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The optical emission line spectrum of Mark 110^{★,★★}

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ABSTRACT

Aims. We analyse in detail the rich emission line spectrum of Mark 110 to determine the physical conditions in the nucleus of this object, a peculiar NLS1 without any detectable Fe II emission associated with the broad line region and with a $\lambda 5007/H\beta$ line ratio unusually large for a NLS1.

Methods. We use 24 spectra obtained with the Marcario Low Resolution Spectrograph attached at the prime focus of the 9.2 m Hobby-Eberly telescope at the McDonald observatory. We fitted the spectrum by identifying all the emission lines (about 220) detected in the wavelength range 4200–6900 Å (at rest).

Results. The narrow emission lines are probably produced in a region with a density gradient in the range 10^3 – 10^6 cm⁻³ with a rather high column density (5×10^{21} cm⁻²). In addition to a narrow line system, three major broad line systems with different line velocity and width are required. We confirm the absence of broad Fe II emission lines. We speculate that Mark 110 is in fact a BLS1 with relatively “narrow” broad lines but with a BH mass large enough compared to its luminosity to have a lower than Eddington luminosity.

Key words. galaxies: Seyfert – galaxies: individual: Mark 110

1. Introduction

Narrow line Seyfert 1 galaxies (NLS1s) are Seyfert 1 galaxies in which the broad emission lines are relatively narrow (<2000 km s⁻¹ *FWHM*) (Osterbrock & Pogge 1985). These objects generally have strong Fe II emission and relatively weak [O III] $\lambda 5007$ emission (Boroson & Green 1992). However Grupe et al. (1999, 2004) have found a few objects with “narrow” broad Balmer lines which have both weak Fe II emission and strong [O III]. Mark 110, Kaz 320 and HS 0328+0528 are three such objects. 1RXS J102012.6+342837 and 1RXS J133209.8+842412 could be two additional examples (Wu et al. 2003).

The aim of this paper is to study the rich optical emission line spectrum of Mark 110, one of these rare objects.

In Sect. 2 we describe the target Mark 110 and present the observations in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4 we analyse the emission line spectrum and in Sect. 5 we determine the physical conditions in the NLR, discuss the various determinations of the BH mass and the true nature of Mark 110: NLS1 or BLS1. Our conclusions are summarized in Sect. 6.

2. The target

Mark 110 (0921+52) was discovered by Markaryan (1969) in the course of a slitless spectroscopic survey for UV excess galaxies. It was classified as a Seyfert 1 (Arakelyan et al. 1970). The star-like object located 6'' to the north east of the nucleus is a star. The galaxy has a disturbed morphology suggestive of a recent merger (Wehinger & Wyckoff 1977; Adams 1977; Hutchings & Craven 1988; McKenty 1990; Bischoff & Kollatschny 1999). The Galactic extinction is $A_V = 0.056$ mag (Schlegel et al. 1998). The redshift, measured from the [O III] $\lambda 5007$ line is $z = 0.0352$ (Vrtilek & Carleton 1985). The $H\beta$ *FWHM* lies in the range 1670–2500 km s⁻¹ (Osterbrock 1977; Peterson et al. 1985; Crenshaw 1986; Boroson & Green 1992; Bischoff & Kollatschny 1999; Stepanian et al. 2003; Grupe et al. 2004). Bischoff & Kollatschny (1999) and Grupe et al. (2004) classified it as an NLS1 on the basis of its $H\beta$ *FWHM* (1670 ± 50 and 1760 ± 50 km s⁻¹ respectively) measured after removal of the narrow component.

The optical continuum of Mark 110 is variable (Peterson et al. 1984, 1998) with possible intranight variability (Webb & Malkan 2000). The broad emission lines show strong variability (Peterson et al. 1985; Peterson 1988). The rms spectrum clearly shows $H\alpha$, $H\beta$ and $H\gamma$, He II $\lambda 4686$ and the He I $\lambda 4471$, $\lambda 4922$, $\lambda 5016$, $\lambda 5876$ and $\lambda 6678$ lines. The [Fe X] $\lambda 6375$ line is also variable (Kollatschny et al. 2001).

The He II $\lambda 4686$ line shows the largest variation of nearly a factor of 8 within two years. On the other hand $H\beta$ and the continuum at 5100 Å vary only by a factor of 1.7 and 3.0

* Based on observations obtained with the Hobby-Eberly Telescope, which is a joint project of the University of Texas at Austin, the Pennsylvania State University, Stanford University, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, and Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

** Table A.1 is only available in electronic form at <http://www.aanda.org>

respectively within the same time interval (Bischoff & Kollatschny 1999; Peterson et al. 1998, 2004).

There is a very broad component ($\sim 5000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ $FWHM$), redshifted by $400 \pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with respect to the narrow lines, visible in the Balmer line profiles especially when the continuum is strong. This very broad component is the strongest contributor to the He II variability (Bischoff & Kollatschny 1999). The outer wings of the line profiles respond much faster to continuum variations than the central regions (Kollatschny 2003a).

The Fe II emission is weak (the line ratio relative to $H\beta$ is $R_{4570} = 0.09-0.16$) (Osterbrock 1977; Meyers & Peterson 1985; Boroson & Green 1992). The Fe II line flux remains constant while the Balmer line flux varies (Bischoff & Kollatschny 1999).

3. The observations

Twenty six spectra of Mark 110 have been obtained between 1999, November 13 and 2000, May 14 with the Marcario Low Resolution Spectrograph (LRS) attached at the prime focus of the 9.2-m Hobby-Eberly telescope (HET) at McDonald observatory. The log of the observations is given in Table 1. The detector was a $3072 \times 1024 15 \mu\text{m}$ pixel Ford Aerospace CCD with 2×2 binning. The spectra cover the wavelength range $4200-6900 \text{ \AA}$ in the restframe of the galaxy, with a resolving power of 650 at 5000 \AA (7.7 \AA $FWHM$). Exposure times were 10 to 20 min. The slit width was $2''.0$ (i.e. $75 \mu\text{m}$ or 3 pixels on the detector). Seven columns were extracted, corresponding to $3''.3$ on the sky. Observations of several spectrophotometric standard stars were obtained to allow flux calibration of the spectra which have not been corrected for atmospheric absorption. Wavelength calibration was achieved via observations of HgCdZn and Ne spectra (Kollatschny et al. 2001). Two of the spectra (2000 February 21 and April 30) of lower quality were ignored. All spectra were deredshifted using $z = 0.0355^1$.

We give in Cols. 3 and 4 of Table 1 the continuum flux in the wavelength range $5130-5140 \text{ \AA}$ as measured by Kollatschny et al. (2001) and the continuum flux at 5100 \AA as obtained from our fit, i.e. the value at 5100 \AA of the polynomial used for the continuum in the simultaneous fit of all emission lines in each individual spectrum after subtraction of an elliptical template (see below). In principle the difference between these two sets of numbers should be constant. It is not the case because of the different procedures used.

4. Analysis

Using an HST image of Mark 110, Bentz et al. (2006) have shown that the contribution of the host galaxy in a $5''.0 \times 7''.6$ aperture is equal to $1.11 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$. We have measured the contribution of this galaxy in the $2''.0 \times 3''.3$ aperture used here on the HST image (taken through a filter centered at 5580 \AA), kindly provided to us by Bentz, to be 55% of this value, i.e. $0.61 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$. By trial and error, we estimated the contribution of the host galaxy, assumed to be an E galaxy, to be $0.25 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ in our entrance aperture at 5100 \AA . This is significantly smaller than the value inferred from the HST image. It could be due to the fact that the host galaxy is of a latter type with shallower absorption lines. The assumption that the host is an E galaxy is justified by the fact that Bentz et al. (2006) have obtained a good fit of the image by using a central PSF and a de Vaucouleurs profile. We have

Table 1. Log of observations. Column 1: Julian date-2 400 000, Col. 2: UT date, Col. 3: continuum fluxes at 5100 \AA measured by Kollatschny et al. (2001), Col. 4: our measurements of the continuum flux (in unit of $10^{-15} \text{ erg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$) after removal of the host galaxy contribution.

