

# Studying the Molecular Ambient towards the Young Stellar Object EGO G35.04-0.47

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## Abstract

We are performing a systematic study of the interstellar medium around extended green objects (EGOs), likely massive young stellar objects driving outflows. EGO G35.04-0.47 is located towards a dark cloud at the northern-west edge of an HII region. Recently, H<sub>2</sub> jets were discovered towards this source, mainly towards its southwest, where the H<sub>2</sub> 1–0 S(1) emission peaks. Therefore, the source was catalogued as the Molecular Hydrogen emission-line object MHO 2429. In order to study the molecular ambient towards this star-forming site, we observed a region around the aforementioned EGO using the Atacama Submillimeter Telescope Experiment in the <sup>12</sup>CO J=3–2, <sup>13</sup>CO J=3–2, HCO<sup>+</sup> J=4–3, and CS J=7–6 lines with an angular and spectral resolution of 22'' and 0.11 km s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The observations revealed a molecular clump where the EGO is embedded at  $v_{\text{LSR}} \sim 51$  km s<sup>-1</sup>, in coincidence with the velocity of a Class I 95 GHz methanol maser previously detected. Analyzing the <sup>12</sup>CO line we discovered high velocity molecular gas in the range from 34 to 47 km s<sup>-1</sup>, most likely a blueshifted outflow driven by the EGO. The alignment and shape of this molecular structure coincide with those of the southwest lobe of MHO 2429 mainly between 46 and 47 km s<sup>-1</sup>, confirming that we are mapping its CO counterpart. Performing a SED analysis of EGO G35.04-0.47 we found that its central object should be an intermediate-mass young stellar object accreting mass at a rate similar to those found in some massive YSOs. We suggest that this source can become a

massive YSO.

**Key words:** ISM: clouds, ISM: HII regions, ISM: jets and outflows, stars: formation

## 1. Introduction

More than 400 Galactic sources with extended emission at  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  were identified (Cyganowski et al. 2008; Chen et al. 2013). These objects were called extended green objects (EGOs) for the common coding of the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band as green in three-color composite Infrared Array Camera images from the *Spitzer* Telescope. According to the authors, an EGO is a probable massive young stellar object (MYSO) driving outflows. The extended emission in the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band is supposed to be due to  $\text{H}_2$  ( $\nu = 0 - 0$ , S(9,10,11)) lines and CO ( $\nu = 1 - 0$ ) band heads, that are excited by the shock of the outflows propagating in the interstellar medium (ISM) (e.g. Noriega-Crespo et al. 2004). Some studies have shown that EGOs indeed trace outflows related to MYSOs (De Buizer & Vacca 2010; Cyganowski et al. 2011). On the other hand, based on the lack of detection of the shock-excited  $\text{H}_2$  line at  $2.122 \mu\text{m}$  towards several EGOs, Lee et al. (2012) suggest that the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  emission can also be due to scattered light. Studying the molecular ambient towards EGOs is useful not only to probe the relationship between the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  extended emission and shocked gas but also to study how YSOs can disrupt their surrounding environment, through the clearing of gas and the injection of momentum and energy onto the medium. Indeed, bipolar jets from protostars appear to be ubiquitous and to have a close relationship to the accretion process from a disc into a forming star (Froebrich et al. 2003). These jets can excavate cavities by sweeping up the molecular material which then forms an outflow that can be detected through the emission of CO lines.

We are performing a systematic study of the ISM around EGOs in order to find evidence of outflowing activity and to characterize the molecular ambient where the source is embedded. In this paper we present the results from the study of EGO G35.04-047

The source EGO G35.04-047 lays in a border of the HII region G035.0-0.5. Figure 1 is a three-color *Spitzer*-IRAC composite image of the field, where the HII region G035.0-0.5 appears conspicuous at the  $8 \mu\text{m}$  emission and the EGO G35.04-0.47, located in a dark cavity at the northern-west edge of the HII region, can be distinguished by its  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  green emission. The HII region has a systemic velocity of  $v_{\text{LSR}} \sim 51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (Lockman 1989; Kuchar & Clark 1997). EGO G35.04-0.47 is very likely embedded in the dark cloud SDC G35.041-0.471 (Peretto & Fuller 2009) suggesting that it could be an YSO evolving in its parental dark and dense cloud. Moreover, it is probable that the formation of this YSO has been triggered by the expansion of the HII region G035.0-0.5. It is likely that the shock front of the HII region has overrun and compressed a preexisting molecular clump leading the formation of the YSO (e.g. Paron

et al. 2011; Dirienzo et al. 2012). Chen et al. (2011) detected Class I 95 GHz methanol maser at the center of this EGO with a main component centered at  $51.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , in agreement with a previous single-pointing study using the  $\text{HCO}^+$ ,  $^{12}\text{CO}$ ,  $^{13}\text{CO}$ , and  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}$   $J=1-0$  lines (Chen et al. 2010). More recently, He et al. (2012) also reported a  $v_{\text{LSR}} \sim 51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for EGO G35.04-0.47 from mm molecular line observations. Cyganowski et al. (2013) detected  $\text{NH}_3$  towards this EGO at  $v_{\text{LSR}} \sim 51.15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , reporting a distance of  $3.11 \pm 0.40 \text{ kpc}$  in agreement with the distance of  $3.4 \text{ kpc}$  reported in Chen et al. (2011). In particular, this EGO shows near-IR emission extending mainly towards the southwest. Lee et al. (2012) using near-IR data from the UKIDSS (Lawrence et al. 2007) confirmed the presence of a bipolar  $\text{H}_2$  jet detected at  $2.122 \mu\text{m}$ , with a strong component towards the southwest of the EGO and not aligned with the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  emission. The yellow ellipses in figure 1 (right) schematically represent the lobes of the bipolar  $\text{H}_2$  jet. The authors catalogued this object as the Molecular Hydrogen emission-line object MHO 2429<sup>1</sup>. MHOs are spatially resolved objects associated with outflows from young stars (Davis et al. 2010).

Based on new submillimeter molecular observations acquired with the Atacama Submillimeter Telescope Experiment (ASTE), we present a study of the ISM towards EGO G35.04-0.47 in order to characterize the molecular gas probably related to the star-forming processes. We mainly analyze the ISM southwards the EGO with the goal of confirming the existence of a molecular outflow related to the strong southwestern  $\text{H}_2$  jet. Additionally, we study the nature of the driving source.

