

## Investigating HII Regions in the Disk of NGC 7331 with the Circumgalactic H $\alpha$ Spectrograph

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### 7 ABSTRACT

8 We investigate the ionized gas kinematics of HII regions in the disk of NGC 7331 using IFU data  
9 collected with the Circumgalactic H $\alpha$  Spectrograph (CH $\alpha$ S). NGC 7331 is a well-studied nearby galaxy  
10 with HII regions resolved by seeing-limited observations, making it ideally suited for this work. The  
11 galaxy disk features vigorous star formation (2.987 M $_{\odot}$  yr<sup>-1</sup>), especially in the central ring of starburst  
12 activity. Our catalog of > 150 HII regions is drawn from a large database of HII regions identified in  
13 past literature, selecting regions well matched to our spatial resolution. Using this refined catalog, we  
14 perform aperture photometry on the SIRTf Nearby Galaxies Survey (SINGS) narrowband H $\alpha$  images  
15 of NGC 7331, extracting the H $\alpha$  luminosity L(H $\alpha$ ) of 155 HII regions. We present corresponding  
16 measurements of the average line-of-sight ionized gas velocity dispersion  $\sigma$  in these regions with CH $\alpha$ S.  
17 High-resolution velocity and dispersion maps of the galactic disk are produced from the CH $\alpha$ S spectral  
18 imaging, selecting spaxels with high signal-to-noise in order to measure velocity dispersions as low as  
19 12 km s<sup>-1</sup>. Our measurements of the L(H $\alpha$ ),  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  and  $\sigma$  in NGC 7331 are consistent with spatially  
20 resolved observations of HII regions in large surveys of nearby galaxies. We explore the L(H $\alpha$ ) –  $\sigma$   
21 relationship, identifying turbulent HII regions with non-thermal dispersions likely driven by stellar  
22 feedback. The dispersion is correlated with the star formation rate surface density, and using the  
23 relation  $\sigma \propto \epsilon \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{\alpha}$ , HII regions in NGC7331 are best fit by  $\epsilon = 80$ ,  $\alpha = 0.335$ .

24 *Keywords:* HII regions, Interstellar line emission, Spectroscopy, Spiral galaxies

### 25 1. INTRODUCTION

26 HII regions are ionized pockets of gas within galax-  
27 ies, formed when intense radiation from young, mas-  
28 sive stars strips electrons from surrounding hydrogen  
29 atoms. These regions serve as vital tracers of recent  
30 star formation and provide key insights into the in-  
31 teraction between stellar feedback and the interstellar  
32 medium (ISM). The ISM across redshifts is superso-  
33 nically turbulent (Glazebrook 2013; Übler et al. 2019;  
34 Bacchini et al. 2020; Rizzo et al. 2024), driven by a  
35 combination of intergalactic and external processes includ-  
36 ing stellar feedback (winds, supernovae), gravitational  
37 and magnetic instabilities, galactic shear, and accretion  
38 (Elmegreen & Scalo 2004; Glazebrook 2013, & refer-  
39 ences therein). Turbulence in the interstellar medium  
40 plays a crucial role in regulating star formation, pro-  
41 viding global pressure support that counteracts gravity  
42 while also creating perturbations that provoke small-

43 scale collapse (Mac Low & Klessen 2004). Turbulent  
44 motions in the ISM are observationally probed using  
45 the gas velocity dispersion, with many studies finding  
46 a positive correlation between gas dispersion and star  
47 formation rate (Lehnert et al. 2009, 2013; Green et al.  
48 2010, 2014; Le Tiran et al. 2011; Moiseev et al. 2015).  
49 This relationship has been studied extensively in high-  
50 redshift galaxies and local luminous and ultraluminous  
51 infrared galaxies (LIRGs/ULIRGs) with high star for-  
52 mation rates and large gas dispersions (e.g. Bellocchi  
53 et al. 2013; Green et al. 2014; Arribas et al. 2014; Übler  
54 et al. 2019; Perna et al. 2022) where gravitational in-  
55 stability, gas transport, and external accretion likely  
56 contribute significantly to turbulence (Krumholz et al.  
57 2018; Ginzburg et al. 2022; Mai et al. 2024). Galaxies  
58 with lower star formation rates around a few M $_{\odot}$  yr<sup>-1</sup>  
59 may straddle the boundary between gravity-driven tur-  
60 bulence and stellar feedback-driven models where the  
61 the ionized gas dispersions are dominated by the in-

62 ternal motions of the HII regions, highlighting the im-  
 63 portance of spatially resolved datasets in this regime at  
 64 low-redshifts (Krumholz & Burkhardt 2016). While the  
 65 connection between gas dispersion and star formation  
 66 rate is well-established in statistical samples, star forma-  
 67 tion environments can vary drastically within individual  
 68 galaxies. Case studies in galaxies with spatially varying  
 69 star formation environments are crucial to understand-  
 70 ing the role turbulence plays in regulating star formation  
 71 in diverse environments across the galactic disk.

72 NGC 7331 provides an interesting mixture of environ-  
 73 ments for investigating the relationship between star for-  
 74 mation and ISM gas kinematics, aided by its close prox-  
 75 imity (14.5 Mpc, Freedman et al. 2001) and its exten-  
 76 sive observation history. Comprehensive observations  
 77 across wavelengths have identified distinct morphologi-  
 78 cal features in NGC 7331. The galactic disk is bright in  
 79 H $\alpha$  emission and hosts a large population of HII regions  
 80 (Rubin et al. 1965; Hodge & Kennicutt 1983; Marcelin  
 81 et al. 1994; Petit 1998). A central ring of dust and gas  
 82 in the disk of NGC 7331 is seen prominently in CO  
 83 (Young & Scoville 1982), HI (Bosma 1978), IR (Tele-  
 84 sco et al. 1982; Regan et al. 2004), and H $\alpha$  (Battaner  
 85 et al. 2003). This ring exhibits starburst activity and  
 86 hosts a significant fraction of the star formation occur-  
 87 ring in the galaxy (Battaner et al. 2003; Thilker et al.  
 88 2007). Some kinematic studies of NGC 7331 suggest a  
 89 counter-rotating bulge relative to the disk (Prada et al.  
 90 1996), and peculiar velocities at the inner boundary of  
 91 the central ring are consistent with ionized gas inflow  
 92 (Battaner et al. 2003). A large-scale warp in the HI gas  
 93 distribution (Bosma 1978), an extended distribution of  
 94 debris/plumes/streams surrounding the galaxy, as well  
 95 as a large population of dwarf companions, all sug-  
 96 gest a history of mergers and tidal interactions (Ludwig  
 97 et al. 2012; Blauensteiner et al. 2017). Complex ve-  
 98 locity structure and morphology combined with active  
 99 star formation in NGC 7331 provides an ideal setting  
 100 for studying how star formation influences and is influ-  
 101 enced by gas kinematics at moderate spatial resolution.  
 102 A seeing-limited spatial resolution of 2'' corresponds to  
 103 a physical scale of approximately 150 pc in the disk of  
 104 NGC 7331, allowing detailed resolution of individual HII  
 105 regions. The HII regions studied in this work have a ra-  
 106 dius of 173 pc on average.

107 We present new maps of the complex kinematics in the  
 108 disk of NGC 7331 using the Circumgalactic H $\alpha$  Spec-  
 109 trograph (CH $\alpha$ S, Melso et al. 2022). CH $\alpha$ S is an ad-  
 110 vanced integral field spectrograph optimized for map-  
 111 ping the spatial and kinematic structure of faint, ion-  
 112 ized gas. With a resolving power of  $R \sim 10,000$ , a field  
 113 of view of  $10' \times 10'$ , and high sensitivity to very faint

114 emission, CH $\alpha$ S can capture spectral images of nearby  
 115 galaxy disks at high signal-to-noise with superb survey  
 116 speed. Integral field spectroscopy (IFS) is a crucial ob-  
 117 servational technique for establishing large catalogs of  
 118 resolved HII regions in nearby galaxies and probing the  
 119 properties of these regions in great detail (e.g., Sánchez  
 120 et al. 2012; Espinosa-Ponce et al. 2020; McLeod et al.  
 121 2020; Cosens et al. 2022; Congiu et al. 2023; Groves et al.  
 122 2023; Rickards Vaught et al. 2024). CH $\alpha$ S excels in this  
 123 regard, efficiently surveying the low-redshift universe by  
 124 slicing the wide field of view into tens of thousands of  
 125 spectra collected simultaneously at moderate spectral  
 126 resolution around a single emission line. CH $\alpha$ S is ca-  
 127 pable of detecting high-surface-brightness H $\alpha$  emission  
 128 from HII regions in the galactic disk in a 6-minute ex-  
 129 posure, and it can measure faint emission down to 1  
 130 Rayleigh from diffuse gas at the disk-halo interface in  
 131 just a few hours (Melso et al. 2022). En-route to ultra-  
 132 deep observations probing the diffuse outskirts of galax-  
 133 ies, CH $\alpha$ S will provide detailed spatial and kinematic  
 134 characterization of the dense interstellar medium. The  
 135 maps of NGC 7331 presented in this work are an early  
 136 demonstration of the full observing power of CH $\alpha$ S.

137 In this work, we examine the kinematics of HII re-  
 138 gions across the disk of NGC 7331, focusing on the rela-  
 139 tionship between H $\alpha$  luminosity and ionized gas velocity  
 140 dispersion ( $\sigma$ ). In Section 2, we present the photometric  
 141 and spectroscopic datasets used in this study, along with  
 142 the data acquisition and reduction procedures. Section  
 143 3 details the methodology for selecting the HII region  
 144 catalog, including the criteria applied to identify and  
 145 characterize the regions. In Section 4 we investigate the  
 146 ionized gas morphology and discuss the analysis of the  
 147 H $\alpha$  luminosity and velocity dispersion relationship. In  
 148 Section 5, we interpret our findings in the context of ex-  
 149 isting literature and theoretical models, and Section 6  
 150 concludes the paper with a summary of key results and  
 151 directions for future research.

## 152 2. OBSERVATIONS

153 This work relies on a combination of photometric and  
 154 spectroscopic datasets, detailed below. NGC 7331 has  
 155 a wealth of multi-wavelength observations, and many of  
 156 these datasets have aided our analysis. Here we map the  
 157 spatio-kinematic structure of ionized gas throughout the  
 158 galactic disk of NGC 7331 in great detail.

