

# Feedback-driven superbubbles and triggering of star formation in nearby dwarf galaxies

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View On the Life of GALaxies



# Feedback



## Mechanical energy input

- Stellar winds from massive OB-stars
- Supernovae



Superbubbles...

## Ionization

Young massive OB-stars:  
LyC quanta escape from HII regions



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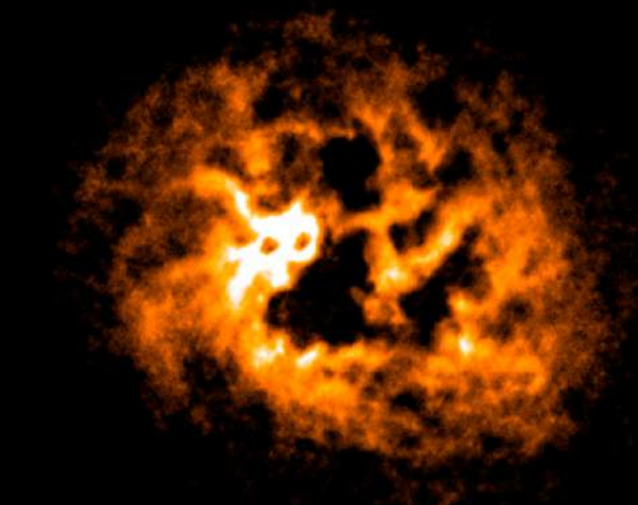
# Influence of supernovae and stellar winds on the ISM



Collective influence of young cluster's massive stars and supernovae on the ISM creates supershells with sizes from several pc to 2-3 kpc.

HI 21 cm

IC 1613



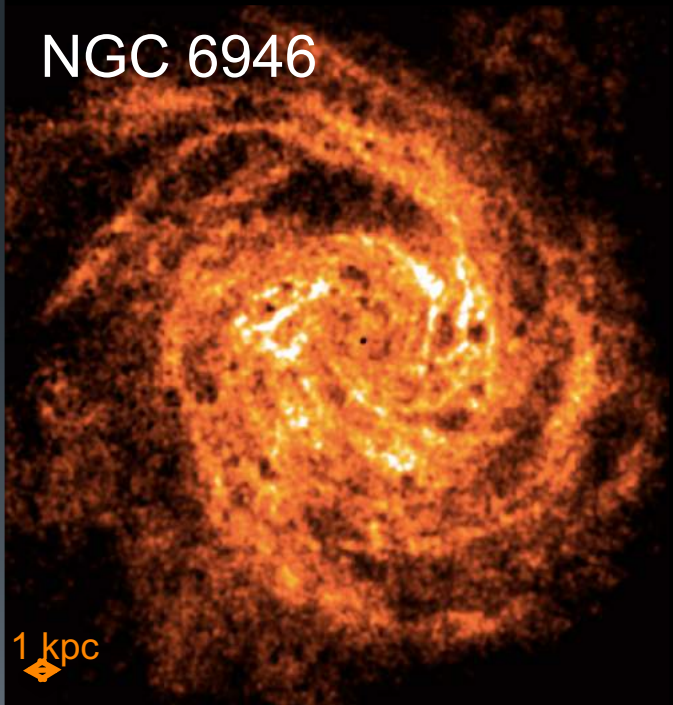
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Holmberg I



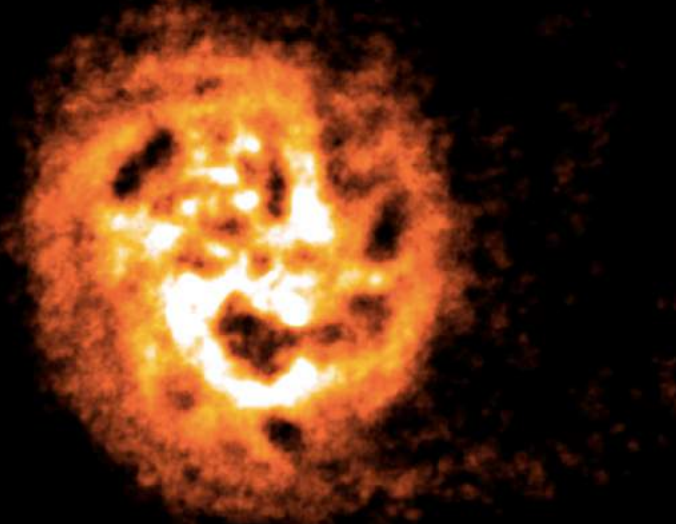
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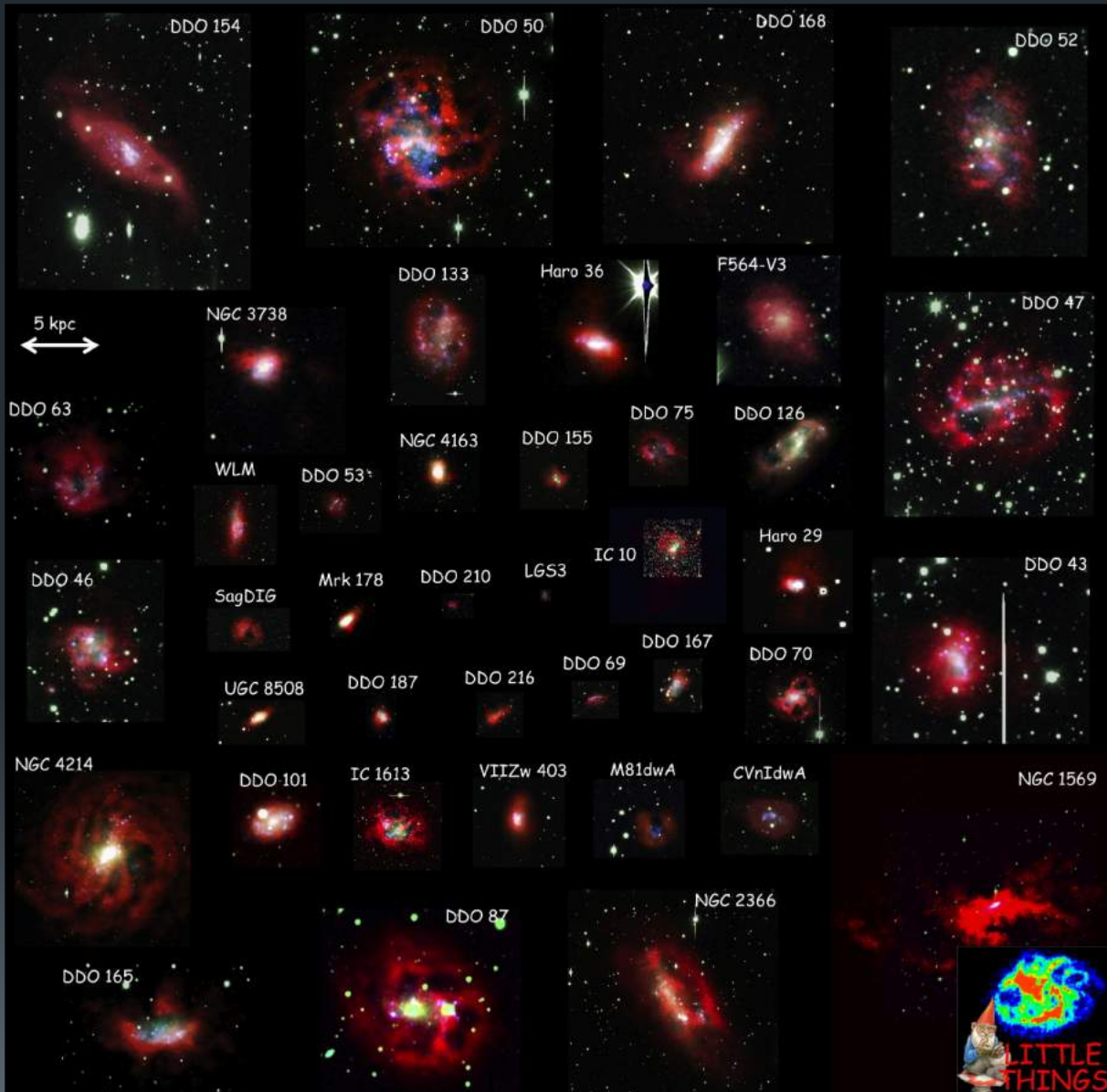
# Supergiant shells (SGS) with sizes 1-3 kpc

Supershells result from the cumulative action of multiple stellar winds and supernova explosions  
(Weaver et al. 1977)

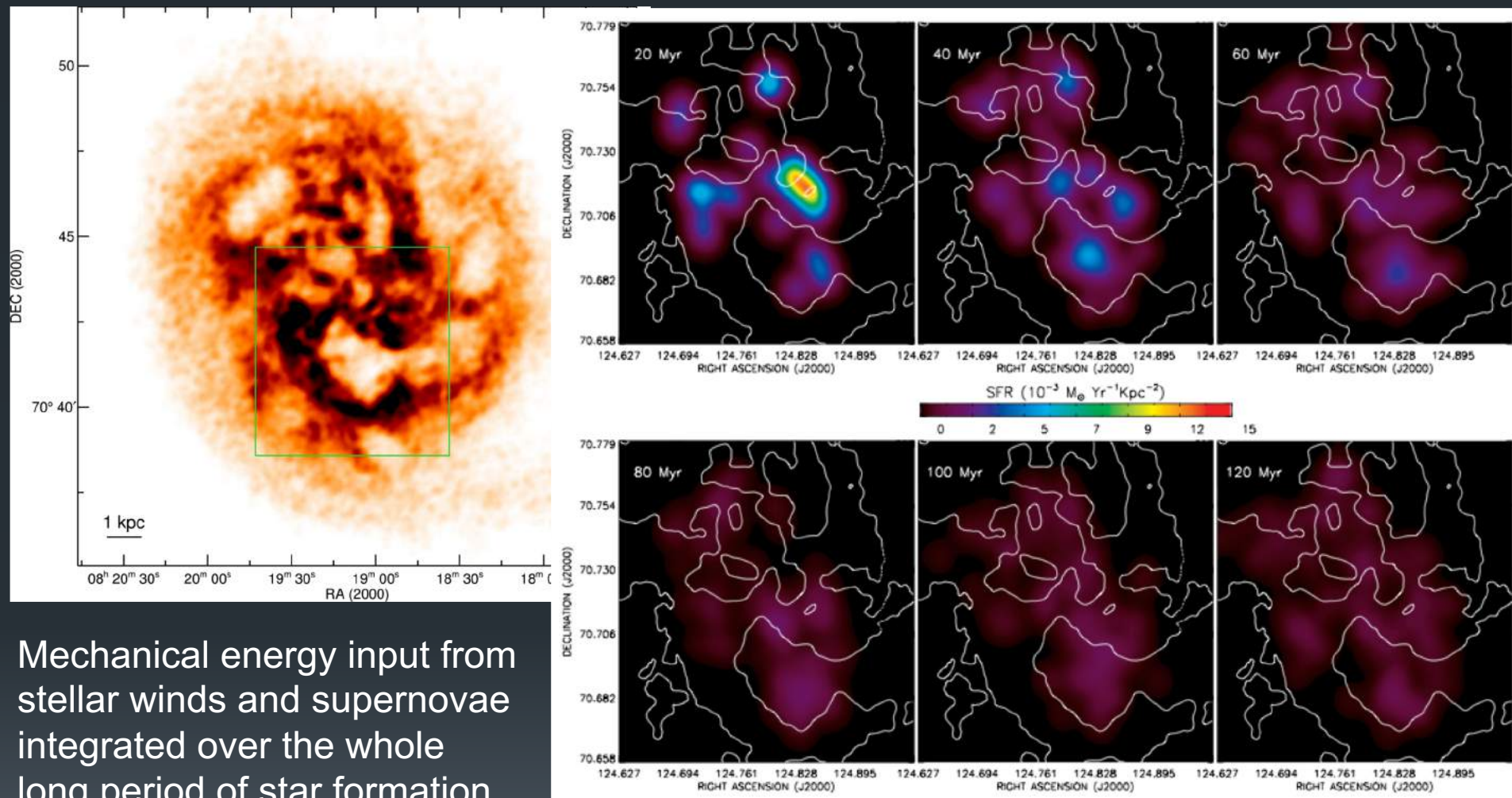
But: the mechanical energy input from the detected stellar cluster is insufficient for most of the SGSs.  
(Tenorio-Tagle & Bodenheimer 1988, Silich et al. 2006 etc.)

A lot of observed SGS have no any young stars inside.

Multiple generations of stars are responsible for the creation and driving of SGS  
(Weisz et al. 2009, Warren et al. 2011)

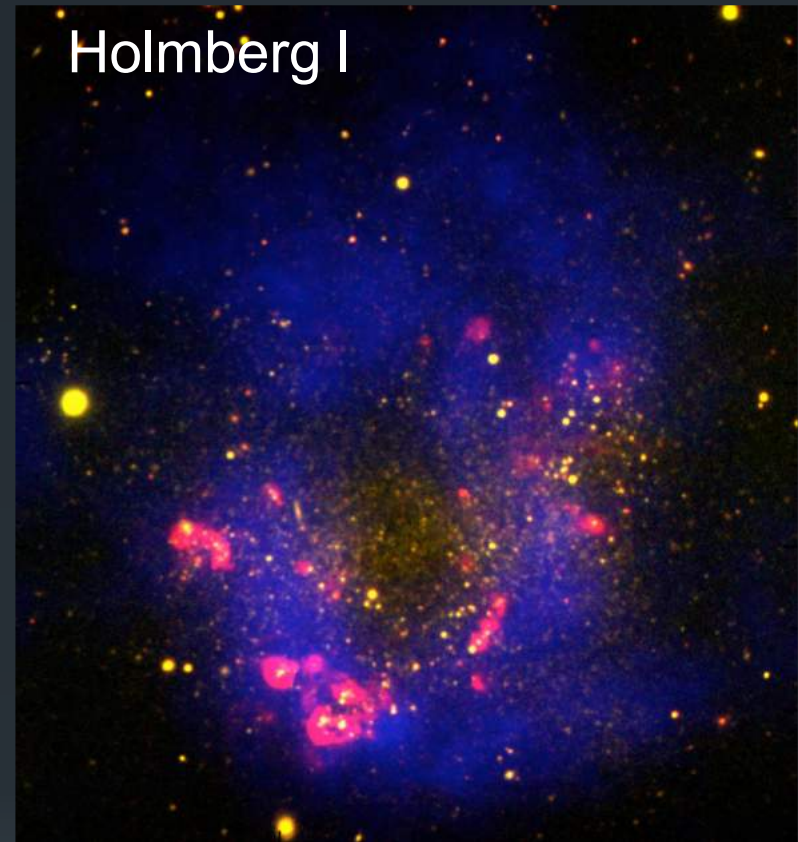
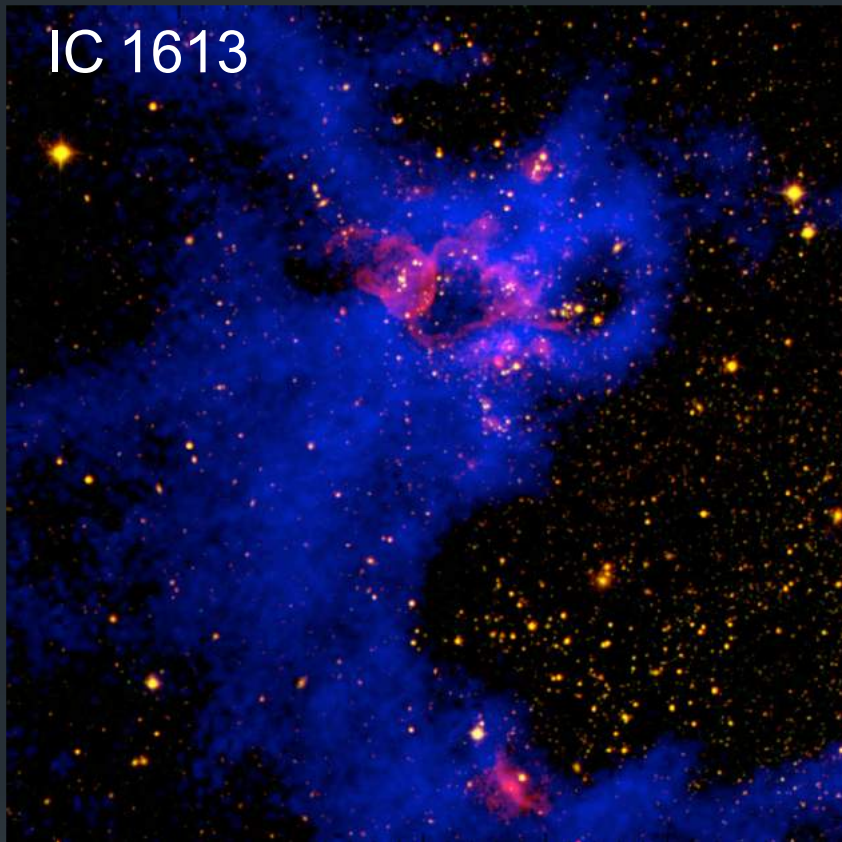


# Holmberg II: star formation history



Mechanical energy input from stellar winds and supernovae integrated over the whole long period of star formation is enough to form most of the observed SGS

# Star formation in the rims of HI supershells

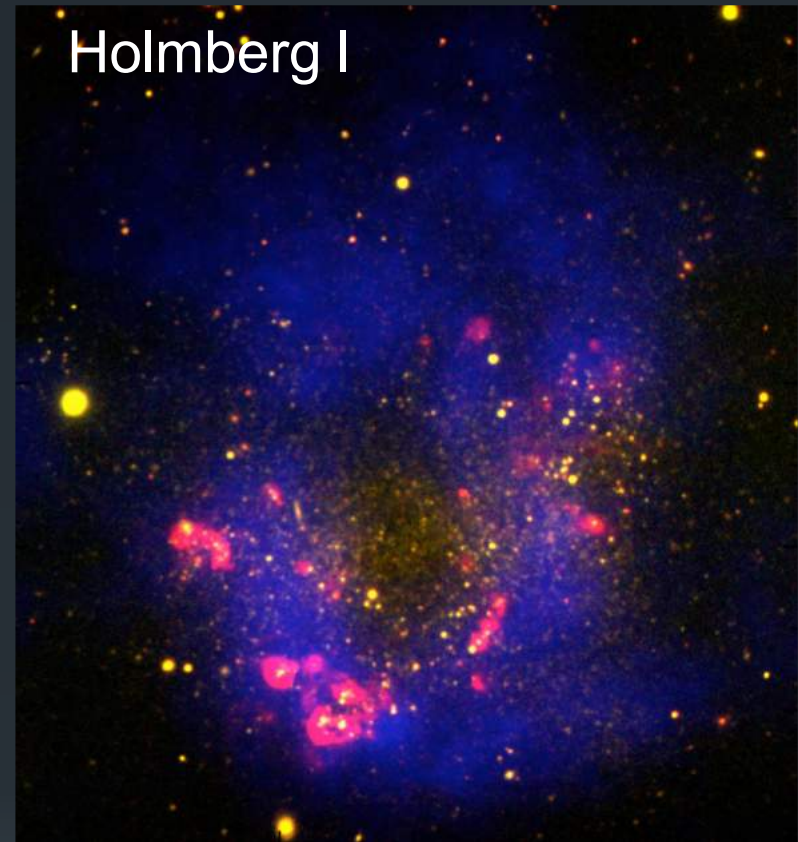
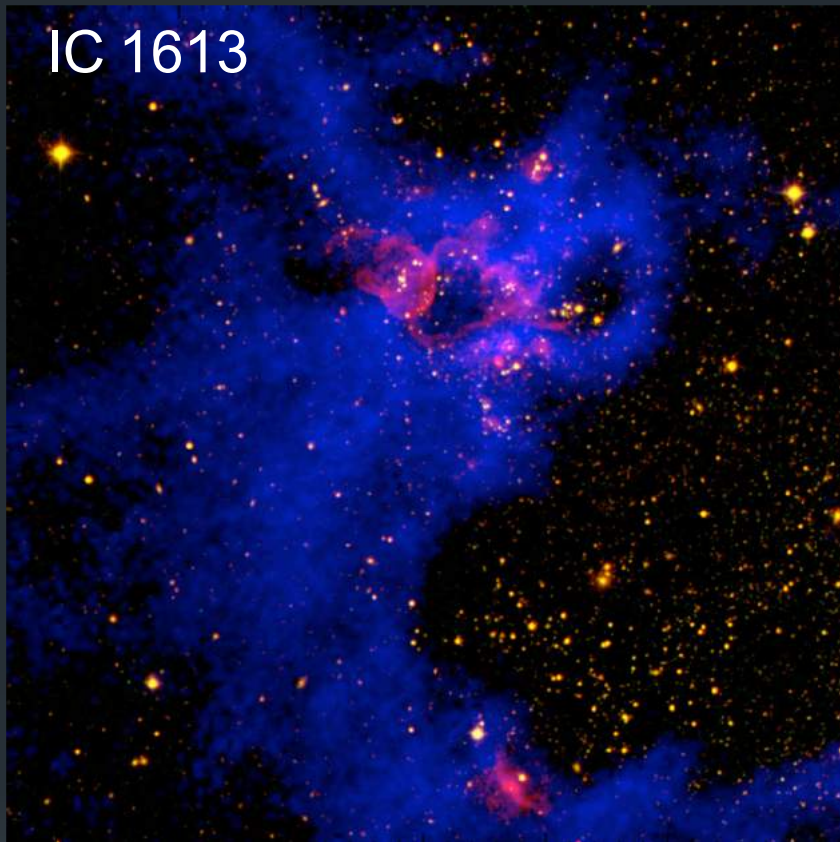


H-alpha + HI 21cm + stars

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- How these new episodes of star formation influence the “parent” SGS?



