

# High-Resolution X-Ray Spectroscopy of Supernova Remnants: From Dispersive Spectrometer to Micro-calorimeter

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# Need for High-Res. X-Ray Spectroscopy

## Scientific motivations

SN explosion physics

Progenitors

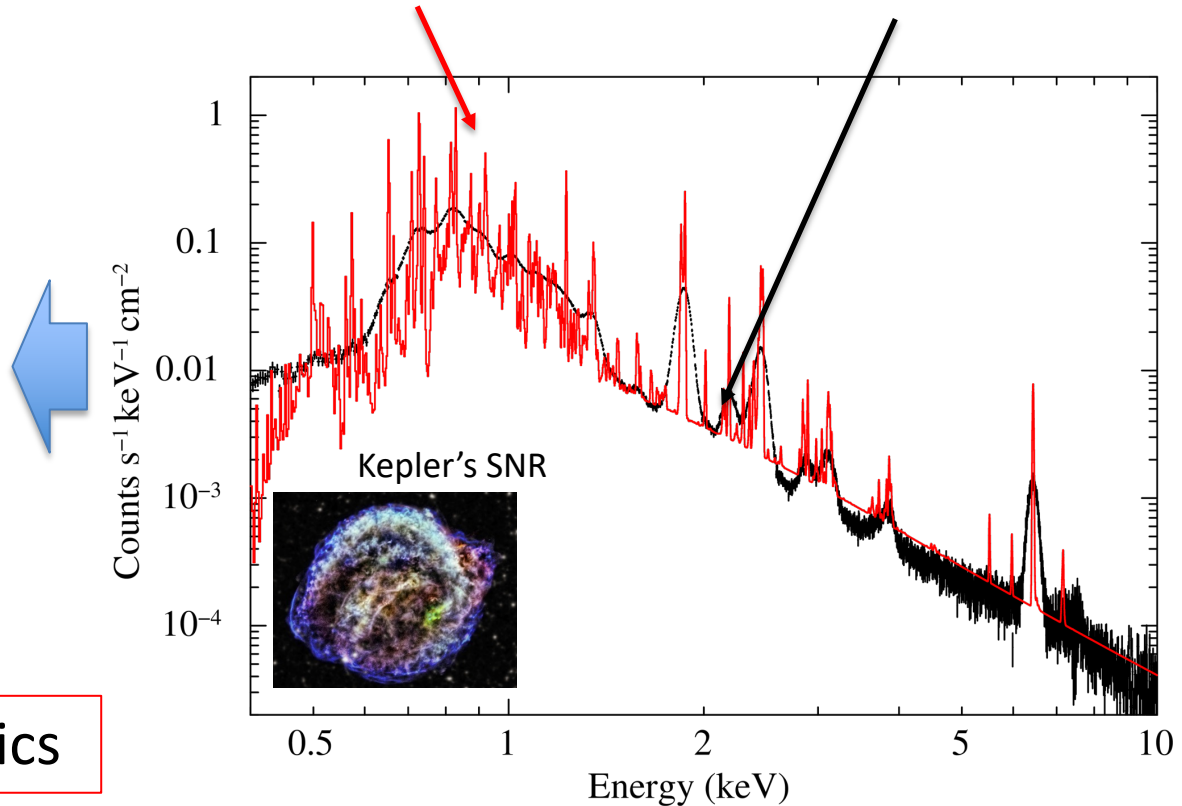
SN nucleosynthesis

Chemical evolution of galaxies

Collisionless shock physics

Particle acceleration

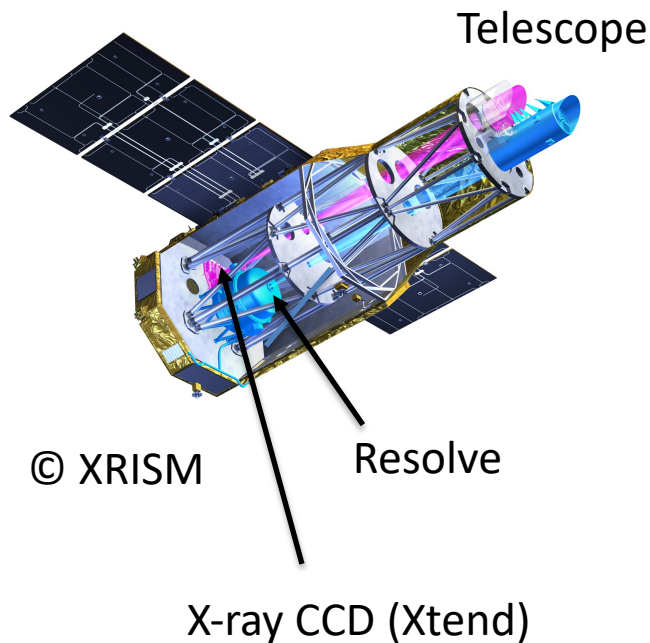
Theoretical model vs. Data with Suzaku XIS ( $E/\Delta E \sim 20$ )



X-ray CCDs can not resolve fine structures.  
→ Better resolution ( $E/\Delta E > 100$ ) is a must!

# Micro-calorimeter (Resolve) aboard XRISM

After three Japan-US led missions ASTRO-E1 (2000), Suzaku (2005-2015), Hitomi (2016), we finally have an in-orbit X-ray microcalorimeter since 2023!



## □ XRISM:

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Japanese X-ray astronomy satellite
- Successfully launched on Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

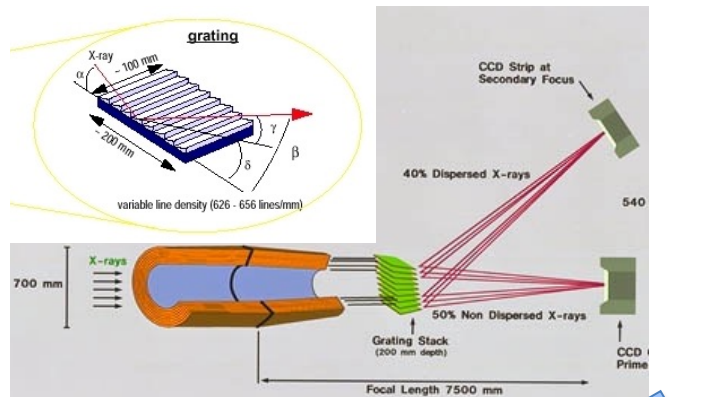
## □ X-ray micro-calorimeter (Resolve):

- $\Delta E$ :  $\sim 5$  eV (Non-dispersive!)
- Spatial resolution:  $\sim 1'$
- FoV:  $3' \times 3'$  (6x6 array)
- Dynamic range: 0.2-10 keV  
(NB: 2-10 keV at this moment)

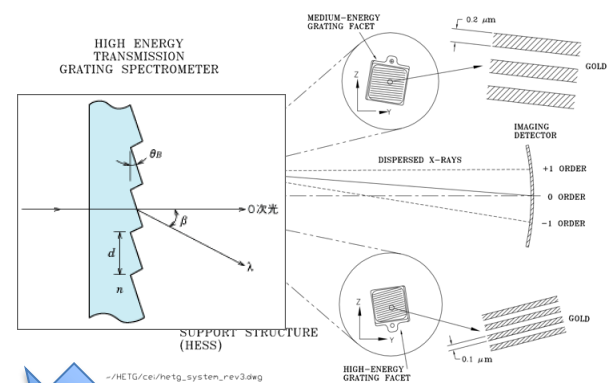
Some early results were presented in this conference by B. Williams and P. Plucinsky.

# Gratings onboard XMM-Newton & Chandra

## XMM-Newton's RGS

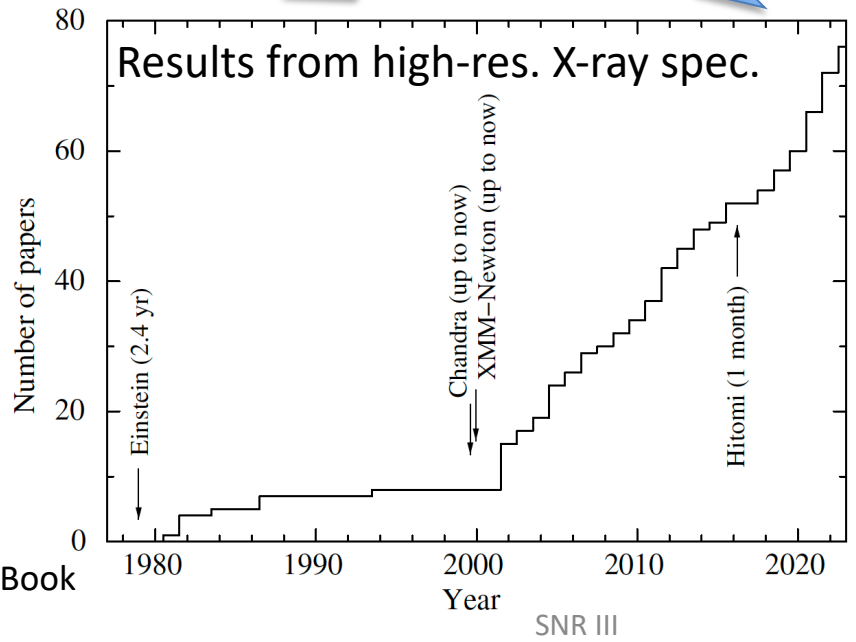


## Chandra's HETG&LETG



den Herder et al. (2001)

Canizares et al. (2005)



In case of Resolve's gate-valve closed, the gratings and Resolve are complementary in terms of the energy coverage.

# Gratings onboard XMM-Newton & Chandra

Spectral resolution of a grating spectrometer:

$$\Delta\lambda \sim d \sin\alpha \Delta\theta / m$$

$d$ : grating spacing (Å)

$\alpha$ : angle of incidence

$\Delta\theta$ : spatial extent of the source or telescope's angular resolution for a point source

$m$ : spectral order

	Chandra HEG	Chandra MEG	XMM RGS
$d$ (Å)	2000	4000	15500
$\alpha$	~90 deg	~90 deg	~1.6 deg
$d \sin \alpha$ (Å)	2000	4000	420
$\Delta\lambda$ (Å for $m=1$ ; $\Delta\theta = \text{PSF}$ )	0.01	0.02	0.03
$\Delta\lambda$ (Å for $m=1$ ; $\Delta\theta = 1'$ )	0.58	1.16	0.12



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# Specific Sciences from High-Res. Spectroscopy

## – Ejecta dynamics

- 3D ejecta/CSM structures

## – Collisionless shock physics

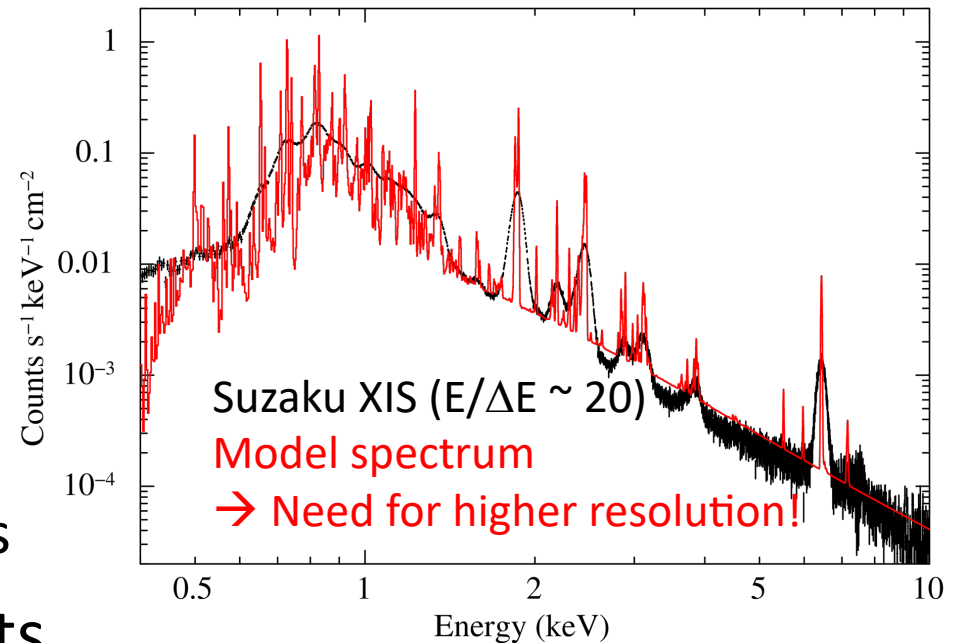
- $T_i$ - $T_e$  equilibration
- Cosmic-ray acceleration

