

# Tycho's SNR: Bayesian insights based on Chandra and XRISM Resolve data

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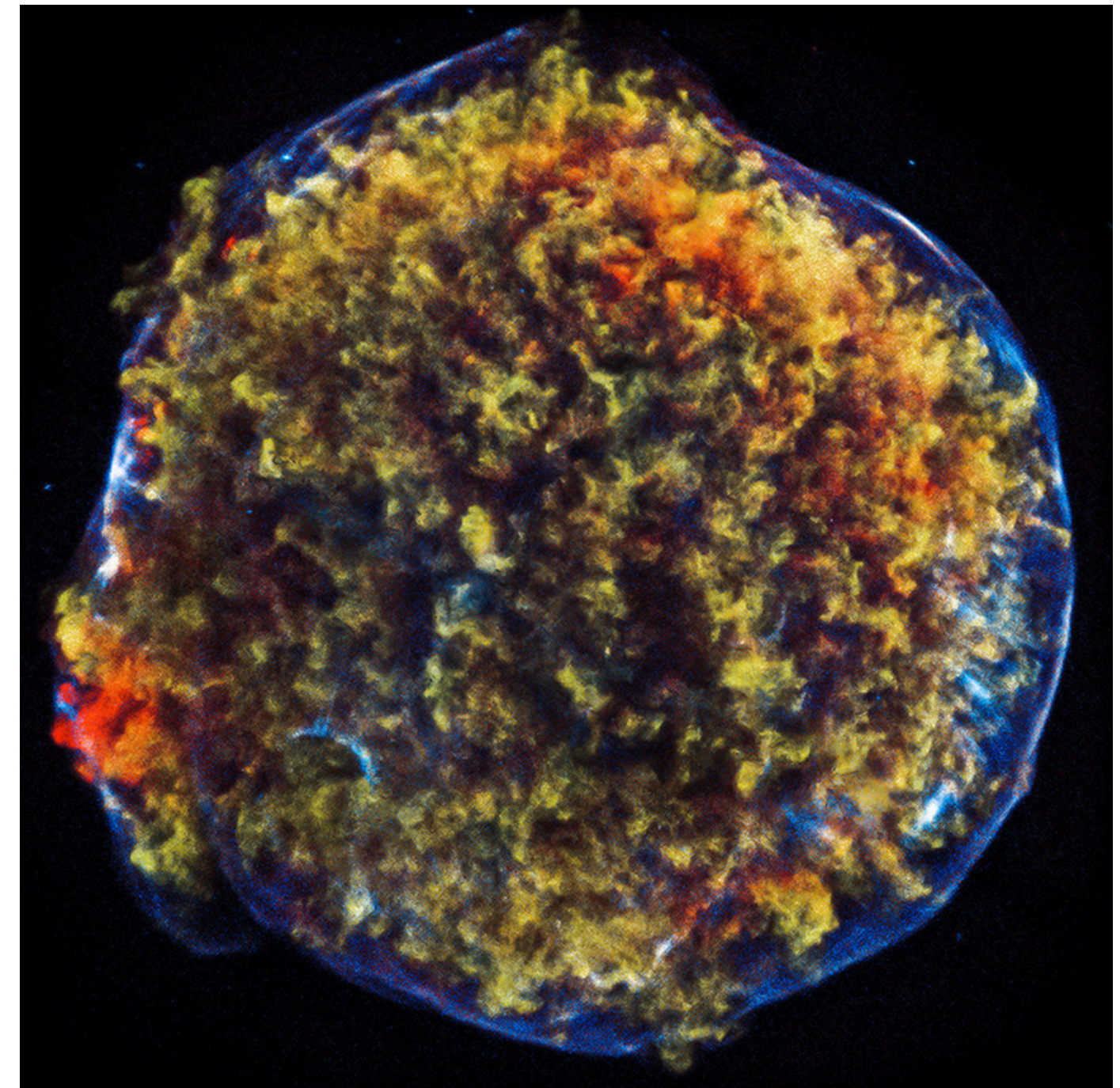
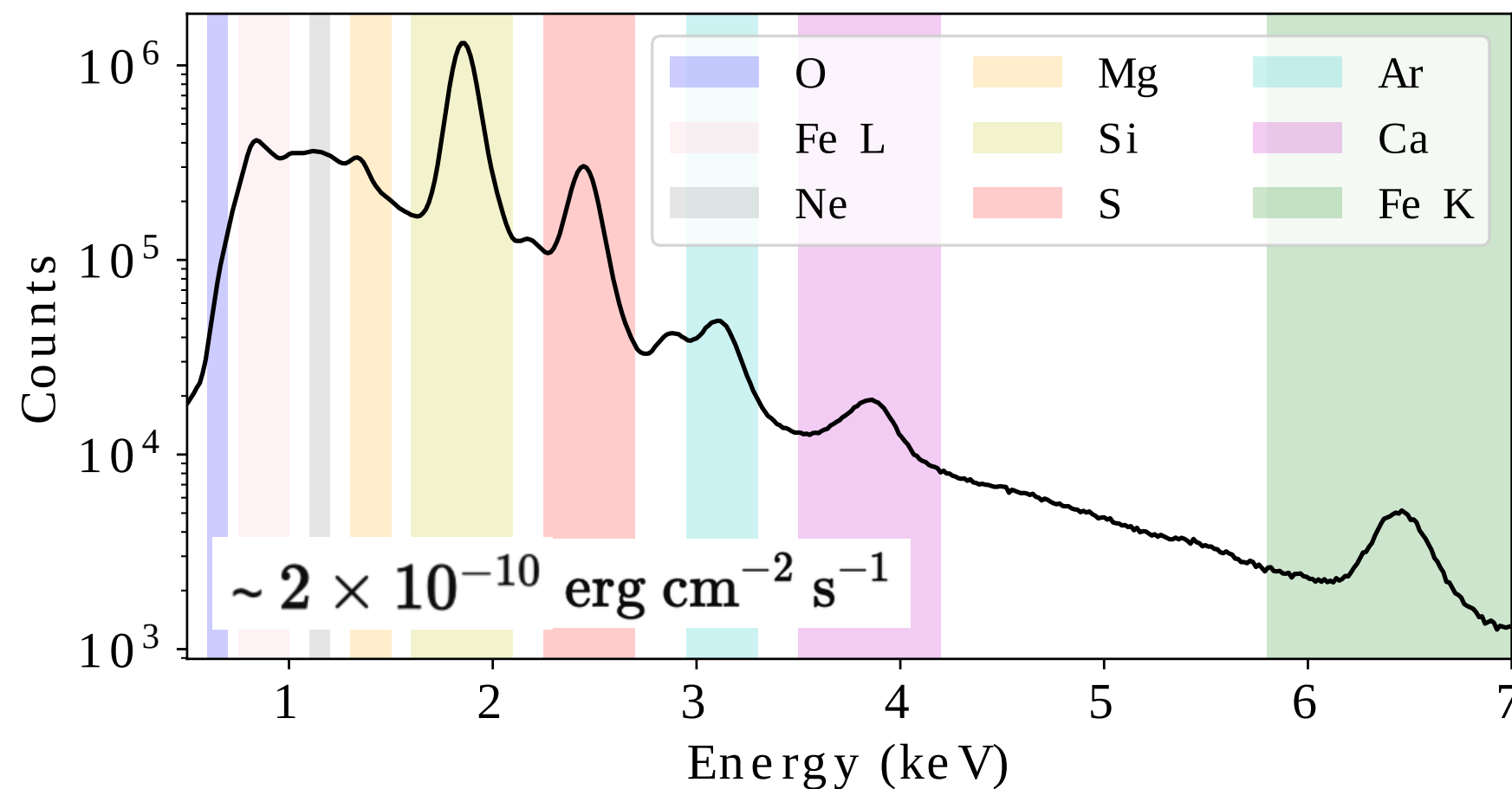




# Tycho's supernova remnant

- Explosion in 1572 observed and documented by Tycho Brahe
- Supernova thermonuclear (type Ia)
- Distance : ~ 3.5 kpc
- RA: 00h25m22.00s, Dec: +64d08'24.0"
- Size : 8 arcmin
- Observations with Chandra space telescope : more than 950 ks (~330 h) : 50 millions photons in the 2009 observations !

Chandra spectrum over the full extent of Tycho's SNR

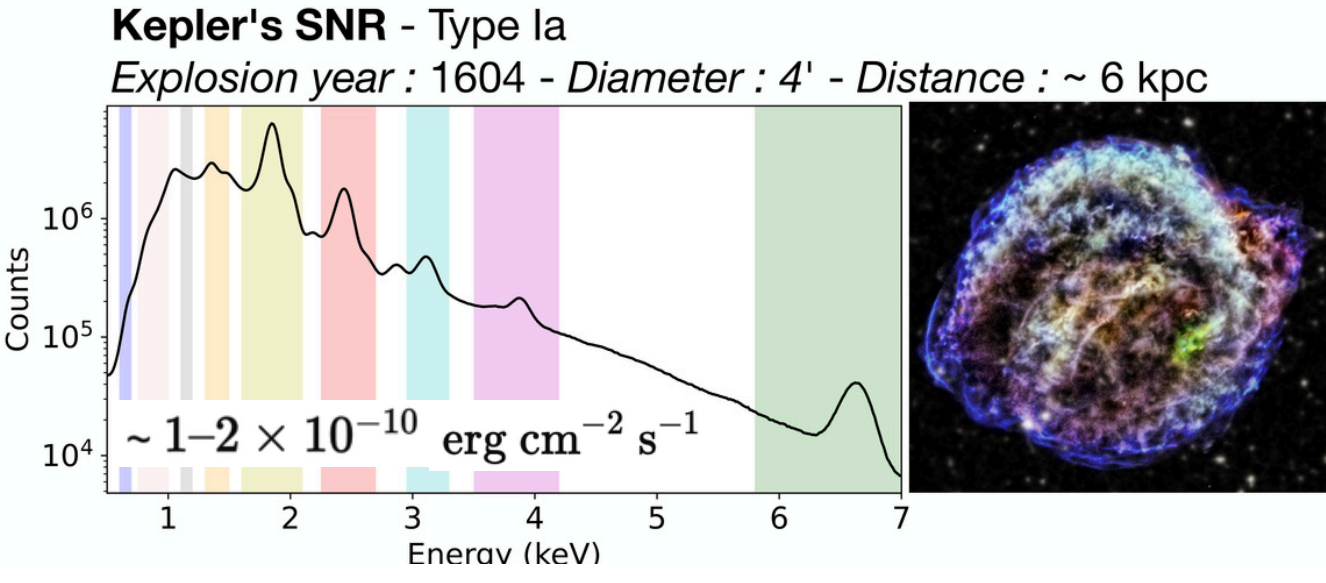
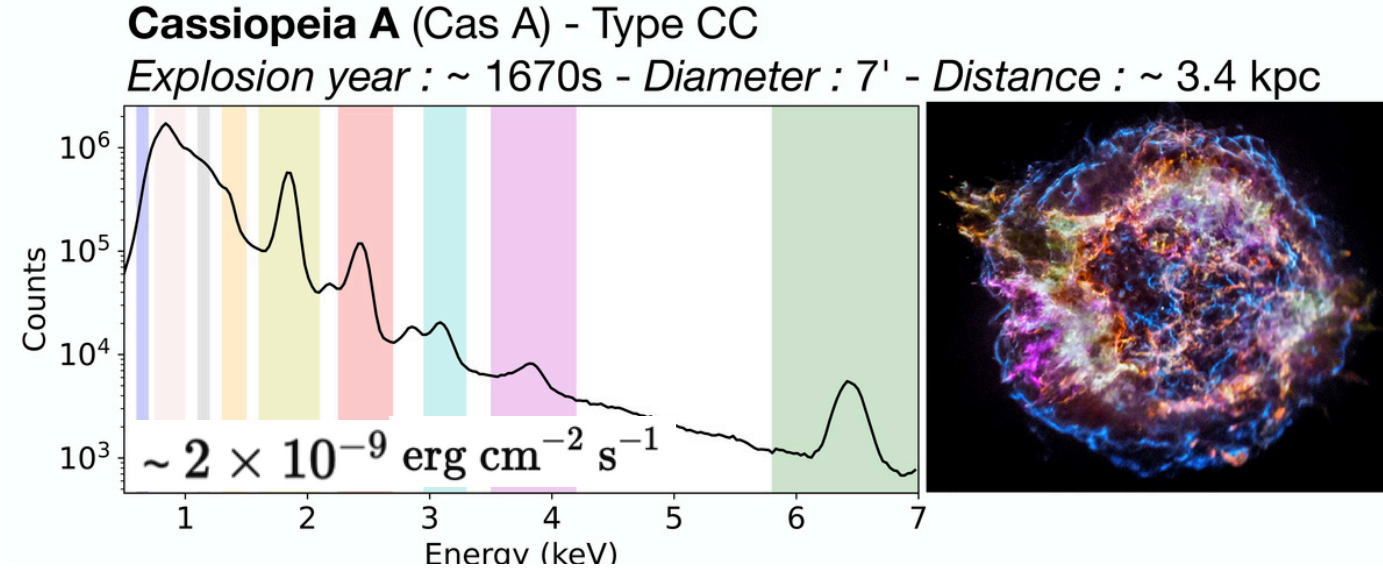
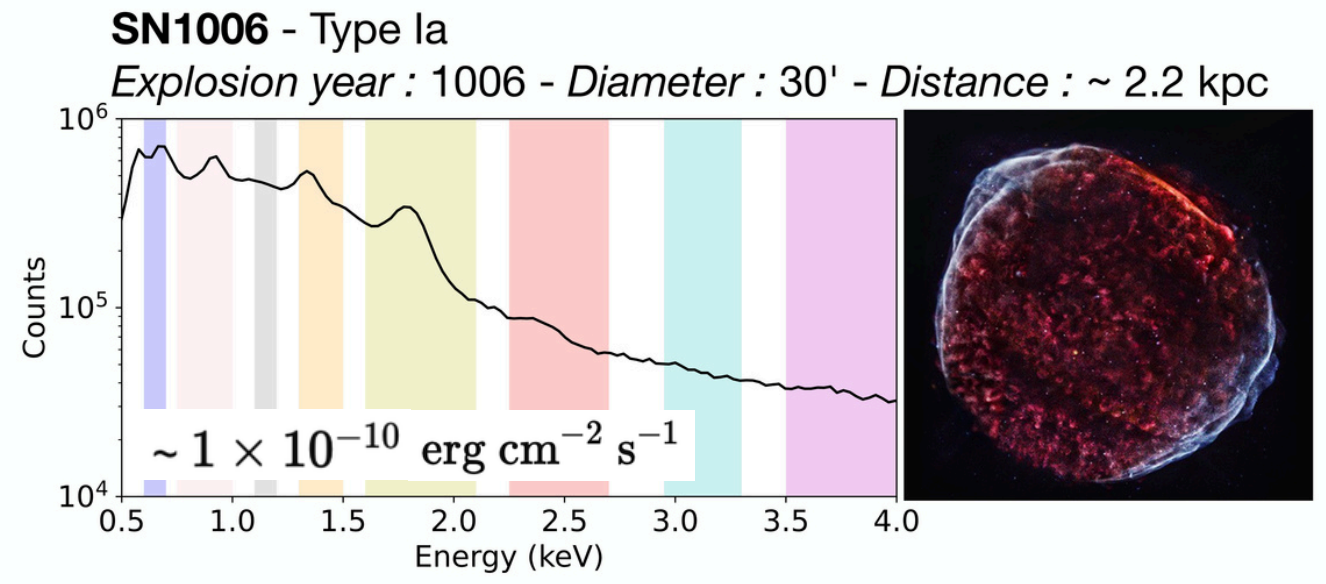
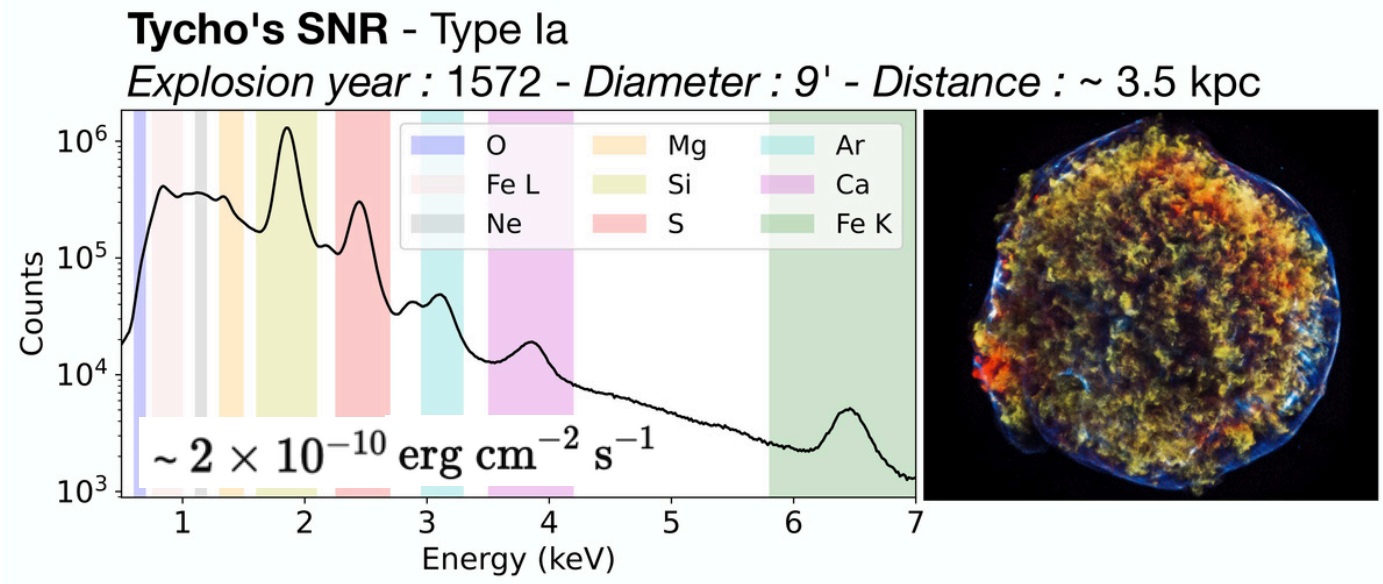


Credits: NASA/CXC

Composite image : synchrotron emission (blue), iron emission (red), silicon and intermediate element emission (green).



