

CENTER FOR **ASTROPHYSICS**

HARVARD & SMITHSONIAN

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

Exploring The Parameter Space of High Energy Stellar Explosions

Taylor Jacovich

A. J. van der Horst, D. Patnaude, P. Beniamini, S. Nagataki, S. H. Lee,
C. Badenes, D. Milisavljevic, P. Slane

Introduction

Outline

- **Motivation: Big Data and Target of Opportunity (ToO) Observations**
- **The Physics of High Energy Stellar Explosions**
- **Mapping Parameter Space**
- **Using Observations to Constrain Parameter Space**

Introduction

Big Data and The Next Generation of Observations

- **All Sky Surveys**
 - Vera Rubin Observatory (LSST)
 - Square Kilometre Array (SKA)
- **Multimessenger Detections**
 - LIGO/VIRGO/KAGRA
 - ICECUBE
 - LISA
- **High Cadence ToO Follow-up**
 - Rapid radio follow-up
 - Rapid multi-messenger follow-up
- **High Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy**
 - XRISM, ATHENA, LYNX

NOTICE: Next Slide contains some flashing images.

Introduction

A Quick Primer

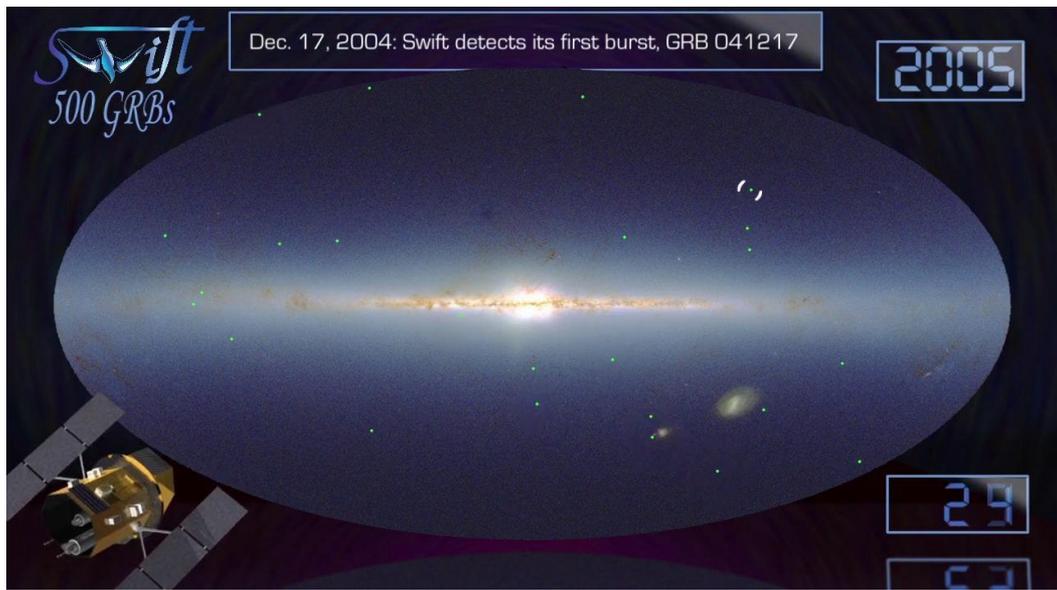


Figure: NASA/GSFC

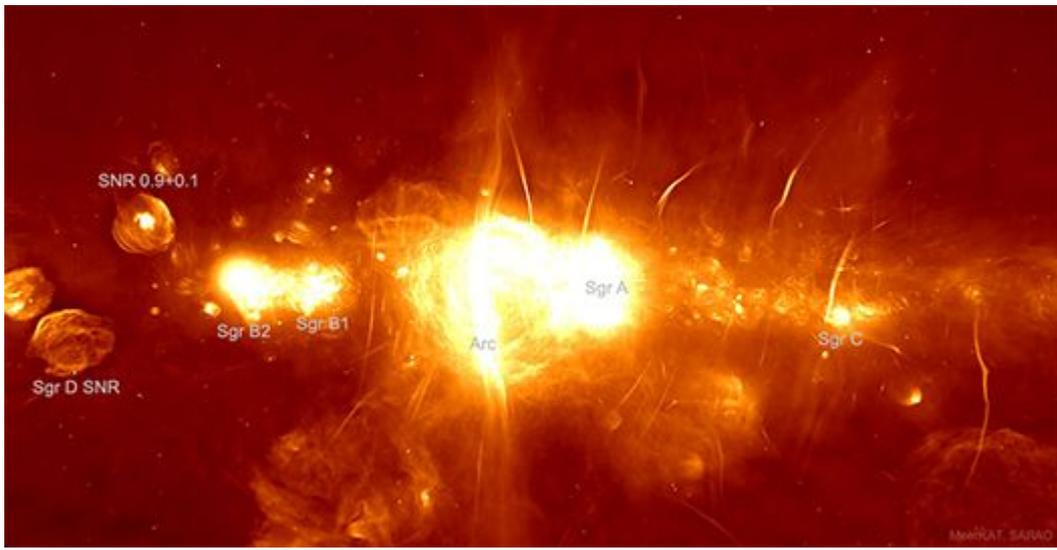


Figure: SARAO

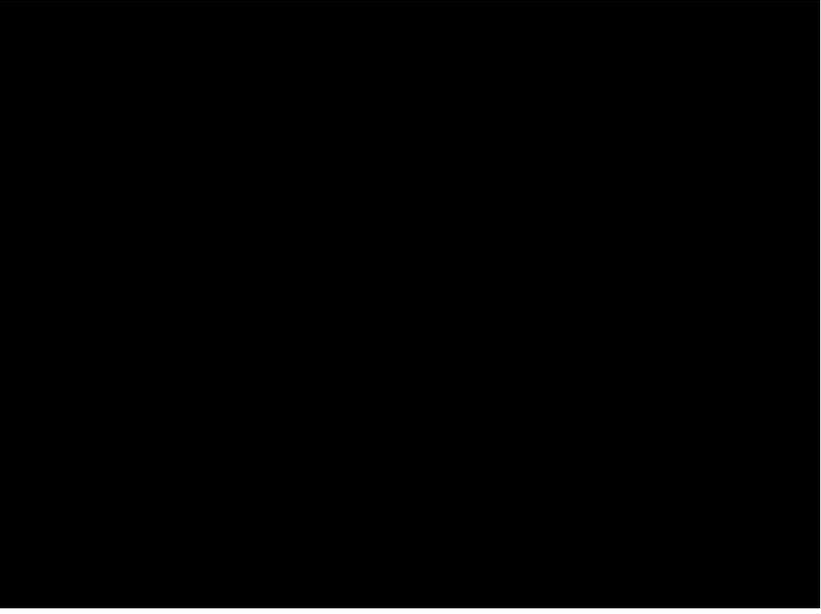


Figure: ZTF

GRB Afterglows

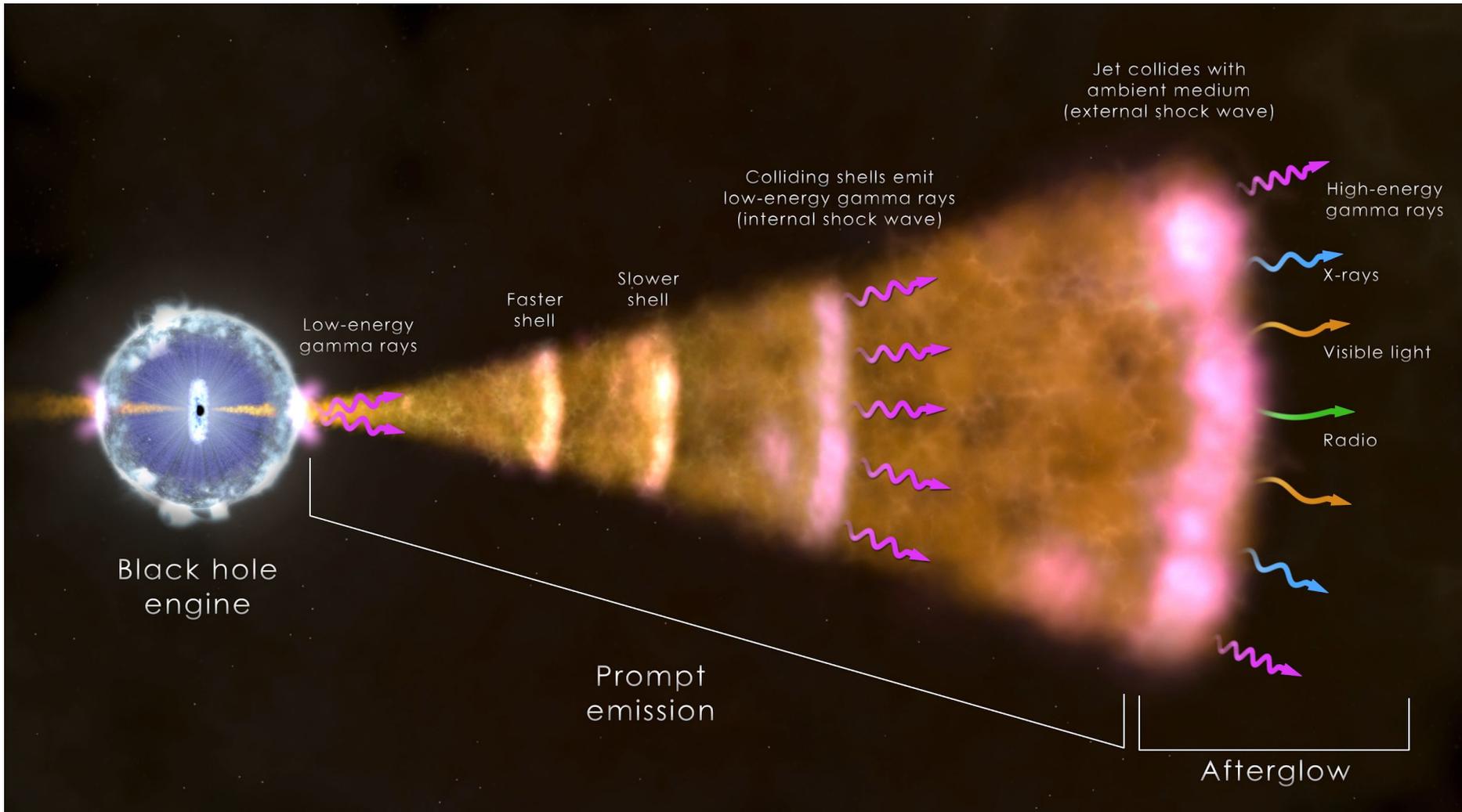


Figure: NASA GSFC

Introduction

GRB Afterglow Modeling

- **Dynamical Models**
 - Relativistic blast wave (eg. Rees et al. 1992)
 - Scale-free hydrodynamics (eg. van Eerten et al. 2012)
- **Emission Mechanisms**
 - Synchrotron emission
 - Synchrotron-Self Compton (SSC, Inverse-Compton)
 - Other non-thermal and thermal mechanisms

Afterglow modelers tend to pair their favorite dynamical model with synchrotron emission

Invoke SSC when synchrotron-only fails

Should be included consistently for modeling afterglows as a class of objects.

Synchrotron-Self Compton Emission (SSC)

The Basics

- Up-scattering of synchrotron photons
- Same Lorentz factor dependence as synchrotron
 - Increased electron cooling (lower γ_c)
 - Increased emission near $\sim \min(\gamma_c, \gamma_m)^2 \nu$
- Well established in the theoretical literature (eg. Sari & Esin 2001, Nakar et al. 2009)
- Hinted at by modelers (eg. Chandra et al. 2007, Nava et al. 2014, Beniamini et al. 2015)
 - Deployed when modelers feel it is needed
 - Causes shifts in afterglow parameters

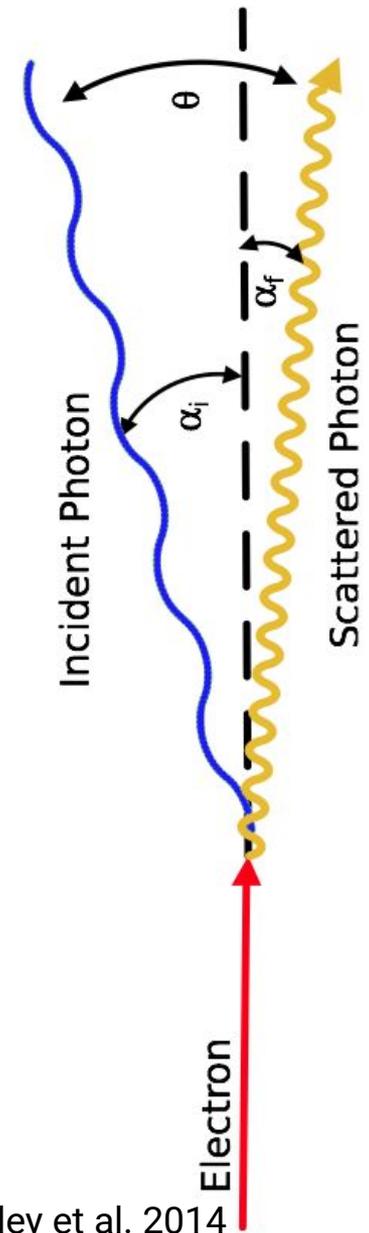


Figure: Ertley et al. 2014

Implementation

Elastic (Thomson) Photon Scattering

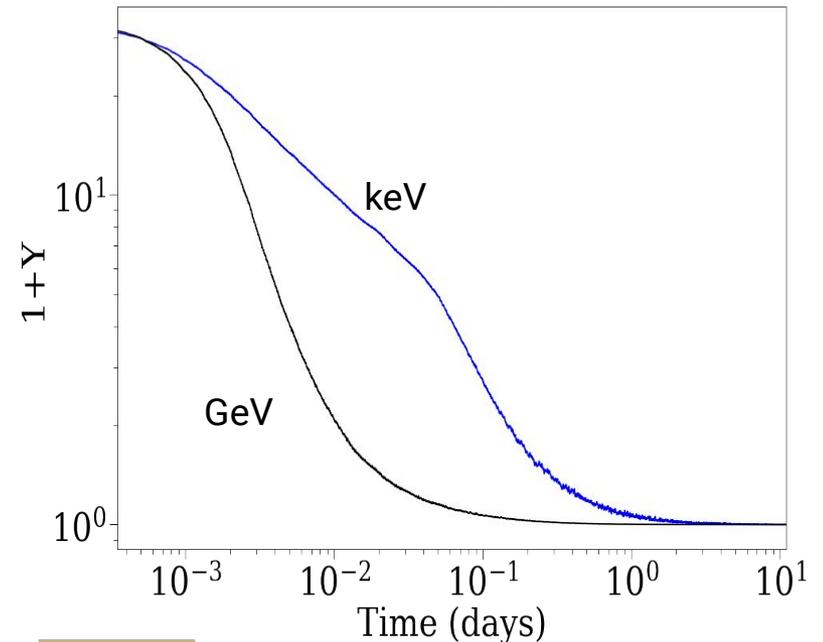
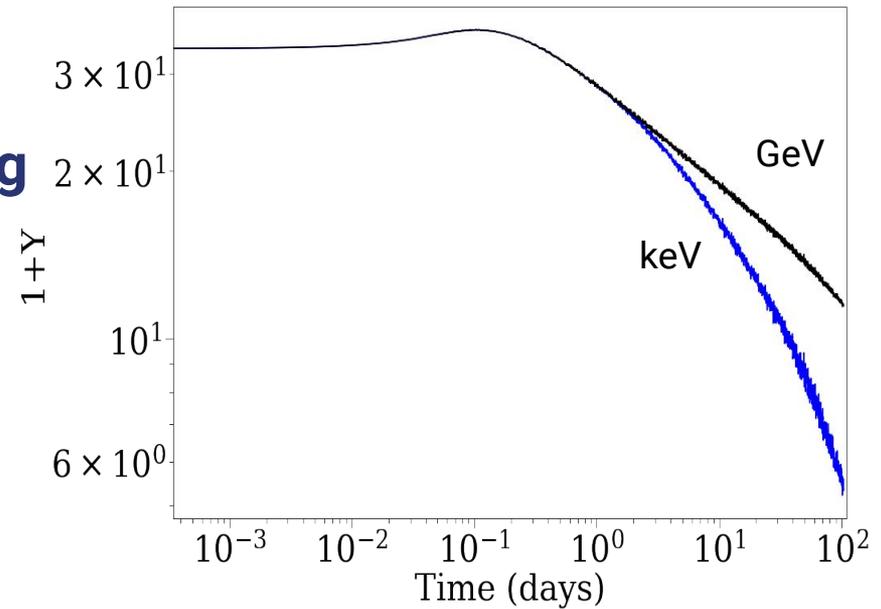
- Adds a second term to electron cooling equation, Y

