

Supernovae: Shocked after the violent death of stars



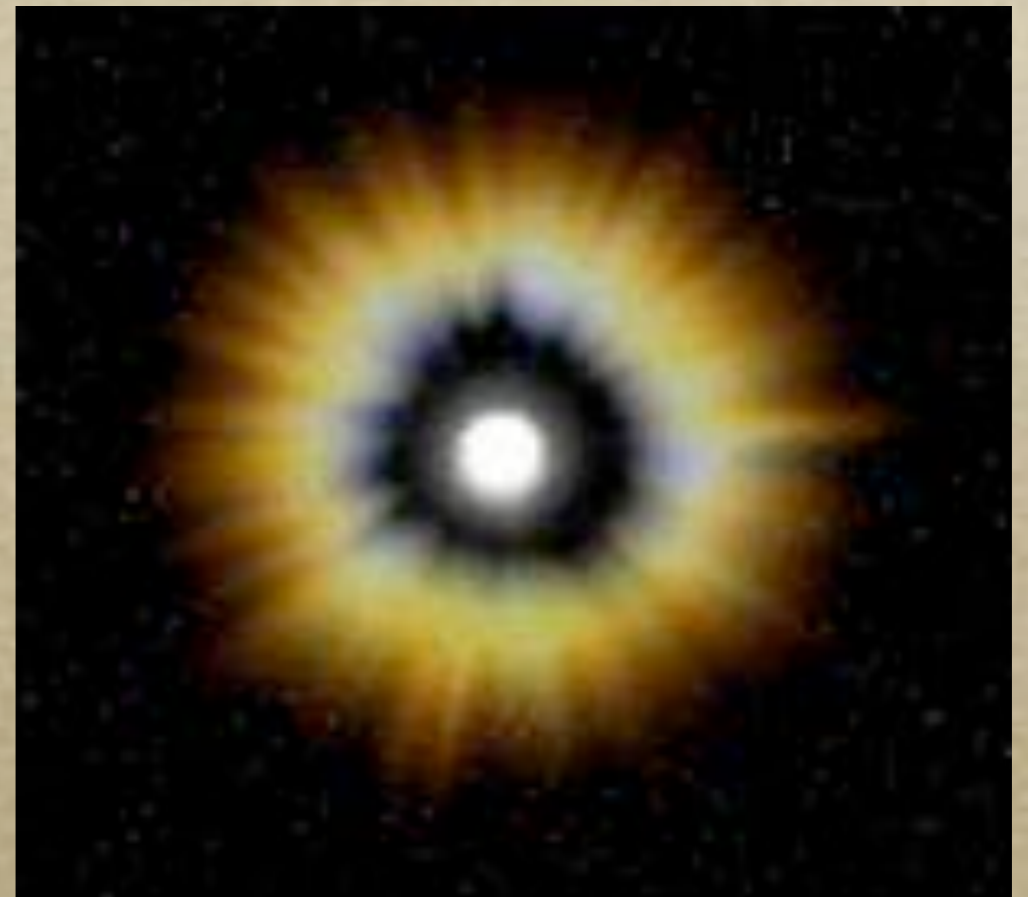
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Supernovae from massive stars

- *Sequence of cataclysmic events*
 - *Exhaustion of fuel*
 - *Collapse under own gravity*
 - *Shock waves due to rebound*
 - *Ejection of star material (shock break out)*
 - *^{56}Ni decay powering optical light curve.*
 - *Circumstellar interaction (powering radio and X-ray light curves)*

What is supernova explosion Physics?

- We know that Gravity is the ultimate source of energy.
- *Relative roles of neutrinos, fluid instabilities, rotation and magnetic field not clear.*
- *3D, general relativistic, magneto hydrodynamic simulations of rapidly rotating strongly magnetized core collapse (Mosta, Richers, Ott et al. 2014).*
- *3D dynamics of magneto-rotational core collapse if fundamentally different than 2D.*
- *Role of asymmetry crucial for explosion.*

Progenitors in archival images

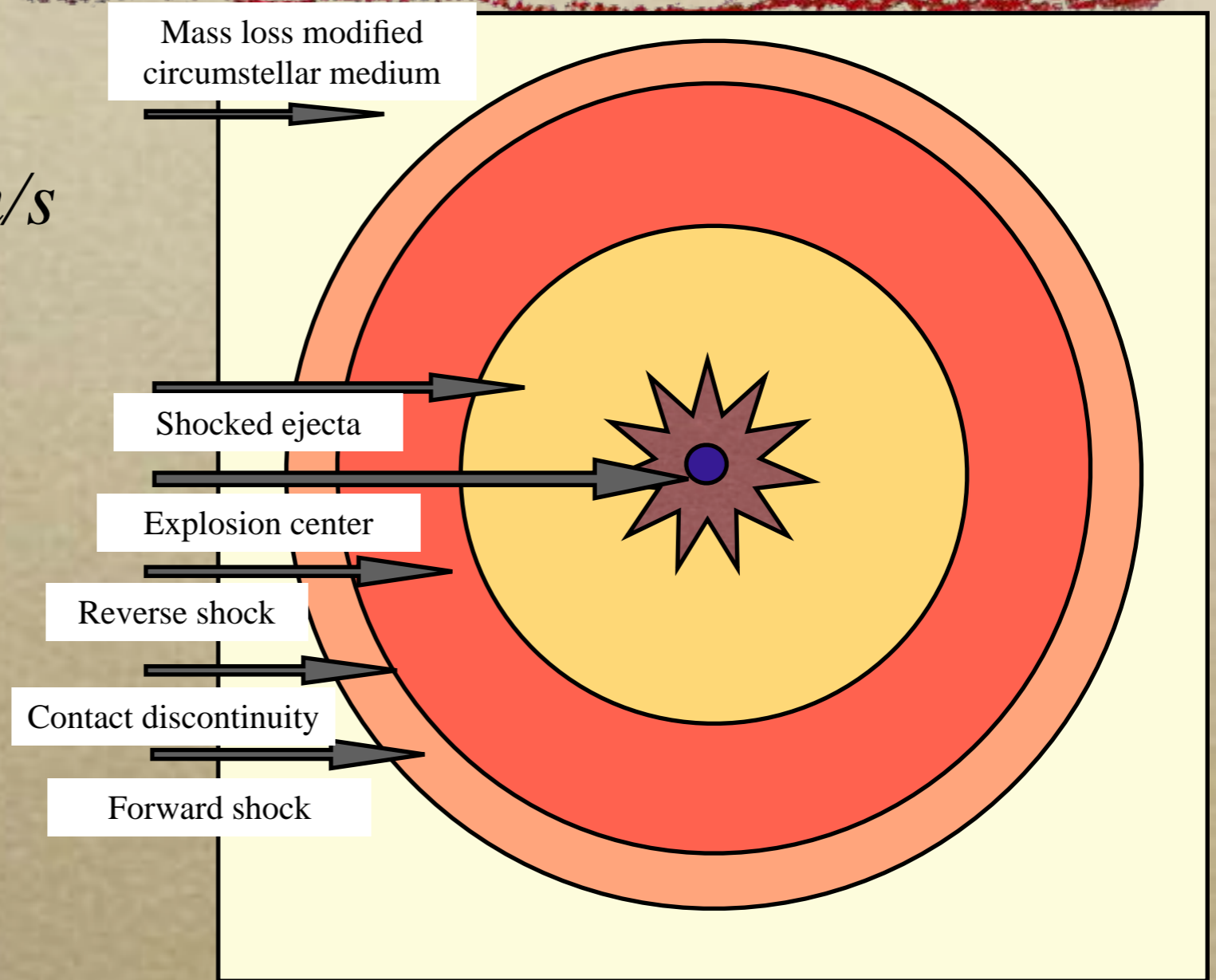
- *Possible for only nearby SNe (<30 Mpc).*
- *Many nearby SNe missing due to extinction.*
- *SN 1987A (blue supergiant), SN 1993J (binary), SN 2003gd (RSG progenitor of Type IIP supernova), SN 2005cs, 2004dj etc.*

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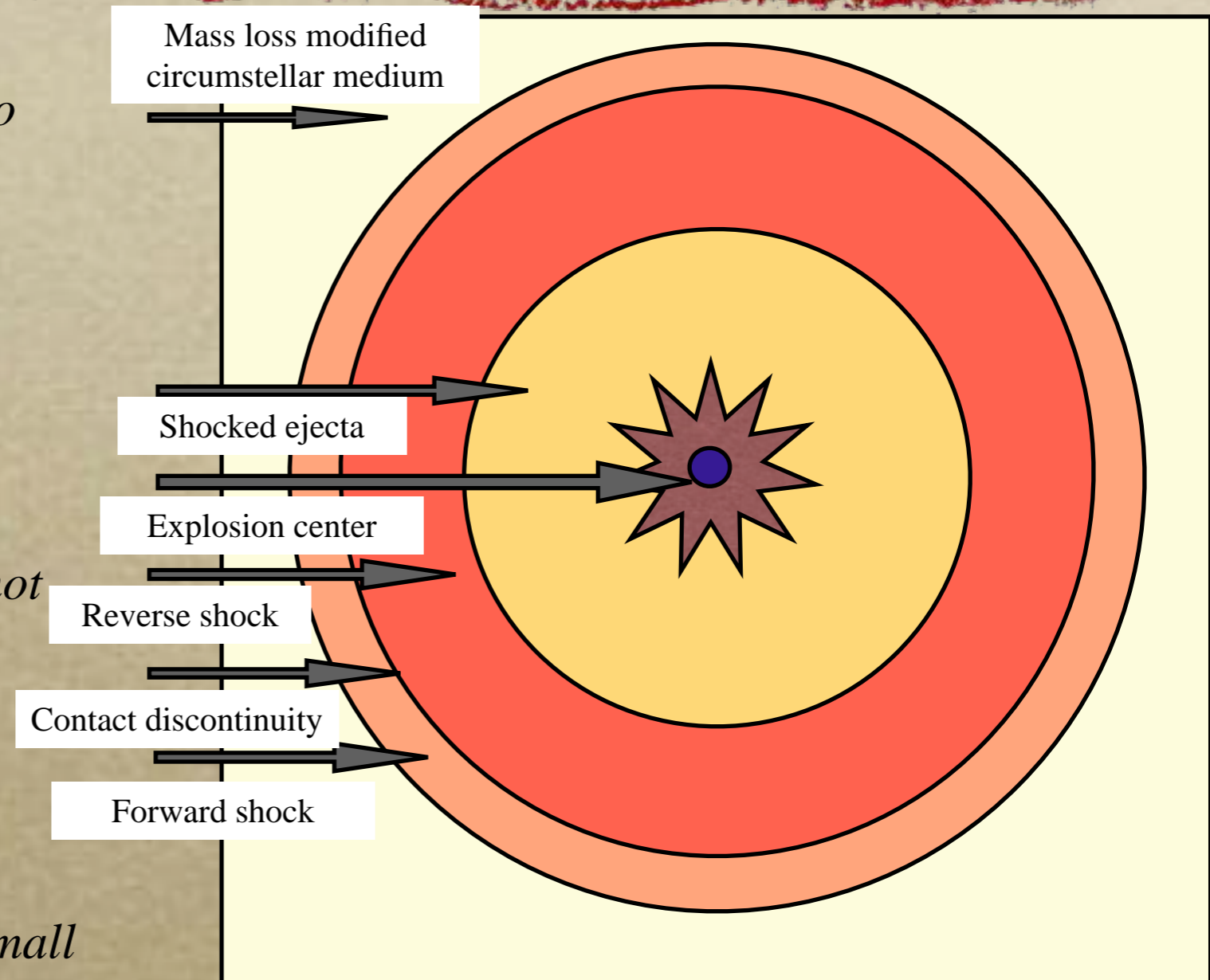
Time machine: Circumstellar interaction

- *Wind velocity ~ 10 km/s*
- *Ejecta speed 10,000 km/s*
- *Observations 1 year after explosion trace progenitor properties 1000 year before explosion*



Emission from circumstellar interaction

- *Emission comes mainly in radio and X-ray emission.*
- *Radio emission in non-thermal synchrotron by relativistic electrons in the presence of enhanced magnetic fields.*
- *X-ray emission thermal (from hot shocks) as well as non-thermal (inverse-Compton and synchrotron)*
- *In supernovae, emission from circumstellar interaction is a small part of total supernova power*



Mass loss: can give clues of the progenitor

- *In form of steady winds ~ 10 km/s (Red supergiants- RSG)*
- *Episodic Outbursts (Luminous blue variable)*
- *Very high mass loss rate (massive progenitors)*
- *Mass loss rate (RSG) $\sim 10^{-5} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$.*
- *LBV mass loss rate $\sim 10^{-2} - 0.1 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$*

Supernovae in dense environments

- *Type II In Supernovae*
- *Explosions that had strong mass loss before the event*
- *Peak Optical luminosity powered by circumstellar interaction instead of ^{56}Ni decay as in other core collapse supernovae*