### 159 2.1. CH $\alpha$ S Observations

160 Spectroscopic data was collected with the re-  
 161 cently commissioned Circumgalactic H $\alpha$  Spectrograph  
 162 (CH $\alpha$ S). The entrance to the IFS is a microlens array,  
 163 which segments the telescope focal plane into  $> 60,000$

164 spectra, each dispersed over a narrow bandpass to avoid  
 165 overlap. CH $\alpha$ S is optimized for mapping the spatial and  
 166 kinematic structure of ultra-faint ionized gas, so it can  
 167 easily detect high H $\alpha$  surface brightness HII regions in  
 168 the disks of nearby galaxies and resolve complex mor-  
 169 phology that can be difficult to fully capture with long-  
 170 slit spectroscopy. See [Melso et al. \(2022\)](#) for a detailed  
 171 description of the instrument.

172 In [Figure 1](#) we present spectral imaging of NGC 7331  
 173 in H $\alpha$  emission. A summary of the CH $\alpha$ S observations  
 174 is given in [Table 1](#). This data was collected during the  
 175 Fall of 2023, under very dark, photometric conditions  
 176 with  $< 2\%$  Moon illumination and  $> 125^\circ$  Moon sep-  
 177 aration. The stack shown in [Figure 1](#) consists of 360s  
 178 exposures co-aligned and co-added to create a two-hour  
 179 integration. The narrowband filter combination used for  
 180 these observations has a bandpass of  $20 \text{ \AA}$  FWHM and a  
 181 central wavelength of  $6582 \text{ \AA}$ . Accordingly, this filter set  
 182 is best suited for radial velocities ranging from  $412 \text{ km}$   
 183  $\text{s}^{-1}$  to  $1323 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The systemic velocity of NGC 7331  
 184 ( $V_{\text{sys}} = 816 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) is near the center of the filter band-  
 185 pass, and the galaxy HI line width at 20% of the maxi-  
 186 mum intensity ( $W_{20} = 530 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) falls within the filter  
 187 FWHM ([Tully 1988](#); [de Vaucouleurs et al. 1991](#)). This  
 188 filter combination isolates the H $\alpha$  emission line and re-  
 189 jects contamination from the NII doublet ( $6573 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $6608$   
 190  $\text{\AA}$ ). The bandpass still includes emission from the sky  
 191 background, notably the bright OH 6-1P1e,1f (4.5) tel-  
 192 luric line (unresolved doublet) at  $6578 \text{ \AA}$  ([Osterbrock](#)  
 193 [et al. 1996](#)).

## 194 2.2. Ancillary Data

195 This work utilizes multi-wavelength observations of  
 196 NGC 7331, including the narrowband H $\alpha$  imaging from  
 197 the SIRTTF Nearby Galaxies Survey (SINGS) ([Kenni-](#)  
 198 [cutt et al. 2003](#); [SINGS Team 2020](#)). HII region flux  
 199 estimates were derived using the corrected SINGS NGC  
 200 7331 H $\alpha$  map published in [Leroy et al. \(2012\)](#). This map  
 201 has been corrected for NII contamination and Galactic  
 202 extinction, and the integrated flux has been matched to  
 203 values in the literature. The HI 21cm velocity field (mo-  
 204 ment 1) from The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey (THINGS)  
 205 ([Walter et al. 2008](#)) was used as a reference to create  
 206 the CH $\alpha$ S velocity map. We also compare with the  
 207 BIMA Survey of Nearby Galaxies (BIMA SONG) CO  
 208 (1-0) map ([Helfer et al. 2003](#)) in order to identify HII  
 209 regions located within the gaseous inner ring.

## 210 3. METHODS

211 We detail the methods for extracting kinematic and  
 212 photometric properties of HII regions from both the  
 213 CH $\alpha$ S and SINGS data.

### 214 3.1. CH $\alpha$ S Data Reduction

215 The stack shown in [Figure 1](#) was created by align-  
 216 ing and averaging multiple exposures, all taken within  
 217 the same night (See [Table 1](#)). The drift between ex-  
 218 posures was calculated using the cross-correlation in a  
 219 high signal-to-noise patch of the disk, and the image  
 220 registration was performed to sub-pixel precision. The  
 221 World Coordinate System (WCS) applied to the CH $\alpha$ S  
 222 data is centered on the wavelength of H $\alpha$  at the systemic  
 223 velocity of NGC 7331 adjusted for the heliocentric ve-  
 224 locity correction. This solution ensures the best average  
 225 alignment between the CH $\alpha$ S spectral imaging in H $\alpha$   
 226 emission and narrowband H $\alpha$  imaging from other sur-  
 227 veys. The stacked CH $\alpha$ S data still contains the bright  
 228 telluric line at  $6578 \text{ \AA}$ . Due to the repeating grid na-  
 229 ture of the CH $\alpha$ S spectra, it is important to remove this  
 230 line, as it fully overlaps H $\alpha$  emission from ionized gas  
 231 at  $685 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $1180 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and partially overlaps  
 232 emission at multiple intermediate velocities within the  
 233 bandpass. We collect separate sky data at a pointing  
 234 offset from NGC 7331 and use that sky stack to cre-  
 235 ate the background subtracted image shown in [Figure](#)  
 236 [1](#). Since the absolute flux measurements are done using  
 237 the SINGS H $\alpha$  data (see [Section 3.4](#)) we do not apply  
 238 a flux calibration to the CH $\alpha$ S data in this work. We  
 239 do correct by an average flat field in order to ensure  
 240 that relative measurements across the CH $\alpha$ S stack are  
 241 consistent. Throughout this work in order to convert  
 242 from pixels to  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  we use the CH $\alpha$ S linear dispersion  
 243 mapping. The CH $\alpha$ S linear dispersion varies along the  
 244 spectral direction; however, the major axis of NGC 7331  
 245 is aligned with the cross-spectral direction and variation  
 246 in the linear dispersion across the disk is a very small  
 247 effect on the order of  $< 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  error. We extract and  
 248 average the linear dispersion values at lenslet positions  
 249 that cover the disk of NGC 7331, resulting in an average  
 250 linear dispersion of  $0.37 \text{ \AA pix}^{-1}$  or  $16.86 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ pix}^{-1}$   
 251 used in this work. The CH $\alpha$ S data reduction pipeline  
 252 is a work in progress (see updates in [Cevallos-Aleman](#)  
 253 [et al. 2024](#)).

### 254 3.2. CH $\alpha$ S Spectral Extraction and Fitting

255 The CH $\alpha$ S field of view consists of  $> 60,000$  spec-  
 256 tra, one for each lenslet in the microlens array. NGC  
 257 7331 covers approximately 3000 lenslets, and  $\sim 1400$  of  
 258 the spectra extracted from these lenslets meet our SNR  
 259 requirements. We extract these spectra using rectan-  
 260 gular apertures centered on the detected H $\alpha$  emission,  
 261 collapsing each spectrum along the cross-spectral direc-  
 262 tion to improve the S/N. The mean (velocity centroid)  
 263 and standard deviation (dispersion) are calculated from  
 264 the 1D Gaussian fit to the H $\alpha$  emission line in each spec-

trum. All lines were fit as a single component (one mean velocity peak with a single dispersion value). We calculate the Doppler shift of the H $\alpha$  emission line and the corresponding ionized gas velocity by measuring the offset between the H $\alpha$  emission line peak and the peak emission from the stationary telluric line in the sky background image. The standard deviation of the 1D Gaussian fit to each H $\alpha$  emission line is the the observed dispersion ( $\sigma_{obs}$ ). We subtract the instrument line profile ( $\sigma_{inst}$ ) from the observed dispersion ( $\sigma_{obs}$ ) in quadrature. We similarly correct for thermal broadening at a gas temperature of  $10^4$  K ( $\sigma_b = 9.1$  km s $^{-1}$ ) (Rozas et al. 2000). The line-of-sight ionized gas dispersion calculation used in this work follows Equation 1.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{(\sigma_{obs})^2 - (\sigma_{inst})^2 - (\sigma_b)^2} \quad (1)$$

We note that in theory we should also correct for the natural line width of H $\alpha$  emission ( $\sigma_N = 3$  km s $^{-1}$ ); however, the instrument line profile is measured by stacking the sky spectra extracted from each lenslet and fitting the OH 6-1P1e,1f (4.5) telluric line with a 1D Gaussian. Accordingly, the measured instrument dispersion is convolved with the intrinsic width of the OH 6-1P1e,1f (4.5) telluric line. We assume that the intrinsic width of this telluric line is on the order of the natural line width of H $\alpha$  emission and is already accounted for in our correction for the instrument line-spread function. The instrument line profile derived from the 1D Gaussian fit to the stacked sky background line is shown in Figure 2. While fitting calibration lamp data would be higher signal-to-noise, a single lamp exposure underestimates the instrument profile as it does not include the jitter introduced in the observation and stacking.

$$\text{SNR}_{obs} = \text{SNR} (\sigma_{inst}^2 / \sigma^2 + 1) \quad (2)$$

To ensure small velocity dispersions below the instrument resolution are measured reliably, we select a signal to noise cut on our observations ( $\text{SNR}_{obs}$ ) such that intrinsic dispersion measurements ( $\sigma$ ) are made with  $\text{SNR} = \sigma / \delta\sigma = 3$ . The observed signal-to-noise ( $\text{SNR}_{obs}$ ) required to reach an intrinsic dispersion measurement with an SNR of 3 is given by Equation 2 (derived in Zhou et al. (2017)). Measuring gas dispersions dominated by thermal broadening and natural line width ( $\sigma \approx 12$  km s $^{-1}$ ) with a SNR of 3 requires an observational cut of  $\text{SNR}_{obs} = 3(\frac{19.02^2}{12^2} + 1) \approx 10$ . A conservative noise estimate is determined by selecting regions in the outskirts of the background subtracted image and creating a histogram of summed counts in a rolling rectangular aperture with dimensions (w,h) = (5,4) pixels. This aperture size corresponds to emission with a velocity width of 64 km s $^{-1}$ , on par with the broadest spectra

