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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 30m Telescope (IRAM) and Taeduk Radio Astronomy Observatory (TRAO) are used. IRAM was used to map $^{12}COJ = 2 - 1$ over Orion A molecular cloud. TRAO was used to map $^{13}COJ = 1 - 0$ over the same region. Outflows were observed and measured by drawing contour maps and line profiles of red/blue shifted components. SEDs were drawn for each protostars that outflows were detected. Outflows could be detected better if the energy level of the emmision line is higher. Also, the correlation between a protostar's luminosity and outflow force have been confirmed.

초록

별은 성간분자운의 물질이 중심으로 떨어져 원시성의 질량을 증가시켜야만 탄생된다. 이 과정에서 중심으로 떨어지는 물질의 각운동량을 제거하기 위해 방출류가 발생한다. 여기서 방출류의 세기는 원시성의 진화 단계와 광도와 관련이 있다고 알려져 있다. 이를 새로 관측된 데이터를 사용하여 보다 좋은 방출류 측정 방법과 기존의 연구를 검증해 보려고 한다.이 연구에서는 Institute for Radio Astronomy in the Millimeter Range 30m 망원경(IRAM)으로 관측한 ¹²CO J=2-1 관측 자료와 대덕 전파 망원경(Taeduk Radio Astronomy Observatory, TRAO)으로 관측한 ¹³CO J=1-0 천이 선 자료를 이용하였다. 두 자료 모두 Orion A Cloud 영역을 담고 있다. 빠른 속도 성분을 가진 적색/청색편이된 성분의 contour map을 그려 방출류를 관찰하고 방출류의 세기를 구하였다. 방출류의 세기와 원시성의 광도가 대체적으로 비례한다는 것을 알 수 있었다. 그리고 천이 선의 에너지 준위가 높을수록 방출류를 더 잘 검출할 수 있음을 확인할 수 있었다.

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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 will observe the protostars and their outflows of Orion A Cloud. First, I will select 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 will identify the outflows. I will recheck the correlation between the outflow force and its bolometric luminosity. Also, I will compare outflow forces calculated using different wavelengths of light.

I.I 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 $29deg^2$ of the sky and its distance is about 450pc. [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 12km/s but on the south end (L1641) it has velocity about 5km/s. [6]

I.II Observation Data

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

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

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

 ^{13}CO and $C^{18}O$ lines are optically thin lines which can trace most of the matter on the line of sight, contrasting to ^{12}CO 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 ^{12}CO data.

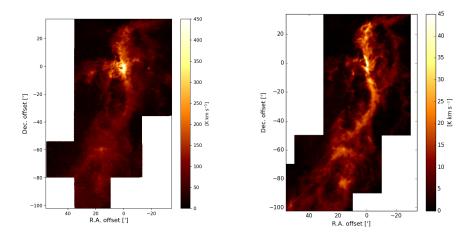


Figure 1. Orion A ¹²CO (J=2-1) intergrated intensity map(left) ¹³CO intergrated intensity map(right)

I.III 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 $C^{18}O$ lines were used to get the velocity distribution of the protostar. By using Gaussian fitting, I calculated the protostar's central velocity(v_{cen}) and the 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. The intervals for each protostars in this research is added on the appendix.

Because ^{12}CO is optically thicker than other emission lines, it is appropriate to trace the outflows with ^{12}CO lines. I drew contour maps to find out if bipolar outflows existed with the protostr at its center. To check if the red blue lobes that are found are outflows from the same protostar I checked the ^{12}CO , ^{13}CO , $C^{18}O$ lines from the red peak, blue peak, and the center points. For each outflows confirmed, I calculated the column density and the momentum force.

II. Results

	coord	L _{bol}	T _{bol}								
Name	RA	Dec	\mathbf{L}_{\odot}	K							
Orion A Cloud											
FIR2	05:35:24.3	-5:08:33.3	5.68	100.6							
FIR3	05:35:27.5	-5:09:32.5	360.86	71.5							
FIR6b	05:35:23.4	-5:12:03.2	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. Protostars with observed outflows

II.I Outflow Identification

The column density can be calculated as the following expression:

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

and

$$J(T) = \frac{h\nu/k}{exp(h\nu/kT) - 1}$$
 (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 LTE excitation at an outflow temperature of 50K. [8]

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

$$M_B = \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \theta_B^2 X[CO] N_{H_2} m_{H_2} \tag{3}$$

D is the distance to the objects, θ_B is the beam size, m_{H_2} is the mass of one hydrogen molecule. X[CO] is the abundance ratio of CO to H_2 . In this paper, D = 450pc and $X[CO] = 10^{-4}$ was used. [9]

II.I.1 ^{12}CO J=2-1 Observations

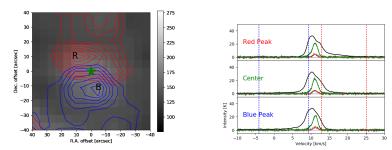


Figure 2. The contour map(left) and the line profile(right) of FIR2.