## – Plasma diagnostics

- New emission processes
- Thermodynamic parameters

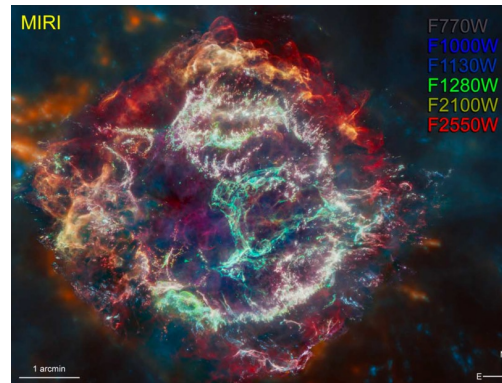
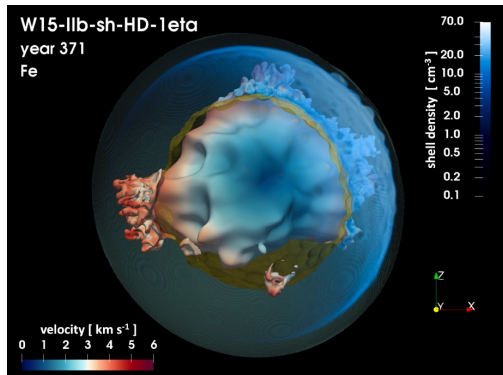
## – Composition measurements

- Odd-Z/neutron-rich elements



# 3D Structures of Young SNRs

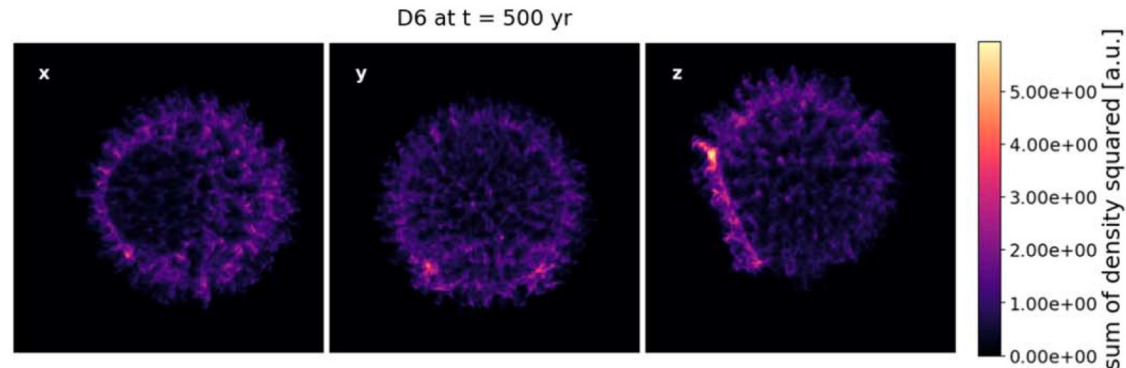
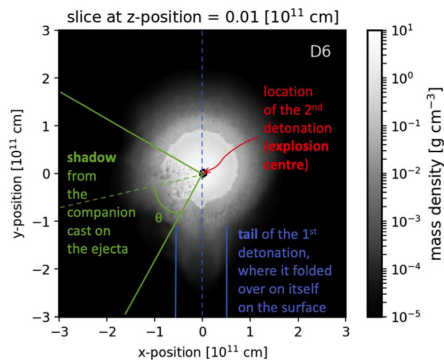
3D ejecta distributions are the key to understand the progenitor and explosion mechanism.



- Si-rich jets
- jet-induced explosion
- Fe/Si inversion, Ti-rich ejecta
- high-entropy ejecta plume
- Ni bubble effects

3D hydrodynamic simulation  
(e.g., Orlando et al. 2022)

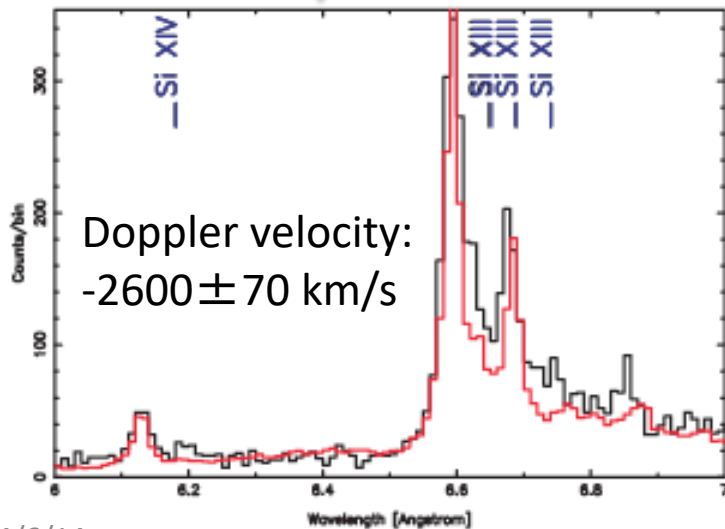
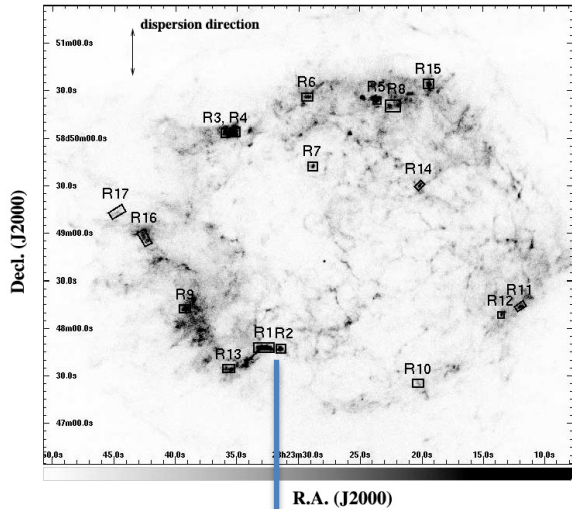
JWST view (e.g., Milisavljevic et al. 2024)



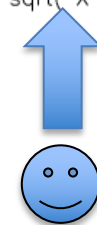
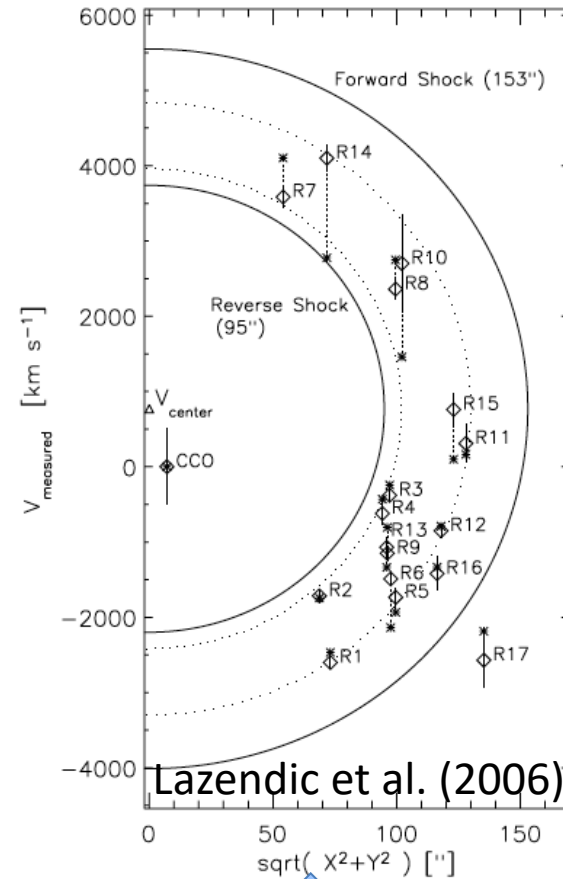
Remnant of Type Ia D6 model (Ferrand et al. 2022)

# Cas A with Chandra/HETG

HETG spectroscopy (Lazendic et al. 2006)



Line of sight locations of 21 knots measured by Si K lines

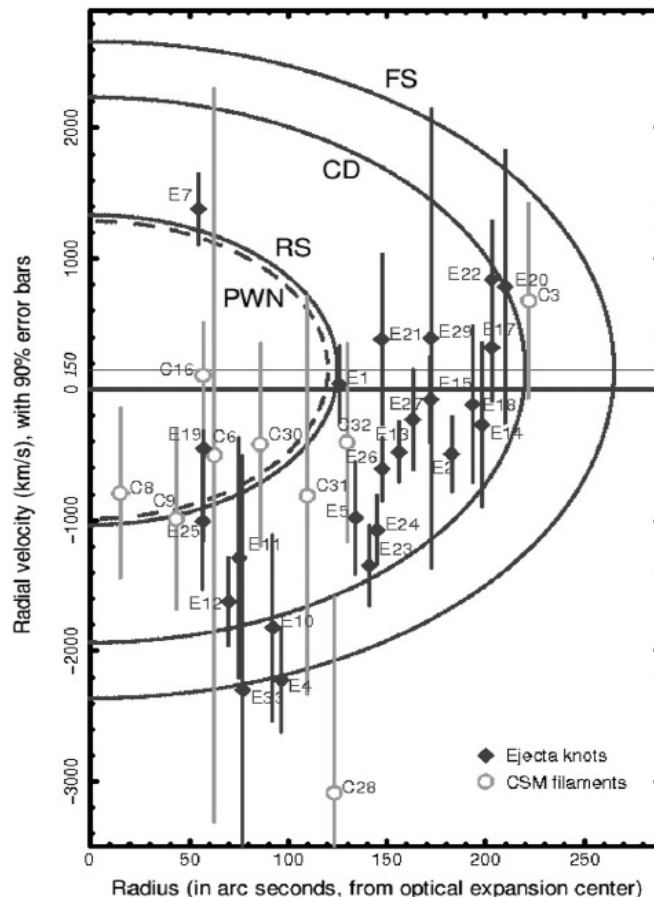
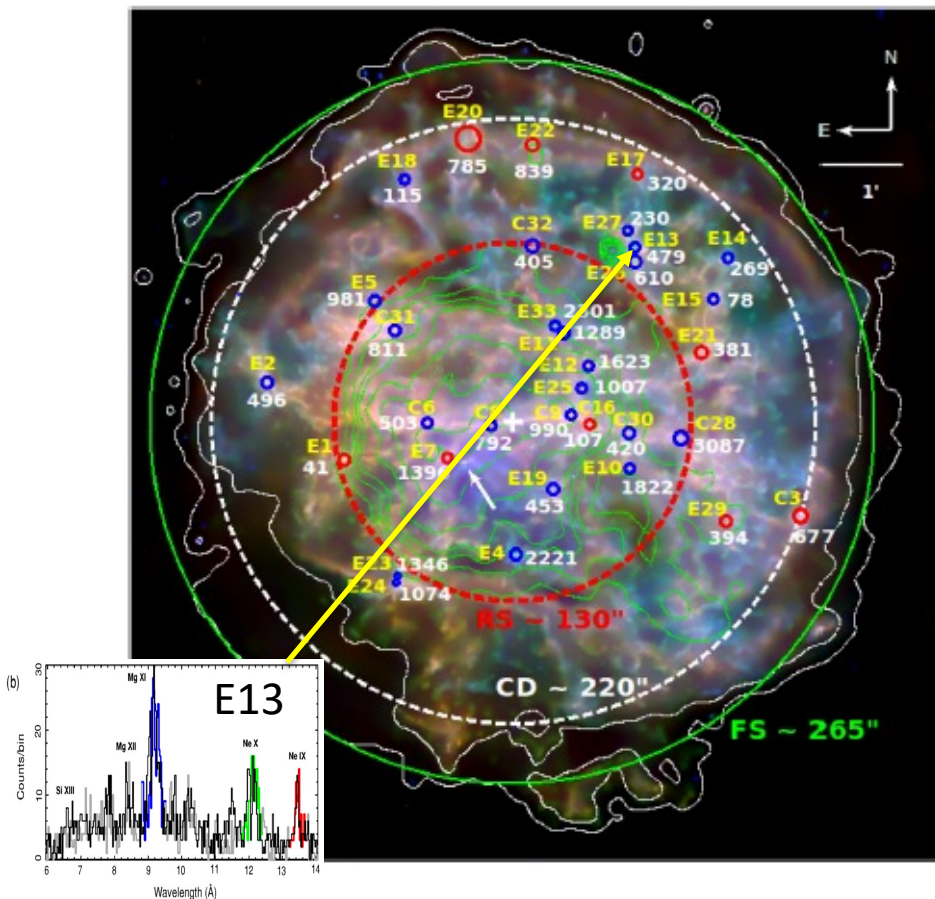


