Multiwavelength study of the fast rotating supergiant high-mass X-ray binary IGR J16465–4507[★]

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ABSTRACT

Context. Since its launch, the X-ray and γ -ray observatory INTEGRAL satellite has revealed a new class of high-mass X-ray binaries (HMXB) displaying fast flares and hosting supergiant companion stars. Optical and infrared (OIR) observations in a multi-wavelength context are essential to understand the nature and evolution of these newly discovered celestial objects.

Aims. The goal of this multiwavelength study (from ultraviolet to infrared) is to characterise the properties of IGR J16465–4507, to confirm its HMXB nature and that it hosts a supergiant star.

Methods. We analysed all OIR, photometric and spectroscopic observations taken on this source, carried out at ESO facilities.

Results. Using spectroscopic data, we constrained the spectral type of the companion star between B0.5 and B1 Ib, settling the debate on the true nature of this source. We measured a high rotation velocity of $v = 320 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ from fitting absorption and emission lines in a stellar spectral model. We then built a spectral energy distribution from photometric observations to evaluate the origin of the different components radiating at each energy range.

Conclusions. We finally show that, having accurately determined the spectral type of the early-B supergiant in IGR J16465–4507, we firmly support its classification as an intermediate supergiant fast X-ray transient (SFXT).

Key words. stars: abundances – stars: rotation – supergiants – infrared: stars – X-rays: individuals: IGR J16465-4507 – X-rays: binaries

1. Introduction

High-mass X-ray binaries (HMXB) consist of a compact object orbiting a massive companion star ($M \geq 10 M_{\odot}$, see e.g. reviews of [Charles & Coe 2006](#); [Chaty 2013](#)). Depending on the nature of the primary star and the accretion mechanism, they can be divided into two sub-classes: HMXB hosting either a main sequence Be star (BeHMXB) or a supergiant OB star (sgHMXB). The former is characterised by a compact object revolving around a Be V star in a generally wide and eccentric orbit ($e \sim 0.3\text{--}0.9$), where accretion usually happens in the form of outbursts close to periastron passage of the compact object. The latter consists of an OBI star possessing a radially outflowing wind from which the compact object on a low-to-moderate eccentricity orbit is continuously accreting.

One of the most important contributions of the INTErnational Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory satellite (INTEGRAL, [Winkler et al. 2003](#)) is the discovery of a new population of sgHMXB, which can be divided into two subclasses (further details and references in [Chaty 2013](#)): intrinsically obscured sgHMXB and supergiant fast X-ray transients (SFXT):

- Multiwavelength studies of the optical and infrared (OIR) counterparts of obscured sgHMXB have revealed the presence of two envelopes. The first is a layer of X-ray absorbing material close to the compact object; the second is an absorbing envelope enshrouding the whole binary system.
- Hard X-ray spectra of SFXT suggest the presence of a compact object such as a neutron star or a black hole. They exhibit rapid outbursts, rising in 10 minutes and lasting typically 3 ks, alternating with long periods of quiescence. Depending on the intensity of the X-ray luminosity and the variability factor ($\frac{L_{\text{max}}}{L_{\text{min}}}$), SFXT can be further separated into two subgroups: “classical” SFXT (low $\langle L_X \rangle$, high variability

[★] Based on observations made with ESO Telescopes at the La Silla Paranal Observatory under programme ID 077.D-0038, 077.D-0055, 077.D-0298, 077.D-0568 and 089.D-0056.

Table 1. OIR observation log.

Mode	Instrument	Date	Programme ID, PI	Standard stars
Photometry	EMMI (BIMG)	2006-Apr-14	077.D-0038(A), Negueruela	
	SUSI2 (UBVRIZ)	2006-Aug-06	077.D-0298(B), Chaty	PG 1633+099 (ABCD)
		2006-Aug-07		
		2006-Sep-04		
	SOFI (JHK _s)	2006-Jul-19	077.D-0298(A), Chaty	SJ 9105, 9160, 9170, 9172, 9185, 9187
		2006-Aug-06		
		2006-Aug-07		
		2006-Sep-04		
Spectroscopy	FORS1	2006-Apr-24	077.D-0055(A), Negueruela	
	EMMI (RILD)	2006-Aug-07	077.D-0298(C), Chaty	LTT 7379 (G0 V)
	SOFI (GBF/GRF)	2006-Jul-18	077.D-0298(A), Chaty	Hip 078791 (G2 V)
		2006-Jul-19		Hip 078791 (G2 V)
		2006-Aug-08		Hip 084419 (= HD 155755, G2 V)
		2006-Sep-03		Hip 081746 (= HD 150248, G3 V)
		2006-Jul-14	077.D-0568(A), Mennickent	
		2006-Jul-26		
	X-Shooter	2012-Aug-07	089.D-0056(A), Goldwurm	

