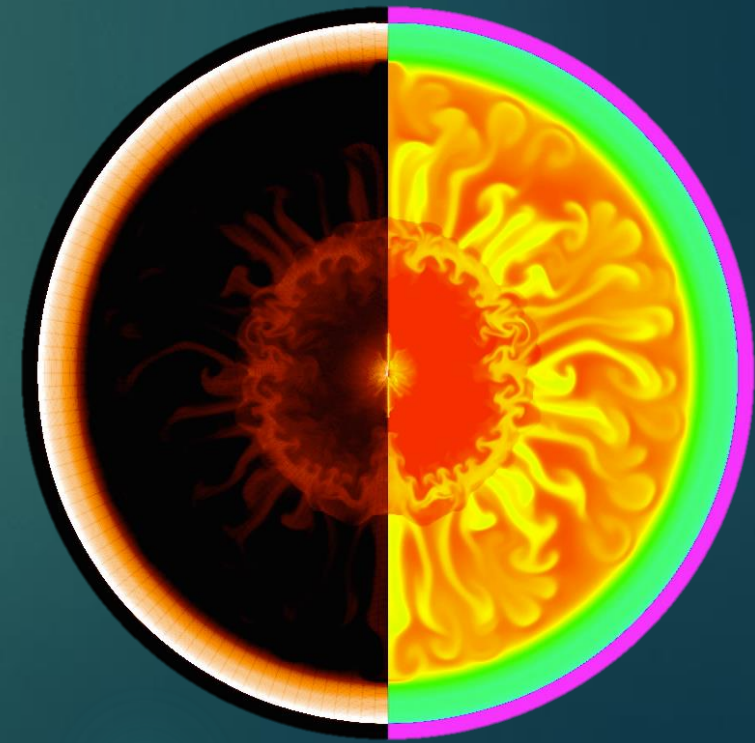


On the interaction of supernova remnants with their circumstellar medium

review talk

Alexandros Chiotellis



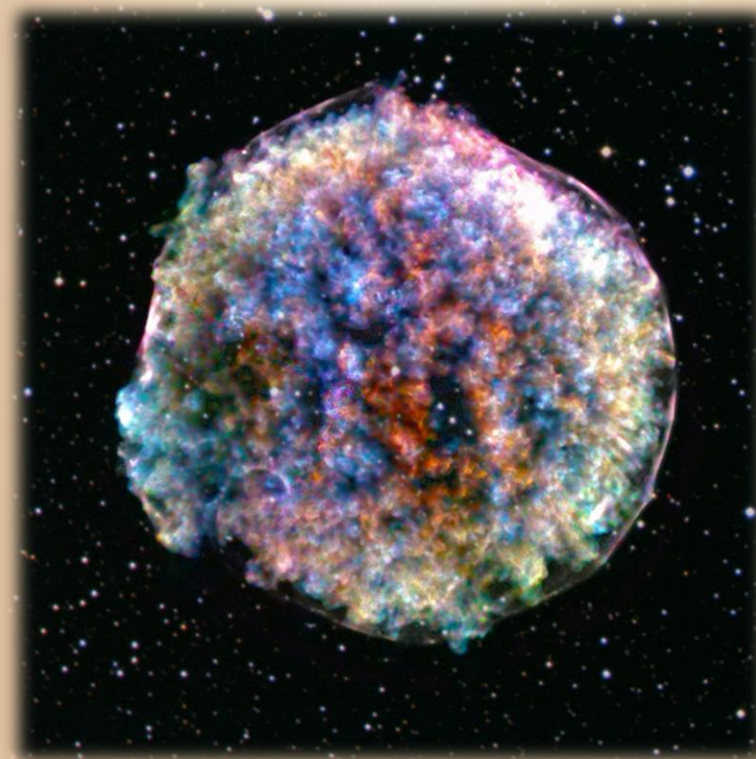
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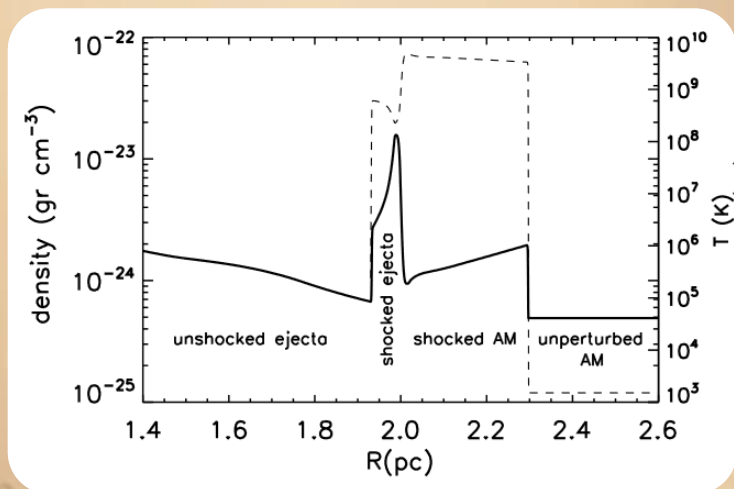
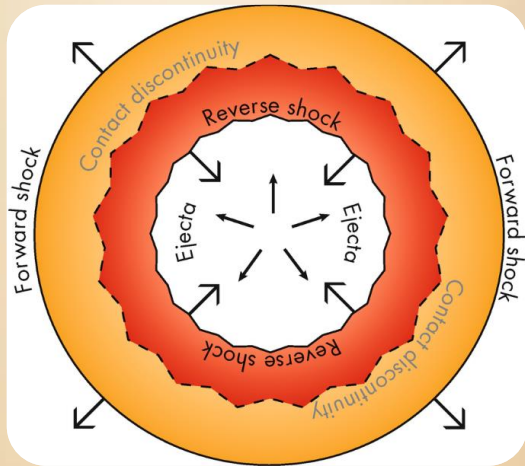
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SNRs result by the interaction of the supersonically moving ejecta with their ambient medium



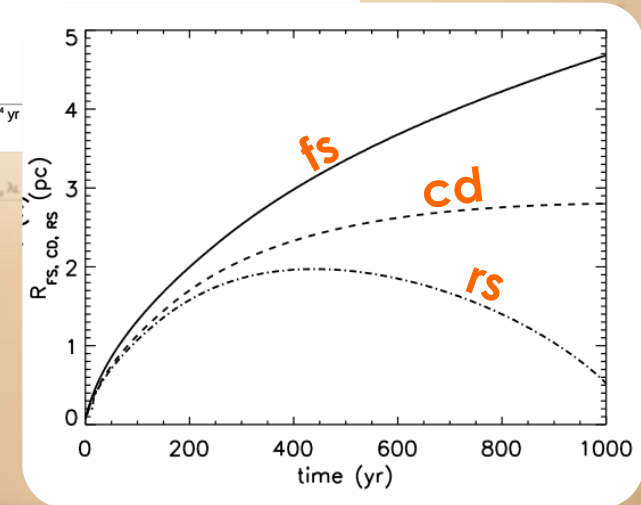
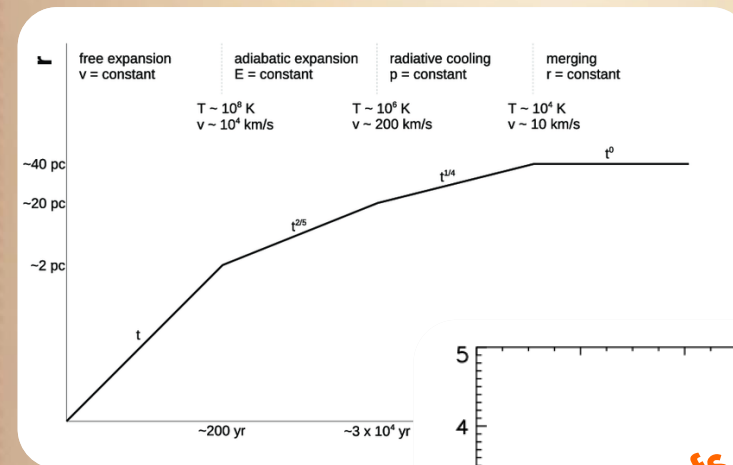
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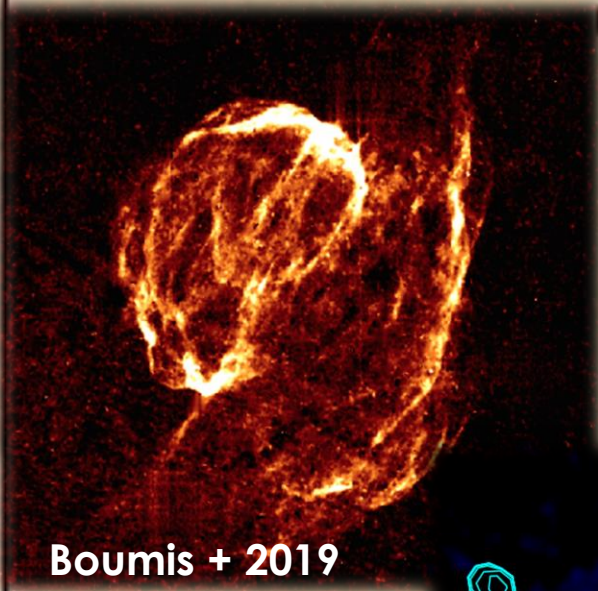
- Forward shock (or blast wave)
- Reverse shock
- Contact discontinuity



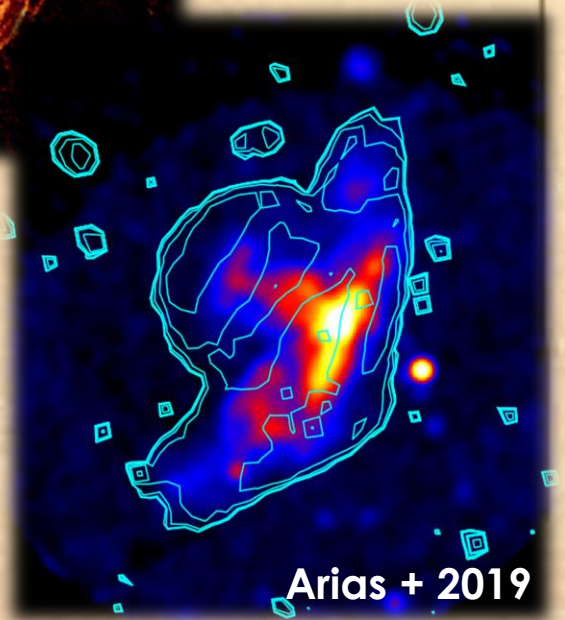
Evolution:

- Free expansion phase ($m = 1$)
- Sedov-Taylor phase ($m = 0.4$)
- Snowplow-phase ($m = 0.3$)
- Momentum driven phase ($m = 0.25$)
- Merge with the ambient medium





Boumis + 2019



Arias + 2019

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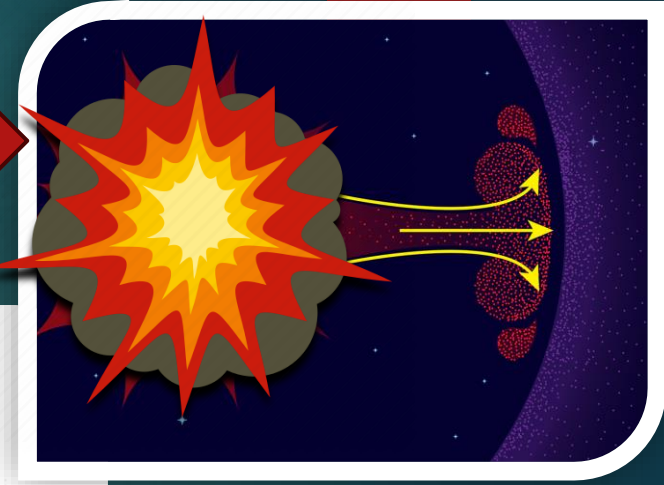
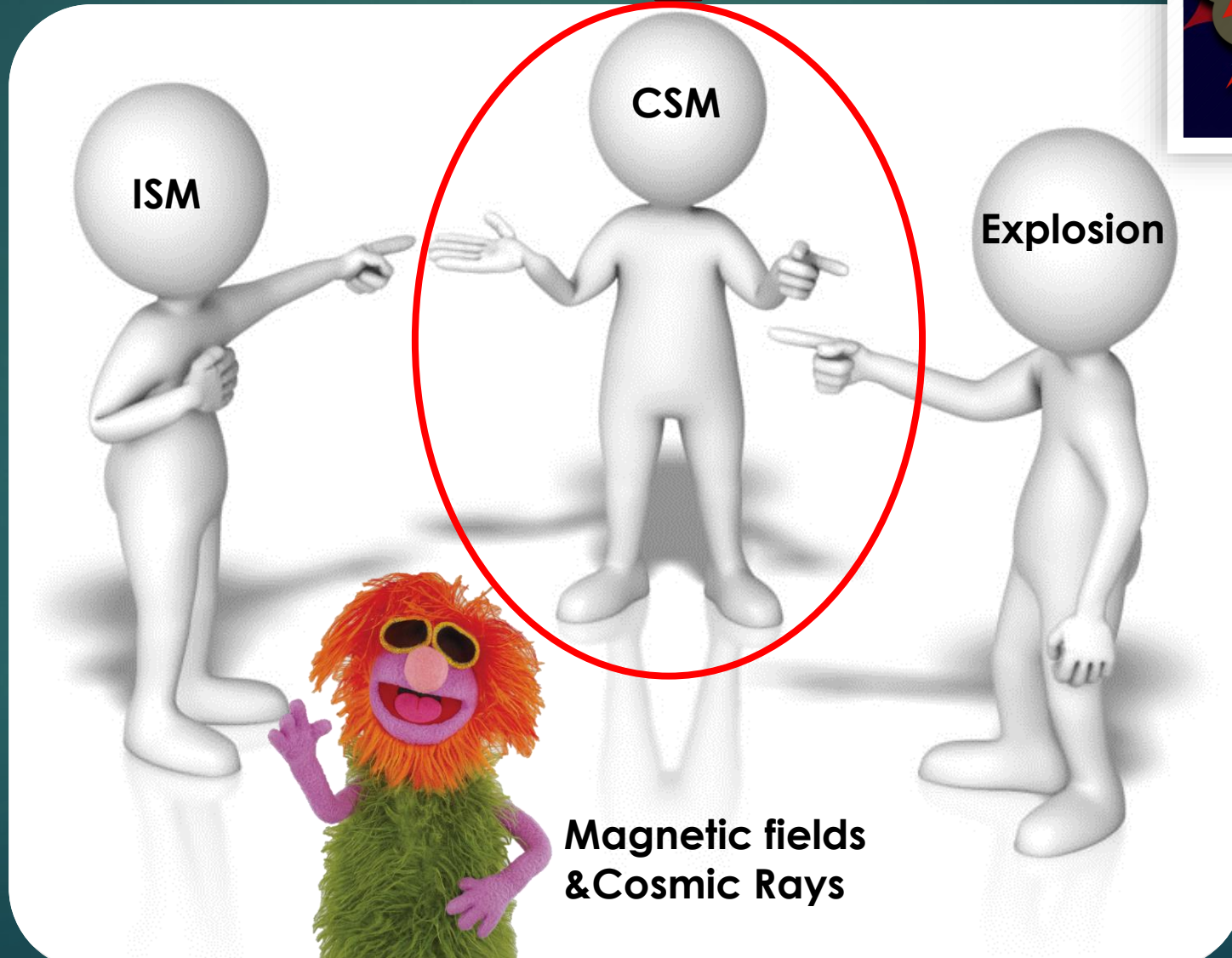
From nature

to humanity

with love...

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The Usual Suspects...



Circumstellar structures



Mass loss is a key phenomenon of SN progenitor stars



Wolf-Rayet 124

Progenitors:

SN Type:

Core Collapse Supernovae

- RSGs/YSGs → II P&L / IIb
- BSGs → II-pec
- He stars → Ib
- WR Stars → Ic
- LBVs → IIn / Ibn

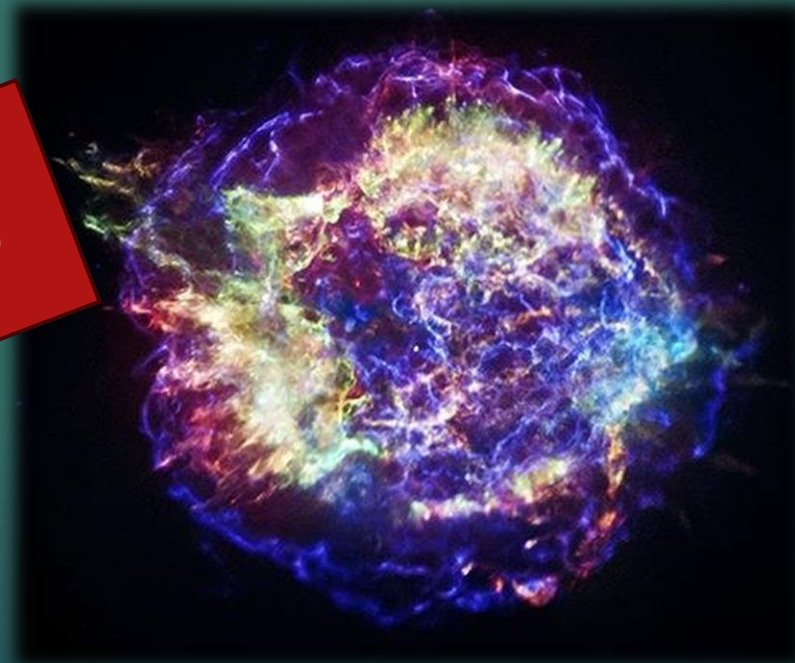
(Smith 2014)

