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ABSTRACT

Context. The earliest evolutionary stages of low-mass protostars are characterised by hot and fast jets which remove angular momentum from the circumstellar disk, thus allowing mass accretion onto the central object. However, the launch mechanism is still being debated.

Aims. We would like to exploit high-angular (~0′′8) resolution and high-sensitivity images to investigate the origin of protostellar jets using typical molecular tracers of shocked regions, such as SiO and SO.

Methods. We mapped the inner 22″ of the NGC 1333–IRAS2A protostar in SiO(5–4), SO(6 5–54), and the continuum emission at 1.4 mm using the IRAM Plateau de Bure Interferometer in the framework of the CALYPSO IRAM large program.

Results. For the first time, we disentangle the NGC 1333–IRAS2A Class 0 object into a proto-binary system revealing two protostars (MM1, MM2) separated by ~560 AU, each of them driving their own jet, while past work considered a single protostar with a quadrupolar outflow. We reveal (i) a clumpy, fast (up to |V − Vsys| ≥ 50 km s−1) and blueshifted jet emerging from the brightest MM1 source; and (ii) a slower redshifted jet, driven by MM2. Silicon monoxide emission is a powerful tracer of high-excitation (Tkin ≥ 100 K; nH ≥ 105 cm−3) jets close to the launching region. At the highest velocities, SO appears to mimic SiO tracing the jets, whereas at velocities close to the systemic one, SO is dominated by extended emission, tracing the cavity opened by the jet.

Conclusions. Both jets are intrinsically monopolar, and intermittent in time. The dynamical time of the SiO clumps is ≤30–90 yr, indicating that one-sided ejections from protostars can take place on these timescales.

Key words. stars: formation – ISM: jets and outflows – ISM: molecules – planetary nebulae: individual: NGC 1333-IRAS2A

1. Introduction

The so-called Class 0 objects represent the earliest low-mass protostellar stage having (i) most of their mass still in the form of dense envelopes; and (ii) a lifetime ≤ a few 104 yr (e.g. André et al. 2000; Evans et al. 2009; Maury et al. 2011). Class 0 protostars then represent an ideal laboratory for tracing the pristine conditions of low-mass star formation. Because of the paucity of the sub-arcsec (sub)mm observations required to probe the innermost (≤100 AU) regions, several basic questions remain open, such as the existence of multiple systems, or the launching mechanism of protostellar jets. Protostars drive fast jets surrounded by wide-angle winds that impact the high-density parent cloud generating shock fronts, which trigger endothermic chemical reactions and ice grain mantle sublimation or sputtering. As a consequence, several molecules (such as H2O, CH3OH, and S-bearing species) undergo significant enhancements in their abundances (e.g. van Dishoeck & Blake 1998).

A typical example is represented by SiO, whose formation is mainly (≥90%) attributed to the sputtering of Si atoms from refractory core grains in high-velocity (≥20 km s−1) shocks (e.g. Gudel & S crossings 2008ab), or grain shattering in grain-grain collisions inside J-shocks (Guillet et al. 2010). Silicon monoxide traces shocks inside jets well, suffering minimal contamination from low-velocity swept-up material (usually traced by low-J CO emission), and is able to unambiguously probe the mass loss process.

So far, a quite limited number of Class 0 jets has been observed at sub-arcsecond angular resolution (needed to disentangle the jet and the outflow cavities): HH211 (Lee et al. 2007, 2009, 2010), HH212 (Codella et al. 2007; Lee et al. 2008), IRAS04166+2706 (Tafalla et al. 2010), and L1448-C (Maury et al. 2010; Hirano et al. 2010). The IRAM Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI) large program CALYPSO (Continuum and Lines from Young ProtoStellar Objects) is correcting this situation by providing the first sub-arcsecond statistical study of inner jet properties in nearby low-luminosity Class 0 sources in combination with studies of the envelopes, disks, and multiplicity structure. One of the best documented CALYPSO targets is NGC 1333-IRAS2A (hereafter IRAS2A), located at 235 pc in

