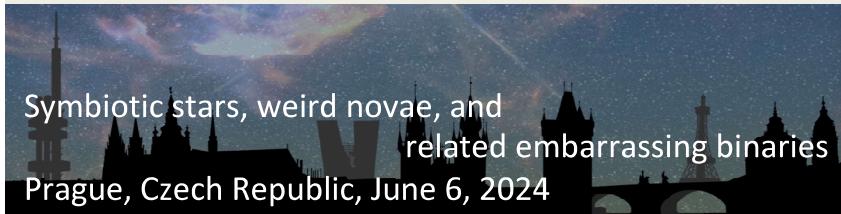


# 3D VISUALISATION OF NOVA REMNANTS

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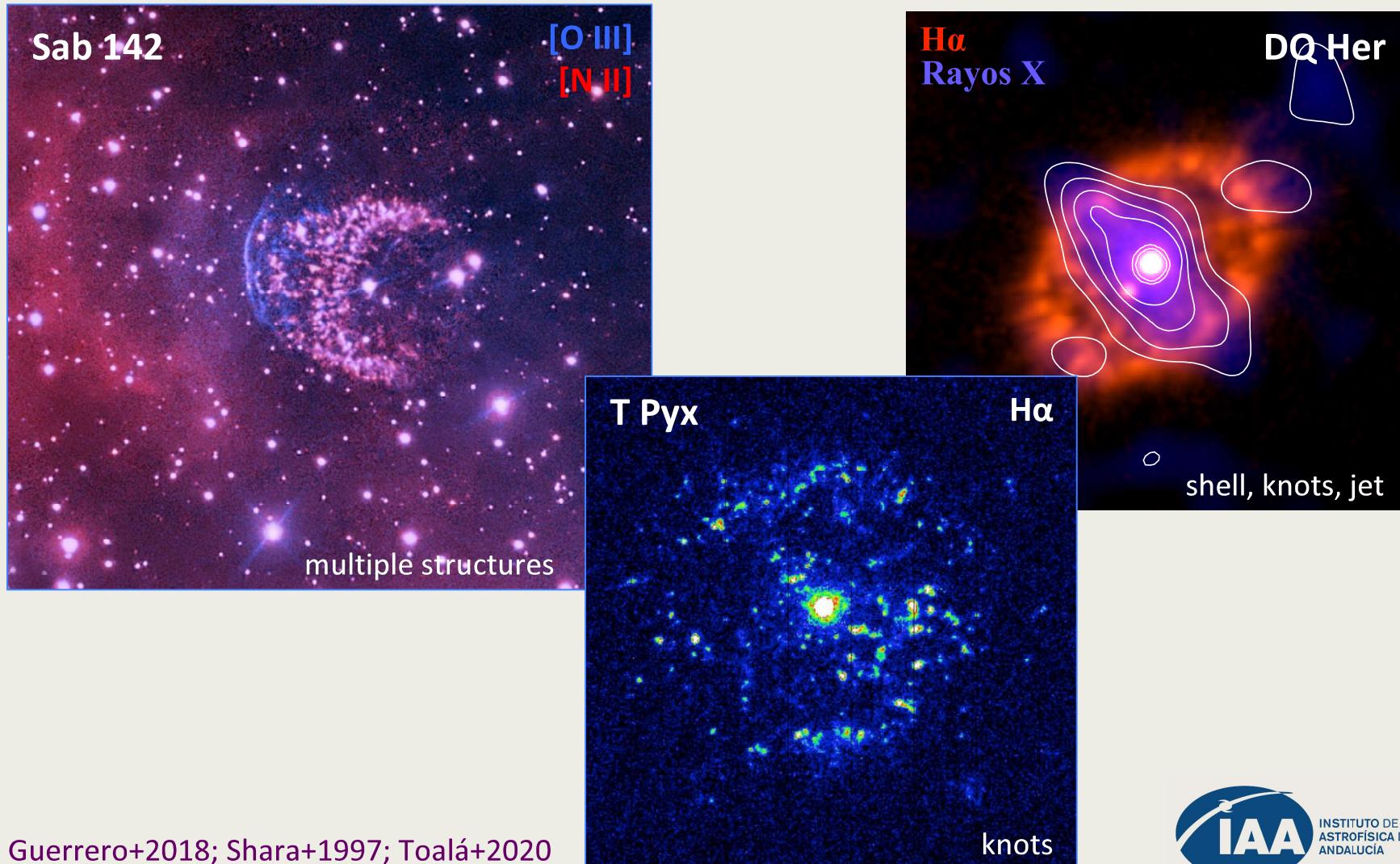
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# NOVA REMNANTS MORPHOLOGIES (OR PROJECTED 3D STRUCTURES)



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## Imaging catalog of nova remnants

Compilation of available archival ground-based/HST and targeted narrow-band H $\alpha$ , H $\alpha$ +[N II], [N II], [O III] images of  $\approx$ 50 nova remnants

Ages from 15 up to 600 yr

**Large morphology variety**

Single/multiple shell

Smooth/clumpy

Mostly elliptical/few bipolar

**Study in progress**

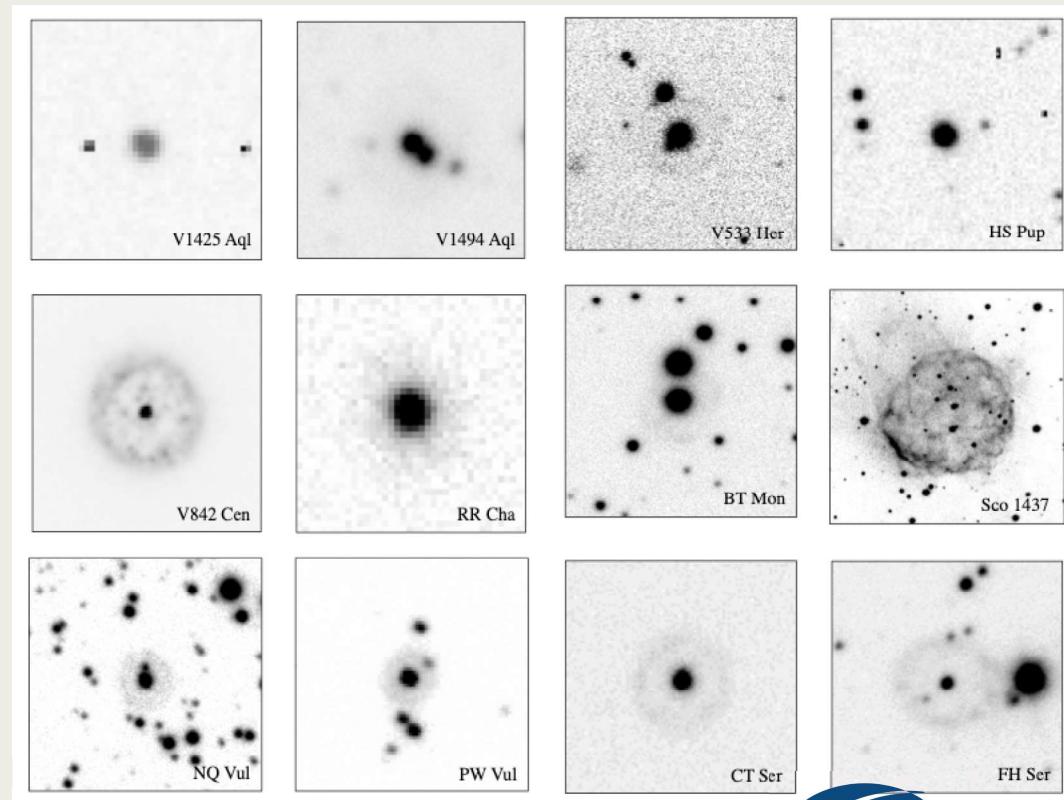
Morphology statistics

Time-evolution: age effects

Distance: resolution effects

**FITS/JPG available in  
a dedicated webpage soon  
hopefully this year**

**Contributions welcome!**



Santamaría+2024, in prep.; Poster #18

# SHAPING OF NOVA REMNANTS

## Wind-wind interaction

Impulsive ejection at TNR ... short-lived wind      **few hours**

Prompt ejection (minutes to hours) of just a fraction of the WD envelope

Rather a wind with mass-loss rate rapidly declining by  $\approx 10$  (in few hours)

$M_{ej}$  and  $V_{ej}$  depending on WD and envelope mixing during TNR

Prolonged optically thick wind      **days to months**

Radiation-pressure driven wind

Mass-loss rate decreases (nuclear burning, envelope mass loss), while  
 $V_{ej}$  increases up to  $V_{ej} \geq 1000$  km/s as photosphere recedes and moves in

## Geometry of the pre-nova outburst circumstellar environment

**Classical novae:** accretion disk, low density CSM

**Embedded novae:** wind accretion, WD within red giant companion wind

# SHAPING OF NOVA REMNANTS

## Geometry of the ejecta

### Early phase: Fast WD rotation

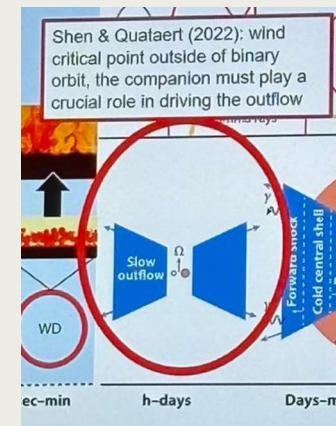
Latitude-dependent peak  $P_{TNR}$  and  $T_{TNR}$

Envelope corotation with WD surface by B coupling

### Common envelope phase: Binary effects

At light peak, the photosphere may engulf the binary system

Mass loss focused towards orbital plane preferentially through outer L2 Lagrange point by frictional drag, binary orbital motion (centrifugal forces), companion's gravity, ...



