

*From abundance studies to  
cosmic ray physics:*

The impact of X-ray  
imaging spectroscopy  
of  
Supernova Remnants

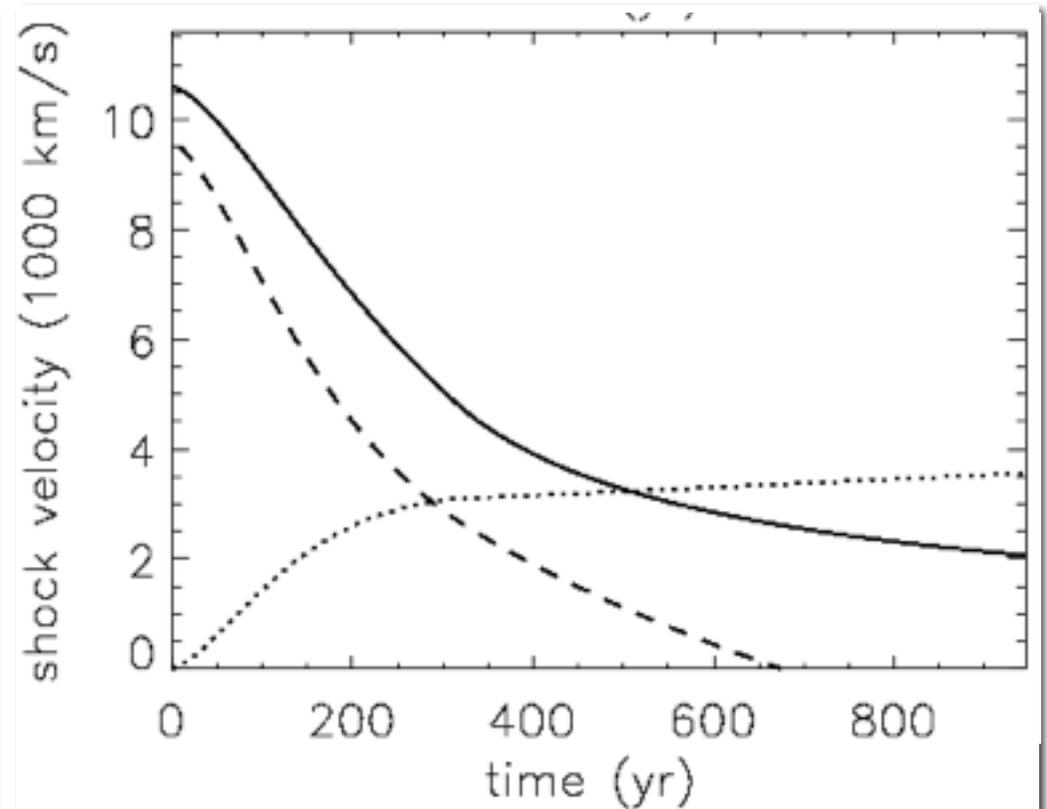
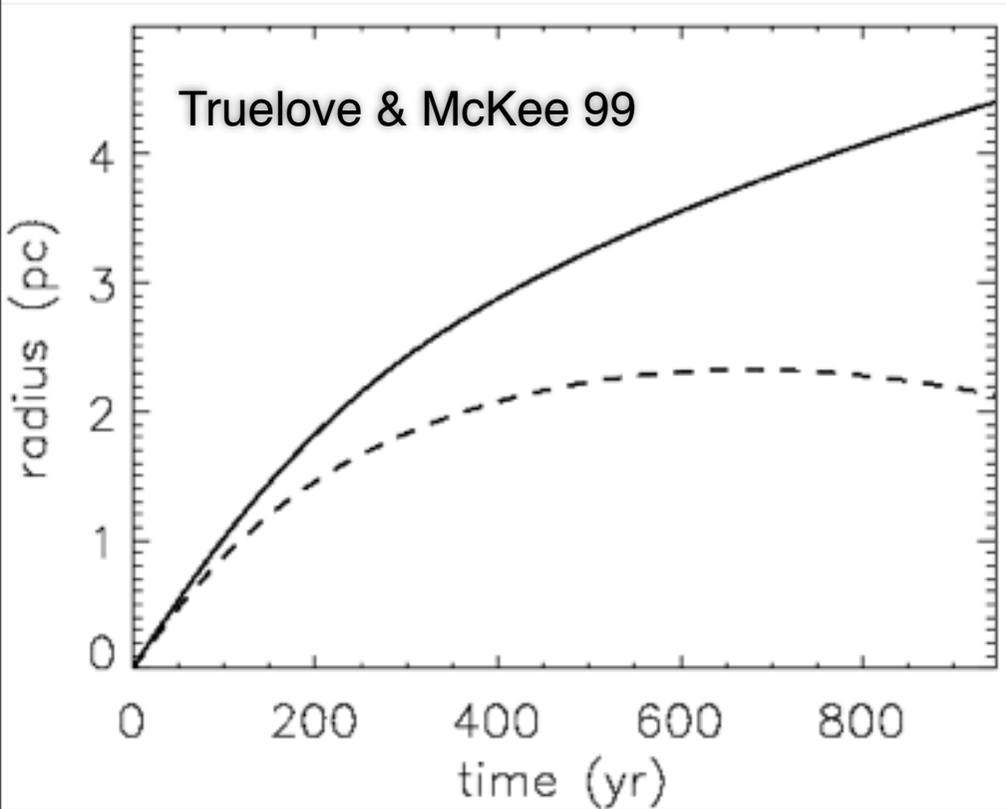
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# SNRs introduction

- SNRs are hot shells created by a SN explosion ( $E \sim 10^{51}$  erg)
- The shells consist of a mixture of SN ejecta and shocked CSM
- Initial velocities are  $> \sim 10000$  km/s
- Young SNRs ( $\sim 500$  yr) have  $\sim 2000$ - $5000$  km/s
- SN ejecta shocked by reverse shock
- In “mature SNRs” reverse shock has reached center
  
- As long as  $V_s > 100$  km/s: X-ray emission from hot plasma
- For  $V_s < 200$  km/s ( $kT < 10^6$  K): rapid cooling  $\rightarrow$  energy loss important
  
- X-ray emission from hot plasma:
  - low density: non-equilibrium ionization  $\rightarrow$  plasma underionized!
  - Suzaku: some old SNRs may be overionized
- Additional X-ray emission: synchrotron radiation

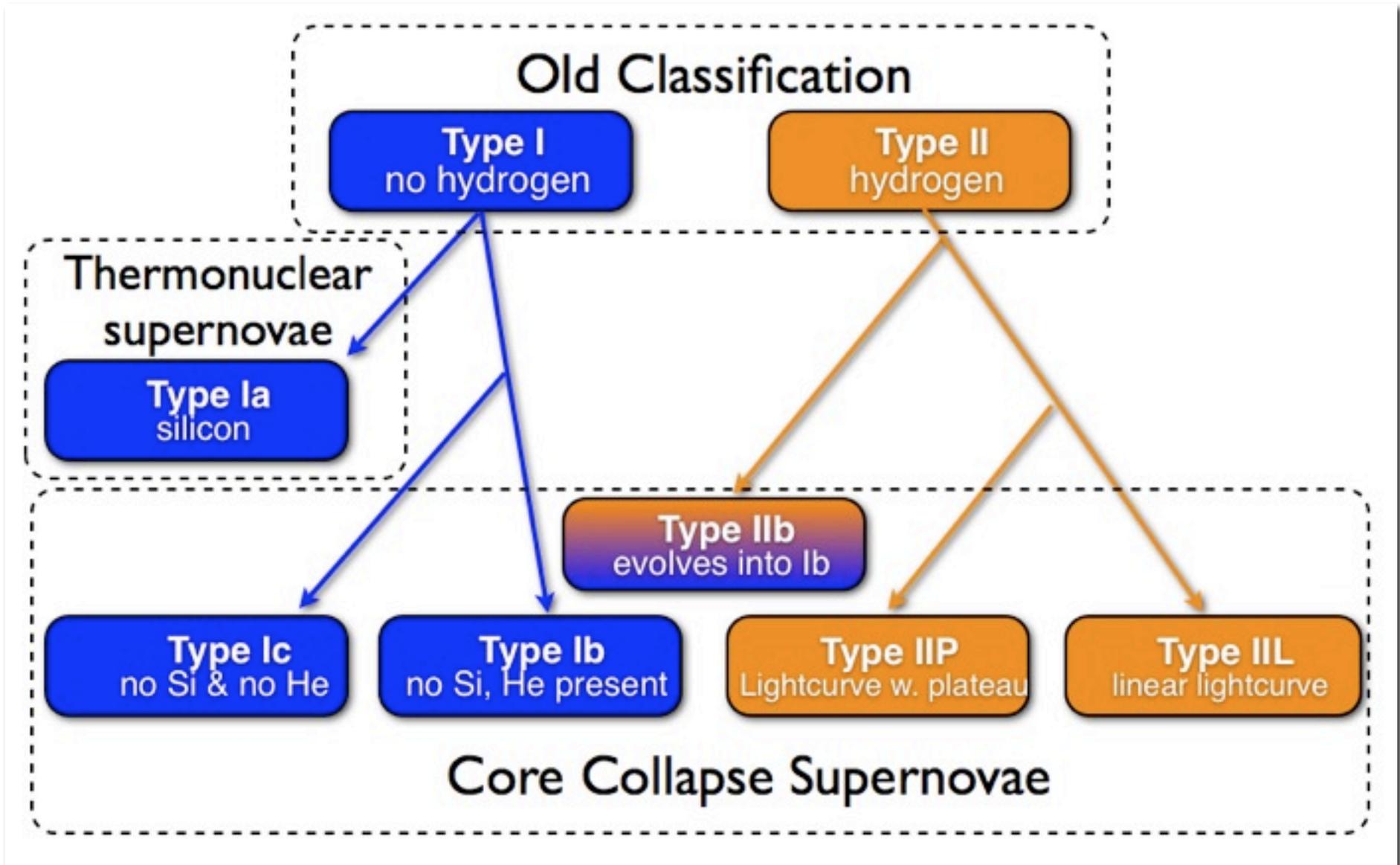
This talk, concentrate on  
1 X-ray emission from SN ejecta  
2 X-ray synchrotron radiation

