



Structures of M33 Supernova Remnants Revealed by Broad-Band HST Images



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Supernova Remnants (SNRs) are usually detected in narrow bands centered on emission lines.
We show that **broad-band images can still reveal some SNRs.**

Catalog of 218 SNR candidates in M33
Long et al. (2010); Lee & Lee (2014)

HST archival data
From the Legacy Imaging Survey of M33 (PI: Dalcanton)
Only broad-band images!

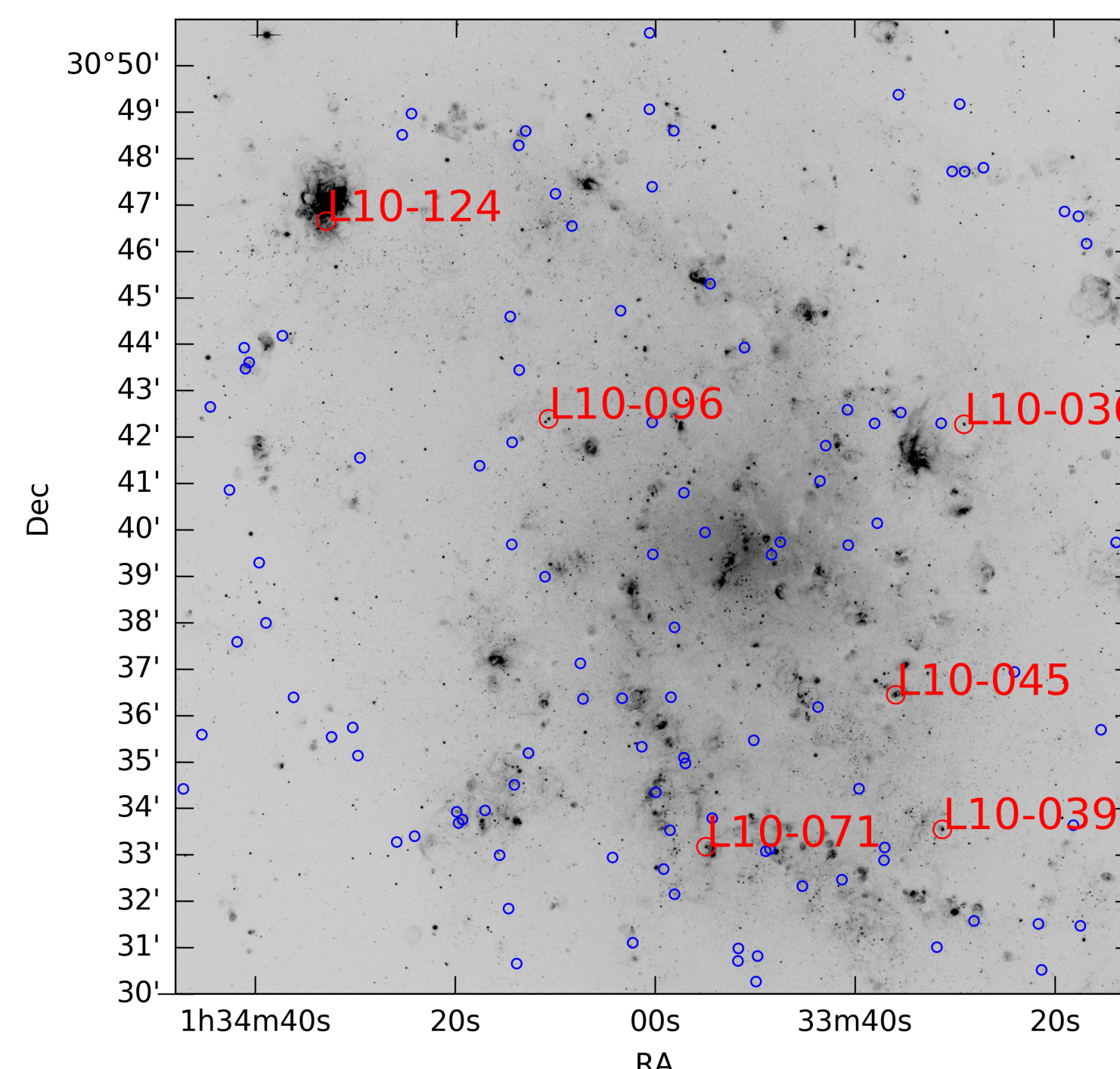
80 SNRs imaged
6 SNRs detected in HST broad bands

