

eXTP observation of supernova remnants and pulsar wind nebulae



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Importance of eXTP on the studies of SNRs and PWNe

SNRs are believed to be the main accelerators of cosmic rays up to 3PeV

Injection mechanism (for particles and energy) / acceleration efficiency / acceleration region size / E_{max} remain unclear.

eXTP is expected to address the following questions:

- What effect does the orientation of injection with respect to the direction of magnetic field have on the shock acceleration efficiency in SNRs?
- What is the intensity of the synchrotron radiation and the orientation of the magnetic field in the forward shock and, especially, the reverse shock in SNRs?
- What is geometry of the non-thermal X-ray emitting components with respect to that of the thermally emitting regions in SNRs?
- What is the configuration of the magnetic field in PWNe and what physical insight can we infer from that?

1. SNRs with Synchrotron X-rays

~~Q~~ Chandra discovered ~10 SNRs with non-thermal (synchrotron) X-ray boundaries.

Any more?

~~Q~~ In some SNRs, non-thermal X-rays are possibly blended with thermal ones, and are needed to be differentiated.

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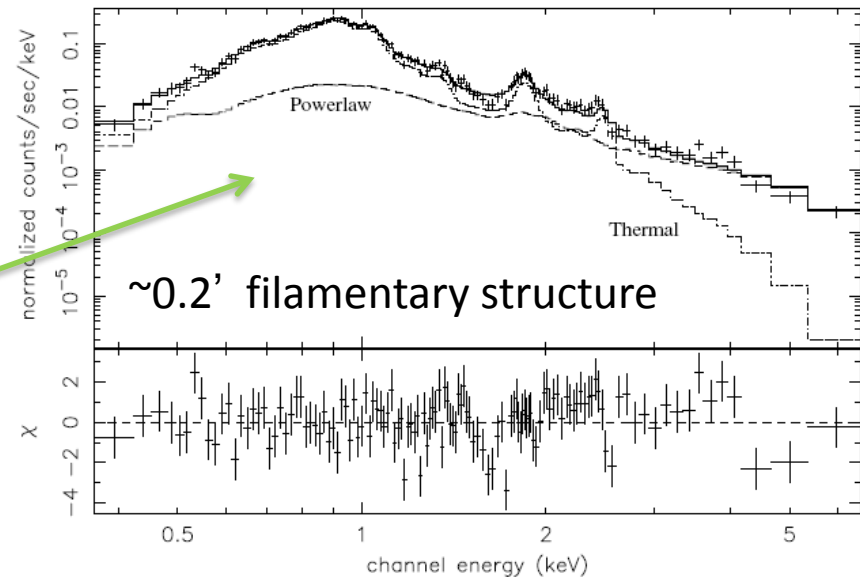
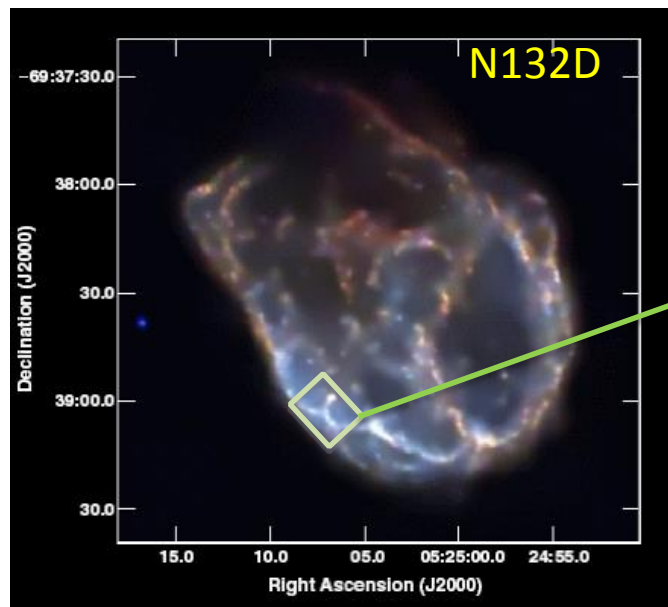
| <i>SNR</i> | <i>Size</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>G1.9+0.3</i> | <i>1.5 ' </i> |
| <i>Cas A</i> | <i>5 ' </i> |
| <i>Tycho</i> | <i>8 ' </i> |
| <i>SN1006</i> | <i>30 ' </i> |
| <i>RCW 86</i> | <i>42 ' </i> |
| <i>RX J1713-3946</i> | <i>65 ' x55 ' </i> |
| <i>Vela Jr.</i> | <i>120 ' </i> |

candidates

| <i>SNR</i> | <i>Size</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>N132D</i> | <i>2.5 ' x2 ' </i> |
| <i>G32.4+0.1</i> | <i>6 ' </i> |
| <i>G28.6-0.1</i> | <i>13 ' x9 ' </i> |
| <i>CTB 37B</i> | <i>17 ' </i> |
| <i>W28</i> | <i>48 ' </i> |
| <i>G156.2+5.7</i> | <i>110 ' </i> |
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Synchrotron X-rays from shell-type SNRs

A great advantage of eXTP for SNR studies:
able to tell the **polarized** synchrotron X-rays from the thermal X-rays.