JD	UT date	Col. 3	Col. 4
51 495.94	1999.11.13	1.54	1.26
51 497.91	1999.11.15	1.56	1.25
51 500.91	1999.11.18	1.65	1.34
51 518.89	1999.12.06	1.92	1.51
51 520.87	1999.12.08	1.92	1.53
51 522.88	1999.12.10	1.94	1.53
51 525.84	1999.12.13	1.82	1.46
51 528.84	1999.12.16	1.86	1.49
51 547.80	2000.01.04	2.15	1.75
51 584.72	2000.02.10	1.41	1.10
51 586.71	2000.02.12	1.39	1.08
51 598.86	2000.02.24	1.63	1.30
51 605.83	2000.03.02	1.40	1.10
51 608.62	2000.03.05	1.35	1.07
51 611.62	2000.03.08	1.36	1.07
51 614.63	2000.03.11	1.09	0.80
51 629.76	2000.03.26	1.08	0.80
51 637.77	2000.04.03	1.04	0.77
51 645.73	2000.04.11	1.16	0.89
51 658.70	2000.04.24	1.38	1.12
51 663.68	2000.04.29	1.26	0.96
51 670.70	2000.05.06	1.33	1.01
51 673.69	2000.05.09	1.11	0.85
51 678.64	2000.05.14	1.11	0.82

subtracted from all spectra the spectrum of an E galaxy with our estimated flux density.

We have averaged the 24 high quality HET spectra. This mean spectrum is shown in Fig. 1. To identify all individual emission lines and achieve a good fit of this spectrum², in addition to a narrow line system, three major line systems with different line velocity and width are required.

4.1. The narrow line system

Two components were needed to fit the strong narrow lines. The second, fainter, system is redshifted with respect to the first by 220 km s^{-1} . The $H\beta$ line ratio of these two systems is 0.20.

The intrinsic $[\text{O III}] \lambda 5007$ $FWHM$ is equal to $280 \pm 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Feldman et al. 1982) or $288 \pm 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Vrtilek & Carleton 1985). The resolution of our spectra is 475 km s^{-1} ; we should therefore measure a $FWHM$ of 550 km s^{-1} . The measured $FWHM$ of the two components of $[\text{O III}] \lambda 5007$ are equal to 520 and 470 km s^{-1} respectively.

The $[\text{O III}] \lambda 5007$ flux density has been measured to be equal to $(2.26 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ by Peterson et al. (1998). The spectra we used in this paper have been calibrated by Bischoff & Kollatschny (1999) in such a way that the $[\text{O III}] \lambda 5007$ flux density is equal to this value. Adding the flux of the two components needed in our model to fit this line, we obtain $2.19 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

The lines observed in the stonger system are listed in Table A.1. They include lines of highly ionised ions ($[\text{Fe VI}]$, $[\text{Fe VII}]$, $[\text{Fe X}]$, $[\text{Ca V}]$, $[\text{Ca VII}]$) which are slightly resolved (640 km s^{-1} measured $FWHM$) and redshifted by $\sim 80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with respect to the Balmer lines. De Robertis & Osterbrock (1984) and Appenzeller & Ostreicher (1988) have observed

¹ Throughout this paper, we assume $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

² The fits were performed using a software originally written by Zuiderwijk and described in Véron et al. (1980).

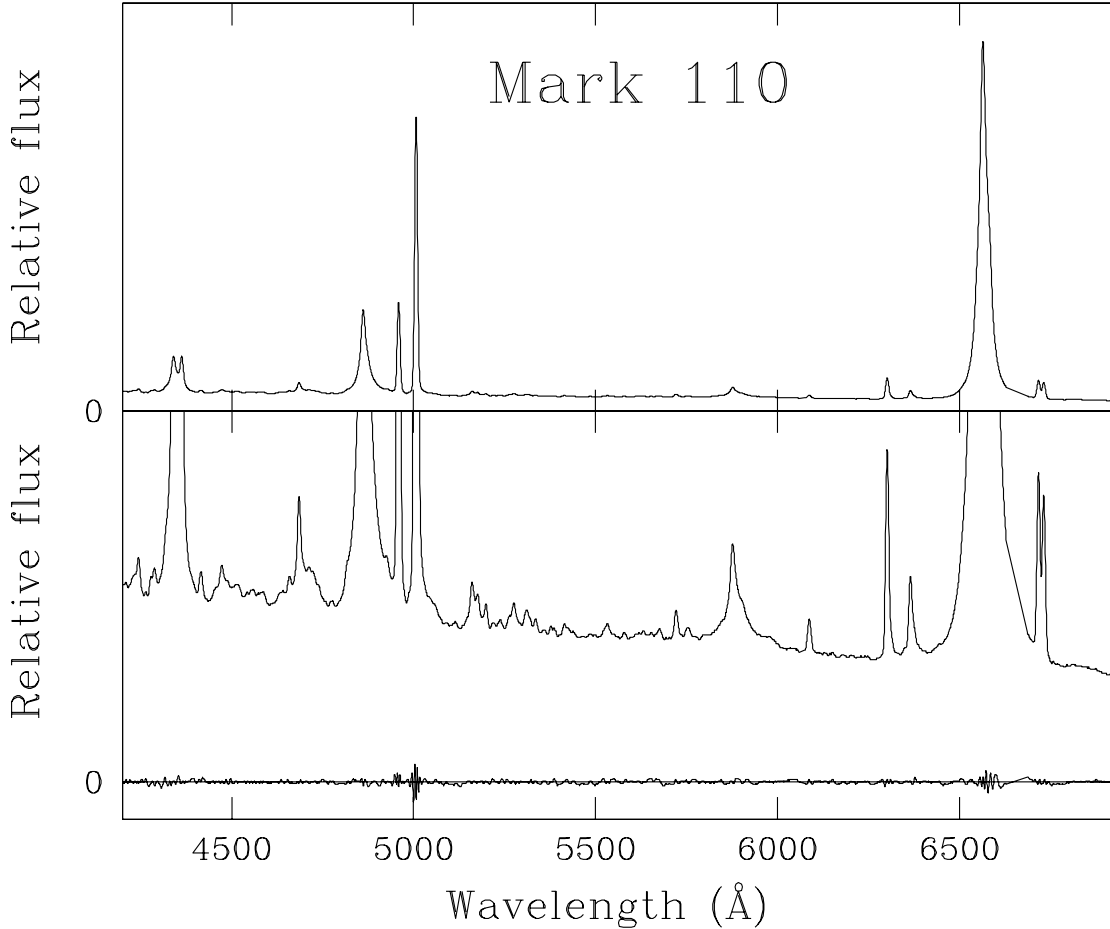


Fig. 1. The mean deredshifted HET spectrum of Mark 110. The upper panel shows the spectrum. In the lower panel it is scaled to show the weak emission features. The residuals of the best fit are also shown.

Table 2. Observed permitted Fe II multiplets in the narrow line system of the spectrum of Mark 110. Column 1: multiplet number, Col. 2: transition, Col. 3: upper level energy, Col. 4: number of observed lines/number of lines in the multiplet in the observed spectral range.

m.	Transition	u.l.(eV)	
42	$a^6S-z^6P^o$	5.34	3/3
27	$b^4P-z^4D^o$	5.56	1/6
38	$b^4F-z^4D^o$	5.56	6/9
43	$a^6S-z^4D^o$	5.56	1/3
37	$b^4F-z^4F^o$	5.57	6/10
49	$a^4G-z^4F^o$	5.57	6/9
55	$b^2H-z^4F^o$	5.57	1/3

high-ionization lines in the emission spectrum of some Seyfert galaxies. In these objects, the very high ionization lines, especially those of [Fe VII] and [Fe X] have *FWHM* which are broader than the typical low-ionization lines such as [O I] or [N I].

