EXPANSION VELOCITY OF EJECTA IN TYCHO’S SUPERNOVA REMNANT MEASURED BY DOPPLER BROADENED X-RAY LINE EMISSION

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ABSTRACT

We show that the expansion of ejecta in Tycho’s supernova remnant (SNR) is consistent with a spherically symmetric shell, based on Suzaku measurements of the Doppler broadened X-ray emission lines. All of the strong Kα line emissions show broader widths at the center than at the rim, while the centroid energies are constant across the remnant (except for Ca). This is the pattern expected for Doppler broadening due to expansion of the SNR ejecta in a spherical shell. To determine the expansion velocities of the ejecta, we applied a model for each emission-line feature having two Gaussian components separately representing red- and blueshifted gas, and inferred the Doppler velocity difference between these two components directly from the fitted centroid energy difference. Taking into account the effect of projecting a three-dimensional shell to the plane of the detector, we derived average spherical expansion velocities independently for the Kα emission of Si, S, Ar, and Fe, and Kβ of Si. We found that the expansion velocities of Si, S, and Ar ejecta of 4700 ± 100 km s⁻¹ are distinctly higher than that obtained from Fe Kα emission, 4000 ± 300 km s⁻¹, which is consistent with segregation of the Fe in the inner ejecta. Combining the observed ejecta velocities with the ejecta proper-motion measurements by Chandra, we derived a distance to Tycho’s SNR of 4 ± 1 kpc.

Key words: ISM: supernova remnants – supernovae: general – X-rays: individual (Tycho’s SNR)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Type Ia supernovae (SNe), the thermonuclear explosions of accreting C+O white dwarfs, are important because of their role as standard candles used to measure the distance to their host galaxies, and also as the main sources for the production of the Fe-group elements. However, our understanding of the physical mechanism of such explosions, as well as the details of the progenitor systems, is incomplete. The kinetic energy distribution of the ejecta holds important information about the propagation of the SN burning front and the resulting nucleosynthesis. In sufficiently young supernova remnants (SNRs), this information is retained to some degree and can be probed by studying the X-ray emission of the shocked ejecta.

Tycho’s SNR is the remnant of the Galactic SN recorded by Tycho Brahe in 1572, and is securely classified as a Type Ia SNR based on the observed light curve (Baade 1945; Ruiz-Lapuente 2004) and the light-echo spectrum (Krause et al. 2008). As the prototypical Ia SNR, Tycho’s SNR has been targeted for study of the explosion mechanism. Badenes et al. (2006) made a comparison between spatially integrated X-ray spectra of Tycho’s SNR taken by XMM-Newton and Chandra and synthetic X-ray spectra based on several different Type Ia explosion models. They concluded that the observed spectra are well reproduced by a one-dimensional delayed detonation model with some degree of chemical stratification, with Fe-peak elements interior to intermediate-mass elements (IMEs; i.e., Si, S, Ar, Ca).

The narrowband images of Tycho’s SNR obtained by ASCA show that the Fe Kα emission is actually located interior to the emission lines of IMEs and Fe L emission (Hwang & Gotthelf 1997). Furthermore, Hwang et al. (1998) found that the Fe Kα emitting ejecta have a higher electron temperature and a lower ionization age than the IME ejecta. These results imply that the Fe Kα emitting ejecta are situated more inside of the remnant and have been heated by the reverse shock more recently than the other ejecta. Observations with Chandra (Warren et al. 2005) and XMM-Newton (Decourche et al. 2001) confirm the spectral segregation between the IME and Fe. The same situation has been reported for other Ia SNRs such as SN 1006 (Yamaguchi et al. 2008) and LMC SNRs 0509-67.5 and 0519-69 (Kosenko et al. 2008, 2010).

Thanks to the spectral capability of Suzaku, Furuwata et al. (2009) discovered a significant broadening of the Fe Kα line at the center of the Tycho remnant. They concluded that the shell of Fe Kα-emitting ejecta is expanding with a line-of-sight velocity of 2800–3350 km s⁻¹. They also inferred line broadening for He-like Si and S Kα emission, but did not compute quantitative velocities. In this paper, we investigate the three-dimensional structure of the ejecta in Tycho’s SNR and determine the expansion velocities.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

Suzaku observations of Tycho’s SNR and an off-source background were carried out on 2006 June 26–29 and 29–30,
respectively, as part of the Scientific Working Group observing time. The pointing position for the SNR was (R.A., decl.) = (00°25′20″, 64°08′18″); that for the background position was (00°36′54″, 64°17′42″), 1°27 offset from the SNR along the Galactic plane.

Suzaku carries two active instruments: four X-Ray Imaging Spectrometers (XIS: Koyama et al. 2007) placed at the focal planes of four X-ray Telescopes (XRT: Serlemitsos et al. 2007) and a non-imaging Hard X-ray Detector (HXD: Takahashi et al. 2007). Each XIS has a 17.’8×17.’8 field of view with a half-power diameter for the XRT of ~2’. One of the four XIS sensors (XIS 1) is a back-illuminated CCD with high sensitivity at <1 keV, while the others (XIS 0, 2, and 3) are front-illuminated (FI) CCDs with high efficiency and low background at >5 keV. All of the XIS sensors were operated in the normal full-frame clocking mode without any spaced-raw charge injection (SCI: Uchiyama et al. 2009) for both the SNR and background observations.11

The HXD data analysis was already reported by Tamagawa et al. (2009), so we present here the detailed analysis of the XIS data. We focus on only the FI sensors (XIS 0, 2, 3) because these have better calibration of the energy gain near the Si-edge. We reprocessed the revision 2.0.6.13 data products using the xispi software (HEASOFT version 6.5) with the version 20080825 makspi file. After the reprocessing, the data were cleaned with standard screening criteria for the cleaned event data of the XIS. The effective exposures of the SNR and background were 101 ks and 51 ks, respectively.

