HERMES: THE REST-FRAME UV EMISSION AND A LENSING MODEL FOR THE $z = 6.34$ LUMINOUS DUSTY STARBURST GALAXY HFLS3


ABSTRACT

We discuss the rest-frame ultraviolet emission from the starbursting galaxy HFLS3 at a redshift of 6.34. The galaxy was discovered in Herschel/SPire data due to its red color in the sub-mm wavelengths from 250 to 500 $\mu$m. The apparent instantaneous star-formation rate of HFLS3 inferred from the total far-IR luminosity measured with over 15 photometric data points between 100 and 1000 $\mu$m is 2900 $M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$. Keck/NIRC2 $K_s$-band adaptive optics imaging showed two potential near-IR counterparts near HFLS3. Previously, the northern galaxy was taken to be in the foreground at $z = 2.1$ while the southern galaxy was assumed to HFLS3's near-IR counterpart. The recently acquired Hubble/WFC3 and ACS imaging data show conclusively that both optically-bright galaxies are in the foreground at $z < 6$. A new lensing model based on the Hubble imaging data and the mm-wave continuum emission yields a magnification factor of 2.2 $\pm$ 0.3. The lack of multiple imaging constrains the lensing magnification to be lower than either 2.7 or 3.5 at the 95% confidence level for the two scenarios, which attribute one or two components to HFLS3 in the source plane. Once accounting for the possibility of gravitational lensing, the instantaneous star-formation rate is 1520 $M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$ with the 95% confidence lower limit around 830 $M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$. Using models for the rest-frame UV to far-IR spectral energy distribution (SED) we determine the average star-formation rate over the last 100 Myr to be around 660 $M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$. The dust and stellar masses of HFLS3 from the same SED models are at the level of $3 \times 10^8$ $M_\odot$ and $5 \times 10^9$ $M_\odot$, respectively, with large systematic uncertainties on assumptions related to the dust model. With Hubble/WFC3 images we also find diffuse near-IR emission about 0.5 arcseconds ($\sim 3$ kpc) to the South-West of HFLS3 that remains undetected in the ACS imaging data. The emission has a photometric redshift consistent with either $z \sim 6$ or a dusty galaxy template at $z \sim 2$. If at the same redshift as HFLS3 the detected diffuse emission could be part of the complex merger system that could be triggering the starburst. Alternatively, it could be part of the foreground structure at $z \sim 2.1$ that is responsible for lensing of HFLS3.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The unexpected discovery of HFLS3 (HerMES J170647.8+584623) at a redshift of $6.3369 \pm 0.0009$ in *Herschel* Space Observatory’s [Pilbratt et al. 2010]20 has led to the possibility that massive starbursting galaxies could be an appreciable contributor to the star-formation rate density of the Universe during the epoch of reionization ([Riechers et al. 2013](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk)). The galaxy was first identified in *Herschel* Multi-Tiered Extragalactic Survey ([HerMES](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), Oliver et al. 2012) as a high-redshift candidate due to its “red” color in the SPIRE data. The redshift of HFLS3 was secured through the detection of more than 20 individual molecular and atomic lines at far-IR/sub-mm wavelengths with ground-based interferometers. HFLS3 was found to be luminous ($L_{\text{IR}} = (3.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{13} L_{\odot}$), gas-rich ($M_{\text{gas}} \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$) and dusty ($T_\text{dust} = 49 \pm 2 \text{ K}$). The instantaneous star-formation rate (SFR) implied by the above data is $\text{SFR} \sim 600 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$.

One complication in interpreting the properties of HFLS3 is that it is the highest redshift sub-mm galaxy known to date, potentially probing the earliest formation epoch of dust in the Universe for a review of SMGs and dusty star-forming galaxies in general see [Casey, Narayanan, & Cooray 2014](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk).

HFLS3 is already a stellar mass-rich galaxy at $z = 6.3369$, while continuing to form stars at a very high rate of $> 2000 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$.

The lack of multiple images of HFLS3 in mm-wave interferometric imaging was inferred to imply that the lensing magnification factor is negligible, with $\mu_{\text{lens}} = 1.5 \pm 0.7$ associated with lensing by the foreground galaxy to the north of the assumed rest-frame optical counterpart. Due to such a small magnification a lensing correction to the properties of HFLS3 was not included in [Riechers et al. 2013](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk). However, the lensing magnification determination is subject to assumptions related to the counterpart identification and the location of foreground galaxies relative to the mm-wave emission. Since the true mass and star-formation rate of HFLS3 are directly related to its cosmic rarity, a potential lensing correction is even more important when addressing whether HFLS3 is a rare source among the SMG sample or if it is a source typical of $z > 4$ SMGs ([Daddi et al. 2009](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), [Copin et al. 2010](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), [Capak et al. 2011](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), [Walter et al. 2012](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), [Combes et al. 2012](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk)).

