

The highlights of the SOFIA Legacy
Program FEEDBACK

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FEEDBACK: a SOFIA Legacy Program to Study Stellar Feedback in Regions of Massive Star Formation

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- Survey of 11 galactic high mass star forming regions in [CII] 158 μm and [OI] 63 μm
- Large diversity in geometry, SF activity etc. (W43, RCW120, RCW79, Cygnus X,...)
- Spectrally resolved data ((up-)GREAT), **dynamics and excitation conditions**
- ~ 100 h observing time (2019 – 2022), ~ 77% done

<https://feedback.astro.umd.edu/>





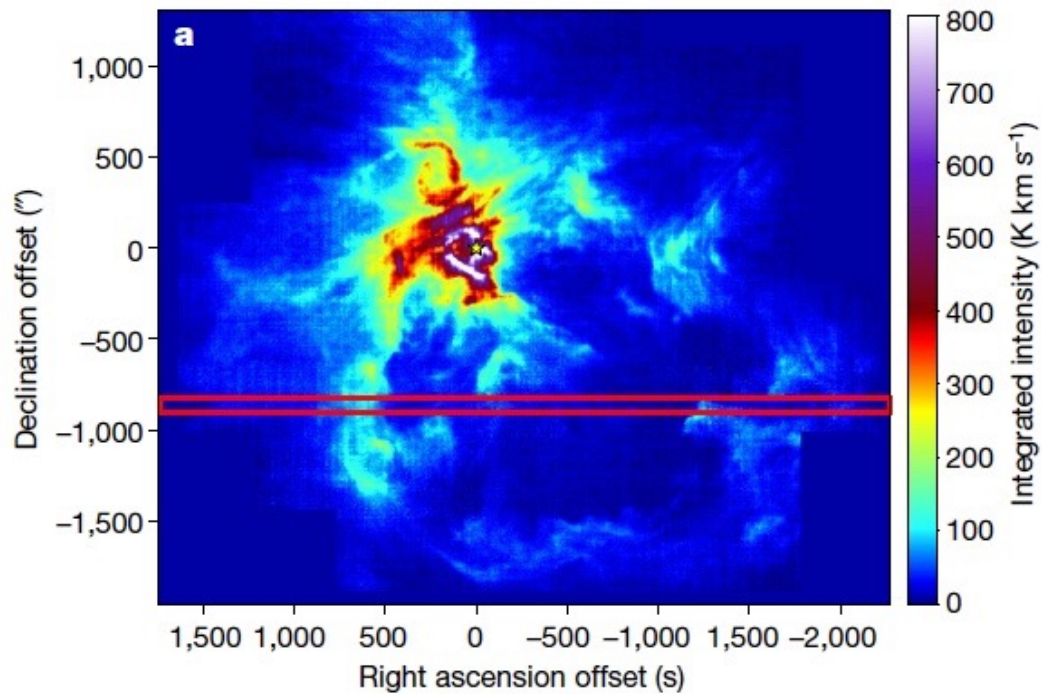
Highlights of FEEDBACK

- **Dynamics of [CII] emitting gas**
 - Expanding bubbles and a ring
 - Cloud erosion
- **Formation of molecular clouds**
- **The 'CII-deficit' caused by CII self-absorption**

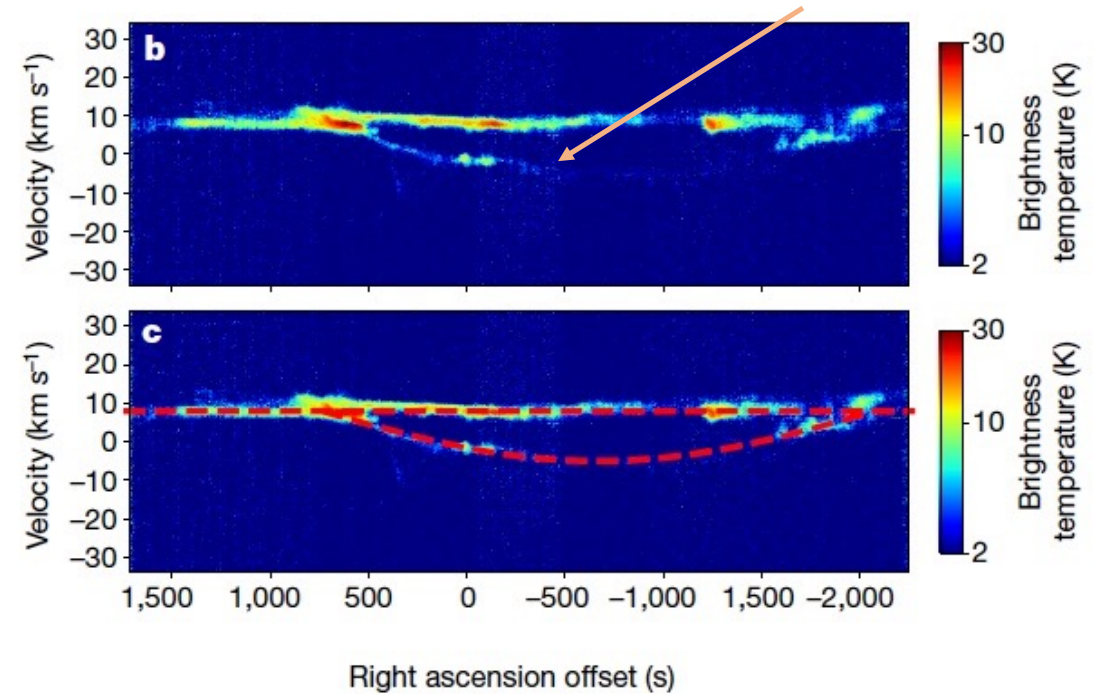
Dynamics of CII emitting gas: expanding bubbles

Pioneering work of Cornelia Pabst (Nature 2019) and the Orion C+ squad (Higgins et al., Pabst et al. 2020, 2021)

Line integrated CII emission across the Veil in Orion



Position-velocity cuts indicating an expanding CII shell

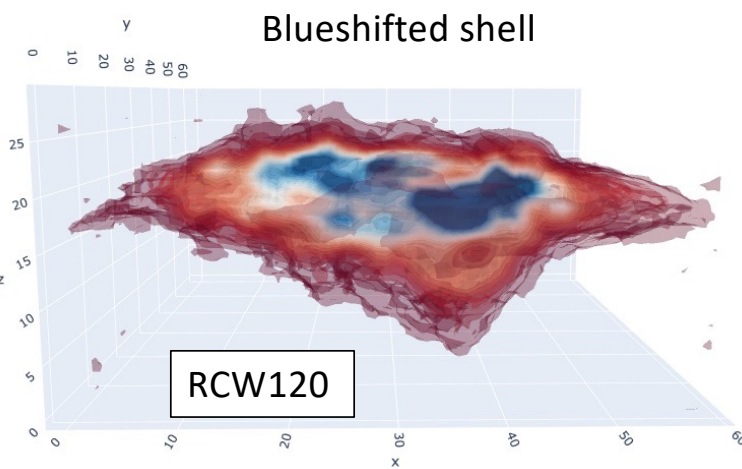
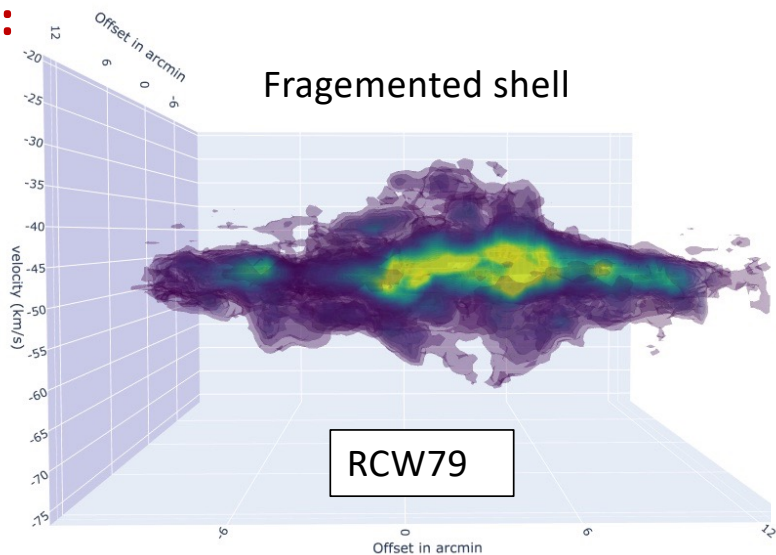


The **stellar wind** originating from the massive star $\theta 1$ Orionis C has swept up the surrounding material to create a **'bubble'** of 4 pc in diameter with a $2600 M_{\text{sun}}$ shell, which is **expanding at 13 km/s**.