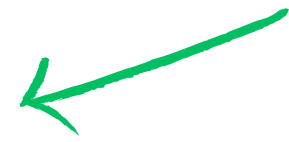
# SNR panorama



## Interest of Tycho's SNR as a Calibration Source

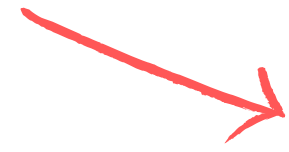
### Pros:

- Bright source
- Prominent Si, S, and Fe emission lines
- No temporal variation
- Relatively homogeneous physical properties across the SNR



### Cons:

- Extended source
- Relatively homogeneous physical properties across the SNR





## 3D dynamics

**Related article for this section: Godinaud et al, 2023,**  
Astronomy & Astrophysics, Volume 680, id.A80, 18 pp.

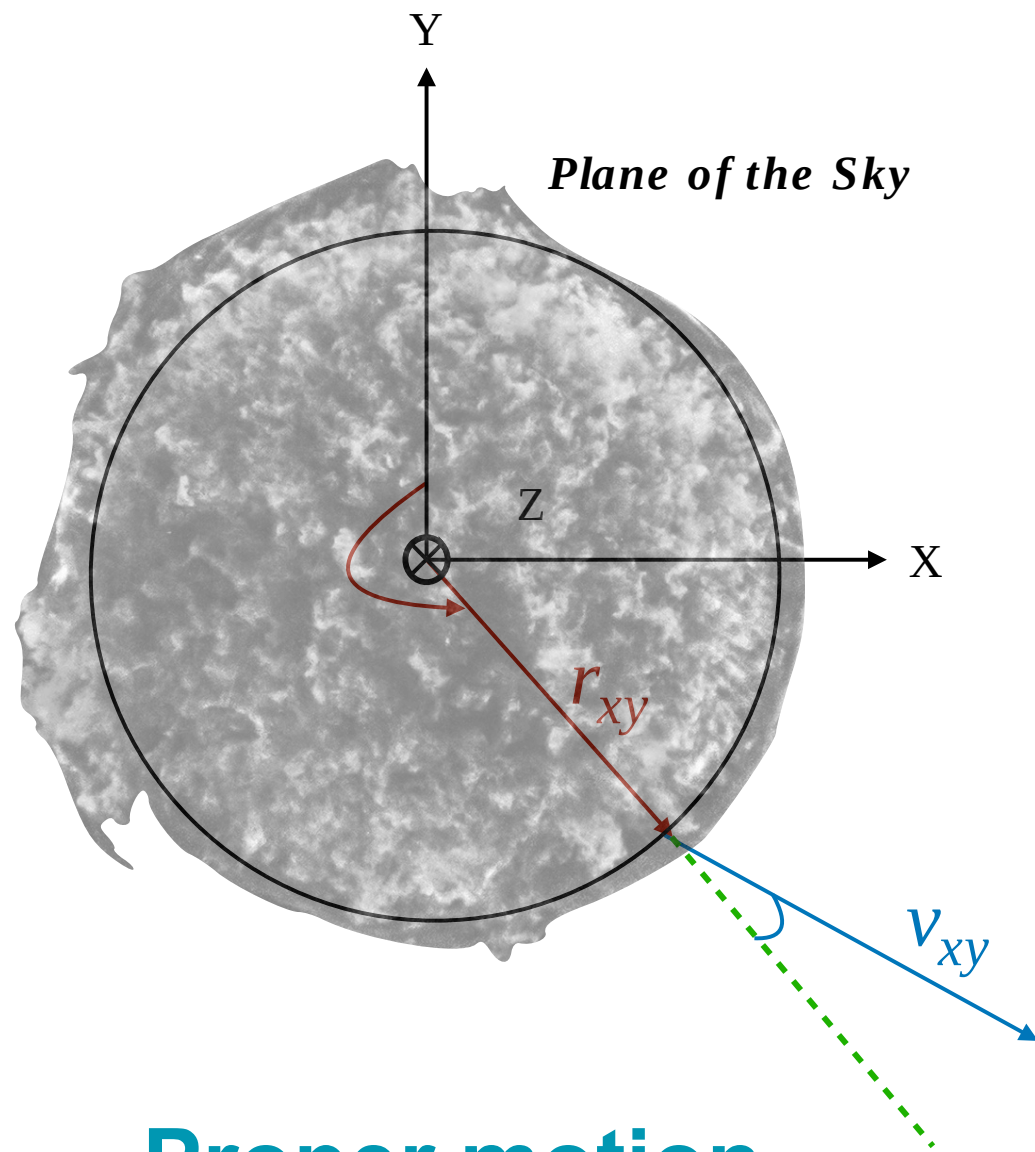


# 3D dynamics principle

3D (x, y, z)

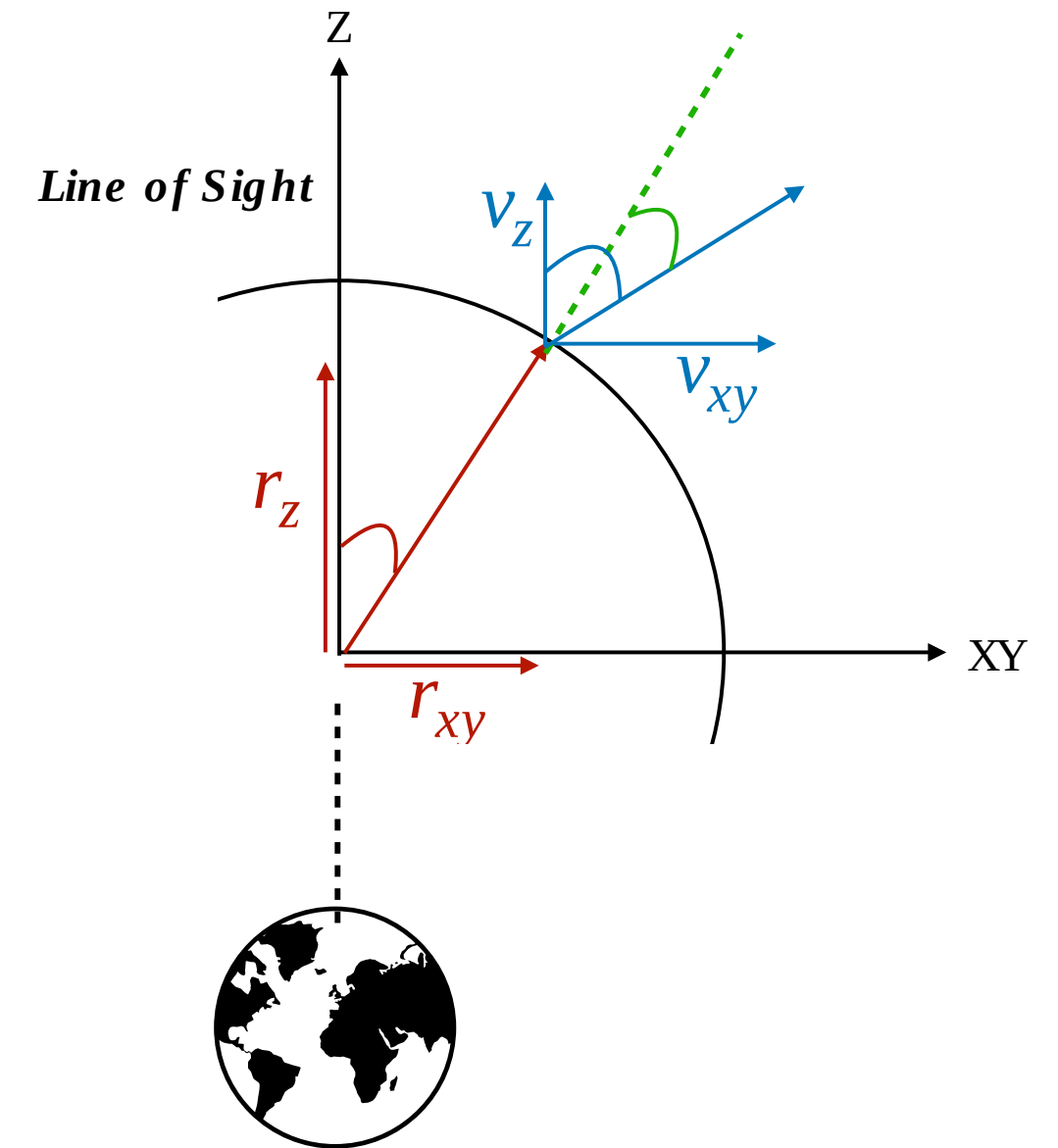
Plane of the Sky :  $V_{xy}$

Line of Sight:  $V_z$



Proper motion

Two separate studies



Doppler velocity

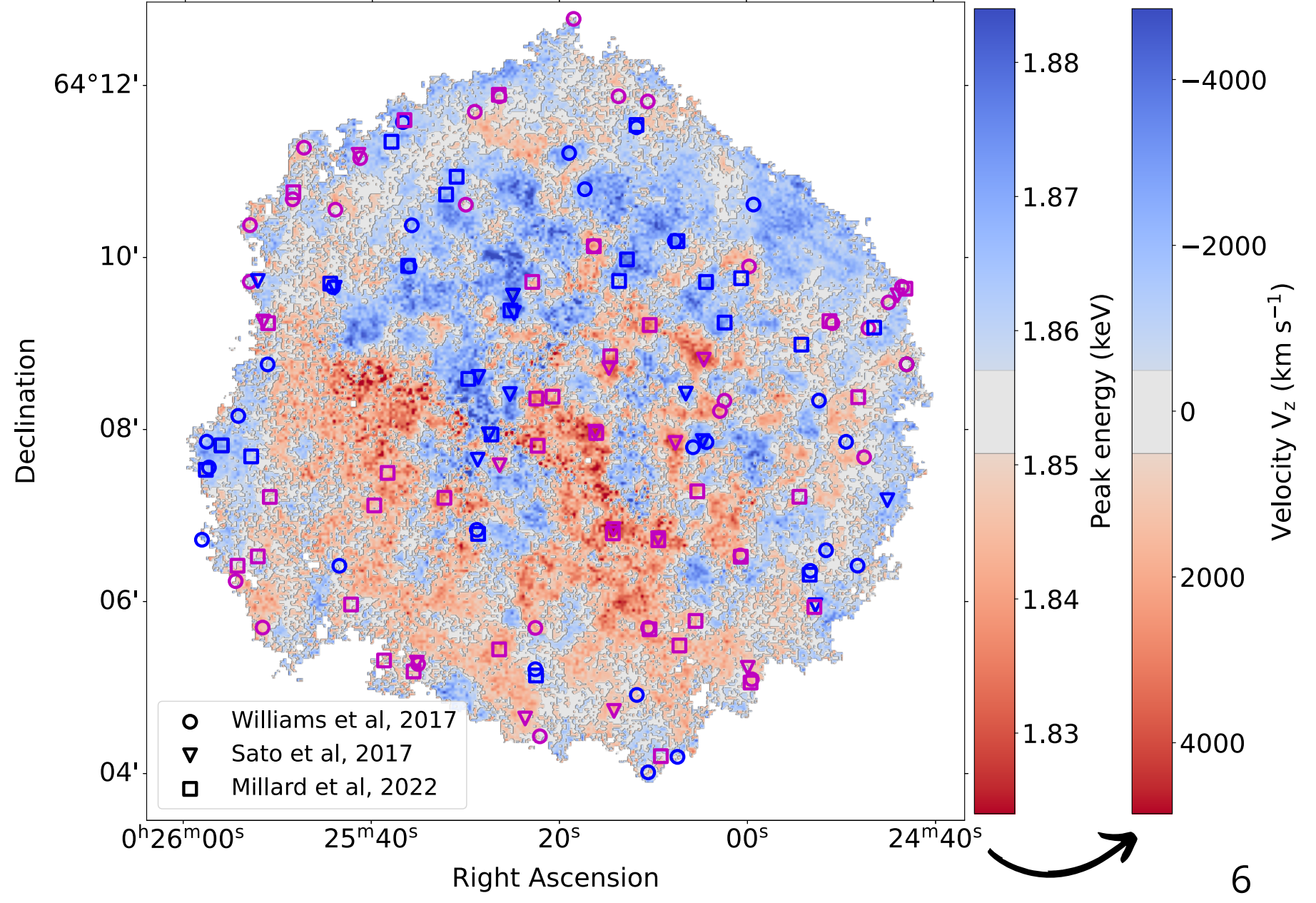
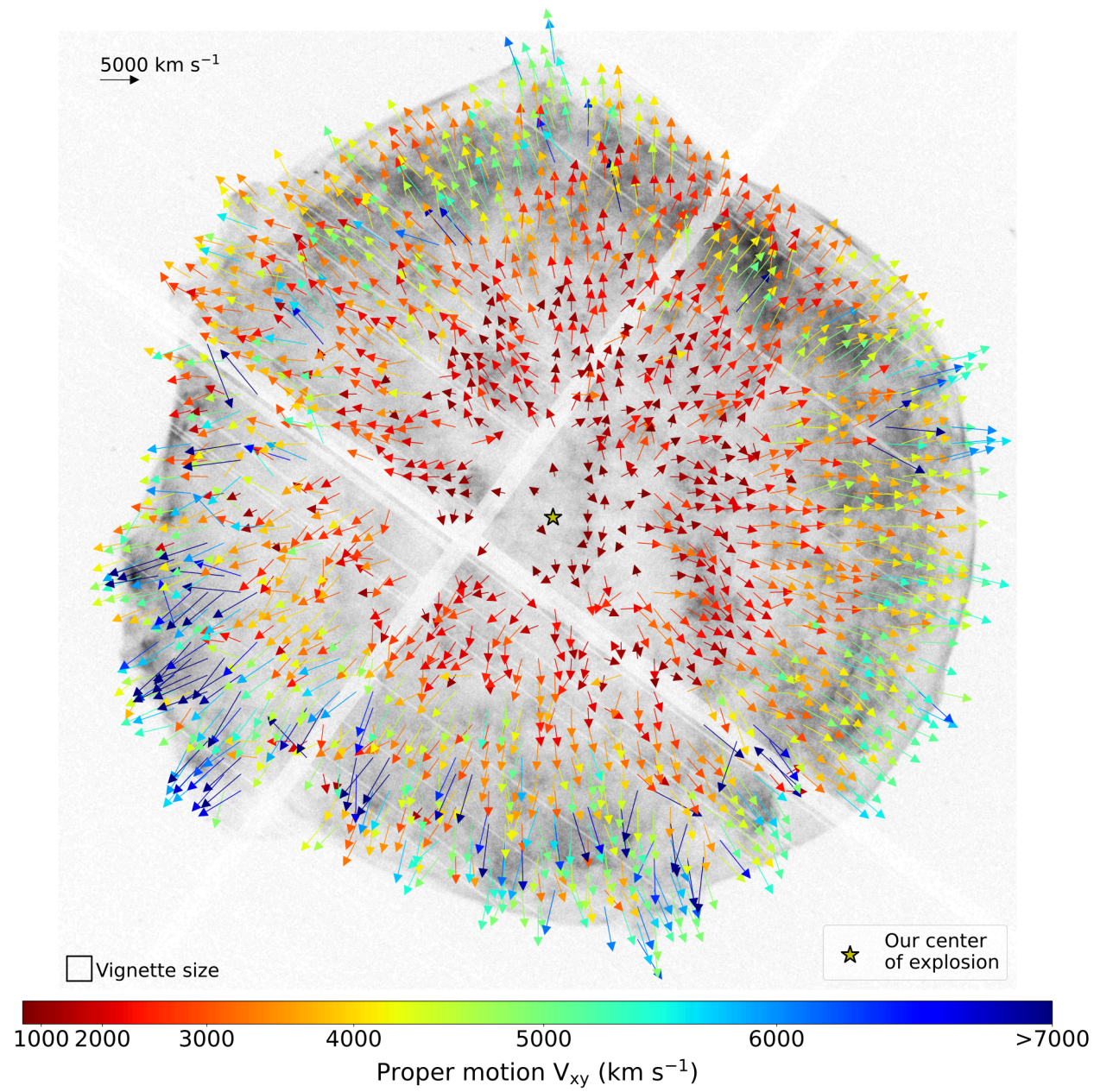
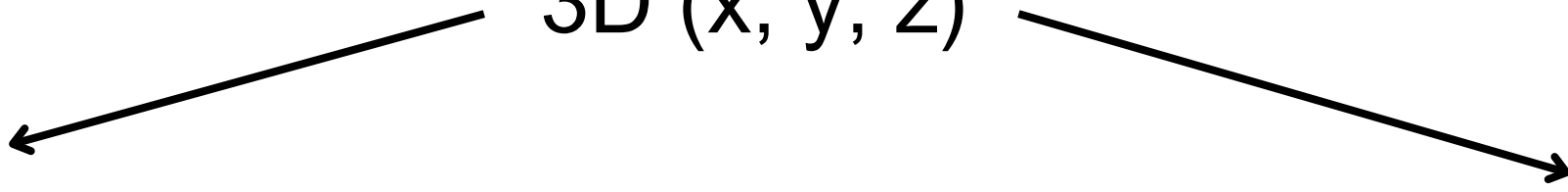