Mystery of Type II_n Supernovae

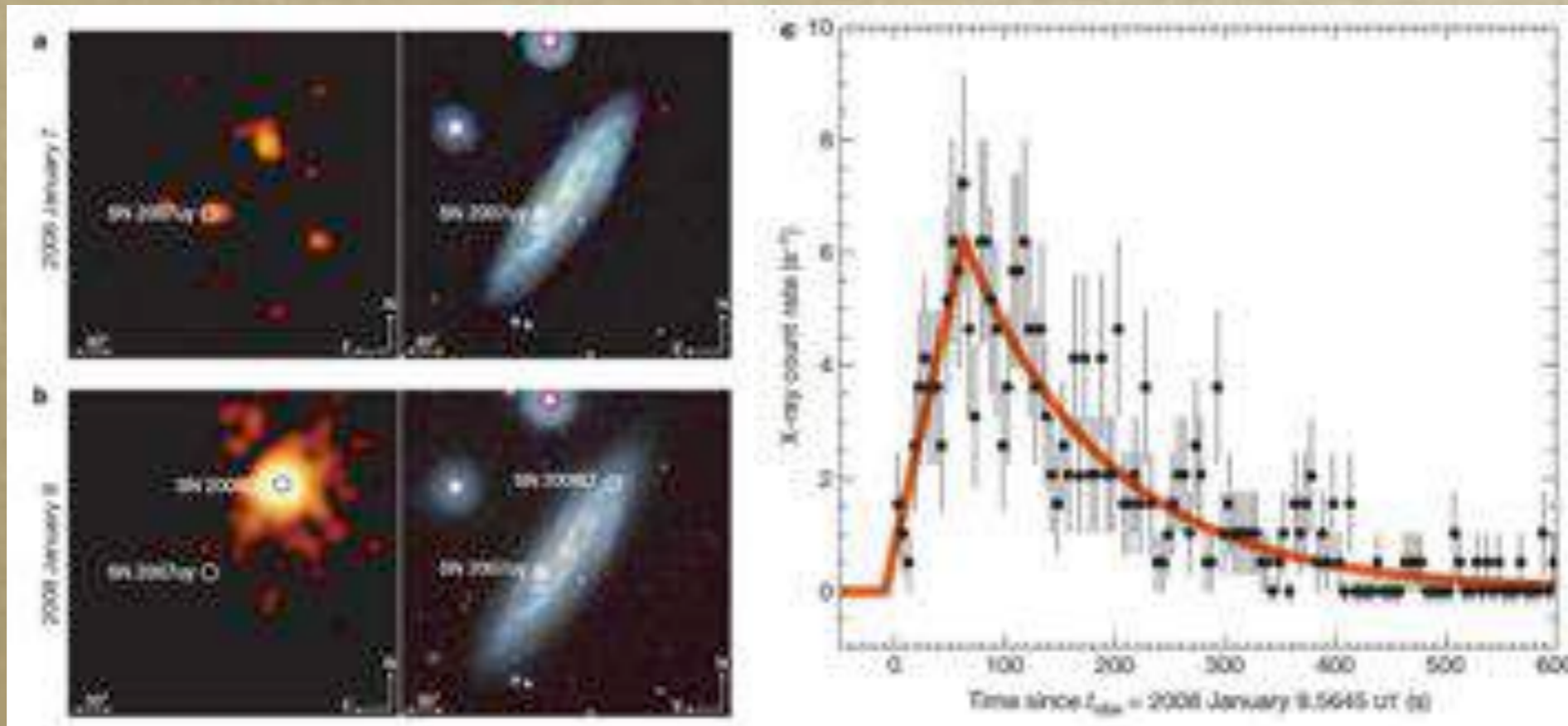
- *Extreme diversity*
- *Unknown progenitor nature*
- *SN 2005gl, SN 2009ip: H-rich $>50M_{sun}$
(Luminous Blue Variable (LBV) progenitor!)*
- *SN imposter like SN 1961V!*
- *SN 2006gy: Ultraluminous, Pair-instability
supernovae*
- *Even the Quark Novae*



Really!!!

Shock breakout in Type II_n Supernovae

- *Circumstellar interaction with surrounding medium stars once SN shock reaches stellar surface*
 - *Shock Break Out in less dense environments*
 - *When shock reaches stellar surface, break out ($\tau \sim c/v$)*
 - *Should be seen around a day after explosion*
 - *Last only for 30 Minutes*
- SN 2008D: Serendipitous discovery of Shock breakout, Soderberg,Chandra et al. 2008

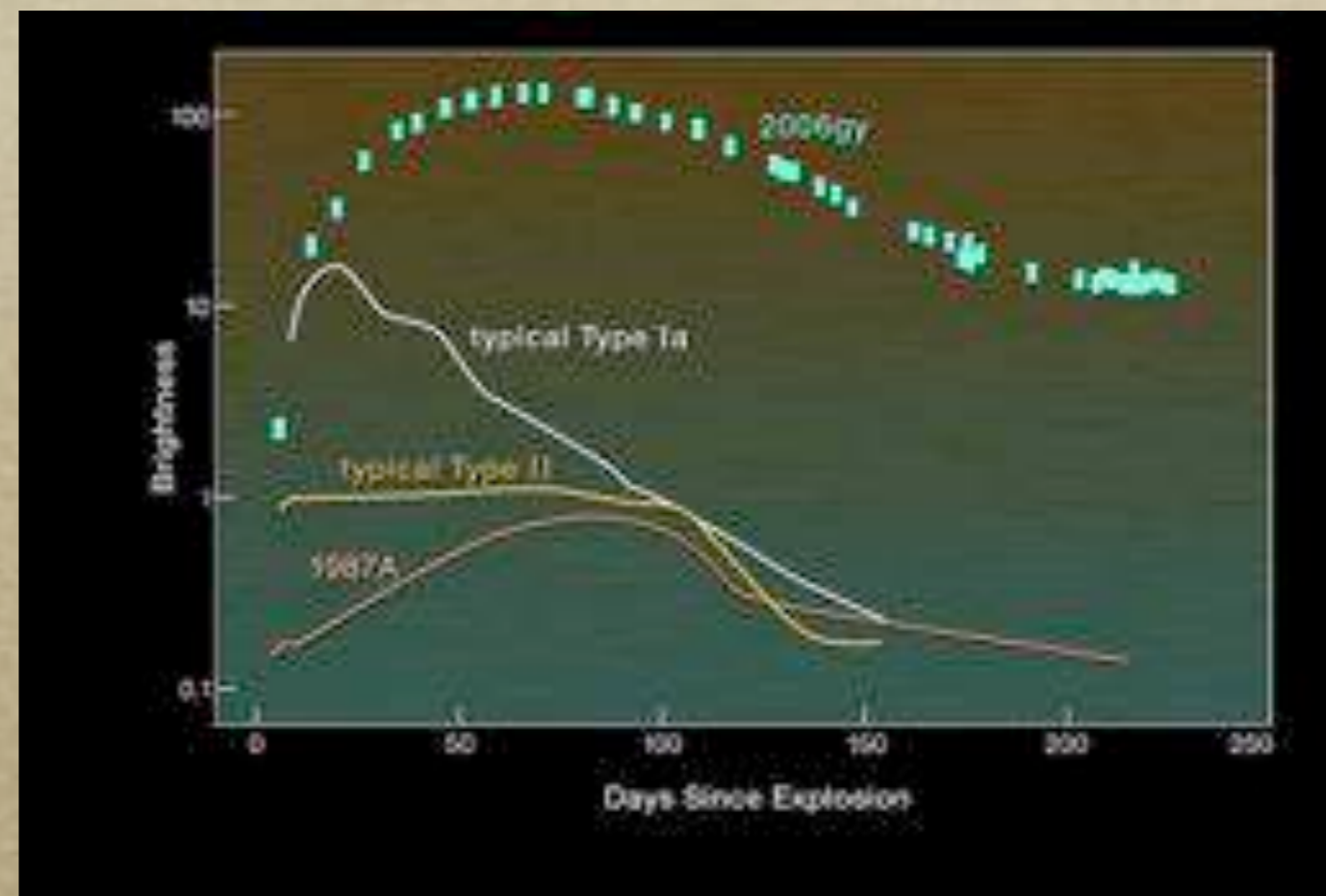


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- *Shock break out in supernovae with dense environment*
 - *Medium becomes optically thick*
 - *Mass loss region optical depth $\tau > c/v$*
 - *Shock breakout happens in the mass loss wind $\tau \sim c/v$*
 - *Significant explosion energy radiated*
 - *Break out lasts for a much longer period*
 - *Rise in luminosity for 10s of days, e.g. SN 2006gy (Chevalier & Irwin 2011)*

SN 2006gy - Type II_n

- *In NGC 1260 (72 Mpc away)*
- *100 times brighter than normal supernovae, $M_v < -19$ for more than 250 days.*
- *Explosion from 150 M_{sun} star!!*
- *A rare glimpse of how first stars died!*
- *SN 2005ap even brighter than SN 2006gy!!*



SN 2006gy: Progenitor scenarios

- *Pair instability supernova (Woosley et al. 2007)*
- *Type Ia SN exploding during a common envelope phase of a binary (Ofek et al. 2007).*
- *Quark nova: supernova explosion of a massive star followed days later by the quark nova detonation of a neutron star, 20-40 Msun progenitor. (Ouyed et al. 2012)*
- *In SN- interaction with a dense CSM, >15Msun ejecta, Moriya et al. 2012)*
- *1E49 ergs precursor event 8 years before the explosion. Now optical luminosity powered by the interaction, LBV progenitor (Smith et al. 2010)*

SN 2009ip - Type IIIn

Margutti, Millisavljevic Chandra et al. 2013

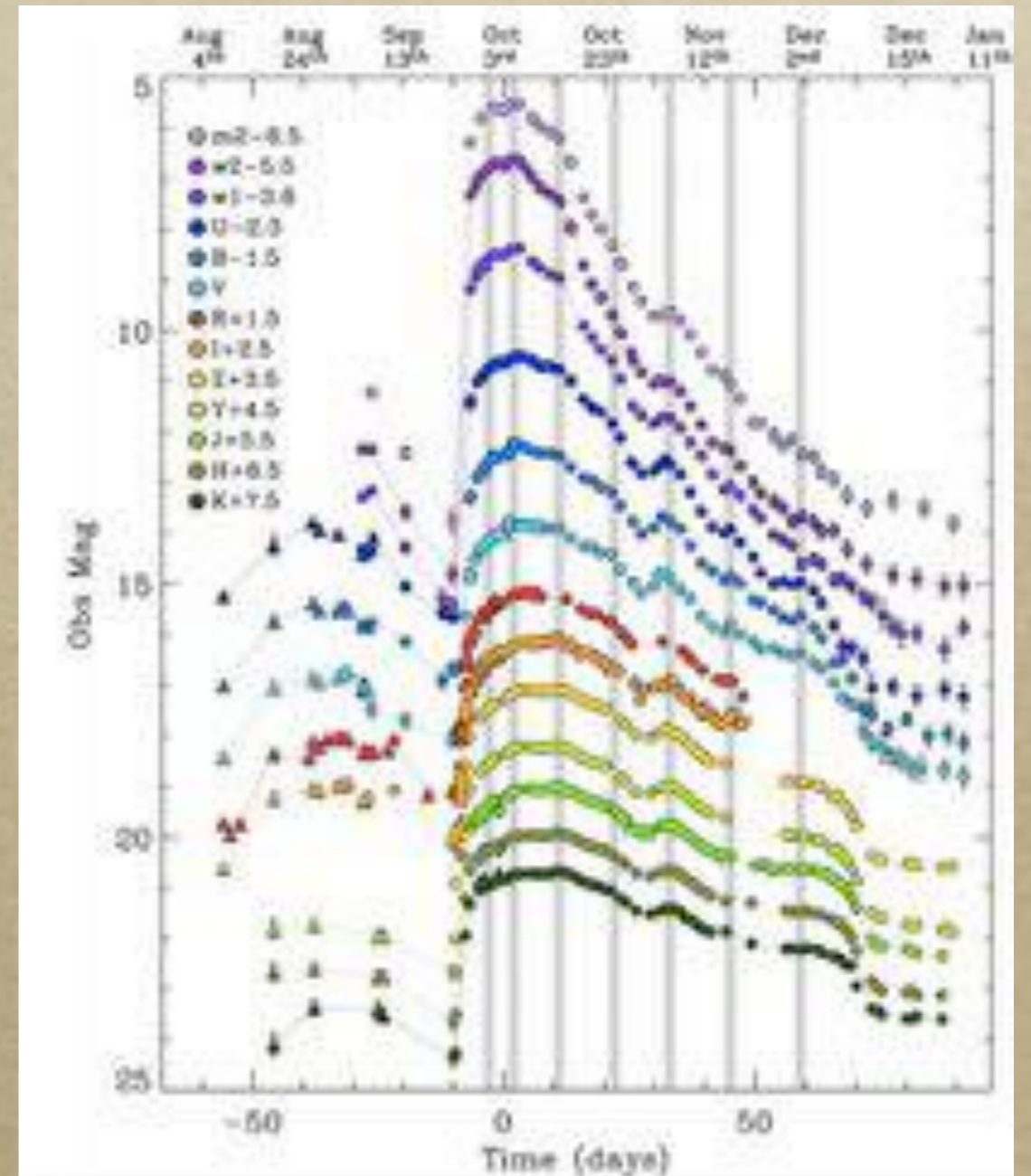
- *Discovered in 2009 in NGC 7259*
- *First confused with SN, later with LBV*
- *Multiple explosions in rapid succession in 2009.*
- *Some eruptions in 2010 and 2011*



Credit: Joseph Brimacombe

SN 2009ip

- *Rebrightened on 24th July, 2012.*
- *Dimmed 40 days later.*
- *Major rebrightening 23rd Sep, 2012, $M_v < -18$ (final supernova explosion?)*
- *Ejecta velocity in 2009
~2000-7000 km/s*
- *Ejecta speed in Sept, 2013
13,000 km/s*

