

Deciphering
Multi-wavelength Phenomena
of Supernova Remnants
through Numerical Modeling

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Some slides with preliminary results are skipped

This talk

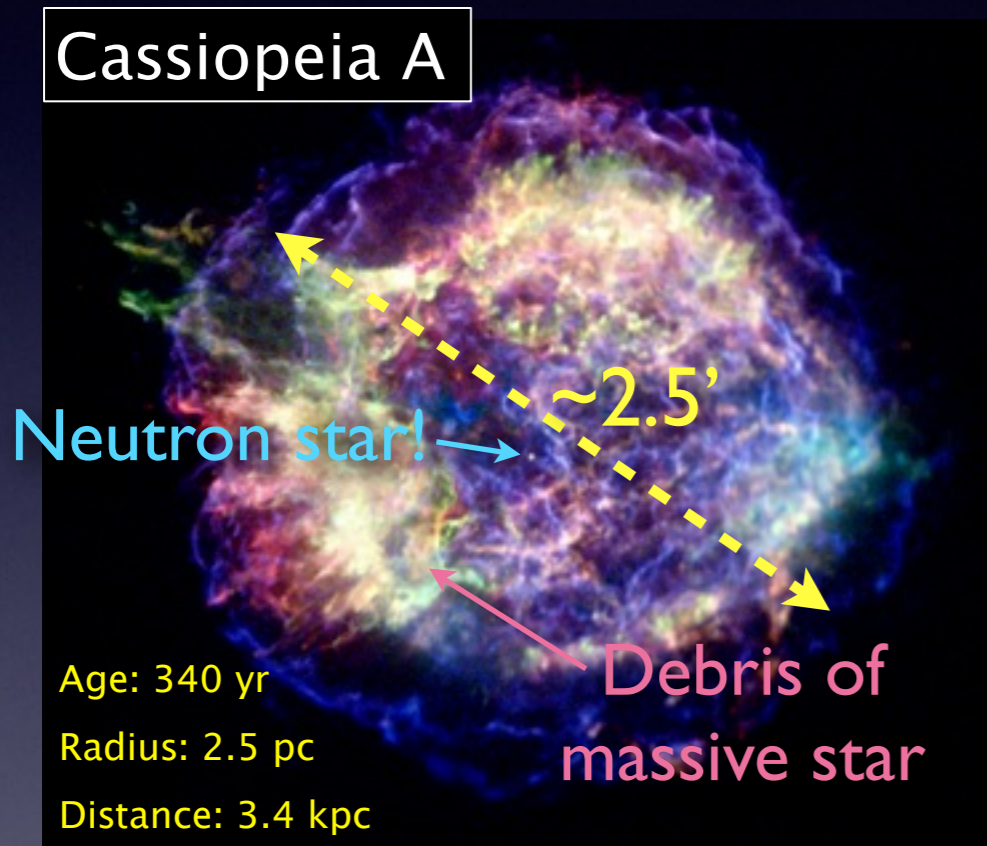
- What's hot about SNRs
- Numerical modeling of SNR emission
 - Young shell-type SNRs with strong shocks
 - Older radiative SNRs with slow cloud shocks
- Future telescopes and models

Supernova Remnants

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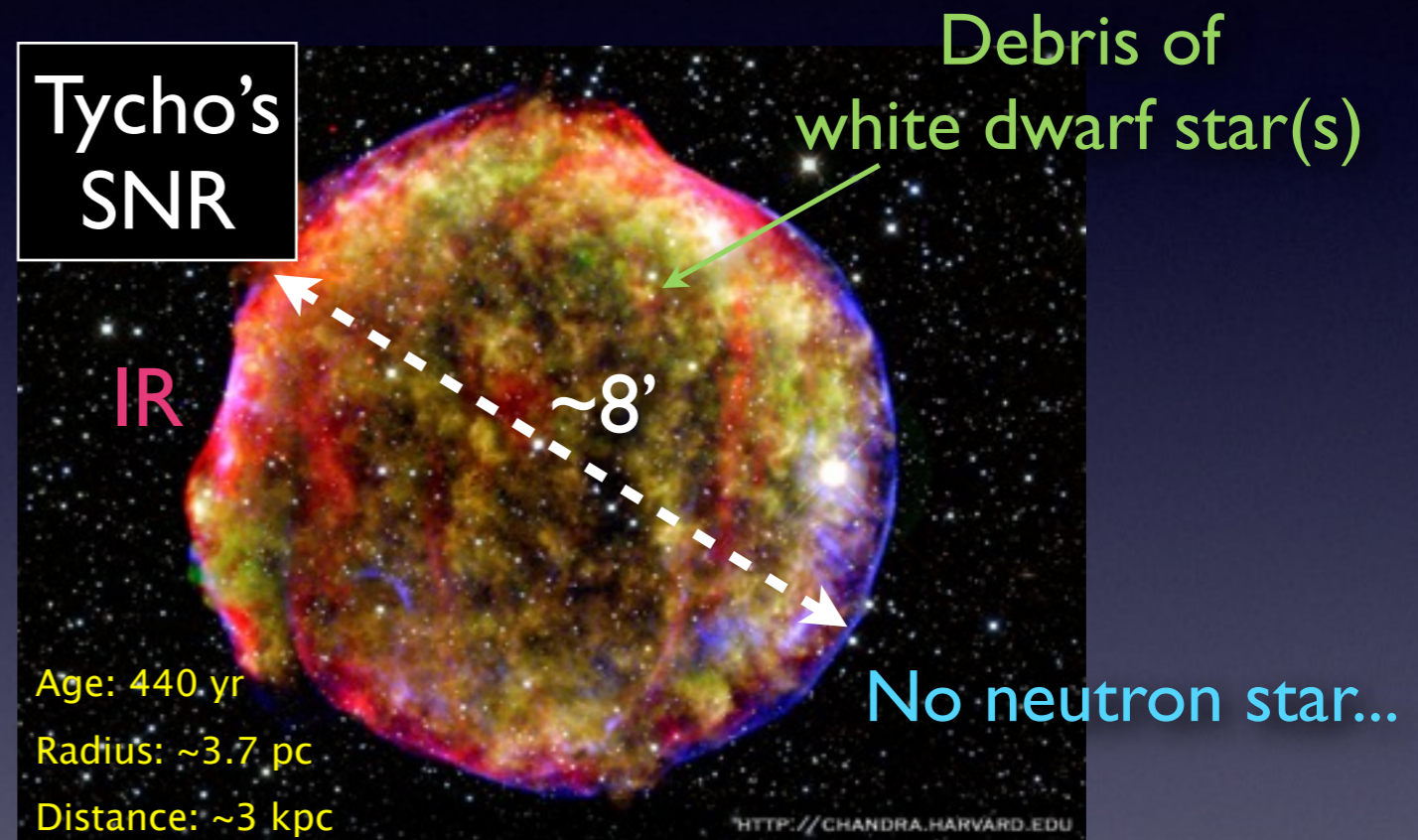
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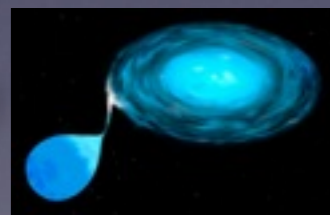
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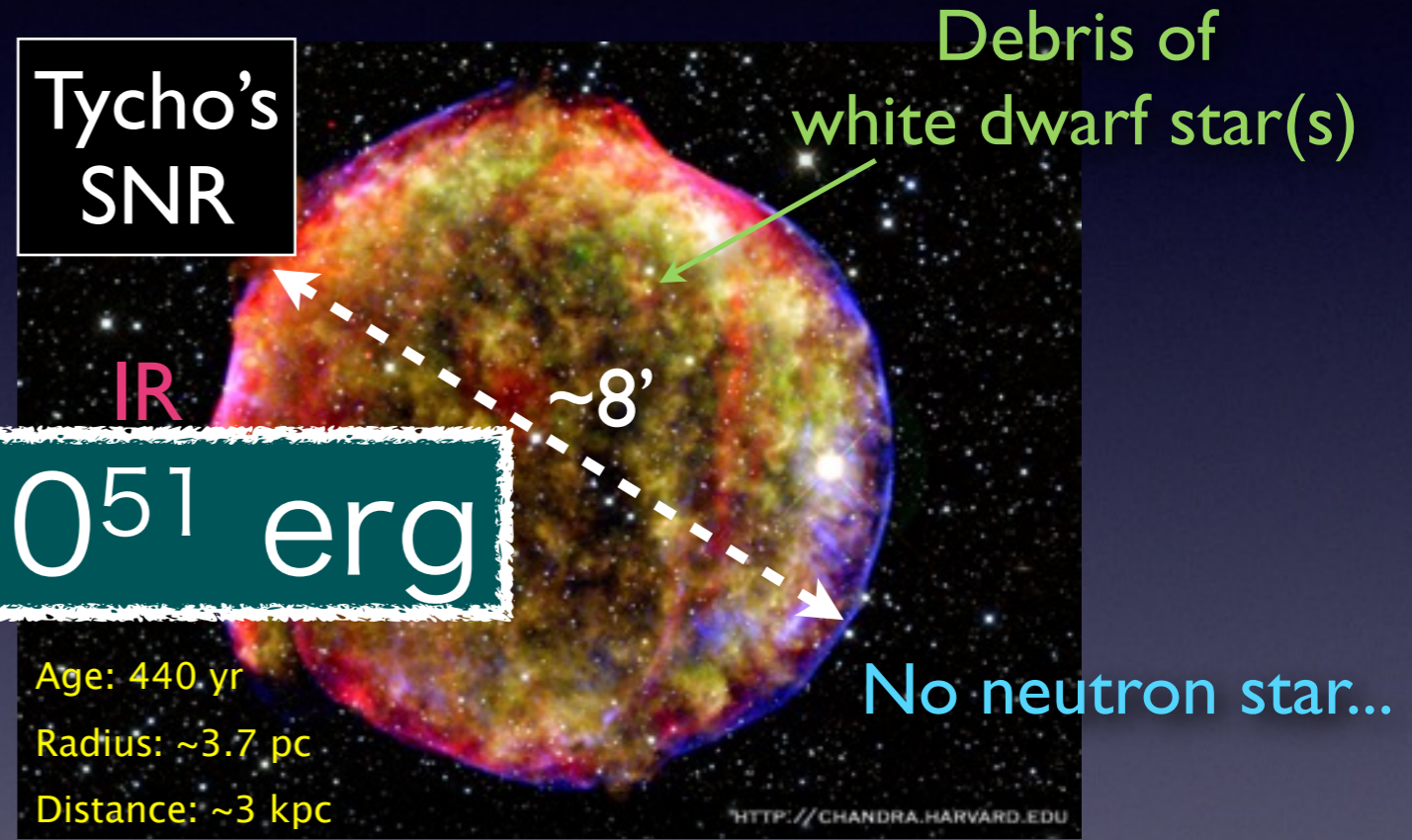
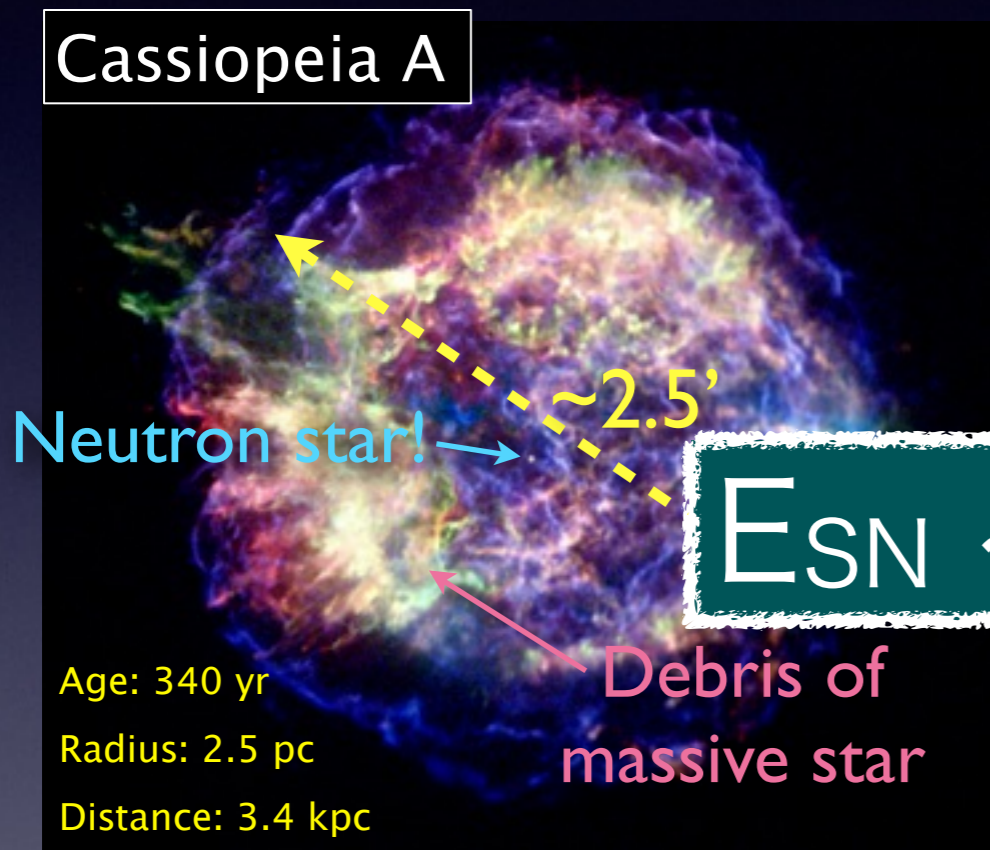
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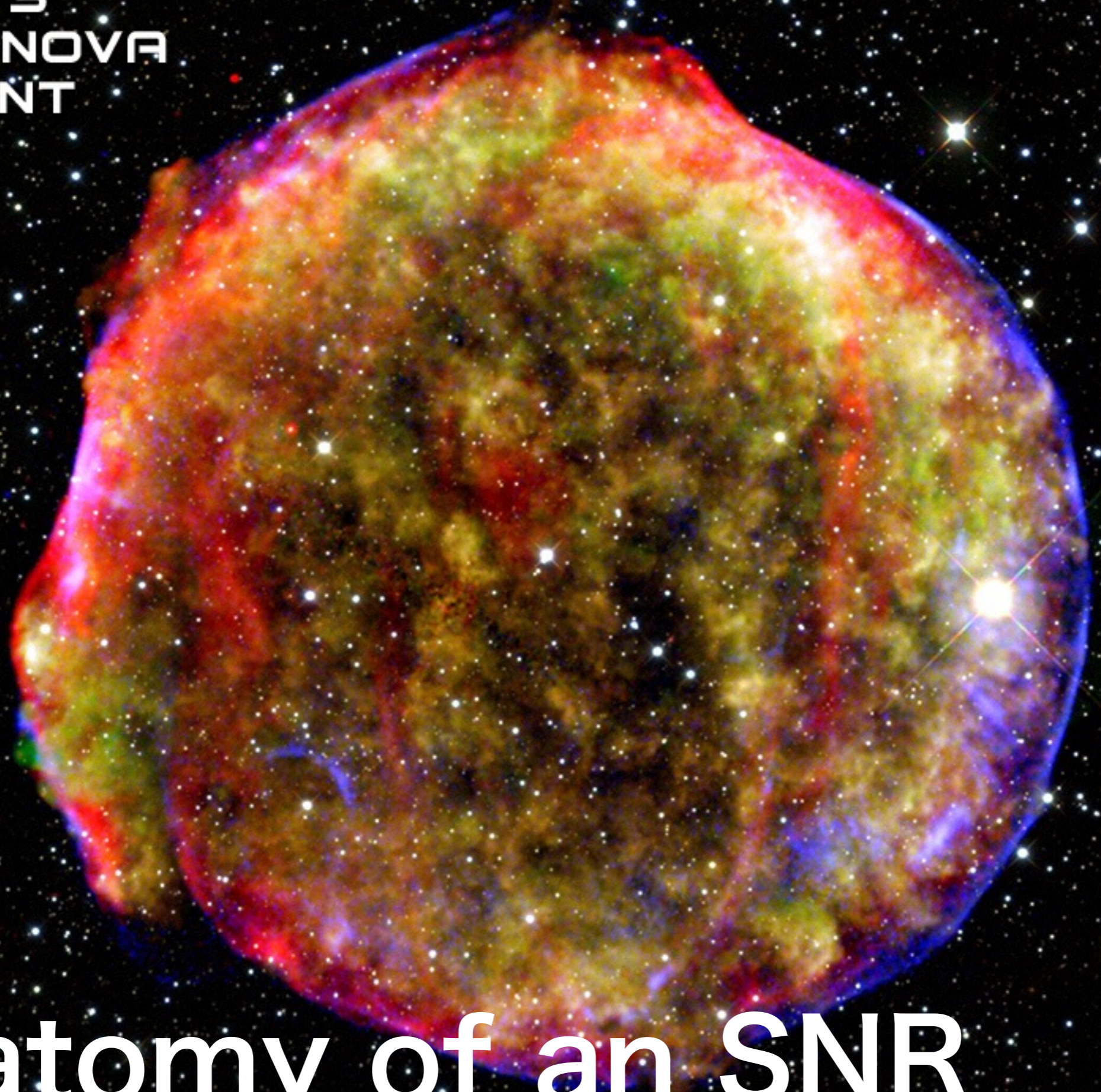


Supernova Remnants (SNR)

- ◆ Age from ~100 (“historic”) to >50,000 yr old
- ◆ Much fainter than SNe, only detectable from nearby
- ◆ Resolved objects = fun to look at!
- ◆ Many different shapes (morphological types)
- ◆ Mostly multi-wavelength (radio, IR, optical, X, gamma)
- ◆ Release heavy elements into ISM (r-process?)
- ◆ Compress ISM, trigger star formation, metallicity
- ◆ Cosmic-ray factories!?

CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY

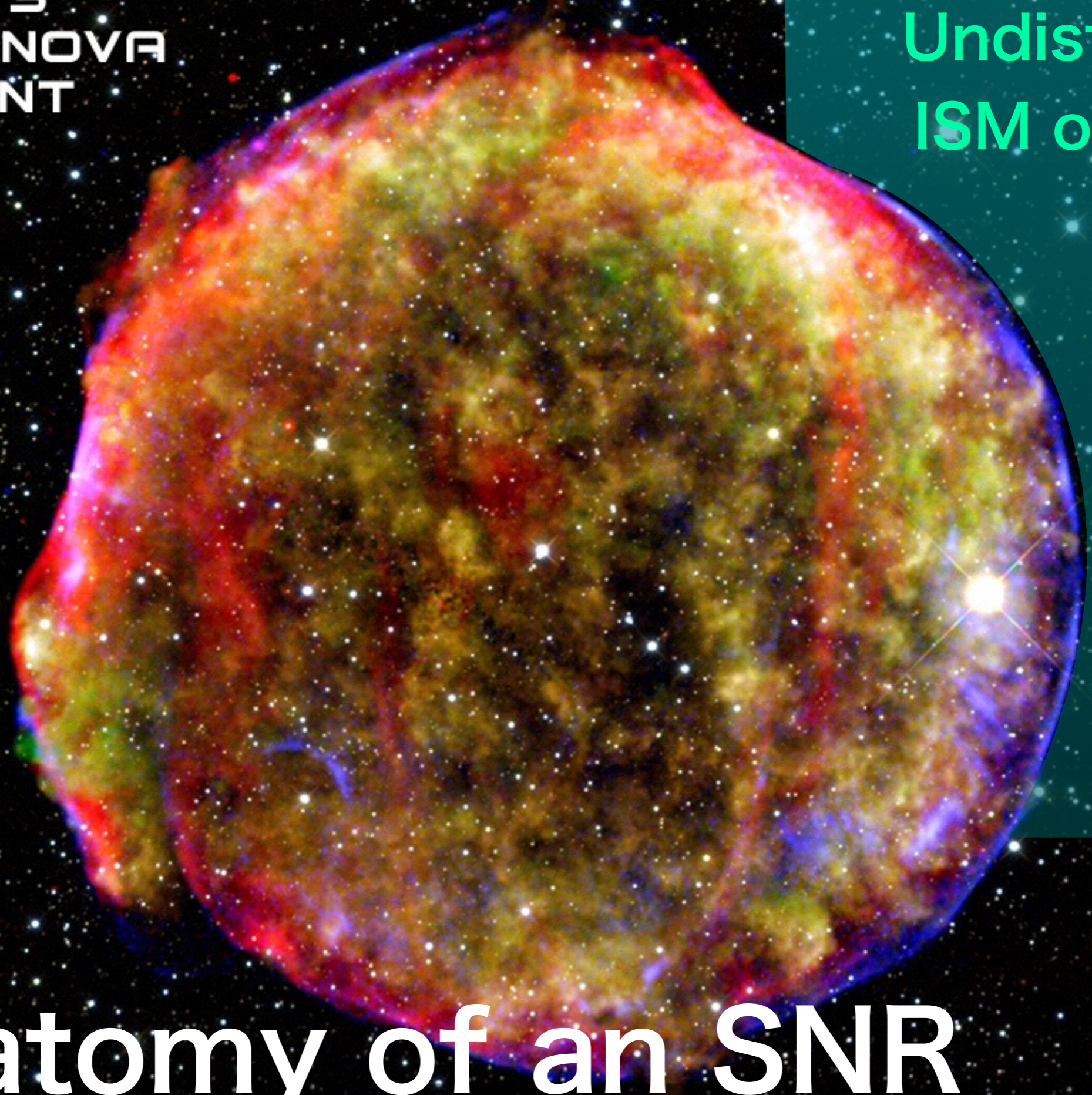
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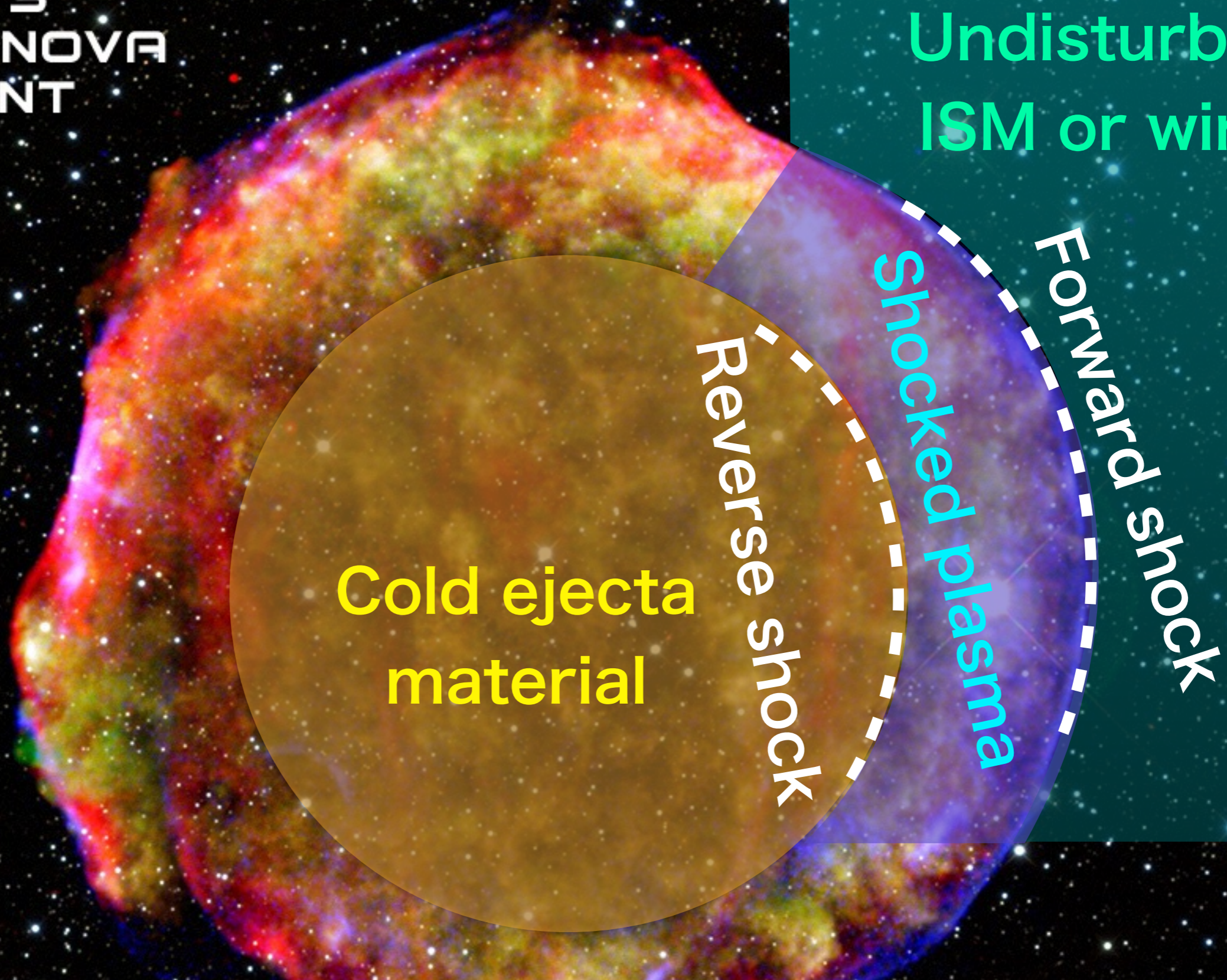
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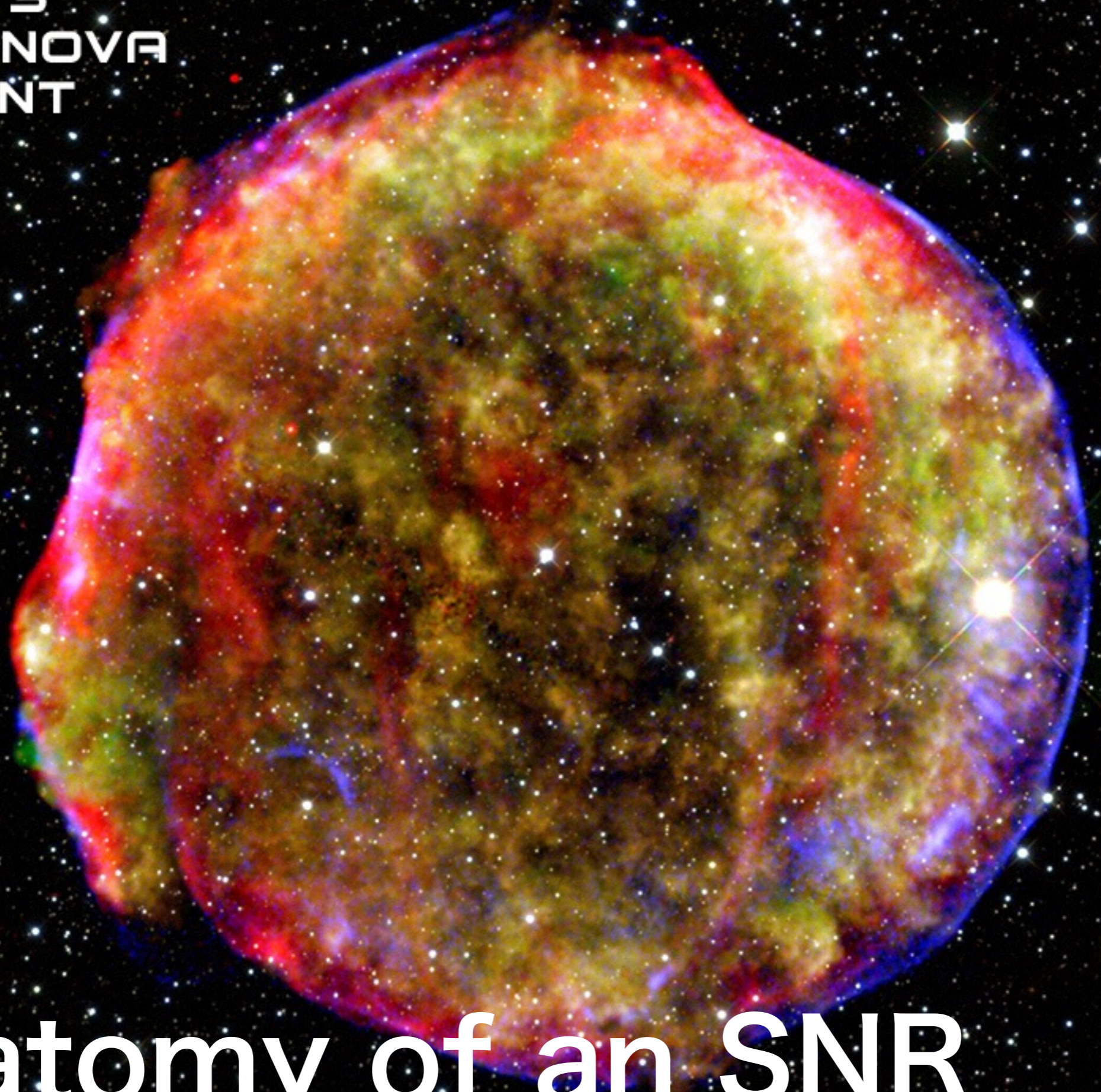
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You are looking at the projection of a shell-like object