remember  
Ondrej Pejcha's talk

Binary influence greater for slower ejecta:  $V_{ej} \leq 1000 \text{ km/s}$

Livio+1990; Scott 2000; Zhao & Fuller 2020; Chomiuk+2021

# EARLY SHAPING (UNRESOLVED NOVA REMNANTS)

## Multi-peaked line profiles at nebular stage

Ejecta asymmetry:

bipolar ejecta + equatorial torus or disk

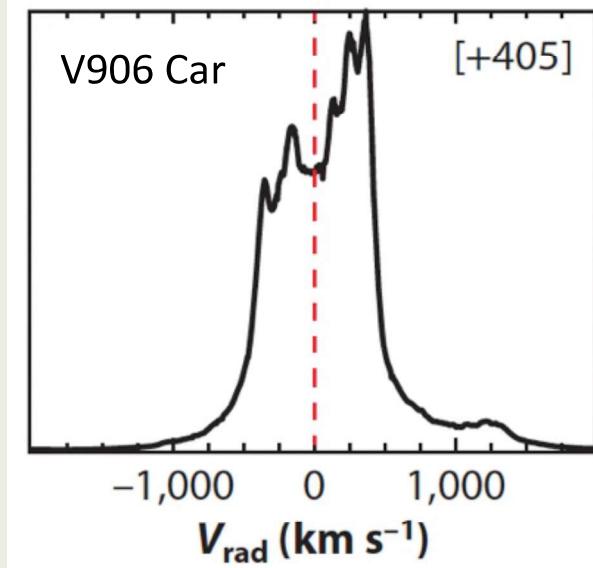
## Velocity persistent structures in spectral lines

Discrete clumps

## Low and high ionization species spectral features

$N_e$  and  $T_e$  broad range within ejecta:

self-shielding clumps



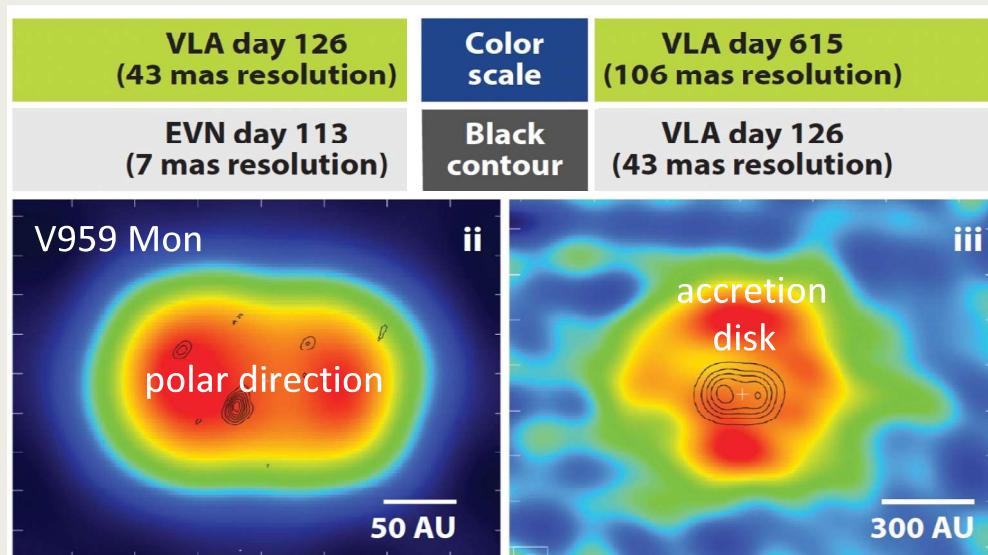
# EARLY SHAPING

## (JUST RESOLVED NOVA REMNANTS)

Early images of nova ejecta: Nova angular size expansion rate

$$\theta = 0.115 \text{ arcsec} \left( \frac{d}{1 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{v_{\text{ej}}}{1,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{t}{100 \text{ days}} \right)$$

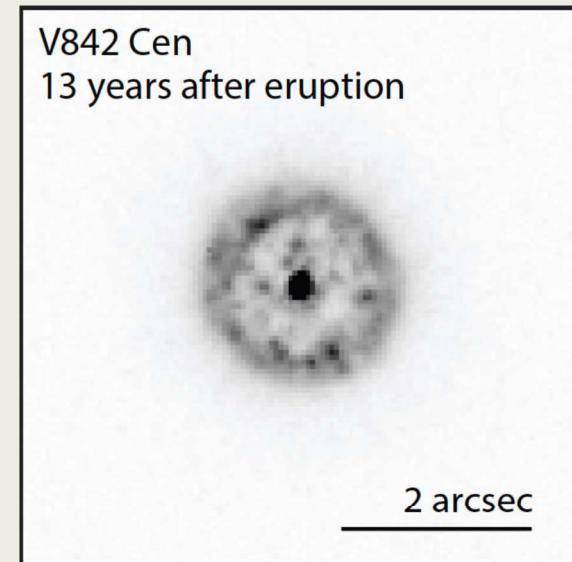
High-resolution facilities like HST, near-IR adaptive-optics and radio/mm interferometers can **resolve nova ejecta**  $\sim$ months to  $\sim$ years after eruption



Ellipticity/orientation evolution in time:  
interaction of winds with different symmetry

Healy+2017; Chochol+1997; Chomiuk+2021

V842 Cen  
13 years after eruption



Clumpy structure

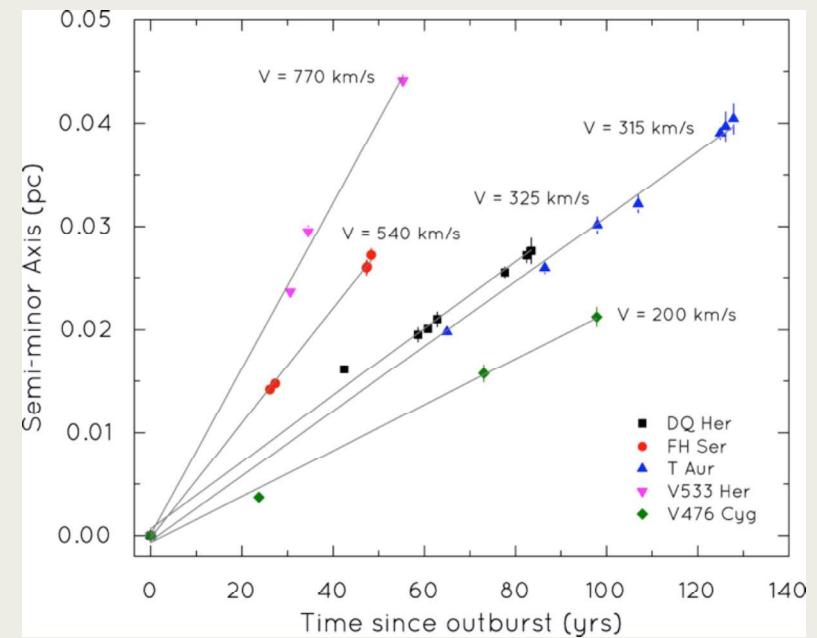
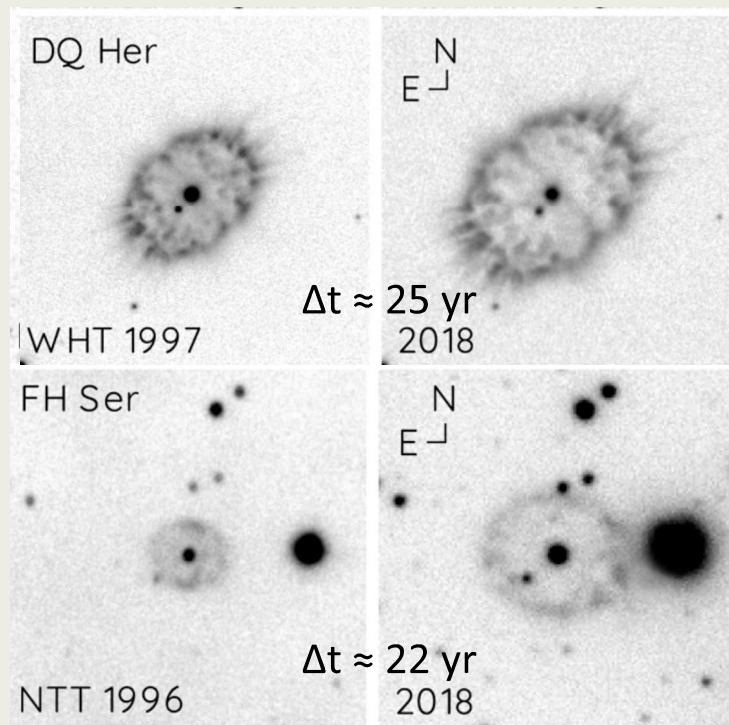


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# LATE NOVA SHAPING AND EXPANSION (RESOLVED NOVA REMNANTS)

## Late images of nova ejecta

Ground-based optical imaging **resolve novae**  $\sim$ years to  $\sim$ decades after eruption and trace their **free** angular expansion – linking early shaping to present nova shape (but note that individual features may fade/brighten as in T Pyx)



Santamaría+2020

Slavin+1995; Shara+1997; Gill & O'Brien 1998; Downes & Duerbeck 2000; Schaefer+2012



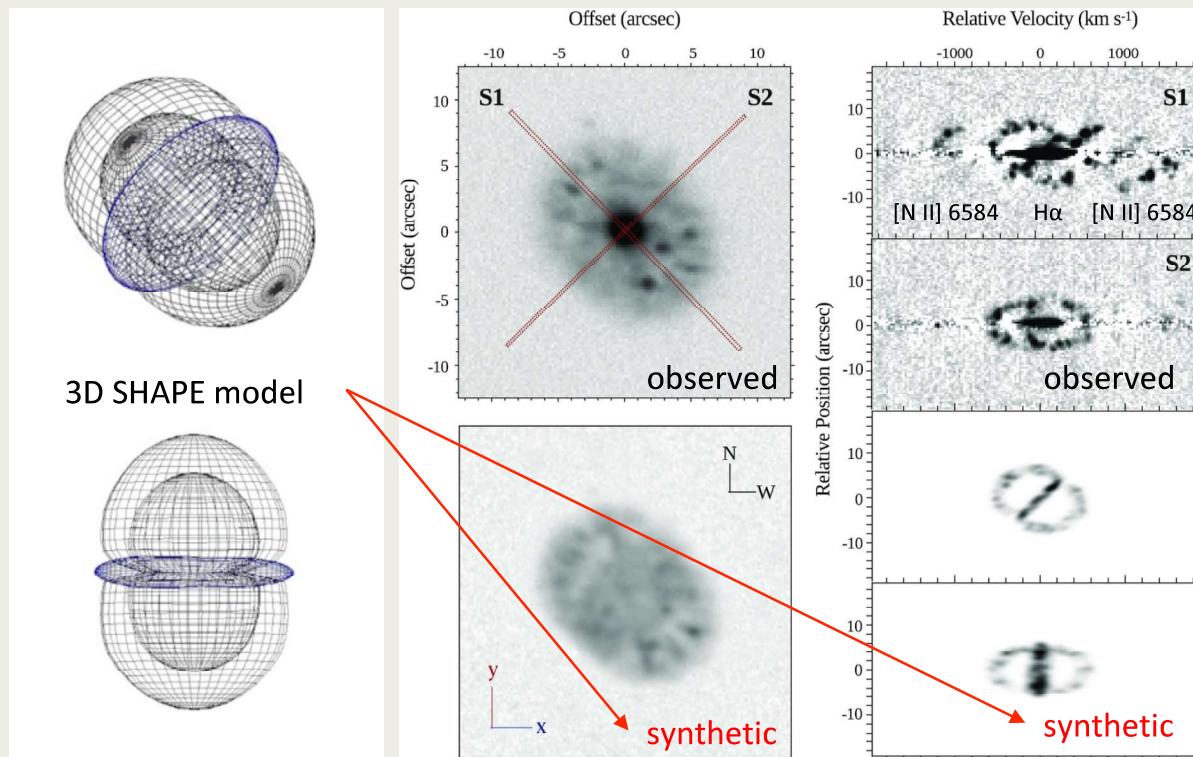
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# NOVA 3D STRUCTURE

