



Discovery of a New Population of Galactic H II Regions with Ionized Gas Velocity Gradients

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Abstract

We investigate the kinematic properties of Galactic H II regions using radio recombination line (RRL) emission detected by the Australia Telescope Compact Array at 4–10 GHz and the Jansky Very Large Array at 8–10 GHz. Our H II region sample consists of 425 independent observations of 374 nebulae that are relatively well isolated from other, potentially confusing sources and have a single RRL component with a high signal-to-noise ratio. We perform Gaussian fits to the RRL emission in position-position-velocity data cubes and discover velocity gradients in 178 (42%) of the nebulae with magnitudes between 5 and 200 m s^{−1} arcsec^{−1}. About 15% of the sources also have an RRL width spatial distribution that peaks toward the center of the nebula. The velocity gradient position angles appear to be random on the sky with no favored orientation with respect to the Galactic plane. We craft H II region simulations that include bipolar outflows or solid body rotational motions to explain the observed velocity gradients. The simulations favor solid body rotation since, unlike the bipolar outflow kinematic models, they are able to produce both the large, >40 m s^{−1} arcsec^{−1}, velocity gradients and also the RRL width structure that we observe in some sources. The bipolar outflow model, however, cannot be ruled out as a possible explanation for the observed velocity gradients for many sources in our sample. We nevertheless suggest that most H II region complexes are rotating and may have inherited angular momentum from their parent molecular clouds.

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1. Introduction

H II regions are the zones of ionized gas surrounding young, OB-type stars. Feedback from these massive stars is an important mechanism in galaxy formation and evolution (e.g., Veilleux et al. 2005). For example, high-mass stars can produce radiation-driven outflows that both inhibit and stimulate star formation in their vicinities (e.g., Ali et al. 2018). Furthermore, the internal motions of H II regions constrain models of star formation and evolution (e.g., Dalglish et al. 2018). For example, high-frequency RRLs that probe the high-density gas within the ultracompact H II region G10.6–0.4 support evidence of an ionized accretion flow (Keto & Wood 2006). RRL observations toward K3-50 reveal a velocity gradient across the nebula. This together with a bipolar morphology from the radio continuum emission indicates that this source is undergoing a high-velocity bipolar outflow (De Pree et al. 1994; Balser et al. 2001). RRL position-velocity diagrams of NGC 6334A reveal both a bipolar outflow and rotation in the ionized gas (De Pree et al. 1995; Balser et al. 2001). There is evidence that high-mass stars form in binaries or multiple star systems more often than low-mass stars (Mermilliod & García 2001; Okamoto et al. 2003), creating massive accretion

flows that overcome radiation and thermal pressure (Keto & Wood 2006). Therefore, H II region bipolar outflows may arise from multiple OB-type stars. Most H II region studies of this type, however, focus on one or a few sources. To our knowledge there have not been any surveys of the kinematic motions within H II regions for a large number of sources.

H II regions occupy intermediate spatial scales between giant molecular cloud (GMC) star-forming complexes and individual protostars, both of which have a rich literature of kinematics studies. For example, on the large—tens of parsecs—scale both H I and CO tracers have been used to explore the angular momentum in the largest star-forming structures (e.g., Fleck & Clark, F. O 1981; Arquilla & Goldsmith 1985; Imara & Blitz 2011). The kinematic structure of molecular cores and protostars that probe the small— $\lesssim 0.05$ pc—scale have been investigated using dense molecular gas tracers (e.g., Goodman et al. 1993; Caselli et al. 2002; Chen et al. 2007; Tobin et al. 2011). Young, ultracompact H II regions have similar spatial scales with sizes less than 0.1 pc (e.g., Churchwell 2002). But over time the warm, 10⁴ K, plasma causes the H II region to expand creating a *classical* H II region that can span several parsecs, filling in the gap between GMCs and protostars.

Table 1
H II Region Survey Statistics

Statistic	ATCA	VLA	Total	Comment
N_{tot}	965 (669)	118 (117)	1083 (786)	Total number of sources in the survey.
N_{kin}	377 (327)	48 (47)	425 (374)	Number of sources suitable for kinematic analysis.
N_{grad}	166 (150)	12 (12)	178 (162)	Number of sources with a velocity gradient.
f_{grad}	44 (46)	25 (26)	42 (43)	Percentage of suitable sources with a velocity gradient: $N_{\text{grad}}/N_{\text{kin}}$.

Note. Counts correspond to independent detections toward the ATCA and VLA images. Since each image may contain multiple H II regions, there are some duplicate observations. In parentheses we list the unique source counts.

Photodissociation regions can also be exploited to probe the kinematics on these spatial scales (e.g., Luisi et al. 2021).

The lack of H II region kinematic surveys is in part due to limitations of the available instrumentation of past facilities. Optical observations of H α typically have the necessary sensitivity and spatial resolution but often lack the spectral resolution needed for detailed kinematic studies. There are some exceptions (e.g., see Russeil et al. 2016). There are some extragalactic studies of H II region kinematics, but they typically do not have the angular resolution to probe individual star formation regions (e.g., see Bordalo et al. 2009; Torres-Flores et al. 2013; Bresolin et al. 2020). Since H α emission is attenuated by dust, the entire volume of ionized gas is not always sampled therefore limiting the usefulness of this tracer. Fine structure lines at infrared wavelengths can penetrate the dust. For example, N II 122 μm (Lebouteiller et al. 2012) and Ne II 12.8 μm (Jaffe et al. 2005; Zhu 2006) trace the dense ionized gas found in H II regions. To our knowledge, however, there have not been any infrared studies of the kinematics for a large sample of H II regions. In contrast, RRLs are optically thin tracers with sufficient spectral resolution, but they are often observed using single-dish telescopes with poor angular resolution. Radio interferometers can significantly improve the angular resolution but they are typically not sensitive to the more diffuse emission that exists in many H II regions. Here, we use RRL data from two new interferometer surveys that mitigate some of these weaknesses to investigate H II region kinematics from a large sample of nebulae.

2. The Data

Data are taken from two recent H II region RRL surveys: the Southern H II Region Discovery Survey (SHRDS) using the Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA) (Wenger et al. 2021), and the H II region Very Large Array (VLA) RRL survey (Wenger et al. 2019a). As the first H II region RRL surveys using interferometer observations toward a large number of sources, they have sufficient spatial resolution to at least partially resolve many Galactic H II regions. Moreover, the flexibility of their spectrometers allows many RRLs to be simultaneously observed and averaged together to increase the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N; e.g., Balser 2006). Therefore, for the first time we have H II region RRL surveys that have both the sensitivity and spatial resolution at radio wavelengths to measure the internal H II region kinematics in a large sample. Table 1 summarizes the statistics for these surveys. Because each interferometer field may contain multiple H II regions, we detect RRL and continuum emission from more H II regions than are targeted and also have some duplicate observations.

2.1. ATCA

The SHRDS is an ATCA 4–10 GHz radio continuum and RRL survey to find H II regions in the Galactic zone $259^\circ < \ell < 344^\circ$, $|b| < 4^\circ$ (Brown et al. 2017; Wenger et al. 2019b, 2021). The SHRDS is an extension of the HRDS in the northern sky that used the Green Bank Telescope (GBT) and also the Arecibo telescope to observe H II region candidates selected from public infrared and radio continuum data (Bania et al. 2010; Anderson et al. 2011; Bania et al. 2012; Anderson et al. 2015, 2018). These recent H II region RRL surveys have doubled the number of known H II regions in the Milky Way. The SHRDS full catalog consists of 436 new Galactic H II regions and 206 previously known nebulae (Wenger et al. 2021). Here, we consider every continuum detection in the SHRDS images for our initial analysis. This consists of 965 independent continuum measurements.

Since the ATCA is a compact array, the short baselines are better able to recover emission from the extended parts of an H II region. The SHRDS employed the most compact antenna configuration, H75, together with the larger H168 configuration to probe a range of spatial scales. Moreover, the observations were made at different hour angles to provide good coverage in the uv -plane (see Figure 3 in Wenger et al. 2019b). The half-power beamwidth (HPBW) spatial resolution is $\sim 90''$ and the maximum recoverable scale is $\sim 265''$. The ATCA Compact Array Broadband Backend can tune simultaneously to 20 different RRLs across the 4–10 GHz band. Typically, about 18 RRL transitions between H88 α and H112 α were suitable to average together (stack) to produce a final spectrum, $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$. To do this we first re-grid the smoothed RRL data cubes to a common spectral and angular resolution, and then average the smoothed, re-gridded data cubes.

We select sources from the SHRDS that have the following criteria. (1) They must be either well isolated or only slightly confused, with a single continuum emission peak. All sources with quality factor A or B meet this criterion (see Wenger et al. 2021). (2) Spectra toward some H II regions contain multiple RRL components, which may be due to more than one distinct H II region. So we restrict our analysis to sources with only single RRL components. (3) We require good sensitivity to infer kinematic structure across the H II region. Therefore, we only select sources with a peak RRL S/N ≥ 10 . Applying these criteria to the SHRDS yields 377 independent observations of 327 unique sources for kinematic analysis.

The SHRDS provides a very coarse measure of the kinematic structure in H II regions. Most nebulae are resolved with only a few synthesized beams across the detected nebula emission. By design the ATCA observations, taken in the most compact configurations, do not provide very detailed images; the synthesized beam is not significantly smaller than the

primary beam (HPBW = 225"). This is because for the SHRDS science goals surface brightness sensitivity is more important than spatial resolution. Nevertheless, here we will show that the sensitivity and spatial resolution are sufficient to roughly characterize the global properties of the internal kinematics of H II regions.

2.2. Jansky VLA

The goal of the H II region VLA 8–10 GHz RRL survey was to measure the metallicity throughout the Galactic disk in the northern sky (Wenger et al. 2019a). Accurate electron temperatures were derived using the RRL to continuum intensity ratio. Since metals act as coolants within the ionized gas, the electron temperatures are a proxy for metallicity (Rubin 1985). A total of 82 nebulae were targeted. Multiple sources were sometimes detected within the primary beam and therefore here we consider every continuum detection in the VLA images. This consists of 118 independent continuum measurements.

Data were taken in the most compact VLA D configuration using ~ 10 minute *snapshot* integrations. The *uv*-plane was therefore not well sampled and the resulting RRL images are not very sensitive to any extended H II region emission. The HPBW spatial resolution is 15" and the maximum recoverable scale is 145". The Wideband Interferometric Digital Architecture correlator in the 8-bit sampler mode can tune simultaneously to eight RRL transitions between H86 α and H93 α across the 8–10 GHz band. Since the H86 α transition is confused with a higher order RRL, only seven RRLs are stacked to produce the $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ spectrum.

We follow the same selection criteria as discussed in Section 2.1 for our kinematic analysis. We therefore only choose relatively isolated nebulae that have a single RRL component with a S/N ≥ 10 . A total of 48 independent observations of 47 unique sources meet these criteria.

3. H II Region Kinematics

Random gas motions of the plasma produced by photo-ionization within H II regions should be well described by a Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution. Such motions produce Gaussian spectral line profiles for optically thin gas via the Doppler effect. There is some evidence for small deviations from a Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution in H II regions (e.g., Nicholls et al. 2012), but this should not significantly affect our interpretation of H II region kinematics. Observations of spectral lines from ionized gas tracers indicate line widths significantly broader than the thermal width, even on small spatial scales (Ferland 2001; Beckman & Relaño 2004). These nonthermal line widths have been attributed to MHD waves (e.g., Mouschovias 1975) or turbulence (e.g., Morris et al. 1974), which also produce Gaussian line profiles via the Doppler effect. Bulk motions of the gas produced by dynamical effects may alter the line shape. For example, an expanding H II region could produce a double-peaked RRL profile if the nebula is resolved, or a square-wave RRL profile for an unresolved source (e.g., Balser et al. 1997). But analysis of $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ spectra toward nebulae in the ATCA and VLA surveys typically reveal a single Gaussian line profile. There are six nebulae (3%) with significant non-Gaussian line wings or double-peaked profiles that are not included in our analysis.

To investigate the H II region kinematics, we therefore perform single-component Gaussian fits to $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ profiles for each spectral pixel (spaxel) in the RRL data cubes using the Levenberg–Markwardt (Markwardt 2009) least-squares method. Figures 1 and 2 show the results of these fits for G297.651–00.973 and G035.126–0.755 taken from the ATCA and VLA surveys, respectively. Plotted are the fitted center velocity, V_{LSR} , the FWHM line width, ΔV , and their associated errors. The V_{LSR} and ΔV images are similar to first and second moment maps, respectively, but in detail they are different mathematical operations. Figures 1 and 2 reveal clear velocity gradients across the roughly circular nebulae. G297.651–00.973 and G035.126–0.755 illustrate particularly good examples, but we detect velocity gradients in 44% and 25% of H II regions in the ATCA and VLA surveys, respectively. Less common, however, is the centrally peaked distribution of the FWHM line width detected in G297.651–00.973 and G035.126–0.755.