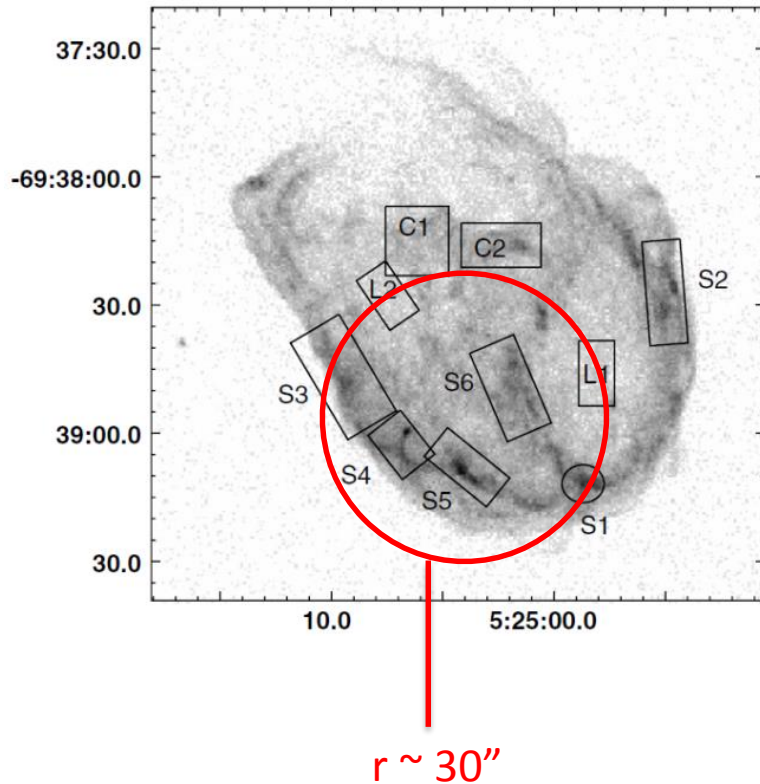


(Xiao & Chen 2008)

E.g., in SNR N132D, thermal component + **hard tail**.

Is the **hard tail** synchrotron emission?

Distinguish the non-thermal and thermal emission



Model:

$wabs*(vpshock+powerlaw)$

Powerlaw component:

photon index $\Gamma=3.42(+0.02)$

S4: $F(2-10keV)=3E-13 \text{ erg/cm}^2/s$

Circle: $F(2-10keV)= 4E-12 \text{ erg/cm}^2/s$

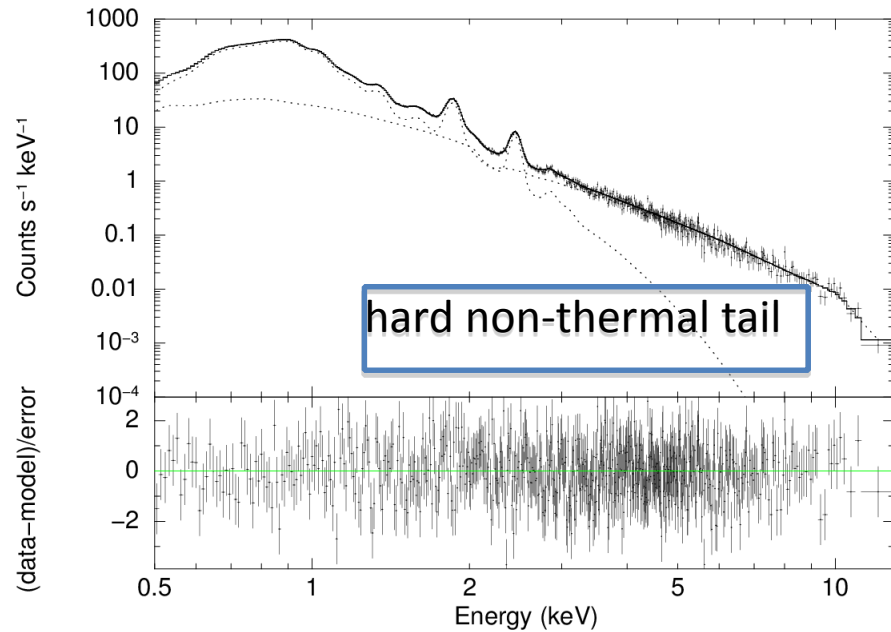
Entire: $F(2-10keV)>\sim 1E-11 \text{ erg/cm}^2/s$

