



# Unveiling the progenitors of young supernova via their circumstellar interaction

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# Circumstellar Interaction What? Why? How?

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# Mass loss from stars

Circumstellar medium

Mass-loss from the Sun  $\sim 10^{-14} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

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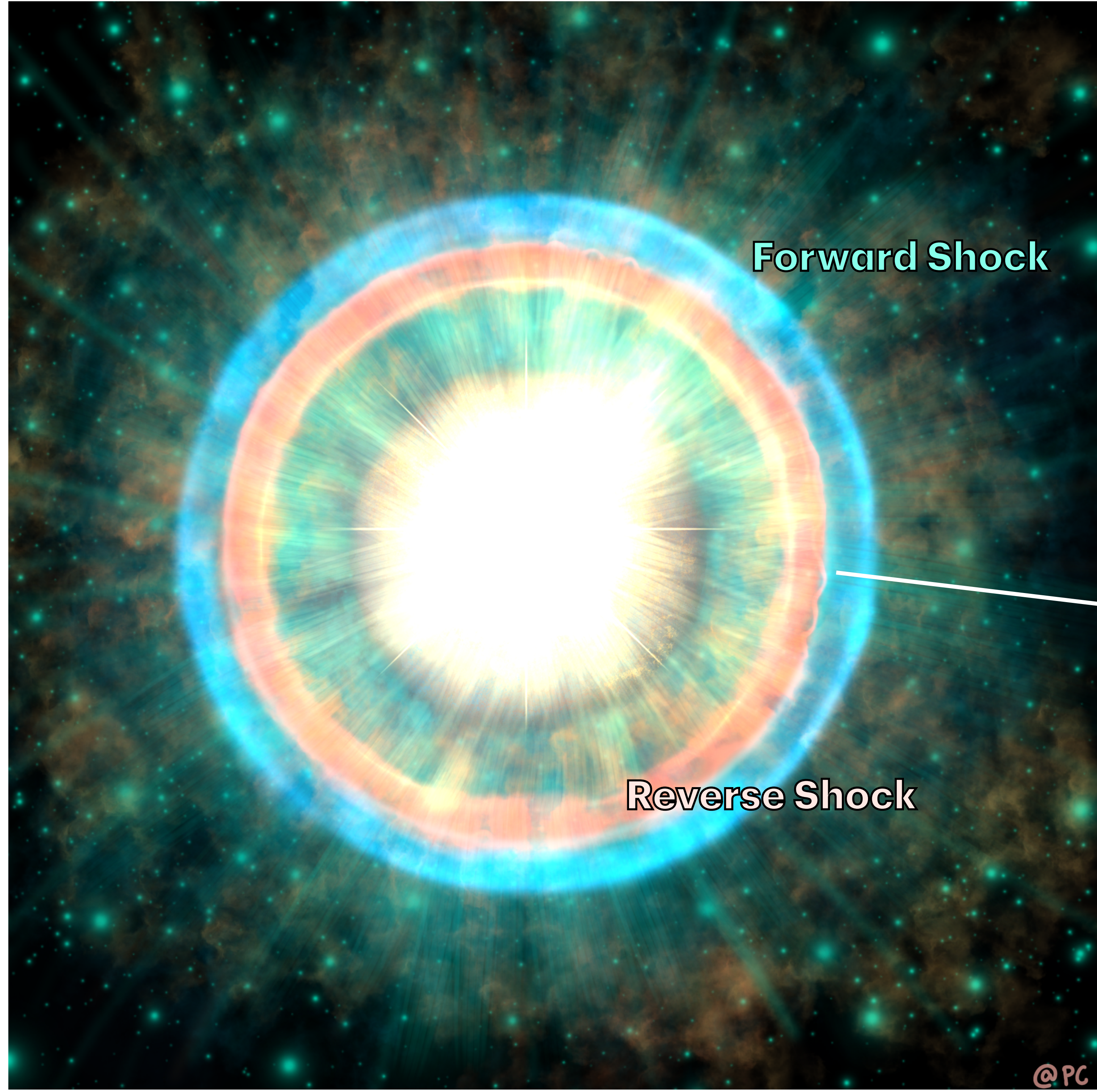
# Mass loss from massive stars

**Circumstellar medium**

Mass-loss from massive stars  $10^{-5} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

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# Circumstellar interaction



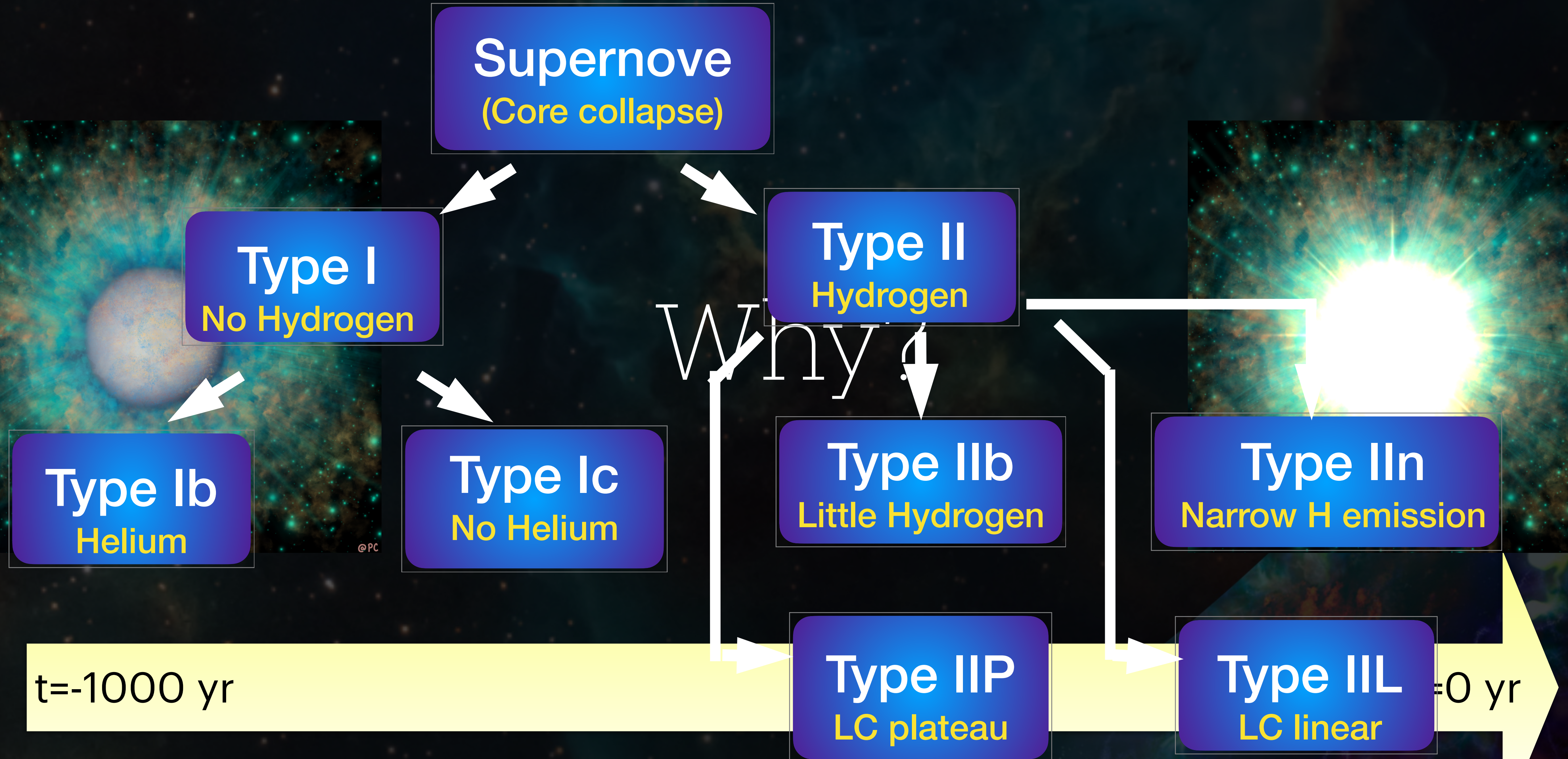
Forward Shock

Reverse Shock

Contact  
Discontinuity

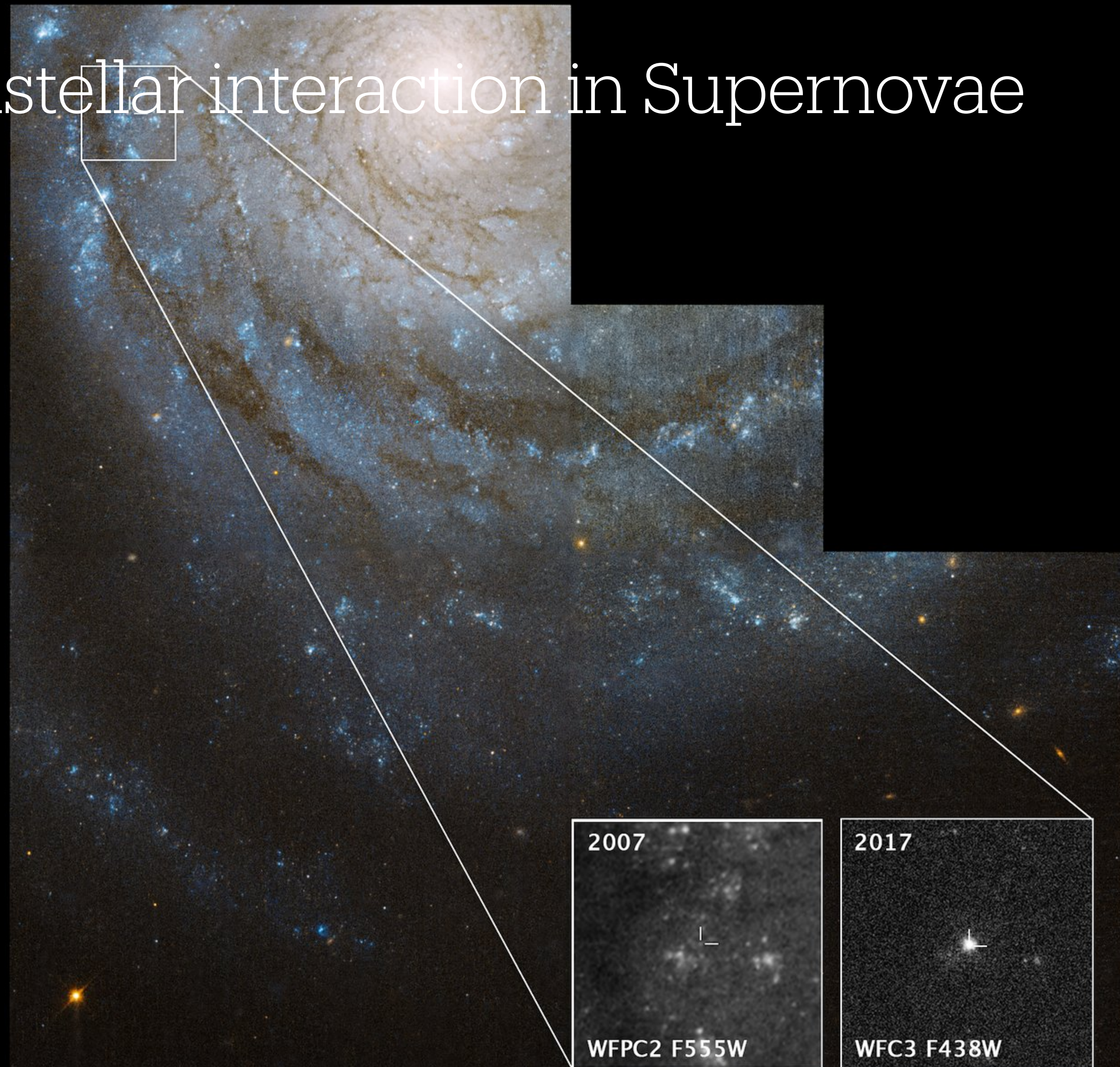
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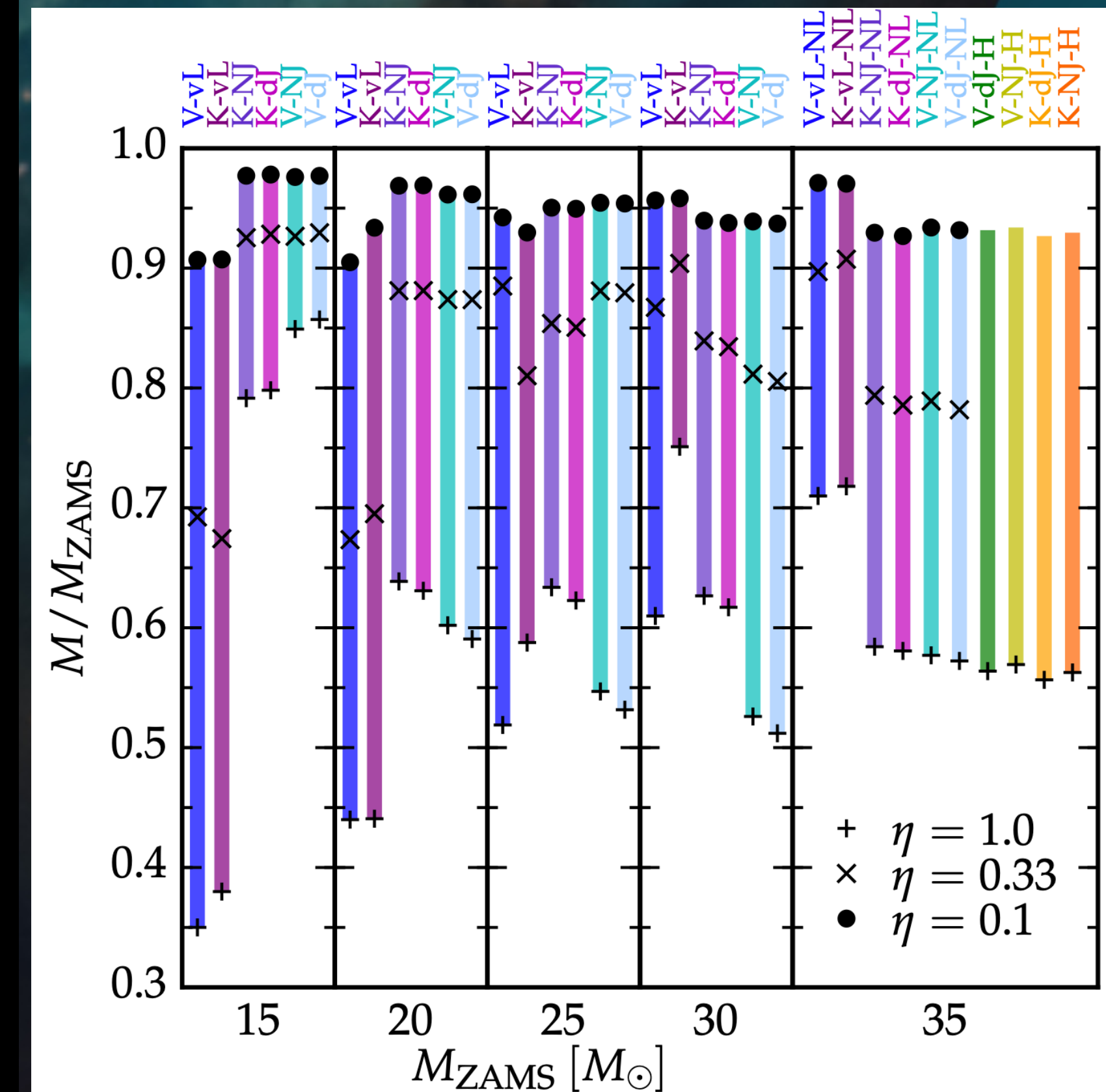
- Archival data- moments before death
- Limited to nearby supernovae



NASA, ESA, S. Van Dyk (Caltech), and W. Li (University of California)

# Why do we study circumstellar interaction in Supernovae

- Mapping between massive star and supernovae
- Mass-loss rate measurements
  - The initial to final mass  $\sim 50\%$  uncertainty (Renzo+2017, Zapartas+2021)
  - Complexities due to binarity, magnetism, rotation, metallicity, wind clumping, asymmetry.



Zapartas+2021



# Evolution of supernova progenitor

- Time Machine - Look back time = ejecta speed/wind speed
- Wind velocities and ejecta speeds different for different kinds of supernovae
  - Type IIp, ejecta speed ~10,000 km/s, wind ~10 km/s, Look back time ~1000
  - Type IIn, ejecta speed ~6000 km/s, wind ~100 km/s, look back Time ~60
  - Type Ic, ejecta speed ~30,000 km/s, wind ~1000 km/s, look back time ~30



# Why do we study circumstellar interaction in Supernovae

- Multiwavelength study of circumstellar interaction in a Type IIn supernova

**Please see poster and 1m talk by Raphael Baer-way**



## A Multiwavelength Autopsy of the Interacting Supernova 2020ywx

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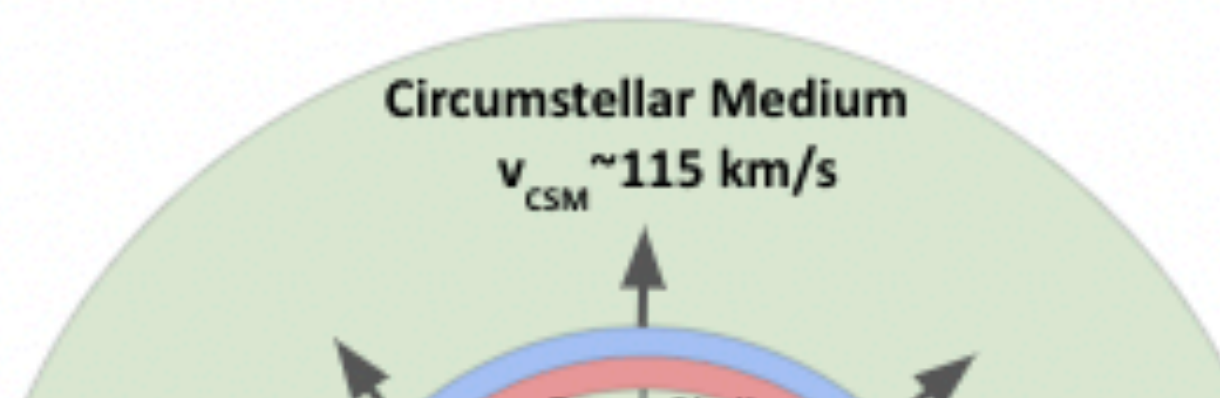
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### Introduction

- While **interacting supernovae** (defined by extensive interaction between the supernova ejecta and dense pre-existing circumstellar material) are being discovered at increasing rates across the electromagnetic spectrum, their **progenitor channels are still relatively unconstrained**
- **Combining evidence across wavelengths** is a robust way to constrain possible progenitor mechanisms
- We seek to do this for SN 2020ywx-a **type IIn supernova** at 96 Mpc which showed **signatures of strong interaction** from the earliest observations
- Through **radio** (GMRT+VLA), **optical/NIR** photometric+spectroscopic (ZTF+MMT+Magellan+Keck+LCO) and **X-ray** (Swift+Chandra) observations, we **constrain the mass-loss rate across wavelengths/time** and different components of interaction

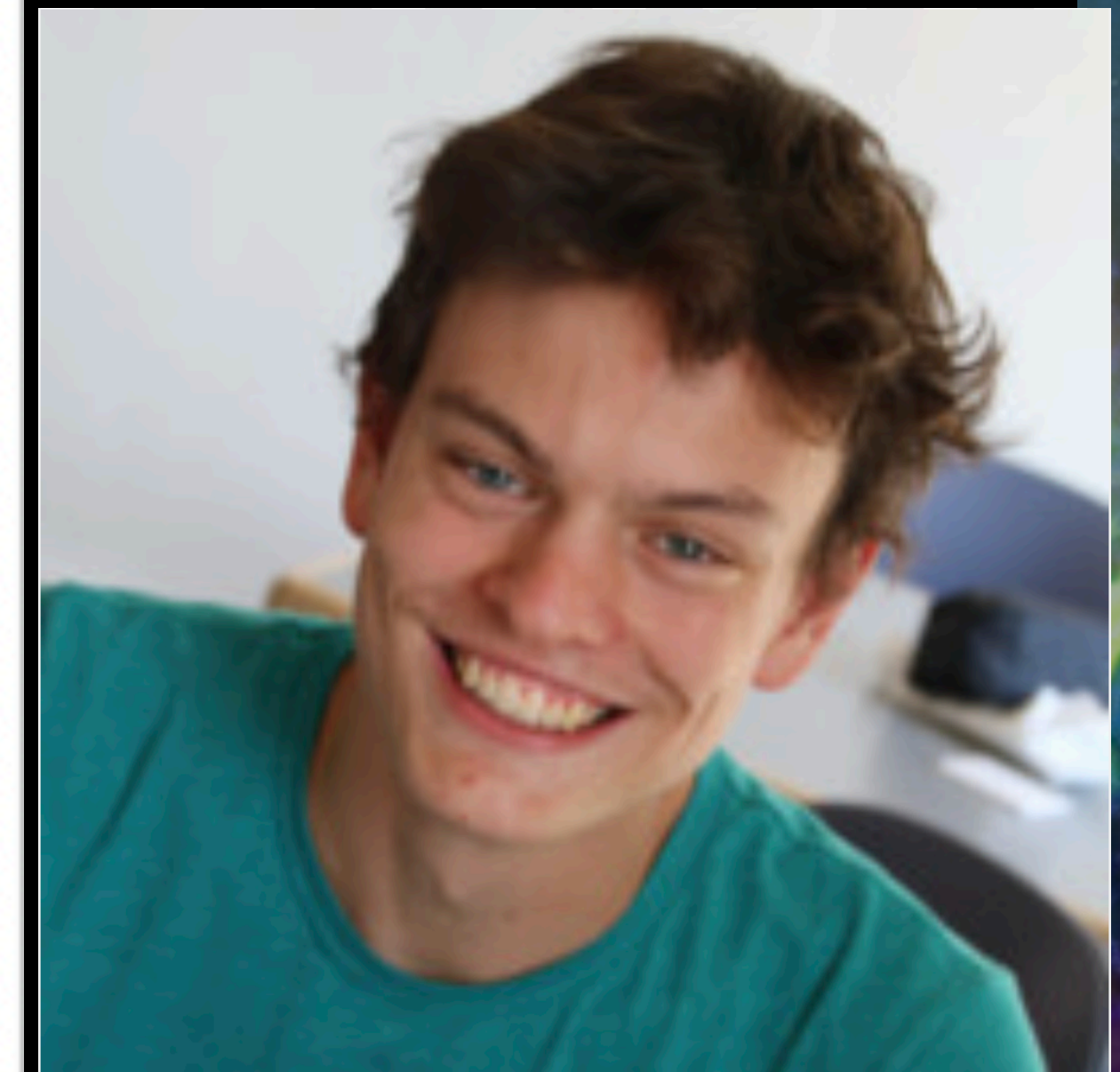
### Optical/IR

- SN 2020ywx is similar to other SNe IIn in the optical-**multi-component line emission** from ejecta+shell between forward and reverse shock+unshocked



### X-Rays

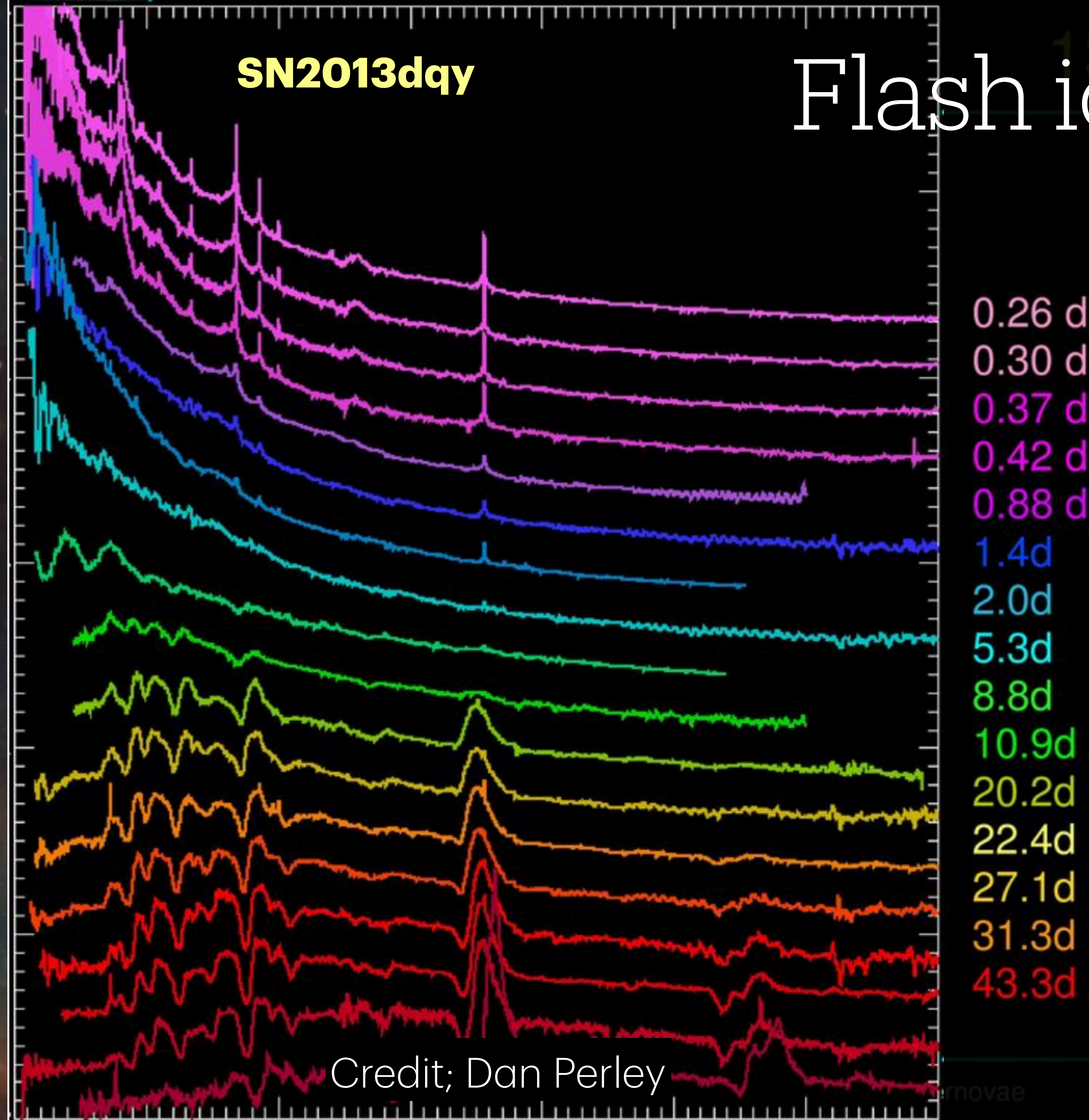
- In the X-rays, SN 2020ywx is highly luminous-**2nd most luminous X-ray SNe IIn of all time**-peaking at  $7 \times 10^{41}$  ergs/s
- X-ray emission is coming from the



How?

SN2013dqy

# Flash ionization

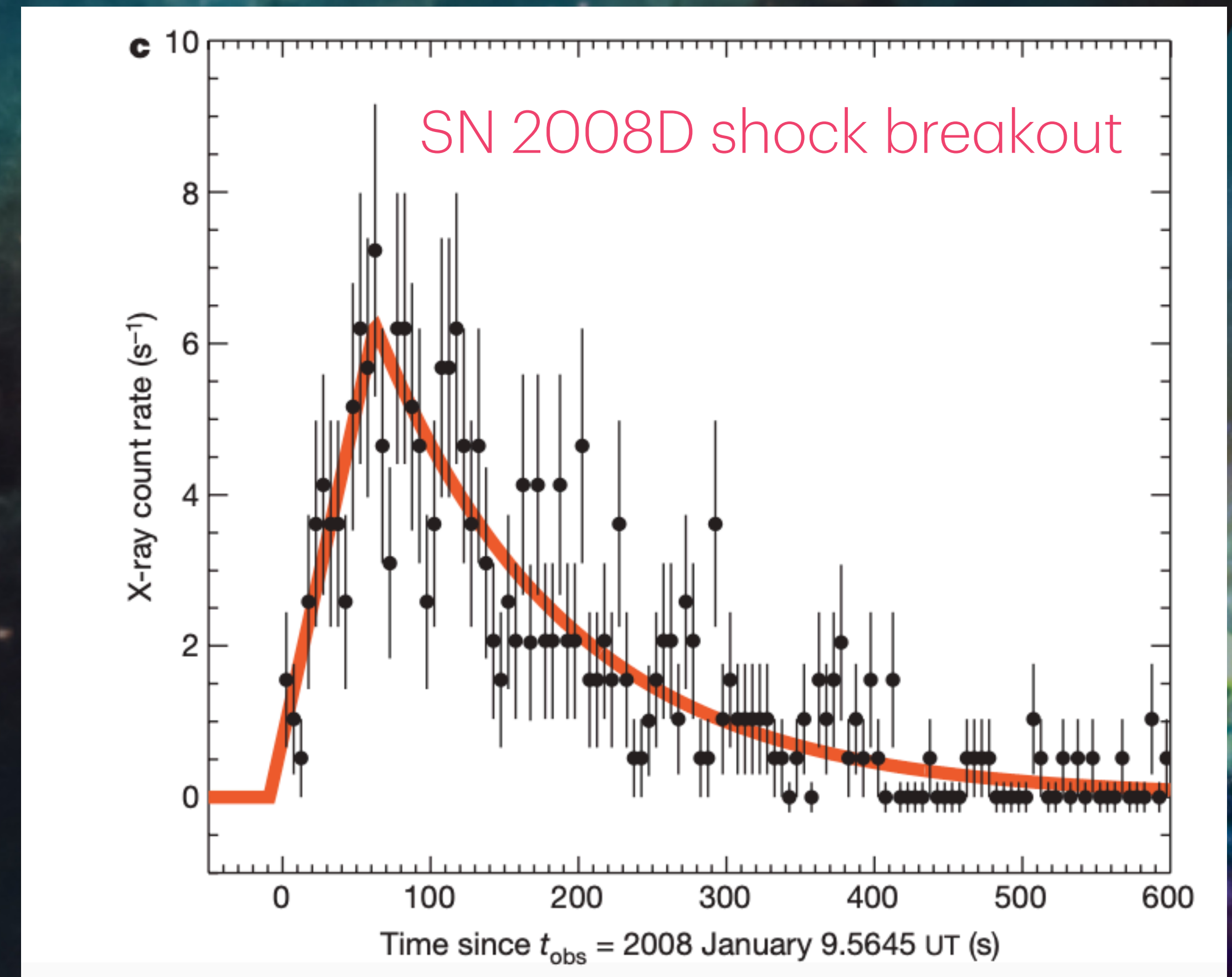
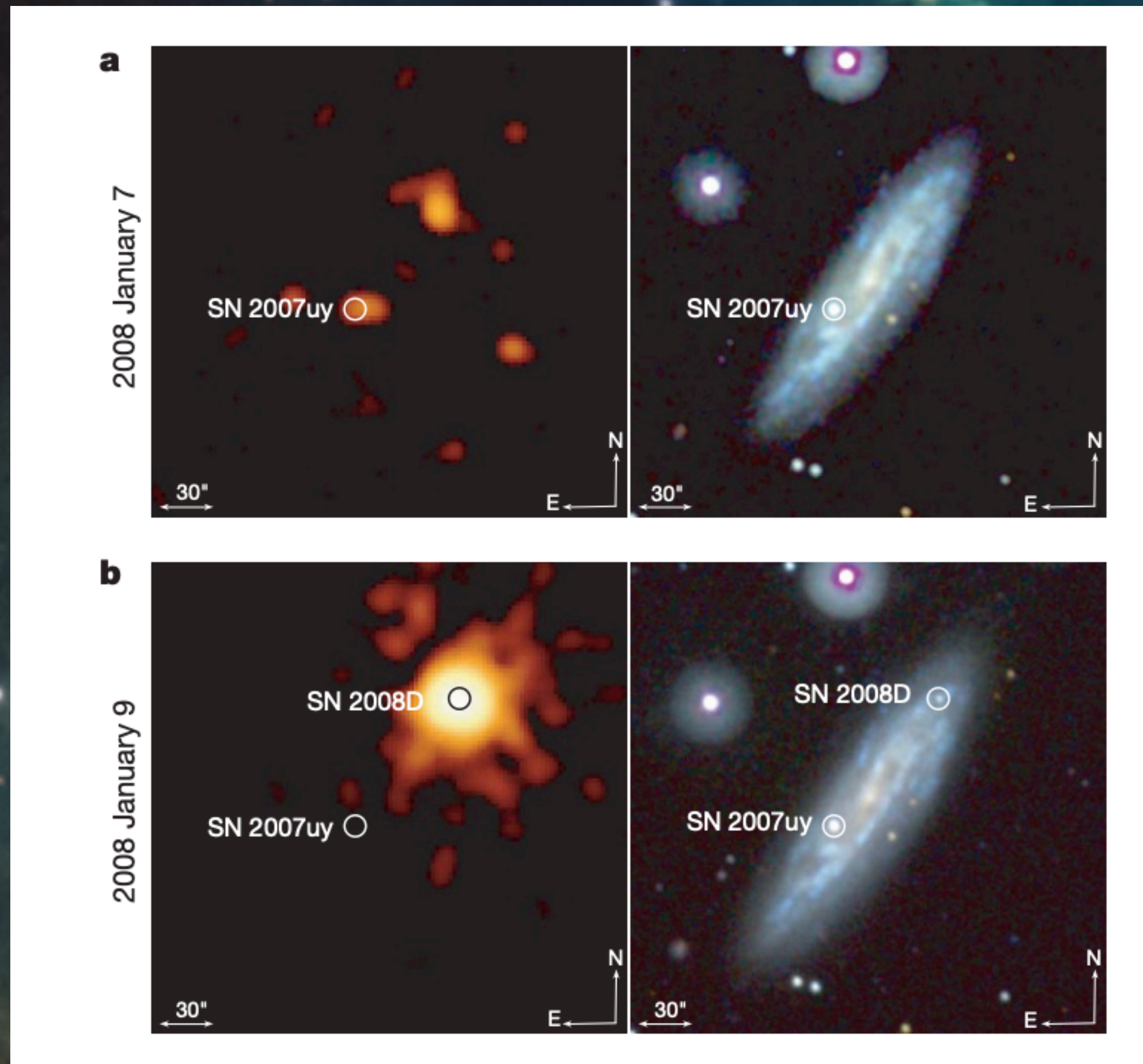