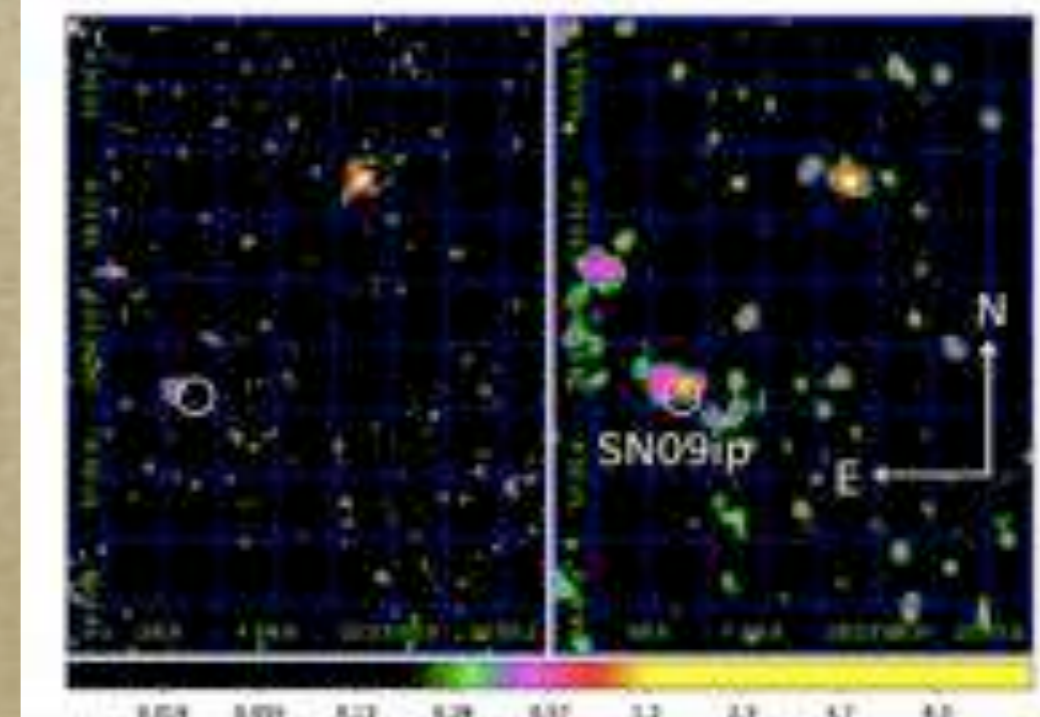
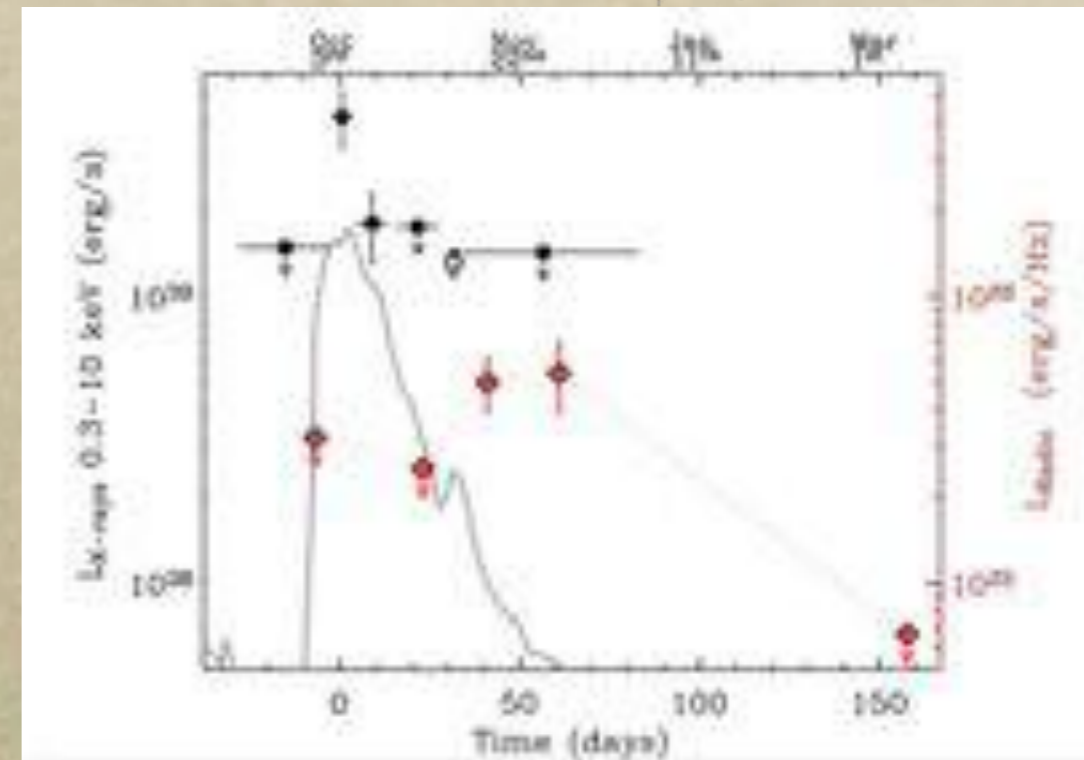


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Radio and X-ray observations

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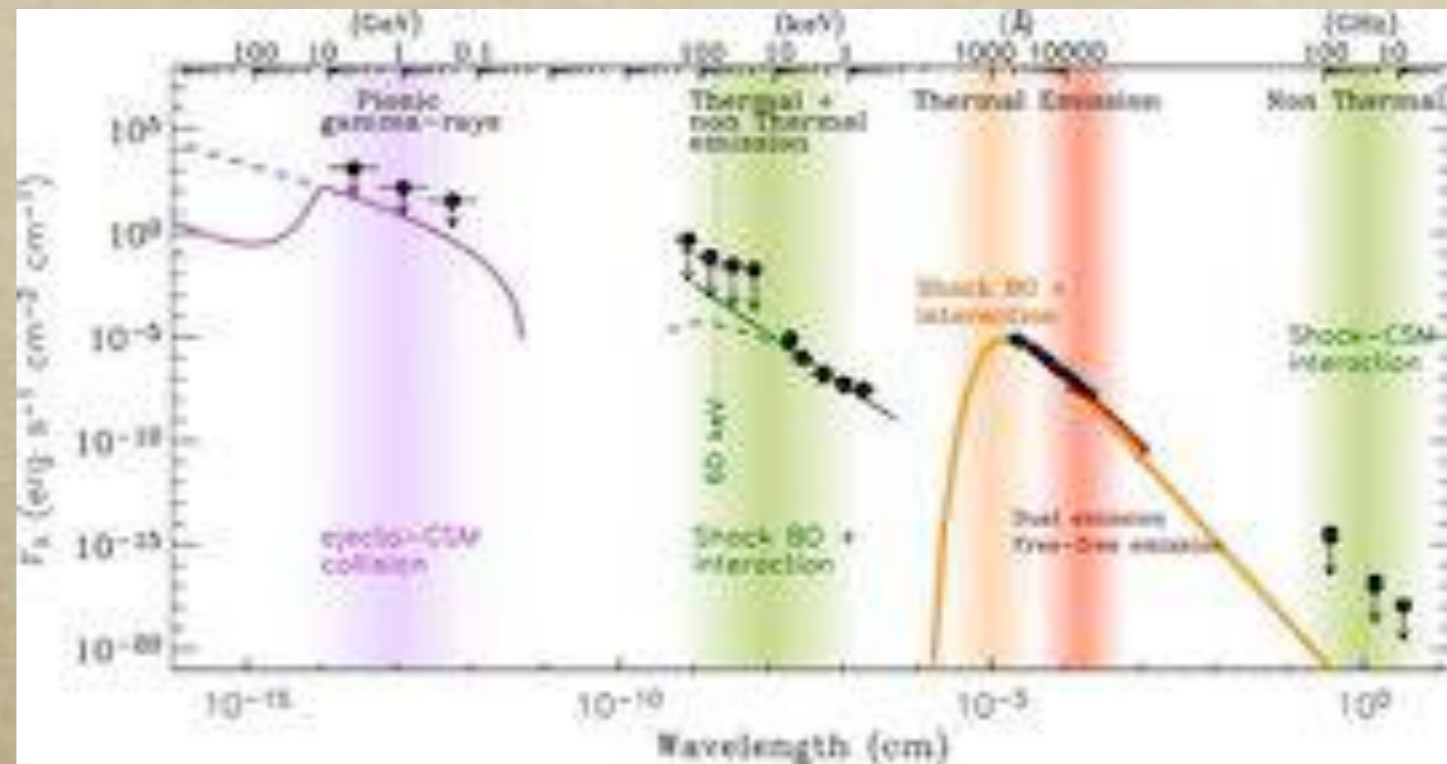
- *Radio/mm CARMA and VLA-no detection for first 50 days since Sept burst*
- *Radio light curve consistent with SN*
- *X-ray obs with Swift (PI: Soderberg) and XMM-Newton (PI : Chandra). No X-rays in July 2012 outburst, but detection in Sept 2012 outburst*



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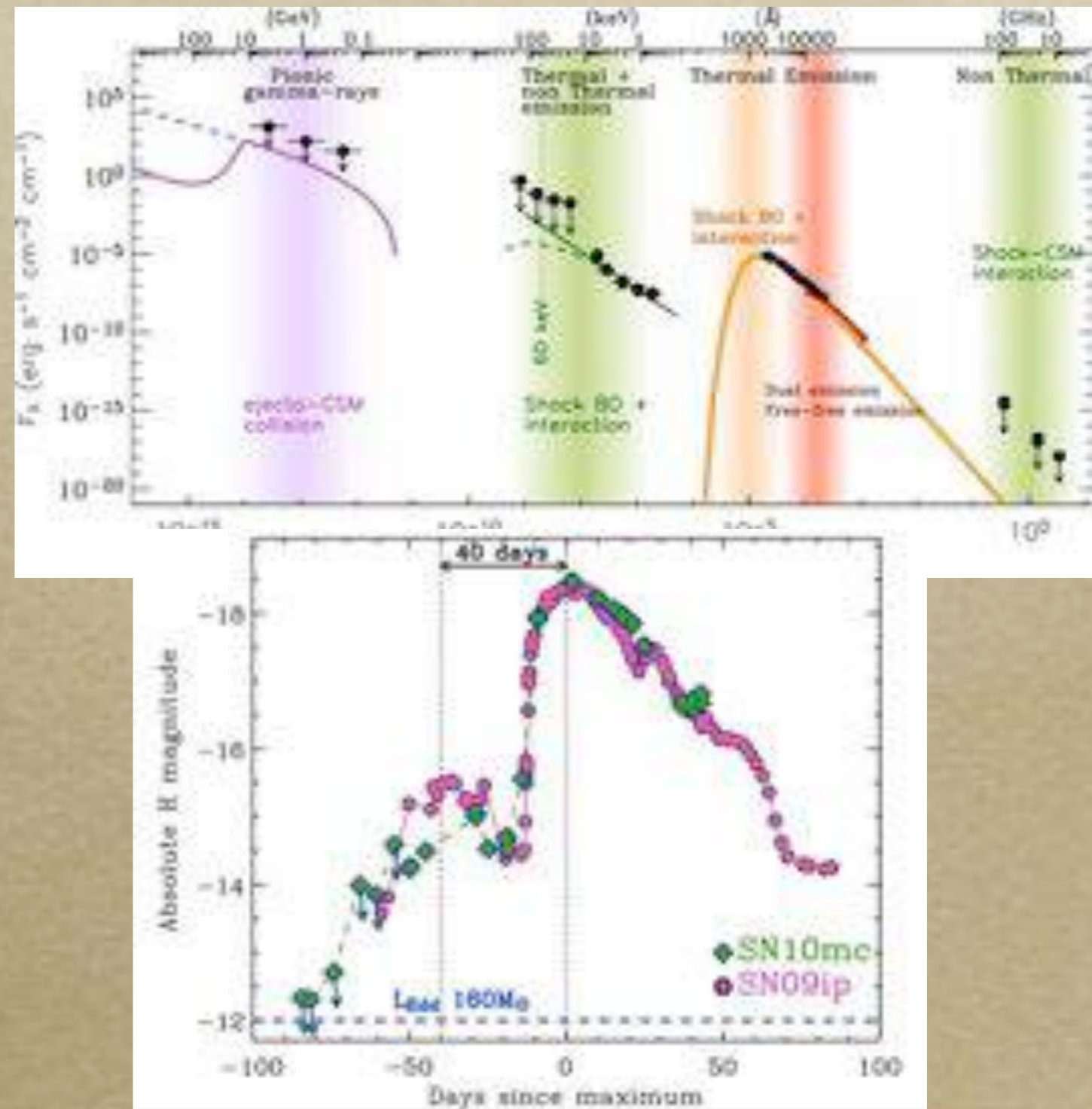
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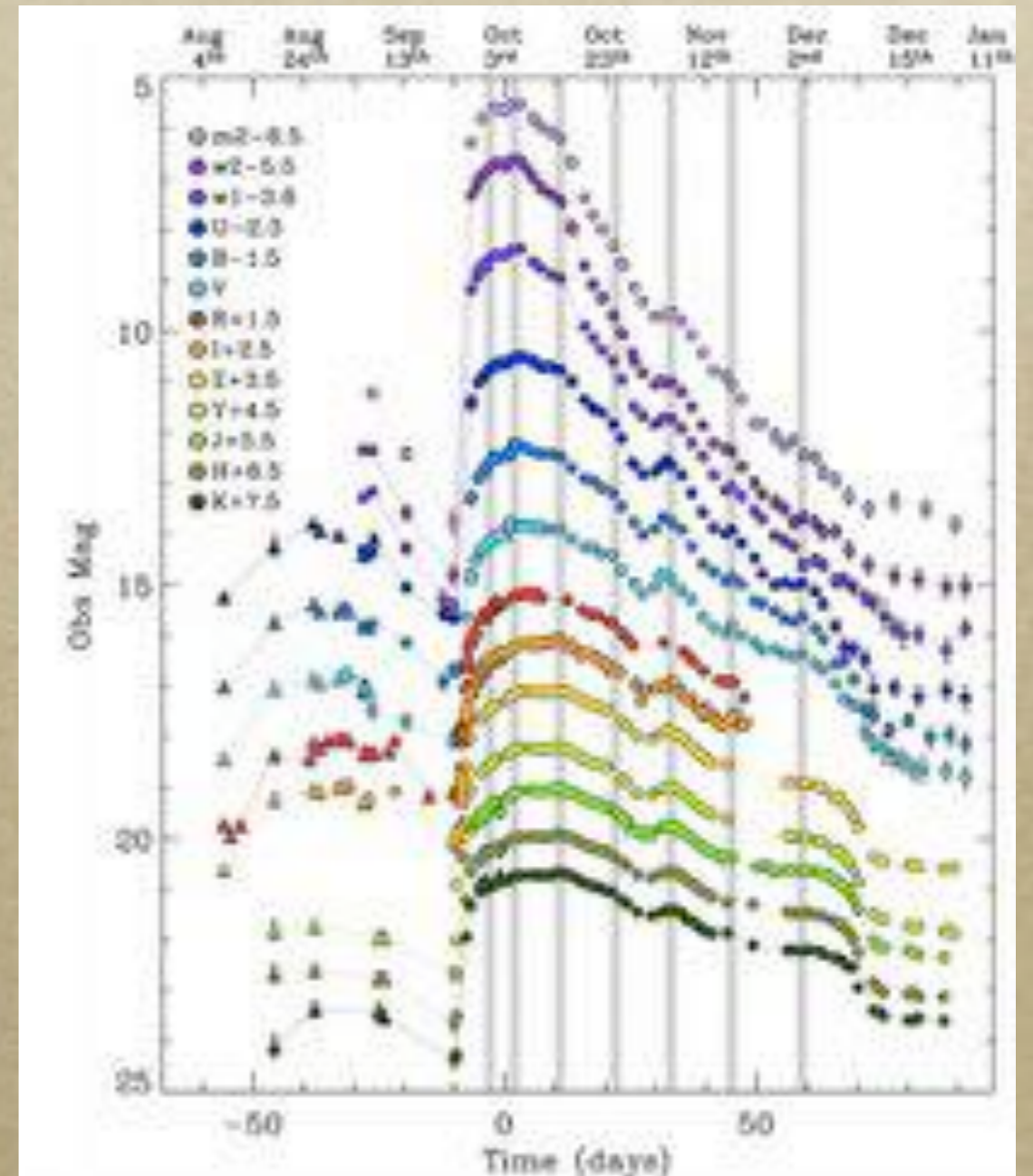
Final fate of the star