# Tycho's SNR 3D dynamics

3D (x, y, z)

Plane of the Sky :  $V_{xy}$   
Proper motion

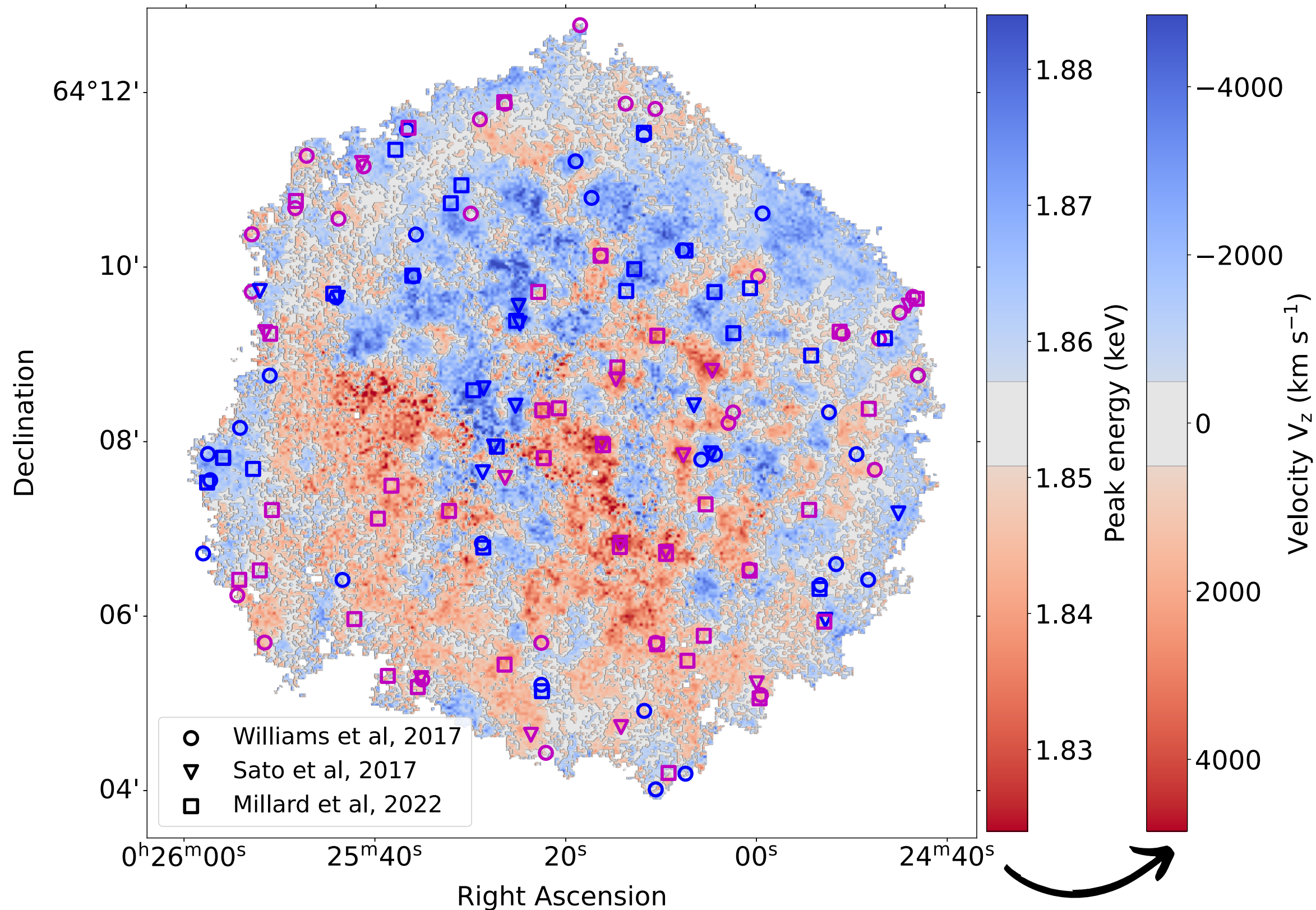
Line of Sight:  $V_z$   
Doppler velocity



$$V_z = \frac{E_c - E_{ref}}{E_{ref}} c$$

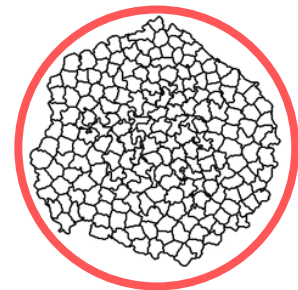


# Position of the Si line



$$V_z = \frac{E_c - E_{ref}}{E_{ref}} c$$

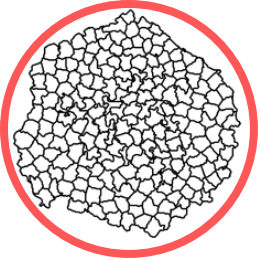
- **Reconstruction of the Si peak energy map** using a decomposition + reconstruction of the data cube
- If we suppose one energy at rest, we can obtain Doppler velocity map
- Full coverage of the SNR at **2" resolution**
- Consistent with previous local studies
- **Clear North/South asymmetry** whose origin is unexplained



## Physical mapping

**Related article for this section: Godinaud et al, 2025**

Astronomy & Astrophysics, Volume 693, id.A234, 20 pp.

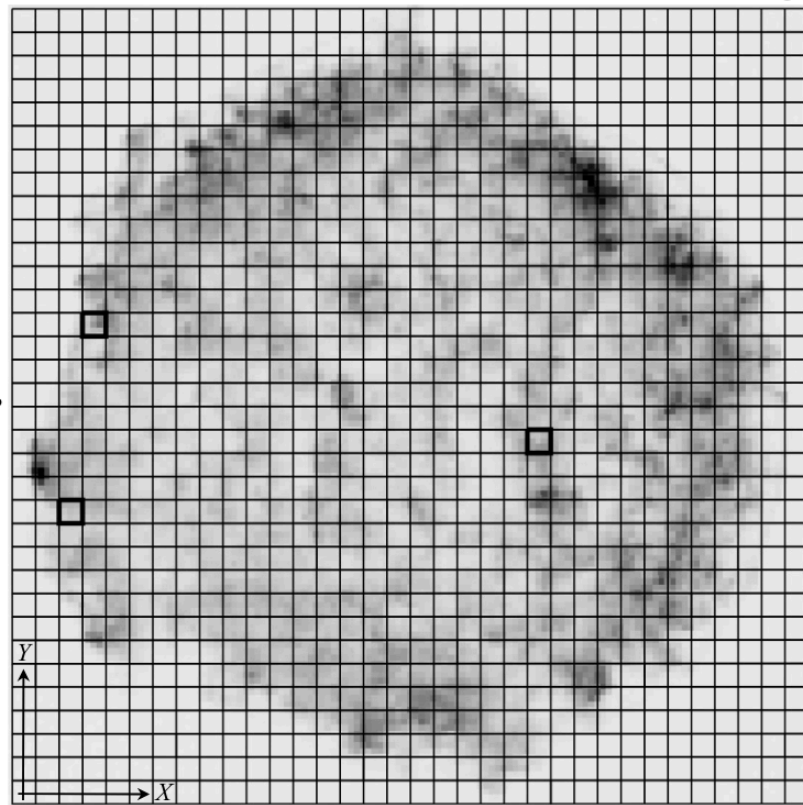


# Segmentation

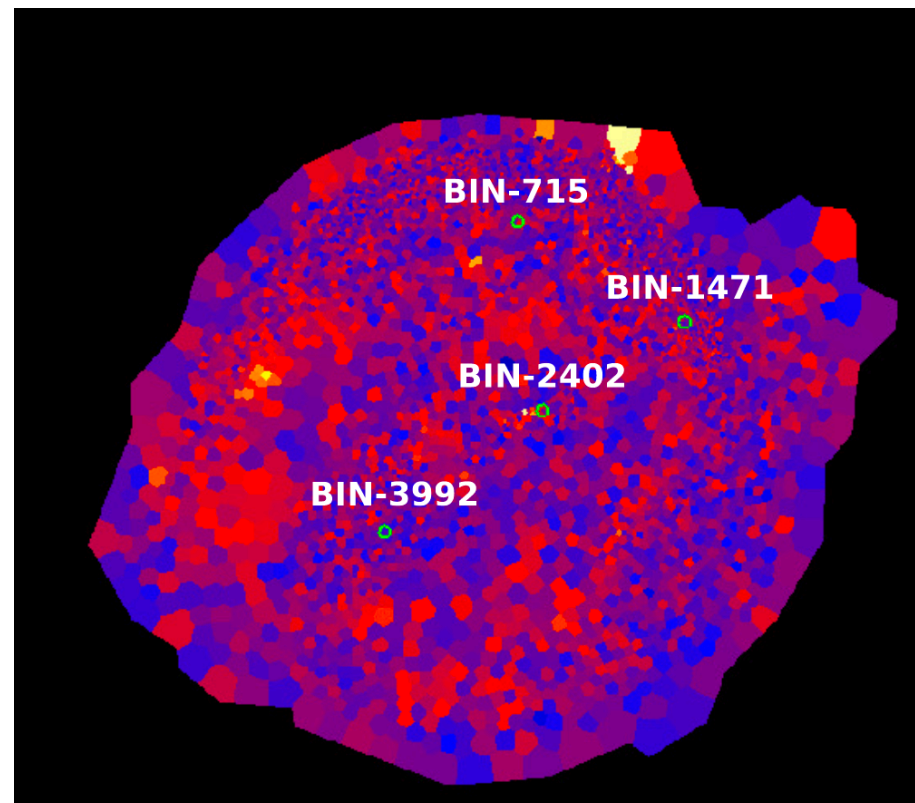
Two binning strategies used in the literature:

Cartesian grid

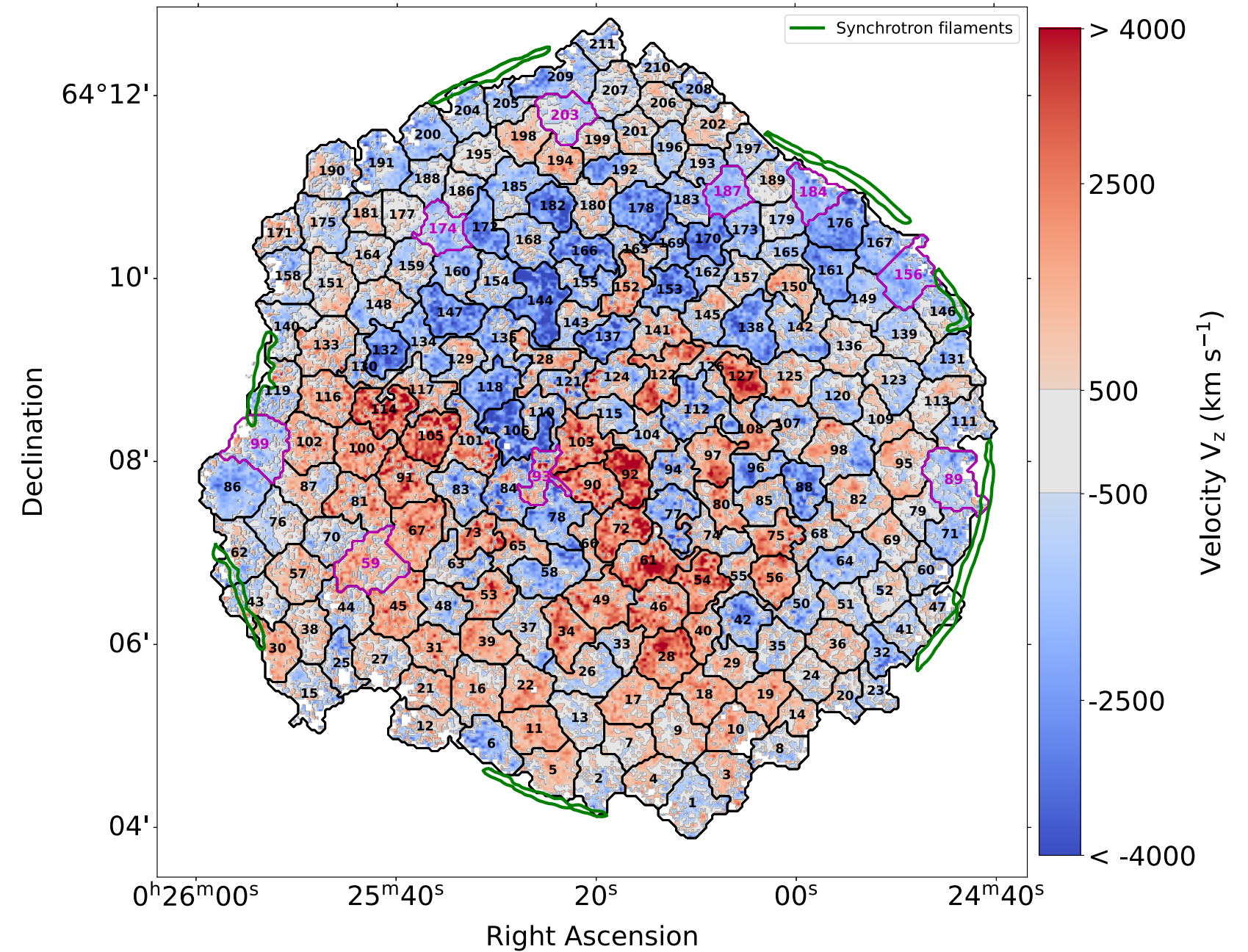
Adaptive binning to keep constant number of counts



Uchida et al, 2024

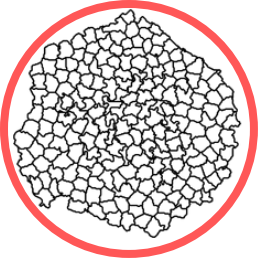


Sun et al, 2019



We choose an adaptive segmentation based on our  $V_z$  maps, to keep homogenous  $V_z$  values in each of the **211 regions**

