Biting the Bullet

- Preselect regions, presume emission isothermal
- Create surface brightness image (from Chandra: 3-7 keV) to use as a weighted PSF/ARF input map
- Find the APEC norm. N, for kTs between 4 and 40 keV, consistent with the Chandra spectrum (0.8-2 keV) in each region
- Define NuSTAR energy bands and find the count rate in each assuming an APEC with N=1 and kTs in the range 4-40 keV
- Simultaneously fit energy band images, linking the rate in a given PSF region based on kT (free parameter) and N (fixed to be consistent with Chandra rate)



Chandra all events

flux image 3-7 keV smoothed



w/regions overlaid

regions for NuSTAR PSF map

Use gas density inferred from Chandra as a prior

- The 0.8-2 keV band only slightly depends on temperature
- Characterize APEC normalization as function of kT
- Fix normalization by region during NuSTAR fits
- Chandra priors are not strongly temperature dependent



Shortcut: get rates for kTs between 4 and 40 keV for relevant abundances





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Both telescopes of both epochs combined before fit, background kept fixed, overall Chandra/ NuSTAR crossnormalization allowed to vary

> 25-50 keV

keV

keV

keV



Systematics

- 2 Epochs largely agree, except near shock (annoyingly)
- Lower kTs (relative to Chandra) unexpected, systematics not yet under control?
- For NuSTAR 3-8 keV energies, Chandra model produces slight positive residuals in bright regions and negative residuals in fainter surrounding regions: sign of imperfect PSF calibration?
- Residual PSF shape bias
 - Tricky to assess (not well understood)
 - Can adjust PSF shape to be more lopsided in various ways and redo fits, use to quantify effect on kTs
- Astrometry
 - Redo fits with ~0.5 pixel shifts (~1 sigma) in all directions, quantify effect on kTs
- Multi-temperature structure within regions
 - Probably not a significant factor, given clean residuals
 - Expect to bias high (Region 8?), but what about many regions where kT is below best-fit Chandra value?
- Underlying point sources (ignore, fraction of flux likely too small)

End Game

• To do

- Revisit PSF calibration
- Assess impact of systematics (incl. bgd)
- Deproject kTs near shock and compare to electron-ion equilibration models
- Write paper
- Encourage Republicans to vote for Donald Trump
- Questions for you
 - Regions OK? Should other regions be tried?
 - Worth adding more freedom to fits (allow each region normalization to be free)?
 - Any qualms about using Chandra 0.8-2 keV data to anchor fits?
 - XMM/Chandra cross-calibration issue is more at low energies... OK to ignore contamination?
 - Others?