SN[®] Afterglows in γ-Ray Lines



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Massive Stars / Groups, and Supernova Explosions

SN 2014J KAIT/LOSS color image





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Nuclei: one of the astronomical messengers



Nuclear line transitions

 \rightarrow atomic state ~irrelevant

Radioactive decay

 \rightarrow a natural clock



Nuclear Gamma-Ray Lines from Supernovae

Radioactive trace isotopes are by-products of nucleosynthesis reactions Released from the supernova explosion, we observe gamma-ray afterglows:

Isotope	Mean Lifetime	Decay Chain	γ-Ray Energy (keV)	
⁵⁶ Ni	111 d	$^{56}Ni \rightarrow {}^{56}Co^* \rightarrow {}^{56}Fe^* + e^+$	158, 812; 847, 1238	individual object/even
⁵⁷ Ni	390 d	$^{57}Co \rightarrow ^{57}Fe^*$	122	
⁴⁴ Ti	85 y	$^{44}\text{Ti} \rightarrow ^{44}\text{Sc}^* \rightarrow ^{44}\text{Ca}^* + e^+$	78, 68; 1157]]
²⁶ AI	1.04 10 ⁶ y	$^{26}\text{AI} \rightarrow ^{26}\text{Mg}^* + \text{e}^+$	1809	cumulative
⁶⁰ Fe	3.8 10 ⁶ y	60 Fe \rightarrow 60 Co* \rightarrow 60 Ni*	59, 1173, 1332	events
e ⁺	10 ⁵ y	$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ps \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	511, <511	

- Million years to ~one week (${}^{26}AI {}^{44}Ti {}^{56}Ni/{}^{56}Co$)
- Typically 10⁻⁵ ph cm⁻² s⁻¹

²⁶Al in our Galaxy: γ-ray Image and Spectrum



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Using the ²⁶Al Line to Characterize the Galaxy's SN Activity

Measured Gamma-Ray Flux* *) better account for foreground emission Galaxy Geometry



²⁶Al Yields per Star

Stellar Mass Distribution

²⁶Al Yields from Massive Stars



→ Diehl et al., in prep. (2017)* ²⁶Al Mass in Galaxy = $2.0 (\pm 0.3) M_{\odot}$

→ Diehl et al., Nature 2006 → Diehl et al., A&A 2010*



✓ cc-SN Rate = 1.3 (± 0.6) per Century



Star Formation Rate = 2.8 M $_{\odot}$ /yr

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Resolving ²⁶Al Emission from Specific Groups of Stars



Massive-Star Groups and their SNe

- The "outputs" of massive stars and their supernovae
 - Winds and Explosions
 - Nucleosynthesis Ejecta
 - Ionizing Radiation



Radioactivities from massive stars: ⁶⁰Fe, ²⁶Al

Massive-Star Interiors

(adapted from Heger)

- Hydrostatic fusion
- WR wind release
- Late Shell burning
- Explosive fusion
- Explosive release



Understanding Massive-Star Groups

- We study the "outputs" of massive stars and their supernovae
 - Winds and Explosions
 - Nucleosynthesis Ejecta
 - Ionizing Radiation
- We get observational constraints from
 - Star Counts
 - ISM Cavities
 - Free-Electron Emission
 - Radioactive Ejecta









Supernova ejecta in the dynamic interstellar medium

ISM Dynamics ← → Ejecta in SNR and (Super-)Bubbles

Multi-Messenger Obs & Simulations

(Cygnus, Orion, Scorpius-Centaurus, Carina)



Massive Star Groups in our Galaxy: ²⁶Al γ -rays



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The velocities versus Galactic longitude

Excess velocity seen for ²⁶Al ejecta versus, e.g., CO!



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How massive-star ejecta are spread out...

Superbubbles blown into inter-arm regions



How ejecta are spread out on the My scale...

• SN ejecta are in superbubbles, preferentially (not SNR!)



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Nucleosynthesis in CC-Supernova Models and ⁴⁴Ti



⁴⁴Ti γ -rays from Cas A



44Ti Ejected Mass ~1.23 ± 0.25 10⁻⁴ M_{\odot}

→ see talk by Chris Weinberger

Are all Core Collapse Supernovae ⁴⁴Ti Sources?

☆ Cas A is the ONLY Source Seen in our Galaxy

1.39e-05

1.62e-05

- ☆ Sky Regions with Most Massive Stars (inner Galaxy) are ⁴⁴Ti Source-Free
- ☆ We would expect to see > a few of such sources!



1.85e-05

9.29e-06

1.16e-05

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2.31e-05

2.54e-05

2.08e-05

2.77e-05



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⁵⁶Ni Radioactivity Decay Chain and Gamma-Rays



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SN2014J: Discovery of ⁵⁶Ni γ -ray lines

SN la in M82

(Starburst Galaxy)

- Discovered 22 Jan 2014
- Likely Explosion Date: 14 Jan 2014 (14.75 +/-0.3d)
- Distance 3.3....3.53 Mpc, I=141.41°, b=40.56°
- Closest SN Ia in 40 y!
- ⁵⁶Ni γ rays seen early
 - Envelope still thick to γ -rays \rightarrow surface ⁵⁶Ni
 - Lines not shifted
 → He in orbital plane, off plane aspect angle





Longterm Data: Broad Lines from ⁵⁶Co!

INTEGRAL Obs from 31 Jan till 26 Jun 2014



Line flux [cm⁻² s⁻¹]

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The Challenge of Finding Cosmic Gamma-Rays

- Current Gamma-Ray Telescopes Have Large Intrinsic Background
 - Cosmic Ray Activation of Spacecraft and Instrument



from Churazov et al., 2014

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SN2014J Data Analysis



Energy [keV]

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1.0×10⁴

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SN2014J data Jan – Jun 2014: ⁵⁶Co lines

– Doppler broadened ✓



- Split into 4 time bins
- Coarse & fine spectral binning
- → Observe a structured and evolving spectrum
- expected:
 gradual appearance
 of broadened ⁵⁶Co lines
 - Diehl et al., A&A (2015)



SN2014J data Jan – Jun 2014: 847 keV ⁵⁶Co line



(cmp from bol. Light \rightarrow 0.42 +/-0.05 M_{\odot}

from models \rightarrow 0.5 +/-0.3 M_{\odot}

• Diehl et al., A&A 2015

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Summary: γ-rays from supernovae

 ²⁶Al throughout the Galaxy show that superbubbles hosts and re-cycle ejecta from Sne

- ⁴⁴Ti origins must be from rare sources (<< SN rate)
- ⁵⁶Co γ-ray emergence from SN2014J indicates 'porosity' / 3-dimensional structure



cm⁻² (10keV)⁻¹]

⁻¹ux [10⁻⁵ ph s⁻¹