factor), and “intermediate” SFXT (high $\langle L_X \rangle$, low variability factor).

Among this new population of sgHMXB, IGR J16465–4507 was discovered with INTEGRAL during its flare observed on 2004 September 6 (Lutovinov et al. 2004). From X-ray Multi-Mirror Mission (*XMM-Newton*) follow-up observations, Zurita Heras & Walter (2004) accurately located the X-ray counterpart and proposed a near-infrared (NIR) counterpart in the 2MASS catalogue. Smith (2004) identified a bright optical counterpart in the USNO catalogue, and proposed an early spectral type for the companion star. This was confirmed by Negueruela et al. (2005), who estimated the spectral type to B0.5 I, and later by Negueruela et al. (2006), who constrained it to a luminous star in the B0–1 range¹, supported by Rahoui et al. (2008) from SED fitting results². However, the spectral type of the companion star was a matter of debate since Nespoli et al. (2008) later proposed an O9.5 Ia classification³.

Lutovinov et al. (2005) detected a pulsation (spin) period of 228 ± 6 s, and evaluated a strong intrinsic absorption from X-ray fitting. Both the pulsation period and high column density were confirmed by Walter et al. (2006), who qualified this source as a “highly absorbed supergiant transient system”. In their precursor paper, Negueruela et al. (2006) gave the name “SFXT” for the members of this new class of HMXB, and suggested that IGR J16465–4507 was one of them. Later, Walter & Zurita Heras (2007) proposed that it belonged to the newly identified “intermediate SFXT” class. However, the SFXT classification was also debated since La Parola et al. (2010) and Clark et al. (2010) found an orbital period of ~ 30 days from *Swift*-BAT and INTEGRAL-IBIS observations, whereas typical periods of classical SFXT were of a few days (see e.g. Chaty 2013). This led La Parola et al. (2010) to exclude

IGR J16465–4507 from the SFXT class, while Clark et al. (2010) supported the intermediate SFXT classification.

This uncertainty regarding the spectral type and HMXB nature of these systems is critical because their formation and evolution both depend heavily on the nature of the companion star. This work aims to solve these issues by analysing detailed multiwavelength OIR observations both in photometry and spectroscopy. This study is based on all existing observations on this source, retrieved from the ESO archive (see Table 1). The paper is organised as follows. We describe in Sect. 2 the multiwavelength observations and the data reduction process, before presenting the main results and a discussion in Sect. 3. A summary of our conclusions is presented in Sect. 4.

2. Observations

2.1. Photometry

Images were obtained at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) at the focus of the New Technology Telescope (NTT-3.5 m, La Silla, Chile), with three instruments: Extraordinaire Multi-Mode Instrument (EMMI, Dekker et al. 1986) and Superb Seeing Imager (SUSI2, D’Odorico et al. 1998) in optical, and Son OF Isaac (SOFI, Moorwood et al. 1998) in NIR (dates listed in Table 2). Images were acquired in large field mode covering on the sky $6'2 \times 6'2$ (EMMI), $5'5 \times 5'5$ (SUSI2), and $4'9 \times 4'9$ (SOFI).

Data reduction was standard, using the Image Reduction and Analysis Facility (IRAF) suite (Tody 1986, 1993). Bias and flat corrections were applied in both wavelength domains. NIR images were taken at nine positions, enabling us to evaluate and remove the sky brightness. Images of the standard stars PG 1633+099(ABCD) in the optical and SJ 9105, 9160, 9170, 9172, 9185, and 9187 in the NIR enabled us to perform photometry using the IRAF.daophot package. We calculated the apparent magnitudes by subtracting the zero-point and extinction

¹ From optical observations with EMMI at ESO/NTT.

² From mid-infrared observations with VISIR at ESO/VLT.

