



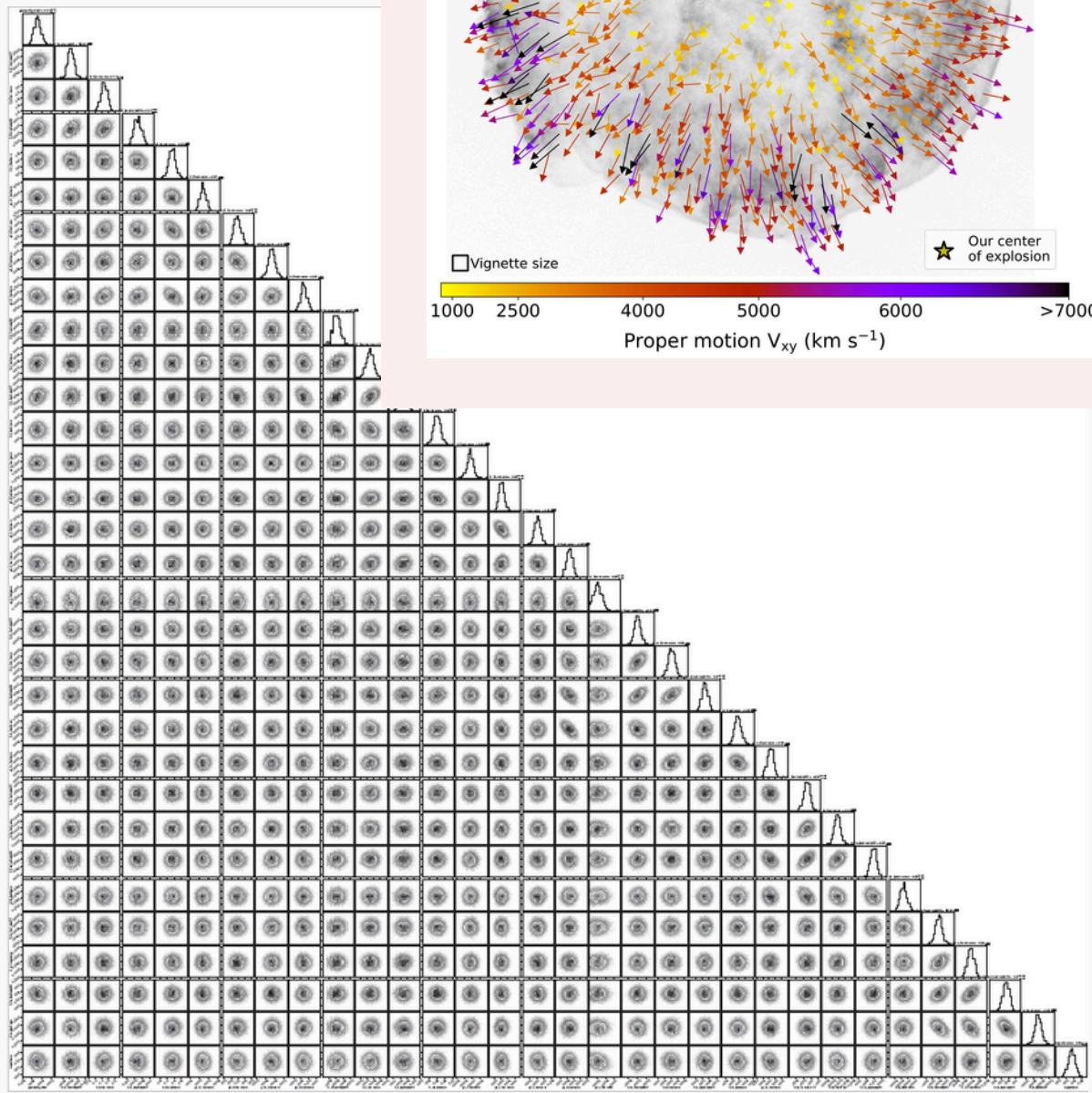
# **Component separation — method application to young SNRs**

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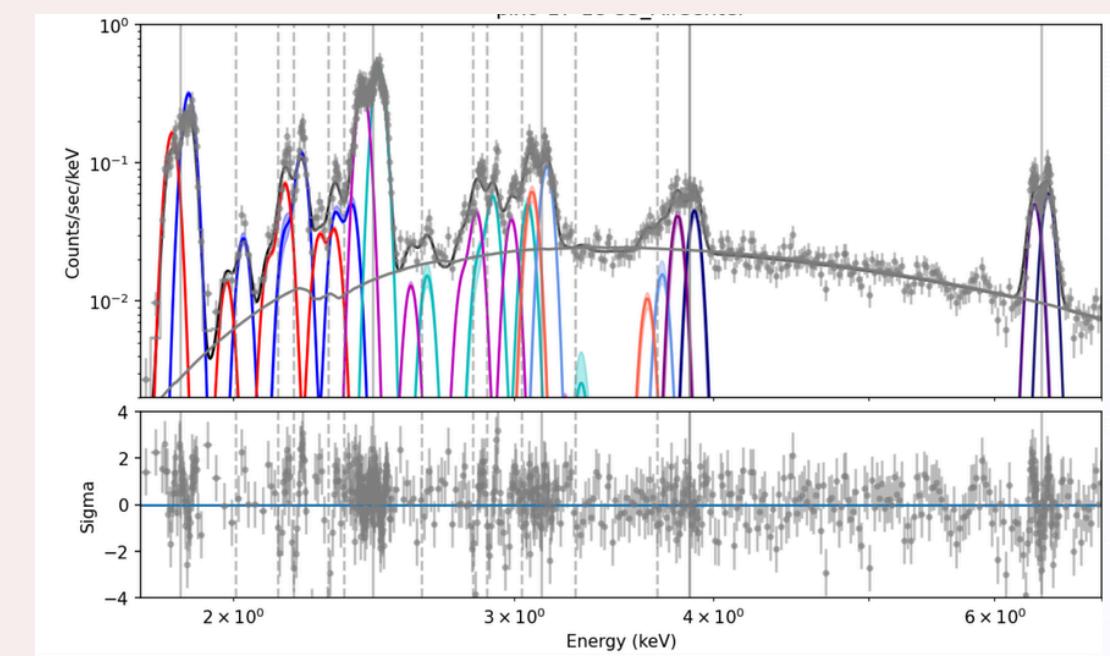
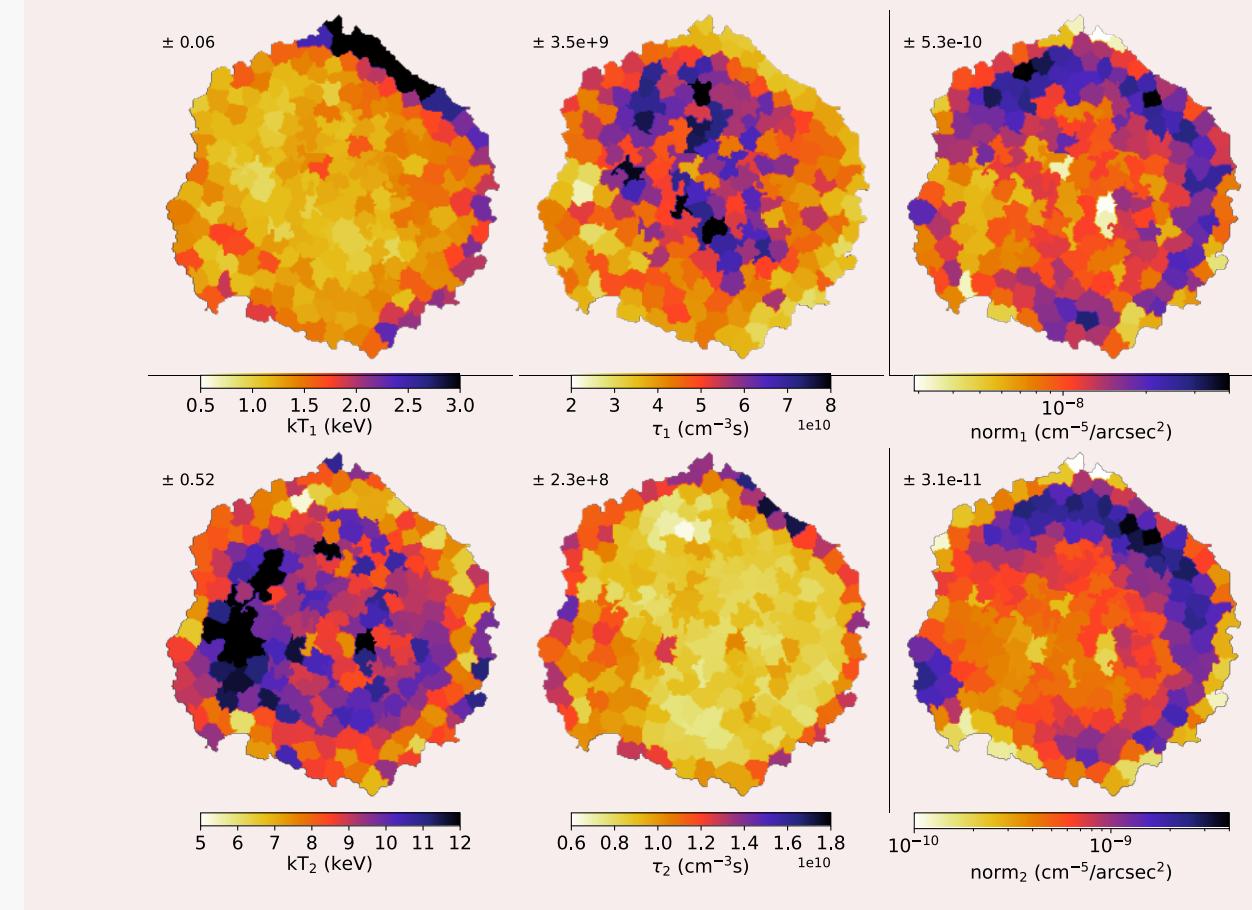
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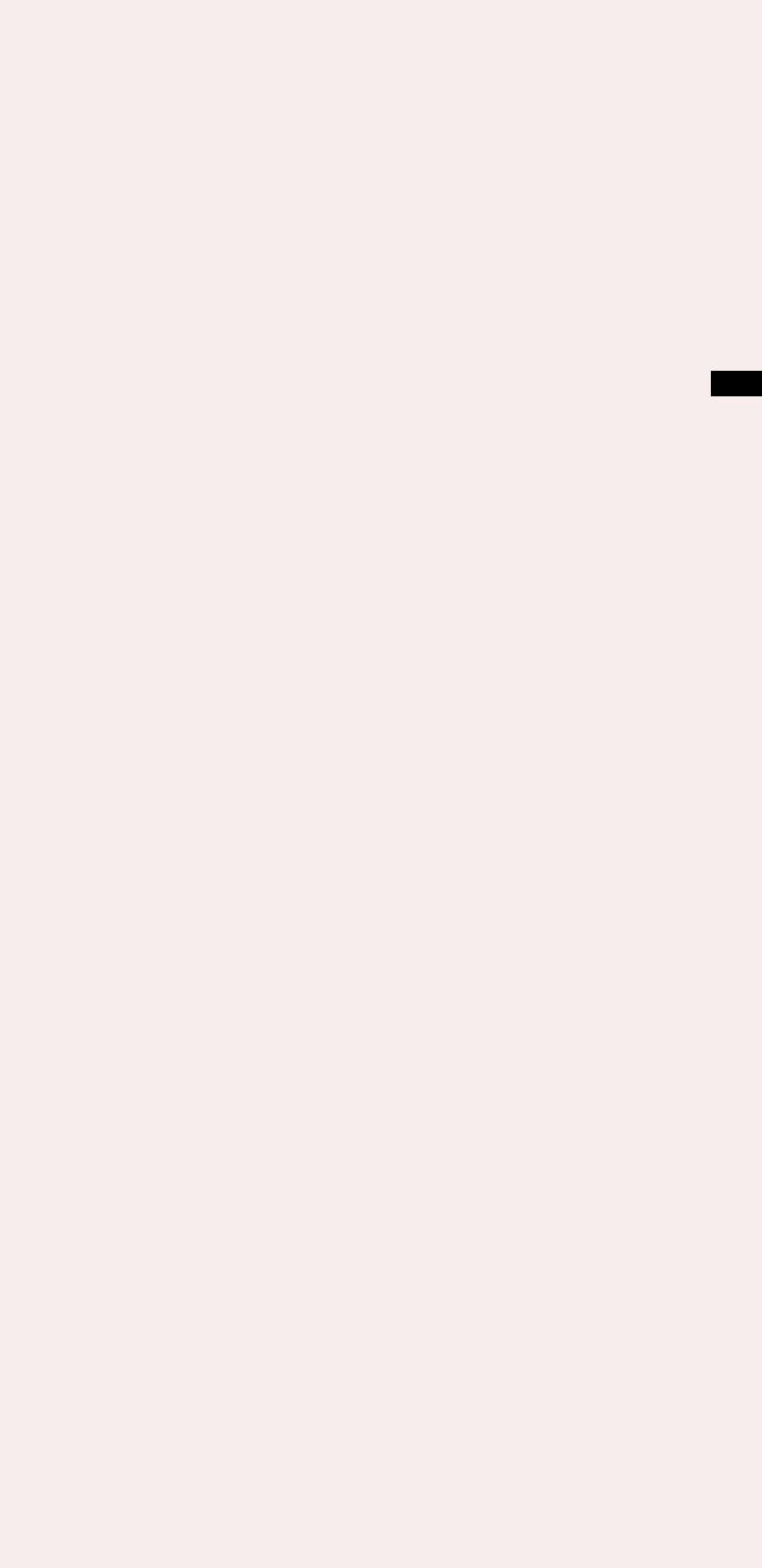
## 3D dynamics of Tycho's SNR



