INVESTIGATING ASYMMETRIES OF SUPERNova REMNANTS THROUGH LONG-TERM 3D SN-SNR SIMULATIONS

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Supernova Remnants

Information about the progenitor star and SN encoded in the observations

Which information?

How to decipher the observations?
Asymmetries in SNRs offer the possibility to investigate the final stages of stellar evolution by unveiling the structure of the medium immediately surrounding the progenitor.

Cassiopeia A

Observations suggest that its morphology and expansion rate are consistent with a remnant expanding through the wind of the progenitor red supergiant (e.g. Lee+ 2014)

The bulk of asymmetries observed in Cas A is intrinsic to the explosion. This remnant is one of the best studied and its 3D structure has been characterized in good detail (e.g. De Laney+ 2010, Milisavljevic & Fesen 2013, 2015, Holland-Ashford+ 2019, talks: Fesen, Holland-Ashford, Picquenot)

- 3 Fe-rich regions
- 2 Si-rich jets
- Rings circling Fe-rich regions

(Milisavljevic & Fesen 2013)

Asymmetries in SNRs offer the possibility to probe the physics of SN engines by providing insight into the asymmetries that occur during the SN explosion.
Structure of the progenitor stars

Interior structure turbulent and mixed

(Arnett & Meakin 2011)
Structure of the progenitor stars

Anisotropies in SNRs may offer the possibility to investigate the nature of the progenitor stars

(Wongwathanarat+ 2015)
SNRs are sources of information on the parent SNe and the progenitor stars.

the progenitor – SN – SNR connection

an essential step to open new exploring windows on the physics of SNe and SNRs
How to link SNe to SNRs?

In general models describe either the SN evolution or the expansion of the remnant

- the former describe the SN and not follow its subsequent interaction with the C/ISM
- the latter assume an initial parametrized ejecta profile (leaving out an accurate description of the ejecta soon after the SN); describe the interaction with the C/ISM

Prevent to disentangle the effects of the initial conditions (i.e. the SN event) from those of the boundary conditions (i.e. the interaction with the environment)

Requirements:

- Hydrodynamics/magnetohydrodynamics
- Properties of the progenitor stars
- Supernova physics (explosive nucleosynthesis, radioactive decays, gravity, etc.)
- Ambient environment (constraints from observations)
- Microphysics (radiative cooling, NEI, temperature equilibration, CR acceleration)
- Synthesis of observables (thermal and non-thermal emission, ejecta distribution)

Multi-physics approach required
How to link SNe to SNRs?

Criticalities:

- Very different time and space scales of SNe and SNRs

- The phenomenon is inherently 3D
How to link cc SNe to SNRs? The strategy

1D/3D SN models

- explosive nucleosynthesis
- feedback of nuclear energy generation
- gravity

3D SNR models

- hydrodynamics/MHD
- radiative cooling
- non-equilibrium of ionization
- Back reaction of accelerated CRs
- electron-proton temperature equilibration

Feedback

- Synthesis of thermal and non-thermal emission
  Distribution of ejecta
- Comparison with observations
- isotopic composition of the ejecta
- Inhomogeneous CSM/ISM

Structure of the progenitor star

radioactive decays

(Orlando+ 2012, 2015, 2016)
Spatial Distribution of the Cas A ejecta

link the main asymmetries and geometry of Cas A's bulk ejecta to the physical characteristics of anisotropies developed soon after the SN explosion

average physical characteristics of post-explosion anisotropies that are able to reproduce the observed Fe-rich regions and Si-rich jets

Constrain energy and masses of post-explosion asymmetries
Cas A: effects of anisotropies in the SN

3D simulations of a neutrino-driven SN explosion reproducing basic properties of Cas A

(Wongwathanarat+ 2017; see talk at this meeting)

(Milisavljevic & Fesen 2013)

Initial condition: after core bounce

Final time: ~ 1 day after explosion

Three pronounced iron-rich fingers that may correspond to the extended iron-rich regions observed in Cas A

Major asymmetries observed in Cas A explained by a neutrino-driven explosion

No need to invoke rapid rotation or jet-driven explosion
Type Ia SNe: post-explosion asymmetries

3D model for thermonuclear explosion of a carbon-oxygen white dwarf star (type Ia SN) (Seitenzahl+ 2013)

SNR model shows that the impact of the SN on the SNR may still be visible after hundreds of years

Simulations suggest that type Ia SNRs keep memory of the initial asymmetries from the SN (Ferrand+ 2019)

Poster: S3.4, S. Nagataki
A case study: SN 1987A

When: 23 February 1987
Where: Large Magellanic Cloud

Stellar progenitor: Sk -69°202

Nearest supernova explosion observed in hundreds of years

Unique opportunity to watch a SN change into a SNR

(Smith+ 2013)
Anisotropies in SN 1987A

- Soon after the SN event: Fe lines redshifted centroid ~ 280 ±140 km/s; wings > 3000 km/s (Haas+ 1990)
- At later times (> 20 yrs): lines from decay of $^{44}$Ti narrow and redshifted with a Doppler velocity of ~700 km/s (Boggs+ 2015)
- 3D distributions of CO and SiO emission have a torus-like distribution (Abellan+ 2017; Talk Matsuura)