$$\gamma_c^S = (1 + Y)\gamma_c$$

- Yields one self-consistent solution for each regime

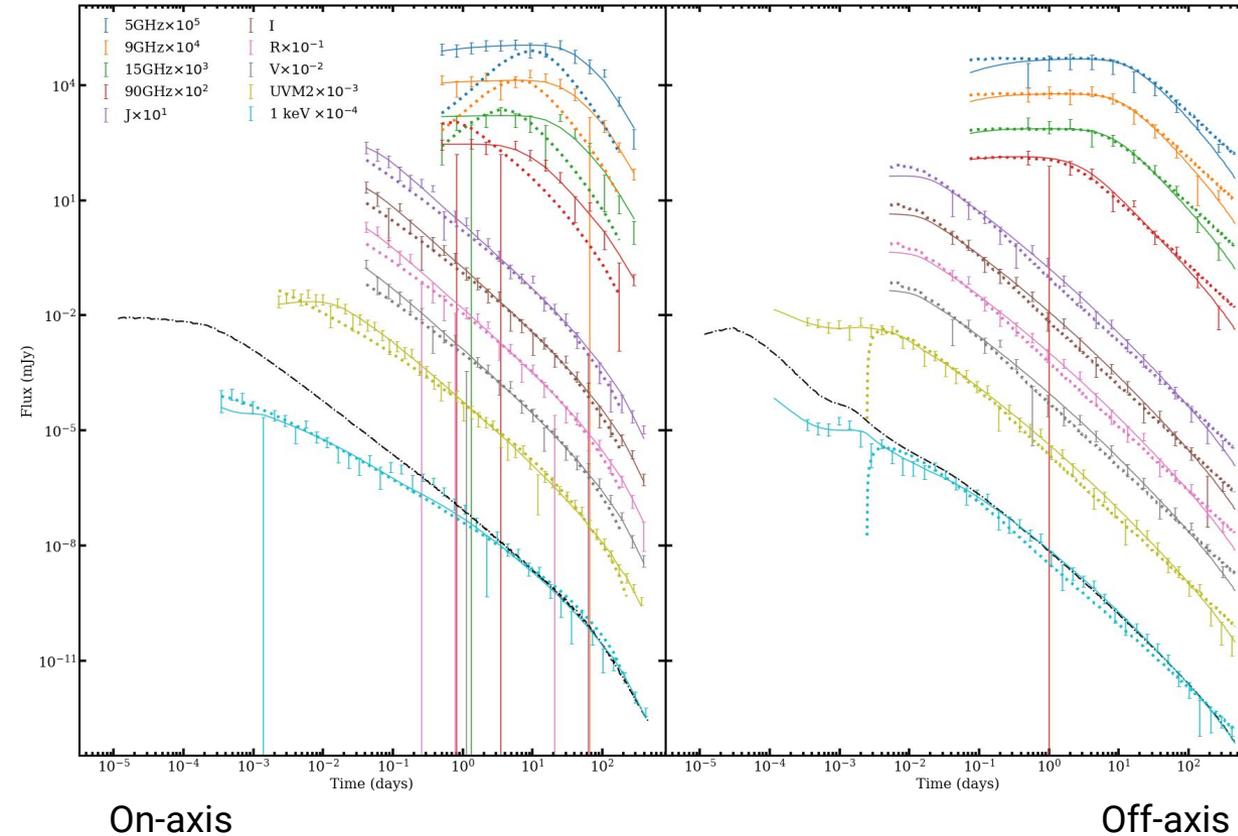
Inelastic Photon Scattering (Klein-Nishina)

- Photons with energies above $m_e c^2$ no longer scatter efficiently
- Description of Y is more complex
- Additional dependence on photon energy



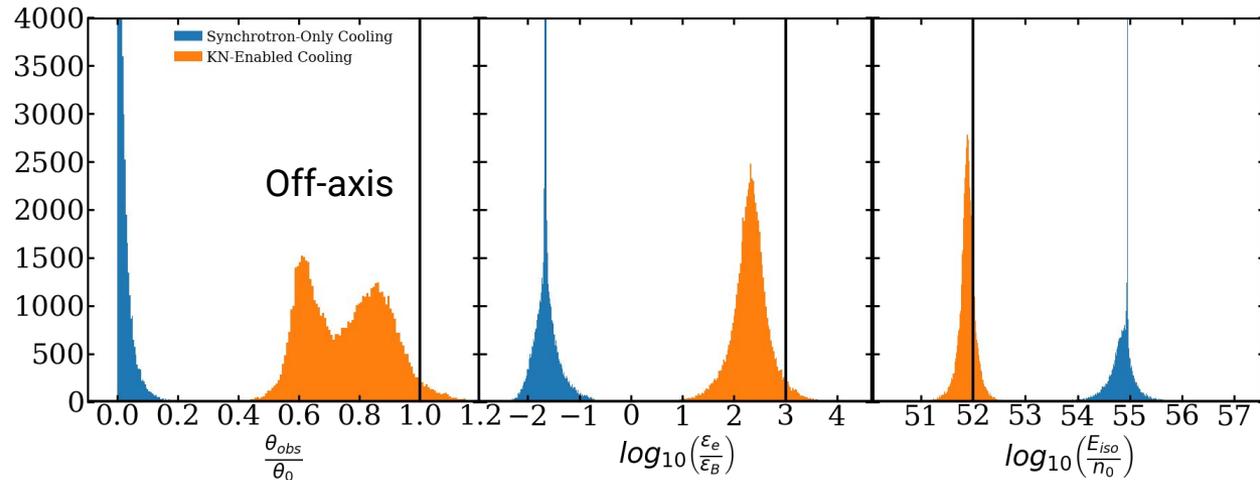
Iterative Fitting

- Quantifying SSC effects requires fitting synthetic datasets
- Synchrotron-only fits quantify systematic errors in parameters
- SSC fits examine parameter recovery

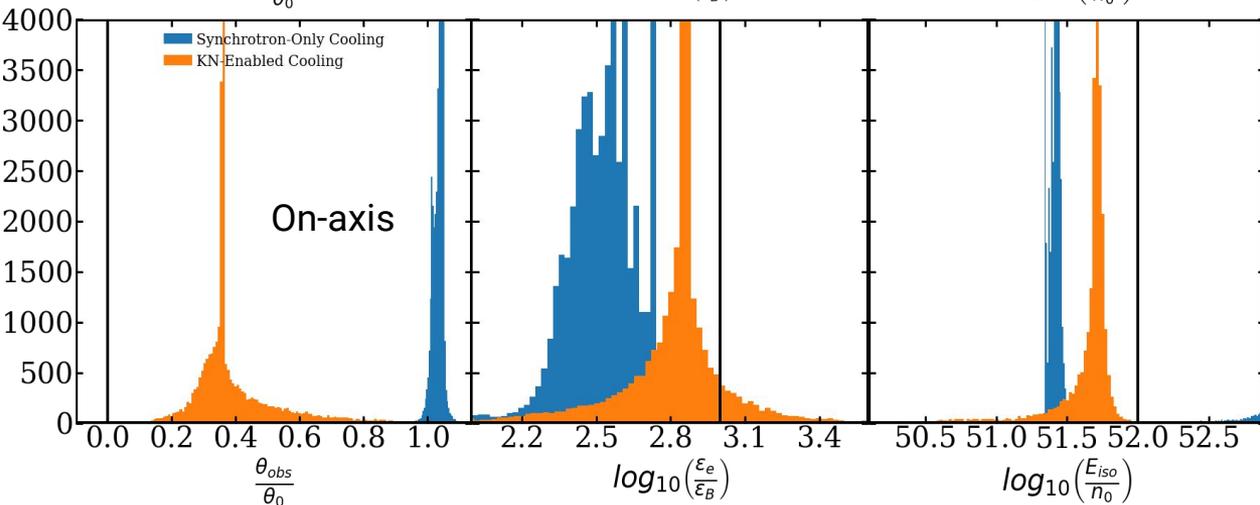


- Simulated dataset from a wind (k=2) medium
- Broadband ~ 250 data points

Iterative Fitting



- SSC fit better recovers parameters



- Fitting Algorithm does struggle to fully recover inputs

Iterative Fitting of GRB Afterglows

DownHill Simplex+Simulated Annealing

- Finite temperature fitting
 - χ^2 fit statistic
- Convergence issues due to complexity of parameter space

MultiNest Fitting

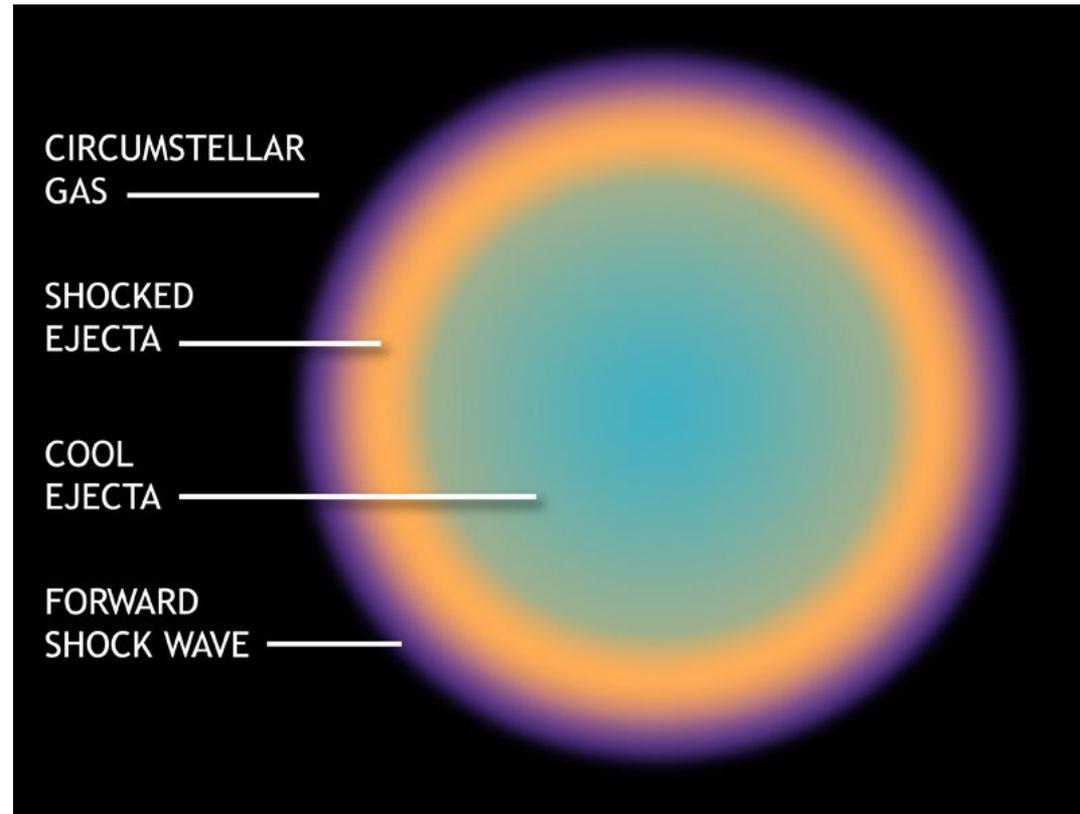
- Simultaneous multiple parameter search
 - Bayesian Inference
- Testing for better fit convergence (ongoing)
- Considering better parallelization

Now onto Supernova Remnants

- The Same modeling framework can be applied to understanding supernovae and their remnants

SNe are more numerous than GRBs

- In the galactic neighborhood
 - Resolved 3D Structure
- Interplay between progenitor and CSM

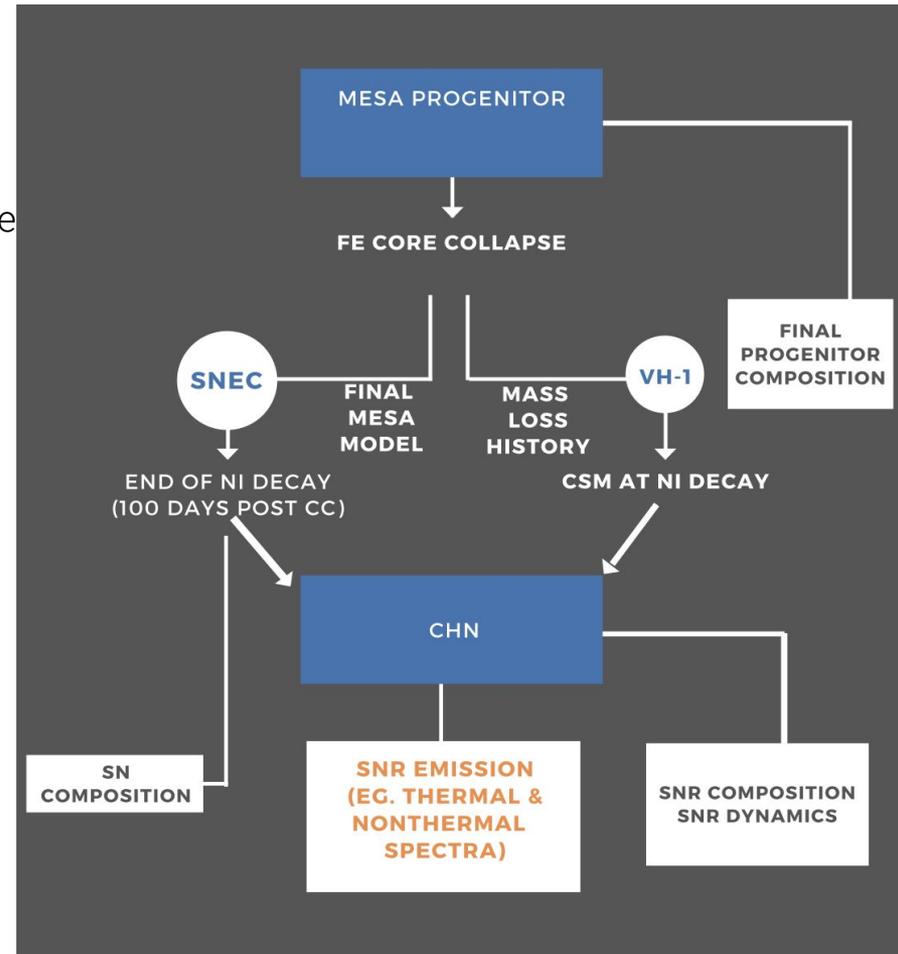


Figures: NASA CXC/SAO

Introduction

Why Progenitor Modeling?