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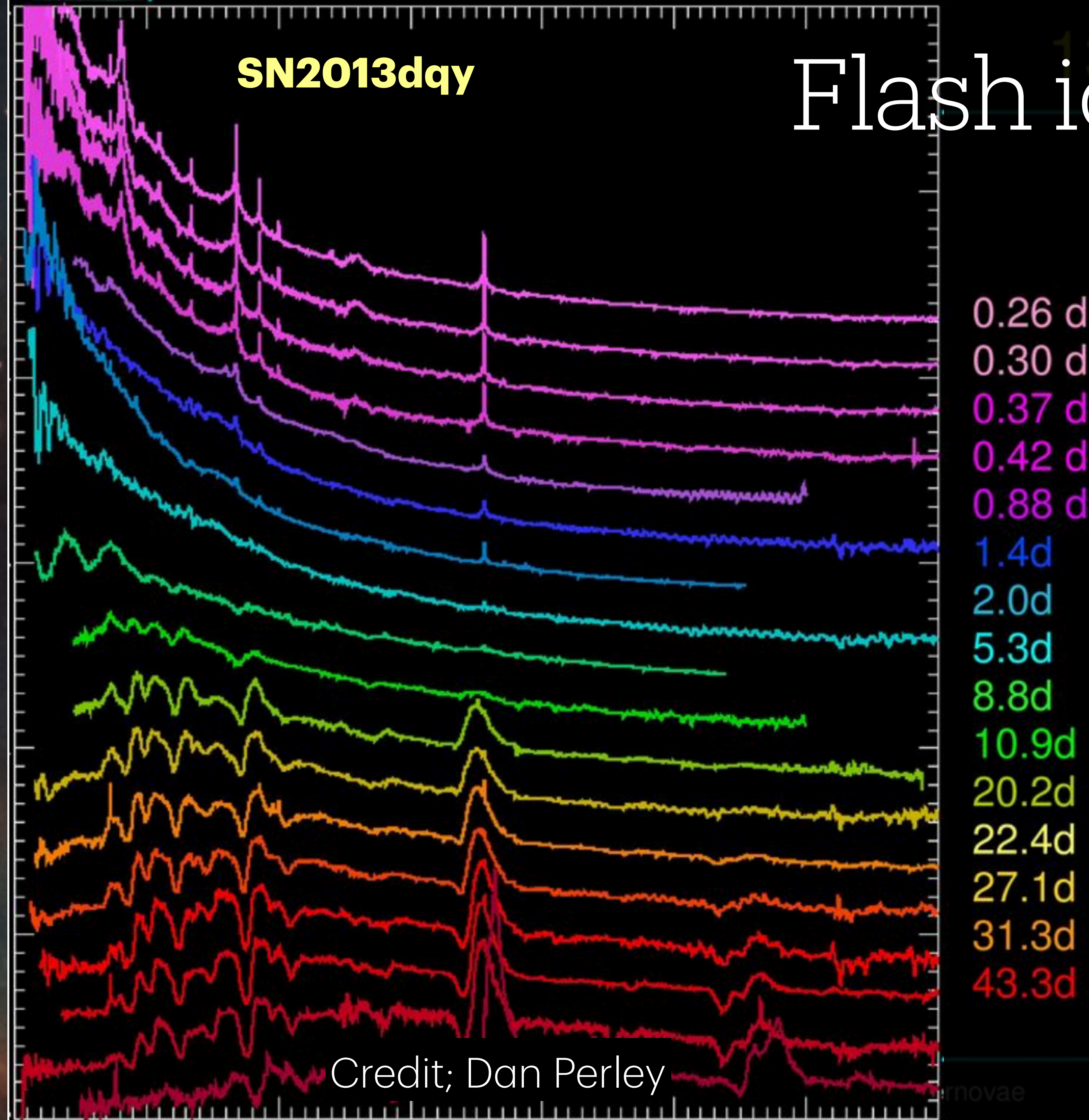
Shock breakout - SN 2008D



Soderberg,...PC... 2008

SN2013dqy

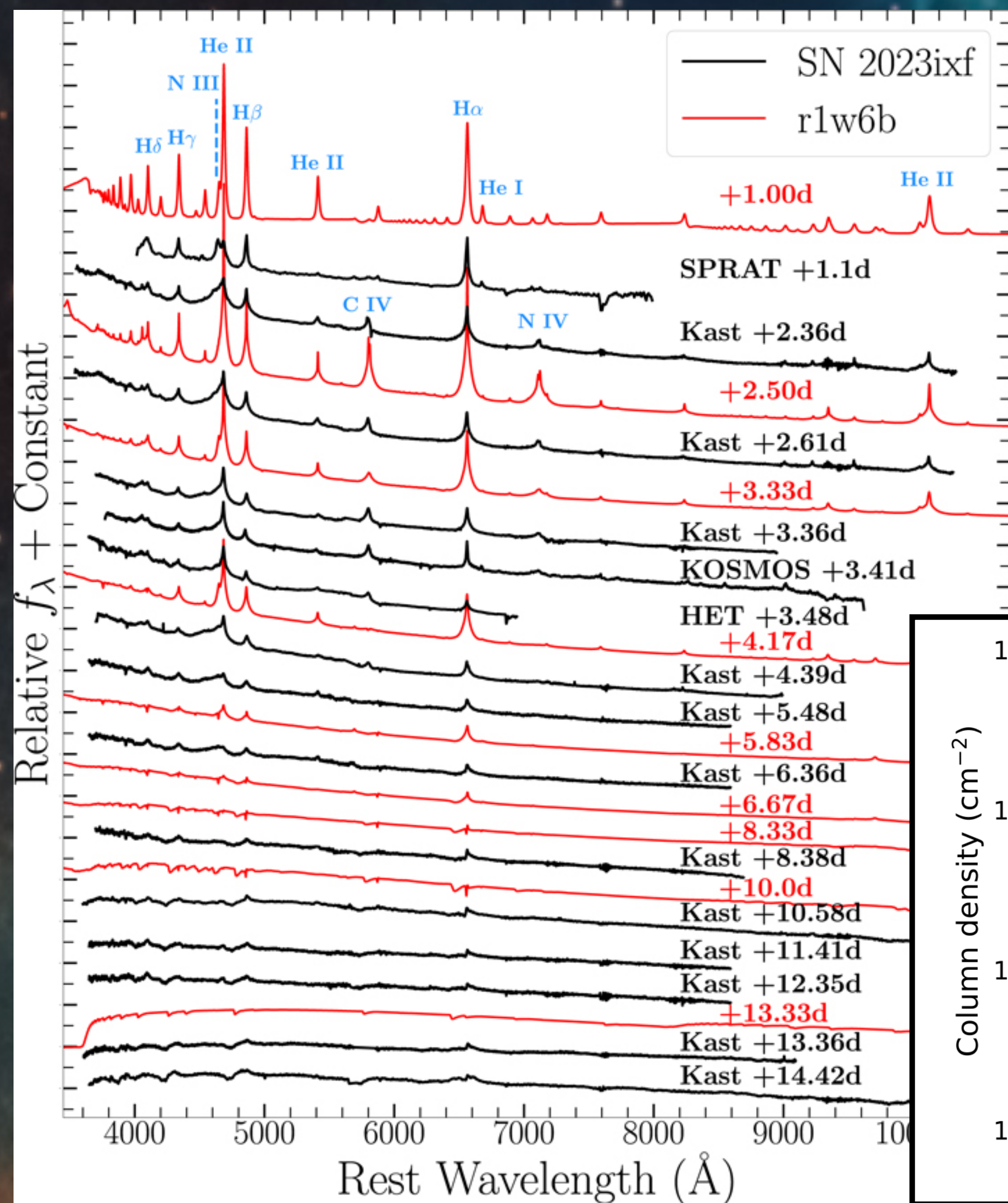
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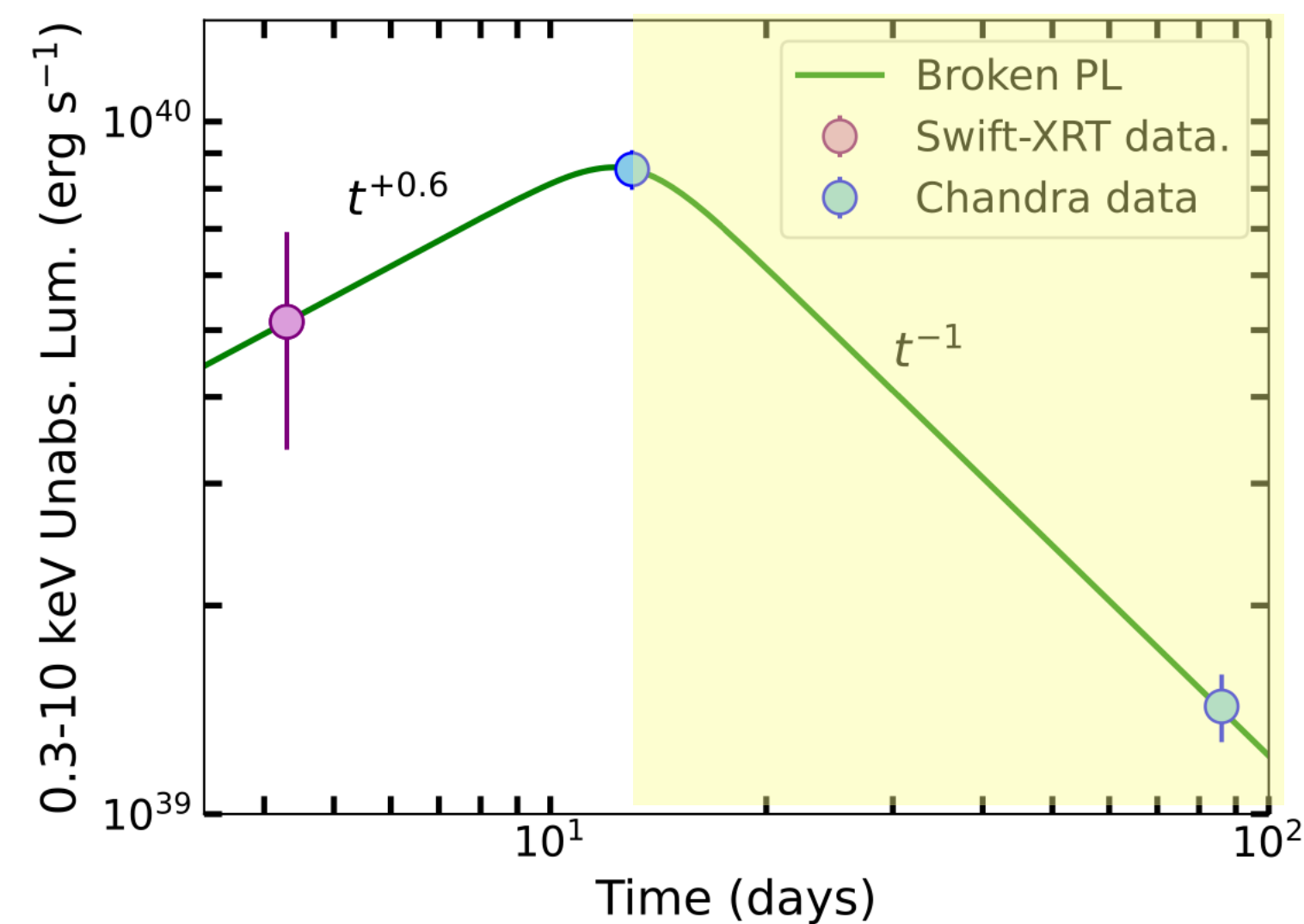
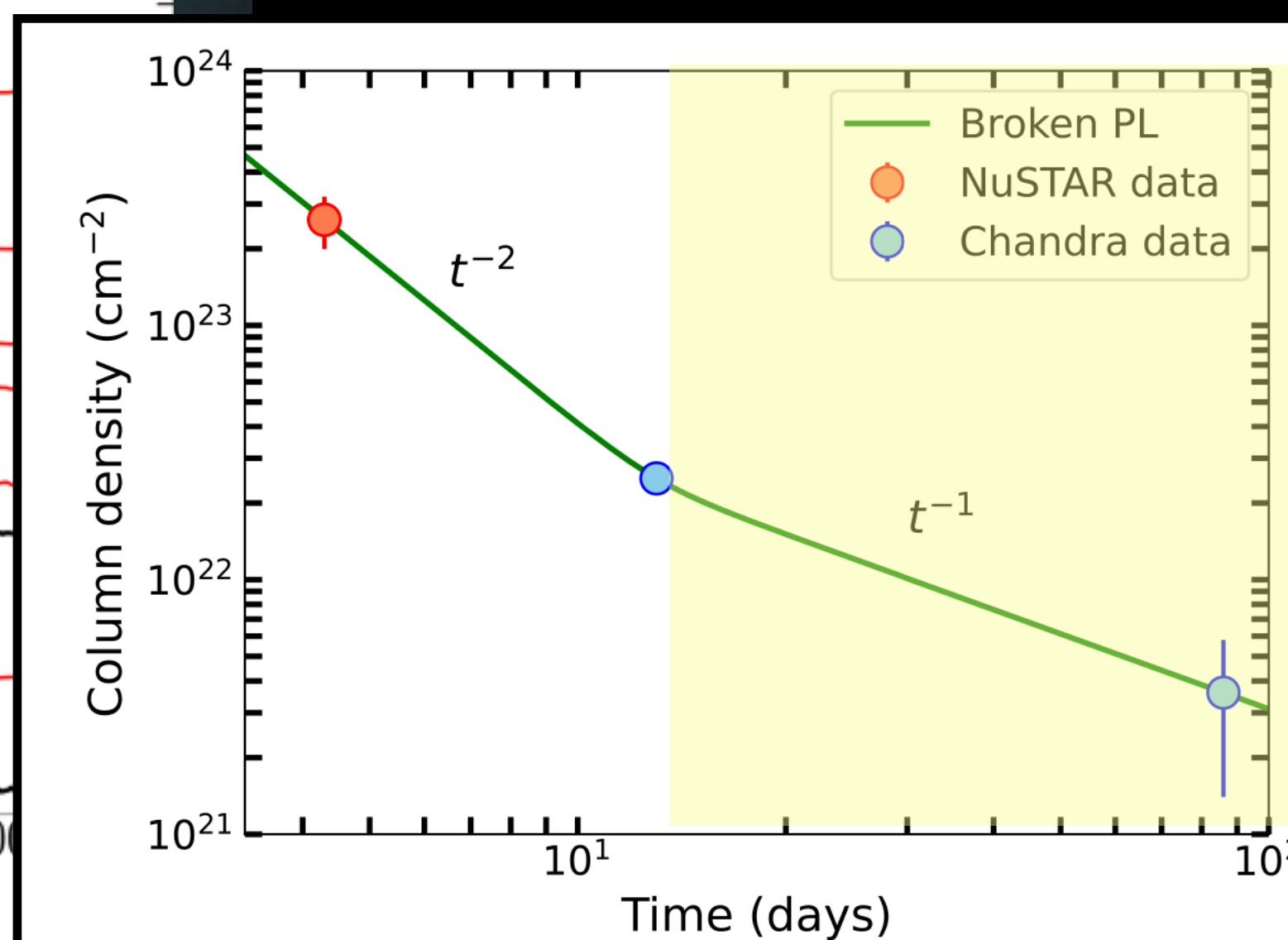
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- Disappear within few days - confined CSM (Khazov+16)
- Mass loss rate  $\sim 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Denser CSM extending to  $<10^{15} \text{ cm}$
- Type IIP iPTF13dqy (SN 2013fs, Yaron et al. 2017). Several ZTF supernovae (Bruch+23, Perley+19)
- Binarity less probable, gravity waves instabilities (Shiode, Quataert)

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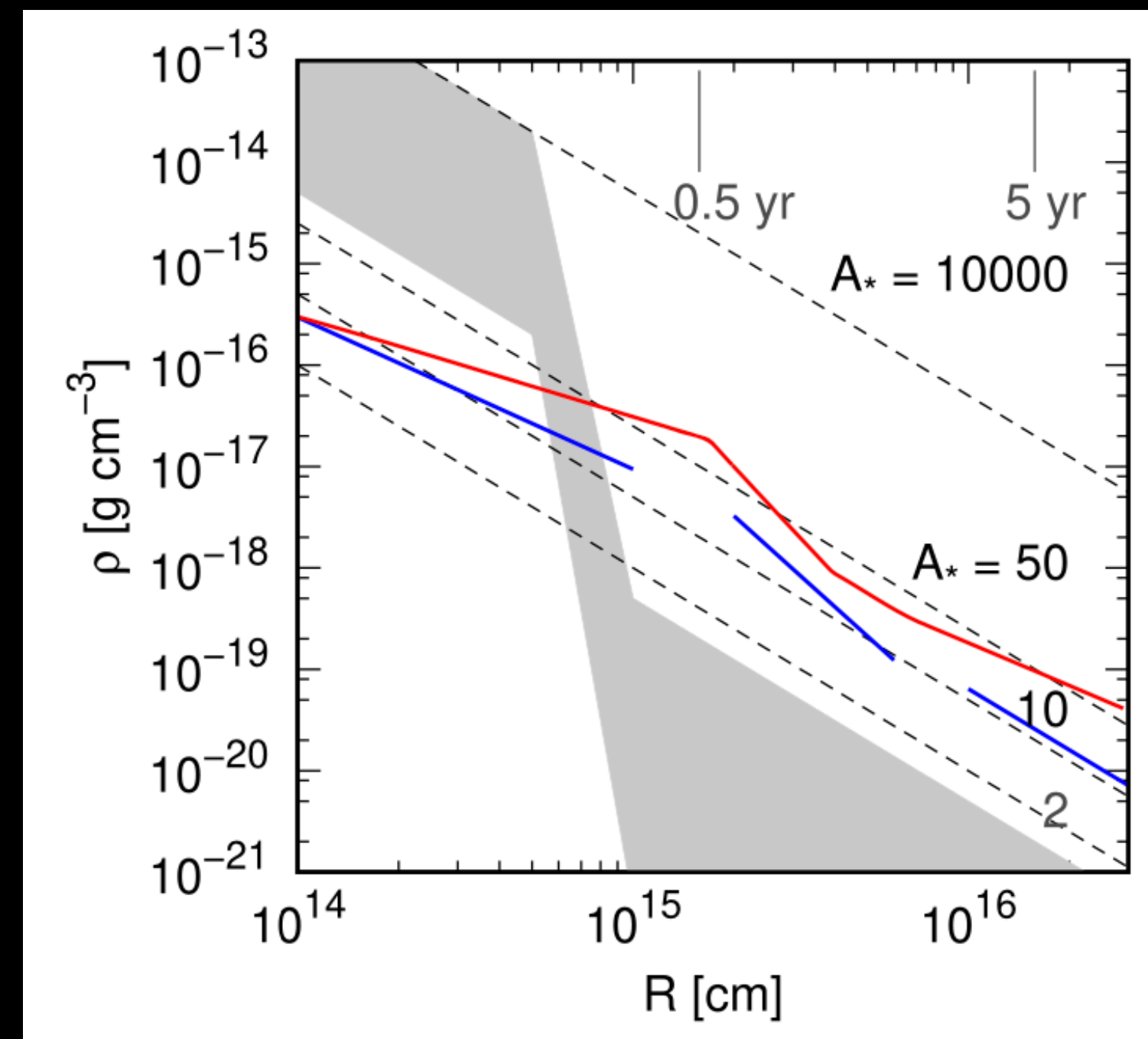
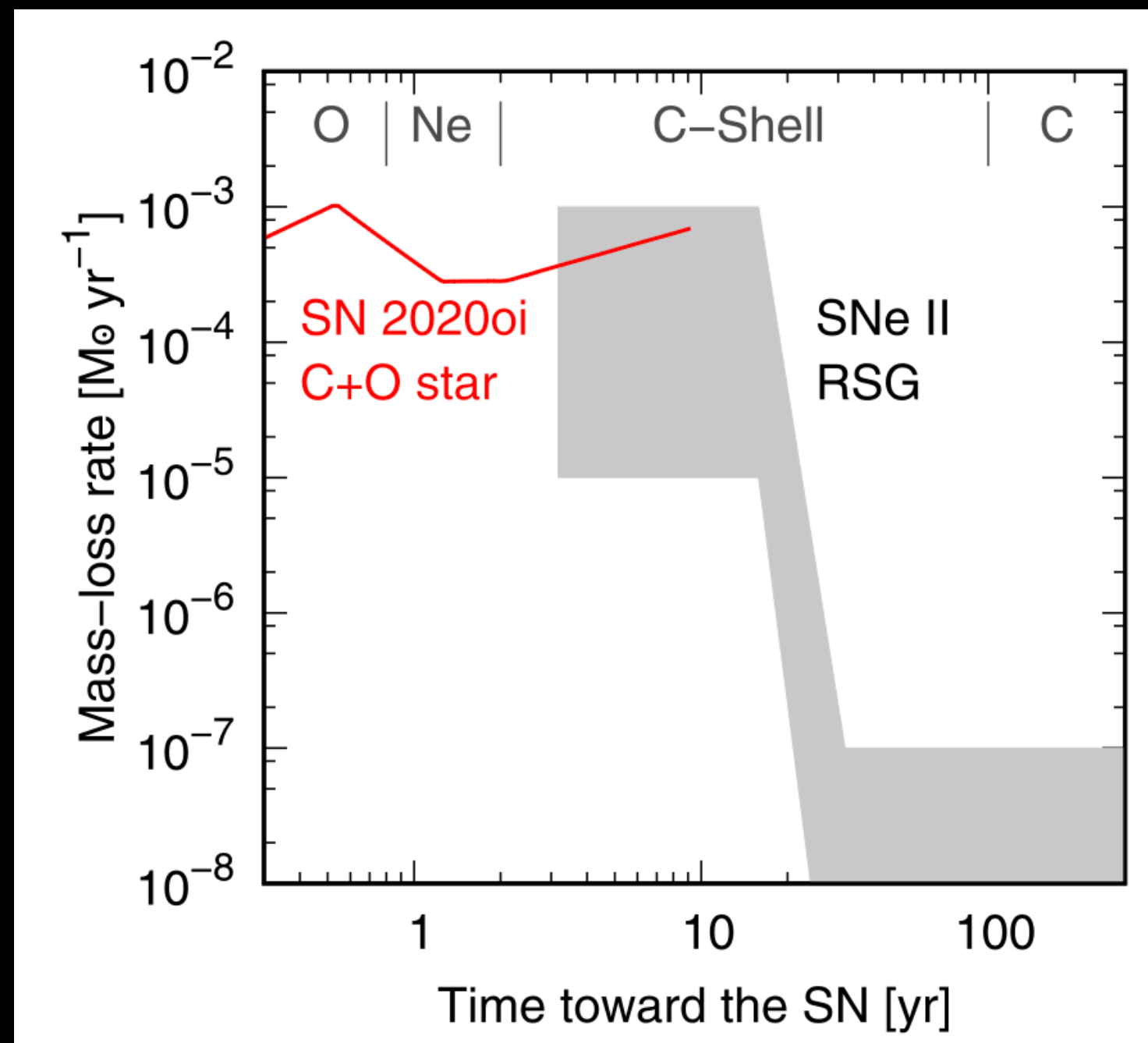


- SN 2023ixf - flash ionization (Jacobson-Galán+23, Teja+23)
- Standard evolution at later time - X-ray data (PC+24)
- From X-rays Mass loss rate  $\sim 6.5 \times 10^{-5} M_\odot/\text{yr}$  (PC+24, Grefenstette+23)



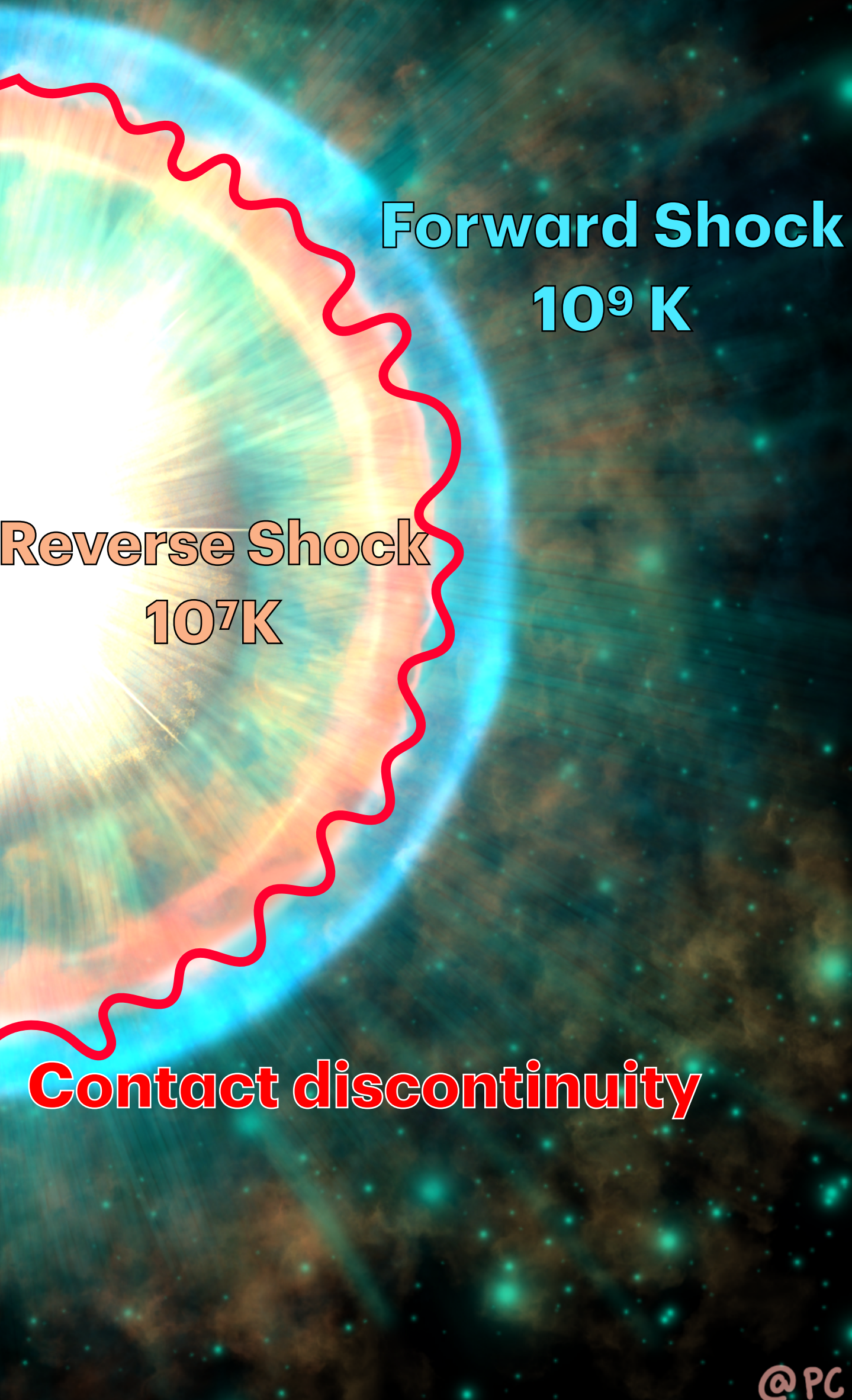
# Dense CSM- also seen in other bands

- Enhanced mass-loss rates also seen in ALMA mm data (Maeda, PC+21, Maeda, PC+23, Maeda, Michiyama, pc+23)





# X-ray emission - circumstellar interaction



- Hot forward shock -  $10^9$ K
  - Reverse shock -  $10^7$ K
  - RS density  $(n-3)*(n-4)/2$  x FS density ~factor of ~20
  - Most dominant reverse shock ~1keV
- $n$  - ejecta density profile  $\rho^{-n}$

$$L_i = 4\pi \int \Lambda_{\text{ff}}(T_e) n_e^2 dr \approx \Lambda_{\text{ff}}(T_i) \frac{M_i \rho_i}{(\mu_e m_H)^2}$$

- Luminosity ~ density<sup>2</sup>
- Observational evidence (Schlegel+95, Immler+2002, Dwarkadas+2012)

# X-ray emission - circumstellar interaction

Reverse shock radiative

- Cooling time ~  
Chevalier, Fransson 2017

$$t_{\text{cool}} \sim \frac{605}{(n-3)(n-4)(n-2)^{3.34}} \left( \frac{V_{\text{ej}}}{10^4 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{5.34} \left( \frac{\dot{M}_{-5}}{u_{w1}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{t}{\text{days}} \right)^2 \text{ days,}$$