All of these progenitors are characterized by substantial mass outflows



For CC SNRs: SN + CSM interaction is inevitable

SNe: observational evidence
(flash ionization, Xrays, Radio)
P. Chandra Talk



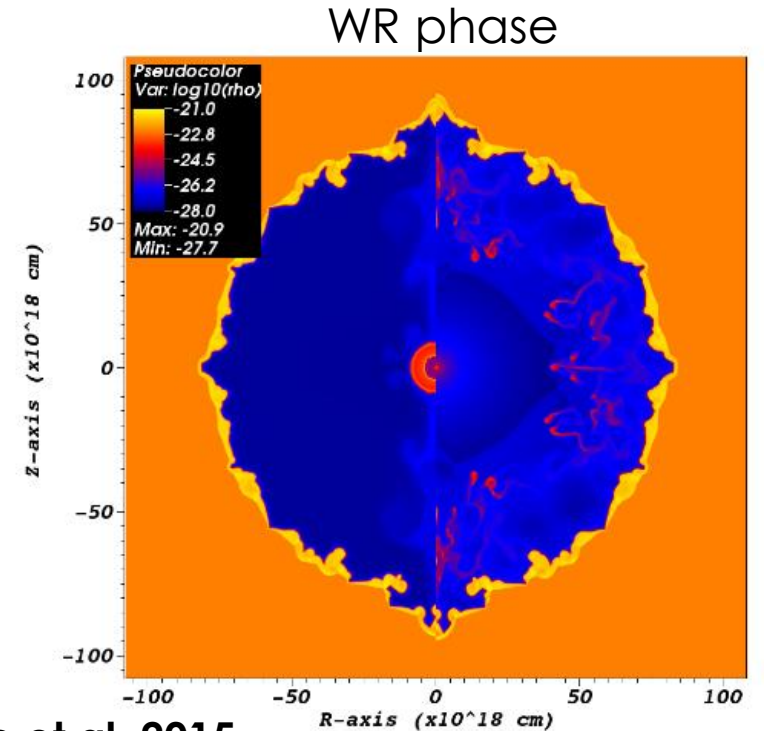
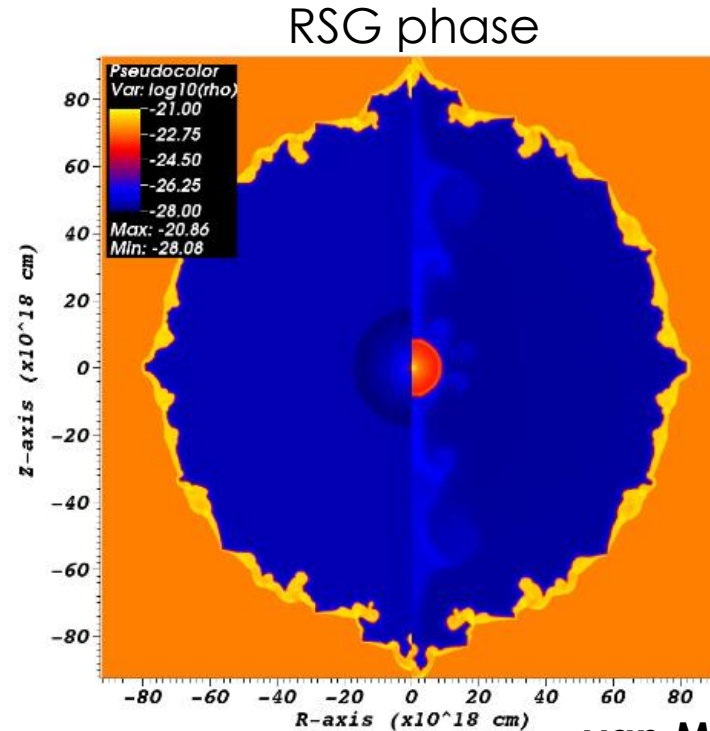
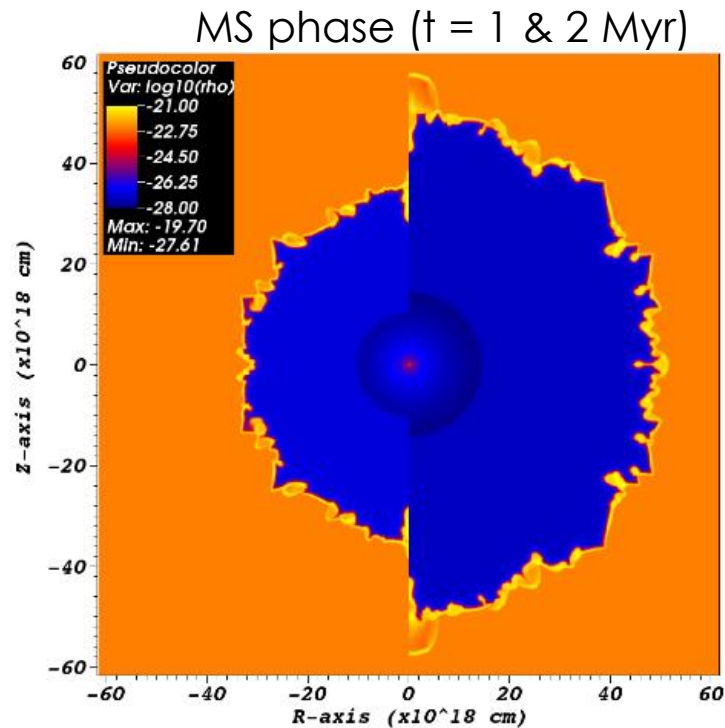
Cas A: Type IIb → Evolution within the wind bubble



SN 1987A: Type II-pec (BSG) → collision with a CSM shell

Core Collapse Supernovae

- Multiple phases of mass loss → Complex CSM



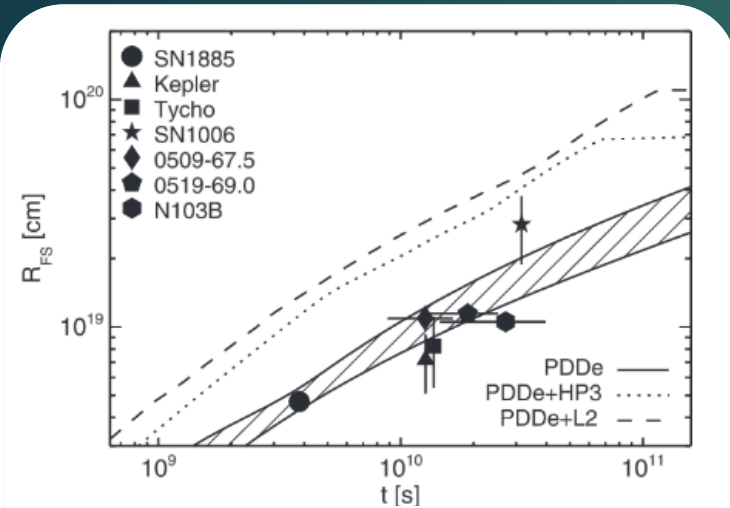
van Marle et al. 2015

See also: Garcia-Segura et al. (1996a), Freyer et al. (2006), Dwarkadas (2005), Toalá & Arthur (2011)

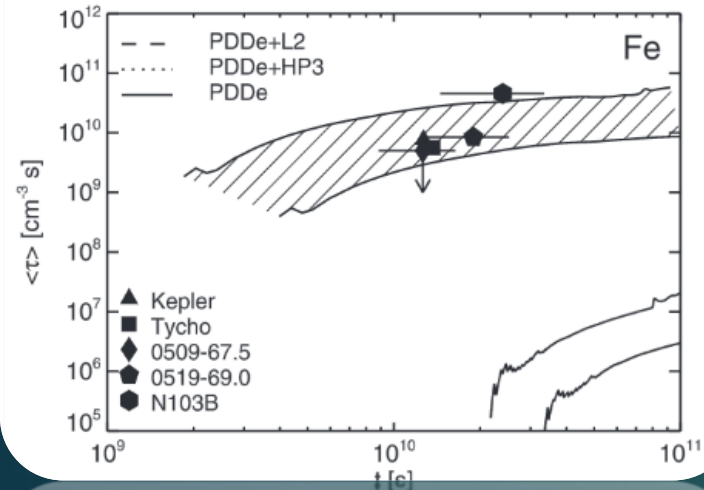
Type Ia Supernovae

All evidence indicate...

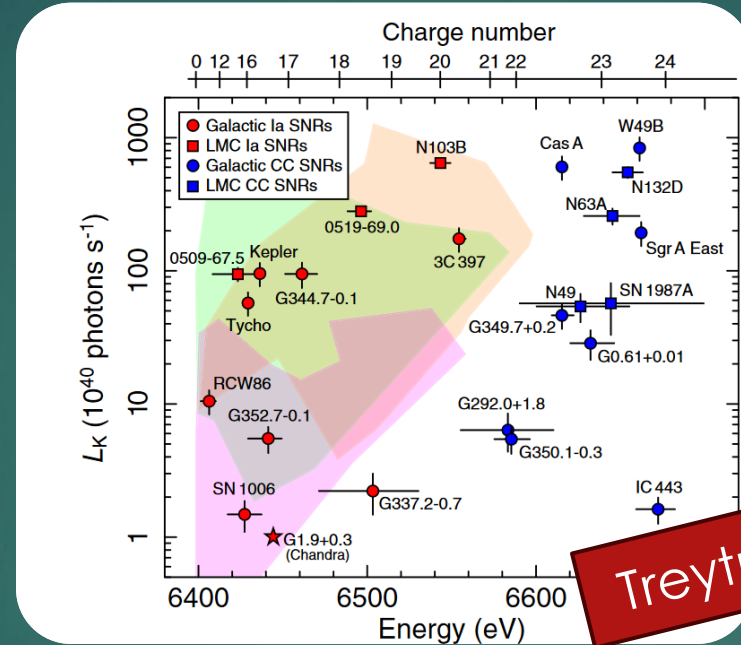
Dynamics/ X-ray spectra:



Badenes et al. 2007

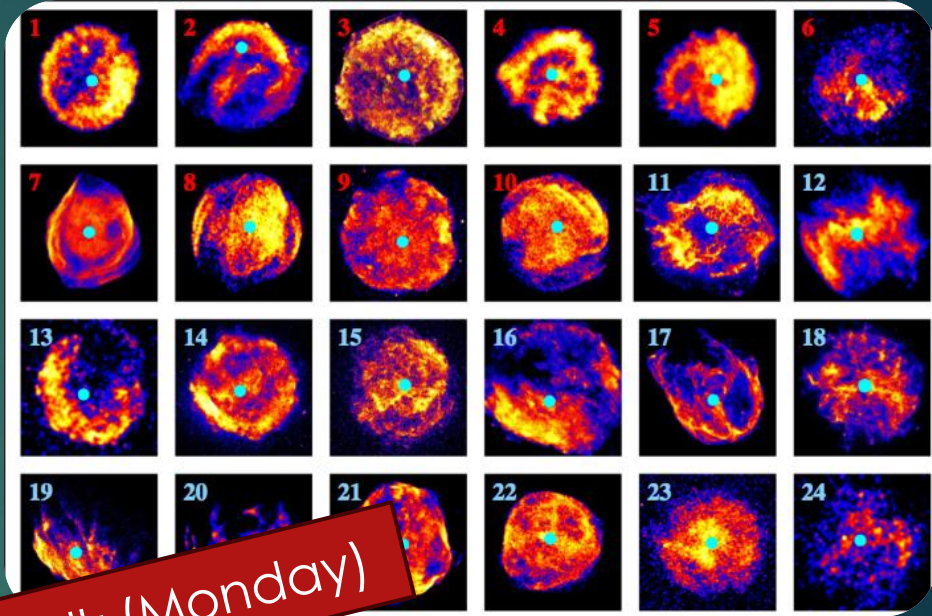


Fe K luminosity:



Yamaguchi + 2014

Morphology:



Lopez + 2009

... evolution to a rather homogeneous ambient medium

Makes sense...

➤ Low mass progenitor stars ($M < 8 M_{\text{sun}}$)

➔ No essential mass outflows are expected

However...

Type Ia Supernovae

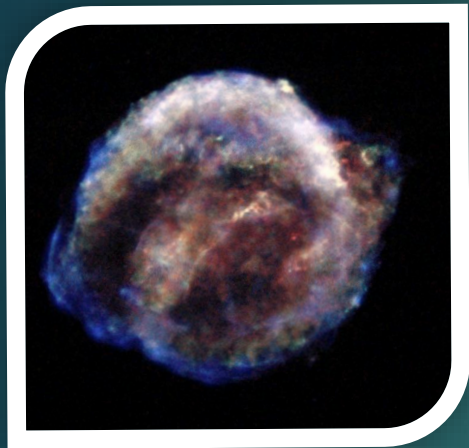
“ A peculiar SNR is a well-observed SNR ”

P. Podsiadlowsky



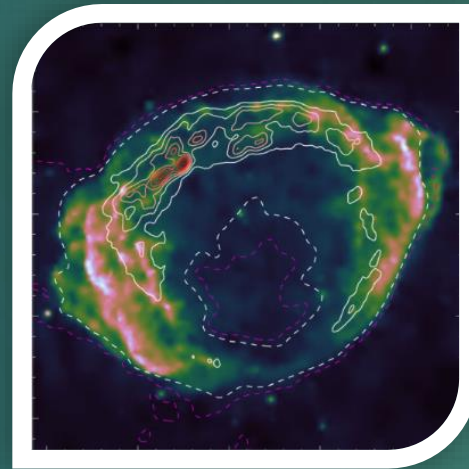
➤ **Almost none of well observed SNRs Ia can be explained by considering a SNR + homogeneous ambient medium scenario**

Characteristic examples:



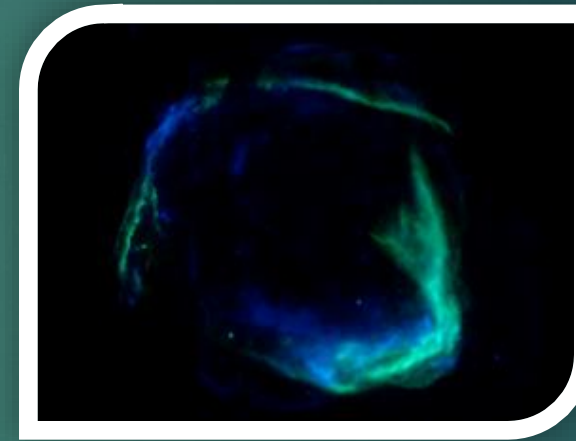
Kepler's SNR
interaction with a
dense CSM

(e.g. Chiotellis + 2012,
Patnaude + 2012,
Kasuga + 2021)



G1.9 + 0.3
interaction with a dense
circumstellar shell

(e.g. Borkowski et al. 2014,
2017; Villagran 2024)



RCW 86
Evolution in a low density
cavity excavated by the
progenitor

(e.g. Vink + 1997; Williams +2011;
Broersen + 2014)

And... many others:

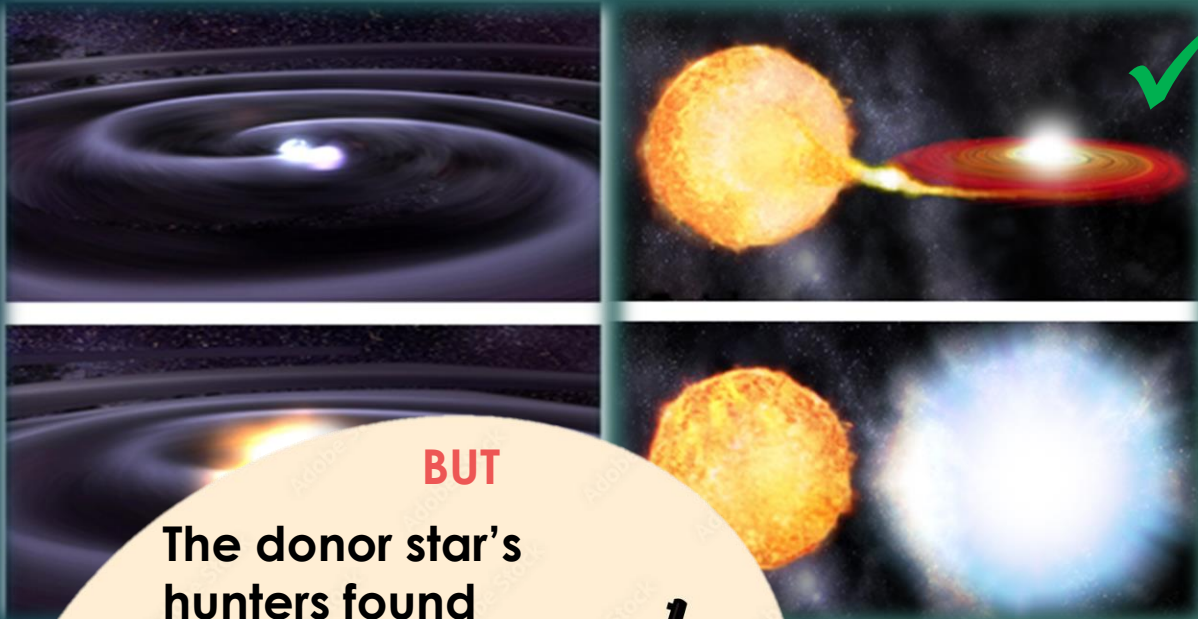
- ✓ Tycho
- ✓ DEM L 71
- ✓ N103B
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Y.H. Chu talk

Type Ia Supernovae

➤ The existence of CSM favors for the single degenerate scenario

“Alternative” Scenario: interaction of SNR Ia with PNe

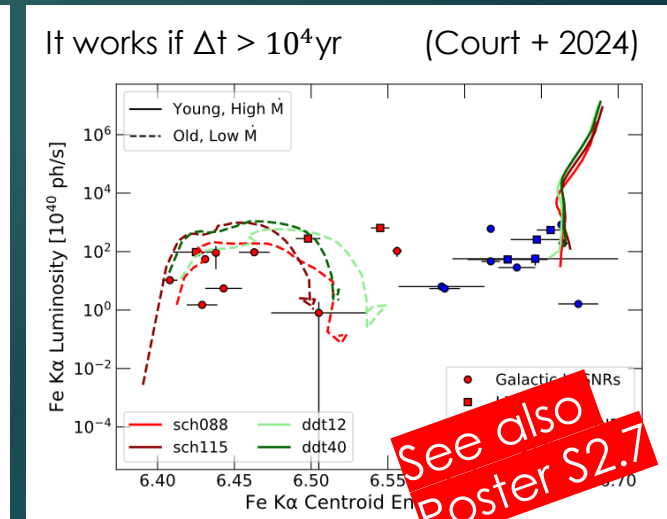
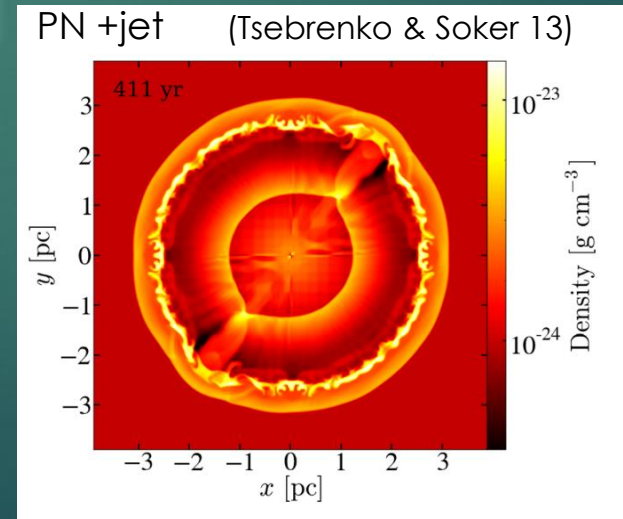
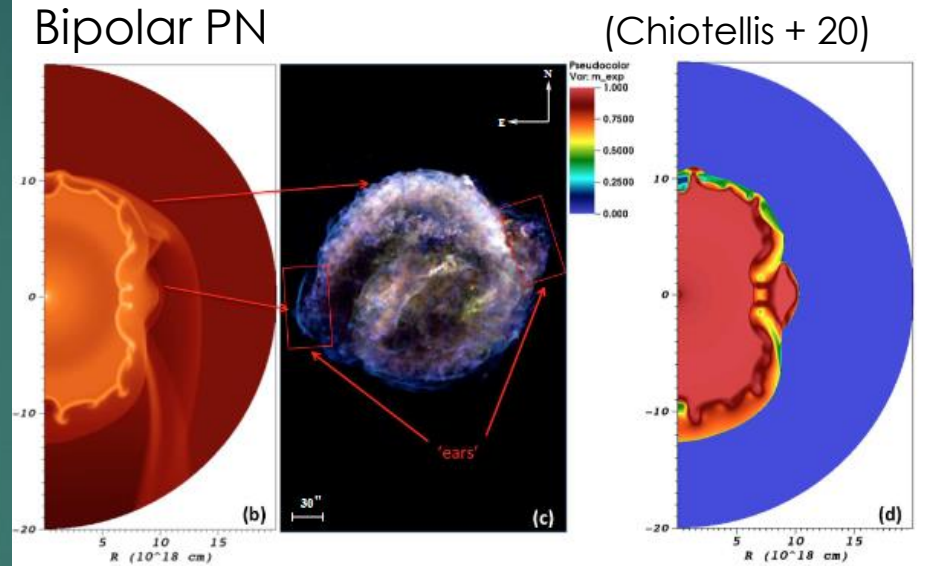


