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III. Evolution of the ejecta

Physics of the expanding, shocked envelope

Physics of the expanding envelope: analytic model of the early evolution of the light curve (Arnett 1996)

Energy conservation
for the expanding
SN envelope

$$d\epsilon/dt + p d(1/\rho)/dt = Q - dL/dm$$

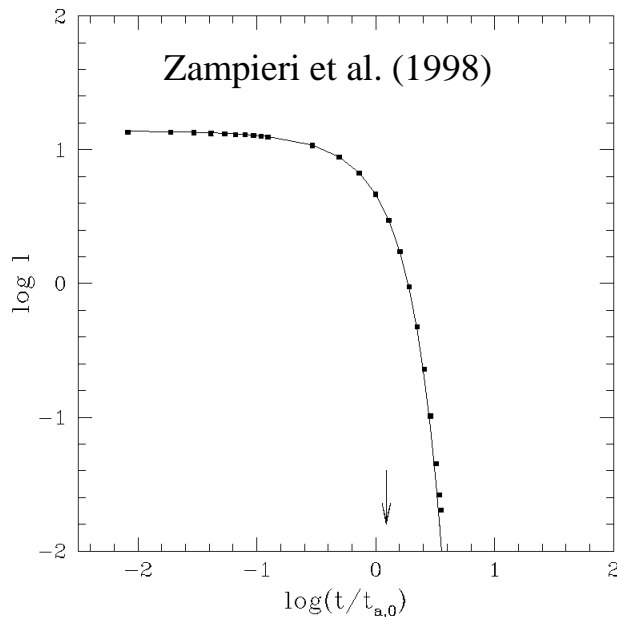
$$\begin{aligned} t_{\text{dyn}} &= R/V_0 \\ t_{\text{diff}} &= R^2/(\lambda c) \end{aligned}$$

Basic assumptions:

- homologous expansion: $R=V_0 \cdot t$
- uniform density ρ

Early evolution of the expanding envelope after shock breakout

- Massive, hot envelope, completely ionized and in LTE
- T decreases because of expansion and diffusion



Solution obtained by separation of variables ($Q=0$)

$$L = L_0 \exp(-t/t_{\text{diff}} - t^2/2t_{\text{dyn}}t_{\text{diff}})$$

$$L_0 = 0.5 \beta c (E_{\text{expl}}/M) R_0/\kappa$$

- L initially constant (decrease in T compensated by increase in R and photon mean free path)
- For fixed E_{expl} less massive stars are brighter
- Large (tenuous) stars brighter than small (dense) stars (suffer less adiabatic degradation of thermal energy)

Physics of the expanding envelope: different physical stages

Energy conservation for the expanding SN envelope

$$d\varepsilon/dt + p d(1/\rho)/dt = Q - dL/dm$$

Basic assumptions:

- homologous expansion: $R = V_0^{1/3} t$
- uniform density ρ

1st phase

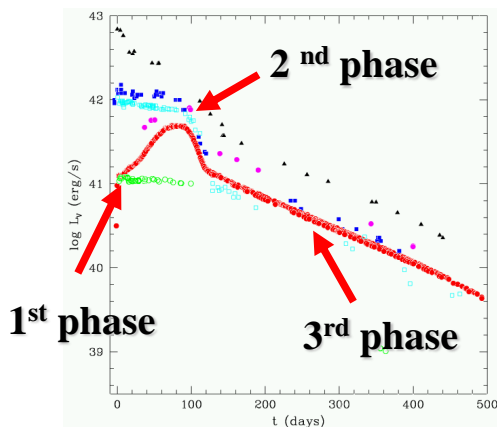
- Envelope hot, completely ionized and in LTE
- T decreases because of expansion and diffusion

2nd phase

- Formation of a recombination front
- Envelope divided in 2 regions, below and above the wavefront

3rd phase

- Ejecta transparent to optical photons
- Only radioactive decay energy input



Physics of the expanding envelope: different physical stages

1st phase

$$T^4(t, r) = T_0^4 \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^4 \psi(x) \phi(t)$$

$$L_{tot} = -(4\pi c a T_0^4) / (3\kappa \rho_0) [x^2 d\psi/dx]_{x=1} R_0 \phi(t)$$

2nd phase

$$T^4(t, r) = T_0^4 \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^4 \psi(y) \phi(t)$$

$$\phi(t) = \frac{3}{4} \kappa \rho_0 R_0 \left(\frac{T_{eff}}{T_0} \right)^4 \left(-y^2 \frac{d\psi}{dy} \right)_{y=1}^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right)^2 x_i$$

$$L = -(4\pi c a T_0^4) / (3\kappa \rho_0) [y^2 d\psi/dy]_{y=1} R_0 x_i \phi(t)$$

$$L_{r_i} = L + 4\pi r_i^2 v_i (a T_{eff}^4 / 2 + \rho Q_{ion})$$

$$L_{tot} = L_{r_i} + 4\pi \rho_0 R_0^3 X_{Ni} f(t) \int_{x_i}^1 x^2 \psi(x) dx$$

3rd phase

$$f(t) = [3.9 \times 10^{10} e^{-t/\tau_{Ni}} + 7.2 \times 10^9 \times (e^{-t/\tau_{Co}} - e^{-t/\tau_{Ni}})] \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

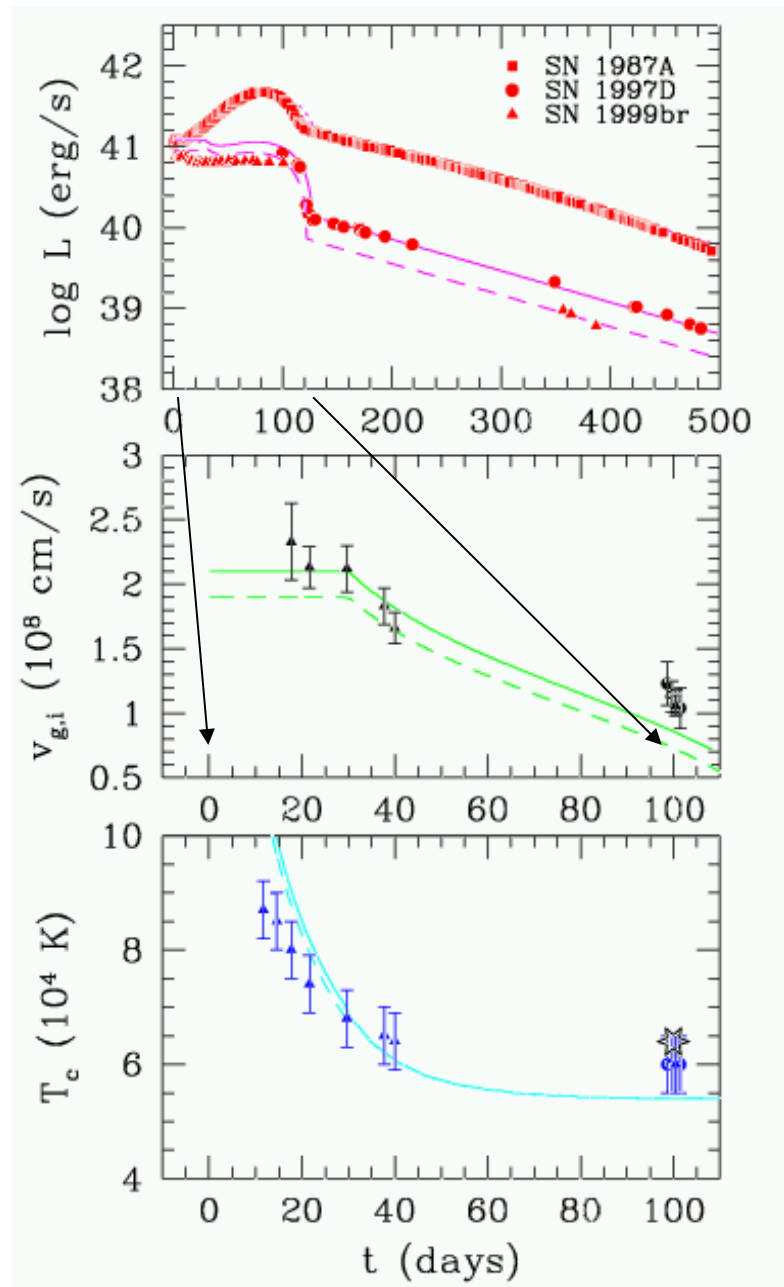
$$L_{tot} = 4\pi \rho_0 R_0^3 X_{Ni} f(t) \int_0^1 x^2 \psi(x) dx$$