Here we report *Hubble*/WFC3 and ACS imaging observations of HFLS3 in five filters from optical to near-IR wavelengths. We use these data to study the physical properties of HFLS3 by improving the lensing model and by identifying rest-frame optical/UV emission for a new estimate of the stellar mass of HFLS3. This paper is organized as follows. In the next Section we summarize the observations and the analysis. We discuss the counterpart identification and GLAFIT ([Peng et al. 2002](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk)) models in Section 4. Our lens models and the magnification factor of HFLS3 are presented in Section 4. In Section 5 we present the modeling of optical to IR SED of foreground galaxies and the UV to far-IR SED of HFLS3. We present a discussion of our key results and the implications for the presence of massive, dusty starbursts at high redshifts in Section 6 and conclude with a summary in Section 7.

For lensing and SED models we model the cosmo-consistent with WMAP-9 year and Planck data ([Hinshaw et al. 2013](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk), [Planck Collaboration et al. 2013](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk)).

2. HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE OBSERVATIONS

HFLS3 was observed with *Hubble*/ACS and WFC3 in Cycle 21 ([GO 13045; PI Cooray](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk)) in order to understand the nature and environment of currently the highest redshift dusty starburst known from sub-mm survey data. The observations were carried out in F160W/F125W/F105W filters with WFC3 and in F814W and F625W with ACS over a total of six orbits. The imaging data reach 5σ point source depths of $m_{\text{AB}} = 26.0, 26.3, 25.9, 27.0, 26.1$ in F160W, F125W, F105W, F814W, and F625W, respectively. While the WFC3 imaging was aimed at detecting the rest-frame UV emission from HFLS3, the ACS imaging was aimed at establishing the exact location, size, and morphology of the nearby $z \sim 2.1$ galaxy for an improved lens model. The five band photometry was aimed at completing the rest-UV SED of HFLS3 to improve the stellar mass estimate once combined with *Keck*/NIRC2 $K_s$ and *Spitzer*/IRAC photometry. Here we focus on properties of HFLS3, but another study will discuss the environment of HFLS3 ([La Porte et al. 2013](http://hermes.sussex.ac.uk) in preparation).

The imaging data were analyzed with the standard tools. For WFC3 imaging data, we make use of CALWFC in the...
Figure 1. Left: The three-color image using HST/ACS combined F625W and F814W (blue), HST/WFC3-IR combined F160W, F125W and F105W, and Keck/NIRC-2 Kλ-band LGS-AO (red) images. Note the clear detection of two galaxies close to HFLS3 shown here in terms of the IRAM/PdBI 1.1 mm (rest-frame 158 μm) emission. The r.m.s. uncertainty in the PdBI A-array configuration data is 180 μJy beam⁻¹ and the contours are shown in steps of 3σ starting at 5σ. The instrumental beam is shown to the bottom right with FWHM of 0.35′′ × 0.23′′. Right: The three-color GALFIT residual map where we remove models for the HST/ACS-detected galaxies in HST/WFC3. Here we show the combination of ACS/F625W+F814W (blue), WFC3/F105W (green) and WFC3/F160W (red). Both G1 and G2 are detected in the combined ACS/F625W and F814W stack, consistent with the scenario that both G1 and G2 are at z < 6 and G2 is not the least obscured region, or the rest-frame optical counterpart, of HFLS3, as was previously assumed. We find a marginal detection of rest-UV emission at the location of HFLS3 (labeled R2) and a higher significance diffuse emission 0.5″ to the South-West of HFLS3 (labeled R1). We use WFC3 fluxes and ACS upper limits of R2 for combined SED modeling of HFLS3 with far-IR/sub-mm flux densities. We determine a photometric redshift for R1 and find it to be consistent with emission from either a galaxy at z ~ 6 or a dusty galaxy at z ~ 2.

IRAF.STSDAS pipeline for flat-fielding and cosmic-ray rejection. Individual exposures in each of the filters were combined with ASTRODRIZZLE (Fruchter et al. 2010) and we produced images at a pixel scale of 0.06′ per pixel. For flux calibration we made use of the latest zero-points from STScI, with values of 26.27, 26.26 and 25.96 in F105W, F125W and F160W, respectively. Similarly, Hubble/ACS imaging data were flat-fielded, cosmic ray-rejected and charge transfer efficiency (CTE)-corrected with the pipeline CALACS (version 2012.2). Exposures were remapped with ASTRODRIZZLE to a pixel scale of 0.03′. The ACS zero points used from an online tool are 25.94 and 25.89 for F814W and F625W, respectively.