	Surface Brightness (erg/s/cm ² /arcsec ²) Long et al. (2010)	Diameter (pc) Long et al. (2018)	Density (cm ⁻³)	X-ray Luminosity (erg/s) Garofali et al. (2017)
L10-036	5.0×10 ⁻¹⁵	22	>11	4.1×10 ³⁶
L10-039	1.5×10 ⁻¹⁴	16	>22	6.4×10 ³⁶
L10-045	5.8×10 ⁻¹⁵	33	>10	1.8×10 ³⁶
L10-071	5.0×10 ⁻¹⁵	24	>10	5.4×10 ³⁶
L10-096	3.7×10 ⁻¹⁵	22	>9	3.0×10 ³⁶
L10-124	9.4×10 ⁻¹⁵	14	>19	1.1×10 ³⁵

- Density calculated by: $SB = 1.9 \times 10^{-18} n_e^2 L_{pc} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ arcsec}^{-2}$
(Emitting path length $L_{pc} = f \times \text{diameter of the SNR}$, where $f < 1$)
- X-ray luminosity derived from the flux, for a M33 distance of 817 kpc

They are X-ray bright SNRs in dense environments

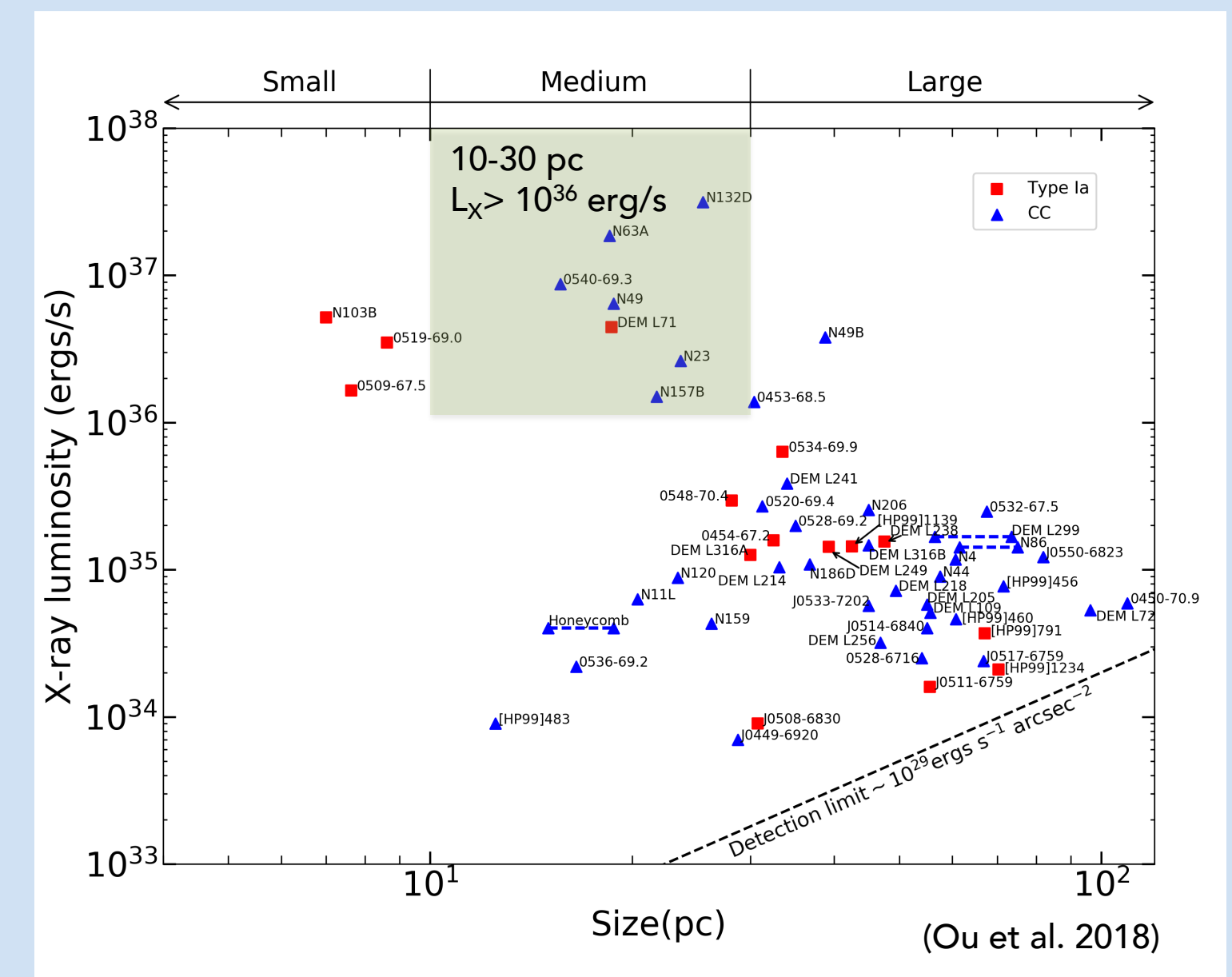
- The 6 SNRs detected in broad bands are exactly the 6 SNRs with highest densities derived from Long et al.'s measurements.
- All but 1 of these SNRs are among the 16 X-ray bright SNRs with $L_X > 10^{36} \text{ erg/s}$.



