GRB 020813 with Chandra: Evidence for a Recent Supernova



Summary of X-ray Lines in GRB Afterglows

Iron Lines

GRB 970508 (Beppo-Sax) GRB 000214 (Beppo-Sax) GRB 970828 (ASCA) GRB 991216 (Chandra)

Light Metal Lines (e.g. Mg,Si,S,Ar,Ca)

GRB 011211 (XMM) GRB 001025A (XMM) GRB 020813 (Chandra)

GRB 011211, *Reeves et al.* 2002



A Long-Duration GRB Discovered by HETE

Optical Counterpart Detected Rapidly (t_{GRB}+2hrs).

Host galaxy is 8.6 billion ly away.

Chandra Observation begins early (~ $t_{_{GRB}}$ + 1 day) and lasts ~1 day.



Spectrum contains: $9 \times$ more counts than GRB 991216 5 \times more counts than GRB 011211

+ high resolution \rightarrow best line detection to date!

Two Strong Spectral Lines

Light metals like silicon (Si) and sulfur (S) are characteristically produced during pre-supernova (SN) nucleosynthesis in massive (typically ≥10 M_) stars.



The lines we measure are blue-shifted by 0.1c, indicating that they arise from material which is rapidly approaching us. → SN shell!

The lines are narrow and long-lived, indicating that the GRB was beamed into a narrow cone and that the GRB likely occurred ~ 2 months after the SN.

The GRB Lights-Up a SN Shell

