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Michael's main research is the Local Hot Bubble, its origin, state, and future - embedded in a ring of star forming regions, with feedback inside and out of our Milky Way - as an instance of the life cycle within the interstellar medium and then with next-generation X-ray sources.