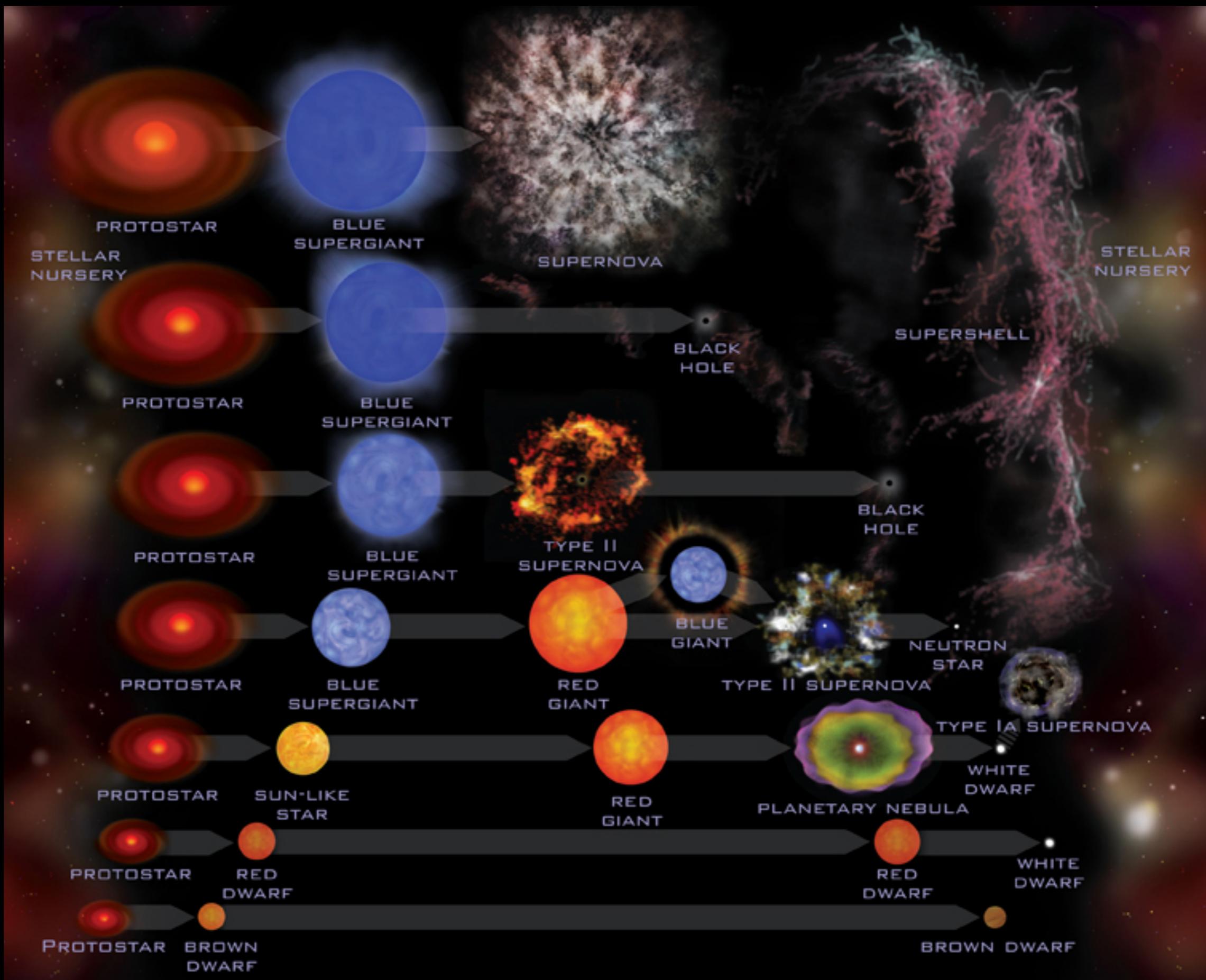


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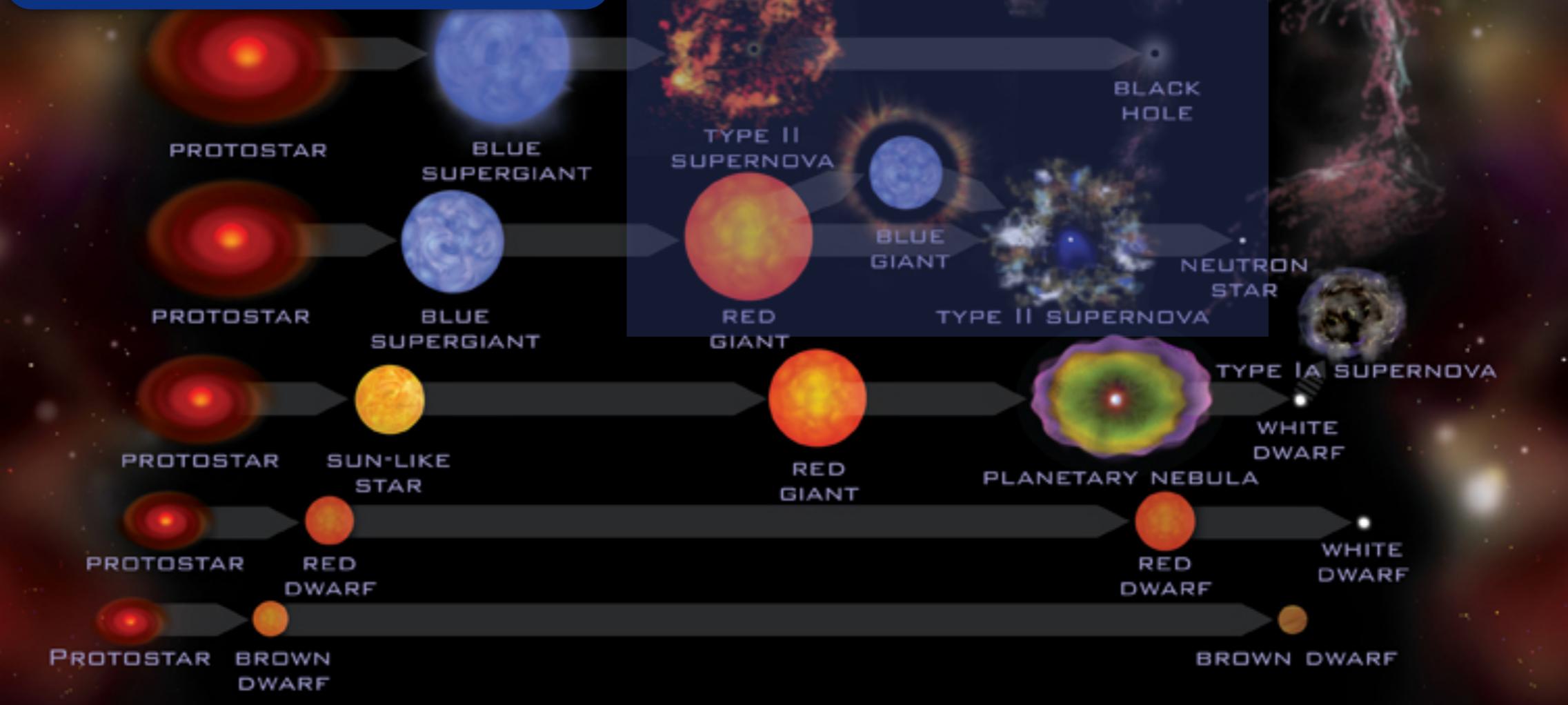
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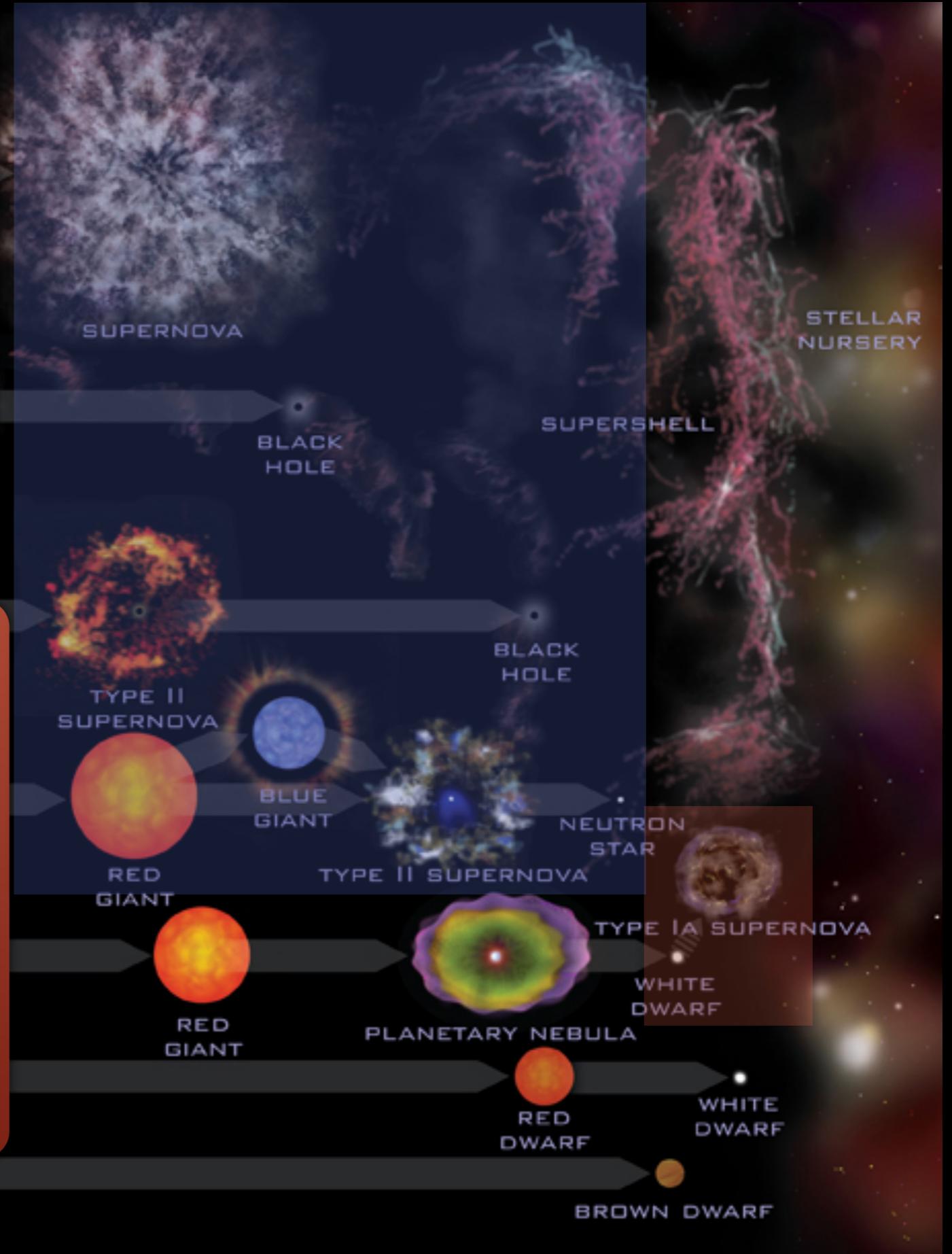
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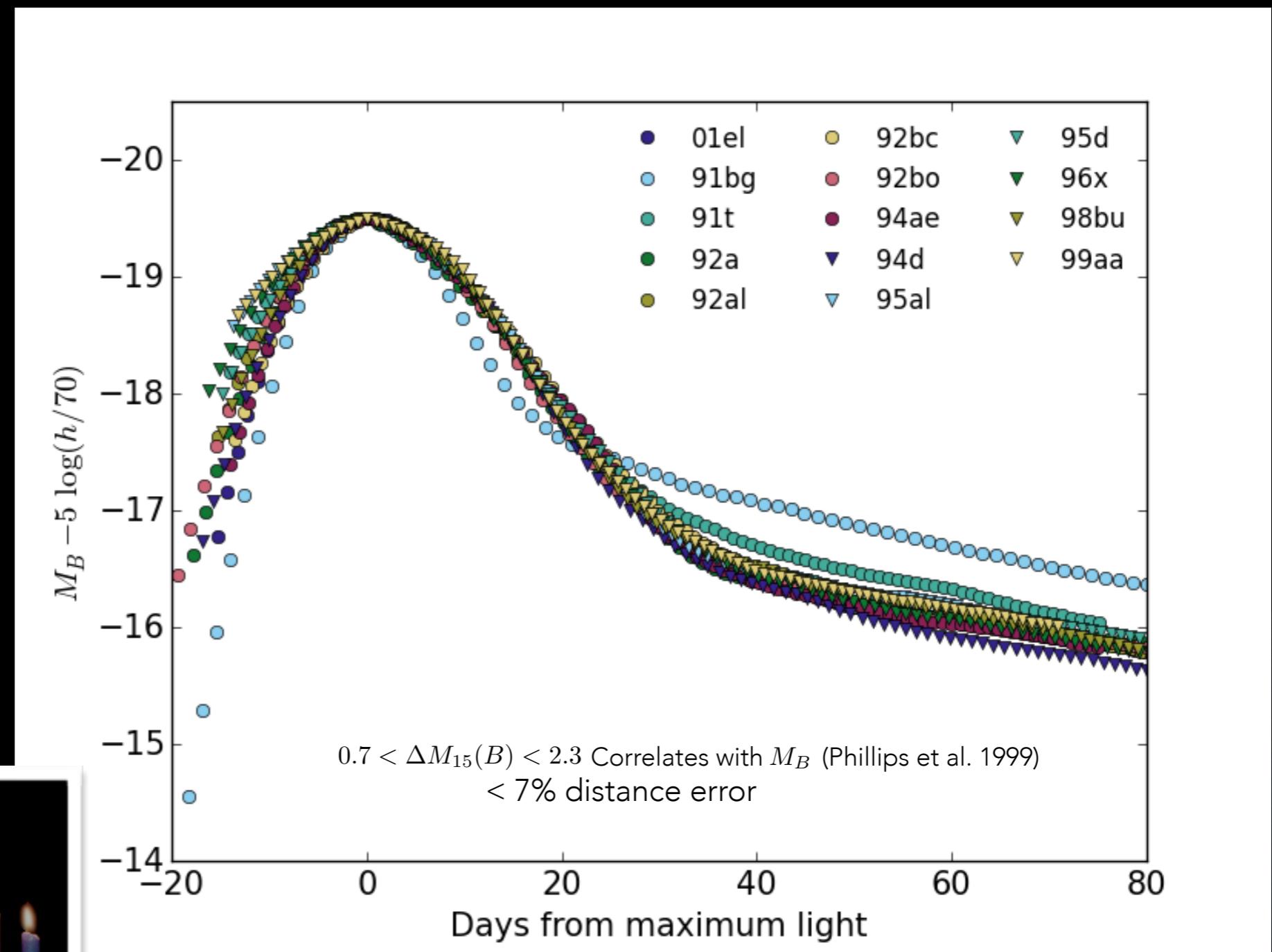
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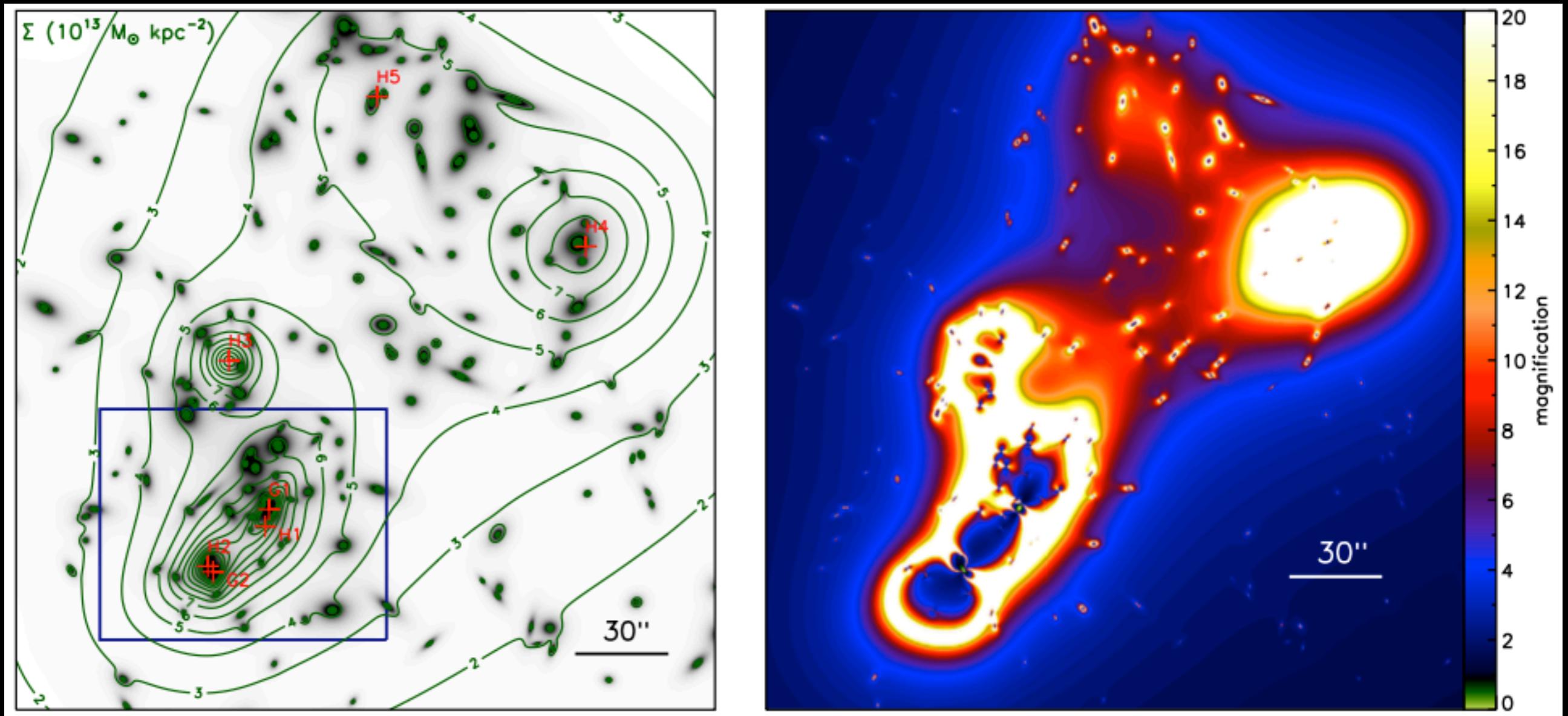
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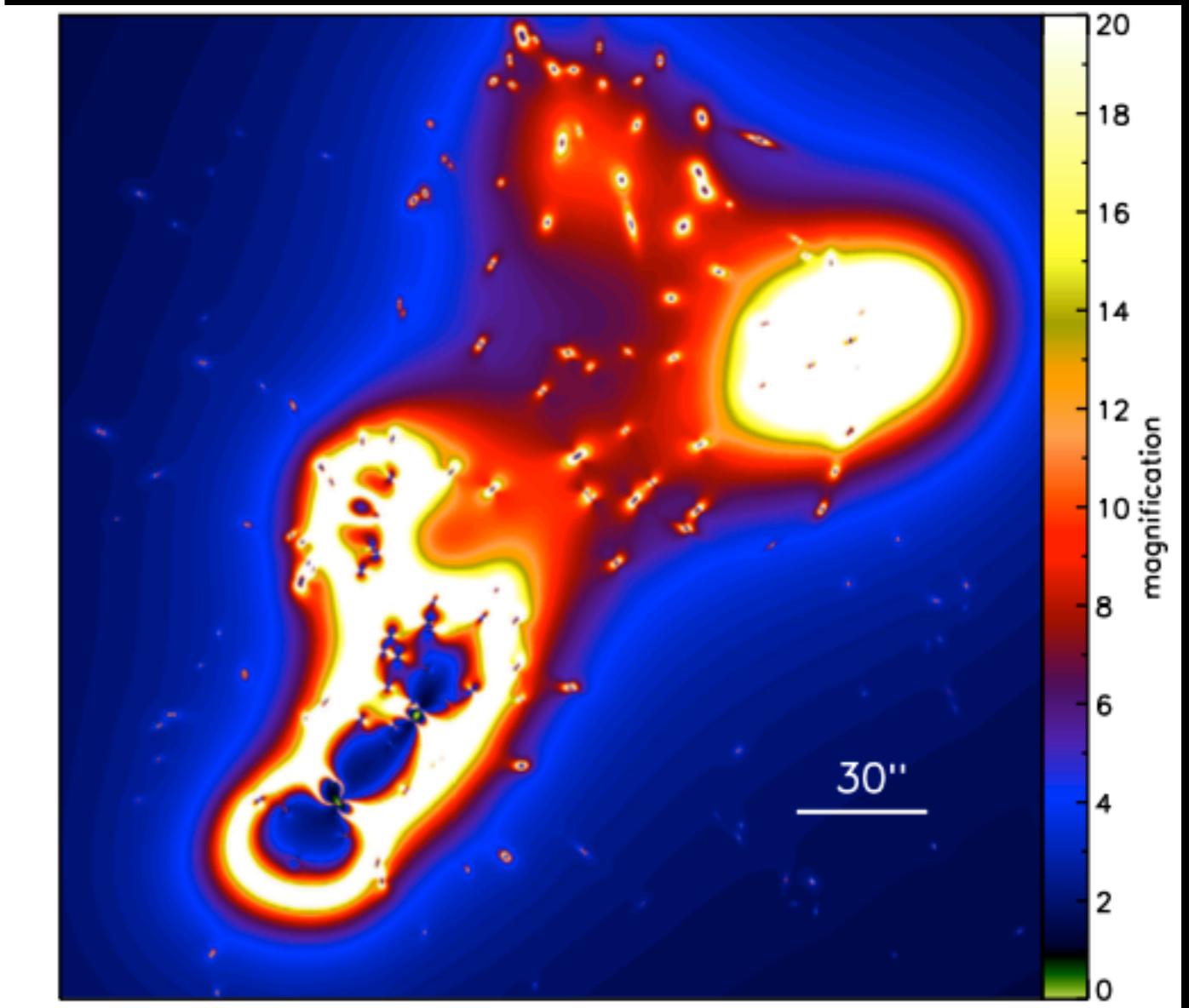
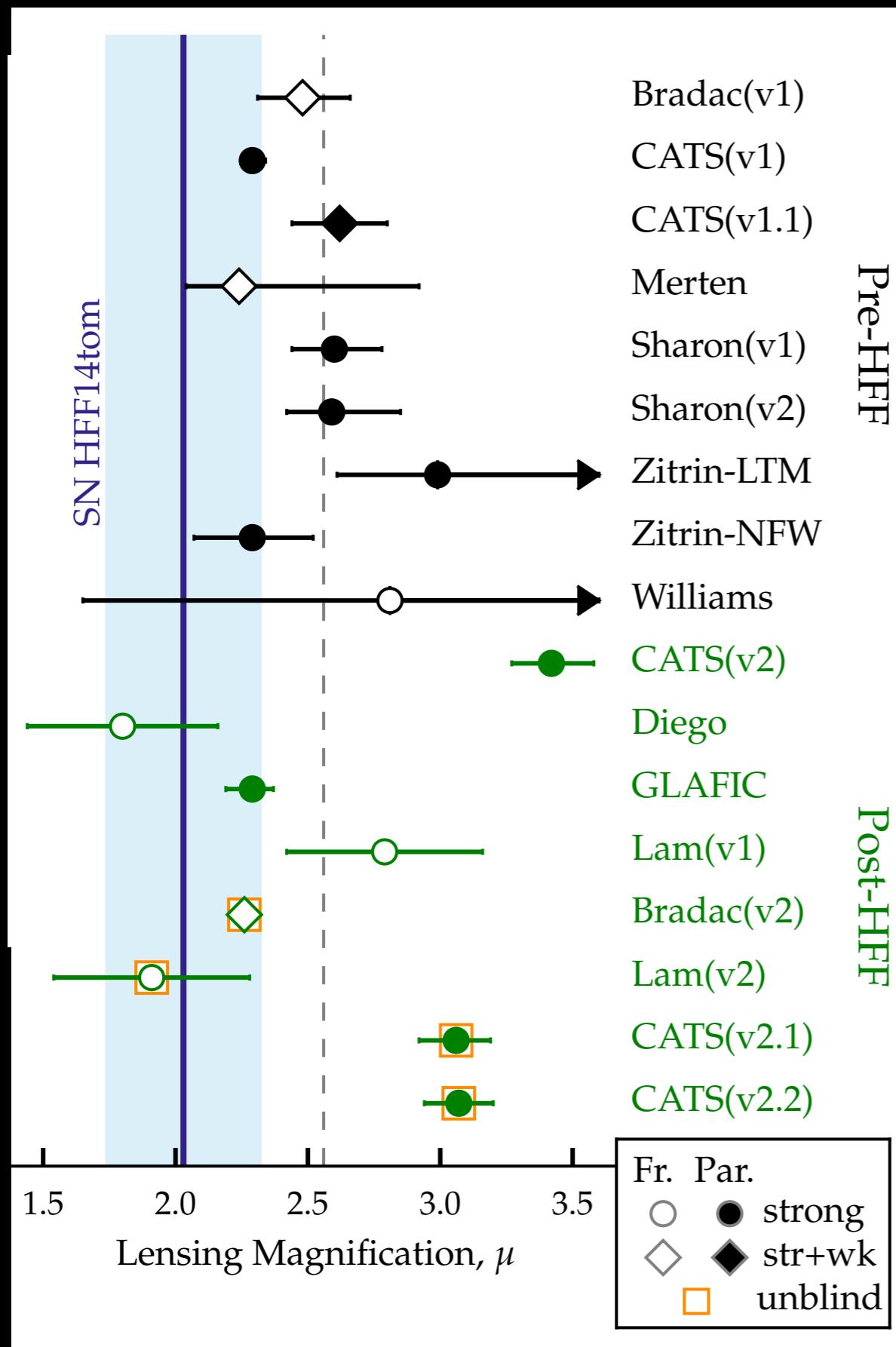


