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ABSTRACT
We present deep MUSE integral-field unit (IFU) spectroscopic observations of the $\sim 150$ kpc Ly$\alpha$ halo around the $z = 4.1$ radio galaxy TNJ J1338$-$1942. This 9-hr observation maps the two-dimensional kinematics of the Ly$\alpha$ emission across the halo. We identify two HI absorbers which are seen against the Ly$\alpha$ emission, both of which cover the full $\sim 150 \times 80$ kpc extent of the halo and so have covering fractions $\sim 1$. The stronger and more blue-shifted absorber ($\Delta v \sim -1200$ km s$^{-1}$ from the systemic) has dynamics that mirror that of the underlying halo emission and we suggest that this high column material ($n$(HI) $\sim 10^{19.4}$ cm$^{-2}$), which is also seen in CIV absorption, represents an out-flowing shell that has been driven by the AGN or the star formation within the galaxy. The weaker ($n$(HI) $\sim 10^{14}$ cm$^{-2}$) and less blue shifted ($\Delta v \sim -500$ km s$^{-1}$) absorber most likely represents material in the cavity between the out-flowing shell and the Ly$\alpha$ halo. We estimate that the mass in the shell must be of order $10^{10}$ M$_{\odot}$ – a significant fraction of the ISM from a galaxy at $z = 4$. The large scales of these coherent structures illustrate the potentially powerful influence of AGN feedback on the distribution and energetics of material in their surroundings. Indeed, the discovery of high-velocity ($\sim 1000$ km s$^{-1}$), group-halo-scale (i.e. $> 150$ kpc) and mass-loaded winds in the vicinity of the central radio source are broadly in agreement with the requirements of models that invoke AGN-driven outflows to regulate star formation and black-hole growth in massive galaxies.

Key words: galaxies: evolution — galaxies: high-redshift — radio

1 INTRODUCTION

Theoretical models of galaxy formation are increasingly successful in their ability to predict the observed properties of galaxies across cosmic time. The most successful models invoke a dramatic form of energy injection from the central active galactic nuclei (AGN) and from star-formation and supernovae to drive high-velocity (100’s km s$^{-1}$), galaxy-wide (i.e. $\gg 10$kpc) and mass-loaded energetic outflows. These winds expel significant amounts of gas from the host galaxy and consequently this shuts down future star formation and black hole growth. This process should also enrich the larger scale environment with metals (e.g. Silk & Rees 1998; Fabian 1999; Benson et al. 2003; Granato et al. 2004; Di Matteo et al. 2005; Springel & Hernquist 2003; Springel et al. 2005; Hopkins et al. 2006, 2008; Booth & Schaye 2010; Debuhr et al. 2012). In the models, this feedback mechanism is required to prevent the runaway cooling of gas in massive halos and so match the galaxy luminosity function at $z = 0$ (e.g. Bower et al. 2006; Croton et al. 2006).

If this feedback mechanism is the dominant route by which massive galaxies terminate their star formation, then it is critical that the AGN feedback is at its maximum efficiency at the epoch where the bulk of the stars in the most luminous elliptical galaxies appear to be formed, $z > 3$–5 (Nelan et al. 2005). This is there-
fore the era to search for evidence of AGN feedback in massive galaxies. High-redshift radio galaxies are one potential laboratory to search for evidence of this feedback “in action”, as they appear to be amongst the most evolved and most massive galaxies in the early Universe, host energetic AGN, and have the properties expected for the progenitors of today’s central cluster galaxies (De Breuck et al. 2002).

Potential evidence for such “AGN feedback” may come from the discovery of very extended Lyα halos with spatial extents of \( \sim 100–200 \) kpc which are being found in increasing numbers in the high-redshift Universe, including around high-redshift radio galaxies (van Ojik et al. 1997; Venemans et al. 2007). Many of these appear to be associated with young, massive galaxies which display high-levels of starburst and AGN activity (e.g. van Breugel et al. 1998; Matsuda et al. 2011). One simple interpretation is that these Lyα halos represent gas reservoirs which are being ionised by UV emission, shocks and outflows from the active galaxies within the halos (e.g. Taniguchi et al. 2001; Geach et al. 2009; Small & Blundell 2013). However, theoretical models have also suggested that these halos may instead be powered by cooling from gas in so-called “cold-flows” (e.g. Fardal et al. 2004; Dekel et al. 2009). The spatially resolved dynamics and line profiles of these Lyα halos, as well as their chemical enrichment should be able to differentiate which mechanism is responsible for their formation (Bower et al. 2004; Small & Blundell 2013).