- *Was this much energy sufficient to unbind the star (Terminal explosion)?*
- *Or only lower energy explosion from the outer stellar envelope (non-terminal explosion)?*
- *Non-terminal explosion for Type IIn SNe 1994W (Dessart et al. 2009) and 2011ht (Humphreys et al. 2012)!*

SN 2009ip: Single explosion or double explosion

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- *First bump SN explosion, second CSM interaction peak (Mauerhan et al. 2013). LBV progenitor.*
- *Precursor bump, second UV peak powered by shock breakout from material ejected by previous bump. Radio observations consistent (Margutti et al. 2013).*
- *SN or imposter: more outbursts to come?*
- *Only time will tell!*



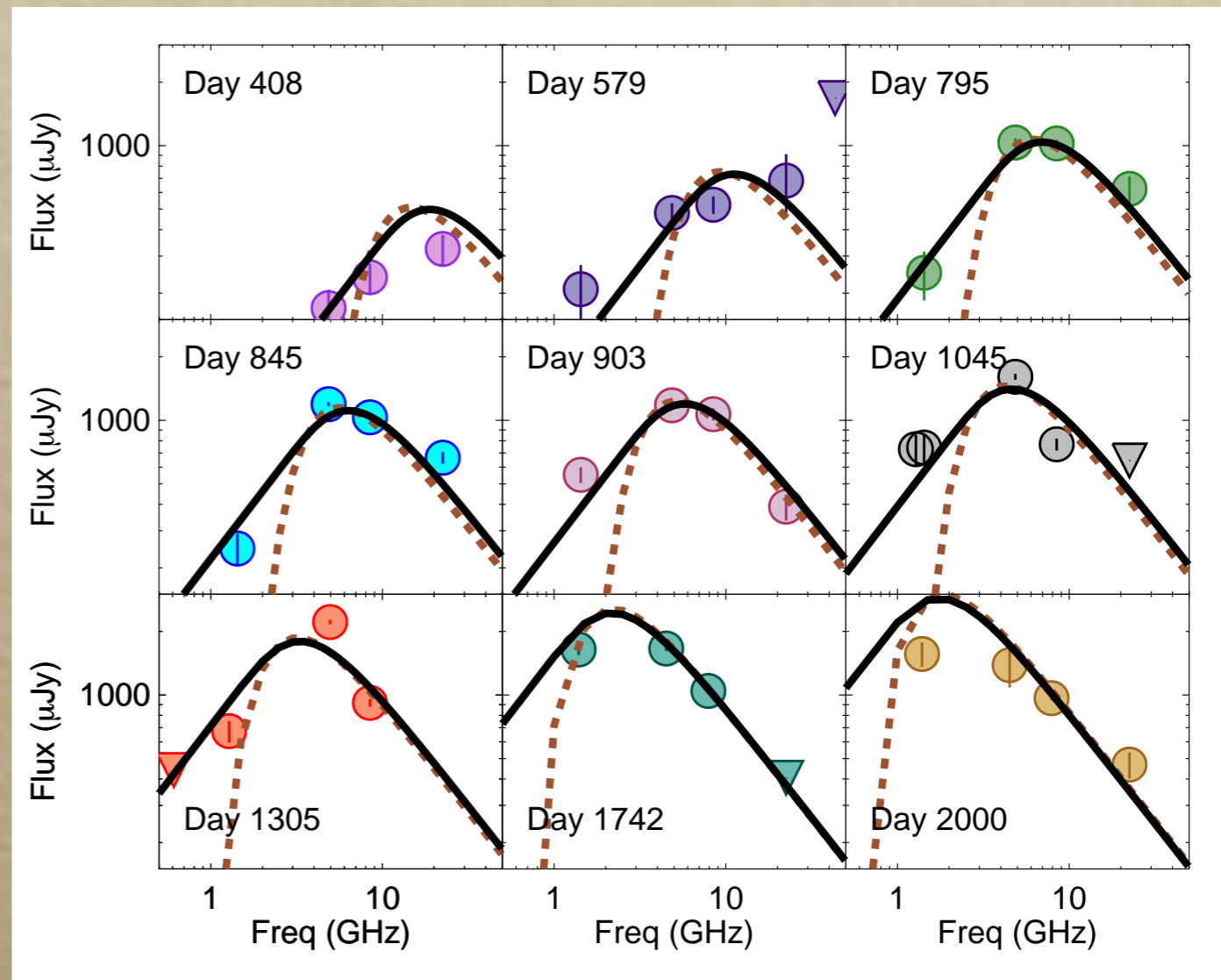
Type IIn- SN 2006jd

- *SN 2006jd (in UGC 4179) at discovery was classified as Type IIb supernova (SN 1993J Type).*
- *After a year and a half, reclassified as Type IIn supernova.*
- *Not too bright at discovery, but quite bright in radio and X-ray bands!*

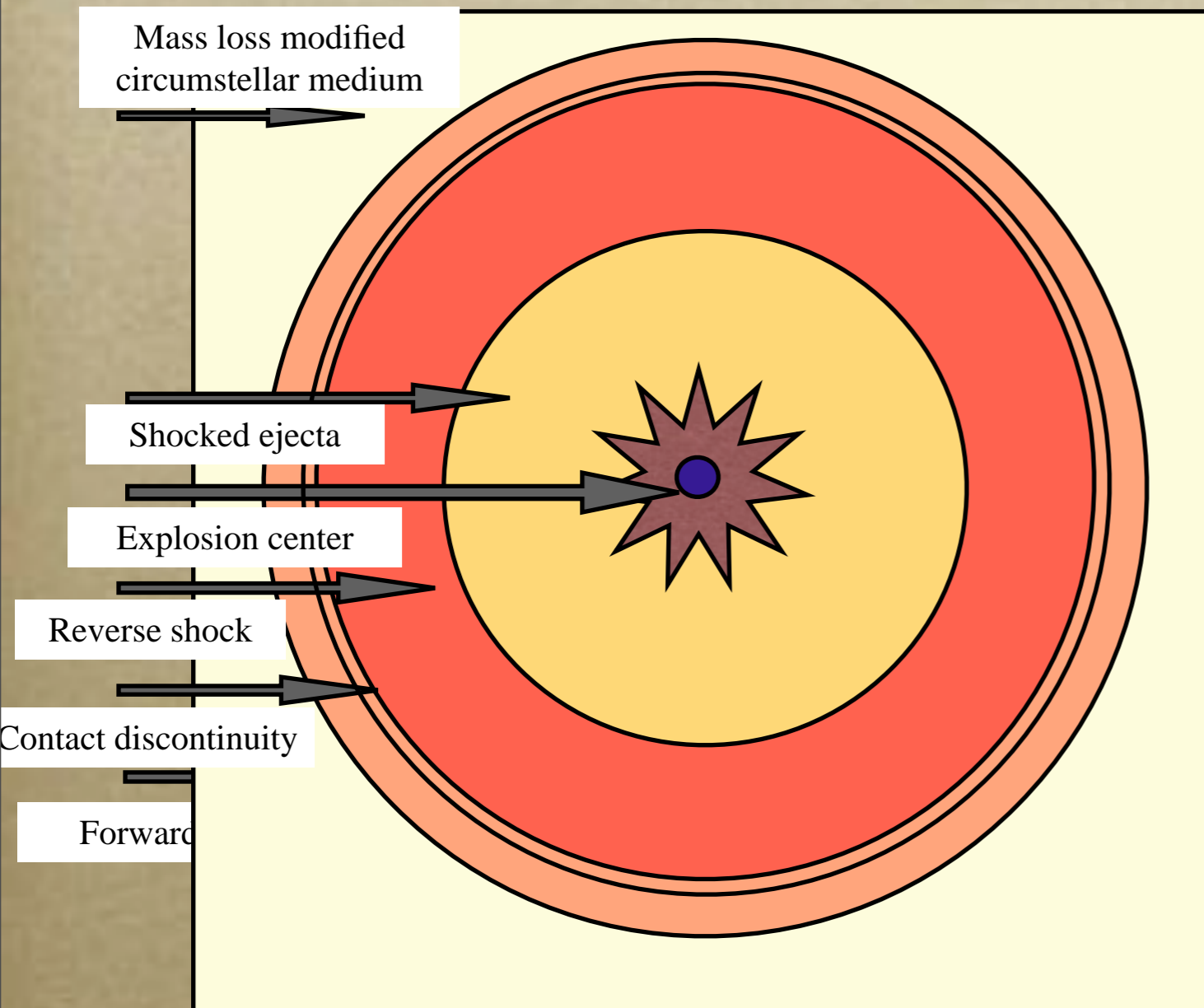
SN 2006jd- Progenitor environments

- *Radio emission heavily absorbed from the region of emission itself (internal free-free absorption).*
- *Mixing of cold (10^4 - 10^5 K) gas in the Radio emitting forward shock itself.*
- *Only $\sim 10^{-8} T_4^{2.5} M_{sun}$ required to do required radio absorption.*
- *Radiative cooling of the dense gas in the shocked region.*

Chandra et al. 2012

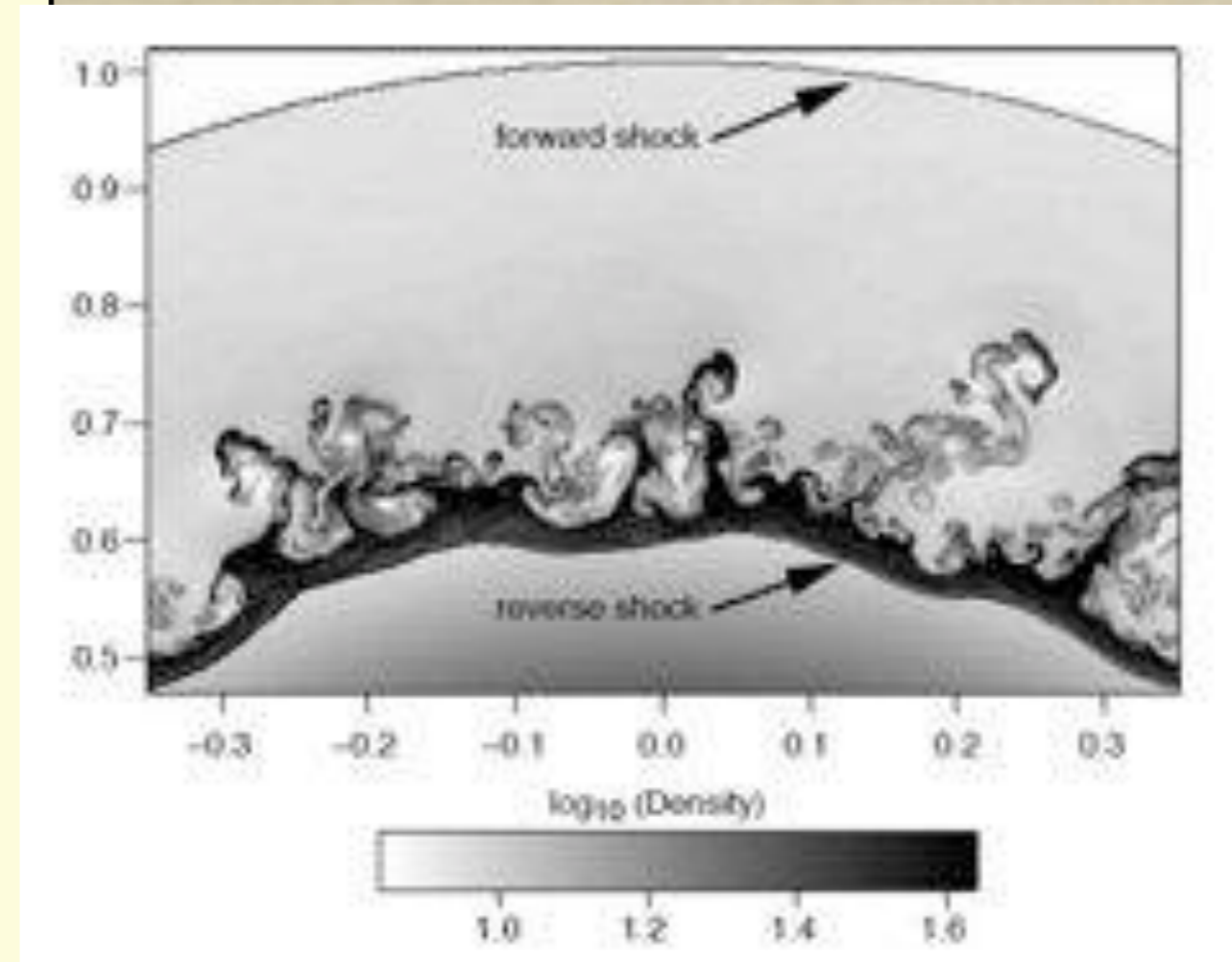
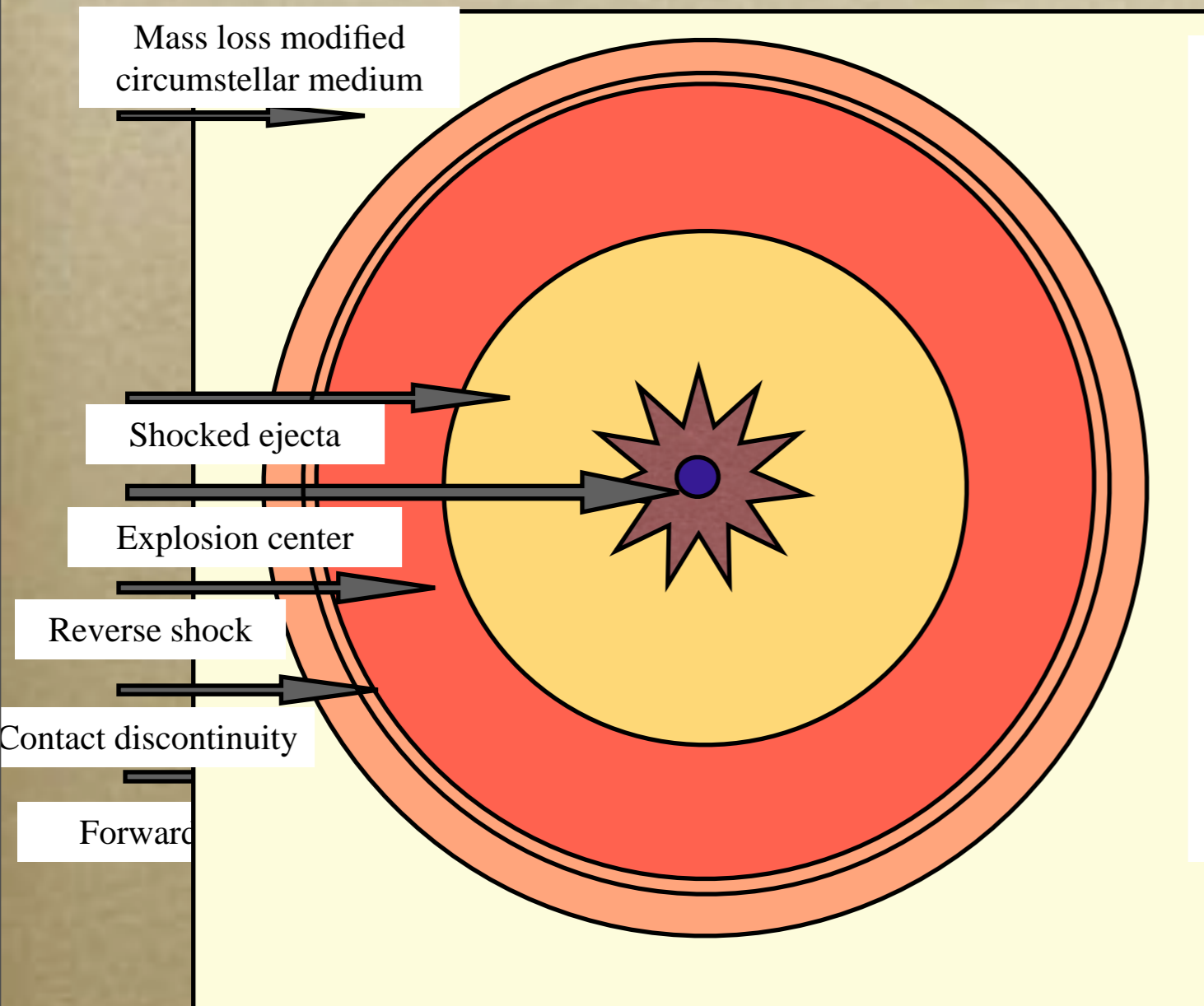


