

Dense and warm neutral gas in BR1202-0725 at $z = 4.7$ as traced by the [O I] 145 μm line

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ABSTRACT

We report the detection of [O I] 145.5 μm in the BR 1202-0725 system, a compact group at $z = 4.7$ consisting of a quasar (QSO), a submillimeter-bright galaxy (SMG), and three faint Ly α emitters. By taking into account the previous detections and upper limits, the [O I] / [C II] line ratios of **the now five known** high- z galaxies are higher than or on the high-end of the observed values in local galaxies ([O I] / [C II] $\gtrsim 0.13$). The high [O I] / [C II] ratios and the joint analysis with previous detection of [N II] lines for both of the QSO and the SMG suggest the presence of warm and dense neutral gas in these highly star-forming galaxies. This is further supported by new CO (12–11) line detections and a comparison with cosmological simulations. There is **a possible** positive correlation between the [N II] 122/205 line ratio and the [O I] / [C II] ratio when all local and high- z sources are taken into account, indicating that the denser the ionized gas, the denser and warmer the neutral gas (or vice versa). The detection of the [O I] line in **the BR1202-0725 system** with a relatively short amount of integration with ALMA demonstrates the great potential of this line as a dense gas tracer for high- z galaxies.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the key questions in modern astrophysics is to understand the physical processes that govern the star formation and galaxy assembly in the early universe. **Compared to typical star-forming galaxies on the main-sequence (e.g.,**

Noeske et al. 2007; Elbaz et al. 2007; Speagle et al. 2014), QSOs and dusty star-forming galaxies – we will call the latter population as submillimeter-bright galaxies, hereafter SMGs¹, **in the generally accepted view** – release enormous amount of energies coming from active black-hole accretion

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¹ A recently used term is dusty star-forming galaxies (DSFGs) but we decided to use the conventional term SMG, here, because the name has been used for BR1202-0725 for a long time.

and/or star formation. **In this paper, we refer to main-sequence (MS) galaxies as those within ± 0.2 dex from the definition of Speagle et al. (2014), and starburst galaxies as galaxies at least 3σ above the main-sequence (i.e., $\log \Delta_{\text{MS}} > 0.6$). While QSOs and SMGs were discovered by different methods, both populations often represent star-bursting galaxies.** Of particular interest is understanding how their star formation activities are regulated, their comparison with normal populations (i.e., main-sequence galaxies), and how they impact surroundings.

Oxygen is the third most abundant element in the universe. The neutral oxygen has a ionization potential of 13.62 eV, which is close to that of hydrogen (13.59 eV), so the [O I] emission line arises mostly from neutral regions. Fine structure lines of oxygen serve as one of the main coolants of the interstellar medium (ISM) at far-infrared (FIR) (e.g. Rosenberg et al. 2015). With a critical density of $\sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, [O I] line traces much denser ISM than the [C II] emission line. By constraining the physical properties (mainly the strength of the radiation field and density), one can infer the dense gas distributions where star-forming activity would take in place (e.g., Malhotra et al. 2001). This will essentially lead us to understand galaxy formation and evolution.

The first detection of [O I] ($^3P_0 - ^3P_1$) at 145.5 μm (hereafter, [O I]₁₄₅) was reported in 1983 by Stacey et al. (1983), but the number of galaxies detected in this lower level transition was limited largely due to its fainter nature relative to the higher transition of [O I] ($^3P_1 - ^3P_2$) at 63.2 μm (hereafter, [O I]₆₃). The situation was greatly improved with the advent of the Herschel space telescope which allowed studies of detailed ISM conditions of galaxies ranging from ultra-luminous infra-red galaxies (ULIRGs) to low metallicity dwarf galaxies together with other fine-structure lines (e.g., Farrah et al. 2013; Spinoglio et al. 2015; Cormier et al. 2015; Fernández-Ontiveros et al. 2016; Herrera-Camus et al. 2018). For high redshift galaxies ($z > 3.1$), the line falls into transmission windows that are observable from ground-based telescopes. However, less than a handful of galaxies have been observed and detected in [O I]₁₄₅ with help of galaxy lensing (Yang et al. 2019; De Breuck et al. 2019) or for luminous QSO-host galaxies (Novak et al. 2019; non-detection; Li et al. 2020).

The BR1202-0725 system is a compact group at redshift $z = 4.7$ consisting of a QSO, a SMG and (at least) three Lyman alpha emitters (LAEs; LAE 1, LAE 2, and LAE 3) (Hu

et al. 1996; Williams et al. 2014; Drake et al. 2020)². The BR1202-QSO and BR1202-SMG are highly star-bursting galaxies with L_{FIR} of $\sim 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ (corresponding to SFR of $\sim 1000 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$; e.g., Omont et al. 1996; Yun et al. 2000; Iono et al. 2006). In our previous paper (Lee et al. 2019), we reported the first detection of [N II] 122 μm and discussed the ionized gas density for the first time at this redshift, based on the [N II] 122 μm /[N II] 205 μm line ratio (hereafter, [N II]_{122/205}). In this following paper, we report [O I]₁₄₅ line detections from both the QSO and the SMG. By adding these two detections, the total number of the [O I]₁₄₅ detection at $z > 4$ has now reached five.

This work is organized as follows. In Section 2, we explain the observations including ancillary data sets and data analyses. In Section 3, we describe the line detection and discuss the [O I]/[C II] line ratio in comparison with other galaxies. In Section 4, we discuss the ISM conditions inferred from the line ratio gathering other available information and summarize our findings. We adopt a standard Λ CDM cosmology with $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and $\Omega_m = 0.3$ and Chabrier initial mass function (IMF; Chabrier 2003).

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA ANALYSIS

2.1. Band 7 : [O I] 145.5 μm observations

The [O I] 145 line observations were part of our ALMA Cycle 2 program (ID : #2013.1.00745.S, PI : T. Nagao). The ALMA observations used 37 antennas with the baseline length (L_{baseline} between 15–558 m (C34-2/1, C34-3/(4)) on 2014 December 13 and 2015 May 14 (total on-source time of $T_{\text{integ}} = 39$ minutes).

The set-up for the correlator was four spectral windows (SPW), two of which were set to each sideband, each of the SPWs with a 1.875 GHz bandwidth. The spectral resolution for the upper sideband was set to 3.906 MHz ($\sim 3.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) to detect the [O I] line and 7.812 MHz for the lower sideband ($\sim 6.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). A strong quasar J1058+0133 and J1256-0547 were chosen for bandpass calibration. J1256-0547 was also the phase calibrator for the Band 7 observations. Ganymede and Titan were chosen for the flux calibrator in Band 7.