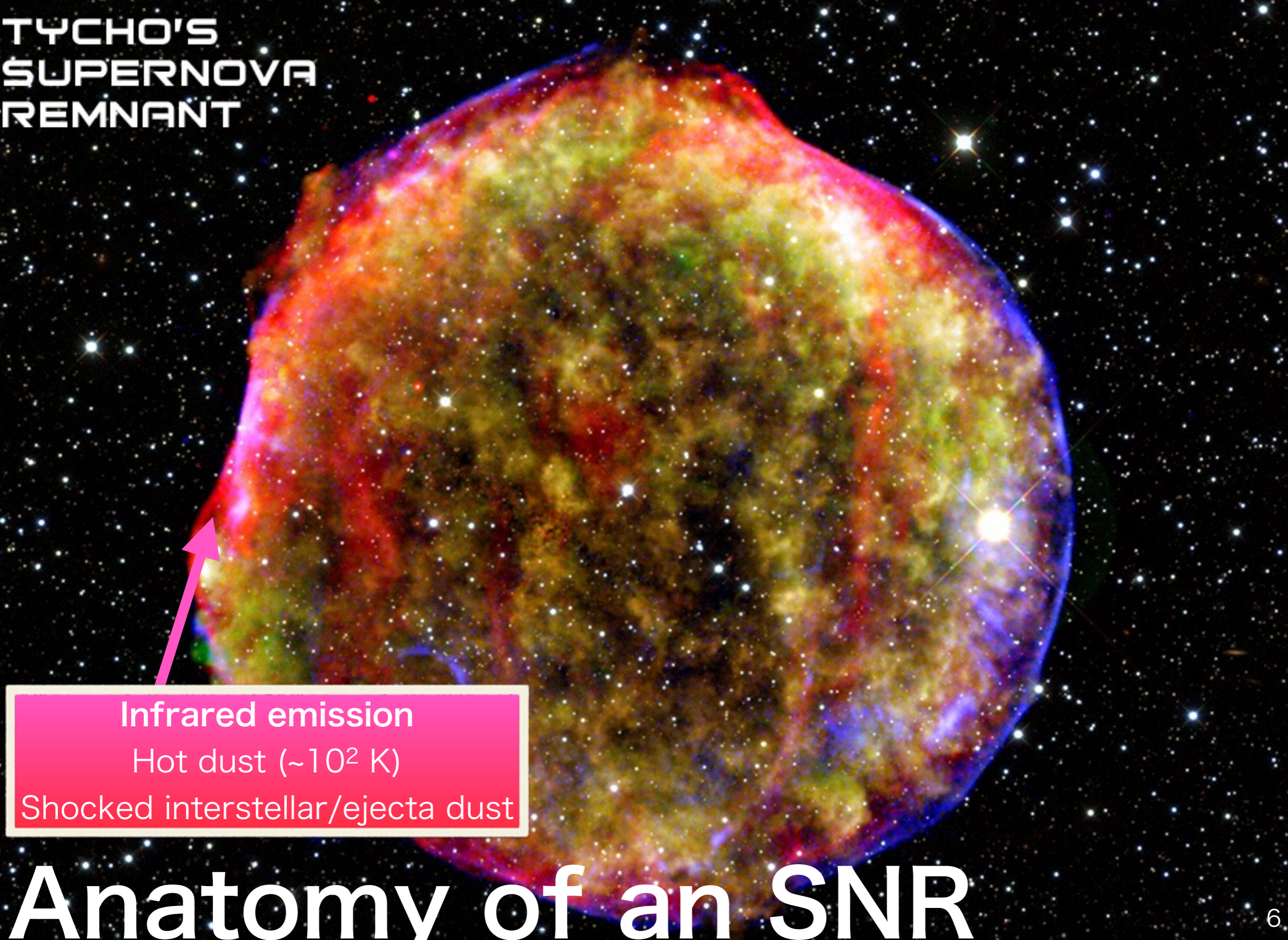
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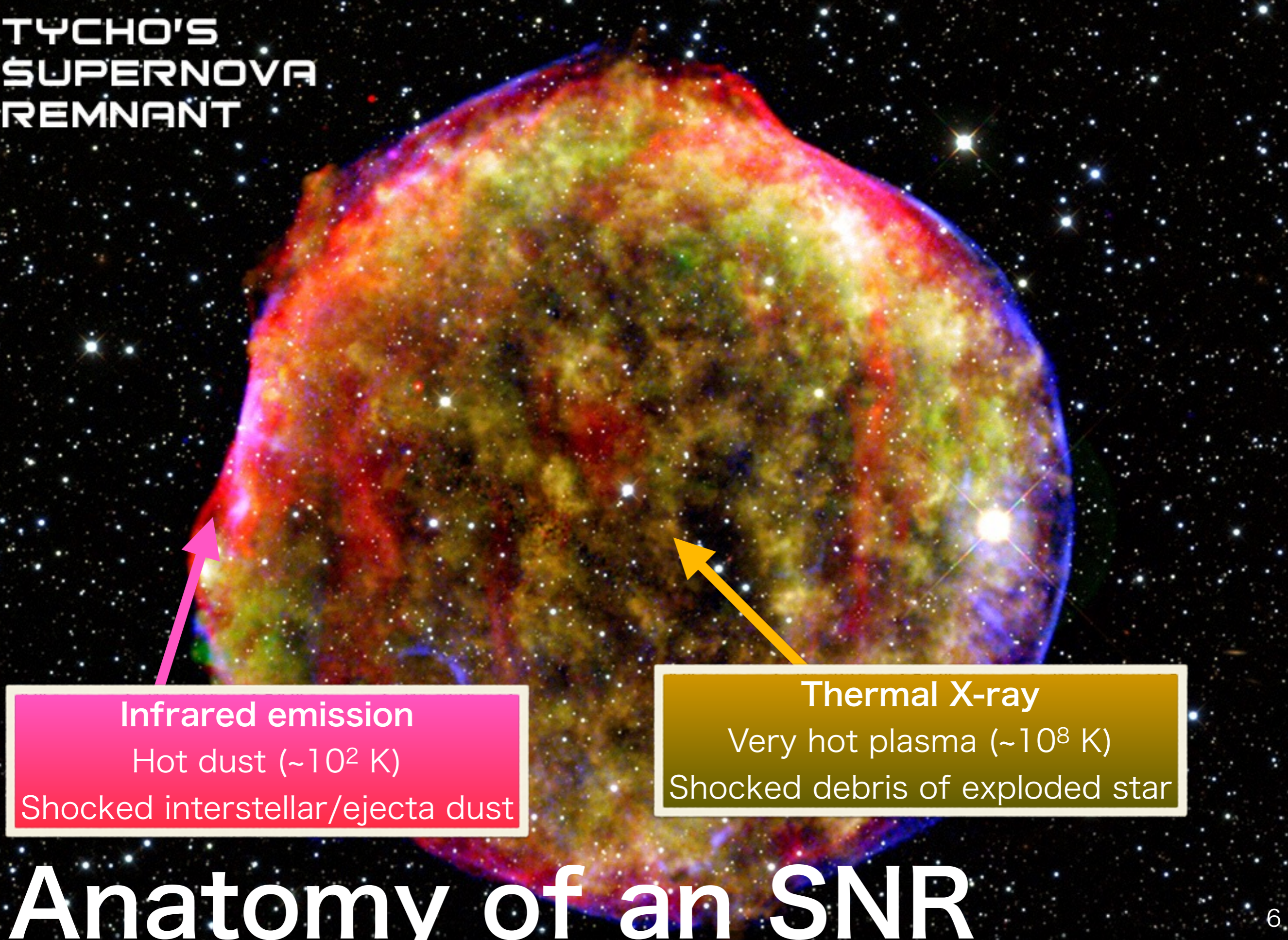
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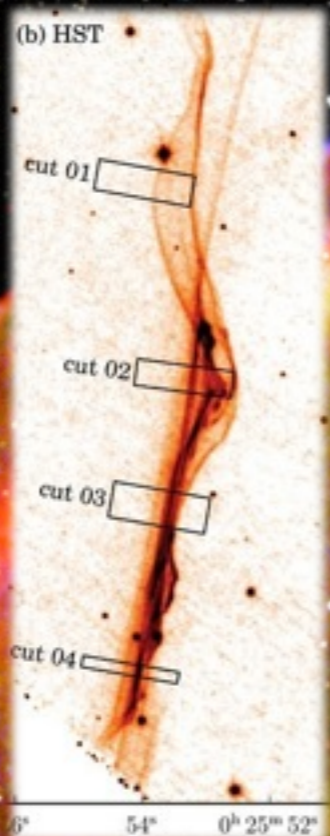
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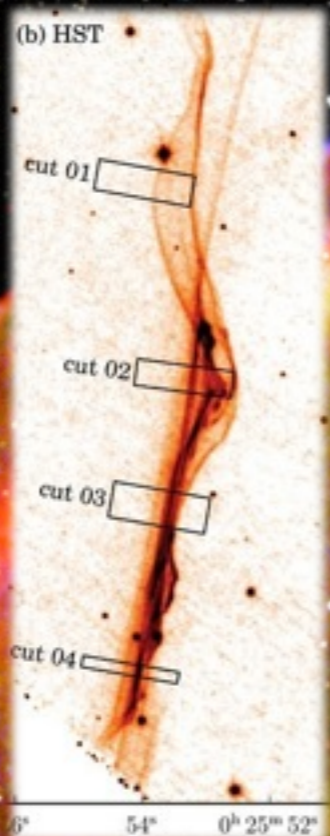
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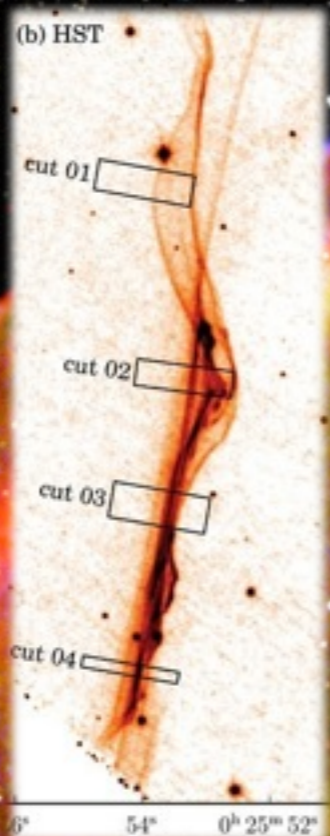
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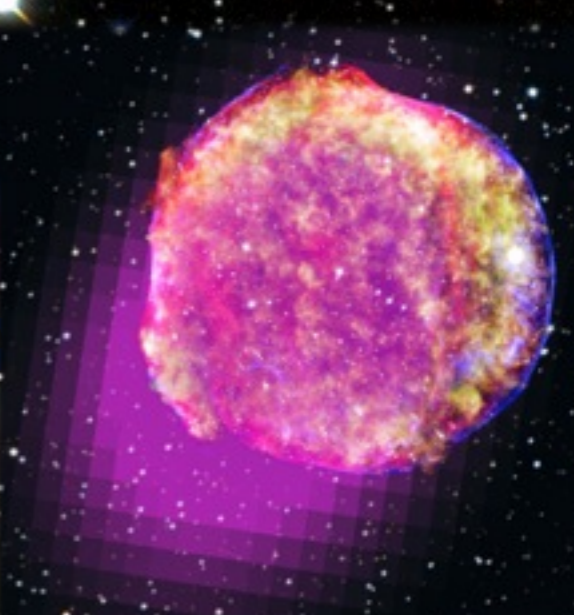
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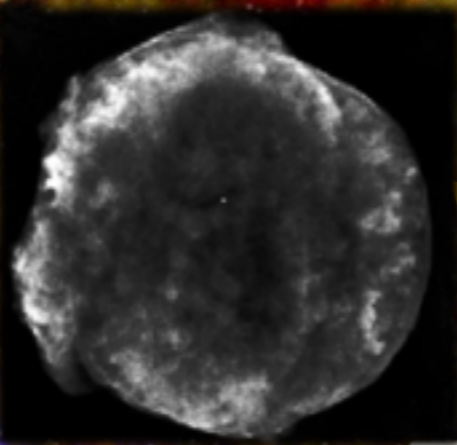
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Gamma-ray emission
Sites of particle acceleration
Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)
Cosmic rays factory!

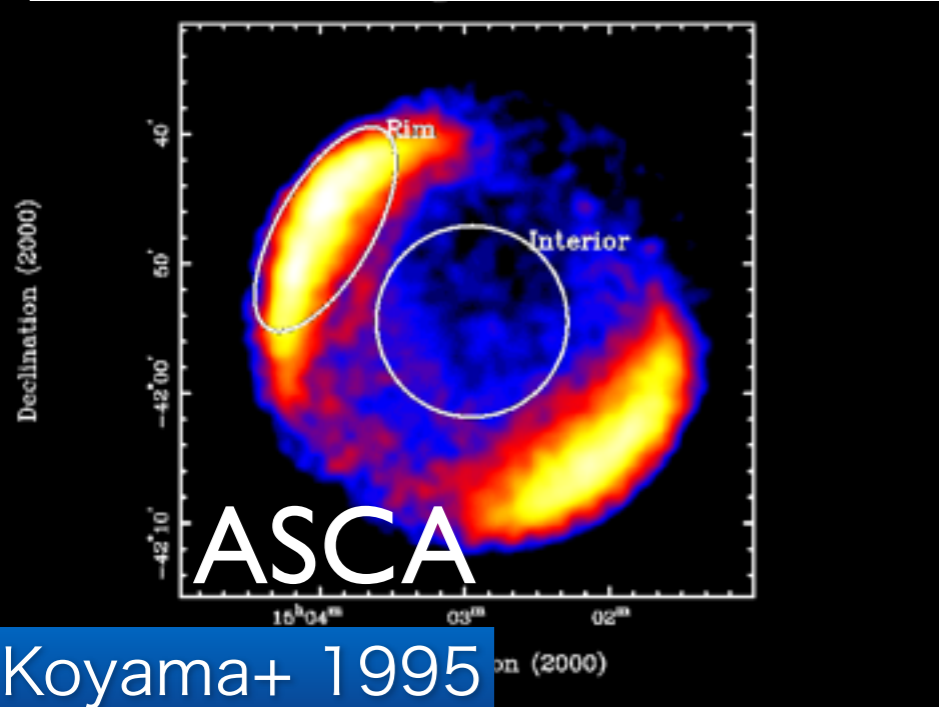
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Non-thermal emission at young SNRs = presence of fast-and-furious particles

SNR of SN 1006 (S. Fujiwara, 明月記, 1180-1235)



Discovery of **synchrotron X-rays**
at **young shell-type SNR**

→ local **>100 TeV electrons**

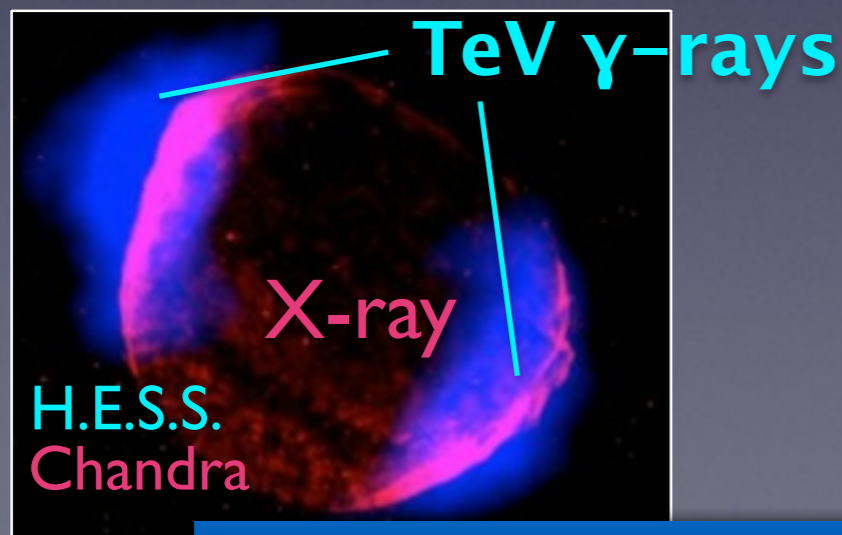
Usually accompanied by **γ-rays**

→ There are **high-energy particles**

SNRs are **cosmic particle accelerators**

Q: **What** are these particles, **how** are they accelerated, and **how much**

A: **Origin of Galactic CR**

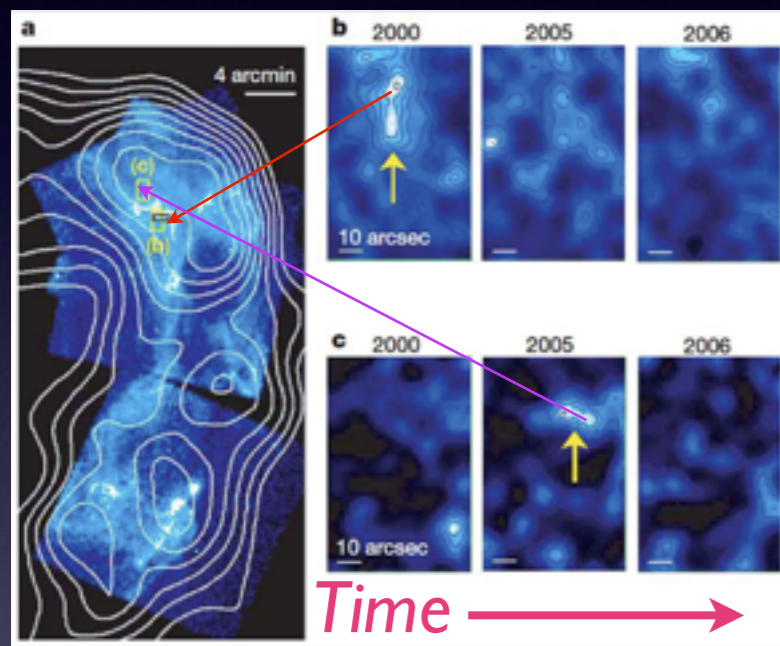


Naumann-Godo+ 2008

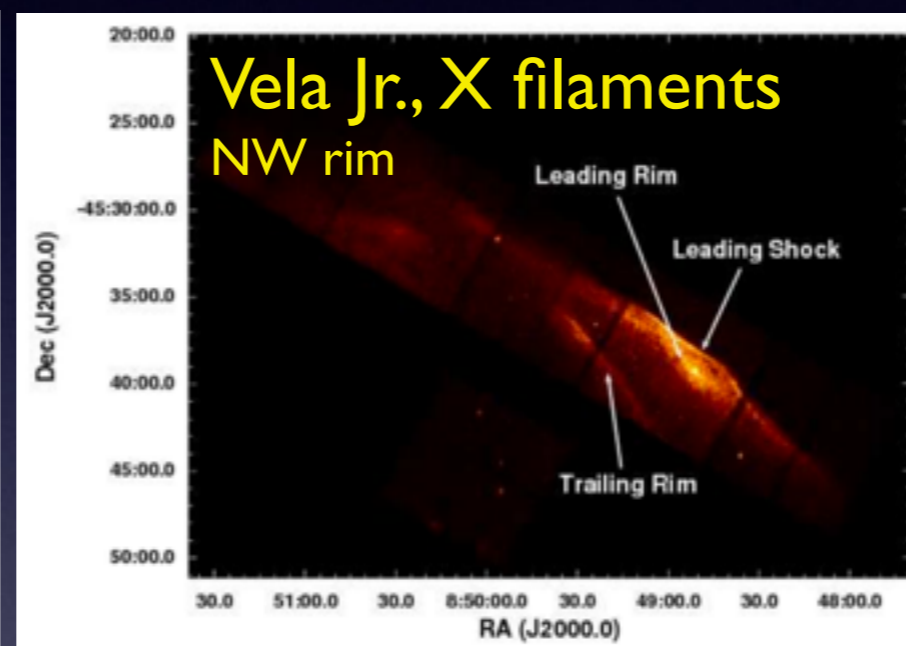
Synchrotron X-ray from SNRs

Not so trivial

RX J1713, twinkling X-ray dots

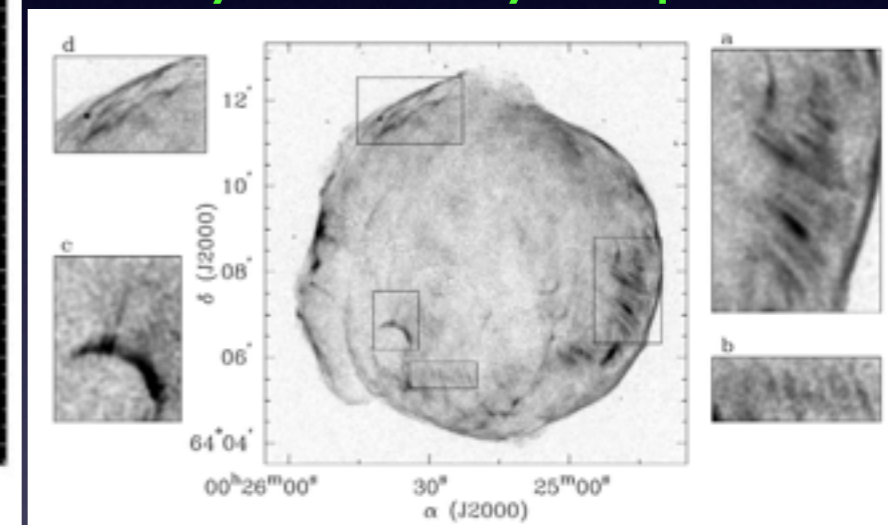


Uchiyama+ 2007



Bamba+ (2005), Pannuti+ (2010)