# Star formation in the rims of HI supershells

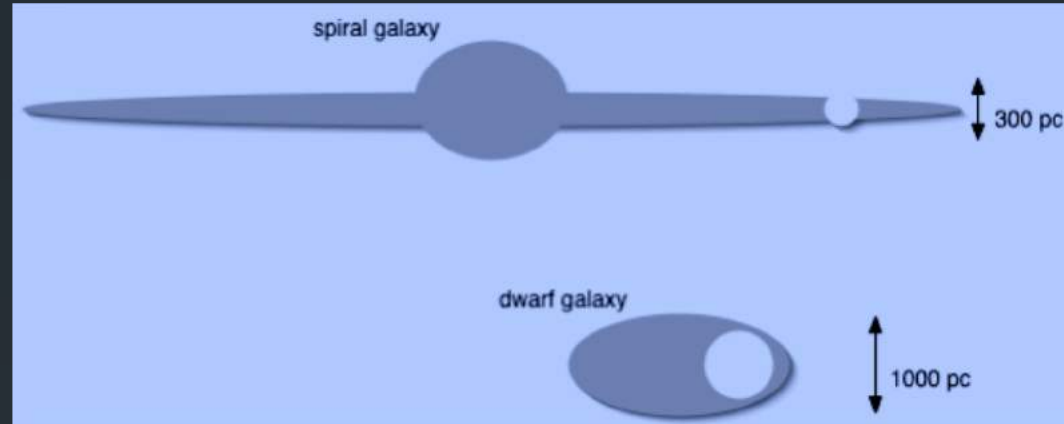


H-alpha + HI 21cm + stars

- What triggers the new episode of star formation and how it propagates through SGS?
- How these new episodes of star formation influence the “parent” SGS?
- Identification and analysis of supernovae remnants, nebulae around WR stars and other high-energy objects influencing on ISM

# Dwarf Irr galaxies as a good laboratory

- They are gas rich
- Have a thick gas disc
- ... a shallow potential
- ... and a lack of spiral density waves.



Due to that the stellar winds and supernovae may create a large (up to several kpc sized) long-lived complexes of multiple shells, supershells and filaments.

Hence dlrr galaxies provide a good opportunity to study the stellar feedback influence to ISM.

# Observations: 6-m telescope BTA (SAO RAS)

**SCORPIO & SCORPIO-2** multi-mode focal reducers with scanning FPI (Afanasiev & Moiseev, 2005, 2011)

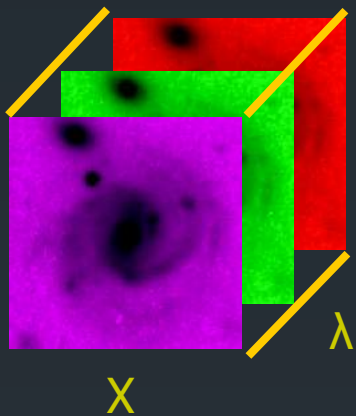
- Long-slit spectrograph with set of the gratings of different resolution and spectral range
- Set of broad-band and narrow-band optical filters
- Spectropolarimeter
- 3D-spectroscopy
  - Fabry-Perot interferometer
  - IFU spectrograph (Afanasiev, Egorov & Perepelitsyn 2018)



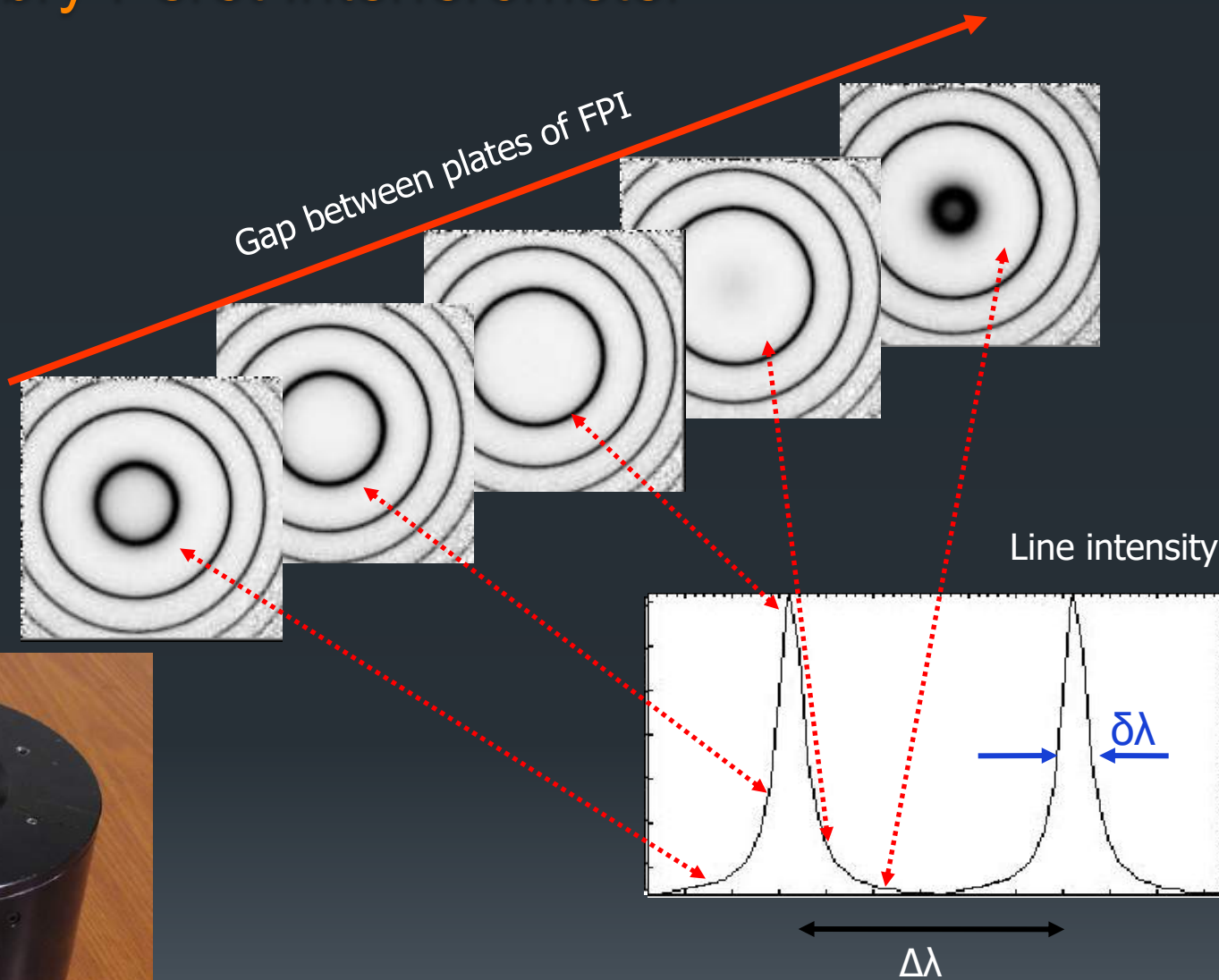
6-m telescope : [www.sao.ru](http://www.sao.ru)



# Scanning Fabry-Perot Interferometer



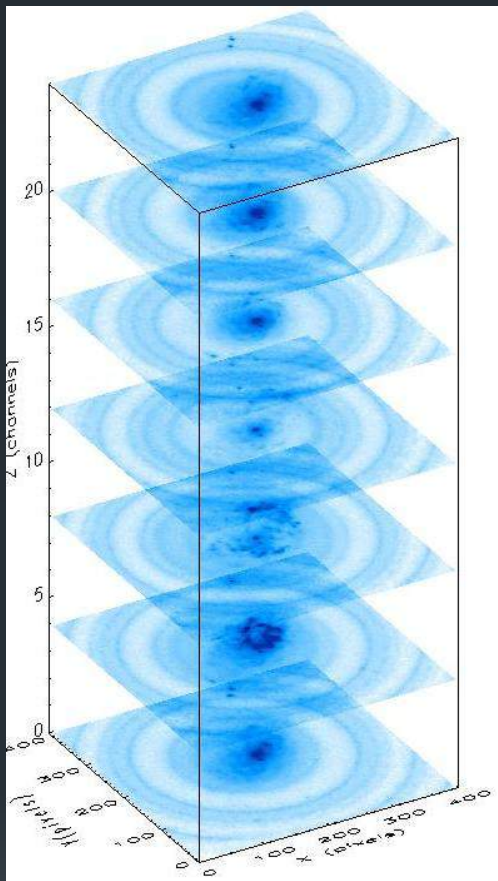
FPI ET-50  
Queensgate Inc. (IC Optical System Inc.)



large field of view: 5-20 arcmin  
high spectral resolution:  $\delta\lambda = 0.2 \dots 2 \text{ \AA}$   
small spectral range:  $\Delta\lambda = \lambda/n = 5 \dots 50 \text{ \AA}$

# Scanning Fabry-Perot Interferometer

Z=channels

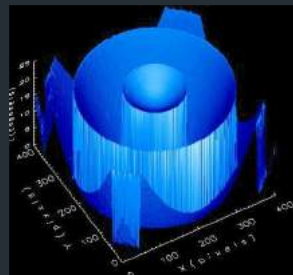
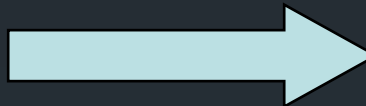


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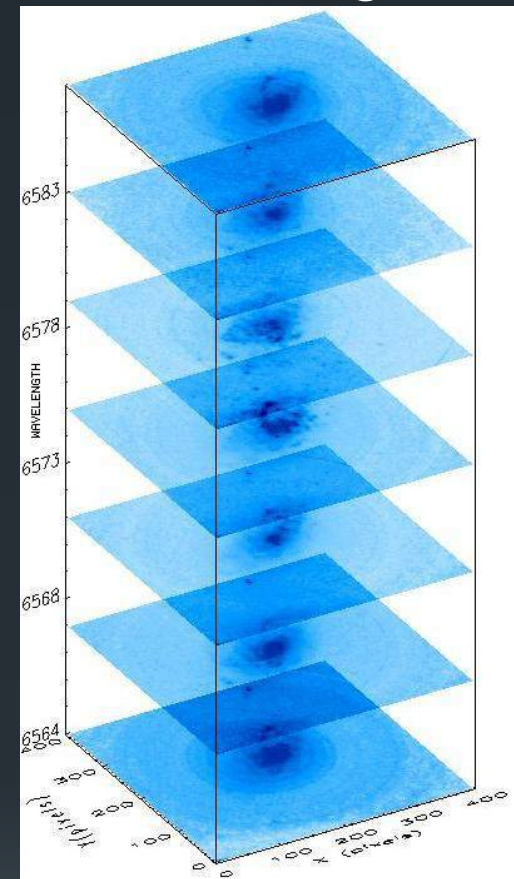
Moiseev (2002)

Moiseev, Egorov (2008)

Moiseev (2015)



Z=Wavelength



Field of view: 6.1x6.1 arcmin

Spectral range: H $\alpha$ , [NII], [OIII] and [SII] emission line

Spatial sampling: 0.35-0.70 arcsec/px

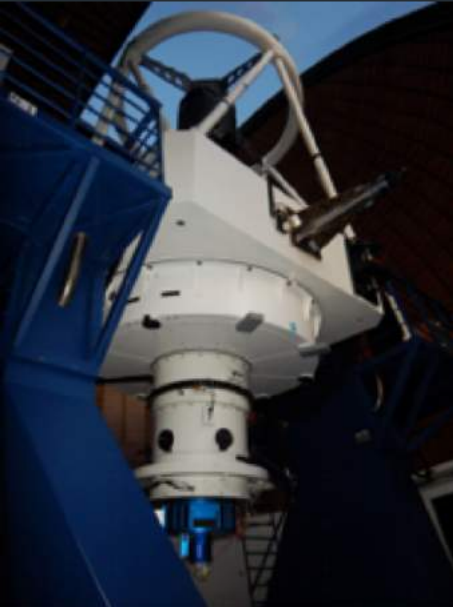
Spectral resolution:

R=4000 - 15000

$\sigma$ = 8.5 - 30.0 km/s

# Observations: 2.5-m telescope of SAI MSU

- New observatory: official opening ceremony was in Dec, 2015
- Currently working in technical mode

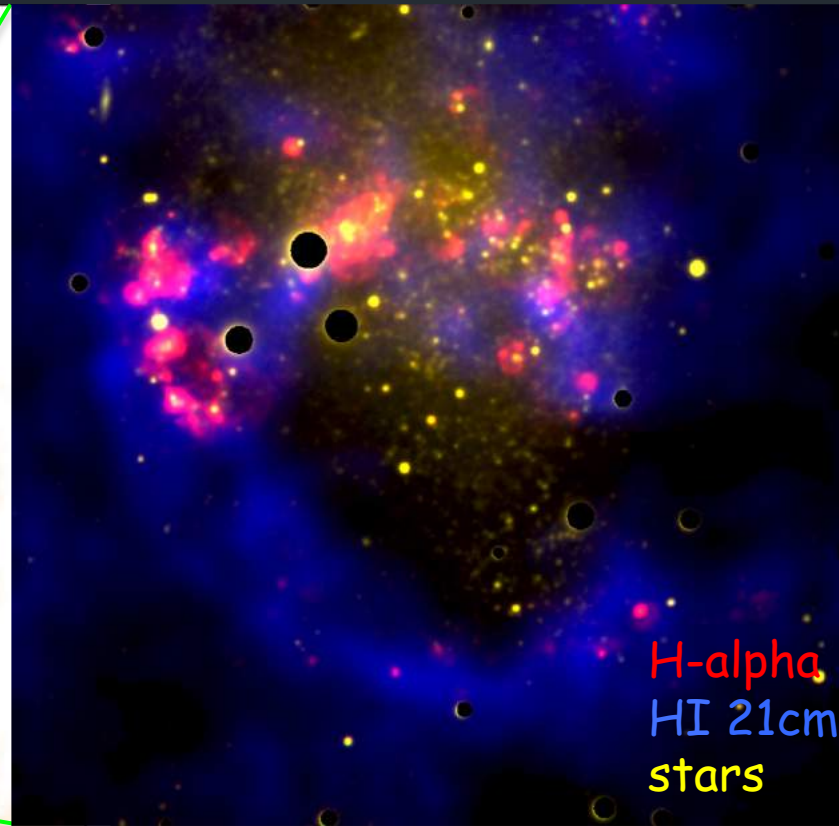
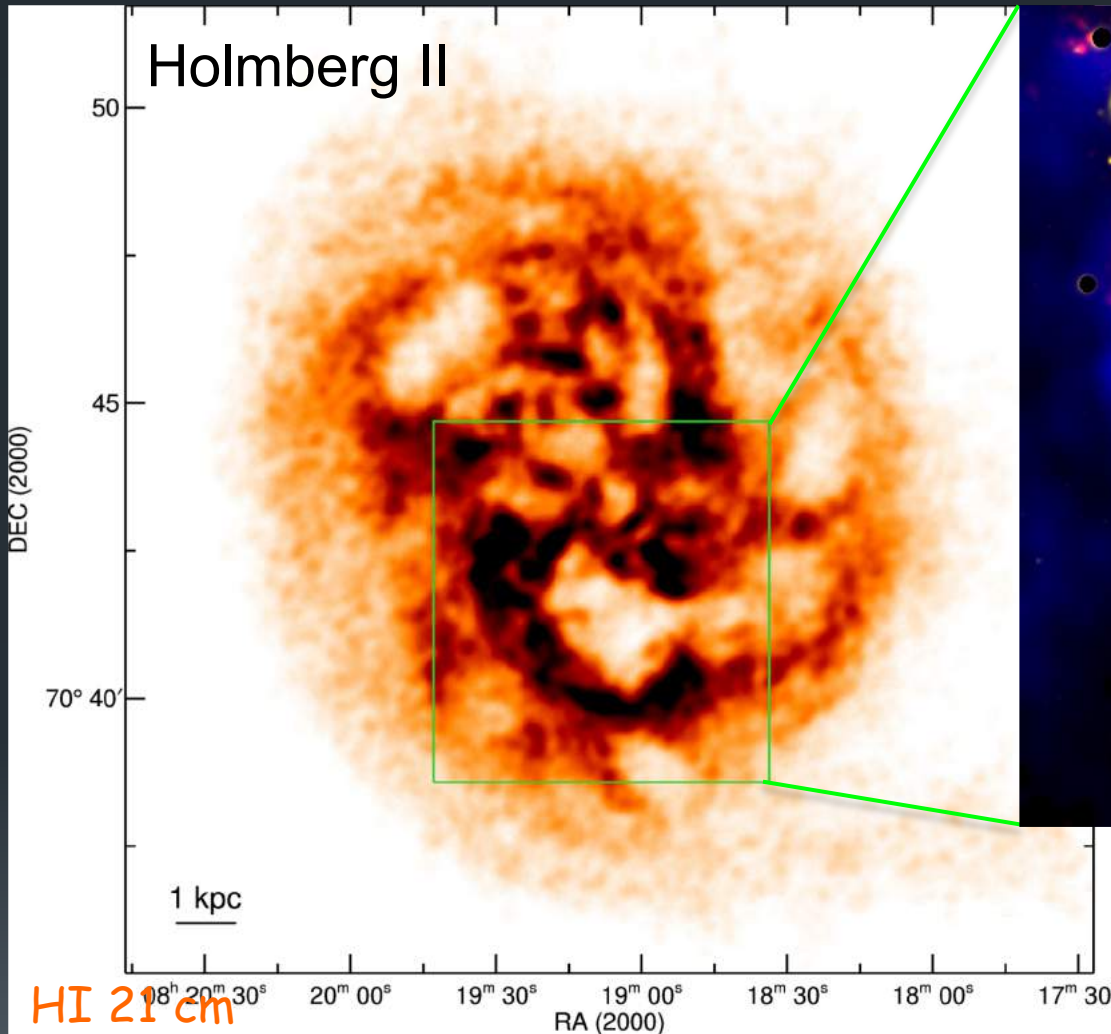


## Available instruments:

- Optical CCD camera (10x10 arcmin) with set of broad-narrow-band filters (H $\alpha$ , [SII] $\lambda$ 6717,6731, [OIII] $\lambda$ 5007 and corresponding continuum)
- NIR photometer and spectrograph
- Speckle-polarimeter
- Photometer with tunable filter “MANGAL” (project of SAO-SAI)
- Optical spectrograph (in development)

