

Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Modern Astrophysics

Module No.: astro850

Course: Physics of Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursts

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Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	WT

Requirements for Participation:

Preparation:

Introductory astronomy and cosmology lectures

Form of Testing and Examination:

Written or oral examination, successful exercise work

Length of Course:

1 semester

Aims of the Course:

The student will learn basic physics on supernova and gamma-ray burst, and will have an overview on their applications to various fields of astrophysics.

Contents of the Course:

Basic physics on stellar hydrodynamics, radiation processes, and stellar death.

Type Ia supernova: observations and theory. Application to cosmology

Core collapse supernova: observations and theory

Gamma-ray bursts: observations and theory.

Implications for massive star population and star-formation history

Supernova nucleosynthesis and chemical evolution of galaxies

Explosions of the first generations of stars

Some related issues: supernova remnants, neutrinos, shock break-out, etc.

Recommended Literature:

Lecture notes with key references for each topic will be provided.