

A New Approach to X-ray Analysis of SNRs The SPIES Project

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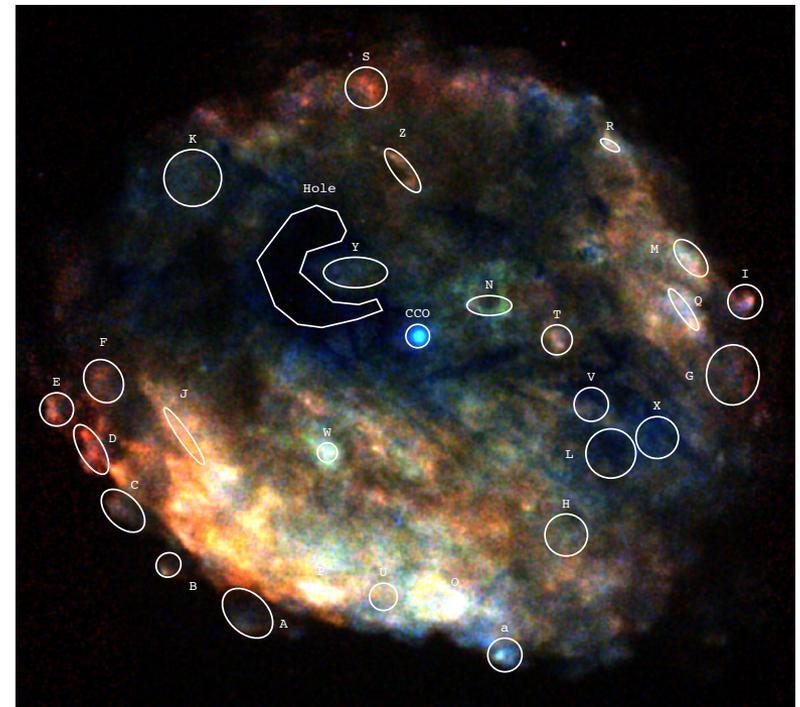
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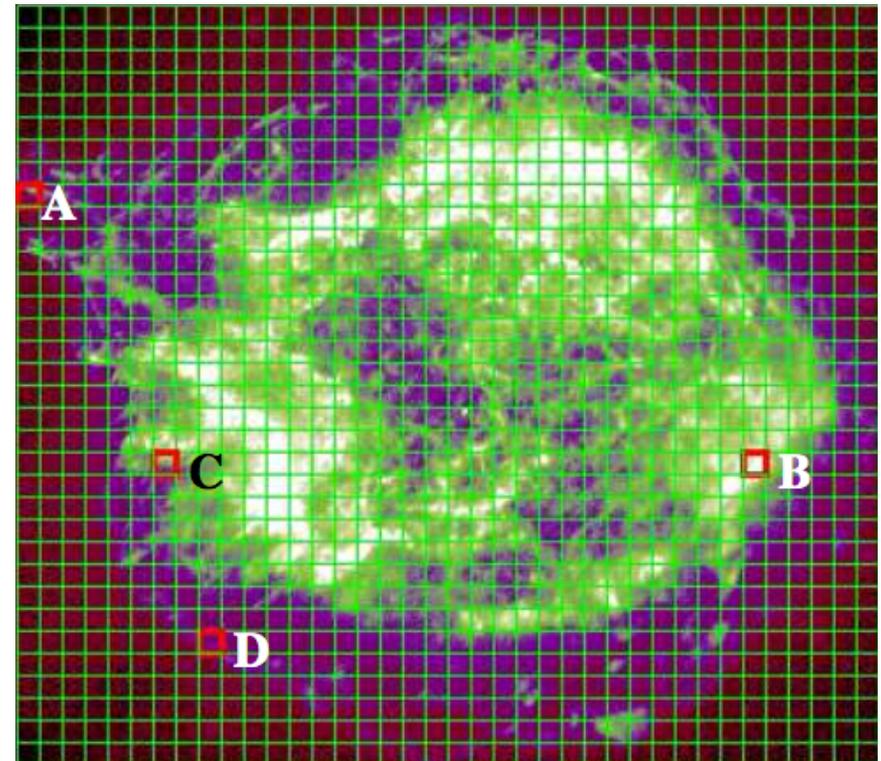
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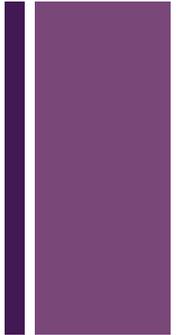
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SPIES Project

Smoothed Particle Inference Exploration of SNRs



- MCMC procedure to fit the event file
 - Event positions and energies are not separated – truly spatially resolved spectroscopy
- Does not require unusually long exposure times
- Does not require strict assumptions on the spatial morphology
- Capability to model many spectral components along a line-of-sight and in the plane of the sky
- SPIES Project: Apply SPI to sample of 14 SNRs observed with XMM
 - Characterize full volume of SNR plasma
 - Variety of ages, types, and environments

+ Outline

Smoothed
Particle
Inference

Preliminary Results

RCW103

W49B

Conclusion
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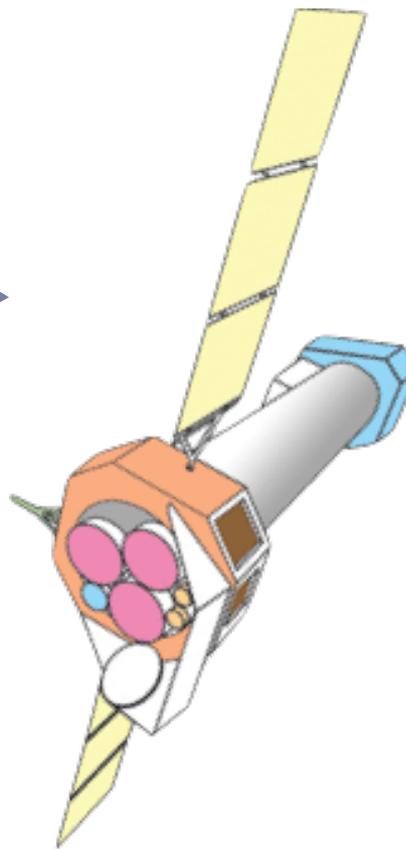
Smoothed Particle Inference

Blob Spatial + Spectral Model → Generate Model Photons → Fold Through XMM Response → Compare Events → MCMC: Choose New Parameters and Repeat

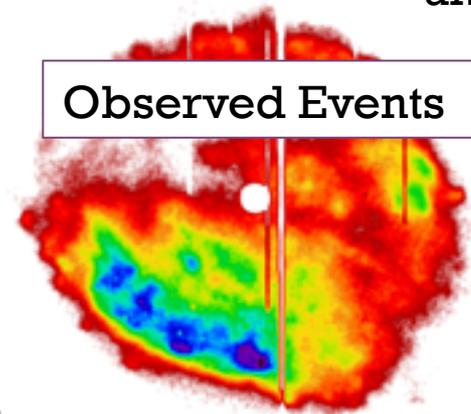
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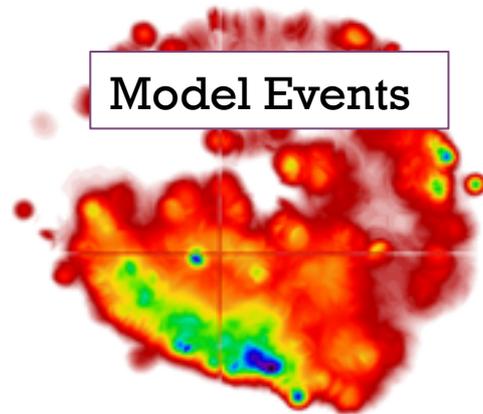
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Observed Events