## Imaging & Long-slit Spectroscopy + 3D SHAPE Model

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H $\alpha$  mild bipolar / peanut morphology; [N II] ring-like structure



Image/spectra at different epochs, observing setups and conditions, ...  
Limited spatial sampling, thus only simplified 3D model

Santamaría+2022; Gill & O'Brien 2000

# NOVA 3D STRUCTURE

## Integral Field Spectroscopy (IFS)

Spectra obtained at each position of the field of view

If “high spectral dispersion” ( $R \geq 3,000$  –  $\Delta v \leq 100$  km/s), then kinematics



**Image and spectra at same epoch, with equal observing setups and conditions**

**Full spatial coverage**

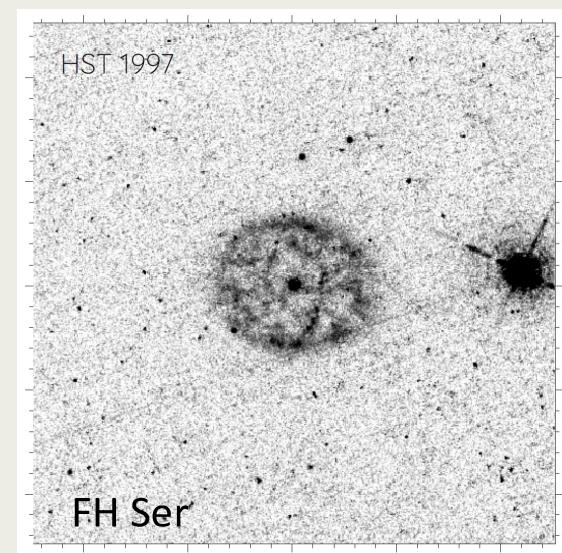
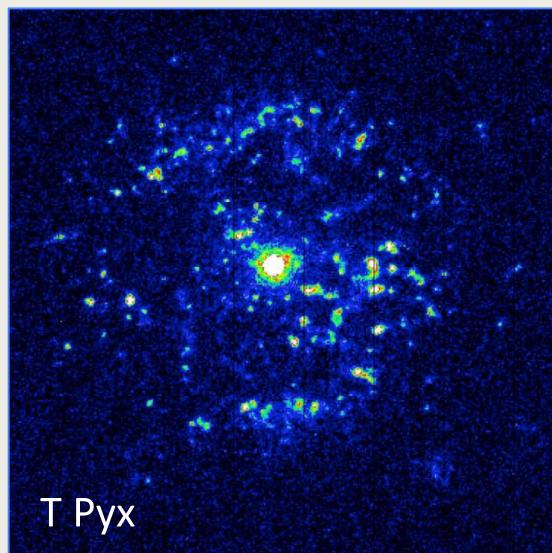
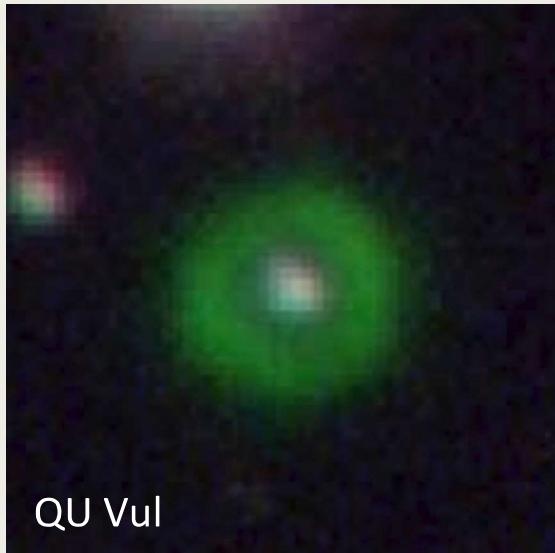
Linda Schmidtobreick and Lientur Celedon talks; Celedon+2024; Izzo+2024

# HD-IFS STUDIES OF NOVA REMNANTS

QU Vul: GTC 10.4m MEGARA      R @ H $\alpha$   $\approx$  18,700 or  $\Delta v \approx 16 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

T Pyx: VLT 8m MUSE      R @ H $\alpha$   $\approx$  2,500 or  $\Delta v \approx 120 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

FH Ser: VLT 8m VIMOS      R @ H $\alpha$   $\approx$  3,100 or  $\Delta v \approx 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



