

Section 9.

Radiation from supernovae

9.1 Observations of supernovae

9.2 Radiation mechanism of supernovae

Goals of this lecture

- **Standard properties of stars**
 - **Stellar structure and properties**
 - **Stellar evolution**
- **Origin of the elements in the Universe**
 - **Nucleosynthesis in stars and supernovae**
 - **Explosion mechanism of supernovae**
- **Topics in time-domain astronomy**
 - **Radiation from explosive phenomena**
 - **Multi-messenger astronomy**

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Spot the difference!!



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Answer



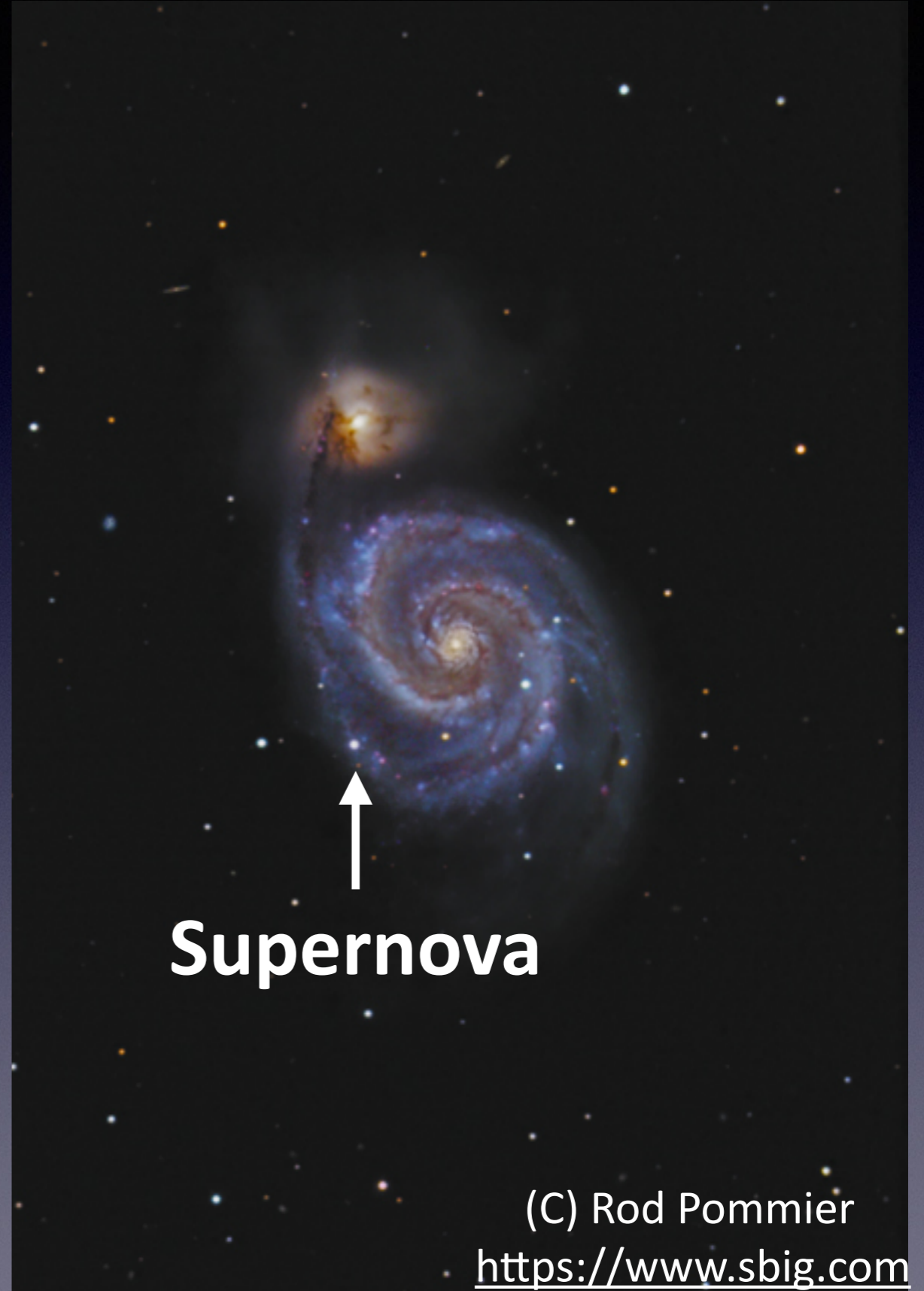
Spot the difference!
(level **)



0.25 deg

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Answer



Observations of transients

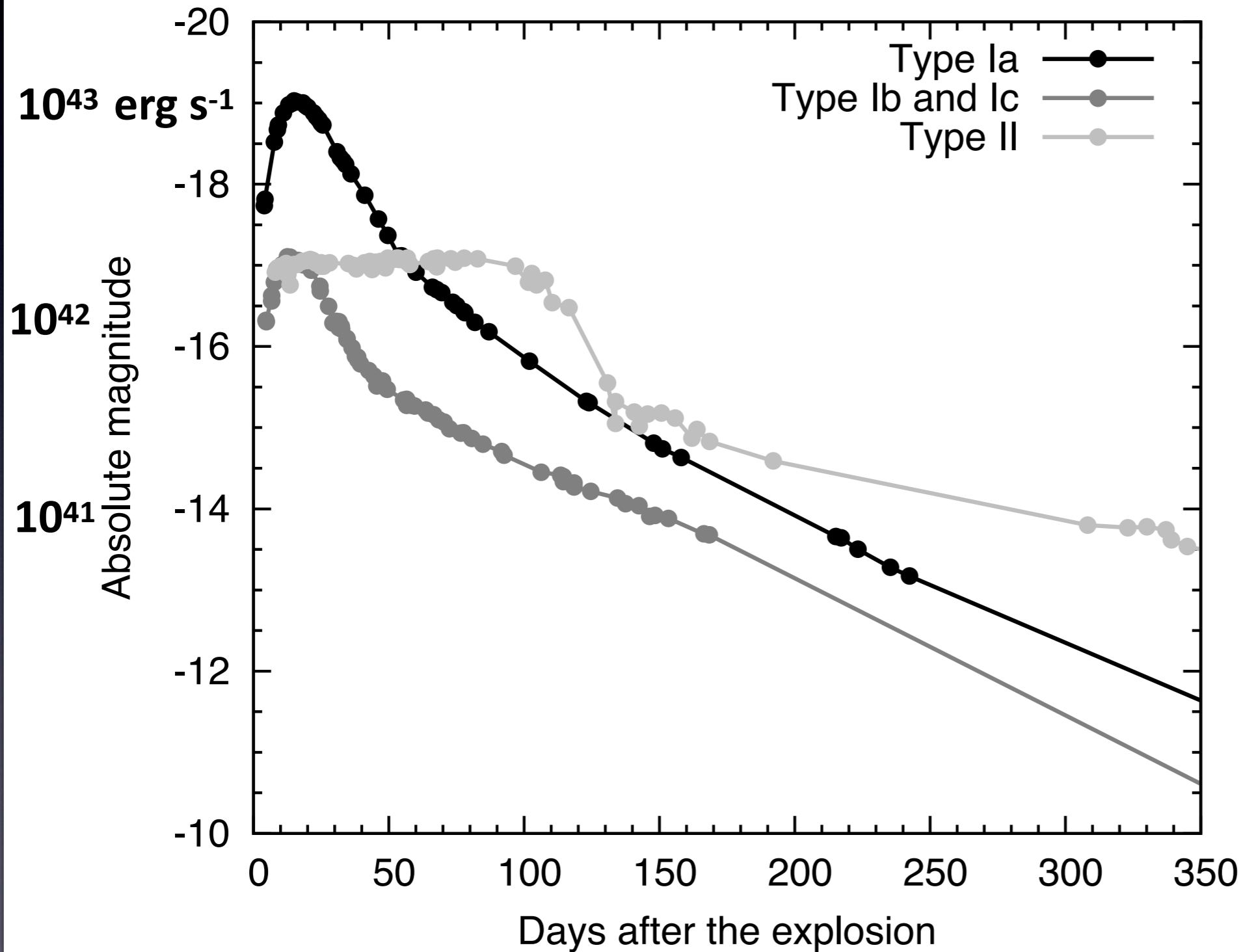
- **Light curve**

- Time evolution of luminosity
(total or in a certain band)

- **Spectra**

- Flux as a function of wavelengths
(and their time evolution)