**Table 1:** NGC 7331 CH $\alpha$ S observational summary

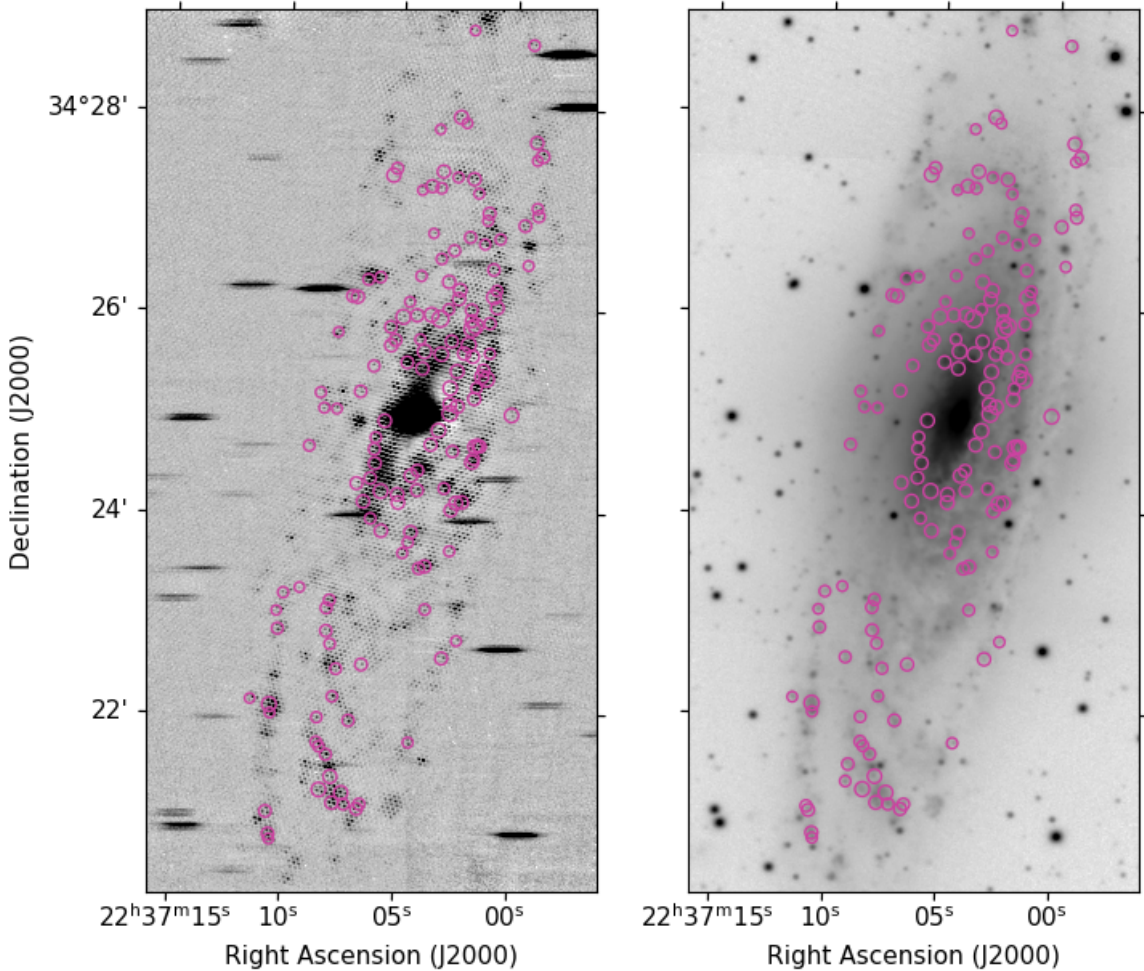
Parameter	Value	Comment
<b>Observation Summary</b>		
Right Ascension ( $\alpha$ )	22:37:04	FOV Center
Declination ( $\delta$ )	+34:24:56	FOV Center
Distance	14.5 Mpc	14.7 $\pm$ 0.6
Systemic ( $V_{\text{Hel}}$ )	816 $\pm$ 1 km s $^{-1}$	
Exposure Time	360 s	per frame
Total Integration	2.1 hrs	21 frames
Moon Illumination	< 2%	
Moon Separation	> 125 $^\circ$	
Dates	19 Oct 2023	
Heliocentric Correction	29.54 km s $^{-1}$	
<b>Instrument Settings</b>		
Field of View	10' $\times$ 10'	
Spatial Resolution	2.8''	
Spectral Resolution ( $\Delta\lambda$ )	0.67 $\text{\AA}$	
Central Wavelength ( $\lambda$ )	6582 $\text{\AA}$	
Bandpass (FWHM)	20 $\text{\AA}$	

seen in the disk NGC 7331. The signal is extracted in identical apertures. While the maps presented in Figure 3 and Figure 4 use an observed signal to noise cut of  $\text{SNR} > 3$ , the dispersion measurements in Figure 5 and Table 2 use an observed signal to noise cut of  $\text{SNR} > 10$  in order to achieve a  $3\sigma$  measurement of dispersions below the instrument resolution (down to 12 km s $^{-1}$ ).

### 3.3. HII Region Selection

The full catalog of HII regions used in this work is presented in Table 2. The apertures selected are taken from the Petit (1998) [P98] catalog, the Marcelin et al. (1994) catalog, and the Hodge & Kennicutt (1983) [HK83] catalog of HII regions in NGC 7331. We keep the literature IDs for reference, but note that the apertures used may not be positioned exactly as originally intended, and any reproductions of this work should rely on the J2000 coordinates provided in Table 2. A 2D Gaussian was fit to each region, and small adjustments on the order of a few arcseconds were made to the region centroids. The HK83 coordinates were shifted by up to  $\sim \pm 4$  arcsec in order to match HII regions in the SINGS H $\alpha$  image. This offset is due to a combination of factors including the distortion error associated with the 0.9-m plates used to construct this catalog (Hodge & Kennicutt 1983) and differences in blending/resolution between the HK83 and SINGS imaging. We remove re-





**Figure 1:** Comparison of CHaS (left) and SINGS (right) images, each overlaid with our catalog of 155 optimized regions represented by 3-sigma radius circles. The regions in the CHaS image have been adjusted based on our high-resolution velocity map to account for spectral shifts and the unique morphology of the lenslets within each region.

341 gions that are now known stars as well as regions that  
 342 are contaminated by their proximity to known stars.  
 343 We also make a cut to only include regions that have a  
 344 FWHM of  $> 4''$ , ensuring they are well-matched to our  
 345 spatial resolution. These regions do not require aperture  
 346 corrections, as they are resolved by the seeing-limited  
 347 PSF ( $\sim 1'' - 2''$ ) of the SINGS H $\alpha$  images (Murphy  
 348 et al. 2018). The HII regions that remain after this  
 349 cut are also spatially resolved in the CHaS data, cov-  
 350 ering at least two lenslets. Finally, we visually inspect  
 351 all apertures and make a last round of cuts to minimize  
 352 crowding, reduce the number of blended regions, and re-  
 353 move regions impacted by artifacts such as saturated or  
 354 over-subtracted pixels.

### 3.4. SINGS Aperture Photometry

355  
 356 We perform aperture photometry to extract flux val-  
 357 ues from the SINGS data in the apertures shown in Fig-  
 358 ure 1. We chose an aperture radius corresponding to

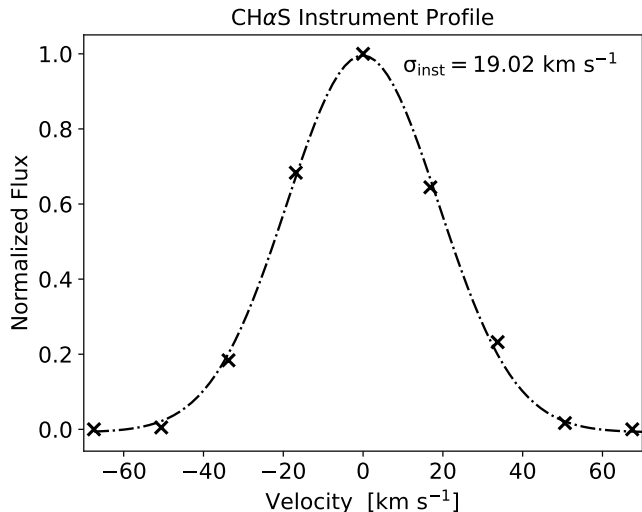
359 the effective radius ( $r_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{2 \ln 2 \sigma_x \sigma_y}$ ), calculated us-  
 360 ing the 2D Gaussian fit for each region. The calibration  
 361 uncertainty is taken to be  $\approx 10\%$  of the flux (DR5 Data  
 362 Delivery Document). The calibration uncertainty domi-  
 363 nates over the background error estimated near the edge  
 364 of the image, so we assume a 10% flux error on the values  
 365 quoted in Table 2.

## 366 4. RESULTS

367 We report on the ionized gas morphology, luminos-  
 368 ity, and kinematics in the disk of NGC 7331. We use  
 369 these resolved measurements to explore the luminosity-  
 370 dispersion relation for our sample of HII regions de-  
 371 scribed above.

### 372 4.1. Ionized Gas Morphology

373 As shown in Figure 1 the ionized gas morphology seen  
 374 in the CHaS spectral imaging is consistent with the  
 375 structure seen in the SINGS narrowband imaging. Stars



**Figure 2:** CH $\alpha$ S instrument profile derived from the stacked sky background line in more than 3000 spectra. The instrument dispersion measured from the Gaussian fit shown here is convolved with the (much narrower) intrinsic width of the OH 6-1P1e,1f (4.5) telluric line.

376 in the CH $\alpha$ S image are dispersed and appear as bright  
 377 continuum spectra shortened by the narrow bandpass  
 378 filter. The LINER nucleus (Cowan et al. 1994) is sur-  
 379 rounded by faint H $\alpha$  emission which abruptly increases  
 380 in brightness due to starburst activity in the inner ring  
 381 (Battaner et al. 2003). This bright H $\alpha$  emission is coinci-  
 382 dent with HI (Bosma 1978) and CO (Young & Scoville  
 383 1982) observations of the ring. The outer disk of the  
 384 galaxy is also bright in discrete H $\alpha$  emission. The HII  
 385 regions in our catalog are spread throughout the galac-  
 386 tic disk. They range in size from approximately 350 pc  
 387 – 700 pc. We note that this is not an exhaustive cata-  
 388 log. We leave for future work an algorithmic detection  
 389 of HII regions (e.g., Sánchez et al. 2012; Espinosa-Ponce  
 390 et al. 2020; Congiu et al. 2023) which could be applied  
 391 to a larger sample of galaxies observed during the CH $\alpha$ S  
 392 commissioning and early science campaigns.

