The Big Picture

How the PIXE PAN Experiments relate to JINA Science

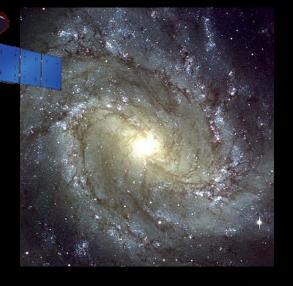




Observing what the eyes cannot see

What makes a supernova explode?

OBSERVATION



Understanding what is observed

THEORY

What are the origins of the elements?

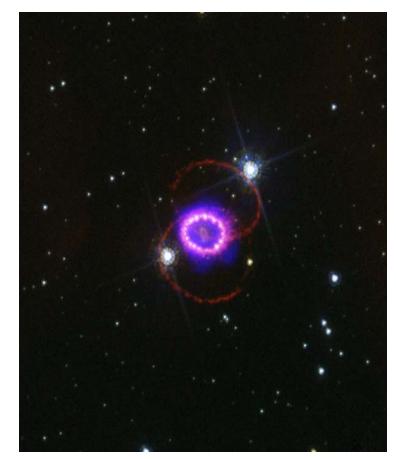
What is the physics of compact stars?

Replicating in the laboratory stellar processes observed and theorized

EXPERIMENT

PIXE and XRF

- Same Technique as used in XRAY Telescopes
- Used in conjunction with optical telescopes to study stellar events like supernova 1987a
- In this picture, pink/white is from Hubble, blue/purple is from Chandra X-Ray
 Observatory



Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/PSU/S.Park & D.Burrows.; Optical: NASA/STScI/CfA/P.Challis

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PIXE and XRF

• Looking at X-Rays can also reveal unseen features like in spiral galaxy NGC 4258.





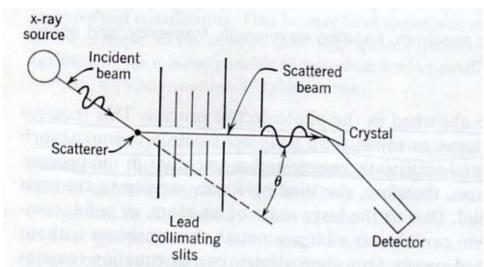
(Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/Univ. of Maryland/A.S. Wilson et al. Optical: Optical: Pal.Obs. DSS; IR: NASA/JPL-Caltech; VLA: NRAO/AUI/NSF)

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Compton Effect

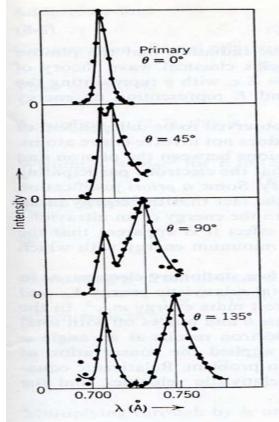
• In 1923 experiments by Compton helped confirm the particle like nature of light winning him the Nobel

Prize in 1927.



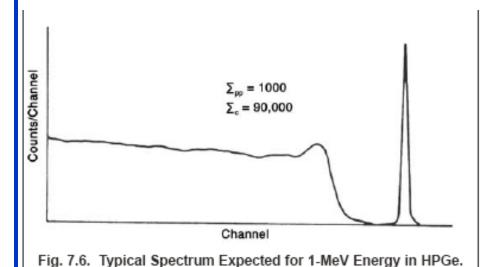


Figures taken from Eisberg and Resnick's, Quantum Physics of Atoms, Molecules, Solids, Nuclei, and Particles, Second Edition, 1985, p.34-35



The Compton effect in Gamma Detection.

•The higher the energy of the incoming photon, the more you see the effects of Compton scattering.



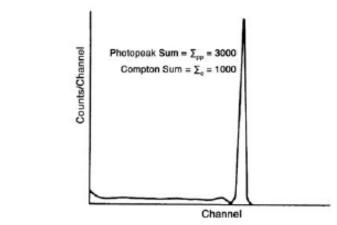


Fig. 7.5. Typical Spectrum Expected for 100-keV Energy in HPGe.



Figures from Ortec Application Note 34, http://www.ortec-online.com/application-notes/application-notes.htm

PIXE, XRF and Compton

• All based on detecting the energy of photons which is one of the primary ways of detecting nuclear reactions in the lab.



e/m Measurement

- Use the same principles used to operate the Accelerators used in the lab.
- Visually verify the impact of magnetic fields on a moving charged particle.



Speed of Light

- Measuring very short times is extremely useful in measuring reactions.
- Same technique is used to help measure very difficult reactions using recoil separators.



Future Project: RMS