For the spectral fitting, we used response matrices created with xisrmfgen software version 2007-05-14 using the version 20080311 rmfparam file. We estimated the accuracy of the XIS energy scale for our own data and response functions using the line centroid energies of the $^{55}$Fe calibration sources at two of the four corners of each XIS chip. We fitted Mn Kα lines from $^{55}$Fe with Gaussian models and found that the line centroids of XIS 0, 2, and 3 were all 0.1%–0.14% higher than the expected energy of 5.985 keV. This is somewhat better than the systematic uncertainty of ±0.2% reported by Ozawa et al. (2009). We also checked that the width of the Mn Kα line is fully consistent with the expected instrumental broadening, even with all three FI sensors merged. The response files were generated by the xisrmfgen software, assuming a homogeneous disk-like radiation source with a radius of 4′ correponding to the azimuthally averaged radius of Tycho’s SNR measured from the Chandra image.

3. OVERALL FEATURES

A three-color XIS FI image of the SNR is shown in Figure 1. Red, green, and blue colors correspond to the narrow energy bands of He-like Si Kα (1.7–2 keV), Fe Kα (6.2–6.7 keV), and the hard energy band (7–13 keV), respectively. The white circle and quarter sectors are the regions where we extract spectra.

Figure 1. Three-color XIS FI (XIS 0+2+3) image of Tycho’s SNR. Red, green, and blue correspond to the energy bands of Si Heα (1.7–2 keV), Fe Kα (6.2–6.7 keV), and the hard energy band (7–13 keV), respectively. The white circle and quarter sectors are the regions where we extract spectra.

Figure 2. Background-subtracted XIS FI (XIS 0+2+3) spectrum of the entire SNR. The important lines are marked. Heα, Heβ, and Lyα indicate emission lines of $n = 2 \rightarrow n = 1$ transition in He-like ion, $1s3p \rightarrow 1s2$ transition in He-like ion, and $n = 2 \rightarrow n = 1$ transition in H-like ion.

The background-subtracted XIS spectrum of the entire SNR is shown in Figure 2. The source spectrum was taken from a circle with a radius of 4.65, with data from all three FI sensors merged to improve photon statistics. The background spectrum was extracted from a 7′ radius circular region on the off-source observation. In the spectrum, we can identify prominent K-shell emission-line features of the He and also some H-like ions of Mg, Si, S, Ar, and Ca, as well as emission from less ionized Cr, Mn, and Fe (Tamagawa et al. 2009).

4. SPATIALLY RESOLVED SPECTRA

Figure 4 in Furuzawa et al. (2009) clearly shows that the Kα line blends of Si, S, and Fe are broadened at the center of the remnant, relative to the rim. However, their quantitative study was limited to the Fe Kα emission. Therefore, we extend their analysis to the lines of IMEs. We divided Tycho’s SNR into four radial regions as shown in Figure 1, with a circle at the center and three-quarter circular rings numbered from 1 (inner) to 4 (outer). The radius of the inner region was 1.41, and

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11 Tycho’s SNR was observed again by Suzaku on 2008 August 4–8 and 11–12 as one of the large proposal programs of the third announcement of opportunity observing cycle, this time with SCI on. However, we report only the analysis of the 2006 data in this paper because the current calibration of the response for the SCI-off data is better than for the SCI-on data (Ozawa et al. 2009).
the thickness of the surrounding outer regions was 1.08. We
excluded the southeast quadrant (60°–150°, where the angles
increase counterclockwise from north) because of the presence
of irregular ejecta clumps (Vancura et al. 1995; Decourchelle
et al. 2001). We adopted the same background spectrum as used
by Section 3. Since the spectrum at energies below 1.7 keV is
dominated by the Fe L-shell emission, where the atomic physics
is complicated, we focused only on the energy band above
1.7 keV in the following sections. For simplicity, we divided
the spectrum into two energy bands: the 1.7–5 keV band for the
lines of IMEs (Section 4.1) and the 5–8 keV band for the Fe K
lines (Section 4.2).

4.1. 1.7–5 keV Spectra

To examine the radial changes of emission features, we
fitted spectra taken from each region with a phenomenological
model featuring an absorbed power law for the continuum
emission plus 20 Gaussian components for the line emission.
The column density for the foreground interstellar gas was set to
be N_H = 7 × 10^{21} cm^{-2} following Cassam-Chenai et al. (2007).
The Gaussians represented transitions for the elements Si, S, Ar,
and Ca for He-like and H-like ions: He\(\alpha\) (n = 2 → n = 1), He\(\beta\)
(1s3p → 1s2), He\(\gamma\) (1s4p → 1s2) in the He-like ions, and Ly\(\alpha\)
(2p → 1s) and Ly\(\beta\) (3p → 1s) in the H-like ions. We modeled the
He\(\alpha\) transitions by a single Gaussian, which actually contains a
blend of the forbidden, inter-combination, and resonance lines.
For example, in Si He\(\alpha\) blend, the rest energies of the constituent
lines are 1839.4 eV (forbidden), 1853.7 eV (inter-combination),
and 1864.9 eV (resonance), with the blending giving an extra
effective width of about 15 eV (Hwang & Gotthelf 1997). We
also represented each blend of He\(\beta\) and its surrounding satellite
lines by a single Gaussian model. We note that the effective
width for Si He\(\beta\) is comparable to that of He\(\alpha\), based on the non-
equilibrium ionization (NEI) model version 1.1 in XSPEC. The
continuum spectra must be a combination of thermal and non-
thermal emission, but these contributions are difficult to estimate
separately (e.g., Tamagawa et al. 2009). We thus checked that
the subsequent results for the Gaussian components do not
change significantly even if we use a bremsstrahlung model
for the continuum instead of a power-law model.