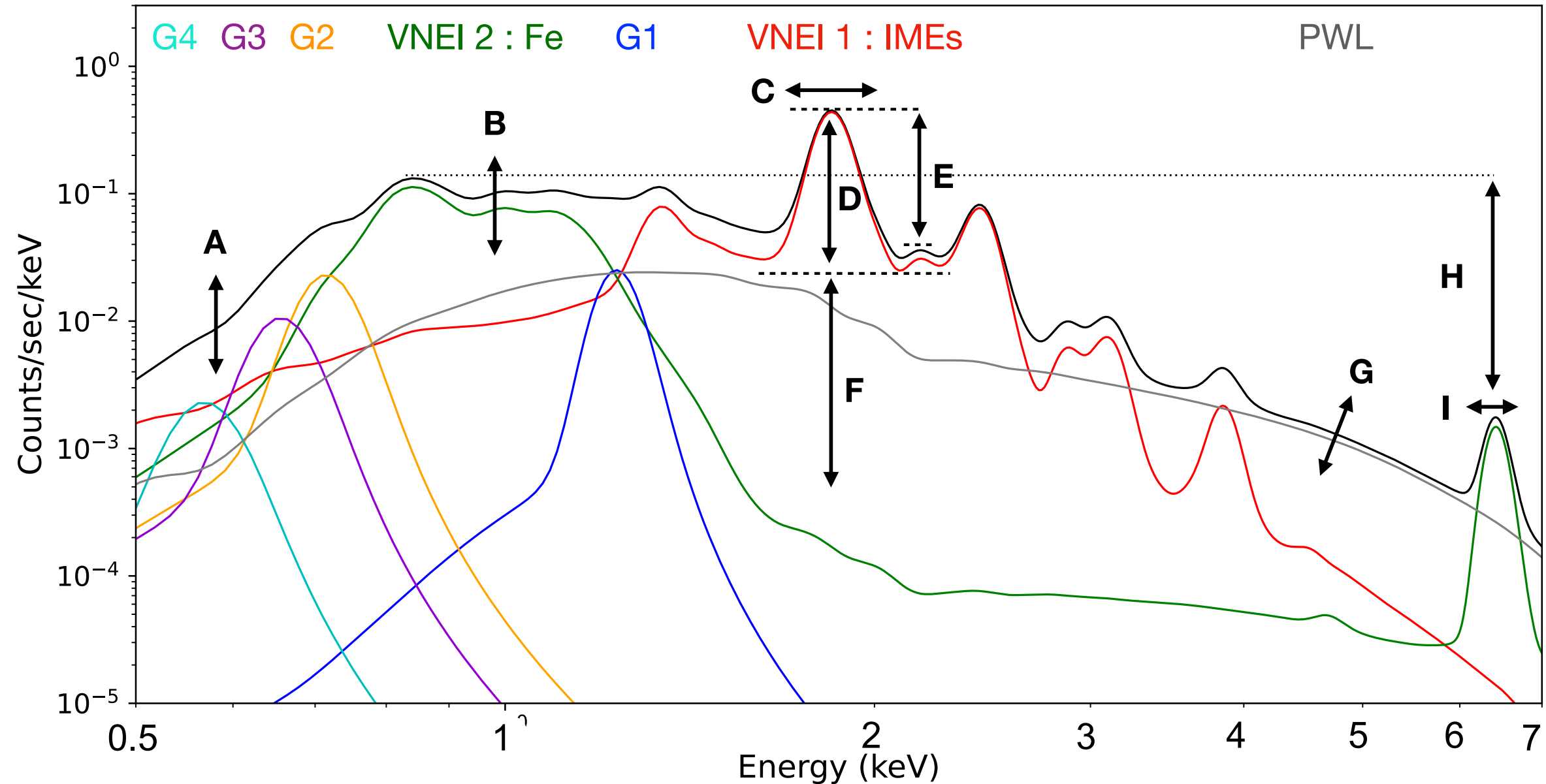
In average  $2e+5$  photons in each region



# Model

- One model to reproduce all the broadband properties across the full extent of the SNR
- Challenge to constrain it then, there are a lot of degeneracies

→ 19 free parameters !



**A** : abs, norm G2, G3, G4 & VNEI 1  
**B** : norm VNEI 2, pwl & VNEI 1  
**C** : z1, kT1, tau1

**D** : abund Si  
**E** : kT1, tau1  
**F** : norm VNEI 1 & pwl, kT1, tau1

**G** : norm & index pwl  
**H** : kT2, tau2, abund Fe  
**I** : z2, kT2, tau2

$$T_{babs} [gsmooth [VNEI_{IMEs} + VNEI_{Fe} + zgauss_{G1} + zgauss_{G2} + zgauss_{G3} + zgauss_{G4}] + powerlaw]$$

Lines broadening

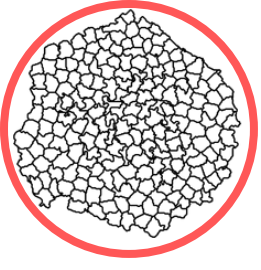
Thermal component for IMEs ejecta

Thermal component for Fe-rich ejecta

4 gaussian lines for residuals

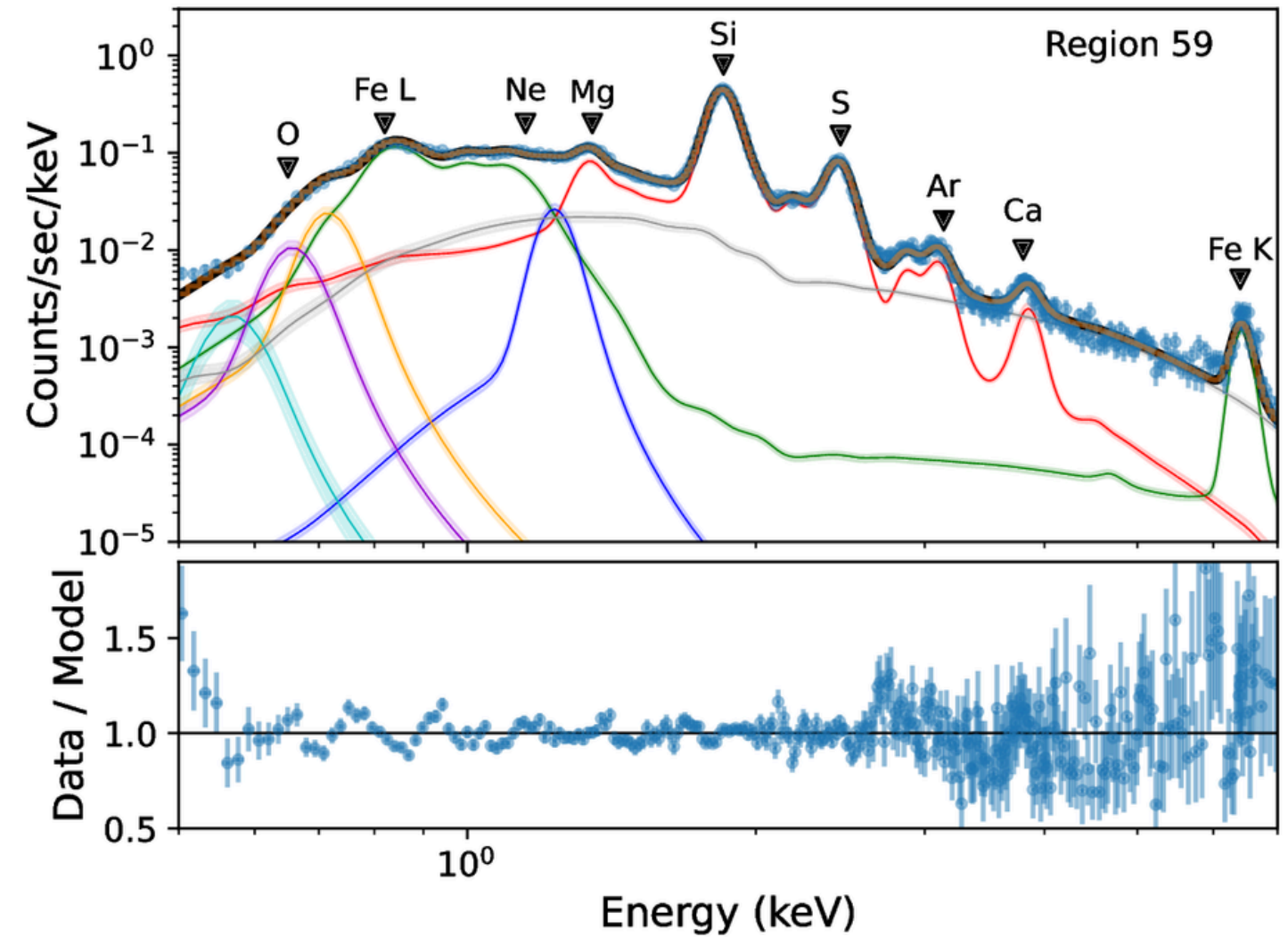
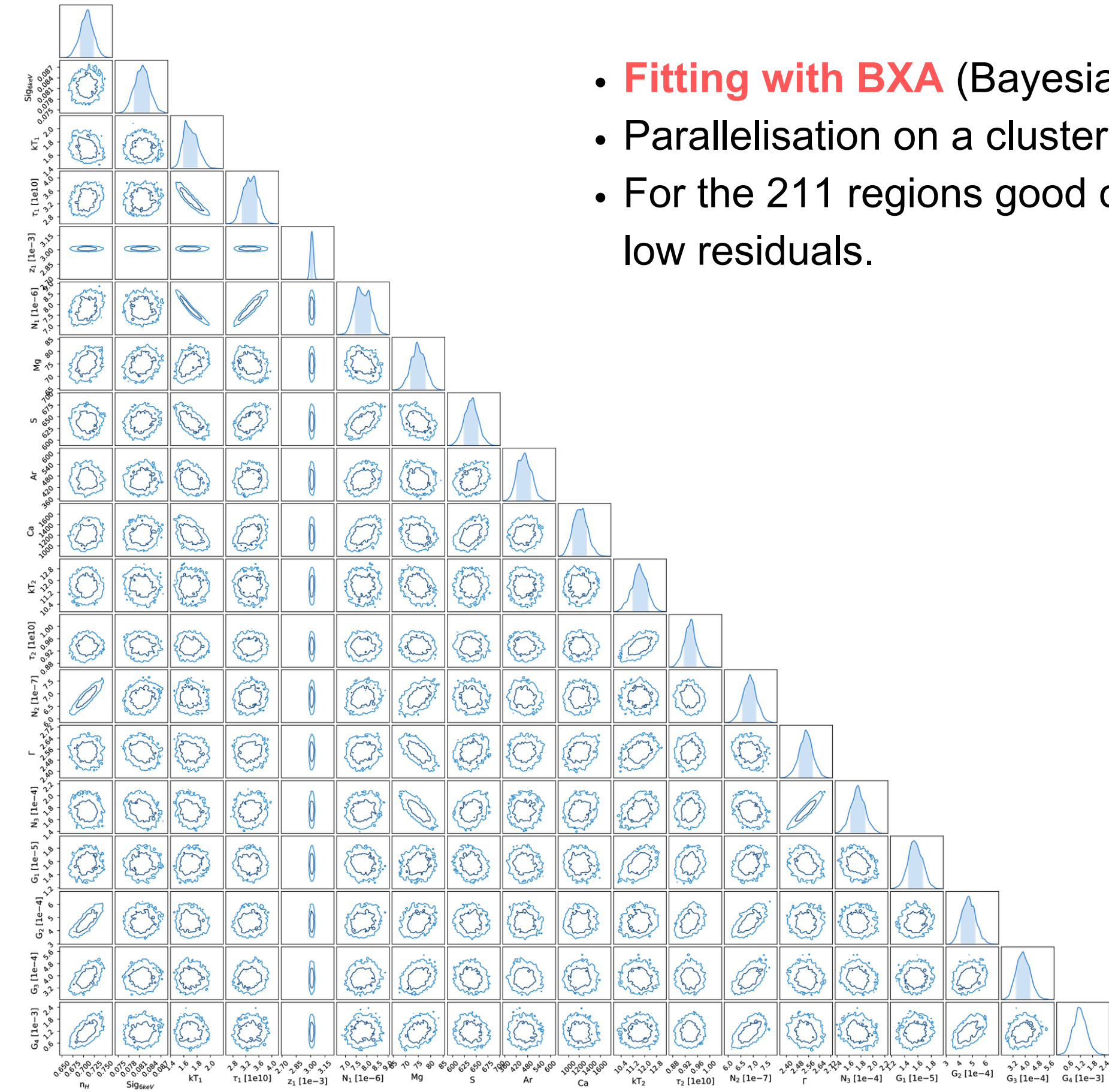
Synchrotron continuum

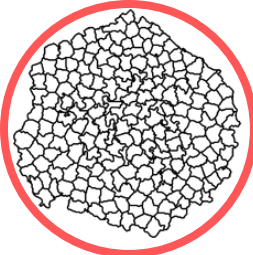
External absorption



# Fitting protocol

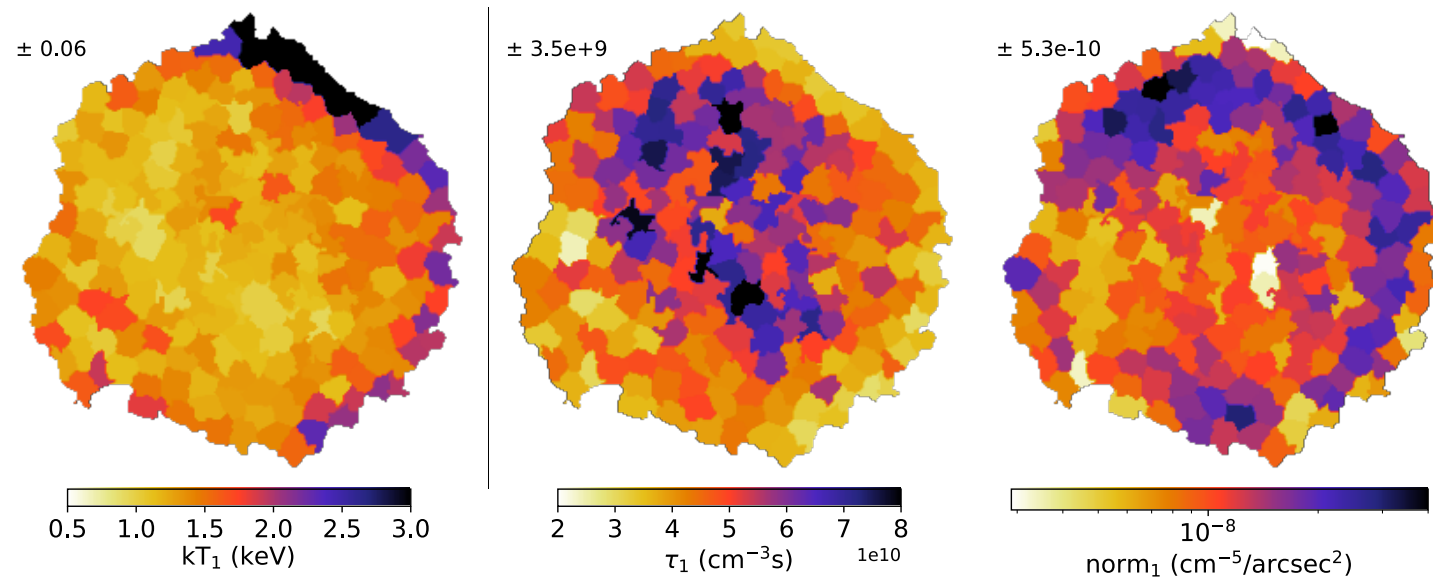
- **Fitting with BXA** (Bayesian X-rays Analysis using Nested Sampling).
- Parallelisation on a cluster necessary.
- For the 211 regions good constraints of the posterior distribution and low residuals.



