

Multi-band observations of the extended green object (EGO) G45.47+0.13

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A preliminary study of the extended green object (EGO) G45.47+0.13 including new near-IR images in *JHKs* broad-band filters, H₂ and Kc narrow band filters, and mid-IR images at 8.9, 9.9, 12.7, and 18.7 μm is presented. From the analysis of the data, a detailed spectral energy distribution (SED) of the source is derived. In addition the presence of a young embedded stellar cluster around G45.47+0.13 is found.

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1. Introduction

Extended Green Objects (EGOs) are a new class of star-forming regions. In the Spitzer images at 3.6, 4.5, and $8\mu\text{m}$, (blue, green, and red, respectively), EGOs show extended emission in the green channel which could be due to excesses in the $4.5\mu\text{m}$ band. It is suggested that this emission may arise from H_2 ($u=0-0$, S(9, 10, 11)) and/ or CO ($u=1-0$), excited by shocks from outflows. A catalog of more than 300 EGOs has been presented by [1]. The majority of EGOs are associated with infrared dark clouds (IRDCs), and where high-resolution 6.7 GHz CH₃OH maser surveys overlap the GLIMPSE coverage, EGOs and 6.7 GHz CH₃OH masers are strongly correlated. This suggests that the extended $4.5\mu\text{m}$ emission may pinpoint outflows specifically from massive protostars.

G45.47+0.13 has been identified as an EGO located at the edge of an H II region by [2]. Around the EGO source is present an extended red nebulosity. OH, water maser as well as methanol maser have been detected in G45.47.+0.13 ([3], [4]).

In order to analyze in more detail this region, we obtained new sub-arcsec resolution near-IR broadband and narrow-band images, and mid-IR images from 8.9 to $18.7\mu\text{m}$. These observations are compared with *Herschel* images obtained from the Herschel Infrared GALactic Plane survey (Hi-GAL, [5]). In addition, archive IRAC/*Spitzer* images are used to supplement these observations. Section 2 describes the new observations, while in Section 3 we discuss the properties of this high mass star forming regions as obtained from our observations. Finally Section 4 lists our conclusions.

2. Observations

2.1 Near-IR images

Near-infrared images through narrow-band H_2 ($\lambda_0 = 2.122\mu\text{m}$, $\Delta\lambda = 0.032\mu\text{m}$) Kcont ($\lambda_0 = 2.270\mu\text{m}$, $\Delta\lambda = 0.034\mu\text{m}$) filters, as well as through standard broad-band JHKs filters, were collected on the night of 2008 July 14 using the Near-Infrared Camera Spectrometer (NICS) attached to the 3.58 m Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG) at the Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos on La Palma island. The camera has a HgCdTe Hawaii 1024 \times 1024 array and was used in the SF (small-field) configuration that provides a scale of 0.13 arcsec/pixel.

The color composite JHKs image of the region is showed in Fig.1 (Right panel). As shown by a comparison between JHKs and Spitzer image (Left panel), G45.47+0.13 is extended also in the near-IR. In addition in the north-east part of the image is present a red nebulosity observed also at $8\mu\text{m}$. *JHKs* photometry was obtained in an area of 30arcsec \times 30arcsec centered on G45.47+0.13, using DAOPHOT [6] within IRAF in the standard way, with an aperture of 1 arcsec. The results relative to the photometry will be discussed in the next sections.

No H_2 emission is found in the continuum-subtracted H_2 image as shown in Fig.2 (Left panel) in agreement with the observations of [2].

2.2 Mid-IR images

Mid-infrared images at 8.9, 9.9, 12.7, and $18.7\mu\text{m}$, of G45.47+0.13 were taken on the night of 2007 November 10 with the mid-infrared camera CID [7] on the 2.1 m telescope of the Observatorio Astronomico Nacional at San Pedro Martir, Baja California (Mexico). This camera is equipped

