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# Nuclear gamma-rays and Cosmic Nucleosynthesis

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Ar argon

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# **Cosmic nucleosynthesis**

Big-bang nucleosynthesis	nised gas	<b>1 Н</b> Hydrogen	<sup>2</sup> He Helium	<sup>3</sup> Li Lithuim
. ne	utral H			
• Stellar-interior nucleosynthesis	ionized gas			
first (hydrostatic) → first new nuclei ejected first compact stars	/star-enriched gas			iRBs V types
new nuclei from binaries	ritty of sources		p	<mark>NS</mark> Ms, G exotic SI
(explosive)	new nuclei		SNe	u? rare/
(di his	fferent enrichment stories)			o,Sr?Aı ı,Au,U
<ul> <li>High-energy collisions (spallatic</li> </ul>	lar system isolates			Xe,Rt Sr, Sn
No.     Mig     Application     All SI     P     S     Cl. Ar       13     80     12     12     13     M     15     17     12     18 <t< th=""><th>cleosynthesis</th><th></th><th></th><th></th></t<>	cleosynthesis			

# **Cosmic nucleosynthesis**



#### in all cases:

rearrangement of bound nucleons (p,n) in nuclei by nuclear reactions towards tighter binding 3

#### Nuclear reactions in cosmic environments

major challenge:

- 🖈 plasma in the Universe is very different from the conditions in terrestrial laboratory experiments
- 🛠 quantum tunnelling dominates in cosmic-environment



Density

#### **Cosmic nucleosynthesis sources**





 Nuclear fusion reactions power all stars

 Many stars explode as a supernova at the end of their evolution

- Some binary systems including white dwarf stellar remnants explode as a supernova
- Some binary systems including neutron stars eventually merge to form a black hole



#### The composition of cosmic matter evolves over time



... a coarse picture of cosmic nucleosynthesis.

#### **On-going Enrichments from Nucleosynthesis Sources**



#### The Messages from Cosmic Elemental Abundances



These signatures are a result from the characteristic physical processes within...... atomic nuclei(which of these can be produced more-easily/more abundantly?)... cosmic sources(which nuclear-fusion environments occur more often/abundantly?)

#### Decomposing abundances towards "processes"

neutron capture physics may be the easier problem:  $_{\text{basic physics and cosmic extremes}}$  $\rightarrow$  use n capt /  $\beta$  decay & stellar evolution to predict s-process parts

 $\rightarrow$  subtract from observed abundances to study the r-process parts



# Cosmic origins of the variety of nuclides

Associating different "processes" with nuclide groups – what we teach...

and know it to be superficial (or even wrong)



#### Understanding cosmic nucleosynthesis sources





- How much matter is in winds?
- How are fusion products mixed?
- What is the composition of remnant star?
- Which stars explode as a supernova?
  Which parts of collapsing star ejected?

- Which white dwarfs explode?
- How is the explosion triggered?
- Which burnings can occur?
- Which compact stars may merge, when?
- How is the black hole formed?
- Which materials may escape?

#### **Modeling Compositional Evolution**

see, e.g., Diehl& Prantzos, NuclPhys.Hndbk 2023



#### ☆ Changes in the forms of cosmic matter:

#### stars and gas flows:

 $m = m_{\rm gas} + m_{\rm stars} + m_{\rm infall} + m_{\rm outflow}$ 

$$\frac{dm_G}{dt} = -\Psi + E + [f - o]$$

 $\Psi(t)$  is the Star Formation Rate (SFR) and E(t) the *Rate of mass ejection* **(SFR)** gas which is ejected from stars: **when?** 

$$E(t) = \int_{M_t}^{M_U} (M - C_M) \, \Psi(t - \tau_M) \, \Phi(M) \, dM$$

#### rewly-contributed ashes from nucleosynthesis: what?

The mass of element/isotope *i* in the gas is  $m_i = m_G X_i$ 

$$\frac{d(m_G X_i)}{dt} = -\Psi X_i + E_i + [f X_{i,f} - o X_{i,o}]$$
$$E_i(t) = \int_{M_t}^{M_U} Y_i(M) \Psi(t - \tau_M) \Phi(M) dM$$