Tycho, X-ray stripes



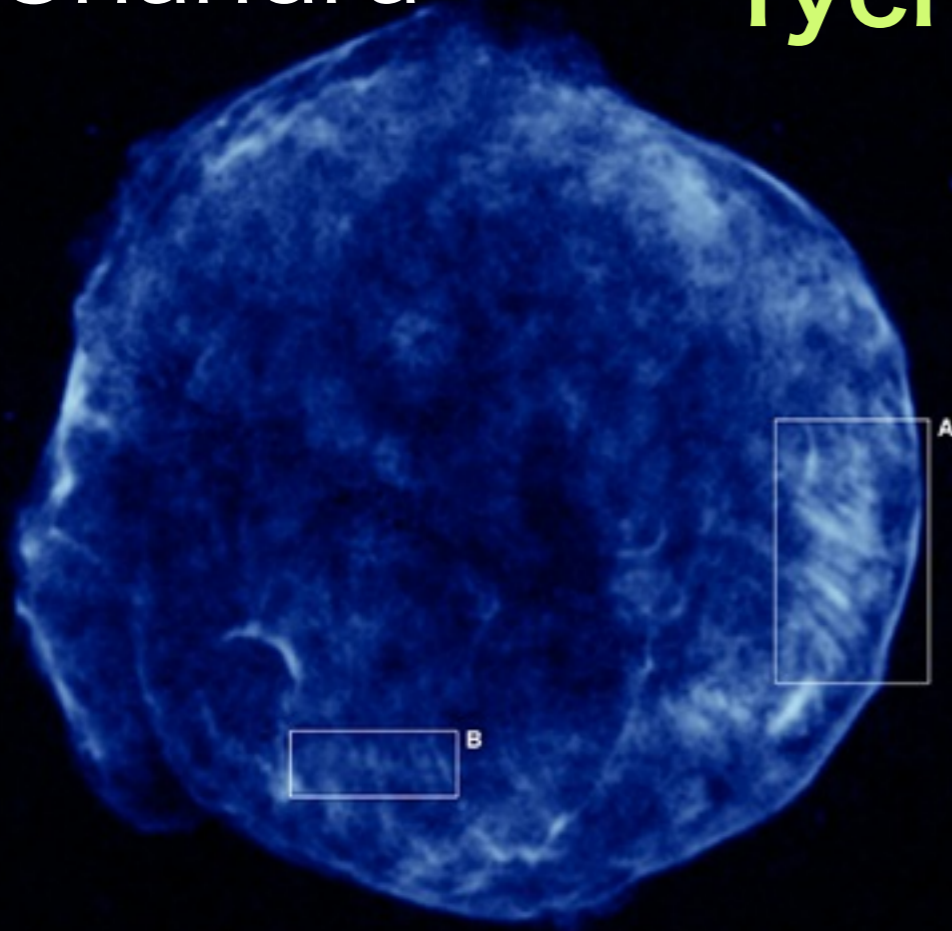
Eriksen+ 2011

- * **B-fields** play a central role in high-energy phenomena in SNRs and other accelerators
- * **Time variability** and **spatial structures** (dots, filaments, stripes) tied to B-field distribution
- * These B-fields must be **self-generated** (via CR-induced instabilities), plus MHD turbulence

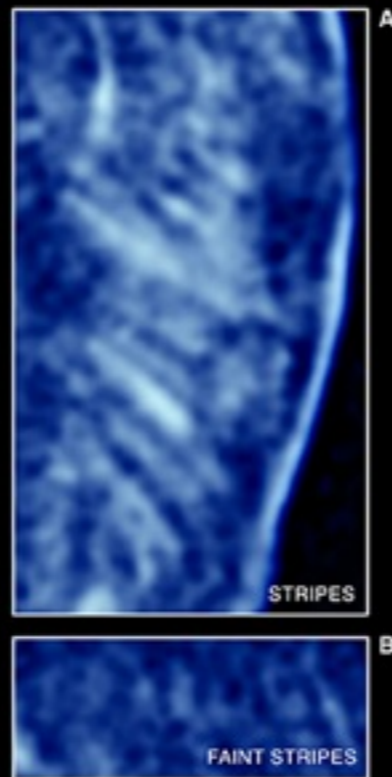
Mysterious radio and X-ray structures

Origin of morphology still unclear

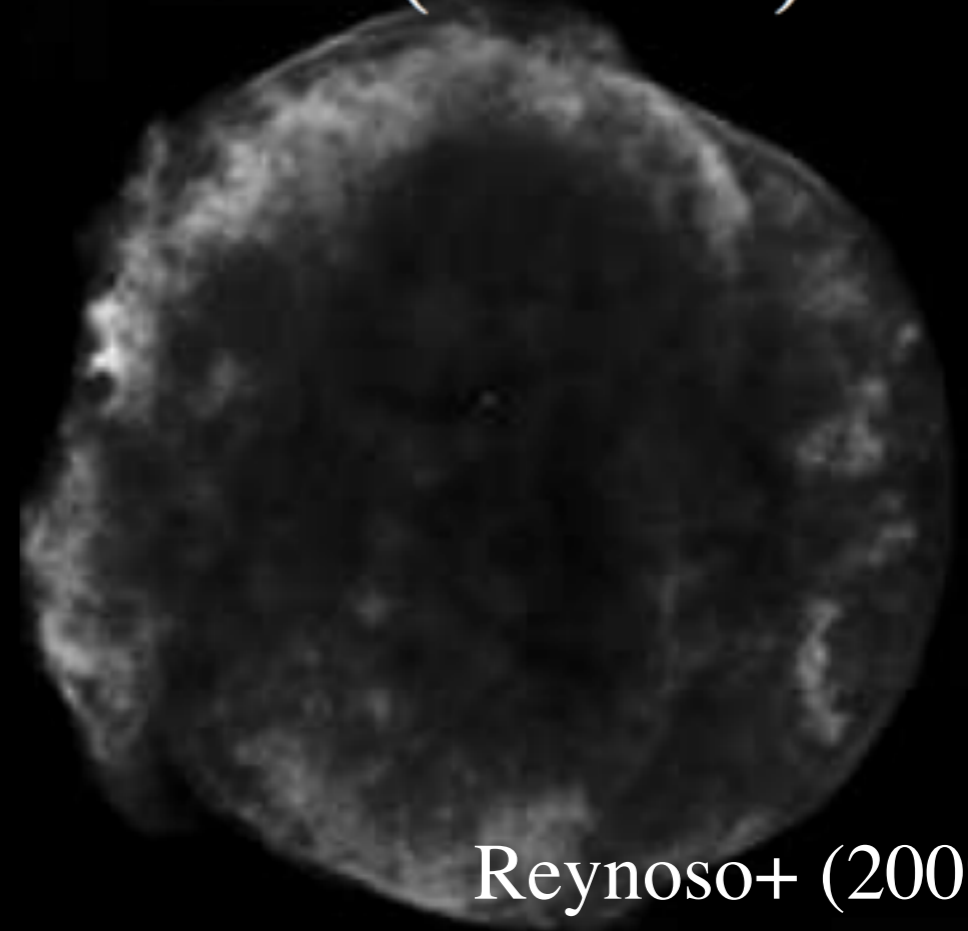
Chandra



Tycho's SNR



VLA (1.42GHz)

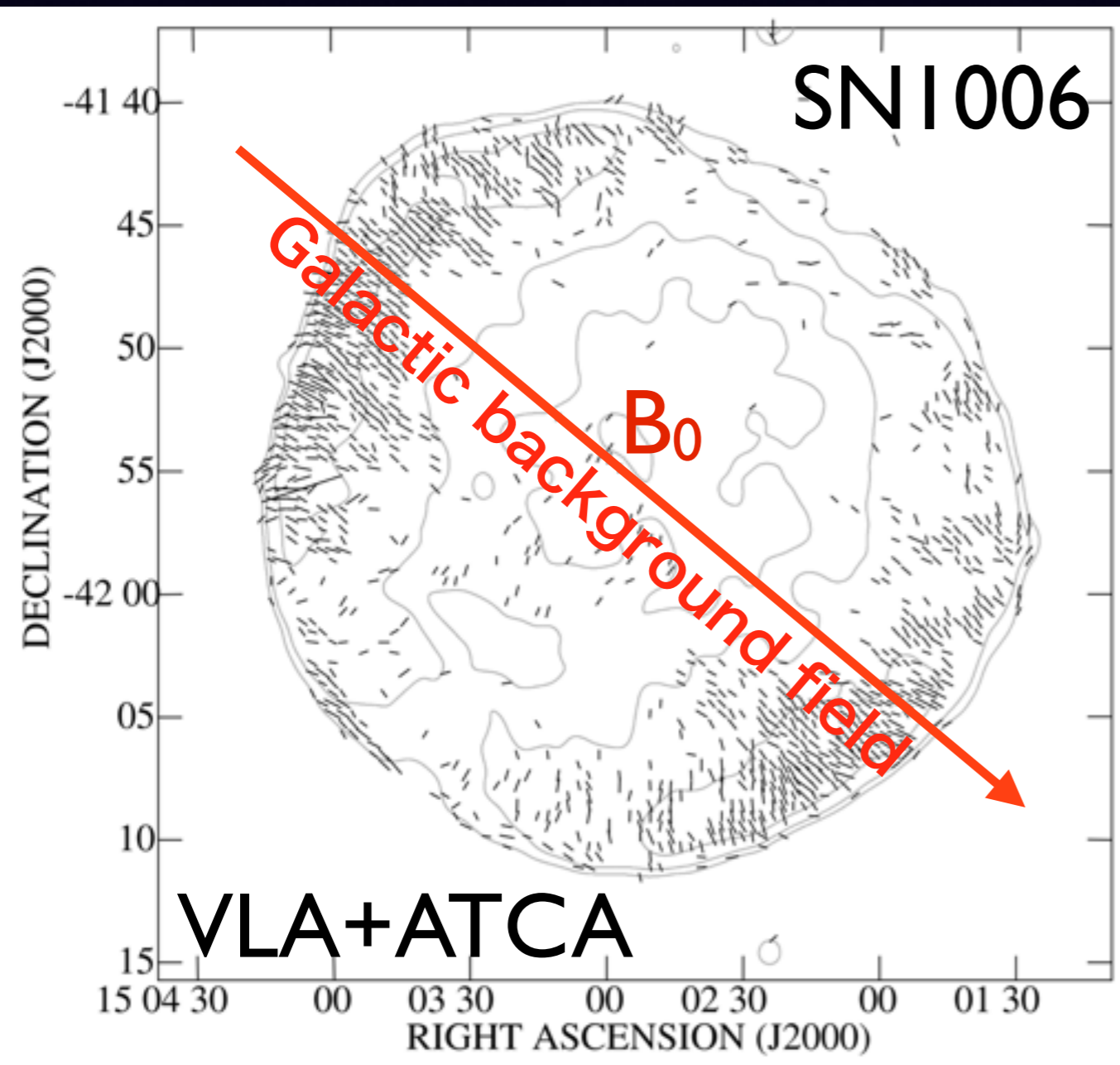


Reynoso+ (2009)

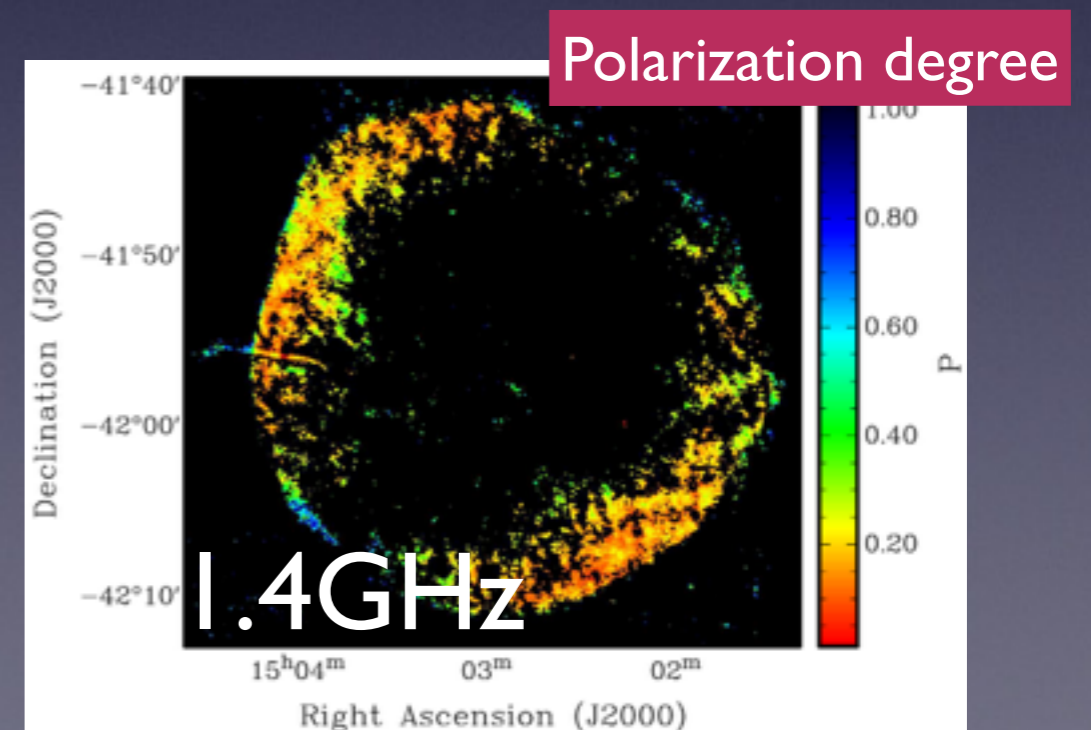
Reynolds (2011)

- X-ray filaments = fast synchrotron loss of e^- ?
- But why in radio too?
- Decay of δB behind shock?
- Periodic stripes: dominant length scales of δB ?

B-field geometry and DSA From radio polarization

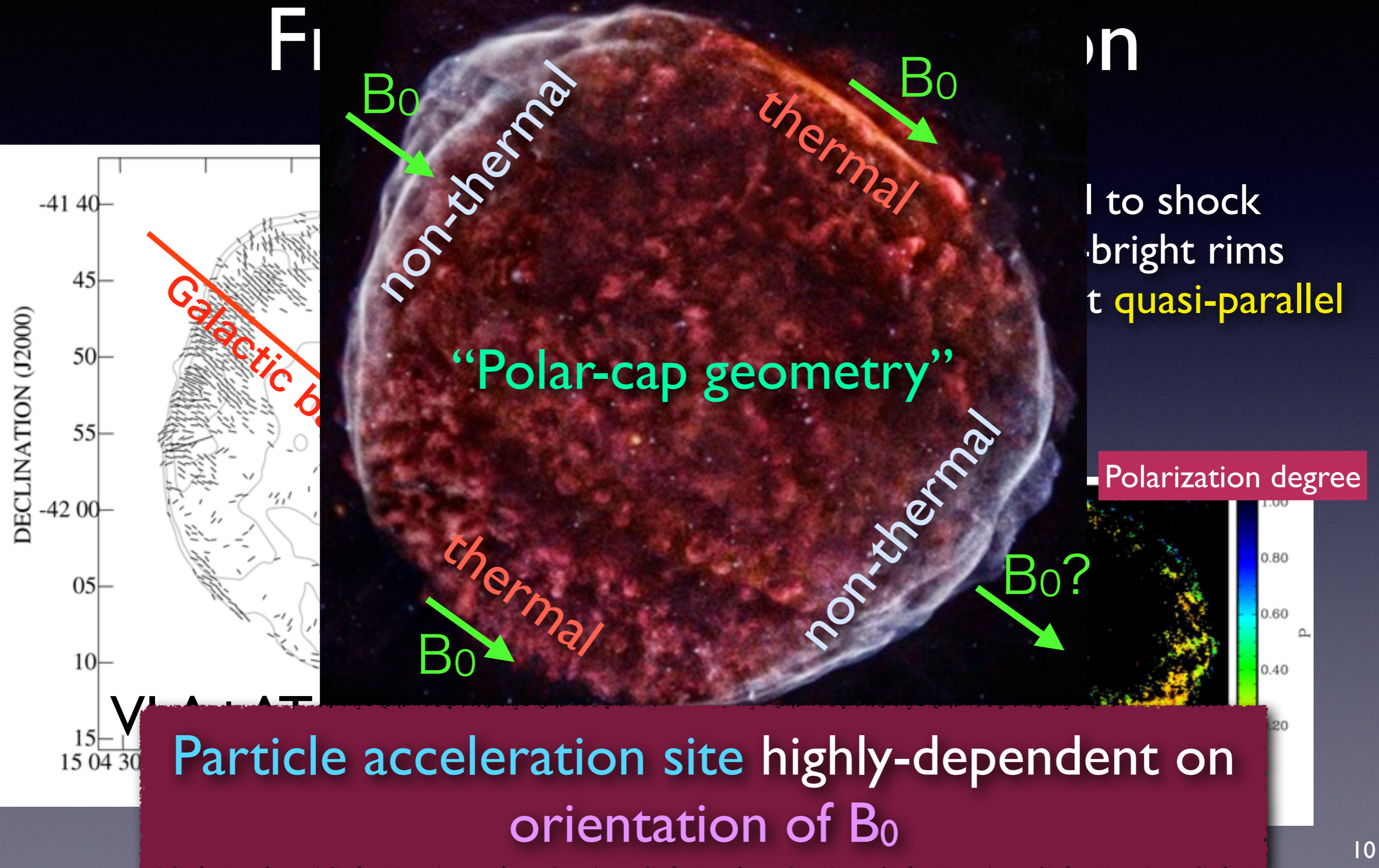


- B_0 seems parallel to shock normal at synch-bright rims
- DSA preferred at **quasi-parallel shock** !?



Reynoso+ 2013

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Particle acceleration at non-relativistic collisionless shock

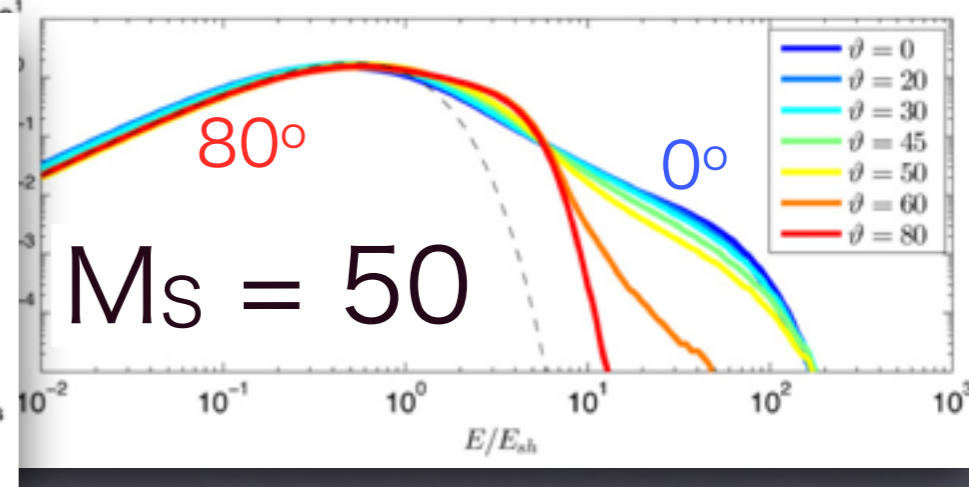
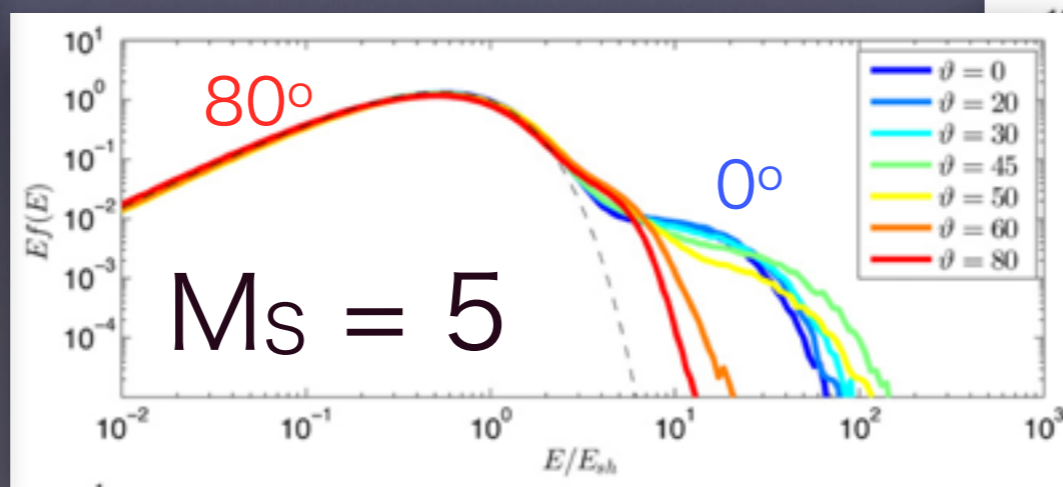
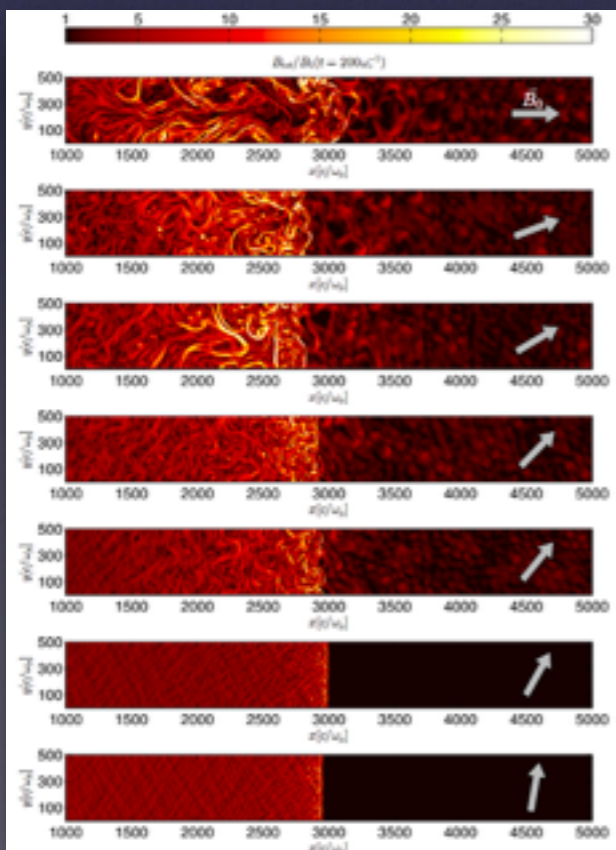
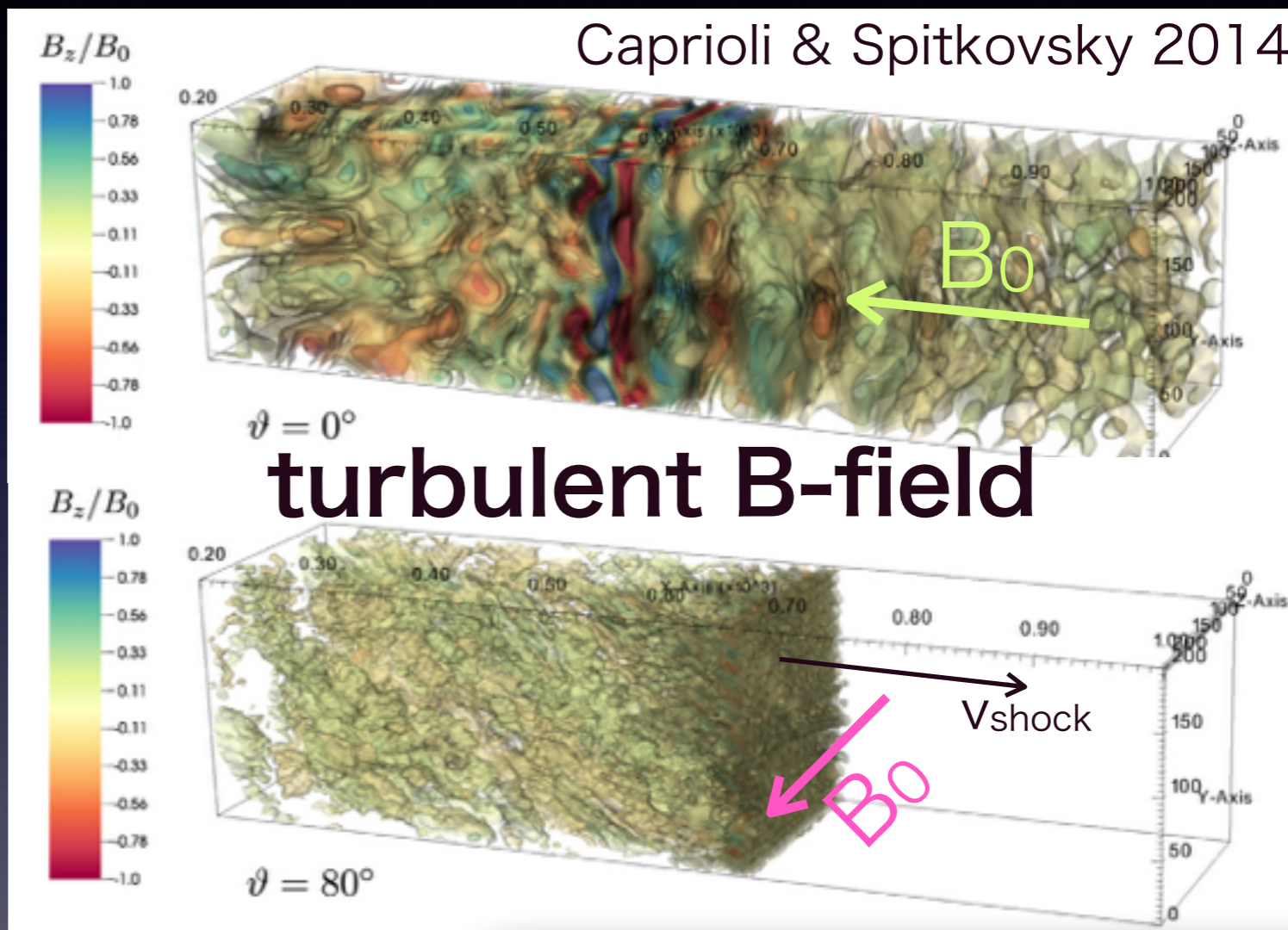
Multi-D hybrid sim.

