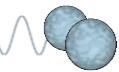




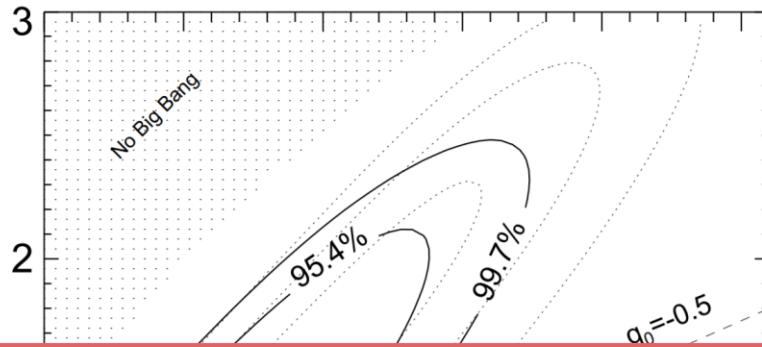
# Familiar and **Exotic** Events in the Current Transient Landscape



MATT SIEBERT



# Accelerating Universe



acceleration      gravity      cosmological constant

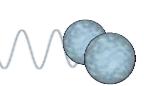
$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p) + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

slows down expansion      speeds up expansion

$\Lambda$

$$w = \frac{p}{\rho c^2} = -1$$

Perlmutter et al. 1999



# What is Dark Energy?

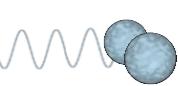
The Cosmological Constant Problem

$$\rho_{vac}^{(theory)} \sim 10^{120} \rho_{vac}^{(obs)}$$

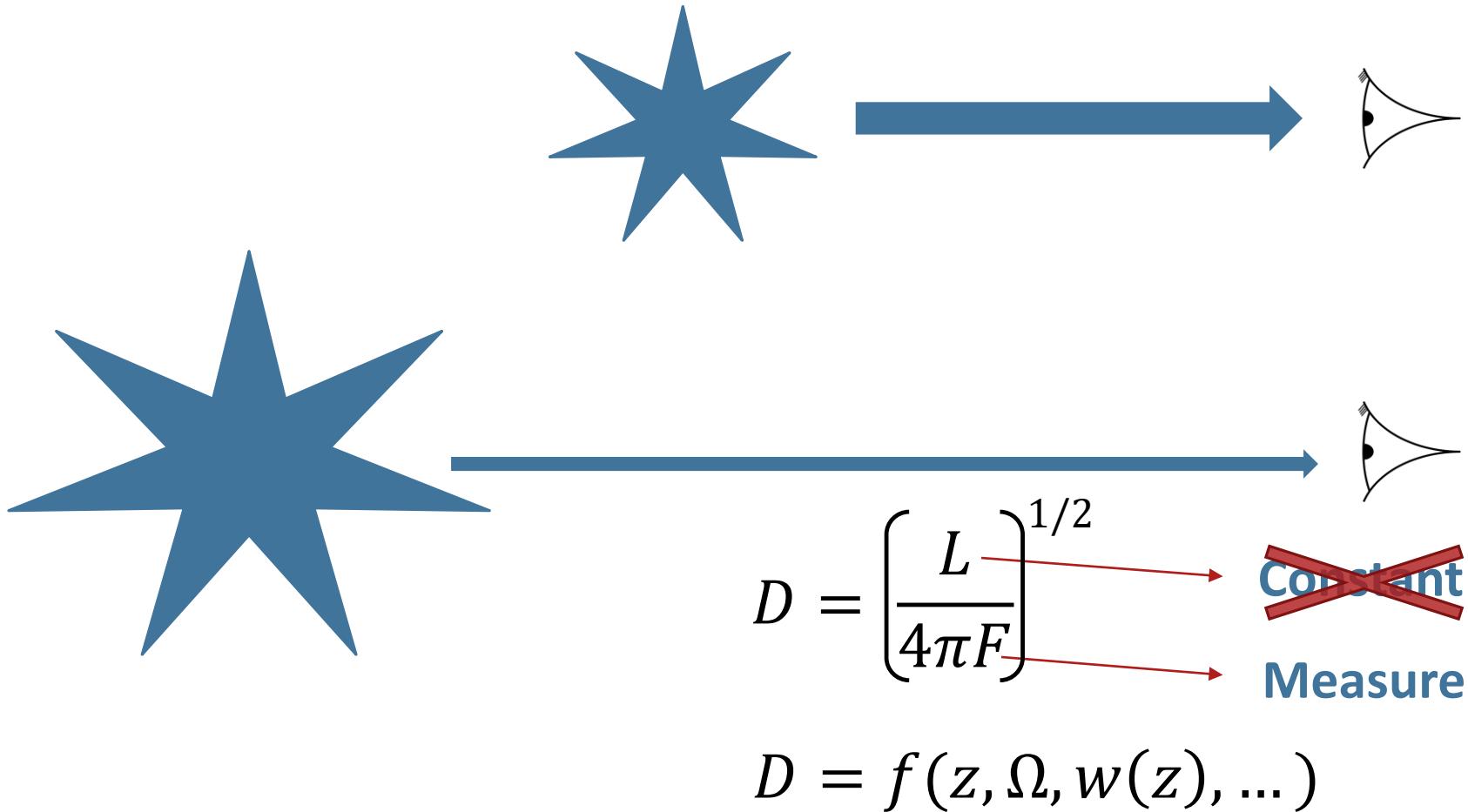
The Coincidence Problem

$$\Omega_m \sim \Omega_\Lambda$$

Why now?

