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## GASP. XV. A MUSE view of extreme ram-pressure stripping along the line of sight: physical properties of the jellyfish galaxy JO201

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#### ABSTRACT

We present a study of the physical properties of JO201, a unique disc galaxy with extended tails undergoing extreme ram-pressure stripping (RPS) as it moves through the massive cluster Abell 85 at supersonic speeds mostly along the line of sight. JO201 was observed with multiunit spectroscopic explorer as part of the GASP programme. In a previous paper (GASP II) we studied the stellar and gas kinematics. In this paper we present emission-line ratios, gas-phase metallicities, and ages of the stellar populations across the galaxy disc and tails. We find that while the emission at the core of the galaxy is dominated by an active galactic nucleus (AGN), the disc is composed of star-forming knots surrounded by excited diffuse gas. The collection of star-forming knots presents a metallicity gradient steadily decreasing from the centre of the galaxy outwards, and the ages of the stars across the galaxy show that the tails formed  $\leq 10^9$  yr ago. This result is consistent with an estimate of the stripping time-scale (~1 Gyr), obtained from a toy orbital model. Overall, our results independently and consistently support a scenario in which a recent or ongoing event of intense RPS acting from the outer disc inwards, causes removal and compression of gas, thus altering the AGN and star formation activity within and around the galaxy.

Key words: Galaxies: clusters: intracluster medium – Galaxies: interactions – Galaxies: ISM.

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

Understanding the processes which alter the gas content of galaxies is crucial to the study of galaxy evolution, since gas is a fundamental driver of the formation of stars. Many of these processes depend strongly on the environment in which the galaxy resides, as evidenced by the correlation of galaxy morphology and colour with environment and galaxy mass (e.g. Dressler 1980; Baldry et al. 2006; Peng et al. 2010; Fasano et al. 2015; Vulcani et al. 2015). Denser environments such as groups and clusters can promote gravitational and hydrodynamical encounters which can drastically alter the morphology and composition of a galaxy.

In particular, ram-pressure stripping (RPS; Gunn & Gott 1972) is a process which can remove the gas from the disc of a galaxy as it plunges through the dense central region of a cluster, experiencing a drag force from the hot intracluster medium (ICM) acting upon its cool gas component. If the drag force is sufficiently large to overcome the restoring gravitational force of the galaxy, the gas component is stripped. As the galaxy moves at higher speeds or

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through denser regions, the stripping intensifies and the amount of gas loss increases. Various studies have found RPS to strongly influence the evolution of galaxies in clusters (Koopmann & Kenney 2004). The most compelling evidence has come from observations of neutral atomic Hydrogen (H I), which reveal long tails of stripped gas, and truncated gas profiles in galaxies falling into massive clusters (Haynes & Giovanelli 1984; Cayatte et al. 1990; Vollmer et al. 2001; Kenney, van Gorkom & Vollmer 2004; Chung et al. 2009; Cortese et al. 2010; Jaffé et al. 2015; Yoon, Im & Kim 2017) and even lower mass groups (Rasmussen, Ponman & Mulchaey 2006; Rasmussen et al. 2008; Jaffé et al. 2012; Hess & Wilcots 2013).

Narrow-band imaging centred on the ionized H  $\alpha$  emission has also proven to be an excellent tool to study gas stripping phenomena and the subsequent evolution of galaxies (Gavazzi et al. 2002). In particular, the H $\alpha$  emission allows the study of star formation activity in the ram-pressure interaction, which can result from the compression of the gas present in the disc, as well as the collapse of stripped gas in the tails (Kenney & Koopmann 1999; Yoshida et al. 2008; Kenney et al. 2014; Fossati et al. 2018; Boselli et al. 2018a,b). Galaxies with clear signs of gas stripping in the optical or UV have been named 'jellyfish galaxies', owing to their 'tails' of diffuse gas where there are often knots of recent star formation. Since jellyfish galaxies represent a transition period of galaxies prior to quenching in the cluster environment, they have been the subjects of many studies (Fumagalli et al. 2014; Boselli et al. 2016; Fossati et al. 2016). However, it was not until recently that the first large catalogues of optically selected jellyfish galaxies at low (Poggianti et al. 2016) and intermediate (McPartland et al. 2016) redshifts have been produced.

Further advancing the study of gas stripping processes has been the advent of integral field spectrographs (IFS) such as the multiunit spectroscopic explorer (MUSE) at the very large telescope (VLT). IFS observations allow the spatial distribution of properties to be measured, giving a far greater insight into the kinematic and emission properties (e.g. Fumagalli et al. 2014; Fossati et al. 2016).

GAs Stripping Phenomena in galaxies with MUSE (GASP; Poggianti et al. 2017b), is a spatially resolved spectroscopic survey of the gas-removal processes in a sample of 114 disc galaxies at redshifts 0.04 < z < 0.07. The galaxy coverage in GASP resulting from the  $1 \times 1$  arcmin<sup>2</sup> field of view of MUSE amounts to 50–100 kpc from the galaxy centre, crucial for analysing the diffuse gas tails and extraplanar features of each galaxy. The GASP targets were drawn from the jellyfish candidate sample of Poggianti et al. (2016) and were chosen to span a wide range of galaxy masses  $(10^{9.2}-10^{11.5} \text{ M}_{\odot})$  and environments (dark matter haloes range from  $10^{11}-10^{15.5} \text{ M}_{\odot}$ ).

From all the GASP sample, the jellyfish galaxy JO201 is one of the most spectacular and complex examples of RPS at play, occupying a seldom explored region of position versus velocity phase space of cluster galaxies, with an extreme line-of-sight velocity of 3363.7 km s<sup>-1</sup> and a very small projected distance to the centre (360 kpc) of the massive ( $M_{200} = 1.58 \times 10^{15}$ ) cluster A85. This paper adds JO201 to the small sample of jellyfish galaxies studied in depth to date, with the aim of stretching the RPS parameter space explored so far to its limits.

In Bellhouse et al. (2017; GASP II), we presented a study of the environment of JO201 and the kinematic properties of its H $\alpha$  emitting gas. We found that JO201 is moving at supersonic speeds through the core of the massive cluster Abell 85 (A85) mostly along the line of sight, unlike the other jellyfish galaxies studied to date (Fumagalli et al. 2014; Gullieuszik et al. 2017; Poggianti et al. 2017b). The GASP MUSE data as well as followup multiwavelength observations revealed a largely undisturbed stellar disc accompanied by a disturbed, asymmetric, and extended gas component with *in situ* star formation, suggestive of ongoing intense outside-in RPS along the line of sight (see Section 2.1 for details).

In this paper, we present an in-depth analysis of the physical properties of JO201, including gas ionization from emission-line ratio diagnostics, metallicity, star formation rates (SFRs), and ages of the stellar populations across the galaxy and its stripped tails. At the end, we compare all the derived quantities for this peculiar galaxy with a simple model of its evolution within the cluster to construct a comprehensive view of its stripping history.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 2 summarizes the properties of JO201 and the available MUSE data from the GASP survey. In Section 3 we describe the steps to analyse the datacubes and fit emission lines from the spectra. In Section 4 we calculate the gas properties from the emission-line parameters. Section 5 focuses on the knots visible in the disc and tails.

Section 6 covers the SFRs across the galaxy, measured using the H  $\alpha$  emission.

In Section 7 we explore the stellar population, comparing the SFR surface density across the history of JO201's interaction with the cluster environment. In Section 8 we use parameters of the galaxy and its host cluster to explore the stripping history of JO201. Finally in Section 9 we summarize the findings and draw conclusions, piecing together the journey of JO201 as it bullets through A85.

Throughout this paper we adopt a Chabrier initial mass function (IMF; Chabrier 2003), and a concordance  $\Lambda CDM$  cosmology of  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ ,  $H_0 = 70 \, km \, s^{-1} \, Mpc^{-1}$ .