#### 393 4.2. Ionized Gas Luminosity

394 The H $\alpha$  luminosity values for HII regions measured in  
 395 NGC 7331 range from  $37.73 < \text{Log}(L_{\text{H}\alpha}) < 39.16$ . The  
 396 median luminosity of  $1 \times 10^{38} \text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  corresponds  
 397 to  $Q_0 = 7.7 \times 10^{49}$  ionizing photons, equivalent to ap-  
 398 proximately 2 O5 stars, 6 O7 stars, or 21 O9 stars (Table  
 399 2.3 in Osterbrock (1974)). Accordingly, the median stel-  
 400 lar mass of these regions ranges from  $100 M_{\odot} - 1000 M_{\odot}$   
 401 (assuming an O star mass of  $50 M_{\odot}$ ). The H $\alpha$  luminos-  
 402 ity measurements presented in Table 2 are converted to  
 403 a star formation rate using the prescription in Calzetti  
 404 (2013). The total integrated H $\alpha$  luminosity summed

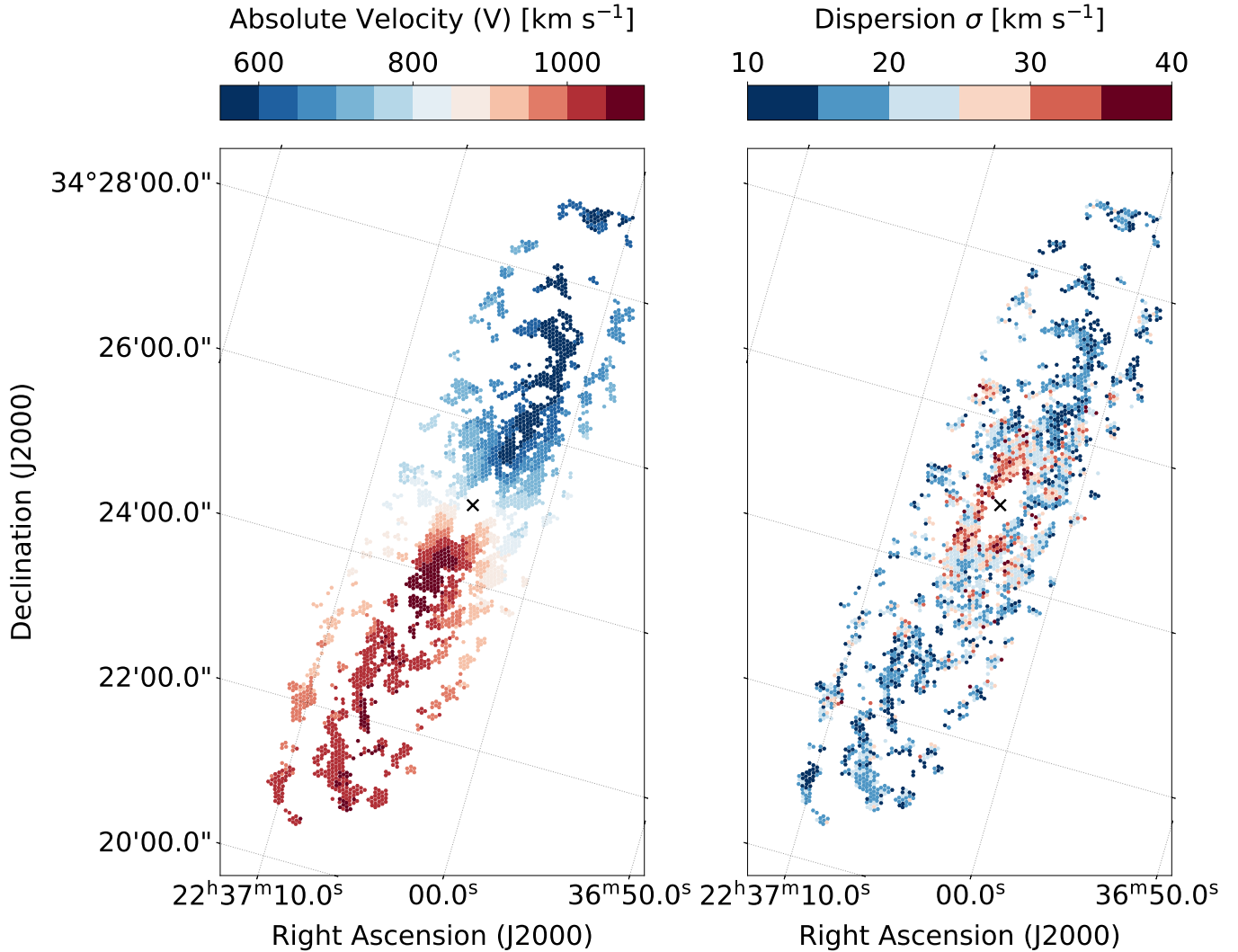
405 across all of the the selected HII regions corresponds to  
 406 a SFR of  $0.277 M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , accounting for about 10% of  
 407 the total SFR in NGC 7331 ( $2.987 M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$ ) (Leroy  
 408 et al. 2008). Bright regions are distributed throughout  
 409 the disk, but almost all HII regions in the inner ring  
 410 occupy the high end of the luminosity distribution.

#### 411 4.3. Resolved Ionized Gas Kinematics

412 Maps of the ionized gas velocity and dispersion are  
 413 made following the spectral fitting procedure described  
 414 in Section 3.2. The ionized gas velocity map shown in  
 415 the left panel of Figure 3 recovers the expected clock-  
 416 wise rotation of the galactic disk seen in HI (Walter  
 417 et al. 2008; Schmidt et al. 2016). This velocity map is  
 418 well-matched to prior measurements of the ionized gas  
 419 velocity traced by Doppler shifted H $\alpha$  emission shown  
 420 in Marcelin et al. (1994); Daigle et al. (2006). We ex-  
 421 tend the velocity map to include the high-velocity (red-  
 422 shifted) edge of the galactic disk that is out of the band-  
 423 pass in previous datasets.

424 We compare the ionized gas velocity with the neutral  
 425 gas velocity measured in HI 21 cm emission. The HI  
 426 velocity field extracted in each lenslet is shown in the  
 427 left panel of Figure 4. In the right panel of Figure 4  
 428 we calculate the residual offset between the ionized gas  
 429 velocity measured from H $\alpha$  emission and the neutral gas  
 430 velocity measured from HI 21cm emission. In order to  
 431 interpolate over nan values in the large beam size of HI  
 432 velocity (moment 1) map, we apply small scale median  
 433 filtering and Gaussian convolution. As a result, the HI  
 434 velocity map is slightly smoothed. A few spurious val-  
 435 ues remain in the final HI velocity map that propagate  
 436 to the residual, but these are easily disregarded when  
 437 examining the two maps by eye. Small residuals on the  
 438 order of  $\pm 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (one pixel in the CH $\alpha$ S spectra)  
 439 are within our absolute velocity error bars. Larger resid-  
 440 uals, especially those that are spatially coherent over  
 441 many lenslets, are likely the result of resolution differ-  
 442 ences (beam smearing) or variation in the neutral and  
 443 excited gas distributions; however, follow-up analysis is  
 444 needed to determine if these features may be due to non-  
 445 rotational, peculiar gas motions. Prominent differences  
 446 in the velocity map include the redshifted patch in the  
 447 outer north-west spiral arms and the central asymmetric  
 448 bi-conical region of high velocity residual aligned with  
 449 the inner gas ring (CO contours overlaid on Figure 4).

450 The line-of-sight ionized gas velocity dispersion ( $\sigma$ ) is  
 451 shown in the right panel of Figure 3. This map was  
 452 created using the spectral fitting procedure described  
 453 in Section 3.2. We correct the measured dispersion for  
 454 the instrument profile and thermal broadening. The re-  
 455 maining quantity is the non-thermal line-of-sight ionized