## 2. Observations and Data Reduction

The molecular observations presented in this work were carried out on June 12 and 13, 2011 with the 10 m Atacama Submillimeter Telescope Experiment (ASTE; Ezawa et al. 2004). We used the CATS345 GHz band receiver, which is a two-single band SIS receiver remotely tunable in the LO frequency range of 324-372 GHz. We observed  $^{13}\text{CO}$   $J=3-2$  at 330.588 GHz and  $\text{CS}$   $J=7-6$  at 342.883 GHz mapping a region of  $2'0 \times 2'0$  centered at  $\text{RA} = 18^{\text{h}}56^{\text{m}}57^{\text{s}}9$ ,  $\text{dec.} = +01^{\circ}39'47''7$ , J2000 (white square in left panel of figure 1). Additionally, we simultaneously observed  $^{12}\text{CO}$   $J=3-2$  at 345.796 GHz and  $\text{HCO}^+$   $J=4-3$  at 356.734 GHz, mapping a region of  $3'4 \times 1'6$  centered at  $\text{RA} = 18^{\text{h}}56^{\text{m}}57^{\text{s}}8$ ,  $\text{dec.} = +01^{\circ}38'59''8$ , J2000 (white rectangle in left panel of figure 1). The mapping grid spacing was  $20''$  in all cases and the integration time was 60 sec in each pointing for the first set of data and 30 sec for the second one. All the observations were performed in position switching mode and the half-power beamwidth (HPBW) was about  $22''$ .

We used the XF digital spectrometer with bandwidth and spectral resolution set to 128 MHz and 125 kHz, respectively, corresponding to a velocity resolution of about  $0.11 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .

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<sup>1</sup> MHO catalogue is hosted by Liverpool John Moores University

The weather conditions were optimal and the system temperature varied from  $T_{\text{sys}} = 150$  to 200 K. The absolute pointing accuracy and main beam efficiency were verified by observing the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission towards the standard source V1427Aq (RA =  $19^{\text{h}}13^{\text{m}}58^{\text{s}}.6$ , dec. =  $+00^{\circ}07'31''.9$ , J2000, with an antenna temperature of  $T_{\text{a}} = 0.2$  K) and were about  $2''$  and  $\eta_{\text{mb}} \sim 0.65$ , respectively. The spectra were Hanning smoothed to improve the signal-to-noise ratio and only linear or some second order polynomials were used for baseline fitting. The rms noise of the spectra is between 0.15 and 0.20 K. The data were reduced with NEWSTAR<sup>2</sup> and the spectra processed using the XSpec software package<sup>3</sup>.

### 3. Results and Discussion

Figure 2 shows the spectra of the four different molecular species ( $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2,  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3–2,  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3, and CS J=7–6) observed towards the EGO G35.04-0.47 position. Emission from the CS J=7–6 line was not detected in the whole surveyed field. The  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 spectrum shows a complex behaviour with a main component centered at  $v \sim 51$  km  $\text{s}^{-1}$  and very likely related components towards lower velocities (between 34 and 50 km  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ). This spectrum also presents less intense components centered at  $\sim 14$  and 89 km  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . Taking into account that these molecular components appear in the whole observed area we discard the possibility that they represent CO bullets related to the YSO seen along the line of sight. To illustrate this, figure 3 displays the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 spectrum at RA =  $18^{\text{h}}57^{\text{m}}04^{\text{s}}$ , dec. =  $+01^{\circ}38'08''$ , J2000, a position  $\sim 2.5$  arcmin far from the EGO (at the bottom left corner of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  field shown in the left panel of figure 1), where the components at  $\sim 14$  and 89 km  $\text{s}^{-1}$  are also present. Thus, we conclude that they are unrelated molecular components seen along the line of sight. Therefore, our analysis focus on the components that appear between 34 and 60 km  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . Within this velocity range, as shown in figure 2, the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  spectrum obtained at the EGO position has a very likely wing towards lower velocities with several components. This may be due to shocks and/or turbulent motion in the gas (see e.g. Falgarone et al. 1994). It is probable that some of these components arise from a blueshifted outflow related to the southwestern  $\text{H}_2$  structure found by Lee et al. (2012). This issue will be further studied in section 3.2. While the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 profile exhibits a complex structure, the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  and  $\text{HCO}^+$  spectra, on the other hand, show a simpler behaviour. In the case of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission, the profile has two components centered at  $\sim 50.1$  and 46.5 km  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , while the  $\text{HCO}^+$  spectrum has only one component, centered at  $\sim 51.2$  km  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . In table 1 we present the parameters determined from the profile Gaussian fitting, where  $T_{\text{mb}}$  represents the peak brightness temperature,  $V_{\text{LSR}}$  the central velocity referred to the Local Standard of Rest, and  $\Delta v$  the FWHM line width. Errors

<sup>2</sup> Reduction software based on AIPS developed at NRAO, extended to treat single dish data with a graphical user interface (GUI).

<sup>3</sup> XSpec is a spectral line reduction package for astronomy which has been developed by Per Bergman at Onsala Space Observatory.

are formal  $1\sigma$  value for the model of the Gaussian line shape. The parameters derived for the  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3 line are very similar to those obtained by Schlingman et al. (2011) for the  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=3–2 towards this region.

The morphology and velocity distribution of the molecular gas around EGO G35.04-0.47 can be seen in figure 4, where the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission is presented in a series of channel maps integrated in steps of about  $1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Most of the panels show molecular gas related to the HII region G035.0-0.5, mainly towards the east. The panel at  $50.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  shows a molecular clump, almost at the field center, whose maximum coincides with the position of the EGO. In the panel at  $46.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  it can be seen a cavity northward the EGO position.

The distribution of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission, tracer of molecular outflows, towards the south of the EGO can be observed in figure 5. Note that the strong  $\text{H}_2$  jet mapped by Lee et al. (2012) is located towards the southwestern region of the EGO (see right panel of figure 1). The  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission is presented in figure 5 in a series of channel maps integrated in steps of about  $1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The position of EGO G35.04-0.47 coincides with the molecular clump that appears northwards in the panels from  $53.8$  to  $50.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , peaking at about  $51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . At lower velocities, see panels between  $48.4$  and  $46.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , there is an elongated molecular feature aligned with the southwestern  $\text{H}_2$  jet mapped by Lee et al. (2012) (see mainly panel at  $47.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). This molecular feature is connected towards the southwest with an unrelated molecular clump, not completely mapped, whose emission peaks between  $45.1$  and  $46.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The molecular gas that appears eastwards is related to the HII region G035.0-0.5. Figure 6 exhibits a similar plot for the  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3 emission. It is important to note that the central velocity of the molecular clump ( $\sim 51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) mapped in the three lines and related to the EGO is in agreement with that of the Class I 95 GHz methanol maser detected by Chen et al. (2011) and the  $\text{NH}_3$  emission detected by Cyganowski et al. (2013), suggesting to be the systemic velocity of the parental cloud where the EGO is embedded.