#### (ngredients:

#### Sources: How fast do they evolve to return (new) gas?

the star of mass M, created at the time  $t - \tau_M$ , dies at time t

#### Sources: How much of species i do they eject (and/or bury)?

 $Y_i(M)$  the mass ejected in the form of that element by the star of mass M

… (locations and environments of star formation, gas flows, …)

#### Chemical Evolution: ...there are issues ...

#### ☆ model description fails for several elements

- even for elements from same source type...
- even using (unrealistic?) models/parameters
- ☆ inconsistencies with modeled vs observed nucleosynthesis event rates
  - ~350 radio+X SNR (~10000y) vs. ccSN rate 1/70y



SNII+HN+SNIa(Z

(k): Best estimate, this pape (i): Combination of (f - i), this pape (i): Rest of Local Group

(h). Andromeda (g): Milky Way neutrinos (f): Milky Way optical (e): Combination of (a-d)

Kobayashi+ 2020

Rozwadowska+ 2021

#### **Different Complementing Observing Methods**



#### **Astronomical Messengers**



# Gamma-ray lines from cosmic radioactivity

Radioactive trace isotopes are by-products of nucleosynthesis reactions Released into circum-source ISM, we can observe gamma-ray afterglows:

Isotope	Mean Decay Time	Decay Chain	γ -Ray Energy [keV]	Detected Source	Source Type		
<sup>7</sup> Be	77 d	$^{7}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{7}\text{Li}^{*}$	478	(none)	Novae		
<sup>56</sup> Ni	8.8 d; 111 d	<sup>56</sup> Ni → <sup>56</sup> Co* → <sup>56</sup> Fe*+e <sup>+</sup>	158, 812; 847, 1238	SN2014J; SN1987A, SN1991T(?)	Supernovae		
<sup>57</sup> Ni	390 d	<sup>57</sup> Co→ <sup>57</sup> Fe*	122	SN1987A	Supernovae		
<sup>22</sup> Na	3.8 y	<sup>22</sup> Na → <sup>22</sup> Ne* + e*	1275	(none)	Novae		
<sup>44</sup> Ti	85 y	<sup>44</sup> Ti→ <sup>44</sup> Sc*→ <sup>44</sup> Ca*+e <sup>+</sup>	78, 68; <b>1157</b>	SNR Cas A	Supernovae		
<sup>229/230</sup> Th	~1.0 10⁵ y	<sup>229/230</sup> Th →·····→ <sup>206</sup> Pb	352 6092615	(none)	Neutron Star Mergers, SNe		
<sup>126</sup> Sn	3.3 10 <sup>5</sup> y	<sup>126</sup> Sn → <sup>126</sup> Sb*→ <sup>126</sup> Te	666; 695; 87; 64	(none)	Neutron Star Mergers, SNe		
<sup>26</sup> AI	1.04 10 <sup>6</sup> y	$^{26}\text{AI} \rightarrow ^{26}\text{Mg}^* + e^*$	1809	Massive-Star Groups Cyg, Ori	Stars, Novae Supernovae		
<sup>60</sup> Fe	3.5 10 <sup>6</sup> y	<sup>60</sup> Fe → <sup>60</sup> Co* → <sup>60</sup> Ni*	59, 1173, 1332	Galaxy (?)	Supernovae, Stars		
e*	10 <sup>5</sup> 10 <sup>7</sup> y	$e^++e^- \rightarrow Ps \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	511, <511	Galactic Bulge, Disk	Supernovae, Novae, Pulsars, Microquasars		
Only the most-plausible candidates per source type are listed (abundance; decay time (weeks<τ<10 <sup>8</sup> y) long enough to survive ejection/not too long to be bright) 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10							

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(12C, 16O, ...) (from CRS)

