A star cluster at the edge of the Galaxy *

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ABSTRACT

Context. This paper is part of our ongoing study of star formation in the (far-) outer Galaxy.

Aims. Our goal in this paper is to study stars and molecular gas in the direction of IRAS06145+1455 (WB89-789). The kinematic distance of the associated molecular cloud is 11.9 kpc. With a galactocentric distance of ~ 20.2 kpc, this object is at the edge of the (molecular) disk of the Galaxy.

Methods. We use near-IR (J, H, K), molecular line-, and dust continuum observations.

Results. The near-IR data show the presence of an (embedded) cluster of about 60 stars, with a radius ~ 1.3 pc and an average stellar surface density ~ 12 pc⁻². We find at least 14 stars with NIR-excess, 3 of which are possibly Class I objects. The cluster is embedded in a ~ 1000 M⊙ molecular/dust core, from which a molecular outflow originates. The temperature of most of the outflowing gas is < 40 K, and the total mass of the swept-up material is < 10 M⊙. Near the center of the flow, indications of much higher temperatures are found, probably due to shocks. A spectrum taken of one of the probable cluster members shows a tentative likeness to that of a K3 III-star (with an age of at least 20 Myr). If correct, this would confirm the kinematic distance.

Conclusions. This cluster is the furthest one from the Galactic center yet detected. The combination of old and recent activity implies that star formation has been going on for at least 20 Myr, which is difficult to understand considering the location of this object, where external triggers are either absent or weak, compared to the inner Galaxy. This suggests that once star formation is occurring, later generations of stars may form through the effect of the first generation of stars on the (remnants of) the original molecular cloud.

Key words. Stars: formation - Stars: pre-main sequence - ISM: clouds - ISM: individual objects: WB 89-789 (IRAS06145+1455)

1 Introduction

The H\textsc{i} in our Galaxy extends out to galactocentric distances \( R \) of at least 24–25 kpc (e.g., Wouterloot et al. [1990] McClure-Griffiths et al. [2004]). From high-sensitivity 21-cm observations, Knapp et al. (1978) found H\textsc{i} out to \( R \approx 50 \) kpc (for a flat rotation curve and \( R_0=8.5 \) kpc). Molecular material and associated sites of star formation do not appear at such large distances, however. Star formation in the Galaxy has been observed to occur out to \( R \approx 20 \) kpc (e.g., Fich & Blitz [1983] Wouterloot et al. [1988] Kobayashi & Tokunaga [2000] Santos et al. [2000] Snell et al. [2002]). Wouterloot & Brand (1989) detected many molecular clouds (hence star formation sites) towards IRAS sources in the outer regions of the disk. Thus both star formation and star formation reservoirs (i.e., molecular clouds) are present at large distances from the Galactic center, but not as far out as the atomic hydrogen. This suggests that beyond about \( R \approx 20 \) kpc, conditions are not favorable to transforming H\textsc{i} into H\textsc{II} and then into stars. The cause of this is not known (in general the formation of H\textsc{II} clouds from H\textsc{i} is not yet a settled manner, but it must have to do with the physical environment presented by the interstellar medium).

In the far-out Galaxy (\( R > 16 \) kpc; hereafter FOG) the physical environment differs from that in the inner Galaxy (for a summary see Brand & Wouterloot [1999], the effects of which may influence the formation of molecular clouds and the star formation process within them. Also, both the volume density of the molecular (and atomic) gas and the strength of spiral density waves are much reduced in the outer Galaxy. Even if star formation is independent of cloud formation and is to be initiated or enhanced by cloud-cloud collisions or triggered by supernovae or density waves, then star formation activity in the outer Galaxy would be expected to be significantly lower than in the inner Galaxy. To study the process of star formation and its end products in the outer parts of the galactic molecular disk, we observed a selection of FOG clouds in the NIR to directly detect the embedded stellar population. FOG clouds are at large enough \( R \) for the physical conditions of the ISM to be different, yet those in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} quadrants are close enough for the star-forming cores to be resolved.

Here we present the most distant object studied with these observations: WB89-789 (IRAS06145+1455; \( \alpha_{2000} = 06^{h}17^{m}24^{s}.2, \delta_{2000}=+14^\circ54'42'' \) at \( l,b=195^\circ82',-0^\circ57' \), which is located at \( R \approx 20.2 \) kpc, \( d \approx 11.9 \) kpc (Brand & Wouterloot [1993] hereafter BW94). The luminosity of the IRAS source (\( L_{\text{IR}} \approx 1.9 \times 10^3 \text{L}_\odot \)) is consistent with a single star of type B0.5V; it is embedded in a small (equivalent radius \( r_e \approx 5.7 \) pc, and \( M \approx 5.6 \times 10^3 \text{M}_\odot \) [BW94]) cloud. An H\textsc{ii} maser was detected towards this object (Wouterloot et al. [1993], indicating that this is an active star-forming region. No radio continuum emission was found within 4\textdegree of the location of the IRAS source in our VLA A-array observations at 3.6 cm (Nov. 1993; unpublished). With a 4\sigma detection limit of \( \approx 3 \) mJy we would have been able to detect an H\textsc{ii} region ionized by a B0.5V star or earlier.

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2. Observations and data reduction

2.1. Near-infrared

The data presented here were obtained on February 15, 1995, with the ESO 2.2-m telescope at La Silla (Chile). Images in J, H, and K-bands were taken with the IRAC-2 camera and objective C, which resulted in a scale of 0′′.49/pixel. The detector was a 256 × 256 pixel$^2$ NICMOS-III. The total instantaneous field-of-view is therefore ≈ 2.1 × 2.1 arcmin$^2$. During the observations the seeing was 0′′.9.