$$L_{tot} = M_{Ni} f(t)$$

$$M_{Ni} = 4\pi \rho_0 R_0^3 \int x^2 \psi(x) dx$$

Assuming complete
gamma-ray trapping,
from the late time
LC \rightarrow Mni

$$x=r/R, x_i=r_i/R, y=x/x_i$$



Zampieri et al. (2003)

Physics of the expanding envelope: Full radiation-hydrodynamics calculation

(Relativistic) radiation hydrodynamic equations of the expanding ejecta in spherically symmetry (Zampieri et al. 1996, 1998; Balberg et al. 2000; Pumo and Zampieri 2011)

LANL TOPS opacities and ionization fractions (Magee et al. 1995), extended at $T < 5.8 \times 10^3$ K) using the tables of Alexander & Ferguson (1994)

$Q \rightarrow$ Energy (per unit mass and time) released by the decays of all the radioactive isotopes. A fraction $(1 - \exp(-\tau_\gamma))$ of gamma rays is absorbed locally and the rest escapes. $f^+(t) \rightarrow e^+$ channel

Other radiation-hydro calculations by e.g. Blinnikov et al. 1998; Iwamoto et al. 2000; Chieffi et al. 2003; Young 2004; Kasen & Woosley 2009; Bersten et al. 2011

$$\epsilon_{,t} + ak_P(B - w_0) + p \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right)_{,t} = Q \quad \text{energy eq.,} \quad (1)$$

$$(w_0)_{,t} - ak_P \rho (B - w_0) + w_0 \left[\frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{b_{,t}}{b} + 2 \frac{r_{,t}}{r} \right) + f \left(\frac{b_{,t}}{b} - \frac{r_{,t}}{r} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{abr^2} (w_1 a^2 r^2)_{,\mu} = 0 \quad \text{zero-th moment eq.,} \quad (2)$$

$$(w_1)_{,t} + ak_R \rho w_1 + 2w_1 \left(\frac{b_{,t}}{b} + \frac{r_{,t}}{r} \right) + a \left[\frac{1}{3a^4 b} (w_0 a^4)_{,\mu} + \frac{1}{3br^3} (f w_0 a r^3)_{,\mu} \right] = 0 \quad \text{first moment eq.,} \quad (3)$$