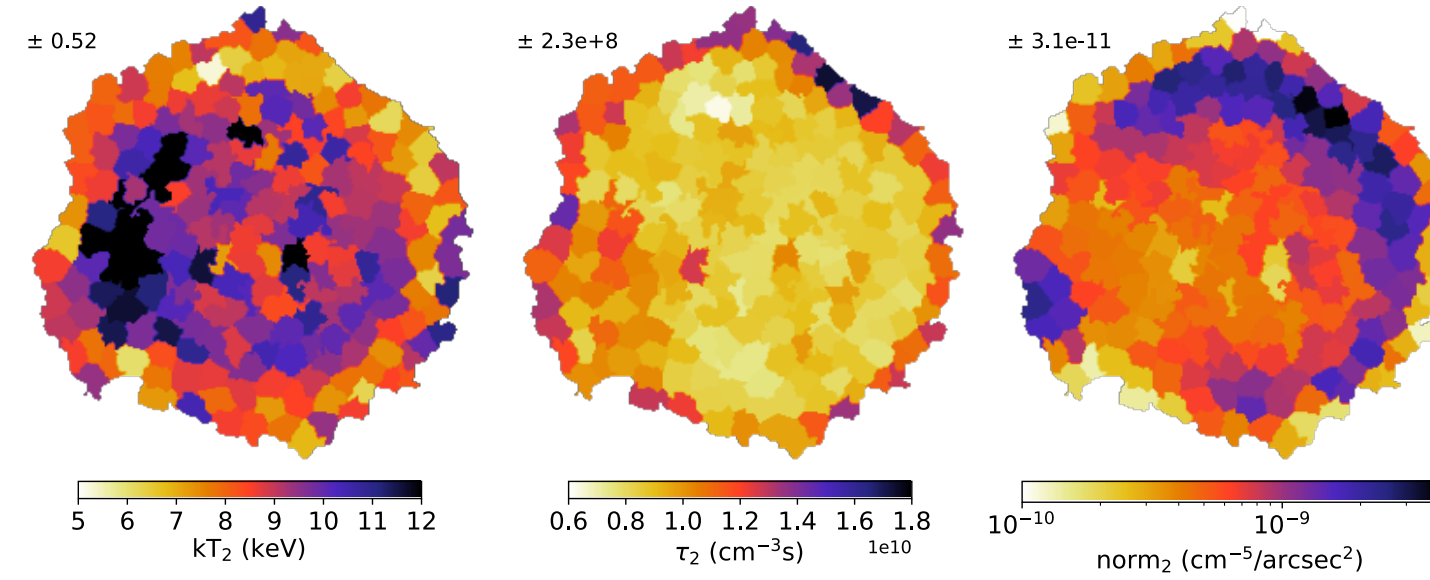


# The 19 maps

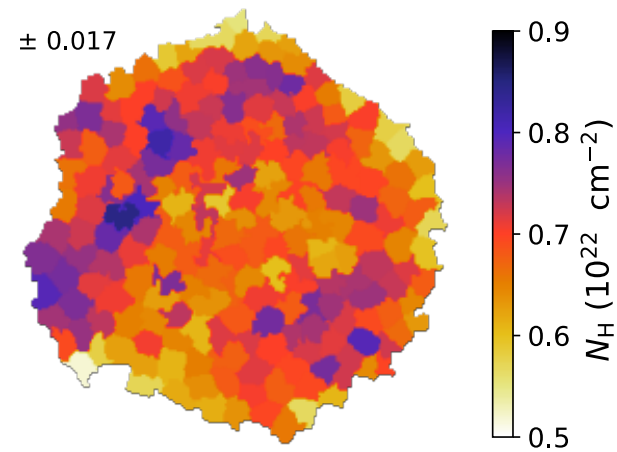
## Thermal component for IMEs



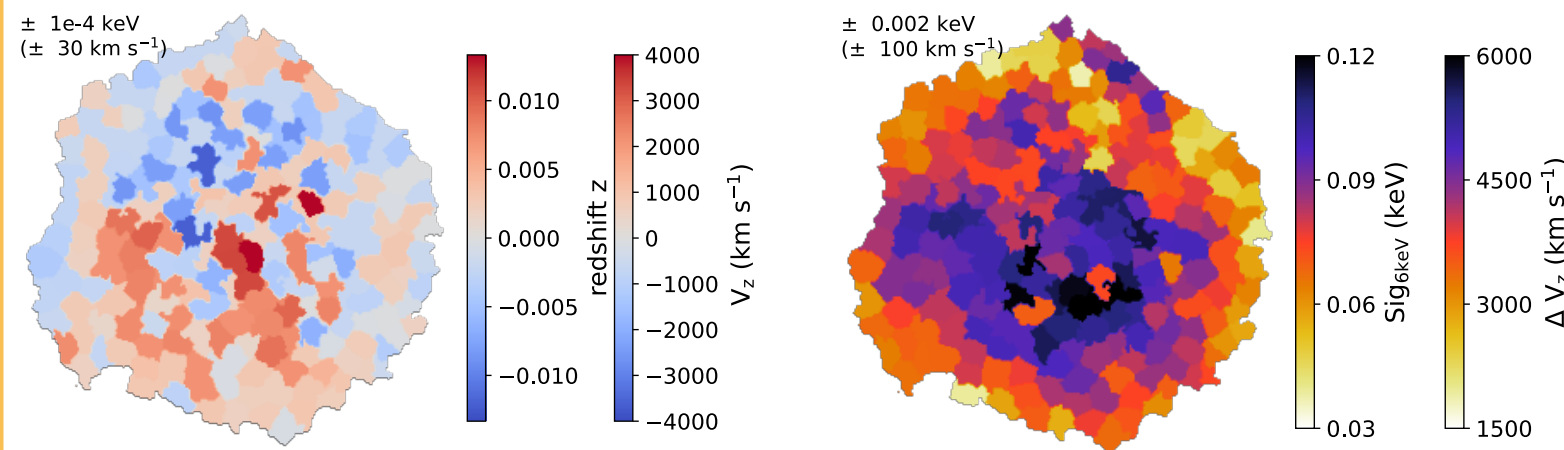
## Thermal component for Fe



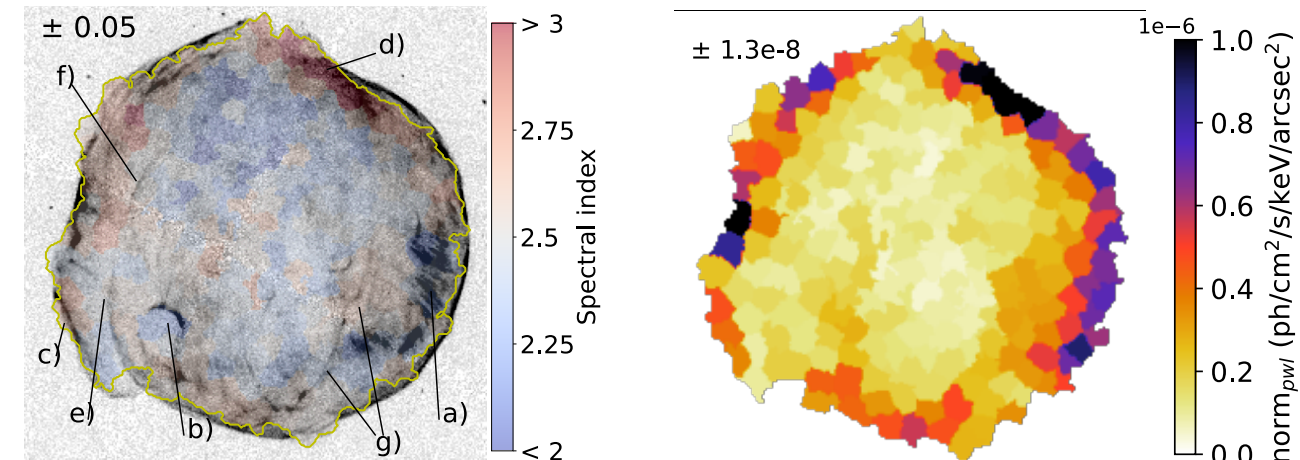
## Absorption



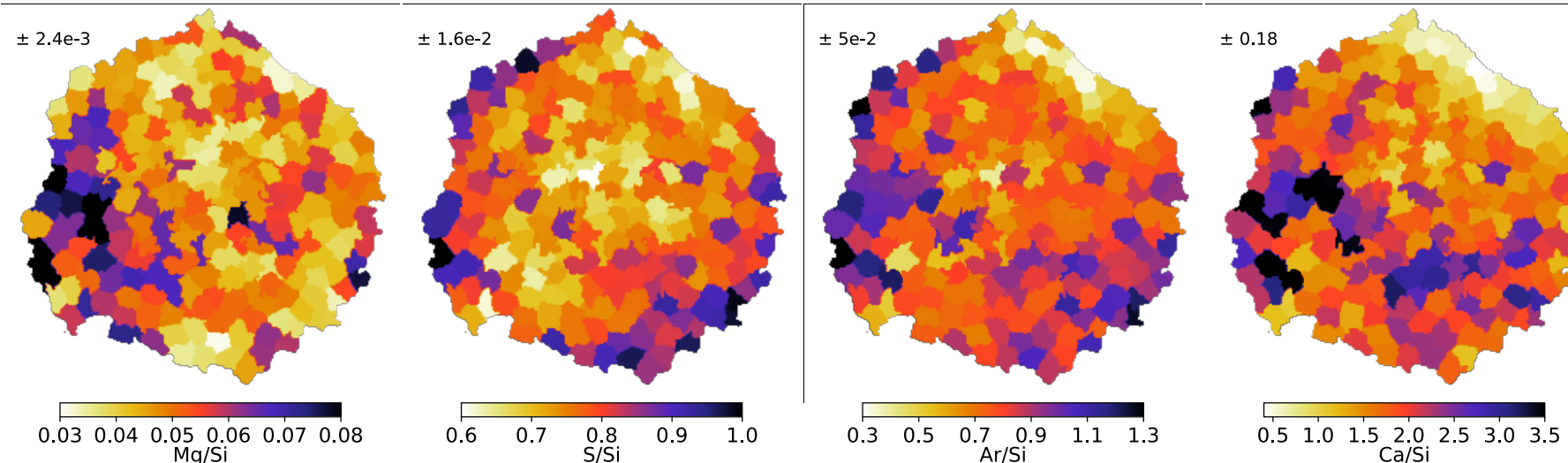
## Dynamics : redshift and broadening



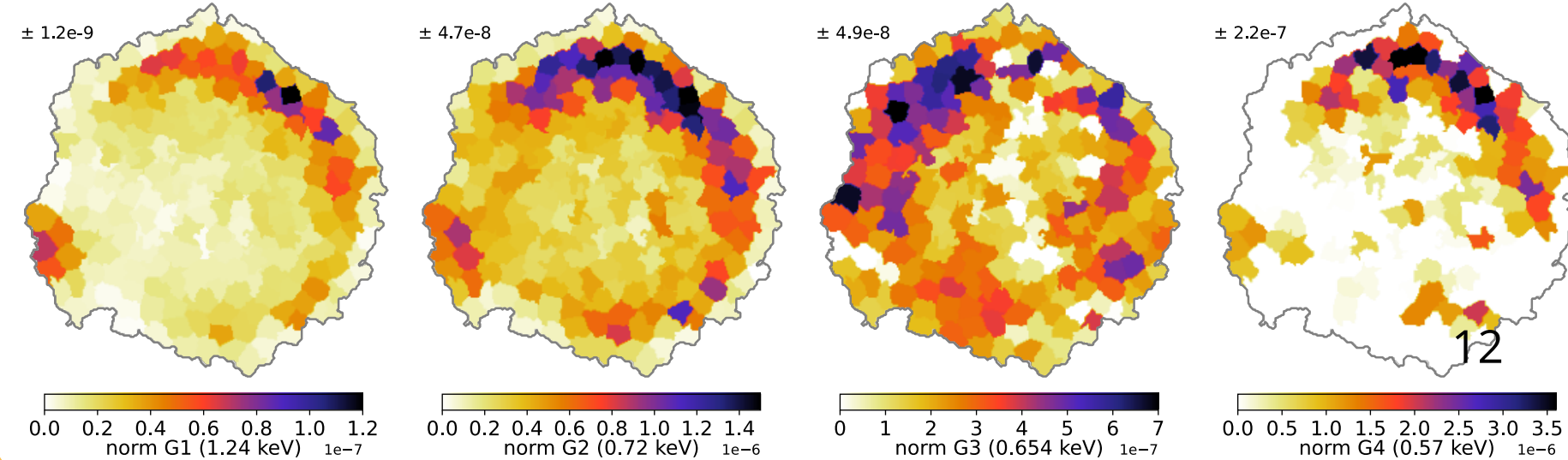
## Power law for synchrotron emission

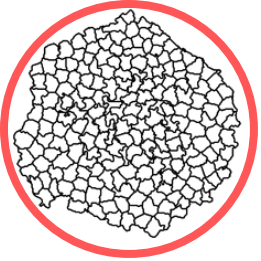


## Abundances : Mg/Si, S/Si, Ca/Si & Ar/Si



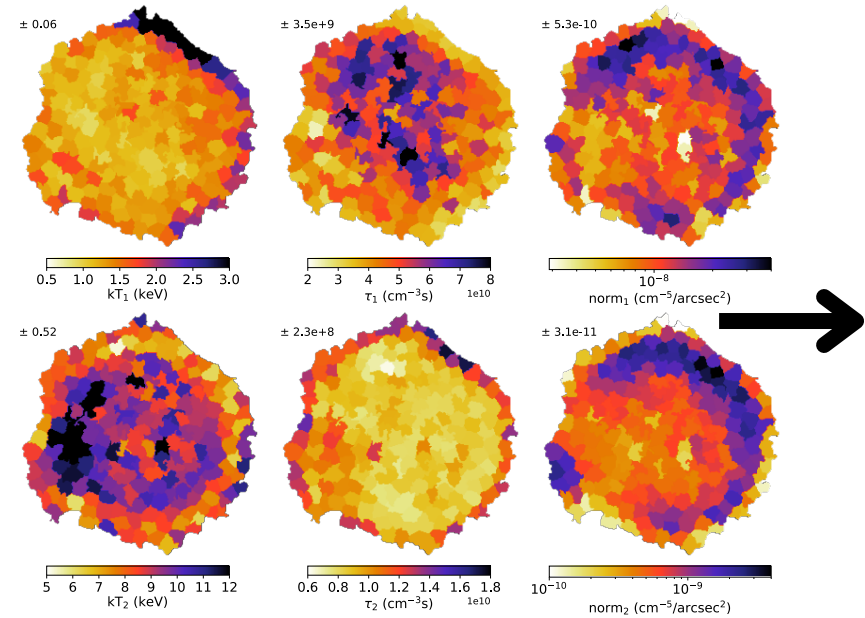
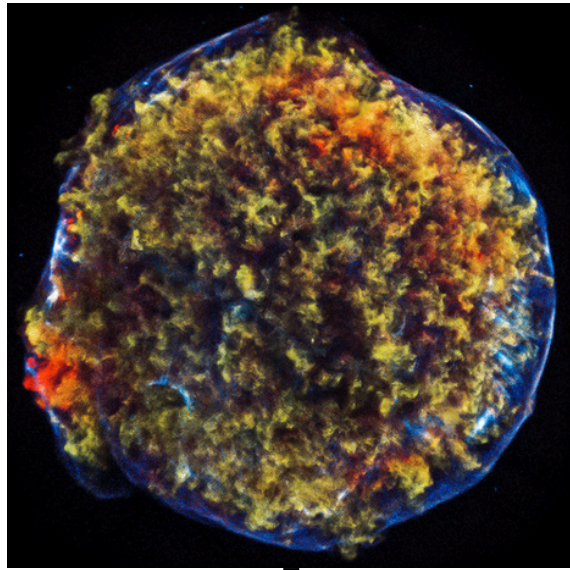
## Gaussians : G1, G2, G3 & G4





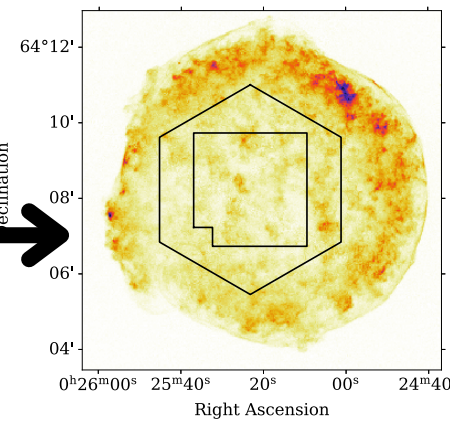
# SIXTE observations simulations

Chandra flux  
image of  
Tycho's SNR

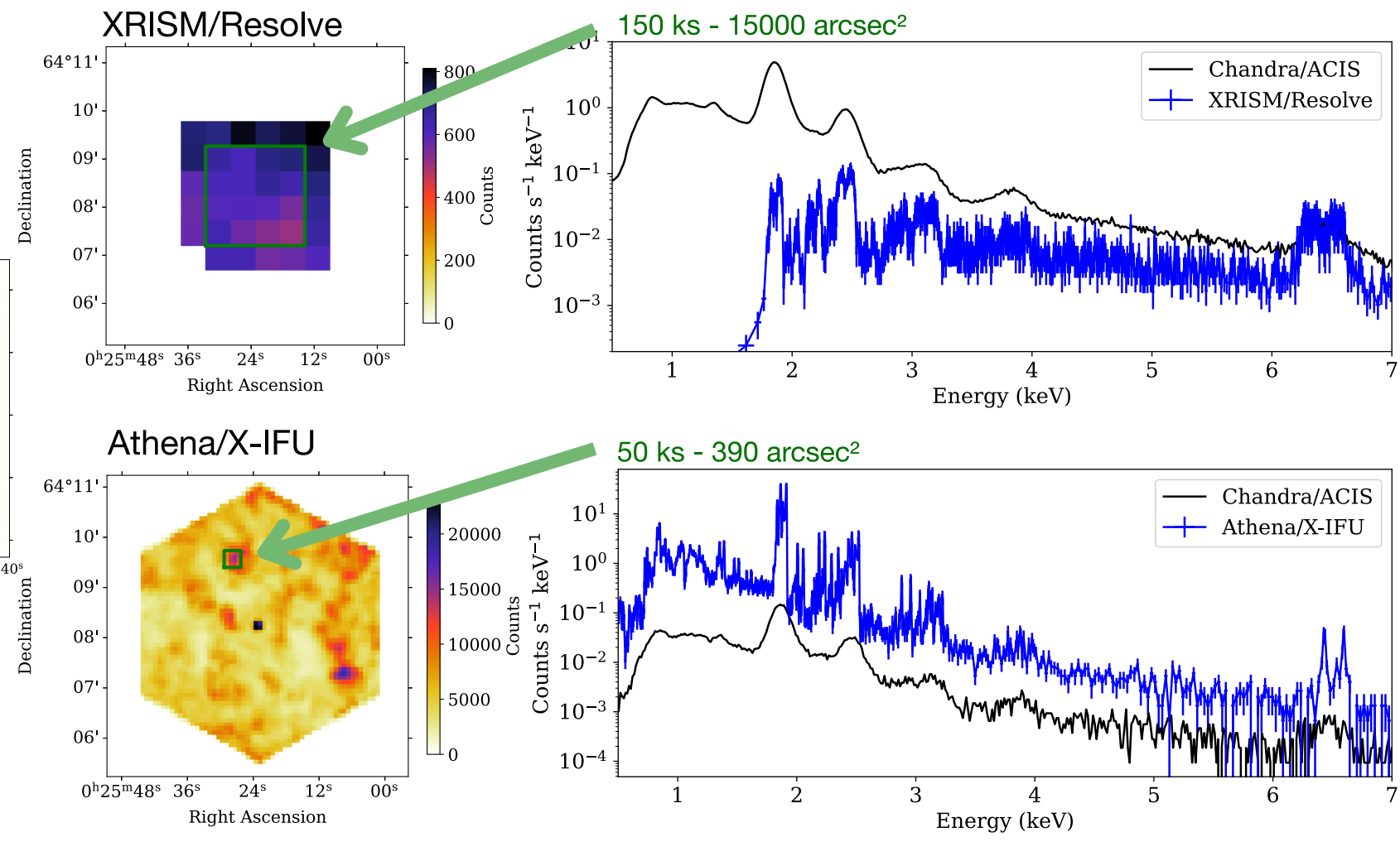


SIXTE (Simulation  
X-rays Telescope)  
software

Dauser et al, 2019

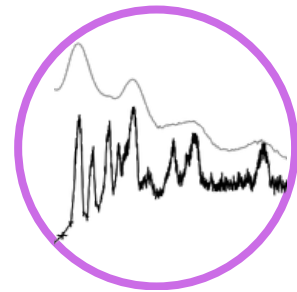


## Realistic simulations of observations with XRISM/Resolve and NewAthena/X-IFU



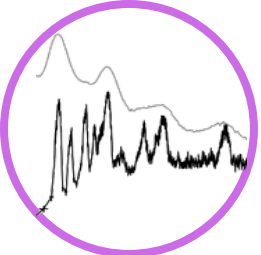
The 19 maps and  
a more advanced  
model

Equivalent to 211  
Xspec models !