The final Hubble mosaics were astrometrically calibrated to the wider SDSS frame with an overall rms uncertainty, relative to SDSS, of less than 0.05″. This astrometric calibration involved more than 60 galaxies and stars. The previous Keck/NIRC2 imaging data, due to the limited field of view of 40″ in the highest resolution NIRC2 imaging data used for LGS/AO observations, had large astrometric errors as astrometry was determined based on two bright sources that were also detected in 2MASS. Once the HST frames are calibrated, we fix the astrometry of Keck/NIRC2 image with close to 10 fainter sources detected in both WFC3 and NIRC2 images. This astrometric recalibration resulted in a small (0.01″) shift to the optical sources relative to the peak PdBI/1.1 mm emission from HFLS3, as can be seen by comparing Figure 1 here with Figure 3 of Riechers et al. (2013). There is still an overall systematic uncertainty in the relative astrometry between IRAM/PdBI image and Hubble/Keck images of about 0.01″, with this value possibly as high as 0.03″ in an extremely unlikely scenario. We account for such a systematic offset in the lens model by allowing the peak 1.1-mm flux to have an offset from the two lens galaxies with a value as high as 0.03″.

As shown in Figure 1 (left panel), we detect optical emission from more than one galaxy near HFLS3 (galaxies labeled G1 and G2). This is similar to what was previously reported with Keck/NIRC2 LGS-AO imaging data, with the southern component (G2) taken to be the rest-frame optical counterpart to HFLS3 (Riechers et al. 2013). If this assumption is correct we expect the southern component to be invisible in the shortest wavelength images, as it is a Lyman drop-out at wavelengths shorter than 8900 Å. Here, however, we have detected both galaxies in Hubble/ACS images, establishing that G2 is a galaxy at z < 5. Since these Hubble observations, we have reanalyzed the Keck/LIRIS spectrum shown in Riechers et al. (2013) with z = 2.1 CIV (1549 Å) and OIII (1661, 1666 Å) emission lines within 1″ of HFLS3. We now find some marginal evidence that this emission is extended, consistent with the scenario that more than one galaxy may be contributing to the emission lines. A further confirmation of the redshift of G2 will require additional spectroscopic observations or UV imaging data where z ~ 2 galaxies would be Lyman dropouts. For simplicity, hereafter, we assume that both G1 and G2 are at the same redshift of 2.1. The SED modeling we discuss later is consistent with this assumption.

3. REST-FRAME UV FLUXES OF HFLS3

We use the publicly available software GALFIT (Peng et al. 2002) to model the surface brightness profiles of Hubble-detected galaxies near HFLS3 and to see if there is any excess emission in WFC3 data relative to the ACS images. Using GALFIT on the individual Hubble/ACS and WFC3 frames proved to be difficult because the output models tend to over-fit regions of low signal in which HFLS3 is expected to reside. To remedy this, we stacked the HST/ACS in two bands to increase the signal-to-noise ratio and to model the foreground galaxies in the combined F625W and F814W images. Under the assumption that the stacked model best represents the two foreground galaxies, we then subtracted the stacked model from individual HST/ACS and WFC3 frames, with the flux density at each wavelength allowed to vary as an overall
normalization in GALFIT models. Any excess in WFC3 relative to ACS would suggest the presence of detectable rest-UV emission from HFLS3. As shown in Figure 1 (right panel) we find excess emission primarily $0''5$ to the South-West of HFLS3 (labeled R1). We also find some marginal evidence for excess emission near the 1.1-mm peak (labeled R2), with detection levels between 2.5 to 3.2σ. In Table 1 we summarize GALFIT and other intrinsic properties of the two foreground galaxies G1 and G2 as well as the residual emission R1 and R2, with R2 emission assumed to be from HFLS3. We also use the latter for a combined UV to far-IR SED modeling with MAGPHYS (da Cunha et al. 2008). We also model the SED of R2 to determine its photometric redshift and address its association with HFLS3.

Figure 2. Top Left: The source and image plans of HFLS3 under the best-fit lens model with two components for the background source to describe HFLS3. In blue we show the two components of HFLS3 in the source plane that are gravitationally magnified. The image plane involves the background grey-scaled color that is compared to the measured IRAM/PdBI 1.1-mm continuum emission shown with contours. The two lines are the critical line (orange), in the image plane, and the lensing caustic (pink), in the source plane. Top Right: Residual map for the best-fit model showing the difference between observed IRAM/PdBI 1.1-mm continuum emission and the lens model output. Bottom Left and Right: The lens model and residual for the case involving HFLS3 described by a single source (shown in blue). The lines and the residual intensity to the right follow the same as top two panels.

4. LENS MODELING

We use the publicly available software GRAVLENS (Keeton 2001) to generate the lens model. As the background source is not multiply-imaged, and remains undetected in the rest-frame optical, we measure the goodness of fit of the model using the highest resolution IRAM/PdBI 1.1-mm continuum emission map from Riechers et al. (2013). This is currently our highest resolution view of HFLS3, and the source is resolved in these data. The magnification factor we determine here with lens modeling is the value for the mm-wave continuum emission. It could be that HFLS3 will be subject to differential magnification, with different emission components within the galaxy subject to different magnification factors (e.g., Serjeant 2012; Hezaveh et al. 2012). This is especially true if the different components associated with HFLS, such as dust, gas, and stellar mass, have peak intensities that are offset from each other, as in the case of a complex merging.

