

Shock precursors in the north-eastern rim of Tycho's supernova remnant

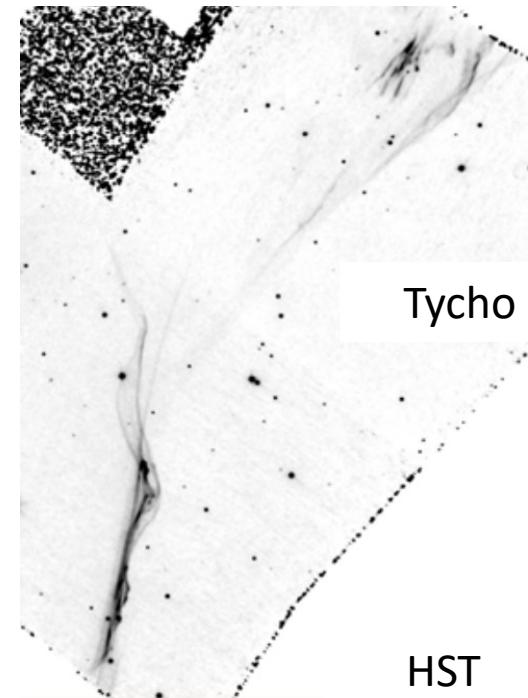
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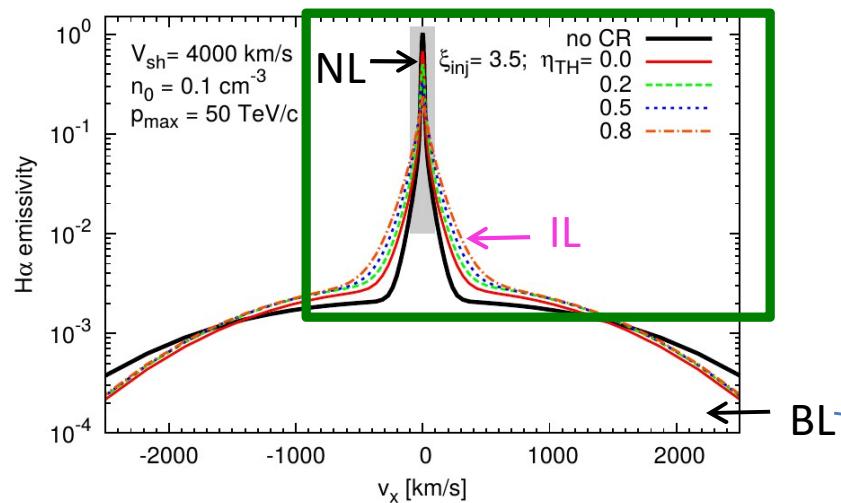
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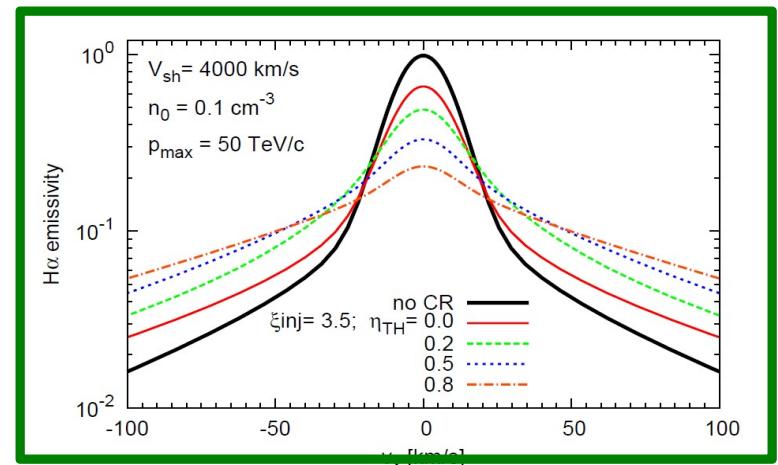


Balmer-dominated shocks

- **Characteristics:** collisionless, non-radiative shocks in partially ionized ISM, strong narrow ($W_{NL} \sim 10$ km/s) + broad ($W_{BL} \sim 1000$ km/s) H α .
- **Shock models:** estimating shock velocity (V_{sh}), electron-proton equilibration (T_e/T_p), effect of precursors.
- **CR precursor:** $W_{NL} = 21$ km/s $(T_0/10^4\text{ K})^{1/2} \gg 21$ km/s (damping of the magnetic turbulence in the CR precursor).
- **BN precursor:** $W_{IL} \sim 100$ km/s (charge exchange in the BN precursor); $W_{NL} = \text{const.}$



