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Fast and Automated Characterization of Core-Collapse Supernovae with Machine Learning and HPC-Driven Modeling

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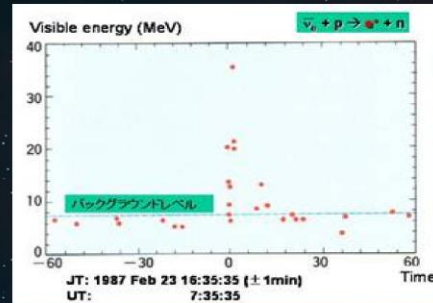


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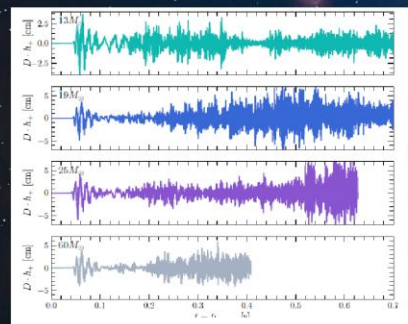
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Core-Collapse Supernovae

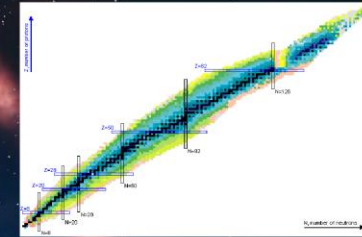
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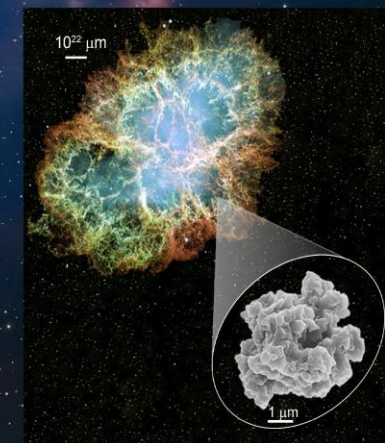
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Composite image with artistic representation of SN 1987A (Ref. [ESO Website](https://www.eso.org/))

Physical Characterization of Supernova events

Electromagnetic Observation:

- Light Curves → Bolometric Luminosity;
- Spectra → Photospheric Velocity.



Theoretical Models:

- Hydrodynamic numerical models;
- Scaling Equations;
- Semi-/Analytical models.



Explosion parameters:

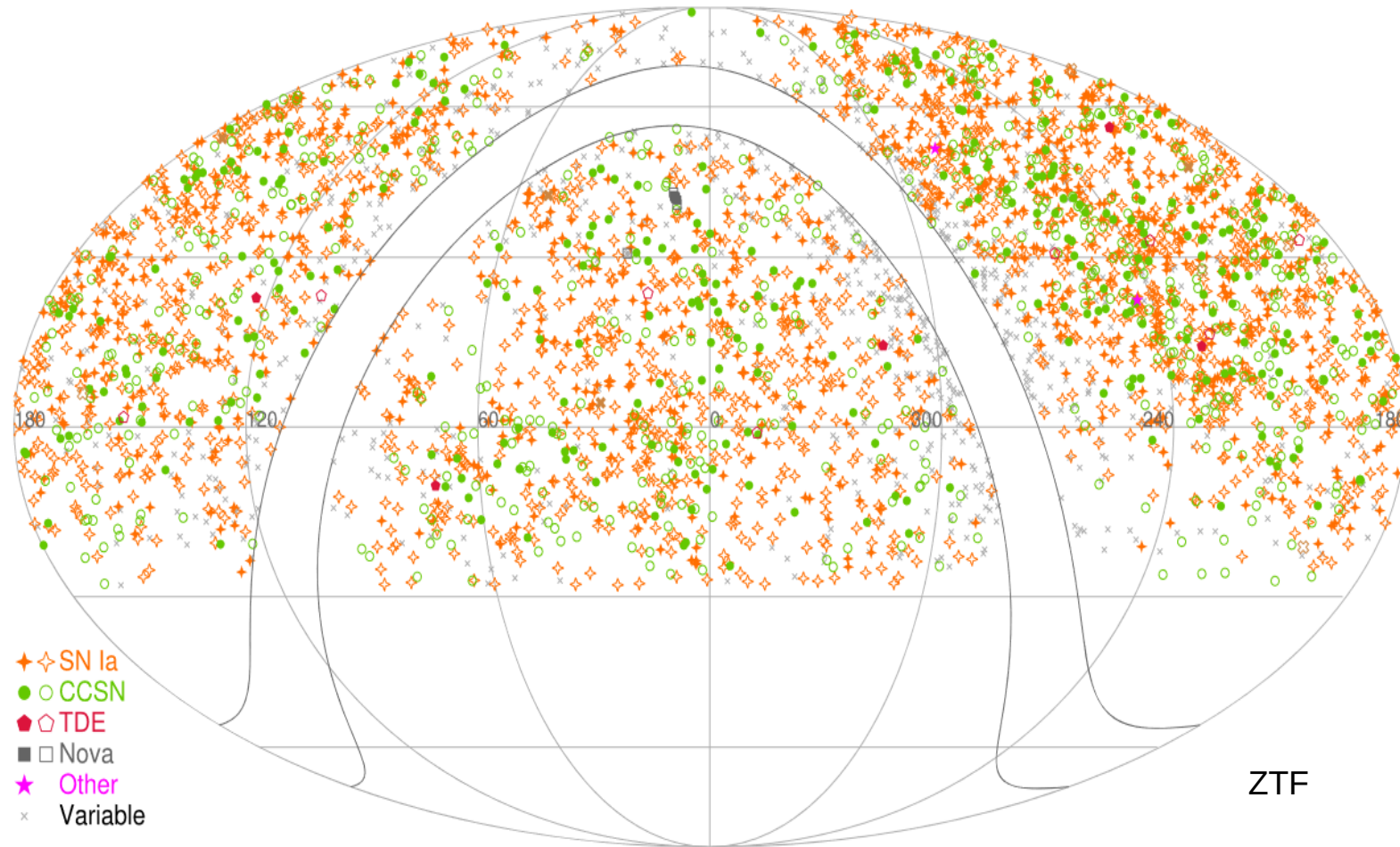
- Explosion energy (E);
- Ejected mass (M_{ej});
- Radius at explosion (R_0);
- Source mechanism – ^{56}Ni mass, magnetar, CSM interaction, etc. – parameters (e. g. M_{Ni} , B_M , P_M , M_{CSM} , R_{CSM} , s , etc.).