#### 2 DATA

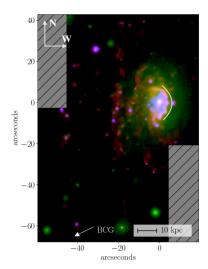
This study exploits the MUSE observations presented in GASP II (Section 3.1).

In this section we summarize the main findings of previous studies of JO201 (Section 2.1), and the GASP MUSE observations, data reduction, and analysis utilized (Section 2.2), highlighting any differences between this study and GASP II.

#### 2.1 The jellyfish galaxy JO201

JO201 is a massive spiral galaxy located in the massive galaxy cluster A85 ( $M_{200} = 1.58 \times 10^{15}$ , velocity dispersion  $\sigma_{\rm cl} = 982 \,\rm km \, s^{-1}$ ) at a redshift  $z_{\rm cl} = 0.05586$ . The galaxy has a stellar mass of  $3.55 \times 10^{10} \,\rm M_{\odot}$  and a dynamical mass of  $5.10 \times 10^{11} \,\rm M_{\odot}$  (GASP II).

As also shown in GASP II, JO201 lies at a projected distance of 360 kpc from the cluster centre, and has a line-of-sight velocity of 3363.7 km s<sup>-1</sup> (or  $3.4 \times \sigma_{cl}$ ) with respect to the mean velocity of the cluster. The proximity to the cluster centre, coupled with its extreme velocity place the galaxy close to the peak of stripping (see Jaffé et al. 2018). Moreover, the inclination of the galaxy and the morphology of its tails indicate that the interaction with the ICM is close to face-on. The MUSE data further reveal projected tails of H  $\alpha$ emitting gas up to at least ~50 kpc in length (see Fig. 1), structured into kinematically cold knots (velocity dispersion < 40 km s<sup>-1</sup>) and warm diffuse emission (> 100 km s<sup>-1</sup>). These tails rotate with the stellar disc out to ~6 kpc, but become increasingly redshifted in the disc outskirts (by up to 900 km s<sup>-1</sup>) with respect to the centre of the galaxy due to the intense ram pressure along the line of sight, that causes the gas to drag behind the galaxy.



**Figure 1.** Composite image of JO201, red: H $\alpha$ , green: stellar continuum fitted between 80 and 200 Å either side of the H $\alpha$  line, and blue: [O III]. The emission lines have been masked to a signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of 3 or greater and cleaned using a 5 × 5 median filter. The white curve indicates the leading edge of the galaxy, where the gas is compressed by RPS. The large offset of the red H $\alpha$  from the green stellar component is clearly visible, as well as the large concentration of [O III] in the central 2–3 kpc of the disc. The bright [O III] emission in the central region of the disc corresponds with a drop in the SFR according to both the H $\alpha$  luminosity shown in the figure and the stellar age shown later. This may be due to feedback from the AGN inhibiting star formation in the central region of the disc.

It is likely that JO201 is falling into the cluster within a small group of galaxies (GASP II) and that its visible nuclear activity (shown in Section 4) is being triggered by the interaction with the ICM (Poggianti et al. 2017a).

Follow-up studies of JO201 at different wavelengths have further revealed the presence of extra-planar molecular CO gas (Moretti et al. 2018b) and *in situ* star formation activity visible in the Ultra Violet (UV; George et al. 2018). Moreover, Venkatapathy et al. (2017), detected emission in the tails of JO201 (A85[DFL98]176) at blue and UV wavelengths, but not in near-infrared, which suggests a lack of an older stellar component, as expected for hydrodynamic disruption.

Fig. 1 shows an overview of JO201 with the stellar continuum (fitted between 80 and 200 Å from the H $\alpha$ ) in green, H $\alpha$  in red, and [O III] in blue, illustrating the intense stripping by the large offset of the H $\alpha$  component from the stellar component, and the intense [O III] emission from the central AGN.

#### 2.2 MUSE datacube

JO201 was observed by MUSE as part of the GASP programme on 2015 December 17, with photometric conditions. A total of eight exposures of 675 s each were taken across two adjacent fields to produce the final mosaic. The data were reduced using ESOREX recipes version 3.12, MUSE pipeline version 1.2.1 (see GASP I for details on the reduction process). The sky background was measured from the sky coverage within the individual frames for subtraction and the final wavelength and flux calibrated images were combined using sources in the white light images for alignment. The final image quality of the reduced cube is 0% full width at half-maximum

To prepare the cube for emission-line fitting, the effect of dust extinction was accounted for accordingly with other GASP studies. The full details are outlined in GASP I. Dust extinction by the Milky Way was corrected across the cube, and internal extinction within JO201 was corrected over individual spaxels.

The resulting correction was applied only to regions in which all corrected lines are observed to S/N > 3 and, since the correction only applies to regions which are dominated by photoionization, spaxels which lie above the (Kewley et al. 2001a) line on the [O III]/H  $\beta$  versus [N II]/H  $\alpha$  (Baldwin, Phillips & Terlevich 1981; BPT) diagram were also omitted. Much of the attenuation by dust (map omitted) occurs within the regions of the disc and it is slightly less prominent in the trailing knots. This pattern is similarly observed in other GASP galaxies undergoing stripping along the plane of the sky.

#### 2.3 Emission-only datacube

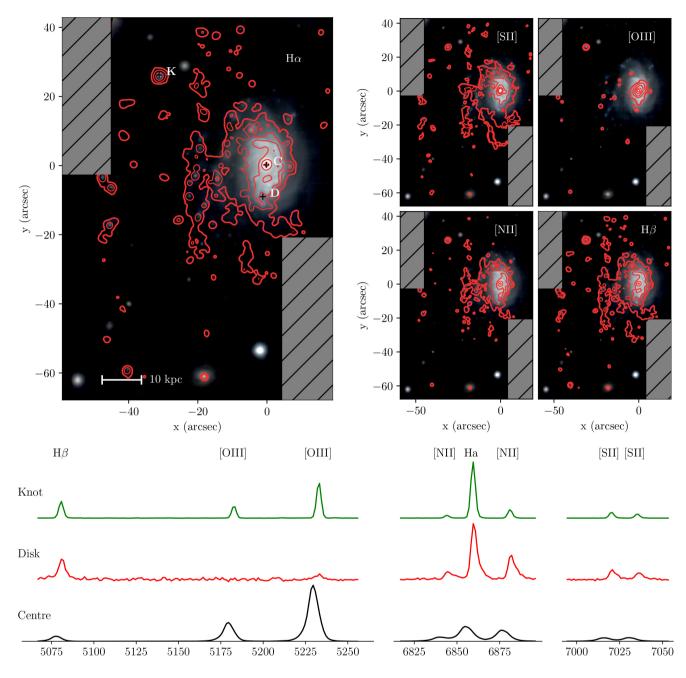
The emission-line fluxes are subject to stellar absorption and direct measures will underestimate the true flux, unless the absorption line contribution can be accurately estimated. To obtain emission-line fluxes corrected for stellar absorption, we ran the spectrophotometric code SINOPSIS (Fritz et al. 2017), which includes the pertinent nebular emission lines. SINOPSIS was used to find the best-fitting combination of single stellar population (SSP) models to the spectra.

The best-fitting solution found by SINOPSIS was then subtracted from the original cube to produce an emission-line-only cube which was used in the subsequent analysis. A few examples of the continuum subtracted spectra from this cube are shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 2.