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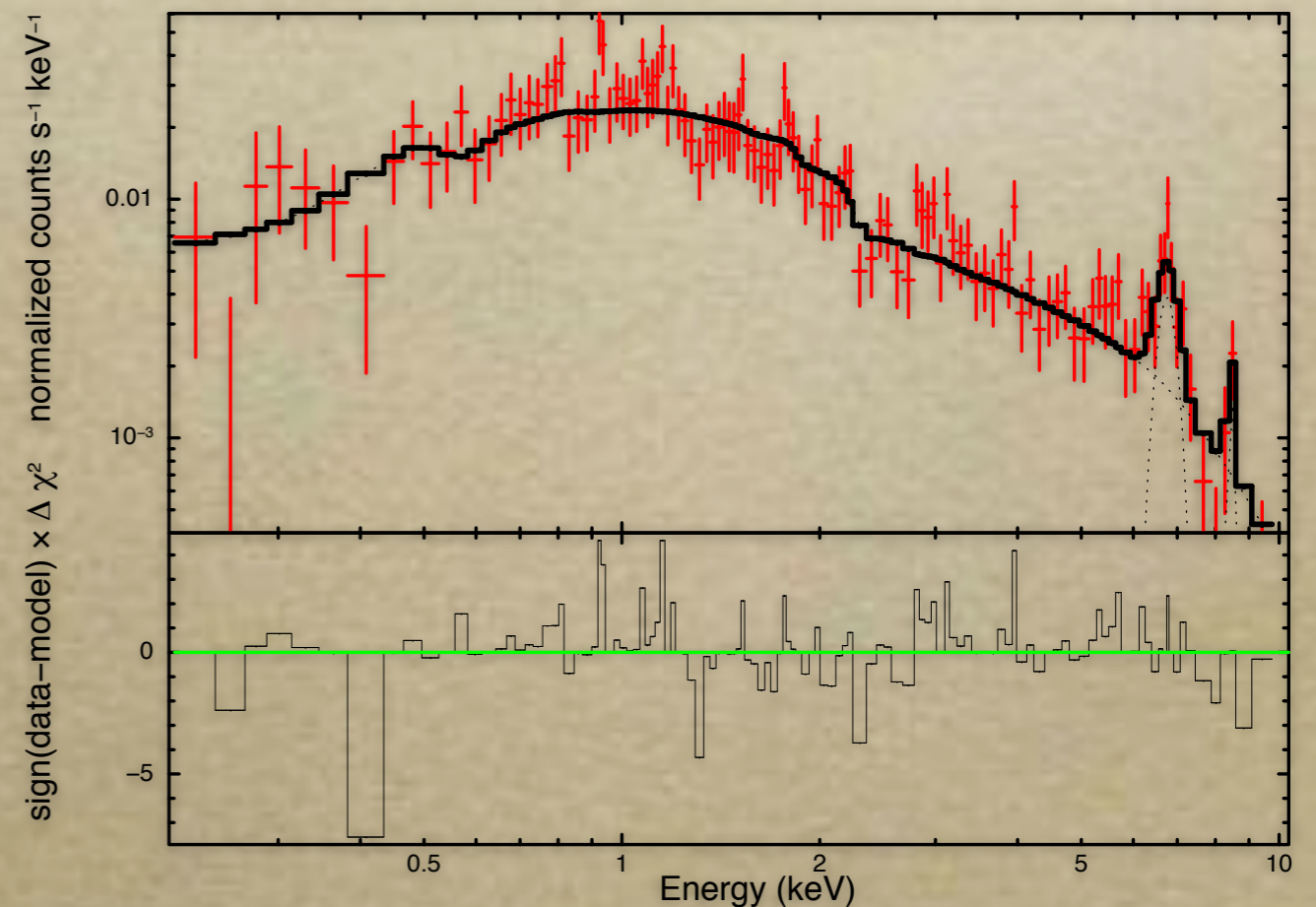
Chevalier et al. 1994



Evidence of cool gas in X-ray data

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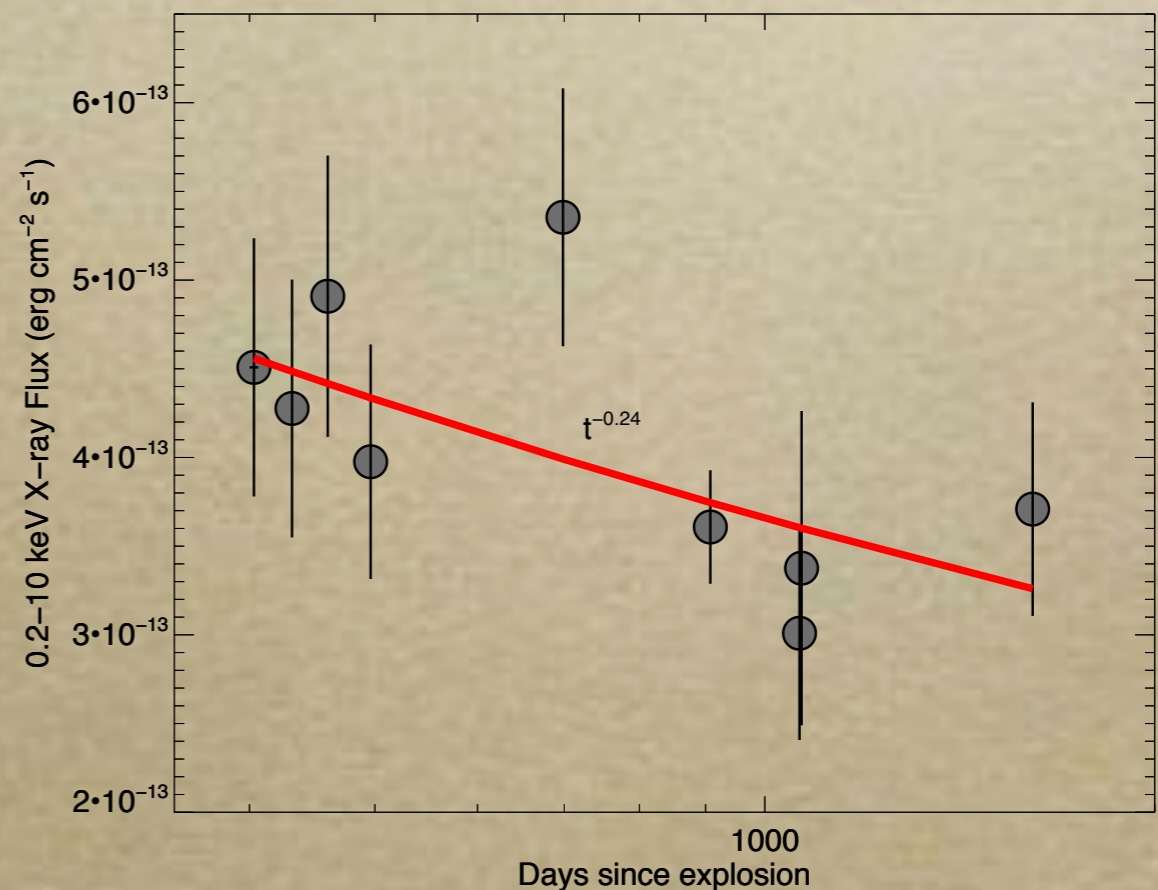
- *Presence of Fe K α line (6.9 keV)*
- *Column width 1.4 keV, much higher than expected $\sim 0.1-0.2$ keV.*
- *Mixing of cool gas which would give 6.4 keV line.*



SN 2006jd

- *Analysis of bright radio and bright X-ray emission*
- *Living in a dense $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ CSM.*
- *CSM density profile is not following typical $\rho \sim R^{-2}$ behaviour*

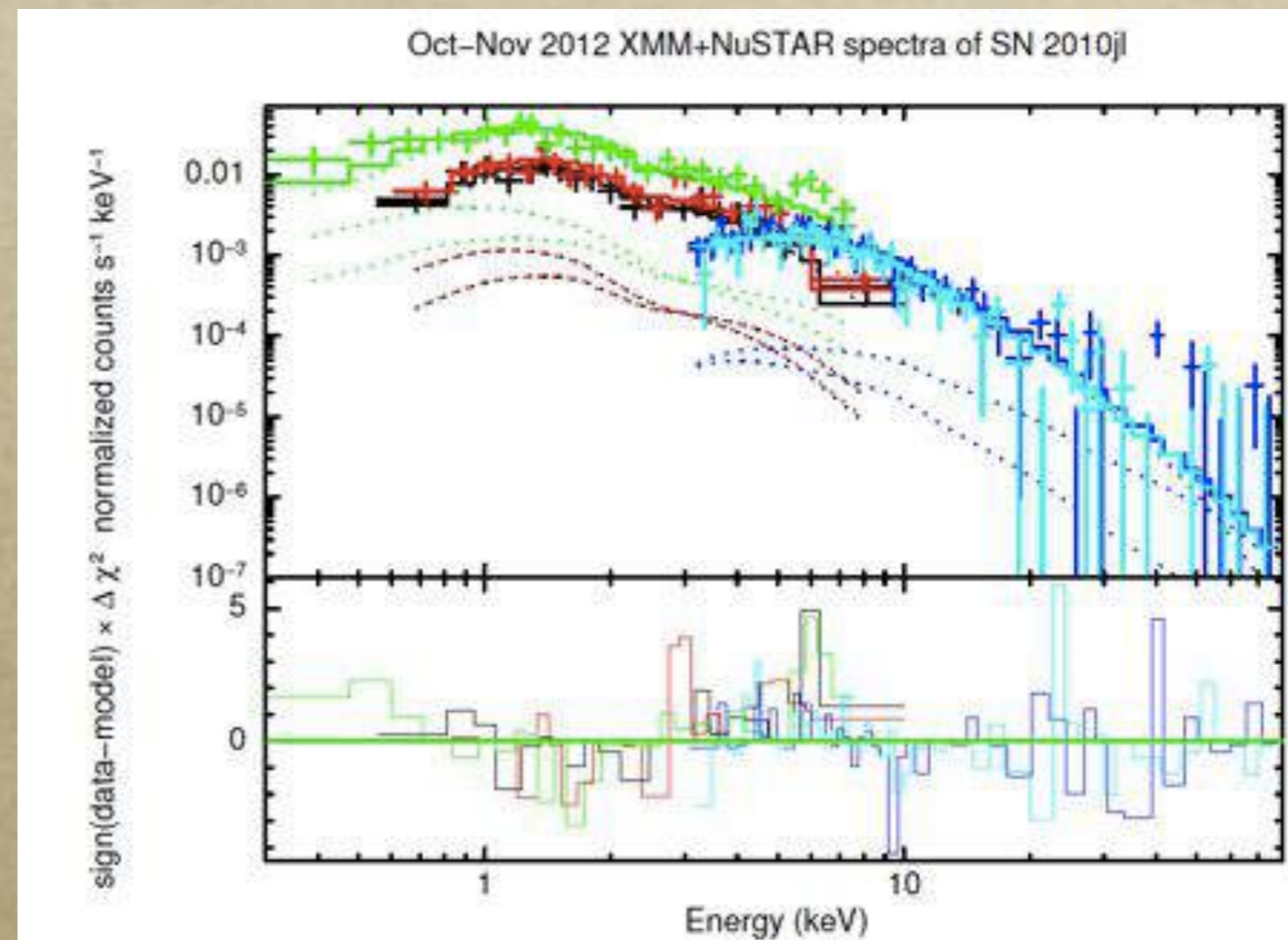
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SN 2010jl

