

HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE NICMOS OBSERVATIONS OF REST-FRAME OPTICAL CONTINUUM AND $H\alpha + [N II]$ EMISSION IN FSC 10214+4724

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ABSTRACT

High-resolution 1.10, 2.05, 2.12, and 2.15 μm imaging of the gravitationally lensed system FSC 10214+4724 are presented. These data extend *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST) observations of the lens system to redder wavelengths, thus providing the highest resolution images to date of the rest-frame optical and narrow-line (i.e., $H\alpha + [N II]$) regions of the background quasar. The length of the arc in the wide-band continuum images increases with increasing wavelength, and the $H\alpha + [N II]$ emission has a length in between that of the 1.10 and 2.05 μm emission. The structure of the arc changes from having an eastern and western peak at 1.10 μm to having a single peak in the center at 2.05 μm . The changing structure and length of the arc can be understood in terms of a model in which the background quasar consists of a region of scattered active galactic nucleus (AGN) light that dominates at 1.10 μm (rest frame 3300 Å), surrounded by a more extended narrow-line region. An even more extended red stellar population would thus contribute light at 2.05 μm (rest frame 6200 Å). In addition, the $H\alpha + [N II]$ emission has structural features similar to the 1.10 μm emission normalized by the (predominantly stellar) 2.05 μm emission, possibly confirming that the 1.10 μm emission is a superposition of the sources associated with the line emission (AGNs/massive stars) and the red stellar component that dominates the 2.05 μm emission. The counterimage of the lensed quasar is detected in the 1.10 and 2.05 μm images, and the rest frame 3300 and 6200 Å magnifications of the lensed quasar are calculated to be 50 ± 11 and 25 ± 6 , respectively, which translates into a rest-frame optical luminosity for the quasar of $\sim 6 \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$. These magnification values are lower than the previously measured magnification of ~ 100 at rest frame 2400 Å. If the dust in the primary lensing galaxy is not affecting the measurement of the counterimage flux at 2400 and 3300 Å, the magnification of the quasar appears to decrease with increasing wavelength. Flux measurements of the primary lensing galaxy fit the spectral energy distribution of an unevolving elliptical galaxy at a redshift of 0.9, consistent with previous determinations of the redshift.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Since its discovery (Rowan-Robinson et al. 1991), the high-redshift, far-infrared-selected source FSC 10214+4724 has been studied in exhaustive detail. Much of the work done prior to 1994 was inspired by the belief that FSC 10214+4724 was in the early stages of formation; large quantities of dust and star-forming molecular gas were inferred from its high observed far-infrared (Rowan-Robinson et al. 1991) and CO luminosities (Brown & Vanden Bout 1992; Solomon, Downes, & Radford 1992). Evidence for a buried active galactic nucleus (AGN) was also deduced from imaging polarimetry (Lawrence et al. 1993) and rest-frame optical emission-line diagnostics (Elston et al. 1994; Soifer et al. 1995; Iwamuro et al. 1995), which indicated that, in addition to starlight, much of the observed luminosity [$L_{\text{ir}}(8\text{--}1000 \mu\text{m}) \sim 10^{14} L_{\odot}$] might be reprocessed AGN light. Growing suspicion that FSC 10214+4724 might be gravitationally lensed by foreground galaxies (Elston et al. 1994; Matthews et al. 1994; Trentham 1995) led to a series of observations employing various techniques to achieve the highest possible resolution (e.g., Graham & Liu 1995; Broadhurst & Lehar 1995; Serjeant et al. 1995;

Close et al. 1995). However, it was not until FSC 10214+4724 was observed with the *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST) Wide-Field Planetary Camera 2 (WFPC2) that its nature was conclusively resolved; the 0.8 μm (rest-frame 2400 Å) image showed unambiguously the lensed quasar, counterimage, and lensing galaxies (Eisenhardt et al. 1996, hereafter E96).

The fact that FSC 10214+4724 is a gravitationally lensed system makes it no less intriguing a source. Indeed, lensing has made it possible to study the properties of distant galaxies that would otherwise be too faint to observe. Furthermore, because the likelihood of lensing increases with the increased distance (and thus the increased volume of intervening galaxies) of the background galaxy to the observer, many galaxies found at the highest redshifts may be lensed as well.

The availability of the recently installed Near-Infrared Camera and Multiobject Spectrometer (NICMOS) on HST has made it possible to obtain high-resolution ($\sim 0''.1\text{--}0''.2$) images of the continuum and narrow emission line regions in the lensed quasar at rest-frame wavelengths redward of 2700 Å. Specifically, optical radiation emitted from a source at $z \sim 2.3$ is redshifted to near-infrared wavelengths in the present epoch, and thus a program to image the lensed quasar at rest-frame optical wavelengths and in $H\alpha + [N II]$ with NICMOS has been carried out. Because of the effects of dust and the possible differences in the size scales of the continuum and line emission regions, the extent and structure of the arc will likely change as a func-

