ETHOS 1: A high latitude planetary nebula with jets forged by a post common envelope binary central star

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Abstract

We report on the discovery of ETHOS 1 (PN G068.1+11.0), the first spectroscopically confirmed planetary nebula (PN) from a survey of the SuperCOSMO S Science Archive for high-latitude PNe. ETHOS 1 stands out as one of the few PNe to have both polar outflows (jets) travelling at 120 ± 10 km/s and a close binary central star. The lightcurve observed with the Mercator telescope reveals an orbital period of 0.535 days and an extremely large amplitude (0.816 mag) due to irradiation of the companion by a very hot pre-white dwarf. ETHOS 1 further strengthens the long suspected link between binary central stars of planetary nebulae (CSPN) and jets. INT IDS and VLT FORS spectroscopy of the CSPN reveals weak N III, C III and C IV emission lines seen in other close binary CSPN and suggests many CSPN with these weak emission lines are misclassified close binaries. We present VLT FORS imaging and Manchester Echelle Spectrometer long slit observations from which a kinematic model of the nebula is built. An unusual combination of bipolar outflows and a spherical nebula conspire to produce an X-shaped appearance. The kinematic age of the jets (1750 ± 250 yrs/kpc) are found to be older than the inner nebula (900 ± 100 yrs/kpc) consistent with previous studies of similar PNe. Emission line ratios of the jets are found to be consistent with reverse-shock models for fast low-ionisation emitting regions (FLIERS) in PNe. Further large-scale surveys for close binary CSPN will be required to securely establish whether FLIERS are launched by close binaries.

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1 Introduction

In the protracted debate on the shaping mechanisms of PNe (Balick & Frank 2002) appropriate solutions are sought to explain both the dominant nebula morphology (e.g. spherical, elliptical, bipolar; Balick 1987) and the accompanying collimated outflows or ‘jets’. Single star evolution readily explains spherical PNe and potentially elliptical PNe if there is interaction with the interstellar medium (ISM; Villaver et al. 2003; Wareing et al. 2007). Highly axisymmetric or bipolar nebulae (Corradi & Schwarz 1995) have been modelled with some success including the generalised interacting stellar wind model (GISW; Kwok, Purton & Fitzgerald 1978; Kwok 2000) and a combination of stellar rotation and magnetic fields (e.g. García-Segura 1997). There are however fundamental limitations in both of these models. The GISW model depends upon an assumed density contrast to produce bipolar PNe (e.g. a dusty torus) and the latter cannot operate without an additional supply of angular momentum (e.g. a binary companion; Soker 2006; Nordhaus,
Blackman & Frank 2007). While there are multiple advantages to a binary explanation over existing theories, we are only beginning to understand the prevalence and impact of binarity in PNe (De Marco 2009; Miszalski et al. 2009a, 2009b, 2010).

Decisive observational evidence is required to advance the shaping debate which is imbalanced towards theoretical models. PNe with dusty disks seem to support the GISW model though there appears to be a strong dependence on a binary companion for their formation (Chesneau 2010). Similarly, magnetic fields are difficult to observe directly in PNe (Jordan et al. 2005; Sabin et al. 2007), yet they appear to be more influential as part of a binary-driven dynamo (Nordhaus & Blackman 2006; Nordhaus et al. 2007). Evidence for close binary central stars of PNe (CSPN) that passed through a common-envelope (CE) phase is now firmly established and gaining considerable momentum with at least 40 now known (Miszalski et al. 2009a, 2010; De Marco et al. 2008). These make up at least 17 ± 5% of all CSPN (Miszalski et al. 2009a; Bond 2000).