Line of sight



# G292.0+1.8 with Chandra/HETG

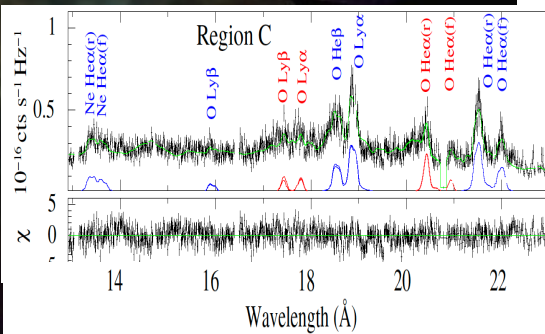
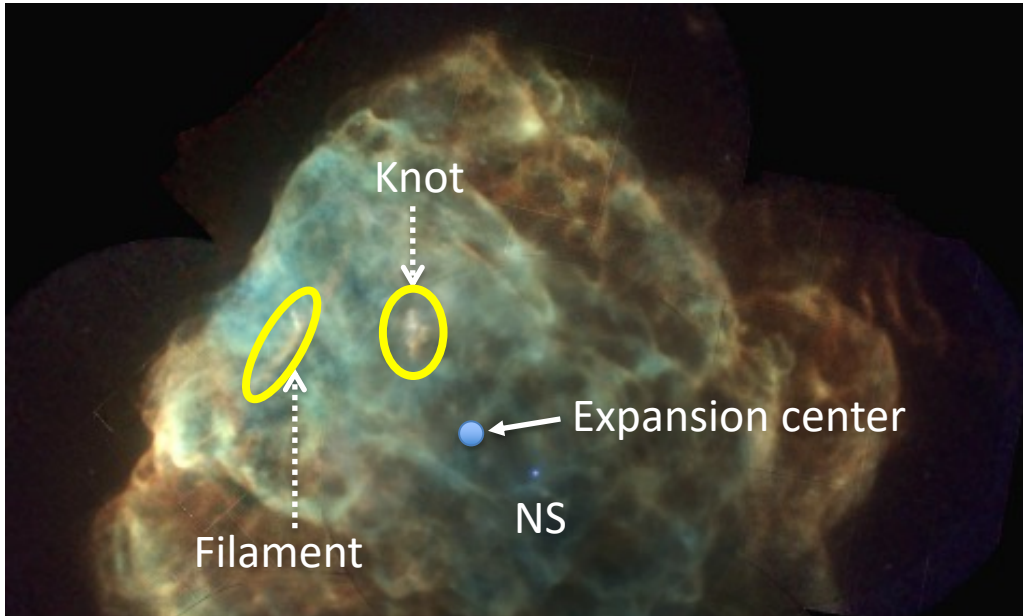
HETG spectroscopy (Bhalerao et al. 2015)



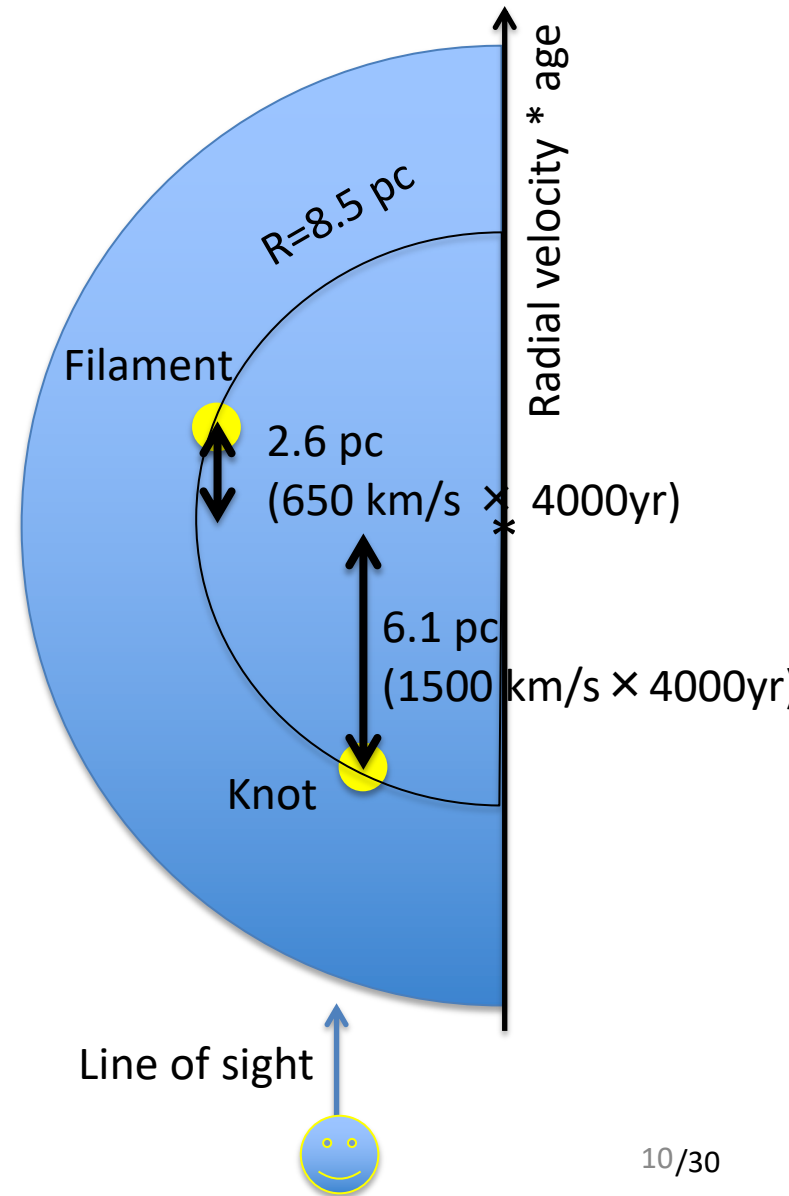
- More ejecta reside in the near side. → Asymmetric explosion?
- The ejecta distribution suggests  $R_{RS}/R_{FS} \sim 0.5$ .

# Puppis A: ONeMg-rich Ejecta

RGS spectroscopy of the ejecta features (SK+2013)

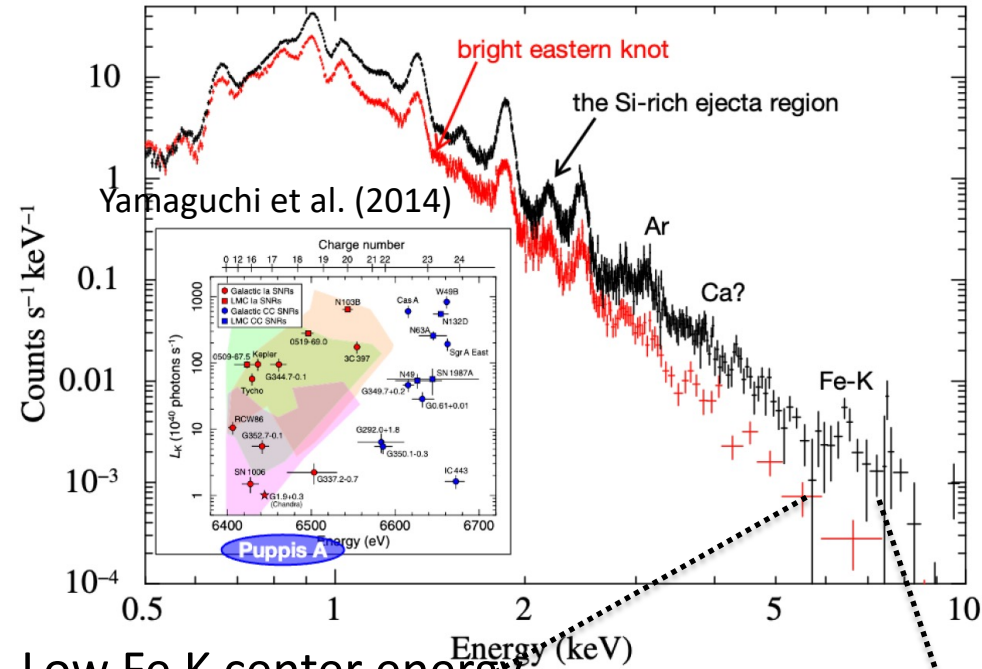
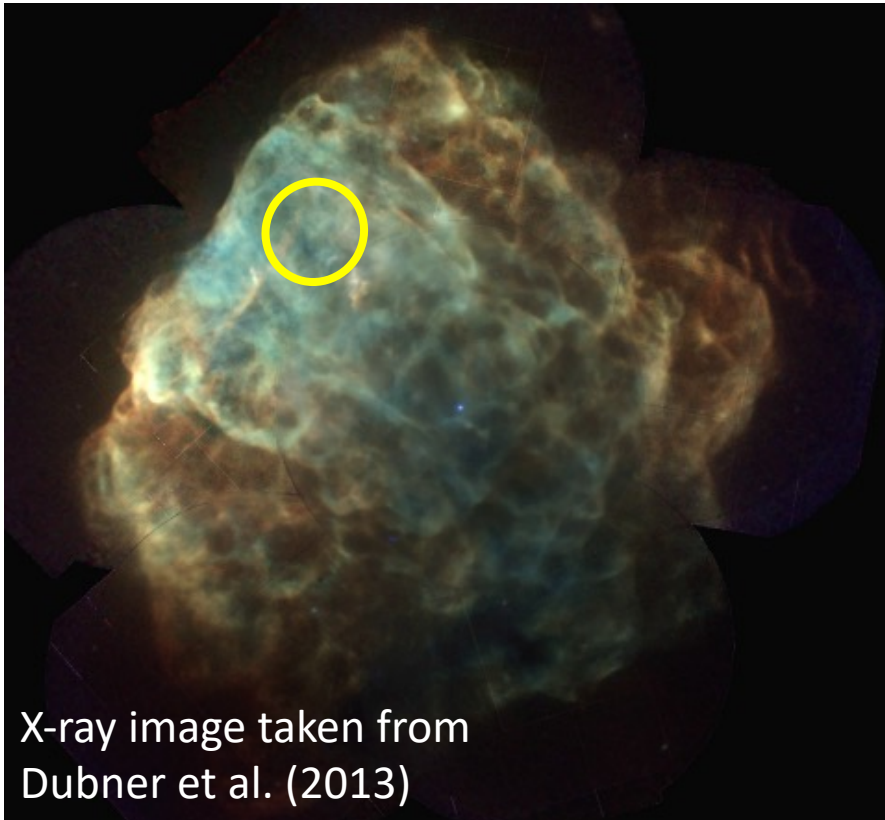


X-ray image taken from Dubner et al. (2013)



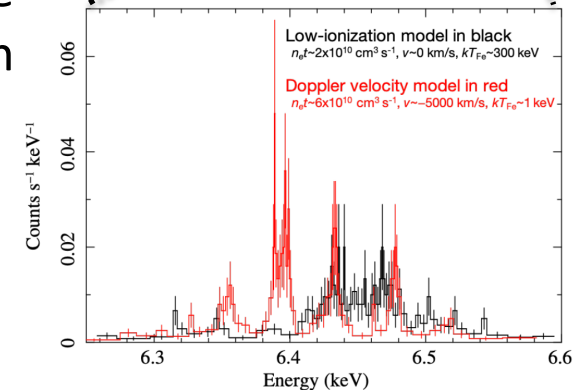
# Puppis A: Fe-rich Ejecta

Suzaku discovery of Fe K (Mori & Katsuda in prep.)

