Emission-line Data Cubes of the HH 32 Stellar Jet

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Abstract

We analyze data cubes of over 60 emission lines in the HH 32 stellar jet acquired with the Keck Cosmic Web Imager (KCWI). The data cover the less explored blue portion of the spectrum between 3586 and 6351Å and have both high spectral (R ~ 10,000) and spatial (∼1") resolution. The study includes all three major ionization states of oxygen, three Balmer lines, multiple lines of Fe II and Fe III, and the first data cubes ever acquired for important unblended diagnostic lines such as He II λ4686, Ca I λ3933, and Mg I λ4571. The data cubes generally sort according to excitation and have a relatively continuous progression from the highest-excitation ions (He II, O III) through the intermediate-excitation ions (O I and H I) to the lowest-excitation ions (Ca II and Mg I). Merging the KCWI cubes with Hubble Space Telescope images leads to several new insights about the flow, including evidence for bow shocks, partial bow shocks, spur shocks, Mach disks, jet deflection, and potential shock precursors. The most surprising result is that one of the velocity components of Fe II in the Mach disk suddenly increases in flux relative to other lines by a factor of two, implying that the Mach disk vaporizes dust in the jet. Hence, jets must accelerate or entrain dust to speeds of over 300 km s⁻¹ without destroying the grains.

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Supporting material: animation

1. Introduction

Since their discovery in the 1950s as nebulous emission-line objects in the vicinity of dark clouds, HH objects have become a primary tool for investigating outflows associated with star formation. The observed radial velocities and similarity to supernova remnant spectra led Schwartz (1975) to identify HH objects as radiatively cooled zones in shock fronts, and deep emission-line images revealed that these shocks generally occur within highly collimated jets driven from young stars (e.g., Mundt & Fried 1983). Typically denser than their surroundings, stellar jets can alter the morphologies of their surroundings radically as they penetrate large distances into their ambient clouds (e.g., McGroarty et al. 2004). Together with radiation from the star, jets provide a means for young stars to energize clouds against gravitational collapse and significantly reduce the masses of the resultant stars in some simulations (Hansen et al. 2012). Most current models launch stellar jets from magnetized accretion disks, and jets provide one of the only ways to study this phenomenon. These flows remove angular momentum from the disks (e.g., Nolan et al. 2017), with implications for the formation of gaps in disks and planetary migration at the earliest times.

Because HH jets radiate emission lines and are optically thin, they are especially well suited to the standard non-LTE analyses of interstellar medium physics. For example, one can measure electron densities, temperatures, and ionization states from the observed emission-line ratios, though these quantities are averages over the entire emitting region being observed. Most HH objects are resolved spatially, and with the subarcsecond resolution afforded by Hubble Space Telescope (HST) images, it is possible to resolve the cooling distances behind individual shock waves in many cases. Velocities are high enough to enable proper-motion studies for each emission feature across an entire flow with a temporal baseline of ∼10 yr, and with radial velocities as broad as several hundred kilometers per second in some objects, one can perform emission-line analysis both spatially and as a function of velocity (i.e., within a data “cube” with two spatial dimensions and a third dimension in velocity). When combined with proper-motion data, the only unmeasured coordinate in phase space for these flows is the line-of-sight distance, and even that can be inferred to some degree for simple geometries.

This wealth of quantitative data has led to several insights concerning jets and the sources that drive them (see Frank et al. 2014, for a recent review). Jets from young stars become collimated within ∼100 au of their source and emerge with typical opening angles of ∼5° (e.g., Reipurth et al. 2000; Hartigan & Morse 2007). They move radially from their driving stars but often appear to “wiggle” as the flow from the source changes in direction or if the source itself undergoes orbital motion (Masciadri & Raga 2002). The main cause of shock waves in jets is velocity variability, and many jets consist of a series of nested bow shocks along the axis of the flow (Hartigan et al. 2001; Lee et al. 2016). This geometry naturally produces faster material along the axis of the jet and slower flow along the periphery (e.g., Cerqueira et al. 2015). Quasi-stationary X-ray knots located within a few hundred au of the source may be related to the jet collimation process or to a boundary set up between a stellar wind and a disk wind ( Günther et al. 2014).

Within jets, emission-line ratios imply that shock velocities typically range from 30 to 80 km s⁻¹, with higher values present in bright bow shocks. Cooling distances measured from high spatial resolution observations imply that magnetic fields must provide the main source of pressure in cooling zones and
lead to measurements of Alfvénic Mach numbers of a few (Hartigan & Wright 2015). When velocity pulses brush up against slower material along the edge of the jet, an oblique “spur” shock propagates into the surrounding material, and when the jet drives a bow shock, it forms a Mach disk that decelerates the shock and becomes visible as a compact knot situated near the apex of the bow shock, often with a distinct signature in the kinematics and emission-line ratios (Hartigan et al. 2011). Occasionally a stronger shock redirects a jet if the flow encounters a dense obstacle such as a molecular cloud (e.g., HH 110; Reipurth et al. 1996; Raga et al. 2002), while intersecting shocks may produce short-lived hot spots known as Mach stems (Hartigan et al. 2016). These modes of shock production have inspired several recent laboratory experiments that attempt to observe how readily a given type of shock forms and to follow it as it evolves with time (e.g., Frank et al. 2014).