The line centroid, width, and intensity of the prominent He\(\alpha\)
blends of Si, S, Ar, and Ca, as well as the He\(\beta\) blends of
Si and S, were fitted freely. The other emission lines are too
weak to constrain the Gaussian parameters. Thus, we fixed the
energy difference between the prominent line features above
and weaker line features of the same element; for example,
the energy difference between S He\(\alpha\) and S Ly\(\alpha\) was fixed to
178 eV. Here we assumed electron temperature kT_e of ~1 keV
and ionization timescale n_t of ~10^{11} cm^{-3} s^{-1}, typical in Tycho’s
SNR (Hwang et al. 1998), because the centroid energy of the
He\(\alpha\) blend depends on kT_e and n_t; and used the Astrophysical
Plasma Emission Database (Smith et al. 2001). The line widths
were linked to each other for lines of the same element (e.g.,
S He\(\alpha\), S Ly\(\alpha\), S He\(\beta\), S He\(\gamma\), and S Ly\(\beta\)). The intensities of the
prominent He-like emission above and the relatively strong Ly\(\alpha\)
lines of Si and S were freely fitted. For lines other than those,
we fixed the intensity ratios; we took He\(\gamma\)/He\(\beta\) = 0.3 and Ly\(\beta\)/
Ly\(\alpha\) = 0.1 for the plasma in Tycho’s SNR (kT_e = 1 keV and
n_t = 10^{11} cm^{-3} s^{-1}, as noted above). These intensity ratios
do not vary much with n_t and vary only 10% over a decade in kT_e;
however, the uncertainties here are negligibly small. We also fixed
the ratios of Ly\(\alpha\)/He\(\alpha\) and He\(\beta\)/He\(\alpha\) for Ar and Ca to be the
same as these of S.

With these models and assumptions, we fitted all four spec-
tra. The reduced \(\chi^2\) values and degrees of freedom (dof) in
regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were 1.37 (791), 1.42 (724), 1.74 (858),
and 1.56 (846), respectively. The large reduced \(\chi^2\) values are
attributed to the high statistics of spectra and our approxima-
tions above for the fitting model. In addition, there might be
some contaminating emission from the less ionized ions (e.g.,
Li-like). We thus conclude that the best-fit models do repro-
duce the spectra sufficiently well. Individual components of the
best-fit models for regions 1 and 4 are shown in Figures 3(a-1)
and (b-1), respectively. The best-fit parameters of all the fits are
listed in Table 1.

4.2. 5–8 keV Spectra

We also fitted the 5–8 keV band spectra with a power law for
the continuum, plus three Gaussian components for Cr and Fe
K\(\alpha\), and Fe K\(\beta\) line blends. Since Cr K\(\alpha\) and Fe K\(\beta\) emission
are very weak, these widths were tied to that of Fe K\(\alpha\). The
other parameters were allowed to vary freely. The reduced \(\chi^2\)
values and dof for regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 were 1.25 (115), 1.22 (214),
1.07 (335), and 0.86 (298), respectively. All the fits for the
four spectra from regions 1 to 4 were acceptable. The 5–8 keV
spectra from regions 1 and 4 with the best-fit models are shown
in Figures 3(a-2) and (b-2), respectively. The best-fit parameters
are listed in Table 1.

5. RADIAL LINE PROFILES

Figure 4 shows the centroid energies, widths, and intensities
of the K\(\alpha\) line blends of Si, S, Ar, Ca, and Fe, obtained in
the previous section. We found that the centroid energies of all
the elements except for Ca are constant with respect to radius
within the systematic uncertainties of ±0.2%, indicated in each
left box. This systematic error was estimated by Ota et al. (2007)
using the Suzaku observations of extended sources with Fe K\(\alpha\)
emission (Cygnus Loop and Sagittarius C) and represents the
gain variation on the same CCD chip at the 90% confidence
level. In contrast to the constancy of the centroid energies, the
widths of all the emission features decrease significantly from
the center to the rim. The difference between the Si and Fe
widths of regions 1 and 4 is 10.5 ± 0.3 eV and 33 ± 6 eV,
respectively.

The radial intensity profile of IMEs’ emission is similar to
each other with a peak radius of 3′–4′, while Fe K\(\alpha\) emission
has a radius of ~3′ which is somewhat smaller than that of the
IMEs. These trends agree with the previous observations (e.g.,
Hwang & Gotthelf 1997).

There is some indication of spectral variations within our
source regions in Figure 4, so we investigated the azimuthal
variations of the line centroids and widths by dividing regions
2, 3, and 4 evenly into three azimuthal sectors. We
applied the same fitting procedure to the spectrum accumu-
lated from each divided region. There is some variation among
the azimuthally divided sectors, with the azimuthal variations
of line centroids being ±3 eV for Si, ±5 eV for S, ±8 eV
for Ar, ±20 eV for Ca, and ±10 eV for Fe. These values
are much smaller than the corresponding line widths; however,
in all the radial sectors, the widths show the same trends of
being wider in the inside compared to the rim, and the
centroids being more constant. The qualitative trends appear
to be the same as for the azimuthally averaged spectral re-
gions, therefore, we proceed with our azimuthally averaged
analysis.
In the following subsections, we consider two simple interpretations of the radial properties of centroid energies and widths as discussed by Furuzawa et al. (2009): (1) plasma characterized by multiple ionization ages and (2) Doppler shifts resulting from expansion in a shell.

