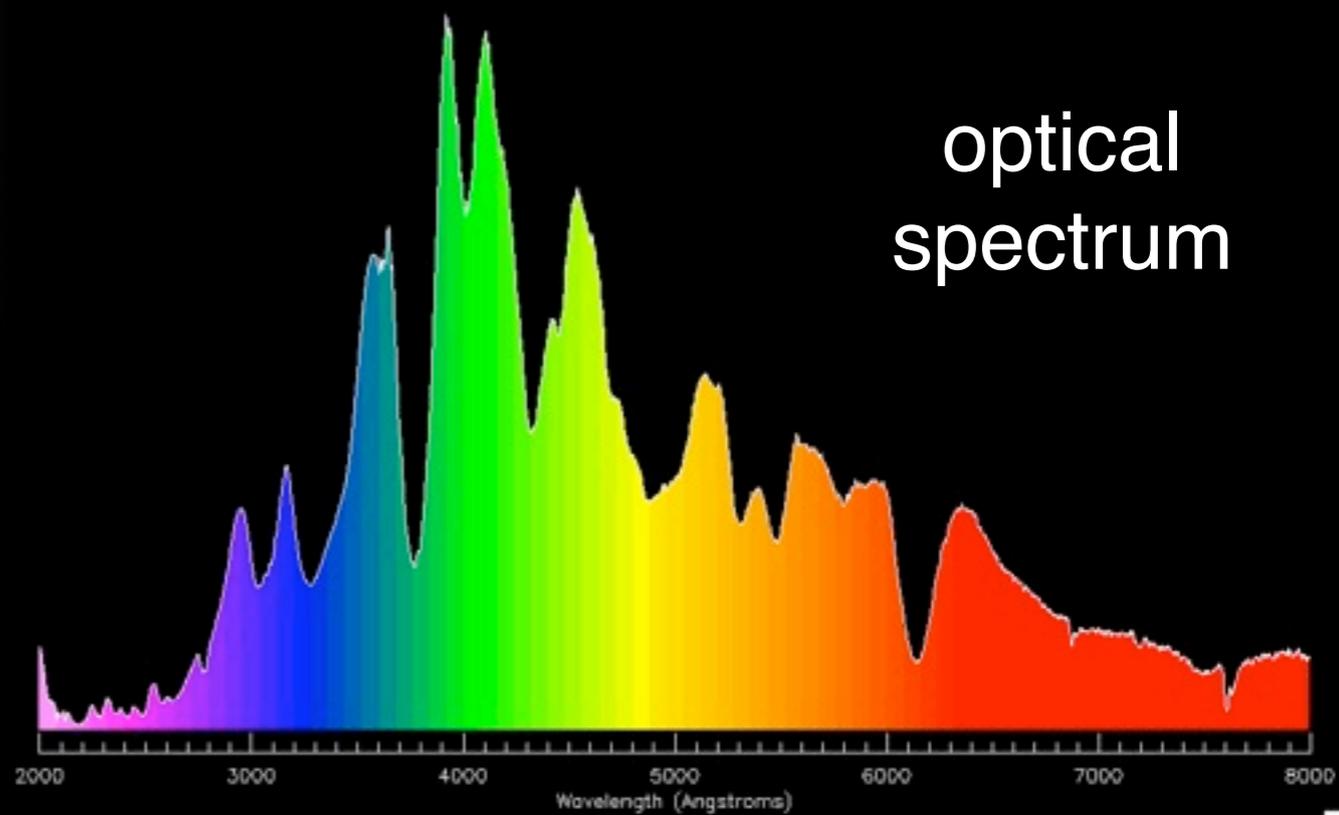
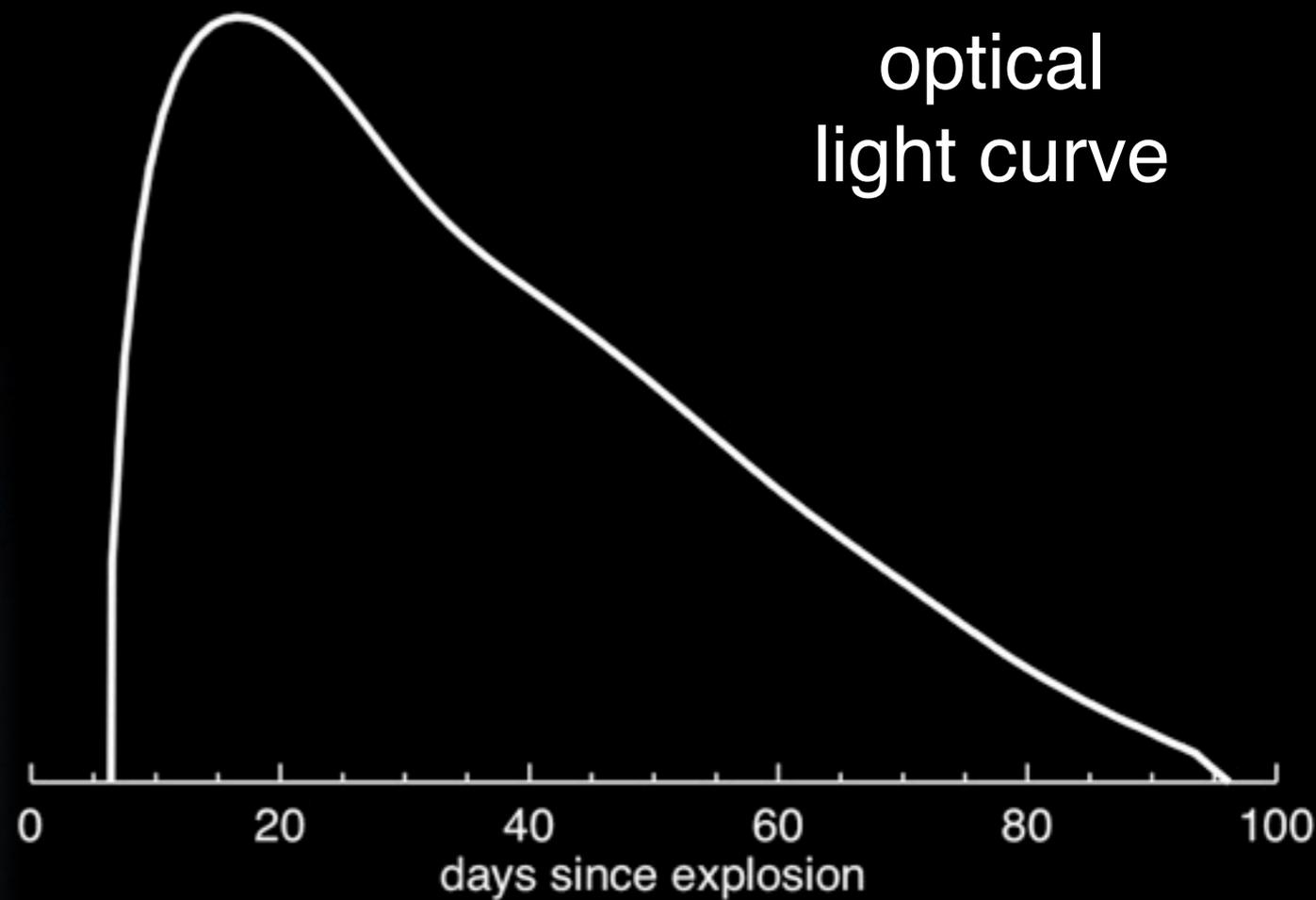
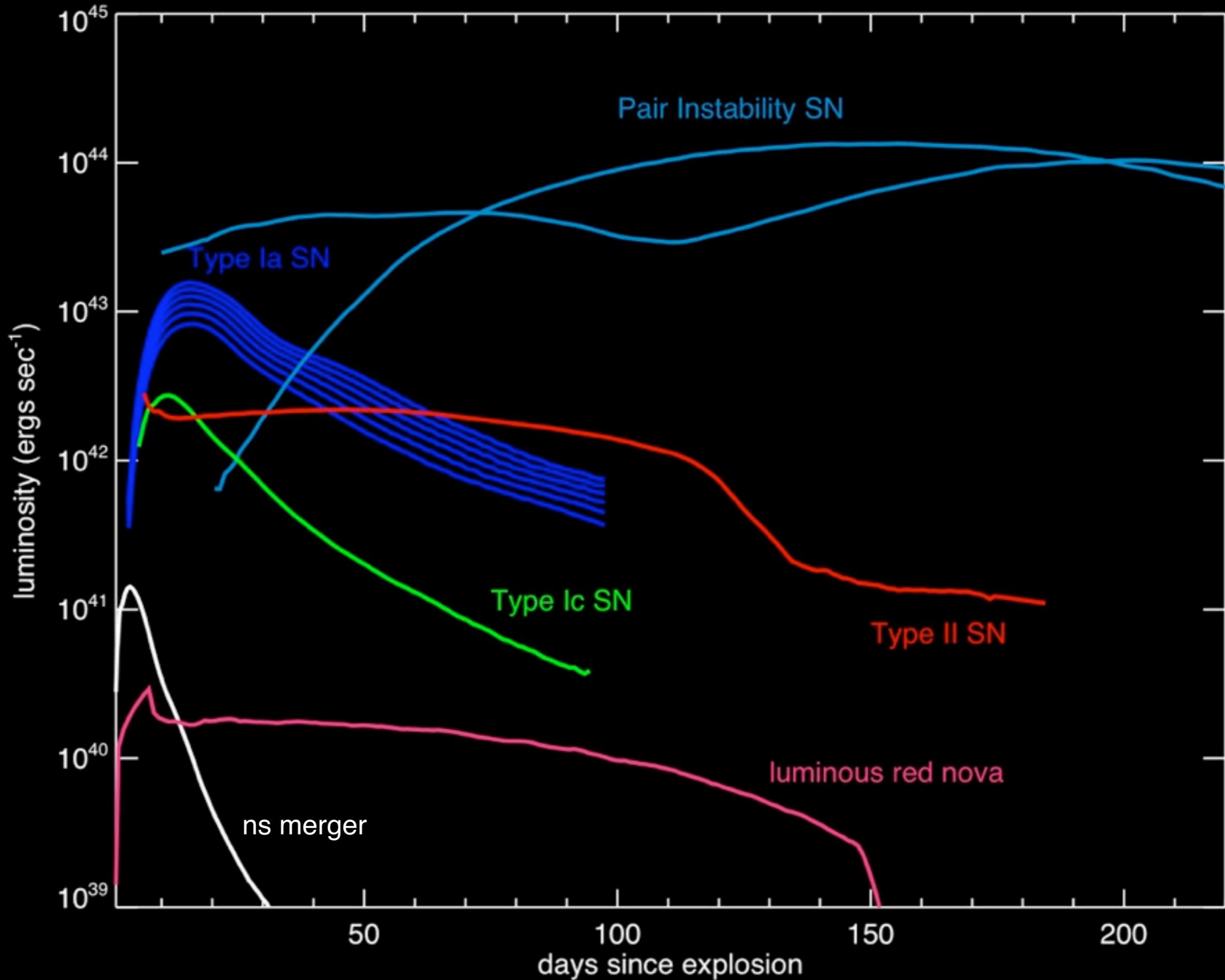


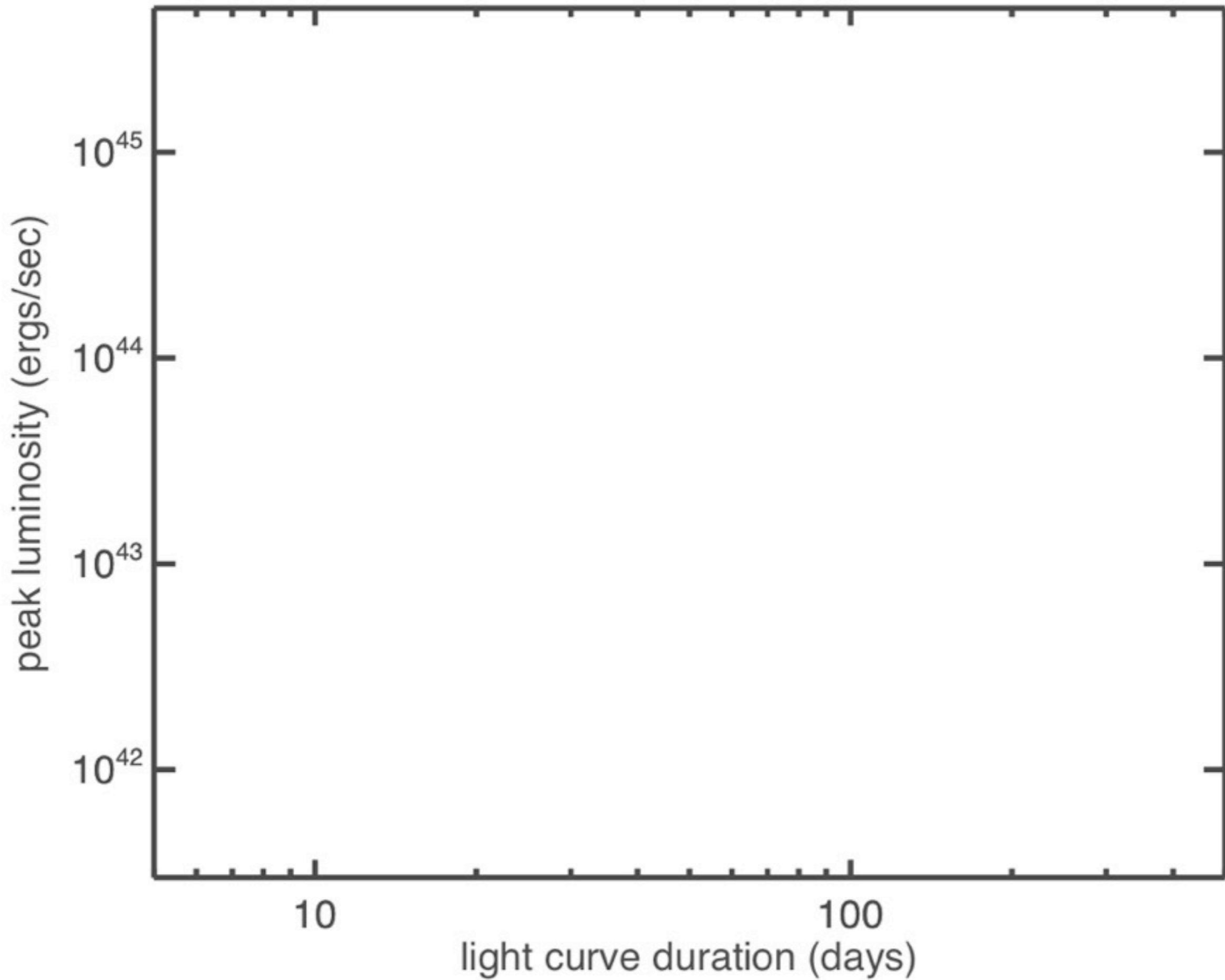
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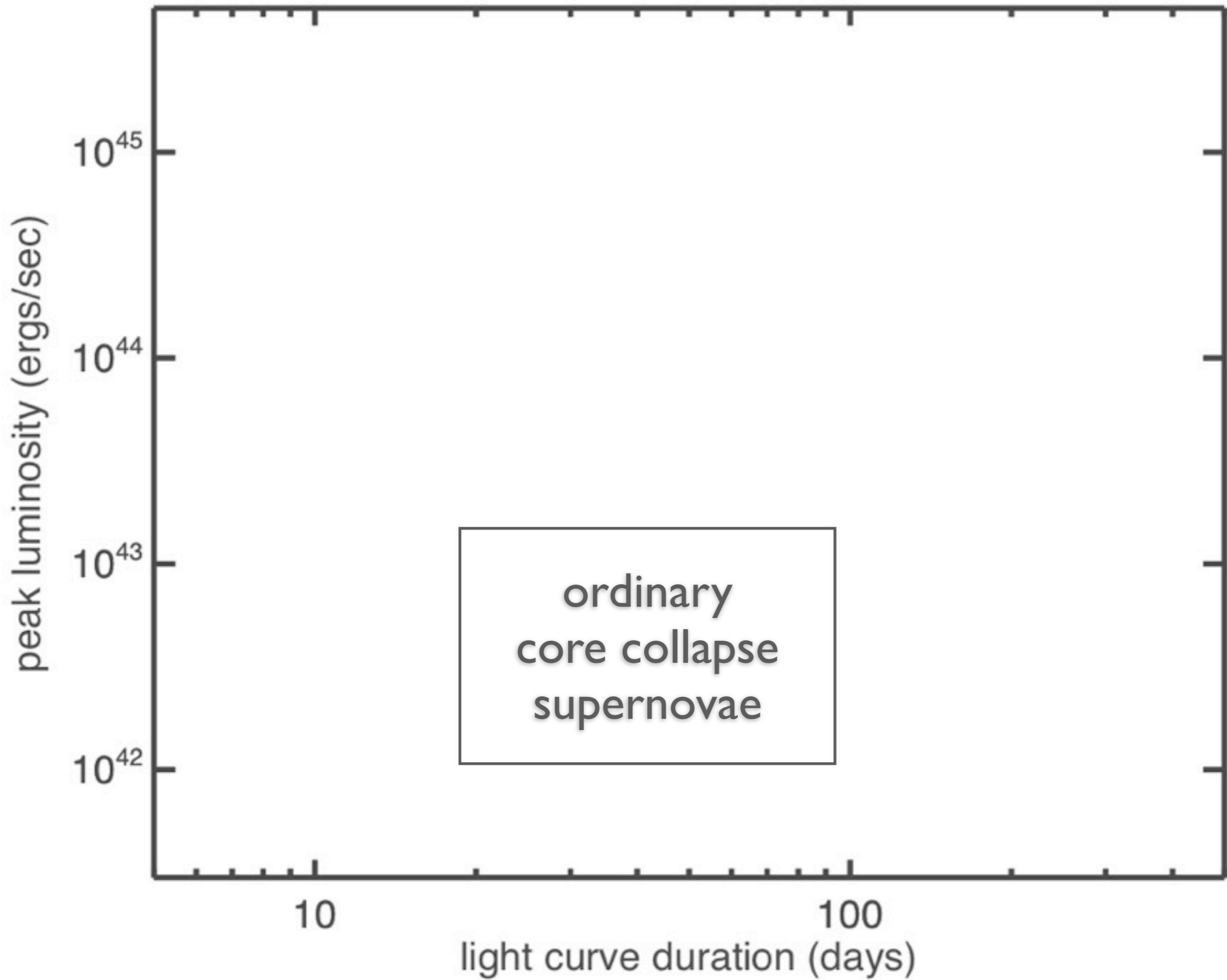
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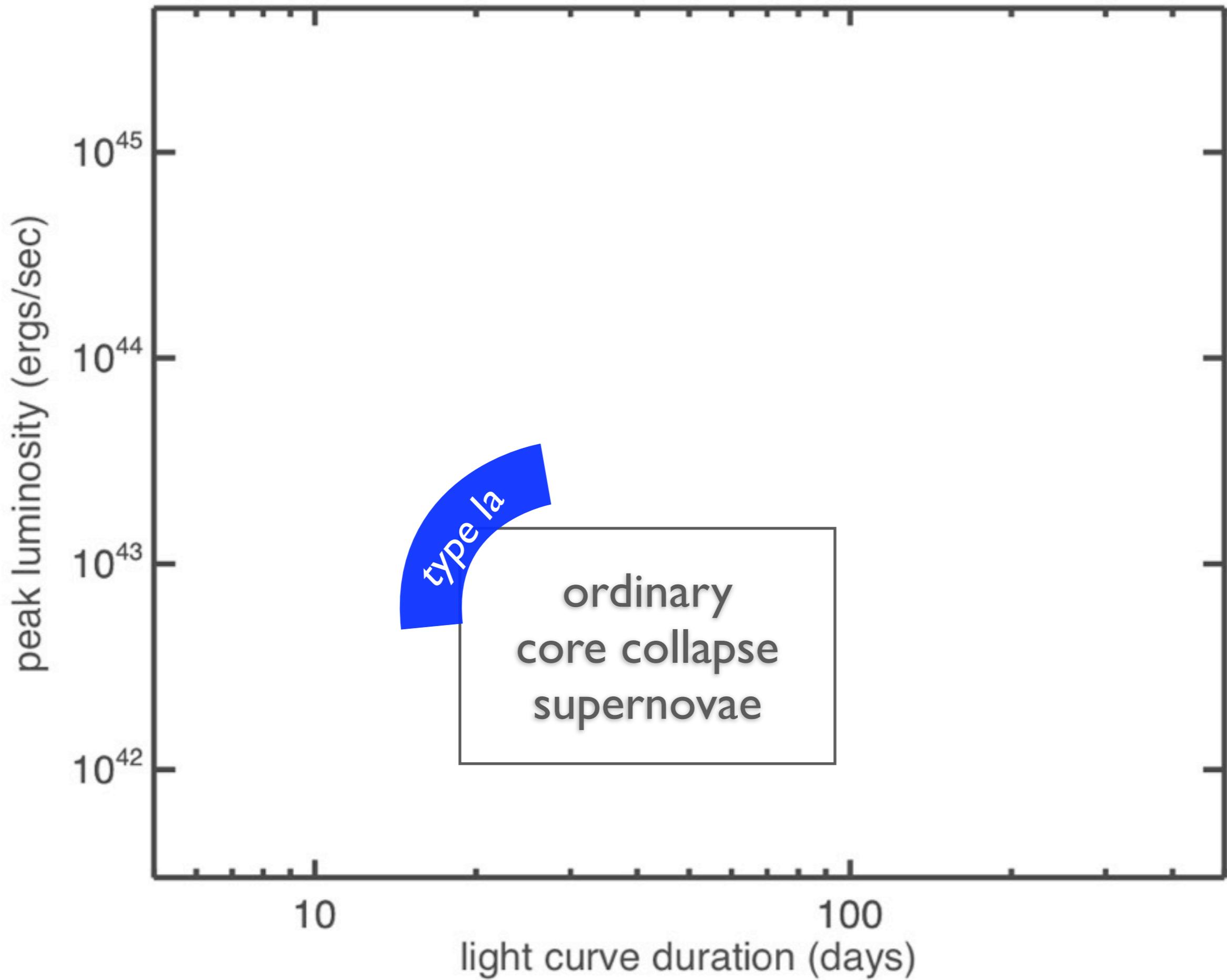
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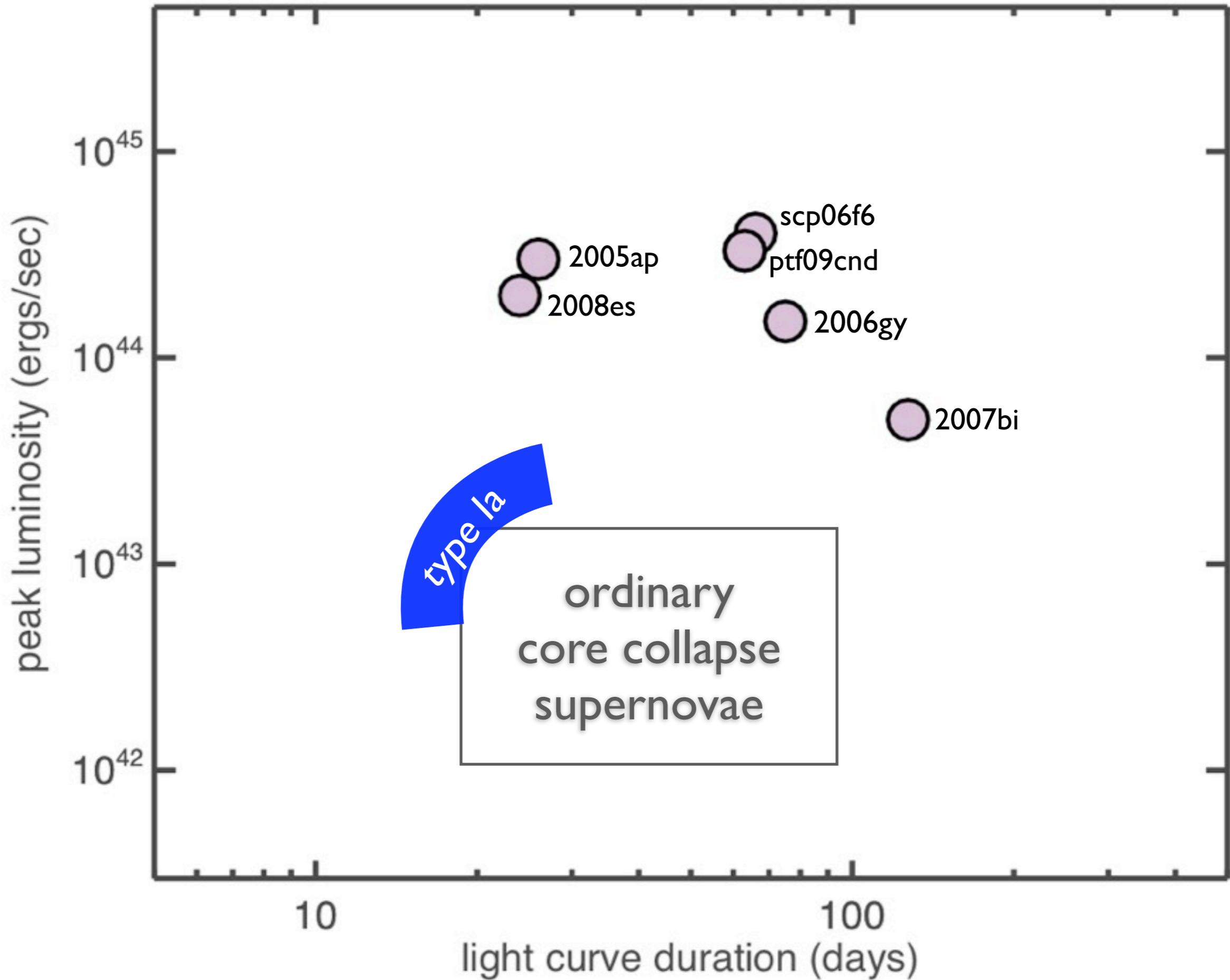












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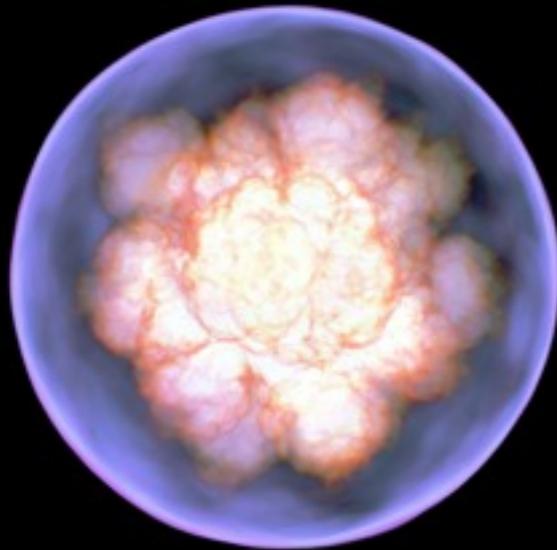


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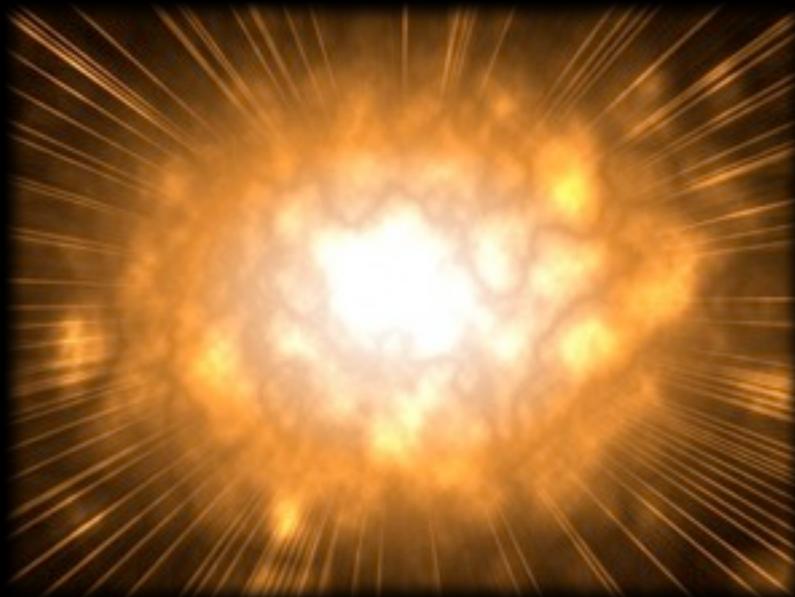