**XRISM fitting of  
Tycho's SNR to  
investigate 3D  
dynamics**

## Parameter mapping of Tycho's SNR



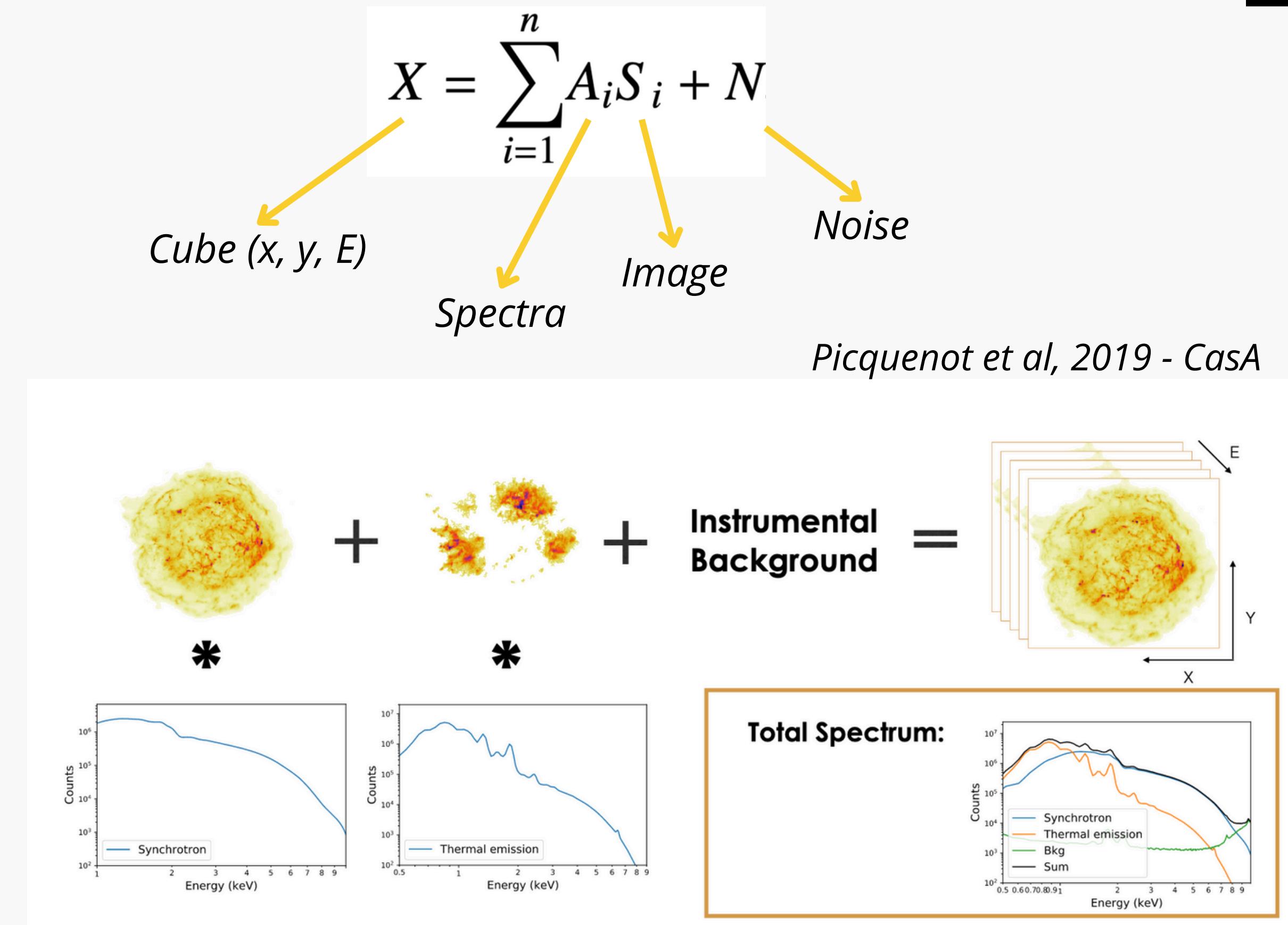


— GMCA

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Component Analysis

# GMCA principle

- Data cube decomposition in a **linear combination of spectrum and image**
- Ill posed problem : sparsity regularisation based on wavelet transform
- Blind source process but possibility of initialisation



# GMCA community

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## *Technical articles :*

- Bobin et al, 2015 : original method (GMCA)
- Picquenot et al, 2019 : pGMCA - Poisson noise
- Gertosio et al, 2023 : sGMCA - Semi blind
- Lascar et al, 2024 : SUSHI - Spatial variation of the output spectra

## *Science user articles:*

- Picquenot et al, 2021 - Cas A, asymmetry per element
- Yamaguchi et al, 2021 - N103B
- Picquenot et al, 2023 - Cas A, synchrotron depending on energy
- Godinaud et al, 2023 - Tycho, Doppler velocity map
- Picquenot et al, 2024 - Separate thermal from non-thermal in 3 SNRs
- Picquenot et al, 2024 - Asymmetry per element, Tycho & Kepler
- Picquenot et al, 2025 - Perseus galaxy cluster

# pGMCA python script example

1) **Spatial and spectral rebining** to increase the stastistics, must be adapted to the goal of the study.

2) **Possible initialisation** of some spectra.

```
# choix Aref pour Kepler
nH = 0.6 # à vérifier
index = 2.6 # à vérifier
i1_pwl=np.abs(cube_data_nH - nH).argmin()
i2_pwl=np.abs(cube_data_index - index).argmin()
pwl_rebin = Rebin_template(E_template, cube_data_pwl[i2_pwl][i1_pwl], Eref )

test_Aref = np.array([pwl_rebin]).T
test_Aref.shape
```

3) Chose the **number of components** and the number of wavelet level.