If at d of Galactic SNRs ($\sim 10kpc$)

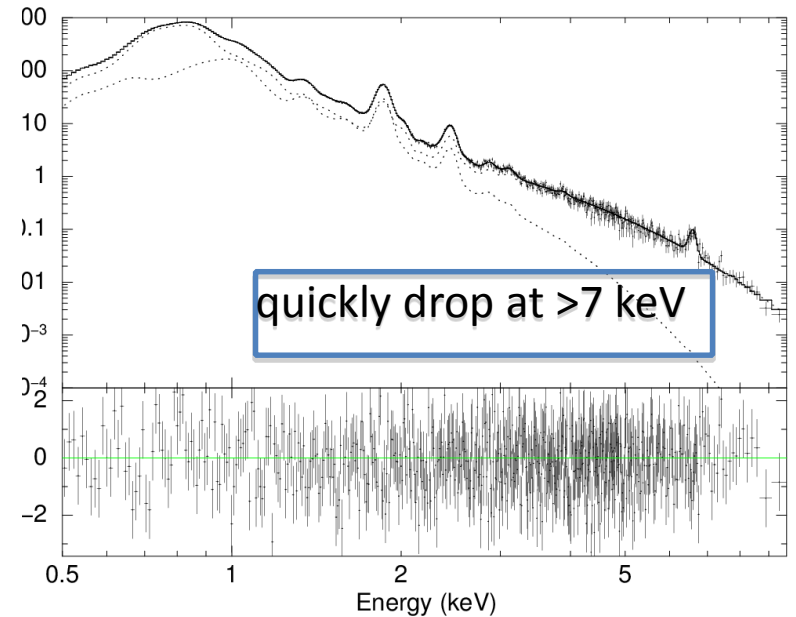
X-ray flux of order: $1E-10$ to $1E-9 \text{ erg/cm}^2/s$

Simulated SFA spectra

vpshock+powerlaw



vpshock+vpshock



exposure time=10 ks

vpshock: thermal model

$F(2-10\text{keV})=3\text{E-}12 \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$

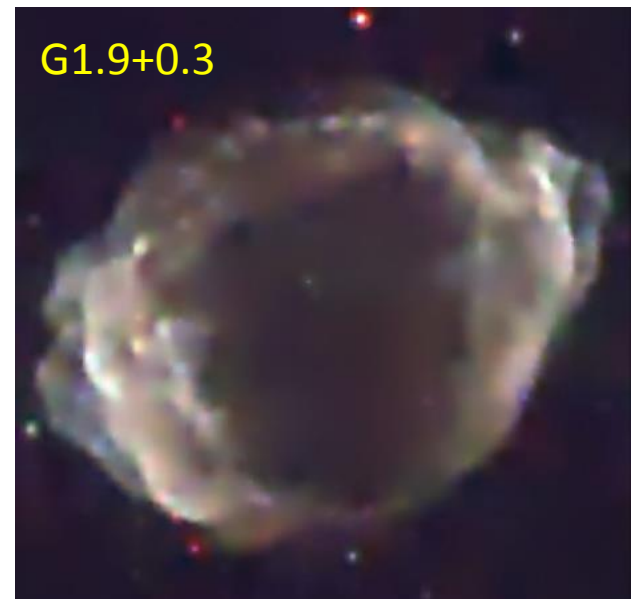
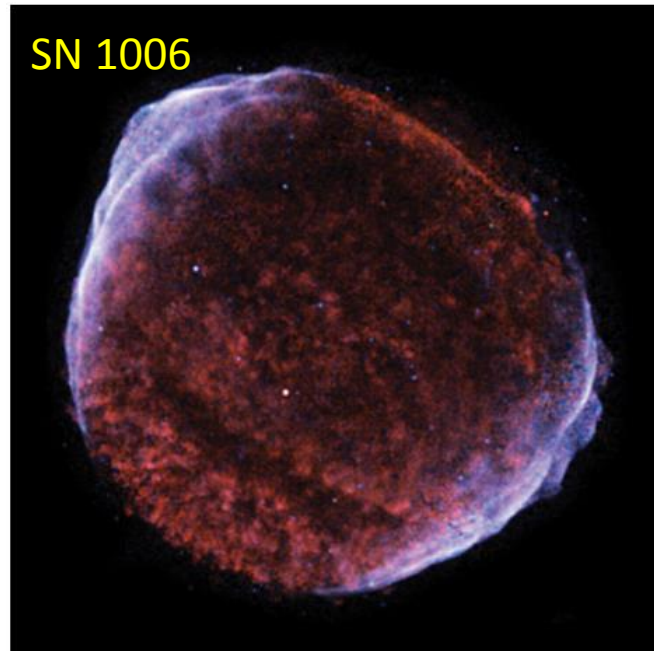
2. Role of B-field in diffusive shock acceleration (DSA)