### 3.1. Column Densities and Abundances

In order to have a rough estimate of the molecular column densities and abundances of the clump where EGO G35.04-0.47 is embedded, we assume local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) and a beam filling factor of 1. We calculate the excitation temperature from

$$T_{ex}(3 \rightarrow 2) = \frac{16.59\text{K}}{\ln[1 + 16.59\text{K}/(T_{\max}(^{12}\text{CO}) + 0.036\text{K})]} \quad (1)$$

where  $T_{\max}(^{12}\text{CO})$  is the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  peak temperature of the component centered at  $\sim 51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , obtaining  $T_{ex} \sim 13.5 \text{ K}$ . Then, assuming that the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  is optically thin, we calculate its column density from:

$$N(^{13}\text{CO}) = 8.28 \times 10^{13} e^{\frac{15.87}{T_{ex}}} \frac{T_{ex} + 0.88}{1 - \exp(\frac{-15.87}{T_{ex}})} \frac{1}{J(T_{ex}) - J(T_{\text{BG}})} \int T_{\text{mb}} \, dv \quad (2)$$

with

$$J(T) = \frac{h\nu/k}{\exp(\frac{h\nu}{kT}) - 1}, \quad (3)$$

yielding  $N(^{13}\text{CO}) \sim 3 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . According to the Galactic position of this source and its distance (about 3.4 kpc), following Milam et al. (2005) we assume an isotope abundance ratio  $X = [^{12}\text{CO}]/[^{13}\text{CO}]$  of 50 to obtain  $N(^{12}\text{CO}) \sim 1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .

The  $\text{HCO}^+$  column density was derived from:

$$N(\text{HCO}^+) = 5.85 \times 10^{10} e^{\frac{25.7}{T_{ex}}} \frac{T_{ex} + 0.71}{1 - \exp(\frac{-17.12}{T_{ex}})} \frac{1}{J(T_{ex}) - J(T_{\text{BG}})} \frac{\tau}{1 - e^{-\tau}} \int T_{\text{mb}} \, dv \quad (4)$$

and by considering that the  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3 is optically thick, we use a ‘canonical’ optical depth of  $\tau = 1$  and an excitation temperature of 43 K, which corresponds to the equivalent temperature of the molecular transition, to obtain  $N(\text{HCO}^+) \sim 3.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .

To independently estimate a value for the  $\text{H}_2$  column density, we use the millimeter continuum flux at 1.1 mm measured in the Bolocam Galactic Plane Survey towards the source BGPS G35.045-0.478 (Rosolowsky et al. 2010), which is related to the molecular clump analyzed in this study. Using  $N(\text{H}_2) = 2.19 \times 10^{22} [e^{13/T_d} - 1] S_{1.1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  (Bally et al. 2010) with the flux density obtained from the 40'' aperture ( $S_{1.1} = 0.437 \text{ Jy}$ ), which seems appropriate for the dimensions of the molecular clump, considering a dust temperature of  $T_d = 13 \text{ K}$ , and applying the multiplicative correction factors of 1.46 and 1.5 for the point source aperture and flux density, respectively (Aguirre et al. 2011), we derive  $N(\text{H}_2) \sim 3.5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Then, using this value, we obtain the following molecular abundances:  $X(^{12}\text{CO}) \sim 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $X(^{13}\text{CO}) \sim 8.5 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $X(\text{HCO}^+) \sim 1 \times 10^{-10}$ . The derived  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  abundances are in agreement with the ‘standard’ value for dark clouds (e.g. van Dishoeck & Hogerheijde 1999), while  $\text{HCO}^+$  abundance is similar to the values obtained towards high-mass star-forming regions (Cortes et al. 2010; Cortes 2011; Ortega et al. 2012).

### 3.2. Mapping a CO Outflow

Given that the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  is a good tracer of molecular outflows towards YSOs (e.g. Beuther et al. 2002; Wu et al. 2004), we carefully analyze this line in order to find a possible counterpart for the southwestern  $\text{H}_2$  jet mapped by Lee et al. (2012). As previously mentioned, the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  spectrum displayed in figure 2 shows a likely wing towards lower velocities with several components, being probable that some of them arise from a blueshifted outflow related to the southwestern  $\text{H}_2$  structure. To confirm the presence of outflows or high velocity material moving along the line of sight we compare the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  emission with the higher density tracer line  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3. Figure 7 presents the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $\text{HCO}^+$  spectra obtained towards the EGO G35.04-0.47 position. The vertical lines indicate the range where  $^{12}\text{CO}$  emission is detected at lower velocities with respect to the  $\text{HCO}^+$ , showing the presence of a  $^{12}\text{CO}$  spectral wing, which may be due to a blueshifted outflow extending from 34.0 to 47.4  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ . It is probable that within this velocity range there is also some molecular emission unrelated to the outflow

activity and likely associated with the extended HII region and/or to the dark cloud. Thus, the derived outflow parameters using this range must be considered as upper limits. On the other side, none signature of gas moving at higher velocities (i.e. a probable redshifted outflow) is observed.

Figure 8 shows the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission integrated between 34.0 and 47.4  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  (in blue with white contours). Two molecular clumps peak in this velocity range, one towards the EGO G35.04-0.47 position, and the other one, located towards the south, probably related to the dark cloud SDC G35.027-0.481 (Peretto & Fuller 2009). The  $^{12}\text{CO}$  emission towards the left side of the image is very likely related to the HII region border. In order to roughly estimate the outflow mass, we again assume LTE and derive the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  optical depth  $\tau_{12}$  from (e.g. Scoville et al. 1986):

$$\frac{^{12}\text{T}_{mb}}{^{13}\text{T}_{mb}} = \frac{1 - \exp(-\tau_{12})}{1 - \exp(-\tau_{12}/X)}, \quad (5)$$

where  $X = 50$  is the isotope abundance ratio. We use the peak temperature ratio between the CO isotopes obtained from the components centered at  $\sim 46 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , deriving  $\tau_{12} \sim 19$ . In this case, equation (1) gives an excitation temperature of  $T_{\text{ex}} \sim 10 \text{ K}$ . Finally, integrating between 34.0 and 47.4  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  the following equation:

$$N(^{12}\text{CO}) = 7.96 \times 10^{13} e^{\frac{16.6}{T_{\text{ex}}}} \frac{T_{\text{ex}} + 0.92}{1 - \exp(\frac{-16.6}{T_{\text{ex}}})} \frac{1}{J(T_{\text{ex}}) - J(T_{\text{BG}})} \frac{\tau}{1 - e^{-\tau}} \int \text{T}_{mb} \, dv \quad (6)$$

we obtain a total column density  $N(^{12}\text{CO}) \sim 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . This value results from the summation of column densities calculated at two different positions: two separated beams along the CO structure related to the EGO. Then, we use

$$M = \mu m_{\text{H}_2} X_{\text{CO}}^{-1} \text{Area } d^2 N(^{12}\text{CO}) \quad (7)$$

to derive the total mass of the CO outflow. In this equation  $\mu$  is the mean molecular weight which was assumed to be 2.8 by taking into account a relative helium abundance of 25 %,  $m_{\text{H}}$  is the hydrogen mass,  $X_{\text{CO}} = 10^{-4}$ ,  $d$  is the distance assumed to be 3.4 kpc, and the area of the molecular structure was approximated with an ellipse with semi-axes of 20'' and 12''. The total mass for the CO outflow calculated in this way is 21  $M_{\odot}$ . Then we obtain a momentum of  $P \sim 270 \times \cos^{-1}(\phi) M_{\odot} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and an energy of  $E \sim 3.5 \times 10^{46} \times \cos^{-2}(\phi) \text{ erg}$ , where  $\phi$  is the inclination angle of the outflow, which is uncertain. As explained above, these values must be considered upper limits since it is possible that some  $^{12}\text{CO}$  emission towards the EGO is not actually related with the outflow activity.