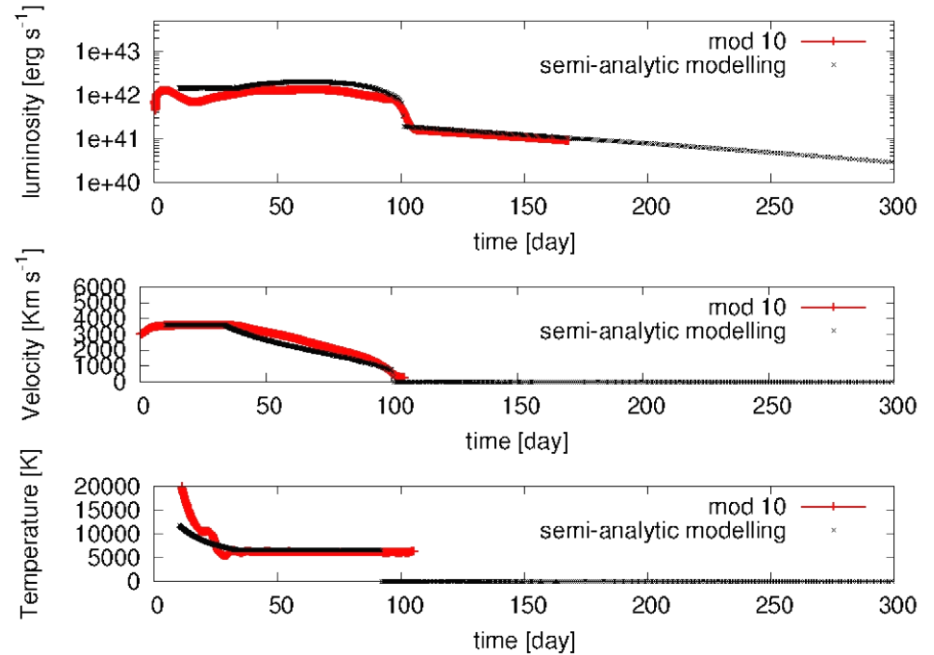
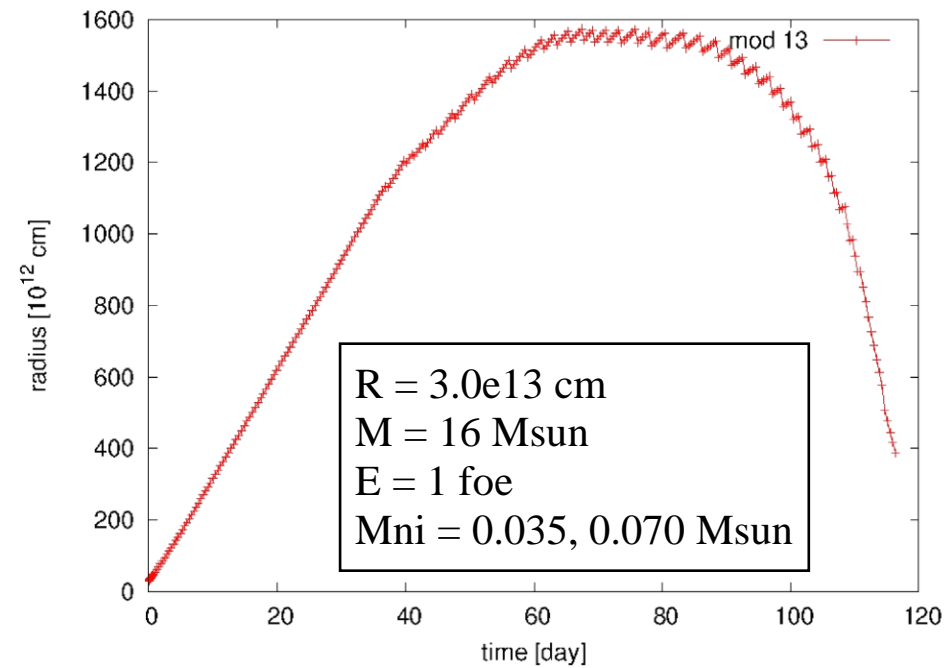
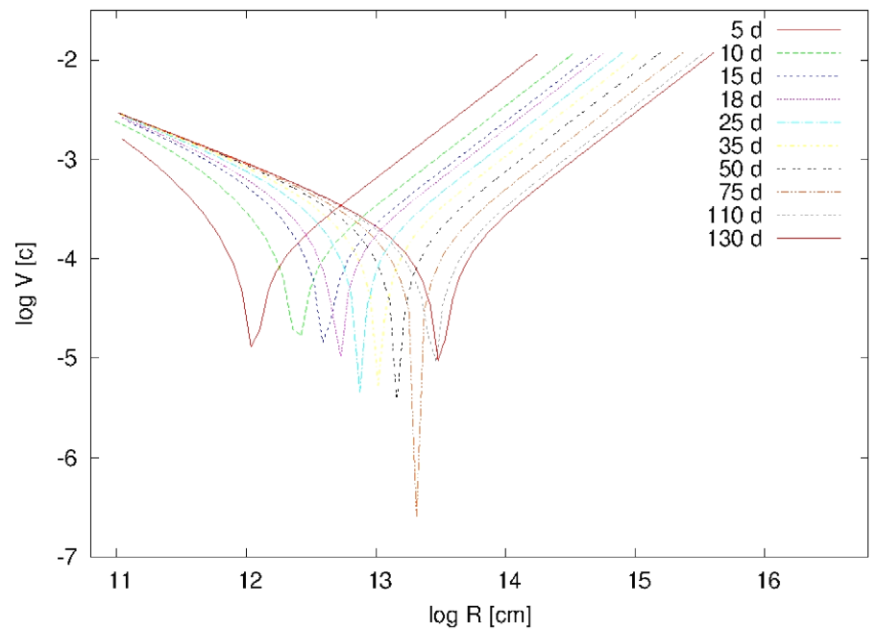
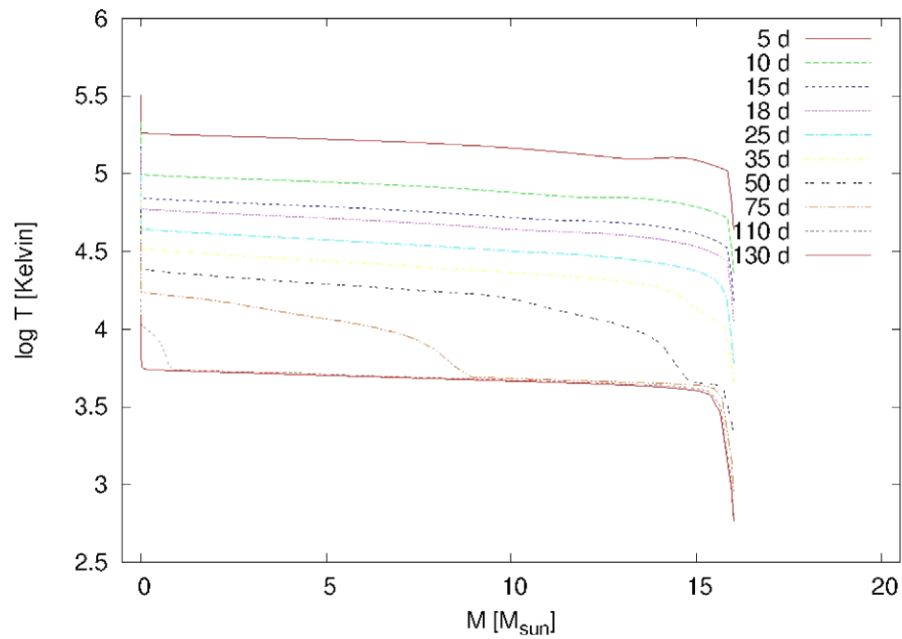
$$Q = \sum X \psi [f(t) (1 - \exp(-\tau_\gamma)) + f^+(t)]$$