**5.1. Plasma with Multiple Ionization Ages**

It is expected that the plasma in the SNR will have multiple ionization ages. Since the reverse shock propagates from the outside of the remnant inward, the shocked ejecta will have dif-
Table 1

| Line       | Region 1 | Region 2 |
|------------|----------|----------|
|            | Centroid (keV) | Width (1σ) (eV) | Flux\(\times 10^{-7}\) | Centroid (keV) | Width (1σ) (eV) | Flux\(\times 10^{-7}\) |
| **Si Heα** | 1.8651\(\pm 0.0002\) | 31.0\(\pm 0.2\) | 115.7\(\pm 0.3\) | 1.8660\(\pm 0.0005\) | 27.0\(\pm 0.2\) | 140.3\(\pm 0.5\) |
| Si Lyα     | = Heβ - 0.178 | = Heβ | 3.5 \(\pm 0.1\) | = Heβ - 0.178 | = Heβ | 4.943\(\pm 0.011\) |
| Si Heβ     | 2.1972\(\pm 0.0002\) | 36 \(\pm 1\) | 10.4 \(\pm 0.1\) | 2.1962\(\pm 0.0003\) | 30.5\(\pm 0.1\) | 13.260\(\pm 0.09\) |
| Si Heγ     | = Heβ + 0.111 | = Heβ | (Heγ/Heβ = 0.3) | = Heβ + 0.111 | = Heβ | (Heγ/Heβ = 0.3) |
| Si Lyβ     | = Heβ + 0.193 | = Heβ | (Lyβ/Lyα = 0.1) | = Heβ + 0.193 | = Heβ | (Lyβ/Lyα = 1) |
| S Heγ     | 2.4553\(\pm 0.0004\) | 40.3\(\pm 0.6\) | 27.4 \(\pm 0.2\) | 2.4549 \(\pm 0.0003\) | 36.1\(\pm 0.6\) | 36.3\(\pm 0.2\) |
| S Lyγ     | = Heβ - 0.263 | = Heβ | 0.18 \(\pm 0.06\) | = Heβ - 0.263 | = Heβ | 0.395\(\pm 0.006\) |
| S Heβ     | 2.899 \(\pm 0.003\) | 59\(\pm 5\) | 2.05 \(\pm 0.07\) | 2.887 \(\pm 0.002\) | 44\(\pm 5\) | 2.58\(\pm 0.05\) |
| S Lyγ     | = Heβ + 0.149 | = Heβ | (Heγ/Heβ = 0.3) | = Heβ + 0.149 | = Heβ | (Heγ/Heβ = 0.3) |
| Si Lyβ     | = Heβ + 0.222 | = Heβ | (Lyβ/Lyα = 0.1) | = Heβ + 0.222 | = Heβ | (Lyβ/Lyα = 1) |

**Notes.** Errors indicate the 90% confidence limits.

\(\times 10^{-7}\) photons cm\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\) arcmin\(^{-2}\).

Lyα/Lyβ is linked to that of S.

Hα/Lyα is linked to that of S.

Plasma with a range of \(n_e\) values easily makes the observed line blend broaden at the center of the remnant, since line centroids strongly depend on \(n_e\). For example, based on the NEI model of version 1.1, the centroid of the Ka line blend of S at \(kT_e = 1\) keV varies from 2.41 keV to 2.45 keV depending

**Different \(n_e\) between the outside (near the contact discontinuity) and the inside (where the reverse shock has just passed through), with the more recently shocked ejecta generally having a lower \(n_e\) and a different \(kT_e\) from the outer ejecta, with details depending on the ejecta density profile (Dwarkadas & Chevalier 1998).**
on the $n_{e}t$ values of $10^{10}$–$10^{11}$ cm$^{-3}$ s, which may result in a line broadening of $\sim$40 eV. However, our results show that the centroid energies are constant across the remnant within 0.2%. This implies that the plasma emitting each line or blend has the same average $n_{e}t$ all over the SNR. Therefore, a multiple $n_{e}t$ plasma does not provide a fully satisfying explanation of our observation.

### 5.2. Doppler Shift by the Shell Expansion

Another case we consider is an expanding shell of ejecta. The emission lines from retreating and approaching gas are red- and blueshifted, respectively. Thus, the line emission at the projected center of the remnant is expected to be broadened. At the rim, on the other hand, a narrow line would be observed, since there is only a small line-of-sight component of the velocity. In addition, if the expansion is spherically symmetric (and the plasma is reasonably uniform), the centroid energies will be constant with radius. We found that the observed line profiles are well reproduced by the Doppler broadening of the spherically symmetric shell expansion.

### 5.3. Properties of Ca He-like Kα Line

As shown in Figure 4, the Ca Heα blend is the only feature where the centroid energy is seen to gradually increase from the center to the rim. Possibly, this suggests that the Ca ejecta might be in multiple ionization ages unlike the other ejecta. However, the Ca Heα blend is heavily contaminated by Ar Heβ, and thus the inferred properties of the Ca emission depends rather strongly on the assumed intensity ratio, Heβ/Heα of Ar. A future observation with higher energy resolution is required to reliably investigate the accurate properties of Ca Heα blend.

### 6. VELOCITIES OF EJECTA

In this section, we quantitatively derive the expansion velocity with the Kα emission of Si, S, Ar, and Fe, and Kβ of Si, assuming that the ejecta are expanding in a spherical shell.

#### 6.1. Method of Velocity Determination

In a spherically symmetric shell expansion, a broadened line should have both red- and blueshifted components. If we apply such a two-Gaussian model (with red- and blueshifted components) to a single broadened line, the line energy shift (i.e., relative to the rest frame) gives the Doppler velocity as

$$\frac{|E_{\text{obs},i} - E_{0}|}{E_{0}} = \frac{v_{\perp,i}}{c},$$

where $E_{\text{obs},i}$ and $v_{\perp,i}$ are the observed centroid energy of the red- or blueshifted line and the line-of-sight velocity in each region $i$ ($i = 1$–4), respectively, and $E_{0}$ is the line energy at the rest frame. We introduce here the energy shift in each region $i$, $\delta E_{i} = |E_{\text{obs},i} - E_{0}|$. Assuming front–back velocity symmetry, the parameter we measure is $2 \times \delta E_{i}$, corresponding to the energy difference between the red- and blueshifted lines.