- Remnant, supernova, and progenitor evolution are connected
 - Each aspect depends on the prior ones
 - SNe energetics dictate composition and outflow
 - Stellar mass loss dictates Circumstellar environment
- Stellar parameter spaces is quite large
 - Not all parts of parameter space are physical or produce physical results
 - many mechanisms uncertain
 - high degree of parameter degeneracy

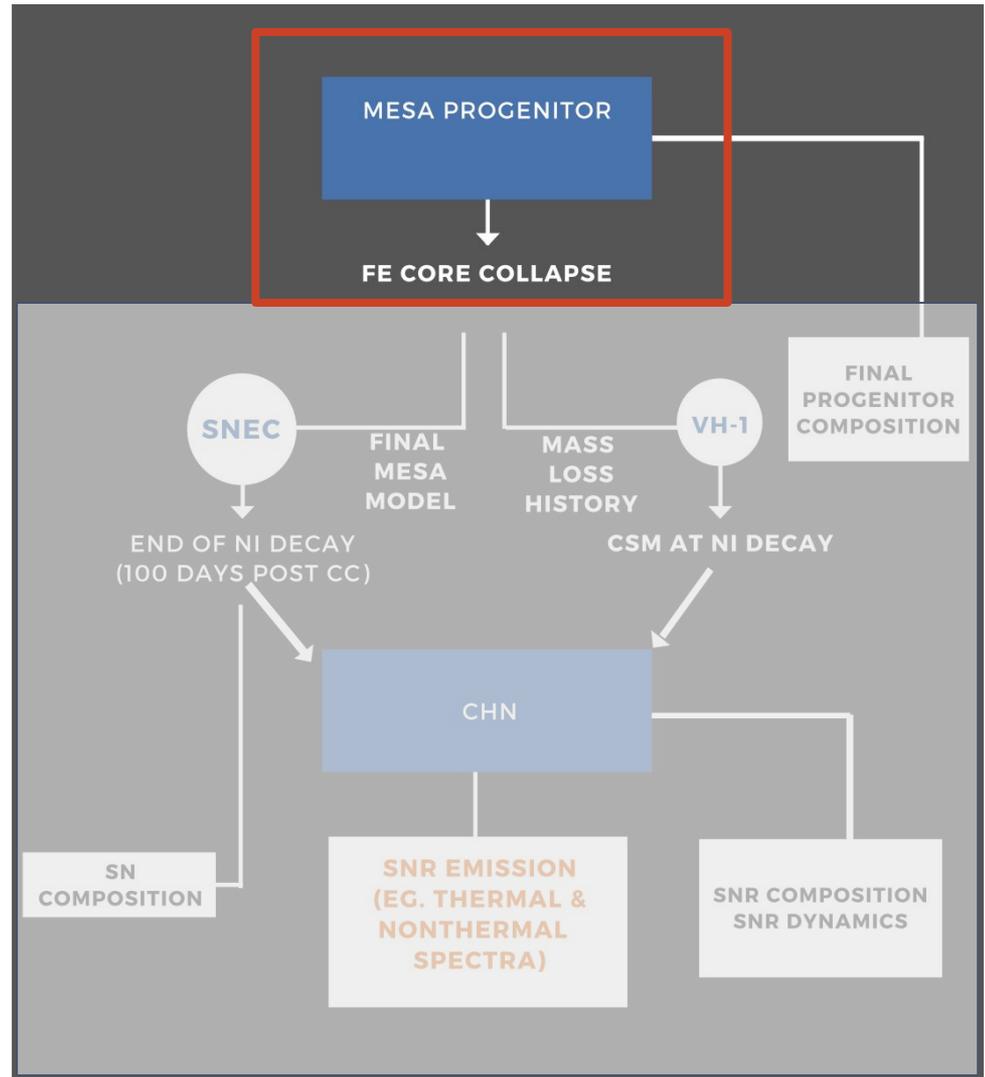


MESA Progenitor Models

Methodology

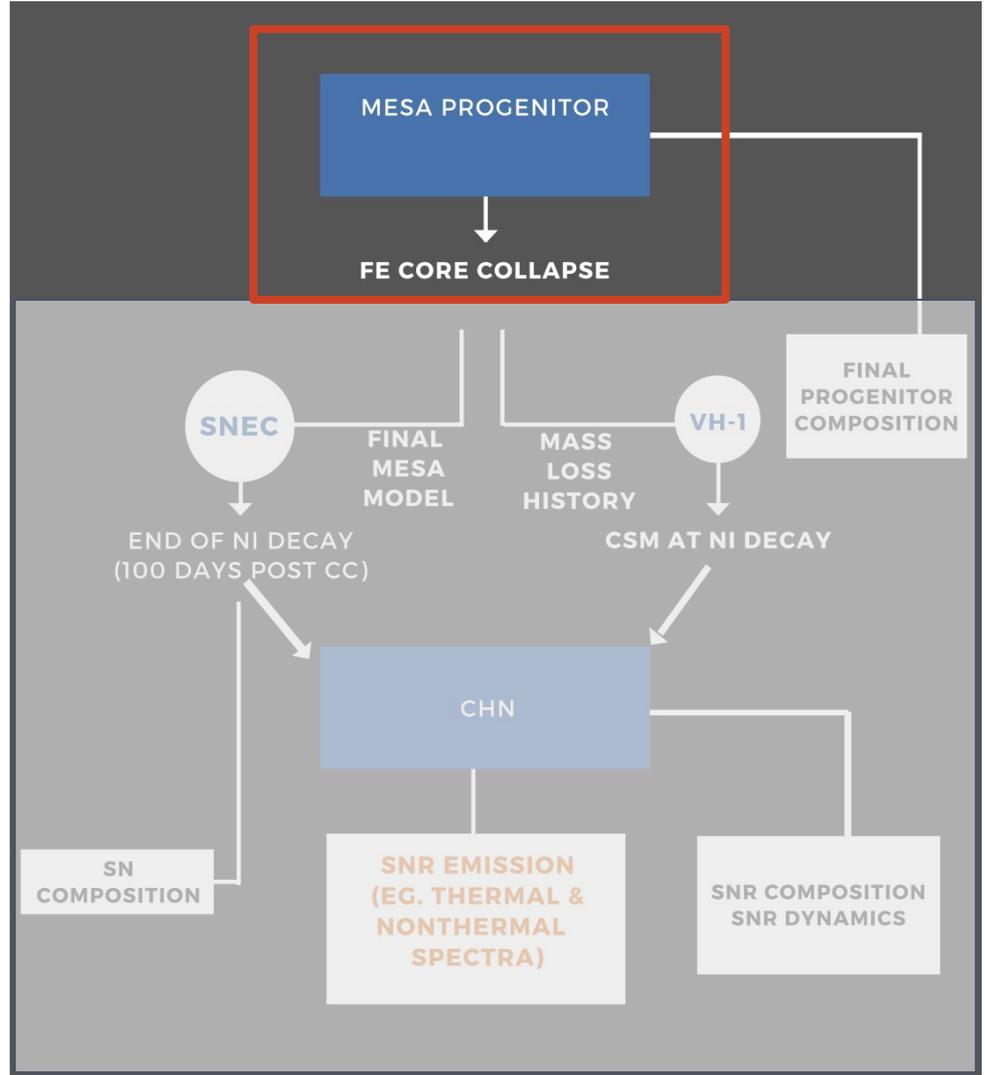
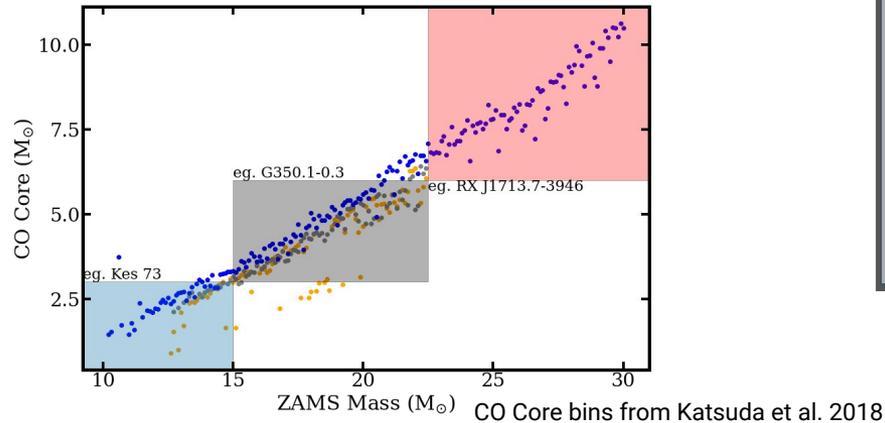
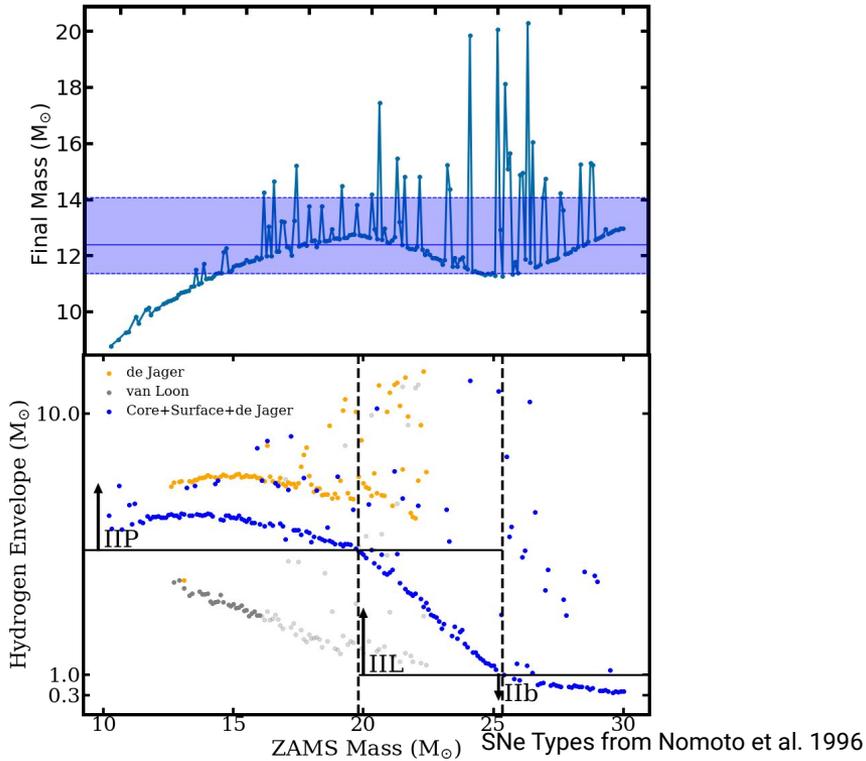
- Dense coverage of stellar parameter space
 - 0.1 M_{\odot} mass resolution (9.5-30.0) M_{\odot}
 - intermediate models
 - multiple wind schemes
 - Composition profile data
 - self-contained git repos
- started from MESA test suite case `make_pre_ccsne`
 - provides a default set of inlists
 - modified to include rotation and increase mass resolution
 - Evolved to Fe core collapse

($v_{infall} > 10^5 \text{ km/s}$)



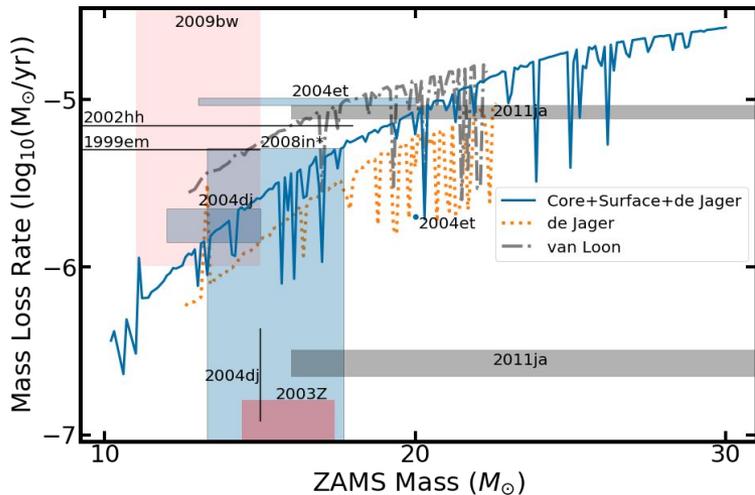
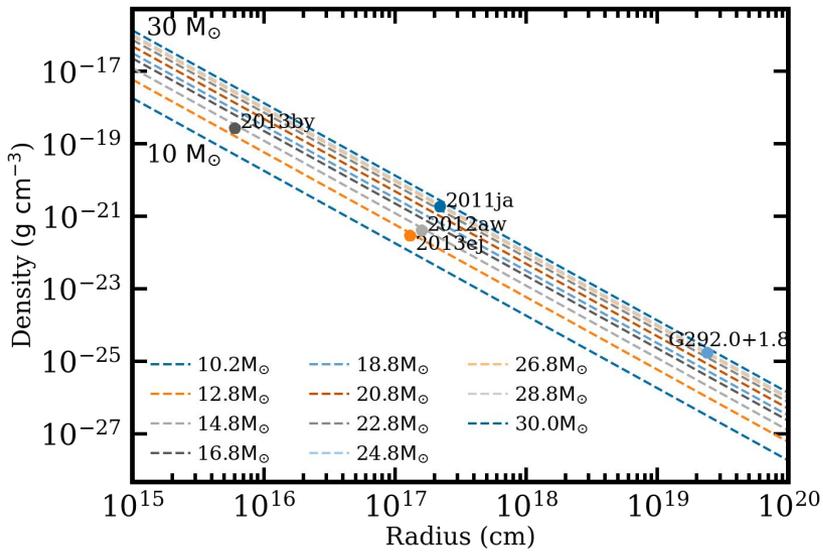
Young Remnants from ChN