Among the first group of HH objects to be cataloged by Herbig (1974), HH 32 is unusual both in that it is one of the few sources that has high-excitation lines such as [O III] $\lambda$5007 (Brugel et al. 1981) and in that the brightest knots are redshifted (Dopita 1978). The jet emanates from the primary star, AS 353A, in a pre-main-sequence binary pair. AS 353A has broad, bright emission lines with classic P Cygni–type absorption features that vary with time (Mundt et al. 1982; Hartigan et al. 1986). The source is surrounded by molecular gas (Edwards & Snell 1983), and is located at a distance of ~410 pc according to Gaia Collaboration et al. (2016).

The bright emission-line knots HH 32A and HH 32B possess large line widths and exhibit profile differences in H$_\alpha$, [S II], and [O III] that were among the first objects to be modeled successfully as bow shocks (Solf et al. 1986; Hartigan et al. 1987). The first subarcsecond-resolution images of the region from HST uncovered a wealth of filamentary structures and knots along the flow, and the observed proper motions showed that the jet must be aligned close to the line of sight (Curiel et al. 1997). Data cubes of several optical emission lines in the region around HH 32A were published by Beck et al. (2004), who constructed a bow shock model for each of the bright knots in the cube (see also Raga et al. 2004). Davis et al. (1996) also explained the observed low-velocity H$_2$ emission associated with knots A and B with a model where the molecular gas was confined to the extreme wings of a bow shock.

In this paper we use the new Keck Cosmic Web Imager (KCWI) to acquire data cubes of the entire redshifted portion of the HH 32 outflow, including HH 32A, HH 32B, HH 32D, and the emission between HH 32D and AS 353A. The spectra cover the blue portion of the optical between [O II] $\lambda$3727 and [O I] $\lambda$6300 and have both high spectral ($R \approx 10000$) and high spatial ($\lesssim 1''$) resolution. Emission lines in the blue spectral region are fainter than standard red tracers such as H$_\alpha$ and [S II] $\lambda$6720, but the blue has many more emission lines and can trace elements and ionization states that are inaccessible in the red. We describe the data acquisition and reduction techniques in Section 2, and we present the results of the data cubes in Section 3. Section 4 combines the existing HST images with the new KCWI cubes to construct a summary model for the entire region, including the location of the major shock waves along the flow and a discussion of their consequences in terms of the observed line profiles and line ratios. We bring together our conclusions in Section 5.

2. Data Acquisition and Reduction

Observations of HH 32 were obtained with the KCWI (Morrissey et al. 2018), an integral field spectrograph mounted on the Keck II telescope, on 2017 June 14, during the third commissioning run for the instrument. The small slicer with a field of view of $20'' \times 8''$ was used along with the BM grating, giving a resolution of $R \approx 10,000$. Three separate central wavelengths were used for the observations, 4020 Å (blue), 4700 Å (green), and 5950 Å (red), which gives some amount of overlap between the blue and green cubes. For each wavelength configuration, there were two on-target exposures and an adjacent-in-time offset sky exposure, all of duration 600 s. Due to a rising moon, the blue cube was acquired first, followed by green and then red. The instrument position angle was set to 105° in order to roughly align the field with the outflow axis. Flux calibration was achieved using nearby-in-time observations of the spectrophotometric standard BD +25°4655.

Data cube processing generally followed the procedures described in Section 4 of Morrissey et al. (2018). In summary, bias frames, internal lamp exposures including arc lines, continuum flat and continuum bar exposures, and external dome flats were acquired the morning after the science observations were taken. The arc lamp and the continuum bar exposures are used to define the geometry of the raw data, while the continuum flats and the dome flats are used to correct illumination nonuniformities.

Once the geometry has been defined and the illumination has been corrected, the sky exposures were used to define a sky model using basis splines that accurately follow the sky spectrum as a function of wavelength. This results in a low-noise sky model that is then subtracted from each science image. Offset sky observations were used since the filling factor of object light in the on-target observations was a large fraction of the KCWI field of view, causing oversubtraction if the sky were modeled from the on-target observations.

The slicer design of KCWI means that the ends of each cube are subject to nonuniformity in the spatial-spectral coverage, resulting in banding in the reduced cubes with approximately 20% of the nominal wavelength range of the cubes affected. Fortunately, the blue and green cubes overlap sufficiently that there is no loss in wavelength coverage, while there is a real gap between the reduced green and red cubes. For our data set, the effective total wavelength coverage is 3586–5136 Å and then 5540–6351 Å.

Following processing, the two on-target exposures for each of the three wavelength ranges were averaged, and the three cubes were then spatially registered. This involved fitting two-dimensional Gaussians to the H$\gamma$ line in the blue and green cubes, the H$\beta$ line in the green cube, and the O I $\lambda$6300 line in the red cube so as to determine the peaks. The three cubes were then aligned and trimmed to encompass the same spatial area.

The full cubes have a native pixel asymmetry, with 0''034 pixels in the "x"-direction from the individual image slices and 0''1457 pixels in the "y"-direction on the detector. Each cube was resampled to square pixels by binning by a factor of three in the y-direction and regridding in the x-direction to yield 0''437 pixels in each dimension, which sufficiently subsamples the 0''7–1''0 seeing conditions during the observations while still providing good signal-to-noise ratios in the fainter lines.

In most cases we want to examine how the brightness of a specific emission line varies spatially and with velocity and then compare its data cube with those of different lines. To extract a data cube for one line, we first rebin the data from its dispersion of 0.25 Å pixel$^{-1}$ to a cube that spans ~150 to 600 km s$^{-1}$ centered on the rest wavelength of the emission line.
in the frame of reference of AS 353A. The LSR velocity of AS 353A is $+8$ km s$^{-1}$ from molecular line surveys (Edwards & Snell 1983).