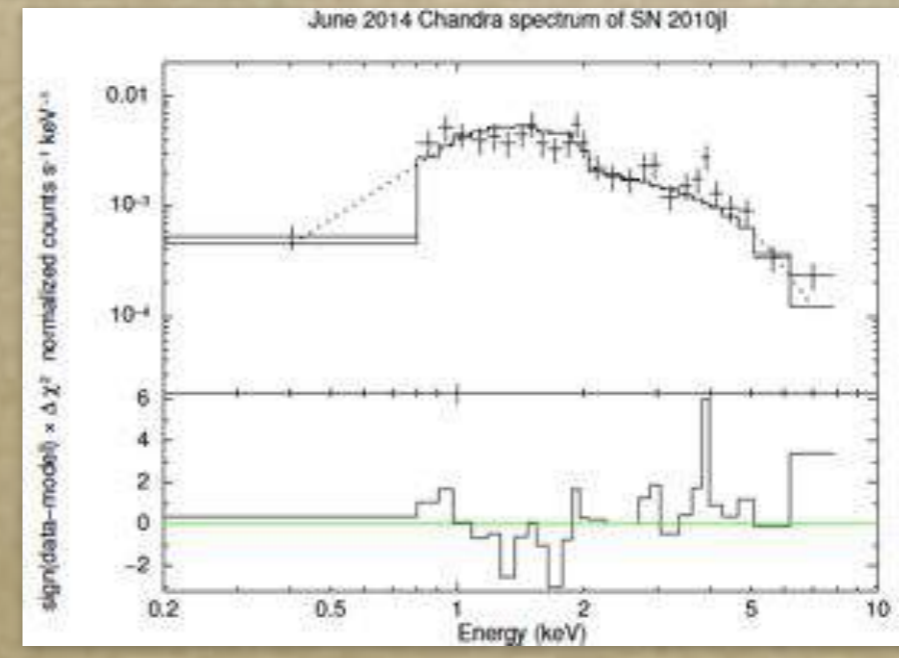
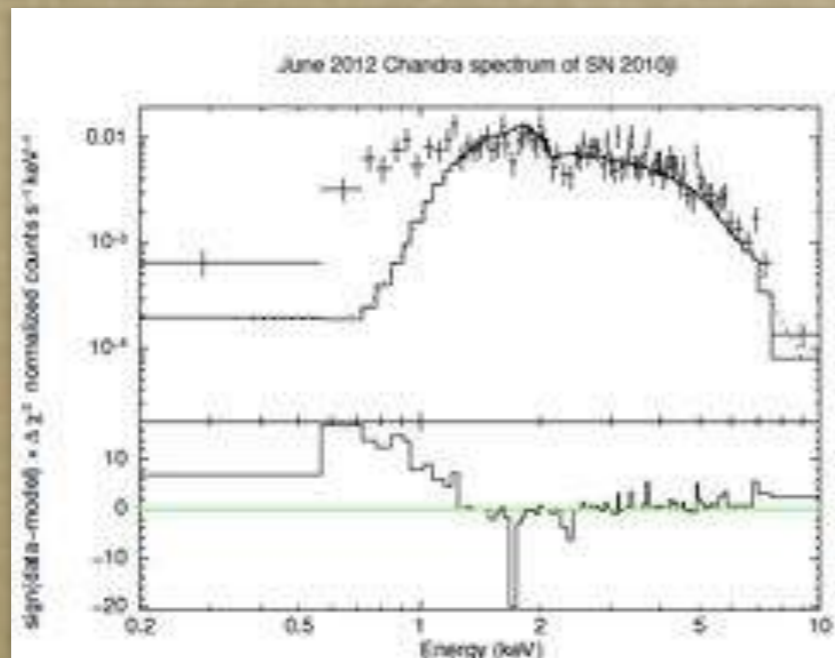
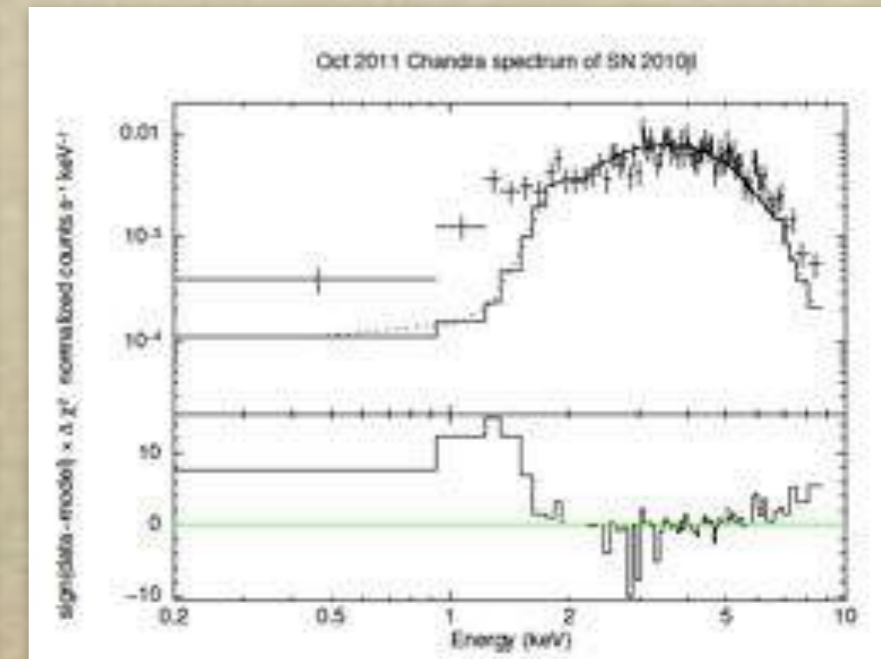
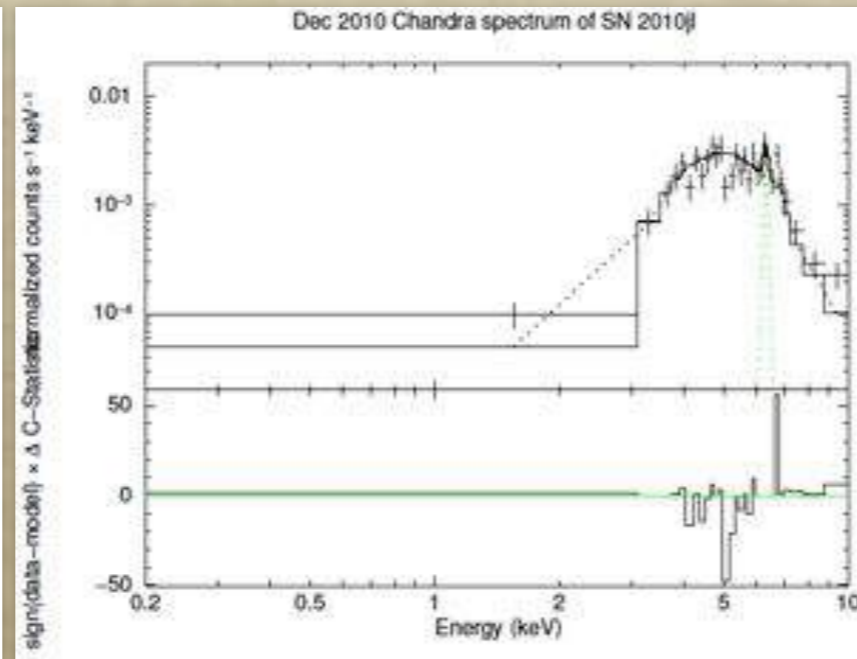
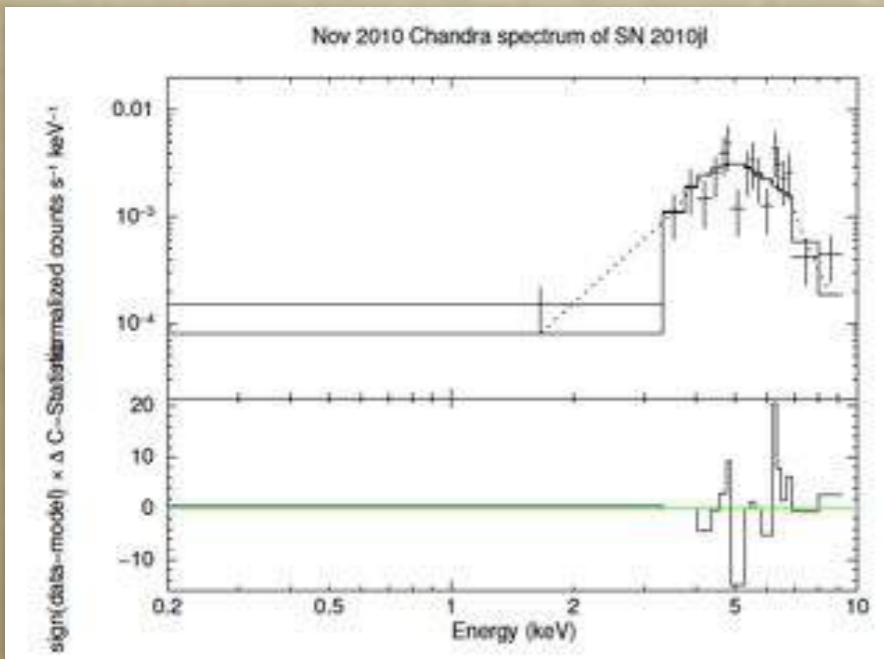
- *Observed with peak magnitude 12.9 ($d=50$ Mpc).*
- *Several radio and X-ray observations.*
- *Brightest Type IIn X-ray supernova so far.*
- *Radio emission started after day 500.*
- *Observed with Chandra, Swift-XRT, NuSTAR, XMM-Newton spectra*
- *NuSTAR+XMM spectra: Very hot forward shock*
- *All X-ray coming from forward shock*
- *Extremely high Column density, 3000 times Galactic at first month*

Chandra et al. 2012b, 2015



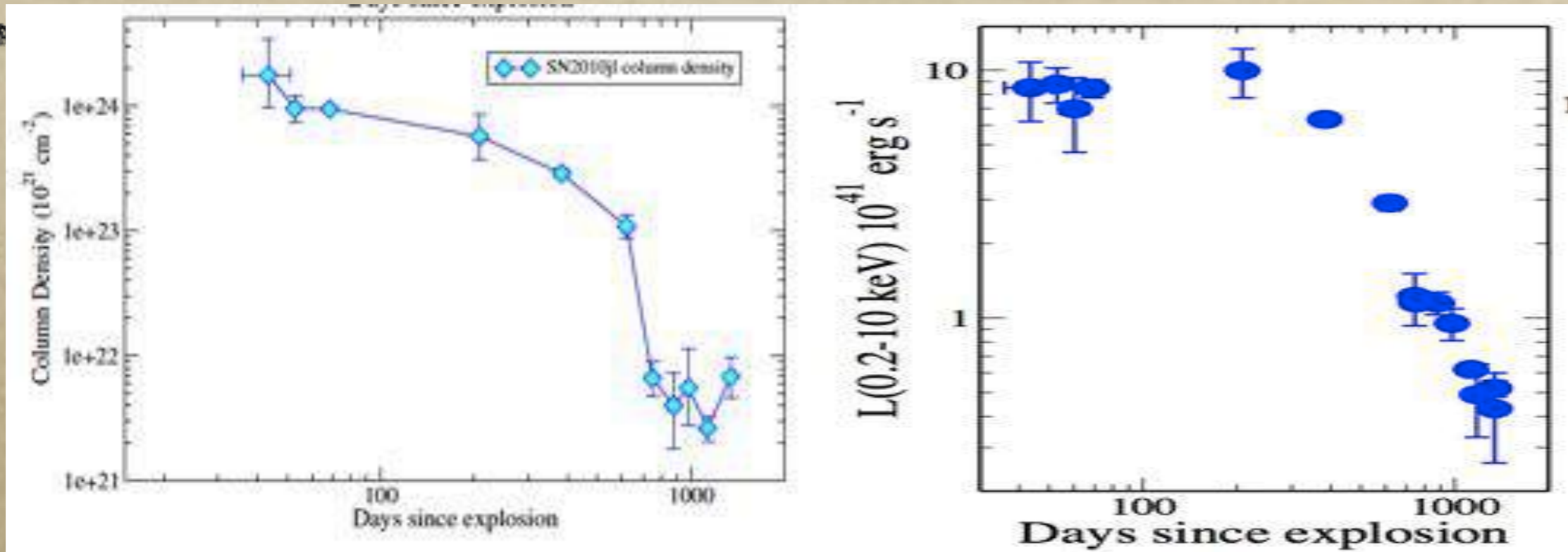
Evolution of Column density: from 1000 times Galactic to 10 times Galactic