BUT

The donor star's hunters found nothing

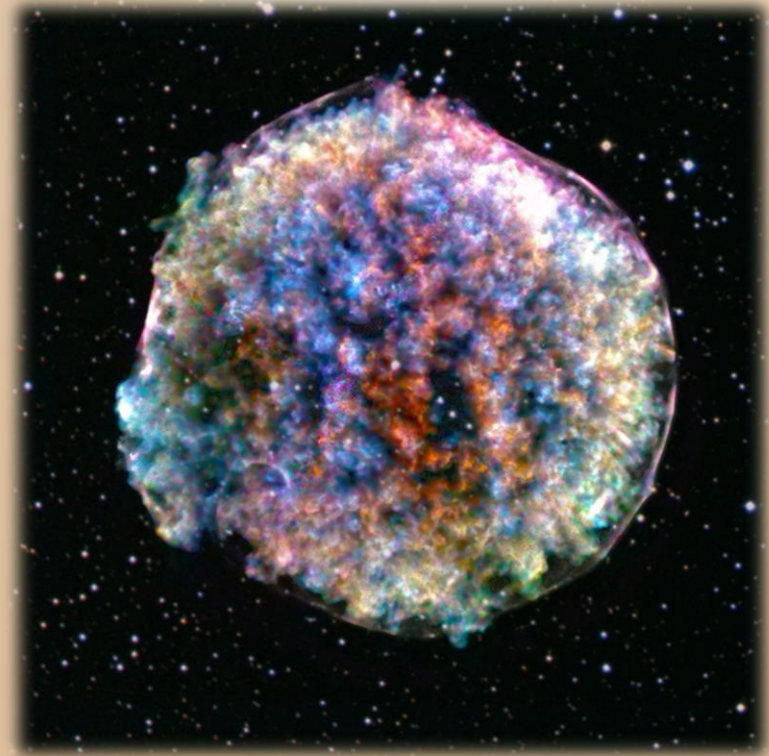


e.g. Kerzendorf +2014
Ruiz-Lapuente + 2017

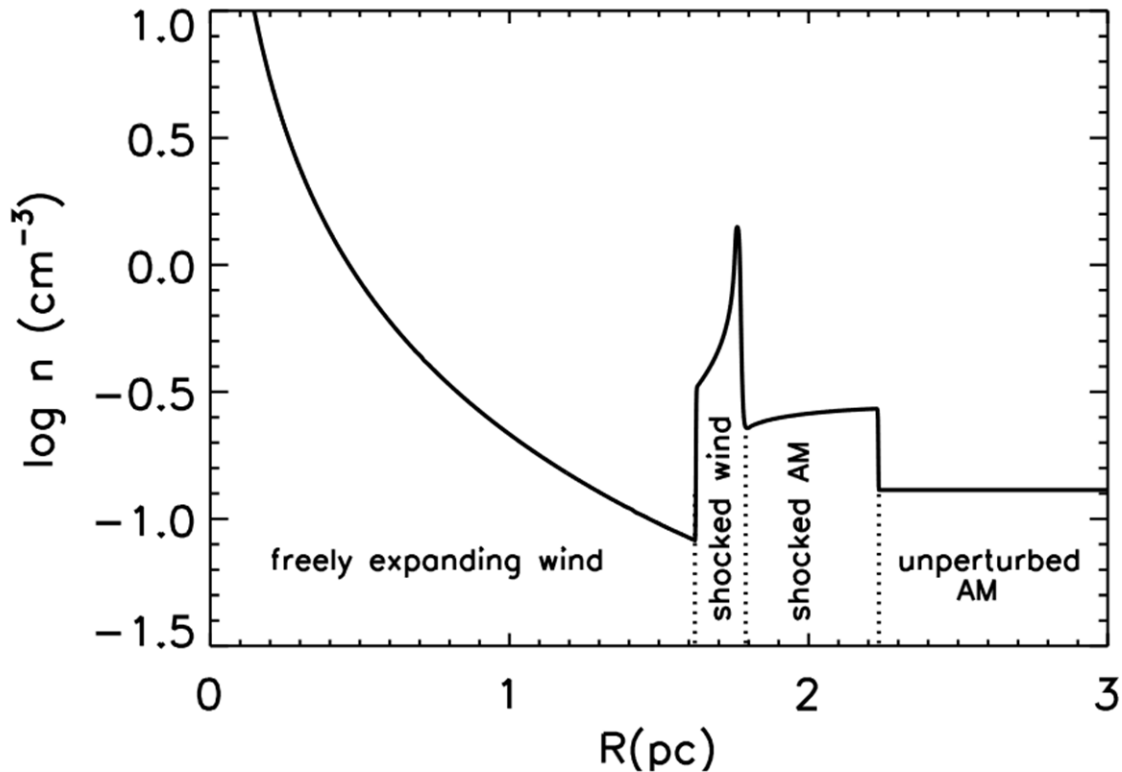


Chapter II

*The effects of
stellar winds on
Supernova Remnants*



Stellar winds → Mass losses in the form a continuum outflow



Density profile (mass conservation law):

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\dot{M}}{4\pi r^2 u_w}$$

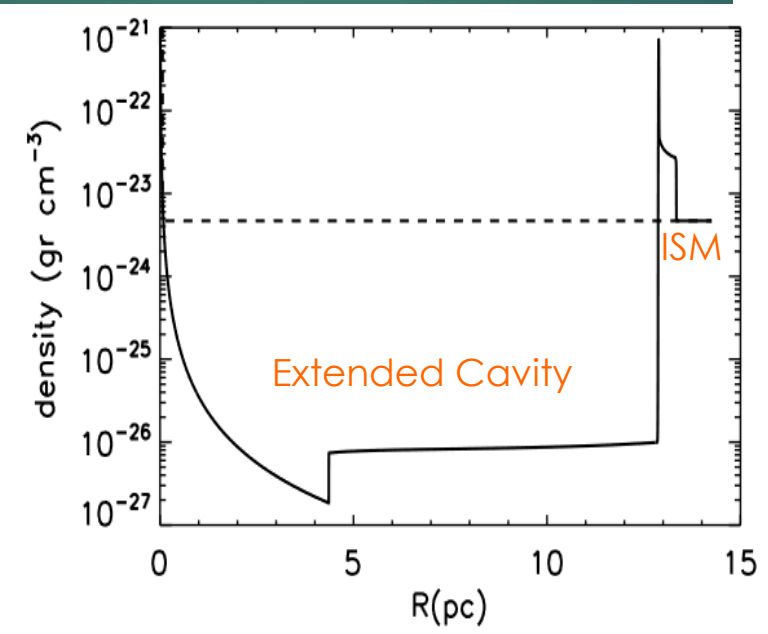
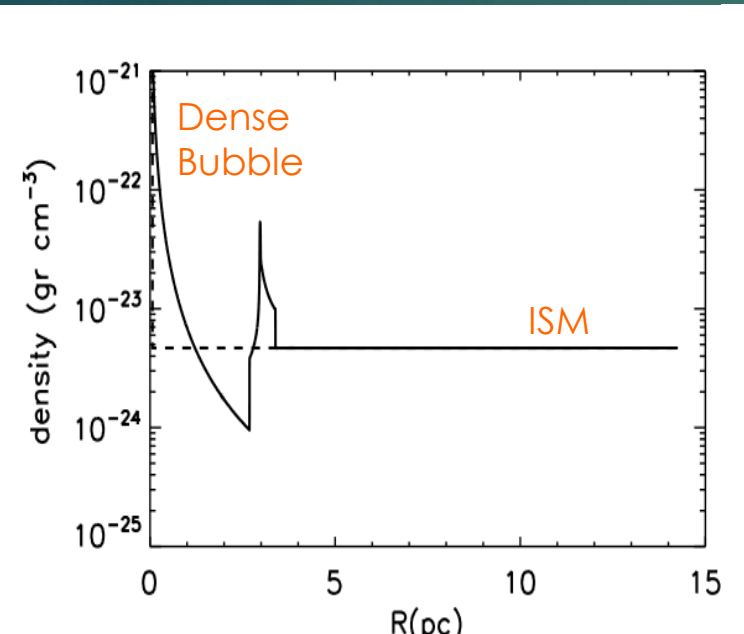
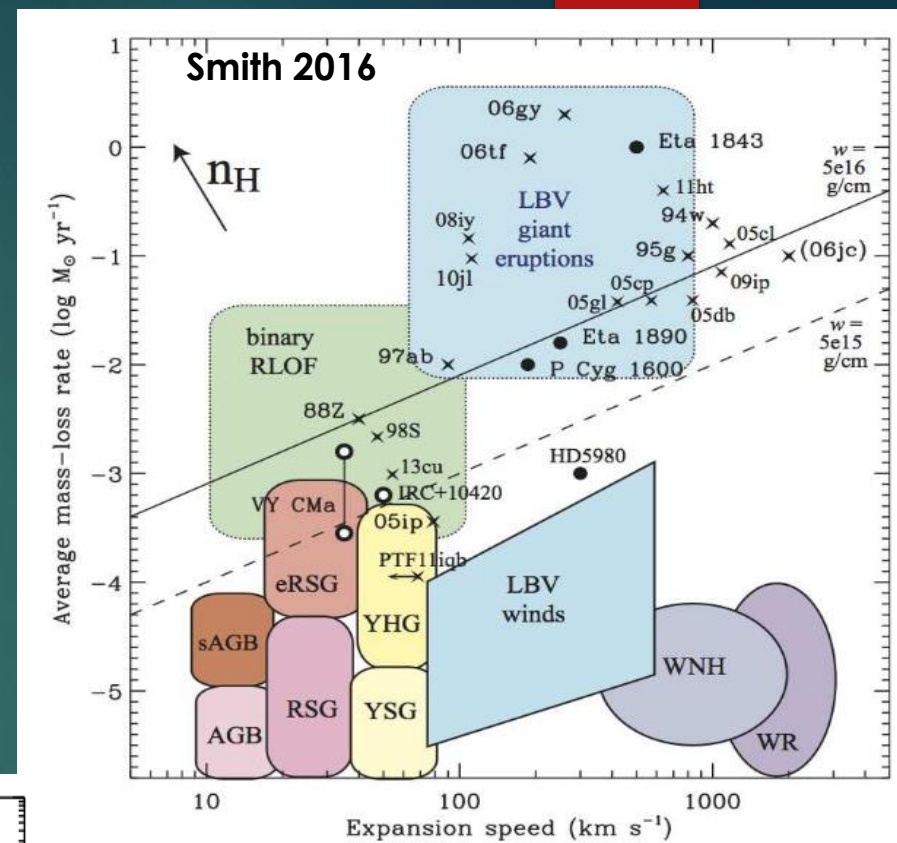
Wind bubble evolution:

Weaver et al. (1977); Koo & McKee (1992)

Stellar wind's CSM (overall density)

➤ Final result depends on the wind properties:

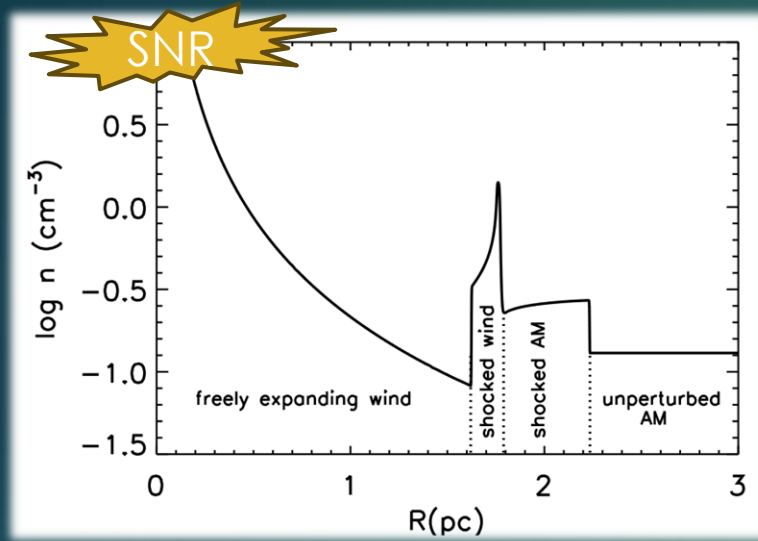
- Slow, intense winds ($\dot{M} \uparrow, u \downarrow$):
 → **Dense, small bubbles** → (AGB, RSG, LBV)
- Fast, tenuous winds ($\dot{M} \downarrow, u \uparrow$):
 → **Extended cavities** → (OB MS, WR, WDs)



$$\rho(r) = \frac{\dot{M}}{4\pi r^2 u_w}$$

The equation is surrounded by red curved arrows indicating the flow of mass and wind velocity.

Evolution of a SNR within the wind bubble: I. Dynamics



➤ Evolution within the $\rho(r) \propto r^{-2}$ wind profile

• Self-similar solution (Chevalier 1982):

- ISM: $s=0$
- Wind bubble: $s=2$

Ejecta Density: $\rho_{\text{sn}} \propto r^{-n}$

Density of ambient medium: $\rho_{\text{am}} \propto r^{-s}$

Then contact discontinuity evolves as:

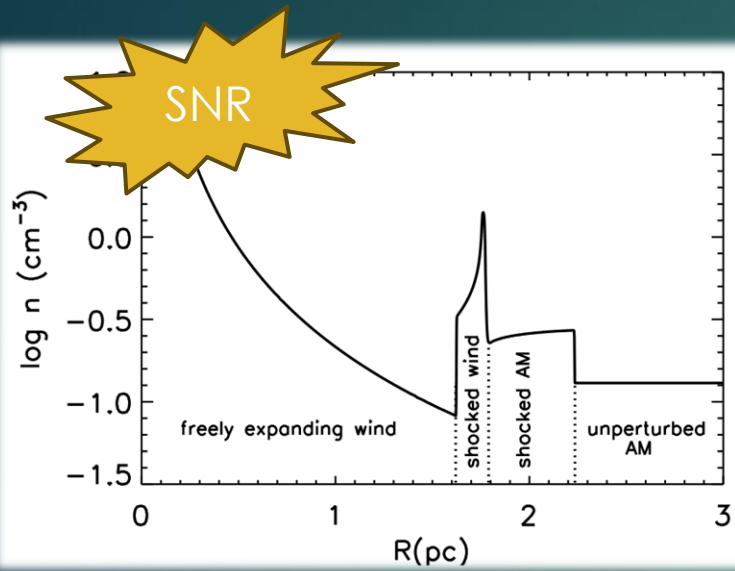
$$R_{\text{CD}} \propto t^{(n-3)/(n-s)}$$

$R_{\text{CD}} \propto t^m$
expansion parameter: $m_{\text{bubble}} > m_{\text{ism}}$

e.g. for Type I SNe ($n=7$):

Bubble $m=0.8$; ISM $m=0.57$

Collision of SNR with the outer walls of the CSM

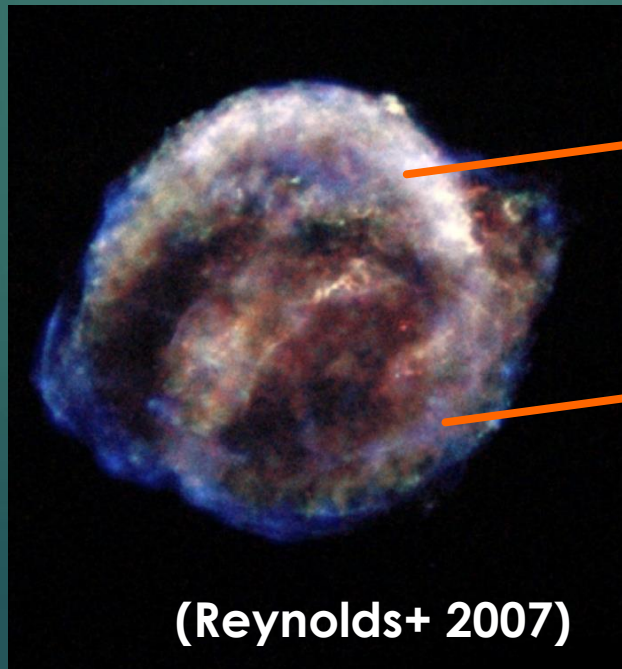
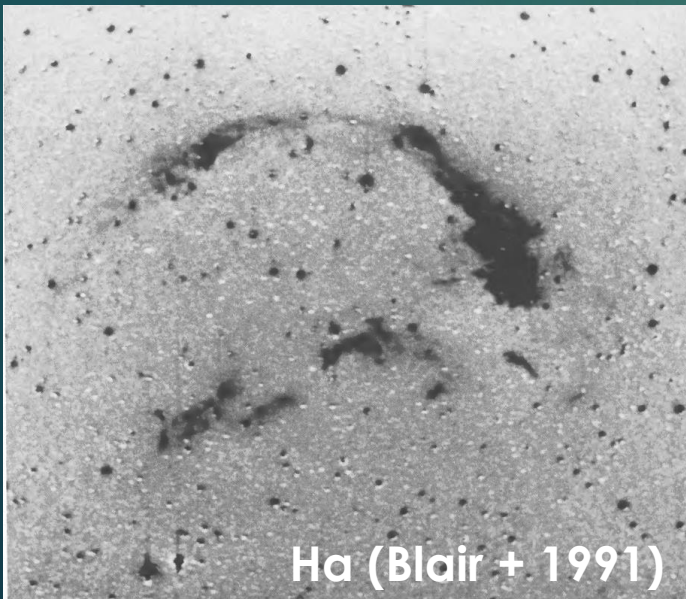


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e.g. Kepler's SNR



$R \propto t^{0.3}$

$R \propto t^{0.6}$

(Vink 2008)

Disentangling the evolutionary paths of Supernova Remnants: observational evidence of (non) multi-wavelength emission

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INTRODUCTION
 Theoretical models predict different wavelength emission at different evolutionary stages throughout the life of a Supernova Remnant (SNR). For example, it is expected that young SNRs emit strongly in the X-rays with almost undetectable optical emission while more evolved SNRs are strong optical emitters with faded out X-ray emission. In reality, SNR evolution is more complex since the Interstellar Medium (ISM) is not as homogeneously uniform but it spans a wide range of conditions. Models predict strong dependence of the SNR properties (e.g. multi-wavelength emission, temperature) on the parameters (e.g. density) of their surrounding ISM. Driven from this, we have embarked the last few years on the multi-wavelength study of the SNRs within our Galaxy in order to evaluate to what extent theory matches with observations. Taking advantage of their proximity and their adequate number (>300 are known to exist), the population of Galactic SNRs is the ideal sample to work with.

OBJECTIVE
 The coverage of the entire Galactic sample in narrow-band filters of SNRs interest (i.e. H α , [S II], [O III], H β) since despite the wealth of data, only ~35% of Galactic SNRs had been observed in the optical band so far.
 The presented sample is the first of a series exploring the optical study of X-ray emitting Galactic SNRs.

MOTIVATION
 • Provide for the first time an observational framework for understanding the evolution of SNRs by exploiting Galactic SNRs as a population.
 • Investigate the SNR evolution through their multi-wavelength emission as a function of age and environment.
 • Test the theoretical models.