4) **GMCA** (and then pGMCA, but longer)

```
# étape 1 : GMCA
Ncomp=3
nJ=3
cube_wav=pys.Starlet_Forward3D(cube_data,J=nJ)
Sources,g_A = GMCA(cube_wav,cube_data, Ncomp,0,UseP=0,L0=1,rL1=0,nmax=500, verb=1,mints=0.5) #, Aref = test_Aref
spectrum, image_source = reconstruct_comp(Sources,g_A)
print(spectrum.shape, image_source.shape)

# étape 2 : enlever valeurs négatives
signs_gA = np.sign(g_A.sum(axis=0))
signs_S = np.sign(Sources.sum(axis=(1,2)))
Sources_inp=Sources.copy()
g_A_inp=g_A.copy()
for i in range(Sources_inp.shape[0]):
    im=Sources_inp[i,:,:]*signs_gA[i]
    mask = im > 0
    im_inpaint=pys.FBS_Inpainting(im*mask,mask,nmax=500,perscale=1,L0=0,kmad=0.1,J=2)
    Sources_inp[i,:,:]=im_inpaint
    g_A=g_A[:,i]*signs_S[i]
    g_A[g_A<0]=0
    g_A_inp[:,i]=g_A
X, S_gmca, A_gmca = cube_data, Sources_inp, g_A_inp

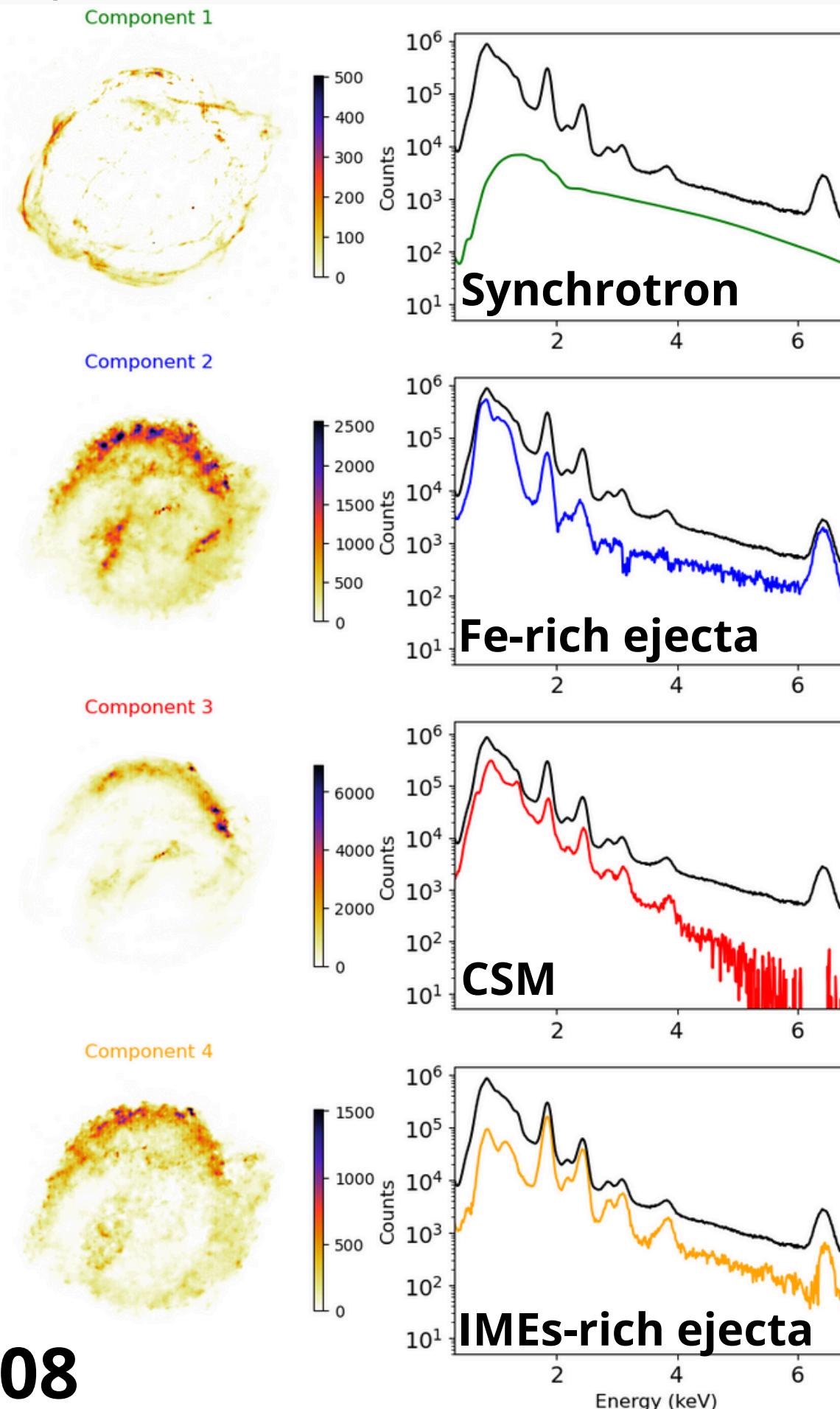
# étape 3 : pGMCA
A_pgmca,S_pgmca,_,_ = pGMCA2.BCD_Sparsity(X,A_gmca,S_gmca,np.mean(X),mu_k=100, CoVu=False,
                                              GFB = True,RwL1=False,J=nJ,s_thrd=1.,Starlet=False,Niter=3,verb=True,NiterIn=700)
#,Aref = g_A_inp[:,0], Sref=None)

spectrum, image_source = reconstruct_comp(S_pgmca,A_pgmca)
