We aim to study star-forming region NGC 2024 FIR5 in the Orion B molecular cloud at a distance of  $\sim$ 415 pc (Alves et al. 2011). The cloud harbors a binary system SMM1 and SMM2 with masses of  $\sim$ 1.7 M $_{\odot}$  and 0.7 M $_{\odot}$  and a separation of  $\sim$ 4" from previous SMA observations at 850  $\mu m$  (Fig. 1; Chen et al. 2013). We request continuum observation at 1.3 mm in EXT configuration. The existing SMA 850  $\mu m$  data of NGC 2024 FIR5 with a resolution of 2.2"×1.3" shows a flux level of 42 mJy/beam near the edge of the source. Scaling to the EXT beam size of 1.1"×1.0", the expected flux level at 1.3 mm would be 5.6 mJy/beam for a typical spectral index of -2.5. Based on the sensitivity estimator, one  $\sim$ 4 hour EXT track will give a rms of 0.39 mJy/beam, enough to provide > 10 $\sigma$  detection.

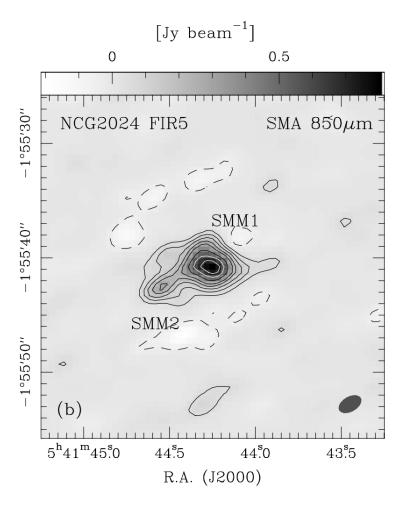


Figure 1. SMA 850  $\mu m$  dust continuum image of NGC 2024 FIR5 overlapped by contours of  $-3\sigma$ ,  $3\sigma$ ,  $6\sigma$ ,  $10\sigma$ ,  $15\sigma$ ,  $20\sigma$ ,  $30\sigma$ ,  $40\sigma$ , and  $50\sigma$  with  $1\sigma \sim 14$  mJy/beam. The figure is extracted from Chen et al. (2013).

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