1 http://irfu.cea.fr/Projects/Calypso

2 Recent estimates of the distance to Perseus range from 220 to 350 pc. Here we adopt 235 pc following Hirota et al. (2008).
the Perseus NGC 1333 cluster. The source IRAS2A is part of a wider system containing IRAS2B (not investigated here), located at \(\sim 31^\circ\). The IRAS2A luminosity is \(-10 L_\odot\), and it was observed in continuum at cm (e.g. Reipurth et al. 2002), mm (Looney et al. 2000; Jørgensen et al. 2004a, 2007, 2009; Maury et al. 2010), and sub-mm wavelengths (e.g. Sandell & Knee 2001). The outflow activity was traced using single-dish telescopes and interferometers and several tracers of swept-up material (e.g. CO) and shocks (e.g. SiO, CH$_3$OH), revealing two perpendicularly outflows, directed NE-SW (PA = 25°; hereafter called N-S for sake of clarity) and SE-NW (PA = 105°; hereafter E-W), both originating to within a few arcseconds from IRAS2A (e.g. Bachiller et al. 1998; Knee & Sandell 2000; Jørgensen et al. 2004a,b, 2009; Wakelam et al. 2005; Persson et al. 2012; Plunket et al. 2013). These outflows seem intrinsically different, the E-W outflow being more collimated and chemically richer than the N-S one, supporting the possibility that IRAS2A is an unresolved proto-binary.

2. Observations

The source IRAS2A was observed with the IRAM PdBI six-element array in December 2010 and January-February 2011 using both the A and C configurations. The shortest and longest baselines are 19 m and 762 m, respectively, allowing us to recover emission at scales from \(-0.8^\prime\) down to \(0.7^\prime\) at 1.4 mm. The SiO(5–4) and SO(6–5) lines\(^3\) at 217104.98 and 219949.44 MHz, respectively, were observed using the WideX backend to cover a 4 GHz spectral window and to probe continuum emission at a 2 MHz (\(\sim 2.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}\)) at 1.4 mm spectral resolution. Calibration was carried out following standard procedures, using GILDAS-CLIC\(^4\). Phase (rms) was \(\leq 50^\circ\) and \(80^\circ\) for the A and C tracks, respectively, pww was 0.5–1 mm (A) and \(\sim 1–2\) mm (C), and system temperatures were \(\sim 100–160\) K (A) and 150–250 K (C). The final uncertainty on the absolute flux scale is \(\leq 15\%\). The typical rms noise in the 2 MHz channels was \(3–9\) mJy beam$^{-1}$. Images were produced using robust weighting, and restored with a clean beam of \(0.81 \times 0.69\) (PA = 33°).

\(^{3}\) Spectroscopic parameters have been extracted from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory molecular database (Pickett et al. 1998).

\(^{4}\) http://www.iram.fr/IRAMFR/GILDAS

![Fig. 1. Left panel: contour plots of the IRAS2A continuum emission at 1.4 mm. The ellipse shows the PdBI synthesised beam (HPBW): \(0.81\times0.7\) (PA = 33°). First contours and steps correspond to 5σ (7.5 mJy beam$^{-1}$). Labels indicate the main source (MM1) and two weaker sources (MM2 and MM3). Middle panel: contour map of blue- (−39, +3 km s$^{-1}$) and redshifted (+11, +21 km s$^{-1}$) SiO(5–4) emissions superimposed on the SiO at low-velocity (+3, +11 km s$^{-1}$; black contours). First contours correspond to 5σ and 10σ, followed by steps of 10σ. One σ is 84 (blue), 15 (red), and 12 (black) mJy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$. Crosses are for the position of the four SiO clumps (A, B, C, and D; see Figs. 2 and B.3). Magenta triangles stand for the positions of MM1, MM2, and MM3. Grey lines are the directions of the PV diagrams shown in Figs. 2 and B.3. Right panel: same as middle panel for the SO(6–5), averaged over (−29, +3), (+11, +19), and (+3, +11) km s$^{-1}$ for the blue-, red-, and black-velocity, respectively. One σ is 86 (blue), 18 (red), and 16 (low-velocity) mJy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$.

Table 1. Position and intensity of the continuum peaks.

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Notes: (a) The fit uncertainties are 4, 14, and 17 mas for MM1, MM2, and MM3, respectively.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Continuum emission

Emission map of the 1.4 mm continuum is shown in Fig. 1. The source IRAS2A is found to be associated with three continuum sources (here labelled MM1, MM2, and MM3). A detailed analysis of the continuum emission is beyond the scope of the present paper: it will be used to support the interpretation of the SiO and SO images. Table 1 summarises positions and 1.4 mm peak fluxes of the three continuum sources. The coordinates of the brightest one (MM1) are consistent with the position of IRAS2A previously measured using the VLA (3.6 cm), SMA (0.8 and 1.3 mm), and BIMA (2.7 mm) telescopes (Rodríguez et al. 1999; Jørgensen et al. 2007; Looney et al. 2007). In addition, a fainter and spatially unresolved source (MM2) is found \(\sim 2\prime\4\) (560 AU) from MM1 in the SE direction. Both MM1 and MM2 have also been detected at 94 GHz in the framework of CALYPSO (see Appendix A): the spectral index \(\alpha\) (where flux density \(S_\nu \propto \nu^\alpha\)) is \(\sim 2\)–2.5, consistent with that of a protostar.