By inspecting channel per channel the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 cube in the velocity range from 34.0 to 47.4  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ , we find that the most conspicuous CO counterpart of the  $\text{H}_2$  emission southwest lobe peaks between 46 and 47  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ . Figure 9 (up), shows the integration of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  in this velocity range, where it can be observed an elongated clump (see the structure delimited by the 3.1 K  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  contour) aligned with the MHO southwest lobe. Towards the

southwest (bottom right corner of the image) appears another molecular clump probably not related to the outflow. Figure 9 (bottom) displays the emission channel maps from 45.9 to 47.1 km s<sup>-1</sup> in intervals of 0.11 km s<sup>-1</sup>. Comparing both panels of figure 9, it can be appreciated that the shape and alignment of the CO structure is totally in agreement with that of the H<sub>2</sub> emission. If we use the velocity range displayed in figure 9 ( $\Delta v \sim 1$  km s<sup>-1</sup>) to derive the outflow parameters, we obtain a mass of about 9 M<sub>⊙</sub>, momentum  $P \sim 9 \times \cos^{-1}(\phi)$  M<sub>⊙</sub> km s<sup>-1</sup>, and energy  $E \sim 1 \times 10^{44} \times \cos^{-2}(\phi)$  erg. Therefore, taking into account these results and those presented above, we conclude that the parameters of the blueshifted outflow, correlated with the southwest lobe mapped in H<sub>2</sub> should be within the following ranges: mass between 9 and 21 M<sub>⊙</sub>, momentum:  $(9 - 270) \times \cos^{-1}(\phi)$  M<sub>⊙</sub> km s<sup>-1</sup>, and energy:  $(1 \times 10^{44} - 3.5 \times 10^{46}) \times \cos^{-2}(\phi)$  erg. In the following section we study the nature of the outflow driving source.

### 3.3. On the Nature of the Outflow Driving Source

EGO G35.04-0.47 is embedded in a dusty clump mapped by the Bolocam, catalogued as source BGPS G035.045-00.478, which has a deconvolved radius of about 98'' (Rosolowsky et al. 2010). Figure 10 (left) displays the IRAC 8 μm and the MIPS 24 μm emissions in green and red, respectively, where the contours are the smoothed 1.1 mm Bolocam emission. Using the total integrated flux  $S_{1.1} = 4.71$  Jy measured towards this Bolocam source and the mass equation  $M(\text{H}_2) = 14.26 D^2 S_{1.1} (e^{13/T_d} - 1) M_{\odot}$  (Bally et al. 2010), where  $D$  is the distance and  $T_d$  the dust temperature assuming to be 3.4 kpc and 13 K, respectively, and applying the correction factor of 1.5 for the flux density (Aguirre et al. 2011), we obtain a total mass of about 1900 M<sub>⊙</sub> for BGPS G035.045-00.478, indicating that the EGO is embedded in a massive cloud.

Figure 10 (right) shows a zoom towards the EGO position displaying the IRAC 4.5 and 8.0 μm emissions in green and red, respectively. It can be seen two Spitzer sources very close each other, being the EGO counterpart the northern one, this is the source, SSTGLMC G035.0399-00.4729. To better characterize the nature of this source we performed a fitting of the spectral energy distribution (SED) using the on-line tool developed by Robitaille et al. (2007)<sup>4</sup>. We adopt an interstellar extinction in the line of sight,  $A_v$ , between 4 and 50 magnitudes, and we use the distance range 3-4 kpc. In figure 11 we show the SED with the best-fitting model (black curve), and the subsequent good fitting models (gray curves) with  $\chi^2 - \chi_{best}^2 < 3$  (where  $\chi_{best}^2$  is the  $\chi^2$  per data point of the best-fitting model for each source). To construct this SED we use fluxes extracted from: UKIDSS-DR6 Galactic Plane Survey (Lucas et al. 2008) at K band, source UGPS J185658.10+013936.6; GLIMPSE Source Catalog (Churchwell et al. 2009) at 3.6, 4.5, 5.8, and 8.0 μm, source SSTGLMC G035.0399-00.4729; WISE All-Sky Source Catalog<sup>5</sup> at 12 and 22 μm, source WISE J185658.14+013937.1; PACS (bands at 70

<sup>4</sup> <http://caravan.astro.wisc.edu/protostars/>

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and 160  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and SPIRE (at 250, 350, and 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) from Herschel, and finally Bolocam at 1.1 mm, source BGPS G035.045-00.478. PACS fluxes were obtained from level 2.5 MADmaps images and SPIRE ones from level 2.5 PLW, PMW, and PSW images. Fluxes from SPIRE and Bolocam were considered as upper limits.

Table 2 presents a weighted mean of each constrained physical parameter and the range arising from the good-fitting models. The weight used for the weighted means is the inverse of the  $\chi^2$  of each model. The SED analysis of EGO G35.04-0.47 suggests that the central object is an intermediate mass young stellar object ( $\sim 5 M_{\odot}$ ) with an envelope accretion rate of about  $10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , similar to the mass accretion rates found in a sample of MYSOs by Fuller et al. (2005). Chen et al. (2010,2013) studied several EGOs and obtained mass infall rates ranging from  $4 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Thus, taking into account the accretion rate, the outflow parameters found in our molecular study, and the presence of a massive clump of cold dust (reservoir of a large amount of matter) we suggest that the central object may continue to accrete mass and it probably will become a massive YSO. Finally, by considering that this YSO lays in the HII region G035.0-0.5, it is probable that its formation has been triggered by the expansion of the HII region which likely compressed a preexisting molecular clump producing its collapse.

#### 4. Summary

Using new molecular line observations obtained with ASTE we studied the ambient around the young stellar object EGO G35.04-0.47. In particular, this EGO coincides with the Molecular Hydrogen emission-line object MHO 2429, which is associated with jets mapped in the  $\text{H}_2$  near-IR emission. Taking into account that the most conspicuous jet extends towards the southwest, we looked for its CO counterpart. In addition, combining the results obtained from the ASTE data analysis and archive images at different wavelength ranges we characterized the outflow driving source. These results together with information of previous studies, depict the scenario of this YSO and its possible evolution. The main results presented in this paper are summarized below:

(a) We found that EGO G35.04-0.47 is embedded in a molecular clump mapped in the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3-2, and  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4-3 lines peaking at about  $51 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . This velocity is in agreement with that of a Class I 95 GHz methanol maser previously detected.

