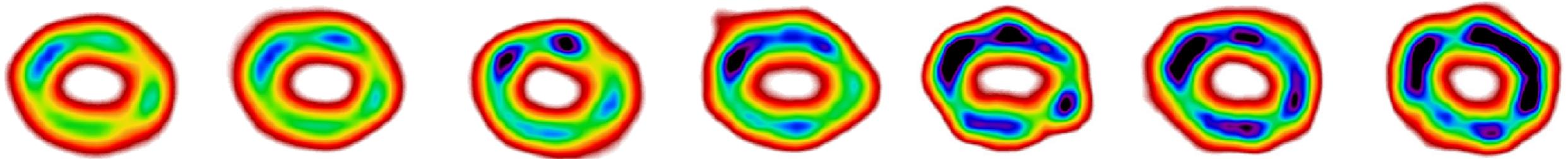


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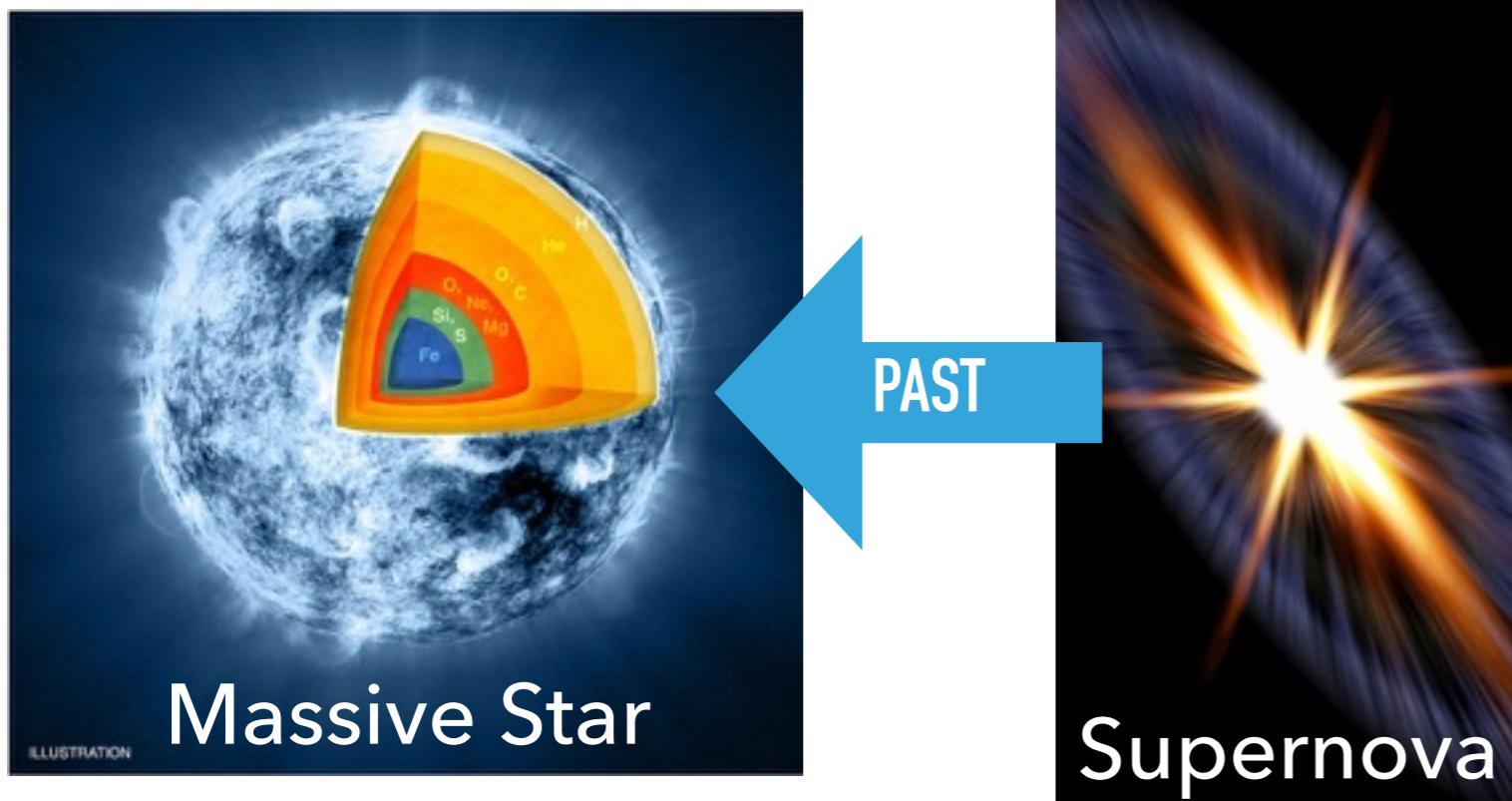


CHANDRA OBSERVATIONS OF SN 1987A

An unprecedented view of the life and
death of a blue supergiant

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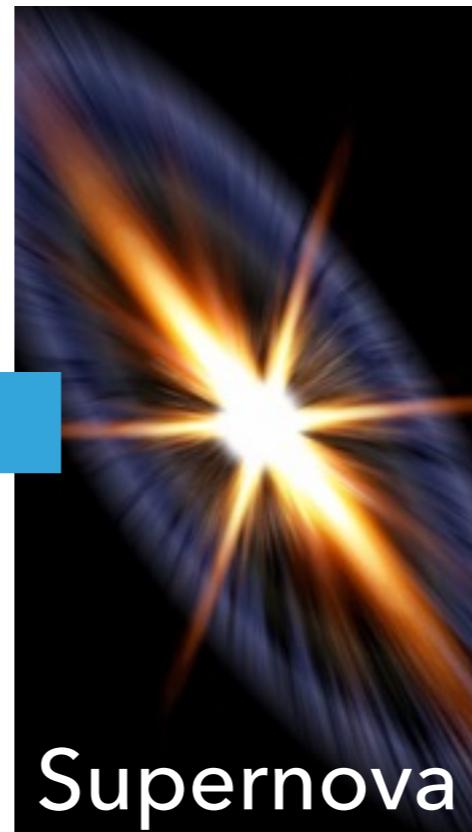
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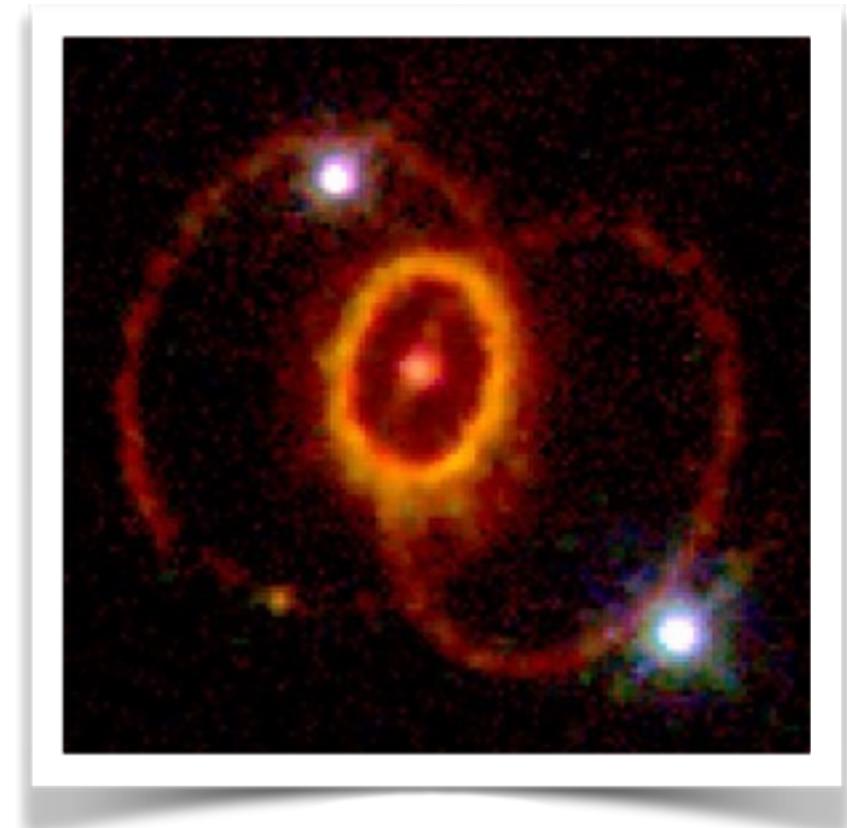
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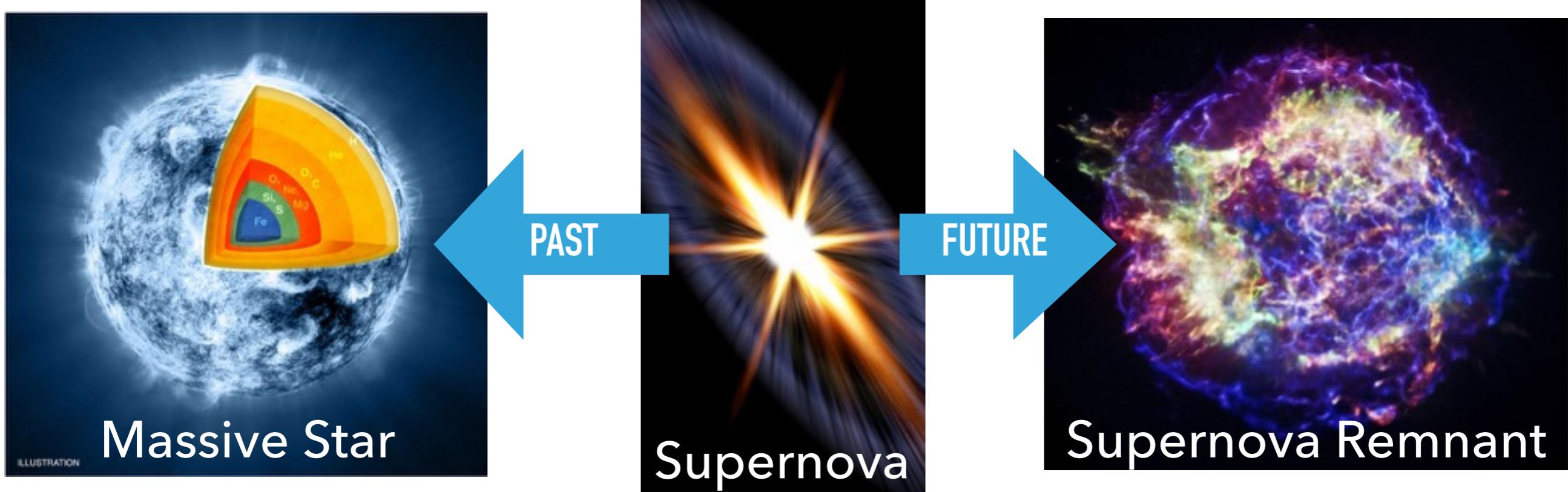
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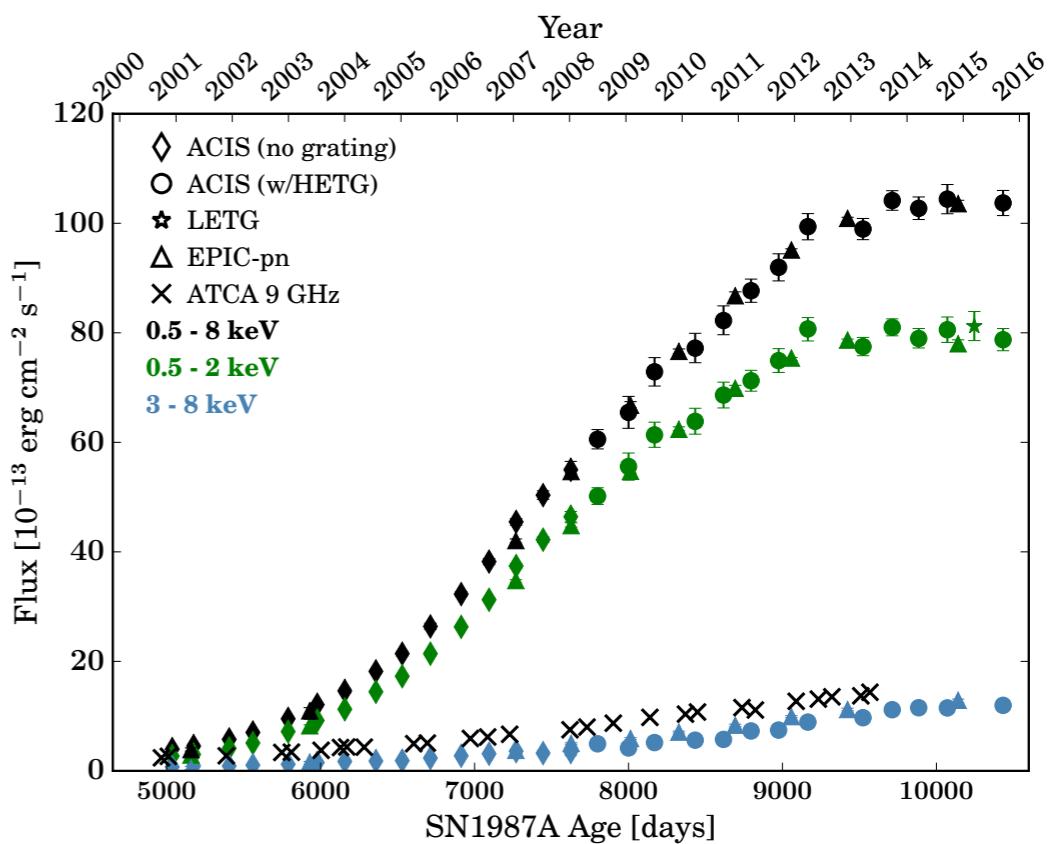
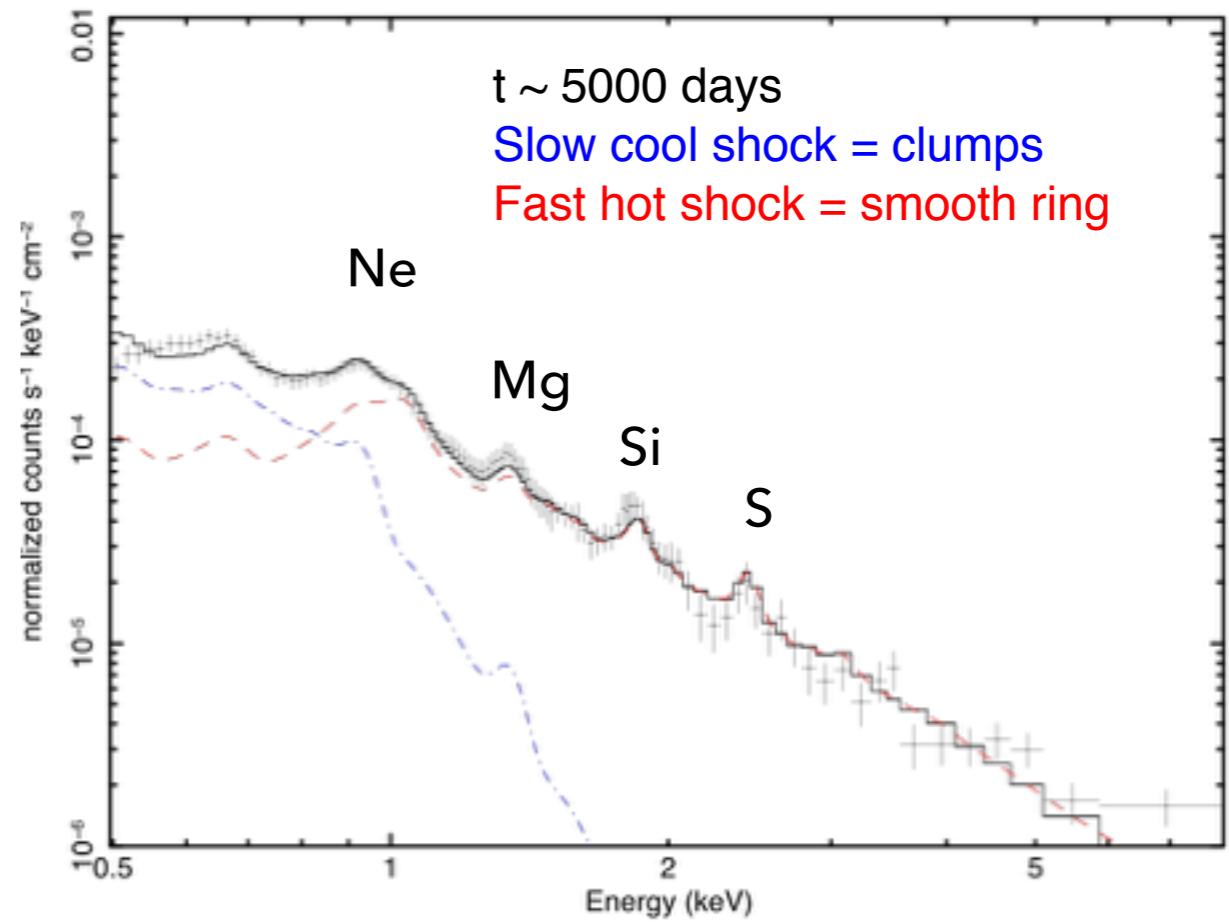
CHANDRA ACIS MONITORING CAMPAIGN

- ▶ ~6 month intervals for 16 years = 32 epochs
- ▶ Complementary to monitoring campaigns in optical, IR, radio, submm
- ▶ Burrows+(2000), Michael+(2002), Park +(2002,2004,2005,2006,2007,2011), Zhekov+ (2005,2006,2009), Racusin +(2009), Dewey+(2012), Helder+ (2013), Frank+(2016)

Date	Age	Grating
1999-10-06	4608	HETG
2000-01-17	4711	NONE
2000-12-07	5036	NONE
2001-04-25	5175	NONE
2001-12-12	5406	NONE
2002-05-15	5559	NONE
2002-12-31	5789	NONE
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2005-07-11	6713	NONE
2006-01-28	6913	NONE
2006-07-27	7094	NONE
2007-01-19	7270	NONE
2007-07-13	7445	NONE
2008-01-09	7624	NONE
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2010-09-28	8433	HETG
2011-03-25	8617	HETG
2011-09-21	8975	HETG
2012-03-28	9165	HETG
2013-03-21	9523	HETG
2013-09-28	9713	HETG
2014-03-19	9885	HETG
2014-09-20	10071	HETG
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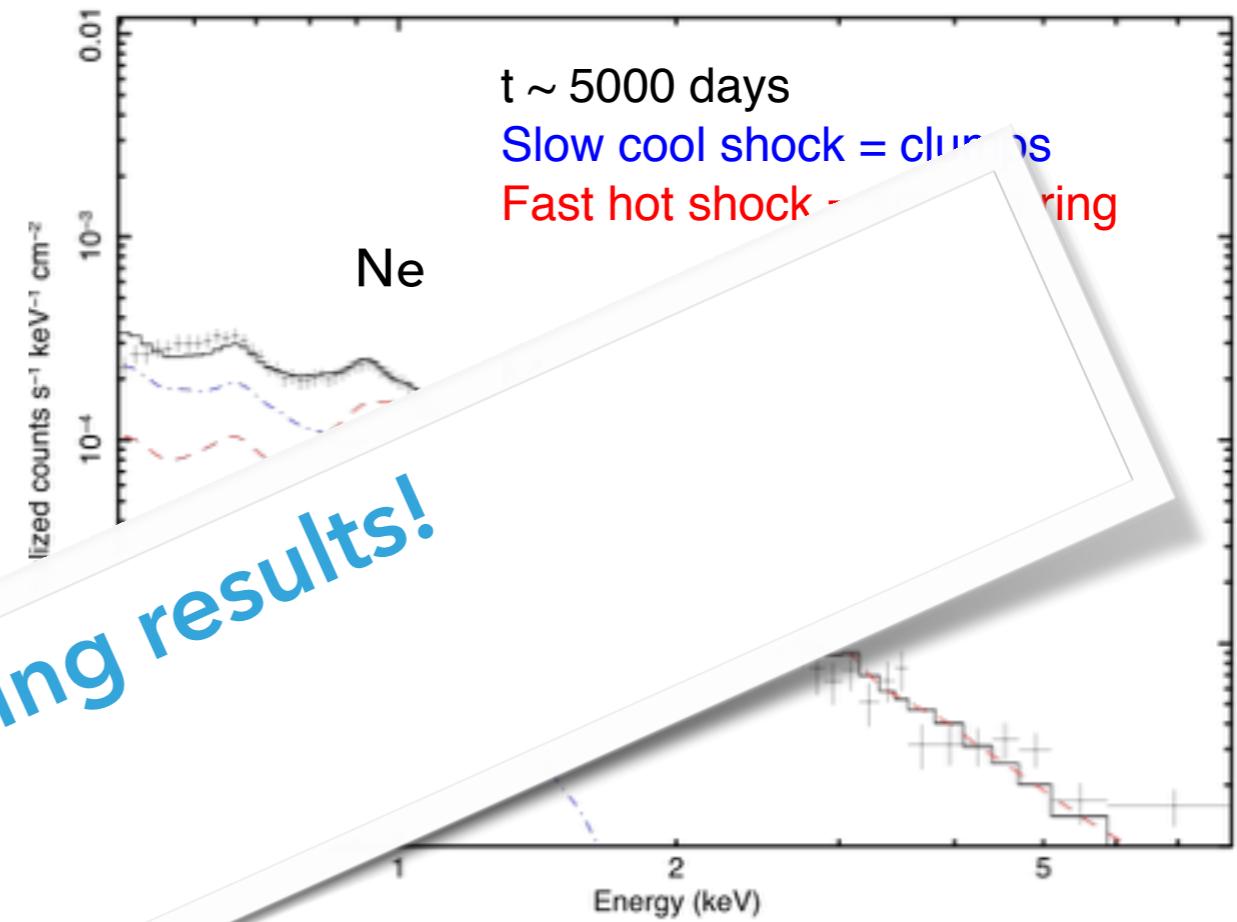
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- ▶ ionization timescales
- ▶ abundances
- ▶ fluxes in multiple bands
- ▶ changes in all these over time