Methodology and Progenitor Grid

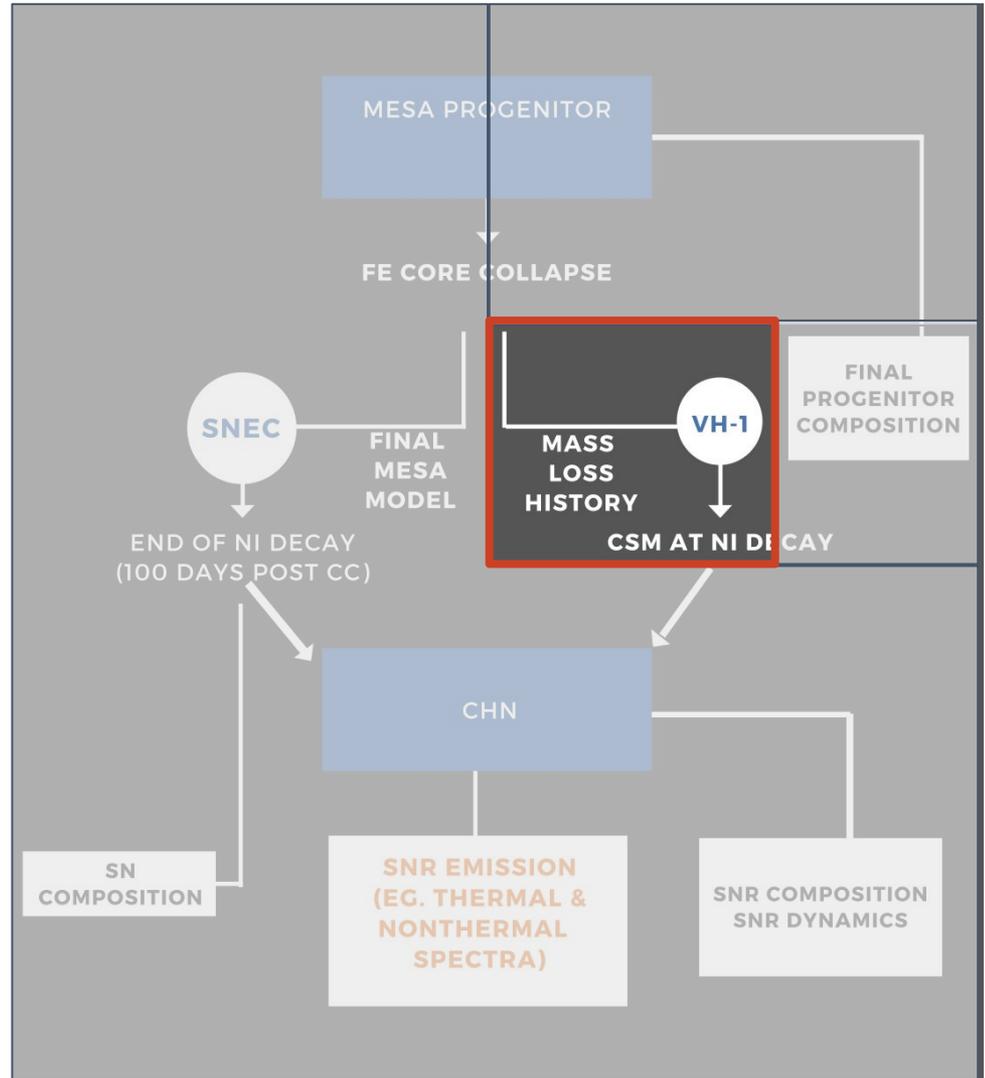


Young Remnants from ChN

Methodology and Progenitor Grid



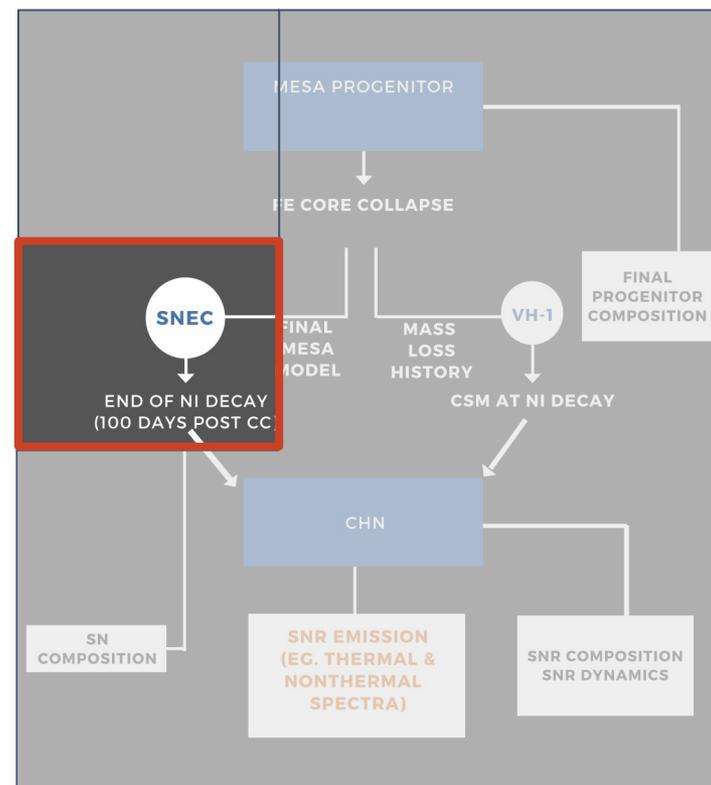
SNe Types from Nomoto et al. 1996



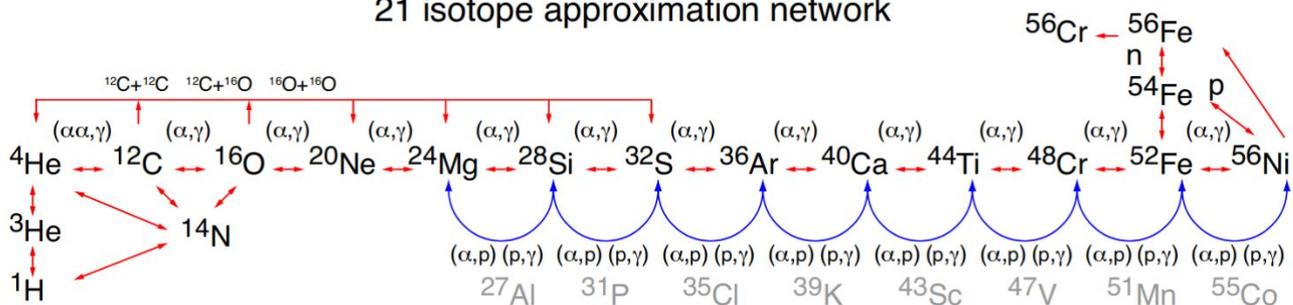
Supernova Modeling with SNEC

SNEC Models

- All successful MESA models were piped into SNEC
- Models were exploded with 0.8 and 1.5 foe Thermal Bomb
- Mass cut was varied from 1.4 to 1.6 M_{\odot}
- spread was varied from 0.038 to 0.08 M_{\odot}
- Models were evolved to 100 days
- Burning occurs in SNEC (approx21)

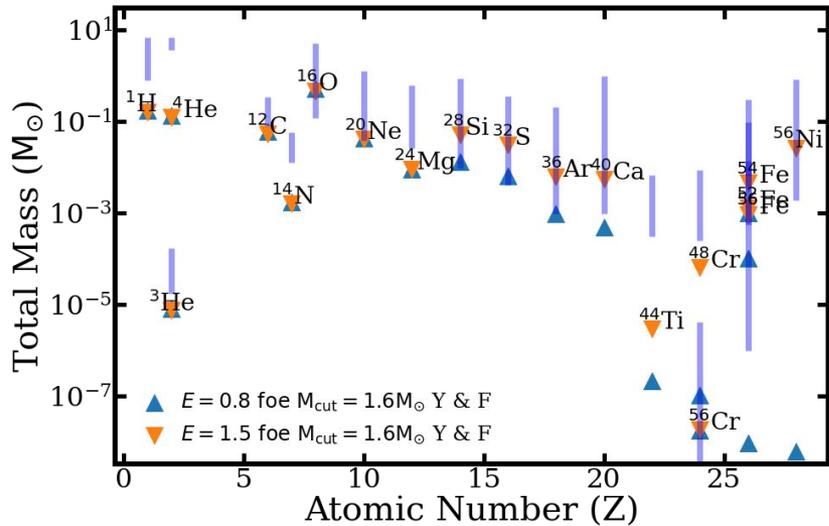


21 isotope approximation network

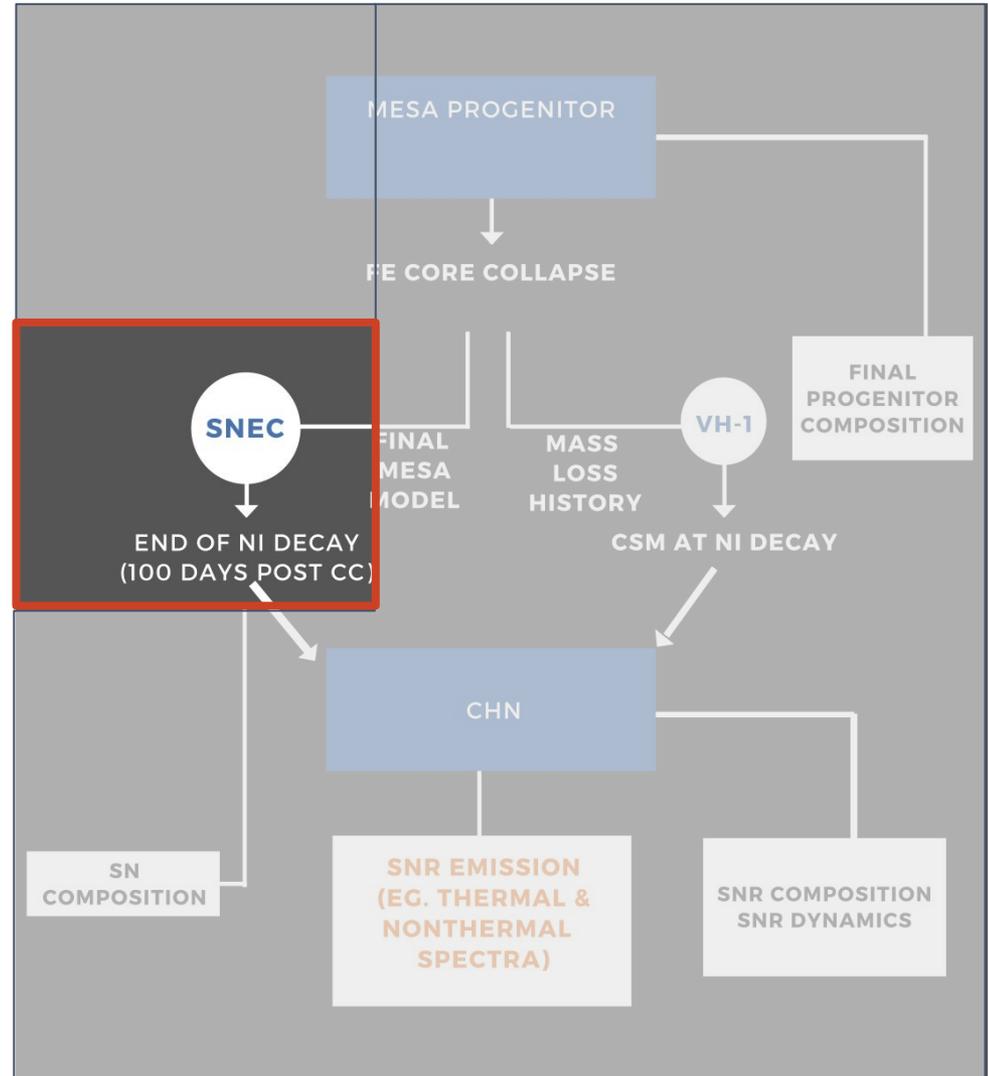
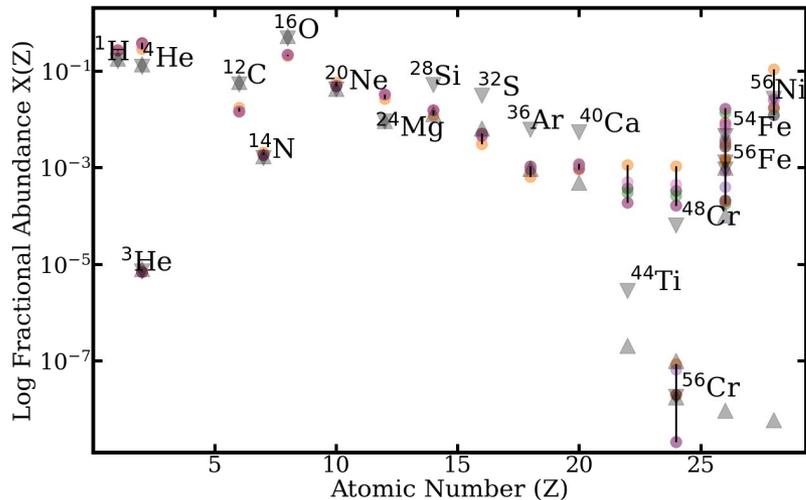


Young Remnants from ChN

Methodology and Progenitor Grid



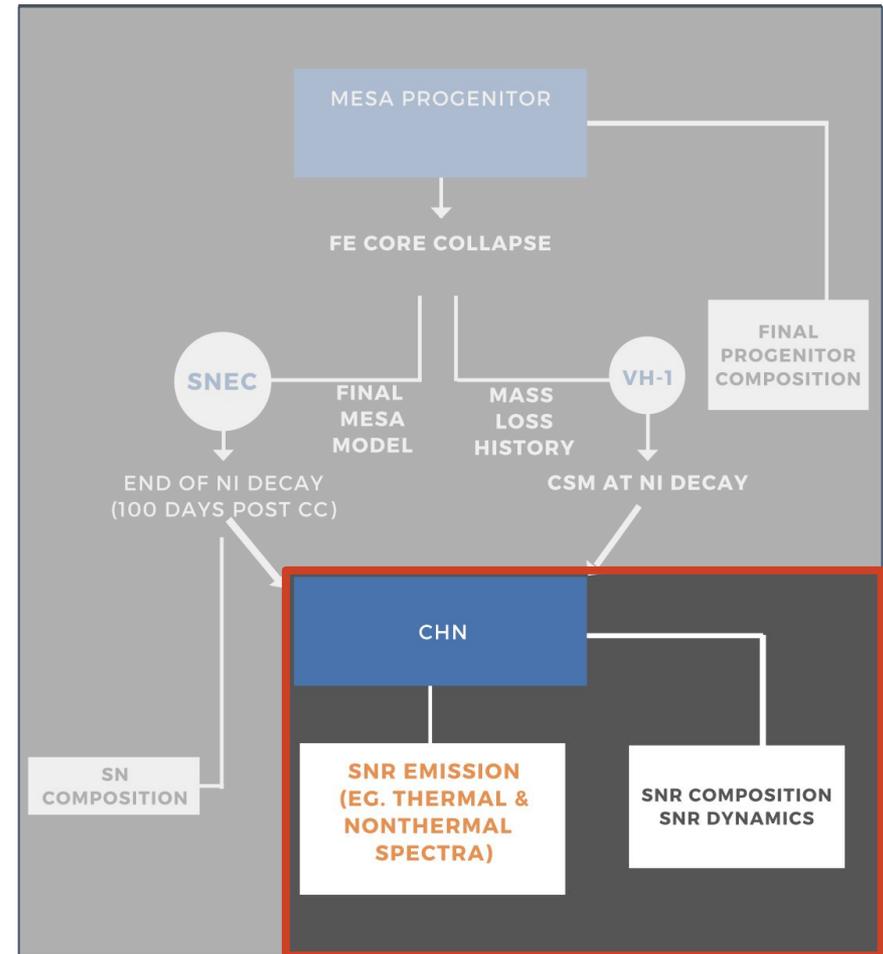
- $E=0.8$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$
- $E=1.5$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$
- $E=0.8$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.5 M_{\odot}$
- $E=1.5$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.5 M_{\odot}$
- $E=1.5$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.4 M_{\odot}$
- $E=0.8$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ double mass-spread
- $E=0.8$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ quad mass-spread
- ▲ $E=0.8$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ Y & F
- ▼ $E=1.5$ foe $M_{cut} = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ Y & F