(b) For the molecular clump we derived the abundances:  $X(^{12}\text{CO}) \sim 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $X(^{13}\text{CO}) \sim 8.5 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $X(\text{HCO}^+) \sim 1 \times 10^{-10}$ . The  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  abundances are in agreement with the ‘standard’ values for dark clouds, while the  $\text{HCO}^+$  abundance is similar to those obtained towards some high-mass star-forming regions.

(c) Analyzing the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  line we discovered high velocity molecular gas in the range from 34 to  $47 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , i.e. a very likely blueshifted outflow driven by the EGO. The alignment and shape of this molecular structure coincide with those of the southwest lobe of MHO 2429 mainly

between 46 and 47 km s<sup>-1</sup>, confirming that we are mapping its CO counterpart. We estimated that the mass, momentum, and energy of this outflow should be within the following ranges:  $M = 9 - 21 M_{\odot}$ ,  $P = (9 - 270) \times \cos^{-1}(\phi) M_{\odot} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and  $E = (1 \times 10^{44} - 3.5 \times 10^{46}) \times \cos^{-2}(\phi)$  erg, respectively, where  $\phi$  is the inclination angle, which is uncertain.

(d) Considering the results obtained from a SED analysis performed using fluxes from near-IR to mm, we suggest that the central object of EGO G35.04-0.47 is an intermediate mass young stellar object, accreting mass at a rate similar to those found in some massive YSOs. Thus, taking into account the envelope accretion rate, the outflow parameters found in our molecular study, and the presence of a massive clump of cold dust (reservoir of a large amount of matter) we suggest that the central object may continue to accrete mass and it will probably become a massive YSO.

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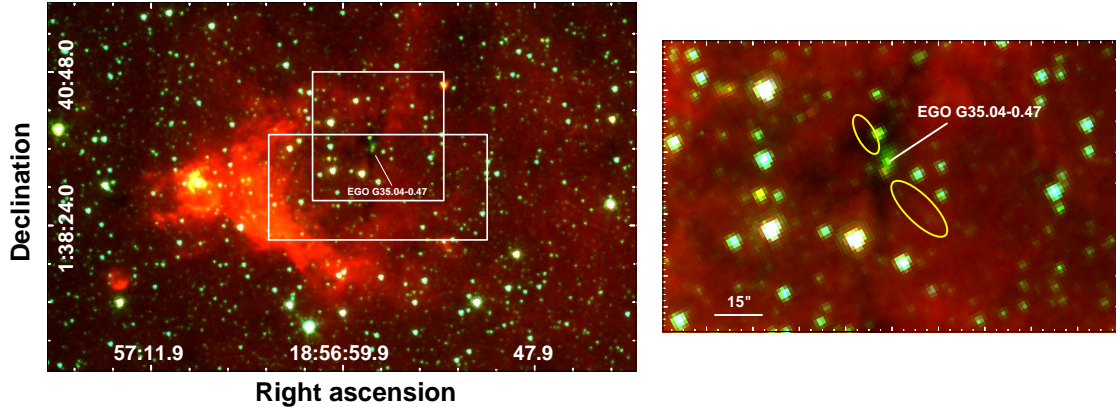
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**Table 1.** Parameters derived from a Gaussian fitting of the molecular spectra shown in figure 2.

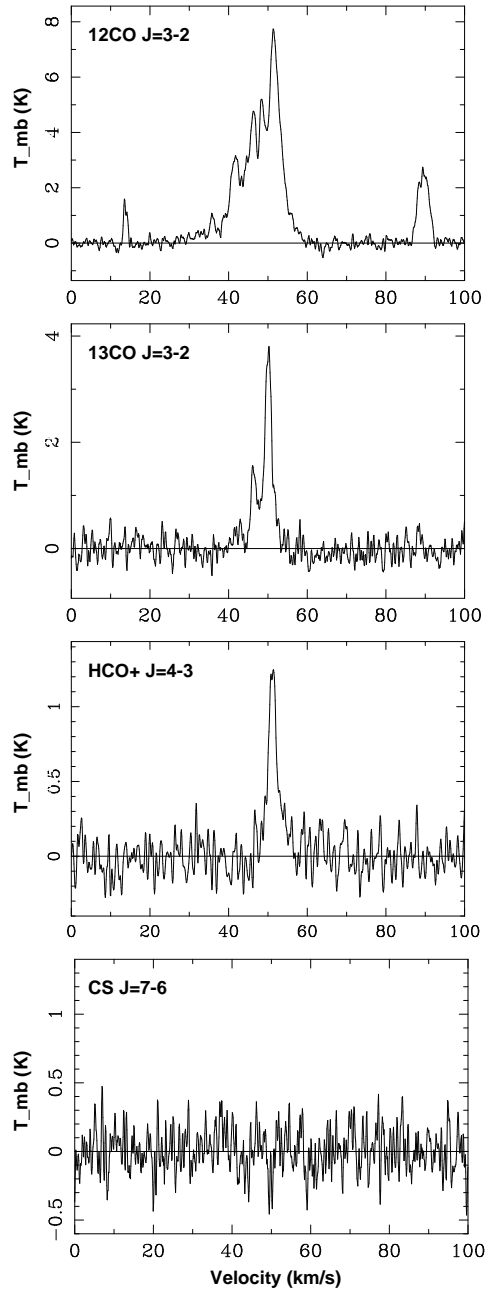
Emission	$T_{mb}$ (K)	$V_{LSR}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta v$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )
<sup>12</sup> CO J=3-2	7.0 ± 0.2	51.5 ± 0.1	4.0 ± 0.2
	2.4 ± 0.6	48.5 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.3
	4.4 ± 0.3	46.3 ± 0.2	3.5 ± 0.8
	2.8 ± 0.2	41.6 ± 0.3	3.8 ± 0.6
<sup>13</sup> CO J=3-2	3.6 ± 0.3	50.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.2
	1.4 ± 0.3	46.5 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 0.4
HCO <sup>+</sup> J=4-3	1.2 ± 0.2	51.2 ± 0.3	3.0 ± 0.5