Dynamics of CII emitting gas: expanding bubbles $v > 10$ km/s

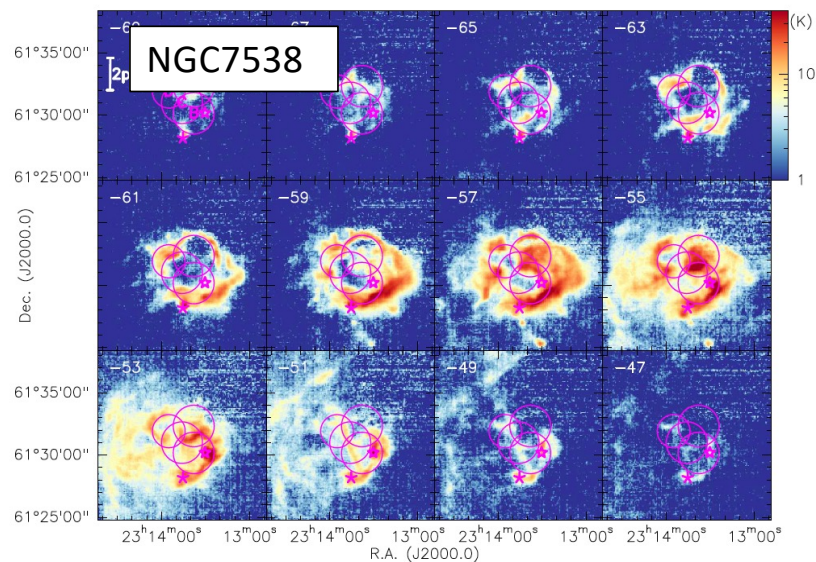
Seen in most of FEEDBACK sources

- RCW120 Luisi et al. (2021)
- RCW49 Tiwari et al. (2021)
- NGC7538 Beuther et al. (2022)
- RCW36 Bonne et al. (2022)
- RCW79 Bonne et al. (2023)

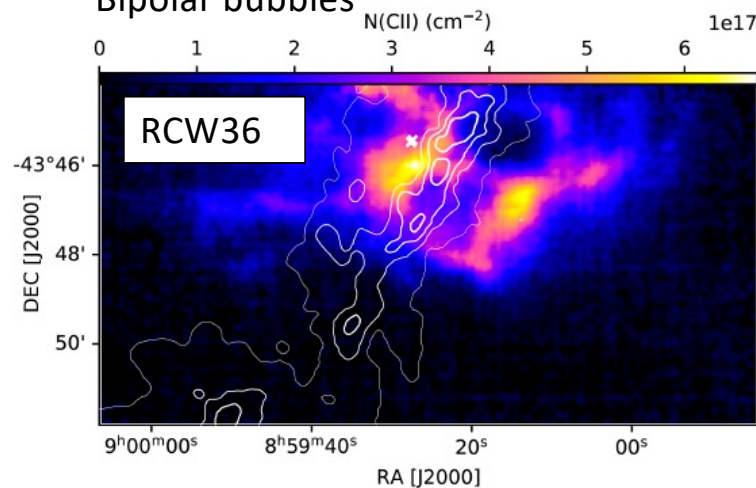


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Multiple bubbles



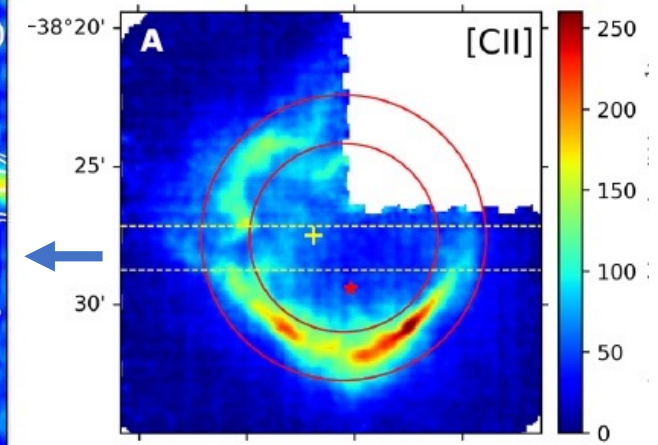
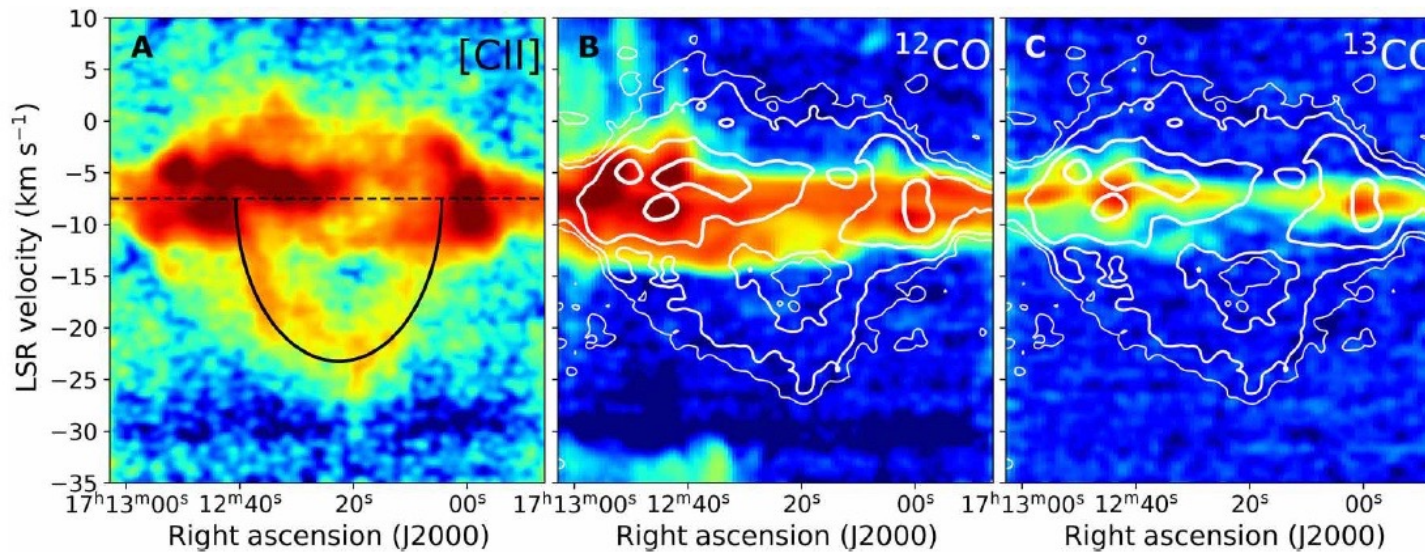
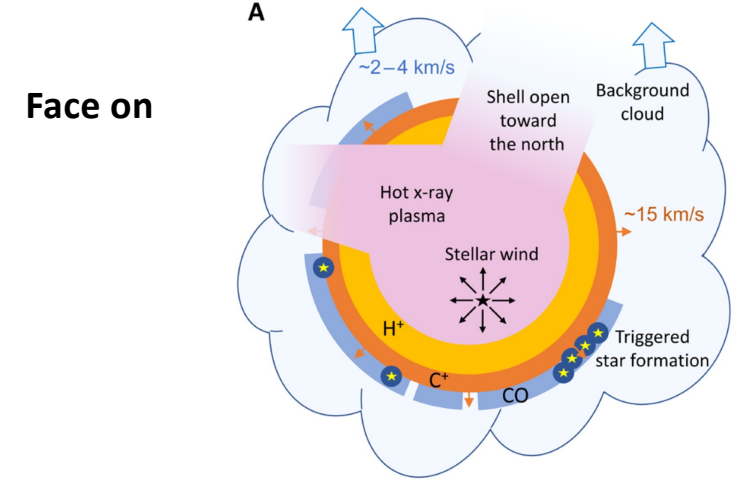
Bipolar bubbles