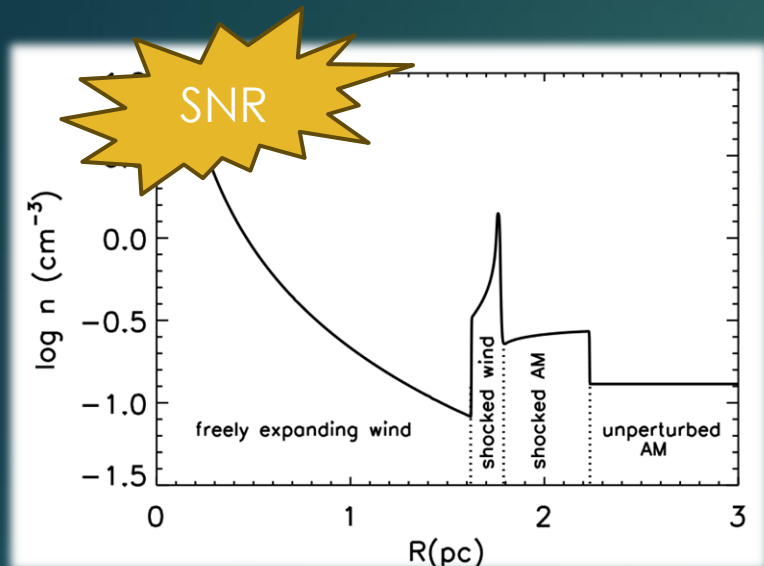
SAMPLE SELECTION-OBSERVATIONS-DATA
 We searched the most comprehensive and up-to-date catalogue of Galactic SNRs (Green 2022) for all objects in the Northern hemisphere, with diameter $\leq 10^{\circ}$ (~50 objects). From these, and using the first public database of high-energy (X-ray and gamma-ray) observations of all known Galactic SNRs (Fermi & Swift-Harb 2022), we chose the ones that have been observed and detected in the X-rays (29 objects).
 • The optical coverage of the 29 X-ray emitting SNRs was performed with the 1.3m telescope of Sionis Observatorium Crete, Greece. We used narrow band H α , [S II], [O III] and H β filters with duty exposures of 1-2 hrs, depending on the filter and/or the disclosed emission.
 • The X-ray fluxes were derived either from newly reduced or re-analyzed archival Chandra data or from existing ones from Chandra Galactic SNR catalog.

Obj	RA (J2000)	log(n_{H})	log([S II])	[S II]/H α	[O III]/H α	log(n_{O})
Kepler	17 27 18.57	-17.91	20.16	0.14	2.40	2.79
Tycho	16 07 18.04	-17.97	19.89	0.39	4.40	1.54
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RESULTS
 (Leonidaki et al. submitted)
 We have measured integrated H α , [S II], [O III] fluxes.
 Only 2/29 of the X-ray emitting SNR sample emit in the optical (i.e. Kepler, Tycho, CasA, 3C58 and Crab - Figs 1, 2, 3).
 From these optical emitters 2/5 are Type Ia (Tycho, Kepler), 1/5 is Type IIb (supergiant mass of ~15-20 M \odot) with a possible binary companion (CasA) and 2/5 are plerionics (G130.7-3.1 and Crab).
 Binary systems (Type Ia) and massive progenitors (IIb) can produce dense stellar winds and/or wind-driven bubbles that modify/transform substantially the Circumstellar Medium (CSM) (e.g. Dwek et al. 2007, Chieffelli et al. 2012, 2013). This may change speed up dramatically the evolution of SNRs (e.g. produce the early formation of the reverse shock).
 Possible explanation of optical emission in young SNRs (?)

Leonidaki et al S1.10

Collision of SNR with the outer walls of the CSM

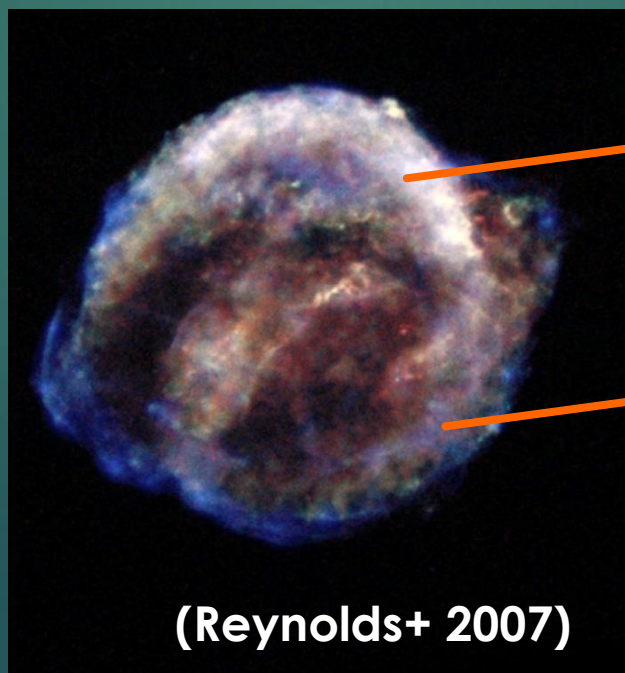
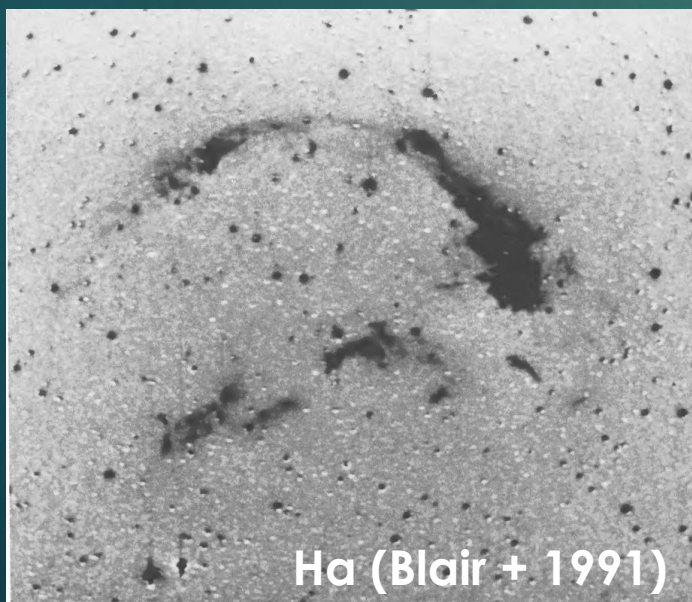


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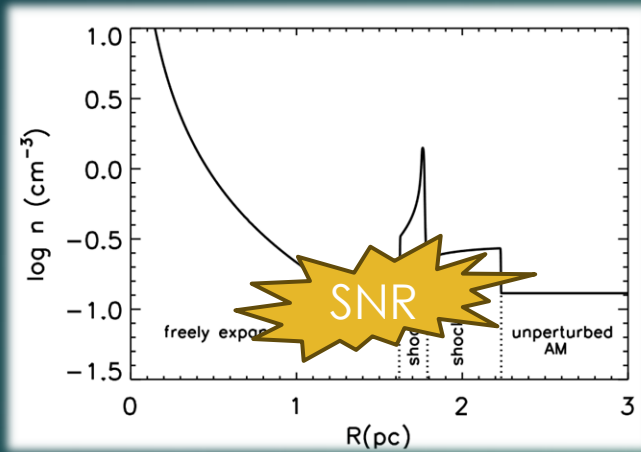
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➤ Effect II: Formation of a reflected shock



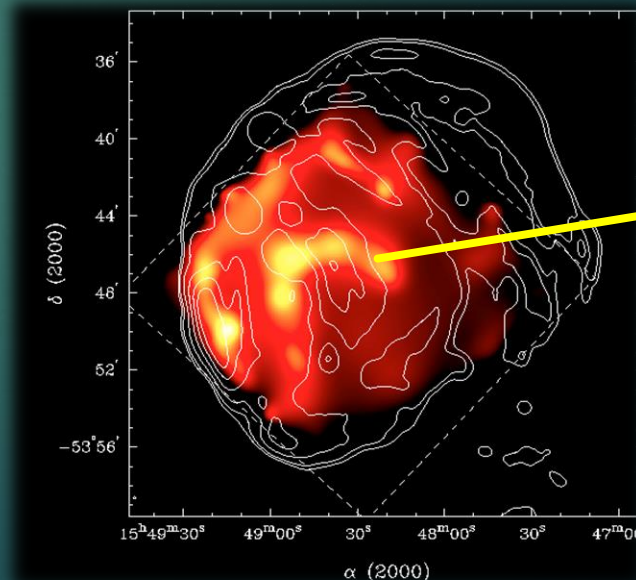
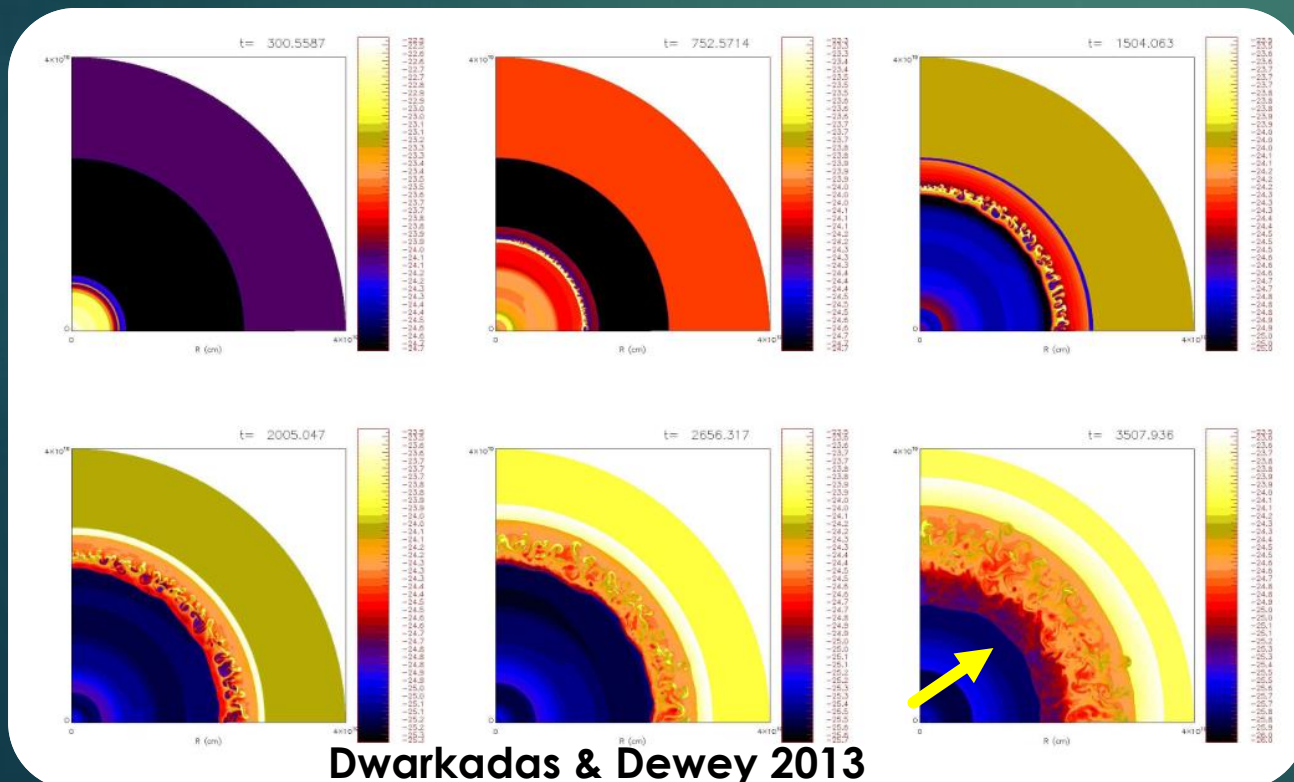
Reflected shock Velocity:

Sgro (1975):

$$V_r = \frac{1}{4} \left[3 - \left(\frac{15A_r}{4 - A_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] V_s,$$

A_r : related to the wall to cavity density contrast

- For high contrast $\rightarrow V_r \approx \text{few} \times 10^3 \text{ km/s}$



Reflected shock

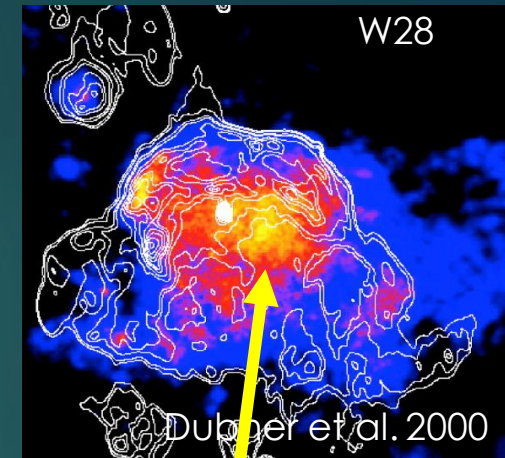
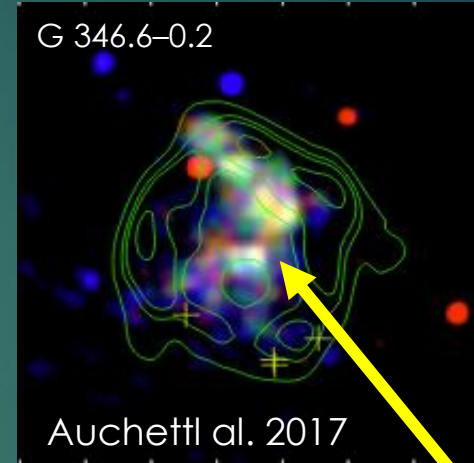
KESTEVEN 27
Chen et al. 2008

The role of reflected shocks in **MMSNRs**

MMSNRs:

Peculiar SNRs (Rho & Petre 1998; Jones et al. 1998):

- ▶ Shell type in Radio (synchrotron)
 - ▶ X-ray bright in their center (thermal)
- No active pulsar (as in Plerions or Composite SNRs)



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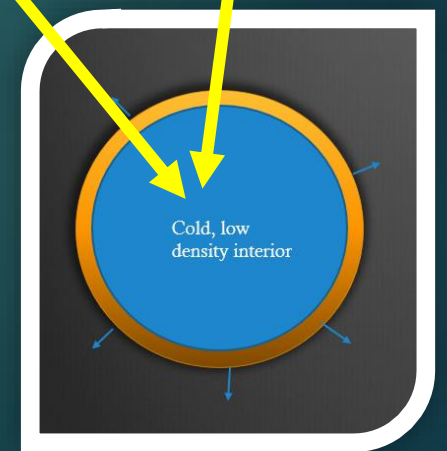
Standard SNR
Evolution



Ejecta dominated phase



Sedov-Taylor phase



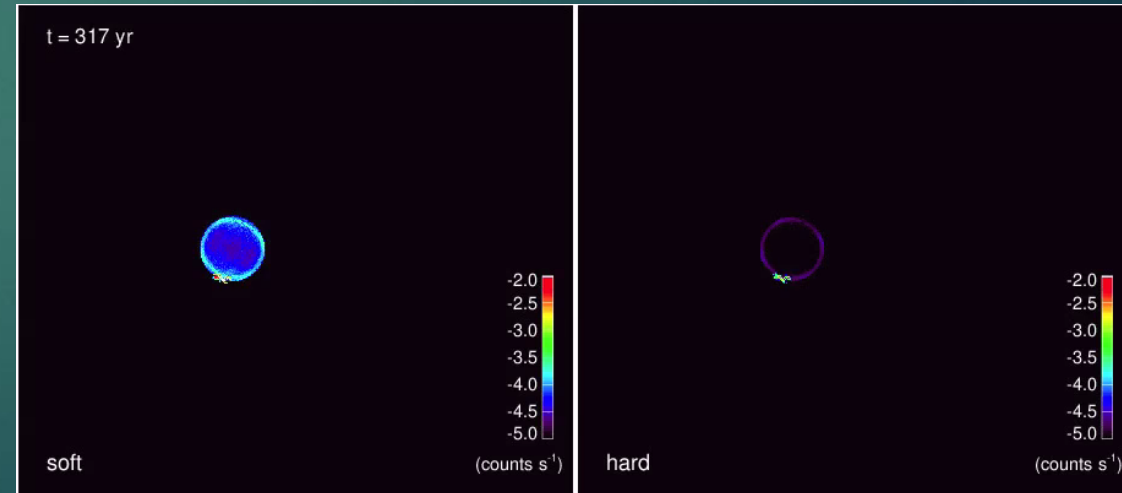
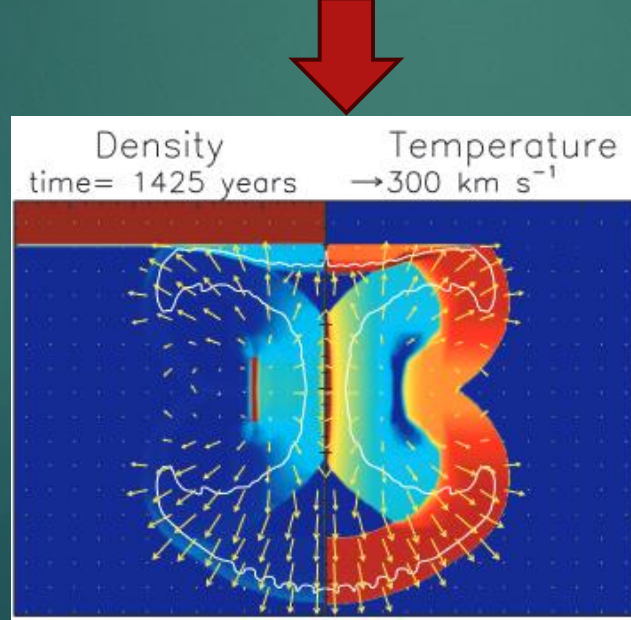
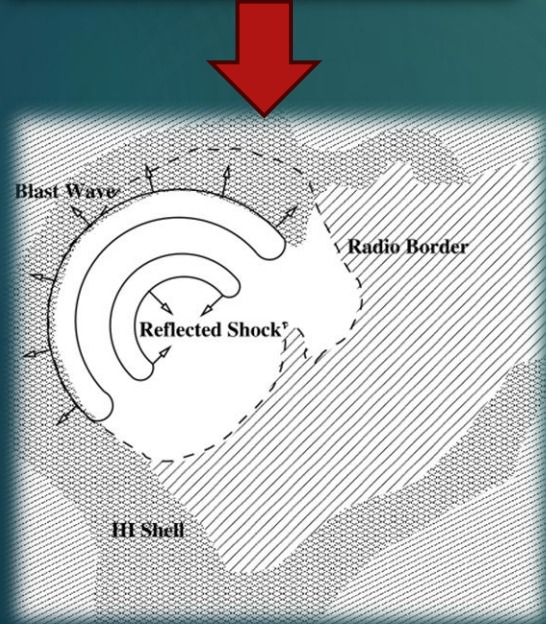
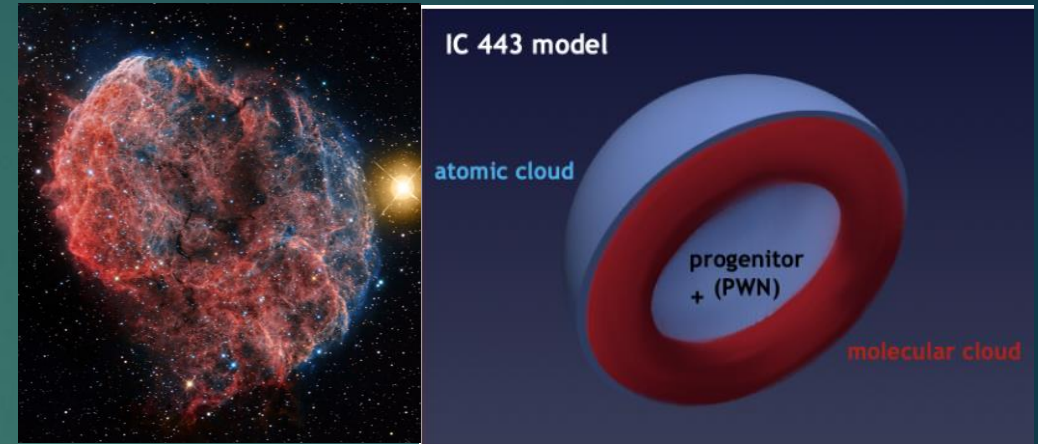
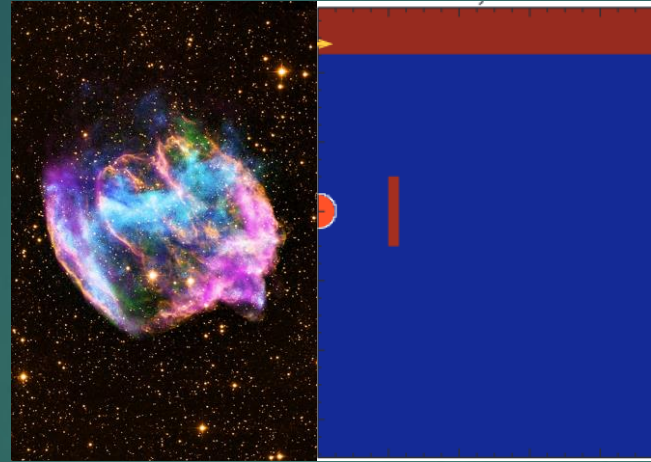
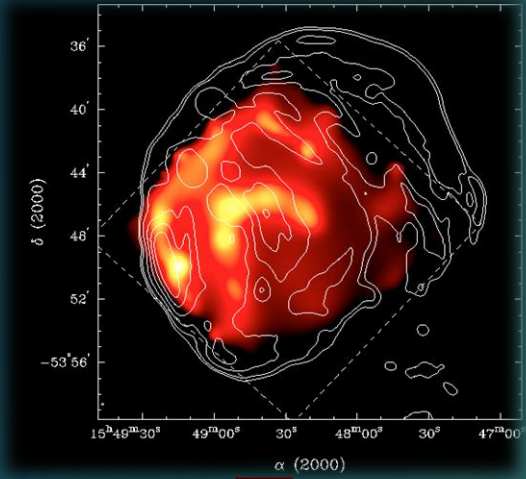
Radiative phase