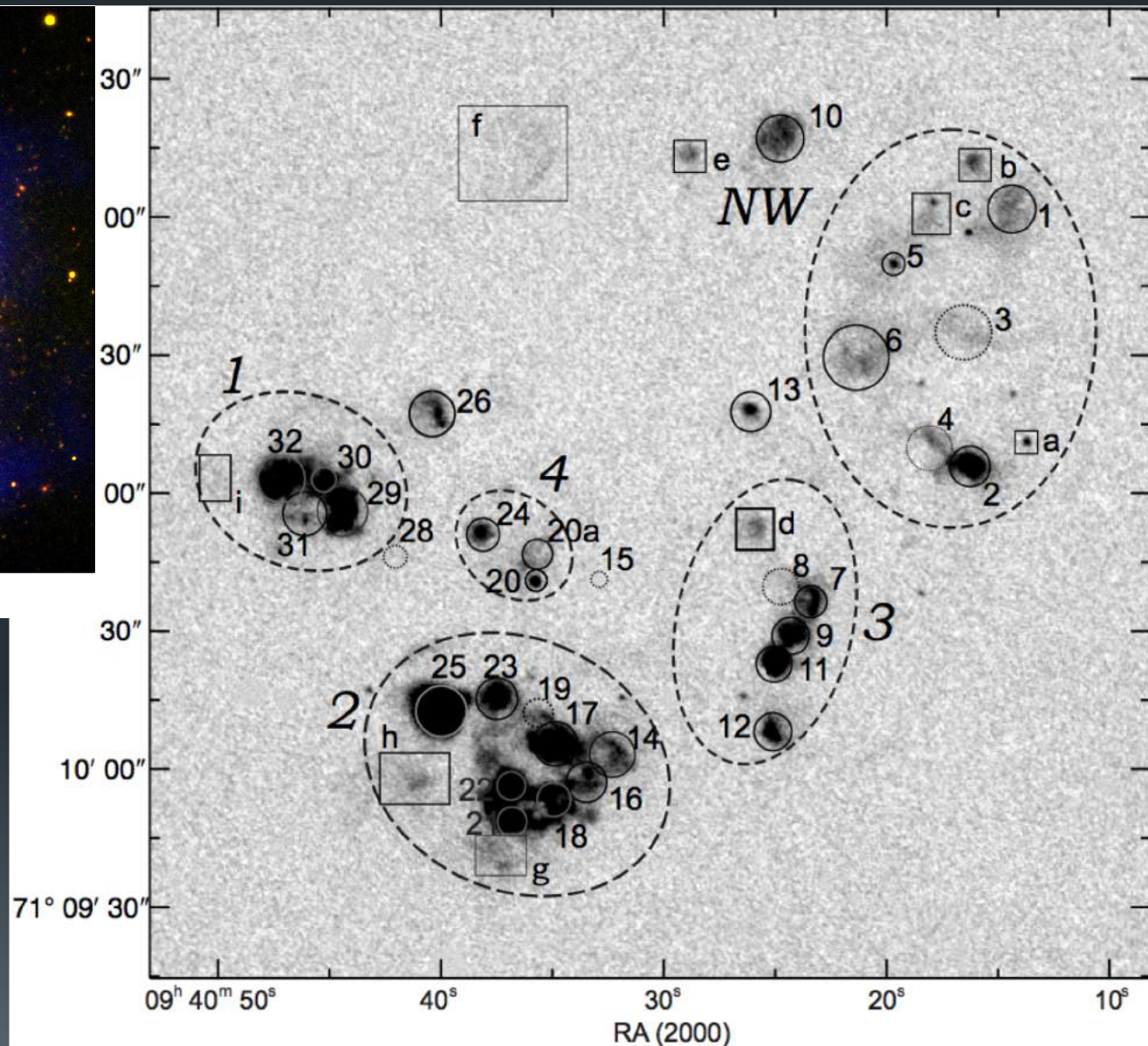
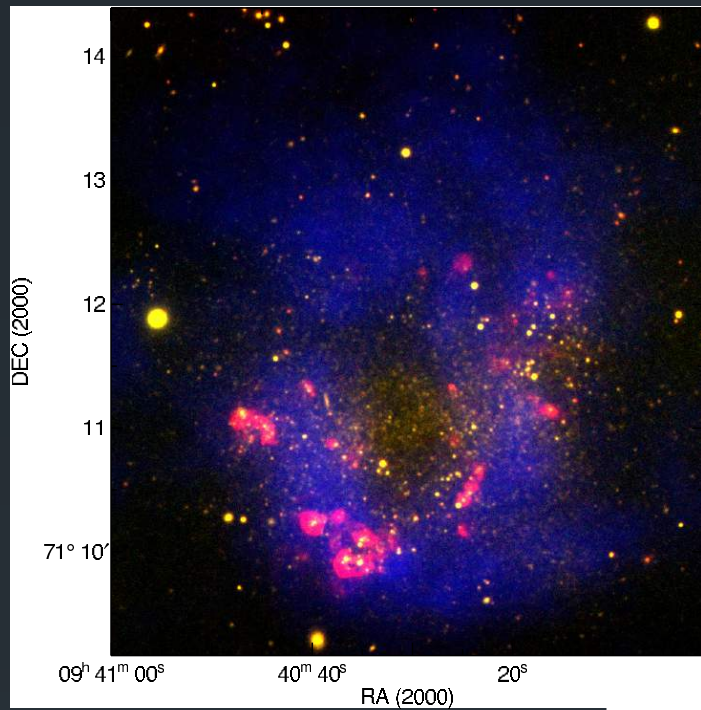


# Holmberg II: star formation in the rims of the largest SGS (2.5 kpc)



Star formation is observed (almost) only in the rims of the old (150 Myr) HI SGS

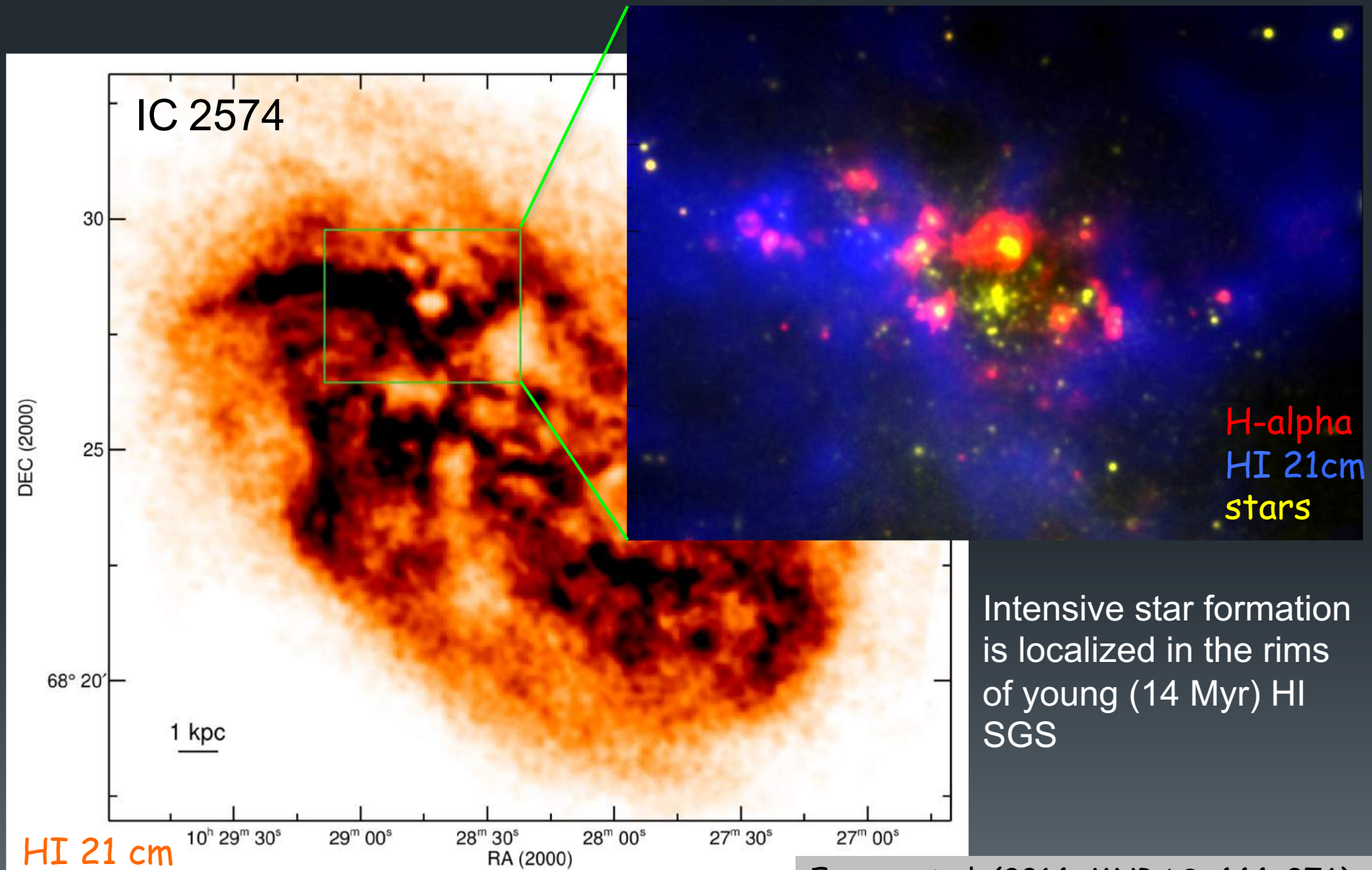
# Holmberg I: star-forming complexes in SGS



Star formation is localized in the complexes physically-related complexes of HII regions. Size of these complexes – hundreds of pc. Bright HII are tied each other with faint filaments of ionized gas. The complexes are surrounded by HI shells and demonstrate identical kinematical properties



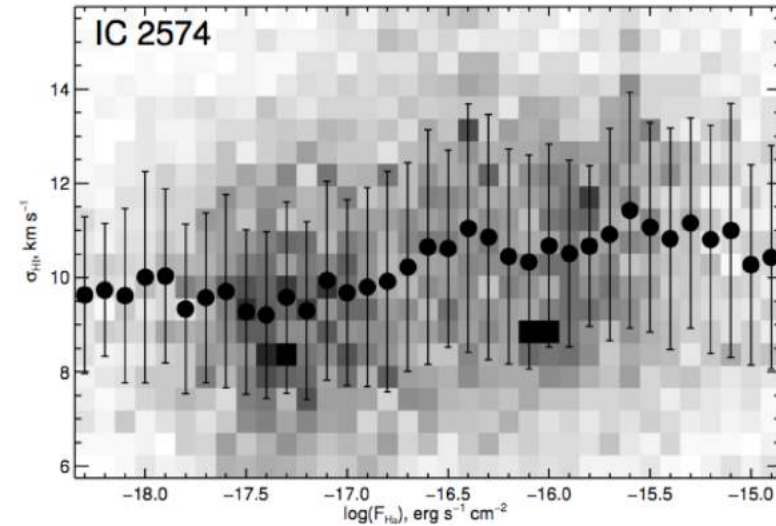
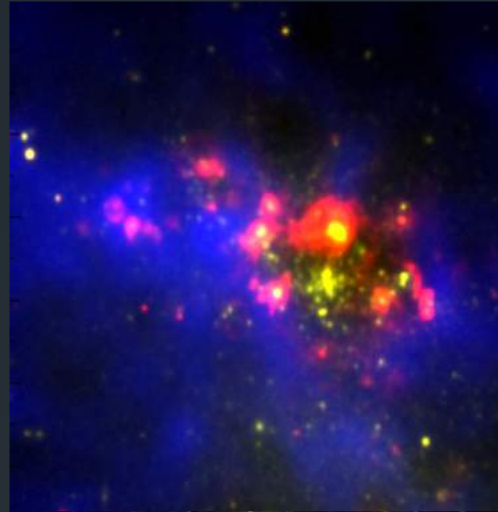
# IC 2574: young HI SGS and star formation in its rims



# What triggers star formation in SGS?

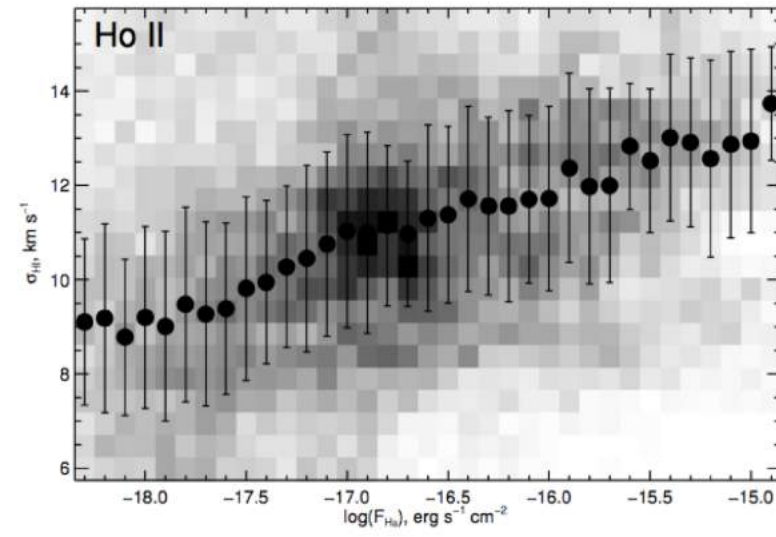
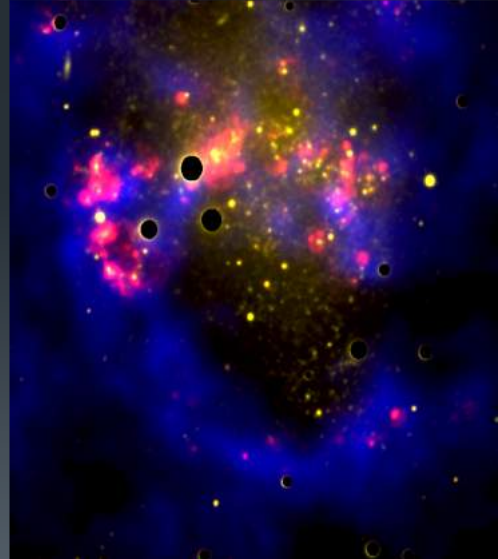
## IC 2574:

- Star formation was propagated from the center of SGS
- Turbulence of ISM doesn't correlate with  $\Sigma\text{SFR}$



## Holmberg II:

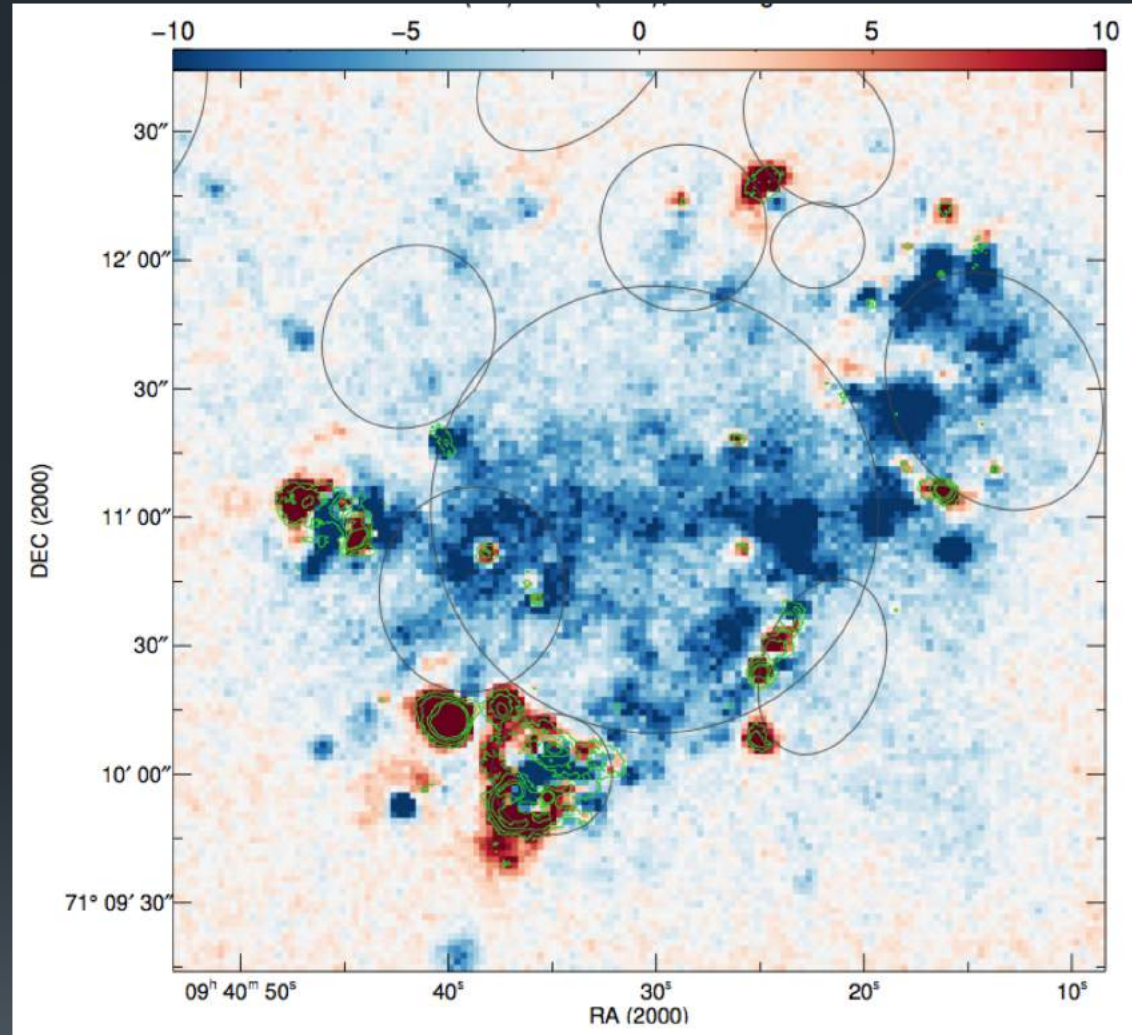
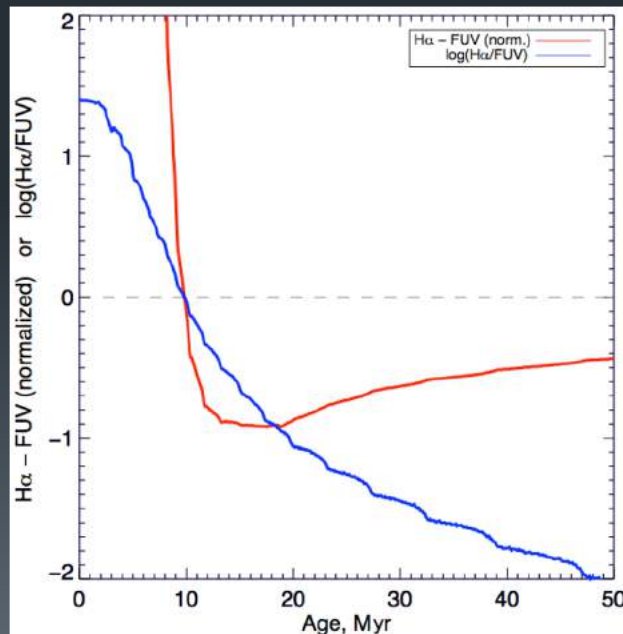
- HI clearly correlates with  $\Sigma\text{SFR}$
- Probably, current star formation was triggered by SGS collision HI



# Propagation of star formation in galaxies

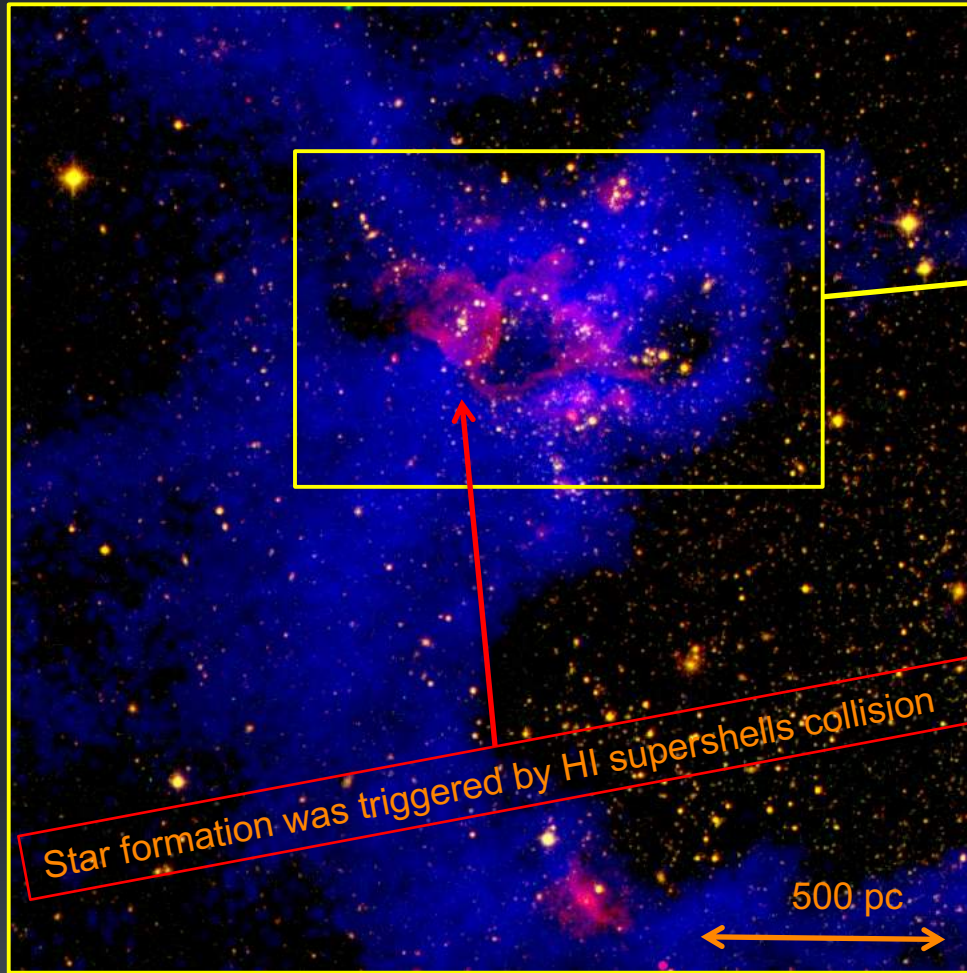
Both FUV and H-alpha are indicators of star formation, but on different timescales: H-alpha observed on the scale of  $\sim 10$  Myr, while FUV -  $\sim 100$  Myr.