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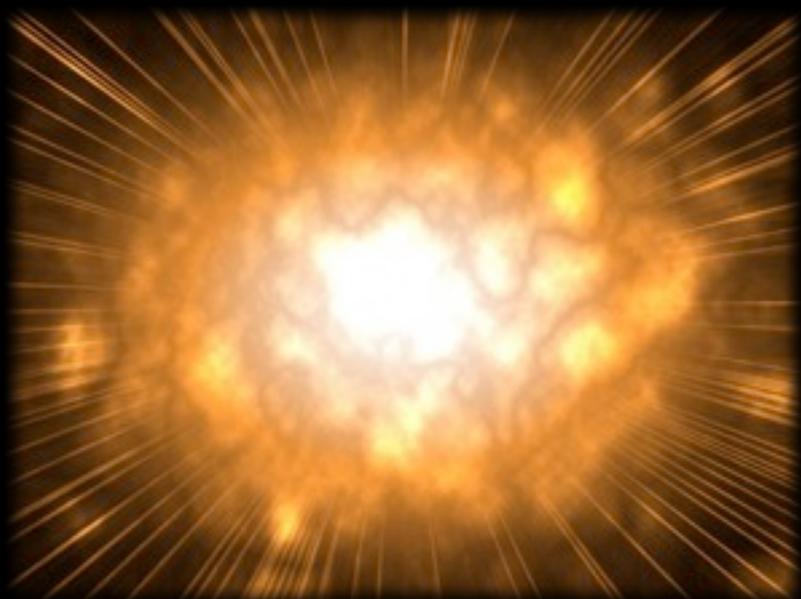


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## simple description

|              |                                   |                         |                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| take a       | white dwarf                       | helium star             | red giant                     |
| with a mass  | $1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$              | $\sim 5 M_{\text{sun}}$ | $10\text{-}20 M_{\text{sun}}$ |
| and a radius | $10^9 \text{ cm}$                 | $10^{11} \text{ cm}$    | $10^{13} \text{ cm}$          |
| dump in      | $\sim 10^{51} \text{ ergs}$       |                         |                               |
|              | hydro, burning, neutrinos, etc... |                         |                               |
| get a        | type Ia                           | type Ib/Ic              | type II                       |

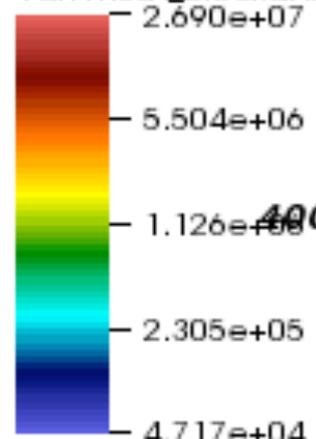
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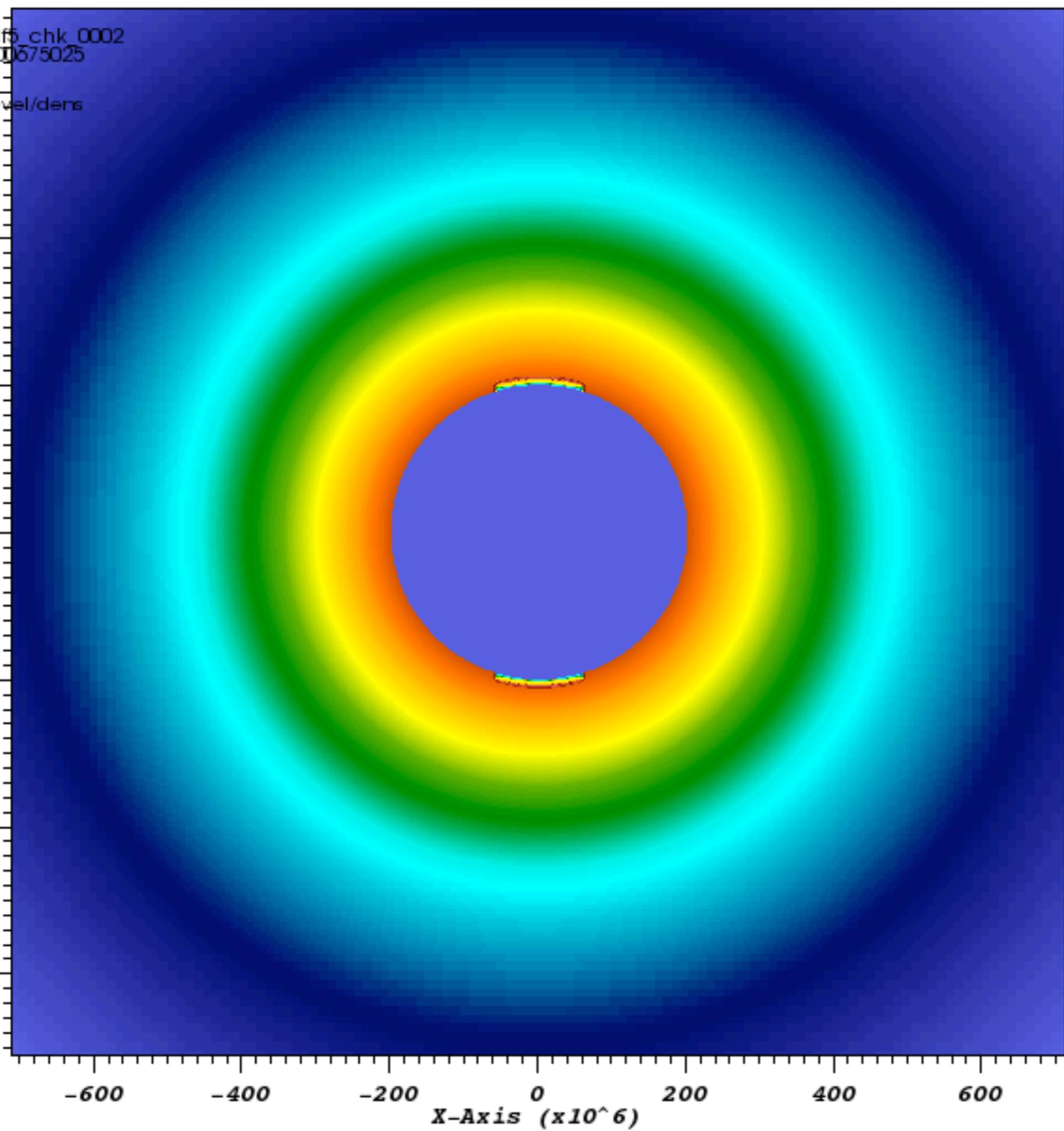
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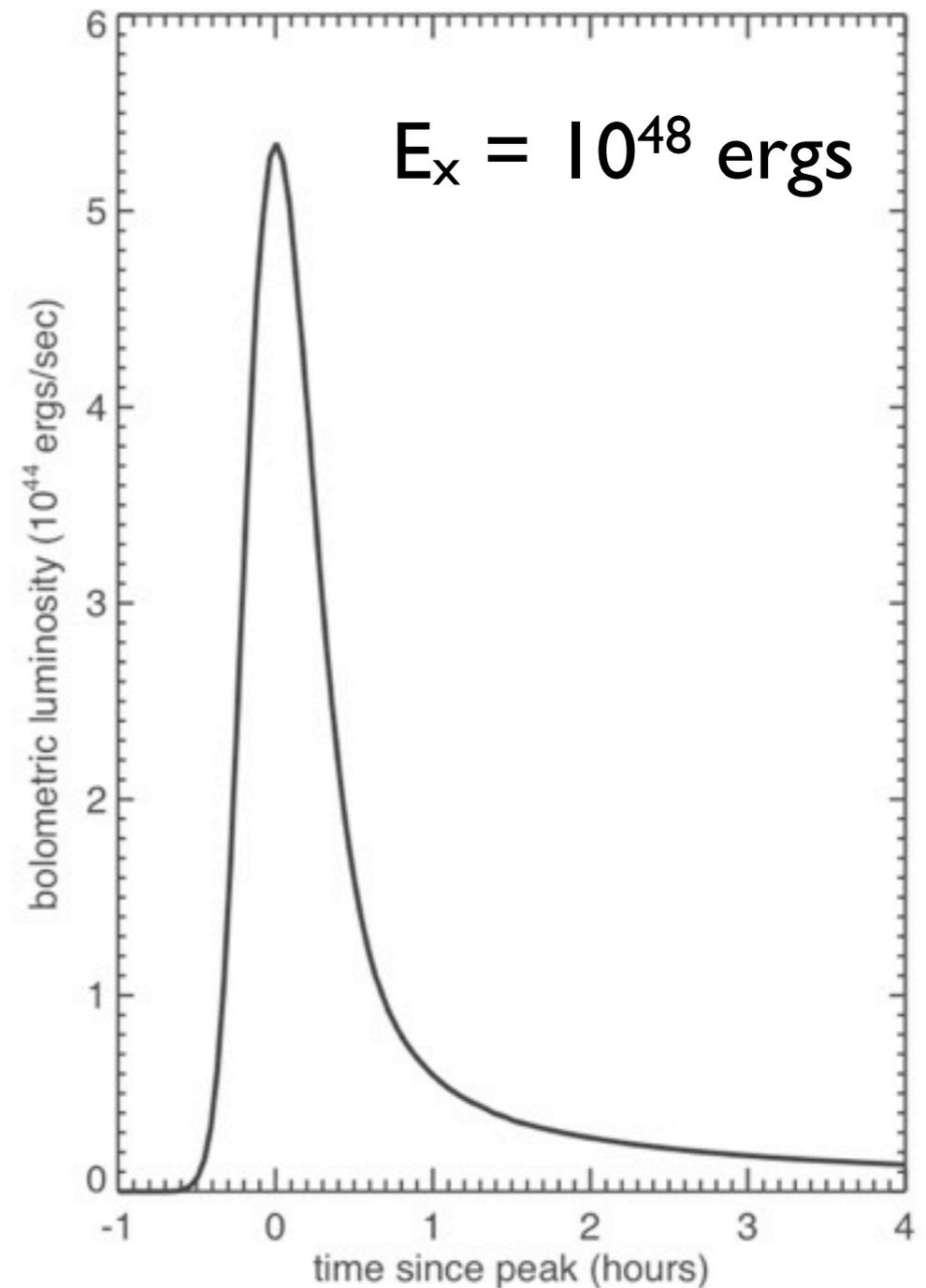
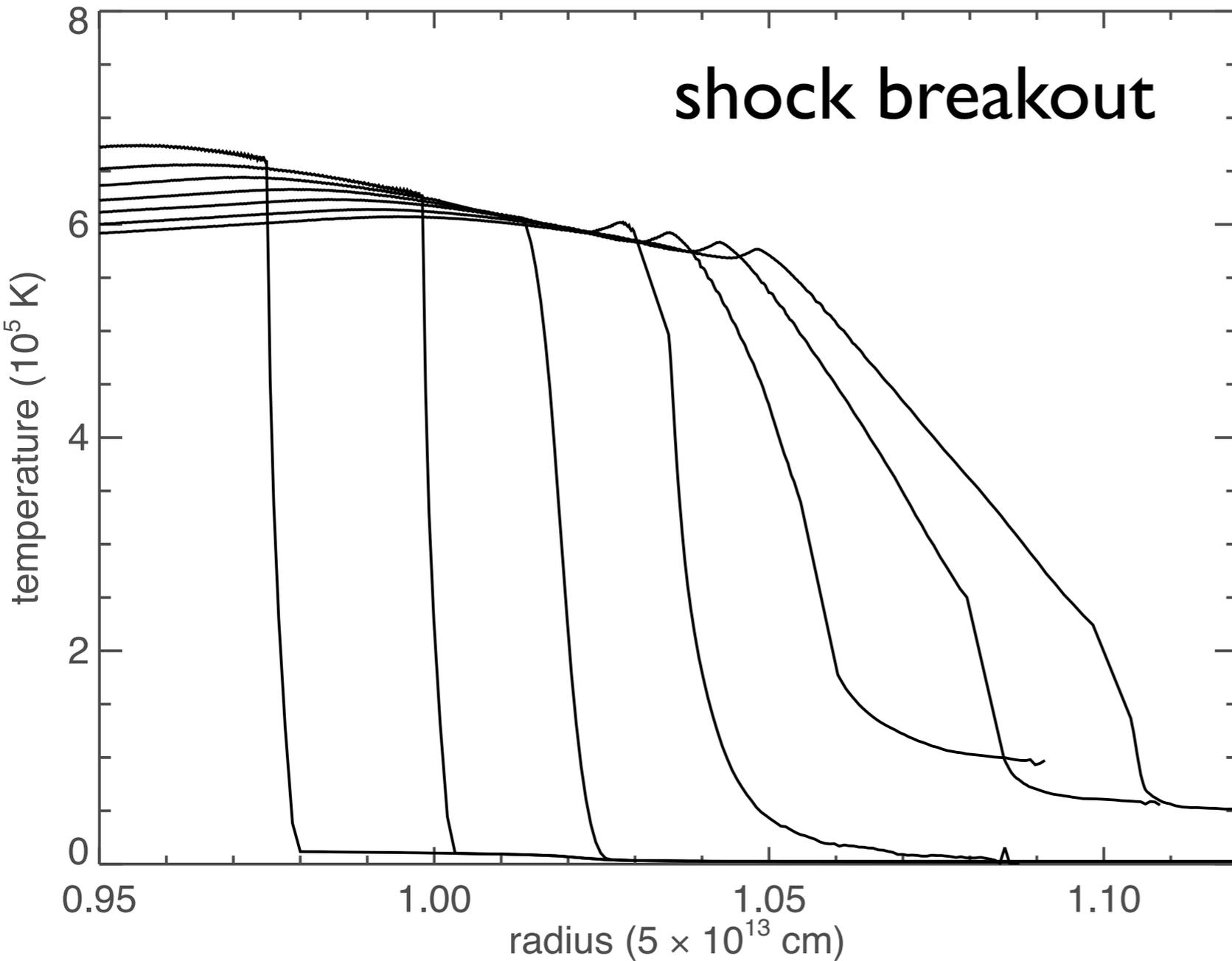
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shock breakout x-ray burst from a red super-giant



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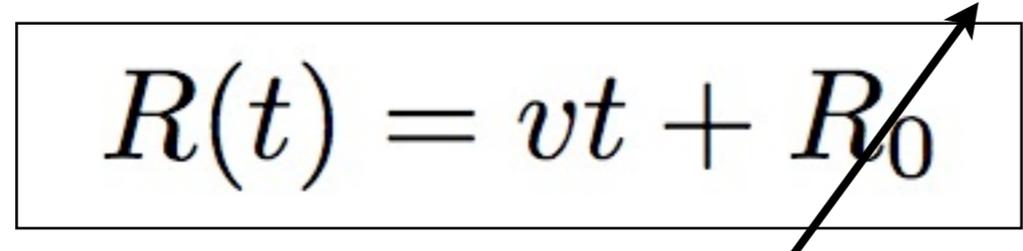
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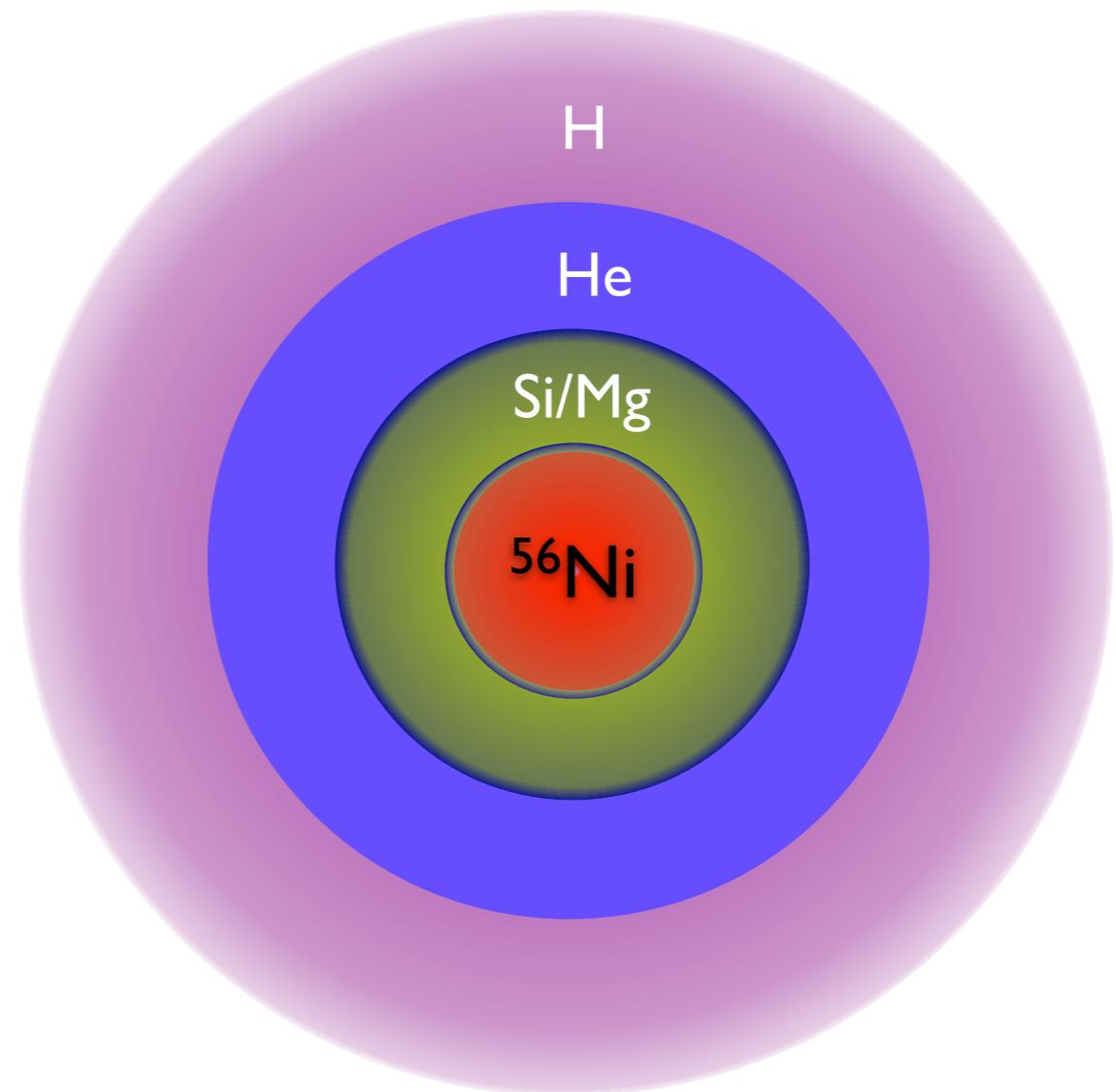
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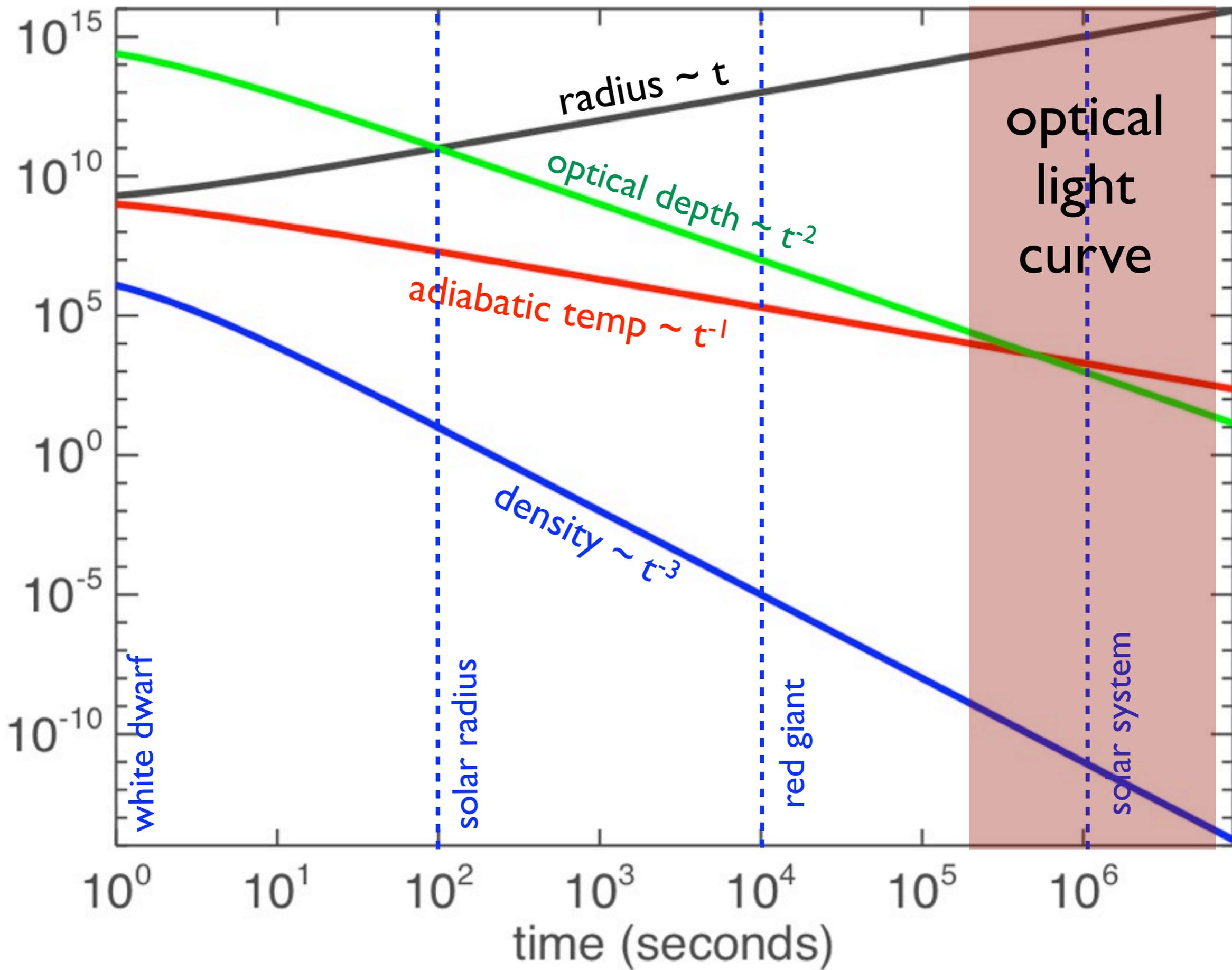
rule of thumb:  
to reach homology  
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simulations until

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check,  $E_{\text{thermal}} \ll E_{\text{kinetic}}$





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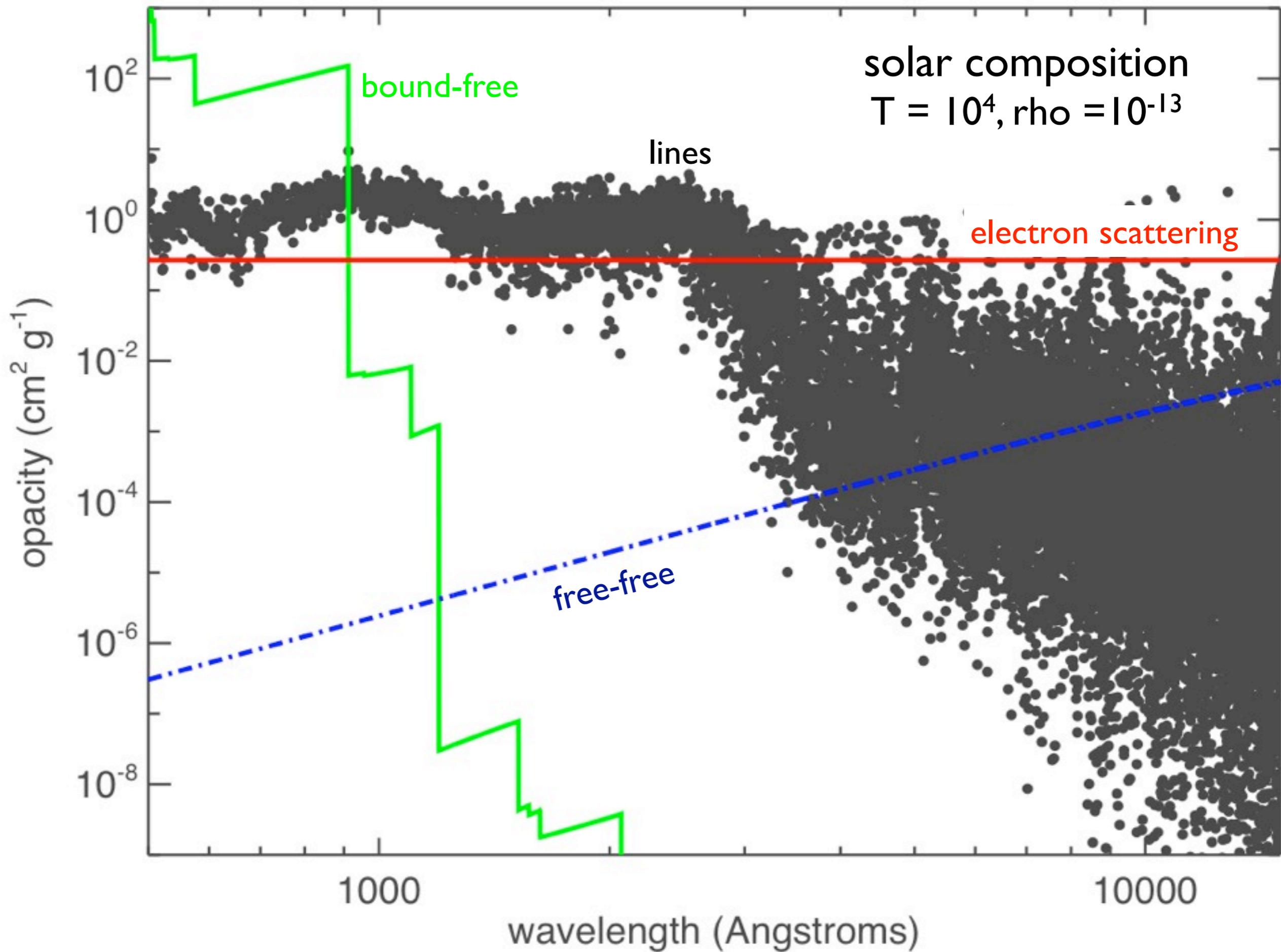
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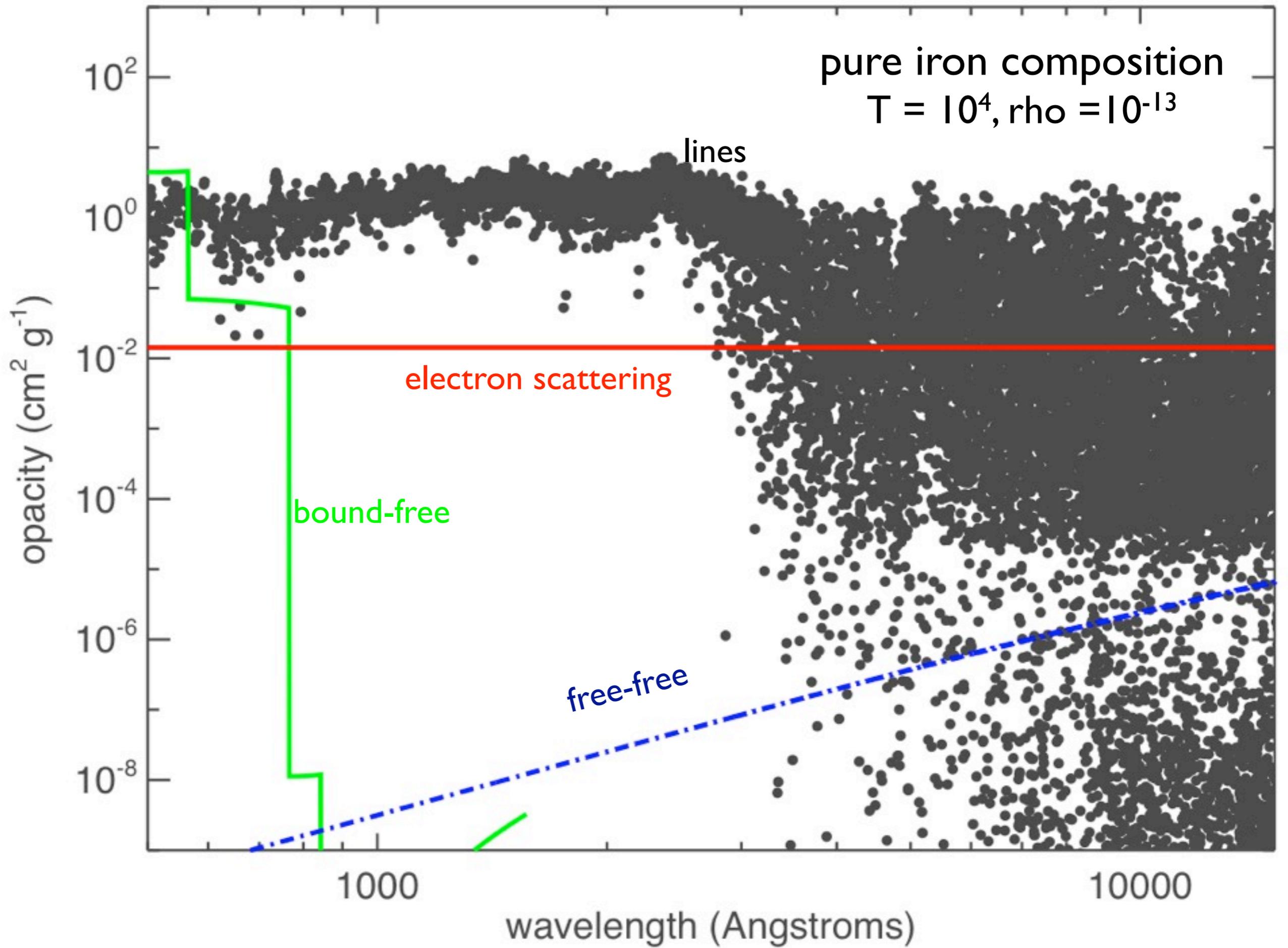
# sources of supernova opacity

see karp (1977) pinto and eastman (2000)

|                    |  |            |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| thomson scattering | interaction with free electrons                    | optical    |
| atomic lines       | scattering/absorption from doppler broadened lines | UV/optical |
| bound-free         | photo-ionization of atoms                          | UV         |
| free-free          | bremstrahlung<br>(free electron + nucleus)         | infrared   |

all of these depend sensitively on the composition and **ionization state** of the ejecta!