#### **3 EMISSION-LINE FITS**

As in GASP II, we used the IDL custom code KUBEVIZ (Fossati et al. 2016) written by M. Fossati and D. Wilman to fit the emission lines, adding some changes to optimize for the line ratio analysis. KUBEVIZ fits selected emission lines to the spectrum of each spaxel with models comprised of one or two Gaussian profiles, or by defining lines using moments. The full details of the fitting process are described in GASP II. In summary, we spatially smoothed the emission-only datacube (c.f. Section 2.3) using the mean value within a 3  $\times$  3 kernel. The zero-point redshift was set to z =0.045, the mean redshift for JO201, and the option in KUBEVIZ was enabled which scales the noisecube errors to give a reduced  $\chi^2 = 1$ . It is important to mention that the large line-of-sight component of the stripping in JO201 causes the emission lines in some regions of the disc to be non-Gaussian (see 'Disc' spectrum in Fig. 3, and also GASP II Fig. 5), often requiring two-component fits. Typically, in these regions the emission is described by a sharp narrow line accompanied by a fainter component with a higher velocity dispersion and a slightly redshifted line-of-sight velocity.

As shown in GASP II, most of the spaxels requiring doublecomponent fits are located around the edges of the disc, where ram pressure has already removed and spread a significant amount of gas. The broad emission seen in the centre of the galaxy on the other hand originates from the active galactic nucleus (AGN). Both single- and double-component fits were carried out to the emission lines present in the MUSE spectra. The fits used in the subsequent analysis were therefore a combination of single- and doublecomponent fits, decided on a spaxel-by-spaxel basis depending on the line profiles. In any given spaxel, the double-component fits were preferred if the two components were detected to S/N > 3 and they are sufficiently separated in velocity (i.e. detectable

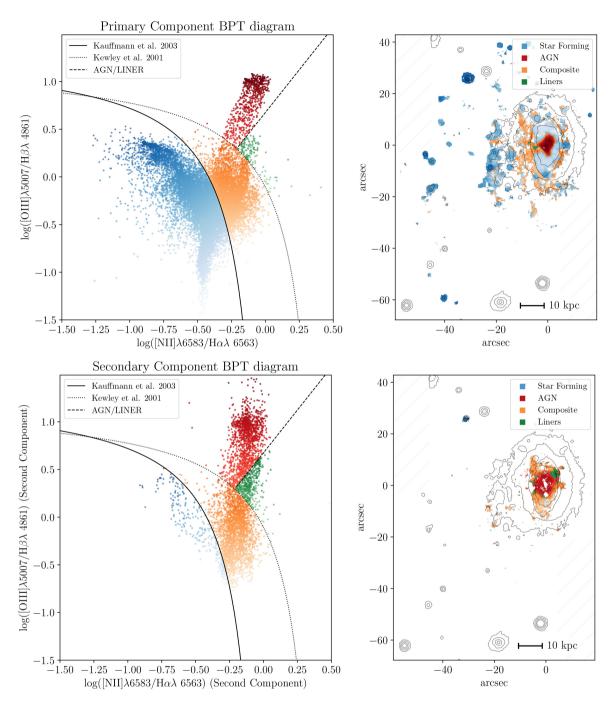


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**Figure 2.** *Top:* Emission-line maps of H $\alpha$ , [S II], [O III], [N II], and H $\beta$  from the dust-corrected emission-only cube are shown in red contours, on top of an RGB image of JO201 produced using 1000 Å slices integrated from the datacube (B: 5000–6000 Å, G: 6000–7000 Å, R: 7000–8000 Å). Each line has been masked to an S/N of 3 or greater. *Bottom:* Examples of spectra, with stellar component subtracted as described in the text. The spectra correspond to three regions of interest indicated on the H $\alpha$  linemap in the left-hand panel: Galaxy centre (C), disc (D), and a knot (K). The central region exhibits much broader lines around the AGN, with a larger proportion of [O III] emission. Within the disc, the lines are much narrower and slight asymmetry is visible due to the stripping acting in the line of sight. The knot exhibits narrow emission with strong H $\alpha$  and [O III] emission.

emission-line wings, or multiple peaks in the same line of sight). Otherwise, the single-component fits with S/N > 3 were used. The selection process between 1 and 2 component fits is described in further detail in GASP II. It is worth noting that in the regions where the emission is faint, the single-component fits tend to yield a higher S/N ratio.

For the rest of the analysis, the two components of the emissionline fits will be referred to as 'primary' and 'secondary'. The primary component refers to either the single-component fit or the narrower component (velocity dispersion: 3.0-310.7 km s<sup>-1</sup>, mean value: 84.4 km s<sup>-1</sup>) of the double-component fit. These together describe the majority of the emission from the galaxy disc, knots, and tails. The secondary component instead, refers to the more diffuse component (velocity dispersion: 21.4-376.8 km s<sup>-1</sup>, mean value: 123.4 km s<sup>-1</sup>) of the two-component fit and generally describes redshifted tails caused by line-of-sight stripping, co-spatial knots, or emission around the AGN region. Since both components have a range of velocity dispersion, and often have comparable widths



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**Figure 3.** [O III], [N II] BPT line-ratio diagnostics for all spaxels with S/N > 3 on the primary (top) and secondary (bottom) component of the two-component fits (left), mapped on top of the galaxy (right). The black lines separating different ionization sources on the left-hand panel come from: Kauffmann et al. (2003), to separate star formation dominated regions from composite; Kewley et al. (2001b), to separate composite from AGN/LINER regions; and the AGN/LINER separator, taken from Sharp & Bland-Hawthorn (2010). The contours on the right-hand panel correspond to the stellar continuum fitted around the H  $\alpha$  line for context. The colour gradients are included to show variations within each region of the BPT diagram. The distribution of the ionized gas in the galaxy prominently shows an AGN region in centre of the galaxy, and knots with ongoing star formation, that are surrounded by ionized gas lying in the composite region of the BPT diagram.

(but are simply shifted in velocity), we have avoided referring to them as 'narrow' and 'broad'.

In the kinematic study of JO201 (GASP II) we focused on the H  $\alpha$  component fitted alongside the N[II] lines. In this study we fit all lines shown in Table 1 in order to construct line ratio diagnostics, to obtain the metallicity and ionization parameter.

For most of the analysis, since all lines were required for each diagnostic, the cube was masked to include only areas in which all required emission lines were detected in KUBEVIZ to an S/N ratio of 3 or above. This was in addition to the internal flag system used by KUBEVIZ which excludes fits with zero velocity errors or velocity dispersions narrower than the instrumental resolution.

**Table 1.** Emission lines considered in thisanalysis. Table columns are: (1) Name of emission line, with 'forbidden' transitions denotedby square brackets. (2) Wavelength in air.

Line	λ (Å)
Ηβ	4861.33
[O III]	4958.91
[O III]	5006.84
[O I]	6300.30
[O I]	6363.78
[N II]	6548.05
Нα	6562.82
[N II]	6583.45
[S II]	6716.44
[S II]	6730.81

The resulting line flux maps for H $\alpha$ , [S II], [O III], [N II], and H $\beta$  are shown at the top of Fig. 2. The H $\alpha$  map prominently highlights the star-forming knots and steep leading edge on the disc, whereas the [O III] line shows the strong emission originating from the AGN at the galaxy centre.

#### **4 EMISSION-LINE DIAGNOSTICS**

#### 4.1 Gas ionization mechanism

BPT line diagnostic diagrams were produced from the H  $\alpha$ , [O III], [N II], and H  $\beta$  lines to distinguish the ionization mechanism of the nebular gas.

Fig. 3 shows the [O III]/H  $\beta$ , [N II]/H  $\alpha$  line diagnostic diagram for the primary (top) and secondary (bottom) components of the two-component fits. The left side of the figure shows the position of each spaxel in BPT space, coloured by the excitation mechanism according to the intersecting lines on the figure. The star-forming/composite/AGN regions are defined by the Kauffmann et al. (2003) and Kewley et al. (2001b) lines, and the AGN/LINER separator is taken from Sharp & Bland-Hawthorn (2010). The plot on the right shows these spaxels *in situ* on the galaxy, revealing the regions in which each ionization mechanism dominates.