To characterize the velocity gradients in our H II region sample, we fit both a constant model (no velocity gradient) and a plane model (velocity gradient) to the V_{LSR} image using maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)—see Appendix A for details. For each model, we calculate the Bayesian information criterion (BIC). The BIC is used to select the best model that does not overfit the data. If $\Delta \text{BIC} \equiv \text{BIC}(\text{constant}) - \text{BIC}(\text{plane}) \geq 6$, then the plane model is strongly preferred (Kass & Raftery 1995). A total of 212 and 19 detections are best fit by a plane model for the ATCA and VLA, respectively. Visual inspection of both the Gaussian fit images and the data cubes for all sources with $\Delta \text{BIC} \geq 6$ reveals problems with the velocity gradient fit for 46 and seven detections for the ATCA and VLA, respectively. For example, the velocity gradient was either fit across two distinct sources or the source was cutoff by the primary beam. Removing these sources leaves a total of 166 and 12 nebulae with bona fide velocity gradients for the ATCA and VLA, respectively. Finally, to provide a quantitative measure of the goodness of fit we calculate the root mean square error (RMSE) between the model and data.

Tables 2 and 3 summarize the properties of our velocity gradient H II regions for the ATCA and VLA, respectively. Listed are the source name, the source field, the MLE velocity gradient fit parameters, the quality factor, QF, the number of synthesized beams across the nebula, the RRL peak S/N, and the RMSE. The velocity gradient fit parameters consist of the velocity offset, c_0 , the velocity gradient magnitude, ∇V_{LSR} , and the position angle, PA. The ATCA primary beam is large and often contains multiple H II regions. Therefore, we have observed some sources multiple times in the SHRDS and these duplicates, consisting of 16 H II regions, are included in Table 2 because they are independent measurements. They can be distinguished by the different field names.

The distribution of velocity gradient magnitudes and position angles are shown in Figure 3. Only unique sources with RMSE values less than 1.0 km s^{-1} are included. Based on visual inspection of the V_{LSR} images and the velocity gradient fits, we deem that sources with RMSE less than 1.0 km s^{-1} are well characterized by velocity gradients. Using this threshold for the RMSE excludes 74 and five detections from the ATCA and VLA H II region sample, respectively. The ATCA H II region sample velocity gradient magnitudes range between $\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = 5\text{--}80 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$, whereas the VLA H II region sample have higher values, $\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = 80\text{--}200 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$. Since the VLA spatial resolution is about 10 times better than the ATCA, we are not necessarily comparing the same area of

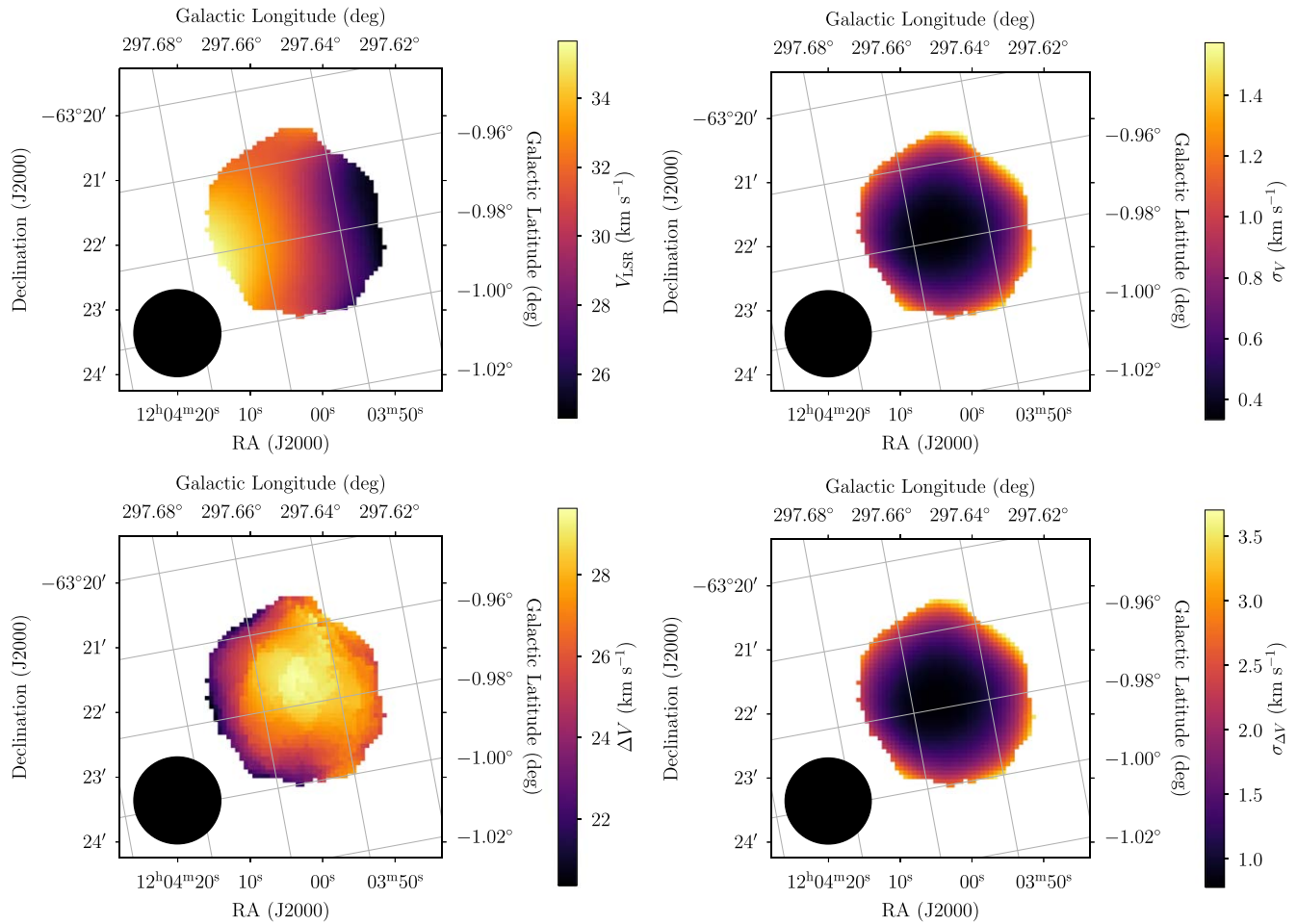


Figure 1. $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ spectrum RRL Gaussian center velocity, V_{LSR} , and line width, ΔV , parameter images of G297.651–00.973, observed with the ATCA. Top: Gaussian fit of the center velocity, V_{LSR} , and the associated error. Bottom: Gaussian fit of the FWHM line width, ΔV , and the associated error. The boundaries of the fitted region are defined by a watershed segmentation algorithm that identifies all pixels with emission associated with an emission peak (for details see Wenger et al. 2021). Outside the watershed region the images have a poor S/N and there are no Gaussian RRL fits. The synthesized HPBW is shown by the black circle in the bottom left-hand corner of the image.

the H II region; this, of course, depends on the distance. Calculating the velocity gradient in physical units, kilometers per second per parsec, may provide more stringent constraints on dynamical models, but here we decide to use the distance independent units of meters per second per arcsec since we do not yet have accurate distances to many of our sources. The number of nebulae decreases with increasing velocity gradient magnitude and turns over near $\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = 15 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$. There are likely H II regions with velocity gradients less than this value that we do not detect due to sensitivity.

There is no correlation between the velocity gradient magnitude and position angle. We have converted the position angles from Equatorial to Galactic coordinates to test whether there is a physical connection between Galactic rotation and a preferred rotation axis of these nebulae. The position angles appear to have a random distribution on the sky with no preferred direction with respect to the Galactic plane (see Figure 3).

We produce composite mid-infrared/radio images for each source to help interpret the kinematic structure. We combine data from the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) with RRL and continuum data from either the ATCA or VLA. Examples are shown in Figures 4 and 5 for the ATCA H II region G297.651–00.973 and the VLA H II region

G035.126–0.755, respectively. The color image corresponds to the WISE mid-infrared emission. H II regions, detected in $22 \mu\text{m}$ (red) emission from heated dust grains, are often surrounded by a photodissociation region (PDR), visible in $12 \mu\text{m}$ (green) emission from polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) molecules. Overlaid on the WISE images are black contours from the free-free radio continuum that shows the extent of the H II region. The $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ RRL Gaussian fit center velocity V_{LSR} is represented with color contours and indicates the direction of the velocity gradient.

Some sources, such as G297.651–00.973 (Figure 4), show a bipolar morphology in the infrared emission. If the kinematics detected by the RRL emission were due to ionized gas motions within the bipolar outflow, we would expect the velocity gradient to be aligned with the bipolar outflow axis. For G297.651–00.973, the velocity gradient is perpendicular to the outflow direction, however, consistent with ionized gas rotating around the bipolar outflow; that is, the axis of rotation is along the direction of the bipolar outflow.

Another common infrared morphology is bubble-like structures. For G035.126–0.755 (Figure 5), we see a complex bubble morphology surrounding the radio continuum emission. We do not have the spatial resolution to infer any connection between the RRL velocity gradient and the bubble structure,

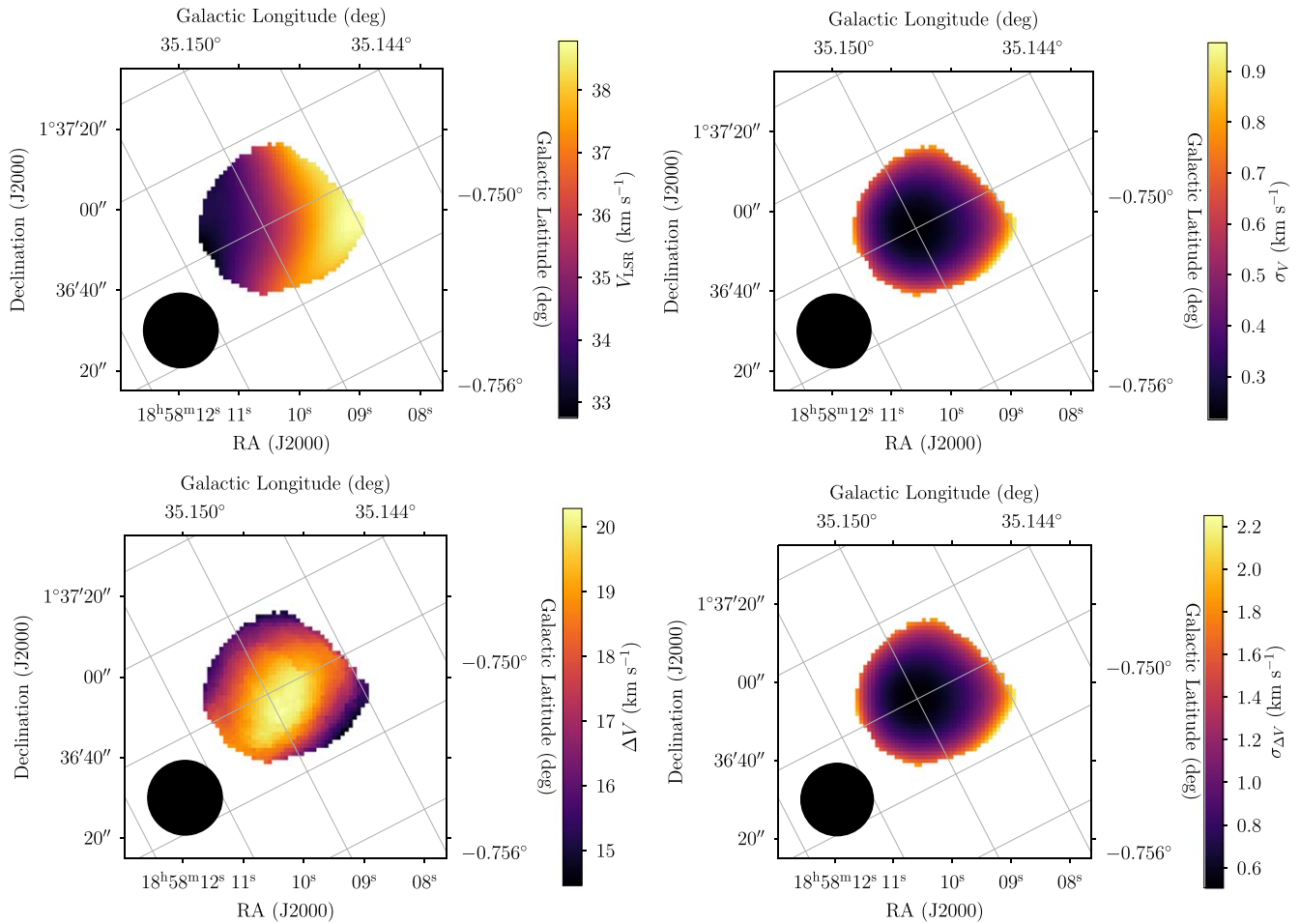


Figure 2. $\langle \text{Hn}\alpha \rangle$ spectrum RRL Gaussian center velocity, V_{LSR} , and line width, ΔV , parameter images of G035.126–0.755 observed with the VLA. See Figure 1 for details.

but bubble infrared morphologies are common toward H II regions (e.g., Anderson et al. 2011).