We used Common Astronomy Software Applications (CASA) (McMullin et al. 2007) version 4.2.2 for calibration using the pipeline script provided by the ALMA Regional Center staffs. We then used CASA 5.6.1 version for imaging and analyzing. Images were produced by CASA task,

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Recent MUSE/VLT observations suggested that Ly α emission from the companion dubbed LAE 2 may be part of the QSO's extended halo, though the presence of a QSO companion, close to the LAE 2, is confirmed by the detection of dust continuum, [C II] and [N II]₂₀₅ (the [N II] line is marginal detection with S/N \sim 3) line emissions (Wagg et al. 2012; Carilli et al. 2013; Decarli et al. 2014).

134 tclean, and deconvolved down to 1σ noise level. The syn-
 135 thesized beam size with natural weighting is $0''.69 \times 0''.43$.
 136 Tapered images were also created with uvtaper paramters
 137 of $0''.6, 0''.8, 1''.0$ (the corresponding synthesized beams are
 138 $0''.92 \times 0''.71, 1''.05 \times 0''.86, \text{ and } 1''.18 \times 1''.03$, respec-
 139 tively) to check the existence of any extended emissions, espe-
 140 cially for QSO, that could resemble the $\text{Ly}\alpha$ halo (Drake
 141 et al. 2020). We first CLEANed images from uv visibili-
 142 ties without continuum subtraction where the CLEAN masks
 143 were made based on the position of each source (i.e., QSO,
 144 SMG, LAE 1 and LAE 2) with a spectral binning of 100 km
 145 s^{-1} . Continuum subtraction was applied using imcontsub
 146 after the full field-of-view (FoV) image was created. It was
 147 intended to obtain improved results of continuum subtrac-
 148 tion for galaxies off from the phase center. The continuum
 149 was subtracted with a linear fit by choosing line-free chan-
 150 nels. The 1σ noise level after continuum subtraction at 100
 151 km s^{-1} is $0.40 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$ for natural weighting. For tapered
 152 images, the noise levels are $0.46, 0.51$ and 0.57 mJy
 153 beam^{-1} for uvtaper parameters of $0''.6, 0''.8$ and $1''.0$, re-
 154 spectively, at 100 km s^{-1} . Primary beam correction was also
 155 applied to get final images.

156 Line intensity maps were created by choosing a chan-
 157 nel range which gives the highest peak signal-to-noise ratio
 158 (S/N). We measured line flux using the integrated map for
 159 each source and investigated the curve of growth as a func-
 160 tion of aperture sizes using imfit. Typically, the peak S/Ns
 161 were the highest when the aperture size was set to a double
 162 the beam size. We measured the underlying Gaussian area
 163 in the 1D spectrum as well, which gives consistent values
 164 within the errors compared to the fitted values in the 2D im-
 165 ages. The line widths are measured using the same aperture
 166 size ($1''.4$) and fitted the spectrum with a single Gaussian
 167 component. We further investigated the reliability image-
 168 based continuum subtraction by performing continuum sub-
 169 traction in a 1D spectrum (for each source) adopting the same
 170 aperture size, which also gave consistent values of fluxes
 171 (i.e., 1D Gaussian area) and line widths within the fitting er-
 172 rors. As for the final measurements for fluxes and line widths,
 173 we used the $0''.6$ -tapered image cube and took the aperture
 174 of $1''.4$.

175 2.2. Ancillary data sets of CO (12–11), HCN (6–5), and 176 $\text{HCO}^+(6-5)$ line observations

177 To demonstrate a supportive argument for the [O I] de-
 178 tectons, we take two more data sets **that our team were**
 179 **awarded** using ALMA as PI programs. One is from the
 180 same ALMA Cycle 2 program (ID: #2013.1.00745.S, PI :
 181 T. Nagao) where the CO (12–11) (Band 6) line was also tar-
 182 geted. This ALMA program was designed to detect multiple
 183 fine-structure lines from the BR1202-0725 system, includ-
 184 ing the [O I]₁₄₅ line, as described above, and two [N II]

185 fine-structure lines at $122 \mu\text{m}$ and $205 \mu\text{m}$. The Band 6 ob-
 186 servations targeted the [N II] $205\mu\text{m}$ and CO (12–11) line at
 187 the same time at the upper and lower side band each. See the
 188 details of the observational summary presented in Lee et al.
 189 (2019). The CO (12–11) line is detected (see Section 4.2)
 190 from the SMG and the QSO and we present the line profiles
 191 and maps in Appendix A.

192 The other one is the Band 3 observations (ID:
 193 #2013.1.00259.S, PI : M. Lee) which was only partially exe-
 194 cuted (20% , ≈ 97 mins) out of 8.4 hrs requested. In this
 195 program, we aimed at detecting two dense gas tracers of
 196 HCN (6–5) and $\text{HCO}^+(6-5)$ to constrain the dense gas frac-
 197 tion and the lines are not detected for this partial execution
 198 (see Appendix B). The critical densities of the high- J HCN
 199 and HCO^+ transitions are two orders of magnitude higher
 200 that of [O I]. Still, the non-detection of the lines alterna-
 201 tively demonstrate the strength of the [O I] line as a dense
 202 gas ($\gtrsim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$) tracer that was detected with less than a
 203 half of the time executed for the Band 3 observations.

204 3. RESULTS

205 3.1. Detection of [O I]₁₄₅ and line properties

206 The bottom panels of Figure 1 show the line flux versus
 207 the velocity of the QSO (left) and SMG (right). We detect
 208 the [O I] line in the QSO and SMG with a signal to noise ra-
 209 tio of 7 and 10, respectively. The [O I]₁₄₅ line from the SMG
 210 is detected at a higher significance level than the QSO. The
 211 [O I]₁₄₅ is not detected in LAE 1 and LAE 2 **at the redshifts**
 212 **and the positions reported in Carilli et al. (2013). The po-**
 213 **sitions in Carilli et al. (2013) are from the submillimeter**
 214 **continuum (SMG, QSO, and LAE 2) and [C II] (LAE 1)**
 215 **emissions. The line search for every target was based on**
 216 **checking the peak S/N in a fixed aperture by varying the**
 217 **integrating range within the full velocity coverage of the**
 218 **upper sideband. The searching area is fixed to the beam**
 219 **size for all but LAE 1. As the optical position (of the red-**
 220 **shifted $\text{Ly}\alpha$ emission) for LAE 1 is offset from the [C II]**
 221 **position by $\approx 0''.6$ (Drake et al. 2020), we search for a**
 222 **line detection around a $1''.0$ -radius circular region from**
 223 **the [CII] peak to check if there is any emission associated**
 224 **to the $\text{Ly}\alpha$ emission instead of the [C II]. There is no sig-**
 225 **nificant detection signature for the LAE 1 above 3σ . We**
 226 summarize the line properties in Table 1 for the [O I] line.

