Broadband Near-infrared Spectroscopy for Core-collapse Supernova Nucleosynthesis

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Triplespec 2007 Jan at Cornell

(The most complete Triplespec photo that I personally own.)



NIRES (= Keck version of Triplespec) in 2017 March. Now at Keck II.

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CHNOPS in...

Homo sapiens' atomic composition





Production rate of P (Phosphorus) has not been measured in supernova explosions.

Triplespec Spectroscopy of Cassiopeia A



P, S, O, He, Fe, H
have transitions in J
band around 1 micron
6 slit positions along
its [Fe II] shell
(≈ 30 minute exposure
time in total)

Cassiopeia A (~330 yrs old, Type IIb core-collapse supernova)

"Detection of Phosphorus"

P (Phosphorus): neutron capture on Si in hydrostatic Ne-burning shells in the pre-SN stage and also in explosive C and Ne burning layers.





(Koo, Lee, Moon et al. 2013, Science)

"Detection of Phosphorus"



Good correlation between high-velocity S and P.



Triplespec Spectrum of Young Core-collapse Supernova Remnant



Triplespec Spectrum of Young Core-collapse Supernova Remnant: Highly Blue-shifted Ejecta of Fe & He

Si burning in explosive supernova nucleosynthesis ²⁸Si + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ³²S + γ ; ³²S + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ³⁶Ar + γ ; ³⁶Ar + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁴⁰Ca + γ ; ⁴⁰Ca + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁴⁴Ti + γ ; ⁴⁴Ti + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁴⁸Cr + γ ; ⁴⁸Cr + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁵²Fe + γ ; ⁵²Fe + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁵⁶Ni + γ ; ⁵⁶Ni + ⁴He \leftrightarrow ⁶⁰Zn + γ Mediated by α particles



" α -rich freezeout": Incomplete Si burning gives "freezeout" leftover α particles.

(Moon et al. 2017)

We need an integral-field near-infrared spectrometer with a large FoV for spectral mapping of extended objects.



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Image slicer: 55"×22" integral field on Bok 2.3-m telescope (or 12"×5" on GTC)





WIFIS at U.Toronto Lab

WIFIS Commissioned (2017 May)

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WIFIS commissioning sample data of a planetary nebula.

WIFIS Near-Infrared Spectral Mapping of the Entire Shell of Cassiopeia A





Completed in 2017 June with 13 WIFIS pointings and data are being analyzed.

Sky-subtracted Sample Raw Data of WIFIS Cassiopeia A Observations



Spatial Direction (18 slices)

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More importantly, it's great to see you all here!