The majority of the AGN emission comes from the very central region of the galaxy disc. The composite emission emanates from the diffuse gas which surrounds the disc and between the knots, which themselves are dominated by star formation. A small cluster of spaxels dominated by LINER type sources is visible on the galaxy to the left of the AGN dominated central region. Most of the secondary component lies within the composite region. This generally not only corresponds to the diffuse gas surrounding the disc and knots as seen in the primary component, but also comes from broad velocity tails in the line of sight coming from the edges of the galaxy disc, where the line-of-sight stripping produces a tail in the velocity distribution (see GASP II).

To illustrate this, we have shown in Fig. 4 the same BPT maps as in the left-hand panels of Fig. 3, this time coloured by the velocity dispersion of the gas, as measured from the broadness of the emission-line fits in GASP II. In the case of the primary component this illustrates that the knots are kinematically colder (see also fig. 13 of GASP II), consistent with the idea that the knots condense out of the stripped gas, collapsing, and forming stars, as confirmed by UV observations which show *in situ* star formation in the stripped tails (George et al. 2018). These kinematically cold, star-forming knots are a feature of other GASP jellyfish galaxies (Poggianti et al. 2018) and other strongly ram-pressure stripped Jellyfish galaxies in the literature such as ESO 137-001 (Fumagalli et al. 2014; Fossati et al. 2016), UGC6697 (stripped edge-on; Consolandi et al. 2017), and SOS 114372 (Merluzzi et al. 2013, also included in the GASP sample as JO147). The AGN region exhibits broader lines in general and this peaks within the cluster of AGN-dominated points at the upper right. The cloud of higher velocity dispersion points within the composite region results from the diffuse stripped gas which surrounds the disc and the knots. In the case of the secondary component, which traces mainly the diffuse or nuclear gas, the majority of points lie within the composite and AGN dominated regions, originating from the stripped gas in the outer disc, and the broad AGN emission in the centre, respectively.

#### 4.2 Metallicity and ionization parameter

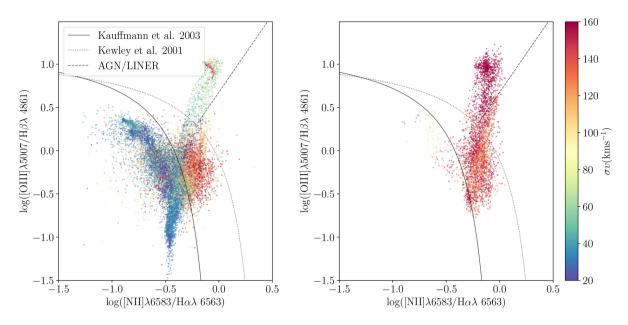
Using the software PYQZ (Dopita et al. 2013) the metallicity (12 + log(O/H)) and ionization parameter (log Q) were calculated for each spaxel using the direct estimate interpolated from the [N II]/[S II] + versus [O III]/[S II] + diagnostic (where [S II] + refers to the sum of the two S II components). The metallicity and ionization parameter measurements are only valid in H II regions, therefore spaxels outside the star-forming region of the BPT diagram were masked out. The PYQZ PYTHON module uses a finite set of diagnostic line ratio grids produced using the MAPPINGS code, on to which the selected combination of line ratios are interpolated. We used a version of PYQZ modified to use the MAPPINGS IV grids which are calibrated over a larger range 7.39 < 12 + log (O/H) < 9.39 than the MAPPINGS V grids (F. Vogt, priv comm.).

The results from PYQZ for the metallicity are shown in Fig. 5. We find that the metallicity varies by  $\sim 0.6$  dex in the ionized gas and has similar values to those in other GASP jellyfish galaxies, such as JO204 (Gullieuszik et al. 2017) and JO206 (Poggianti et al. 2017b). The most metal-rich gas is found in the disc of the galaxy up to values of  $\sim$ 9.2, with intermediate metallicities of  $\sim$ 8.9 in the stripped gas. The most metal-poor gas resides in the more distant knots >40 kpc from the galaxy, with  $12 + \log (O/H)$  $\approx$  8.7. For comparison, the Tremonti et al. (2004) relation gives an average metallicity of 9.06 for a galaxy of this stellar mass. The outwardly decreasing trend is better seen in the star-forming knots (Section 5). Comparing with undisturbed galaxies, JO201 has a higher central metallicity compared to galaxies observed with CALIFA in Sánchez-Menguiano et al. (2017), (with stellar masses ranging over 9.18–11.30  $M_{\odot}$ ) whilst the range of metallicity values within JO201's disc and tails is similar to that of the arm regions of the CALIFA galaxies.

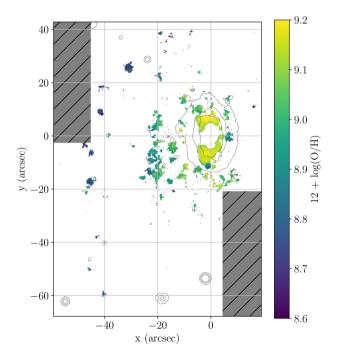
The ionization parameter (not shown) is low in general with a median value of  $(\sim 7.1)$  in the disc and of  $(\sim 7.3)$  in the tails. These values, like the metallicity, are similar to those observed in other strongly stripped GASP jellyfish.

#### **5 STAR-FORMING KNOTS**

The bright star-forming knots within the tail of the galaxy are a common feature in many GASP sample galaxies and other observed jellyfish galaxies. To further study the emission properties of these knots, the spectra within circular masks were binned spatially and lines were fitted to the resulting total spectrum using the KUBEVIZ mask function, which fits emission lines to the integrated spectra within each mask. The positions and radii of each knot were obtained using a custom script, described in full detail in



**Figure 4.** [O III], [N II] BPT line ratio diagnostics for the primary (left) and secondary (right) component for all spaxels with primary component detected to S/N < 3, coloured by H $\alpha$  velocity dispersion. The dark blue clumps on the star-forming branch in the left-hand panel indicate the denser star-forming knots in the galaxy's tail, while the large cluster of points with velocity dispersion 120–150 km s<sup>-1</sup> in the composite region is comprised of ionized gas resulting from the interaction with the ICM. Finally, the broader lines are naturally located in the AGN-ionized region. In the right-hand panel the secondary component, which traces the stripped disc and the nuclear region, is located between the composite region, consistent with turbulent, excited gas being stripped from the galaxy, and the AGN region to the upper right of the figure.



**Figure 5.** Metallicity of stripped gas for H II regions calculated using PYQZ as described in the text. Black contours show stellar continuum fitted around the H  $\alpha$  line for context. The highest metallicities are visible in the disc of the galaxy, with lower metallicities in the tails and knots. This outwardly decreasing trend is further explored in Fig. 6 for the star-forming knots.

Poggianti et al. (2017b), in order to produce the masks. The emission-line fluxes measured by KUBEVIZ were subsequently corrected for internal dust extinction using the same calculation as described in Section 2.2. In total, 85 knots were found, of which

63 lie within the star-forming branch below the Kauffmann line marked on the line ratio diagram. The measured line fluxes were fed into PYQZ to calculate direct estimates of the metallicities.