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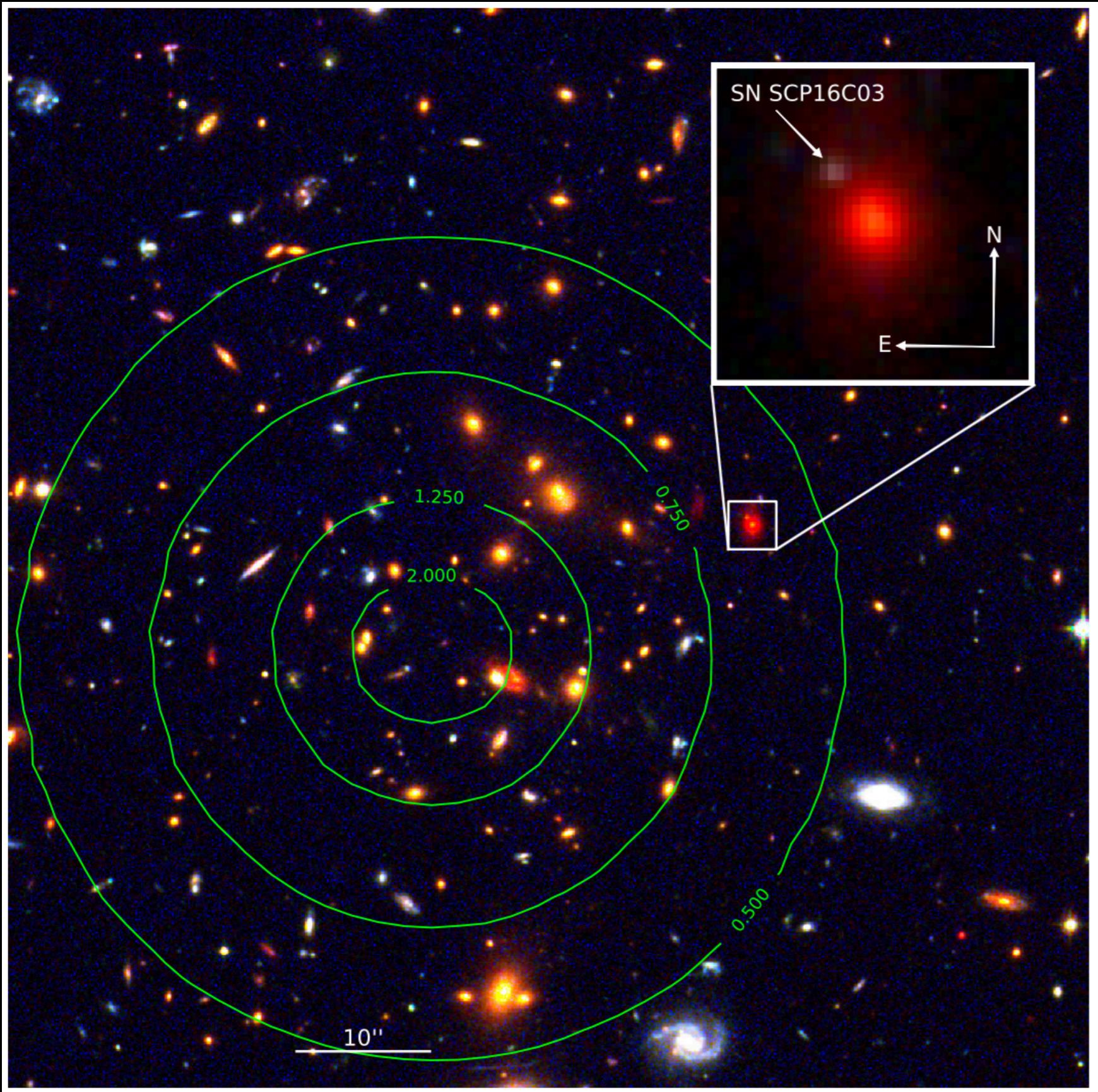
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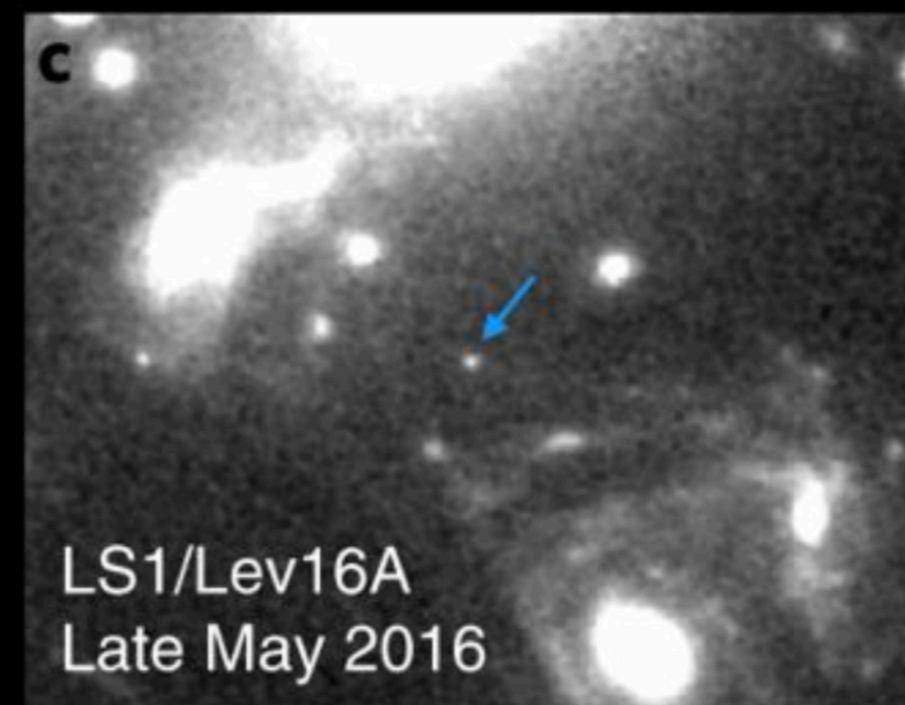
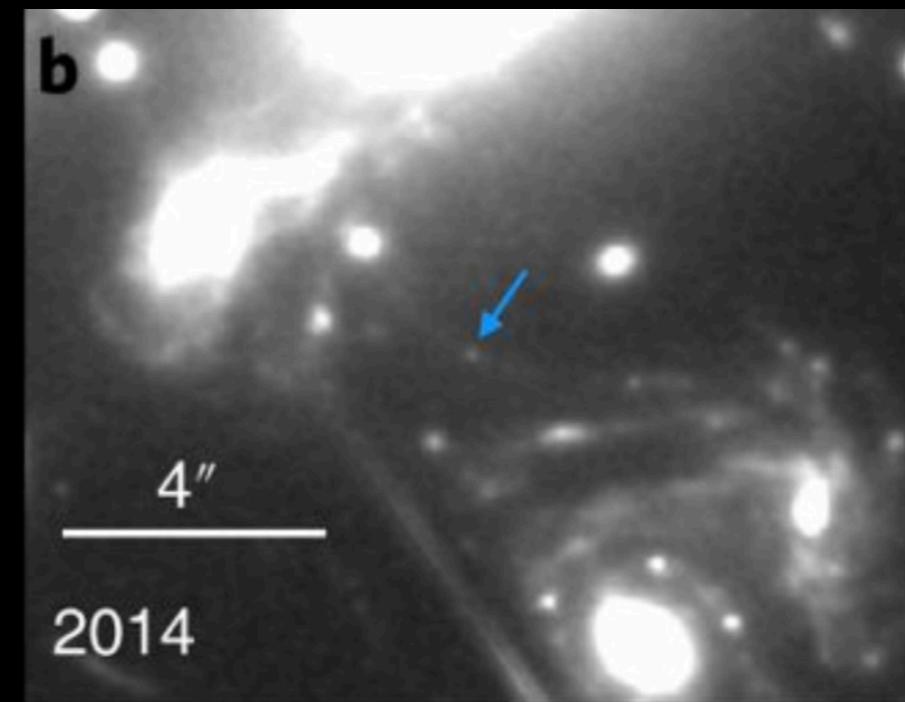
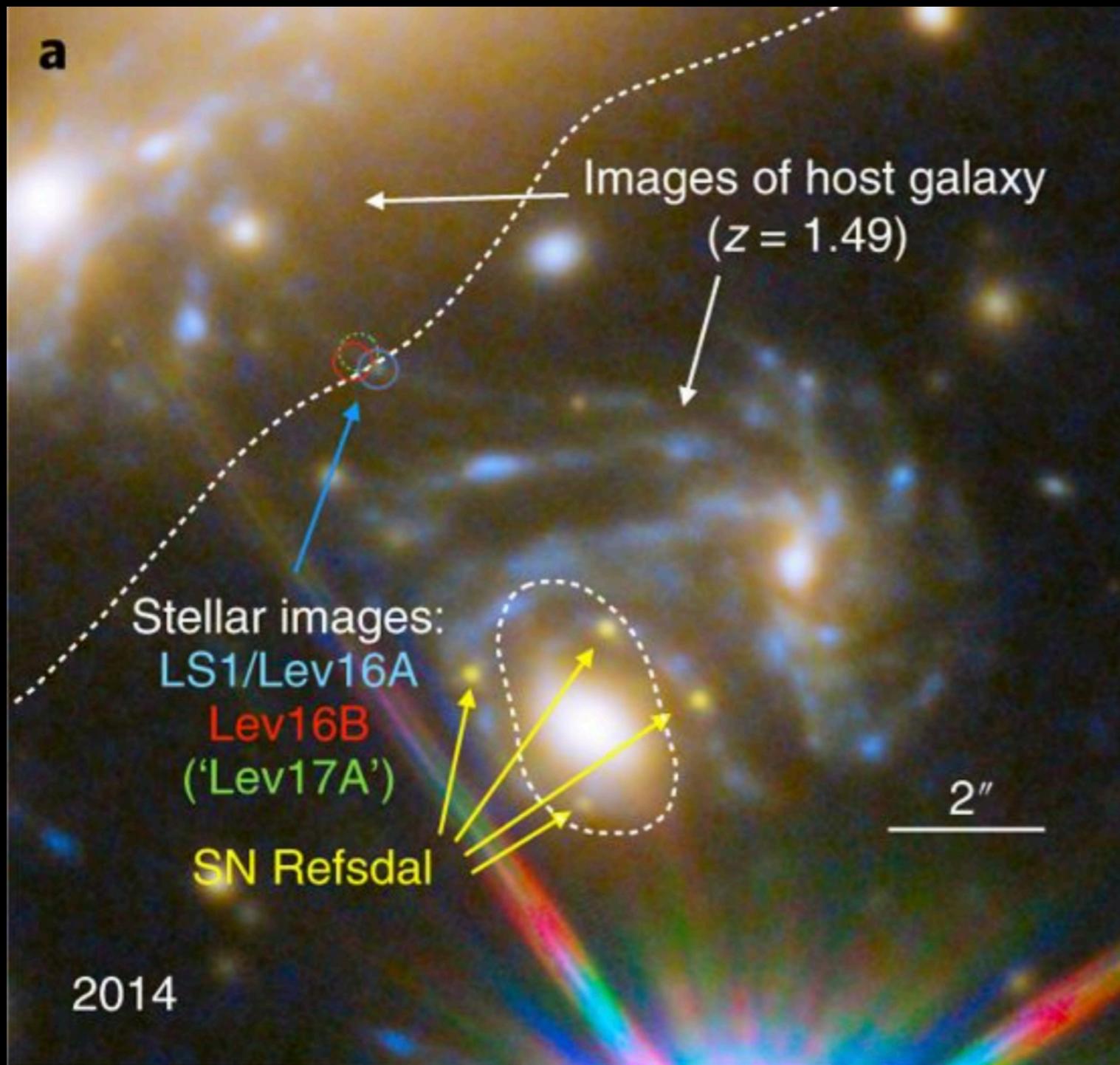


