# What Do We Learn From the Ejecta in SNRs?



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# Disclaimers

- This is a review talk of a very broad topic
- As much as I would love to, I can't cover everything, and I can't cite everyone
- Topics I won't cover include dust in SN ejecta (see review talk by H. Gomez M. Barlow), pulsar wind nebulae (see review talk by T. Temim)
- If I do cover your work, but I misrepresent it, I apologize, and please correct me afterwards!
  I've made every attempt to at least misrepresent everyone equally



### **Forward Shock**

### Reverse-shocked Ejecta

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Distributions of various ejecta species in Cas A Hwang & Laming (2012)



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Chandra image, showing Si, S, Ca, Fe, and nonthermal emission

Infrared [Ar II] (red), high infrared [Ne II]/[Ar II] ratio (blue), Xray Si XIII (black), X-ray Fe-K (green), outer optical ejecta (yellow), fiducial reverse shock (sphere), and CCO (cross). Image from Delaney et al. (2010)

### Milisavljevic & Fesen (2013) added in optical data...



### NuSTAR locates the radioactive 44Ti... in the wrong place!

Most models predict that Ti and Fe are synthesized in close proximity; not seen here. <sup>44</sup>Ti is produced by radioactive decay; Fe Ka produced by reverse shock heating





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### Fe Ka in red, <sup>44</sup>Ti in blue, IMEs in green

See Grefenstette et al. (2014, 2017) for more details

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### See Sato & Hughes 2017

# Tycho's SNR

Spectral analysis of small knots of ejecta in Tycho show very high line-of-sight velocities

### Blueshifted mean = -3220 km/s Redshifted mean = 4980 km/s





# We can measure ejecta velocities in 3D!



# See Williams et al. (2017)

# We can measure ejecta velocities in 3D!



X,Y: Proper motions from 2003/2015 Chandra images Z: Doppler shift of Si and S lines in Chandra spectra

### **3D ejecta velocities in Tycho**



- we identified ~60 knots
- bright enough to get good spectra; and measurable proper motion
- center of remnant = no proper motions; covered by Sato & Hughes
- used various techniques to get spectroscopic redshift of knots, methods agree nearly perfectly

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# **Results and 3D visualization**



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of data down the center of the remnant

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Note: apparent "flattening" is illusion caused by lack of data down the center of the remnant

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### N3 Model Fewer detonation points Less symmetry

Models from Seitenzahl et al. (2013)



N100 Model More detonation points More symmetry

Tycho appears more consistent with symmetric expansion, perhaps implying more detonation points within the WD. LOTS of caveats here (possible selection biases, only Si ejecta used, substantial error bars, etc.)

# **Constraint on initial density profiles?**



2D simulations from Wang & Chevalier (2001)



Smooth initial ejecta, structures due to Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities





3D simulations of smooth and clumpy ejecta models at age of Tycho

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The kinematics of two models are very similar but... The clumpy structures seem to be very different.

# **Genus Statistics** (slide courtesy of Toshiki Sato)

What are "Genus statistics"?

- A method to analyze topology of the large-scale structure of the cosmos
- Calculate the Homology (count the number of holes and clumps) at each contour



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The genus statistic strongly supports an initial clumped ejecta distribution as the origin of the clumps in Tycho's supernova remnant. <u>See Sato et al. (2019)</u>

# **Ejecta Asymmetries and Neutron Star Kicks**



- NS often have high v... due to neutrino jets or asymmetric explosion?
- Holland-Ashford et al. (2017) use multiple expansion analysis of SNR morphologies to show anti-correlation of X-ray emission and NS velocity
- Favors ejecta asymmetry (con. of momentum), but several caveats

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- Katsuda et al. (2017) went one step further, separating X-ray emission into ejecta and CSM/ISM components
- Results largely agree with H-A17, with exception of RCW 103
- Also explored correlation between v and B-field of neutron stars, find none
- Results also support ejecta asymmetries as cause of NS kicks, rather than neutrino propulsion

Figure from Katsuda et al. 2017

# Ejecta asymmetries in Type la SNe?





# Asymmetric expansion of the Fe ejecta in Kepler's supernova remnant

Tomoaki Kasuga 🖾, Toshiki Sato, Koji Mori, Hiroya Yamaguchi, Aya Bamba

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# Fe much less even, with bright knot in SW

# Tycho EQW images

Si relatively evenly distributed (only about 5% more in the southern half)



### More on the Fe knot in Tycho... other Fe-group elements?



However, Yamaguchi et al. (2017) were unable to confirm this for Fe knot, and in fact put tight limits on any Cr, Mn, and Ni line emission







# **3C 397**

Mass ratios of Ni/Fe and Mn/Fe, combined with what we know about nuclear burning in WDs, indicate a high degree of neutronization that can only be achieved in the dense core of a near Chandrasekhar-mass WD. Perhaps indicative of a single degenerate progenitor

See Yamaguchi et al. (2015) for more.

Tycho



Lots of Fe, but little or no Fegroup elements. Favors sub-Ch mass WD. Double degenerate? 3C 397



Lots of Fe, and also lots of Fegroup elements. Favors Chmass WD. Single degenerate?

Two bright, local SNRs in our galaxy show evidence for very different nuclear burning regimes in the exploding WD. Perhaps evidence for more than one channel for SNe la?