Figure 3. Probability distribution function of the lensing magnification $\mu_{\text{lens}}$ at 1.1 mm for HFLS3. We show two scenarios here for the case where HFLS3 is described by either a single (blue) or double (red) source in the source plane. The vertical lines show the 95% confidence level upper limit on the magnification. Note that in both scenarios there is also a strict lower limit for magnification with $\mu_{\text{lens}} > 1.6$ at the 95% confidence level. The case with $\mu_{\text{lens}} = 1$ is rejected at > 6σ in both cases.

Figure 4. $10\times 10''$ Spitzer/IRAC 3.6 μm image from Riechers et al. (2013) showing a detected source. Each tick mark represents 2''. The contours on the intensity scale show the region of G1 and G2 (blue) and R1 and R2 (red). The IRAC PSF (FWHM = 1.5'') is marked with a white circle on the bottom right. Note that the total flux density measured in IRAC is blended to multiple sources. We are able to measure the total flux density from G1 and G2. The residual after removing G1+G2 flux density is assumed to be from the new source R1 when attempting to determine its photometric redshift (Figure 5).
galaxy system.

To simplify the lens modeling, we use singular isothermal ellipsoidal (SIE) models to fit for the Einstein radius and positions of the two lens galaxies. The position angles and ellipticities for G1 and G2 are fixed to the values derived from profile fitting using GALFIT, but their masses are allowed to vary freely. The relative positions of G1 and G2 are also kept fixed to the Hubble/ACS-stack measurements, though we do allow the optical galaxy positions to vary relative to the peak location of the 1.1-mm continuum emission. For the source plane description of HFLS3, we considered two options: a single source for HFLS3; or a two component model for HFLS3. The latter is motivated by the fact that the highest resolution [CII] line emission may involve two velocity components separated by about 400 km s$^{-1}$ \cite{Riechers+2013}. In both these cases, the background source(s) is/are modeled with free parameters for the positions and effective radii. For simplicity, we assume Gaussian circular profiles with a fixed Sérsic index of 0.5. The effective radii in the source plane are allowed to vary in the range of 0.005$''$ to 2.0$''$, with the upper end at a value higher than the measured size of the 1.1-mm continuum emission in the PdBI image. In the case of the two component model, the flux ratio between the two background components is also left as a free parameter. Hence, the lens model fits for a total of five free parameters for the case with one component for HFLS3 or nine free parameters for the case with two components. We take this two component model for the background source as a default model here, though our conclusions do not change if we adopt the single component model.

In the lens modeling procedure, we output a lensed image as would be observed at 1.1-mm. However, to compare with the data, we convolve that image with the PdBI beam before calculating the $\chi^2$ value. This process is iterated over a wide parameter space using the IDL routine AMOEBA, which uses a downhill simplex algorithm and simulated annealing to perform multidimensional minimization. We use a circle of a radius 1$''$ centered on the peak pixel value of the PdBI 1.1-mm image to measure parameter errors from uncorrelated noise. For each iteration, the 1.1-mm magnification factor we quote, $\mu_{lens}$, is calculated by simply summing up all the pixel values in the image plane and dividing it by the sum of the pixel values in the source plane.

Figure 2 shows the best-fit model for the two scenarios with one and two components. In the case of two components, we determine $\mu_{lens} = 2.2 \pm 0.3$. The two components have effective radii of 0.5$\pm$0.1 kpc and 0.3$\pm$0.1. The best-fit model has $\chi^2$ and number of degrees of freedom (Ndof) values of 9929 and 7835, respectively. For reference, the model with a single component for the background source has $\mu_{lens} = 2.0^{+0.9}_{-0.1}$, an effective radius of 0.6$\pm$0.1 kpc, and $\chi^2$/Ndof of 100552/7839. The lensing masses are $M_{lens} = 1.2^{+6.4}_{-2.5} \times 10^{10}$ $M_\odot$ and $1.2^{+0.2}_{-0.1} \times 10^{10}$ $M_\odot$ for G1 and G2, respectively for the two component model. We find masses consistent within these errors for the case when HFLS3 is described by a single component. The lensing model is mostly sensitive to the mass of G2, while G1, the galaxy fatherst from HFLS3, remains as a minor contribution to the lens model. Therefore the mass of G1 is less constrained in the lens model. The best-fit Einstein radius for G1 that we find with the value of 0$''$05$^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$ is barely above the lower value of 0$''$01 for the Einstein radius that we placed on the parameter ranges. We emphasize that

the lens model presented here does not require the presence of two lenses in the foreground or two sources in the background to fit the data.

