The X-ray Evolution of SN1987A (16 Years of SN 1987A with Chandra)

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Chandra Monitoring

- 1999 Now
 (day 4600 10430)
 > ½ of its lifetime!!
- ~6 month intervals
- 31 Epochs

Burrows+ (2000), Michael+ (2002), Park+ (2002,2004,2005,2006,2007,2011), Zhekov+ (2005,2006,2009), Racusin+ (2009), Dewey+ (2012), Helder+ (2013), Frank+ (2016)

Date	Age	Grating
1999-10-06	4608	HETG
2000-01-17	4711	NONE
2000-12-07	5036	NONE
2001-04-25	5175	NONE
2001-12-12	5406	NONE
2002-05-15	5559	NONE
2002-12-31	5789	NONE
2003-07-08	5978	NONE
2004-01-02	6157	NONE
2004-07-22	6358	NONE
2005-01-09	6529	NONE
2005-07-11	6713	NONE
2006-01-28	6913	NONE
2006-07-27	7094	NONE
2007-01-19	7270	NONE
2007-07-13	7445	NONE
2008-01-09	7624	NONE
2008-07-01	7799	HETG
2009-01-18	8000	HETG
2009-07-06	8169	HETG
2010-03-28	8232	HETG
2010-09-28	8433	HETG
2011-03-25	8617	HETG
2011-09-21	8975	HETG
2012-03-28	9165	HETG
2013-03-21	9523	HETG
2013-09-28	9713	HETG
2014-03-19	9885	HETG
2014-09-20	10071	HETG
2015-03-14	10246	HRC/LETG
2015-09-17	10433	HETG

Imaging: Morphological Evolution



Imaging: Multi-λ Comparisons

HST Hα (2003)	Chandra (2003)	ATCA 9 GHz (2003)
	t ~	6000 days Image: McCray 2007
HST Hα (2011) shocked ring	Chandra (2012)	ATCA 6.8 mm (2011)
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inner ejecta	t ~ 9000 days	Image: Indebetouw et al. 2014

Imaging: Multi-λ Comparisons

Collisional heating of ER dust

Chandra (contours) Gemini T-ReCS 11.7µm (color) t ~ 6500 days



Bouchet+ (2006)

Radiative heating of ejecta

Chandra (contours) HST Ly-α (grayscale) t ~9900 days



France+ (2015)

Imaging: Blast Wave Location

• Fit to inclined torus + 4 lobe model (Racusin+ 2009)



Best-fit (deprojected) model images

Imaging: Blast Wave Velocity



Imaging: Blast Wave Progression



CCD Spectroscopy

- 1- or 2-component NEI thermal shock model
 - Soft component:
 - kT ~ 0.3 keV
 - $n_e t > 10^{12} \text{ s/cm}^3$ (~CIE)
 - Hard component:
 - kT ~ 1 3 keV
 - $n_e t = 2 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ s/cm}^3$
- Simplification of very complex, multishock system







normalized counts s⁻¹ keV⁻¹ cm⁻²





Grating Spectroscopy: Abundances



From LETG spectrum: (Zhekov+ 2006)

 $\begin{array}{ll} N = 0.76 & Si = 0.28 \\ Ne = 0.29 & S = 0.45 \\ Mg = 0.24 & Fe = 0.16 \end{array}$

Grating Spectroscopy: Detailed Modeling

Dewey+ (2012) (see also Orlando+ 2015)



X-ray Light Curve



Central Source?

- We know that a NS was formed
- Search for central X-ray point source unsuccessful so far
- Background increased as SNR brightened

09/2015 (10433 days)

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- Chandra imaging and spectroscopy provides tool for understanding the physical evolution of SN 1987A
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- Stay tuned for future exploration!
- Still no evidence for X-ray central source

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Phase 6+: The future

- Central point source?
 - Possible radio detection, offset (Zanardo+ 2014)
 - Still no X-ray detection
- Destruction of the ER
- Detection of shock-heated ejecta (see poster S10.14)
- Beyond the ER???
 - CSM
 - Interaction with outer rings
 - Possibly as early as 20 years from now (Tziamtzis+ 2011)
 - Soft X-ray observations with ~arcsecond resolution will be critical!