How does the orientation of injection with respect to the direction of B-field effect the acceleration efficiency?

“quasi-parallel scenario” vs. “quasi-perpendicular scenario”

(Fulbright & Reynolds 1990)

bilateral SNR, e.g. SN1006, “polar caps” or “equator”?

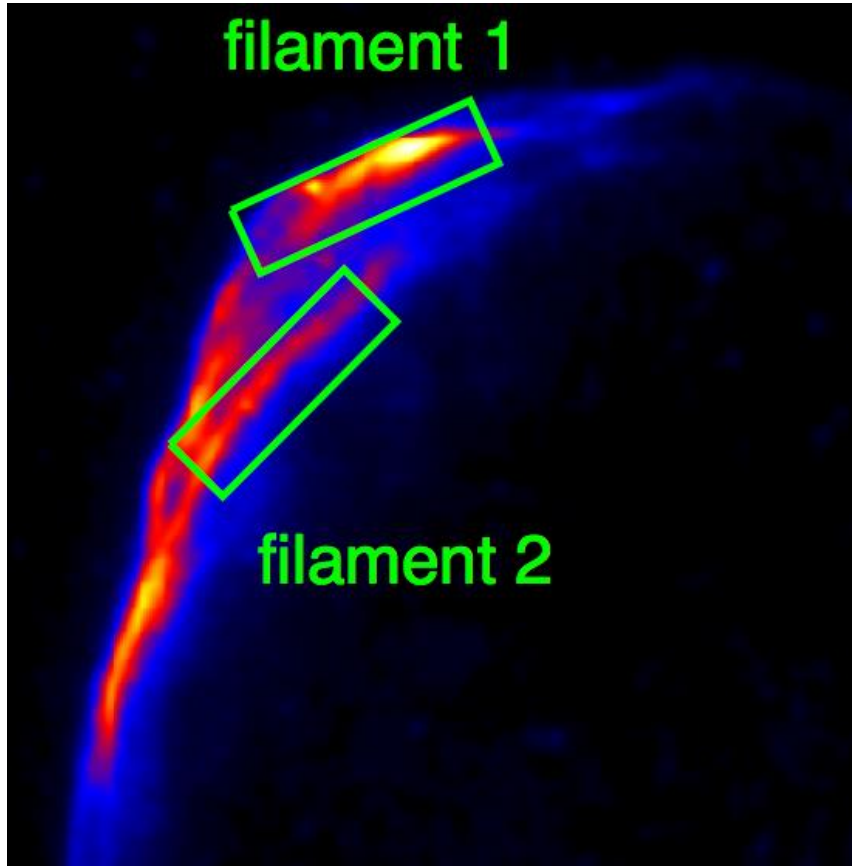


Long-standing debates up to now for SN1006, e.g.:

Quasi-parallel: Reynoso+2013, Schneider +2015

Quasi-perpendicular: Matsumoto+2012, 2013; Caprioli & Spitkovsky 2014; West+2017

“Role of B”? 2-D Polarization Imaging



SN1006 2-8 keV image with GPD's resolution (15'')

