# Expansion opacity for SN Ia

How to survive when you need to use more than 10 million spectral lines

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#### **Opacity for Solar composition**



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#### **Opacity for Fe–Co–Ni composition**



### Methods for Light Curve modeling

- Monte Carlo (Lucy; SEDONA–Kasen; Sim, Kromer; Maeda)
- Monochromatic calculation of transfer equations (PHOENIX–Hauschild, Baron; EDDINGTON–Eastman, Pinto; CMFGEN–Hillier, Miller, Dessart)
- Radiative hydrodynamics (STELLA–Blinnikov+)
- Combination of hydrodynamics with MC or monochromatic radiative transport (Noebauer+MPA group)





#### Sim / STELLA (dashes) / SEDONA (dots)



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#### **Expansion opacity**



### **Expansion opacity**

For getting correct fluxes with radiative hydro codes, the correct opacity averaged over frequency bin is very important. (See Castor 2007 for references) We use Eastman & Pinto approximation for t = r/v:

$$\chi_{\rm EP} = \frac{\nu}{\Delta\nu} \frac{1}{ct} \sum_{l} \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\tau_{\rm Sob\ l}\right) \right\}$$

$$\tau_{\text{Sob }l} = \left(\frac{\pi e^2}{mc}\right) (fg)_l \lambda_l \frac{n_{\text{ion}}}{Z_{\text{part}}} e^{-\frac{E_{\text{low}}}{kT}} / \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

#### Number of lines



**BUT** opposite direction!

### **E & P Light Curves**

with additional 450,000 lines



#### **Kasen 2006**

IR light curves for different line lists



#### Different Kurucz line lists (1000 freqs)



#### Different Kurucz line lists (100 freqs)



#### 155k vs. 26M lines (50 freqs)





### 26M line list and its sublists



lg λ, Å

## W7 light curves with different line lists



#### **Opacity Distribution Function Method**

#### Strom & Kurucz 1966



# Sobolev depth distribution function



 $\begin{array}{l} \tau_{3} & \chi_{\mathrm{EP}} \sim \sum_{l} \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\tau_{\mathrm{Sob}\ l}\right) \right\} \\ \tau_{2} & \text{Strong lines: } \chi_{\mathrm{EP}} \sim N_{\mathrm{lines}} \\ & \text{Weak lines: } \chi_{\mathrm{EP}} \sim N_{\mathrm{lines}} \tau_{\mathrm{Sob}}^{\mathrm{avg}} \end{array}$ 

### Grid for the tables

It is important to choose such parameters for the tables that make the tables model-independent.  $N_{\rm lines}(\nu, \tau_{\rm Sob}/(n_{\rm ion}t, T))$  - a table for each ion is needed  $N_{\rm lines}(\nu, \tau_{\rm Sob}/(Y_i \rho t), T, n_e)$  - a table for each

element

#### Grid for the tables

Parameter	Low limit	High limit	N bins
$ au_{ m Sob}/(Y_{ m at} ho t)$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.5\cdot10^{14}$	35
$\lambda$	30 Å	50 000 Å	100
T	2 500 K	150 000 K	201
$n_e$	$10^4 {\rm ~cm^{-3}}$	$10^{16} {\rm ~cm^{-3}}$	49

#### **Opacity: new method vs. LL-calculation**



### Light curves for W7



#### Conclusions

- We have developed a new method of opacity calculation for isotropically expanding medium in Sobolev approximation.
- Opacities and light curves calculated with the new method coincide rather good with the results derived with direct line-by-line integration of opacity.
- The light curve code becomes 2–3 orders of magnitude faster: now it requires 2–3 hours to produce a light curve instead of couple of months for the old version (for a line list of 26 million lines).

#### Conclusions

- We have checked the new method on calculation of SN Ia light curves. The applicability of this method to other types of SNe requires further investigation due to the following reasons:
  - The method is developed for a coasting stage of SN evolution ( $\partial v / \partial r = v / r = 1/t$ );
  - CCSNe produce mostly elements of the intermediate mass; the statistical method gives less accurate resuls for them;
  - CCSNe need wider range of temperatures and densities tabulated.