Note that we have assumed the redshifts of G1 and G2 are the same in the lens model. The lens magnifications discussed here are insensitive to the exact assumption related to the redshifts of G1 and G2 as a change in redshift is degenerate with their lensing masses. Our lens model also assumes a single lensing plane and do not account for multiple-plane lensing if G1 and G2 are at two different redshifts. If the two galaxies are indeed at the same redshift, they could be part of a galaxy group. The mass we have determined then could have a contribution from the group potential and will be higher than the value implied by the stellar mass of these galaxies. Our lens models do show some evidence for such a possibility, but due to overall uncertainties in the stellar mass from SED fits, we cannot reliably confirm this with current data.

In addition to the best-fit lens model, we are also able to place a reliable upper limit on the lensing magnification of HFLS3 at 1.1 mm. This is simply based on the fact that we have not detected a counter image to HFLS3, while large magnification factors usually result in image multiplication leading to a detectable counter image. Using the same modeling procedure as described above, and allowing for the model to vary over all ranges and including a relative astrometry as high as 0$''$3 between 1.1-mm image and lens locations, we constructed the probability distribution function (PDF) of magnification for the two cases involving one and two source components to described HFLS3 in the source plane. In Figure 3 we show the histogram where we highlight the 95% confidence level upper limit on magnification such that $\mu_{lens} < 3.5$ and 2.7 for the two cases with one and two components, respectively. The probability distribution functions also show that there is a strict lower limit to magnification. The case with $\mu_{lens} = 1$, where HFLS3 is unlensed, is ruled out at more than 6 $\sigma$. This is simply because of the fact that even a very small mass for G2, the galaxy closest to HFLS3, will result in some lensing magnification of HFLS3.

5. SED MODELING

We carry out SED modeling of both foreground and background galaxies using a combination of HYPERZ \cite{Bolzonella+2000} and MAGPHYS \cite{daCunha+2008}. For SED modeling involving G1 and G2, we fix the redshift to the value determined from optical spectroscopy (Figure 5). We make use of Bruzual & Charlot (2003) SED templates with a combination of single burst, constant, and exponentially declining star-formation history (τ-models), with τ fixed at 1 Gyr (“E”) and 5 Gyr (“Sb”). Internal reddening is included using the Calzetti et al. (2000) extinction law, and allowing $A_V = 0$ to 5 magnitudes in steps of 0.2. We also make use of the default Lyman-α forest following the prescription from Madau (1995). Given the parameters from the SED modeling (SED type, $A_V$, age etc), we then make use of the Bruzual & Charlot (2003) models to calculate the H-band mass-to-light ratio assuming a Chabrier IMF \cite{Chabrier2003}. In the case of SED fits, we note that quoted error bars are the formal uncertainties and do not include systematic effects. In most of our modeling cases, it could very well be that uncertain systematics, such as on the choice of SED templates, dominate the error budget.

For G1 and G2, we find stellar masses of $8 \times 10^8$ and

\footnote{v12.2 available from http://userpages.irap.omp.eu/~repetto/newhyperz/}
in ACS, for excess emission in the longer wavelength data. Note that ACS-based models of the two foreground galaxies to search the rest-frame UV fluxes of HFLS3, we made use of the properties of this dusty, starburst galaxy. In order to establish marginal evidence, at around 3.5\,\text{Lyman limit. Using the ACS models on WFC3 data, we found redshifts galaxies will be dropping out of the band due to the redshift is invalid. As our conclusions related to the physical properties of the two foreground galaxies depends on the infrared fluxes and molecular line measurements of HFLS3 with ground-based interferometers.

We find two solutions with one at high redshift consistent with $z \sim 6$ and a second, involving dusty galaxy templates, at $z \sim 1.3 - 2.3$. The $\chi^2$ values for the best-fit SEDs are 12.8 and 12.2 for G1 with the number of degrees of freedom (Ndof) at 11. For R1, the two SEDs show $\chi^2$ values of 5.4 ($z \sim 6$) and 6.1 ($z \sim 1.5$) with Ndof of 9.

$1 \times 10^{10} \, M_\odot$, respectively. The ratio of stellar-to-lensing mass for two lensing galaxies at $z = 2.1$ ranges from 0.66 to 0.85. We find that significant dust attenuation is present in the northern galaxy G1, with $A_V \sim 3.4$ mag. We do not find mm-wave emission from that galaxy in our deep 1.1 mm interferometric continuum emission data, ruling out a sub-mm bright dusty galaxy at this location. It could be that G1 is blended with another galaxy or that our assumption of 2.1 for the redshift is invalid. As our conclusions related to the physical properties of the two foreground galaxies depends on their redshifts, we caution that the properties of these galaxies not be overly-interpreted. Further deep imaging and spectroscopy should resolve some of the remaining puzzles in the data.