(particle ion, fluid electron)

DSA at parallel vs oblique shocks

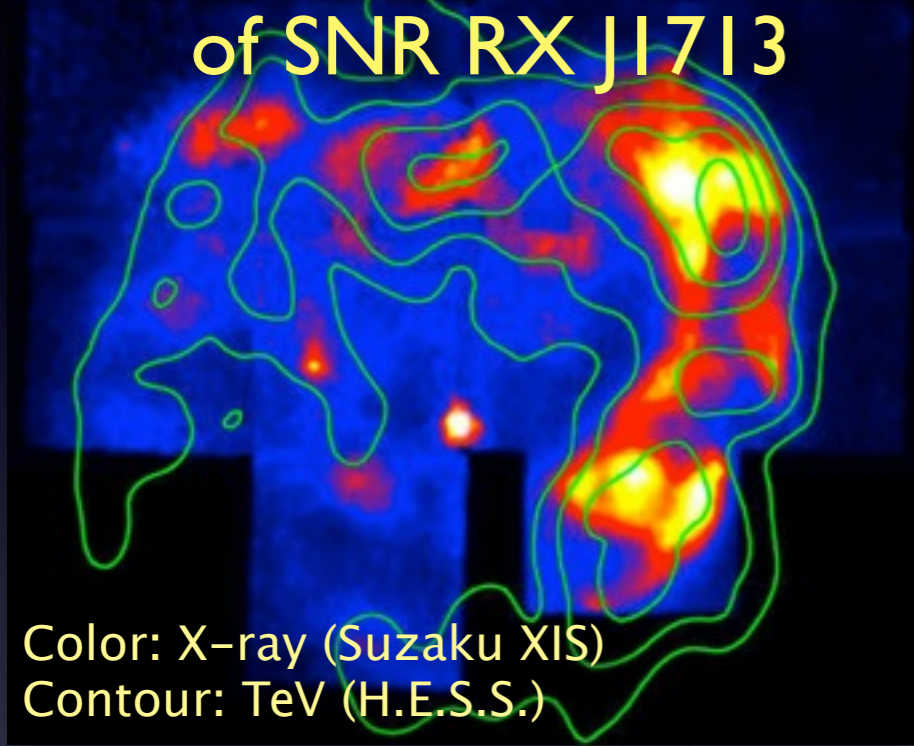
Self-generation of δB by CR-induced instability indicates efficient DSA

Caprioli & Spitkovsky 2014

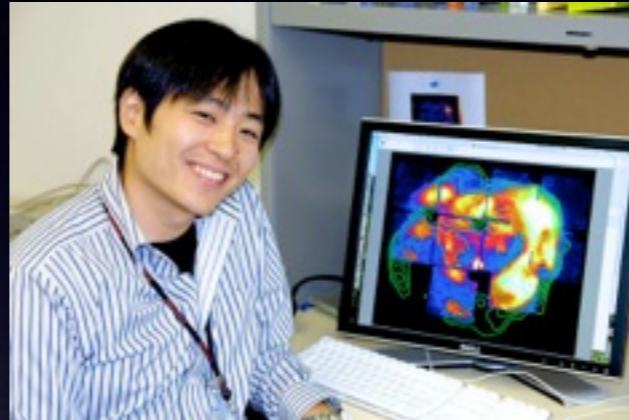


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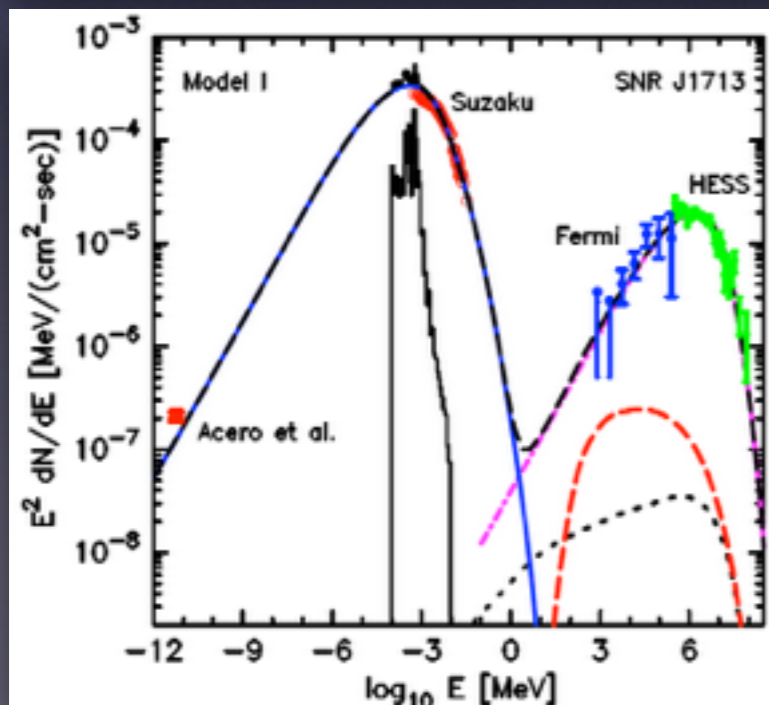
T. Tanaka+ 2008

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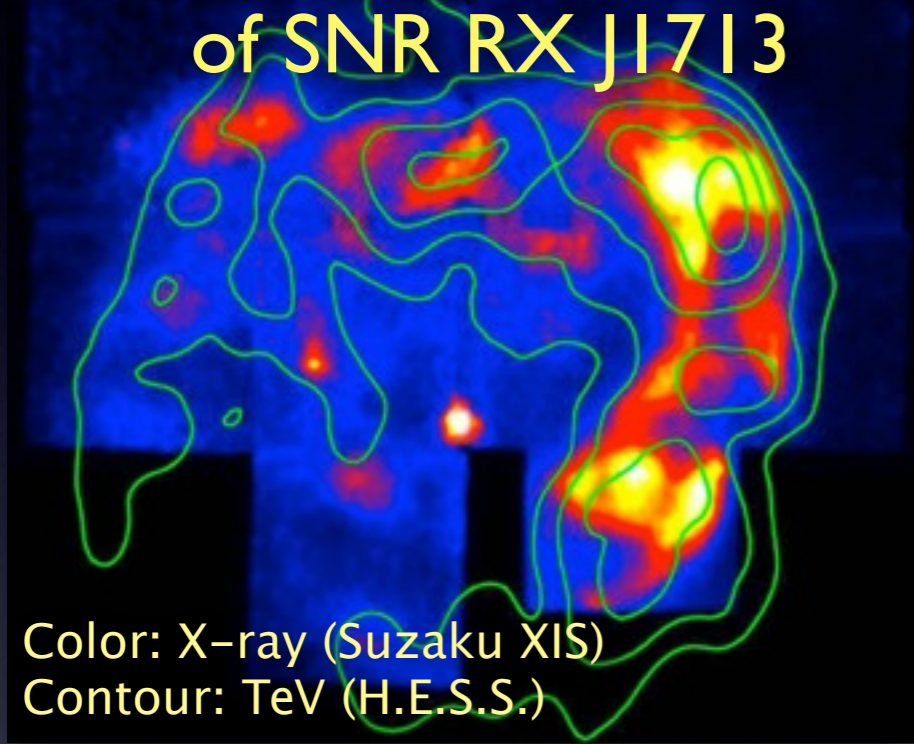
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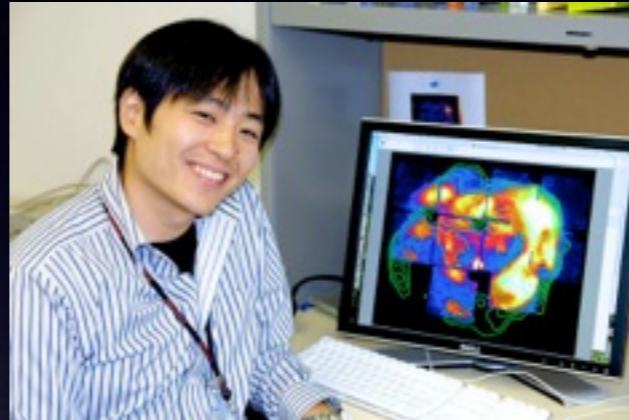


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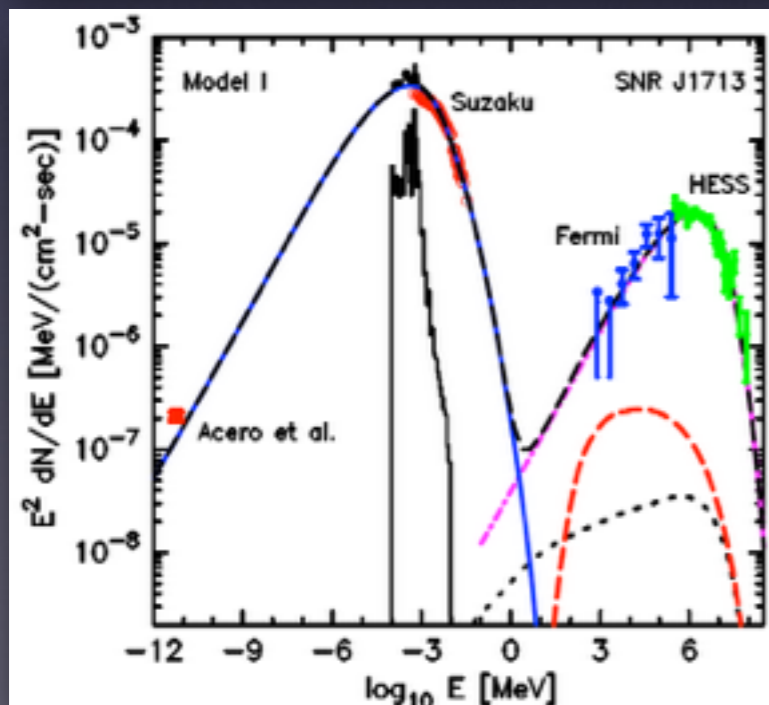
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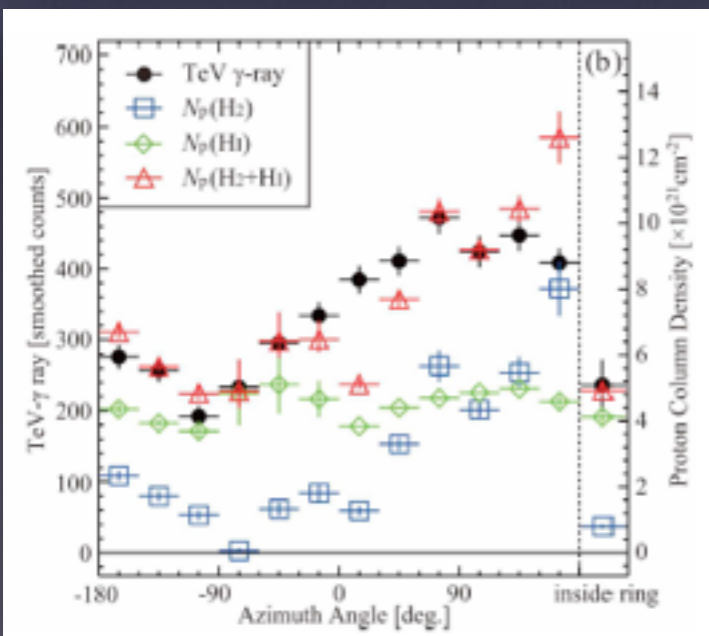
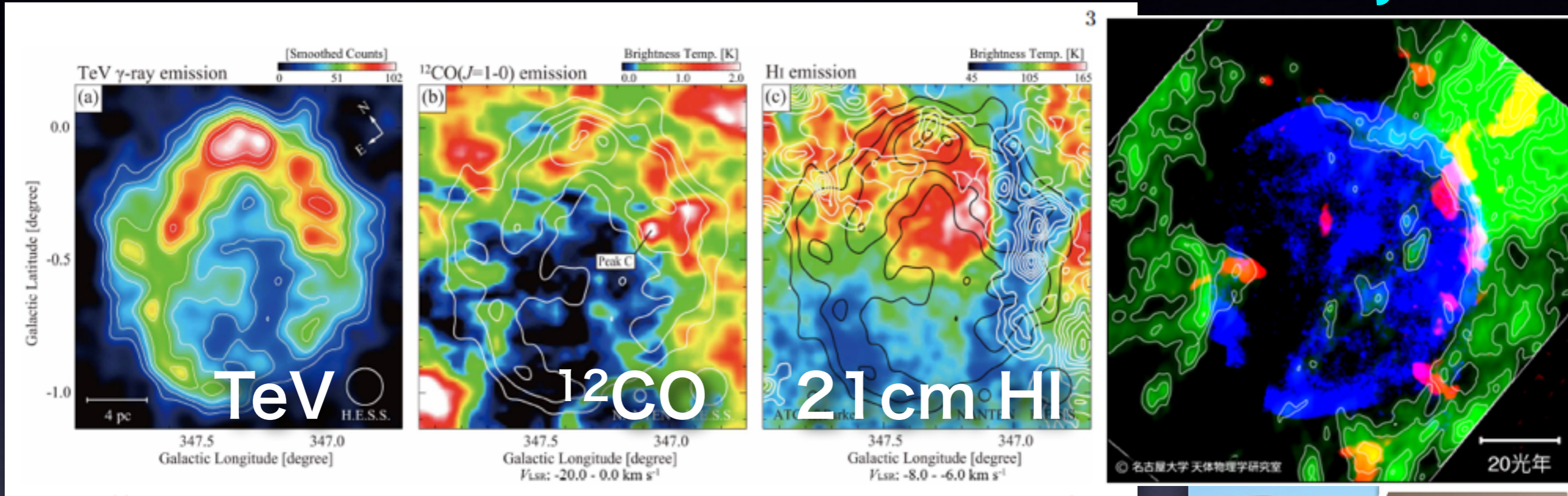
...but!



Gas maps imply shock-cloud interaction

SNR RX J1713

Vela Jr.



Y. Fukui+ 2012

- Clumpy **clouds** around shock
- **CR ions** should interact with clouds
- Spatial correlation of γ -ray and gas
- **Hadronic (π^0 decay)** contribution to γ -rays?
- **Probably not pure leptonic origin of γ -rays**
- Hadronic + leptonic: what proportion?



Evolved (older) SNRs

'Old-school' radiative shocks



Cygnus Loop

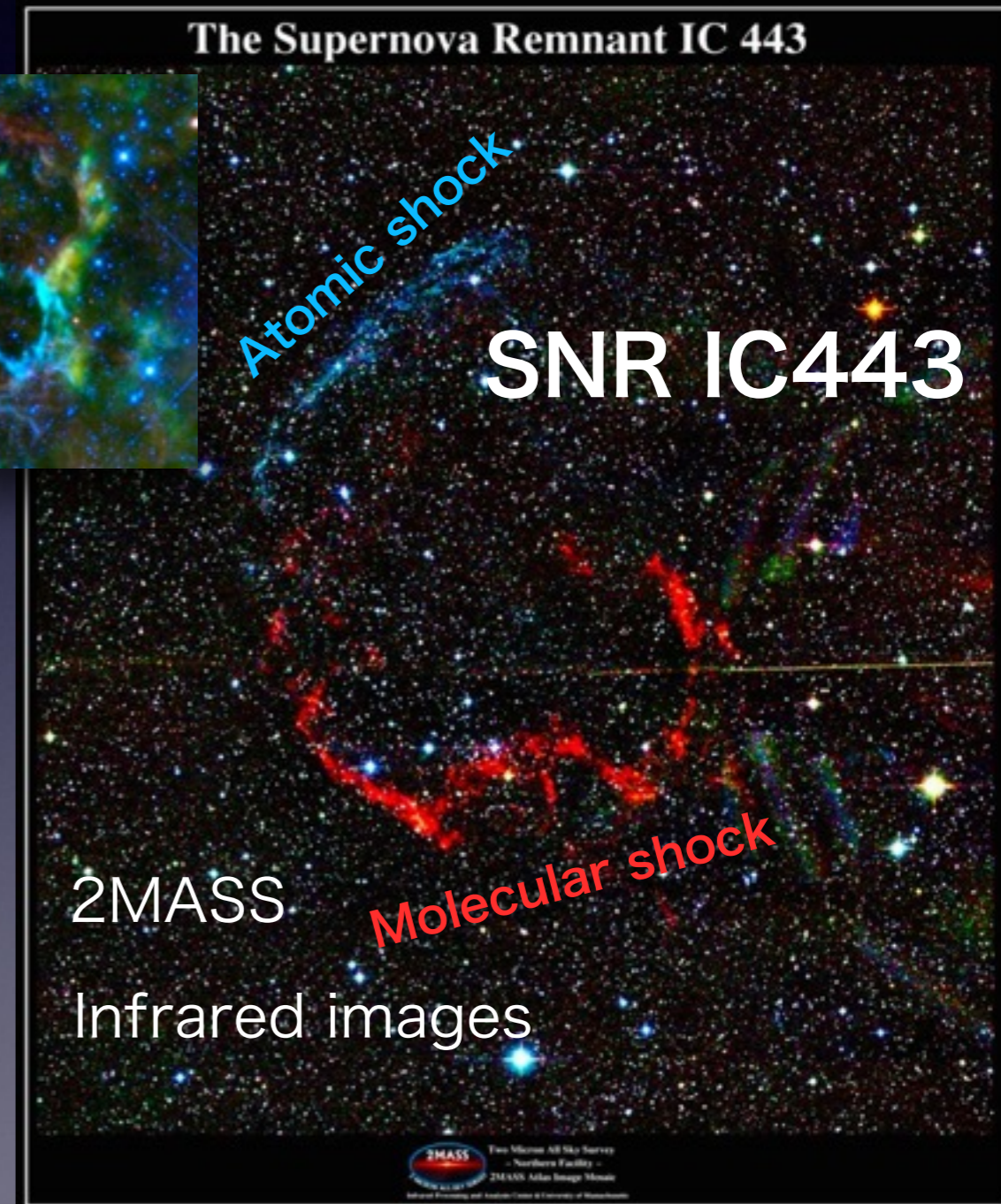
$H\alpha$ $O[III]$

Radiative Shocks at Evolved SNRs

- Evolved SNRs **often interacting with clouds**

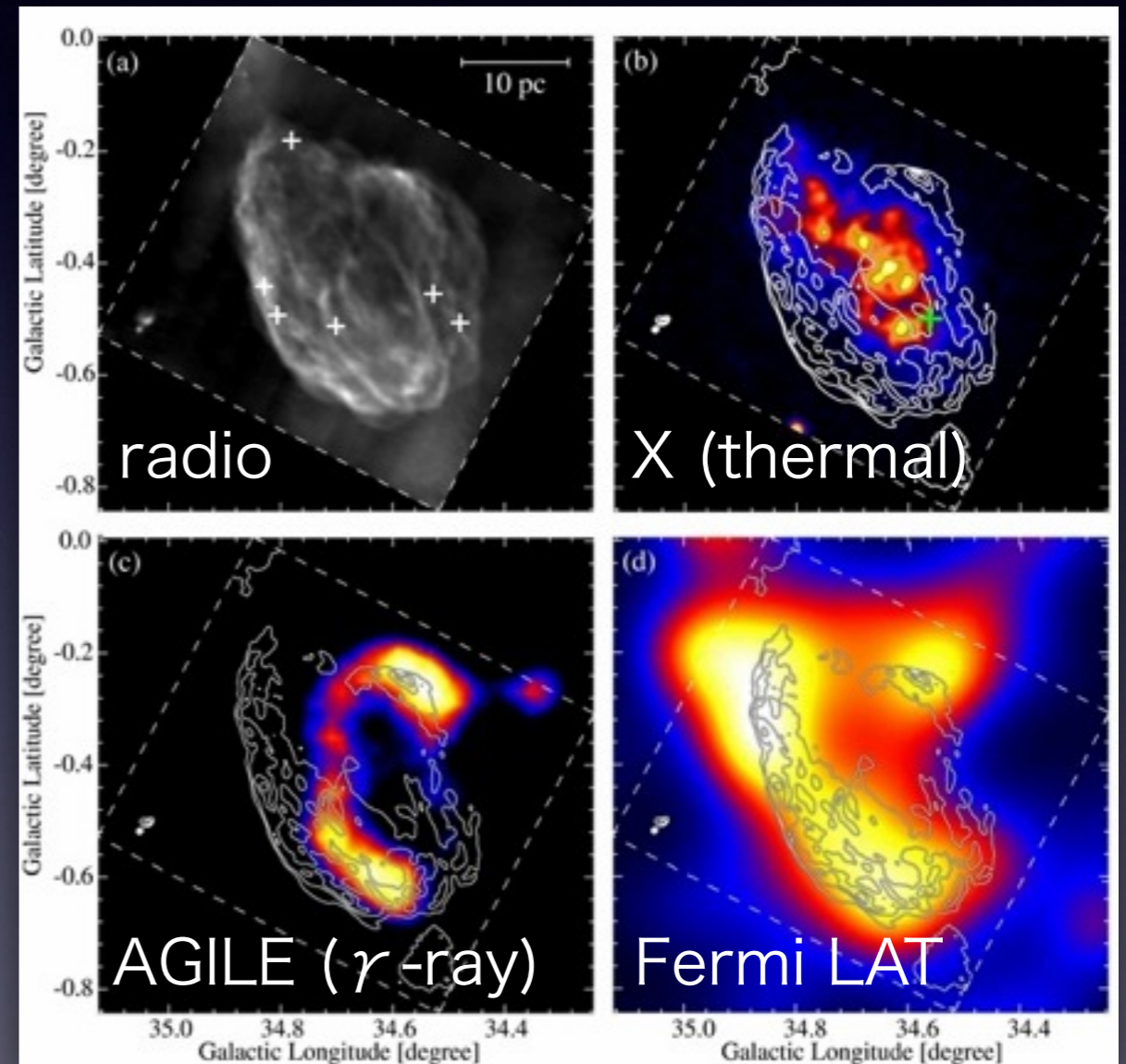
- Typical properties:

- $v_{sk} > \sim 100$ km/s
- $\langle n_0 \rangle \sim 100-1000$ cm⁻³
- $T \sim$ a few 10^5 K behind shock, molecules dissociated and ionized, **fast radiative cooling**
- **Photoionization precursor** by UV from downstream
- Bright **optical/IR lines** from recombining/de-excitation of gas
- Spots of **OH masers** from dense clumps behind shocks transverse to line-of-sight



Detection of Bright Radio and γ -rays

- 👁️ **Bright non-thermal emission** there (despite evolution and slow shock velocities)
- 👁️ Fermi LAT found **GeV-bright SNRs** inside our Galaxy (often 'mixed morphology' mid-ages)
- 👁️ Luminous GeV γ -ray emission
If all from π^0 origin \rightarrow
 $\langle n_{\text{gas}} W_{\text{CR}} \rangle \sim$ a few 10^{50} to 10^{52} erg/cm⁻³
Lots of CR protons!?
- 👁️ Bright non-thermal radio emission
 $\rightarrow \langle B \rangle \gg \mu\text{G}$ (i.e. \gg ISM level)



