

Titanium-Powered Type Ia Supernovae and  
Remnants: Differentiating Between Type Ia  
Supernovae Progenitors with  $^{44}\text{Ti}$

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# Double-degenerate White Dwarf Mergers

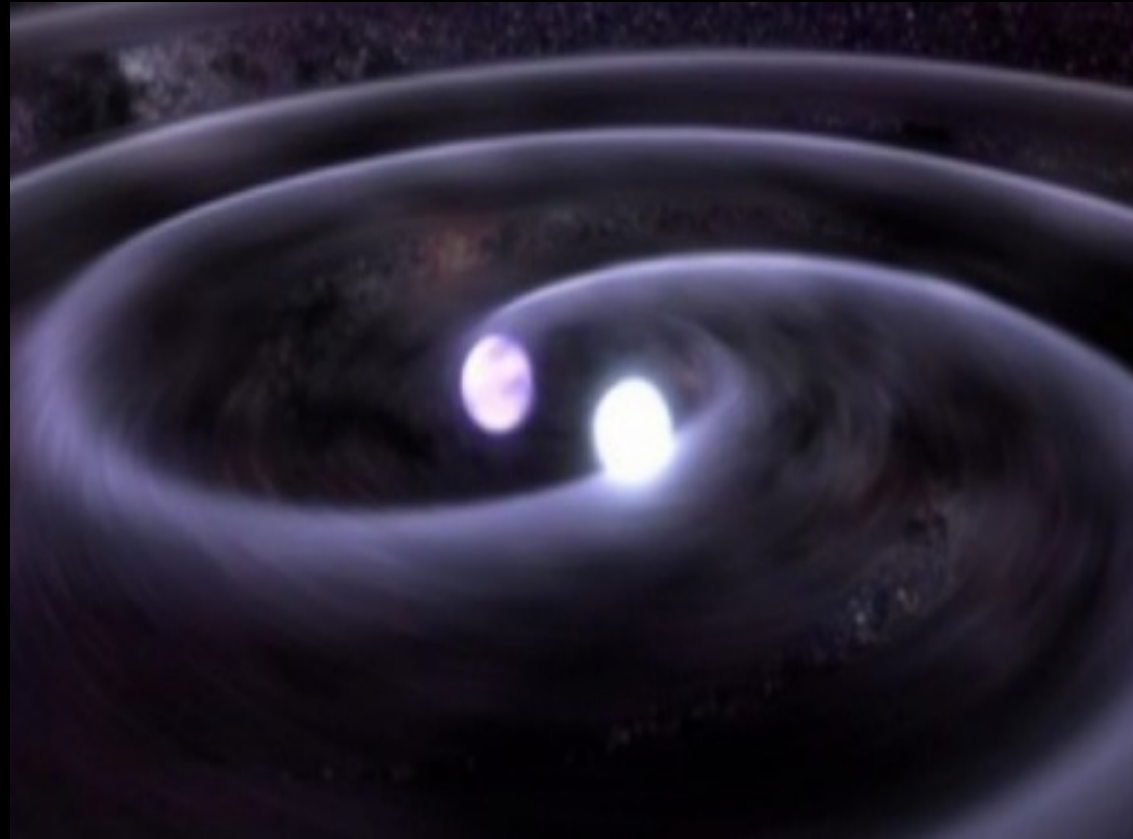


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## Dynamically Driven Double-degenerate Double- detonation (D6)

- Accretion leads to helium detonation on primary
- Convergence of helium detonation front leads to second detonation in core