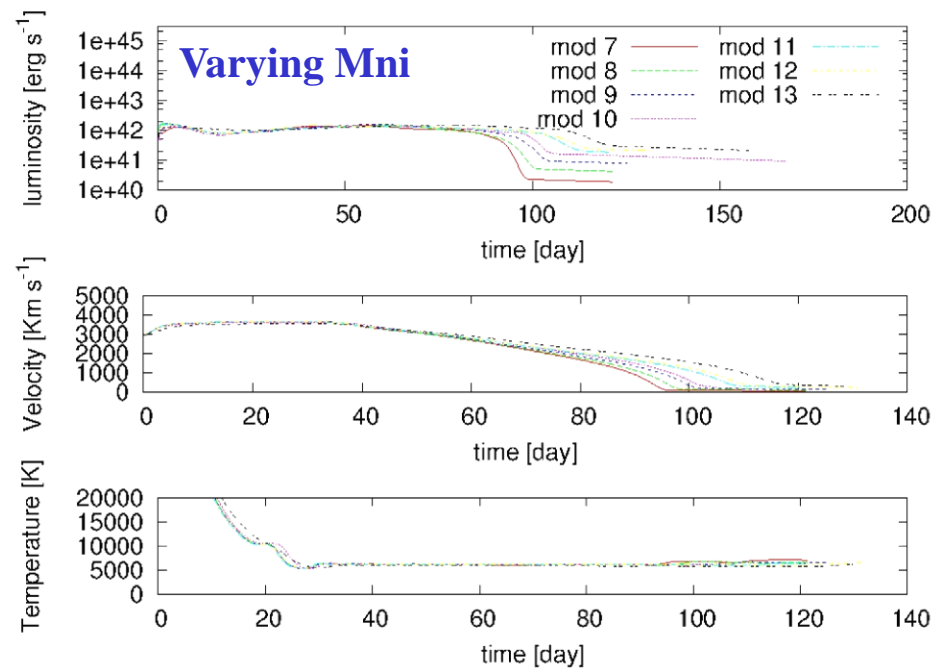
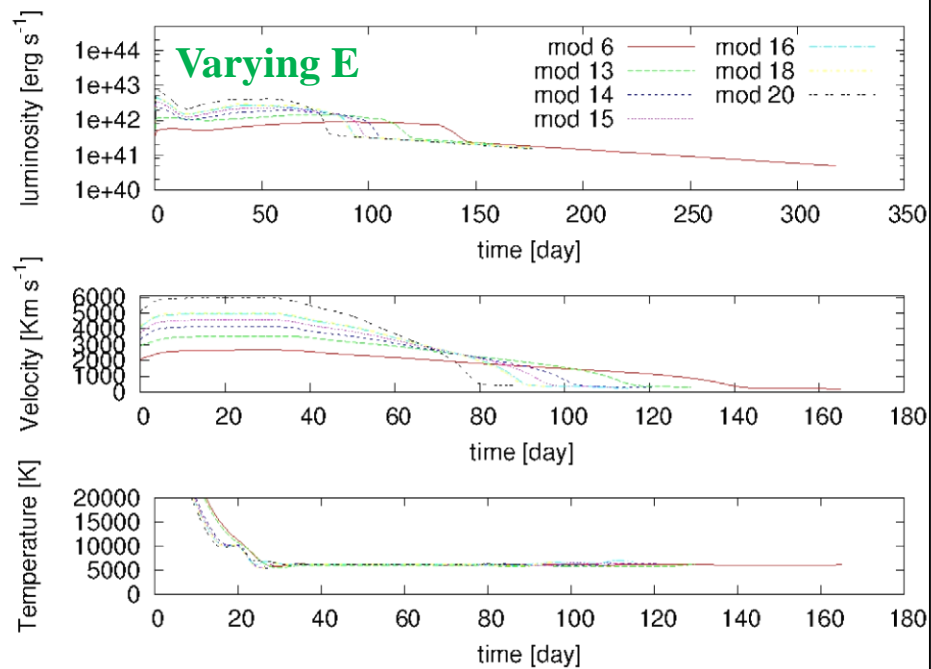
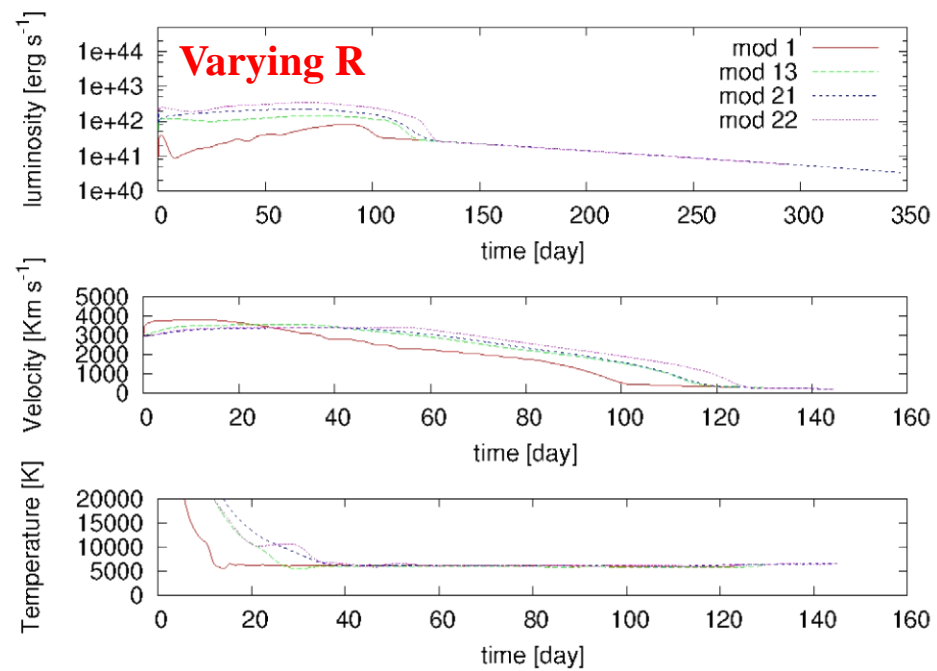
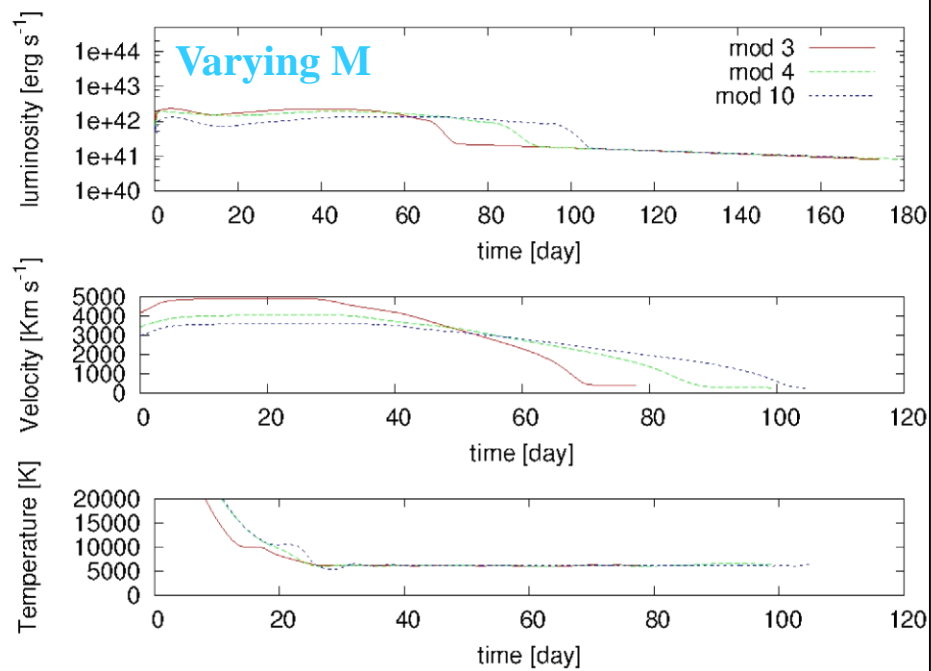
$$f(t) = \epsilon_\gamma \exp(-t/\tau) \quad f^+(t) = \epsilon_{e^+}$$

isotope	ϵ_γ [erg g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	ϵ_{e^+} [erg g ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	τ [days]
⁵⁶ Ni	3.90×10^{10}	0	8.8
⁵⁶ Co	6.40×10^9	2.24×10^8	111.3
⁵⁷ Co	6.81×10^8	0	391.0
⁴⁴ Ti	2.06×10^8	6.54×10^7	3.28×10^4

NOTE. — Data taken from Woosley, Pinto, & Hartmann (1989) and Shigeyama & Nomoto (1990).

Type II SN light curves and evolution of photospheric velocity and temperature





Type I SN light curves

Physics of the expanding envelope: radioactive heating and small initial radius

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- uniform density ρ
- small initial radius: $R_0 \rightarrow 0$

Solution obtained by separation of variables (Arnett 1982)