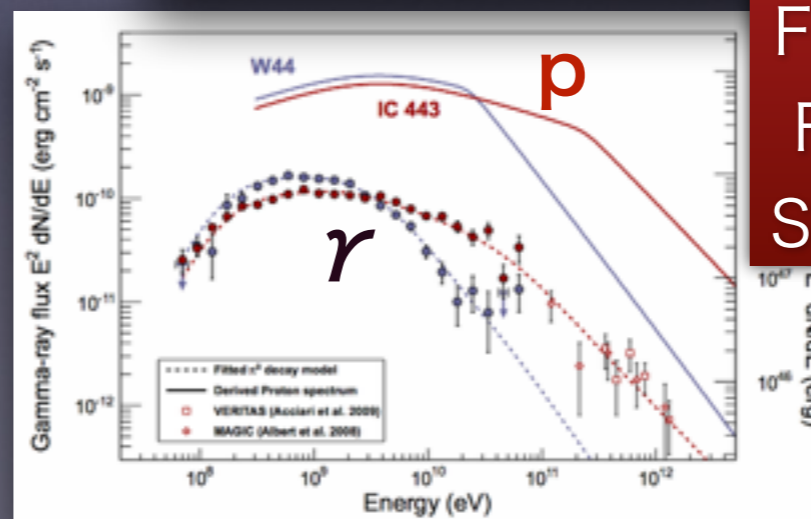
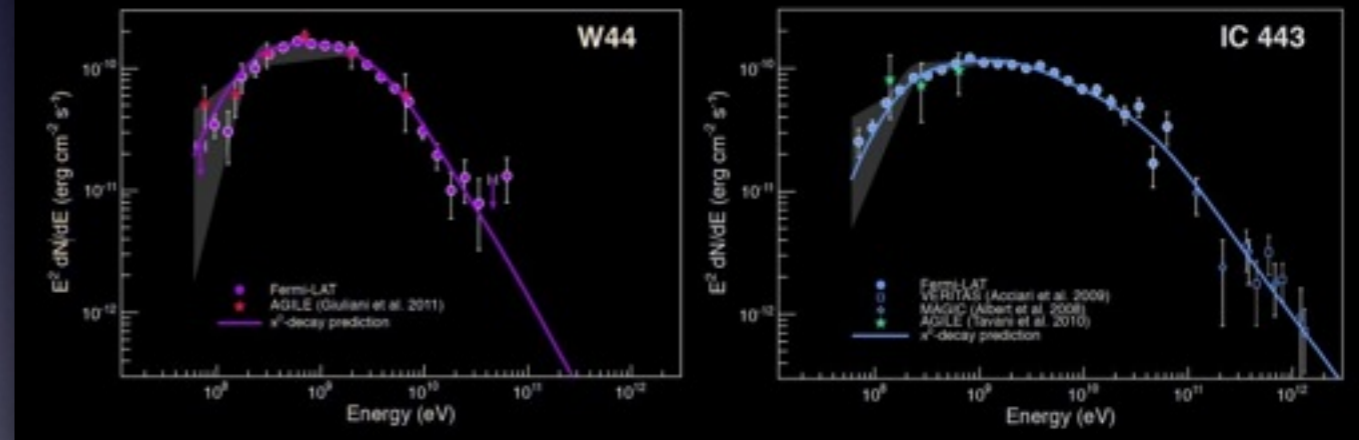
SNR W44, Yoshiike+ 2013

See e.g. review by Slane, Ellison+ SSR 2014

Characteristic γ -ray spectra

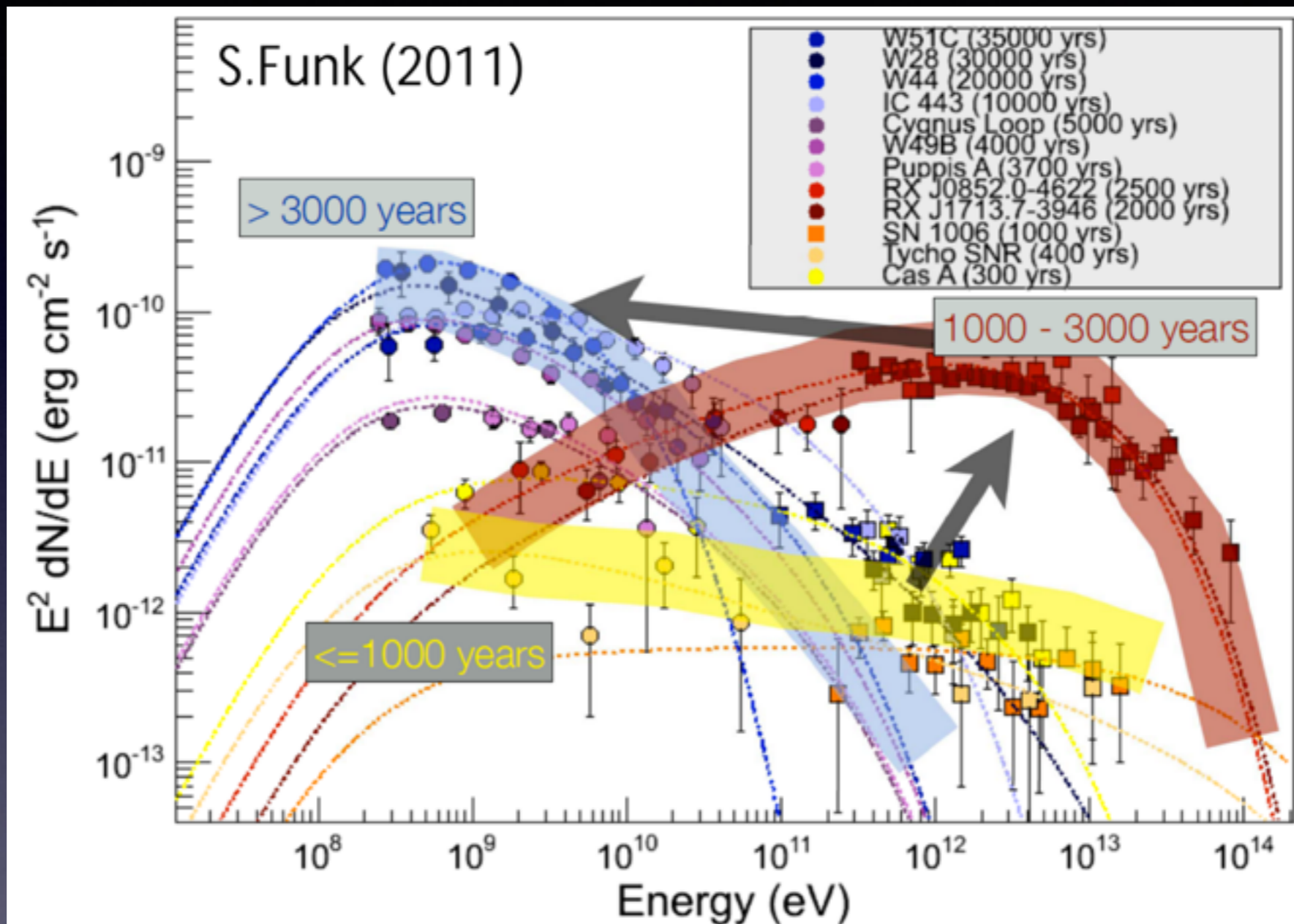
- 👁 Fermi LAT detects cutoff around 250 MeV \rightarrow π^0 origin of γ
- 👁 Mysteries remain:
 - 👁 Origin of **copious energetic proton**, DSA injection and efficiency
 - 👁 ‘Weird’ CR spectra with PL break
 - 👁 Bright radio shell (despite age)
 - 👁 Stage of evolution?
Connection with young (ejecta-dominated and TeV-bright) SNRs

Supernova W44 & IC 443 Neutral Pion Decay Spectral Fit



Funk, Tanaka, Uchiyama
Fermi LAT, Science '13
See Uchiyama-san's talk

γ -rays from young to old



- Different progenitors and environments
- An evolution picture requires systematic modeling of each type of SNR

Castro, HL+ 2014 (in prep)

Numerical Modeling of Broadband Emission of SNRs



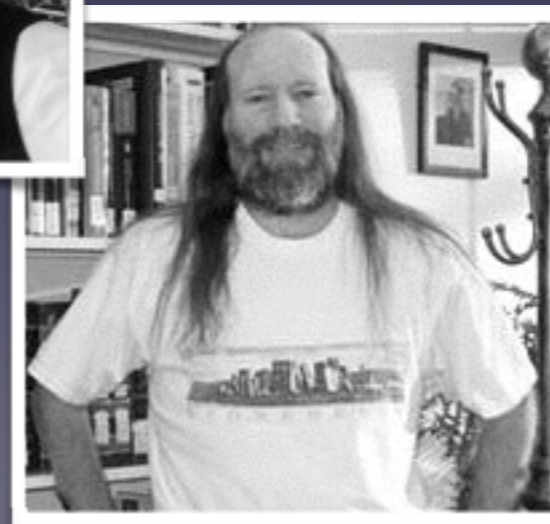
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Don Ellison

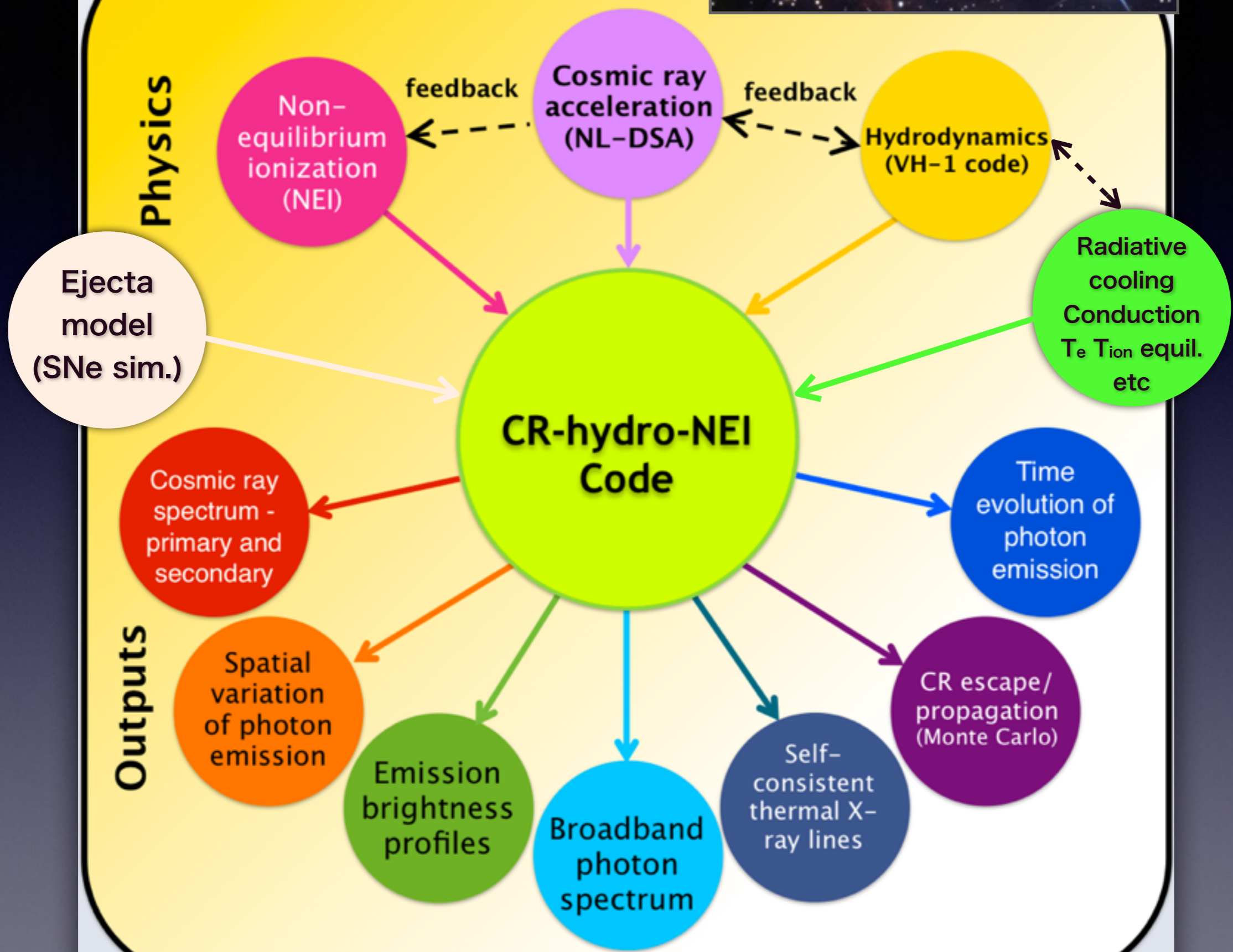


Dan Patnaude



Pat Slane

CR-HYDRO-NEI CODE

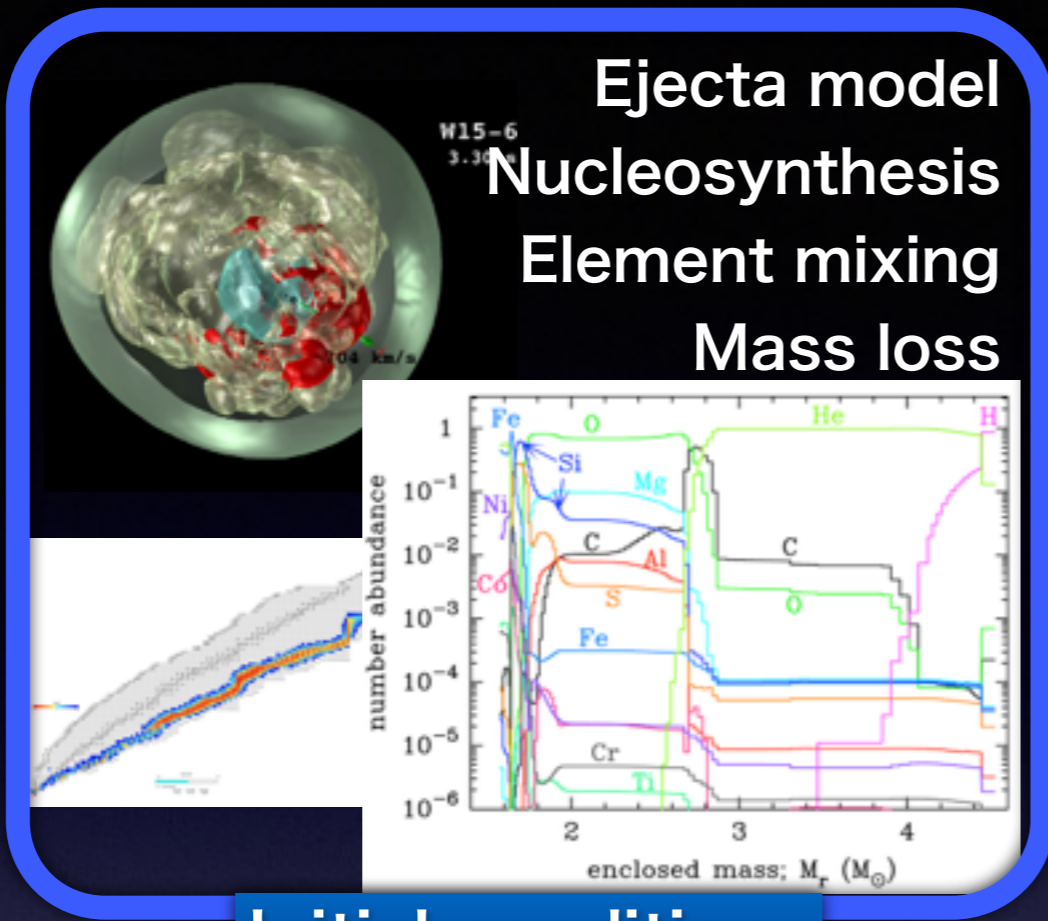


Physics

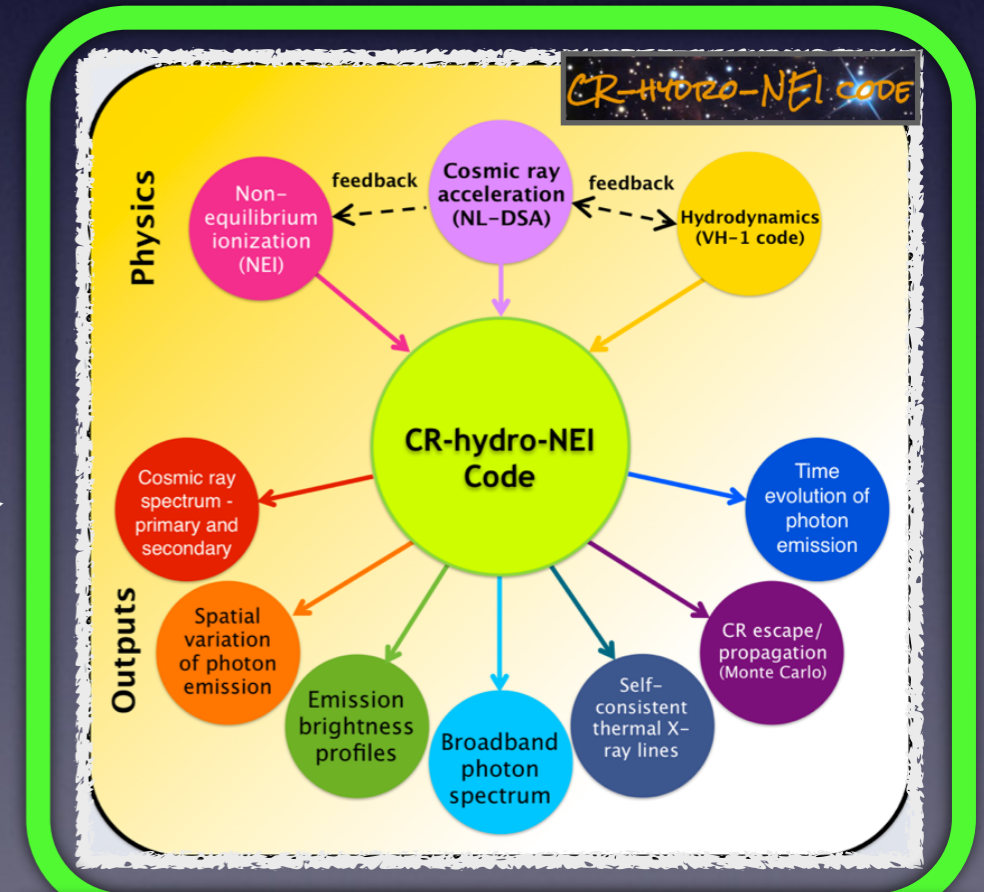
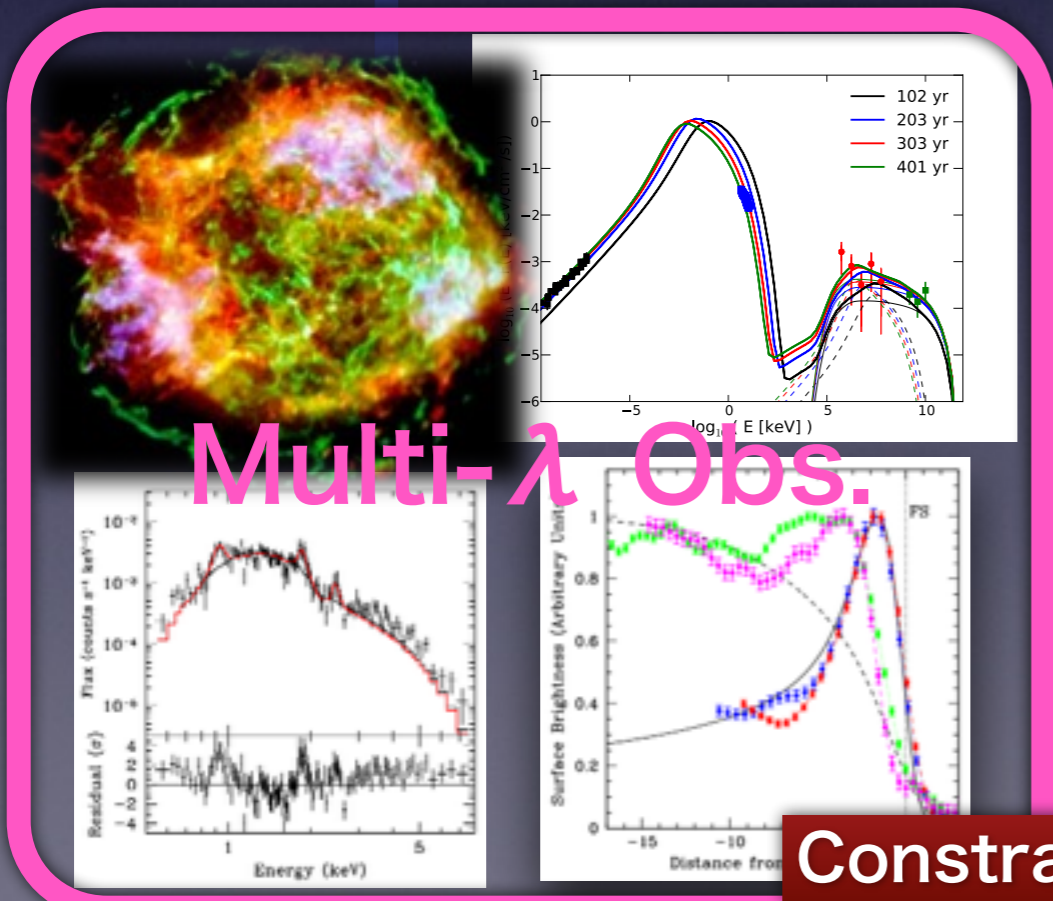
Outputs