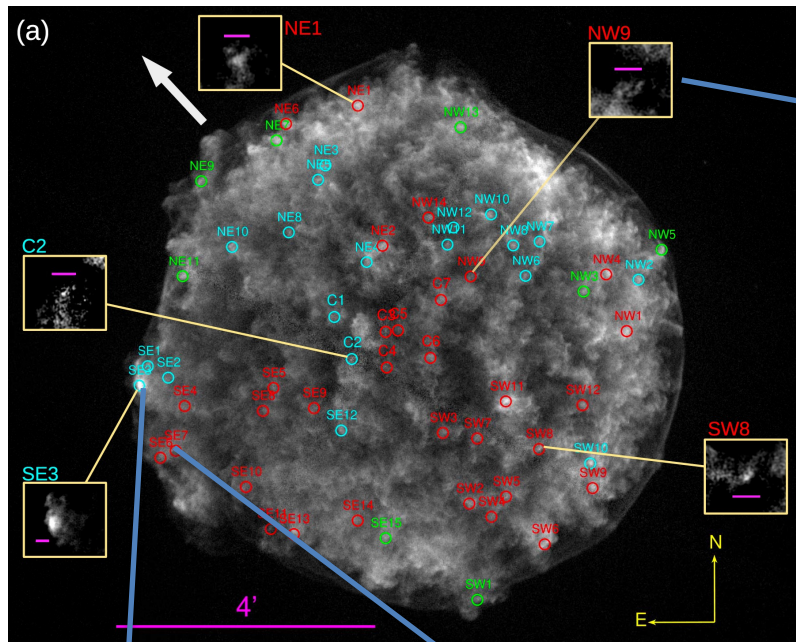


Low Fe K center energy  
=> Low-ionization

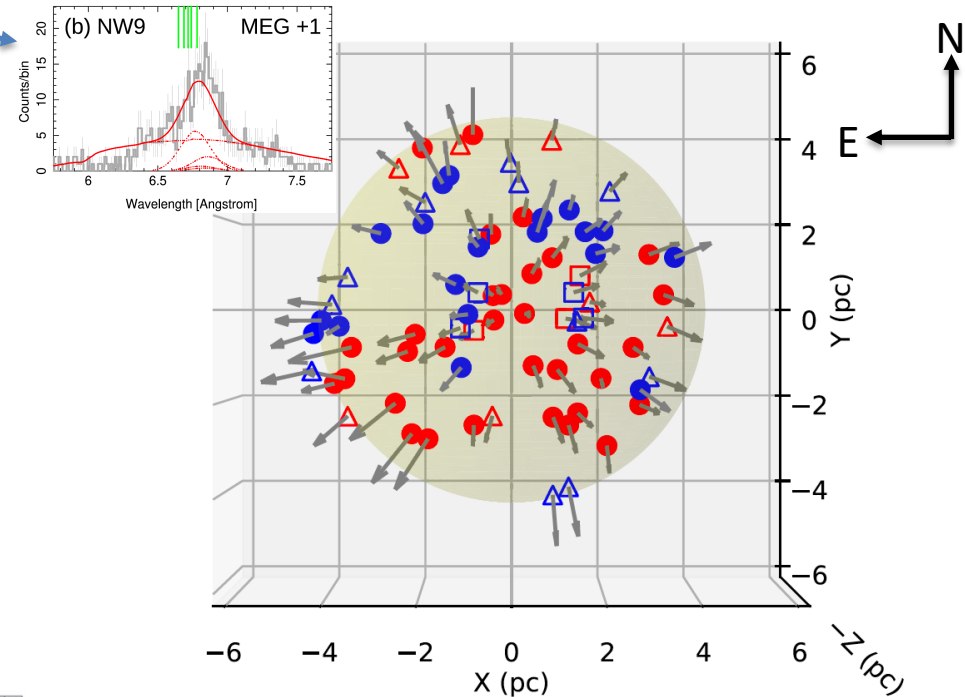
XRISM simulation  
with 250 ks



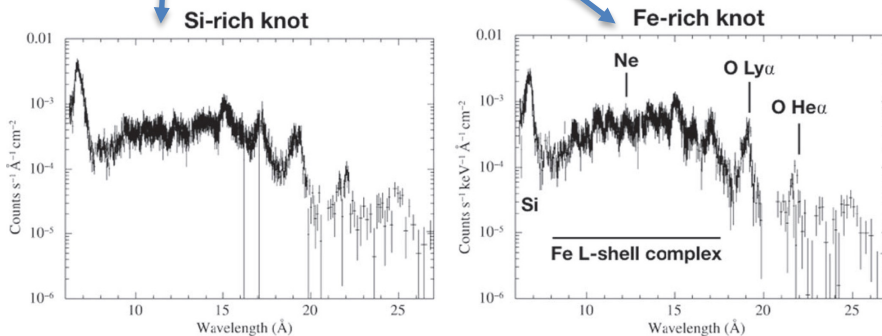
# Tycho



HETG spectroscopy (Millard et al. 2022)



RGS spectroscopy (Williams, SK, et al. 2020)

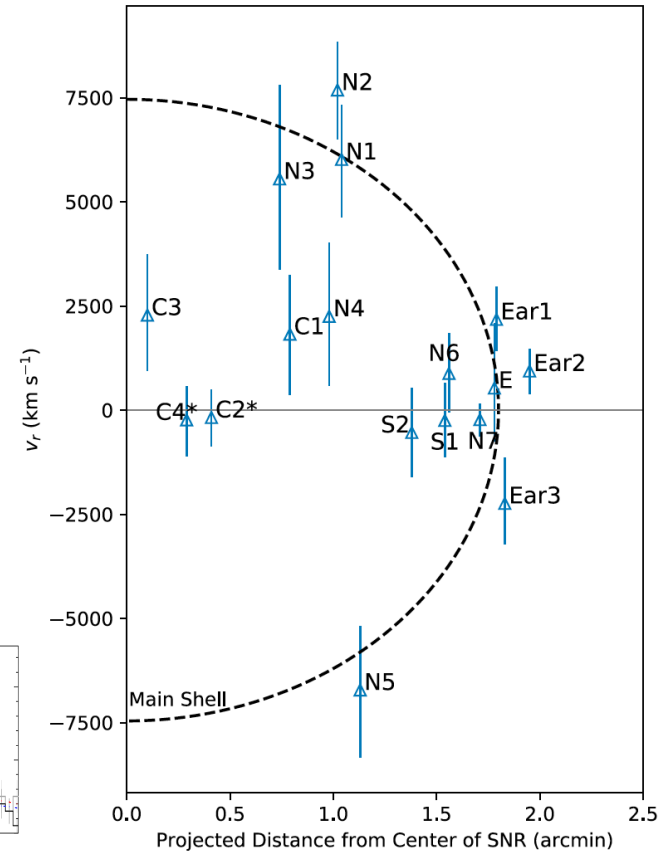
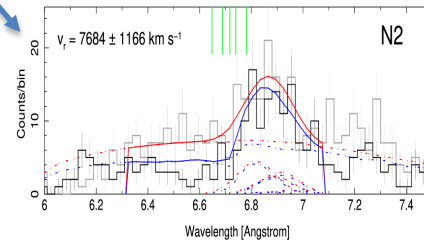
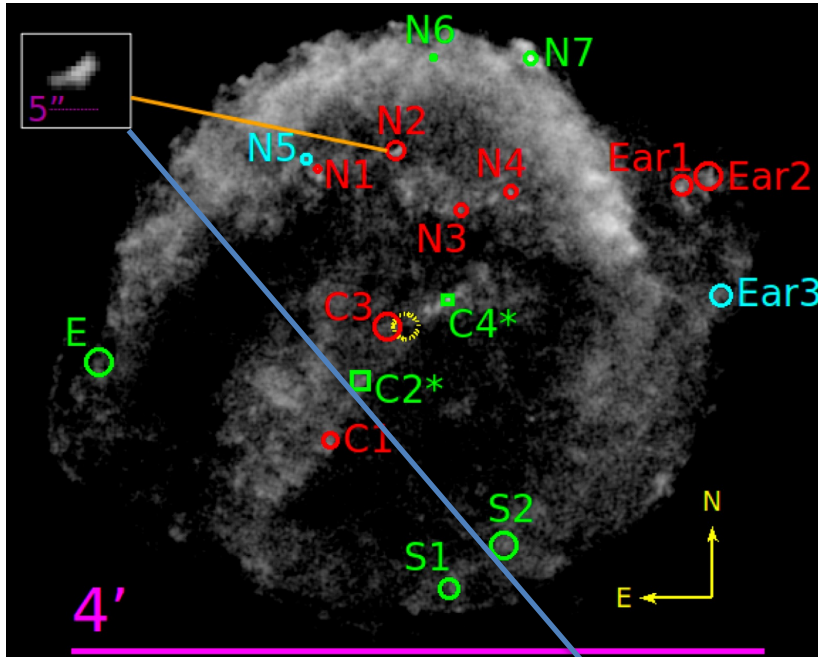


- Asymmetric ejecta distribution
- N-hemisphere: more blueshift ejecta
- S-hemisphere: more redshift ejecta

First clear detection of O K lines → relatively rich O

# Kepler: 3D Ejecta Distribution

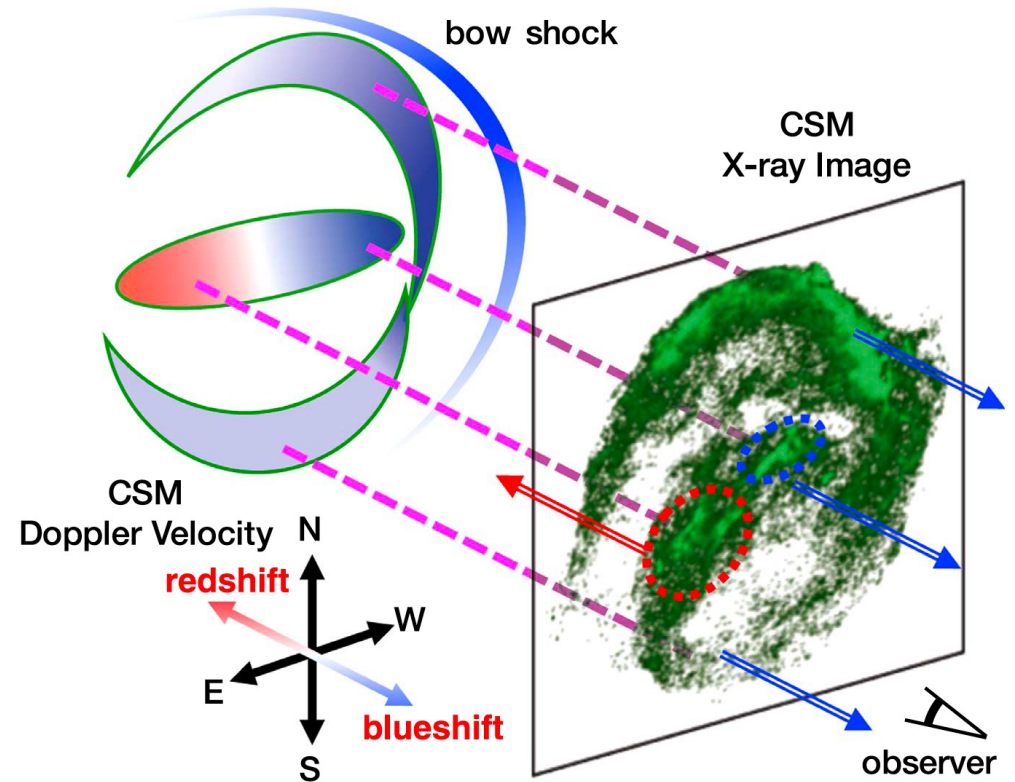
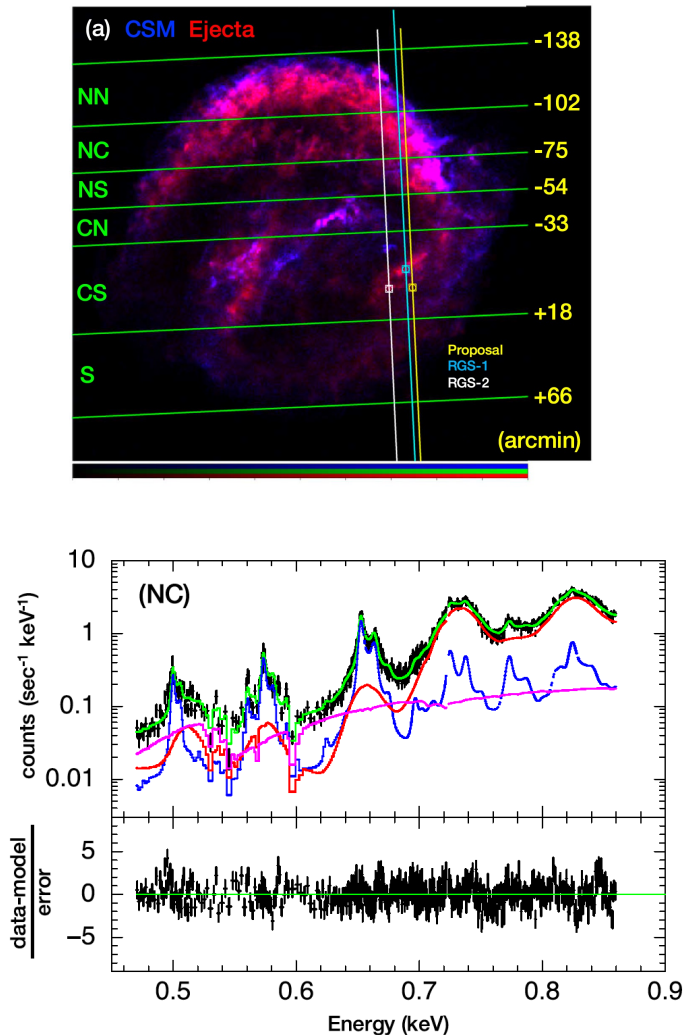
HETG spectroscopy (Millard et al. 2020)



- Some ejecta knots are expanding freely (see also, Sato & Hughes 2017).
- More ejecta reside in the far side. → Asymmetric explosion? Need more samples.