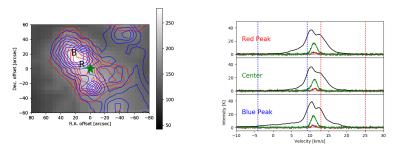
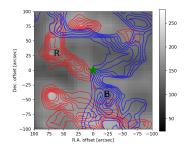


Figure 3. The contour map and theline profile of FIR3.



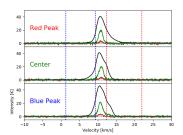
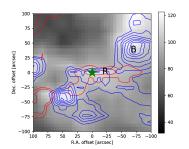


Figure 4. The contour map and the line profile of FIR6b.



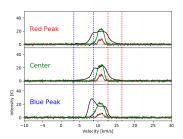
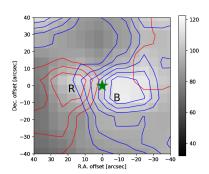


Figure 5. The contour map and the line profile of MMS2.



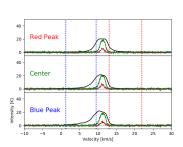


Figure 6. The contour map and the line profile of MMS5.

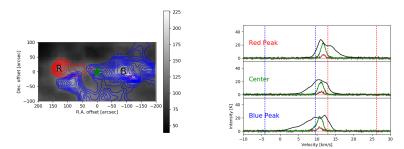


Figure 7. The contour map and the line profile of MMS9.

II.I.2 ^{12}CO J=1-0 Observations

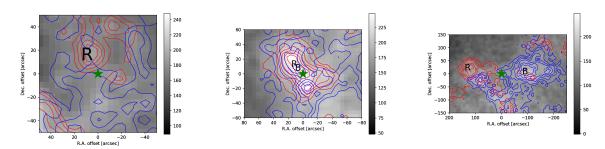


Figure 8. The contour map of FIR2(left), FIR3(middle), and MMS9(right).

II.II Momentum Flux

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

$$\dot{P} = \frac{dP}{dt} = \sum_{v} \frac{M_B(v)(v/\cos i)}{D\theta_B/(v\tan i)}$$
 (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. [9]

Then the momentum flux from individual beams are summed in annuli.

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

 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] [10]

		J=2-1		J=1-0								
Name	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R}}$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}$	F _{CO}	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R}}$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{CO}}$						
		$(M_{\odot}kms^{-1}yr^{-1})$										
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. CO outflow parameters

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.

II.II.1 ^{12}CO J=2-1 Observations

FIR2 - There is a strong bipolar outflow elongated along the N-S direction. 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. 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. 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. The outflow structure on the SW side is the outflow from another prostar, 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. 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. 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.

II.II.2 ^{12}CO J=1-0 Observations

FIR2 - The red lobe is clear on the NW side of the protostar, but the blue lobe is not that clear.

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

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

II.III Momentum flux vs. Bolometric luminosity

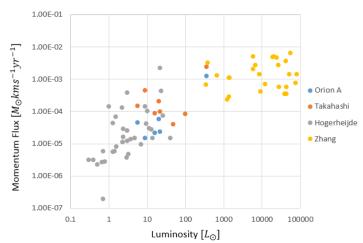


Figure 9. Momentum flux difference by emission line energy

The graph above shows the relation between the bolometric luminosity and the momentum flux of the outflows from previous studies. [8] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14]

Since the momentum flux of the same protostar is known to vary somewhat depending on the calculation methods [10], 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 proortional to the bolometric luminosity could be checked.

II.IV Momentum flux by emission line energy level

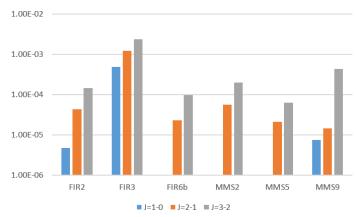


Figure 10. Momentum flux difference by emission line energy

The table compares momentum flux calculated by three different emmision 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.

III. Conclusion

The main results of this study are the following:

- 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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