The role of reflected shocks in **MMSNRS**

KESTEVEN 27 (Chen et al. 2008)

W49B (Zhou et al 2011)

IC443 (Ustamujic et al 2021)

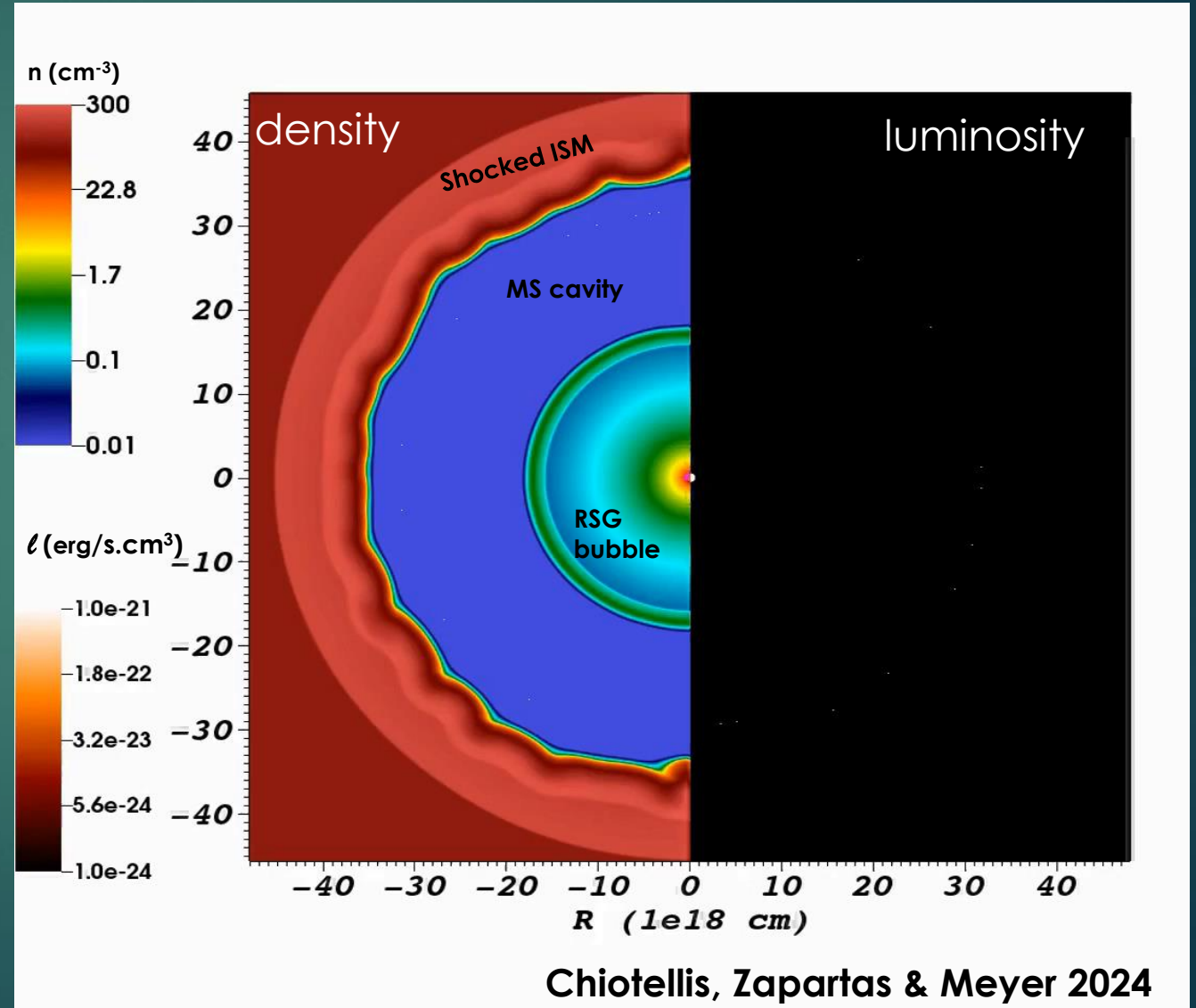
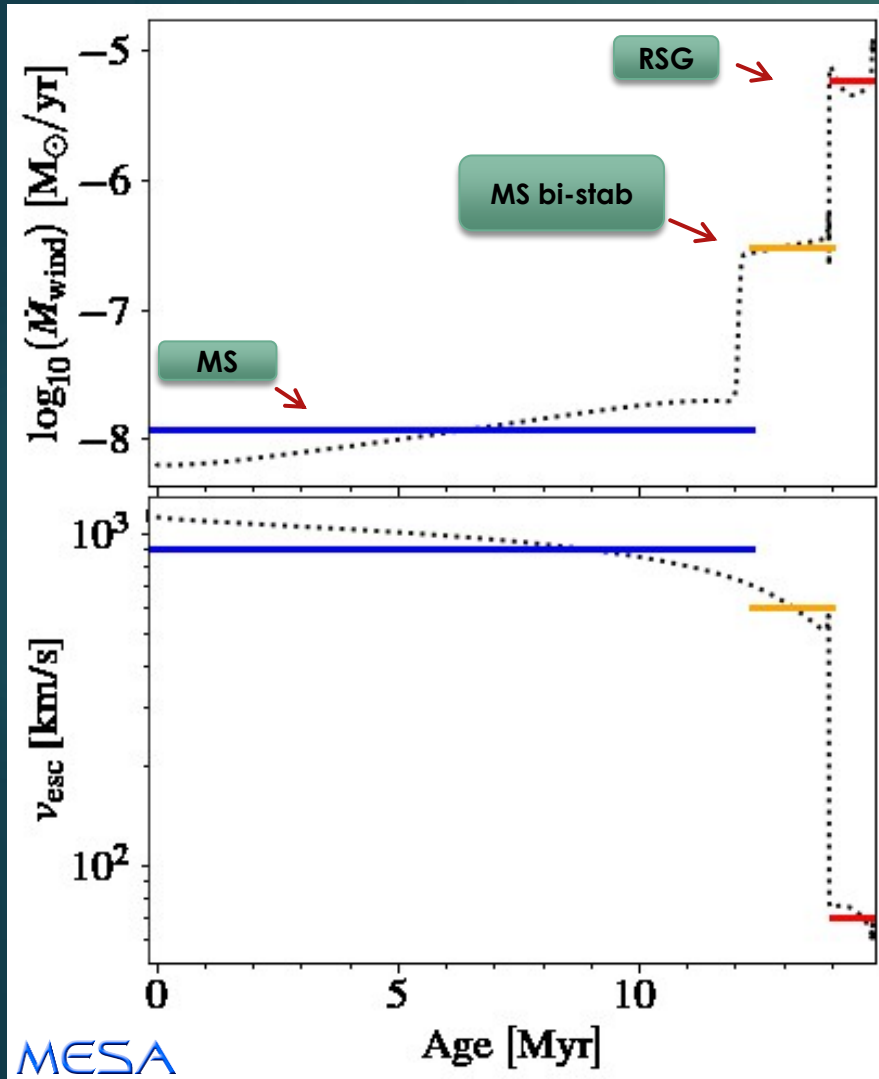


Linking the CSM of RSGs with **MMSNRS**

$$M_* = 15 M_{\odot}$$

+

$$n_{\text{ism}} = 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

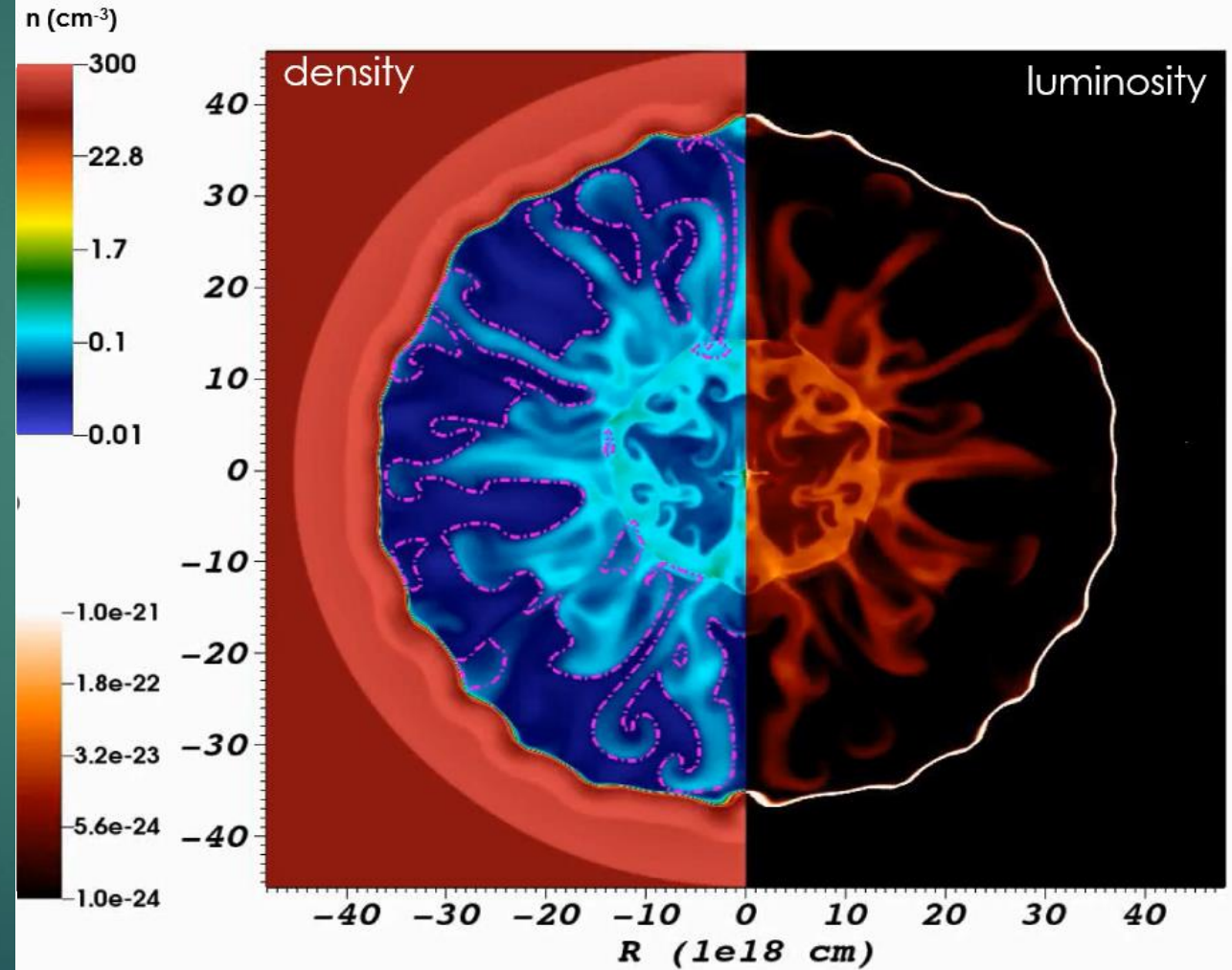
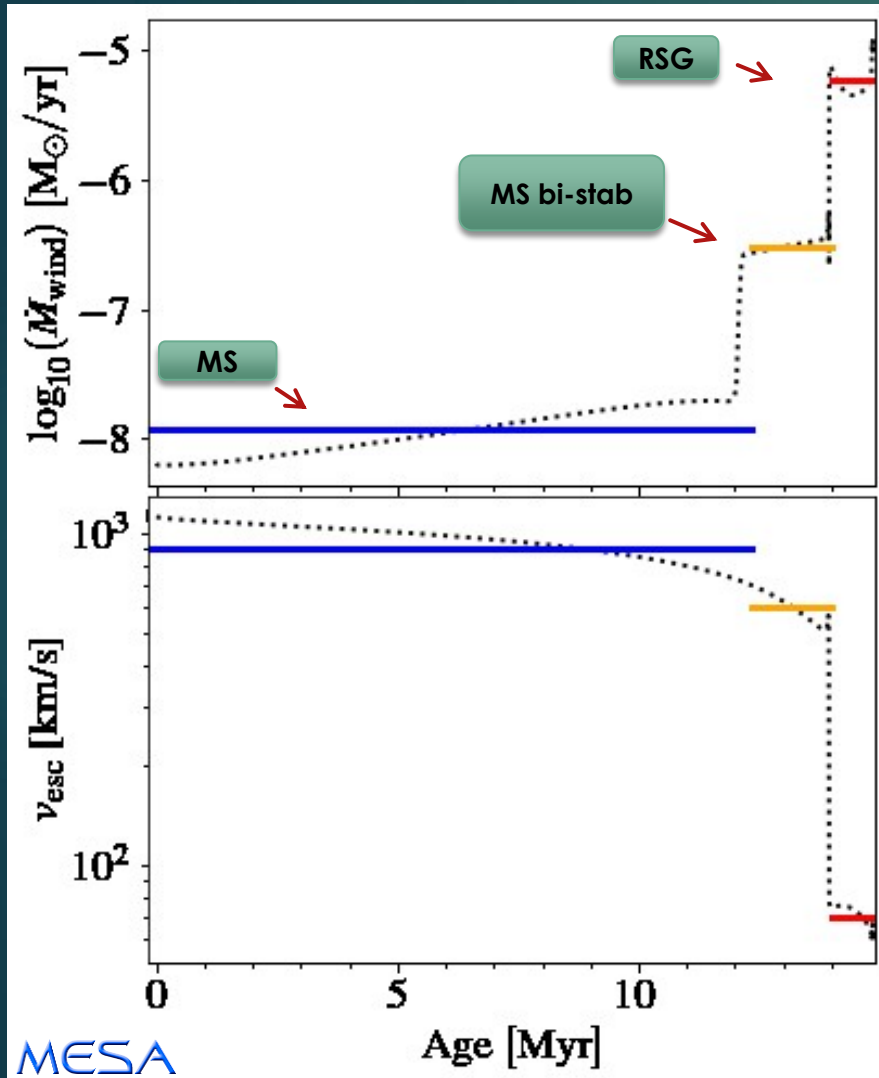


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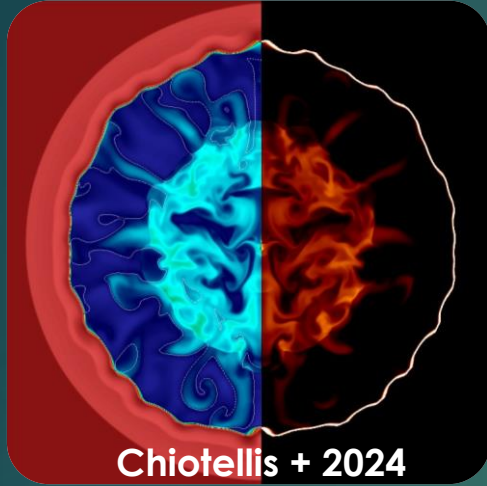
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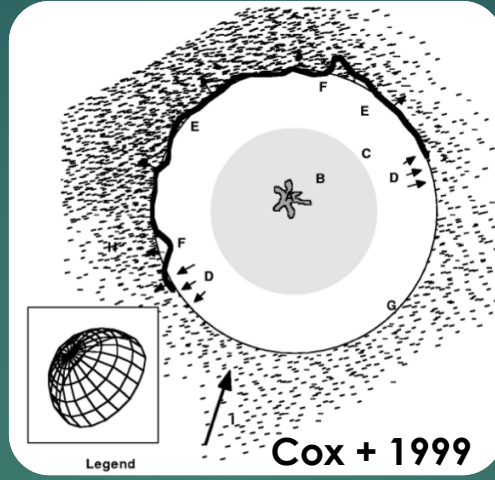
Chiotellis, Zapartas & Meyer 2024

Reflected shock → only solution?

Reflected shocks



Thermal conduction



Evaporation of shock-engulfed cloudlets



“Dirty job”:

ISM/CSM

Physical process

ISM

$C > 10$

Require:

density walls

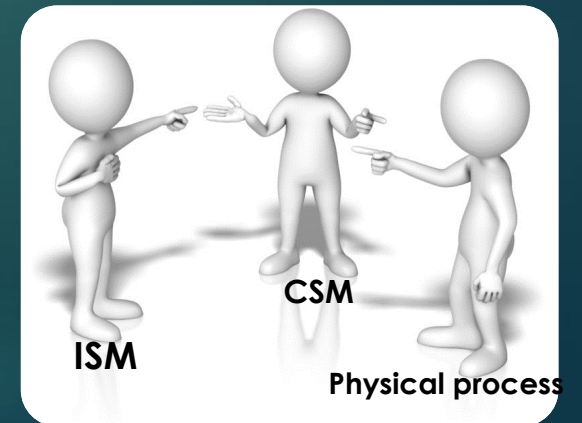
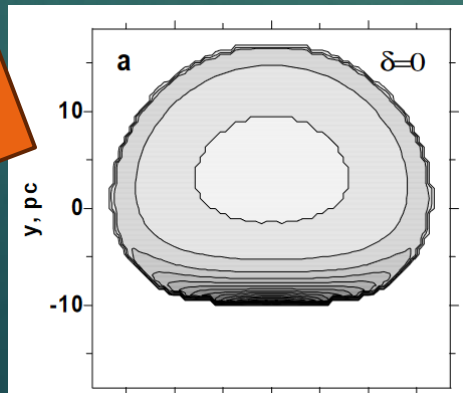
No \vec{B} , no mixing

(Chen+ 2008; Zhou + 2011;
Ustamujic +2021; Chiotellis+ 2024)

(Cox + 1999; Shelton+ 1999;
Velazquez+2004; Zhong + 2019)

(White and Lond 1991;
Slavin +2017, Zhang +2019)

+ Projection effect
(Petruk 2001)



Chapter III

Deviations from spherical symmetry

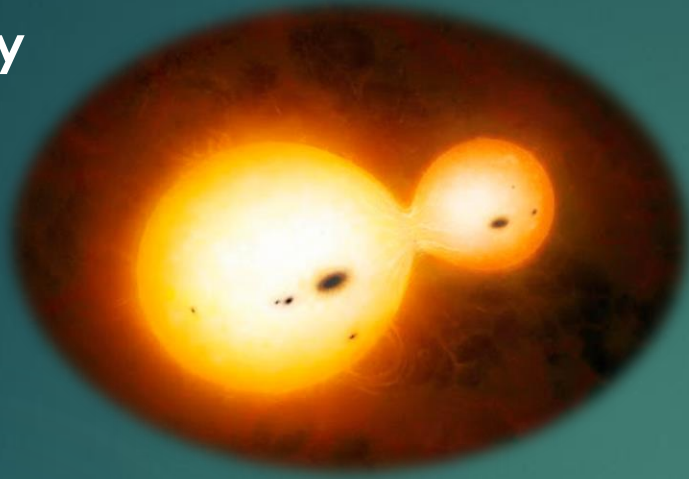
Nature would have been strange if everything were spherical...