The other lines, mostly from permitted and forbidden Fe II and Ti II, are redshifted by 100 km s^{-1} with respect to the [O III] lines. The observed permitted Fe II multiplets are listed in Table 2. We have identified a line observed at $\sim 4480 \text{ \AA}$ with Mg II $4 \lambda 4481$. This line has been observed in emission in the eclipsing dwarf nova IP Peg (Harlaftis 1999) and in the “iron star” XX Oph (Merrill 1961; Cool et al. 2005).

This system shares many similarities with the emission line spectrum of the symbiotic nova RR Tel (McKenna et al. 1997; Crawford et al. 1999) and that of XX Oph. The lines in XX Oph consist primarily of hydrogen and ionized metals such as Fe II, Cr II and Ti II. Collin & Joly (2000) have noted that several types of stars, such as cataclysmic binaries, display intense Fe II lines; it is believed that these lines are formed in the accretion disk. They suggested that physical conditions leading to their formation are similar to those in NLS1s. The fact that lines of Fe II, Cr II and Ti II are observed in some of these stars make their presence in the spectrum of Mark 110 more plausible.

In the weaker system, we observed the Balmer lines, He I $\lambda 5876$, and the lines of [O I], [O III], [N II] and [S II].

The [O III] $\lambda 5007/H\beta$ ratios are equal to 8.96 and 9.14 in the two systems respectively, while the [N II] $\lambda 6583/H\alpha$ ratios are equal to 0.14 and 0.11 and the [O I] $\lambda 6300/H\alpha$ ratios are both equal to 0.20 (the Balmer line fluxes used in computing these line ratios are those of the relevant narrow components). The [O III] $\lambda 5007/\lambda 4959$ and [N II] $\lambda 6583/\lambda 6548$ ratios have been set to their theoretical values of 3.01 and 3.07 respectively (Storey & Zeippen 2000). The [O III] $\lambda 4363/\lambda 5007$ ratio R was measured to be equal to 0.086 and 0.087 in the two regions. Osterbrock (1977) measured $R = 0.039$; this difference is unexplained. Our values suggest that the density in these regions is at least equal to $10^{6.5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Baskin & Laor 2005). The [N II] line ratio $\lambda 5754/(\lambda 6548 + \lambda 6584)$ is equal to 0.057 in the strongest region which, for an electronic temperature of 10^4 K , would correspond to a density $N_e \sim 3 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Keenan et al. 2001).

The $[\text{S II}]\lambda 6716/\lambda 6730$ ratios are equal to 1.13 and 1.05 respectively, suggesting that the density in the regions emitting these lines is of the order of $500 \times (T_e/10^4)^{0.5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Osterbrock 1974). This value is much smaller than the one obtained from the $[\text{O III}]$ lines indicating the presence of a density gradient among these clouds. The $[\text{Fe II}]$ spectrum should arise in regions with $N_e < 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, otherwise these lines would be collisionally de-excited (Garcia-Lario et al. 1999).

These two NLR have almost identical spectra. They could perhaps be considered as two clouds belonging to a single entity, the strongest one being blueshifted with respect to the (unknown) systemic velocity of the galaxy by 110 km s^{-1} , the weakest one being redshifted by the same amount.

4.2. The broad line systems

1/ A very broad line system, B1 ($\sim 6000 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$), is redshifted by $\sim 700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with respect to the strong narrow line system. The lines detected are $\text{H}\alpha$, $\text{H}\beta$, $\text{H}\gamma$, $\text{He II } \lambda 4686$ and $\text{He I } \lambda 5876$ and $\lambda 6678$. It can be identified with the very broad line system observed by Bischoff & Kollatschny (1999), although they found a smaller line width ($\sim 5000 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$); but the determination of the parameters of this system is made difficult by the presence of the atmospheric B band in the red wing of $\text{H}\alpha$, and therefore these two values may not be significantly different.

2/ A broad line system, B2 ($3340 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$), is redshifted by 440 km s^{-1} with respect to the narrow line system. In this system, the only lines observed are the Balmer lines ($\text{H}\alpha$, $\text{H}\beta$ and $\text{H}\gamma$). The Balmer decrement is $\text{H}\alpha/\text{H}\beta = 5.17$.

3/ A narrower line system, B3 ($1515 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$), is redshifted by 180 km s^{-1} . In this system we found, in addition to the Balmer lines ($\text{H}\alpha$, $\text{H}\beta$ and $\text{H}\gamma$), He I lines ($\lambda 4471$, $\lambda 4712$, $\lambda 4922$, $\lambda 5016$ and $\lambda 5876$) and $\text{He II } \lambda 4686$.

We have also detected in this system the Si II lines $\lambda 5041$, $\lambda 5056$, $\lambda 5958$ and $\lambda 5979$. All spectra show a bump in the red wing of the complex emission region around $\lambda 5871$ which we have identified with the $\text{Si II } 4$ doublet $\lambda \lambda 5958, 5979$. There is a strong red shoulder on the red side of the $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$ line which has been attributed by Kollatschny et al. (2001) to $\text{He I } \lambda 5016$; this attribution however does not seem to be appropriate as this would imply for this line a large red shift which is not observed in any of the line systems. We suggest that this shoulder is due to the $\text{Si II } 5$ triplet $\lambda \lambda 5041, 5056.0, 5056.3$. Si II lines are expected in objects with strong Fe II emission (Phillips 1978), however we have not been able to detect any Fe II lines associated with this system; it is therefore rather surprising to observe these lines.

Kollatschny et al. (1981) found in the rms spectrum a variable line which they identified with $[\text{Fe X}]\lambda 6375$. If this is the case, this line would be significantly broader than the other highly ionized Fe lines. We found this line to vary proportionally to $\text{H}\beta$.

According to Bischoff & Kollatschny (1999), all broad line profiles showed during the period 1987–1995 a red asymmetry which would mainly be caused by a second line component redshifted by 1200 km s^{-1} . We found no evidence for such a component which may have been weak during the period studied here.

4.3. Variability of the broad emission lines

Although it is difficult to observe the variability of Fe II , these lines seem to follow the variations of the continuum in a number of Seyfert 1s (Kollatschny & Fricke 1981;

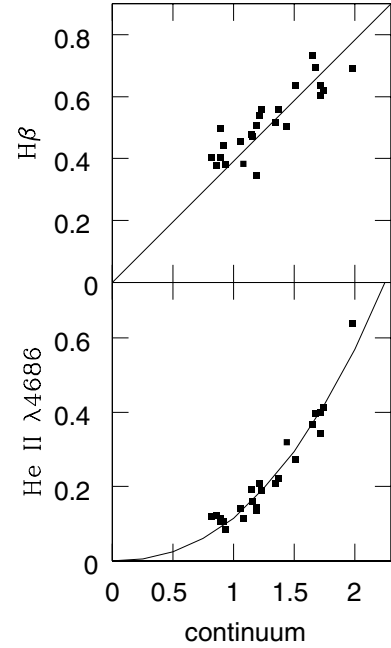


Fig. 2. The upper panel shows the $\text{H}\beta$ flux of the very broad system (B1) vs. the continuum flux, while the lower panel shows the $\text{He II } \lambda 4686$ flux of this same system vs. the continuum flux. In the lower panel, the curve shows the continuum at the power 2.3. The continuum fluxes are in units of $10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$, while the line intensities are in units of $10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

Kollatschny et al. 1981, 2000; Vestergaard & Peterson 2006; Wang et al. 2005). In Mark 110, the difference spectrum as well as the rms spectrum show no sign of variable Fe II emission. It seems therefore that there is no Fe II emission associated with the broad emission line region.

To study the variability of the broad emission lines, we have fitted all 24 individual spectra by setting the intensity of the narrow emission lines to the values found in the fit of the mean spectrum, keeping free only the intensities of the broad lines.