Iterative Work Flow

CR-hydro Model



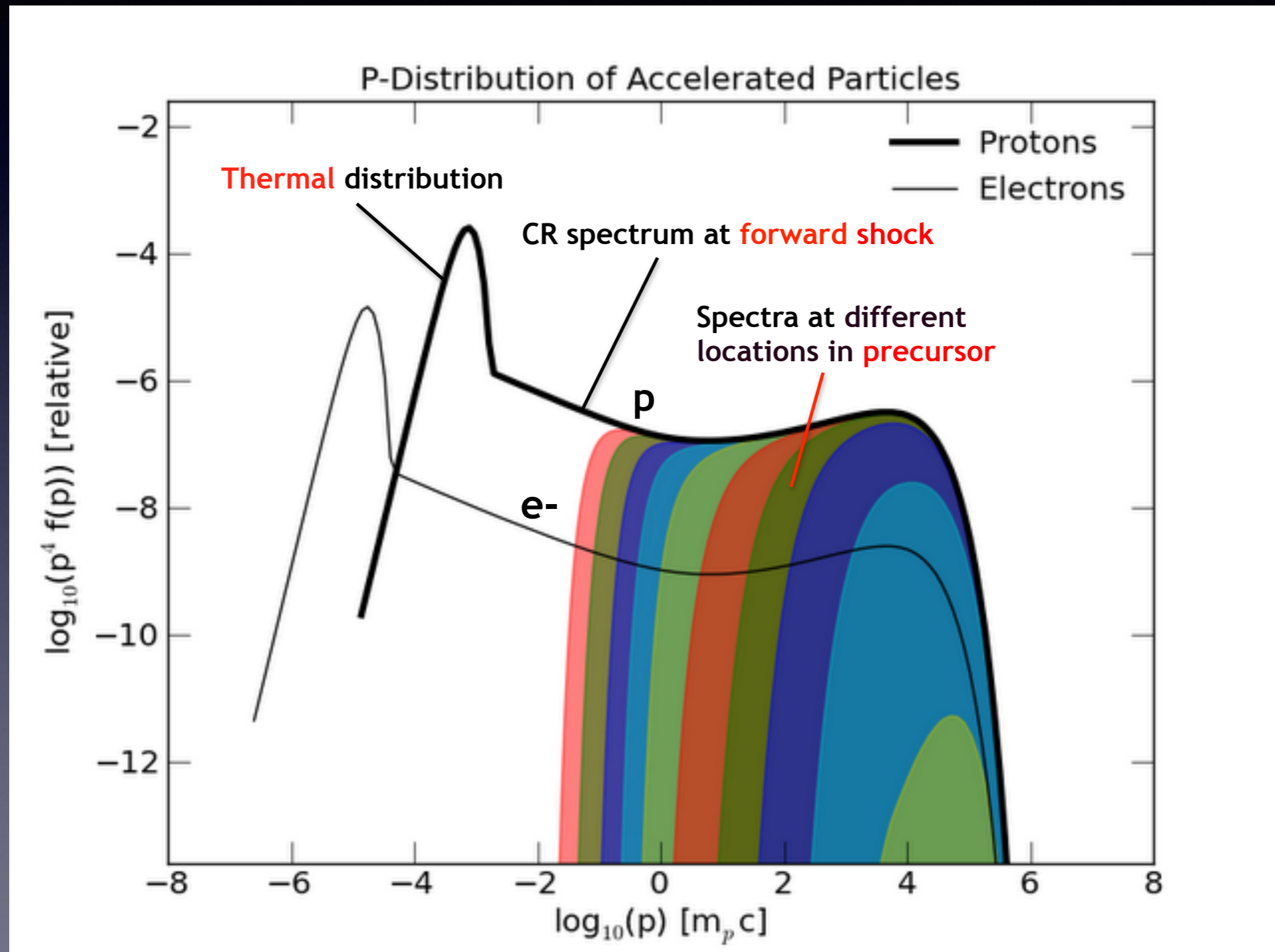
Initial conditions



Dynamics, NLDSA, B-field, ionization, radiation

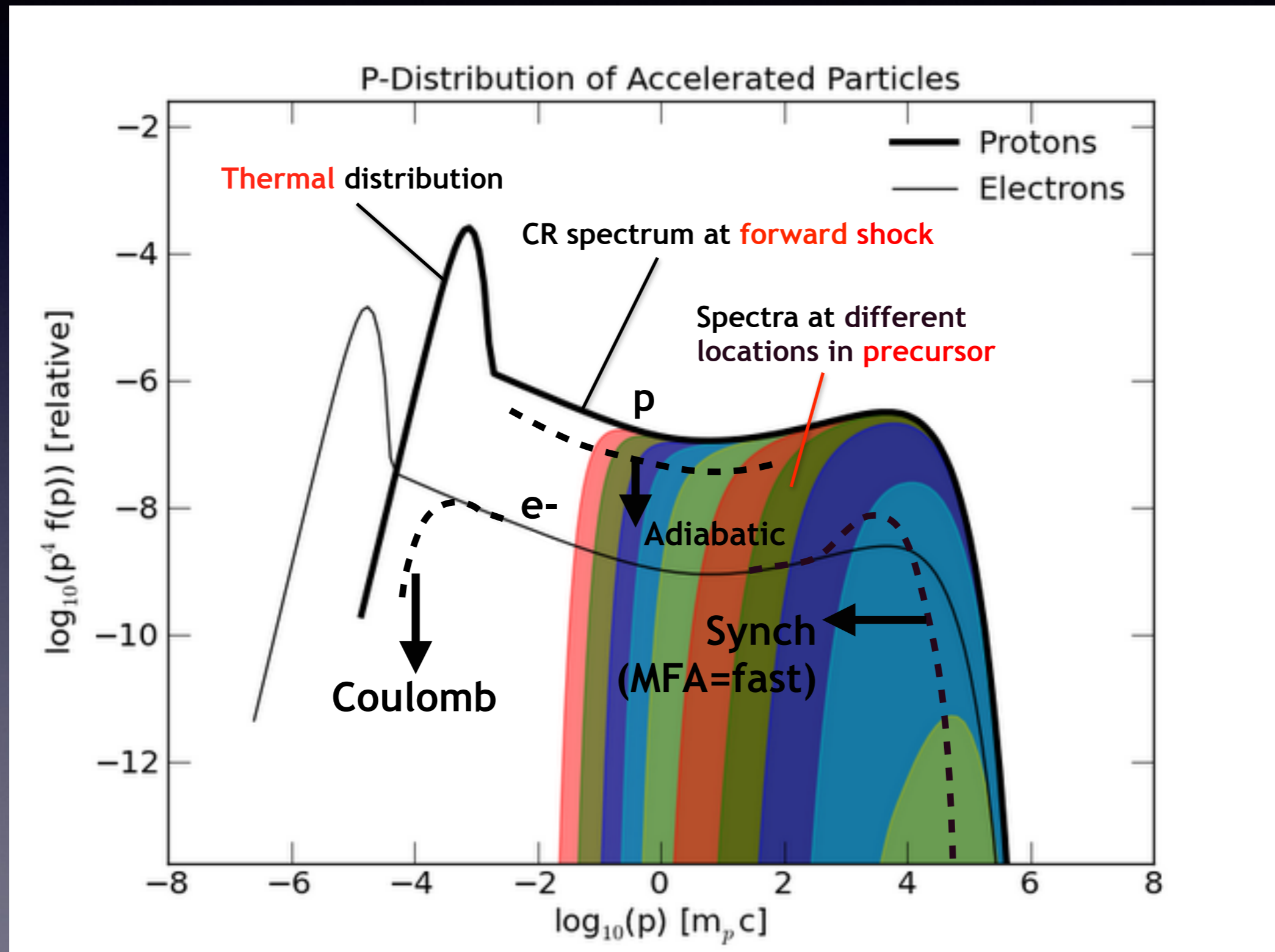
CR spectra from non-linear DSA

HL, Ellison & Nagataki (2012)



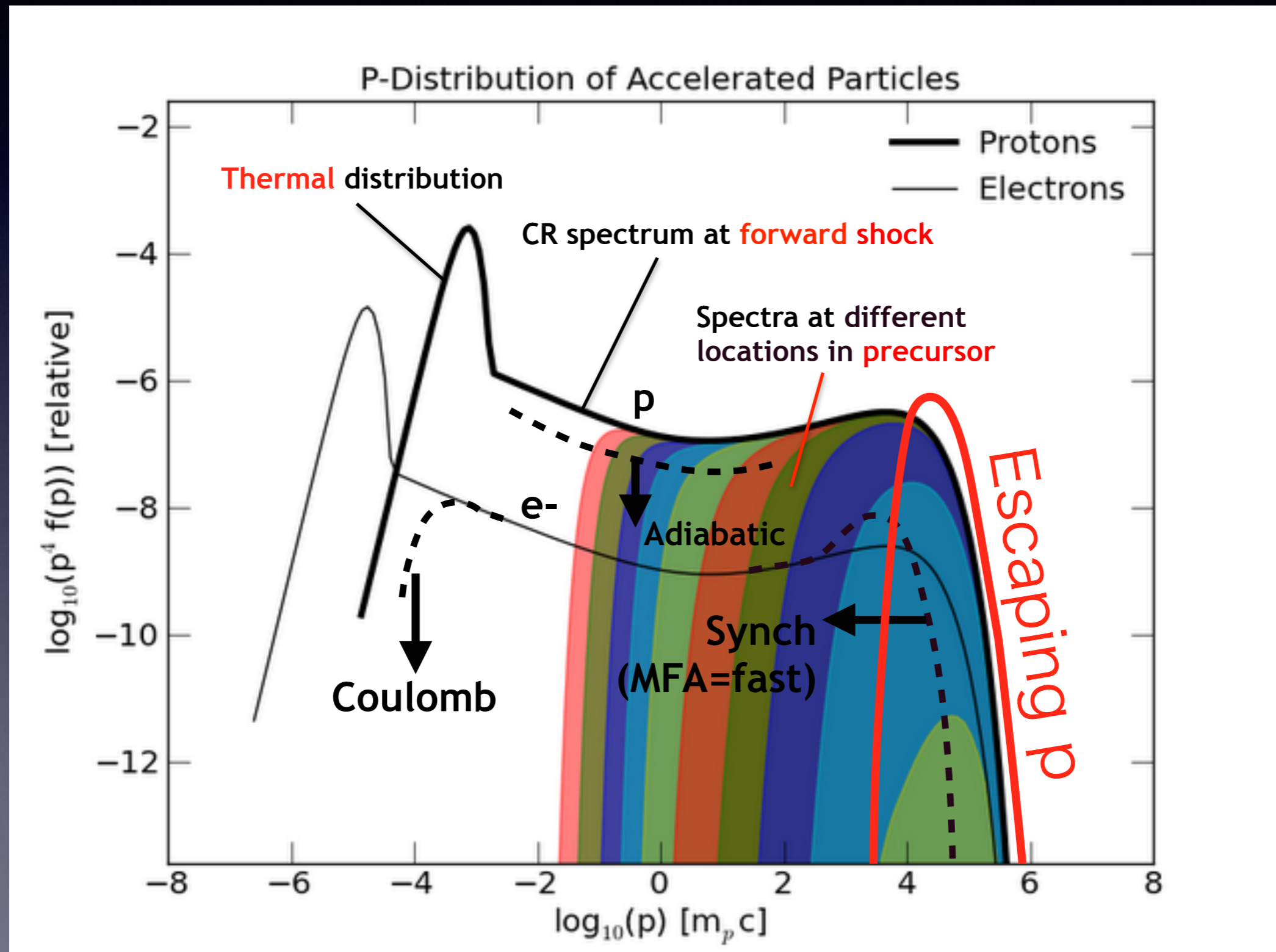
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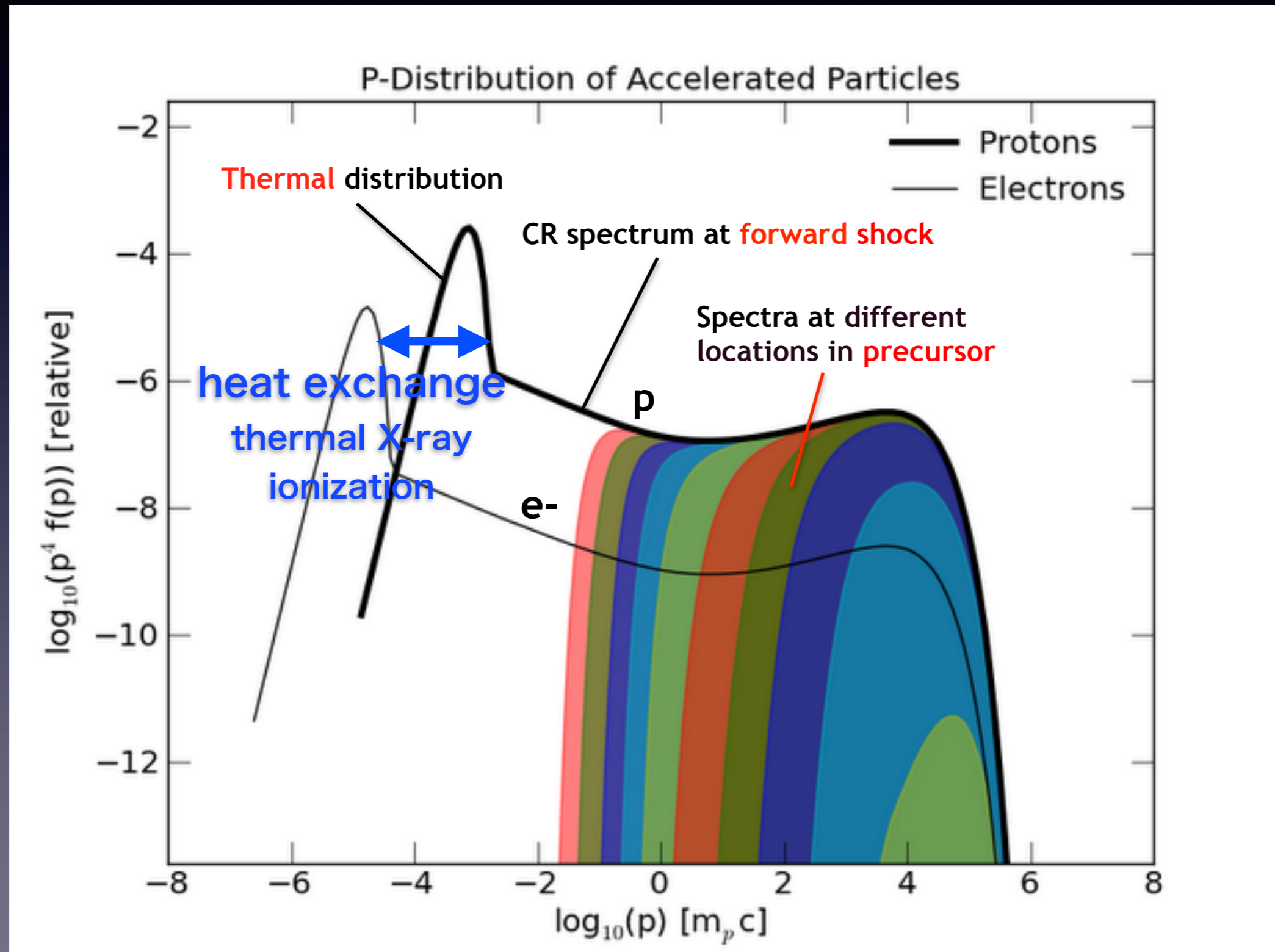
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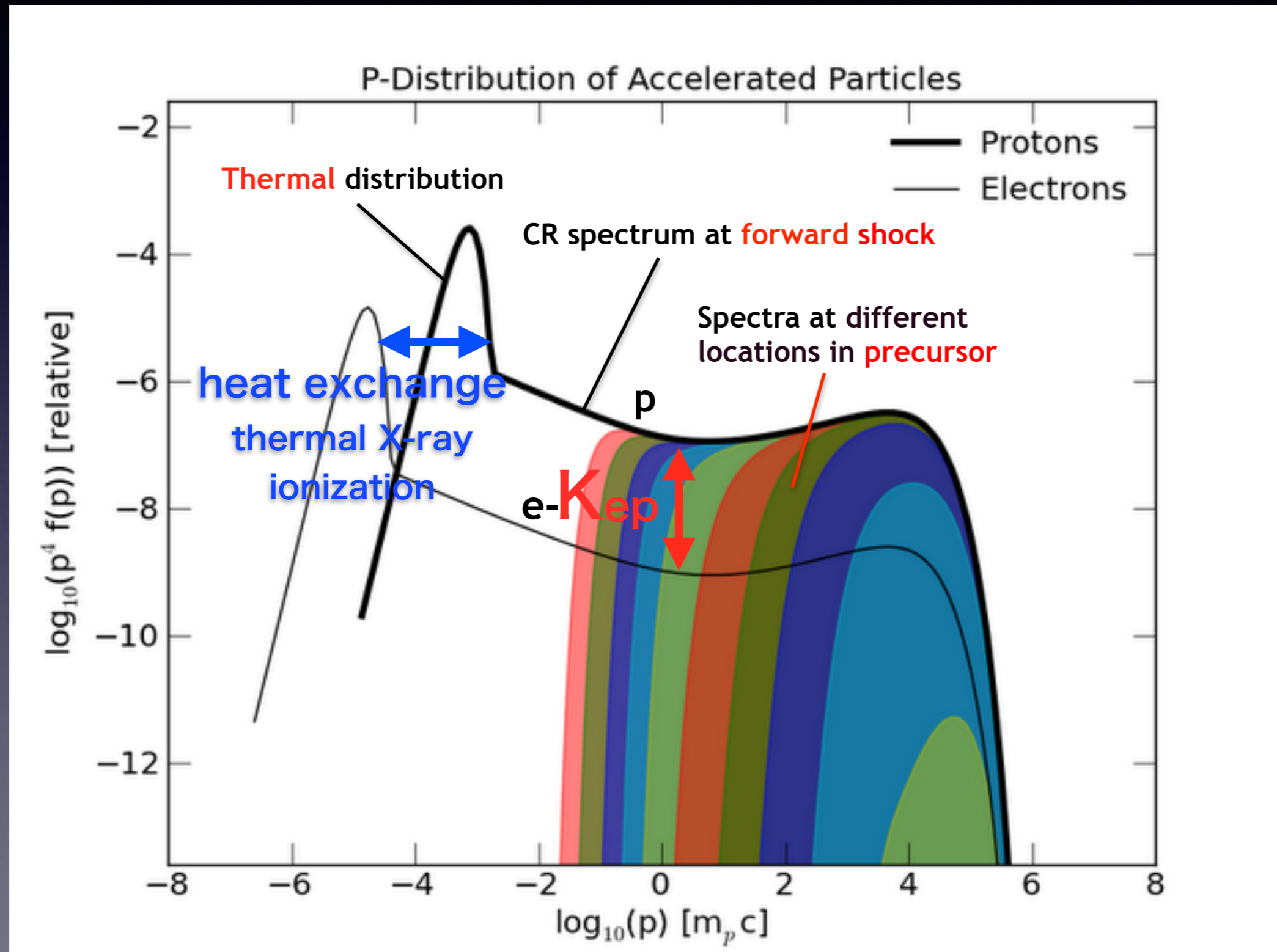
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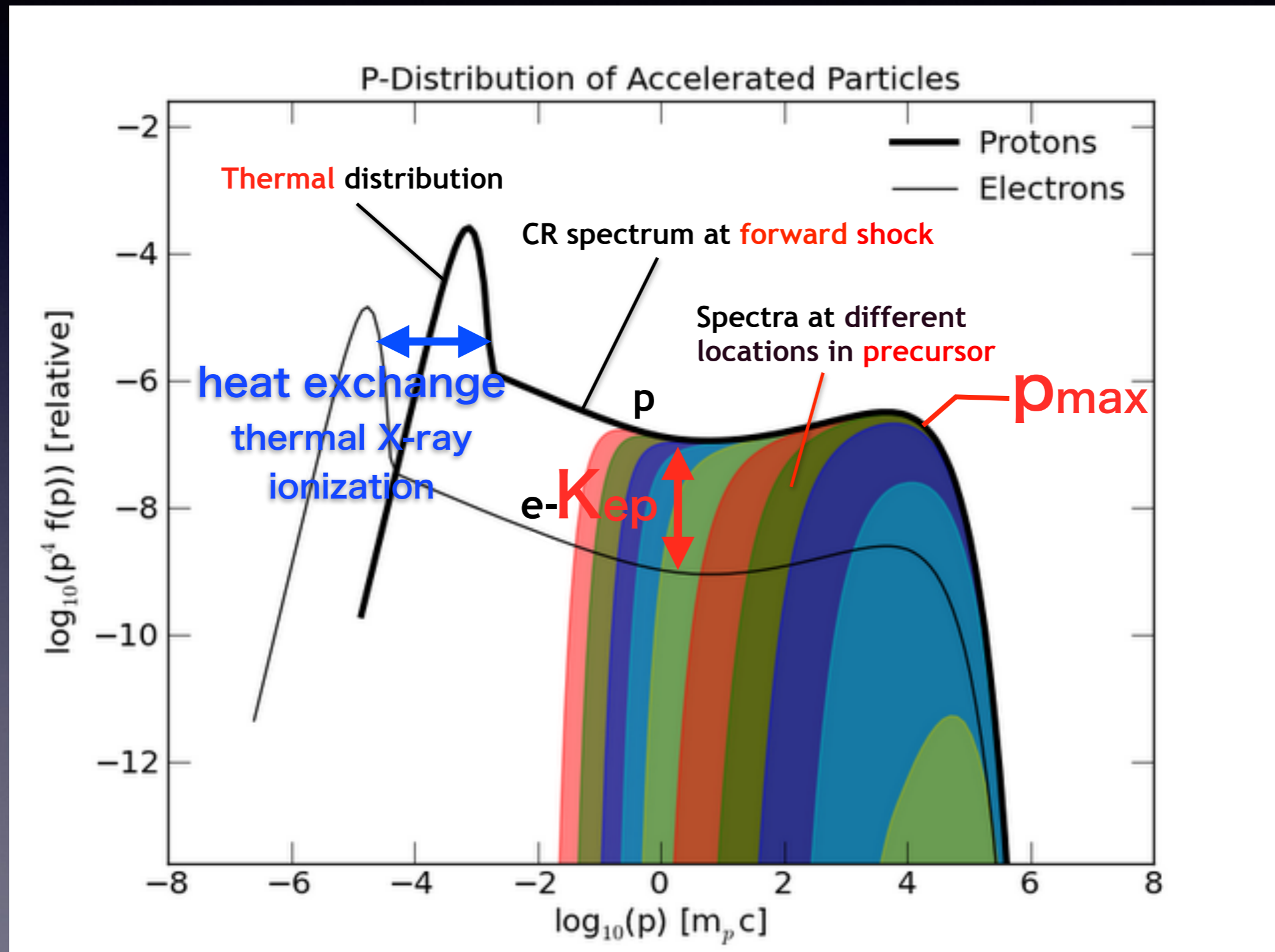
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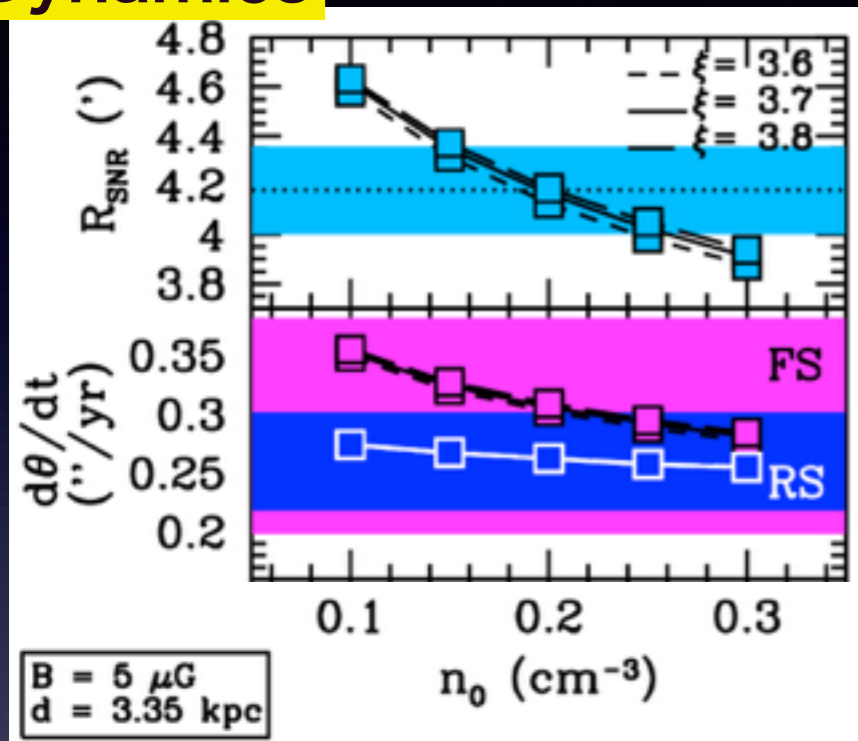
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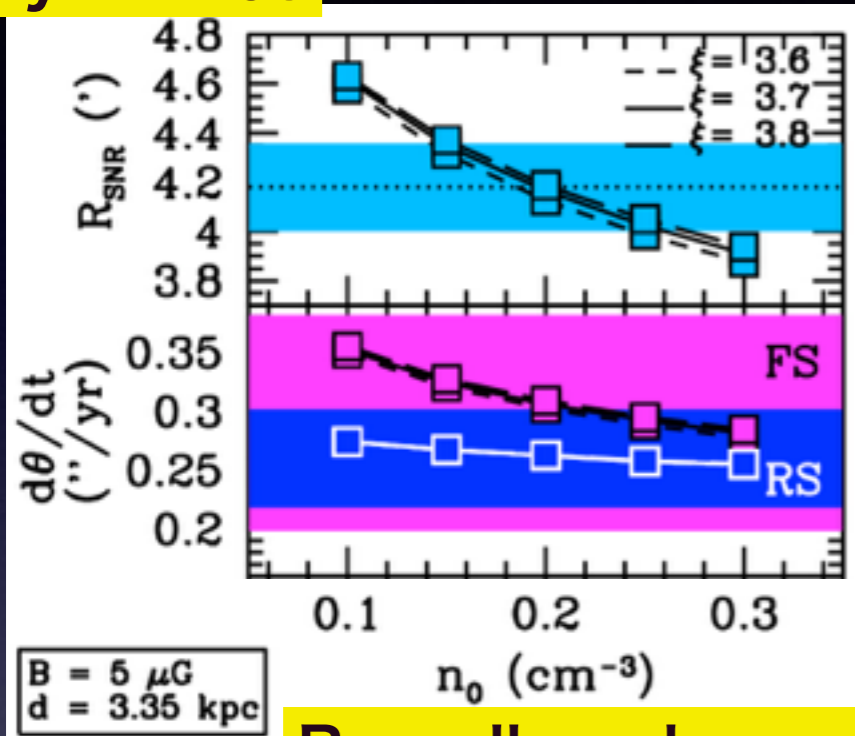
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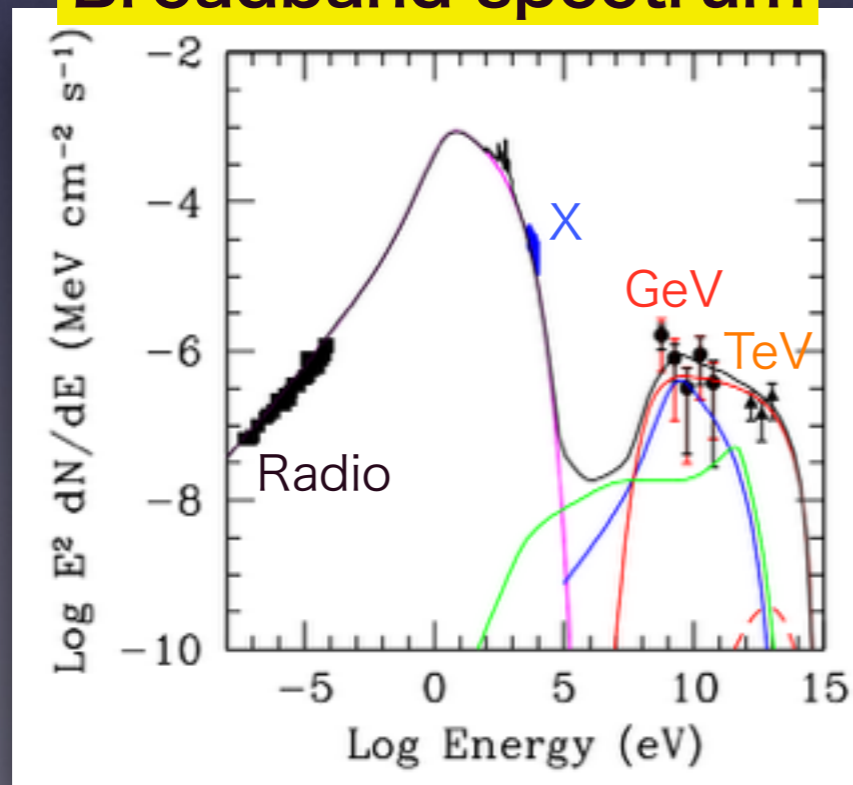
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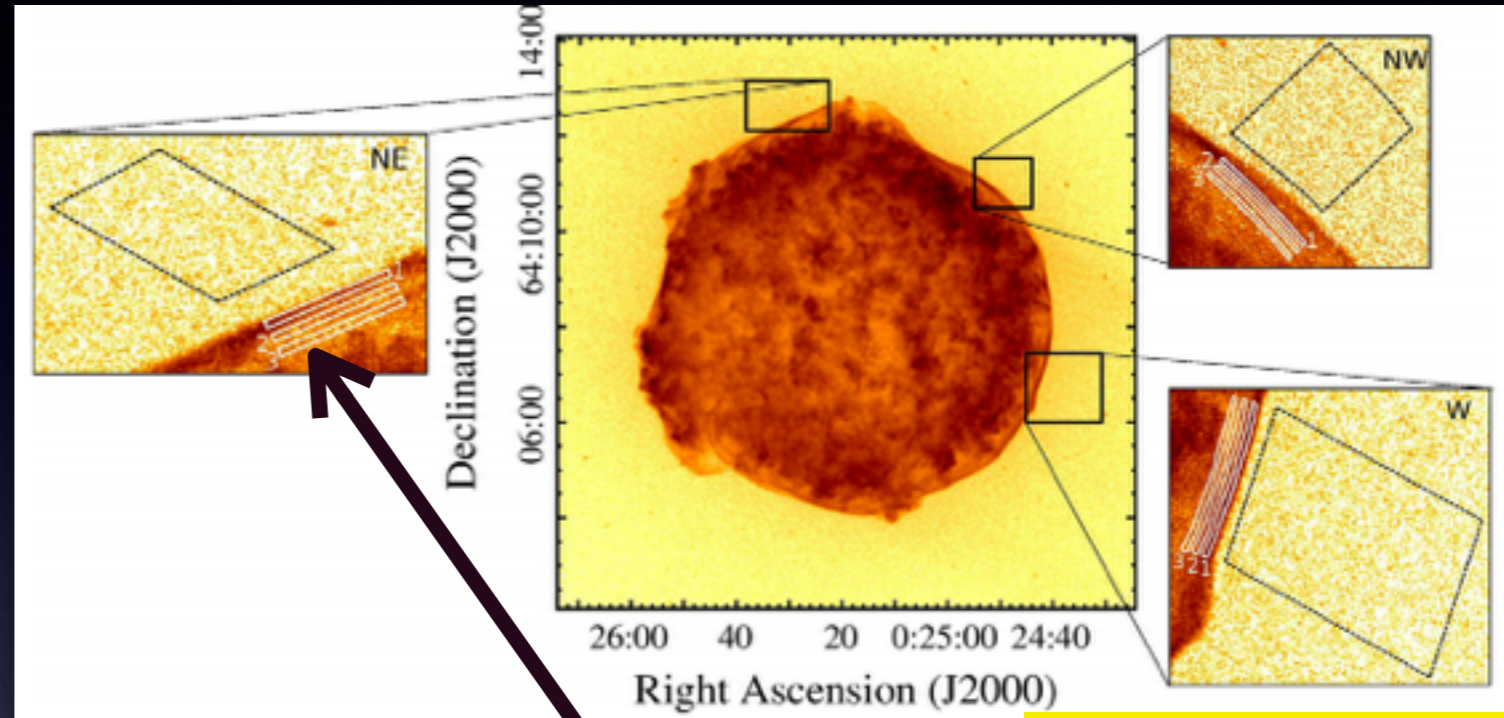
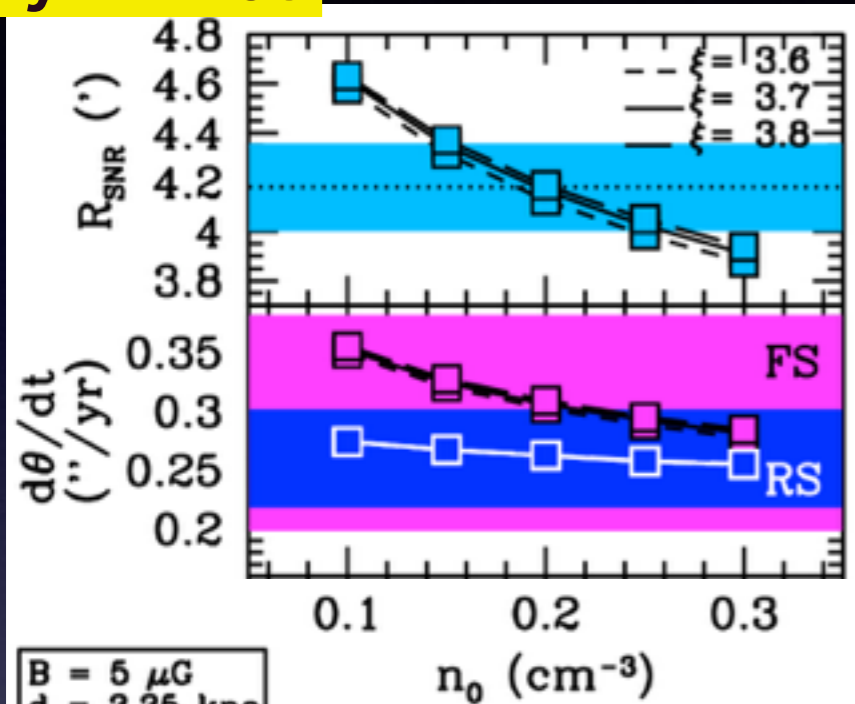
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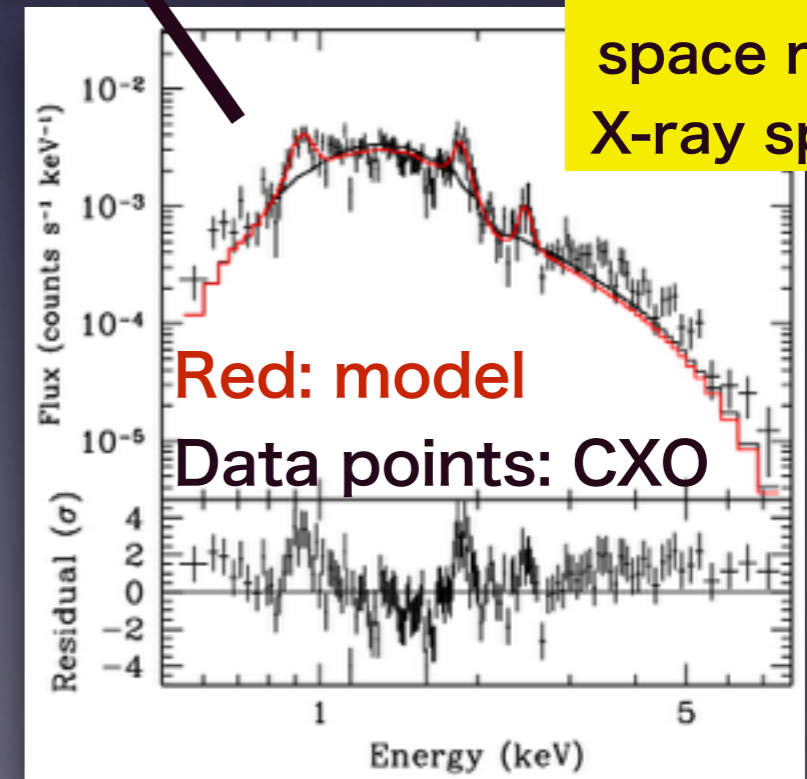
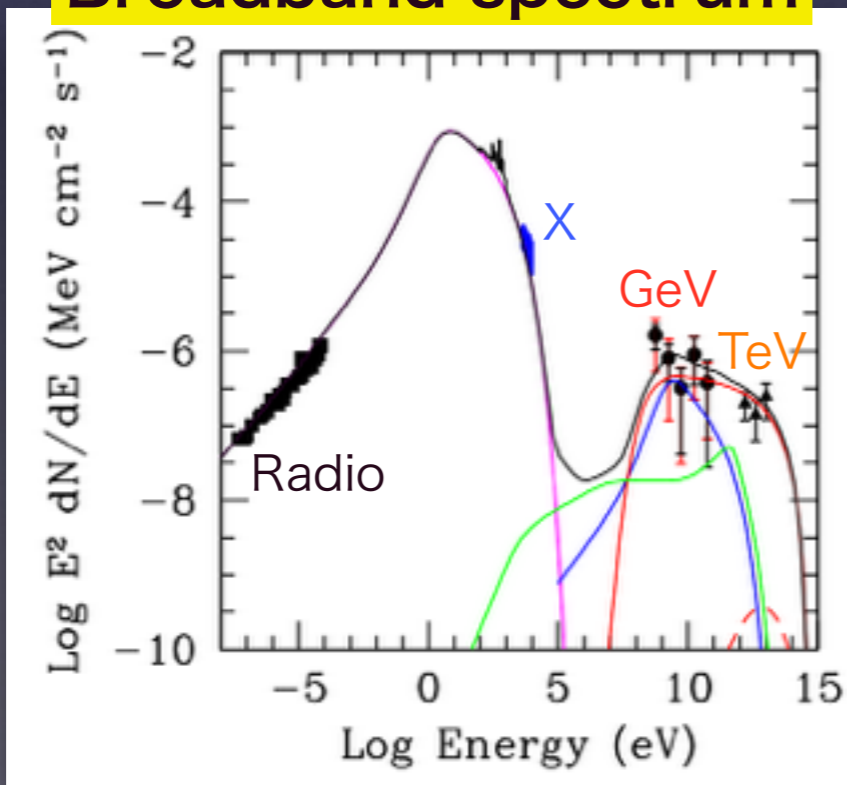
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Chandra space resolved X-ray spectrum

