

Impact sur la cosmologie : simulations

« A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools »

Douglas ADAMS, *Mostly Harmless*

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I.1 Présentation des HOSTLIB

However, the definition of a realistic model is the be questioned. In the pioneer work of [SCOLNIC et KESSLER \(2016\)](#), there were no relationship between SNe and their host galaxy. [POPOVIC et al. \(2021\)](#) and [SMITH et al. \(2020\)](#) introduced a link between the two thanks to a HOSTLIB : a table of 100,000 galaxies made to mimic the actual surveyed galaxies by the different samples. To each galaxy is associated a SN through its main fitted properties such as x_1 or c , which are generated by models of underlying distributions. Yet, this process was directed at guessing what relationship would fit more the data, by using bins of host galaxy masses and minimizing asymmetric Gaussian distributions for each in a backward-modeling way. It's a non-direct method to infer an evolution of an underlying distribution as a function of mass.

Our approach was to use independent data from the SNf sample that uses LsSFR to characterize a galaxy, as explained in Section ??, and make an evolving, analytical model that can then describe higher-redshift SNe in a forward-modeling approach. This method has the aim to be predictive and to better fit the data, as is discussed in Section ?. In order to implement our modeling in this framework, we had to modify the HOSTLIBs on which the simulations are based.

I.1.1 Étirement et couleur globales : SK

[SCOLNIC et KESSLER \(2016\)](#) (ci-après SK) tirent ces paramètres de populations mères définies par des distributions Gaussiennes asymétriques, indépendamment de la relation avec l'hôte.

I.1.2 Étirement et couleur selon la masse : BP

D'un autre côté, [POPOVIC et al. \(2021\)](#) (ci-après BP) définissent des distributions mères selon la masse de la galaxie hôte.

I.1.3 Étirement selon l'âge : NN

Pour notre étude, nous avons besoin de relier l'étirement attribué à la SN avec l'âge de son environnement.

I.1.4 Étirement et marche de magnitude selon l'âge : NR

Finalement, la double implication de l'âge sur les propriétés des SNe a été testée : marche de magnitude en plus.

I.2 Confection des HOSTLIB

In our first analysis, we based our work on a two-populations modeling based on age : a young ($\log(\text{LsSFR}) \geq -10.82$) and an old one ($\log(\text{LsSFR}) < -10.82$). We determined

the underlying stretch distribution for both these populations, and used the evolution of the fraction of young SNe Ia given by

$$\delta(z) = (K^{-1} \times (1+z)^{-2.8} + 1)^{-1} \quad (\text{I.1})$$

we determined a relationship between SNe Ia stretches and redshift. Supposing age is the driving phenomenon behind the different systematics seen in SNe Ia cosmology also implies that SNe Ia have an age step of 0.130 mag rather than a mass step of 0.050 mag. In this work we are trying to generate simulations to ponder the impact of these systematics on the determination of cosmological parameters, and notably w .

In order to simulate SNe, we require a host galaxy to follow the distributions of what has been observed by the different simulated surveys. While we argue that LsSFR is a better tracer of a SN's environment ([BRIDAY 2021](#)), most survey characterize galaxies using their stellar mass. Therefore, to compare the implication of our modeling based on LsSFR with what other surveys observed, we need to modelize galaxy masses with respect to LsSFR using the same sample as described in Chapitre ??.

I.2.1 Modélisation du lien entre masse et redshift

Following [NICOLAS et al. \(2021\)](#), we use the LsSFR as the tracer of the age of a SN on the mass estimates from SNf, then model the young and old population through a series of different parameterizations and pick the lowest AIC one. However, SNf masses were computed using Eq. 8 of [Taylor 2011](#) (see [Rigault 20](#)) while other surveys from the Pantheon catalog use different techniques of mass estimation that might give different output values for a same galaxy. The estimate from Taylor involves the absolute i -band AB-magnitude M_i . It is deduced from the apparent magnitude m_i knowing the galaxy's redshift but assumes that the observed i band is close to the restframe one, which is true for the SNf redshifts which are below z 0.05. Surveys from the Pantheon sample are at higher redshifts and used SED to avoid K-corrections in that procedure. In order to maintain coherence between the mass modeling based on SNf data and the masses measured in the Pantheon surveys we will simulate, we needed to use the same method for each object. We thus chose to use SED fitting for everyone.