# SNR structure & evolution

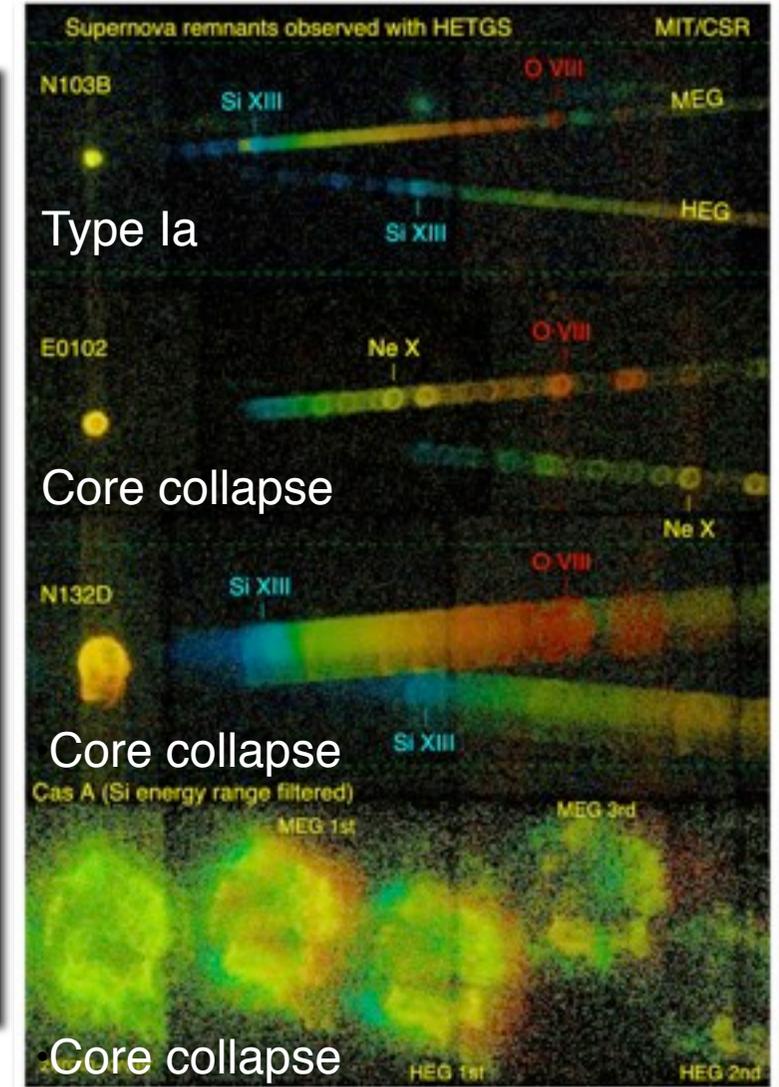
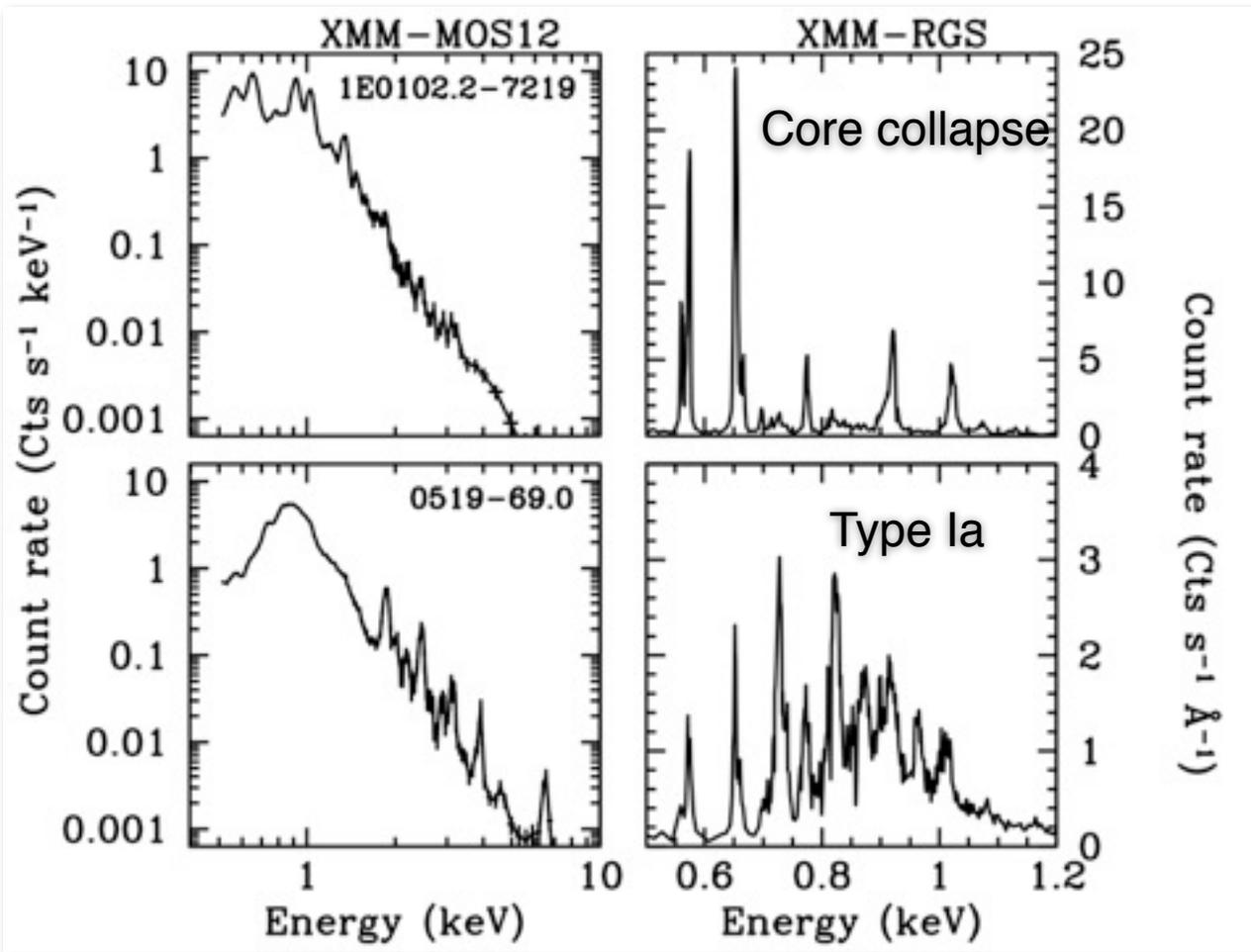


# Studying Supernovae with Supernova Remnants

# Supernova Types



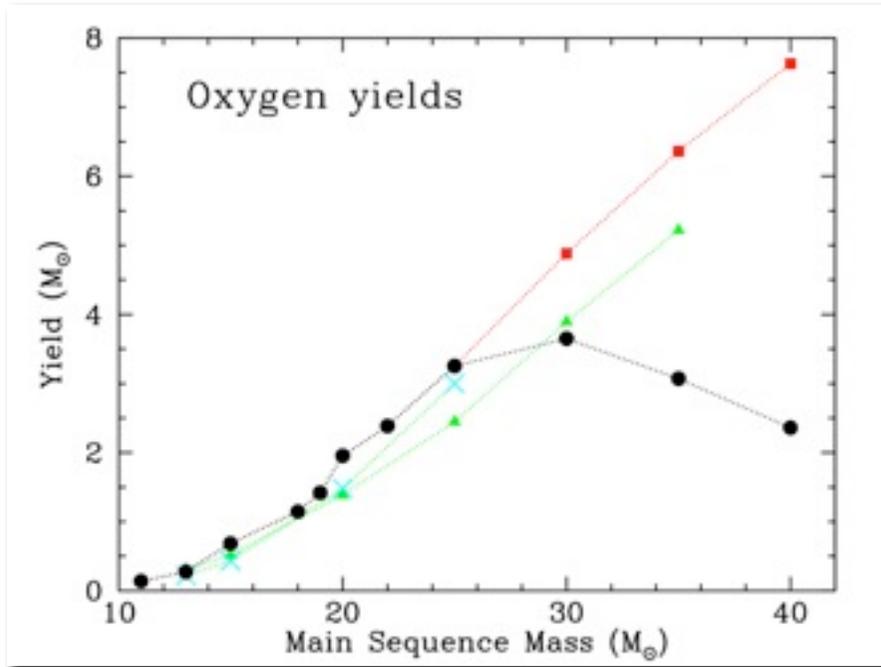
# CCDs vs Grating Spectroscopy



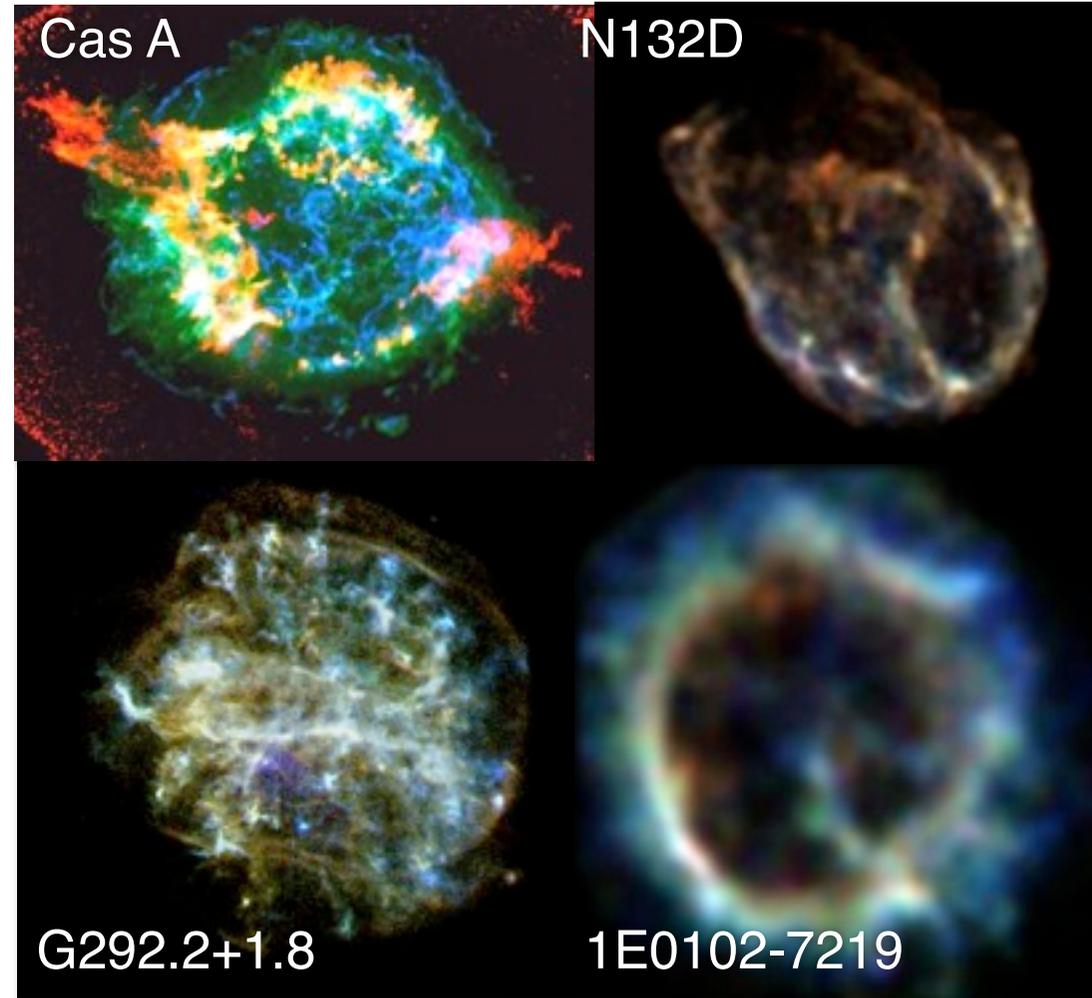
Chandra MEG/HEG (Dewey)

e.g. Hughes '95, Flanagan+ '04, Kosenko+ '10

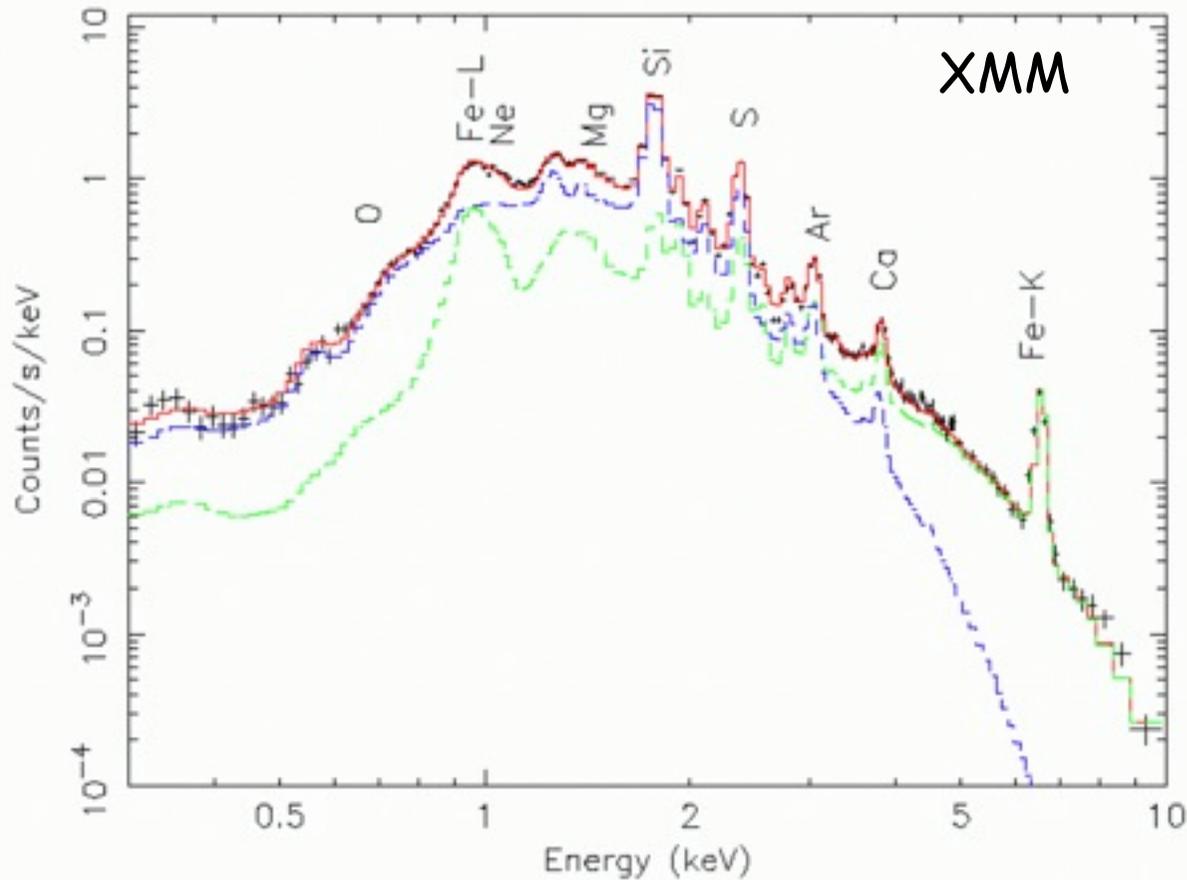
# Oxygen-rich SNRs



- $M_{Ox}$  correlates with MS mass
- Several O-rich SNRs known
- For several, but not all, evidence for neutron stars (the other: BHs?)