... same applies for
*Stellar winds &
Supernova Remnants*

Non-spherical symmetric stellar winds

➤ Stellar duplicity



➤ Stellar magnetic fields

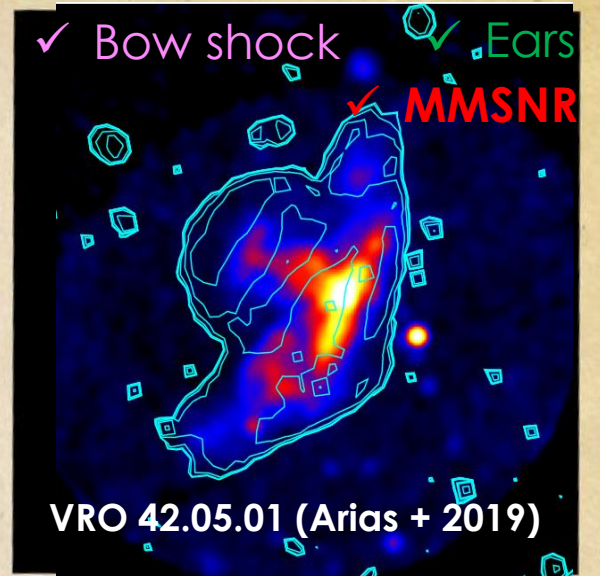
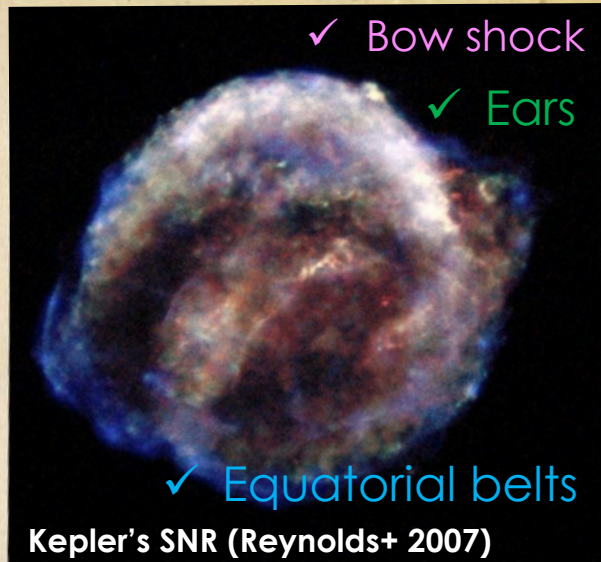
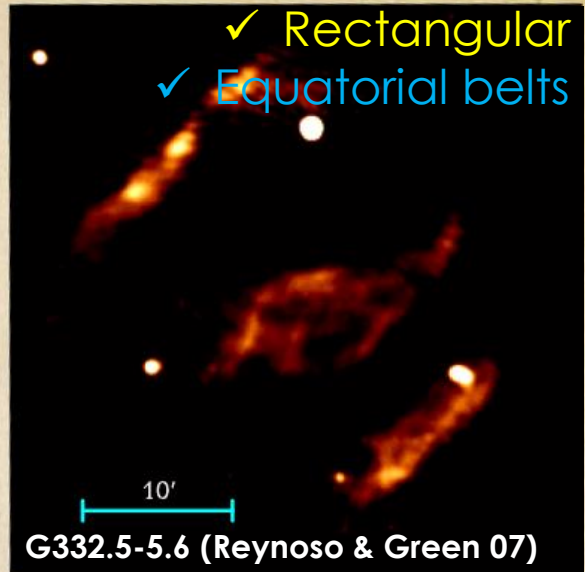
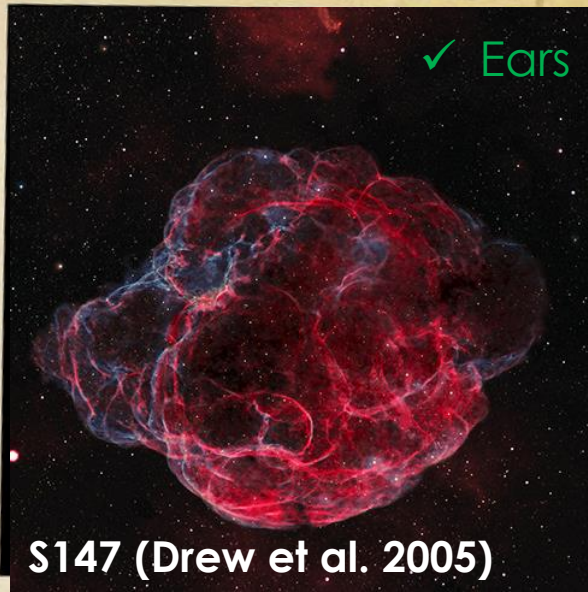


➤ Stellar rotation

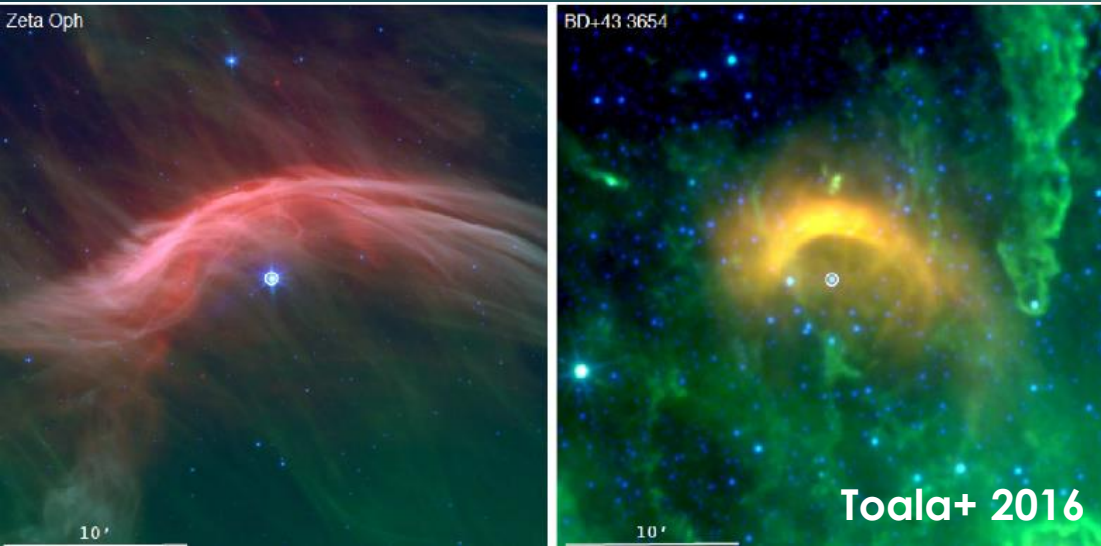


➤ Stellar systemic motion

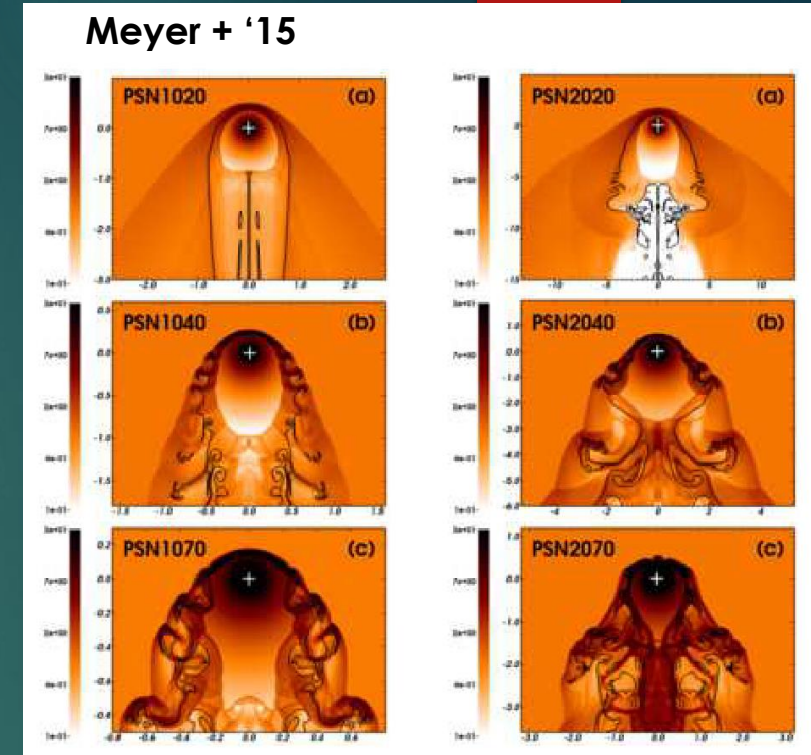
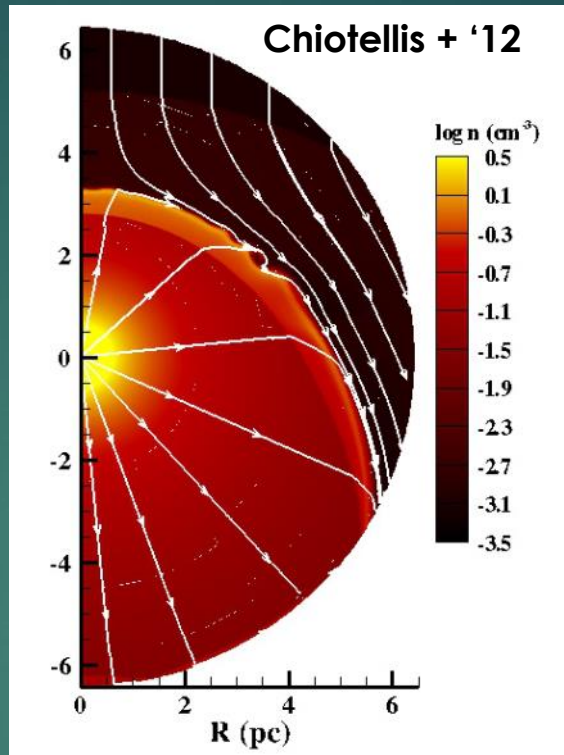




I. Bow shocks



Ram pressure balance:



Runways (progenitor) stars:

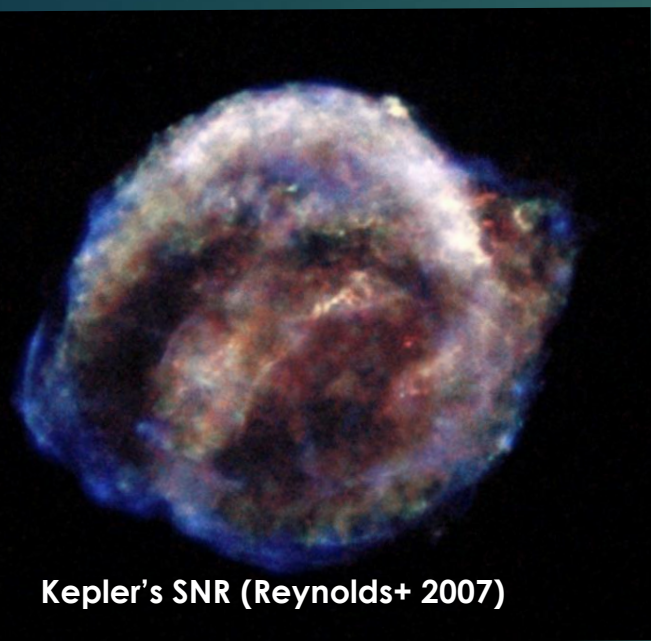
- ✓ **Dynamical interactions of single/binary stars** (Poveda+ 1967; Spitzer & Varshalovich 1980; Gvaramadze & Gualandris 2011)
- ✓ **Supernova explosion in binary systems** (Zwicky 1957; Blaauw 1961)

Stagnation point:

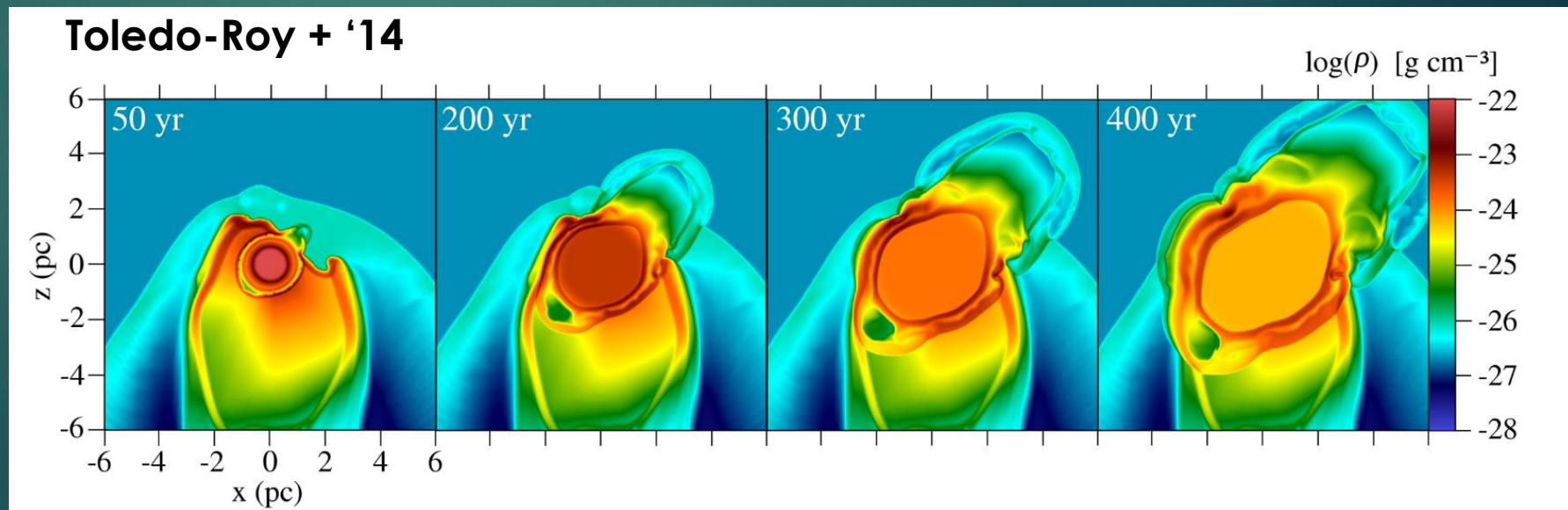
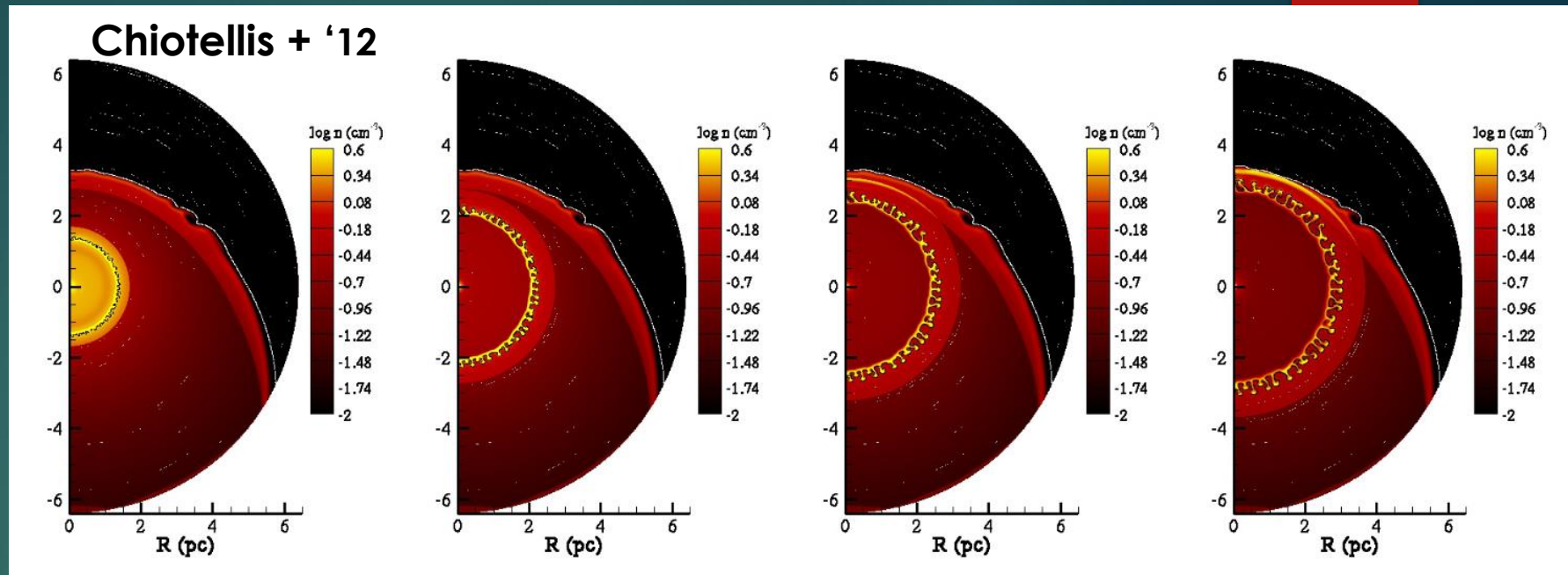
$$r_0 = 1.48 \left(\frac{\dot{M}}{5 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{v_w}{15 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \times \left(\frac{v_*}{280 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{n_0}{0.001 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ pc}$$