# **Current Nuclear Gamma-Ray Line Telescopes**

#### INTEGRAL

#### 2002-(2023+..2029)

#### ESA

high E resolution Ge detectors

15-8000 keV



#### NuSTAR (only <80 keV!)

2012-(2022+) ... NASA hard X ray imaging <80 keV





Fig. 1. NuSTAR telescopes in deployed configuration

### Imaging principles for a MeV-range y-ray telescope

#### Compton Telescopes and Coded-Mask Telescopes





Achievable Sensitivity: ~10<sup>-5</sup> ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, Angular Resolution  $\geq$  deg GSI Colloquium, 13 Jun 2023

# INTEGRAL Cosmic Photon Measurements: The SPI Ge γ-Spectrometer



Coded-Mask Telescope Energy Range 15-8000 keV Energy Resolution ~2.2 keV @ 662 keV Spatial Precision 2.6° / ~2 arcmin Field-of-View 16x16°









# **INTEGRAL: Dominance of instrumental background**

SPI Ge detector spectra







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#### **Discriminating Background and Sky Signals in SPI Data**

• Tracking the relative count rate ratios among detectors © characteristic signatures from celestial sources withcoded mask, and from background events



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# Gamma ray spectroscopy with SPI



# Lessons from radioactive isotopes



#### ☆Trace the flows of cosmic matter

#### ☆Understand the sources of new nuclei

#### <sup>56</sup>Ni radioactivity $\rightarrow \gamma$ -Rays, e<sup>+</sup> $\rightarrow$ leakage/deposit evolution



### SN2014J light evolution in the 847 keV <sup>56</sup>Co line



#### SN2014J data Jan – Jun 2014: <sup>56</sup>Co lines



- ☆ Split into 4 time bins
- Coarse & fine spectral binning
- → Observe a structured and evolving spectrum
- expected: gradual appearance of broadened <sup>56</sup>Co lines
   <sup>CP</sup> Diehl et al., A&A (2015)
- note: normally, we do not see such fluctuations in 'empty-source' spectra!



# SNIa and SN2014J: Early <sup>56</sup>Ni (τ~8.8d)

Spectra from the SN at ~20 days after explosion

Clear detections of the two strongest lines expected from <sup>56</sup>Ni (should be embedded!)



<sup>56</sup>Ni mass estimate (backscaled to explosion): ~0.06 M<sub>☉</sub> (~10%)

#### i.e.: not the single-degenerate M<sub>chandrasekhar</sub> model, to observer



#### but rather a 'double detonation, i.e.

either 2 WDs (double-degenerate) or a He accretor (He star companion)

#### $\rightarrow$ SN Ia are a variety

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Taubenberger 2017

#### **Gravitational Collapse and SN**



#### **SN1987A**

• Witnessing the final core collapse of a massive star of mass 22  $M_{\odot}$  in Feb 1987



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# "Explodability" of core collapses

- successful explosion (and mass ejection) depends on subtle balances of internal processes and their kinematic implications
  - turbulence from gravitational accretion and neutrino energy deposits enhanced by instabilities in flows (Rayleigh-Taylor etc)



NIC-XVI (21-25 Sept 2021)

Carla Frohlich (NCSU)

#### **Complexities of Gravitational Collapse and SN**



- ☆ Basic processes are more complex than the 'standard model' says:
  - pre-SN structure is complex
  - collapse, ignition, and outflows all occur simultaneously
  - collapse and accretion continue long after ignition of nuclear burning
  - Iate accretion and fallback make explosion fail for more massive stars

#### **UNLEARN THE ONION** Observations tell us that the explosion, and the ejected elements, are asymmetric. Yet we rely on spherically symmetric models to understand supernova nucleosynthesis.

O+Ne+Mg: 38

time: 90

This colors our discussion, for example the notion that the matter created closest to the neutron star is most sensitive to the "mass cut".