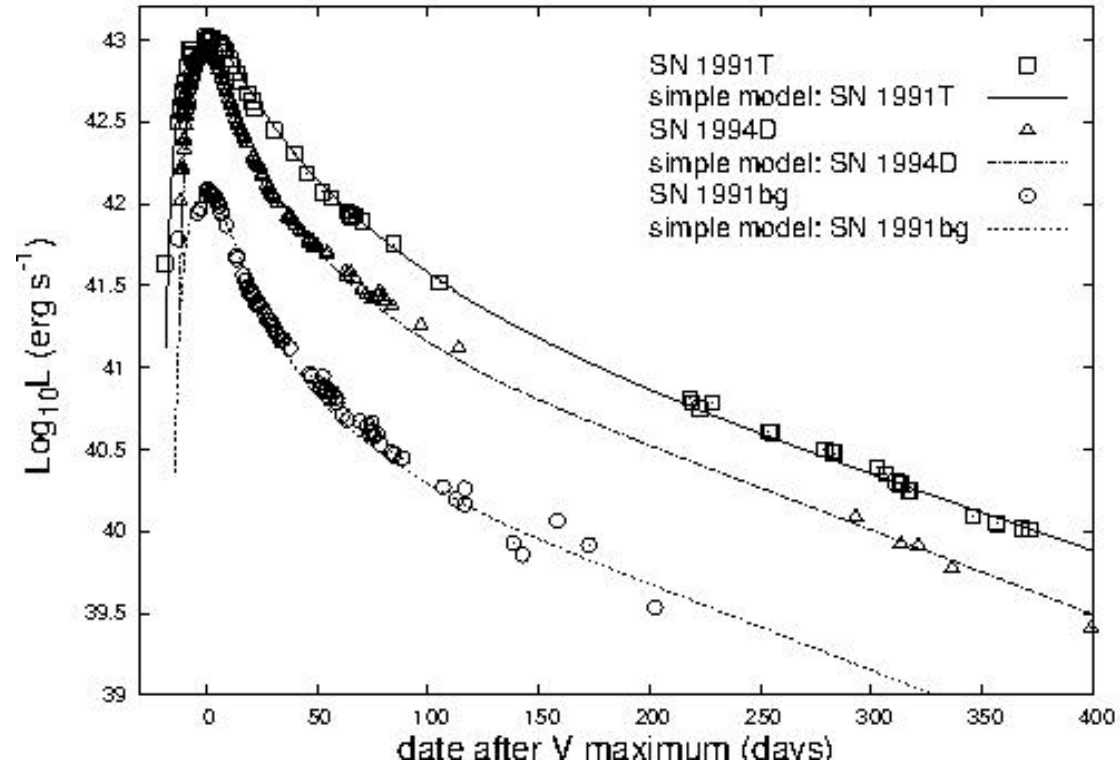
$$Q = \psi(r) f(t)$$

$$L = \varepsilon_\gamma M_{\text{Ni}} \text{Lambda}(t, y)$$

$$dL/dt=0 \rightarrow L_{\text{max}} = \varepsilon_\gamma M_{\text{Ni}} \exp(-t_{\text{max}}/\tau_{\text{Ni}})$$

- At maximum light the diffusion luminosity equals the radioactive energy input
- Assuming a similar rise time to maximum, **L_{max}** depends mostly on the amount of Ni in the ejecta
- Can be used to estimate **M_{Ni}** . Assuming $t_{\text{max}} = 19$ days (Stritzinger et al. 2005):

$$\textcolor{red}{L_{\text{max}} = 2.0e43 (M_{\text{Ni}}/M_{\text{sun}}) \text{ erg/s}}$$

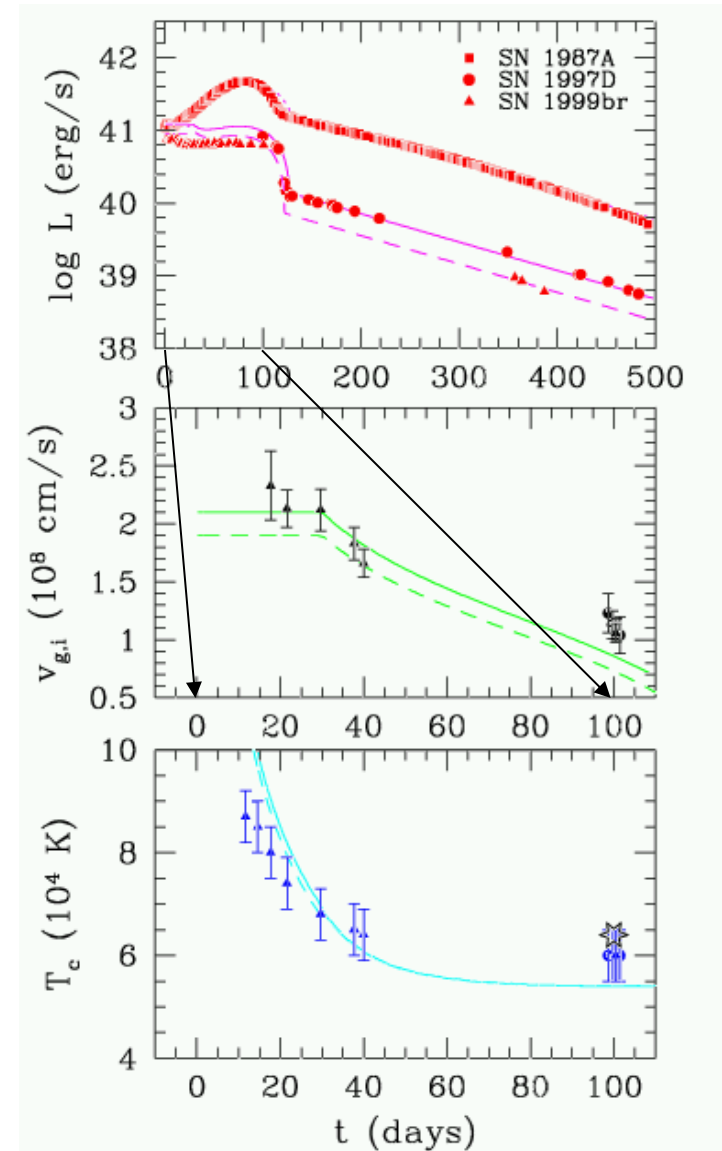
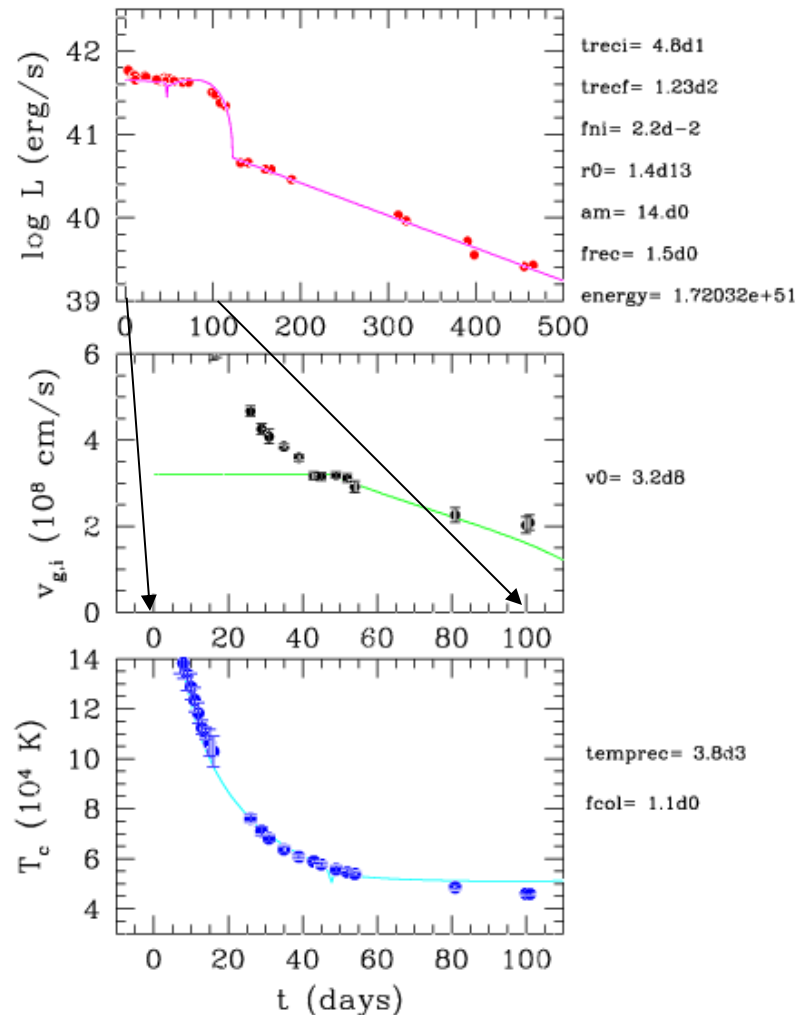