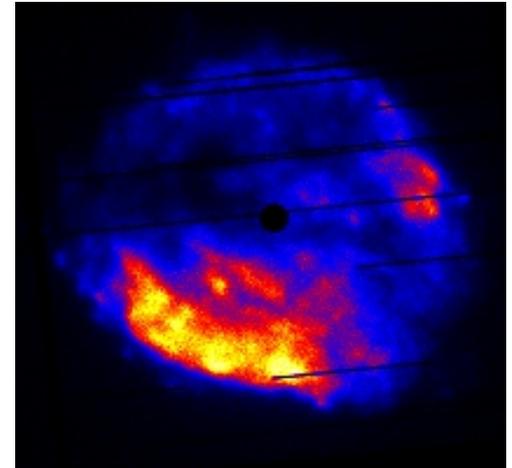
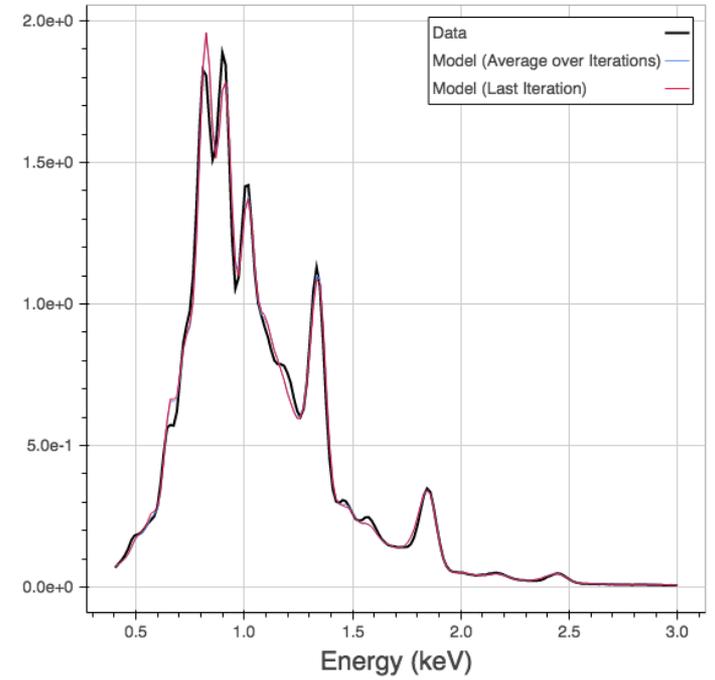
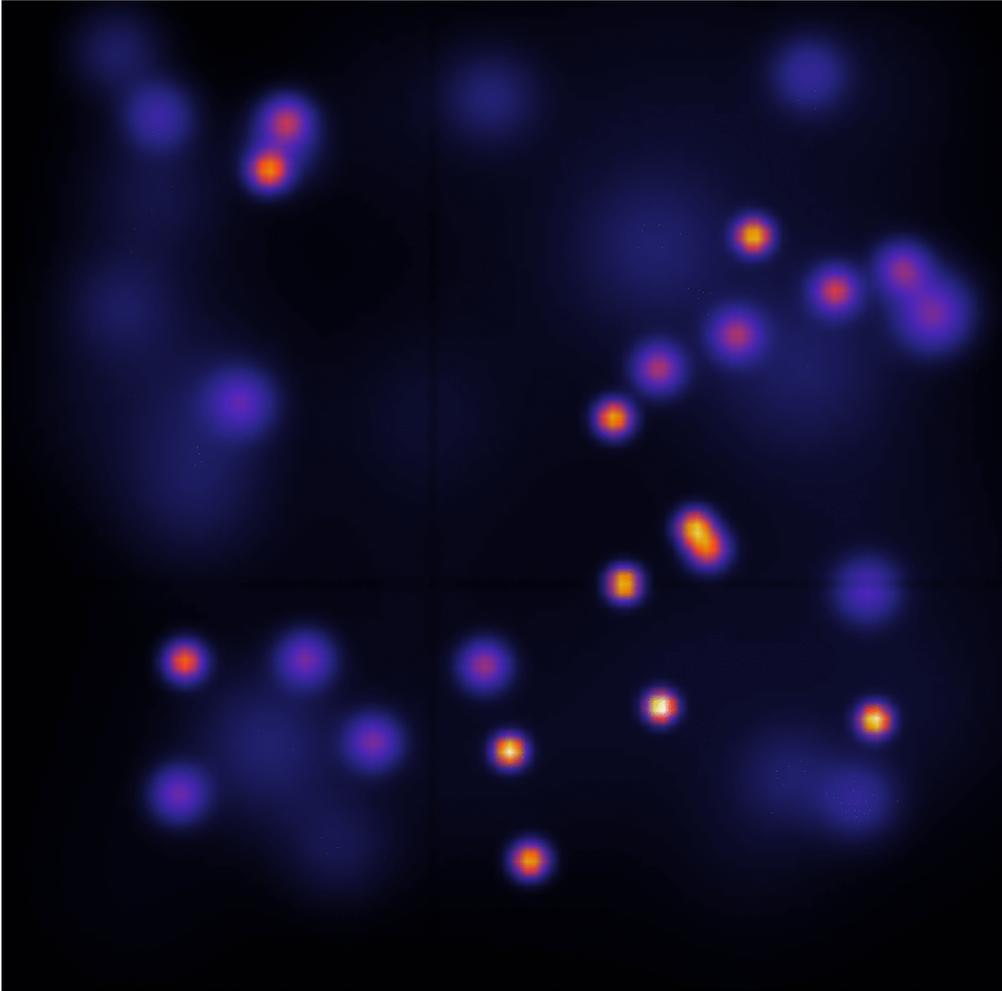


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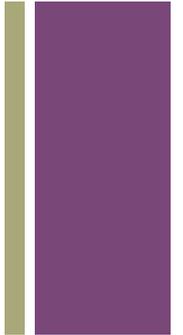


Peterson+2004, Peterson+2007, Andersson+2007

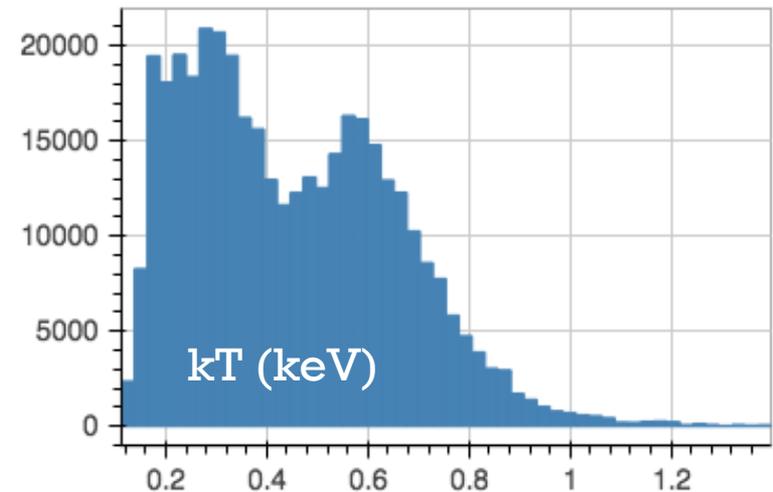
+ SPI Fitting in Action



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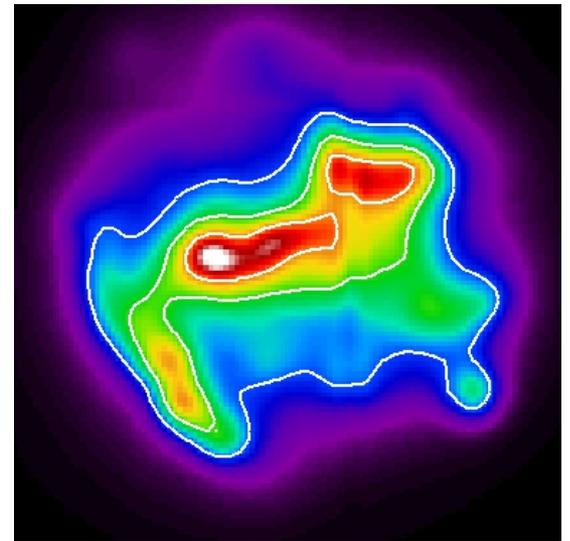


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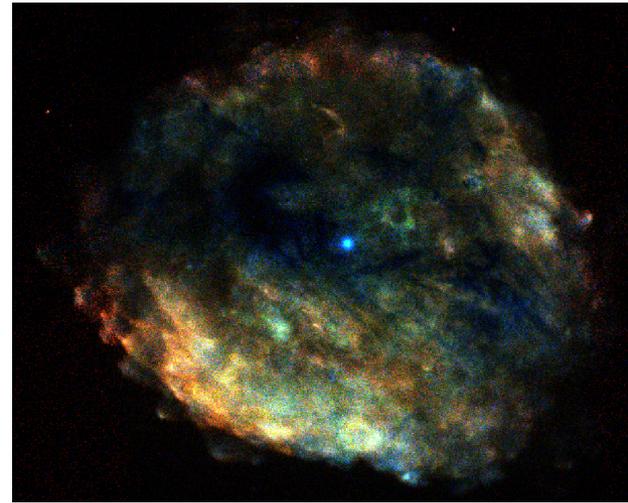
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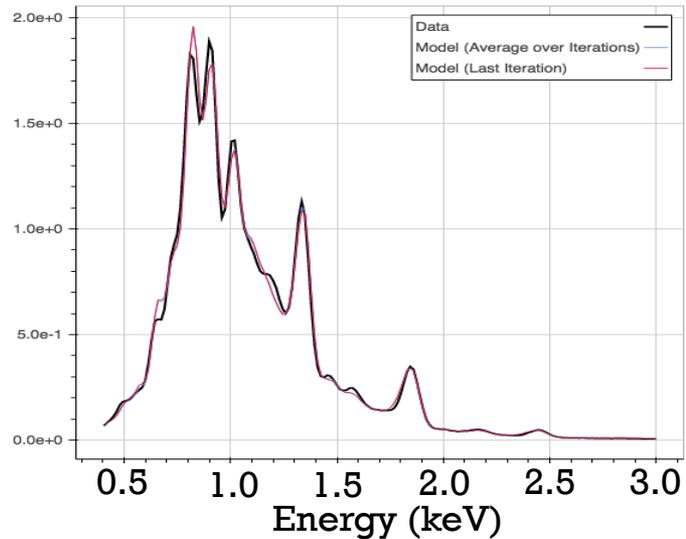
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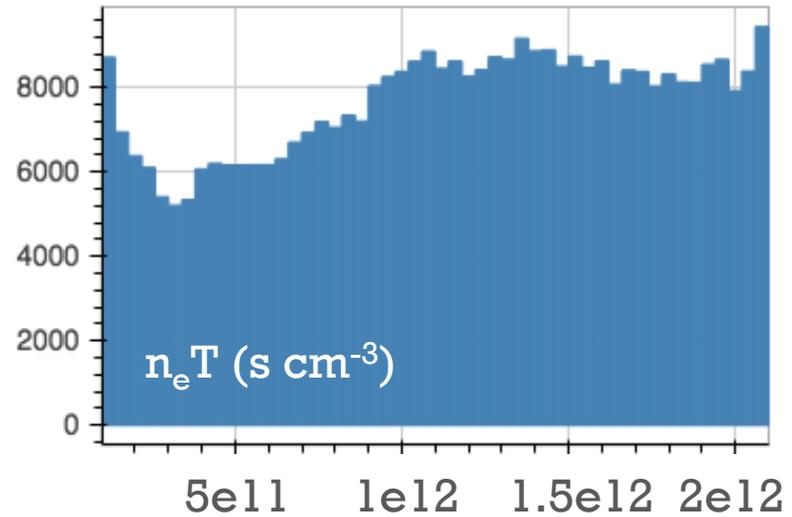
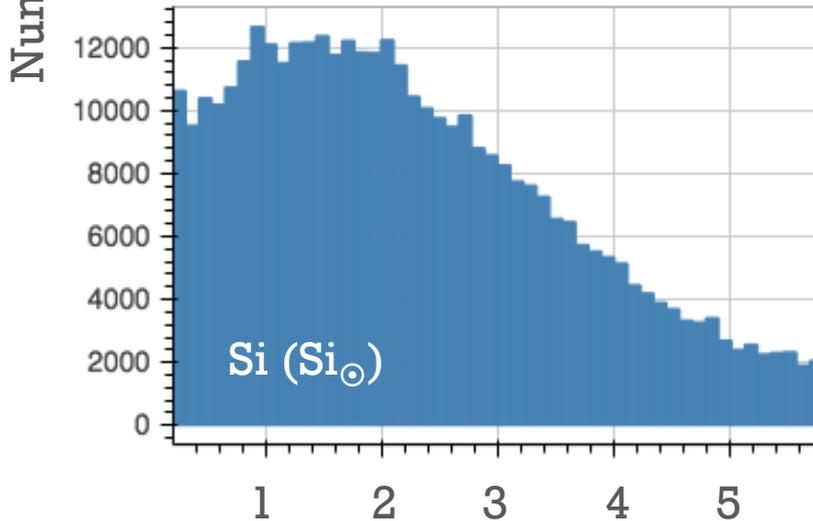
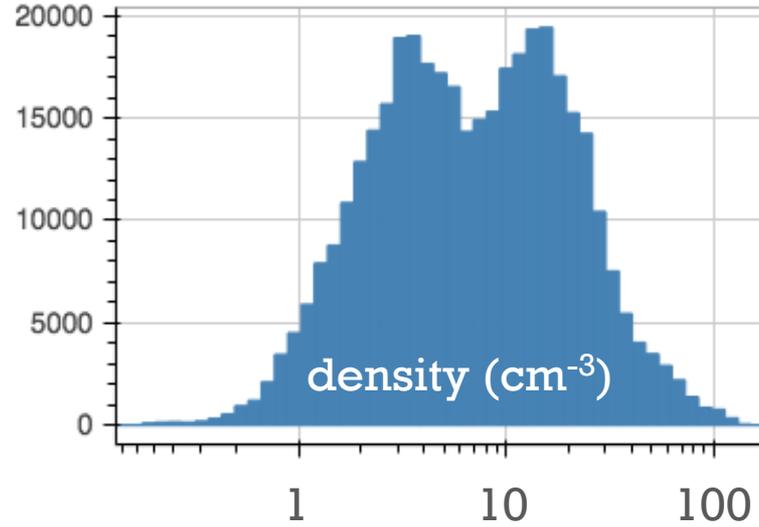
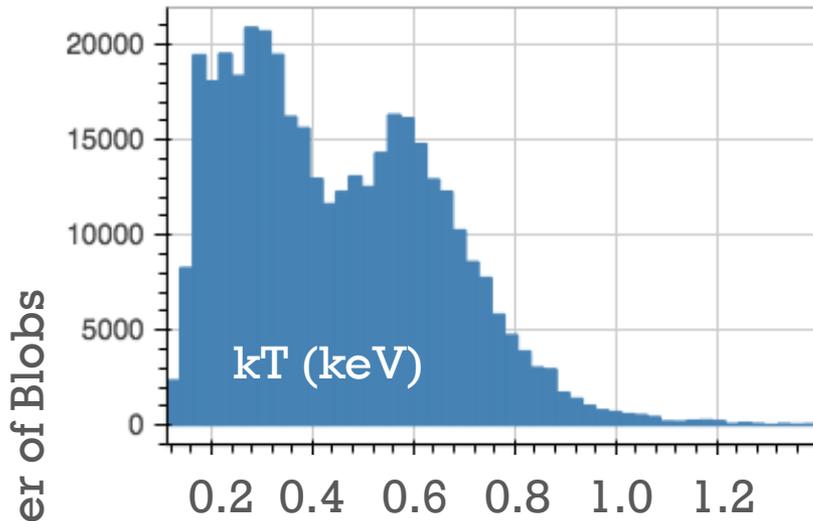