The $\text{H}\beta$ intensity in the very broad line system (B1) is proportional to the continuum intensity while $\text{He II } \lambda 4686$ varies approximately as the power 2.3 of the continuum intensity (Fig. 2). This suggests that, when the continuum is bright, it is much bluer than when it is weak, as hydrogen is ionised by photons at 911 \AA while helium requires photons at 503 \AA .

The $\text{H}\beta$ line of the narrower line system (B3) ($1515 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$) varies significantly in the range $(44\text{--}119) \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. The $\text{He I } \lambda 5876$ and $\text{He II } \lambda 4686$ line intensities are proportional to $\text{H}\beta$ with $\text{He I } \lambda 5876/\text{H}\beta = 0.13$ and $\text{He II } \lambda 4686/\text{H}\beta = 0.08$.

The $\text{H}\beta$ line of the second system (B2) ($3340 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ FWHM}$) varies with a much smaller amplitude if at all. When we set the intensities of the Balmer lines in this system to the values obtained from the mean spectrum, we achieve a good fit for all individual spectra.

In Fig. 3 (upper panel), we show the difference between two spectra of Mark 110 having almost the same continuum level (the difference between the mean of the two spectra of February 10 and 12, 2000 and the mean of the two spectra of April 29 and May 6, 2000). On this difference spectrum, all traces of the very broad lines (system B1) have disappeared, in agreement with the fact that these lines have a very small timelag ($3.9 \pm 2.0 \text{ d}$) with respect to the continuum (Kollatschny 2003b). The velocity and FWHM of $\text{H}\alpha$ are 177 and 1295 km s^{-1}

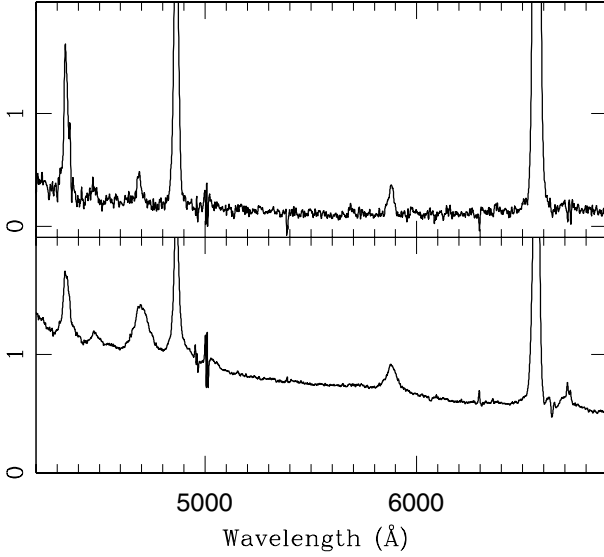


Fig. 3. The upper panel shows the difference between two spectra of Mark 110 having the same continuum level. The very broad line system (B1) has completely disappeared. The only lines visible belong to the narrower broad line system (B3). The lower panel shows the difference between the mean spectrum of the four strongest spectra and the mean spectrum of the four weakest spectra.

respectively, very similar to the values found for component B3 (180 and 1515 km s⁻¹). Component B2 shows no variation between the two epochs considered, separated by almost three months. The absence of variability of this component is most surprising.

We have subtracted the mean of the four weaker spectra from the mean of the four stronger (Fig. 3, lower panel). The non variable lines disappear from the resulting spectrum. The remaining broad lines are those seen by Kollatschny et al. (2001) on the rms spectrum.

5. Discussion

5.1. The physical conditions in the NLR

From the line ratios given in Sect. 4.1 we have an estimate of the density range of the emission regions producing the main forbidden emission lines: [O III], [N II], [S II]. The photoionization code CLOUDY (Ferland 2002) allows us to define more precisely the physical parameters of the medium responsible for the bulk of the emission lines detected in the NLR. Adopting a mean optical luminosity equal to 5×10^{43} erg s⁻¹ and a power law slope of the ionizing radiation $\alpha = -1.0$ at energies higher than 0.06 Ryd, we have calculated a number of models using the large Fe⁺ atom to match the observed narrow Fe II lines in addition to the permitted and forbidden lines identified in the NLR. Abundances are about solar (C: -3.61; N: -4.59; O: -3.31; Ne: -4.00; Na: -5.67; Mg: -4.46; Si: -4.46; S: -4.74; Ar: -5.60; Ca: -5.64; Fe: -4.07). However, CLOUDY does not include optical permitted lines of Ti II, Cr II or Si II. Tables 3 and 4 list respectively the forbidden and permitted emission lines which are both observed in the NLR and computed in the code. The observed line ratios referred to H β (the H β flux is 20.3×10^{-15} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻²) are given in the third column of the tables while the predicted ones from two different models are displayed in Cols. 4 and 5. These two models define the range of parameters of the set of discrete clouds with different physical states constituting the NLR. The best fit is obtained for

Table 3. Observed and computed line ratios, referred to the flux of the relevant H β component (20.3×10^{-15} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻²), of the forbidden lines detected in the NLR of Mrk110. R is the distance of the emitting cloud from the ionizing source in cm, n the density in cm⁻³ and N_H the column density in cm⁻².

Lines	λ (Å)	Obs.	Model	
			$R = 10^{20}$ $n = 10^6$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{21}$	$R = 6 \times 10^{21}$ $n = 10^3$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{19}$
[O I]	5577	0.01	0.02	0.00
[O I]	6300	0.60	1.30	0.01
[O I]	6363	0.20	0.42	0.00
[O III]	4363	0.77	0.81	0.08
[O III]	4959	2.97	2.93	3.54
[O III]	5007	8.96	8.83	10.60
[N I]	5198	0.01	0.00	0.00
[N I]	5200	0.04	0.00	0.00
[N II]	5755	0.03	0.14	0.02
[N II]	6548	0.14	0.32	0.49
[N II]	6584	0.43	0.96	1.43
[S II]	6716	0.58	0.04	0.57
[S II]	6731	0.51	0.10	0.68
[S III]	6312	0.07	0.18	0.07
[Ar III]	5192	0.03	0.01	0.00
[Ar IV]	4711	0.01	0.00	0.01
[Ar IV]	4740	0.04	0.03	0.01
[Ne IV]	4720	0.08	0.03	0.00
[Ca V]	5309	0.08	0.03	0.00
[Ca VII]	5620	0.01	0.0	0.00
[Fe II] 4F	4639	0.00	0.06	0.00
[Fe II] 4F	4728	0.01	0.13	0.00
[Fe II] 4F	4798	0.00	0.02	0.00
[Fe II] 4F	4890		0.19	0.01
[Fe II] 6F	4416	0.05	0.23	0.01
[Fe II] 6F	4432	0.00	0.02	0.00
[Fe II] 6F	4458	0.02	0.14	0.00
[Fe II] 6F	4488	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 6F	4493	0.01	0.03	0.00
[Fe II] 6F	4515	0.00	0.03	0.00
[Fe II] 6F	4528	0.00	0.02	0.00
[Fe II] 7F	4287	0.09	0.25	0.01
[Fe II] 7F	4359	0.07	0.18	0.01
[Fe II] 7F	4414	0.05	0.13	0.01
[Fe II] 7F	4452	0.03	0.08	0.00
[Fe II] 7F	4475	0.01	0.04	0.00
[Fe II] 17F	5412	0.03	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 17F	5495	0.01	0.03	0.00
[Fe II] 17F	5527	0.04	0.12	0.00
[Fe II] 18F	5107	0.00	0.04	0.00

densities (n) in the range 10^3 – 10^6 cm⁻³, with a column density (N_H) of respectively 5×10^{19} and 5×10^{21} cm⁻². The ionization parameter is of the order of 10^{-3} which implies a cloud distance to the central source of radiation of 30 and 2000 pc ($R = 10^{20}$ to 6×10^{21} cm) depending on the density. The temperature in the low density clouds is around 10 000 K, while inside the high density cloud whose optical thickness is higher there is a gradient of temperature from 17 000 K to 6000 K.

The low density/low column density clouds partly account for the Balmer, He I and He II lines as well as for

Table 3. continued.