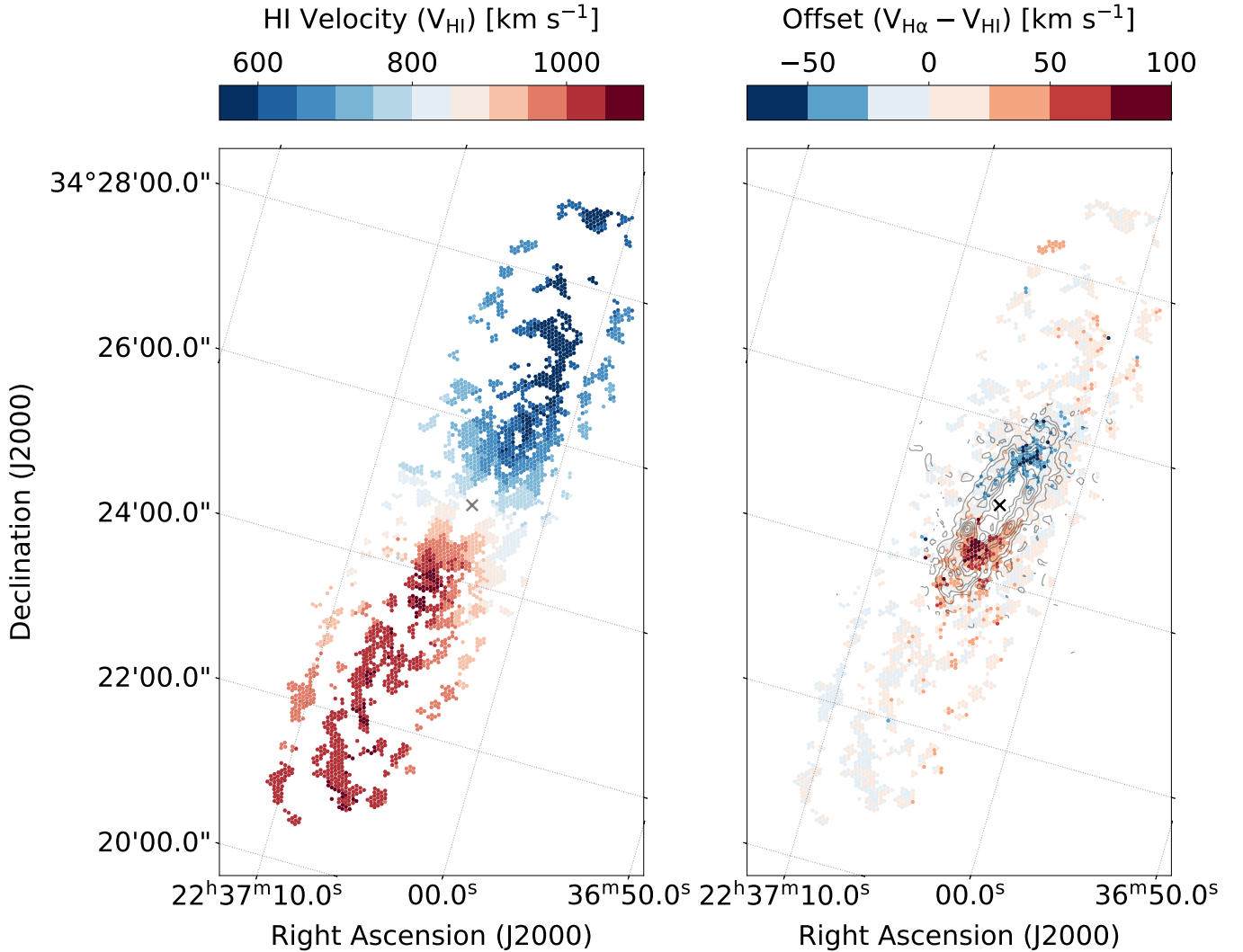
**Figure 3:** Kinematic measurements derived from the CH $\alpha$ S integral field spectroscopy. In all panels the coordinate system has been rotated ( $15^\circ$ ) in order to align the hexagonally packed spectra along the Cartesian y-axis. The transformed coordinates can be compared directly with Figure 1. We apply a SNR cut, only displaying detections in lenslets with  $\text{SNR} \geq 3$ . The X marker denotes the galactic center coordinates. The individual panel descriptions are as follows: (left) absolute velocity measured in each CH $\alpha$ S lenslet (right) line-of-sight ionized gas velocity dispersion measured in each CH $\alpha$ S lenslet.

456 gas velocity dispersion referred to as velocity dispersion  
 457 throughout the rest of the text. Since all spectra were  
 458 fit as a single emission line component, this analysis  
 459 does not account for nonsymmetric features in the line  
 460 profiles or for multiple peaks from additional resolved  
 461 velocity components. The average velocity dispersion  
 462 across all measured spaxels (with an SNR cut of 10) is  
 463  $20.6 \pm 4.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , and the (slightly lower) median disper-  
 464 sion across all spaxels is  $19.7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . In the outskirts of  
 465 the galactic disk measured velocity dispersions are at or  
 466 near at the thermal dispersion limit. Patches of low disper-  
 467 sion that overlap the right inner region of the galaxy  
 468 may be part of a spiral arm seen in projection, ending

469 in the north of the galaxy. The presence of a complex  
 470 warp in NGC 7331 has already been inferred on large  
 471 scales from the HI distribution and velocity field and  
 472 Bosma (1981) uses the HI velocity field to suggest that  
 473 the northern arm is warped out of the plane. Evidence  
 474 of a warp is also seen in the inner disk from a gradient in  
 475 rotation speed between the stars and emission line gas  
 476 (Bottema 1999). We discuss sources of confusion and  
 477 contamination in these kinematic maps in Section 5.2.

#### 4.4. Luminosity-Dispersion Relation

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 479 In Figure 5 we show the observed L- $\sigma$  relation for our  
 480 selected HII regions in NGC 7331, plotting the H $\alpha$  lumi-



**Figure 4:** Kinematic measurements derived from the CH $\alpha$ S integral field spectroscopy. In all panels the coordinate system has been rotated ( $15^\circ$ ) in order to align the hexagonally packed spectra along the Cartesian y-axis. The transformed coordinates can be compared directly with Figure 1. We apply a SNR cut, only displaying detections in lenslets with  $\text{SNR} \geq 3$ . The X marker denotes the galactic center coordinates. The individual panel descriptions are as follows: (left) HI 21cm moment 1 velocity field from The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey (THINGS) (Walter et al. 2008). This data has been extracted in regions corresponding to each CH $\alpha$ S lenslet (right) Residual offset between the H $\alpha$  velocity map and the HI velocity map. The gray contours correspond to the inner gas ring seen in the BIMA SONG CO (1-0) intensity map.

481 nosity of the HII regions as a function of their average  
 482 ionized gas velocity dispersion. We only include HII re-  
 483 gions with non-thermal motions, meaning those above  
 484 a threshold of  $\sigma > \sqrt{\sigma_N^2 + \sigma_b^2}$  or  $\sigma > 12 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . We  
 485 calculate both the average velocity dispersion and the  
 486 average velocity dispersion weighted by the H $\alpha$  inten-  
 487 sity. However, since the H $\alpha$  intensity within each region  
 488 does not vary drastically, this weighting does not change  
 489 the result significantly and the average velocity disper-  
 490 sion shown in Figure 5 is unweighted.

491 The HII region properties measured in NGC 7331 are  
 492 consistent with spatially resolved observations of HII re-  
 493 gions in large surveys of nearby galaxy disks. In the top  
 494 panel of Figure 5 we compare with HII regions in the  
 495 PHANGS-MUSE nebular catalog (Congiu et al. 2023;  
 496 Groves et al. 2023). Similar to NGC 7331, a few galax-  
 497 ies in the PHANGS-MUSE survey also have nuclear star  
 498 forming rings. The blue markers overplotted are HII re-  
 499 gions in the nuclear star forming ring of NGC 4321, NGC  
 500 3351, and NGC 1672. In order to ensure a direct com-  
 501 parison, we subtract the natural line width and thermal



502 broadening (in quadrature) from the MUSE H $\alpha$  disper-  
 503 sion measurements and apply a radius cut of 2'' to match  
 504 the resolution of our data. The L- $\sigma$  distribution of HII  
 505 regions in the PHANGS-MUSE catalog is shown as a red  
 506 2-D histogram. In the bottom panel we compare with  
 507 gas dispersions from the SAMI Galaxy Survey shown  
 508 in light blue (Zhou et al. 2017). We similarly subtract  
 509 thermal broadening and natural line width in quadra-  
 510 ture from these dispersion measurements to make a di-  
 511 rect comparison. The SAMI observations already have  
 512 a reasonably well-matched spatial resolution of 2.5'', so  
 513 no resolution cut is applied.

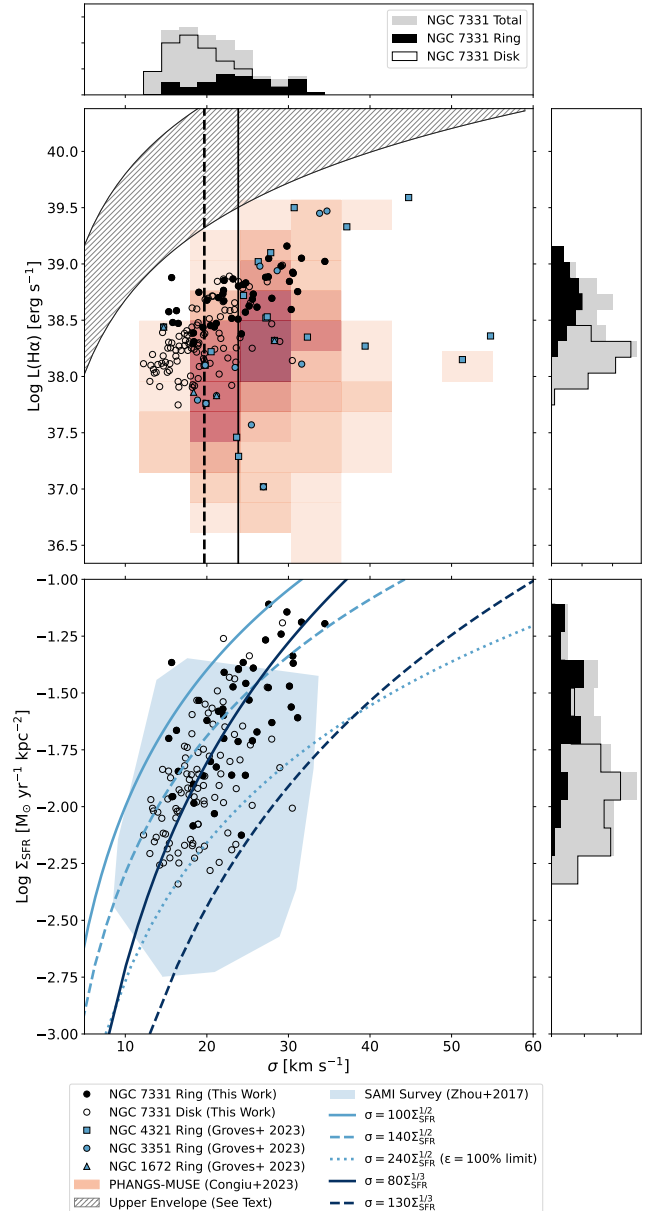
514 We separate HII regions in NGC 7331 into two popu-  
 515 lations: those in the nuclear star forming ring and those  
 516 distributed throughout the rest of the galactic disk. The  
 517 boundary of the inner ring used in this work is deter-  
 518 mined from the BIMA CO intensity map and is defined  
 519 as an ellipse centered on  $(\alpha, \delta) = (22^{\text{h}}37^{\text{m}}3.9^{\text{s}},$   
 520  $+34^{\text{d}}24^{\text{m}}55.4^{\text{s}})$  with a major axis  $2a = 150''$  and a mi-  
 521 nor axis  $2b = 60''$  at an angle of -16 degrees (clock-  
 522 wise). There is a trend of high luminosity HII regions in  
 523 the inner ring having elevated velocity dispersions when  
 524 compared with HII regions in the rest of the galactic  
 525 disk. We discuss processes that may be driving these  
 526 high velocity dispersions in the inner ring of NGC 7331  
 527 in Section 5.