A few words about SED fitting

Based on the shape of the M_{host} vs LsSFR scatter plot, different modelings were implemented. There are referred to by the number of Gaussian functions, Mean values and Sigma values that compose their mathematical behavior. For instance, a modeling having 1 symmetric Gaussian with different means for each population is labeled 2G2M2S. A total of 8 modelings have been tested for this study :

- 1G1M1S also simply named *Gaussian*, a pure redshift-independent and age-independent Gaussian modeling ;
- 1G1M2S or *Asymmetric*, using a unique asymmetric Gaussian ;
- 2G2M2S or *Howell*, based on the work from [HOWELL07](#) and previously described ;
- 2G2M3S with one Gaussian for the young population and one asymmetric Gaussian for the old one ;

TABLE I.1 – Comparison of the relative ability of each model to describe the data. For each considered model, we report whether the model is drifting, its number of free parameters, $-2 \ln(L)$ (see Eq. I.2), the AIC and the AIC difference (ΔAIC) between this model and the base model used as reference because it has the lowest AIC.

Name	drift	k	Fiducial sample (569 SNe)			Conservative sample (422 SNe)		
			$-2 \ln(L)$	AIC	ΔAIC	$-2 \ln(L)$	AIC	ΔAIC
Asym Howell	$\delta(z)$	6	1538.7	1550.7	–	1197.4	1209.4	–
Howell	$\delta(z)$	4	1546.6	1554.6	–4.0	1205.0	1213.0	–3.6
Asym+Howell	$\delta(z)$	5	1546.5	1556.5	–5.8	1204.8	1214.8	–5.4
Asymmetric	–	3	1593.1	1599.1	–48.5	1248.6	1254.6	–45.2
Gaussian	–	2	1608.3	1612.3	–61.6	1258.2	1262.2	–52.8

- 2G2M4S or *Asymmetric Howell* with one asymmetric Gaussian per population ;
- 3G3M3S or *Free Base*, close to the base model of **NR21** with a single Gaussian for the young population and a Gaussian mixture for the old population, each having a different mean ;
- 3G3M4S using Free Base with a mixture of Gaussian and asymmetric Gaussian ;
- 4G4M4S or *Double Howell*, having one Gaussian mixture for each population.

I.2.2 Mass modeling results

Each one of these modelings is adjusted on the whole Pantheon dataset, following the procedure in Section 3 of **NR21** depending on the presence of LsSFR measurments in each sub-survey. The results are gathered in Table I.1 where

$$-2 \ln(L) = -2 \sum_i \ln \mathcal{P} \left(x_1^i \mid \vec{\theta}; dx_1^i, y^i \right). \quad (\text{I.2})$$

and

$$\text{AIC} = -2 \ln(L) + 2k, \quad (\text{I.3})$$

Due to unrealistically small errors on the last three modelings thus holding no physical meaning, we discarded them in the analysis regardless of their fitting quality. We used the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC, **BURNHAM01**) to compare each model’s ability to properly describe the observations, penalizing additionnal degrees of freedom to avoid overfitting the data. After computation, the best, lowest-AIC model is the Asymmetric Howell modeling, in which the mass distribution of the younger population ($\log(\text{LsSFR}) \geq -10.82$) and the older population ($\log(\text{LsSFR}) < -10.82$) are modeled as asymmetric Gaussians $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma_{-y,o}^2$ if $x_1 < \mu$, else $\sigma_{+y,o}^2$). A graphical representation is shown Fig. I.1. The parameters value we found are summarized Table I.2.