- Radiative reverse shock,

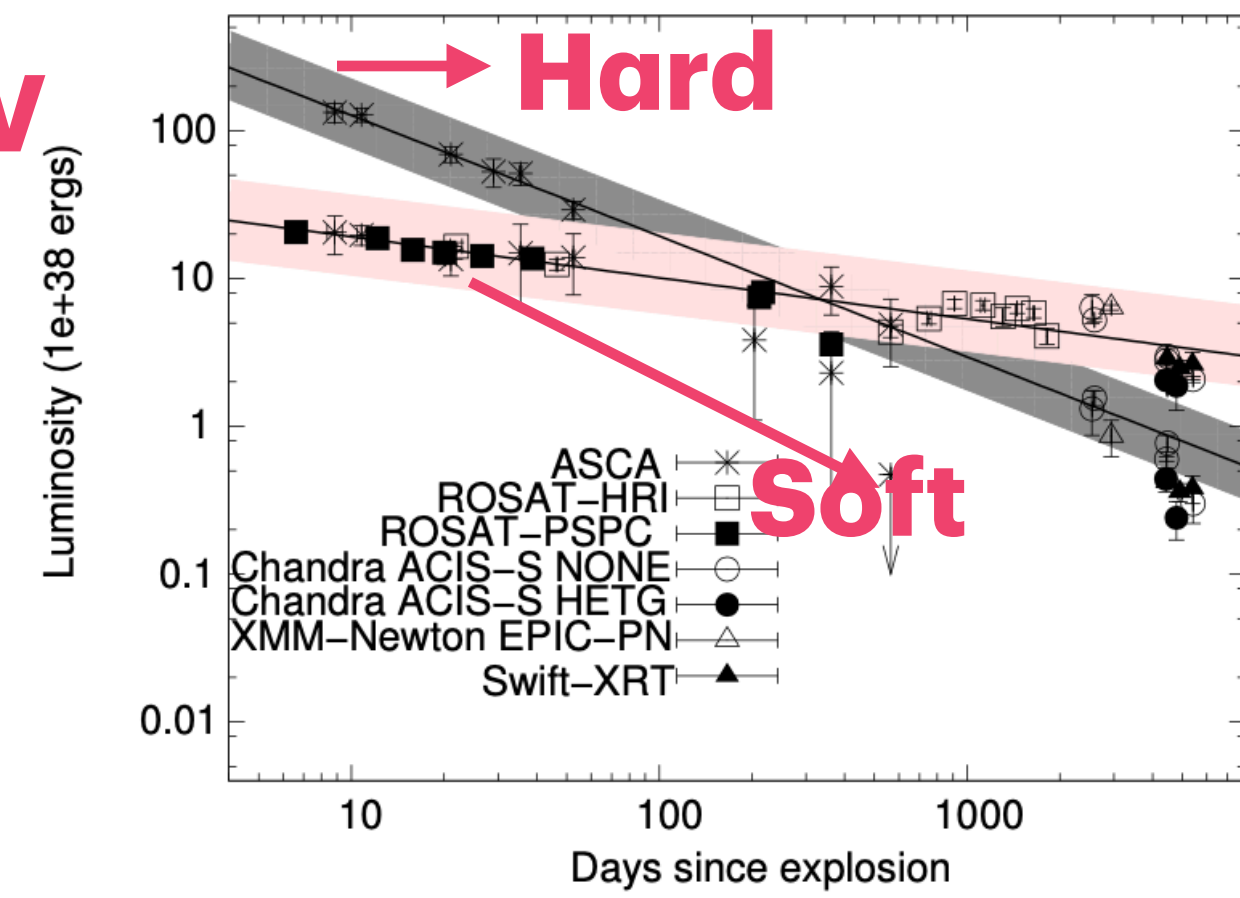
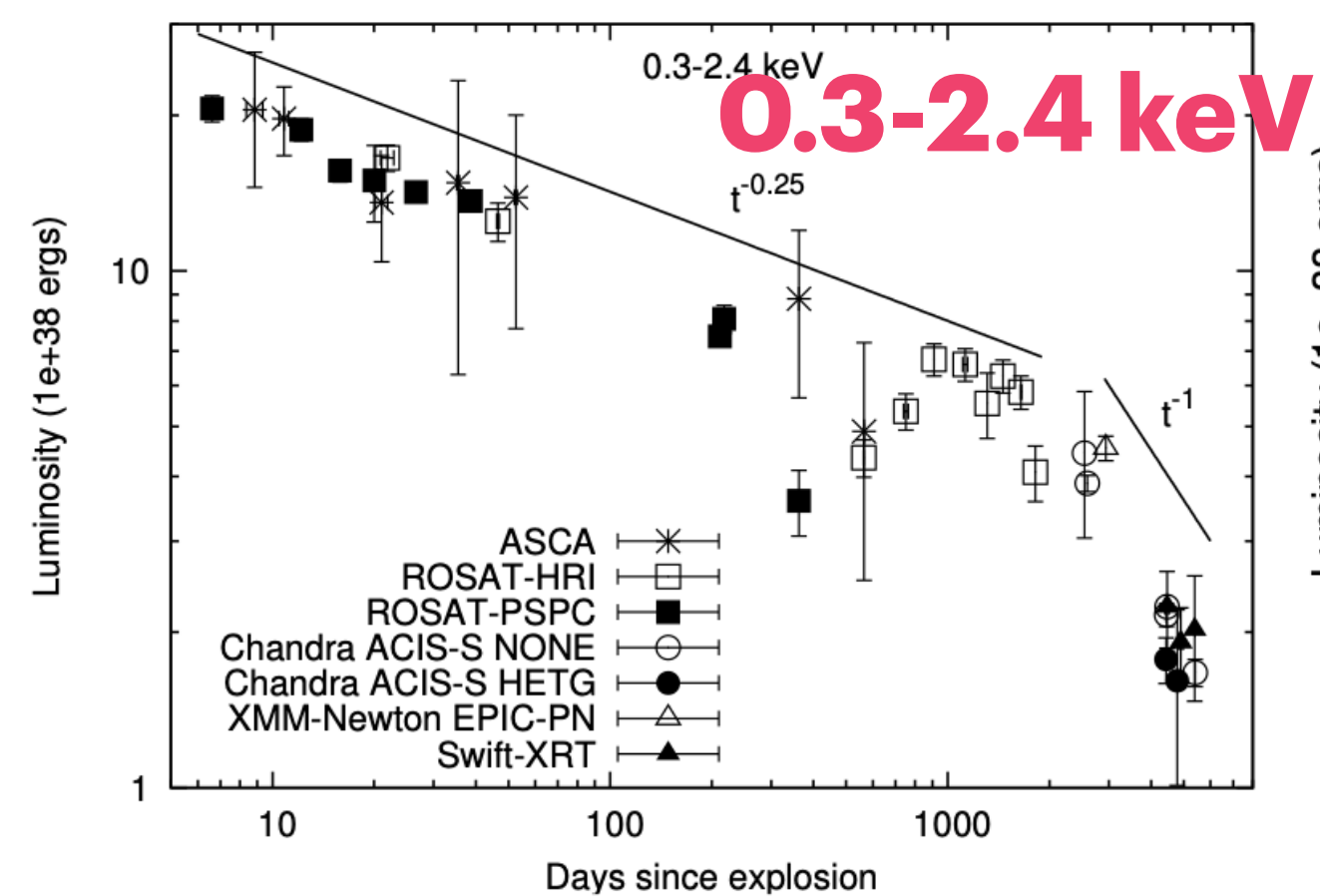
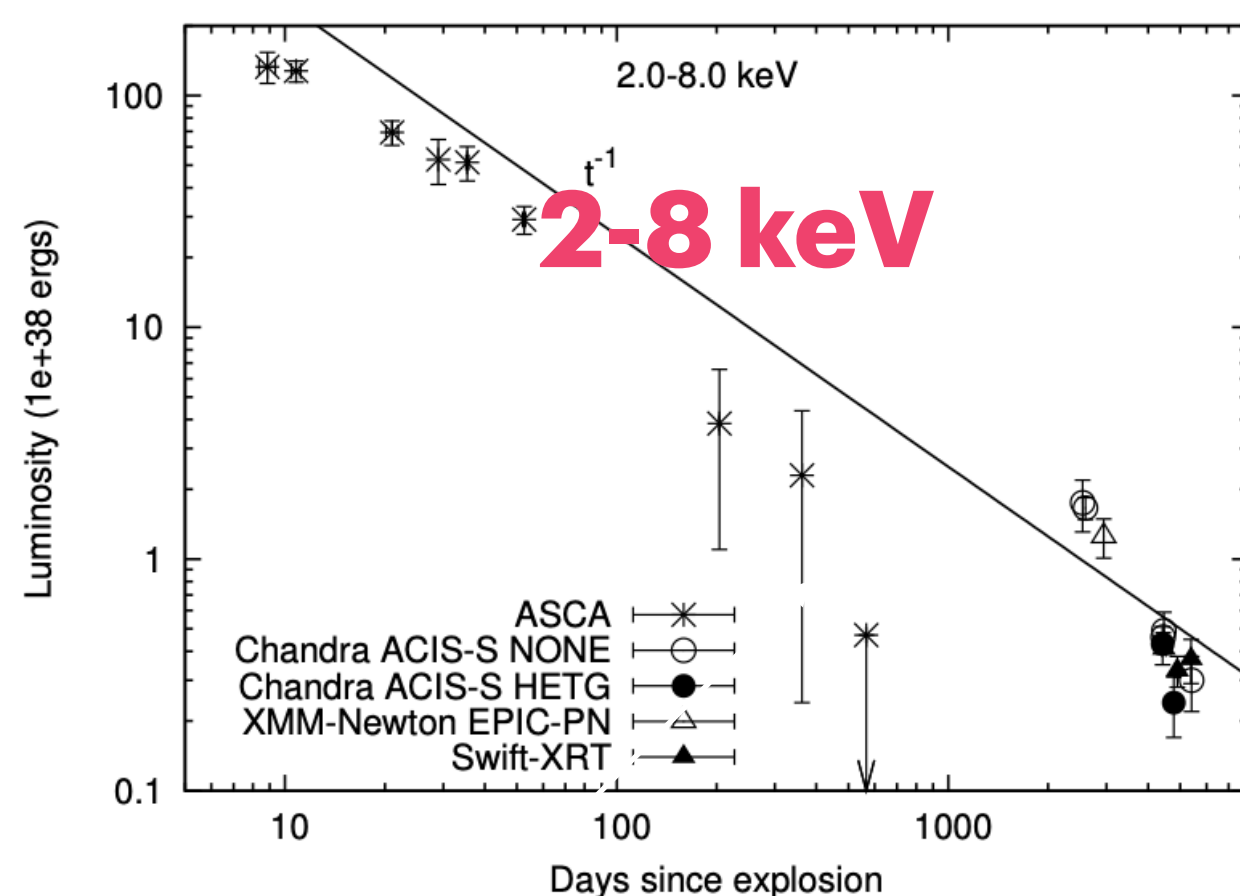
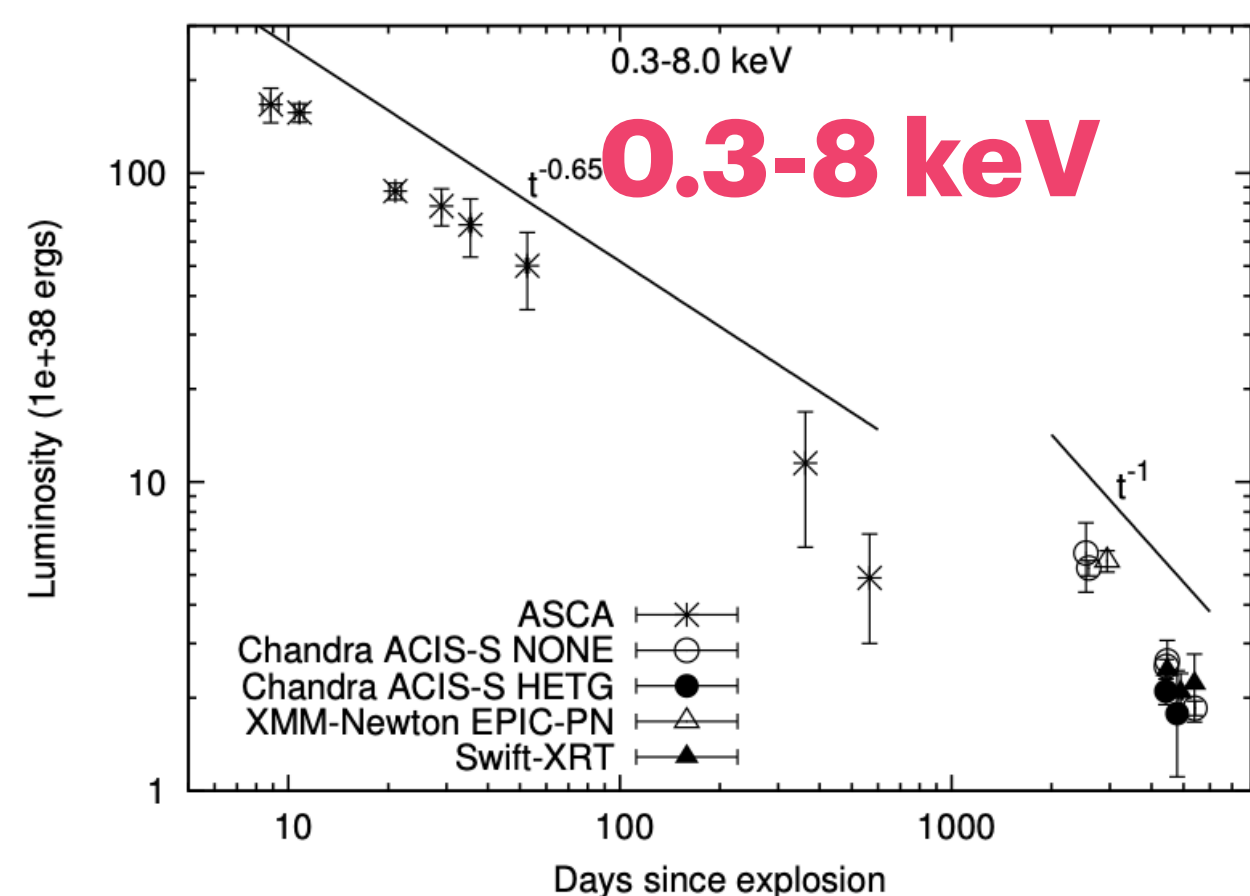
$$L_{\text{rev}} = 4\pi R_s^2 \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\text{ej}} v_{\text{rev}}^3$$

Luminosity ~ density

- SN 1993J - Radiative Reverse Shock - Fransson+96

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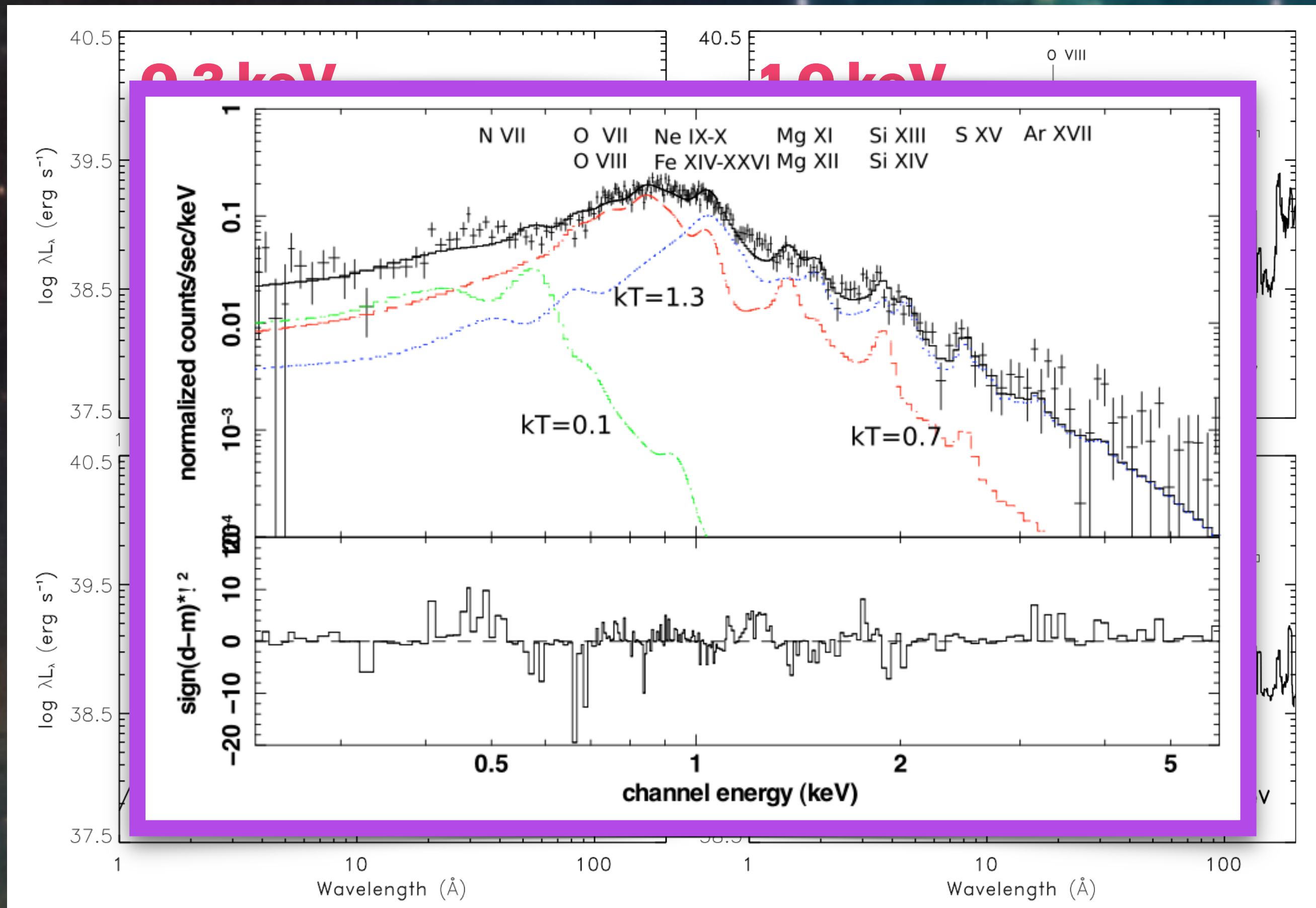


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PC+2009

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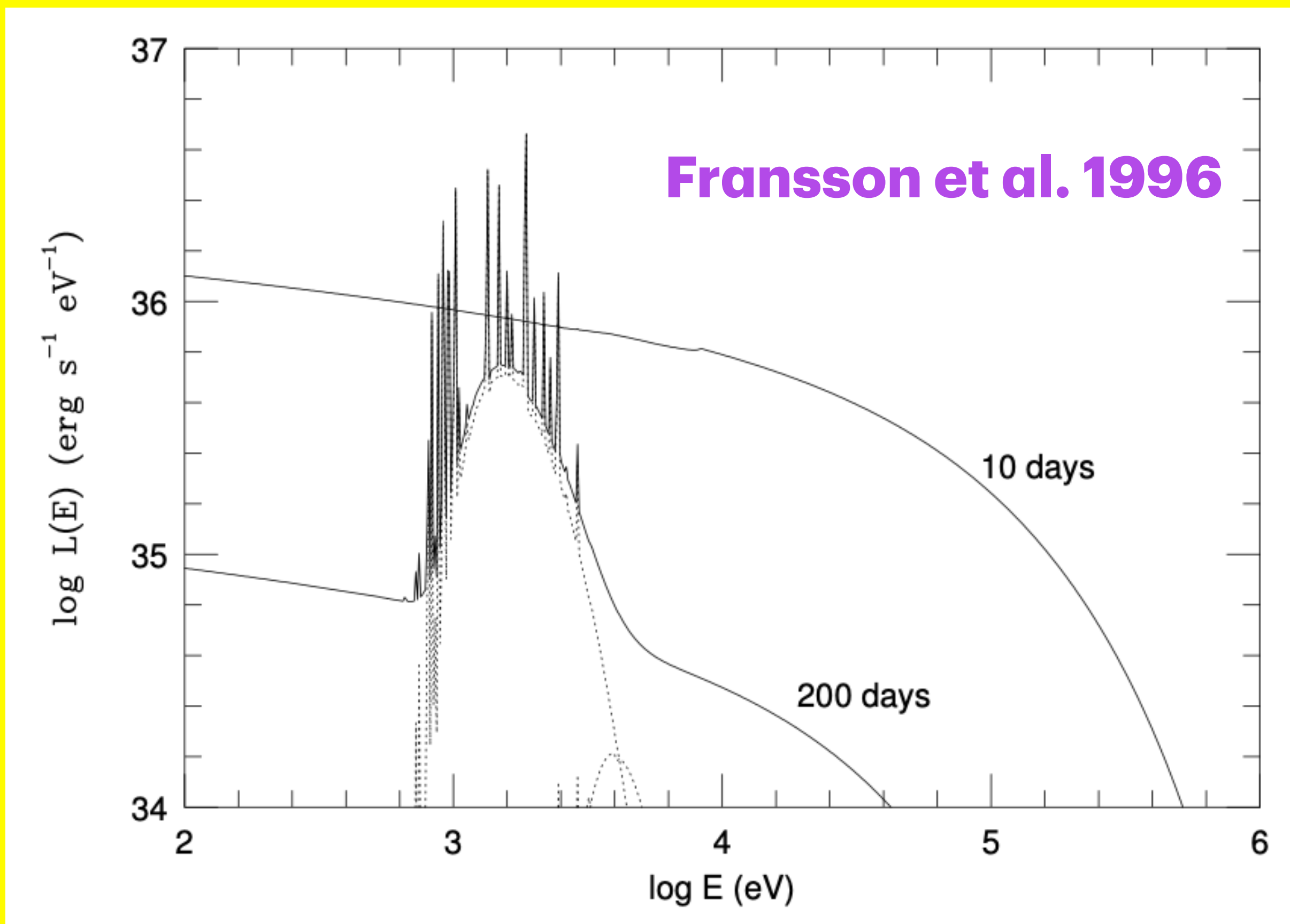
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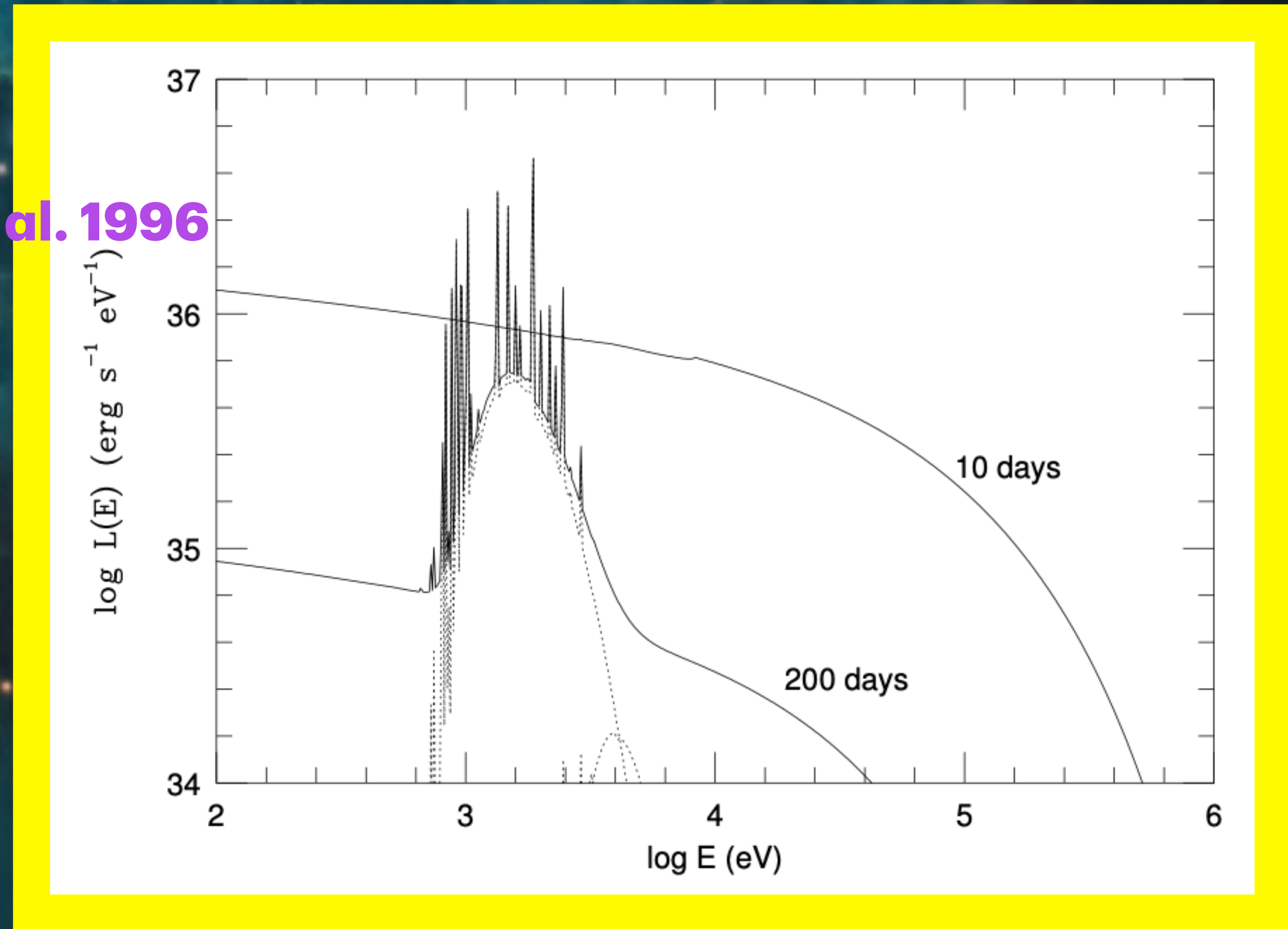


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# ion - circumstellar interaction



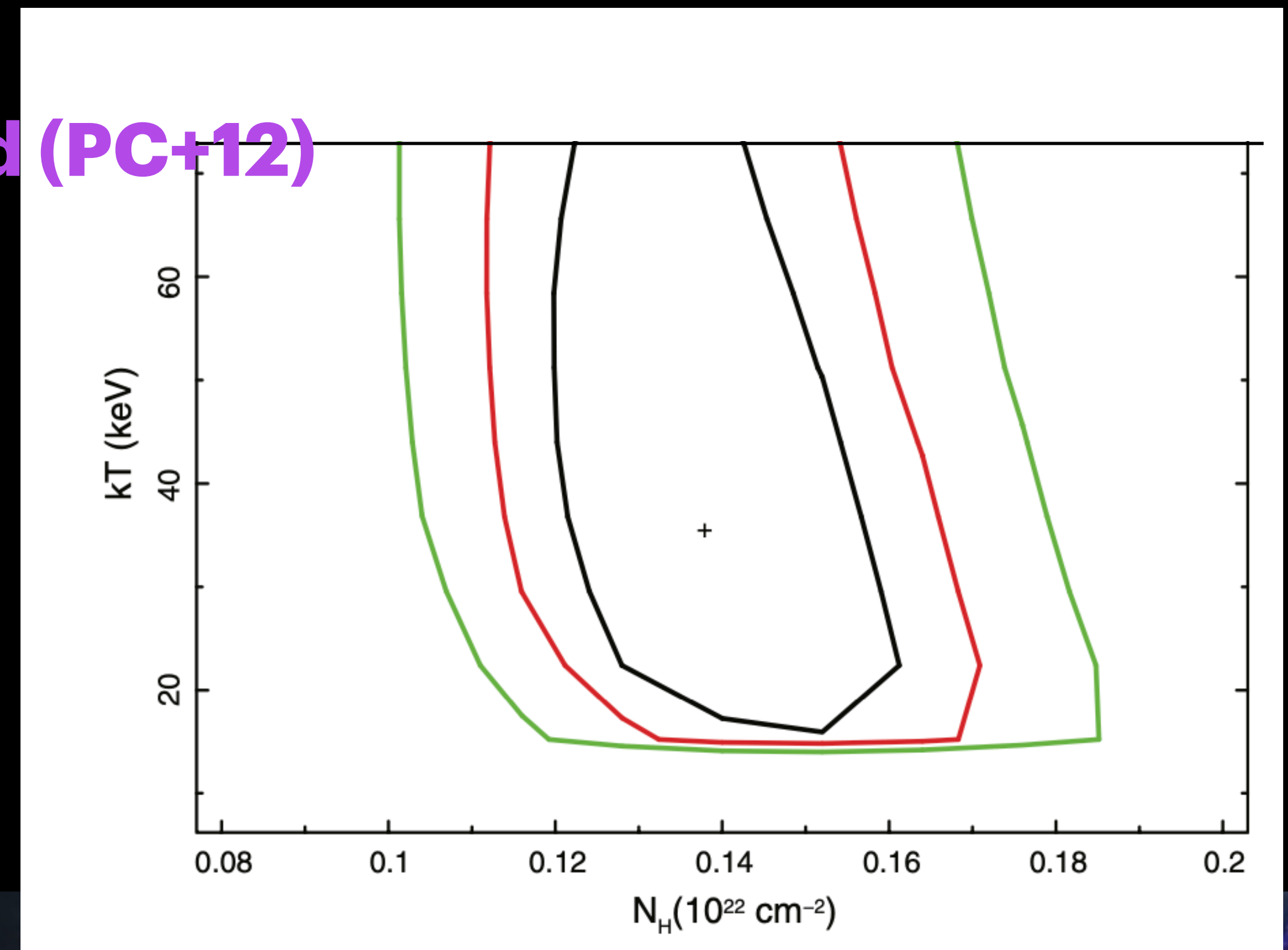
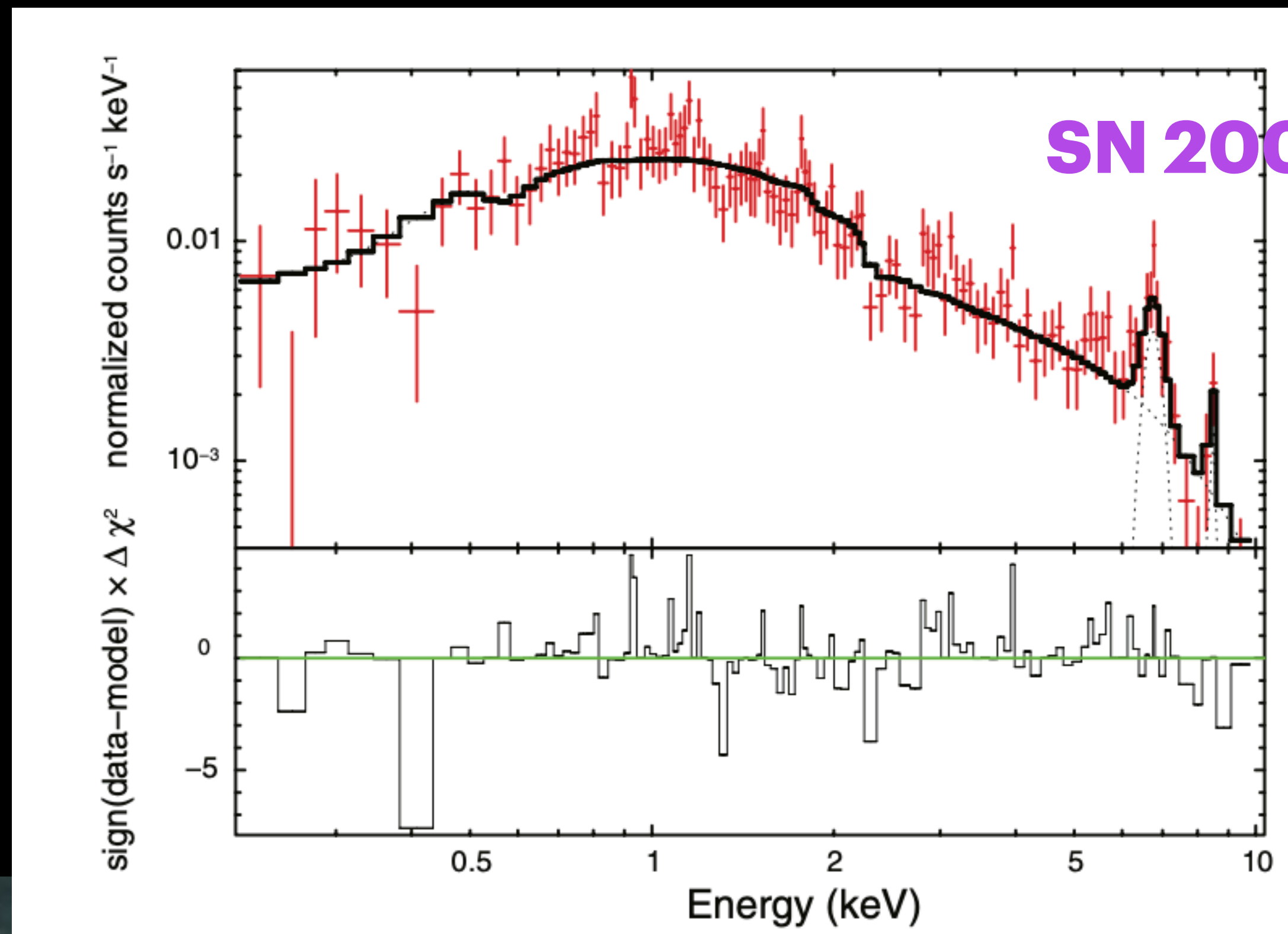
Fransson et al. 1996



# X-ray emission - circumstellar interaction

## Hard X-rays

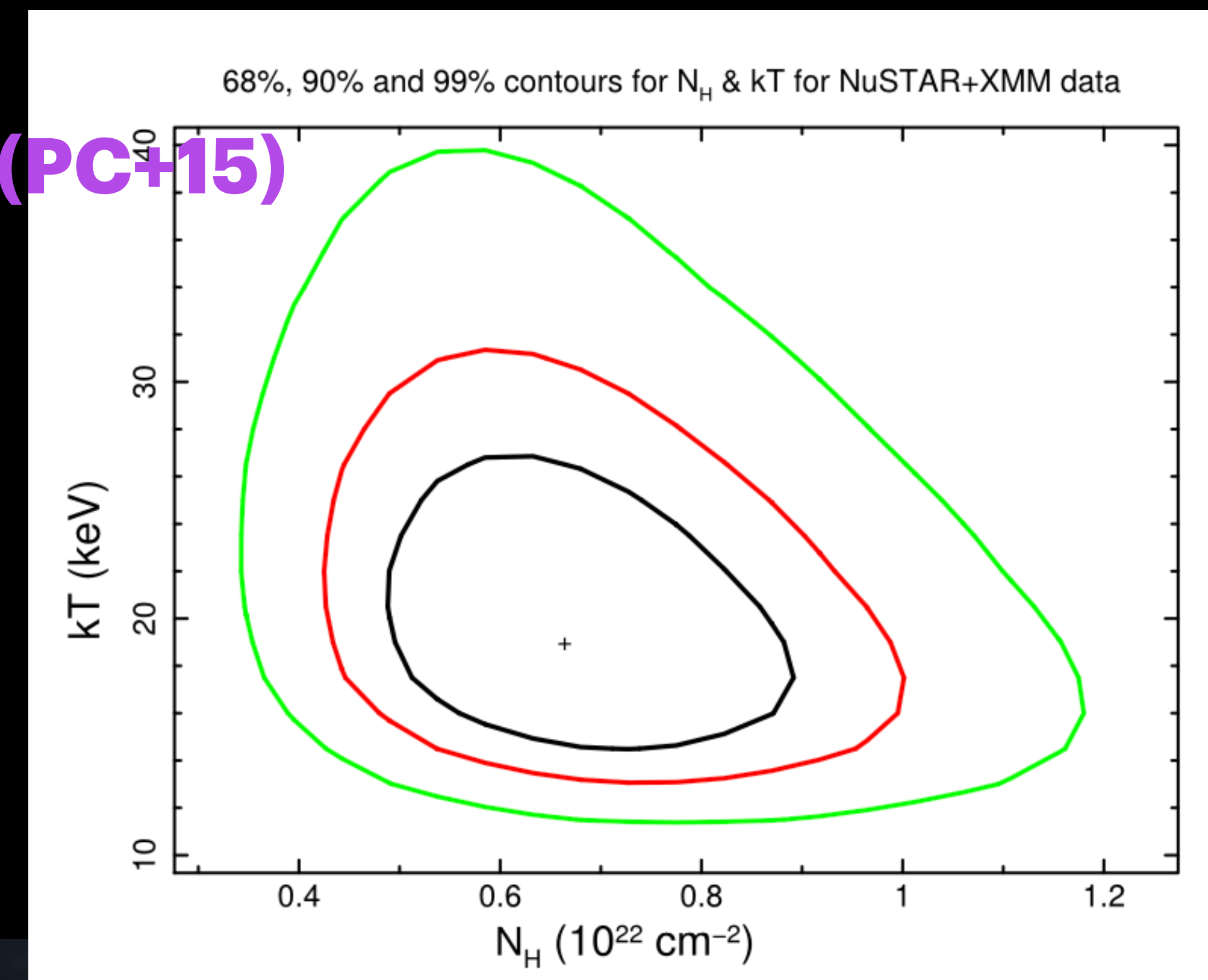
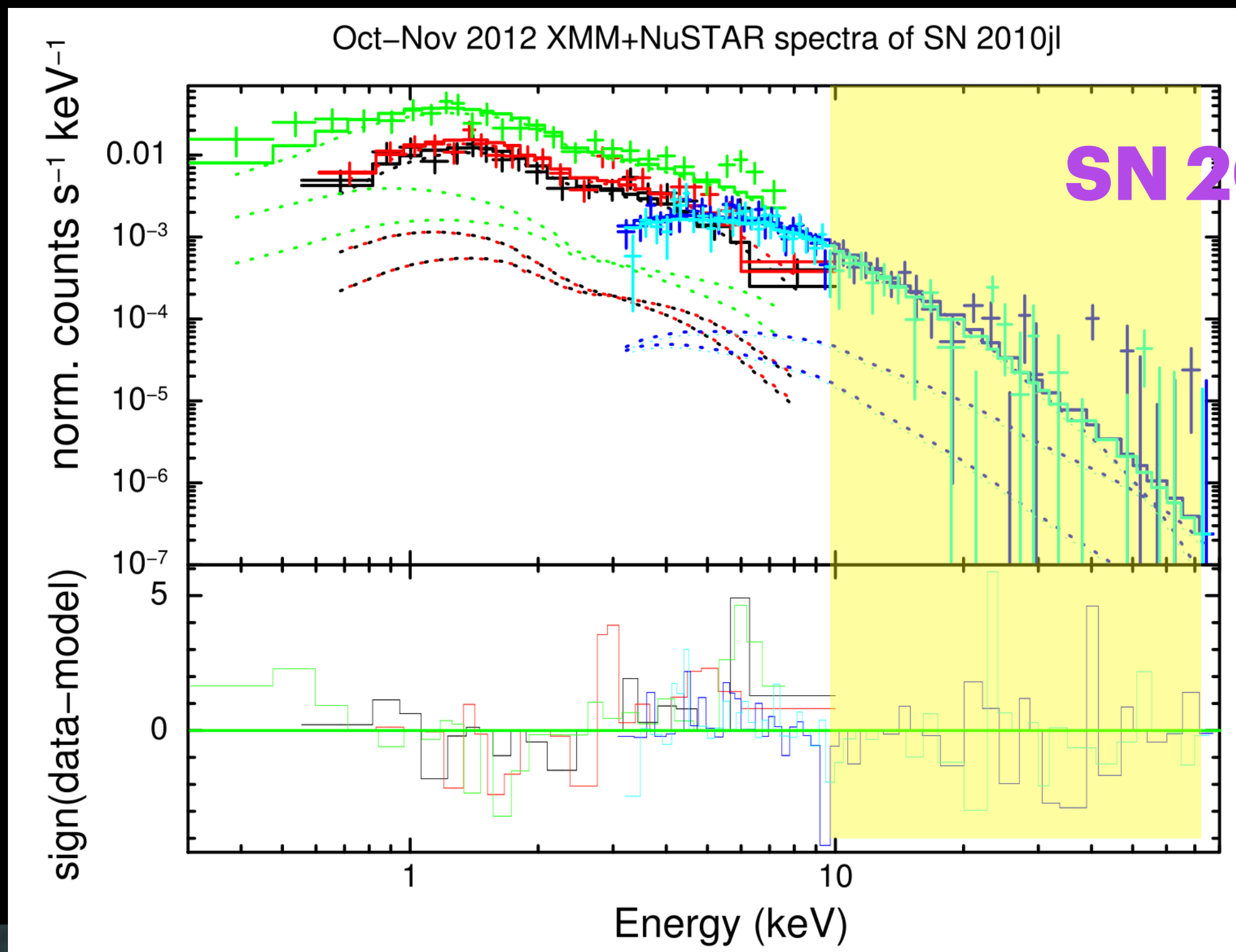
- Chandra/XMM energy range 0.3-10 keV