From a quick K-band exposure (20 × 3 seconds) centered on the WB 89-789 IRAS point source position, a group of stars was seen to be small enough in extent to allow an observing procedure where it was placed at the center of each quadrant of the CCD, as well as near the center of the CCD itself. Integrations in the J-, H-, and K-bands were then made for 60 × 2 seconds, resulting in 5 separate images per band. After correction with a bad-pixel mask, each image was reduced separately by subtracting a starless sky image derived by median averaging from the other 4 exposures, and dividing by the flat field (see below). The reduced images were then averaged to get the final frame, which has an effective integration time of 10 minutes. Immediately after these “ON-source” observations a comparison (OFF-) field was observed, at the same galactic latitude, but shifted towards smaller longitude by 0′/2 (~ 42 pc at the distance of WB89-789).

To construct flat fields, dome exposures in all three bands were taken at the start and at the end of each night. To these “ON-source” observations a comparison (OFF-) field was performed through DAOPHOT, using a point-spread function determined from 5 relatively bright and isolated stars. Fitted profiles were performed through DAOPHOT, using a point-spread function determined from 5 relatively bright and isolated stars. Fitted profiles were found to be accurate within 1′′.8. The line-data were reduced and analyzed with the programs CLASS and GRAPHIC, which are part of the GAG-software package developed by the Obs. de Grenoble and IRAM-Grenoble.

IRAM 30-m

WB89-789 was observed in CS J=2−1, 3−2, and 5−4 with the IRAM 30-m telescope at Pico Veleta (Granada, Spain) in the period July 24 – 26, 1991. Maps were made of thirteen positions, with 15′′ spacing. The region mapped was sufficient to cover all CS lines. The telescope beamwidth at these frequencies (98, 147, and 245 GHz) is respectively 26′′, 16′′, and 11′′. All intensities are on a $T_A^*$ scale. For CS(2−1) and (3−2) we used a 2×128-channel filterbank of 100 kHz per channel, resulting in a resolution of 0.31 and 0.20 kms$^{-1}$, respectively; CS(5−4) was observed with a resolution of 584 kHz (0.71 kms$^{-1}$). Observations were made by position switching against an off-position 30′′ W; the typical rms noise level in the spectra at the central position is 0.05 K. All spectra were reduced with the Grenoble CLASS software.

2.3. Millimeter-continuum

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On April 10, 2002, we simultaneously observed the 450 μm and 850 μm emission towards WB89-789 with the Submillimetre Common-User Bolometer Array (SCUBA; Holland et al. [1999]) at the JCMT. A standard 64-point jiggle map was made, which covers an area 2′/3 in diameter; hence the observations are limited to the region immediately around the IRAS source. Calibration was performed by using fits to the time-dependence of skydips and the nearby Caltech Sub-millimeter Observatory (CSO) 225 GHz optical depth data, and average ratios of τ(450 μm) and τ(850 μm) to τ(225 GHz). The final transition from instrumental parameters to Jy/beam was derived from similar maps of Mars. The half-power beam size at 450 μm and 850 μm are 9″ and 15″, respectively. The rms values in the WB89-789 maps are 450 mJy/beam (at 450 μm) and 20 mJy/beam (at 850 μm), respectively. The data were reduced with the program SURF (Jenness & Lightfoot [1998]). We found that away from the continuum source, the background emission level at both wavelengths was not around zero, but somewhat higher. We have corrected this by subtracting 1 Jy and 0.05 Jy from all pixel values in the 450 μm and 850 μm maps, respectively.
SEST
Between August 17 and 22, 2003, the region around WB89-789 was observed in the 1.2-mm continuum with the 37-channel bolometer array SIMBA (SEST IMaging Bolometer Array) at the 15-m Swedish-ESO Submillimetre Telescope (SEST) at ESO-La Silla, Chile. A region of size 600″ × 600″ (azimuth × elevation) was scanned at a rate of 80″/s; the total integration time per map was about 12 minutes. Atmospheric opacity was determined from skydips, which were taken every 2 hours; values at the zenith ranged between 0.15 and 0.45. The data were transformed from counts/beam to mJy/beam by making similar maps of Uranus once per day. The average conversion factor during this observing period is 58±6 mJy/count. In total, 8 maps were obtained. Each map was reduced and calibrated individually, after which they were averaged. The rms in the final image is 15 mJy/beam. Pointing of the SEST was checked by observing a strong continuum source every 2 hours.

The half-power beam width of the SEST at 1.2 mm is 23″. Data were reduced with the program MOPSI, written by Robert Zylka (IRAM, Grenoble), following the instructions from the SIMBA Observers Handbook (Version 1.9, 9 Feb. 2003).

2.4. Spectroscopy
On December 7, 2004, we used the DOLORES spectrograph at the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG) at La Palma (in service observing-mode) to take a spectrum of one of the stars of the cluster. Six separate integrations of 2220 sec each were taken using the high-resolution spectrograph and HR-B Grism nr. 5 (dispersion 0.875 Å per pixel), which resulted in a wavelength coverage of about 3200–4900 Å, and (with a 1″ slit) in a spectral resolution of ~3.2 Å. Bias frames were taken on the same night, and flat fields and He and Ar calibration-lamp spectra were taken the night before and after. As a flux calibrator, Hiltner600 was observed on the same night.

Data reduction was performed in IRAF, using standard packages. Bias frames were subtracted from all science and flat field frames. An average normalized flat field was constructed, which was corrected for bad pixels and then divided into the star frames. Wavelength calibration was performed with the Ar-lamp spectra, which in the wavelength range in question only has 8 useful (i.e., non-blended) lines, none below 3780 Å, and is therefore not very accurate.

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also Chini et al. (1992). There are 22 stars outside the normal region on the right. Eight (nrs. 7, 9, 13, 40, 63, 81, 98, 99) have anomalous colors, in that they are also below the unreddened TTau locus; these are indicated with circles in Fig. 6. Three of these (nrs. 13, 40, 98) could be brought into normal region considering their error bars. The other 5 have 'anomalous' colors, which could be due to unresolved binaries (Lada et al. 2000). That leaves at least 14 (22-8) stars with ‘true’ NIR excess (i.e., 21% of the total of 68); these are indicated with a star in Fig. 6. Eleven are in the Class II-source region (between the right-hand normal reddening line and the right-most TTau reddening line). Their SEDs are dominated by disk emission and their location can be explained by variation in size of central hole and inclination (see Lada & Adams 1992). Three (nrs. 15, 54, 83) are in the region of Class I sources. These are the most embedded and youngest objects. Their SED is dominated by emission from an envelope of gas and dust.