Starting from  $\sim 9$  Myr FUV became brighter than H-alpha. Distribution of the flux difference  $H\alpha - FUV$  demonstrates the propagating star formation

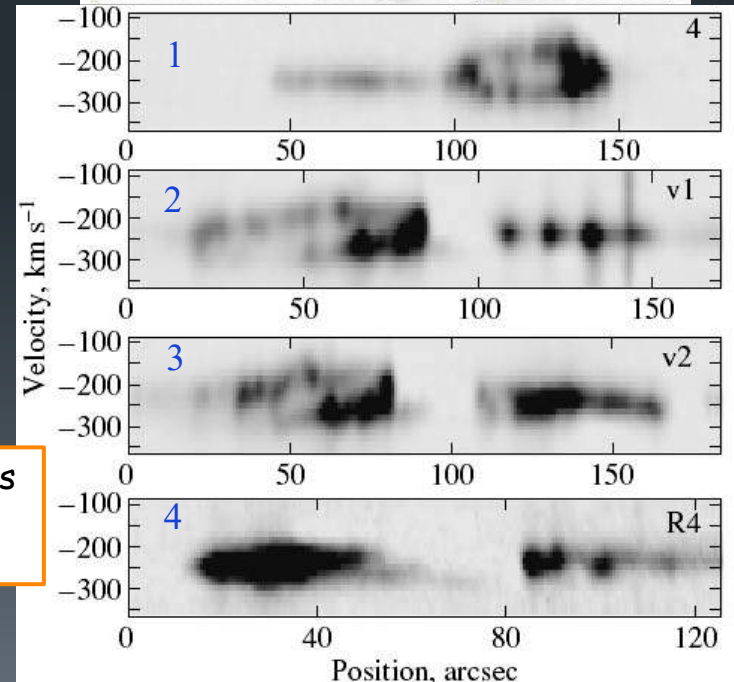
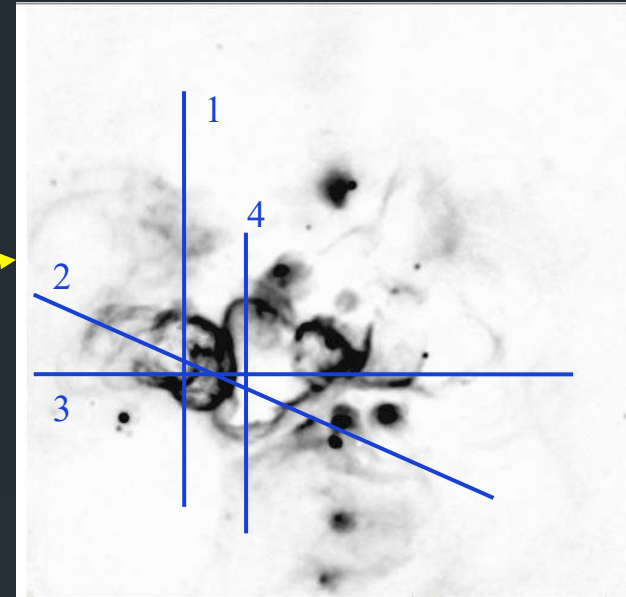


Regions of **current** and **recent** star formation

# IC1613: triggered star formation



H-alpha + HI 21 cm + continuum



See also modeling in Chernin et al. (1995); Kawata et al. (2014); Vasiliev et al. (2017)

Age of supershells  
HI: 5.3-5.6 Myr,  
HII: 0.6-2.2 Myr

Lozinskaya (2002, *A&ATr*, 21, 223)

# Influence of star formation on the evolution of HI SGS

HI kinematics point to the probable gradual disruption of the HI SGS in Holmberg I

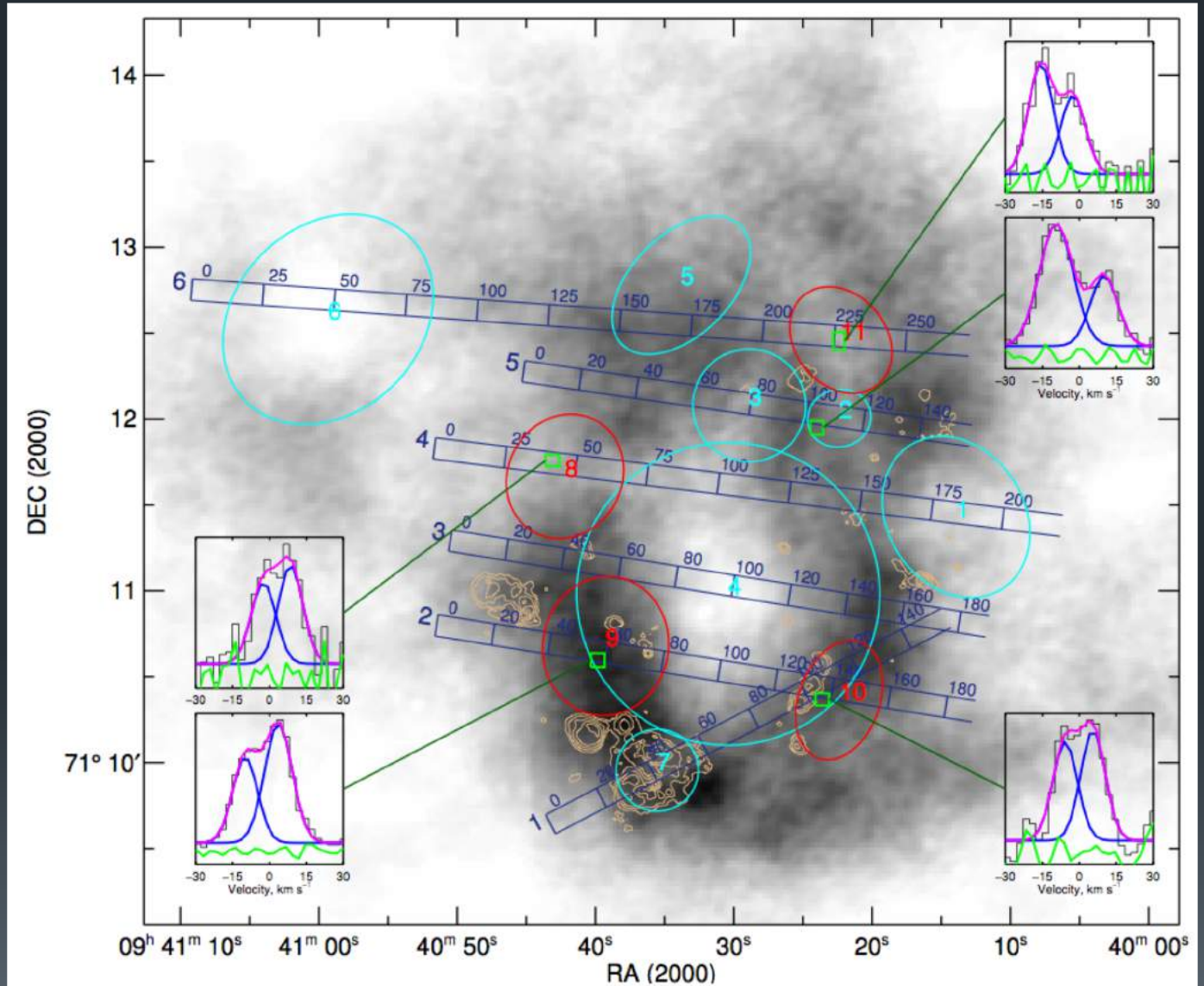
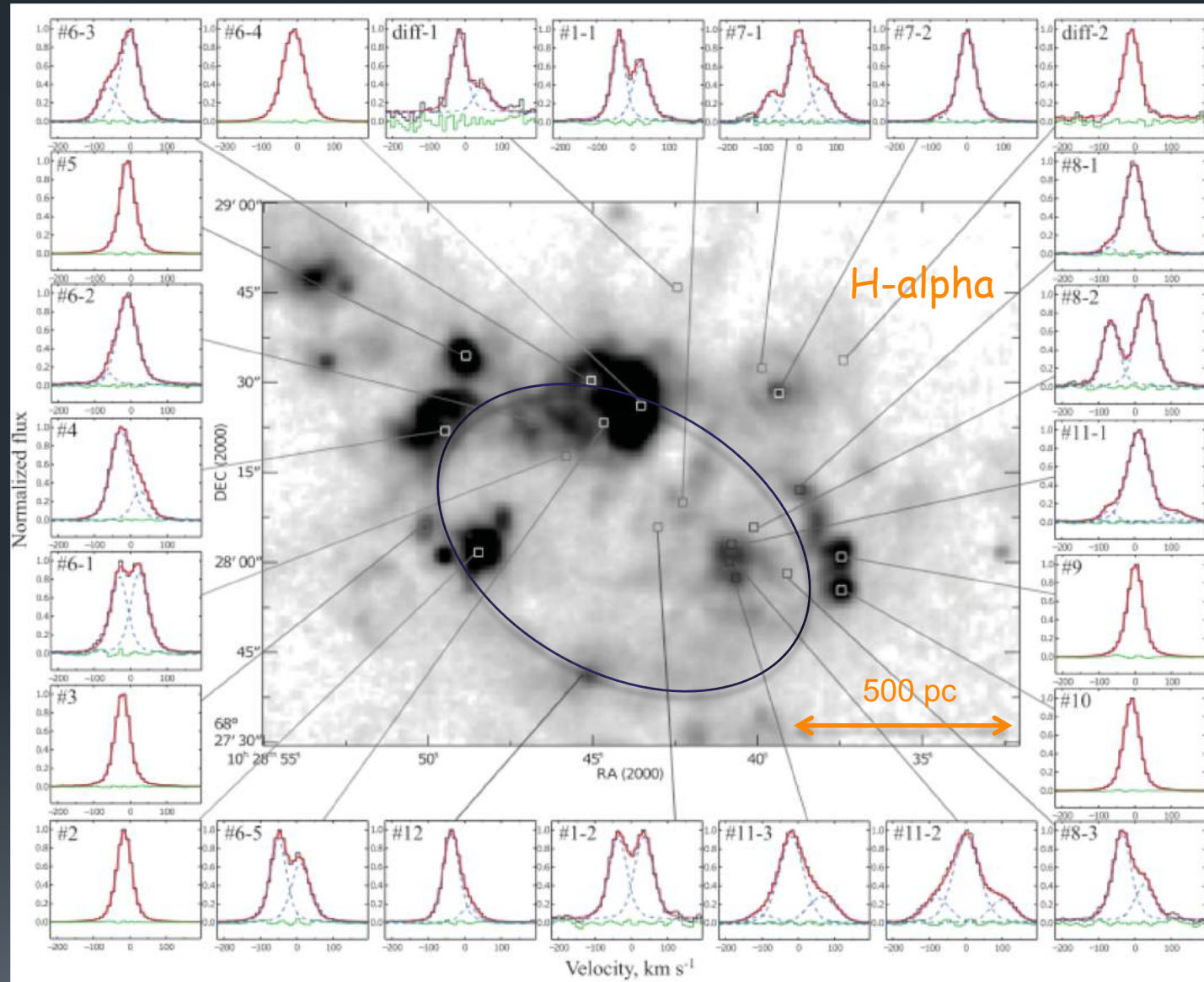


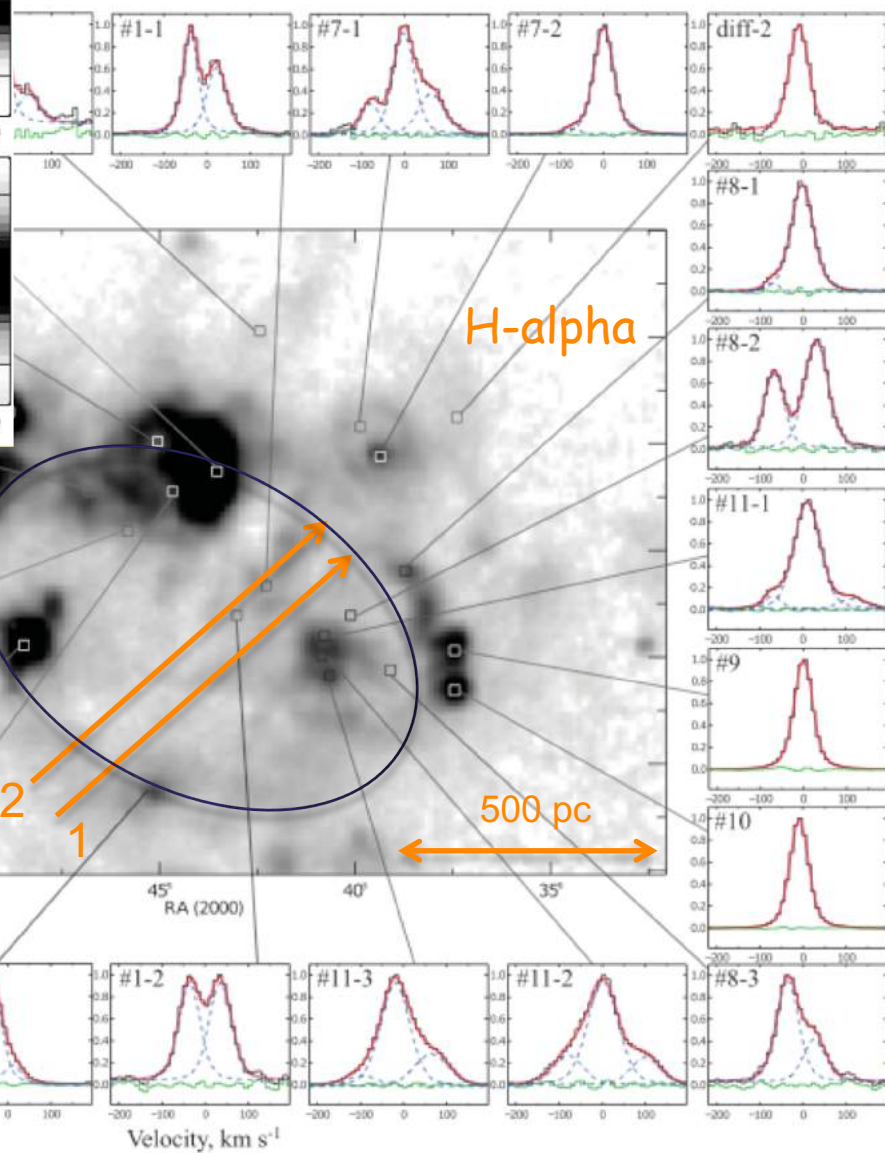
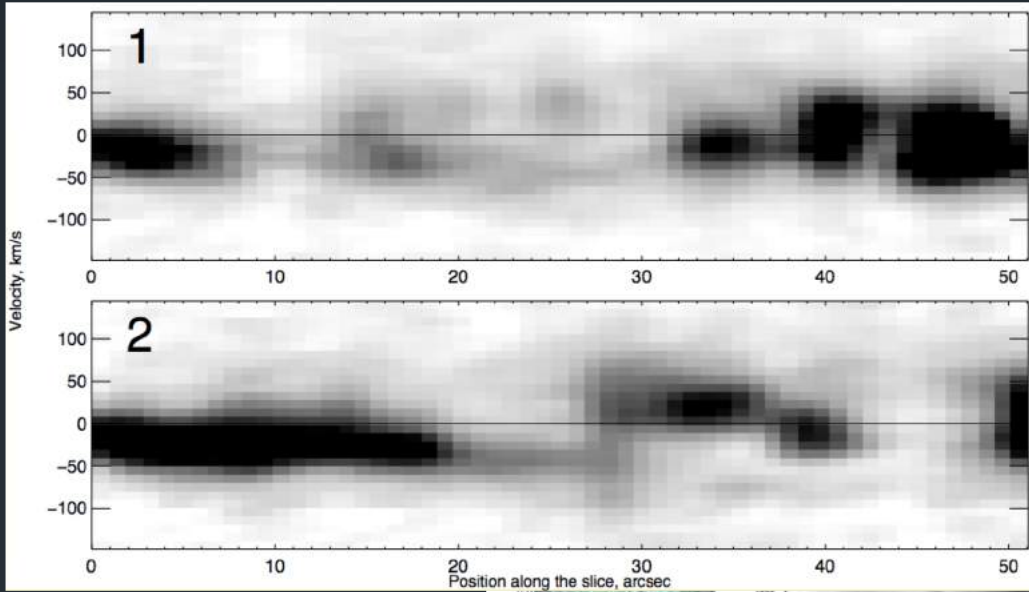
Image - HI 21 cm;  
Contours - H $\alpha$ ;  
Ellipses - detected  
expanding HI supershells

# Influence of star formation on the evolution of HI SGS

- Perturbed kinematics of both ionized and neutral gas in the rims of the HI SGS
- Faint expanding kpc-sized H-alpha superbubble coincides with the inner wall of the SGS. Shock waves and leakage of hard UV quanta are probably responsible for ionization of the superbubble

