

The Origin of [CII] 158 μm Emission toward the HII Region Complex S235

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Although the $^2\text{P}_{3/2} - ^2\text{P}_{1/2}$ transition of [CII] at $\lambda \simeq 158 \mu\text{m}$ is known to be an excellent tracer of active star formation, we still do not have a complete understanding of where within star formation regions the emission originates. Here, we use *SOFIA* upGREAT observations of [CII] emission toward the HII region complex Sh2-235 (S235) to better understand in detail the origin of [CII] emission. We complement these data with a fully-sampled Green Bank Telescope radio recombination line map tracing the ionized hydrogen gas. About half of the total [CII] emission associated with S235 is spatially coincident with ionized hydrogen gas, although spectroscopic analysis shows little evidence that this emission is coming from the ionized hydrogen volume. Velocity-integrated [CII] intensity is strongly correlated with WISE 12 μm intensity across the entire complex, indicating that both trace ultra-violet radiation fields. The 22 μm and radio continuum intensities are only correlated with [CII] intensity in the ionized hydrogen portion of the S235 region and the correlations between the [CII] and molecular gas tracers are poor across the region. We find similar results for emission averaged over a sample of external galaxies, although the strength of the correlations is weaker. Therefore, although many tracers are correlated with the strength of [CII] emission, only WISE 12 μm emission is correlated on small-scales of the individual HII region S235 and also has a decent correlation at the scale of entire galaxies. Future studies of a larger sample of Galactic HII regions would help to determine whether these results are truly representative.

Theme/Motivation

[CII] 158 μm は遠赤外線で明るく銀河の星形成を探るトレーサとして注目されている。空間的には photo dissociation region (PDR) の、エネルギー的には UV 強度の指標となる。[CII] 158 μm の HII region からの寄与は先行研究によって幅がある (5–50 %)。実際に [CII] 158 μm が何をトレースしているのか HII region スケールでの検証が必要。SOFIA/upGREAT によって [CII] 158 μm 空間・速度的に分解して議論をする。

Observations

SOFIA/upGREAT: 空間・速度分解した [CII] ([NII]) 輝線マップ;
Green Bank Telescope: 空間・速度分解した水素・炭素原子再結合線マップ (RRL);
WISE: 空間分解した 12 μm , 22 μm 強度マップ (archive);
NVSS: 空間分解した 1.4 GHz 電波連続放射マップ (\approx free-free emission; archive).

Discussion/Conclusion

空間構造を見ると [CII] 158 μm は WISE 12 μm (\approx PAH \approx UV) とよく相関している (Figure 4). [CII] 158 μm は WISE 22 μm (\approx VSG) とともに diffuse 成分ではそこそこ相関が良い (YSO の部分は除く) HII region のトレーサ (1.4 GHz, H RRL) や分子雲のトレーサ (CO) とは空間構造が異なる Figure 4 では [CII] 158 μm の半分ほどが ionized region から来ているように見える。Position-velocity diagram (Figure 7) によると ionized gas と [CII] 158 μm , C RRL の速度が異なる。膨張する HII region を通して backside の PDR を見ていると考えると整合的 (Figure 8). S235 にて [CII] 158 μm が HII region のスケールで PDR & UV のトレーサであることを検証した。空間・速度分解した観測で個々の HII region + PDR の構造を理解 \Rightarrow 銀河の星形成の理解へ。論文では S235 の結果を踏まえて近傍銀河の [CII] 158 μm との相関を議論していたが正直なところほぼ内容がなかったので割愛...

Comments

[CII] 158 μm (11.3 eV) と WISE 12 μm (PAH \approx a few eV) の強度比が輻射の硬さの指標となる。Spitzer/IRAC 8 μm や AKARI/IRC 9 μm のマップと合わせてみてもおもしろそう。