3.1.2. Extinction

The amount of visual extinction towards WB89-789 is derived by means of a K versus (H-K) color-magnitude diagram (Fig. 5), plotting only those stars that are within 7′′ from the center of the nebulosity and thus presumably part of the cluster. Here we can also use those (7) stars that were detected only in H and K, but not in J. In addition to the stars, we have drawn the location of the unreddened main sequence for a distance of 11.9 kpc. Ignoring the stars that have been identified as having a NIR-excess in Fig. 4 because they do not follow the standard interstellar reddening law, we shift the main sequence along the direction of the interstellar reddening (indicated by the arrow in Fig. 5) \( A_K = 0.112 \times A_V \) and \( E(H-K) = 0.061 \times A_V \); Rieke & Lebofsky (1985) until it reaches the locations of the cluster stars. Thus we derive a maximum amount of foreground visual extinction of \( A_V \approx 6.25 \) magnitudes (maximum, because even the least-reddened stars can have some amount of internal extinction, i.e., due to the dust in the molecular cloud in which they are embedded). This may not seem much for such a supposedly distant object, but it is consistent with the findings of, e.g., Fich (1984) and Amores & Lépine (2005), who concluded that the extinction is fairly low (~ 3 mags.) in much of the outer Galaxy, and that there does not appear to be a progressively increasing extinction beyond a few kpc from the Sun.

In Fig. 5 we show all 68 stars for which we have J, H, and K, as well as the 15 stars for which only H and K are available. Again ignoring stars with NIR-excess (identified with a large open circle), as well as the stars for which we only have H and K (for which we cannot say whether they have NIR-excess) we see that there are stars with an additional extinction of up to ~ 30 magnitudes, although the bulk has \( A_V \approx 7.5 \). This is about the same for stars inside and outside the above-defined cluster radius. As we mentioned in the Introduction, the edge of the molecular disk of the Galaxy lies at about \( R \approx 20 \) kpc, thus it is unlikely that in our images of WB89-789 there are any stars more distant than the cluster, and we conclude that most stars shown are part of the cluster. Potentially the earliest-type star in the cluster that does not have NIR excess is star 33 (see Fig 5). If one were to simply shift it back to the the main sequence, it would be of spectral type B0, consistent with the spectral type derived from the \( L_{air} \) (and assuming it is an ms-star).

Figure 4 shows a section of the K-band image of the WB89-789 area, with the contours of integrated \( ^{18}\text{O}(2–1) \) emission (see Fig. 7b) superimposed. The 14 stars with NIR-excess are shown in Fig. 4, and the 8 stars with anomalous colors are marked in Fig. 5. Rather than being concentrated in the center of the cluster (which we take to be the nebulous region seen in Fig. 3), the NIR-excess stars are distributed in a ring around the peak of the \( ^{18}\text{O}(2–1) \) emission. At the location of the molecular peak, no stars are seen in this K-image, which may be because the extinction there is too high. The average column density of \( \text{H}_2, N(\text{H}_2) \), derived from the \( ^{18}\text{O}(2–1) \) data (see Sect. 3.3.1) is \( 7.8 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2} \). Because \( N(\text{H}_2) = 10^{21} \times A_V \) (Bohlin et al. 1978) and assuming the gas-to-dust ratio in the FOG is the same as locally) this implies a visual extinction \( A_V \) of about 8 magnitudes due to the whole of the molecular cloud (front to back). At the peak of the \( ^{18}\text{O}(2–1) \) emission \( N(\text{H}_2) \approx 1.0 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2} \), and thus \( A_V \approx 10 \) magnitudes. If the cluster stars are embedded in the molecular gas, as they are likely to be, then the general (i.e., not counting that which is due to the circumstellar material) internal extinction would therefore be on average ~5 magnitudes (and in any case ≤10 magnitudes), consistent with the number derived above from the color-magnitude diagram.
Fig. 3. a. Contour plot (K-frame) of that part of the final mosaic where all 5 ON-source images overlap. Sixty-eight stars in this area have been detected in all three bands (J, H, and K). Several stars are labeled, to identify the field in panel b. Among them is star 33, of which a spectrum has been taken (Sect. 2.4). North is up, East is left. The (0,0)-offset indicates the nominal position of the IRAS source.
b. The cluster field from panel a (inside the box) shown in a larger context on the POSS II-R image.

Fig. 4. a. NIR color-color diagram for the 68 stars in Fig. 3a that have reliable detections in all three (J, H, and K) bands. The thick and thin drawn curves are the unreddened main sequence and giant branch, respectively, from Bessell & Brett (1988); the dashed line indicates the loci of the classical T Tauri stars (Meyer et al. 1997); the dotted lines indicate the direction of normal interstellar reddening (Rieke & Lebofsky 1985). Crosses on these lines mark increments of 5 magnitudes of visual extinction from the points where they intersect the main sequence curve. Objects outside and to the right of the reddening band have intrinsic NIR excess; to avoid confusion, error bars are shown only for objects that are well outside the normal reddening band. The filled triangle identifies star 33 (see text and Fig. 3).
b. Like a, but with the stars identified by their ID-number.