Since bulk motions can modify the line width we also inspect the morphology of the ΔV images. For a static nebula we expect the line width to be uniform, but we detect structure in ΔV images in about half of our nebulae. For example, in both G297.651–00.973 and G035.126–0.755 the line widths are higher near the center of the H II region; that is, centrally peaked. The combination of a velocity gradient with a centrally peaked line width was also detected in the H II region K3-50A (Balser et al. 2001). We detect centrally peaked line widths in about 15% of the sources in Tables 2 and 3. About 15% of nebulae have higher line widths toward one side of the H II region boundary, or edge peaked. We also see a gradient in ΔV across nebulae in about 20% of the sources in our sample. The RRL line width morphology of the remaining sources is roughly split between uniform and complex.

4. H II Region Simulations

To better interpret these results, we develop H II region numerical simulations that include a dynamical model to explain the observed kinematics. Assuming an optically thin RRL in local thermodynamical equilibrium (LTE), what type of dynamical model could produce RRL velocity gradients? The thermal gradient at the boundary of a spherical, homogeneous H II region would produce a spherically symmetric expanding

nebula (e.g., Spitzer 1978; Dyson & Williams 1997). Radiation and winds from OB-type stars could also cause expansion in young, compact H II regions (e.g., Oey 1996; Lopez et al. 2014; McLeod et al. 2019; Rugel et al. 2019). But a spherically symmetric expanding nebula would produce double-peaked RRL profiles toward the center of the nebula, or, if the nebula were unresolved, a square-wave profile (e.g., Balser et al. 1997). We do not detect any such profiles in the ATCA or VLA RRL data cubes, but we do see bipolar outflow morphologies in some of the mid-infrared images.

Here, we explore bipolar outflows and solid body rotation, although there may be other H II region dynamics that can produce velocity gradients. Moreover, complex velocity structures with small spatial scales could produce velocity gradients when convolved with the telescope’s larger beam. An ionized bipolar outflow could produce an RRL velocity gradient with the velocity gradient direction aligned with the outflow axis. This depends on the relative orientation of the bipolar outflow axis with respect to the observer. A rotating spherical nebula could also produce an RRL velocity gradient where the velocity gradient direction would be normal to the rotation axis.

We assume a homogeneous, isothermal, spherical nebula and perform the radiative transfer of RRL and continuum emission to produce a model brightness temperature distribution on the sky. The spectral noise is modeled as random (Gaussian) noise with a specified rms. We then generate

Table 2
ATCA H II Region Sample

Source	Field	MLE Velocity Gradient Fit			QF	No. Beams	Peak S/N	RMSE (km s ⁻¹)
		c_0 (km s ⁻¹)	∇V_{LSR} (m s ⁻¹ arcsec ⁻¹)	PA (degree)				
G012.804+00.207	g012.804–	35.65 ± 0.07	8.53 ± 0.84	265.26 ± 7.34	A	3.6	281.00	0.74
G013.880+00.285	overlap4	50.76 ± 0.04	14.94 ± 0.70	179.79 ± 3.02	A	3.8	449.70	0.58
G233.753–00.193	ch1	37.45 ± 0.30	41.93 ± 3.92	89.01 ± 6.08	A	2.1	20.10	1.86
G259.057–01.544	shrds030	59.18 ± 0.51	317.62 ± 18.12	126.50 ± 3.12	A	1.0	25.40	9.12
G263.615–00.534	ch5	0.08 ± 0.08	21.73 ± 2.06	155.71 ± 5.53	A	5.3	91.80	1.03
G264.343+01.457	ch6	13.27 ± 0.09	36.50 ± 2.64	40.66 ± 4.07	A	4.1	98.00	0.69
G265.151+01.454	ch7	6.03 ± 0.02	71.23 ± 0.73	74.12 ± 0.53	A	8.3	218.20	4.21
G281.175–01.645	ch17	−6.98 ± 0.13	14.54 ± 3.69	49.56 ± 14.21	A	3.3	87.60	0.59
G281.175–01.645	caswell1	−7.43 ± 0.18	15.74 ± 4.16	19.90 ± 15.79	A	2.8	58.90	0.64
G282.015–00.997	shrds1007	0.29 ± 0.13	26.61 ± 1.76	124.47 ± 3.63	B	3.8	40.60	0.82
G282.027–01.182	ch19	21.20 ± 0.06	31.29 ± 1.15	335.36 ± 2.35	A	6.8	286.60	3.34
G282.842–01.252	shrds1232	−4.61 ± 0.23	16.16 ± 4.75	281.33 ± 17.58	A	2.4	36.50	1.17
G284.712+00.317	caswell2	9.26 ± 0.12	39.98 ± 2.51	237.68 ± 3.64	A	4.5	83.80	1.05
G284.712+00.317	ch32	10.91 ± 0.11	48.64 ± 2.28	242.35 ± 2.85	A	5.6	118.30	1.38
G285.260–00.051	ch33	−1.02 ± 0.06	26.37 ± 1.11	177.09 ± 1.62	A	7.6	229.70	1.50
G286.362–00.297	shrds1017	−33.68 ± 0.19	52.57 ± 3.25	190.91 ± 3.98	B	3.3	34.20	0.83
G286.362–00.297	shrds1018g	−39.76 ± 0.27	49.51 ± 3.16	200.64 ± 2.79	B	1.9	17.70	0.48
G286.391–01.351	ch35	38.27 ± 0.18	34.71 ± 5.35	5.18 ± 6.16	A	2.6	64.10	0.79
G291.046–02.079	shrds199	−18.93 ± 0.19	37.70 ± 3.68	227.54 ± 5.59	A	3.1	40.20	0.48
G291.281–00.726	caswell3	−23.38 ± 0.07	46.15 ± 1.39	159.23 ± 1.65	A	4.9	226.70	0.86
G291.281–00.726	ch52	−23.58 ± 0.06	64.87 ± 1.29	163.43 ± 0.89	A	6.3	407.40	1.24
G291.863–00.682	ch55	24.92 ± 0.08	12.92 ± 1.78	329.46 ± 9.20	A	4.5	144.60	0.91
G291.863–00.682	caswell4	24.31 ± 0.10	9.71 ± 2.09	317.15 ± 12.31	A	3.9	122.60	0.54
G293.024–01.029	ch57	65.77 ± 0.15	19.83 ± 3.98	132.85 ± 11.51	A	3.8	65.40	0.68
G293.967–00.984	shrds219	28.46 ± 0.50	36.56 ± 12.10	83.34 ± 16.46	B	1.1	28.20	0.38
G297.651–00.973	ch65	31.76 ± 0.22	67.50 ± 5.91	94.55 ± 5.09	A	2.9	46.50	0.71
G298.183–00.784	caswell5	17.97 ± 0.12	13.18 ± 3.05	323.02 ± 13.28	A	3.1	131.80	0.66
G298.183–00.784	ch66	17.63 ± 0.12	11.14 ± 3.40	280.26 ± 18.76	A	3.1	165.50	0.93
G298.224–00.334	ch67	31.79 ± 0.07	60.01 ± 1.18	36.16 ± 1.25	A	5.6	349.80	3.06
G298.846+00.121	shrds258	19.65 ± 0.29	29.72 ± 5.80	111.24 ± 10.90	A	1.5	38.60	0.47
G299.349–00.267	ch71	−39.61 ± 0.20	16.16 ± 2.85	350.31 ± 8.49	B	2.4	38.00	0.54
G299.349–00.267	caswell6	−40.35 ± 0.18	24.88 ± 3.62	331.40 ± 8.18	A	3.0	38.80	0.42
G300.965+01.162	g300.983+01.117	−40.93 ± 0.16	30.18 ± 1.13	186.87 ± 4.41	B	3.4	49.00	1.54
G301.116+00.968	caswell8	−40.76 ± 0.08	41.28 ± 1.62	217.31 ± 2.22	A	4.2	171.30	0.51
G301.116+00.968	ch74	−40.31 ± 0.07	57.89 ± 1.76	215.77 ± 1.65	A	4.7	228.90	0.74
G302.436–00.106	shrds294	−40.37 ± 0.35	25.44 ± 7.25	93.56 ± 18.51	A	2.0	25.10	0.51
G302.636–00.672	shrds297	30.90 ± 0.21	11.81 ± 3.98	94.36 ± 18.10	A	2.4	47.00	0.62
G302.805+01.287	ch79	−28.44 ± 0.19	22.78 ± 2.47	76.57 ± 4.52	A	2.8	54.50	0.41
G303.342–00.718	shrds303	27.65 ± 0.48	35.41 ± 12.57	75.86 ± 18.23	B	1.1	29.00	0.56
G304.465–00.023	shrds336	−15.37 ± 0.11	23.04 ± 1.99	109.09 ± 2.59	A	3.6	72.00	0.52
G305.362+00.197	ch86	−36.88 ± 0.06	25.43 ± 0.75	203.99 ± 2.36	A	5.5	350.30	2.29
G306.321–00.358	ch93	−19.54 ± 0.11	33.87 ± 1.88	16.27 ± 4.01	A	4.6	86.20	0.84
G308.916+00.124	shrds384	−43.45 ± 0.33	53.30 ± 9.24	124.50 ± 9.85	A	1.9	45.90	1.43
G309.151–00.215	shrds385	−10.64 ± 0.13	27.69 ± 1.78	274.02 ± 4.36	B	4.6	33.20	1.01
G310.260–00.199	shrds403	7.21 ± 0.31	172.74 ± 7.18	54.07 ± 1.91	B	1.6	18.50	3.85
G310.519–00.220	shrds407	23.53 ± 0.37	41.80 ± 11.63	290.60 ± 14.95	A	1.4	35.30	0.33
G311.563+00.239	shrds428	−4.73 ± 0.23	226.11 ± 5.38	156.74 ± 1.71	A	1.8	30.10	8.57
G311.629+00.289	caswell12	−54.95 ± 0.10	21.76 ± 2.23	326.00 ± 5.92	A	3.4	179.40	1.08
G311.629+00.289	ch110	−58.26 ± 0.11	41.84 ± 2.19	312.46 ± 2.85	A	3.4	176.70	1.56
G311.809–00.309	shrds1103	−37.23 ± 0.17	51.09 ± 3.26	235.14 ± 4.21	A	4.1	40.80	1.13
G311.893+00.086	ch113	−47.90 ± 0.04	29.08 ± 0.80	283.14 ± 1.41	A	6.0	160.70	1.81
G311.919+00.204	ch114	−43.26 ± 0.06	46.34 ± 0.94	346.30 ± 1.42	A	6.6	71.40	1.79
G311.963–00.037	shrds439	−54.90 ± 0.12	8.63 ± 1.92	52.44 ± 12.96	A	3.8	46.40	0.49
G313.671–00.105	atca348	−53.50 ± 0.42	30.03 ± 9.44	278.44 ± 18.07	A	1.2	21.10	0.53
G313.790+00.705	atca352	−58.04 ± 0.25	34.73 ± 4.92	162.90 ± 8.83	A	2.1	33.50	0.65
G315.312–00.272	ch121	15.41 ± 0.29	15.77 ± 4.35	7.60 ± 18.34	A	1.7	25.90	0.55
G315.312–00.272	ch87.1	14.83 ± 0.23	30.89 ± 4.21	6.15 ± 8.81	A	2.4	33.50	0.28
G316.796–00.056	ch124	−36.72 ± 0.05	33.45 ± 0.66	300.23 ± 1.17	A	6.1	288.80	2.04
G317.405+00.091	shrds1122	−39.31 ± 0.08	14.82 ± 1.52	96.61 ± 6.16	A	3.0	126.90	0.70
G317.861+00.160	atca402	1.65 ± 0.18	12.15 ± 3.77	212.19 ± 15.85	A	3.0	45.00	0.96
G318.233–00.605	shrds1126	−39.01 ± 0.11	83.88 ± 1.84	314.85 ± 1.25	B	5.7	29.10	3.74
G318.915–00.165	ch131	−29.40 ± 0.11	9.34 ± 2.80	79.76 ± 10.35	A	3.3	192.80	0.56