## Key Questions Concerning D6

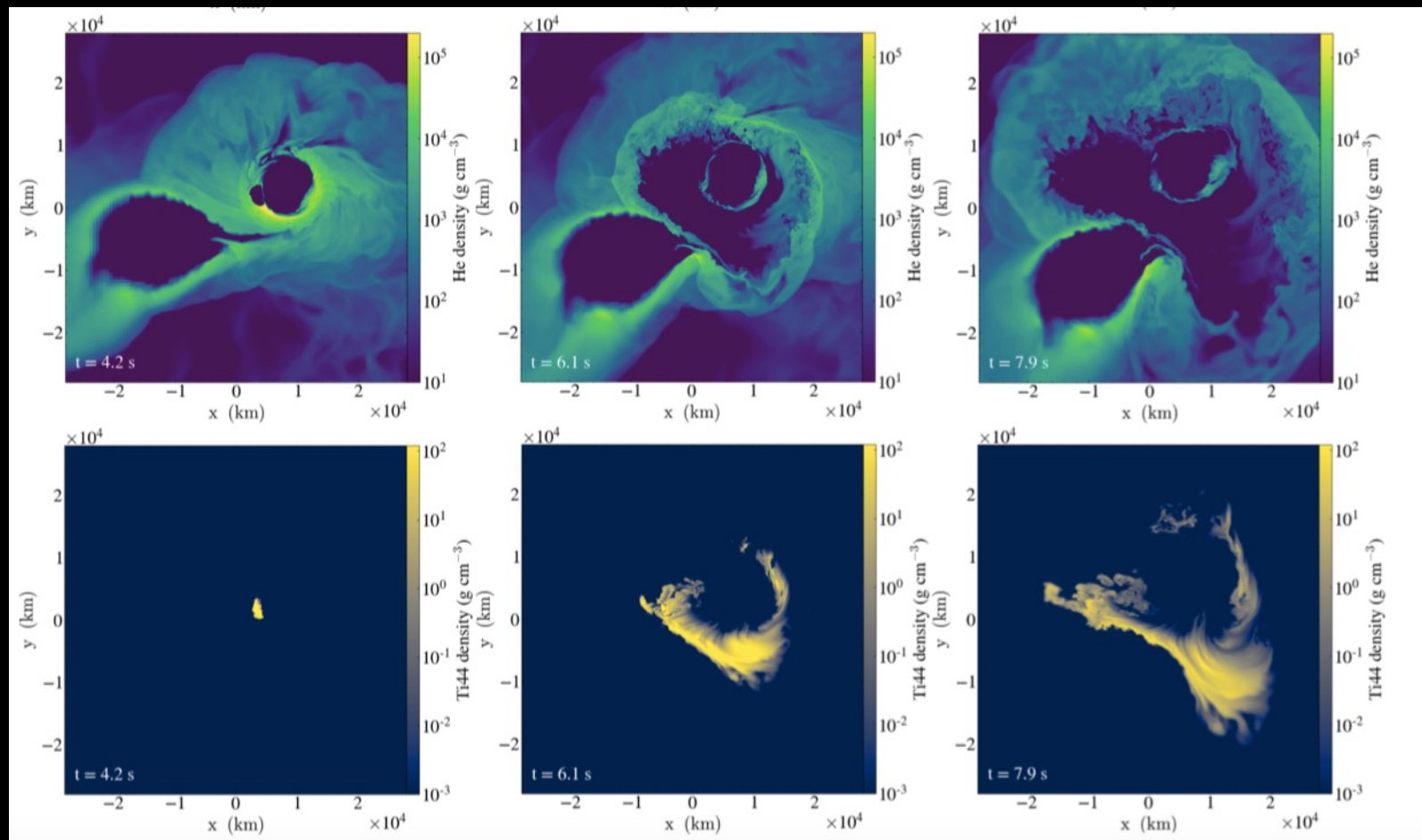
- Under what conditions does the core detonate, leading to a SN Ia?
  - Under what conditions does the core fail to detonate?
  - What are the signatures of surface helium detonation?