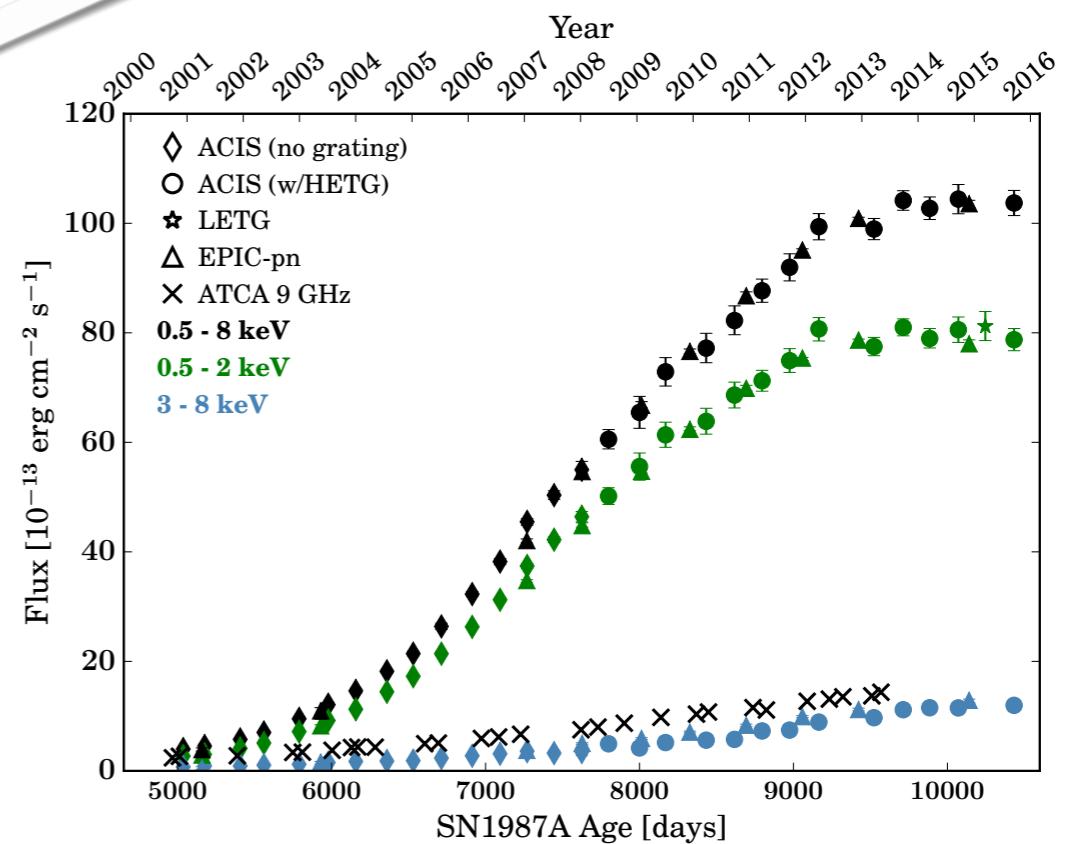
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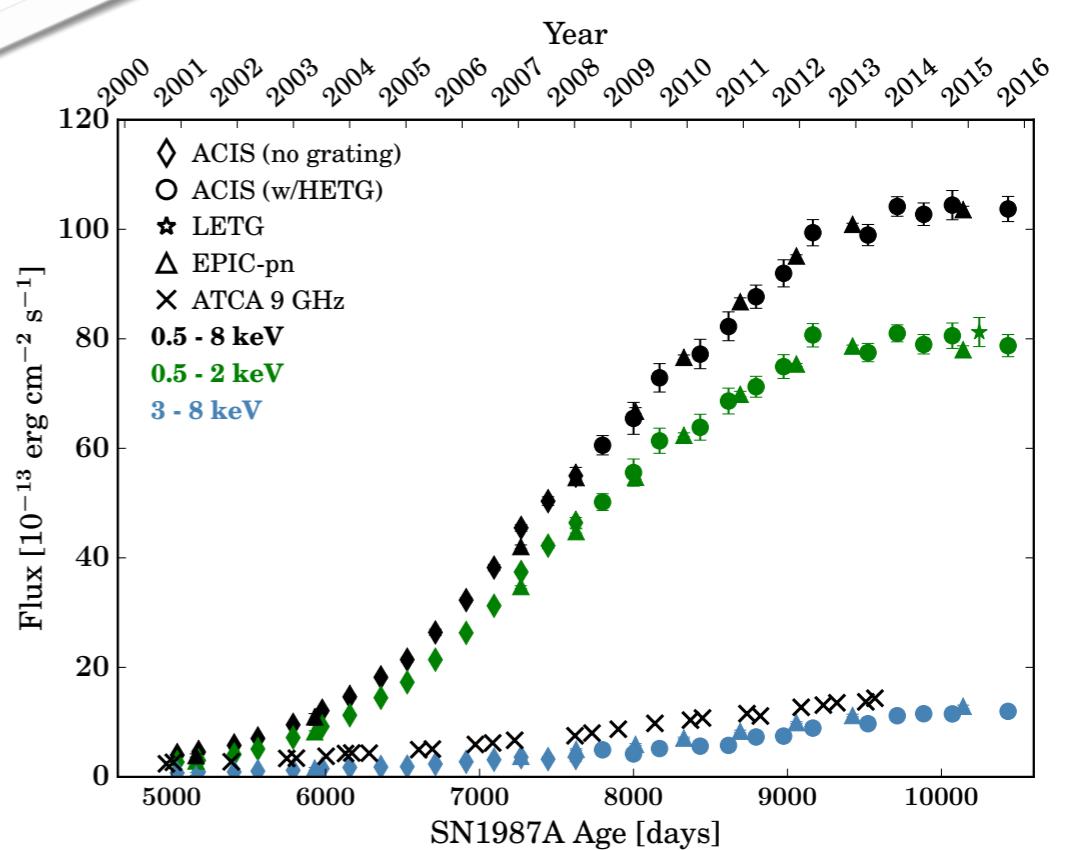
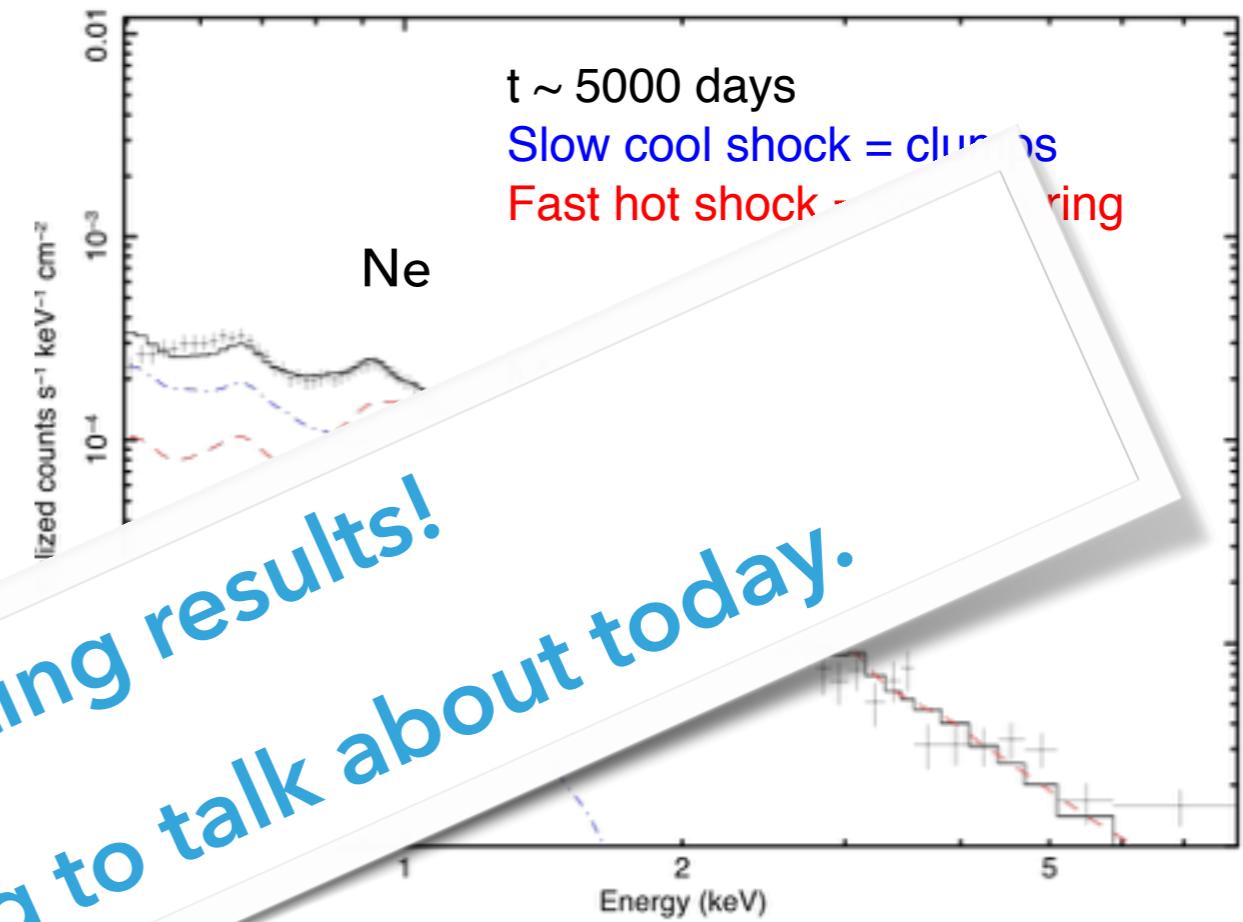
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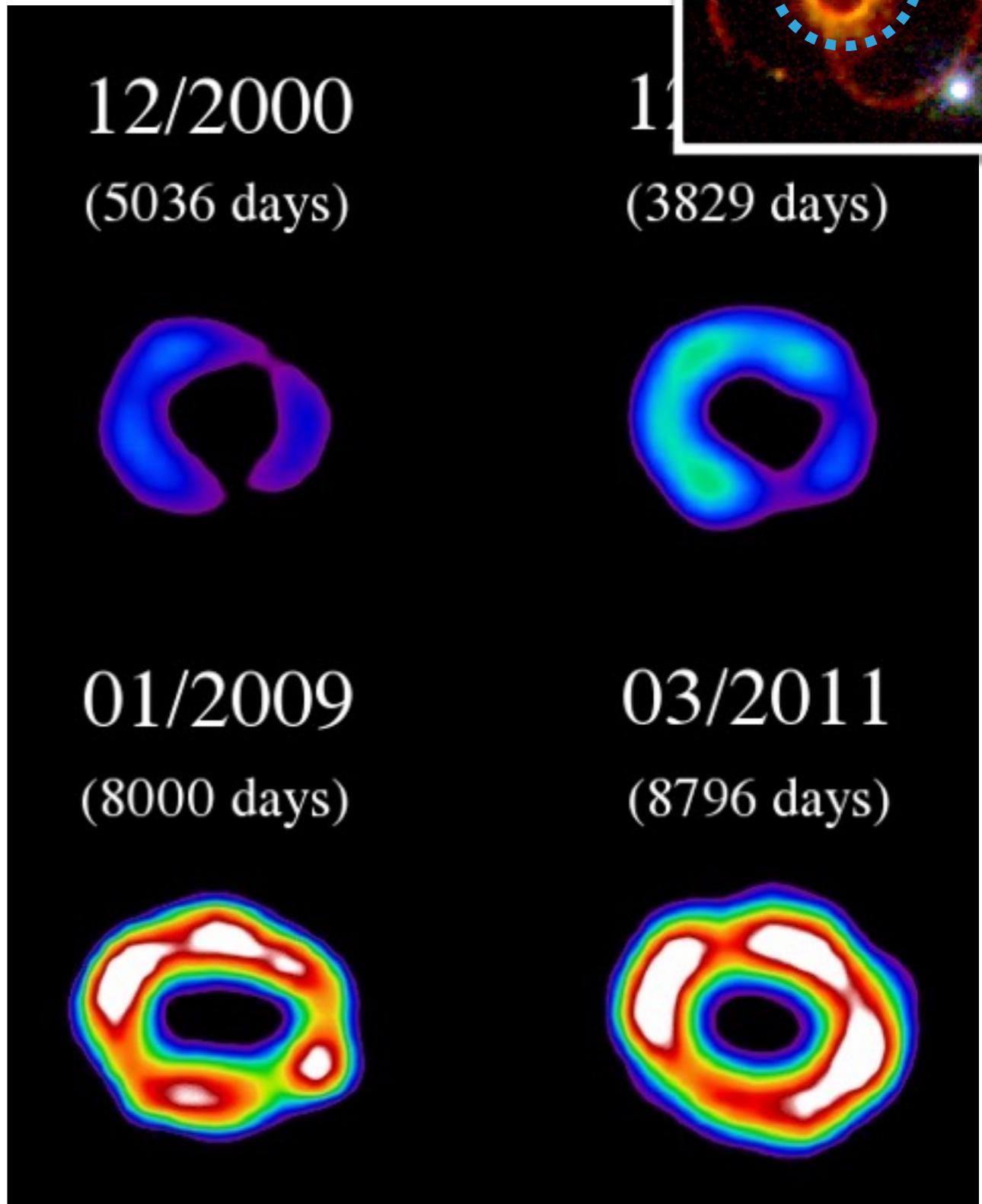
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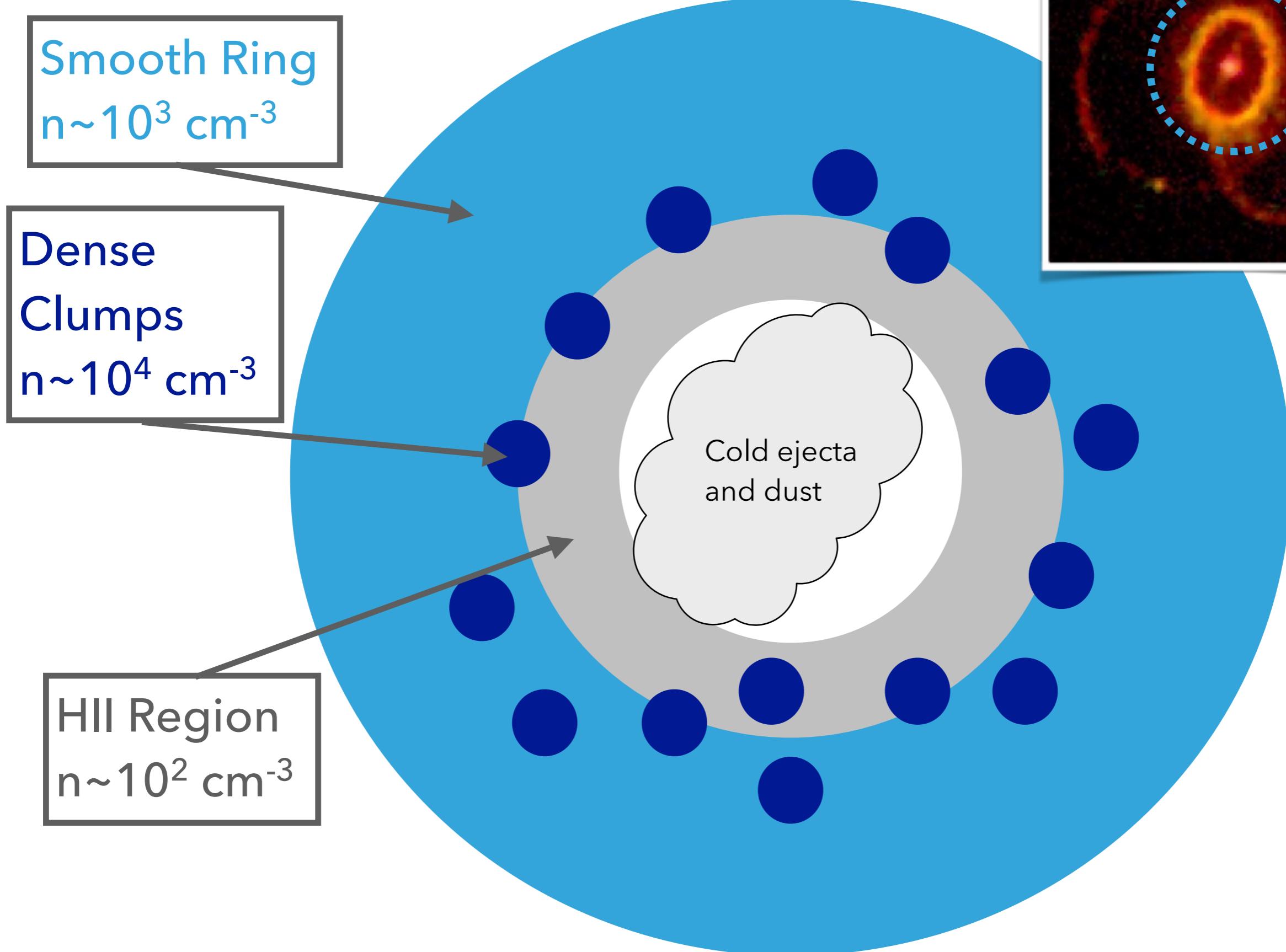


IMAGING+TIME COVERAGE

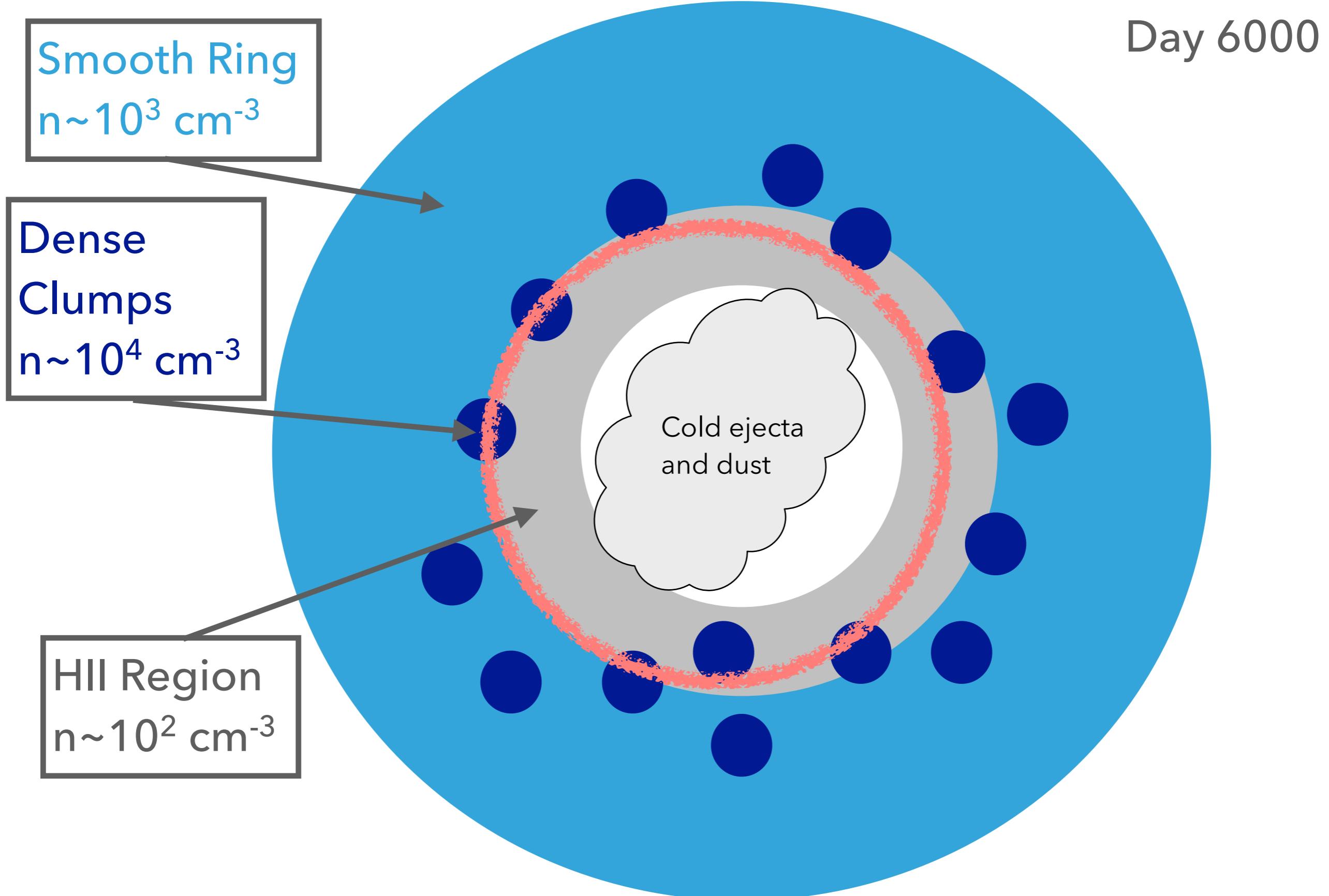
- ▶ morphology evolution
 - ▶ asymmetries
 - ▶ expansion velocities
- ▶ comparisons with other wavelengths
- ▶ timescales ~1 year