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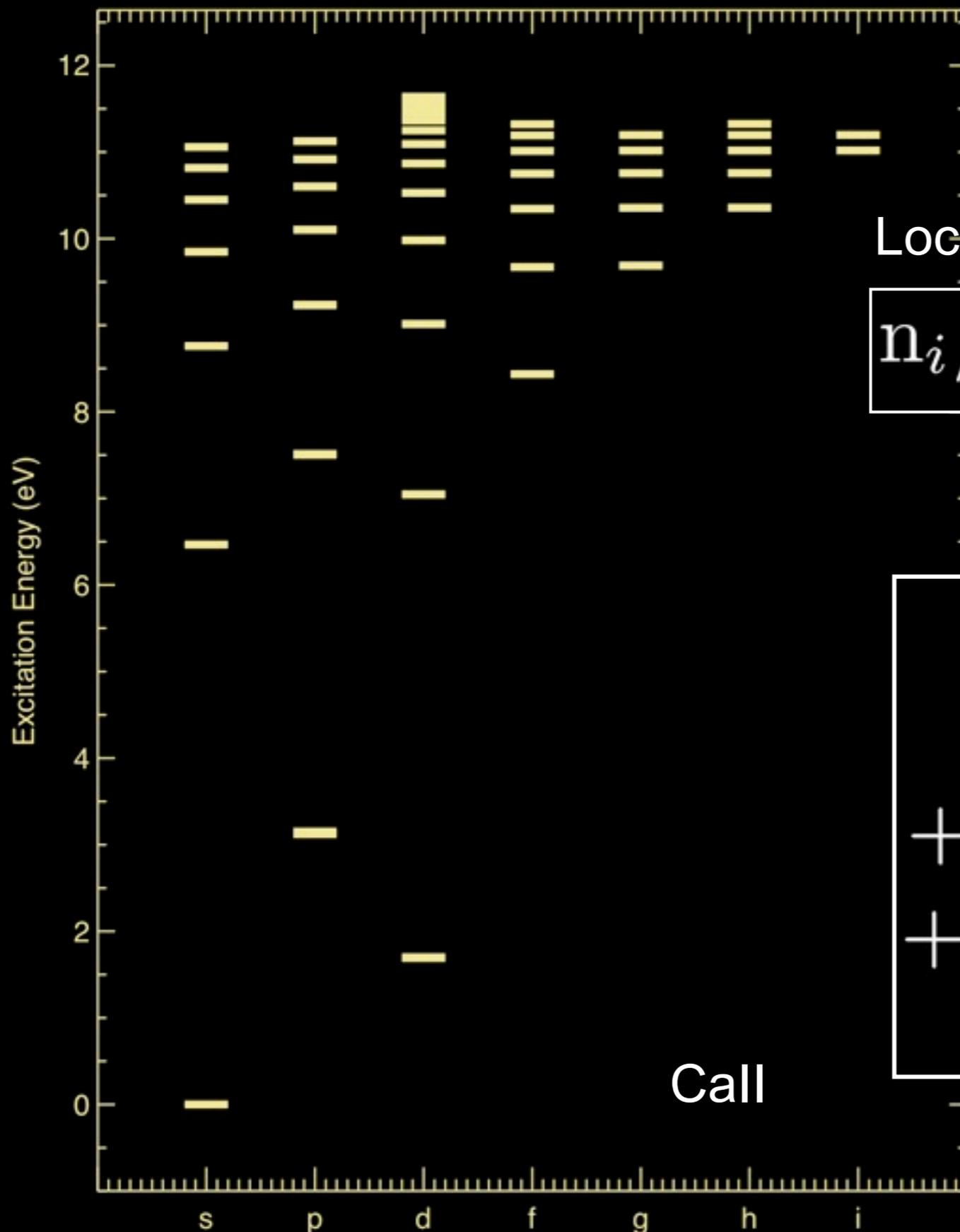
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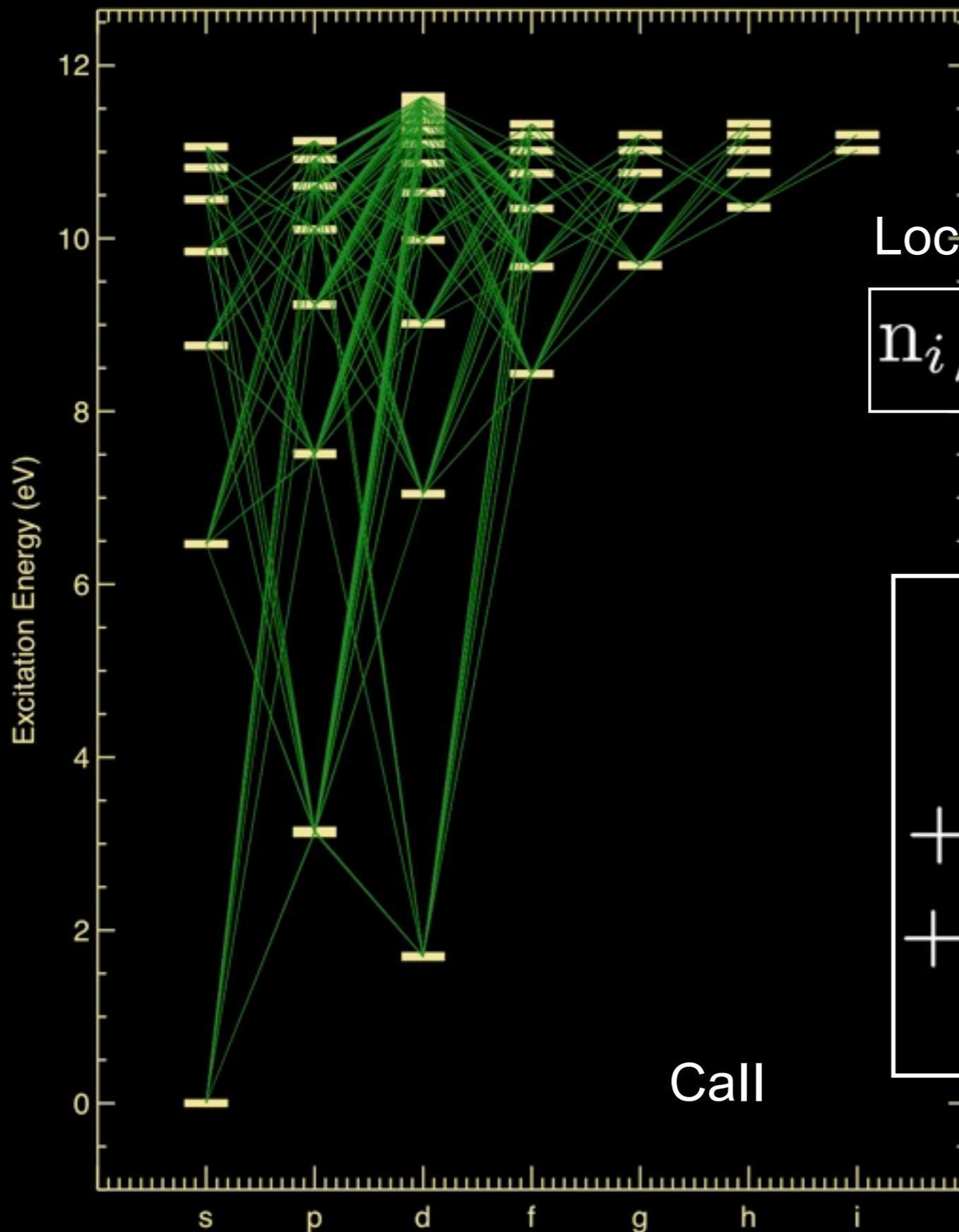
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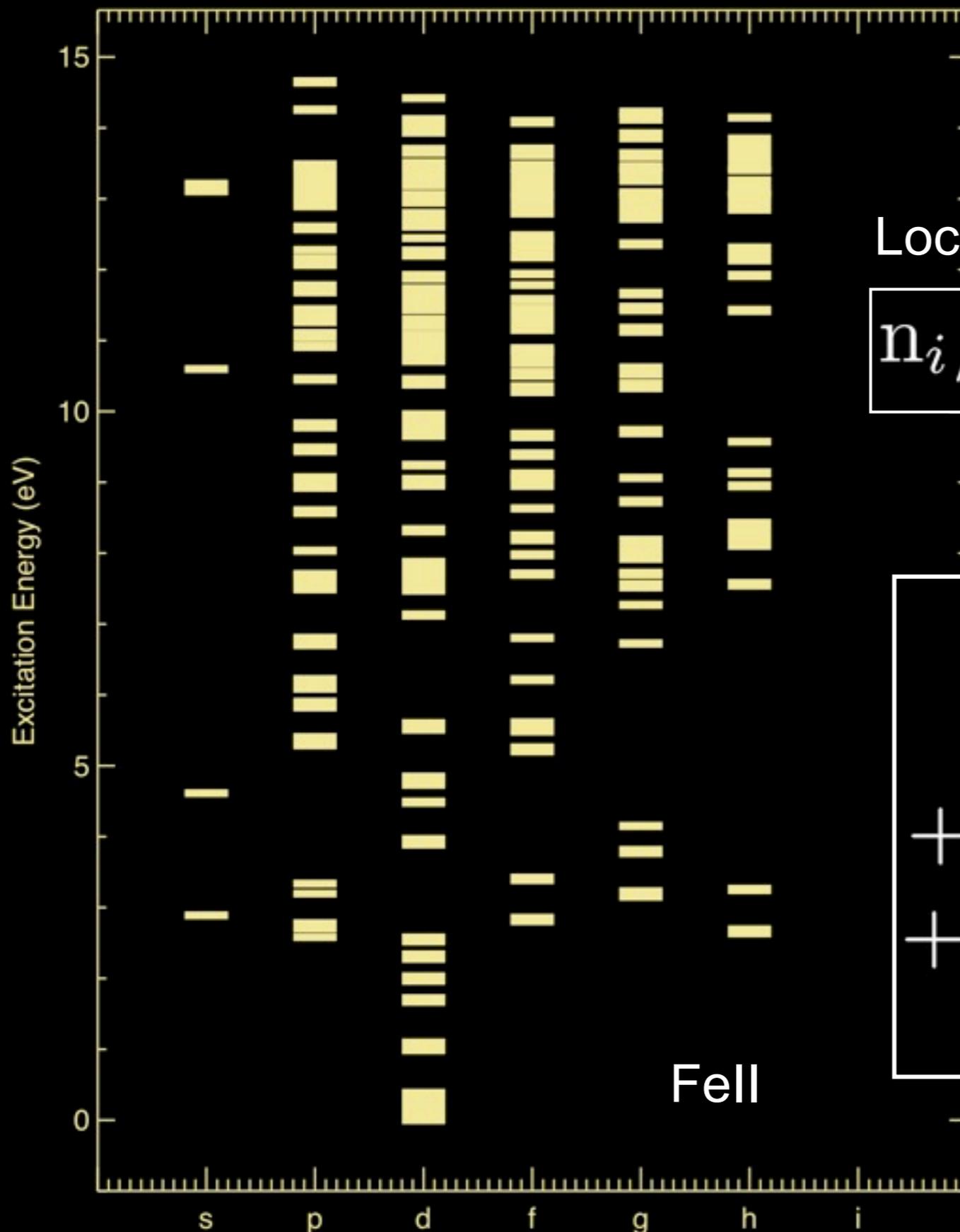
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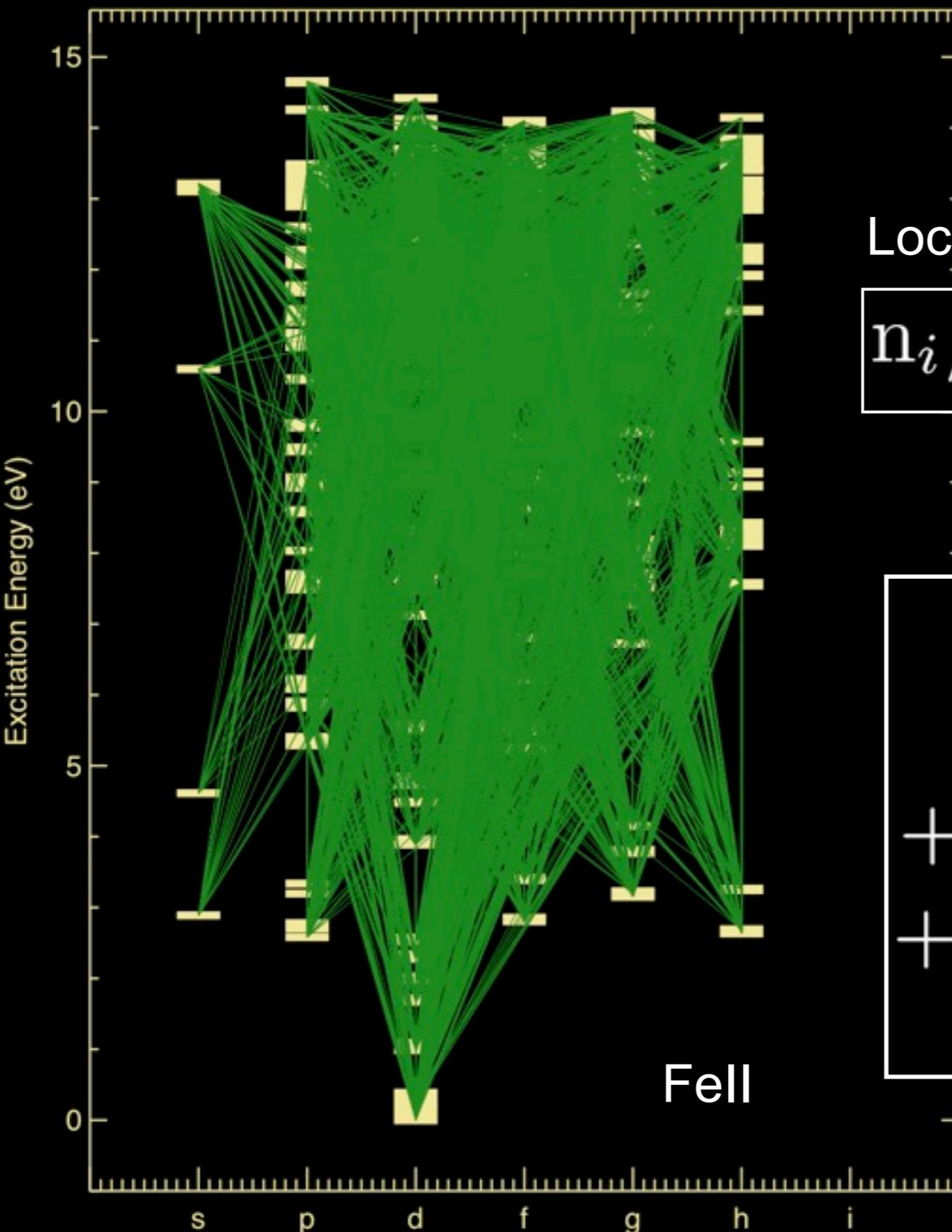
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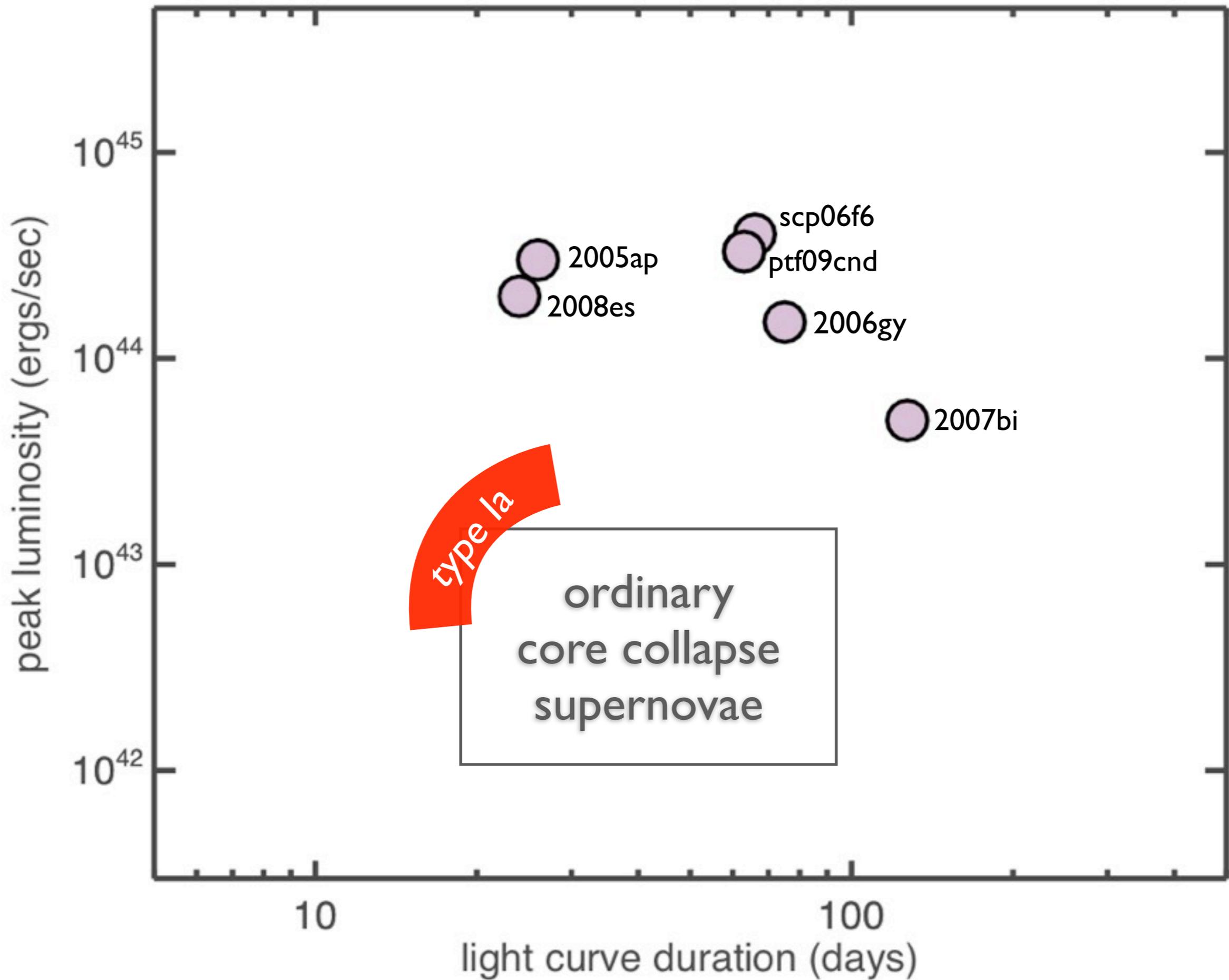
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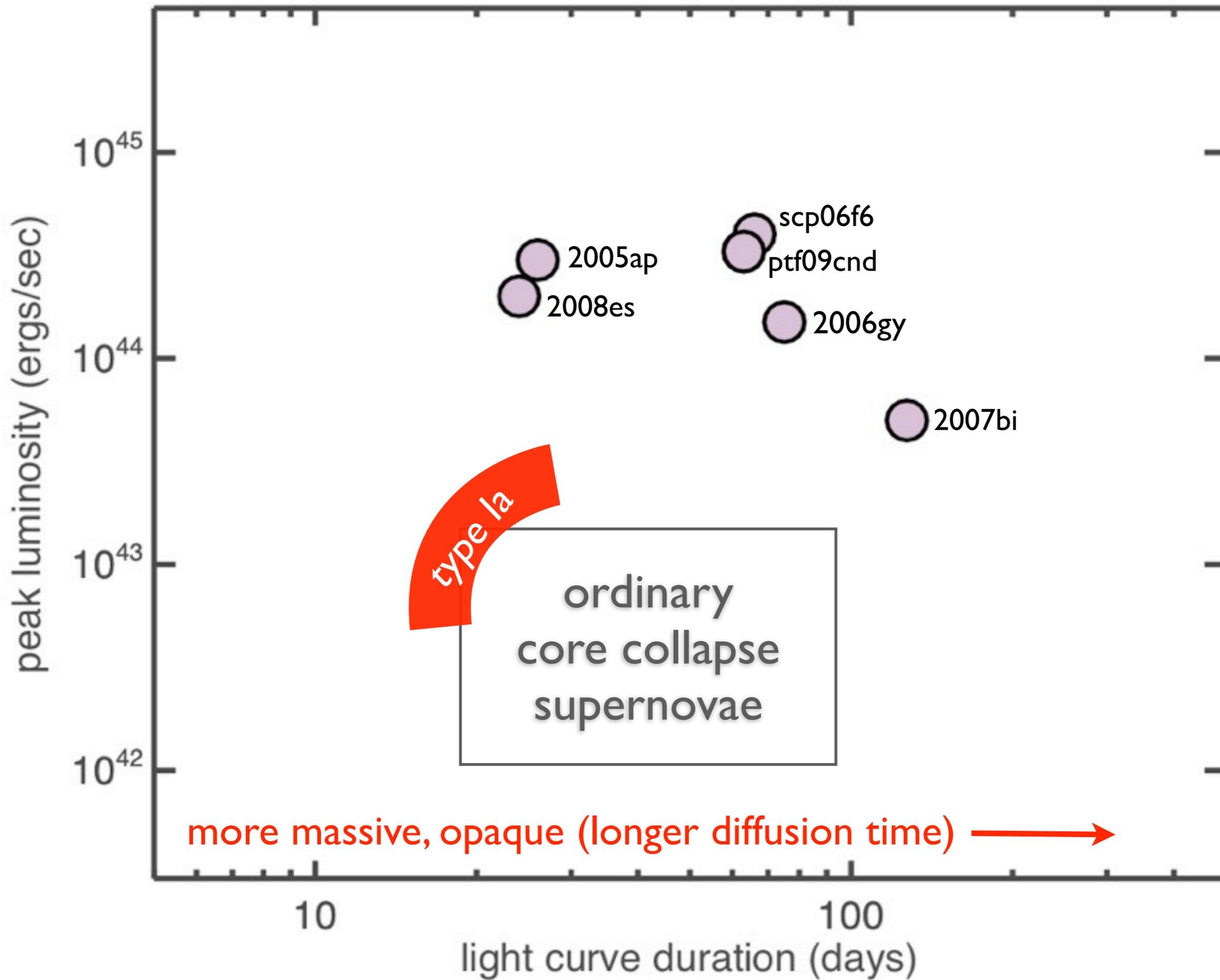
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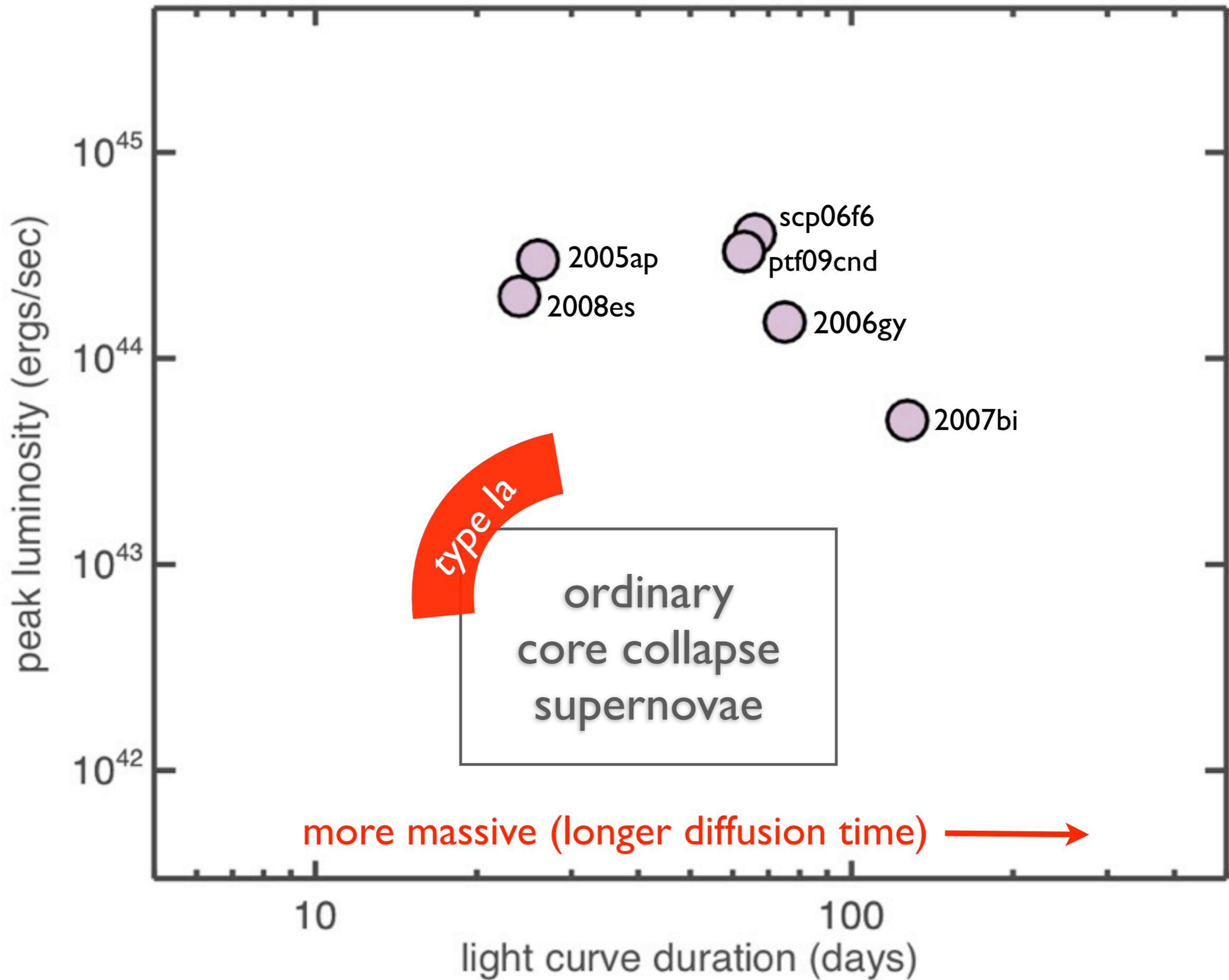
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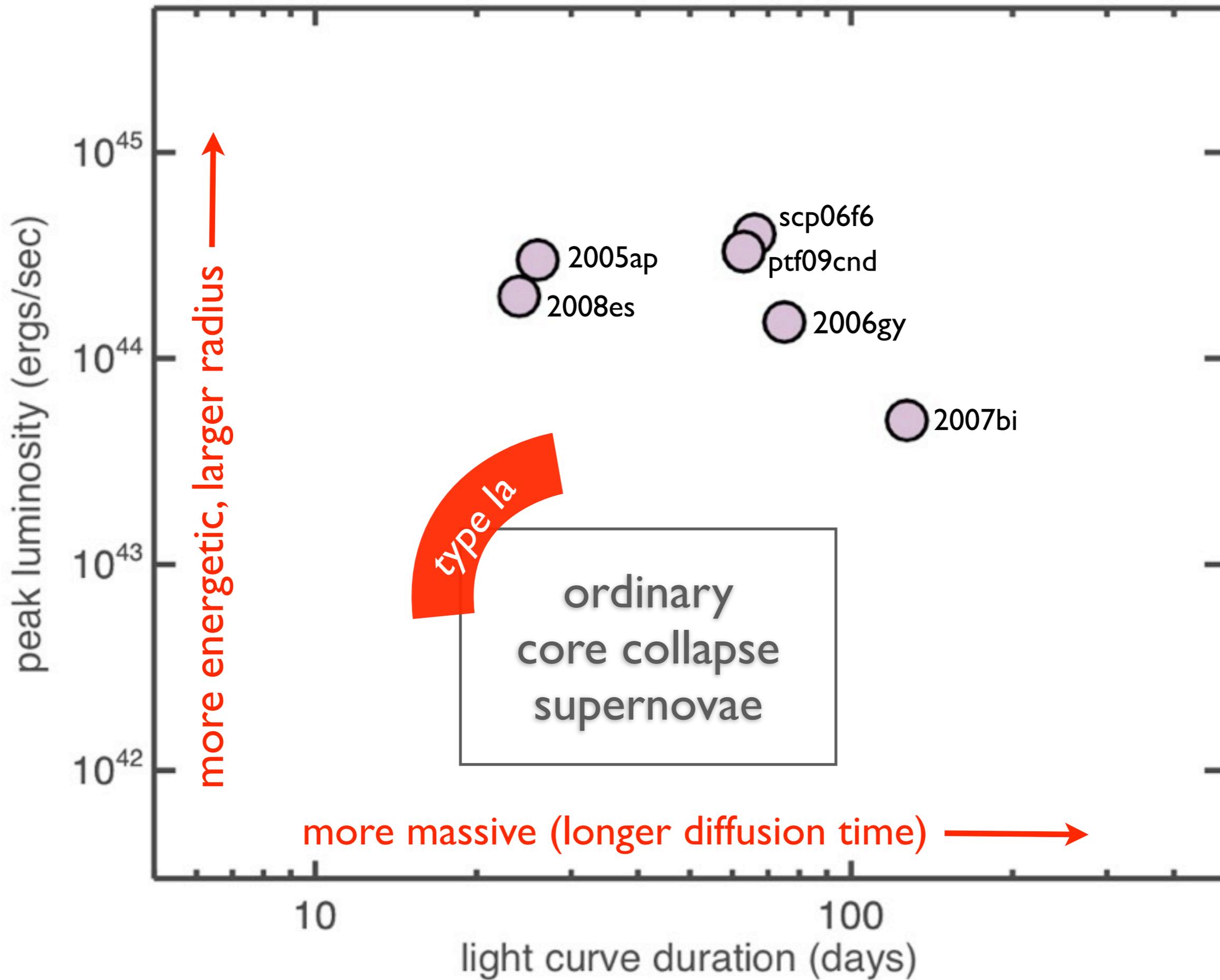
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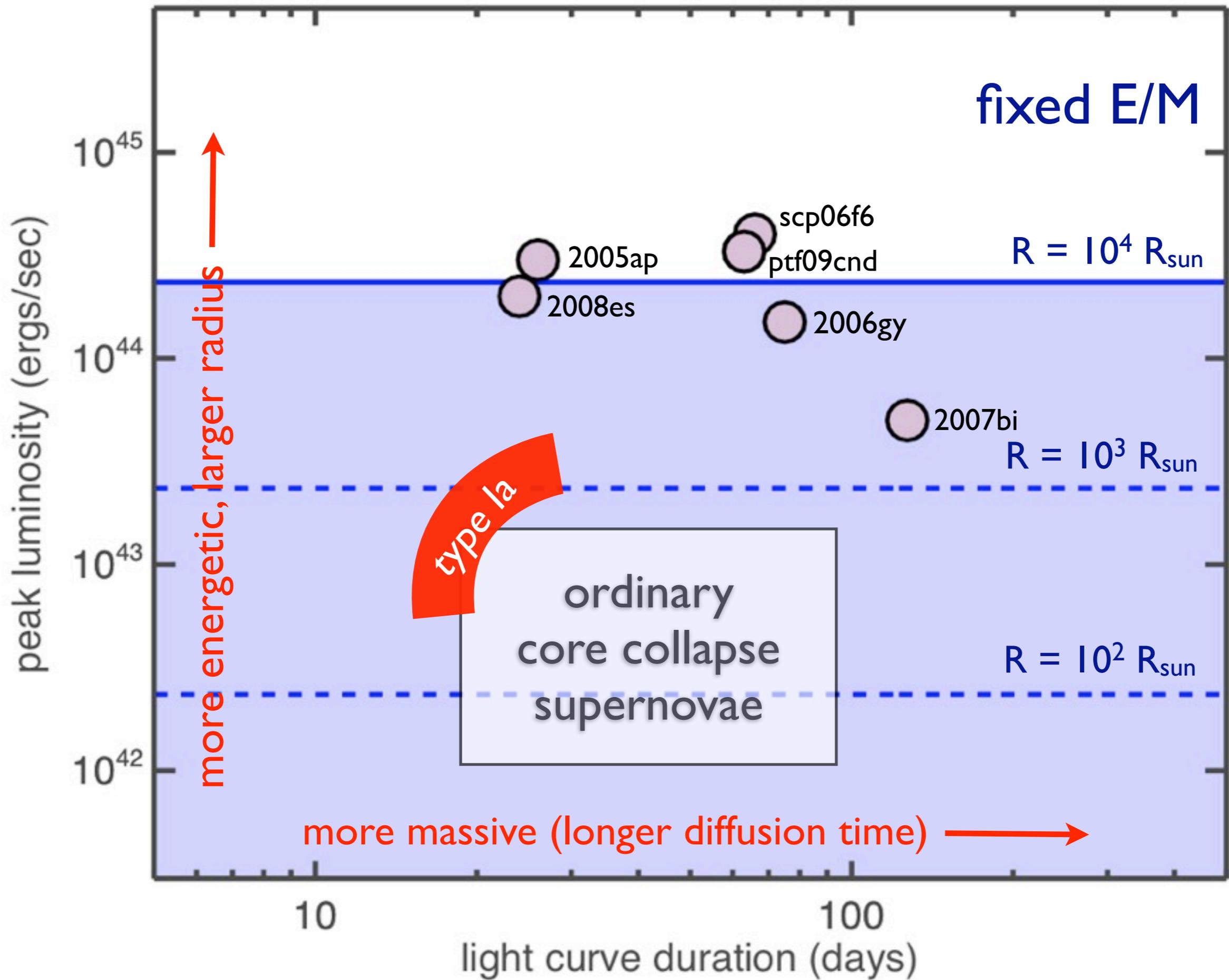
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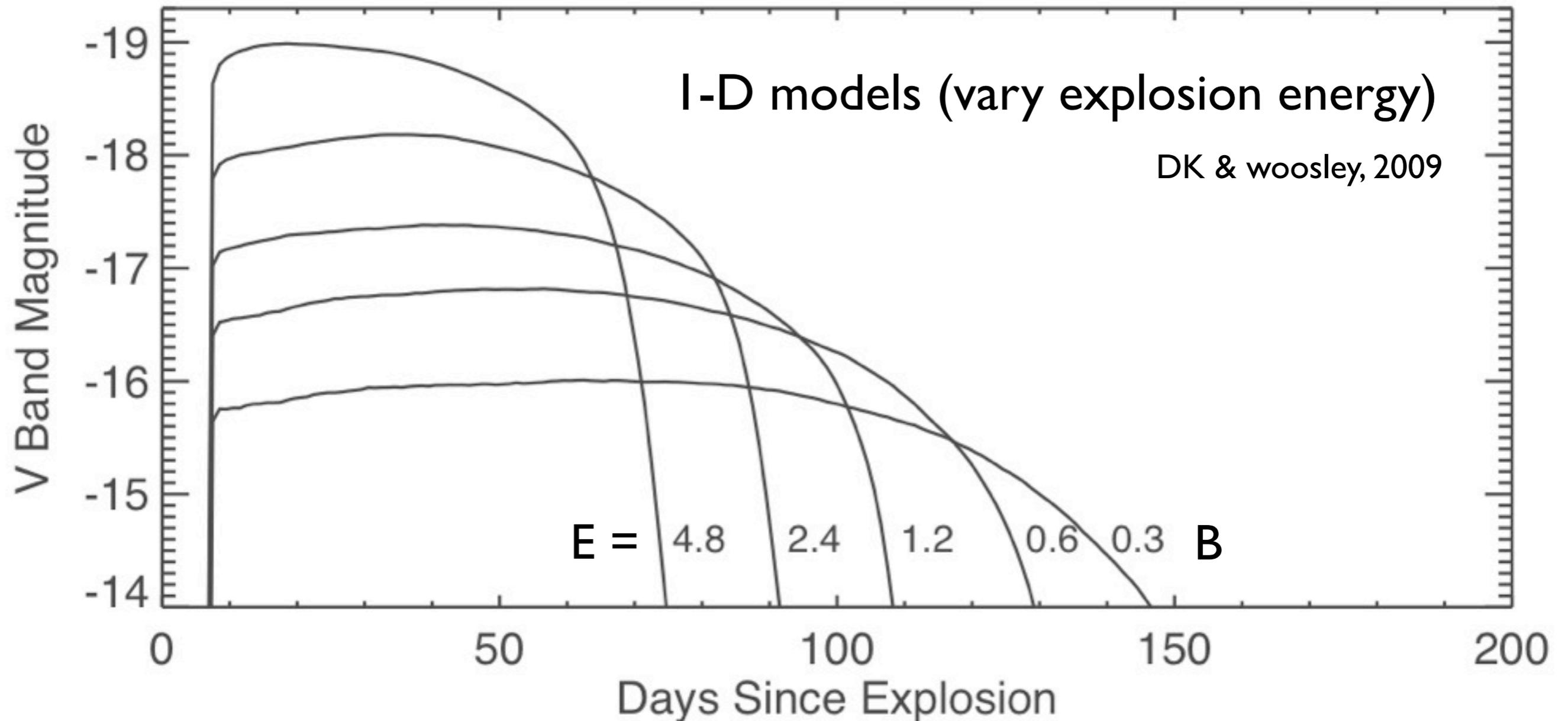