³ From NIR observations with SOFI at ESO/NTT.

Table 2. Photometric observations with their cumulated exposure time.

Date	Instrument	Filter								
		<i>U</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>K_s</i>
2006-Apr-14	EMMI	–	30 s	–	1 s	–	–	–	–	–
2006-Aug-07	SUSI2	60 s	60 s	60 s	60 s	60 s	60 s	–	–	–
2006-Sep-04	SUSI2	60 s	60 s	60 s	60 s	20 s	–	–	–	–
2006-Jul-19	SOFI	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 × 36 s	9 × 20 s	9 × 18 s
2006-Aug-06	SOFI	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 × 18 s	–	–
2006-Aug-07	SOFI	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 × 20 s	9 × 10.8 s
2006-Aug-08	SOFI	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 × 36 s	9 × 13.5 s	9 × 10.8 s
2006-Sep-04	SOFI	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 × 10.6 s	9 × 10.6 s	9 × 7.1 s

Table 3. Optical photometry of IGR J16465–4507.

Date	Instrument	<i>U</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Z</i>
2006-Apr-14	EMMI		17.00 ± 0.01		12.71 ± 0.01		
	airmass		1.230		1.250		
2006-Aug-07	SUSI2	17.11 ± 0.12	16.86 ± 0.01	14.64 ± 0.01	13.33 ± 0.01	12.34 ± 0.01	13.23 ± 0.01
	airmass	1.281	1.287	1.293	1.299	1.304	1.310
2006-Sep-04	SUSI2	17.15 ± 0.01	16.85 ± 0.01	14.62 ± 0.01	13.55 ± 0.01	12.45 ± 0.01	
	airmass	1.168	1.172	1.176	1.189	1.192	
USNO 0448-0520455			15.20		<i>R</i> 1 = 12.70 <i>R</i> 2 = 13.02	11.74	

Table 4. NIR photometry of IGR J16465–4507.

Date	Instrument	<i>J</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>K_s</i>
2006-Jul-19	SOFI	10.53 ± 0.03	10.03 ± 0.06	9.81 ± 0.09
	airmass	1.049	1.044	1.042
2006-Aug-06	SOFI	10.51 ± 0.05		
	airmass	1.052		
2006-Aug-07	SOFI		10.03 ± 0.06	9.81 ± 0.06
	airmass		1.043	1.040
2006-Aug-08	SOFI	10.56 ± 0.05	10.02 ± 0.05	9.90 ± 0.06
	airmass	1.254	1.299	1.377
2006-Sep-04	SOFI	10.53 ± 0.05	10.01 ± 0.06	9.83 ± 0.07
	airmass	1.296	1.367	1.447
2MASS J16463526-4507045		10.537 ± 0.023	10.079 ± 0.025	9.843 ± 0.023

coefficient multiplied by the airmass at the time of the observations from the instrumental magnitudes, using the standard formula. Extinction coefficients were taken from the calibration plan of La Silla Observatory.

We present in Tables 3 and 4 the results of our photometry, which represent the first whole set of OIR magnitudes published on this source⁴.

2.2. Spectroscopy

2.2.1. Optical (FORIS+EMMI) and NIR (SOFI) observations

Optical long slit spectroscopy was performed in service mode on 2006 April 24 at the Very Large Telescope (VLT, Paranal, Chile) Unit Telescope Kueyen (UT2), equipped with the spectro-imager FOcal Reducer and low dispersion Spectrograph (FORIS), fitted with a thinned Tektronix 24 μm 2048 × 2048 pixel CCD, with an exposure time of 1670 s. We used the holographic grism

1200B+97, providing a nominal dispersion of 0.06 nm/pixel over the 372–486 nm range, and a slit 1′′3 in width, which led to a spectral resolution of $R = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda} = 1420$. A calibration spectrum was obtained with the same setup. Additional optical spectra (6 × 300 s) were acquired with EMMI on ESO/NTT in Red Imaging and Low Dispersion Spectrum (RILD) mode, in the red arm through an 1′′ slit on 2006 August 7 (spectral resolution $R = 613$).