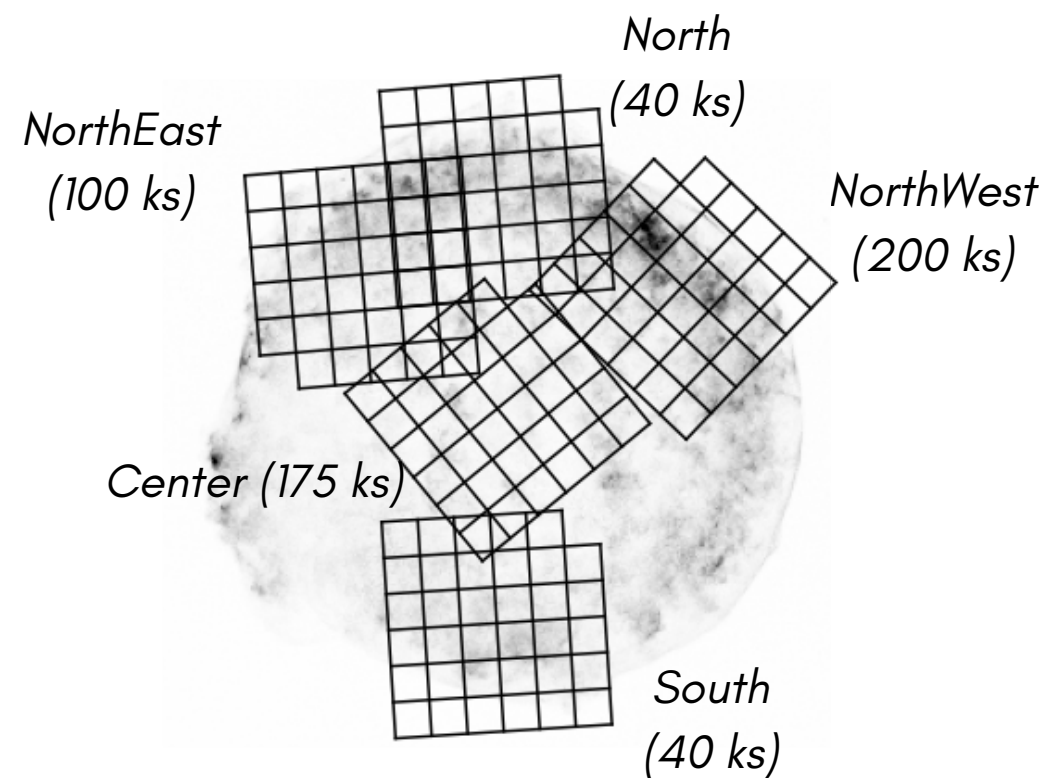


## High resolution spectroscopy

**Related article for this section: Godinaud et al, 2026 (to be submitted soon )**



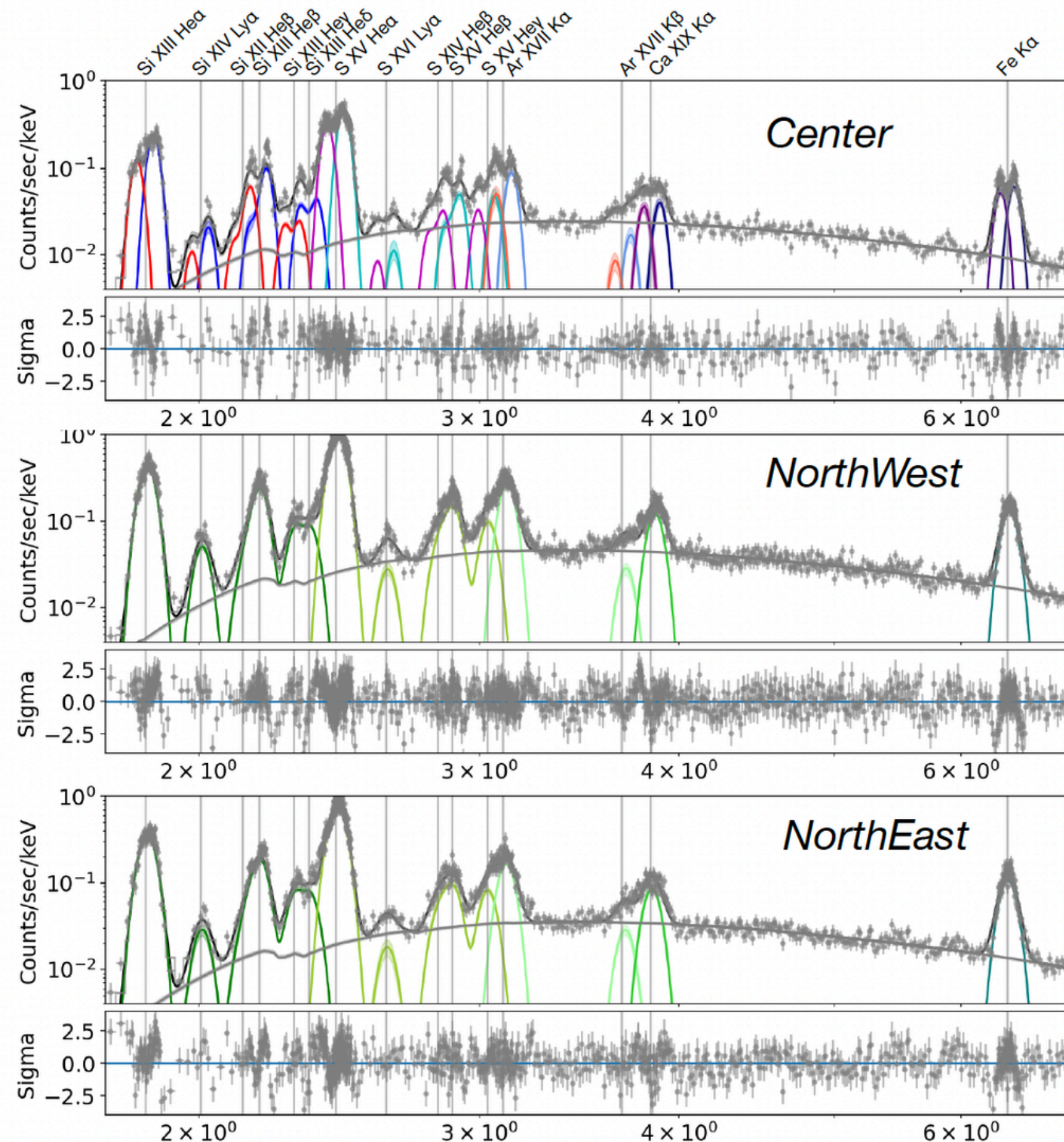
# XRISM/Resolve data for Tycho's SNR

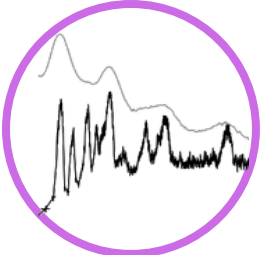


- 5 pointings from PV and AO1.
- Clear separation of the front and back emission toward the center of the SNR.

## My work:

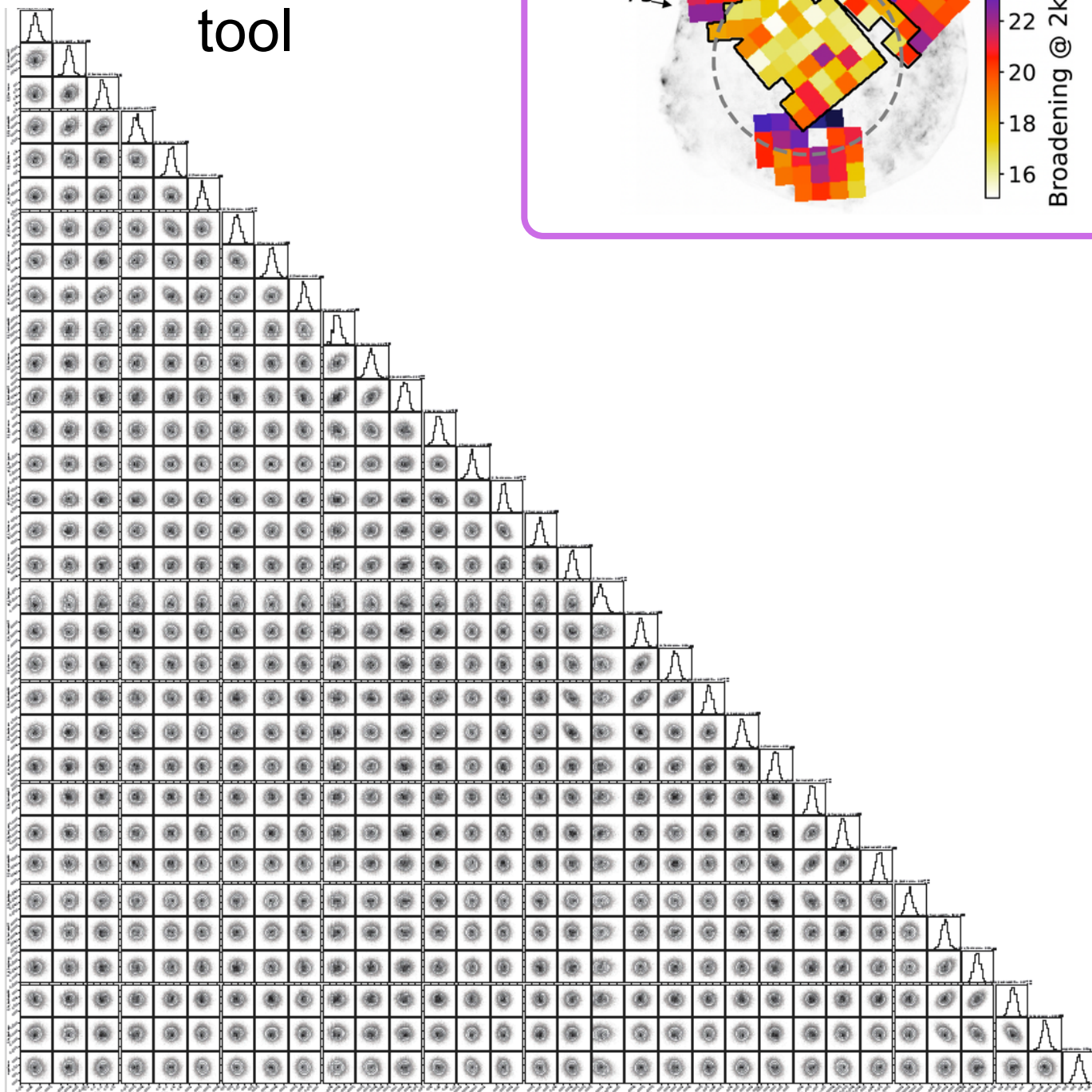
- Pixel level analysis: 150 high resolution spectra fitted !
- A Gaussian line model to reduce the computing time (still 1 week is needed for the analysis to run).