Light curves



Type I

- Peak

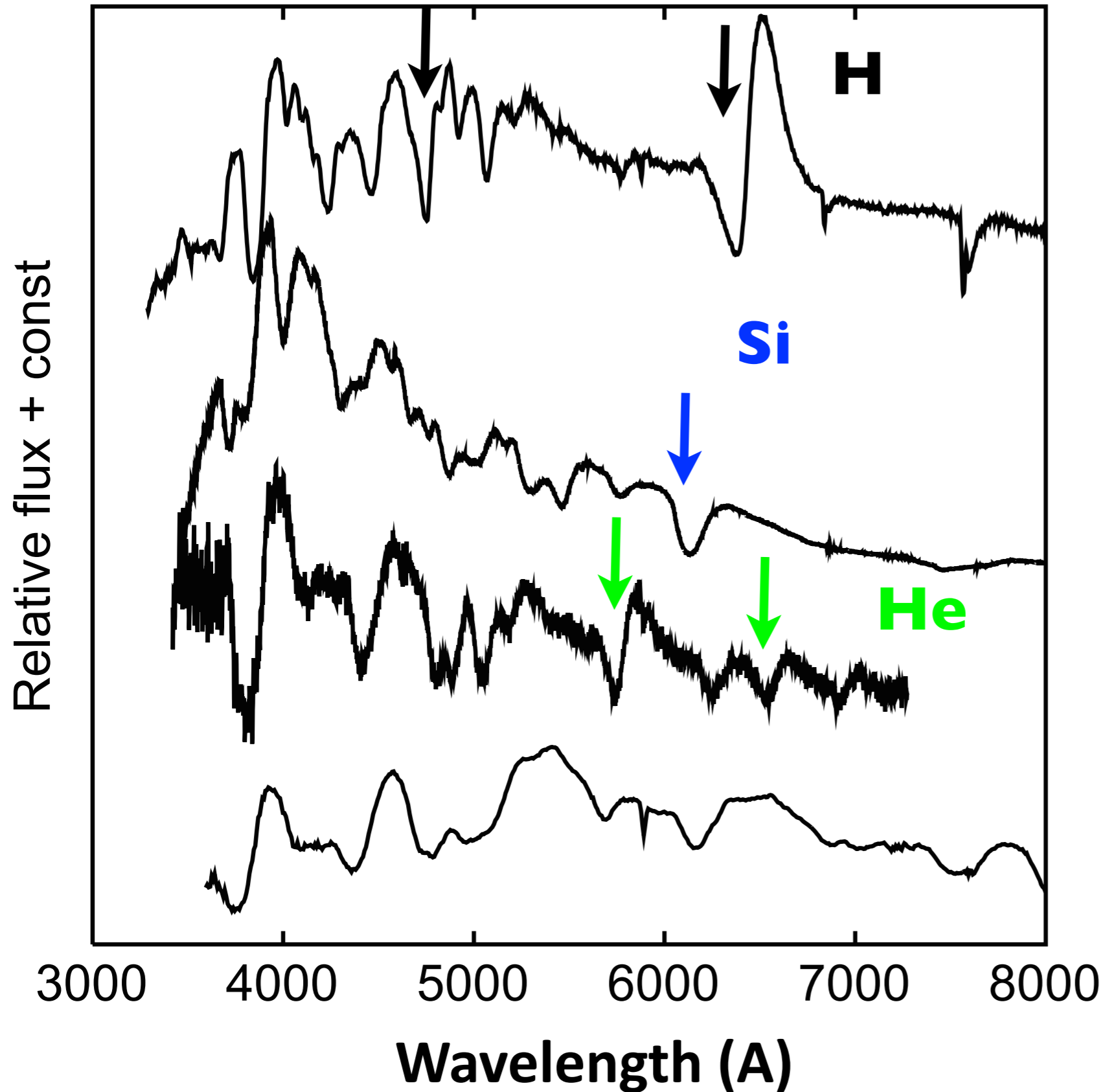
- $L(\text{Ia}) > L(\text{Ib, Ic})$

Type II

- plateau

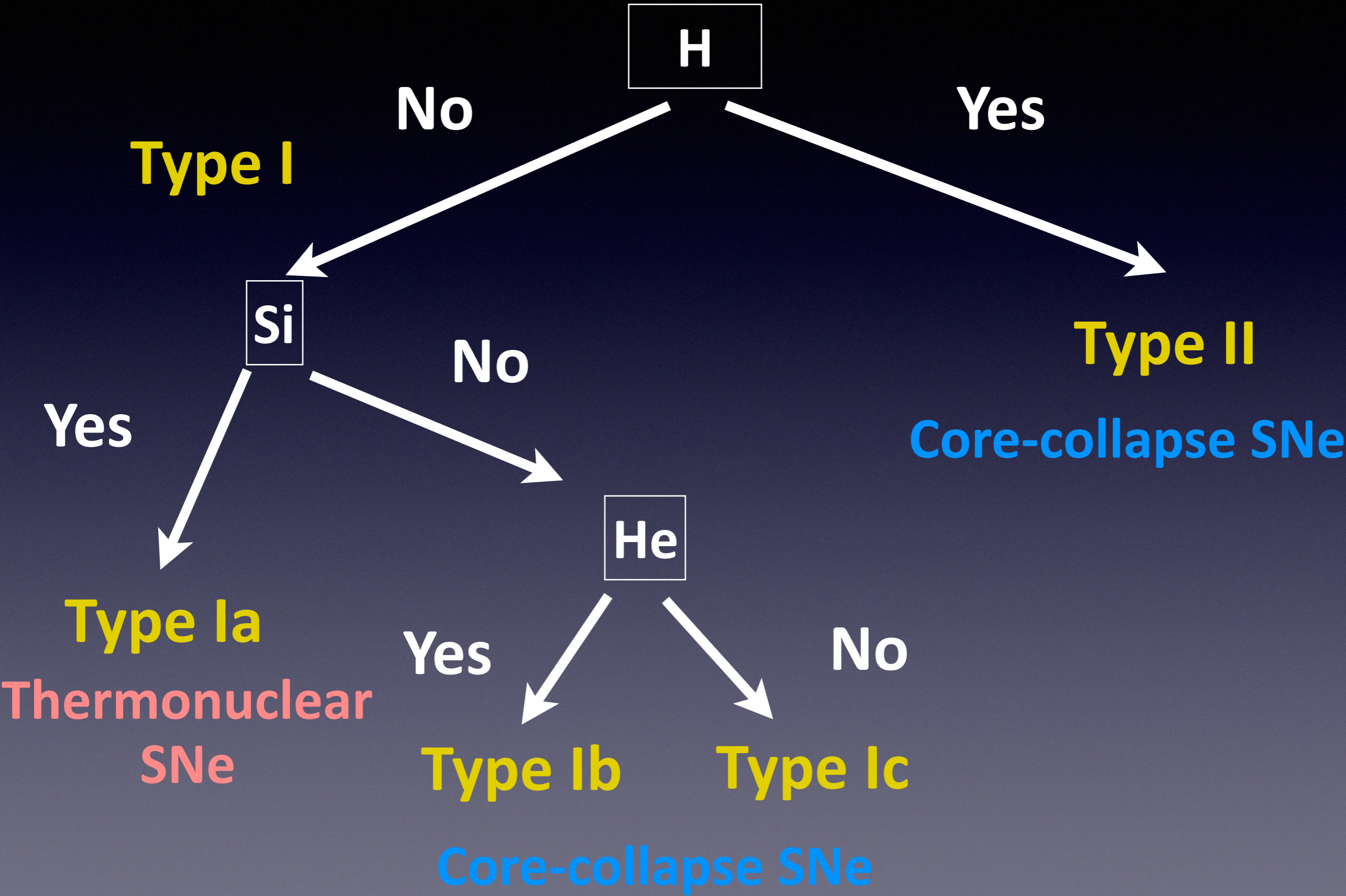
- $L(\text{Ia}) > L(\text{II})$

Spectra of supernovae

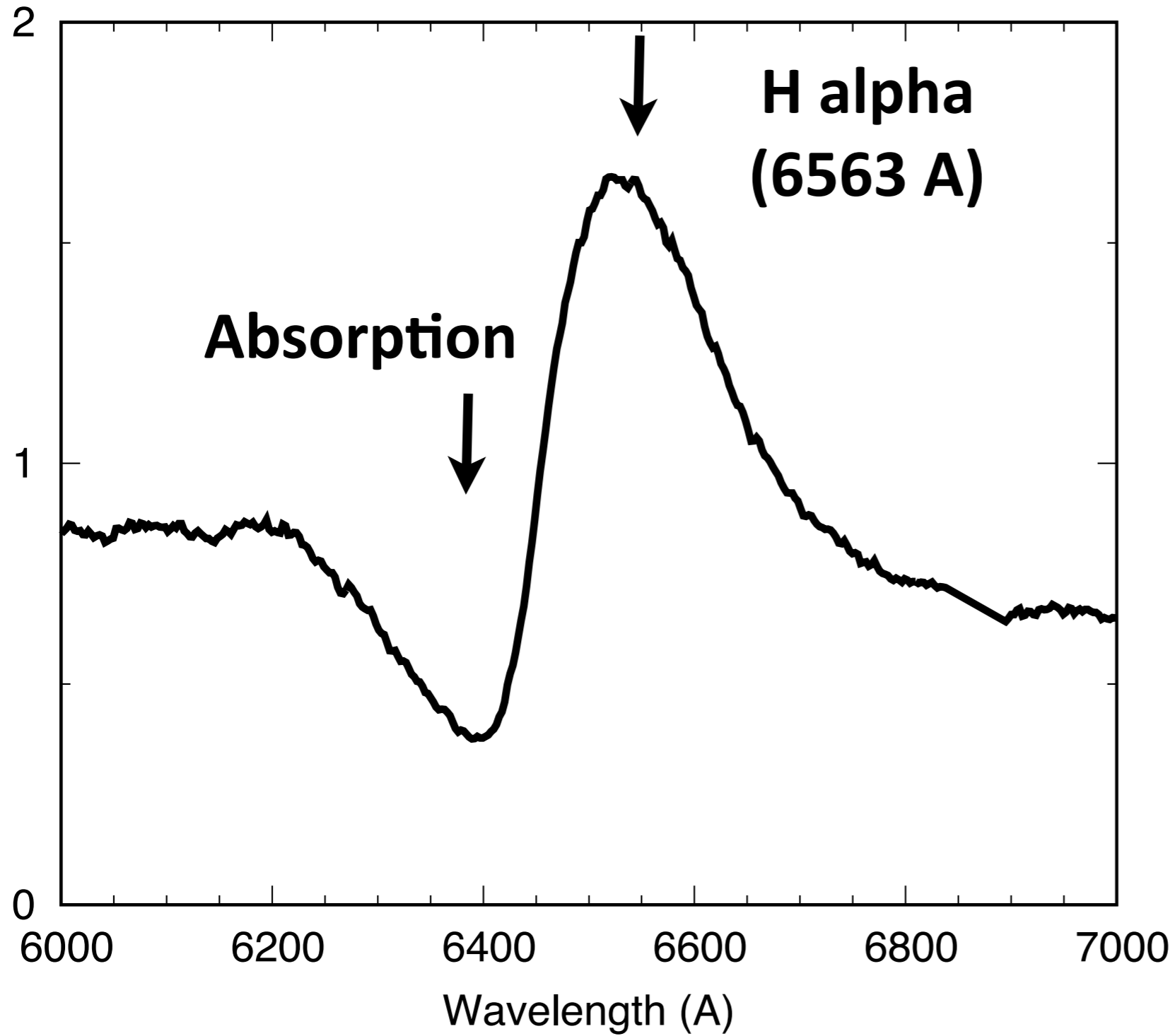


- Thermal continuum
- Broad absorption
- Doppler shift
- Associated with emission component