227 The line widths (full-width half-maximum, FWHM) are
 228 916 ± 225 and $301 \pm 139 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the SMG and the QSO,
 229 respectively. They are consistent with those of [C II] (~ 700
 230 km s^{-1} (SMG), $\sim 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (QSO); Wagg et al. 2012; Car-
 231 illi et al. 2013; Carniani et al. 2013) within uncertainties, but
 232 there is a hint of a broader [O I]₁₄₅ line width than the [C II]
 233 ¹⁵⁸ for the SMG. The [N II] fine-structure lines in our previ-
 234 ous work (Lee et al. 2019) also showed such a signature (i.e.,
 235 a broader line width) for the SMG with FWHM $\sim 900 \text{ km}$

Table 1. Observational parameters of [O I]₁₄₅ and CO (12–11) in BR1202-0725

[O I] ₁₄₅	QSO	SMG	LAE1	LAE2 ^a	LAE3
F_{line} [Jy km s ⁻¹]	1.19 ± 0.17	2.49 ± 0.24	< 0.12 ^b	< 0.79 ^b	< 0.50 ^b
FWHM [km s ⁻¹]	301 ± 139	916 ± 225	56 ^c	338 ^c	...
L_{line} [10 ⁹ L _⊙]	0.84 ± 0.12	1.75 ± 0.17
CO (12–11)	QSO	SMG	LAE1	LAE2 ^a	LAE3
F_{line} [Jy km s ⁻¹]	1.03 ± 0.05	2.03 ± 0.09	< 0.05 ^d	< 0.32 ^d	< 0.19 ^d
FWHM [km s ⁻¹]	373 ± 88	1058 ± 224	56 ^c	338 ^c	...
L_{line} [10 ⁹ L _⊙]	0.49 ± 0.02	0.96 ± 0.04

^aDrake et al. (2020) concluded that “LAE2” is not the powering source of the Ly α emission seen the HST 775W map. Instead, the HST emission is a stellar component passing through the QSO halo and is outshone by the halo. **However, a QSO companion close to LAE 2 is confirmed by dust, [C II], and (marginally) [N II] emissions (Wagg et al. 2012; Carilli et al. 2013; Decarli et al. 2014), so we use the name “LAE2” to indicate this companion.**

^b 3 σ upper limit for an aperture of 1''.4 in the tapered image with $\text{uvtaper}=0''.6$. **The 3 σ limit is corresponding to a Gaussian area assuming the FWHM of the lines and using the average channel noise. We adopt the FWHM values to be the same as the [C II] from Carilli et al. (2013) for LAE 1 and LAE 2. For LAE 3, we assumed FWHM = 200 km s⁻¹, considering the reported FWHM in other literature for low-mass galaxies (e.g., Pavesi et al. 2018; Béthermin et al. 2020). All assumed FWHM values for LAEs are narrower than those of the Ly α emissions reported in Drake et al. (2020). The noise is calculated based on the tapered cube ($\text{uvtaper} = 0''.6$) with a spectral resolution of 100 km s⁻¹.**

^c From [C II] observations in Carilli et al. (2013).

^d 3 σ upper limit for an aperture of 2''.0. We assumed the same FWHM values that were assumed in the [O I] line estimates. The noise is calculated based on a cube with a spectral resolution of 50 km s⁻¹.

s⁻¹. As for the QSO, the [O I]₁₄₅ line widths are consistent with those of CO, [C II]₁₅₈ and [N II]₂₀₅, but [N II]₁₂₂ reported in the literature (Salomé et al. 2012; Wagg et al. 2012; Lee et al. 2019). **Recent study of star-forming galaxies at $z \sim 6$ have shown that different emission lines trace different components of galaxies (e.g., Carniani et al. 2017, 2020). However, the spatial resolution of current observations is not sufficient to spatially resolve the emission of the FIR lines in our galaxies. Future high-resolution observations will be able to reveal the origin of the discrepancy in line width and whether the FIR lines are tracing distinct regions of the galaxies. Having the resolution limit, we regard the lines as originating from the same regions, at least globally.** The derived [O I]₁₄₅ line luminosities are $(1.75 \pm 0.17) \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$ and $(0.84 \pm 0.12) \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$ for the SMG and the QSO, respectively.

3.2. [O I]/[C II] Line ratio

The derived line luminosity ratios are $L_{[\text{OI}]145}/L_{[\text{CII}]158} = 0.18 \pm 0.03$ and 0.13 ± 0.03 for the SMG and the QSO, respectively. **The upper limits on the line ratio for LAE 1 and LAE 2 are < 0.43 and < 0.66, respectively, using the linewidth constraints in the literature (see Table 1 footnote). In the right panel of Figure 2, we plot a stacked histogram of the [O I]₁₄₅/[C II]₁₅₈ line ratios of local galaxies. It includes various types of galaxies from dwarf galaxies to ULIRGs and Seyfert. They are obtained from Brauher et al. (2008), Farrah et al. (2013), Rosenberg et al. (2015), Cormier et al. (2015), Spinoglio et al. (2015), Fernández-**

Ontiveros et al. (2016), and Herrera-Camus et al. (2018). **When there are different flux measurements on the same galaxies from the literature we plot the most recent ones.** Out of 187 local galaxies considered, **the median (mean) value of $L_{[\text{OI}]145}/L_{[\text{CII}]158}$ is 0.07 (0.08) with a standard deviation of 0.06: $\approx 84\%$ of galaxies have the [O I]-to-[C II] luminosity ratio below 0.13, which is the lowest value observed in the $z > 4$ galaxies. Among the local galaxies, ULIRGs (30 galaxies from Farrah et al. 2013; Rosenberg et al. 2015; Herrera-Camus et al. 2018) exhibit a slightly higher median (mean) value of 0.10 (0.11) with a standard deviation 0.05, which is comparable (at 1 σ) to high- z galaxies. We plot these median values on the left panel of Figure 2. Considering these, we conclude that high- z SMGs and QSOs have higher [O I]-to-[C II] ratios compared to typical local galaxies at $\sim 1\sigma$ that are consistent with the high-end values observed in local ULIRGs.**

In the left panel of Figure 2, we show the [O I]/[C II] line ratio as a function of FIR luminosity for galaxies with FIR values reported. **We used the 340 GHz flux (Iono et al. 2006; Wagg et al. 2012; Carilli et al. 2013) to convert it into L_{FIR} . For LAE 1 and LAE 2, we adopted the value reported in Carilli et al. (2013) and the FIR luminosities are $L_{\text{FIR}} < 3.6 \times 10^{11} L_{\odot}$ and $1.7 \times 10^{12} L_{\odot}$ for LAE 1 and LAE 2, respectively.**

There is a hint of the [O I]/[C II] ratio increase as a function of FIR luminosity (L_{FIR}) for $\log L_{\text{FIR}}/L_{\odot} \gtrsim 10$ in log scale. High- z sources **detected in both lines** align well with