Direct evidence of large-scale asymmetry in the explosion

NuSTAR Sees Titanium Glow in Supernova 1987A

Asymmetric cloud of supernova debris mostly thrown away from us

Most of the X-ray glow from titanium is emitted at lower energies as it moves away from us

Not seen: neutron star kicked toward us

(Haas+ 1990) (Boggs+ 2015)
Linking SNR 1987A to the SN and progenitor star

**Progenitor star**
- $16.3 \, M_\odot$ BSG (Nomoto & Hashimoto 1988)
- $19.8 \, M_\odot$ RSG (Woosley+2002)
- $18.29 \, M_\odot$ BSG resulting from the merging of 14 and 9 $M_\odot$ stars (Urushibata+2018)

**3D cc SN model**

(Ono+2019 in preparation)

**3D SNR model**

(Orlando+2019 in preparation)

The $18.29 \, M_\odot$ BSG model reproduces the main observables of Sk $-69^\circ \, 202$
- red-to-blue evolution
- lifetime
- total mass and position in the HR diagram at collapse
The SN explosion

Adapted from the model of Ono+ (2013) to 3D
- explosive nucleosynthesis through a nuclear reaction network (19 isotopes);
- energy deposition due to radioactive decays of isotopes synthesized in the SN;
- gravitational effects of the central compact object;
- fallback of material on the compact object.

Simulations start:
- soon after the core-collapse
- SN explosion initiated by injecting kinetic and thermal energies artificially around the central compact object

Explored range of injected energy
(1.8 – 3.0) FOE

Explored range of initial anisotropy:
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\frac{v_{\text{pol}}}{v_{\text{eq}}} = \beta = [2.0 – 16] \\
\frac{v_{\text{up}}}{v_{\text{dw}}} = \alpha = [1.1 – 1.5]
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Numerical code: 
FLASH 
(Fryxell+ 2000)
The SNR evolution

Numerical code: **PLUTO** (Mignone+ 2007)

Density structure of the nebula constrained by optical spectroscopic data (e.g. Mattila+ 2010)

(see Fabrizio Bocchino’s poster + VR experience)
Effects of initial large-scale asymmetry in SN 1987A
Post-explosion anisotropies: [Fe II] line profiles

Best-fit parameters
$E_{\text{exp}} \sim 2 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg}$
$\alpha = 1.5$
$\beta = 16$
progenitor model = B18.3

NS kick
$\sim 300 \text{ km/s}$
toward us to the north
(Nagataki 2000;
Wongwathanarat 2013;
Janka 2017)
Distribution of $^{44}$Ti in the evolved SNR

- **NuSTAR**: $^{44}$Ti lines redshifted with Doppler velocity $\sim 700 \pm 400$ km/s (Boggs+ 2015)

- **Model**: Velocity along the LoS of $^{44}$Ti $\sim 400$ km/s away from the observer
Molecular structure in the evolved SNR

- **ALMA:** torus-like structure evident in SiO and CO
  
- **Model:** modeled torus-like feature with similar orientation and size

*Abellan+ 2017*

*Orlando+ 2019*
Effects of inhomogeneous CSM in SN 1987A
X-ray Lightcurves

BSG

N16.3

[0.5, 2.0] keV

- ROSAT
- ASCA
- CHANDRA
- XMM

Observed Flux [$10^{-13}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$]

Years since SN 1987A

[3.0, 10] keV

- total
- ejecta
- Hill
- ring

BSG (merging)

B18.3

[0.5, 2.0] keV

- ROSAT
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- CHANDRA
- XMM

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RSG

S19.8

[0.5, 2.0] keV

- ROSAT
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- CHANDRA
- XMM

Observed Flux [$10^{-13}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$]

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explosion energy
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Initial large-scale asymmetry
α = 1.5
β = 16

NS kick
\sim 300 \text{ km/s toward us to the north}
Conclusions

TAKE AWAY POINTS

- SNRs morphology and properties reflect the physical and chemical properties of the parent SNe, the stellar progenitor, and the environment in which blast waves travel
- Multi-wavelengt/multi-messenger observations of SNRs encode information about the physical and chemical properties of both stellar debris and surrounding CSM
  - anisotropies, dynamics and energetics of the SN explosions
  - clues on the final stages of stellar evolution

THE CHALLENGE

Deciphering observations might depend critically on models

- Models should connect stellar progenitor \( \rightarrow \) SN \( \rightarrow \) SNR
  - multi-physics, multi-scale, multi-dimension (progenitor, SN, SNR)
- Observational facts as a guidance for models (account for dynamics, energetics, and spectral properties of SNe and SNRs)
- Promote the synergy and communication among communities (progenitors, SNe, SNRs)

THE DREAM

Coupling together state-of-the-art models in each field
- self-consistent picture