Given the nature and rarity of sources such as HFLS3 at $z > 5$, it is useful to address the extent to which the recent Hubble/ACS and WFC3 imaging changes the underlying properties of this dusty, starburst galaxy. In order to establish the rest-frame UV fluxes of HFLS3, we made use of the ACS-based models of the two foreground galaxies to search for excess emission in the longer wavelength data. Note that in ACS, $z > 6$ emission should not appear, since as at those redshifts galaxies will be dropping out of the band due to the Lyman limit. Using the ACS models on WFC3 data, we found marginal evidence, at around 3.5\,$\sigma$, for rest-frame UV emission at the PdBI 1.1-mm emission position in F125W (region marked as R2 in Figure 1 right panel). At the same location we also found 2.8\,$\sigma$ residual emission in both the F160W and Keck/NIRC2 images. We consider these flux densities to be the rest-UV emission from HFLS3 itself.

Unfortunately due to blending in the $\sim 2''$ PSF, we are not able to deconvolve the existing Spitzer/IRAC data to precisely determine the rest-frame optical flux densities of G1, G2 and HFLS3 separately (Figure 4). The IRAC flux densities for HFLS3 reported in Riechers et al. (2013) made use of a GALFIT model for G2 with Keck/NIRC2 image to deblend its contribution from the total. The residual flux densities are then those corresponding to G1 and HFLS3 in IRAC data and the total residual was assumed to be those of HFLS3, under the assumption that G1 is the near-IR counterpart of HFLS3. However, as discussed above, such an assumption no longer applies. Through the GALFIT model from Hubble/ACS data we are able to extract the total G1+G2 IRAC flux densities, but are not able to separate that total to each of the two galaxies. Thus in Figure 5 we show IRAC flux densities as upper limits for G1 and G2. We detect a residual after removing G1+G2 and in Figure 5 we assume that residual corresponds to R1. A fraction of that residual could also be from HFLS3 at the region marked as R2 in Figure 1 (right panel). We find that even such an upper limit is subject to assumptions related to GALFIT modeling in IRAC images, where multiple components exist within a single IRAC PSF. Thus, in Figure 6 we simply use the total flux density measured with IRAC as a conservative upper limit on the flux density of HFLS3 at 3.6 and 4.5\,$\mu$m.

With the rest-UV fluxes for HFLS3 determined with Hubble/WFC3 and Keck/NIRC2 data fluxes, we cover four orders of magnitude in wavelength from rest-frame UV to far-infrared (Fig. 4). This SED of HFLS3 is fitted using MAGPHYS, where models are calibrated to reproduce ultraviolet-to-infrared SEDs of local, purely star-forming Ultra Luminous Infrared Galaxies (ULIRGS; $10^{12} < L_{IR}/L_{\odot} < 10^{13}$). Such models, however, are based on the assumption that dust and stars are in a fully-mixed medium. Massive, dusty starbursts at $z > 2$ may not follow such mixing with differential
obscuration causing biases in the combined UV to radio SED. For example, regions that are bright in the rest-frame optical may only be a small fraction of the regions that are bright in the far-infrared and sub-mm wavelengths. The use of MAGPHYS to model such complex galaxies may result in biased estimates of the physical parameters, but in the absence of other methods to study the combined SED, we have decided to use MAGPHYS here with appropriate caution.

The SED model assumes a Chabrier (2003) initial mass function (IMF) that has a cutoff below 0.1 M⊙ and above 100 M⊙; using a Salpeter IMF instead gives stellar masses that are a factor of ~ 1.7 to 1.8 larger. With MAGPHYS-based SED models, we find that HFLS3, with rest-UV fluxes in the region marked as R2, shows significant dust attenuation with A_V ~ 3.6 mag. Such attenuation is consistent with z ~ 2 ULIRGs and SMGs (e.g., Smail et al. 2004; Chapman et al. 2005; Geach et al. 2007; Swinbank et al. 2010; Wardlow et al. 2011; Hainline et al. 2011; Lo Faro et al. 2013). The best-fit MAGPHYS SED model is shown in Figure 6. The fit is dominated by the far-IR/sub-mm data and the overall fit has a reduced χ^2 value of 1.6.

6. DISCUSSION

The MAGPHYS SED models of HFLS3 described above lead to SFR, dust mass, stellar mass among other properties. As outlined in Riechers et al. (2013), instantaneous SFR, using the FIR luminosity and assuming a Chabrier (2003) IMF to scale the Kennicutt (1998) relation, is ~ 2900 M⊙ yr^−1. Using the MAGPHYS SED model, we find that the apparent SFR, averaged over the last 100 Myr, to be 1450 ± 100 M⊙ yr^−1. Note that these SFRs must be corrected down by the factor μ_{lens} to account for lensing magnification. With our preferred best-fit correction factor of 2.2 ± 0.3 for the model involving two components to describe 1.1-mm emission from HFLS3, the instantaneous and 100-Myr averaged SFRs are ~ 1300 M⊙ yr^−1 and ~ 660 M⊙ yr^−1, respectively. The two are different as the Kennicutt (1998) relation assumes a bolometric luminosity of a constant star-formation lasting over 100 Myr emitted in the infrared (Kennicutt 1998; Leitherer & Heckman 1995). For a constant star-formation, bolometric luminosity after the first 10 Myr evolves relatively slowly as the rate of birth and death of massive stars that dominate the bolometric luminosity reach a steady state. For starbursting galaxies, however, the SFR is likely changing rapidly over the 100 Myr time interval and we may be observing the galaxy at the peak of the SFR. Such a possibility then naturally explains why the instantaneous SFR is a factor of two higher than the SFR averaged over the last 100 Myr.

