

Spatially resolved Kennicutt-Schmidt relation in the EoR using [C II] and [O III] line emission

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[CII] and [OIII] detections in EoR galaxies



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High $\Sigma_{[OIII]}\Sigma_{[CII]}$ ratios are not due to observational biases, but they arise from the extreme gas conditions prevailing in the ISM of early galaxies



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The KS relation $\Sigma_{SFR} = \mathbf{k}_{s} \Sigma_{gas}^{1.4}$



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Starburst \rightarrow larger U and $G_0 \rightarrow$ larger **ionized gas** & **low PDR column densities** \rightarrow **Decrease** $\Sigma_{[CII]}$ Starburst \rightarrow larger U and $G_0 \rightarrow$ larger **ionized gas** & **low PDR column densities** \rightarrow **Increase** $\Sigma_{[OIII]}$

The effect of low metallicities on the [CII] emission



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Three parameters

• Gas density - **n**

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- Deviation from KS relation **k**_s
- Gas metallicity Z

GLAM is publicly available on GitHub





GLAM at work on spatially resolved data in five bright LBGs



Vallini+23, in prep.





data from Witstok+22

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Radial profiles: burstiness and metallicity



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Evolution of the depletion time

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The gas depletion times, derived by using the KS relation, are in the range $t_{dep} \approx 80-250$ Myr. They fall between that predicted by the extrapolation out to z \approx 7 of for MS and SB galaxies