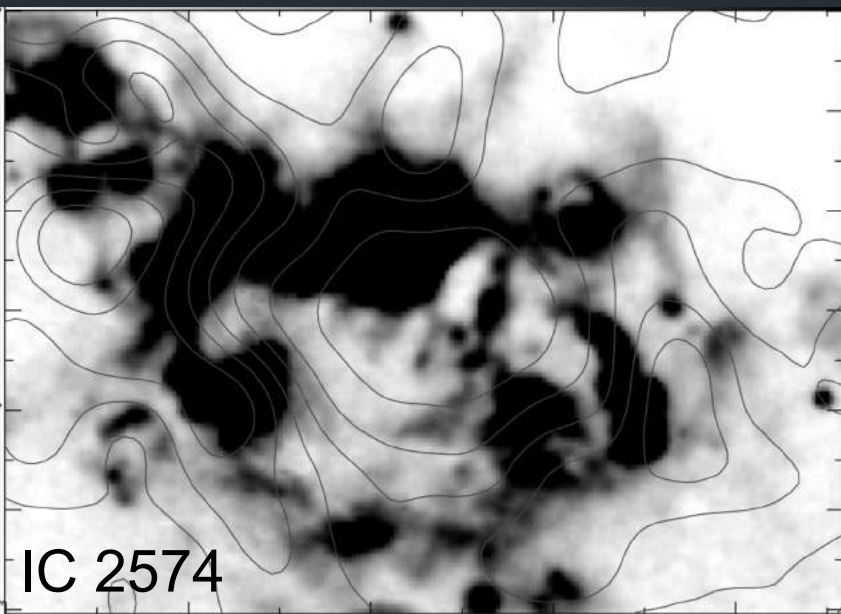
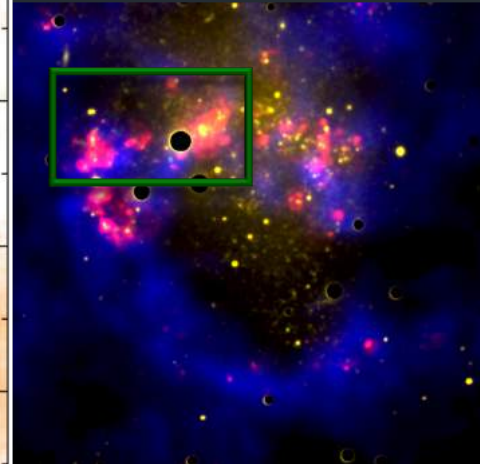
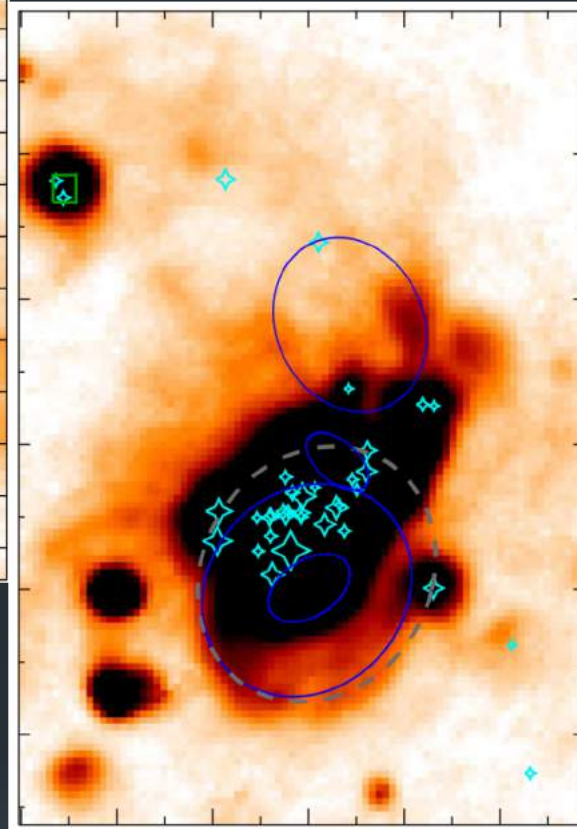
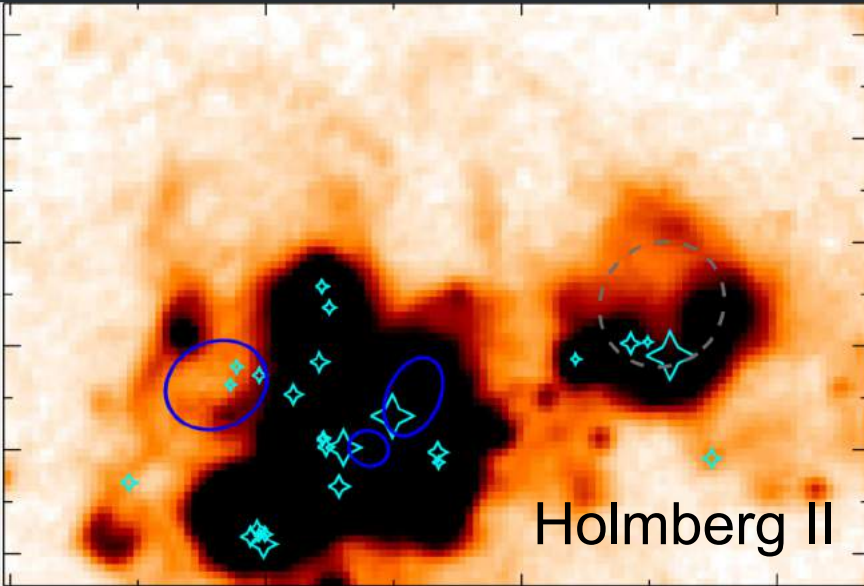


# Ionization of HI SGS



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# Influence of star formation on the evolution of HI SGS



Subsequent destruction and merging of HI SGSs is probable

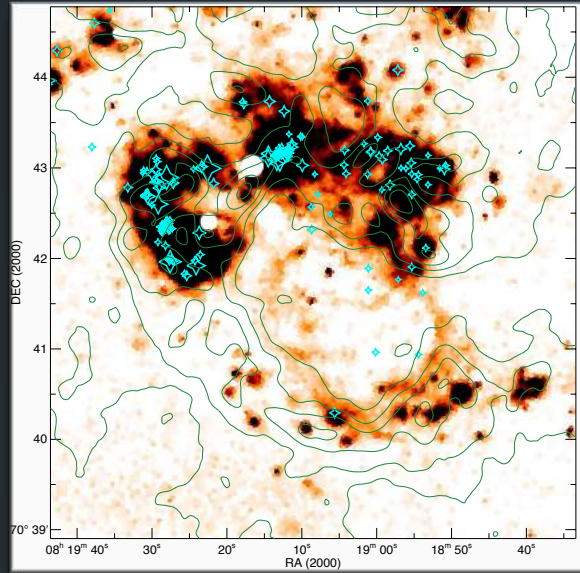


# «Leakage» of ionizing quanta from the regions of star formation

NGC 2366 (2.5-m telescope of SAI MSU)

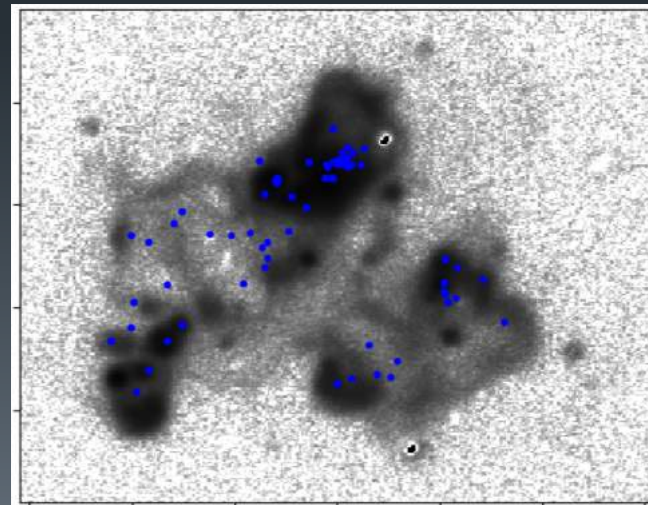


H-alpha + [OIII] + [SII] + continuum



Holmberg I & II:

- Star forming regions are localized in the rims of SGS
- Fraction of «leaking» LyC-quanta  $\sim 50-60\%$ . (Egorov et al., 2017, 2018)



DDO 53:  
No leaking  
LyC-quanta  
detected

# IC 2574: energetic balance

Whether the energy of winds from stellar population is sufficient for creation and driving the expansion of observed ionized shells?

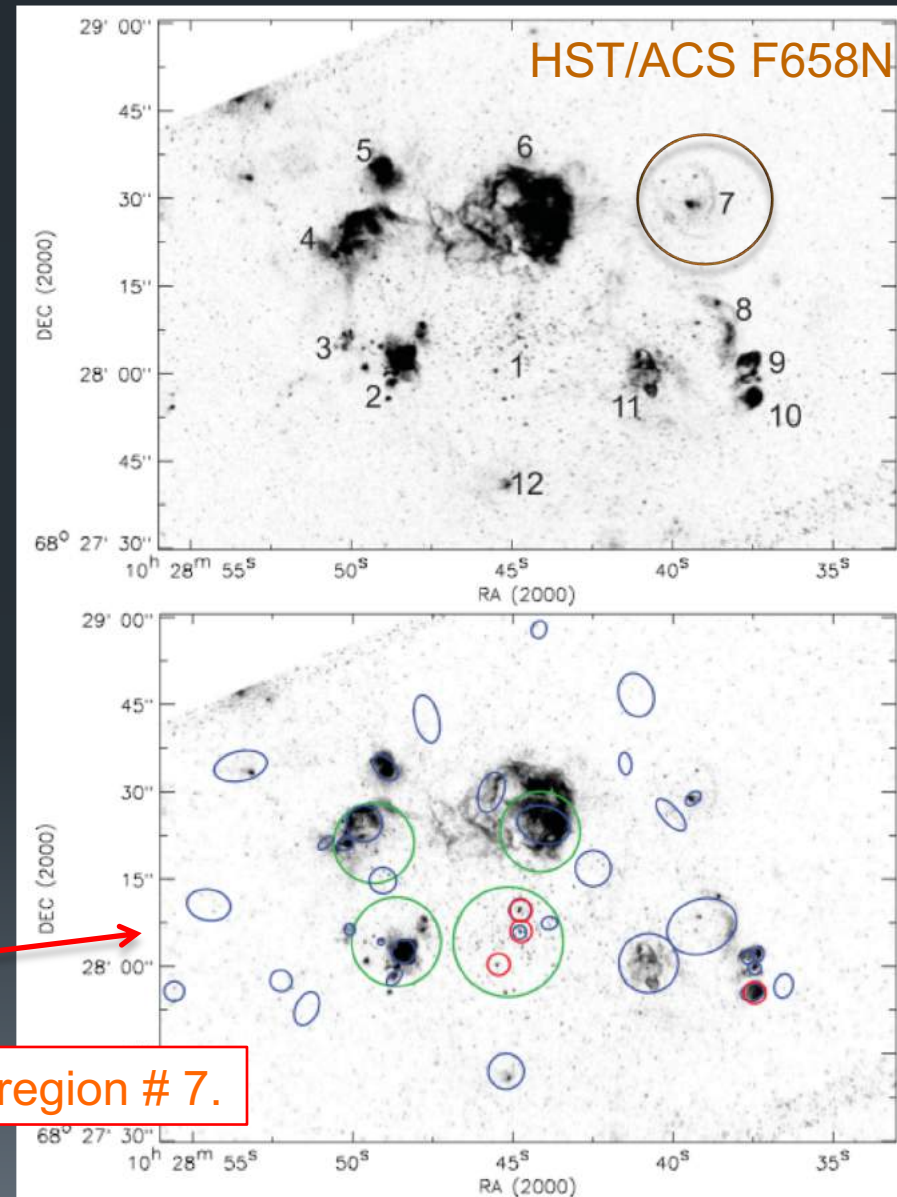
According to Mac Low & McCray (1988):

$$R_s(t) = \left( \frac{125L_w}{154\pi\rho_0} \right)^{1/5} t^{3/5} = 67 \left( \frac{L_{38}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_6^{3/5} \text{ pc}$$

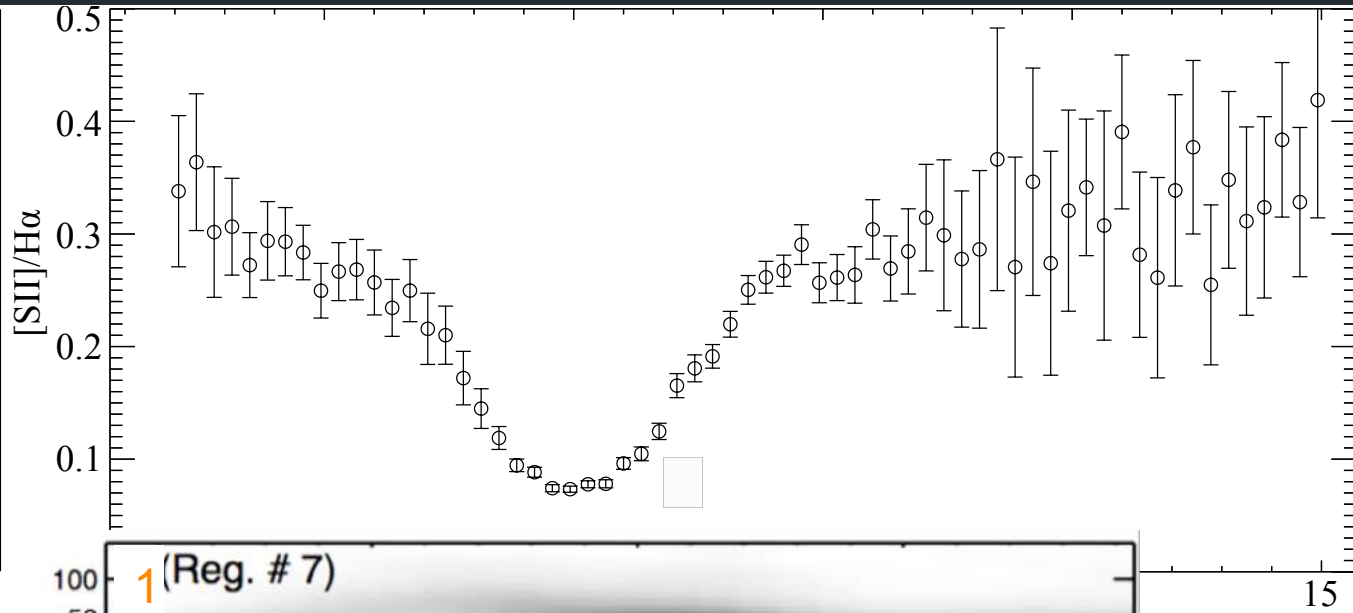
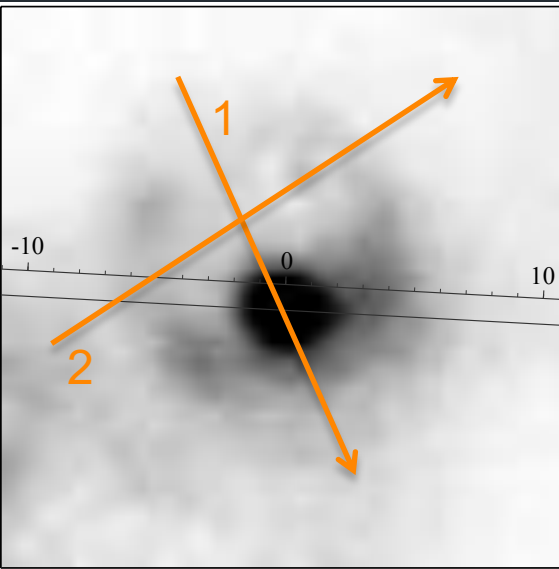
$$v_{\text{exp}}(t) = \frac{0.6R_s}{t} = 39.4 \left( \frac{L_{38}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_6^{-2/5} \text{ km s}^{-1}.$$

Using our Fabry-Perot observations => obtain kinematic age and necessary energy input. Comparing it with energetics of **star clusters** from Stewart & Walter (2000) and Yukita & Swartz (2012) =>

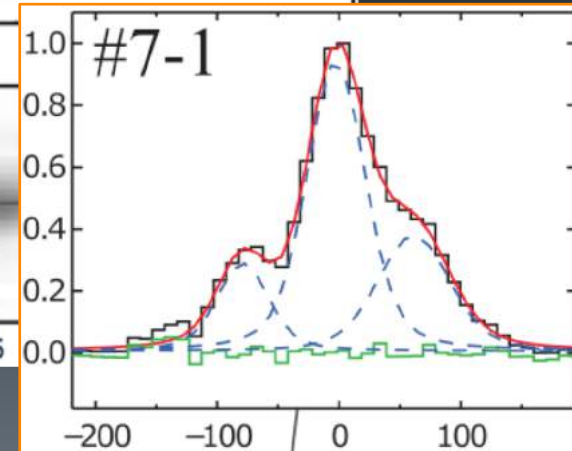
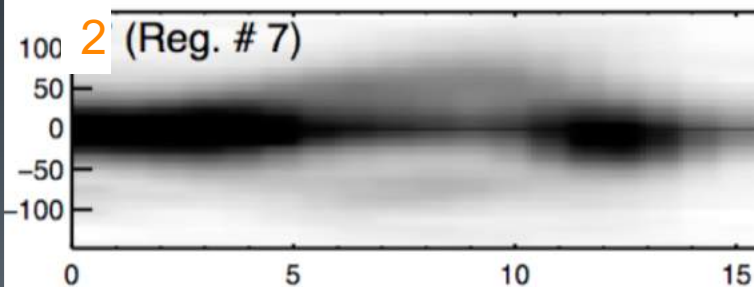
Yes, but the region # 7.



# IC 2574: energetic balance



1 (Reg. # 7)



The youngest region in the area

$t_{\text{kin}} = 1 \text{ Myr}$

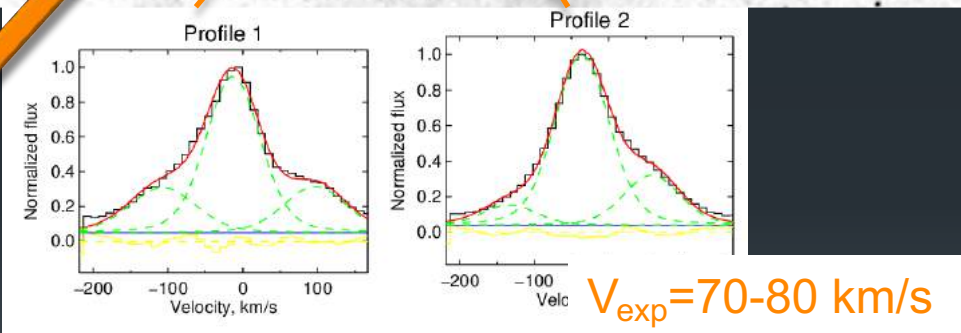
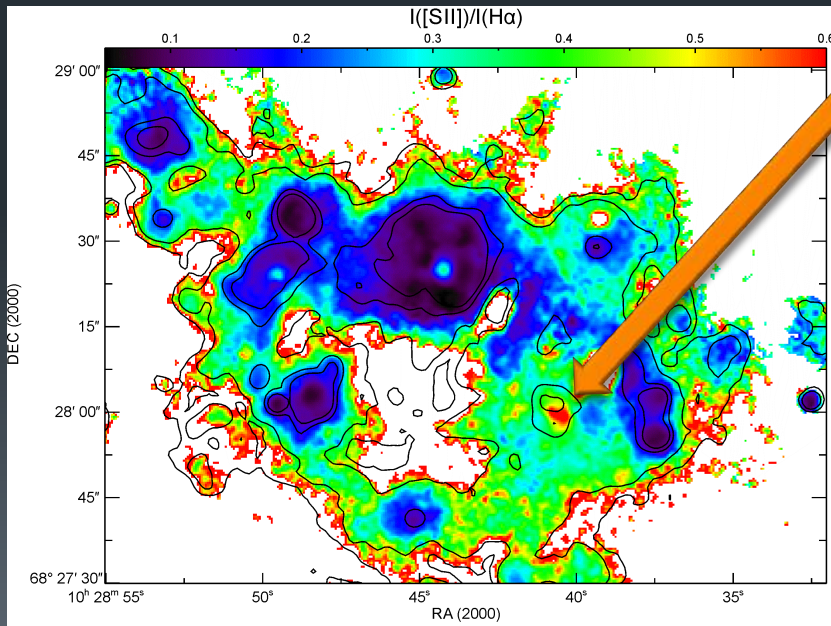
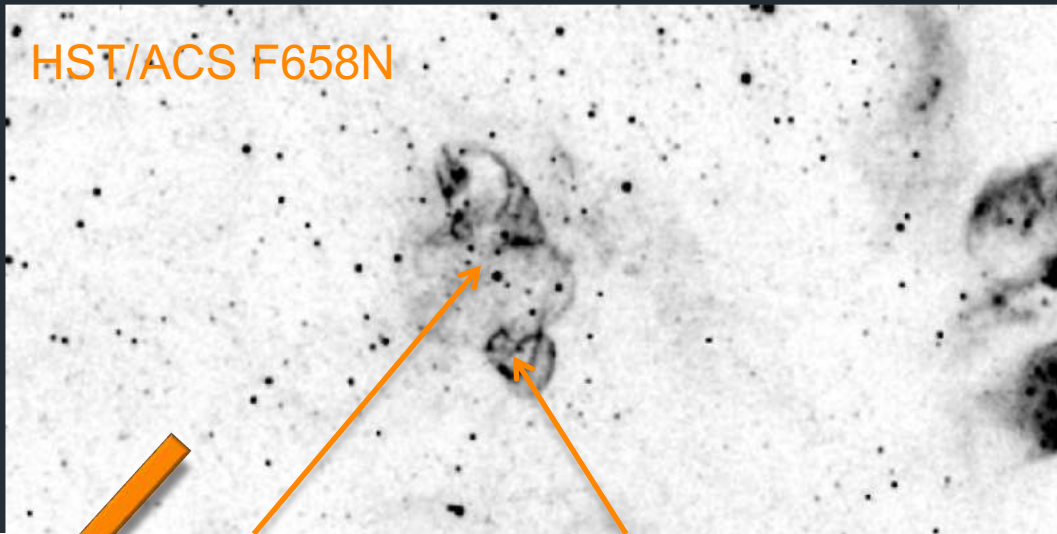
$V_{\text{exp}} = 65 \text{ km/s}$

Size = 210 pc

# Old SNR in IC 2574

- Walter et al. (1998) proposed this nebula to be a supernova remnant.