Discovery, classification, characterization rates:

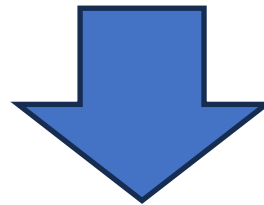
- Transients $\approx 10^4 \text{yr}^{-1}$
- SN Classifications $\approx 10^3 \text{yr}^{-1}$
- Type II SNe $\approx 2 \cdot 10^2 \text{yr}^{-1}$
- **Characterized SNe II $\approx 20 \text{yr}^{-1}$**

LSST survey will increase
the discovery rates of
 $\times 1000 - 2000$



Scientific Rationale:

- Hydrodynamical models capable of characterizing SN events are very **computationally expensive**, limiting their application to fewer SNe than those observed by the surveys (e.g. ZTF, LSST);
- **Coherent statistical studies** of SNe properties using large data samples require fast, general, and accurate post-explosion models applicable to many SN types;



«Fast» modeling procedures for CC-SNe

«Fast» modeling procedures for CC-SNe:

- Post-explosive (semi-)analytical models;
- Modeling procedures for physical characterization of H-rich SNe.

Analytic Light Curve Model

Common hypothesis for SN ejecta:

- spherical symmetry;
- homologous expansion;
- uniform density profile;
- dominant rad. pressure;
- strictly adiabatic solution (like **Arnett 1980-1982**);
- two-zone opacity model (like **Popov 1993**).



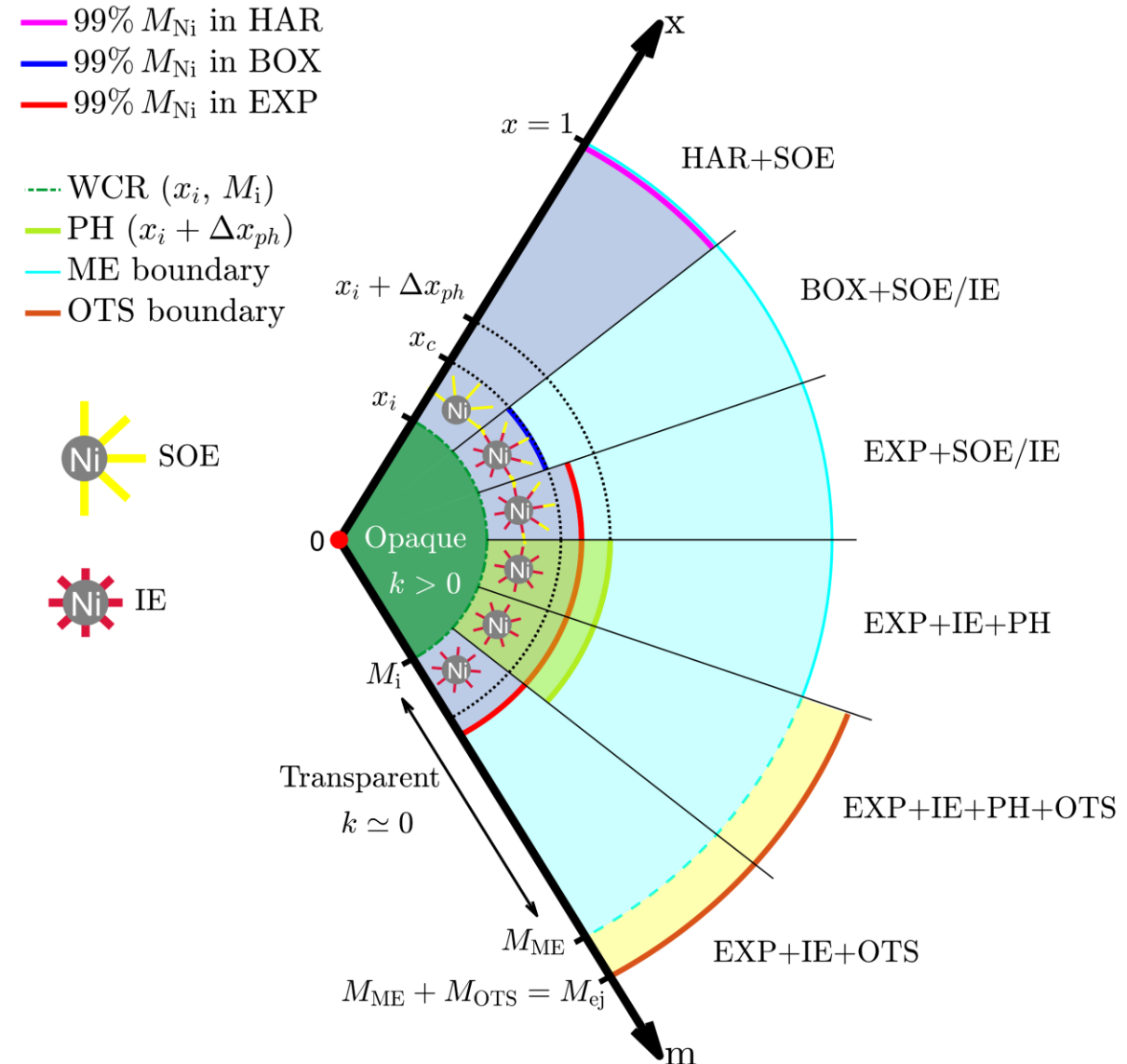
New analytical model:

[Pumo & Cosentino, MNRAS, Vol. 538, 1, pp.223-242 \(2025\)](#)

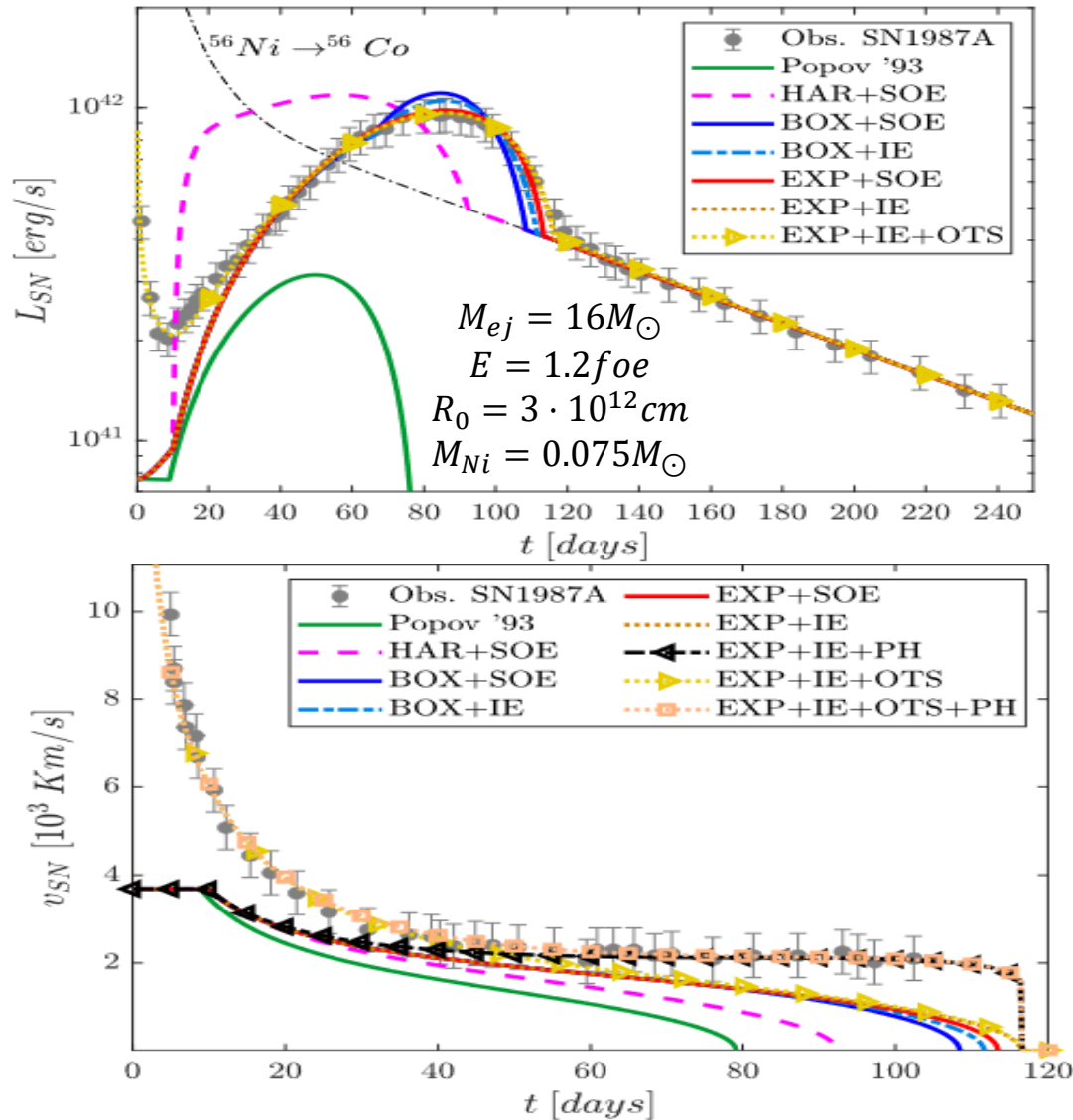
➤ Heating effects of ^{56}Ni decay during the recombination phase:

→ Ni distribution and emission hypothesis (BOX, EXP, SOE, IE)

- Presence of an **Outer Thin Shell** (OTS) above the homologous ejecta:
 - further shell parameters (at least two more)