# Type II<sub>P</sub> core collapse supernovae

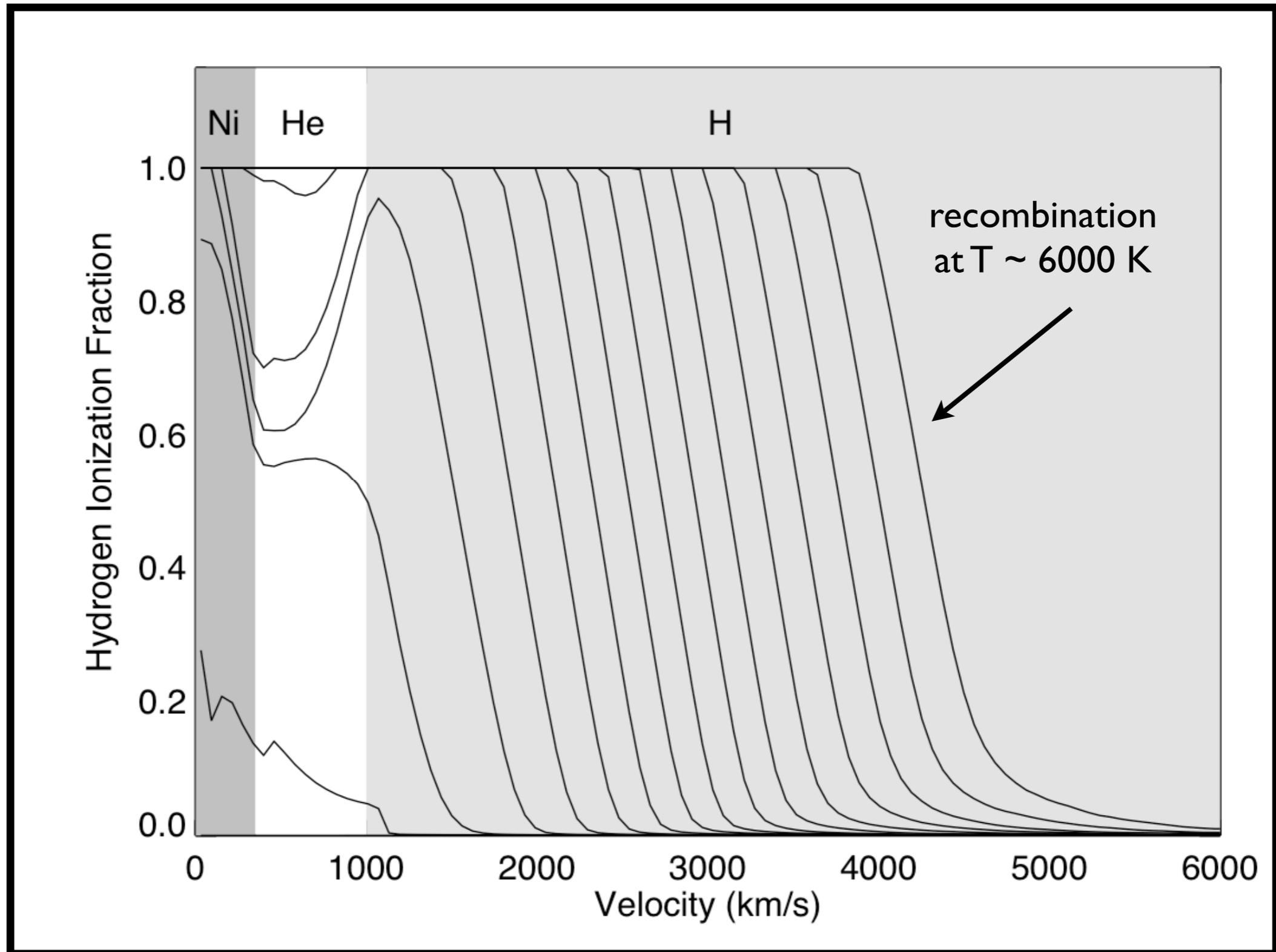
explosion of red supergiant stars

$$M = 15M_{\odot} \quad R_{\star} \approx 10^{13} \text{ cm}$$



# recombination wave in Type IIp supernova

opacity from electron scattering drops as ejecta cool and become neutral



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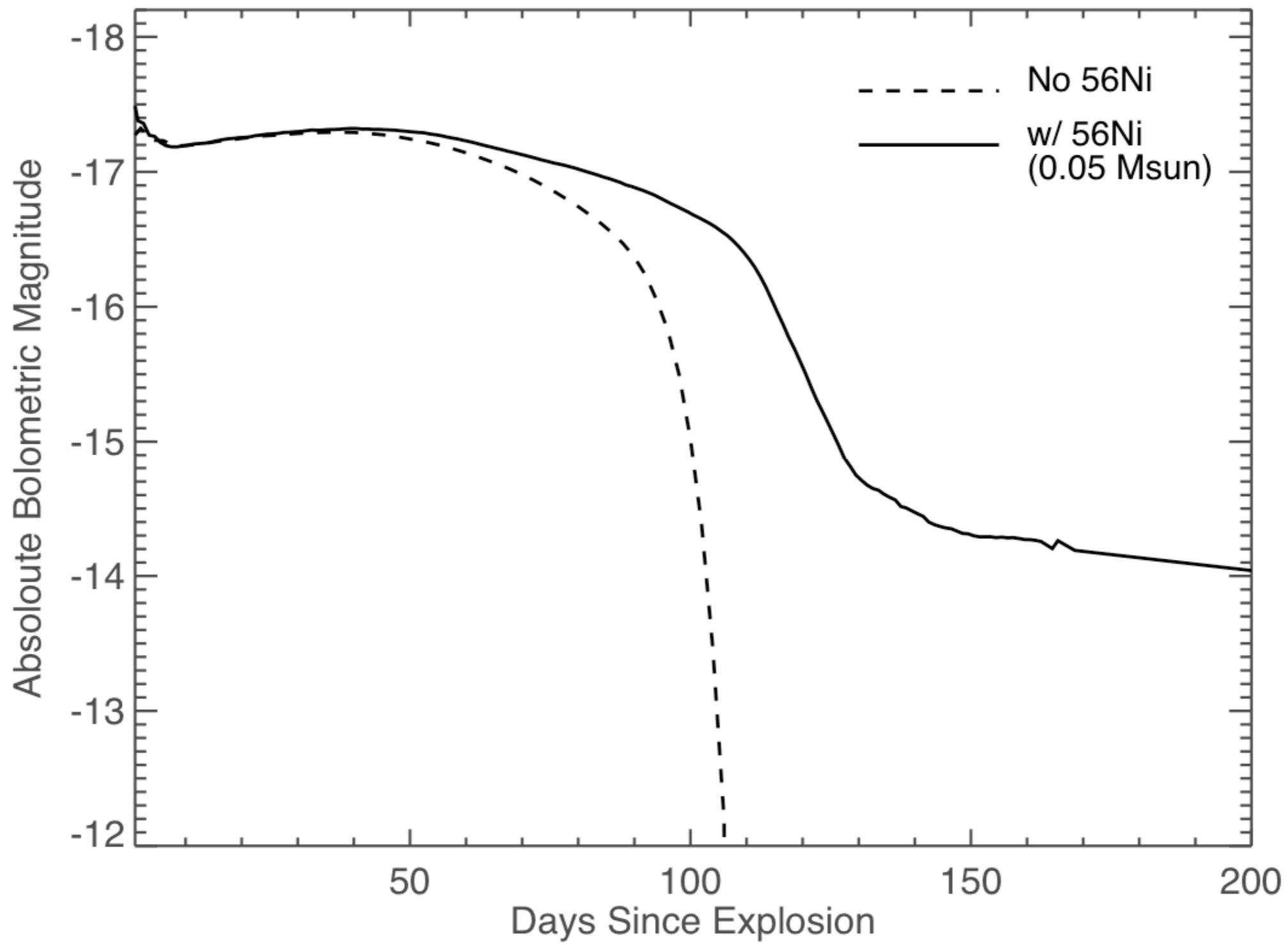
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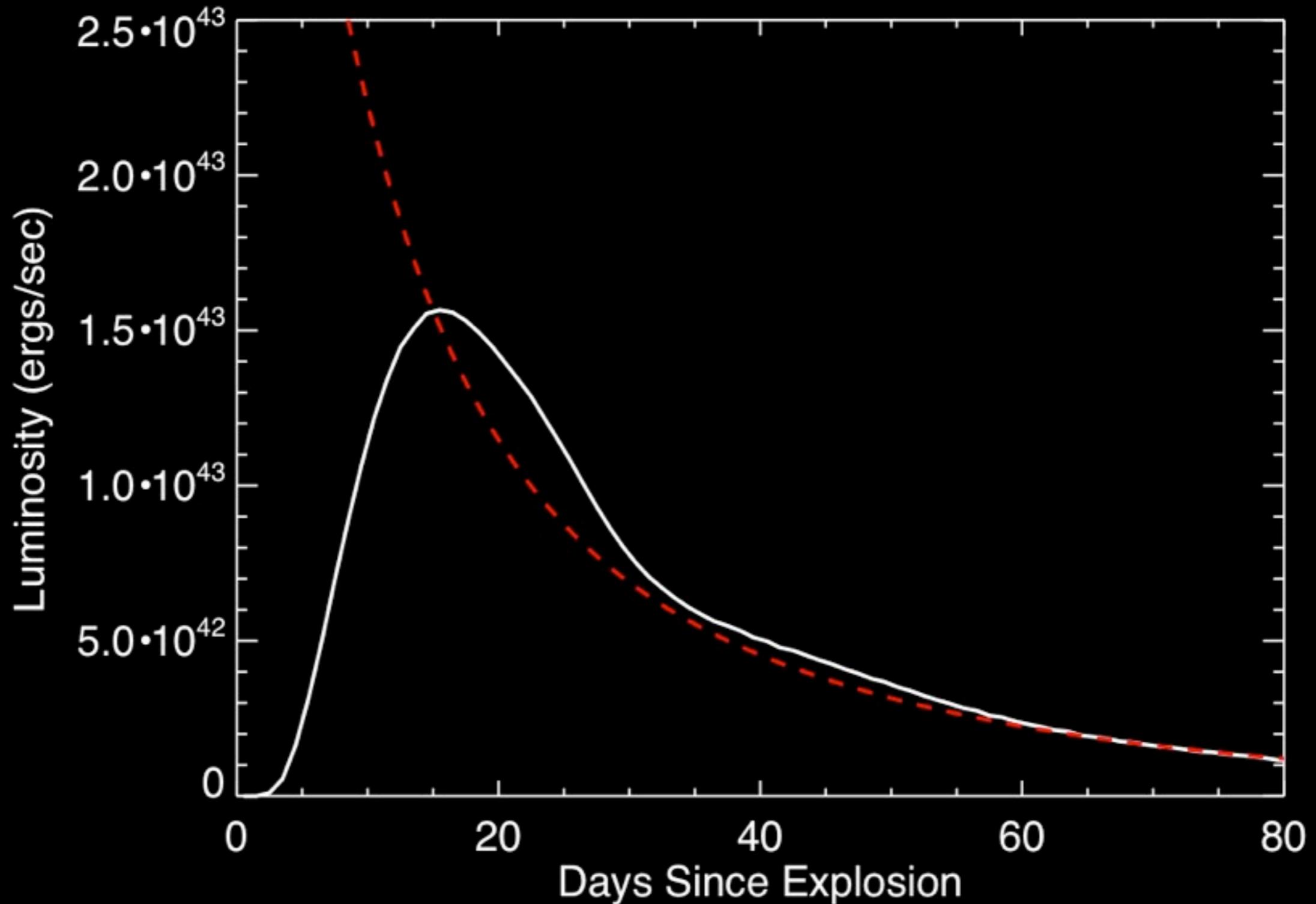
see Popov (1993), DK & Woosley (2009)



radioactivity  
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# radioactively powered light curves

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# radioactive $^{56}\text{Ni}$ decay



## IMPORTANT GAMMA-RAY LINE FOR $^{56}\text{Ni}$ AND $^{56}\text{Co}$ DECAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| 270.....               | 36.5                              | 1038                   | 14                                |
| 480.....               | 36.5                              | <b>1238</b>            | <b>67</b>                         |
| 750.....               | 49.5                              | 1772                   | 15.5                              |
| <b>812.....</b>        | <b>86.0</b>                       | 2599                   | 16.7                              |
| 1562.....              | 14.0                              | 3240 <sup>a</sup>      | 12.5                              |

milne et al. (2004)

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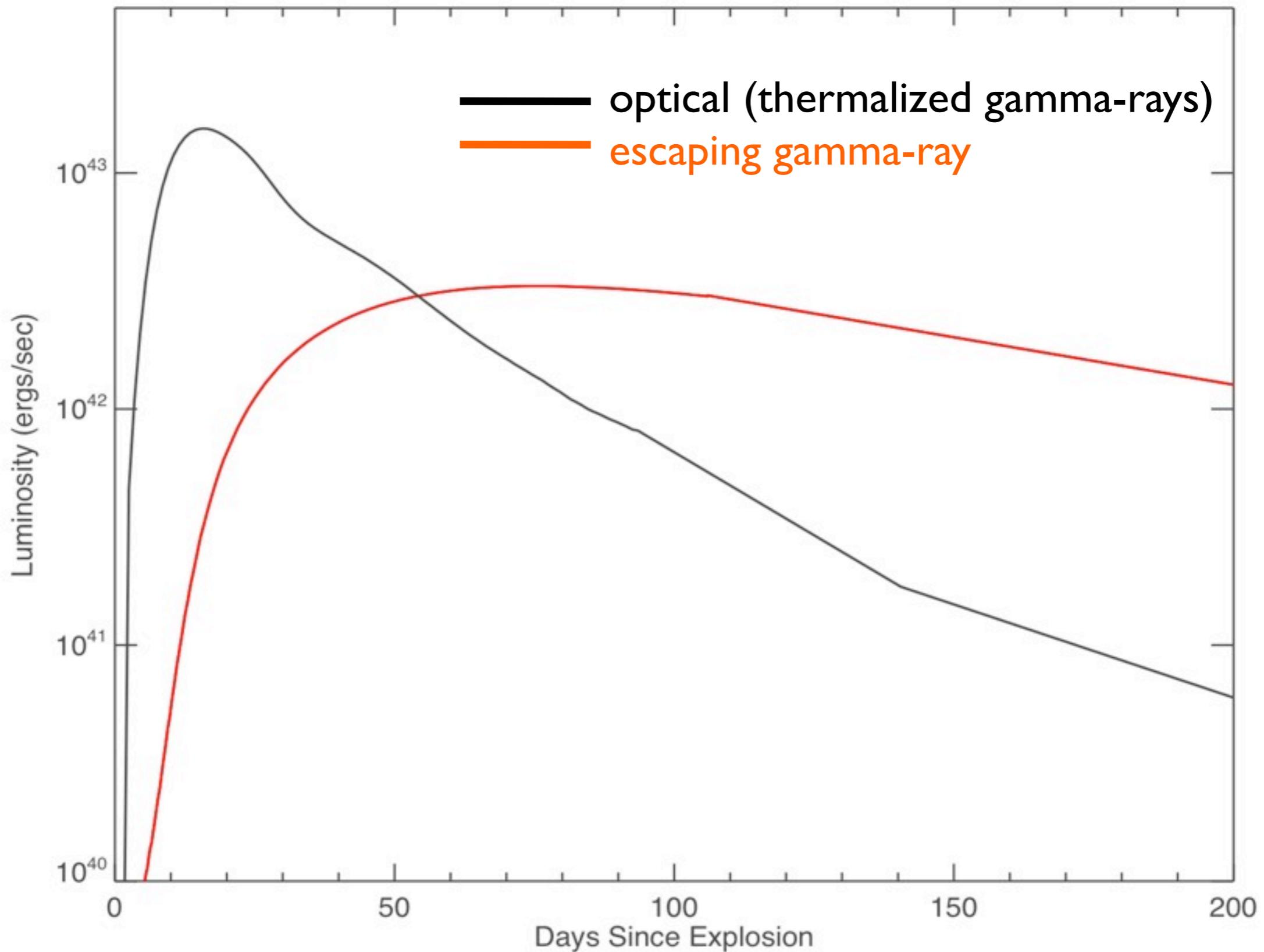
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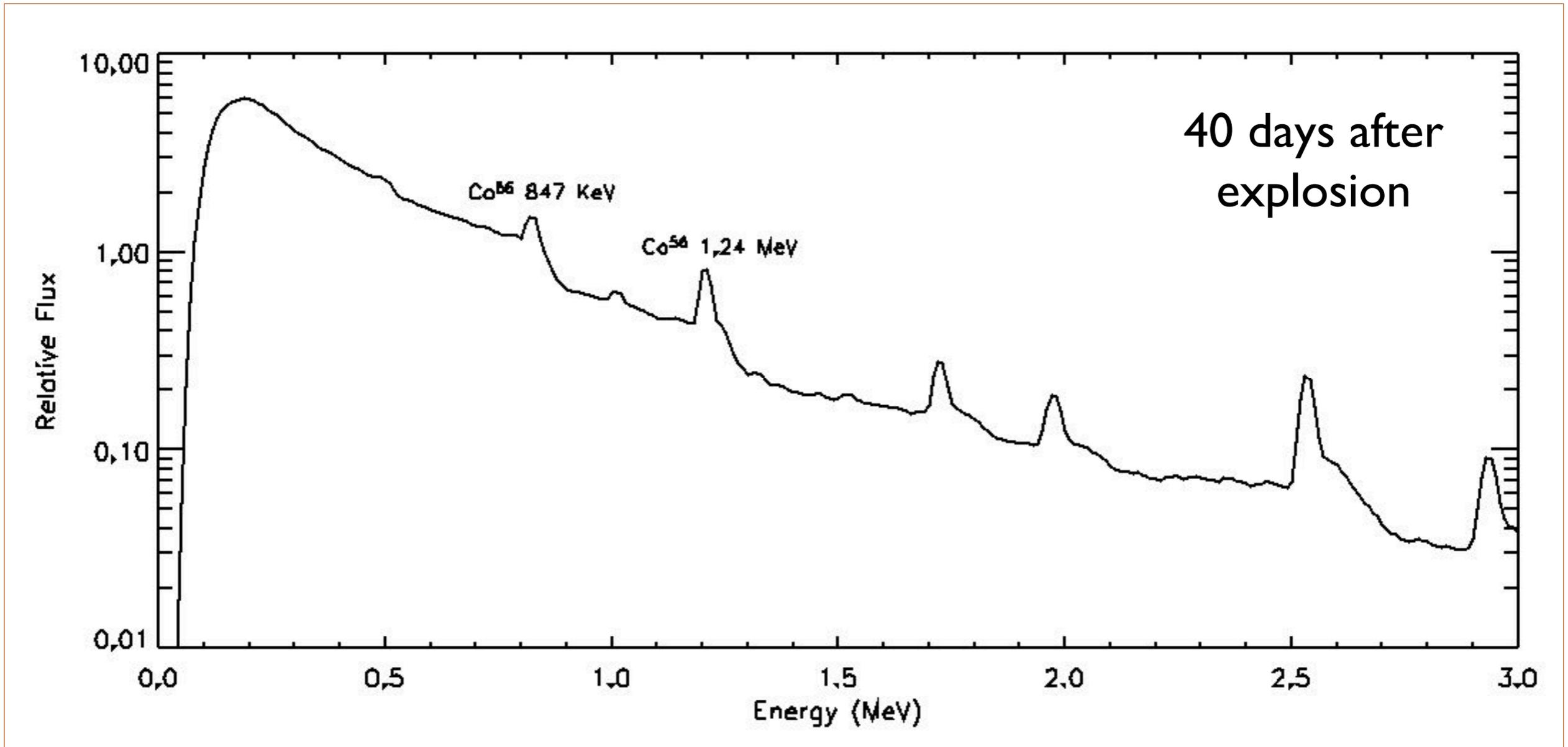
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# type Ia supernova light curves

