UBVRI CCD Photometry of The Type Ic Supernova SN 1994I in M51: The First Two Months

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SN 1994I was discovered in nearby spiral galaxy, M51, on April 1, 1994. SN 1994I is located on a spiral arm, 18" southeast of the nucleus of M51. SN 1994I was initially classified as Type II supernova from the spectra obtained on April 3, then as Type Ib supernova from the spectra of April 4, and finally as Type Ic supernova since April 8 (Clocchiatti et al 1994, IAUC 5972). Type Ic supernovae are much rarer than other types of supernovae. There has been no Type Ic supernovae the good light curves of which were available before SN 1994I. Therefore SN 1994I provides an excellent opportunity to investigate the properties of Type Ic supernovae.

We present a study of SN 1994I based on UBVRI CCD photometry. We obtained UBVRI CCD photometry of SN 1994I using the Seoul National University Observatory 60cm telescope from April 4 to June 2. The light and color curves of SN 1994I show several interesting features: (a) The supernova reached the maximum brightness on April 8.2 at B-band (B = 13.68 mag) and on April 9.1 at V-band (V = 12.89 mag). Adopting a distance modulus to M51 of (m - M)₀ = 29.2 mag and a reddening for SN 1994I of E(B - v) = 0.45 mag (Iwamoto et al 1994, preprint), we obtain values for the absolute magnitudes, $M_V = -17.7$ mag and $M_B = -17.4$ mag. This result shows that SN 1994I was ~ 2 mag fainter at the maximum brightness than Type Ia supernovae ($M_V(max) = -19.6$ mag and M (max) = -19.6 mag, Sandage et al (1994, ApJ, 423, L13)); (b) The light curve around the maximum is much narrower than that of other types of supernovae; (c) The light curve after the maximum declines more steeply than that of other supernova; (d) The color gets redder from (B - V) ≈ 0.6 mag on April 4 to (B - V) ≈ 1.3 mag on April 17, and gets bluer afterward. The color at the maximum brightness is (B - V) ≈ 0.9 mag, which is ~ 1.0 mag redder than the mean color of Type Ia supernovae.

A narrow peak and fast decline after the maximum in the light curve of SN 1994I indicate that the progenitor of SN 1994I might be a lower mass star compared with the progenitors of other supernovae (see Iwamoto et al 1994, Nomoto et al 1994, preprint).

SPH Simulations of Close Encounters Between a Neutron Star and a Main Sequence Star

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In dense stellar systems such as the core of globular clusters, rather frequent encounters between a neutron star and a main-sequence star are expected. Depending on the pericentral distances of the encounters, tidal capture or stellar disruption is possible. In order to determine the consequences of close encounters between a neutron star and a main-sequence star, we made a number of numerical experiments using SPH technique.

We find that some fraction of material, which is a function of pericentral distance and mass of the encounter, is bound to the neutron star during first pericentral passage. The bound material is expected to accrete to the neutron star, resulting acceleration of rotation. Thus isolated millisecond pulsars can form as a result of close encounters. We make estimates of the expected numbers of millisecond pulsars in globular clusters. This mechanism may be able to explain the relative abundance of isolated millisecond pulsars in globular clusters over the disk population.

젊은 산개성단의 UBV CCD측광 I: IC 1805

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서울대학교 24인치 반사망원경을 사용하여 Cas OB6 성협의 핵심성단인 IC 1805 (Mel 15)의 중심부 20′X 20′에 대한 UBV CCD 측광을 수행하였다. 색-동급도와 색-색도에서 얻은 이 성단의 성간소광 E(B-V)는 0.86 ± 0.12 로 비교적 큰 차등효과를 보이며, 거리지수 V_0 ~ M_V 는 $11.^m$ 9 (d=2.4 kpc)을 얻었다. 성간소광이 보정된 색지수와 기존의 분광분류를 이용하여 얻은 HR도에 Schaller et al. (1992) 의 항성진화 모델을 적용했을 때, 이 성단에서는 85 M_0 를 갖는 별이 존재하며, 나이는 250만 년 이하 질량이 큰 별들의 초기질량함수 기울기 Γ (\equiv d log ξ /d log m)는 -1 ± 0.1 로 다소 편편한 형태를 보였다.

VLA Ammonia Line Observations of the Protostellar Object IRAS 19950+3248

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We have carried out the VLA NH₃ (J,K) = (1,1) and (2,2) line observations of the protostellar object IRAS 19950+3248. NH₃ (1,1) line maps show two dense molecular clumps: one associated with the IR source and the other located at $\sim 10''$ northeast from the IR source. The clump with the IR source is somewhat elongated (9" \times 6") along the east-west direction, which is roughly perpendicular to the CO bipolar outflow axis.

The velocity structure along the east-west direction suggests that the clump is a ring-like structure expanding at $\sim 2~\rm Km~s^{-1}$. The dynamical time scale of the expanding motion is $\sim 4 \times 10^4~\rm yrs$, which is comparable to that of the associated CO bipolar outflow. The mass of the clump is $\geq 0.7~\rm Mo.~NH_3$ (2,2) line has been detected only at the center of clump with the IR source, and yields a rotational temperature of $\sim 15~\rm K$. The clump without the IR source is filamentary ($\sim 25'' \times 10''$) and is composed of several NH₃ cores connected by diffuse emission. The line widths ($\leq 1~\rm km~s^{-1}$) of these cores are narrower than that of the IR source-associated core. The mass of the clump is $\geq 0.9~\rm Mo$ and the rotational temperature is $\leq 12~\rm K$.