Kharoussi+ 2020 54  $v_{e}$  $\bar{v}_{e}$ 52 Log (luminosity [erg s<sup>-1</sup>]) 50 GŴ EM 48 pre-SN  $\bar{v}_{o}$ 46 **SBO** 44 plateau 42 40 progenitor 38 2 9 6 3 0 -2 0 6 8 4 Log (time relative to bounce [s])

Raph Hix 2016

# Nucleosynthesis in cc-SN : **Density/Temperature Regimes**



"For each region only certain reactions affect the yields of <sup>44</sup>Ti" GSI Colloquium, 13 Jun 2023

### <sup>44</sup>Ti from SN1987A



#### <sup>44</sup>Ti radioactivity in Cas A: Locating the inner Ejecta

NuSTAR Imaging in hard X-rays (3-79 keV; <sup>44</sup>Ti lines at 68,78 keV) →

#### first mapping of radioactivity in a SNR

- Both <sup>44</sup>Ti lines detected clearly
- redshift ~0.5 keV
   → 2000 km/s asymmetry
- <sup>44</sup>Ti flux consistent with earlier measurements
- Doppler broadening: (5350  $\pm$  1610) km s<sup>-1</sup>
- Image differs from Fe!!



<sup>C</sup><sup>44</sup>Ti → TRUE locations of ejecta from the inner supernova
<sup>C</sup><sup>2</sup> Fe-line X-rays are biased from ionization of shocked plasma

#### NuSTAR update: 44Ti in Cas A

☆ Imaging resolution allows to spatially resolve Cas A's <sup>44</sup>Ti:

2.4 Msec NuSTAR campaign

Grefenstette et al. 2017



# NuSTAR details c<sup>= 44</sup>Ti in Cas A



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### <sup>44</sup>Ti Cas A: INTEGRAL/SPI confirmations of bulk redshift



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#### <sup>26</sup>Al $\gamma$ -rays from the Galaxy





#### Massive stars and <sup>26</sup>Al radioactivity: co-spatial distribution

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#### Radioactivities from massive stars: <sup>60</sup>Fe, <sup>26</sup>Al

#### → Messengers from Massive-Star Interiors!

... complementing neutrinos and asteroseismology!



Processes:

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

#### The Al Isotope Ratio <sup>26</sup>Al/<sup>27</sup>Al

<sup>27</sup>Al is enriched with Galactic Evolution, i.e. ~time

<sup>26</sup>Al decays, so from current/recent nucleosynthesis only

Early solar system meteorites measure ESS environment 4.6Gy ago ( $\rightarrow$  <sup>26</sup>Al enriched?) Pre-solar grains measure nucleosynthesis in dust-producing sources ( $\rightarrow$  much larger)



#### <sup>26</sup>Al $\gamma$ -rays and the galaxy-wide massive star census



#### **Recently: Improved Sensitivity**

Using also multiple-detector events in SPI

building a model for instrumental background in detail:





#### Diffuse radioactivity throughout the Galaxy



### Diffuse radioactivity throughout the Galaxy



✓ PSYCO modeling: (30000 sample optimisation)
 → best: 4-arm spiral 700 pc, LC06 yields, SN explosions up to 25 M<sub>☉</sub>

- <sup>G</sup> SPI observation: → full sky flux (1.84 ±0.03) 10<sup>-3</sup> ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- <sup>C</sup> flux from model-predicted <sup>26</sup>Al: → (0.5..13) 10<sup>-4</sup> ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> → too low
- Best-fit details (yield, explodability) depend on superbubble modelling (here: sphere only)



#### Massive Star Groups in our Galaxy: <sup>26</sup>Al γ-rays



# How massive-star ejecta are spread out...

200 100 [km s<sup>-1</sup>] 0 01-0 000-200 Superbubbles extended away from massive-star groups -300 40 20 0 -20 -40 Galactic longitude [deg] **OB** association  $\bigcirc$ HI shell Krause & Diehl, ApJ (2014) X-ray bubble Blow-out <sup>26</sup>Al ejecta Galactic Galactic centre centre Observer Plane Galactic Galactic rotation rotation Illustration by M. Pleintinger (2020) Observer

#### **Orion-Eridanus: A superbubble blown by stars & supernovae**

ISM is driven by stars and supernovae  $\rightarrow$  Ejecta commonly in (super-)bubbles







Flux [10<sup>-1</sup>

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62 Krause+ 2013ff

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# Stellar feedback in the nearerst massive-star region (Sco-Cen)

The stellar population covers a wide age range

no clear coeval subgroups, SF ongoing for ~15+ My; distance~140pc)

# The interstellar medium holds a network of cavities

ISM dynamics is not easy to unravel

<sup>26</sup>Al (t~1My) covers a large solid angle; can we measure the flow?