With a larger sample of 30 post-CE nebulae Miszalski et al. (2009b) found at least 30%, perhaps 60–70%, of post-CE binaries had bipolar nebulae suggesting the CE phase preferentially shapes bipolar nebulae. This is a substantial improvement over the study of Bond & Livio (1990) whose sample of around a dozen close binaries showed no clear morphological trends. High resolution kinematics of nebulae around post-CE CSPN have shown a tendency for matched orbital and nebulae inclinations that strengthen the connection between the binary and its nebula (e.g. Mitchell et al. 1997; Dopita 1997). The connection between jets and binarity has long been suspected (Soker & Livio 1994) but never proven given the paucity of known PNe with jets and binary CSPN. Jets in PNe typically have low outflow velocities (∼100 km/s), but higher velocities of 200–300 km/s are not uncommon, e.g. M 1-16 (Schwarz 1992; Corradi & Schwarz 1993), NGC 6337 (Corradi et al. 2000) and NGC 2392 (Gieseking, Becker & Sofl 1985), and can even reach 630 km/s in the case of MyCn 18 (O’Connor et al. 2000). There is no strong evidence for highly collimated outflows (e.g. Herbig-Haro-like outflows) in genuine PNe and Frew & Parker (2010) suggest the few objects with the most collimated outflows are instead related to Be[e] stars. The most striking example is Hen 2-90 (Sahai & Nyman 2000) which was later reclassified as a Be[e] star (Kraus et al. 2005; Frew & Parker 2010).

Instead, jets in PNe manifest as point-symmetric ‘corkscrew’-like outflows (López et al. 1993; Vázquez et al. 2008) or as pairs of opposing knots often called fast low-ionisation emitting regions (FLIERS; see e.g. Balick et al. 1987, 1993; Dopita 1997) with notable examples being Hb 4 (López et al. 1997; Harrington & Borkowski 2000; Miszalski et al. 2009b), NGC 6337 (Corradi et al. 2000; García-Díaz et al. 2009), A 63 (Mitchell et al. 2007), IC 4634 (Guerrero et al. 2008), IC 4673 (Kovacevic et al. 2010), Sab 41 (Miszalski et al. 2009b) and the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010). Further examples are listed by González et al. (2001) and Harrington & Borkowski (2000).

Point-symmetric jets have received the most attention in the literature with models consisting of an episodic precessing jet powered by an accretion disk in a wide binary with $P_{\text{orb}}$ ∼ a few years (e.g. Raga, Cantó & Biro 1993; Cliffe et al. 1995; Haro-Corzo et al. 2009; Raga et al. 2009). Precession helps smear out or widen the jet and may also explain the often ‘bent’ position of jets with respect to the presumed major axis (e.g. Hb 4 and Sab 41). Some jets appear in two pairs (e.g. NGC 6337) and these may have arised from multiple ejections (e.g. Nordhaus & Blackman 2006).

A similar scenario involves a short-lived ‘wobbling’ accretion disk (Livio & Pringle 1996, 1997; Icke 2003) and models with magnetic fields have also successfully been applied to the problem (García-Segura 1997). Dynamical lifetimes of jets suggest they are ejected well before the main nebula (Mitchell et al. 2007; Corradi et al. 2010), i.e. before the CE is ejected if a close binary is present, and this is consistent with the short-lived nature of the modelled accretion disks.

The most constructive way to establish the link between jets and binaries is to look for binary CSPN in a large sample of PNe with jets. This is one of the major aims behind our ongoing program to look for close binary CSPN via the photometric monitoring technique (Miszalski et al. 2010). We are also targeting bipolar PNe and through non-detections we will also be able to discern whether larger orbital periods produce point-symmetric jets rather than FLIERS. The program has been very successful so far with at least five close binary CSPN found using the 1.2-m Flemish Mercator telescope. These include the Necklace and its Supernova 1987A-like ring (Corradi et al. 2010), the Type Ia supernova candidate double-degenerate nucleus of Hen 2-428 (Santander-García et al. 2010), and the subject of this paper, ETHOS 1.

This paper is structured as follows. Sec. 2 introduces the new survey responsible for the discovery of ETHOS 1 and the spectroscopic confirmation of its PN status. Spectroscopic and photometric evidence for binarity are presented in Sec. 3. The nebula is examined in Sec. 4 with narrow-band images, high-resolution spectroscopy. Sec. 4.2 examines diagnostic emission line ratios of the jets and we conclude in Sec. 5.