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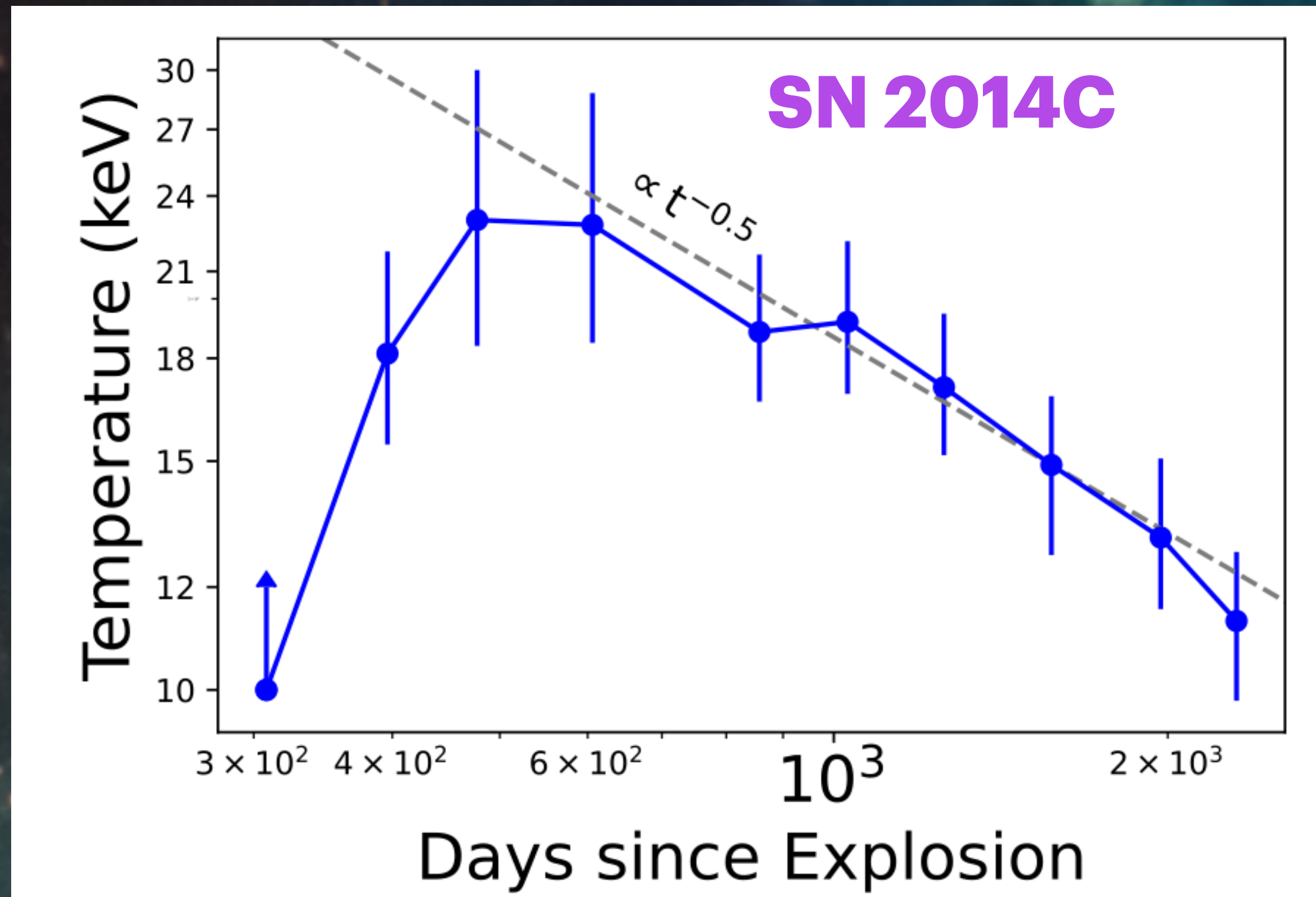
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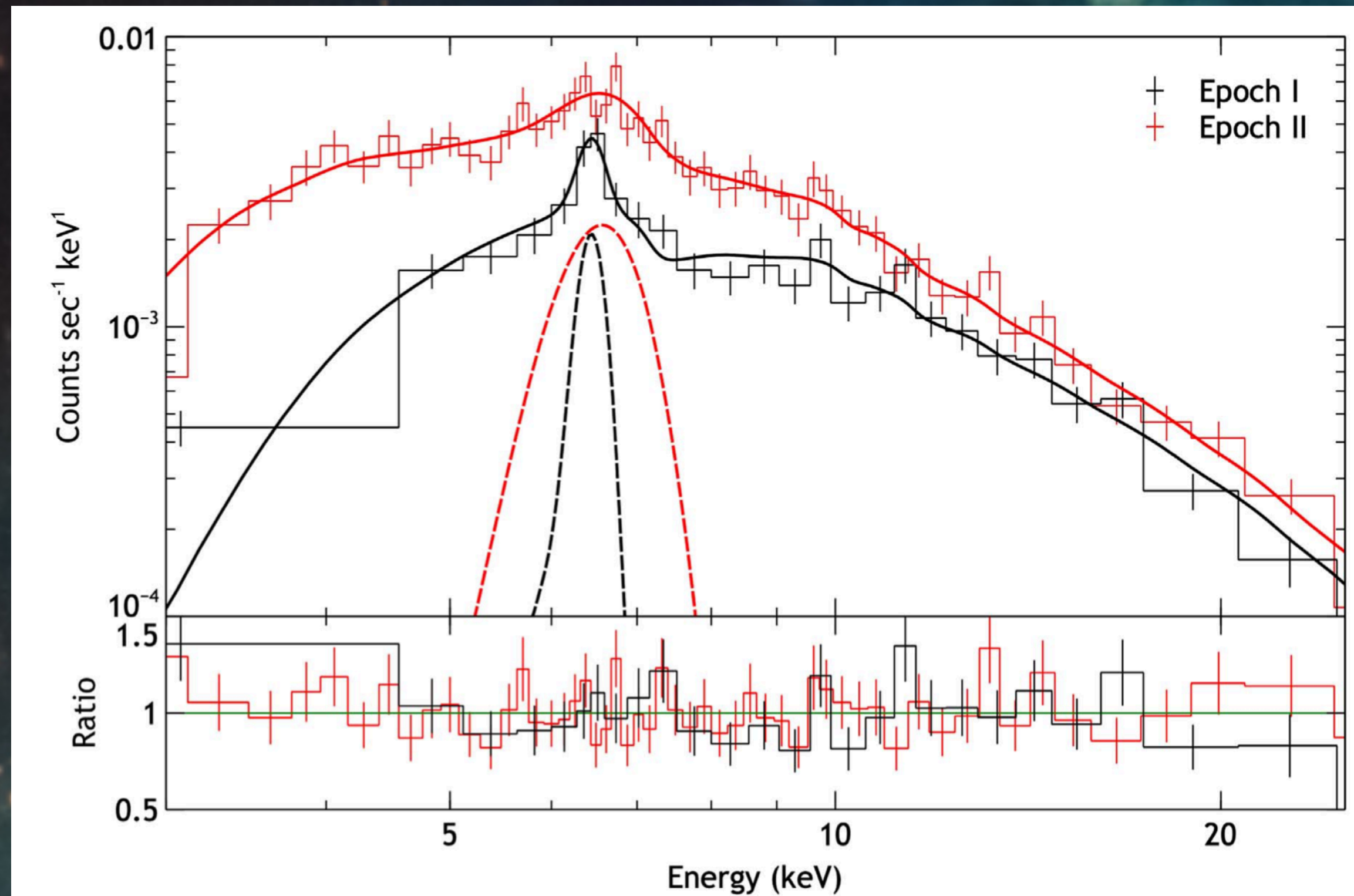


- Brethauer+22

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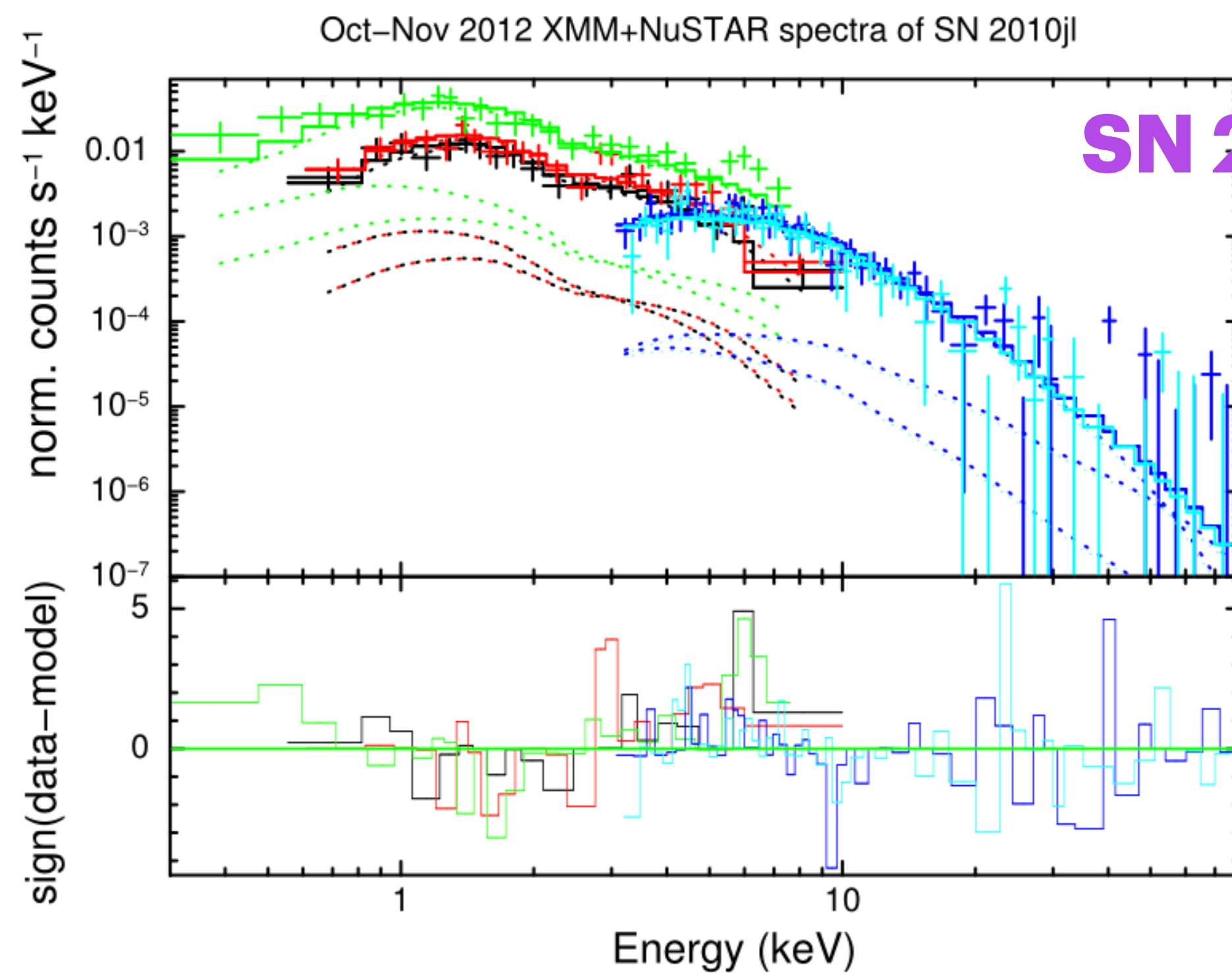


SN 2023ixf - Grefenstette+23

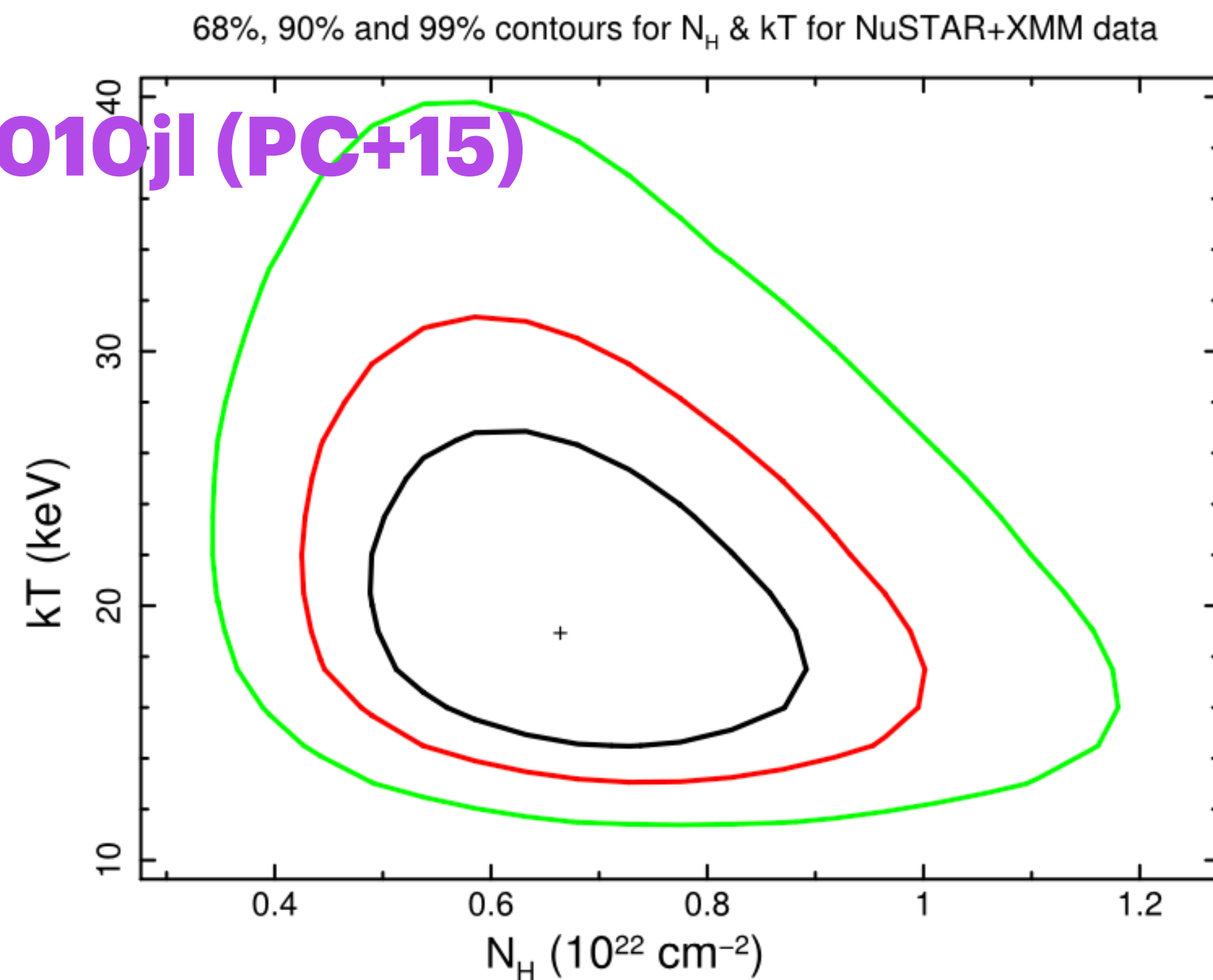
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- SN 2023ixf - hard X-rays (Grefenstette+23)
- Adiabatic forward shock (PC+23)
- Cooling time - larger for forward shock

# X-ray emission - circumstellar interaction

Hard X-rays - radiative forward shock (PC+18, PC+15, PC+12)

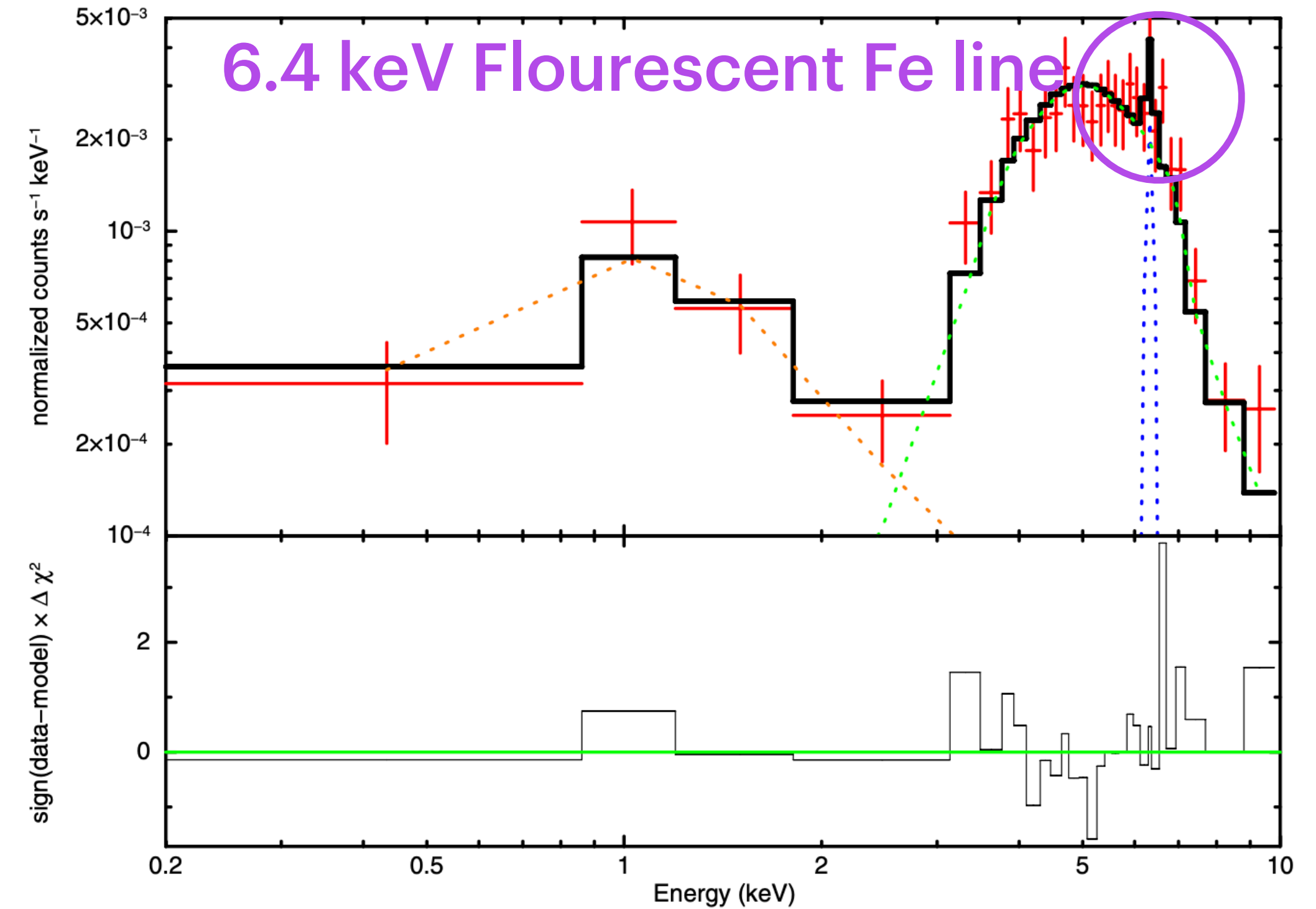
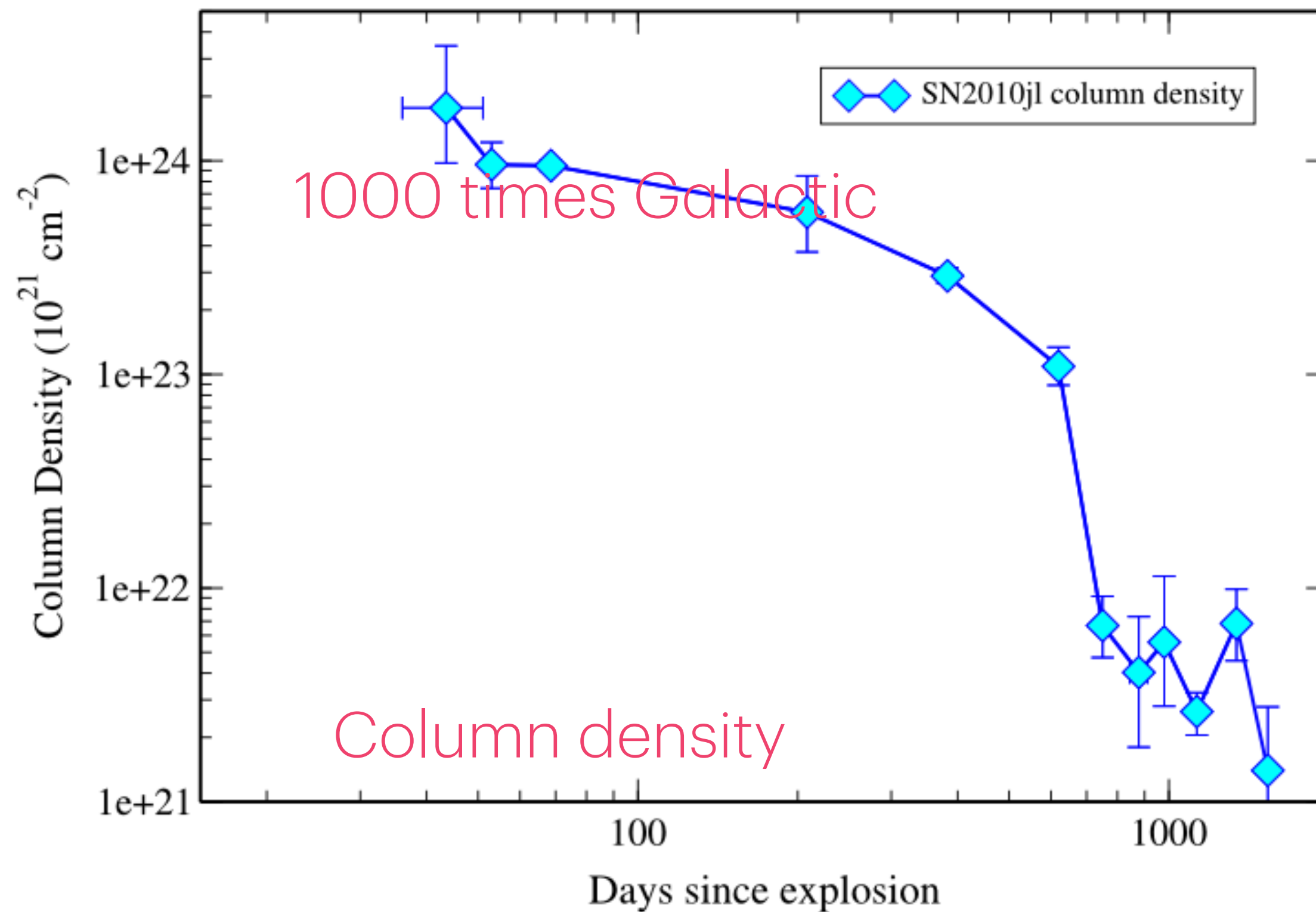


SN 2010jl (PC+15)



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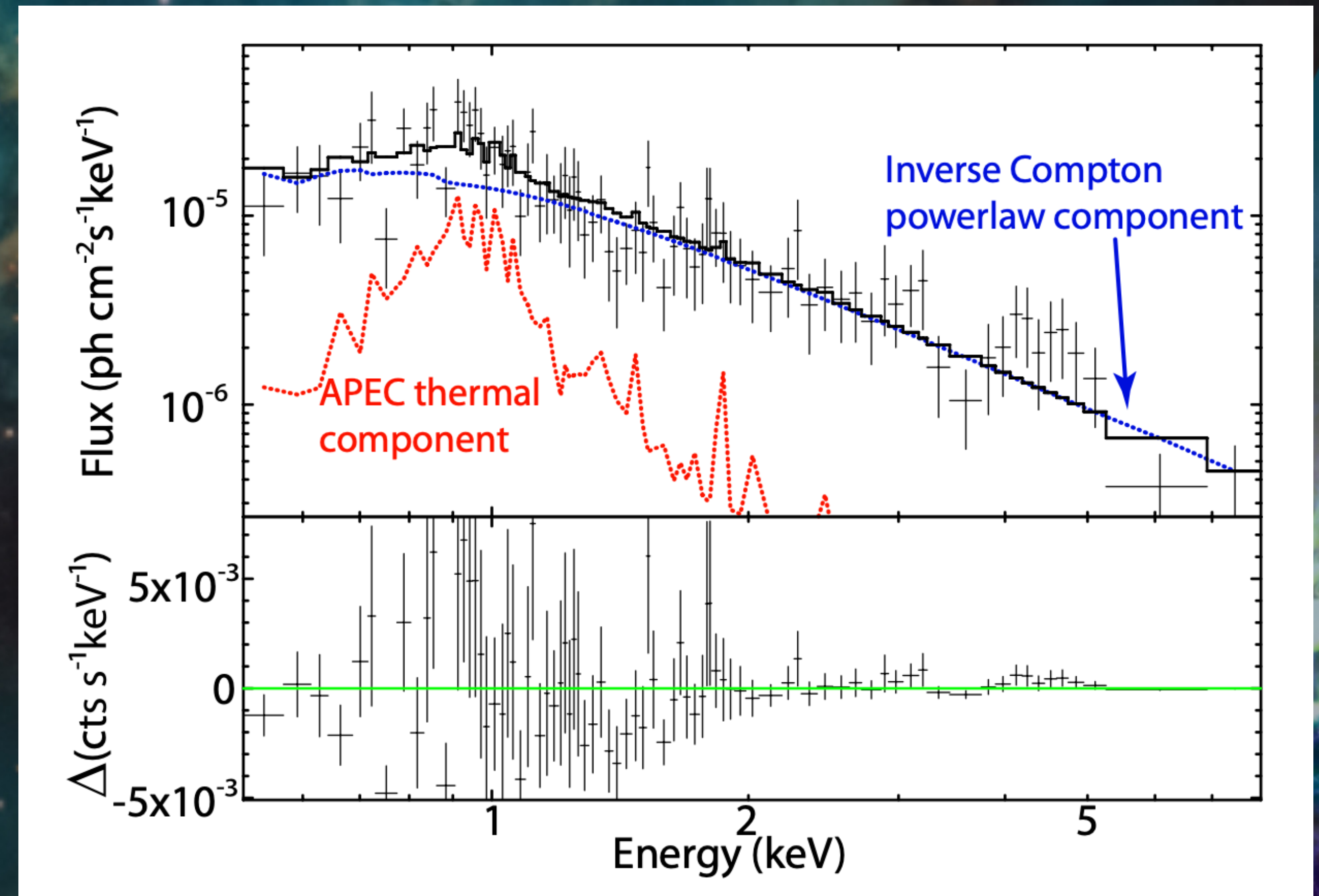
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# X-ray emission- Circumstellar interaction

## Non-thermal X-rays

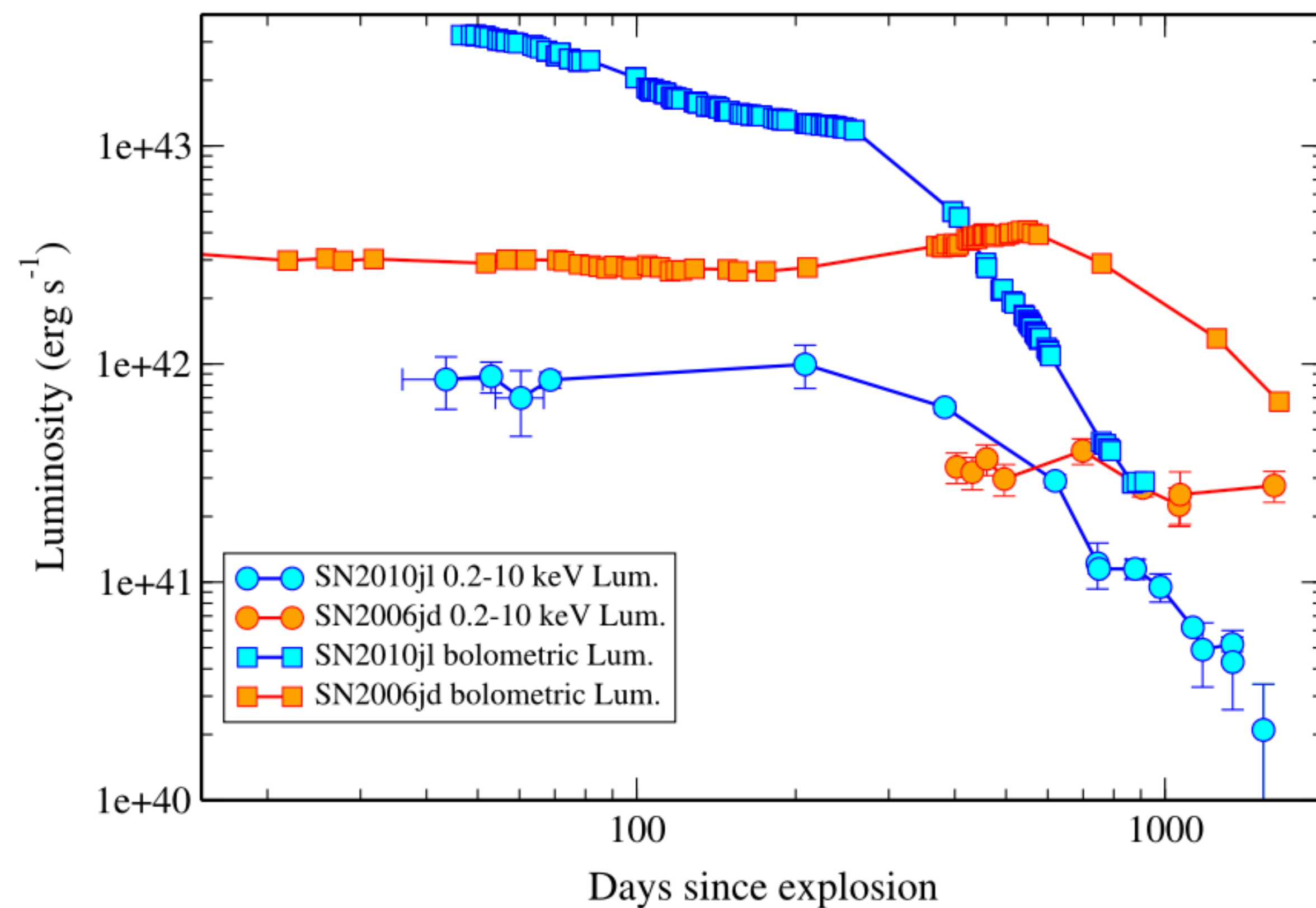
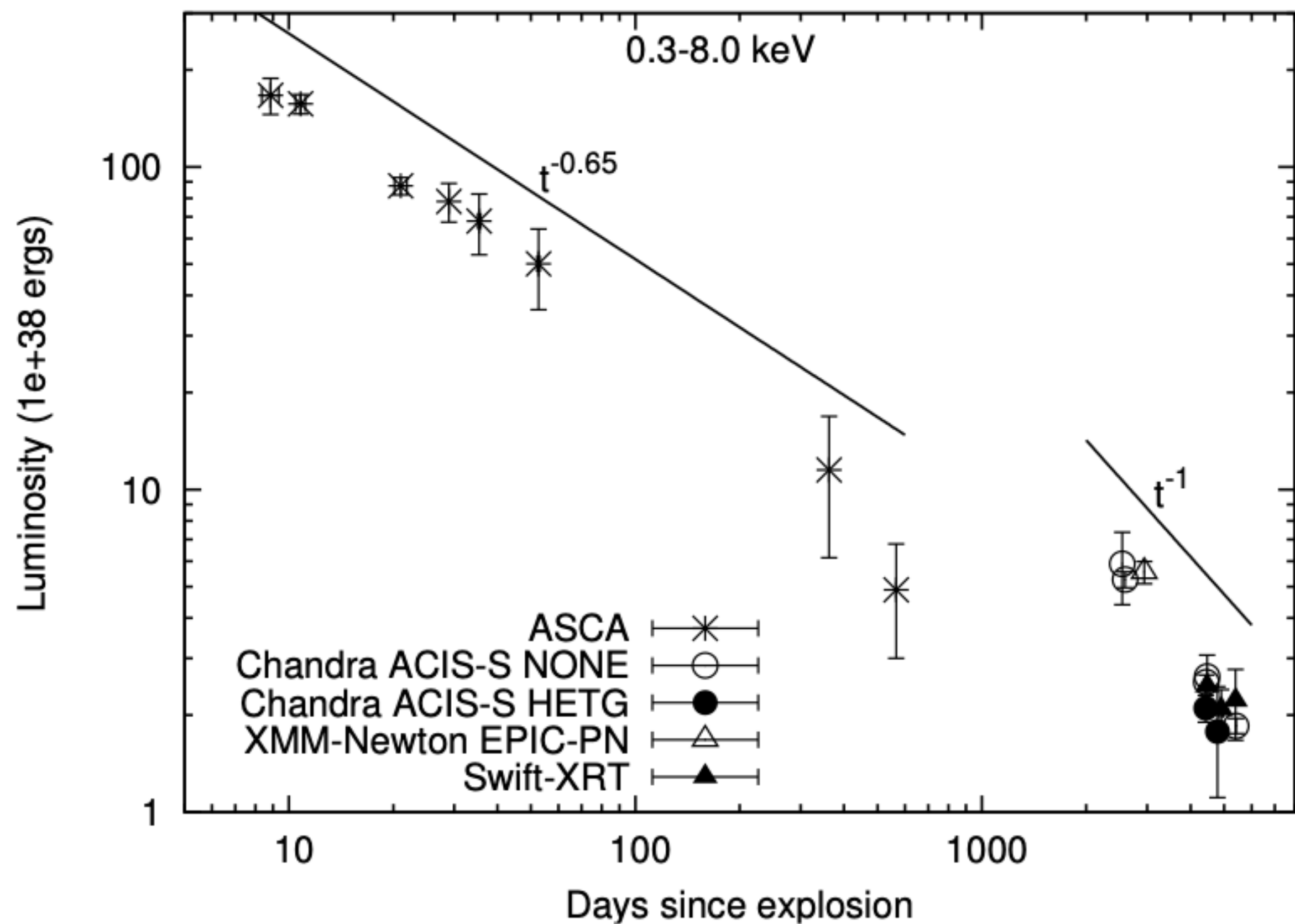
- Inverse Compton component of X-rays
- Usually in type Ib/c supernovae with large ejecta speeds
- Usually in Type IIP supernovae with large supply of photons
- See Chakraborty+12, 13, Soderberg+11, Margutti+12 etc.