3.2. Molecular cloud

3.2.1. Cloud parameters

Whole cloud

BW94 mapped the molecular cloud associated with WB89-789 in CO(1–0) with the SEST (beam size 45″), on a 40″ raster. We have obtained new, better sampled CO(2–1) and (3–2) maps with the JCMT; the latter is shown in Fig. 7b. From the CO(2–1) data, following the procedures outlined in BW94, we derive a mass $M_{\text{CO}} \approx 4.5 \times 10^{3} M_{\odot}$ (from $\text{N(H}_2 )=X \int T_{\text{K}}(\text{CO})\text{d}v$, with $X = 1.9 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{(Kkm s}^{-1})^{-1}$ and using $T_{\text{mb}}=\int T_{\text{K}}/\eta_{\text{los}}\text{d}v$; $\eta_{\text{los}} = 0.80$ is the forward efficiency). The virial mass $M_{\text{vir}} \approx 5.1 \times 10^{3} M_{\odot}$ ($M_{\text{vir}} = 126r_{e}(\Delta V)^{2}$ for an $r^{-2}$ density distribution; MacLaren et al. 1988; $\Delta V$ is the FWHM line width, and the equivalent, beam-corrected radius $r_{e} \approx 5.3$ pc. These numbers agree very well with those derived by BW94 from the CO(1–0) map. We also note that the virial mass and the mass derived from the empirical method, using $X$, are in excellent agreement. The value of $X$ quoted above is the inner Galaxy value; Brand & Wouterloot (1995) have shown that in the outer Galaxy $X$ may be somewhat larger, but lies within
Fig. 5. K versus (H-K) color-magnitude diagram for WB89-789. **a.** Only stars within 15 pixels (~7.′5) from the center of the nebula (Fig. 1b). Filled circles are stars detected in all three bands (J, H, and K); those with a NIR-excess have been additionally marked with an open circle. Open triangles: stars detected in H and K only. The drawn line marked O6-M5 is the unreddened main sequence for a distance of 11.9 kpc; data from Koornneef (1983; O6 – B7) and Bessell & Brett (1988; B8 – M5). K-magnitudes were derived from \( M_V \) (Schmidt-Kaler 1982) and \( (V-K)_0 \). The dashed line is the main sequence for a distance of 11.9 kpc and a visual extinction \( A_V = 6.25 \) mags (Rieke & Lebofsky 1985). The drawn line marked G0-M5 is the unreddened giant branch (data from Bessell & Brett 1988) for a distance of 11.9 kpc. Its location for \( A_V = 6.25 \) mags is shown as a dashed line parallel to the unreddened sequence. Star 33 (see text and Fig. 3) is indicated. **b.** Like a, but for all stars.

Fig. 6. K-band image of the WB89-789 region, with contours of the integrated C\(^{18}\)O(2–1) emission superimposed (see Fig. 7 for details). The IRAS position is at (0,0). The stars with NIR-excess are labeled, and identified with asterisks; those with anomalous colors (see text) are marked with circles.

Galaxy, \( X \) may be \( 2.8 \times 10^{20} \) cm\(^{-2}\)(Kkm s\(^{-1}\))\(^{-1}\), which results in \( M_{\text{CO}} \approx 4.5–6.6 \times 10^3 \) M\(_\odot\). These results are collected in Table 1.

Cloud core: CO

In Fig. 7b and c we show a plot of the integrated emission of \(^{13}\)CO(2–1) and C\(^{18}\)O(2–1), respectively. The emission in these two isotopomers was mapped only in the core of the cloud, but as can be seen from the maps, at least for C\(^{18}\)O(2–1), all the emission is contained within the mapped region. While the \(^{13}\)CO and \(^{12}\)CO(2–1) emission peak at the IRAS position (offset 0″, 0″), the C\(^{18}\)O(2–1)-peak is offset by about 10″ to the East; this is not due to pointing uncertainties because \(^{13}\)CO and C\(^{18}\)O were observed simultaneously. The dust continuum emission (see Fig. 10) also peaks very close to the IRAS position; hence the offset detected in the C\(^{18}\)O emission may be due to that molecule’s depletion near the core in which the IRAS source is embedded (cf. Tafalla et al. 2004). The \(^{12}\)CO emission, being more optically thick, only traces the outer layers of the core; also, \(^{13}\)CO is more optically thick than C\(^{18}\)O (see later) and traces the more outlying layers. The C\(^{18}\)O(2–1) core is elongated in a SW-direction, similar to the \(^{12}\)CO core in panel a. The core-radius derived from the \(^{13}\)CO observations is identical to that, derived from \(^{12}\)CO, while the \(^{12}\)CO core is \( \sim 40\% \) smaller. The masses \( M_{\text{CO}} \) and \( M_{\text{vir}} \) determined from \(^{12}\)CO in the same region as mapped in \(^{13}\)CO and C\(^{18}\)O are reported in Cols. 4 and 6, respectively, of Table 1 under “\(^{13}\)CO, core”.

Column densities \( N \) can be derived from \( T_{\text{mb}}(^{13}\text{CO}) \) and \( T_{\text{mb}}(\text{C}^{18}\text{O}) \), assuming the emission is optically thin (see, e.g., Rohlfs & Wilson 1996; Brand & Wouterloot 1998, Eq. 1). The excitation temperature \( T_{\text{ex}} \) is derived from the optically thick
clearly shows self-absorption. The less intense emission, plotted as a histogram, is the 
summation of the emission, 30'' by 2'' (a), and the observed positions are presented 
with the tiny crosses. The IRAS point source position is at offset (0,0). b. Map of the $^{13}$CO(2–1) emission (area under the fitted Gaussians). Contour levels are 1(2)15 K km s$^{-1}$. Triangle and crosses as in a. c. As b, but for the $^{13}$CO(2–1) emission. Contour levels are 0.3(0.3)2.1 K km s$^{-1}$. d. Line profiles at offset position (10'',0''). The strongest emission is the $^{13}$CO(2–1)-line; the profile clearly shows self-absorption. The less intense emission, plotted as a histogram, is the $^{13}$CO(2–1)-line, and the drawn line is that of $^{13}$CO(2–1), multiplied by 4. e. Like d, but for offset position (0'', 10'').