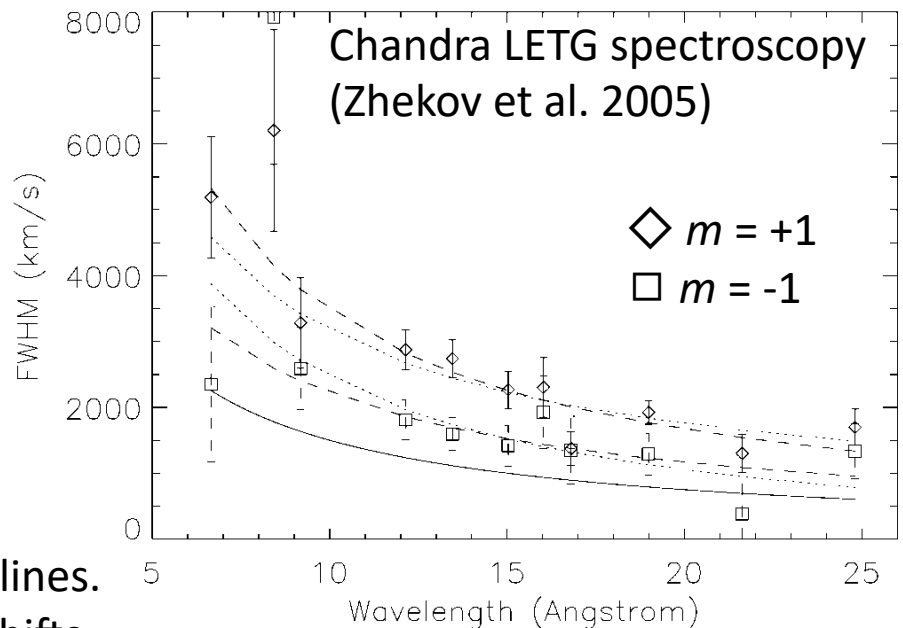
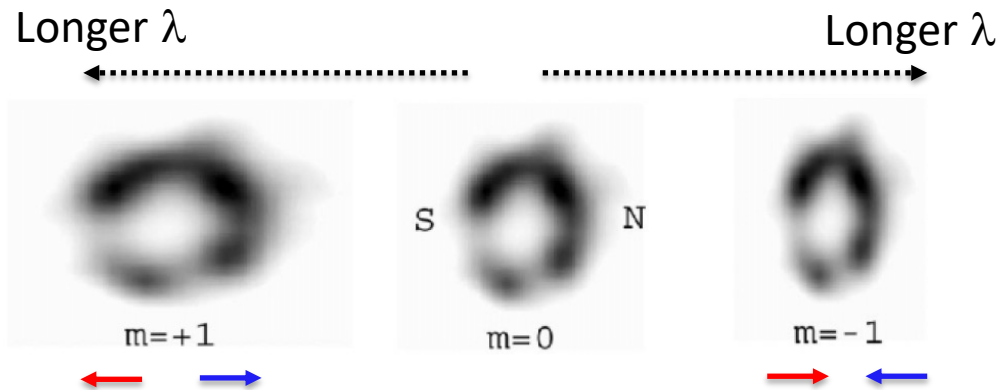
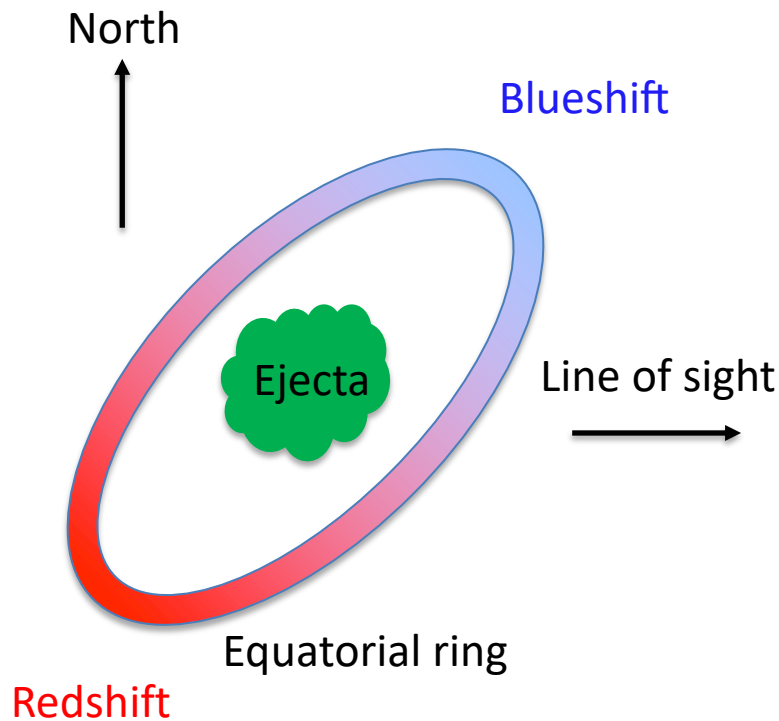
# Kepler: 3D CSM Distribution

RGS spectroscopy (Kasuga, Vink, SK...2021)



The velocity structure of the CSM is roughly consistent with a runaway progenitor scenario (first proposed by Bandiera 1987).

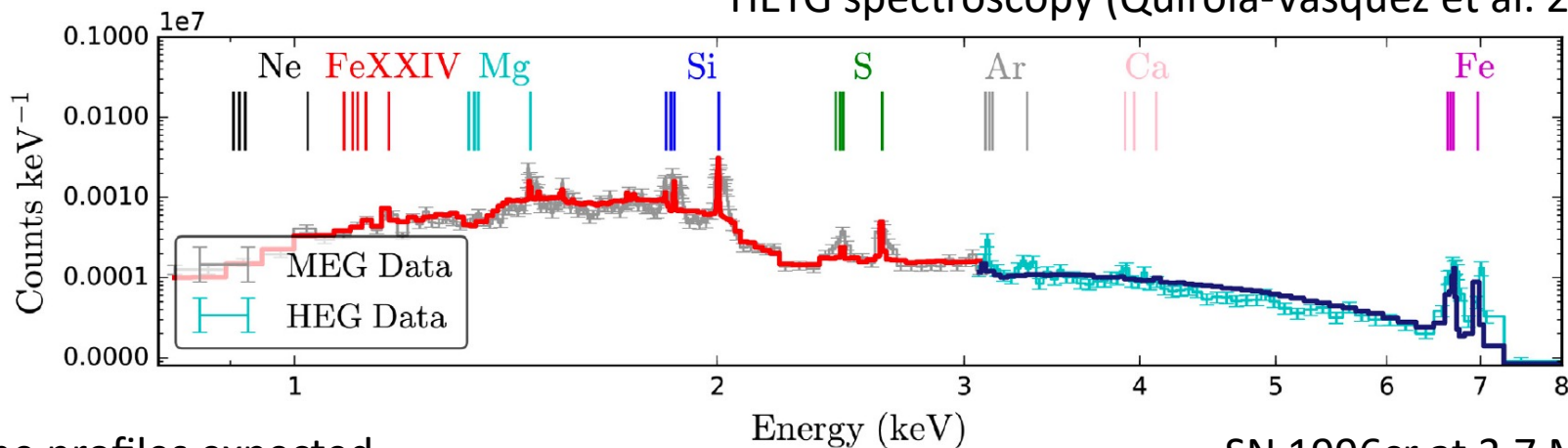
# Geometry of the CSM Ring in SN 1987A



The +1 order lines are broader than -1 order lines.  
 → Hints for North-South/Blue-Red Doppler shifts.

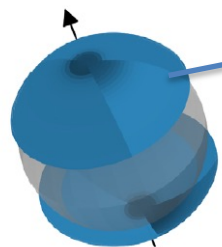
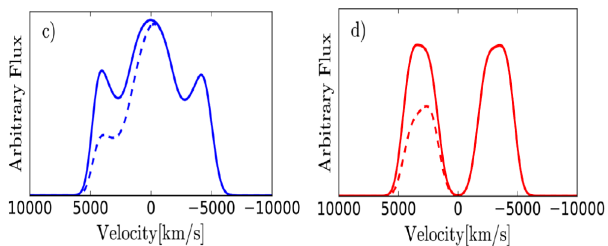
# A Remarkable Extragalactic Supernovae

HETG spectroscopy (Quirola-Vasquez et al. 2019)



SN 1996cr at 3.7 Mpc

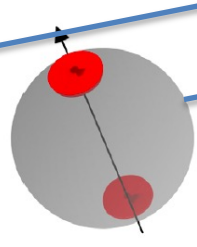
Line profiles expected



$\theta_{\max} = 90^\circ, \theta_{\min} = 30^\circ$

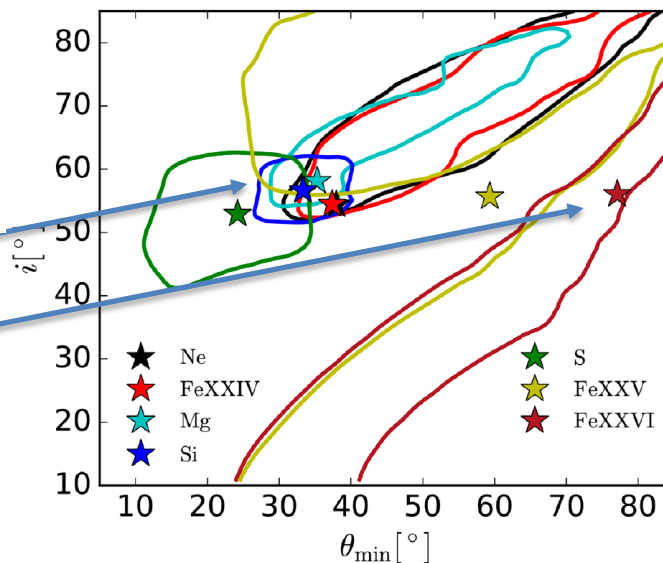
Si ejecta

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$\theta_{\max} = 90^\circ, \theta_{\min} = 70^\circ$

Fe ejecta



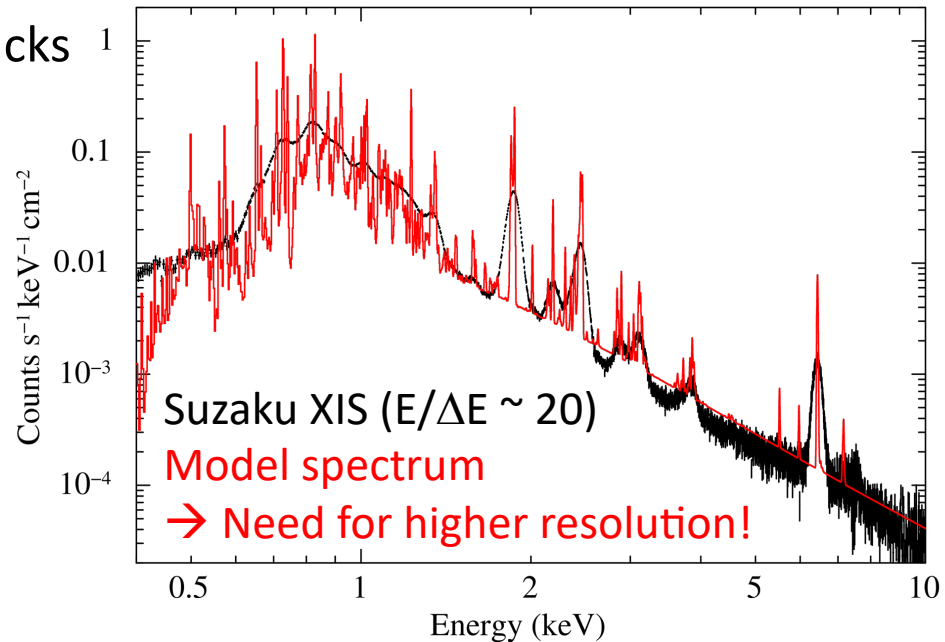
Line profiles can constrain:

- Inclination angle to be  $\sim 50^\circ$
- Jets' opening angle to be  $\sim 20^\circ$  (Fe);  $\sim 60^\circ$  (Si)