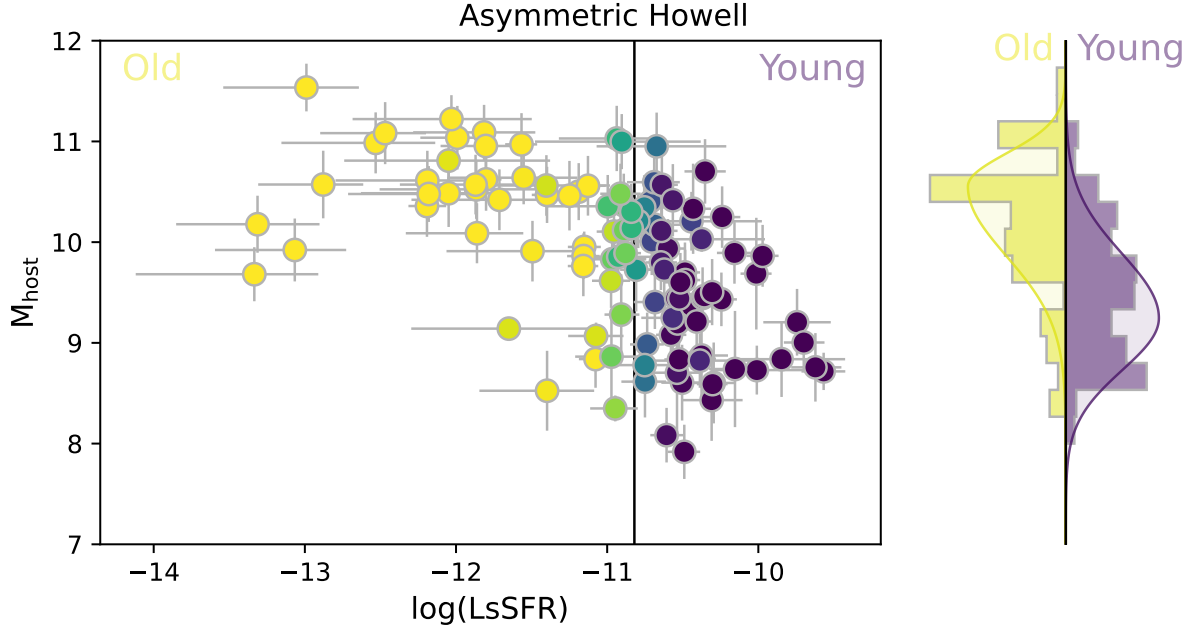


FIGURE I.1 – *Main* : SED-fitted host mass (M_{host}) as a function of the LsSFR for SNfactory SNe. The color corresponds to the probability, p_y , for the SNe Ia to be young, i.e., to have $\log \text{LsSFR} \geq -10.82$ (see [RIGAULT et al. 2020](#)). *Right* : p_y -weighted histogram of the SN masses, as well as the adjusted model; contributions of the younger and older population are shown in purple and yellow, respectively.

TABLE I.2 – Best-fit values of the parameters for the mass distribution model when applied to the SNfactory dataset only (114 SNe Ia).

Sample	μ_y	$\sigma_{-,y}$	$\sigma_{+,y}$	μ_o	$\sigma_{-,o}$	$\sigma_{+,o}$
SNFactory	9.34 ± 0.10	0.51 ± 0.07	0.95 ± 0.07	10.74 ± 0.48	0.48 ± 0.06	0.39 ± 0.06
Fiducial	9.34 ± 0.10	0.51 ± 0.07	0.95 ± 0.07	10.74 ± 0.48	0.48 ± 0.06	0.39 ± 0.06
Conservative	9.23 ± 0.10	0.47 ± 0.07	0.96 ± 0.07	10.61 ± 0.48	0.41 ± 0.06	0.44 ± 0.06