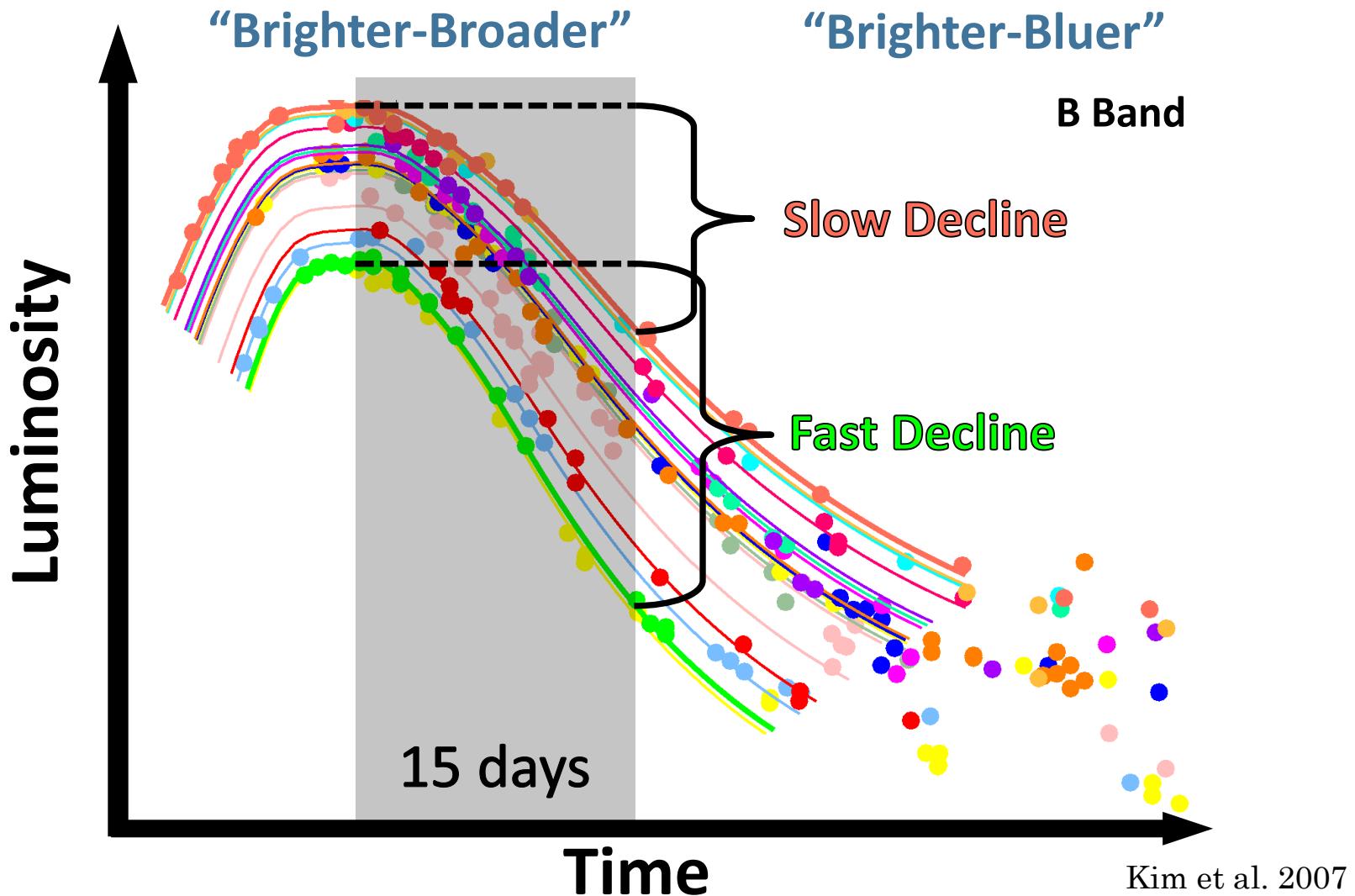


# SNe Ia are ~~Standard~~ Candles



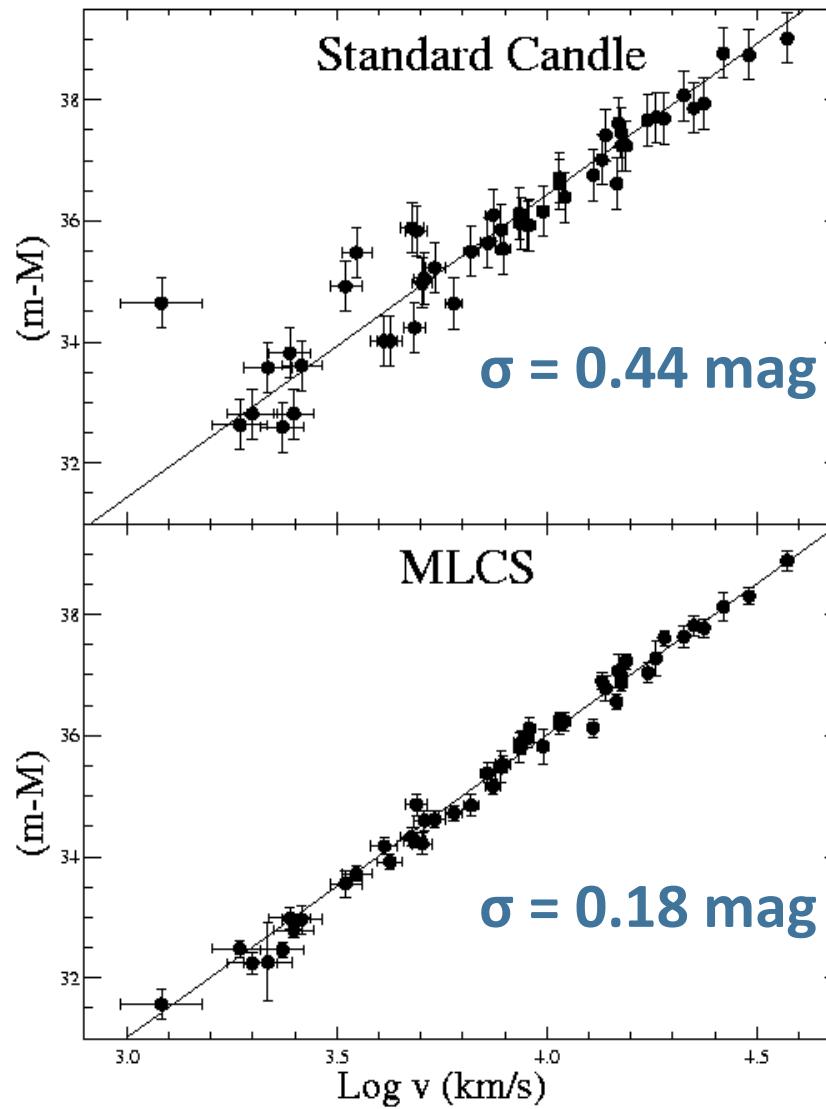