Borkowski + 1992; Houpis & Mendis (1980); Rozyczka +1993

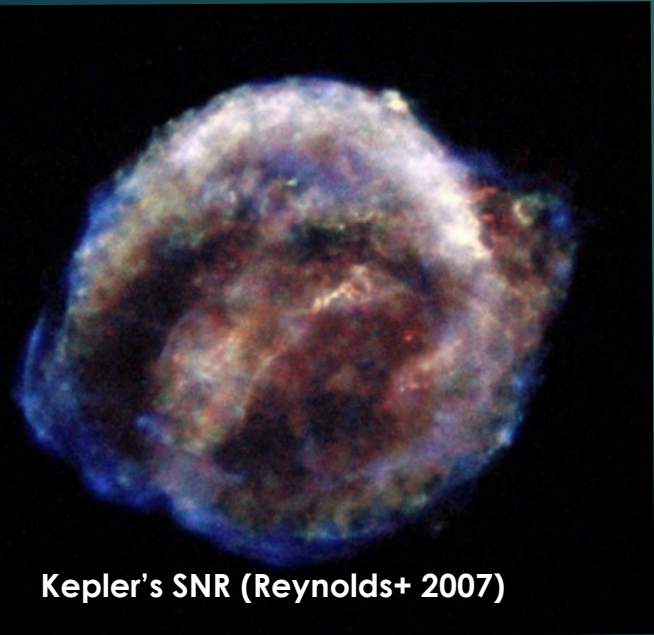
Bow shocks on SNRs



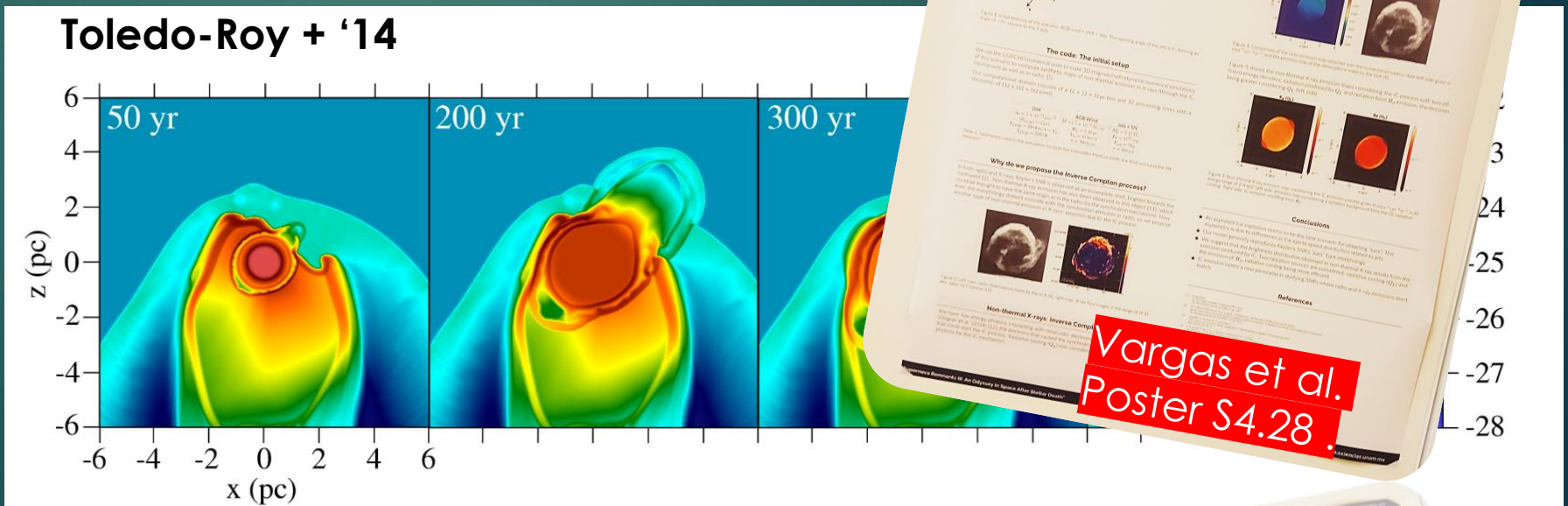
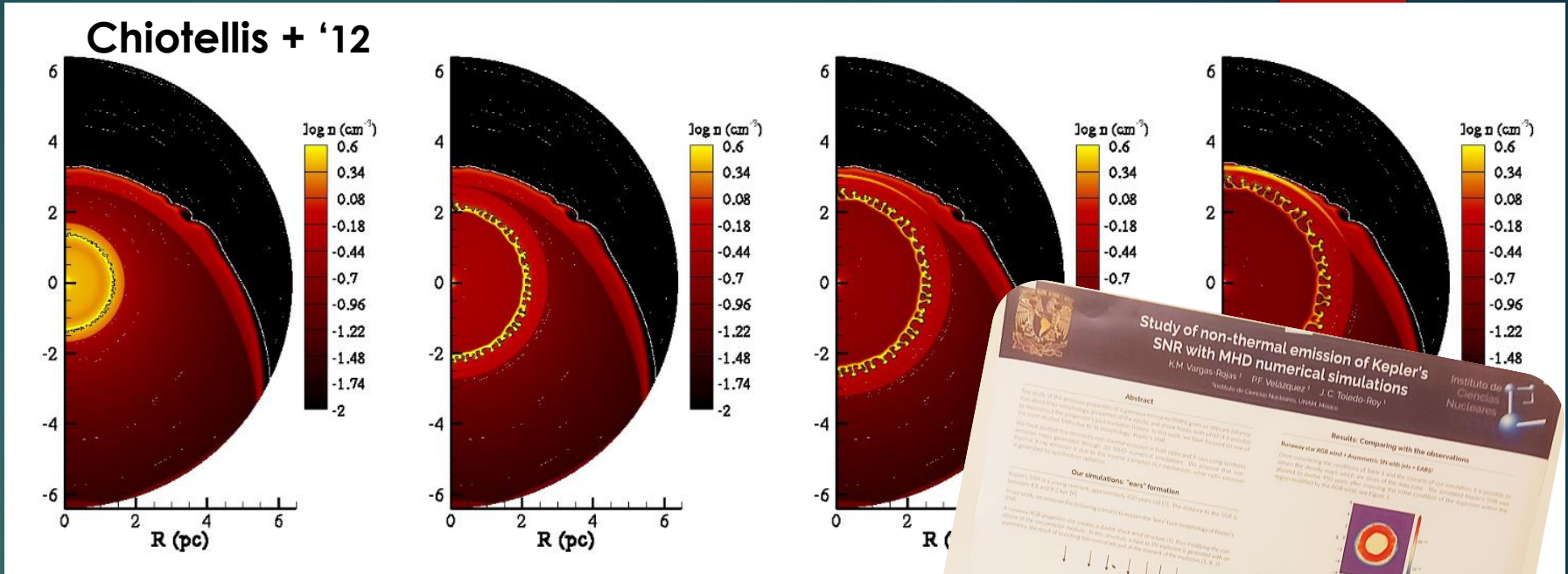
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Bow shocks on SNRs



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Study of non-thermal emission of Kepler's SNR with MHD numerical simulations
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Abstract
The study of the emission properties of supernova remnants (SNRs) gives us valuable information about their physical properties, composition of the gas, and shock fronts, which are a sensitive diagnostic tool for the interstellar medium. In this work, we have carried out a numerical study of the non-thermal emission of Kepler's SNR. We have used MHD numerical simulations to generate the non-thermal emission spectra of the SNR. We have also used the results of our simulations to compare with the observed X-ray emission of the SNR.

Our simulations: "ears" formation
Kepler's SNR is a young supernova remnant, 600 years old. The distance to the SNR is between 8.8 and 9.3 kpc. We have used MHD numerical simulations to study the evolution of the SNR. We have used the results of our simulations to compare with the observed X-ray emission of the SNR.

Results: Comparing with the observations
We have compared the results of our simulations with the observed X-ray emission of the SNR. We have found that the results of our simulations are in good agreement with the observed X-ray emission of the SNR.

Conclusions
• An hypothesis of emission comes to be the best system for analyzing "ears".
• Our model generally reproduces Kepler's SNR X-ray emission.
• We suggest that the high-energy X-ray emission of Kepler's SNR is produced by the interaction of the SNR with the interstellar medium.

References

Non-thermal X-rays: Inverse Compton

Vargas et al. Poster S4.28

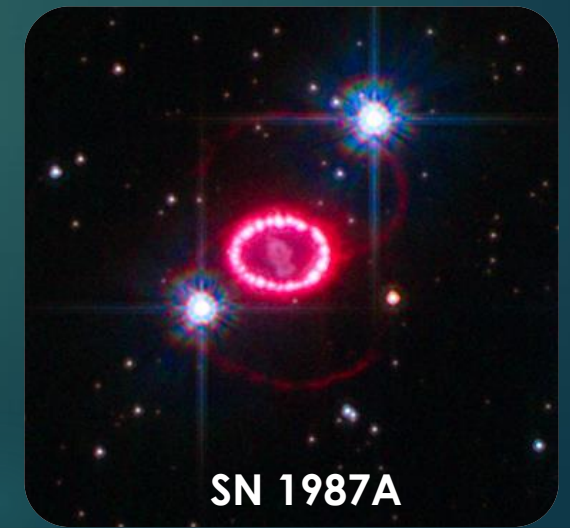
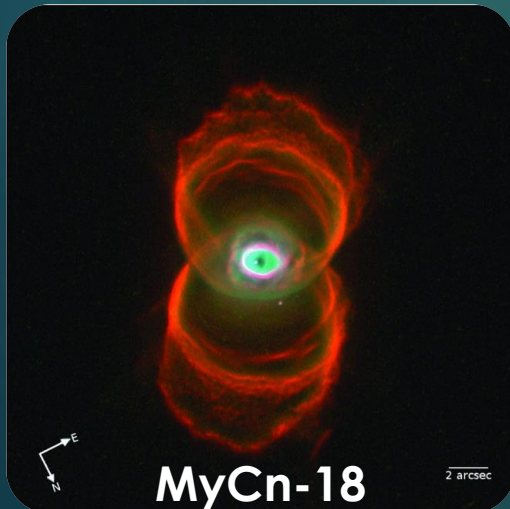
II. Bipolar circumstellar structures

Possible Mechanisms:

- ✓ **Stellar rotation**
(e.g. Bjorkman & Cassinelli 1993; Heger + 2000)
- ✓ **Close binary interactions**
(e.g. Mastrodemos & Morris 1999; Politano & Taam 2011)
- ✓ **Eruptive mass loss** (e.g. Smith & Arnett 2014)
- ✓ **Magnetic fields**
(e.g. Garcia-Segura et al. 1999; Townsend & Owocki 2005)

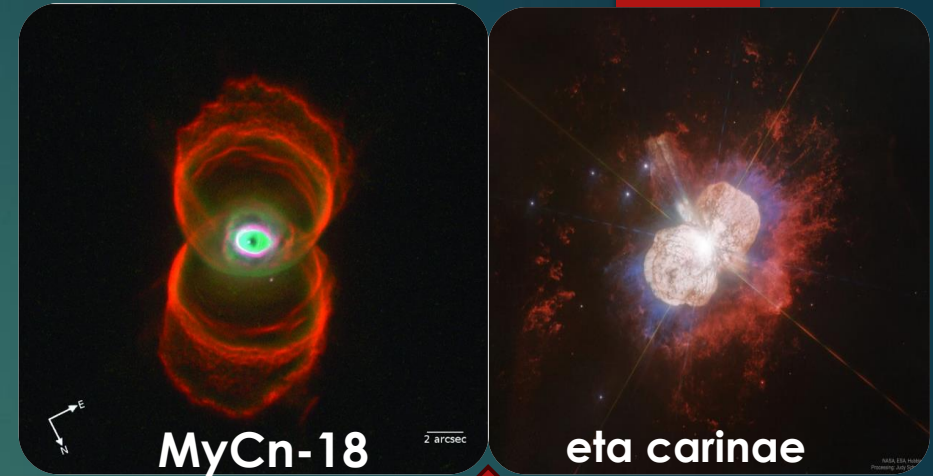
Most frequent met:

- **LBVs** (e.g. η Carinae; Smith 2002)
- **Blue supergiants** (e.g. SBW1, SBW2; Smith + 2007)
- **Supernovae: Type II and Type IIn**
(e.g. SN 2010jl Katsuda et al. 2016)
- **Low mass regime (SNe Ia):**
 - **PNe** (e.g. Mz 3, Clyne et al. 2015)
 - **AGB** (Decin et al. 2020)

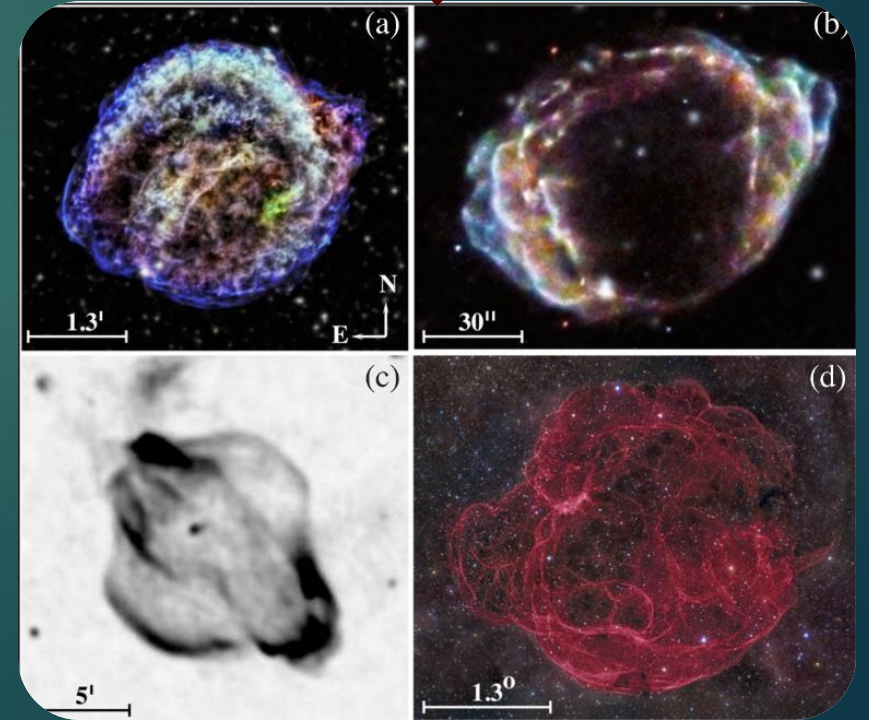


SNR + Bipolar CSM interaction

Bipolar CSM



SNR with ears



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Cycle: 0

Pseudocolor
Var: $\log(n) \text{ cm}^{-3}$

-3.000

-1.500

0.000

-1.500

-3.000

Max: 3.993

Min: -1.301

Pseudocolor
Var: P (dyn/cm⁻²)

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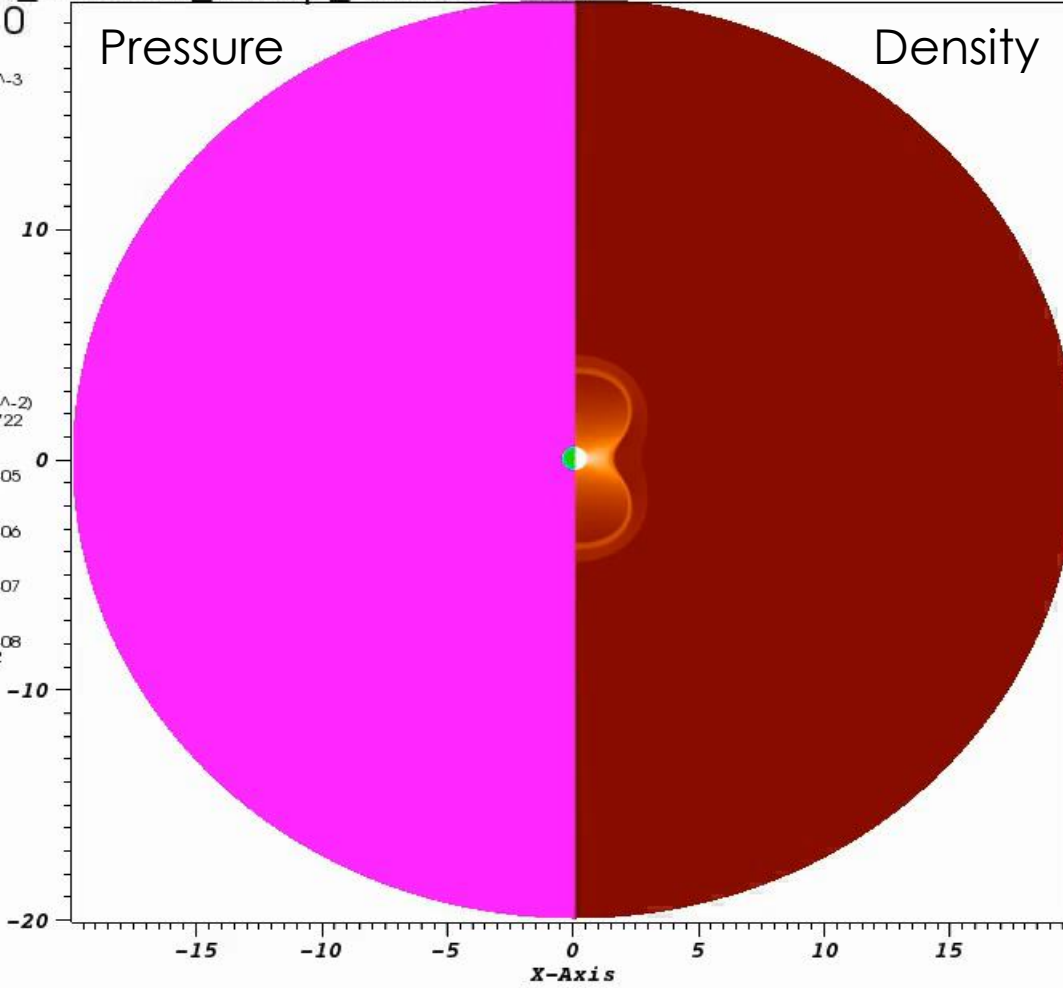
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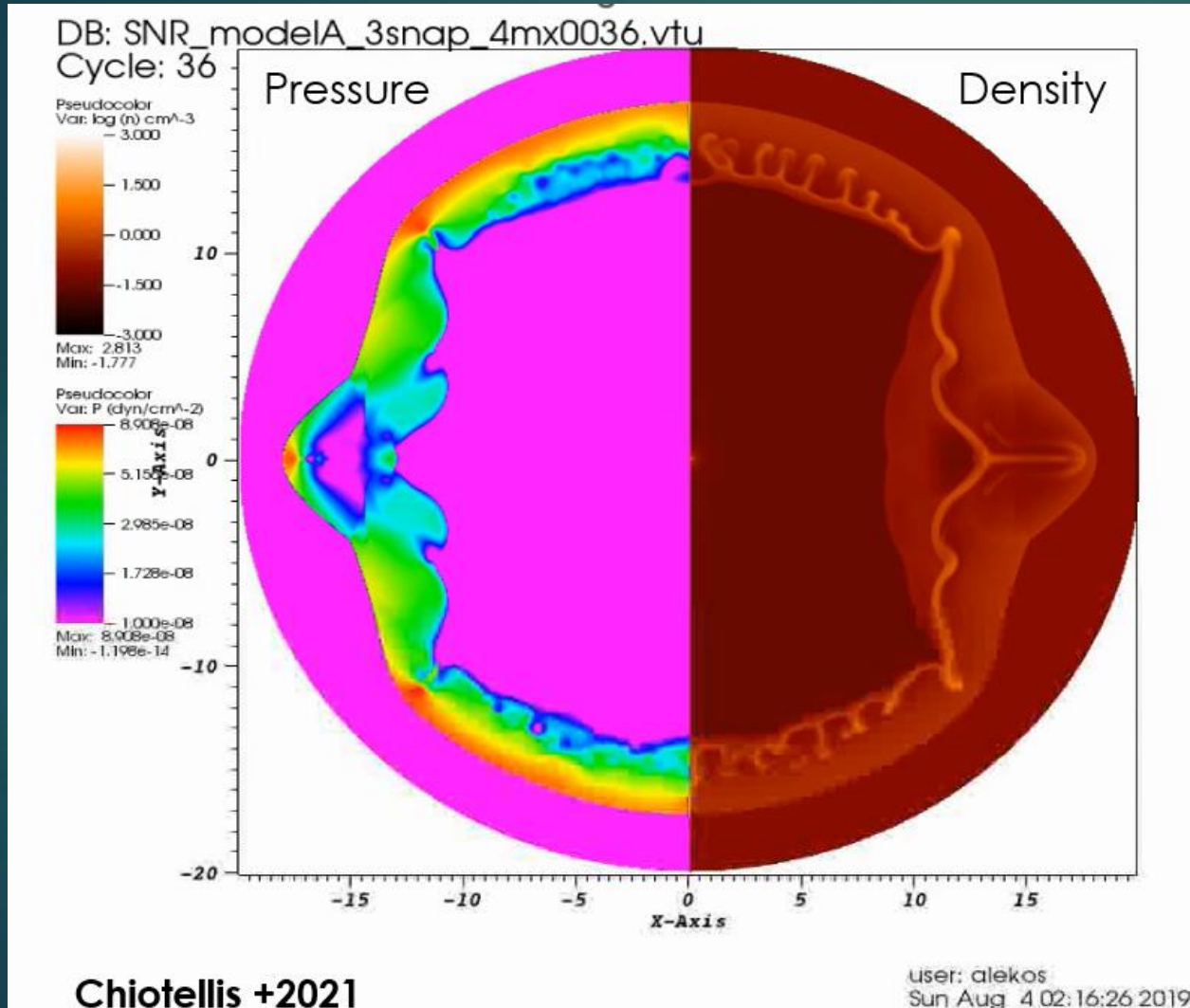
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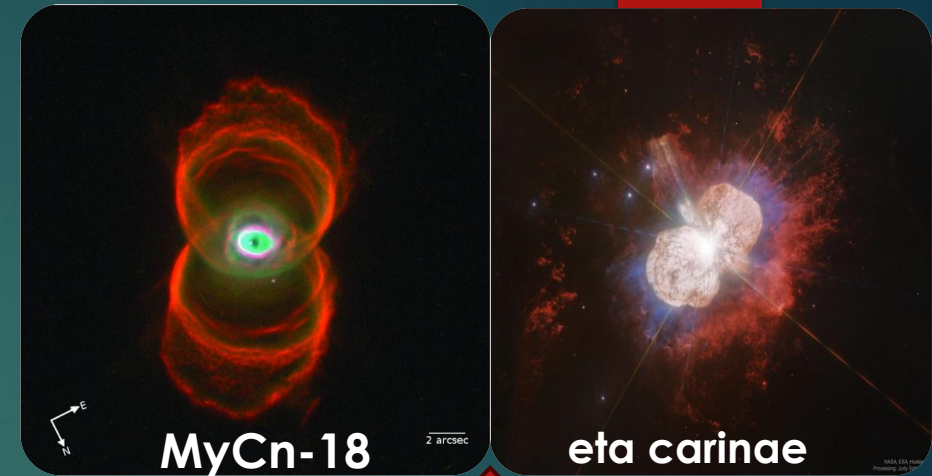
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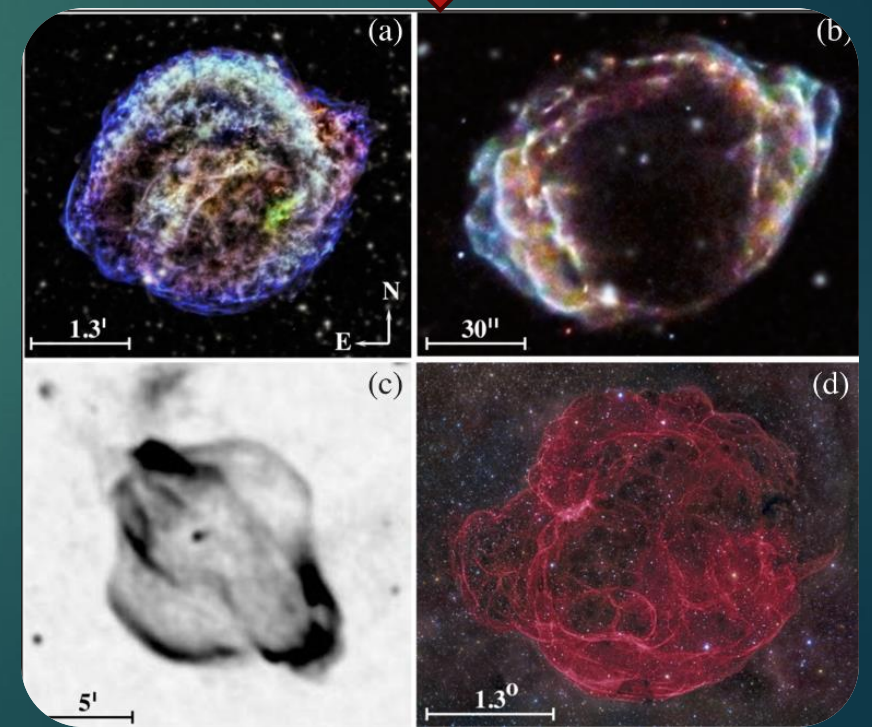
SNR + Bipolar CSM interaction