### Table 1. Cloud parameters derived from the molecular line measurements.

|   | $r_c$ (pc) | $r_{hp}$ (pc) | $\Delta V$ (km s$^{-1}$) | $M_{CO}$ ($10^3$ M$_\odot$) | $M_{LTE}$ ($10^3$ M$_\odot$) | $M_{vir}$ ($10^3$ M$_\odot$) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $^{12}$CO, cloud | 5.3 | 1.6 | 2.775 | 4.5–6.6 | 5.1 |
| $^{12}$CO, core | 2.9 | 1.6 | 3.435 | 3.2–4.7 | 4.1 |
| $^{13}$CO, core | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.14 | 1.0–5.0 | 1.6 |
| C$^{18}$O, core | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.72 | 0.8–3.2 | 0.6 |
| CS, core | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.07 | 0.4 |

1. $r_c$: Equivalent radius, corrected for beam size, at the 2 $-$ 3$r$-level; 
2. $r_{hp}$: the radius at half-maximum intensity level, corrected for beam size. 
3. Via $\Sigma$N(H$_2$) = $\int T_{mb}(CO) dv$. The indicated range of masses derives 
4. from the inner Galactic value $X = 1.9 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$(K km s$^{-1}$)$^{-1}$ and 
5. allowing a possible 45% increase at the edge of the Galaxy (see text). 
6. Assuming LTE-conditions, and $T_{ex} = 20$ K. Smaller values are for 
7. local abundance ratios for $[H_2]/[^{13}CO]$ and $[H_2]/[C^{18}O]$, higher values are 
8. for abundances extrapolated to the FOG (see text). 
9. $M_{CO} = 126 \tau (\Delta V)^2$, for a density distribution $\propto r^{-1}$, and using $r_c$. 
10. Equivalent width, derived from the area under the emission line and 
11. the peak temperature. 
12. Excluding the wing emission.

$^{12}$CO transition. The $^{12}$CO emission line is not just optically 

thick: the line profiles within 20–30'' from the IRAS position 

show self-absorption. Examples are shown in Fig. 7d, e; we 

shall return to this in Sect. 3.2.2. From the emission at 

positions away from the region with self-absorption, we find that 

$T_{ex} \approx 20$ K is a representative value for this cloud. At each grid 

position of the cloud-map we derived $N(^{13}CO)$ and $N(C^{18}O)$. 

Column densities of H$_2$, and LTE-masses $M_{LTE}$ were then derived 

through $N(H_2) \approx 5 \times 10^2 N(^{13}CO)$ (Dickman & Clemens 1983) 

and $N(H_2) \approx 6 \times 10^6 N(C^{18}O)$ (Froker et al. 1982). The $M_{LTE}$ 

are presented in Col. 5 of Table 1. From the detection equation, 

and the adopted value of $T_{ex}$, we find that on average $\tau(^{13}CO) \approx 0.05$ (peak value 0.11 at offset 10'',0''), and $\tau(^{13}CO) \approx 0.22$ (peak value 0.64 at offset 0'',10''). It is clear that the $^{13}$CO is 

optically thin, whereas the $^{13}$CO is less so.

The $M_{LTE}$ derived from $^{13}$CO and C$^{18}$O are in good agreement, but they are both smaller than the core-masses derived from $^{12}$CO. This is partly due to the fact that in $^{12}$CO one sees the outer layers of the cloud, not seen in the other two isotopomers. In the derivation of the LTE-masses we have used the locally-determined abundance ratios $[H_2]/[^{13}CO]$ and $[H_2]/[C^{18}O]$. However, 

because of the galactic abundance gradients these values are certainly not valid at the edge of the Galaxy. As argued by Brand & 

Wouterloot (1995), the ratio $[H_2]/[^{13}CO]$ in the far-out Galaxy might be about 5 times higher than locally. A similar extrapolation of the abundance gradients (Wilson & Matteucci 1992; Wilson & Rood 1994) suggests that the ratio $[H_2]/[C^{18}O]$ in the far-out Galaxy might be about 4 times higher than the local value. Taking this into account, $M_{LTE}$ derived from $^{13}$CO and 

C$^{18}$O would become $5 \times 10^3$ M$_\odot$ and $3.2 \times 10^3$ M$_\odot$, respectively, 

which is closer to the range for $M_{CO}$ (see Table 1).

Cloud core: CS

All CS lines are detected essentially only at the IRAS point 

source position. The lines are Gaussian, showing no signs of 

outflow or other asymmetries. From the CS(2–1) map we find 

a (beam-corrected) radius of the CS-core of 0.7 pc, smaller 

than the $^{13}$CO core. With an average line width $\Delta V \approx 2.07$ km s$^{-1}$, we derive a virial mass of $M_{vir} \approx 400$ M$_\odot$, similar 

to what was found from the $^{13}$CO data. We have convolved the 

CS(3–2) and (5–4) spectra at the central position to the CS(2– 

1) beam, assuming Gaussian beam profiles. The resulting spectra 

were put on a main-beam brightness temperature scale ($T_{mb}$), 

and used in an LVG-model to derive density and kinetic tempera-

ture of the CS-gas. We ran the model with a range of parameters: 

$T=10–100$ K in steps of 2 K, $log(n(H))=4$–6 in steps of 0.1–0.2, 

and abundances $1×10^{-13}$, $3×10^{-13}$, $5×10^{-13}$, and $1×10^{-10}$. We 

used a velocity gradient $dv/dr = 1.5$ km s$^{-1}$ pc$^{-1}$. We found the 

smallest $\chi^2$ ($\approx 0.6$), hence the best reproduction of the observed
line ratios, for a CS-abundance of $3 \times 10^{-11}$, $T_{\text{kin}} \approx 84$ K, and log($n_{\text{H}_2}/cm^{-3}$) $\approx 4.9$. The fit is not very sensitive to the temperature, as $\chi^2$ is within a factor of 2 of the minimum value over a range of about 30 K. Nevertheless it is clear that the deeper layers of the core from which the CS emission originates are considerably hotter than the outer parts traced by $^{12}$CO.