Density detection threshold

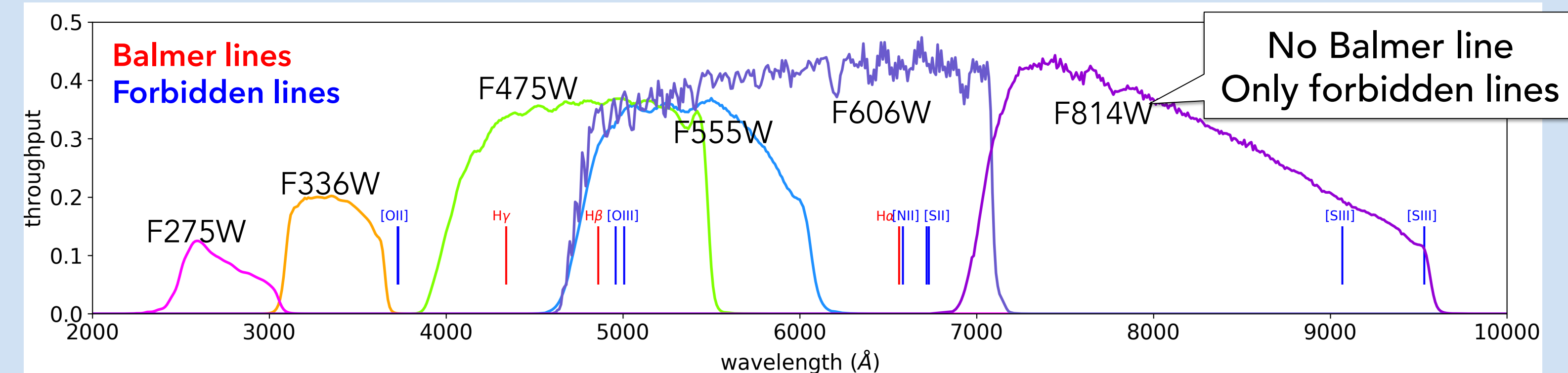
- X-ray: $>0.001 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Ou et al. 2018)
- H α band: $>1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Ou et al. 2018)
- HST broad bands: $>10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Comparing with the LMC's L_X -size diagram



- The 6 M33 SNRs mostly among the group of medium-sized (10-30 pc), X-ray-bright SNRs
- 3 possible origins:
 - (1) Core-collapse SNRs interacting with dense clouds
 - (2) Core-collapse SNRs with pulsar-wind nebulae
 - (3) Type Ia SNRs