NIR long slit spectroscopy was also obtained at ESO/NTT using SOFI low resolution grisms, between 2006 July 14 and September 3: 36 spectra × 60 s exposure time taken with Grism Blue Filter (GBF, $\Delta\lambda = 0.95$ – $1.64 \mu\text{m}$, $R \sim 930$, dispersion = 0.696 nm/pixel), and 36 spectra × 60 s exposure time taken with Grism Red Filter (GRF, $\Delta\lambda = 1.53$ – $2.52 \mu\text{m}$, $R \sim 980$, dispersion = 1.022 nm/pixel), both through a 0′′6 slit.

The FORIS spectrum was reduced with the *Starlink* packages CCDPACK (Draper et al. 2000) and FIGARO (Shortridge et al. 1997). EMMI and SOFI spectra were reduced using IRAF in a standard way. We first performed bias and flat correction, and removed cosmic rays using IRAF.lacos

⁴ Apart from the USNO and 2MASS catalogues.

Fig. 1. FORS1 spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 395 to 475 nm (flux axis is in arbitrary units). For comparison, a spectrum of the B0.5 I star *k* Ori is shown in the *upper panel* (Walborn & Fitzpatrick 1990).

Fig. 2. EMMI spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 570 to 710 nm (flux axis is in arbitrary units).

Fig. 3. SOFI/GBF spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 950 to 1650 nm (flux axis is in arbitrary units). Features at ~ 1190 , 1210 , and 1265 nm are due to strong atmosphere absorption in the *J* band.

task. We then applied wavelength calibration before subtracting the telluric sky lines, and performed spectra extraction with IRAF.noao.twodspec package. Finally, we combined all the spectra for each instrument together to increase the signal-to-noise ratio. FORS1, EMMI, and SOFI spectra are shown in Figs. 1–5; the positions of identified spectral features are indicated by dashed lines. Many hydrogen and helium lines are seen in absorption and some of them present a shape typical of self-absorbed lines. Bright metal lines are also identified in some spectra.

Fig. 4. SOFI/GRF (H part) spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 1600 to 1750 nm (flux axis is in arbitrary units). The feature at ~ 1625 nm is probably due to a bad background correction at the edge of the grism.

Fig. 5. SOFI/GRF (K_s part) spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 2040 to 2200 nm. A typical B0.5 Ib spectrum is indicated at the top of the figure (flux axis is in arbitrary units for both spectra).

2.2.2. Ultraviolet to NIR X-Shooter observations

The X-Shooter⁵ instrument is the successor spectrograph of FORS1, mounted at the UT2 cassegrain focus (Vernet et al. 2011). Thanks to its three arms –UV-blue (UVB), visible (VIS) and near-IR (NIR)–, the main characteristic of this medium-resolution spectrograph is its ability to cover, in a single observation, a wide wavelength range from 300 to 2480 nm. In July 2012 we obtained guaranteed time on X-Shooter to observe a small sample of bright INTEGRAL counterparts in order to better constrain their nature. Preliminary results on three sources, including IGR J16465–4507, have been reported in Goldoni et al. (2012).

All the spectra were taken with narrow slits: slit width $0''.5$ and sampling 3.5 pix/FWHM (full width half maximum) for the UVB arm, slit width $0''.7$ and sampling 4.8 pix/FWHM for the VIS arm, and slit width $0''.6$ and sampling 2.9 pix/FWHM for the NIR arm. As described in Goldoni et al. (2012), we also took four different pointings of 300 s each in the echelle slit-nod mode with an offset of $5''$ along slits between pointings in a standard ABBA sequence. To avoid saturation, the exposures on the VIS and NIR arms were split into shorter integrations. In addition, for calibration purposes each source was briefly observed with a wide ($5''.0$) slit in order to estimate the slit losses. A telluric A0V star was observed before each source, and a flux standard was observed at the beginning of the night.

⁵ X-Shooter is the first second-generation instrument installed in 2008 at the ESO VLT.

Fig. 6. X-Shooter/UVB spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 360 to 510 nm. DIB stands for diffuse interstellar band.

The spectra were retrieved from the ESO archive, and processed using the X-Shooter pipeline (Modigliani et al. 2010)⁶. We clearly detected the source in each of the three arms. All X-Shooter spectra are given in nm (Figs. 6–8).

All the identified lines are listed in the Appendix (Tables A.1 to A.8).