### 3.2.2. Molecular outflow

The SEST CO(1–0) spectrum at the IRAS position showed a line profile with non-Gaussian wings (BW94). The new, high-resolution CO(2–1) data allow us to better outline the outflow (see Fig. 8), which is completely contained within one SEST CO(1–0) beam ($\sim 45''$; Fig. 8). In Fig. 8 we show a position-velocity diagram at $\Delta v=0''$. Enhanced emission in the line wings is clearly visible at $\Delta v=0''$. Also clearly visible is a double-peak structure in the $^{12}$CO(2–1) emission. At positions within $\sim 20''$ from the center of the map the lines show a significant indentation, as illustrated in Fig. 7. e. By comparing the position-velocity map in Fig. 8 with the theoretical contour maps shown in Figs. 3 and 4 in Phillips et al. (1987), we conclude that the pattern seen in Fig. 8 is due to self-absorption (i.e., by a temperature gradient in the cloud core), rather than due to absorption by a colder (unrelated) foreground cloud. This is consistent with the fact that the CS-data reveal a higher temperature than the $^{12}$CO (Sect. 3.2.1).

Again assuming LTE-conditions, we calculated the mass of the gas in the line wings from the $^{12}$CO(2–1) data; the wings are not visible in the other two isotopomers. We adopted $T_{\text{ex}}$ = 20 K, used $T_{\text{mb}}$ (see Sect. 3.2.1), and considered both the optically thick and -thin cases. The total velocity intervals, 24.7 – 31.7 km s$^{-1}$ (blue wing) and 36.7 – 43.7 km s$^{-1}$ (red wing), over which was integrated (in 1 km s$^{-1}$-wide bins), were chosen such that the emission of the quiescent gas was excluded.

In addition to the mass, we also calculated the flow’s energy, momentum, size, and velocity (as outlined, e.g., by Lada 1985; Wouterloot & Brand 1999); the dynamical age was then derived from the ratio of the flow’s size ($\sim 3.5$ pc) and its velocity. The outflow parameters are collected in Table 2. Here we also give the flow’s mechanical luminosity ($L_{\text{m}}$ = Energy/age) and the force needed to drive the flow ($F_{\text{m}}$ = Momentum/age).

Our $^{12}$CO(3–2) data, taken with a smaller beam size and smaller grid spacing, show self-absorbed profiles in the cloud core. Line wings are more extended than for CO(2–1), and reach 20 km s$^{-1}$ (blue) and 55 km s$^{-1}$ (red), respectively. The top panels of Fig. 9 show a position-velocity diagram at $\Delta v=0''$ (left), and a contour plot of the outflow lobes in the CO(3–2)-emission (right).

We have convolved the CO(3–2) observations with a Gaussian beam to the resolution of the CO(2–1) data, and resampled all (2–1) and (3–2) spectra to a velocity resolution of 0.55 km s$^{-1}$. Using $n_{\text{CO}} = 0.71, 0.80$ for CO(3–2, 2–1), we have determined the line ratio $R_{32} = T_{\text{mb}}[CO(3–2)]/T_{\text{mb}}[CO(2–1)]$ in each velocity channel where $T_{\text{mb}} > 1.5 \sigma$ for both lines. For optically thick lines the ratio $R_{32}$ tends to 1 for large values of $T_{\text{kin}}$, while the limit for optically thin lines is 2.25 (Bachiller & Tafalla 1999). Codella et al. 2006. In the lower panels of Fig. 9 we show the results at two representative positions: near the center of the flow and the peak of the blue lobe (lower left) and at a more quiescent location in the cloud (lower right). Typical values for $R_{32}$ in the line center are $0.80$–$0.90$, corresponding to $T_{\text{kin}} \approx 15$ – 30 K, assuming both lines are optically thick; this is consistent with what we found from the CO(2–1) lines, and from a fit to the spectral energy distribution (see Sect. 3.2.3). In the line wings, typically $R_{32} < 1.5$, implying $T_{\text{kin}} < 40$ K if both lines are optically thin away from the line center. But $R_{32}$ can reach values of 4 to 6 at some positions, as can be seen in the panel on the lower left in Fig. 9. This cannot be explained if both lines are optically thin or thick at the same time. On the other hand, the uncertainties in the high $R_{32}$-values are large, and assuming a more stringent criterion in their calculation, e.g., by requiring the value of $T_{\text{mb}}$ to be at least $3 \sigma$ in both transitions, would obviously remove most (though not all) points with anomalous values of $R_{32}$. Ratios $R_{32}$ of around 2 are found for optically thin lines and $T_{\text{kin}} = 120$ K, which is not unexpected in the shocked gas in molecular outflows (see, e.g., Hatchell et al. 1999; Hirano & Taniguchi 2001). A more accurate value of the temperature of the outflowing gas, and the possible existence of a gradient along the lobes, can be obtained only by observing higher transitions and at higher resolution (the JCMT beam sizes at the frequencies of the CO(3–2) and (2–1) transitions correspond to 0.8 and 1.2 pc, respectively).

Emission lines in the “tail” of the cloud, i.e., at offsets $\Delta v \lesssim 60''$ (see Fig. 7) are less intense than in the core, with $T_{\text{mb}} \leq 5$ K and $\leq 7$ K for CO(3–2) and (2–1), respectively. The lines are narrow ($\Delta V_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 1.1 – 1.5$ km s$^{-1}$), becoming progressively narrower towards the W-edge of the cloud. There is a slight velocity gradient in this part of the cloud, as can be seen in Figs. 8a and 9(top, left). Line ratios $R_{32}$ indicate typical values of $T_{\text{kin}} \approx 8 \pm 2$ K in this region.