2 DISCOVERY AND PN CONFIRMATION

2.1 The Extremely Turquoise Halo Object Survey (ETHOS)

Beyond the confines of Galactic Plane Hα surveys (Parker et al. 2005; Drew et al. 2005) there are very few PNe currently known as less than 6% of ∼ 2800 Galactic PNe are located at latitudes $|b| \gtrsim 10^\circ$. Most of these were found from visual inspection of photographic broadband sky survey plates (e.g. Kohoutek 1963; Abell 1966; Longmore 1977; Weinberger 1977; Longmore & Tritton 1980; Hartl & Tritton 1985). With the digitisation of the same material it is
now possible to extend this work to lower surface brightnesses and to systematically search larger areas more efficiently (Jacoby et al. 2010). The MASH-II project (Miszalski et al. 2008) demonstrated that visual searches for PNe are largely insensitive to compact or star-like PNe. Several compact PNe were found from catalogue queries of the SuperCOSMOS Hα Survey (Parker et al. 2005) including the MASH-II PN MPA 1327-6031 that lies just near the outer lobe of the bipolar MASH PN PHR 1327-6032 (Parker et al. 2006). The number of distant (compact) Halo PNe is therefore essentially unknown. Further discoveries are essential to determine whether Halo PNe can only be formed via close binary evolution (Bond 2000) as there is currently only a small amount of supporting evidence (e.g. Peña & Ruiz 1998; Tovmassian et al. 2010).

The Extremely Turquoise Halo Object Survey (ETHOS, Miszalski et al. in prep) is a new survey designed to find high-latitude compact PNe that would ordinarily be missed by visual searches. ETHOS is essentially an extension to broadband colours of the MASH-II catalogue search applied to the whole sky (excluding the Hα surveyed regions). Currently four candidate PNe have been spectroscopically confirmed out of a few dozen candidates identified solely from queries of the SuperCOSMOS Science Archive (SSA, Hambly et al. 2004), a convenient SQL interface to the entire database of catalogue data generated during the digitisation of SuperCOSMOS Sky Survey data (Hambly et al. 2001b). Candidates are then visualised as for MASH-II, but this time replacing the primary colour-composite Hα (red), SR (green) and B$_J$ (blue) image with an I$_N$ (red), R$_F$ (green) and B$_J$ (blue) image (Reid et al. 1991; Hambly et al. 2001a). The IRB image is particularly effective in distinguishing PNe apart from other objects since they often appear with a strong turquoise hue. Figure 1 best shows the turquoise false-colour in the discovery image of ETHOS 1, the first PN candidate identified during the design phase of ETHOS (Miszalski 2009). The object was selected based on the colours of the inner nebula but the presence of faint extensions either side made it stand out amongst the other candidates. Further details of the survey and initial results will be presented elsewhere (Miszalski et al. in prep).

2.2 Spectroscopic confirmation of ETHOS 1

ETHOS 1 was observed during Isaac Newton Telescope (INT) service time with the Intermediate Dispersion Spectrograph (IDS) on 10 March 2009. The R300V grating was used at a central wavelength of 5400 Å to provide wavelength coverage from 3300–8000 Å at a dispersion of 1.87 Å/pixel. The spectrograph slit was placed along the jets at a position angle (PA) of 149° and its width of 1.0″ gave a resolution of 5 Å (FWHM) at 5400 Å. One 30 minute exposure was taken at an airmass of 1.51 followed by a 30 s exposure of the spectrophotometric standard star HD 192281 at an airmass of 1.72 with an 8″ slit. Standard reductions were performed with IRAF and four different extractions corresponding to different nebula regions were made using the IRAF task APALL. The stellar continuum of the CSPN was traced to guide the extractions. Aperture sizes used were 6 pixels for the CSPN (2.4″), 54 pixels for the inner nebula (21.6″, which includes the CSPN), 19 pixels for the SE jet (7.6″) and 23 pixels for the NW jet (9.2″). The jet extractions were measured from the jet tips inward towards the CSPN. The extractions were then flux calibrated in the standard fashion with the aforementioned standard.