- Our study of spectrum and kinematics confirmed this suggestion



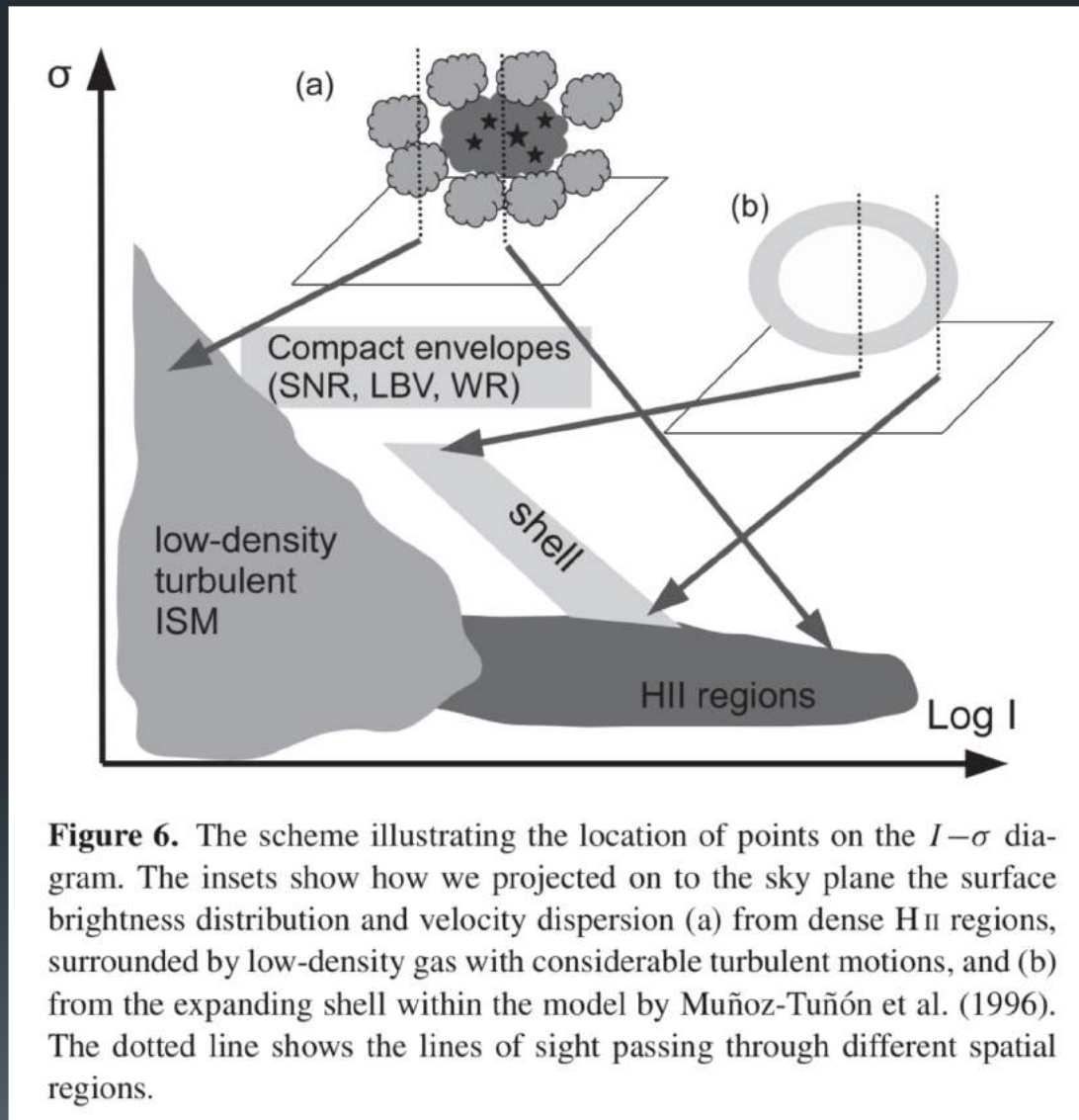
Following Sedov (1946) self-similar solution

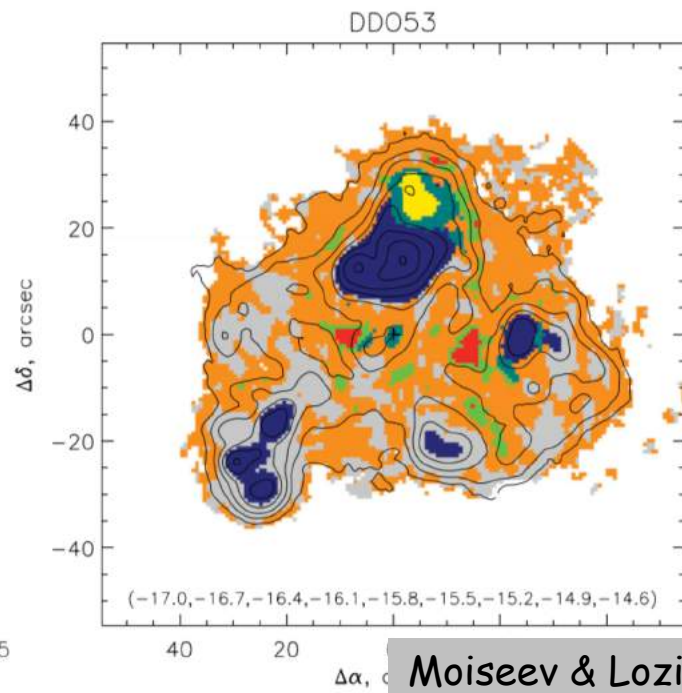
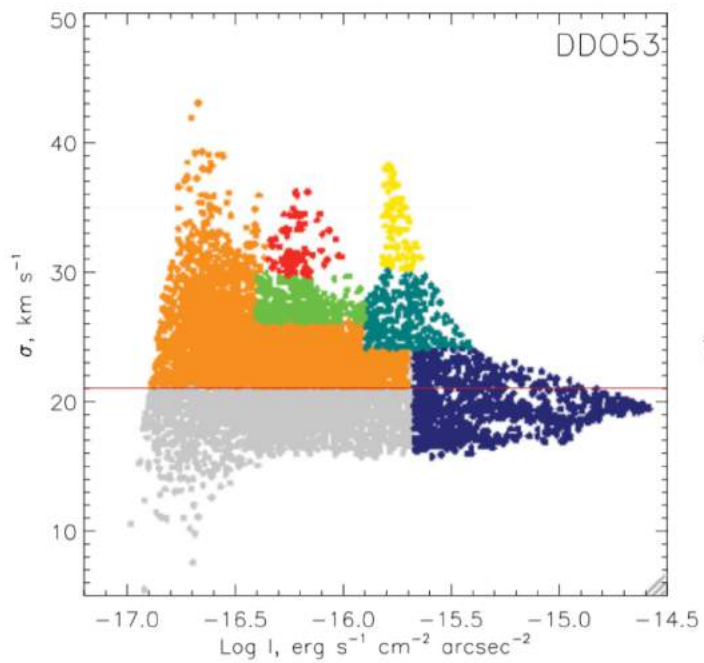
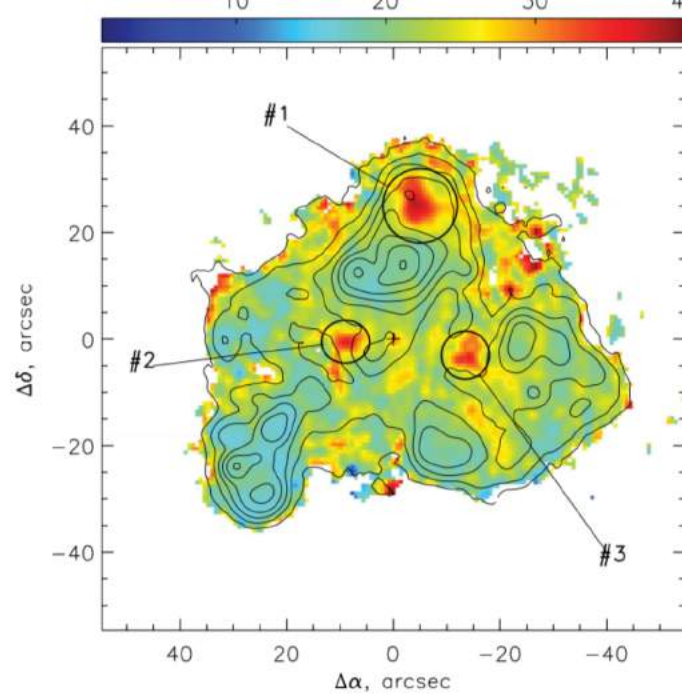
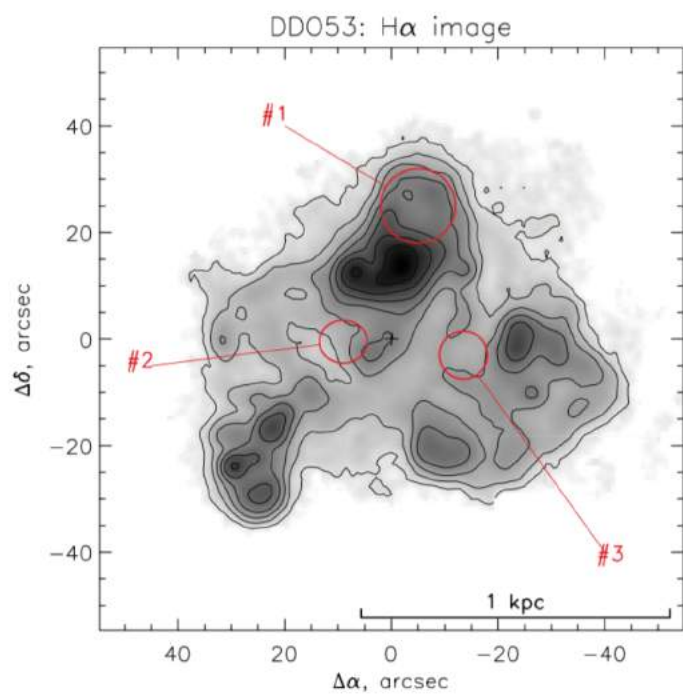
$$R_s = 13.5(E_{51}/n_0)^{0.2}(t/10^4 \text{ yr})^{0.4} \text{ (pc)}$$

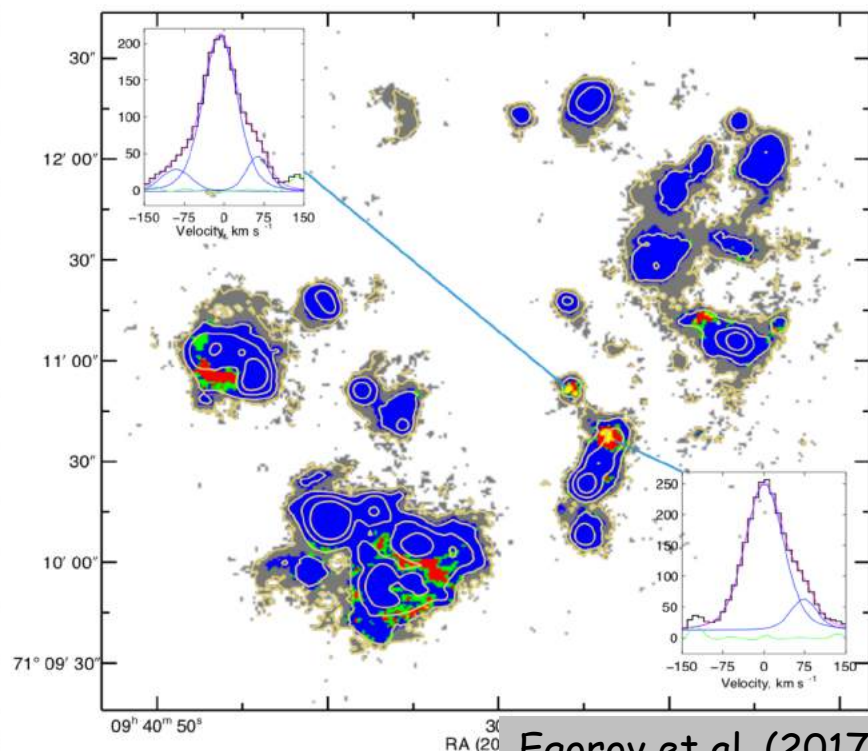
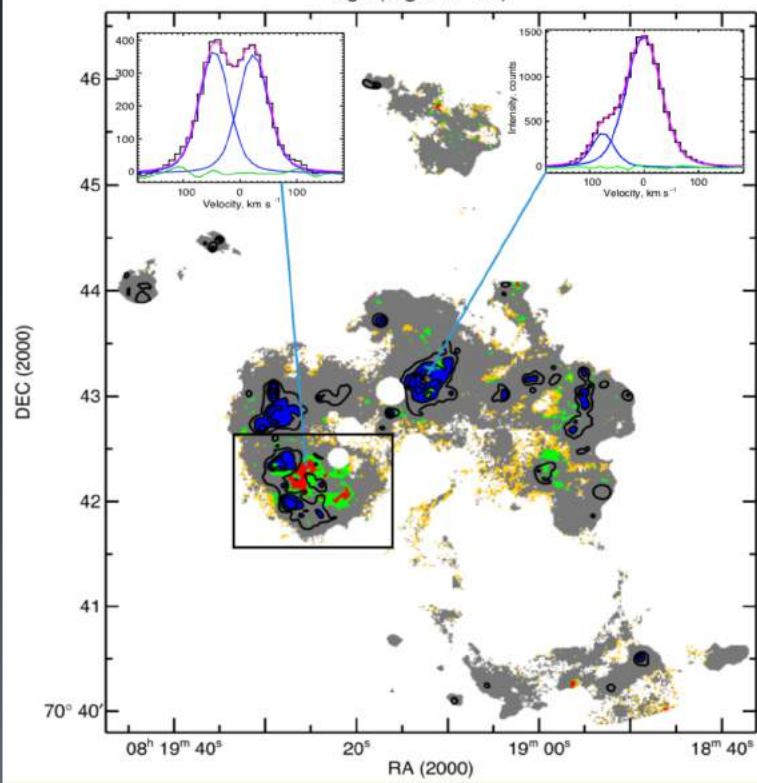
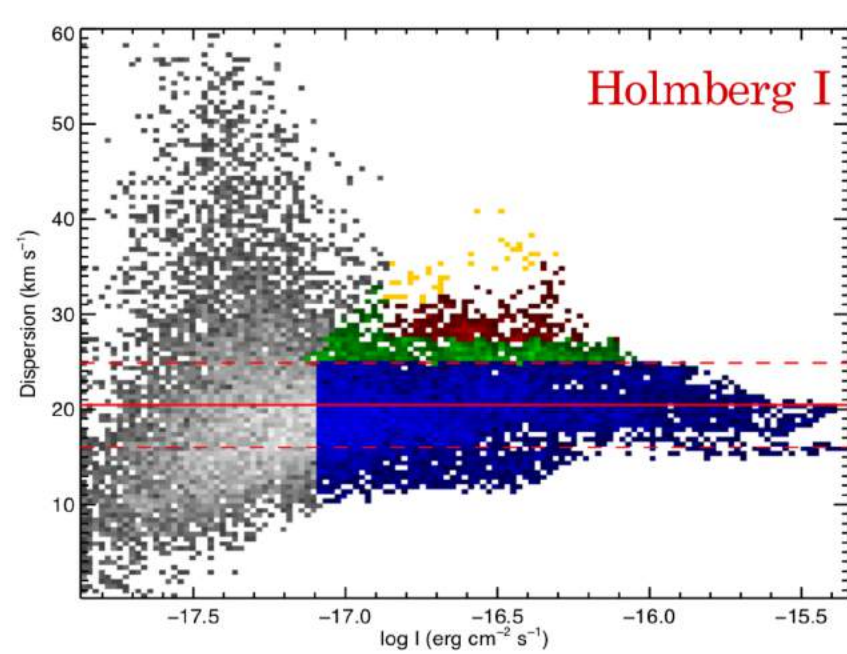
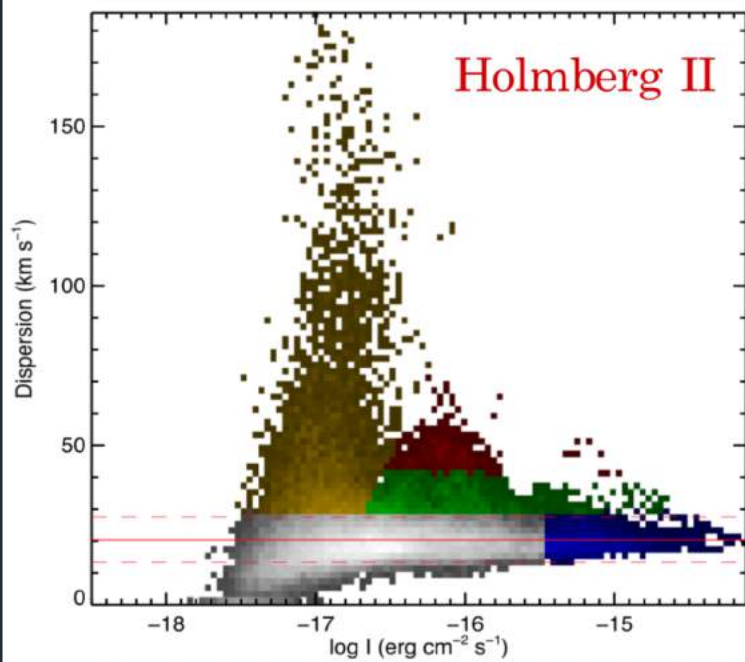
$$v_{\text{exp}} = 0.4R_s/t$$