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Source	Field	MLE Velocity Gradient Fit			QF	No. Beams	Peak S/N	RMSE (km s ⁻¹)
		c_0 (km s ⁻¹)	∇V_{LSR} (m s ⁻¹ arcsec ⁻¹)	PA (degree)				
G319.188-00.329	shrds1129	-27.10 ± 0.11	35.44 ± 1.46	327.19 ± 2.21	B	6.9	39.30	1.89
G319.229+00.225	atca412	-66.18 ± 0.30	20.36 ± 4.12	191.18 ± 13.41	A	2.1	21.80	0.40
G319.884+00.793	ch134	-43.14 ± 0.09	23.86 ± 1.02	0.47 ± 4.59	A	4.6	75.40	0.62
G320.163+00.797	ch136	-44.24 ± 0.06	74.05 ± 0.67	29.55 ± 0.70	A	7.1	176.80	0.64
G320.236-00.099	shrds1140	-6.73 ± 0.09	23.01 ± 1.63	298.49 ± 4.34	B	4.4	57.90	1.03
G320.884-00.641	shrds561	7.88 ± 0.26	49.17 ± 5.77	357.57 ± 6.12	A	2.4	27.50	0.34
G321.725+01.169	caswell14	-32.34 ± 0.07	4.86 ± 1.53	220.55 ± 18.15	A	3.5	168.90	0.57
G322.162+00.625	caswell15	-52.28 ± 0.05	20.29 ± 0.89	110.15 ± 2.40	A	3.6	336.00	0.61
G322.162+00.625	ch145	-51.80 ± 0.04	29.99 ± 0.78	116.38 ± 1.16	A	4.6	550.80	1.19
G323.806+00.020	atca459	-59.36 ± 0.23	17.41 ± 3.91	231.87 ± 14.09	A	2.5	36.40	0.25
G324.201+00.117	caswell16	-90.15 ± 0.08	6.80 ± 1.71	152.72 ± 13.73	A	3.5	191.60	0.75
G324.642-00.321	atca466	-49.65 ± 0.29	22.53 ± 4.87	70.29 ± 14.78	A	1.8	32.50	0.46
G325.108+00.053	atca472	-66.58 ± 0.32	45.74 ± 3.08	65.18 ± 3.67	B	2.0	20.90	0.97
G325.354-00.036	atca475	-65.43 ± 0.44	24.84 ± 6.94	175.12 ± 22.15	A	1.2	21.20	0.63
G326.446+00.901	caswell17	-40.35 ± 0.05	23.45 ± 1.02	226.91 ± 2.48	A	4.1	226.20	1.09
G326.446+00.901	ch154	-39.72 ± 0.05	28.77 ± 1.02	226.92 ± 2.07	A	4.7	264.30	1.49
G326.473-00.378	shrds609	-54.87 ± 0.32	41.56 ± 8.94	239.43 ± 12.70	A	1.8	42.70	1.13
G326.721+00.773	atca484	-40.57 ± 0.17	30.72 ± 3.46	294.96 ± 5.76	A	2.6	34.30	0.33
G327.714+00.576	atca498	-49.22 ± 0.40	39.29 ± 6.44	66.91 ± 9.46	A	1.7	23.80	0.44
G328.117+00.108	shrds647	-103.02 ± 0.16	23.51 ± 2.89	87.93 ± 7.92	A	3.2	38.80	0.84
G328.945+00.570	shrds669	-91.67 ± 0.16	48.77 ± 3.56	210.49 ± 4.17	A	2.9	52.90	1.02
G329.266+00.111	shrds677	-73.83 ± 0.36	48.76 ± 8.74	343.27 ± 8.65	A	1.5	16.10	0.28
G330.039-00.058	ch174	-40.49 ± 0.18	11.72 ± 2.08	62.31 ± 9.87	A	2.8	51.60	0.72
G330.673-00.388	shrds1171	-64.06 ± 0.10	11.13 ± 2.67	195.04 ± 4.45	B	3.6	100.50	1.01
G330.738-00.449	shrds1171	-61.23 ± 0.20	21.16 ± 5.72	339.52 ± 16.28	A	2.8	36.90	1.47
G330.873-00.369	ch177	-53.37 ± 0.06	9.31 ± 1.09	236.85 ± 6.17	A	5.5	204.90	2.09
G331.123-00.530	shrds717	-68.06 ± 0.05	20.34 ± 0.81	283.67 ± 2.04	A	4.4	157.70	1.48
G331.145+00.133	shrds719	-75.94 ± 0.31	44.57 ± 4.21	332.45 ± 6.91	A	2.1	31.00	1.28
G331.156-00.391	shrds720	-62.25 ± 0.11	27.73 ± 2.10	232.81 ± 4.19	A	3.5	55.30	1.33
G331.172-00.460	shrds721	-71.10 ± 0.14	76.61 ± 3.73	236.03 ± 2.71	A	2.6	69.40	3.67
G331.249+01.071	shrds1174	-82.31 ± 0.15	35.80 ± 2.00	247.14 ± 3.61	A	4.8	40.00	1.08
G331.259-00.188	ch180	-83.60 ± 0.07	37.30 ± 1.13	21.59 ± 1.59	A	6.0	133.40	1.58
G331.361-00.019	ch182	-83.09 ± 0.05	31.35 ± 0.92	98.47 ± 1.76	B	6.2	157.30	1.40
G331.468-00.262	shrds732	-100.51 ± 0.19	19.85 ± 4.15	278.40 ± 15.68	A	1.8	31.20	0.42
G331.653+00.128	shrds741	-90.28 ± 0.07	24.90 ± 1.36	132.31 ± 3.18	A	4.6	97.40	0.87
G331.744-00.068	shrds743	-88.64 ± 0.28	29.93 ± 8.30	81.58 ± 16.16	A	1.8	37.70	0.45
G331.834-00.002	shrds746	-80.59 ± 0.18	32.09 ± 3.81	111.28 ± 6.69	A	3.8	41.80	1.03
G332.311-00.567	shrds759	-55.73 ± 0.14	25.76 ± 3.36	269.05 ± 7.51	A	2.5	56.90	0.49
G332.957+01.793	shrds782	-26.71 ± 0.36	100.45 ± 6.59	317.87 ± 3.82	B	2.6	17.70	1.55
G332.964+00.771	ch191	-51.19 ± 0.04	25.60 ± 0.59	319.69 ± 1.35	B	8.8	182.60	2.05
G332.987+00.902	shrds784	-45.46 ± 0.16	23.76 ± 4.04	211.23 ± 9.75	A	3.0	39.60	0.45
G332.990-00.619	shrds785	-49.78 ± 0.06	63.63 ± 1.47	93.38 ± 0.91	A	6.4	89.30	1.51
G333.052+00.033	shrds788	-38.94 ± 0.31	55.96 ± 5.01	0.84 ± 6.68	A	2.1	33.70	2.09
G333.129-00.439	shrds789	-28.34 ± 0.05	83.51 ± 0.23	183.36 ± 1.12	B	2.2	262.90	4.55
G333.164-00.100	shrds792	-90.03 ± 0.08	27.03 ± 0.66	178.78 ± 5.36	B	3.6	71.30	1.06
G333.255+00.065	shrds794	-54.07 ± 0.10	8.70 ± 1.72	235.65 ± 11.87	A	3.6	126.60	2.77
G333.467-00.159	shrds799	-42.18 ± 0.08	12.38 ± 2.26	346.70 ± 10.83	A	2.4	129.40	0.29
G333.534-00.383	shrds801	-55.93 ± 0.09	76.15 ± 1.81	35.11 ± 1.13	B	5.9	46.30	1.12
G334.202+00.193	shrds811	-95.70 ± 0.34	16.79 ± 6.43	217.96 ± 19.73	A	1.6	30.80	0.81
G334.721-00.653	caswell20	14.86 ± 0.27	45.16 ± 7.35	323.07 ± 9.29	A	2.0	58.10	0.32
G334.721-00.653	ch201	11.88 ± 0.27	46.41 ± 5.29	333.75 ± 9.31	A	2.0	66.10	0.56
G334.774-00.023	shrds828	-26.41 ± 0.24	18.43 ± 5.67	313.78 ± 17.56	A	2.7	42.50	0.58
G336.026-00.817	shrds843	-45.78 ± 0.16	14.15 ± 3.79	255.51 ± 16.60	A	2.3	58.90	0.30
G336.086-00.074	shrds845	-97.24 ± 0.30	55.06 ± 6.35	334.25 ± 7.17	B	1.9	16.40	0.89
G336.367-00.003	shrds852	-129.13 ± 0.23	20.63 ± 4.02	343.21 ± 10.21	A	1.9	52.70	0.47
G336.491-01.474	ch209	-23.13 ± 0.00	7.42 ± 0.05	86.89 ± 1.55	A	4.4	340.60	0.95
G336.491-01.474	caswell21	-23.59 ± 0.06	10.55 ± 1.25	263.69 ± 6.83	A	3.7	304.30	0.51
G337.286+00.113	shrds871	-108.53 ± 0.16	20.80 ± 3.06	125.06 ± 8.76	A	2.5	50.10	0.50
G337.496-00.258	ch214	-94.39 ± 0.15	54.46 ± 2.06	71.84 ± 1.81	B	5.3	36.80	1.61
G337.665-00.176	shrds883	-50.66 ± 0.20	38.95 ± 4.57	279.45 ± 6.53	A	2.8	65.30	2.14
G337.684-00.343	shrds884	-42.99 ± 0.09	38.96 ± 1.77	110.19 ± 2.84	A	5.5	75.50	1.47
G337.705-00.059	shrds885	-48.61 ± 0.18	17.42 ± 2.99	45.14 ± 9.85	A	2.0	27.40	1.01

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		c_0 (km s ⁻¹)	∇V_{LSR} (m s ⁻¹ arcsec ⁻¹)	PA (degree)				
G337.922-00.463	ch216	-38.13 ± 0.04	34.05 ± 0.43	117.91 ± 0.89	B	8.2	332.60	4.61
G338.405-00.203	caswell22	0.44 ± 0.11	20.63 ± 2.78	95.61 ± 7.46	A	3.4	160.10	0.65
G338.462-00.262	ch221	-52.55 ± 0.20	31.94 ± 1.29	247.86 ± 3.74	B	2.5	37.70	1.67
G338.565-00.151	shrds899	-114.31 ± 0.18	15.50 ± 2.58	194.05 ± 8.88	A	2.4	56.90	0.77
G338.576+00.020	shrds900	-23.66 ± 0.08	18.66 ± 1.56	206.82 ± 3.50	B	3.4	101.00	0.69
G338.837-00.318	shrds904	-123.39 ± 0.27	30.74 ± 5.43	47.62 ± 10.45	A	1.8	29.80	0.42
G338.883+00.537	shrds1225	-60.79 ± 0.23	80.43 ± 7.38	192.10 ± 5.57	A	1.0	35.60	0.83
G338.934-00.067	ch225	-39.57 ± 0.06	66.12 ± 0.79	188.55 ± 0.74	A	7.9	74.40	1.39
G339.275-00.607	shrds915	-39.01 ± 0.24	26.38 ± 3.89	209.72 ± 8.69	B	2.2	30.00	0.58
G339.478+00.181	shrds917	-84.06 ± 0.22	21.98 ± 4.37	249.79 ± 12.60	A	2.0	55.90	0.41
G339.845+00.299	ch230	-15.51 ± 0.11	46.02 ± 1.41	168.30 ± 2.40	A	4.4	76.00	1.15
G339.952+00.052	shrds1234	-121.43 ± 0.28	56.92 ± 9.29	325.86 ± 9.91	A	1.6	31.10	0.94
G340.294-00.193	ch234	-42.06 ± 0.04	29.71 ± 0.46	182.79 ± 1.24	B	8.4	118.50	0.87
G342.062+00.417	ch239	-71.01 ± 0.07	43.75 ± 1.16	252.40 ± 1.27	B	6.4	163.10	1.56
G342.062+00.417	caswell23	-67.99 ± 0.07	41.88 ± 1.57	256.22 ± 2.02	A	4.7	149.50	0.88
G343.914-00.646	caswell24	-26.80 ± 0.11	17.13 ± 1.82	121.97 ± 5.97	B	7.6	33.10	0.65
G344.424+00.044	ch246	-63.20 ± 0.06	10.34 ± 1.21	35.98 ± 7.50	A	3.9	314.20	0.60
G344.424+00.044	caswell25	-63.60 ± 0.06	6.38 ± 1.52	49.53 ± 13.63	A	3.5	248.60	0.35
G345.391+01.398	ch251	-14.45 ± 0.03	1.81 ± 0.55	127.03 ± 16.14	B	7.9	241.60	1.35
G345.410-00.953	ch252	-20.09 ± 0.04	44.97 ± 0.46	7.53 ± 0.74	A	6.9	436.30	1.57
G345.432+00.207	ch253	-7.87 ± 0.20	17.74 ± 3.84	192.02 ± 14.95	A	3.1	62.70	0.96
G345.651+00.015	ch256	-10.06 ± 0.09	13.54 ± 2.10	350.04 ± 9.20	A	4.1	260.70	0.70
G346.521+00.086	ch260	5.57 ± 0.18	9.70 ± 2.97	252.18 ± 12.13	A	2.6	86.20	0.88
G348.000-00.496	ch264	-95.98 ± 0.08	4.79 ± 0.92	58.06 ± 10.96	B	7.4	70.10	1.77
G348.249-00.971	ch266	-18.80 ± 0.05	33.86 ± 0.83	38.98 ± 1.39	A	8.5	345.00	2.10
G348.710-01.044	ch268	-12.23 ± 0.03	25.53 ± 0.49	352.05 ± 0.98	B	8.2	381.00	1.35
G350.105+00.081	ch273	-70.20 ± 0.04	34.30 ± 0.74	285.60 ± 0.83	B	6.5	336.00	1.12
G350.505+00.956	ch274	-9.63 ± 0.08	14.95 ± 1.79	110.67 ± 4.54	A	4.0	281.90	1.06
G351.246+00.673	overlap1	0.21 ± 0.05	25.67 ± 0.95	212.80 ± 2.38	A	3.4	342.20	1.19
G351.472-00.458	ch278	-22.28 ± 0.05	42.79 ± 1.39	324.51 ± 1.91	A	4.9	187.30	1.51
G351.584-00.350	ch279	-92.65 ± 0.11	5.74 ± 1.85	101.29 ± 14.09	A	2.9	100.10	0.25
G351.620+00.143	ch280	-44.40 ± 0.05	38.61 ± 1.06	60.31 ± 1.52	A	5.6	342.60	1.66
G351.646-01.252	ch282	-13.71 ± 0.06	25.43 ± 1.13	34.91 ± 2.45	A	4.8	498.30	1.79
G351.688-01.169	ch283	-12.55 ± 0.04	52.30 ± 0.74	324.71 ± 0.77	B	6.6	200.10	1.64
G352.597-00.188	ch286	-80.75 ± 0.07	12.68 ± 0.81	3.09 ± 4.73	A	3.4	136.10	0.33
G353.408-00.381	ch293	-15.83 ± 0.05	4.53 ± 0.65	120.48 ± 7.61	A	3.9	253.80	0.13
G354.175-00.062	ch297	-32.69 ± 0.08	16.95 ± 1.10	127.29 ± 3.39	A	3.7	125.90	0.52
G354.465+00.079	ch298	18.69 ± 0.12	15.97 ± 1.69	114.86 ± 4.93	B	3.6	93.50	1.57
G354.936+00.330	ch301	17.88 ± 0.27	15.85 ± 4.87	230.81 ± 16.27	A	1.9	42.60	1.16
G356.230+00.670	ch303	116.85 ± 0.06	21.25 ± 0.91	47.12 ± 2.47	A	4.2	139.70	0.55
G356.310-00.206	ch304	-5.82 ± 0.14	8.21 ± 2.35	163.85 ± 16.15	A	3.0	75.70	0.39
G358.633+00.062	fa054	13.40 ± 0.33	70.13 ± 13.35	144.48 ± 10.89	A	1.6	29.10	1.79