The two-dimensional Lyα surface brightness distributions (e.g. Matsuda et al. 2012) or one-dimensional kinematics of high-redshift radio galaxies (e.g. van Ojik et al. 1997; Binette et al. 2000; Villar-Martín et al. 2003; Ohyama & Taniguchi 2004; Matsuda et al. 2006; Humphrey et al. 2007; Yang et al. 2011) suggest that the central AGN plays an important role in shaping the environments around massive, high redshift galaxies on \( \sim 10^{4} \) of kilo-parsec scales. For example, observations have revealed that the spatial extent of the Lyα-emitting gas is correlated with the spatial scales of the jets, whilst the distortion seen in the Lyα morphology is also typically correlated with the distortion in the radio emission (the extended emission line region morphology always appears to be brightest on the side of the radio lobes that is closer to the nucleus; McCarthy et al. 1991; Tadhunter et al. 2000), suggesting that powerful radio sources are (at least partly) responsible for environmental effects on large scales. In terms of the large scale environment, van Ojik et al. (1997) showed that the galaxies with radio jets that are extended on scales smaller than \( \lesssim 50 \) kpc have the strongest high energy measurements seen against Lyα (and likewise, those with radio extents \( \gtrsim 50 \) kpc do not show strong absorbers). One explanation is that when radio sources grow they destroy the HII. However, this model also requires a duty cycle in which the “feedback” expels gas, which cools then to form a shell of HI. A subsequent “feedback” event then ionises the gas. This model may also explain why the dynamics of the gas in the inner halo (located within the radio source) tend to be turbulent (\( \sigma \sim 700–1500 \) km s\(^{-1}\)) whilst the outer halo is more quiescent (\( \sigma \sim 300 \) km s\(^{-1}\)). (van Ojik et al. 1994).

To measure the energetics of the Lyα emission, search for and place dynamical constraints on the out-flowing material requires resolved spectroscopy. However, relatively few galaxies have been studied using their two-dimensional Lyα velocity field, as required to truly understand their origin. The first attempt to derive the morphologies and dynamics of extended Lyα halos were made by Hippelien & Meisenheimer (1993) who found a coherent and spatially extended (\( \sim 100 \) kpc\(^{2}\)) and moderate column, \( n(HI) \sim 10^{15} \) cm\(^{-2}\), HII absorber in front of a 4C radio galaxy at \( z = 3.8 \) (see also Adam et al. 1997). However, relatively few galaxies have been studied using their two-dimensional Lyα velocity field, as required to truly understand their origin (e.g. see Bower et al. 2004; Wilman et al. 2005; Villar-Martín et al. 2007b; Sánchez & Humphrey 2009; Weijmans et al. 2010; Martin et al. 2014; for a few examples). In part, this is due to the high redshift and hence large luminosity distances required to redshift Lyα into the optical band, which means that spatially resolving the low surface brightness features in the outer halo have, until now, been beyond the sensitivity limits of most instruments (even on 8-meter telescopes). However, with the commissioning of the sensitive Multi-Unit Spectroscopic Explorer (MUSE) on the ESO/VLT, it is now possible to carry out these observations and so determine the nature of extended Lyα halos.

In this paper, we exploit MUSE observations to determine the nature of extended Lyα halo around a powerful radio galaxy, TNJ1338–1942 at \( z = 4.1 \) (hereafter TNJ1338). TNJ1338 was identified as hosting a giant Lyα halo by Venemans et al. (2002). In a subsequent paper, Venemans et al. (2007) (see also Miley et al. 2004) identified twenty Lyα emitters within a projected distance of 1.3 Mpc and 600 km s\(^{-1}\) of the radio galaxy (an over-density of 4–15 compared to the average field at this redshift), suggesting a mass for the structure of \( M \sim 5 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} \) which makes structure a likely ancestor of a massive galaxy cluster at the present day (with the radio galaxy likely to be a brightest cluster galaxy in formation). This high-redshift radio galaxy remains one of the the brightest and most luminous known in Lyα (\( L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} \sim 5 \times 10^{44} \) erg s\(^{-1}\)). Both its Lyα profile and radio structure are very asymmetric (De Breuck et al. 1999; Wilman et al. 2004), which indicates strong interaction with dense gas, and the rest-frame radio luminosity is comparable to that of the most luminous 3C radio sources (\( P_{1.42} \sim 4 \times 10^{37} \) erg s\(^{-1}\) Hz\(^{-1}\) sr\(^{-1}\)).

The MUSE observations presented here allow us to map the emission within the \( \sim 150\)-kpc long Lyα halo, matching the sensitivity of previous narrow-band Lyα imaging of this structure, but with the crucial advantage of high spectral resolution kinematics, necessary to differentiate the signatures of infall or outflow (Adams et al. 2009; Bower et al. 2004; Wilman et al. 2005).