# Cassiopeia A

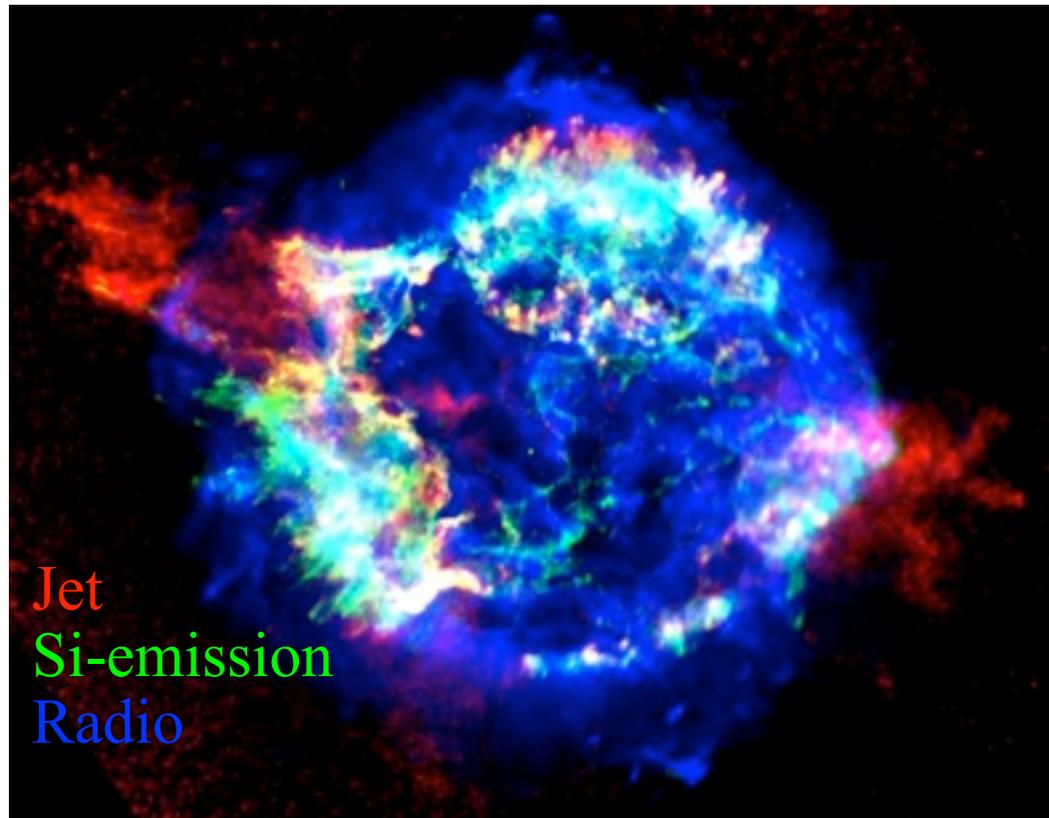


- Lots of Si/S-rich material
- Poor in Ne/Mg  
(contrary to models!!)



- From light echo: SN Type IIb  
(Krause+ 08)

# (A)symmetries I: Jet/Counter-jet

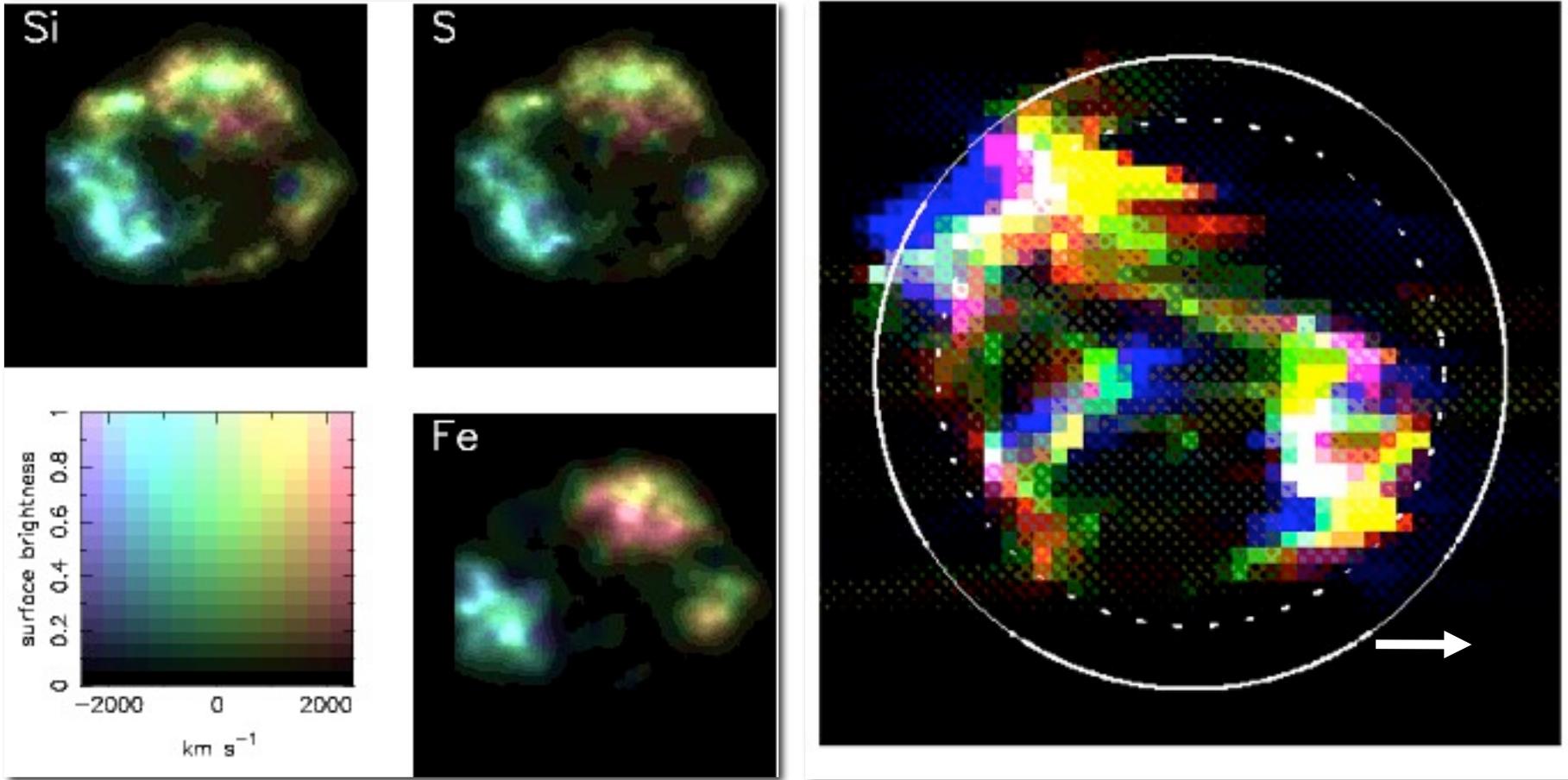


- In X-rays, brought out using Si/Mg ratio: Si-rich
- Optical: sulphur (not oxygen) fast moving knots
- If originating in core, why Si/S & not Fe rich? (Si bipolar/Fe irregular)
- Not a GRB jet: energy  $\sim 10^{48-49}$  erg (Schure et al. '07)

Fesen et al. '01, Vink '04, Hwang+ 04, Hines+ '04, Laming et al.'06, Schure+ '07

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# (A)symmetries II

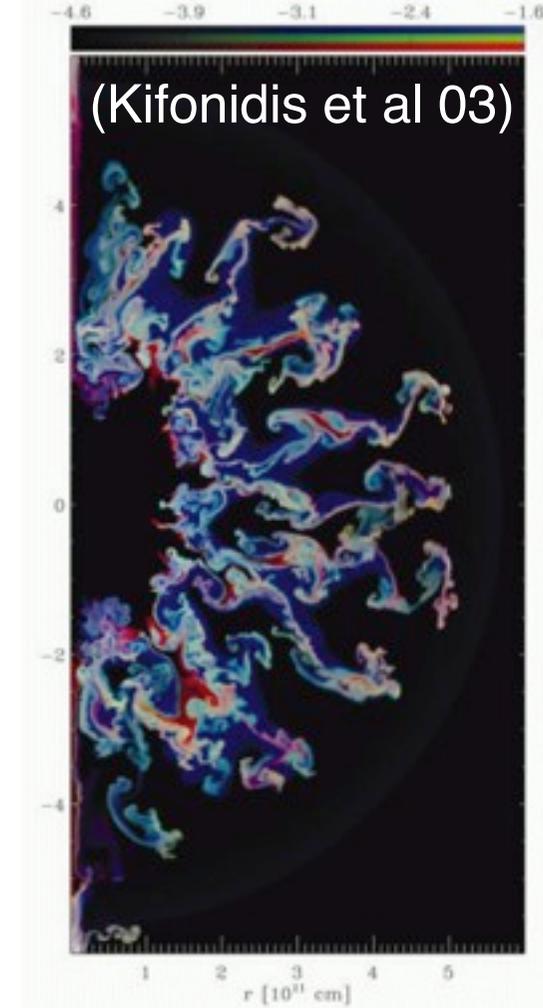
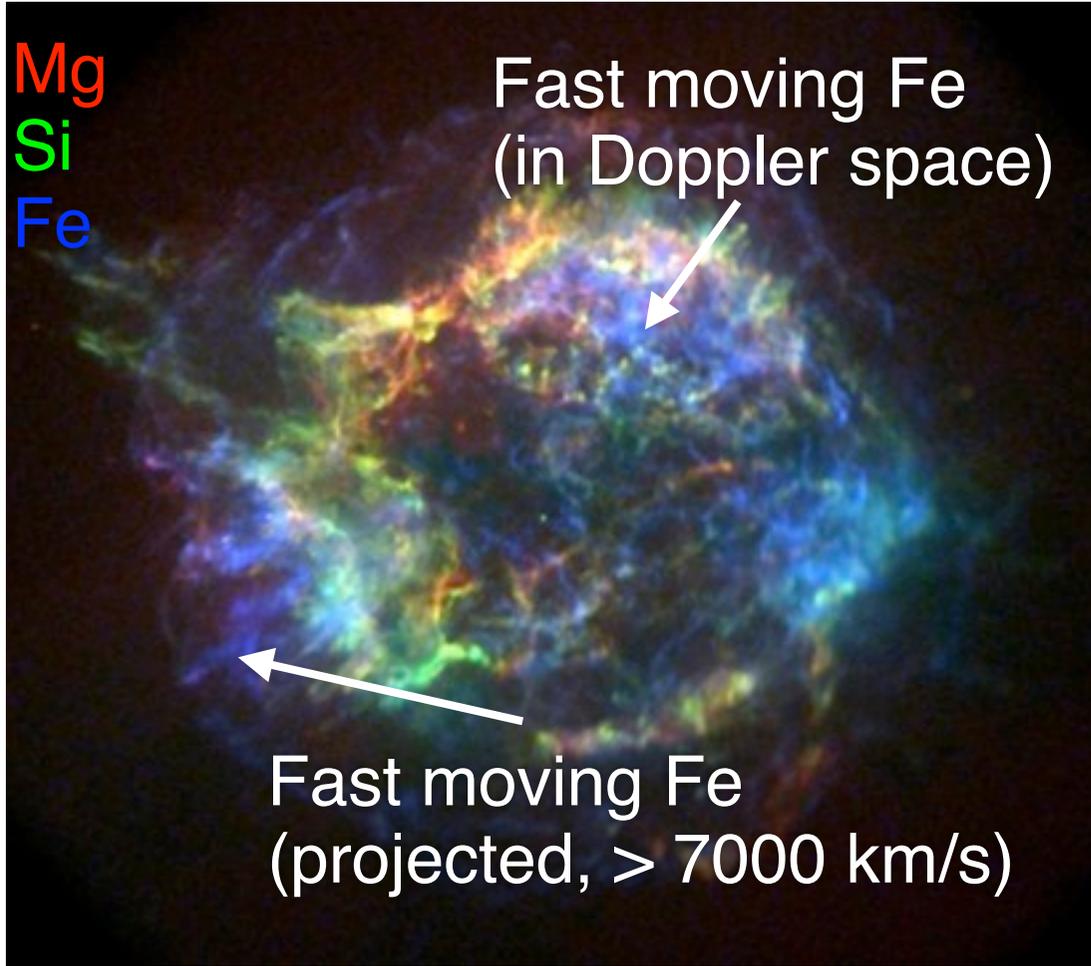


XMM-Newton based Doppler map + deprojection  
Cas A shows donut like shape  
Willingale+ '02

See also recent multiwavelength study by  
Delaney et al. 2010

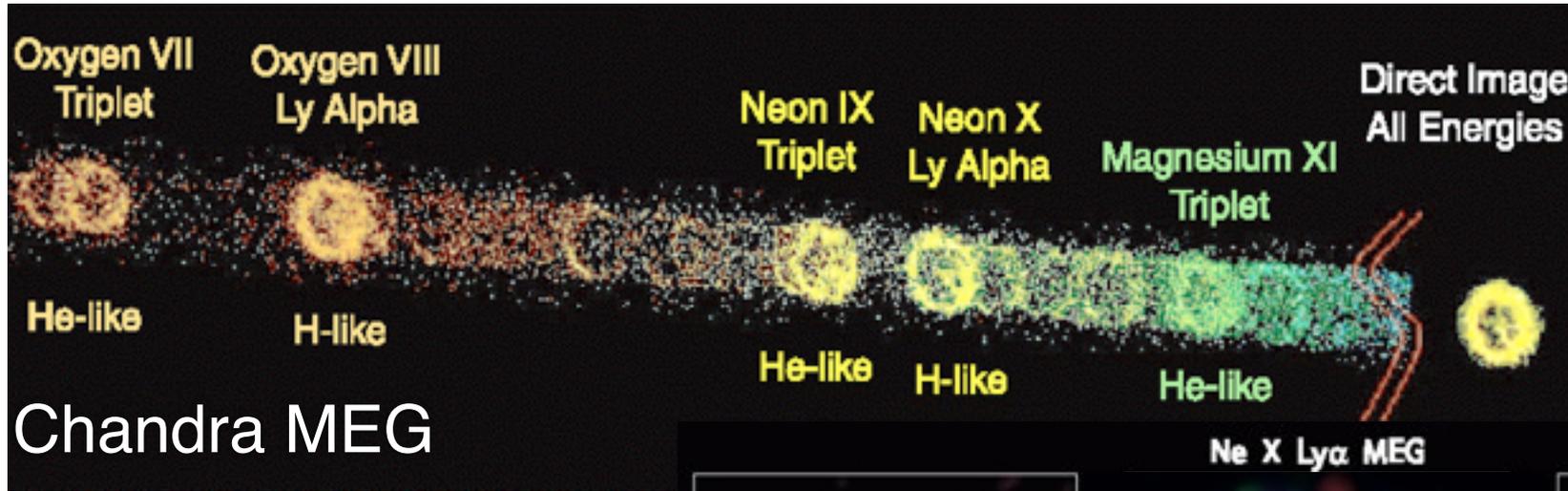
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# Evidence for fast Fe knots