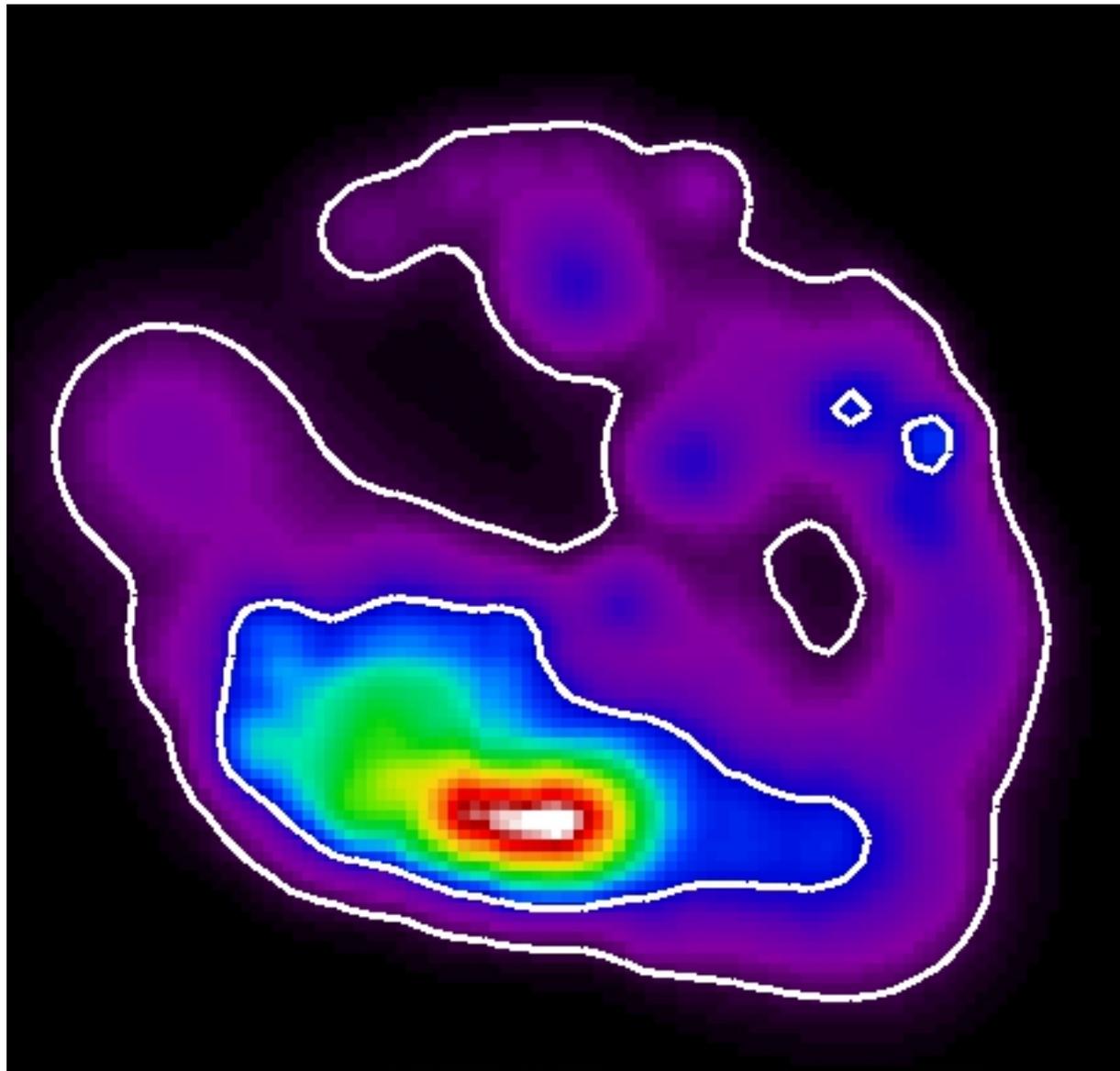
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Maps