4 types of supernovae

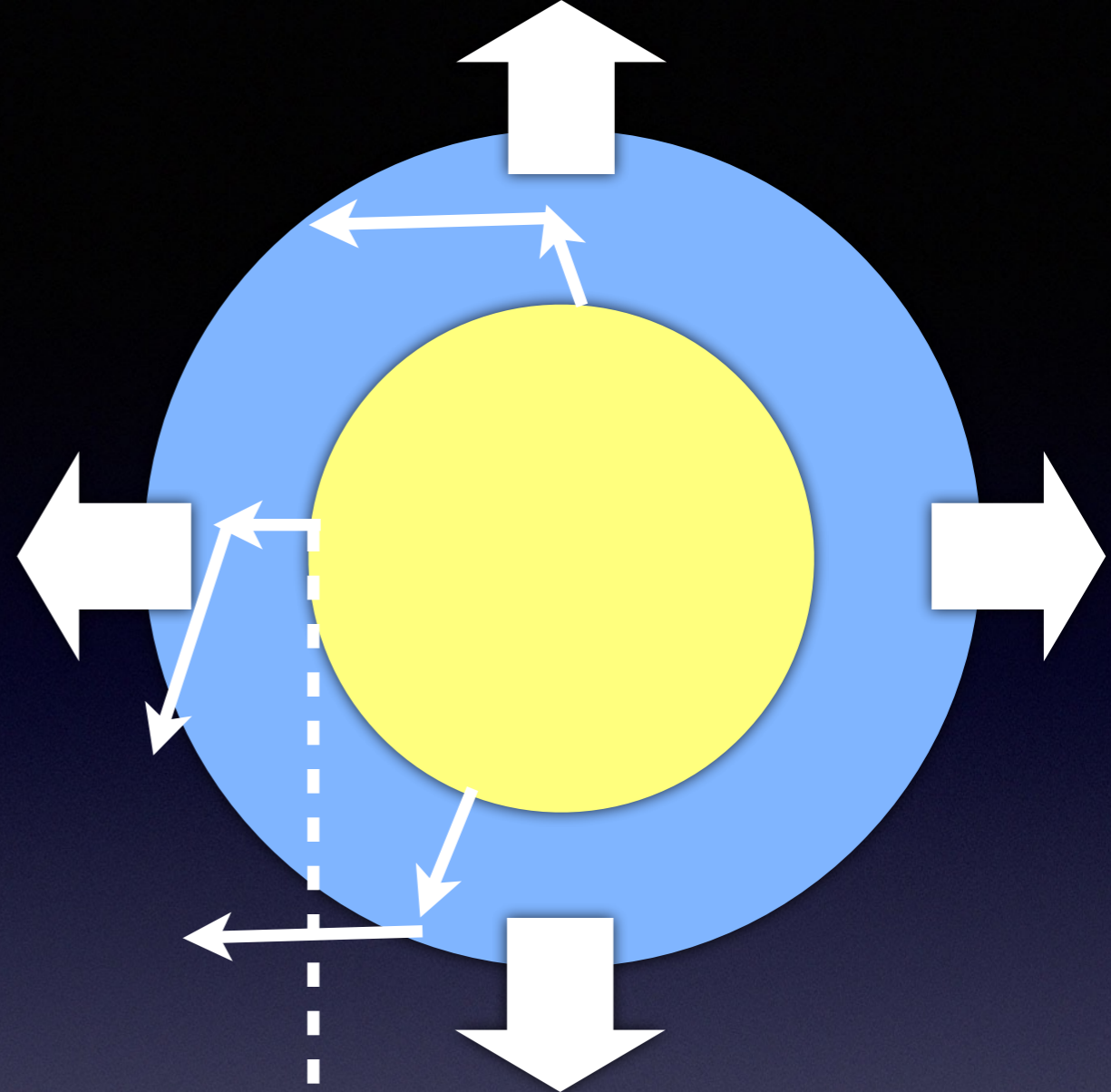


Line profile



**“P-Cygni”
Profile**

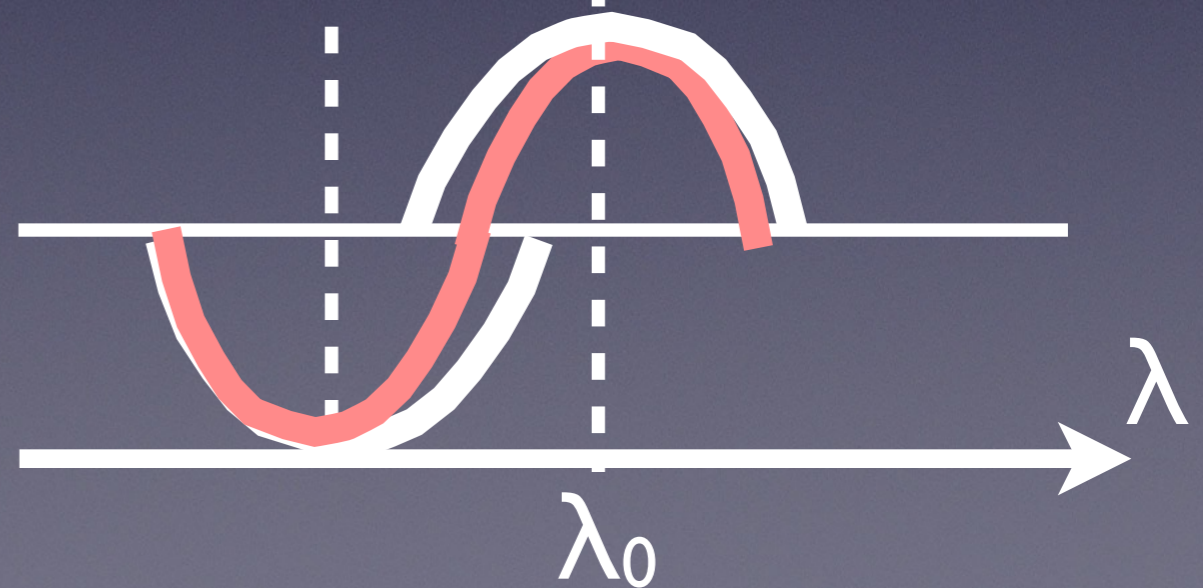
Observer ←



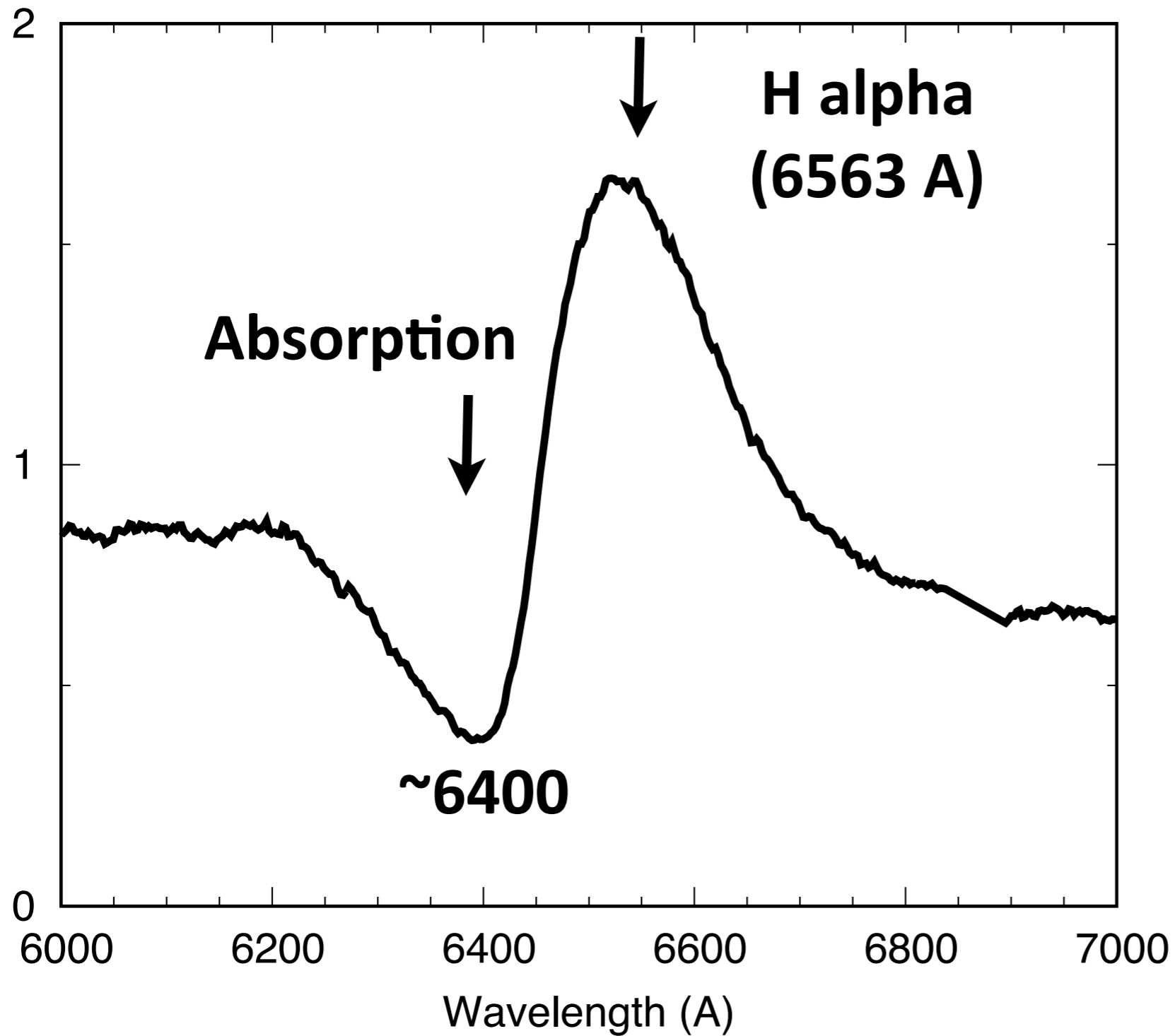
Doppler effects

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{c - v}{c} \right) \lambda_0$$