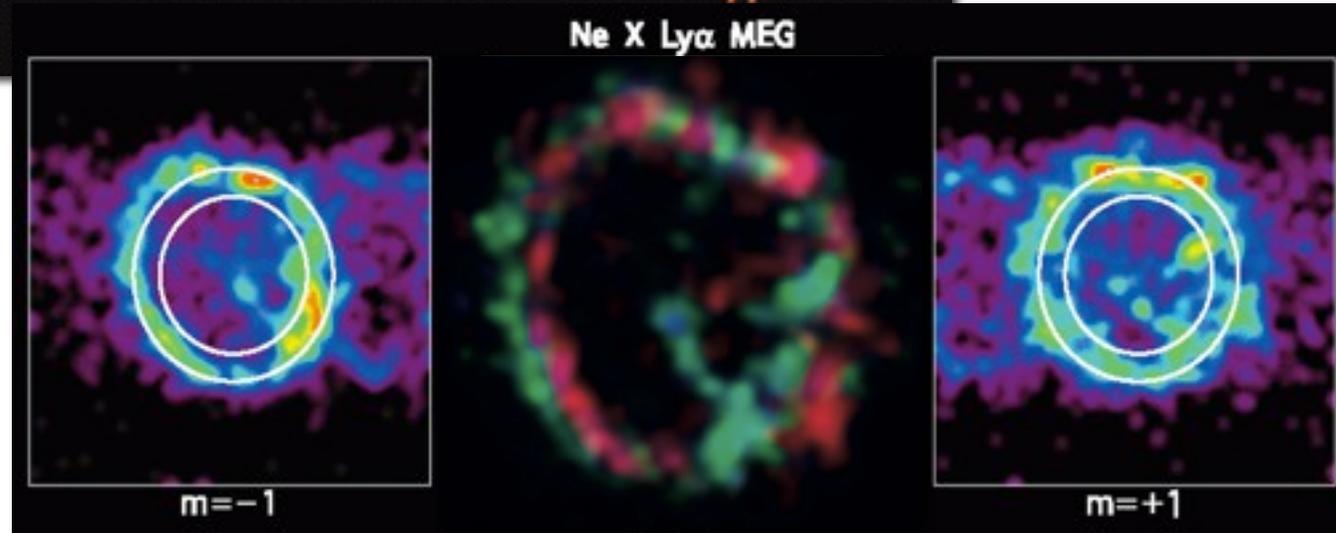


- Fast moving “pure” Fe plasma (Hughes+ '00, Laming&Hwang '03)
- Seen (to a lesser extent) in simulations (in Type Ib/c)

# Spectroscopy of 1E0101.2-7219



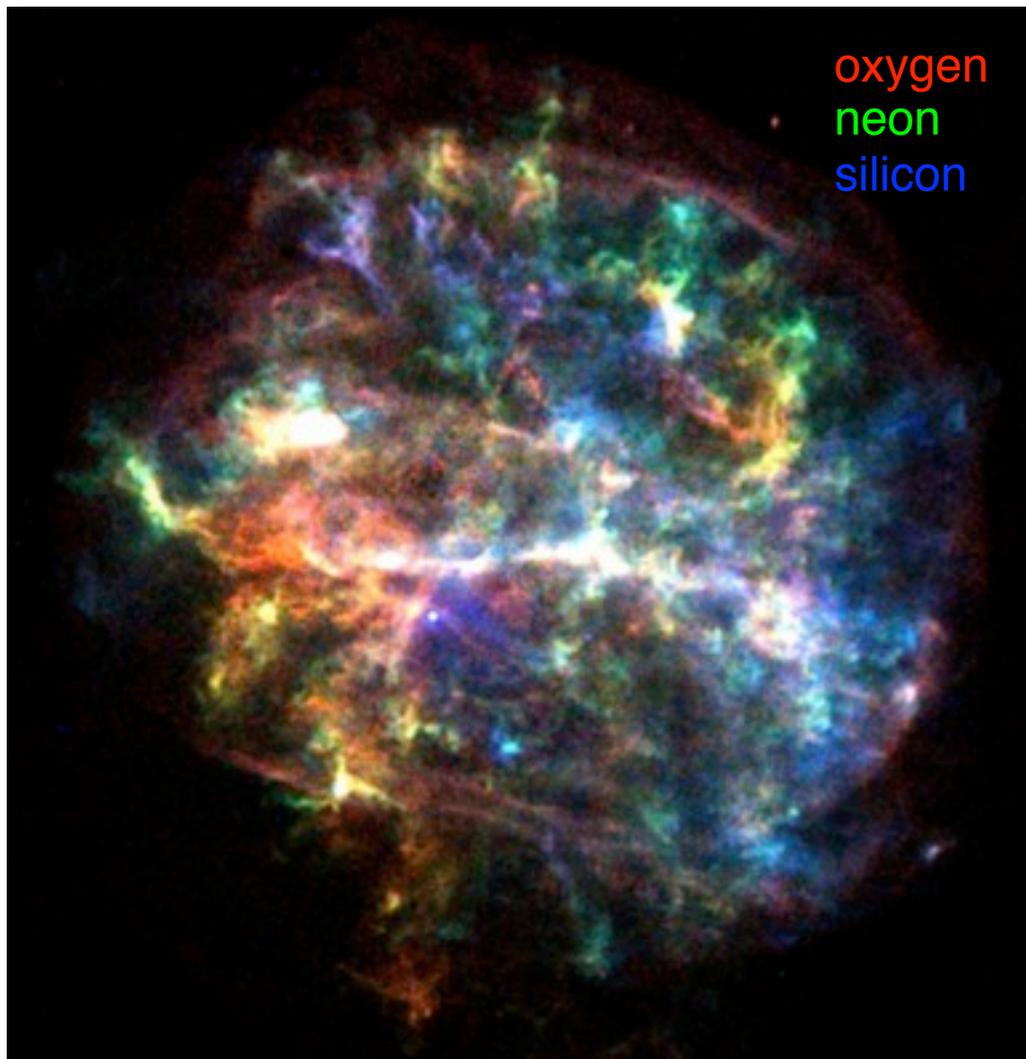
Flanagan et al. '04



- SMC remnant
- Oxygen rich ( $6 M_{\text{sun}}$ ): i.e. massive progenitor ( $\sim 35 M_{\text{sun}}$ )
- Difference +/- orders (wavelengths are mirrored, images not)  
→ aspherical doppler shifts
- Expanding donut rather than sphere?

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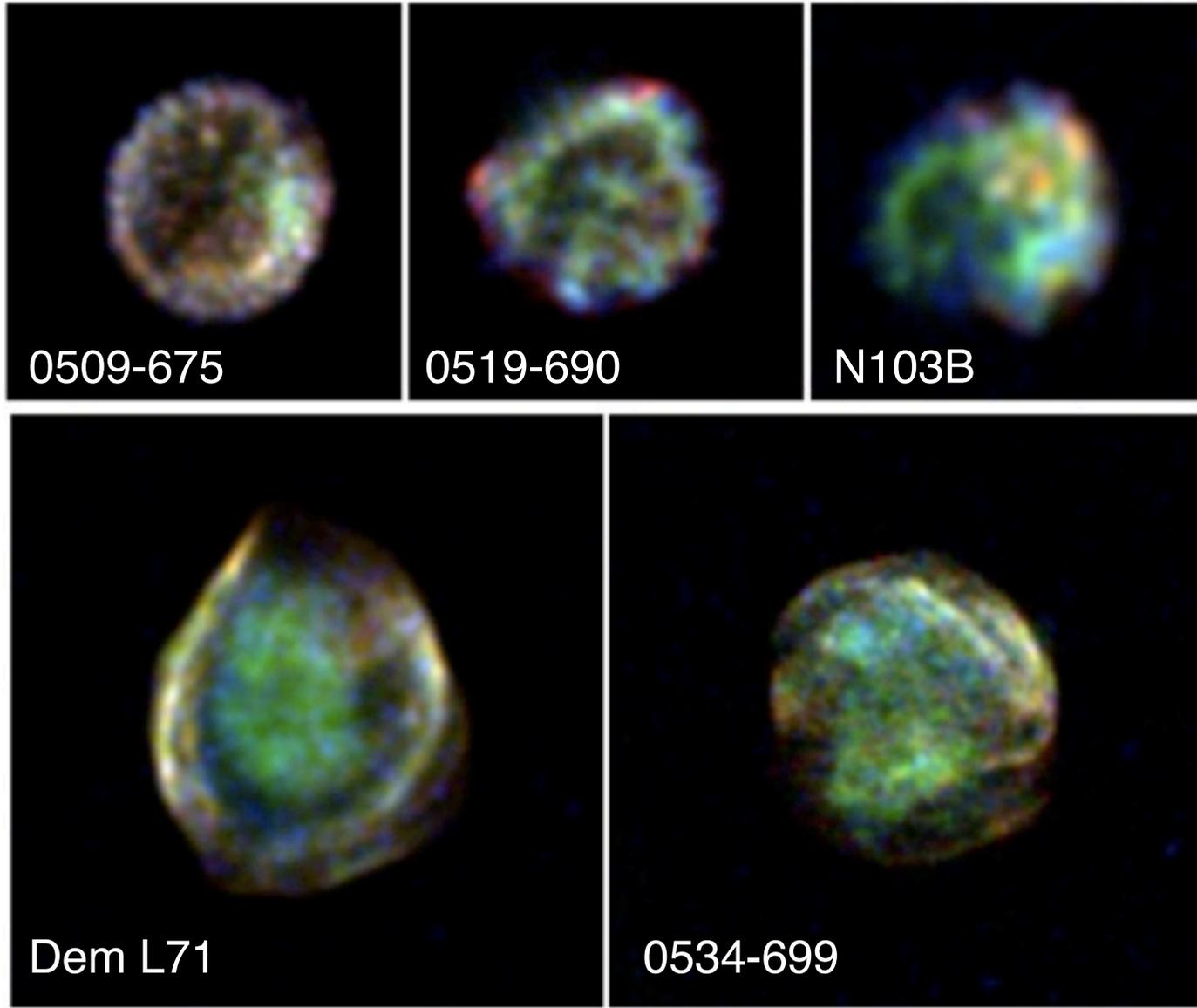
# G292.0+1.8



- Asymmetric distribution of elements
  - More Si/S/Ar in western part
  - Lots of Ne/Mg (c.f. Cas A)
  - Bar origin CSM(?)
  - contains 135 ms pulsar
  - pulsar wind nebula
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- Interest: which stars make neutron stars, which ones BHs?
  - Progenitor mass:  $30 M_{\text{sun}}$   
(Gonzalez+ 03)

Park+ 07

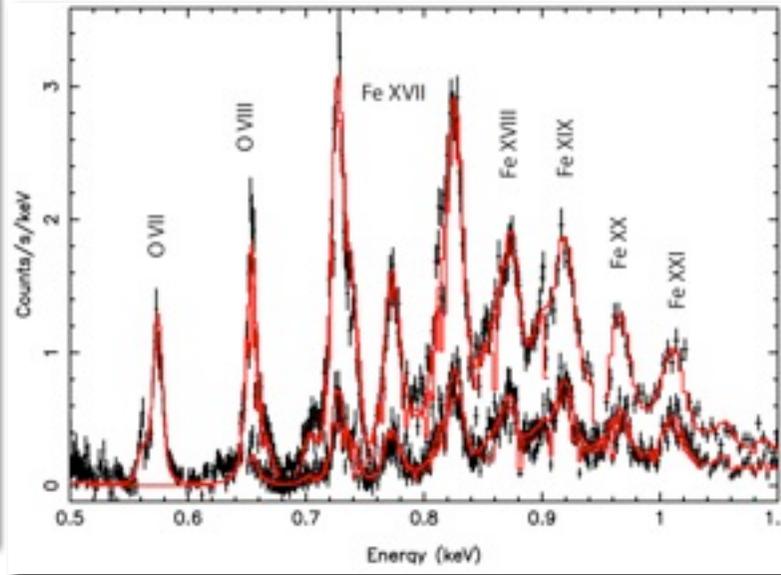
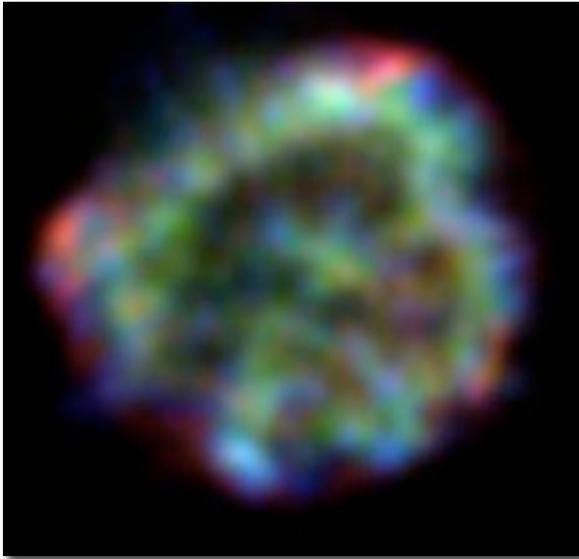
# Type Ia supernova remnants