Chakraborty,...PC...2012

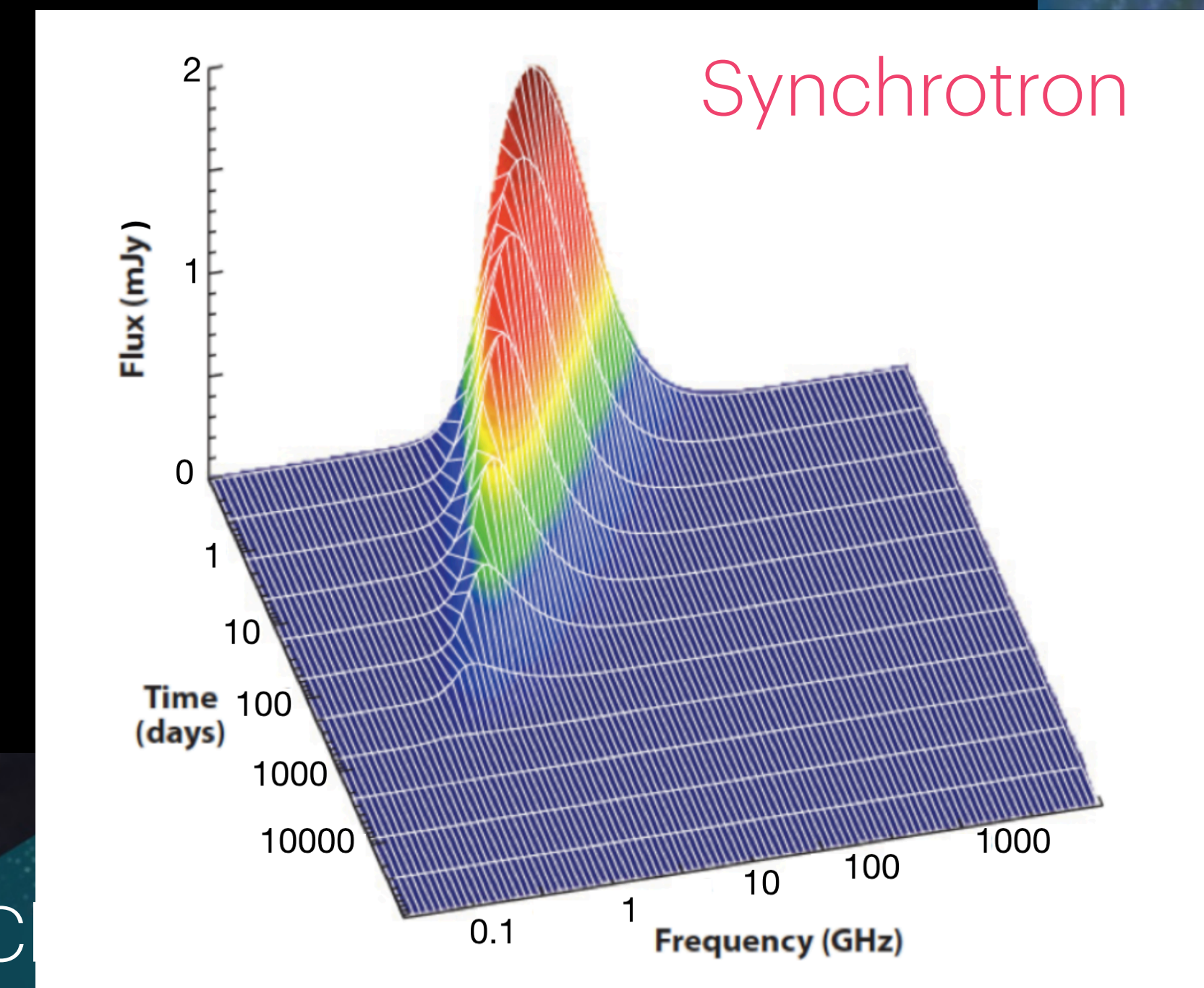
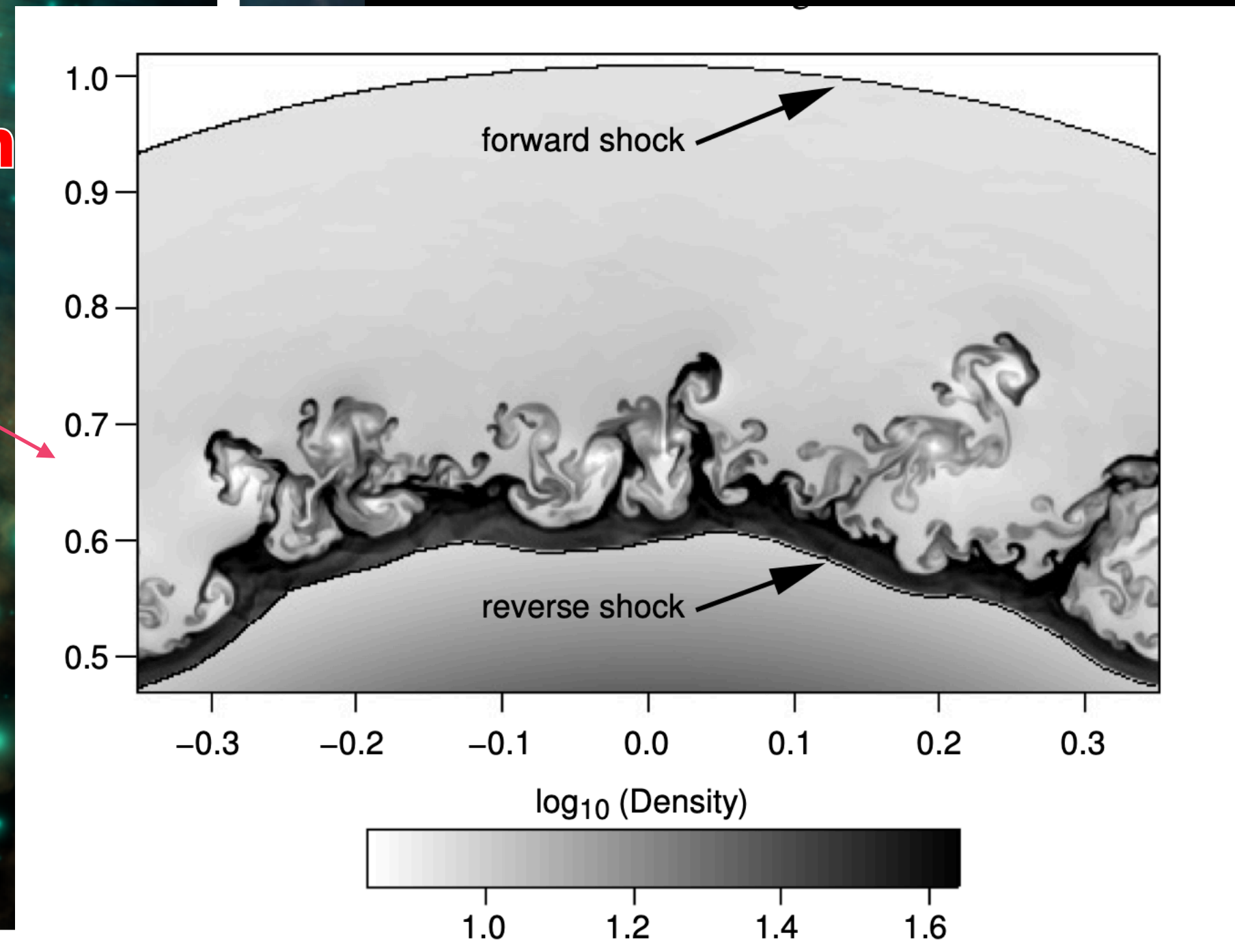
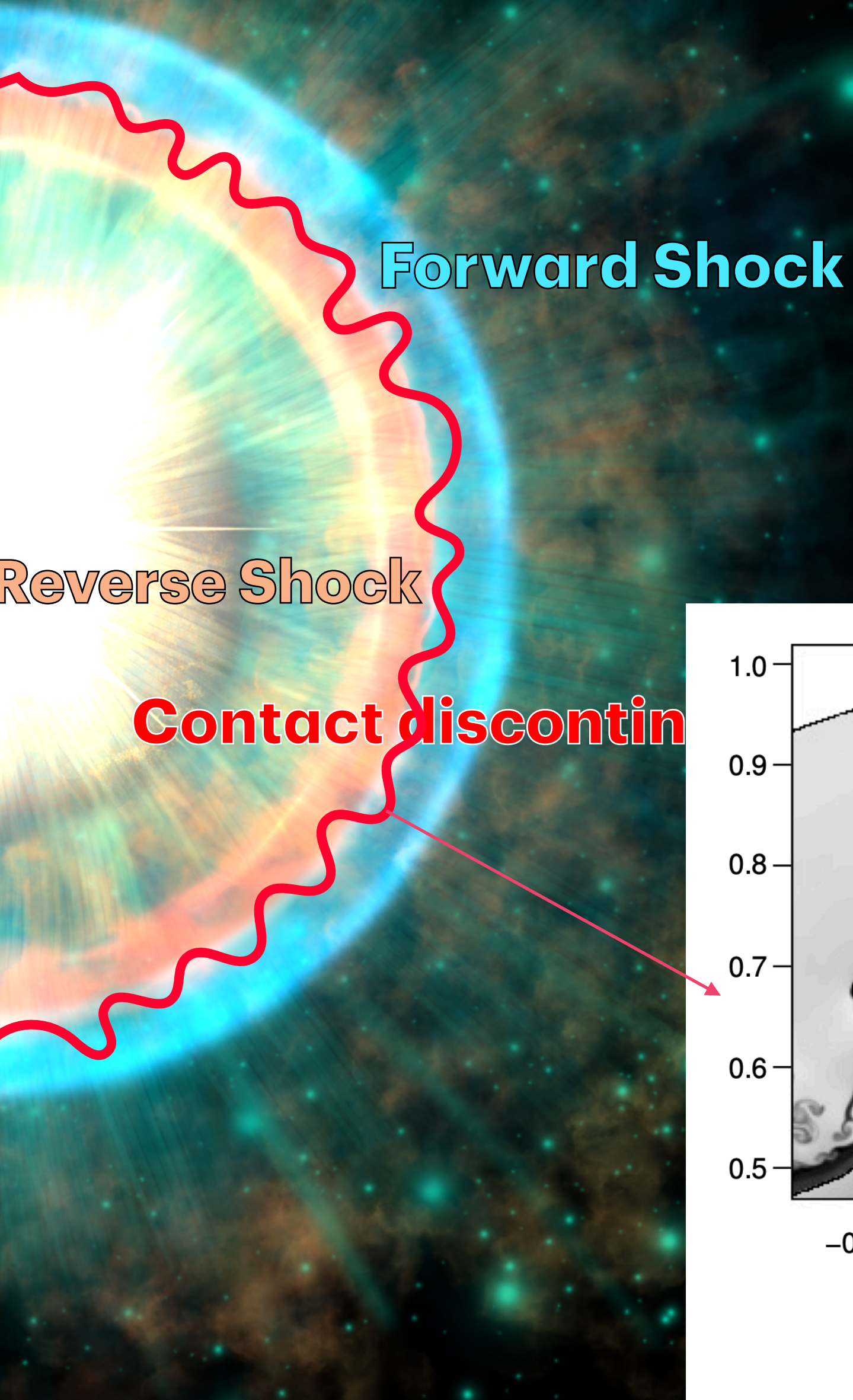
# X-ray emission - circumstellar interaction

Picture of progenitor evolution

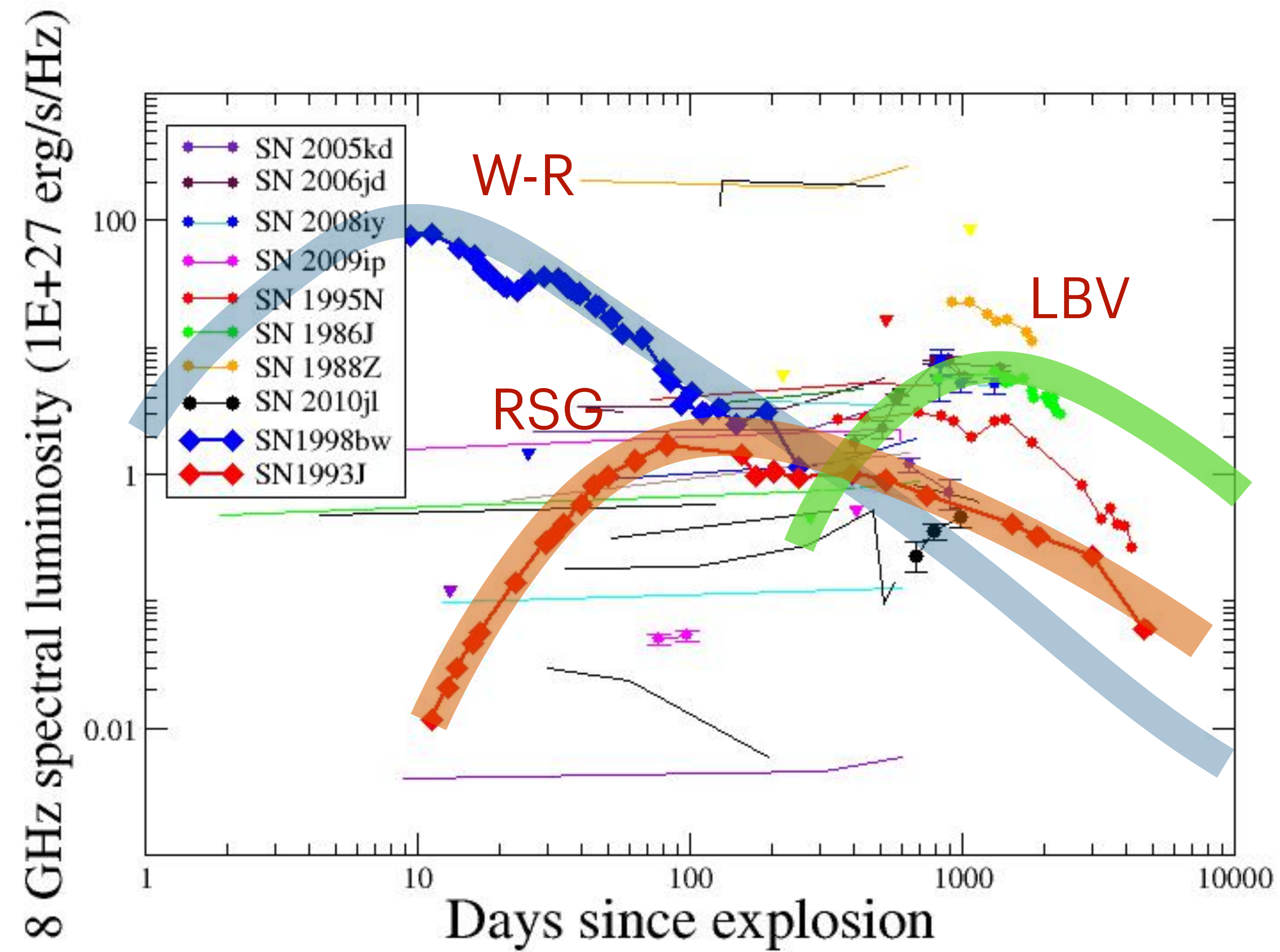


# Radio emission

- Magnetic field amplification at the contact discontinuity
- Acceleration of electrons in the forward shock
- Non-thermal Synchrotron forward shock emission
- Radio emission from the fastest ejecta



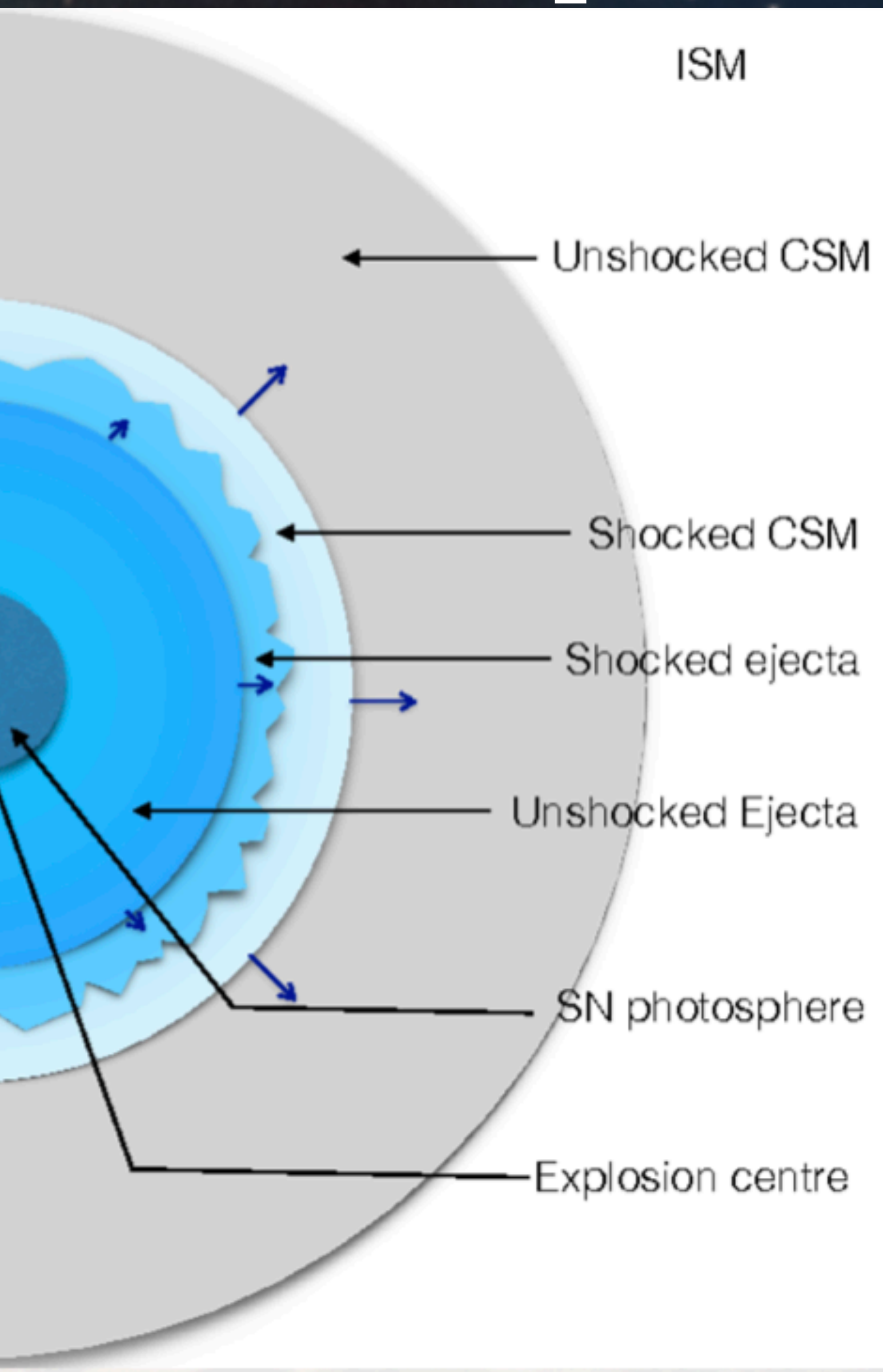
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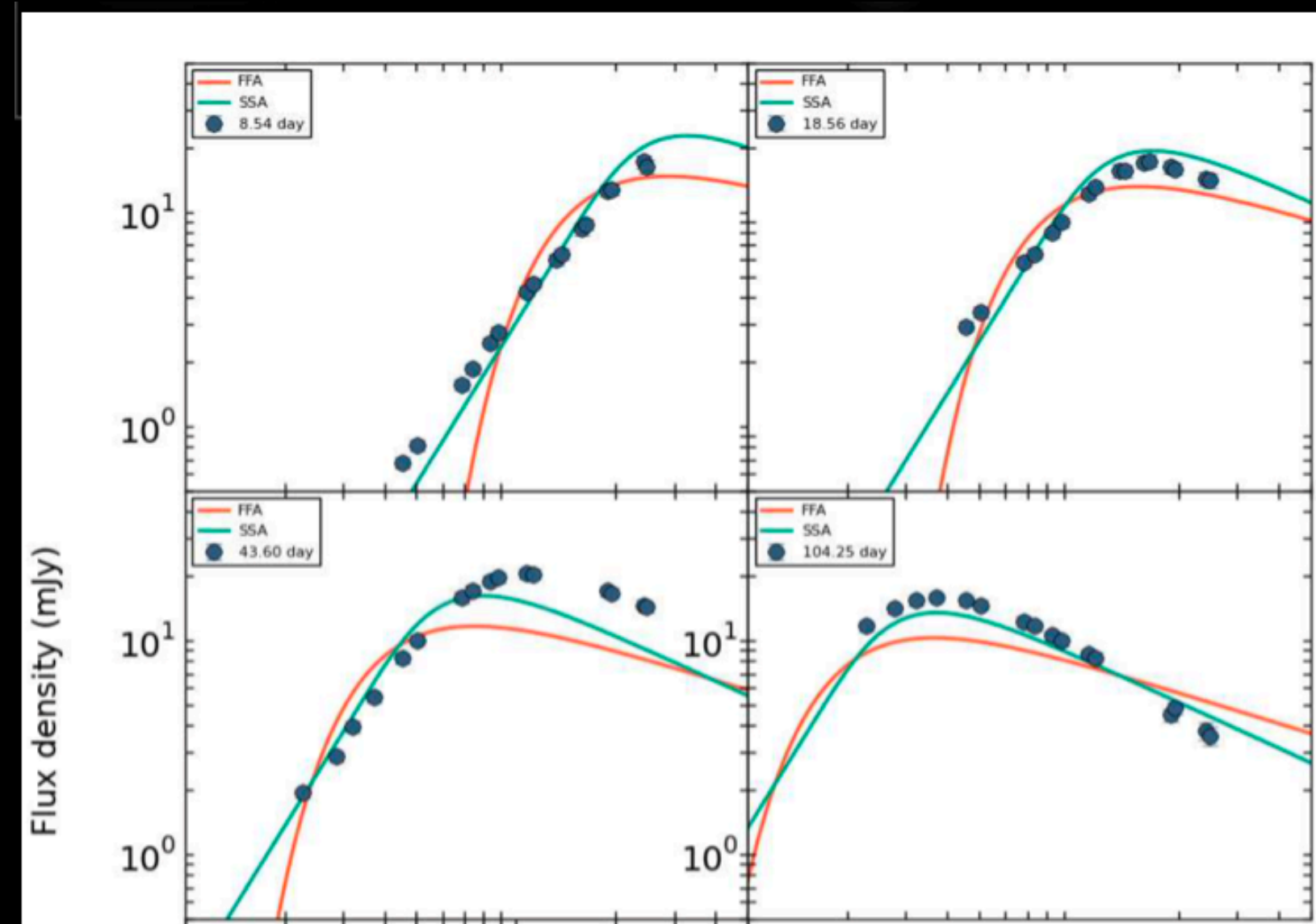
Chandra 2018, Bietenholz et al. 2021, Weiler et al. 2007



# Absorption of Radio emission

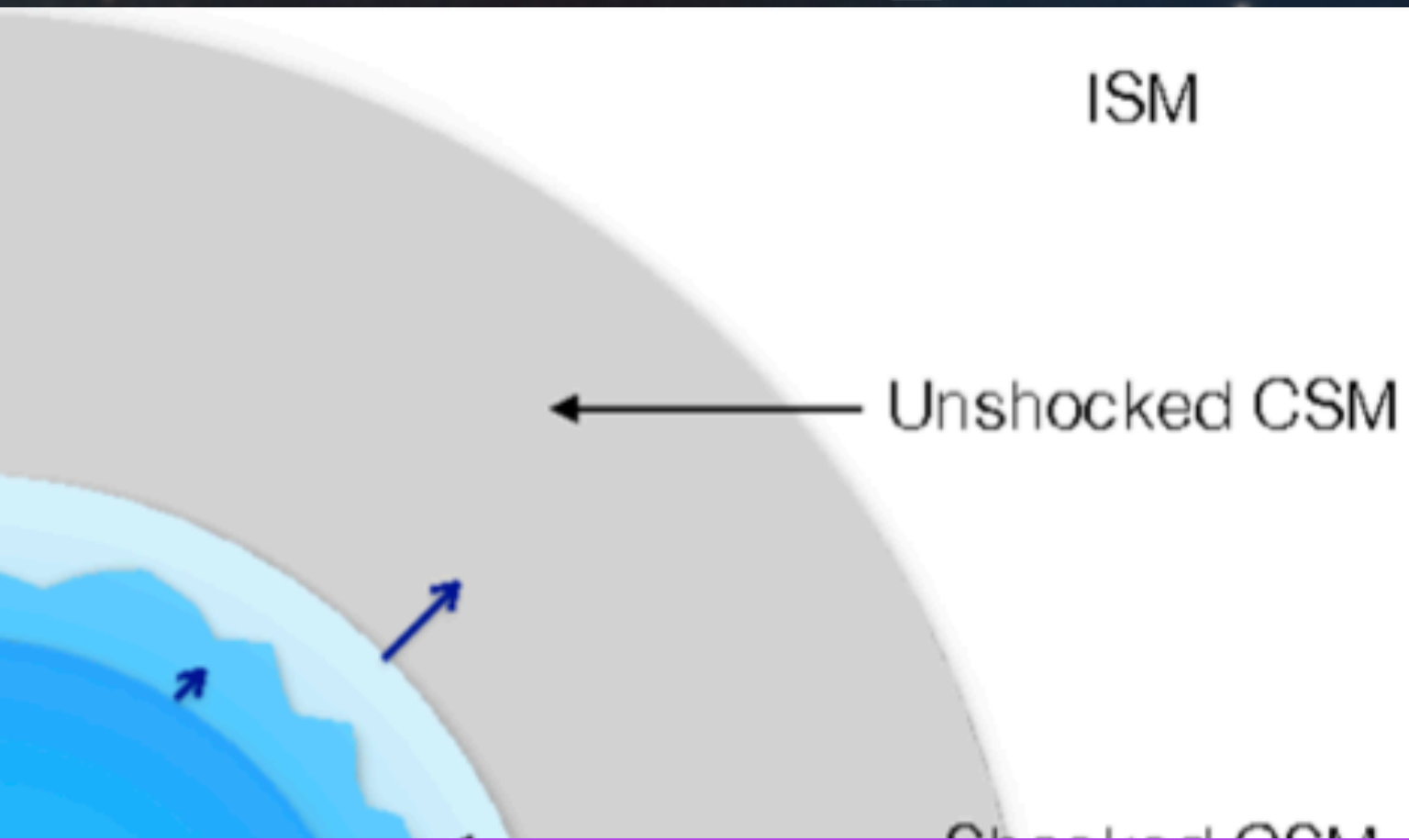


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- Synchrotron self-absorption (fast ejecta, low mass-loss rate, Ib/Ic, IIb etc. see [Nayana, PC+, 2022, 2023](#))
- Magnetic field, size etc

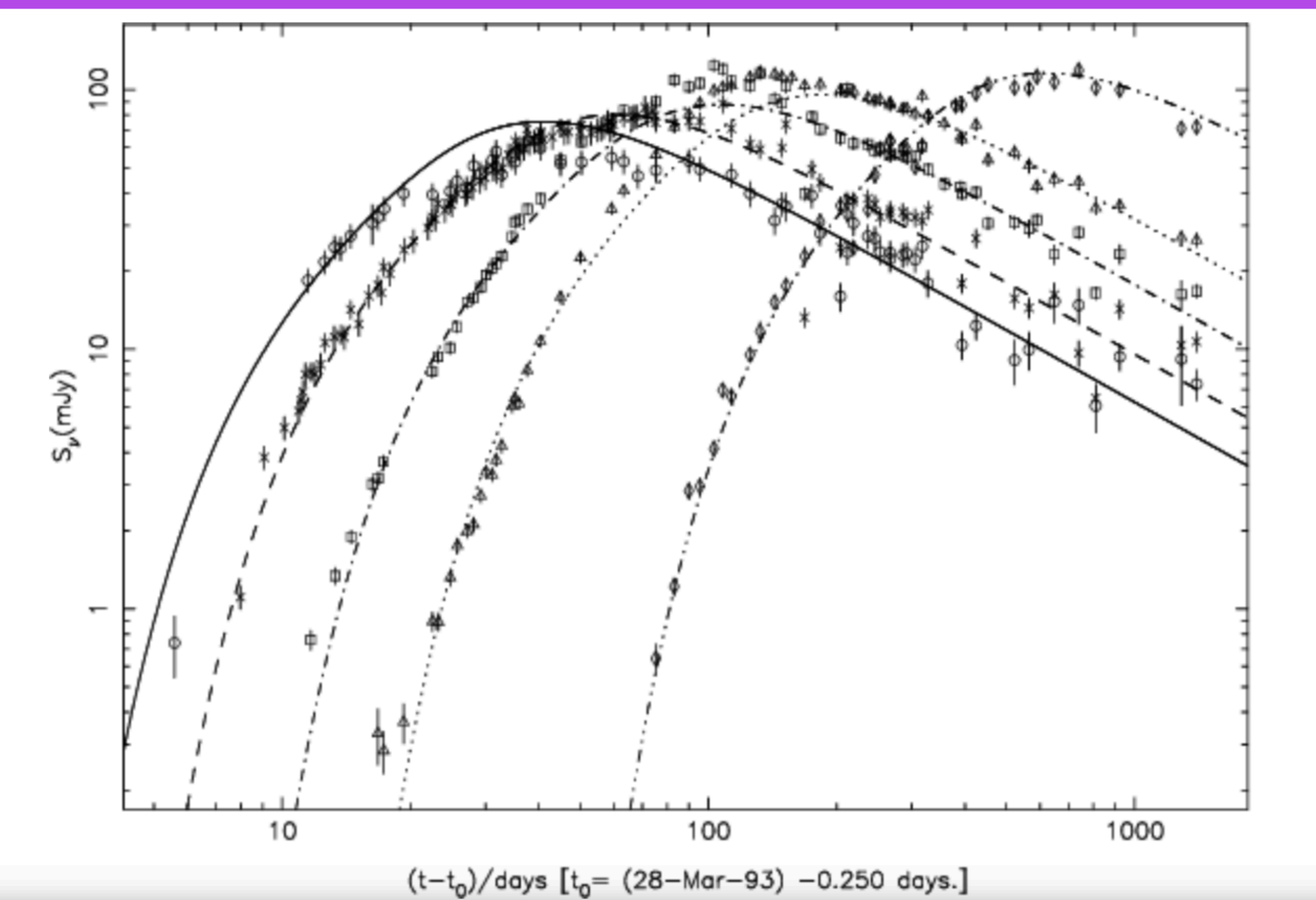


Nayana, PC+22

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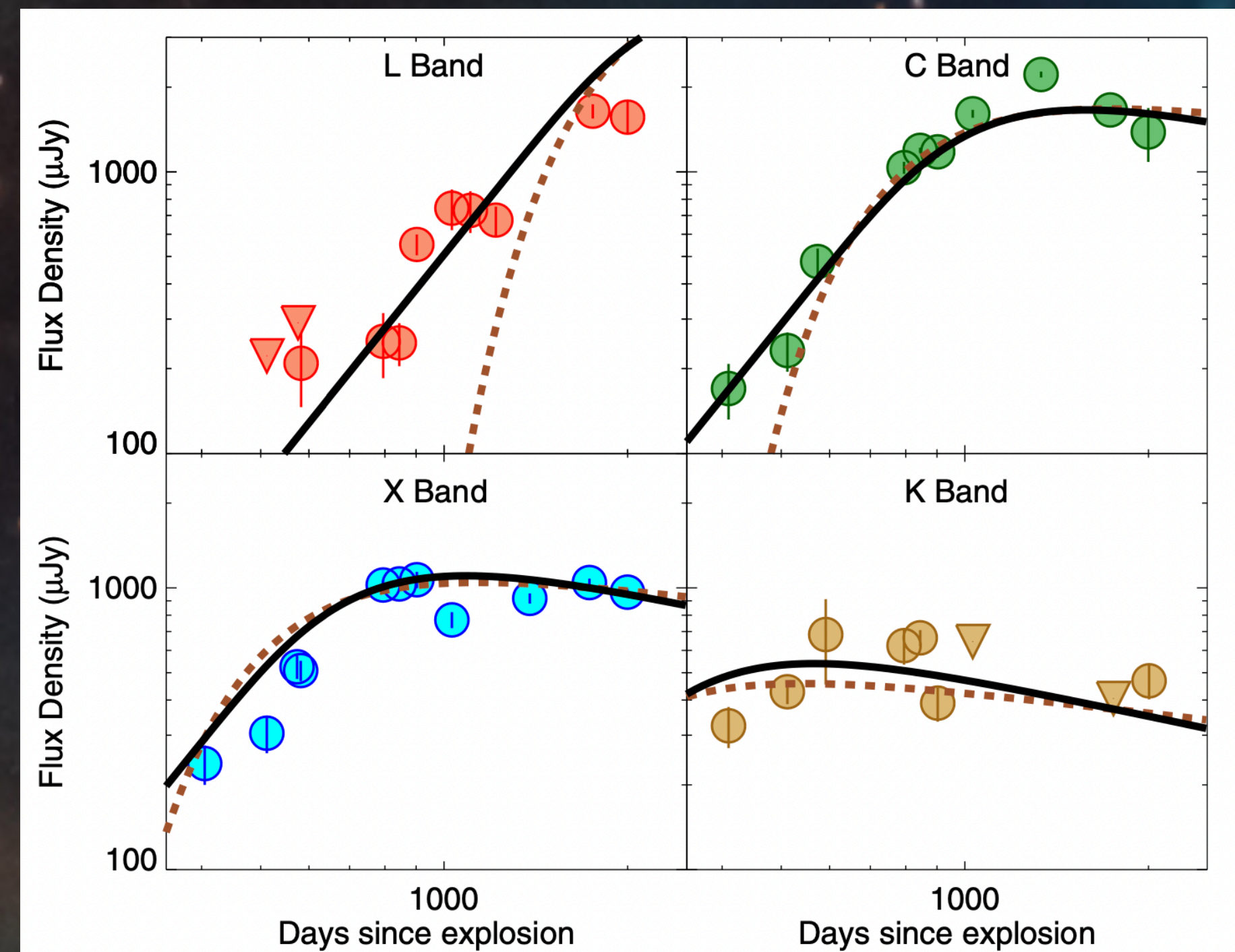
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  - Density of the medium, mass-loss rate
- Internal free-free absorption (radiative shock, cool dense shell, mixing of cool gas)