We can also place a strict lower limit on the SFRs using the 95% confidence level upper limit on lensing magnification. This leads to values of ~ 780 M⊙ yr^−1 and 390 M⊙ yr^−1 for instantaneous and 100-Myr averaged SFRs, respectively. This revision of the SFR to a lower value is consistent with a similar revision to the SFR of z = 5.3 SMG AzTEC-3 (Capak et al. 2011). While the total IR luminosity implies a SFR of 1800 M⊙ yr^−1 (Capak et al. 2011; Riechers et al. 2010), SED modeling of the fluxes with population synthesis models have shown the SFR, averaged over the last 100 Myr, to be as low as 500 M⊙ yr^−1 (Dwek et al. 2011). Our SED models also show that the age of the oldest stars in HFLS3 is around 200 Myr, suggesting that HFLS3 started assembling its stars at a redshift of ~ 8, during the epoch of reionization.

Using the far-IR/sub-mm SED and the standard assumptions used in MAGPHYS, and correcting for magnification, the dust mass of HFLS3 is ~ 3 × 10^8 M⊙, with a lower limit at 2 × 10^8 M⊙. The ISM includes two components with dust temperatures of 24 ± 2 and 50 ± 2 K. The best-fit SED model is such that > 90% of the dust mass is in the warm phase, contrary to low-redshift star-forming galaxies that have a lower ratio. Such a high ratio for HFLS3 establishes that most of the dust is associated with star-bursting clumps and not the diffuse cirrus. The implied dust temperature of the cold phase component is comparable to the CMB temperature at z = 6.3, suggesting that the extended cirrus of this galaxy may be in radiative equilibrium with the CMB. Using the Chabrier (2003) IMF, with parameters derived again from the SED fits using MAGPHYS, and with lensing magnification included, we find that HFLS3 has a stellar mass of about 5 × 10^10 M⊙. This stellar mass, however, is highly uncertain as it is based on just three detections at the rest-frame UV wavelengths. And in all of these cases, the detections are at the level of 3σ. Furthermore, we have assumed that the magnification factor derived with 1.1-mm continuum map also applies for the rest-frame UV emission form which the stellar mass is derived. Regardless of these uncertainties, we find that HFLS3 has formed a substantial amount of stellar mass already. Such a high stellar mass is already at the limits allowed by the dynamical mass of HFLS3 reported in Riechers et al. (2013).

While the SED-based stellar mass is uncertain by an order of magnitude once all modeling errors are accounted for, the dust mass of HFLS3 with a value ~ 3 × 10^8 M⊙ provides an additional constraint on the stellar mass of HFLS3. This comes from models related to the dust formation mechanisms in massive starbursts where core collapse supernovae (CCSNe) are expected to be the origin of the bulk of the elements that formed the dust. The contribution of low mass stars to the refractory elements is negligible in a young galaxy such as HFLS3. Thus, the total number of CCSNe that exploded in the galaxy dictates the maximum dust mass. Following the arguments in Watson et al. (2014, in preparation), from an observed dust mass, we can infer the minimum number of supernovae that occurred and for a particular initial mass function, the resulting lower bound on the stellar mass. The simplest and most robust way to make such an estimate on the stellar mass is to work from observations. SN 1987A is close to the mass-integrated mean CCSN mass for most IMFs and is the best-observed CCSN remnant known. Assuming SN 1987A as a good mass-weighted mean for the dust production, and using the preferred value of a carbonaceous and silicate grain mix of 0.6 to 0.7 M⊙ (Matsuura et al. 2011; Indebetouw et al. 2014), we can infer that at least 2 × 10^8 M⊙ CCSNe exploded in HFLS3 to account for the dust mass of 3 × 10^8 M⊙.