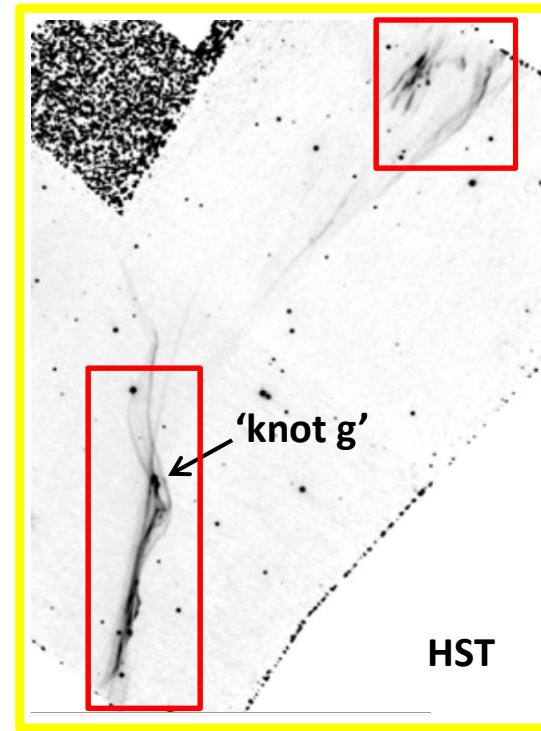
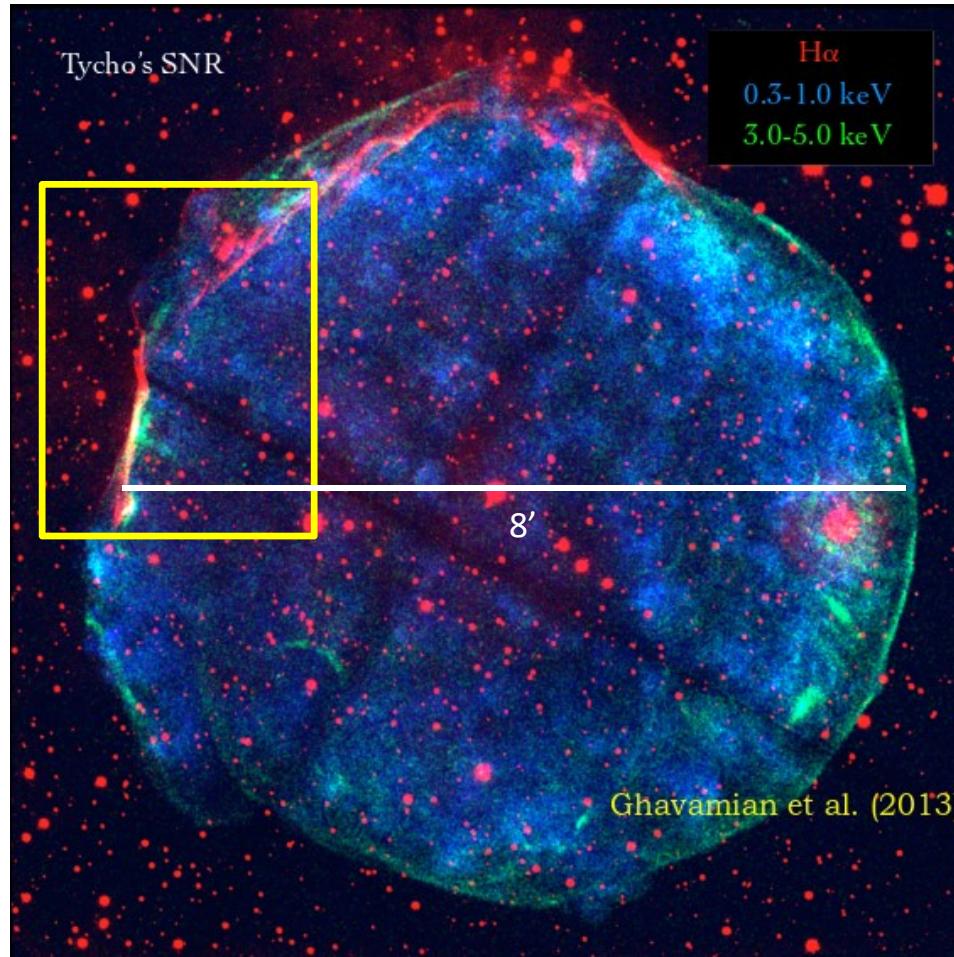
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