Figure 2 shows the IDS spectra that confirm the PN nature of ETHOS 1 (PN G068.1+11.0) whose basic properties are given in Tab. 1. We measured c, the logarithmic extinction at Hβ, to be 0.18 using the Howarth (1983) reddening law and $T_e = 17700$ K (Sec. 2.2). The high ratio of He II $\lambda$4686/Hβ $\gtrsim$ 1.1 in the main nebula is typical of very high excitation PNe at high Galactic latitudes in which all the helium is doubly ionised giving a mass-bounded, optically thin nebula (Kaler 1981; Kaler & Jacoby 1989). Similar emission line intensities are also found in the post-CE PNe K 1-2 (Exter et al. 2003) and the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010), but in our case we do not find any low-ionisation species in the main nebula perhaps suggesting a slightly higher CSPN temperature. The only low-ionisation species are found in the tips of the jets which are caused by shocks (Sec. 4.2). Besides the [Ne V] and [Ar V] emission found close to the hot CSPN, the CSPN spectrum also shows C III $\lambda$4650, C IV $\lambda$5801, L5812 and A7726 as the signature of an irradiated close companion (Sec. 5.1).
3 THE BINARY CENTRAL STAR

3.1 An irradiated spectroscopic binary

ETHOS 1 was also observed with the FORS2 instrument (Appenzeller et al. 1998) under the VLT visitor mode program 083.D-0654(A) on 14 July 2009. The objective of this program was to measure the radial velocity curves of binaries discovered by Miszalski et al. (2009a), however inclement weather forced the execution of a backup program in which ETHOS 1 was included. The blue optimised E2V detector from FORS1 was used in combination with the 1200g grism to give continuous wavelength coverage from 4058–5556 Å. The CCD was readout with 2 × 2 binning to give a dispersion of 0.72 Å/pixel, a spatial resolution of 0.252 ″/pixel and a resolution measured from arc lines of 1.57 Å (FWHM) at 4800 Å.

A 40 minute spectrum of ETHOS 1 was obtained at an airmass of 2.04 and the seeing varied between 1.0–1.3 ″ under thin-thick cloud (relative flux rms up to 0.07) limiting the SNR in the continuum to ~40 near He II λ4686. The 0.7 ″ slit was placed at PA = 144° to cover the jets but because of the gap between FORS chips not all of the NW jet was observed. The spectroscopic data were processed using the ESO FORS pipeline and the IRAF task APALL was used to make three extractions using the CSPN continuum as a reference. These were 8 pixels for the CSPN (2.0″), 84 pixels for the inner nebula (21.2″, which includes the CSPN) and 70 pixels for the SE jet (17.6″). The jet extraction widths were measured from the jet tips inward towards the CSPN. Each spectrum was flux calibrated using a 300s exposure of the CSPN of NGC 7293 (Oke 1990) obtained at the end of the same night at an airmass of 1.27 and a slit width of 0.7 ″. The final spectra are depicted in Fig. 3.

Features identified in the IDS and FORS CSPN spectra are typical of an irradiated close binary CSPN (Pollacco & Bell 1993, 1994). The hot primary is revealed by He II λ4686, λ5412 in absorption and the primary is irradiating a main-sequence companion to produce N III (λ4634.14, λ4640.64), C III (λ4647.42, λ4650.25) and C IV (λ4658.30, λ5801.33, 5811.98, λ7726.20) emission lines. These lines originate from the irradiated zone on the side of the companion facing the primary and therefore serve as a proxy for the motion of the secondary. However, it should be noted that these lines sample the centre of light and not the centre of mass of the secondary (e.g. Exter et al. 2003).

To measure any shifts present we used the [O III] and Hβ emission lines of our FORS spectrum of the inner nebula as a reference. The systemic heliocentric velocity of the inner nebula was set to be $V_{sys} = -20$ km/s from higher resolution spectroscopy (Sec. 4.1). The N III λ4640.64, C III λ4647.42, λ4650.25, and C IV λ4658.30 emission lines gave an average $V_{sec} = -122.0 \pm 4.6$ km/s. Estimating $V_{pri}$ is much more difficult given the prominent nebular He II emission but the He II λ4686 absorption line is present (albeit at low S/N,
Figure 3. VLT FORS spectroscopy of ETHOS 1. No nebular subtraction was made for the rectified CSPN spectrum.