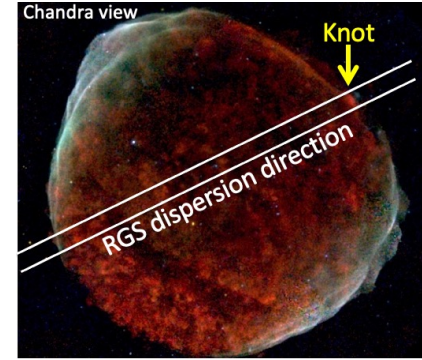
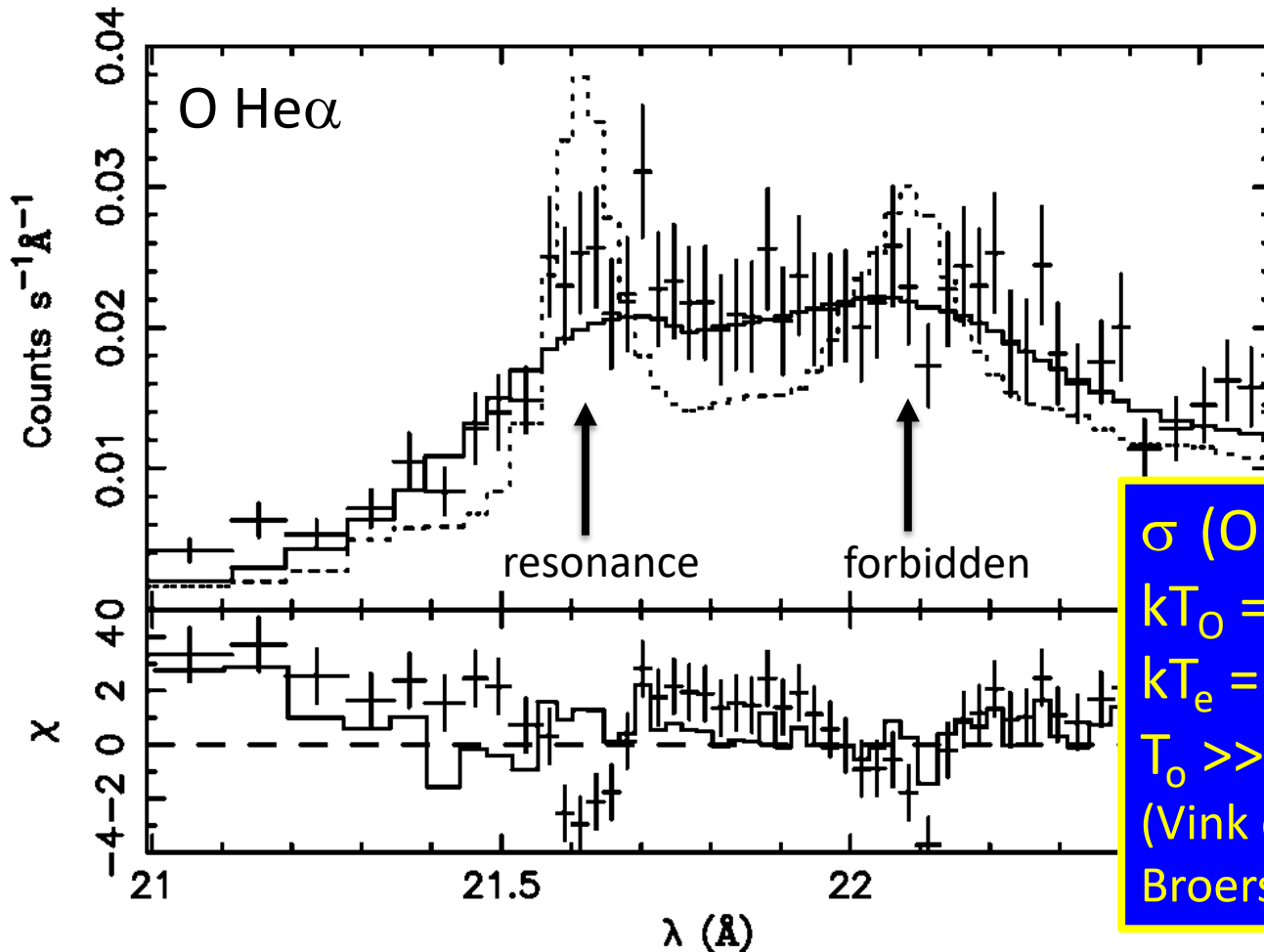


# Specific Sciences from High-Res. Spectroscopy

- Ejecta dynamics
  - 3D ejecta structures
    - Explosion asymmetries & NS kicks
- Collisionless shock physics
  - $T_i$ - $T_e$  equilibration
  - Cosmic-ray acceleration
- Plasma diagnostics
  - Thermodynamic parameters
  - Radiative processes
- Composition measurements
  - Odd-Z/neutron-rich elements



# SN 1006: Temperature Nonequilibrium ( $T_o \gg T_e$ )



$\sigma$  (O VII) =  $3.4 \pm 0.5$  eV  
 $kT_o = 530 \pm 150$  keV  
 $kT_e = 1.5$  keV  
 $T_o \gg T_e$ !  
 (Vink et al. 2003; see also  
 Broersen et al. 2013)

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

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

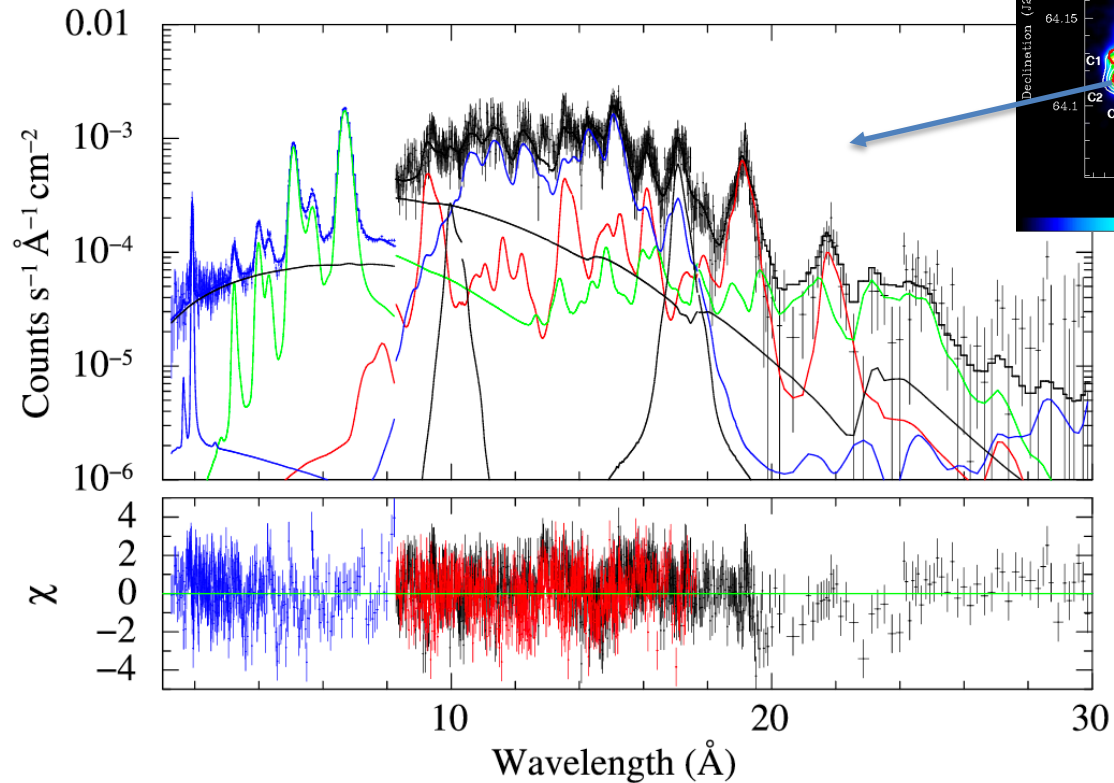
# Tycho: Temperature Nonequilibrium ( $T_i \gg T_e$ )

Global fit with the data requires line broadening of  $\sim 5$  eV at 1 keV.

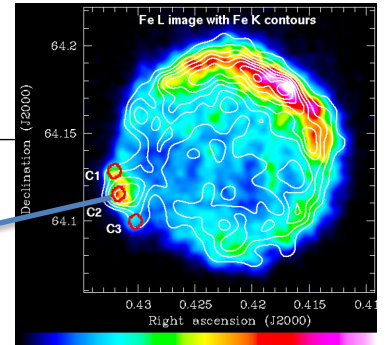
If the broadening is totally thermal Doppler effects:

$kT_0 \sim 400$  keV &  $kT_{\text{Fe}} \sim 1.4$  MeV

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



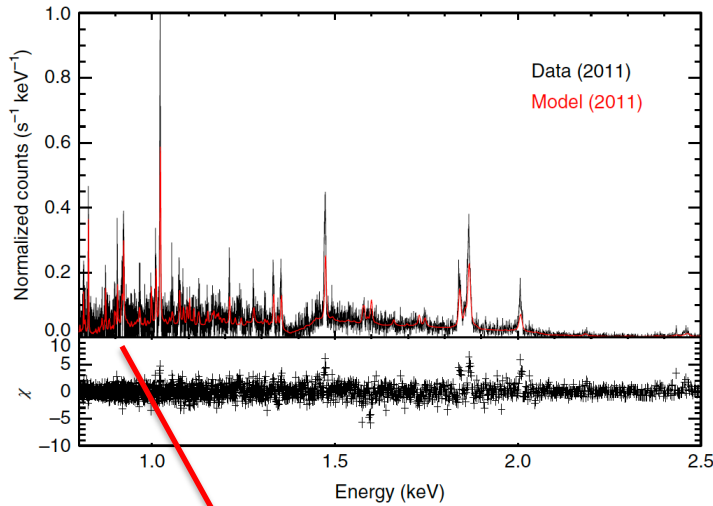
Williams, SK+ (2020)



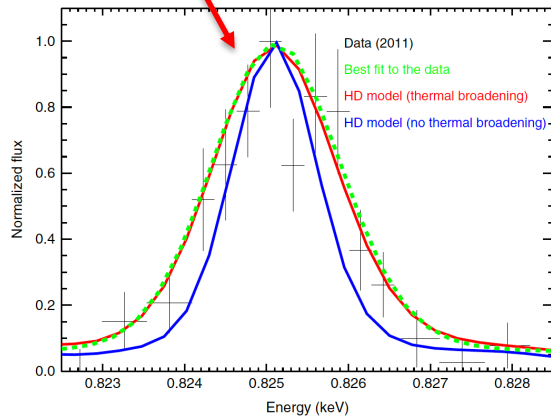
The (reverse) shock speed is estimated to be 3500 km/s.

# SN 1987A: Temperature Nonequilibrium ( $T_i \gg T_e$ )

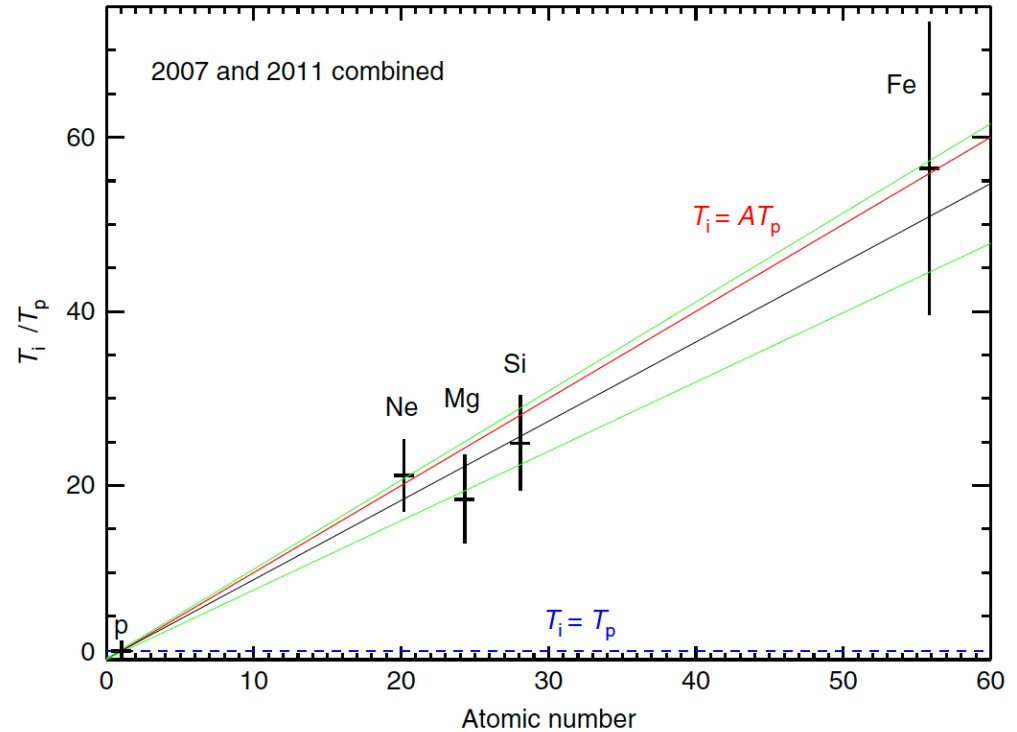
HETG spectroscopy (Miceli et al. 2019)



Comparison with a hydrodynamic model revealed **thermal broadening**.