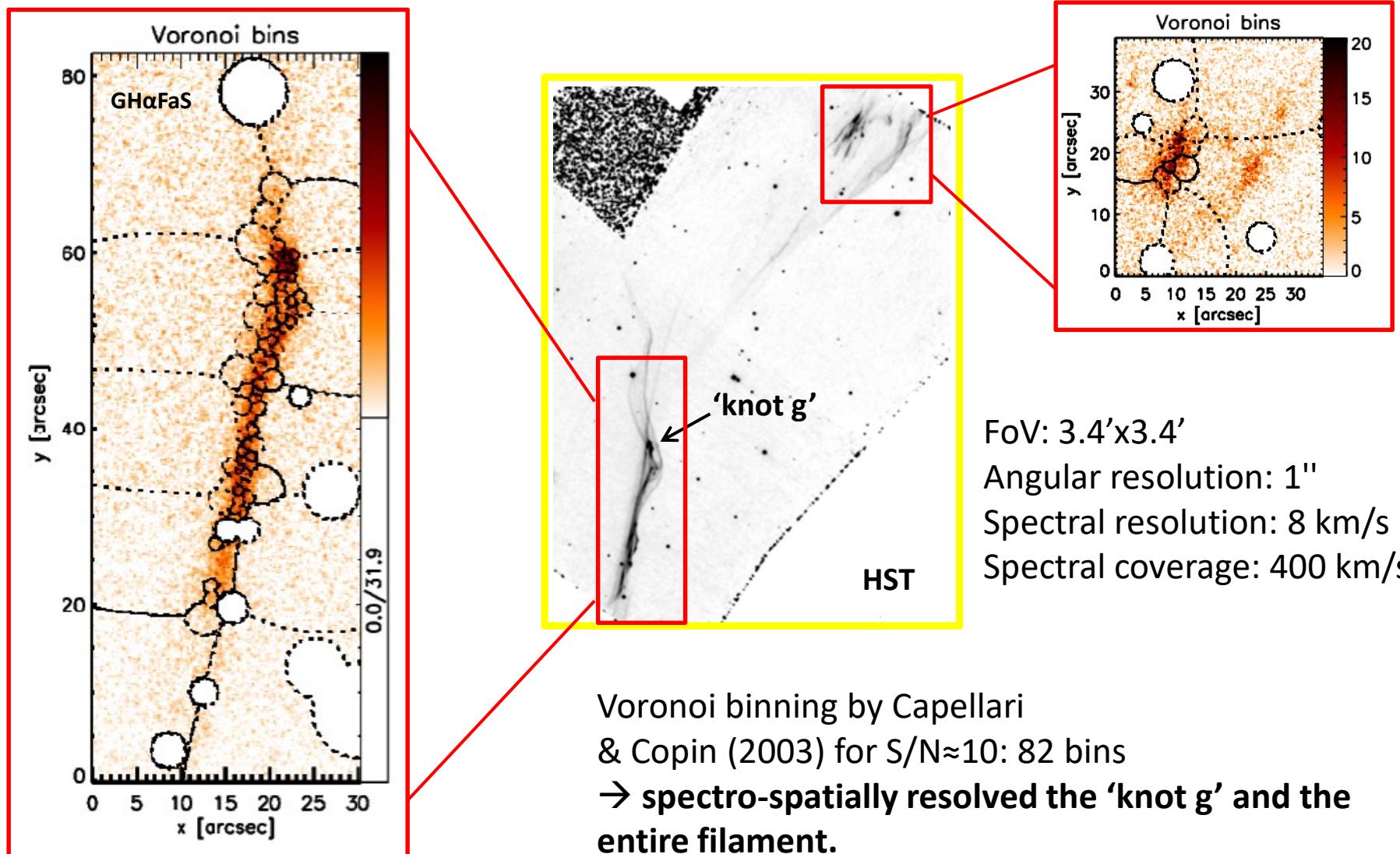
$$W_{NL} = W_{NL}(V_{sh}, T_e/T_p, \varepsilon_{CR}, p_{max}, \eta_{TH})$$