Fig. 3) and redshifted compared to the nebula velocity. The exact line profile centre is difficult to establish given the nebular emission and the chance that the line core may be partially filled in by irradiated emission. The large uncertainty means we can only estimate $V_{pri} \sim 105 \pm 80$ km/s. Our single epoch spectrum therefore confirms the presence of a spectroscopic binary with both components well separated from each other and the nebula. Given the large uncertainty in $V_{pri}$ and the lack of a well-sampled radial velocity curve it is premature to estimate the masses of each component at this stage.

An important corollary is that the presence of the N III, C III and C IV emission lines alone would ordinarily be sufficient grounds for a weak emission line star or wels classification (Tylenda et al. 1993; Marcolino & Araújo 2003). The wels are a heterogeneous class of CSPN that are poorly defined (Fogel, De Marco & Jacoby 2003) and do not fit well-established classification schemes (Méndez 1991; Crowther et al. 1998; Acker & Neiner 2003). According to Tylenda et al. (1993), wels are identified by (i) C IV $\lambda$5801, 5812 weaker and narrower than in [WC] CSPN, (ii) very weak or undetectable C III $\lambda$5696, and (iii) the emission complex at $\lambda$ 4650. However, this is exactly what is observed in many close binary CSPN with the best examples being Abell 46 (Pollacco & Bell 1994), ETHOS 1 (Fig. 8) and the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010). Many wels are therefore likely to be misclassified close binaries (Miszalski 2009). Further examples will be presented elsewhere and we expect further high resolution spectroscopic observations of so-called wels will identify further close binaries.

3.2 Lightcurve

Time series photometry of ETHOS 1 was obtained with the MEROPE camera (Davignon et al. 2004) on the 1.2-m semi-robotic Flemish Mercator Telescope (Raskin et al. 2004) from 24 August 2009 to 4 September 2009. Figure 4 shows the lightcurve phased with our ephemeris: HJD (min. 1) = 2455076.0312$^{\pm}$0.0007 + (0.53512$^{\pm}$0.00019) E. The IDS and FORS spectra taken earlier during the same year covered phases 0.40–0.44 and 0.80–0.85, respectively. As for the Necklace, the observed periodic variability is clear evidence of binarity. A sine fit to the lightcurve gives a very high amplitude of 0.816 mag that indicates a very hot primary irradiating a cool main-sequence companion (see e.g. Fig. 1 of De Marco et al. 2008). Such a large amplitude places ETHOS 1 amongst a small group of post-CE binaries showing extreme irradiation effects with only Sab 41 having a larger amplitude ($I = 0.849$ mag, Miszalski et al. 2009a). The next largest amplitudes are found in the Necklace ($I = 0.747$ mag, Corradi et al. 2010) and K 1-2 ($V = 0.680$ mag, Exter et al. 2003). There are no other post-CE binaries without
visible nebulae that come close to these extreme amplitudes simply because there have evolved significantly further along the white dwarf cooling track (Aungwerojwit et al. 2007; Shimansky et al. 2009).

4 THE NEBULA

4.1 Morphology and Kinematics

Narrow-band images of 300 s duration each were obtained during the VLT visitor mode program 085.D-0629(A) on 19 June 2010 with the FORS H\text{\textalpha}+83, OIII+50 and OII+44 filters. The central wavelengths and full widths at half maximum (FWHM) of each filter are 656.3/6.1 nm, 500.1/5.7 nm and 377.6/6.5 nm, respectively. Note the FWHM at half maximum (FWHM) of each filter are 656.3/6.1 nm, 500.1/5.7 nm and 377.6/6.5 nm, respectively. Note the H\text{\textalpha}+83 filter includes the [N II] λ6548, λ6583 emission lines. Figure 5 presents a montage of the images which show three components to ETHOS 1: (i) The main nebula 19.4″ across measured at 10% of the peak H\text{\textalpha} intensity, (ii) the jets measuring 62.6″ tip-to-tip also at 10% of the peak H\text{\textalpha} intensity, and (iii) a faint bipolar outflow best visible in [O III] (Fig. 5).