# SNe Ia are Standardizable Candles





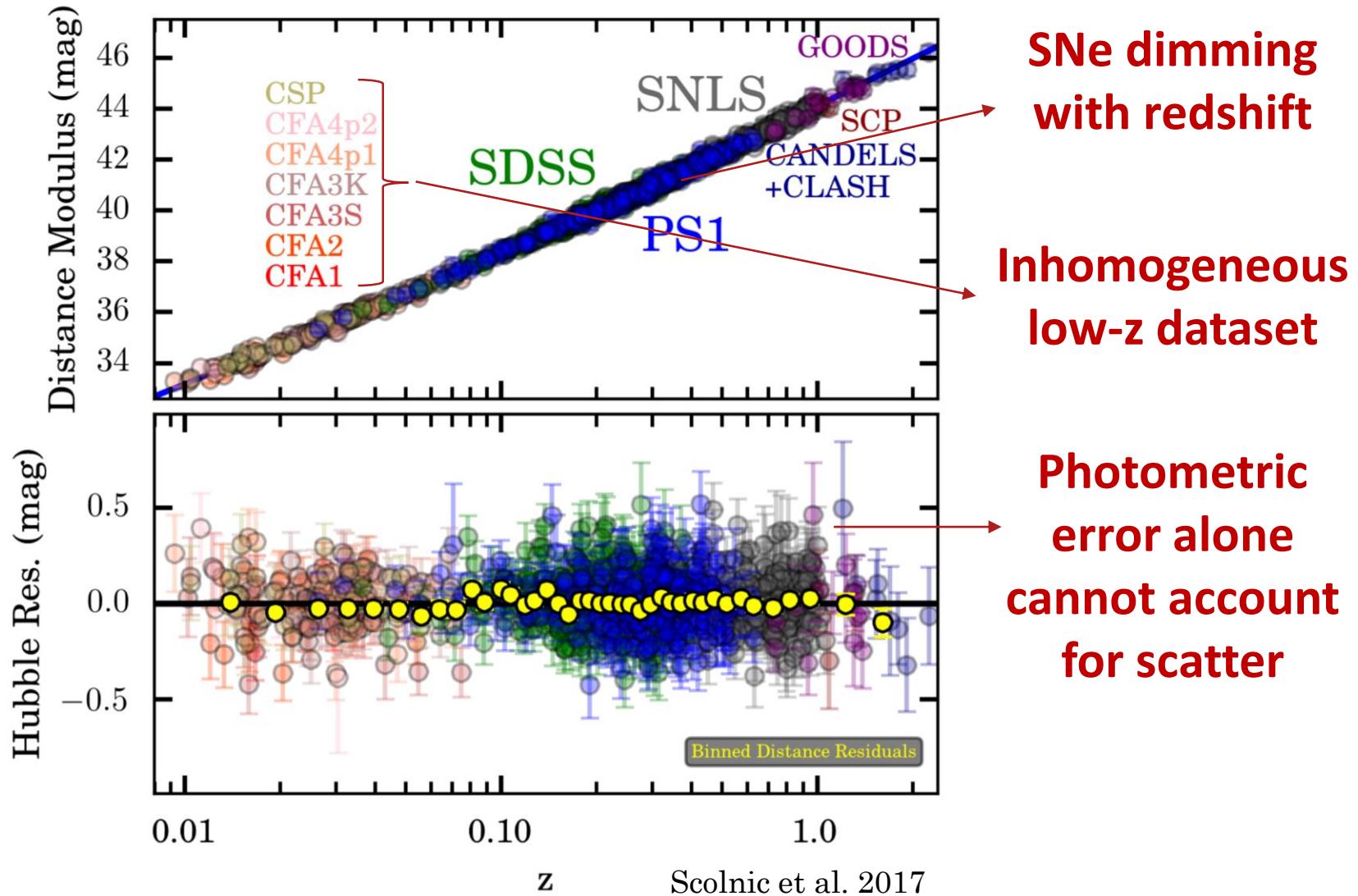
# SNe Ia are Standardizable