Valenti et al. (2008)

Light curve fitting and ejecta parameters estimation

Simultaneous 'fit' of

- UBVRI luminosity
- Velocity of metal (Sc II) lines (velocity of the gas at the wavefront/photosphere)
- Continuum temperature (Planckian fit)



Zampieri et al. (2003)

Modelling the light curve, temperature and velocity: SN 2003Z

$$R_0 = (1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}$$

$$M = 22^{+2}_{-2} M_{\odot}$$

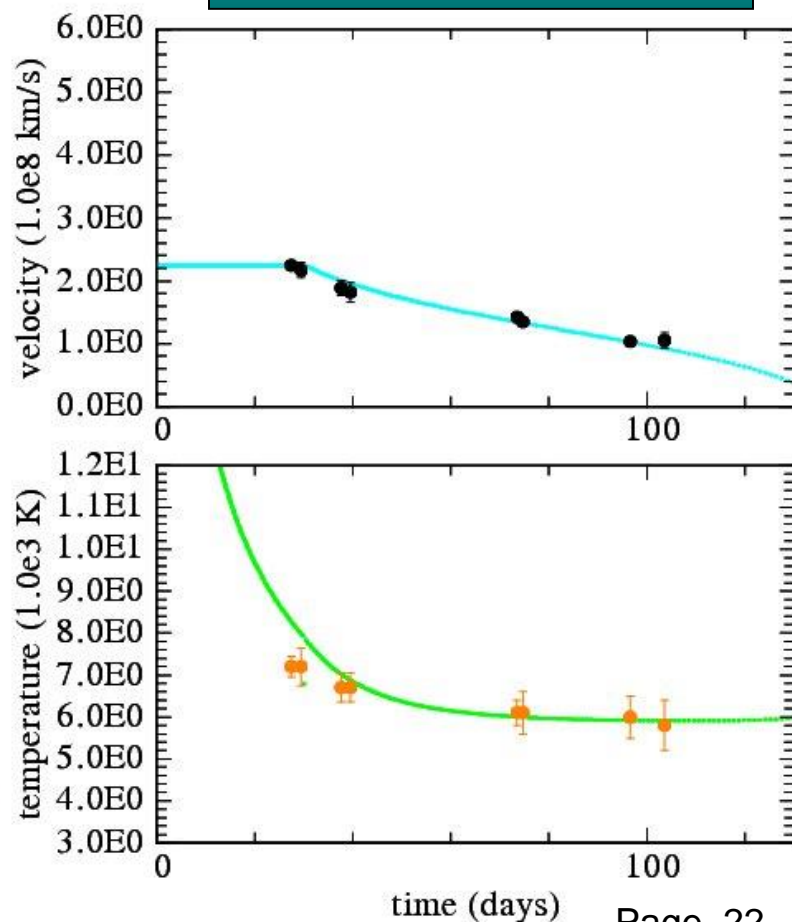
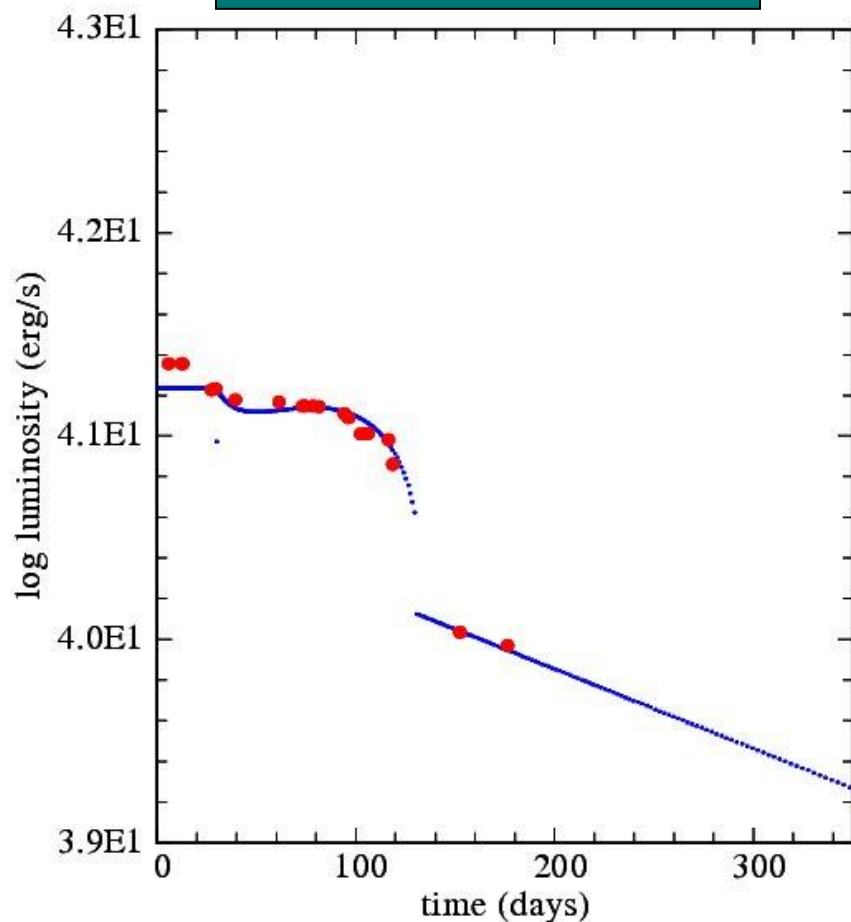
$$V_0 = 2200^{+300}_{-300} \text{ km/s}$$

SN 2003Z

$$E = 1.3 \text{ foe}$$

$$t_{\text{plateau}} = 130 \text{ days}$$

$$M_{\text{Ni}} = 0.006 M_{\odot}$$



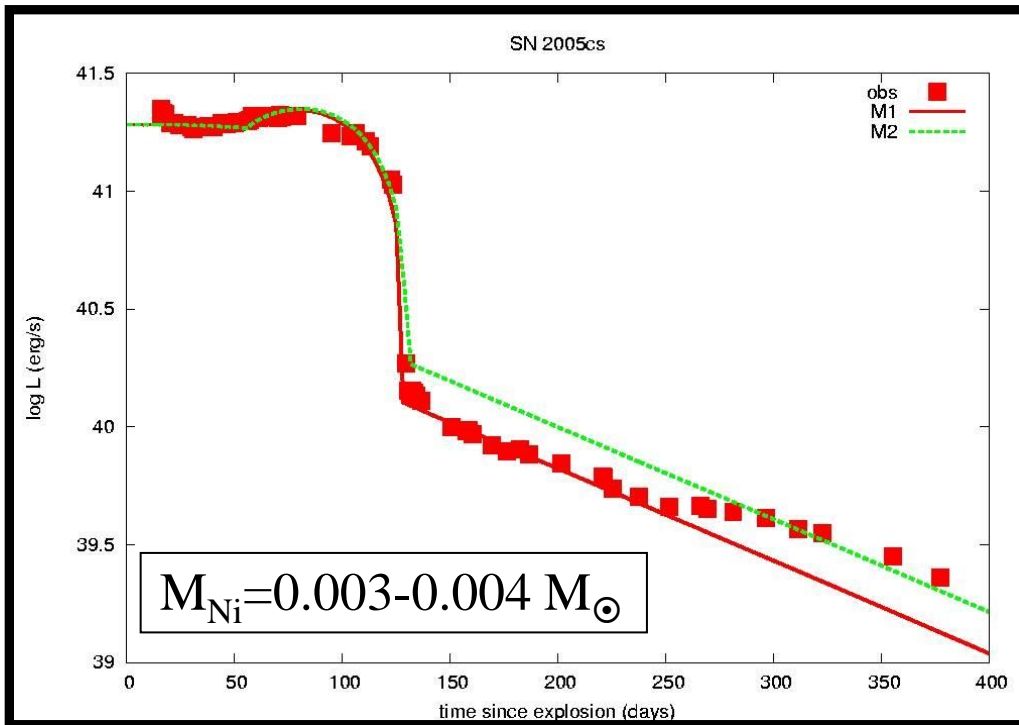
Modeling SNe

More accurate modelling of the SN ejecta involves:

- 1) 2D and 3D hydrodynamic calculations (e.g. Maeda et al. 2002)
- 2) Realistic initial conditions (e.g. Woosley and Weaver 1995; Chieffi and Limongi 2004; Limongi and Chieffi 2010)
- 3) Frequency-dependent radiative transfer and spectral synthesis calculations, with detailed treatment of line blanketing and departures from LTE (e.g. Stehle et al. 2005; Dessart and Hillier 2011, 2012)
- 4) Joining all of the above

Faint core-collapse SNe, progenitor detections and Ni yields

SN 2005cs: a faint core-collapse SN with progenitor detection

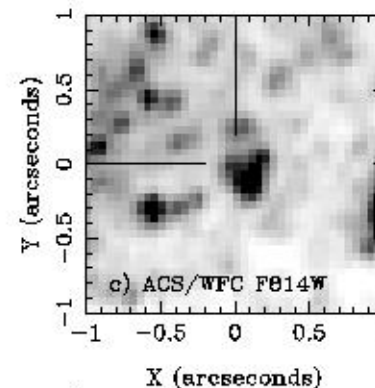


R_0	V_0	M
Initial radius of the ejecta	Outermost ejecta velocity	Ejected mass
$5-7 \times 10^{12}$ cm	1500-1700 km/s	$8-14 M_{\odot}$

Pastorello et al. (2005)

Detection of progenitor on HST pre-explosion images (Maund et al. 2005; Smartt et al. 2008):

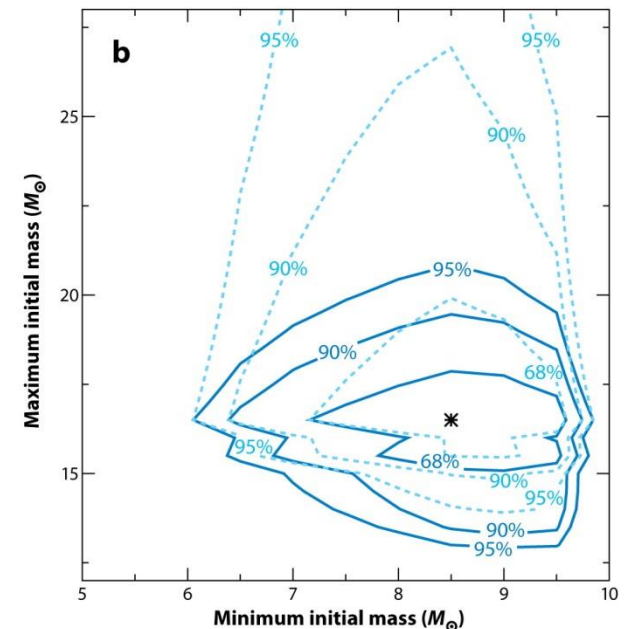
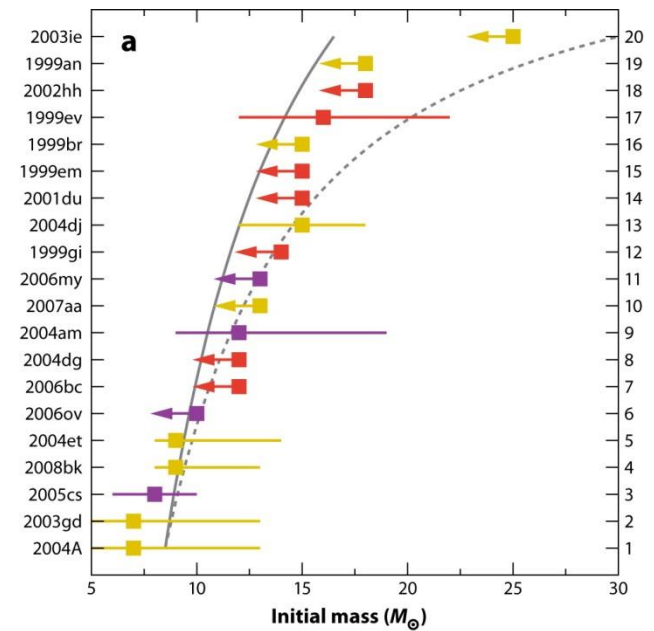
$$M_* = 6-12 M_{\odot}$$



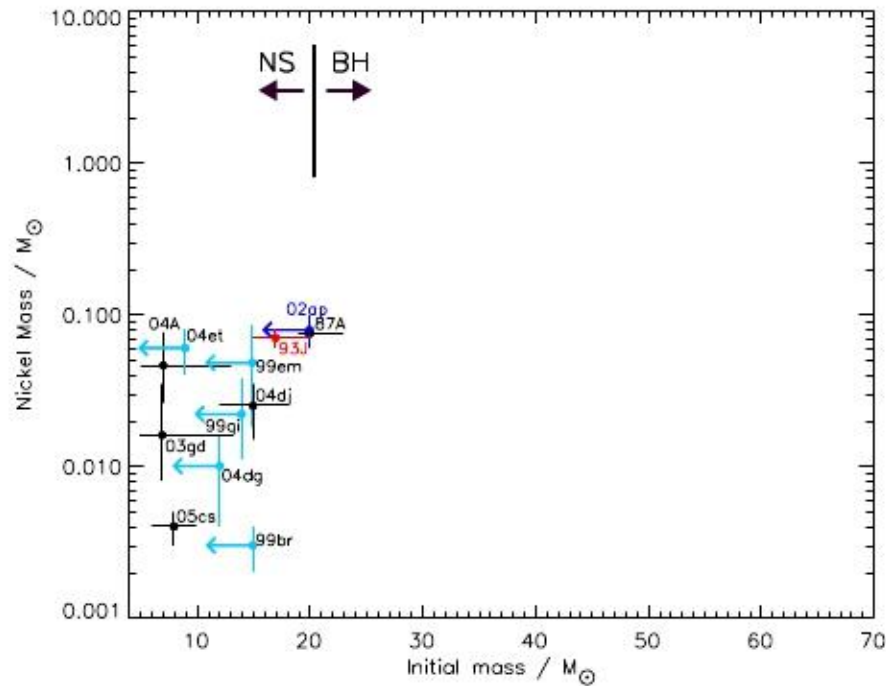
Maund et al. (2005)

Progenitor detections and Type II SNe

- A 10.5 yr, volume limited search for SN progenitors (Smartt et al. 2008, 2009ab)
- Most progenitors are red supergiants and have $M = 7\text{-}20 M_{\text{sun}}$
- What is the fate of progenitors with $M > 20 M_{\text{sun}}$?



