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Abstract

Stars are born when matter from interstellar molecular clouds fall to its center to increase the mass of the protostar. Bipolar outflows are formed to remove the excess angular momentum of falling matter. Intensities of outflows are known as to be in a close relationship with their bolometric luminosity and evolutionary stages. In this paper, data from Institute for Radio Astronomy in the Millimeter Range (IRAM) 30m Telescope and Taeduk Radio Astronomy Observatory (TRAO) are used. IRAM data were used to map 12 CO J = 2 - 1 over Orion A molecular cloud. TRAO data were used to map 13 CO J = 1 - 0 over the same region. Outflows were observed and measured by drawing contour maps and line profiles of red/blue shifted components. The correlation between a protostar's luminosity and outflow momentum flux have been confirmed. Also, outflows could be detected better if the energy level of the emission

line is higher.

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Institute for Radio Astronomy in the Millimeter Range (IRAM) $30 \,\mathrm{m}^{-12}\mathrm{CO}\,\mathrm{J} = 2$ - 1 (Taeduk Radio Astronomy Observatory, TRAO)¹³CO J = 1 - 0 Orion A Cloud /contour map

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I. Introduction

Stars are formed in molecular clouds by gravitational accretion. In the early stages of star formation, young stellar objects(YSOs) are still embedded in the molecular clouds, increasing its mass and temperature by accretion of interstellar medium around it. Since the angular momentum is conserved while matter is accreted, matter near the surface of the protostar spins quickly, which stops more accretion. Since angular momentum is removed by jets called bipolar outflows, outflows are observed with size proportional to the mass accreted to the protostar [1]. It is already known that the accretion rate and the luminosity correlates to each other [2]. The outflow force decreases as protostars evolve from Class 0 to Class I, which means the strength that the protostar pulls interstellar matter decreases as time passes. In this study, I observed the protostars and their outflows of Orion A Cloud. First, I selected the protostars that outflows can be detected from the Spitzer and the Herchel catalogues [3, 4]. By using different data sets observed by different observatories and different wavelengths, I identified the outflows. I rechecked the correlation between the outflow force and its bolometric luminosity. Also, I compared the outflow momentum flux calculated using different emission lines.

II. Obervations and Data Reduction

II.1 Observation Region

The Orion region consists of two giant molecular clouds, the Orion A and B clouds. This research covers the Orion A Cloud. The Orion A Cloud covers about $29 \, \text{deg}^2$ of the sky and its distance is about $450 \, \text{pc}$ [5]. The total mass is estimated to be about $10^5 \, M_{\odot}$. It contains several hot molecular cores, such as the BN-KL nebula. It is known that the Orion Cloud was formed by a collision and fragmentation between two giant molecular clouds about 60 million years ago. The effects of the collision can be seen nowdays. There is a big velocity gradient along the declination axis. On the north side of the Orion A Cloud (OMC 2) shows about $12 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$ but on the south end (L1641) it has velocity about $5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$ [6].

II.2 Observation Data

The 12 CO (J = 2 - 1, 230.538 GHz) data was observed with the IRAM 30 m telescope in Granada, Spain, in 2013. The spatial beamwidth was 11, and the spectral resolution was $0.4 \,\mathrm{km}\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$. The noise level was $0.2 \,\mathrm{K}$. It only covers the north region of the Orion A cloud [7].

The 12 CO (J = 1 - 0, 115.271 GHz) data was observed with the NRO 45m telescope in Nobeyama, Japan.

The 13 CO (J = 1 - 0, 110.201 GHz) and the C^{18} O(J = 1 - 0, 109.782 GHz) was observed at Taeduk Radio Astronomy Observatory (TRAO) 13.7 m telescope in 2017. The spatial beamwidth was 45, and the spectral resolution was $0.05 \, \mathrm{km \, s^{-1}}$. The noise level was $0.4 \, \mathrm{K}$.

¹³CO and C¹⁸O lines are optically thin lines which can trace most of the matter on the line of sight, contrasting to ¹²CO lines which are so optically oblique that it can only trace the outermost part of the molecular core. In this study, I used TRAO data to determine the protostar's

velocity and linewidth which are the kinematic properties of the envelope. Then, I will trace the outflow jets using ¹²CO data.

Figure 1 shows the data from IRAM and TRAO. The intensity of the ^{12}CO data is approximately 10 times stronger than the ^{13}CO data.

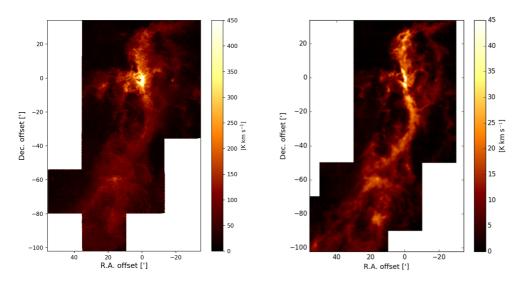


Figure 1. Orion A 12 CO (J = 2 - 1) integrated intensity map(left) 13 CO integrated intensity map(right).