Candles



Jha et al. 2007

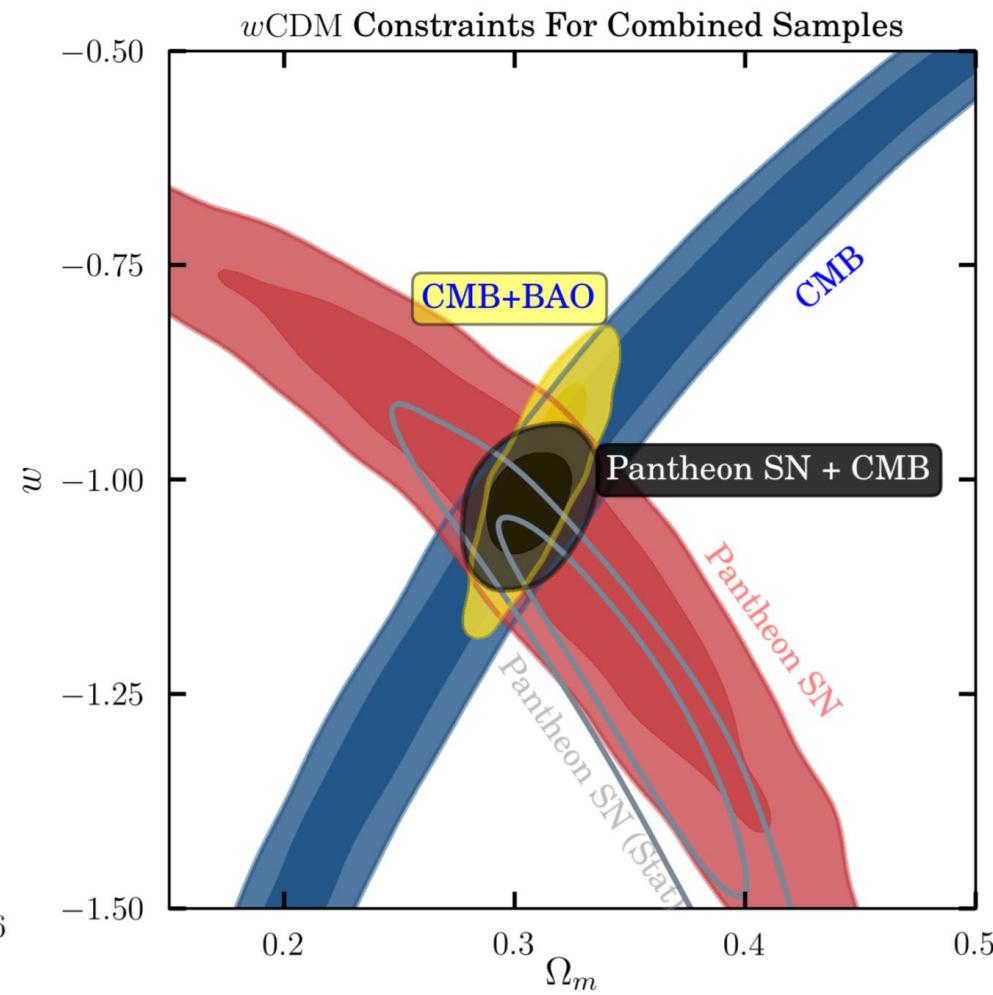
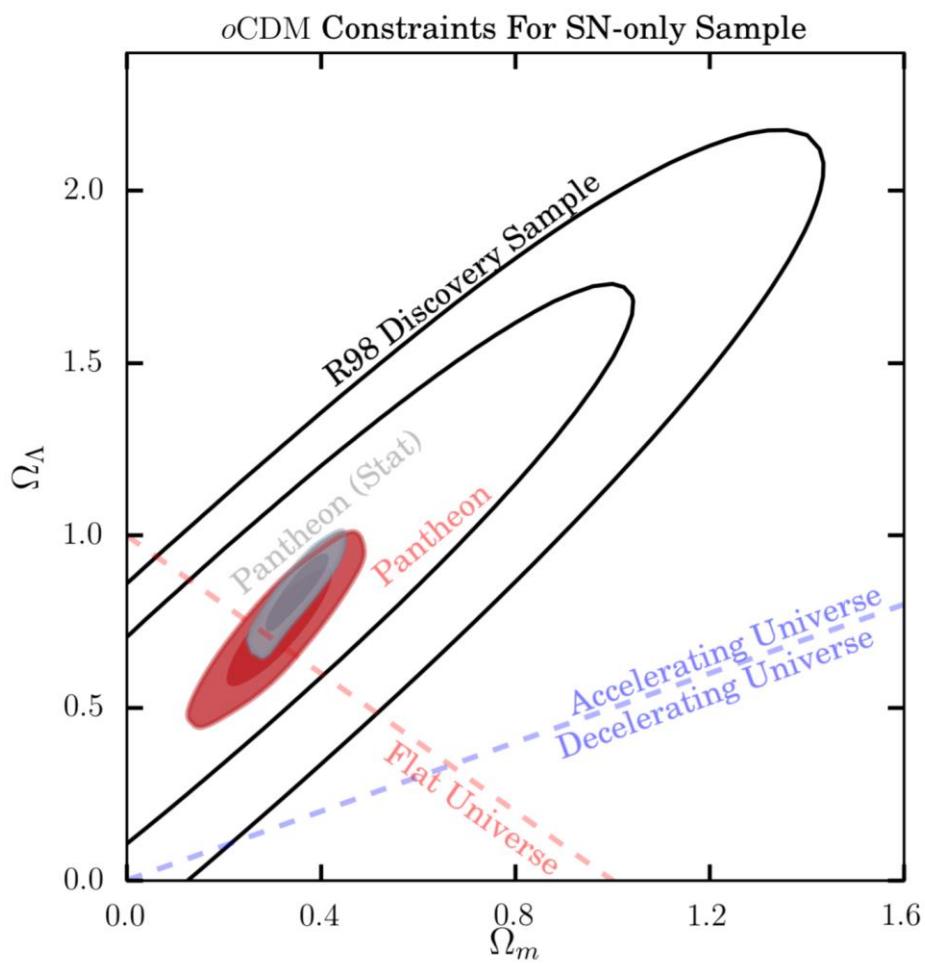