Once we obtain $v_{\perp,i}$, we can convert it to the expansion velocity $v_{\text{exp}}$ by considering two important effects: the projection of the three-dimensional shell onto the plane of the detector and the limited spatial resolution of the Suzaku XRT. In the Appendix, we calculate the factors $C_{i}$ which represent what percentage of the $v_{\text{exp}}$ would be observed as $v_{\perp,i}$ in each region $i$. In other words, $v_{\text{exp}}$ can be expressed in terms of $C_{i}$ and the observable parameter $v_{\perp,i}$ as

$$v_{\text{exp}} = \frac{v_{\perp,i}}{C_{i}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

The calculated $C_{i}$ factors are summarized in Table 2.

#### 6.2. Spectral Fitting

As a first step, we derived the expansion velocities by fitting the spectra of regions 1 and 4 at the same time, because the difference between $v_{\perp,1}$ and $v_{\perp,4}$ is expected to be the largest.

To test for spherically symmetric expansion, we therefore fitted the 1.7–5 keV spectra with the model of an absorbed power law for the continuum and Gaussian components for emission lines. The column density for the foreground interstellar gas was set as in Section 4.1. We applied Gaussian models including red- and blueshifted components, for each line feature. We left the centroid energies of the both lines free, while the widths and intensities were set to be equal to each other. Because we fitted the spectra of regions 1 and 4 at the same time, we actually applied two pairs of the red- and blueshifted lines (four Gaussians in total) for each line feature. According to Equation (1), the ratio of $\delta E_{1}/\delta E_{4}$ equals the ratio of $v_{\perp,1}/v_{\perp,4}$. Since $v_{\text{exp}}$ should be the same for regions 1 and 4, Equation (2) gives $\delta E_{1}/\delta E_{4} = C_{1}/C_{4}$. In our fitting, we therefore fixed the ratio of $\delta E_{1}/\delta E_{4} = C_{1}/C_{4}$. As a result, the $v_{\text{exp}}$, the width, and intensity were the only three parameters that were allowed to vary freely for each set of four Gaussians.

We employed 20 sets of four Gaussians for the observed line features: Heα, Lyα, Heβ, Heγ, Lyβ of Si, S, Ar, and Ca. We derived the $v_{\text{exp}}$ independently for the prominent Heα blends of Si, S, and Ar, and Heβ of Si. The energy separation between these and other line features were fixed as the model in Section 4.1; for example, the energy difference between Ar Heα and Ar Heβ was fixed to 209 eV (see Table 1). The sole exception is S Lyα, whose energy was free in Section 4.1; here, we fixed the energy shift from S Heβ to 181 eV to compensate for limited photon statistics. A single line width was fitted for lines of the same element (e.g., for S: Heα, Lyα, Heβ, Heγ, and Lyβ). The exception was Si Heα, whose width was fitted independently from that of other Si lines, due to uncertainties in the response near the Si-edge. As noted in Section 4.1, the width of the Gaussian applied to the Heα blend includes a contribution from the blending of the constituent triplet lines ($\sim$15 eV). This broadening varies within a few eV depending on the plasma condition, but we checked that the measurement of the line centroid is little affected by the uncertainty of the width. The intensity ratios of weak lines to prominent lines (e.g., S Lyα/Heα) were fixed by assuming a plasma with $kT_{e} \sim 1$ keV and $n_{e} \sim 10^{11}$ cm$^{-3}$ s, as in Section 4.1. The exception here is that S Lyα/Heα was fixed to the value obtained from the fits in Section 4.1 (Table 1).

We also fitted the 5–8 keV spectra of regions 1 and 4 using the same procedure as above. The model consisted of a power-law continuum and red- and blueshifted Fe Kα lines. We also included the Cr Kα and Fe Kβ blends, but as single Gaussians
due to limited photon statistics. We fixed the ratio of $\delta E_1/\delta E_4$ to $C_1/C_4$ following Table 2. The widths and intensities of the red- and blueshifted lines in regions 1 and 4 were all linked to each other. Figure 5 shows the individual components of the best-fit models. The reduced $\chi^2$'s and dof were 1.47 (1430) for 1.7–5 keV and 0.96 (415) for 5–8 keV band spectra.

As a second step, we have also fitted all the spectra of regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 at the same time in exactly the same manner just described. Here, our aim was to verify that the model was valid for all four regions and also to improve the photon statistics. The ratios of energy difference among regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were fixed for all four regions and also to improve the photon statistics. The derived $\chi^2$'s and dof were 1.55 (3028) and 1.06 (970) for 1.7–5 keV and 5–8 keV band spectra, respectively. The best-fit parameters are summarized in Table 3.

### 6.3. Expansion Velocities

We translate $\delta E_i$ into $v_{\perp i}$ using Equation (1), and then convert to $v_{\text{exp}}$ using Equation (2) and $C_i$ (Table 2). The derived velocities are summarized in Table 3. We note that the $v_{\text{exp}}$ of the Fe K$\alpha$ emission in Table 3 does not correspond to the line-of-sight velocity measured in Furuzawa et al. (2009), because the $v_{\text{exp}}$ represents the expansion velocity in which the projection effect and point spread function effect have properly been taken into account. Meanwhile, the $v_{\perp i}$ is the value that should correspond to the line-of-sight velocity measured in Furuzawa et al. (2009), $3040^{+320}_{-240}$ km s$^{-1}$. Our measurement of $v_{\perp 1}$ and the line-of-sight velocity measured in Furuzawa et al. (2009) agree well each other. The $v_{\text{exp}}$ derived from Si He$\alpha$ and He$\beta$ are consistent with each other. Therefore, we conclude that the systematic uncertainty of the Si-edge in the response is small enough to determine the velocity. The expansion velocity obtained from the He$\alpha$ blends of Si, S, and Ar is clearly higher than that obtained from the Fe K$\alpha$ blends.

### 7. DISCUSSION

Based on the analysis of spatially resolved spectra, we have demonstrated that (1) the ejecta shell is expanding in a generally spherical and symmetric manner, and (2) the expansion velocities of the IME ejecta are significantly higher than that of the Fe K$\alpha$ emitting ejecta. These results then allow us to discuss the distance to Tycho’s SNR, the ejecta segregation, and the reverse shock velocity.