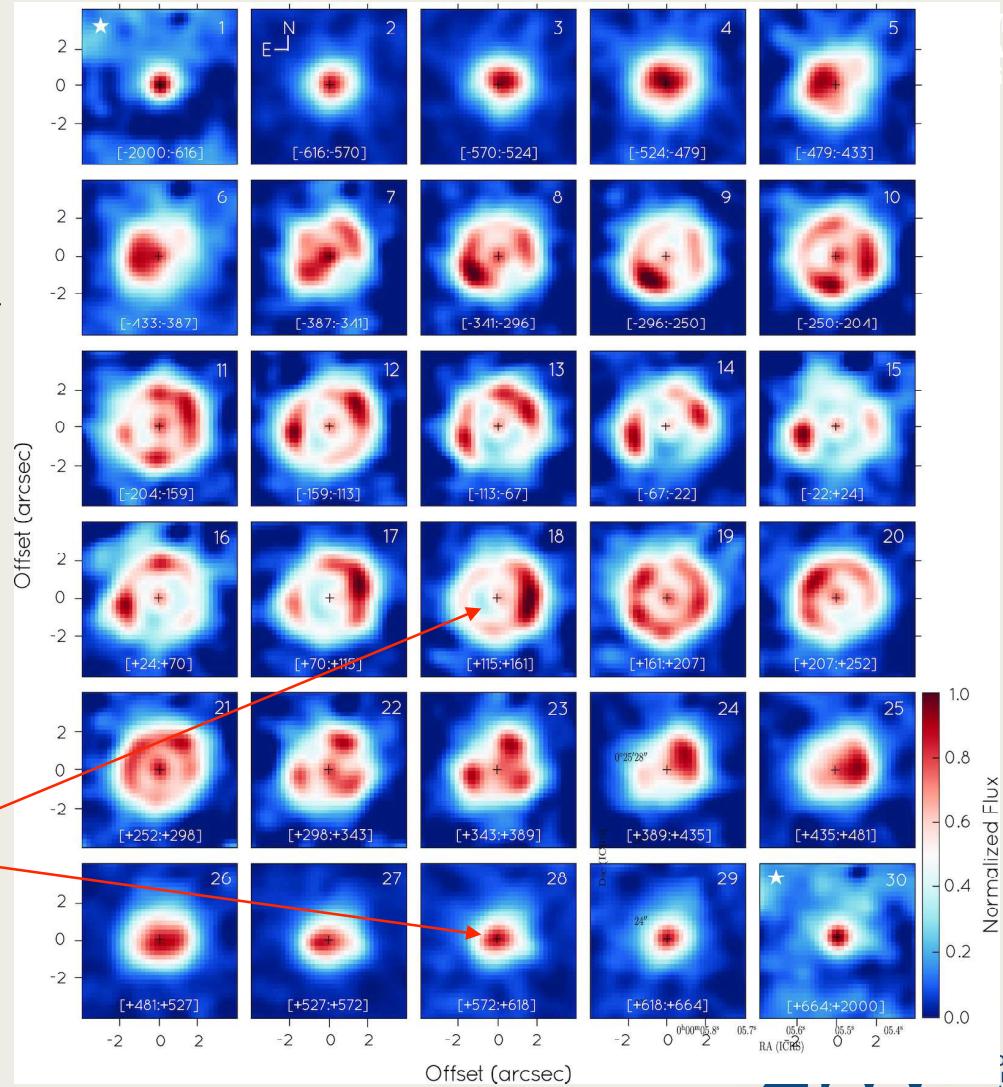
# HD-IFS STUDY OF QU VUL

## **Classical tomographic view**

## Nebular emission

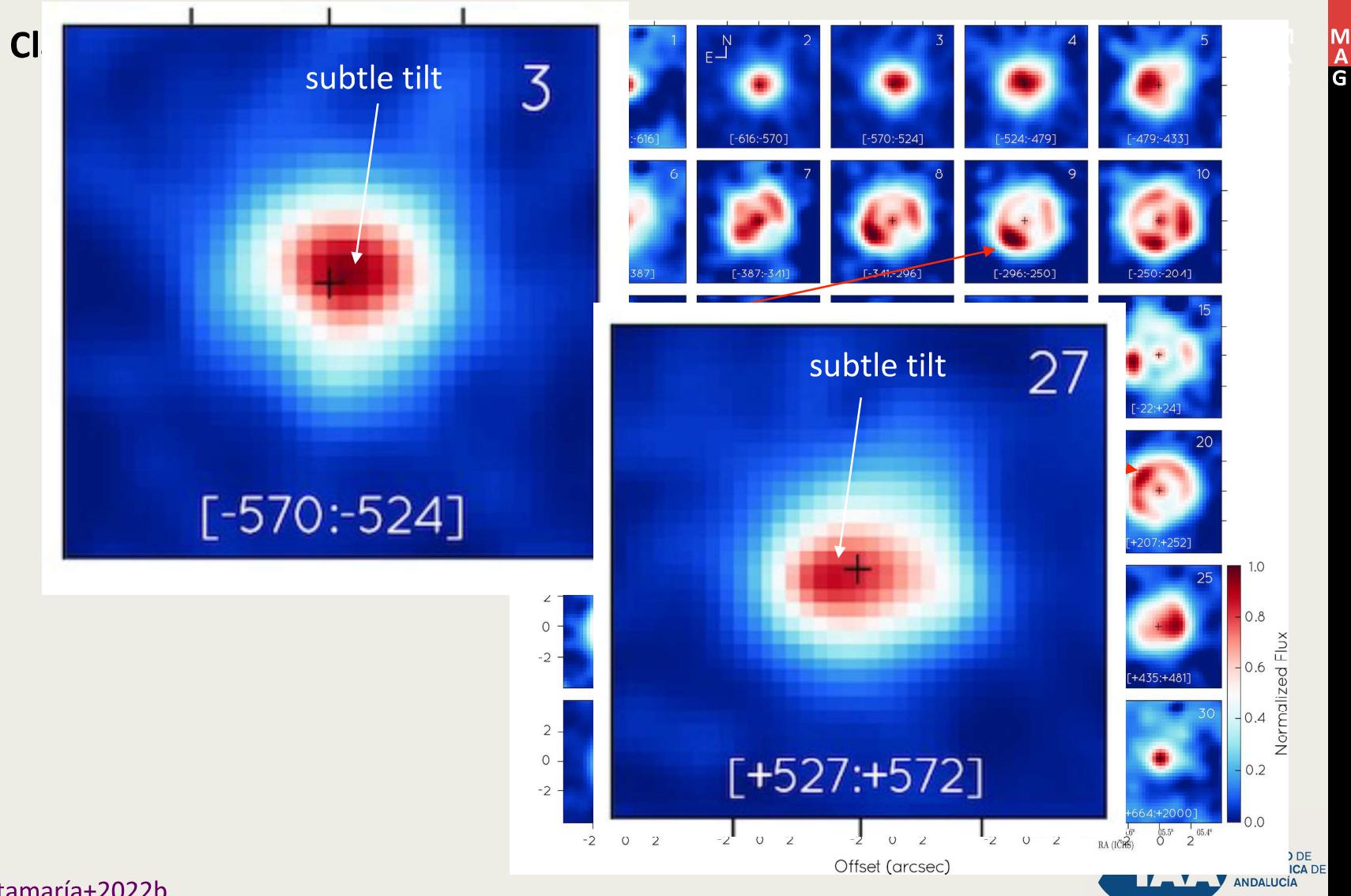
$$-616 \text{ km s}^{-1} < V_r < +664 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta V \approx 45 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$



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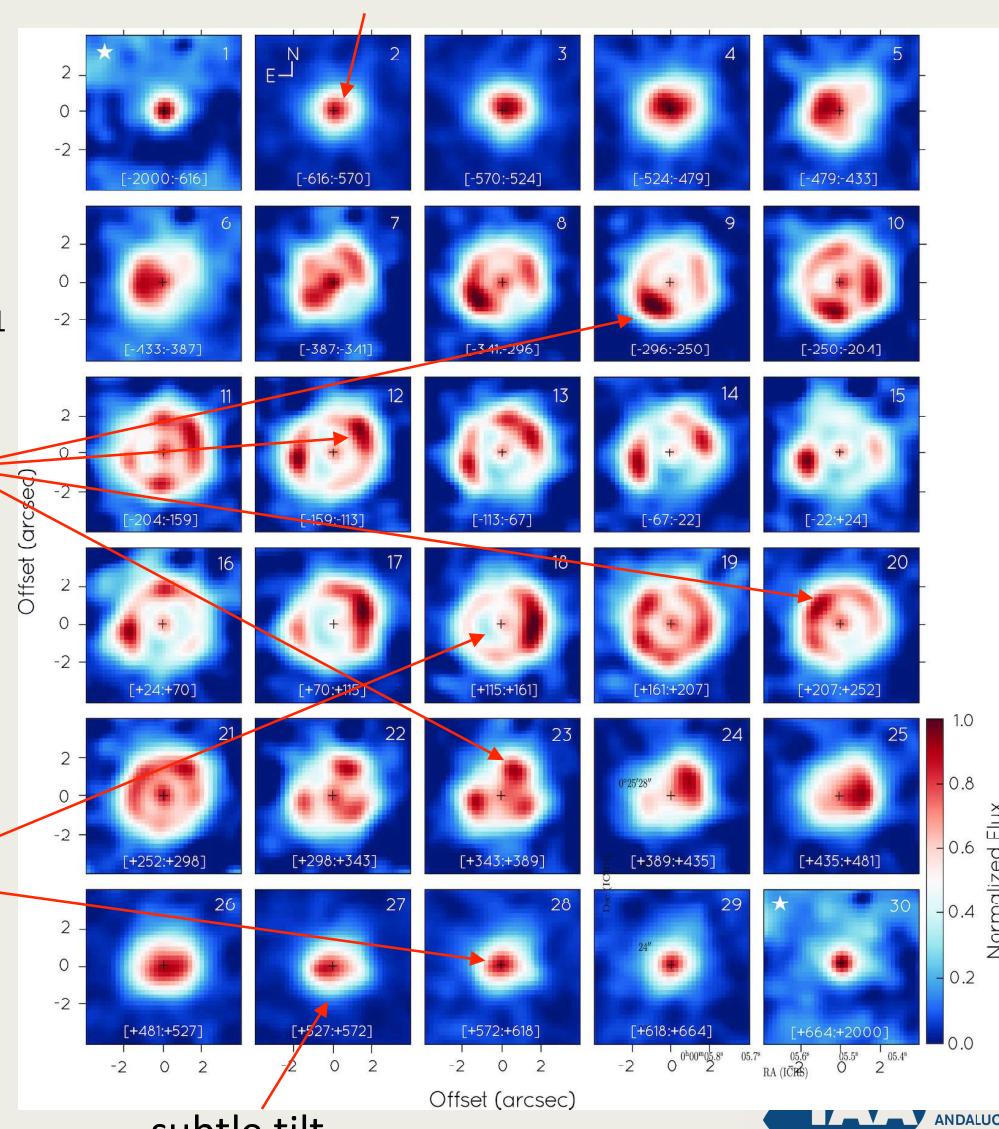
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knots

**Too much information!!!**

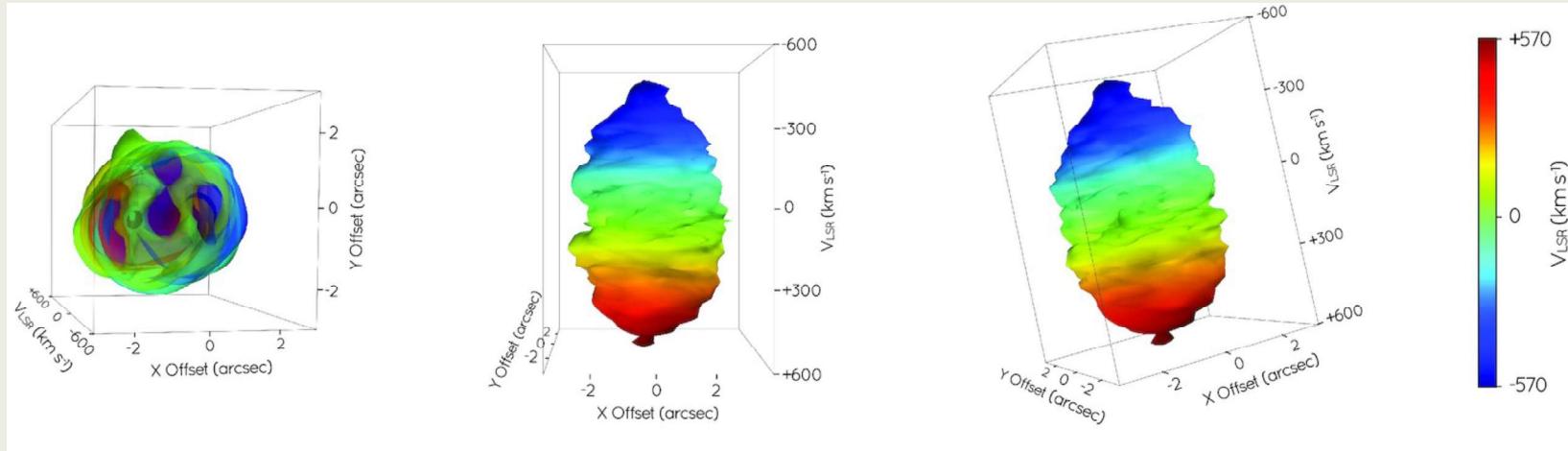
expanding shell

subtle tilt



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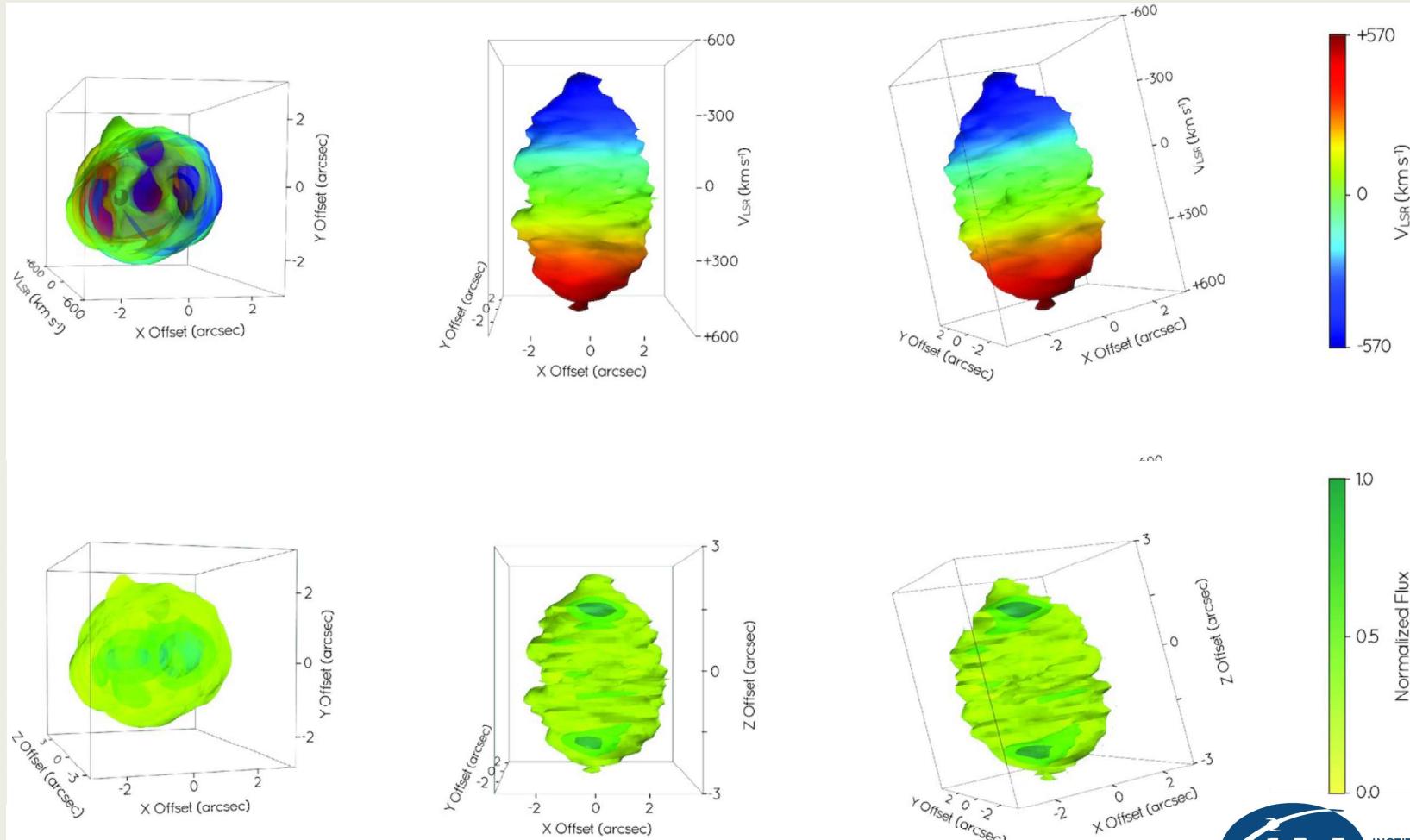
Single iso-intensity velocity colour-coded surface