II.3 Identification of Outflows

Data obtained by observing with radio waves are summed over the line of sight, which tells us the distribution of matter which has relative radial velocity to the observer. The envelope around the protostar is static or is contracting slowly to the protostar itself, but outflow jets have big velocity components from each pole. If the inclination of the outflows are not zero, it would be seen as jets are moving closer or further from the observer. In this study, 13 CO and 18 O lines were used to get the velocity distribution of the protostar. By using Gaussian fitting, I calculated the protostar>.5em 's central velocity(v_{cen}) and the full width at half maximum (FWHM). The intervals of the red/blue lobes were defined by how far is it from the center

velocity and how strong the intensity is.

Because the emission lines of ¹²CO are optically thicker than other lines, it is appropriate to trace the outflows with ¹²CO lines. I drew contour maps to find out if bipolar outflows existed with the protostar at its center. To check if the red blue lobes that are found are outflows from the same protostar I checked the ¹²CO, ¹³CO, C¹⁸O lines from the red peak, blue peak, and the center points. For each outflows confirmed, I calculated the column density and the momentum force.

The column density can be calculated as the following expression:

$$N_{H_{2}} = \frac{8\pi v^{3}}{c^{3}} \frac{1}{(2J_{l} + 3)A} \times \frac{Z(T_{ex})}{exp(-E_{l}/kT_{ex})[1 - exp(hv/kT_{ex})]} \times \frac{\int T_{B}dV}{J(T_{ex}) - J(T_{ho})}$$
(1)

$$J(T) = \frac{h\nu/k}{exp(h\nu/kT) - 1}$$
 (2)

In the above equation, v is the corresponding frequency of emission line, c is the speed of light, J_l is the rotational quantum number of the lower energy level, A is the Einstein A coefficient, Z is the partition function, E_l is the rotational energy of the lower energy level, k is the Boltzmann's constant, T_{ex} is the excitation temperature of the transitions, $\int T_B dV$ is the integrated intensity measured, T_{bg} is the background radiation temperature. I assumed a local thermal equilibrium(LTE) excitation at an outflow temperature of 50 K [8].

The mass within one beam can be calculated as the following:

$$M_B = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \theta_B^2 X[\text{CO}] N_{\text{H}_2} m_{\text{H}_2}$$
 (3)

D is the distance to the objects, θ_B is the beam size, $m_{\rm H_2}$ is the mass of one hydrogen molecule. $X[{\rm CO}]$ is the abundance ratio of CO to H₂. In this paper, $D=450\,{\rm pc}$ and $X[{\rm CO}]=10^{-4}$ was used [?].

II.4 Calculating Momentum Flux

The momentum flux within one beam is calculated as the following:

$$\dot{P} = \frac{dP}{dt} = \sum_{v} \frac{M_B(v)(v/\cos i)}{D\theta_B/(v\tan i)} \tag{4}$$

v is the velocity offset from v_{cen} , $M_B(v)$ is the mass within one beam, i is the inclination within one beam [?]. Then the momentum flux from individual beams are summed in annuli.

$$F_{\rm CO} = \sum_{annulus} \frac{2\pi\theta_r}{N_{pix}\theta_B} \dot{P} \tag{5}$$

 N_{pix} is the number of pixels in a annulus. θ_r is the distance between each pixel and the outflow center. θ_B is the beam size [?,9].

III. Results

III.1 Outflow Identification

Table 1. Protostars with observed outflows.

	coord	L _{bol}	T _{bol}	
Name	RA	Dec	$ m L_{\odot}$	K
FIR2	05:35:24.3	-05:08:33.3	5.68	100.6
FIR3	05:35:27.5	-05:09:32.5	360.86	71.5
FIR6b	05:35:23.4	-05:12:03.2	21.93	54.1
MMS2	05:35:18.3	-05:00:34.8	20.11	186.3
MMS5	05:35:22.4	-05:01:14.1	15.81	42.4
MMS9	05:35:26.0	-05:05:42.4	8.91	38.1

Table 1 shows the protostars with bipolar outflows observed.

III.1.1 12 CO J = 2 - 1 Observations

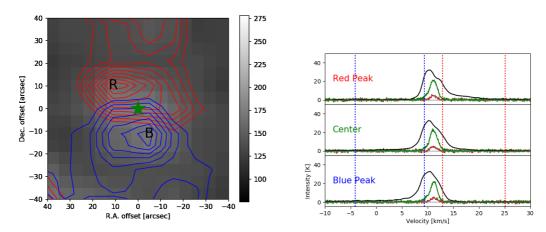


Figure 2. The contour map(left) and the line profile(right) of FIR2.