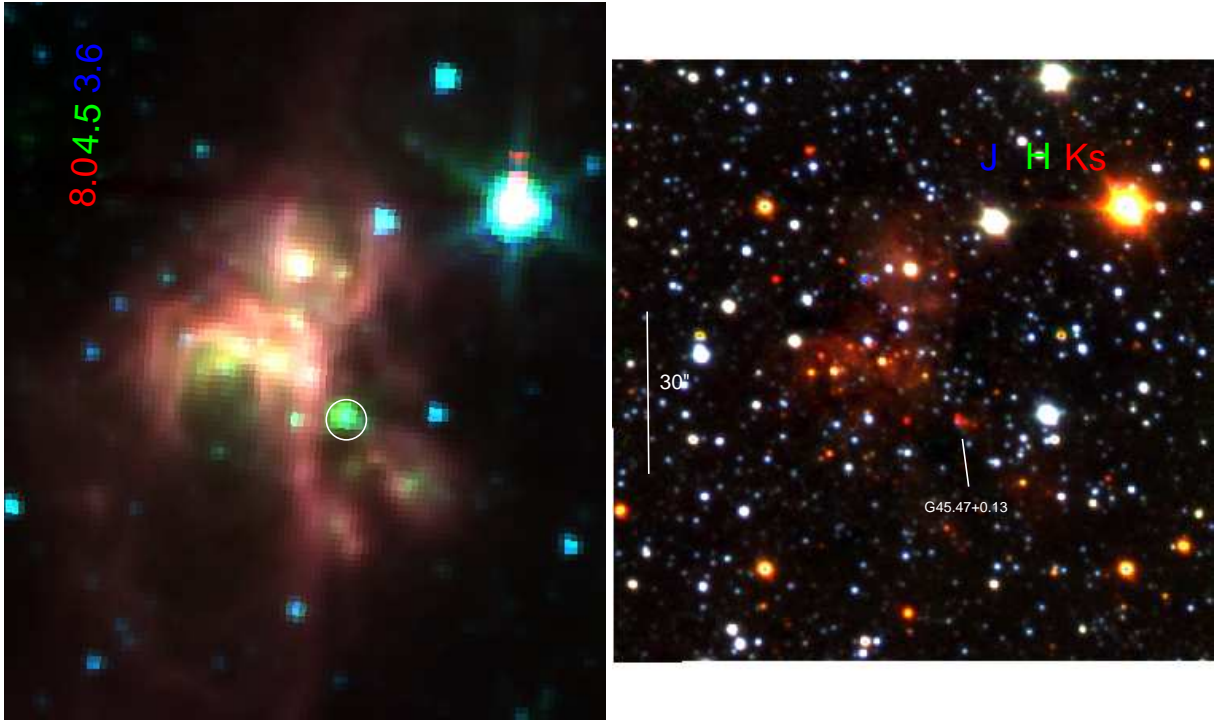


Figure 1: *Left panel:* Color-composed Spitzer image obtained with the 3.6 (blu), 4.5 (green) and 8.0 (red) μm . The circle shows the position of G45.47+0.13. *Right panel:* Color-Composed JHKs image of $2' \times 2'$ centered at $\alpha(2000) = 19^{\text{h}} 14^{\text{m}} 08^{\text{s}}$, $\delta(2000) = +11^{\circ} 12' 26''.5$.

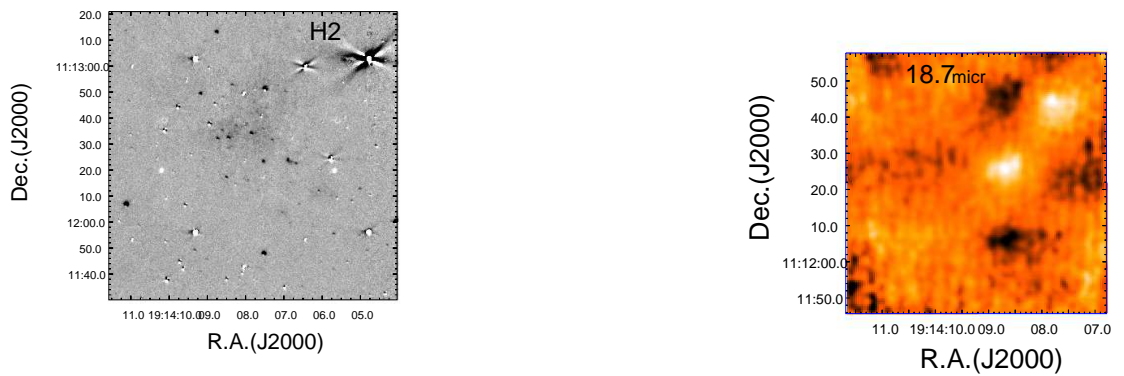


Figure 2: *Left panel:* H₂ subtracted image of G45.47+0.13. *Right panel:* CID image at 18.7 μm of G45.47+0.13

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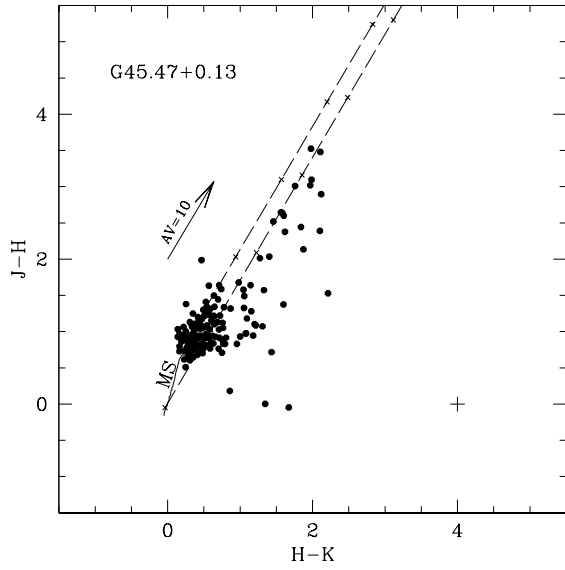


Figure 3: J-H versus H-Ks diagram of all sources measured in JHKs with uncertainties less than 0.15mag in each filter.