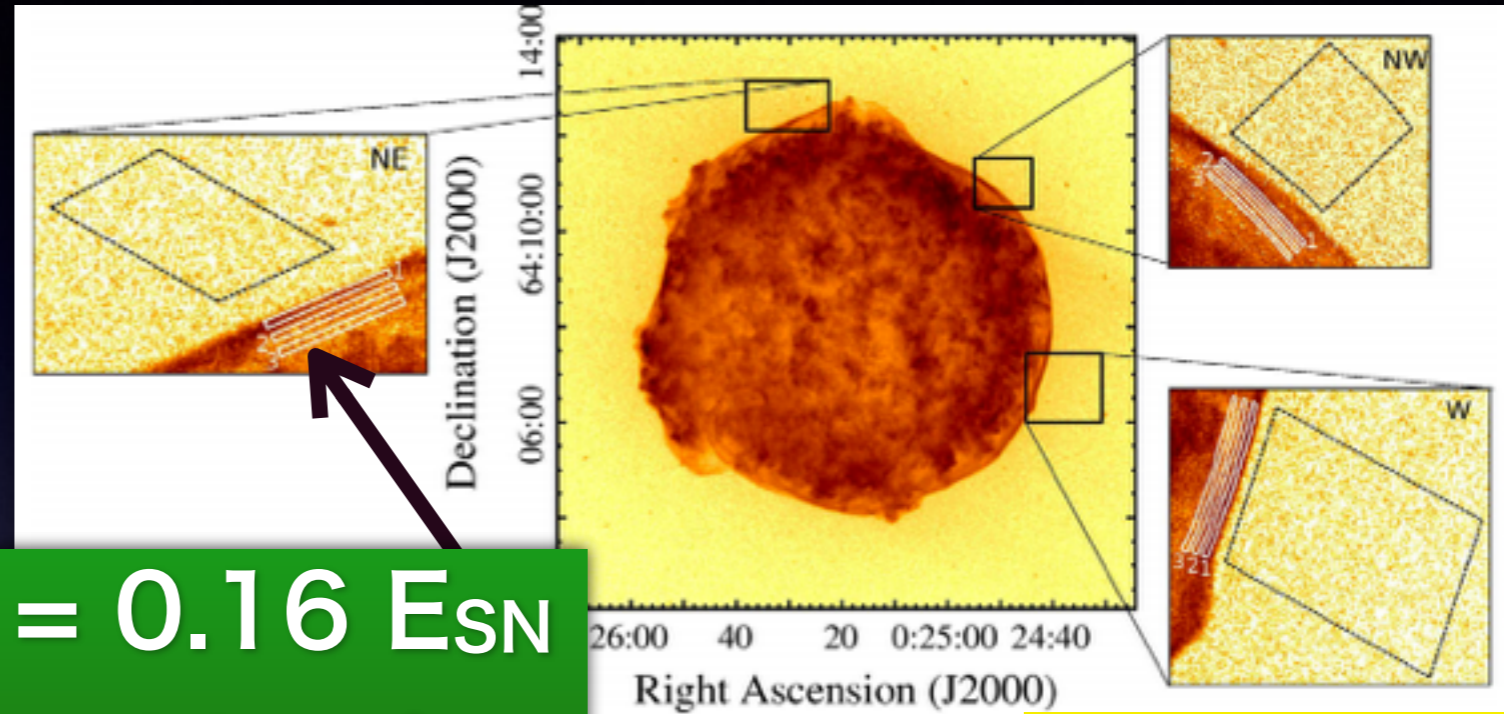
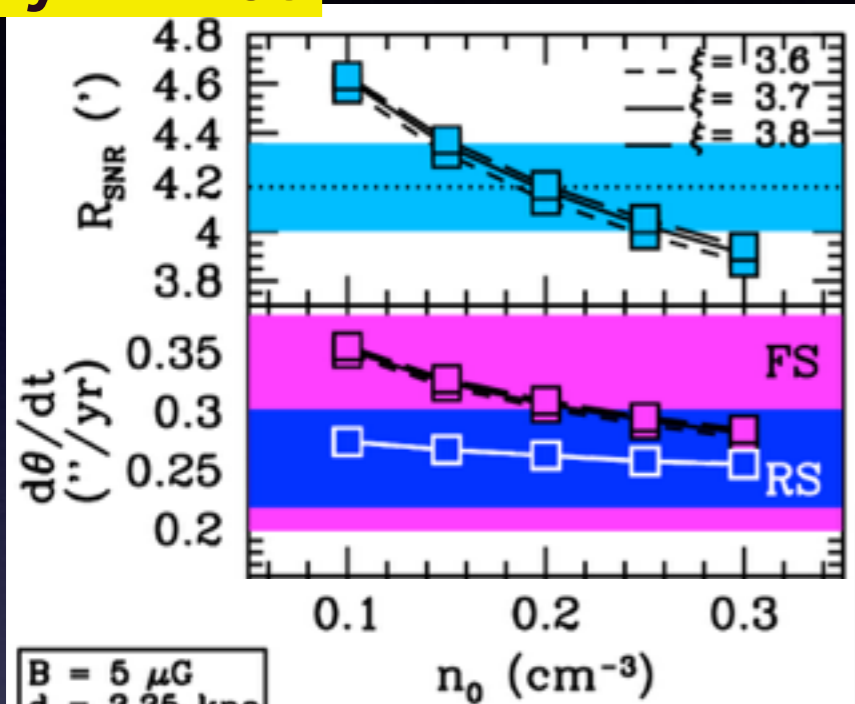
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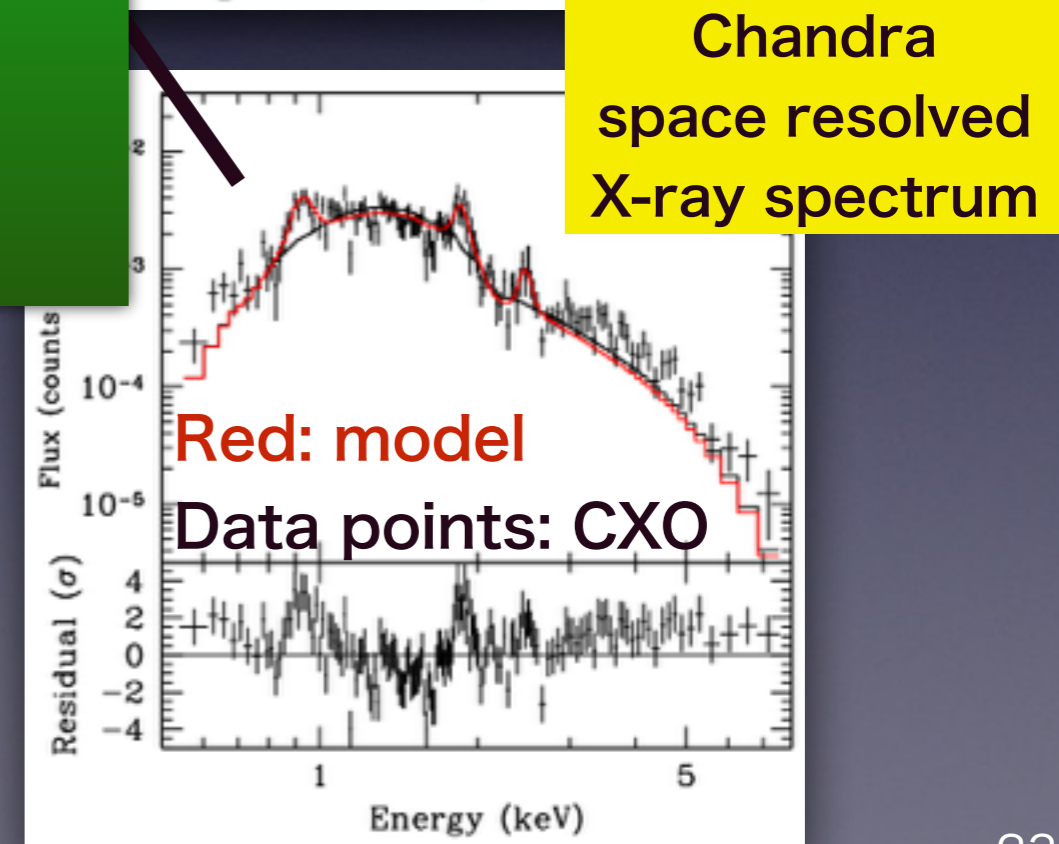
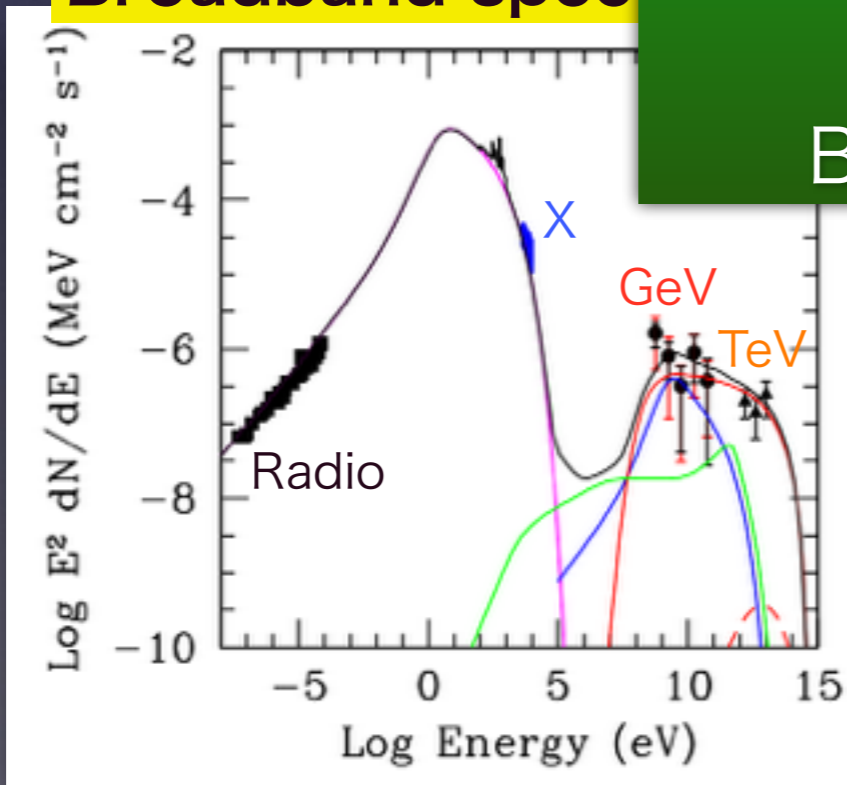
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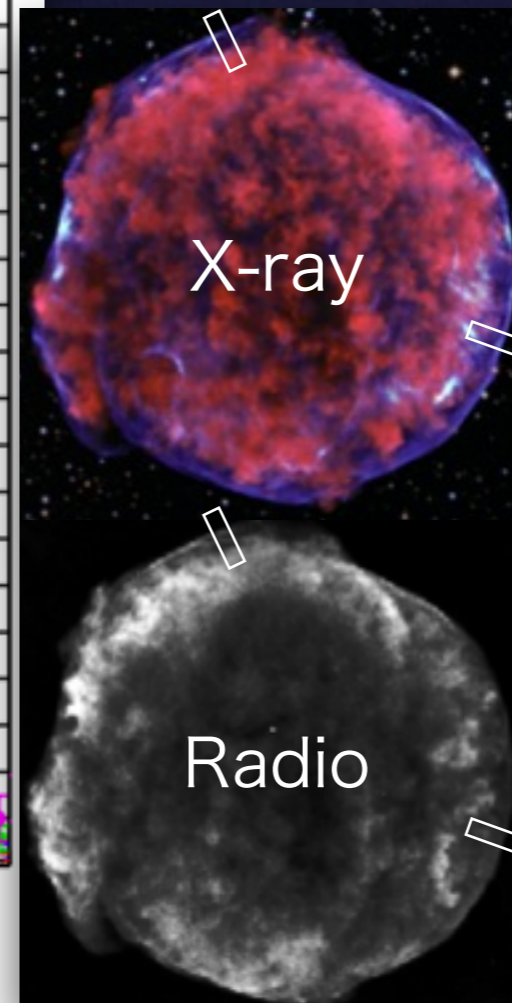
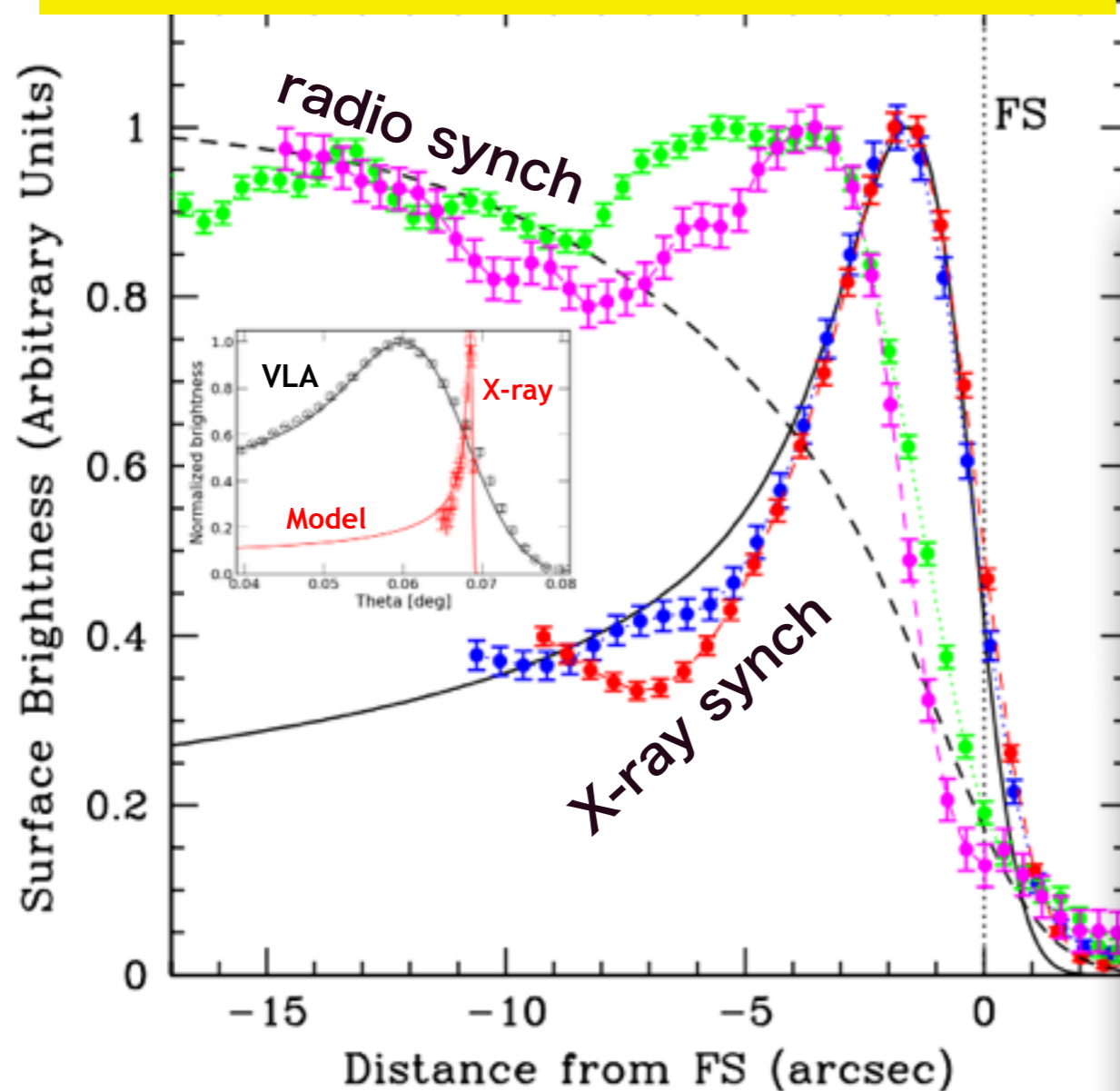
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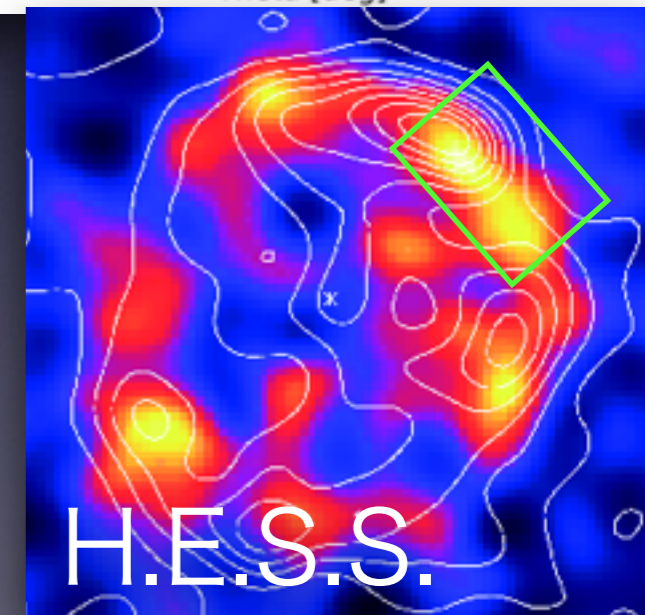
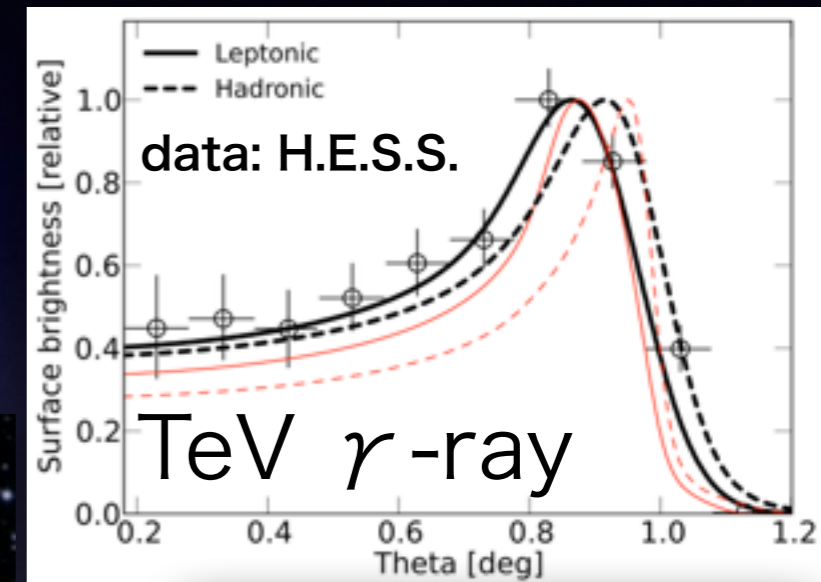
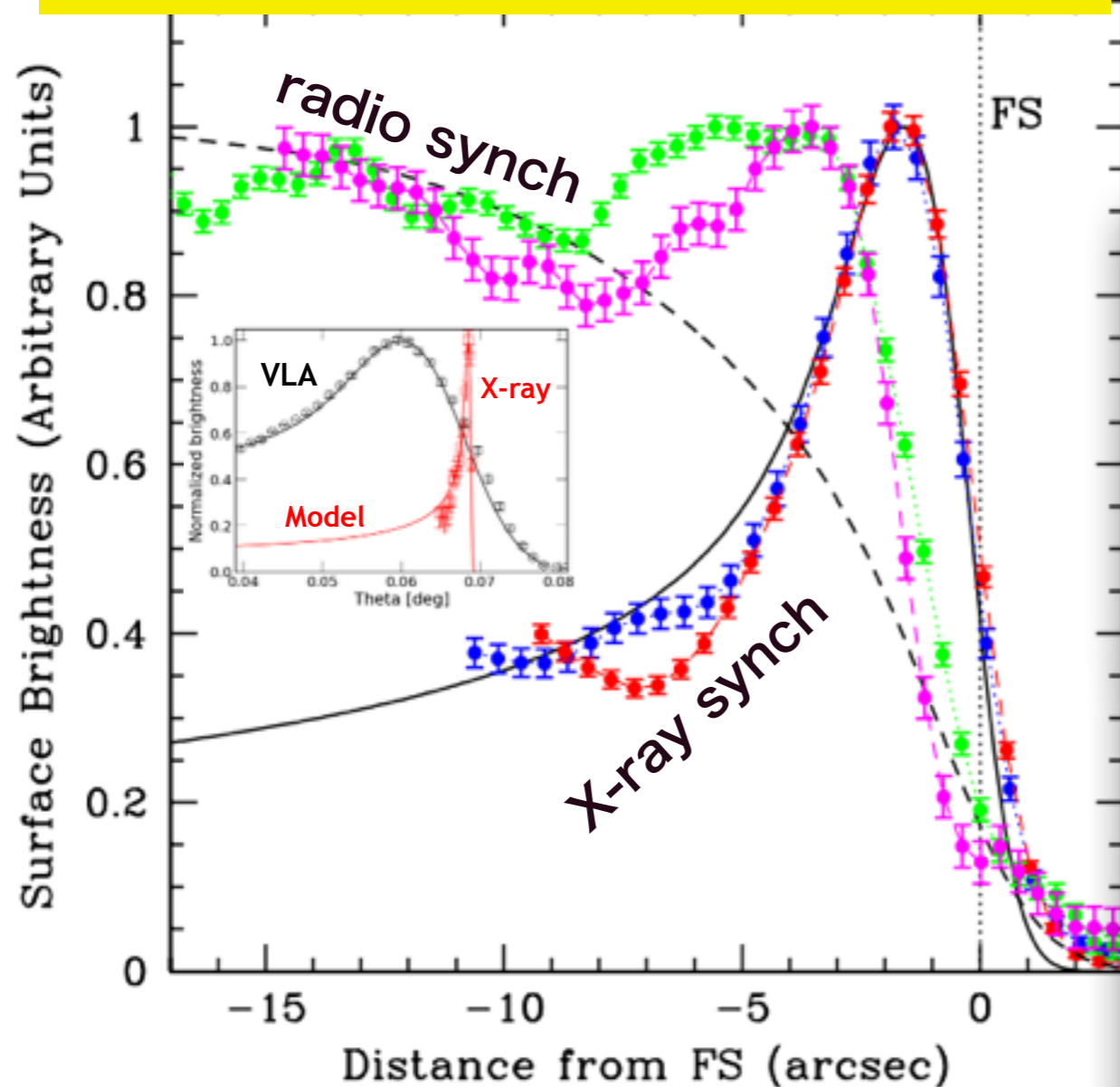