$$\frac{v}{c} = \frac{(\lambda_0 - \lambda)}{\lambda_0}$$



Line profile



$$v/c = 163/6563$$

\Rightarrow

$$v = 0.025 \times c$$

$$\sim 7,000 \text{ km/s}$$

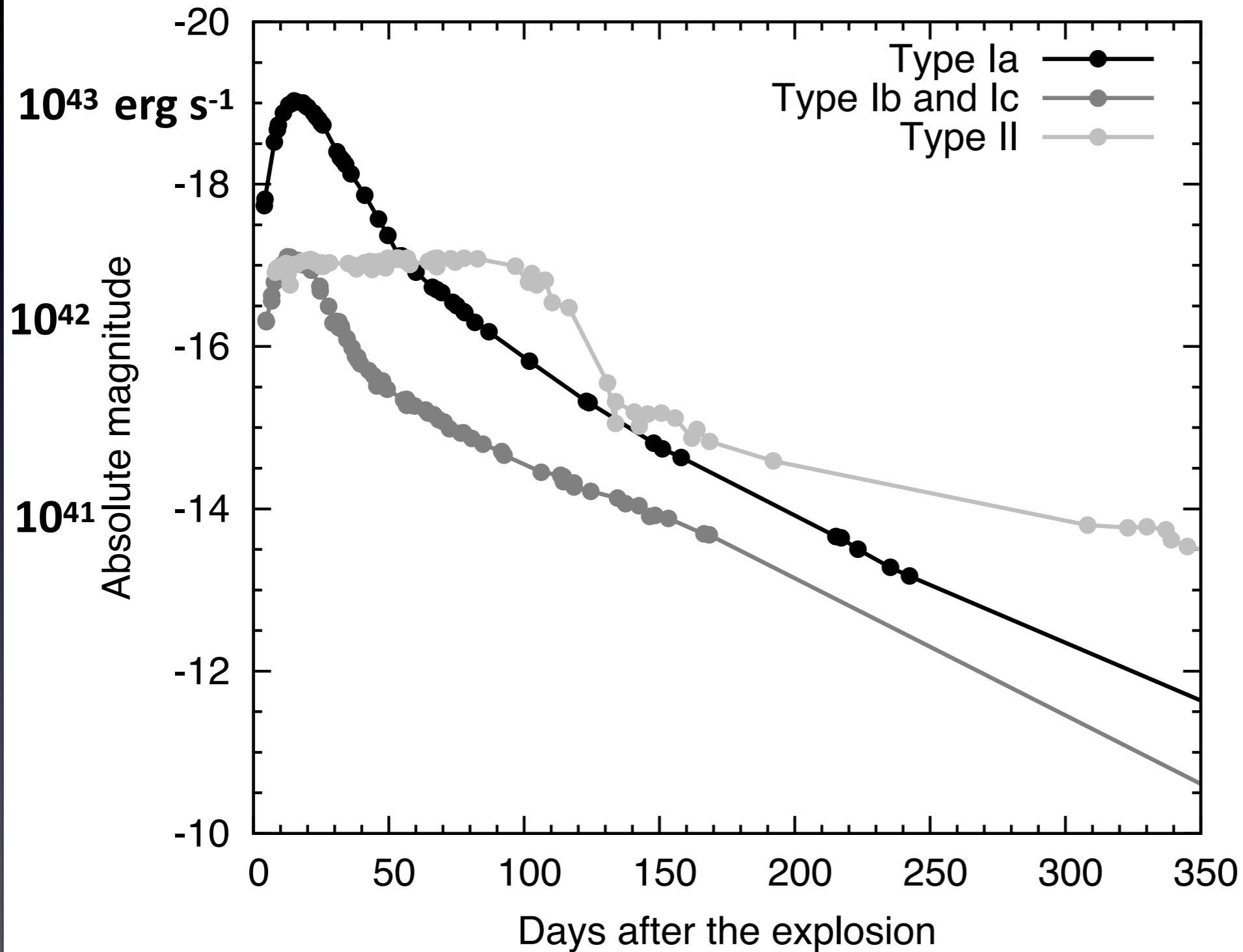
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What determines the luminosity and timescale of radiation?