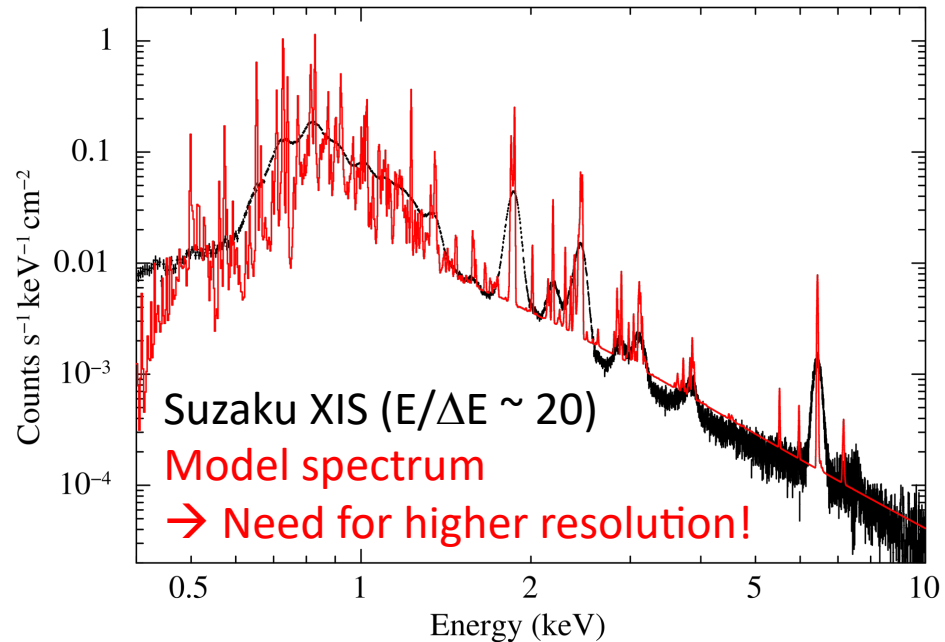


The ion temperatures are in good agreement with the mass-proportional temperature.



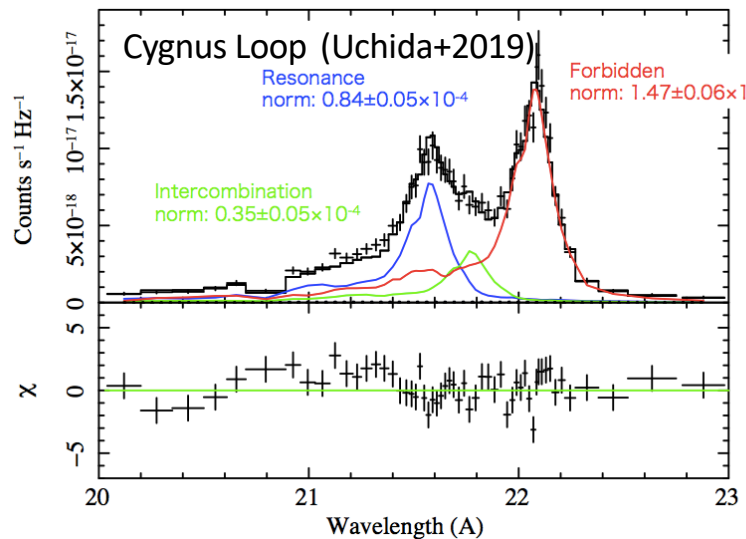
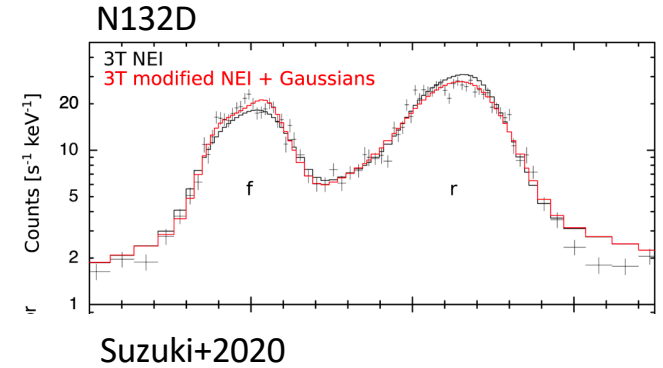
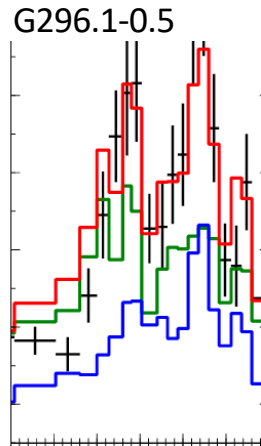
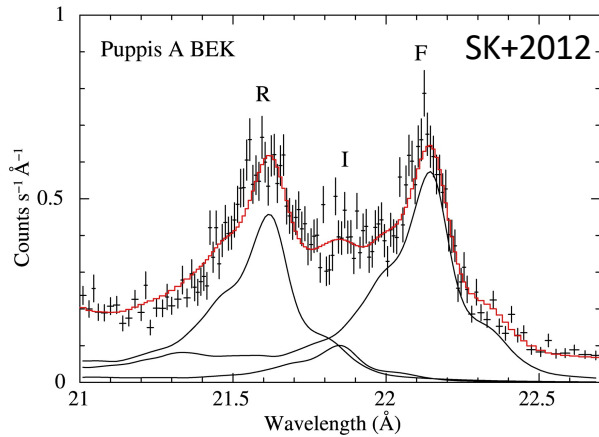
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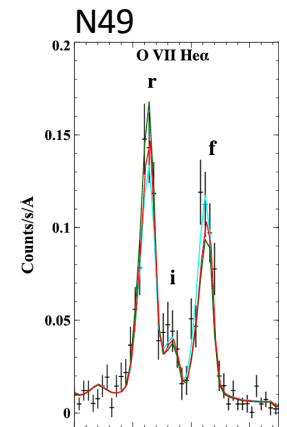
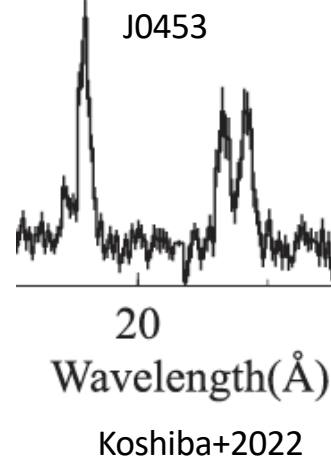


# Anomalously High O VII He $\alpha$ f/r Ratios

RGS spectra revealed that O VII He $\alpha$  f/r ratios are higher than expected in some SNRs.



Tanaka+2022



Amano+2020

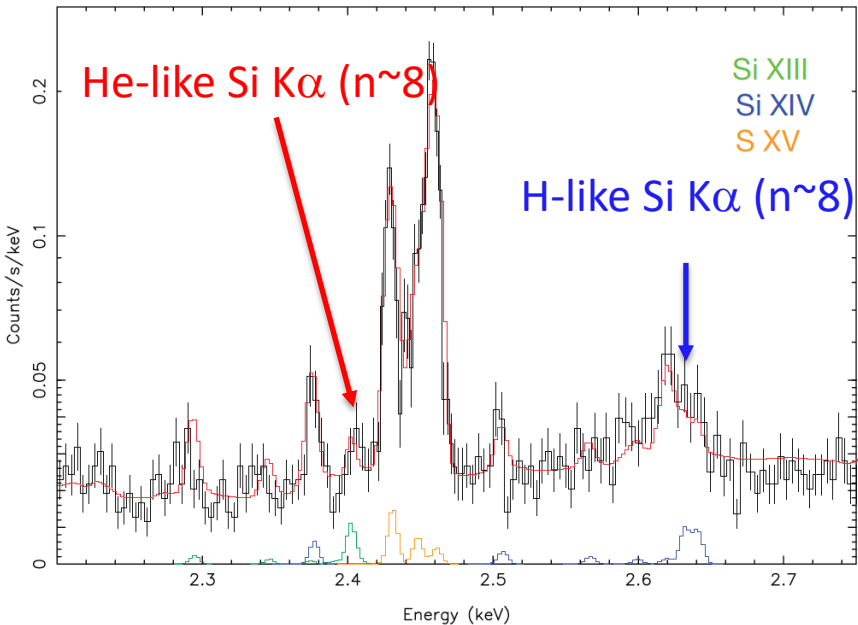
# Possible Causes of Anomalous f/r Ratios

- Reducing “r” line
  - Resonance scattering (self absorption)
  - Absorption by foreground ionized ISM
- Enhancing “f” line
  - Charge exchange
  - Recombination (recombination-dominated plasmas)
  - Inner-shell ionization (low-T and/or low- $n_t$  plasmas)
  - Proton excitation (resonance line is absent)

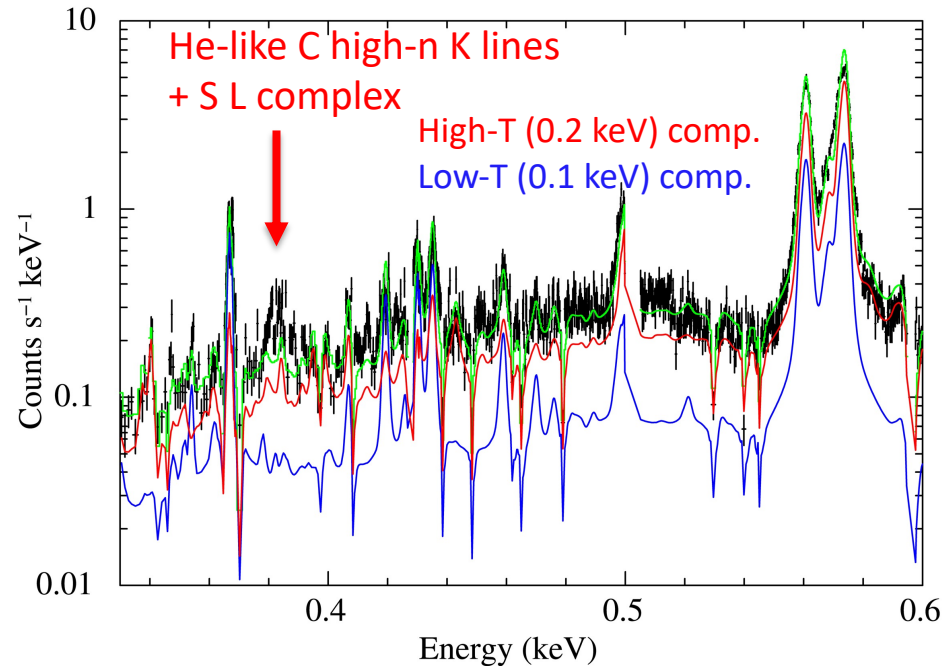
# Recent Interesting Finding from N132D

Strong high-n transition lines may be a signature of CX X-rays.

Resolve spectrum from the entire remnant



RGS1 1<sup>st</sup> order from the north rim



XRISM collaboration to be submitted to PASJ

Presented by Brian Williams

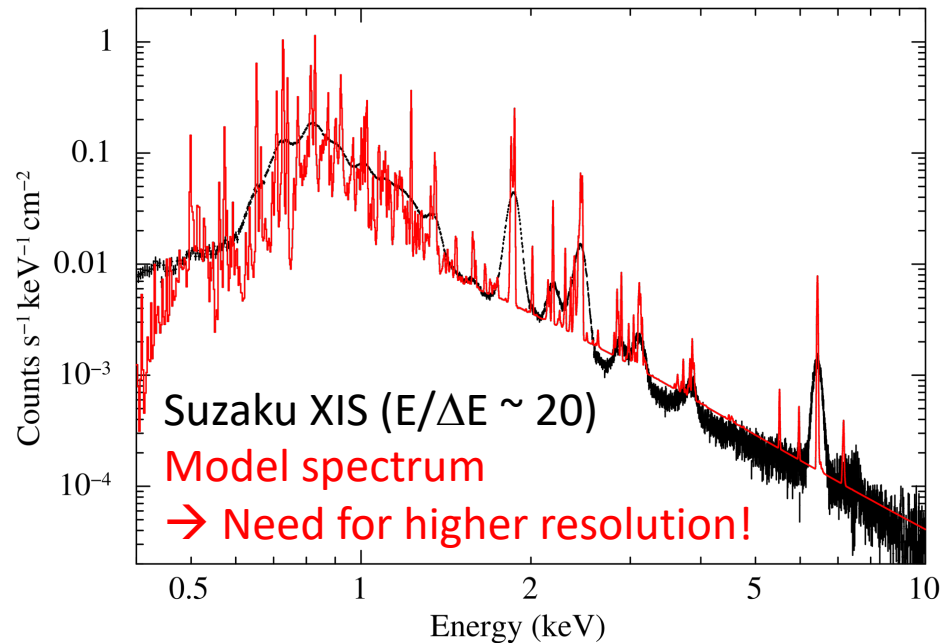
(See also, XRISM first light press release: [https://www.jaxa.jp/press/2024/01/20240105-1\\_j.html](https://www.jaxa.jp/press/2024/01/20240105-1_j.html))

SK et al. in prep.