Lines	λ (Å)	Obs.	Model	
			$R = 10^{20}$ $n = 10^6$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{21}$	$R = 6 \times 10^{21}$ $n = 10^3$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{19}$
[Fe II] 18F	5158	0.01	0.10	0.00
[Fe II] 18F	5181	0.00	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 18F	5269	0.00	0.06	0.00
[Fe II] 18F	5273	0.01	0.25	0.01
[Fe II] 18F	5433	0.00	0.08	0.00
[Fe II] 19F	5112	0.01	0.10	0.00
[Fe II] 19F	5159	0.07	0.52	0.04
[Fe II] 19F	5220	0.01	0.10	0.00
[Fe II] 19F	5262	0.04	0.33	0.02
[Fe II] 19F	5297	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 19F	5334	0.03	0.24	0.00
[Fe II] 19F	5376	0.02	0.20	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4775	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4815	0.05	0.23	0.01
[Fe II] 20F	4874	0.01	0.09	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4905	0.02	0.12	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4947	0.01	0.03	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4951	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	4973	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	5005	0.01	0.04	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	5020	0.01	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 20F	5043	0.01	0.04	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4244	0.10	0.23	0.01
[Fe II] 21F	4245	0.02	0.06	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4277	0.06	0.16	0.01
[Fe II] 21F	4306	0.02	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4320	0.04	0.11	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4347	0.02	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4353	0.03	0.07	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4358	0.04	0.11	0.00
[Fe II] 21F	4372	0.02	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 35F	5163	0.05	0.05	0.00
[Fe II] 35F	5199	0.01	0.02	0.00
[Fe II] 35F	5278	0.01	0.01	0.00
[Fe II] 35F	5283	0.01	0.01	0.00
[Fe III] 3F	4658	0.05	0.37	0.75
[Fe III] 1F	4931	0.05	0.04	0.02
[Fe III] 1F	5271	0.03	0.21	0.41
[Fe VI] 2F	5177	0.14	0.10	0.01
[Fe VII] 2F	4894	0.01	0.02	0.00
[Fe VII] 2F	4943	0.04	0.03	0.00
[Fe VII] 2F	5159	0.09	0.03	0.00
[Fe VII] 2F	5277	0.05	0.03	0.00
[Fe VII] 1F	5721	0.13	0.11	0.00
[Fe VII] 1F	6087	0.18	0.17	0.00
[Fe X] 1F	6373	0.01	0.0	0.00

[O III] $\lambda\lambda$ 4959,5007, [N II] $\lambda\lambda$ 6548,6584, and [S II] $\lambda\lambda$ 6716, 6731. The high density/high column density clouds account for the same lines (except [S II]) plus [O III] λ 4363 and the [O I] lines, but also partly for the weak component of permitted Fe II lines and some high ionization lines such as [Ar IV], [Ca V], [Fe VI] and [Fe VII]. The main discrepancies between the observed and predicted line ratios involve the [N II] and [Fe III] lines which are predicted to be too strong. A lower abundance of nitrogen would improve the [N II]/H β ratio.

Table 4. Same as Table 3 for the permitted lines.

Lines	λ (Å)	Obs.	Model	
			$R = 10^{20}$ $n = 10^6$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{21}$	$R = 6 \times 10^{21}$ $n = 10^3$ $N_H = 5 \times 10^{19}$
H α	6563	3.02	2.91	2.87
H β	4861	1.00	1.00	1.00
H γ	4340	0.48	0.47	0.47
He II	4339	0.01	0.01	0.01
He II	4542	0.05	0.01	0.01
He II	4686	0.22	0.26	0.37
He II	5412	0.00	0.02	0.03
He II	6560	0.02	0.04	0.05
He I	4388	0.00	0.00	0.00
He I	4471	0.05	0.04	0.03
He I	4713	0.00	0.01	0.00
He I	4922	0.01	0.01	0.01
He I	5016	0.02	0.02	0.01
He I	5876	0.10	0.13	0.08
He I	6678	0.02	0.03	0.02
Na ID	5892	0.07	0.02	0.00
Fe II m27	4233	0.02	0.01	0.00
Fe II m37	4489	0.01	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4491	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m38	4508	0.05	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4515	0.05	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4520	0.02	0.00	0.00
Fe II m38	4522	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m38	4549	0.04	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4555	0.02	0.00	0.00
Fe II m38	4576	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4582	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe II m38	4583	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m37	4629	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m42	4924	0.05	0.03	0.00
Fe II m42	5018	0.08	0.03	0.00
Fe II m42	5169	0.03	0.05	0.00
Fe II m49	5197	0.01	0.00	0.00
Fe II m49	5234	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m49	5275	0.03	0.00	0.00
Fe II m49	5316	0.04	0.01	0.00
Fe II m49	5325	0.02	0.00	0.00
Fe II m49	5425	0.02	0.00	0.00

5.2. The black hole mass

To estimate the mass of the central BH, the assumption has to be made that the motion of the BLR clouds is gravitationally dominated (Peterson & Wandel 2000) which may not be the case (Krolik 2001). Then the BH mass is given by $M_{\text{BH}} = V^2 \times R/G$ where G is the gravitational constant, R the radius of the BLR and V the Keplerian velocity of the emitting cloud (Kaspi et al. 2000).

Reverberation mapping studies made it possible to determine the size of the BLR in a number of type 1 AGN, which led to the discovery of a correlation between the radius of the region emitting the H β line and the monochromatic luminosity at 5100 Å. The BLR size scales with the rest frame luminosity as $L^{0.52 \pm 0.04}$ (Kaspi et al. 2000, 2005; Bentz et al. 2006). The radius of the BLR is either estimated directly from reverberation mapping or by using this correlation.

V is taken to be equal to $k \times FWHM$. The numerical factor k depends on the structure, kinematics and orientation of the BLR and is often assumed to be equal to $\sqrt{3}/2$ corresponding

to an isotropic BLR with random orbital motion (Netzer 1990). Peterson et al. (2004), normalizing the AGN $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relationship to the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relationship for quiescent galaxies (Onken et al. 2004), found $k = 1.26$ which leads to a BH mass 1.8 times larger.

Thus, for a given luminosity, NLS1s have a smaller BH mass than BLS1s as the BH mass scales as the square of the line width while the Eddington ratio, i.e. the ratio of the bolometric to the Eddington luminosity (assuming that $L_{\text{bol}} \sim 10 \times \lambda \times L_{\lambda}(5100 \text{ \AA})$) is larger, sometimes greater than one, as shown e.g. by Collin & Kawaguchi (2004)³.

Kollatschny et al. (2001), comparing the observed profile variations with model calculations of different velocity fields, concluded that the broad line region of Mark 110 is an accretion disc, implying that the BH mass is given by $M_{\text{BH}} = 1.5 \times FWHM^2 \times R/G$ ($k = 1.22$). They measured the $H\beta$ $FWHM$ on the rms spectrum to be $1515 \pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and a time lag for $H\beta$ of 24.2 ± 3.5 days. They obtained $M_{\text{BH}} = (1.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ in good agreement with the value given by Onken et al. (2004): $M_{\text{BH}} = (2.5 \pm 0.6) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$.

The line width of the rms spectrum (1670 and 1515 km s^{-1}) measured by Wandel et al. (1999) and Kollatschny et al. (2001) shows that the variable component is our component B3.

The bulge velocity dispersion was measured to be $86 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ by Ferrarese et al. (2001) which would correspond to a BH mass of $(0.25 \pm 0.10) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ (Ferrarese & Merritt 2000; Merritt & Ferrarese 2001) or $(0.33 \pm 0.18) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ (Greene & Ho 2006). The [O III] emission line width has been extensively used as a representation of the bulge velocity dispersion. However the [O III] value typically overestimates the stellar velocity dispersion by as much as a factor of two in NLS1s (Botte et al. 2005). For Mark 110, the velocity dispersion of the [O III] line is $\sim 120 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (see above) or 39% larger than the stellar velocity dispersion. The virial mass of the BH is about 6 times larger than expected from its bulge velocity dispersion (Ferrarese et al. 2001; Onken et al. 2004). However Barth et al. (2005) showed that the virial BH mass dispersion around the $M_{\text{BH}}-\sigma_*$ relationship is approximately equal to a factor of 4.

