#### Probing the stellar nucleosynthesis and explosion with X-ray and gamma-ray observations of supernova remnants

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## Talk plan

- Physics of supernova remnants (SNRs)
  - Why X-ray and gamma-ray observations are crucial
  - What we can learn from SNRs
- Nucleosynthesis and related physics in the core of both core-collapse and thermonuclear (Type Ia) supernovae that can be probed by SNR observations

### Supernova remnants



## Spatially extended objects that offer up-close view of stellar explosions

cf. SNe are found more frequently (each day) but far too distant to resolve

Chemical composition and distribution (i.e., origin of matter) can be investigated in detail.

## Supernova remnants



 $V_{\rm s} \approx 3000$  km/s

$$k_B T = 3/16 \cdot \mu m_p V_s$$
  
  $\approx 10 \text{ keV}$ 

→ X-ray emitting

→ Atoms are highly ionized



## X-ray/γ-ray spectra

#### **Atomic transition**

 $Fe^{24+} + e^{-} \rightarrow Fe^{24+*} + e^{-}$  $Fe^{24+*} \rightarrow Fe^{24+} + h\nu$ 

#### **Radioactive decay**

<sup>44</sup>Ti  $\rightarrow$  <sup>44</sup>Sc<sup>\*</sup> +  $\nu_e$ <sup>44</sup>Sc<sup>\*</sup>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>44</sup>Sc +  $\gamma$ 



Bright in X-rays	Pros	Real distribution tracable
Shock heating needed	Cons	Faint, Age dependent

## Narrow band image

Chandra and NuSTAR view of Cassiopeia A

Si (1.9 keV)

> Fe (6.7 keV)



## **SN type discrimination**



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#### Fe ejecta ionization state (Yamaguchi+2014)



#### Massive stars explode in denser environment

#### Massive stars explode more asymmetrically

#### (Lopez+2011) 12 etric G15.9+0.2 W49B N49B **6** ( N206 **RCW 103** 100 **Kes 73** 0506-68.0 Cas A 0548-70.4 G292.0+1 N132D G11.2-0.3 + B0453-685 Kes 79 P<sub>2</sub> / P<sub>0</sub> (x10<sup>-7</sup>) G344.7-0.1 Kepler • 0509-67.5 **10**⊧ G337.2-0.7 Tycho • 0534-69.9 0519-69.0 DEM L71 G272.2-3.2 N103B **Symmetric** 0.1 10 $P_3 / P_0 (x10^{-7})$

X-ray Morphology

### Origin of asymmetric explosion

Simulations of CC SNe suggest distribution of <sup>56</sup>Ni depends sensitively on progenitor structure (Wongwathanarat et al. 2015)

Lighter elements (e.g., O) are less affected by explosion asymmetries (e.g., Wongwathanarat et al. 2013, Janka et al. 2017)



Wongwathanarat et al. 2015

### **Observational test using X-rays**



## Heavier elements distributed more asymmetrically than lighter elements



## Neutron star kick: theory

Neutron stars commonly have  $v \ge 100$  km/s

If a neutron star is recoiled by asymmetric mass ejection, NS goes opposite to heavy ejecta (e.g., Wongwathanarat et al. 2013, Janka 2017)

If the NS kick arises from anisotropic neutrino emission, NS goes in the same direction as heavy ejecta

(e.g., Fryer & Kusenko 2006)



Wongwathanarat et al. 2013

### Neutron star kick: observations



Holland-Ashford et al. 2017

Katsuda et al. 2018

Asymmetric mass ejection scenario supported

### 44Ti in Cassiopeia A

<sup>44</sup>Ti is generated in the innermost, high-entropy region, so the best species to trace the physics of core-collapse SNe

<sup>44</sup>Ti initial mass ≈ 2 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>



Grefenstette et al. 2014; 2017

#### <sup>44</sup>Ti emission highly redshifted



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### <sup>44</sup>Ti in Cassiopeia A

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<sup>44</sup>Ti (and <sup>56</sup>Ni) are expelled in the hemisphere opposite to the NS kick direction
Asymmetric core-collapse explosion is the key for both NS kick and efficient production of <sup>44</sup>Ti



How does the nuclear burning proceed? What is the mass of the progenitor WD?

### Ejecta distribution in SNR la

Chandra deep observation G344.7-0.1 (PI: HY)



Fe ejecta surrounded by Si ejecta shell (Fukushima, HY+ in prep.)

### Ejecta distribution in SNR la









### **Pre-explosion WD mass**

SNe Ia show almost uniform brightness (used as cosmological standard candles)

Pre-explosion WD mass somehow regulated?

Explodes with the mass near the Chandrasekhar limit ( $M_{Ch}$ ) after mass accretion from companion?