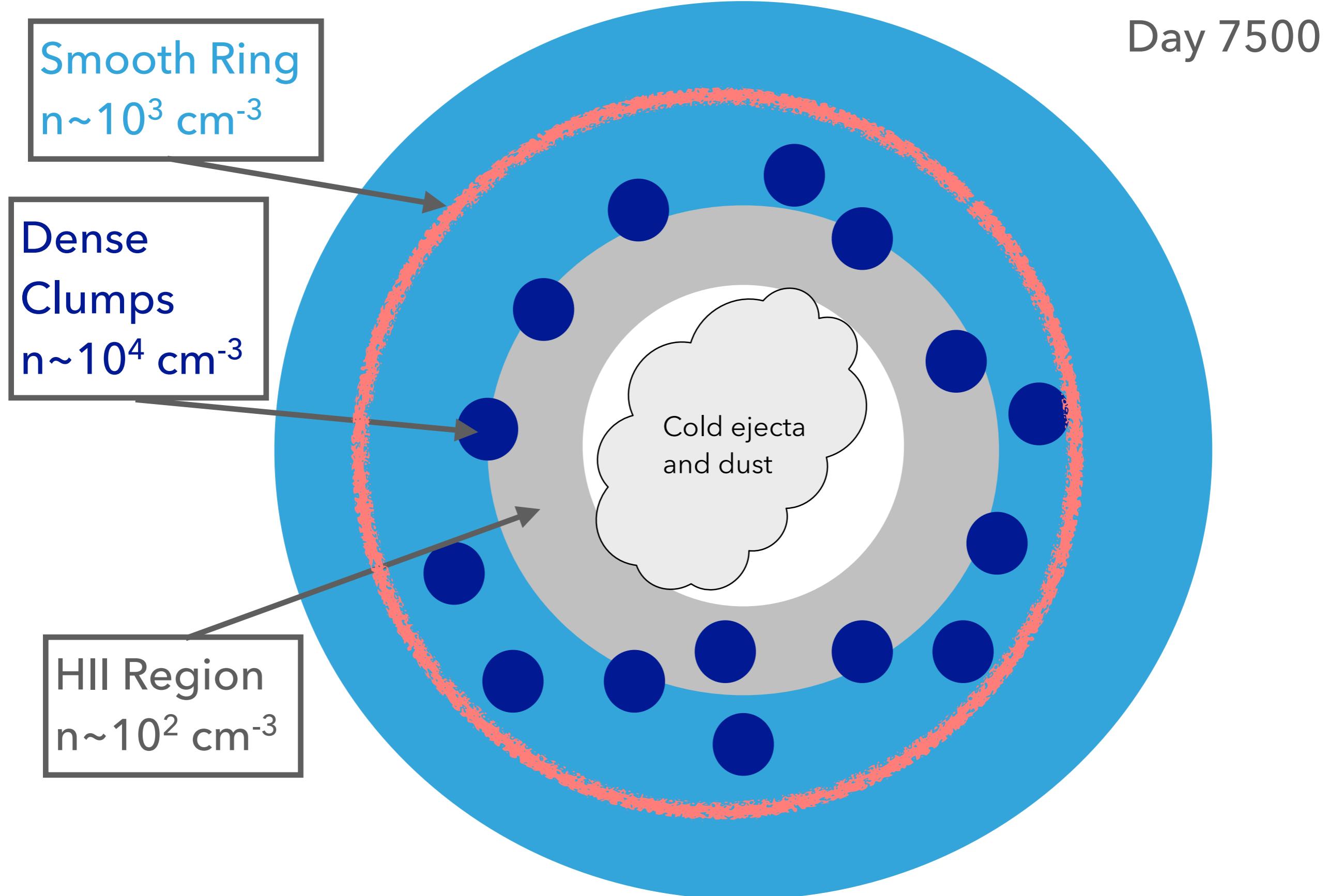
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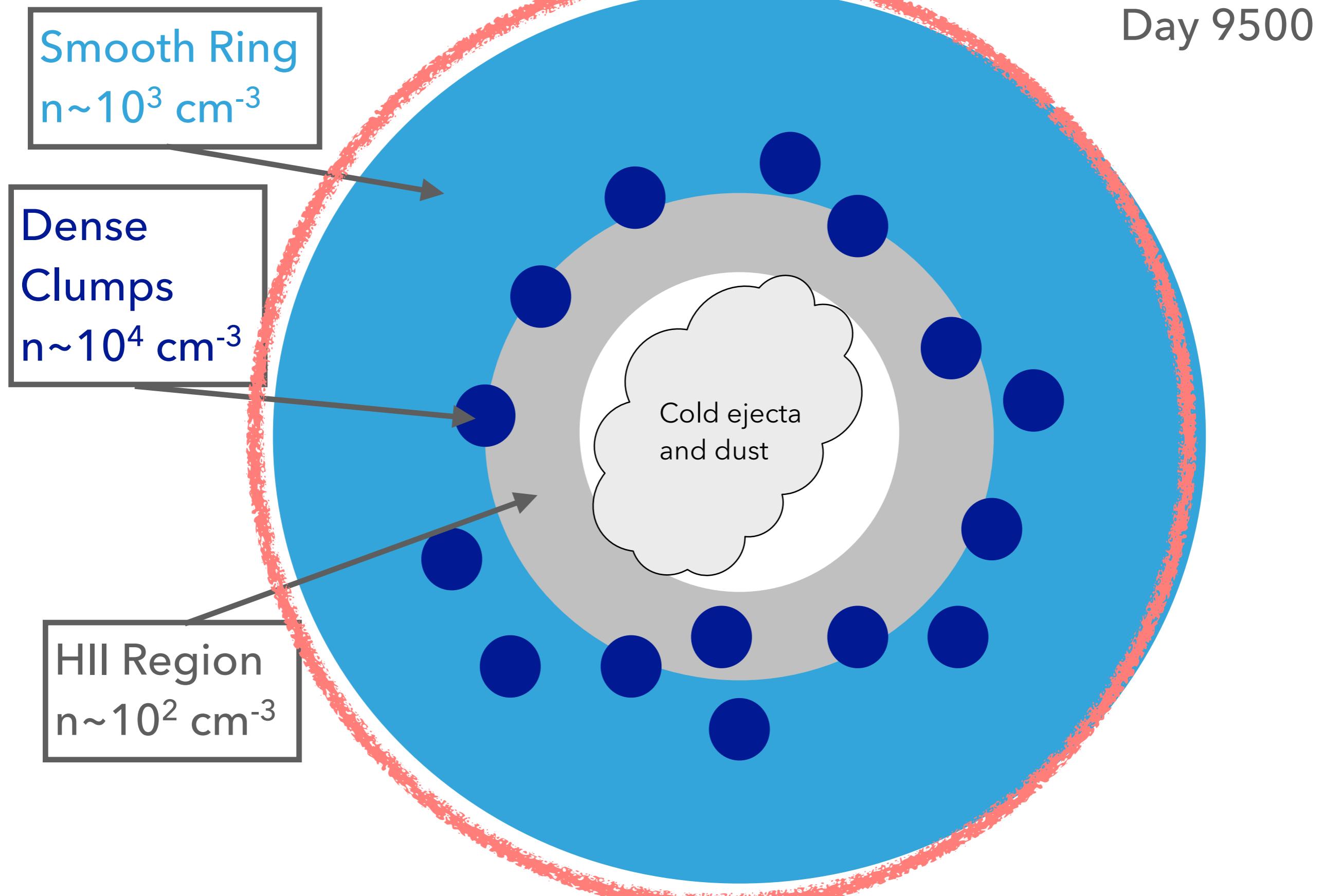
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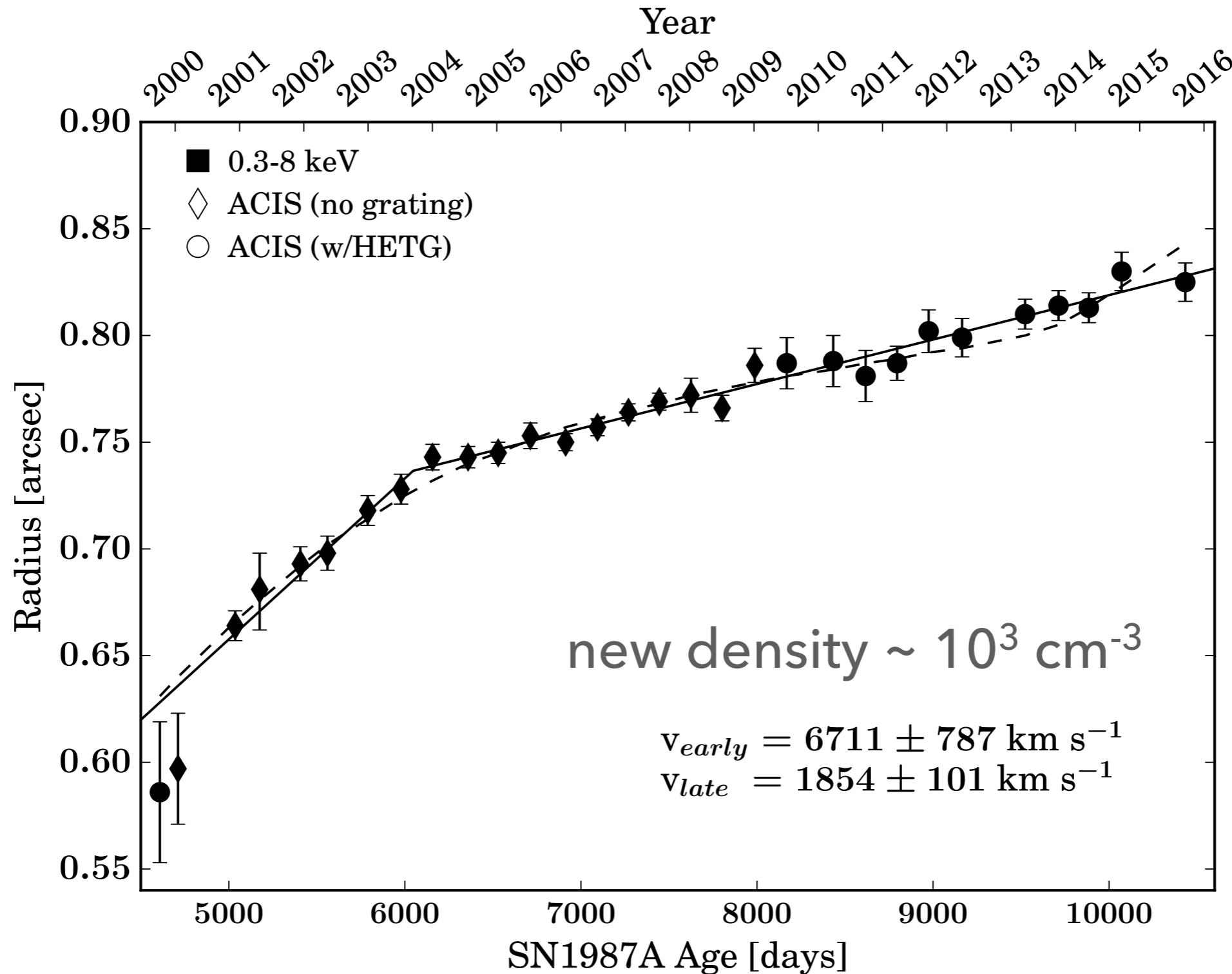
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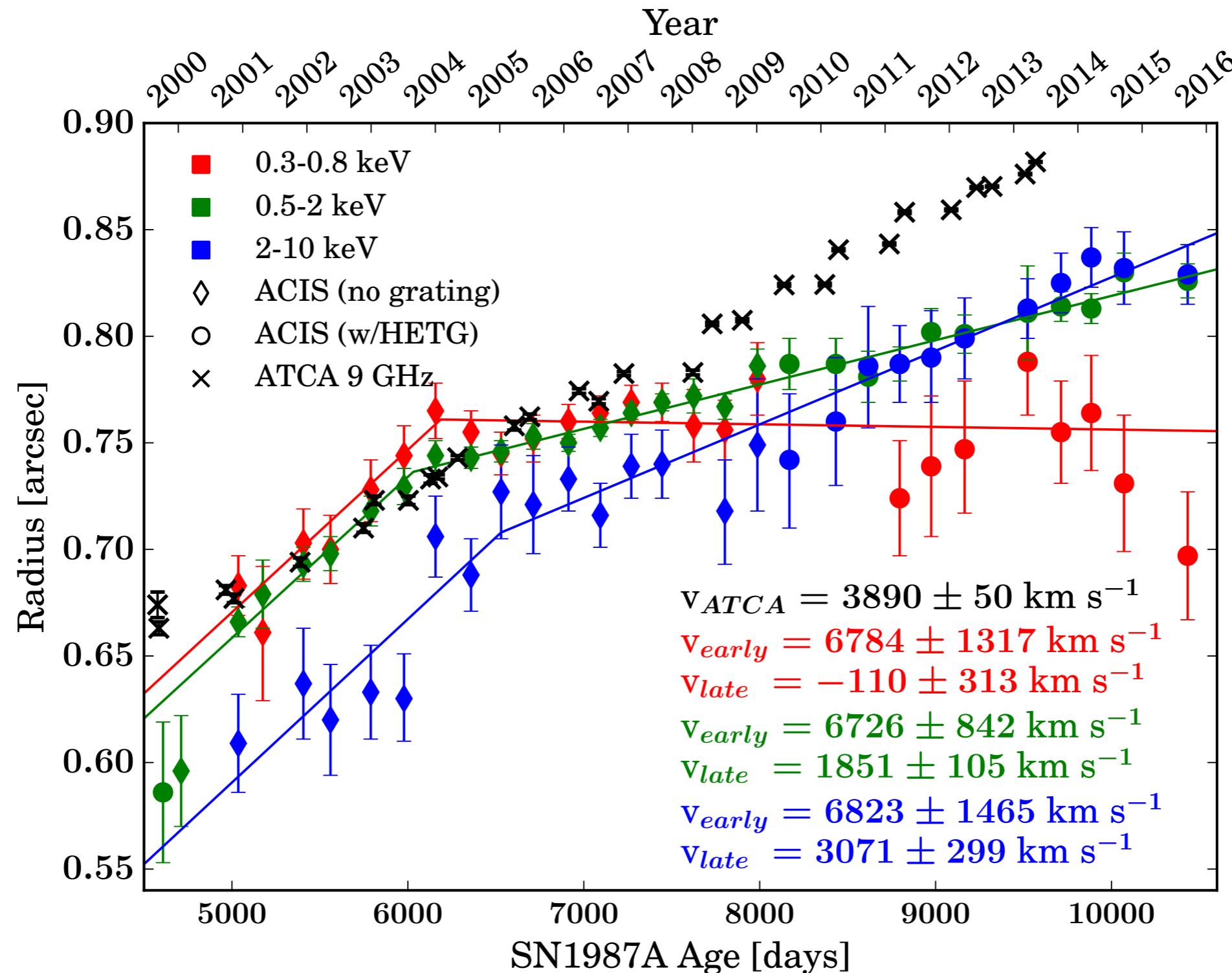
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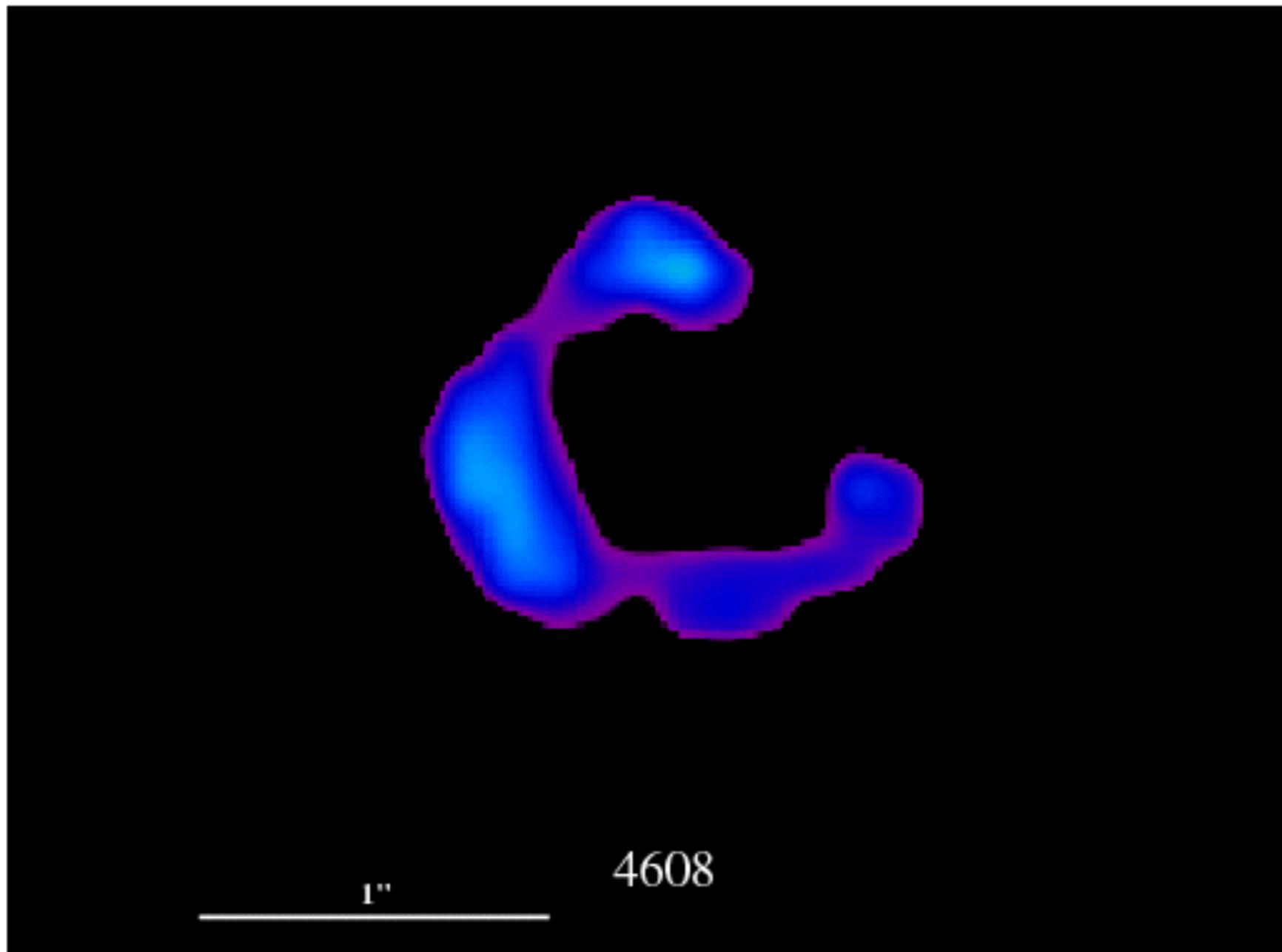
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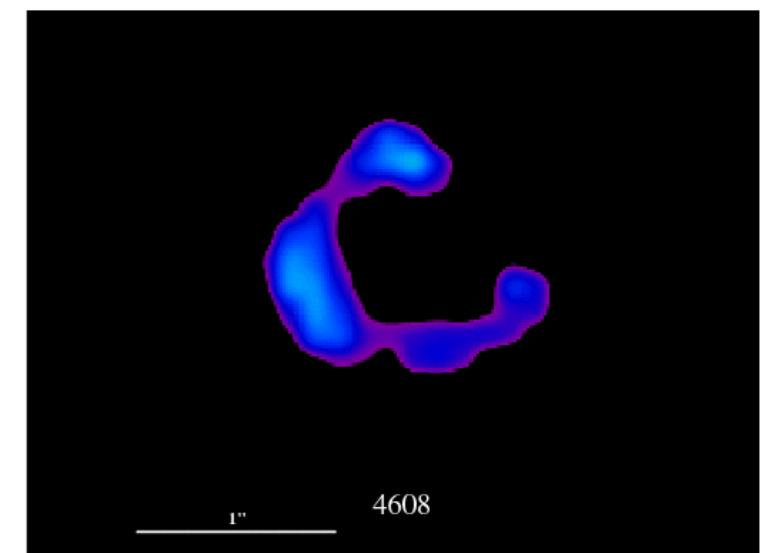
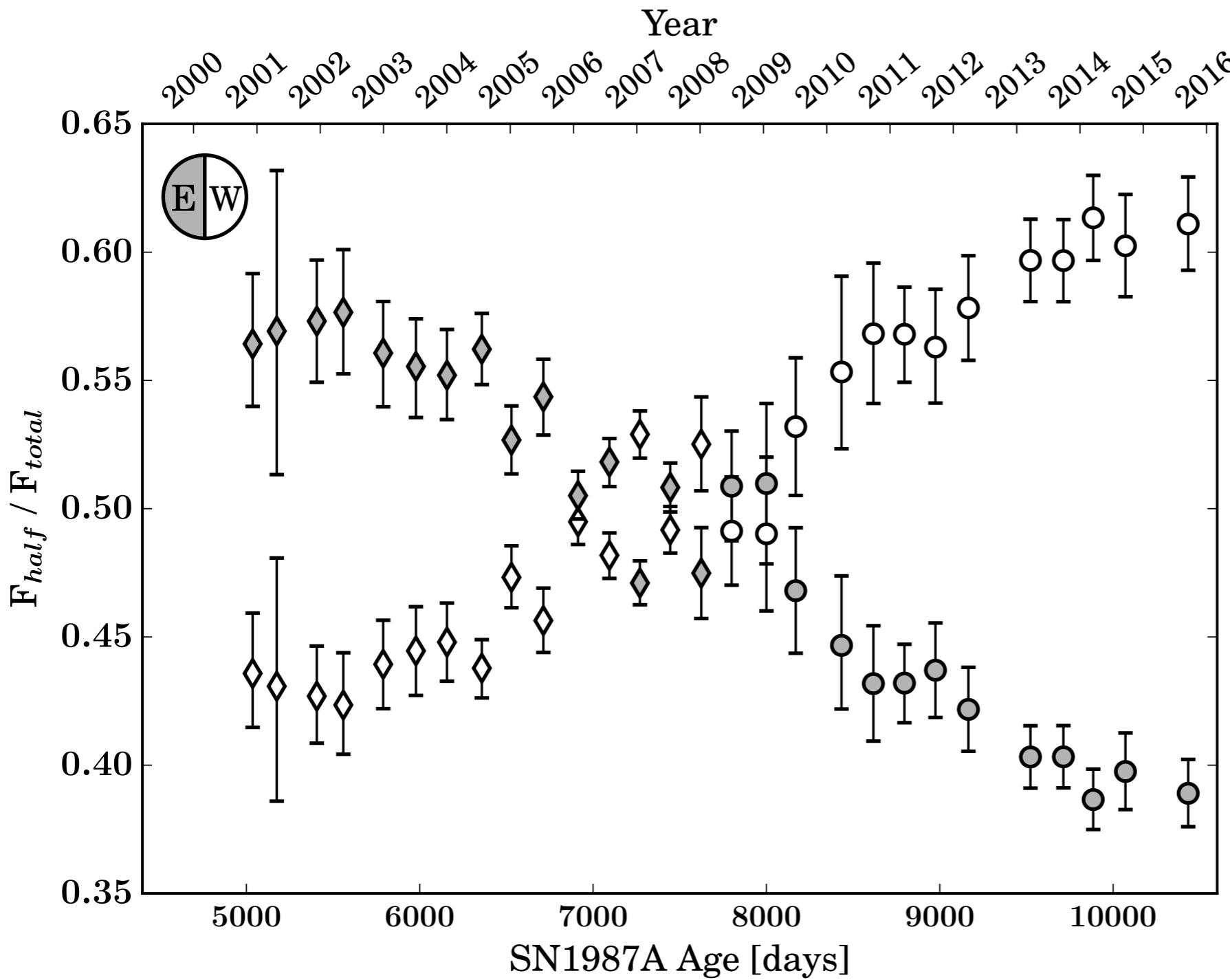