ASTRONOMY

Stellar feedback and triggered star formation in the prototypical bubble RCW 120

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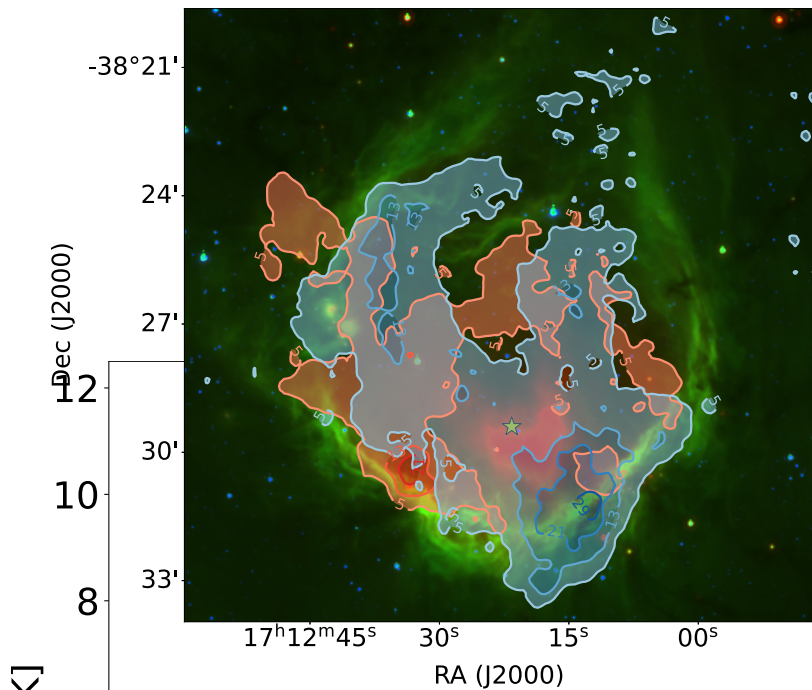
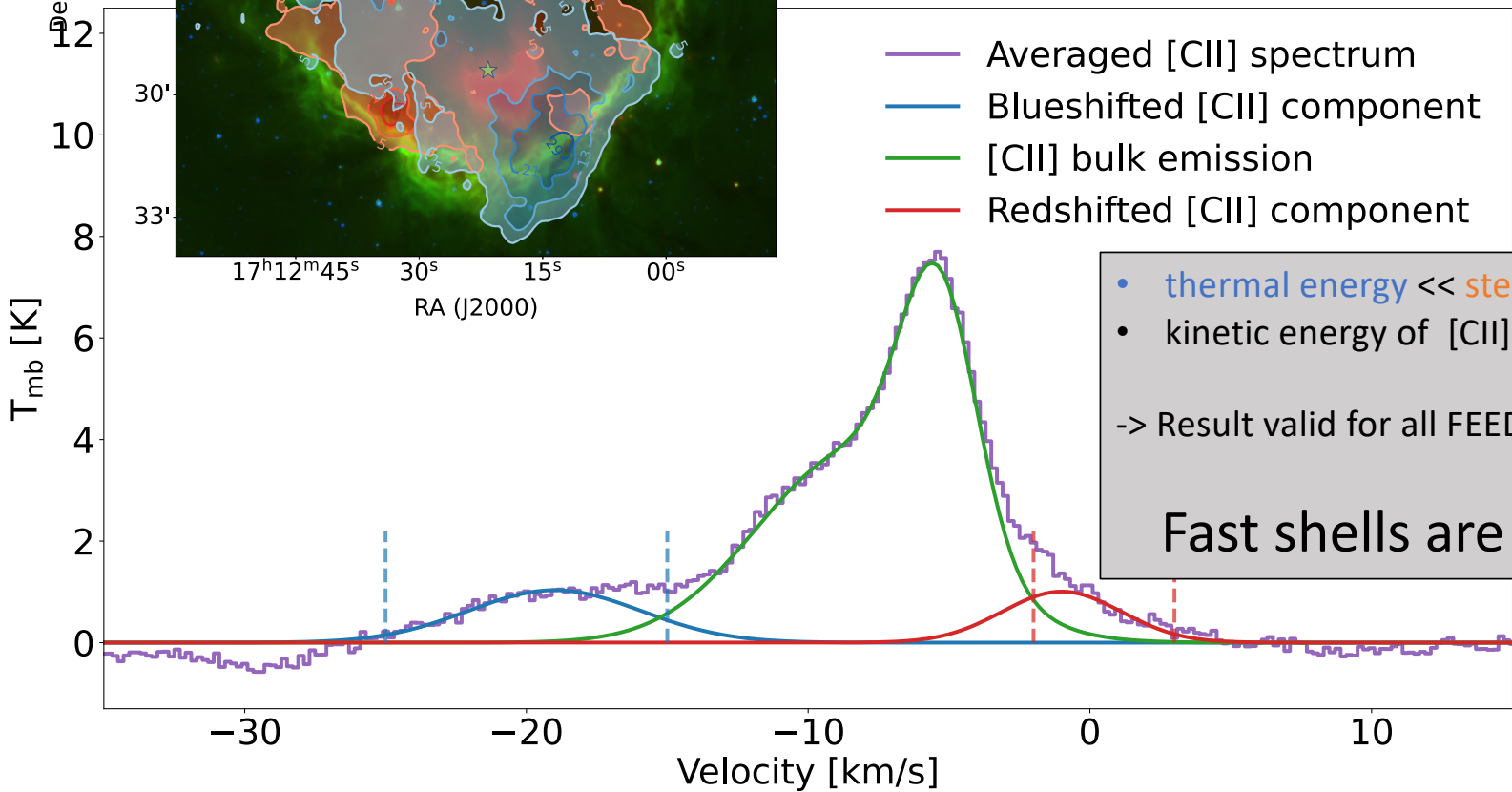


Table 1. Properties of the different components of RCW 120

Component	Mass (M_{\odot})	Thermal energy (10^{46} erg)	Kinetic energy (10^{46} erg)
Expanding [CII] shell	40–520*	0.1–1.3	10–120
Molecular gas	2500	2.1	-
Ionized gas	26†	5.1	-
Stellar wind ^s	-	-	150
Hot x-ray plasma	0.05	17	-

Luisi+2021



- thermal energy \ll stellar wind energy
- kinetic energy of [CII] bubble \approx stellar wind energy

-> Result valid for all FEEDBACK sources with $v > 10$ km/s

Fast shells are stellar wind driven!

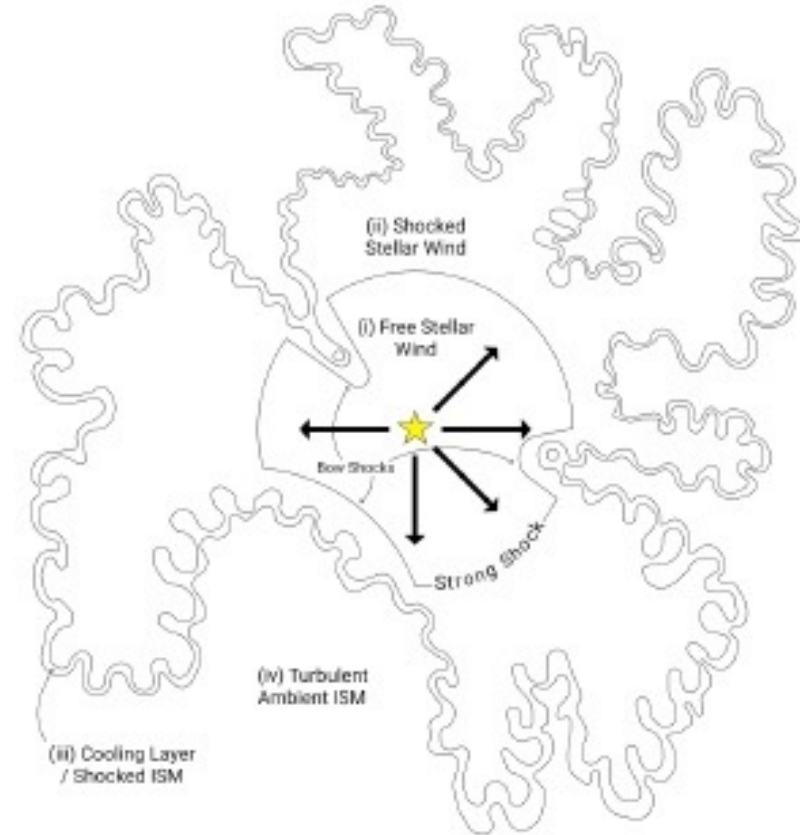
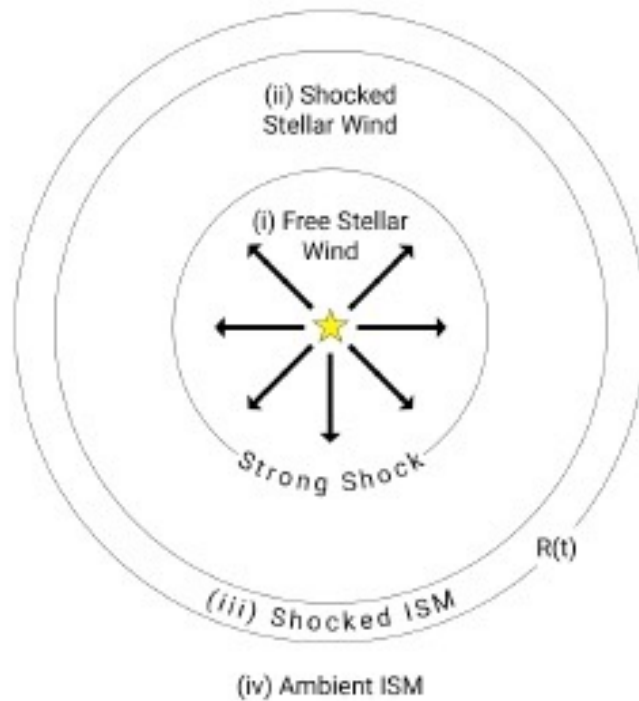