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Sn Ia,  $z = 2.2$

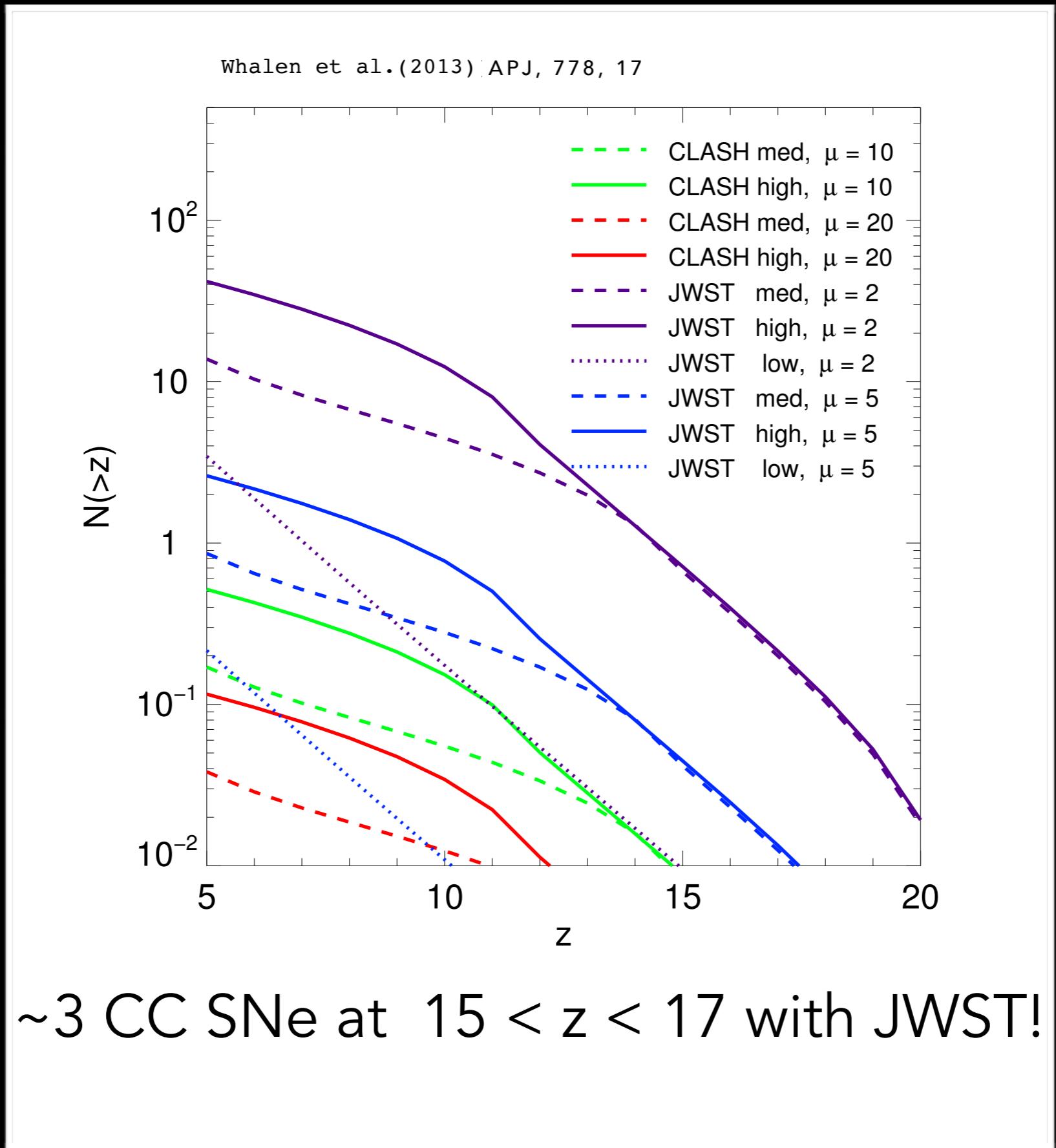
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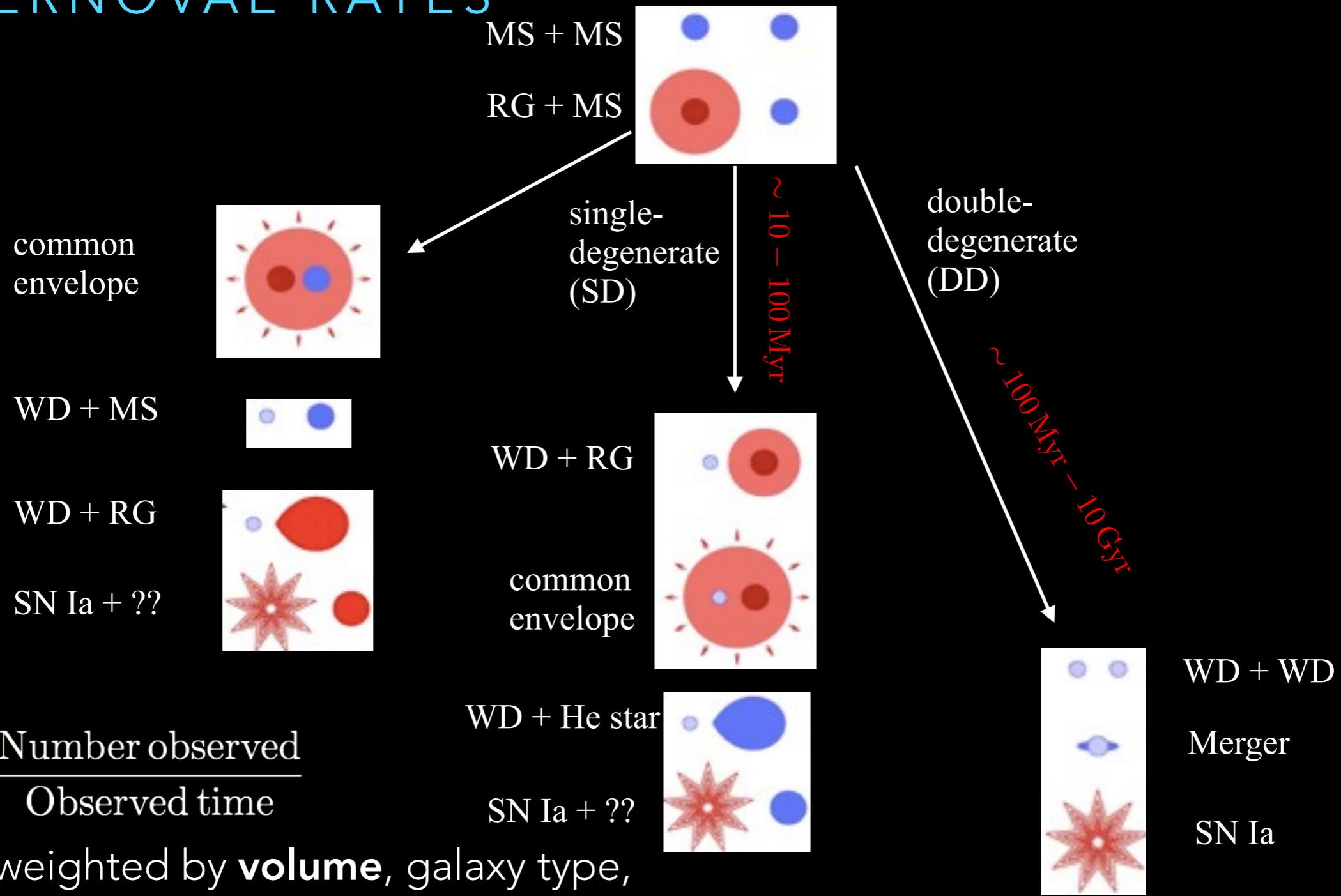


Kelly et al. 2018

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# SUPERNOVAE RATES



$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Number observed}}{\text{Observed time}}$$

Often weighted by **volume**, galaxy type, luminosity, or mass for comparative context.

$$R(t) = [\dot{\rho}_*(t) * \Phi(t)] h^2 k \varepsilon$$

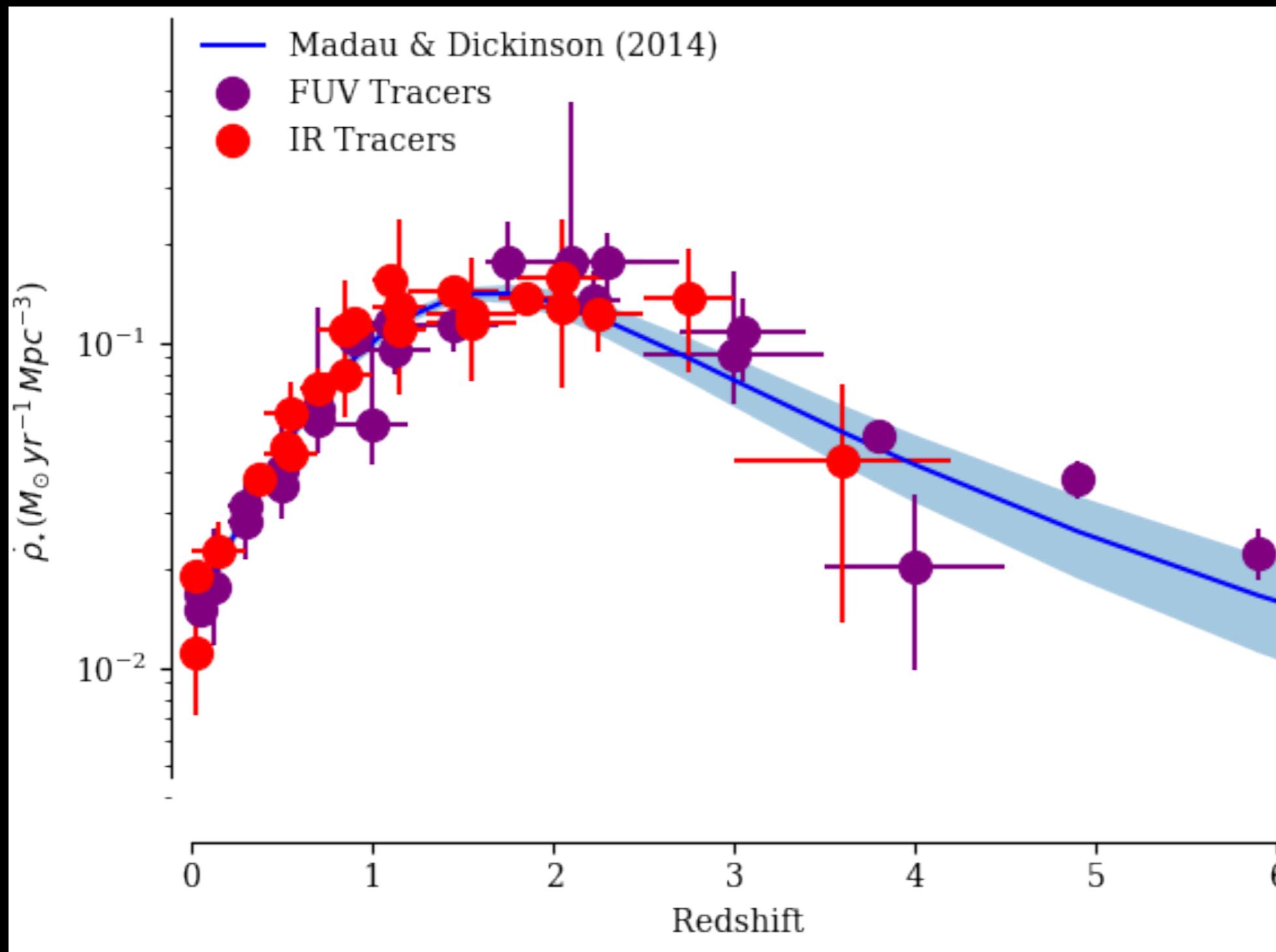
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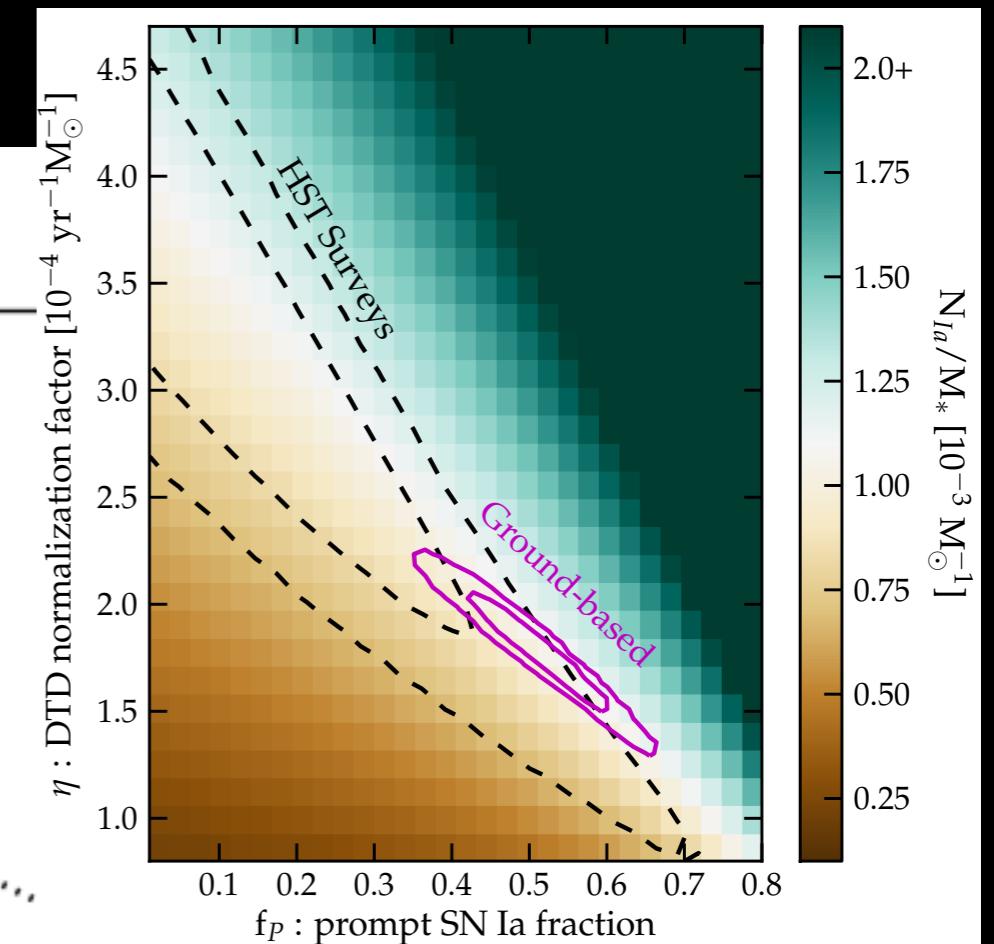
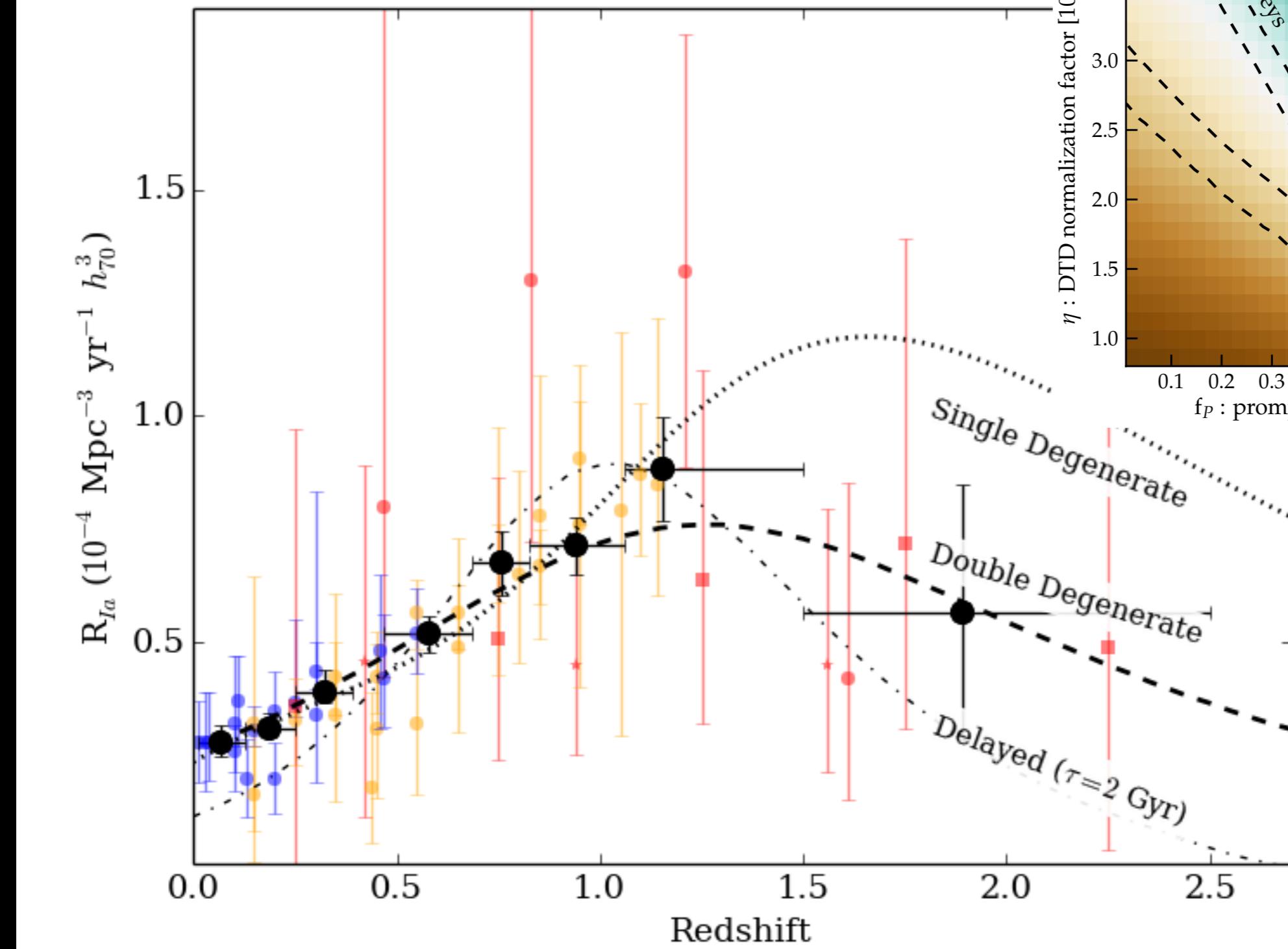
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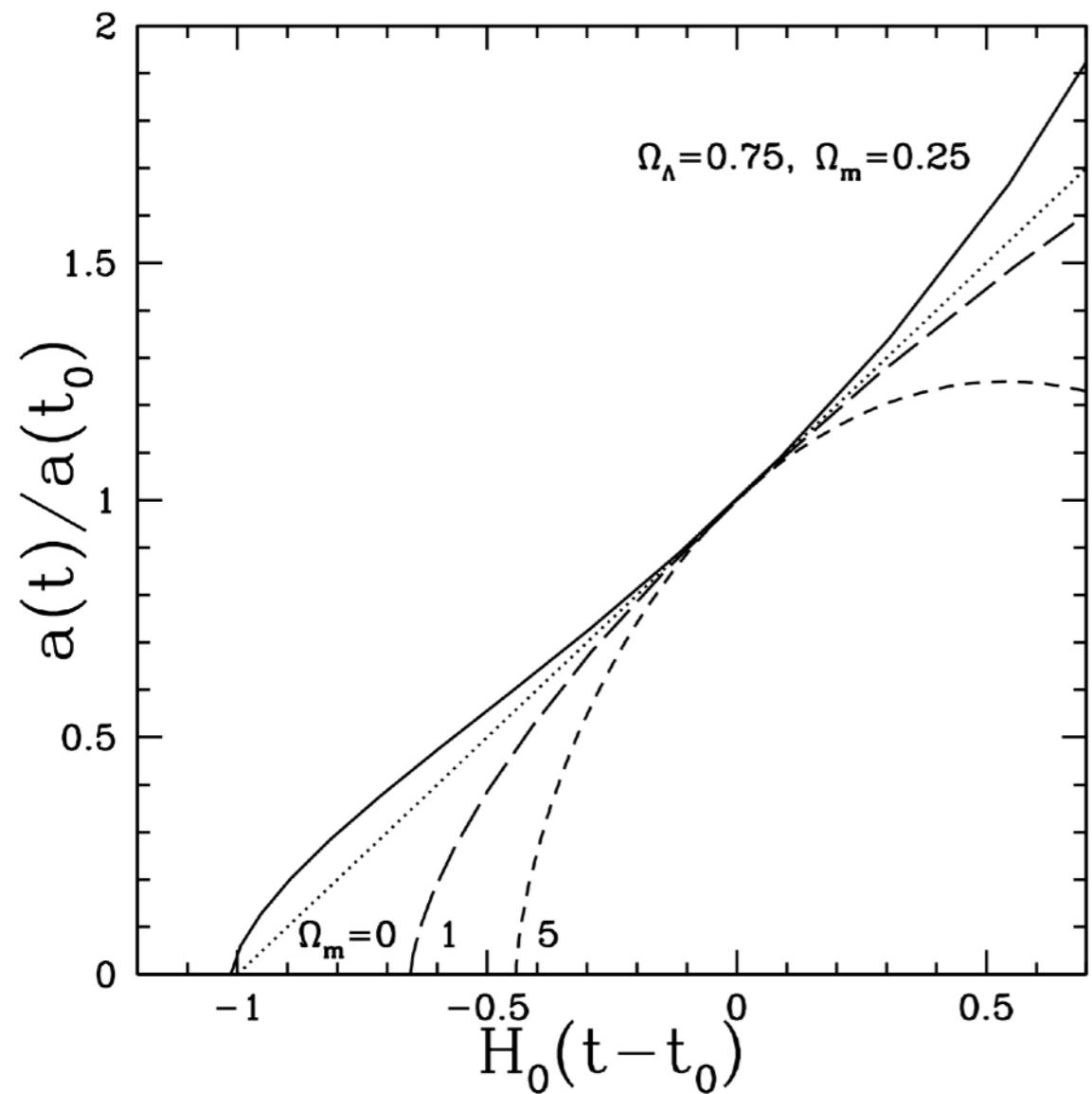
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- GOODS, CANDELS, CLASH