A third source (MM3) is detected \(\sim 2\prime\5\) south of MM1. Its FWHM size is 307 mas and its non-detection at 94 GHz (with a peak flux \(\leq 0.1\) mJy beam$^{-1}$) implies \(\alpha \sim 4\) challenges a protostellar nature. Alternatively, MM3 might be an outflow feature due to dust heated by shocks travelling along the SiO jet (see Sect. 3.2).

3.2. Different jets from a proto-binary system

Figure 1 shows that SiO(5–4) emission is mainly confined to a collimated blueshifted southern SiO jet with a PA of 25°, emerging from MM1, and extending out to \(\sim 4\prime\) (1000 AU). The SiO jet is narrow: after correction for the PdBI HPBW, the transverse FWHM is \(\sim 0.3 \times 0.1\) (165 AU) at \(\sim 700\) AU from MM1, while
it appears even narrower (being spatially unresolved) close to the driving source. Position-velocity (PV) diagrams along the N-S jet axis (Fig. 2) show that SiO emission extends to very high blueshifted velocities, \(\sim -50 \text{ km s}^{-1}\) with respect to \(V_{\text{LSR}}\). Labels A, B, C, and D are for the four clumps along the SiO blue jet. No SiO or SO emission is detected outside the given velocity range.

The MM1 SiO jet is surprisingly asymmetric with a bright (up to 90 K in \(T_{\text{MB}}\) scale, see e.g. Fig. 3) blueshifted emission and no clear red counterpart (down to 1 K), suggesting a monopolar nature. The presence of monopolar outflows has recently been observed by Fernández-López et al. (2013) towards the complex high-mass star forming region IRAS 18162-2048. In that case, the authors propose precession and deflection due to high-density clumps to explain the asymmetric appearance. In principle, asymmetries in ambient gas could affect emission at low velocities (such as swept-up gas, see e.g. Pety et al. 2006), but not the jet emission. As far as we know, this is the first time a SiO monopolar high-velocity jet ejected from a low-mass protostar has been observed. The lack of SiO redshifted emission could be due to the lack of dust if the northern cavity has been completely evacuated by previous ejections. However, the lack the high-velocity redshifted emission in SO (see Sect. 3.3), whose abundance increases due to pure gas phase neutral-neutral reactions, seems to rule out this hypothesis. As a consequence, the bright blueshifted jet from MM1 argues that, intrinsically, one-sided ejectors from low-mass protostars can occur, i.e. that one side of the accreting disk is ejecting gas. Alternatively, the continuum source MM3 could trace dust emission from a pre-existing clumpy denser region which, as a side effect, bends part of the blue flow. Finally, the PV diagram of Fig. 2 suggests a jet deceleration. The dynamical time of the SiO clumps is \(\sim 27-88\) yr, and is consistent with that derived for the HH212 SiO jet (25 yr; Cabrit et al. 2007).

In addition to the N-S jet, the SiO map reveals a redshifted jet (\(V - V_{\text{LSR}}\) up to \(\sim +12 \text{ km s}^{-1}\); see Fig. B.1) with a width similar to the N-S jet (165 AU) and spatially associated with the MM2 continuum source, confirming SiO as a probe of the jet launching region. The jet is monopolar in this case as well and seems to decelerate (see the channel maps and the PV diagrams in Figs. B.1 and B.3). The elongation of the jet is consistent with the PA (\(-105^\circ\)) of the E-W outflow, which consists of two highly collimated lobes observed quite far (\(60^\circ -80^\circ\)) from IRAS2A, using typical tracers (such as SiO, SO, SO\(_2\), and CH\(_3\)OH) of shock chemistry (e.g. Bachiller et al. 1998; Wakelam et al. 2005). So far, the driving sources of the two perpendicular E-W and N-S outflows have not been revealed. The present SiO (and continuum) images allow us to resolve for the first time the origin of the IRAS2A quadrupolar outflow, unveiling a Class 0 proto-binary system (MM1 and MM2) driving two different jets.