The structure of this paper is as follows: in § 2 we present the MUSE observations and data-reduction. In § 3 we discuss the morphology and energetics of the Lyα halo and those of the HI absorbers seen against the underlying emission. In §4 we present our conclusions. Throughout this paper, we adopt a cosmology with \( \Omega_{\text{m}} = 0.27, \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.73 \) and \( H_{0} = 71 \) km s\(^{-1}\) Mpc\(^{-1}\) giving an angular scale of 7.0 kpc arcsec\(^{-1}\) at \( z = 4.1 \).

2 OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

We observed TNJ1338 with MUSE for a total of 9.0 hours between 2014 April 30 and 2014 June 30 during a combination of commission and Science Verification time. The MUSE IFU provides full spectral coverage spanning 4770–9300 Å, a contiguous field of view of \( 60'' \times 60'' \), with a spatial sampling of 0.2'' pixel\(^{-1}\) and a spectral resolution of \( \lambda = 3000 \) at \( \lambda = 6200 \) Å (the wavelength of the Lyα at \( z = 4.1 \)). The observations were carried out in dark time, good sky transparency and 0.7'' V-band seeing. Each 1 hr observation was split in to 1800 second exposures with a small (2'') dither. We obtained two overlapping pointings; the first centered at \( \alpha = 13 \text{ 38.28.0} \delta = -19 \text{ 42.24} \) and a second, offset by approximately 30'' at \( \alpha = 13 \text{ 38.25.0} \delta = -19 \text{ 42.32} \). Both pointings cover the \( z = 4.1 \) radio galaxy and the final field of view is 1.5'' x 1.0'' (Fig. 1).
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Figure 1. Colour, (V, I, Lyαz=4.1) image of the field around TNJ J1338 from the MUSE observations. This colour image illustrates the full extent the giant halo around the z = 4.1 radio galaxy. Moreover, a search for other emission lines within the MUSE cube identifies a new giant (∼60 kpc) halo around a foreground z = 3.31 galaxy located to the south west of the radio source. We also mark the positions of the two z = 4.1 galaxies in the halo of the radio galaxy (open diamonds). The origin of the image is centered on the radio galaxy at α: 13:38:26.1, δ: −19:42:30.5 (J2000).

To reduce the data, we use the MUSE pipeline through ESOREX which wavelength calibrates, flat-fields the spectra and forms the datacube (Weilbacher et al. 2014). Due to the excellent flat-field stability of MUSE, sky subtraction was performed on each individual cube by identifying and subtracting the sky emission using blank areas of sky at each wavelength slice (i.e. no additional sky-only observations are required), and the final mosaic was then constructed using an average with a 3-σ clip to reject cosmic rays after registering the stars in continuum images from each individual cube.

A visual inspection of the final datacube reveals a very strong detection of the extended Lyα emission from the z = 4.1 halo at 6200Å as well as Lyα emission from a number of galaxies at the same redshift. In Fig. 1 we show a colour image of the field generated from the MUSE cube. In this image, we use the continuum from the wavelength ranges 4900–6900Å and 6900–9000Å as the blue and green images respectively, whilst the red image is generated by collapsing the cube over the wavelength range 6100–6200Å (which covers the Lyα from the z = 4.1 radio galaxy). The strong, extended Lyα emission can clearly be seen, with a spatial extent of ∼150 × 80 kpc.

We note that a search for line emitters within the cube also detects a second strong, spatially-extended Lyα halo around a red z = 3.31 galaxy located approximately ∼30″ to the south west of TNJ J1338 (Fig. 1) which appears to lie in an over-density comprising a number of other star-forming galaxies and AGN at this redshift. In addition, a large number of foreground [OII], [OIII] and Lyα emitters are detected in this volume. These will be discussed in a subsequent paper (Urrutia et al. in prep).