Note. MLE velocity gradient fit includes the velocity offset, c_0 in kilometers per second, the velocity gradient magnitude, ∇V_{LSR} in meters per second per arcsec, and the position angle, PA in degrees. QF is the quality factor (see text) and RMSE is the root mean square error in kilometers per second.

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synthetic RRL spectra by convolving the brightness temperature with a telescope beam. The details are given in Appendix B. These simulations produce an RRL position-position-velocity data cube. We analyze these synthetic RRL data cubes using the same procedures as for our ATCA and VLA data discussed in Section 3. We fit a single Gaussian component within each spaxel of the data cube and generate images of the center velocity, V_{LSR} , and FWHM line width, ΔV .

To investigate the effects of either bipolar outflows or solid body rotational motions, we run a series of simulations exploring a range of H II region kinematic model parameters

(see Table 4). The outflow and rotation speeds are somewhat arbitrary. Nevertheless, hydrodynamic simulations produce outflow speeds (Bodenheimer et al. 1979) and rotational speeds (Jefferson et al. 2020) within the range of values explored in Table 4. We only consider nebulae with a diameter of 2 pc at a distance of either 2 kpc or 5 kpc, producing angular H II region sizes of 206'' or 83'', respectively. Since our synthetic telescope HPBW is 90'', this corresponds to a slightly resolved or unresolved source, similar to the conditions for many of the sources in our H II region sample.

The main results are illustrated in Figures 6 and 7 for the bipolar outflow and solid body rotation models, respectively.

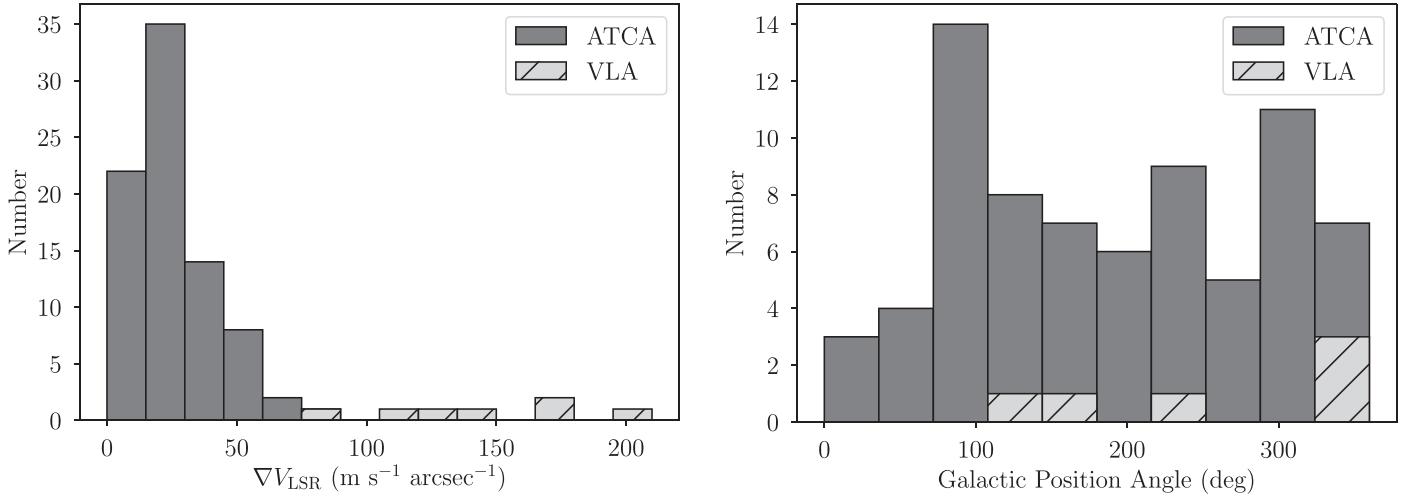


Figure 3. Histograms of the velocity gradient magnitude, ∇V_{LSR} , (top) and the position angle, PA, (bottom) for the ATCA and VLA H II region samples. Only sources with an RMSE less than 1.0 km s^{-1} are included.

Table 3
VLA H II Region Sample

Source	Field	MLE Velocity Gradient Fit			QF	No. Beams	Peak S/N	RMSE (km s^{-1})
		c_0 (km s^{-1})	∇V_{LSR} ($\text{m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$)	PA (degree)				
G013.880+00.285	G013.880+0.285	49.24 ± 0.02	111.61 ± 1.03	201.89 ± 0.82	A	9.6	415.70	1.06
G027.562+00.084	G027.562+0.084	87.93 ± 0.28	149.75 ± 32.19	277.05 ± 12.55	A	1.4	29.20	0.25
G034.133+00.471	G034.133+0.471	35.67 ± 0.11	166.13 ± 13.98	104.67 ± 5.18	A	2.8	95.50	0.63
G035.126-00.755	G035.126-0.755	42.69 ± 0.15	166.97 ± 3.36	270.37 ± 1.81	A	2.8	44.00	0.38
G038.550+00.163	G038.550+0.163	27.76 ± 0.30	205.27 ± 44.18	156.12 ± 12.07	A	1.2	31.20	0.18
G049.399-00.490	G049.399-0.490	61.64 ± 0.13	82.72 ± 11.26	48.33 ± 7.86	A	3.8	48.90	0.77
G070.280+01.583	G070.280+1.583	-25.05 ± 0.09	165.19 ± 6.02	259.92 ± 1.90	A	7.1	56.50	1.05
G070.329+01.589	G070.280+1.583	-25.02 ± 0.19	110.08 ± 1.86	314.30 ± 0.96	B	2.3	61.80	0.89
G075.768+00.344	G075.768+0.344	-5.19 ± 0.04	309.53 ± 2.73	347.90 ± 0.58	A	11.2	154.10	1.70
G097.515+03.173	G097.515+3.173	-75.88 ± 0.21	667.10 ± 45.61	244.42 ± 2.38	A	3.7	32.40	6.07
G351.246+00.673	G351.246+0.673	0.91 ± 0.03	98.99 ± 1.31	241.10 ± 0.71	A	9.0	313.00	2.46
G351.311+00.663	G351.311+0.663	-5.16 ± 0.04	124.64 ± 1.49	284.61 ± 0.67	A	6.4	195.00	0.94

Note. MLE velocity gradient fit includes the velocity offset, c_0 in kilometers per second, the velocity gradient magnitude, ∇V_{LSR} in meters per second per arcsec, and the position angle, PA in degrees. QF is the quality factor (see text) and RMSE is the root mean square error in kilometers per second.

(This table is available in machine-readable form.)

For each dynamical model we show the results of a simulation where the H II region is resolved (left panels) and a simulation where the H II region is slightly unresolved (right panels); that is, the nebular angular size is less than the HPBW. Velocity gradients are detected for both the bipolar outflow and solid body rotation model simulations. When the nebula is unresolved the synthetic V_{LSR} images for the bipolar outflow and solid body rotation models are very similar. The source emission is larger than the synthetic HPBW since we are detecting emission at the edge of the beam. The velocity gradient magnitude increases with better spatial resolution.

There are several notable differences between the two dynamical models. When the nebula is resolved the bipolar morphology can be seen in both the V_{LSR} and ΔV images, given sufficient sensitivity. The solid body rotation models have a centrally peaked line width because along the center direction there is a high gradient in velocity, which is blended by the beam into a broad line width.

The solid body rotation models can produce larger velocity gradients than the bipolar outflow models. This is because there

are two main factors that limit the velocity gradient magnitude in the bipolar outflow models.

1. *Projection Effect.* There is always a significant projection effect of the outflow axis with respect to the line of sight. Velocity gradients are not visible if the outflow axis is pointed toward the observer ($\Phi_{\text{los}} = 90^\circ$) due to symmetry, or pointed normal to the line of sight ($\Phi_{\text{los}} = 0^\circ$) since there is no radial velocity component. The optimal orientation to detect a velocity gradient is when $\Phi_{\text{los}} = 45^\circ$, where the outflow is observed in projection. In contrast, there are no projection effects for the solid body rotation model when the rotation axis is normal to the line of sight ($\Phi_{\text{los}} = 0^\circ$). The velocity gradient does decrease as Φ_{los} increases for the solid body rotation model, but there are orientations with small (or zero) projection effects.
2. *Filling Factor Effect.* Since the bipolar outflow model does not fill the area of the nebula as projected onto the sky, the motions of the bipolar outflow are diluted; that is, there is a filling factor that is less than 1. Increasing the