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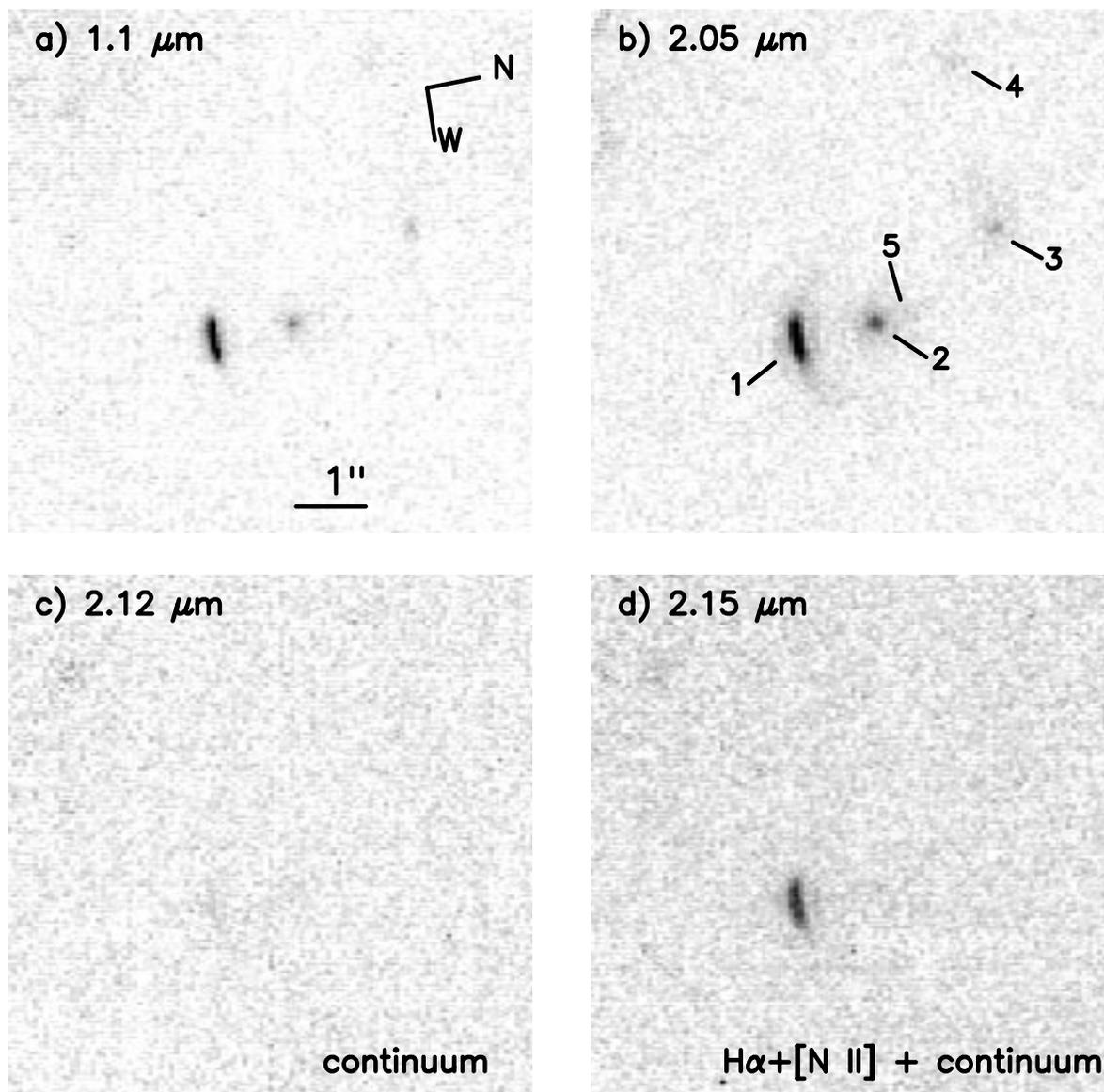


FIG. 1.—NICMOS (a) 1.10, (b) 2.05, (c) 2.12, and (d) 2.15 μm images of the field of FSC 10214+4724. The arc (source 1) is unresolved in width in all the images. The noise in the top left-hand corner of each image is due to the coronagraphic hole on camera 2 of NICMOS.

tion of wavelength. Of equal importance is the amount by which the intrinsic luminosity of the quasar is amplified as a function of wavelength. This effect is due to the fact that different regions of the background object have different colors, and are thus amplified by different amounts. For FSC 10214+4724, the magnification is determined from the fluxes of the arc and counterimage (E96). Finally, these observations provide additional photometric data to complement WFPC2 and ground-based measurements of the lensed quasar and lensing galaxies.

The paper is divided into five sections. The *HST* observations and data reduction are summarized in § 2. A detailed description of arc is provided in § 3, along with a brief description of the photometry. In § 4, the properties of the lensed quasar and the lensing galaxies are deduced. Section 5 summarizes the paper.

