# Probing the Relics of Stellar Explosions with Chandra



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See posters: **P17** Hidetoshi Sano (Nagoya University) "ALMA and Chandra Studies of N63A" **P21** Paul Plucinsky (SAO) "A Chandra Legacy Observation of N132D" **P27** Xi Long (Purple Mountain Observatory) "On the X-ray Spectrum of the Putative CCO in E0102"

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### Shock Structure in SNRs



### Dynamics of Tycho's SNR





- Expansion measurements give  $v_{FS} \sim 4000\text{-}6000 \text{ km s}^{\text{-}1}$
- Doppler shifts of Si K  $\!\alpha$  line reveals similar line-of-sight velocities.

#### See:

Talk: Brian Williams (NASA GSFC) "The Expansion of Tycho's Supernova Remnant" Poster: **P23** Takaaki Tanaka (Kyoto University) "Deceleration of Blast Waves of Tycho's Supernova Remnant"

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- Synchrotron rims only in SW/NE suggests effects of shock obliquity with uniform magnetic field structure.

#### TYPE IA (THERMONUCLEAR) SUPERNOVA



### Type Ia vs. Core-Collapse SNRs



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C-C SNRs have higher ellipticity.
Environments? Explosion dynamics?

### Ejecta and Circumstellar Material in Kepler



See posters:

P20 Kotaro Fukushima (Tokyo University of Science) "Ejecta distribution of the Type Ia SNR"
 P24 Tomoaki Kasuga (The University of Tokyo) "Doppler Expansion Measurement of Heated Ejecta in Type Ia SNRs"

### CORE COLLAPSE SUPERNOVA



Instabilities drive explosion and produce ejecta asymmetries and NS kicks



Wongwathanarat et al. 2013



Explosion ejects stellar debris, driving shock into ISM and distributing metalenriched ejecta

### Shock Structure in Composite SNRs



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Delaney et al. (2010) Milisavljevic & Fesen (2013) Milisavljevic & Fesen (2015

### Pulsars and Their Winds









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### G327.1-1.1: Evolution of PWNe in SNRs



### **Bowshock PWNe: Geminga**



See posters:

P55 Martijn de Vries (KIPAC, Stanford) CXO Reveals Swept-back Jets in the PSR J1709-4429 PWN
P56 Noel Klingler (PSU) Multi-Scale Structure of the Variable Pulsar Wind Nebula Powered by PSR J1809-1917
P57 Oleg Kargaltsev (GWU) Chandra observations of supersonic pulsar wind nebulae

### **Evolution of SN 1987A**



• Chandra monitoring tracks interaction with equatorial ring and transition

• Recent models indicate shock has exited equatorial ring.

See poster:

P15 Aravind Pazhayath Ravi (UT Arlington) "High Resolution Spectroscopic Study of the X-ray Remnant of SN 1987A"

## Summary

- Chandra's unique capabilities have revolutionized our understanding of supernova remnants and pulsar wind nebulae.
- Spectroscopy studies have provided a new understanding of ejecta properties, and provided the opportunity to constrain progenitor models and SNR evolution.
- Expansion measurements provide direct input for shock models. Combined with Doppler measurements, 3D views of SNRs become possible.
- High resolution studies reveal sites of cosmic ray acceleration in SNRs.
- Identification of compact neutron stars provide constraints on explosion dynamics and on overall neutron star demographics.
- High angular resolution reveals structure of pulsar winds and geometry of pulsar systems.