$$W_{IL} = W_{IL}(V_{sh}, T_e/T_p, \varepsilon_{CR}, \eta_{TH}, f_n)$$

Tycho: Minimizing contribution of projection effects and correction for spatial variation



$\text{GH}\alpha\text{FaS}$ on the WHT (Fabry-Pérot interferometer) observations: 82 spatial-spectral bins

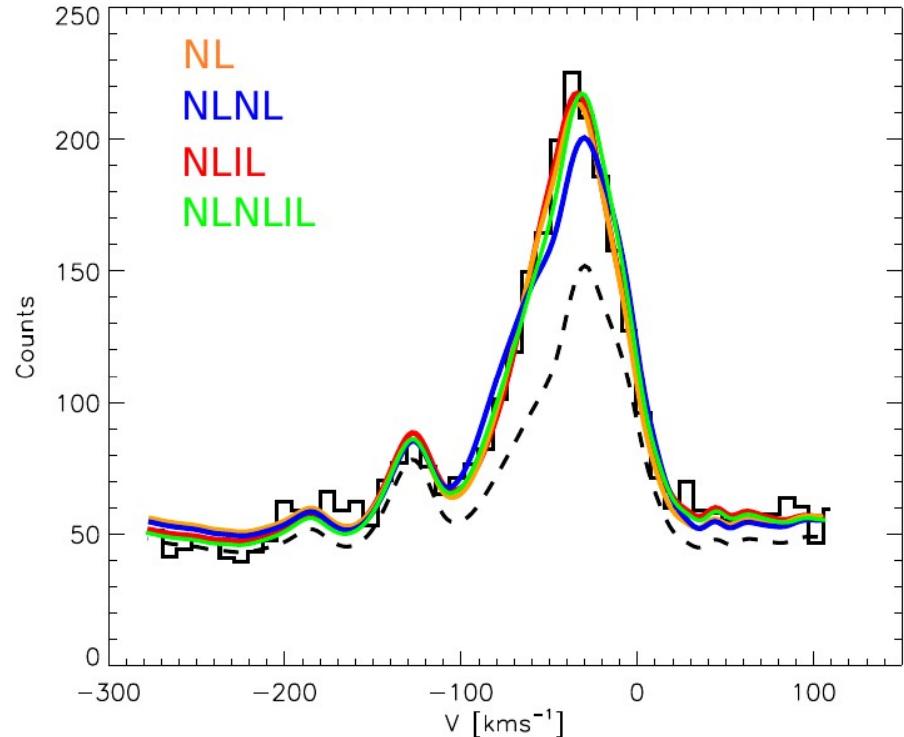


Bayesian analysis: parameter estimation & model comparison

Models (Gaussians + continuum) to account for geometry and physics:

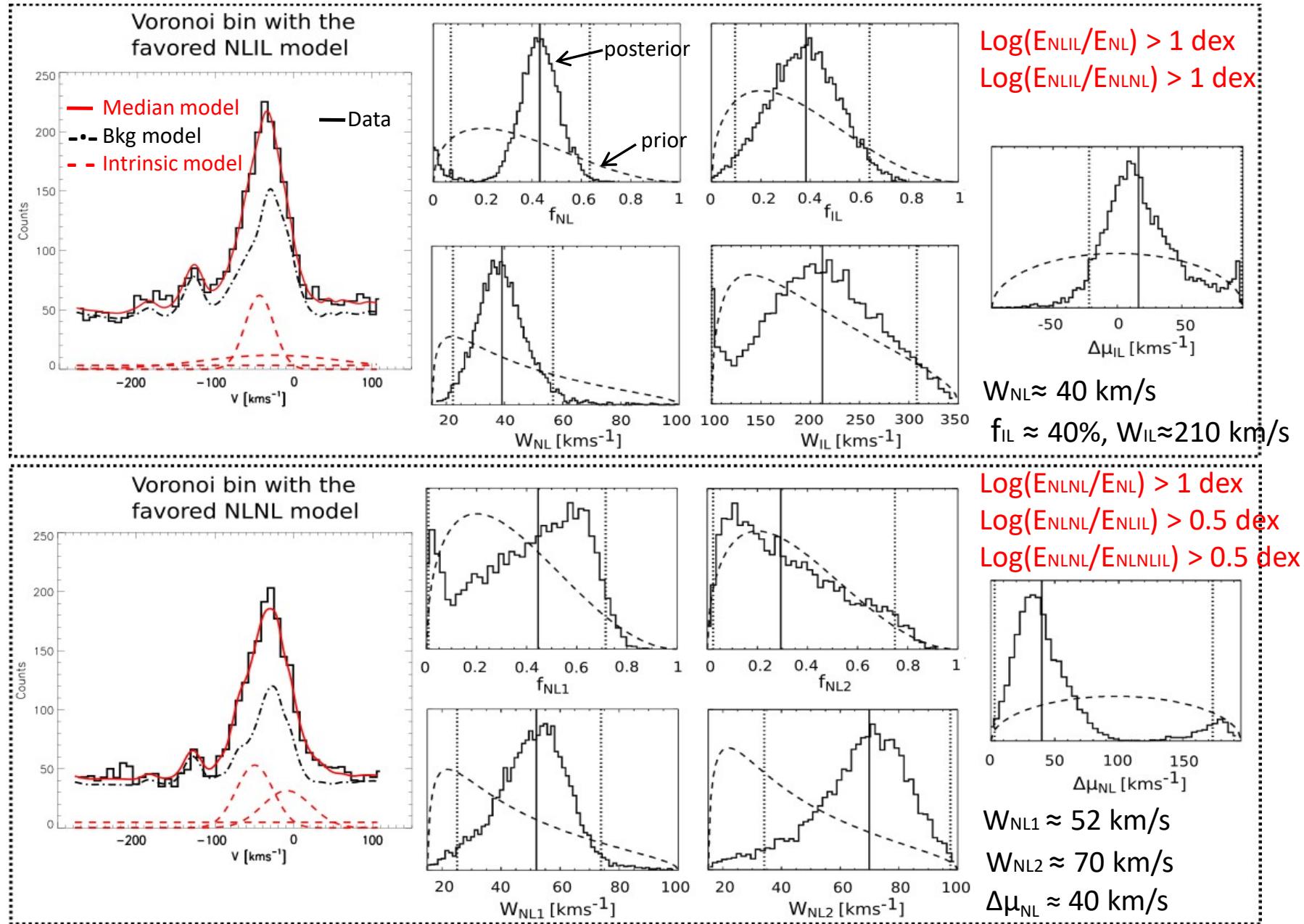
1. **NL** – single narrow line (homogeneous pre-shock medium, no differential bulk velocity components, no precursors);
2. **NLNL** – double narrow line (inclined shocks with CR precursor);
3. **NLIL** – narrow + intermediate line (BN precursor);
4. **NLNLL** - double narrow + intermediate line (inclined shocks with CR and BN precursor);