Throughout this paper, $H_0 = 75 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and $q_0 = 0.5$ are adopted, such that for a source at a $z = 0.9$, 5.6 kpc subtends $1''$ on the sky. For sources at redshifts of 0.9

and 2.286, the luminosities distances are 4170 and 11780 Mpc, respectively.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

HST observations of FSC 10214+4724 were obtained in a single orbit on 1997 October 27 (UT) using camera 2 of NICMOS. Camera 2 consists of a 256×256 HgCdTe array with pixel scales of $0''.0762$ and $0''.0755$ per pixel in x and y , respectively, providing a $\sim 19''.5 \times 19''.3$ field of view (Thompson et al. 1998). Images were obtained using the wide-band ($\Delta\lambda_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 0.6 \mu\text{m}$) F110W ($1.10 \mu\text{m}$) and F205W ($2.05 \mu\text{m}$) filters, providing a FWHM flux for point sources of $0''.11$ and $0''.20$, respectively. Observations were made by executing a four-point spiral dither per filter setting; the step size used was 25.5 pixels ($1''.91$). At each dither position, nondestructive reads (MULTIACCUM) were obtained, with integration times of 96 s per dither position. The total integration time per wide-band filter setting was thus 384 s.

Two narrowband ($\Delta\lambda_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 0.02 \mu\text{m}$) images of FSC 10214+4724 were also taken. The F215N filter ($2.15 \mu\text{m}$) is centered at the wavelength of the redshifted $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission, and the F212N filter ($2.12 \mu\text{m}$) is centered at 6450 \AA in the rest frame of the lensed quasar (i.e., continuum only). The FWHM of a point source in both filters is $\sim 0''.21$. Observations with the narrowband filters were made in the same fashion as with the wide-band filters, but with the longer integration time of 120 s at each dither position. The total integration time per filter setting was thus 480 s. Finally, dark exposures were taken using the same MULTIACCUM sequences as executed for the quasar observations.

Reduction of the data was done with IRAF. First the dark was created, then the NICMOS data were dark-subtracted, flat-fielded, and corrected for cosmic rays using the IRAF pipeline reduction routine CALNICA (Bushouse 1997). The dithered images were then shifted and averaged using the DRIZZLE routine in IRAF (e.g., Hook & Fruchter 1997). The plate scales of the final ‘‘drizzled’’ images are $0''.0381$ and $0''.0378$ per pixel in x and y , respectively. The resulting images are shown in Figure 1.

Of key interest to this project is the relative positioning of the arc and the counterimage to the lensing galaxies as a function of wavelength. To check the accuracy of the pointing during the observations, the relative positions of source 2 (see § 3.1) were measured in the wide-band images using the IRAF routine IMEXAMINE; the centroid of source 2 in the two images differed by only $0.04 (0''.0015)$ of a pixel.

Finally, flux calibrations of the images were done using the scaling factors 2.28×10^{-6} , 1.55×10^{-6} , 4.07×10^{-5} , and $4.48 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Jy (ADU s}^{-1}\text{)}^{-1}$ at 1.10, 2.05, 2.12, and $2.15 \mu\text{m}$, respectively (Rieke et al. 1998). The corresponding magnitudes were calculated using the zero points 1909, 707, 686, and 680 Jy (Rieke et al. 1998).

3. RESULTS

For ease of direct comparison, the sources within the field of view (Fig. 1) have been numbered as in Matthews et al. (1994) and E96.⁵ All the sources previously observed by E96 were detected in the 1.10 and $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ images. Source 1 is observed to be an arc with a FWHM of $\sim 0''.6$ in length and unresolved in width. A more detailed description of the arc will be provided in § 3.1. The primary lensing galaxy (source 2) has a compact nuclear region and an underlying, low surface brightness envelope; the FWHM of source 2 is $\sim 0''.29$ in the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ image. Two additional galaxies are visible; the secondary lensing galaxy (source 3: see E96) is an asymmetric galaxy with a FWHM of $\sim 0''.35$ in the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ image and an unresolved nucleus at its western end. Source 4, which is a relatively faint, compact (FWHM $\lesssim 0''.20$) galaxy in the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ image, appears to be a highly inclined galaxy in the WFPC2 image (E96). Source 5, the counterimage of the lensed quasar, appears as a faint northern extension of source 2, and will be discussed in more detail in § 4.1.

3.1. Arc Structure

Figure 2 consists of a contour plot of the $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ image of sources 1 and 2 taken from E96, and contour plots of the

1.10, 2.05, and $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ images. The tangential extent of the arc differs in the wide-band images; the full width at 10% of the maximum flux density of source 1 subtends an angle of $\sim 46^\circ$ at $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ relative to the position of the primary lensing galaxy (source 2), $\sim 46^\circ$ at $1.10 \mu\text{m}$, and $\sim 71^\circ$ at $2.05 \mu\text{m}$. Given that source 2 is $\sim 1''.2$ north of source 1 (as measured from the peak of source 1 at $2.05 \mu\text{m}$), the arc has observed lengths of $\sim 0''.95$, $0''.95$, and $1''.5$ at 0.8, 1.10, and $2.05 \mu\text{m}$, respectively.

Using the same criteria as above, the narrowband $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ image of the arc subtends an angle of $\sim 61^\circ$ relative to the primary lensing galaxy, and is thus $1''.3$ in length. As expected, the arc is unresolved in width at $2.15 \mu\text{m}$. In the $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ continuum image, the arc is relatively faint, indicating that continuum emission comprises only a small fraction of the $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ flux. Furthermore, apart from the lensed quasar, there appear to be no strong ($m_{2.15} < 18.3 \text{ mag}$) emission-line sources at the redshift of source 1 present in the field.