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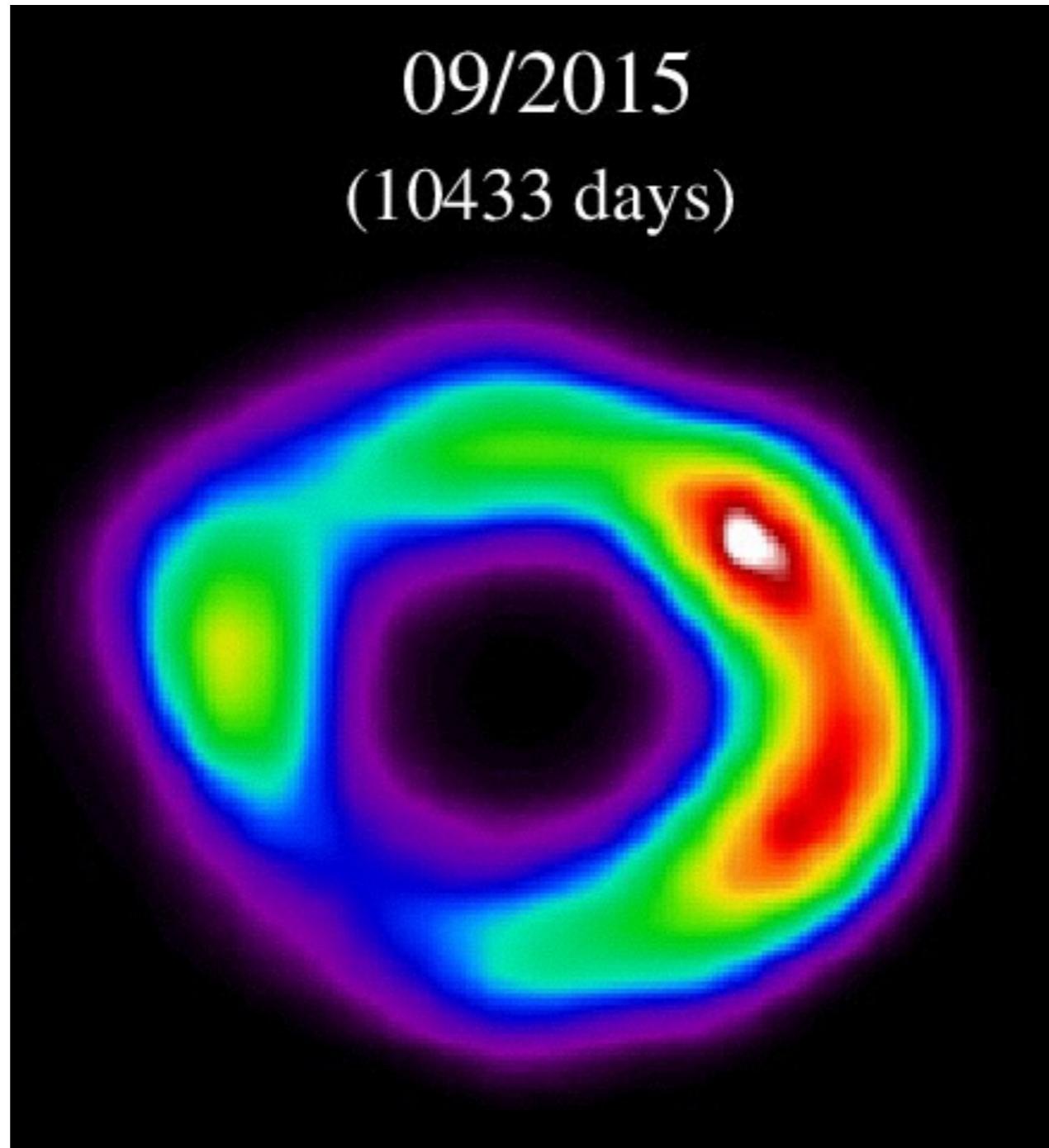
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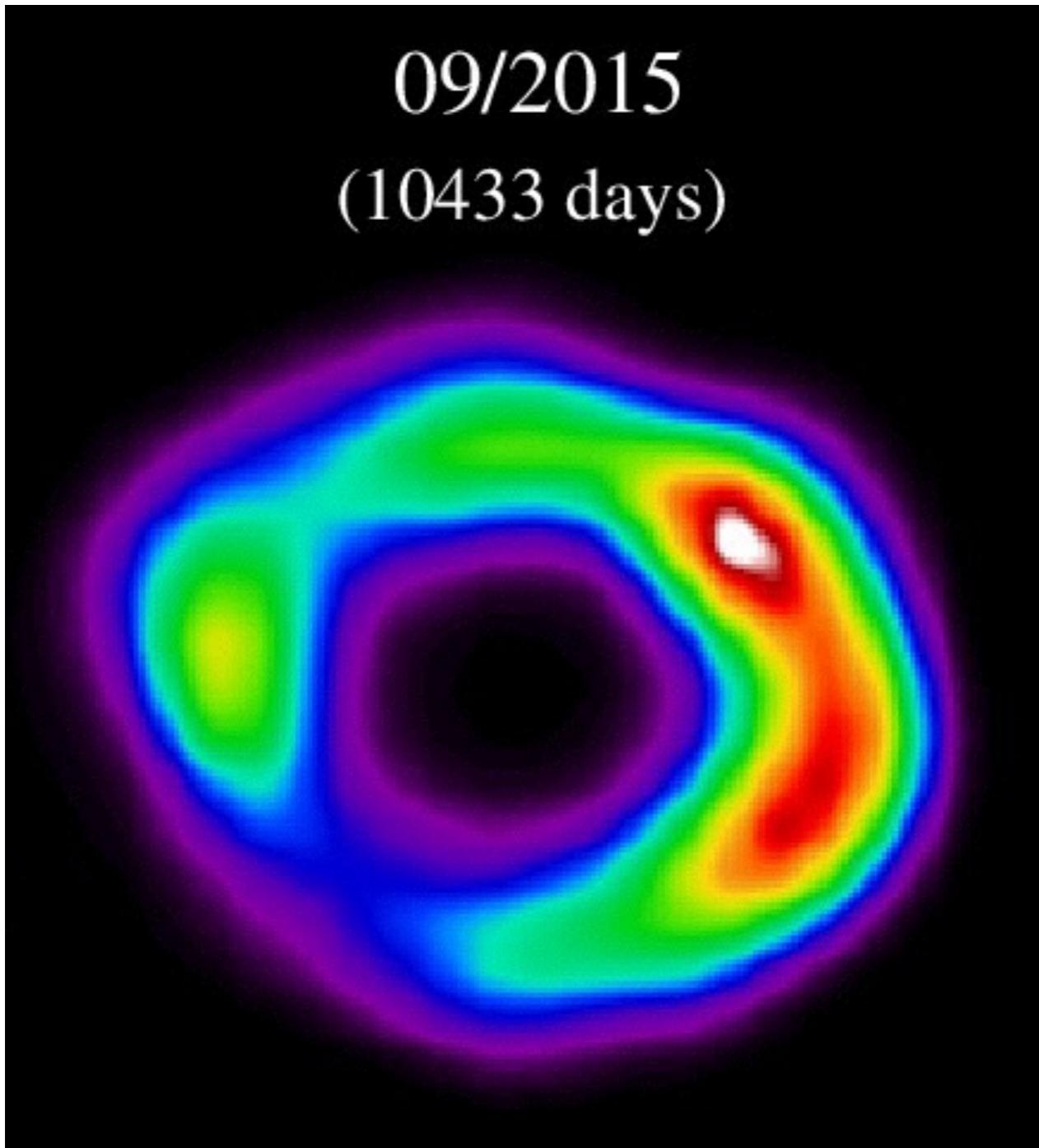
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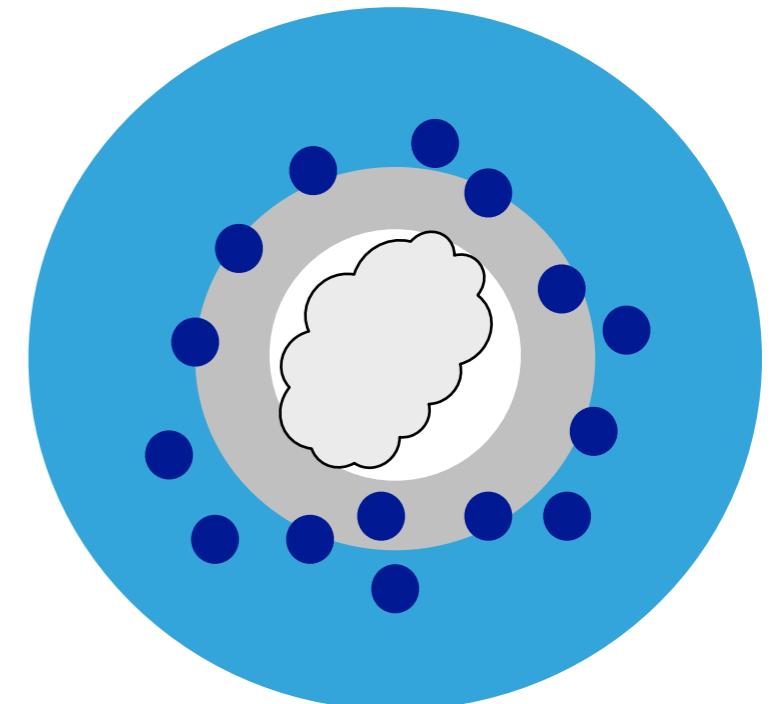
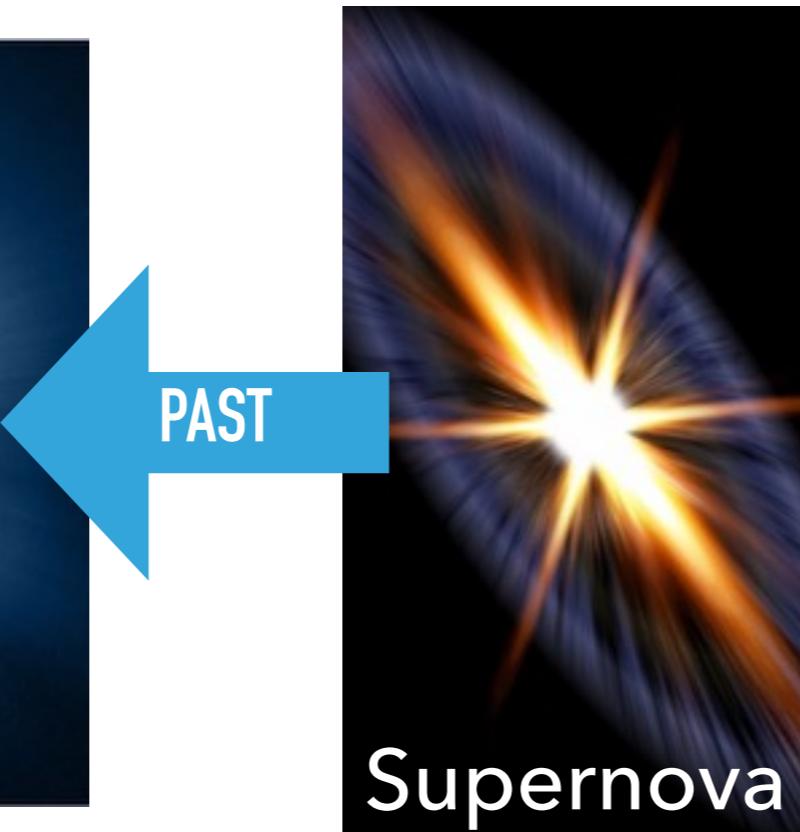


NEUTRON STAR NON-DETECTION

- ▶ 2-10 keV Flux $< 6 \times 10^{-4}$ counts/s
- ▶ most likely a combination of high internal absorption + too much glow from the ring

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What we have learned

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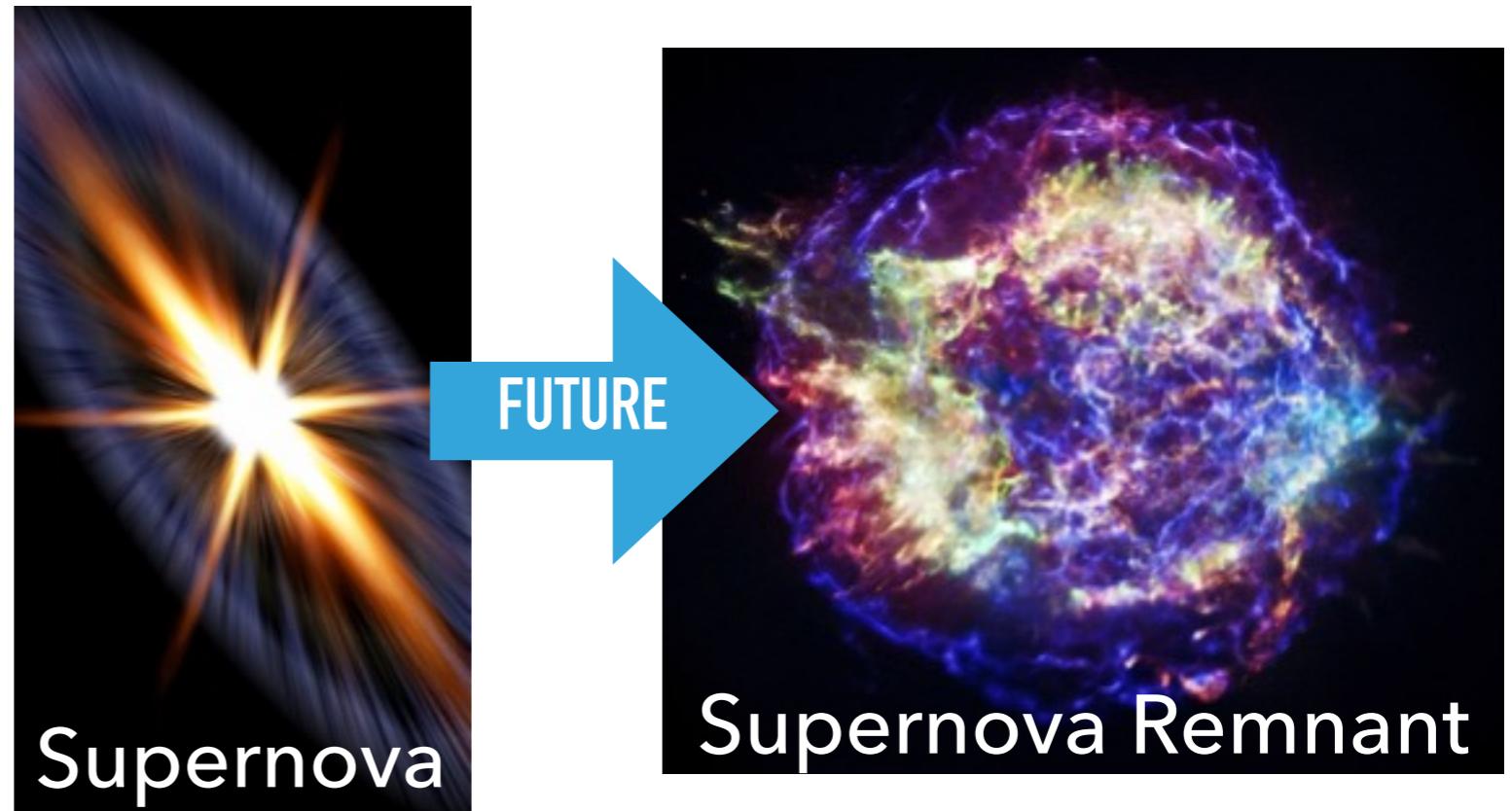
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What's next?

- CSM between inner and outer rings?
 - starting to probe now
- outer rings? - 20 years

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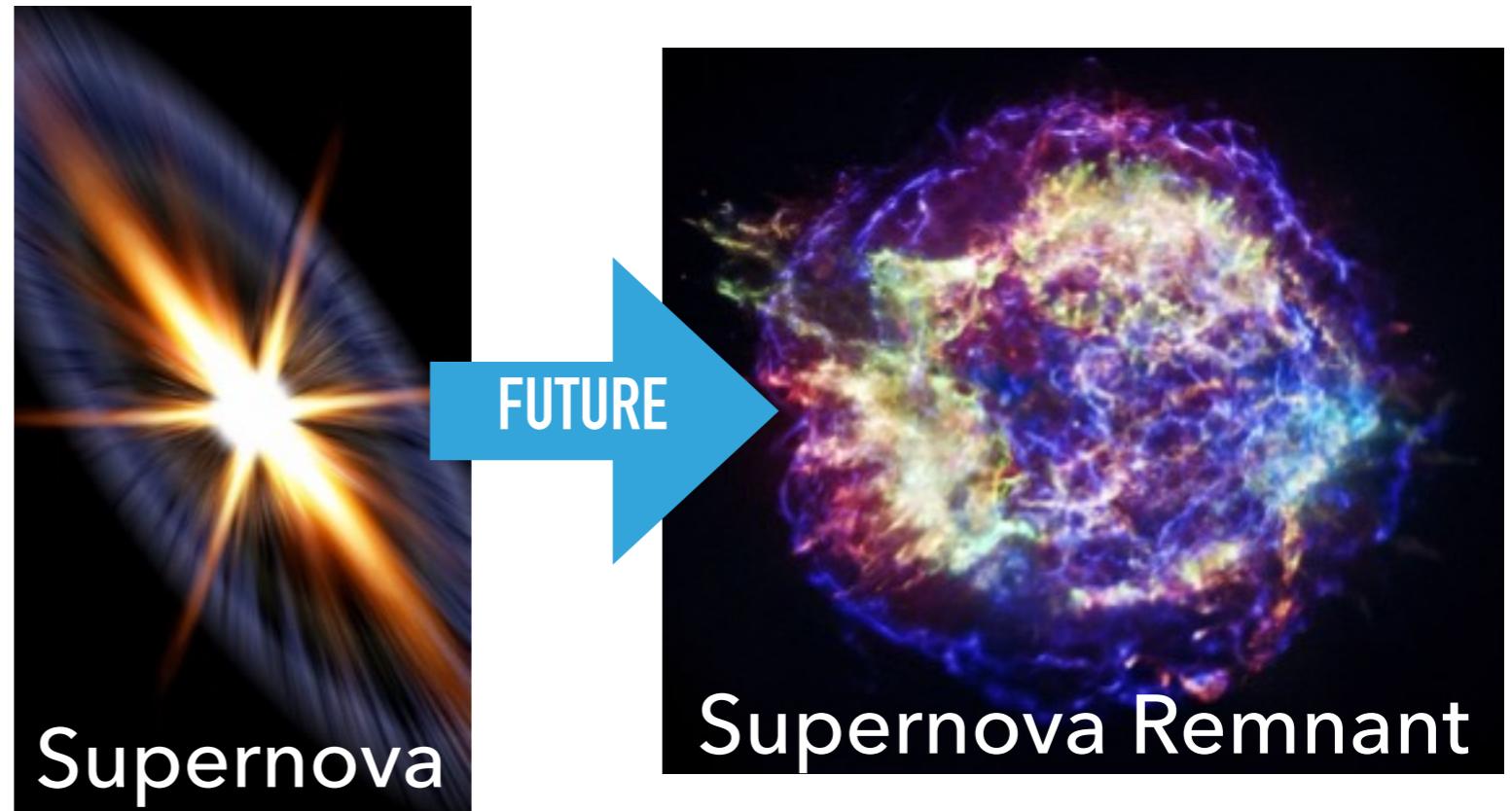


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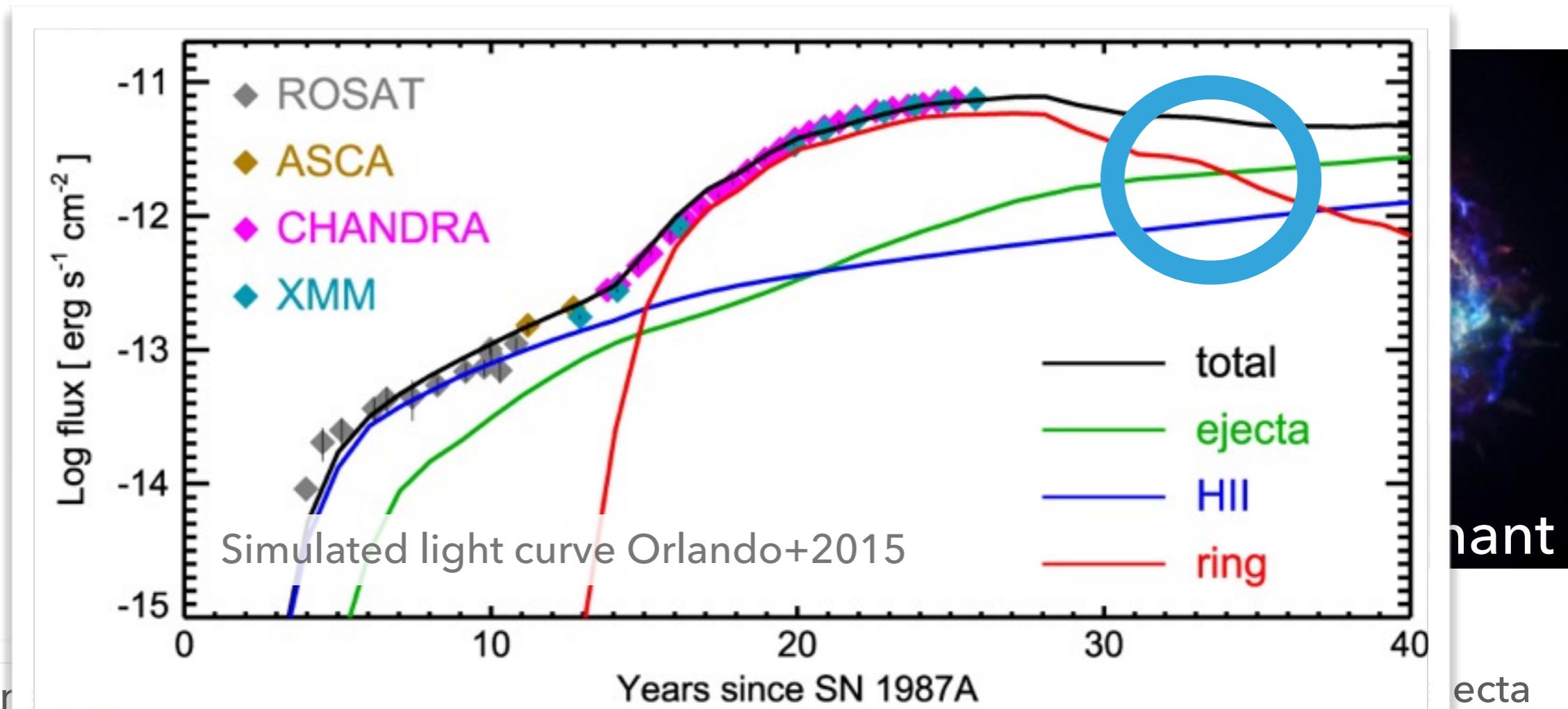
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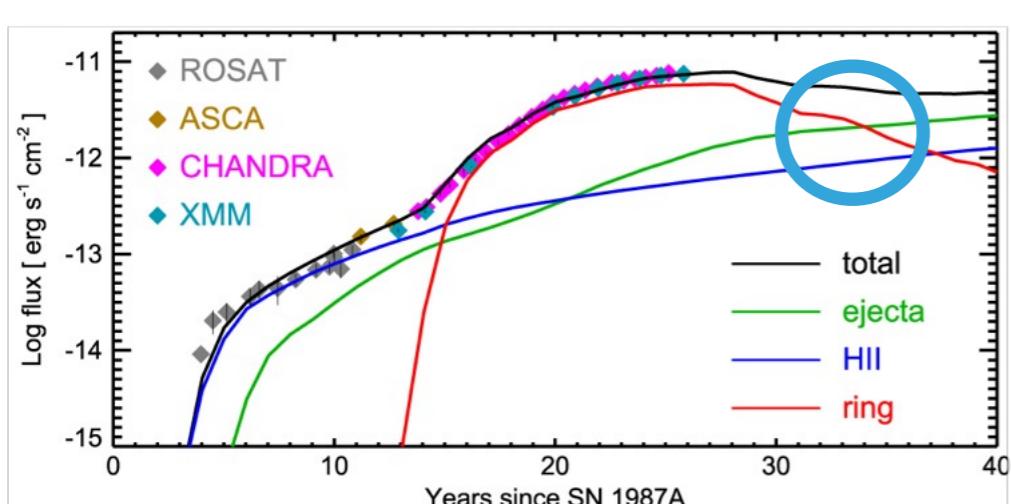
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FUTURE



Supernova Remnant

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Story is only just beginning!

Chandra has been critical in telling the full story so far, and will continue to be in the future.