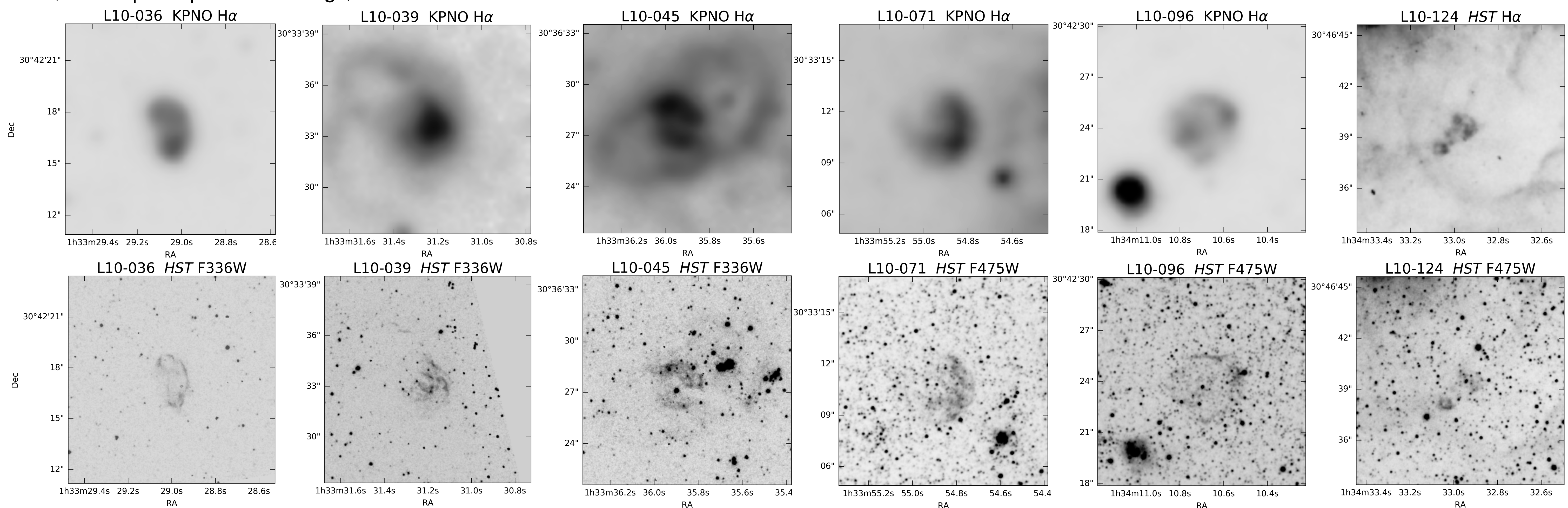
Comparing different bands can reveal some spectroscopic information



- This method can be used to search for Balmer-dominated Type Ia SNRs.

M33 SNRs revealed in HST broad-band images:

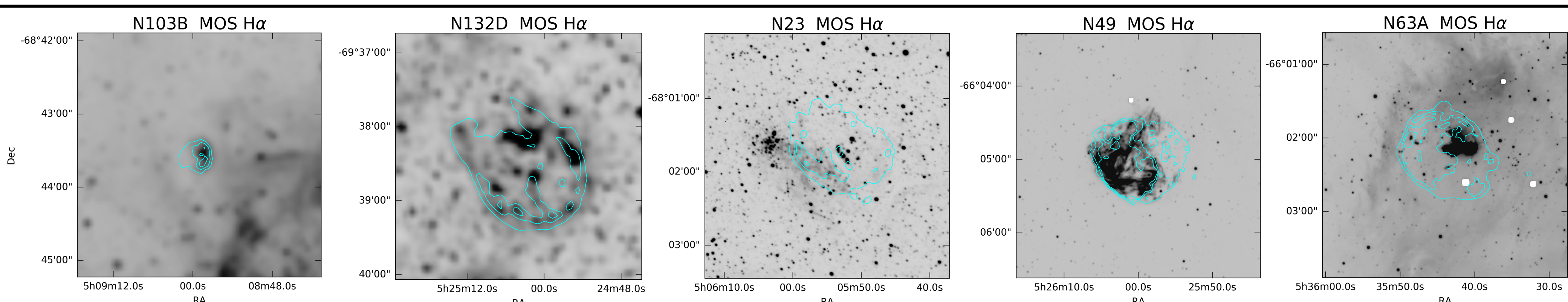
(FOV=50pc*50 pc for each image)



- Shell morphology similar to N103B in the LMC (an Type Ia SNR interacting with CSM)
- A possible candidate for Type Ia SNR
- Extend loop not clearly detected in broad bands
- Filamentary structures
- The faint extended lobes not clearly detected in broad bands
- O supergiant projected within ~10 pc from the shell center
- SNR shell has 2 openings in the NE and SW
- Asymmetric shell
- Thin shell morphology
- A-F supergiant projected within ~10 pc
- The only M33 SNR observed in HST H α
- In the outskirts of giant HII region NGC 604

Comparing with SNRs in the LMC:

- N103B: Type Ia SNR interacting with CSM
- N132D, N23, N49, N63A: X-ray bright CC SNRs interacting with dense clouds



*Blue contours: Chandra X-ray

Conclusions

- SNRs detected in HST broad-band images are also those in the densest medium.
- Broad-band images can still be used to search for Balmer-dominated Type Ia SNRs. F814W includes forbidden lines but no Balmer lines.