Resolving the central region of the LI448C(N) protostellar jet

High-resolution imaging with the SMA —

20000 AU ~

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LI448C: an archetypical Outflow with an EHV component

Т_в(К)

0.2

0.1

0



_1448C(N)

L1448C(S)

D~235 pc: 1" <--> 235 AU L ~ 7.5 L_{sun}

Bachiller et al. (1990)

Submm (341 GHz) continuum emission

NA weight, 0.67" x 0.46" beam



Super uniform weight, 0.36" x 0.25" beam



0.34" x 0.29" (79 x 66 AU) P.A. 33° (no significant elongation) No sign of binary down to ~0.3"

CO outflows from LI448C(N) & LI448C(S)

SiO & CO jets from LI448C(N)



~0.5" (125 AU) resolution

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Widths of the jets

Projected distance from source (AU)

Jet intrinsic FWHM (AU)



Proper motion



Blue: 0. I" – 0.25" / 3.75 yr Red: 0. I 5" – 0.35" / 3.75 yr ~ 0.03" – 0.08" / yr < 0.12" / yr @ RII knot (Girart & Acord 2001)

Jet velocity & inclination

- proper motion: 0.03–0.08"/yr
- V_{trans}: 40–90 km/s
- V_{3D}: 70–110 km/s
- i (from POS): ~45°
- H₂O maser jet @ 60 mas, i ~ 47° (Hirota et al. 2011)
- RII 0.12" / yr (Girart & Acord 2001) -> v_{trans} = 134 km/s @ 235pc, i~ 28°

Evidence of large inclination



Larger inclination angle in the inner part of the jet



Kinematics

LVC: Low-velocity & broad component near the jet base HVC: High-velocity component in the jet body

Class I jet HH34



LVC in SiO & CO





SiO LVC (+10-40 km/s) deconvolved width: 43 AU @ 121 AU opening angle at the base ~ 40°

SiO better traces the LVC at the jet base -> interaction between the jet and surrounding material?

Velocity structure of the jet knots

Saw-tooth velocity pattern



Reproduced by the Pulsed jet model (Stone & Norman 1993)

Bow shock @ RI-c



let -ambient gas interaction probed by HCN

HCN 4-3 @ L1448C(N)

(0, +1)

100



HCN v.s. SiO



V_{terminal} (HCN) ~V_{terminal} (SiO/CO)

HCN is significantly enhanced in the region of jet-ambient gas interaction

HCN is not seen in the jet body \neq SiO



The jet from LI448C(N) is dynamically interacting with the LI448C(S) envelope

Summary

- LI448C(N) molecular jet has similar properties as the atomic jets in Class I/II sources
 - morphology a chain of knots
 - collimation 70 –> 240 AU
 - kinematics LVC @ jet base + HVC @ jet body
 - wide opening angle (~40°) @ ~100 AU from the star
- Proper motion in 3.75 yr
 - $v_{3D} \sim 70 110 \text{ km/s}$
 - i ~ 45° (relatively large inclination angle in the inner part of the jet)
- Jet-ambient gas interaction is traced by HCN
 - dynamical interaction with the LI448C(N) jet and the LI448C(S) envelope