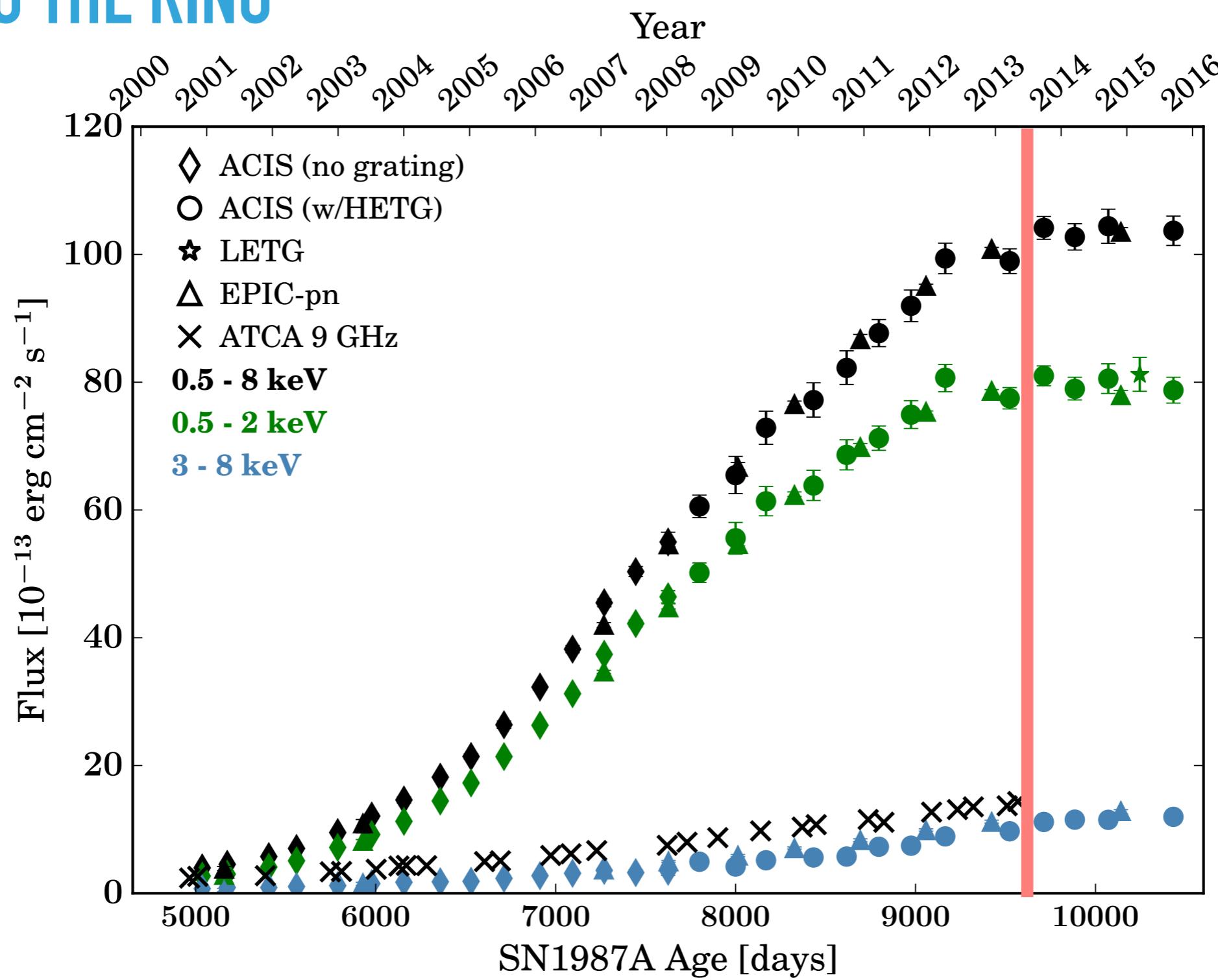
BONUS SLIDES

ADS SEARCH RESULTS

- ▶ Refereed with 1987A in title: [1190](#)
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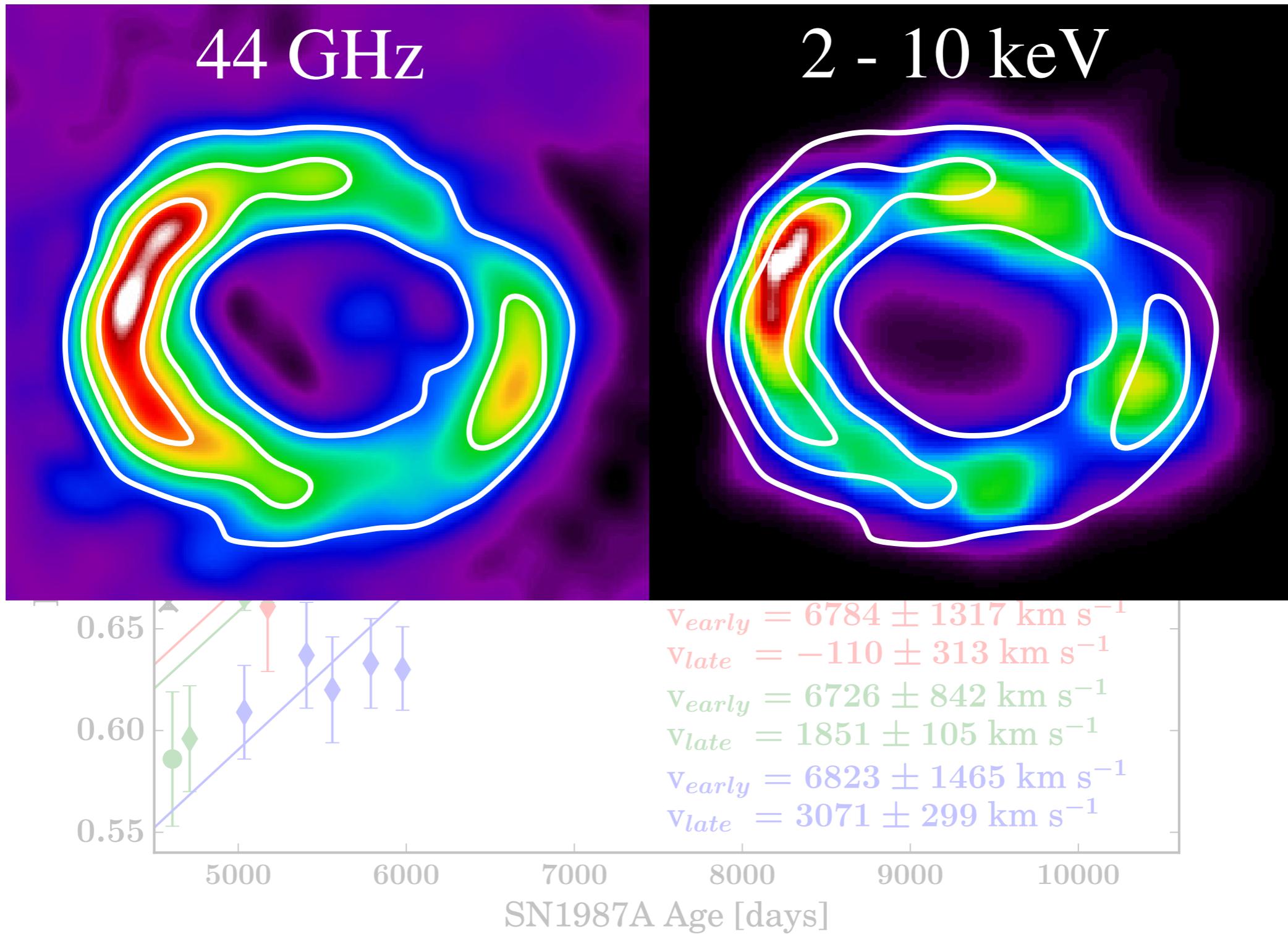
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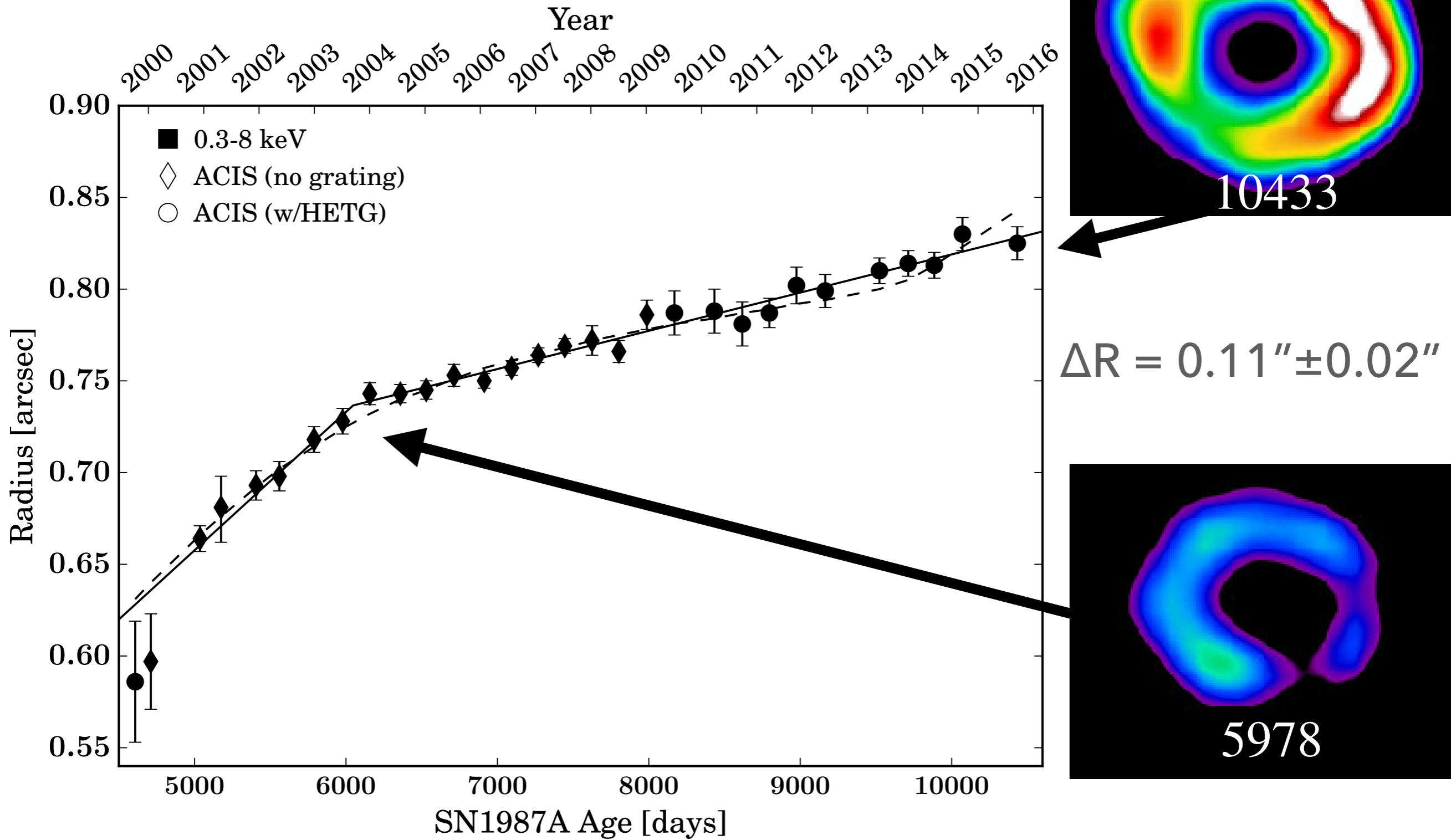
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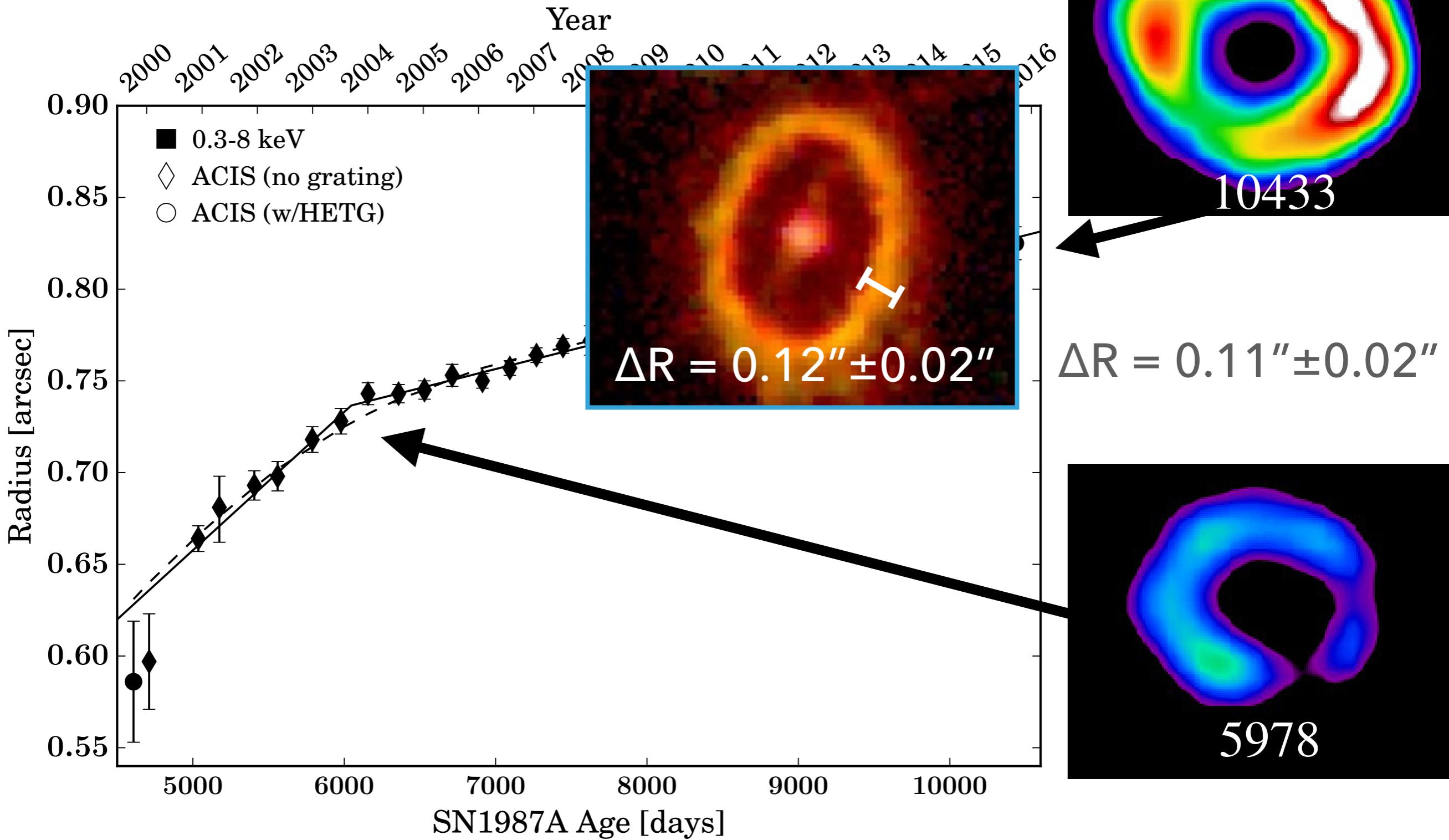
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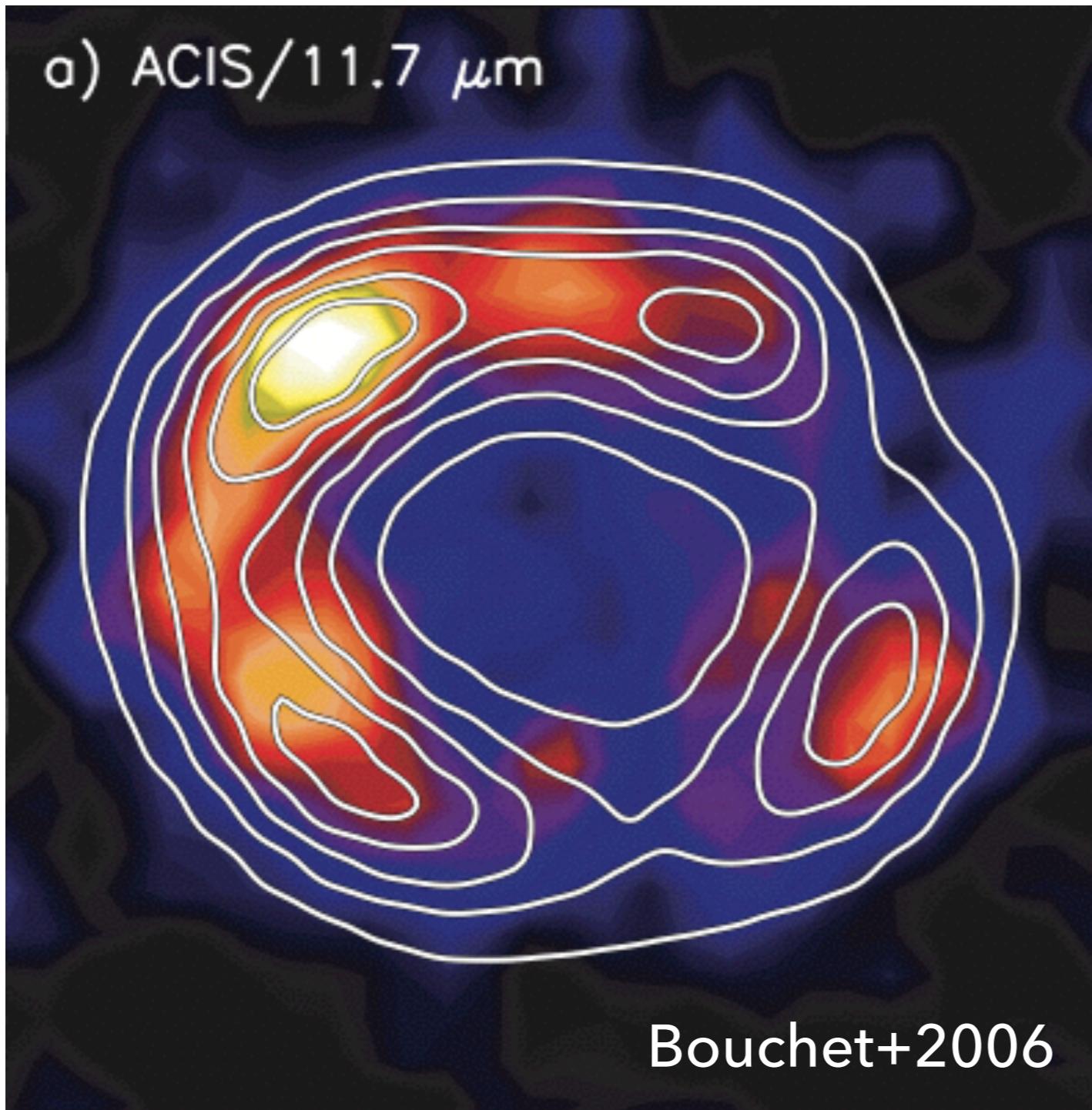


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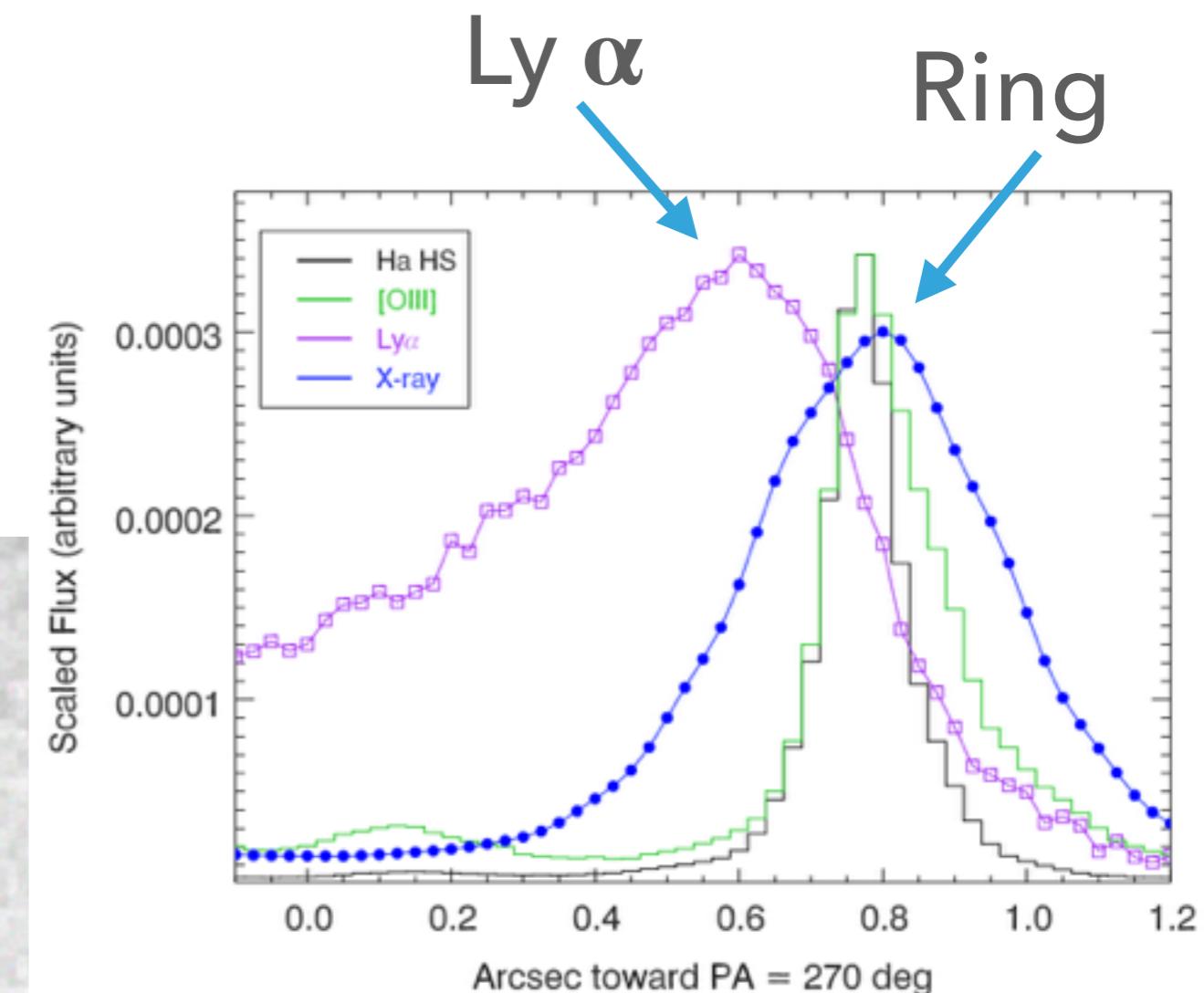
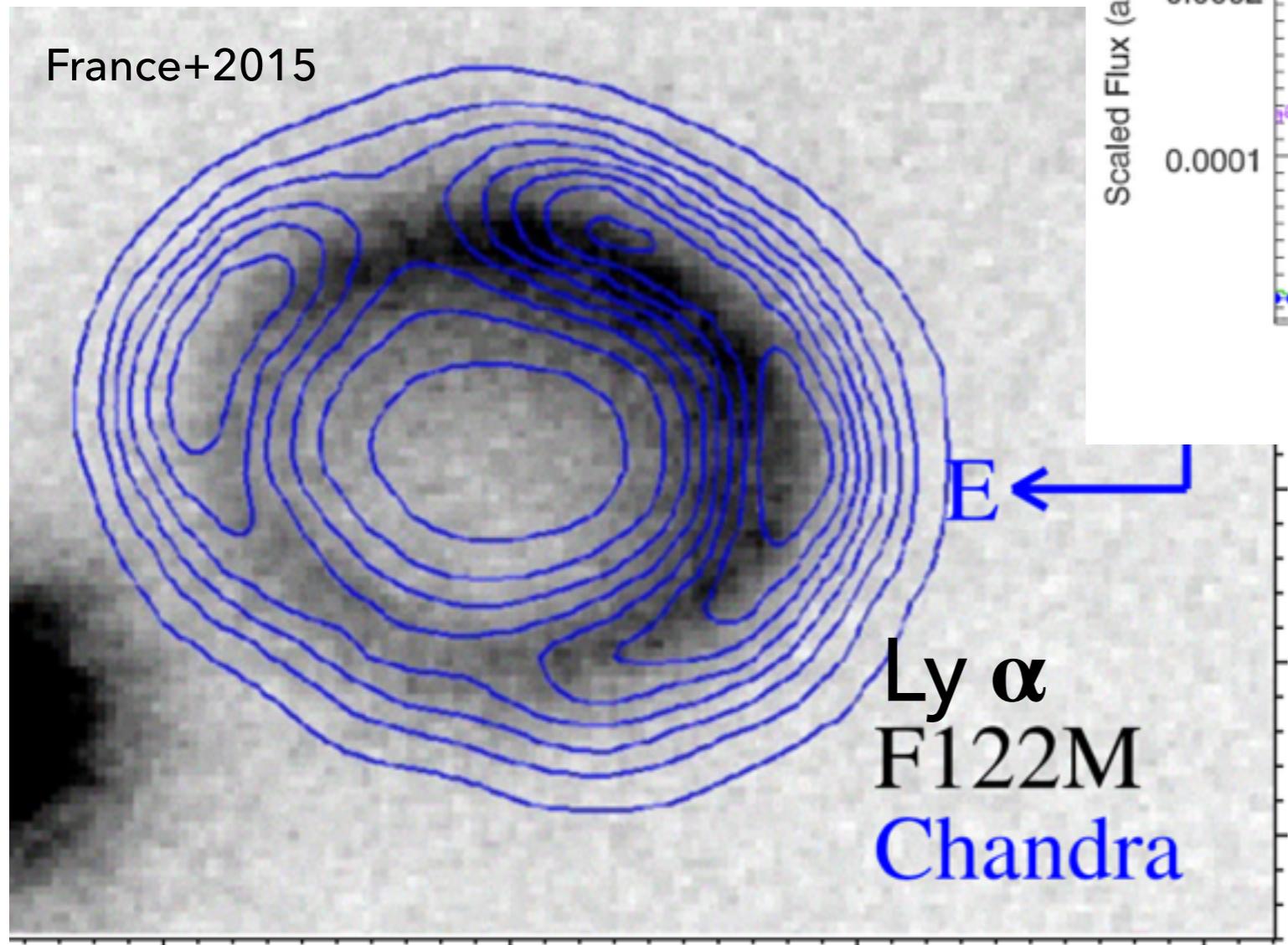
COLLISIONAL HEATING OF DUST IN RING