#### $\rightarrow$ "surround & squish"

rather than "triggered" star formation

Krause+2018









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# Diffuse gamma-ray emission from <sup>60</sup>Fe in the Galaxy

<sup>26</sup>Al and <sup>60</sup>Fe analysis with same INTEGRAL dataset (15+ years) and models



# <sup>60</sup>Fe and <sup>244</sup>Pu from nearby nucleosynthesis found on Earth



Knie+ 2004, Fimiani+ 2016, Ludwig+ 2016, Koll+ 2019, ....



+ lunar material probes; + antarctic snow

#### Wallner+ 2015, 2016, 2021 B <sup>244</sup>Pu τ~80 My Pu (at cm<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> 0 ⋝ FeMn Crust-1 <sup>γ</sup> 50 FeMn Crust-2 FeMn Crust-3 at incoporation rates **s** 40 <sup>60</sup>Fe **Ē** 35 sediment deposition 20 10 10 3 τ~3.8 My Crust -eMn ( 9 10 2 3 6 8 time period (Ma) peak of radioactivity influx

≈3 & 6-8 My ago!

#### What are its sources?

How did these traces of nucleosynthesis get here?

### <sup>60</sup>Fe on Earth from recent nearby supernovae?

The Sun is (now) located inside a hot cavity (the "Local Bubble") SN explosions within LB  $\rightarrow$  ejecta flows reach the Solar System



ake Bubble



ISM dynamics and trajectory of the Sun lead to wall encounters

and heliosphere quenching from cloud encounters

→ nucleosynthesis ejecta flows can reach the Solar System

#### Spectral details of positron annihilation line



#### **Galactic Messengers**

- Radioactivity provides a clock
- <sup>26</sup>Al radioactivity gamma rays trace nucleosynthesis ejecta over ~few Myrs
- Radioactive emission is independent of density, ionisation states, ...
- Positron annihilation
   ~traces CR propagation

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#### **Perspectives: New/better observations?**



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# Learning from Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy - Summary

☆ Supernova explosions are not entirely spherically symmetric

- <sup>©</sup><sup>56</sup>Ni and how it reveals its radiation in SN2014J
  - $\rightarrow$  SN Ia diversity; sub-Chandra models?
- <sup>44</sup>Ti image and line redshift in CasA; SN87A
  - $\rightarrow$  ccSupernovae are fundamentally 3D/asymmetric

☆ Cycling of cosmic gas through sources and ISM is a challenge

- <sup>CP 26</sup>Al preferentially appears in superbubbles
  - $\rightarrow$  massive-star ingestions rarely due to single WR stars or SNe
- <sup>CC</sup> the current Galactic SN rate is ~1/70 years

<sup>CF 60</sup>Fe is a SN/wind ejecta diagnostic (SBs older than for <sup>26</sup>Al)

- ☆ Varied messengers complement each other with essential diagnostics
  - Radioactivity provides a unique and different view on cosmic isotopes (via gamma rays, stardust, CRs, sediments)
  - A next gamma-ray telescope (light-weight Compton telescope) in 2040+??; INTEGRAL ends 2029; COSI (2027) is a great first step ...





#### Neutron star collisions: explosive nucleosynthesis



# GW170817 / AT2017gfo

gravitational-wave & γ-ray burst triggered multi-band follow-up of NSM



# γ-ray line diagnostics of characteristic nuclear lines?

#### GW170817 was too distant!

(other NSMs will be even more...)

Hotokezaka+ 2016



Savchenko et al. 2017

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