What can we learn from observations?

Heating source of supernovae

1. Radioactivity (^{56}Ni)

Important in all the types

Type Ia > Core-collapse

2. Shock heating

Important for large-radius star (Type II)

3. Interaction with CSM

$E_{\text{kin}} \Rightarrow E_{\text{th}}$ (Type IIn)

4. Magnetar?

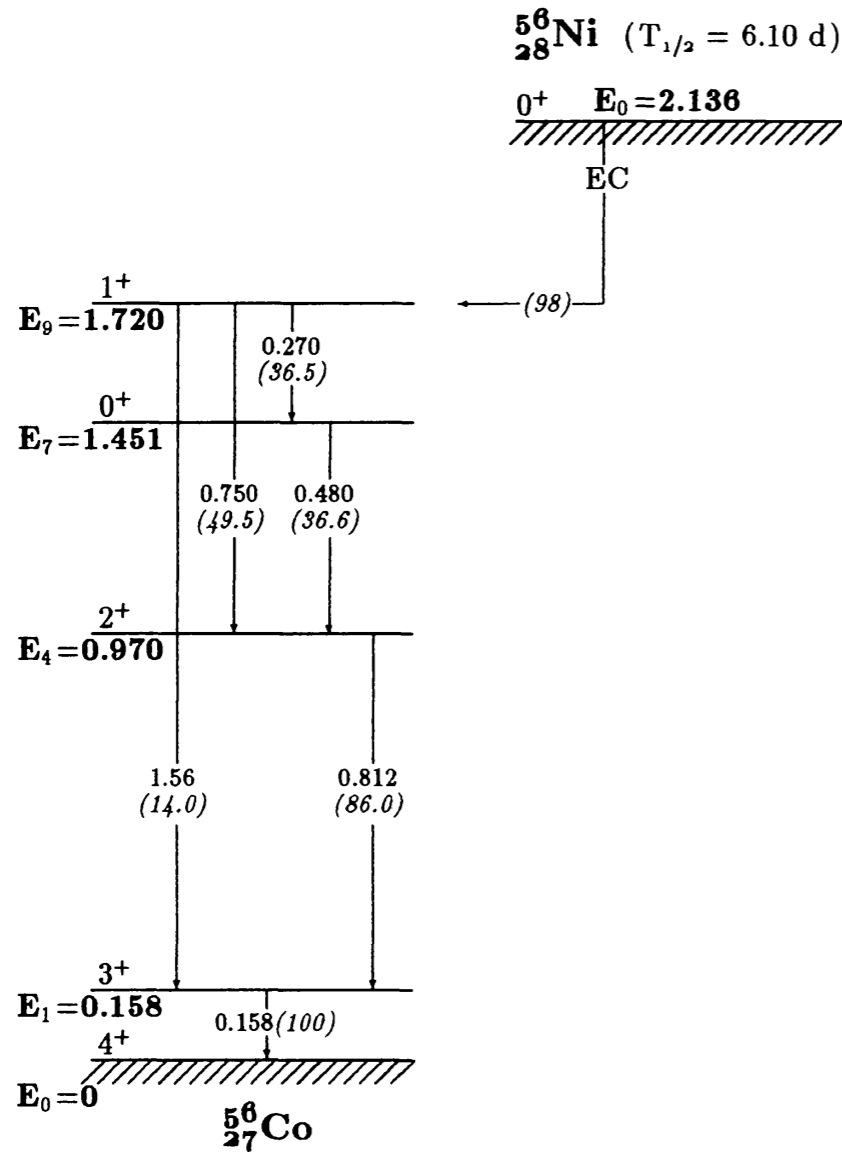
$E_{\text{rot}} \Rightarrow$ energy loss by spin down