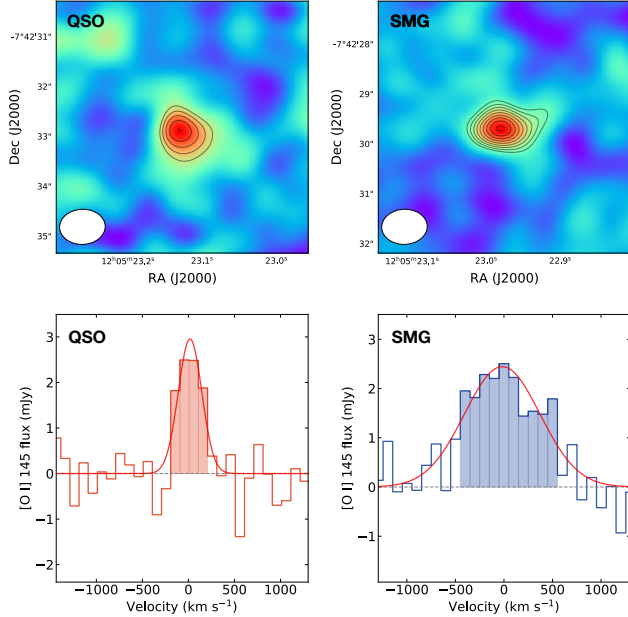


Figure 1. Upper panel: $[\text{O I}]_{145}$ line maps for QSO (left) and SMG (right). The contours are drawn starting from 4σ in steps of 1σ up to 12σ , i.e., $[4,5,6, \dots, 12]\sigma$. Negative component contours at -4σ is also drawn as dashed lines which do not exist nearby the sources. On the bottom left on each panel, we show the synthesized beam of the final image which is $0''.92 \times 0''.71$ (tapered image with $\text{vtaper}=0''.6$). The panel size is $5''$ in width. Bottom panel: the $[\text{O I}]_{145}$ line spectrum using the same image in the upper panel for the QSO (left) and SMG (right) by taking an aperture of $1''.4$. Shaded area is the velocity range to create the line intensity map. The spectral resolution is set to 100 km s^{-1} . The red curve in each panel shows the best-fit Gaussian fit.

292 this trend that for galaxies with higher L_{FIR} tend to exhibit
 293 higher $[\text{O I}]/[\text{C II}]$ values within the observed scatter. If we
 294 only consider the local galaxy studies, which will be *com-*
 295 *plete* and not limited by sensitivity in most cases, the posi-
 296 tive correlation is observed for $\log L_{\text{FIR}} \gtrsim 10$ with several
 297 exceptional data points from the SHINING survey (Herrera-
 298 Camus et al. 2018). For a lower L_{FIR} , e.g., in dwarf galax-
 299 ies, the $[\text{O I}]/[\text{C II}]$ ratio seems to saturate into a roughly
 300 constant value of ~ 0.02 - 0.05 , **which is also observed in**
 301 **the histogram on the right panel of Figure 2.** The non-
 302 detection of $[\text{O I}]_{145}$ and uncertain L_{FIR} in the LAEs do not
 303 put stricter constraints on the correlation between the $[\text{O I}]$
 304 -to- $[\text{C II}]$ line ratio and L_{FIR} .

305 **The higher $[\text{O I}]$ -to- $[\text{C II}]$ line ratios observed in the**
 306 **high- z galaxies may be due to their L_{FIR} compared to**
 307 **local samples. Meanwhile, the fact that high- z galax-**
 308 **ies exhibit a higher value than the average of ULIRG**
 309 **might suggest that ISM properties at fixed L_{FIR} evolves**
 310 **as a function of redshift. Future observations with larger**
 311 **number of galaxies will verify this and it will allow us to**

312 **understand whether high- z starburst galaxies are differ-**
 313 **ent from local populations.**

4. DISCUSSION

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 315 $[\text{O I}]_{145}$ line originates solely from neutral regions with a
 316 critical density of $\sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, while the $[\text{C II}]$ line can come
 317 both from ionized and neutral regions. **Local galaxy studies**
 318 **have shown that the $[\text{O I}]_{63}/[\text{C II}]_{158}$ ratio is a good**
 319 **tracer of the photo-dissociation region (PDR, or neutral**
 320 **gas) density, once the $[\text{C II}]$ emission from ionized regions**
 321 **is subtracted, while the $[\text{O I}]_{63}/[\text{O I}]_{145}$ is a tracer of**
 322 **the neutral gas temperature for a range between 100 and**
 323 **400 K (e.g., Malhotra et al. 2001; Fernández-Ontiveros**
 324 **et al. 2016) with the caveats of optical depth effect and**
 325 **self-absorption in $[\text{O I}]_{63}$.** The line ratio between $[\text{O I}]_{145}$
 326 and $[\text{C II}]$ ($[\text{O I}]/[\text{C II}]$) can be therefore, used as a tracer the
 327 gas pressure in the neutral region. **In the following, we first**
 328 **constrain the neutral gas fraction of the $[\text{C II}]$ emissions**
 329 **and then discuss the physical meanings of the observed**
 330 **$[\text{O I}]$ -to- $[\text{C II}]$ line ratio based on the dust temperature**
 331 **constraint, the detection of CO (12–11), and comparison**
 332 **with a cosmological model.**

4.1. Neutral fraction of the $[\text{C II}]$ line

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 334 In order to infer a neutral gas fraction of the $[\text{C II}]$ emission
 335 first, we calculate the fraction following local galaxy studies
 336 (e.g., Croxall et al. 2017; Díaz-Santos et al. 2017; Herrera-
 337 Camus et al. 2018) using the $[\text{N II}]_{205}/[\text{C II}]_{158}$ line ratio:

$$f_{[\text{C II}]}^{\text{neutral}} = 1 - R_{\text{ion}} \left(\frac{[\text{N II}]_{205}}{[\text{C II}]_{158}} \right) \quad (1)$$

338 where R_{ion} is the $[\text{C II}]_{158}/[\text{N II}]_{205}$ luminosity ratio if
 339 the $[\text{C II}]_{158}$ line is originated only from ionized regions.
 340 Croxall et al. (2017) showed that R_{ion} is almost constant
 341 ranging between 2.5 and 3 for an electron density range of
 342 $n_e = [10 - 200] \text{ cm}^{-3}$ using the collision rates of Tayal
 343 (2008, 2011) and Galactic gas phase abundances of nitrogen
 344 (Meyer et al. 1997) and carbon (Sofia et al. 2004) (see also
 345 Malhotra et al. 2001; Oberst et al. 2006). The n_e values con-
 346 strained in Lee et al. (2019) are $n_{\text{ion}} = 26_{-11}^{+12}$ and 134_{-39}^{+50}
 347 cm^{-3} for the SMG and QSO, respectively. Therefore, it is
 348 reasonable to assume a value between 2.5 and 3 as R_{ion} . We
 349 use the $[\text{C II}]$ and $[\text{N II}]$ flux values reported in Wagg et al.
 350 (2012) and Lee et al. (2019), respectively. We note that Car-
 351 niani et al. (2013) reported lower values for the $[\text{C II}]$ flux
 352 due to a smaller beam size from their differently uv-weighted
 353 images. Decarli et al. (2014) reported the $[\text{N II}]_{205}$ ob-
 354 servations of this system from IRAM Plateau de Bure
 355 Interferometer (PdBI) observations. **But the published**
 356 **flux values (or upper limits) are higher than what we ob-**
 357 **tained from our ALMA observations. This discrepancy**
 358 **can be attributed to their low S/Ns and different ways**