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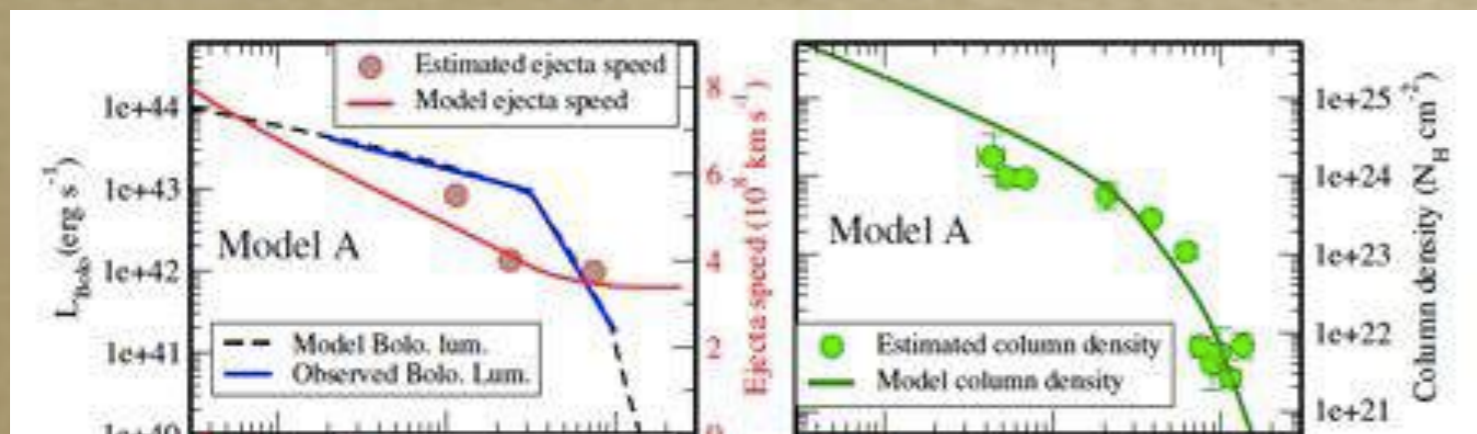
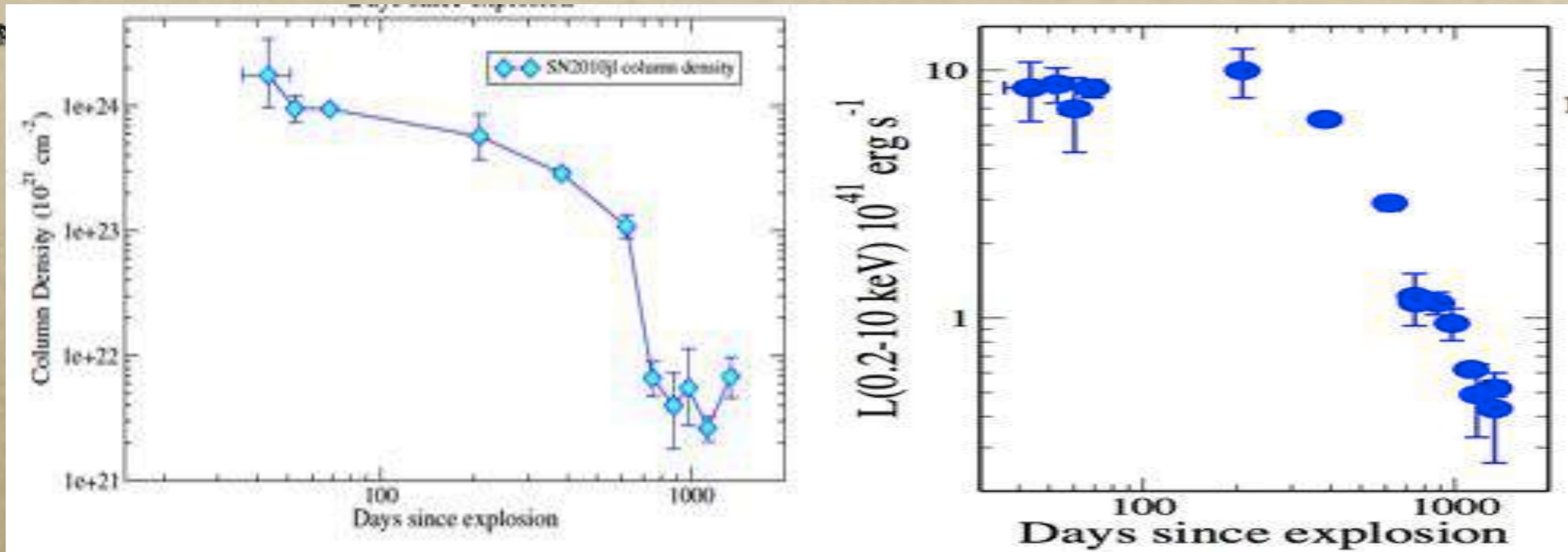
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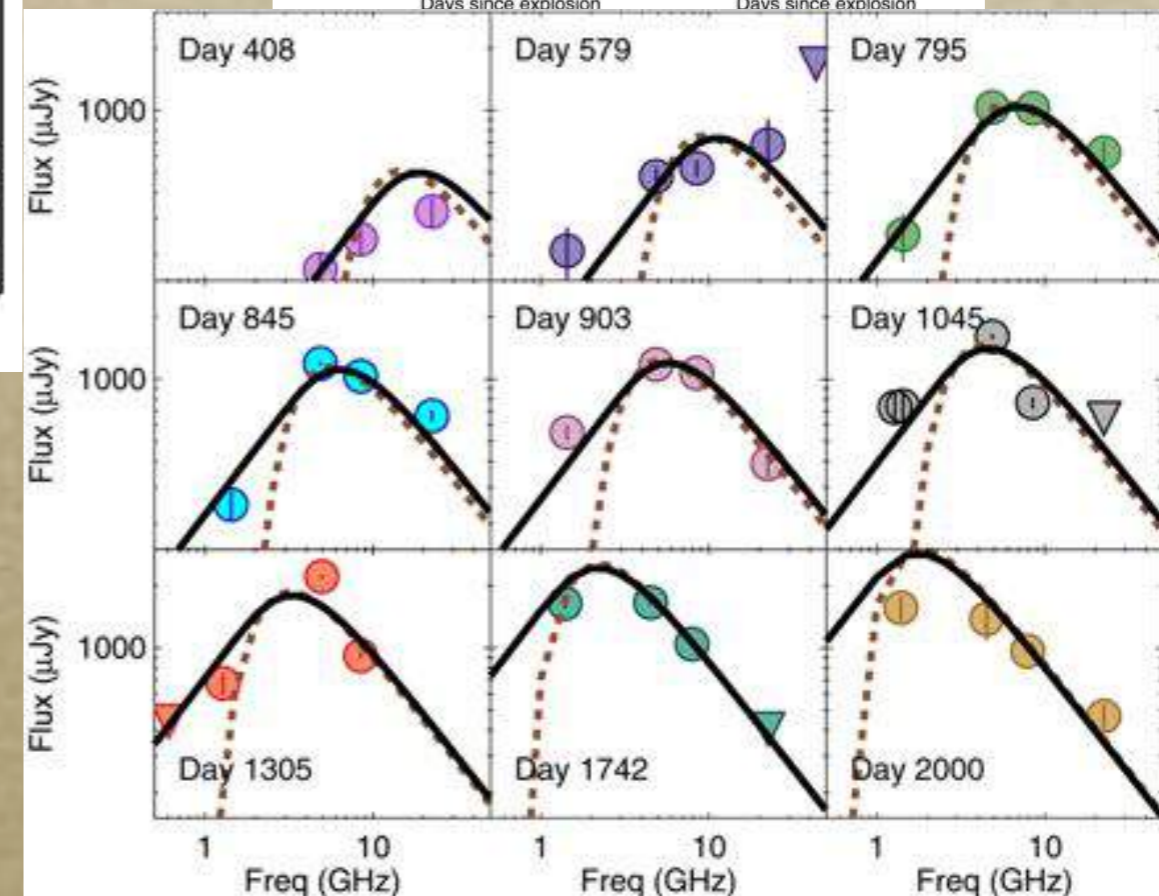
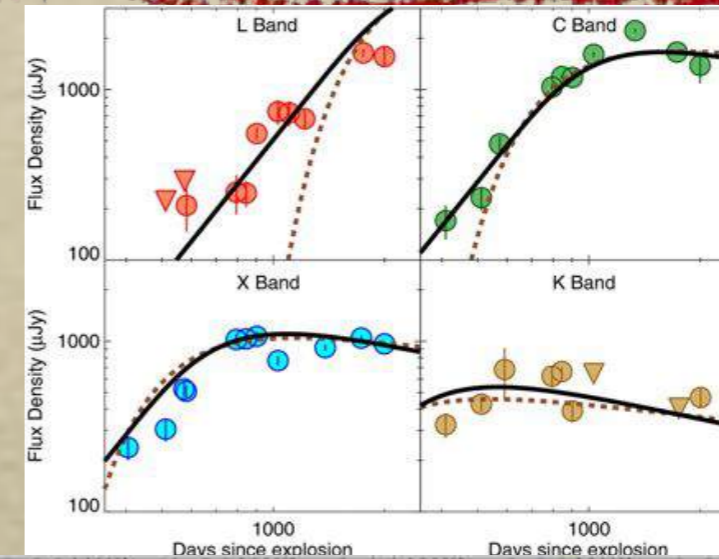
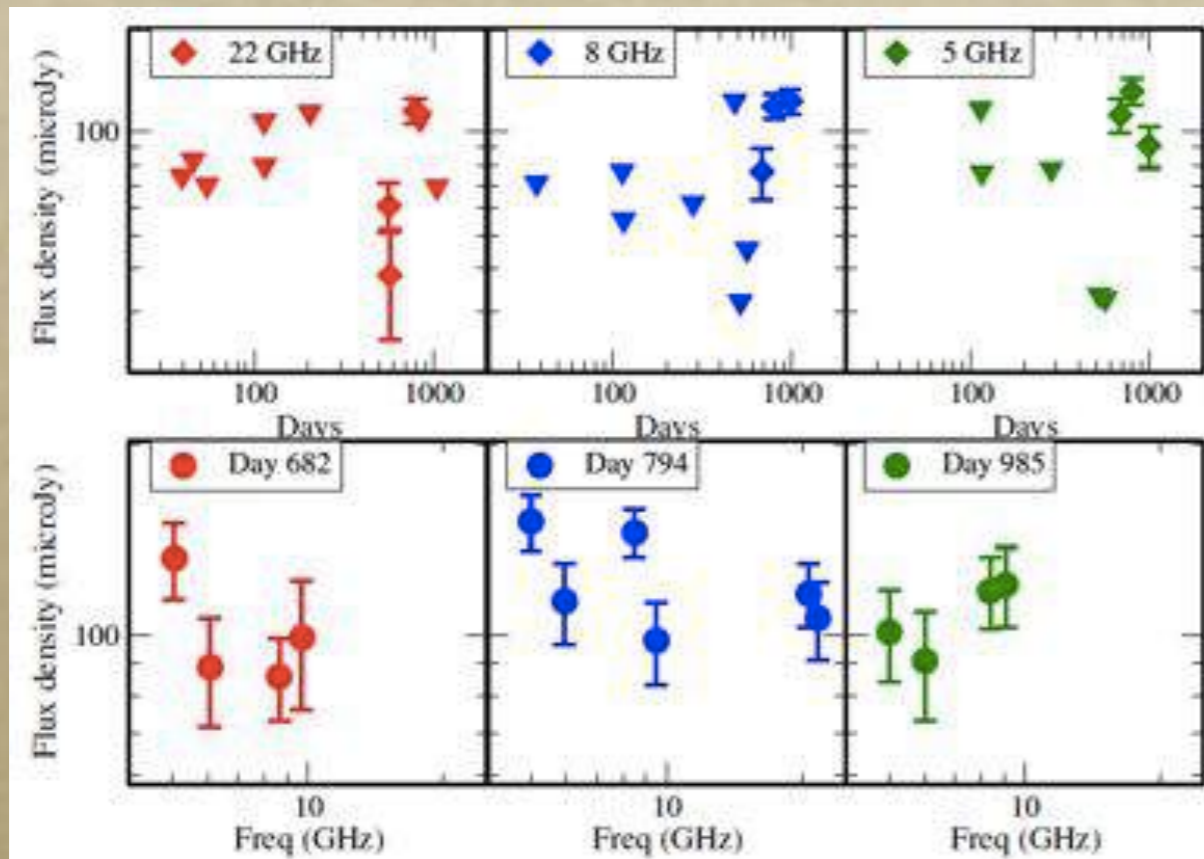
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Cool shell radiative and absorbing all X-ray emission from reverse shock
Optical light curve is powered by the CSM interaction
Density goes as -1.6 and then drop at $\sim 1.3 \times 10^{16}$ cm.