Gemini T-ReCS 11.7 μm
Chandra contours
age \sim 6500 days

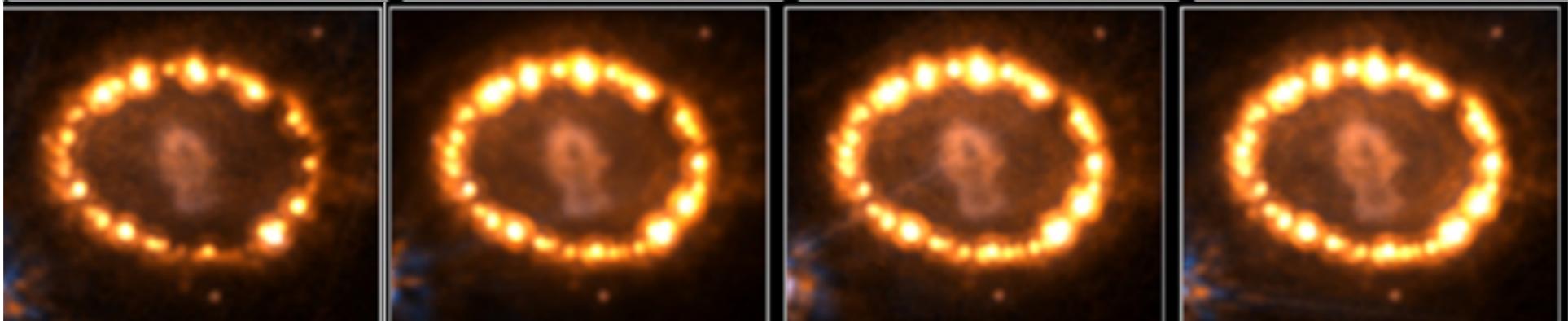
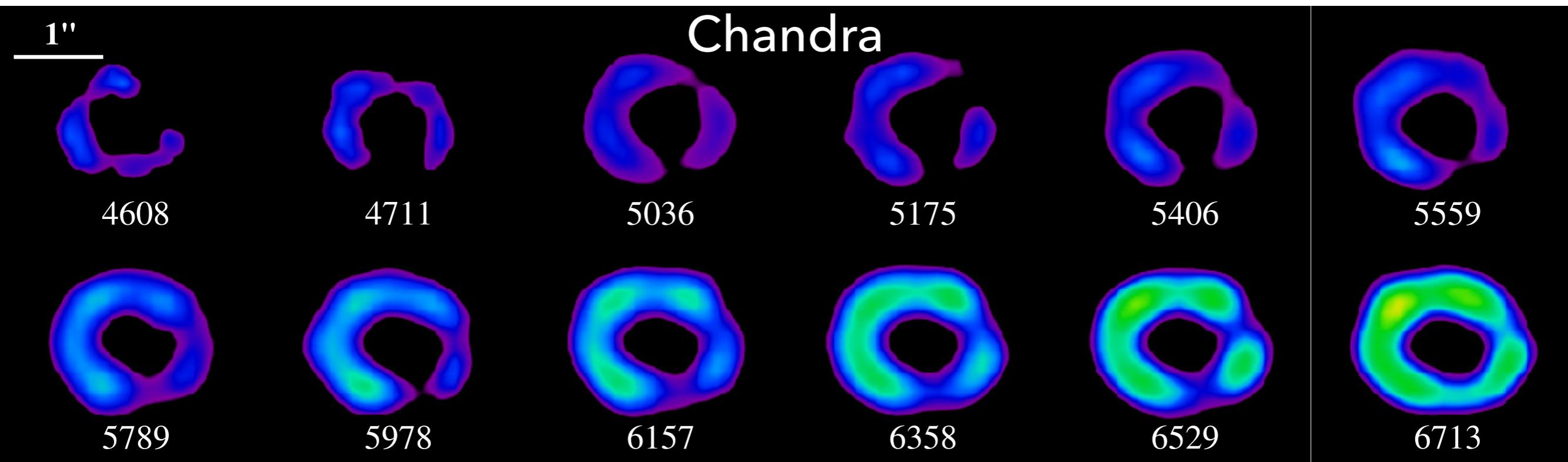
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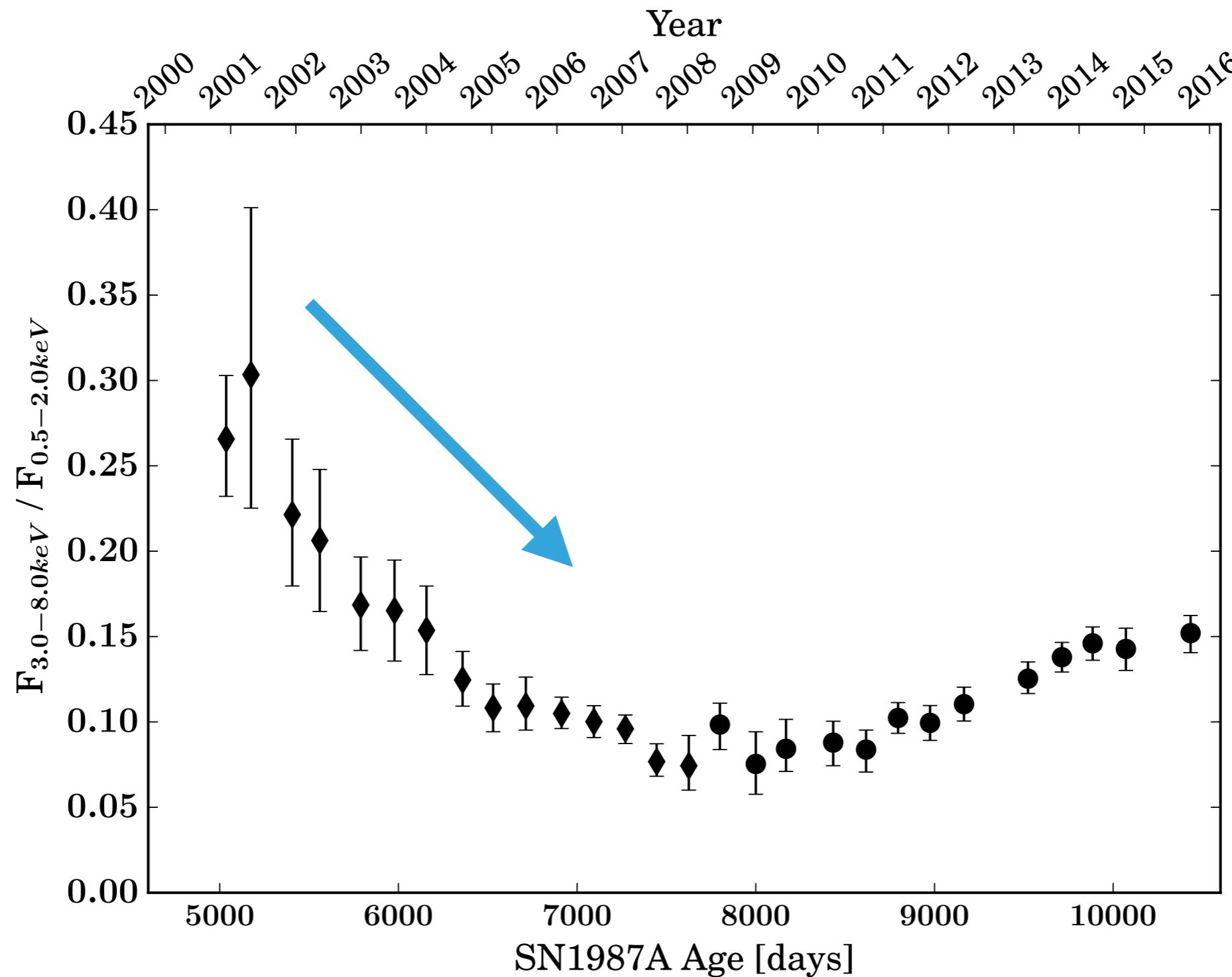
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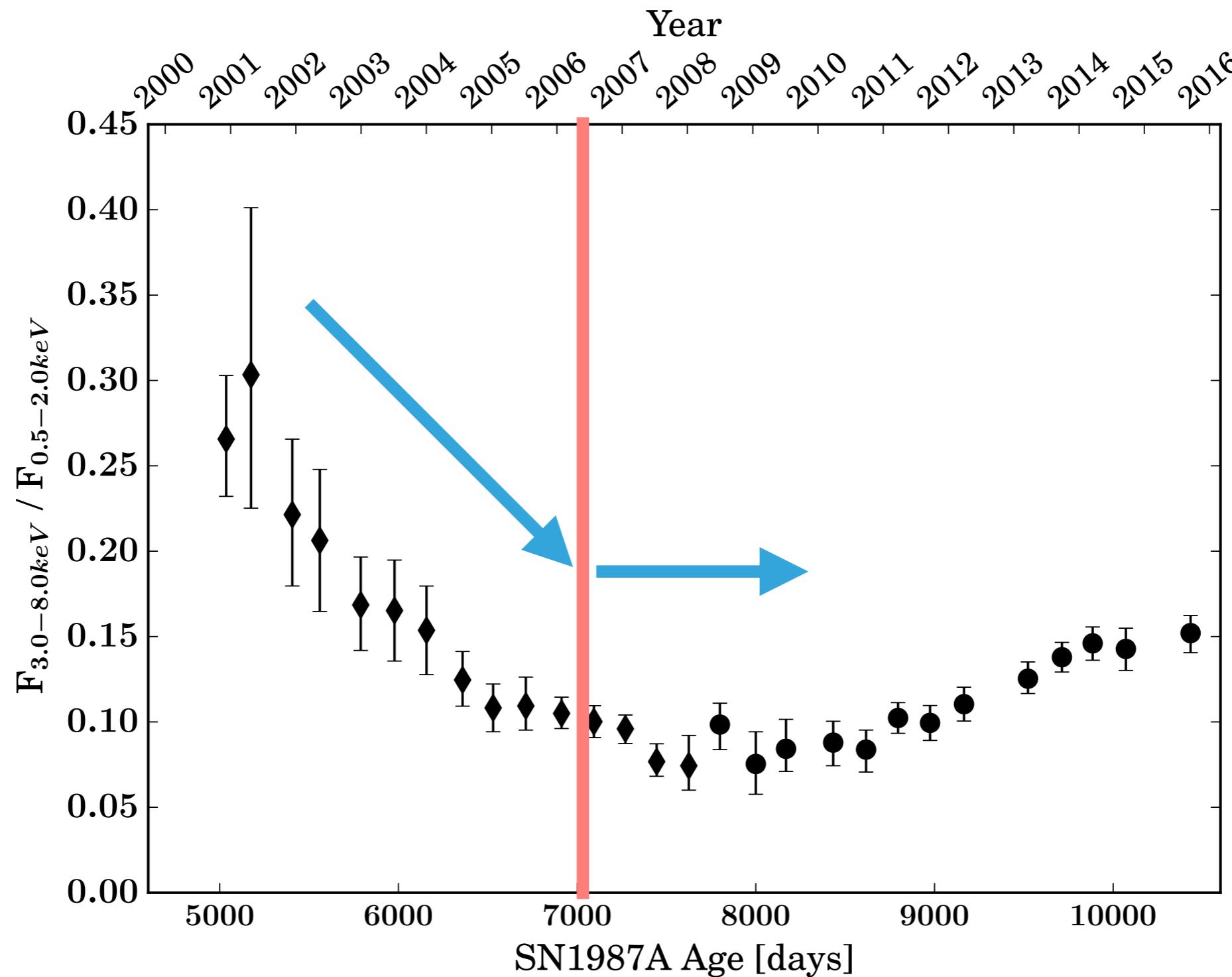
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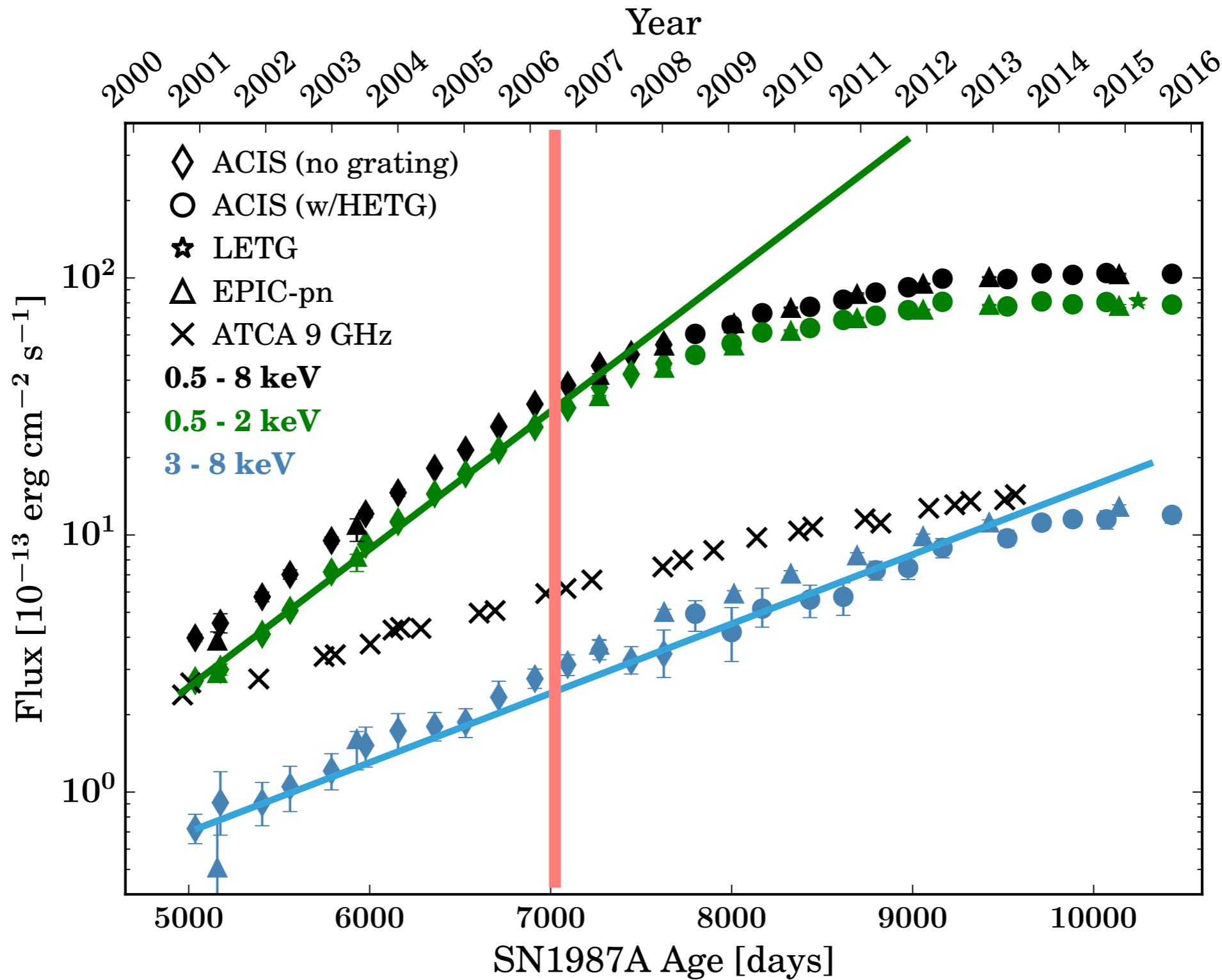
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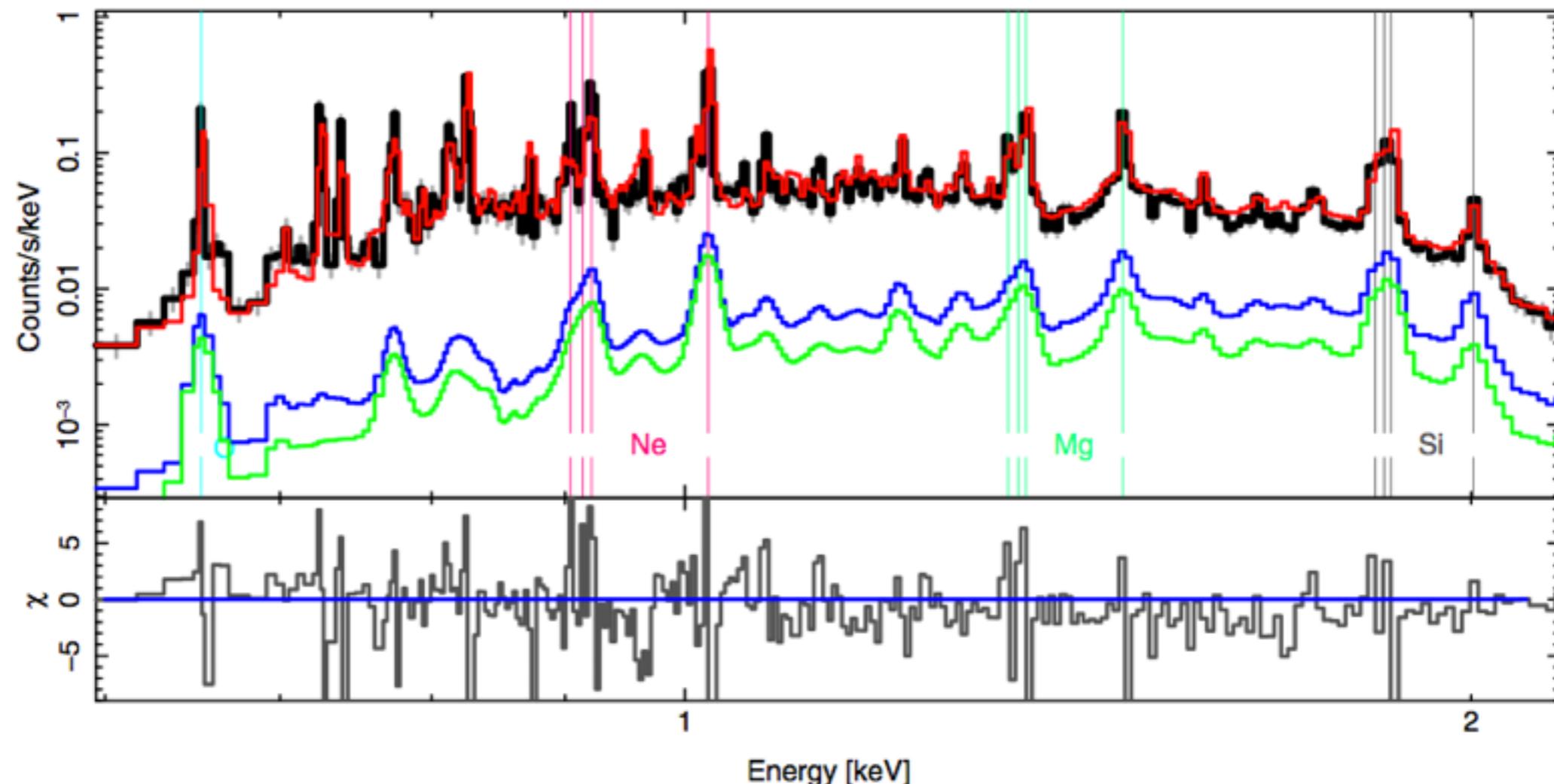
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POINT SOURCE FLUX LIMITS

- ▶ Procedure
 - ▶ stack 2-10 keV images (those with sufficient counts)
 - ▶ fit model image then add point source with increasing flux until $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.706$ (90% limit)
- ▶ Flux $< 6 \times 10^{-4}$ counts/s in 2-10 keV
- ▶ assuming standard gamma=1.5 power law
 - ▶ $N_H = 0.235 \text{e}22 \text{ cm}^{-2} \Rightarrow \text{observed } L_X < 3.1 \text{e}33 \text{ erg/s}$
 - ▶ $N_H = 5 \text{e}22 \text{ cm}^{-2} \Rightarrow \text{intrinsic } L_X < 1.2 \text{e}34 \text{ erg/s}$

GRATING SPECTROSCOPY



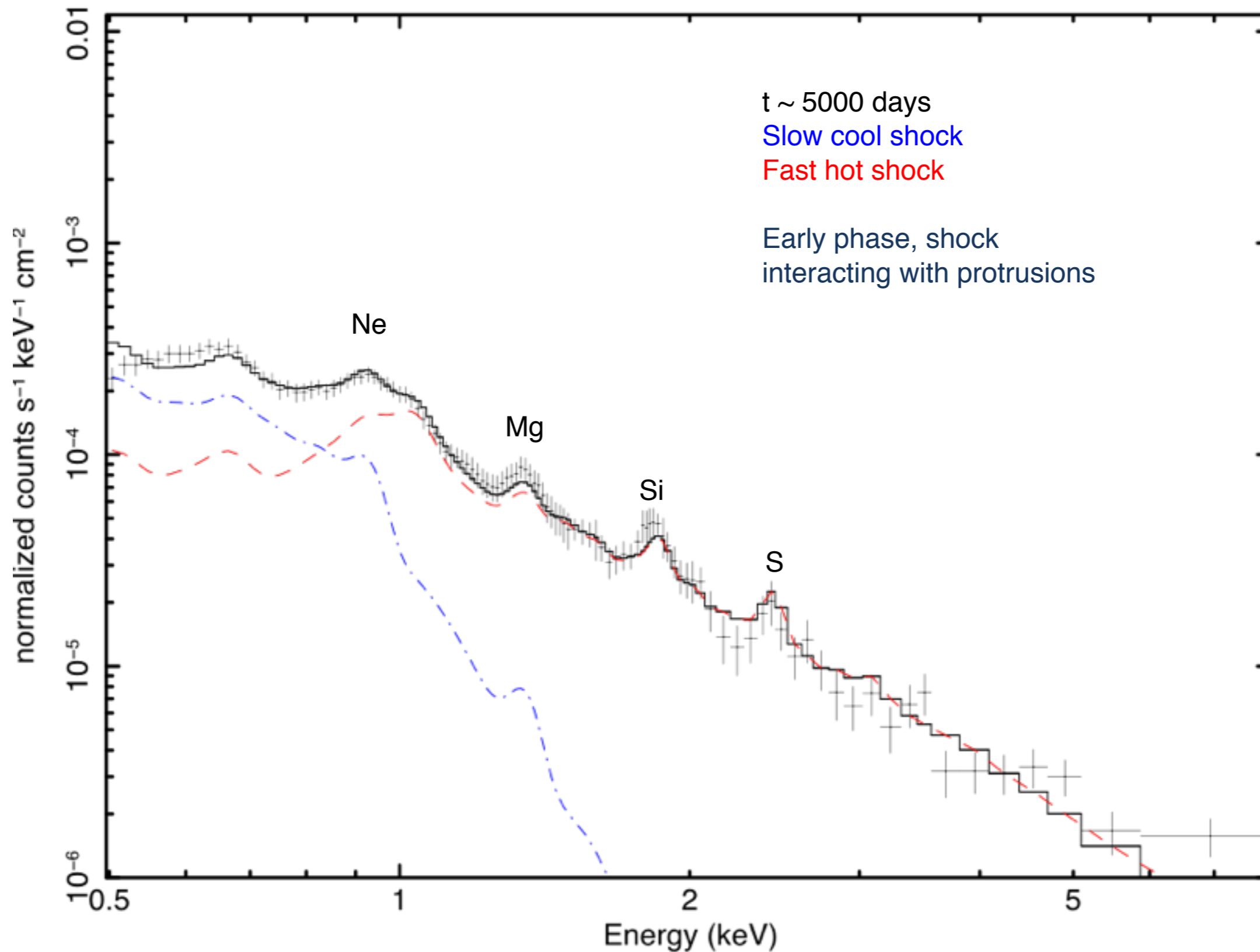
From LETG spectrum:
(Zhekov+ 2006)

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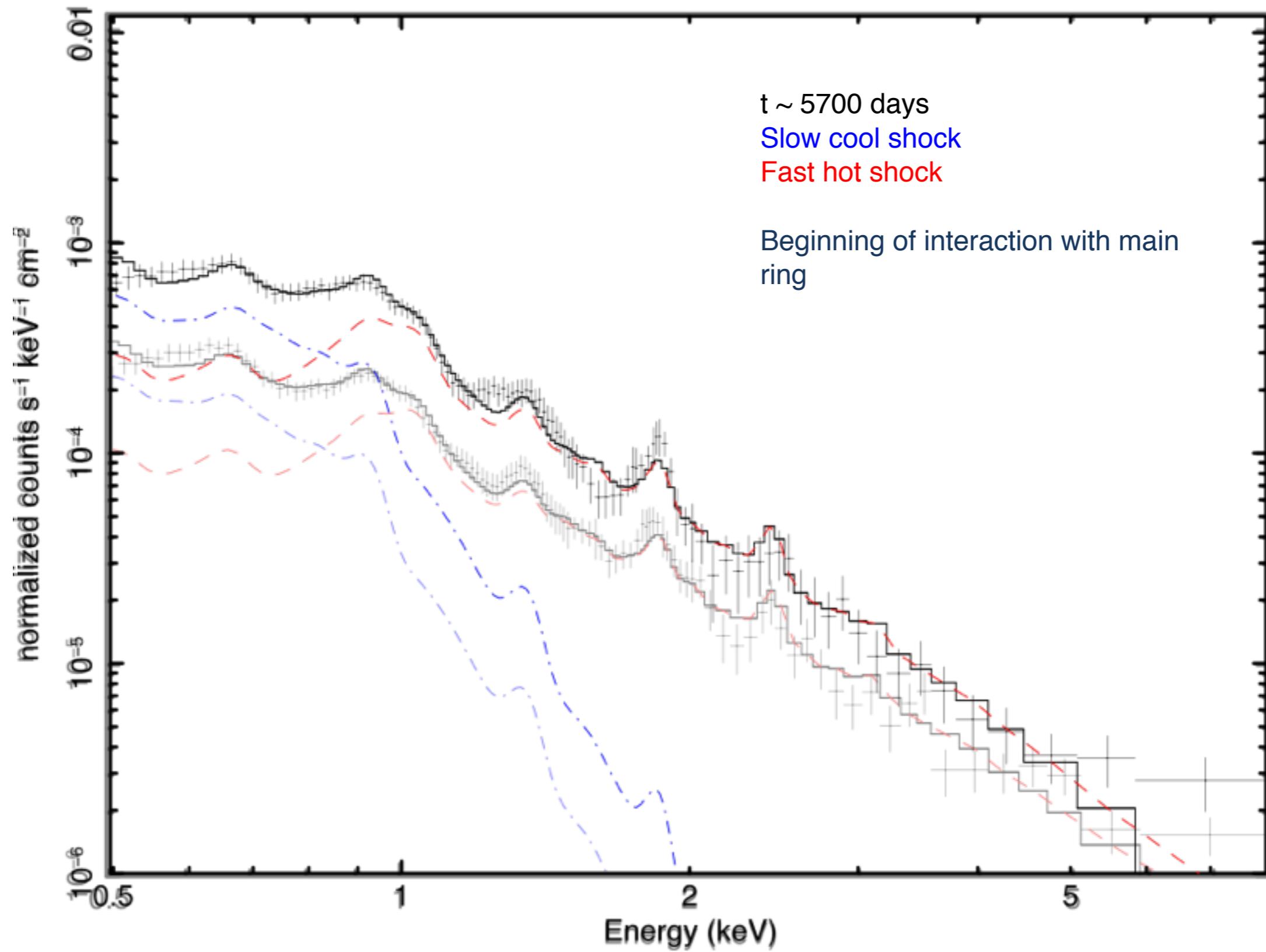
CCD SPECTROSCOPY