3 ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

3.1 Morphology and Energetics of the Lyα Halo

The morphology of the Lyα emission (Fig. 1) is very similar to that seen in the FORS 2 narrow-band imaging from Venemans et al. (2007), which has similar surface brightness limits as the Lyα narrow-band image created from the MUSE cube (collapsing the cube over 120Å around the Lyα yields an image with a 5-σ line flux detection in a 1.2″ aperture of f_{5σ} = ∼8 × 10^{-18} erg s^{-1} cm^{-2} which is similar to that of the narrow-band image from Venemans et al. [2007]: f_{5σ} = 6 × 10^{-18} erg s^{-1} cm^{-2}). Indeed, the morphology of the source shows a strong, spatially extended core which has a diameter of approximately 5″ with a lower surface...
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Figure 3. Upper panel: Continuum subtracted, wavelength collapsed, narrow-band image of the TNJ J1338 Ly$\alpha$ halo from the MUSE cube (collapsed over the wavelength range 6100–6300 Å). The cross denote the position of the UV-continuum (and radio) counterparts, and the open triangles show the positions of the radio hot-spots (end points of the jets) from De Breuck et al. (1999) indicating the compact size of the radio source compared to the highly-extended Ly$\alpha$ halo. We also show example spectra of regions within the halo. These are typically extracted from $2''\times2''$ regions, and in all cases, the line profile is best-fit by two H-I absorbers superimposed on an underlying Gaussian emission profile. Both absorbers have a covering factor of unity; the first absorber, H-I-B appears blue-shifted from the (underlying) Gaussian emission line profile by $\sim -700$ km s$^{-1}$ and has a column density of $n$(H-I) $\sim 10^{19}$ cm$^{-2}$ whilst the second absorber, H-I-R is much closer to the underlying halo emission, $\Delta v \sim -200$ km s$^{-1}$ but has a much lower column density, $n$(H-I) $\sim 10^{14}$ cm$^{-2}$.

As an order-of-magnitude estimate of the total HII mass responsible for the Ly$\alpha$ emitting halo, we can assume case B recombination and follow De Breuck et al. (1999), using the total Ly$\alpha$ emission intensity (corrected for absorption, see §3.3), the total HII mass is approximately $M$(HII) $\sim 10^9(f_5L_{44}V_{70})^{0.5}$ M$_\odot$, where $f_5$ is the volume filling factor of $10^{-5}$ (McCarthy et al. 1990), $L_{44}$ is the Ly$\alpha$ luminosity in units of $10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and $V_{70}$ is the volume of the region in units of $10^{70}$ cm$^3$. Adopting a size of $150 \times 80 \times 80$ kpc we derive $M$(HII) $\sim 4 \times 10^9$ M$_\odot$.

The spatial extent of the Ly$\alpha$ halo in TNJ J1338 is comparable to that seen in a number of other high-redshift radio galaxies (van Ojik et al. 1997; Humphrey et al. 2007). Indeed, extended Ly$\alpha$ halos are common around high-redshift radio galaxies, extending up to $\sim 250$ kpc – far beyond the continuum structures revealed by HST images (e.g. Villar-Martín et al. 2003). Moreover, the spatial extent of the Ly$\alpha$ emitting halo around high-redshift radio galaxies also appear to correlate with the size of the radio emission (van Ojik et al. 1997) (although of course, this is likely to be a selection effect since the larger halos are likely to be more brightness halo which is extended along a roughly North–South direction which extends over a $\sim 20''$ (150 kpc) in extent. The elongated Lyα morphology is also consistent with the direction of the radio jets (Fig. 1), although the strongest jet emission is contained within the central $\sim 10$ kpc, which may be indicative of previous AGN activity (which ionised the extended halo and which is now seen in Lyα emission as the gas cools). We note that the elongated morphology of the Lyα – in the same direction as the radio emission – is consistent with that seen in a number of other high-redshift radio galaxies (Röttgering & Pentericci 1999).
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3.2 Spatially Resolved Structure

Before determining the velocity structure of the halo, we first define the systemic redshift of the galaxy by extracting a spectrum from a 1 × 1″ region centered on the UV (and radio) continuum counterpart. Unfortunately, no strong photospheric absorption features are present, but there are strong detections of Lyα, CIV λ1549 and HeI λ1640 (see Fig. 2). Since the Lyα and CIV are resonant lines, we use the HeI emission line and fit a single Gaussian profile (Adams 1975; Dijkstra et al. 2006), or, depending on the geometry and kinematics of the neutral gas, an asymmetric profile in which one of the peaks is stronger. However, for this to be a viable explanation of the observed line profile in TNJ1338, we require the Lyα to be embedded in a (partial) cocoon of neutral hydrogen of large optical depth. On the other hand, the symmetry of the emission line, and the sharpness of the deep trough(s) suggest that HI absorption is far more probable (e.g. Rottgering et al. 1995; van Ork et al. 1997; Wilman et al. 2004).