Although observing in the blue part of the spectrum opens up opportunities to study many fainter lines that have been to date largely ignored, this innovative aspect to the data set is also in a sense a weakness in that KCWI detects enough lines that in a number of cases the broad velocity extent of the HH 32 outflow causes them to blend. Even though emission lines are optically thin in HH shocks, it is not possible to deblend lines reliably if they arise from different elements. However, we were able to deblend the [O II] $\lambda\lambda$3726.03 and 3728.82 lines, separated in velocity by 225 km s$^{-1}$, in the following manner. Because the electron densities inferred from the red [S II] lines in HH 32 (e.g., Brugel et al. 1981; Beck et al. 2004) are typically a factor of five higher than the critical densities for [O II] $\lambda\lambda$3726 and [O II] $\lambda$3729 ($\lesssim 70$ cm$^{-3}$), the flux ratio between these [O II] lines will be $g_3A_{31}/g_2A_{32}$, where subscripts 3, 2, and 1 refer, respectively, to the $^2D_{3/2}$, $^2D_{5/2}$, and $^4S_{1/2}$ levels of [O II], and the 3–1 and 2–1 transitions are $\lambda$3726.03 and $\lambda$3728.82, respectively. Using the atomic parameters compiled by Mendoza (1983), in the high-density limit $I_{3726}/I_{3729} = 2.88$. Because there is no emission blueshifted of $-30$ km s$^{-1}$, we can use the $\lambda$3726.03 profile to trace the velocity range from $-60$ to $+195$ km s$^{-1}$. Likewise, there is no emission redward of $+450$ km s$^{-1}$, so we use the $\lambda$3728.82 profile scaled by 2.88 for velocities greater than $+225$ km s$^{-1}$. At intermediate velocities the known separations and flux ratios suffice to solve for the profile shape.

Finally, terrestrial emission lines are not always subtracted perfectly in the data reduction procedure. We corrected for residual sky lines in the relevant data slices by fitting a spline to the emission along the slit, using the pixels at the top and bottom of the data cube to measure sky. This procedure worked well for [O I] $\lambda\lambda$6300 but failed for [O I] $\lambda$5577, where the night-sky line residuals are too large and variable. The high-velocity portions of the [O I] $\lambda$5577 cube are unaffected by the residual night sky but show no significant differences from the [O I] $\lambda\lambda$6300 cubes at those velocities. Most of the data reduction beyond the standard pipeline reductions, such as extracting data cubes of individual lines, deblending data cubes, and improving sky subtraction, was done with various routines in IRAF.

3. Emission-line Analysis

3.1. System Overview

Figure 1 presents an overview of the HH 32 jet and shows the extent of the KCWI images. The background r-band (F675W) image in this figure was taken with HST on 1994 August 25 as part of program GO-5367 (PI: Raymond). Throughout the paper we use HST images from this program as a guide to what the structure of the jet looks like at high spatial resolution. However, we must bear in mind that in the 25 yr since the HST data were acquired the jet knots have moved $\sim 1'' - 2''$ away from AS 353A, and differential motions within the jet will shift features relative to one another by up to an arcsecond (Curriel et al. 1997). The differential motions are on the order of the ground-based seeing and do not affect how we interpret images, though one cannot expect a perfect correspondence between what we observe today and what appears in the HST images from 1994.

The environs of AS 353A and AS 353B are quite remarkable. Reflection nebulae in the HST image outline an intricate cavity shape around the binary pair. Within the jet, knot A splits into two main components, each appearing like a bow shock in the images and each showing the broad emission and...
to highlight the sinuous jet at that location. The scale bar of 1′ corresponds to 410 au. The knot nomenclature follows that of Beck et al. (2004). The inset of feature A5 is scaled to highlight the sinuous jet at that location.

spatial separations of high- and low-velocity emission expected from a simple bow shock model (Beck et al. 2004). Knot B occurs along the edge of the flow and also resembles a bow shock in existing spectral maps (Beck et al. 2004), while knot D has a more extended arcuate shape visible in the Balmer lines of H. Much structure appears in both the Hα and red [S II] HST images, as well as in their difference image (Figure 2). The framework for interpreting such images is described in Hartigan et al. (2011)—filamentary Balmer lines designate the shock fronts, and forbidden-line emission such as from [S II] follows in a spatially resolved cooling zone. We discuss each of the bright knots in detail in Section 4.

3.2. KCWI Data Cubes of Emission Lines

Our three wavelength settings detected over 60 emission lines in HH 32 (Tables 1 and 2). Mesa-Delgado et al. (2009) cataloged a large number of emission lines in their comprehensive study of HH 202 in Orion, and many of these also occur in HH 32, though we do not see the Orion H II recombination lines in our data. Eliminating the faintest lines, blends, and lines where a portion of the emission profile is lost off the end of the CCD, we are left with 27 emission lines that have their own data cubes. Lines from the same element and ionization state often appear identical, so we can combine these to increase the signal-to-noise ratio in the final products (Table 1).