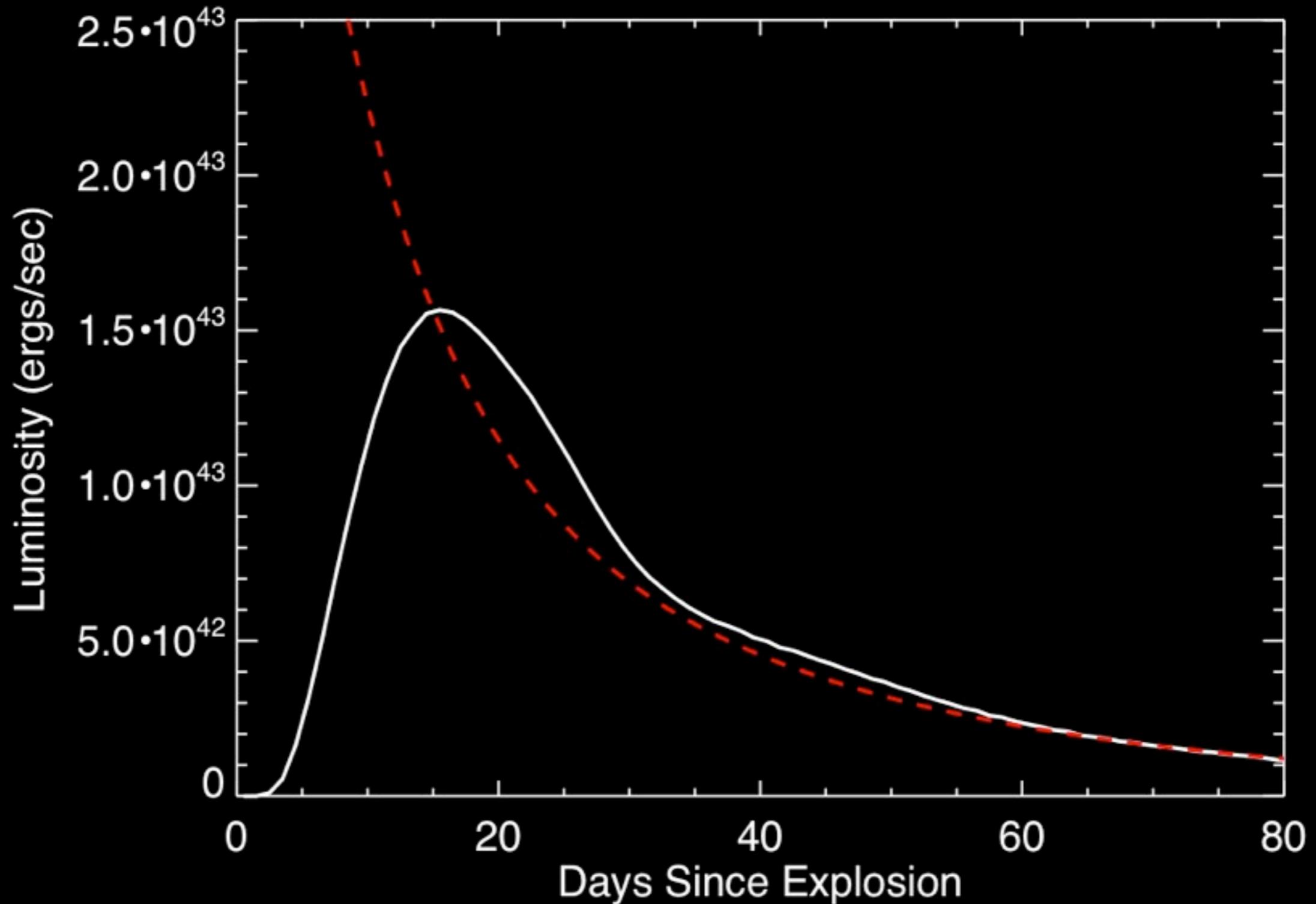


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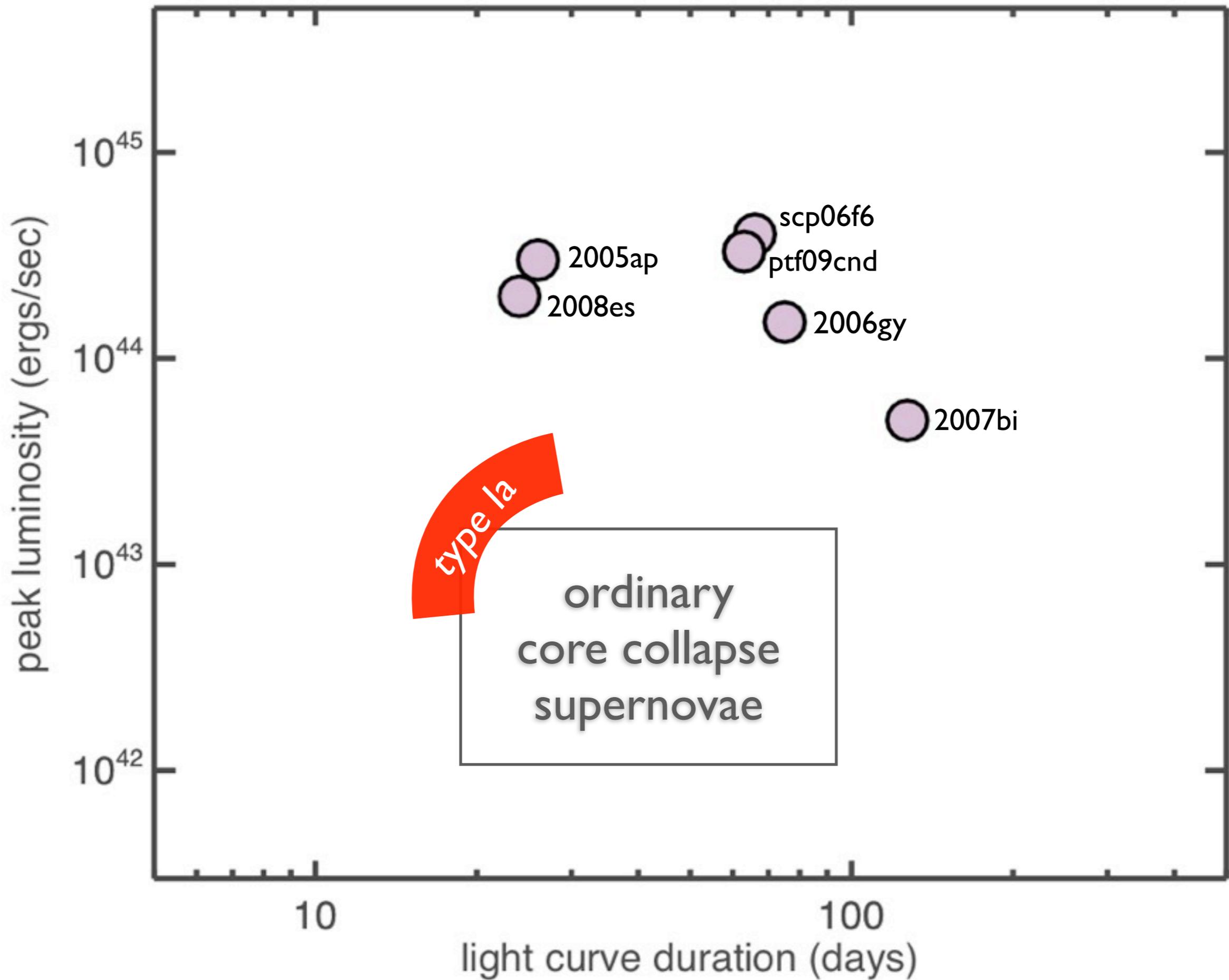
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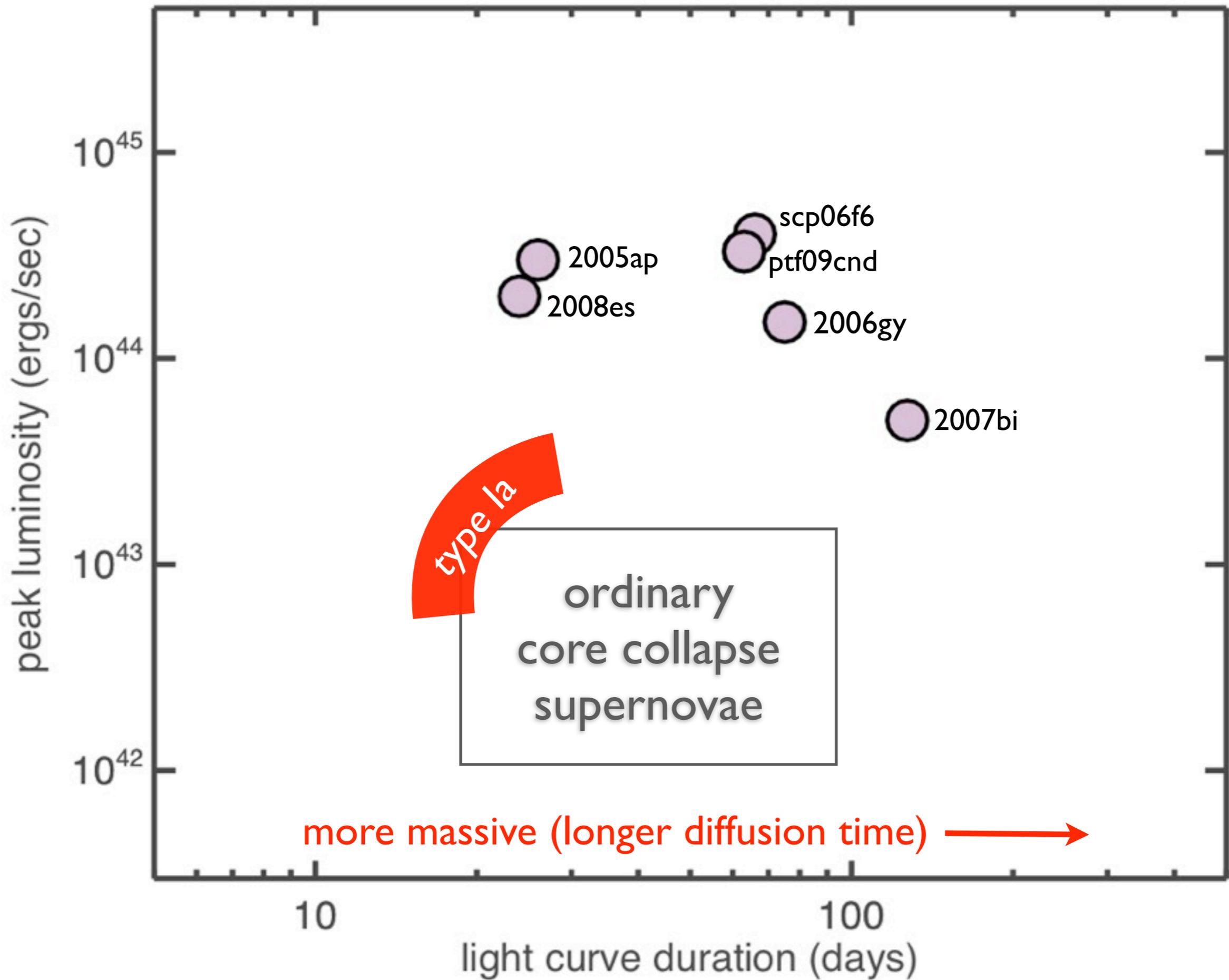
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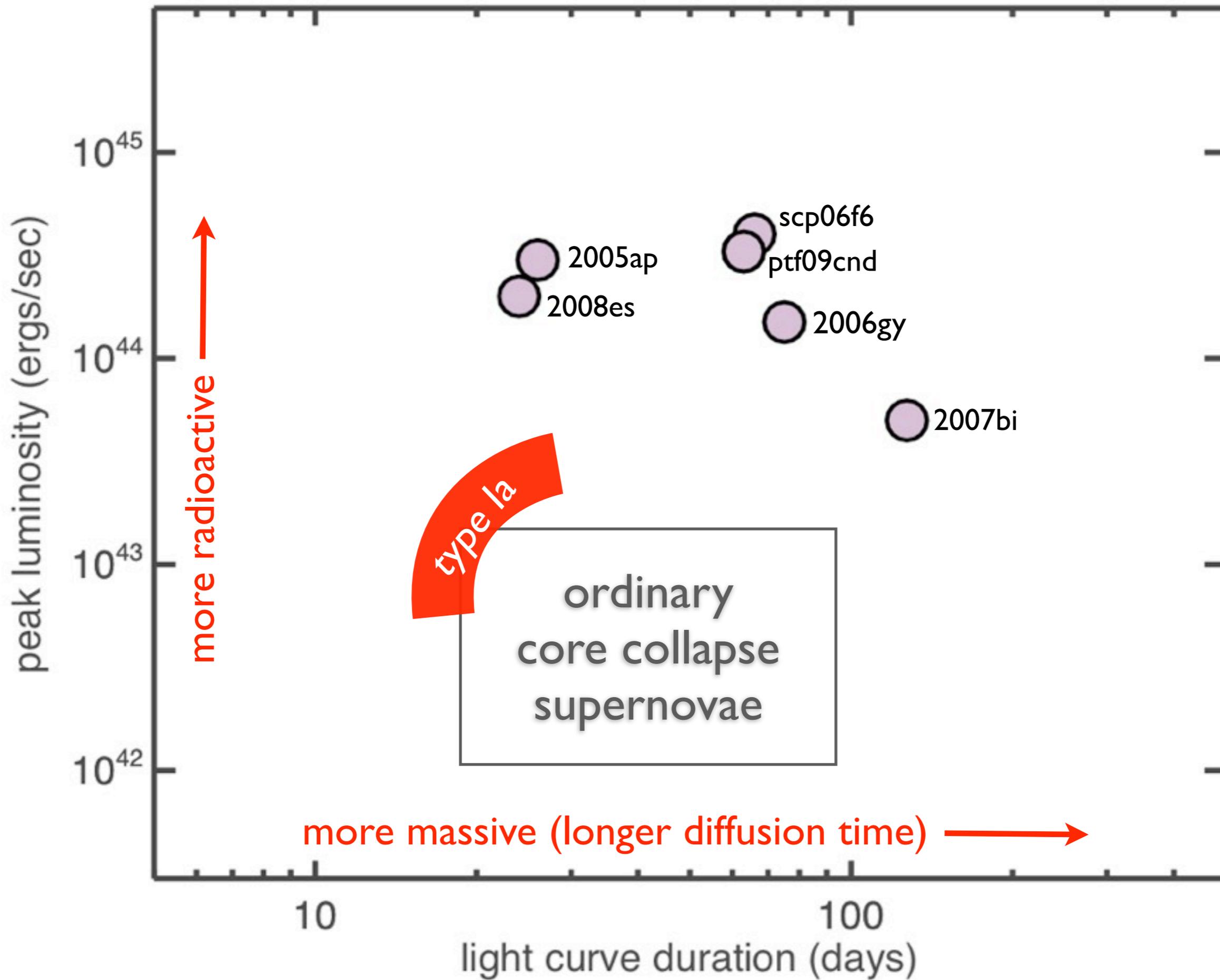
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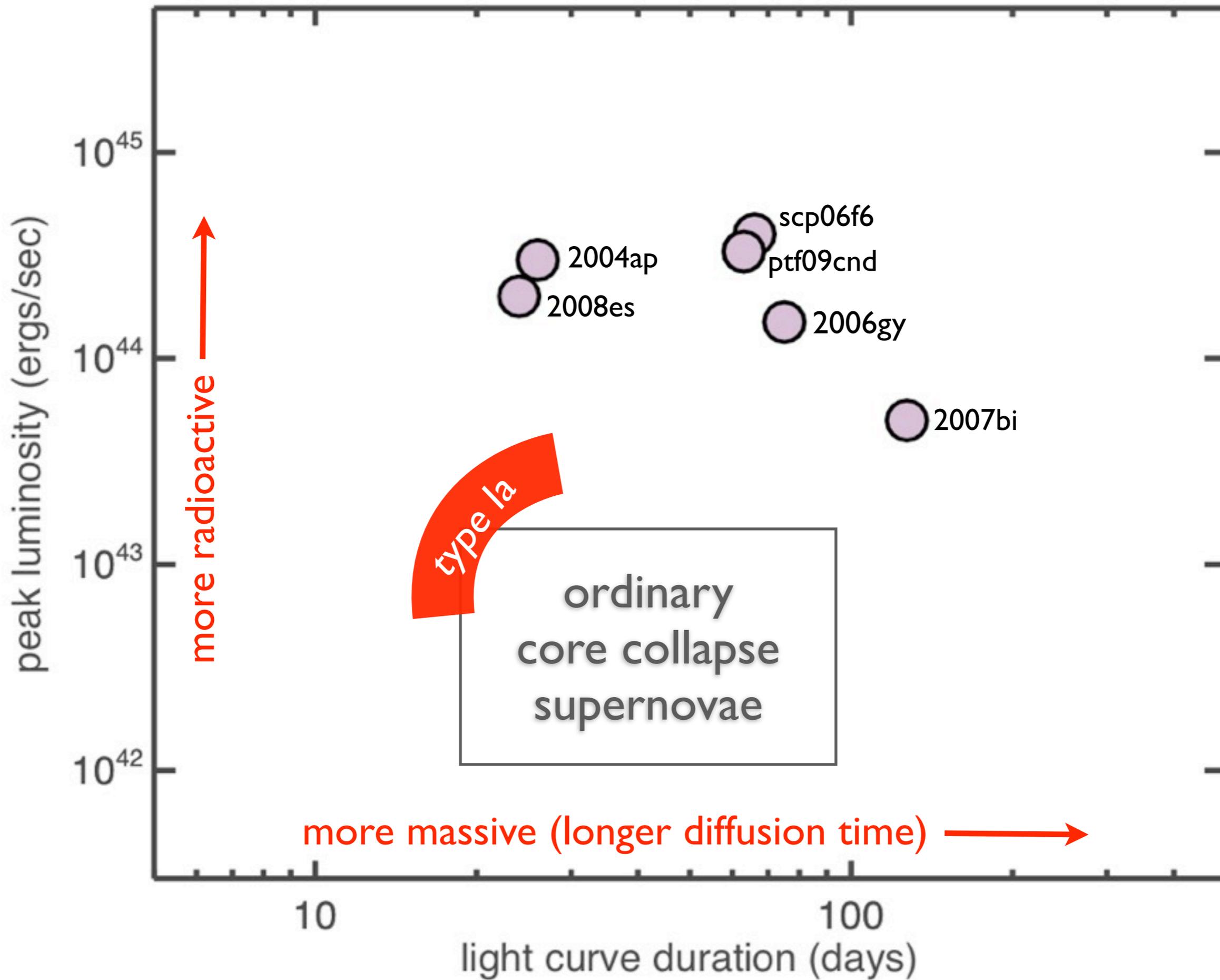
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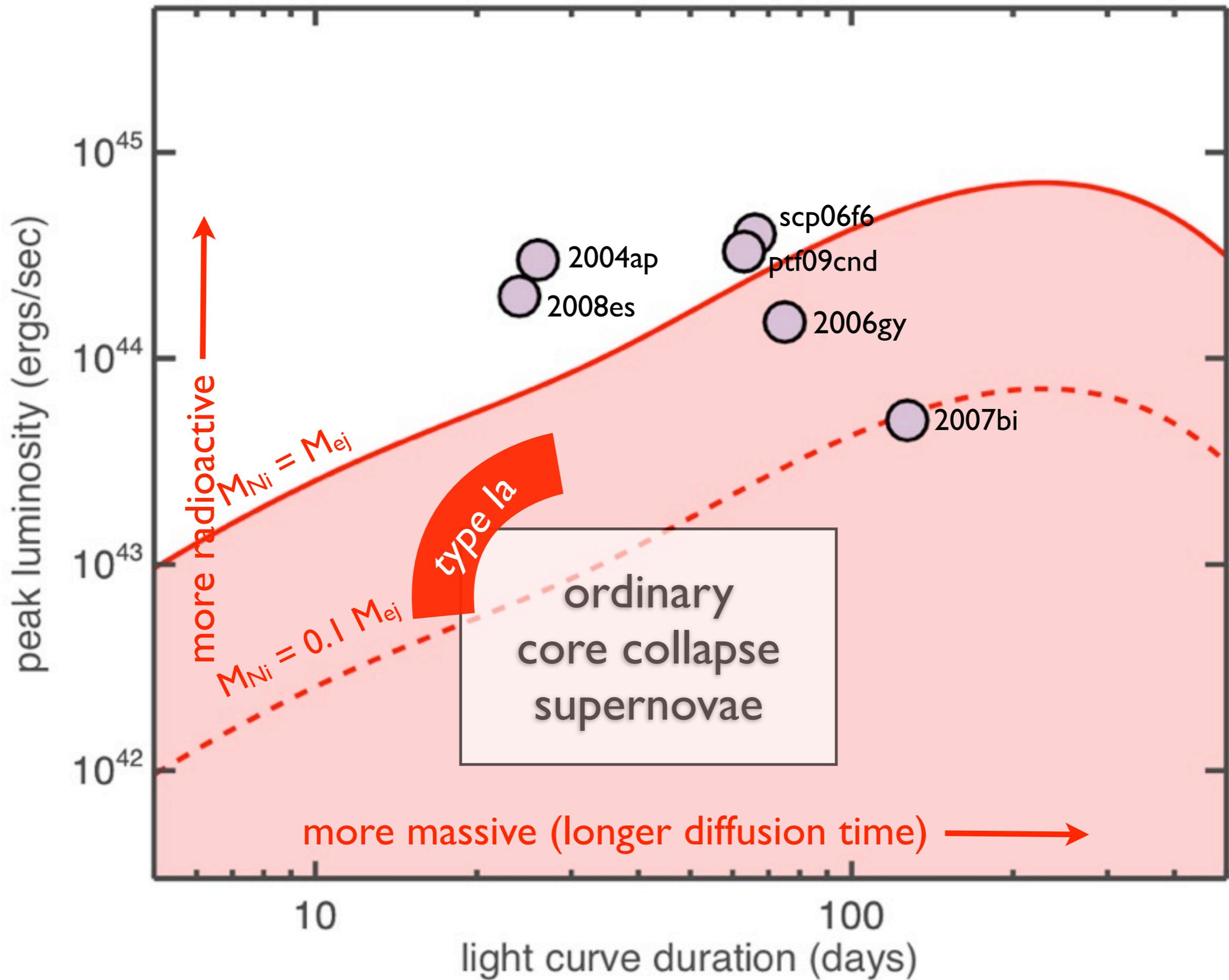
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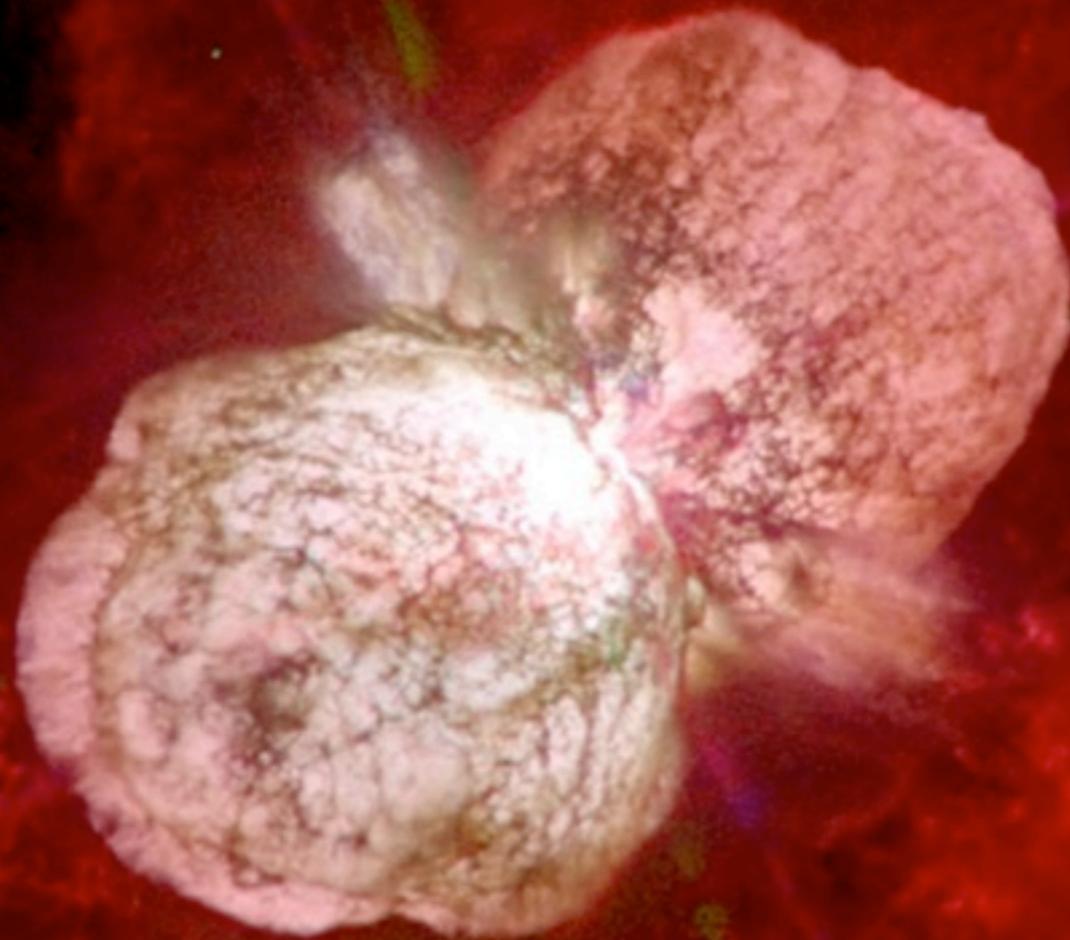








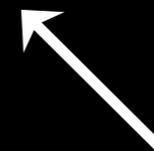
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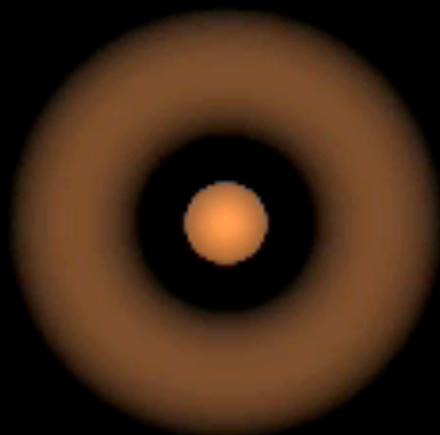
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# interacting supernova models

second ejection



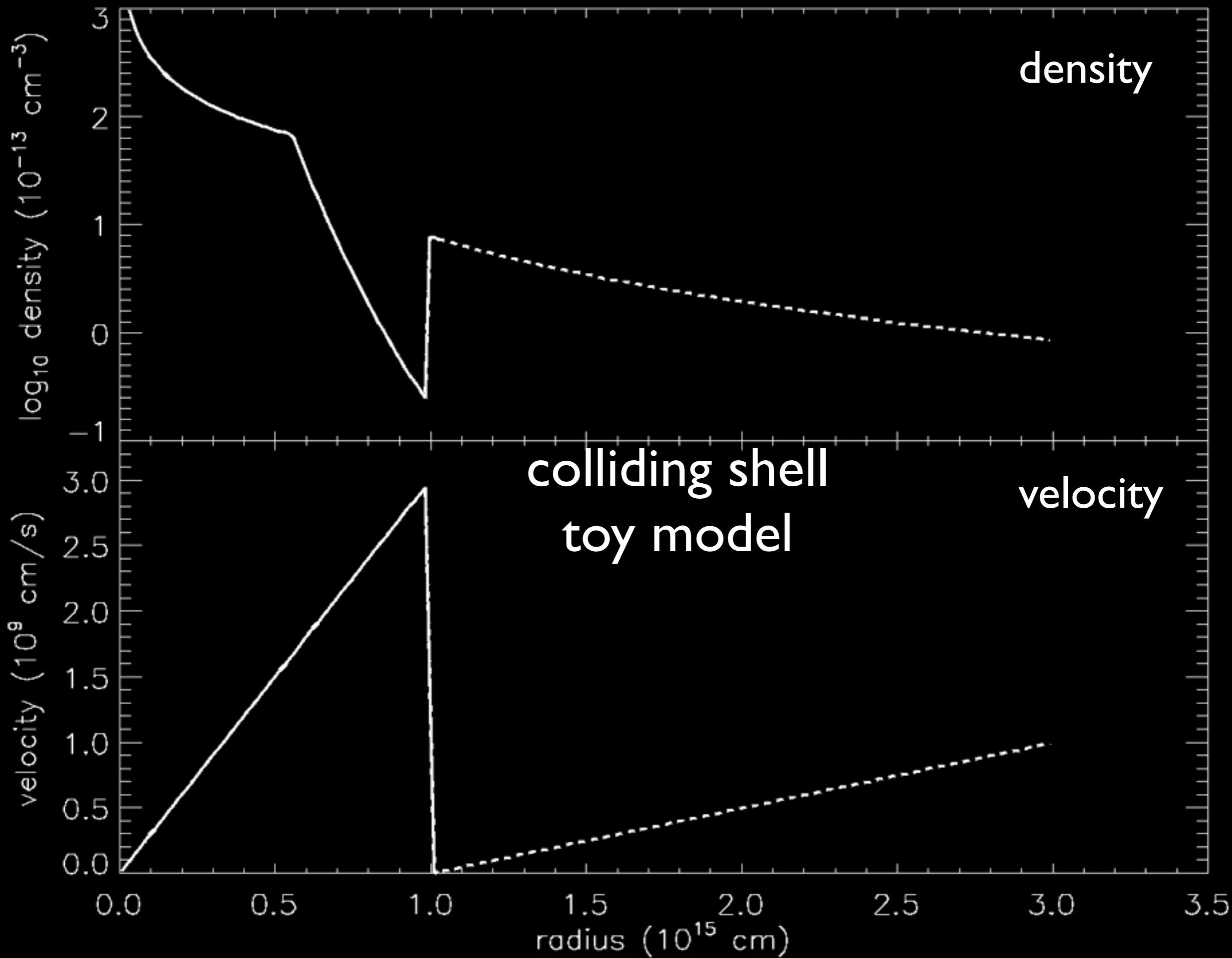
slow moving shell  
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density