This scenario recently doubted Sub-*M*<sub>Ch</sub> scenario supported more often

### Difference in nucleosynthesis



Electron capture:  $p + e^{-} \rightarrow n + v_e$  (only in  $\sim M_{Ch}$  WD) High abundance of n-rich species (<sup>55</sup>Mn, <sup>58</sup>Ni) expected

#### **Density-dependent nucleosynthesis**





### **Discovery of Mn- & Ni-rich SNR** Ia



### **Comparison with models**

#### near-Mch SNe Ia

 $\textbf{sub-M}_{Ch} \textbf{ SNe } Ia$ 

Leung & Nomoto (2018)

Leung & Nomoto (2019)



3C 397 originate from near-M<sub>Ch</sub> with a VERY high central density and relatively high metallicity

#### Implication for galactic chemical evolution

Mass ratio

Cr, Mn, Ni/Fe ratios are too high compared to the solar values

Other Type Ia SNRs always show sub-solar ratios

	3C 397	Solar
Cr/Fe	2.1-3.4%	1.3%
Mn/Fe	1.8-3.3%	0.8%
Ni/Fe	12-24%	5.4%

If 3C 397 is a typical near- $M_{Ch}$  SNR Ia, or if high  $\rho_c$ (~ 5 x 10<sup>9</sup> g cm<sup>-3</sup>) is typical for near- $M_{Ch}$  progenitors, near- $M_{Ch}$  WDs must not be the majority.

Sub-*M*<sub>Ch</sub> SNe Ia are required to achieve the solar abundance of the Fe-peak elements.

## Summary

- X-ray and gamma-ray observations of SNRs are crucial to understand the origin of matter and chemical evolution of galaxies
- Focused on 'innermost' nucleosynthesis in both core-collapse and thermonuclear SNe
  - High-entropy products (e.g., <sup>44</sup>Ti) are efficiently synthesized in highly-asymmetric CC SNe
  - Neutron-rich species (e.g., <sup>55</sup>Mn, <sup>58</sup>Ni) are efficiently synthesized in high-density SNe Ia

#### **Back-up slides**

## X-ray image

#### Atomic transition Fe<sup>24+\*</sup> $\rightarrow$ Fe<sup>24+</sup> + h $\nu$

#### Radioactive decay $^{44}\text{Ti} \rightarrow ^{44}\text{Sc}^* + \gamma \rightarrow ^{44}\text{Sc} + \gamma$

#### pros: Bright in X-rays

reverse shock

cons: Need to be heated by reverse shock Hot Iron 6.7 keV pros: Traces real distribution

cons: Relatively faint Age dependent Radioactive Titanium 68 keV

# Ejecta distribution as a probe for explosion mechanisms



#### **Density-dependent nucleosynthesis**



#### More Ni and Mn produced in ~M<sub>Ch</sub> SN Ia

#### Suggested association

	SD	DD
Primary/ejecta mass	<b>M</b> Ch	sub-M <sub>Ch</sub>
Electron capture	Yes	No
Secondary	MS or RG	WD
CSM	Yes	No

#### **Central density effect**

Leung & Nomoto 2017



#### **Metallicity effect**

Leung & Nomoto 2017



### To disentangle the degeneracy... Cr's (and Mn's) origin/distribution are the key



## NuSTAR!?



emission from the <u>radioactive</u> element <sup>44</sup>Ti.

## NuSTAR!?



### **Objective of 3C 397 observations**

Comparison of morphologies of Ni (NuSTAR) and Cr (XMM)

If identical, high density progenitor is very likely





#### **Theoretical predictions**



Let's find SNe Ia with high Ni/Fe and Mn/Fe ratios

### Classical DD model (80s~90s)

The secondary WD accretes onto the primary so the total mass exceeds  $M_{Ch}$  (Webbink 1984)



#### **Explosion unsuccessful**

Collapse into NS via O-Ne-Mg WD (Saio+1985)

### **Updated DD model**

#### Violent merger (e.g., Pakmor+2010, 2012)



Explodes within ~ 100 s

 $M_1 \sim 1.1 M_{\odot}, M_2 \sim 0.9 M_{\odot}$ required for typical SN Ia Hard to explain observed SN rate.

#### Latest DD model

Dynamically-driven double degenerate double detonation (D<sup>6</sup>: e.g., Shen+2018)



Accretion of tidally stripped materials from secondary ignites He detonation on primary surface

→ Triggers C detonation

<u>Secondary WD remains intact</u> → sub-M<sub>Ch</sub> ejecta + high-v WD

#### Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)



#### ESA's mission to be launched in ~2034

#### Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)



### DECIGO



#### Can directly detect WD-WD mergers!