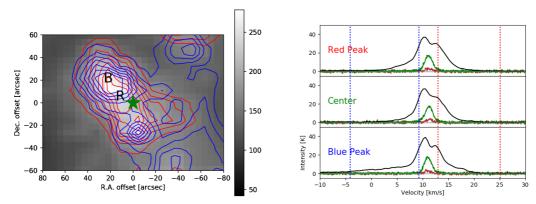


Figure 3. The contour map and the line profile of FIR3.

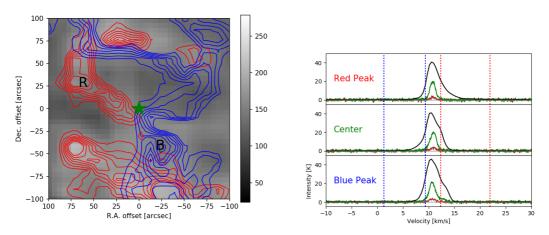


Figure 4. The contour map and the line profile of FIR6b.

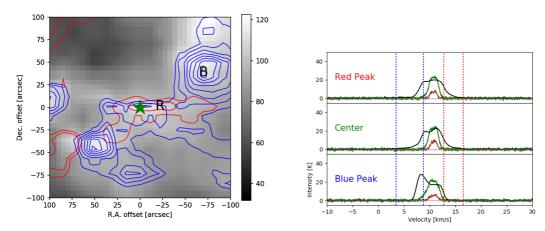


Figure 5. The contour map and the line profile of MMS2.

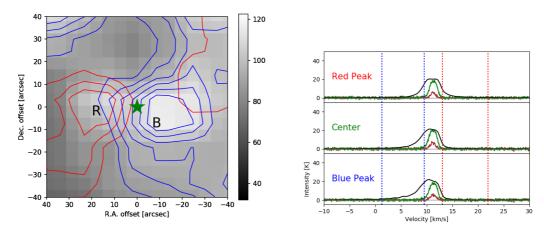


Figure 6. The contour map and the line profile of MMS5.

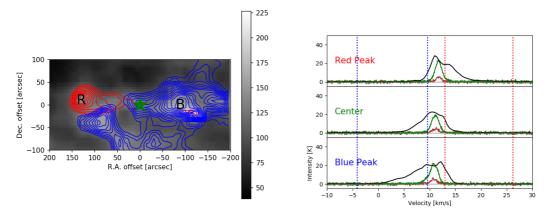


Figure 7. The contour map and the line profile of MMS9.

FIR2 - There is a strong bipolar outflow elongated along the N-S direction as shown in Figure ??. The size is about 30 arcsec, which is smaller than other outflows detected. Red and blue contour intervals are 10σ starting from 60σ , and 10σ starting from 100σ , respectively.

FIR3 - A strong bipolar outflow can be seen along NE-SW direction, with red and blue lobes overlapped with each other as shown in Figure ??. This tells us that the outflow axis is almost parallel to the line of sight. Red and blue contour intervals are 20σ starting from 40σ , and 20σ starting from 60σ , respectively.

FIR6b - The contour is not so clear because of other IR sources nearby as shown in Figure ??. The outflow is along the NW-SE direction. Red and blue contour intervals are 10σ starting from 45σ , and 10σ starting from 110σ , respectively.

MMS2 - The contour is in a tricky situation, because both red and blue lobes are in the east side of the protostar as shown in Figure ??. The outflow structure on the SW side is the outflow from another protostar, MMS5. It is possible that the outflow structure changed shape because of the turbulence from other protostars. Red and blue contour intervals are 10σ starting from

 30σ , and 10σ starting from 60σ , respectively.

MMS5 - There is an outflow structure along the E-W direction as shown in Figure ??. This outflow is much smaller than other bipolar outflows. Red and blue contour intervals are 10σ starting from 20σ , and 10σ starting from 40σ , respectively.

MMS9 = There is a strong outflow along the E-W direction as shown in Figure ??. We can see a smaller red lobe near the center of the blue lobe. Red and blue contour intervals are 10σ starting from 50σ , and 10σ starting from 60σ , respectively.

III.1.2 12 CO J = 1 - 0 Observations

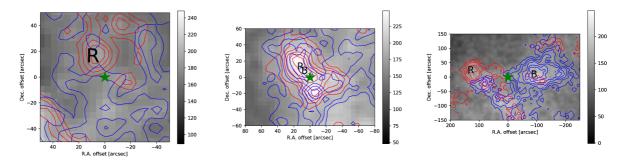


Figure 8. The contour map of FIR2(left), FIR3(middle), and MMS9(right).

FIR2 - The red lobe is clear on the NW side of the protostar, but the blue lobe is not that clear as shown in Figure ??.