The absence of an inner ring of low-ionisation structures (LIS) sets ETHOS 1 apart from the other nebulae showing high-amplitude close binaries including K 1-2 (Exter et al. 2003), Sab 41 (Miszalski et al. 2009b) and the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010). As the UV radiation field is comparably high in the other objects this may indicate the ring never existed rather than recent ablation of an LIS ring. There are in fact no low-ionisation species detected in ETHOS 1 except for in the shocked jet tips described in Sec. 4.2. A faint detection in the [O II] image is due to the nebula continuum since there is no [N II], [S II] or [O II] emission recorded by our INT spectrum of the main nebula (Fig. 5).

Spatially resolved long slit echelle spectra of ETHOS 1 were made using the second Manchester Echelle Spectrometer on the 2.1-m San Pedro Mártir Telescope (Meaburn et al. 2003). The primary spectral mode was used with narrowband filters to isolate the [O III] λ5007, H\text{\textalpha} and [N II] λ6548, 6583 emission lines. Observations were performed on 23 September 2010 with a 2′ × 2′ slit and the Thomson 2K×2K CCD which gave a spatial scale of 0.38″/pixel and a resolving power of R ∼ 30000 (2.82 km/s per pixel). A series of 1800 s exposures were taken with the slit oriented approximately along the minor (PA=60°) and major (PA=147°) axes.

Figure 6 presents the emission line position-velocity (PV) diagrams observed. Alongside these are the same PV diagrams extracted from a SHAPE (Steffen & López 2006) best-fitting spatio-kinematic model of ETHOS 1 built following Jones et al. (2010). Figure 7 shows the model that was inspired by the faint Hb 12-like bipolar extensions (Vaytet et al. 2009) that are visible in Fig. 5. The basic components are a spherical outflow and nested thin-walled bipolar outflows. The inner bipolar outflow helps reproduce the X-shape and the outer (possibly related) Hb 12-like bipolar outflow protrudes from the central sphere. Our approach was not tailored to each emission line observed, but instead aimed to create a good overall approximation to the features seen in Figs. 5 and 6. The jets were not incorporated in our model but they appear to be well-aligned to the major axis unlike other PNe (e.g. Hb4). The faint bipolar extensions (Fig. 5) were included in our model but their low surface brightness precluded their detection on the 2.1-m telescope at this resolution. We note that no attempt has been made to replicate the relative surface brightnesses of each component in the model and deeper observations should be able to detect these fainter features.

Along the major axis the PV diagrams of the inner nebula display a figure-of-eight profile best seen in H\text{\textalpha} that is typical of a bipolar outflow with a ‘pinched’ waist (e.g. Icke, Preston & Balick 1989). This bipolar profile is also apparent in [O III], but is far more irregular and lacks emission from the central region. The southern component splits into two velocity components that are consistent with the front and back walls of a hollow bipolar shell. A velocity ellipse is also seen in the [O III] profile surrounding the figure-of-eight profile. This is consistent with a spherical shell of material and the minor axis PV diagrams support this interpretation. Along the minor axis the outer ellipse represents the spherical shell, while the inner knot at negative velocity represents the pinched bipolar shell (e.g. Vaytet et al. 2009). There is a small amount of asymmetry in the minor axis which is partly due to imperfect alignment of the slit along the axis and partly intrinsic.

No emission is detected from the central region in [N II] consistent with our other observations. There is however an elongated excess of H\text{\textalpha} emission in the inner nebula aligned along the major axis that is not matched in [O III] (e.g. Fig. 5). While this could be explained by ionisation stratification (e.g. the same feature may be visible in O V or O VI), it may also be related to similar but ‘tilted’ inner nebulae in PN G126.6+01.3 (Mampaso et al. 2006), M 2-19 (Miszalski et al. 2009b) and A 41 (Miszalski et al. 2009b; Jones et al. 2010). We suggest these nebulae could be the remnants of a precessing jet (Haro-Corzo et al. 2009; Raga et al. 2009) or nozzle (Balick 2000). The uncanny resemblance between PN G126.6+01.3 and the models of Haro-Corzo et al. (2009) supports this hypothesis.