$$M_a \approx 2 \times 10^{-8} T_4^{5/2} M_{\odot}$$

PC+12

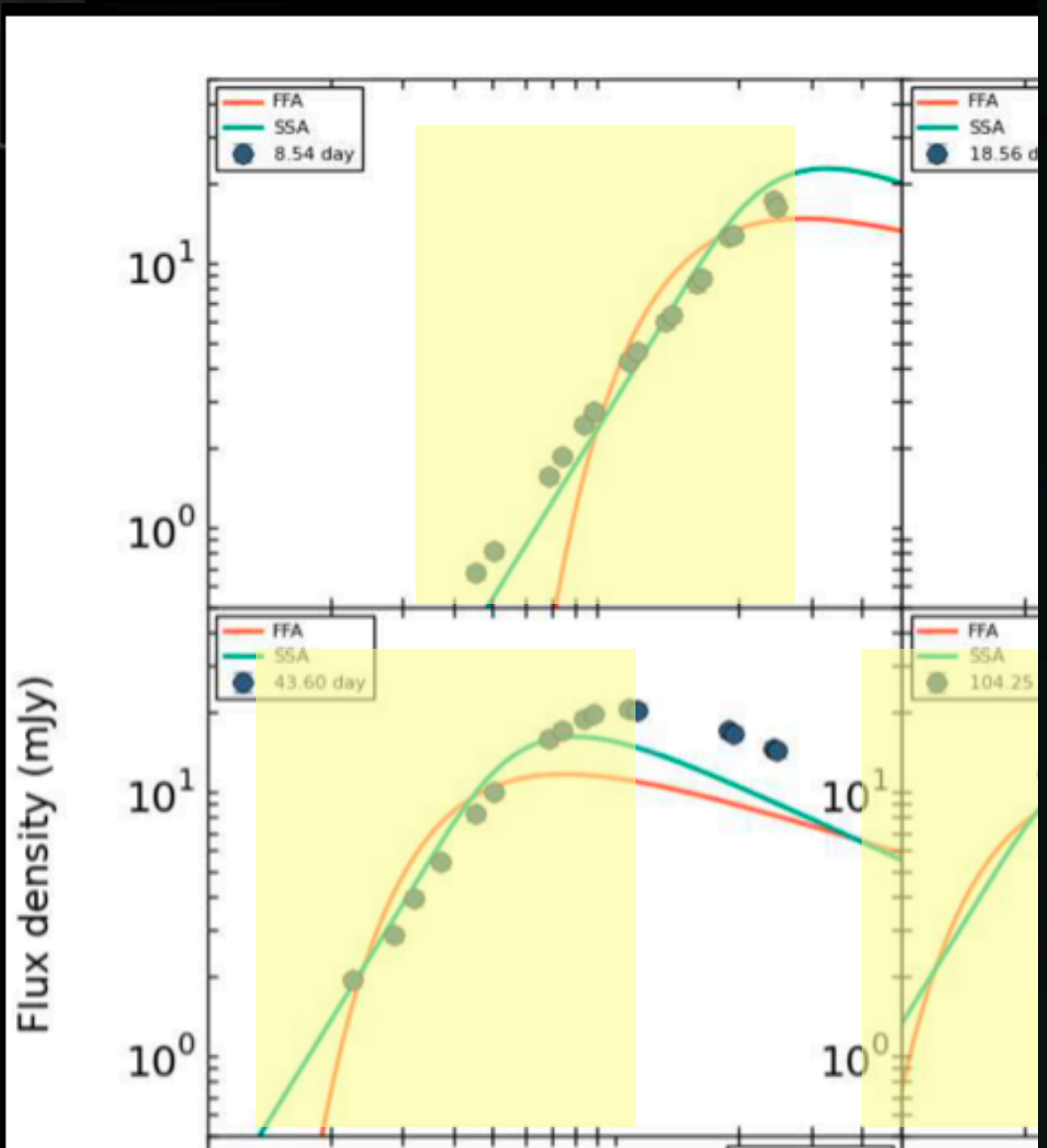
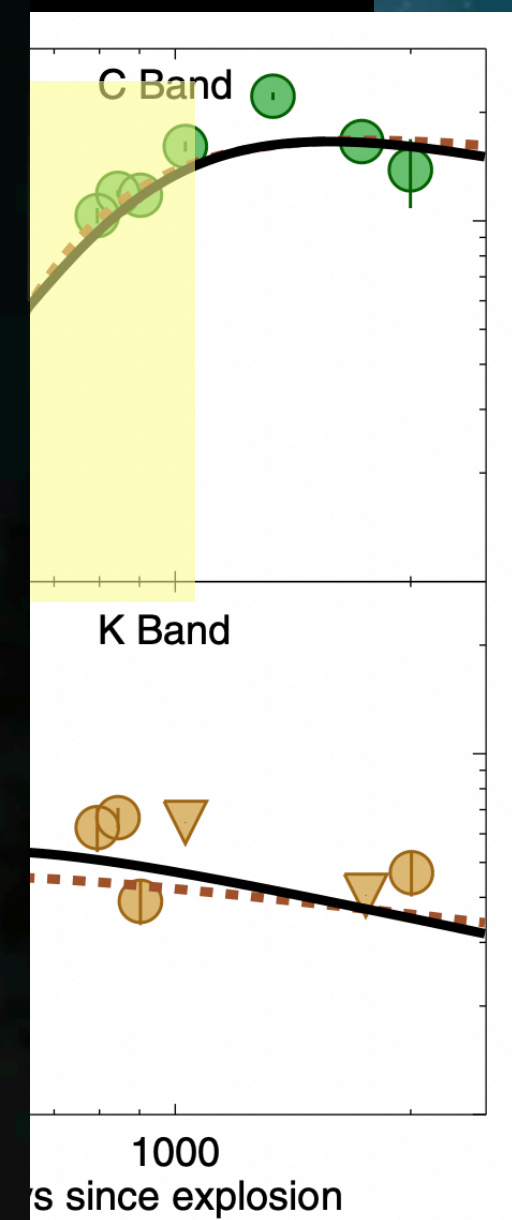
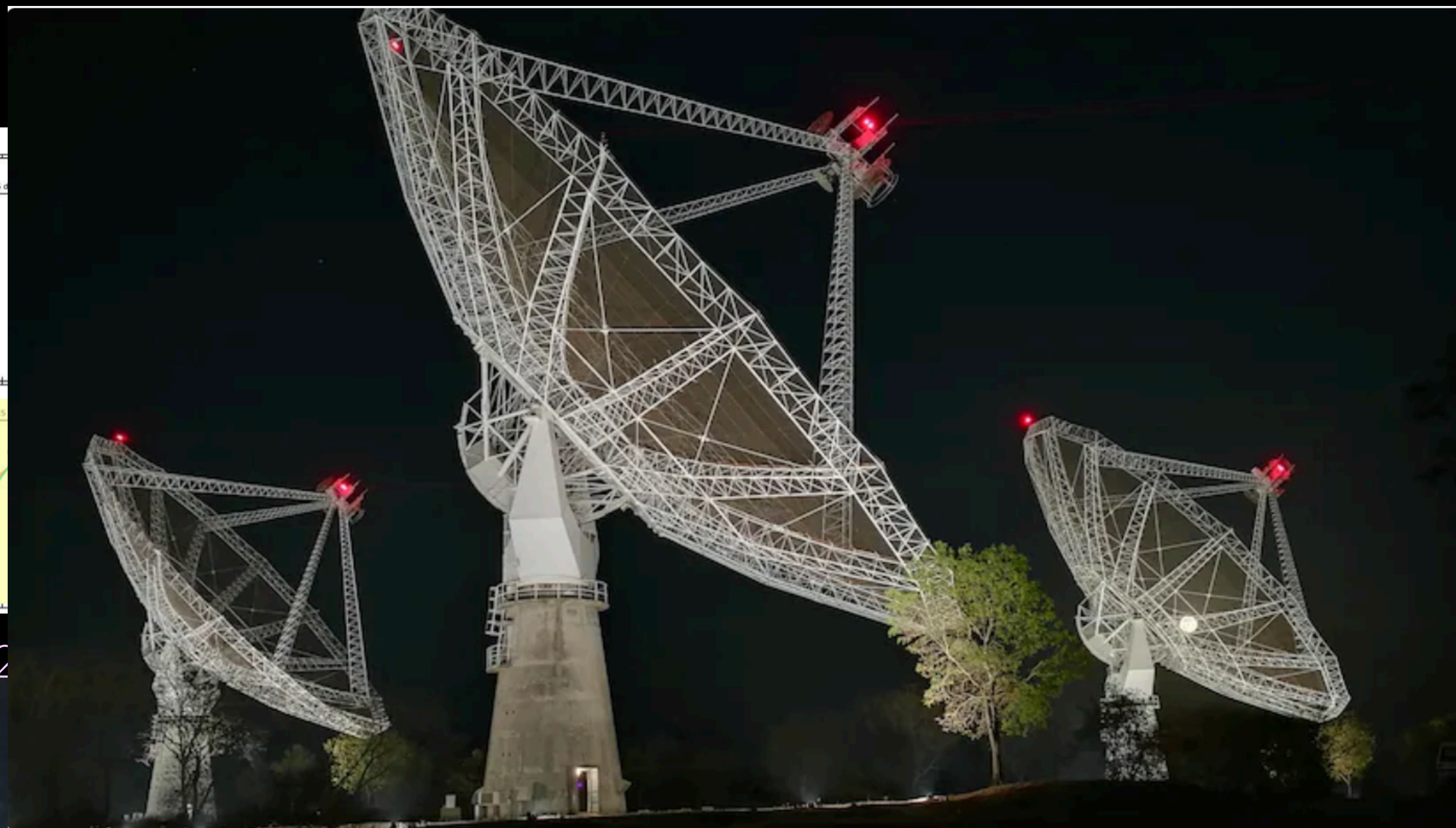
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**Internal FFA**



# Radio emission- low frequency observations critical

- Low frequency observations critical
- GMRT sub-GHz view of supernovae (400-1400 MHz, PC+22,18, Nayana+23,21, Thesis of A. J. Nayana)



Nayana, PC+22

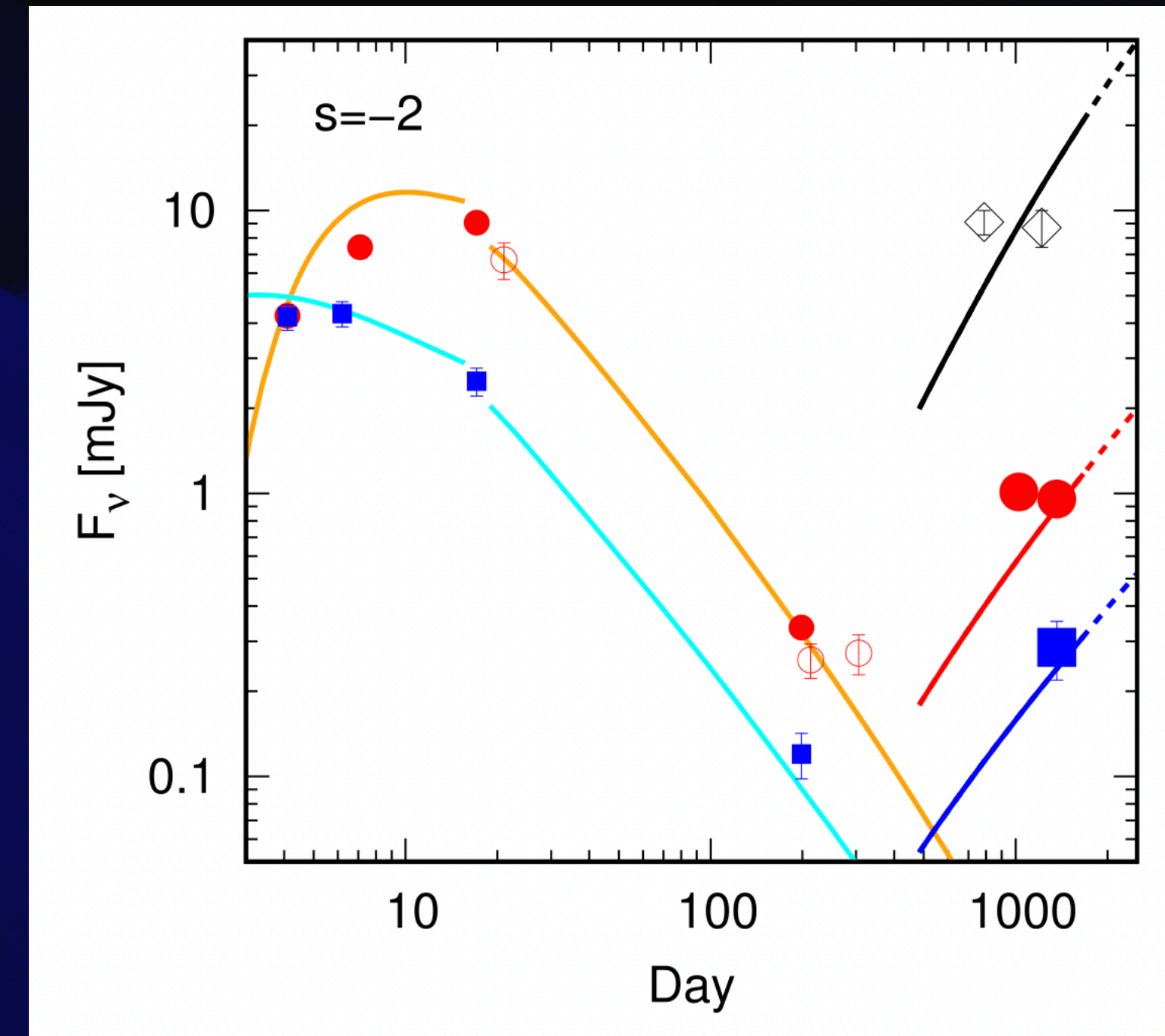
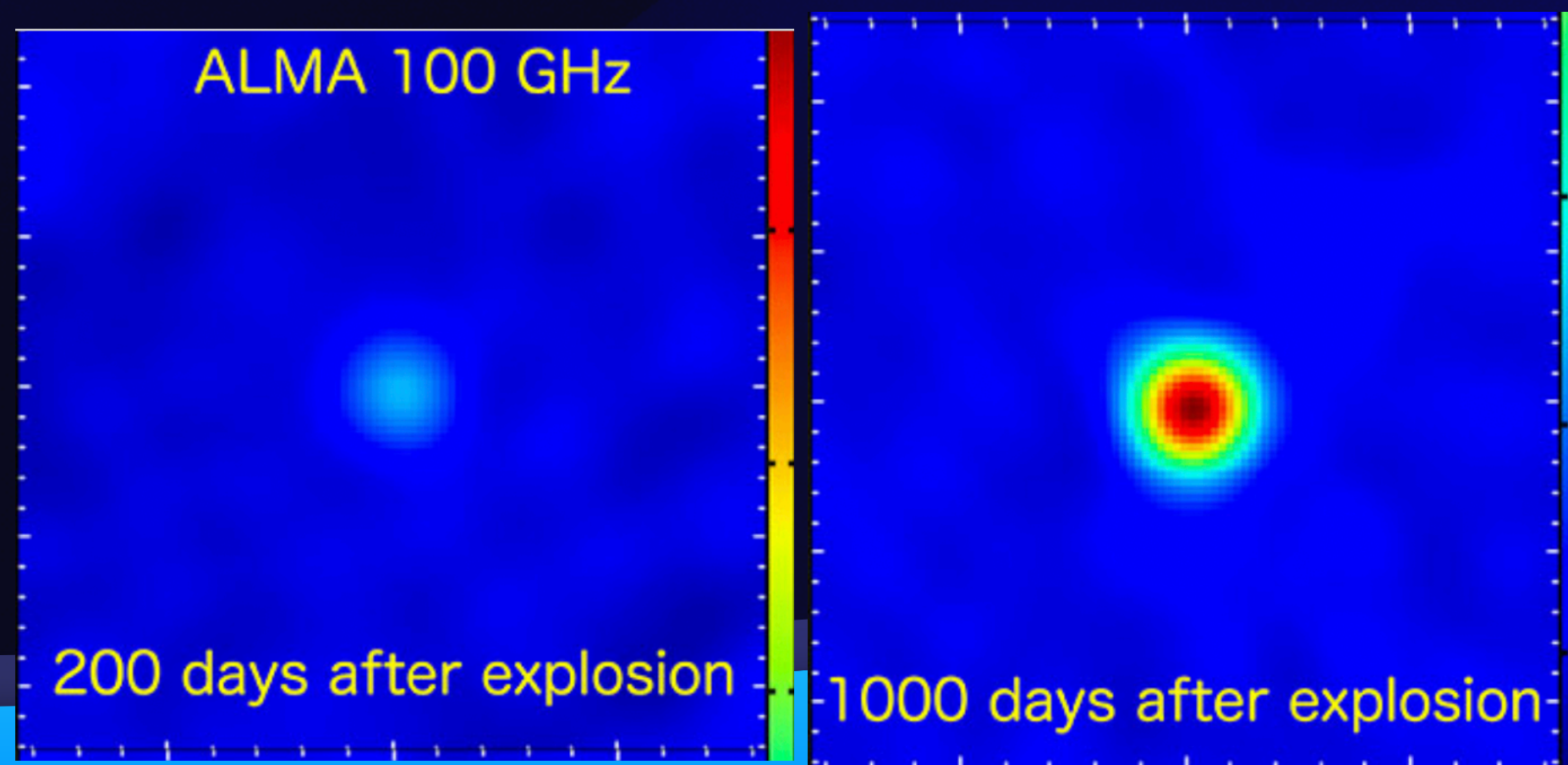
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# Binarity in supernovae progenitors

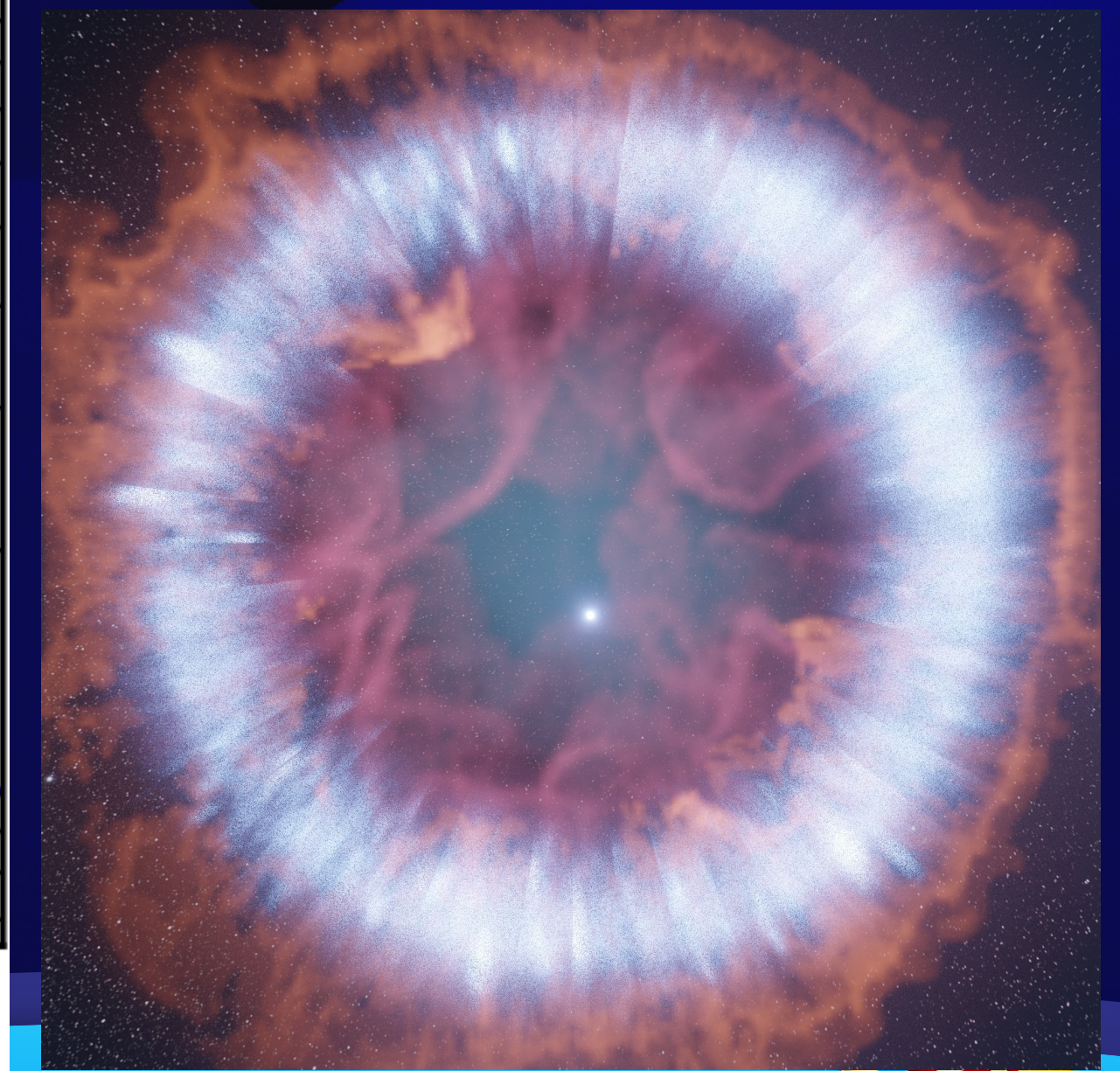
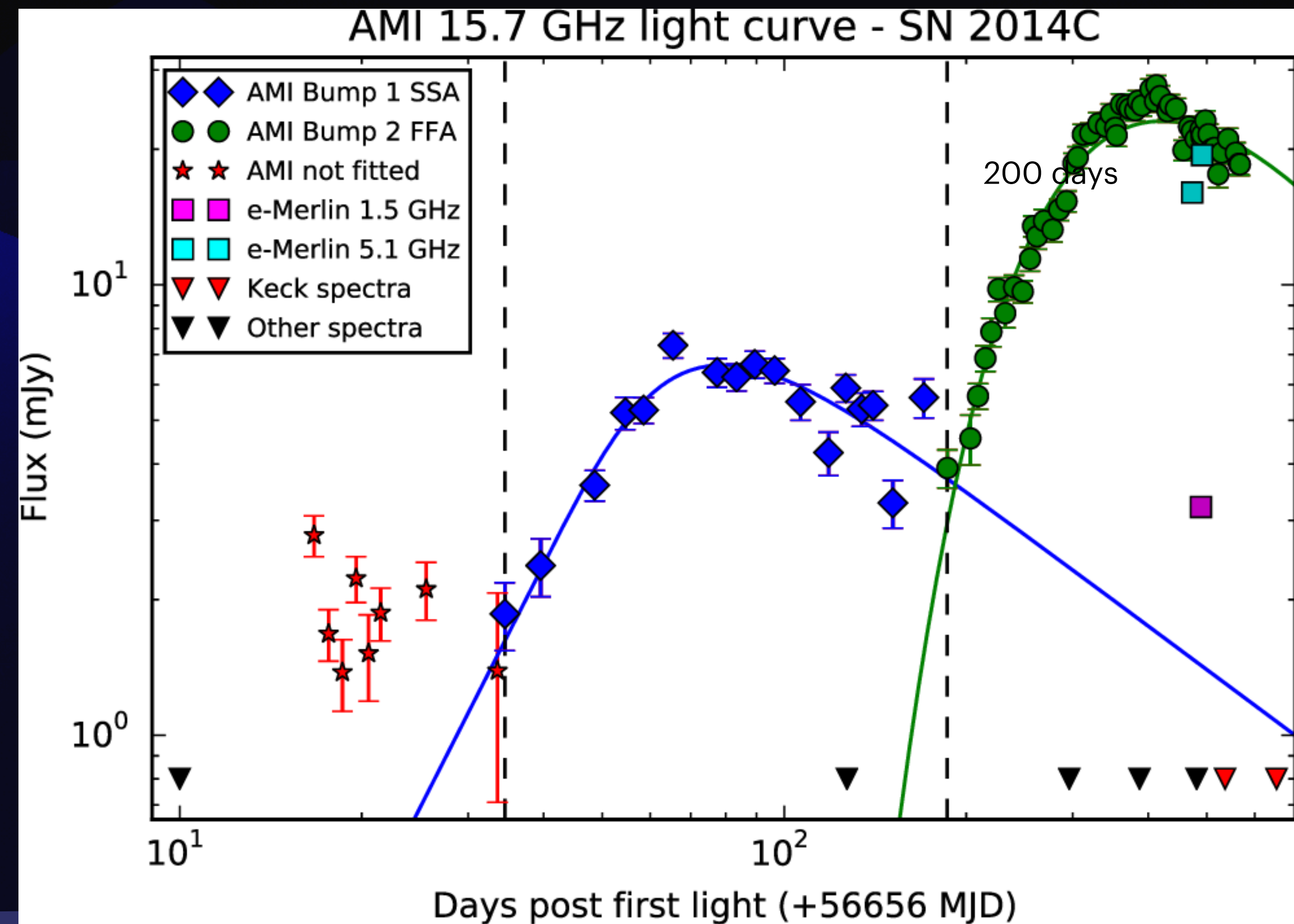
Maeda, Chandra et al 2023, Maeda, Michiyama and Chandra 2023 et al., ApJ

- SN 2018ivc - dimming 200 days after the initial explosion
- Rebrightening at 1000 days - ALMA data
- A large amount of CSM surrounding the exploding star at 0.1 light-years.
- Large amounts of CSM - outcome of a strong binary interaction that took place about 1500 years before the SN explosion.



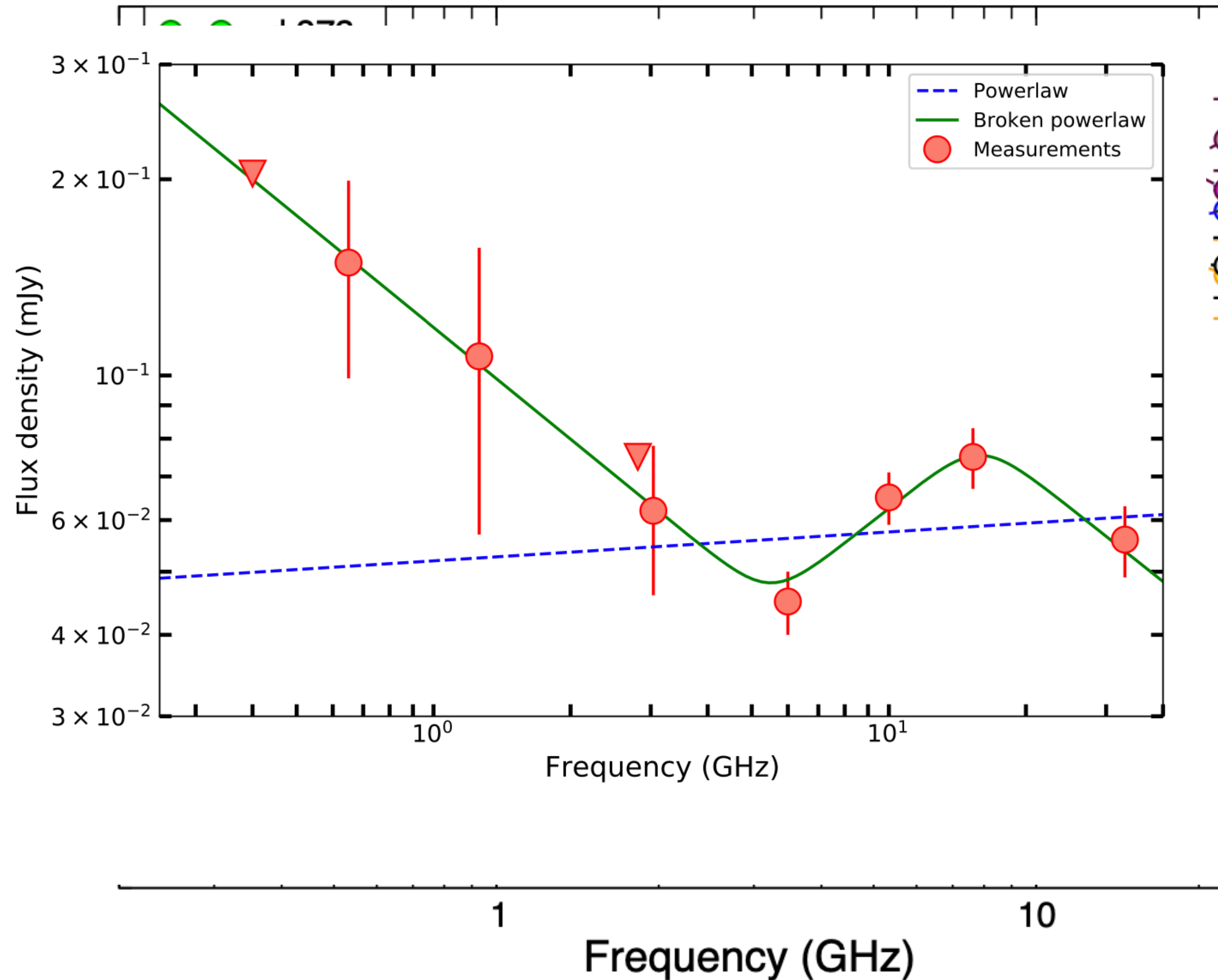
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SN 2014C - Anderson et al. 2017