Figure 3 shows close-up contour plots of source 1. As noted by E96, the $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ image of source 1 is asymmetric, having a primary eastern peak separated from a secondary western peak by $\sim 0''.24$ (Fig. 3a). The $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ (i.e., rest frame 3300 \AA) emission from the arc has an asymmetric appearance similar to the $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ (rest-frame 2400 \AA) emission; the arc has an asymmetric appearance, with a major peak (P1) on the eastern end of the arc, separated by $\sim 0''.27$ from a faint, minor peak (P2) on the western end. In contrast to the 0.8 and $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ emission, the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ (rest frame 6200 \AA) emission has a nearly symmetric appearance, with a single peak at the center of the arc. The position of the primary $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ and the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ peaks differ by $0''.10$.

Figure 3f shows the ratio of the 1.10 and $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ images. The image consists of a two-component arc, with fainter emission bridging the components. The primary peak of the image is marginally shifted ($0''.04$) eastward of the primary $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ peak (P1), and the secondary peak is shifted a similar amount from the secondary $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ peak (P2).

Figures 3g and 3h show contour plots of the $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ image and the difference of the 2.15 and $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ images (i.e., $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$). Because the peak of the $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ image appears to be shifted $\sim 0''.10$ west of the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ peak, an additional check of the structure of the $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission was made by scaling the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ image to the flux of the $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ image, then subtracting it from the $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ image; the resulting arc showed only marginal changes from the subtraction using the $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ image. The similarities between the images shown in Figures 2g and 2h are due to the large contribution of line emission to the overall flux density and structure of the $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ emission.

3.2. Photometry

Table 1 lists the magnitudes derived from the images in Figure 1, as well as magnitudes in the wavelength range $0.7\text{--}2.2 \mu\text{m}$ compiled from the literature. The magnitudes for all of the sources are consistent with previous ground-based measurements. Both of the wide-band NICMOS images of source 1 are composed of continuum and line emission; strong Ne V and Ne III emission have been detected in the wavelength range $1.1\text{--}1.3 \mu\text{m}$ (Soifer et al. 1995; Iwamuro et al. 1995), and $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission has been observed at $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ (Elston et al. 1994; Soifer et al. 1995). The percentage of line contribution to the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ flux of source 1 can be calculated from the narrowband

⁵ References to sources 1–4 should be made in accordance with the IAU naming convention, FSC 10214+4724:M (number). Likewise, source 5 should be referred to as FSC 10214+4724:E 5.