The symmetry axis of our best-fitting SHAPE model has an inclination of 60 ± 5 degrees to the line of sight. This inclination is consistent with the non-eclipsing lightcurve,
Figure 4. Mercator lightcurve of ETHOS 1 phased with $P = 0.53512$ days. The curve is a sinusoidal fit and phase coverage of IDS (squares) and VLT (circles) spectra are shown.

| Name          | $t_{\text{nebula}}$ (yrs/kpc) | $t_{\text{jets}}$ (yrs/kpc) | Reference                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A 63          | 3500 ± 200                     | 5200 ± 1200                | Mitchell et al. (2007)      |
| Necklace      | 1100 ± 100                     | 2350 ± 450                 | Corradi et al. (2010)       |
| ETHOS 1       | 900 ± 100                      | 1750 ± 250                 | this work                   |

4.2 Emission line diagnostics

Table 3 gives our measured emission line intensities for our extracted IDS and FORS spectra. Dereddened intensities were calculated using the Howarth (1983) reddening law and $c = 0.18$. As Exter et al. (2003) point out an abundance analysis for such high excitation nebulae requires photoionisation modelling to properly measure the chemical abundances. Since our spectral information is rather limited and lacks reliable UV and far-blue coverage we postpone this work for now. Abundances of the jets are likely heavily distorted by their shocked nature, but we can investigate their emission line ratios for diagnostic purposes.

The nebular package in IRAF (Shaw & Dufour 1995) was used to determine electron temperatures and densities in the main nebula and SE jet. Assuming $n_e = 1000$ cm$^{-3}$, the main nebula has a very hot $T_e = 17700 \pm 500$ K. This is comparable to K 1-2 with $T_e = 17500 \pm 1000$ K, but is larger than $T_e = 14800^{+530}_{-460}$ K measured in the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010). The [Ar IV] $\lambda$4711/4740 density diagnostic from our VLT spectrum lies near the lower density limit so we find $n_e = 850 \pm 1000$ cm$^{-3}$. We also find the jets to be cooler $T_e = 12900 \pm 1000$ K and to have a similarly low density by using the [S II] $\lambda$6731/6717 diagnostic to provide an upper limit of $n_e \lesssim 1000$ cm$^{-3}$.

The emission line ratios from separate extractions of the jet tips in Tab. 3 can be compared to model predictions (Dopita 1997; Raga et al. 2008). These works aim to reproduce FLIERS as the result of shocks in the strongly photoionised medium provided by the CSPN giving the appearance of a ‘reverse-shock’. In ETHOS 1 the presence of [O III] in the jet and its relatively low $T_e = 12900$ K indicates strong radiative cooling is occurring in the post-shock.
Figure 5. A montage of VLT FORS ETHOS 1 images. (a) Colour-composite of Hα+[N II] (red), [O III] (green) and [O II] (blue); (b) and (e) Hα+[N II]; (c) and (f) [O III]; (d) [O II]. Each image measures 1 × 1 arcmin² with North up and East to the left.

Figure 6. Model and observed position-velocity diagrams for the major (PA=147°) and minor (PA=60°) axes of ETHOS 1. The velocity scale is centred on the model-derived heliocentric radial velocity of −20 km/s. The jets are not incorporated into the models and our observations are not sensitive to the faint bipolar outflow (major axis model). The orientation of the major and minor axes are North is up and East is up, respectively.
Table 3. Measured \((F_{\lambda})\) and dereddened \((I_{\lambda})\) nebula emission line intensities using \(c = 0.18\).

| Component: Main Nebula SE Jet Tip NW Jet Tip Main Nebula SE Jet Whole | Instrument: IDS IDS IDS FORS FORS FORS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Identification | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) | \(F_{\lambda}\) | \(I_{\lambda}\) |
| \([\text{Ne V}]\) 3425† | 122 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{O II}]\) 3727† | - | - | 642 | 713 | 133 | 148 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{Ne III}]\) 3869† | 38 | 42 | 133 | 147 | 67 | 73 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{Ne III}] +\text{HeI/II}\) 3968† | 38 | 41 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| H\(\delta\) 4101† | 40 | 44 | - | - | - | - | 25.8 | 27.8 | 28.8 | 31.0 | - | - |
| He II 4686 | 10: | 10: | 392 | 395 | 716 | 733 | 312.5 | 313.2 | 299.5 | 296.6 | - | - |
| \([\text{O III}]\) 4959 | 128 | 127 | 313 | 314 | 960 | 960 | 393.1 | 387.3 | 891.5 | 878.3 | - | - |
| H\(\beta\) 4861 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | - | - |
| \([\text{Ar IV}]\) 4740 | - | - | - | - | 11.8 | 12.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{O I}]\) 6300 | - | - | - | - | 0.18 | 0.21 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{Ar V}]\) 7005 | 12: | 12: | 37 | 31 | 42 | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \([\text{O III}] +\text{He II}\) 7175 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