### 3.3. The role of SO emission: jets and cavities

At the highest velocities, the SO distribution, as traced by its (65–54) line (Fig. 1), resembles the SiO(5–4) one, showing a bright S jet driven by MM1, and supporting the association with the SiO jet itself. Figure 3 plots as an example the SiO and SO spectra observed towards clump C, confirming that they are very similar at the highest velocities. These findings (i) are in agreement with the detection of SO at extremely high velocities.
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Appendix A: The 3.2 mm continuum emission

Figure A.1 shows the emission map of the 3.2 mm continuum dust emission, which was produced as the 1.4 mm map using robust weighting, and restored with a clean beam of 1′′.42 × 1′′.00 (PA = 38°). The 3.2 mm emission allows us to detect the MM1 (α(J2000): 03h 28m 55.56, δ(J2000): +31° 14′ 36″.93) and MM2 (α(J2000): 03h 28m 55.69, δ(J2000): +31° 14′ 35″.63) sources, consistent with what was found in the 1.4 mm image (see Table 1 and Fig. 1). The peak fluxes are 17 mJy beam^{-1} and 2 mJy beam^{-1} for MM1 and MM2, respectively. On the other hand, MM3 (revealed at 1.4 mm) is not detected at a 3σ sensitivity level of 0.75 mJy beam^{-1}.

Fig. A.1. Contour plots of the IRAS2A continuum emission at 3.2 mm. The ellipse shows the PdBI synthesised beam (HPBW): 1′′.42 × 1′′.00 (PA = 38°). First contours and steps correspond to 5σ (1.3 mJy beam^{-1}). Labels indicate the main source MM1 and the weaker source MM2. The black triangle stands for the position of MM3, revealed at 1.4 mm and not detected at 3.2 mm.
Appendix B: SiO and SO channel maps

We show in Figs. A.1 and A.2 the channel maps of the SiO(5–4) and SO(6–5) blue- and redshifted (continuum subtracted) emissions towards IRAS2A. The images trace the clumps well at different velocities along the N-S jet driven by MM1 and also trace the redshifted E lobe associated with MM2. The grey lines show the deceleration of the highest velocity clumps.

Figure A.3 shows the SiO and SO PV diagrams along the E-W jet axis: as in the N-S case, the SiO emitting at the highest velocities is closely associated with the driving source MM2, confirming that SiO is a powerful tracer of the jet launching region.

Fig. B.1. Channel maps of the SiO(5–4) blue- and redshifted (continuum subtracted) emissions towards IRAS2A. Each panel shows the emission integrated over a velocity interval of 2.5 km s$^{-1}$ centred at the value given in the upper-right corner. The thick box and the magenta contours indicate the range associated with the systemic velocity. Thick contours correspond to the 5σ emission of the 1.4 mm continuum map shown in Fig. 1 and indicate the position of the MM1, MM2, and MM3 continuum sources. The ellipse in the top-left panel shows the PdBI synthesised beam (HPBW): 0′.81 × 0′.69 (PA = 33°). First contours and steps correspond to 5σ (15 mJy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$) and 10σ, respectively. Grey lines indicate the slowing down of the highest velocity SiO clumps (see text).
Fig. B.2. Channels map of the SO(6$_5$–5$_4$) blue- and redshifted (continuum subtracted) emissions towards IRAS2A. Each panel shows the emission integrated over a velocity interval of 2.7 km s$^{-1}$ centred at the value given in the upper-right corner. Symbols are drawn as in Fig. 2. The ellipse in the top-left panel shows the PdBI synthesised beam (HPBW): 0$''$.81 $\times$ 0$''$.69 (PA = 33$^\circ$). First contours and steps correspond to 5$\sigma$ (15 mJy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$) and 10$\sigma$, respectively. Grey lines indicate the slowing down of the highest velocity SO clump (see text).

Fig. B.3. Position-velocity cut of SiO(5–4) (grey scale and black contours) and SO(6$_5$–5$_4$) (magenta contours) along the whole E-W jet (PA = 105$^\circ$, see the grey line in Fig. 1). First contours and steps correspond to 5$\sigma$ (2.5 K for SiO and 4.0 K for SO) and 3$\sigma$, respectively. Dashed lines mark the positions of MM2 and the protostellar envelope $V_{\text{LSR}}$ (+6.5 km s$^{-1}$). We note that the SiO and SO emission at negative angular offsets traces the N-S outflow driven by MM1 (see Fig. 1).