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5) **Interpretation** of the outputs, check for any **leakage** between them



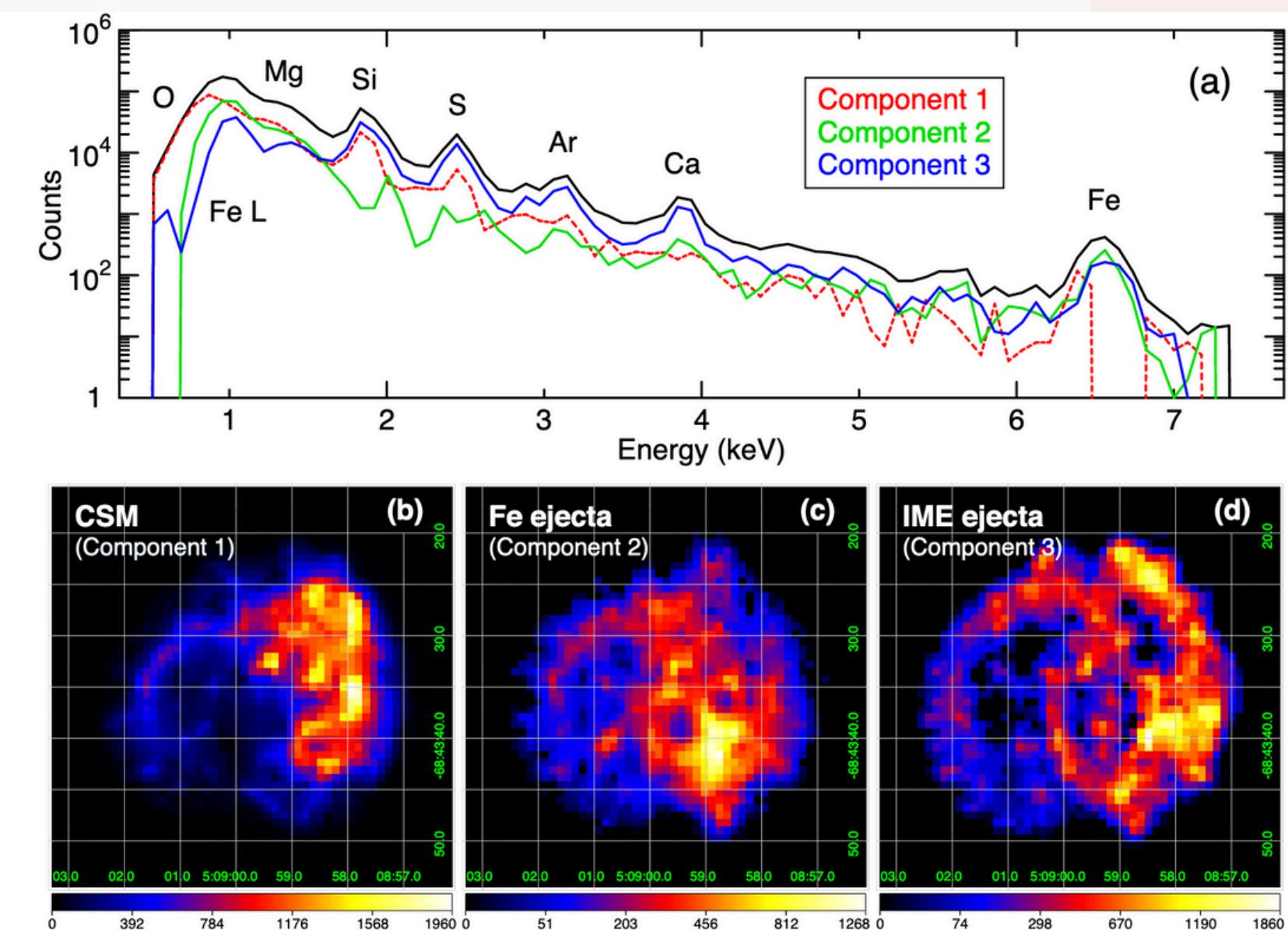
# — Applications

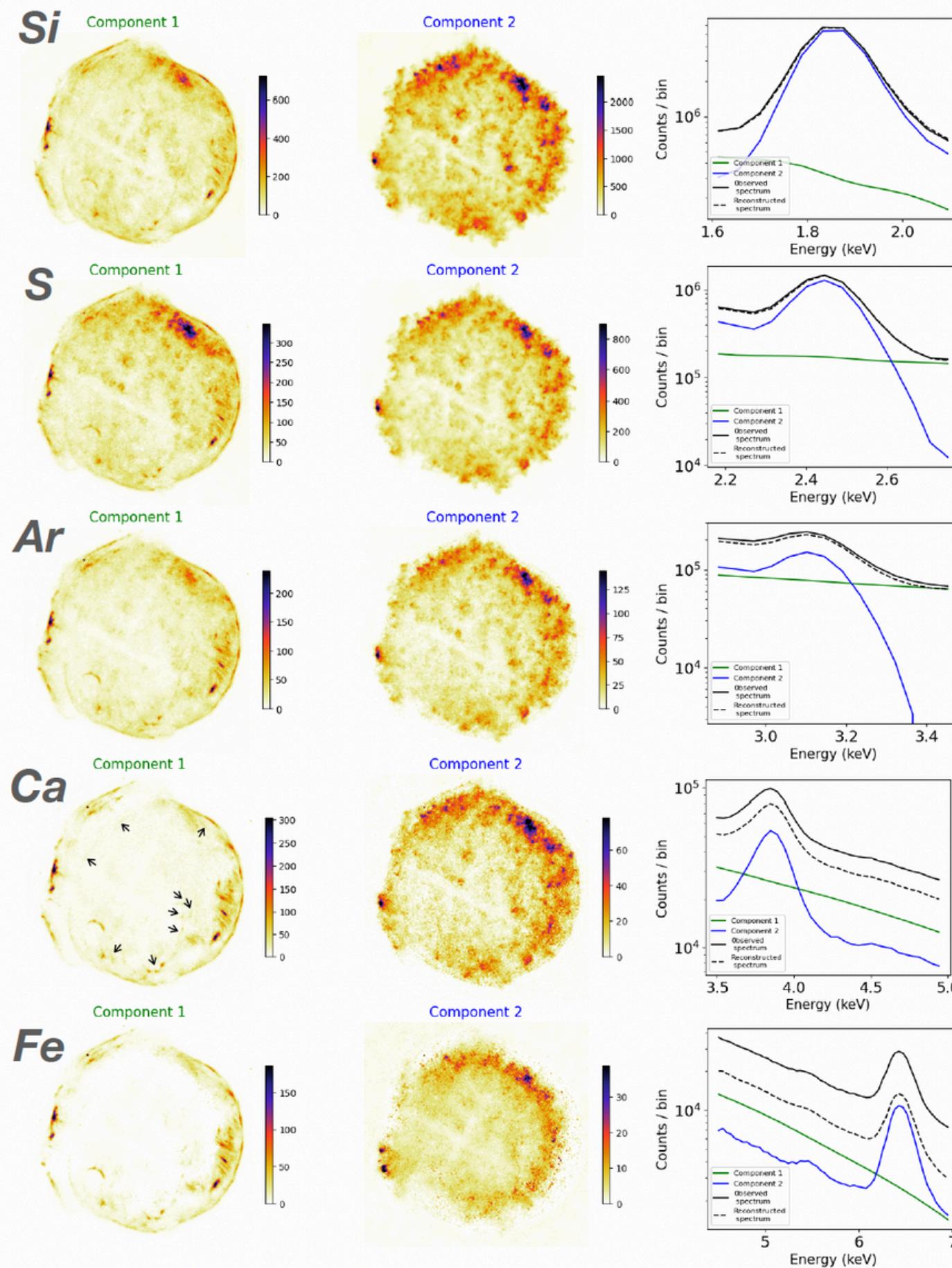


# Broad band decomposition

- Perfect for **first view** of what we can hope from the tool.
- Components with **high spectro-morphological differences**.
- Power of the crowd : information at large and small scale but not to believe in the smallest details.

Yamaguchi *et al*,  
2021 - N103B

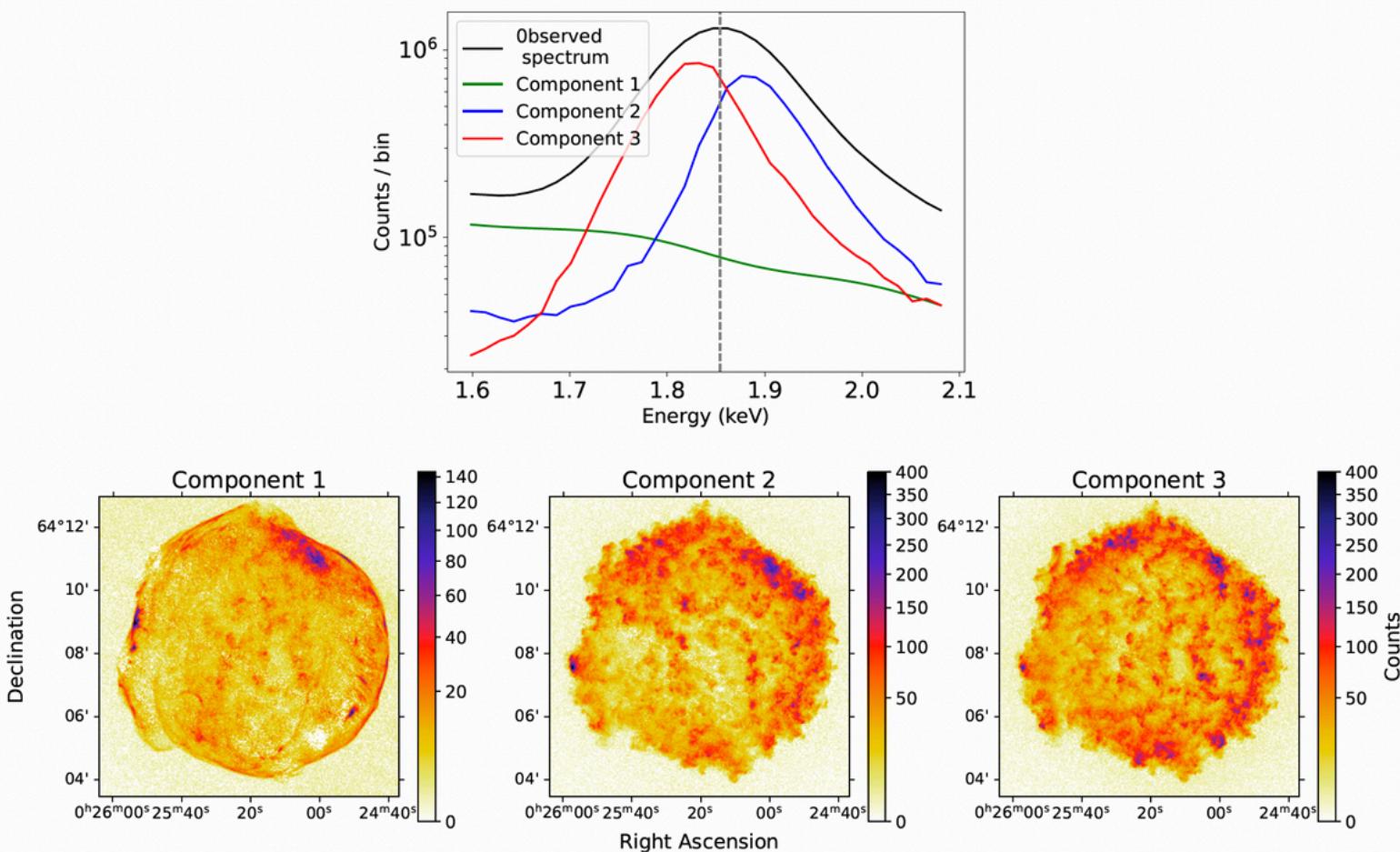




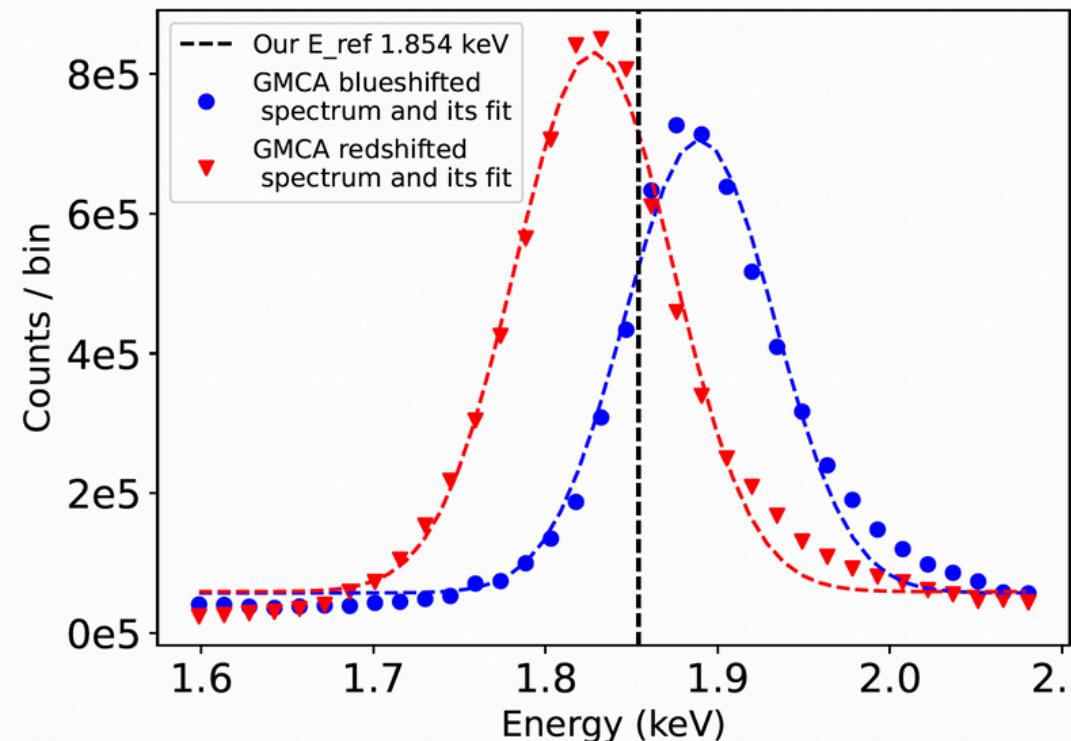
# Decomposition per energy bands

- A way to clean images in a little energy band and **reveal entangle components**.
- Thermal emission per element : study their morphology (ie. Picquenot et al, 2024), their stratification ...
- Non thermal emission : synchrotron filament in different energy band (Picquenot et al, 2023)

## 1) GMCA on the Si band



## 2) Fit the GMCA spectra with Gaussians



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# Line position reconstruction

3) Reconstruct the position of the line in every pixels

$$\text{Spectre}_{ij,\text{tot}}(E) = \sum_k l m_{ij, k} \text{Spectre}_{k,\text{GMCA}}(E)$$