Dynamics of CII emitting gas: expanding bubbles

*Schematic views of
an HII region*

Lancaster et al. (2021)

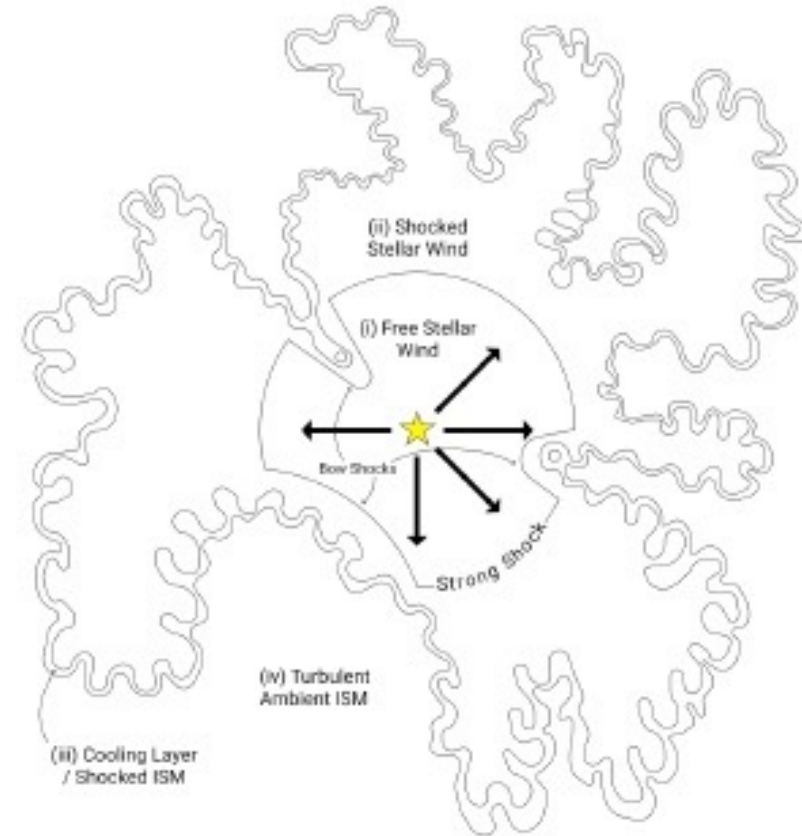
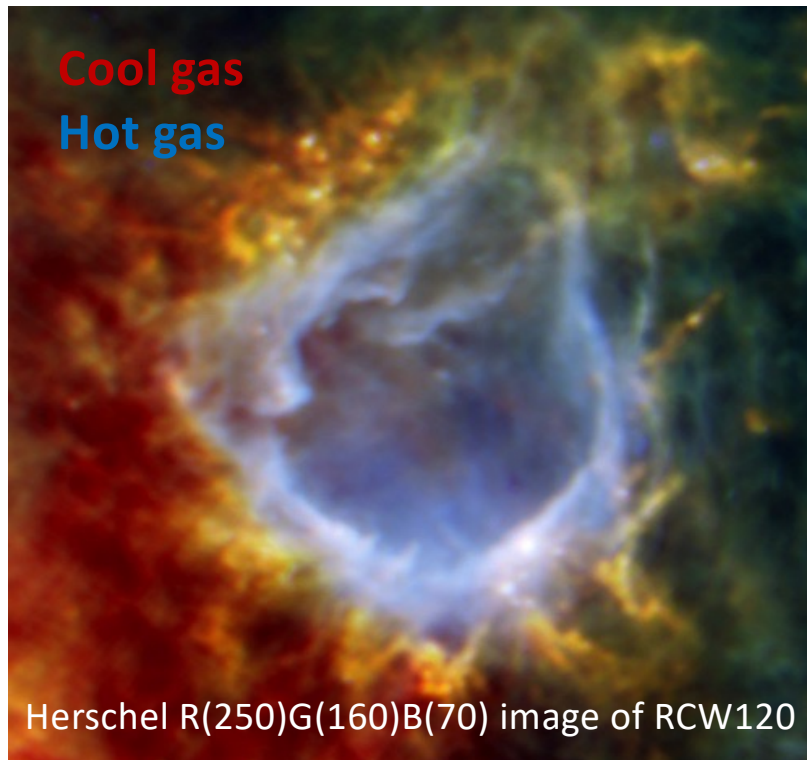
Weaver et al. (1977)



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-> a more realistic scenario?



Dynamics of CII emitting gas: cloud erosion

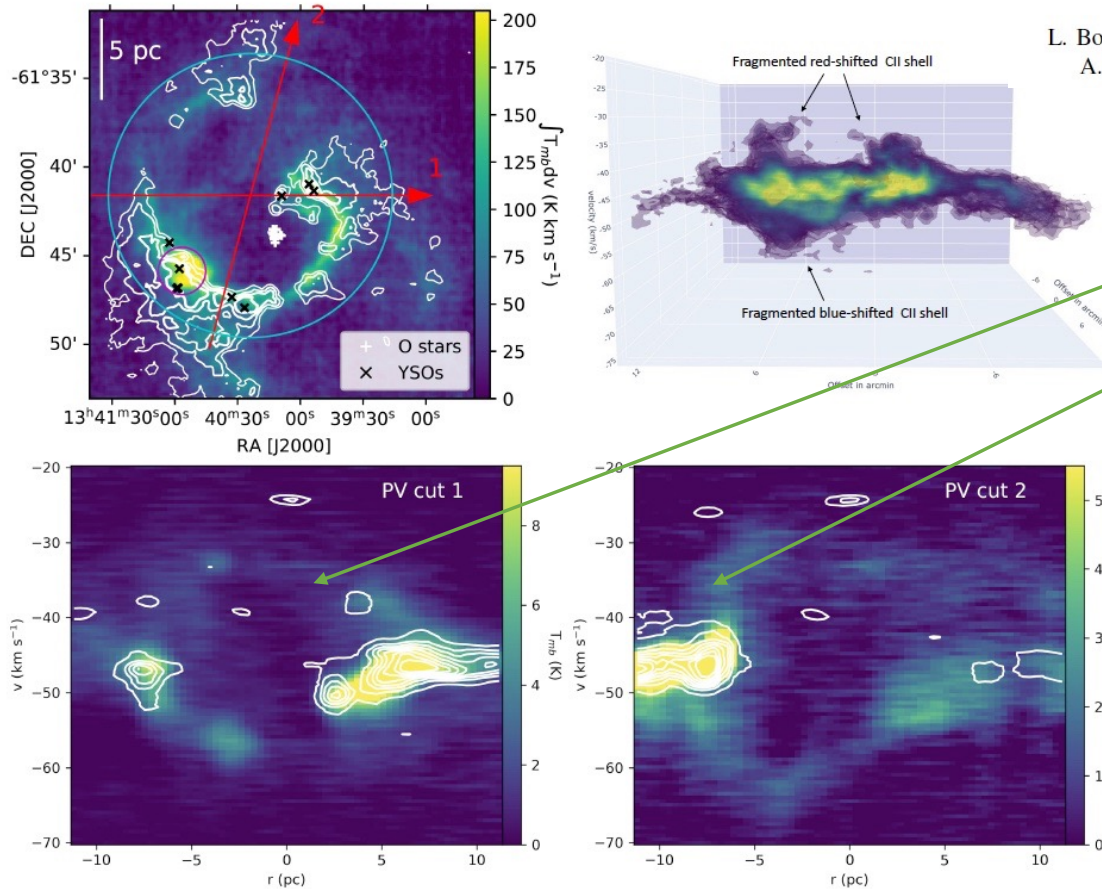
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RCW79 Bonne et al. (2023)

The SOFIA FEEDBACK [CII] Legacy Survey: Rapid molecular cloud dispersal in RCW 79★

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Fragmented CII shell

CII high-velocity gas streaming out of the cloud through holes

Dynamical timescales < 1.0 Myr, which is well below the 2.3 Myr age of the OB cluster.