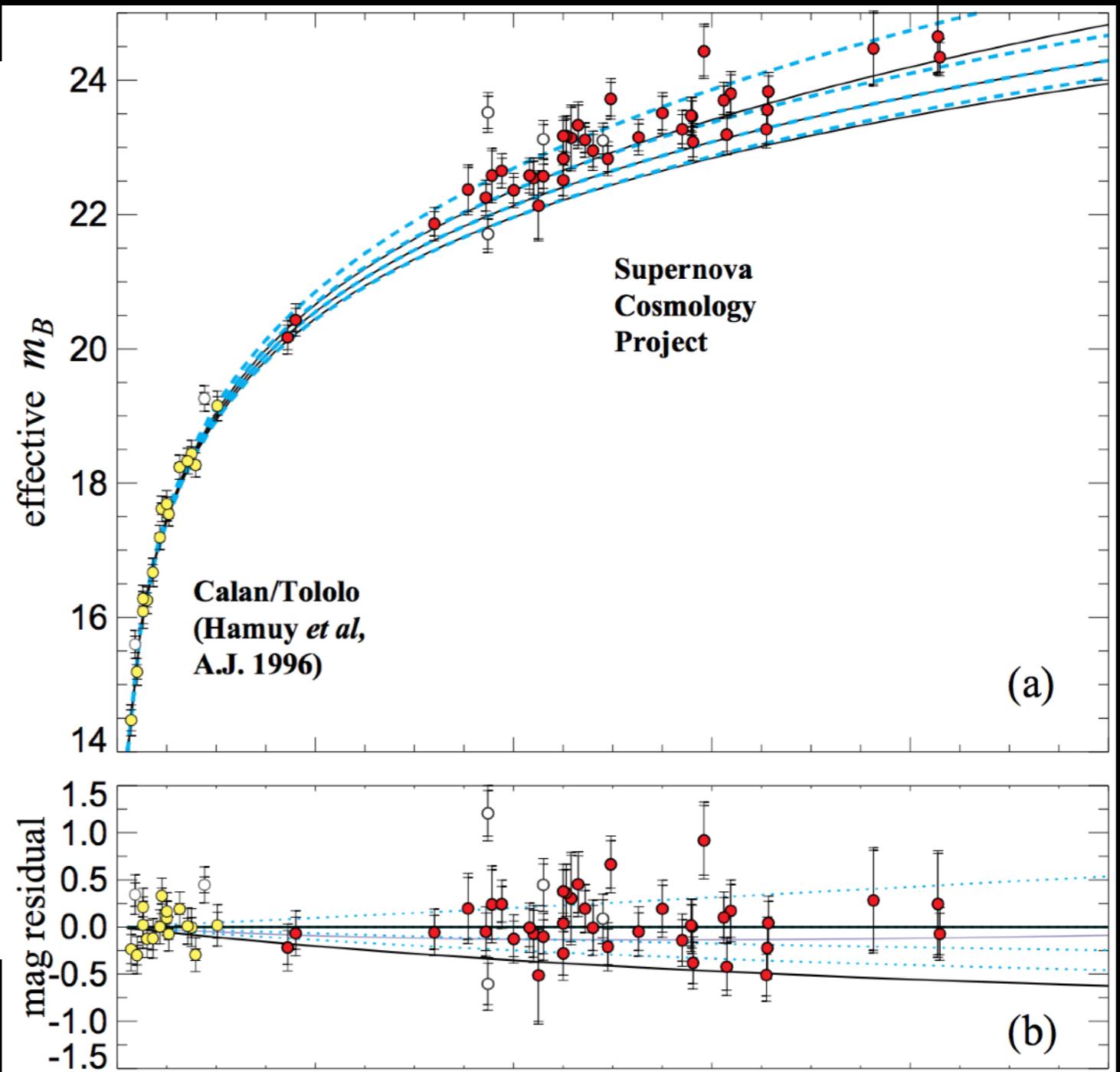
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# HUBBLE DIAGRAM

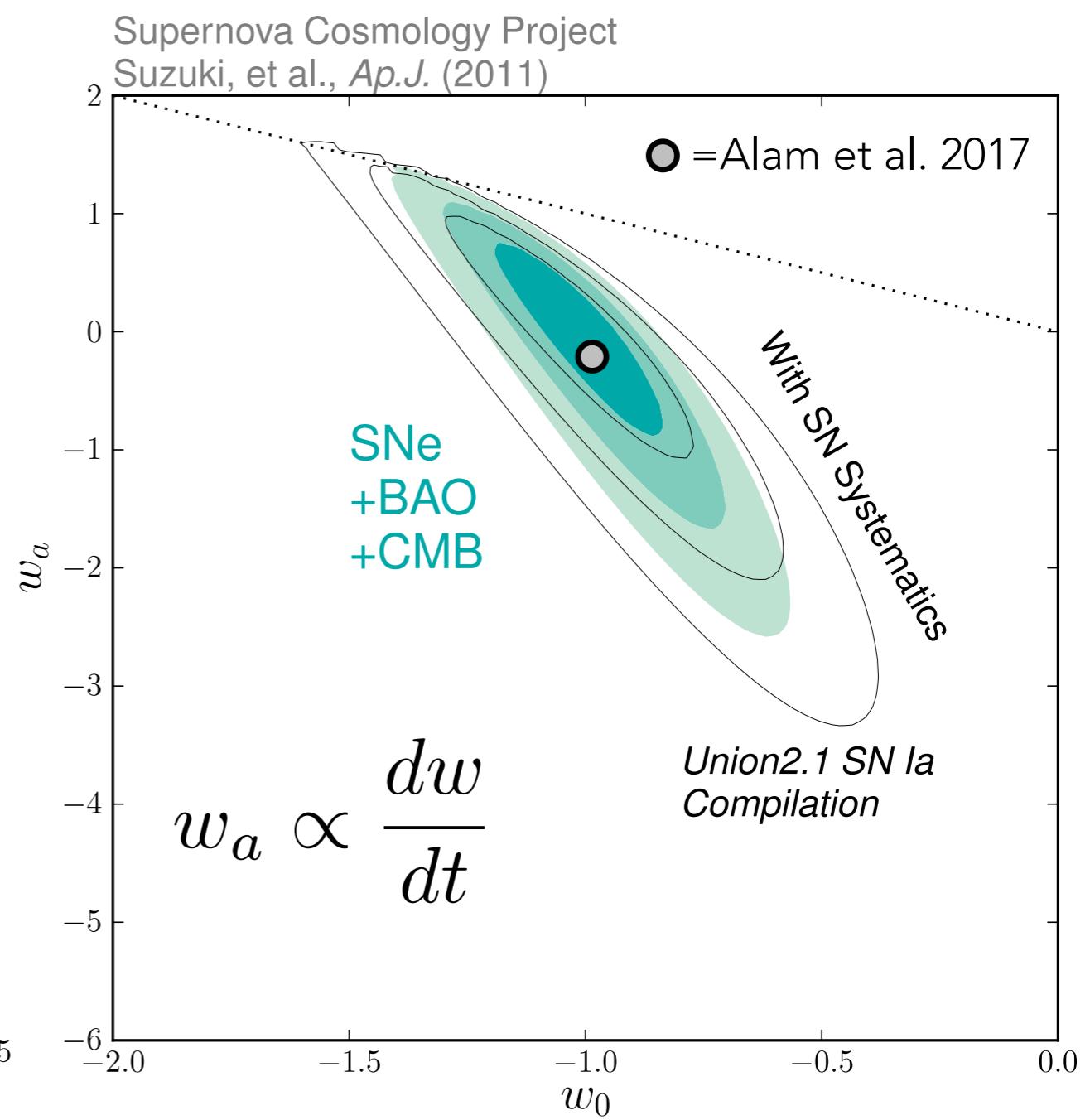
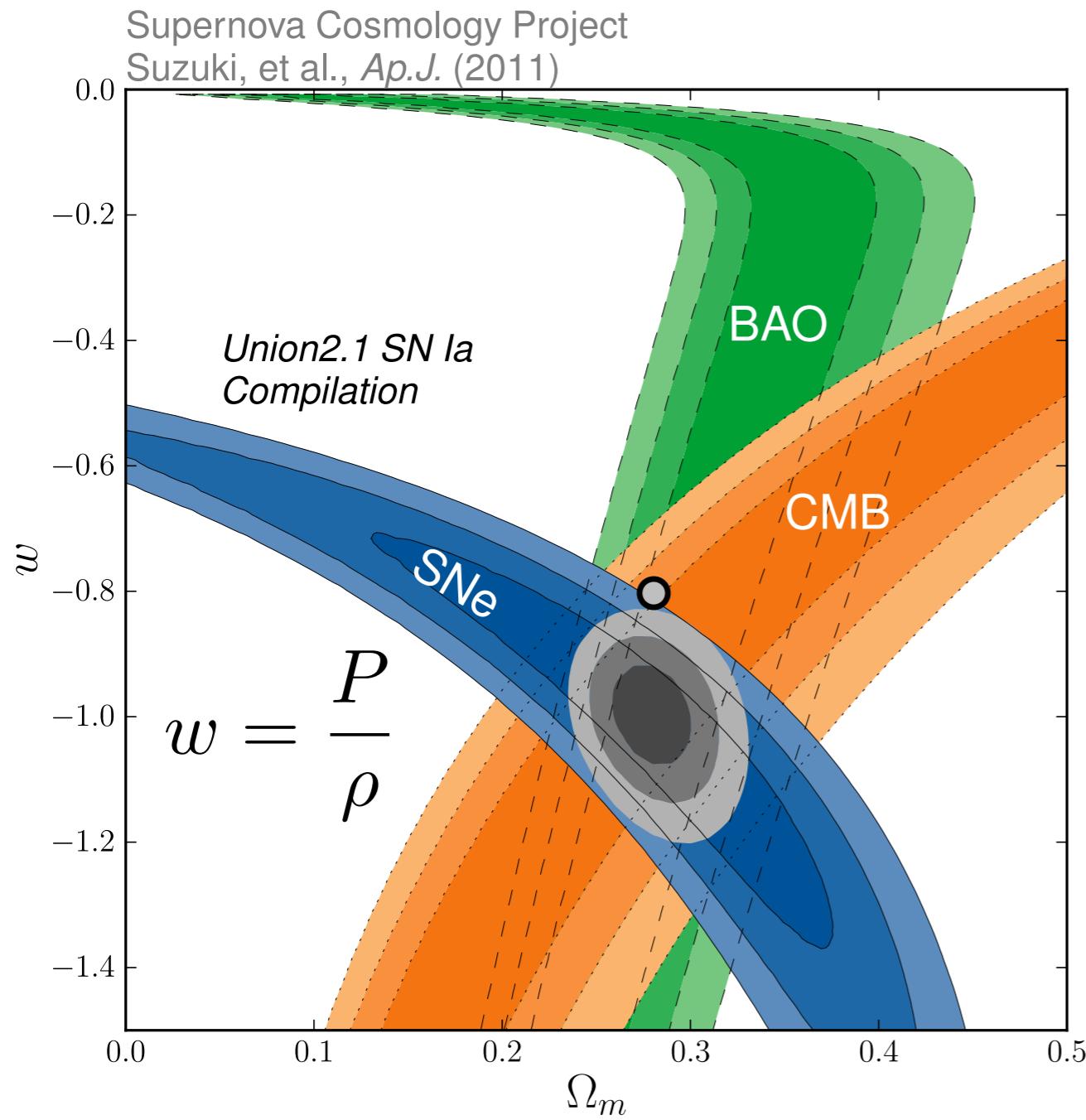


Frieman 2008



Perlmutter et al. 1999

# HUBBLE DIAGRAM



# CURRENT RELICS RESULTS

## RELICS: REIONIZATION LENSING CLUSTER SURVEY

**Table 2.** RELICS Supernovae and HST Follow-Up Imaging

Cluster	Supernova <sup>a</sup>	Abbreviation <sup>b</sup>	R.A. (J2000)	Decl. (J2000)	Notes
rxc0949+17	Eleanor <sup>c</sup>	RLC11Ele	09:49:47.97	+17:07:24.9	cluster member
rxc0949+17	Alexander <sup>c</sup>	RLC11Ale	09:49:48.07	+17:07:24.0	cluster member
rxc0949+17	Antikythera	RLC15Ant	09:49:48.01	+17:07:23.0	cluster member
rxc0142+44	Makapansgat	RLC16Mak	01:43:16.326	+44:33:50.65	parallel field
abell1763	Nebra	RLC16Neb	13:35:15.13	+41:00:15.8	lensed
macs0025-12	Quipu	RLC16Qui	00:25:31.977	-12:23:31.80	cluster member
macs0257-23	Cheomseongdae	RLC16Che	02:57:07.795	-23:27:11.69	lensed or cluster member
plckg171-40	Kukulkan	RLC16Kuk	03:12:59.148	+08:22:43.60	cluster member
clj0152-13	Nimrud	RLC16Nim	01:52:40.352	-13:57:44.81	lensed
rxc0600-20	William	RLC17Wil	06:00:12.227	-20:07:23.91	cluster member
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## CURRENT BUFFALO TARGETS

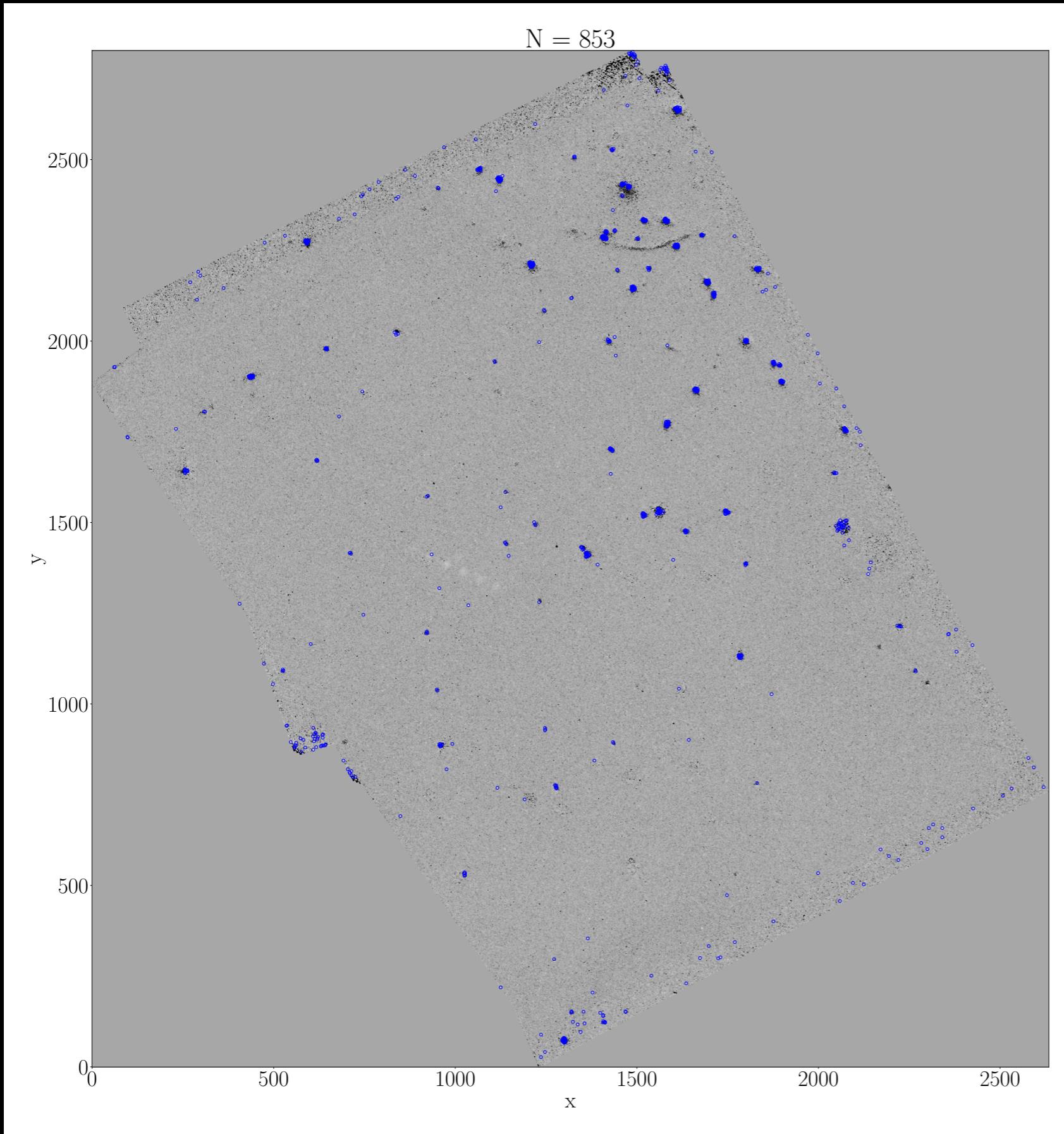
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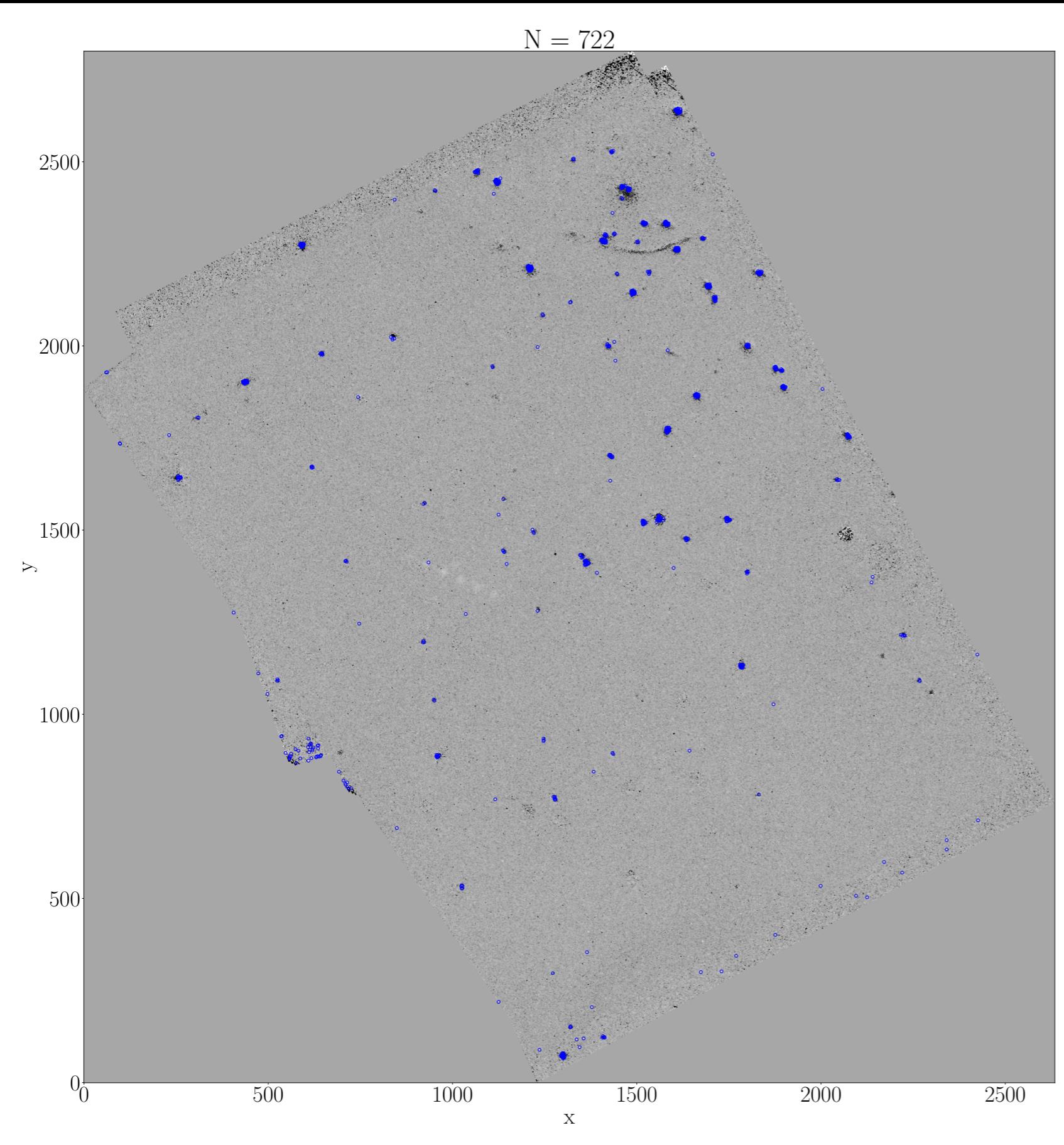