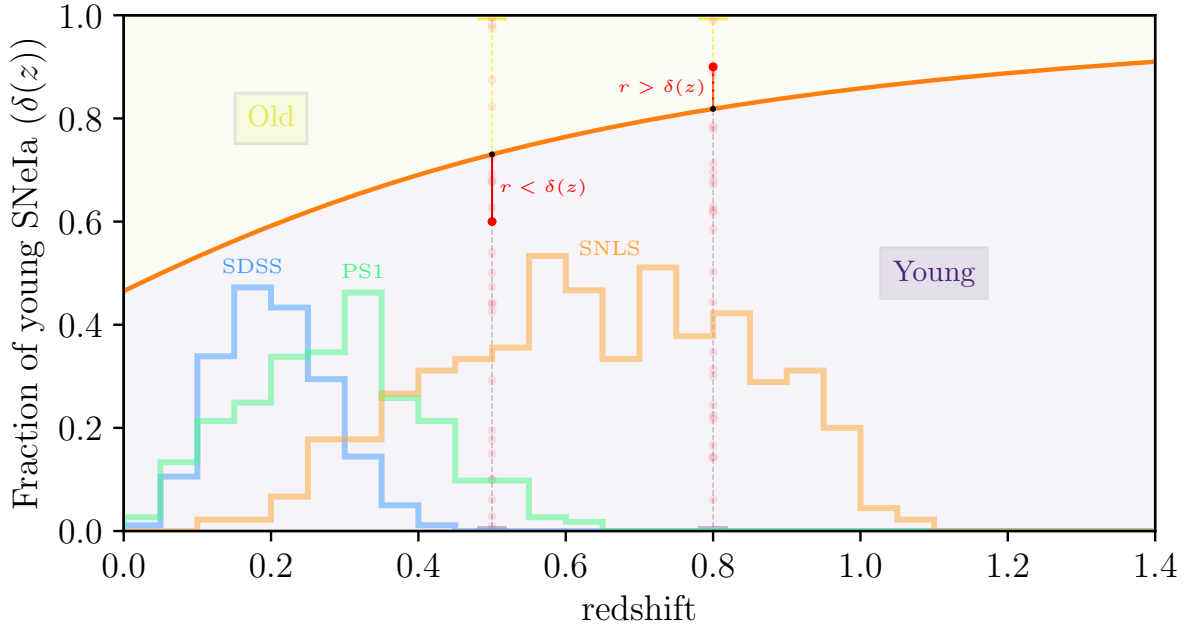


FIGURE I.2 – *Orange* : Estimated fraction of young SNe as a function of redshift. *Histograms* : Number of SNe in bins of redshift for the 3 main surveys of the Pantheon sample, not scaled. *Red vertical lines* : For each z , a random number a between 0 and 1 is picked : if it’s lower (higher) than $\delta(z)$ at that redshift then the SN will be young (old), and the distributions of mass and stretch to pick from will follow this flag.

I.2.3 Input generation

Having the two modelings for mass and stretch allows us to pick a redshift and generate a mass and a stretch value. This will in turn give us the ability to match the HOSTLIB’s masses and replace the stretch values by our **N21** modeling’s predictions. This is done with the *SNprop* Python module¹. Given a redshift or lists of redshift, it takes the expected fraction of young stars using $\delta(z)$ from Eq. I.1 then sets a “young” or “old” flag by picking a random value r between 0 and 1 and comparing it to said fraction. If $r < \delta(z)$, then the simulated SN will be young and conversely. The higher the z , the higher the $\delta(z)$, and thus the higher the probability to flag it young. A graphical explanation is given Fig. I.2. Stretch and mass values are then generated with the previous modelings depending whether the progenitor is considered young or old.

Diagnostics

I.3 Implémentation

In order to see the impact of our modeling in the inferred w value, we first needed to get on-par with the current best work on that matter, working closely with the SNANA team to recreate the results of **P21** before using our HOSTLIB.

1. <https://github.com/MickaelRigault/snprop>

TABLE I.3 – Number of data in Pantheon and relative ratio with respect to the smallest sample, LOWZ

Survey	Number	Ratio/LOWZ
LOWZ	172	1.00
SDSS	335	1.95
PS1	279	1.62
SNLS	236	1.37

I.3.1 Description of the tests

We defined 4 ways to simulate SNe depending on the assumptions that can be made. First, “SK” based on **SK16** where there are no link between a SN and its host galaxy (in practice using a HOSTLIB without taking the additionnal correlations into account). Then, “BP” based on **P21** where the x_1 and c parameters of the HOSTLIB are generated by asymmetric Gaussian modelings adjusted to reproduce the observed distributions in nature. The first new HOSTLIB, dubbed “NN”, is based on BP but replacing the x_1 values following the previously described procedure, effectively adding one of the consequences of supposing age as the leading factor between SNe and their environment. The second new HOSTLIB is dubbed “NR”, but adds an age column defined by $\text{age} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r < \delta(z) \\ 1 & \text{if } r > \delta(z) \end{cases}$ as discussed in Section I.2.3, and an step column in which we associate a step of ± 0.065 mag for young and old SNe respectively. This step value stems from the other implication of age as the driving phenomenon under the SNe Ia correlations, defined in **R21 ? B21 ?**.