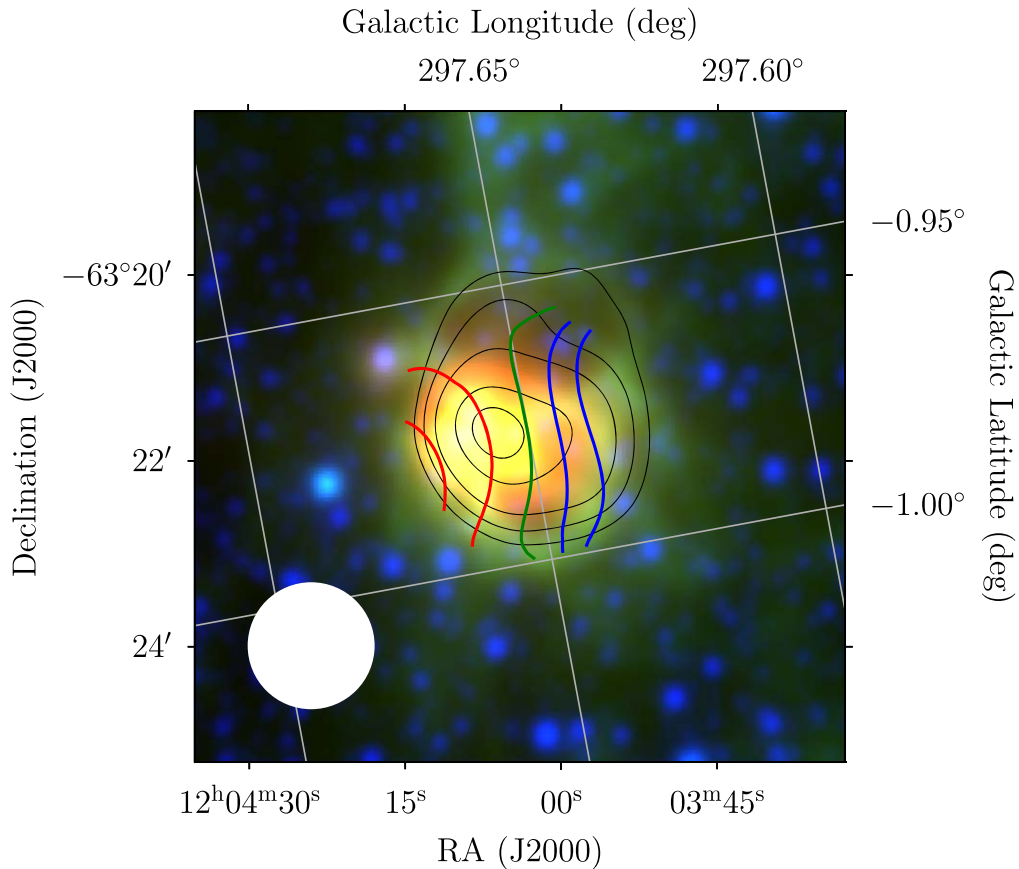


Figure 4. WISE mid-infrared image of G297.651–00.973. The PDR is visible at $12\ \mu\text{m}$ (green) from PAH emission and surrounds the H II region detected at $22\ \mu\text{m}$ (red) from heated dust grains within the ionized gas. The $3.4\ \mu\text{m}$ (blue) emission is from low-mass stars. The ATCA free-free radio continuum emission is overlaid on the mid-infrared image as black contours at 5%, 10%, 20%, 50%, and 80% of the peak continuum brightness. The $\langle\text{Hn}\alpha\rangle$ RRL V_{LSR} velocity gradient structure is shown by the colored contours. The green contour corresponds to the Gaussian center V_{LSR} fitted to the peak spectrum. The redshifted and blueshifted contours are spaced equally between the fitted peak Gaussian V_{LSR} and the maximum redshift/blueshift. The HPBW size is shown by the white circle in the bottom left-hand corner of the image.

bipolar outflow opening angle mitigates this effect to some degree, but the magnitude of the measured velocity gradient is constrained by the RRL width. Most of the nebular emission resides at the systemic RRL velocity, so as the outflow speed is increased, the emission arising from the bipolar outflow region moves to the wings of the main Gaussian profile. This is not true for the solid body rotation models since all of the gas is rotating.

The simulations explain some of the results from our ATCA and VLA observations that are discussed in Section 3. We detect velocity gradients even when the source is not resolved because our RRL data have enough sensitivity to detect emission at the edge of the beam. We observe two sources with both the ATCA and VLA: G013.880+00.285 and G351.246+00.673 (see Tables 2 and 3). The velocity gradient magnitude increases with better spatial resolution, consistent with the simulations. A caveat is that the ATCA and VLA sample different spatial scales and therefore different zones of the nebula. We detect centrally peaked RRL widths in about 15% of the sources in our sample, consistent with the solid body rotation model.

Overall, the simulations favor the solid body rotation model over the bipolar outflow model for several reasons. First, we observe velocity gradients significantly larger than expected for the bipolar outflow model. The simulations are restricted to model nebulae that are either slightly resolved or unresolved, similar to our ATCA H II region sample in Table 2, where the

angular sizes are similar to the HPBW. (If the source size were significantly smaller than the HPBW, we would not be able to detect any velocity structure.) The maximum velocity gradient produced by our bipolar outflow model simulations is about $40\ \text{m s}^{-1}\ \text{arcsec}^{-1}$, yet we detect velocity gradients significantly higher in the ATCA H II region sample. The parameters for the bipolar outflow model with the maximum velocity gradient are $V_o = 30\ \text{km s}^{-1}$, $\Theta_o = 85^\circ$, and $\Phi_{\text{los}} = 45^\circ$. For this model the nebula is unresolved. Increasing the outflow velocity beyond $V_o = 30\ \text{km s}^{-1}$ reduces the velocity gradient because of the filling factor effect discussed above. In contrast, there is no such limitation for the solid body rotation model because all of the gas is rotating. For solid body rotation with $V_{\text{eq}} = 15\ \text{km s}^{-1}$ and $\Phi_{\text{los}} = 0^\circ$, the simulation produces a velocity gradient of $\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = 83\ \text{m s}^{-1}\ \text{arcsec}^{-1}$ for an unresolved nebula. Increasing the equatorial rotation speed increases the velocity gradient. Second, the bipolar outflow model simulations predict that we should see a bipolar morphology when the nebula is resolved, but we do not observe any bipolar structure in the V_{LSR} images. Lastly, we detect a centrally peaked RRL width in about 15% of our sources, consistent with the solid body rotation model.

The model H II region simulations discussed here are limited. They only include simple dynamical models for bipolar outflows and rotational motions. Moreover, we have not explored the full model parameter phase space. More sophisticated Monte Carlo simulations could make predictions

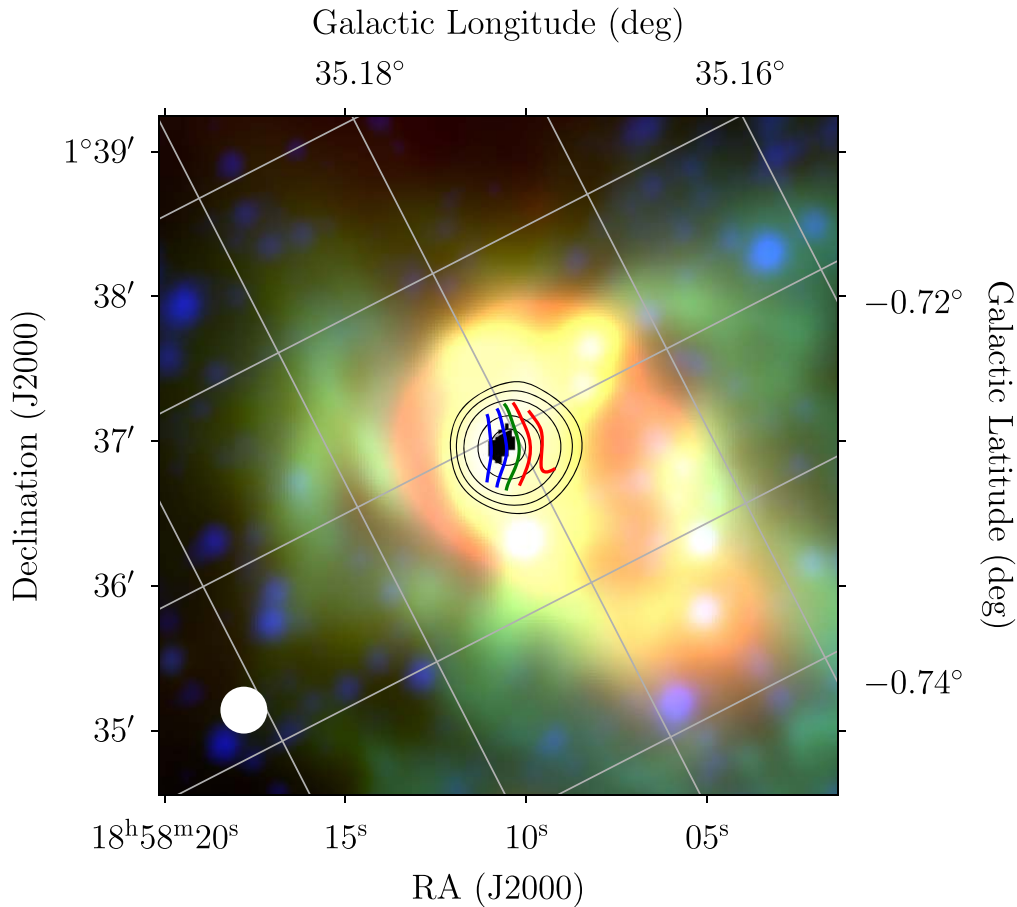


Figure 5. WISE mid-infrared image of G035.126–0.755. See Figure 4 for details except the radio data are from the VLA.

Table 4
H II Region Kinematic Model Parameter Ranges

Parameter	Range	Comment
V_o	20–120 km s ^{−1}	Outflow speed.
Θ_o	15°–85°	Outflow opening angle.
V_{eq}	5–100 km s ^{−1}	Rotation equatorial speed.
Φ_{los}	0°–90°	Outflow/rotation axis relative to the line of sight.
Φ_{sky}	0°–90°	Position angle of the outflow/rotation axis on the sky.

about the expected distribution of velocity gradient magnitudes, but this is beyond the scope of this paper. Nevertheless, the solid body rotation models are better able to reproduce the velocity gradient properties determined from our H II regions RRL observations.

5. Discussion

Rotation is a common property of most objects in the Milky Way (Belloche 2013). On the largest scales there is differential rotation in the Galactic disk. Simulations indicate that the rotational properties of H I clouds and GMCs are correlated with the timescale for Galactic shearing and the gravitational freefall time (Jeffreson et al. 2020). The specific angular momentum of the stars and planets that form within GMCs is about six orders of magnitude less than the dense cores in GMCs (Belloche 2013). Since angular momentum is conserved

there must be a transfer of angular momentum during star formation, but the possible candidates (e.g., fragmentation, magnetic braking, etc.) cannot explain the difference; hence, the *angular momentum problem* in star formation (Spitzer 1978; Bodenheimer 1995; Mathieu 2004).

Where do the dense cores in GMCs obtain their angular momentum? Results from Herschel indicate that most molecular cores form in filaments with a typical width of 0.1 pc (André et al. 2010, 2014; Koch & Rosolowsky 2015). These molecular filaments tend to have sizes between the GMCs and the molecular cores. Hsieh et al. (2021) performed observations of N₂D⁺ in Orion B and detect a velocity gradient along the molecular filament’s minor axis. The authors argue that the velocity gradient is due to rotation of the filament and that the derived angular momentum profile, how the angular momentum varies with distance from the center of the filament, is consistent with ambient turbulence as the source of the filament’s rotation (see Misugi et al. 2019). Tracing the angular momentum through the stages of gravitational collapse that lead to high-mass star formation is a fundamental problem that calls for further simulations and observations with various ISM tracers.

Dalgleish et al. (2018) use the simulations of Peters et al. (2010a) to develop a cartoon picture of how H II regions kinematically evolve. Peters et al. (2010a) use the FLASH code to develop three-dimensional simulations of a rotating, collapsing molecular cloud and include heating from both ionizing and nonionizing sources (also see Peters et al. 2010b, 2010c). The simulation begins with a molecular cloud that has a net angular momentum. Stars form in the denser