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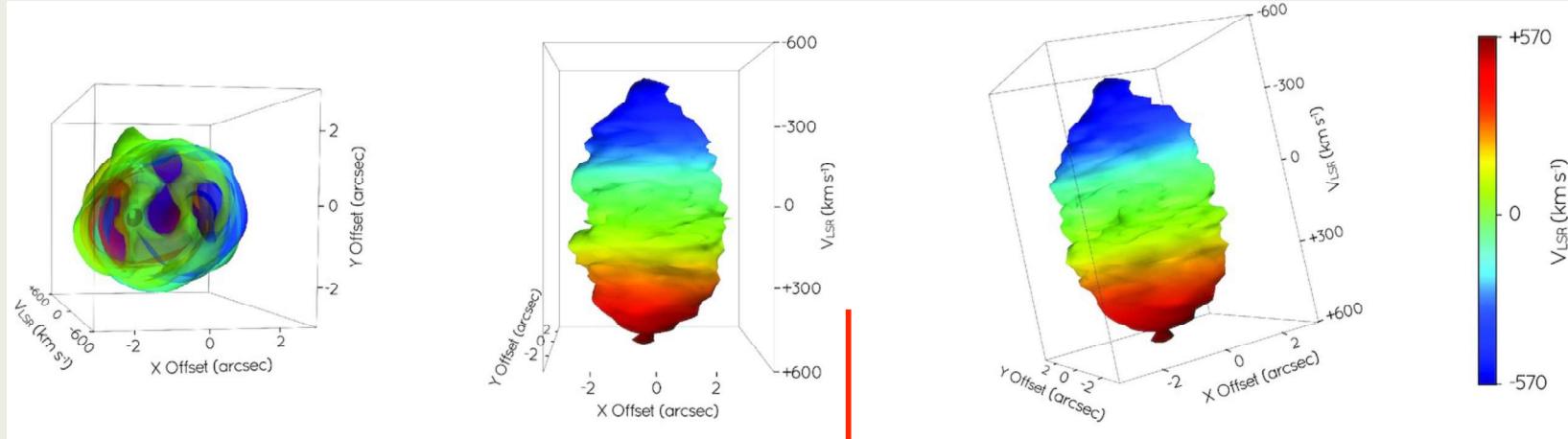
Multiple iso-intensity surfaces for knots enhancement



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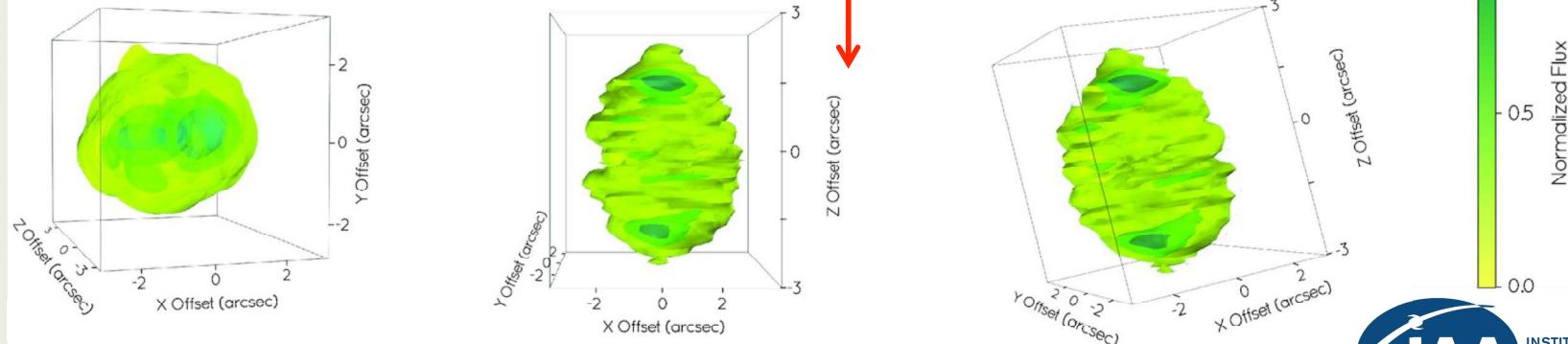
# HD-IFS STUDY OF QU VUL

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**Basic assumptions:**  $V_z \proportional z$

**simple geometry (ellipsoid)  
distance and sky expansion**



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Multiple iso-intensity surfaces for knots enhancement

# HD-IFS STUDY OF QU VUL

Prolate ellipsoid:

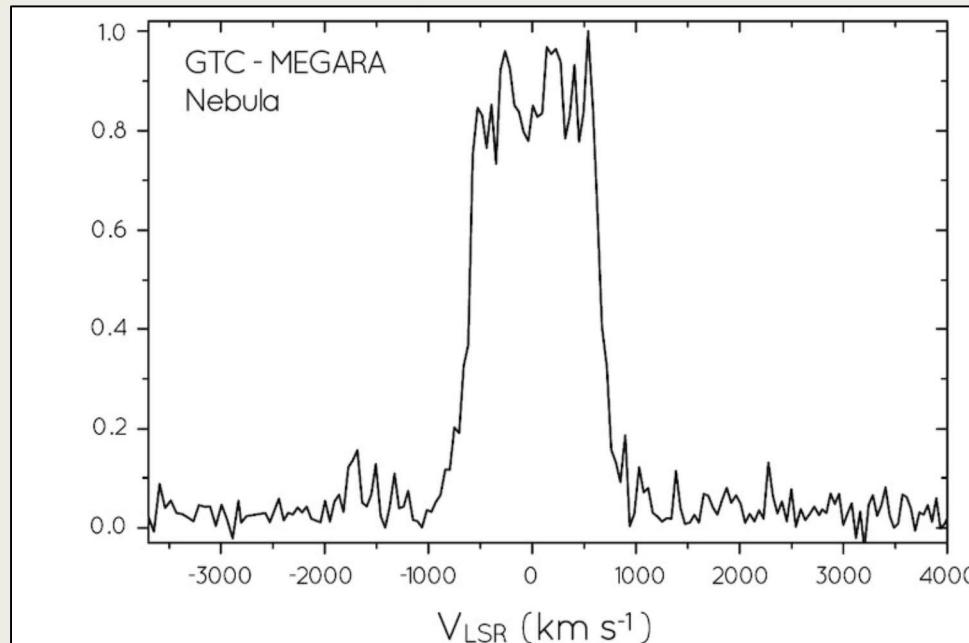
axial ratio  $1.4 \pm 0.2$

inclination LOS  $12^\circ \pm 6^\circ$

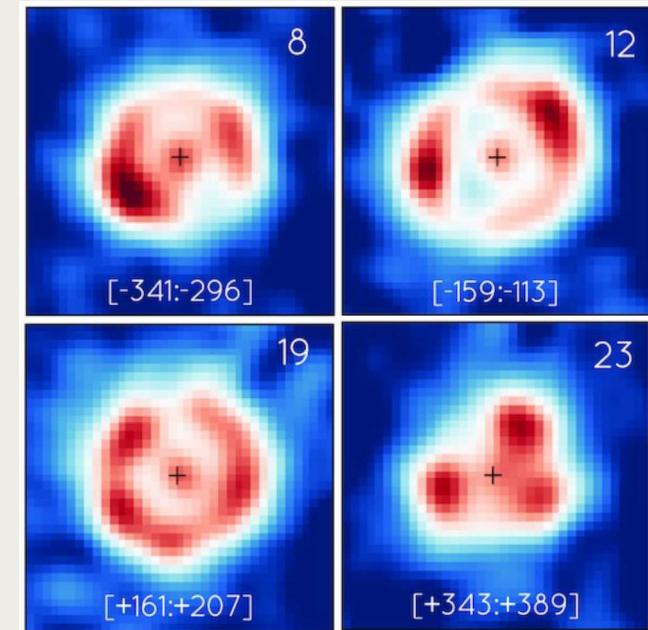
$$V_{\text{pol}} \approx 560 \text{ km s}^{-1} \quad // \quad V_{\text{eq}} \approx 400 \pm 60 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$M_i \approx 2 \times 10^{-4} M_\odot$$

$$E_{\text{kin}} \approx 3 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg} \quad (\text{reduced uncertainty on filling factor})$$