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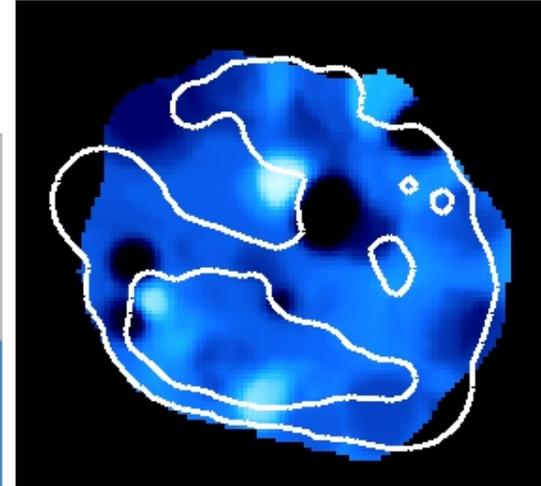
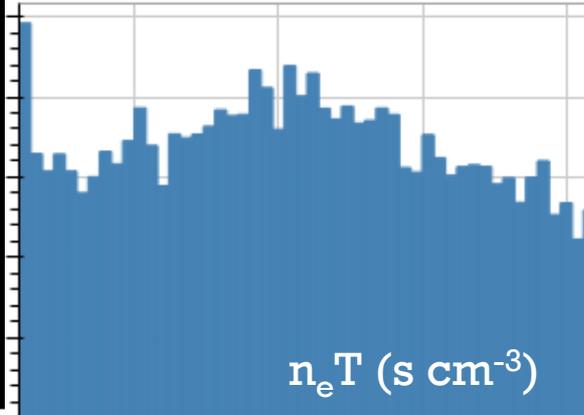
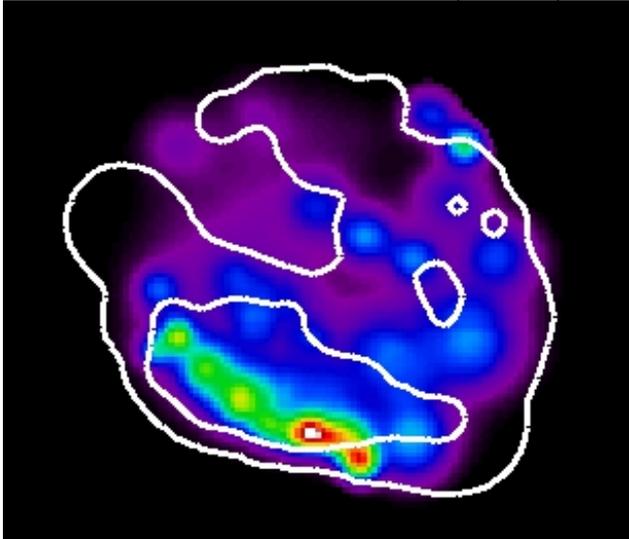
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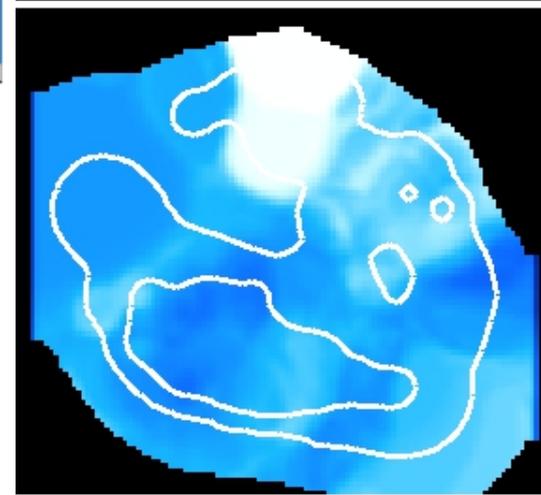
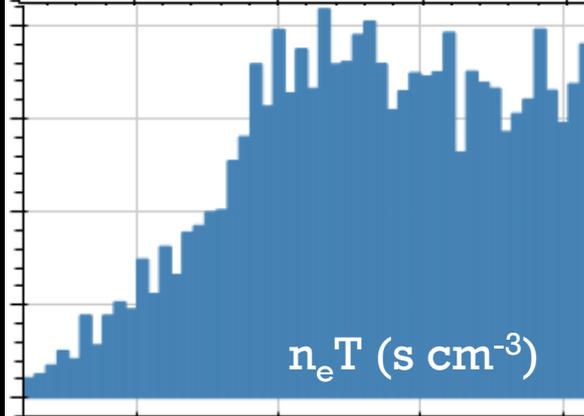
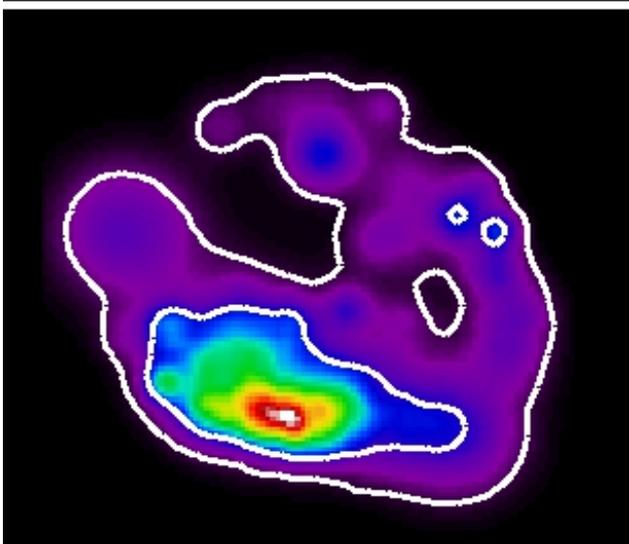
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High kT
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Low kT
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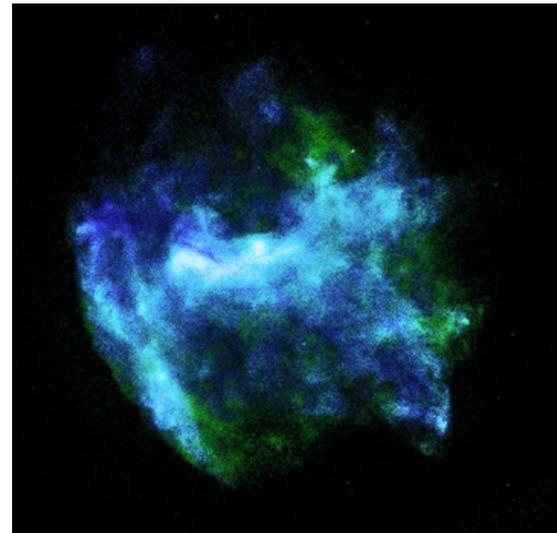
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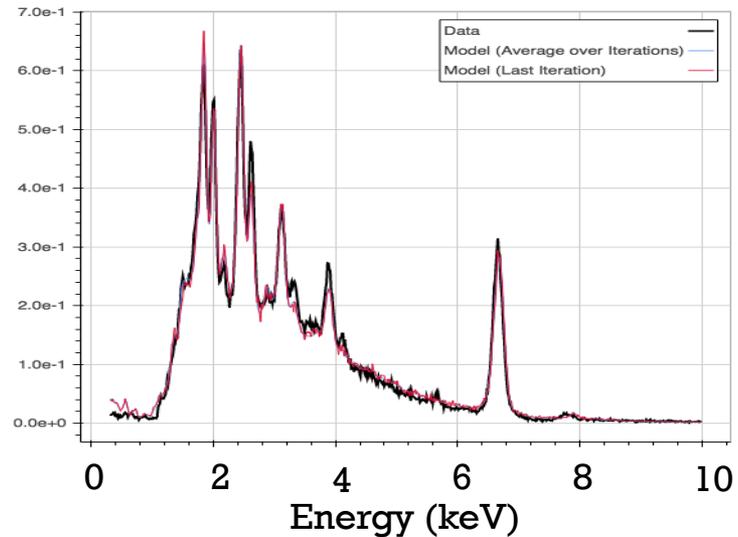
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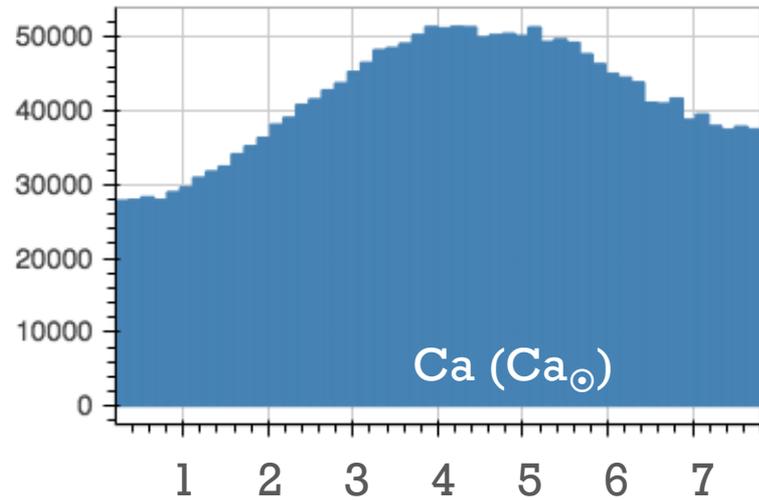
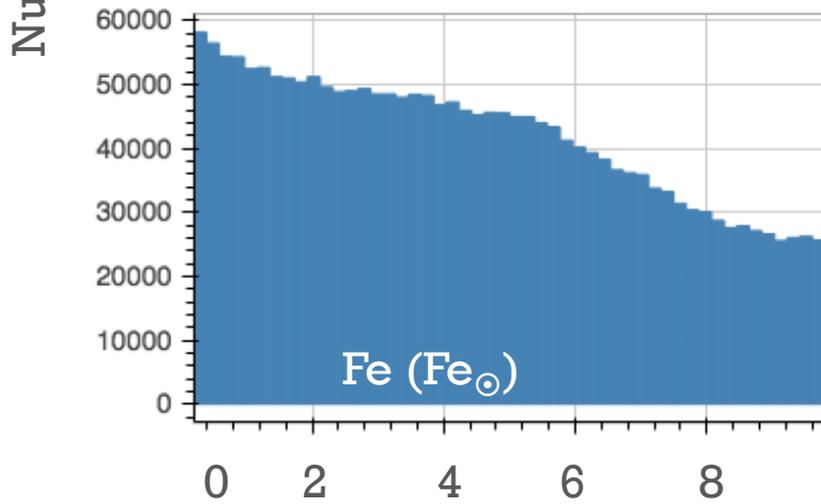
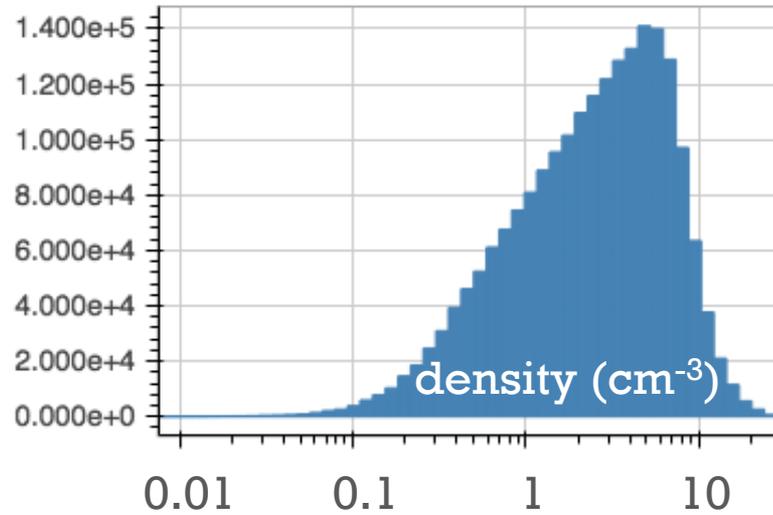
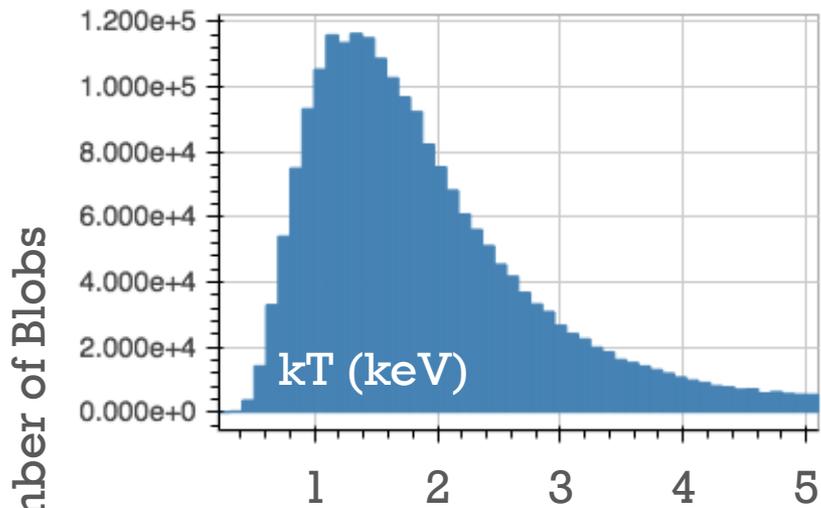
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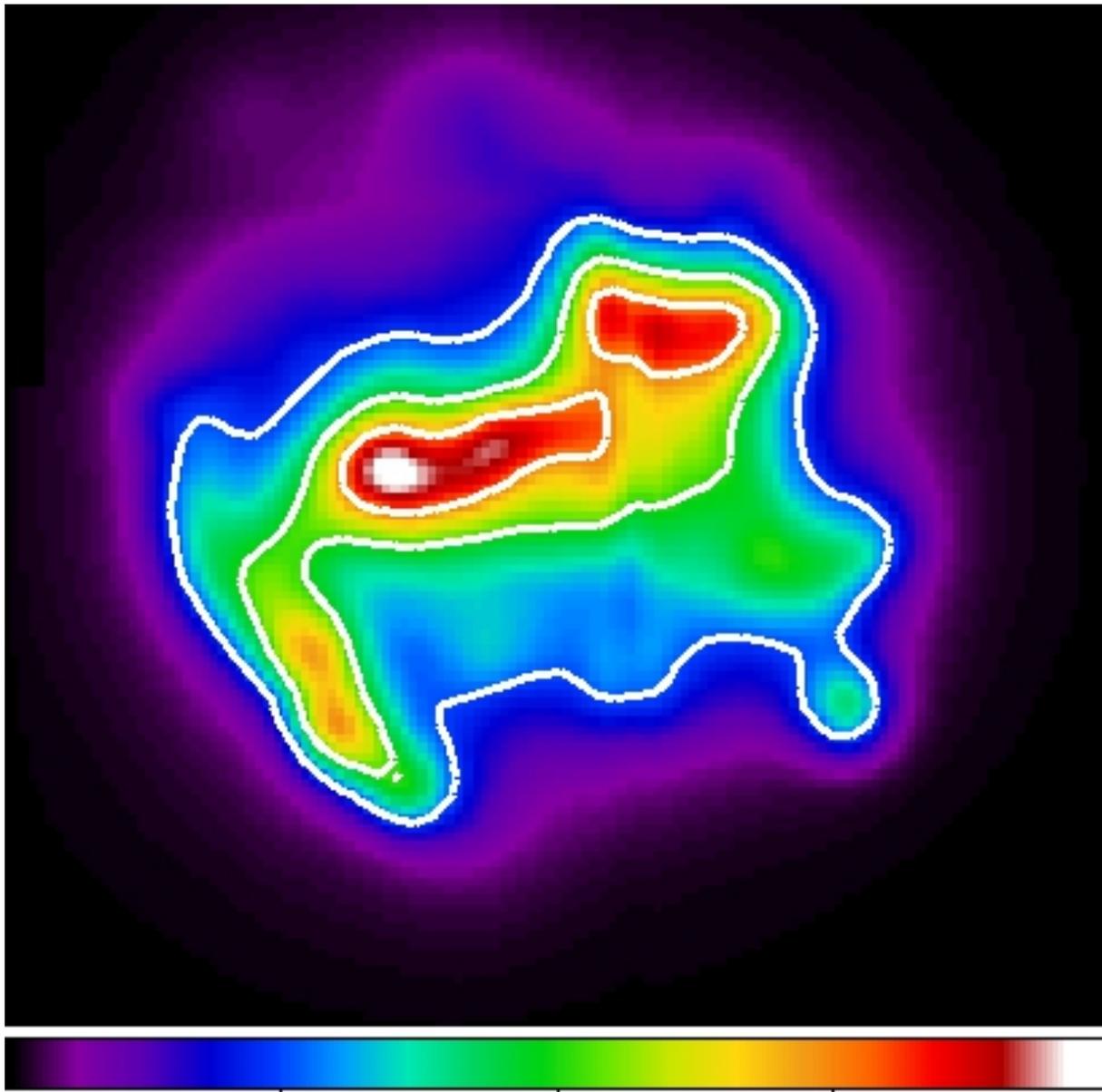