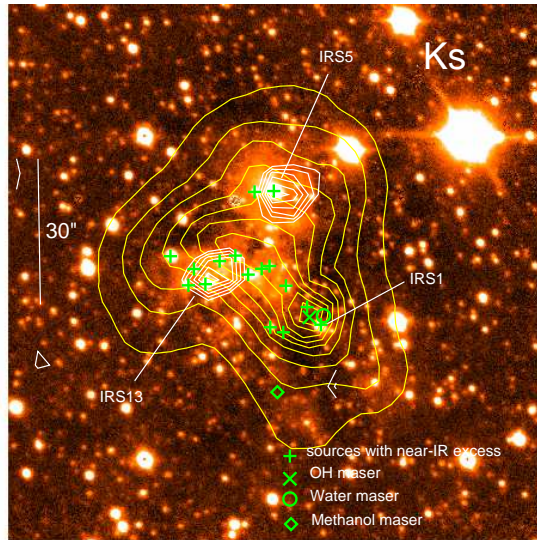


Figure 4: Ks image of the area around G45.47+0.13. The yellow contour correspond to the Hi-GAL $70\mu\text{m}$ emission, and the white contours indicate the positions of the two sources observed at $18.7\mu\text{m}$

with a Rockwell 128×128 pixel Si:As BIB detector array that delivers an effective scale of 0.55 pixel.

As shown in Fig.2 (Right panel), no mid-IR emission is detected at the position of G45.47+0.13, but in the northwest part of the field two sources are detected at 12.7 and $18.7\mu\text{m}$ in agreement with the observations reported by [8] .

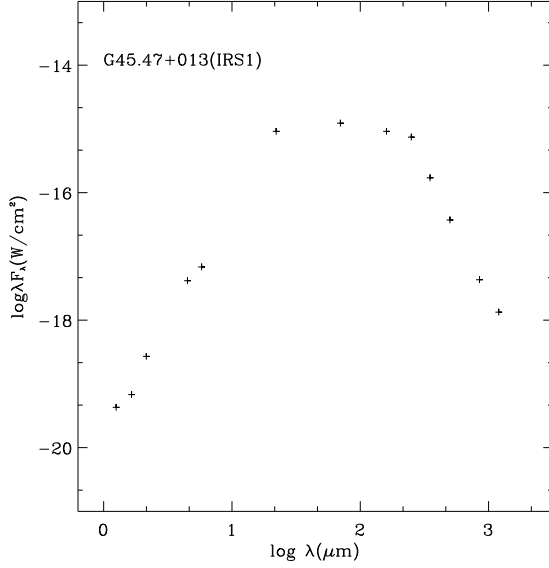


Figure 5: Spectral energy distribution (SED) of G45.47+0.13

Table 1: Physical parameters of source G45.47+0.13 derived from model [10].

Parameters	
Stellar Mass (M_{sun})	16
Stellar Temperature (K)	17000
Envelope Accretion Rate (M_{sun}/yr)	$6.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$
Disk Mass (M_{sun})	0.15
A_V	59
Dist (Kpc)	6.9
L_{bol} (L_{sun})	308

2.3 Discussion

From the near-IR photometry of the region, we have found 16 sources with IR excess as shown from the J-H vs H-K s diagram of Fig.3. The positions of these sources are shown with the symbol (+) in in the Ks image of Fig.4.

The source IRS1 in the Fig.4 is G45.47+0.13, while the sources with IR excess IRS5 and IRS13 match to the two mid-IR sources indicate with the white contours in the figure. Mostly of the source with IR excess are located within the red nebulosity and indicate the presence of a young embedded cluster around G45.47+0.13. This source is reported in the HI-GAL catalogue of [9] and the yellow contour in the figure indicate the $70\mu m$ emission.

Combining the observations at different wavelengths from near -IR to millimeter, we have obtained a detailed spectral energy distribution (SED) of G45.47+0.13 (IRS1) illustrated in Fig.5. The SED has been fitted using the star/disc/envelope model of [10]. The derived parameters reported in Table1 suggest that G45.47+0.13 is an high mass young stellar objet at a very early stage of evolution.

2.4 Conclusion

From a partial analysis of our observations compared with the Herschel, Spitzer and millimeter data we can derive the following conclusions:

- 1) The EGO source G45.47+0.13 is an high mass young stellar objet at a very early stage of evolution
- 2) A young embedded stellar cluster is observed around G45.47+0.13, and a red nebulosity is present in the region.

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