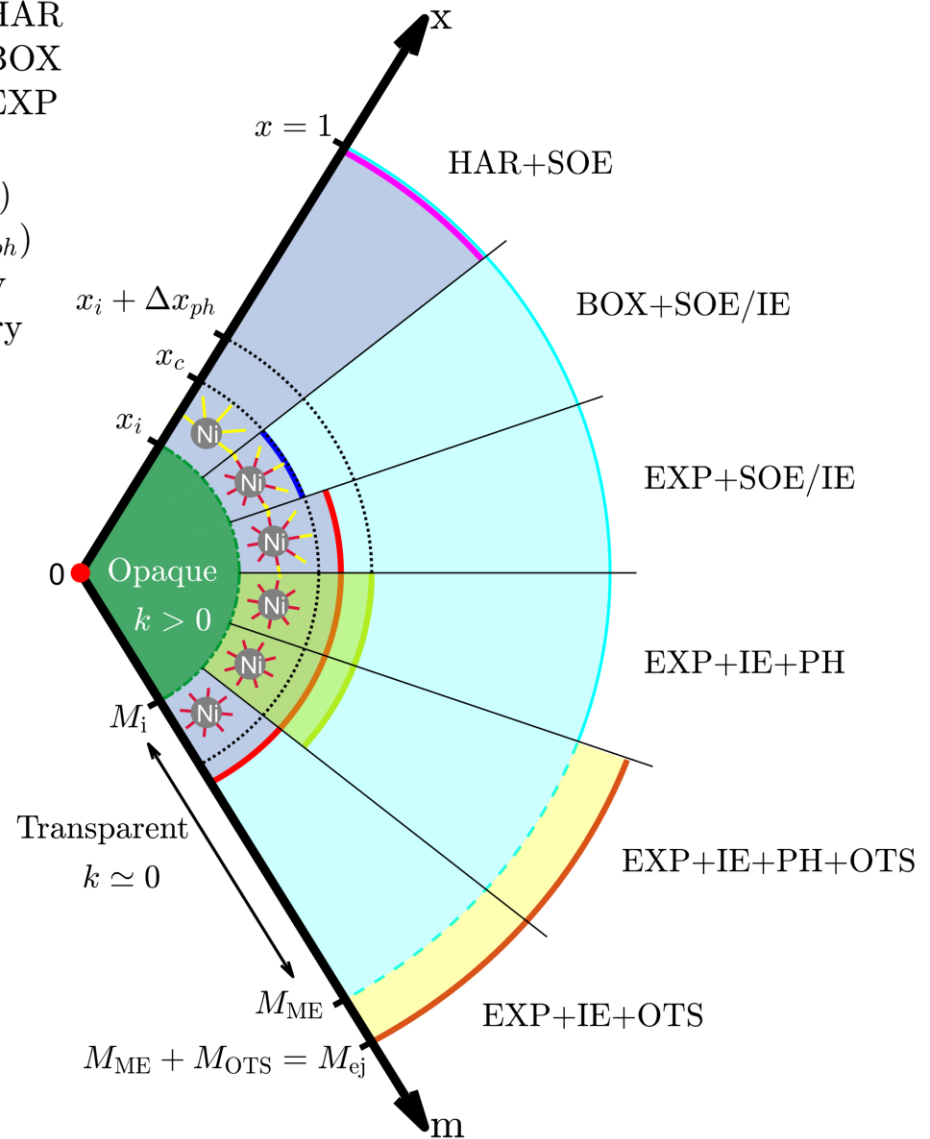
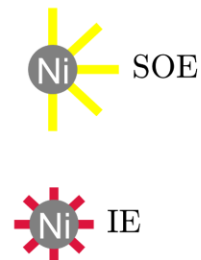


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99% M_{Ni} in HAR
 99% M_{Ni} in BOX
 99% M_{Ni} in EXP

WCR (x_i, M_i)
 PH ($x_i + \Delta x_{ph}$)
 ME boundary
 OTS boundary



Shock luminosity in interacting Supernovae

➤ CSM configuration

$$M_{CSM}, R_{CSM}, s, f_{\Omega}$$

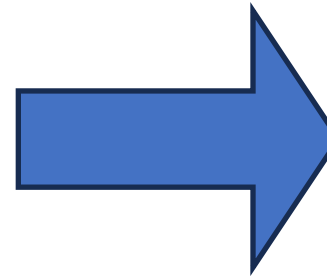
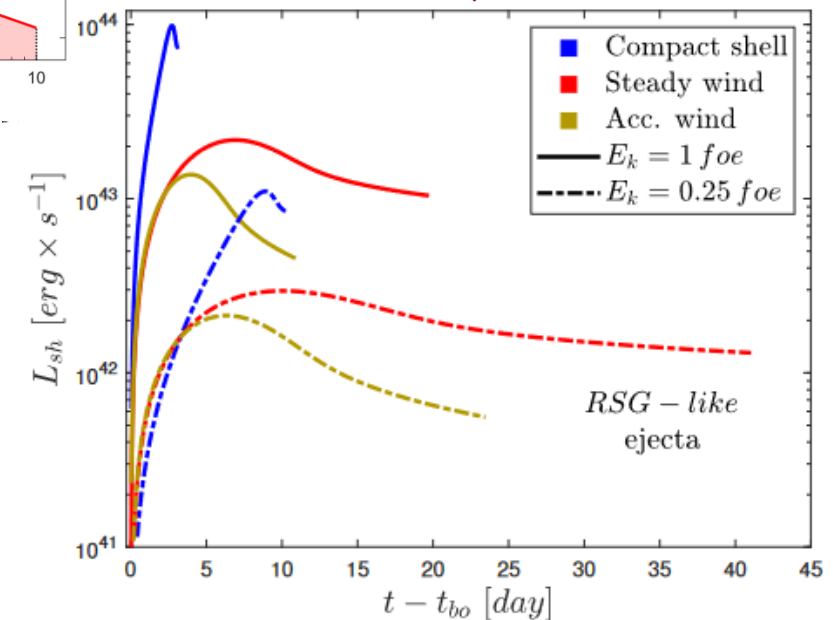
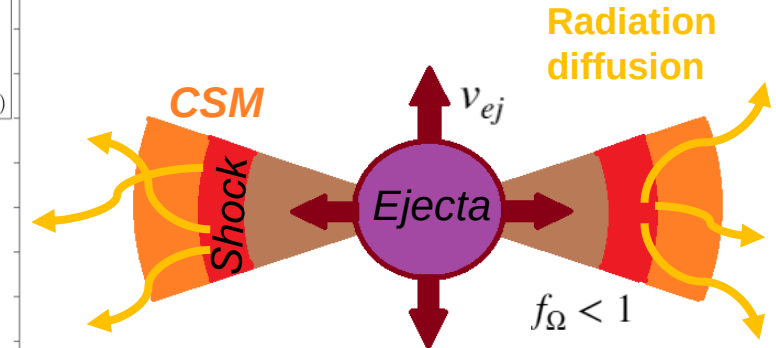
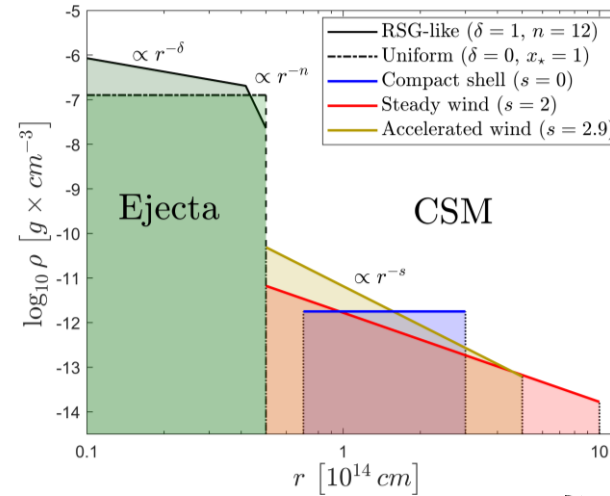
➤ Energy source & Diffusion time:

$$S_{sh} \equiv \frac{9}{2} \pi f_{\Omega} \epsilon_{rad} \rho_{CSM}|_{R_{sh}(t)} v_{sh}^3(t) R_{sh}^2(t).$$

$$t_d \equiv \frac{k_T}{c} \times \int_{R_{sh}}^{R_{ph}} \rho_{CSM}(r) d[(r - R_{sh})^2]$$

➤ Shock luminosity:

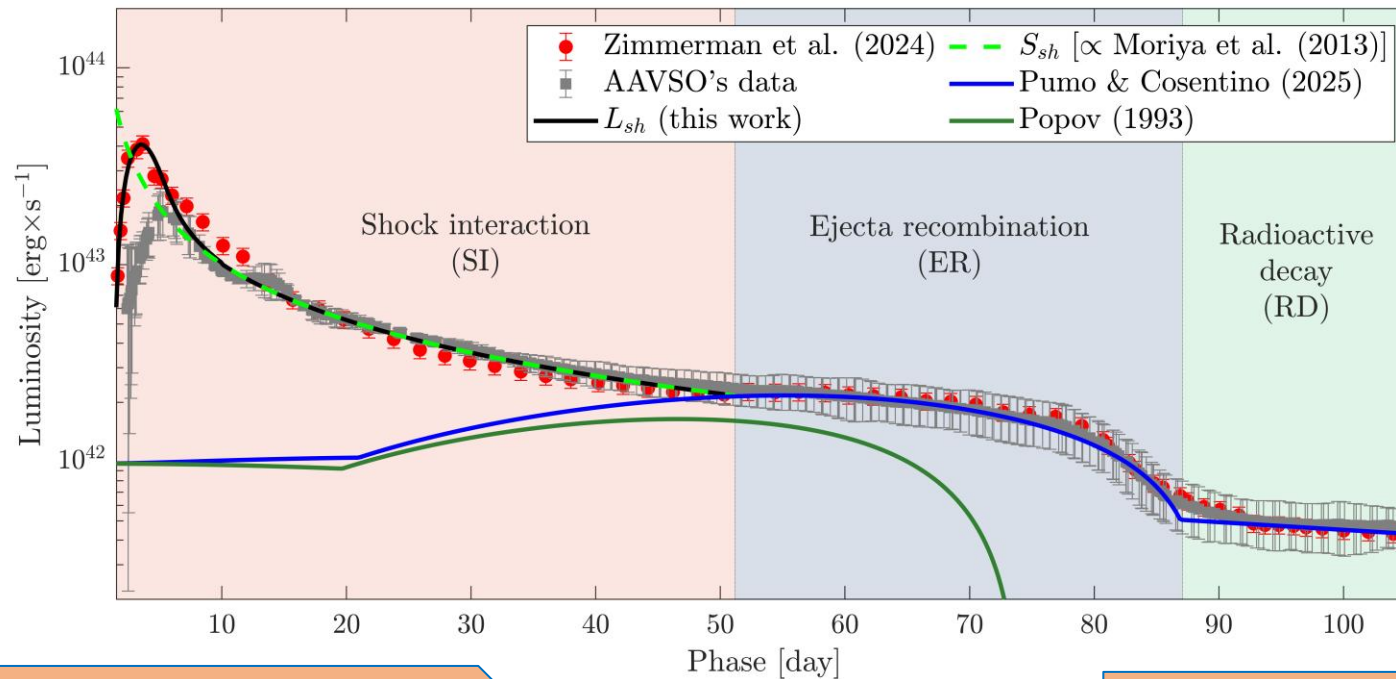
$$L_{sh}(t) = \int_{t_{bo}}^t \frac{S_{sh}(t')}{t_d(t')} \times e^{-(t-t')/t_d(t')} dt',$$



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Application to other H-rich SNe: The case of SN 2023ixf

S.P. Cosentino, M.L. Pumo & S. Cherubini, MNRAS (2025)



SN ejecta parameters

$$M_{ej} = 9 \pm 0.5 M_{\odot}, \quad E = 1.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ foe}$$

$$R_0 = (1.6 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}$$

$$M_{Ni} = 7.3^{+1}_{-0.5} \times 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$$

CSM parameters

$$M_{CSM} = 6.5^{+1.5}_{-1} \cdot 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$$

