Nobeyama 45 m Local Spur CO survey: Giant molecular filaments and cluster formation in the Vulpecula OB association

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Abstract

We have performed new large-scale ¹²CO, ¹³CO, and C¹⁸O J =1–0 observations of the Vulpecula OB association as a part of the Nobeyama 45m Local Spur CO survey project. We revealed the three velocity components including filamentary structures, which are likely to be physically associated with these high-mass star-forming regions based on the results of high ¹²CO J = 2–1 to J = 1-0 intensity ratio. These clouds are connected in the velocity space, and the NGC 6823 open cluster exists at the intersection of these clouds. Therefore, we suggest that the multiple cloud interaction scenario can explain the origin of the massive cluster formation in the Vulpecula OB association.