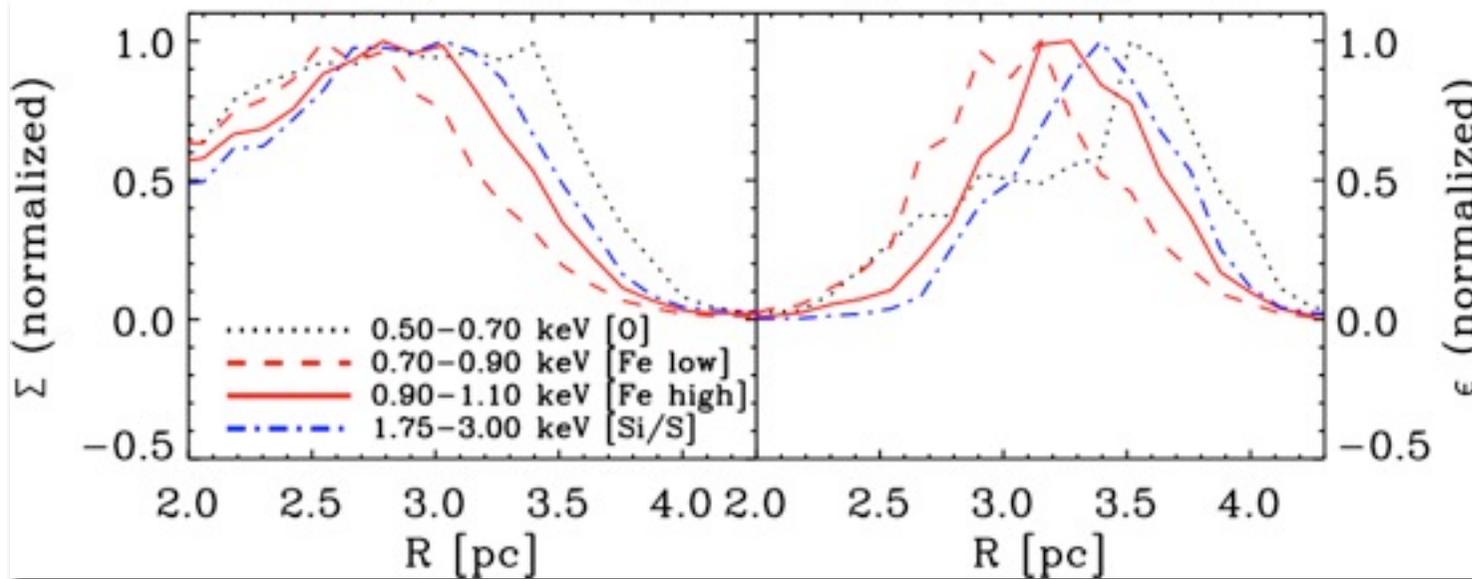
Type Ia SNR in  
LMC

- Red: oxygen
  - Green: Fe-L
  - Blue: Mg/Si/S
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- Iron in center
  - With age more Fe gets shocked by reverse shock
  - Light echo spectra exists for 0509

# Example: 0519-69.0



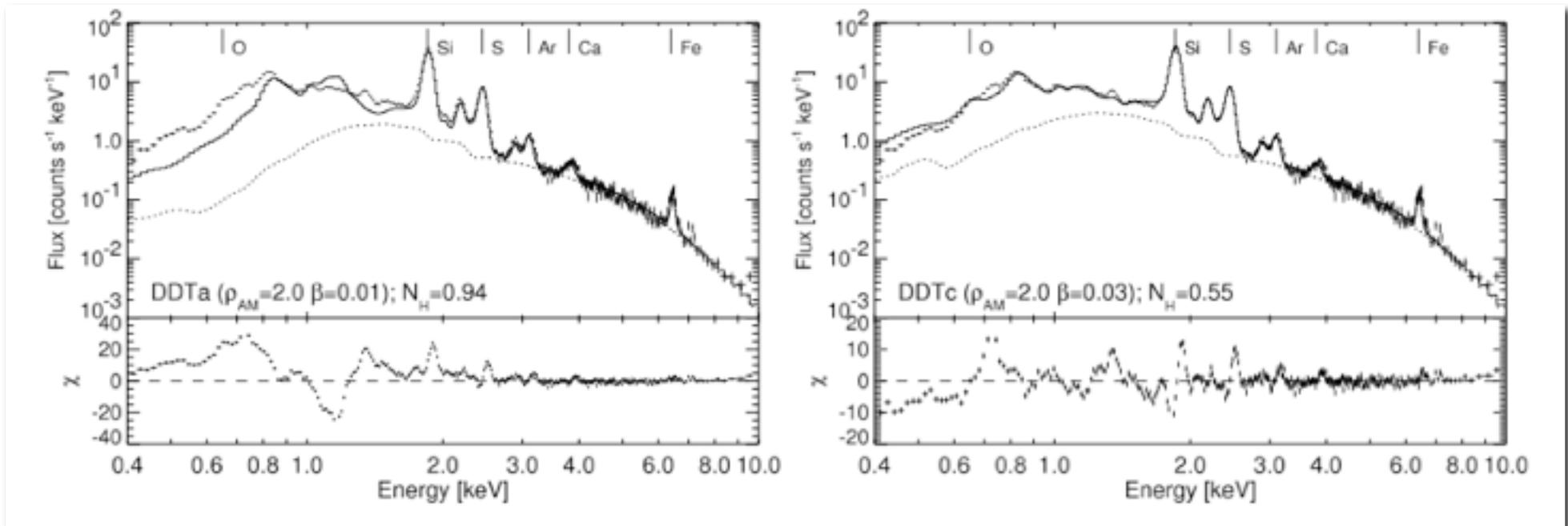
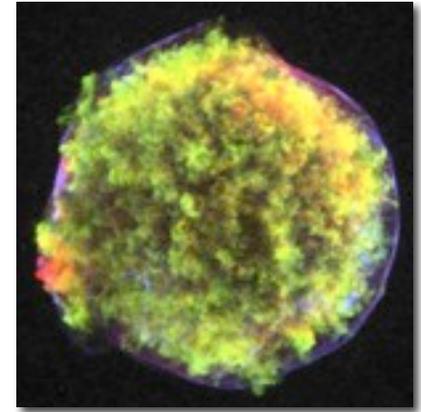
- Strong stratification
- 30% O /55% Fe
- RGS:  $\sigma_v=1900$  km/s
- Age:  $440 \pm 200$  yr



Kosenko, et al. 2010

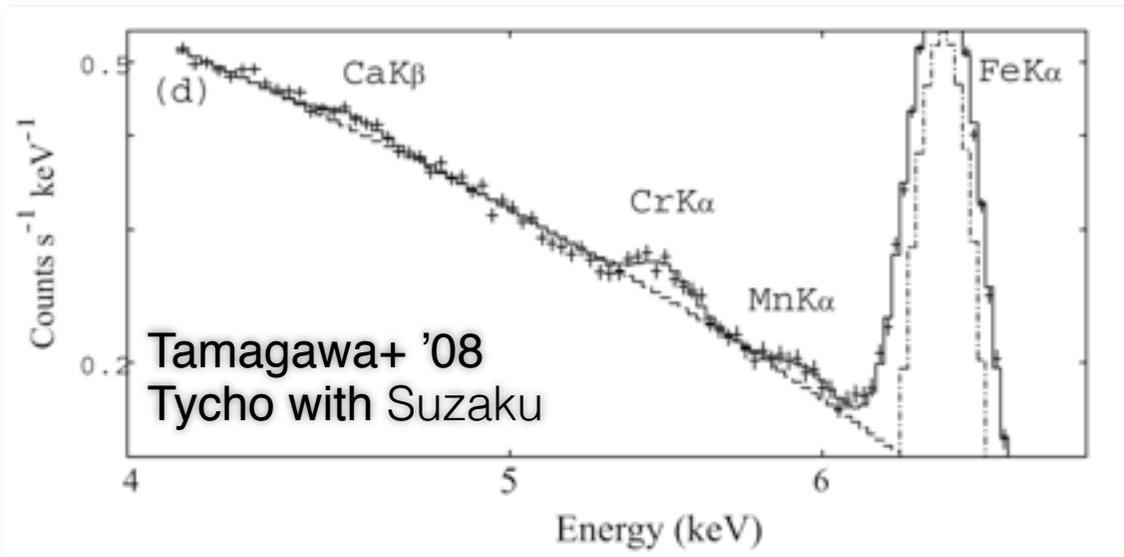
# Full Hydro/X-ray modeling Type Ia

- Type Ias well suited for full modeling
  - they are much better stratified
- 2 groups: Badenes, Bravo+ & Blinnikov, Kosenko+
- Uncertainty about non-thermal distributions
- Results mainly for Tycho's SNR and 0509-690 (both have optical light echo spectra: Type Ia!)



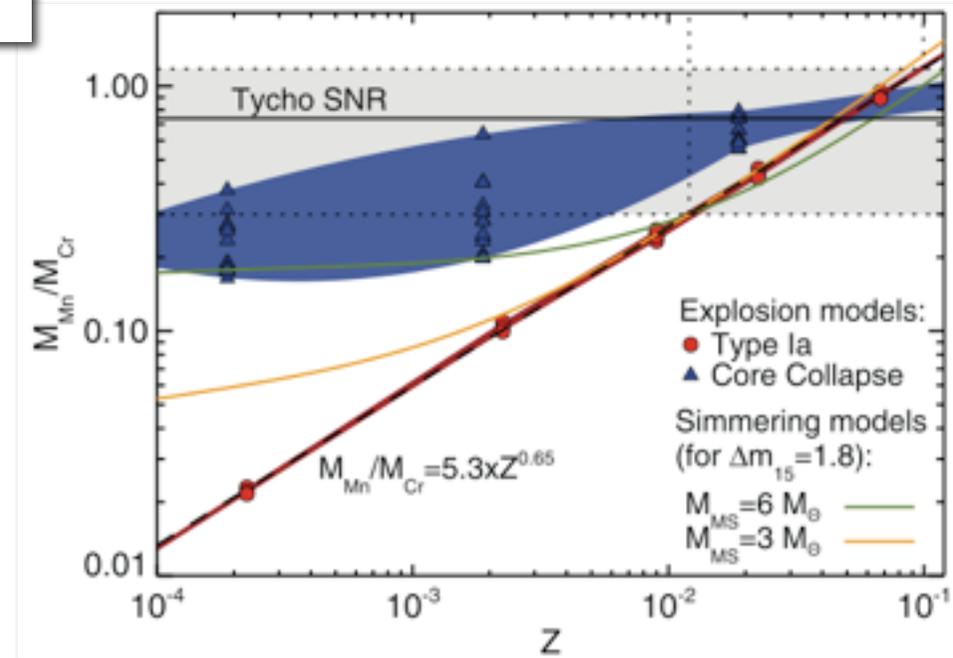
Tycho XMM (Badenes+ '06)

# New territory: Manganese and Chromium



- Several SNRs show evidence for Mn and Cr line emission
- Mn/Cr ratio can constrain the progenitor metallicity (Badenes+ 08)
- May be important diagnostic tool with Athena

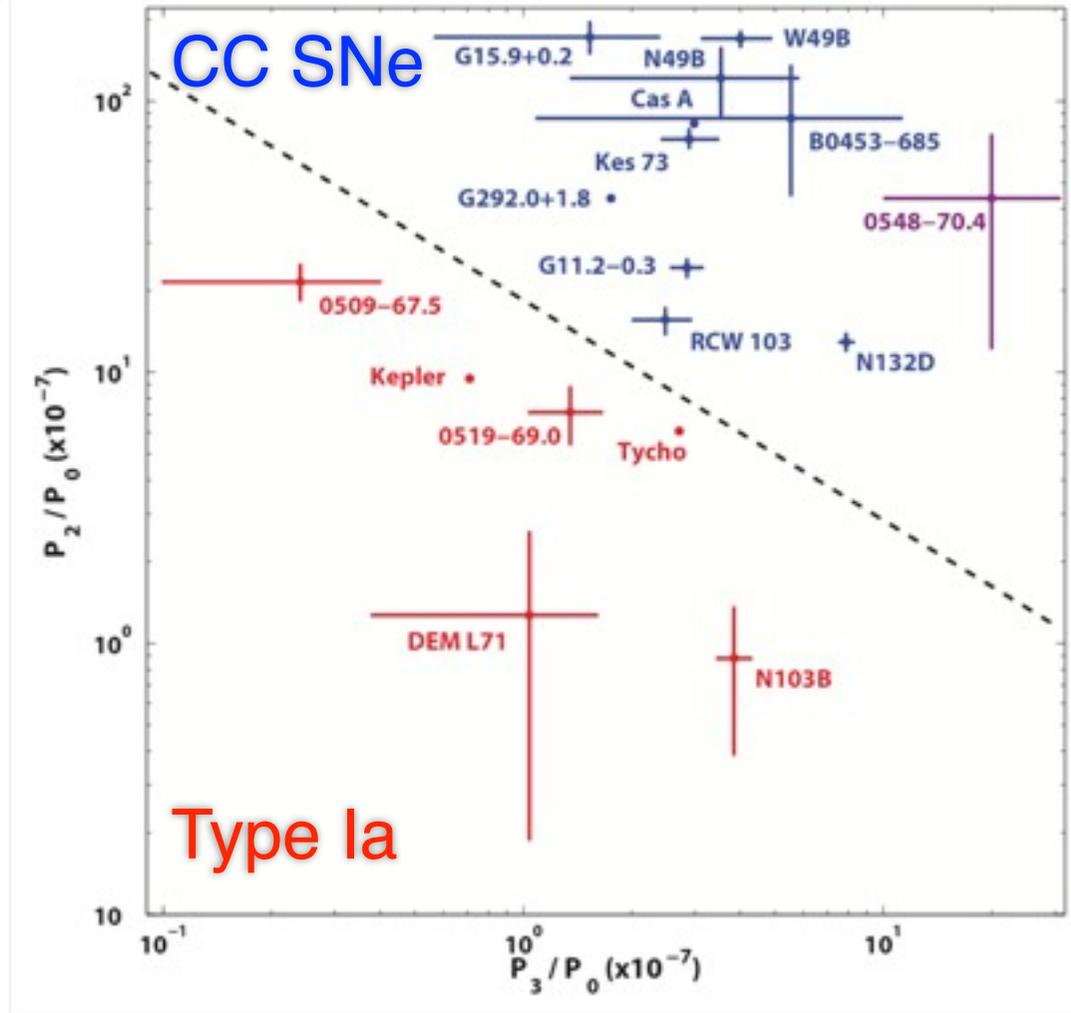
Badenes+ '08



# Type Ia vs Core Collapse SNe

- Apart from obvious differences in composition:
  - Type Ia are more regular stratified
  - Have a more regular morphology