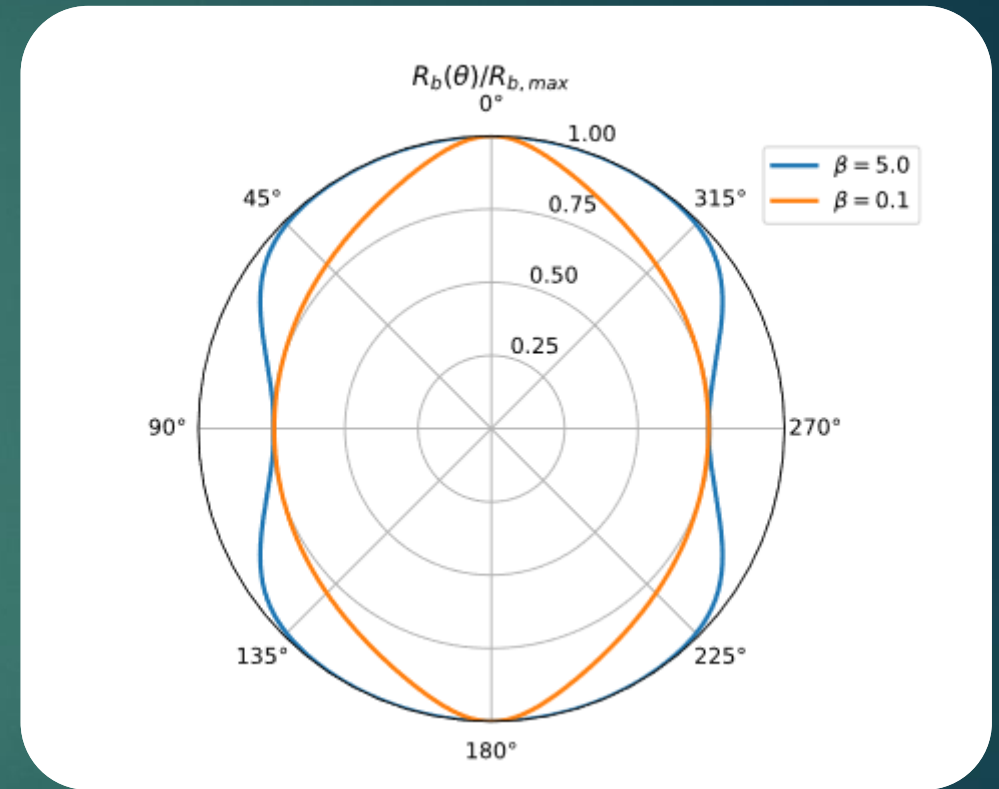
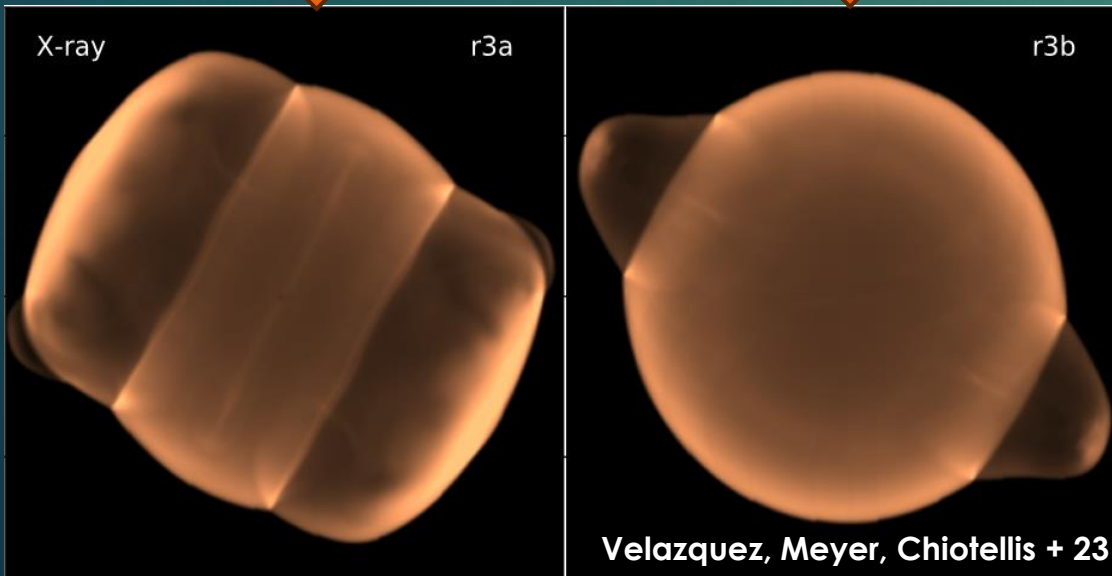
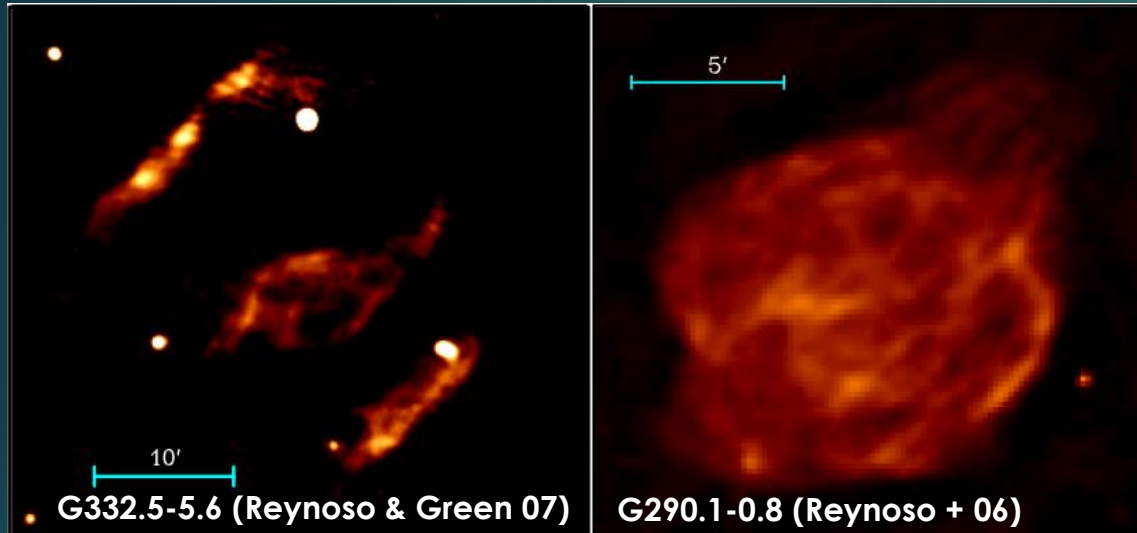
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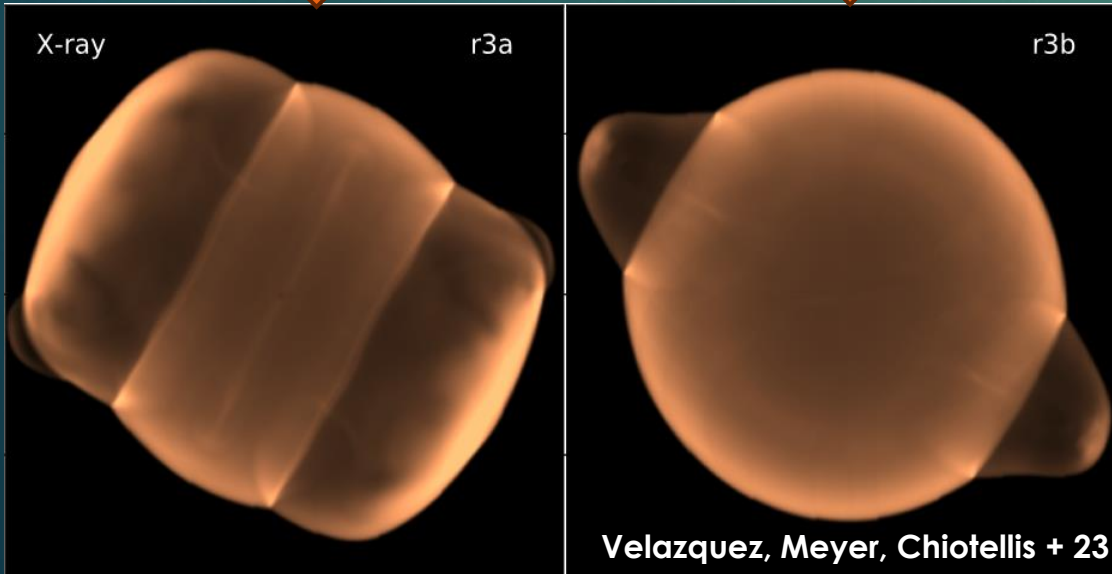
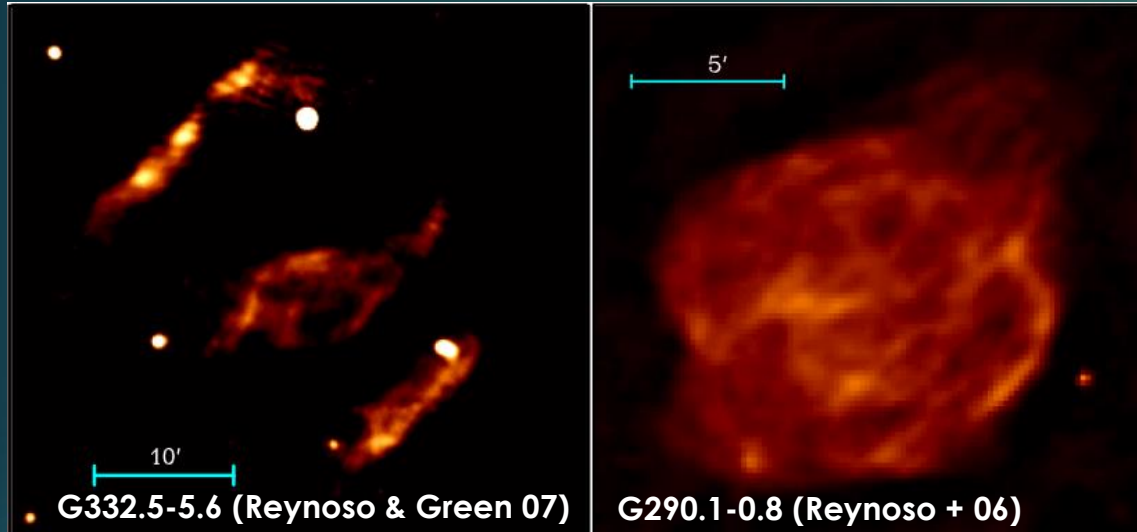
SNR with ears



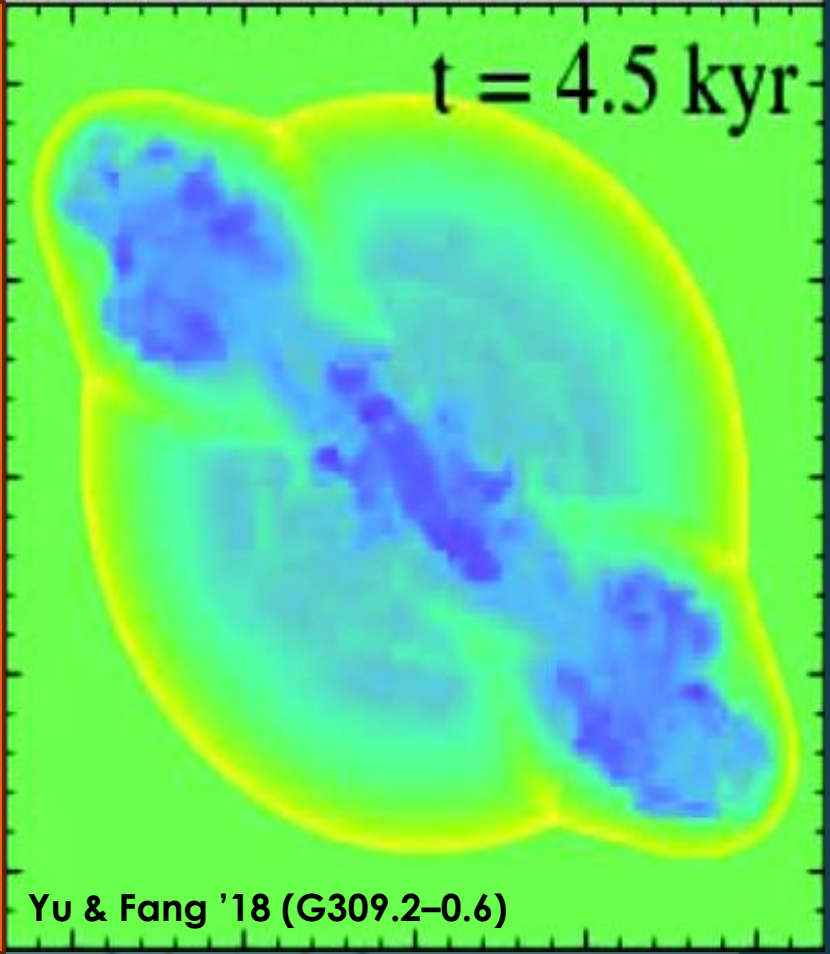
SNR + Bipolar CSM interaction



SNR + Bipolar CSM interaction



Alternative for ear: **Jets**
Soker 2024, Yu & Fang '18, Ohmura + '21



Conclusions

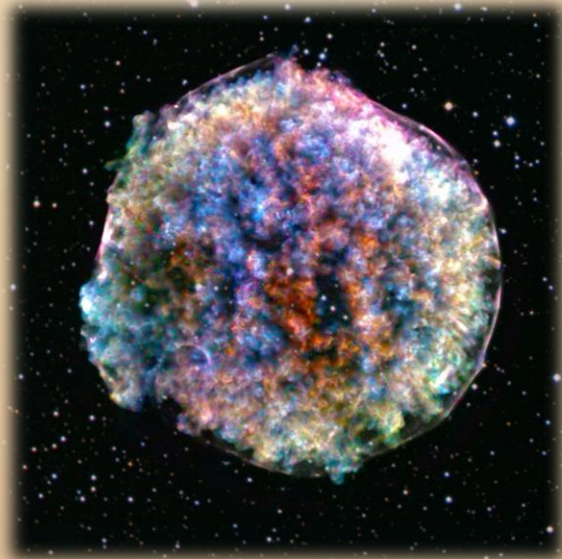
- SNR properties deviate from the SN+ISM interaction model
-> Reason: **CSM**
- SN progenitors shape the ambient medium properties through mass outflows
 - CC SNR -> Substantially
 - Type Ia SNR -> not much, but still...
- Wind bubbles alter the evolution of the SNR
- Important effect reflected shocks -> MMSNRs (?)

- Wind bubbles deviate from spherical symmetry
- Bow shock → Runaways progenitors
- Ears → Bipolar CSM (or jets)
- Endless debate:
ISM Vs CSM Vs explosion



Main Conclusion

Talking about
violent stellar deaths
is a very
interesting and
intriguing topic



...but it's the opposite
when we talk about
violent human deaths



Thank you