Within the central regions of the halo, the asymmetric Lyα profile was first studied using high-resolution UVES spectroscopy by Wilman et al. (2004) who showed that the line emission is best fit with an underlying Gaussian profile with two HI absorbers with
Figure 4. Top row: Intensity map of the underlying Lyα Gaussian emission line profile (Left), and spatial column density distribution of H I-B (Middle) and H I-R (Right). Bottom Row: Velocity structure of the Gaussian profile, H I-B and H I-R. In all cases, the velocity scale is set by the systemic, as measured from the Hβ emission; $z = 4.1057$. The solid point in the top left corner of each panel denotes the 0.7" FWHM seeing disk. In each panel, we also show the position of the radio core (and continuum counterpart of the galaxy; cross) and the radio lobes (open triangle). The underlying Gaussian emission line profile shows a maximum velocity gradient of $\sim 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ across the 150 kpc (in projection). At the position of the galaxy, the Lyα is blue-shifted by $\sim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ from the systemic. The velocity dispersion profile of the underlying emission (which has an average value of $\sigma = 570 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) is peaked at the position of the radio galaxy and the radio-jets, which may reflect the interaction of the radio plasma and the gas. Both H I-B and H I-R have covering factors of unity. H I-B appears blue-shifted from the (underlying) Gaussian emission line profile by $\sim -700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and has an average column density of $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{19.3} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. This material is most likely associated with an out-flowing shell of material, and we estimate the mass in the shell must be of order $\sim 10^{12} \text{ M}_\odot$. The second absorber, H I-R is much closer to the underlying halo emission in velocity space, $\Delta v \sim -200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ but has a much lower column density, with an average of $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{14.5} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. This material is most likely to be associated with the low-density ICM between the out-flowing shell and the Lyα halo.

column densities $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{15.0} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{19.7} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ for H I-B and H I-R respectively. As we shall see, a similar combination of absorbers is required to reproduce our spectra across all of the halo.

To describe the line profile, we begin by fitting a Gaussian profile emission line with a H I absorber (which is described by a Voigt-profile). However, in all of the regions shown in Fig. 3, this fit fails to provide an adequate description of the line, and instead two H I absorbers are required to adequately describe the line profile (see also Wilman et al. 2003). The first of these absorbers, which we label H I-R (the most redshifted) is typically offset from the central (underlying) Gaussian profile by $\sim 270 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, has a column density of $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{14.5} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and Doppler parameter of $b = 100 \pm 4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ whilst the second absorber, H I-B (the most blue-shifted) is typically offset from the underlying Gaussian profile by $\sim -1200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ but with a much higher column density, $n(\text{H} I) \sim 10^{19.3} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $b = 170 \pm 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Within the halo, the underlying Gaussian profile has an average velocity dispersion of $\sigma = 570 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, in agreement with the velocity dispersions of the Hett emission line, and much broader than the two absorbers. The velocity dispersion of the underlying emission is peaked at the position of the radio galaxy (and the radio-jets), with $\sigma = 750 \pm 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. This may reflect two components of the halo: the inner halo where there is a strong interaction between the radio plasma and the gas, and the outer (more quiescent) halo, located outside the radio source (van Ojik et al. 1996). In contrast, the much smaller velocity dispersion of the absorbing gas is more readily explained if these absorbers lie at relatively large distances from the parent galaxy. We will discuss the spatially resolved properties of these absorbers in §3.3.

Finally, we note that van Ojik et al. (1997) showed that most high redshift radio sources with radio jets within $\sim 50 \text{ kpc}$ of the central galaxies show strong H I absorption against their Lyα emission. This may suggest that when the radio sources grow, they destroy the H I. Since the radio emission in TNJ 1338 is located within $\sim 10 \text{ kpc}$ of the galaxy, this radio source clearly falls into first cat-
egory. Within this scenario, there must be a duty cycle with the feedback expelling Lyα-emitting gas, which cools to form a shell of H I around it, and a subsequent feedback event ionises the gas.

3.3 Dynamics of the H I Absorbers

As can be seen from Fig. 3, one of the striking results from our MUSE observations is the coherence and spatial extent of both absorbers. The most blue-shifted absorber, H I-B, which has \( n(\text{HI}) \sim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \) appears to be spatially extended across the entire 150 × 80 kpc structure. The second absorber, H I-R, which has a significantly lower column density, \( n(\text{HI}) \sim 10^{14.5} \text{ cm}^{-2} \) also appears to be extended over the same area. Thus, the covering factor of both absorbers appears to be close to unity. Evidence for extended reservoirs of neutral gas have been seen in a number of giant Lyα halos around high-redshift radio galaxies (van Ojik et al. 1997; Binette et al. 2000; Villar-Martín et al. 2003; Wilman et al. 2004) as well as star-forming galaxies (Bower et al. 2004; Wilman et al. 2005; Weijmans et al. 2010).