The stellar-to-dust mass ratio should be around 100 for a Chabrier IMF, and a factor of two larger than this for a Salpeter IMF. The precise value of this ratio depends on how CCSNe produce refractory metals as a function of mass. When considering model uncertainties, the stellar-to-dust mass ratio is within 20% of the value quoted above, where the dust masses are tied through the observational pivot point provided by the dust mass observed in SN 1987A. Note that this argument is currently based on the dust mass observed in SN 1987A as an indication of the refractory element production, rather than claiming that CCSNe necessarily produce all the dust directly. But since the dust mass observed is believed to be close to the maximal dust production for this SN (Indebetouw et al. 2014), it is therefore a reasonable reflection of the most dust we could ultimately expect to be pro-
duced by the elements synthesised by SN 1987A. Thus, for $3 \times 10^8 \, M_\odot$ mass of dust in the galaxy, we expect a minimum of $\sim 2 \times 10^{10} \, M_\odot$ mass of stars for a Chabrier IMF, and twice this for a Salpeter IMF. This is comparable to the lens magnification-corrected stellar mass inferred from MAGPHYS at $5 \times 10^{10} \, M_\odot$, though we note once again that this value has a large uncertainty due to various assumptions and low signal-to-noise ratio of the rest-frame UV measurements. For a SFR averaged over 100 Myr of about $660 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1}$, the above arguments imply a characteristic dust production time of at least 40 Myr, assuming a negligible dust destruction during the same period. This is lower than the suggested lifetime for dust mass assembly in AzTEC-3 of about 200 Myr (Dwek et al. 2011). While our current estimates are uncertain, the above argument, however, can be strengthened in the future with more precise measurements of dust and stellar masses to constrain dust production mechanisms at $z \sim 6$.

We also attempted a SED model with far-IR/sub-mm data points combined with rest-UV fluxes from R1, with peak emission $0.5^\circ$ to the South-West of HFLS3 (Figure 1). This emission is detected in all three WFC3 bands at significances greater than $6 \, \sigma$ in each, although the emission remains undetected in ACS. The emission, however, is blended in IRAC data with the near-IR emission from the two galaxies (Figure 4). The MAGPHYS fit was considerably poor as there was no consistent SED that can fit the four orders of magnitude in wavelength from UV to sub-mm in that case with the best-fit case having a reduced $\chi^2$ of greater than 5. This ruled out a scenario in which HFLS3 sub-mm emission is associated with R1. It also rules out an extreme scenario in which our relative astrometry between IRAM/PdBI and *Hubble* images are wrong such that the near-IR counterpart to HFLS3 is R1. We find that R1 must be a separate source. The HYPERZ SED model shown in Figure 5 leads to a photometric redshift for this emission is consistent with a source at $z \sim 6.3$ (Figure 2 bottom panel), though a dusty galaxy SED at $z \sim 2$ is also consistent with this emission. The HYPERZ fit to the data leads to a stellar mass of $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{10} \, M_\odot$ for R1 if we assume the redshift is $z = 6.3$, following the $z \sim 6$ photo-z solution.

We have two possibilities for this new source. It could be part of the emission associated with a complex galaxy merger system involving HFLS3, especially if HFLS3 starburst is triggered by a merger as is the case for most $z \sim 2$ bright SMGs. Alternatively, it could be part of the $z \sim 2.1$ foreground structure that is responsible for lensing of HFLS3. If the latter is indeed the case, the region in the foreground of HFLS3 involves a massive galaxy group, but the magnification upper limit of 3.7 we have derived here is unlikely to be revised higher as it accounts for a wide variation of model parameters, including to the total lens mass in the foreground. It is far more likely that R1 is part of the complex merger system associated with HFLS3.

7. SUMMARY

Here, we have discussed the rest-frame ultraviolet emission from the starbursting galaxy HFLS3 at a redshift of 6.34. The recently acquired *Hubble*/WFC3 and ACS imaging data show conclusively that the previously identified rest-frame optical counterpart of HFLS3 is at $z < 6$. We find two galaxies in the foreground leading, to a clear possibility for lensing magnification, though at a level below that needed to form multiple images. A lensing model based on the *Hubble* imaging data then leads to a magnification factor for the mm-wave continuum emission of $2.2 \pm 0.3$, with a strict upper limit of 3.7 at the 95% confidence level. The scenario involving no lensing is ruled out at more than 6 $\sigma$ confidence level. Using models for the rest-frame UV to far-IR spectral energy distribution we determine the instantaneous SFR, 100 Myr-averaged SFR, dust, and stellar masses of HFLS3 to be $1320 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1}$, $660 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1}$, $3 \times 10^8 \, M_\odot$, and $5 \times 10^{10} \, M_\odot$, respectively, with large uncertainties especially on the stellar mass of HFLS3. The properties of HFLS3 suggest a galaxy that has intrinsic properties that are roughly consistent with $z = 5.3$ SMG AzTEC-3, but there are also differences resulting from the higher dust and stellar mass of HFLS3.

Galaxies with sub-mm colors similar to HFLS3 have been now identified in SPIRE data, leading to the possibility that detailed statistical studies on massive, dusty, star-bursts during reionization will become feasible with future facilities (Dowell et al. 2014). While statistical studies will be necessary to address fundamental questions regarding how such massive, metal-rich, starbursting galaxies could form 800 Myr after the Big Bang, detailed studies of individual galaxies are also useful to address whether the astrophysics that govern massive starbursts during reionization are similar to those in $z \sim 2$ sub-millimeter galaxies.

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