Future Prospects of MeV Gamma-ray Astronomy _{Yoshiyuki Inoue}

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Particle Acceleration

Viewing down the jet Black Hole cretion Disl Torus of Neutral Gas and Dust Radio J





Relativistic Jets

"Quasar / Seyfert 1" Viewing at an angle to the jet "Radio Galaxy / Seyfert 2 Viewing at 90° from the je

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Why MeV Gamma-ray Astrophysics?

Origin of Matter









Soft X-ray Sky (0.3-2.3 keV)



~10⁶ objects



Hard X-ray Sky (14-195 keV)



Swift/BAT $> 7 \times 10^{-12} \, \text{erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$ ~1600 objects 105-month survey

GeV Gamma-ray Sky (0.1-100 GeV)

Fermi 5-year survey



$> 2 \times 10^{-12} \, \text{erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$





MeV Gamma-ray Sky







32 objects Note: >50 Candidates in GW now

$> 1 \times 10^{-10} \, \text{erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$



MeV Gamma-ray Science

Dark Matter



Starburst Galaxies

NS merger



X-ray/y-ray Binaries

SNRs & PWN

Sun



Novae



Terrestrial Flashes

Gamma-ray bursts



Pulsars & Magnetars



Background









Nuclear processes: Gamma-ray Lines

Transitions between nuclear energy levels

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All-sky image of 1.8 MeV ²⁶Al gamma-ray line Tracing massive young star formation activity

- INTEGRAL confirms COMPTEL
 - confined in the galaxy.
- scale height: ~800 pc
 (Pleintinger+'19; Wang+'20)
 - ~50 pc for young stars
- Foreground local structure? (Fujimoto+'20)





SN 2014J in M 82 Type Ia SN: Thermonuclear explosion ${}^{56}Ni \rightarrow {}^{56}Co \rightarrow {}^{56}Fe$

⁵⁶Co Lines: 50-100 days after the explosion



⁵⁶Ni Lines: ~17.5 days after the explosion



• 847 & 1238 keV lines from 56 CO ($\tau \sim 77$ days)

• ~ $0.6M_{\odot}$ of ⁵⁶Ni





COMPTEL/INTEGRAL observation of Cas A 44Ti line @ 1.16 MeV



• 1.16 MeV ⁴⁴Ti line from Cas A is detected

• Flux should change with time.



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Purcell+'97

- Clear excess toward the dire Galactic Center
- Detailed morphology is still I



Particle physics processes: Gamma-ray Lines

INTEGRAL







High Redshift Probing the distant u





- Swift/BAT & NuSTAR report high redshift blazars, likely peaking at MeV
 - negative k-correction
- MeV gamma-ray can study high redshift universe.



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Evolution of Blazars Inconsistency in X-ray and Gamma-ray?



- <u>Gamma-ray</u> blazars show evolutionary peak at $z \sim 1-2$ (e.g., YI & Totani'09; Ajello, YI+'15)
 - But, it is at z~3-4 for <u>X-ray</u> blazars (Ajello+'09, see also Toda, Fukazawa, YI'20).

 More MeV blazars are needed (e.g., Blom+'96; Sambruna+'06).







Gamma-ray PolzarizationProbing the structure using Compton kinematics



GRB 061122



 Linear polarization measurement of GRB prompt emission in 250-800 keV by INTEGRAL (Götz+'13)
 250-800 keV



 Increase of polarization degree in Crab nebula (PoGo+, Hitomi, AstroSat, INTEGRAL)?





Crude Estimates for MeV Science What kind of sources can we see?



Centaurus A

MeV Background Anisotropy

Type-la SNe

NS merger (3 Mpc!!!)

NS merger (30 Mpc)

Expectation from Swift/E Realistic estimation for MeV Gamma-ra

- Spatially matching Swift/BAT 105month catalog and 4FGL-DR2 (10 year) catalog.
 - 0.05° (5% contamination)
- 135 matched objects
- Dominated by blazars: 89
 - Bimodal distribution in Photon index



Flux

AT

BAT-LAT MeV objects sky distribution Naomi Ts<u>uji et al. in prep.</u>

- Toward the future observation plan.
- Interpolate MeV gamma-ray spectra of the Tsuji catalog



- Number of objects having MeV flux of
 - > 10^{-10} erg/cm²/s : 23 sources
 - > 10^{-11} erg/cm²/s : 67 sources



Summary What's we need to accomplish? A: Operation of MeV balloons/satellites.

- A MeV gamma-ray observatory can bring various discoveries to us
 - nuclear astrophysics, cosmic evolution, high energy phenomena, dark matter particles
- Variety of Compton Cameras are proposed
 - Solid (AMEGO, COSI), Liquid (GRAMS), & Gas (SMILE)
- Latest Swift/BAT & Fermi/LAT catalogs tell us
 - @ > 10^{-10} erg/cm²/s : 23 sources
 - @ > 10^{-11} erg/cm²/s: 67 sources (Mostly blazars)