We group the final data cubes approximately according to excitation, with the highest-excitation cubes (He II, Ne III, and O III) in Figure 3, the next group (He I, Fe III, N II, and O II) in Figure 4, the third set (H I and O I) in Figure 5, and the lowest-excitation group (S II, Fe II, Ca II, and Mg I) in Figure 6. We take “excitation” to be a sum of the energy needed to ionize the atom to the ionization state of interest, plus the excitation of the

| Line (Figure) | Line (Figure) | Line (Figure) |
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| H/λ 4861.33 (5) | [O II] λ3726.07 (4) | [Fe II] λ4243.97 (6) |
| H/λ 4340.47 (5) | [O II] λ3728.82 (4) | [Fe II] λ4287.39 (6) |
| H/λ 4101.74 (5) | [O III] λ4958.91 (3) | [Fe II] λ4814.55 (6) |
| He I λ4471.47 (4) | [O III] λ5006.84 (3) | [Fe II] λ4889.68 (6) |
| He I λ5875.64 (4) | [Ne III] λ3868.75 (3) | [Fe II] λ4905.37 (6) |
| He II λ4685.70 (3) | Mg I λ4571.10 (6) | [Fe II] λ5111.65 (6) |
| [N II] λ5754.64 (4) | [S II] λ4068.60 (6) | [Fe II] λ4658.10 (4) |
| [O I] λ6300.30 (5) | [S II] λ4076.35 (6) | [Fe II] λ4701.62 (4) |
| Ca II λ3933.66 (6) | [Fe III] λ4881.00 (4) | |

Notes:

a Observed in both green and blue cubes.
b Blend of five lines in a 26 km s⁻¹ interval.
c [O II] λ3726+3729 are blended but can be combined into a single cube (see text).
d Possibly blended with very weak [Fe II] λ4244.85.

level above ground. For example, He II λ4686 requires 24.6 eV to ionize He I to He II, plus another 51 eV to populate the upper state of the transition. Similarly, [O III] λ5007 needs 35.1 eV to doubly ionize oxygen, plus another 2.5 eV to populate the upper state. On the other hand, it makes sense to group [O I] λ6300 with the H I Balmer lines (~11 eV) because the ionization state of oxygen is tied to that of hydrogen through a large charge exchange coefficient (Williams 1973).

Figures 3–6 show that lines with roughly the same excitation generally have very similar-looking data cubes. It is probably easiest to see differences in the cubes by looking carefully at the emission from knots A1 and A2 near the top of the low-velocity (0–150 km s⁻¹) images. Emission in the high-excitation cubes comes mainly from the leading knot A2, while knot A1 is the
brighter of the two in the low-excitation cubes. This difference also appears in the position–velocity diagrams. Two emission lines with roughly the same level of excitation ought to produce similar data cubes in shock-excited gas, and this correspondence is indeed what we observe in the KCWI spectral cubes.

3.3. Reddening, Ionization, and Velocity in the Jet

Ratios of the Hγ/Hβ and Hδ/Hβ cubes are unremarkable and show roughly constant values across all regions of bright emission. The observed values of 0.31 ± 0.03 for Hγ/Hβ and 0.14 ± 0.015 for Hδ/Hβ agree well with previously observed values of 0.298 and 0.162, respectively (Brugal et al. 1981). Balmer line ratios in high-velocity shocks like those in HH 32 should resemble those expected from Case B recombination (Hartigan et al. 1987), so in principle we can use the Balmer line ratios to estimate reddening. Using a standard extinction law and taking Balmer ratios at 10^4 K (Tables 7.2 and 4.4 of Osterbrock 1989), we estimate the logarithmic extinction at Hβ, C_{Hβ} = 1.38 ± 0.30 from the Hγ/Hβ ratio, and C_{Hδ} = 1.41 ± 0.25 from Hδ/Hβ. For comparison, Brugal et al. (1981) found C_{Hδ} = 1.05 ± 0.07 using the ratio of transauroral to auroral [S II] lines, a method that is superior to ours in that it spans a much larger wavelength range, although flux calibrations for the faint near-infrared [S II] lines can be challenging. These estimates all imply a rather large reddening along the line of sight to HH 32; for example, C_{Hδ} = 1.38 implies A_V ~ 2.75.

Our data are particularly good for delineating the ionization structure in the flow because we simultaneously acquired deep data cubes of emission lines from three ionization states of oxygen, [O I] λ6300, [O II] λλ3726+3729, and [O III] λλ5007+4959. We present these cubes side by side in Figure 7. Several trends are worth noting here. First, the [O I] emission generally covers a broader area perpendicular to the jet, as expected for a flow that moves nearly along our line of sight (e.g., Beck et al. 2004). Second, the A5 area in the middle of the frame (see the middle panel of Figure 2) emits strongly only in [O I], consistent with it being bright in the [S II] HST image, where it appears as a wiggling jet. Finally, there is a strong decrease in the ionization from left to right in knot B as one moves from the center of the jet to closer to the edge of the flow, as highlighted by the positional offset between the asterisk that marks the [O III] peak and the peak contours in the [O I] image. Analogous offsets in knots A1 and A2 are small. There is also a low-ionization knot about 2'' to the left of knot B in Figure 7, but this knot and the emission below it have very high radial velocities of ≳300 km s^{-1} (Figure 5).

Figure 8 maps the average Balmer line radial velocities throughout the region by integrating over the line profile shape at each point (the equivalent of a moment-one map in molecular data). There is a broad area of low radial velocity gas that surrounds the outflow, with the fastest material located along the axis of the flow. Such behavior has been seen before in this jet (Beck et al. 2004) and is consistent with a series of bow shocks viewed nearly along the line of sight.