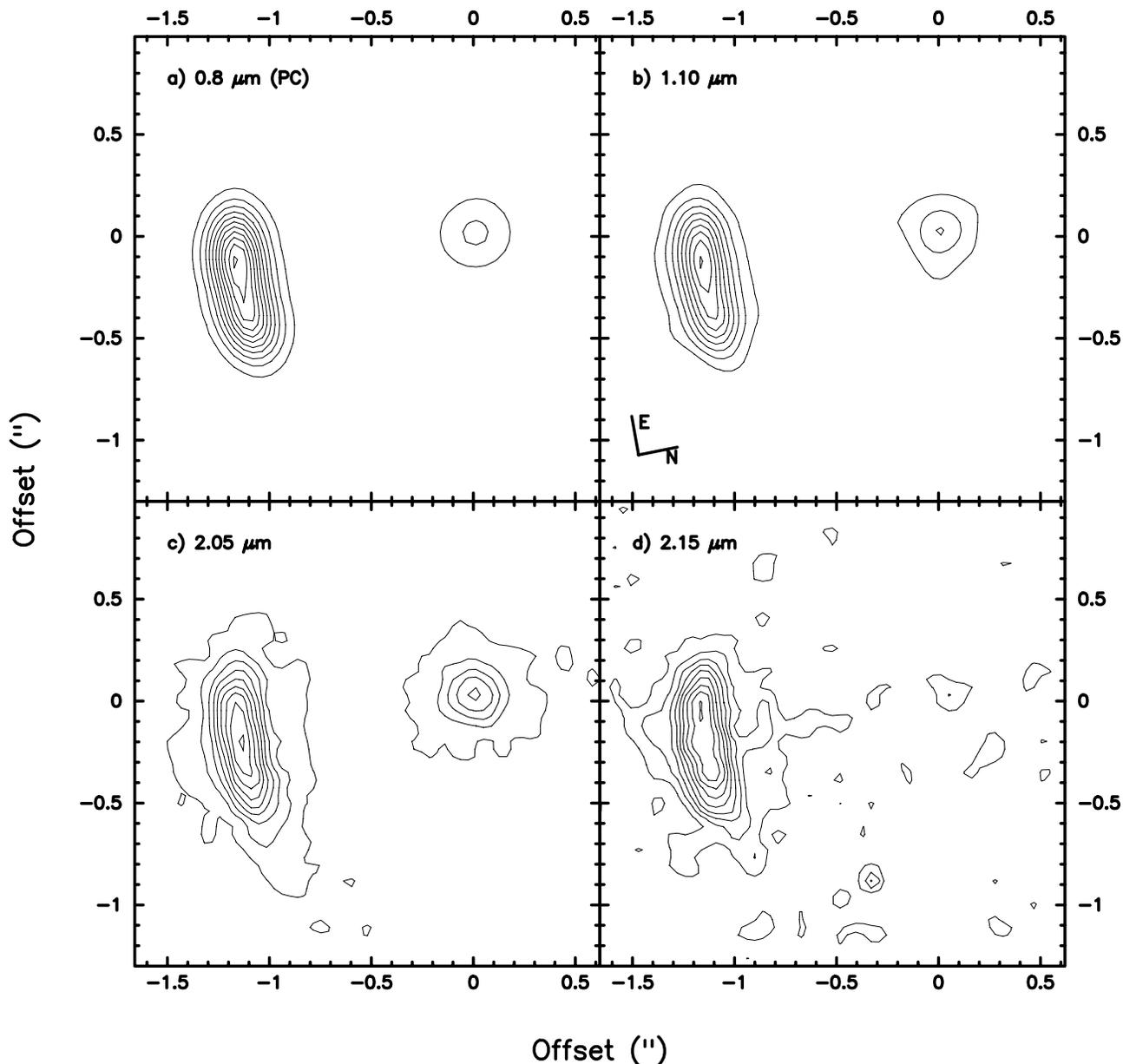


FIG. 2.—Contours of sources 1 and 2. (a) The wide-band $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ image taken from E96. The peak flux density is $0.22 \mu\text{Jy}$. (b)–(c) The wide-band 1.10 and $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ images, respectively, with peak flux densities of 0.27 and $0.5 \mu\text{Jy}$. (d) The narrowband image, with a peak flux density of $2.4 \mu\text{Jy}$. All contours are displayed at 10%, 21%, 32%, 43%, 54%, 66%, 77%, 88%, and 99% of the peak image flux.

images. Subtracting the $2.12 \mu\text{m}$ continuum image from the $2.15 \mu\text{m}$ and measuring the flux of the resulting emission-line image, the $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ flux is calculated to be $4.3(\pm 0.4) \times 10^{-18} \text{ W m}^{-2}$, 30%–50% lower than the values of $6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ and $7 \times 10^{-18} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ determined by Matthews et al. (1994) and Elston et al. (1994), respectively. Thus, $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ comprises $\sim 12\%$ of the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ flux of source 1. This percentage is consistent with the approximate value of 13% calculated from the near-infrared spectrum of FSC 10214+4724 by Soifer et al. (1995). Similarly, using the $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ flux in combination with the Ne V and Ne III to $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ flux ratio of 1.1 determined by Soifer et al. (1995), the neon emission lines are calculated to comprise $\sim 8\%$ of the $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ flux.

4. DISCUSSION

Both the length and the structure of the continuum and

line emission of source 1 can be explained in terms of the relative sizes of the emission regions, the structure of the emission regions, and their location near the cusp of a caustic (i.e., a line of infinite magnification; see Blandford & Narayan 1992). Given that source 1 is a dust-enshrouded quasar (§ 1), it is very likely that a substantial fraction of the luminosity from source 1, especially at bluer wavelengths, is scattered and/or reprocessed AGN light. The length of the wide-band continuum emission has been shown to increase as a function of wavelength (§ 3.1), indicating that the light emitted at longer wavelengths is closer to the caustic than the shorter-wavelength light. Physically, this can be understood if the 0.8 – $1.10 \mu\text{m}$ light emanates predominantly from regions of scattered AGN light, and the $2.05 \mu\text{m}$ light emanates from the underlying red stellar population of source 1, which is more extended than the scattered-light region and has a substantial cross section on or near the caustic. By