## 528 5. DISCUSSION

529 Our data are consistent with measurements from large  
 530 surveys of HII regions, including the PHANGS-MUSE  
 531 Survey (Congiu et al. 2023; Groves et al. 2023) and the  
 532 SAMI Galaxy Survey (Zhou et al. 2017). Here, we dis-  
 533 cuss sources of turbulence driving the velocity disper-  
 534 sions measured in our sample of HII regions alongside  
 535 caveats to these measurements and potential avenues for  
 536 future work.

### 537 5.1. Turbulence Drivers

538 Past studies of giant HII regions have looked for an  
 539 envelope to the L- $\sigma$  relation or the lowest non-thermal  
 540 dispersion at a given luminosity (Terlevich & Melnick  
 541 1981; Arsenault et al. 1990; Relaño et al. 2005; Zaragoza-  
 542 Cardiel et al. 2015). We show a range of models (hatched  
 543 shading) for this envelope in the top panel of Figure 5.  
 544 Regions along this envelope are density bounded, their  
 545 velocity dispersions are primarily driven by virial mo-  
 546 tions, and their masses can be approximated from the  
 547 virial theorem (Rozas et al. 1998; Beckman et al. 2000;  
 548 Relaño et al. 2005; Rozas et al. 2006; Blasco-Herrera  
 549 et al. 2010). A small subset of the most luminous,  
 550 early-stage HII regions near virial equilibrium may lie  
 551 on or near the L- $\sigma$  envelope. These regions have gravity-  
 552 driven turbulence. Regions far from this envelope have



**Figure 5:** Average ionized gas velocity dispersion in extragalactic HII regions as a function of their H $\alpha$  luminosity (top) and star formation rate surface density (bottom). The black points represent the HII regions in NGC 7331 from this work, and they are divided into two populations: those in the nuclear star-forming ring (filled) and those distributed throughout the rest of the galactic disk (open). Corresponding histograms for the disk, ring, and total populations are shown along the sides. We compare our catalog with HII regions in the PHANGS-MUSE catalog (red 2D histogram) (Congiu et al. 2023) and the SAMI Galaxy Survey (light blue shading) (Zhou et al. 2017). Models shown are from (Lehnert et al. 2009). See text for more details.

kinematics dominated by contributions from additional processes. We find that, while some of the brightest HII regions in NGC 7331 may fall on/near the L- $\sigma$  envelope after correcting for intrinsic extinction (see Section 5.2), the majority of HII regions in the disk and ring appear to be driven by alternate processes. This is not surprising, as turbulence driven by gravitational collapse requires massive giant molecular clouds with Jeans Masses on the order of  $10^8 M_\odot$  and produces relatively low velocity dispersions with an upper limit on the order of  $15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  over our range in  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  (Lehnert et al. 2009; Zhou et al. 2017). Accordingly, we explore other sources of energy injection.

If intense star formation is injecting energy into the ISM, turbulence is likely a combination of larger-scale bulk motions (outflows/shocks that accelerate the surrounding material) and smaller-scale random motions (energy transferred to dense regions and eventually dissipated) (Lehnert et al. 2009). In the bottom panel of Figure 5 we compare with energy injection models formulated as a simple scaling relationship  $\sigma \propto (\epsilon \dot{E})^\alpha$  (Dib et al. 2006; Lehnert et al. 2009). Here  $\epsilon$  is the coupling efficiency of the injected energy transferred to the ISM. If turbulence is driven by star formation feedback then the energy injected per unit area should be correlated with the star formation rate surface density  $\sigma \propto \epsilon (\Sigma_{\text{SFR}})^\alpha$  (Lehnert et al. 2009; Green et al. 2010; Le Tiran et al. 2011; Swinbank et al. 2012a; Lehnert et al. 2013; Green et al. 2014; Moiseev et al. 2015). For dispersions driven by bulk motions such as supernova explosions, this proportion goes as  $\sigma \propto \epsilon \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{1/2}$ . Here the coupling factor for energy injected into the ISM ranges from  $\epsilon = 100 - 240$  for efficiencies of 25% – 100% (Dib et al. 2006). If instead energy from star formation is dissipated as turbulence dominated by random motions, a steeper model  $\sigma \propto \epsilon \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{1/3}$  has been proposed to fit the dispersion. Here  $\epsilon = 80 - 130$  on 1 kpc injection scales for coupling efficiencies of 25% – 100% (Lehnert et al. 2009). The steeper model ( $\alpha = 1/3$ ) provides a reasonably good fit to most regions, though some of the HII regions measured require an unphysically large coupling efficiencies of 100% in either model.

Constraining the coupling efficiency to  $80 < \epsilon < 240$ , we find a best fit relationship to all HII regions in NGC 7331 of  $\sigma \propto 80 \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{0.335}$ . When we separate the disk and ring populations, the fit for HII regions in the ring reveals a slightly shallower relationship ( $\alpha = 0.338$ ) than the fit for HII regions in the disk ( $\alpha = 0.328$ ). The shallower relationship in the ring could suggest bulk motions contribute to the dispersion; however, due to scatter in these measurements, this measured variation is likely not significant. Many studies have found a similar power

law relation with  $1/3 < \alpha < 1/2$  (Lehnert et al. 2009; Zhou et al. 2017; Patrício et al. 2018; Yu et al. 2019; Cui et al. 2024). Power law values within this range are notably lower than the  $\sigma - \Sigma$  relationship expected from the Kennicutt-Schmidt scaling law, which for a marginally stable disk ( $Q \sim 1$ ) predicts  $\sigma \propto \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{0.7}$  (Toomre 1964; Kennicutt 1998; Krumholz & Burkert 2010; Krumholz et al. 2012; Swinbank et al. 2012b).

Increased velocity dispersions in the center of galaxies including our own Milky Way is sometimes attributed to shear/ differential rotation in the disk; however, this process increases the dispersion while suppressing star formation, a scenario that is unlikely to explain the increased dispersion seen in the inner ring of NGC 7331 where star formation is enhanced (Krumholz et al. 2017; Federrath et al. 2016; Kruijssen 2017; Federrath et al. 2017). We note that shear may still be contributing in regions with high dispersion and low  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$ . In our catalog, only about 10% of HII regions are both above the median in dispersion and below the median in  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$ . The radial transport of gas through the disk can also drive turbulent gas motions (Krumholz et al. 2018). However, without a wider range in star formation rate, turbulence driven by gas transport is not easily differentiated from turbulence driven by a combination of feedback and transport (Krumholz et al. 2018; Varidel et al. 2020). Further modeling of the disk rotation is needed to compare with the observed velocity map and assess the degree of ionized gas transport in the disk of NGC 7331 (Mai et al. 2024).

## 5.2. Caveats

Beam smearing or the combination of differing line-of-sight velocities due to low spatial resolution can increase the measured velocity dispersion (Epinat et al. 2010; Davies et al. 2011). Beam smearing is most severe at high redshifts (low spatial resolutions) and in galaxies with larger inclinations. Large velocity gradients at the centers of galaxies can also amplify the effects of beam smearing, spuriously increasing the line-of-sight velocity dispersion. To ensure we are not overestimating the velocity dispersion, especially in the inner ring of NGC 7331, we calculate the velocity gradient in each lenslet and confirm that there are not lenslets where  $v_g > 2\sigma$  (e.g., Bassett et al. 2014; Varidel et al. 2016; Zhou et al. 2017).

A significant fraction of ionized gas emission occurs beyond HII regions, emanating from the diffuse ionized gas (DIG) between spiral arms. The DIG has been shown to exhibit large velocity dispersions, and measurements of patchy bright complexes may contain an underlying contribution from this broad diffuse emission

(Thurrow & Wilcots 2005; Oey et al. 2007). Due to our high signal to noise cut, we do not expect our spectra to be significantly contaminated by broad faint emission from the DIG. We leave for future work an examination of broad and multi-component spectra and lower SNR diffuse regions that may be associated with elevated velocity dispersions.

NGC 7331 is host to many well-known dust features, with dust distributed throughout the spiral arms and prominent dust lanes seen in the western galactic disk. The central star forming ring is also dusty; it appears bright in  $24\mu\text{m}$  images but is absent in GALEX UV data, likely the result of substantial dust extinction (Thilker et al. 2007). The SINGS NGC 7331  $\text{H}\alpha$  map used here is corrected for Galactic foreground extinction but not for intrinsic extinction. For a direct comparison, we do not use the E(B-V) extinction corrections for the PHANGS-MUSE and SAMI survey when plotting these datasets in Figure 5. Bright HII regions in NGC 7331 that are enshrouded in dust will have a significantly lower observed flux/luminosity. Additionally, an inhomogeneous dust distribution that produces varying intrinsic extinction complicates the interpretation of relative flux/luminosity values for HII regions in spatially distinct environments, such as the disk vs the ring. We acknowledge that uncertainties in the intrinsic reddening correction may weaken the derived correlation between  $\sigma - \text{SFR}(\text{L}_{\text{H}\alpha})$ , with a stronger correlation often noted between  $\sigma - \text{SFR}(\text{L}_{\text{IR}})$  (Arribas et al. 2014). Follow-up observations with CH $\alpha$ S in the narrowband  $\text{H}\beta$  mode (Sitaram et al. 2024) would allow us to estimate our own extinction corrections for NGC 7331 and future targets. Corrections for intrinsic extinction have been previously derived in NGC 7331 by Thilker et al. (2007), finding a global  $A_{\text{FUV}} = 2.51$  in the disk and  $A_{\text{FUV}} = 3.3$  in the ring. Following Thilker et al. (2007), we assume that the dust structure in NGC 7331 is similar to the Milky Way. Using the Milky way extinction curve from Cardelli et al. (1989),  $A_{\text{FUV}} = 2.64A_{\text{V}}$  at  $\lambda_{\text{eff}} = 1516$  for the GALEX FUV channel (Morrissey et al. 2007) and  $A_{\text{H}\alpha} = 0.82A_{\text{V}}$ . Accordingly, HII regions in the disk of NGC 7331 have  $A(\text{H}\alpha) = 0.78$  and HII regions in the ring have  $A(\text{H}\alpha) = 1.02$ . Accounting for this intrinsic extinction increases the flux/luminosity values by a factor of 2 (0.3 dex) in the disk and up to 2.5 (0.4 dex) in the ring. Accordingly, correcting for intrinsic extinction in Figure 5 places some of the brightest HII regions on/near the L- $\sigma$  envelope, implying they are near virial equilibrium (See Section 5.1).