Animations provide a much better way to follow the complex velocity structure in this outflow (Figure 9). We created a movie of the H I data cube for the online version of the paper that cycles through the radial velocities between −60 and +450 km s^{-1} in 15 km s^{-1} intervals. Moving from blue to red, significant emission first begins around −30 km s^{-1} with a curved filament of emission near the apex of the bow shock A3 (refer to Figure 2 for knot names and orientations). By 0 km s^{-1} this emission intensifies to form a flattened knot above (downstream from) the location of the peak of A2, with a wing to the emission to the left ahead of A1. The right side of knot B also appears, with a weak extension into the A5 region between B and A1. Between 0 and 60 km s^{-1}, the emission associated with knot A3 shifts down (upwind) and gets somewhat narrower. At this point the emission is a bright crest that aligns with the velocity-integrated peaks of A1 and A2. Between 60 and 120 km s^{-1} knot A has begun to split into its two distinct components, A1 and A2. A5 continues to brighten, and by 105 km s^{-1} knot D first appears just as the emission shifts from the right side of knot B to its left side. Knots D and B now bracket the sides of the jet. As we continue the journey through the cube, we move from the low-velocity gas to the intermediate-velocity gas in Figure 5. By 180 km s^{-1}, emission from both knots B and D has shifted more toward the axis of the flow, and the “Arc” feature labeled in Figure 2 at the bottom of the cube has begun to appear. This feature emits in Balmer lines but not in the forbidden lines. Emission from the A5 region has now shifted to the left and is located directly upstream of A1. Both A1 and A2 knots are distinct peaks and align on the maximum contours of the integrated cube. Between 180 and 240 km s^{-1} the emission from knots B and D merges into a single feature down the axis of the flow, and the “Arc” at the bottom of the cube nearest to A5 353A is clearly visible. Knot A1 has all but disappeared, but knot A2 remains bright. The A5 emission shifts back to the right, aligned with the center of the flow. At the high end of the intermediate velocities, 240–300 km s^{-1},
Figure 3. KCWI data cubes of the highest-excitation lines: He II $\lambda$4686, [Ne III] $\lambda$3869, and [O III] $\lambda\lambda$5007+4959. Left: position–velocity diagrams co-added across the width of the jet. The jet moves from the bottom to the top in the figure. Middle: velocity images summed over 150 km s$^{-1}$ intervals. Right: color composite of the redshifted jet, where the red, green, and blue channels are taken from the slowest (0–150 km s$^{-1}$), intermediate (150–300 km s$^{-1}$), and fastest (300–450 km s$^{-1}$) images, respectively. Far right: HST r-band image in Figure 1. Two scalings are shown for [O III] $\lambda\lambda$5007+4959.
the merging of knots B and D produces a bright knot at 300 km s$^{-1}$ along the axis of the flow that is visible both in the contours of the integrated intensity and in the velocity map (Figure 8). A faint bridge now connects this emission to a knot in A5, connecting in turn to A2, where its peak has shifted down (upwind of) the integrated contour peak by about 0.6.
Between 300 and 360 km s$^{-1}$ the knots of A5 and A2 merge into a single linear feature centered on the jet’s axis and located upstream from the peak emission of knot A2. Emission along the axis between knots B and D remains strong. The north side of knot B reappears as an emission source around 360 km s$^{-1}$. Above 360 km s$^{-1}$, emission along the jet gradually fades and

Figure 5. Same as Figure 3, but for H$\alpha$ (H$\beta$ + H$\gamma$ + H$\delta$) and [O I] $\lambda$6300. Two scalings are shown for each line in order to highlight structure in both the brightest and faintest parts of the diagrams.
disappears by 420 km s$^{-1}$. Knot B remains visible to slightly higher velocities, and all emission is gone by 450 km s$^{-1}$. The full complexity of the outflow is on display in Figures 10–12, where we plot the spectra of various lines for each pixel. Figure 12 presents a similar spectral map for the region around knot B. We discuss these maps more in the next section.
4. Discussion

Even though the spatial and velocity structures within HH 32 are complex, we can understand most of what we observe in the HST images and in the KCWI data cubes by using the standard picture of a highly supersonic jet with a variable direction and speed. Figure 13 depicts how the jet should appear if it were viewed perpendicular to the direction of the flow. To construct this figure to scale, we stretched the HST image along the axis of the jet to account for a viewing
the integrated over the full velocity range and has contours spaced by a factor of $+\gamma + H_\delta$.

Figure 9. Animation through the velocity frames of the KCWI data cube at H/β + H/β + H/β. The animation moves through each frame between $-60$ and $+450$ km s$^{-1}$ in 15 km s$^{-1}$ intervals. The grayscale placeholder image is integrated over the full velocity range and has contours spaced by a factor of $\sqrt{3}$ in flux that provide a reference throughout the animation. The video duration is 12 s.

(An animation of this figure is available.)

angle of 20° to the line of sight as inferred from proper-motion measurements (e.g., Figure 10 of Curiel et al. 1997). Figure 13 labels the major features along the flow, indicates the shapes of the main shock waves, depicts whether or not the shocks occur in ambient (or very slowly moving) gas or in the jet, and outlines an approximate boundary between the jet flow and the surrounding medium.

The following section describes the observational evidence to support the scenario drawn for each of the features in Figure 13, keeping in mind the inherent limitations imposed by the lack of axial symmetry in the flow. The location of the boundary between the jet and ambient material is often uncertain, as the gas typically only becomes visible as it passes through a shock front, so not all portions of the flow are traced by the emission-line observations.

4.1. Schematic for the HH 32 Redshifted Jet

The Arc—Weak Shocks in the Jet: The structure labeled “Arc” in Figure 2 is the closest emission-line feature to AS 353A in the redshifted jet. The HST images show only H$\alpha$ and no [S II] at this location, though the Arc is visible faintly in the HST narrowband [N II] $\lambda$6583 image of Curiel et al. (1997). The Arc appears only in our Balmer composites with KCWI and not in the [N II] $\lambda$5755 line or in any of the other forbidden lines, though [N II] $\lambda$5755 is one of the fainter lines in our cubes (Figure 4). The radial velocity in the Balmer lines is high in Figure 5, about 250 km s$^{-1}$. The emission-line morphologies and velocities all imply that the Arc is a weak shock in the jet. Line widths are narrow, there are no bright knots to define a cooling zone, and radial velocities are high.