**Table 2.** Main physical parameters from the SED of EGO G35.04-0.47.

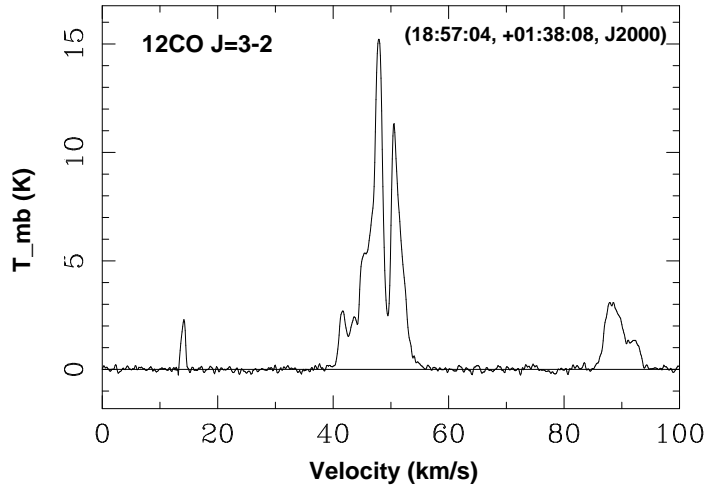
$M_{\star}$ [M <sub>⊙</sub> ]		Age [×10 <sup>5</sup> yr]		$\dot{M}_{env}$ [×10 <sup>-5</sup> M <sub>⊙</sub> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]		$L$ [×10 <sup>2</sup> L <sub>⊙</sub> ]	
Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range
5	3-7	0.8	0.08-4	9	3-90	2	1-4



**Fig. 1.** Left: Three-colour *Spitzer*-IRAC image of the region where EGO G35.04-0.47 is located ( $8\ \mu\text{m}$  = red,  $4.5\ \mu\text{m}$  = green, and  $3.5\ \mu\text{m}$  = blue). The  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 and  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4–3 observations covers the white rectangle, while the observations of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 and CS J=7–6, the square. Right: a zoom towards the EGO position. The yellow ellipses represent schematically the lobes of MHO 2429 according to the  $\text{H}_2$  1–0 S(1) image presented in Lee et al. (2012).

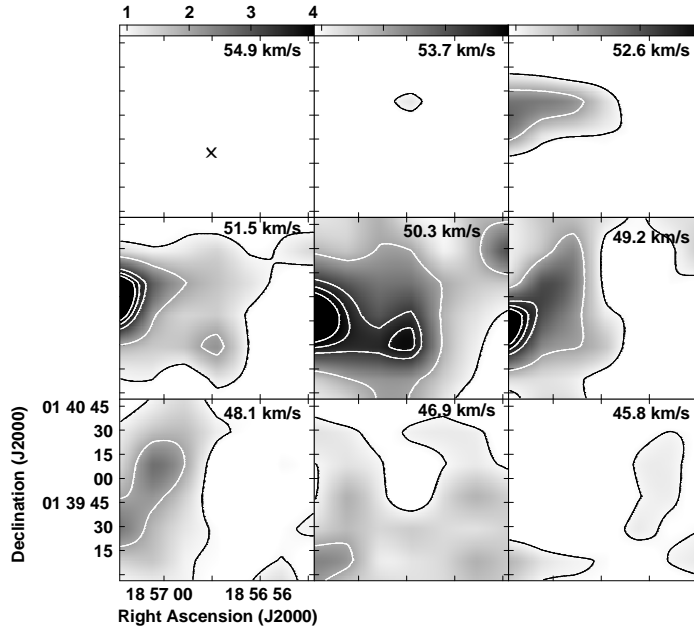


**Fig. 2.** <sup>12</sup>CO and <sup>13</sup>CO J=3-2, HCO<sup>+</sup> J=4-3, and CS J=7-6 spectra observed towards the EGO G35.04-0.47 position.

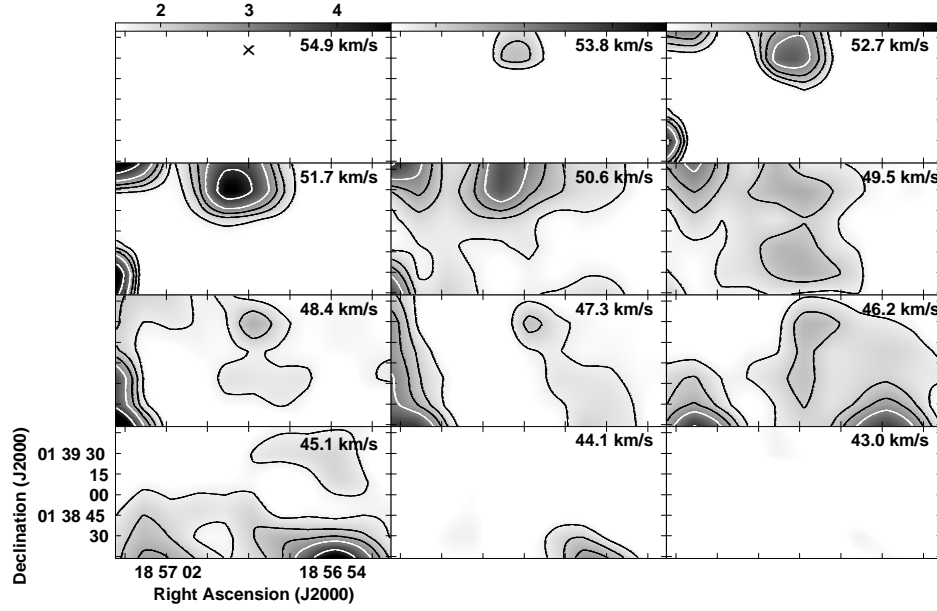


**Fig. 3.**  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3-2 spectrum obtained at RA =  $18^{\text{h}}57^{\text{m}}04^{\text{s}}$ , dec. =  $+01^{\circ}38'08''$ , J2000, a position  $\sim 2.5$  arcmin far from the EGO.