^{56}Ni

e capture

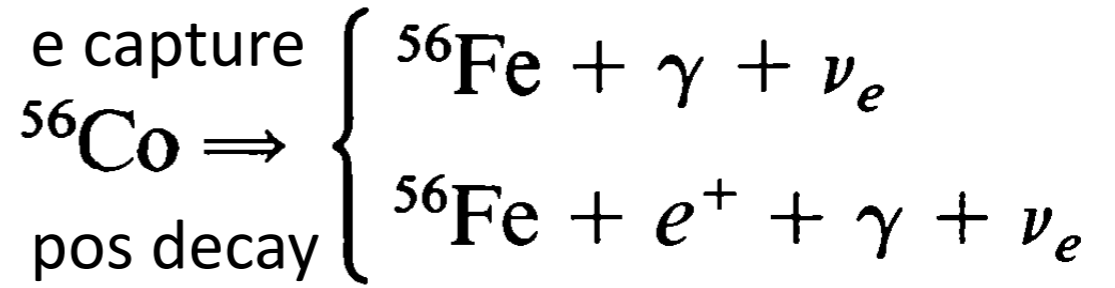


$\tau = 8.8$ days

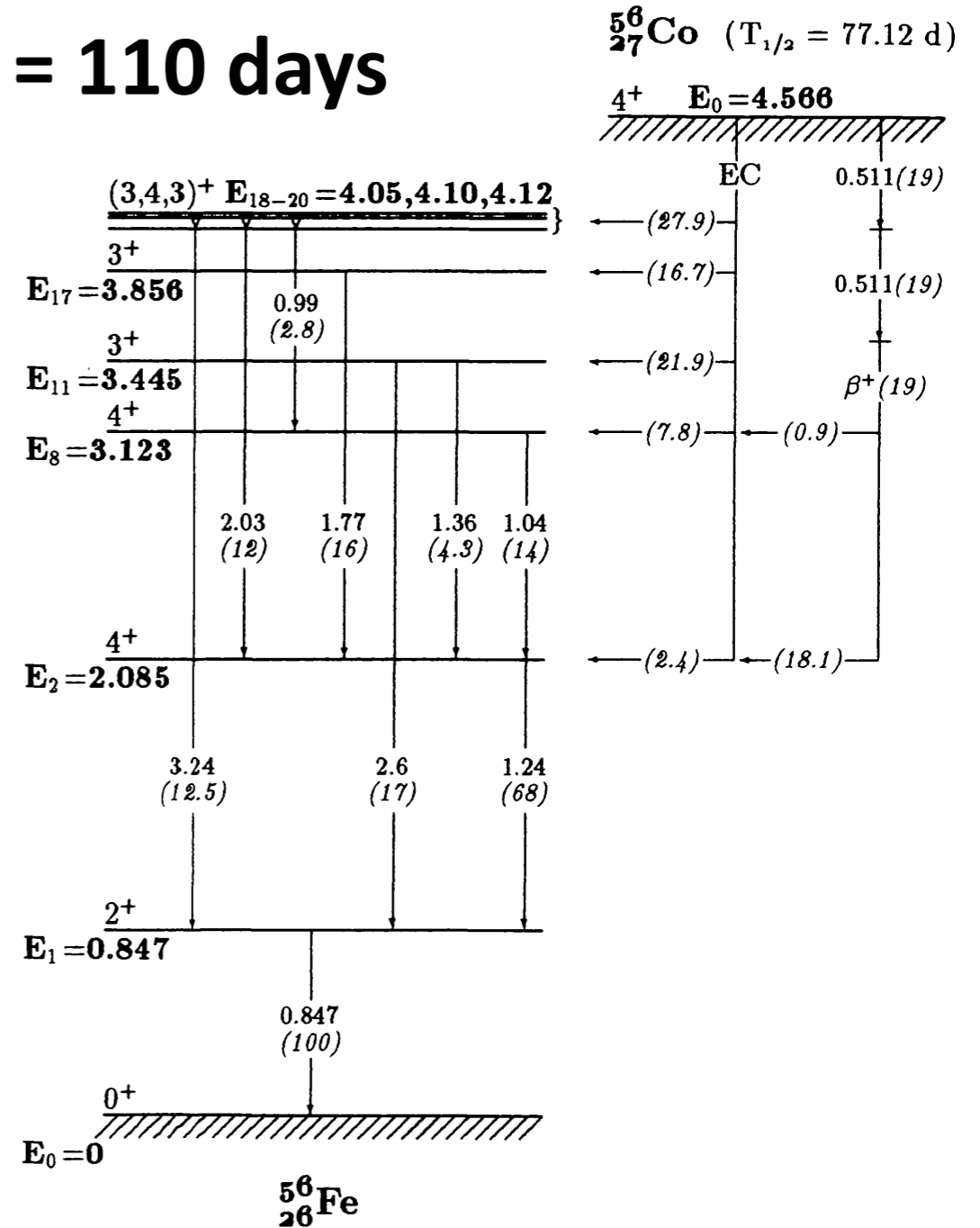


^{56}Co

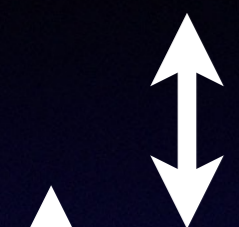
Nadyozhin 94



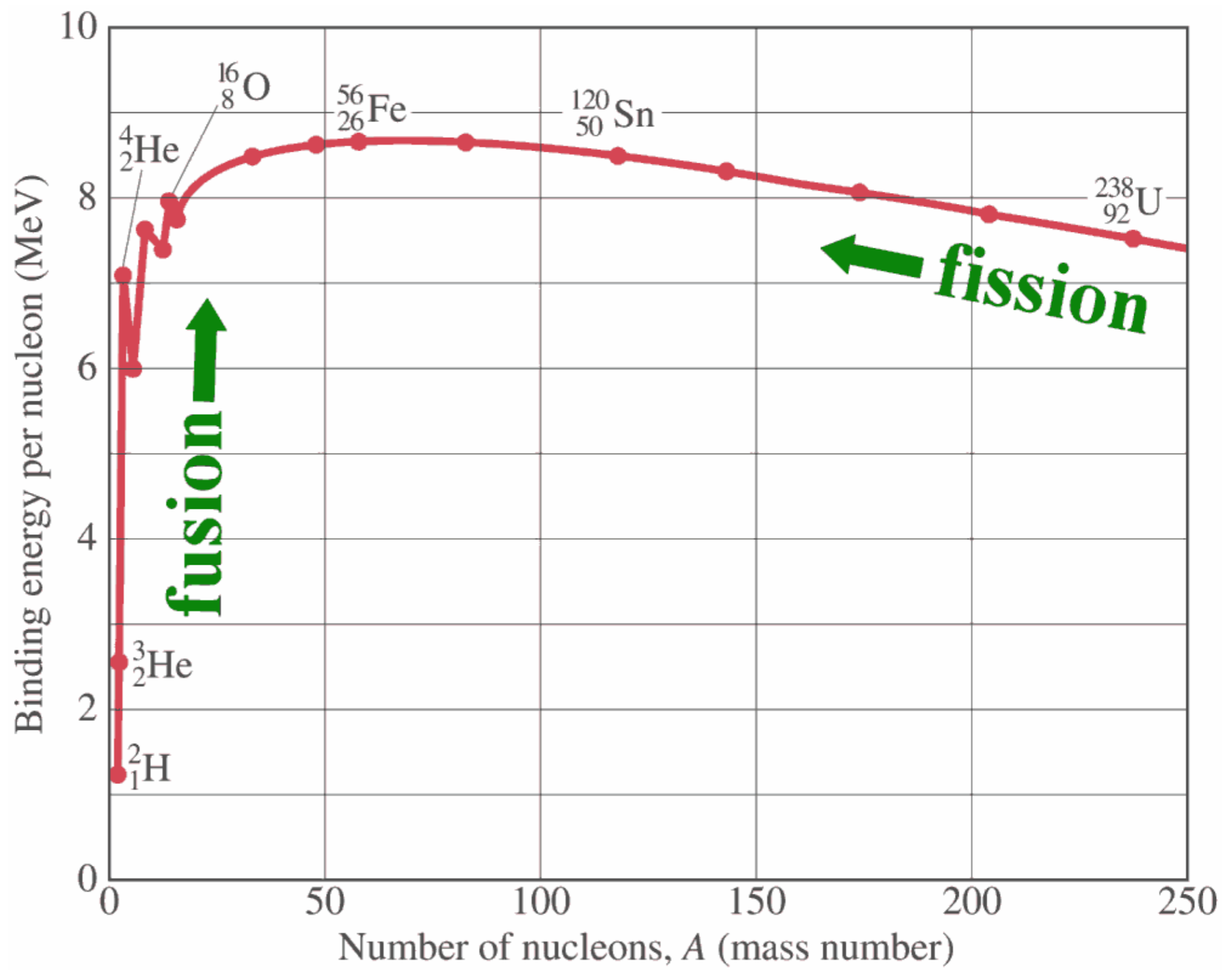
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Type Ia SN ^{56}Ni