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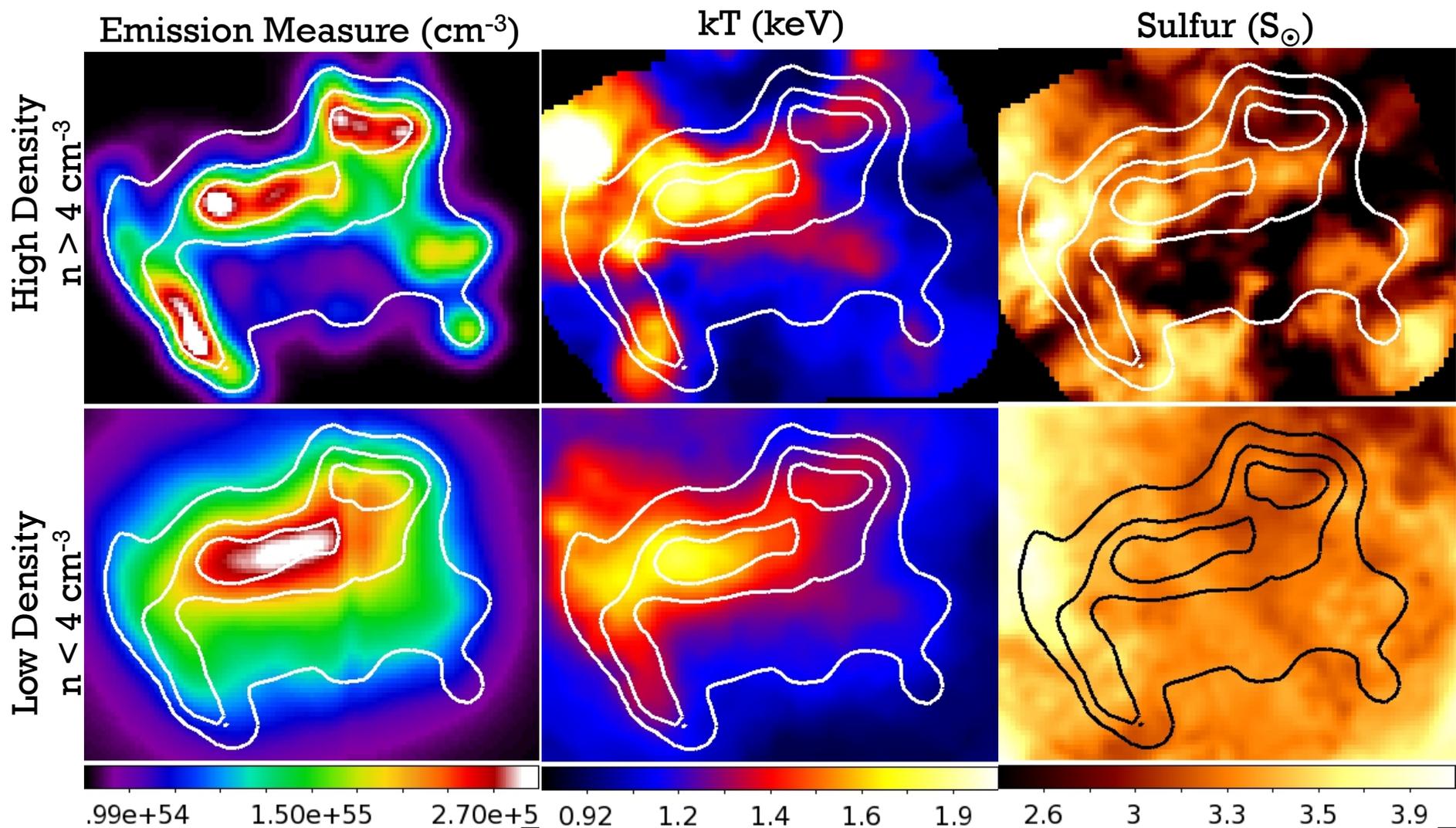
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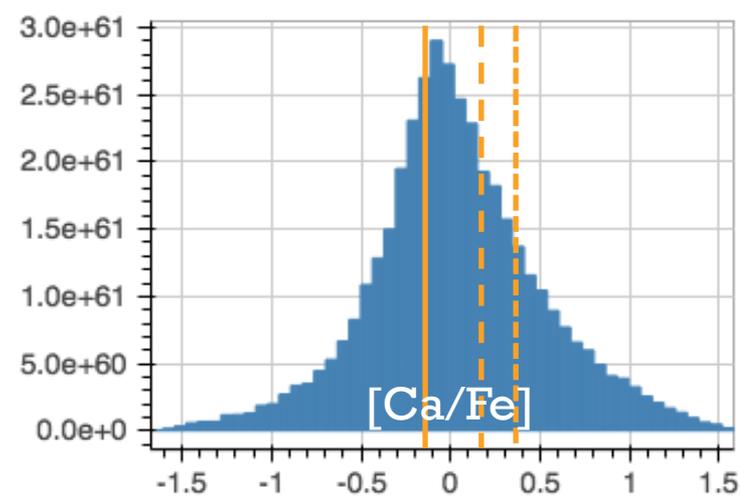
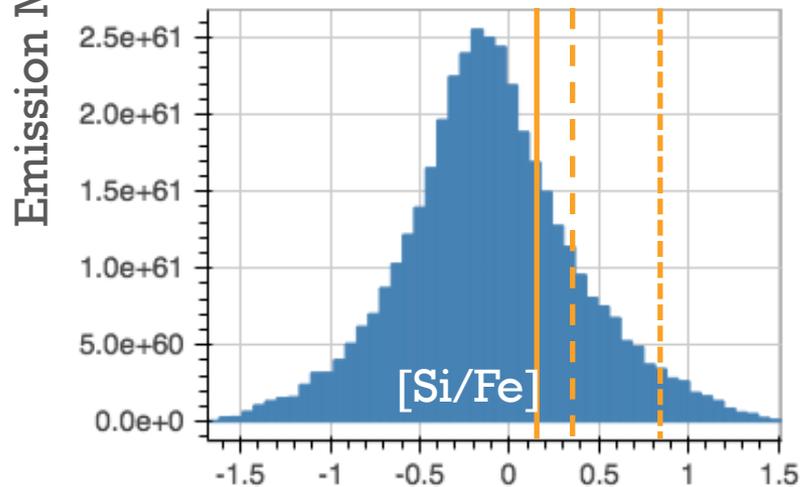
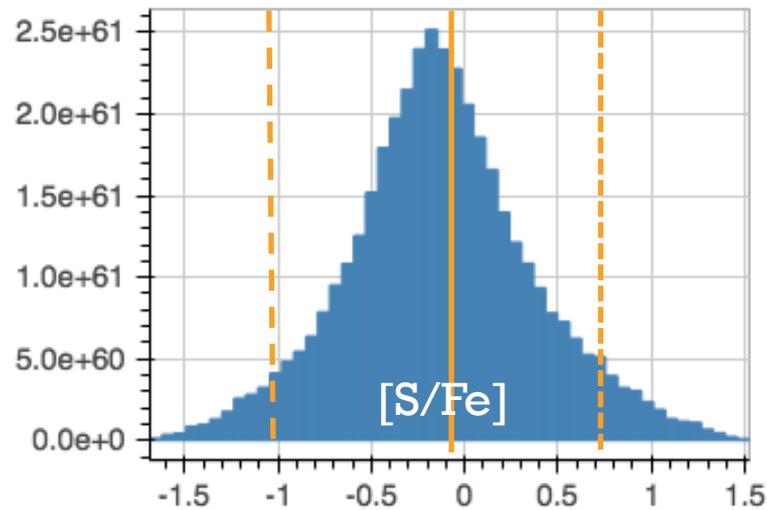
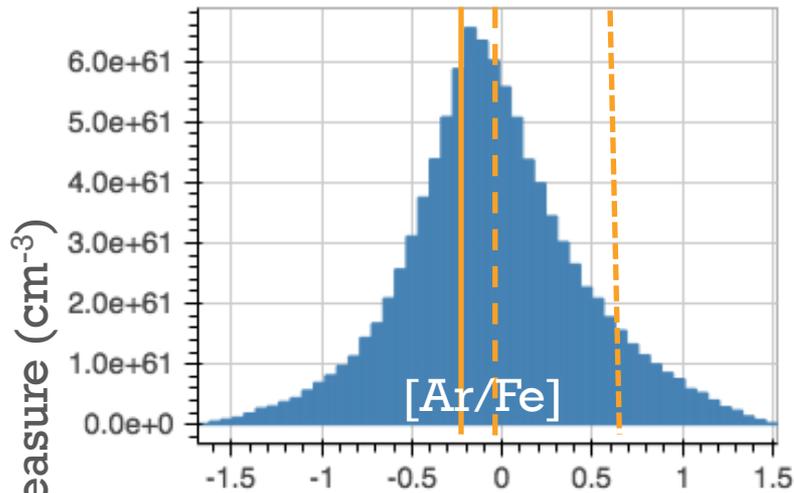
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Abundance Ratios