Age = 0.3 Myr

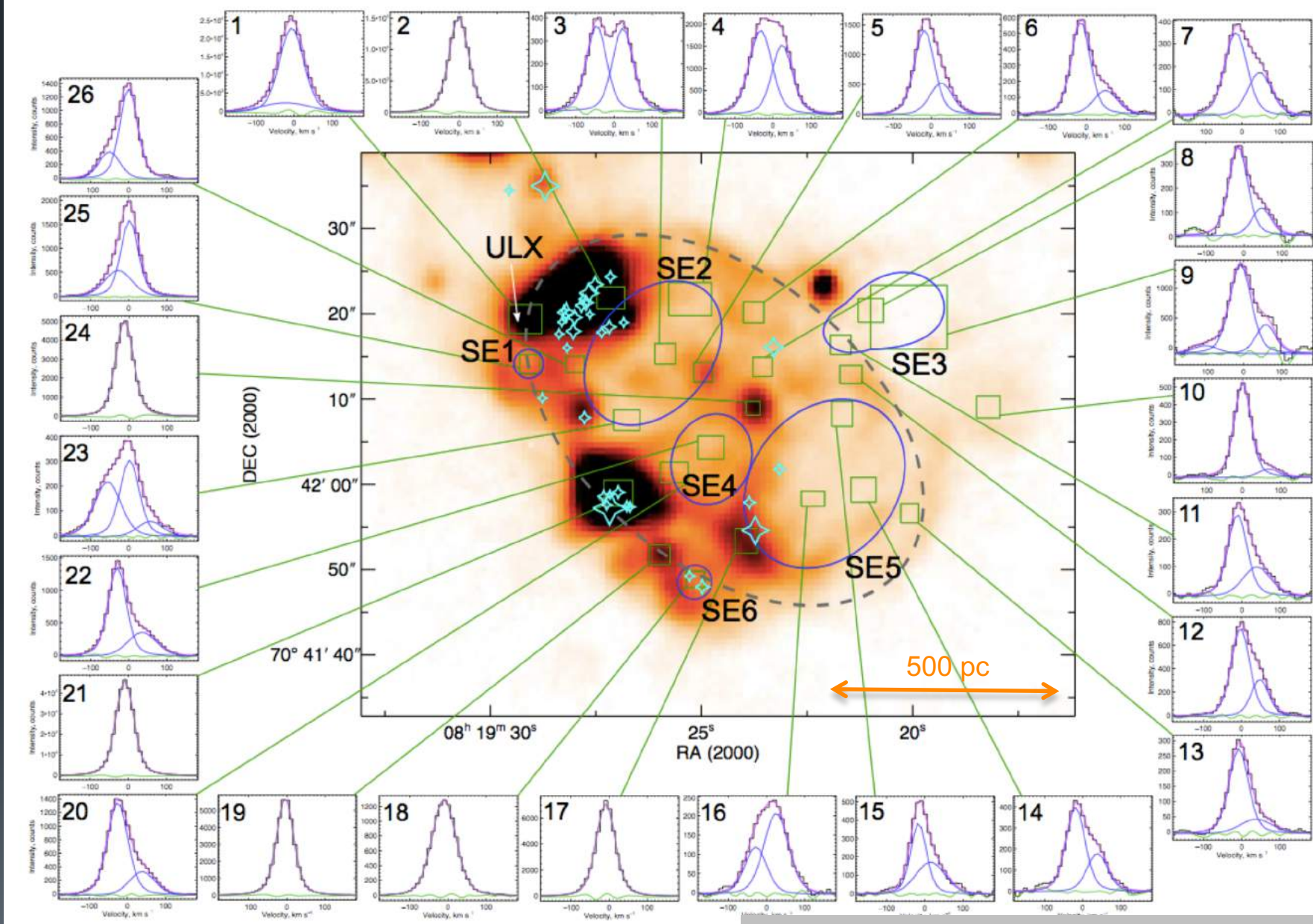
# Searching for expanding ionized superbubbles





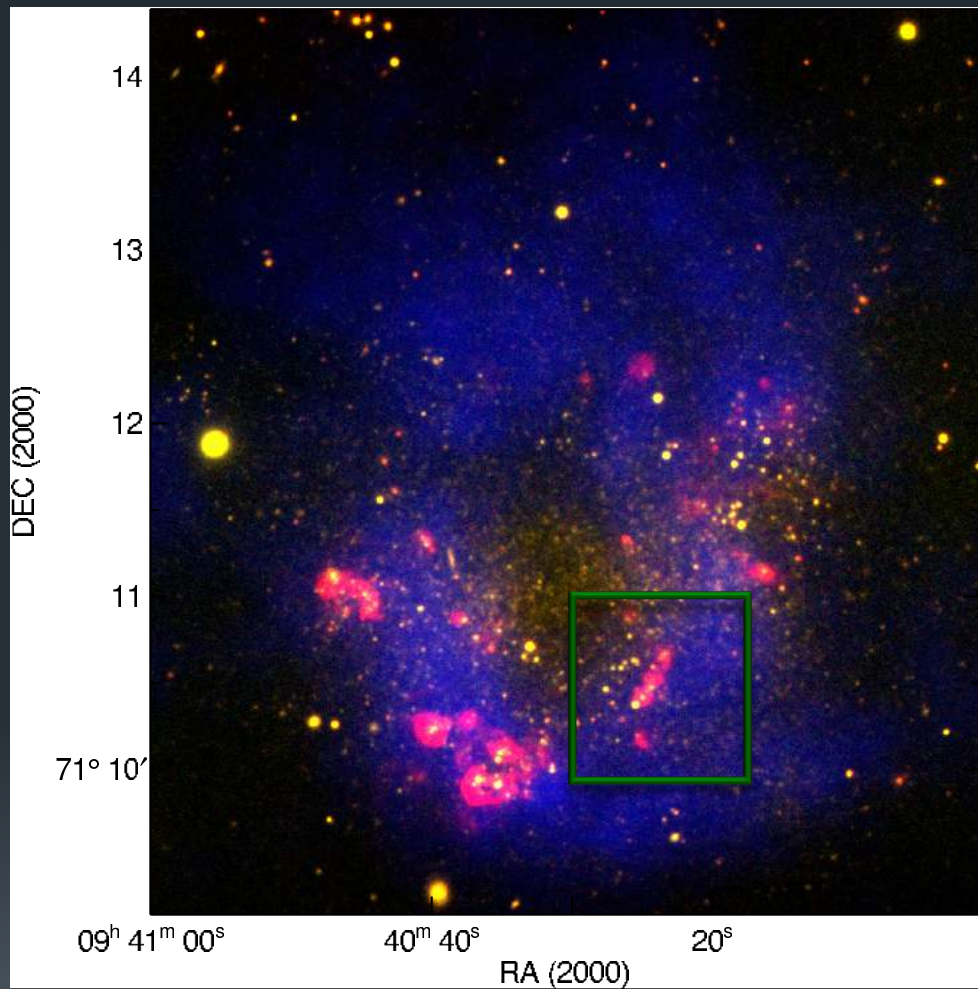
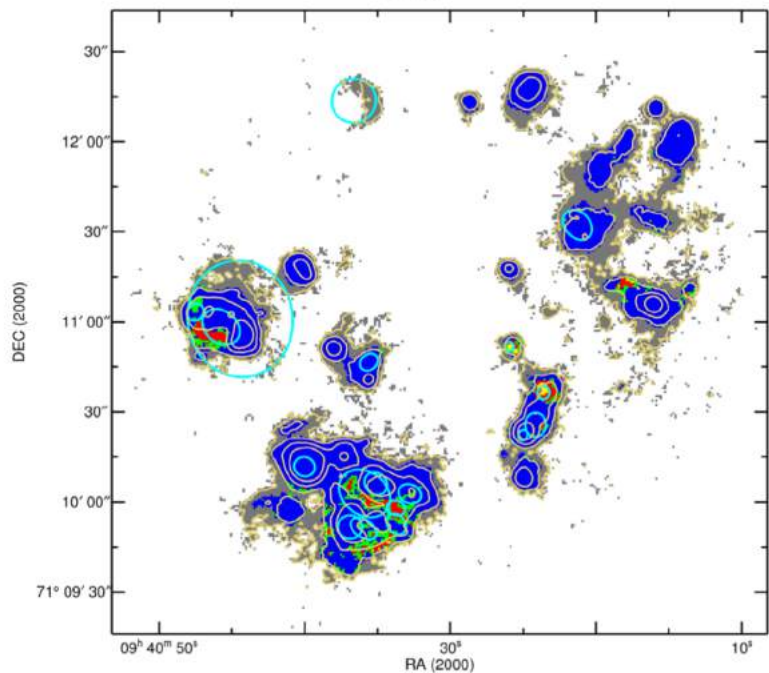
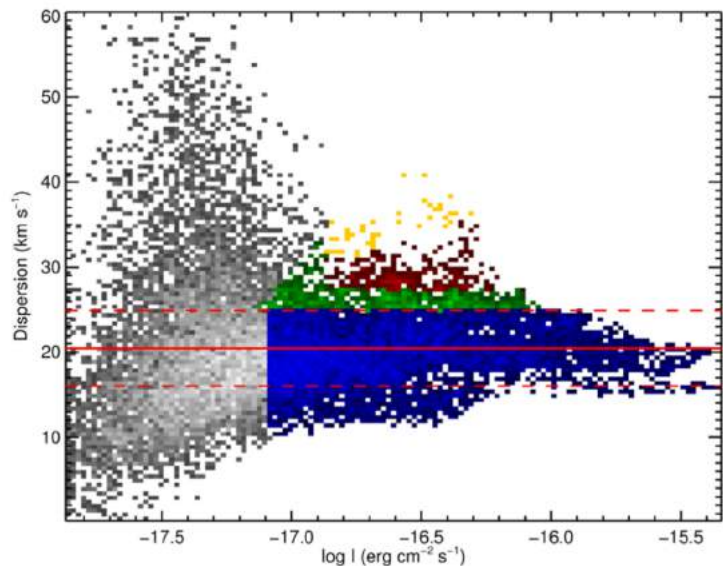


# Holmberg II: ionized superbubbles





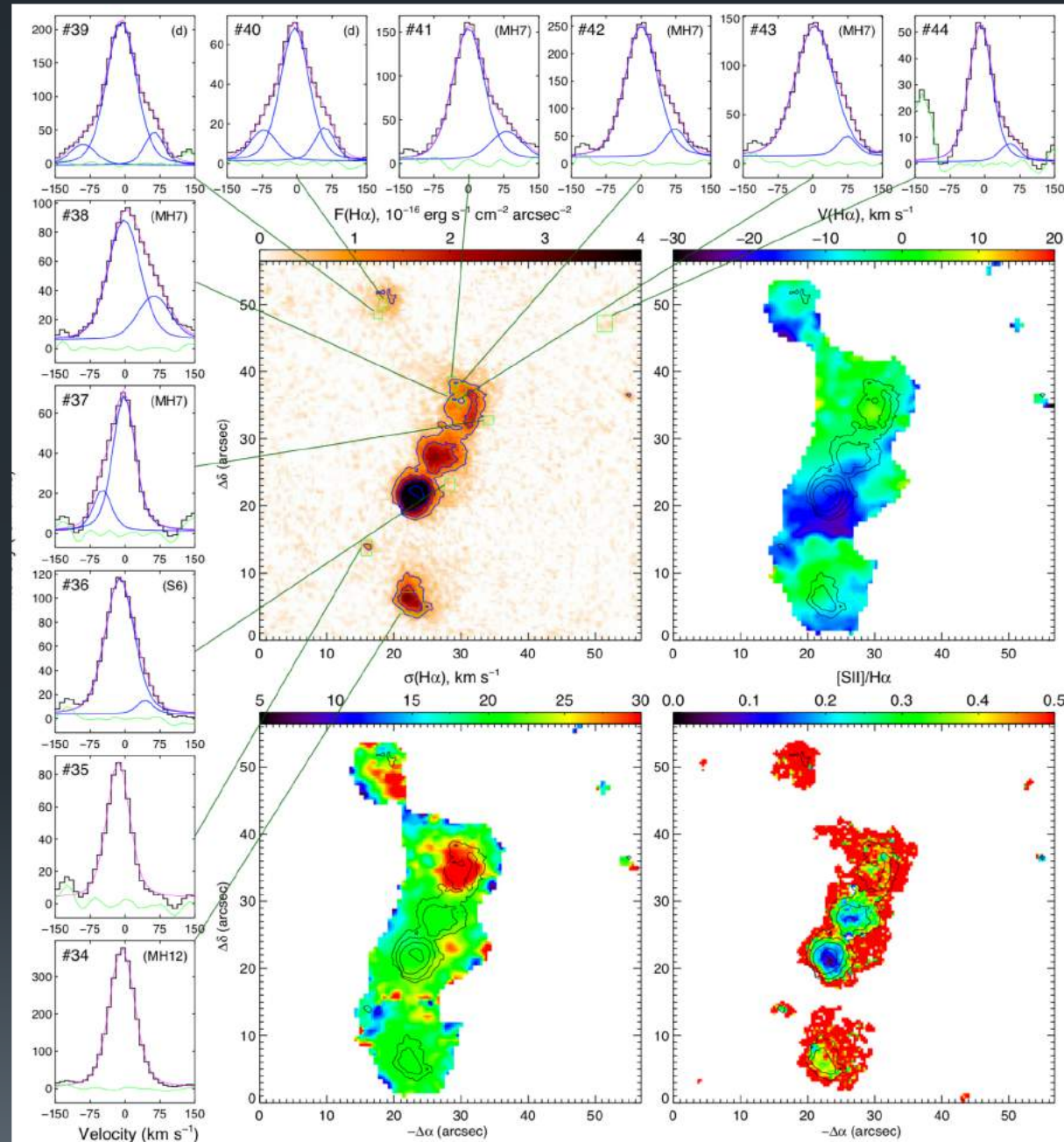
# Holmberg I: SNRs?



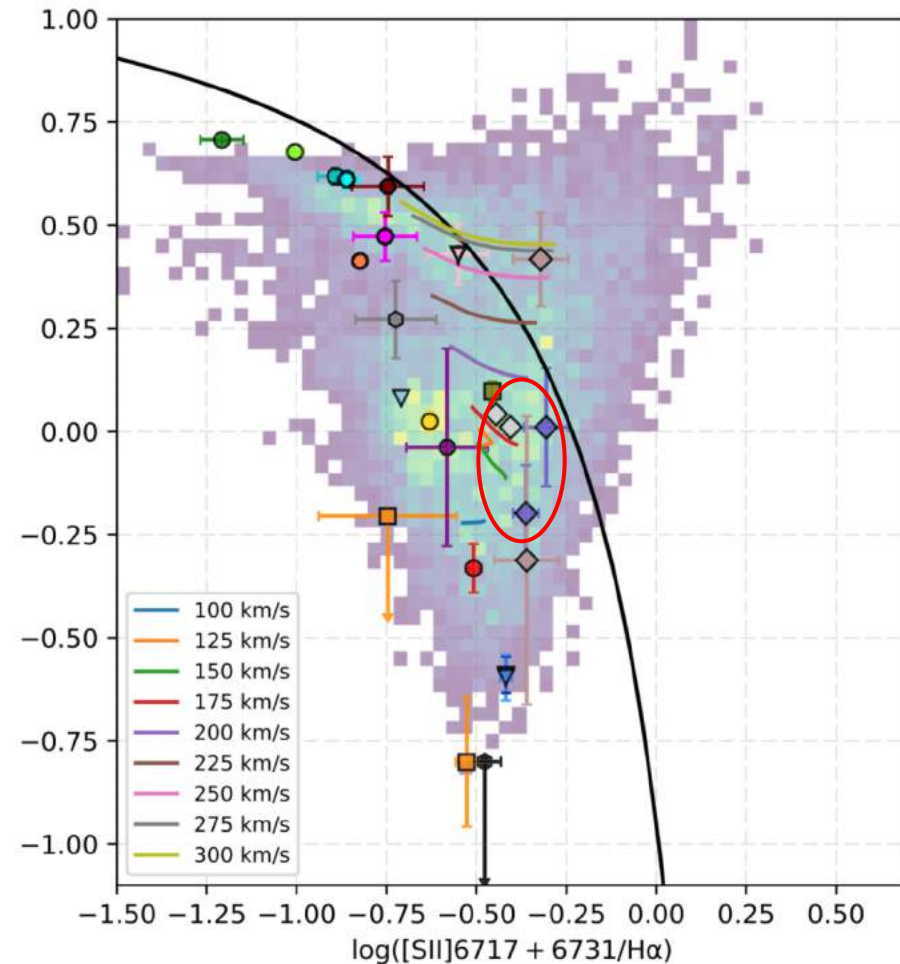
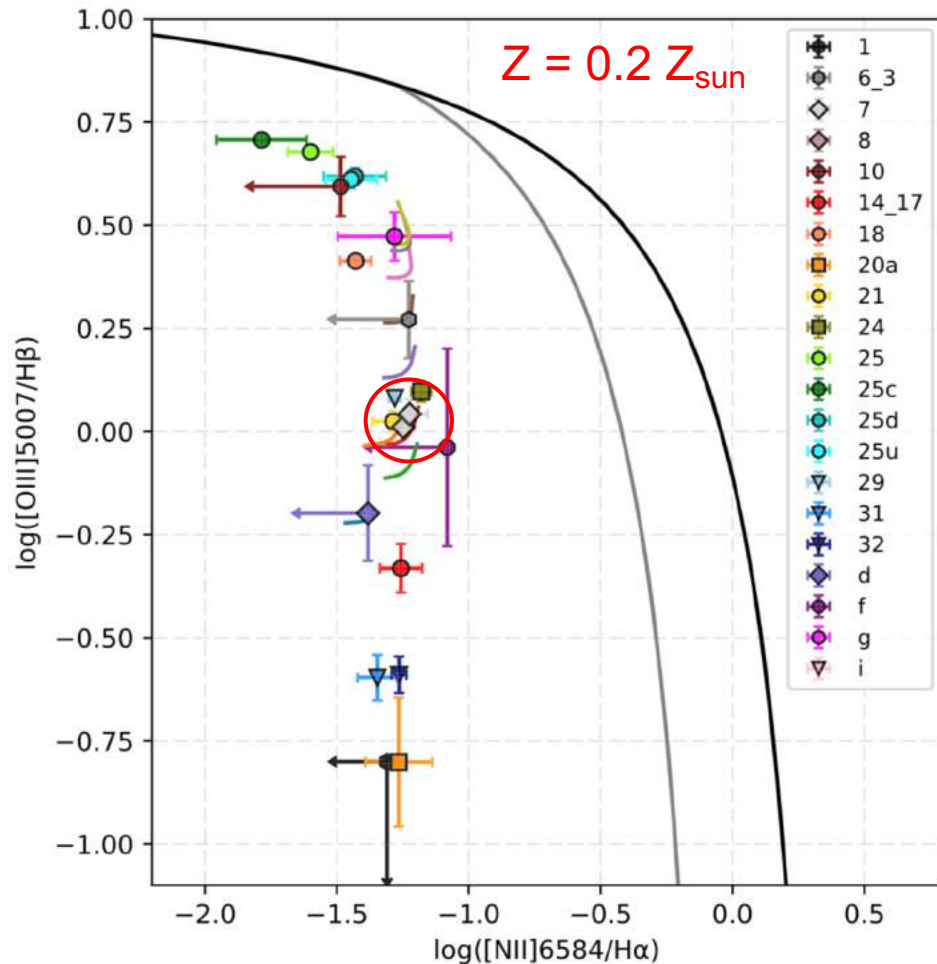
# Holmberg I: SNRs?

- High expansion velocities (74 and 85 km/s)
- $[SII]/H\alpha = 0.36 - 0.49$
- Kinematic age: 0.2-0.3 Myr
- Low energy of explosion:  
 $E=0.07-0.25$  foe if adiabatic phase;  
 $E=0.4-0.9$  foe if post-adiabatic.