The simplest explanation for the Arc is that the feature forms as a pulse of faster material overtakes slower material in the jet. In this scenario, the Arc represents a bow shock that forms as a 250 km s$^{-1}$ pulse overtakes somewhat slower gas ahead of it. This model predicts that the Arc will have a high proper motion, similar to the other features in the redshifted jet.

If the Arc has no proper motion, it probably represents a focusing shock. These oblique shocks occur as the jet responds to a sudden increase in the ambient density, or if the jet “overexpands” and the ambient medium redirects the jet back toward its axis. The concept is similar to the focusing-cavity jet model of Cantó (1980), with the important difference that the external medium collimates a spherical flow from the source in the Cantó model, whereas here the flow must already be collimated when it encounters the Arc because the Arc subtends a small solid angle as viewed from the driving source AS 353A. The continuum HST image (Figure 1) shows that the AS 353 binary is embedded within a dark cloud and appears to have evacuated a cavity in the cloud. With this geometry it is plausible that a jet would burrow through a cloud along its path, and focusing shocks would mark the location where the jet enters the cloud. However, this scenario only works if the Arc has no proper motion.

Knot D—Another Jet Pulse: In the HST images, knot D is a bright linear feature situated a bit to the left of the axis of the flow in Figures 2 and 13. A faint filament of H$\alpha$ emission precedes knot D along the jet. The KCWI composites look somewhat different, with, for example, the integrated [O I] image showing a knot aligned to the axis of the jet (Figure 7).

Taken at face value, this means that knot D has formed forbidden lines at its apex in the 25 yr since the Hubble images. The data cubes show an increase in velocity along the center of the jet (Section 3.3). All of these observations are consistent with a jet pulse of $\sim$300 km s$^{-1}$ that overtakes material in front of it. The velocity difference between this pulse and the one in front of it must be $\lesssim$100 km s$^{-1}$ to account for the lack of [O III] emission in Figure 7.

Knot B—Partial Bow Shock into a Cavity Wall: Together with knots A1 and A2, knot B is one of the brightest features in HH 32 and has plenty of [O III] emission. Hence, it must represent a strong shock wave. The HST image shows two or three compact knots, depending on the emission line. The knot
is located on the southern boundary of the jet (Figure 1), and as noted in Section 3.3 and Figure 7, there are strong ionization and velocity gradients in this area, with both velocity and excitation increasing toward the axis of the jet. The r-band HST image (Figure 1) shows what appears to be a spur shock into the surrounding gas, and the velocity of that material is low, a few tens of kilometers per second (Figures 8 and 12, Section 3.3).

**Figure 10.** Spectral map across HH 32 in H\(\beta\) + H\(\gamma\) + H\(\delta\). Labels mark the locations of the knots A1 and A2 as defined in the [O III] image (Figure 7). The three distinct velocity components labeled “L,” “M,” and “H” merge into two components at knot A2. The low-velocity component surrounds the entirety of the emission.

**Figure 11.** Same as Figure 10, but superposing the [O III] line profiles on top of the H I line profiles.
Knot B has all the hallmarks of a partial bow shock moving into ambient material. Its location along the edge of the flow means that a shock will encounter ambient gas there, and the wing of the bow shock becomes the spur shock into the ambient gas. Weak shocks in the ambient molecular gas then produce the H$_2$ emission observed along the interface between the jet and the ambient gas by Davis et al. (1996). Spectral maps of the knot B region show distinct low-velocity and high-velocity components (labeled “L” and “H,” respectively, in Figure 12) over the entire area. The low-velocity material extends to the side of the jet beyond the high-velocity material. [O III] is brightest in the high-velocity gas, where its emission peaks at the location of knot B. In a bow shock model, this emission arises from the apex of the bow (∼330 km s$^{-1}$), while the Balmer line emission distributes more evenly across the bow and results in more of a double-peaked emission-line profile (e.g., Solf et al. 1986; Hartigan et al. 1987). The northern side of the bow (left side in Figures 2, 8, and 12 and down in Figure 13) is replaced by weaker shocks that serve to deflect the flow away from the cavity. These shocks produce emission only at high velocities, as is observed. In fact, one can connect the fastest portion of the jet in [O I] $\lambda$6300 from the northern side of knot B all the way to the Mach disk in knot A2 (Figure 5).

The partial bow shock model described above does not explain the multiple knots in the HST images. Shock velocities over 200 km s$^{-1}$ like those present in knot B are prone to cooling instabilities that could form knots (e.g., Suzuki-Vidal et al. 2015), or the flow may simply be clumpy on size scales of a few hundred au. Ground-based data cubes such as ours do not have enough spatial resolution to probe the velocity structures of features on these size scales.
A5—Wiggling Jet Projected along the Line of Sight: Region A5 connects knot B to knots A1 and A2. The [S II] HST image has a remarkable morphology of three to four sharp bends that resemble a rope dropped onto the floor. Velocities here are among the highest in the jet (Section 3.3). The sinuous feature emits in [O I], [O II], and [O III]. It is difficult to trace exactly where the jet goes near A1. The velocity images (Figures 3–6) show that the highest-velocity material turns back to the south near A1 and connects seamlessly with knot A2. The Hα data cubes of Beck et al. (2004) enjoyed 0′′.5 seeing and show a separate faint knot at 395 km s$^{-1}$ with weak bow-like tails on either side at this location. Our Balmer slice also shows this feature, though we are unable to make out the wings. This is the region where the jet feeds into the main bow shock at A2.