Sun

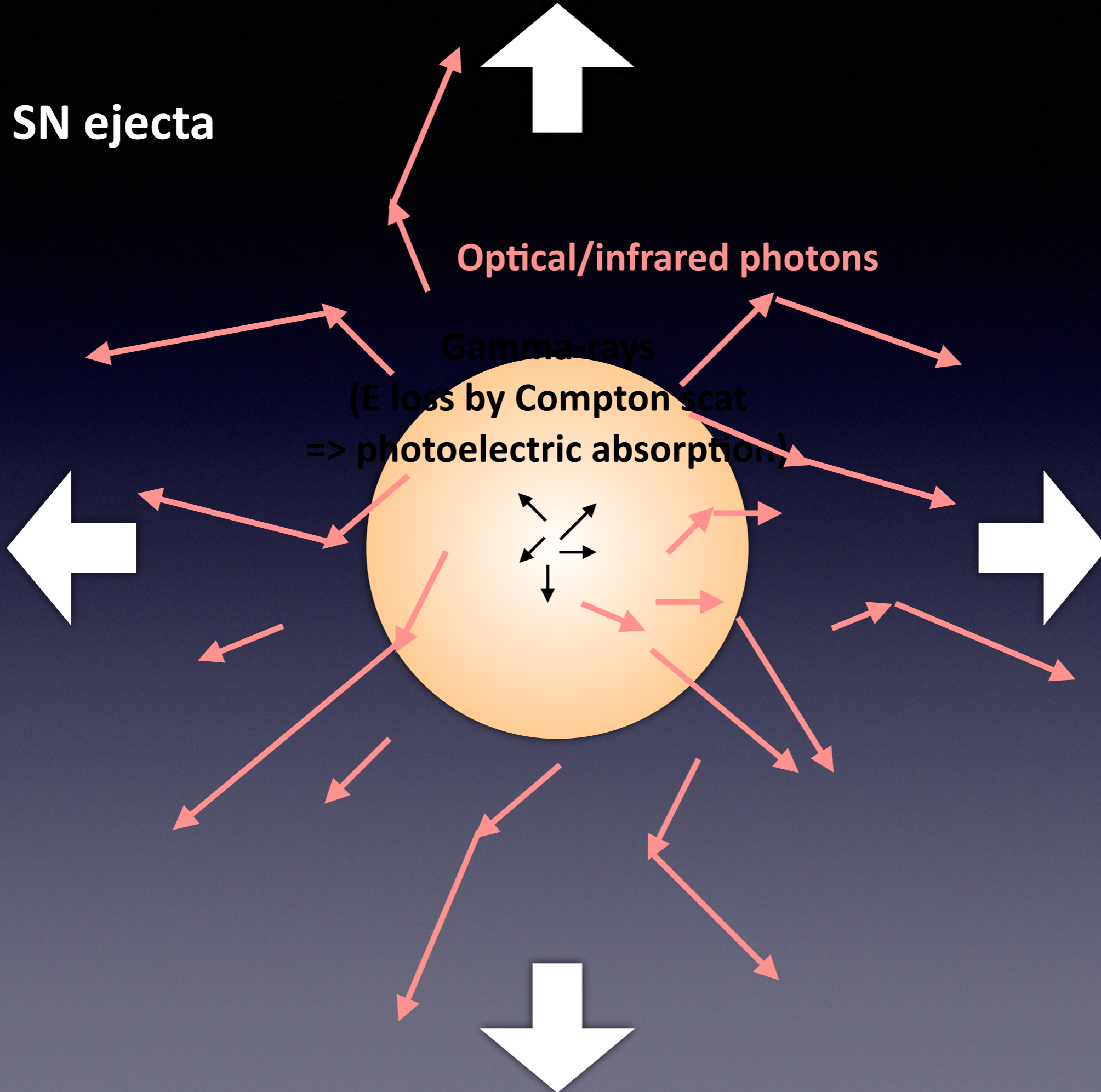


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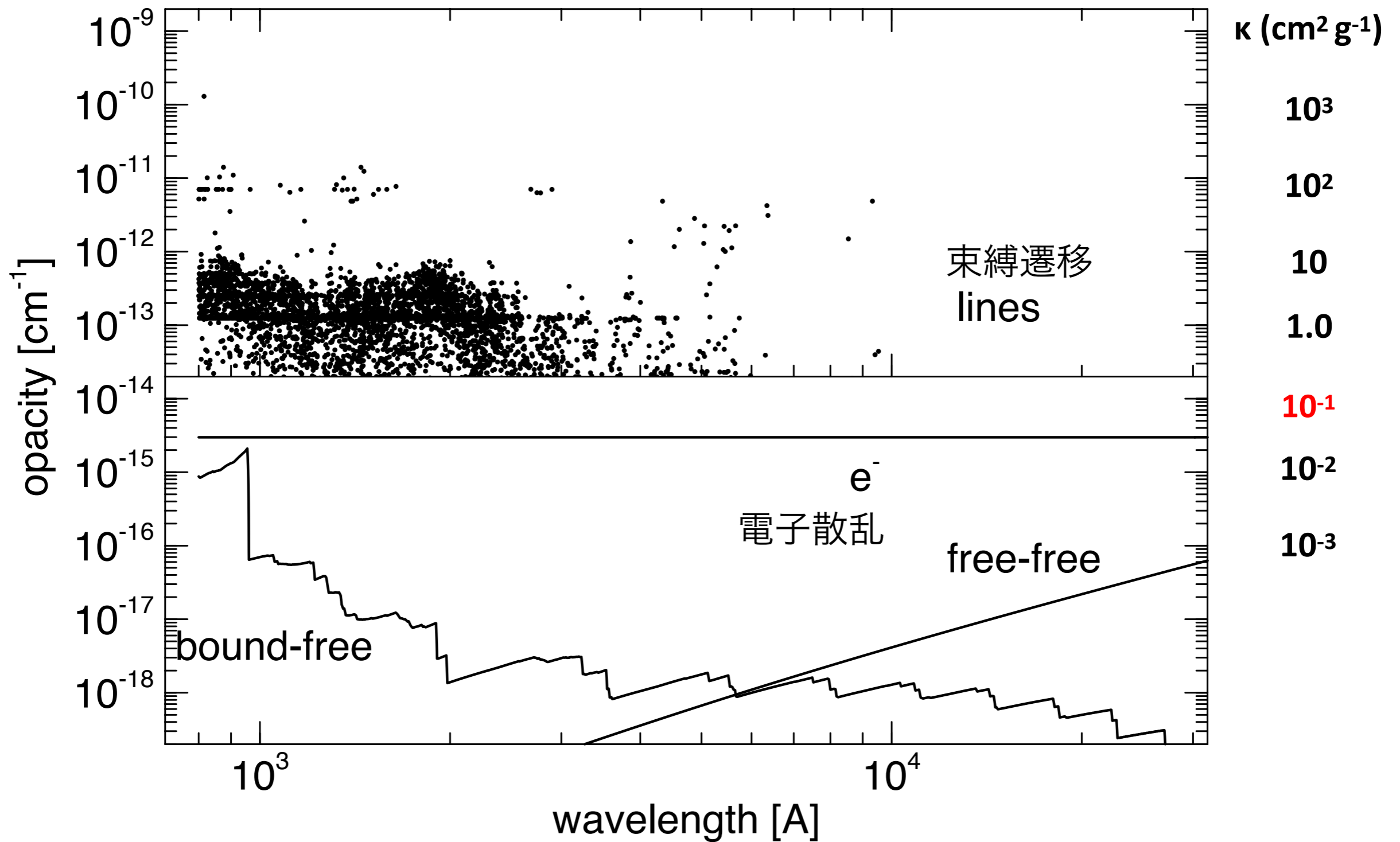
SN ejecta

Optical/infrared photons

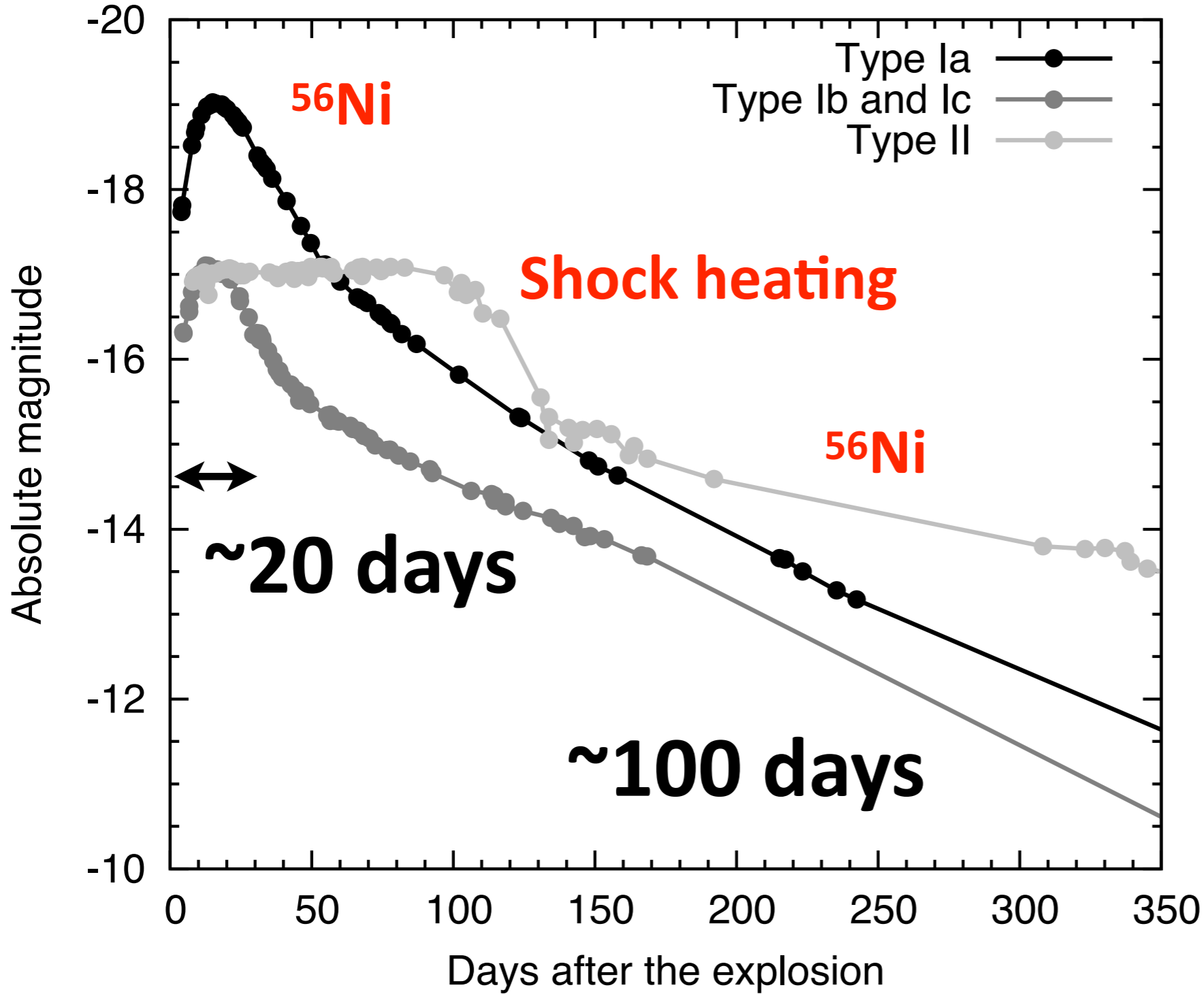
Gamma-rays
(E loss by Compton scat
=> photoelectric absorption)



Opacity in supernova ejecta (Type Ia SN, $\rho = 10^{-13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$)