- 1- or 2-component NEI thermal shock model
 - Soft component:
 - $kT \sim 0.3 \text{ keV}$
 - $n_e t > 10^{12} \text{ s/cm}^3$ ($\sim \text{CIE}$)
 - Hard component:
 - $kT \sim 1 - 3 \text{ keV}$
 - $n_e t = 2 - 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ s/cm}^3$
- Simplification of very complex, multi-shock system

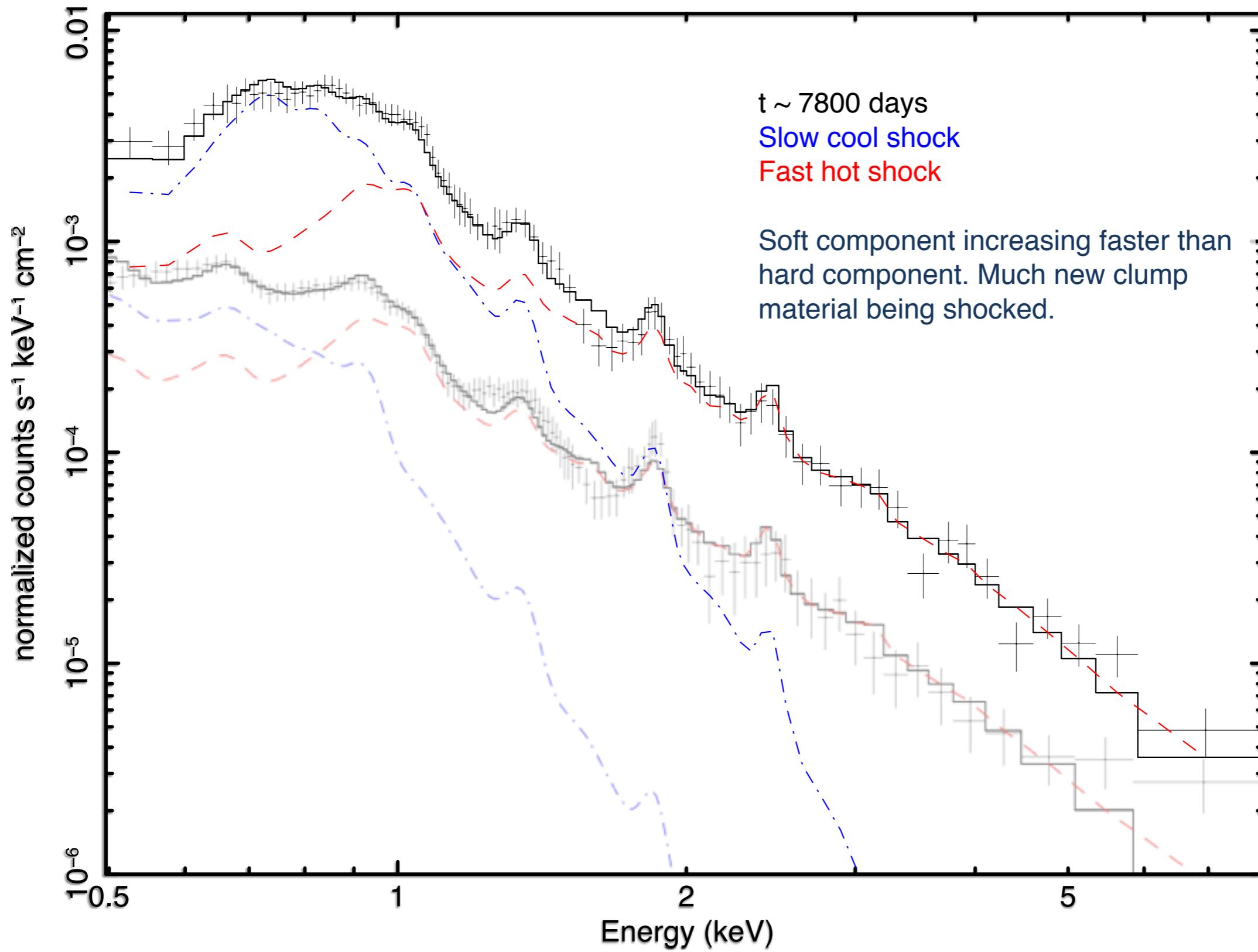
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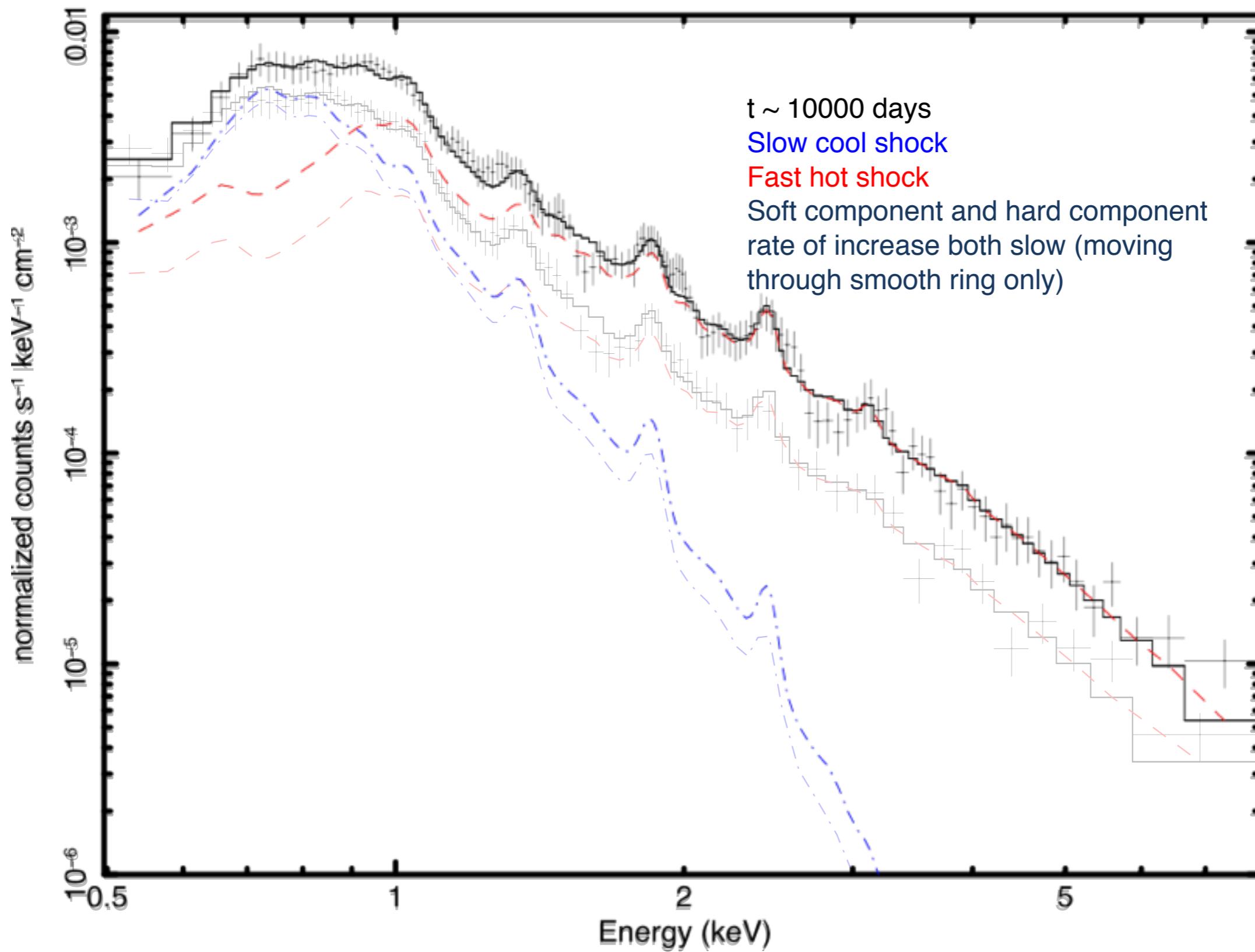
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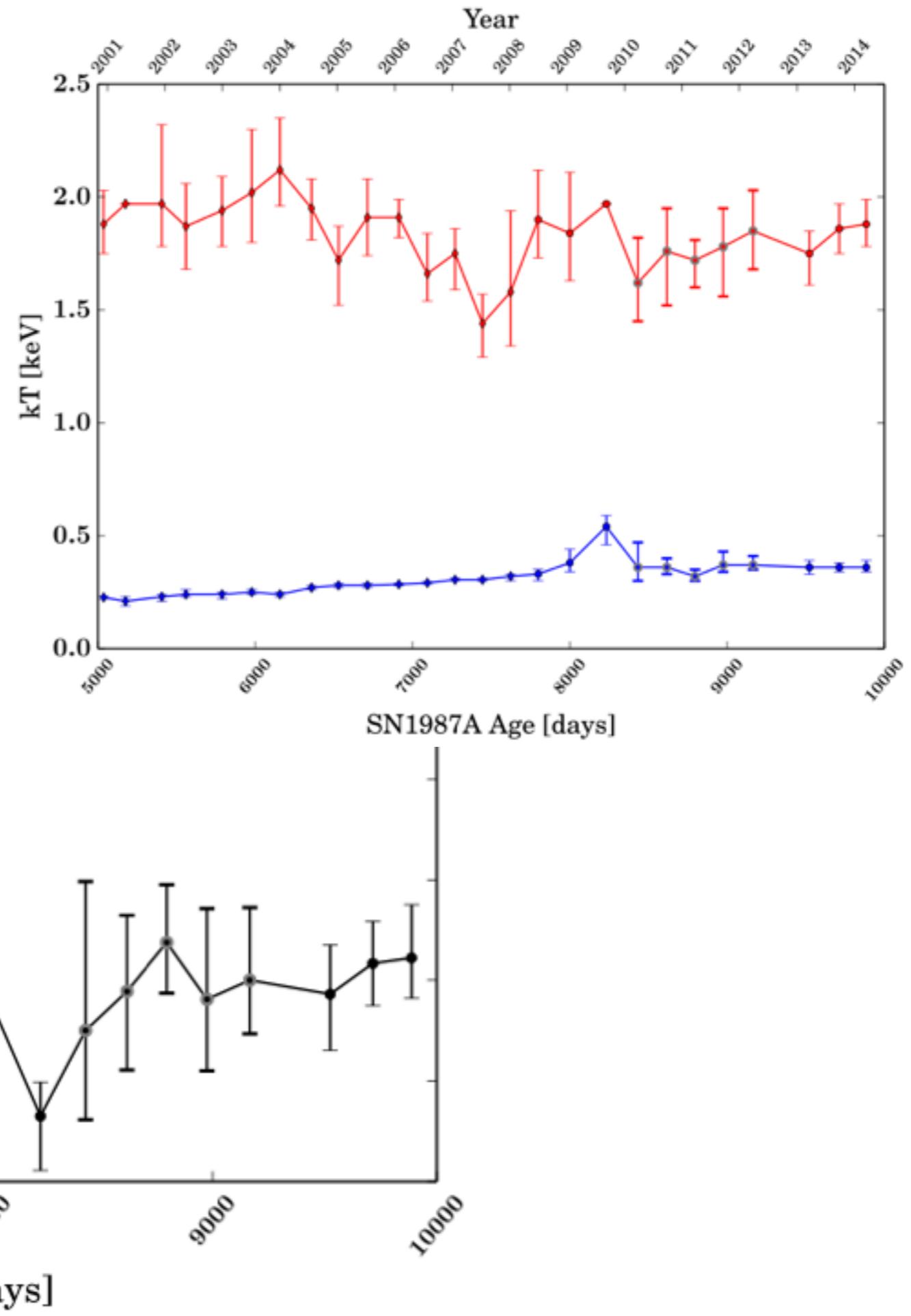
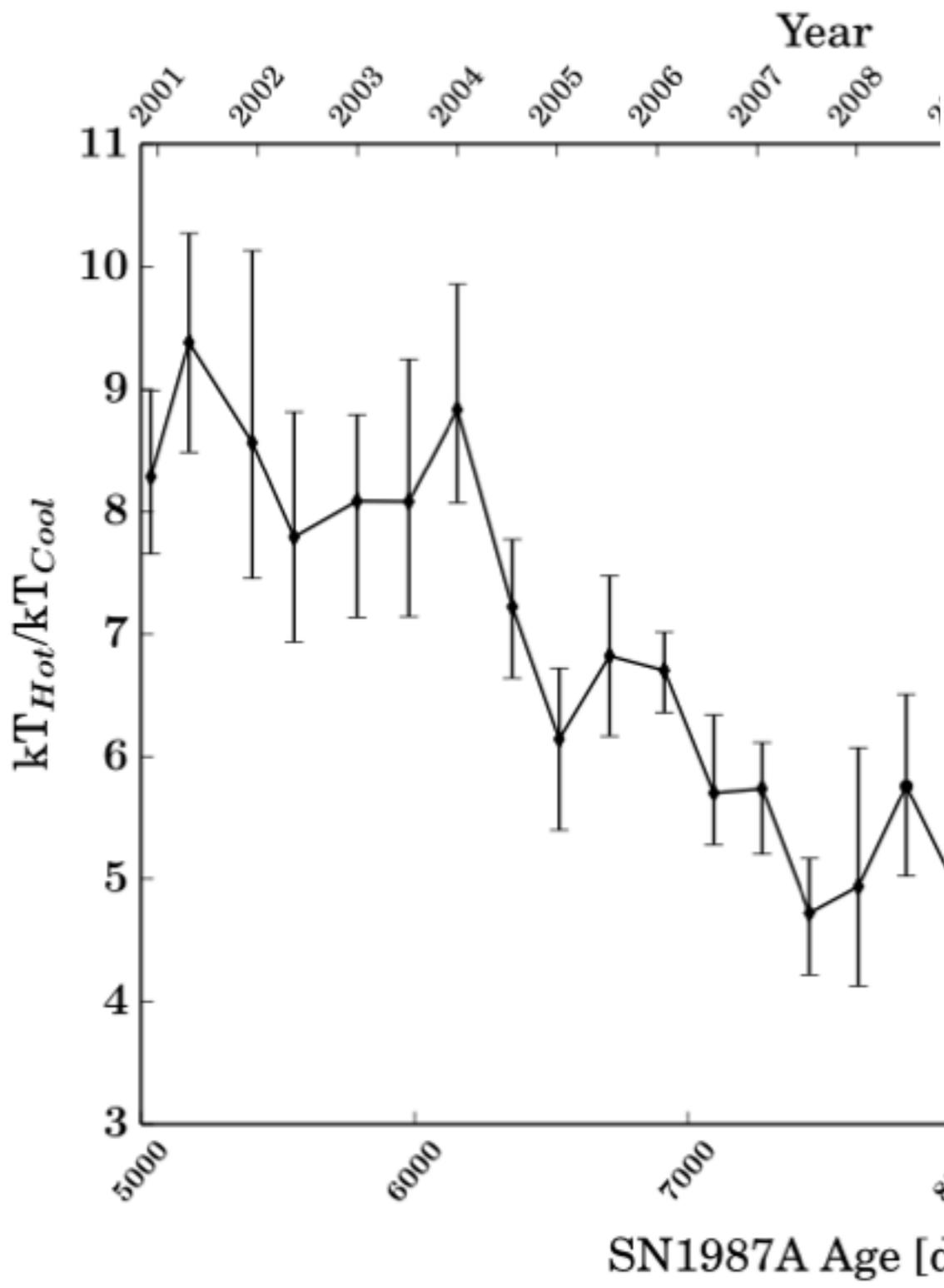
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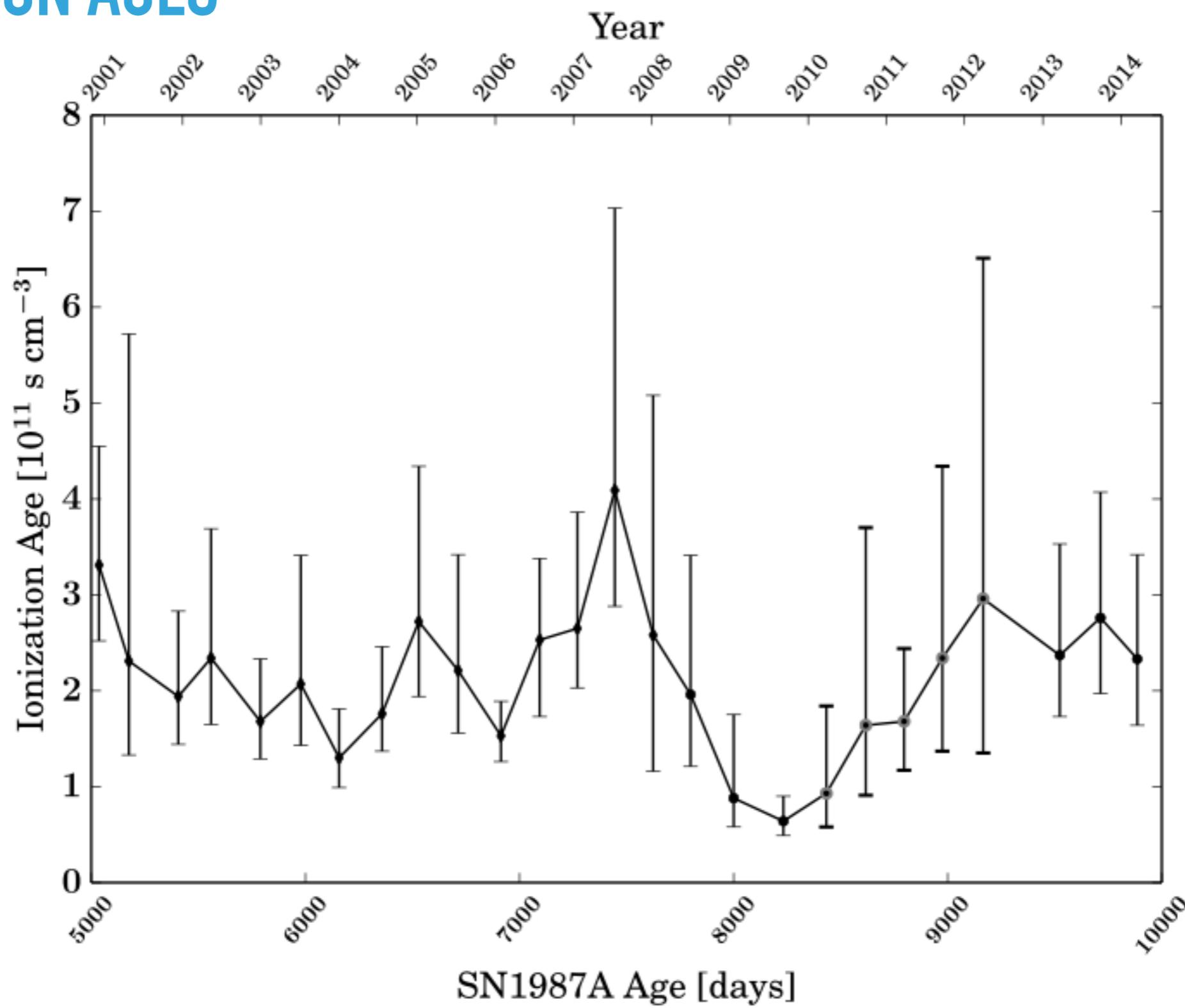
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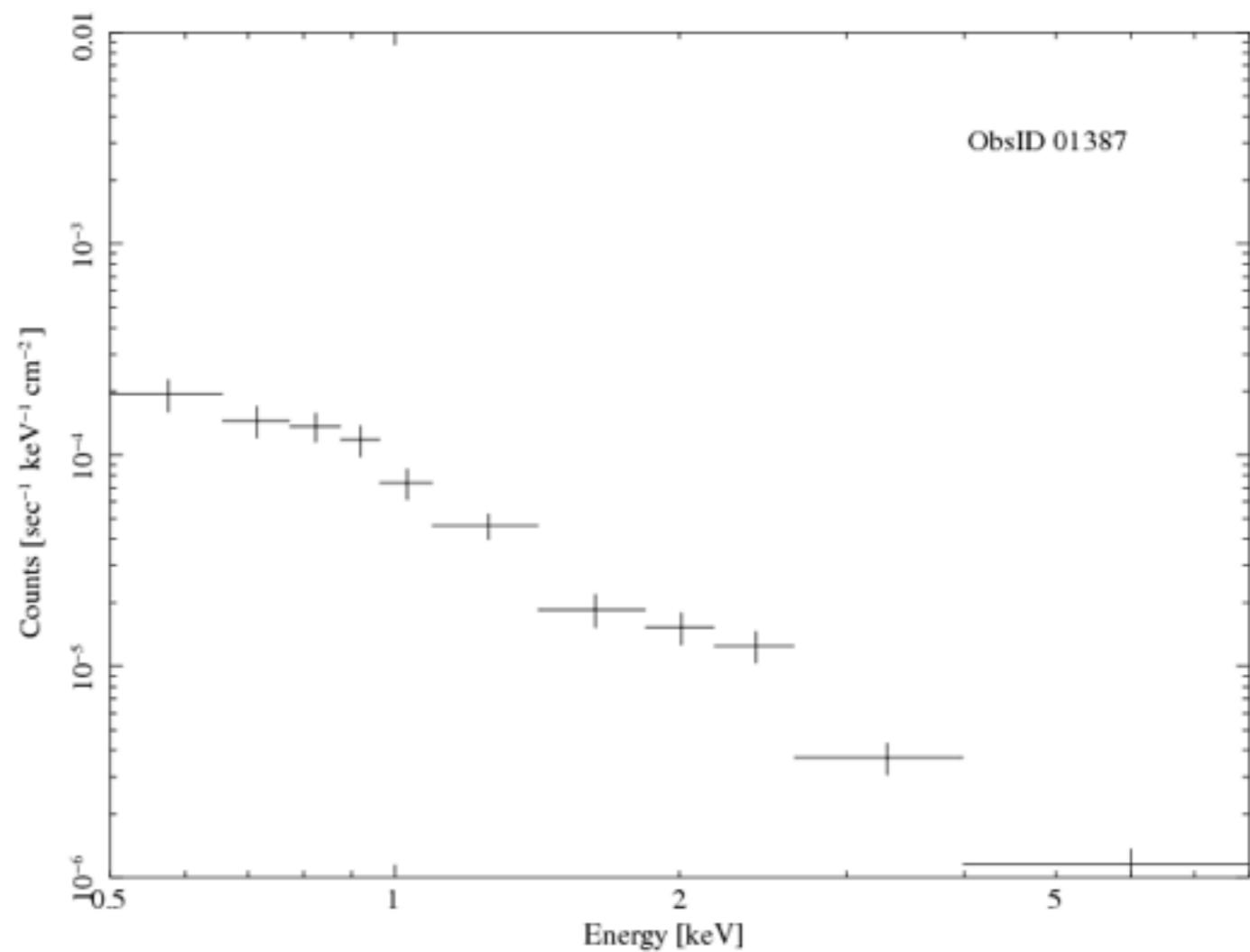
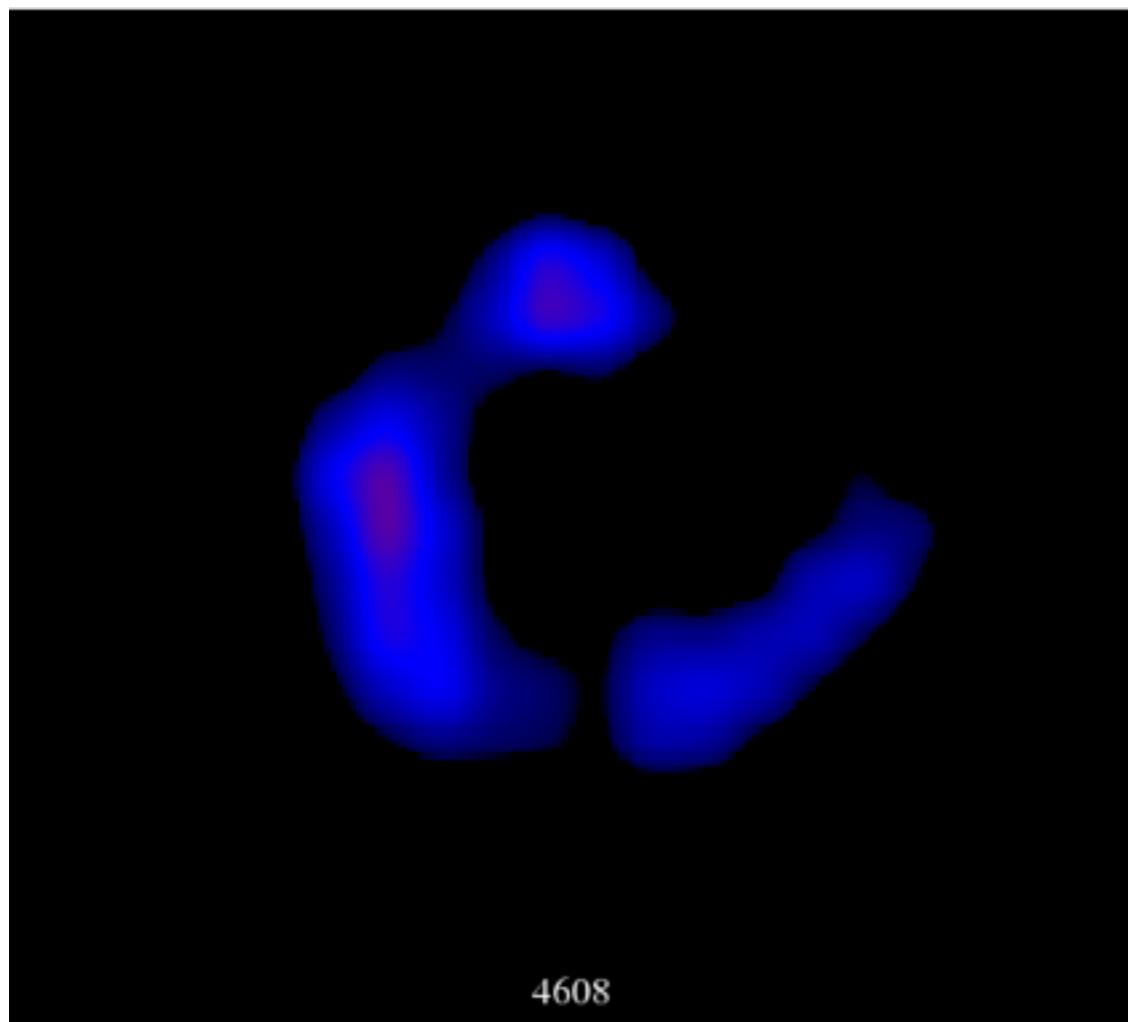
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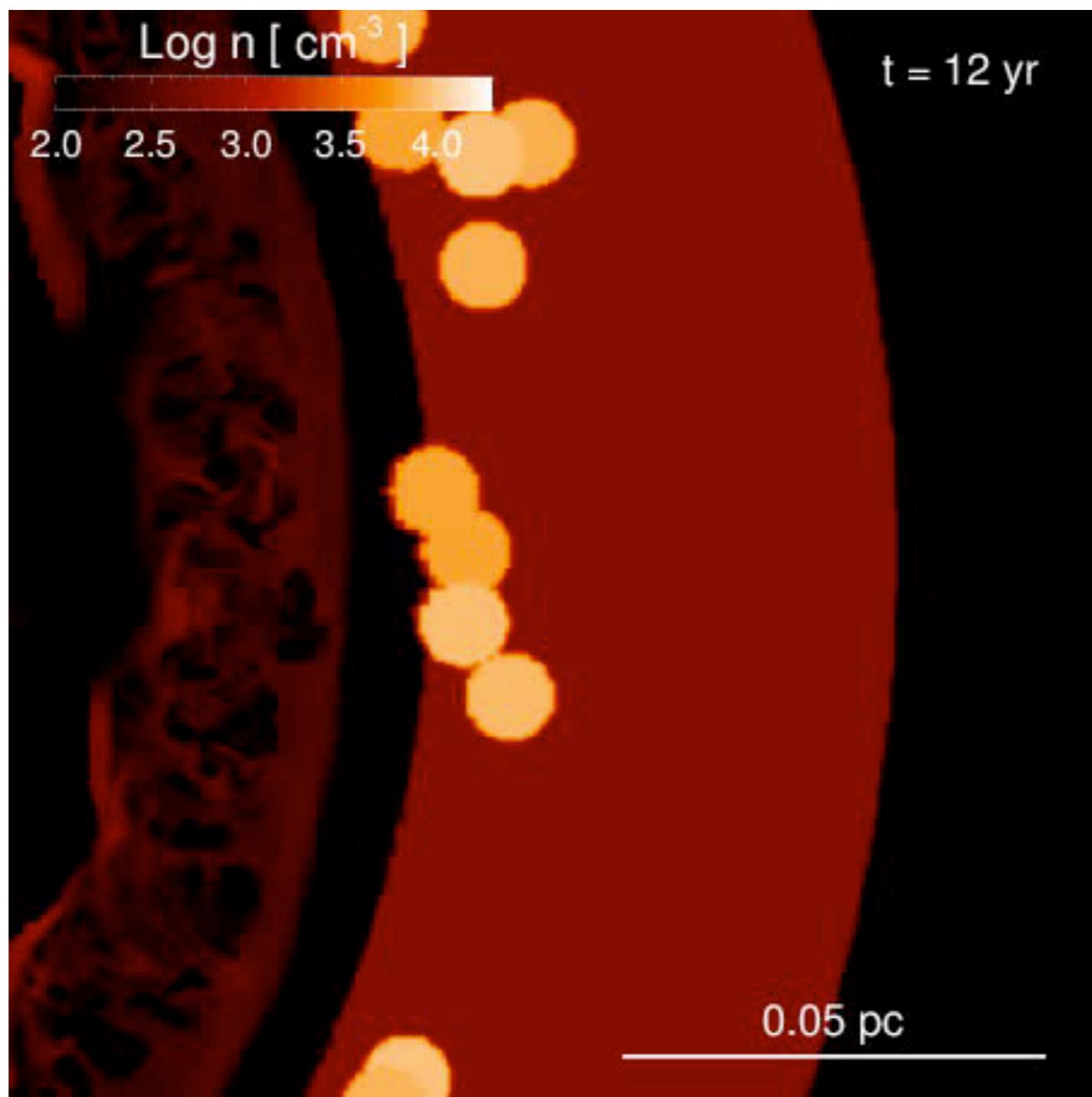
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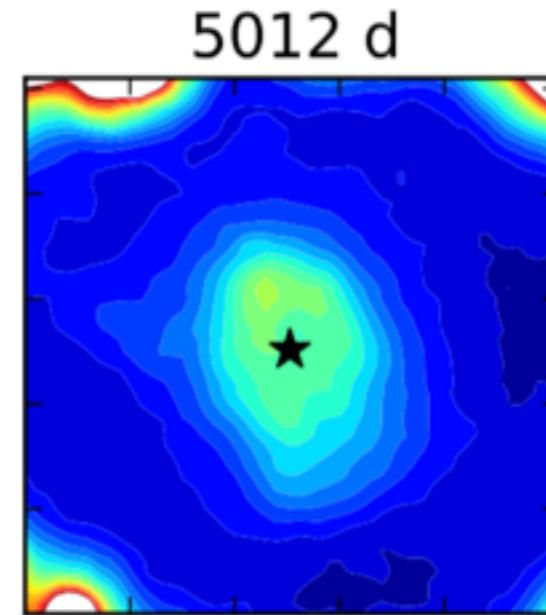
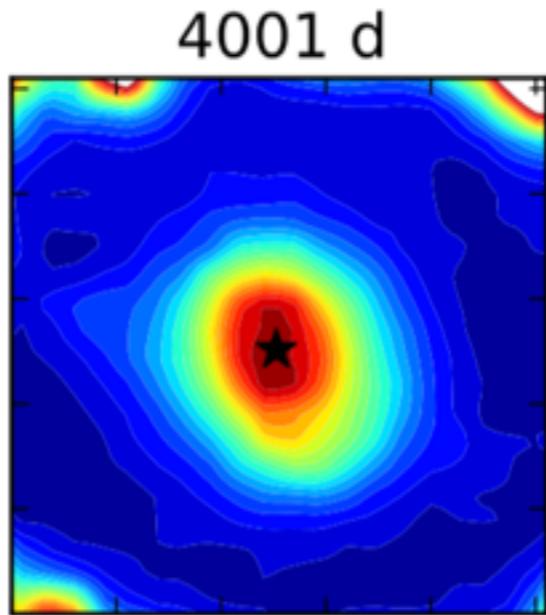
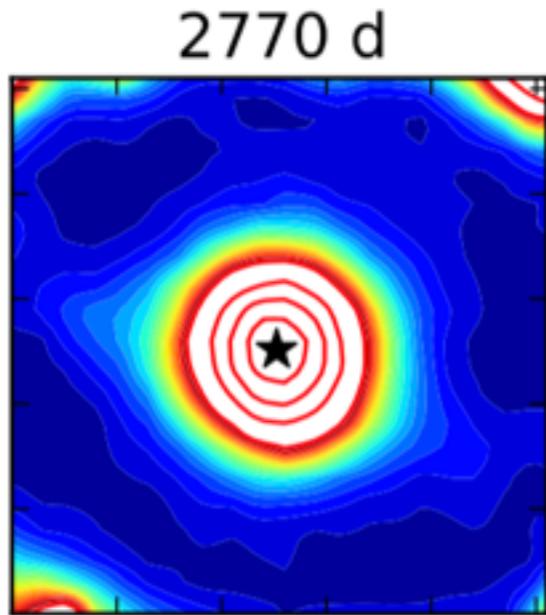
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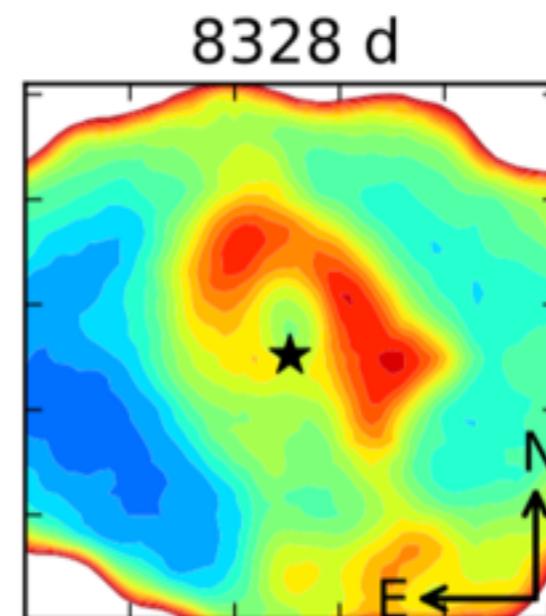
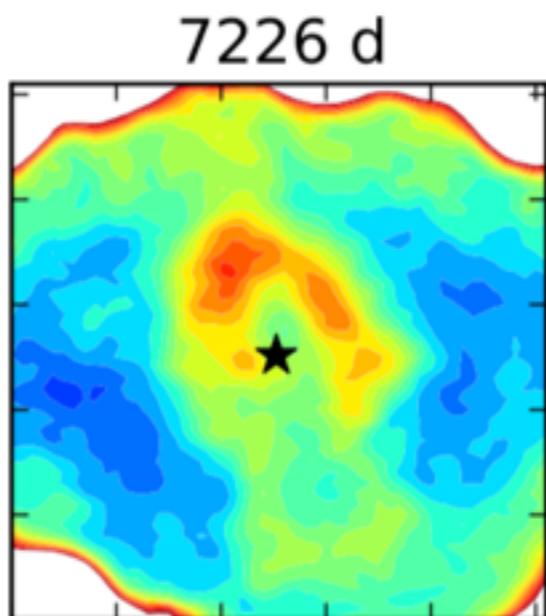
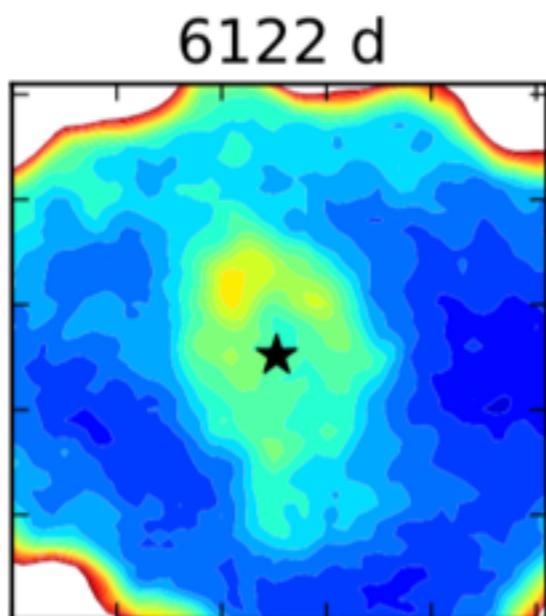
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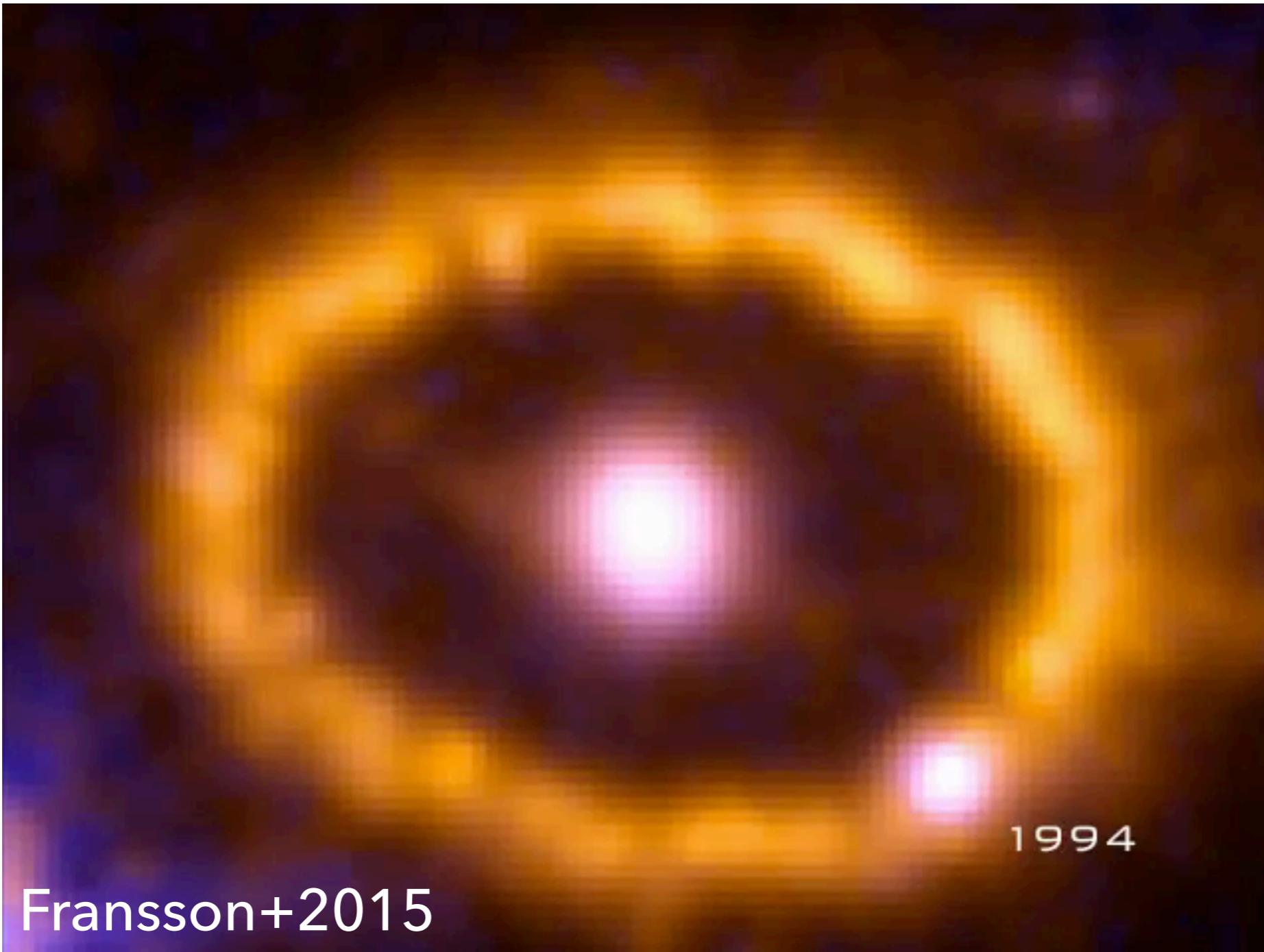
X-RAYS RADIATIVELY HEAT OUTER LAYER OF DEBRIS