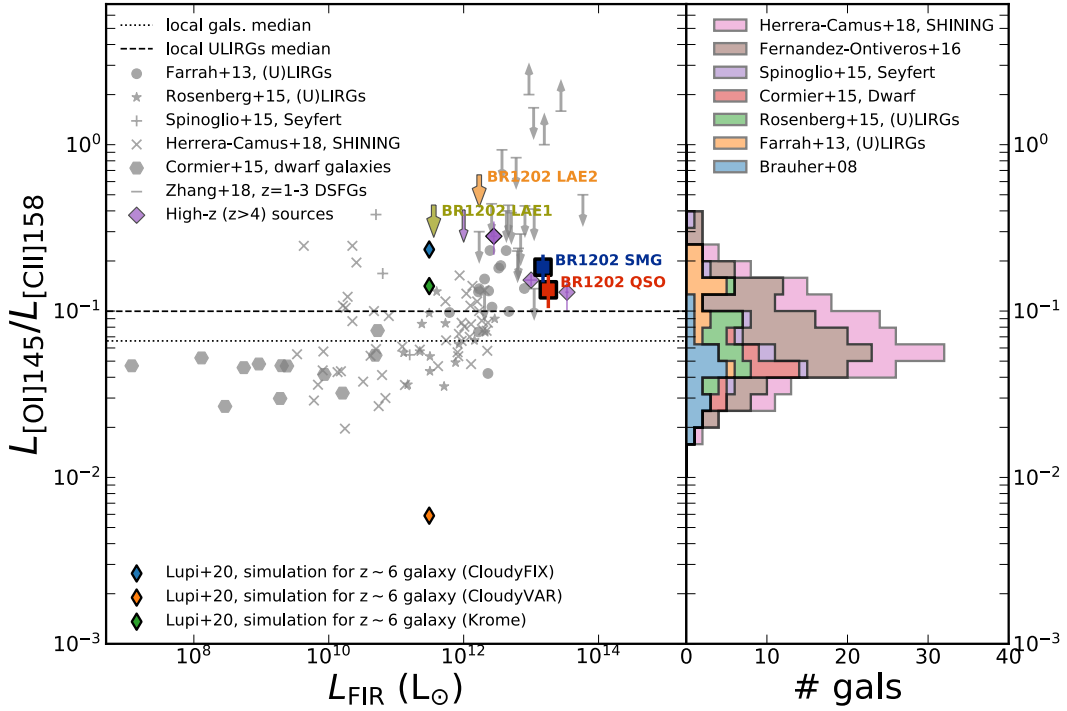


Figure 2. Left: Luminosity line ratios of $[O\ I]_{145}/[C\ II]_{158}$ as a function of FIR luminosity. Four galaxies associated in the BR1202-0725 system (SMG, QSO, LAE 1, and LAE 2) are plotted with the labels for the detection or the 3σ upper limit constraints. For local studies, we plot Farrah et al. (2013), Cormier et al. (2015), Rosenberg et al. (2015), Spinoglio et al. (2015) and Herrera-Camus et al. (2018) for which L_{FIR} values are available, ranging from local dwarfs to ULIRGs and Seyfert galaxies. **We used the latest measurement when the same galaxies are listed in different literature.** As no detection data points are available for $z = 1 - 3$ SMGs (and normal galaxies), we plot upper and lower limits for SMGs from Zhang et al. (2018). Higher- z ($z > 4$) sources (SMGs and QSOs with high L_{FIR}) are plotted as purple diamonds (De Breuck et al. 2019; Yang et al. 2019; Li et al. 2020) and as an arrow for an upper limit from Novak et al. (2019). In addition to observational data points, three additional data points (thin diamonds) are also plotted from the hydrodynamical simulations reported in Lupi et al. (2020) using different model assumptions (see text for details). **We show the median values of local galaxies and ULIRGs as dotted and dashed lines, respectively.** Right: Stacked histogram of luminosity line ratios of $[O\ I]_{145}/[C\ II]_{158}$ for local galaxies. **The bins for the histogram are set to have linear steps in log space.** For the histogram, we include local studies from Brauher et al. (2008), Farrah et al. (2013) ((U)LIRGs), Rosenberg et al. (2015) ((U)LIRGs), Cormier et al. (2015) (dwarf), Spinoglio et al. (2015) (Seyfert), Fernández-Ontiveros et al. (2016), and Herrera-Camus et al. (2018). **The latest measurements are plotted when the same galaxies are listed in different literature.**

of flux measurements. As discussed in Lee et al. (2019), our $[N\ II]_{205}$ flux is consistent with the measurement by Pavesi et al. (2016), which is based on our data set, and further checked with other independent (ALMA) data reported in Lu et al. (2017). The systematic errors from the flux measurement method could change the flux value by a factor of 3, however. As it is difficult to pin down the origin of the difference in different observations, we stick to our best measurement listed in Lee et al. (2019), where the flux measurements are done similarly to the work presented here.

The inferred neutral fraction, $f_{[\text{CII}]}^{\text{neutral}}$, is 79-83% (SMG) and 83-86% (QSO) for the observed $[N\ II]_{205}/[C\ II]_{158}$ luminosity ratios of 14.5 ± 1.2 (SMG) and 17.8 ± 1.3 (QSO). For comparison, local studies have found that the contribution of the $[C\ II]$ emission originated from H II regions to the total $[C\ II]$ is not dominant (less than 50%) across a wide range of

SFR density and metallicity (Croxall et al. 2017; Díaz-Santos et al. 2017; Herrera-Camus et al. 2018). Similarly, for the QSO and the SMG at $z = 4.7$, the $[C\ II]$ emission is mostly coming from neutral regions rather than the ionized. With the $f_{[\text{CII}]}^{\text{neutral}}$ constraints, we use the $[O\ I]_{145}/[C\ II]_{158}$ ratio as a tracer for the neutral gas density and gas temperature (thus the gas pressure), without imposing any assumptions of interstellar medium (ISM) structure.