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Spectral type determination

3.1.1. FORS1 and X-Shooter optical observations

We first determined the spectral type in the optical domain, comparing the main lines identified in our FORS1 and X-Shooter/UVB spectra (Figs. 1 and 6 respectively) with the optical stellar spectral atlas from [Walborn & Fitzpatrick \(1990\)](#). We note that the He I and Si III lines, clearly detected in both spectra, are more intense than the He II and Si IV lines, which is consistent with an early-B type. Then, the H γ 434.1 nm line, present in both spectra, appears blended with a prominent O II line (see Fig. 6), which clearly exhibits a structure typical of spectral types close to B1 Ib.

In addition, by examining the X-Shooter/VIS spectrum reported in Fig. 7, we realised that the Paschen line P16, detected at 850.0 nm, must be blended with the C III 850.2 nm line because its intensity is higher than that of other Paschen lines at longer wavelengths (i.e. lower members of the same series). This detection of carbon in the spectrum suggests a spectral type earlier than B1 I (see e.g. [Negueruela et al. 2010](#)). Furthermore, the presence of only a very weak He II line at ~ 420 nm (see

Fig. 7. X-Shooter/VIS spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 540 to 1020 nm. DIB stands for diffuse interstellar band, and T telluric lines.

X-Shooter/UVB spectra)⁷ shows that the spectral type cannot be earlier than B0 I (see e.g. [Walborn & Fitzpatrick 1990](#)).

Finally, we observed that the optical spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 is very similar to the typical B0.5 I spectrum indicated at the top of Fig. 1. Thus from all of the above we can constrain the spectral type to a luminous supergiant star of spectral type between B0.5I and B1I. This result is in agreement with the preliminary X-Shooter spectra of this source reported in [Goldoni et al. \(2012\)](#).

3.1.2. SOFI and X-Shooter NIR observations

We then completed our determination of the spectral type of the companion star by comparing our NIR spectra with the atlas of stellar spectral types in NIR reported in [Hanson et al. \(1996\)](#). We identified the main features in the wavelength range from $2.04\ \mu\text{m}$ to $2.2\ \mu\text{m}$ (see SOFI/GRF and X-Shooter/NIR spectra in Figs. 5 and 8). He I 2112.5 nm and H I 2166.1 nm are seen in absorption, which is typical of late-O and early-B stars. On the other hand, He I 2058.9 nm is in emission, which is incompatible with the O9.5 type proposed by [Nespoli et al. \(2008\)](#). Instead, we notice that the NIR spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 is very similar to the typical low-resolution B0.5 Ib spectrum indicated at the top of Fig. 5.

We thus conclude that the companion star of IGR J16465–4507 exhibits a spectral type between B0.5 Ib and B1 Ib, which is in agreement with our determination above of the spectral type based on optical spectra. Finally, this result is consistent with the preliminary identification and with the

⁶ These so-called Phase 3 data are reduced using slit-nod related recipes, including flat and bias correction, and wave and flux calibration.

⁷ We identify the line close to ~ 420 nm as He II instead of N II, based on the absence of other nitrogen lines in our spectrum (see e.g. the spectrum of BD +36°4063 in [Walborn & Howarth 2000](#)).

Table 6. Stellar parameters measured from modelling X-Shooter spectra with FASTWIND.

Parameter	Value	err-	err+
T_{eff}	26 000 K	−1700	+1200
$\log(g)$	3.10	−0.15	+0.15
ξ_t	13 km s ^{−1}	−2	+2
Y_{He}	0.25	−0.1	+0.1

Notes. According to standard notation, Y_{He} is the abundance of He ratio $(\frac{N(\text{He})}{N(\text{H})})$.

Table 7. Chemical abundances in $\log(\frac{N(X)}{N(\text{H})}) + 12$ resulting from the FASTWIND spectroscopic analysis.

Element	Abundance	err-	err+
Si	7.6	−0.3	+0.3
Mg	7.6	−0.7	+0.5
C	8.8	−0.3	+0.2
N	8.5	−0.2	+0.3
O	8.7	−0.1	+0.1

A quantitative spectroscopic analysis was subsequently performed by means of Fast Analysis of STellar atmospheres with WINDs (FASTWIND; Santolaya-Rey et al. 1997, Puls et al. 2005), a spherical, non-LTE model atmosphere code with mass loss and line-blanketing that follows the strategy described in Castro et al. (2012). It is based on an automatic χ^2 fitting of synthetic FASTWIND spectra including lines from H, He I-II, Si II-IV, Mg II, C II, N II-III, and O II to the global X-Shooter spectrum between 390 and 510 nm. The results of the fit are shown in Fig. 9, and the stellar parameters and abundances measured from this fit are given in Tables 6 and 7, respectively.