# $^{44}\text{Ti}$ in Recent Simulations

$^{44}\text{Ti}$  in successful D6 =  $1.5 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$

(Pakmor R. et al., 2022, MNRAS, doi:10.1093/mnras/stac3107)

Species	Bound Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ )	Unbound Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ )
$^4\text{He}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.68 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{12}\text{C}$	$6.32 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.371 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{16}\text{O}$	$9.41 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.515 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{20}\text{Ne}$	$2.572 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.473 \times 10^{-4}$
$^{24}\text{Mg}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.17 \times 10^{-4}$
$^{28}\text{Si}$	$5.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.693 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{32}\text{S}$	$2.144 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.435 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{36}\text{Ar}$	$2.011 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.988 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{40}\text{Ca}$	$1.574 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.698 \times 10^{-3}$
$^{44}\text{Ti}$	$7.02 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.567 \times 10^{-4}$
$^{48}\text{Cr}$	$5.24 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.262 \times 10^{-6}$
$^{52}\text{Fe}$	$1.553 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.03 \times 10^{-9}$



# Detection of $^{44}\text{Ti}$ from Galactic SNRs in Gamma Rays

- Kepler
- G1.9+0.3
- Tycho

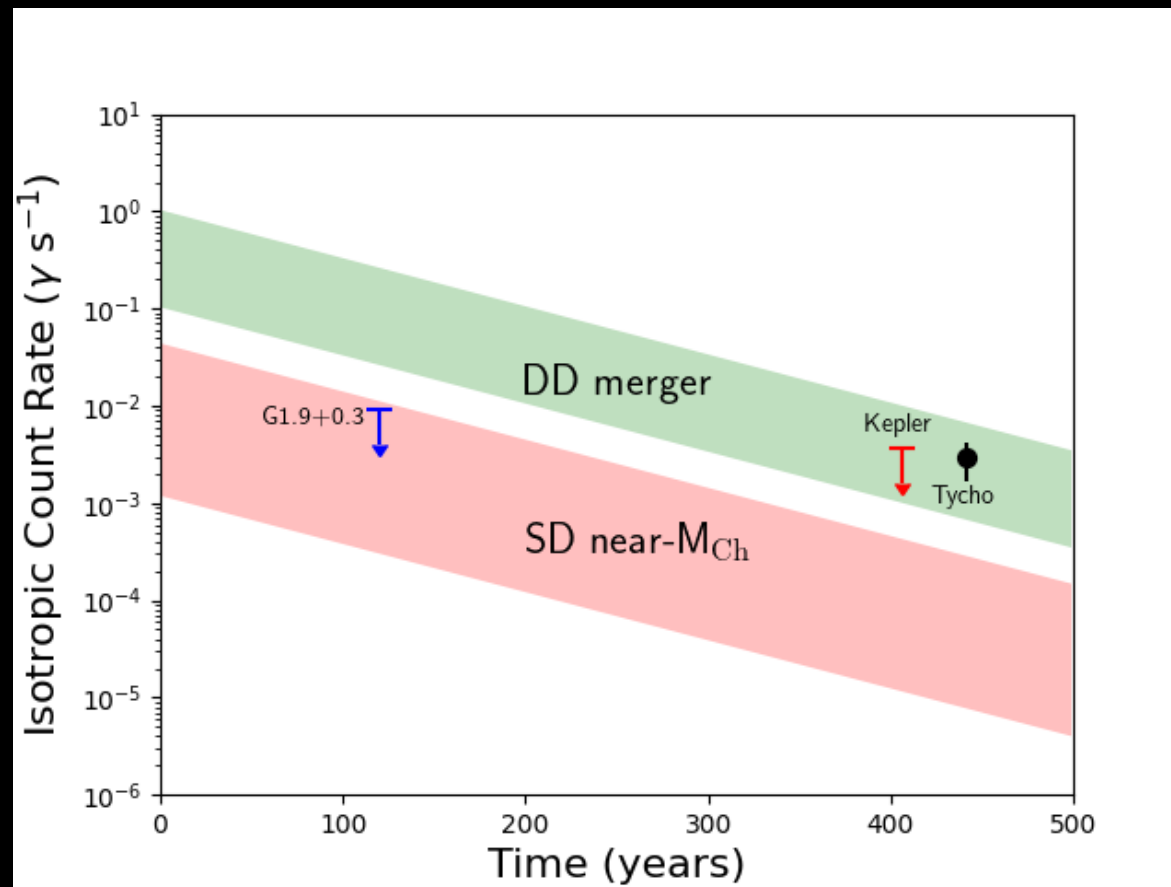
## Gamma Ray Flux

$$F_{\gamma} = \frac{8.21 \times 10^{-3} M_4 \exp\left(\frac{-t}{87.7 \text{ yr}}\right)}{d_{kpc}^2} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**single degenerate (SD) near- $M_{\text{Ch}}$ :**

$$[^{44}\text{Ti}] = 1.15 \times 10^{-6} - 4.25 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot}$$

(Leung S.-C., Nomoto K., 2018b, ApJ, 861, 143)



Inferred isotropic photon count rate ( $4\pi \times F_{\gamma} \times d_{kpc}^2$ )

(Kosakowski et al., 2022, arXiv:2210.10804, submitted to MNRAS)

# Late-time Light Curves

➤ SN2019ehk = Ca-rich transient

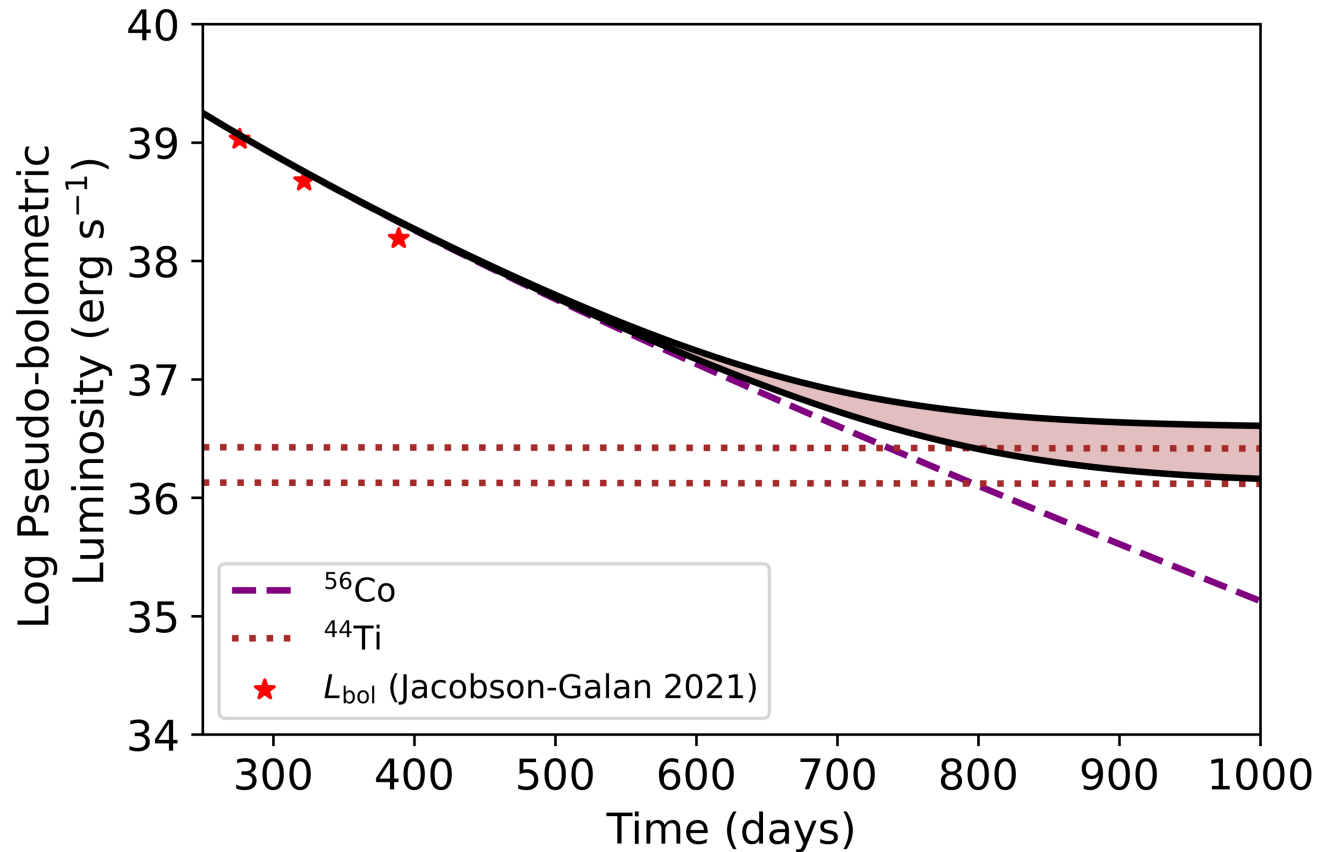
$$L(t) \approx \frac{M(^{56}\text{Co})}{M(^{56}\text{Fe})} \epsilon_{56\text{Co}} e^{-\lambda_{56\text{Co}} t} + \frac{M(^{44}\text{Ti})}{M(^{56}\text{Fe})} \epsilon_{44\text{Ti}} e^{-\lambda_{44\text{Ti}} t}$$