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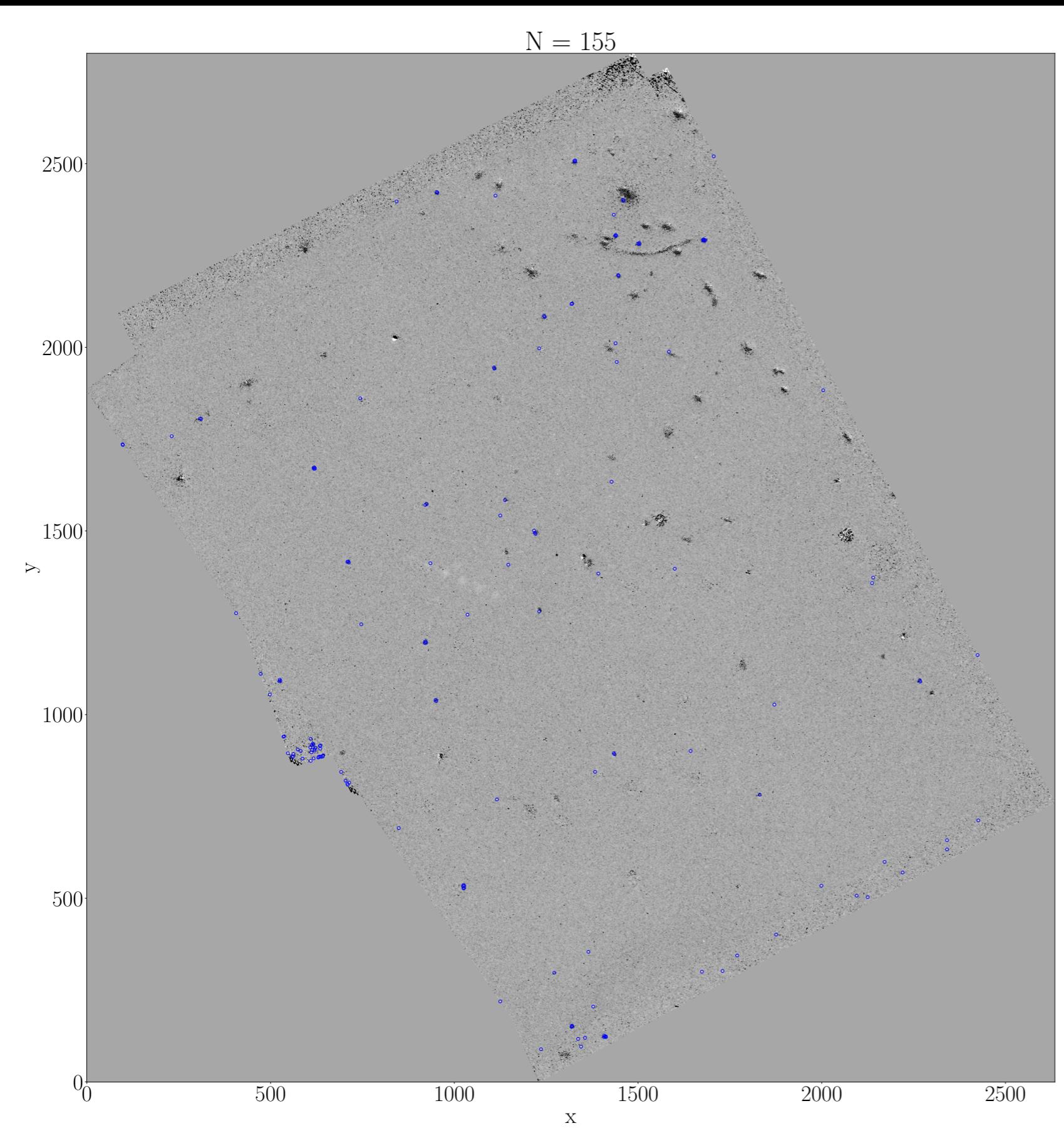
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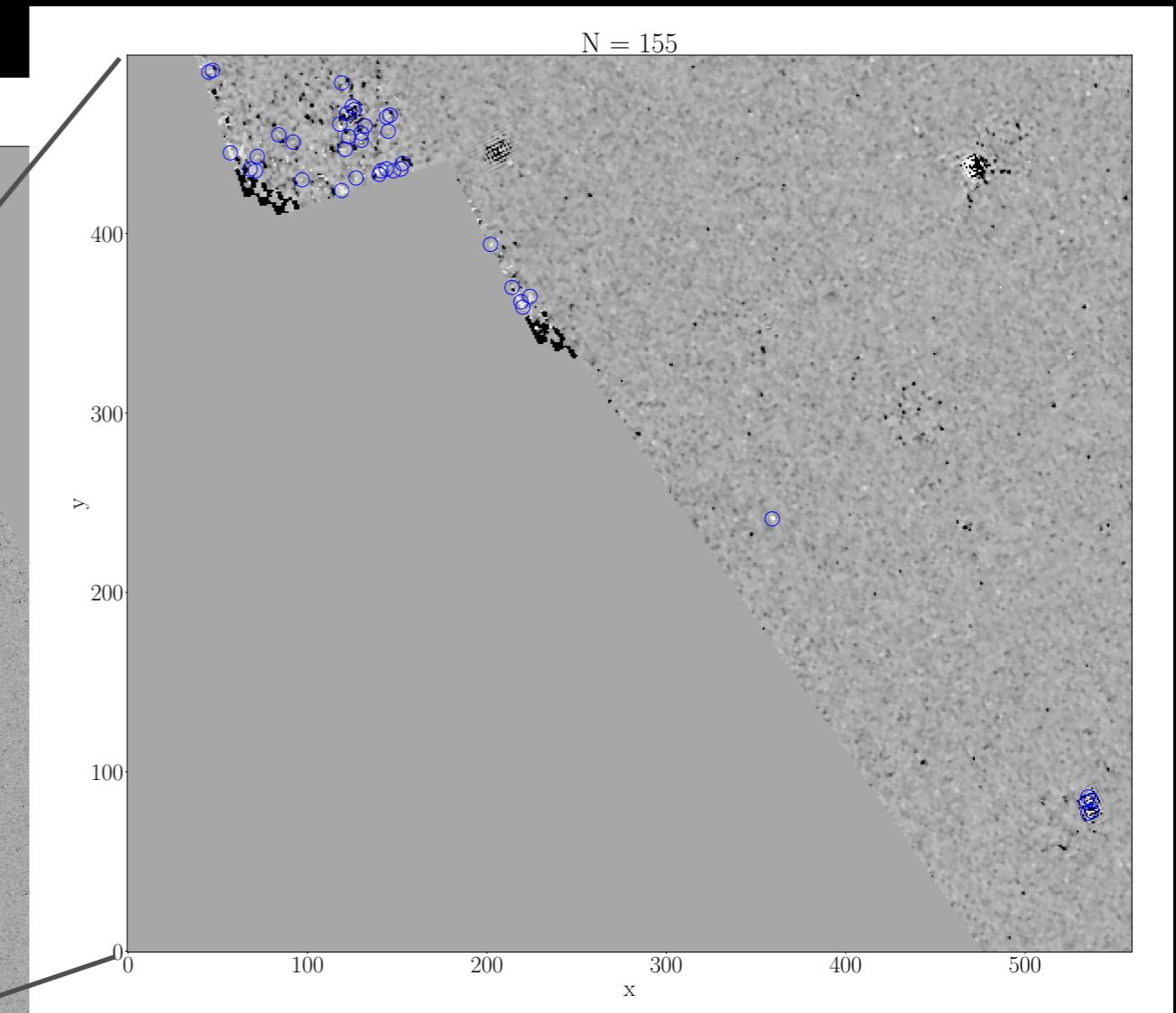
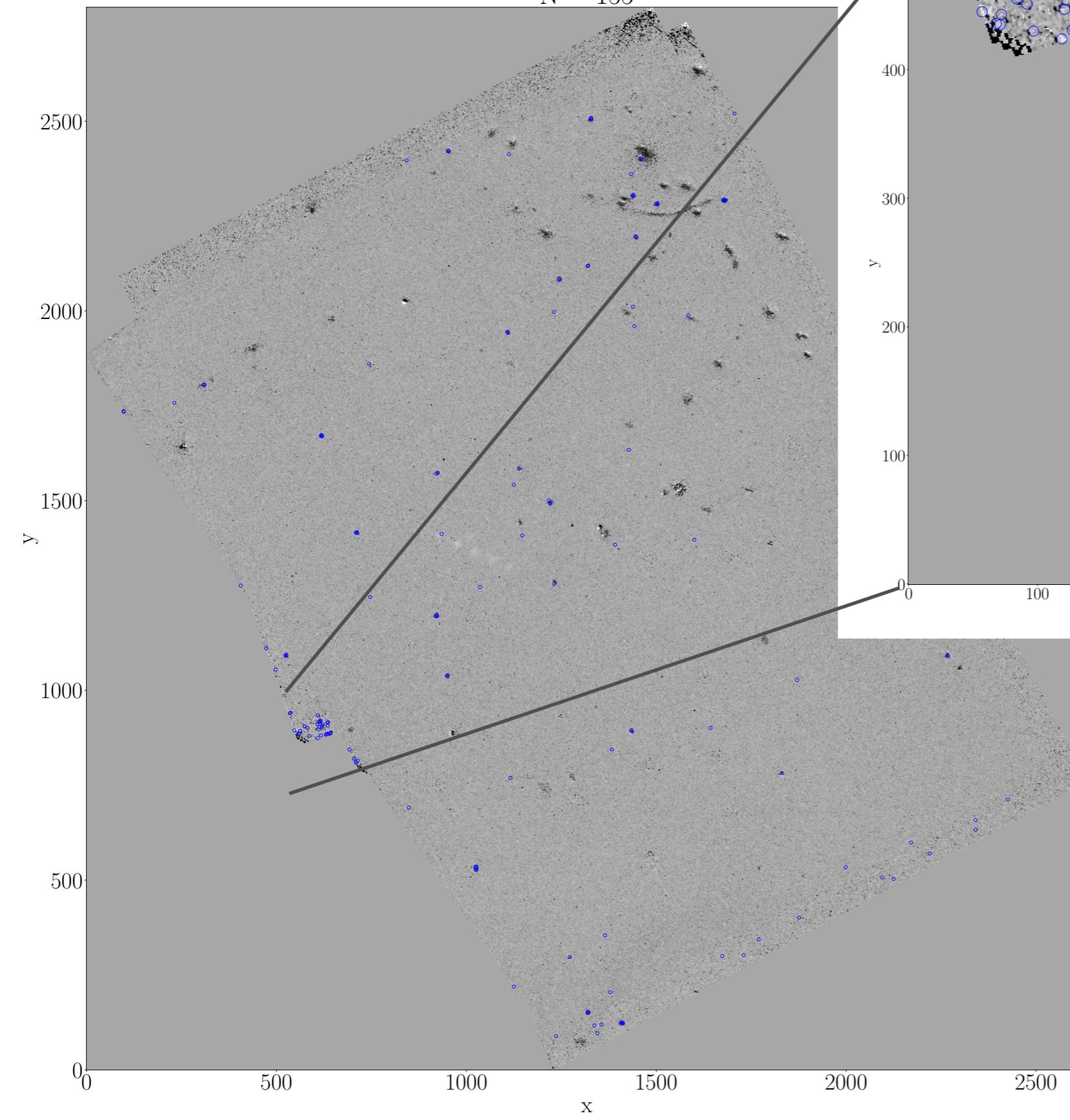
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## INITIAL SUPERNOVAE SEARCH

2x F160W/F814W science frames or  
>1 drizzle level frame across all filters with:

Counts  $> \sigma_{\text{counts}}$

$$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{\text{PeakCount}}{\text{TotalCount}} < \frac{3}{4}$$

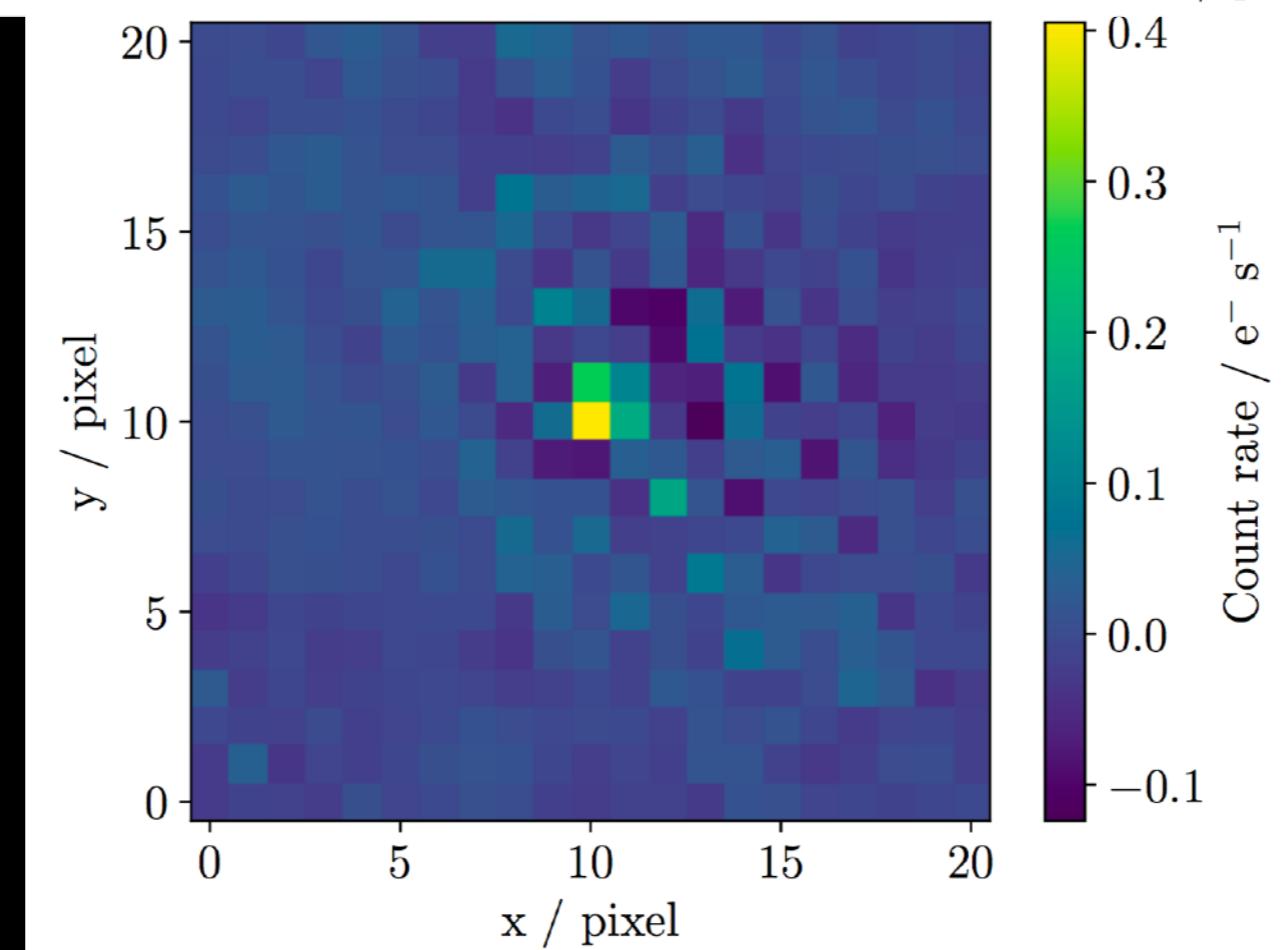
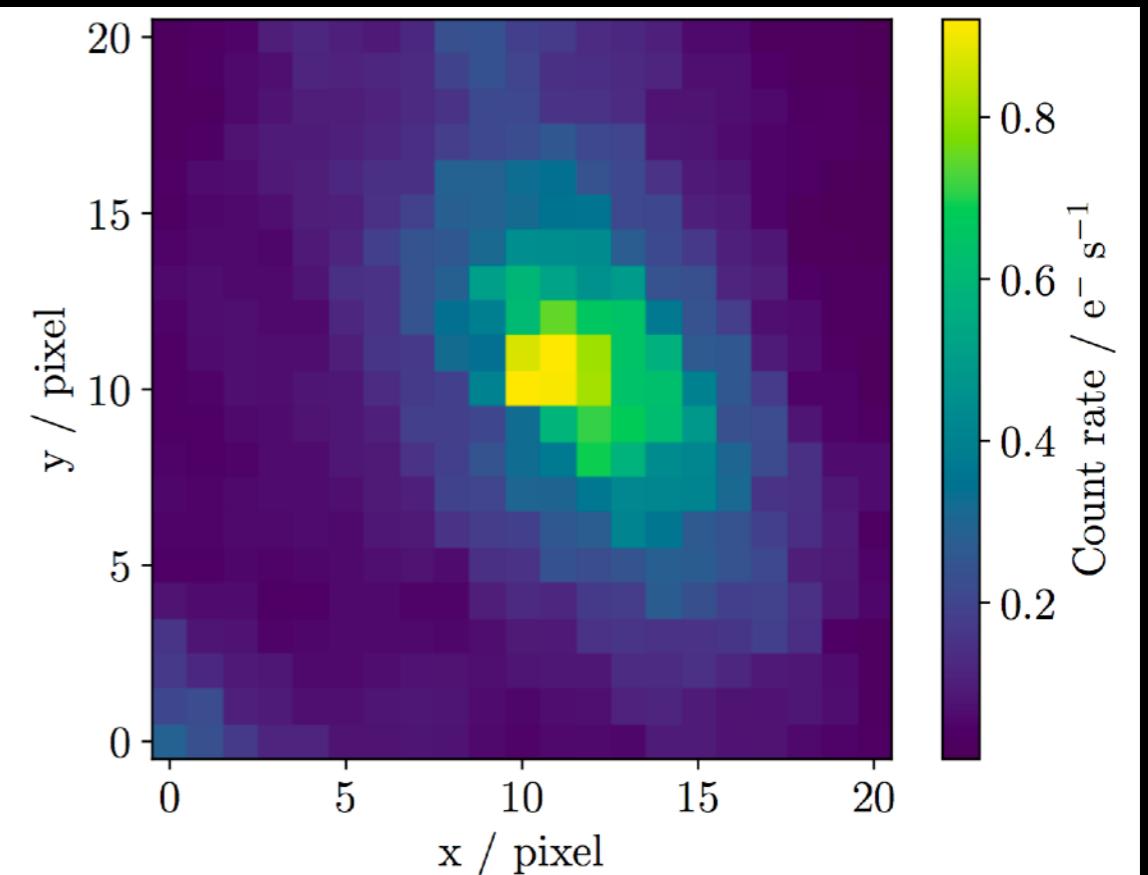
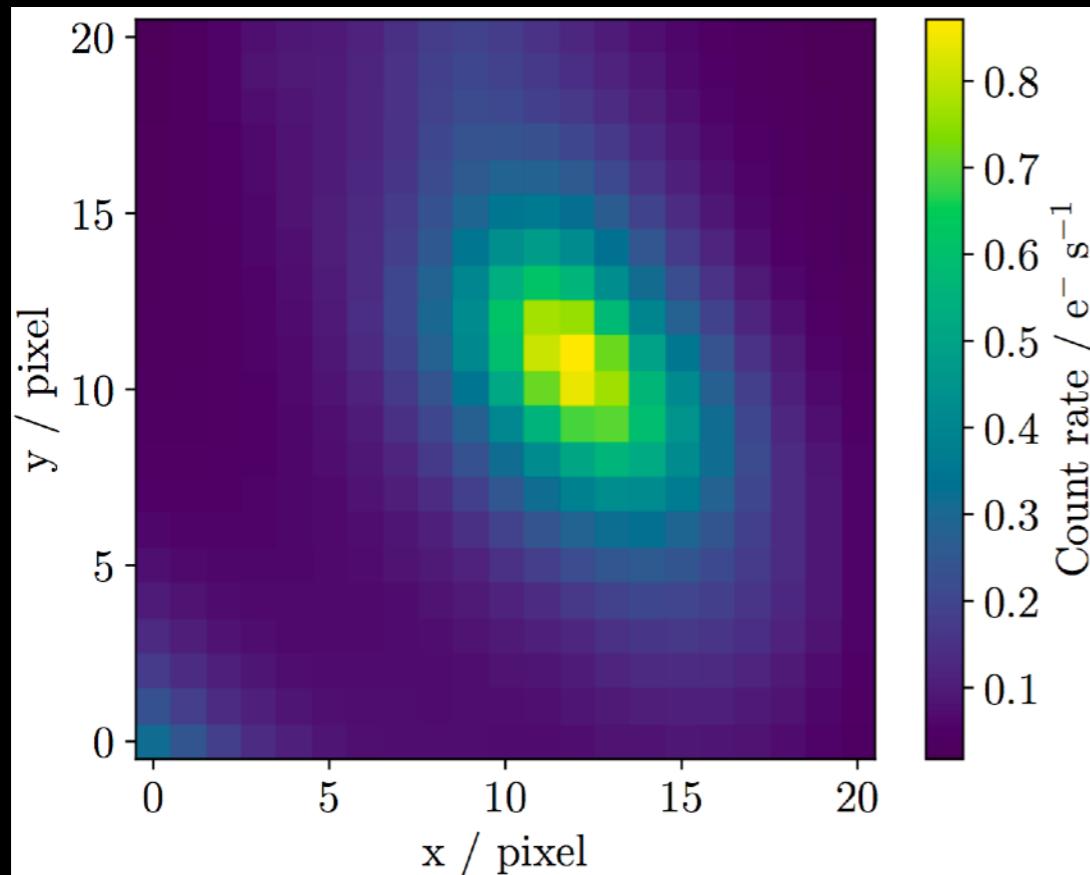
$$|\text{Exp1Count} - \text{Exp2Count}| < 2\sigma_{\text{Exp1Count}}$$