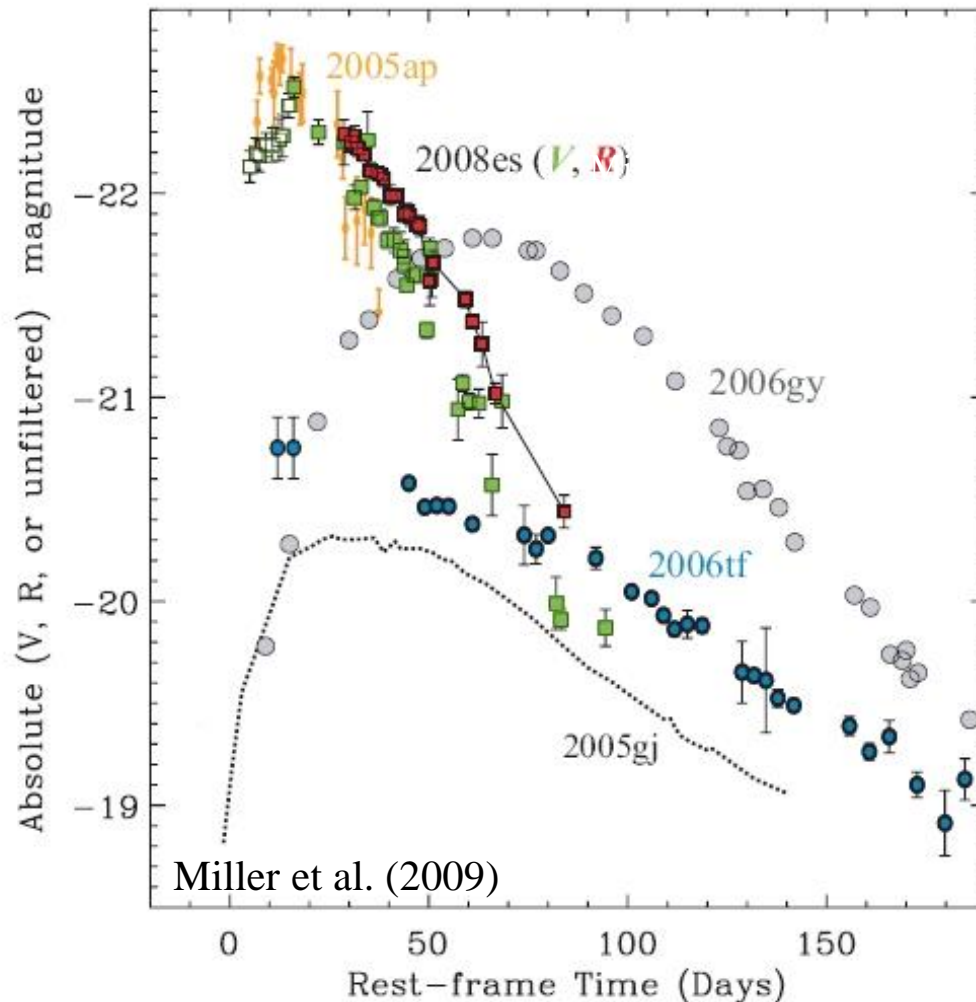
Progenitor detections and Type II SNe: Ni yields



Smartt (2009)

**Ejecta-Circumstellar interaction/collision
and very luminous CC SNe**

Exceptionally luminous Type II SNe



Wide-field optical imaging surveys with increasing depth and time coverage (e.g. Bramich et al. 2008) are unveiling a variety of transients

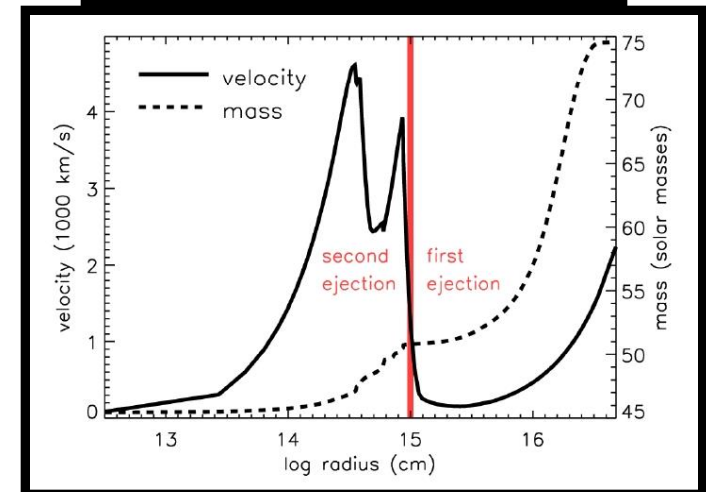
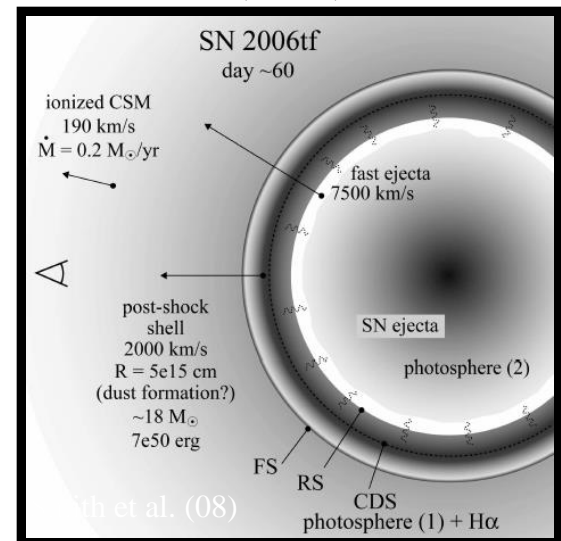
The Texas SN search (Quimby 2006) uncovered the five most luminous SNe to date:

- SN 2005ap (Quimby et al 2007)
- SN 2008am (Yuan et al. 2008)
- SN 2006gy (Ofek et al. 2007; Simth et al. 2007, 2008b)
- SN 2006tf (Simth et al. 2008a)
- SN 2008es (Miller et al. 2009)

Exceptionally luminous events: explosion of the most massive stars?

- **Opaque, shocked-shell model** (Smith & McCray 2007; Smith et al. 2008):
 - * Conversion of kinetic energy of the ejecta into thermal energy to be radiated with little adiabatic loss ($t_{\text{diff}} \sim t_{\text{exp}}$)
 - * Ejecta imping on a massive ($\sim 10 M_{\odot}$) shell at large radius produced by the star ~ 10 years before explosion (mass loss $\sim 1 M_{\odot}/\text{year}$)
- **Pulsational pair instability SN model** (Woosley et al. 2007) for stars with main sequence mass 95-130 M_{\odot} :
 - * Collision of two shells launched when the core becomes thermally unstable against the creation of electron-positron pairs

Smith et al. (2008)



Woosley et al. (2007)

Exceptionally luminous events: explosion of the most massive stars?



- A different view of 2006gy: energetic SN impinging on massive clumps (Agnolotto et al. 2006)

- *CSM distributed in massive clumps at large radius → the SN is not completely hidden*
- *CC-SN from a compact progenitor*
- *Impact of ejecta on clumps triggers another ‘explosion’*