#### 7.1. Distance to Tycho’s SNR

Using Chandra high-resolution images of Tycho’s SNR obtained in 2000, 2003, and 2007, Katsuda et al. (2009) measured the expansion rates of both the forward-shocked and the reverse-shocked ejecta. They found that the mean proper motion of the Si-rich layer is $\mu \sim 0.25$ yr$^{-1}$. This is consistent with the result Hughes (2000) had derived using ROSAT data. Combining with our expansion velocities of $4700 \pm 100$ km s$^{-1}$ (Table 3), we obtained a range of the distance to the SNR of $D = (4.0 \pm 1.0)/v/4700$ km s$^{-1}$ ($\mu/0.25$ yr$^{-1}$)$^{-1}$ kpc. The relatively large uncertainty is mainly due to the azimuthal variation of the proper motion of the ejecta. Our result is the first estimate of the distance to Tycho derived solely from X-ray observations.

The distances inferred by previous studies are shown in Figure 6. The distance of around 2–3 kpc estimated by modeling the observed H$\alpha$ line spectra (green in Figure 6) has been most widely cited thus far, but is model-dependent. Krause et al. (2008) recently derived a larger distance of $3.8^{+1.5}_{-1.1}$ kpc, based on the SN peak luminosity estimated by the observed optical light-echo spectrum. Our estimate is consistent with the result from Krause et al. (2008).
7.2. Ejecta Segregation

The Fe K radial profile peaks at \( \sim 180' \) which is distinctly smaller radius than the IME and Fe L emission of \( \sim 200' \) (Decourchelle et al. 2001; Warren et al. 2005). In addition, the Fe K emitting ejecta have about 100 times lower rate ratio of Fe K emitting ejecta have about 100 times lower smaller radius than the IME and Fe L emission of 10\(^{11} \) cm s\(^{-1} \); Hwang et al. 1998). These results suggest that the plasma emitting Fe K has been heated by the reverse shock more recently than the other materials. Since the reverse shock propagates from the outside toward the center, the Fe K and Si emission are tracers of the interior and exterior material in the SNR, respectively.

Our results show that the Si ejecta also have higher \( v_{\text{exp}} \) (4700 \( \pm \) 100 km s\(^{-1} \)) compared to the Fe K emitting ejecta (4000 \( \pm \) 300 km s\(^{-1} \)). These velocity measurements add to the morphological and spectral evidence that the Fe K emitting ejecta are segregated interior to the Si ejecta. The expansion rate ratio of Fe K\( \alpha \) to Si ejecta is derived to be (4000/180)/(4700/200) \( \sim 0.93 \).

7.3. Reverse Shock Velocity

The angular radius of the reverse shock of 183° estimated by Warren et al. (2005) corresponds to \( r_{\text{s}} = 3.5 \pm 0.9 \) pc at a distance of 4.0 \( \pm \) 1.0 kpc. Given the age of 434 yr, the velocity of unshocked ejecta \( v_{\text{un,ej}} \) is then estimated to be 8000 \( \pm \) 2000 km s\(^{-1} \) at a radius of 3.5 pc. The post-shock velocity \( v_{\text{sh,ej}} \) can be approximated as the obtained expansion velocity of Fe, 4000 \( \pm \) 300 km s\(^{-1} \). Under the assumption of strong shock, conservation laws for mass, momentum, and energy across the shock front yield the following Rankine–Hugoniot relation,

\[
\bar{v}_{\text{sh,ej}} - \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} = \left( \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1} \right) (v_{\text{sh,ej}} - v_{\text{ts}}),
\]

where \( \bar{v}_{\text{sh}} \) and \( \gamma \) are the reverse shock velocity in the observer’s frame and specific heat ratio, respectively. Since Warren et al. (2005) argued that the reverse shock of Tycho’s SNR is not strongly accelerating cosmic rays (unlike the forward shock), we here take \( \gamma = 5/3 \) as appropriate for a non-relativistic ideal gas. Equation (3) then gives \( \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} = 2700 \pm 800 \) km s\(^{-1} \), and hence the upstream velocity in the shock-rest frame is obtained to be \( \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} = v_{\text{un,ej}} - \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} = 5300 \pm 2100 \) km s\(^{-1} \).

This value allows us to estimate the explosion energy of Tycho’s SN by comparing with a self-similar model for the evolution of young SNRs interacting with a uniform density ISM. In Figure 2(d) of Dwarkadas & Chevalier (1998), \( \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} \) is expected to be \( 3.4 \times 10^{3} E_{51}^{1/2} (M_{ej}/1.4 M_{\odot})^{-1/2} \) km s\(^{-1} \) throughout most of the SNR’s evolution, for either \( r^{-7} \) power law and exponential density distributions of the ejecta, where \( E_{51} \) is the explosion energy in units of \( 10^{51} \) erg. Thus, assuming an ejecta mass of 1.4 \( M_{\odot} \), the explosion energy of Tycho’s SN is derived to be \( (2.5 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{51} \) erg. Given that the error is large, the derived energy range includes the standard value for normal Type Ia SNe.