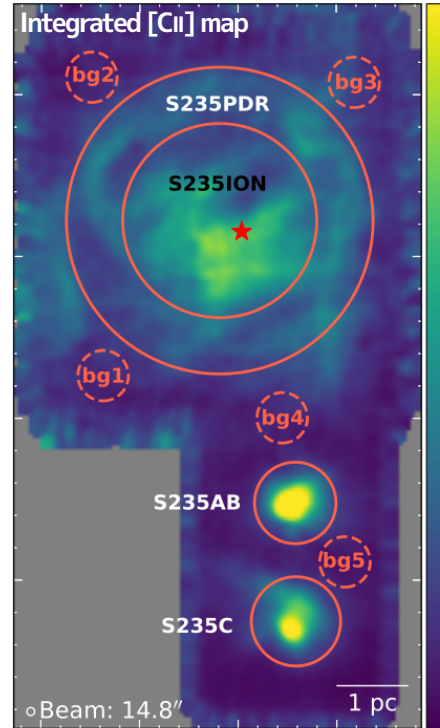


Figure 2: Regions of Interest

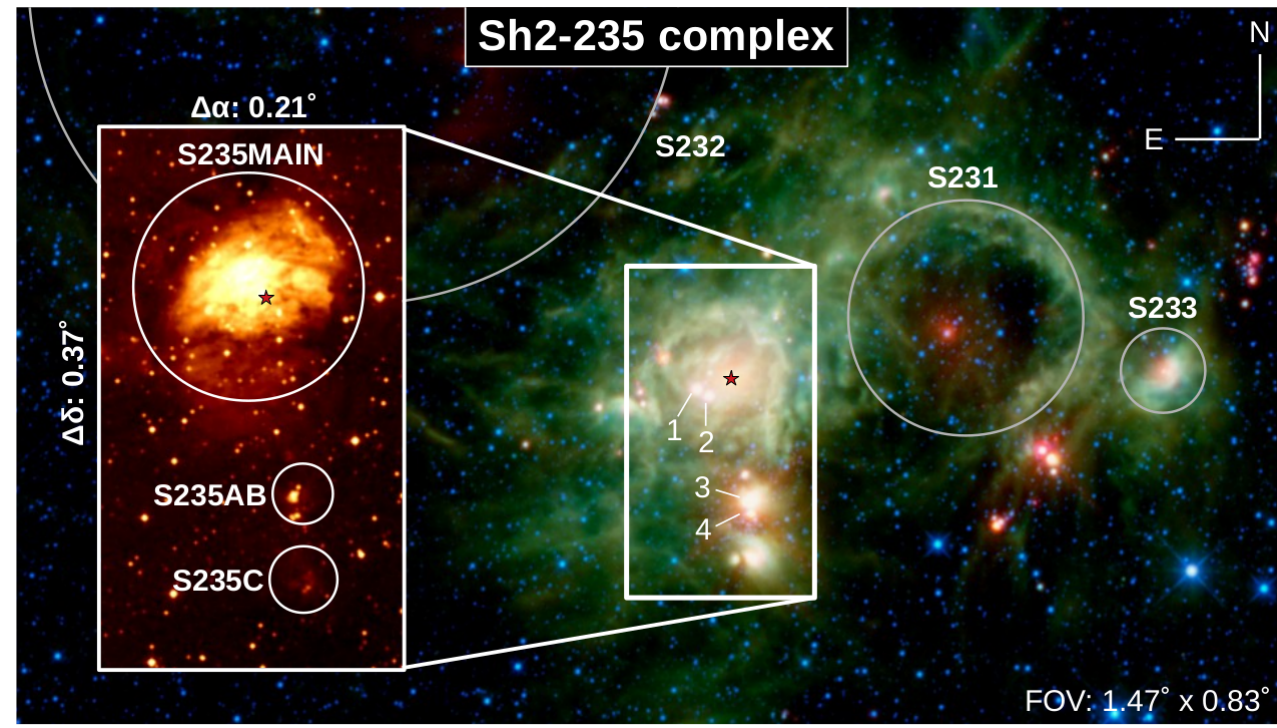


Figure 1: an overview of S235 (WISE false color map & DSS red inset)