To examine whether the H I absorbers are “pristine” – as suggested by the cold-flow model, in Fig. 2 we compare the Lyα, CIV and HeII emission line profiles (transformed to the same rest-frame velocity scale). Although the CIV emission is lower signal-to-noise, it is clear that the Lyα and CIV share the same characteristic (asymmetric) line profile, implying the presence of CIV in the absorbing material (without other species, it is difficult to derive the ionisation of the absorbing material, but it appears that this absorbing gas must be metal enriched, arguing against a model in which the Lyα results from the cooling of pristine material).

With the two dimensional data provided by MUSE, next, we construct a spatially resolved map of the dynamics and column density across the halo. To achieve this, at each spatial pixel, we average the surrounding 1′ × 1′ region, and measure the signal-to-noise (S/N). If the S/N > 50, we then attempt to fit the emission line profile with an underlying Gaussian profile with two H I absorbers, allowing the centroid, intensity and line-width (FWHM in the case of the Gaussian profile and Doppler b-parameter in the Voigt-profile) to be free parameters. If the S/N is not sufficiently high to allow a fit, we adaptively bin up to 3 × 3′ (in steps of 0.2′′) and re-fit.

In Fig. 3, we show the velocity field of the underlying Gaussian emission, as well as that of the two H I absorbers. The underlying emission has a strong velocity gradient (∼700 km s\(^{-1}\)) across the 150 kpc region. At the position of the galaxy, the Lyα is blue-shifted by ∼150 km s\(^{-1}\) from the systemic, and this velocity offset decreases up to ∼1200 km s\(^{-1}\) towards the North-West. The H I absorber which has a velocity closest to the underlying emission, H I-R, does not have a strong velocity gradient across the major axis. However, the most blue shifted absorber, H I-B is blue-shifted from the underlying emission by ∼700 km s\(^{-1}\) with a velocity field that apparently mirrors that of the underlying Gaussian profile. To highlight these differences, we extract the dynamics through a pseudo-slit from the major kinematic axis of the halo and show this in Fig. 5.

Turning to the column density maps, Fig. 4 shows that both of the H I columns are remarkably uniform (although at two distinct velocities), with both remaining as single systems of the full extent of the Lyα emission. The spatial and kinematic coherence of the absorbers suggest they may be physically distinct from the background source. Using the column densities and sizes, the total neutral mass of H I-B and H I-R are \( M_{\text{HI-B}} \sim 10^9 \text{ M}_\odot \), and \( M_{\text{HI-R}} \sim 10^7 \text{ M}_\odot \). The total hydrogen mass of the absorber depends on the ionisation state. Photonionisation models of absorption systems with column densities in the range \( n(\text{HI}) = 10^{19–20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \) suggest average IGM neutral fractions at \( z = 4 \) of \( X_{\text{HI}} \sim 1.5–10 \) (McQuinn et al. 2011). Of course, these values may represent upper limits in an over-dense region which self-shields from UV radiation. Nevertheless, this suggests a total mass for the most massive absorber, H I-B of ∼\(10^9 \text{ M}_\odot\).

3.3.1 Inflow or Outflow?

Previous observations of high-redshift radio galaxies have identified very strong (high column density) absorbers seen against the Lyα profiles (Hippelien & Meisenheimer 1993; van Ojik et al. 1997; Humphrey et al. 2007). The interpretation of this absorption is the fortuitous alignment with the intervening Lyα forest absorption, which may be enhanced in the biased regions around massive, high-redshift galaxies. Whilst the properties of absorbing halos around radio galaxies have been studied in detail, most studies have been limited to (either) low resolution spectra and/or integrated spectra, but where it has been possible to spatially resolve the absorption, the implied covering factor is close to unity – on scales from 10–50 kpc – and the inferred mass of the neutral phase is \( \sim 10^7–10^8 \text{ M}_\odot \). The absorbers also appear to be ubiquitous when seen against radio quiet galaxies, such as the giant “Lyα blobs” (LABs) at \( z = 3.1 \) which have also been studied in detail (Matsuda et al. 2011) (we note that the other absorber in this field also shows a strong, spatially extended absorber in the MUSE data; Urrutia et al. in prep). For example, Matsuda et al. (2006) find that the fraction of LABs with absorbers seen against the Lyα emission is 83%. However, the nature of the absorbing gas remains poorly understood even when two-dimensional spectra are available. In particular, two-dimensional spectra are required to test whether the neutral gas is likely to be in-falling or out-flowing. With sufficient signal to noise and spectral (and spatial) resolution the spatially resolved dynamics of the neutral gas provided by MUSE, and its relation to the (underlying) emission should allow us to distinguish between inflow and outflow, and we consider both possibilities here.