FIR3 - The outflows are in a similar shape with the J = 2 - 1 observations as shown in Figure ??. The lobe centers are slightly near the protostar.

MMS9 - The outflows are also in a similar shape with the J = 2 - 1 observations as shown in Figure ??. We can also see that there is a small red lobe near the center of the blue lobe.

III.2 Momentum Flux

Table 2. CO outflow parameters.

		J = 2 - 1			J = 1 - 0	
Name	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R}}$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}$	Fco	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R}}$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}$	$\mathbf{F_{CO}}$
	$(M_{\odot}\mathrm{km}\mathrm{s}^{-1}\mathrm{yr}^{-1})$					
FIR2	1.14E-05	3.28E-05	4.42E-05	4.78E-06	-	4.78E-06
FIR3	4.77E-04	7.43E-04	1.22E-03	1.86E-04	3.02E-04	4.88E-04
FIR6b	1.13E-05	1.18E-05	2.31E-05	_	-	-
MMS2	1.14E-05	4.50E-05	5.64E-05	-	-	-
MMS5	5.80E-06	1.55E-05	2.13E-05	-	-	-
MMS9	3.67E-06	1.09E-05	1.46E-05	1.45E-06	6.02E-06	7.47E-06

Table 2 shows the parameters of the outflows detected. F_R and F_B stands for the outflow forces for the red lobe and the blue lobe respectively. F_{CO} is calculated by adding the two forces, which shows the momentum flux of the protostar. We can see that more outflows were detected by using J = 2 - 1 data, and the momentum flux is 2-3 times higher.

III.3 Momentum flux vs. Bolometric luminosity

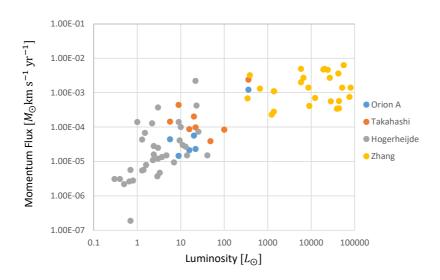
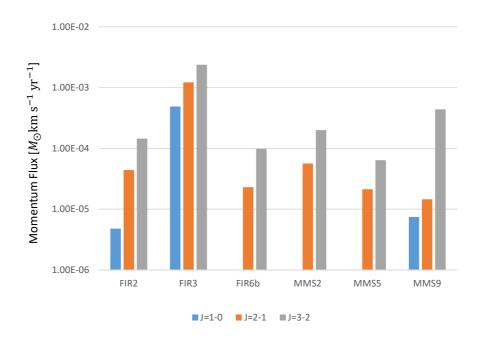


Figure 9. Momentum flux difference by emission line energy.

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"">> 52d944b9430f09045eee64c058cfde9c8b920417 Figure 9 shows the relation between the bolometric luminosity and the momentum flux of the outflows from previous studies [8–13]. Since the momentum flux of the same protostar is known to vary somewhat depending on the calculation methods [9], the relation between the bolometric luminosity and the momentum flux is difficult to express with the excat formula and only the degree of tendency can be analyzed. The bolometric luminosity was observed by the Spitzer and Herschel telescopes. Orion A Cloud is a region where stars with medium mass are formed. The fact that the momentum flux of the outflow is proportional to the bolometric luminosity could be checked. "">>>> 52d944b9430f09045eee64c058cfde9c8b920417

III.4 Momentum flux by emission line energy level



?? Figure 10. Momentum flux difference by emission line energy.

Figure ?? compares momentum flux calculated by three different emission lines of the same protostar. The 12 CO J = 3 - 2 observation was made by Takahashi et al [8]. We can see that it is possible to detect more outflows by using a higher energy emission line of 12 CO. Using data with smaller beamwidth also enhances detecting outflows. The reason that higher energy lines can detect more outflows can be explained as the following. The excitation temperature is higher for emission lines with higher energy. Outflows drag out matter from the protostar's envelope, which has higher temperature than its surroundings. Lines with higher energy are

emitted, which has an effect that makes column density higher than usual.

IV. Conclusion

The main results of this study are the followings:

- 1. 6 bipolar outflows were detected from the Orion A Cloud. All outflows were detected by J = 2 1 data, and 3 outflows were detected by J = 1 0 data.
- 2. The well-known correlation between momentum flux and the bolometric luminosity can be checked.
- 3. It is possible to detect more outflows by using a higher energy emission line of ¹²CO. Using data with smaller beamwidth also enhances detecting outflows. The reason that higher energy lines can detect more outflows can be explained as the following. The excitation temperature is higher for emission lines with higher energy. Outflows drag out matter from the protostar's envelope, which has higher temperature than its surroundings. Lines with higher energy are emitted, which has an effect that makes column density higher than usual.

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