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ALMA Cycle 0 Observation of a Protostellar Binary L1551 NE

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In this presentation, we will show ALMA Cycle 0 results of L1551 NE in the 0.9-mm dust continuum emission and C¹⁸O (J=3-2) emission. L1551 NE is a Class I protostellar binary ($T_{bol} = 91$ K; $L_{bol} = 4.2 L_{\odot}$) located in Taurus at a distance of 140 pc. This protostellar binary has been identified as two 3.6-cm radio continuum sources with a projected separation of ~70 AU at a position angle of 120°. Our previous SMA observations of L1551 NE in the 0.9-mm continuum and C¹⁸O (J=3-2) line emission at a spatial resolution of ~0.9" have found a ring-like, $r \sim 300$ AU circumbinary disk in Keplerian rotation. Our higher-sensitivity ALMA observation of the circumbinary disk has revealed finer-scale morphology and gas motions. We will report our progress of our discussion on the ALMA data, and show the latest results, in the context of binary star formation.