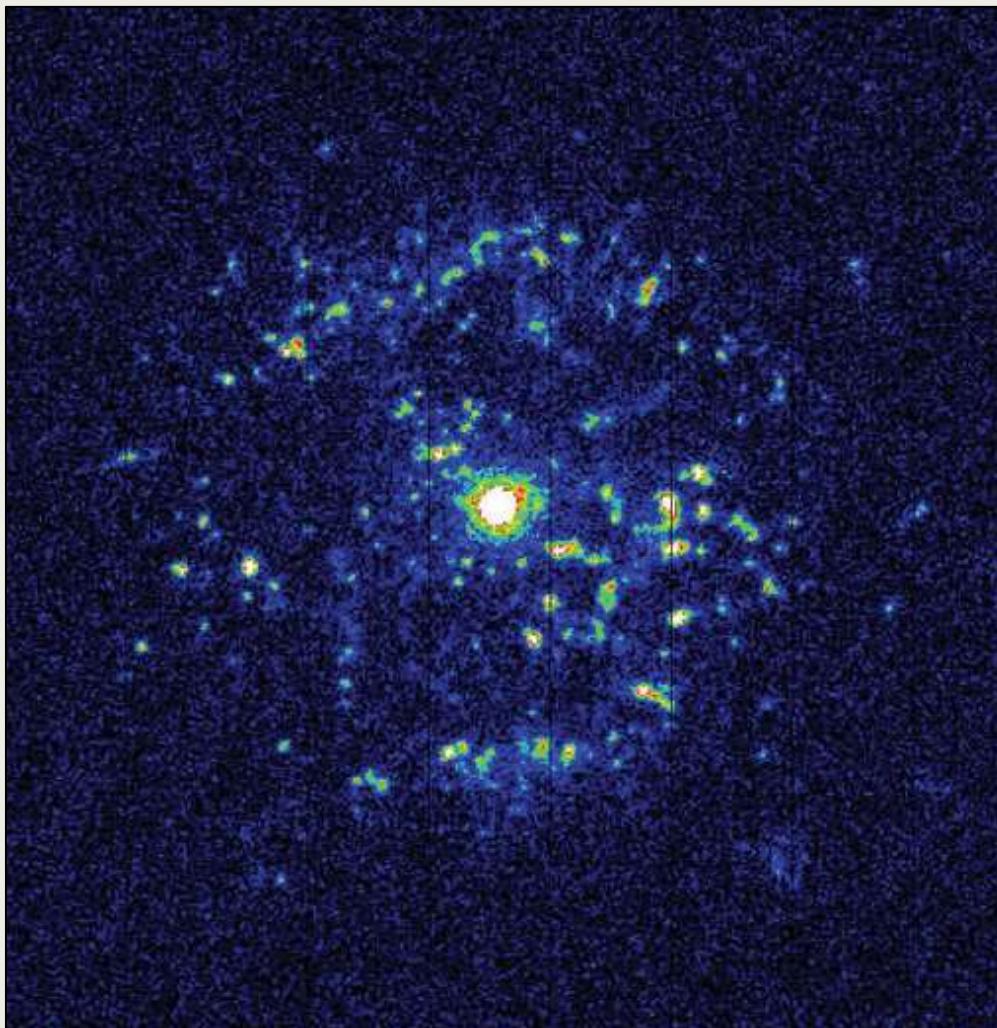
Integrated nebular H $\alpha$  line profile  
“Castellated” line profile



Clumpy 3D structure  
Line peaks at different  $V_r$

Usual early  $V_{\text{exp}} \approx \text{FWHM}$  ... overestimates true  
 $V_{\text{exp}} \geq (V_{\text{red}} - V_{\text{blue}})/2$

## HD-IFS STUDY OF T PYX



Archetype of clumpy nova shell

Detected both in Balmer emission lines of H $\alpha$  and H $\beta$  and forbidden emission lines of [O III] and [N II]

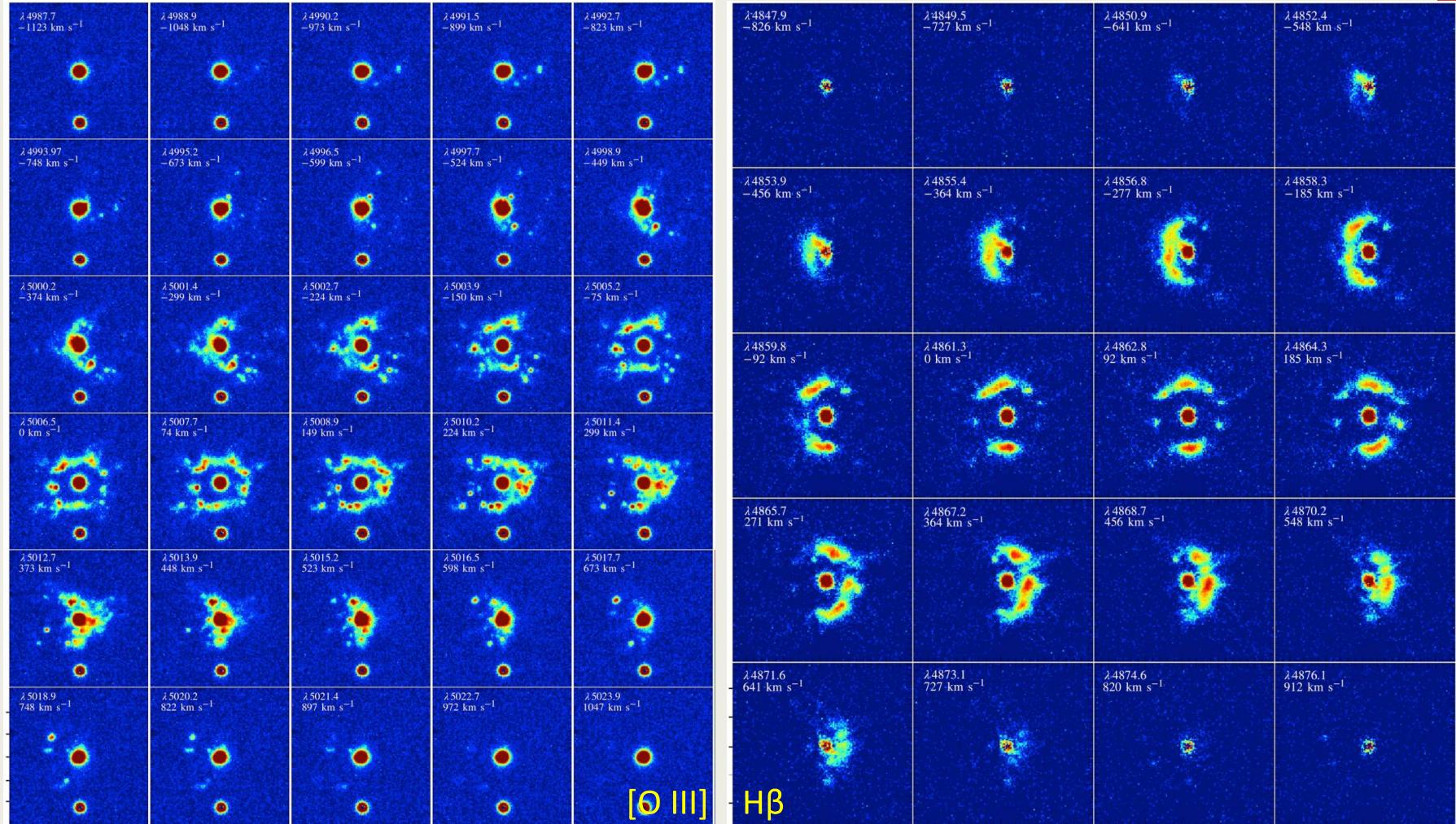
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# HD-IFS STUDY OF T PYX