Comparison of radio properties: SN 2006jd versus SN 2010jl

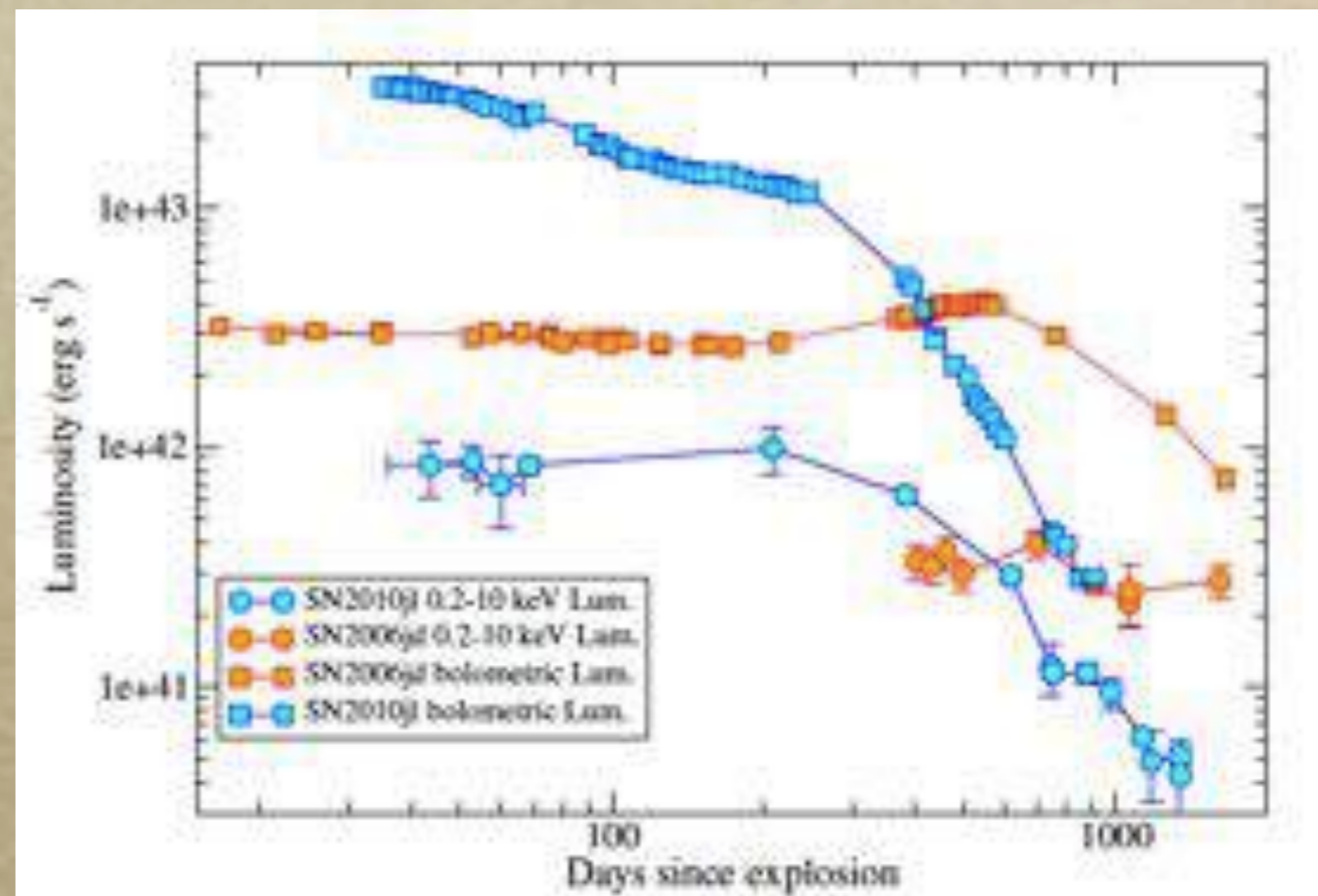
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Comparison

- *Very flat evolution of SN 2006jd as compared to SN 2010jl.*
- *Indicative of slow and steady mass loss in SN 2006jd and fast quick ejection of mass loss in SN 2010jl*
- *Signifies difference in progenitors*
- *Consistent with LBV.*
- *Model gives mass lost 40 years before the explosion, $0.06-0.1M_{sun}/yr$*

Chandra et al. 2012, 2015



SN 2006jd versus SN 2010jl

- *Very dense cool shell*
- *Very hot forward shock*
- *X-rays from reverse shock are absorbed in the cool shell, all emission from forward shock*
- *Very bright X-ray emission*
- *Signatures of asymmetry in the explosion*

Comparison SN 2006vs SN 2010j1

○ SN 2010j1

- *Very bright, ($m_v \sim 12.9$, $d = 50$ Mpc)*
- *Column density 1000 times Galactic*
- *Evolving column density*
- *Radio free-free absorbed by the external medium*
- *Episodic mass loss, shortly before explosion (~ 40 years)*
- *Mass loss rate $0.1 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$*
- *Density $\sim 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$*
- *Most likely LBV progenitor*

○ SN 2006jd

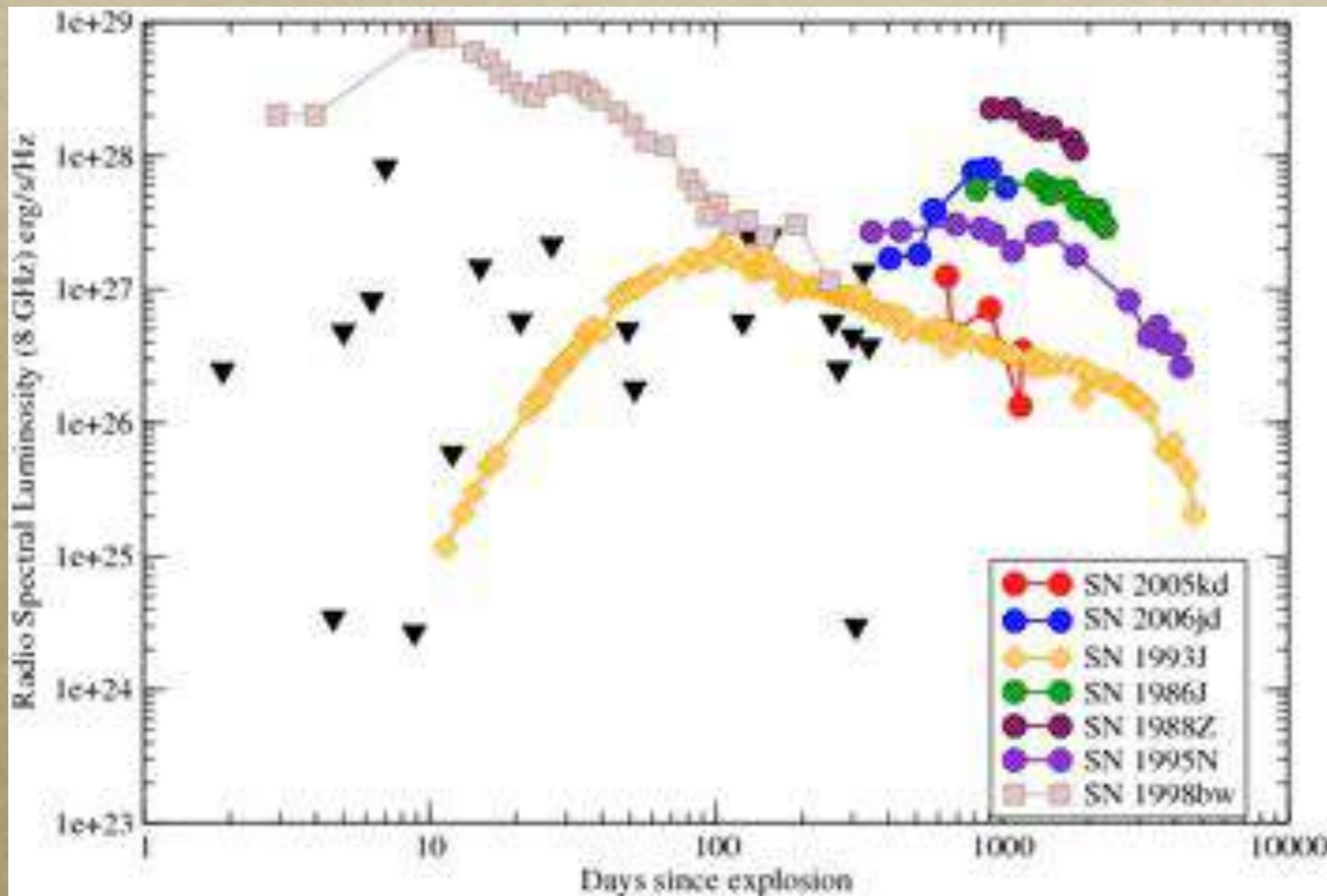
- *Not too bright ($m_v = 17.2$, $d = 79$ Mpc)*
- *Column density only 2.5 times Galactic*
- *Constant column density*
- *Radio internally absorbed by the mixing of cool gas*
- *Steady mass loss, much longer duration of mass ejection*
- *Mass loss rate $5 \times 10^{-3} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{Yr}$*
- *Density $6 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$*
- *Non-LBV progenitor*

Predictions of SN 2010jl

- *If LBV, we may see another rebrightening in X-rays*
- *We don't have to wait for too long due to time machine effect, although it is less efficient for Type II_n supernovae!*

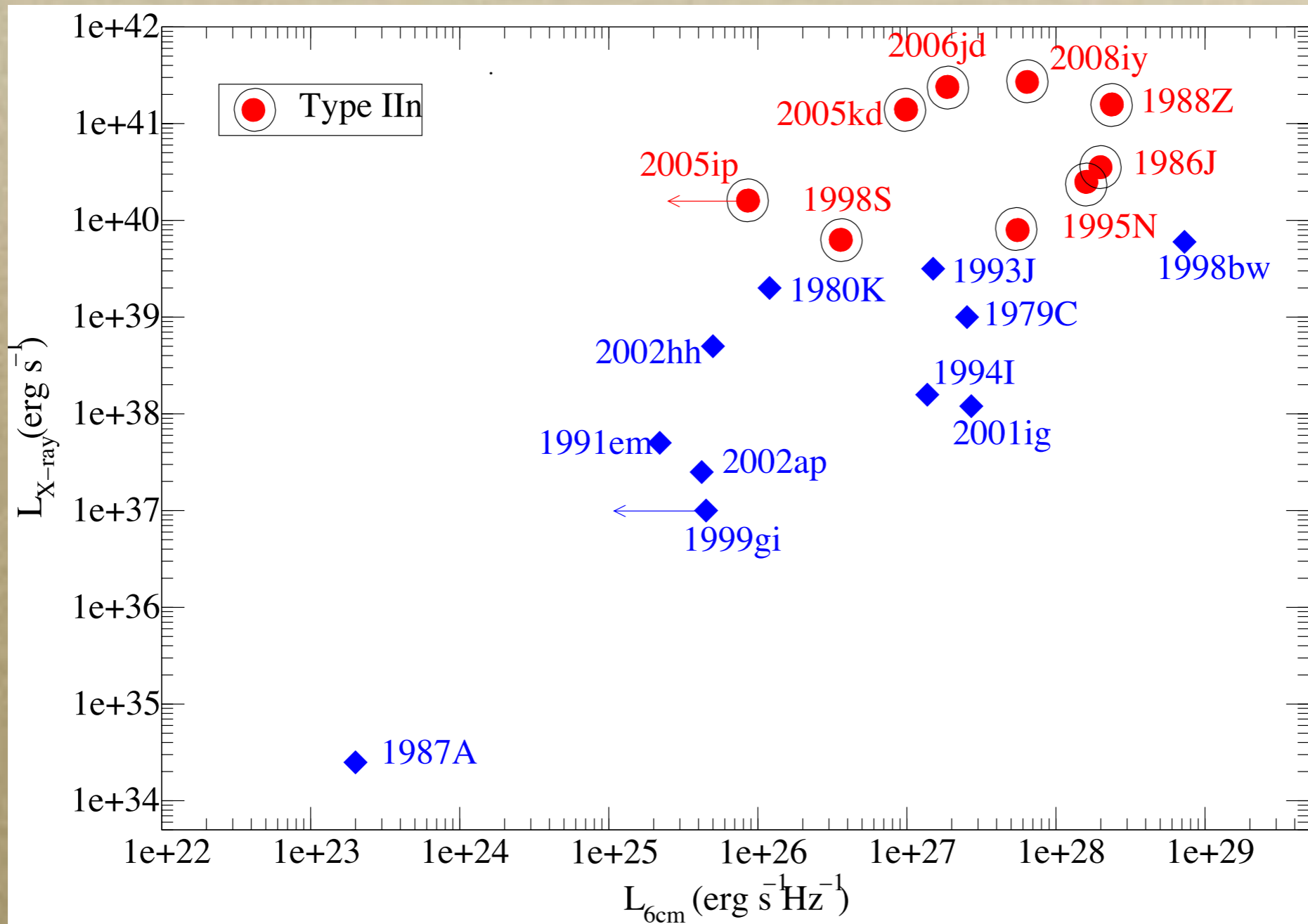
Radio emission in Type II_n

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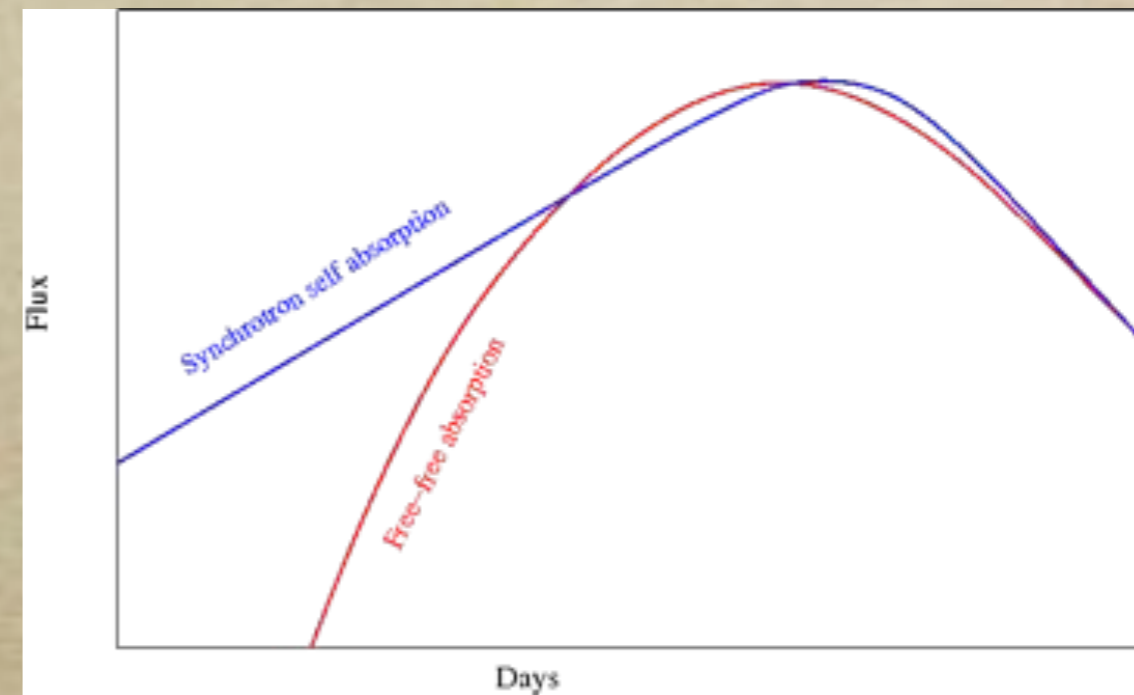
Trends in radio and X-ray emission

Chandra et al. 2015b



Causes of possible non-detection in radio bands

- *Some Type II_n supernovae are actually thermonuclear origin (These are called Type Ia-CSM!, Fox et al. 2013)*
- *Extremely high absorption due to dense shells.*



Conclusions

- *Every single supernova in dense environment seems to show a different progenitor history*
- *Very small sample. Progenitor nature very uncertain.*
- *We are far from understanding the stellar deaths in dense environments!*

Thanks

SN 2008D: Serendipitous discovery of Shock breakout

Soderberg, Berger Chandra et al. 2008