(Red filter only)

36 Candidates in Abell 370, 60 in MACS 0717

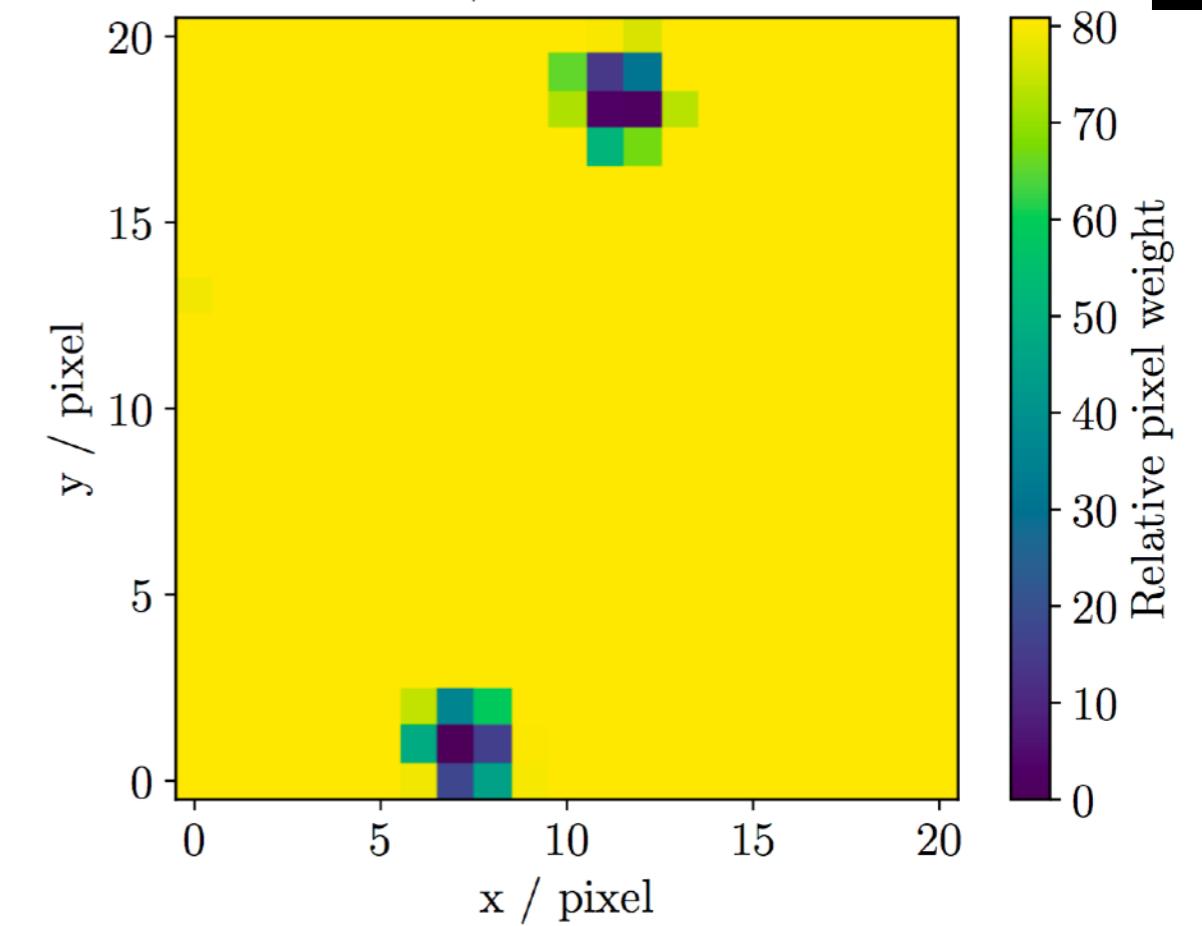
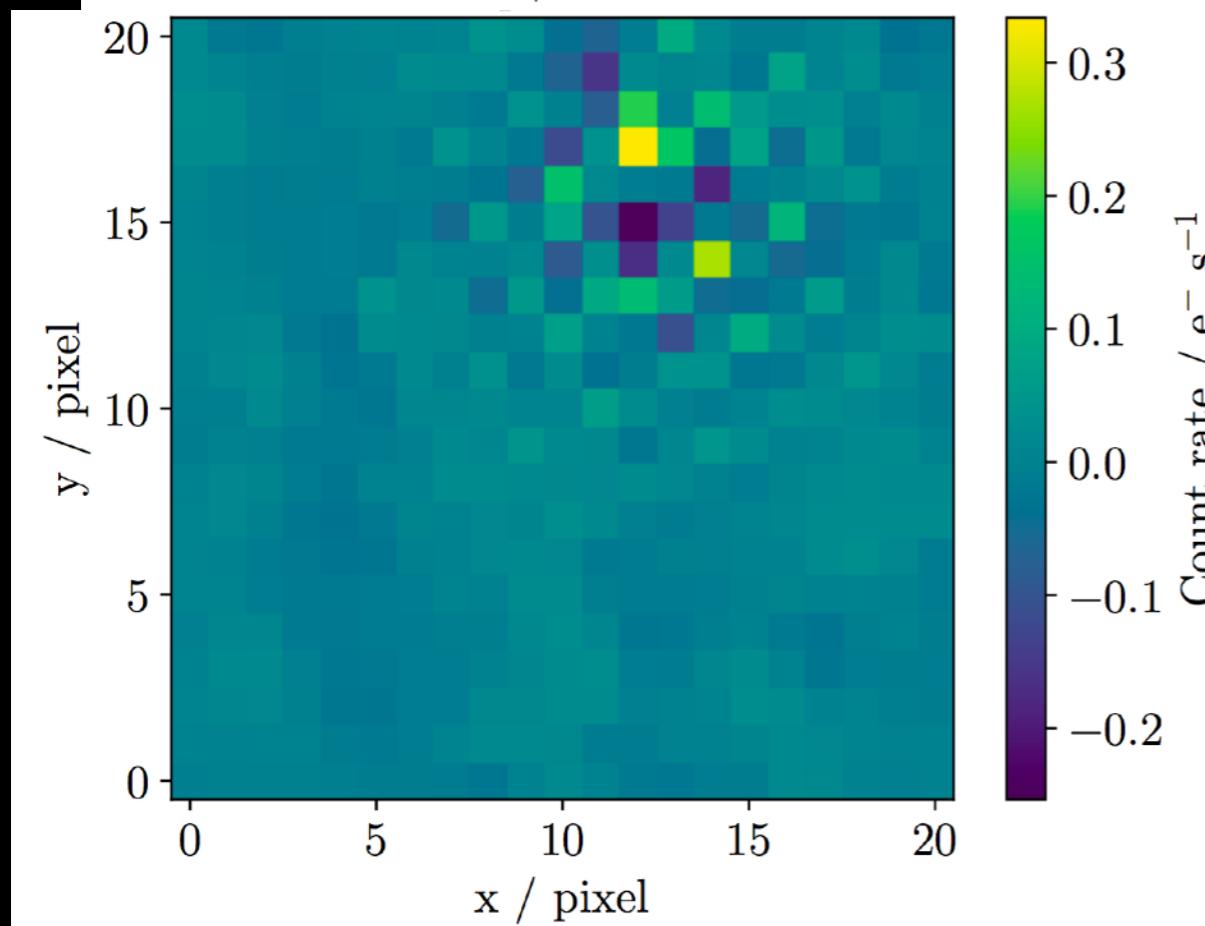
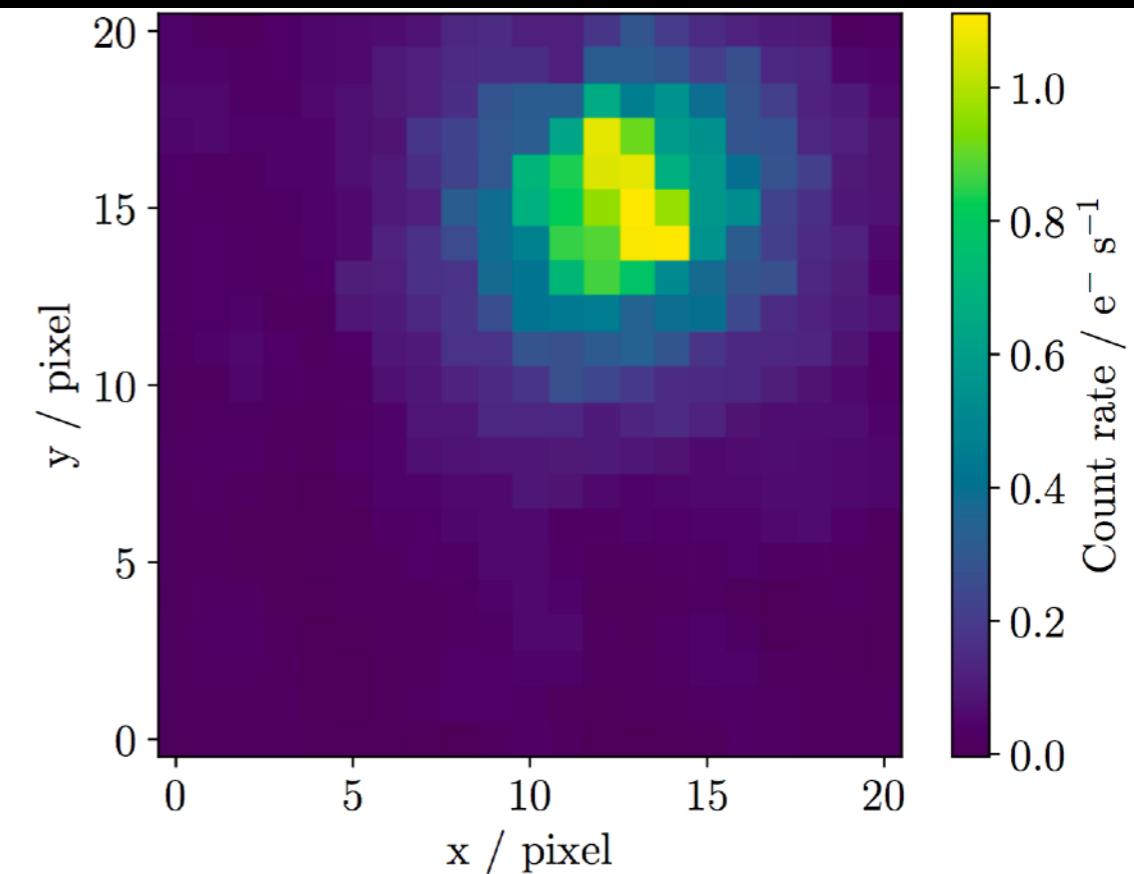
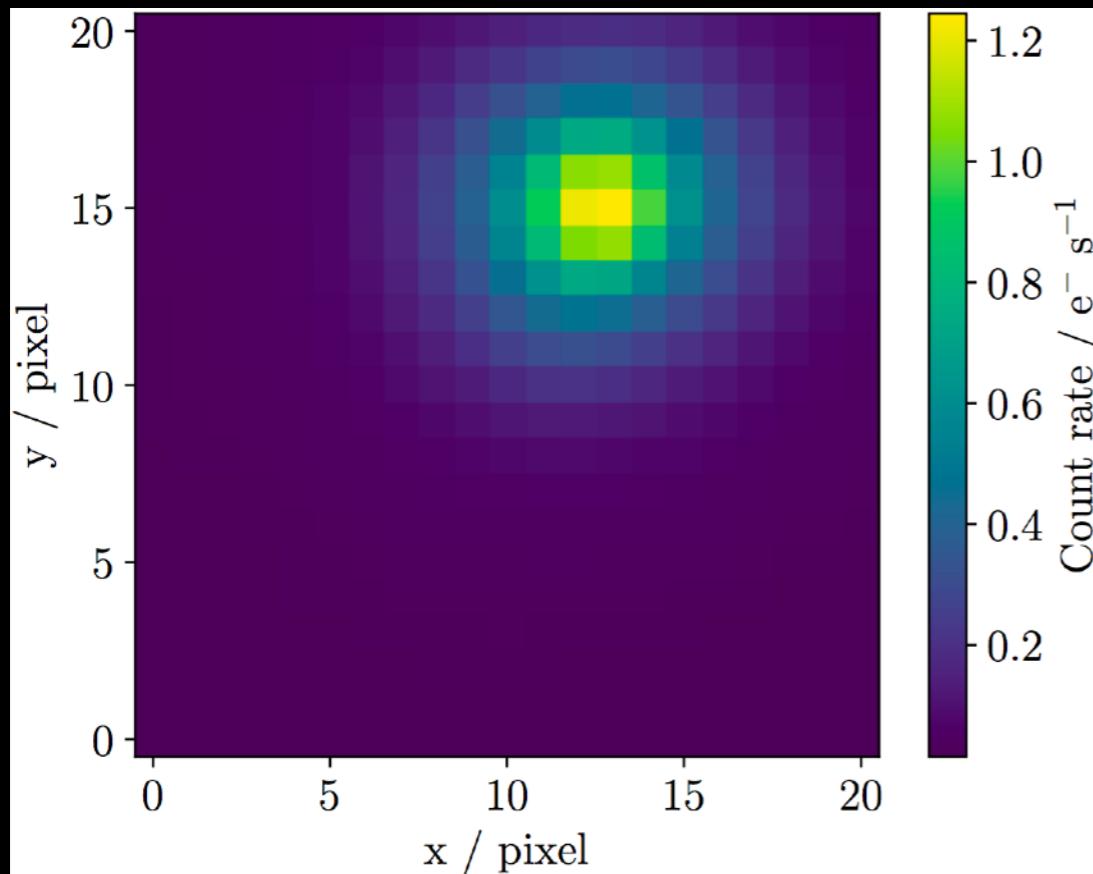
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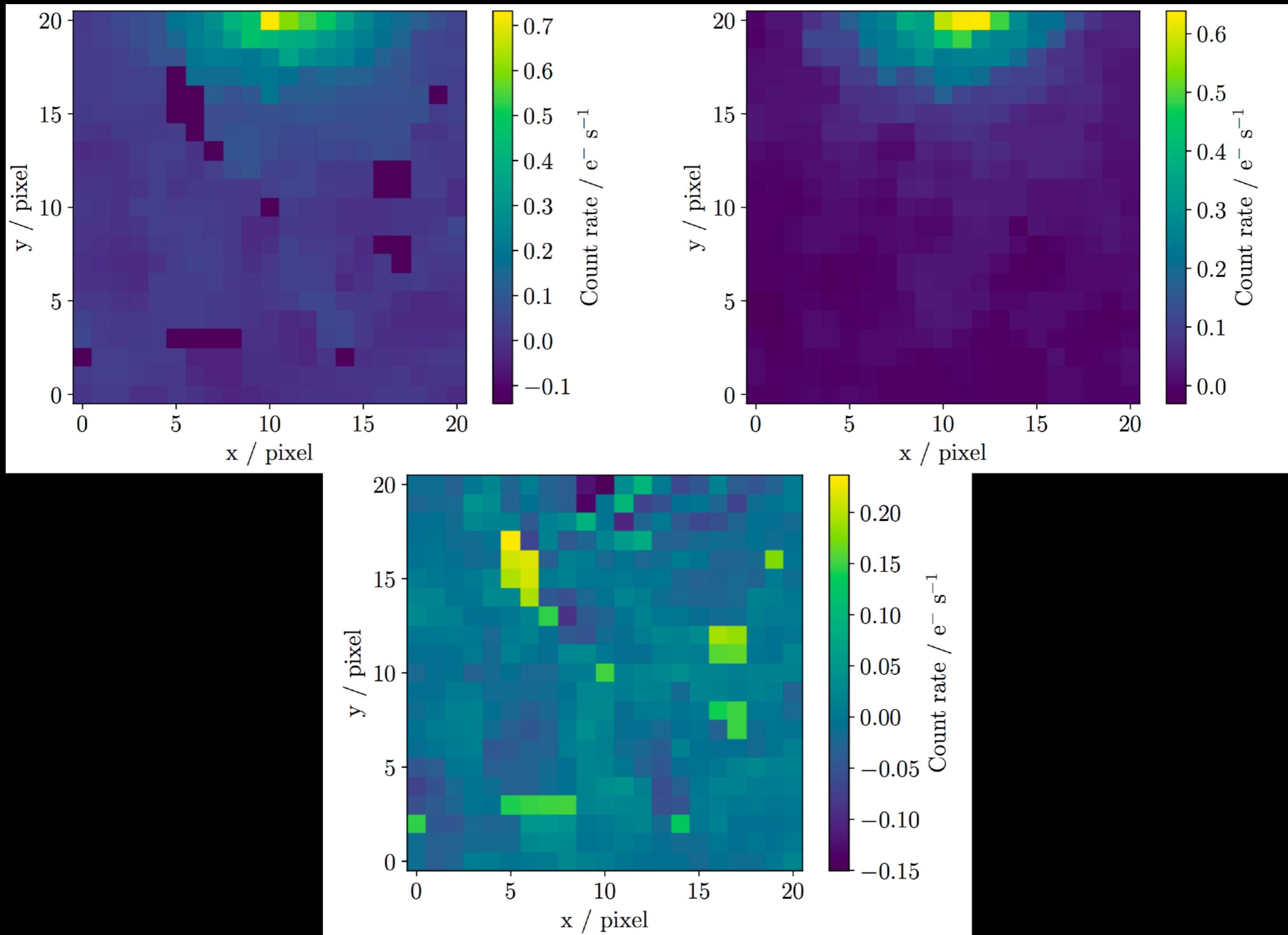
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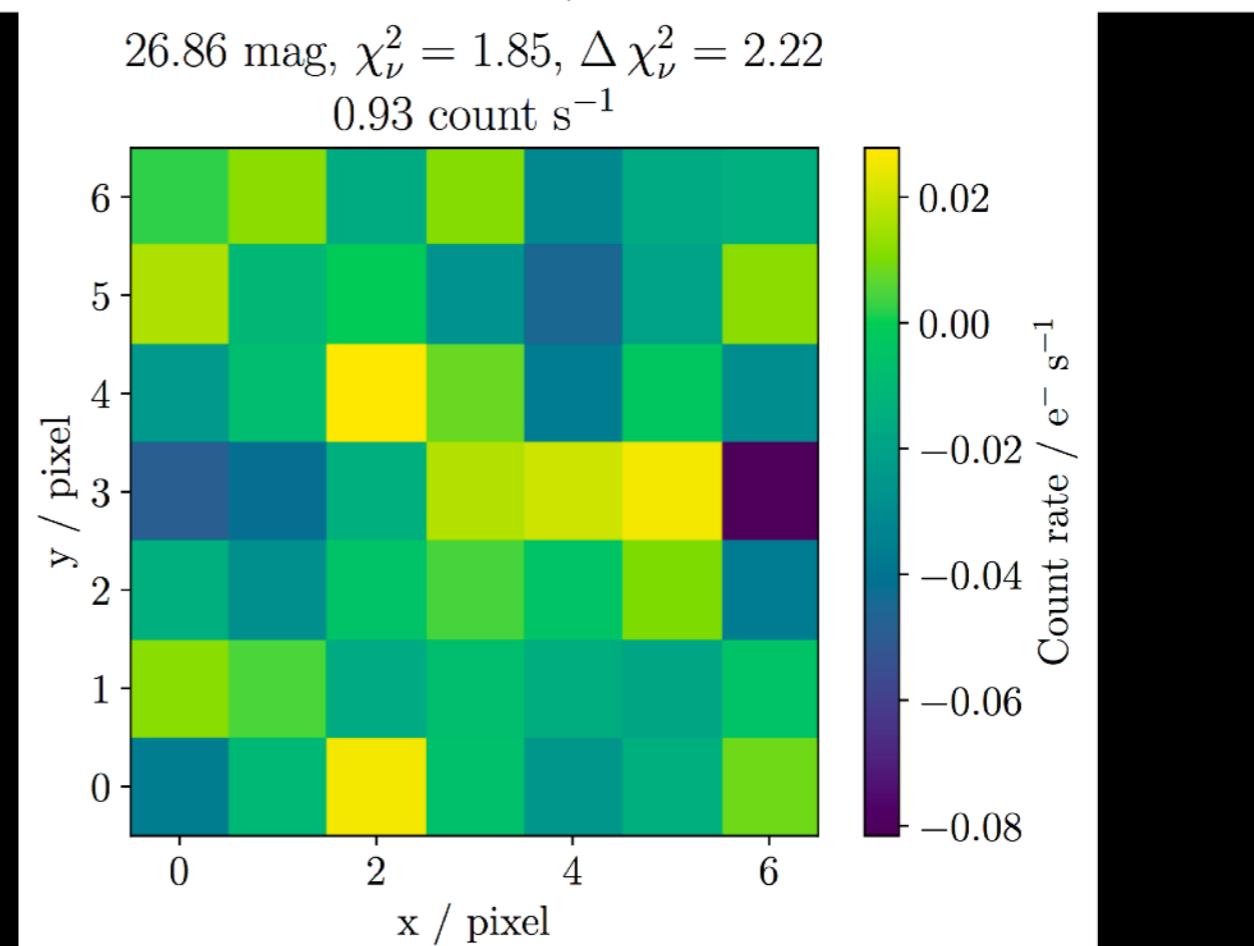
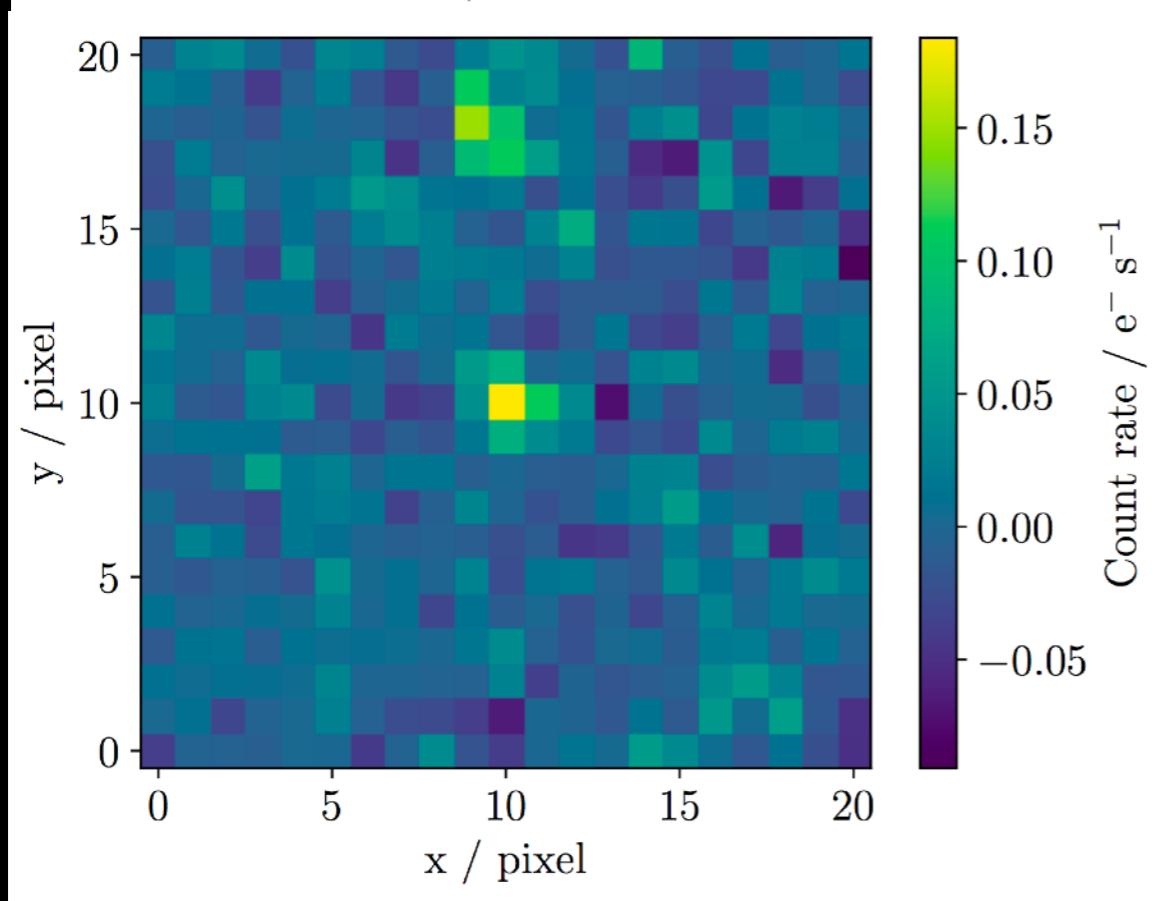
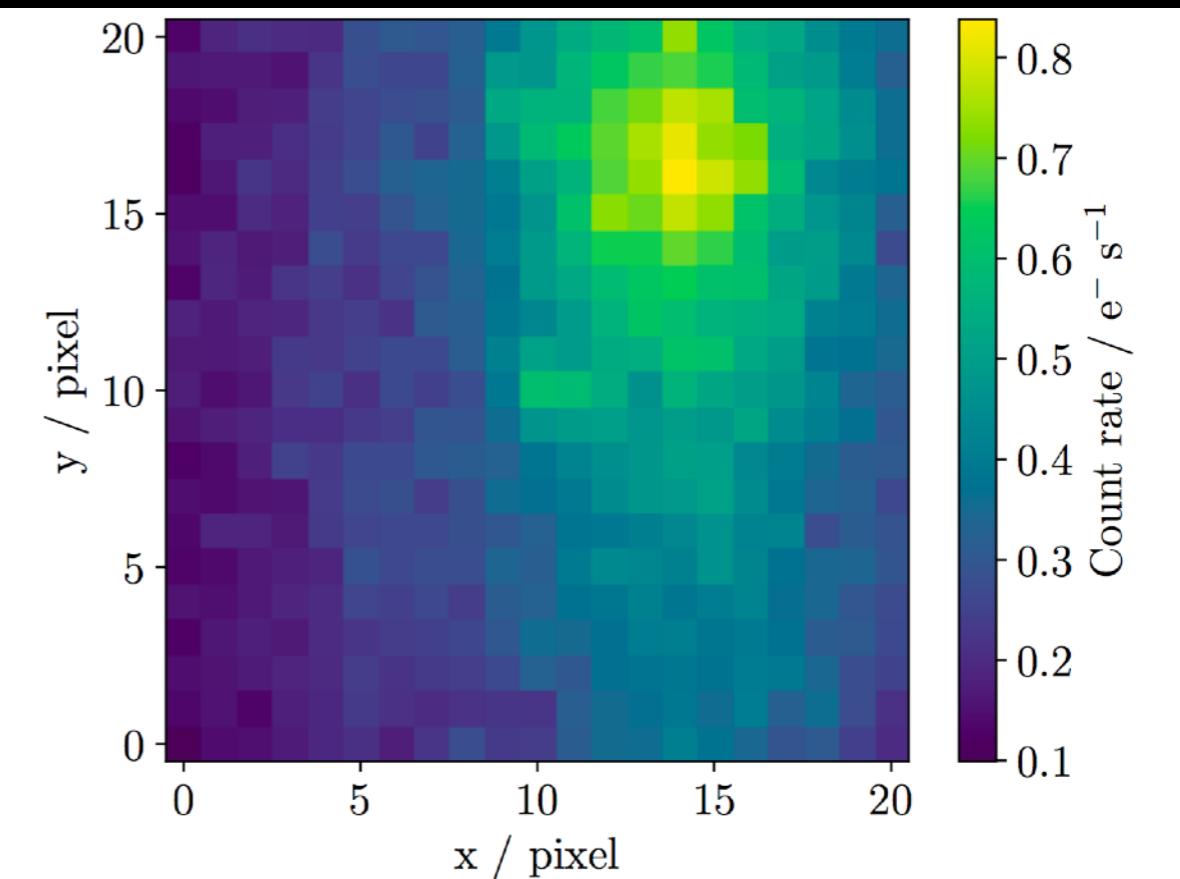