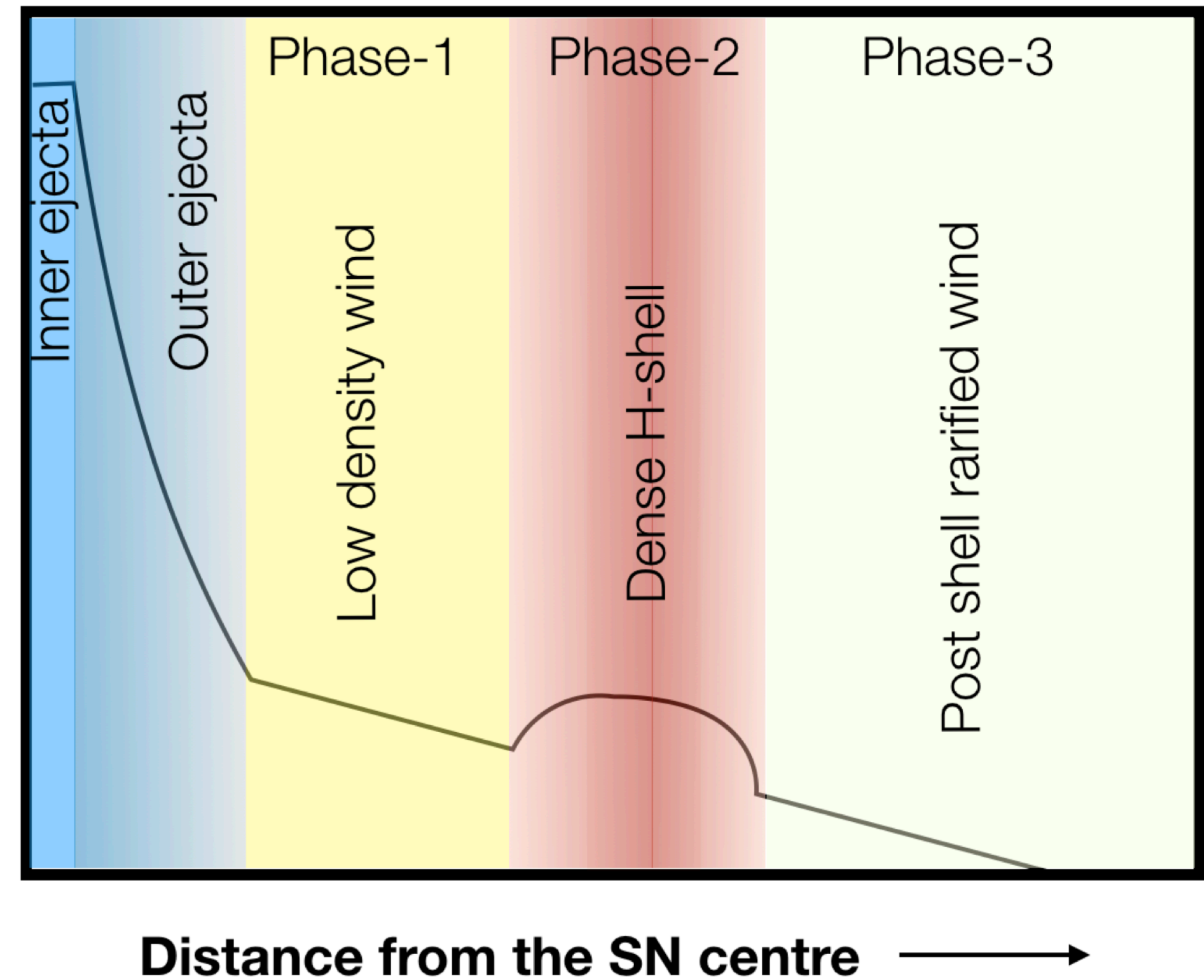


# SN 2001em - binarity

PC et al. 2020, Chug, Chevalier 2006

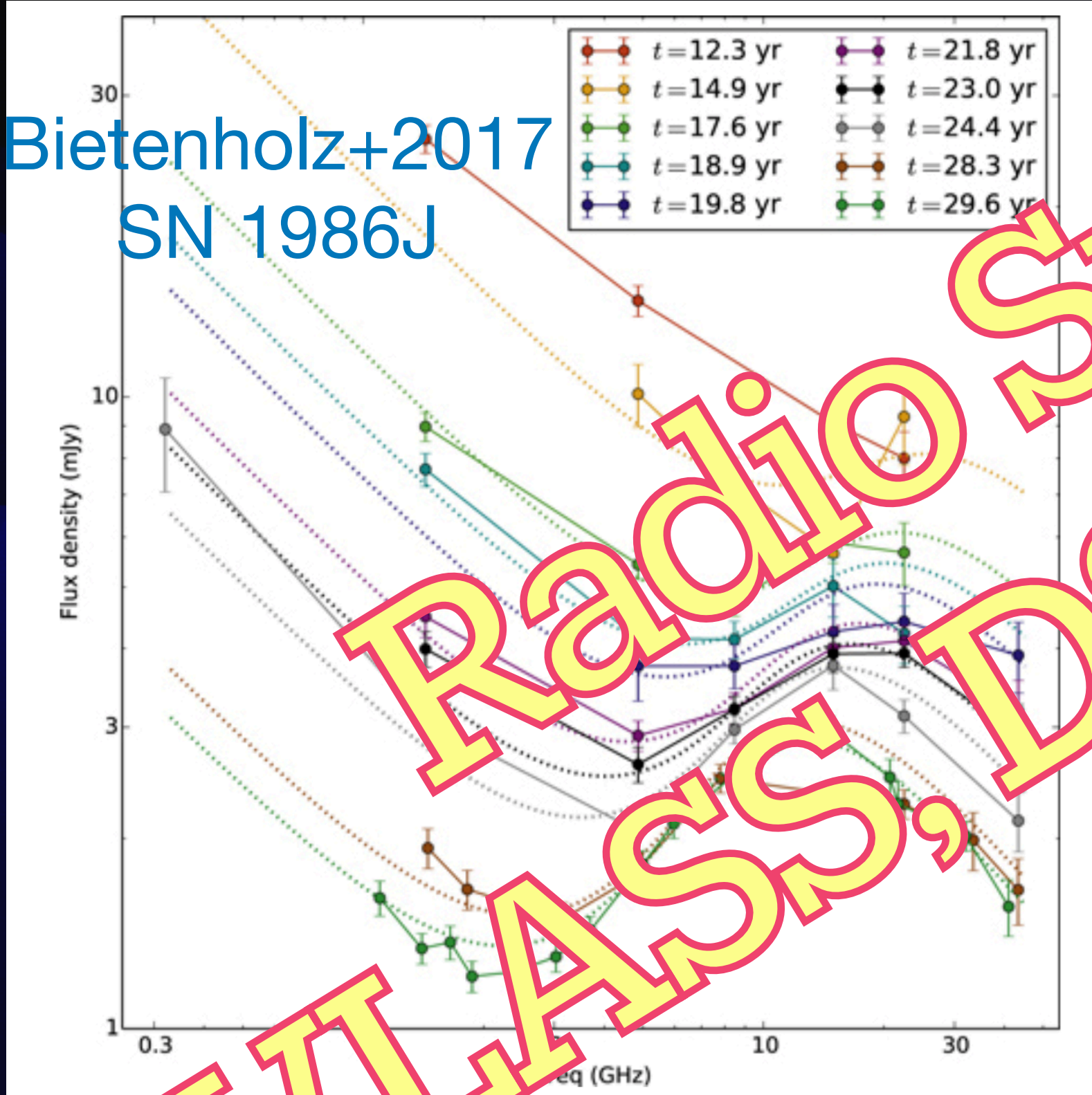


- A shell at 3 years when

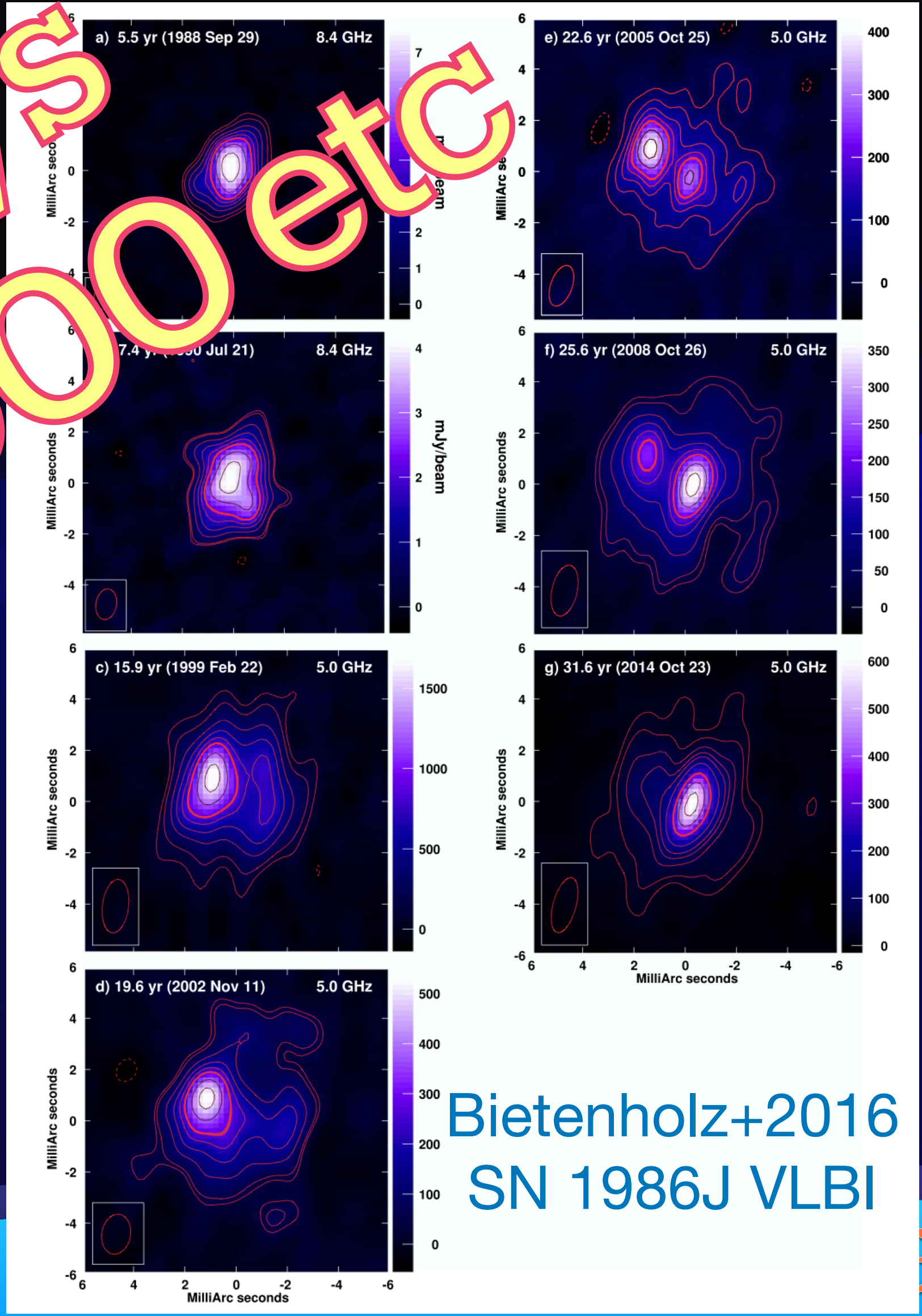


# SN 2001em - binarity

## SN 1986J



VLASS, DSA2000 etc



Bietenholz+2016  
SN 1986J VLBI



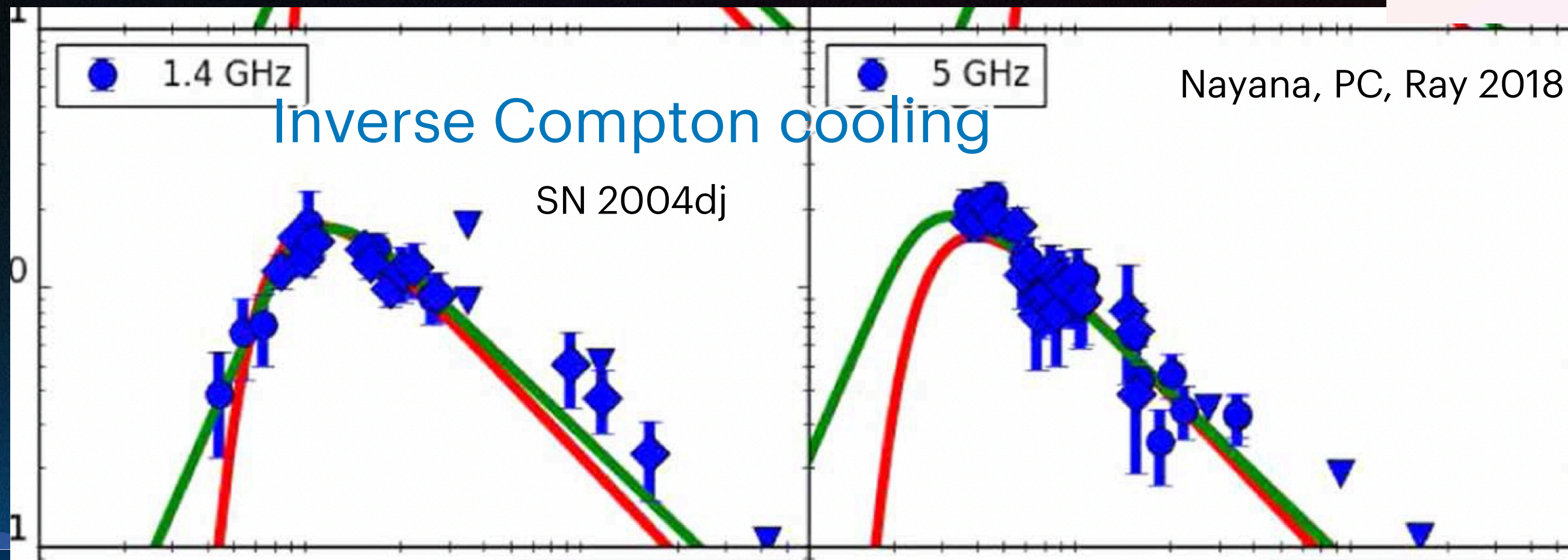
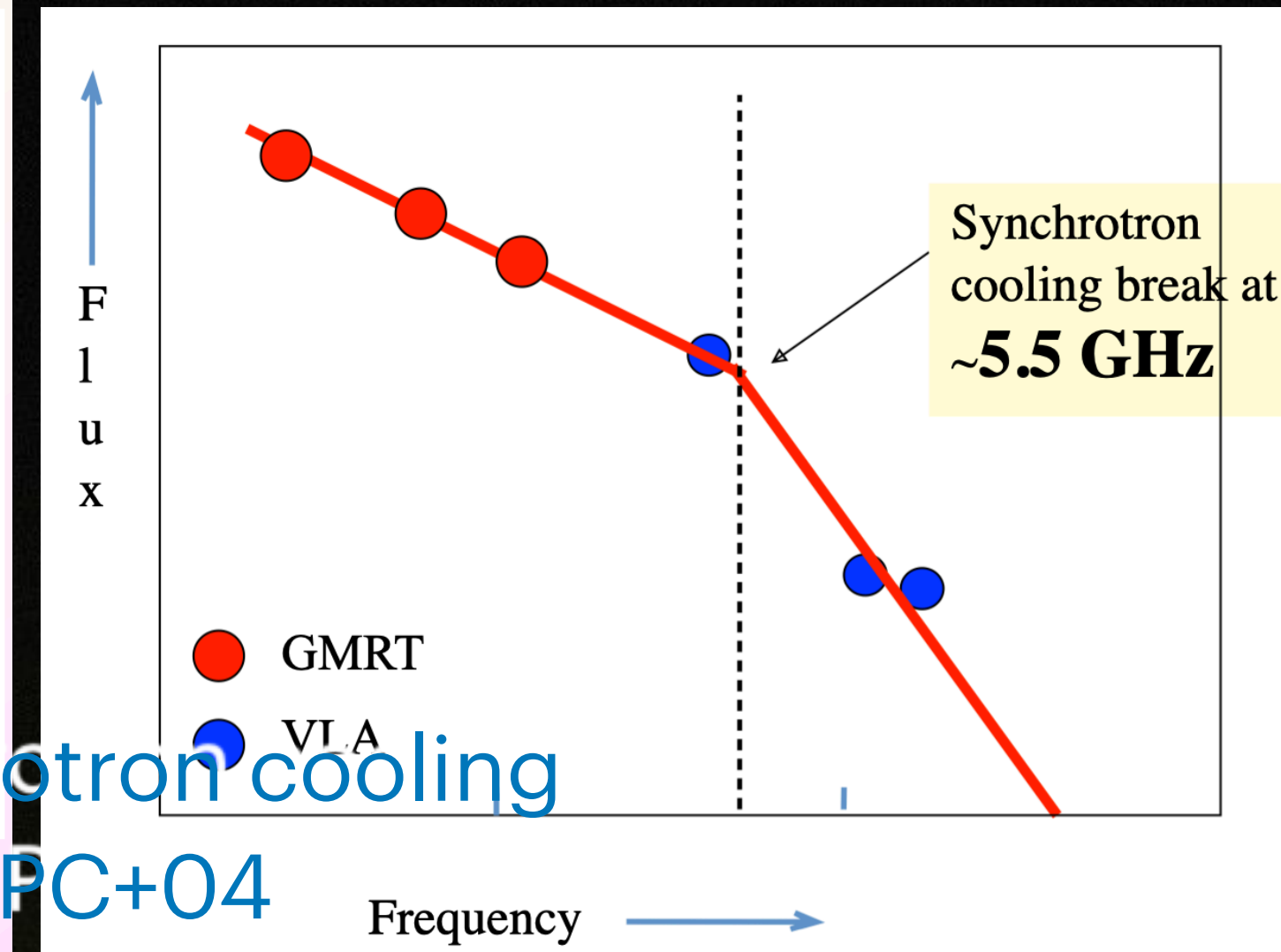
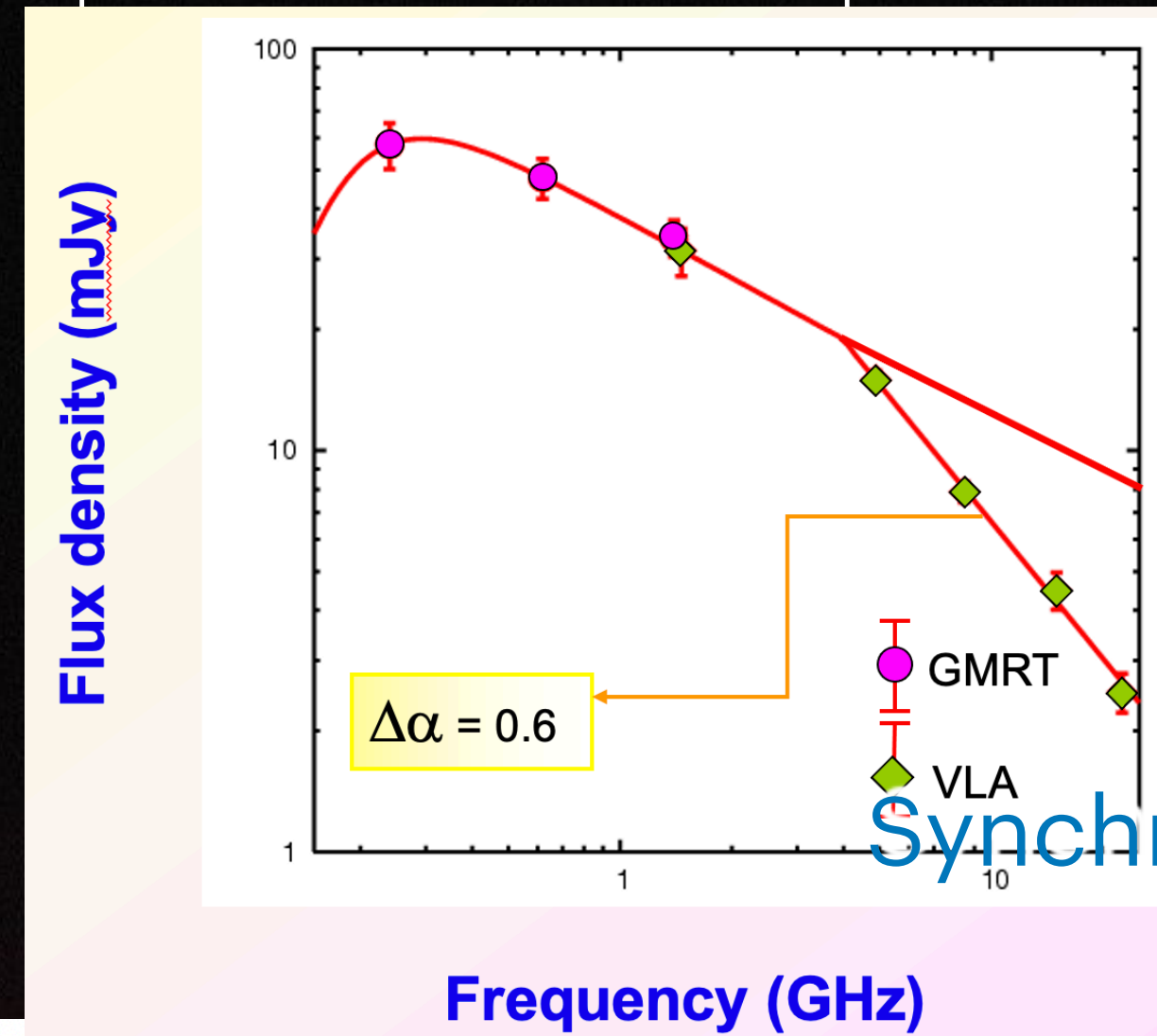
# Microscopic parameters

Radio and X-ray emission - under the equipartition assumption

Need not be true always (e.g. PC+2004)

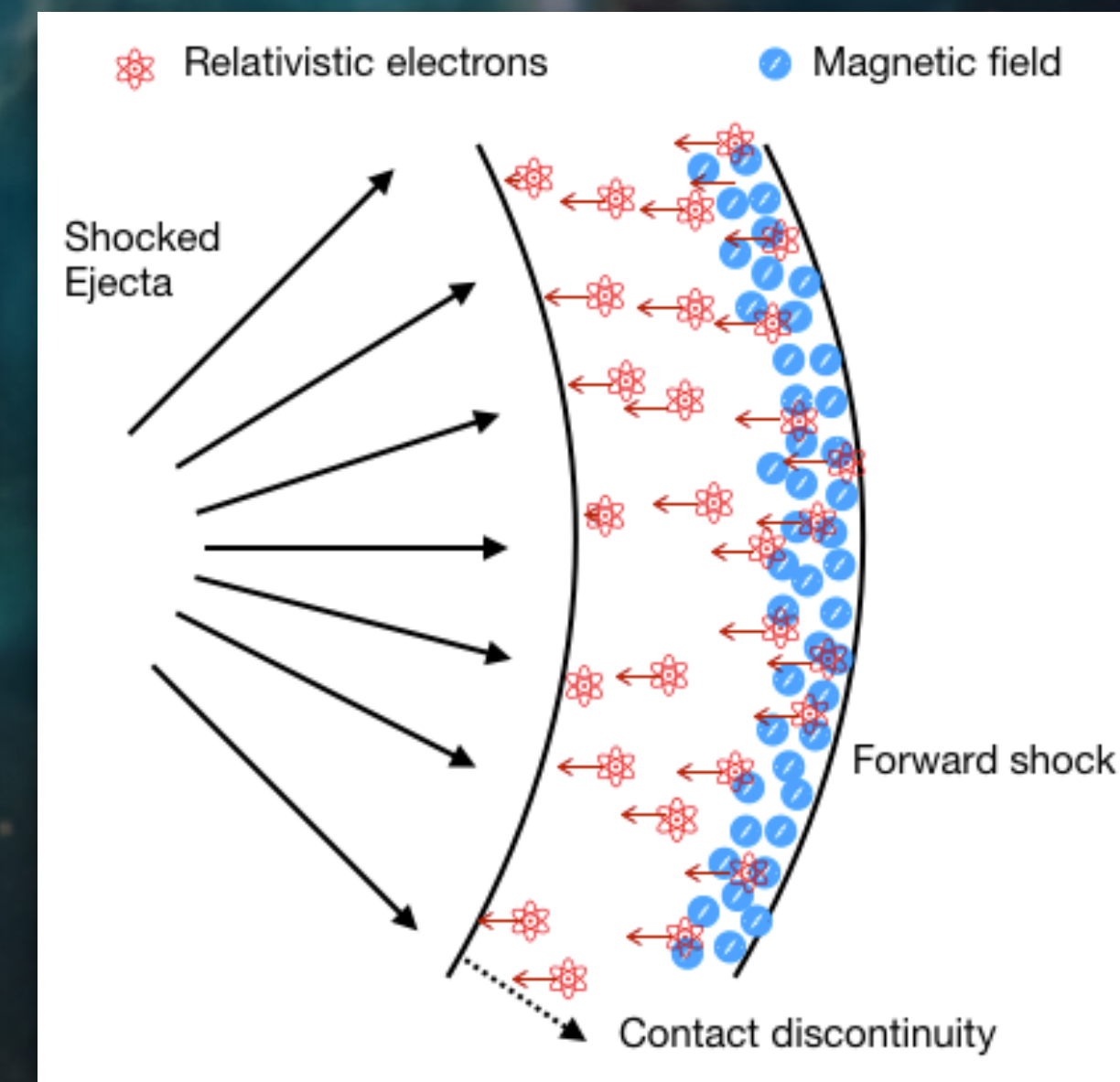
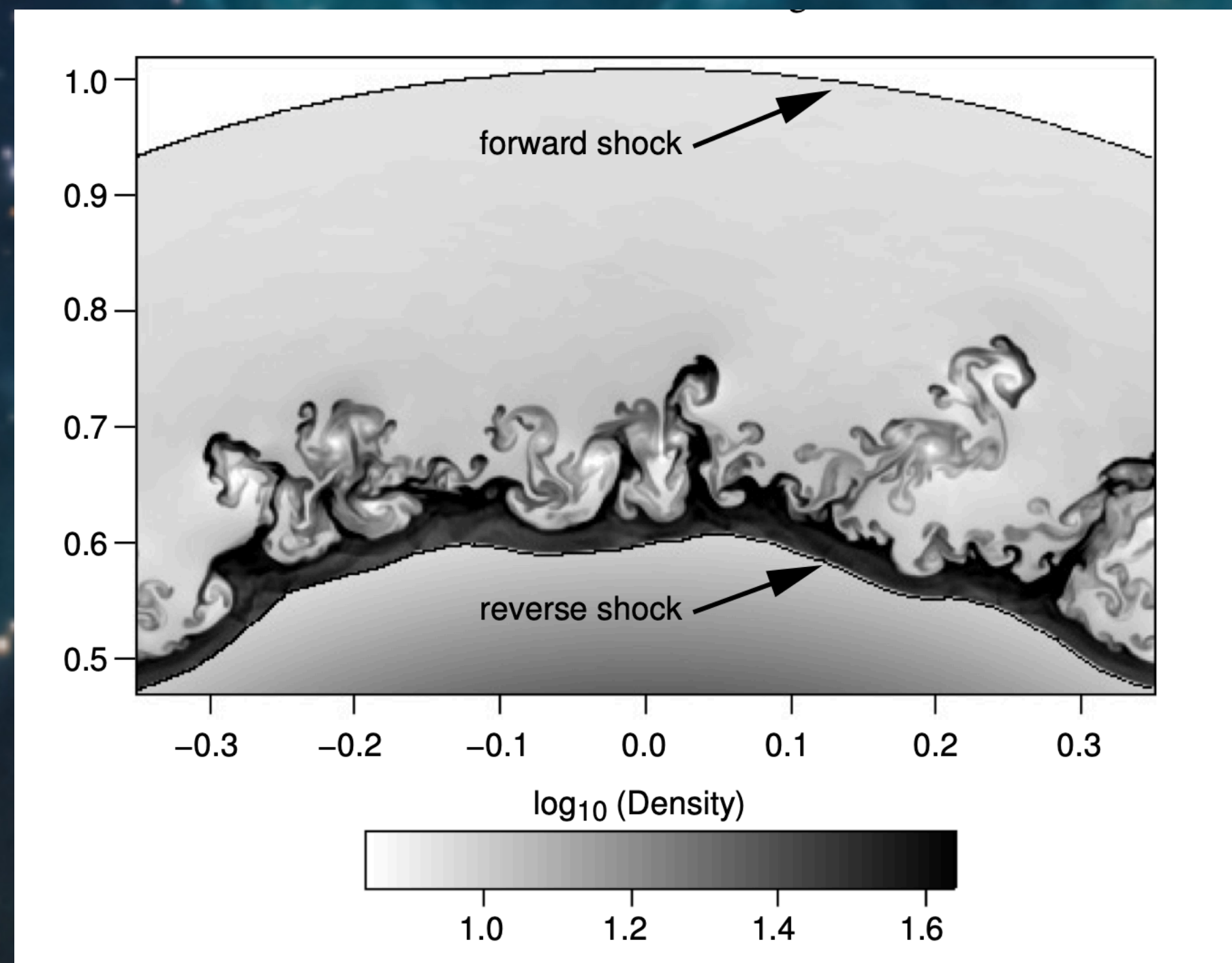
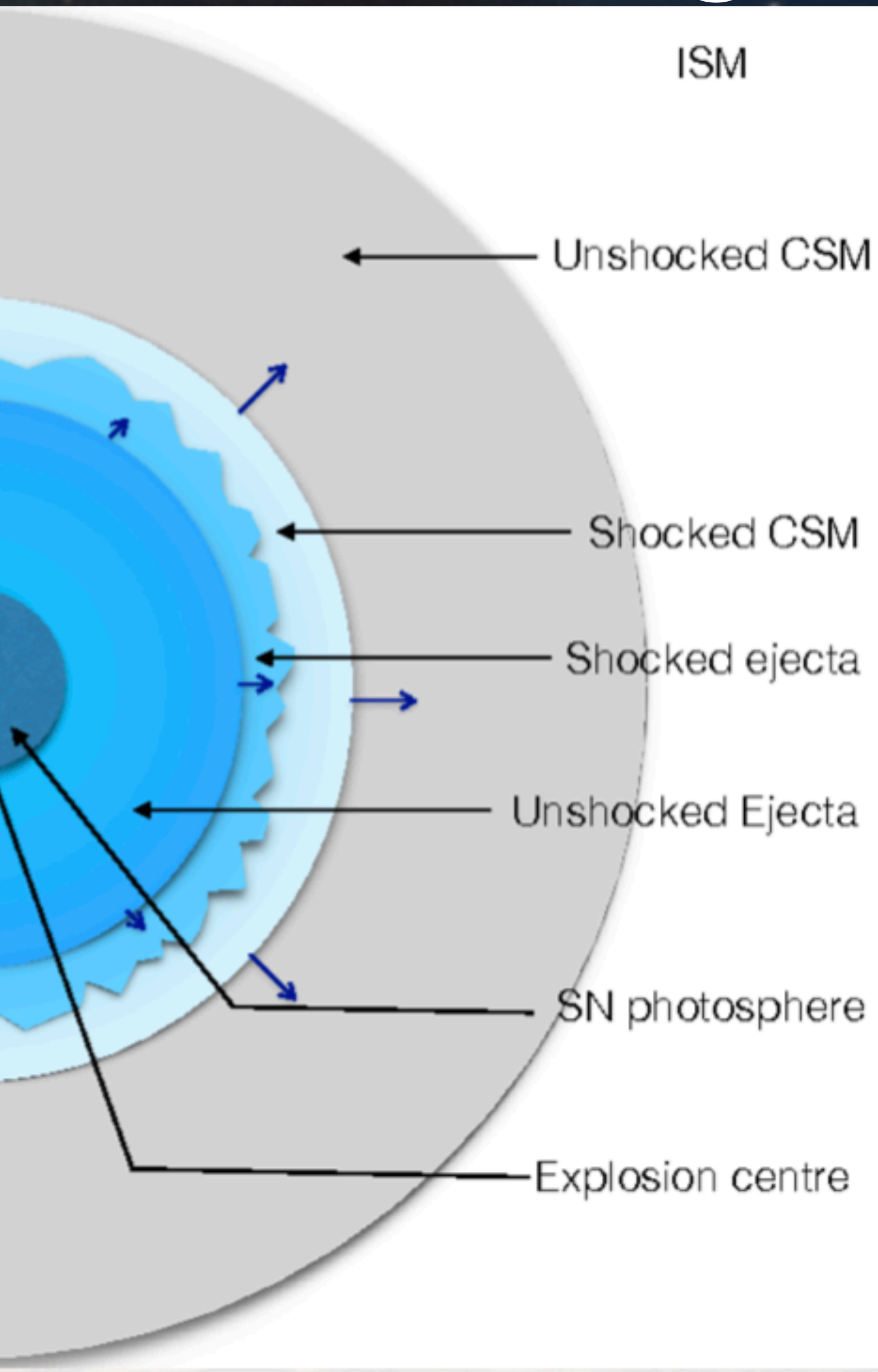
Inverse Compton cooling