From the Rankine–Hugoniot relations, the post-shock temperature for each particle species \( a \) is given as

\[
kT_{a} = \frac{2(\gamma - 1)}{(\gamma + 1)^{2}} m_{a} \bar{v}_{a}^{2} = \frac{3}{16} m_{a} \bar{v}_{a}^{2},
\]

where \( m_{a} \) is the particle mass. Given \( \bar{v}_{\text{ts}} = 5300 \pm 2100 \) km s\(^{-1} \), the temperature of the shocked Fe is expected to be \( kT_{Fe} = 3 \pm 2 \) MeV. Such a high temperature would result in a line broadening of \( \Delta E = 70 \pm 30 \) eV due to the thermal Doppler effect. We measured the width of the Fe K blend of 55 \( \pm \) 3 eV (Table 3), where an intrinsic line broadening of 20–30 eV is expected for the plasma in the range of \( kT_{e} > 1.6 \) keV and \( 10^{-3} < n_{e} \text{cm}^{-3} < 10^{-2} \) (Hwang et al. 1998; Furuzawa et al. 2009). The additional width of \( \sim 50 \) eV which cannot be explained by the intrinsic line broadening might be explained by the thermal Doppler broadening of Fe ions. Future missions with high energy resolution, like Astro-H, will help us to accurately measure ion temperatures and study the heating process at the reverse shock of young SNRs in detail.

8. SUMMARY

We analyzed the X-ray spectra of Tycho’s SNR using the Suzaku 100 ks observation. We summarize our results below.

| Lines | Width\(^{a} \) (eV) | \( E_{\text{rad}}^{a} \) (keV) | \( E_{\text{blac}}^{a} \) (keV) | \( 2\alpha E_{1} \) (eV) | \( v_{\text{sh}} \) (km s\(^{-1} \)) | \( v_{\text{exp}} \) (km s\(^{-1} \)) |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Si He\( \alpha \) | 20.16\(^{+0.11}_{-0.09} \) | 1.8883\(^{+0.0012}_{-0.0010} \) | 1.8443 \( \pm \) 0.0002 | 44.0\(^{+0.1}_{-0.2} \) | 3540\(^{+20}_{-20} \) | 4730\(^{+50}_{-20} \) |
| Si He\( \beta \) | 17.8\(^{-0.7} \) | 2.1685\(^{-0.012} \) | 2.2194\(^{-0.006} \) | 51\(^{+1}_{-2} \) | 3480\(^{+100}_{-0} \) | 4700 \( \pm \) 100 |
| S He\( \alpha \) | 26.6\(^{-0.2} \) | 2.4270\(^{-0.005} \) | 2.4841\(^{-0.003} \) | 57.1 \( \pm \) 0.6 | 3490 \( \pm \) 40 | 4660 \( \pm \) 50 |
| Ar He\( \alpha \) | 34.6\(^{+1.4}_{-0.7} \) | 3.089 \( \pm \) 0.002 | 3.164 \( \pm \) 0.002 | 74 \( \pm \) 3 | 3600 \( \pm \) 100 | 4800 \( \pm \) 200 |
| Fe K\( \alpha \) | 55 \( \pm \) 3 | 6.507\(^{+0.005}_{-0.007} \) | 6.383\(^{+0.007}_{-0.005} \) | 124 \( \pm \) 8 | 2900 \( \pm \) 200 | 4000 \( \pm \) 300 |

Notes. Errors indicate the 90% confidence limits.

\(^{a} \) Best-fit values of region 1.
1. We obtained the radial dependence of centroid energies, widths, and intensities for the $K\alpha$ emission of Si, S, Ar, Ca, and Fe for annular regions covering nearly three-fourths of the azimuth around the SNR. The centroid energies of all line blends except Ca are constant with radius, while the widths significantly become narrower from the center to the rim. We found that the observed line properties are well explained by a spherically symmetric shell expansion of the ejecta.

2. We derived the expansion velocities of ejecta with Doppler broadened $K\alpha$ emission of Si, S, Ar, and Fe, and $K\beta$ of Si independently. We fitted each broadened line feature with two Gaussians representing red- and blueshifted gas and obtained the expansion velocity from the centroid energy separation between two lines. We found that expansion velocities measured for $K\alpha$ emission of Si, $4700 \pm 100$ km s$^{-1}$, are clearly higher than that measured for Fe K$, 4000 \pm 300$ km s$^{-1}$.

3. Combining the obtained expansion velocity with the proper-motion measurement by Chandra, the distance to Tycho’s SNR is estimated to be $4 \pm 1$ kpc.

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**APPENDIX**

**CORRECTION FACTOR**

To determine the true expansion velocity $v_{\text{exp}}$, we have to calculate the correction factors $C_i$ introduced in Equation (2). $C_i$ describes the projection effect of the three-dimensional shell onto the detector plane, including the photon smearing effects caused by the limited spatial resolution of the Suzaku XRT. In this Appendix, we calculate the correction factors $C_i$.

First we define the regions that we use in the following calculations. As shown in Figure 7, we divide the entire SNR into 10 “SKY” regions. The region enclosed by the innermost circle is named SKY 1, the next two annular regions are SKY 2 and 3, and the outer six annular regions, in which a quarter region is excluded, are named SKY 4 (inner) to SKY 9 (outer). The radii of the SKY regions are $30''$ for SKY 1, and are incremented by $30''$ toward the outer edge of the SNR. The quarter region in the southeast is named SKY 0. The regions 1–4 are the detector regions used in Section 4 (Figure 1). The regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 roughly correspond to the SKY 1–3, 4–5, 6–7, and 8–9, respectively.

**A.1. Projection Effects**

Consider a thin and spherically symmetric shell with radius $r_{sh}$. The shell is expanding with velocity $v_{\text{exp}}$. The polar angle $\theta$ is defined as the angle measured from the horizontal line that intersects the center of the spherical shell, and the azimuth angle $\phi$ represents an angle around the horizontal line. The sky region $j (j = 0, 1, \ldots, 9)$ is described by using the range of $\theta$ ($\theta^1_j$ and $\theta^2_j$) and $\phi$. The $\theta^1_j$ and $\theta^2_j$ angles are given as

$$\theta^1_j = \arcsin (r_j / r_{sh}), \quad \theta^2_j = \arcsin (r_0 / r_{sh}), \quad \text{(A1)}$$

where the radius $r_j$ is given as

$$r_j = k \cdot 30'' (k = 0, 1, \ldots, 9). \quad \text{(A3)}$$

Here we consider only half of the spherical shell ($0 < \theta < 90$ deg) to evaluate $\delta E_i$.