Assuming degree of polarization =17%
Exposure =1 Ms

errors of the PFA measurements

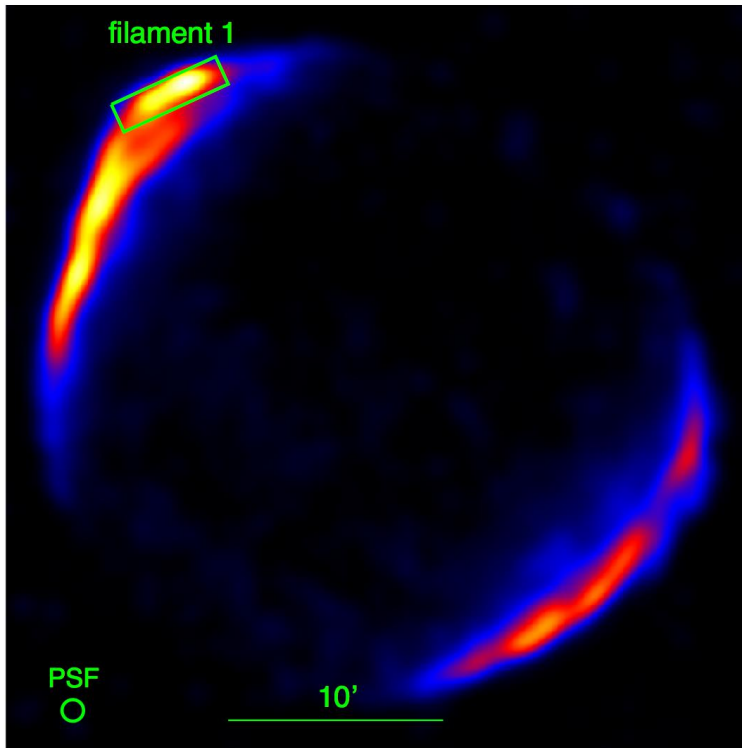
| <i>region</i> | <i>flux (2-10 keV; ergs/cm²/s)</i> | <i>σ_{dop} (%)</i> | <i>σ_{PA} (degree)</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <i>filament 1 (5.3'x1.4')</i> | <i>4.1E-12</i> | <i>1.7</i> | <i>3.0</i> |
| <i>filament 2 (5'x1.5')</i> | <i>3.4E-12</i> | <i>1.9</i> | <i>3.4</i> |

dop: degree of polarisation
PA: position angle

Spatially resolved spectroscopy of SNRs

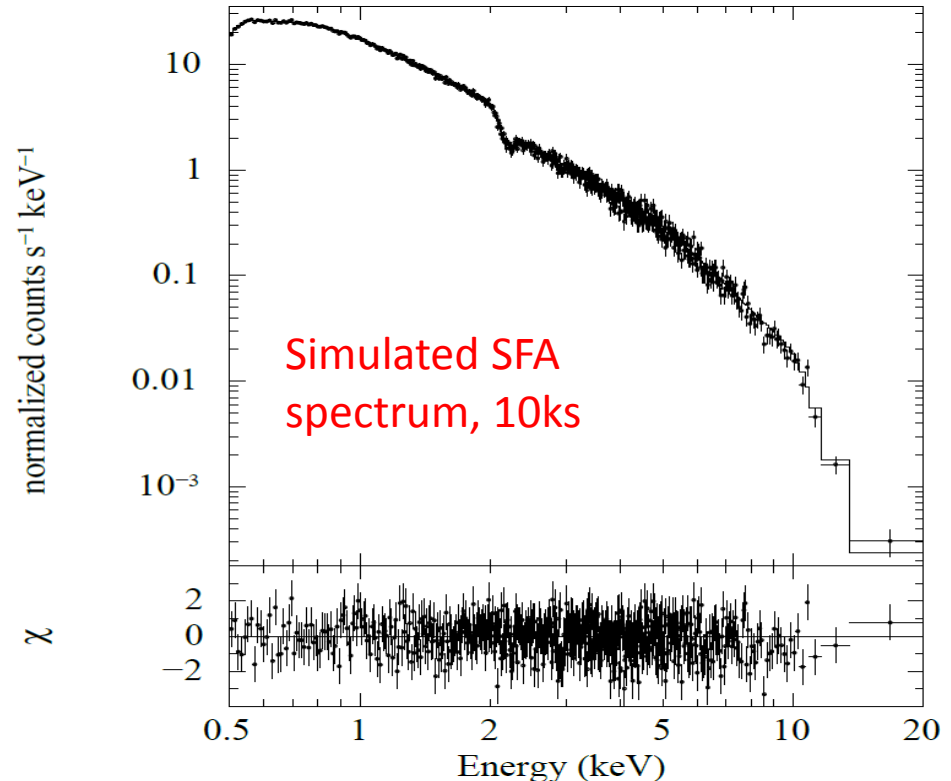
Study the maximum energy of the accelerated electrons (E_{max})

cutoff powerlaw: $N(E) \propto E^{-s} \exp(-E/E_{\text{cut}})$ (Miceli et al. 2013)



SN1006 2—8 keV image with 1' resolution

$$h\nu_{\text{ch}} = 13.9 \left(\frac{B_{\perp}}{100 \mu\text{G}} \right) \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \text{ keV},$$