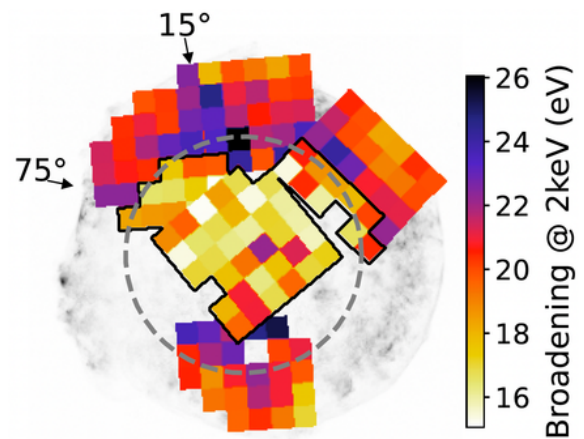


# Front and back properties of Tycho's SNR per element

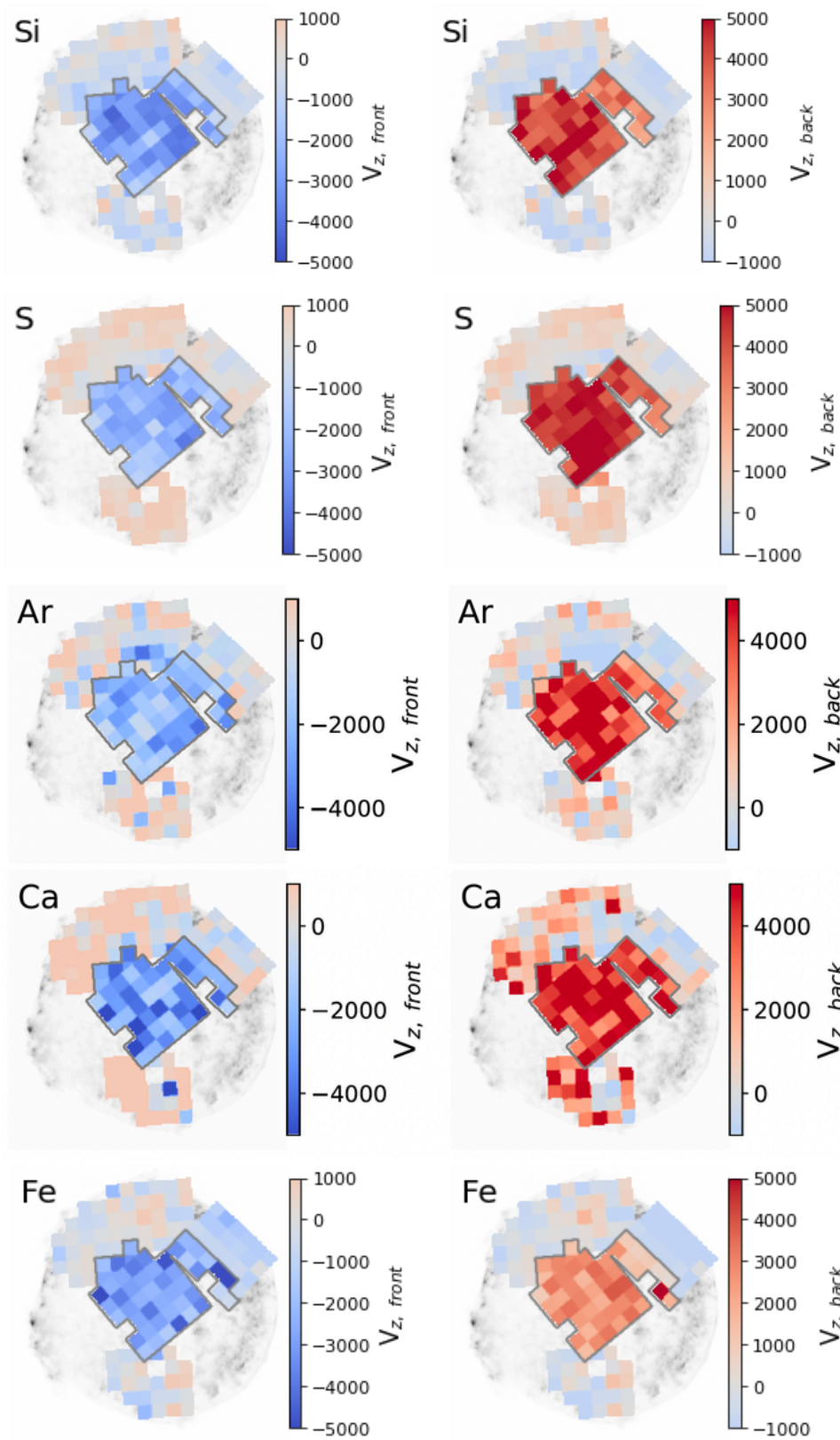
BXA fitting tool



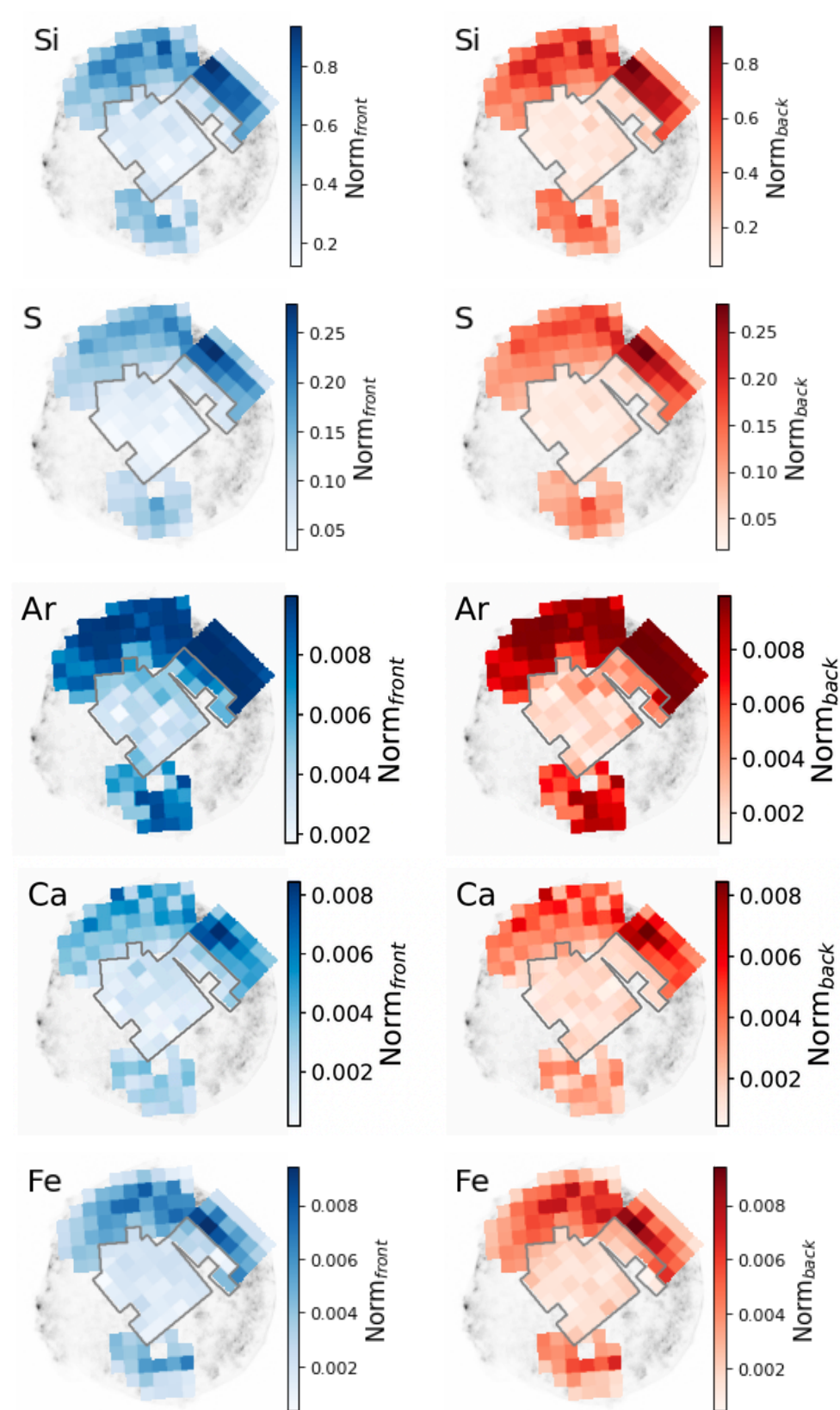
Global line broadening



Front and back velocity



Front and back flux



Si

S

Ar

Ca

Fe

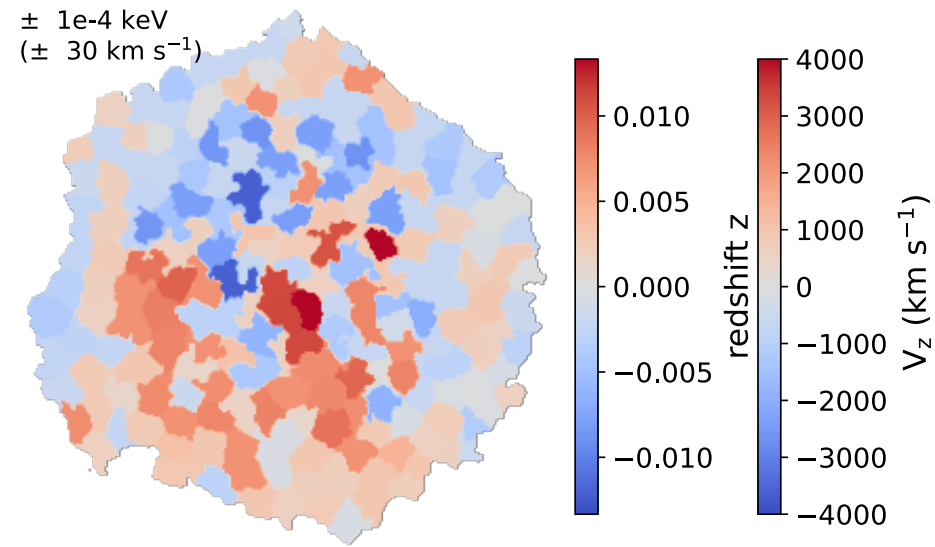


**Tycho for calibration purpose**



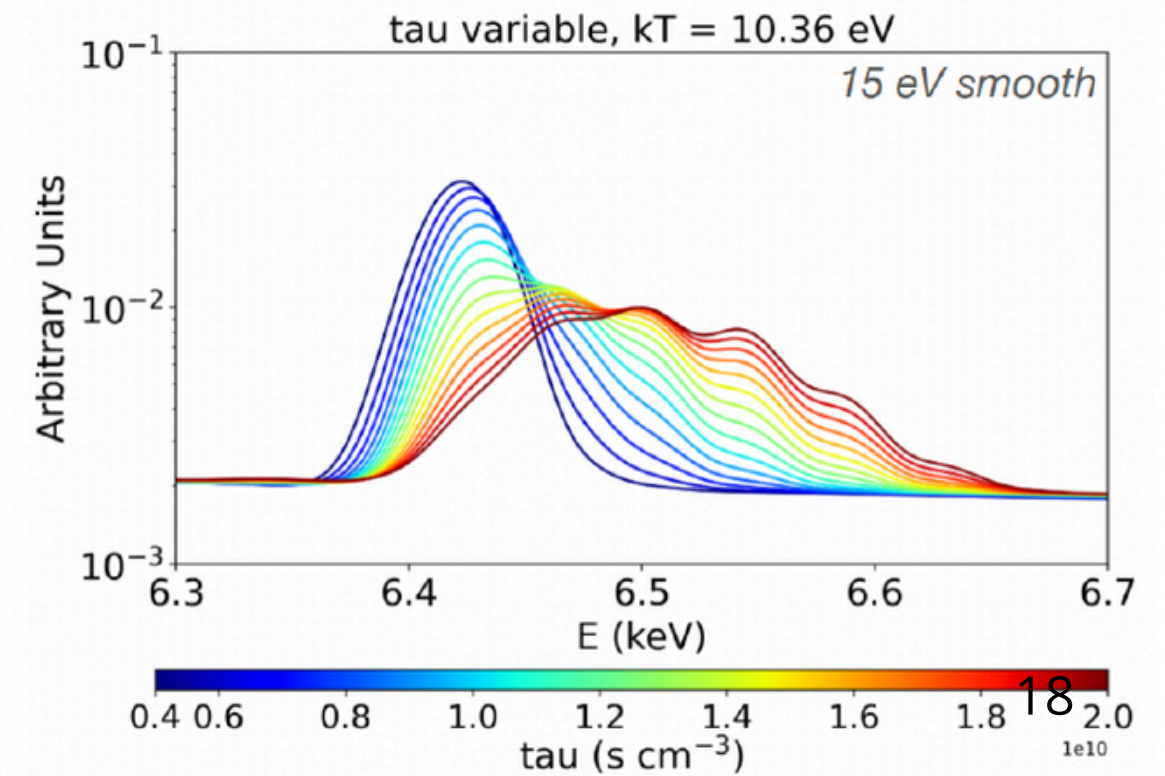
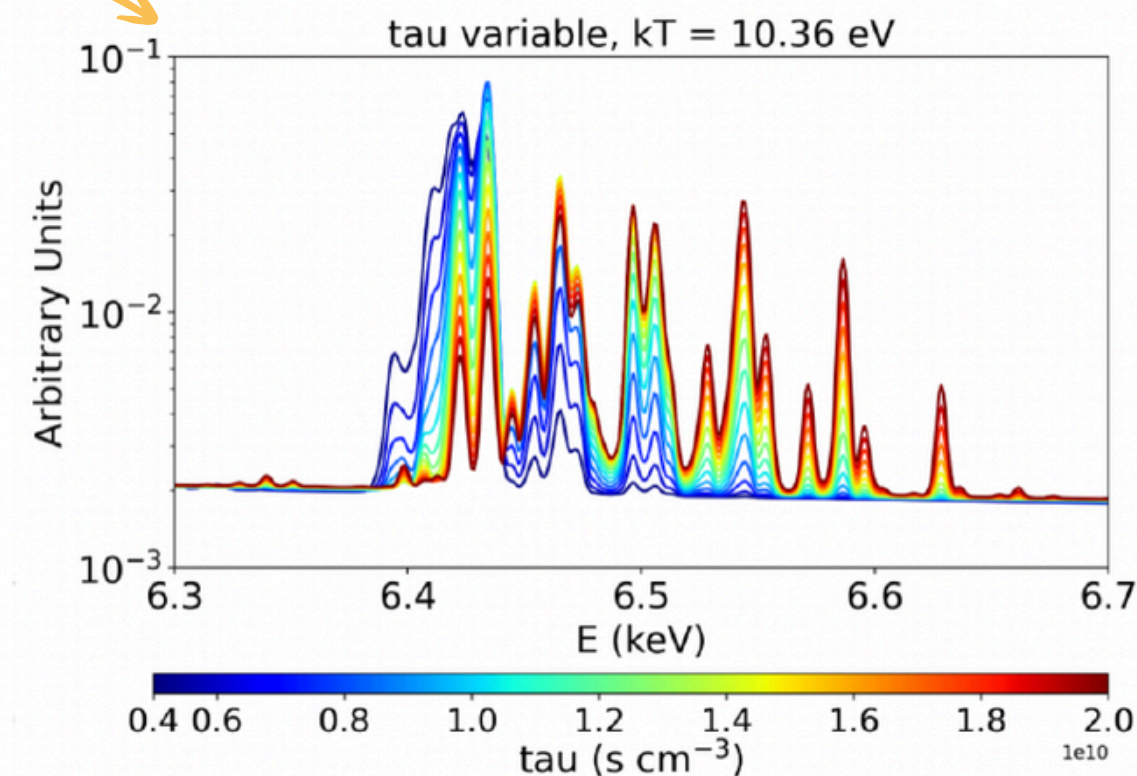
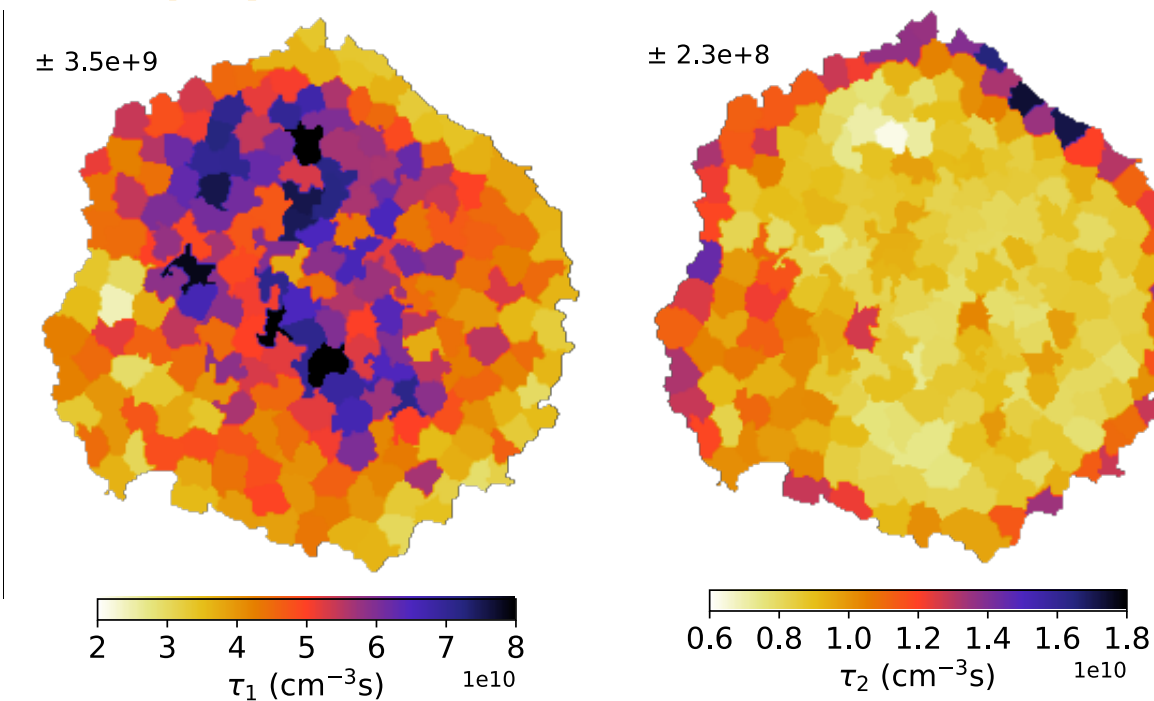
# Position of the line at CCDs resolution

## Redshift map



- The **position of the lines varies spatially** across Tycho's SNR.
- This is due to an **asymmetry in the mean velocity along the line of sight (Doppler shift)**,
- but also to **variations in ionization**, which affect the position of line complexes at CCD resolution.