In order to replicate the actual datasets on which our stretch model was based on, i.e. the Pantheon dataset **what do we do of LOWZ?**, we implemented two approaches of simulation :

- 1) using one DATA sample with (FIND NUMBER) SNe and a unique huge BIASCOR sample of (FIND NUMBER), simulations stamped “FULL” hereafter ;
- 2) and a collection of 500 already sample-sized DATA samples that are each corrected with the same BIASCOR sample.

For each of them, finding the scaling factor of NGEN (describe) for each survey proved crucial to the study. They were computed to have approximately the same ratio of DATA between surveys at the end of the fitting stage than in Pantheon, that is shown Table I.3.

LOWZ needed to anchor HD

Melting pot of things to talk about, maybe some in appendix :

- Different HOSTLIBs depending on the survey (lowz, highz) ;
- Plot HOSTLIBs parameters
- Weighmaps, plot them
- Talk about NGENs and how they are made to fit to the ratio in Pantheon

* Check differences between NN/NR and SK/BP

- * It might be that having to up the NGENs of non-LOWZ surveys in NN/NR wrt SK/BP while keeping LOWZ's NGEN to 20.0 could be a result about the impact of this modeling on the generated number of low redshift SNe
- Inputs :
 - * $H_0 = 70,0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
 - * $\alpha = 0.145$;
 - * $\beta = 3.1$;
 - * $w = -1$;
 - * $\Omega_m = 0.315$;
 - * $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.685$
- Spectroscopic efficiencies
- In inputs :
 - * GENMODEL : SALT2.JLA-B14 for all but LOWZ : SALT2.WFIRST-H17
 - * Intrinsic scatter : G10
 - * $\text{SNR} > 4$ or 2
 - * CUTWIN_NEPOCH = 5 -5
 - * GENFILTERS? GENRANGE_REDSHIFT?
 - * GENMEAN, RANGE, SIGMA for x_1 , c , α β ?
- For LCFIT stage, $\text{SNRMAX} = 5$ for LOWZ, not the others, beware cosmological parameters in that stage
- Role of biascor samples
- Flavors of biascor samples :
 - * 1D
 - * 5D
 - * 7D

I.3.2 Comparing tests on simulations

Before comparing the w v Ω_m values, we looked at the correspondence between simulated data and actual data to ensure the improvement of our LsSFR-based approach. The main idea being the evolution of the underlying stretch distribution as a function of redshift, we represented x_1 v z in log-scale using a 2D hexagonal colored histogram for the simulated data and dots for the Pantheon values. We also looked at the x_1 v M_{host} plot to ponder the relationship these two main characteristics of the SNe Ia on one hand and the host galaxies on the other (see I.3). We then computed a 2D kernel of each set of parameters based on the simulations and determined the associated χ^2 between the data and the kernels. The results are summarized in Table I.4 and the code in the *SNprop* module.

The numerical values follow what was already clear on the figures : it fits best.

FIGURE I.3 – *Top* : 2D hexagonal histograms of the simulated data using the P21 setup in color (left : x_1 v z , right : x_1 v M_{host}) and actual Pantheon data in blue points. *Bottom* : same data but 2D hexagonal histograms of the simulated program using the N21 improved HOSTLIB.

TABLE I.4 – Comparison of the relative ability of each HOSTLIB implementation to describe the data. For each HOSTLIB a 2D KDE is computed from the simulated data and used to determine said χ^2 .

HOSTLIB	χ^2	
	x_1 v z	x_1 v M_{host}
P21	????	????
N21	????	????

I.4 Résultats

What we want is not so much w than Δw wrt. best current work. We find x% and here are the contours.

I.5 Discussion

We expected to have a higher/lower, and we got that.

I.6 Conclusion

Should be nice.

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