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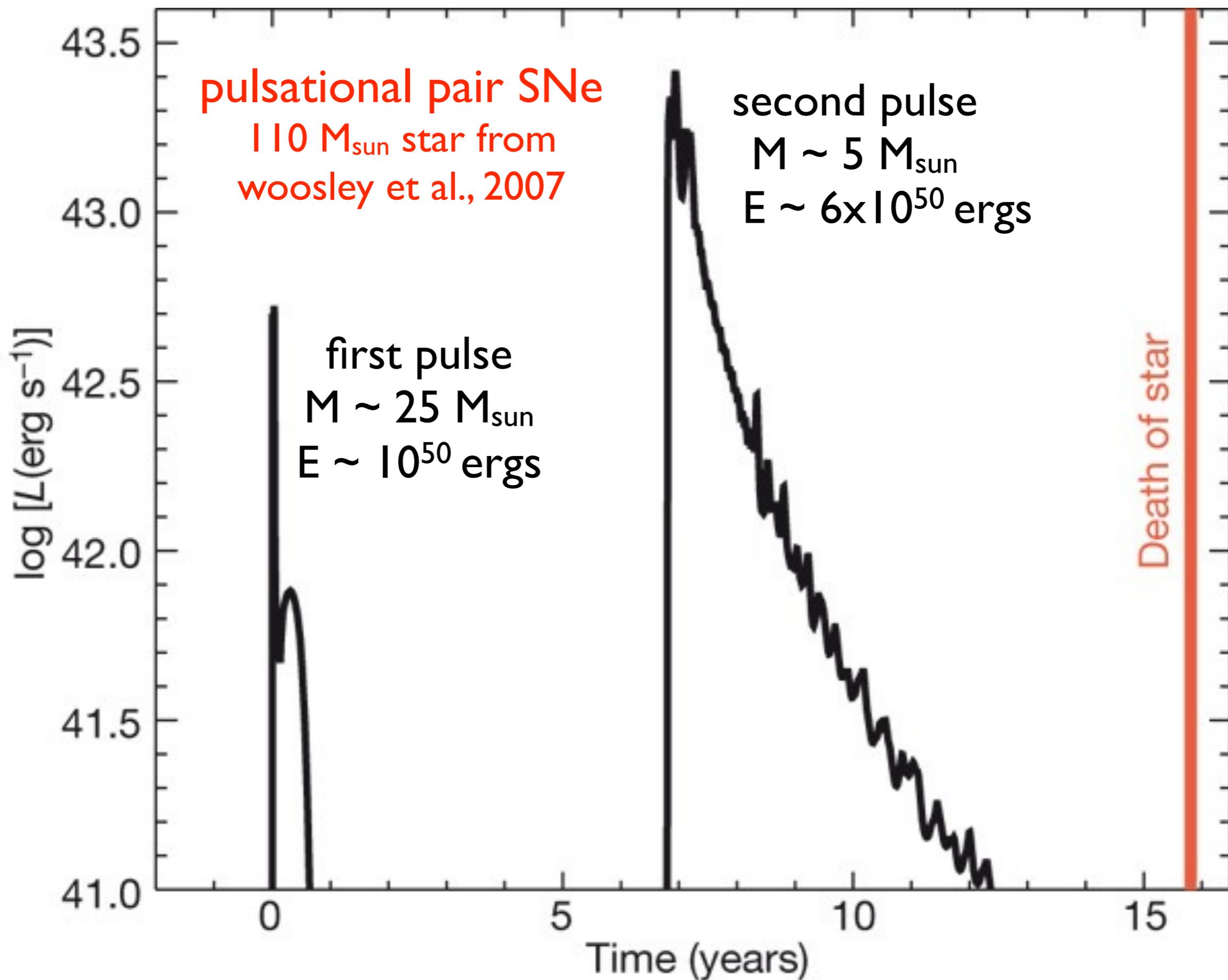
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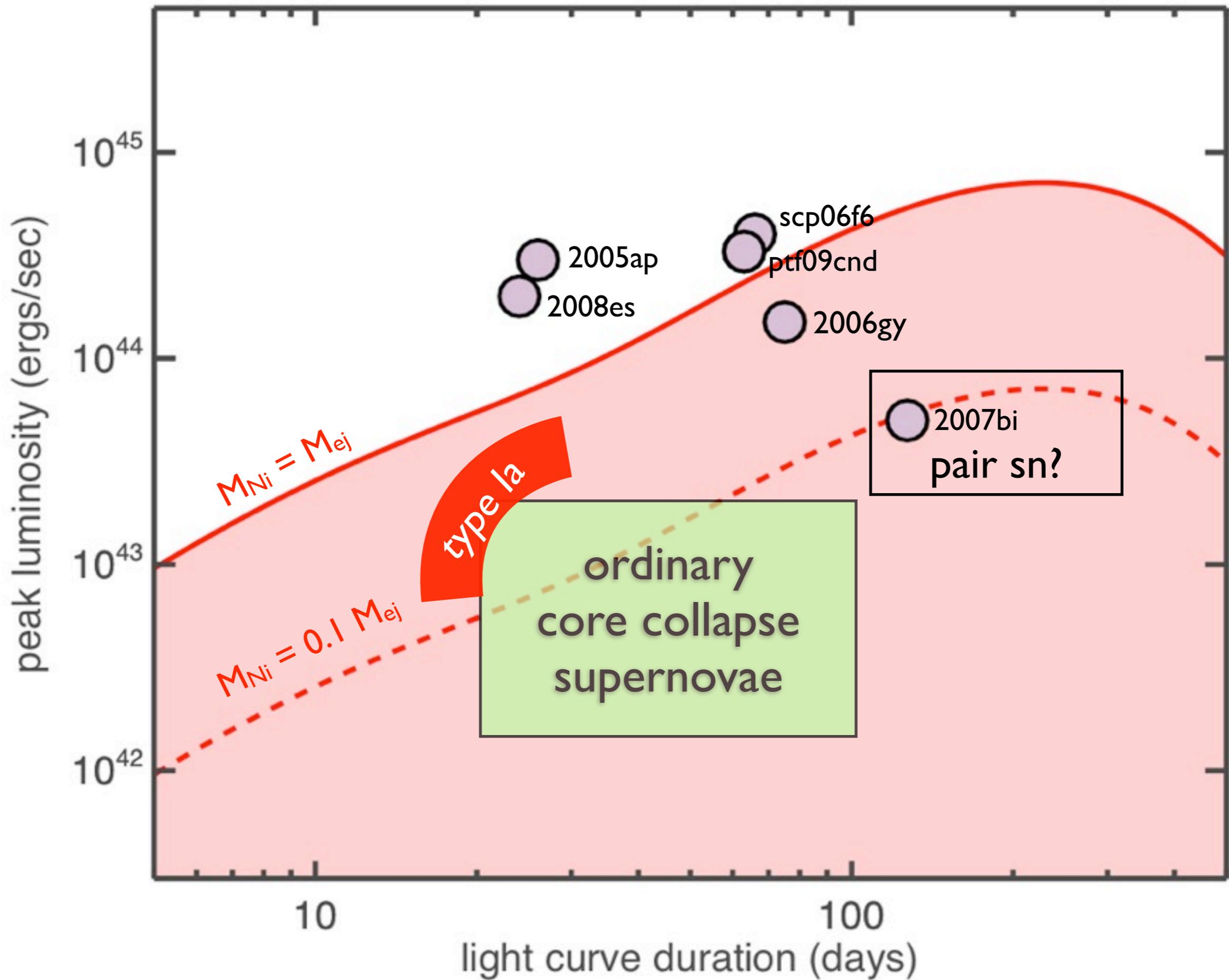
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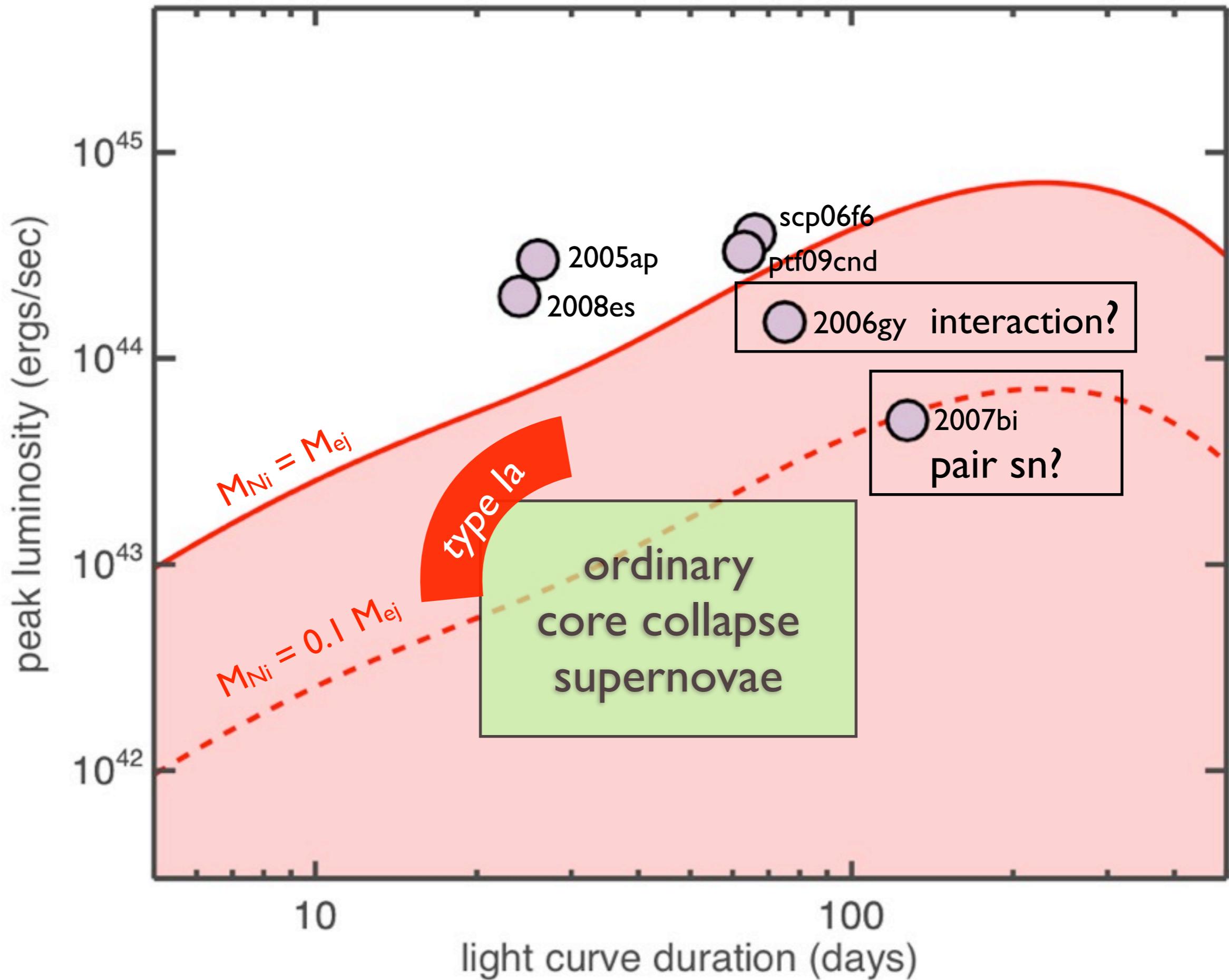
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# power from neutron star spindown



crab nebula  
 $B \sim 5 \times 10^{12} \text{ g}$

# neutron star spindown

~10% of neutron stars are born as magnetars,  
with  $B \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15}$  g

rotational energy

$$E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} I_{\text{ns}} \Omega^2 = 2 \times 10^{50} \text{ ergs} \left( \frac{P}{10 \text{ ms}} \right)^{-2}$$

spindown timescale

$$t_{\text{m}} = \frac{6 I_{\text{ns}} c^3}{B^2 R_{\text{ns}}^6 \Omega^2} = 1.3 \text{ yrs} \left( \frac{B}{10^{14} \text{ g}} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{P}{10 \text{ ms}} \right)^2$$

# light curves from magnetars

roughly

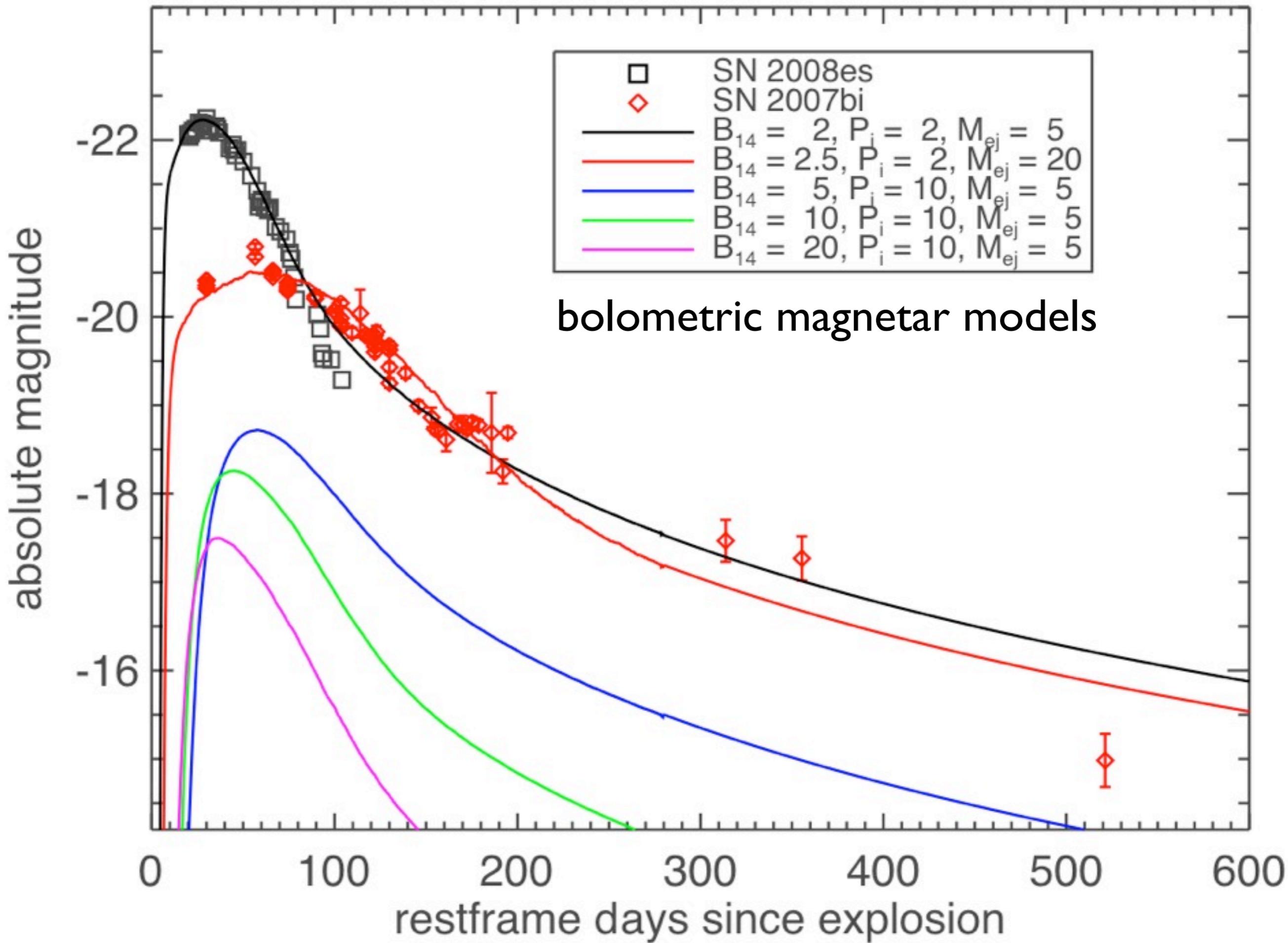
$$L \sim \frac{E_m}{t_d} \left( \frac{t_m}{t_d} \right) \quad \text{high radiative efficiency when } B, P \text{ give } t_m \sim t_d$$

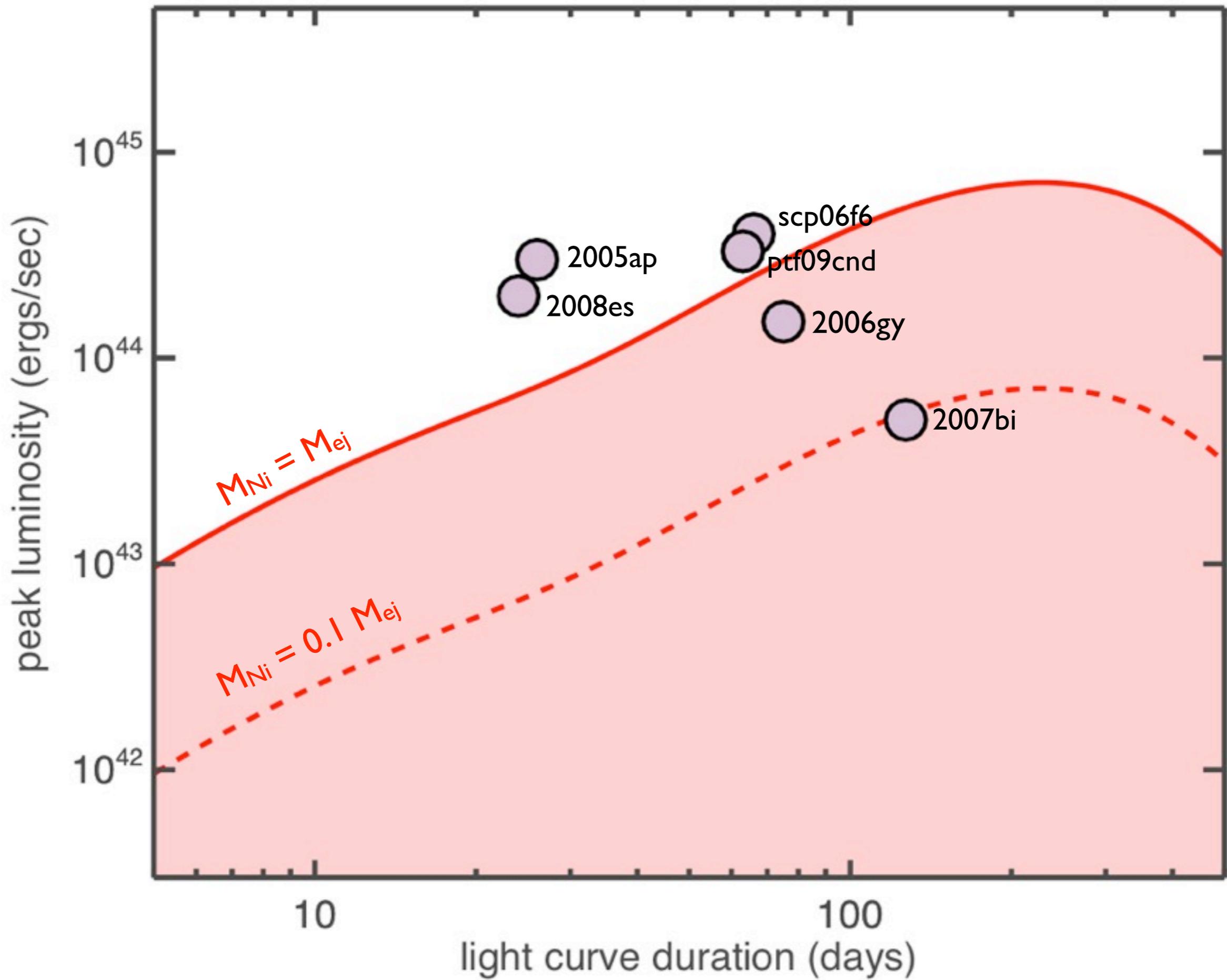
better (for  $l = 2$ )

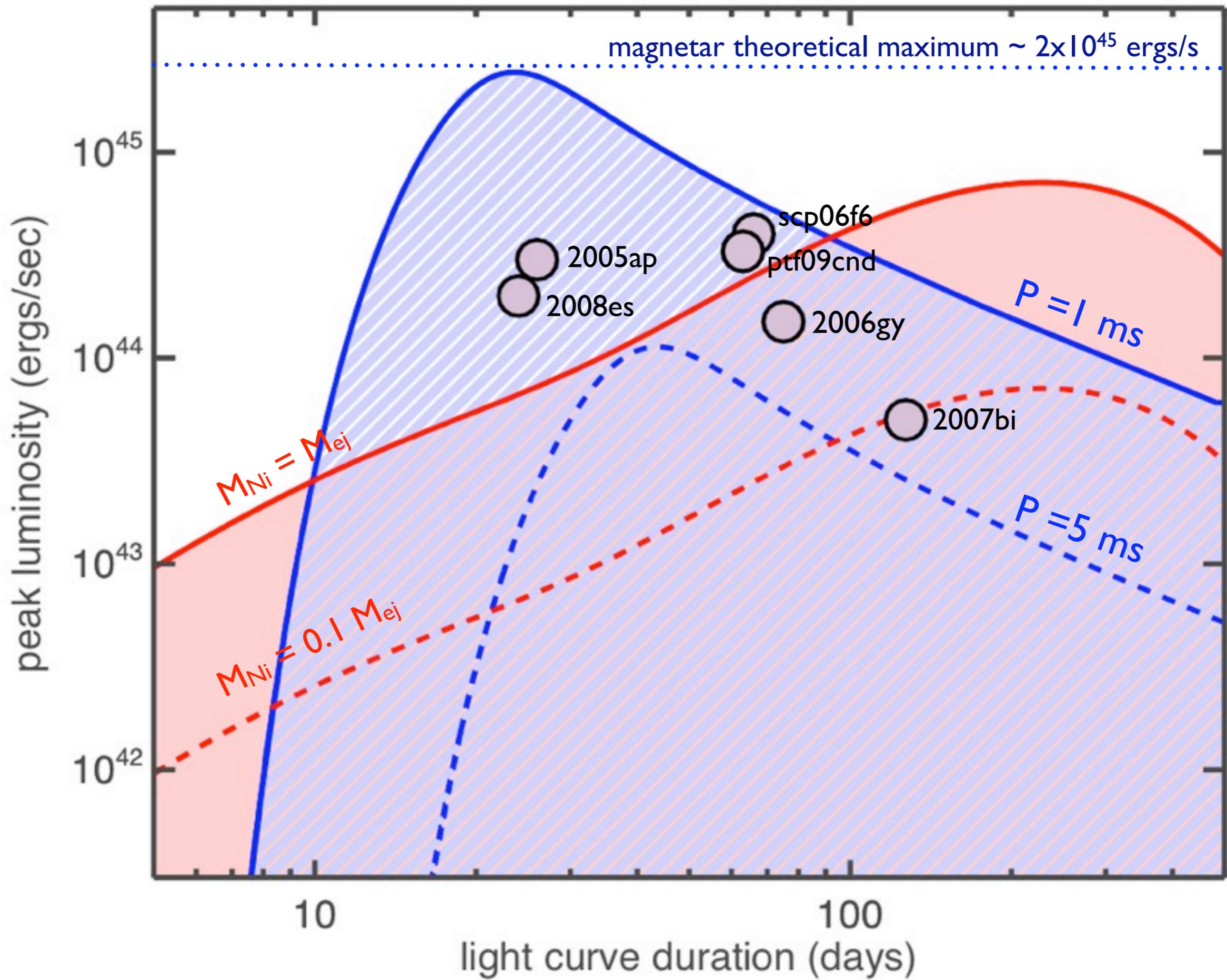
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$$t_{\text{peak}} = t_m \left( \left[ \frac{E_m}{L_{\text{peak}}} t_m \right]^{1/2} - 1 \right)$$

kasen&bildsten  
(2010)



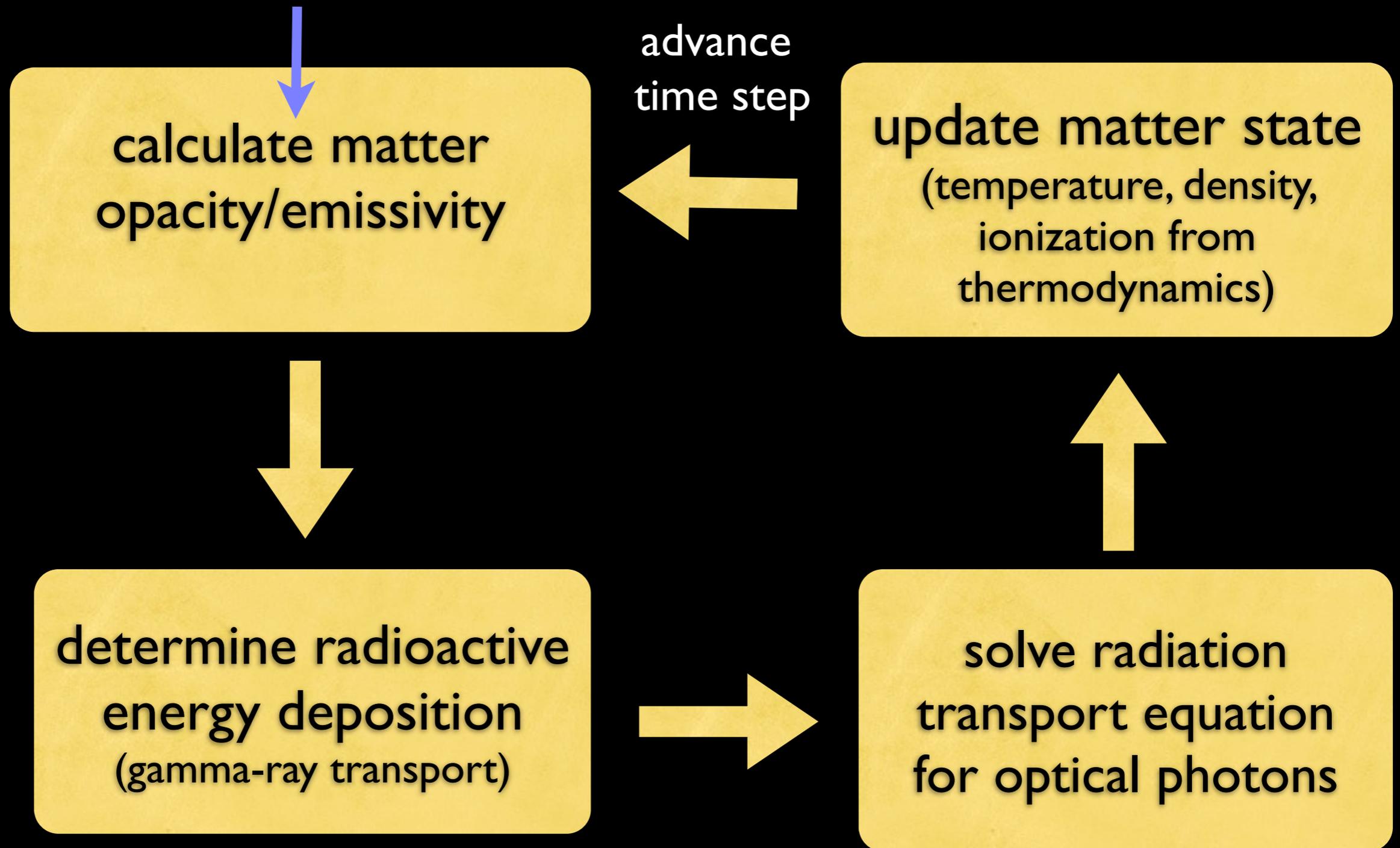




# Monte Carlo and Numerical Radiation Transport

# light curve computation

$\rho(x,y,z), v(x,y,z), T(x,y,z), A_i(x,y,z)$   
from hydro explosion



# radiation transfer equation

$$\frac{dI}{ds} = -\chi I + \eta + \int d\Omega \mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}') I$$



where:

$I(x, y, z, \lambda, \theta, \phi)$  radiation specific intensity

$\eta(x, y, z, \lambda)$  matter emissivity

$\chi(x, y, z, \lambda)$  matter extinction coefficient

*a 6 dimensional integro-differential equation  
coupled through microphysics to matter energy equation*

# transport methods in astrophysics

## grey flux limited diffusion

ignore  $\theta, \varphi, \lambda$  dependence, solve diffusion equation for “seeping” radiation fluid

## multi-group flux limited diffusion (MGFLD)

ignore  $\theta, \varphi$ , keep  $\lambda$  dependence, solve diffusion equation

## ray tracing

follow individual trajectories; ignore scattering and diffusive terms

## implicit monte carlo transport

mixed-frame stochastic particle propagation; retains the full angle, wavelength, & polarization information

