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**On the Past, Present, & Future of  $^{60}\text{Fe}$  (and  $^{26}\text{Al}$ )**

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The radioactive isotopes  $^{60}\text{Fe}$  and  $^{26}\text{Al}$  have been detected in the galactic plane of the Milky Way through their diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray emission, on the Earth in deep sea manganese crusts, on the Moon in returned lunar samples, and in meteoritic inclusions. I will discuss the colorful history, exciting present, and future of our attempts to calibrate the nuclear astrophysics of these two radionuclides.