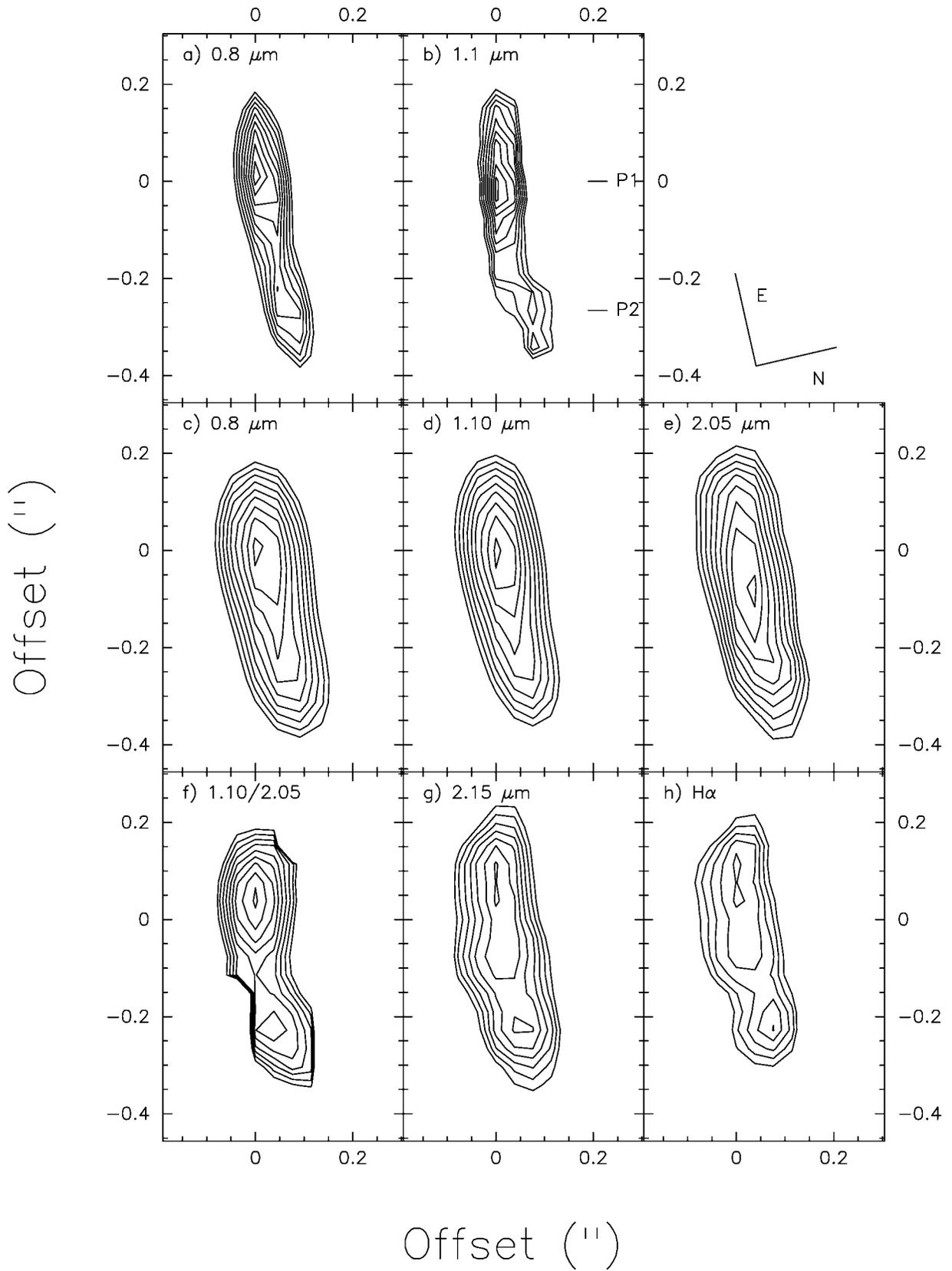


FIG. 3.—(a)–(b) Wide-band 0.8 and 1.10 μm contours of source 1, with peak flux densities of 0.37 and 0.48 μJy , respectively. (c)–(h) Contours of source 1 smoothed to a resolution of $\sim 0''.23$. (c)–(e) The wide-band 0.8, 1.10, and 2.05 μm images, respectively, with peak flux densities of 0.22, 0.27, and 0.50 μJy . (f) Ratio of the 1.10 and 2.05 μm images, with a peak flux density ratio of 0.52. (g) The narrowband 2.15 μm image, with a peak flux density of 2.4 μJy . (h) The continuum-subtracted $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ image, with a peak flux density of 2.1 μJy . All contours are displayed at 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 84%, 89%, 94%, and 99% of the peak image flux.

TABLE 1
MAGNITUDES FOR SOURCES IN FSC 10214+4724 FIELD

Source	$m_{0.70}^a$	$m_{0.79}^b$	$m_{1.10}^c$	$m_{1.25}^d$	$m_{1.6}^d$	$m_{2.05}^e$	$m_{2.17}^d$	$m_{2.12}^c$	$m_{2.15}^c$
1	20.72 ± 0.02^e	20.44^f	19.2 ± 0.1^g	19.0^g	16.9 ± 0.02	17.3 ± 0.1^h	17.4^h	17.2 ± 0.2	15.4 ± 0.1^h
2	22.93 ± 0.12	20.3	20.1 ± 0.1	19.4	18.51 ± 0.06	18.0 ± 0.1	17.6	...	...
3	23.13 ± 0.25	22.98	21.6 ± 0.2^e	20.7	19.52 ± 0.16	18.9 ± 0.1	18.5	...	...
4 .....	...	23.58	$22.6 \pm 0.2^{e,i}$	22.4	...	20.0 ± 0.1^i	20.0	...	...
5 .....	...	25.5	23.5 ± 0.2^j	...	...	20.8 ± 0.2^j	...	...	...

^a From Elston et al. 1994.

^b From Eisenhardt et al. 1996.

^c This paper. Unless otherwise noted, all 1.10, 2.05, 2.12, and 2.15 μm magnitudes have been calculated using a $1''.37$ diameter aperture.

^d From Matthews et al. 1994.

^e Contains emission from C III] $\lambda 1909$ and Ne IV] $\lambda 2424$ lines.

^f Contains emission from Ne IV] $\lambda 2424$ lines.

^g Contains emission from [Ne v] $\lambda\lambda 3346, 3426$ and [Ne III] $\lambda\lambda 3869, 3967$ lines.

^h Contains emission from H α + [N II] $\lambda\lambda 6548, 6583$ lines.

ⁱ Calculated using a $0''.68$ diameter aperture.

^j Calculated using a $0''.38$ diameter aperture.

comparison, the H α + [N II] emission, which traces light from the narrow-line regions (e.g., Osterbrock 1989), has a length in between that of the 0.8–1.10 μm and 2.05 μm emission, indicating that the narrow-line region is more extended than the scattered AGN light region, but not as extended as the stellar region traced by the 2.05 μm emission.