Synchrotron cooling

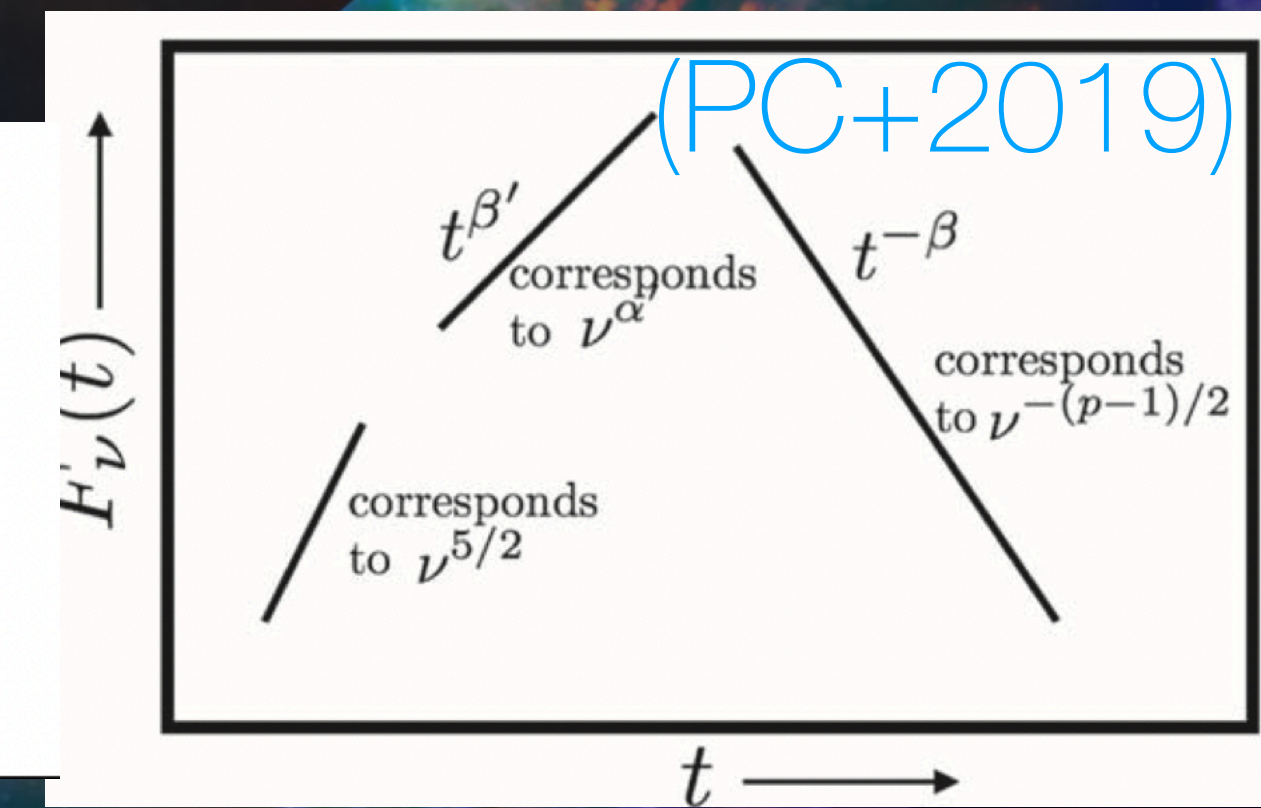


# Inhomogeneities in shocks

Bjornsson+13, 17, PC+19



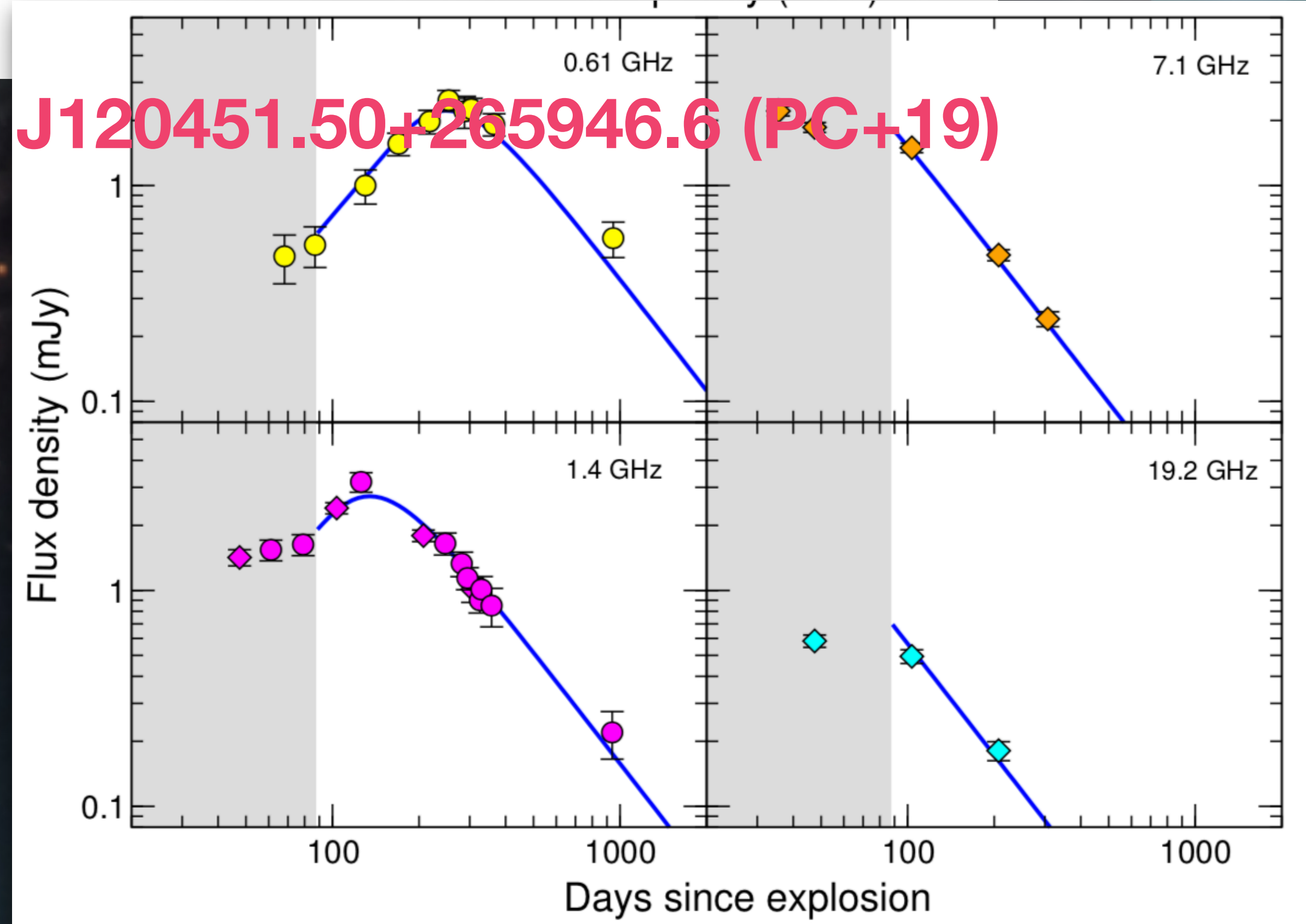
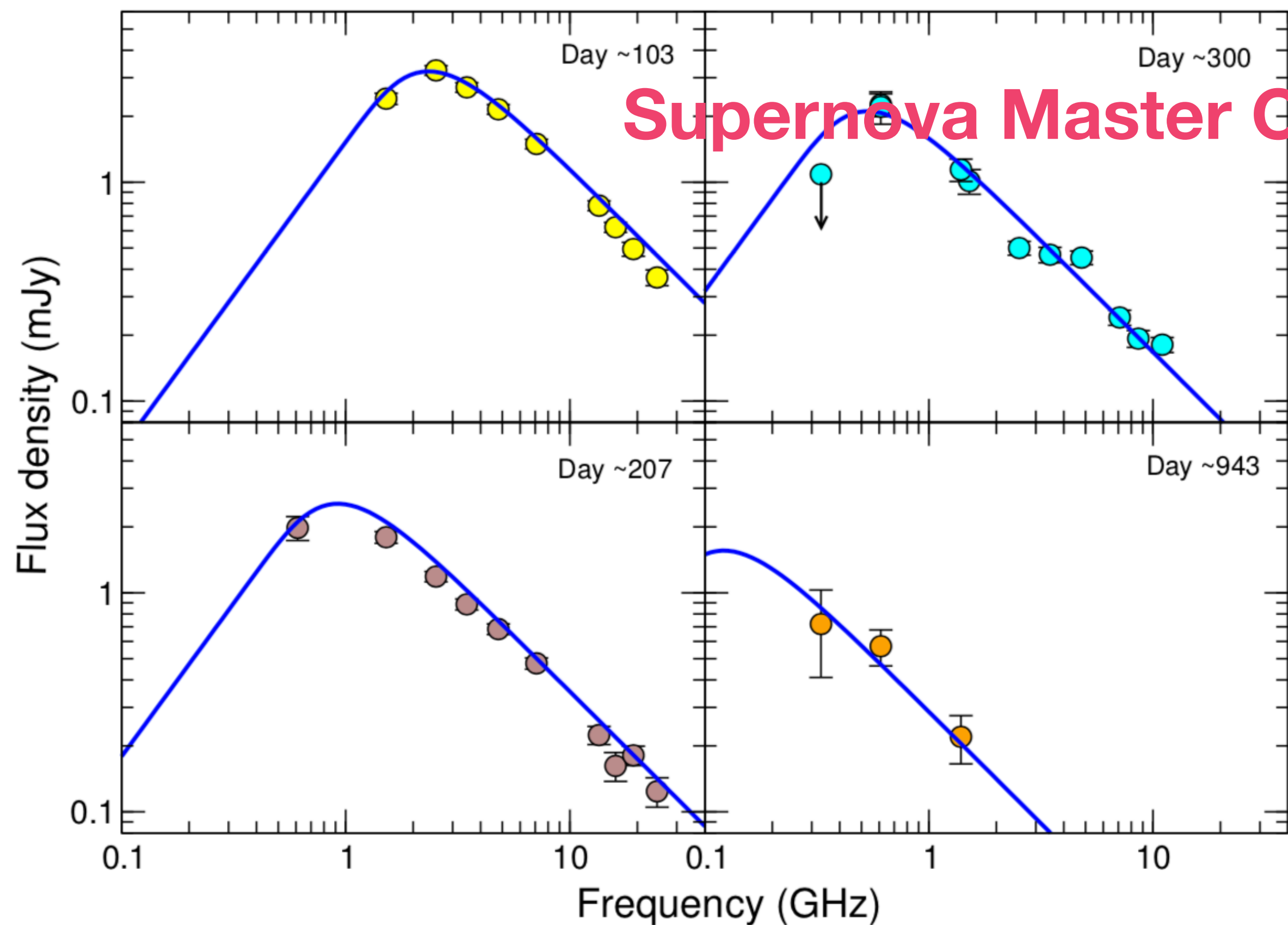
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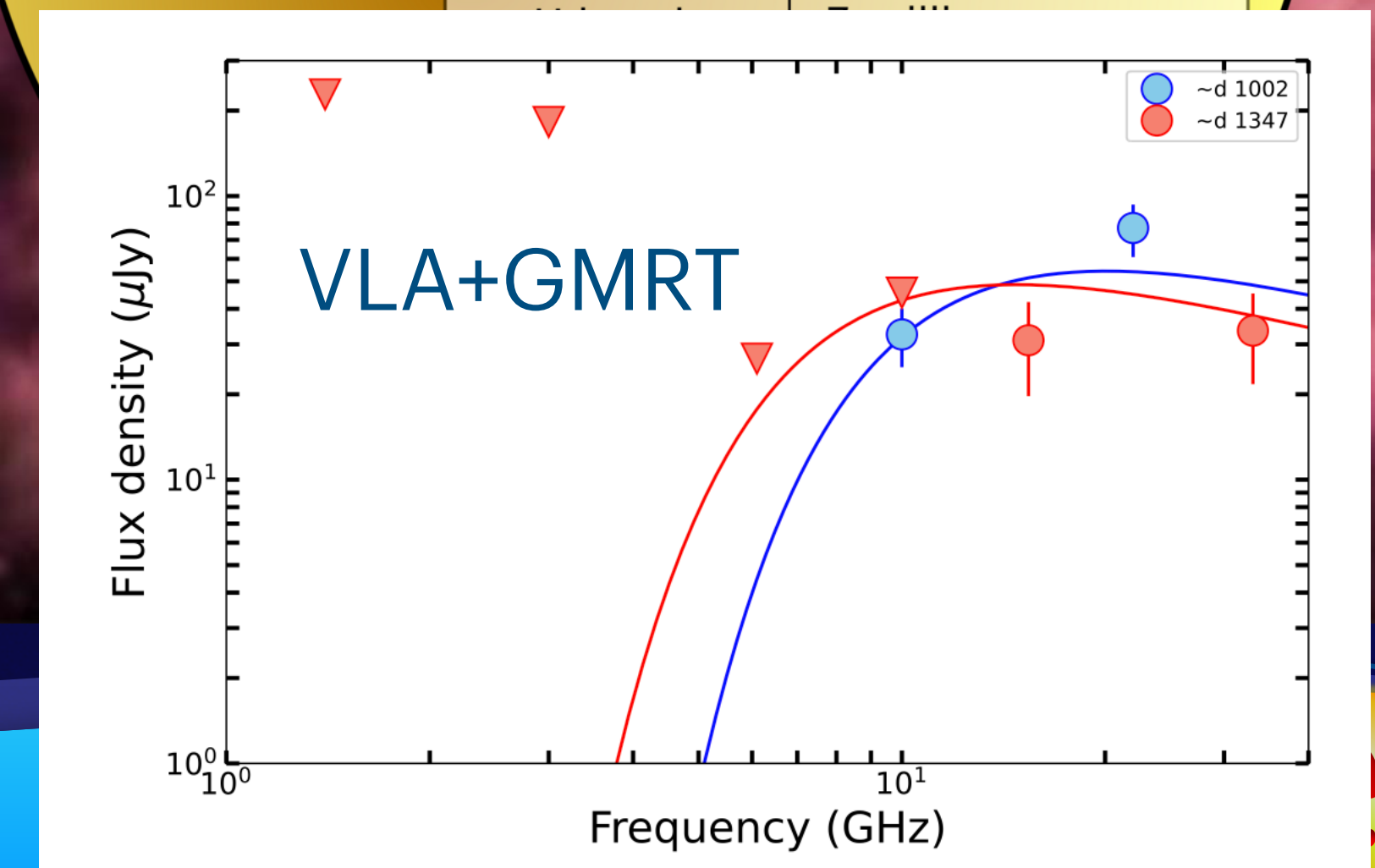
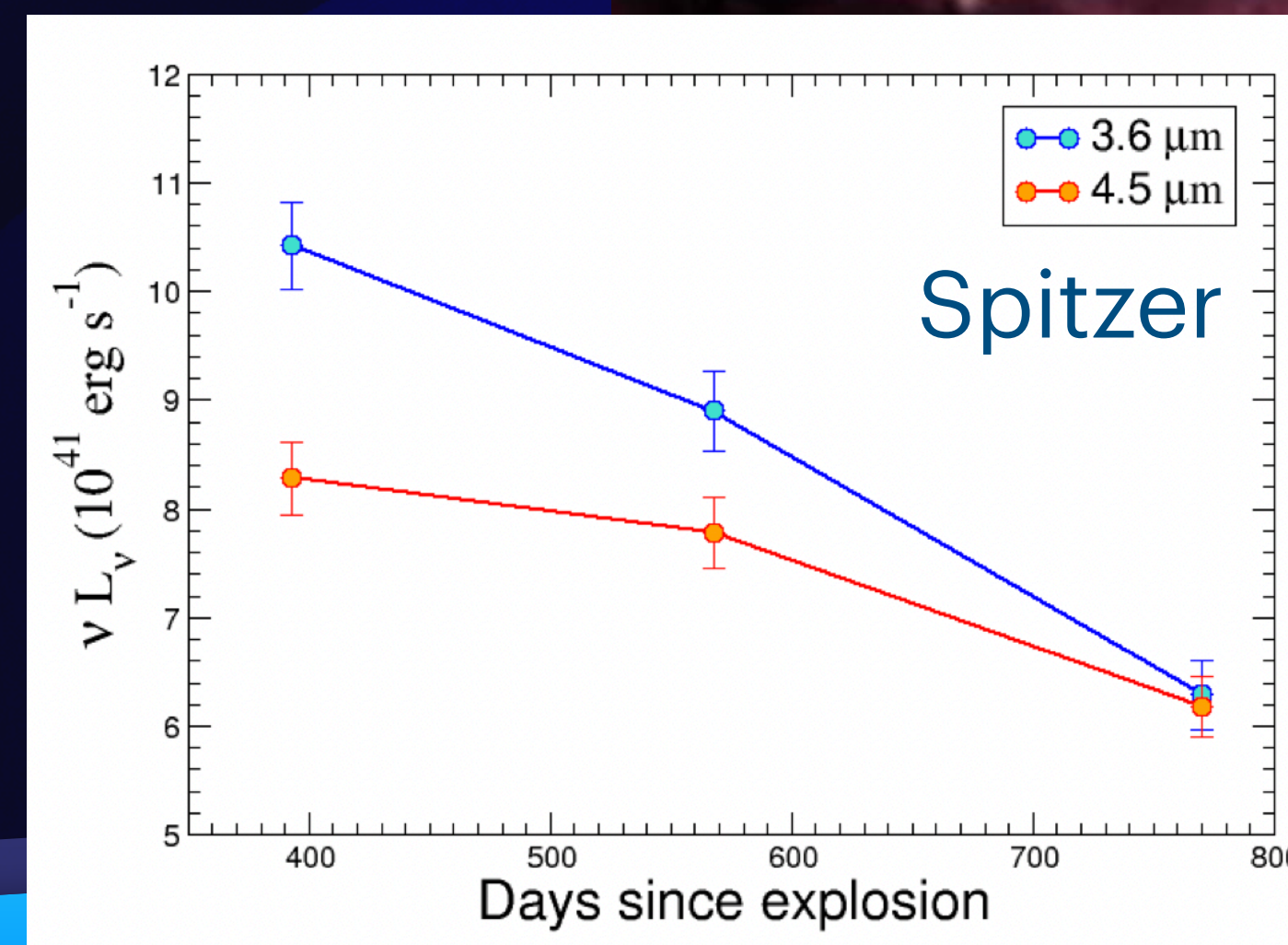
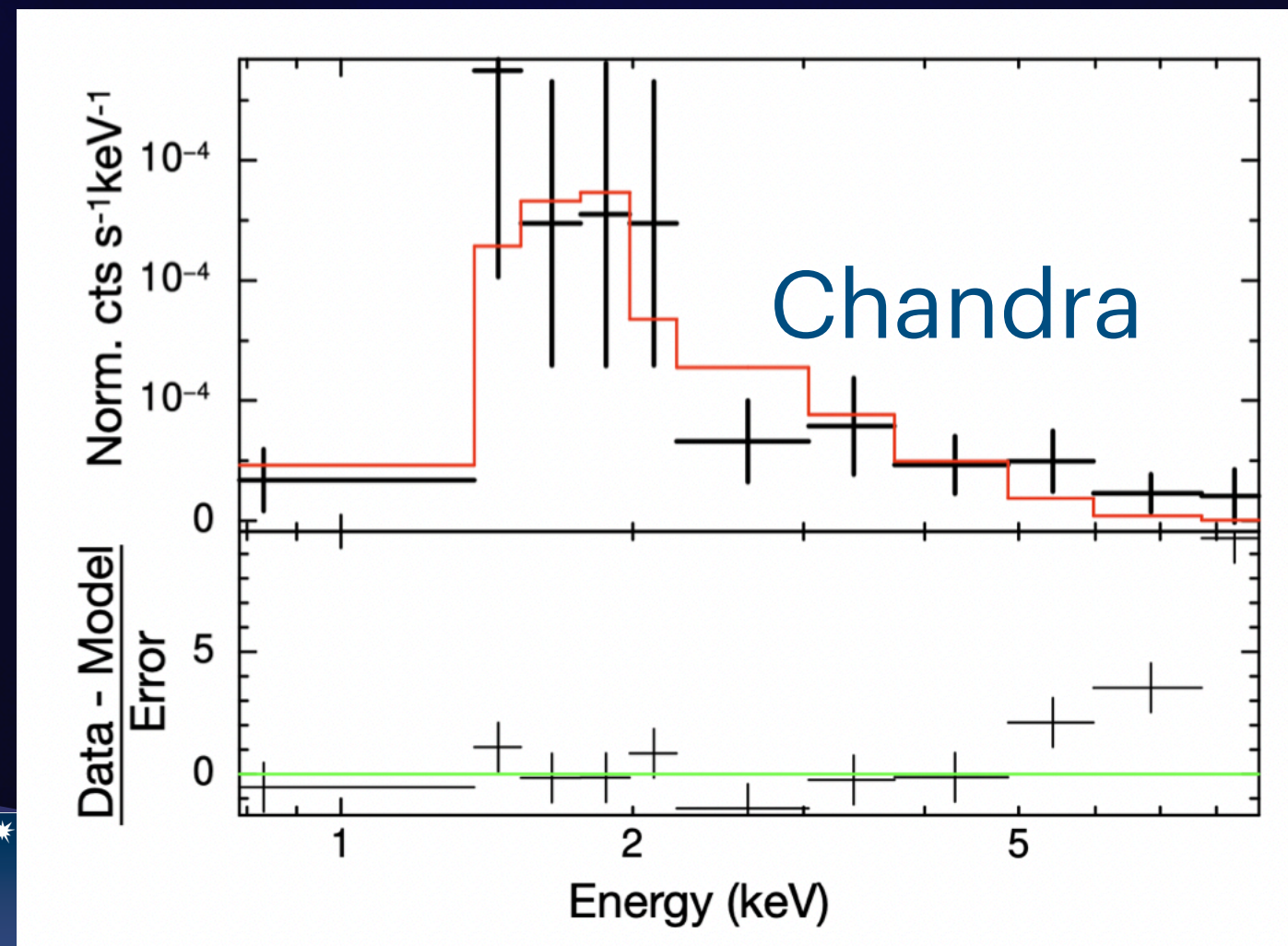
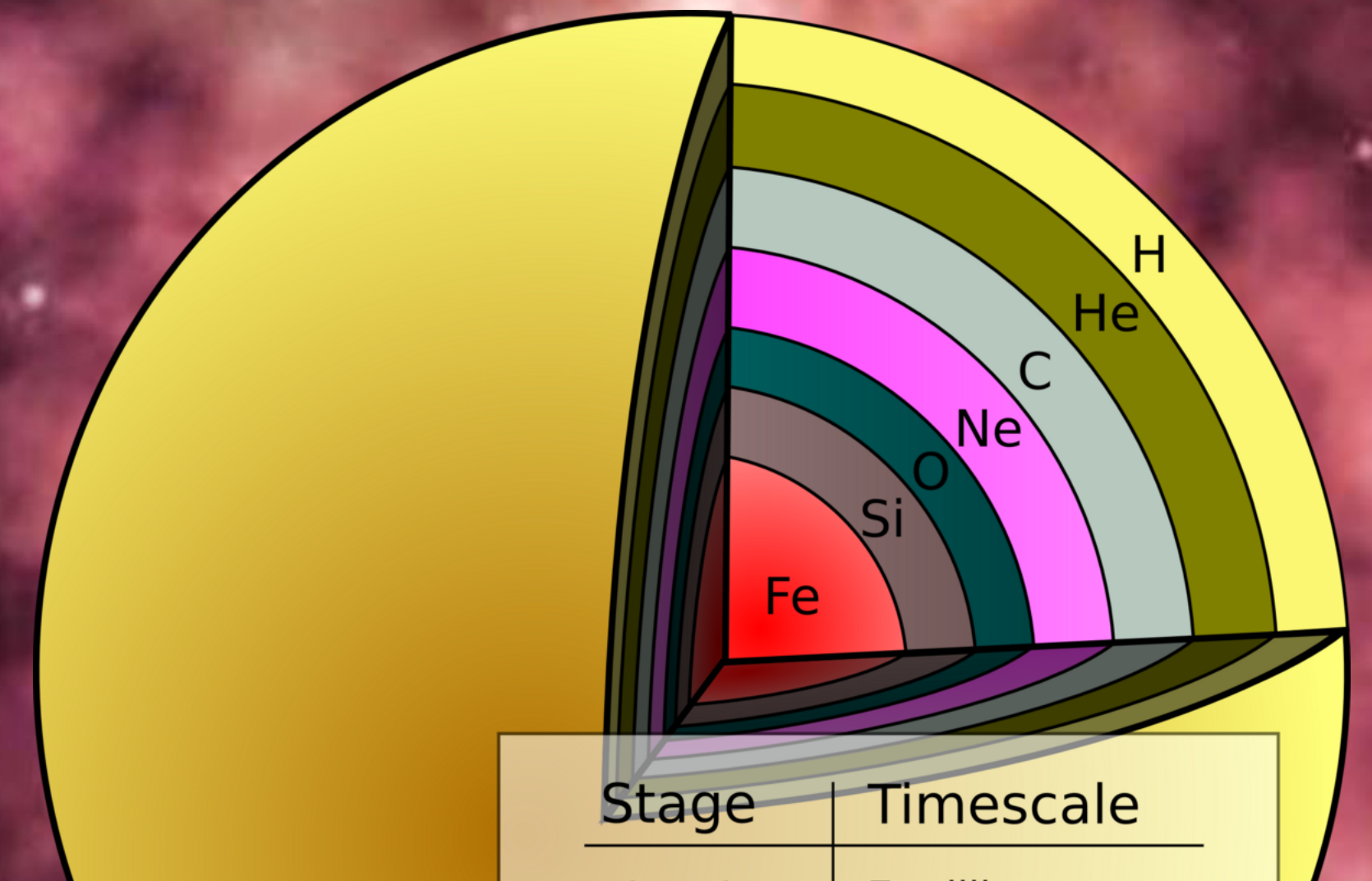
Supernova Master OT J120451.50+265946.6 (PC+19)



# Progenitor histories via radio observations

PC et al. 2023, MNRAS

- SN 2017hcc - a Type II<sub>n</sub> SN - radio, X-ray, IR studies for 4 years
- Shock breakout - **mass loss rate  $0.1 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}^{-1}$  at one month (80 years before the star exploded)**
- Power generated by the shock (IR) - **Few 100 days IR -  $2 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}^{-1}$  (300 yrs before explosion)**
- Radio data - **1000 days mass loss rate  $6 \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}^{-1}$  (3000 years before explosion)**



# Summary

- Circumstellar interaction - Best way to build gap between stellar evolution and end products
- Flash ionization  $<10^{15}$  cm
- X-ray emission  $\sim 10^{15}-10^{16}$  cm
- Radio emission  $\sim 10^{15} - >10^{17}$  cm

**Radio**

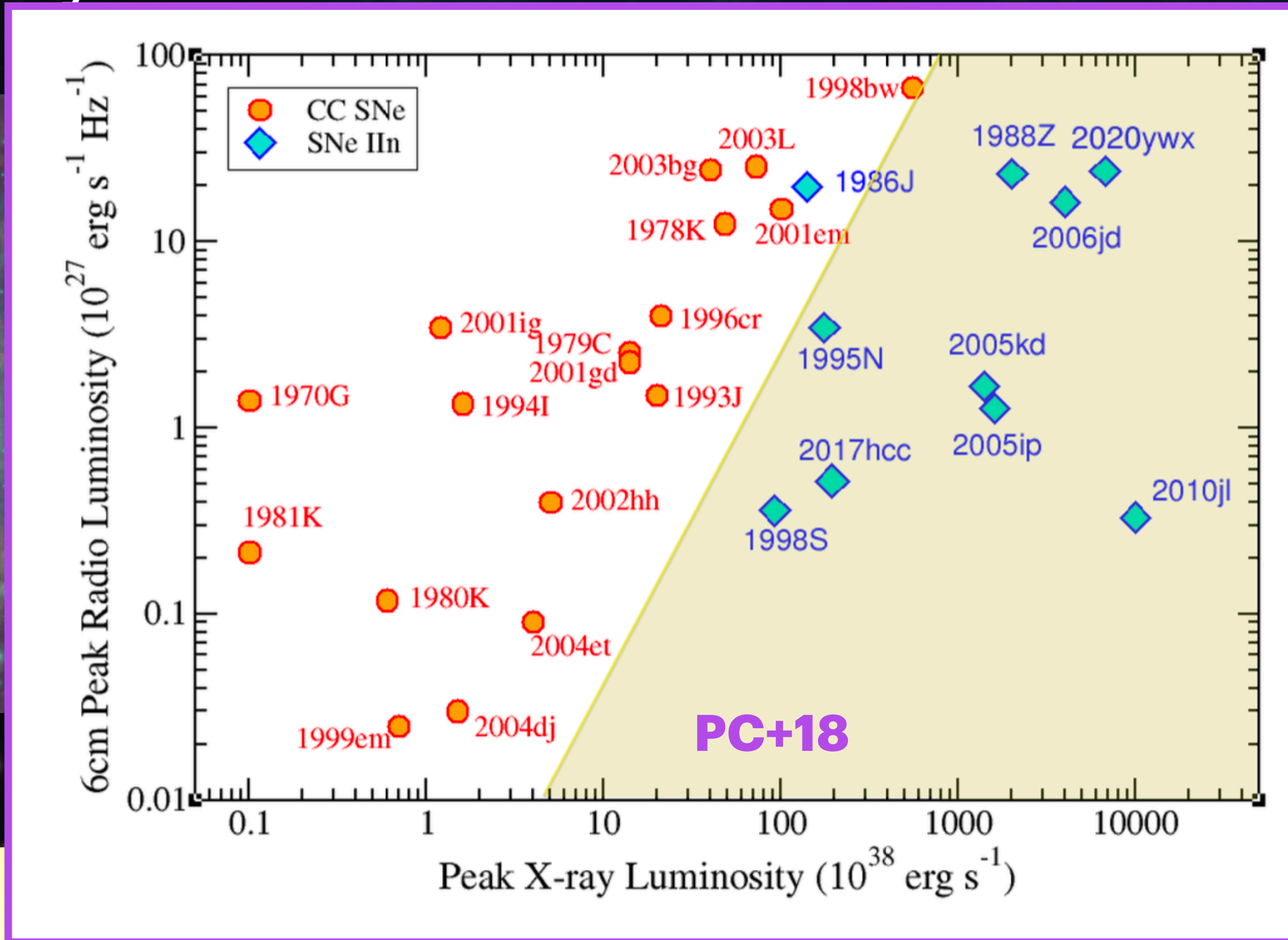
**X-rays**

**Flash ionization**

t=-1000 yr

t=0 yr

# Summary



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ionization

t=0 yr

# Summary

- Optical surveys capturing supernovae within hours - Young supernova Experiment, DLT40, ZTF etc
- Radio facilities
  - ALMA mm bands (>100 GHz)
  - VLA (1-40 GHz)
  - GMRT (0.4-1.4 GHz)
- X-ray facilities
  - Chandra, XMM-Newton, Swift-XRT (<10 keV)
  - NuSTAR (<100 keV)

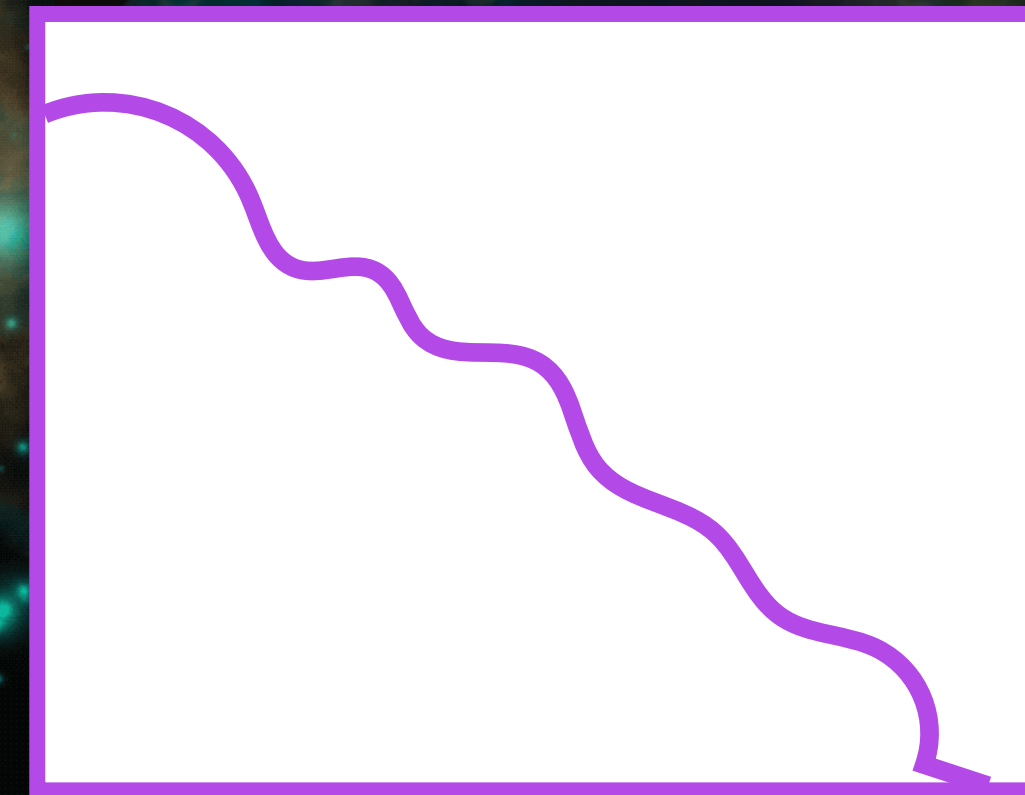
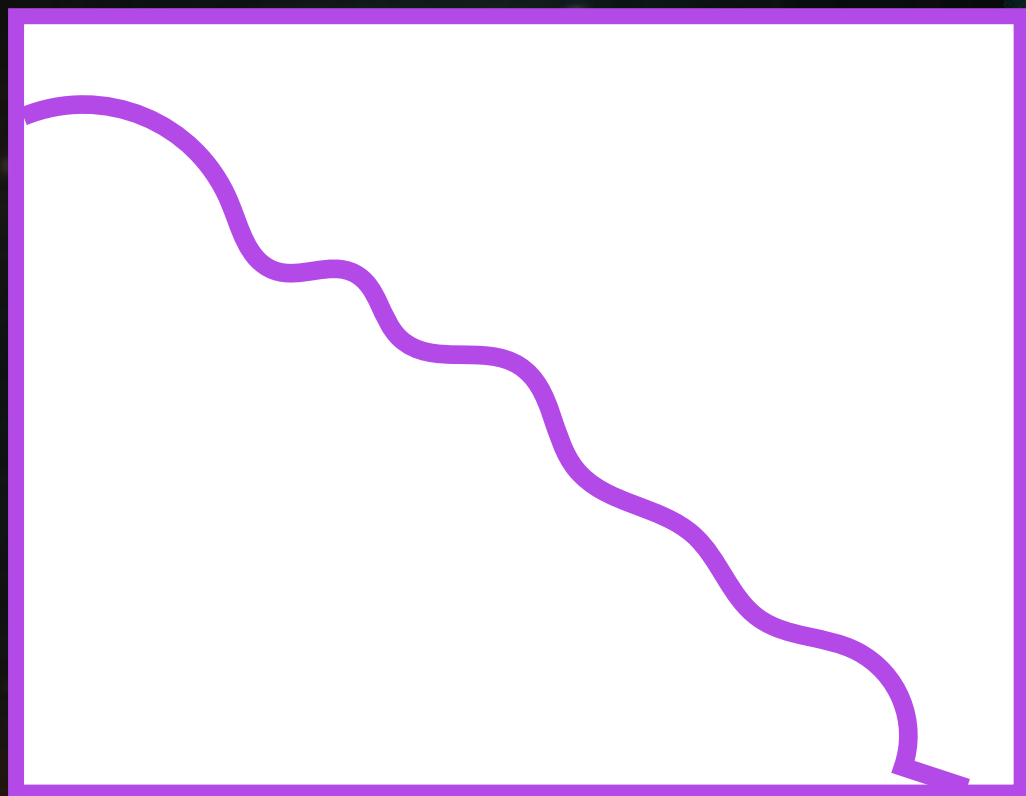
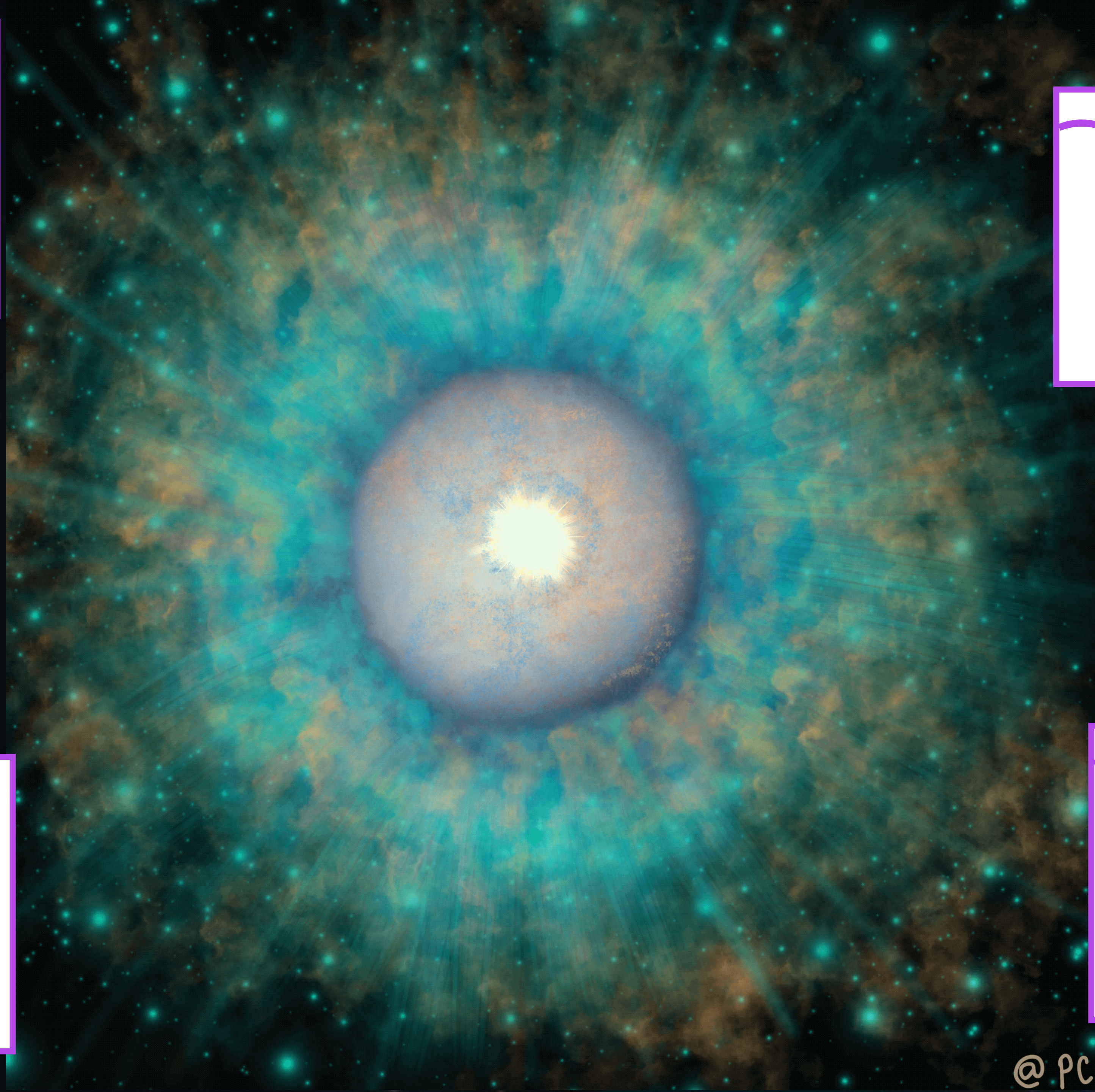
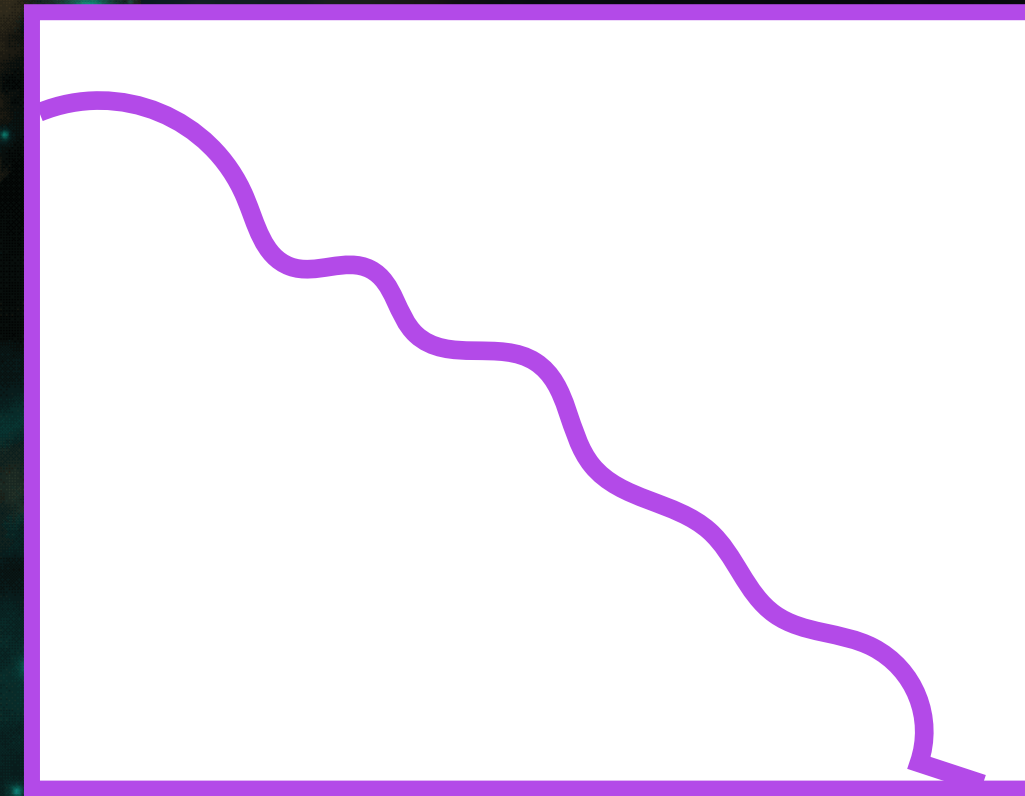
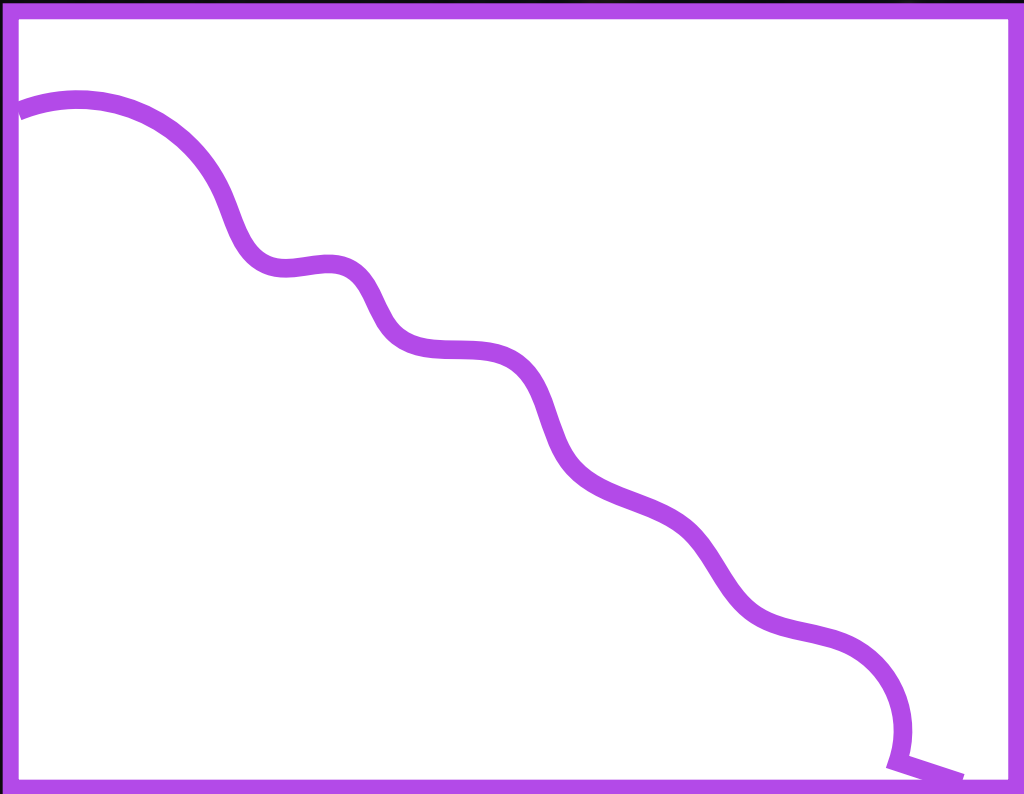
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Credit: NASA/NRAO



**SUPERNOVA REMNANT**  
AN ODYSSEY IN SPACE AFTER STELLAR DEATH

**Asymmetry!**

*Thank you!*