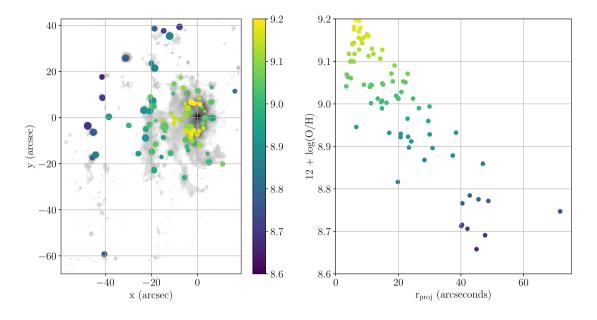
The left side of the plot in Fig. 6 shows the spatial position of each knot against the galaxy. The size of each point scales with the size of each knot and the colour is indicative of the direct estimate of the metallicity as computed by PYQZ. The plot reveals a general decrease in the metallicity of the knots with distance from the galaxy disc, with the highest metallicities in the disc and lower values in the most distant knots. This outwardly decreasing trend is better visualized in the right plot of the figure, which shows the metallicity of each knot against the projected distance from the galaxy centre. The metallicity gradient revealed by the knots in JO201 is similarly observed in other GASP galaxies (see Franchetto et al. in preparation), and it is consistent with the mechanism of outside-inward stripping, whereby the most distant, lowest metallicity gas from the galaxy is stripped first, followed by subsequently higher metallicity gas closer to the centre. In fact, semi-analytic models of galaxies in clusters (Gupta et al. 2017) have invoked outside-in gas stripping to explain, at least partially, the cluster scale (integrated) metallicity gradients observed in galaxy clusters (see e.g. Ellison et al. 2009).

For reference, the distribution of the SFR, gas density, and gas mass for the knots in JO201 are shown and discussed in the Appendix. Overall we find similar values to those found in other heavily stripped jellyfish galaxies from GASP.

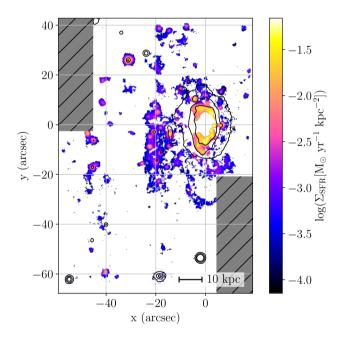
#### **6 STAR FORMATION**

It is interesting to examine the distribution of star formation activity within the galaxy, since it can reveal information about the RPS history and the disruption and compression of the gas component.

The SFRs for each spaxel are shown in Fig. 7. The SFR surface density,  $\Sigma_{SFR}$ , is calculated using the H $\alpha$  luminosity, corrected



**Figure 6.** *Left:* Metallicity calculated using pyqz direct estimate for integrated spectra of SF knots shown over grey H $\alpha$  linemap. *Right:* Metallicity of knots from left-hand panel against their projected distance  $r_{\text{proj}}$  from centre of disc. The figure shows the metallicity of the knots decreasing outwardly from the galaxy centre, with more distant knots having generally lower metallicities.



**Figure 7.** SFR surface density within JO201 calculated for each spaxel  $(M_{\odot}yr^{-1}kpc^{-2})$ . Black contours show stellar continuum fitted around the H  $\alpha$  line for context. We observe high SFRs in the leading (western) edge of the disc, triggered by the interaction with the ICM. High SFRs are also seen in the collapsed knots trailing behind the galaxy and in particular within the bright knot in the north-eastern region of the image.

for dust extinction and stellar absorption, in the (Kennicutt 1998) method transformed to a Chabrier IMF, for each individual spaxel with an H  $\alpha$  S/N > 3.

The SFR surface density values across JO201 are typically around  $0.001 \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{kpc}^{-2}$  for diffuse regions and  $0.02 \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$  for denser blobs and regions within the galaxy disc. The bright trailing knots to the east of the galaxy are therefore strongly star forming,

with a particularly active region around 5 kpc in diameter to the north-east of JO201. As well as within the trailing knots, a ring of strong star formation is apparent within the disc, where the gas is likely to have been compressed by interaction with the ICM. Within this ring a decrease in the star formation is coincident with the AGN emission, suggesting AGN feedback suppressing star formation in this region. This is also suggested by the deficit of H $\alpha$  emission coincident with the [O III] emission in Fig. 1 and will be further investigated in George et al. (in preparation).

Overall, the range and spatial distribution of the SFRs obtained for JO201 are comparable with those observed in strongly stripped galaxies which are moving on the plane of the sky such as JO206 (Poggianti et al. 2017b) and JO204 (Gullieuszik et al. 2017) in the GASP sample. In particular, the dense regions of intense star formation are often observed in the tails of jellyfish galaxies (Fumagalli et al. 2011; Kenney et al. 2014; Boselli et al. 2018a)

Vulcani et al. (2018) found that the total integrated SFR within the galaxy and trailing gas is  $6 \pm 1 \, M_{\odot} yr^{-1}$ , which is high for the stellar mass of the galaxy. In fact, the same authors find that the SFR in the disc of JO201 is around 0.4-0.5 dex above the main sequence of a control sample of non-stripped disc galaxies, which is among the highest offsets found in the sample. Moreover, Moretti et al. (2018a) presented APEX observations of JO201, finding CO emission in the disc that partly traces the velocity of the stellar disc, and partly the velocity of the stripped H  $\alpha$  knots. Further from the disc the molecular gas does not follow the velocity of the H  $\alpha$  gas. The large depletion times measured for the molecular gas suggest that the majority will be dispersed into the ICM. In comparison with the far-ultraviolet observations presented in George et al. (2018), which have lower spatial resolution than the MUSE data presented in this paper, we find that although the measured SFR values differ by 0.1–0.5  $M_{\odot}yr^{-1}$ , the two methods reveal the same trends and the same pattern of star formation localized in collapsed knots. The extinction in UV and Halpha follows different laws. Since the UV extinction was derived using the balmer decrement, there may be

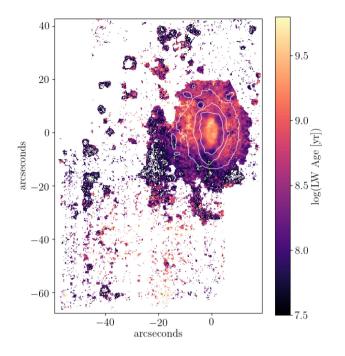


Figure 8. Luminosity weighted stellar age (colourbar) shown along with of stellar continuum isophotes (white contours). A clear age gradient is seen, with the oldest stars residing around the disc and lower ages in the tails, whilst a ring of young stars is visible within the disc surrounding the centre.

uncertainty in the correction, accounting for the deviation in the SFR values.

The bright knots in the tails of JO201, which have high velocities relative to the stellar disc, therefore appear to have originated from *in situ* star formation happening in the stripped (trailing) gas.

#### **7 STELLAR POPULATIONS**

We calculated the ages of the stellar populations across the galaxy using the SINOPSIS spectrophotometric fitting code (c.f. Section 2.3, and Paper III: Fritz et al. 2017). A map of the luminosity weighted stellar age in JO201 is shown in Fig. 8. The plot shows a ring of lower stellar age approximately 3–5 kpc in radius around the centre of the disc and a decreasing stellar age into the tails compared with the outer edges of the disc. The decrease in stellar age along the leading edge and in a ring around the disc is consistent with a burst of recent star formation occurring due to compression of the gas as the galaxy collides with the ICM. This increases the fraction of young stars in that region and lowers the observed luminosity weighted age.

Beyond the outermost contours of the stellar continuum, the older stellar population rapidly diminishes, and the tails contain only young stars. The stellar age further decreases in the collapsed knots within the stripped gas, as a result of the onset of star formation. This gradient in stellar age from the disc to the tails is similarly observed in JO206 (Poggianti et al. 2017b) and JO204 (Gullieuszik et al. 2017).

From the SINOPSIS fits, we further computed the SFR surface density in different bins of stellar age with the intention of seeing the consequences of RPS on the star formation history of the galaxy. This is shown in Fig. 9. The two oldest stellar component bins (between  $5.7 \times 10^8$  and  $5.7 \times 10^9$  yr ago, and  $>5.7 \times 10^9$  yr) are dominated by star formation in the central region of the galaxy

and no stellar component of this age is detected outside the disc (i.e. the tails are not seen). More recent bursts of star formation (between  $2 \times 10^7$  and  $5.7 \times 10^8$  yr ago) can be seen along the leading edge of the disc and some of the stripped tails. Such activity is very likely triggered by ram pressure as the galaxy first interacted with the dense ICM. Subsequently, in the last  $2 \times 10^7$  yr, star formation appeared in the knots within the long tails of stripped gas.