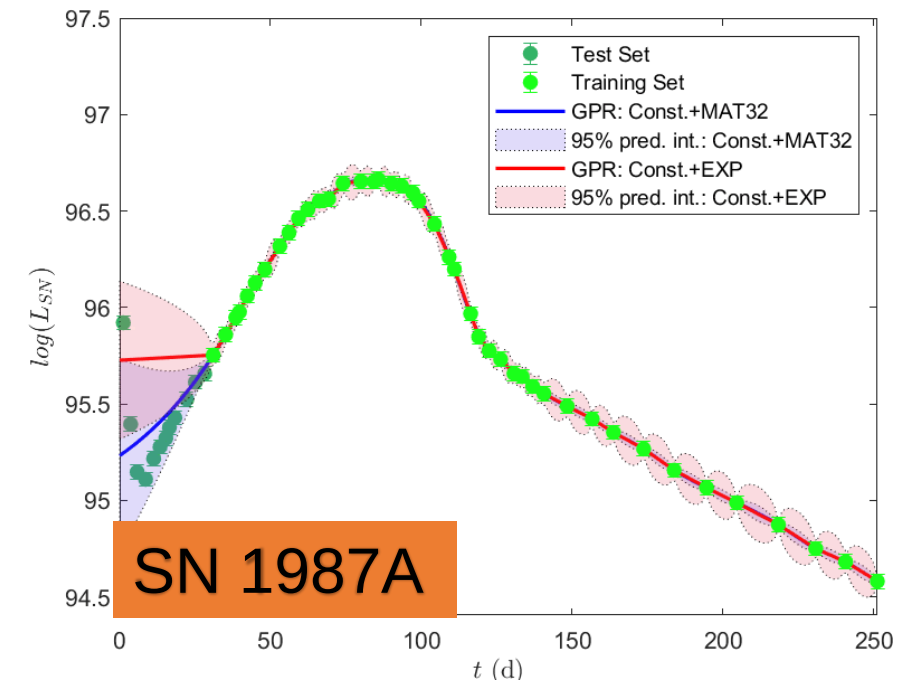
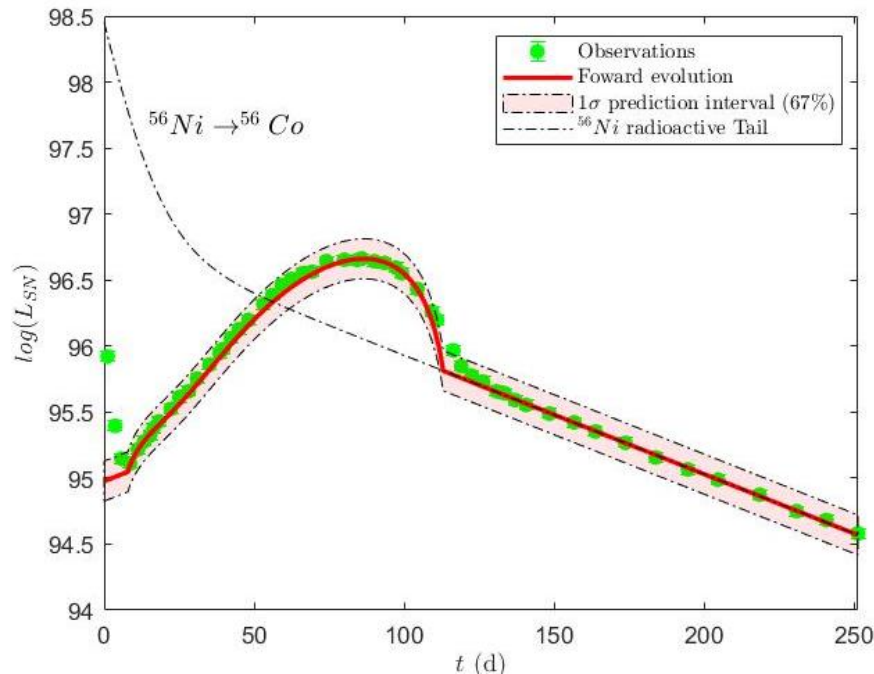
$$R_{CSM} = (3.6 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}$$

$$s = 2.90 \pm 0.03$$

Technical Objectives, Methodologies and Solutions

Data reduction and analysis:

- Sample choice and spectrophotometric reduction;
- Time series reconstruction (Gaussian Process).

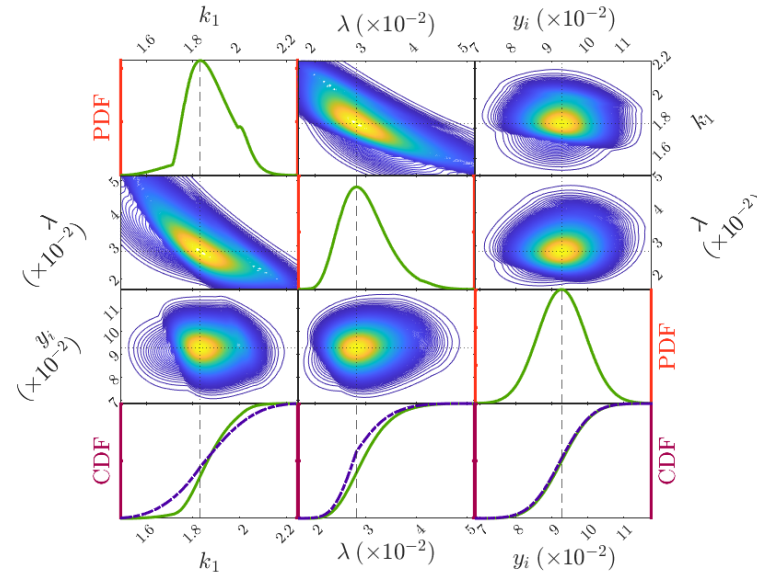
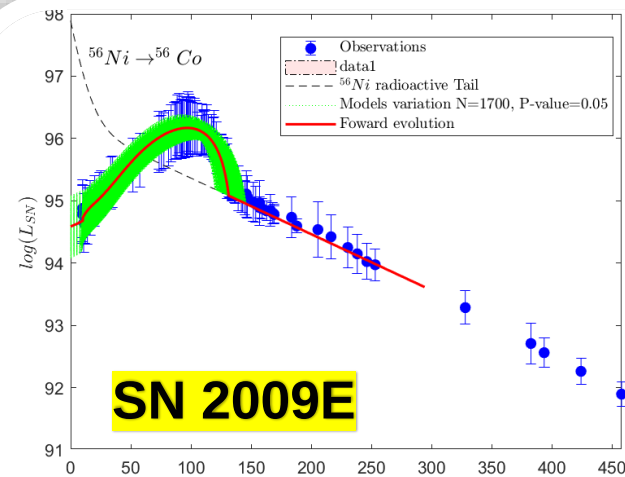
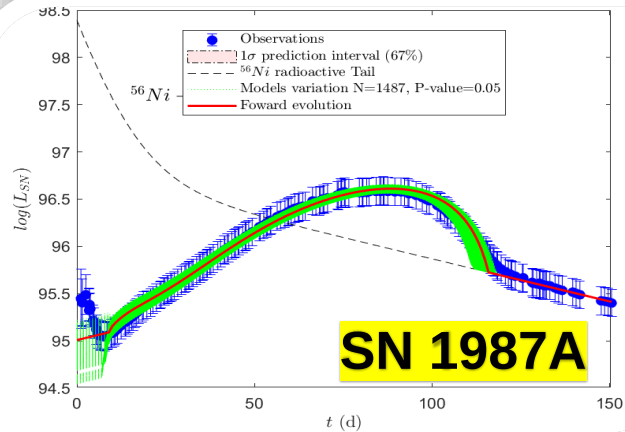