4.2. Dust temperature and CO (12–11) detection

We infer T_{dust} from an empirical fitting that connects the $[O\ I]/[C\ II]_{\text{neutral}}$ line ratio to T_{dust} through the FIR color (S_{63}/S_{158}) (Díaz-Santos et al. 2017, using Equation 6 and 2 in the paper). **It gives 43 K and 54 K for the SMG and the QSO, respectively and they are** well-matched with the fitted SED dust temperature in Salomé et al. (2012). For this calculation we have assumed $[O\ I]_{63}/[O\ I]_{145} = 10$, and the neutral fraction of the $[C\ II]_{158}$ emission based on the

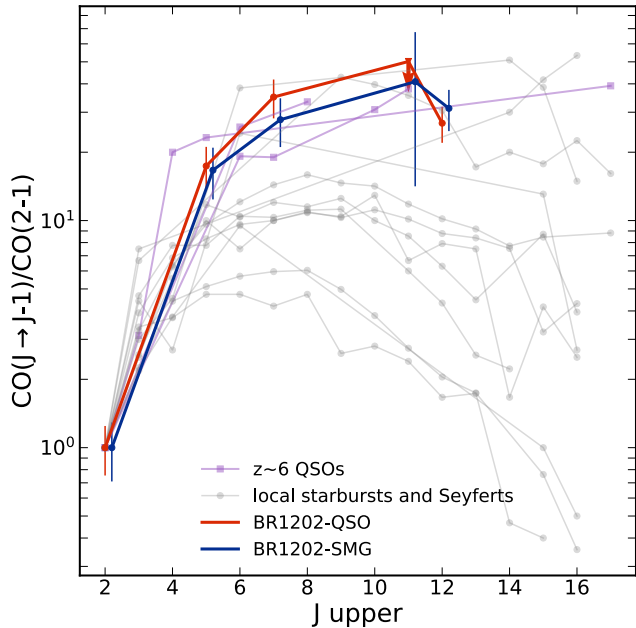


Figure 3. CO SLEDs for the QSO and the SMG (from this work and Salomé et al. 2012) relative to $z \sim 6$ QSOs (Carniani et al. 2019) and local AGNs and starburst galaxies (Mashian et al. 2015), where CO (2–1) luminosities are available for normalization. The CO SLEDs for the SMG is shifted rightward by 0.2 for clarity.

[N II]₂₀₅/[C II]₁₅₈ line ratio as explained above. We also note that the high neutral gas fraction of the [C II] emission is also coupled with the warm dust temperature. The [O I]₆₃/[O I]₁₄₅ ratio below 10 would imply an optically thick emission (Tielens & Hollenbach 1985) and many local galaxies (except for a few extraordinary galaxies, e.g., Arp220, IRAS17208-0014 with self-absorption of [O I]₆₃) have [O I]₆₃/[O I]₁₄₅ ratios higher than that. For the optically thin case, the inferred dust temperature would be higher. The detection of [O I]₆₃ will be very challenging from ground-based telescopes for the BR1202-0725 system; the line would fall into an ALMA Band 10 coverage, where the transmission is below 0.2 at a best precipitable water vapor condition and the line [O I]₆₃ may also suffer from self-absorption for these dusty population. Nevertheless, the remarkable agreement between the dust temperature from different approaches strengthens the view that for both the SMG and the QSO, the observed high [O I]₁₄₅/[C II]₁₅₈ ratios are closely connected to their warm dust temperatures and hence high kinetic gas temperatures.

As another, supportive evidence, we report the first detection of CO (12–11) line in the SMG and the QSO (see Appendix A for images and the spectra). In Figure 3, we show the CO spectral energy distribution (CO SLED) for various targets from local and high- z galaxy studies (Mashian et al. 2015; Carniani et al. 2019). For the CO

SLEDs of the BR1202-0725 pair, we took values from Salomé et al. (2012) for $J_{\text{upper}} = 2, 5, 7,$ and 11 ($J_{\text{upper}} = 2$ values were originally from Carilli et al. (2002) but corrected for the VLA bandwidth). While we defer a modeling of the CO SLED, the CO SLEDs of the SMG and the QSO are similar to those of $z \sim 6$ QSOs, local Seyferts (NGC 1068, NGC 4945) or warm ULIRGs (NGC 4418). These similarities provide additional supporting evidence that the QSO and the SMG have similar gas properties of warm and dense gas.

4.3. Comparison with a cosmological simulation

Finally, we compare with a cosmological simulation (Lupi et al. 2020) which allows us to infer the physical properties from the line ratio. They performed a cosmological zoom-in simulation targeting $M_{\text{vir}} \sim 3 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ halo at $z = 6$ and investigated the far-infrared fine-structure lines. While the target redshift and galaxies ($M_{\star} \sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ and $\text{SFR} \approx 45 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ at $z = 6$) are different from the starbursting pair ($\text{SFR} \approx 1000 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) at $z = 4.7$, it provides an insight regarding the [O I]₆₃/[C II]₁₅₈ line ratio. They ran three different models, two (CloudyVAR and CloudyFIX) using CLOUDY (Ferland et al. 1998) and one (Krome) KROME (Grassi et al. 2014) to test how photoionization equilibrium and thermal state assumptions affect the FIR emission properties. The thermodynamics and chemistry are fully coupled in the Krome model, whereas in the two Cloudy models they are not. CloudyFIX assume a constant temperature to take into account any dynamical effects while for CloudyVAR the temperature is variable according to the radiation attenuation. Krome does not take into account the chemical network e.g., CO, while CloudyVAR and CloudyFIX do.

In the left panel of Figure 2, we plot the data points from three different models presented in Lupi et al. (2020). We converted the simulated SFR into L_{FIR} using the Kennicutt (1998) recipe to overplot in Figure 2. This conversion may contain large uncertainties, depending on the assumptions e.g., IMF, star-formation history, contribution of the old stars. As noted in Kennicutt (1998), the conversion can have uncertainties of $\pm 30\%$ (starburst galaxies) and the inferred L_{FIR} can result in up to a factor of two to three lower value for normal spiral galaxies. While the converted L_{FIR} is different by two orders of magnitude compared to the QSO and the SMG, the observed [O I]₆₃-to-[C II]₁₅₈ line ratios are consistent with those predicted by the CloudyFIX and Krome models.