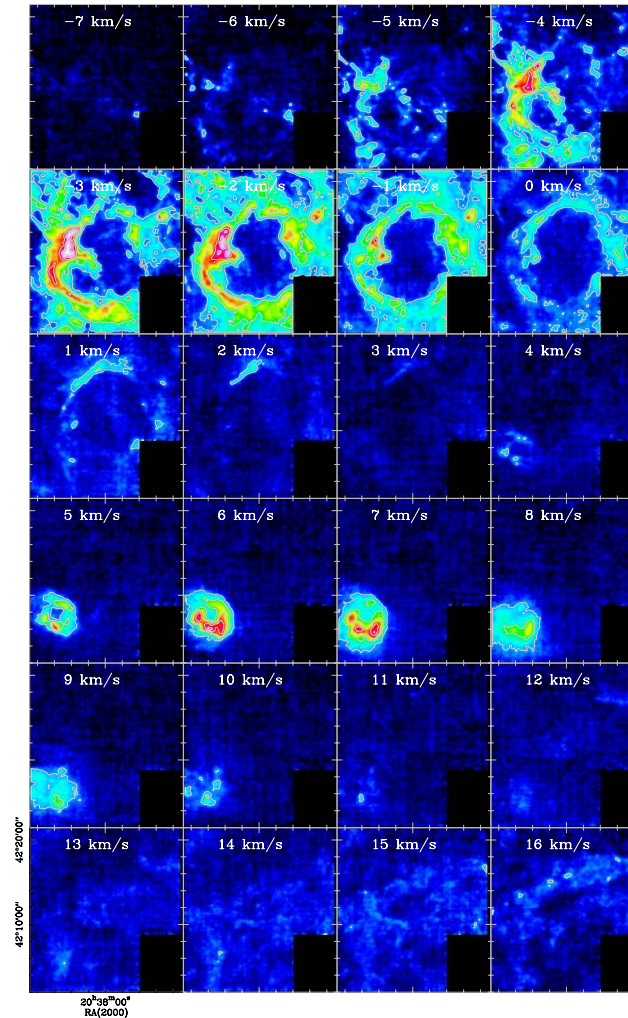
Mass ejection rate $0.9\text{--}3.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Msun/yr}$
 -> short erosion timescales (<5 Myr) for the cloud

Dynamics of CII emitting gas: a slowly expanding ring



The 'diamond' (Marston et al. (2004) is not part of the Diamond ring!

Channel map of CII emission



Dannhauer et al. (2024)

- Tilted ring, but **no expanding CII shell**.
- One exciting **O-star**.
- What is this? Late evolutionary stage of an expanding bubble?

See Poster of
Simon
Dannhauer !



Formation of molecular clouds seen in CII

Schneider et al. (2023)

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Unveiling the Formation of the Massive DR21 Ridge

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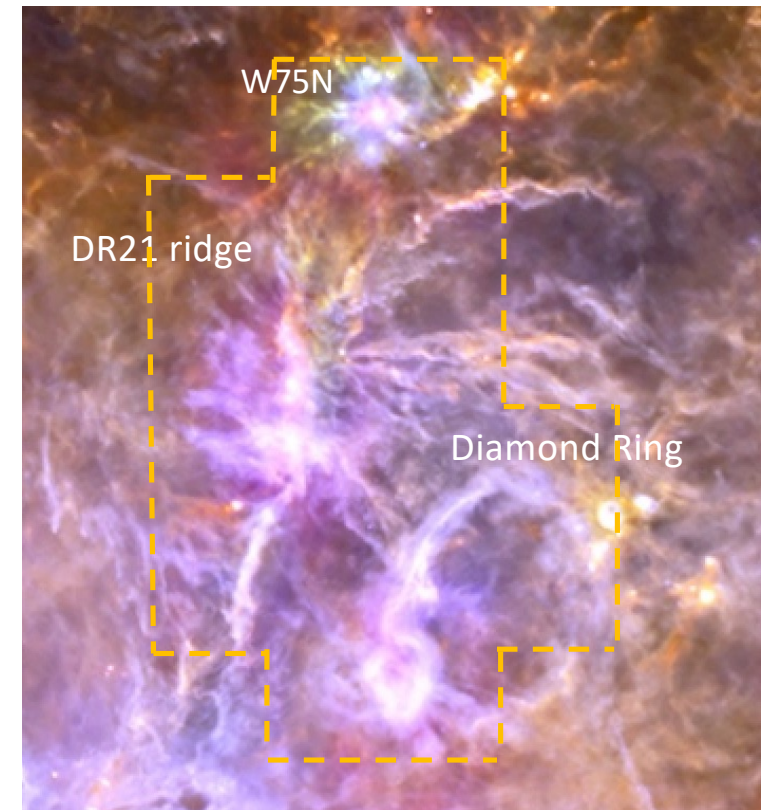
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Cygnus X

Herschel RGB image



Formation of molecular clouds seen in CII

Properties of the CII-bright, CO-dark atomic flow from PDR modelling and HISA analysis:

$n \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$T \sim 100 \text{ K}$

$v = 4 - 20 \text{ km/s}$

-> 80% atomic, 20% molecular

The molecular clouds in Cygnus X form by interaction of mostly **atomic colliding flows**, traced in CII.

Formation time scale $\sim 1 \text{ Myr}$, much **faster** than in quasi-static cloud formation scenarios.

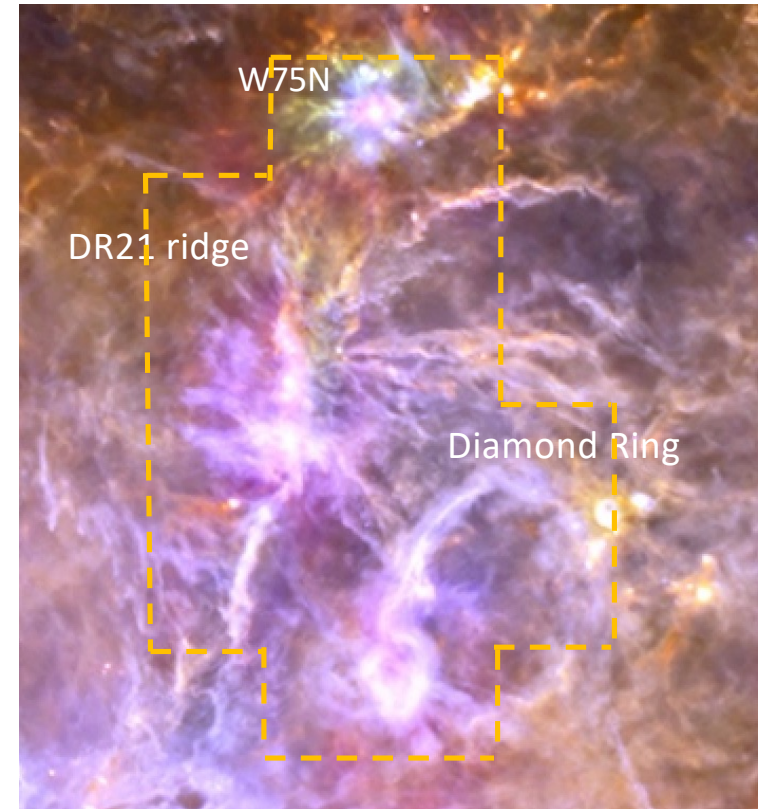
Purely molecular head-on **cloud-cloud collisions** are not supported by our observations.

