The Structure of the Molecular Envelope around CRL 2688

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We have observed CRL 2688 (the Egg nebula) in the $^{13}$CO $J = 1 - 0$ and CS $J = 1 - 0$ and $2 - 1$ lines by the Nobeyama Millimeter Array with a resolution of about 4″. The $^{13}$CO velocity channel maps show that emission consists of three components; a spherical core, an extended envelope, and a bipolar high-velocity component (Yamamura et al. 1995). A spherical shape of the core despite of the maximum optical depth of about the unity indicates that the disk-like structure, expected from the shape of the bipolar nebula, is smaller than the present beam size (corresponding to about $6 \times 10^{16}$ cm at 1 kpc). The combined maps made from the data by the NMA and the Nobeyama 45-m telescope show that emission spreads towards the south of the center more than the opposite direction.

The three-dimensional density distribution in the envelope was calculated based on the combined maps (Yamamura et al. 1996). It turned out that the mass-loss rate of the object increased from about 3000 yr ago and reached the maximum value of about $3 \times 10^{-4} M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$, then rapidly decreased about 200 yr ago.

The CS $J = 1 - 0$ maps show the rather spherical envelope, while the $J = 2 - 1$ maps exhibit two bright spots (Kasuga et al. 1996). It is very interesting that the direction of the line connecting the two spots is consistent with the direction of the high-velocity flow, and inclined about 30–60° from the bipolar axis of the reflection nebula. A simple model-calculations show that these bright spots can be interpreted by the enhancement of the CS abundance due to shock chemistry.

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