Larsson+2013



OPTICAL (RE)BRIGHTENING OF RING, EJECTA EXPANDS AND FADES

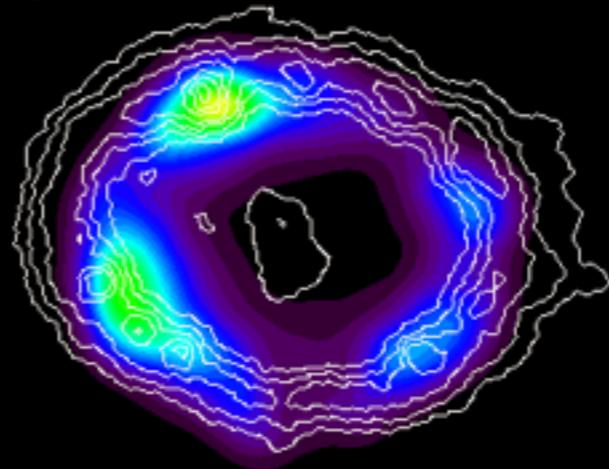


SOFT/
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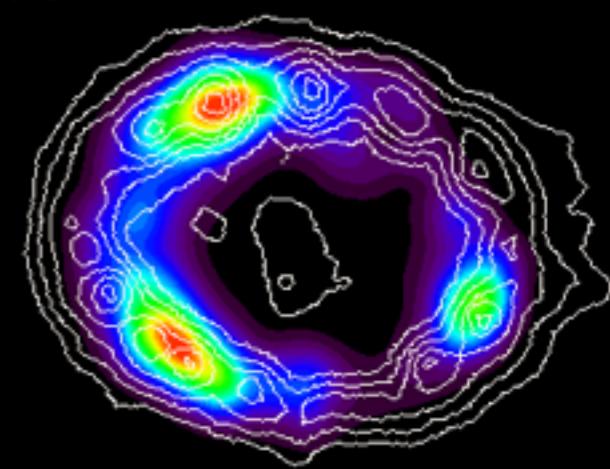
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SNR 1987A: 2000–12 vs 2001–12

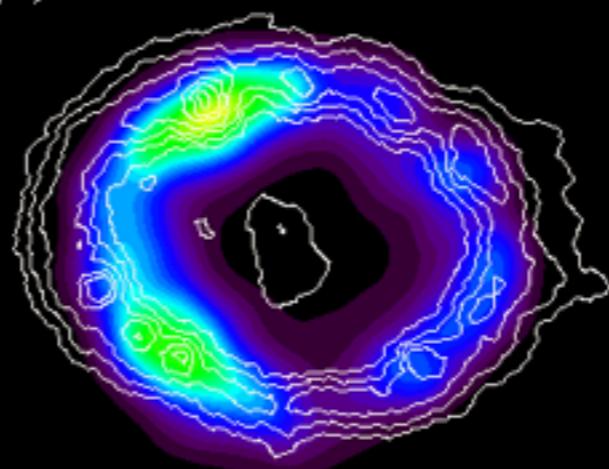
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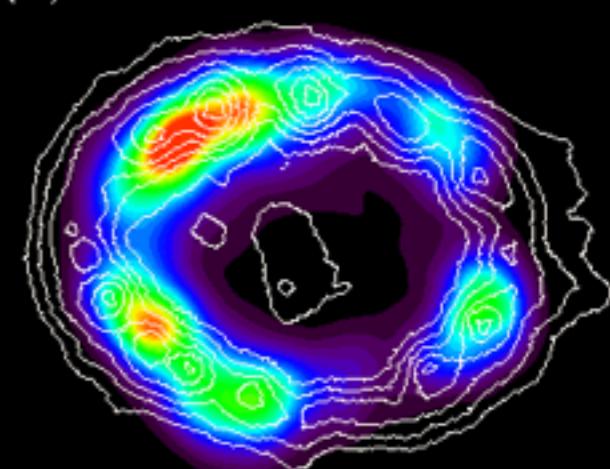
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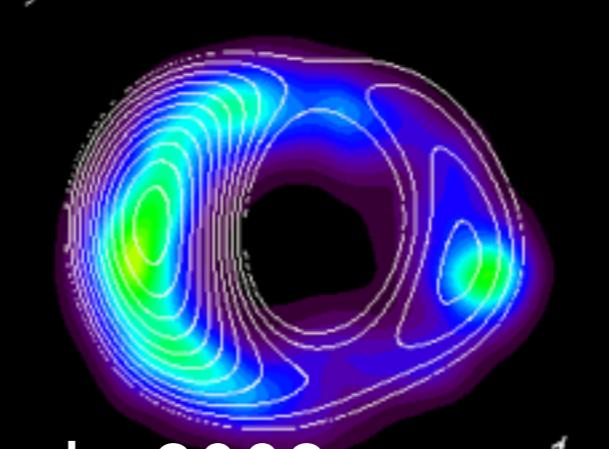
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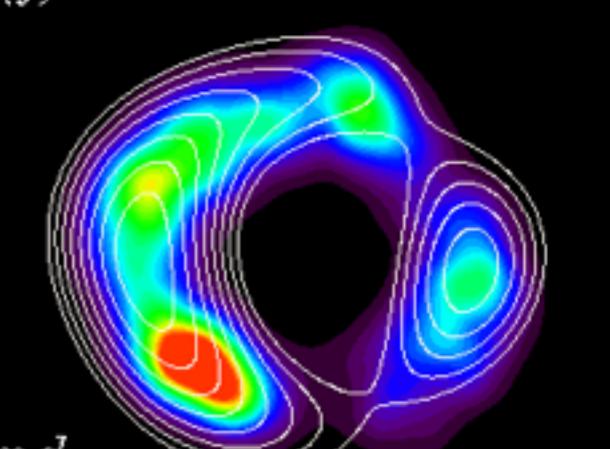
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(e) 1.2 – 8.0 keV with ATCA



(f) 1.2 – 8.0 keV with ATCA



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1 arcsecond