Following the same procedure as outlined above, we have calculated various outflow parameters from the CO(3–2) data; these too are collected in Table 2. The outflow in the CO(3–2) line is stronger and more extended in velocity, and more compact than that in the CO(2–1) line. The smaller size and higher average mass-weighted outflow velocity for the 3–2 flow result in a lower dynamical age. Other flow parameters are likewise influenced by this, but as can be seen from Table 2 in general the results obtained from the two transitions are consistent within factors of a few. The lobes of this outflow have considerable overlap, indicating that the outflow axis is pointing close to the line-of-sight. As a consequence the size derived here is likely to be a lower limit, and age an upper limit. Values of $F_{\text{m}}$ and $L_{\text{m}}$ are thus lower limits too.

In the calculation of the flow parameters in Table 2 we have used the local abundance of [CO]/[H$_2$]. It is possible that the abundance ratio is lower at larger galactocentric distance. Gradients in C/H and O/H are similar (Wilson & Matteucci 1992; Rolleston 2000), and assuming that the CO-abundance is determined by that in C, one expects [CO]/[H$_2$] to be a factor of about 4 lower in the far-out Galaxy. This would increase all the parameters listed in Table 2 by a factor of 4, except for the size, flow velocity, and age. Keeping this in mind, a comparison with outflows associated with IR sources of similar luminosity (Beuther et al. 2004; Zhang et al. 2005) shows that this is not inconsistent with a typical outflow in an intermediate-mass star-forming region.

In Fig. 9 top right panel, we show the CO(3–2) outflow superimposed on the K-image. Near offsets ($+10''$, $-3''$) and ($-16'',+4''$), bright extended spots are seen (cf. also Fig. 8). The spots are brightest in K, and virtually absent in J (cf. Fig. 1b). This emission might be due to the 2.1 $\mu$m line of H$_2$, a manifestation of the interaction between outflow and ambient medium. This can be established only by taking a spectrum.
Table 2. Parameters of the molecular outflow associated with WB89-789

| Wing | CO(2–1) | CO(3–2) |
|------|---------|---------|
|      | Mass $M_\odot$ | Moment $M_\odot$ km s$^{-1}$ | Energy $10^{44}$ erg | Size pc | $V_{out}$ km s$^{-1}$ | $t_{dyn}$ 10$^5$ yr | $10^{-4} M_\odot$ km s$^{-1}$ yr$^{-1}$ | $L_m$ 10$^{-2} L_\odot$ |
| blue | 5.1 3.2 4.1 | 18 11 15 | 11.7 4.3 5.4 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| red  | 4.0 2.6 3.3 | 14 9 11 | 4.7 3.0 3.8 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
|      | blue | 6.4 4.0 3.4 | 28 18 15 | 15 10 8 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| red  | 5.2 3.3 2.8 | 27 17 14 | 20 13 11 | 1.2 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 3.9 |

† In case of three numbers per column, left: $T_{ex} = 20, \tau = 1$, center: $T_{ex} = 20, \tau = 0$, right: $T_{ex} = 40, \tau = 0$.

We used the local abundance ratio $[CO]/[H_2] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$.

Table 3. Cloud parameters derived from the continuum measurements.

| $r_c$ | $r_h$ | $S^2$ | $M_d$ |
| pc  | Jy     |  $M_\odot$ |
| 450 $\mu$m | 0.85 | 0.25 | 12.9 |
| 850 $\mu$m | 1.48 | 0.39 | 1.8 |
| 1.2 mm | 1.50 | 0.76 | 0.5 |
| SED fit | 11 |

1. $r_c, r_h$: radius at 3$\sigma$-level and half-peak level, respectively; both corrected for beam size.
2. Integrated flux density above the 3$\sigma$-level
3. Assuming optically thin dust emission, a dust absorption coeff. $1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ at 250 GHz, the exponent of the freq. dependence of the dust optical depth $\beta = 1.8$, and $T_{dust} = 23 \text{ K}$ (see text for details).

3.2.3. Dust continuum

In Fig. [10] we have collected the maps of the dust continuum, made at 3 different wavelengths, and shown their location with respect to the core found in the molecular lines. The $^{12}$CO emission peaks very close to the maximum in the 850 $\mu$m map, while the $^{13}$CO peak is offset by about 10$''$ (1 grid point ~ half a beam width) to the East. Flux densities at the three wavelengths were calculated by integrating all emission above the 3$\sigma$-contour, and sizes of the dust-emission cores were determined from the half-peak value contour and were corrected for beam size. The results are collected in Table 3.

Figure [11] shows the spectral energy distribution (SED) of WB89-789. We have plotted our three FIR and mm-data points, in addition to the 4 IRAS flux densities, taken from the IPSC2. We have made a grey-body fit to the data points for 100 $\mu$m onwards; the fit is shown as the drawn curve. The 12, 25, and 60 $\mu$m points cannot be fit by the same curve. As shown by Molinari et al. [1998] and Fontani et al. [2004] the dust densities at these wavelengths usually arise from regions outside the core that are detected at the longer wavelengths, and one needs at least 2 grey-body fits to cover the entire SED. The SED-fit shown in Fig. [11] was obtained by assuming a dust opacity $k_v = k_{250}(v[GHz])^{2}/250^{p}$, with $k_{250} = 1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ (Ossenkopf & Henning [1994]). We obtained a good fit with $\beta = 1.8$, and a dust temperature $T_{dust} = 23 \text{ K}$. The resulting dust mass is 11 $M_\odot$. 
For a gas-to-dust ratio of 100, the total mass of the core detected in the (sub-)mm continuum is 1100 M⊙, consistent with what is found from the 13CO and C18O-data (see Table [1]). We should keep in mind, however, that the dust properties and the gas-to-dust ratio in the FOG may differ from those found near the Sun.