- Isotropic, $M_{\text{ZAMS}}=40M_{\odot}$, $E_{51}=30$
- - - - $\theta = 45^{\circ}$, $M_{\text{ZAMS}}=25M_{\odot}$, $E_{51}=0.6$
- $\theta = 15^{\circ}$, $M_{\text{ZAMS}}=25M_{\odot}$, $E_{51}=6.7$



Nucleosynthesis products from Nomoto+2006 (Isotropic) and Maeda+2003 (bipolar) models

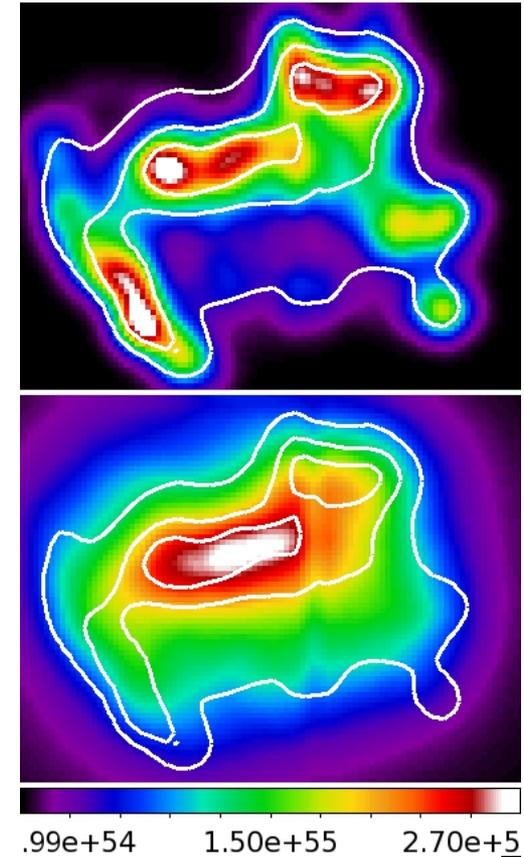
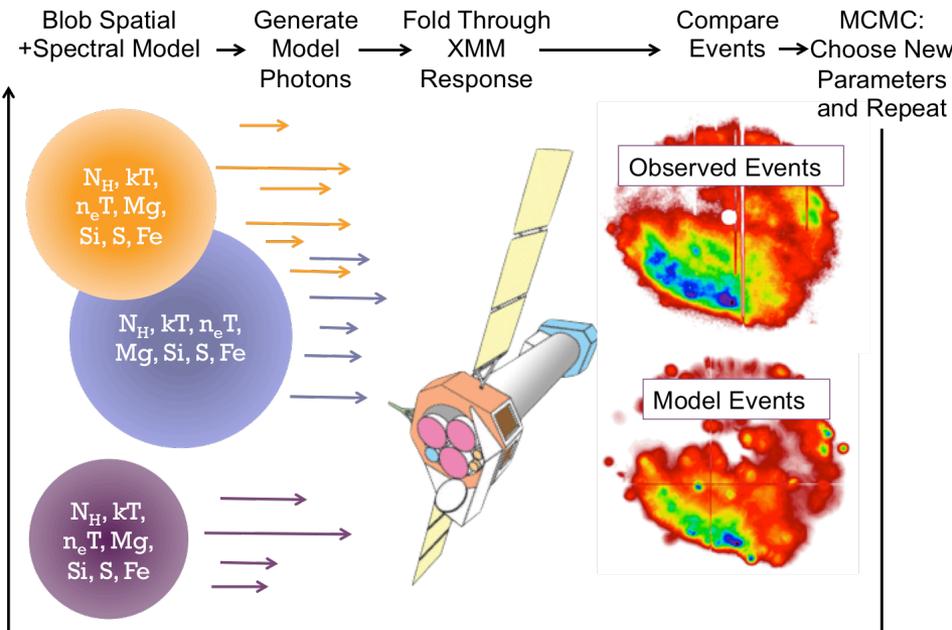
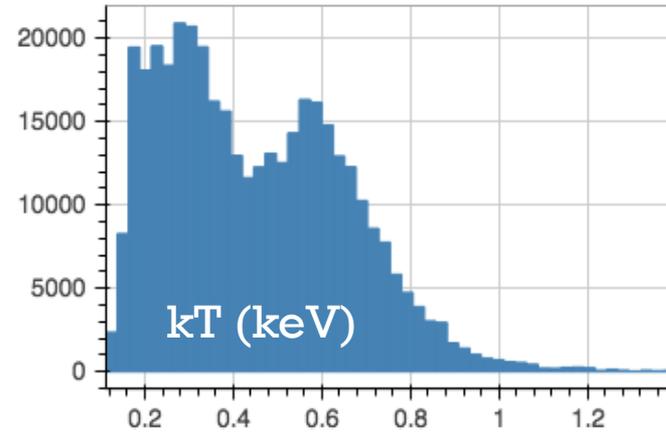


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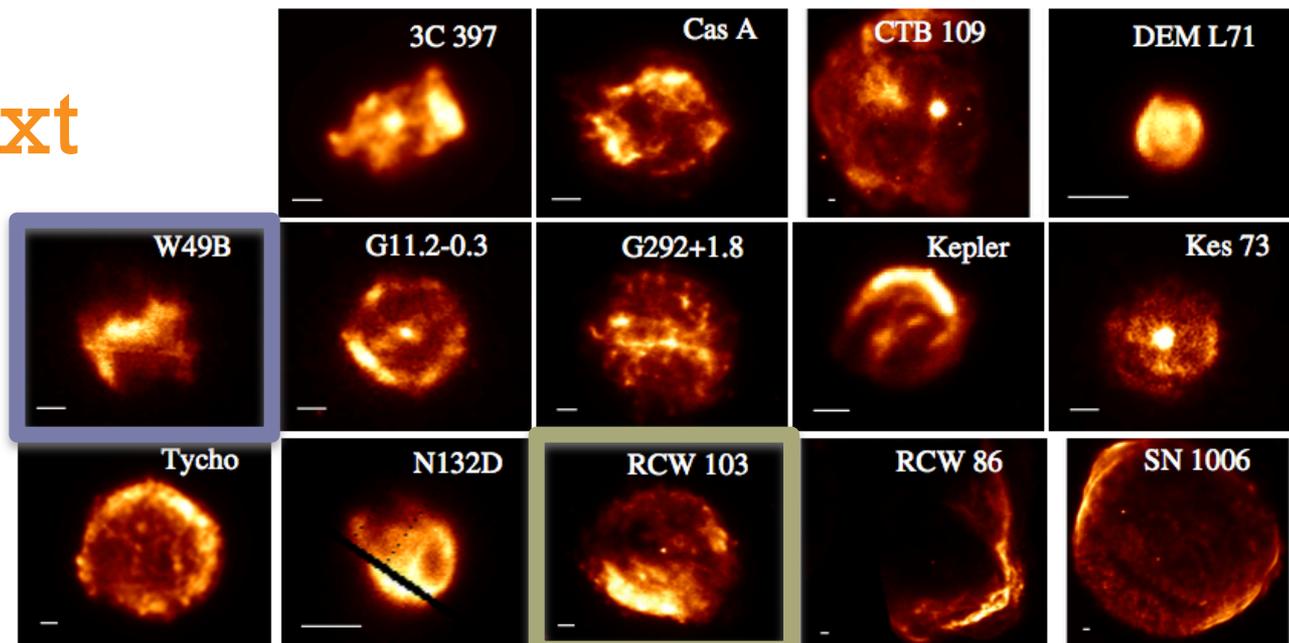
- Smoothed Particle Inference
 - addresses many of the drawbacks of typical X-ray analysis methods
 - can characterize plasma in **full volume** of SNRs with typical X-ray exposure times
 - deeper investigation of **different plasma components**





What's Next

- RGS
- Non-thermal spectral components
- Expand to full 14 SNR sample
 - Ages
 - Types
 - Environments