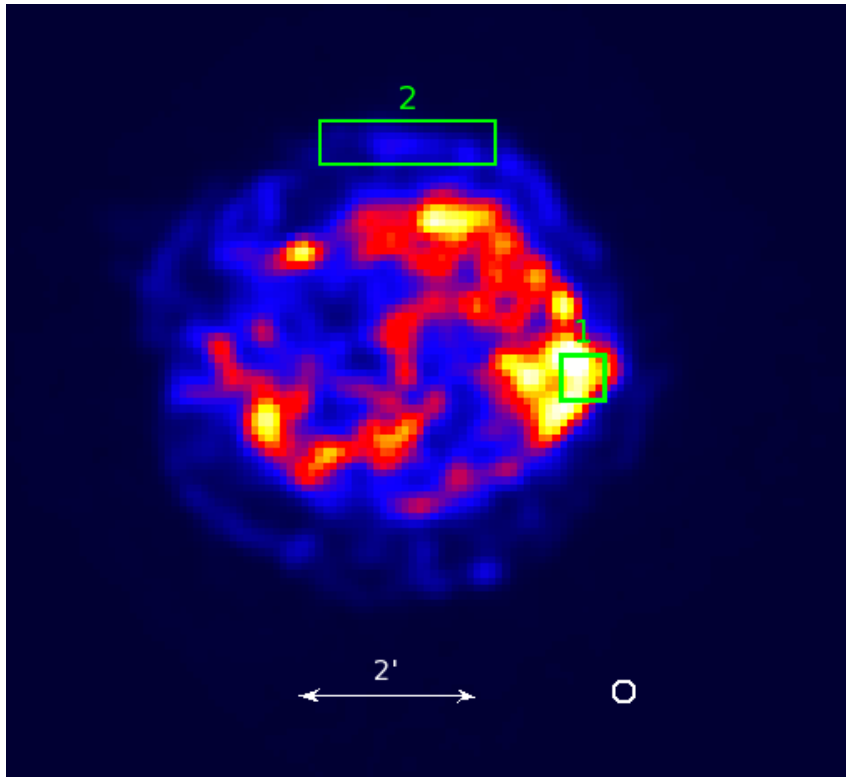
Model: phabs*srcut

NH=6.8e20, alpha=0.57 (fixed; Bamba et al.2008)

$E_{\text{cut}} = 1.11 \text{e}17 \text{ Hz } (+/-1.8 \text{e}15 \text{ Hz}) \text{ or } 0.46 \text{ keV}$

3. Synchrotron radiation and B-field in the forward shock and reverse shock

Acceleration at reverse shock: In Cas A, most synchrotron radiation comes from the reverse shock (Helder & Vink 2008; Uchiyama et al. 2008)



Cas A 2-8 keV image with GPD's resolution (15")

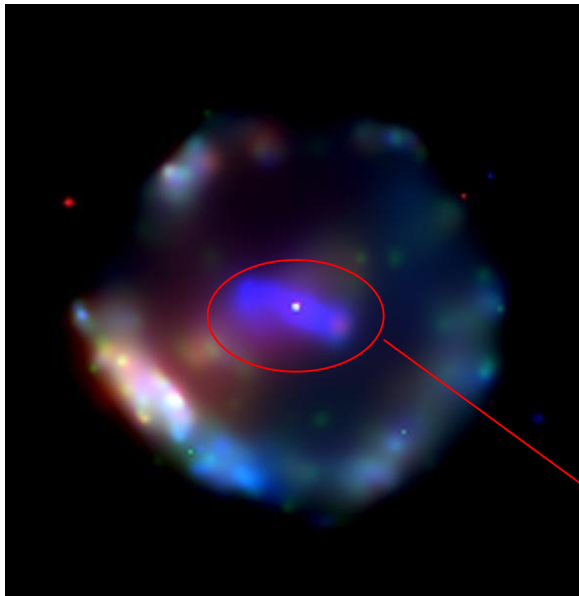
Assuming polarization degree=10%

Exposure = 1Ms

errors of the PFA measurements

| <i>region</i> | <i>flux (2-10 keV; ergs/cm²/s)</i> | <i>σ_{dop} (%)</i> | <i>σ_{PA} (degree)</i> |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 (0.5') reverse shock | 3.5E-11 | 0.6 | ~1.9 |
| 2 (2'x0.5') forward shock | 1.7E-11 | 0.8 | ~2.5 |