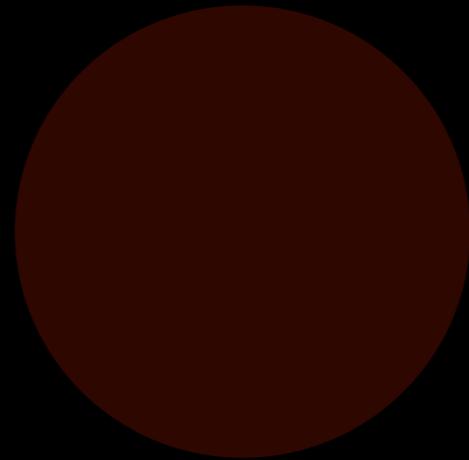
## variable Eddington tensor

solve moments of the radiation transport equation with closure relation

## $S_n$ methods, etc....

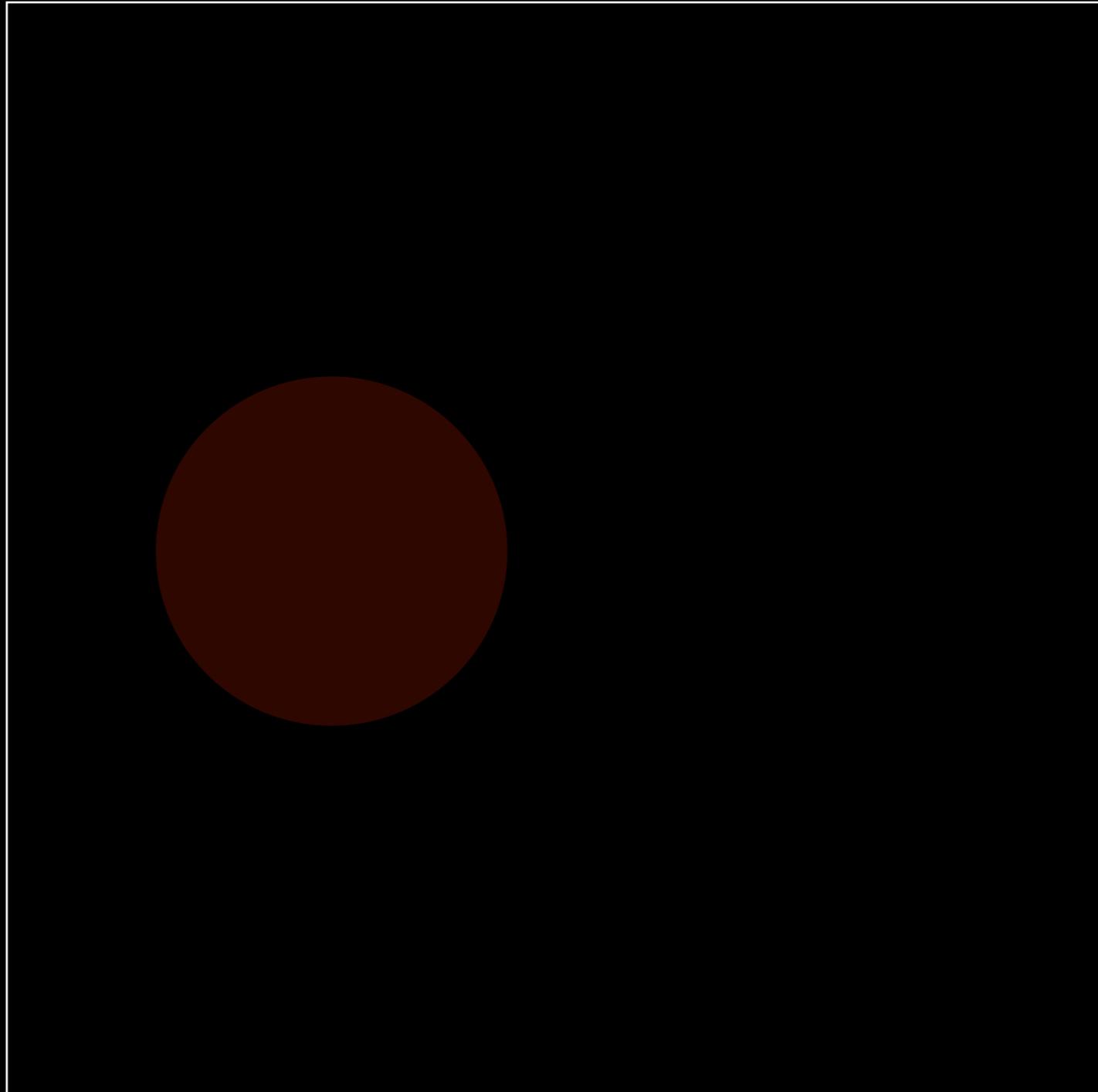
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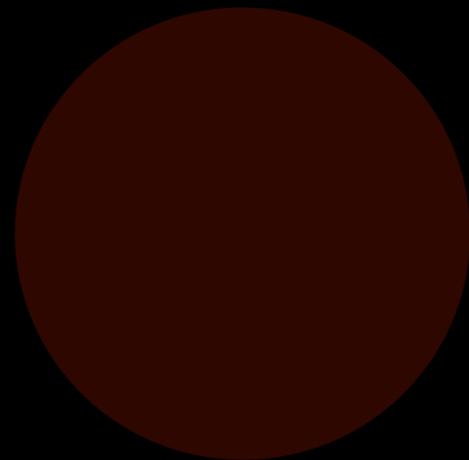
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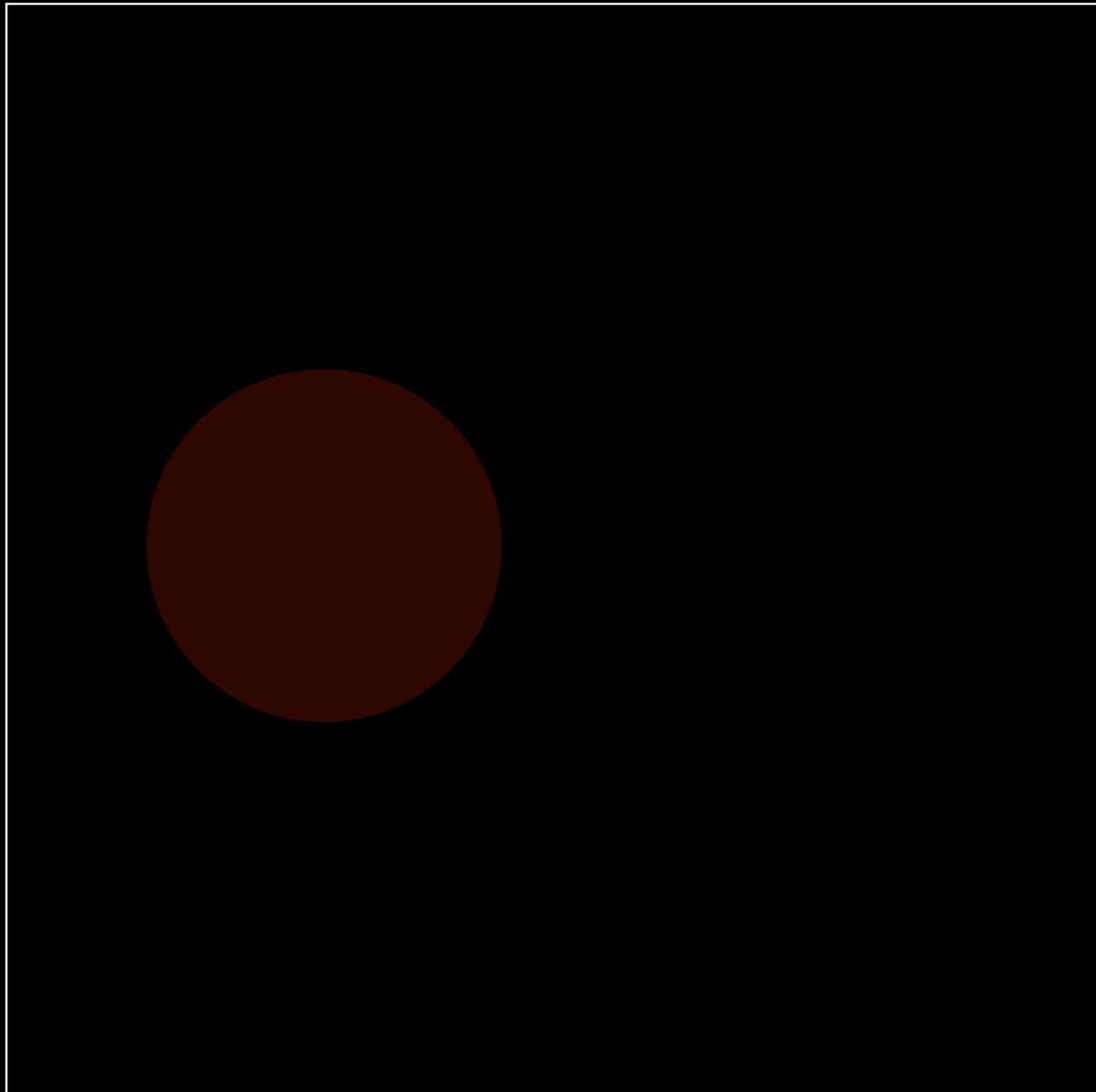
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e.g., mihalas&mihalas

$$\begin{aligned}
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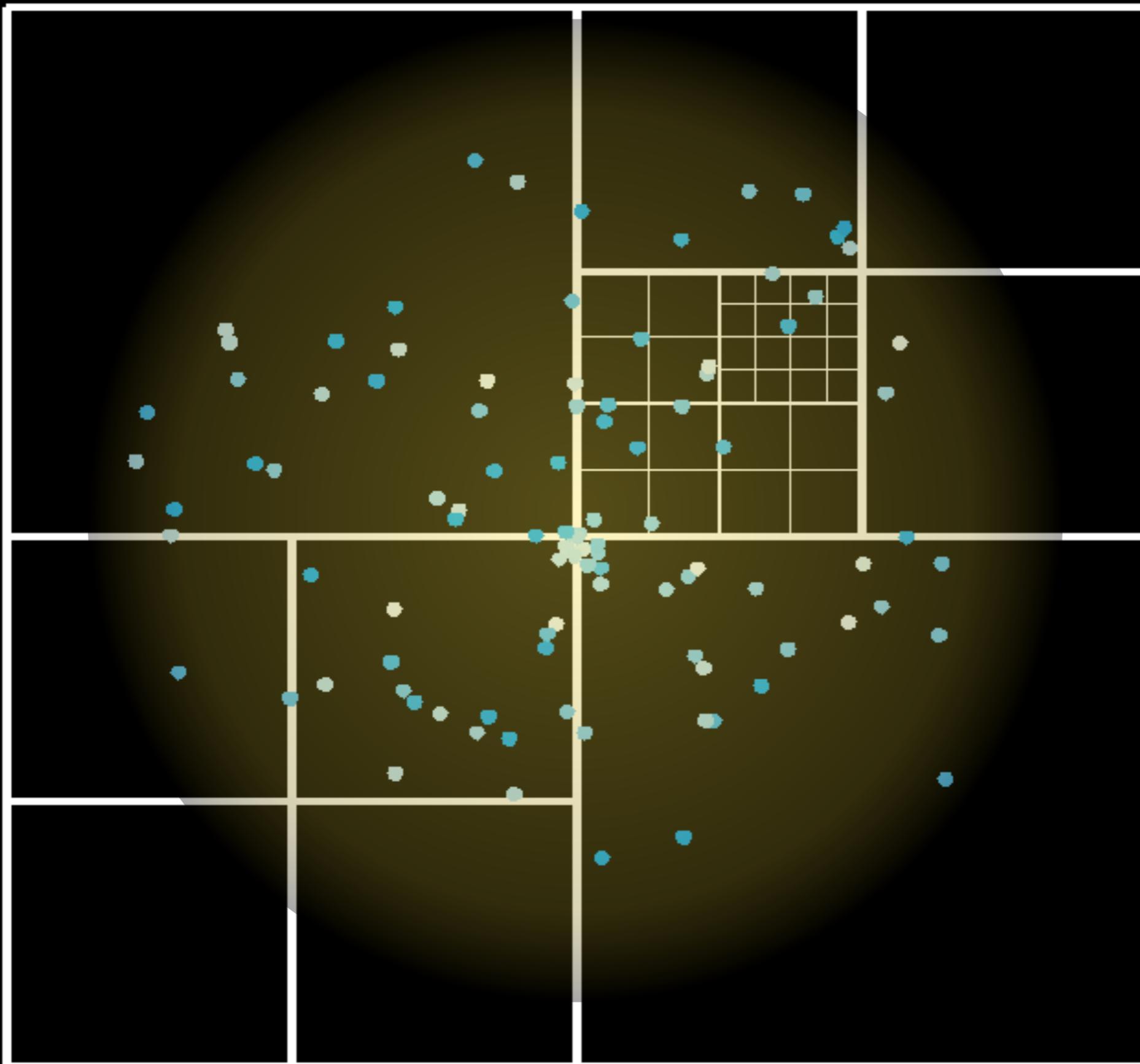


$$P_{\text{in}} = \frac{\pi R^2}{4R^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Signal to noise  
goes like  $N^{-1/2}$   
Need to throw  
 $N = 10,000$  darts  
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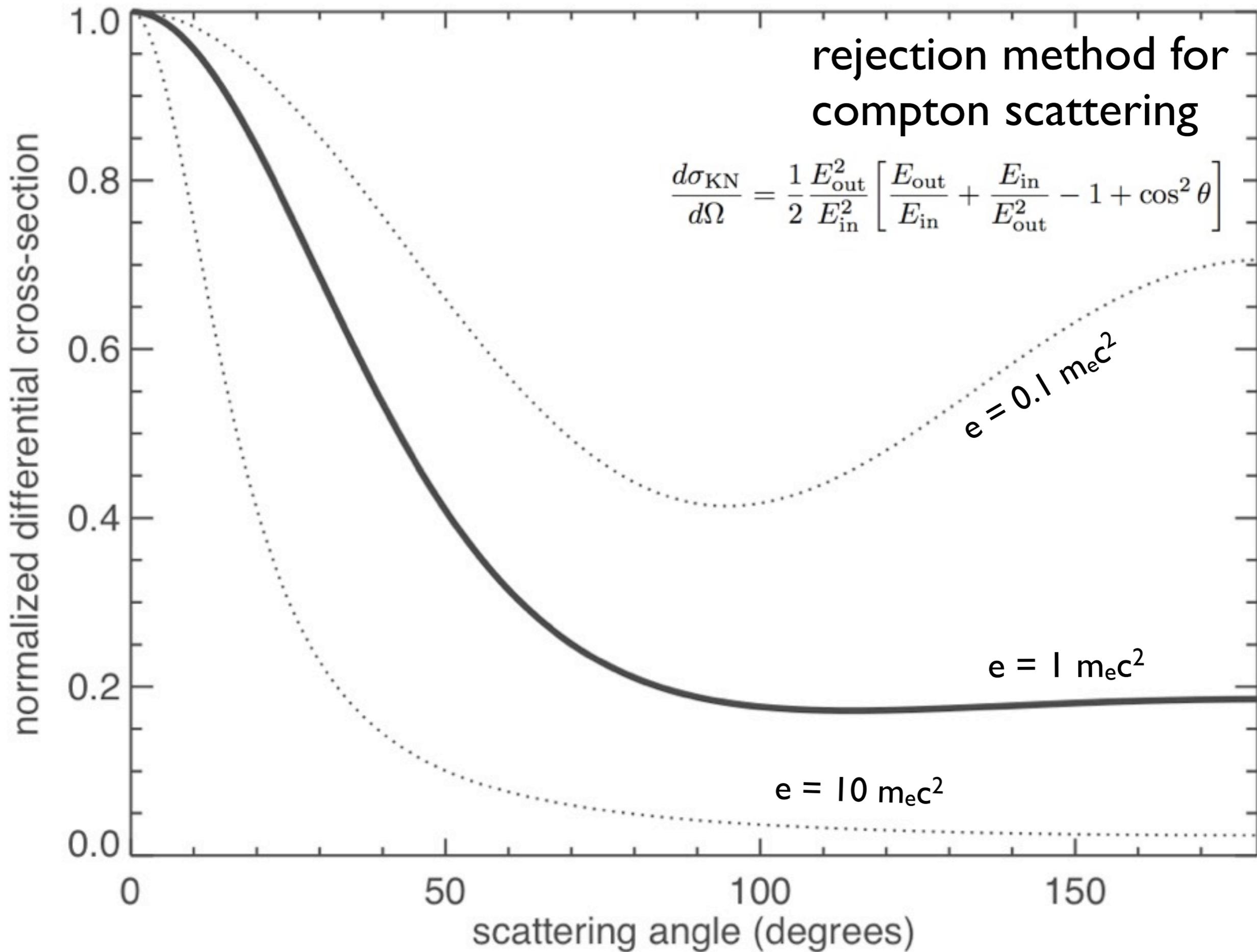
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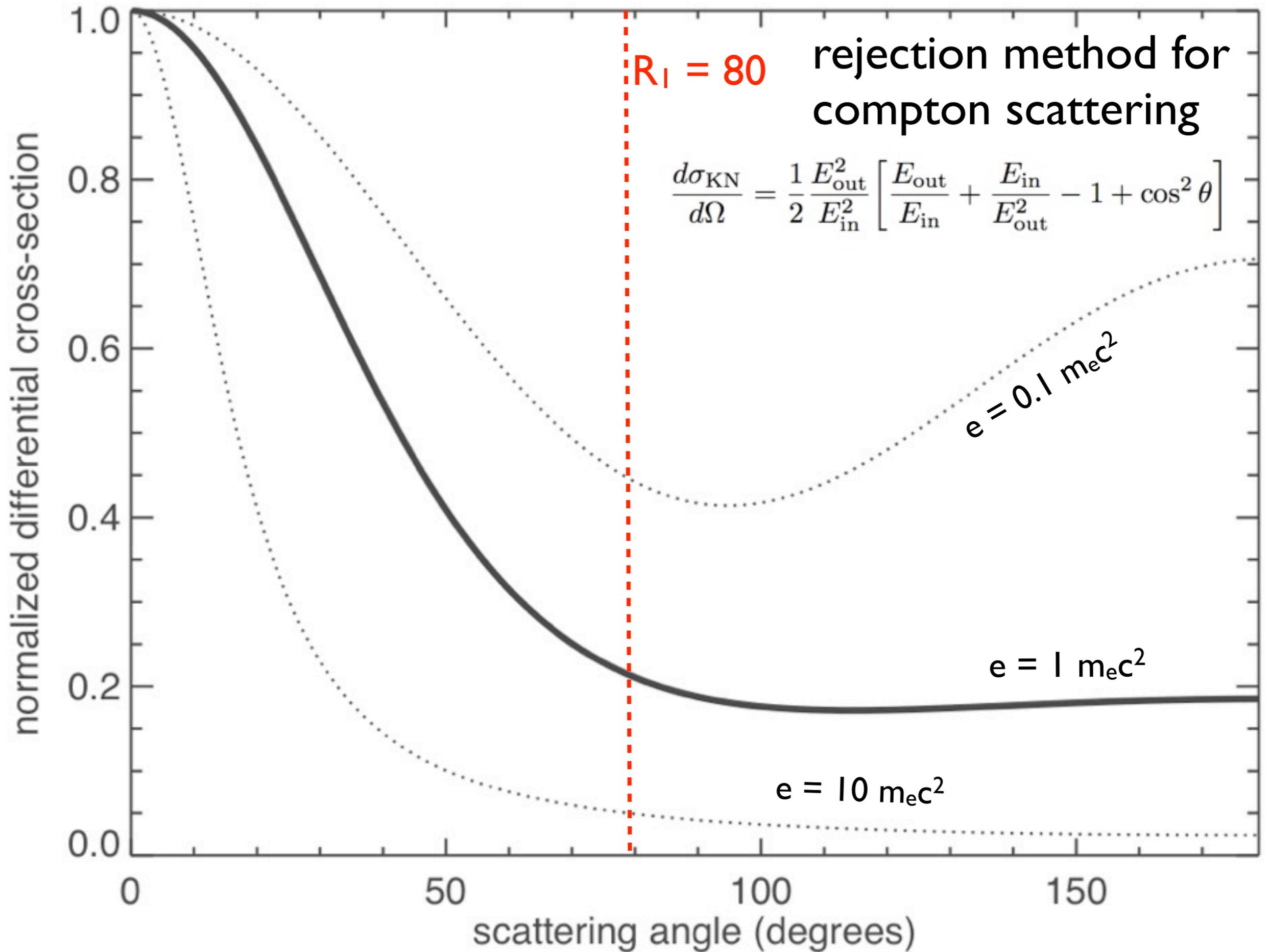
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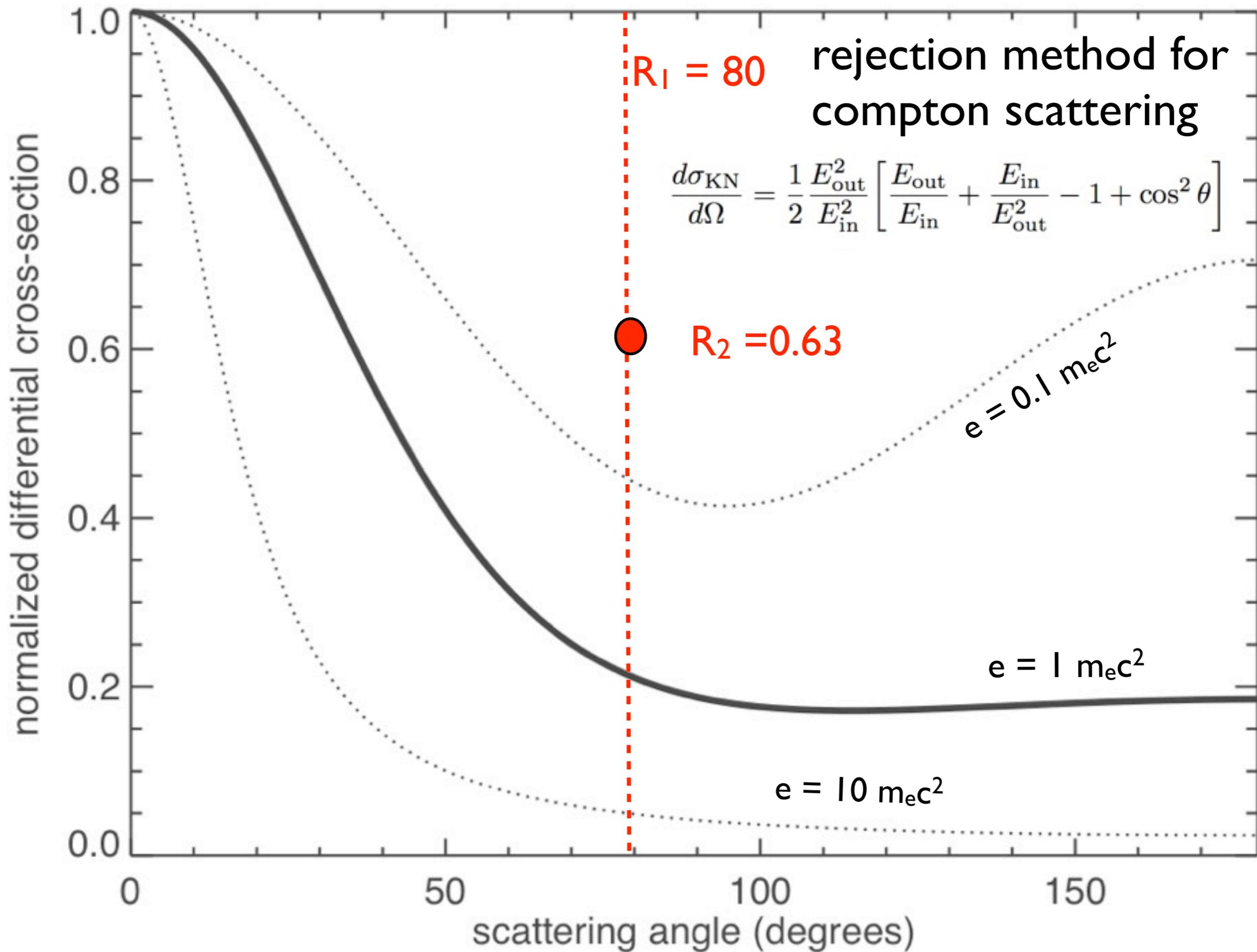
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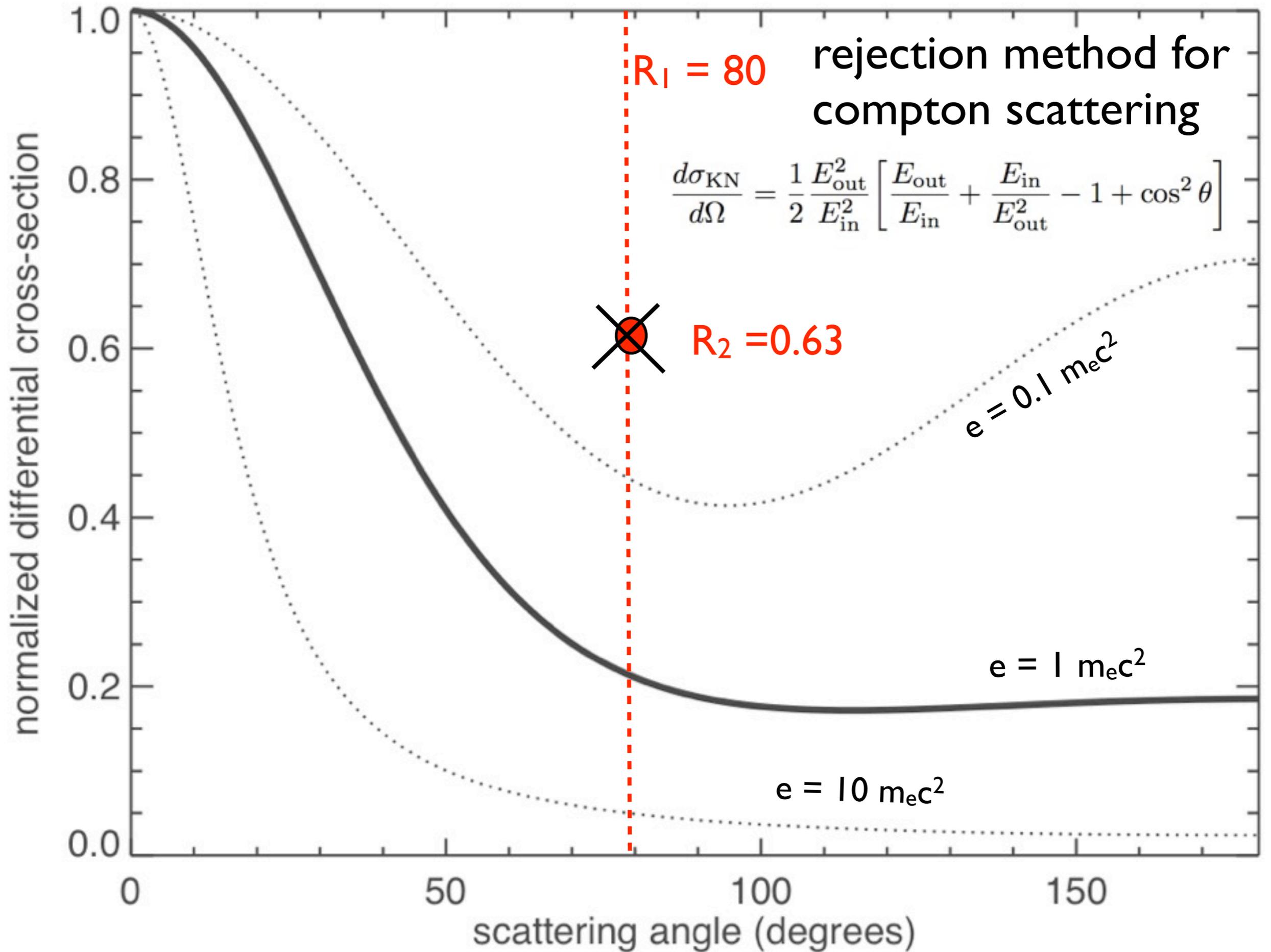
solve for  $x$  (distance traveled before scattering)