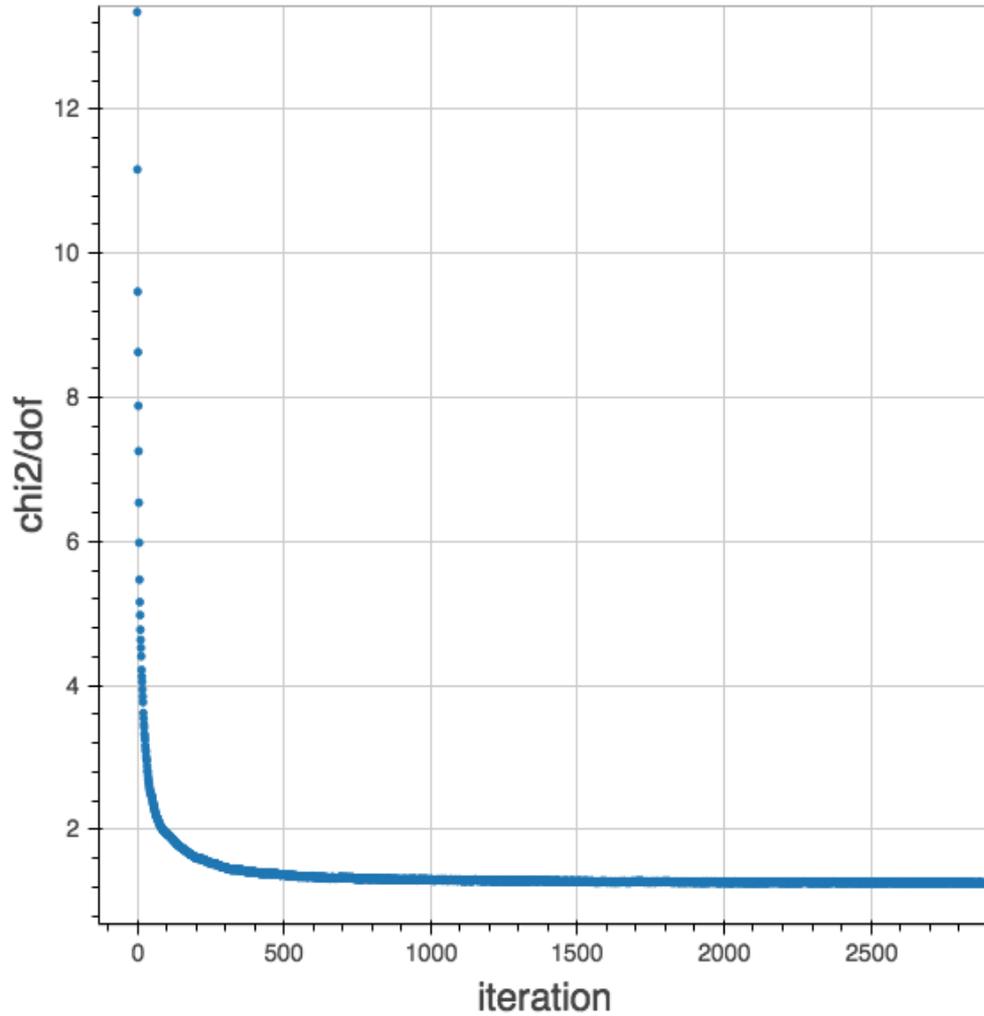
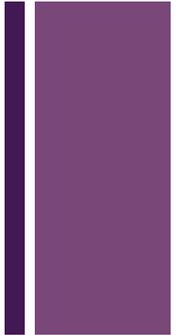


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Cas A ^a	5	CC	3.4	3.8	333	5.2×10^6
W49B	4 × 3	CC	8.0	6.3	~ 1000	4.6×10^5
G11.2-0.3 ^b	4	CC	5.0	4.2	1628	3.1×10^5
Kes 73	4	CC	8.0	6.1	(500 – 2200)	0.9×10^5
G292.0+1.8	12 × 8	CC	6.0	9.5	~ 3300	4.9×10^6
RCW 103	10	CC	3.3	5.4	~ 2000	4.7×10^6
3C 397 ^c	5 × 3	CC?	10	7	~ 5300	3.9×10^5
CTB 109 ^d	28	CC	3	16	1.4×10^4	8.0×10^5
Kepler	3	Ia	5.0	3.9	410	2.2×10^6
Tycho	8	Ia	2.4	3.7	437	8.0×10^6
SN 1006 ^e	30	Ia	2.2	9.5	1007	3.7×10^6
RCW 86 ^f	42	Ia	2.5	12	~ 1800	1.5×10^6
N132D	2.1 × 1.6	CC	50	21.5	~ 3150	1.2×10^6
DEM L71	1.2 × 1.4	Ia	50	11.9	~ 4360	7.3×10^5



Bonus Slides

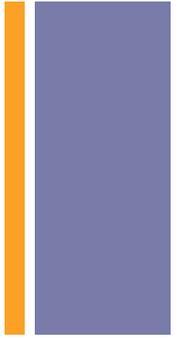
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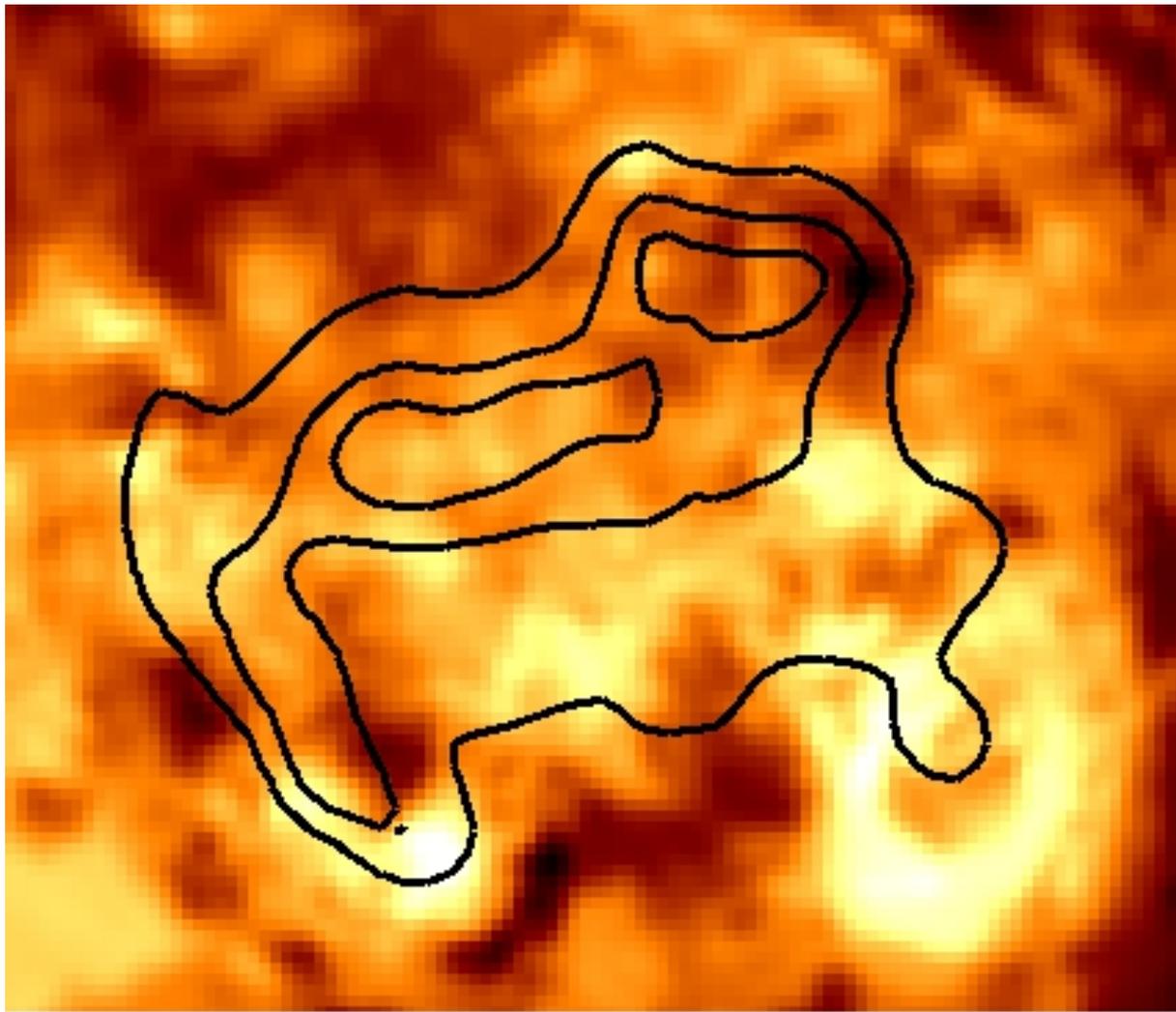
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+ Definition of $[X/Fe]$