$$\text{Spectre}_{k, \text{GMCA}}(E) = \beta_k + \alpha_k \exp\left(-\left(\frac{E - \bar{E}_k}{\sigma_k}\right)^2\right)$$

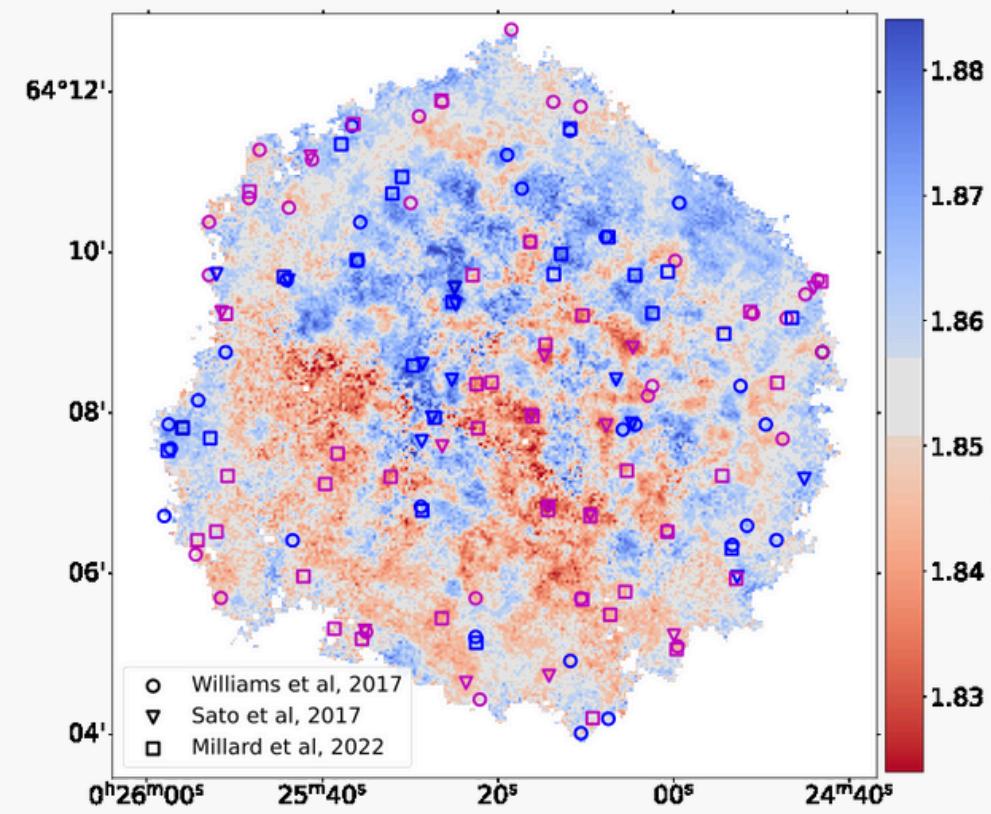
$$\frac{dA_{ij,\text{tot}}}{dE} \Big|_{E_{p, ij}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=2,3} S_{ij, k} \alpha_k \frac{-2 (E_{p, ij} - \bar{E}_k)}{\sigma_k^2} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{E_{p, ij} - \bar{E}_k}{\sigma_k}\right)^2\right) = 0$$

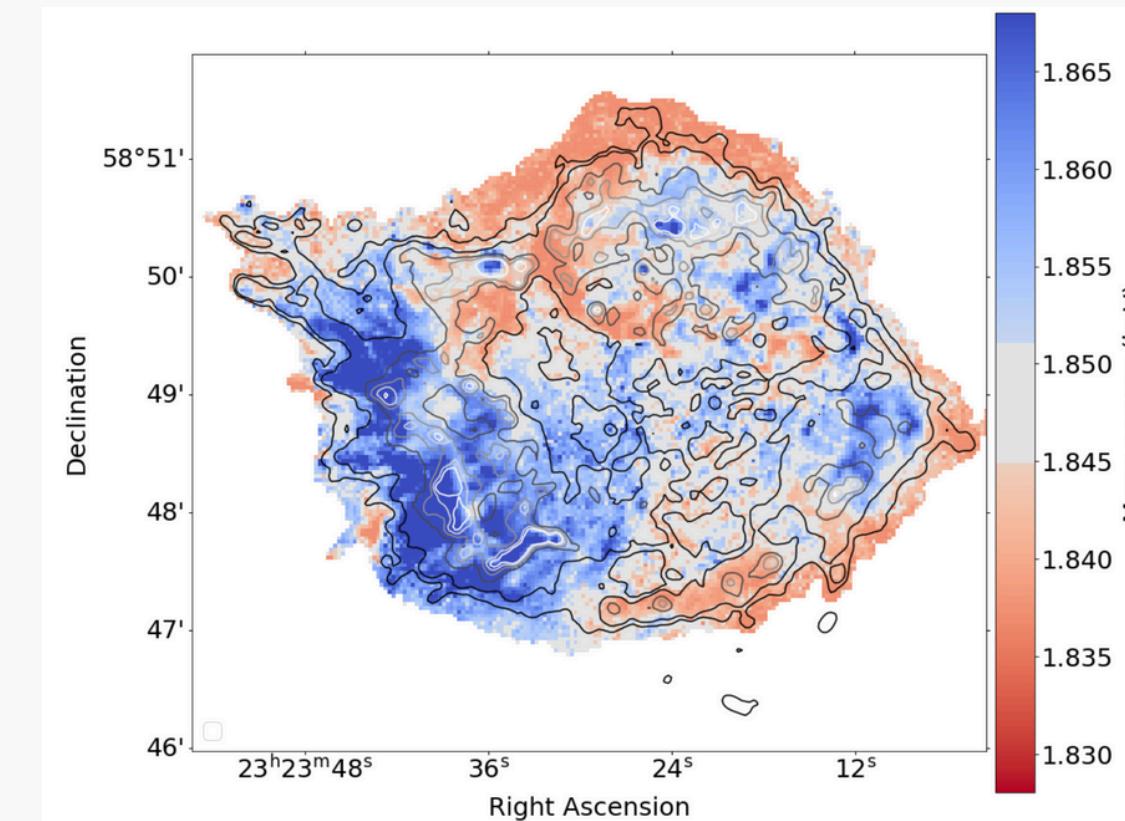
$$\sum_{k=2,3} S_{ij, k} \alpha_k \frac{(E_{p, ij} - \bar{E}_k)}{\sigma_k^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow E_{p, ij} = \frac{S_{ij,r} \frac{\alpha_r}{\sigma_r^2} \bar{E}_r + S_{ij,b} \frac{\alpha_b}{\sigma_b^2} \bar{E}_b}{S_{ij,r} \frac{\alpha_r}{\sigma_r^2} + S_{ij,b} \frac{\alpha_b}{\sigma_b^2}}$$

# Line position reconstruction

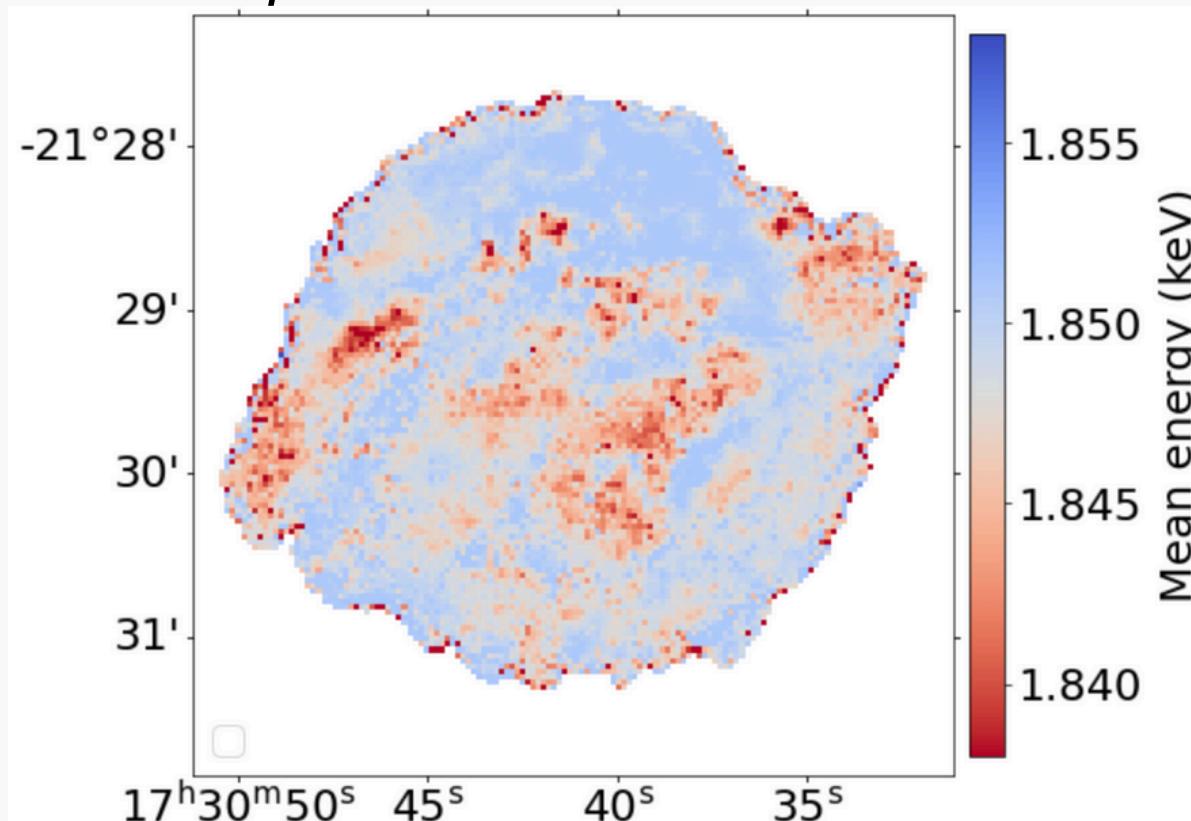
*Tycho - Si (Godinaud et al, 2023)*



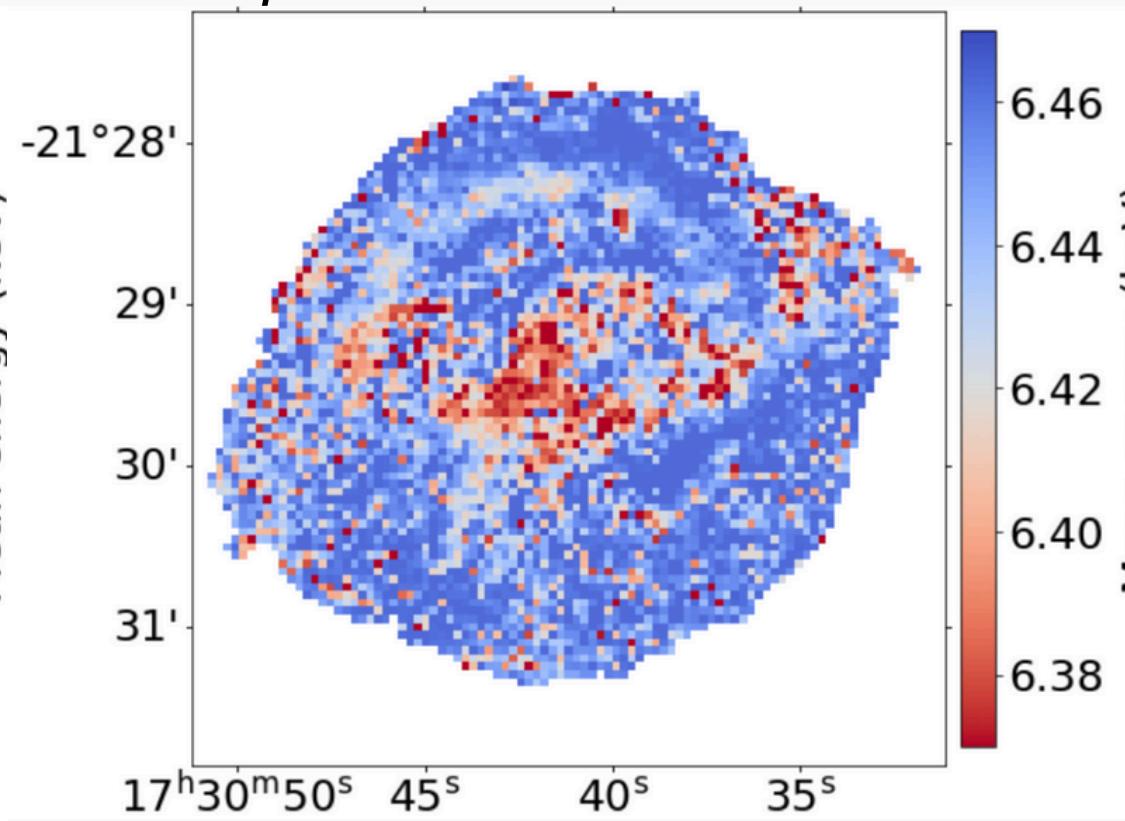
*Cas A- Si*



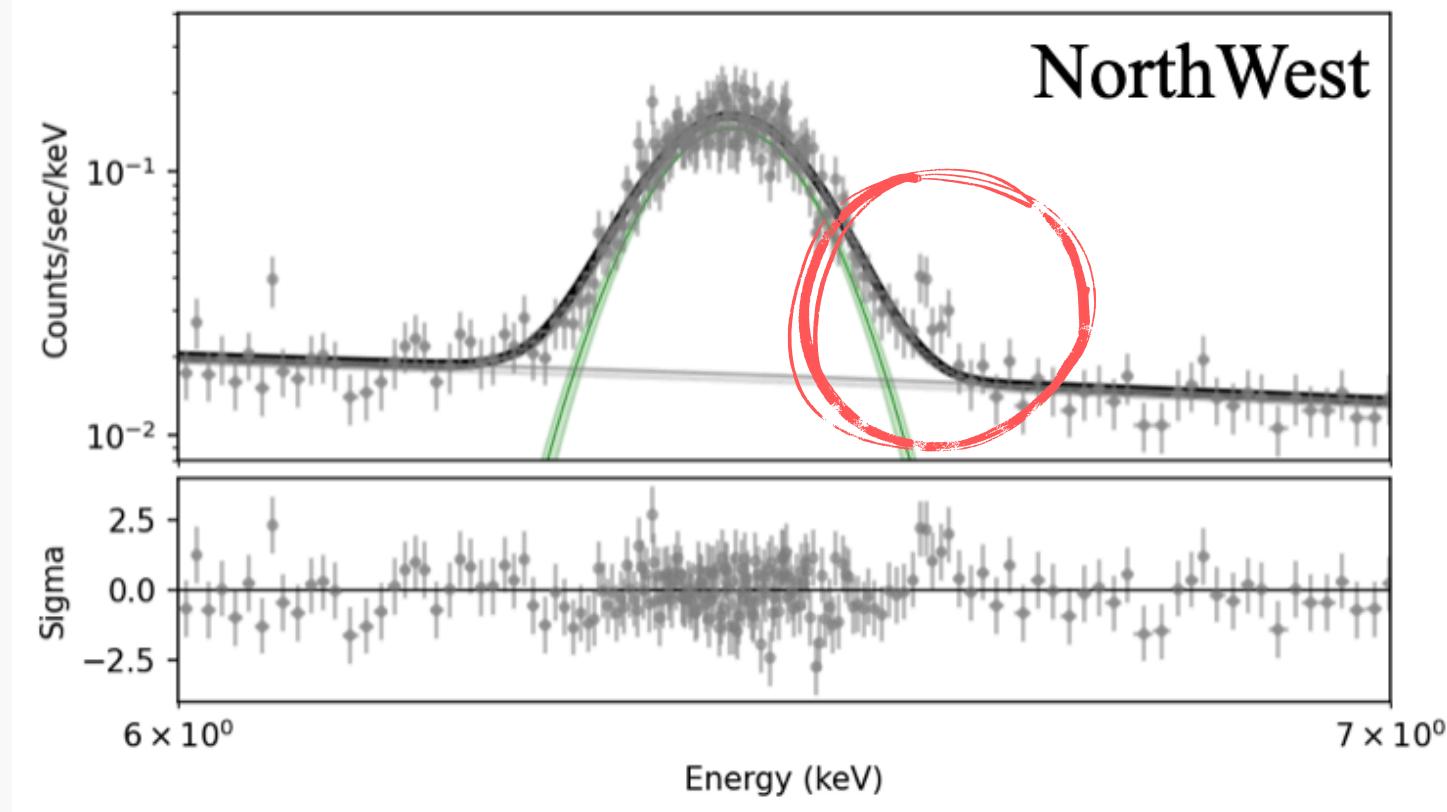
*Kepler - Si*



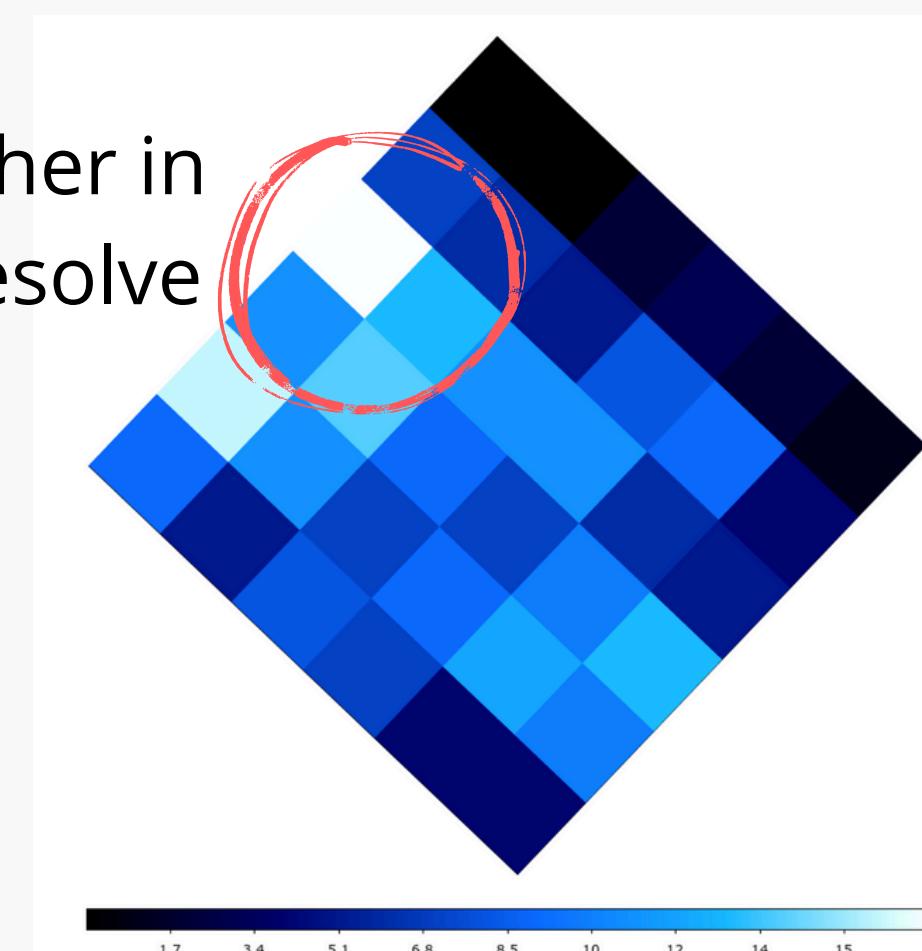
*Kepler - Fe*



1) We observe a mysterious 2nd peak in the Fe-K complex in our XRISM data !



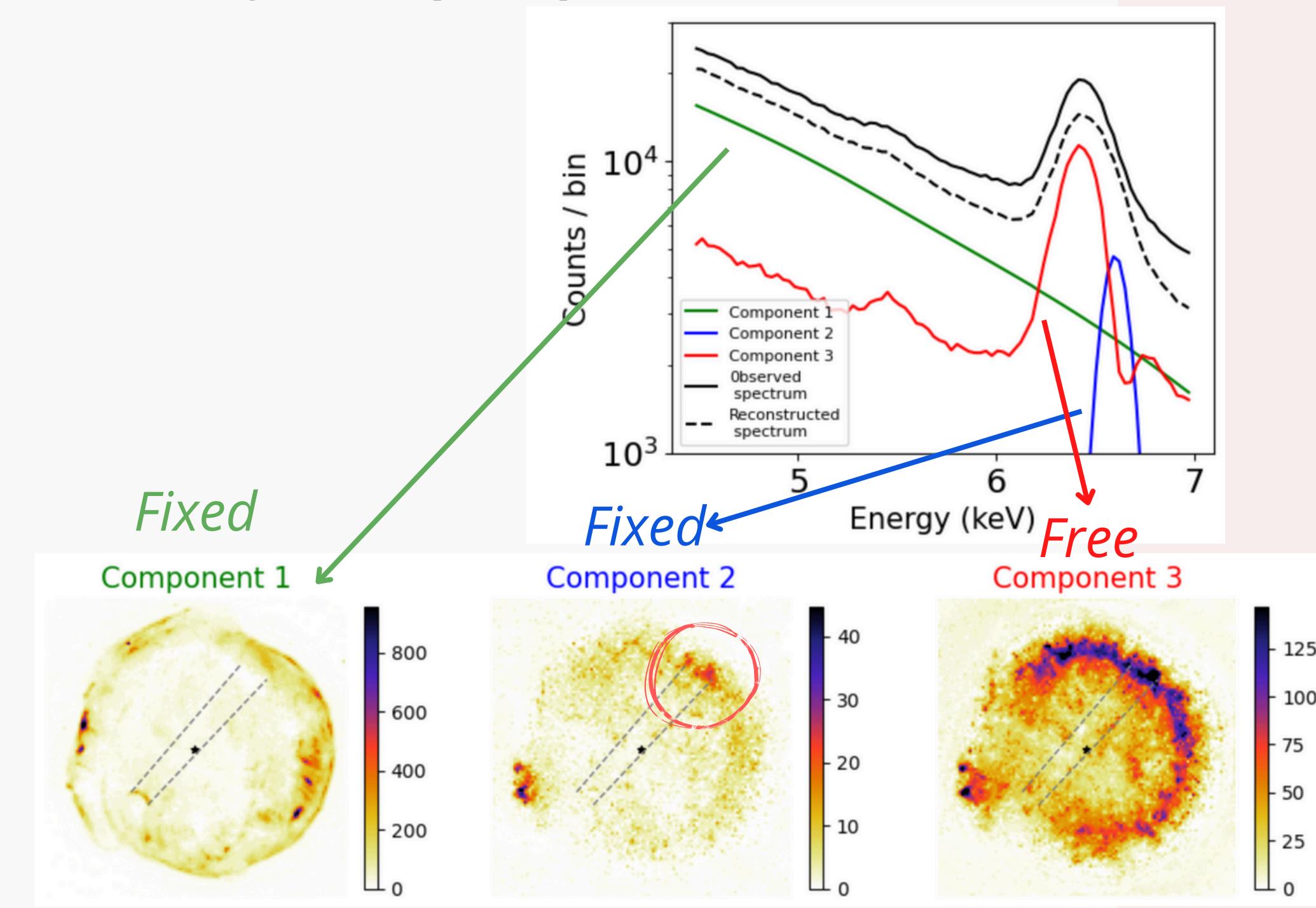