$$W_{NL} = [15, 100] \text{ km/s}$$
$$W_{IL} = [100, 350] \text{ km/s}$$

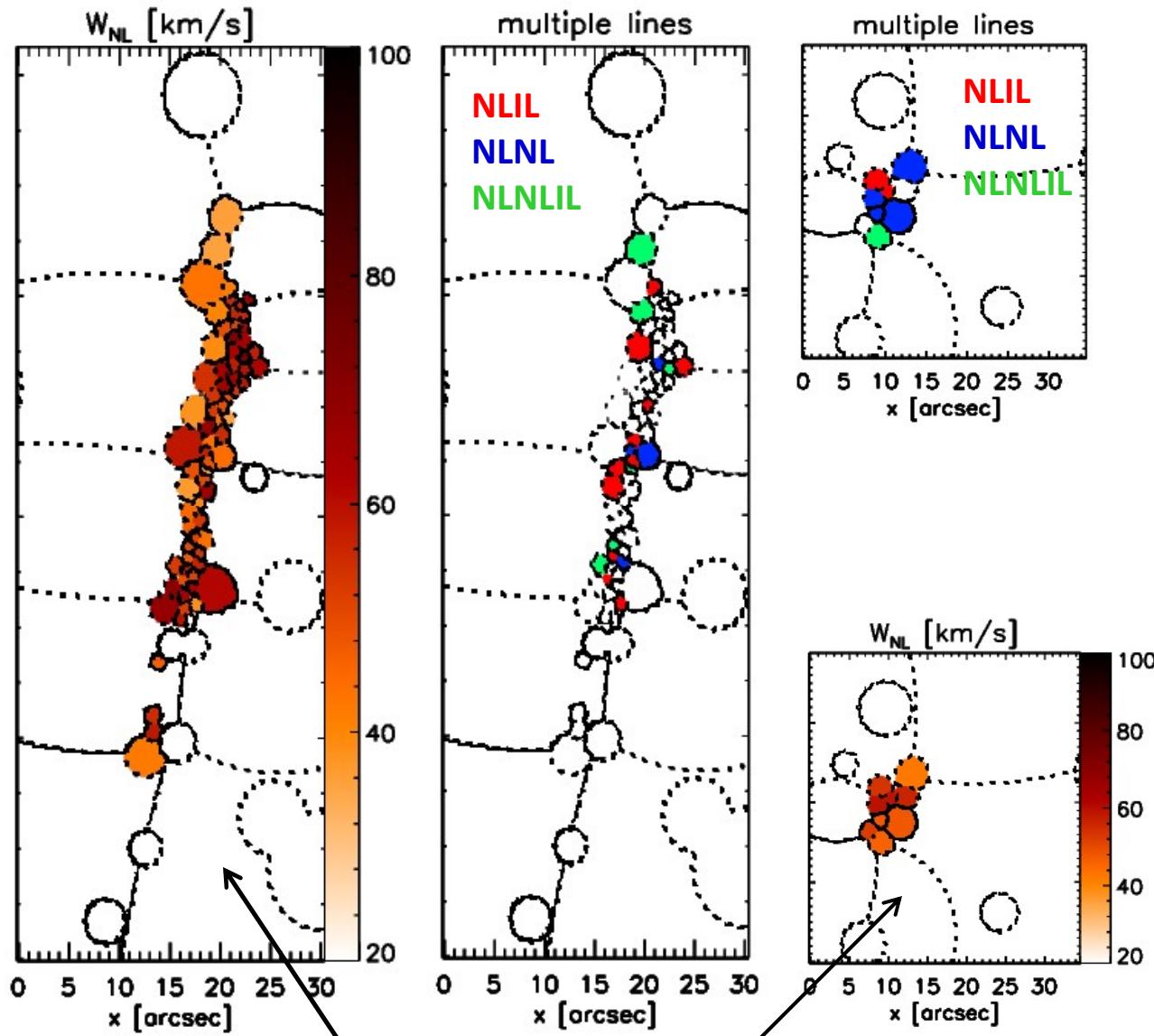


We use **MCMC** to calculate posterior from data and prior (tested for different priors), and calculate **Bayesian evidences** to compare the models.

1D-marginalized posteriors



Spatial variation of W_{NL} and favored models



$W_{NL} = 54.8 \pm 1.8$ km/s
(Cross-bin median)

Double-NL models:

$W_{NL} >> 21$ km/s
 $\Delta\mu_{NL} = 38.5 \pm 5.1$ km/s

IL models:

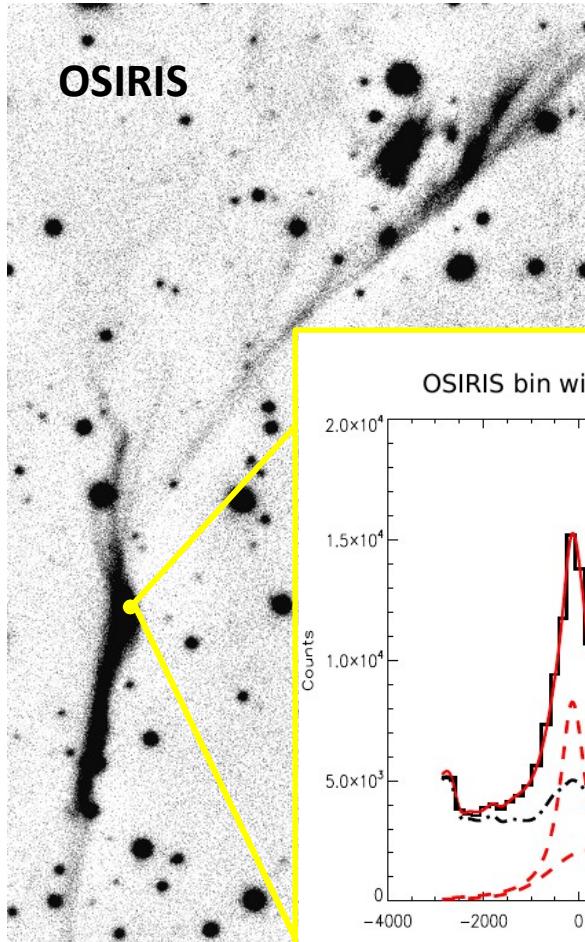
$W_{IL} = 180.5 \pm 14.3$ km/s
 $f_{IL} / f_{NL} = 0.41 \pm 0.07$