If the BLR is a rotating disk, the observed line width depends on its inclination to the line of sight. Collin & Kawaguchi (2004) have shown that the BLR should be a geometrically thick disc. Such a disc must be sustained vertically by a turbulent pressure corresponding to a turbulent velocity which is such that, when seen face-on, the width of the emission lines emitted by the disc is reduced compared to an edge-on disc depending on the aspect ratio of the disc h/r . This could cause a systematic underestimation of the central mass by a factor of $(h/r)^2$ (Krolik 2001). Accordingly, Kollatschny (2003b) noted that the derived BH mass is a lower limit. He showed that the redshift of the rms profiles with respect to the narrow emission lines increases as a function of line width and ionization potential. He interpreted this effect as being due to gravitational redshifts. The BH mass needed to explain these redshifts is $M_{\text{BH}} = (14 \pm 3) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$, implying a value of the aspect ratio smaller than 0.36. We note however that, according to Kollatschny (2003b), the broadest line, with the largest redshift, is He II $\lambda 4686$. But the broad variable emission feature at $\sim 4700 \text{ \AA}$ which was considered by Kollatschny as being a single very broad He II $\lambda 4686$ component is modeled here, ignoring the non variable narrow lines, with three individual broad variable lines: He I $\lambda 4713$ and He II $\lambda 4686$

in the system B3 and He II $\lambda 4686$ in the system B1 (Fig. 4). It turns out that the very broad He II line is not always the main contributor to the emission complex and is even barely detected in the 12 weakest spectra. In these conditions it seems doubtful that cross correlating the integrated flux of the broad emission feature with the intensity of the continuum can lead to a reliable timelag.

Müller & Wold (2006), modelling the emission lines emitted near a Kerr BH, have shown that the broad lines observed in Mark 110 could indeed be gravitationally redshifted in an accretion disk having an inclination of $\sim 30^\circ$. Moreover, a broad ($\sim 16200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ $FWHM$), redshifted ($z = 0.023$) component of the O VII triplet (at $\sim 570 \text{ eV}$) discovered in the spectrum of Mark 110 could be due to a gravitational redshift effect; however, infall motion towards the central BH cannot be excluded (Boller et al. 2007).

This BH mass $(14 \pm 3) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ is about 50 times larger than the value obtained from the bulge velocity dispersion which is unaffected by orientation effects but which could be influenced by the merging experienced by the host galaxy. It is also ~ 7 times greater than the mass derived from reverberation mapping, but this difference could be explained, as we have seen, if the accretion disk is seen nearly pole-on with an aspect ratio smaller than 0.36.

Papadakis (2004) has found a significant anticorrelation between the 2–10 keV variability amplitude and the BH mass. The upper limit observed for the variance of Mark 110 suggests that the BH mass is larger than $10^7 M_{\odot}$ (O’Neill et al. 2005), in agreement with the reverberation mapping determination.

5.3. Nature of Mark 110: NLS1 or BLS1?

Subtracting the narrow $H\beta$ components from the average spectrum of Mark 110, we found that the broad emission line system has a width of $\sim 1700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ($FWHM$) and, therefore, this galaxy could be classified as a NLS1 as suggested by Grupe et al. (2004). However, this object has none of the other properties characteristic of NLS1s.

NLS1s generally have a soft X-ray excess together with an unusually steep 2–10 keV power law which could be due to a high accretion rate (Pounds et al. 1995; Shemmer et al. 2006), although strong ultra soft X-ray emission is not a universal characteristic of NLS1s (Williams et al. 2004). Wang & Netzer (2003) presented a model consisting of an extreme slim disc with a hot corona to explain the soft X-ray excess and suggested that it is a natural consequence of super Eddington accretion.

The X-ray photon index of Mark 110 in the energy range 0.2–2.0 keV ($\Gamma = 2.41 \pm 0.03$, Lawrence et al. 1997 or $\Gamma = 2.47 \pm 0.01$, Grupe et al. 2001) is typical of BLS1s rather than of NLS1s (Lawrence et al. 1997) suggesting that this object is not super Eddington (Grupe 2004). Dasgupta & Rao (2006) found $\Gamma = 1.75 \pm 0.01$ in the 2–12 keV range and a large soft excess which can be fitted with a blackbody with $kT = 100 \pm 2 \text{ eV}$. Alternatively, they could fit the data in the range 0.3–12 keV with a broken power law, the values of the photon indices being $\Gamma = 2.29 \pm 0.01$ and $\Gamma = 1.78 \pm 0.01$ and the break energy $1.66 \pm 0.04 \text{ keV}$. This low value of the 2–12 keV photon index is again typical of BLS1s (Leighly 1999; Middleton et al. 2007).

Xu et al. (2007) have shown that, while in NLS1s the electron density of the NLR, as estimated from the [S II] $\lambda 6716/\lambda 6731$ line ratio, covers a rather large range ($2\text{--}770 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, corresponding to $\lambda 6716/\lambda 6731$ in the range 0.94–1.23), in BLS1s the density is always relatively large ($>140 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda 6716/\lambda 6731 < 1.27$). In Mark 110, we have

³ Elvis et al. (1999) however have shown that the dispersion of the values of the Eddington ratio for a given BH mass is at least equal to a factor of 2.

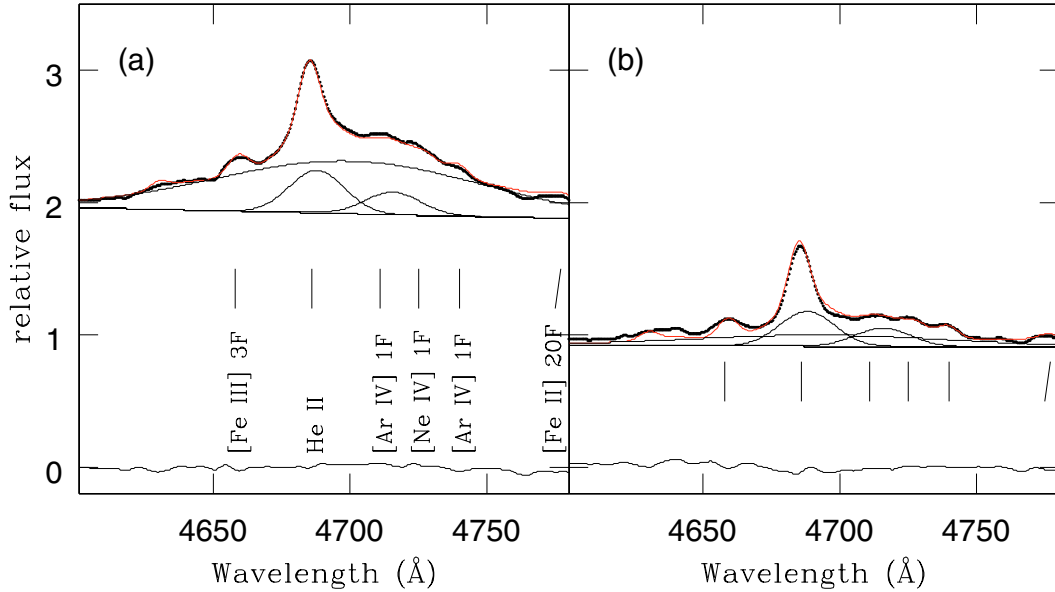


Fig. 4. **a)** Fit of the mean of the four strongest spectra of Mark 110 in the region around He II $\lambda 4686$ and He I $\lambda 4713$. The dotted line shows the observations; the continuous line is the best fit. The lowest line represents the residuals. We also show the three He I and He II variable components. The locations of the strongest narrow lines are indicated. **b)** The same for the mean of the four weakest spectra.

measured $\lambda 6716/\lambda 6731 = 1.12$ which does not exclude the possibility that this object is an NLS1 but makes its classification as a BLS1 more likely.