Classical tomography in the [O III] 5007 Å and H $\beta$  emission lines

$\pm 1050 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

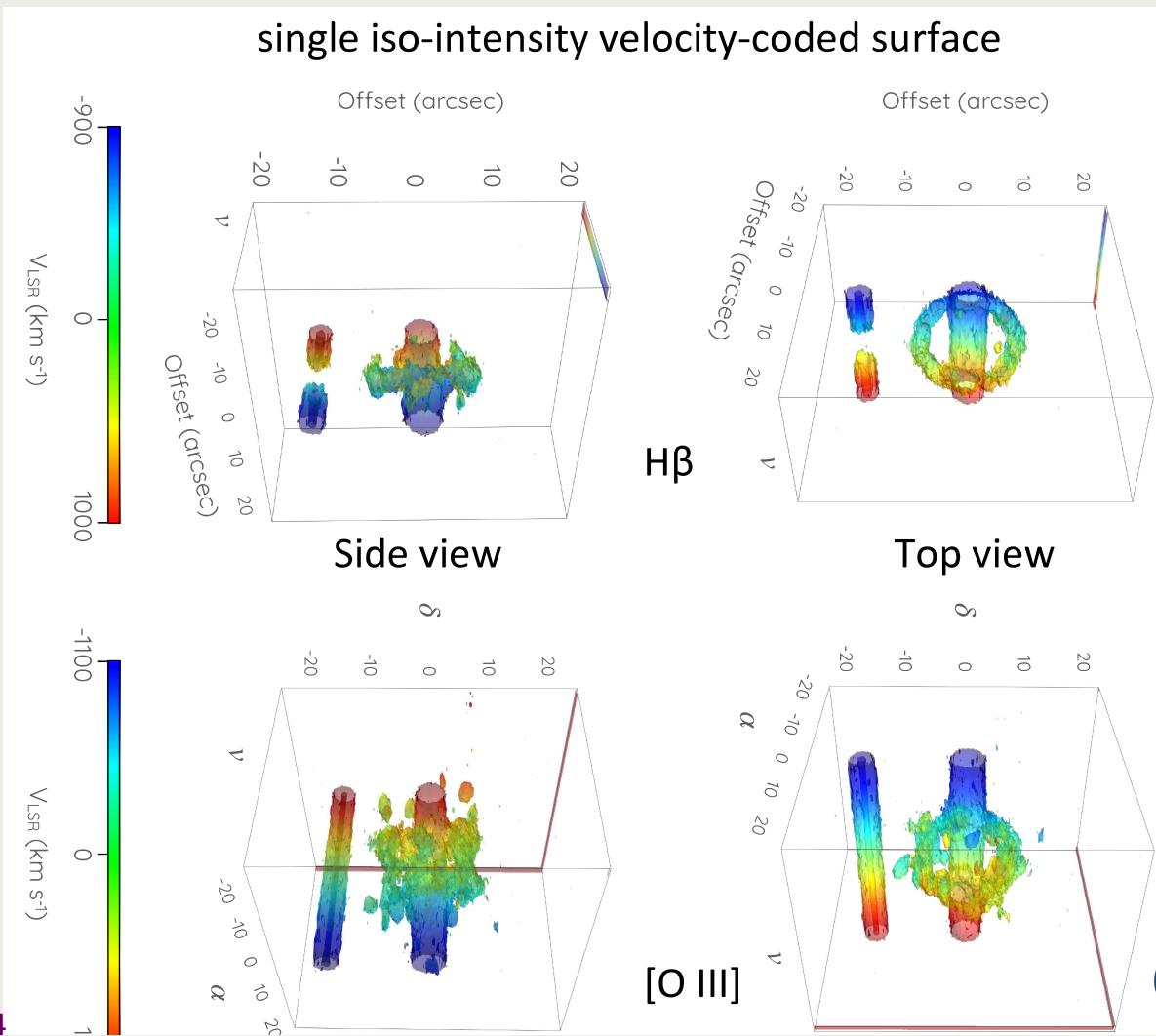
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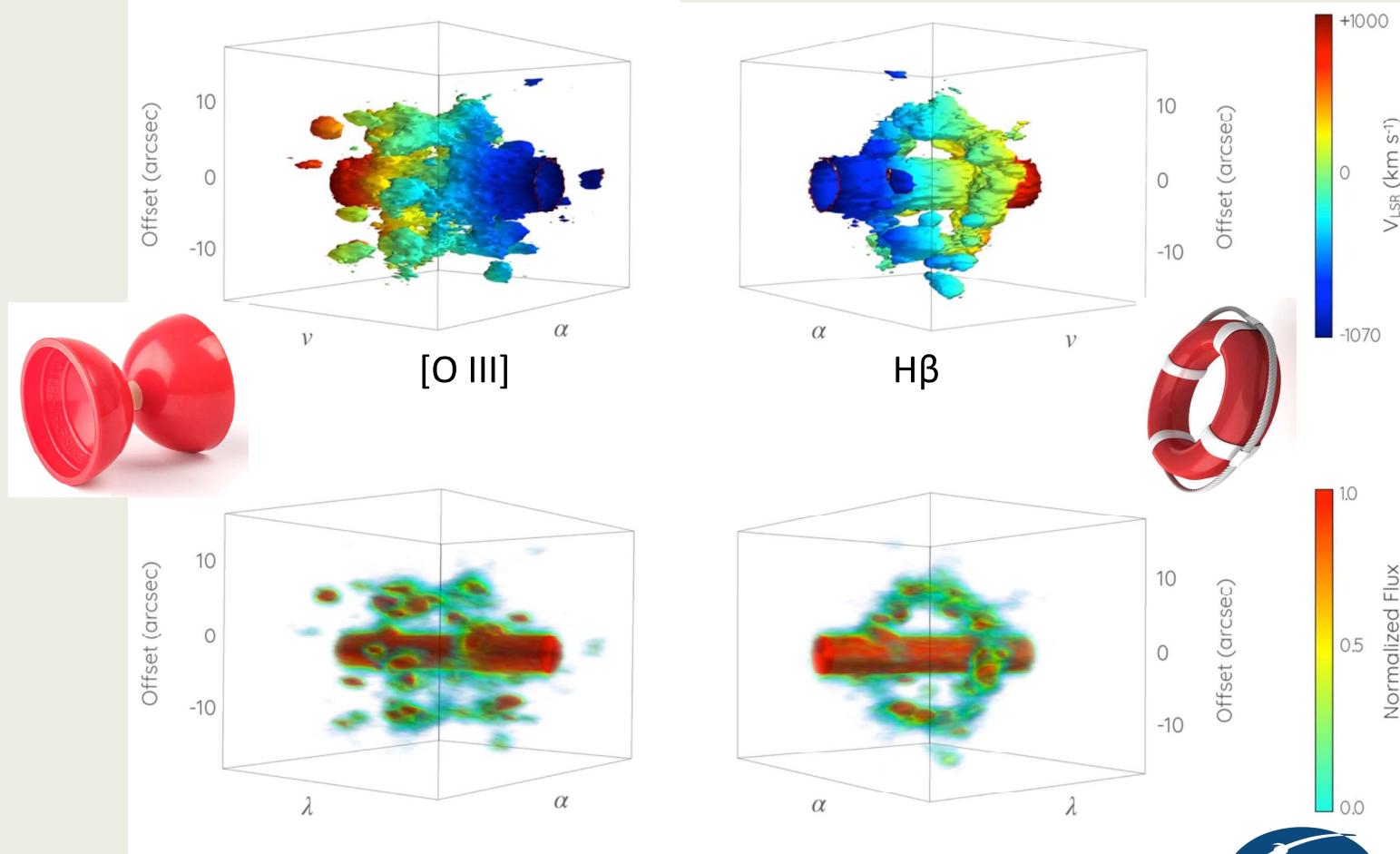
Very different spatio-kinematic structure in H Balmer and forbidden emission lines



# HD-IFS STUDY OF T PYX

Exact inclination and 3D model:

[O III] diabolo (truncated hourglass)    H I Balmer ring



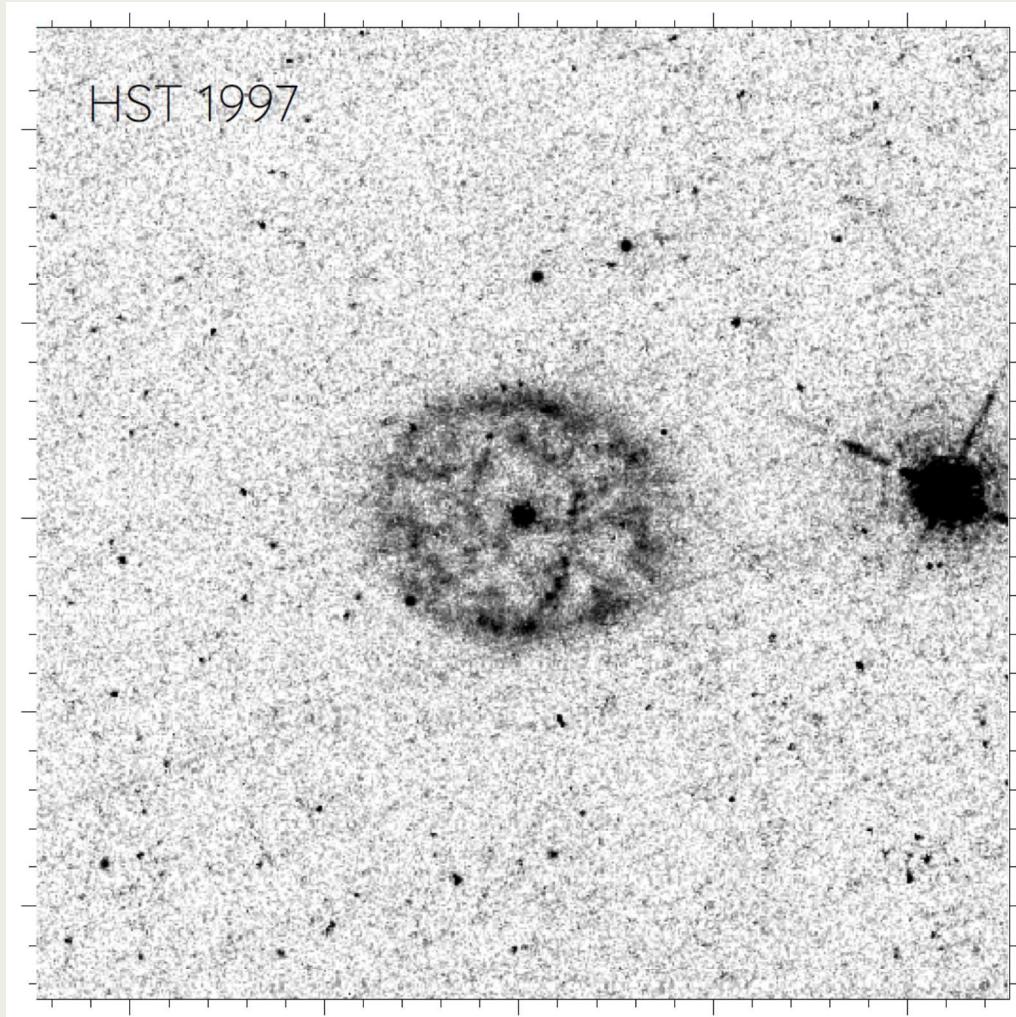
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Similar to RR Pic

# HD-IFS STUDY OF FH SER

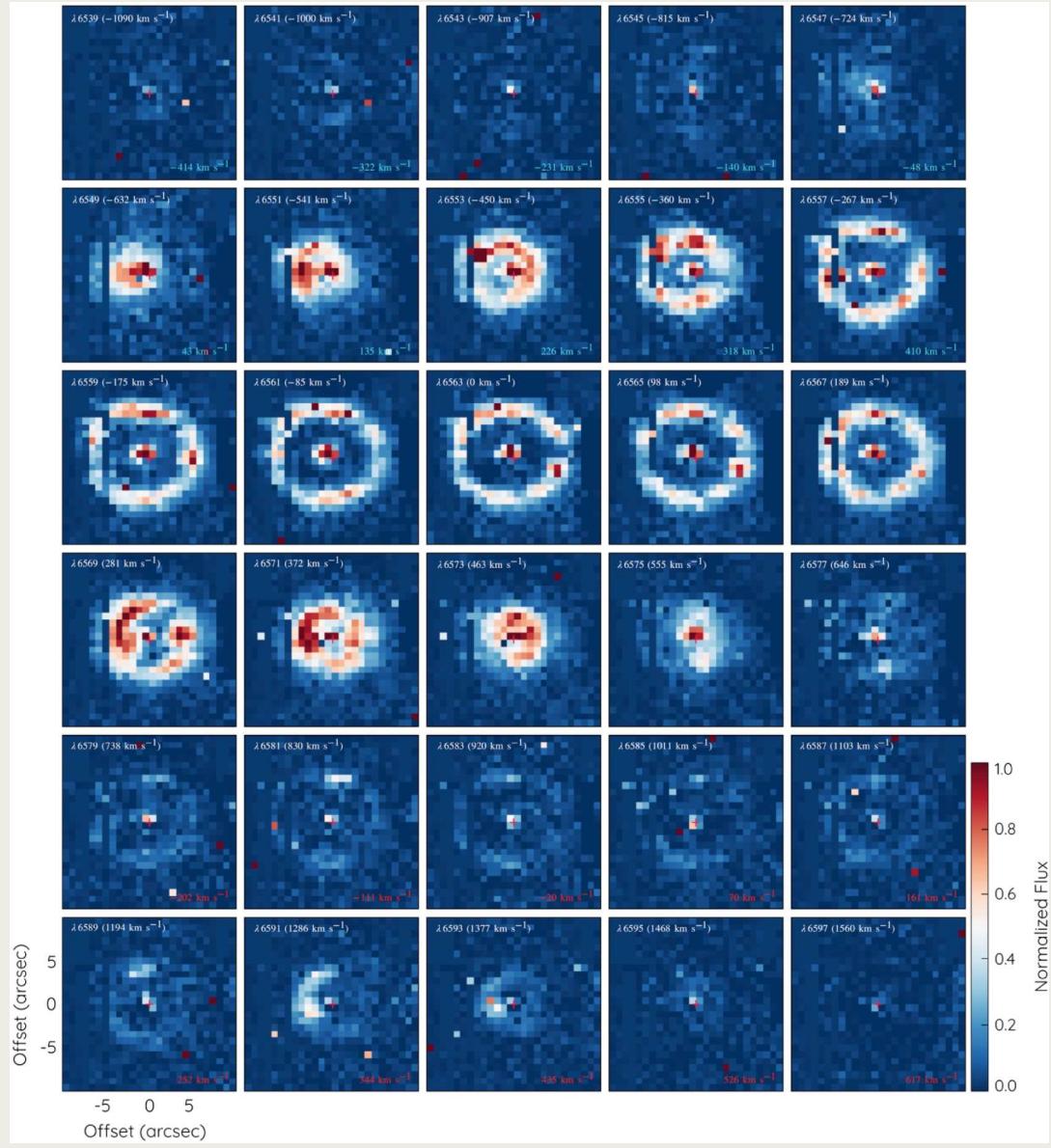
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H $\alpha$  elliptical morphology with “equatorial” ring-like structure