# Recent Hubble Diagram





# Systematics Need to be Addressed



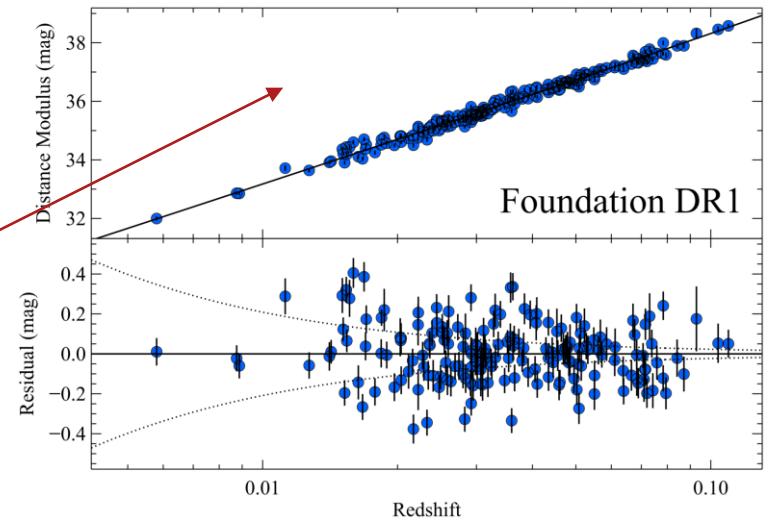
Scolnic et al. 2017



# Systematic Uncertainties

	w shift	$\sigma_w^{\text{syst}}$	Fraction of $\sigma_w^{(\text{stat})}$
Stat. Uncertainty	+0.000	0.031	1.000
Total Sys Uncertainty	+0.031	0.025	0.814
Calibration			
SALT2 Cal	-0.002	0.014	0.457
Survey Cal	+0.006	0.009	0.285
HST Cal	-0.006	0.006	0.177
Supercal	+0.002	0.003	0.098
SN Modeling			
Selection	+0.010	0.007	0.233
Intrinsic Scatter	+0.019	0.005	0.170
$\beta$ Evol.	-0.001	0.007	0.238
$\gamma$ Evol.	-0.002	0.000	0.000
$m_{\text{step}}^{\text{Shift}}$	-0.002	0.002	0.064
External			
MW Extinction	+0.010	0.008	0.262
Pec. Vel.	+0.000	0.003	0.103