Supernova Remnant Modeling with ChN

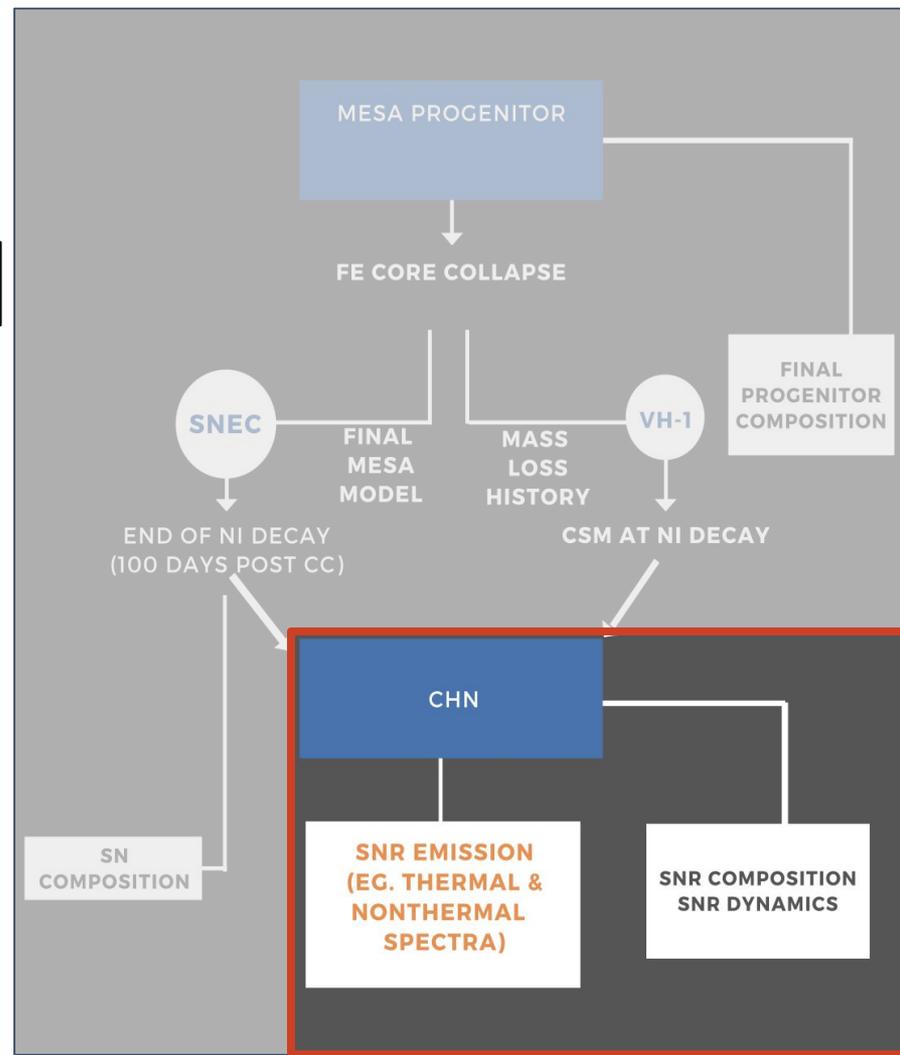
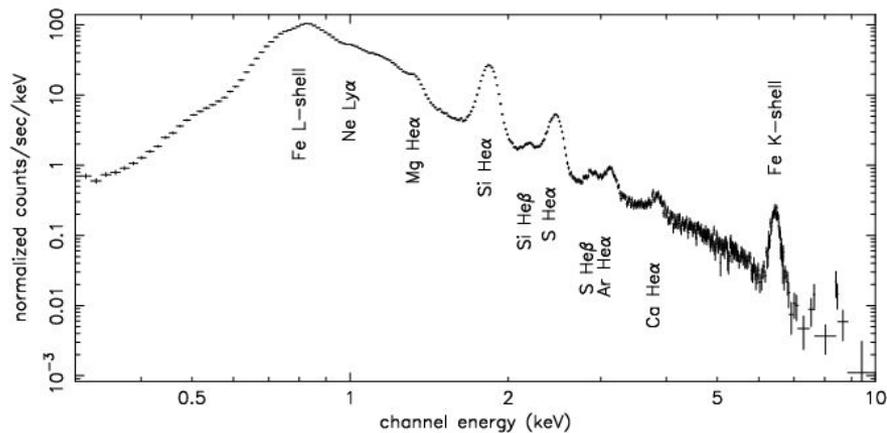
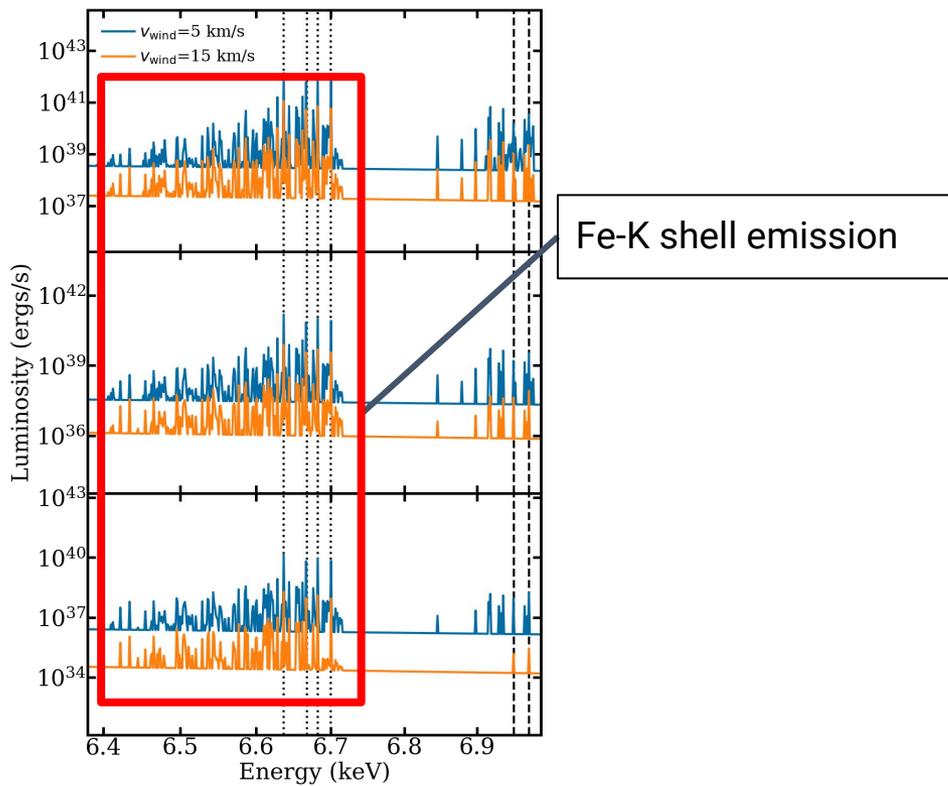
ChN Models

- All successful SNEC models were piped into ChN
 - Merged with wind CSM
- Simulated from ~180 days to 7000 years post CC
 - 1D hydrodynamics
 - Full NEI calculation (linked to atomDB)
- Dynamics and Composition
 - Ionization as a function of radius/time
 - shock velocities
- SNR Emission
 - Thermal Spectra with Line Emission
 - Nonthermal Spectra



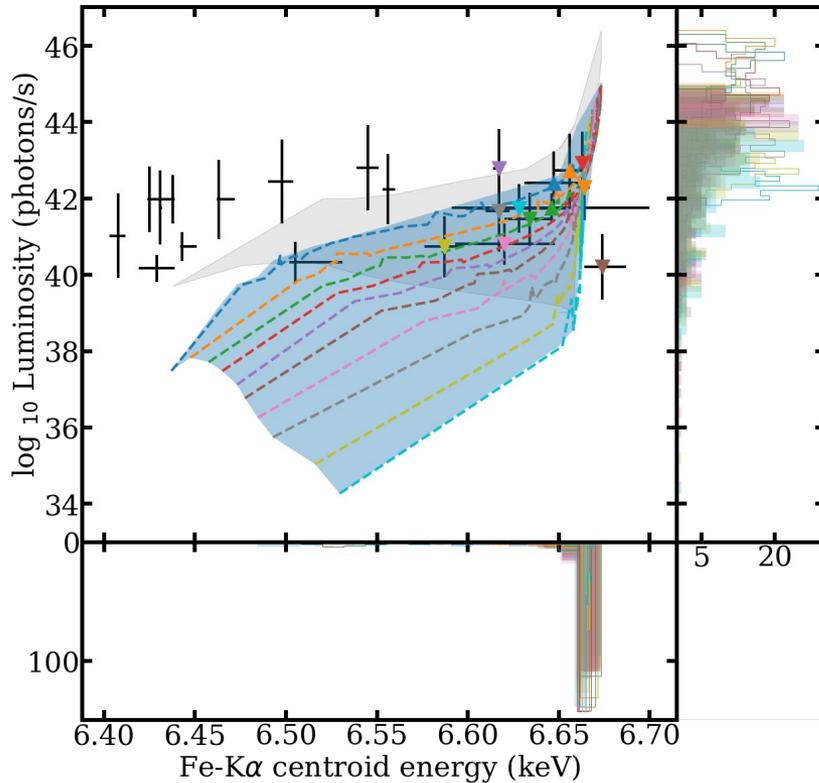
Young Remnants from ChN

Methodology and Progenitor Grid



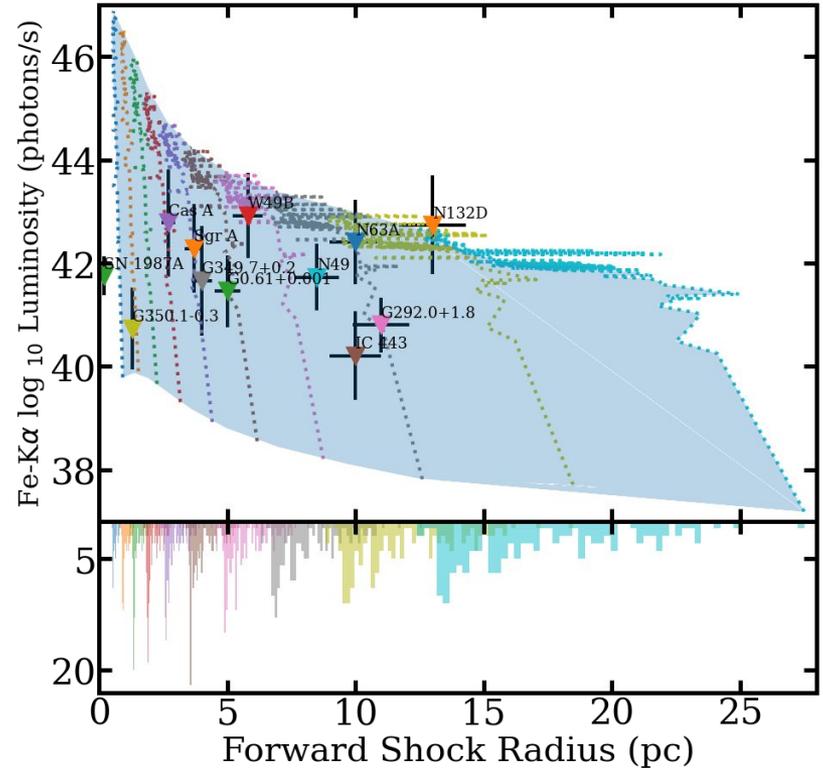
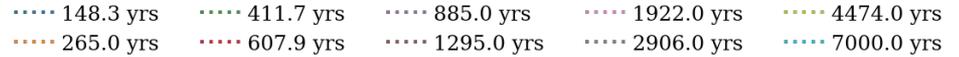
Young Remnants from ChN

Integrated Spectra Metrics: Fe-K Centroids



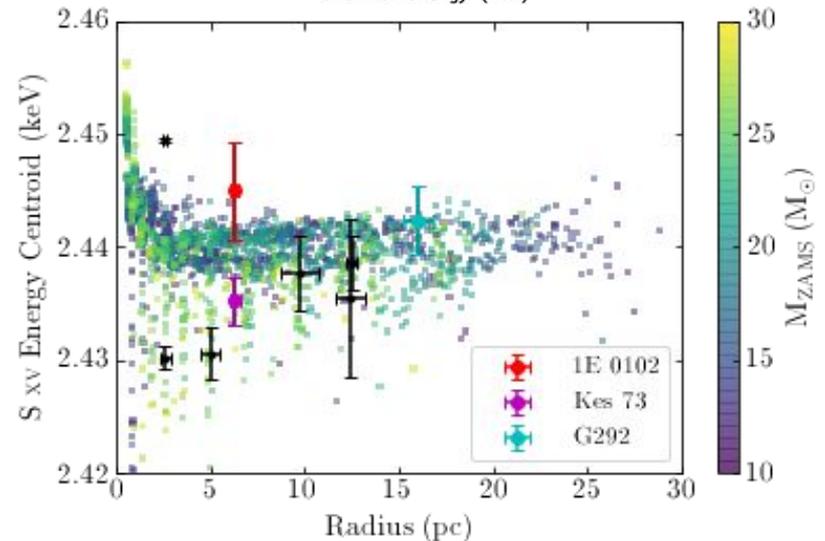
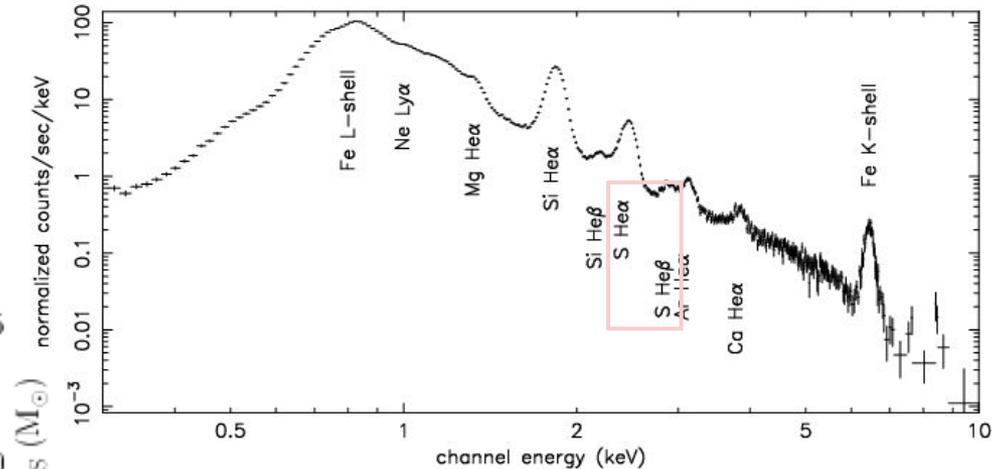
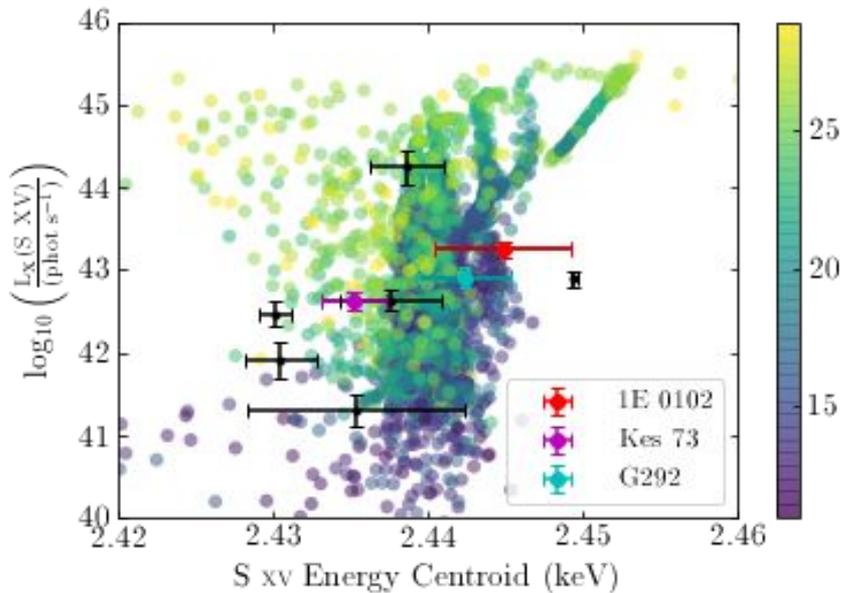
• Fe-K can be used to discriminate between Core-collapse and Type Ia progenitors

- Our models broadly overlap with observation
- All models assume wind CSM, so not applicable to all CC data plotted above



Young Remnants from ChN

Integrated Spectra Metrics: He-Like S Centroids



•S centroids can also be used in remnants with low Fe emission

Young Remnants from ChN

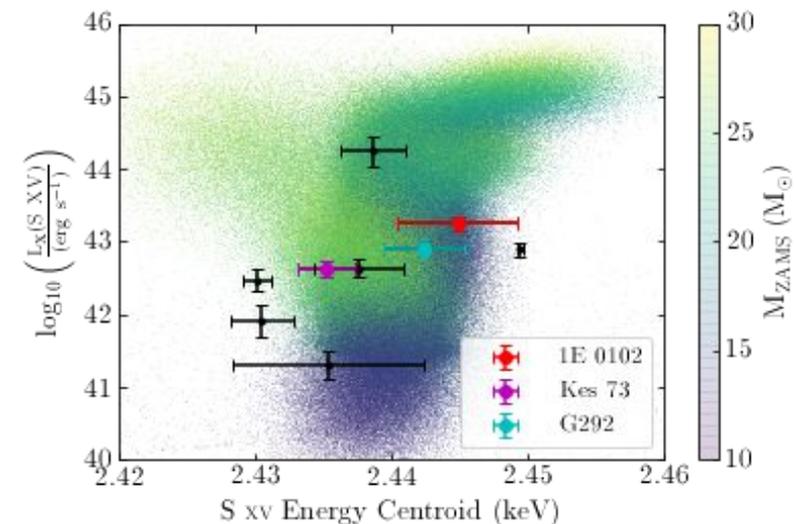
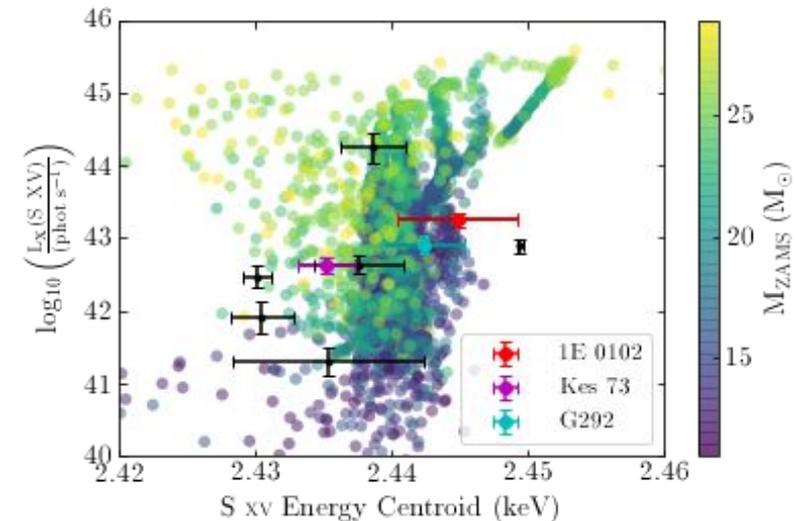
Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) Sampling