Fe II emission in the broad line region has not been detected and is extremely weak (see above). Boroson (2002) and Grupe (2004) suggested that the inverse correlation between the strengths of Fe II and [O III] is driven predominantly by the Eddington ratio. Objects with a high Eddington ratio have strong Fe II emission. The extreme weakness of Fe II in Mark 110 therefore also argues for a low Eddington ratio.

If Mark 110 has a relatively low Eddington ratio, its BH mass should be larger than the typical value obtained for NLS1s of similar luminosity.

The Eddington luminosity is taken to be $L_{\text{Edd}} = 1.25 \times M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\odot} \times 10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (Laor et al. 1997) i.e., for Mark 110, $17.4 \times 10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, assuming $M_{\text{BH}} = 14 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$. The optical luminosity $\lambda \times L_{\lambda}$ at 5100 \AA is found to vary in the range $(0.11\text{--}0.25) \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (Peterson et al. 1998; Kaspi et al. 2005) after removal of the host galaxy contribution (Bentz et al. 2006). In these conditions, the bolometric luminosity varies in the range $(0.11\text{--}0.25) \times 10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ which corresponds to an Eddington ratio in the range $(0.6\text{--}1.4) \times 10^{-2}$. If this is the case, Mark 110 would be far from emitting at the Eddington luminosity. Even if the BH mass is much smaller (e.g. $0.33 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$), the Eddington ratio would be in the range $0.25\text{--}0.60$, still smaller than one.

5.4. Comparison of Mark 110 with I Zw 1 and IRAS 07598+6508

Mark 110 is the third narrow line Seyfert 1 galaxy for which we have performed a detailed analysis of the emission line spectrum using high signal to noise spectra. The first two were I Zw 1 (Véron-Cetty et al. 2004) and IRAS 07698+6508 (Véron-Cetty et al. 2006). These three objects have been classified as NLS1s on the basis of the width of their broad emission lines. Their spectra are extremely dissimilar (Fig. 5).

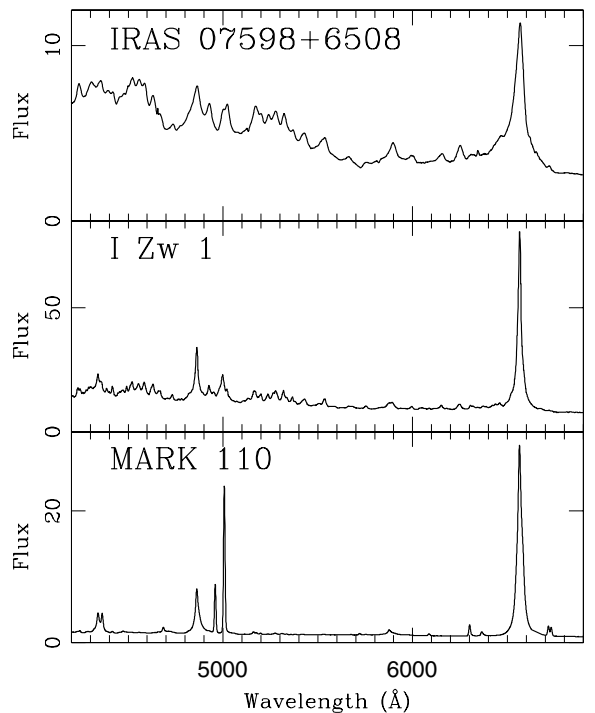


Fig. 5. Spectra of three NLS1s. Fluxes are in units of $10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$. As shown in the text, although Mark 110 has narrow “broad” emission lines, it is probably not a genuine NLS1.

IRAS 07598+6508 is a very strong Fe II emitter with $R_{4570} = \text{Fe II } \lambda 4570/\text{H}\beta \sim 8$. The spectrum is completely dominated by broad permitted lines of Fe II, Ti II and Cr II. No narrow line could be detected. In I Zw 1, the broad permitted Fe II lines are weaker ($R_{4570} = 1.5\text{--}1.9$). The narrow line system is relatively weak and is dominated by Fe II permitted and forbidden lines. In Mark 110, no broad Fe II lines could be detected while the narrow line system is much stronger relative to the broad lines.

Vestergaard & Peterson (2006) have determined the luminosity of the nucleus and the BH mass of IZw 1. They found $\lambda \times L(5100) = 6.22 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ and $M_{\text{BH}} = 2.65 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ which leads to an Eddington ratio of 1.8.

The flux density of IRAS 07598+6508 at 5100 Å is $3.64 \times 10^{-16} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ Å}^{-1}$ which, with $z = 0.149$, corresponds to $\lambda \times L(5100) = 8.9 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$. According to Bentz et al. (2006) this corresponds to a size of the broad line region of 100 l.d. Then, according to Kaspi et al. (2005) and using $k = 1.26$ and 1780 km s^{-1} for the $H\beta$ *FWHM* (Véron-Cetty et al. 2001), the BH mass is $M_{\text{BH}} = 7.34 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$. We deduced from these numbers that the Eddington ratio is equal to ~ 1 .

The values of the Eddington ratio for these three galaxies are quite uncertain but seem to confirm that this is an important parameter in determining the main properties of the emission line spectrum of this type of objects.

5.5. Other similar objects

Kaz 320 is a Seyfert 1 galaxy ($B = 13.8$) at $z = 0.034$. The *FWHM* of the broad $H\beta$ component is equal to 1375 km s^{-1} (Botte et al. 2004) or 1470 km s^{-1} (Véron-Cetty et al. 2001). The spectrum exhibits strong Balmer and [O III] lines together with some highly ionized species like [Fe VII] $\lambda 6087$ and [Fe X] $\lambda 6375$. According to Zamorano et al. (1992), permitted Fe II lines, if present, are too weak to be detected. However we have measured $R_{4570} = 0.49$. We found that the $H\beta$ *FWHM* of the broad component is equal to 1470 km s^{-1} (Véron-Cetty et al. 2001).

HS 0328+0528 is a Seyfert 1 galaxy ($B = 15.7$) at $z = 0.043$ (Perlman et al. 1996; Engels et al. 1998). The *FWHM* of the broad Balmer component is $\sim 1500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The Fe II emission is weak ($R_{4570} = 0.43$) (Véron-Cetty et al. 2001).

The BH mass has been estimated to be 0.23 and $0.53 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ respectively in these two objects (Wang & Lu 2001). Like Mark 110, they could be pole-on, but otherwise normal BLS1s.

6. Conclusion

We have analyzed the optical emission line spectrum of the peculiar NLS1 galaxy Mark 110. Except for “narrow” broad lines, Mark 110 lacks all other characteristics of this class of objects such as a weak [O III] $\lambda 5007/H\beta$ ratio and strong permitted Fe II lines (We have shown that all the detected Fe II lines belong to the narrow line system). The X-ray spectrum of Mark 110 is also more similar to that of a BLS1 than that of an NLS1.

The properties of the NLS1s are generally attributed to a high accretion rate on a relatively small mass BH leading to a super Eddington luminosity. We argue that, although the “broad” emission lines in Mark 110 are narrow ($\sim 1700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), its BH mass is such that its luminosity is not super Eddington.

The analysis of the narrow line system indicates that the electron density fills the range 10^3 – 10^6 cm^{-3} with a column density between 5×10^{19} and $5 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

The broad lines have three components with a *FWHM* of 6000, 3340 and 1515 km s^{-1} respectively. The first and the third components are variable while, strangely, the second is not.

Comparison with two previously studied NLS1s (IRAS 07598+6508 and I Zw 1) shows the diversity of the emission spectrum of these objects which exhibit a very large range of Fe II emission intensity. The total width of

the broad lines, although easy to measure, is probably not a major significant physical parameter to classify these objects. The Eddington luminosity, much more difficult to evaluate, is certainly more important.