High radiation loses? (Sharma et al. 2014)

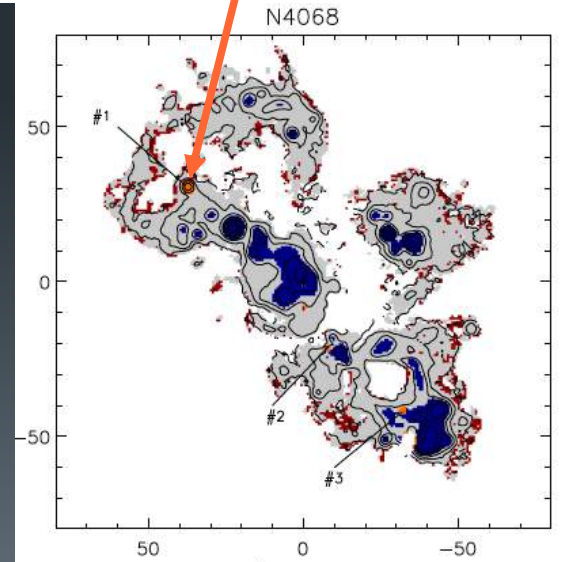
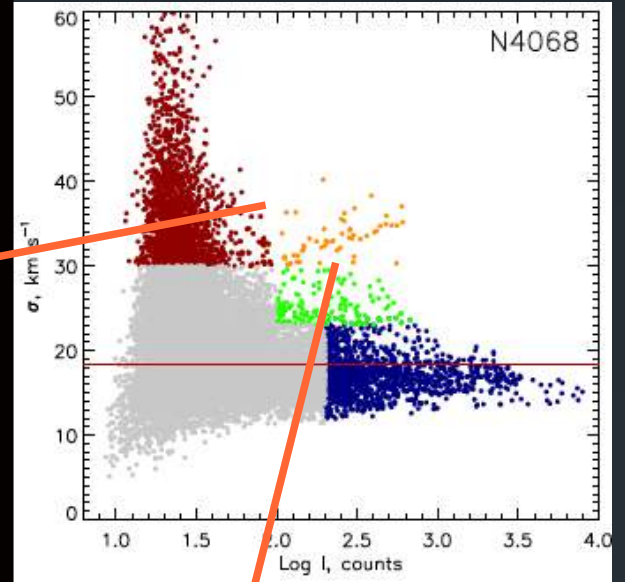
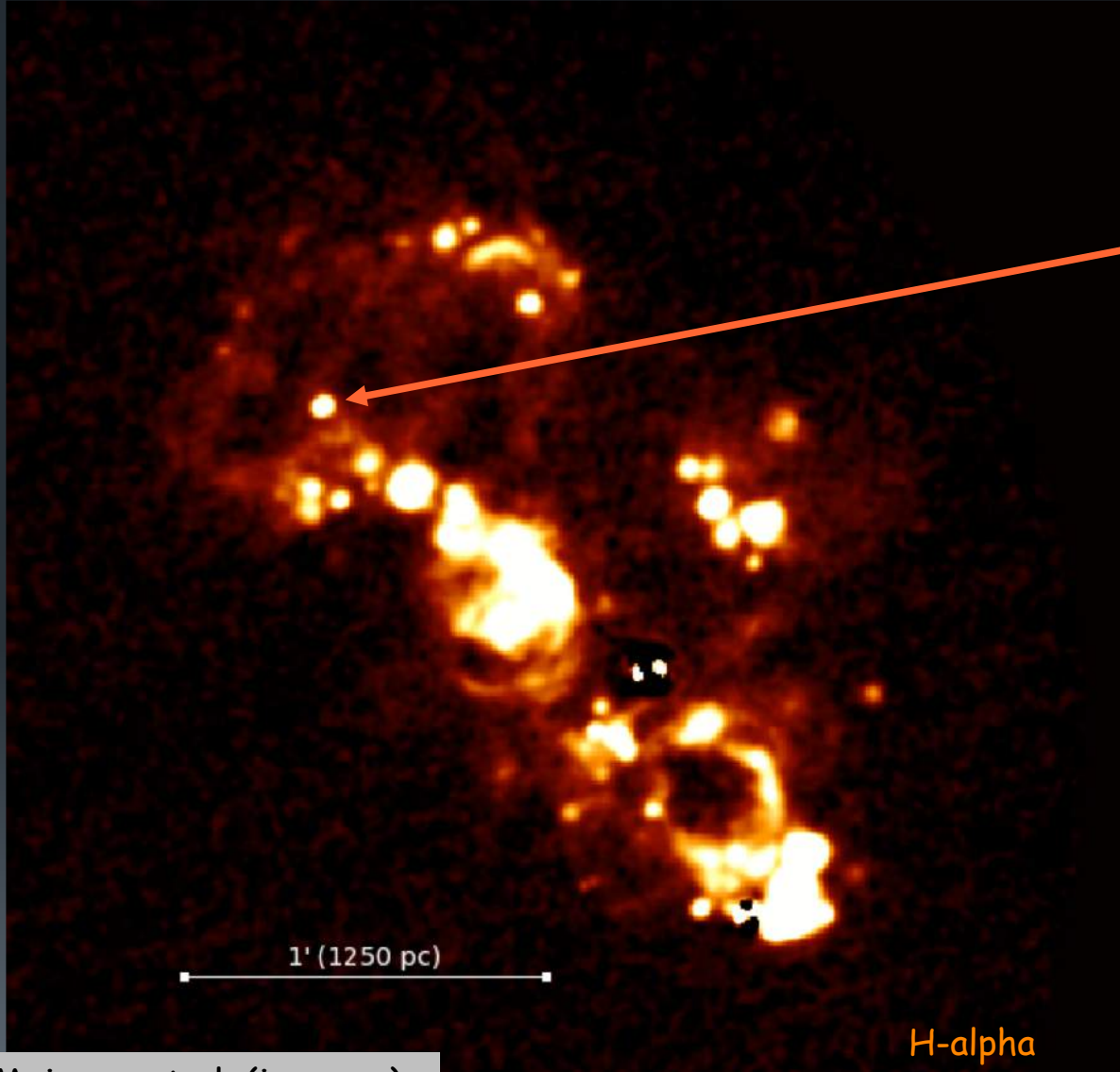


# Holmberg I: SNRs?

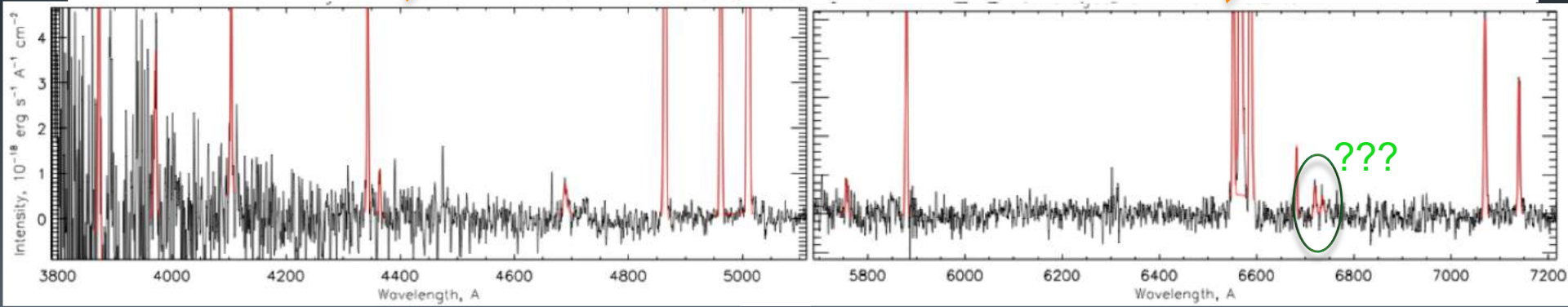
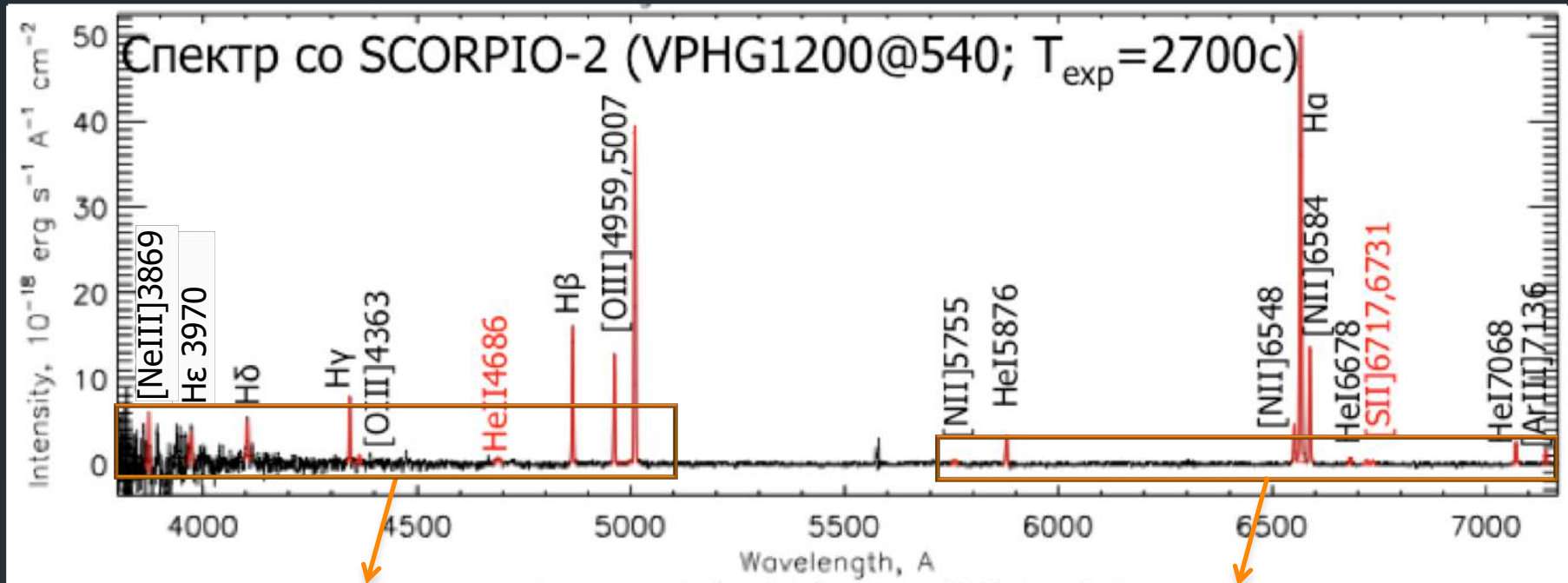


Generally accepted criteria for SNR identification ( $[\text{SII}]/\text{H}\alpha > 0.4$ ) might underestimate a number of SNRs at low metallicity.

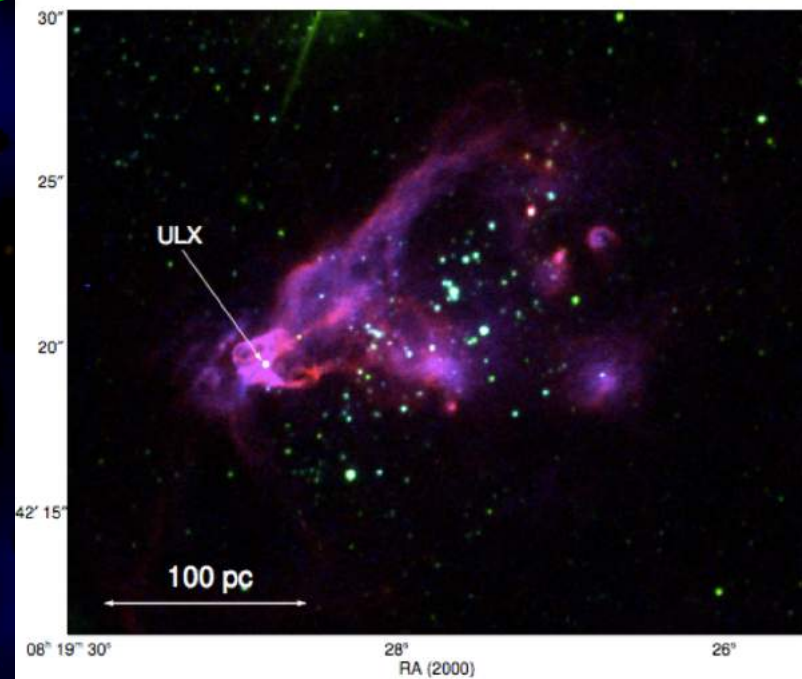
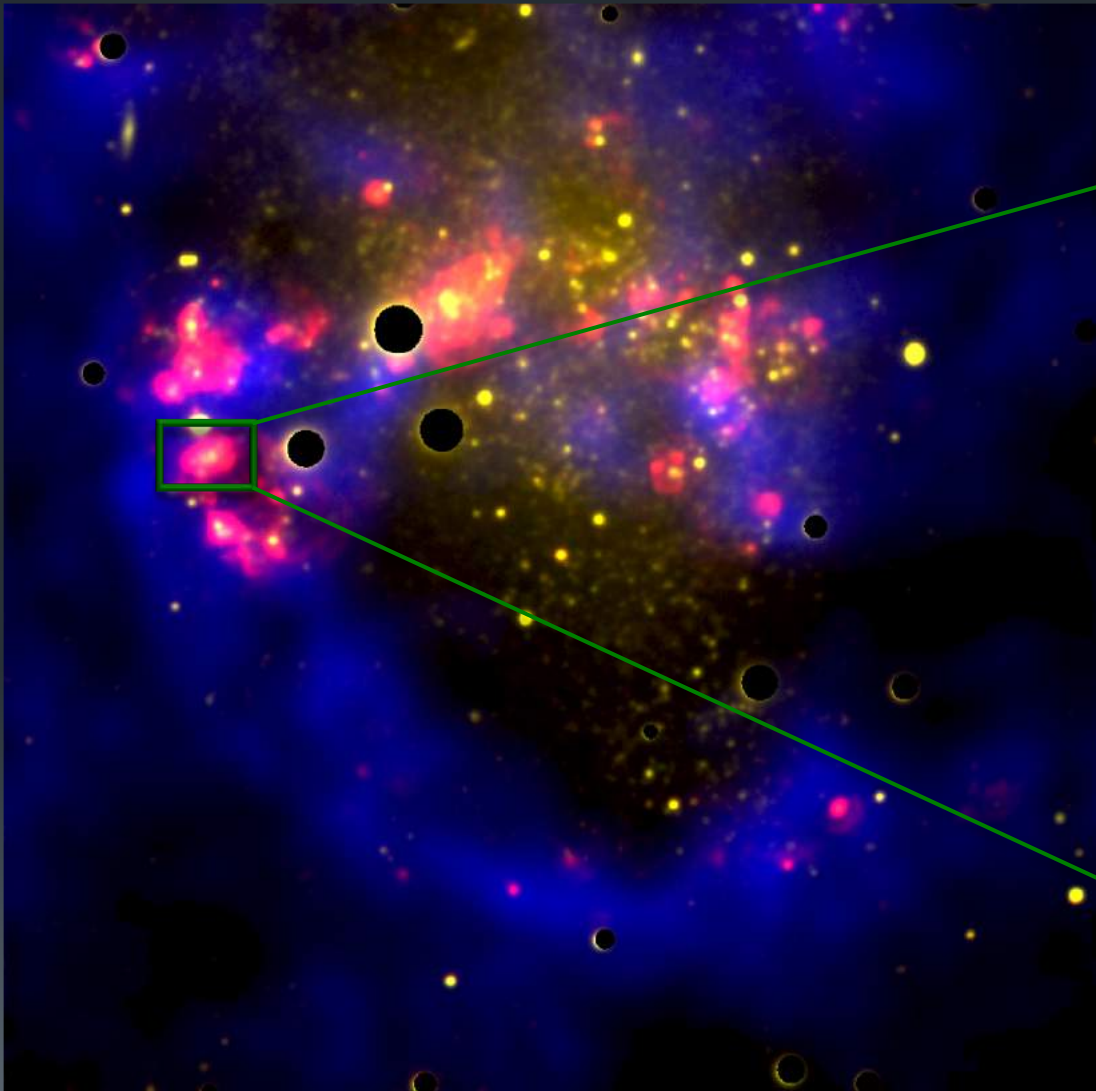
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# Holmberg II: first kinematical evidence of ULX escape from star cluster



ULX = Ultraluminous X-ray source ( $L_x \sim 10^{41}$  erg/s)

Egorov et al. (2017; MNRAS, 467, L1)

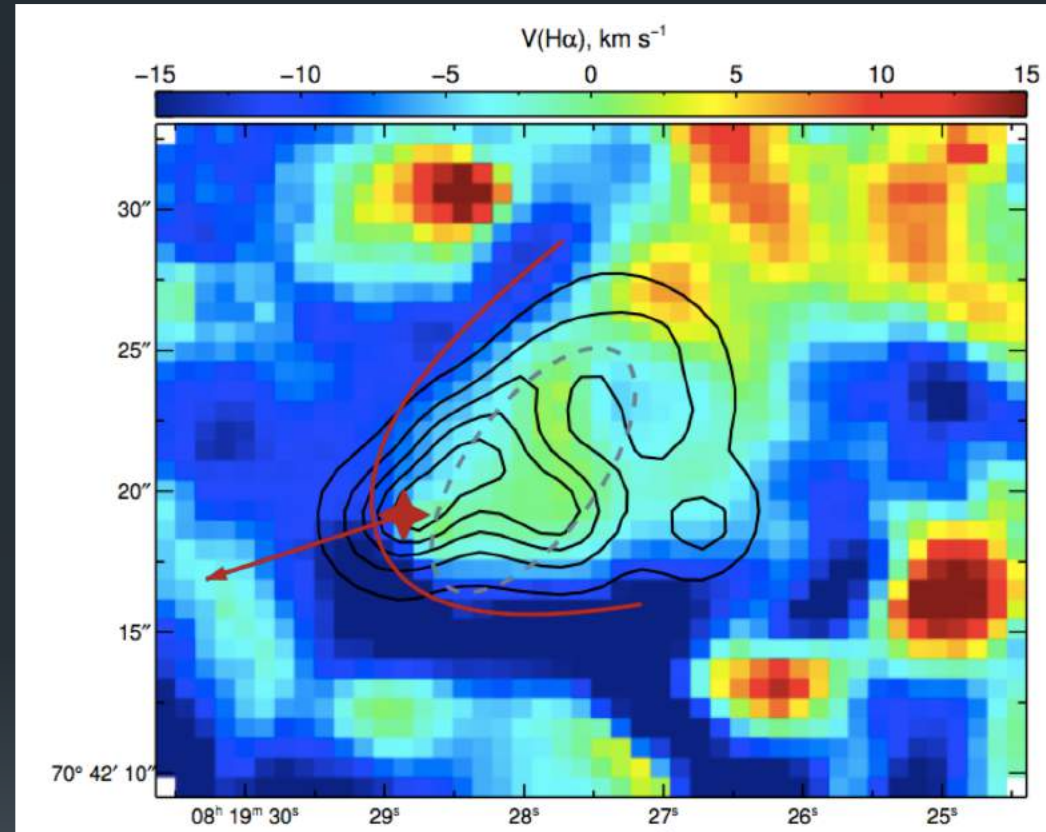
# Holmberg II: first kinematical evidence of ULX escape from star cluster

- ULXs are often observed close to young star clusters, but outside of them.
- We have detected the structure in the velocity field in H-alpha, [SII] and [OIII] lines that looks like bow-shock.
- Following the Wilkin (1996) analytical solution we have computed the shape of ULX's bow-shock in the case of its moving from the center of nearby cluster

$$R = R_0 \csc \theta \sqrt{3(1 - \theta \cot \theta)}.$$

$$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\dot{M}_w v_w}{4\pi \rho_{\text{AMB}} v_{\text{ULX}}^2}}$$

H-alpha velocity field observed with FPI



The structure observed in the velocity field could be explained as bow-shock created by ULX escaping from the nearby young star cluster

# Summary

- Supergiant shells (SGS) of HI are observed in many nearby galaxies and might be even a dominating feature of their ISM
- Most probable scenario of SGS formation is feedback from several generations of stars over the long period of star formation inside a SGS
- Star formation take place in the rims of only part of the ISM and might be induced by energy input from previous generation of stars, or by collision of neighboring SGS.
- Star formation in the rims of HI SGS leads to their gradual disruption
- Scanning FPI is very useful for searching and analysis of expanding superbubbles, including SNRs and nebulae around WR stars

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