- Sparse Model Parameter Space

- Changes between Progenitor inputs are small
 - Wasteful to simulate finer mass resolution
 - No useful information gain
- Time Domain is sparse, but smooth
 - Remnant dynamics evolve slowly on larger timescales
 - Wind models evolve smoothly

- Generate Observational Parameter Space

- Chandra ASIC Centroid Measurements
 - He-like S fit in xspec
- Gaussian Mixture Model of Centroid values and Model parameters
 - number of gaussians selected by minimizing the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)
 - Mixture maintains relative density while increasing number of samples
 - Fills in gaps in parameter space



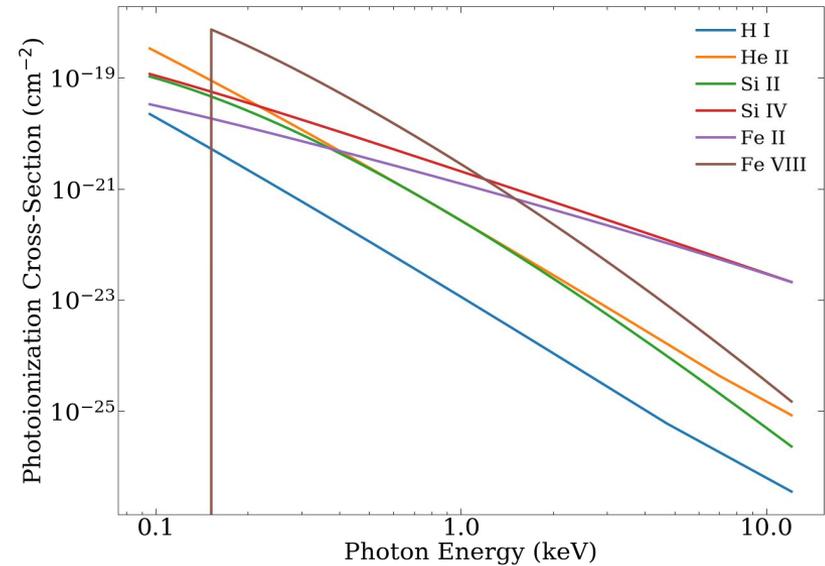
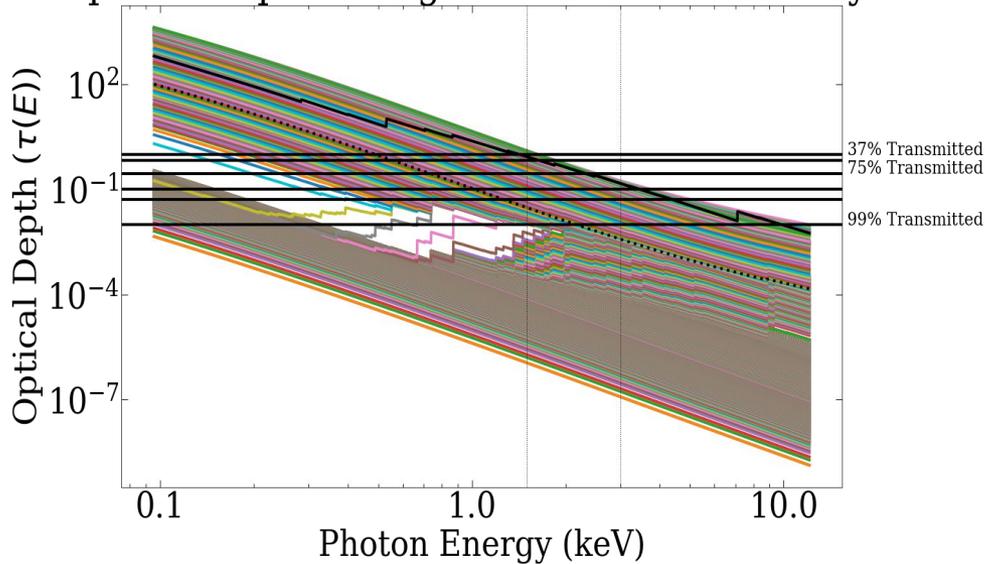
Young Remnants from ChN

Line of Sight Effects: Absorption

- Suppresses emission mainly from far-side of remnant
 - Actual absorption depends on
 - LOS distance
 - Density
 - Ionization State
 - Absorption calculated following Wilms et. al. (2000) method for ISM
 - Abundances pulled from ChN for each ion
 - photoionization cross-sections pulled from ATOMDB

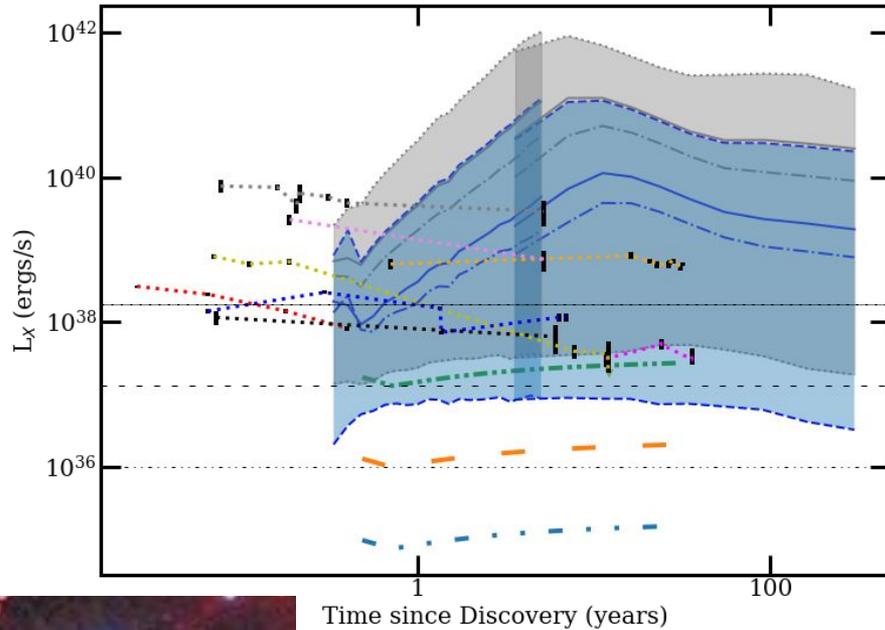
$$\sigma_{\text{gas}} = \sum_{Z,i} A_Z \times a_{Z,i} \times (1 - \beta_{Z,i}) \times \sigma_{\text{bf}}(Z, i), \quad (3)$$

Optical Depth Along the LOS for t=5.011 yrs



Young Remnants from ChN

Absorption and The PWNe



- Shock emission can reasonably explain late-time SNe emission
- Absorbed PWNe emission follows a similar trend

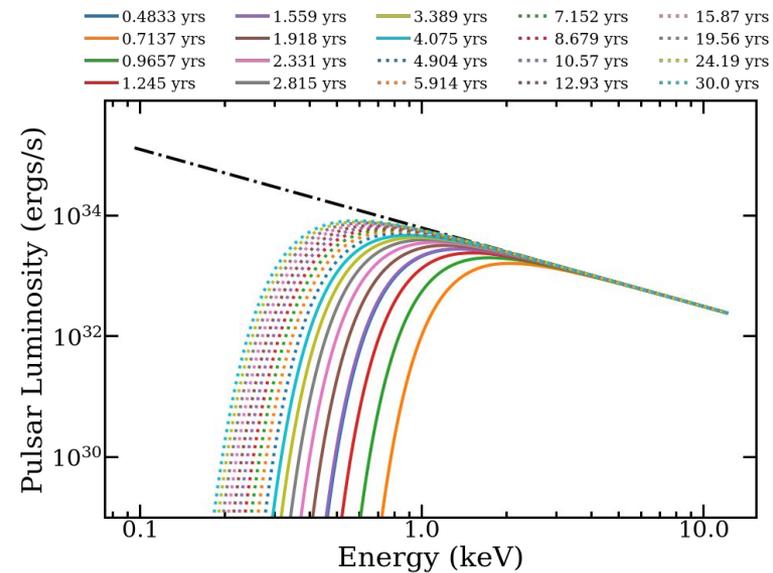
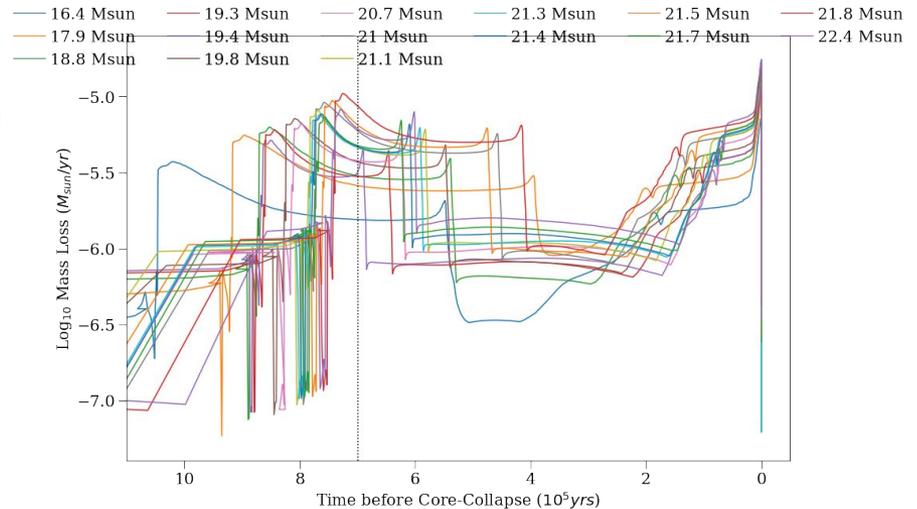
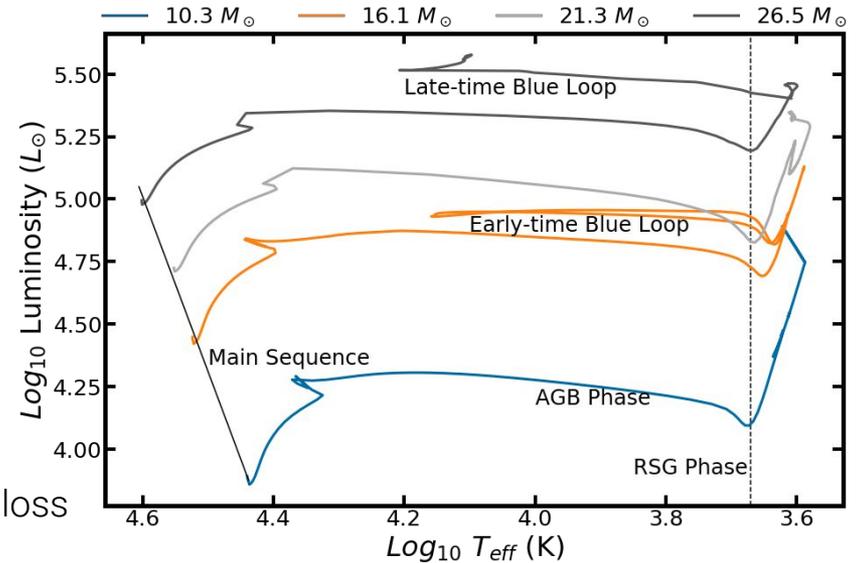


Figure: NASA STScI

Expanding the ChN Parameter Space

Additional CSM models

- Blue Loop modeling
 - Early time blue loop
 - Explode as RSG, larger H envelope
 - Late time blue loop
 - Explode as YSG/BSG, minimal H envelope
 - Period of higher velocity winds with lower mass loss
 - Complicates CSM
- Wave Driven Mass Loss
 - can drive mass loss episodes ($\sim 0.1 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$)
 - Dependent on stellar composition



Expanding the ChN Parameter Space

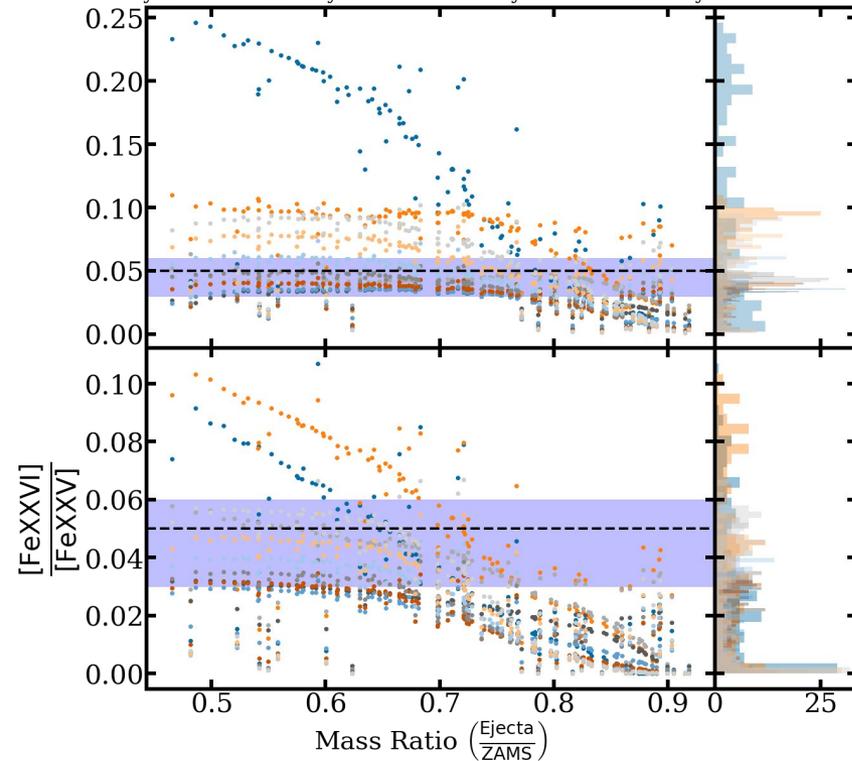
Working with the Next Generation of X-ray Instruments

- X-ray Microcalorimeters

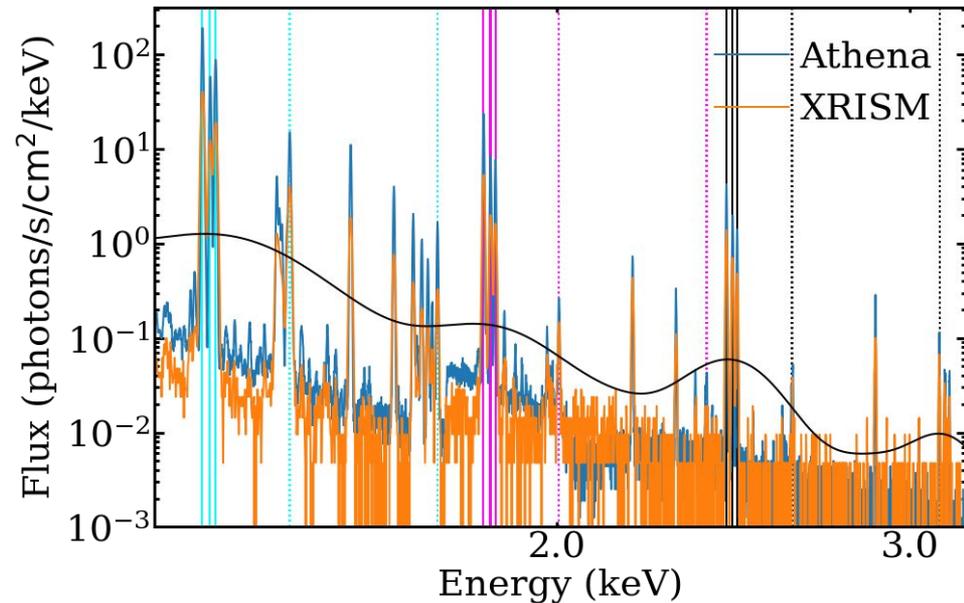
- Great spectral resolution ($\sim 5\text{-}10\text{ eV}$)
- Low spatial resolution (remnants become point sources beyond $\sim 10\text{ kpc}$)

Additional work required to understand remnant structure from integrated spectra.