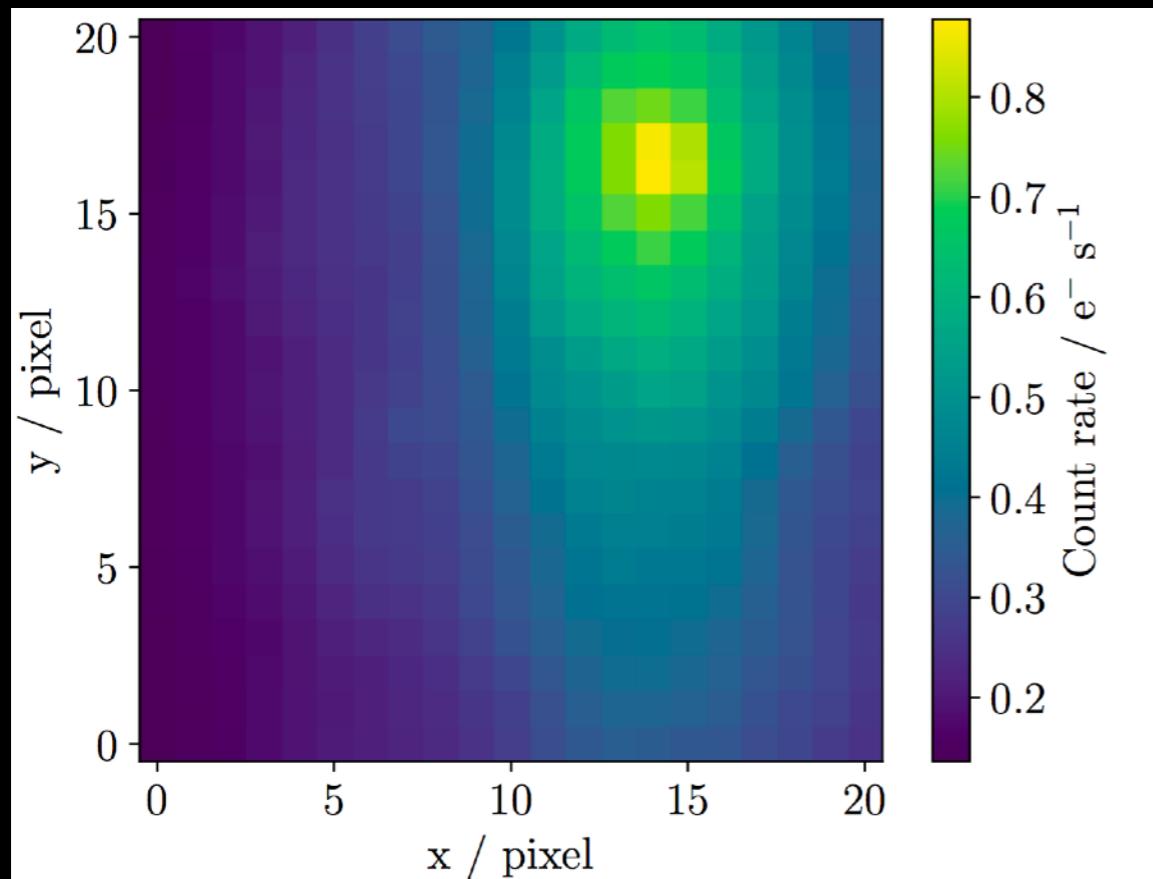
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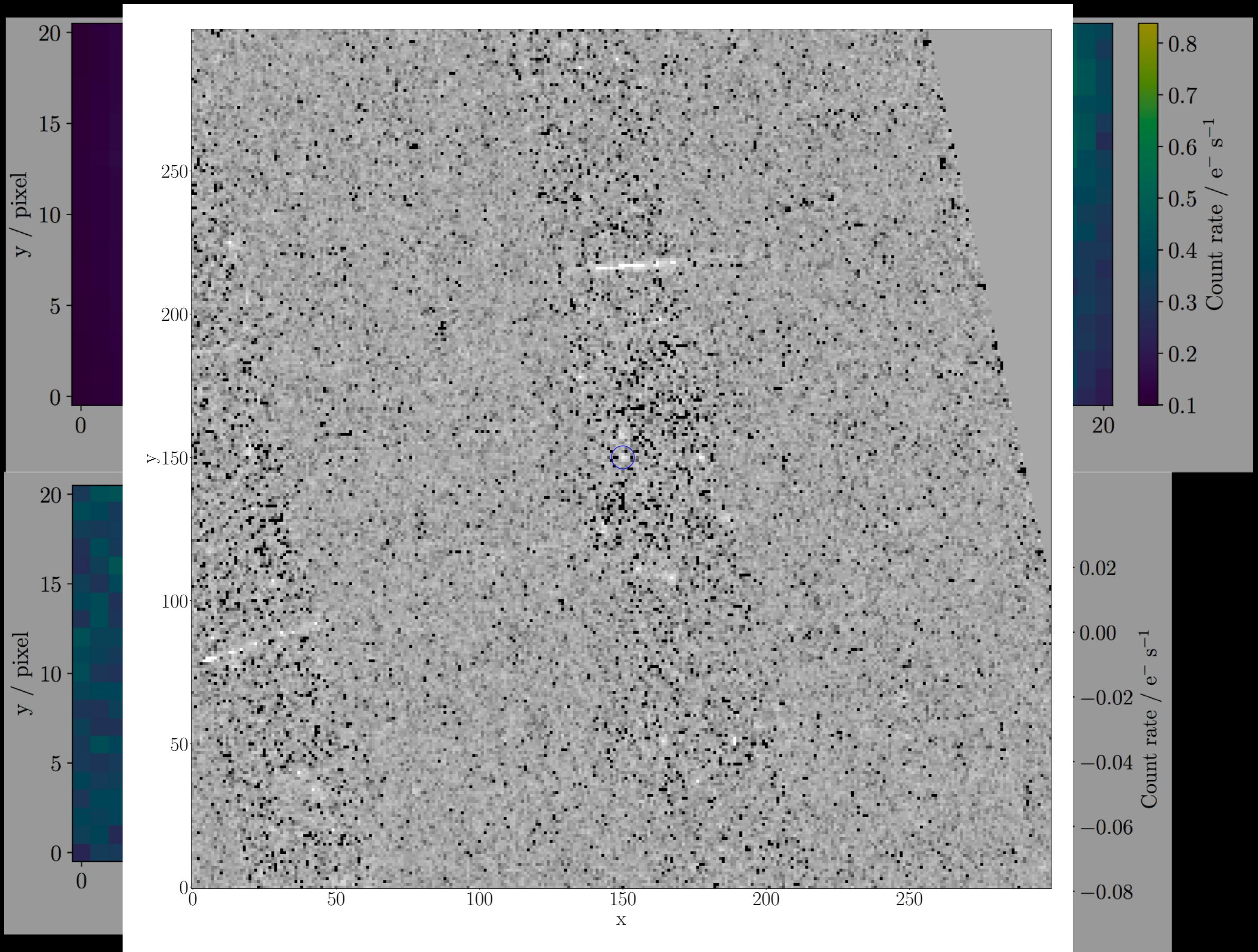
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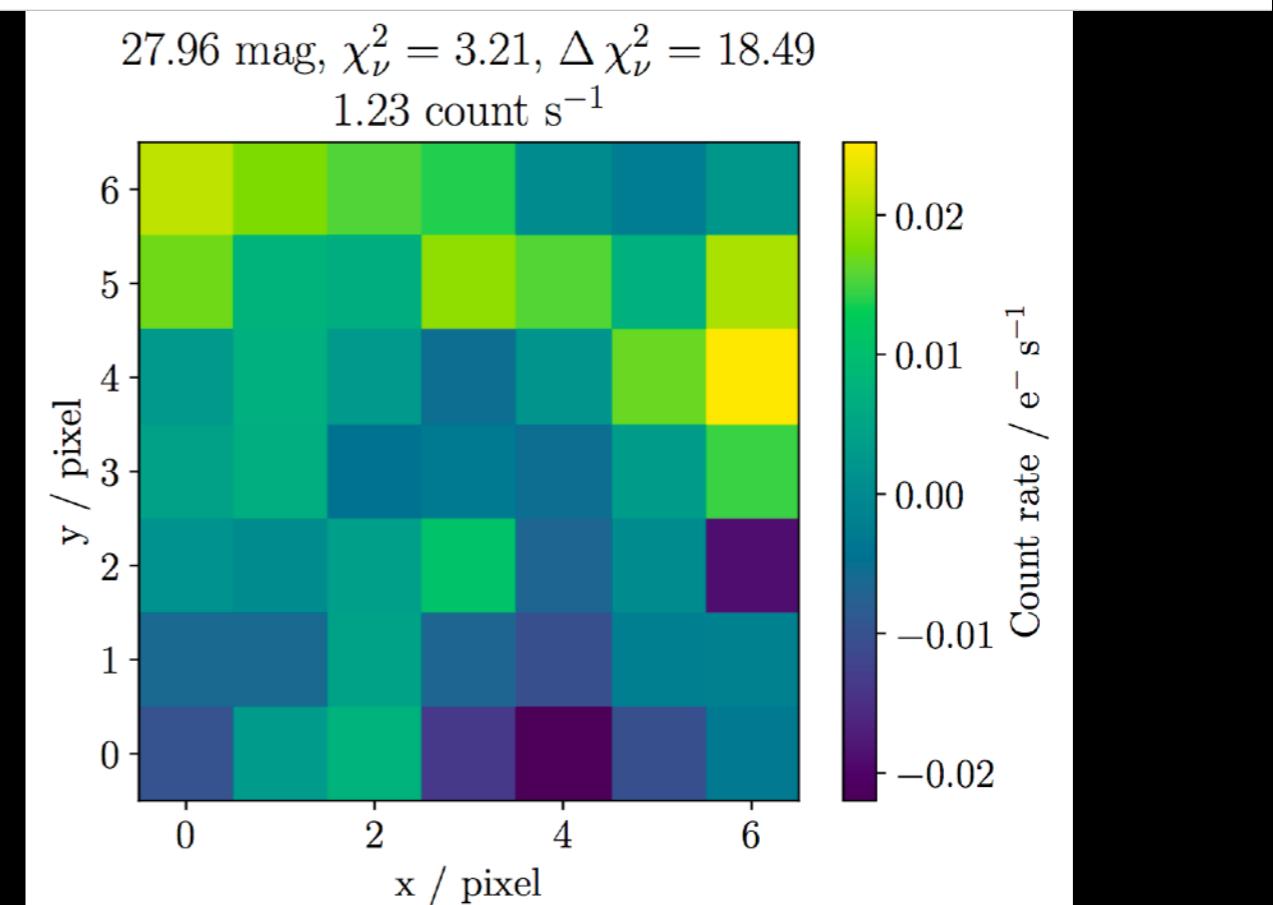
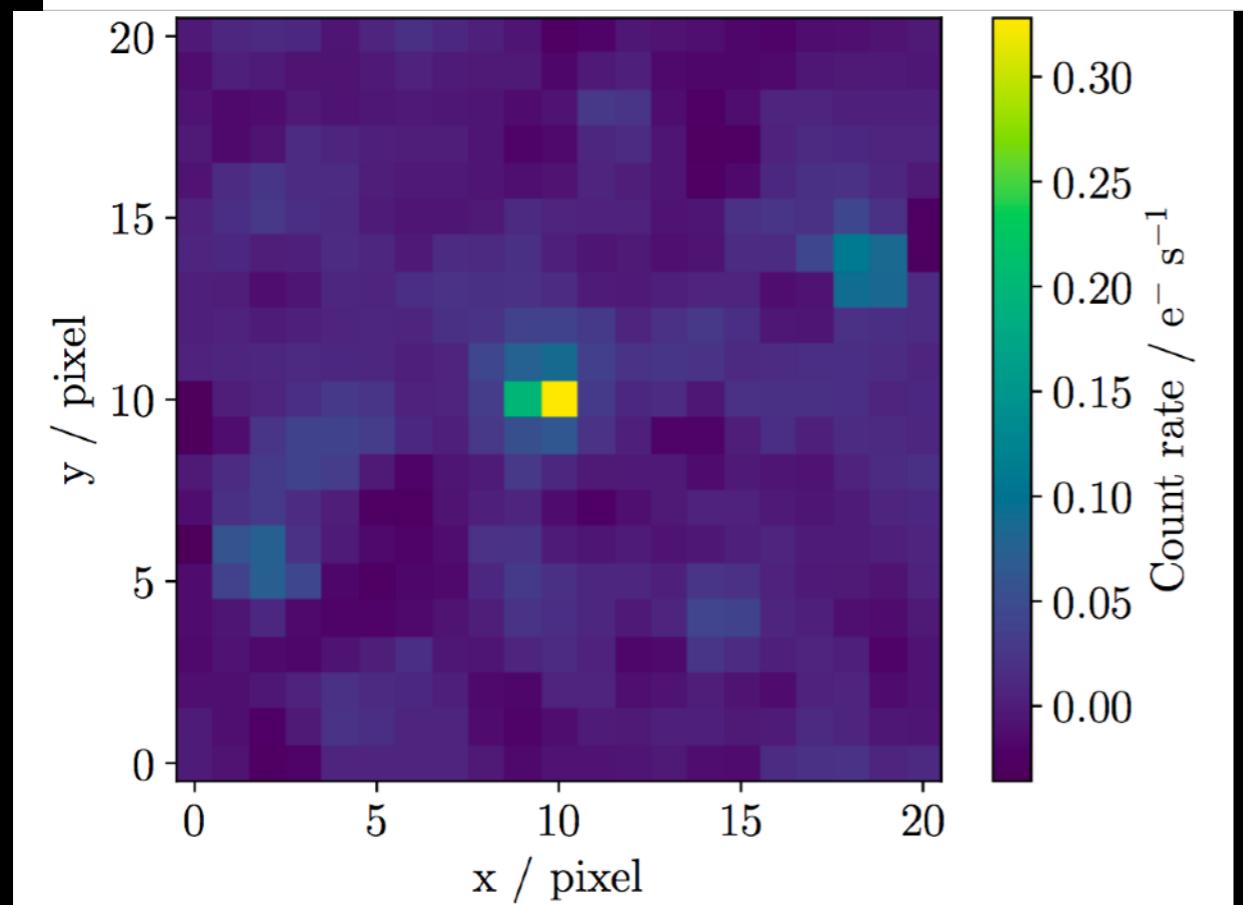
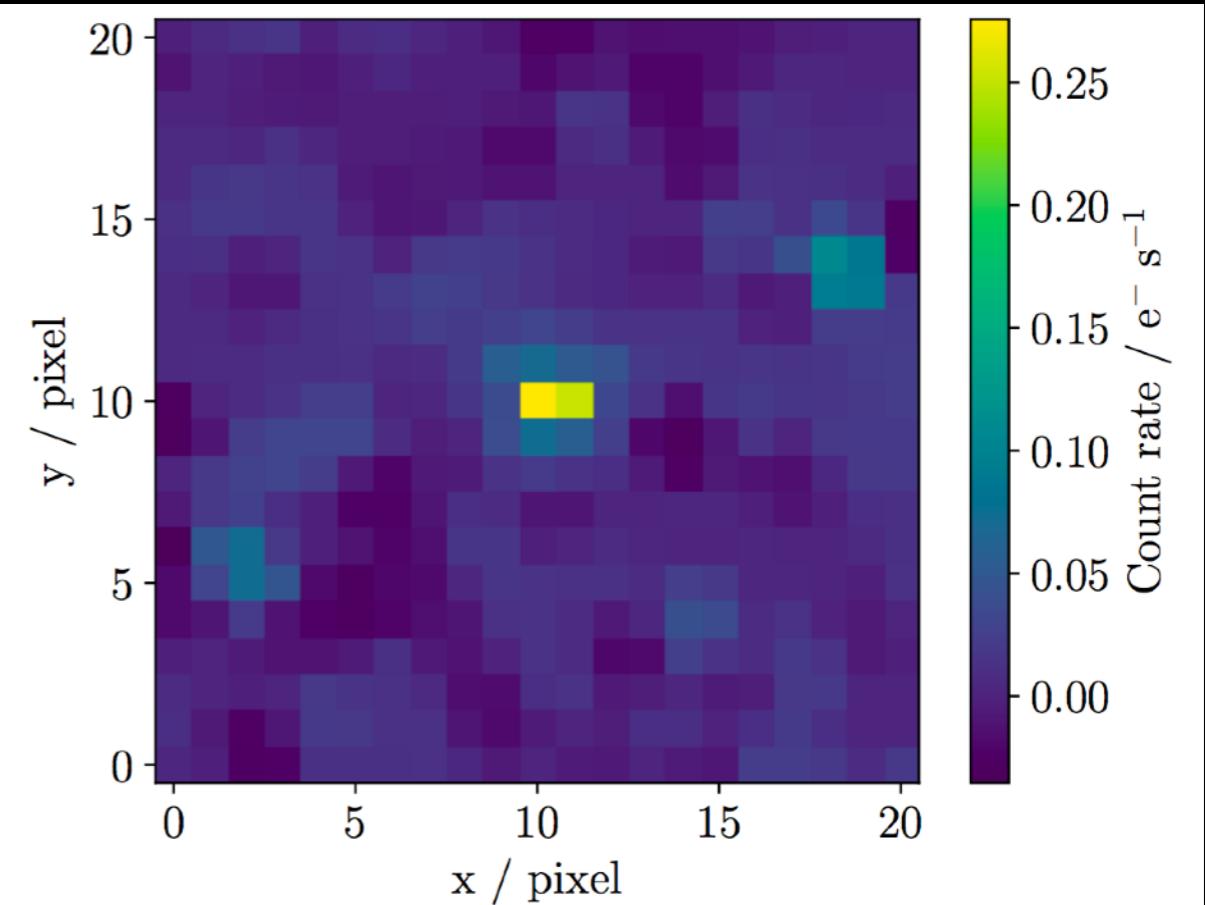
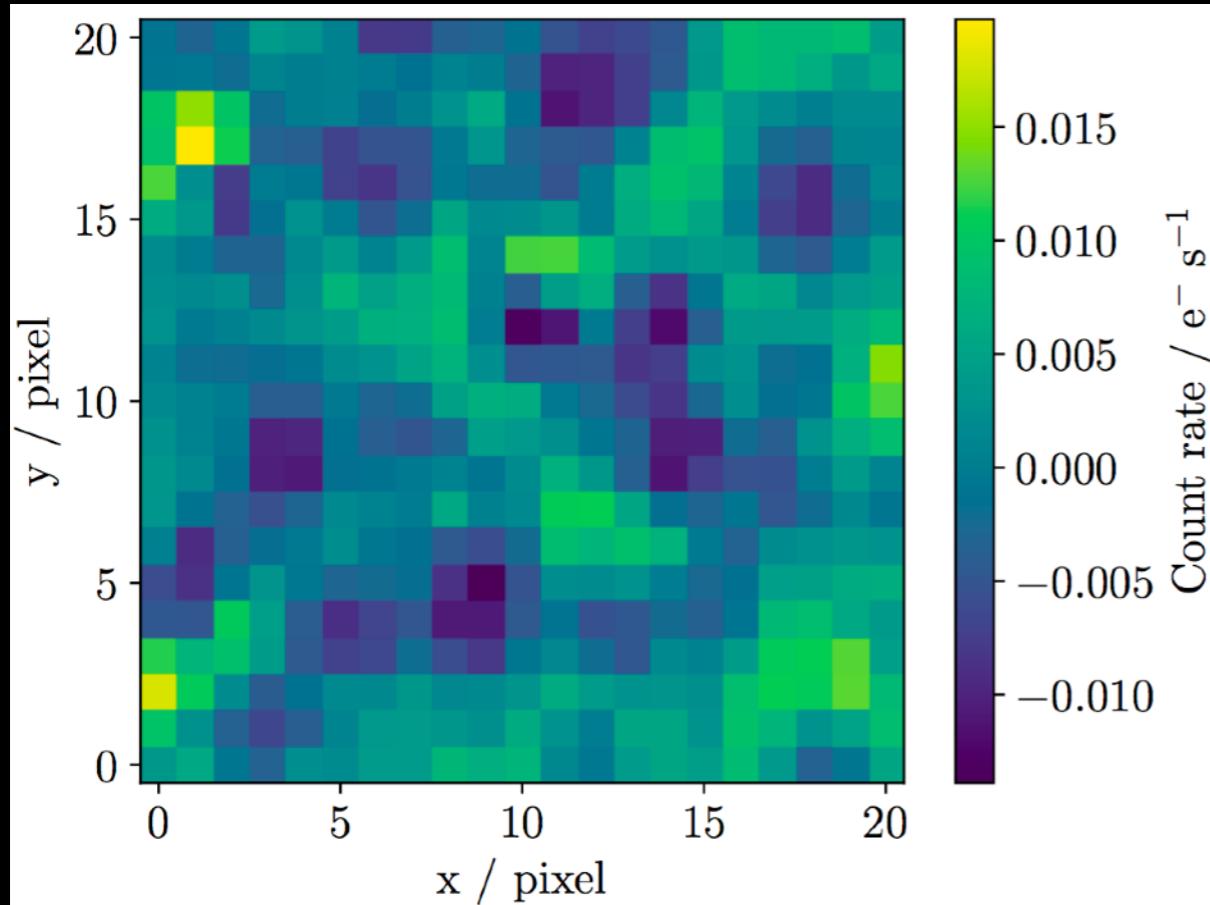
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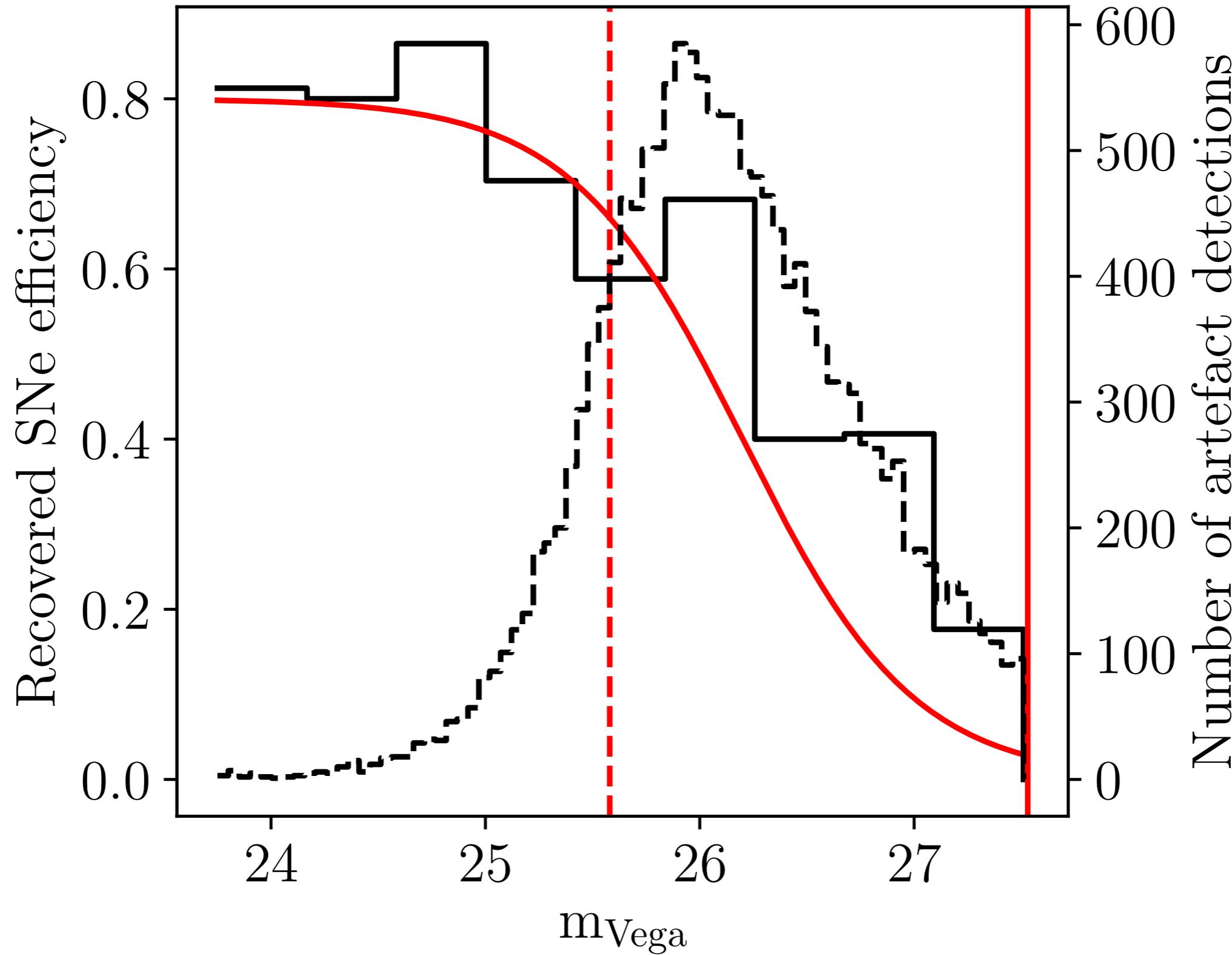


# INITIAL BUFFALO SUPERNOVAE DETECTIONS

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## SUMMARY

We can use the *BUFFALO* fields to search for supernovae

Utilising a semi-automated method for candidate finding, we find preliminary results of 0 SN in Abell 370 and 0 SN in MACS 0717 after visual inspection of candidates

We recover 78% of injected SNe in the target fields down to our limiting peak count rate 0.15 count/s ( $m_{\text{Vega}} \simeq 25.6$ ) and 60% of injected SNe down to 0.025 count/s( $m_{\text{Vega}} \simeq 27.5$ )