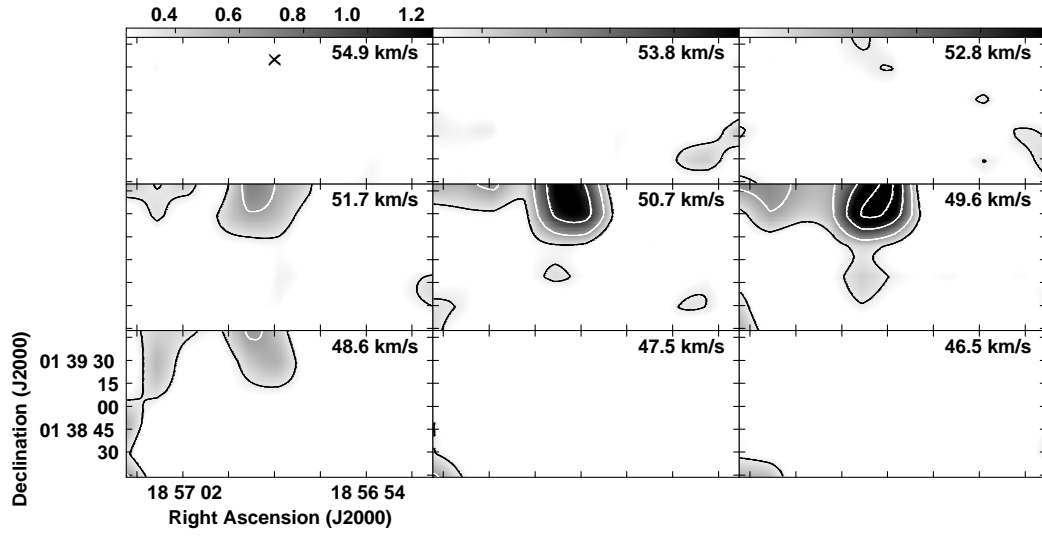




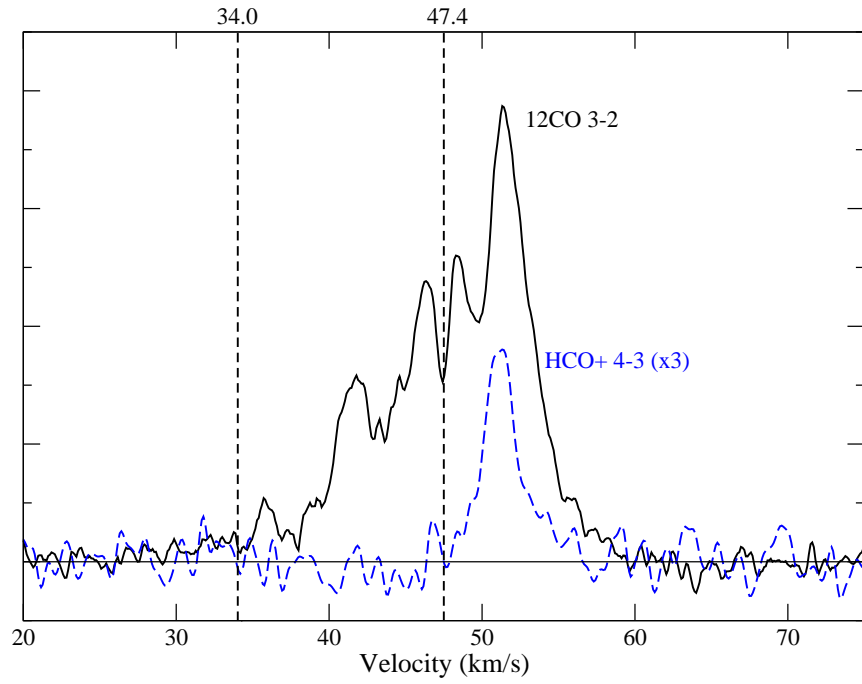
**Fig. 4.** Channel maps of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  J=3-2 emission integrated in steps of about  $1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The grayscale is in  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$  and the contour levels are 1.0, 2.0, 3.3, 3.7, and 4.0  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$ . The cross in the first panel indicates the EGO G35.04-0.47 position.



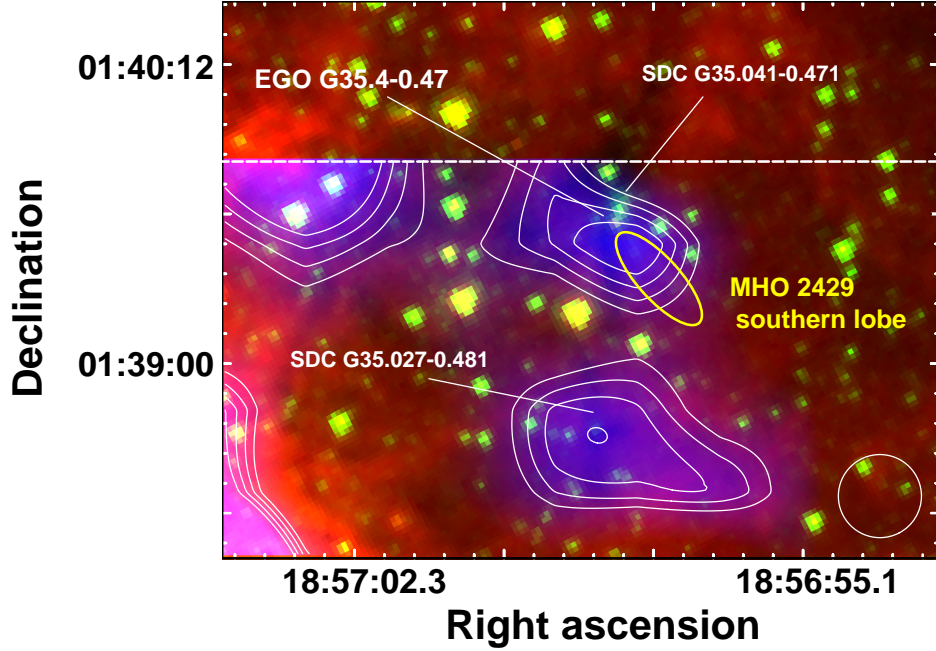
**Fig. 5.** Channel maps of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$   $J=3-2$  emission integrated in steps of about  $1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The grayscale is in  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$  and the contour levels are 1.7, 2.1, 2.5, 3.0, and  $4.0 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$ . The cross in the first panel indicates the EGO G35.04-0.47 position.



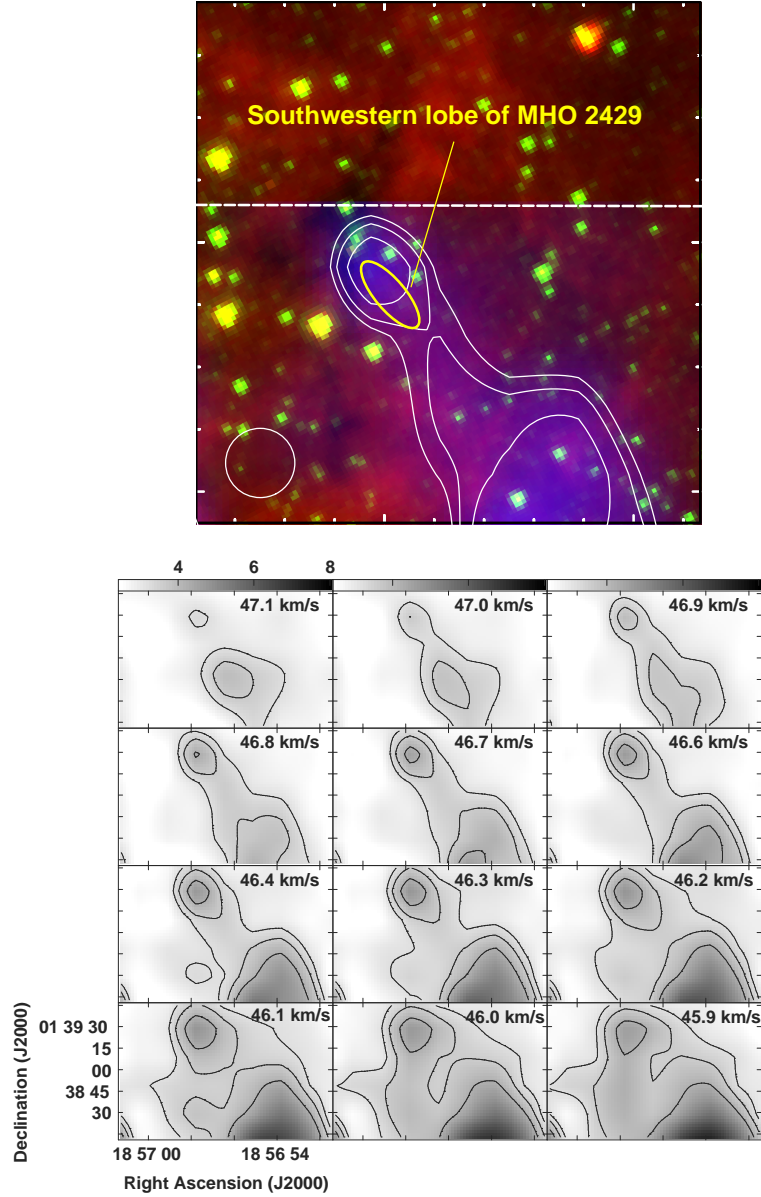
**Fig. 6.** Channel maps of the  $\text{HCO}^+$   $J=4-3$  emission integrated in steps of about  $1.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The grayscale is in  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$  and the contour levels are 0.3, 0.6, 1.0, and  $1.4 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$ . The cross in the first panel indicates the EGO G35.04-0.47 position.