\(\dagger\) Lines more uncertain in IDS spectra because of bright sky background.

\(\ast\) Low S/N measurement.

\(\ast\) Line present but too low S/N to be measured.

5 CONCLUSIONS

We have introduced ETHOS 1 (PN G068.1+11.1), the first spectroscopically confirmed PN discovered from the Extremely Turquoise Halo Object Survey (ETHOS, Miszalski et al. in prep). An irradiated close binary central star was discovered with an orbital period of 0.535 days and an amplitude of 0.816 mag. The extreme amplitude is second only to Sab 41 (Miszalski et al. 2009a) and is consistent with the presence of a very hot central star that produces the highly ionised nebula \((T_e = 17700 \text{ K})\). The Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010) and K 1-2 (Exter et al. 2003) also share similarly large amplitudes and high-ionisation nebulae, although the absence of low-ionisation filaments in ETHOS 1 may suggest a slightly different evolutionary history. VLT FORS spec-
troscopy of the CSPN confirms the presence of a close binary with a large velocity separation between primary and secondary components and the nebula. The presence of N III, C III and C IV emission lines continues the trend seen in other irradiated close binary CSPN. These weak emission lines are typical of many CSPN classified as wels in the literature and we expect many of these will turn out to be close binaries. Further observations are required to constrain the orbital inclination, masses and radii of the binary CSPN.

A spectacular pair of jets travelling at $120 \pm 10$ km/s accompanies the inner nebula of ETHOS 1 adding further evidence towards the long suspected relationship between binary CSPN and jets. Their tips present emission line ratios that are consistent with shocked models of FLIERS in PNe. The fact that the jets are detached suggests a limited period of jet activity consistent with a transient accretion disk before the CE is ejected. The kinematic age of the jets ($1750 \pm 250$ yrs/kpc) was found to be older than the inner nebula ($900 \pm 100$ yrs/kpc) supporting this hypothesis. ETHOS 1 therefore continues to follow this trend previously identified in A 63 (Mitchell et al. 2007) and the Necklace (Corradi et al. 2010). Both ETHOS 1 and the Necklace have younger kinematic ages than A 63 consistent with the apparent ongoing cooling in the younger jets via [O III] emission.

A close binary engine powering jets is out of place in the literature with most models of jets incorporating orbital periods of several years (Cliffe et al. 1995; Haro-Corzo et al. 2009; Raga et al. 2009). These models may be adequate if the accretion disk is established before the companion begins its in-spiral phase as our kinematic ages suggest. Nevertheless, new models with shorter orbital periods may be necessary to model the jets in objects like ETHOS 1 which are relatively more collimated than extant model jets.

VLT FORS imaging and MES high-resolution spectroscopy of the inner nebula of ETHOS 1 was conducted. The X-shaped inner nebula was reconstructed using a SHAPE kinematic model consisting of bipolar outflows and a spherical nebula. The faint bipolar extensions particularly visible in the [O III] FORS image could be an earlier ejection occurring at about the same time as the jets or alternatively may represent a bubble produced by the jets clearing out a cavity around the PN. Similar bipolar outflows are seen in A 65 (Walsh & Walton 1996), PPA 1759–2834 (Miszalski et al. 2009b) and Fg 1 (Boffin & Miszalski in prep.) suggesting they may have a binary-related origin. It may also be possible that ETHOS 1 represents a slightly more evolved state of Hb 12 (Vaytet et al. 2009) where the spherical nebula is ejected on top of a pre-existing Hb 12 system.

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