Lupi et al. (2020) discussed the origin of the differences between different models. As the [O I] line is strongly dependent on the gas temperature, they claimed that the lower [O I]₆₃-to-[C II]₁₅₈ line ratio in CloudyVAR can be explained by the lower temperature predicted in the

470 **model compared to the others.** Both Krome and Cloudy-
 471 FIX simulations show both the higher temperature and gas
 472 density distribution in the (luminosity-weighted) density-
 473 temperature phase diagram than CloudyVAR. **Meanwhile,**
 474 **the difference between Krome and CloudyFIX could be**
 475 **coming from the nature (or a caveat) of the Krome model**
 476 **where the chemical network (e.g., CO formation, highly**
 477 **ionized species) is not fully taken into account. In the**
 478 **Cloudy models, the calculation is post-processed that all**
 479 **input values are already attenuated than the intrinsic flux**
 480 **that would affect the chemistry. Further, in both Cloudy**
 481 **models, gas shocks are not taken into account and a**
 482 **temperature may not be fully consistent with the hydro-**
 483 **dynamics in the simulation. Also, we should note again**
 484 **that the simulated galaxy is different from our galaxies**
 485 **in that they have different galaxy properties (e.g., M_{star} ,**
 486 **SFR) and redshift. As the simulation does not give any**
 487 **information on how dusty galaxy they are, another un-**
 488 **certainty comes in for the conversion between SFR and**
 489 **L_{FIR} . Despite the different caveats in the models and**
 490 **different galaxy properties between the observed and**
 491 **simulated galaxies, the comparison between the observa-**
 492 **tions and simulations suggest the existence of dense and**
 493 **warm neutral gas in the BR1202-0725 system.**

495 Taking all together, the high [O I]/[C II] ratios in the SMG
 496 and the QSO reasonably indicate the existence of dense and
 497 warm neutral gas. The SMG shares ISM properties with the
 498 QSO, where the black hole accretion is actively happening.
 499 While, at this moment, it is difficult to conclude whether our
 500 observational fact challenges the starburst-QSO evolutionary
 501 scenario (e.g., Hopkins et al. 2008), it is tempting to say that
 502 the highly obscured starburst (the SMG) and the QSO have
 503 similar ISM properties and the SMG might have a hidden
 504 AGN, even though both galaxies have not encountered a final
 505 coalescence.

4.4. Multi-phase properties

507 Figure 4 shows the [N II]₁₂₂/[N II]₂₀₅ versus [O I]₁₄₅/[C II]₁₅₈
 508 ratios of the QSO and the SMG. We gathered
 509 all data in the literature from local and high- z galaxy stud-
 510 ies when they are available (Cormier et al. 2015; Spinoglio
 511 et al. 2015; Fernández-Ontiveros et al. 2016; De Breuck et al.
 512 2019; Novak et al. 2019; Yang et al. 2019; Li et al. 2020).
 513 The figure compares the ionized gas density on the vertical
 514 axis versus the neutral gas density and temperature on the
 515 horizontal axis.

516 Two dust-obscured star-forming galaxies (BR1202-SMG
 517 and SPT0418-47) have relatively low [N II]₁₂₂/[N II]₂₀₅
 518 ratios compared to its high [O I]/[C II] ratios, which are
 519 similar to the other high- z samples. As shortly discussed in
 520 Lee et al. (2019), the optical depth can affect the line fluxes

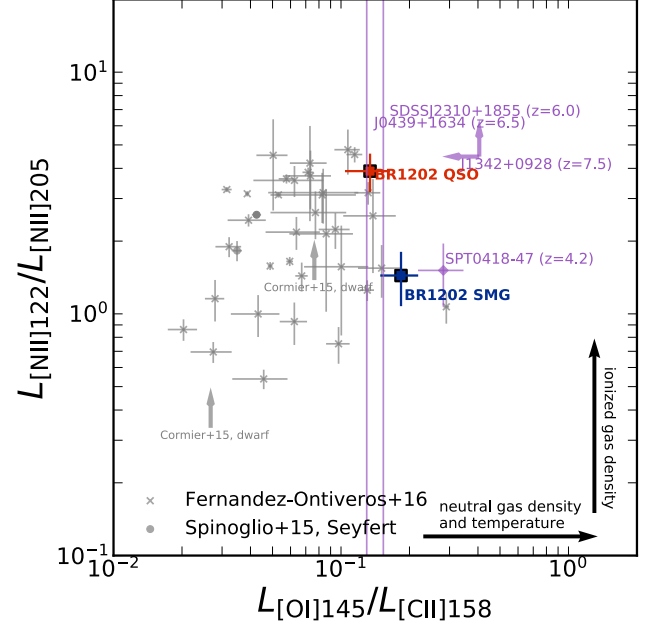


Figure 4. Luminosity line ratios of [N II]₁₂₂/[N II]₂₀₅ versus [O I]₁₄₅/[C II]₁₅₈. Together with our work, we plot local studies from Fernández-Ontiveros et al. 2016 (crosses), Spinoglio et al. 2015 (filled circles), and one SPT galaxy at $z = 4.2$ from De Breuck et al. (2019) having all the four lines detected. **Two lower limits of the [N II]₁₂₂/205 ratio from dwarf galaxies from Cormier et al. (2015) are also plotted.** We place two lines indicating the [O I]/[C II] ratio from $z \sim 6 - 7$ QSO observations without [N II]_{122/205} constraints (Yang et al. 2019; Li et al. 2020) and upper limit of the [O I]/[C II] ratio and lower limit of the [N II] ratio from Novak et al. (2019).

521 at high frequencies and, in particular, it may lead to a fainter
 522 [N II]₁₂₂ flux, thus lowering the [N II] ratio. The [O I] and
 523 [C II] lines are closer in frequency and both of them at lower
 524 frequency thus may be less affected than the [N II] line ra-
 525 tio. **We also discussed in the previous paper that [N II]**
 526 **may not trace very dense ionized gas because a combina-**
 527 **tion of the [N II] lines can trace gas density up to ≈ 500**
 528 **cm^{-3} . In this regard, it may be worth noting on one ex-**
 529 **ceptional data point of NGC 4151, which exhibits a low**
 530 **[N II] ratio at the given [O I]-to-[C II] ratio in the lo-**
 531 **cal samples (i.e., an x-cross just below SPT0418-47). It**
 532 **is a Seyfert galaxy where its electron density is found to**
 533 **be high ($\approx 1700 \text{ cm}^{-3}$) if it is derived based on the [Ne**
 534 **V]. Considering this, the low values in the [N II] ratios in**
 535 **these two dust-obscured star-forming galaxies may also**
 536 **indicate the existence of even denser gas that cannot be**
 537 **traced by [N II].**

538 For galaxies detected in all four lines (a total number
 539 of 43 including the lower limit constraints from dwarf
 540 galaxies), there is a possible positive correlation, but sta-
 541 tistically not significant, between the ionized gas density

(traced by the [N II] ratio) and neutral gas density and temperature (traced by [O I]/[C II]; Spearman's correlation coefficient = 0.24 with p -value 0.13). However, if we exclude three 'outliers' of BR1202 SMG, SPT0418-47 and NGC 4151 whose [N II] ratios are low compared to their high [O I]-to-[C II] ratio, we get a more significant correlation signature (i.e., Spearman's coefficient of 0.37 with a p -value of 0.02). Of the zeroth order, the positive correlation is naively expected if the [N II]_{122/205} and [O I]₁₄₅/[C II]₁₅₈ ratios trace density of the H II region and PDR which are physically connected with each other. By taking into account the correlation between L_{FIR} and [O I]/[C II] and the one between [N II] and [O I]/[C II], extreme SFRs for high- z galaxies can be attributed to the existence of dense gas in both phases, ionized and neutral. We defer more sophisticated models to explain the observed line ratios and ISM structures and conditions to a future article.