Median of evidence-weighted 1D posteriors of all models

Summary

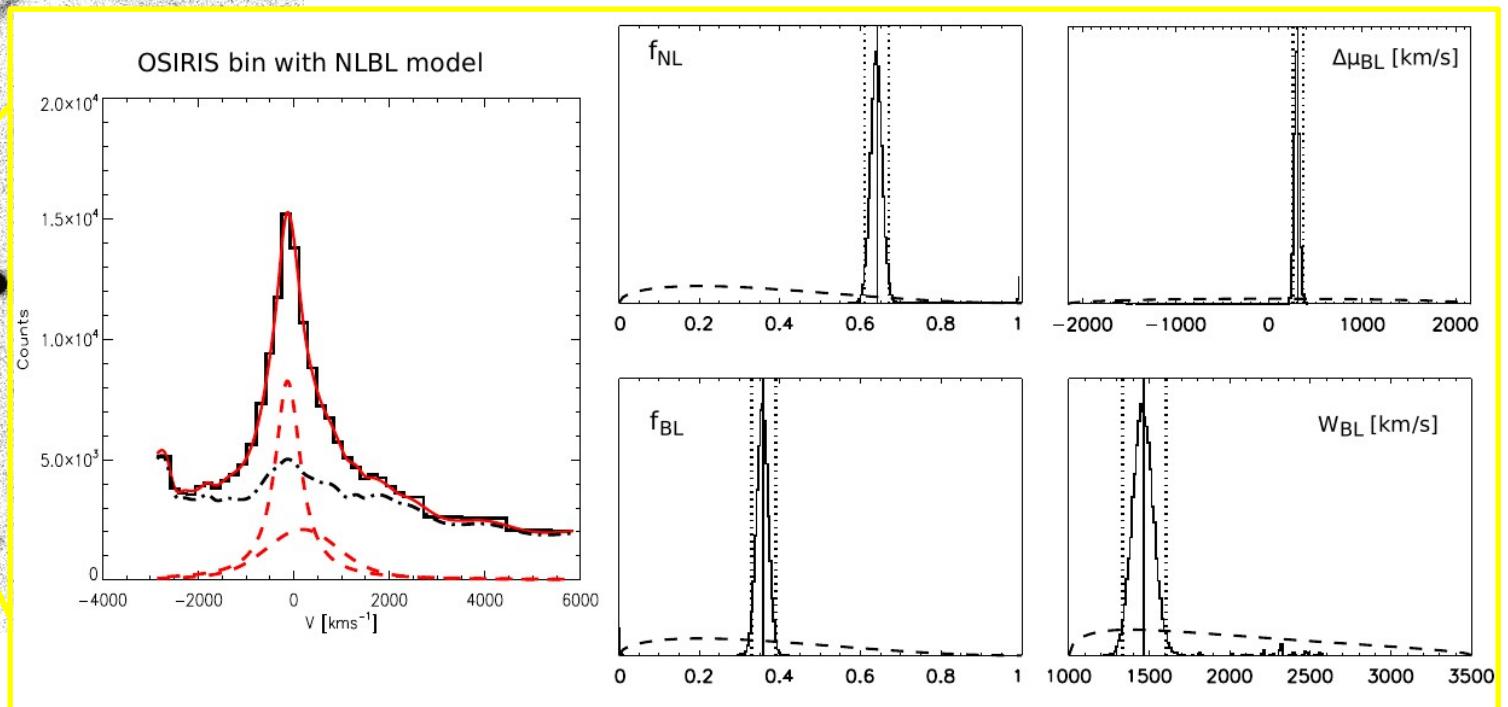
- **Spectro-spatially resolved NL** in the entire projected NE rim including lower-surface brightness parts of the filaments.
- Parameter estimation and model comparison using **Bayesian inference**.
- Suprothermal NL widths ($W_{NL} \gg 21 \text{ km/s}$) + NLNL in 18% of the bins (also with $W_{NL} \gg 21 \text{ km/s}$) → **presence of a CR precursor**.
- 24% of the bins show need for IL → **presence of a BN precursor**.
- Assuming $V_{sh} \in [2500, 3000] \text{ km/s}$, we get $p_{\max} > 10 \text{ TeV}$, $\eta_{TH} > 10\%$, $\epsilon_{CR} > 15\%$.