Light curves



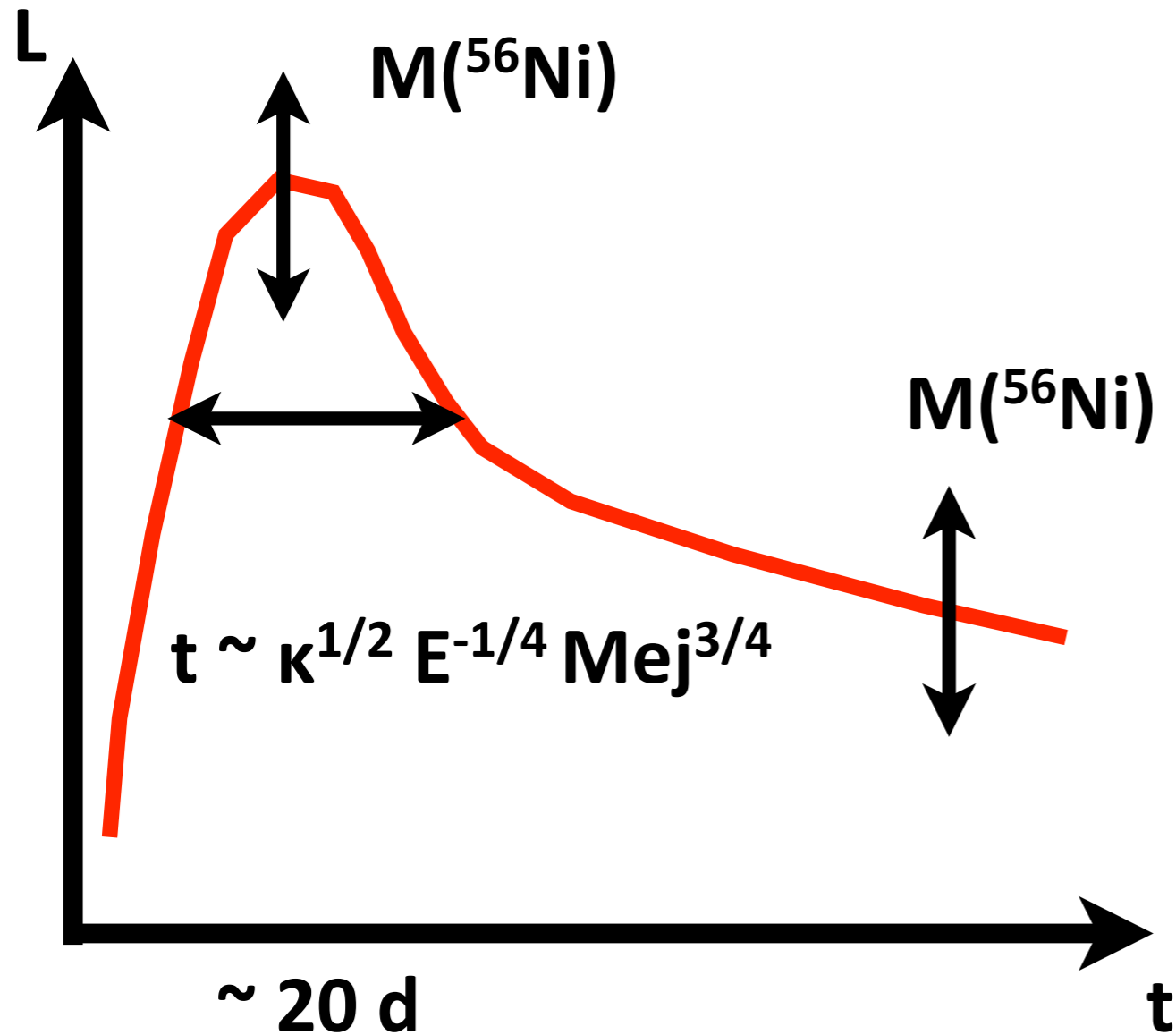
10^{43} erg s⁻¹

10^{42} erg s⁻¹

Type Ia SNe eject more ⁵⁶Ni

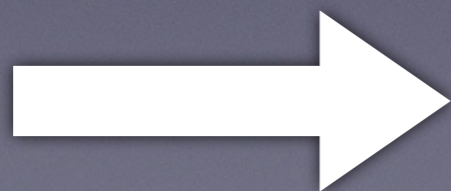
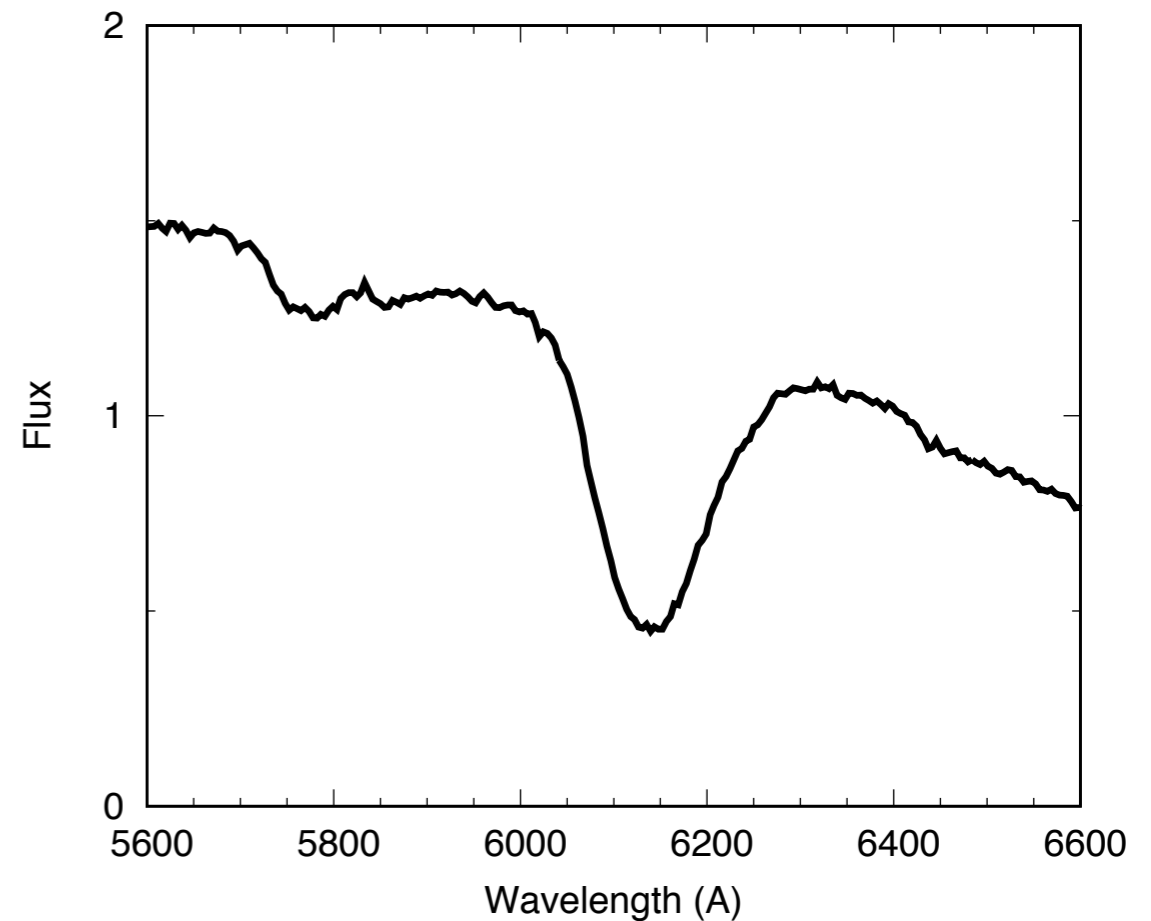
Observations \Leftrightarrow physical quantities

Light curves



Spectra

$v \sim E^{1/2} M_{\text{ej}}^{-1/2}$
+ chemical composition



$E, M_{\text{ej}}, M(^{56}\text{Ni}), X$ (element)

Summary: Radiation from supernovae

- **Erad $\sim 10^{49}$ erg**
 $\ll E_{\text{kin}} (10^{51} \text{ erg}) \ll E_{\text{grav}} (10^{53} \text{ erg})$
- **Power source**
 - Radioactivity (^{56}Ni)
 - Shock heating, interaction with CSM, magnetar, ...
- **Timescale of emission**
 - Photons diffuse out from SN ejecta
 - bound-bound transitions and e-scattering
 - Typical timescale $t \sim \kappa^{1/2} M_{\text{ej}}^{3/4} E_{\text{k}}^{-1/4}$
 $\sim \kappa^{1/2} M_{\text{ej}}^{1/2} v^{-1/2}$