While we find a velocity of $v = 320 \pm 8$ km s^{−1} from Fourier analysis, the line fitting favours a velocity of $v = 280$ km s^{−1}, obtained with errors of the order of 10%, therefore likely consistent with 320 ± 8 km s^{−1}. The stellar parameters – effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 26\,000^{+1200}_{-1700}$ K and gravity $\log g = 3.10^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$ – are consistent with a star of spectral type B0.5 Ib (McErlean et al. 1999), therefore consistent with the spectral classification described above. The helium abundance seems high, but the value obtained corresponds to the upper edge of the grid. However, we caution that the sensitivity of the He lines to abundance is not very high at this temperature. While Si, Mg, and O have solar abundances, the star seems mildly C- and N-enhanced within the large error bars⁸, but this is expected for a fast rotator.

3.4. Reddening correction

To correct the magnitude from the reddening due to the absorption of the interstellar medium (ISM), we applied the same method described in Chaty et al. (2011). From the value of the column density $N(\text{H}) = 8.7 \times 10^{21}$ cm^{−2} (Nespoli et al. 2008), we calculated the corresponding colour excess $E(B - V)$ using Bohlin et al. (1978),

$$N(\text{H1} + \text{H2}) = E(B - V) \times 5.8 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ mag}^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

⁸ The large errors in the abundances are due to the signal-to-noise ratio, v , and the weakness of some key lines, which may blur the lines with the normalised continuum. Moreover, carbon and magnesium abundances are based only on one line each.

We then determined the interstellar absorption in the V -band A_V ,

$$A_V = R_v \times E(B - V) = 4.65, \quad (3)$$

where $R_v = 3.1$ represents the average extinction parameter in the Milky Way.

Using the coefficients $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ given by Cardelli et al. (1989), we derived A_λ , the interstellar absorption in the other filters:

$$\langle A_\lambda / A_V \rangle = a(x) + b(x) / R_v. \quad (4)$$

We finally subtracted these values from the apparent magnitudes for each wavelength:

$$M_{\text{dereddened}} = m_\lambda - A_\lambda. \quad (5)$$

Following Munari et al. (2008), another way to calculate A_V is to determine $E(B - V)$ from the measurement of the equivalent width of the diffuse interstellar band (DIB) at 862.1 nm (see X-Shooter/VIS spectrum in Fig. 7):

$$E(B - V) = (27.2 \pm 0.3) \times EW(\text{nm}). \quad (6)$$

This DIB has been detected with $EW = 0.067$ nm leading to a value of $E(B - V) = 1.82 \pm 0.02$. We thereafter apply the same process described above, and find $A_V = 5.65 \pm 0.06$.

The value of $A_V = 4.65$ found with the photometric method is ~ 1 mag smaller than the A_V estimated by Rahoui et al. (2008), while the value of $A_V = 5.65 \pm 0.06$ estimated spectroscopically is well inside their confidence range. In the following, we use this latter value. As already noted by Goldoni et al. (2012), this may suggest a non-standard extinction law in the direction of the source. We show in Fig. 10 both reddened and dereddened magnitudes⁹.

3.5. Spectral energy distribution

We show in Fig. 11 (upper panel) the spectral energy distribution (SED) in the OIR domain. In addition to our photometric data, we included our SOFI and FORS1 spectra. The optical part represents a substantial contribution, consistent with the supergiant nature of the companion star. This SED presents a NIR excess which is characteristic of an envelope surrounding the supergiant star.

In the lower panel of Fig. 11, we also added the fitted X-ray component in the 1–100 keV energy band extracted from the work of Lutovinov et al. (2005). The X-ray part of the SED represents a contribution of roughly the same order as the optical part, favouring a scenario of stellar wind accretion, less luminous in X-rays than a direct accretion through an accretion disk (see e.g. Tauris & van den Heuvel 2006).