## 6. SUMMARY

1. We investigate the ionized gas kinematics of HII regions in the disk of NGC 7331 using IFU spectral imaging collected with the Circumgalactic  $\text{H}\alpha$  Spectrograph (CH $\alpha$ S). We catalog  $> 150$  HII regions distributed throughout the disk, ranging in diameter from approximately 350 pc – 700 pc. Many of these regions fall within the inner ring of dust and gas, which hosts one-third of the galaxy’s current star formation activity.
2. High-resolution velocity and dispersion maps of NGC 7331 are presented in this work, selecting spaxels with high signal-to-noise in order to measure dispersions as low as  $12 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . Prominent residuals in the  $V_{\text{H}\alpha} - V_{\text{HI}}$  map are likely the result of resolution differences (beam smearing) or variation in the neutral and excited gas distributions; however, follow-up analysis of these features is needed to look for peculiar gas motions.
3. The L( $\text{H}\alpha$ ),  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$  and  $\sigma$  measurements we make in NGC 7331 are consistent with spatially resolved observations of HII regions in large surveys of nearby galaxy disks. The dispersion is correlated with the star formation rate surface density, suggesting that models for intense star formation injecting energy into the ISM are a favorable fit to HII regions in NGC 7331. Using the relation  $\sigma \propto \epsilon \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}^{\alpha}$  HII regions in NGC7331 are best fit by  $\epsilon = 80$ ,  $\alpha = 0.335$ . The best fit varies slightly but not significantly between the ring and the disk, hindered by scatter.
4. En-route to ultra-deep observations of the circumgalactic medium, CH $\alpha$ S will obtain detailed spectral imaging of a large sample of nearby galaxy disks. The methods used in this pilot study will be applied to a larger sample of galaxies observed during the CH $\alpha$ S early science campaigns.

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Table 2: HII regions

ID	Literature ID	RA (J2000)	DEC (J2000)	Radius $3\sigma$ [arcseconds]	H $\alpha$ Flux [ergs/s/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	H $\alpha$ Luminosity [ergs/s]	SFR (H $\alpha$ ) [M $_{\odot}$ /yr]	Dispersion [km/s]
1	M034	339.2799974289881	34.353479623056664	9.27	$7.48 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.88 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	18.91
2	M044	339.27610333158464	34.401808138854506	8.62	$1.64 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.13 \times 10^{38}$	0.0023	26.14
3	M049	339.2750912	34.41049262866931	7.76	$2.53 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.36 \times 10^{38}$	0.0035	23.87
4	M050	339.2750997853362	34.40567777266111	7.99	$3.80 \times 10^{-14}$	$9.57 \times 10^{38}$	0.0053	29.1
5	M051	339.27497039090173	34.41243175066703	7.33	$3.02 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.61 \times 10^{38}$	0.0042	27.19
6	M053	339.27439414899334	34.408125884906546	8.38	$3.35 \times 10^{-14}$	$8.44 \times 10^{38}$	0.0046	30.53
7	M055	339.2723648163001	34.39692250214503	8.68	$8.10 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.04 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	18.41
8	M056	339.27262262255937	34.40349697558669	9.56	$1.31 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.29 \times 10^{38}$	0.0018	23.04
9	M062	339.27045072451983	34.42485497953342	8.15	$4.47 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.12 \times 10^{39}$	0.0062	31.6
10	M067	339.26791402473305	34.42383851470202	8.6	$3.28 \times 10^{-14}$	$8.26 \times 10^{38}$	0.0045	30.59
11	M068	339.2684408318342	34.42867697	7.12	$2.15 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.40 \times 10^{38}$	0.003	25.69
12	M070	339.26770787482144	34.42667806525346	9.39	$3.06 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.69 \times 10^{38}$	0.0042	27.53
13	M074	339.26634625471115	34.406919607196905	7.95	$4.18 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.05 \times 10^{39}$	0.0058	34.47
14	M077	339.2649733660056	34.42620580531687	9.4	$2.26 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.68 \times 10^{38}$	0.0031	31.13
15	M080	339.2635184291207	34.42832928706503	8.37	$2.84 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.13 \times 10^{38}$	0.0039	22.12
16	M081	339.2634886807107	34.413545209835824	9.41	$2.32 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.82 \times 10^{38}$	0.0032	22.04
17	M091	339.2608074773679	34.41750533293591	8.9	$1.18 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.96 \times 10^{38}$	0.0016	16.5
18	M101	339.2575474888493	34.42056357	7.42	$4.45 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.12 \times 10^{39}$	0.0062	27.58
19	M111	339.2555290173183	34.42624635180776	7.16	$2.92 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.35 \times 10^{38}$	0.004	22.04
20	M112	339.2547082	34.43668480772701	7.23	$2.50 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.29 \times 10^{38}$	0.0035	25.21
21	M118	339.2505943957495	34.41601801049542	9.43	$4.19 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.05 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	< 12
22	PJ223704.8+342425	339.2672194468452	34.40607252254491	8.89	$2.78 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.99 \times 10^{38}$	0.0038	30.13
23	P004	339.24589161376696	34.45891939648461	8.74	$6.06 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.52 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	14.65
24	P006	339.2465487330379	34.448996996973655	7.91	$4.48 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.13 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	15.4
25	P007	339.24675517619005	34.45025575300375	7.34	$4.01 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.01 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	18
26	P008	339.2468522466531	34.45820777860385	6.8	$4.59 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.16 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	13.45
27	P009	339.24711446366314	34.46119923866654	8.67	$5.33 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.34 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	23.55
28	P014	339.2479583275394	34.477384819301435	7.46	$3.59 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.04 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	13.01
29	P015	339.2484267173241	34.44082867670712	6.99	$2.58 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.50 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	< 12
30	P016	339.2492985582072	34.44743269902955	8.23	$5.33 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.34 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	14.93
31	P028	339.25425548551	34.44521260840597	7.26	$8.13 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.05 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	28.94
32	P030	339.2546152	34.43383982841462	8.79	$1.35 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.40 \times 10^{38}$	0.0019	21.66
33	P032	339.25575057770385	34.422005045917686	10.12	$2.41 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.05 \times 10^{38}$	0.0033	24.39
35	P034	339.25538714251394	34.435644300549164	9.61	$1.79 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.51 \times 10^{38}$	0.0025	25.34
36	P035	339.2557330420641	34.43127285993701	7.82	$1.62 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.06 \times 10^{38}$	0.0022	18.19
37	P037	339.2556048312991	34.440168882090575	8.03	$9.77 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.46 \times 10^{38}$	0.0014	14.57
39	P038	339.25639001564656	34.41085520612168	8.1	$1.92 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.84 \times 10^{38}$	0.0027	19.78
40	P040	339.2564038296579	34.423493909743264	8.2	$3.01 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.56 \times 10^{38}$	0.0042	15.68
41	P041	339.2566214208914	34.44951560803631	8.29	$7.90 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.99 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	15.7
42	P042	339.2567721248971	34.41101917482906	8.56	$2.07 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.20 \times 10^{38}$	0.0029	20.64
43	P043	339.2566648178783	34.422437447326224	9.15	$2.92 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.35 \times 10^{38}$	0.004	23.2
44	P047	339.2569614917571	34.448313282864824	7.08	$9.61 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.42 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	17.25
45	P048	339.25745721378286	34.408826208056745	8.16	$2.77 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.98 \times 10^{38}$	0.0038	23.88
46	P049	339.2573447386873	34.44439318894881	7.2	$1.58 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.98 \times 10^{38}$	0.0022	18.77
47	P052	339.2577084285793	34.41876595776951	8.55	$2.23 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.60 \times 10^{38}$	0.0031	19.02
48	P053	339.2573024924532	34.410835219130135	9.26	$2.05 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.16 \times 10^{38}$	0.0028	20.75
49	P054	339.2576891984581	34.408250024967955	9.11	$2.78 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.00 \times 10^{38}$	0.0038	21.29
50	P058	339.2584660503508	34.452820740740165	6.99	$9.24 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.32 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	17.59
51	P059	339.2589184482859	34.425779188345224	8.72	$1.18 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.97 \times 10^{38}$	0.0016	21.16
52	P060	339.2591818231548	34.40160027	8.9	$2.76 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.94 \times 10^{38}$	0.0038	27.4
53	P061	339.2595286813322	34.37859706802978	7.03	$3.31 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.34 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	23.05
54	P062	339.2588728727057	34.43086880751817	10.21	$1.20 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.02 \times 10^{38}$	0.0017	15.81
55	P063	339.25932323482624	34.45521765162969	8.57	$9.04 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.28 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	16.59
56	P064	339.25901070247824	34.47989189814565	6.7	$3.46 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.71 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	< 12
57	P065	339.2596786331047	34.43167423483792	8.5	$1.50 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.76 \times 10^{38}$	0.0021	15.33
58	P066	339.25961487163454	34.430374598519535	10.64	$1.09 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.75 \times 10^{38}$	0.0015	20.93
59	P068	339.2598097005033	34.433476070956615	8.24	$1.53 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.84 \times 10^{38}$	0.0021	16.28
60	P070	339.2601152087485	34.42774873574997	9.77	$1.93 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.86 \times 10^{38}$	0.0027	25.58
61	P071	339.2601648504359	34.40148210826472	8.97	$3.10 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.80 \times 10^{38}$	0.0043	22.76
62	P073	339.26010852373577	34.44557597698603	7.87	$7.75 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.95 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	18.88
63	P074	339.26110527993006	34.39350094894859	7.17	$7.14 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.80 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	15.55
64	P075	339.26092081673886	34.41006288768159	8.0	$1.29 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.23 \times 10^{38}$	0.0018	23.82
65	P077	339.2610300820177	34.40029331238323	8.58	$1.97 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.96 \times 10^{38}$	0.0027	20.18