4. The distance to WB89-789

The presence of an outflow, together with the H$_2$O maser emission detected by Wouterloot et al. (1993) demonstrates that star formation is still active in this object. If the kinematic distance of 11.9 kpc can be confirmed, this would be the star-forming region furthest from the Galactic center yet found in the Galaxy. The distance was derived from the 12CO velocity, using the Brand & Blitz (1993) rotation curve. WB89-789 is at a galactic longitude of 195°82; the determination of kinematic distances is notoriously uncertain in directions near the (anti-) center, where $V_{lsr}$ is not very sensitive to distance, and random motions become relatively influential in the distance determination. If we assume a cloud-cloud velocity dispersion of ~5 km s$^{-1}$ (see Brand & Blitz [1993]), then the range of galactocentric distance of WB89-789 is 17 < R < 25 kpc (with a corresponding range in heliocentric distance 8.6 < d < 17.1 kpc).

As shown in Fig. 5, star 33 (indicated in Fig. 3), if it is a main sequence star, would be its earliest type member that does not have NIR excess, and would have a spectral type ~B0, if the cluster is at a distance of 11.9 kpc. To check this, we have obtained a spectrum of this star (see Fig. 12). From the way the continuum rises towards longer wavelengths it is clear that star 33 is not an early-type star. We have compared the TNG-spectrum with those in the library of Jacoby et al. (1984). To reduce the noise we smoothed the spectrum to a resolution of 5.4Å, comparable to the 4.5Å-resolution of the Jacoby et al. (1984) spectra. From a visual inspection we conclude that the spectrum of star 33 agrees best with that of a K3 III-star (Jacoby et al. (1984) spectrum No. 100; this spectrum is also shown in Fig. 12). This implies that star 33 has a visual extinction $A_V$ ~ 5.5, and a geocentric distance of 10.7 kpc, i.e., $R$ ~ 19.0 kpc. Identification as a K3 III-star is consistent with the location of star 33 in the color-magnitude diagram of Fig. 5: dereddening brings it first on the giant branch, at around spectral type K3.

This result is rather surprising: star 33 is embedded in nebulosity (cf. Fig. 3), making it a likely member of the cluster associated with the IRAS source. On the other hand, a K3III-star would originate from a 9–10 M⊙ ms-star (i.e., spectral type...
Fig. 10. Images of continuum emission at 450, 850, and 1200 µm, and overlays of the 850 µm emission with the $^{13}$CO and C$^{18}$O emission. The IRAS position is at (0,0). a. SCUBA 450 µm map. Contour values 1(1)5 Jy/beam. The white contour indicates the half-peak level. b. SCUBA 850 µm map. Contours 0.1(0.1)0.7 Jy/beam. White contour as in a. c. SIMBA 1.2 mm map. Contours 45(30)230 mJy/beam. White contour as in a. d. SCUBA 850 µm map with C$^{18}$O(2–1) contours superimposed. Contour values are 0.3(0.3)2.1 K km s$^{-1}$. The white contour indicates the 850 µm emission half-peak level, while the triangle marks its peak. e. As d, but with $^{13}$CO(2–1) contours superimposed. Contour values 1(2)15 K km s$^{-1}$. White contour and triangle as in d.

Fig. 11. Spectral energy distribution (SED) of WB89-789. Along the axes are log$\lambda$ and log$F$. The data shown are our own measurements of the continuum emission at 450, 850, and 1200 µm, together with the flux densities in the 4 IRAS bands (IPSC2). The curve shows the best fit to the data points at wavelengths ≥100 µm, which has $T_{\text{dust}}$ = 23 K, and a dust absorption coefficient of 1.8, and which was obtained by assuming a dust opacity at 250 GHz of 1 cm$^2$ g$^{-1}$.

5. Conclusions
We have studied the star-forming region associated with IRAS06145+1455 (WB89-789) in detail. Its location near the edge of the molecular disk (at a galactocentric distance of B2–B3), and has an age of about 20–25 Myr. It is possible that star formation has been going on in this region for a much longer time, and that the IRAS source, the water maser, the outflow, and the NIR-excess stars are just the latest episode. The earlier occurrence of star formation (giving rise to star 33) would have removed much of the original molecular cloud, perhaps explaining why the cloud in which star formation is currently taking place is so small.

If this scenario is correct, then it still has to be explained how star formation can be sustained over such a long time, especially in this part of the Galaxy. As mentioned in the Introduction, if star formation is to be initiated by external triggers, then it is difficult to see how this can work efficiently in the far-outer Galaxy, where external triggers (SN explosions, spiral arms) are much more scarce or weak. On the other hand, as already found by Wouterloot et al. (1988) and Snell et al. (2002), once star formation does occur in FOG-clouds, it appears to proceed as it does locally. It should also be pointed out that there are other examples of older stars located in younger clusters. Kumar et al. (2004) found three late-type giants in two young (1.5–1.9 Myr) open clusters, indicating that star formation has been going on there for about 25 Myr. However, the spectral classification of star 33 is very tentative, and further speculation should wait until a better spectrum is available.
20.2 kpc) makes this the galactic star forming region furthest from the Galactic center found up to now. An embedded cluster containing about 60 stars was found in JHK-images. The radius of the cluster is about 1.3 pc, within which the average stellar surface density is 33 pc\(^{-2}\). A JCMT CO map shows that the core is contained in a \(~5000\) pc\(^{-2}\) cloud, consisting of two clumps. The clump with the embedded cluster shows the existence of moderate outflow emission. (Sub-)mm continuum maps (JCMT and SEST) at 0.45, 0.85, and 1.2 mm show the presence of a dust core centered at (\(\lambda_{\text{H}}\)).

**Fig. 12.** Spectrum of star 33 (see Fig. 3) taken with DOLORES at the TNG. The spectrum has been smoothed to a resolution of \(~5.4\) Å. Also shown is the spectrum of a K3III-star (from Jacoby et al. [1984] arbitrarily shifted vertically to allow comparison). Because of the poor wavelength calibration, the spectrum of star 33 has been shifted in λ to get correspondence between the features in both stars. The amount of shifting necessary agrees with that which we determined from a comparison between the features in both stars. The amount of shifting necessary agrees with that which we determined from a comparison between the features in both stars. The amount of shifting necessary agrees with that which we determined from a comparison between the features in both stars.

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