The change in the structure along the arc is indicative of variations in the morphology of source 1 as a function of wavelength. While the 0.8 and 1.10 μm emission have both eastern and western peaks, the fact that the 2.05 μm emission has only one peak at the center of the arc may be a result of the red stellar emission being more extended than or displaced relative to the 0.8–1.10 μm emission. Furthermore, the two-component morphology of the emission lines is similar to the ratio of the 1.10 and 2.05 μm emission. Normalizing the 1.10 μm emission by the 2.05 μm emission removes structure at 1.10 μm caused by the red stellar population. Thus, the similarities between the structure of the line emission and the 1.10/2.05 μm ratio may confirm

that the 1.10 μm emission is a superposition of a blue component associated with the emission-line region and a red stellar component that dominates at 2.05 μm . Such superpositions have also been modeled in radio galaxies at $z \sim 1$, where the images of the galaxies at bluer wavelength appear to be comprised of an elongated component, as well as a symmetric component similar in shape to the symmetric images of the galaxies at redder wavelengths (Rigler et al. 1992).

4.1. Magnification

Figure 4 shows 0.8, 1.10, and 2.05 μm contour plots of source 2 and the counterimage (source 5). There appears to be a marginal shift in the centroid of source 5 at 2.05 μm relative to 0.8 and 1.10 μm ; such a shift may simply be an artifact of the low signal-to-noise ratio, or it may be further evidence that the morphology of the 0.8–1.10 and 2.05 μm emission from the quasar are different, thus causing the counterimage to appear at a slightly different location on the image plane.

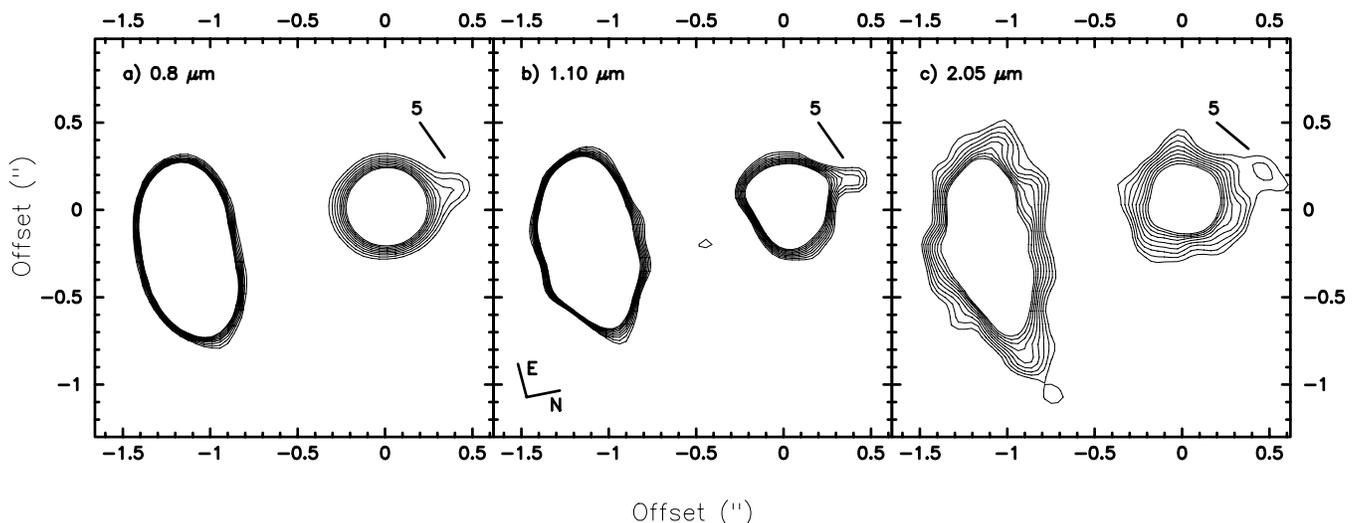


FIG. 4.—Contour plots of Sources 1, 2, and 5 at 0.8, 1.10, and 2.05 μm . The images have been Gaussian smoothed to a resolution of $0''.23$, then boxcar smoothed by 3×3 (0.8 μm image) and 4×4 (1.10 and 2.05 μm images) pixels. The contour levels in each image have been chosen to highlight source 5, and thus correspond to nine linearly spaced contour levels over the flux densities ranges 0.0090–0.014, 0.011–0.020, and 0.038–0.085 μJy for 0.8, 1.10, and 2.05 μm , respectively.

In order to determine the 1.10 and 2.05 μm fluxes of the counterimage, which is necessary in order to determine the magnification of the quasar, the flux in a $0''.38$ diameter aperture centered on the counterimage was measured; then fluxes were measured in seven apertures positioned the same distance from the center of source 2 as the counterimage aperture. The rms of the eight positions was then used to determine the rms of the measured flux of source 5. The flux densities were determined to be 0.76 ± 0.11 and $3.3 \pm 0.78 \mu\text{Jy}$ at 1.10 and 2.05 μm , respectively. The total magnification of FSC 10214+4724 is simply the ratio of the arc to counterimage flux densities (E96); thus, the magnification of the lensed quasar is 50 ± 11 and 25 ± 6 at rest frames 3300 and 6200 \AA , respectively. If the assumption is made that the emission emanates from a uniformly illuminated source (Fig. 5 of E96), the source of the emission is ~ 100 pc ($0''.015$) in radius at 3300 \AA , and ~ 300 pc ($0''.04$) in radius at 6200 \AA . Furthermore, correcting the observed luminosities of the quasar for the lensing factors yields rest-frame 3300 and 6200 \AA luminosities of $2.8(\pm 0.6) \times 10^9$ and $6.3(\pm 1.7) \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$, respectively. Typical rest-frame optical luminosities of ultraluminous infrared galaxies are $\sim 1 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$, but variations in their rest-frame optical luminosities result, in part, from dust obscuration.