2<sup>nd</sup> moment (mirror symmetry)



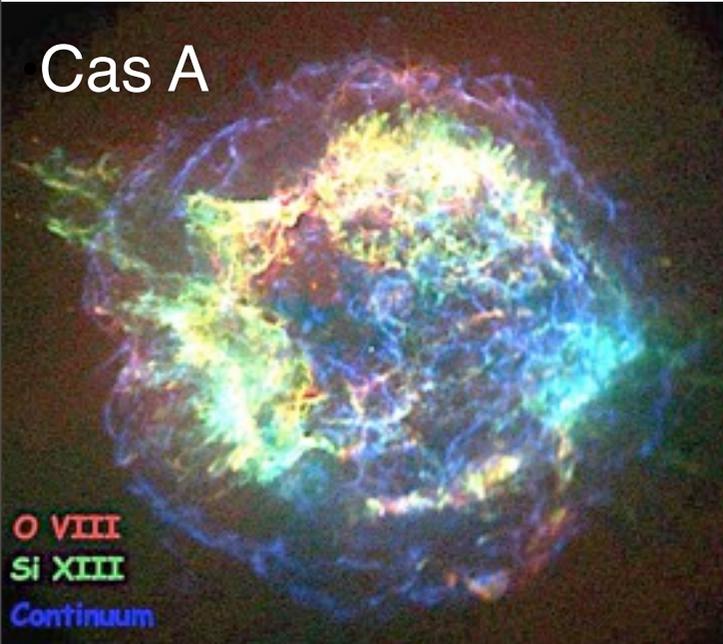
3<sup>rd</sup> moment (asphericity)

Lopez et al. 2009/11

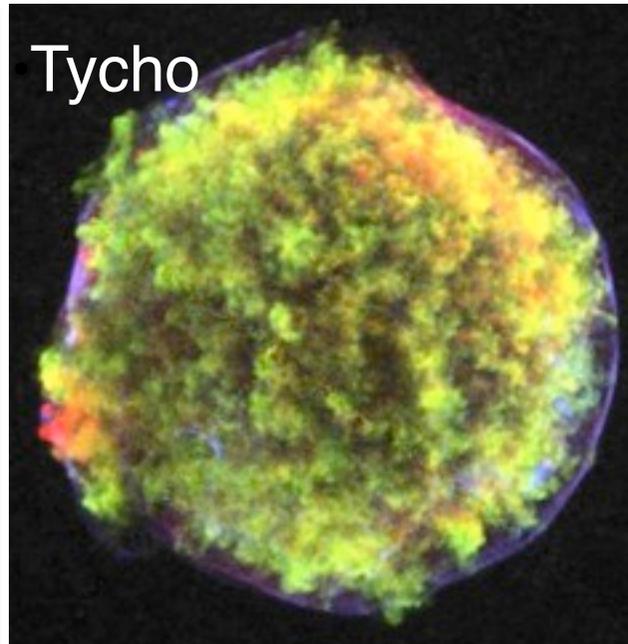
# Studying Shock Heating & Particle Acceleration in Supernova Remnants

# X-ray synchrotron emission

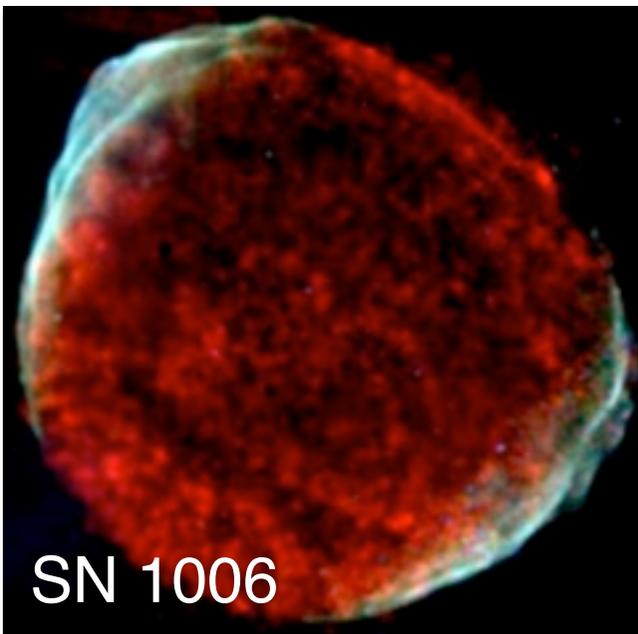
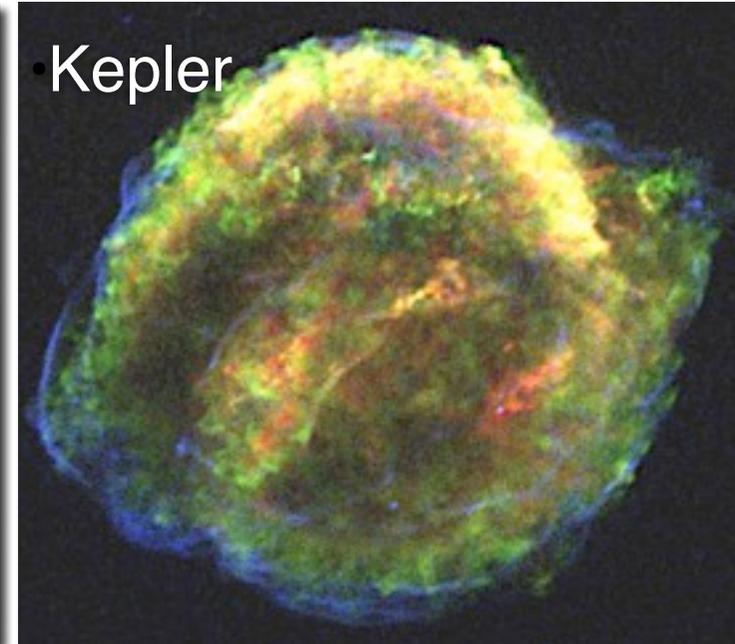
Cas A



Tycho



Kepler

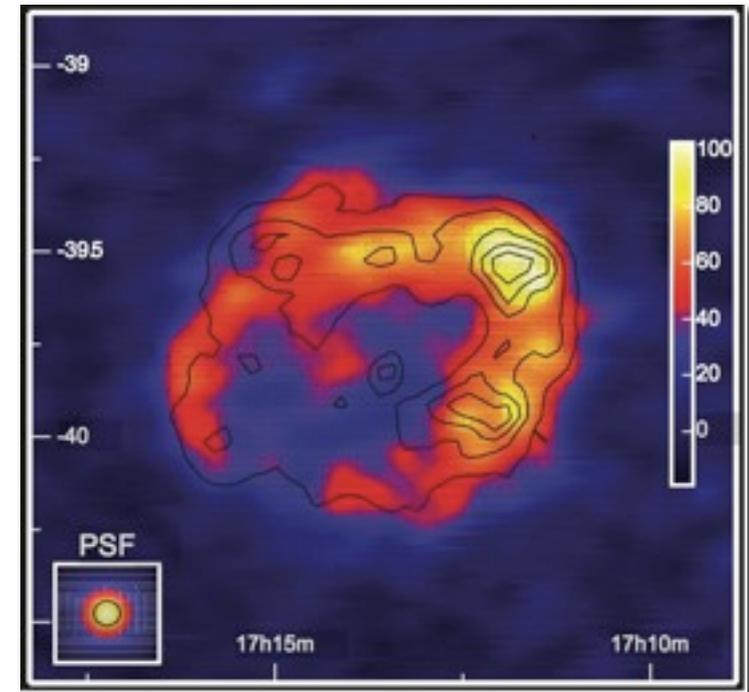
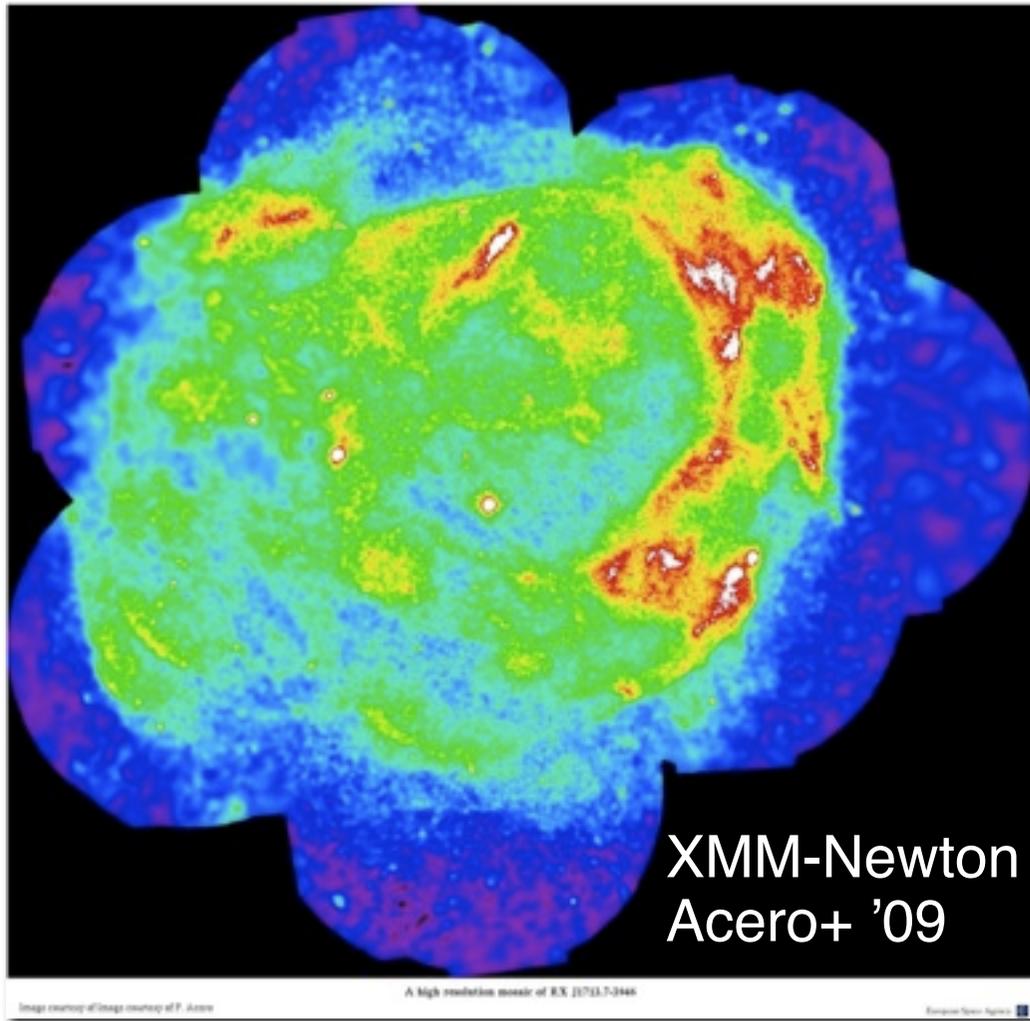


SN 1006

- All historical shell SNRs emit X-ray synchrotron emission (1st detected SN1006: Koyama et al. '95)
- Implies  $E_{\text{max,electron}} \sim 10\text{-}100$  TeV
- Requires fast shocks
- Emission regions often narrow (few “) (Cas A/Tycho/Kepler)