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# W49B

Lopez et al. 2013 analyzed ejecta abundances and concluded that W49B was a CCSN





### THE GALACTIC SUPERNOVA REMNANT W49B LIKELY ORIGINATES FROM A JET-DRIVEN, CORE-COLLAPSE EXPLOSION

Laura A. Lopez<sup>1,4,5</sup>, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Castro<sup>1</sup>, and Sarah Pearson<sup>3</sup> Published 2013 January 24 • © 2013. The American Astronomical Society. All rights reserved. <u>The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 764, Number 1</u>

Zhou and Vink 2018 analyzed ejecta abundances and concluded that W49B was a Type Ia SN

A&A 615, A150 (2018)

Asymmetric Type-Ia supernova origin of W49B as revealed from spatially resolved X-ray spectroscopic study

<sup>(D)</sup> Ping Zhou<sup>1,2</sup> and Jacco Vink<sup>1,3</sup>



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# Hitomi (Astro-H)









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# SNR N132D

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Energy (keV)



Few thousand year old SNR in the LMC (50 kpc). Very bright X-ray source

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~16 counts in each of these spectral line energy ranges, but still enough to extract results!

While the S emission is consistent with a bulk velocity of 0, the Fe emission is best fit with a bulk velocity of 800 km/s. This almost certainly has implications for explosion model of progenitor SN, but caveat that error bars are large.

# Hitomi observations of the LMC SNR N 132 D: Highly redshifted X-ray emission from iron ejecta 🚥

Hitomi Collaboration, Felix Aharonian, Hiroki Akamatsu, Fumie Akimoto, Steven W Allen, Lorella Angelini, Marc Audard, Hisamitsu Awaki, Magnus Axelsson, Aya Bamba, Marshall W Bautz, ... Show more

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### **Perseus Cluster**



- Metal abundance in intracluster medium is result of billions of SNe over age of universe.
- Fe-group elements (Cr, Mn, Ni) are produced in Type Ia SNe
- Features are weak, so hard to detect with CCD instruments
  - Abundance of Perseus Cluster spectrum with Hitomi indicates that neither near-M<sub>Ch</sub> or sub-M<sub>Ch</sub> channels alone can account for observed abundances



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#### Search for thermal X-ray features from the Crab nebula with the Hitomi soft X-ray spectrometer 🚥

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# Other SNR results from Hitomi

Hitomi X-ray studies of giant radio pulses from the Crab pulsar 🚥

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# Hitomi X-ray observation of the pulsar wind nebula G21.5-0.9 @

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# Hitomi Legacy

- Hitomi lost to an operations mishap on Day 38, but prior to that, had been working perfectly (even exceeding requirements)
- Even with only a few weeks of operations, we observed ~half-dozen targets, and have 13 scientific papers and counting, plus a few dozen instrumental papers
- We got a brief glimpse into the power of high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy.
- This is a *transformational* leap forward, and is the future of X-ray astronomy



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# The X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM<sup>1,2</sup>)

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<sup>1</sup>Pronounced "krizz-em"

<sup>2</sup>formerly known as "XARM"

# **XRISM Executive Summary**

XRISM, formerly the X-ray Astronomy Recovery Mission (XARM), is a JAXA/ NASA collaborative mission with ESA participation. XRISM is expected to launch in <u>February 2022</u> on a JAXA H-IIA rocket.

The XRISM payload consists of two instruments:

- <u>Resolve</u>: a soft X-ray spectrometer, which combines a lightweight X-Ray Mirror Assembly paired with an X-ray microcalorimeter spectrometer, and provides non-dispersive 5-7 eV energy resolution in the 0.3-12 keV bandpass with a field of view of about 3 arcmin.
- <u>Xtend</u>: a soft X-ray imager, is a CCD detector that extends the field of the observatory to 38 arcmin over the energy range 0.4-13 keV, using an identical lightweight X-Ray Mirror Assembly.

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# **Resolve Top-Level Performance Requirements**

| Parameter              | Requirement                       | Hitomi Values                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Energy resolution      | 7 eV (FWHM)                       | 5.0 eV                              |
| Energy scale accuracy  | ±2 eV                             | ± 0.5 eV                            |
| Residual Background    | 2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> counts/s/keV | 0.8 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> counts/s/keV |
| Field of view          | 2.9 x 2.9 arcmin                  | same, by design                     |
| Angular resolution     | 1.7 arcmin (HPD)                  | 1.2 arcmin                          |
| Effective area (1 keV) | > 160 cm <sup>2</sup>             | 250 cm <sup>2</sup>                 |
| Effective area (6 keV) | > 210 cm <sup>2</sup>             | 312 cm <sup>2</sup>                 |
| Cryogen-mode Lifetime  | 3 years                           | 4.2 years (projected)               |
| Operational Efficiency | > 90%                             | > 98%                               |

![](_page_38_Picture_3.jpeg)

Kepler's SNR Thermal emission from a ~1 keV shocked plasma

![](_page_38_Figure_5.jpeg)

After ~3 month commissioning and ~6 month performance verification phase, the duration of the mission will be GO phase, open to competitive proposals from anywhere in the world, so start thinking of your ideas!

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# Postdoc Hire in SN/SNR science at NASA GSFC

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- 2 years initial funding, could be extended
- (most) non-US citizens ok!
- pursue various research topics that interest you
- flexible on start date (late 2019 2020)
- NASA Goddard is a great place to work

# Final Thoughts...

- Thank you to the organizers for giving me the privilege (and significant workload) of trying to review such a broad topic
- I can only scratch the surface of what you all have done and are doing
- Please come and tell me about your work!