2) The line is higher in one of XRISM/Resolve pixel ...



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# Hidden component

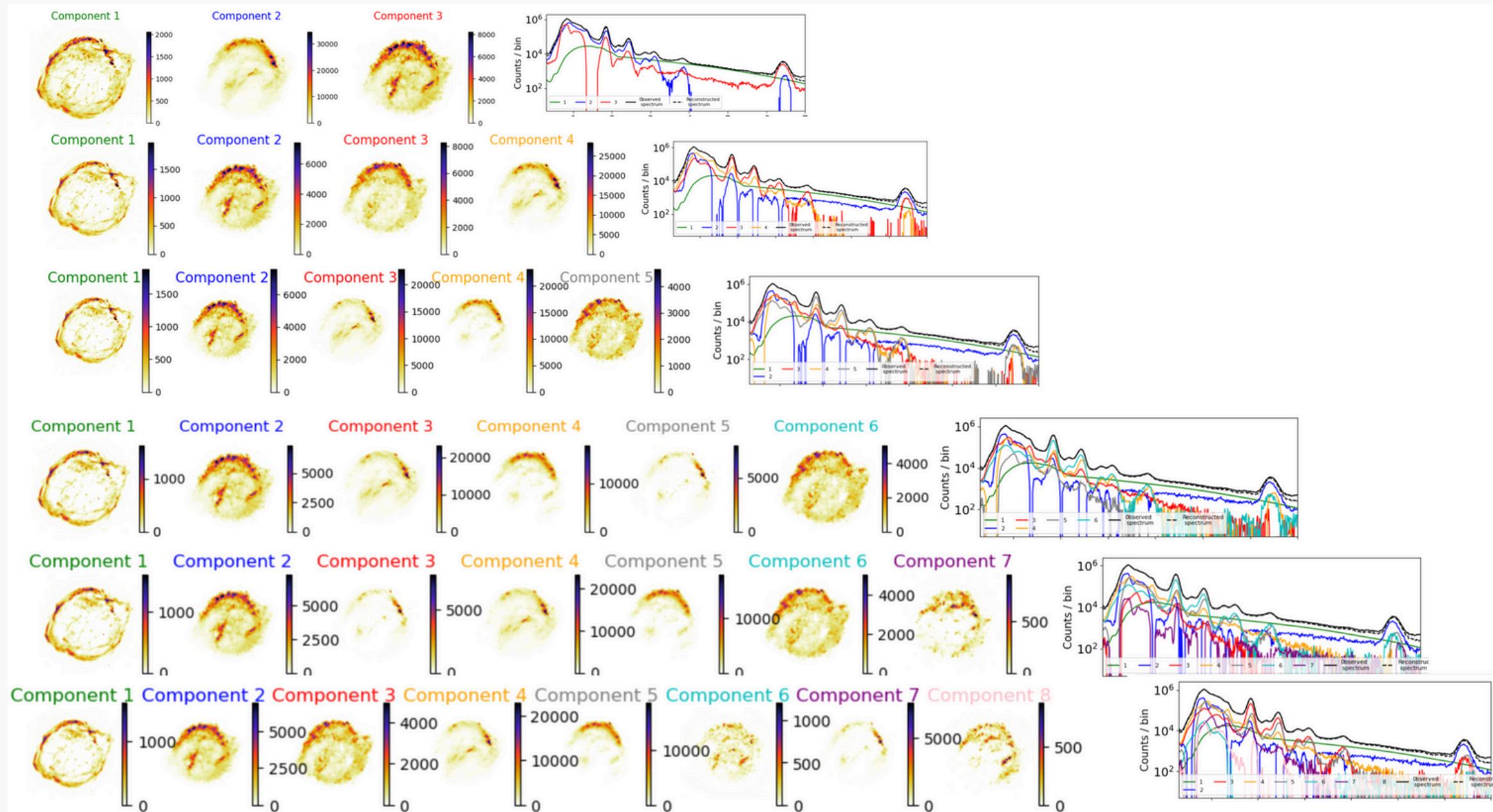
3) With GMCA we can check the spatial origin of this additional line at Chandra resolution **by initialising the input spectra**.





# — Limitations

# Play with the user's inputs



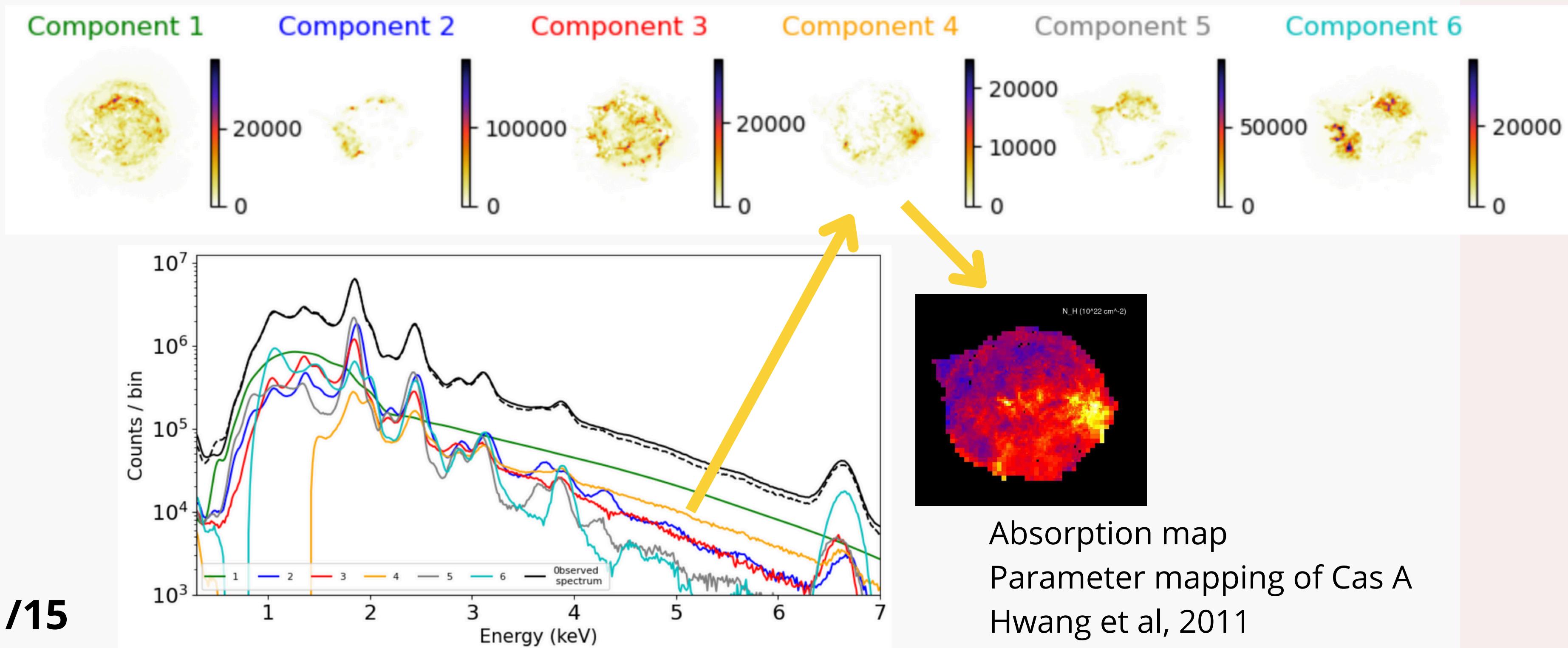
Check on the input parameters :

- The spatial and spectral binning
- The number of components \*
- The energy band
- The parameter of the initialized

There are compromises to do depending of the aim of the study and to have enough counts in the outputs.

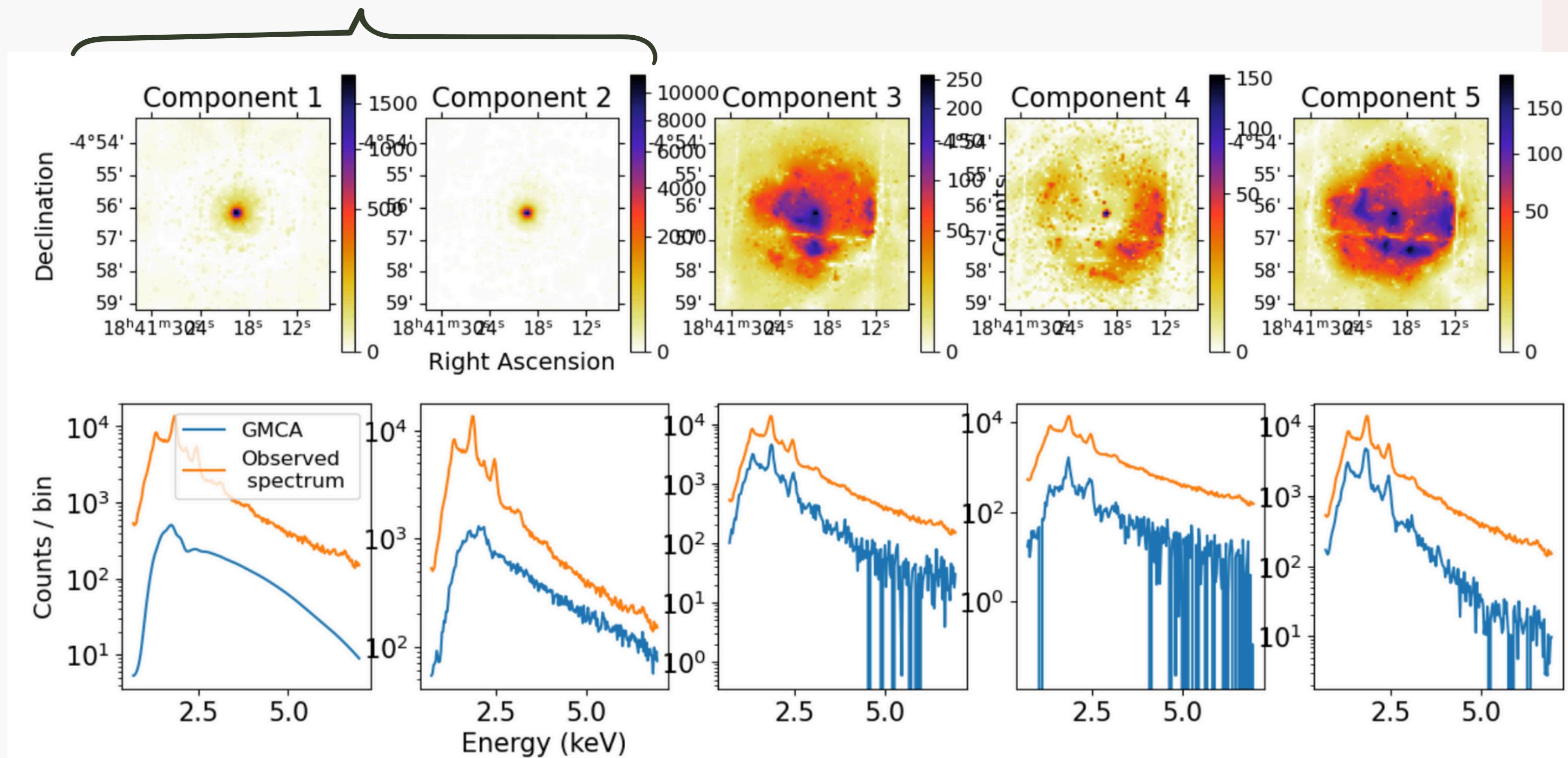
# Interpretation of the outputs

Non additive component : the example of Cas A



# Interpretation of the outputs

Effect on the PSF on XMM data of Kes 73



# Going further with the GMCA spectra

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Problems if you want to fit a GMCA spectrum :

- By default **no uncertainties in GMCA**  
see Appendix of Picquenot et al, 2021 for a bootstrap resampling and its effect on Poisson noise
- Sometimes “holes” in the spectra and leakage between the components due to the **lack of statistics**  