- 38.43 yrs
- 60.97 yrs
- 89.61 yrs
- 127.3 yrs
- 178.3 yrs
- 249.0 yrs
- 348.9 yrs
- 492.0 yrs
- 698.8 yrs
- 1000.0 yrs



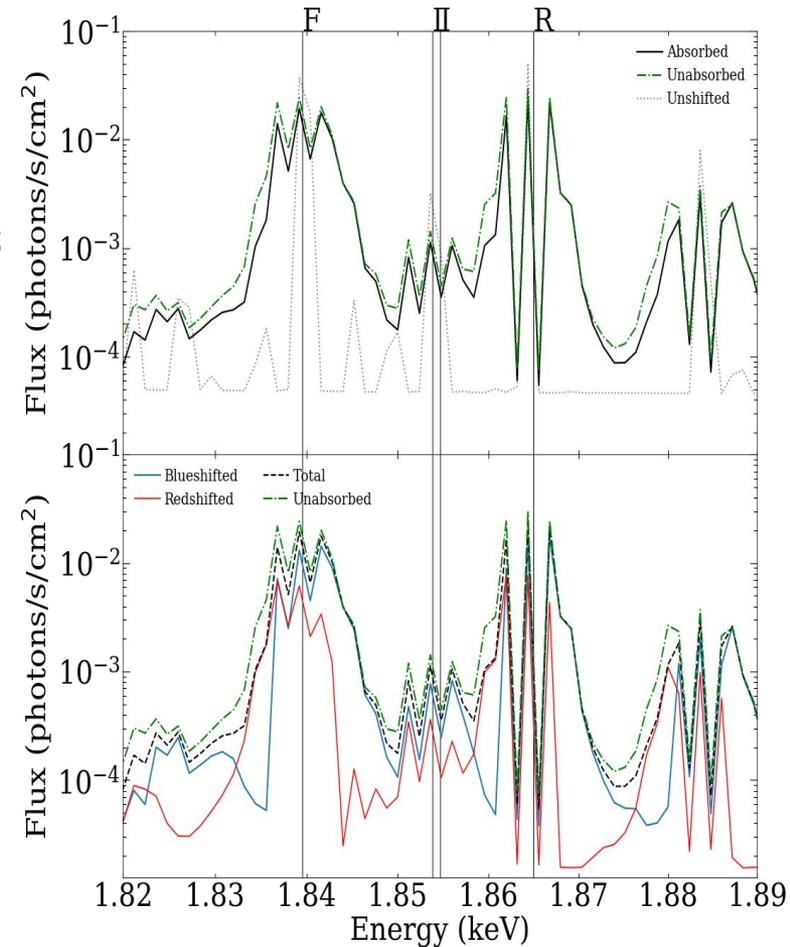
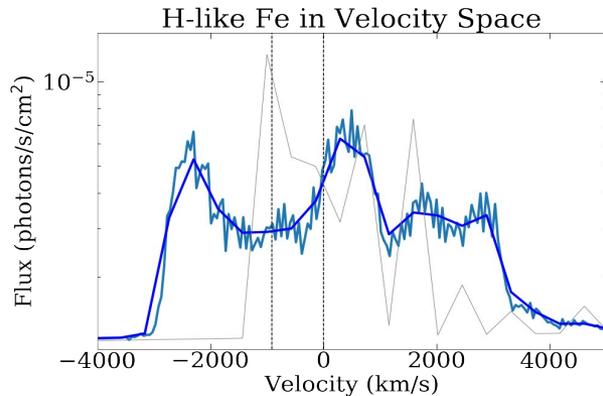
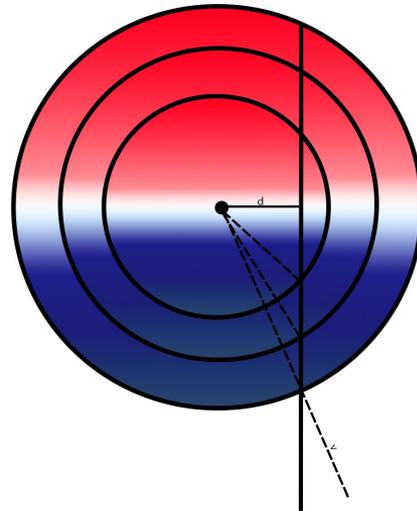
Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian



Expanding the ChN Parameter Space

Absorption and Emission in Unresolved Remnants

- **Asymmetric Emission**
 - Far side of remnant is redshifted, near side is blueshifted
 - Far side will be more absorbed
- **doppler shift varies depending on emitting cell and LOS**
 - cell velocities decrease from FS to RS
 - component parallel to LOS varies based on distance from center

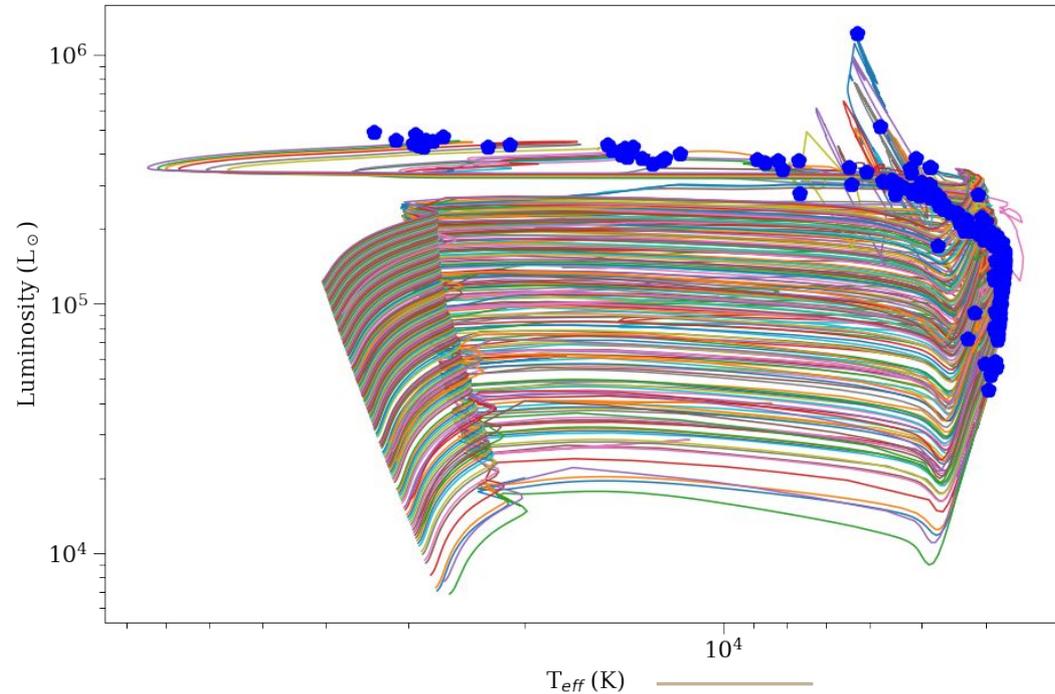
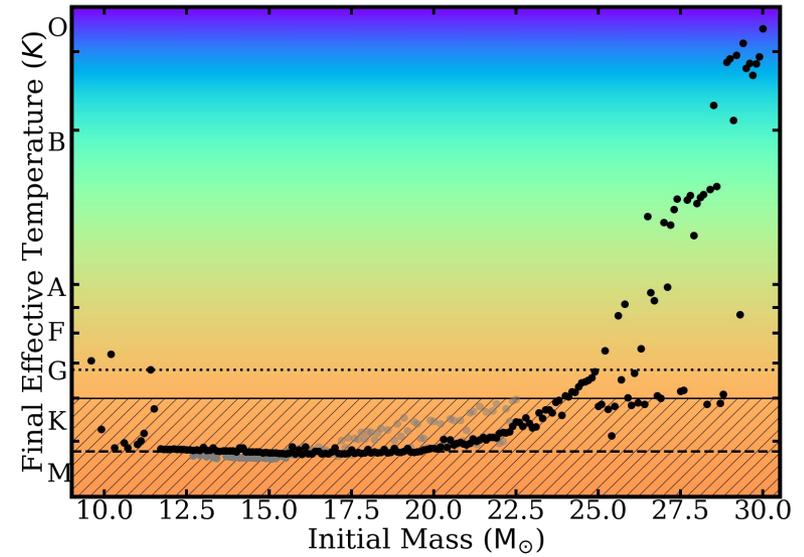
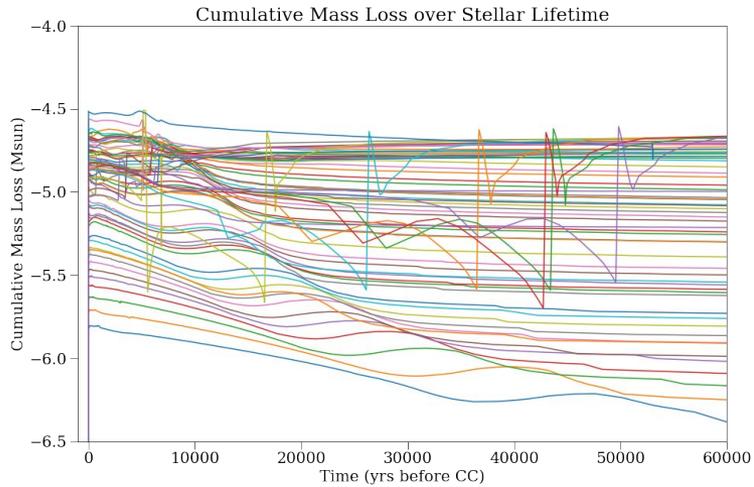


Summary and Future Work

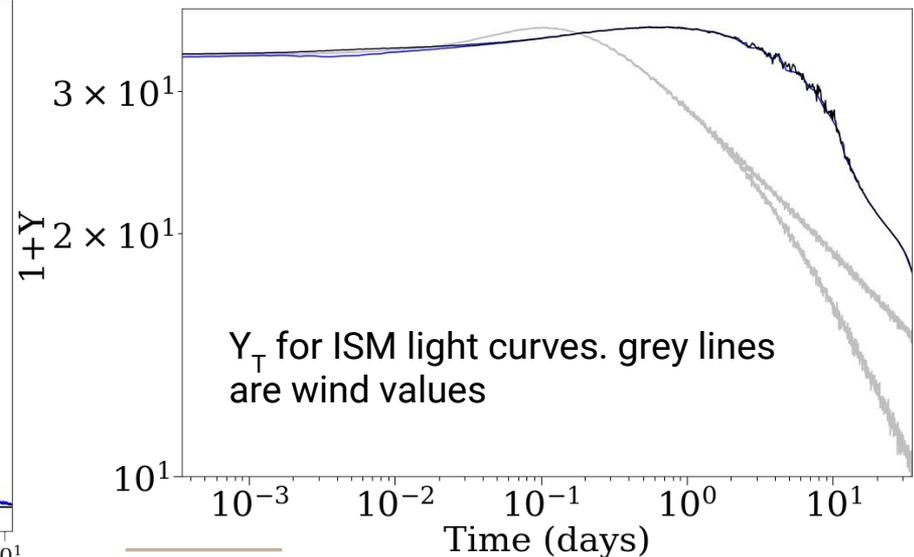
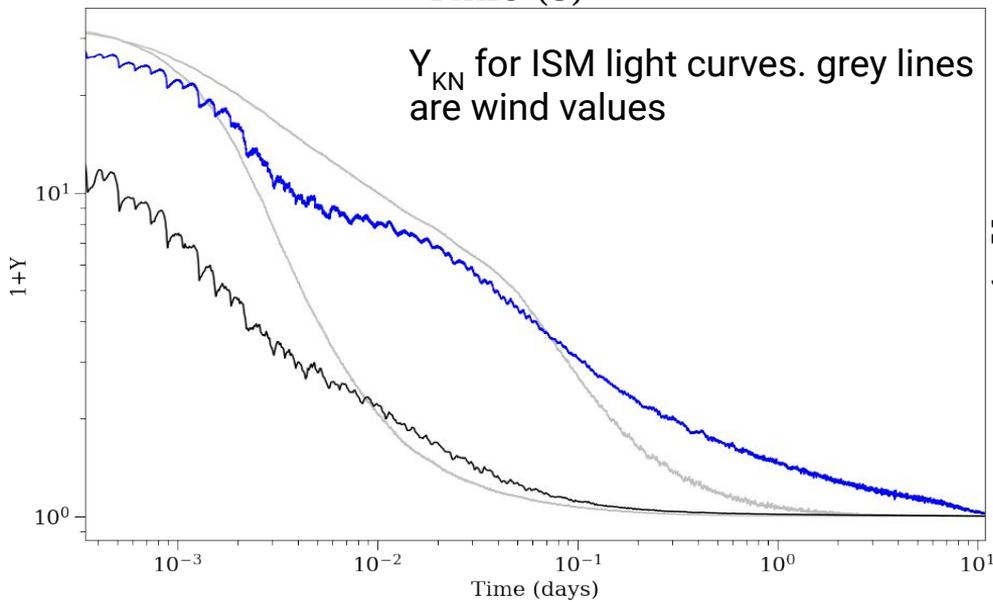
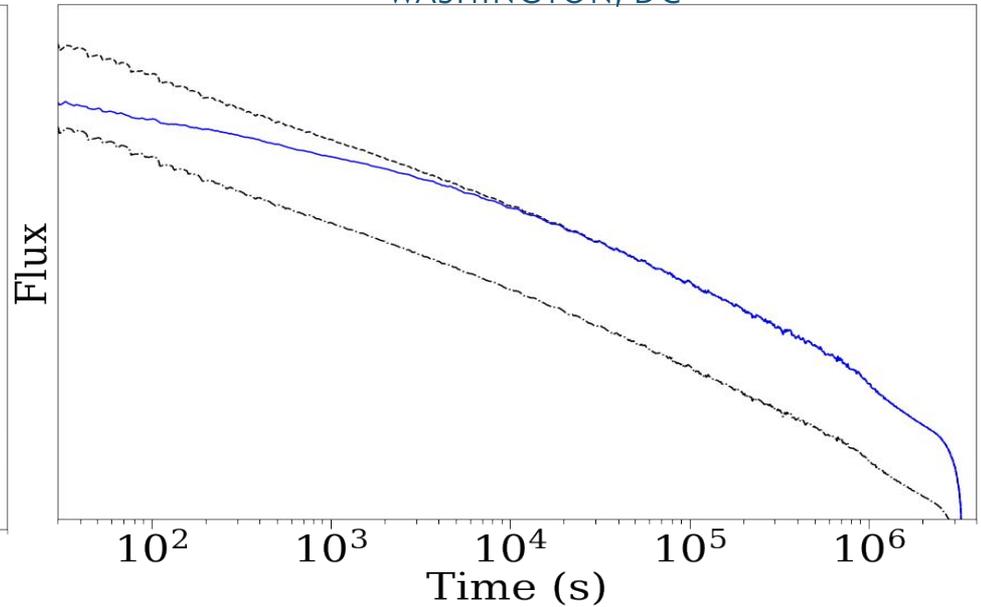
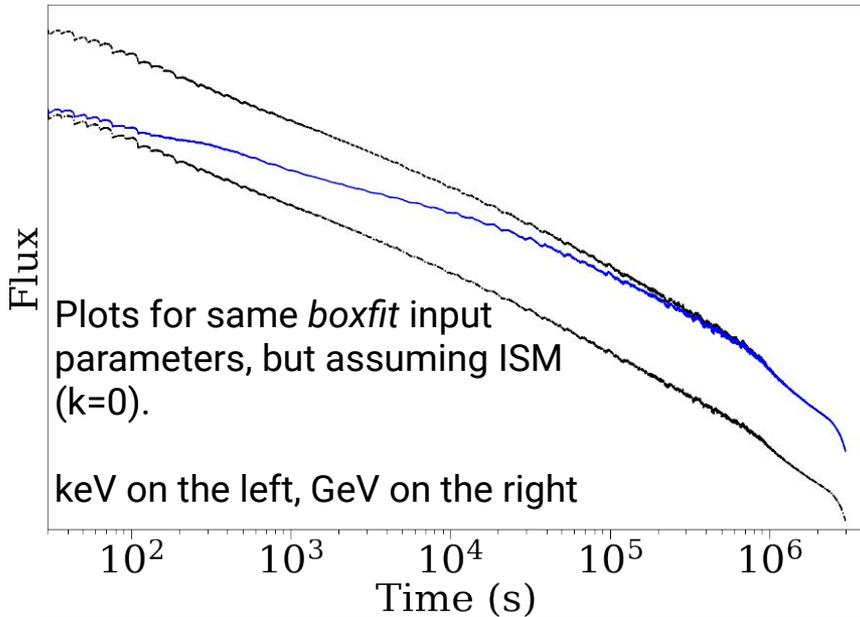
- SSC Cooling is an important contributor to GRB afterglow emission
 - Changes derived parameters compared to synchrotron-only modeling
 - **Needs no new fit parameters**
 - Need to apply to real data (ongoing)
- SNRs and progenitors are broadly consistent with observation
 - Ejecta mass similar across all models
 - H-envelope size consistent with expectations for SNe sub-types
 - RSG mass loss is detectable in the X-Ray spectra
 - Effects present in centroid energy and luminosity
- Remnant dynamics and absorption are important
 - can offer glimpse of structure for unresolved remnants
 - can set limits on when PWNe or CCO would be detectable
- Need to consider additional mass loss prescriptions
 - Implementing wave-driven mass loss
- Ib and Ic SNe mass loss mechanisms (The GRB/SNe connection!)