Schneider et al. (2023)

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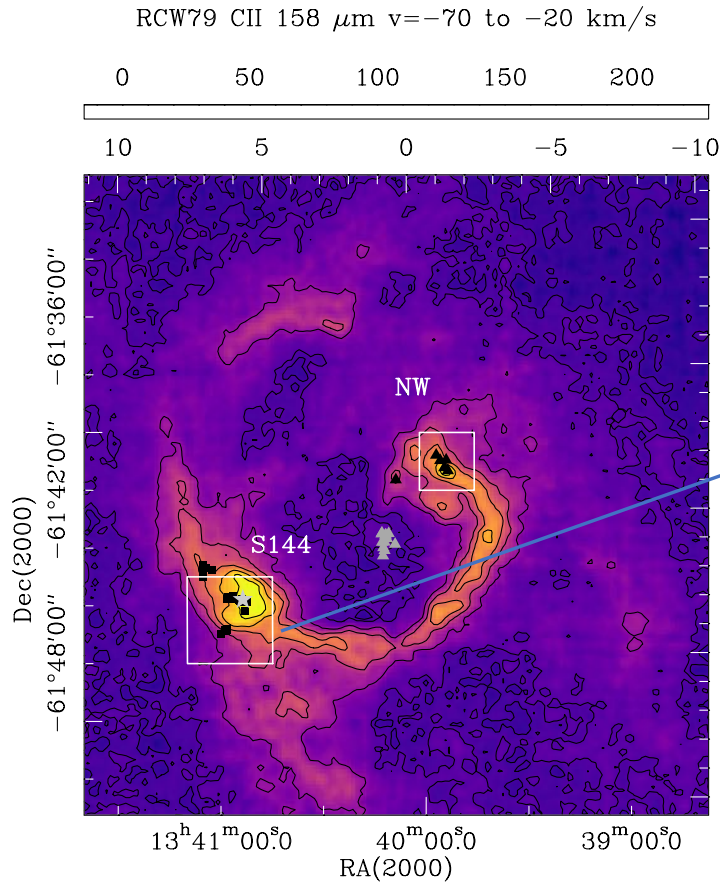
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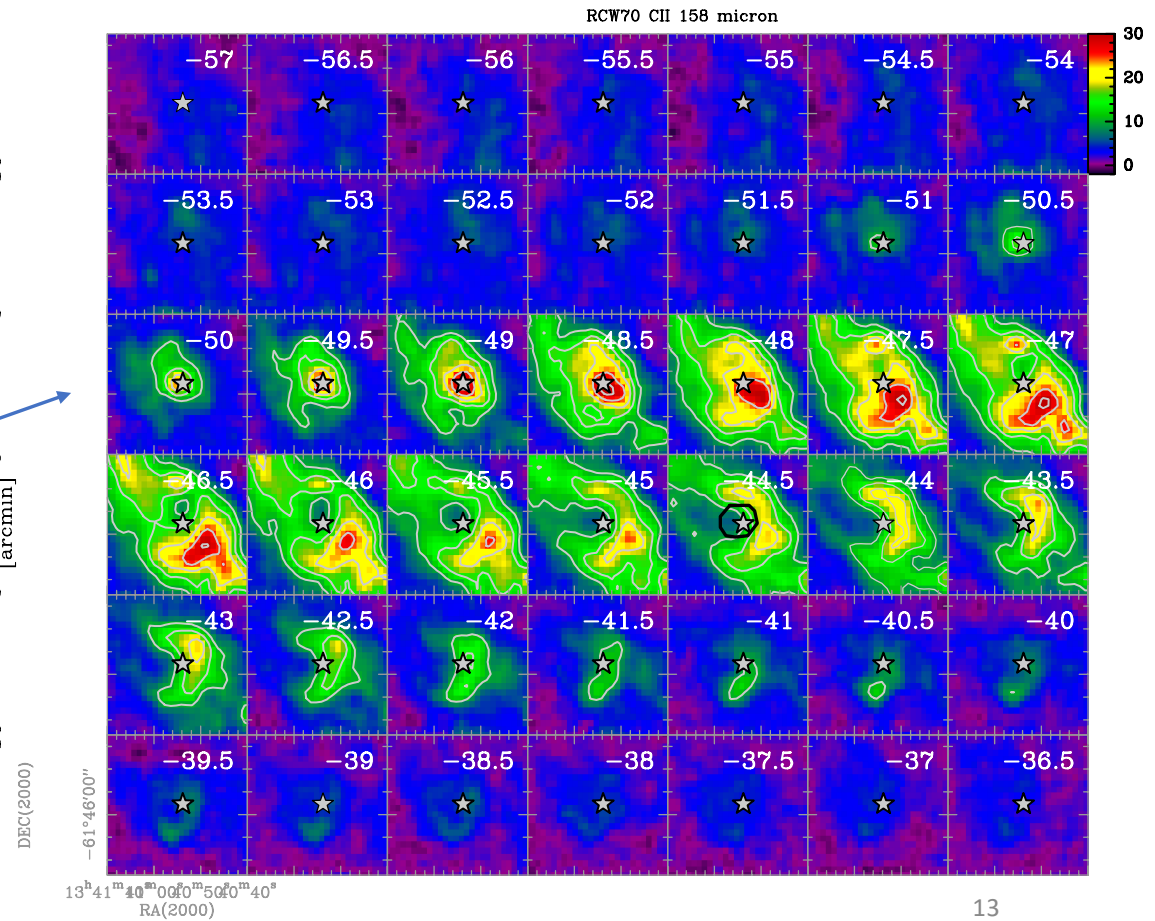


The 'CII-deficit' a bubble in a bubble in RCW79

Is the compact HII region filled with C⁺ and the 'hole' is due to self-absorption? → Early evolutionary stage ?



Keilmann, Dannhauer et al. (2024)

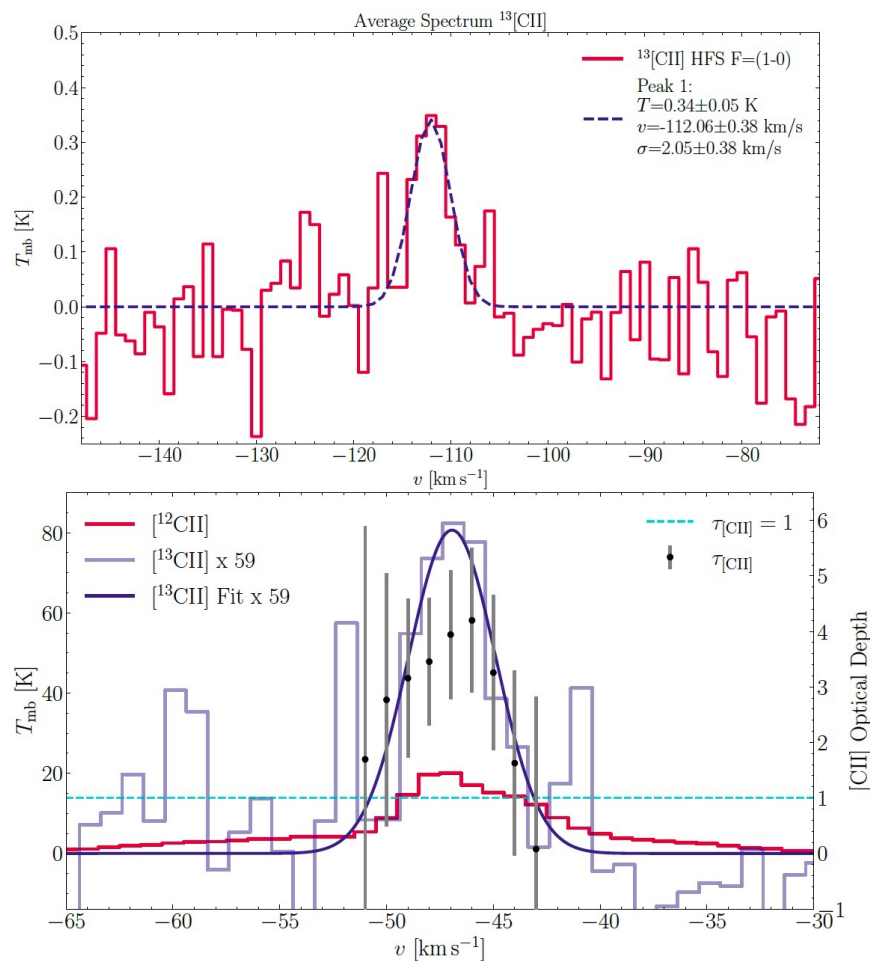


The 'CII-deficit'

