Component separation and reconstruction in extended X-ray sources

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Data analysis of extended sources



- Multiple, entangled physical components
 - Mixed /nested ejecta, synchrotron emission
 - Projection effects
- Region definition impacts spectral results

Data analysis of extended sources



- ► Typically (Voronoï, adaptive binning, etc):
 - cells defined on surface brightness, not intrinsic distribution of physical components
 - cell definition for lines is not ideal for synchrotron/continuum emission
 - ► Large-scale analysis (>10⁴ spectra to fit)
- Issue:
 - each cell is treated independently
 - 2D then 1D, not fully exploiting the data



Cas A (X, Y, E) Chandra data cube (F. Acero)





One possible approach

Picquenot, Acero, Bobin, Ballet, Maggi, Pratt, 2019, A&A, 627, A139

Generalised morphological component analysis (GMCA)



- Blind source: estimate all a_i & s_i with no prior info
- Semi-blind: use some physical information
- GMCA is an unsupervised ML clustering algorithm
 Outputs: images and spectra in counts (directly usable in Xspec)
- Limitation: assume morphology does not change with energy

Cas A [5-7] keV (1 Ms Chandra data)



3 significant components: "continuum"; redshifted, blue shifted Fe K
Very robustly retrieved: no significant additional components

Noise



Perseus 1 Ms Chandra X,Y,E cube (F. Acero)



Perseus [0.5-3] keV



5 arcmin central region of Perseus

- Direct spectro-imaging of X-ray filaments
- Spiral structure probably due to sloshing



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- Increased A_{eff} (A0 [1 m²] vs A4
 [Chandra])
- Many more counts



Using GMCA for SIXTE simulations

N (image, spec)



Kepler X-IFU simulation around Si XIII line



Kepler fits in X-IFU FoV 100 ks

X-IFU Kepler SIXTE simulation 1.5-2.5 keV data cube







Conclusion

- Huge amount of data in deep XMM & Chandra observations but analysis methods have stalled in the last 20 years
- GMCA: a blind source separation method for X/Gamma-rays
 - Exploit the 2D-1D info from spectro-imagers (MUSE, Fermi, CTA)
 - Applicable to SNR, PWN, clusters, galaxies or time cubes (X, Y, T)
- Clustering algorithm providing useful 'human' outputs
- Promising results on archival data for SNRs and clusters
 - revealing new features, useful outputs for SIXTE simulations
- Caveats
 - Assumes each component is Spec*Image
 - Need deep observations of bright sources (> 1 millions counts)
 - Can only differentiate if structured emission (not ~gaussian blobs)