We identify the sinuous feature with a wiggling jet. Such structures are common in HH flows and typically emit only in low-excitation lines as they are excited by weak internal shocks. Deprojecting the flow shows that one can fit approximately four sinusoidal variations with modest amplitudes in a jet between knot B and knot A1 and still have that portion of the jet project onto one small area of the sky (Figure 13). Hence, the severe bends present in the image of the A5 jet result from a projection angle nearly along the line of sight.

Overall, the kinematics and morphology of A5 are well explained by a simple wiggling jet viewed nearly along the line of sight. The strong [O III] in this region is unusual, however (Figure 3). To understand why this occurs, we would need an HST-resolution image at [O III] and attempt to analyze the shock waves at each position along the jet. One other unusual aspect of the A5 region is the presence of extensive low-velocity gas in the spectral maps, especially in the Balmer lines (component “L” in Figures 12 and 10). The HST difference image in Figure 2 hints as to what this emission might be: a Balmer-only filament exists downwind from knot B and connects to the wiggling jet in A5. This feature is likely to be a weak shock that propagates into the ambient material to provide a “sheath” of low-velocity Balmer emission that surrounds the jet (the “spur” shock drawn in region A5 in Figure 13). The faint H$_2$ emission in this area can also arise from these weak shocks (Davis et al. 1996).

Knot A1—Classic Bow Shock: Beck et al. (2004) found that they were able to explain the velocity and spatial structure of the bright knot A1 in their Hα cubes remarkably well with a simple bow shock model. Our new data cubes fully support their interpretation. The spectral maps of A1 have an extended low-velocity halo that surrounds the high-velocity peak, and the [O III] emission peaks at a higher radial velocity than the Balmer lines do. All of these features agree with the predictions of bow shocks viewed nearly along the line of sight (Beck et al. 2004; Raga et al. 2004).

The region is rather complex in the HST images. As noted above in the discussion of A5, a fast jet knot is superposed about 0′′.5 to the south of the brightest part of A1, presumably on its way to A2. The bright knot in A1 is in the correct location to be a Mach disk, but it is hard to know for certain because the apex of the bow shock also projects to this location at this orientation, and the rest of the region, including the A1 bow shock, is quite clumpy on small spatial scales. The [O III] emission peaks at around 150 km s$^{-1}$ in knot A1 (Figure 11), so this is what the velocity of the working surface should be, and it will also be the shock velocity because this knot appears to move into ambient gas. Bow shocks need not have Mach disks for episodic flows, because if the jet shuts off, the Mach disk will vanish while the bow shock continues to propagate.

Knot A2—Bow Shock with a Mach Disk: Knot A2 shares many of the same characteristics as knot A1, including a bright, compact, high-velocity, and high-excitation core surrounded by a low-velocity halo. Figure 2 shows that A2 has an extended bow shock, but the brightest knot in the region is very compact and not clearly resolved even with HST. Both the location of this knot relative to the putative bow shock and the fact that it aligns with the fastest part of the jet in A5 support its identification as a Mach disk.

The kinematics of the flow also support a Mach disk interpretation for the object. Figure 10 shows three distinct velocity components in the Balmer lines labeled L, M, and H, where component L surrounds the entire flow as a low-velocity sheath. As the jet moves downwind into knot A2, component H at $\sim$325 km s$^{-1}$ vanishes and the flux in component M at $\sim$30 km s$^{-1}$ suddenly rises. We interpret this 230 km s$^{-1}$ value as the velocity of the working surface, in which case the Mach disk would have a shock velocity of $\sim$100 km s$^{-1}$.

Knots A3 and A4—Possible Lateral Radiative Precursor: Feature A3 actually consists of two arcs, one located just beyond A1 and another associated with A2. Along the southern edge of the flow, A3 continues with a feature known as A4 (Figure 2). Although A3 and A4 seem to lie downwind of knots A1 and A2, Figure 13 shows that this situation is not necessarily the case for a viewing angle near to the line of sight. The radial velocities in A3 and A4 are near zero (Figure 8), and in fact these areas have a bit of blueshifted emission and appear in the $\sim$30 km s$^{-1}$ slices. Line widths in this region are typically $\lesssim$50 km s$^{-1}$. These regions also have narrow H$_2$ emission at the ambient velocity, though the spatial resolution of the H$_2$ observations makes it difficult to tell if the emission comes from A3 and A4 or the downwind edges of A1 and A2 (Davis et al. 1996).

A radiative or magnetic precursor is an attractive model for A3 and A4 because one would expect the precursor to follow the overall outline of the main shock but retain a line width close to the thermal speed and have little radial motion. For the orientation of HH 32, the precursor could lie along the side of the jet and still appear to be projected ahead of it. HH 32 is one of the few HH outflows with high enough shock velocities to expect to see a radiative precursor. Effectively the shock front creates a small HH region that follows it along on its journey. This phenomenon has been observed in the bright HH knot HH 2A, which also emits strongly in [O III] (Hartigan et al. 2011). If the precursor idea is correct, A3 and A4 should have the same proper motions as the high-excitation knots A1 and A2. If the radiative precursor is bright enough, it will cause fluorescence in H$_2$ that may be observable at 2.12 μm.