Our findings are similar to the distribution of stellar populations seen in Poggianti et al. (2017b) within JO206, with older stellar populations dominating the disc and a younger stellar component reaching further into the tails. A lack of very young stars can be seen along the leading edge of the galaxy, followed by a region where the gas has been compressed or stripped by the ICM. This can also be seen in JO204 (Gullieuszik et al. 2017).

### 8 STRIPPING TIME-SCALE AND LENGTH OF THE STRIPPED TAILS

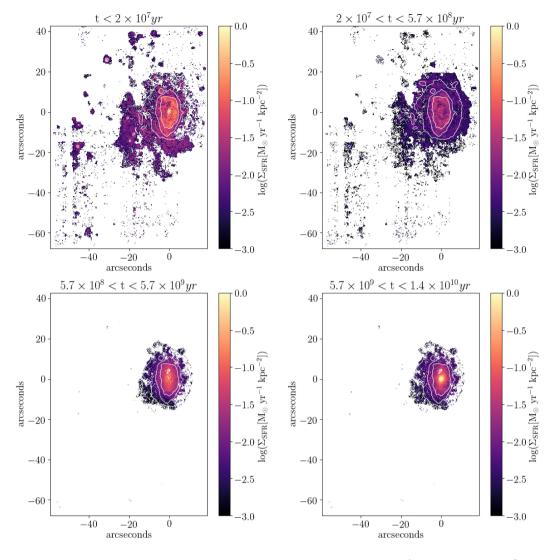
It is possible to use different observable parameters of the galaxy and its host cluster, to estimate the time that the galaxy has been experiencing gas stripping. In this section we compare several independent calculations.

#### 8.1 Stripping time-scale from an orbital analysis

In previous GASP studies (Bellhouse et al. 2017; Fritz et al. 2017; Gullieuszik et al. 2017; Poggianti et al. 2017a; Jaffé et al. 2018) we have used position–velocity phase-space diagrams of the cluster galaxies to infer the intensity of RPS, which, combined with the extent of the H<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> emission in the disc, can be used to estimate the amount of gas removed (see Jaffé et al. 2015, 2018, for details on the method). One of the main caveats to this analysis is the uncertainty introduced by the projected distances and velocities that observations allow to measure. In this regard, however, JO201 has a great advantage: given that it is being significantly stripped along the line of sight, we can assume that the measured projected velocity of the galaxy with respect to the cluster mean, is close to the true 3D velocity within the cluster. The observed projected clustercentric distance, however, is more likely to be an underestimation of the real 3D distance from the cluster centre.

In GASP II we estimated the amount of stripping produced in JO201 based on its current location (projected distance 360 kpc from the cluster centre) and velocity (3363.7 km s<sup>-1</sup> or  $3.4 \times \sigma_{cl}$ ) in the cluster (close to pericentre), and compared it with the observed truncation radius ( $r_t$ ) measured from the relative extent of the H  $\alpha$  emission relative to the stellar disc. We have re-done the rampressure calculation (Jaffé et al. submitted) finding stronger RPS in JO201 than previously estimated. Our revised modelling<sup>1</sup> suggests that the ram pressure by the ICM should have almost completely removed gas from the galaxy at its current location in projected phase-space (see solid line in Fig. 10). This is somewhat consistent with our observations, which suggest there is still some gas left in

<sup>1</sup>The corrected value of the ram pressure at the position and velocity of JO201 is  $P_{\rm ram} = 2.7 \times 10^{-11}$  N m<sup>-2</sup>, and the anchoring pressure of the galaxy  $\Pi_{\rm gal}$  is  $5.2 \times 10^{-11}$  N m<sup>-2</sup> at the centre of the galaxy, using a revised disc scale length of  $r_{\rm d, \, stars} = 2.5$  kpc, which correspond to the mean  $R_{\rm d, \, s}$  of disc galaxies with a mass similar to JO201 (see fig. 1 in Jaffé et al. 2018). We chose to use this value rather than a fit to the light profile of JO201, because the latter could be affected by the jellyfish morphology.



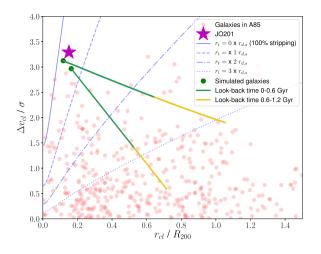
**Figure 9.** SFR surface density grouped into several stellar age ranges, indicating the average SFR per kpc<sup>2</sup> during the last  $2 \times 10^7$  yr (top left), between  $2 \times 10^7$  and  $5.7 \times 10^8$  yr (top right),  $5.7 \times 10^8$  yr and  $5.7 \times 10^9$  yr, and  $>5.7 \times 10^9$  yr ago. The top two plots have been masked to S/N > 0.5, whilst the bottom plots have been masked to spaxels of S/N > 3 and with a contribution to the stellar continuum above 5 per cent. The figure reveals recent star formation occurring in the tails and knots, as well as the leading edge of the disc, with the oldest stars residing in the bulge and disc of the galaxy. White contours indicate continuum isophotes.

the inner ~9 kpc of the disc (although disturbed in velocity with respect to the smooth rotation of the stellar disc; GASP II). The radius at which the gas becomes unbound from the stellar disc, and thus the total amount of gas lost, is difficult to measure (Gullieuzik et al. in preparation), but from fig. 15 in GASP II we estimate that the H $\alpha$  truncation radius in JO201 is  $r_t \leq 9$  kpc, which translates to a total gas mass-loss >40 per cent, assuming that  $R_{d, gas} = 1.7 \times R_{d, stars}$  prior to stripping. The possible discrepancy between the observed  $r_t$  and the predicted amount of stripping (Fig. 10) can be explained by the combination of an underestimated clustercentric distance (due to projection), and the fact that Gunn & Gott (1972)'s prescription of ram pressure assumes an instantaneous stripping of gas in an infinitely thin disc, a simplification that will overpredict the amount of gas stripping (see section 3.5 of Jaffé et al. 2018, for a summary of all the caveats).

What we can be certain of from our observations is that the galaxy is close to pericentre (and thus peak stripping) and that there has been a significant amount of gas stripping by ram pressure which has affected even the inner-most parts of the disc.

In order to estimate the time-scale of stripping, it is necessary to know at which point in phase-space the galaxy started to lose gas. The answer is tightly linked to the orbital history of the galaxy, which we cannot measure directly but can infer from simulations.

We use *N*-body and hydrodynamical cosmological simulations from YZiCS (Choi & Yi 2017; Rhee et al. 2017) to track the orbits of haloes passing near the core of a massive (9.23 × 10<sup>14</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>) cluster at high speeds, like JO201 in A85. Using a random projection, we selected haloes whose end position in projected phase-space were the closest to the location of JO201, i.e. cluster-centric distances  $r_{cl} < 0.5 \times R_{200}$ , and high line-of-sight velocity with respect to the mean velocity of the cluster:  $|\Delta v_{cl}| > 2.75\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the velocity dispersion of the cluster. This selection yielded two simulated galaxies (see the circles in Fig. 10) which we tracked in phase-space back in time until an epoch where the model galaxies



**Figure 10.** Projected position–velocity phase-space diagram of all the galaxies in A85 (pink circles), including JO201 (star). Blue curves correspond to the estimated position and velocity of a JO201-like disc galaxy undergoing RPS by A85's ICM. The solid blue line that passes near the location of JO201 corresponds to total gas stripping via ram pressure, using our revised derivation of  $P_{\rm ram}$  and  $\Pi_{\rm gal}$ . The dotted/dashed lines instead correspond to an earlier stage of stripping, with a gas truncation radius  $r_{\rm t} = 1$ , 2, and 3 ×  $R_{\rm d, stars}$ . Finally, the coloured tracks correspond to orbits of simulated haloes in a massive cluster whose position in phase-space at z = 0 (green circles) is close to the location of JO201. The colours of the tracks indicate look-back time.

had not yet experienced significant gas loss via stripping, i.e. to the right of the dotted blue line which corresponds to  $\gtrsim 50$  per cent of the total gas mass stripped. At this point the galaxy will have a gas deficiency of ~0.3, which is the threshold typically used to separate H1-rich galaxies from H1-deficient ones (Haynes & Giovanelli 1984). Although there is some uncertainty in the orbit of JO201 and the moment when stripping began, the model orbits indicate a time-scale of  $t_{\rm str} \sim 0.6-1.2$  Gyr from the beginning of significant gas stripping until the present epoch of 'peak' stripping near pericentre. This is shown by the yellow and green colours in the orbital tracks in Fig. 10.