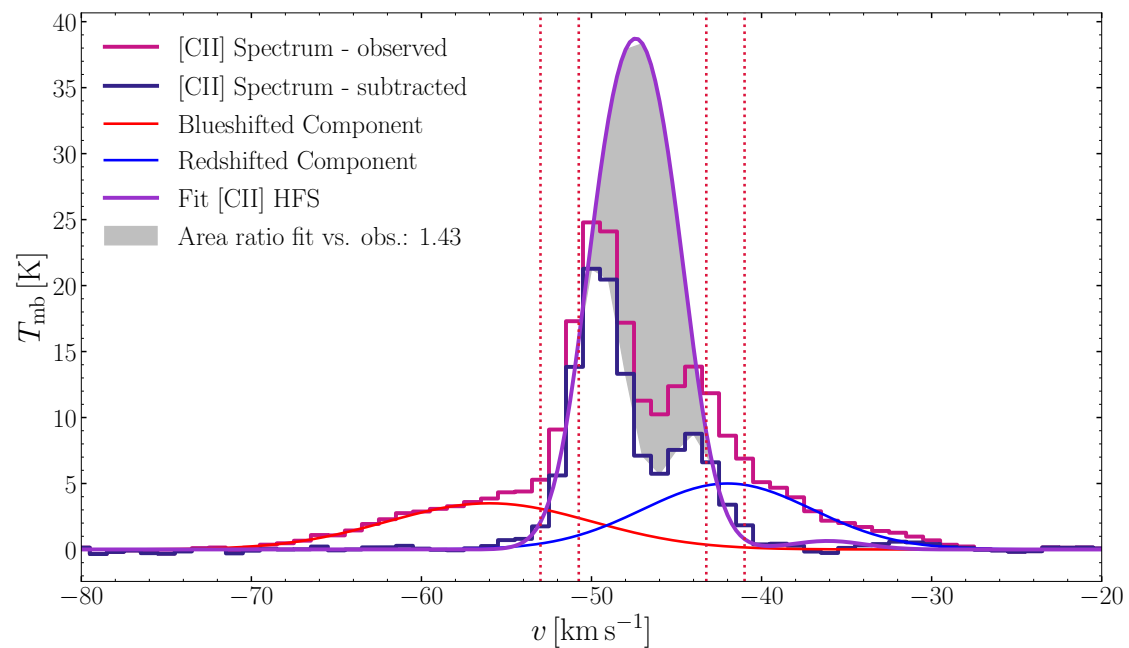
$$\tau(^{12}\text{CII}) \sim 4$$

-> CII line is optically thick -> self-absorption!

Detection of 1-0 HFS line of ^{13}CII



Gaussian fit to the CII line wings to derive the 'missing' emission.

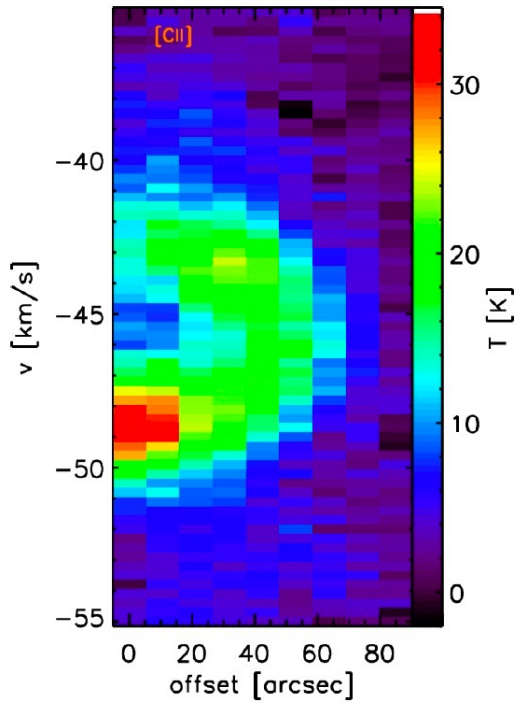


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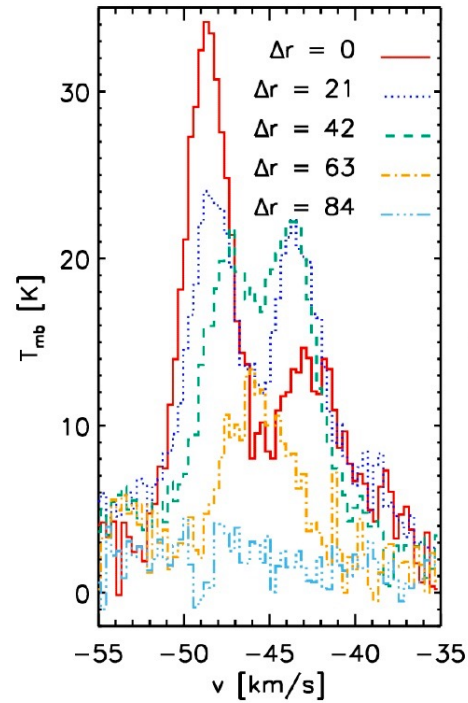
first time detection of a C⁺ filled bubble -> early stage !?

1D (SimLine) modelling with 3 shells,
T- and v-gradients

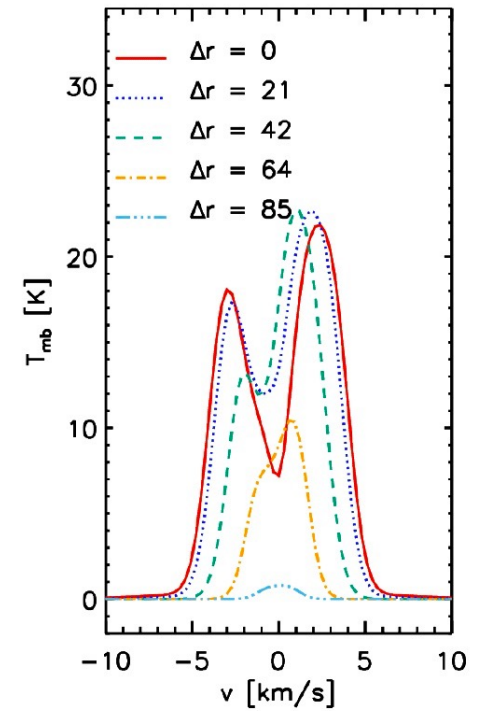
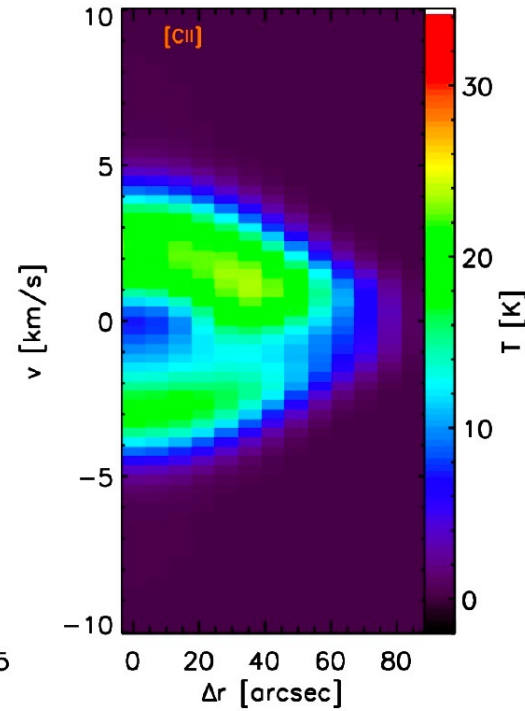
Observations



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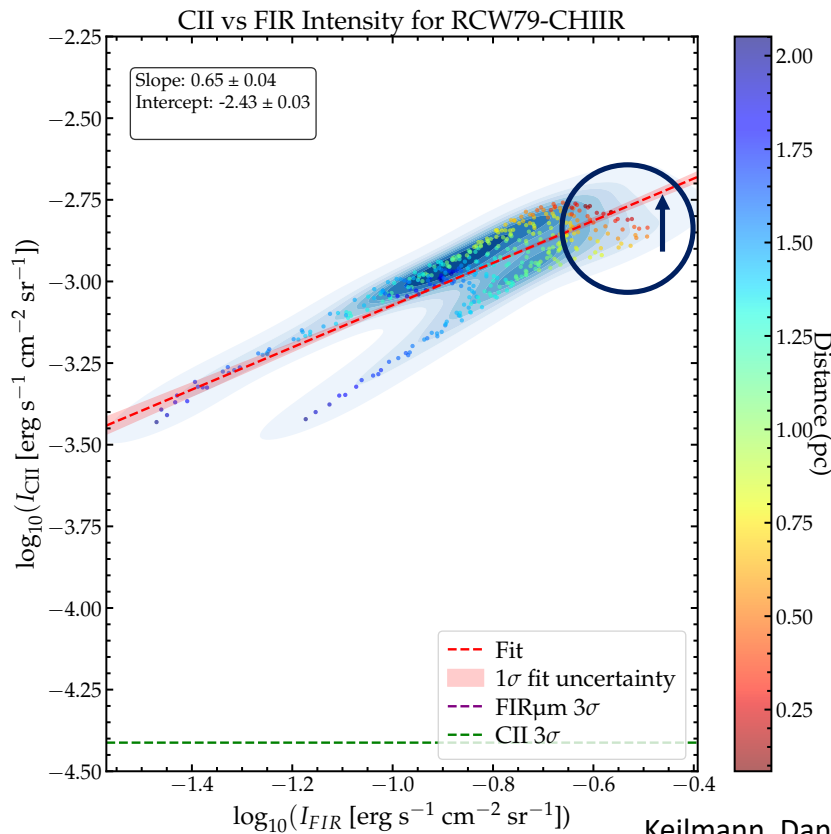