In a scenario in which the absorber(s) around TNJ 1338 arise due to foreground material, the giant Lyα halo only provides the background (illuminating) screen from which the absorbers are decoupled. In this case, the coherence of absorbers may suggest we are seeing a sheet (or filament) with a projected separations from the radio galaxy of ∼4 Mpc and <1 Mpc (assuming a Hubble constant at \( z = 4.1 \)) of \( 423 \text{ km s}^{-1} \). The low column density absorber, H I-R is presumably within the virial radius of the halo associated with the radio galaxy since the velocity offset places it within ∼1 Mpc of the galaxy.

Whilst this interpretation is appealing since high density IGM is expected to be seen around massive galaxies, there are a number of problems with this inflow model. First, the H I appear to be enriched, although this does not preclude them being unassociated with the radio galaxy, especially in an over-dense (biased) region. Second, the velocity structure of the underlying Lyα emission (which has an average velocity gradient across the halo of \( \text{dv}/\text{dR} \sim 4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \)) is mirrored by H I-B (\( \text{dv}/\text{dR} \sim 3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \)) strongly suggesting that the material associated with H I-R originated in the Lyα halo (which would then naturally explain the similarity in the Lyα and CIV line profiles). Third, across the halo, the low density absorber, H I-R has a median Doppler b-parameter of \( b = 170 \pm 3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \). We can test if this is “typical” of Lyα absorbers by using quasar sight lines. Fechner & Reimers (2007) and Schaye et al. (2000) derive column

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density and Doppler $b$ parameters for neutral hydrogen in the Ly$\alpha$ forest at $z = 2-4.5$. In total, they detect $\sim 1500$ absorbers with columns between $\log n(H/\text{cm}^{-2}) = 12-17$ and $b = 5-200$ km s$^{-1}$. Cutting their sample to the same median column density as seen in Ht-R, $\log n(H/\text{cm}^{-2}) = 14.5$, the median Doppler parameter is $b = 30 \pm 1$ km s$^{-1}$, a factor $5.5 \pm 0.4$ lower (for the same median column density) as that seen in Ht-R. Thus, it appears that the low column density absorber seen against the halo of TNJ1338 does not have the properties expected for simply being “average” IGM, but instead has a much higher velocity width.

A more natural explanation for the absorbers is therefore that HI-B represents the out-flowing material swept up in a wind shell ejected from the host galaxy and HI-R is the low density material between this shell and the host. Galactic scale outflows from high-redshift galaxies, driven by the collective effects of star-formation and supernovae winds (e.g. Pettini et al. 2002; Bower et al. 2004; Erb et al. 2006; Swinbank et al. 2007), can heat, ionise and expel the ISM mass of the host galaxy. Fitting a modified black-body to the Herschel 250–500$\mu$m, SCUBA 850$\mu$m and MAMBO 1.2 mm photometry of this galaxy (De Breuck et al. 2004; Drouart et al. 2014), adopting a dust emissivity of $\beta = 1.5-2.0$ (Maiolino et al. 2012) and dust mass absorption coefficient of $\tau_{850\mu m} = 0.15$ m$^2$ kg$^{-1}$ (Weingartner & Draine 2001), we estimate a cold dust mass of $M_{\text{dust}} \sim 3 \times 10^8$ M$_{\odot}$. For a dust-to-gas ratio of $\delta_{\text{DGR}} = 90$ (Bothwell et al. 2013; Swinbank et al. 2014), this suggests a H$_2$ mass of $M_{\text{H}_2} \sim 3 \times 10^{10}$ M$_{\odot}$, which is comparable to that estimated for other HzRGs (Emonts et al. 2014; Riley & De Breuck 2008). We caution that there is a factor $3-4$ uncertainty on this value due to the (moderately low) signal-to-noise of the 850$\mu$m and 1.2 mm detections (and upper limits on the 250, 350 and 500$\mu$m photometry), the choice of dust model parameters, and the uncertainty in the adopted dust-to-gas ratio. Nevertheless, the H$_2$ mass of the ISM in the radio galaxy is similar to that estimated for the total mass of the two structures we see in absorption against the halo.

Will the gas escape the halo potential? If we consider a $\sim 10^{13}$ M$_{\odot}$ galaxy inside a dark halo with mass $\sim 10^{13}-10^{14}$ with NFW (Navarro et al. 1997) density profile, the gas would require a velocity greater than $\sim 1000$ km s$^{-1}$ to escape the halo (see also the calculation in Harrison et al. 2014). This is similar to the velocity seen in HI-B. However, some models have suggested that even massive outflows may stall in the galaxy halo (or in this case, the “group” halo), and re-collapse and cool at later times (along with new fuel supplies), resulting in re-ignition of star formation and further black-hole growth (e.g. Lagos et al. 2008; Gabor et al. 2011; Hopkins et al. 2013), especially in group/cluster (or proto-cluster) environments (McCarthy et al. 2011).