#### 8.2 Time-scale of star-formation in the stripped tails

An independent constraint of the time-scale of stripping comes from the star formation in the stripped tails, which presumably took place shortly after the stripping started (Tonnesen & Bryan 2009, 2010, 2012).

An estimate of the average value of the stellar age was obtained by running SINOPSIS on the integrated spectra of each knot. Two possible values of the stellar age can be defined: luminosity weighted, and mass weighted (Cid Fernandes et al. 2005), with the first definition being more directly observable and the second, while more physical, being more difficult to derive due to the strongly changing M/L as a function of the stellar population age.

The fact that the M/L of simple stellar populations is an increasing function of age, might pose a well-known problem when using stellar population synthesis models to recover the properties of galaxies, in particular their star formation histories. In fact, the appearance of features due to a given stellar population in an observed spectrum depends both on the amount of stars and on their M/L. Since the stellar blobs we are analysing are formed *in situ* and outside the galaxy, the age of their stars must be younger

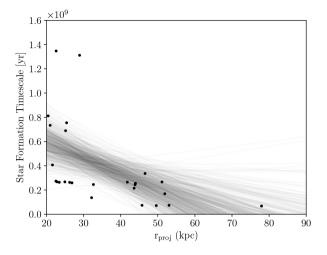


Figure 11. Star formation time-scale for knots >20 kpc from JO201. Black points show the time since initial star formation began, approximated as  $2\times$  the mass weighted stellar age calculated using SINOPSIS. A linear fit was applied using the PYTHON package linmix and transparent lines show samples from the posterior, indicating the scatter in the fit.

than the age at which ram pressure started affecting the gas of the galaxy (Poggianti et al. 2018). This is why when analysing the spectra of the blobs, we have set an upper limit of  $2 \times 10^9$  yr to the age of the stellar populations used for the spectral fitting. While being a rather conservative choice, this allows us to avoid spurious, artificial contributions in terms of stellar mass, and hence massweighted age, from older stars which, because of their very high M/L, would not provide a significant contribution to the observed spectrum.

Furthermore, once the star formation history was derived, we have calculated the contribution to the light of the observed spectra of each stellar population. If the contribution was less then 5 per cent, that population was not taken into account for the calculation of the mass-weighted age. We chose a threshold of 5 per cent because, for the typical S/N of the spectra we have analysed, this is the limit for which the fit is still acceptable.

The resulting age estimates are shown in Fig. 11, where the time since earliest star formation is shown for each knot against the projected radius for knots located in the tails outside the stellar disc ( $r_{\text{proj}} > 20 \text{ kpc}$ ). Assuming a constant star formation history, the mass weighted stellar age will be the mid-point between the oldest and youngest stellar ages, therefore we approximate the time since earliest star formation as 2× the mass weighted stellar age calculated using SINOPSIS. Most of the star-forming knots in the tails have mass weighted stellar ages close to or less than 0.5 Gyr (between 10<sup>7</sup> and 7 × 10<sup>8</sup> yr), suggesting that initial star formation began approximately 1 Gyr ago.

Interestingly, the figure also suggests (with a large scatter) a possible age gradient with the more distant knots having slightly younger stellar populations.

This type of stellar age gradient along the tail has been observed in IC 3418 by Fumagalli et al. (2011), Kenney et al. (2014), and also in RB 199 by Yoshida et al. (2008), who attribute the age gradient to the movement of the stripped gas from which the knots form. The collapsed knots are left along the trajectory of the gas as it is stripped away from the galaxy. Once collapsed, the stars are no longer susceptible to ram pressure, therefore knots that have collapsed earlier will both be preferentially situated closer to the galaxy and also contain older stars.

#### 8.3 Physical length of the stripped tails

Given the extreme ram-pressure conditions that JO201 has been experiencing for the past  $\sim$ 1 Gyr we expect the extent of the stripped tails to be large.

For many jellyfish galaxies the physical size of the tails is not far from the measured projected size because the direction of motion is close to the plane of the sky. Because of the line-of-sight motion of JO201, the physical (unprojected) length of the stripped gas tails is not trivial to compute. However, we can obtain an estimate of the tail length by using a toy model to follow the motion and dynamics of a cloud of gas as it is accelerated away from the galaxy after being stripped by ram pressure. We model the infall of the galaxy into the potential well of a cluster with mass and density profiles derived from the X-ray distribution of A85 (Chen et al. 2007). The galaxy begins at the virial radius of the cluster, 2.4 Mpc, moving radially at 1500 km s<sup>-1</sup> (consistently with the orbits shown in Fig. 10). It then accelerates as it falls into the potential well of the cluster. The cloud also falls into the cluster potential well, but its motion is additionally affected by acceleration due to ram pressure and, counteracting the ram pressure, acceleration from the potential well of J0201. The latter is modelled as a spherical NFW halo ( $M_{200} = 1.0e12 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ , c = 15), and a 3D exponential disc (total mass = 4.0e10 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>,  $r_{exp}$  = 3.62 kpc,  $h_z$  = 0.25 kpc) using techniques described in Smith et al. (2015), where all parameters are chosen to match the JO201 observations. We ran the model for a gas cloud with mass  $4 \times 10^5 \, M_{\odot}$  with a radius of 300 pc, which are typical values for HI clouds in the ISM (Vollmer 2001). The initial position of the cloud is in the outer disc of the galaxy at  $4 \times R_{d, stars}$ , although our results are not strongly sensitive to this choice. By the time the model galaxy reaches the current velocity and projected radius of JO201 within the cluster, the gas cloud has been stripped to 94 kpc from the galaxy and has been accelerated until it has a velocity of 1200 km s<sup>-1</sup> relative to the galaxy, which is consistent with the largest velocity difference between the H $\alpha$  gas tails and the stars in JO201 (GASP II). We note however that the estimated length of the tails along the line of sight (and the velocity reached by the gas cloud) is sensitive to the mass of the cloud: A cloud of higher mass  $(5.5 \times 10^5 \text{ M}_{\odot})$  reaches a shorter distance (68 kpc) and relative velocity (1000 km s<sup>-1</sup>). In our model, the time required for the galaxy to reach this point since crossing the virial radius of the cluster is between 0.9 and 1.0 Gyr, which lies within the range of estimates for the time since JO201 began stripping (Section 8.1).

Our estimated upper limit to the line-of-sight length of the tails (94 kpc) is comparable to the longest tails observed in jellyfish moving on the plane of the sky such as JO206 (90 kpc, Poggianti et al. 2017b) and ESO 137-001 (80 kpc, Sun et al. 2010), which again suggests that the velocity vector of JO201 is dominated by the line-of-sight component.