A “template 3D fitting method” proposed in Picquenot 2025  
inspired by fitting in Gamma-rays  
Use the image of GMCA and fit the spectrum with simple physical model



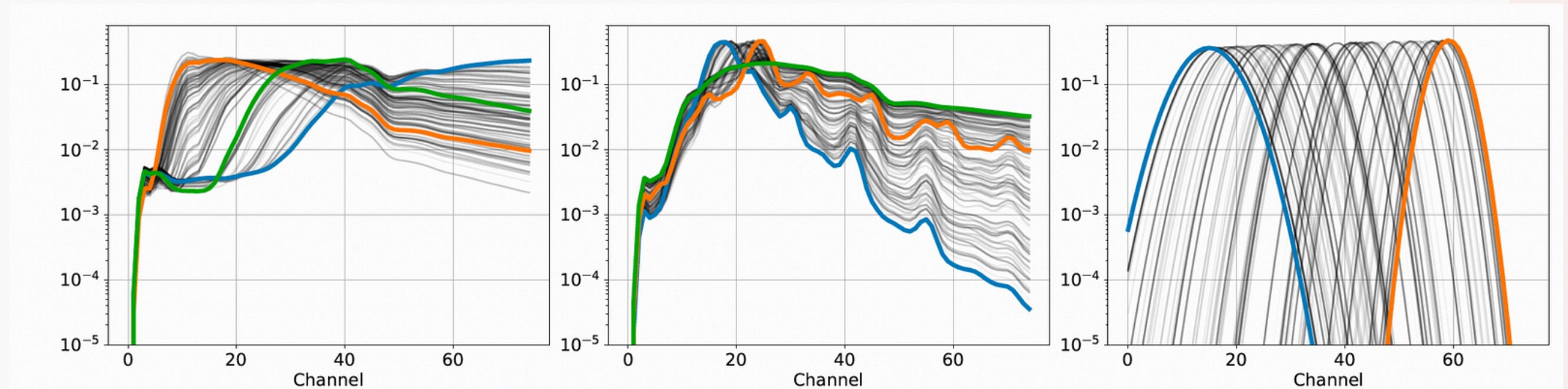
# — Opportunities

# sGMCA : semi-blind

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- 1) Produce a library of spectra template
- 2) **Train the auto-encoder to learn the variations between these spectra**
- 3) Initialisation of sGMCA with these learned spectral librairies
- 4) sGMCA (similar to GMCA but semi-blind)

*Gertosio et al, 2023*



(a) Absorbed synchrotron power-law models (b) Absorbed thermal models (c) Gaussian line models

Figure 2: Ensemble of three emission models. The colored thick lines are the chosen anchor points in the context of the IAE modeling.

# SIXTE simulation

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The options to do simulation of observations (increasing difficulties) :

- 1) “fakeit” based on **one spectral model**  
→ no spatial information
- 2) SIXTE : **1 spectral model + 1 image** at high resolution  
→ Same spectral information everywhere
- 3) SIXTE : **1 spectral model + 1 image per each component**  
→ GMCA output ideal for this !  
→ fast to simulate and a bit more precise for ARF or SSM test
- 4) SIXTE : Use a **spectral parameter mapping** of your source  
→ More precise but long to do the preliminary study  
→ I have done this for Tycho’s SNR
- 5) Advanced SIXTE : Use a **3D numerical simulation** as input  
→ Very computational intensive



# Summary

- GMCA is a tool for ***decomposing a data cube into a set of components, each with an associated image and spectrum***, using a blind source separation approach.
- Its use is straightforward: one must ***choose the spatial and spectral binning, the number of components***, and an optional initialization.
- The outputs must always be ***interpreted*** with prior knowledge of the object.
- The general philosophy is to extract global information to study properties on both large and small scales, but ***individual pixels should not be over-interpreted***.
- Finally, the tool requires a ***large amount of statistics*** to operate optimally.
- Application possible to ***every type of data cube***.

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# Thanks for your attention !

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