(Cappellaro et al. 1997, A&A, 328, 203;  
Jacobson-Galán W. V., et al., 2021, ApJ, 908, L32)

$^{44}\text{Ti}$  contribution:  $S(t)_A = M(A) \epsilon_A e^{-\lambda_A t}$

$$\frac{M(B)}{M(A)} > \frac{\lambda_A \epsilon_A}{\lambda_B \epsilon_B} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{M(^{44}\text{Ti})}{M(^{57}\text{Co})} > 115 \\ \frac{M(^{44}\text{Ti})}{M(^{55}\text{Fe})} > 8.19 \end{array} \right.$$

# $^{44}\text{Ti}$ Dominated SN2019ehk



➤ Light curve will be powered by  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  decay after 740 – 800 days ( $\sim 2.0 - 2.2$  yrs)

## Yields Used

- $[^{56}\text{Co}] = 2.8 \times 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$   
(Jacobson-Galán W. V., et al., 2021, ApJ, 908, L32)

- $[^{44}\text{Ti}] = 7.34 \times 10^{-3} - 1.46 \times 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$   
(Zenati Y., et al., 2022, arXiv e-prints, p. arXiv:2207.13110)



## SN 2011fe

$$L(t) = S(t)_{56\text{Co}} + S(t)_{44\text{Ti}} + S(t)_{57\text{Co}} + S(t)_{55\text{Fe}}$$

Estimate for when radioactive decay will be dominated by  $^{44}\text{Ti}$

- Double detonations: (11.0 – 26.6) years
- Double-degenerate mergers: (12.3 – 21.9) years
- Single-degenerate Near- $M_{\text{Ch}}$ : (25.5 – 40.5) years

More detailed calculations including recombination effects need to be done!

## Conclusions

- Gamma ray flux: we find the Tycho detection to be consistent with a double-degenerate merger, while the upper bound for G1.9+0.3 is consistent with a single degenerate near- $M_{\text{Ch}}$  event and rules out a double-degenerate merger. Kepler's upper bound is consistent with either of the two channels.
- Predict the light curve of SN 2019ehk will be powered by  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  decay after  $\sim(740 - 800)$  days
- Suggest SN 2011fe might become dominated by  $^{44}\text{Ti}$  decay at different time scales depending on whether it was a a double detonation ((11.0 – 26.6) years), double-degenerate merger ((12.3 – 21.9) years), or a single-degenerate near- $M_{\text{Ch}}$  explosion ((25.5 – 40.5) years)