The magnification of the lensed quasar has previously been determined at a wavelength blueward of rest-frame 3000 \AA . E96 calculated a rest frame 2400 \AA magnification of ~ 100 , and Nguyen et al. (1999) have computed a lower limit of the rest-frame 1300 \AA magnification of ~ 250 . Thus, the magnification of the lensed quasar appears to be decreasing with increasing wavelength. However, as Nguyen et al. (1999) point out, while the arc is most likely too far from the primary lensing galaxy (source 2) for its measured flux to be diminished by dust in the lensing galaxy, the proximity of the counterimage to the nucleus of source 2 may mean that the flux of the 1300–3300 \AA counterimage, and thus the flux ratio of the arc to counterimage at 1300–3300 \AA , are heavily affected by dust in the primary lensing galaxy. By the same argument, the radiation from the lensed quasar that is detected in the 2.05 μm filter has a wavelength of 1.1 μm as it passes near the primary lensing galaxy, and is thus unaffected by dust.

4.2. The Redshift of the Lensing Galaxies

As mentioned in § 3.2, the measured fluxes of all of the sources agree with previous ground-based measurements. Of particular interest are the redshift and Hubble type of the lensing galaxies as derived from their fluxes and morphologies. The NICMOS data presented here are consistent with the assertion that source 2 is an early-type galaxy at a redshift of 0.9 (see discussion of the spectral energy distribution of source 2 in Appendix A of E96). While such a straightforward interpretation of the spectral energy distribution (SED) of source 3 is not possible, the close proximity of the two galaxies and the similarity in their observed extents indicate that source 3 is very likely a companion of source 2. If both galaxies are at the same redshift, they have a projected separation of ~ 14 kpc and size scales (FWHM) of ~ 1.8 kpc, and it is very likely that the asymmetric appearance of source 3 results from a tidal interaction with source 2. The optical luminosities of sources 2 and 3, as derived from the observed 1.10 μm magnitudes, are 4.5×10^9 and $2.3 \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$, respectively, which is comparable to the luminosities of the bulges of local spiral galaxies

(M31 and the Milky Way) and of low-luminosity elliptical galaxies, but an order of magnitude lower than the average luminosity of present-day elliptical galaxies (i.e., Nieto et al. 1990).

5. SUMMARY

High-resolution near-infrared imaging of the lens system FSC 10214+4724 has been presented. The observations have provided the highest resolution images to date of the rest-frame optical and narrow-line region emission from the lensed quasar. The following conclusions have been reached.

1. The length of the wide-band continuum emission (source 1) increases with increasing wavelength. The full width at 10% of the maximum flux level of source 1 is $0''.95$ in length at 1.10 μm and $1''.5$ in length at 2.05 μm . In comparison, the length of the 0.8 μm arc (E96) is also $0''.95$. Thus, if the 0.8–1.10 μm emission occurs mostly from a region of scattered AGN light, the 2.05 μm emission may be dominated by red stellar light from a more extended region, having a cross section that overlaps or is near the caustic.

2. The 1.10 μm image of the arc has a primary eastern and secondary western peak, similar to the 0.8 μm emission. In contrast, the 2.05 μm emission is symmetric, having a peak at the center of the arc. This indicates that the red stellar emission is displaced from the region of scattered AGN light.

3. The $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission has a length in between that of the 1.1 and 2.05 μm emission. This may indicate that the narrow-line region is more extended than the scattered AGN light region, but not as extended as the red stellar distribution. Furthermore, the $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission-line image of the arc appears to have a structure similar to the 1.10 μm emission normalized by the (predominantly stellar) 2.05 μm emission, consistent with the idea that the 1.10 μm emission is a superposition of sources associated with the emission lines and the stellar component that dominates the 2.05 μm emission.

4. The $\text{H}\alpha + [\text{N II}]$ emission in source 1 has an observed flux of $4.3(\pm 0.4) \times 10^{-18} \text{ W m}^{-2}$. This line emission is calculated to comprise 12% of the wide-band 2.05 μm flux of the lensed quasar. An 8% level of emission-line contamination is deduced for the 1.10 μm flux.

5. The rest-frame 3300 and 6200 \AA magnifications of the lensed quasar are estimated to be 50 ± 11 and 25 ± 6 , respectively. Thus, the quasar is determined to have a rest-frame optical luminosity of $\sim 6 \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$.

6. The measured flux densities of the primary lensing galaxy (source 2) are consistent with previous near-infrared measurements and support the idea that this is an early-type galaxy at a redshift of 0.9.

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