3.6. Lightcurve

Short exposure images were acquired with SUSI2 in the V band every 30 s over 30 min, on 2006 August 6 (Table 1). This rapid photometry (Fig. 12) in the optical allows us to study intrinsic luminosity variations on short timescales. While the variations we detect are of the same order as the error on the magnitudes, this result is consistent with micro-variability exhibited by supergiant stars of spectral types earlier than B (see e.g. Bresolin et al. 2004, Laur et al. 2012).

⁹ As none of the coefficients was available for the Z filter, the magnitude in this band is not dereddened.

Fig. 9. Overplot of the X-Shooter spectrum of IGR J16465–4507 from 400 to 490 nm with the stellar atmosphere model fit.

Fig. 10. Photometric magnitudes of IGR J16465–4507, respectively before (*upper panel*) and after (*lower panel*) dereddening.

Fig. 11. *Upper panel:* OIR SED showing photometric and spectroscopic measurements. *Lower panel:* same SED including the 1–100 keV X-ray component.

3.7. Position in the Corbet diagram

As described in Sect. 1, HMXB can be classified in three groups (sgHMXB or wind-fed systems, BeHMXB, and Roche-lobe

filling systems) regarding their position in the orbital period versus spin period plot, the so-called Corbet diagram (Corbet 1986). Contrary to the other two groups, BeHMXB exhibit a correlation

Fig. 12. Optical photometric lightcurve of IGR J16465–4507 taken with SUSI2 in the V band.

between these two periods, which can be explained by transfer of angular momentum through accretion every time the compact object passes at periastron (for more details see Chaty 2013). From Lutovinov et al. (2005) and Clark et al. (2010), who respectively determined the spin (228 ± 6 s) and the orbital period (~ 30 days), we present here an updated plot of this diagram (Fig. 13) including HMXB from Liu et al. (2006) catalogue.

This plot shows the peculiar position of IGR J16465–4507, located right between the BeHMXB and sgHMXB area, even though our spectroscopic observations led us to conclude that its companion star was an early-B supergiant. Two other known SFXT (IGR J11215–5952 and IGR J18483–0311) have been found in the same area of the diagram and studied by Liu et al. (2011), who suggested that some SFXT could be the descendants of BeHMXB. The high rotation velocity of the supergiant star might thus originate from the rapid rotator nature of BeHMXB.

While this rotation velocity is higher than the typical velocity of OB main sequence stars (of the order of $\sim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, see e.g. Murphy 2014), it is not unlikely for a Be system. Taking an O7–8 main sequence star, its radius would increase by more than 50% and its rotation velocity accelerate to $\sim 350 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, which approaches, but is still inferior to the break-up velocity (close to $\sim 400 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, Brott et al. 2011). Another possibility would be that the mass transfer from the primary has occurred in recent times, thus suggesting that we are facing a very young object.

4. Conclusions

We analysed all photometric and spectroscopic observations of IGR J16465–4507 performed between 2006 and 2012, and taken from the ESO archive. From spectroscopic data, we constrain the companion star to be an early-B spectral type between B0.5 and B1 Ib, in agreement with the preliminary determination by Negueruela et al. (2005).

The peculiar feature of this star, determined from spectroscopic observations and stellar fit modelling, is its high rotation velocity of $v = 320 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, suggesting a small radius of the supergiant star to avoid any disruption. We reported a SED in the OIR domain, showing a substantial contribution of the OIR emission from the companion star and an IR excess probably coming from a circumstellar envelope. We conclude that this system must be composed of a blue supergiant surrounded by a colder envelope, consistent with its SFXT classification as initially proposed by Negueruela et al. (2006). The group of sgHMXB of our Galaxy now includes 38 members, and IGR J16465–4507 is the ninth member discovered by INTEGRAL with a confirmed spectral type (Coleiro et al. 2013).

Fig. 13. Blue circles and green squares in this updated Corbet diagram represent wind-fed systems (sgHMXB) and BeHMXB, respectively. Red diamonds indicate SFXT; three are misplaced in this diagram: IGR J11215–5952, IGR J18483–0311, and IGR J16465–4507. RLOS stands for Roche-lobe overflow systems.