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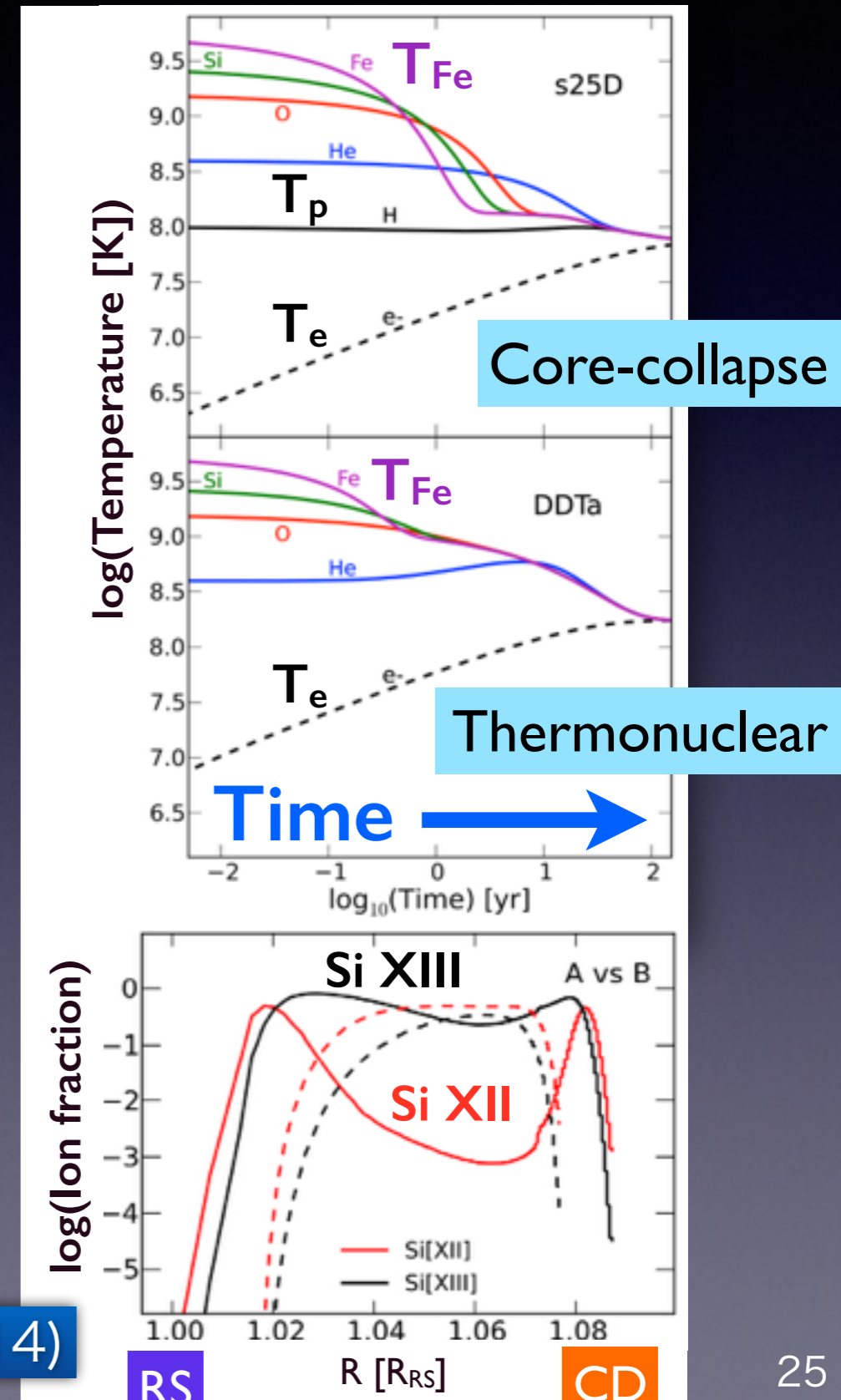
HL+ (2013) on **Vela Jr.**

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How about the thermal X-rays

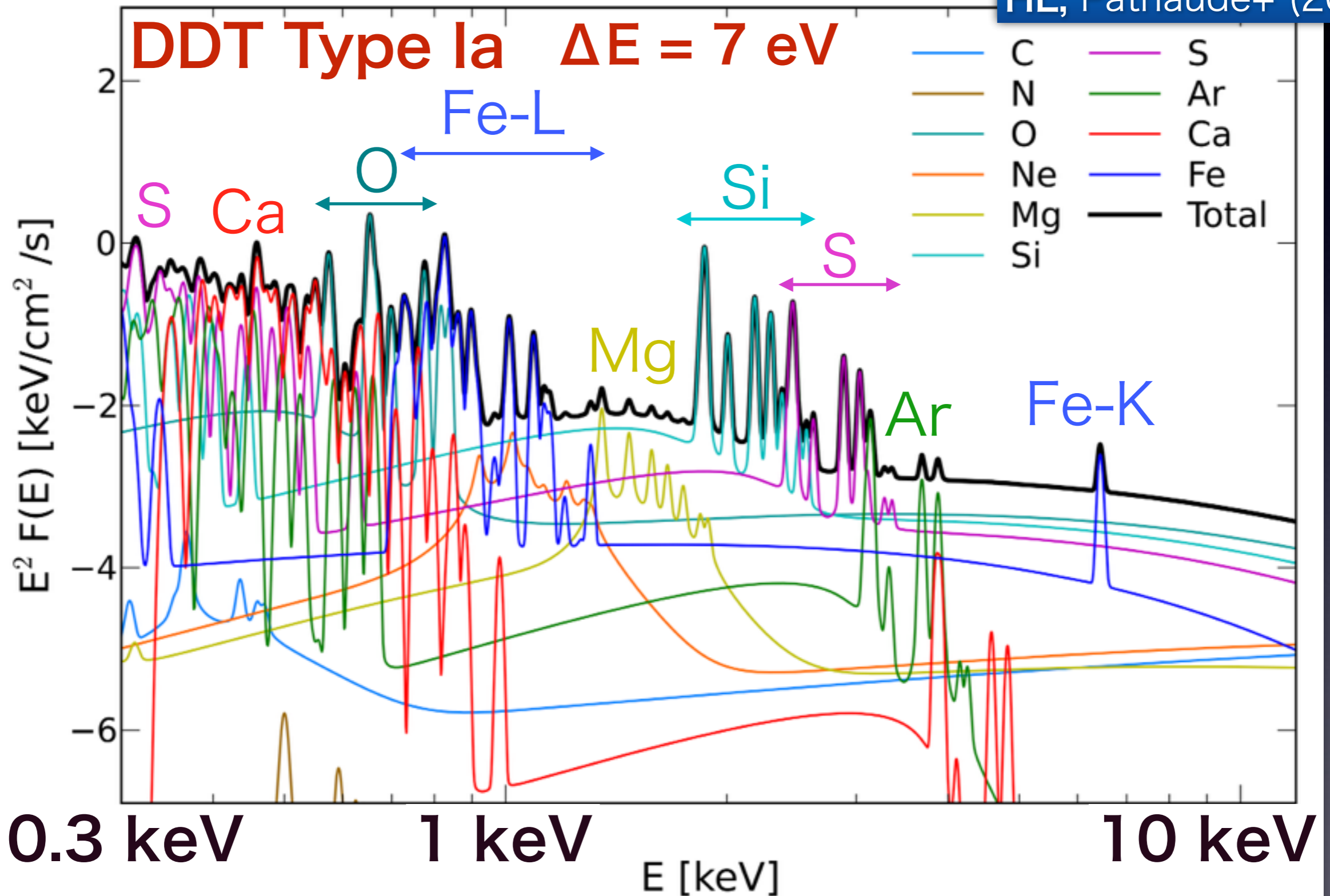
- 👁 **Thermal X-rays** of young SNRs tell us many things
- 👁 Ejecta and CSM **chemical composition**
- 👁 **Temperatures** (ions, e-)
- 👁 **Ionization states**
- 👁 Even CR acceleration history
- 👁 We follow **non-equilibrium ionization** and **temperature evolution** of 140 ion species in ejecta/CSM
- 👁 We then synthesize detailed thermal X-ray spectrum, together with non-thermal



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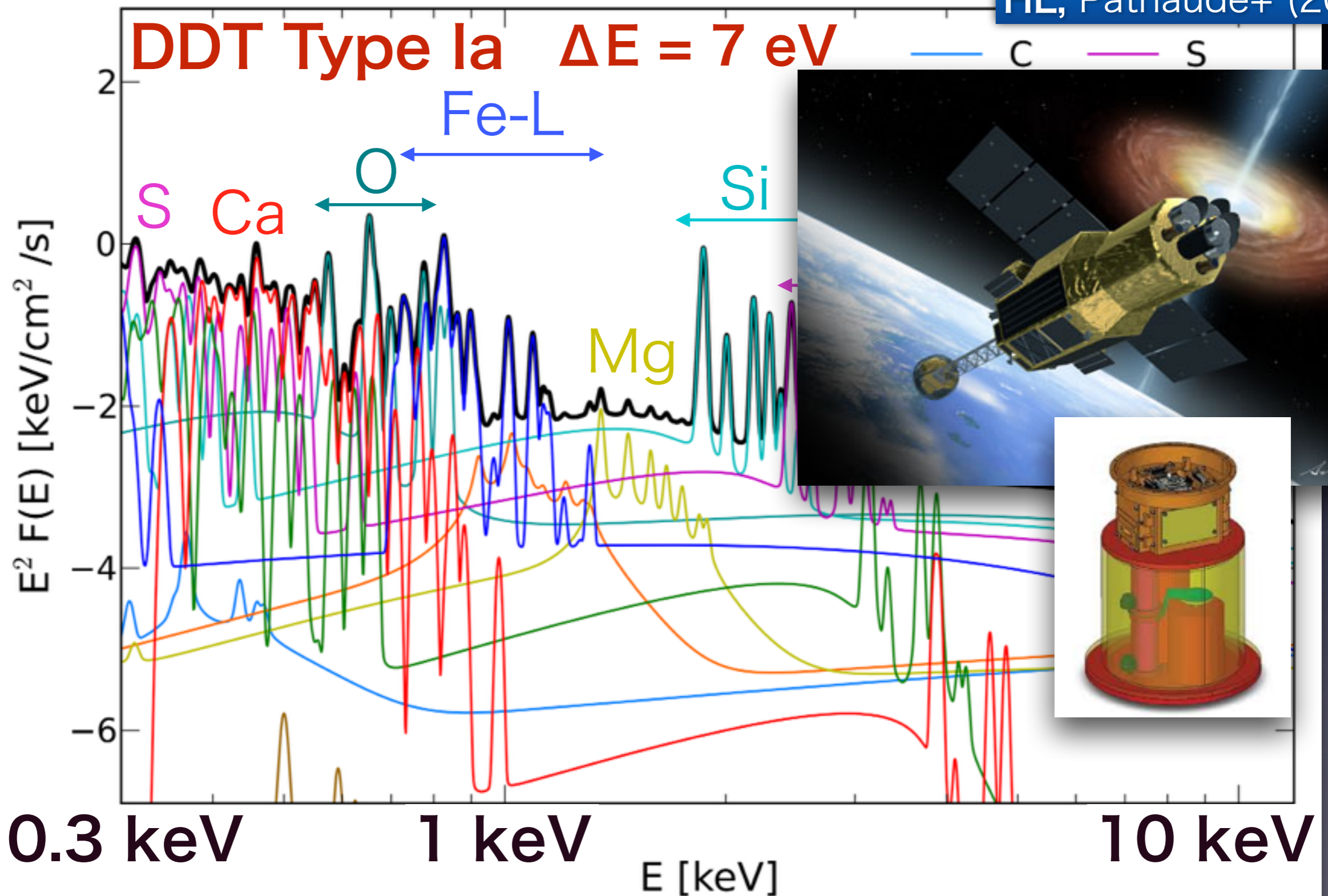
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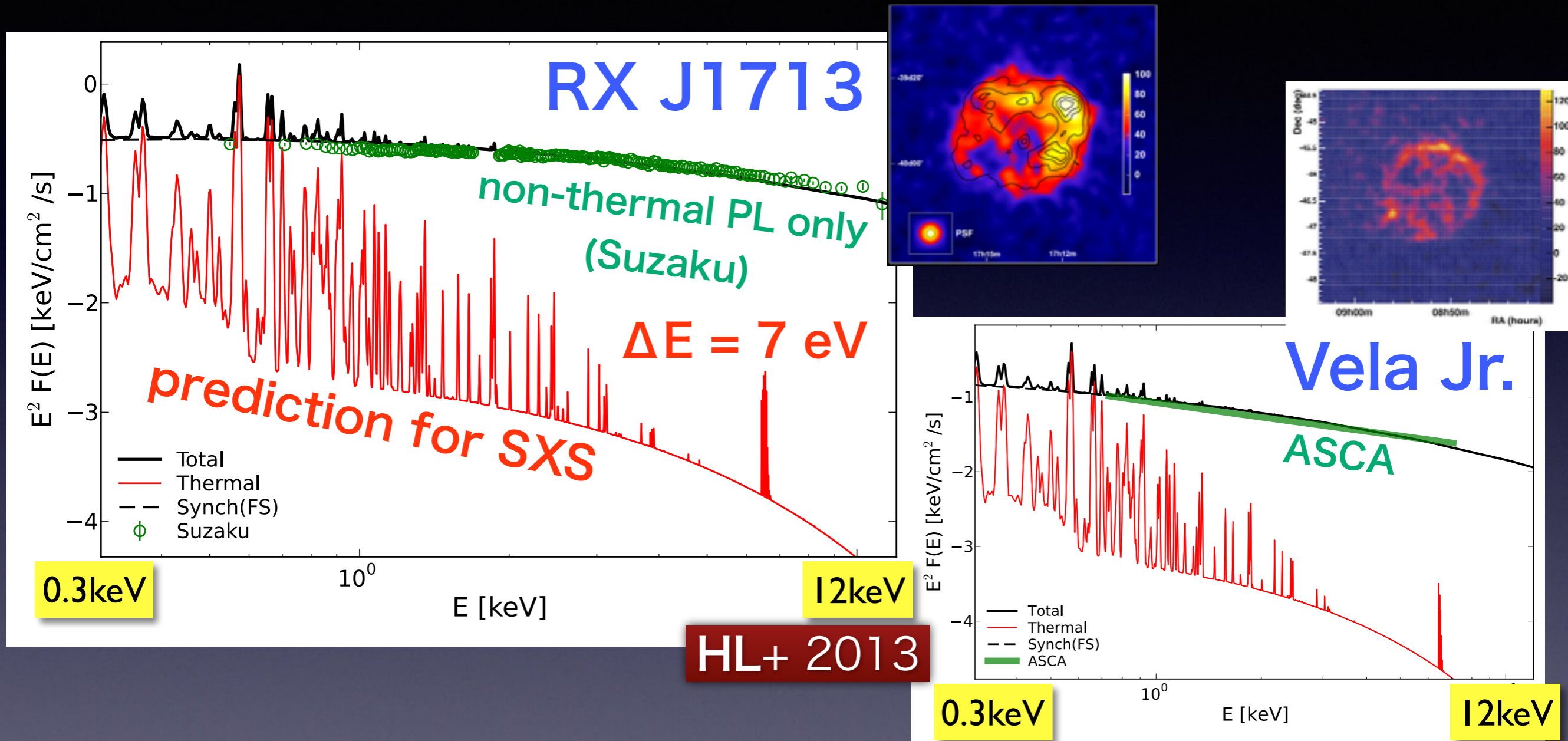


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Future X-ray spectroscopy by Astro-H



Our model predicts detection of **resolved thermal lines** from **non-thermal SNRs** by SXS to reveal progenitors and CSM properties

XMM Newton etc. may detect thermal bump (see work by S. Katsuda+)

But **only SXS can extract detailed info**

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Fermi, H.E.S.S., ... (CR p)

Suzaku, Chandra, ... (CR e, B, plasma, gas motion)

Nanten-2, Mopra, AKARI, ALMA, ... (gas & dust)

Summary

- 🌀 SNRs never end to challenge us with its many puzzling phenomena
- 🌀 Multi-fold astrophysical importance, e.g. origin of CRs, chemical enrichment and turbulence in ISM, late evolution of massive stars, SN explosion mechanism, nucleosynthesis, etc...
- 🌀 Treasure troves of fundamental physics, e.g. collisionless shocks, particle acceleration, magnetic turbulence, hydro instabilities, plasma physics etc...
- 🌀 A true understanding of SNRs from engine to remnant requires confrontation of data from new telescopes with improving numerical models