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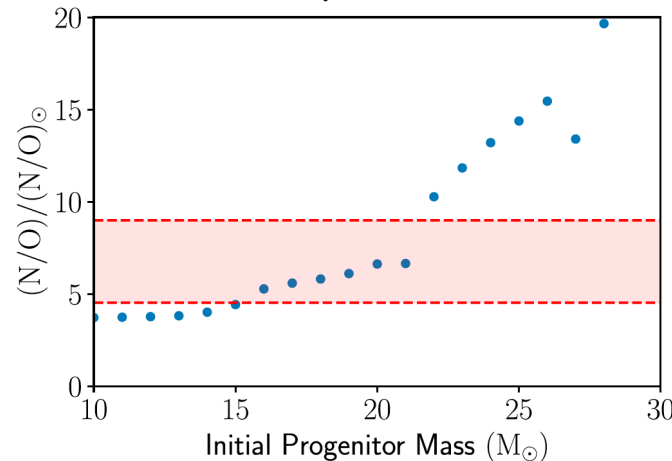
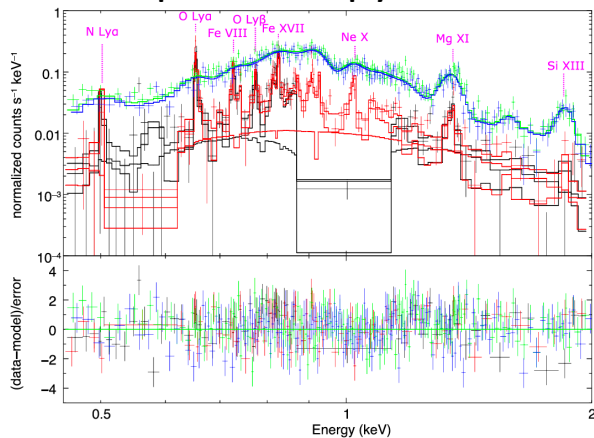
# CNO Abundances of the CSM in SNRs

**Table 13.2** Properties of CSM detected in SNRs

Name	SN Type	N/O (solar)	$R_{\text{CSM}}^a$ (pc)	$M_{\text{CSM}}^b$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	References
SN 1987A	CC	8	0.2	0.1	[2, 103, 149]
SN 1978K	CC	12	$\lesssim 0.05$	1	[29, 92, 134]
RX J1713.7–3946	CC	7	4–9	0.002	[154]
G296.1–0.5	CC	4	12	15	[25, 152]
G292.0+1.8	CC	1	7	1.7	[8, 166]
Kepler's SNR	Ia	1–6	3	0.3	[10, 74, 79]
N103B	Ia	0.5	3	3	[11, 176, 187]

Table from SK (2023)

RGS spectroscopy of a CSM knot in RX J1713 (Tateishi, SK+ 2021).

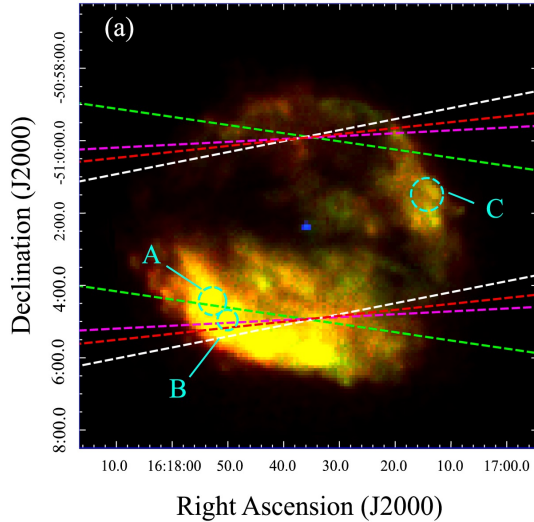


The N/O abundance ratio in the stellar wind is more enhanced with increasing  $M_{\text{ZAMS}}$ , as  $dM/dt$  increases with  $M_{\text{ZAMS}}$ .

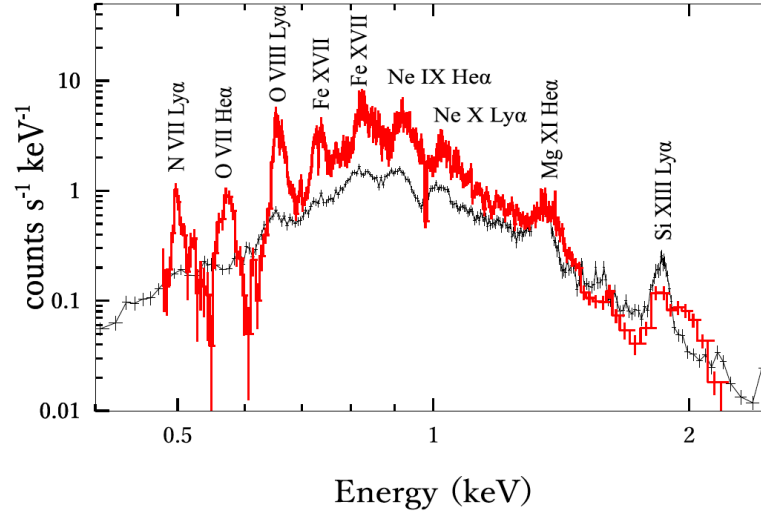
=> N/O can constrain  $M_{\text{ZAMS}}$ .

# More Recent Progresses in CNO Studies

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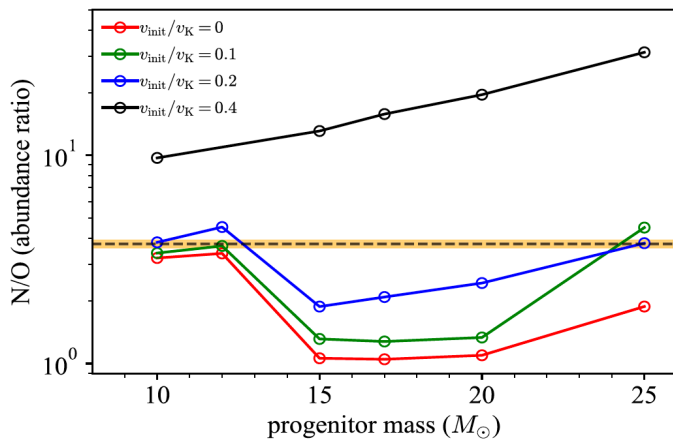


RGS spectroscopy (Narita et al. 2023)



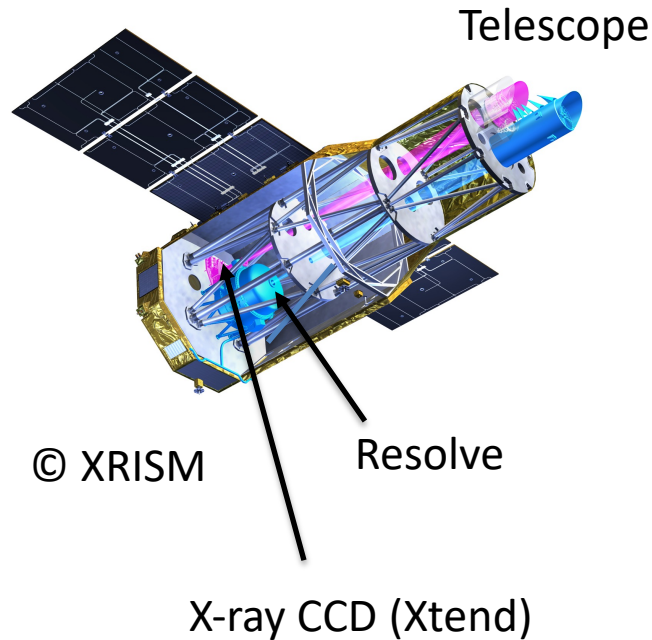
$$N/O = 3.8 \pm 0.1 \text{ solar}$$

In this case, a low-mass (10-12  $M_{\odot}$ ), relatively slow rotation (<100 km/s) progenitor is preferred. CNO abundance is essential to determine the **progenitor mass, rotation, and evolution, and overshoot** parameters (e.g., Uchida & Narita 2023).



See also Posters S3-23 & S3-2 by Narita et al. and Anazawa et al.

# Micro-calorimeter (Resolve) aboard XRISM



## □ XRISM:

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Japanese X-ray astronomy satellite
- Successfully launched on Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

## □ SNRs (to be) observed in the Performance Verification phase:

N132D\*, Cas A\*, Tycho, Sgr-A East, Kepler, W49B, 3C397, SN 1987A, SN 2024iss, Cygnus Loop (cal), E0102 (cal)

\*Talks by Brian Williams and Paul Plucinsky

XRISM will deliver many exciting results shortly!

However, the energy coverage is currently limited to 2-10 keV. Therefore, gratings aboard XMM and Chandra are still very important to fully explore X-ray emission.

Chapter 13 of the Springer Book “High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy”

[arXiv:2302.13775](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.13775)

**Table 13.1** Summary of past high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy of SNRs

Name	Distance (kpc) <sup>a</sup>	Age (yr)	Type <sup>b</sup>	References for high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy			
				Einstein	Chandra	XMM-Newton	Hitomi
Cygnus Loop	0.73±0.02	1–2×10 <sup>4</sup>	CC	[162]	—	[156]	—
RX J1713.7-3946	0.9±0.6	1629	CC	—	—	[154]	—
Puppis A	1.3±0.3	4450±750	CC	[22, 181, 182]	—	[81, 83]	—
SN 1006	~2	1016	Ia	—	—	[20, 163, 168]	—
RCW 86	2.2±0.4	1837	Ia	—	—	[18]	—
Tycho’s SNR	3±1	450	Ia	—	[107]	[30, 178]	—
Crab Nebula	3.37 <sup>+4.04</sup> <sub>-0.11</sub>	968	CC	[140, 141]	[172, 173]	[71]	[58]
Cas A	3.4 <sup>+0.3</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub>	342±19	CC	[101]	[95, 133]	[14]	—
G296.1–0.5	4.3±0.8	~28000	CC	—	—	[25, 152]	—
G21.5–0.9	4.4±0.2	870 <sup>+200</sup> <sub>-150</sub>	CC	—	—	—	[59]
Kepler’s SNR	~5	418	Ia	—	[106]	[10, 74, 79]	—
G292.0+1.8	6.2±0.8	3000±60	CC	—	[166]	[8]	—
SN 1987A	LMC	35	CC	—	[2, 15, 36, 37, 104, 105, 128, 149, 192–194]	[51, 54, 148]	—
SNR 0509-67.5	LMC	310 <sup>+40</sup> <sub>-30</sub>	Ia	—	—	[88, 89, 175]	—
SNR 0519-69.0	LMC	600±200	Ia	—	—	[87, 88, 175]	—
N103B	LMC	~800	Ia	—	—	[158, 187]	—
SNR 0540-69.3	LMC	~1200	CC	—	—	[161]	—
N132D	LMC	~2500	CC	[65]	[24]	[6, 150]	[57]
SNR 0506-68.0	LMC	~4000	CC	—	—	[19]	—
DEM L71	LMC	~4400	Ia	—	—	[160]	—
N49	LMC	~4800	CC	—	—	[3]	—
SNR 0454-6713	LMC	~8000	Ia	—	—	[142]	—
SNR 0453.6-6829	LMC	~13000	CC	—	—	[56, 90]	—
SNR 0453-6655	LMC	~60000	CC	—	—	[144]	—
1E 0102.2-7219	SMC	~2000	CC	—	[24, 44, 159]	[119, 127]	—

(continued)

# Summary

- High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy is a long-anticipated discovery space especially for diffuse sources like SNRs.
- Cutting-edge researches have been explored by grating spectrometers onboard XMM-Newton and Chandra.
- The Japan-US X-ray astronomy satellite, XRISM (2023-), is now vigorously developing this research field.