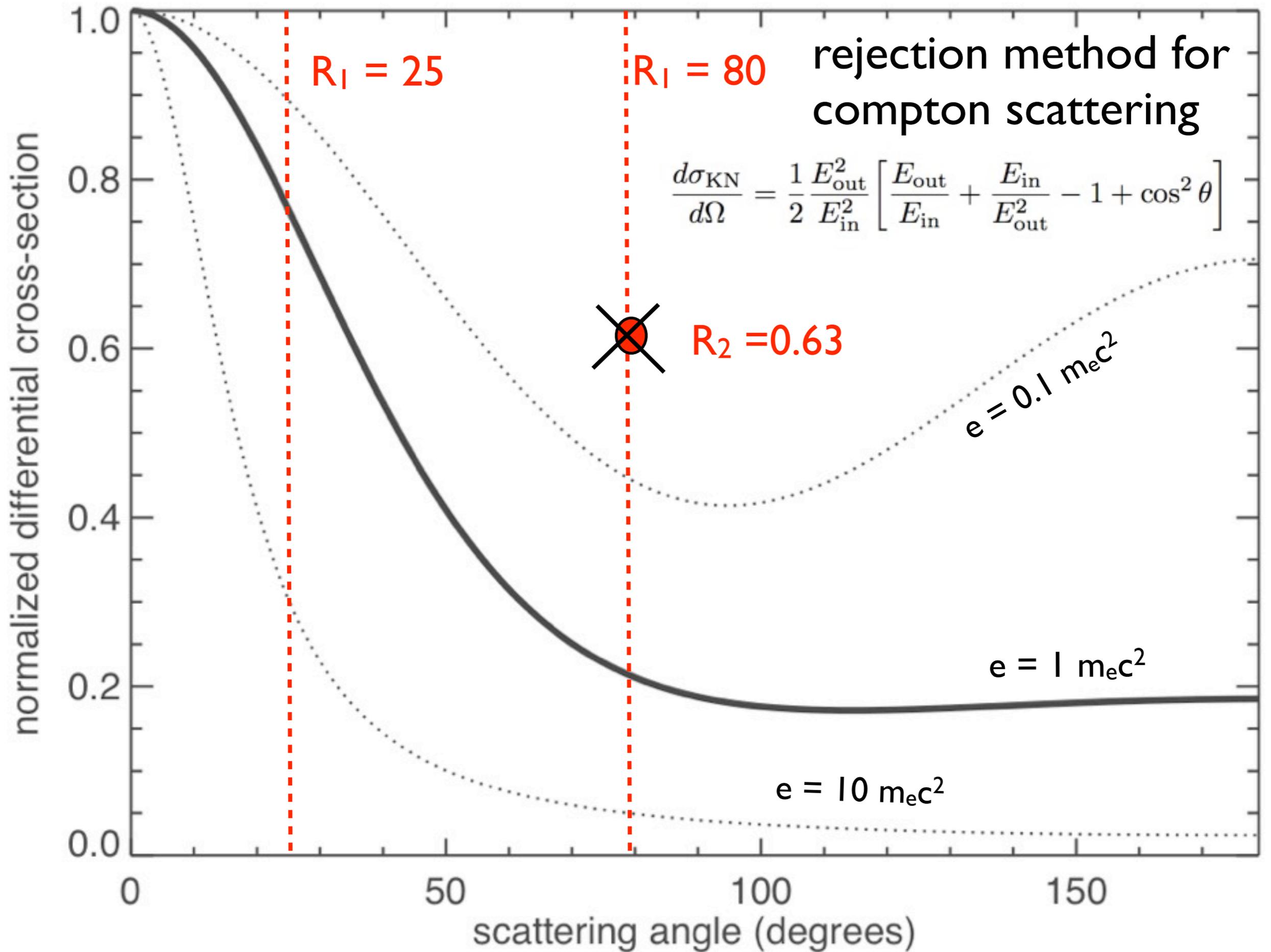
$$x = -(\kappa\rho)^{-1} \log(\mathcal{R})$$

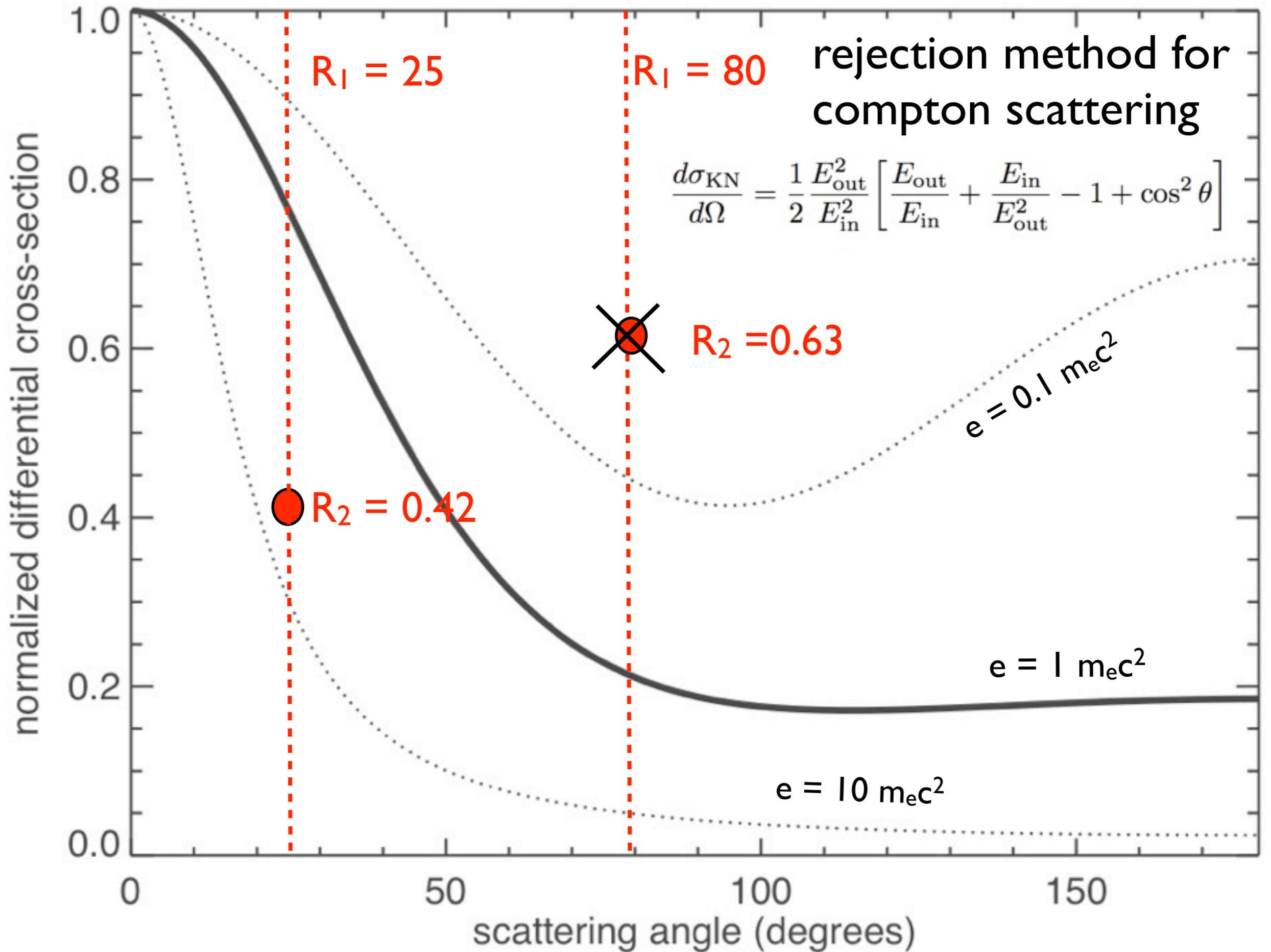












special relativistic transport  
in 1-D radiating flows

e.g., mihalas&mihalas

$$\frac{dI}{ds} = -\chi I + \eta + \oint d\Omega \mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}') I$$

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e.g., mihalas&mihalas

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \gamma(1 + \beta\mu) \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \gamma(\mu + \beta) \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial r} \\
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# mixed frame monte carlo transport

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monte carlo particles propagated in the observer frame

lorentz transformation photon four vector at scattering events

$$\nu_0 = \gamma\nu(1 - \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}/c)$$

$$\chi = \gamma\chi_0(1 - \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}/c)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_0 = \left( \mathbf{d} - \frac{\gamma\mathbf{v}}{c} \left[ 1 - \frac{\gamma\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}/c}{\gamma + 1} \right] \right) \left[ \gamma(1 - \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{v}/c) \right]^{-1}$$

lorentz  
transformations

automatically accounts for all aberration, advection, doppler shifts, and adiabatic losses to all orders of  $v/c$

general relativistic effects (geodesic tracking) can also be included  
e.g., *Dolence et al., (2009)*, *Dexter et al., (2009)*

# implicit monte carlo methods

fleck and cummings 1971

$$G_0^0 = \left[ \frac{1}{V \Delta t} \sum_i \epsilon_0 l_i \chi_0(\nu_0) \right] - \chi_0 a T_g^4$$
$$G_0^i = \frac{1}{c V \Delta t} \sum_i \epsilon_0 l_i \chi_0(\nu_0) d_0^i$$

momentum four-force vector (i.e., radiative heating/cooling, radiative acceleration)

timescale for matter/radiation coupling

$$t_{\text{RM}} \sim \frac{l_p}{c} \frac{n k T}{a T^4} \ll t_{\text{dyn}}, t_{\text{diff}}$$

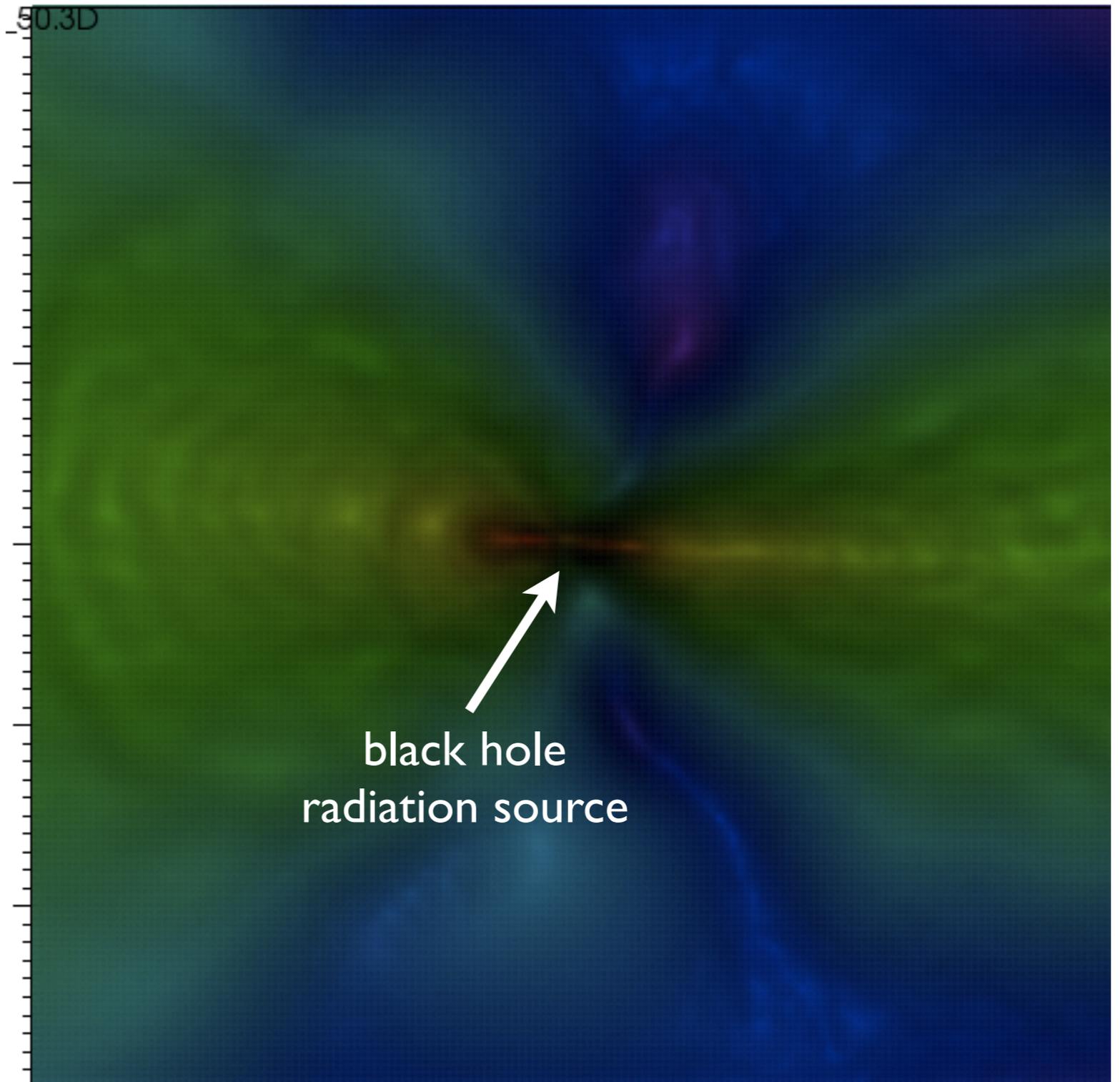
**implicit methods:** particle absorption/re-emission (i.e., creation/destruction) is replaced by “effective scattering”

# population control and load balancing

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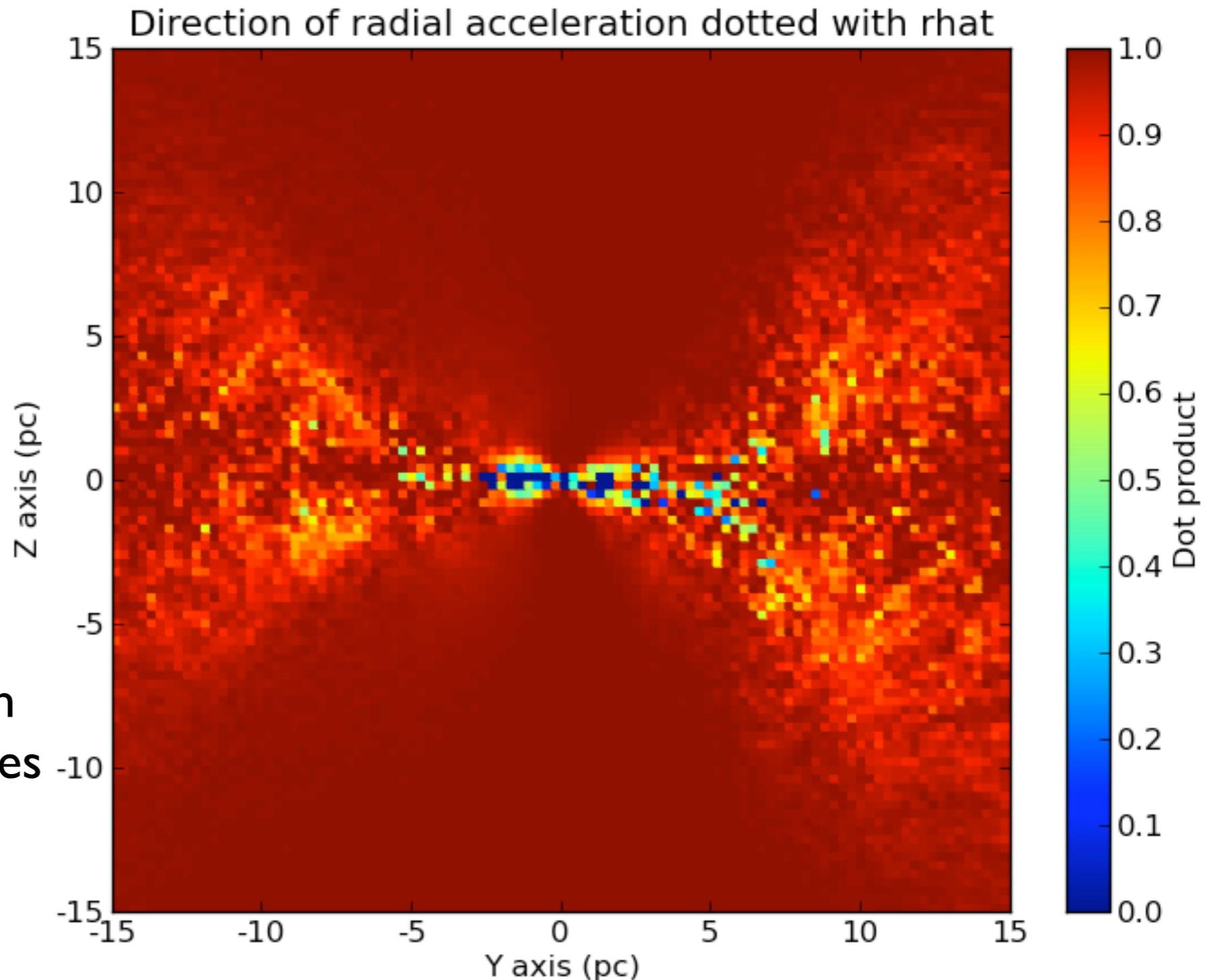
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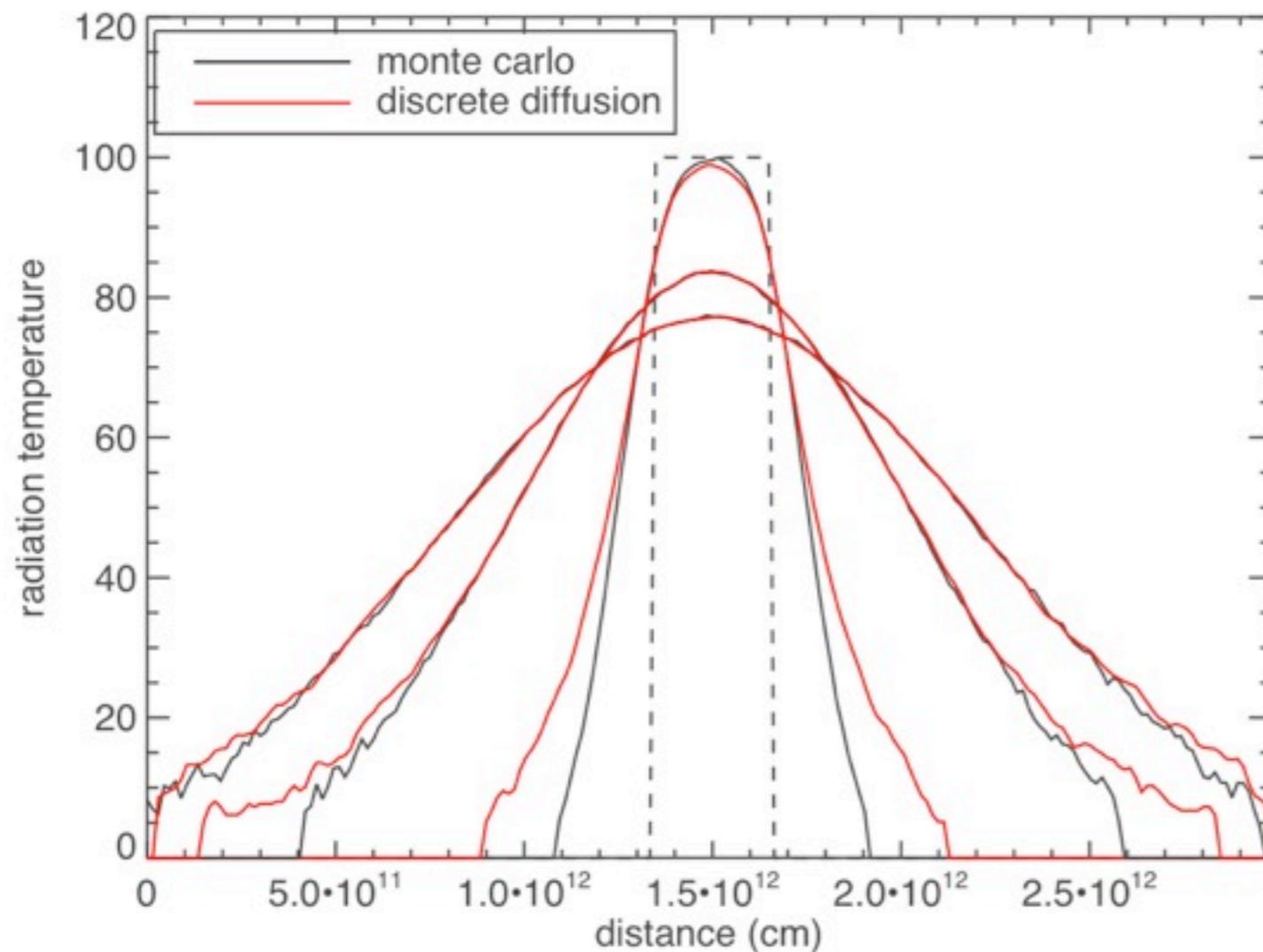
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# discrete diffusion monte carlo

gentile 2001, densmore et al 2007

For regions of high opacity, monte carlo is very inefficient.  
Instead, sample from the diffusion approximation:

$$F = -\frac{c}{3\chi} \nabla E_{\text{rad}}$$



jump probabilities

$$P_L = \frac{c}{3\chi_L \Delta x} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

$$P_R = \frac{c}{3\chi_R \Delta x} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

$$P_{\text{abs}} = c\chi_{\text{abs}}\Delta t$$

$$P_{\text{stay}} = 1$$

$$\text{norm} = [1 + P_R + P_L + P_{\text{abs}}]^{-1}$$

# monte carlo parallelization strategies

using hybrid MPI/open MP, run on 10,000-100,000 cores

using Cray XE6 (Hopper @ NERSC),

Cray XT5 (Jaguar @ ORNL) Blue Gene/P (Intrepid @ ALCF)

## full replication

each core holds entire model and propagates particles independently;  
MPI all reduce of radiation/matter coupling terms after each time step.  
*Memory limited (2D, low resolution 3D).*

## domain decomposed

spatial grid partitioned over cores

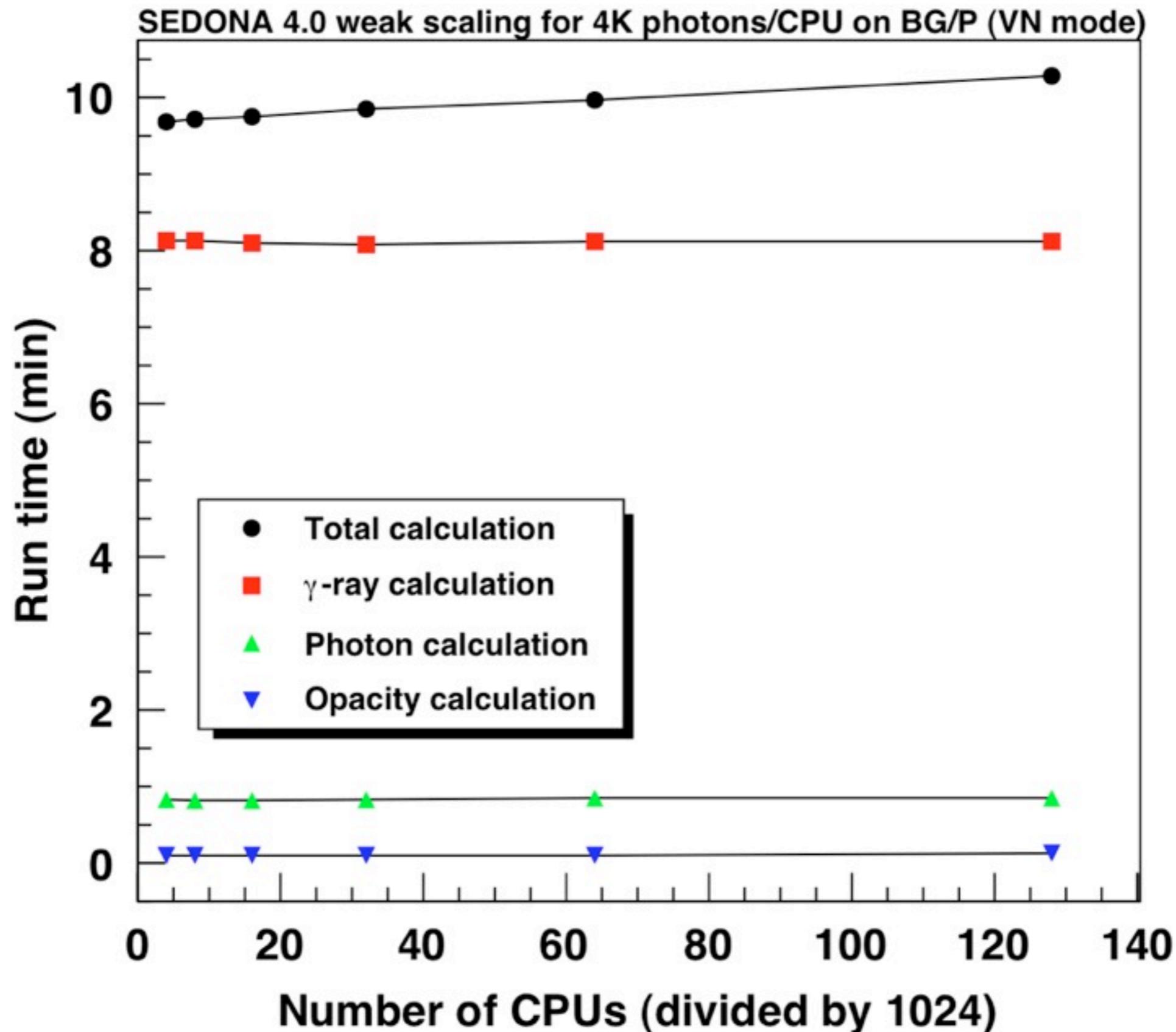
particles leaving local domain communicated via MPI to neighbors

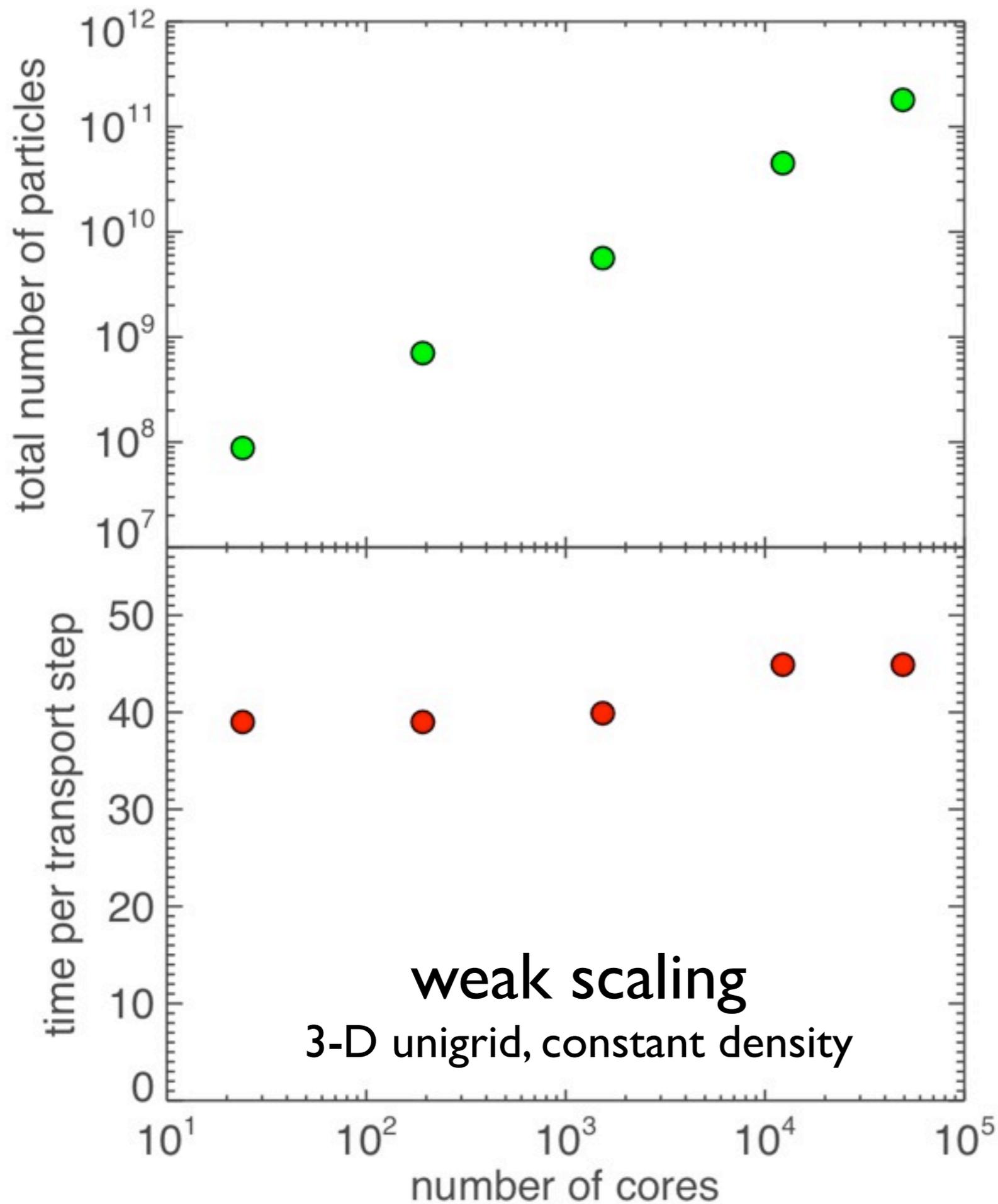
## hybrid

use openMP threading to do additional particles on shared memory node,  
can fully replicate certain domains on additional nodes to extend scaling  
and manage load balancing.

# weak scaling: 2D transport calculation

full replication -- embarrassingly parallel





domain decomposed  
monte carlo transport  
hybrid MPI/open MP  
BoxLib AMR framework

on *Hopper* XE6 (NERSC)  
2 twelve-core AMD “Mangy-Cours”  
(4 NUMA “nodes” of 6 cores)  
2.1 GHz processors per node

@ 49,152 cores (2048 nodes)

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| total particles   | = 1.8 × 10 <sup>11</sup> |
| total cells       | = 4.5 × 10 <sup>7</sup>  |
| wavelength points | = 10,000                 |
| total memory      | = 65 TB                  |

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