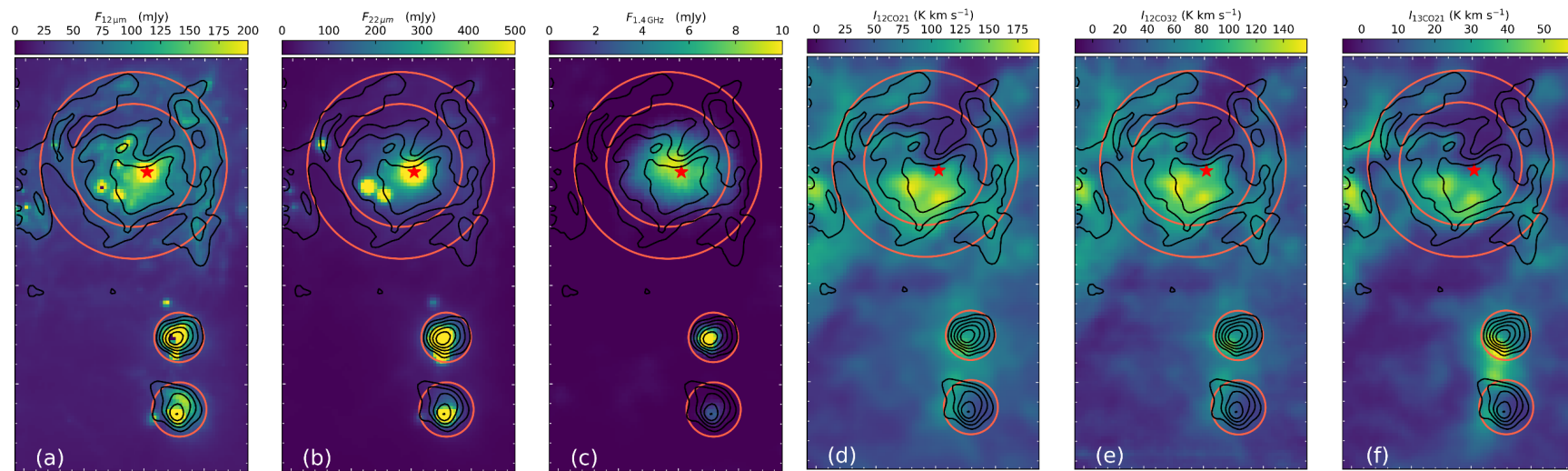
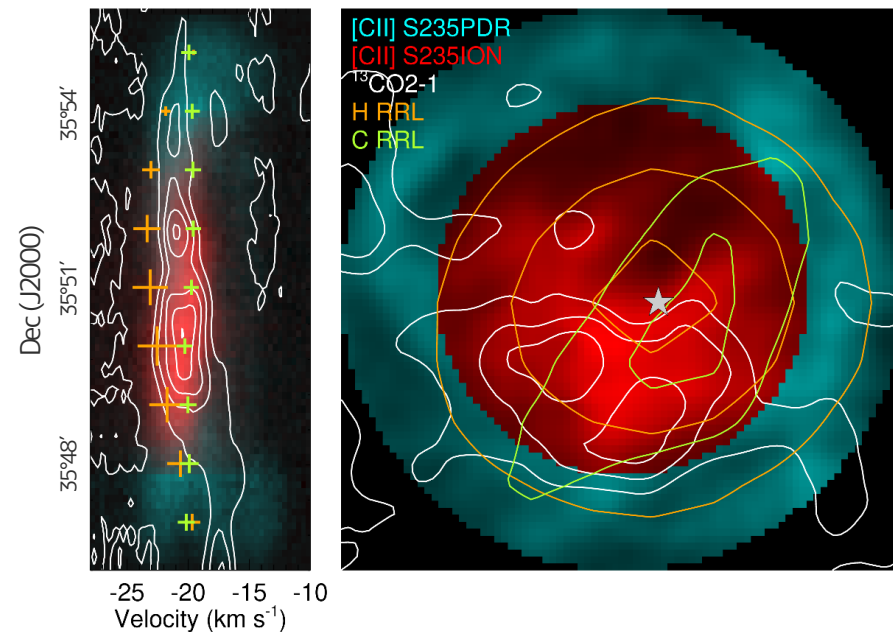
Figure 4: spatial correlations of [CII] 158 μm and other tracers (integrated intensity maps)

Figure 7: a position-velocity diagram of S235

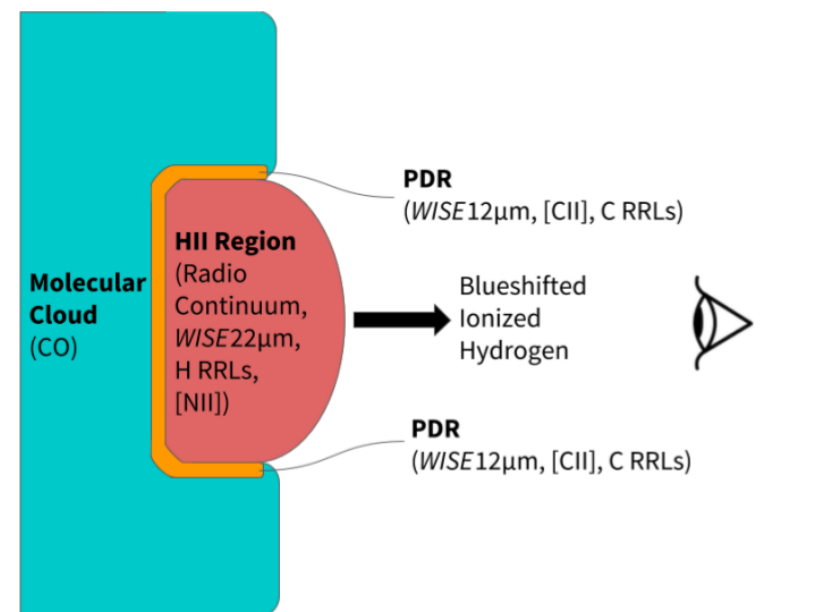


Figure 8: a schematic (side) view of S235