Table 2: HII regions continued

Literature	RA	DEC	Radius $3\sigma$	H $\alpha$ Flux	H $\alpha$ Luminosity	SFR (H $\alpha$ )	Dispersion	
ID	ID	(J2000)	[arcseconds]	[ergs/s/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	[ergs/s]	[M $_{\odot}$ /yr]	[km/s]	
66	P078	339.2607130770804	34.46450183544925	6.85	$3.36 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.44 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	18.28
67	P079	339.2610309101004	34.42630987255479	8.63	$2.70 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.78 \times 10^{38}$	0.0037	24.77
68	P080	339.2621051036047	34.41792894597592	8.73	$1.89 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.77 \times 10^{38}$	0.0026	20.01
69	P081	339.26168456150634	34.46549368	9.16	$4.93 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.24 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	14.68
70	P084	339.2618591028508	34.43682671574398	8.76	$9.61 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.42 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	18.12
71	P085	339.26192171679327	34.41634831	10.19	$1.48 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.73 \times 10^{38}$	0.0021	24.72
72	P086	339.2622950444613	34.37572637277211	8.41	$4.18 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.05 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	21.51
73	P087	339.26179425790696	34.42333355728113	8.99	$1.97 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.95 \times 10^{38}$	0.0027	27.97
74	P088	339.2621255844163	34.40392068562348	7.64	$2.61 \times 10^{-14}$	$6.56 \times 10^{38}$	0.0036	24.45
75	P089	339.26216638578114	34.43534191772748	8.62	$9.68 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.44 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	18.36
76	P090	339.2621603110673	34.45552709	7.09	$1.09 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.75 \times 10^{38}$	0.0015	18.16
77	P091	339.26262681756185	34.42056422211514	9.49	$1.87 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.70 \times 10^{38}$	0.0026	22.08
78	P101	339.2628763797871	34.44337436216011	7.79	$5.98 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.50 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	< 12
79	P103	339.26382609634027	34.43362778659859	7.41	$1.68 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.23 \times 10^{38}$	0.0023	25.17
80	P104	339.26366386827965	34.43820037	8.63	$7.40 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.86 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	16.6
81	P105	339.26449594127325	34.411178600238095	8.55	$1.99 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.02 \times 10^{38}$	0.0028	21.42
82	P109	339.2652638703704	34.38384573286964	7.5	$3.23 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.13 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	14.22
83	P110	339.2650768497967	34.44199986996687	7.4	$7.92 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.99 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	19.02
84	P111	339.2653519521519	34.39100371717822	8.51	$1.56 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.93 \times 10^{38}$	0.0022	23.38
85	P113	339.2651615462616	34.453731625919545	7.41	$5.45 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.37 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	16.35
86	P114	339.26472826654464	34.45651170734874	8.64	$3.12 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.85 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	< 12
87	P117	339.2654333272613	34.46350915875691	6.74	$3.18 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.00 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	18.21
88	P118	339.2651971727298	34.43207413972957	11.06	$9.51 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.39 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	24.23
89	P119	339.26616363936654	34.403643011902325	8.28	$1.13 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.83 \times 10^{38}$	0.0016	20.45
90	P120	339.26641436177886	34.39066392	7.82	$1.84 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.62 \times 10^{38}$	0.0025	21.99
91	P122	339.26639150045554	34.44624293660967	6.63	$3.60 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.06 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	< 12
92	P123	339.2666995	34.454088089113974	8.53	$4.87 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.23 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	19.07
93	P124	339.2665757907516	34.43275381515483	9.55	$7.80 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.96 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	18.31
94	P125	339.2678997232997	34.36177769090223	7.06	$3.50 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.81 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	17.27
95	P127	339.26743793761267	34.39668314780908	8.65	$1.30 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.26 \times 10^{38}$	0.0018	20.3
96	P129	339.26793410530746	34.39498857968776	7.26	$8.80 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.21 \times 10^{38}$	0.0012	24.06
97	P131	339.2685248710373	34.43918753243254	7.34	$5.51 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.39 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	30.48
98	P133	339.2689232772113	34.393213184040185	7.08	$9.30 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.34 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	19.58
99	P135	339.2689039641369	34.43266288227842	8.58	$6.81 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.71 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	16.2
100	P136	339.26855172052365	34.45341146366023	6.69	$5.75 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.45 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	19.58
101	P138	339.26952938882954	34.401602668403015	8.74	$1.08 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.73 \times 10^{38}$	0.0015	19.52
102	P141	339.2695183593109	34.402960132031104	8.78	$2.15 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.42 \times 10^{38}$	0.003	21.96
103	P142	339.27045829894746	34.43489285177114	7.04	$7.11 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.79 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	18.1
104	P145	339.2714198328167	34.43242762988688	9.78	$5.20 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.31 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	20.39
105	P146	339.27256480193705	34.42855831425452	8.16	$1.20 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.01 \times 10^{38}$	0.0017	18.92
106	P147	339.27271100025223	34.45705421	7.77	$3.11 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.81 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	< 12
107	P149	339.2733176990918	34.42769979539784	8.65	$9.63 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.42 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	21.5
108	P150	339.2734165817021	34.45591476130711	9.26	$2.71 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.81 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	< 12
109	P153	339.27361616827534	34.43075313720044	8.15	$1.55 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.89 \times 10^{38}$	0.0021	22.21
110	P156	339.2744451093311	34.39897149678777	7.41	$1.57 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.94 \times 10^{38}$	0.0022	30.34
111	P165	339.27553866430907	34.438998912081864	7.53	$1.17 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.94 \times 10^{38}$	0.0016	27.95
112	P169	339.2764346842209	34.37474885791667	8.34	$2.16 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.43 \times 10^{37}$	0.0003	< 12
113	P170	339.27668302744667	34.35158063063088	7.81	$6.95 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.75 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	20.97
114	P172	339.27629994173566	34.424268678793815	7.82	$6.89 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.73 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	< 12
115	P174	339.27728099138614	34.35078560970485	8.12	$7.73 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.95 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	17.81
116	P180	339.2776925145965	34.43864966270467	7.61	$3.87 \times 10^{-14}$	$9.74 \times 10^{38}$	0.0054	29.27
117	P184	339.27805578391946	34.40484153	8.37	$1.01 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.55 \times 10^{38}$	0.0014	17.54
118	P185	339.2786144895433	34.36546036	7.95	$7.10 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.79 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	15.21
119	P186	339.2785214070342	34.42006143739739	8.08	$7.07 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.78 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	22.04
120	P188	339.27938487573755	34.43575073696493	8.54	$5.80 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.46 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	22.57
121	P189	339.27954017701944	34.35158272801949	7.69	$8.08 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.03 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	17.85
122	P192	339.2802293239135	34.43588524119142	8.21	$7.08 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.78 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	25.56



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ID	ID	(J2000)	(J2000)	[arcseconds]	[ergs/s/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	[ergs/s]	[M $_{\odot}$ /yr]	[km/s]
123	P193	339.2810577066754	34.37406095060599	7.51	$5.21 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.31 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	14.48
124	P198	339.2817119188547	34.36945602800752	7.35	$6.78 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.70 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	17.66
125	P199	339.2821136251674	34.37819753060024	7.43	$3.59 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.03 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	16.47
126	P200	339.2817805858021	34.35182846901407	8.66	$1.14 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.86 \times 10^{38}$	0.0016	18.78
127	P201	339.28209650728326	34.35617394781139	9.14	$5.17 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.30 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	15.47
128	P203	339.28264692529507	34.38547008747002	7.57	$7.14 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.80 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	23.6
129	P205	339.2830714767444	34.35984689790715	7.73	$8.65 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.18 \times 10^{38}$	0.0012	21.71
130	P206	339.28298685384726	34.38035707511662	8.0	$4.33 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.09 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	15.15
131	P207	339.2826450873894	34.41720056	6.91	$7.50 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.89 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	17.28
132	P208	339.2830990678638	34.384154389958084	7.78	$6.94 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.75 \times 10^{38}$	0.001	18.44
133	P211	339.28263578974617	34.429944892350605	6.71	$4.97 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.25 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	19.64
134	P214	339.2843193501582	34.36120001501291	7.34	$8.02 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.02 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	15.31
135	P215	339.2843043304915	34.35401644470021	9.56	$6.36 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.60 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	19.7
136	P218	339.28486290596703	34.36191512786642	7.53	$6.77 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.70 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	16.85
137	P219	339.28490493713184	34.36601614448407	7.38	$3.20 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.05 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	16.57
138	P220	339.2850907264184	34.41735566814741	7.09	$8.19 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.06 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	< 12
139	P222	339.28582676148966	34.41994075914723	7.19	$5.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.39 \times 10^{38}$	0.0008	19.68
140	P223	339.28704038522625	34.35815017077321	7.81	$6.24 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.57 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	13.34
141	P224	339.2874592755719	34.35530952374468	7.19	$5.08 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.28 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	13.99
142	P226	339.28751621465483	34.41110143470348	7.5	$4.19 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.06 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	< 12
143	P229	339.2878414	34.375878041583405	7.54	$4.32 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.09 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	13.79
144	P230	339.2885941279833	34.38761296688157	6.79	$2.72 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.85 \times 10^{37}$	0.0004	< 12
145	P236	339.2917935800056	34.38675073880019	7.3	$3.29 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.27 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	18.49
146	P238	339.29268702843854	34.38079552941009	7.76	$6.55 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.65 \times 10^{38}$	0.0009	18.74
147	P239	339.2929539229114	34.38379279522877	6.62	$3.81 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.59 \times 10^{37}$	0.0005	18.94
148	P240	339.29342493061944	34.34589808557353	6.98	$8.29 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.09 \times 10^{38}$	0.0011	17.37
149	P241	339.2935327467627	34.346740684014385	8.22	$9.56 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.41 \times 10^{38}$	0.0013	19.75
150	P242	339.2937898236852	34.366807339894095	6.88	$1.80 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.52 \times 10^{38}$	0.0025	23.41
151	P244	339.2938981003848	34.36821494548739	9.65	$1.53 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.85 \times 10^{38}$	0.0021	22.83
152	P245	339.29420012550304	34.350476629767655	8.14	$5.16 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.30 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	12.24
153	P250	339.29459822041235	34.35115542523452	7.65	$4.26 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.07 \times 10^{38}$	0.0006	13.56
154	P251	339.29747107559655	34.36920287065264	6.69	$5.00 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.26 \times 10^{38}$	0.0007	13.13
155	EO18S001	339.2734292889596	34.41517416883838	8.76	$5.73 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.44 \times 10^{39}$	0.0079	29.81