Scolnic et al. 2017



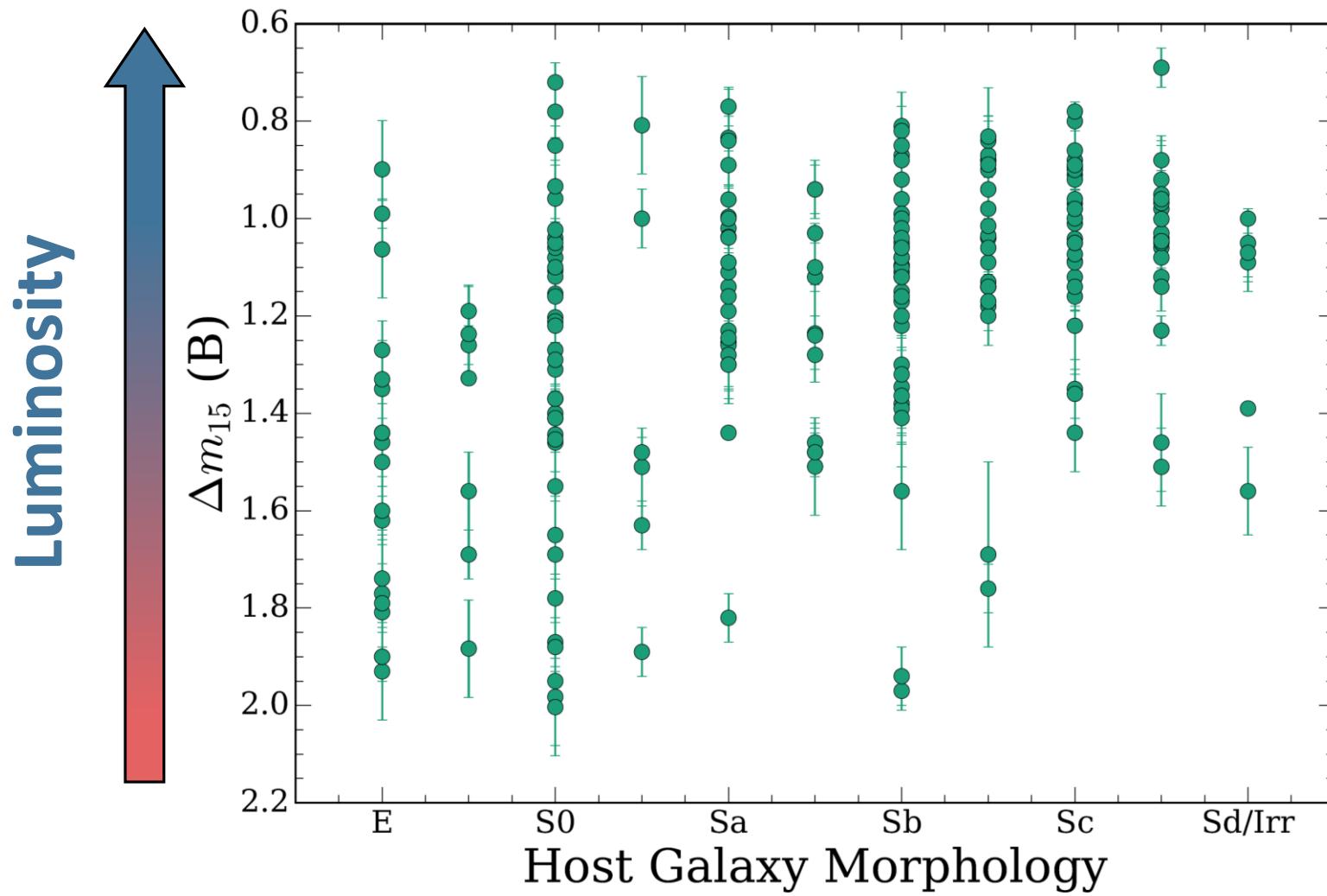
Foley et al. 2018

Explosion Physics



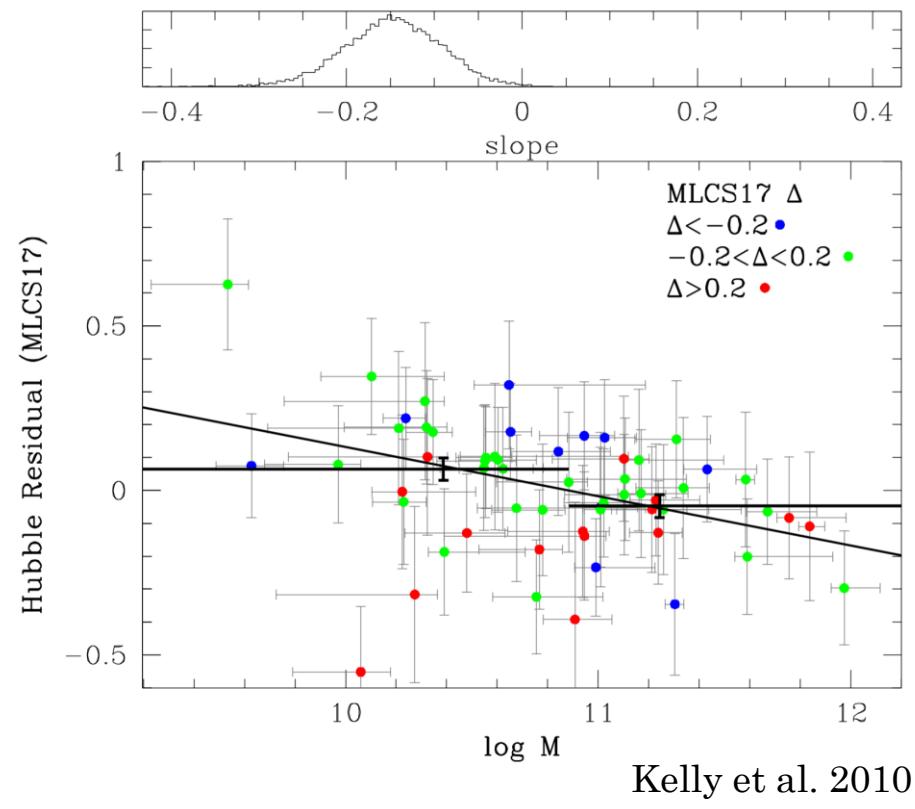
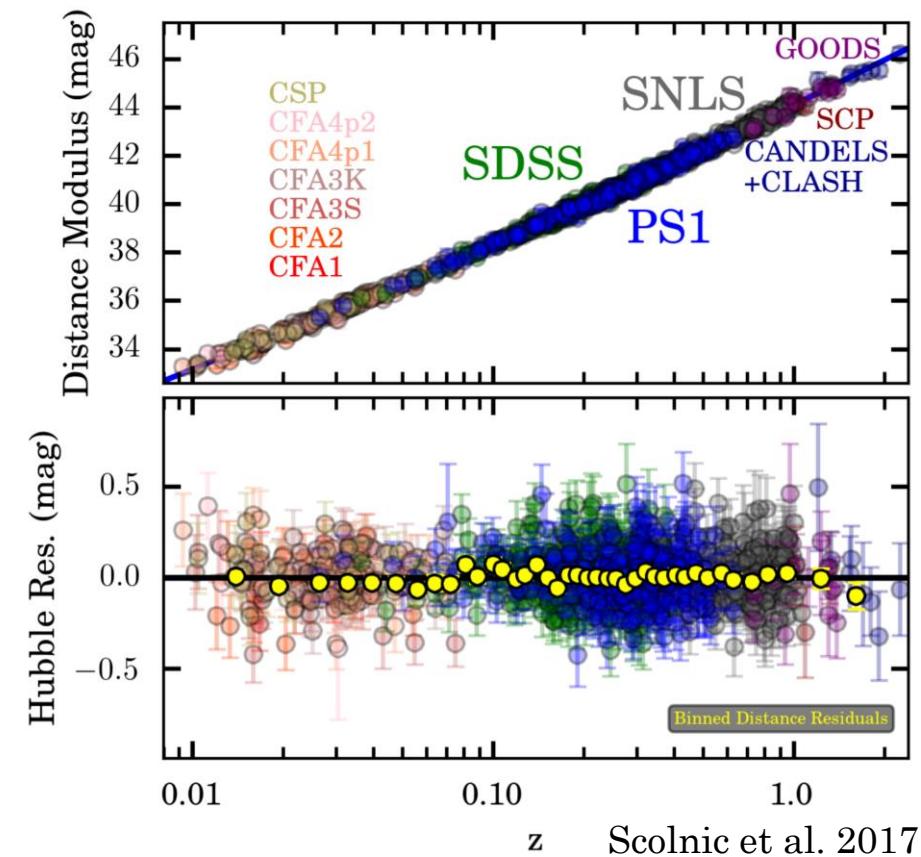