## Ionisation time map for the IMEs (Si) and Fe



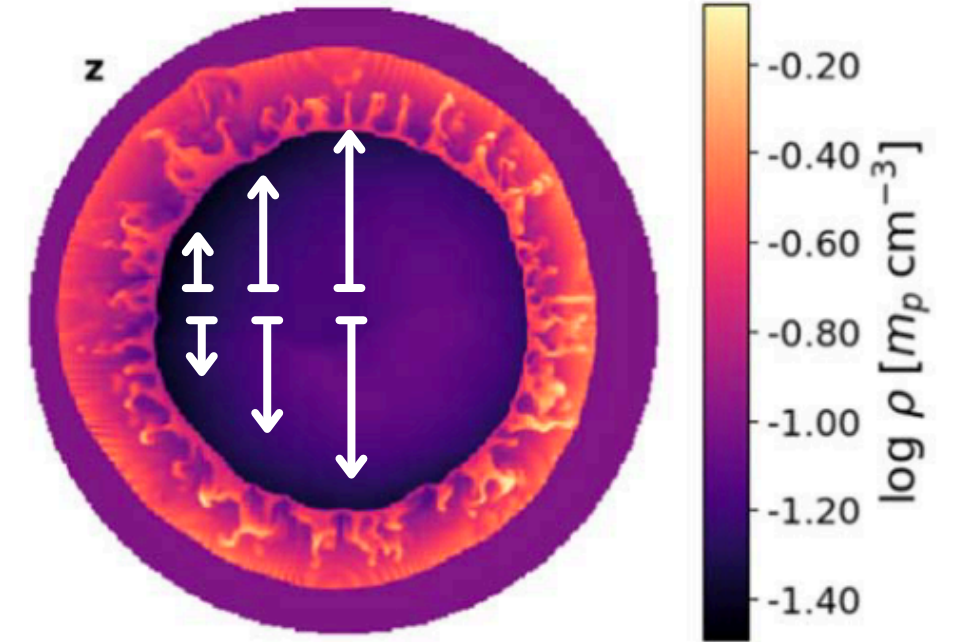
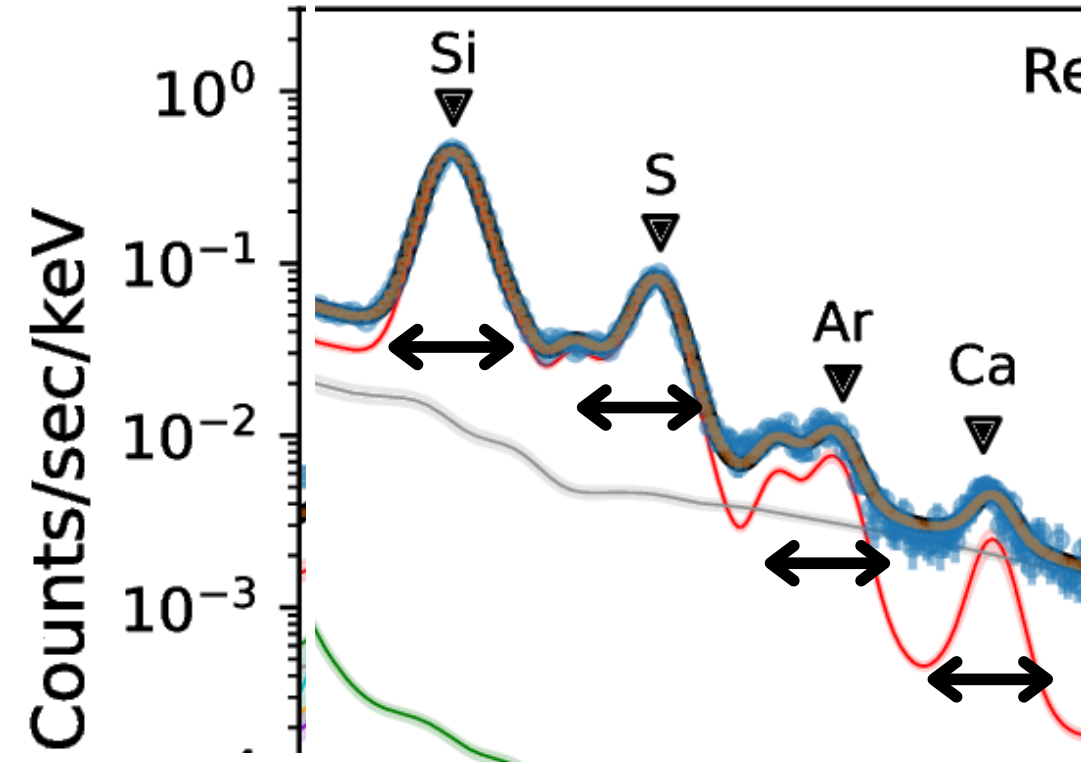
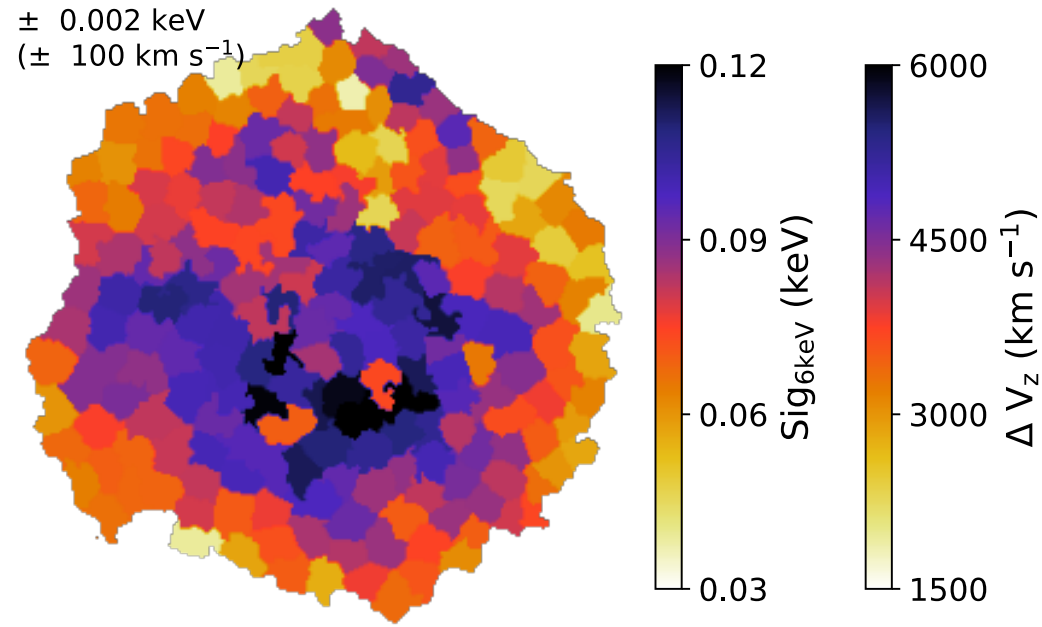
\*Measured with Chandra/ACIS



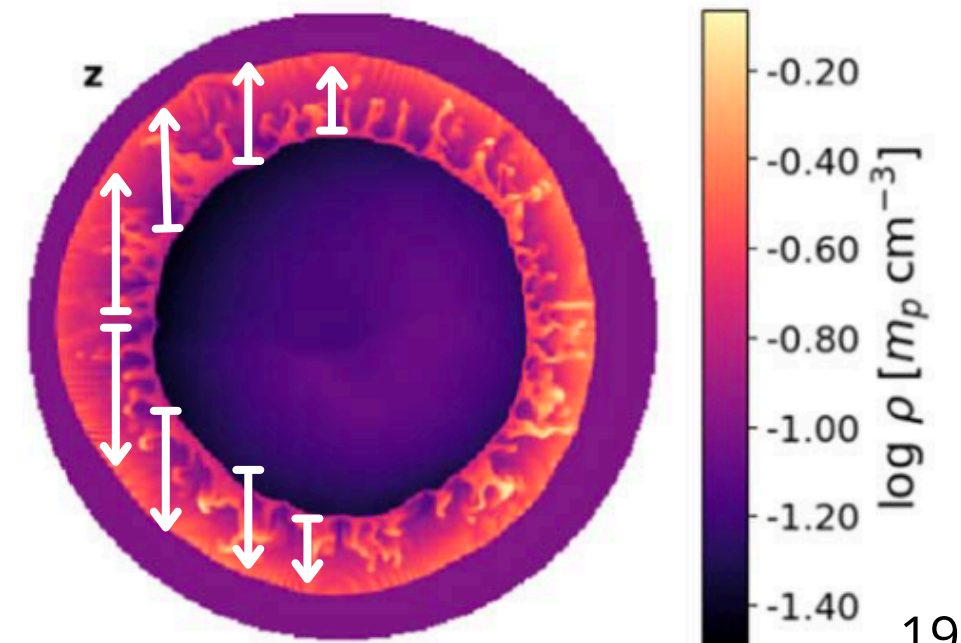
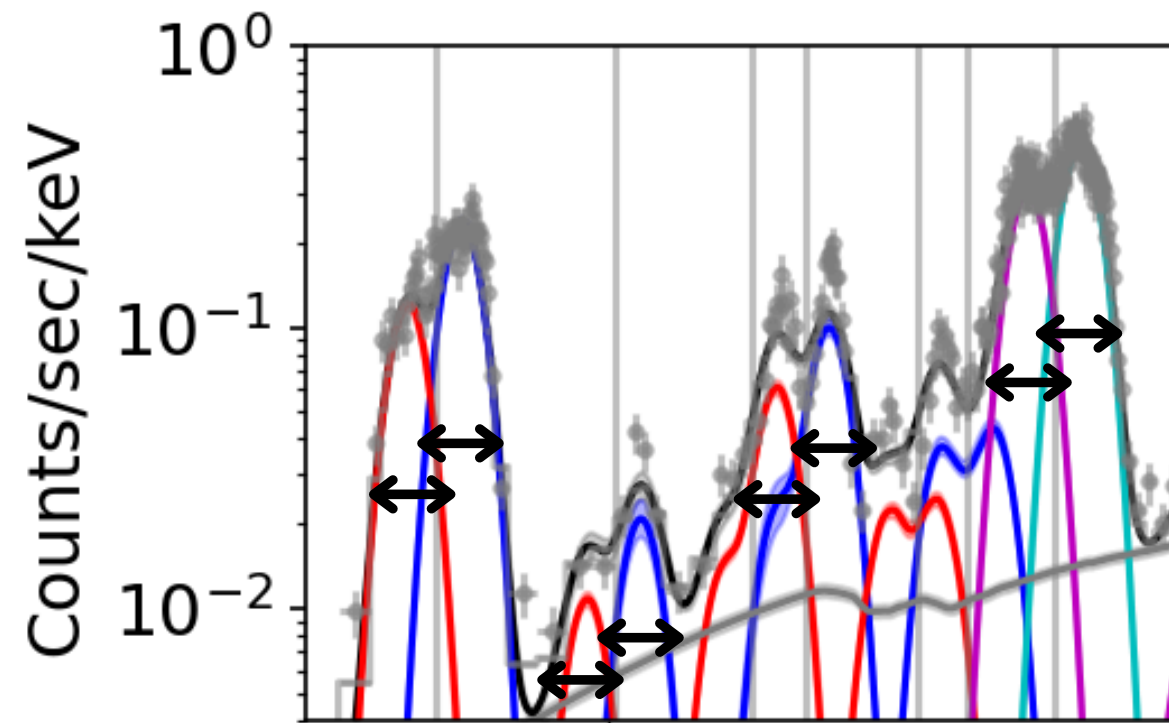
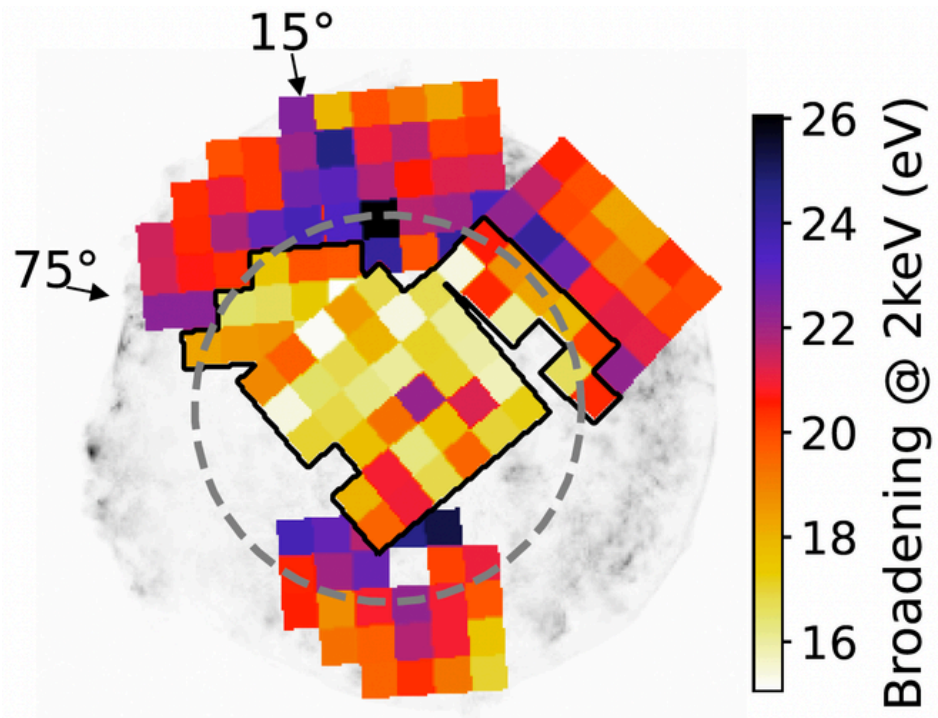
# Line Broadening from velocity dispersion



## Measured with Chandra/ACIS



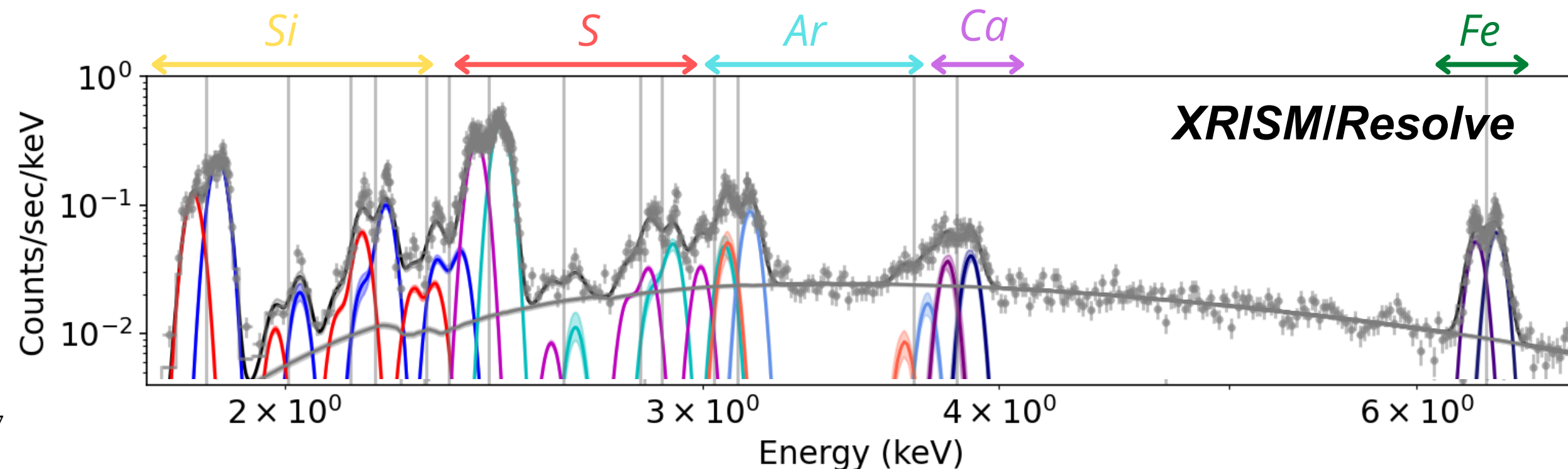
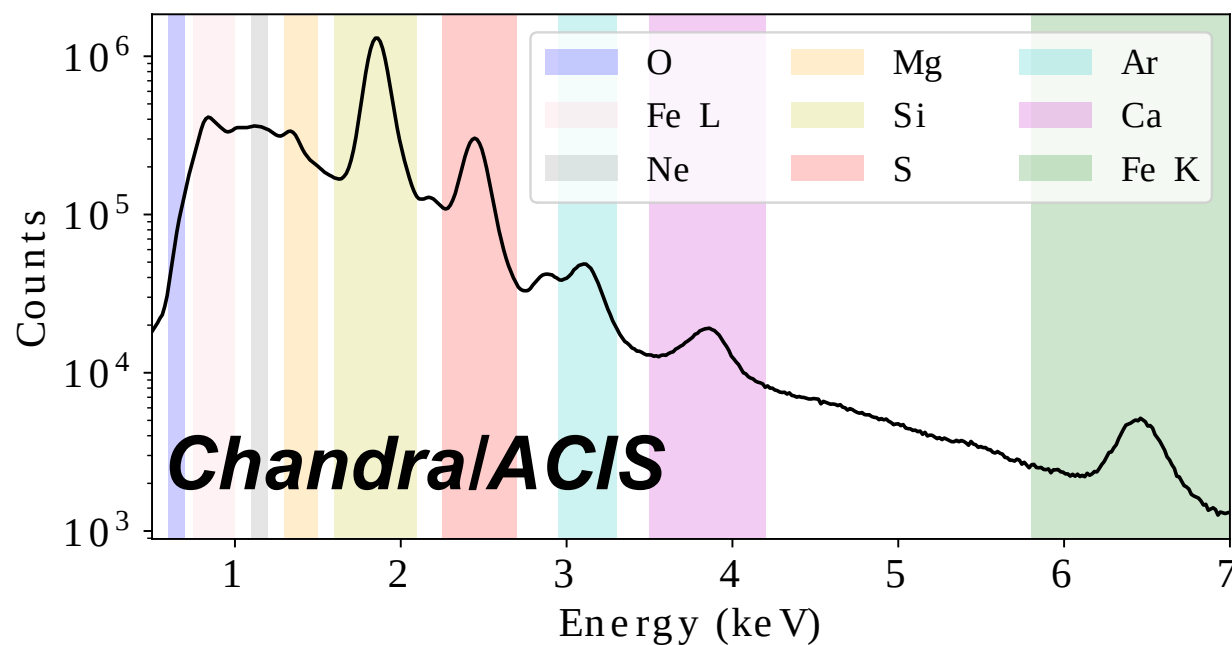
## Measured with XRISM/Resolve



Simulations from Ferrand et al, 2011



# Summary



## Pros to use Tycho as calibration source:

- Bright source
- Prominent Si, S, and Fe emission lines
- No temporal variation

## But keep in mind that:

- Spatial variation of the line position.
- Spatiiale variation of the broadening of the line.

## But we have good models!

- All the Chandra parameter mapping is included in a SIXTE model (or use directly the 211 Xspec fit).
- Model fitted on XRISM observations.
- Gaussians-style models also possible.