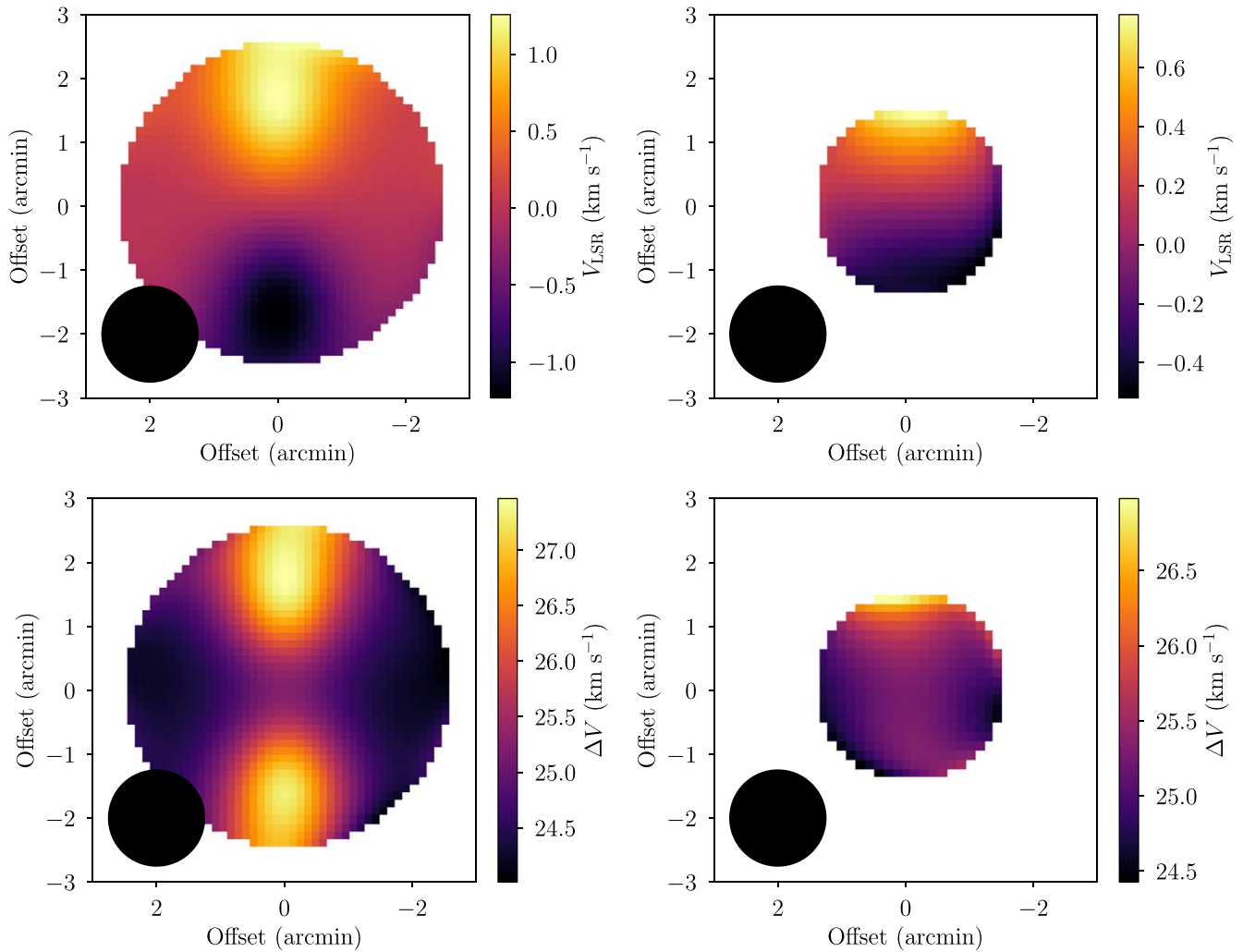


Figure 6. Bipolar outflow simulation results. The center velocity, V_{LSR} , (top) and FWHM line width, ΔV , (bottom) images are shown for two simulations with identical model nebulae at different distances. The *resolved* model nebula at a distance of 2 kpc has an angular size of $206''$ (left), whereas the *unresolved* model nebula at a distance of 5 kpc has an angular size of $83''$ (right). The model telescope HPBW of $90''$ is shown in the bottom left-hand corner of the image. The bipolar outflow model assumes an outflow velocity $V_o = 40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with opening angle of $\Theta_o = 45^\circ$. The bipolar outflow axis is tilted 45° toward the observer, $\Phi_{\text{los}} = 45^\circ$, and oriented north on the sky, $\Phi_{\text{sky}} = 0^\circ$.

regions and follow the rotation of the cloud. The angular momentum of the H II region is inherited from the parent cloud only indirectly, via these massive ionizing stars, whose motions within the expanding H II region complicate the dynamics of the ionized gas. Nevertheless, Dalglish et al. (2018) predict that most H II regions should contain the kinematic signature of rotation–velocity gradients.

We detect velocity gradients between $\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = 5$ and $200 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$ in about 49% of the sources in our H II region sample. Moreover, the RRL widths are centrally peaked in about 15% of the sources with velocity gradients. Simple models of solid body rotation can produce velocity gradients with similar magnitudes as observed and have centrally peaked line widths. These results are all consistent with the hypothesis that most H II regions have inherited some of the angular momentum from their rotating parent molecular clouds.

We cannot, however, rule out other dynamical models. We have shown that nebula models of bipolar outflow also predict velocity gradients. Moreover, bipolar outflow structure is observed in infrared emission toward some sources in our sample with detected velocity gradients. If the velocity gradient were due to the bipolar outflow motions then the velocity

gradient should be along the direction of the bipolar outflow axis. Another possibility is that the velocity gradient is primarily due to rotation from a disk of material and the bipolar outflow is aligned with the rotation axis (e.g., G297.651–00.973 in Figure 4). We only detect an infrared bipolar morphology in about 10 sources from our sample and there is no consistent alignment between the bipolar morphology axis and the RRL velocity gradient direction. There are examples in the literature where there is evidence for both rotation and a bipolar outflow in the ionized gas: NGC 6334A (De Pree et al. 1995; Balser et al. 2001), K3-50A (De Pree et al. 1994; Balser et al. 2001), W49A (Mufson & Liszt 1977; Welch et al. 1987), and G316.810.06 (Dalglish et al. 2018).

To distinguish between these two dynamical models requires better spatial resolution. In some cases both rotation and outflow may be present but they may occur on different spatial scales. The H II region NGC 6334A is a good example where the bipolar outflow extends beyond the core region and the kinematics can be separated with position–velocity maps (Balser et al. 2001). Regardless, the simple bipolar outflow model developed here cannot explain many of the velocity gradients in our sample because these models are unable to

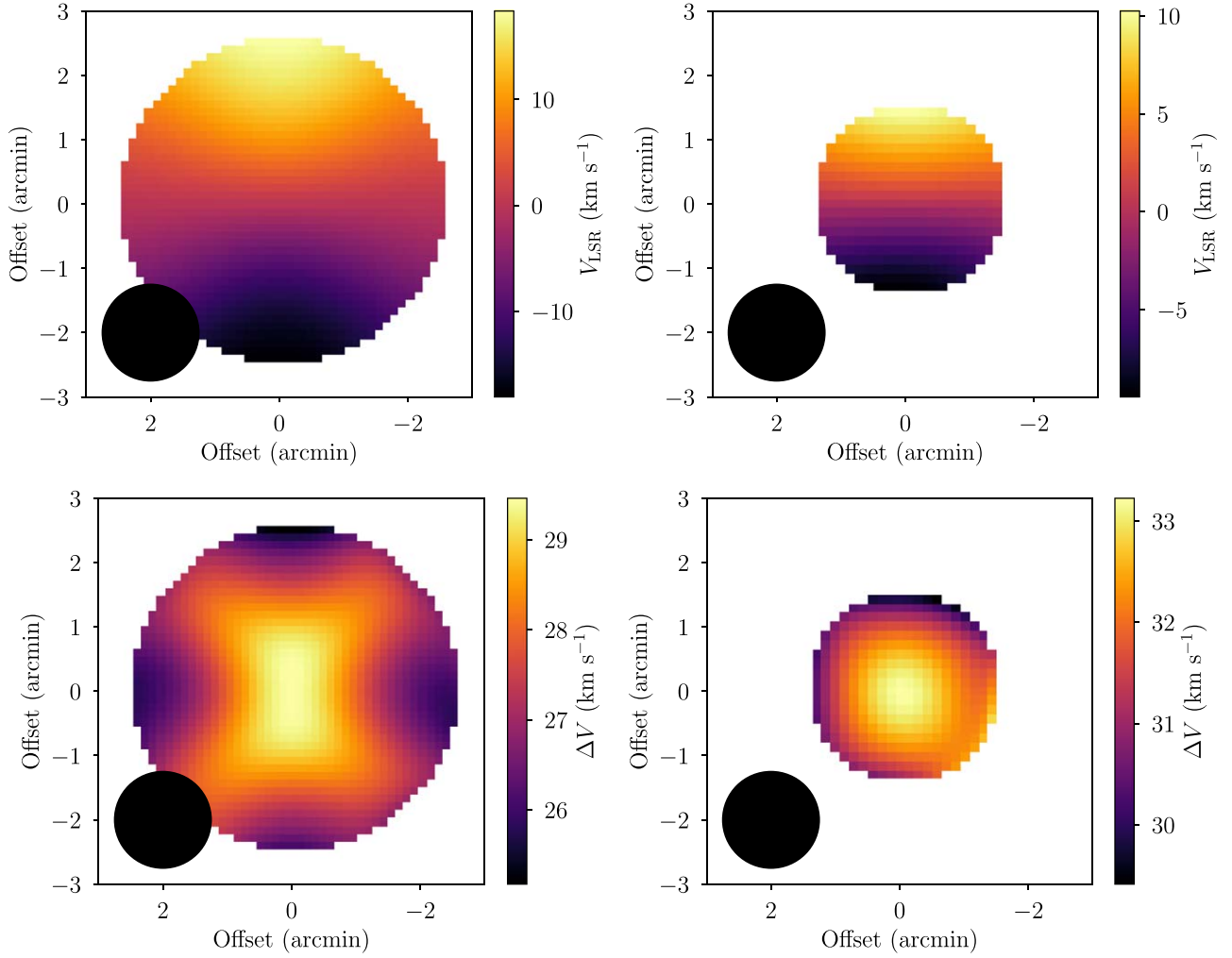


Figure 7. Solid body rotation simulation results. The center velocity, V_{LSR} , (top) and FWHM line width, ΔV , (bottom) images are shown for two simulations with identical model nebula at different distances. The *resolved* model nebulae at a distance of 2 kpc has an angular size of $206''$ (left), whereas the *unresolved* model nebula at a distance of 5 kpc has an angular size of $83''$ (right). The model telescope HPBW of $90''$ is shown in the bottom left-hand corner of the image. The solid body rotation model assumes an equatorial speed of $V_{\text{eq}} = 45 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The rotation axis is perpendicular to the observer, $\Phi_{\text{los}} = 0^\circ$, and oriented East on the sky, $\Phi_{\text{sky}} = 90^\circ$.

Table 5
Model H II Region Properties

Property	Symbol	Default Value	Comment
Electron density	n_e	250 cm^{-3}	Homogeneous nebula.
Electron temperature	T_e	8000 K	Isothermal nebula.
Nonthermal line width	ΔV_{nt}	15 km s^{-1}	
Diameter	D	2 pc	Spherical nebula.
Distance	R_{Sun}	5 kpc	
RRL	Hn α	H85 α	$\Delta n = 1$ correspond to α transitions.
rms spectral noise	N	$0.001 \text{ mJy arcsec}^{-2}$	Gaussian noise.
Telescope HPBW	θ_b	$90''$	Gaussian profile.
Outflow speed	V_o	...	Bipolar outflow model.
Outflow opening angle	Θ_o	...	Bipolar outflow model.
Rotation equatorial speed	V_{eq}	...	Solid body rotation model; speed at the equator.
Line-of-sight angle	Φ_{los}	...	Bipolar outflow and solid body rotation models.
Sky position angle	Φ_{sky}	...	Bipolar outflow and solid body rotation models.

produce the large velocity gradients or the centrally peaked line widths. More complex models could overcome some of these limitations. For example, a bipolar outflow H II region where the density is significantly enhanced in the outflow region.

Dalglish et al. (2018) speculate that if Galactic rotation provides the initial angular momentum of molecular clouds then there should be a connection between the orientation of the angular momentum axis of the molecular cloud and the

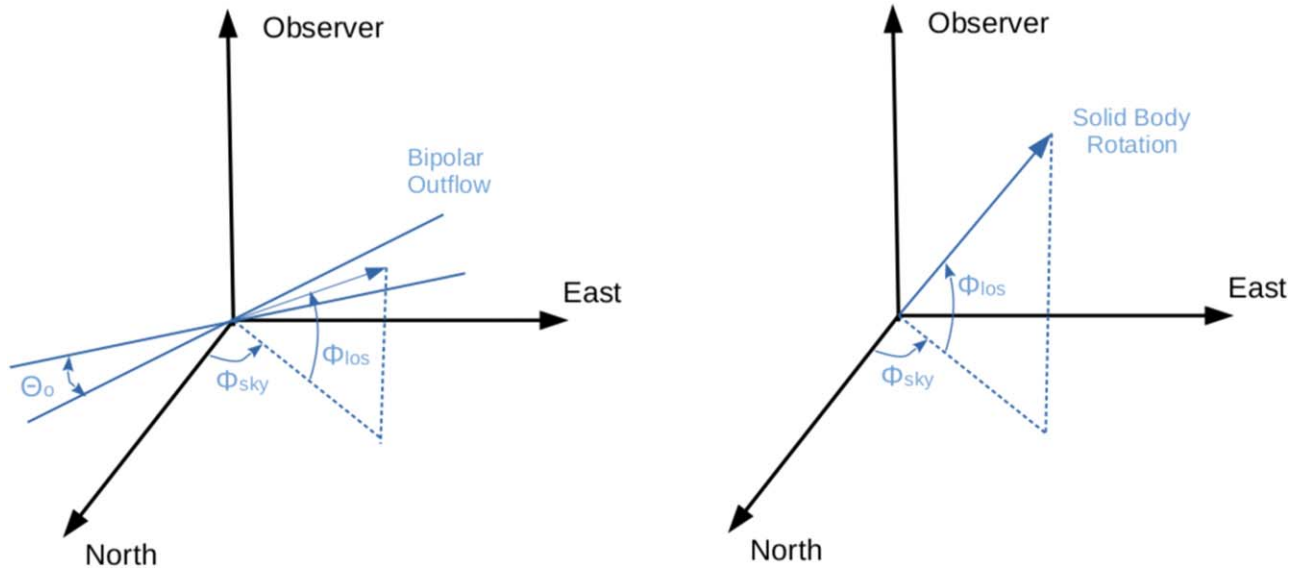


Figure 8. Geometry of the bipolar outflow (left) and solid body rotation (right) dynamical models. The observer is located along the z -axis, looking down on the x - y plane. The angle of the outflow or rotation axis relative to the line of sight, Φ_{los} , is 90° when pointing toward the observer. The position angle of the outflow or rotation axis on the sky, Φ_{sky} , is zero when pointing to the north. For the bipolar outflow model the opening angle of the outflow, assumed to be symmetric, is given by Θ_o .