Extra Slides

Extra Plots

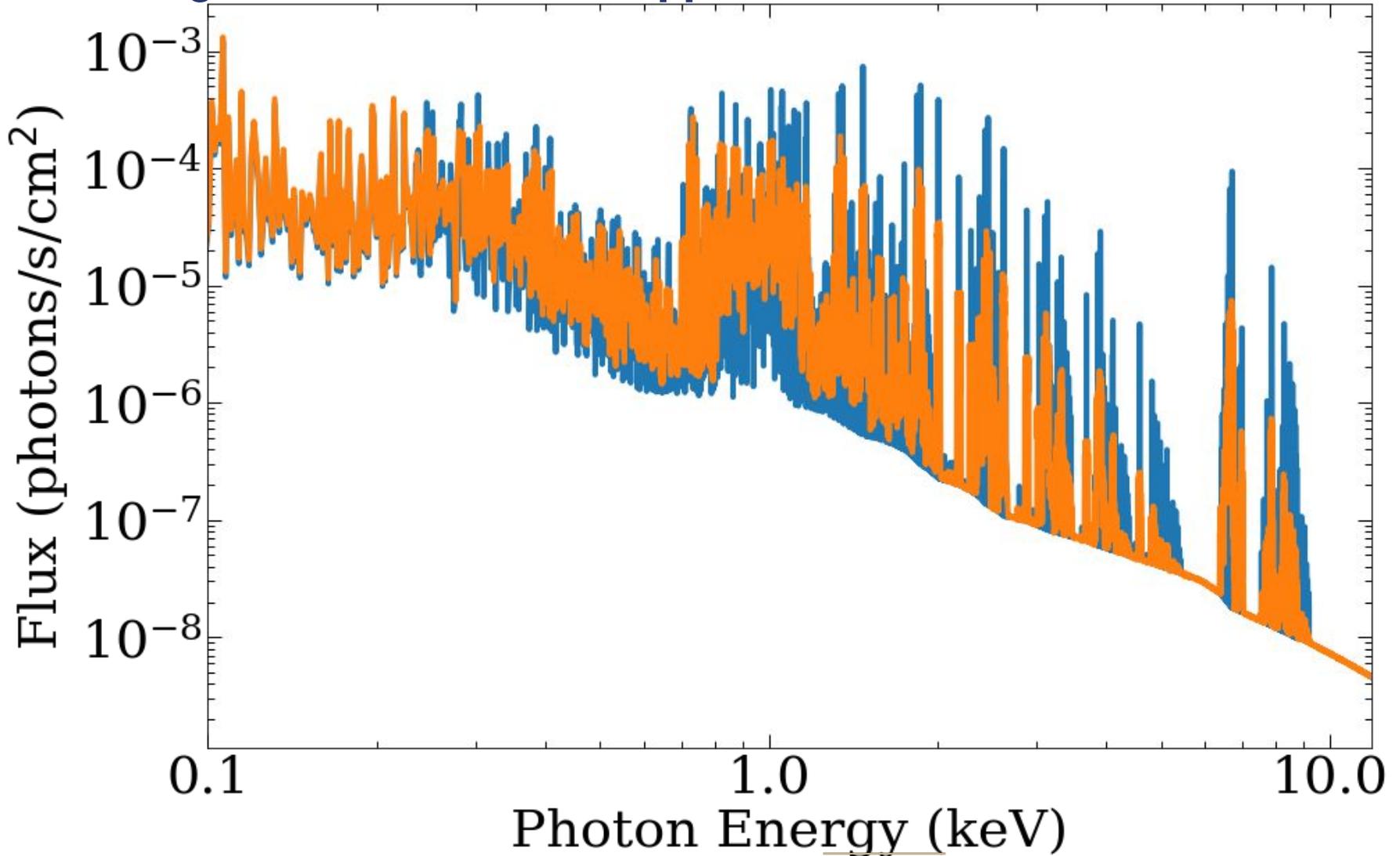


Extra Plots

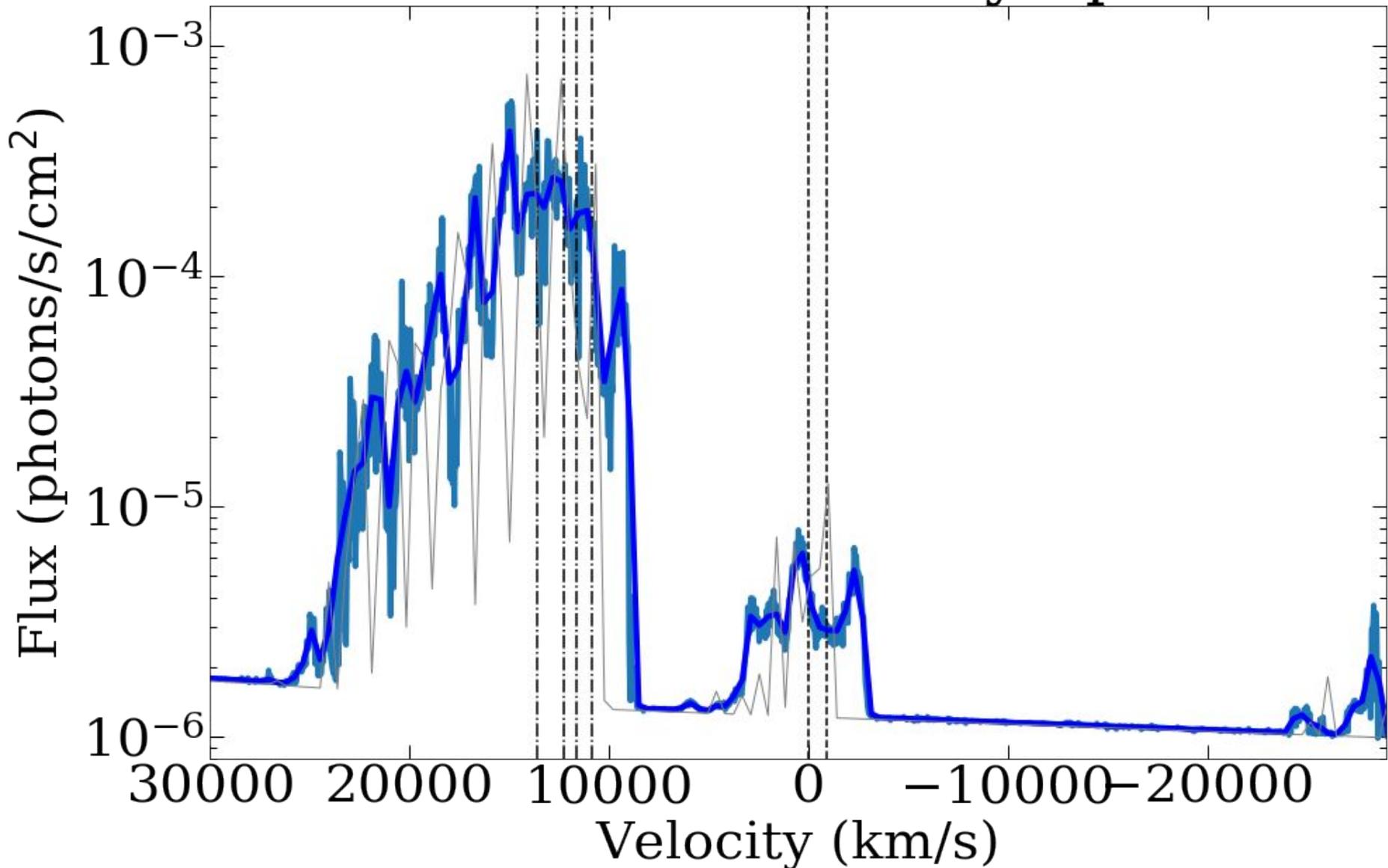


Extra Slides:

Line of Sight Calculations III: Doppler Shift



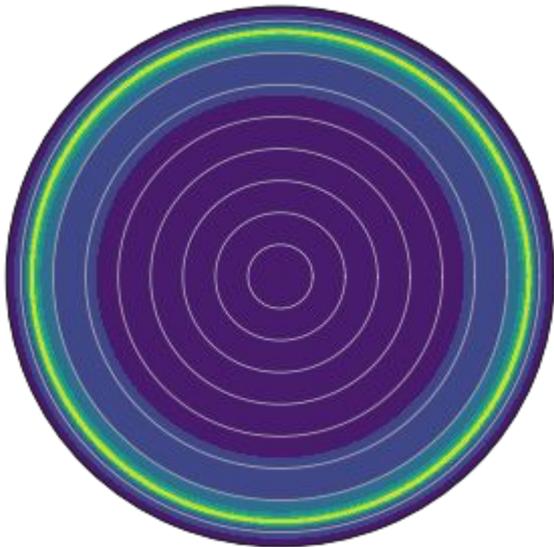
H-like Fe in Velocity Space



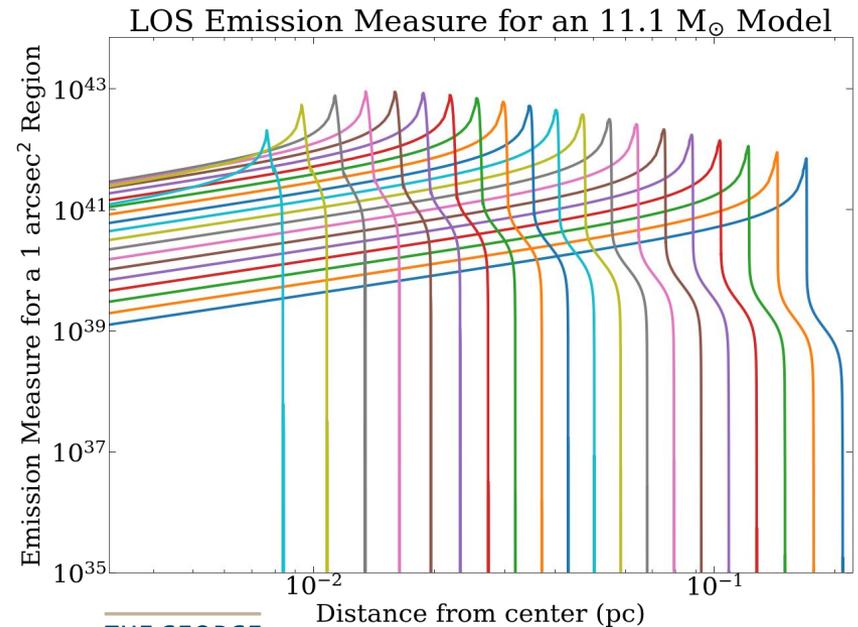
Young Remnants from ChN

Line of Sight Calculations

- Remnants are viewed as 2D projections
 - Spectra composed of “Pencil beam” passing through remnant
 - Multiple shock regions contributing to emission
 - Intra-remnant absorption may become important
 - Depends on optical depth of remnant
 - shock velocity vector changes along LOS
 - Spectra have a redshifted and blueshifted component

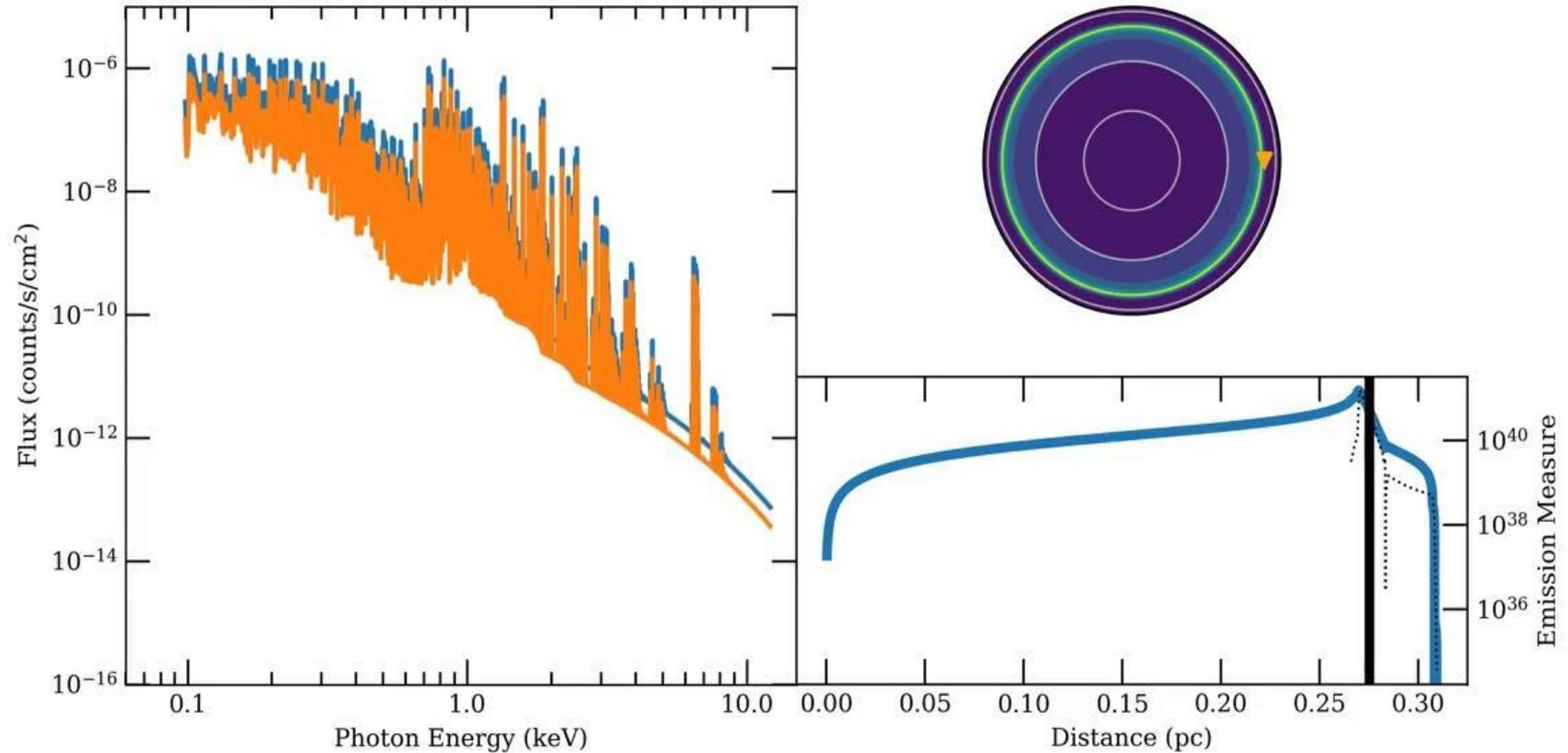


Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian



Young Remnants from ChN

Line of Sight Calculations II: Absorption



Synchrotron-Self Compton Emission

Our Roadmap to Including SSC Cooling

- Define how SSC cooling affects the cooling Lorentz factor
- Determine analytic forms of the effect in all cooling regimes and at the transition
- Incorporate effects due to inelastic scattering at high energies (Klein-Nishina effects)
- Incorporate results into the afterglow modeling code *boxfit* (van Eerten et al. 2012)

Young Remnants from ChN

Line of Sight Calculations III: Doppler Shift