Bringing together the results of the orbital analysis, star formation time-scales and simulations, we find that JO201 began undergoing stripping between 0.6 and 1.2 Gyr ago as it approached the core of the massive cluster A85 at high speed along the line of sight. This resulted in tails up to 94 kpc in length trailing behind the galaxy, which partially collapsed into knots within 0.1 Gyr of initial stripping, forming stars within the past 0.1–0.7 Gyr

#### 9 CONCLUSIONS

This work is part of a series of papers from the GASP (GAs Stripping Phenomena in galaxies with MUSE) (Poggianti et al. 2017b) survey of 'jellyfish' galaxies, observed with the MUSE instrument at the

VLT. In particular, this paper is a direct continuation of GASP II (Bellhouse et al. 2017) which focused on the environment and kinematic properties of JO201, a unique galaxy in the GASP sample subject to extreme ram-pressure conditions (i.e. very high speeds as it crosses the densest part of the ICM) in a trajectory close to the line of sight. In this paper, we expanded upon the previous study of the ionized gas and stellar kinematics with an analysis of the properties of the stripped gas, including the gas metallicity, ionization source, and ionization parameter. We also explored the stellar population ages, masses, and star formation across the galaxy, and build a toy model to estimate the time-scale of the stripping event.

We summarize our findings in the following:

(i) We detect several emission lines across the galaxy, including H $\alpha$ , [NII], [OIII], H $\beta$ , and [S II]. The H $\alpha$  emission notably extends well beyond the disc of the galaxy, while the distribution of other emission lines such as [O III] are much more concentrated. The emission lines were used to determine the source of ionization (via the BPT diagram), gas-phase metallicities and ionization parameter across the galaxy disc and tails.

(ii) The central region of the galaxy is dominated by broad AGN emission, surrounded by a ring of composite emission. The outer disc and tails are purely ionized by star formation, concentrated in knots of low-velocity dispersion gas.

(iii) The metallicity decreases in the stripped tails with distance from the galaxy disc. Such a metallicity gradient suggests that the outermost, lowest metallicity gas was stripped first, followed subsequently by gas of increasing metallicity as the stripping continued. This interpretation is supported by the increasing velocity offset of the gas (relative to the stars) at larger distances from the galaxy disc, shown in GASP II.

(iv) The star-forming knots in the leading edge of the galaxy exhibit some of the highest SFRs in the galaxy, with values up to  $6.0 \times 10^{-2} \, M_{\odot} yr^{-1} \, kpc^{-2}$ . These are likely to have formed as this part of the galaxy was compressed by the interaction with the ICM. In the tails and the knots, which is the most likely formed *in situ* from collapsed gas previously stripped from the disc, have lower SFR ( $\sim 3.1 \times 10^{-3} \, M_{\odot} yr^{-1} \, kpc^{-2}$ ).

(v) Using SINOPSIS to model the stellar population, we find that the oldest stars are only present in the disc, while the stellar component in the tails only began to form  $\lesssim 0.7$  Gyr ago. The most recent pockets of star formation are located in the leading edge of the galaxy and in the knots within the tails.

(vi) We observe a gradient in the stellar age of the star-forming knots, with the oldest knots residing closest to the galaxy. A possible explanation is that the knots collapse out of the stripped gas as it moves away from the galaxy, hence older knots collapsed earlier when the stripped gas was closer to the disc.

(vii) From orbital inference, we estimate that JO201 has been exposed to RPS for  $\sim$ 1 Gyr. This estimate is consistent with the time since initial star formation in the tails ( $\leq$ 0.7Gyr).

(viii) We use a model to estimate the physical (deprojected) length of the tails of gas stripped from JO201 along the line of sight. During infall of the model galaxy, we find that the stripping causes the tails to extend up to 94 kpc, which is comparable to tails observed in galaxies which are stripped predominantly on the plane of the sky.

Overall, in previous GASP studies (including Bellhouse et al. 2017; Poggianti et al. 2017a; George et al. 2018; Moretti et al. 2018b) and this paper we have exploited the rich MUSE data and other multiwavelength observations on JO201, undoubtedly one of the most spectacular and unique jellyfish galaxies in the

GASP survey, to extract the physical properties in and around the galaxy and built a comprehensive view of the physics involved in the interaction between the galaxy and the ICM. In summary, all the different analyses done to this galaxy (in particular, the stellar and gas kinematics, ionization sources, gas metallicity, and stellar population ages) individually and consistently point toward a scenario of incremental outside-in RPS of the gas during radial infall into the cluster, on a time-scale  $\sim 1$  Gyr. The ram-pressure intensity is very high for this galaxy compared with other jellyfish galaxies because it is travelling close to face-on at supersonic speeds though the hot and dense medium of a massive cluster, and is in a moment in its (radial) orbit close to pericentric passage. The rampressure wind is not only able to remove a significant amount of gas from the disc but also likely to be pushing some of the gas towards the centre, fuelling the supermassive black hole. At the same time, the gas in the leading edge of the galaxy and in the stripped tails is compressed, giving rise to new episodes of star formation, which is concentrated into knots.

Moreover, our estimated stripping time-scale and ages of the stellar populations in the star-forming knots outside the galaxy confirm that some of the knots in the tails must have formed *in situ*, consistent with hydrodynamical models of RPS and observations of this galaxy at other wavelengths (Tonnesen & Bryan 2009, 2010, 2012; George et al. 2018; Moretti et al. 2018b)

Future studies will make use of the large sample of jellyfish galaxies observed by the GASP survey to quantify, in a statistical way, different aspects of the consequences of RPS, such as the contribution of stripped mass from galaxies into the ICM, and the impact of RPS on the internal properties of galaxies and their subsequent evolution.

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#### APPENDIX : STAR-FORMING KNOT PROPERTIES

Fig. A1 shows the star formation, gas density, and gas mass calculated as in GASP I, for the knots in JO201 discussed in Section 5. The first plot shows the distribution of star formation rate (SFR) for knots below (red) and above (green) the Kauffmann et al. (2003) line of the BPT diagram. The SFRs are calculated using the dust extinction and stellar absorption corrected H  $\alpha$  luminosity in the (Kennicutt 1998) method transformed to a Chabrier IMF, as described in GASP I. We note that the SFRs obtained here are slightly lower (by  $0.1-0.5 \, M_{\odot} \, yr^{-1}$ ) than those computed from far-

ultraviolet emission by George et al. (2018) (using a Salpeter IMF), which could be attributed to the uncertainty in the dust extinction correction.

The second plot in Fig. A1 shows the density of the ionized gas calculated using the ratio of the [SII] 6716 and [SII] 6732 lines. The calculation is made using the Proxauf, Öttl & Kimeswenger (2014) calibration for  $T = 10\,000$  K.

The third plot of Fig. A1 shows the distribution of the ionized gas masses of the knots, computed from the H  $\alpha$  luminosities following equation 13.7 in Osterbrock & Ferland (2006) as in Boselli et al. (2016) and Poggianti et al. (2017b). Case B recombination is assumed with  $n = 10\,000\,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$  and  $T = 10\,000\,\mathrm{K}$ , and it is assumed that the gas is fully ionized.

In comparison, JO201 has similar peaks and distributions in each plot as JO206, shown in Poggianti et al. (2017b), and also JO204 (Gullieuszik et al. 2017), with slightly higher SFRs in general in the knots and slightly higher gas densities.

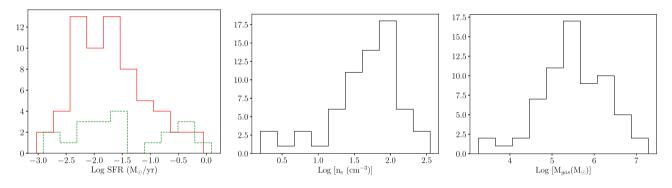


Figure A1. Left: Distribution of SFR for star-forming (red, solid) and composite (green, dashed) knots. The central knot, dominated by AGN emission, has been excluded. Middle: Gas density distribution of individual knots. Right: Distribution of ionized gas masses within knots.

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