Spectra at different positions

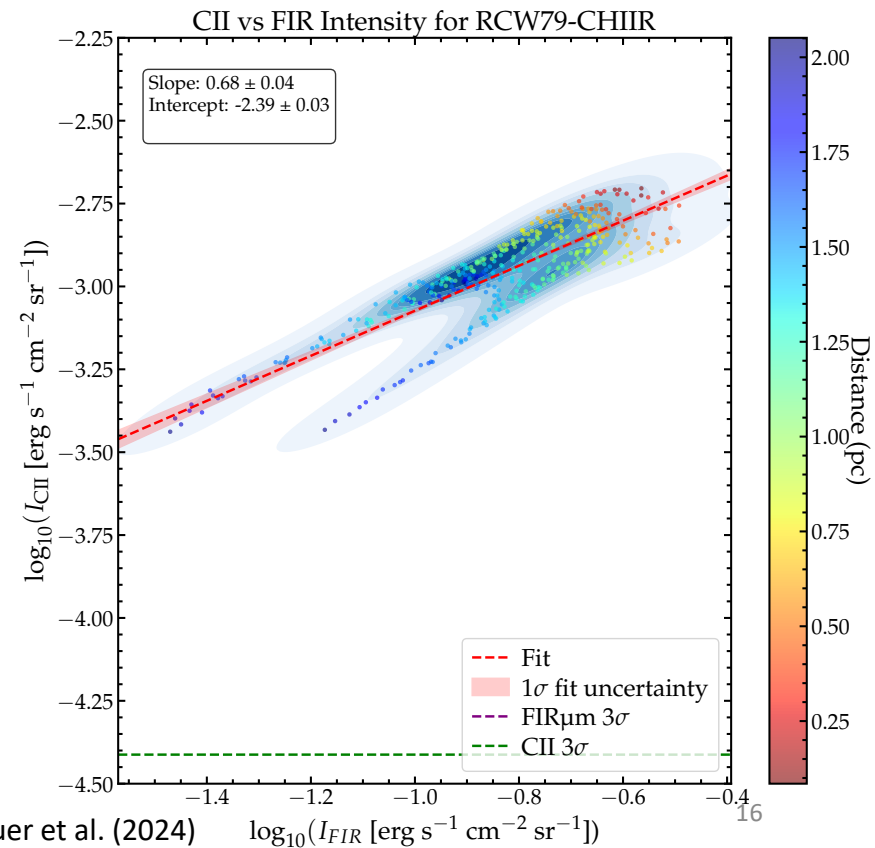


The 'CII-deficit': low CII/total FIR ratio

- **High optical depth of the CII line /self-absorption**
- **High dust optical depth**
- **High ionization parameter**
- **More efficient heating of dust grains over gas**
- **Radiation Field Strength and Hardness**
- **High gas densities causing collisional de-excitation.**
- **Metallicity variations**
- **Geometrical effects and observational resolution limits**

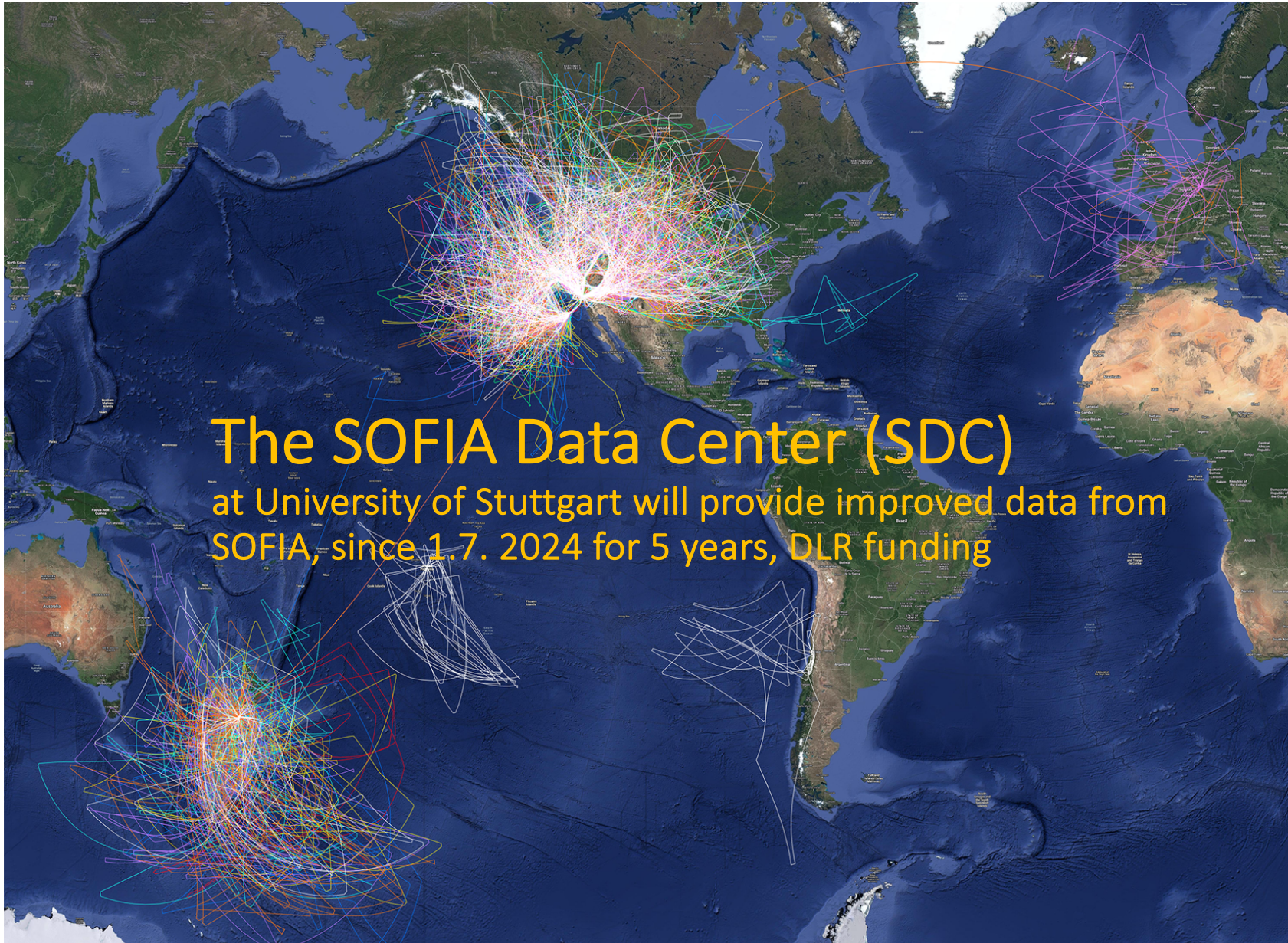


Keilmann, Dannhauer et al. (2024)



More to come and to do

- Quantify the radiative coupling of interstellar gas to the FUV photons of massive stars and determine the **heating efficiency** of neutral atomic and CO-dark gas.
 - > Derive from CII luminosity the heating efficiency.
 - > Heating efficiency depends on the ionization parameter, $\gamma = G_0 T^{0.5} / n_e$ with G_0 the Habing field (to be determined from GAIA for example) .
- Continue to investigate the **CII-deficit** in other FEEDBACK bubbles.
- ‘**Triggered star-formation**’: compare CO and CII linewidths, velocities etc.
- How good is the CII line as a **star-formation rate** tracer ?
- Compare CII/CO observations with **simulations** of expanding HII regions including stellar wind.
- What about the **OI 63 μm** line?
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The SOFIA Data Center (SDC)
at University of Stuttgart will provide improved data from
SOFIA, since 1.7. 2024 for 5 years, DLR funding



The SOFIA Data Vault



- Science Data **~24 TB**
- Total about **5300 h**
- Telescope guider cameras were always active (**>5300 h**).
- Data so far at NASA/IPAC Infrared Science archive (IRSA)

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