X-Ray Spectroscopy of Supernova Remnants

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SuperNova Remnant (SNR)



Hydrodynamic simulations (Chevalier & Blondin 1995; Warren & Blondin 2013)



Thermal emission model (by Herman Lee) 0.1 Fe L Mg _{Si} 0.01 10^{-3} Counts s⁻¹ keV⁻¹ Ar 10^{-4} 10^{-5} Fe 10^{-6} 10^{-7} 10^{-8} 10^{-9} 0.2 0.5 2 5 0.1Energy (keV)

SNRs are usually extremely hot (~10⁷ K), so that they can efficiently emit X-rays. The X-ray emission includes a number of lines from almost all elements, allowing us to measure elemental abundances as well as elemental distribution.

X-ray observations of SNRs can directly test SN nucleosynthetic/explosion models.

(heating ISM) RIKEN-SESCUE Seminar@RESCUE

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7/26 Reverse shock (heating SN ejecta)

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Imaging Spectroscopy with X-Ray CCDs

X-ray CCDs allowed for detailed spatially-resolved spectroscopy.



Vink (2004)

The jets are rich in Si (Not Fe!). There seems to be inversion of Si and Fe in the SE.

Need for High-Res. X-Ray Spectroscopy (E/AE>100)

- Ejecta dynamics
 - Reconstruction of 3D ejecta structures
 - \rightarrow Explosion asymmetries & NS kicks
- Collisionless shock physics
 - T_i - T_e equilibration
 - Cosmic-ray acceleration
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 - New radiative processes
- Composition measurements
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High-Resolution Spectroscopy with Hitomi



$\Box \ \lceil ASTRO-H \rfloor \rightarrow \ \lceil Hitomi \rfloor:$

- The 6th Japanese X-ray astronomy satellite
- Successfully launched on 2/17
- Lost its ground contact on 3/26

X-ray micro-calorimeter (SXS):

- E/∆E: ~200@1keV (Non-dispersive!)
- Spatial resolution: 1'
- FoV: 3'x3' (6x6 array)
- Dynamic range:0.2-10 keV



SXS detector assembly

Gratings onboard XMM-Newton & Chandra

XMM-Newton (RGS)



Reflection grating

Slitless \rightarrow Degradation in λ resolution:

 $\Delta \lambda \sim 0.13 * \Delta ext(arcmin) Å$ $\Delta ext_{min}(spatial resolution): 0.25'$ (E/ $\Delta E \sim 200 @1 keV$; cf. E/ $\Delta E \sim 20$ for CCD)

Strong for relatively large sources (a few arcmin size is OK)



Canizares et al. (2005) HIGH-ENERGY GRATING FACET

Transmission grating

Slitless \rightarrow Degradation in λ resolution: $\Delta\lambda \sim 0.67 * \Delta ext(arcmin) Å$ Δext_{min} (spatial resolution): 0.01'

complementary Strong for small(")-scale features

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0.1 um

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Good Targets to Reveal Ejecta Dynamics

• Galactic (so-called) Oxygen-rich SNRs



Cassiopeia A: NS Kick?



The NS is displaced from the expansion center, suggesting a kick.

V ~ 330 km/s? (proper motion not yet measured)

Spectroscopy with the Chandra HETG

Lazendic et al. (2006)





Doppler Velocities \rightarrow 3D Structure



<u>G292.0+1.8</u>



Fast-moving knots in optical

High-Res. X-Ray Spectroscopy with HETG

Bhalerao et al. (2015)



□ The ejecta are biased to the near side. → Asymmetric explosion? □ The ejecta distribution suggests $R_{RS}/R_{FS} \sim 0.5$.



Winkler & Kirshner 1985; Garber et al. 2010

One-sided O-rich fast-moving knots
 A recoiling (fast-moving) neutron star

V ~ 700 km/s

Becker et al. 2012

Searching for Ejecta with X-Ray CCDs

SK 2008 PhD thesis



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Discovery of X-Ray Emitting Ejecta



Mostly ISM. But, we do find ejecta which are concentrated in the NE. \rightarrow Asymmetric explosion

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RGS Observation of the Ejecta



Observation date: 2012-10-20 Exposure time: 21 ks

RGS Spectra



Doppler velocities:

	Knot	Filament
Reg A	-1290±60 km/s	690±90 km/s
Reg B	-1440±60 km/s	570±90 km/s
Reg C	-1590±60 km/s	660±90 km/s
Reg D	-1560±60 km/s	720±90 km/s

Doppler shifts Knot: -1500 ± 200 km/s Filament: +650 ± 130 km/s

SK et al. (2013)

Line-of-Sight Location of the SN Debris





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The Micro-X Sounding Rocket Program



Heine et al. 2013; Figueroa-Feliciano et al. 2012

Micro-X Spectrum in a 300 s Observation



Just launched on July 6th in 2016!

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RGS Spectroscopy of SN 1006 NW Knot

Vink et al. (2003)



Knot's size ~ 0.4' (FWHM) \rightarrow RGS spectral resolution for O VII ~ 3 eV

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<u>Temperature Nonequilibration: T_{OVU} >> T_e!</u>



Dotted line: emission model w/o broadening Solid line: emission model w/ thermal broadening

 $\sigma = E_0 \sqrt{kT/mc^2}$

Coulomb Equilibration (+ Collisionless Heating)



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RGS Observations of ISM-Dominated Regions in The Puppis A SNR





Surprise from the Eastern Knot

Forbidden > Resonance!



Another Example: The Cygnus Loop



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The Circumstellar Medium in Kepler's SNR



<u>Summary</u>

- X-ray observations of supernova remnants provide us with important opportunities to test SN nucleosynthetic/explosion models.
- High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy has long been an anticipated discovery space especially for diffuse sources such as SNRs and galaxy clusters.
- The cutting-edge research has been explored by grating spectrometers onboard XMM-Newton and Chandra.
- We do hope Hitomi-2 mission, but it's also important to continue grating spectroscopy.