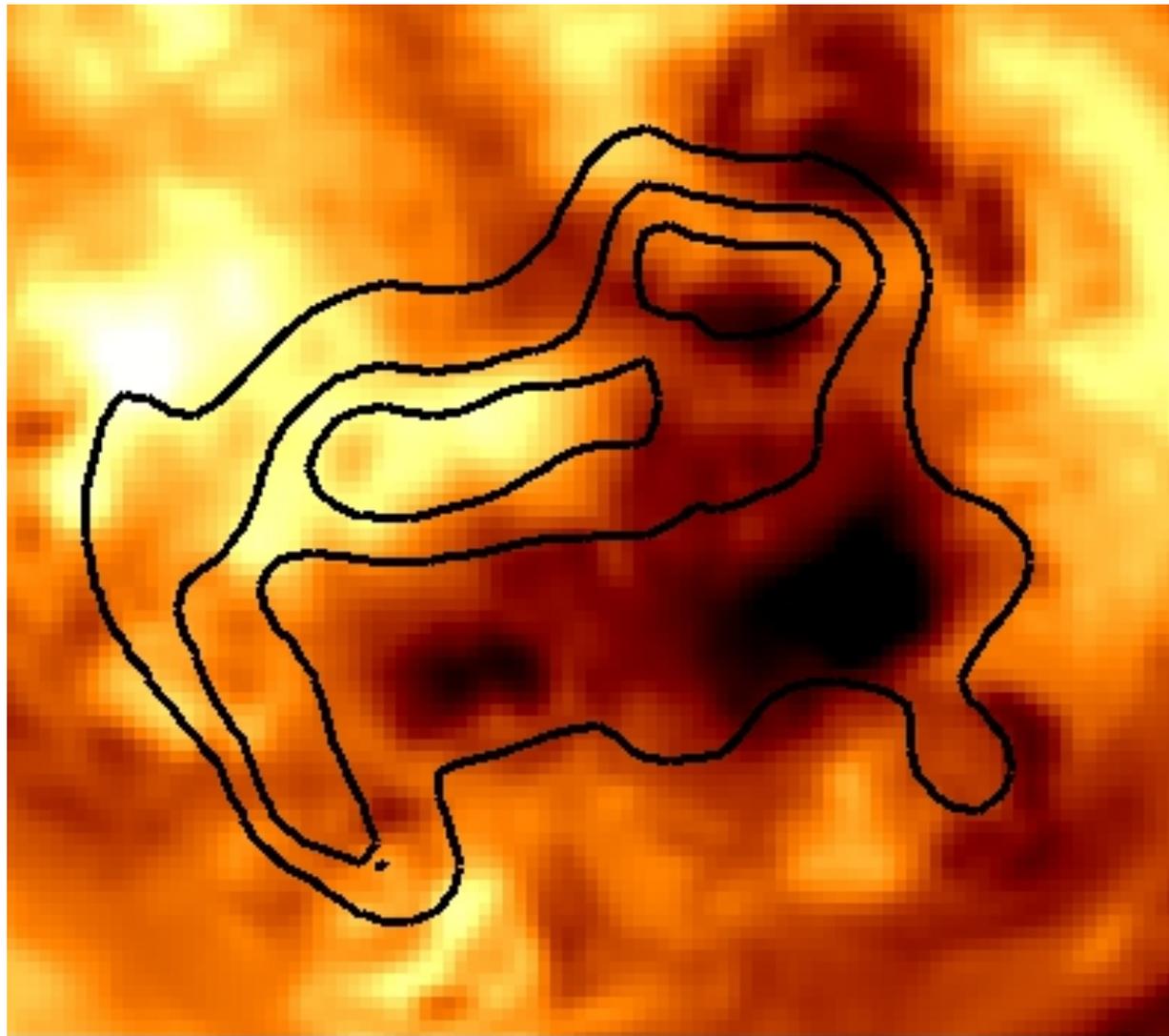
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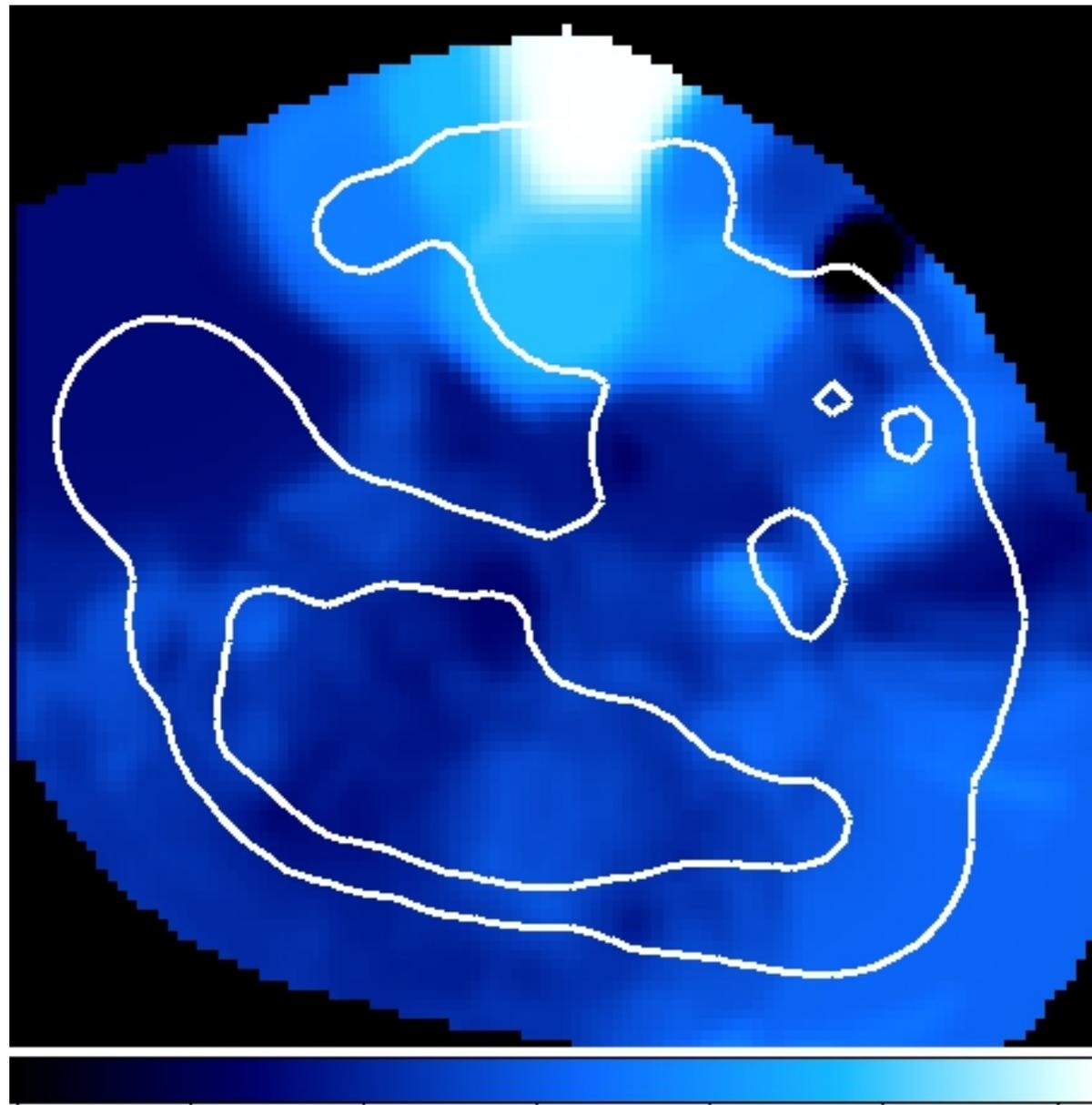


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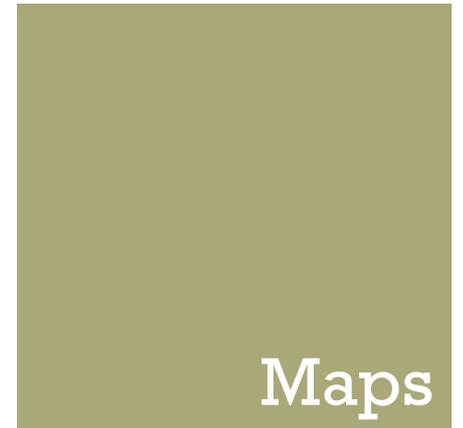
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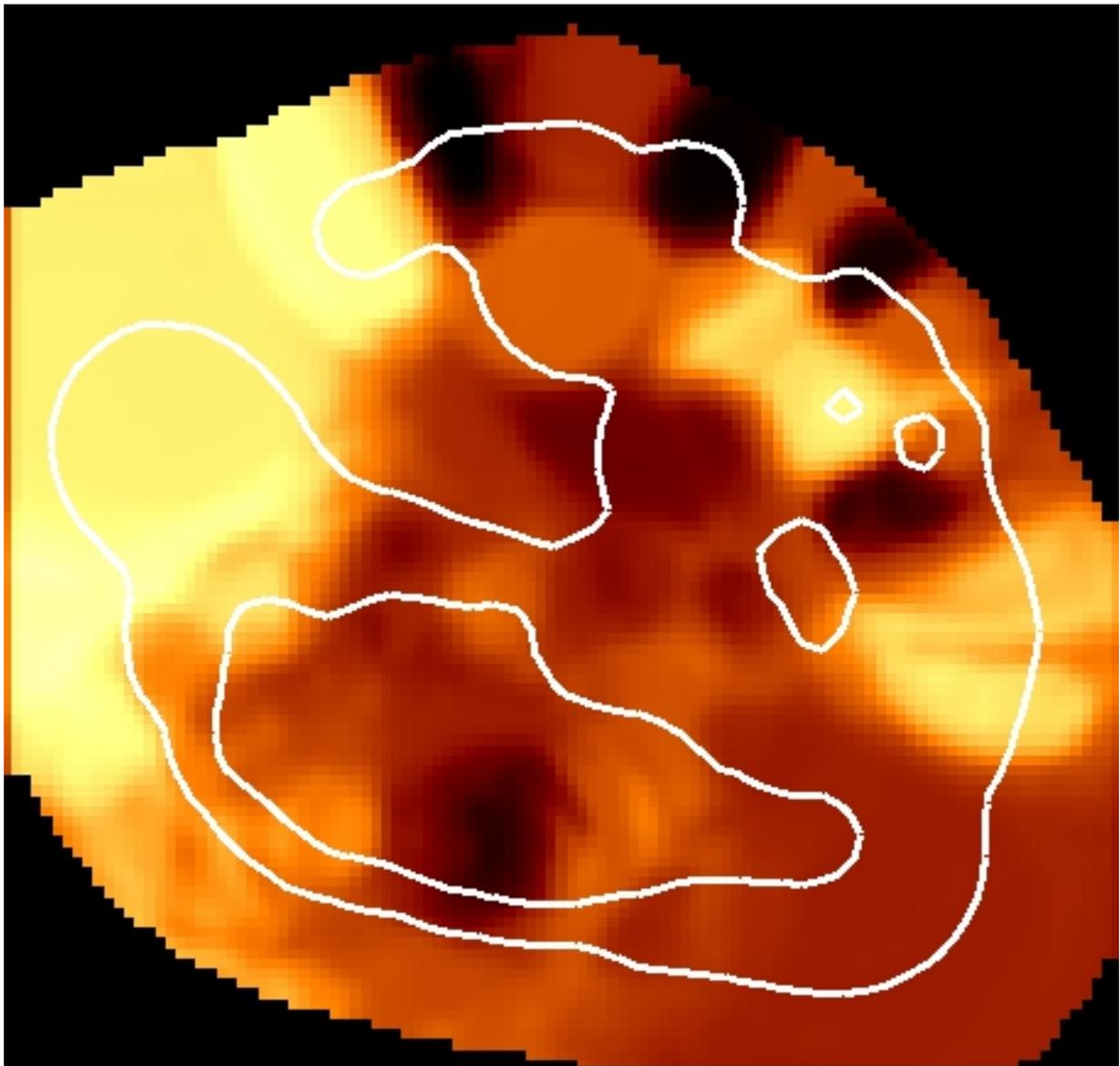
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Ionization
Age
(s cm^{-3})



Maps

Si (Si_\odot)