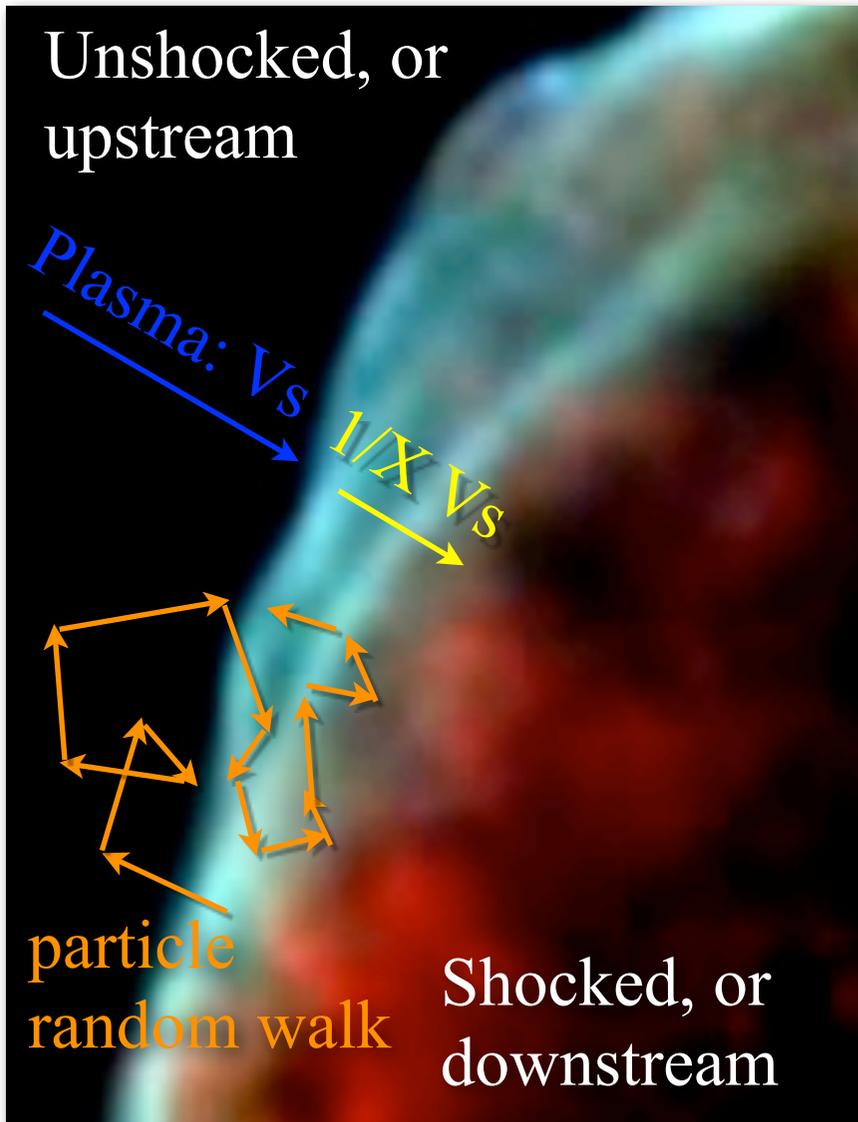
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# RX J1713: only X-ray synchrotron



Pfefferman & Aschenbach '96, Koyama+ 97, Slane+ '99, Cassam-Chenai + '04, Hiraga+ '05, Acero+ '09

# Diffusive Shock Acceleration



- Particles scatter elastically
- Each shock crossing the particle increases its momentum with a fixed fraction ( $\Delta p = \beta p$ )
- *Net movement downstream* (particles taken away from shock)
- Resulting spectrum (e.g. Bell 1978):

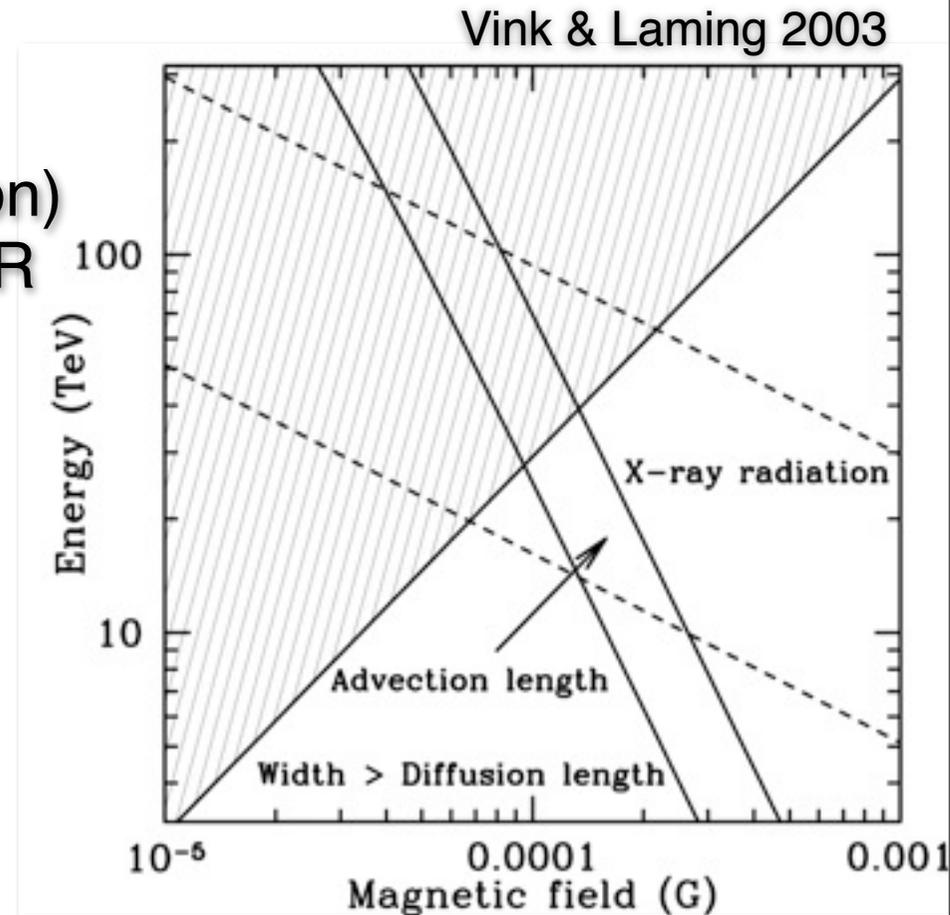
$$dN/dE = C E^{-(1+3/(X-1))}$$

X shock compression ratio,  
 $X=4 \rightarrow dN/dE = C E^{-2}$

Axford et al. , Blanford & Ostriker, Krymsky, and Bell (all 1977-78)

# Evidence for B-field amplification

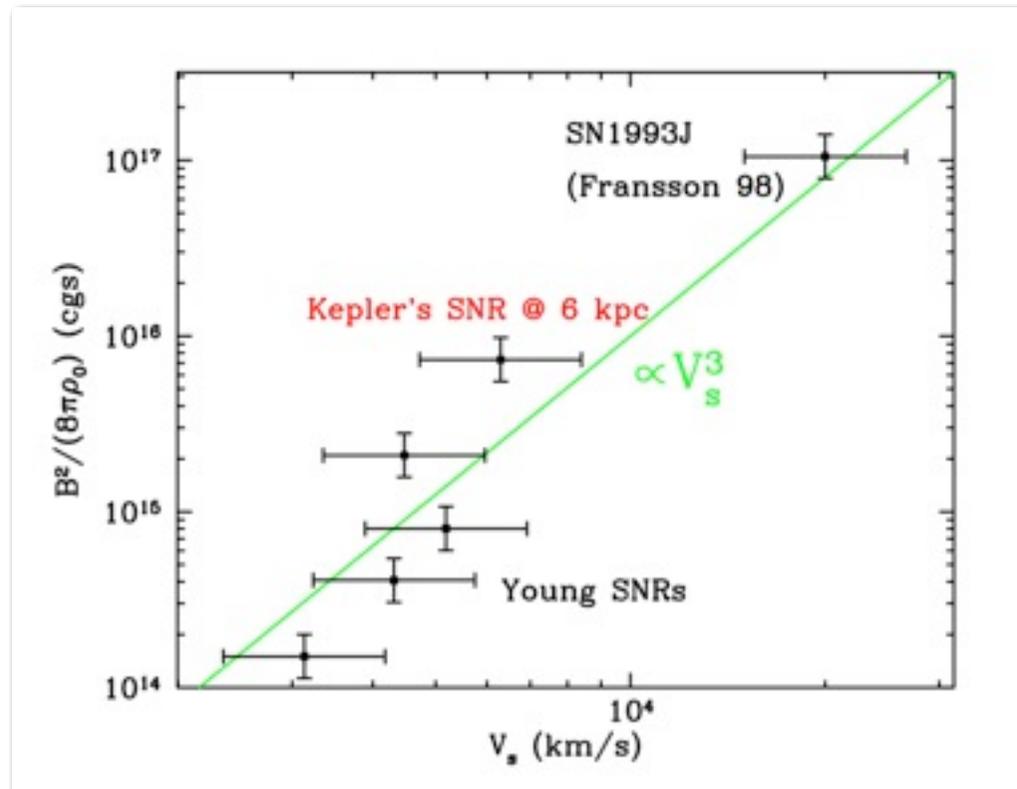
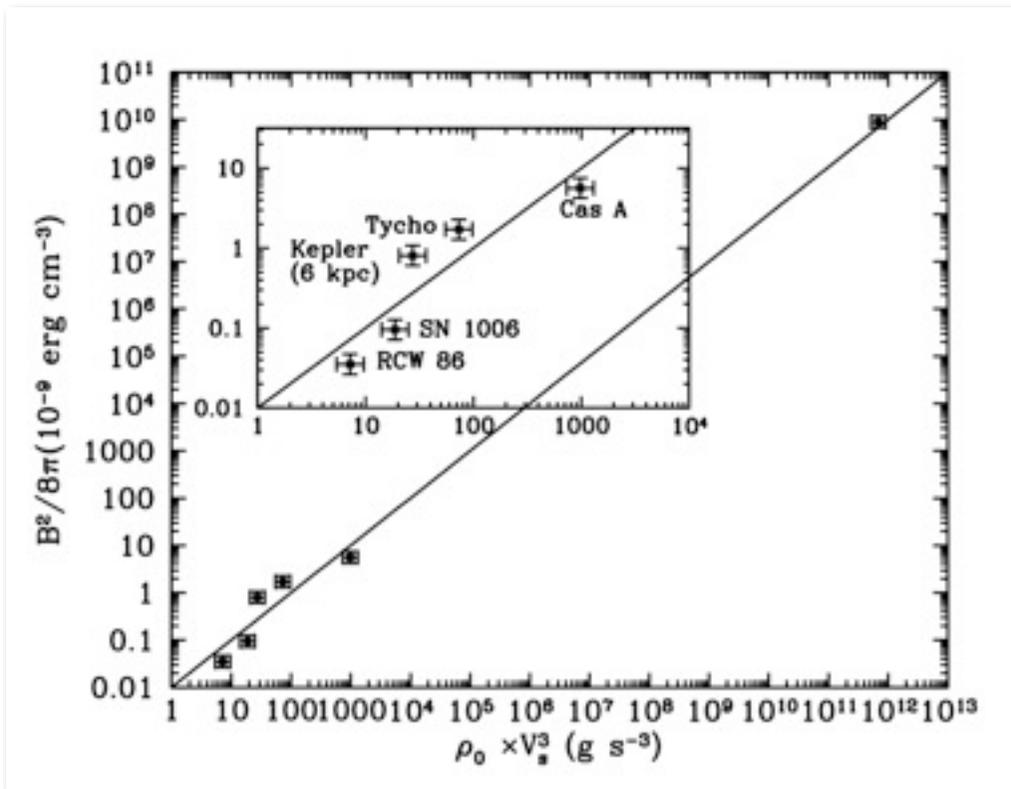
- Rim width: interplay between advection of electrons + synchrotron losses + diffusion
- Narrower → higher B-field
- $B \sim 25 (L/10^{18} \text{ cm})^{-2/3} \mu\text{G}$
- Tycho/Cas A/Kepler B  $\sim 100\text{-}500 \mu\text{G}$
  
- Implies fast acceleration (Bohm diffusion)
- Suggests B-field amplification e.g. by CR streaming (Bell & Lucek '02, Bell '04)
- High B-field: efficient acceleration possible up to  $\sim 10^{15} \text{ eV}$