In summary, while it is not possible to constrain definitively whether the AGN or star-formation have driven the outflow, or the ultimate fate of out-flowing gas, it appears that the HI absorbers are associated with activity occurring within the galaxy, and with outflow properties (high velocity, spatially extended, and mass loaded) in broad agreement with the requirements of models that invoke AGN-driven outflows to regulate star formation and black-hole growth in luminous AGN (Di Matteo et al. 2005; Hopkins & Elvis 2013; Debahr et al. 2012). Even if the outflow does not escape the galaxy halos, it may have sufficient energy to heat the halo and control the level of cooling in massive halos at later times (e.g. Churazov et al. 2005; Gabor et al. 2011; McCarthy et al. 2011; Bower et al. 2012).

4 CONCLUSIONS

We have used the MUSE integral field spectrograph to study the giant Ly$\alpha$ halo around the high-redshift radio galaxy TNJ1338 at $z = 4.11$. Our main observations reveal the following:

- Our observations map the intensity distribution and dynamics of the Ly$\alpha$ halo which is extended over a region approximately $150 \times 80$ kpc. In comparison, the radio jets are confined to the central $\sim 10$ kpc of the halo, although the alignment of the extended Ly$\alpha$ halo and radio jets may be indicative of previous AGN activity (which ionised the extended halo and which is now seen in Ly$\alpha$ emission as the gas cools).
- The spatial extent of the Ly$\alpha$ halo in TNJ1338 is one of the largest seen in high-redshift radio galaxies. We clearly detect the CIV emission in the extended halo suggesting that the gas in the extended is enriched.
- Across the entire halo, the Ly$\alpha$ emission line appears asymmetric. The line profile is best-fit by two H-1 absorbers superimposed...
We show that the energetics of the star-formation or AGN could drive the outflow if it is able to couple a small fraction of the energy to the gas.

- The underlying Gaussian emission line profile shows a velocity gradient of \( \sim 700 \text{ km s}^{-1} \) across the 150 kpc in projection. At the position of the galaxy, the Ly\( \alpha \) is blue-shifted by \( \sim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1} \) from the systemic. The velocity dispersion profile of the underlying emission (which has an average value of \( \sigma \approx 150 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1} \)) is peaked at the position of the radio galaxy and the radio-jets, which may reflect the interaction of the radio plasma and the gas.

- We identify two other \( z = 4.1 \) emitters in the field of the radio galaxy which are presumably associated with the group/cluster within this over-density. We also serendipitously identify a new giant Ly\( \alpha \) halo at \( z = 3.31 \) approximately \( \sim 30'' \) to the south west of TNJ1338 which appears to be associated with a number of other star-forming galaxies and AGN at this redshift.

Finally, we can consider how the galaxy and outflow may evolve towards the present day. The out-flowing shell will be both thermally and gravitationally unstable, and will eventually fragment. At this point, the covering factor will decrease and the absorption will vanish (which would explain why no absorbers are seen in the halos of radio galaxies with jet activity \( > 50 \text{ kpc scales} \); Röttgering & Pentericci 1999). The Jeans mass in the shell will be of order \( 10^{6} \text{ M}_{\odot} \) (Krause 2002). Hence the shell will fragment and form stars in globular clusters of this mass. Of course, at this point the shell should become visible in the rest-frame UV/optical as young stars form (which will also increase the ionisation of the remaining parts of the shell). Assuming an efficiency of \( \sim 10\% \), this shell will contain a \( \sim 1000 \) globular clusters of this mass – in reasonable agreement with the number of clusters found in nearby brightest cluster galaxies (Harris et al. 1998) which show excess of globular clusters systems compared to non-BCGs of comparable luminosity.

In summary, the most successful models of galaxy formation increasingly require outflows of gas to expel gas from galaxies at early times. In the most massive galaxies, most of the energy injection is believed to arise from the central AGN, making high-redshift radio galaxies, which have many of the characteristics expected for the progenitors of todays massive Ellipticals, strong candidates to empirically constrain the properties of outflows which can be used to test the models. The discovery of high-velocity \( (\sim 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}) \), halo-scale (i.e. \( \gg 150\text{ kpc} \)) and mass loaded winds in the vicinity of the central radio source are broadly in agreement with the requirements of models that invoke AGN-driven outflows to regulate star formation and black-hole growth in luminous AGN (Di Matteo et al. 2005; Hopkins & Elvis 2010; Debuhr et al. 2012).

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