To conclude, we reported the detection of [O I]₁₄₅ from a compact group of BR1202-0725 system at $z = 4.7$. This adds two more galaxies in addition to three in the currently available detection for galaxies at $z > 4$. We find high [O I]/[C II] ratios compared to local galaxies for all high- z galaxies which exhibit high FIR luminosities. The high [O I]/[C II] ratios and the joint analysis with previous detection of [N II] lines for both of the QSO and the SMG suggest the presence of warm and dense neutral gas in these highly star-forming galaxies. The detection of the [O I] line in both

systems with a relatively short amount of integration with ALMA demonstrates the great potential of this line as a dense gas tracer for high- z galaxies. Yet, we are still probing highly star-forming exemplars, the [O I] line detections of 'normal' galaxies are also foreseen in future observations.

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APPENDIX

A. DETECTION OF CO(12-11)

We detect CO (12–11) line emissions both from the SMG and the QSO. Figure 5 shows the integrated line maps and the spectrum. Three LAEs are not detected in CO (12–11). The line fluxes, FWHM and luminosities are summarized in Table 1. For the SMG, it seems that there is a sub-component associated to it in the southern area which is peaked at $\sim -500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with a long tail redward (Figure 6). We could not identify a similar signature in the [C II] map, though if it is real, it may be relevant to the [C II] bridge component connected with the QSO (Carilli et al. 2013). **LAE 1 is known to have an offset between the Ly α and the [CII] emissions, which is $0''.6$. Accordingly, we have checked whether the CO (12–11) subcomponent is associated with the Ly α emission instead of the [C II] emission. The CO (12–11) subcomponent is offset from the [C II]**

emission by $1''.1$, which is larger than the Ly α -[C II] separation. Therefore, if the emission is real, this might not be directly associated with the Ly α emission from LAE 1, but with a halo or outflowing component from the SMG, if any. The extended Ly α emissions (Drake et al. 2020) reach out to a region where the subcomponent is detected. Future, deeper observations would need to verify this.

B. HCN (6–5) AND HCO⁺(6–5) OBSERVATIONS

At a resolution of $0''.8 \times 0''.6$, there is no clear detection feature around the expected velocity range (Figure 7). The spectrum is after the continuum subtraction using `imcontsub` (fitorder = 1³). For a circular aperture of $1''.0$, the 3σ upper limit placed by this ALMA observations are $< 0.27 \text{ Jy km s}^{-1}$ and $< 0.76 \text{ Jy km s}^{-1}$, for the QSO and the SMG, respectively, assuming the same line widths measured from the CO (12-11) emission (Table 1) **and using the noise level measured at 100 km s^{-1} resolution.**

³ Changing to fitorder = 0 does not change the result.

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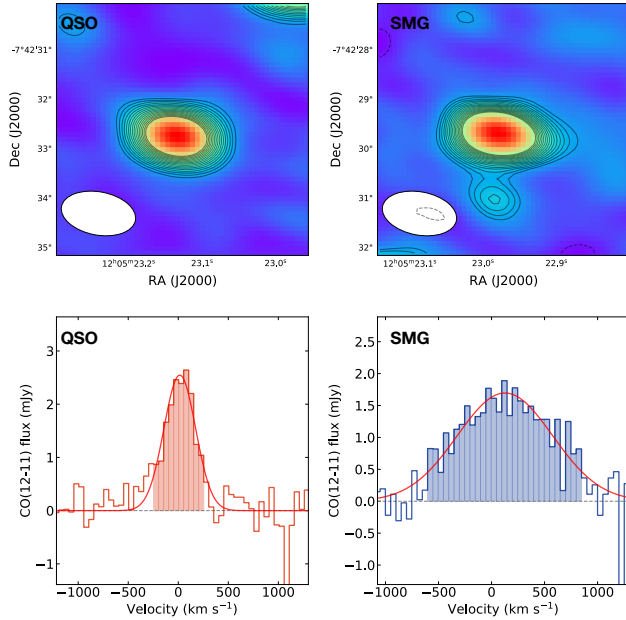


Figure 5. Upper: CO (12–11) line maps for QSO (left) and SMG (right). The contours are drawn starting from 4σ in steps of 1σ up to 10σ , i.e., $[4,5,6, \dots, 10]\sigma$. Negative component contours at -4σ is also drawn as dashed lines. The synthesized beam ($1''.52 \times 0''.88$) is shown on the bottom left on each panel. The panel size is $5''$ in width. Bottom : the CO (12–11) line spectrum using the same image in the upper panel for the QSO (left) and SMG (right) using a circular aperture of $2''.0$. Shaded area velocity range to create the line intensity map. The spectral resolution is set to 50 km s^{-1} .

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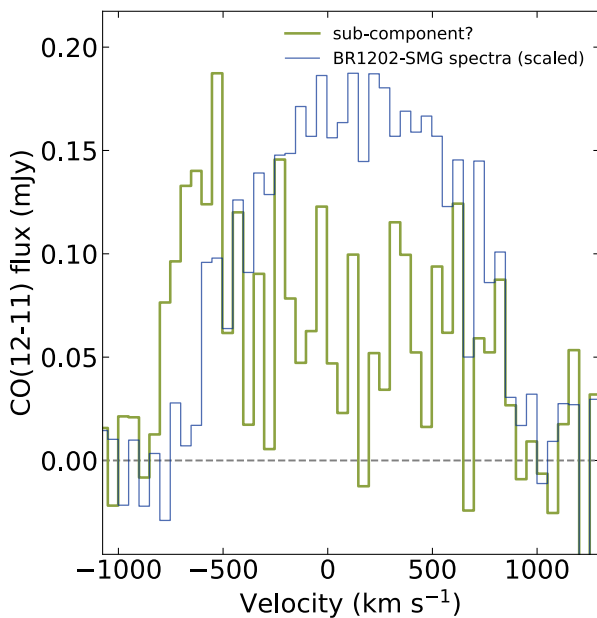


Figure 6. The spectra at the position of the southern component close to the SMG taking a circular aperture of $0''.5$. The normalized spectra of the SMG (using the same aperture size) is also shown as a reference.

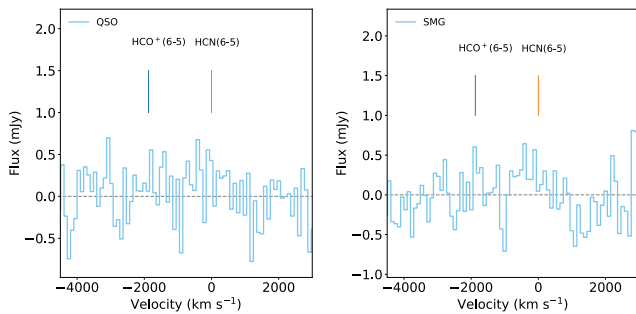


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