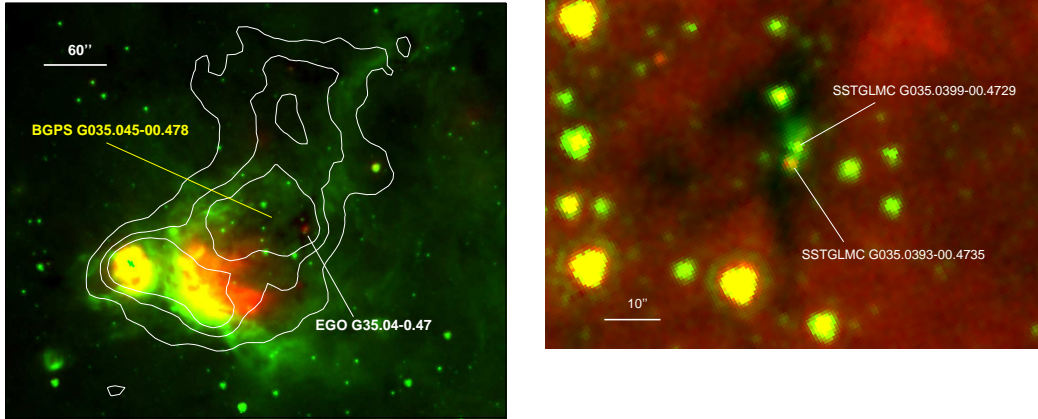
**Fig. 7.**  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3-2 (solid line) and  $\text{HCO}^+$  J=4-3 scaled by a factor of  $\times 3$  (dashed line) profiles towards EGO G35.04-0.47. The vertical lines indicate the range where  $^{12}\text{CO}$  emission is detected at lower velocities with respect to the  $\text{HCO}^+$ .



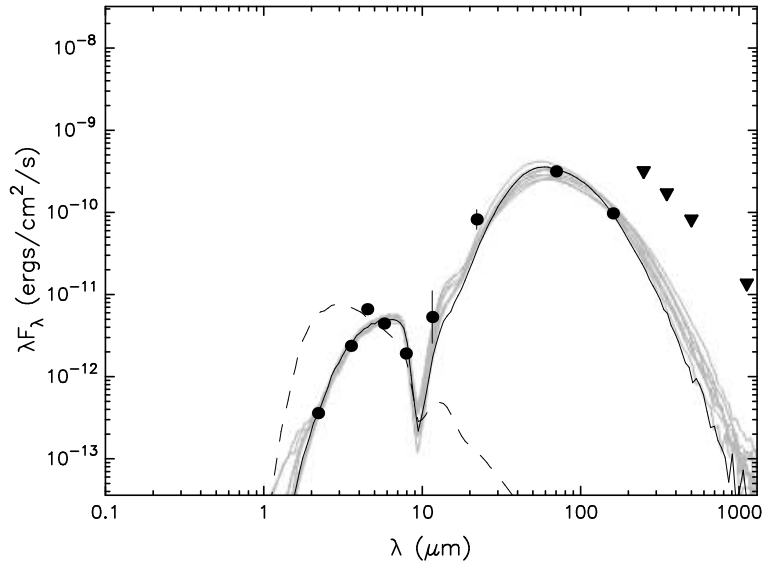
**Fig. 8.** Three colour image where the *Spitzer*-IRAC 4.5 and 8  $\mu\text{m}$  are displayed in green and red, respectively, and the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission integrated between 34.0 and 47.4  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  is shown in blue with white contours. The contour levels are 6.9, 7.2, 7.5, and 7.8  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$ . The yellow ellipse represents schematically the southwestern lobe of MHO 2429 according to the  $\text{H}_2$  1–0 S(1) image presented in Lee et al. (2012). The Spitzer dark clouds catalogued in Peretto & Fuller (2009) are indicated. The beam of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  observation is included in the bottom right corner and the dashed horizontal line is the upper boundary of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  observation.



**Fig. 9.** Up: Same as figure 8 with the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission integrated between 46 and 47 km s $^{-1}$ . The contour levels are 2.9, 3.1, and 3.3 K km s $^{-1}$ . The beam of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  observation is included in the bottom left corner and the dashed horizontal line is the upper boundary of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  observation. Bottom: Velocity channel maps of the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  J=3–2 emission showing the distribution of the molecular gas related to the H $_2$  southwestern lobe. The panels show the same field as the upper image. The grayscale shown above is in K and the contour levels are 3.2, 3.6, and 4.2 K. The rms noise of each panel is about 0.15 K.



**Fig. 10.** Left: The  $8\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $24\ \mu\text{m}$  emissions displayed in green and red, respectively. The contours represent the smoothed  $1.1\ \text{mm}$  Bolocam emission with levels of  $0.15$ ,  $0.20$  and  $0.30\ \text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ , and the source BGPS G035.045-00.478 is indicated. Right:  $4.5$  and  $8\ \mu\text{m}$  emissions displayed in green and red, respectively. Two Spitzer sources, from the GLIMPSE Catalog, are marked. The source related to EGO G35.04-0.47 is the northern one.



**Fig. 11.** SED of EGO G35.04-0.47. The circles indicate the measured fluxes and the triangles are upper limits. Black and gray solid curves represent the best-fit model and the subsequent good fittings models (with  $\chi^2 - \chi_{best}^2 < 3$ ), respectively. The dashed line shows the stellar photosphere corresponding to the central source of the best-fitting model, as it would look in the absence of circumstellar dust.