Modelling procedures:

- Monte-Carlo Bayesian Analysis (SuperBAM);
- Machine Learning solutions (Inception-Time model).

Supernova Bayesian Analytic Modeling - SuperBAM

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SuperBAM

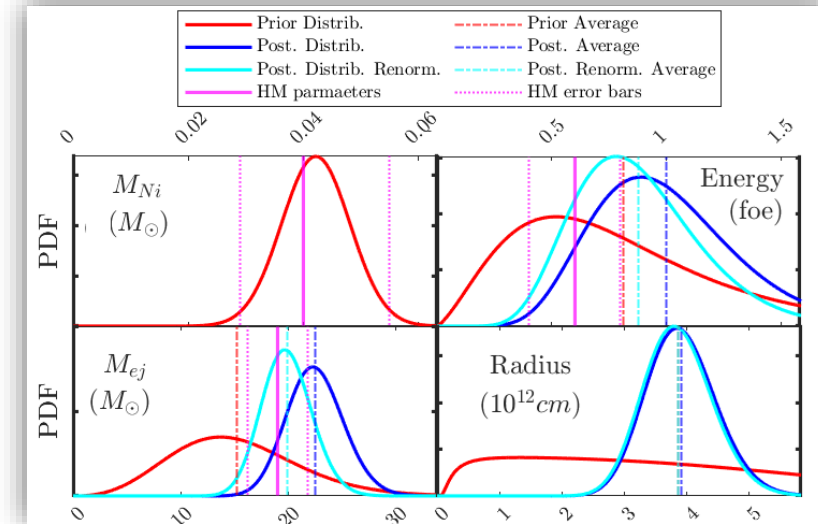
Prior probabilities from scaling relation of
[Pumo, Cosentino, Pastorello et al., MNRAS 521, 4801–4818 \(2023\);](#)
Likelihood function model based on
[Pumo & Cosentino, MNRAS, Vol. 538, 1, pp.223-242 \(2025\).](#)

Likelihood Function

$$P(\bar{L}|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot \prod_{Obs.} \exp \left\{ -\frac{[\log \bar{L}_{Obs.} - \log \bar{L}_{Mod.}(y_{Obs.}, k_1, \lambda, y_{i/f})]^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

