



Supernovae remnants

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From radio to very high energy gamma rays



Supernovae remnants in X-rays :

- Shocked ejecta heated to millions degrees emit X-rays
- X-ray synchrotron from electrons accelerated at the shock to TeV energies



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INTRODUCTION



Observing in X-rays supernovae remnants tells us about

- Supernovae explosion mechanism
- Nucleosynthesis, driving chemical enrichment
- Progenitor and SN environment (stellar wind, molecular clouds, superbubbles,..)
- Particle acceleration, contributing to the Galactic Cosmic rays
- Shocks physics, magnetic field amplification
- Injection of energy and turbulence in the ISM





Nucleosynthesis

Nucleosynthesis of the elements in the Universe

- In stars during their lifetime: hydrostatic nucleosynthesis => long timescale, classic onion-skin structure
- In supernovae: explosive nucleosynthesis => very short timescale (s) and large energy (kinetic ~ 10⁵¹ ergs)
- \Rightarrow most of heavy elements from Si to Fe peak, and heavier elements
- \Rightarrow SNe are the effective mechanism for producing and dispersing the synthesized element in the ISM

Supernovae:

- Thermonuclear explosion: SN Ia
- main provider of Fe (~75 %) and Fe peak nuclei
- Gravitational core collapse for stars > 8 Msol main provider of intermediate elements (Si-Ca): 70 %





Nucleosynthesis in SN Ia: Tycho (SN 1572) supernova remnant





SNIa explosion mechanism : Tycho's X-ray spectrum favours a delayed detonation model (Badenes et al. 06)

Elemental distribution in the ejecta

- radial stratification of the elements (Fe inside)
- anisotropies in the distribution of Fe-rich and Si-K/Ca-rich ejecta

Presence of rare elements: Ti, Cr and Mn

- Well correlated to Fe K
- Indications of Ti line emission (at >2 sigmas)

Fe-peak nuclei seem to be spatially co-located in the remnant, in agreement with the predictions of Type Ia SN models.

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Equivalent width maps of Ca and Fe K lines



SN 1006: SN Ia a detailed characterization of the plasma properties



Spatially resolved spectroscopy analysis



(Red: 0.3-1 keV; Green: 1-2 keV; Blue: 2-8 keV)

30 arcmin diameter

Li et al. MNRAS 2015

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3596 regions, each containing $\gtrsim 10^4$ counts from the combination of MOS-1, MOS-2, and PN

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Properties of the thermal non equilibrium plasma :

- characterize the average thermal and ionization states of such an extended source
- the gas spans a large range of hydrodynamical evolutionary stages.



583 tessellated regions dominated by thermal emission

- Abundance pattern in the ejecta consistent with typical Type Ia SN products.
- Spatial distribution of heavy elements (Fe) supports an asymmetric explosion
- Asymmetric environment



• abundances pattern indicate a progenitor mass of about 15 Msolar.

Mature remnants: Cygnus Loop RGS observations of the southwestern knot





Cez



High Forbidden-to-resonance Line Ratio of O VII discovered in the Cygnus Loop

- Charge exchange contribution enhanced around dense shock-cloud interaction (post-shock ions/neutral gas)
- Confirmation of low abundances (0.2-0.4 solar)



Dynamics of X-ray-emitting ejecta in the oxygen-rich CC SNR Puppis A





Image in the energy band 0.5–5 keV

- Dynamics of the X-ray emitting ejecta oxygen knot
- Thermodynamic properties (kT_e, kT_o)
- Shock physics

Method : EPIC + RGS observations

3 color image: 0.5–0.7 keV (red), 0.7–1.2 keV (green), and 1.2–5.0 keV (blue)

Katsuda et al. 2013

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- Prominent K-shell lines, including O VII Heα forbidden and resonance, O VIII Lyα, O VIII Lyβ, and Ne IX Heα resonance,
- Line centroids blueshifted by~ 1480 km s⁻¹ fully consistent with that of the optical Ω filament.
- Line broadening of O VIII Lyα < 0.9 eV, indicating an oxygen temperature of 30 keV, 10 times lower than the O knot in SN1006 (Broersen et al. 1013)
- EPIC: kTe \sim 0.8 keV and ionization timescale of \sim 2 \times 10¹⁰ cm⁻³ s

=> ejecta knot was heated by a collisionless shock of ~600–1200 km s⁻¹ and subsequently equilibrated due to Coulomb interactions





Population studies: SNRs in the LMC









Non-thermal dominated SNRs: RXJ1713-3946





 Hydrodynamical and broadband modelling to constrain the SNR origin and nature of particle acceleration

Ellison et al. 2012







Non-thermal dominated SNRs: RXJ1713-3946









Acero et al. 2017

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Non-thermal dominated SNRs: first detection of thermal emission





Softness map (0.5–1.5keV/1.5–8keV) plus contours as X-ray surface brightness.



Conclusions



A large tribute of XMM-Newton to the study of supernova remnants

- key contribution for the spatially resolved spectroscopy of SNRs: acceleration properties, thermal plasma, kinematics
- key contribution for source population studies in the LMC

-nucleosynthesis, particle acceleration, shock physics, shock interaction with the ISM-

- very rich scientific exploitation
- in synergy with other observatories in X-rays with Chandra, Suzaku, in gamma-rays, optical, infrared, ...
- with modelling and theory

Large programs are key to perform ambitious studies Prepare the path to Athena Observatory