Furthermore, the position of this source on the Corbet diagram shows that it is probably a third member of SFXT located between Be and supergiant systems, and therefore possibly a descendant of BeHMXB. Finally, this system allows us to open new perspectives of research to study the evolution of HMXB in general, and the links between different populations of HMXB in particular.

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Appendix A: Identified lines**Table A.1.** Line list in the FORS1 spectrum (Fig. 1).

Element	λ (nm)
H	397.0
O II	400.7
He I	402.6
C III	407.0
H	410.1
He I	412.0
H	414.3
H	434.0
He I	438.7
He I	447.1
O II	455.2
He I	465.0
He I	471.3

Table A.2. Line list in the EMMI spectrum (Fig. 2).

Element	λ (nm)
N II	571.08
C IV	581.20
He I	587.56
C II	588.98
N II	594.16
C I	601.32
O I	604.64
N II	616.78
O II	619.79
O I	637.43
N I	644.00
O II	653.58
H	656.20
C II	657.80
N II	661.06
He I	667.81
O II	688.49
O II	686.95
He I	706.52

Table A.3. Line list in the SOFI/GBF spectrum (Fig. 3).

Element	λ (nm)
O I	950.56
He I	952.62
H	1004.98
O I	1042.12
H	1093.82
O I	1128.63
O I	1135.87
He I	1508.37

Table A.4. Line list in the SOFI/GRF (H part) spectrum (Fig. 4).

Element	λ (nm)
H I	1641.0
H I	1681.0
He I	1700.0
H I	1736.0

Table A.5. Line list in the SOFI/GRF (Ks part) spectrum (Fig. 5).

Element	λ (nm)
He I	2058.69
He I	2112.58
H	2166.12

Table A.6. Line list in the X-Shooter/UVB spectrum (Fig. 6).

Element	λ (nm)
H (Ba SL)	365.00
H (Ba 9-2)	383.54
H (Ba 8-2)	388.9
H (Ba 7-2)	397.0
He I	402.62
O II	407.00
H (Ba 6-2)	410.17
He I	412.08
He I	414.38
C II	426.00
O II	431.71
H (Ba 5-2)	434.05
O II	434.94
He I	438.79
O II	441.50
He I	447.15
Mg II	448.00
Si III	455.26
Si III	456.78
O II	464.91
C III	465.00
He I	471.31
H (Ba 4-2)	486.13
He I	492.19
N II	500.51
He I	501.57
He I	504.77

Table A.7. Line list in the X-Shooter/VIS spectrum (Fig. 7).

Element	λ (nm)
N II	566.66
He I	587.56
Na-D	588.98
Na-D	589.52
H (Ba 3-2)	656.30
He I	667.82
He I	706.52
He I	728.13
O I	777.19
H (Pa SL)	820.00
H (Pa 20-3)	839.24
H (Pa 19-3)	841.33
H (Pa 18-3)	843.80
H (Pa 17-3)	846.73
H (Pa 16-3)	850.25
H (Pa 15-3)	854.54
H (Pa 14-3)	859.84
H (Pa 13-3)	866.50
H (Pa 12-3)	875.05
H (Pa 11-3)	886.28
H (Pa 10-3)	901.53
H (Pa 9-3)	922.97
H (Pa 8-3)	954.62
H (Pa 7-3)	1004.98

Table A.8. Line list in the X-Shooter/NIR spectrum (Fig. 8).

Element	λ (nm)
H (Pa 7-3)	1004.98
He II	1012.36
He I	1031.12
He I	1083.03
He I	1091.30
H (Pa 6-3)	1093.82
He I	1196.91
He I	1252.75
He I-D	1278.48
H (Pa 5-3)	1281.81
He I	1296.84
He I	1508.36
H (Br 19-4)	1526.50
H (Br 18-4)	1534.60
H (Br 17-4)	1544.30
H (Br 16-4)	1556.05
H (Br 15-4)	1570.50
H (Br 14-4)	1588.50
H (Br 13-4)	1611.40
H (Br 12-4)	1641.14
H (Br 11-4)	1681.11
He I	1700.25
H (Br 10-4)	1736.69
H (Br 9-4)	1818.10
H (Pa 4-3)	1875.6
H (Br 8-4)	1945.10
He I	2058.69
He I	2112.58
H (Br 7-4)	2166.12
H (Pf SL)	2279.0