OSIRIS on the GTC (narrow-band tunable filter) observations of Tycho's SNR



FoV: $4' \times 4'$
Angular resolution: $1''$
Spectral resolution: 300 km/s

$$W_{BL} = W_{BL}(V_{sh}, T_e/T_p, \epsilon_{CR})$$

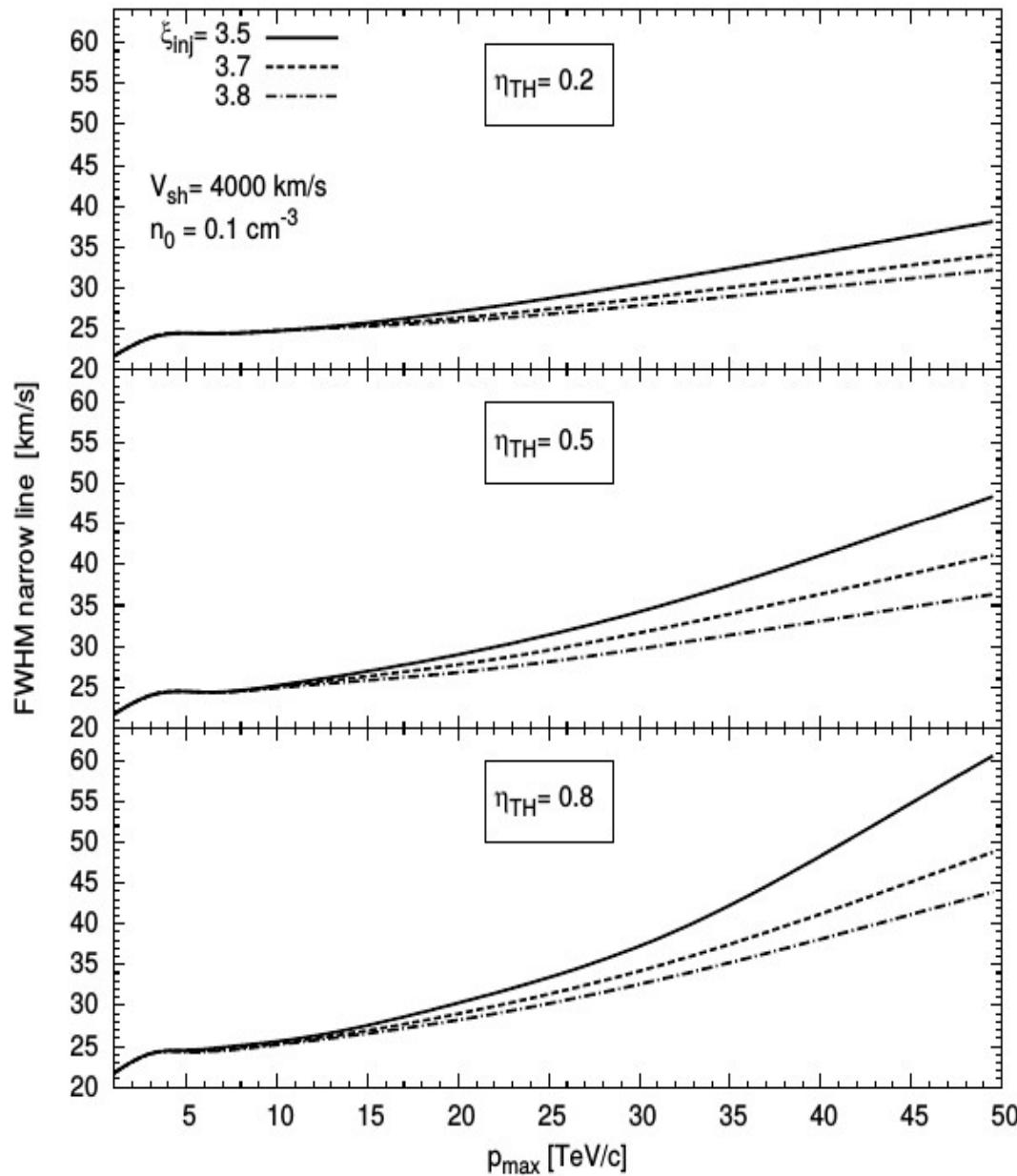


Future

- Include the observations of BL (OSIRIS observations):
 $(W_{BL}, I_{BL}/I_{NL}) \rightarrow (V_{sh}, T_e/T_p);$
- Combination with non-thermal X-ray/gamma emission → maximum energy of accelerated particles (p_{max});
- → Rim-mapping of ε_{CR}

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Intermediate line (Morlino et al, 2013)



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