It is also possible that A3 and A4 represent the edges of a cavity evacuated by a previous ejection, and a weak shock propagates into the ambient gas at these locations. Though there is no evidence for a larger-scale outflow, if we take the velocity of the bow shock A2 to be 230 km s$^{-1}$ and the deprojected distance of knot A2 from AS 353A to be 0.12 pc (Figure 1), the travel time of knot A2 to its current location is only about 500 yr, 3–4 orders of magnitude shorter than the likely age of the star. Hence, knot A2 is almost certainly not the first ejection from the system, though it could still propagate into ambient gas if the outflow is sufficiently time variable that the ambient medium refills the jet cavity between major outbursts.

Overall, the simple scenarios outlined above are remarkably successful in explaining most of the complexities in our data.
cubes. However, the HST images remind us to not be overconfident, as there are many overlapping knots and filaments that become resolved on subarcsecond scales. To address that level of detail scientifically would require combining high-dispersion spectra on these spatial scales with temporal observations that can distinguish internal proper-motion differences. Such observations are beyond what we can do in the present work and could be difficult to interpret owing to the orientation of this outflow, which essentially projects the entire jet onto a small area.

4.2. Spectroscopic Evidence for Dust Destruction

The spectral maps of the low-excitation lines ([Fe II] and [S II] composites, Ca II λ3933, and Mg I λ4571) in the region of knots A1 and A2 in Figures 14–16 are generally quite similar. However, one discrepancy stands out sharply: the velocity component we identify as belonging to the Mach disk of knot A2 has a larger [Fe II]/[S II] ratio by a factor of two relative to that in the low-velocity component and throughout the profiles in the rest of the region. This enhancement is not present in the CaII/[S II] ratio and appears only weakly in Mg I/[S II].

The easiest way to explain the enhanced Fe II flux in knot A2 is if the shock waves there convert iron dust grains into gas. Dust grains can be destroyed in shocks both by grain–grain collisions and through sputtering by atoms and ions (see Jones 2004, for a review). Shattering by grain–grain collisions breaks large grains into smaller pieces for impact velocities as low as 1 km s⁻¹ (Jones et al. 1996), but this process simply changes the size distribution of the grains without modifying the gas-to-dust mass ratio unless the impact velocities exceed the vaporization threshold of ~20 km s⁻¹ (Tielens et al. 1994). Above about 50 km s⁻¹, sputtering dominates dust destruction and converts ~50% of the mass of an iron grain into gas for injection velocities ≥170 km s⁻¹ (Figure 11 of Jones et al. 1996), and a similar fraction for C and Si grains (Figure 7 of Slavin et al. 2015). In the case of knot A2, the shock wave is a fairly strong one, with a shock velocity of ~100 km s⁻¹ if it is the Mach disk and ~230 km s⁻¹ if it is the apex of the bow shock. In either case, such a strong shock could substantially increase the gas-phase abundance of iron at this location. Iron is highly refractory, and some evidence exists for its depletion in jets (Antoniucci et al. 2014). Our data seem to be the first direct evidence for a refractory element being returned to the gas phase by a shock in a stellar jet, however.

5. Conclusions

In this paper we have acquired and analyzed over 60 data cubes of the stellar jet HH 32. The cubes have ~30 km s⁻¹ velocity resolution and ≤1″ seeing. The project focused on blue lines, which enables the first detailed study of several new ionization states of common elements in stellar jets, including data cubes of Ca II, Mg I, O I, O II, O III, He I, He II, Fe III, Fe II, S II, N II, and three Balmer lines. We found that the overall morphologies of the line emission within these cubes sort remarkably well when grouped according to excitation, defined as a combination of the ionization potential of the element and the energy level of the upper state above ground.

The results generally agree with previous works in the areas of overlap and fit well with a scenario of a pulsed jet with variable ejection angle that we view nearly along line of sight.
Figure 15. Same as Figure 14, but for Ca II λ3933. There are no systematic differences between the [S II] and Ca II line profiles.

Figure 16. Same as Figure 14, but for the Mg I λ4571 line.
Knots A1 and A2 exhibit all the kinematic and excitation signatures expected for a resolved bow shock. Bright areas in these regions are likely to be Mach disks where jet material enters a working surface. The A1 and A2 bows are fed by A5, a high-velocity wiggling jet. Closer to the source, knot B appears to be a partial bow shock, while knot D and a feature known as the Arc are shocks within the jet material. The spectral cubes of the Mach disk in knot A2 show a sudden jump in the [Fe II] flux that we attribute to an increase of iron in the gas phase as a result of dust destruction in that shock. A similar jump is absent in Ca II and only weakly visible in Mg I. Dust could have been entrained into the flow, or even launched in the jet from its circumstellar disk, although in these scenarios the dust would have to survive being accelerated to over 300 km s$^{-1}$ without being destroyed. The extended low-velocity filaments A3 and A4 that appear ahead of the main bow shocks could identify a magnetic or radiative precursor to the main shocks, or may represent the walls of a cavity formed by a previous ejection.

These observations show the power (and challenges) of combining high spectral resolution data cubes of many lines with narrowband HST images. Without spectral information, it is easy to misinterpret HST images owing to projection effects, even when multiple filters are available. Alternatively, data cubes taken with ground-based resolution blur the geometry, leading to simplistic interpretations that change markedly once fragments and filaments become resolved. The blue spectral region has the advantage of being able to acquire velocity cubes in O I, O II, and O III and also samples both very high excitation lines (e.g., He II $\lambda$4686) and very low excitation lines (e.g., Mg I $\lambda$4571). A downside is that there are enough lines that blends begin to become a problem, though one can deblend the [O II] doublet reliably under most circumstances.

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