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Resumen:

Exploiting the sensitivity and spatial resolution of ALMA, we have studied the morphology and the physical scale of the interstellar medium - both gas and dust - in SGP 38326, the most luminous star-bursting system known at z > 4. SGP 38326 contains a molecular gas reservoir among the most massive yet found in the early Universe, and it is the likely progenitor of a massive, red-and-dead elliptical galaxy at $z \sim 3$. Probing scales of ~ 800 pc we find that the smooth distribution of the continuum emission from cool dust grains contrasts with the more irregular morphology of the gas, as traced by the [CII] fine structure emission. The gas is also extended over larger physical scales than the dust. Our observations support a scenario where at least a subset of the most distant extreme starbursts are highly dissipative mergers of gas-rich galaxies.