4. Pulsar wind nebulae (PWNe)

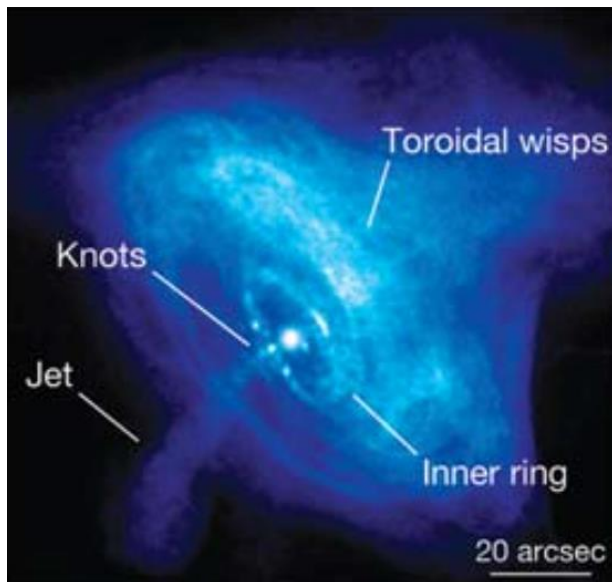


PWNe harbored in SNRs has prominent polarized sync. X-rays (radio P -degree up to 50%, Reynolds 2012). $P = (s+1)/(s+7/3)$

eXTP observation:

is beneficial to filtering/highlighting PWNe in SNRs, such as the PSR and PWN in the case like G11.2-0.3.

is obtains degree of polarization and distribution of magnetic field



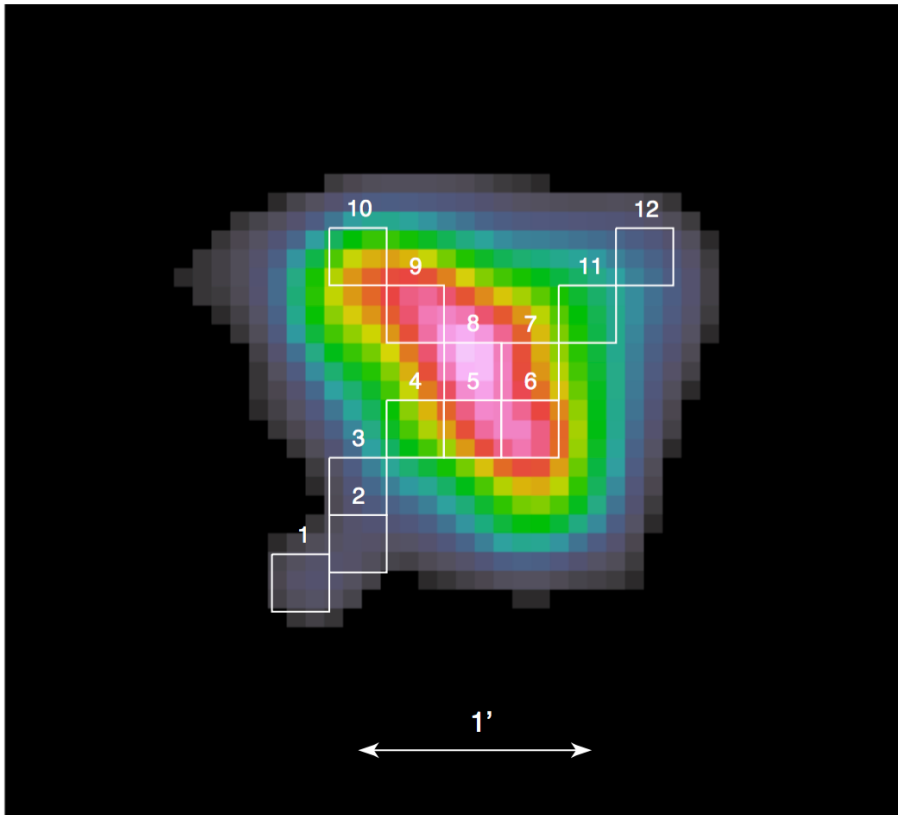
eXTP spectroscopy and polarimetry of Crab

unprecedented measurement of polarization
in PWNe (dop & B-field)