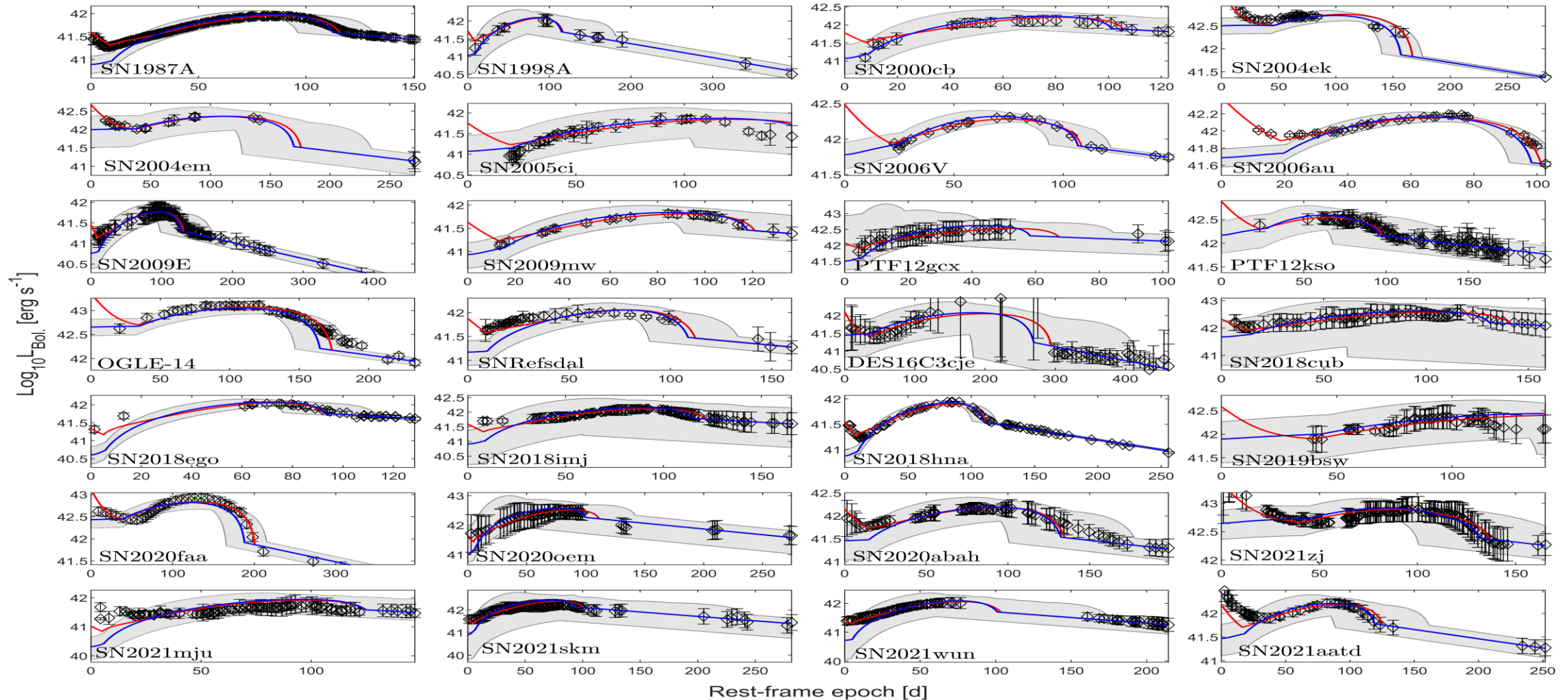
Posterior Probability

$$P(\theta|\log \bar{L}) = N_{norm} \cdot P(\log \bar{L}|\theta) \cdot P(\theta)$$



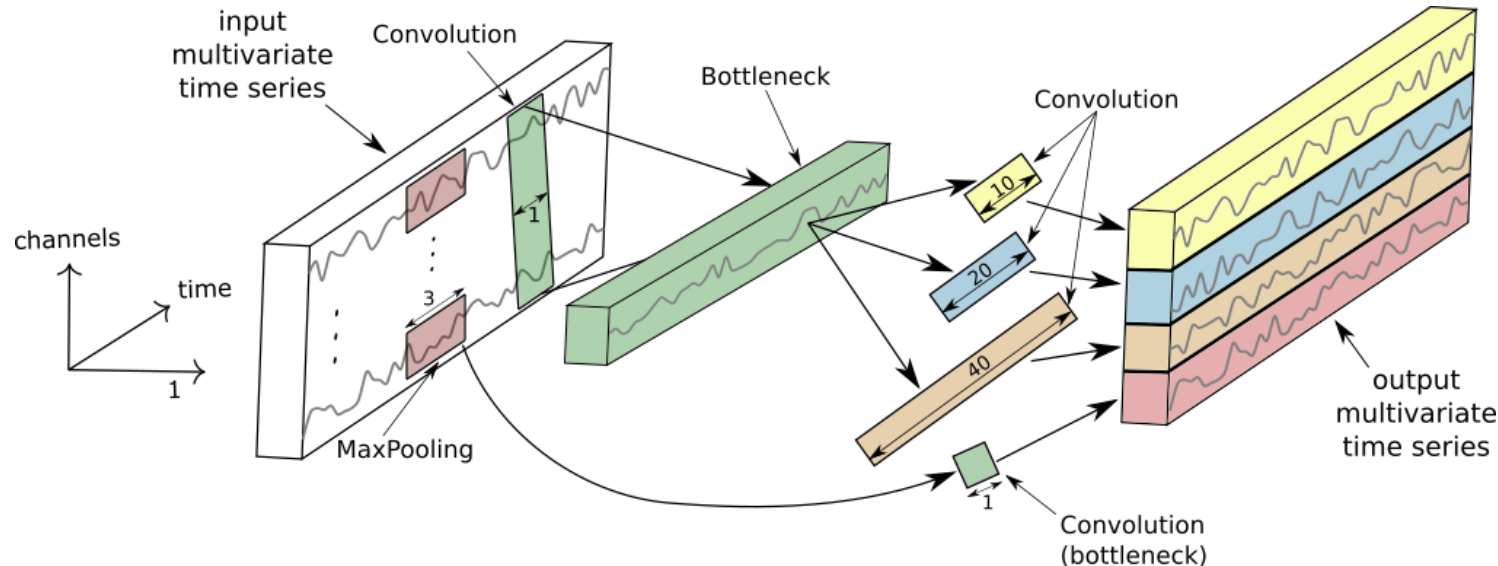
Preliminary results for 28 long-rising SNe

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Machine Learning application: *InceptionTime* model

- **Machine Learning** algorithms trained on **large samples of semi-analytical** models, curriculum learning using numerical hydrodynamical simulations
- **Infer ejecta parameters** with advanced ML tools to speed up the characterization of large **CC-SN sample expected from LSST survey**;



(e.g. [Grassia, S.P. Cosentino, M.L. Pumo, G. Mangioni](#), published in *IEEE PDP2025 Conf. Proc.*)

Accomplished Work, Results

- **Curriculum-learning strategy: models are trained starting with simpler examples and gradually increasing in complexity**, mimicking the human learning process
 - It helps models to generalize better and can lead to faster convergence during training, while also being data efficient
- **Three learning phases:**
 1. **Training on the semi-analitical data, testing on the hydrodynamical observations**
 2. **Training on (a subset of) the hydrodynamical data, validation and testing on the ones left out the training set**
 3. **Training on all the hydrodynamical data, testing on the real-world observations**

Main Results

- First vs second phase result comparison on hydrodynamical data
- Major improvement in results:

Phase	Radius	Mass	Energy	Nickel
1	87%	30%	64%	13%
2	42%	10%	28%	7%

- Real-world data performance:

	Radius	Mass	Energy	Nickel
3	10%	18%	12%	7%

Final steps and future activities

- **Occlusion tests** to highlights the importance of each observed point in **SN Light Curve (LC)** (e.g. *M. Grassia, S.P. Cosentino, M.L. Pumo, G. Mangioni, 2025, Science Advance, to be submitted*);
- Training **GenAI model** designed to capture fundamental relationships between key physical parameters and simulated **LCs for H-rich Interacting SNe** (ASTRAI project);
- Development of **new model** for different types of sourcing functions and ejecta composition, to describe **other class of optical transients** (e.g. ILRT, SLSNe, Ib\c);
- Simulations of **High-Energy neutrinos** in ejecta-CSM interaction, modeling other real SN events to **perform the observation strategies for Large Volume Neutrino Observatories**



Thanks for your attention!

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