# Environmental Dependence



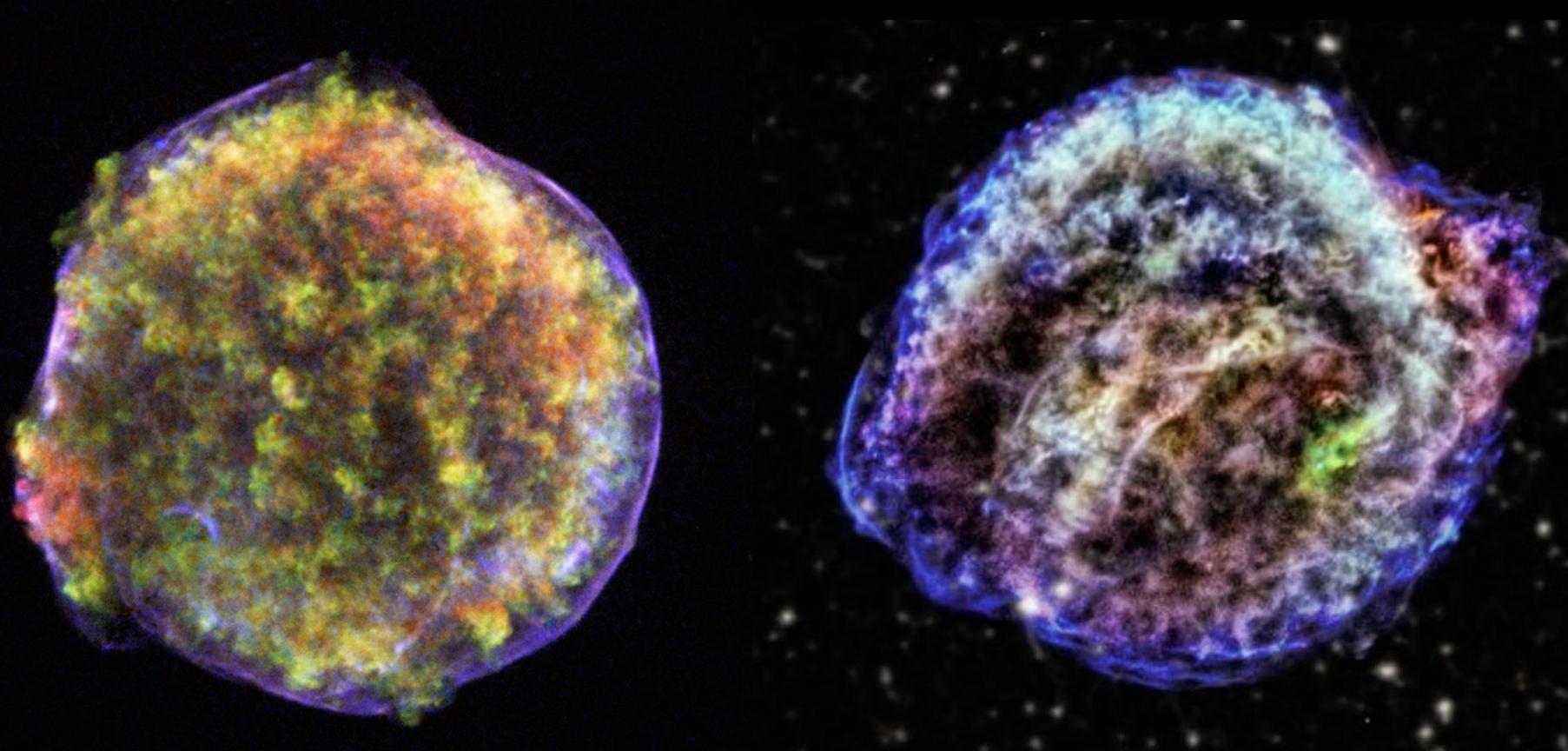


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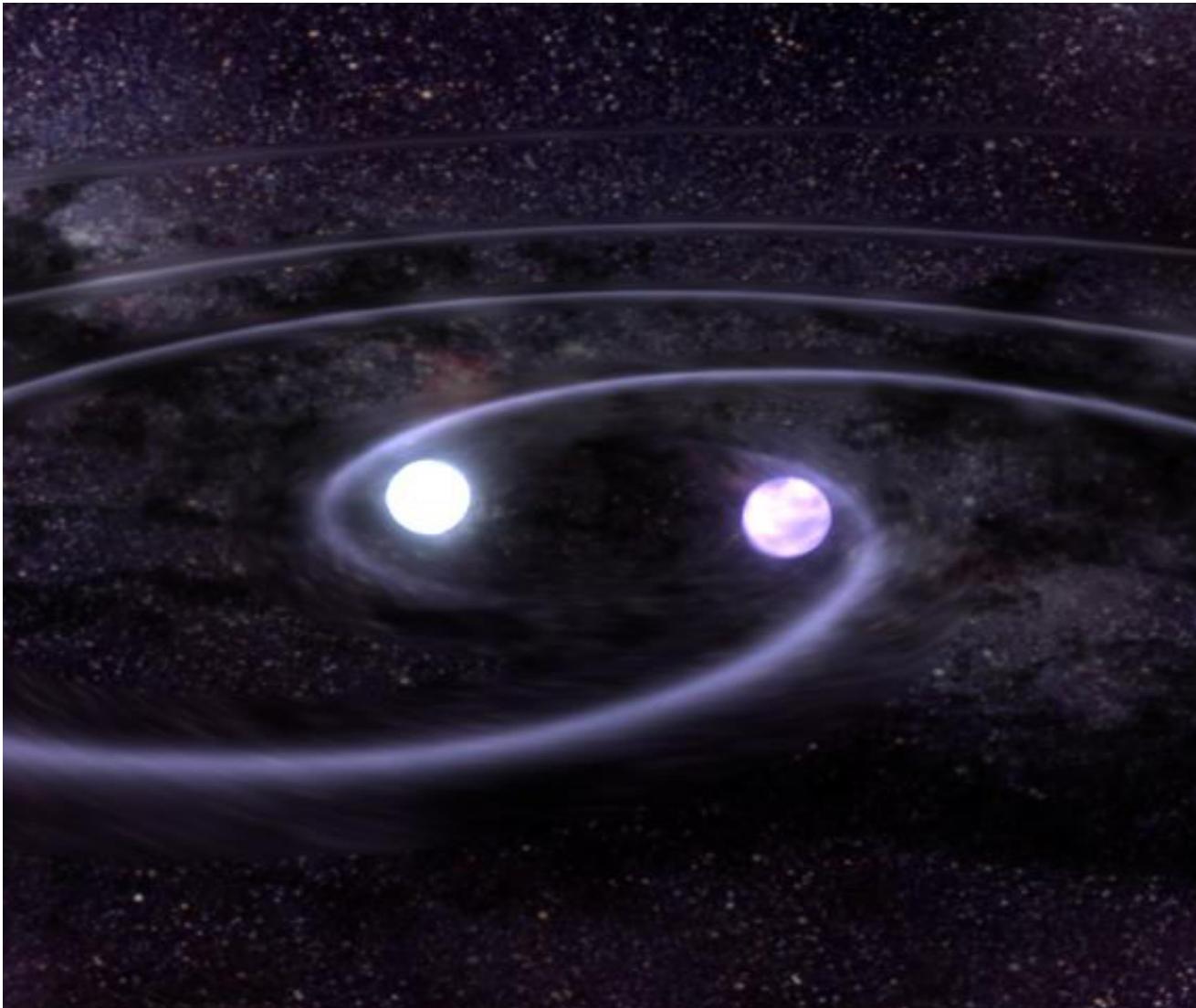