We note that a few other objects such as Kaz 320 and HS 0328+0528, are similar to Mark 110 in having “narrow” broad lines, but weak Fe II and strong [O III], constituting a subclass of BLS1s with “narrow” broad lines.

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Appendix A: Line list for the narrow line region**Table A.1.** Lines observed in the stronger narrow line system. Column 1: line identification, Col. 2: rest wavelength, Col. 3: intensity relative to H β (H β flux = 20.3×10^{-15} erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$).

Name	Wavelength	Intensity
H β	4861.33	1.00
H α	6562.77	3.02
H γ	4340.47	0.48
Ti II 33	4227.34	0.04
[FeII] 21F	4231.56	0.00
Fe II 27	4233.17	0.02
Cr II 31	4233.25	0.02
Cr II 17	4238.69	0.03
[FeII] 21F	4243.97	0.10
[FeII] 21F	4244.81	0.02
[FeII] 21F	4276.83	0.06
[FeII] 7F	4287.39	0.09
[FeII] 21F	4305.90	0.02
[FeII] 21F	4319.63	0.04
He II 3	4338.67	0.01
[FeII] 21F	4346.85	0.02
[FeII] 21F	4352.78	0.03
[FeII] 21F	4358.36	0.04
[FeII] 7F	4359.33	0.07
[OIII] 2F	4363.21	0.77
Ti II 104	4367.66	0.10
[FeII] 21F	4372.43	0.02
Ti II 93	4374.82	0.04
He I 51	4387.93	0.00
[FeII] 7F	4413.78	0.05
[FeII] 6F	4416.27	0.05
[FeII] 6F	4432.45	0.00
Ti II 19	4443.80	0.01
[FeII] 7F	4452.10	0.03
[FeII] 6F	4457.94	0.02
He I 14	4471.69	0.05
[FeII] 7F	4474.90	0.02
Mg II 4	4481.13	0.03
Ti II 115	4488.32	0.02
[FeII] 6F	4488.75	0.01
Fe II 37	4489.18	0.01
Fe II 37	4491.40	0.03
[FeII] 6F	4492.63	0.01
Ti II 31	4501.27	0.06
Fe II 38	4508.28	0.05
[FeII] 6F	4509.60	0.00
[FeII] 6F	4514.90	0.01
Fe II 37	4515.34	0.05
Fe II 37	4520.22	0.02
Fe II 38	4522.63	0.03
[FeII] 6F	4528.38	0.00
Ti II 82	4529.46	0.02
[FeII] 6F	4533.00	0.00
He II 2	4541.49	0.05
Fe II 38	4549.47	0.04
Fe II 37	4555.89	0.02
Cr II 44	4558.68	0.03
Ti II 50	4563.76	0.03
Ti II 81	4571.97	0.03
Fe II 38	4576.33	0.03
Fe II 37	4582.83	0.01

Table A.1. continued.

Name	Wavelength	Intensity
Fe II 38	4583.83	0.04
Ti II 50	4589.96	0.04
Fe II 38	4620.51	0.00
Fe II 37	4629.34	0.03
[FeII] 4F	4639.67	0.00
?	4642.78	0.02
[FeIII] 3F	4658.05	0.05
[FeII] 4F	4664.44	0.00
He II 1	4685.68	0.22
[ArIV] 1F	4711.37	0.01
He I 12	4713.17	0.00
[NeIV] 1F	4714.25	0.02
[NeIV] 1F	4715.61	0.01
[NeIV] 1F	4724.15	0.02
[NeIV] 1F	4725.62	0.02
[FeII] 4F	4728.07	0.01
Fe II 43	4731.45	0.02
[ArIV] 1F	4740.16	0.04
[FeII] 4F	4772.06	0.00
[FeII] 20F	4774.72	0.01
[FeII] 4F	4798.27	0.00
[FeII] 20F	4814.53	0.05
Cr II 30	4824.13	0.02
[FeII] 20F	4874.48	0.01
[FeII] 20F	4905.34	0.02
He I 48	4921.93	0.01
Fe II 42	4923.92	0.05
[FeIII] 1F	4930.53	0.05
[FeII] 20F	4947.38	0.01
[FeII] 20F	4950.74	0.01
[OIII] 1F	4958.91	2.98
[FeII] 20F	4973.39	0.01
[FeII] 20F	5005.51	0.01
[FeII] 4F	5006.65	0.00
[OIII] 1F	5006.84	8.96
He I 4	5015.67	0.02
Fe II 42	5018.43	0.08
[FeII] 20F	5020.23	0.01
[FeII] 20F	5043.52	0.01
[FeII] 18F	5107.94	0.00
[FeII] 19F	5111.63	0.01
[FeII] 18F	5158.00	0.01
[FeII] 19F	5158.78	0.07
[FeII] 35F	5163.95	0.05
Fe II 42	5169.03	0.03
[FeII] 18F	5181.95	0.00
[ArIII] 3F	5191.82	0.03
Fe II 49	5197.57	0.01
[NI] 1F	5197.90	0.01
[FeII] 35F	5199.17	0.01
[NI] 1F	5200.26	0.04
[FeII] 19F	5220.06	0.01
Fe II 49	5234.62	0.03
[FeII] 19F	5261.62	0.04
[FeII] 18F	5268.88	0.00
[FeIII] 1F	5270.40	0.03
[FeII] 18F	5273.35	0.01
Fe II 49	5275.99	0.03

Table A.1. continued.

Name	Wavelength	Intensity
[FeII] 35F	5278.37	0.01
[FeII] 35F	5283.11	0.01
?	5288.90	0.02
[FeII] 19F	5296.83	0.01
Fe II 49	5316.61	0.04
Fe II 49	5325.56	0.02
[FeII] 19F	5333.65	0.03
Ti II 69	5336.81	0.02
[FeII] 18F	5347.65	0.00
[FeII] 19F	5376.47	0.02
He II 2	5411.52	0.00
[FeII] 17F	5412.65	0.03
Fe II 49	5425.27	0.02
[FeII] 18F	5433.13	0.00
[FeII] 34F	5477.25	0.01
[FeII] 17F	5495.82	0.01
[FeII] 17F	5527.34	0.04
Fe II 55	5534.86	0.03
[FeII] 18F	5556.31	0.00
[OI] 3F	5577.34	0.01
?	5608.74	0.01
[FeII] 17F	5654.85	0.01
[FeII] 17F	5745.70	0.00
[FeII] 34F	5746.97	0.01
[NII] 3F	5754.57	0.03
[FeIV]	5798.78	0.01
[FeII] 34F	5843.90	0.00
He I 11	5875.70	0.10
Na I D	5889.95	0.03
Na I D	5895.92	0.03
[OI] 1F	6300.23	0.60
[SIII] 1F	6312.06	0.07
Si II 2	6347.09	0.02
[OI] 1F	6363.88	0.20
Si II 2	6371.36	0.05
[NII] 1F	6548.04	0.14
He II 2	6560.10	0.02
[NII] 1F	6583.46	0.43
He I 46	6678.15	0.03
[SII] 2F	6716.44	0.58
[SII] 2F	6730.81	0.51
[FeVII] 2F	4893.90	0.01
[CaVII] 1F	4940.30	0.02
[FeVII] 2F	4942.49	0.04
[FeVI] 2F	4967.13	0.06
[FeVI] 2F	4972.47	0.09
[FeVI] 2F	5145.75	0.03
[FeVII] 2F	5158.41	0.09
[FeVI] 2F	5176.04	0.14
[FeVII] 2F	5276.39	0.05
[FeXIV] 1F	5303.60	0.01
[CaV] 1F	5308.90	0.08
[CaVII] 1F	5620.36	0.01
[FeVI] 1F	5631.07	0.01
[CaVI] 2F	5631.40	0.01
[FeVI] 1F	5676.95	0.03
[FeVII] 1F	5720.71	0.13
[FeVII] 1F	6086.30	0.18