Assuming polarization degree=19%

Exposure = 50 ks

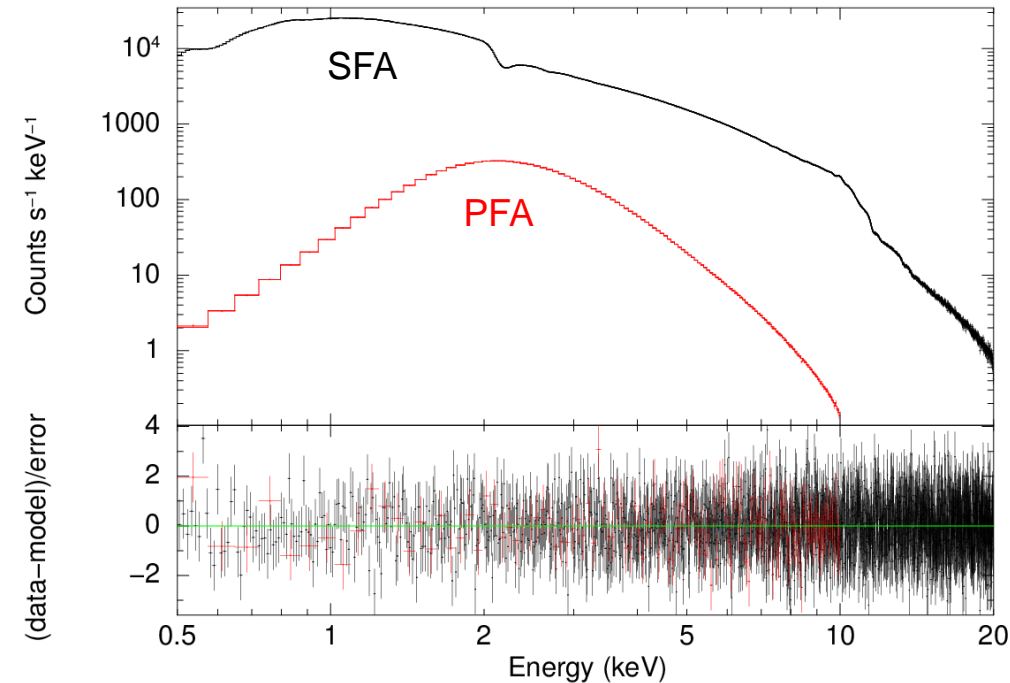
errors of the measurements



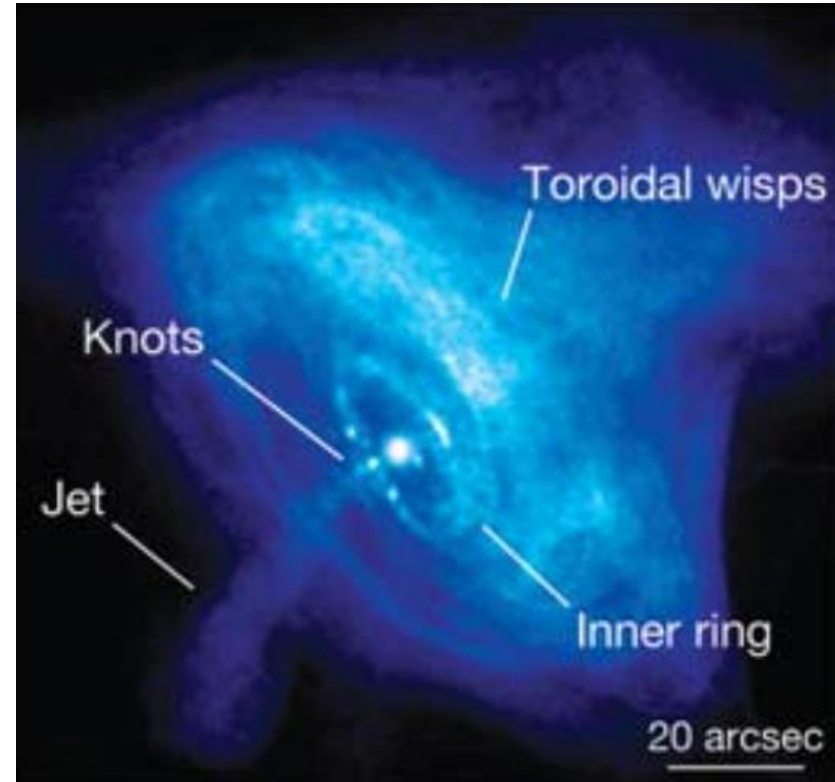
Crab 2-10 keV X-ray image with
GPD's resolution (15'')

| <i>region (15''x15'')</i> | <i>σ_{dop} (%)</i> | <i>σ_{PA} (degree)</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 1.9 | 3.5 |
| 2 | 2.1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | 1.7 | 2.7 |
| 4 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| 5 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 6 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| 7 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| 8 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| 9 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| 10 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| 11 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| 12 | 1.6 | 2.6 |

eXTP spectroscopy and polarimetry of Crab



Crab 10ks, Model: $\text{phabs} * \text{powerlaw}$



(Gaensler & Slane 2006)

Goals

- Survey of SNRs emitting synchrotron X-rays to study the CR electron acceleration
- Role of B-field in diffusive shock acceleration
- Forward/(Esp.) reverse shock synchrotron
- Pulsar wind nebulae (PWN) in SNRs and their B-field

Thank you!