Galactic plane (also see Garay et al. 1986). Figure 3 plots the velocity gradient position angle distribution with respect to Galactic plane. Since the position angle distribution is approximately random, there is no evidence that the initial angular momentum of the molecular clouds from which the H II regions formed is set by Galactic rotation.

The ATCA and VLA RRL surveys provide a good sample to explore H II region kinematics and provide constraints on how angular momentum governs star formation. More sensitive, higher spatial resolution images of the H II regions in our sample are necessary to disentangle the effects of feedback mechanisms such as outflows from properties like rotation.

6. Summary

Over the last decade we have doubled the number of known H II regions in the Milky Way by detecting RRL emission at 4–10 GHz toward candidate H II regions that were identified by their mid-infrared and radio continuum morphology. This was achieved by the improved spectral sensitivity of the GBT in the northern sky (HRDS) and the ATCA in the southern sky (SHRDS). A total of ~ 1400 H II regions have been discovered and the current census now includes all nebulae ionized by a single O9 V-type star at a distance of ~ 10 kpc. We also used the VLA to observe a subset of the HRDS to derive accurate electron temperatures which are a proxy for metallicity.

Here, we use ATCA and VLA RRL data to create a sample of 425 independent observations of 374 H II regions that are suitable for kinematic analysis. We select sources that are relatively well isolated and have a single RRL profile with a S/N greater than 10. We perform Gaussian fits of the RRL position–position–velocity data cubes and discover velocity gradients in about 40% of the nebulae. Velocity gradient magnitudes range between about 5 and $200 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$. We also detect centrally peaked RRL widths in about 15% of the sources. The velocity gradient position angles appear to be random on the sky with no favored orientation with respect to the Galactic plane.

To better interpret these results we develop simulations to produce synthetic RRL observations toward model nebulae. Assuming a homogeneous, isothermal spherical nebula we perform the radiative transfer of RRL and continuum emission on the sky and convolve the resulting brightness distribution with a telescope antenna pattern to produce synthetic RRL data cubes. We consider two dynamical models: bipolar outflow and solid body rotation. Both dynamical models produce velocity gradients that have similar characteristics for unresolved nebulae. The solid body rotation model produces both the full range of velocity gradient magnitudes and centrally peaked line widths. In contrast, the bipolar outflow model cannot produce the observed velocity gradients $> 40 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ arcsec}^{-1}$ nor the centrally peaked line widths for the simulations discussed here. We therefore favor the solid body rotation model, but we cannot rule out that bipolar outflows are causing the velocity gradients in some of our sources. There are several examples in our sample and in the literature of H II regions that show evidence for both rotation and outflow. Observations with higher spatial resolution are required to distinguish between these models for many of our sources.

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Facilities: ATCA, VLA.

Software: Astropy (Astropy Collaboration et al. 2013), Matplotlib (Hunter 2007), NumPY and SciPy (van der Walt et al. 2011).

Appendix A

Fitting Models to Correlated Image Data

A model M predicts $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N)$ given independent data $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N)$ and model parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. The generalized Gaussian log-likelihood function is

$$\ln L = -0.5N \ln 2\pi - 0.5 \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - 0.5(\mathbf{y} - M(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - M(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})), \quad (\text{A1})$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ is the covariance matrix.

The generalized Gaussian likelihood function is simplified under the assumption of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) observed data. In this scenario, the covariance matrix has zeros everywhere except along the diagonal, where $\Sigma_{i,i} = \sigma_{y,i}^2$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^2 = (\sigma_{y,0}^2, \sigma_{y,1}^2, \dots, \sigma_{y,N}^2)$ are the observed data variances. The determinant of this covariance matrix is $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| = \prod \sigma_{y,i}^2$ and so the log-likelihood function is

$$\ln L = -0.5N \ln 2\pi - 0.5 \sum \sigma_{y,i}^2 - 0.5 \sum \frac{(y_i - M(x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}))^2}{\sigma_{y,i}^2}. \quad (\text{A2})$$

Maximizing this log-likelihood function is equivalent to reducing the last term, which is the sum of the squared residuals weighted by the observed data variances.

In general, the covariance matrix is populated with elements $\Sigma_{i,j} = \rho_{i,j} \sigma_i \sigma_j$, where σ_i and σ_j are the standard deviations of the observed data y_i and y_j , respectively, and $\rho_{i,j}$ is the correlation coefficient between y_i and y_j . In an image with a Gaussian resolution element, the correlation coefficient between pixel i and pixel j is

$$\rho_{i,j} = \exp[-A\Delta x^2 - 2B\Delta x\Delta y - C\Delta y^2], \quad (\text{A3})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{2\theta_{\text{maj}}^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{2\theta_{\text{min}}^2}, \\ B &= -\frac{\sin(2\phi)}{4\theta_{\text{maj}}^2} + \frac{\sin(2\phi)}{4\theta_{\text{min}}^2}, \\ C &= \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{2\theta_{\text{maj}}^2} + \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{2\theta_{\text{min}}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

Δx and Δy are the separations between the i th and j th pixels in the east–west and north–south directions, respectively, and θ_{maj} , θ_{min} , and ϕ are the synthesized beam major axis, minor axis, and north-through-east position angle, respectively (see Wenger et al. 2019a).

The generalized covariance matrix is typically ill-conditioned; the determinant and inverted matrix are susceptible to numerical precision loss. Therefore, we truncate the correlation coefficient at $\rho=0.5$, which is equivalent to the expected correlation between two points separated by half of the HPBW.

For a polynomial model, $M(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\theta}$ where \mathbf{D} is the design matrix with elements $D_{i,j} = x_i^j$. With this notation, the log-likelihood function is

$$\ln L = -0.5(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \text{const.} \quad (\text{A4})$$

Maximizing this function is identical to generalized least squares. Equating the derivative of the log-likelihood with respect to $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to zero, we solve for the parameters $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ that

maximize the log-likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(\ln L)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} &= 0 = -\mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\ &= -\mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{D} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= (\mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{y}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A5})$$

A.1. Velocity Gradient Fit to a Plane Model

To characterize the observed velocity gradients, we fit the V_{LSR} image to a plane defined by

$$z = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 y, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where (x, y) are the pixel coordinates on the sky, z is the LSR velocity, and (c_0, c_1, c_2) are constants. The magnitude of the velocity gradient is

$$\nabla V_{\text{LSR}} = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}, \quad (\text{A7})$$

and the position angle,

$$\text{PA} = \arctan(c_2/c_1). \quad (\text{A8})$$

The offset velocity is given by c_0 . We use MLE as described in this appendix to determine the best fit taking into account the errors in V_{LSR} and that nearby pixels are correlated; that is, there are several pixels across the synthesized HPBW. The position angle is defined to be zero along the north direction, increasing eastward in Equatorial coordinates.

Appendix B

H II Region Model

To explore the effects of different dynamical models on the observed RRL kinematics, we develop a numerical code in Python to simulate an RRL and continuum emission observation (Wenger & Balser, 2021). We assume a homogeneous, isothermal, spherical nebula consisting of fully ionized hydrogen with electron density n_e and electron temperature T_e . In practice the electron density and temperature vary within an H II region (Roelfsema et al. 1992; Balser & Bania 2018), but here we keep the models simple. We include RRL and free–free continuum emission assuming LTE. Following Condon & Ransom (2016), the RRL absorption coefficient as a function of frequency, ν , is given by

$$\kappa_L(\nu) = \frac{c^2}{8\pi\nu_o^2} \frac{g_u}{g_l} n_l A_{ul} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu_o}{kT_e}\right) \right] \phi(\nu), \quad (\text{B1})$$

where c is the speed of light, h is Planck's constant, k is Boltzmann's constant, ν_o is the frequency of the RRL transition, A_{ul} is the spontaneous emission rate from the upper to the lower state, and n_l is the number density in the lower state. The spontaneous emission rate can be approximated as

$$A_{n+1,n} = \left(\frac{64\pi^6 m_e e^{10}}{3c^3 h^6} \right) \frac{1}{n^5}, \quad (\text{B2})$$

where m_e is the electron mass and n is the principal quantum number (Condon & Ransom 2016). The statistical weights for hydrogen are given by $g_n = 2n^2$. We assume a Gaussian line profile, $\phi(\nu)$, that is broadened by thermal motions of the gas characterized by the FWHM line width, ΔV_t . A nonthermal

component, ΔV_{nt} , is included to account for any turbulent motions and is added in quadrature to the thermal width to derive the total line width.

H II regions also produce continuous, free-free thermal bremsstrahlung emission. From Condon & Ransom (2016), the free-free absorption coefficient is given by

$$\kappa_{\text{C}}(\nu) = \frac{1}{\nu^2 T_{\text{e}}^{3/2}} \left[\frac{Z^2 e^6}{c} n_{\text{e}} n_{\text{i}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} (m_{\text{e}} k)^3} \right] \frac{\pi^2}{4} \ln \left(\frac{b_{\text{max}}}{b_{\text{min}}} \right), \quad (\text{B3})$$

where Z is the effective nuclear charge number, e is the charge, n_{i} is the ion number density, and b_{min} and b_{max} are the minimum and maximum impact parameters, respectively. Following Condon & Ransom (2016), we estimate the impact parameter ratio by

$$\frac{b_{\text{max}}}{b_{\text{min}}} = \left(\frac{3kT_{\text{e}}}{m_{\text{e}}} \right)^{3/2} \frac{m_{\text{e}}}{2\pi Z e^2 \nu}. \quad (\text{B4})$$

Assuming the Rayleigh–Jeans limit, $h\nu \ll kT_{\text{e}}$, the brightness temperature is given by

$$T_{\text{B}} = T_{\text{e}}(1 - e^{-\tau}), \quad (\text{B5})$$

where τ is the optical depth, $\tau = \int \kappa dl$, and dl is the path length through the nebula. We perform the radiative transfer through the nebula to determine the brightness distribution on the sky (Jy arcsec^{-2}) as a function of frequency. The spectral noise is modeled as random (Gaussian) noise with a specified rms. Synthetic spectra are produced by convolving the brightness distribution on the sky with a telescope beam to determine the observed brightness distribution (Jy beam^{-1}). We assume a Gaussian telescope beam shape with a specified HPBW. The nebular angular size is given by $\theta_{\text{s}} = D/R_{\text{Sun}}$, where D is the diameter of the spherical nebula and R_{Sun} is the distance.

The model H II region properties are listed in Table 5 with their default values. Unless noted otherwise we use the default values for all simulations. In addition to the thermal and nonthermal motions that are constant within the nebula, we include bulk motions that are described by a dynamical model. Below we consider bipolar outflow and solid body rotation models.

B.1. Bipolar Outflow








Outflows are a common phenomena in astrophysics and may explain the observed velocity gradients. We assume that the bipolar outflow emanates radially from the center of the H II region sphere and is defined by a constant outflow speed, V_{o} , with opening angle, Θ_{o} (see Figure 8). The outflow orientation is defined by two angles: the position angle relative to the line of sight, Φ_{los} , and the position angle on the sky, Φ_{sky} . The angle Φ_{los} is zero normal to the observer and 90° along the line of sight. The angle Φ_{sky} is defined to be zero when oriented north and increases to the east.

B.2. Solid Body Rotation

Rotation is a common property in astrophysics and we might expect that all H II region complexes inherit some angular momentum, and thus rotation, from their parent molecular

cloud. Here, we explore solid body rotation for simplicity, but differential rotation is also possible. The magnitude of the solid body rotation is defined by the equatorial speed, V_{eq} , and the orientation of the angular momentum vector is defined by the two position angles: Φ_{los} and Φ_{sky} (see Figure 8). The rotation axis is the direction of the angular momentum vector, so the angle Φ_{los} is zero normal to the observer and 90° along the line of sight. The angle Φ_{sky} is defined to be zero when oriented north and increases to the east.

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