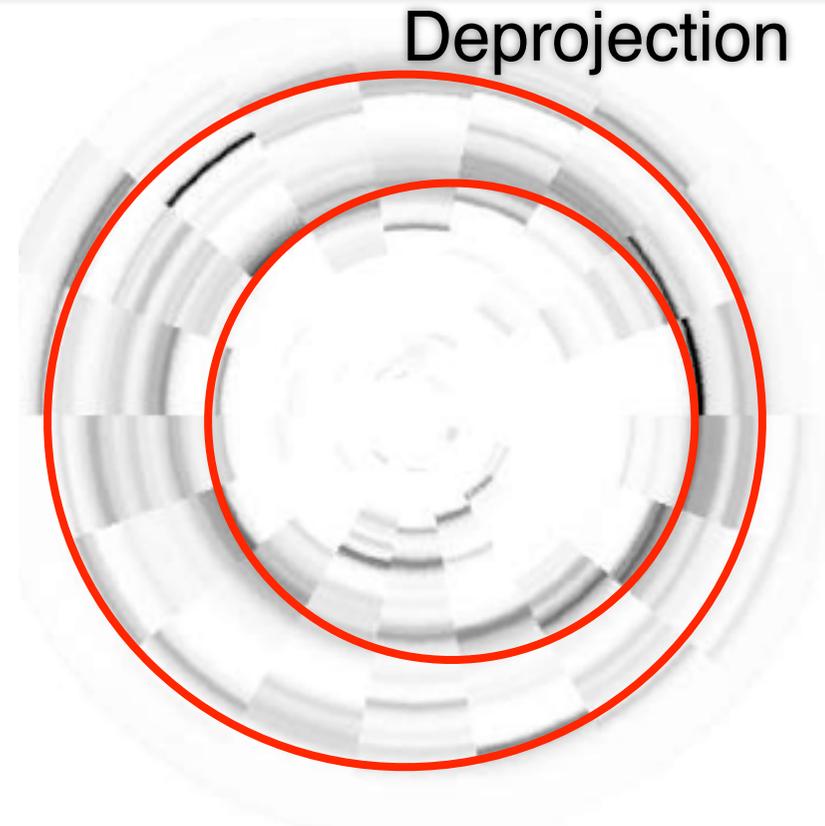
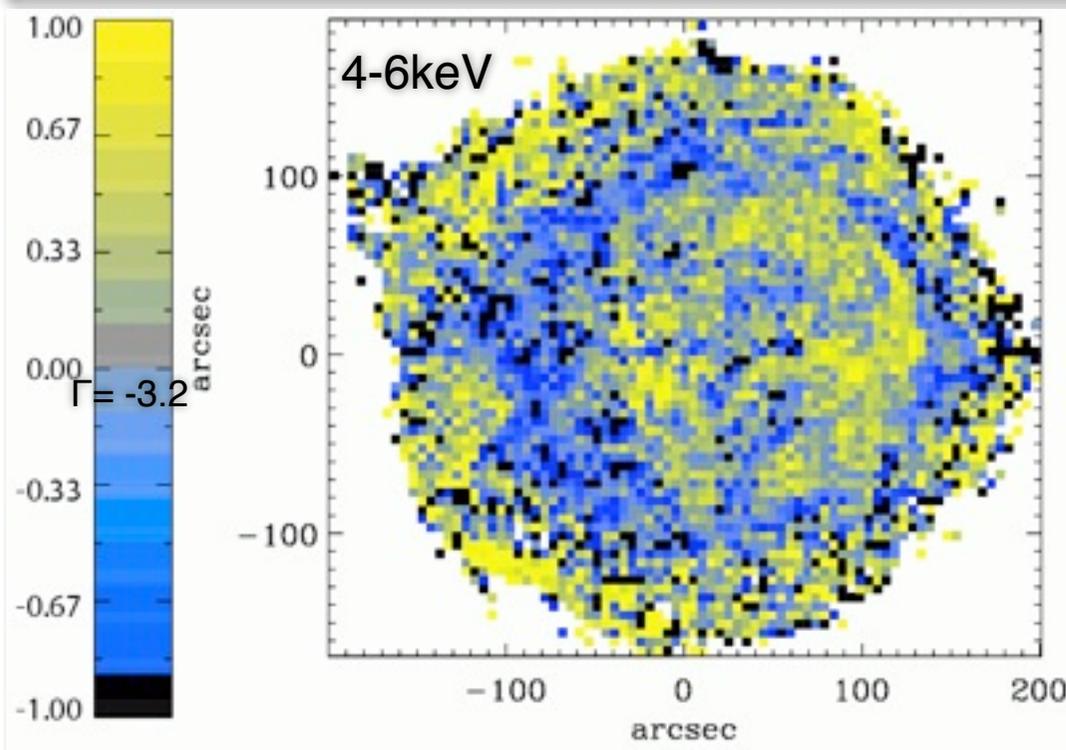
Vink&Laming '03, Bamba+ '03, Bamba+ '04,  
Berezhko+ '04, Völk+ '05

# Magnetic Field Amplification

- There is a clear correlation between  $\rho$ ,  $V$  and  $B$ , in rough agreement with theoretical predictions (e.g. Bell 2004)
- Relation may even extend to supernovae ( $B^2 \propto \rho V_s^3$  ?)  
(Völk+ '05, Vink '08)



# Acceleration @ Cas A reverse shock



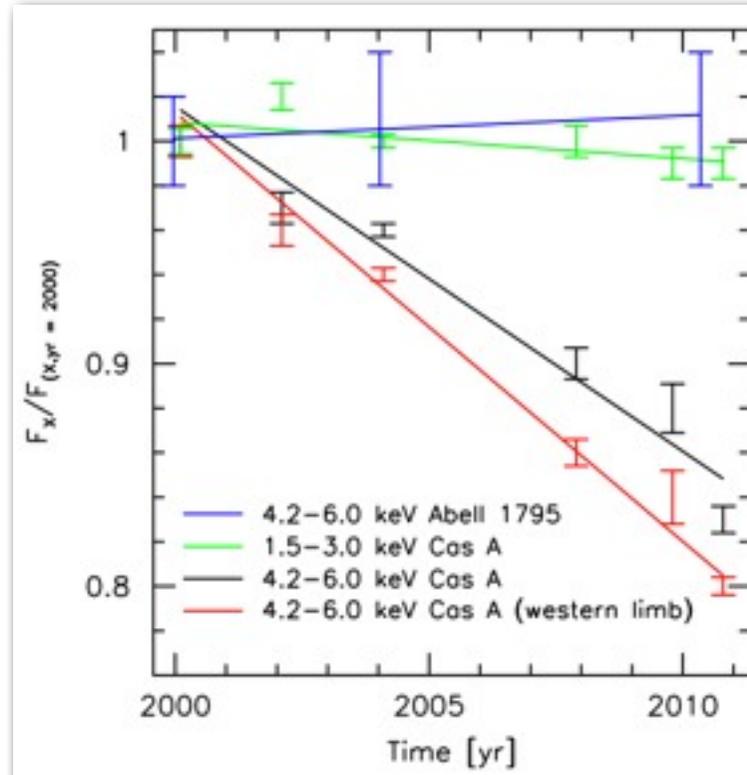
- Spectral index: 2 regions of hard emission: X-ray synchrotron emission
- Deprojection: Most X-ray synchrotron from **reverse shock!**
- Prominence of West: No expansion  $\Rightarrow$  ejecta shocked with  $V > 6000 \text{ km/s}$

**Final amplified B-field  
insensitive to initial field!?**

Helder & Vink '08  
Uchiyama+ '08

# Results on monitoring of Cas A with Chandra

- X-ray synchrotron flux (4-6 keV) declines strongly:  
 Whole SNR:  $-(1.5 \pm 0.17)\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
 Western part:  $-(1.9 \pm 0.10)\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
 Accompanied by *steepening* of spectral index  $\Gamma$
- Critical check:  
 no decline in line rich band (1.5-3 keV)  
 no 4-6 keV decline cluster A1795



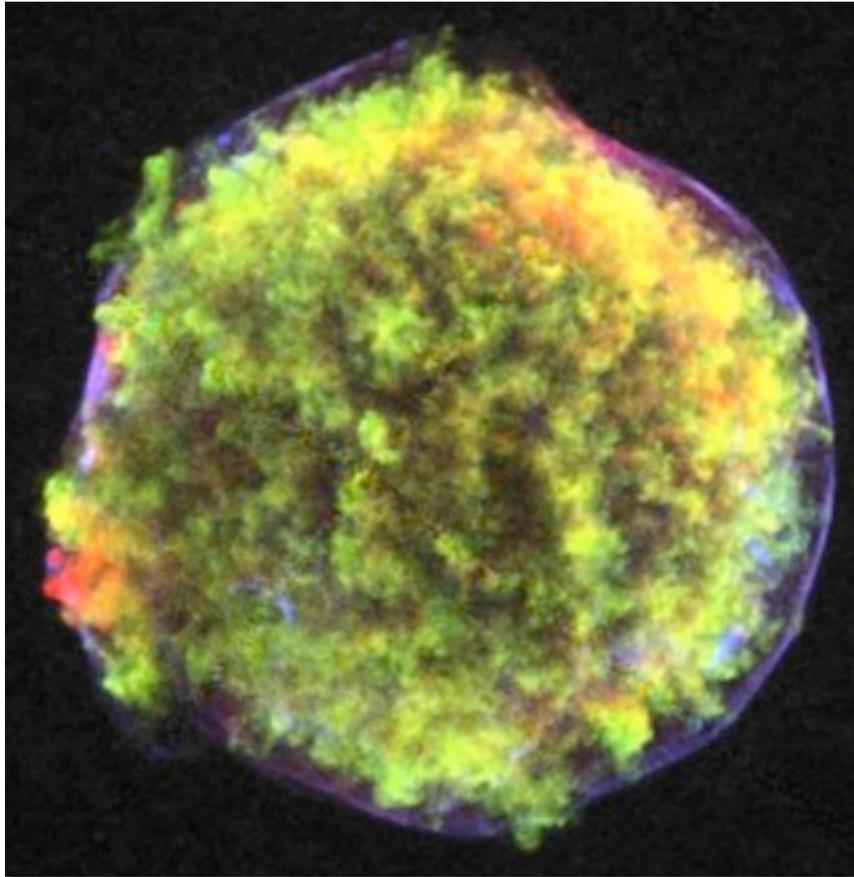
- Decline more than in radio: not adiabatic cooling
- Likely cause: shock deceleration

$$\frac{1}{F(\nu)} \frac{dF(\nu)}{dt} = -2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} \quad \frac{d\nu_c}{dt} = -4 \sqrt{\frac{\nu_c}{\nu}} \nu_c \frac{d\Gamma}{dt}$$

- Confirms basic interpretation of synchrotron model
- Decline somewhat high, may imply small  $\eta$ , hence very fast acceleration
- Questions: spectral shape? gittering?

Patnaude, JV, Laming, Fesen, 2011

# Cosmic ray dominated shocks

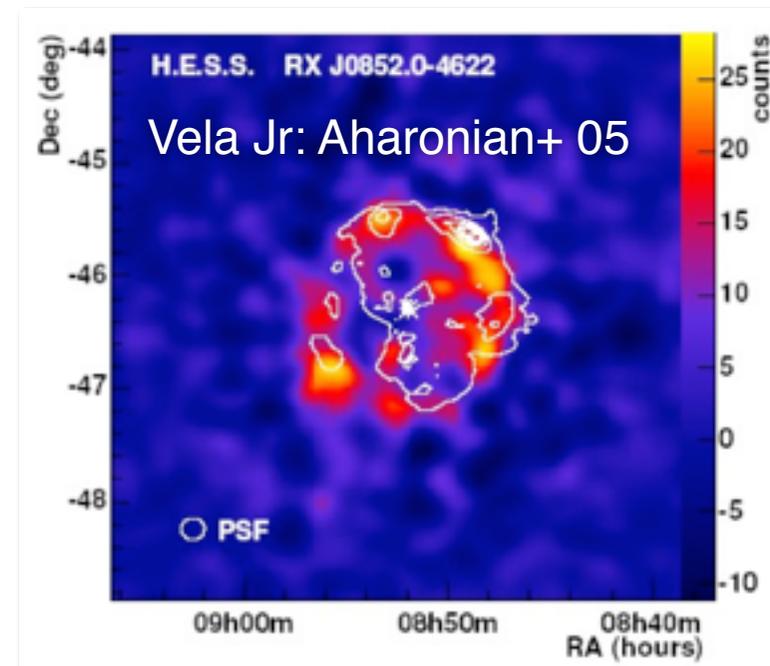


Decourchelle et al. '01, Warren et al. '05  
Cassam-Genai et al. '07

- In Tycho/Kepler: ejecta close to forward shock
- Suggests high compression ratio ( $>4$ )
- Expected for cosmic ray dominated shocks ( $E_{\text{int}} > 50\%$  CRs)

# Cosmic-ray dominated shocks or not?

- Strong evidence for high cosmic-ray acceleration efficiency from X-rays/optical:
  - Relatively high magnetic fields
  - Evidence for high compression ratios
  - Lower than expected temperatures (rest energy in CRs?)
- Evidence from (GeV/TeV) gamma-ray astronomy weak:
  - Many GeV/TeV detections
  - No evidence for acceleration  $> 10^{15}$  eV
  - $< 10\%$   $E_{\text{explosion}}$  in cosmic rays (Cas A,  $E_{\text{CR}} < 4\%$ )
- Debate goes on: stay tuned!



# The Future

- ASCA/XMM/Chandra/Suzaku have shown the power of imaging spectroscopy with low spectral resolution
- Future: Calorimeters: high spectral resolution imaging
- Missions: Astro-H, Athena
- Importance for SNRs:
  - accurate Doppler mapping of SNRs (also for low velocities)
  - higher sensitivity for weak lines
    - abundances of Na, Al, Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn:
      - For Type Ia: preconditions of explosion
      - For Core Collapse: inner ejecta influenced by neutrinos?
  - Thermal Doppler broadening: total thermal content:
    - indirect evidence for Cosmic Rays
    - are electron and ion temperatures same or not?

# Conclusions

- Chandra/XMM have shown that:
  - Core collapse SNRs are messy:
    - Kinematics are not spherical symmetric
    - Sometimes no symmetry at all
    - In Cas A: evidence for jets
  - Type Ia SNRs are well behaved:
    - Strong stratification of O, Si/S (IME), Fe-group (outside in)
    - Older SNRs: center dominated by Fe-L emission
- Young SNRs are actively accelerating particles
  - They emit X-ray synchrotron radiation (loss times short)
  - X-ray confined to shock: high magnetic fields
  - Magnetic field amplification (even @ reverse shock)
  - Cosmic rays influence the hydro/thermodynamics of shock
  - X-ray/ TeV connection: how efficient is acceleration?