The projected velocities $v_j$ of the SKY region $j$ are found as the mean line-of-sight velocity $v_\perp = v_{\text{exp}} \cos \theta$. By integrating $v_\perp$ over the solid angle, the mean velocity $v_j$ is described as

$$v_j = v_{\text{exp}} \cdot A_j, \quad \text{(A4)}$$

where

$$A_j = \frac{\int_{\theta^1_j}^{\theta^2_j} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_{\theta^1_j}^{\theta^2_j} \sin \theta d\theta}. \quad \text{(A5)}$$

Since $\theta^1_j$ and $\theta^2_j$ are functions of $r_{sh}$, $A_j$ also depends on $r_{sh}$. We calculated $A_j$ for the radius $r_{sh}$ at 2 arcsec intervals.

The actual ejecta shell has a finite width in radius $r_{sh}$. Decourchelle et al. (2001) and Warren et al. (2005) reported $r_{sh} = 190''$–220'' for Si, and $r_{sh} = 180''$–200'' for Fe. We therefore find an average of $A_j$ over the given range of $r_{sh}$ as

$$\bar{A}_j = \frac{\sum_{r_{sh}=r_{sh}^{\text{min}}}^{r_{sh}^{\text{max}}} A_j (r_{sh})}{\sum_{r_{sh}=r_{sh}^{\text{min}}}^{r_{sh}^{\text{max}}} 1}. \quad \text{(A6)}$$

In Table 4, we summarize the calculated $\bar{A}_j$.

**A.2. Limited Spatial Resolution of XRT**

We estimate the smearing effect caused by the limited spatial resolution of the XRT. We use the xissim software, which simulates interactions of X-ray photons incident upon the XRT/XIS system using ray-tracing and Monte Carlo techniques (Ishisaki et al. 2007).

First, we prepare the input image files for the simulation. Because the distributions of K-shell emission for IMEs and Fe are slightly different (e.g., Hwang & Gotthelf 1997), we prepare two narrowband Chandra images: the Si and S (1.8–1.9 plus 2.4–2.5 keV) band, and the Fe K (6–7 keV) band. Next, we divide each Chandra image into the SKY regions introduced in Figure 7, and we take this divided image as an input to the xissim simulator. In the simulation, we fix the input photon energy to be monochromatic: 1.8 keV and 6.5 keV for Si+S and Fe, respectively. Finally, in the simulated images, we accumulate the number of photons in each detector region 1–4. We repeat this procedure for both energy bands (Si+S and Fe) and for all 10 different SKY regions (SKY 0–9).

Results of the simulations are summarized in Table 5. We introduce the smearing factor $F_{ij}$, which represents the fraction of the number of photons that originate in a certain SKY region $j (j = 0–9)$ relative to the number of photons detected in a certain detector region $i (i = 1–4)$. For example, in the Fe K band, $F_{13} = 0.194$ means that 19.4% of photons detected in region 1 originate from SKY 3.
Table 4
Calculated $\bar{A}_j$ Described in Equation (A6)

| Shells | SKY 0 | SKY 1 | SKY 2 | SKY 3 | SKY 4 | SKY 5 | SKY 6 | SKY 7 | SKY 8 | SKY 9 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Si Shell$^a$ | 0.455 | 0.995 | 0.973 | 0.927 | 0.854 | 0.744 | 0.573 | 0.138 | 0 | 0 |
| Fe Shell$^b$ | 0.447 | 0.994 | 0.968 | 0.914 | 0.827 | 0.693 | 0.450 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes.
$^a$ $r_{sh} = 190''–220''$.
$^b$ $r_{sh} = 180''–200''$.

Table 5
Results of the Simulation: Fraction of the Photons $F_{ij}$ Detected in REG $i$ to Those Originated from SKY $j$

| Si and S | Region 1 | SKY 0 | SKY 1 | SKY 2 | SKY 3 | SKY 4 | SKY 5 | SKY 6 | SKY 7 | SKY 8 | SKY 9 |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Region 1 | 0.100 | 0.068 | 0.190 | 0.207 | 0.152 | 0.098 | 0.081 | 0.071 | 0.030 | 0.003 |
| Region 2 | 0.047 | 0.010 | 0.034 | 0.087 | 0.171 | 0.203 | 0.195 | 0.175 | 0.071 | 0.006 |
| Region 3 | 0.033 | 0.002 | 0.007 | 0.016 | 0.038 | 0.089 | 0.220 | 0.383 | 0.196 | 0.017 |
| Region 4 | 0.031 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.007 | 0.017 | 0.037 | 0.104 | 0.325 | 0.393 | 0.082 |

| Fe | Region 1 | SKY 0 | SKY 1 | SKY 2 | SKY 3 | SKY 4 | SKY 5 | SKY 6 | SKY 7 | SKY 8 | SKY 9 |
|-----|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Region 1 | 0.105 | 0.064 | 0.178 | 0.194 | 0.154 | 0.113 | 0.099 | 0.062 | 0.024 | 0.006 |
| Region 2 | 0.050 | 0.009 | 0.032 | 0.079 | 0.164 | 0.223 | 0.235 | 0.143 | 0.054 | 0.013 |
| Region 3 | 0.037 | 0.002 | 0.006 | 0.016 | 0.039 | 0.100 | 0.271 | 0.335 | 0.160 | 0.036 |
| Region 4 | 0.036 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.006 | 0.016 | 0.040 | 0.120 | 0.261 | 0.341 | 0.176 |

A.3. Derivation of Correction Factors

We derive the correction factor $C_i$ by multiplying the projection factor $\bar{A}_j$ (Table 4) by the smearing factor $F_{ij}$ (Table 5) as

$$C_i = \sum_{j=0}^{9} F_{ij} \bar{A}_j (i = 1, 2, 3, 4). \quad (C1)$$

The derived values are summarized in Table 2.

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