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# HD-IFS STUDY OF FH SER



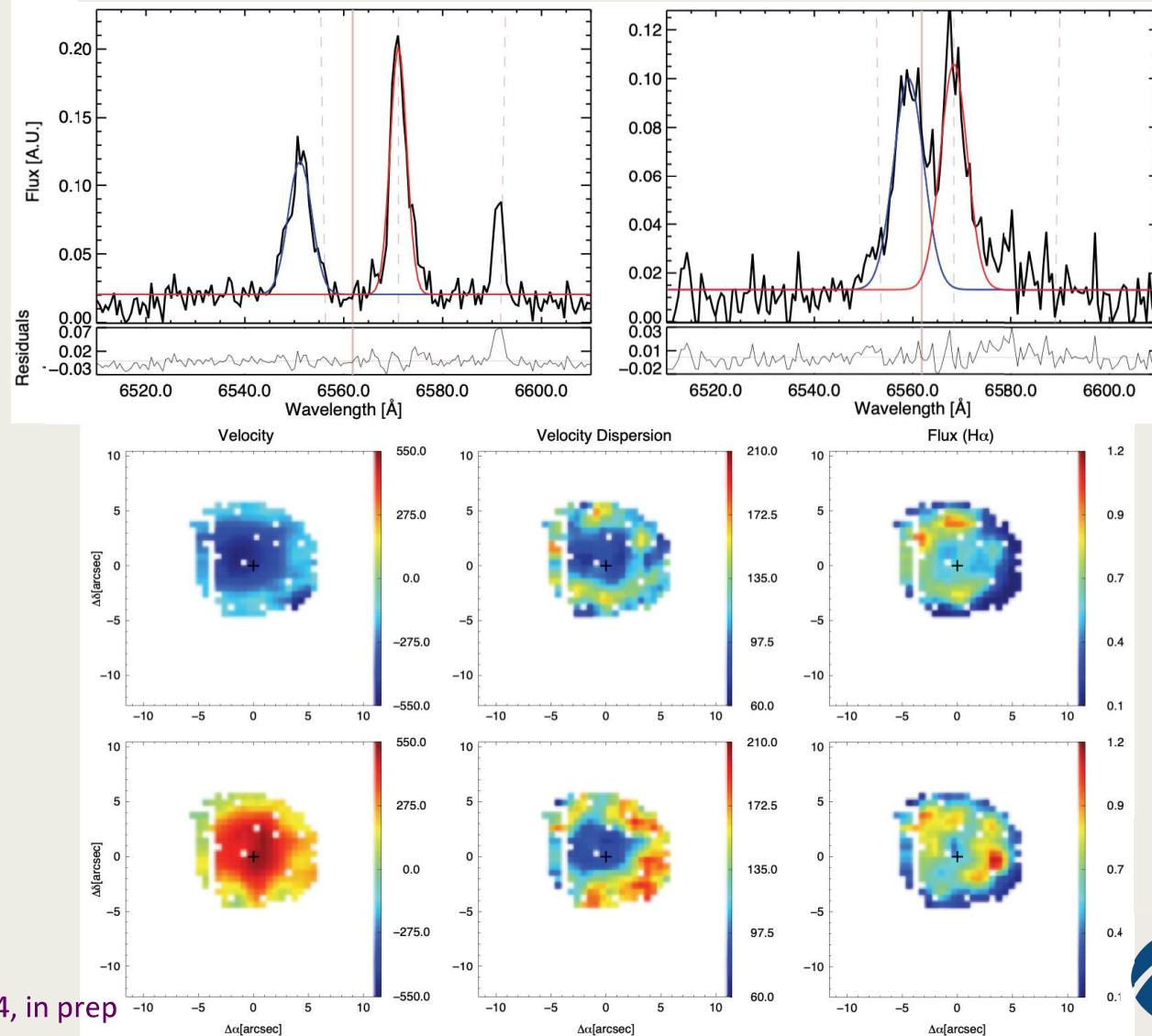
Classical H $\alpha$  and [N II]  
tomography ...  
 $\pm 800 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

... too much information:  

- expanding shell
- knots/filaments
- H $\alpha$  and [N II] blended

# HD-IFS STUDY OF FH SER

Multi-Gaussian 2D fit (velocity, dispersion, flux) for subsequent 3D ellipsoid fit



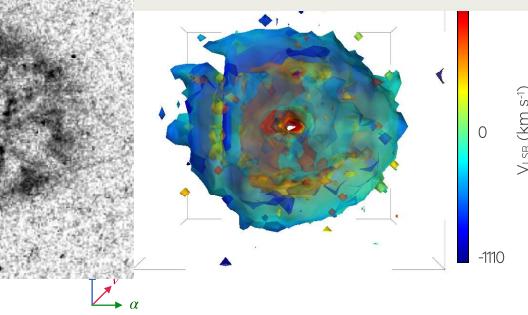
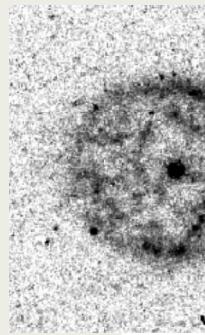
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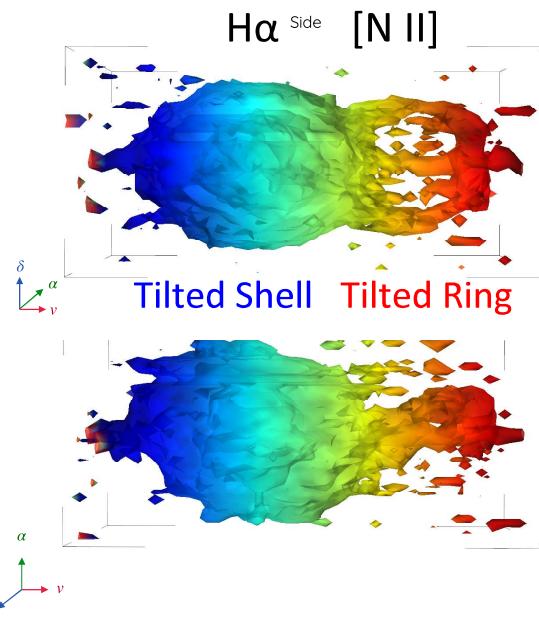
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Single iso-intensity surface  
velocity colour coded

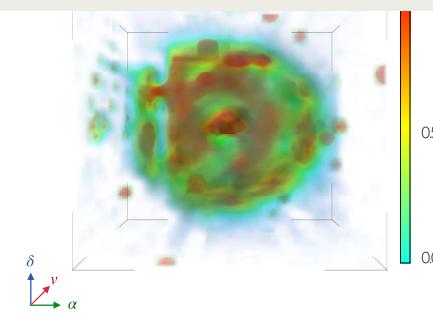


H $\alpha$  shell  
[N II] ring

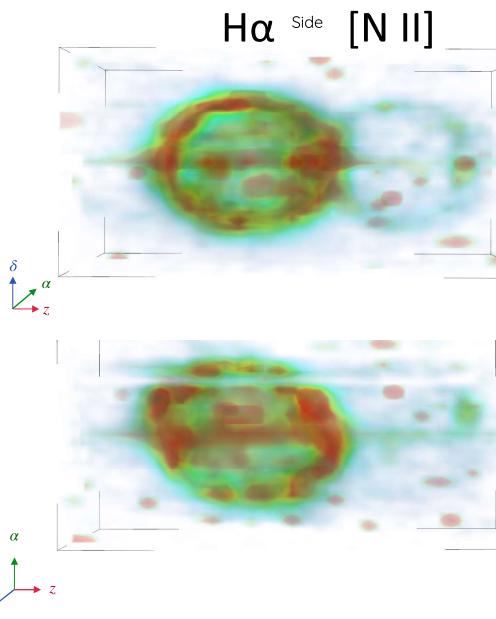


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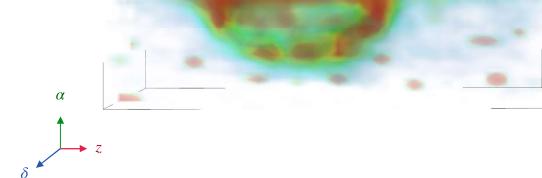
Multiple iso-intensity surfaces  
for density enhancement



Direct image



Top view



Side view



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## TAKE HOME MESSAGE



- ❖ “HD”-IFS studies of nova shells are essential to assess their shape, but also  $M_i$ ,  $E_{kin}$ , ...
- ❖ IFS datasets provide humongous amounts of information requiring a simplified “natural” visualisation
- ❖ H I Balmer and forbidden lines trace different structural components:  
shocks, wind-CSM interactions, non-isotropic ejecta
- ❖ Narrow-band H $\alpha$  imaging may be misleading
- ❖ Clumps may dominate nova remnants (even decades after nova event), trapping within nova yields
- ❖ Present day 3D nova remnant structure can trace down the nova event to understand wind-wind and wind-CSM interactions and help interpreting early observations