# Different Progenitors?



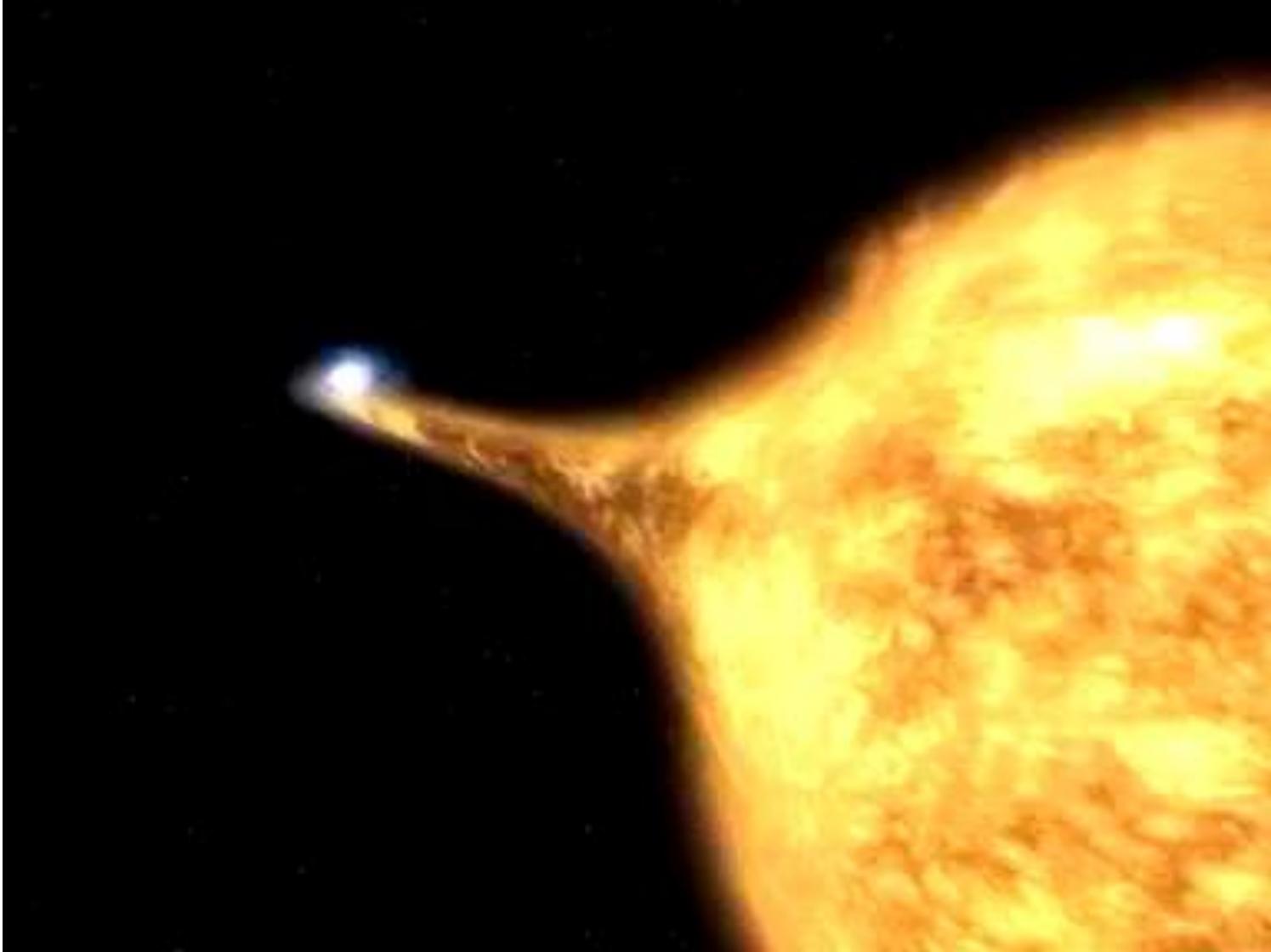


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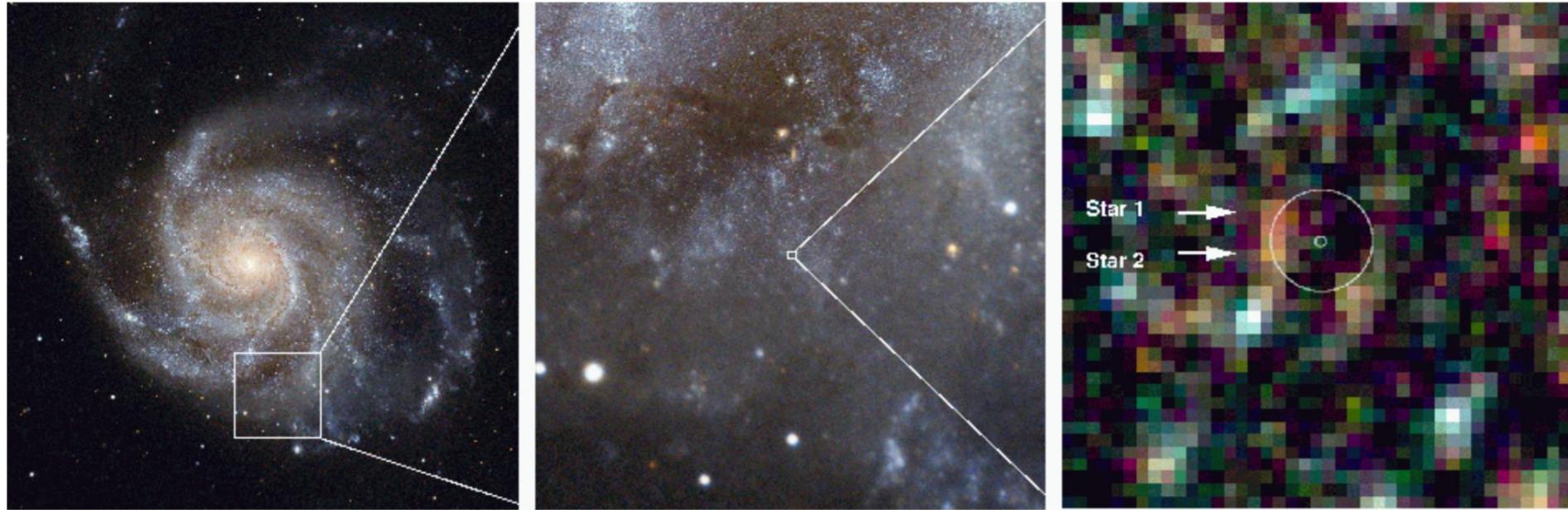


# Single Degenerate Scenario





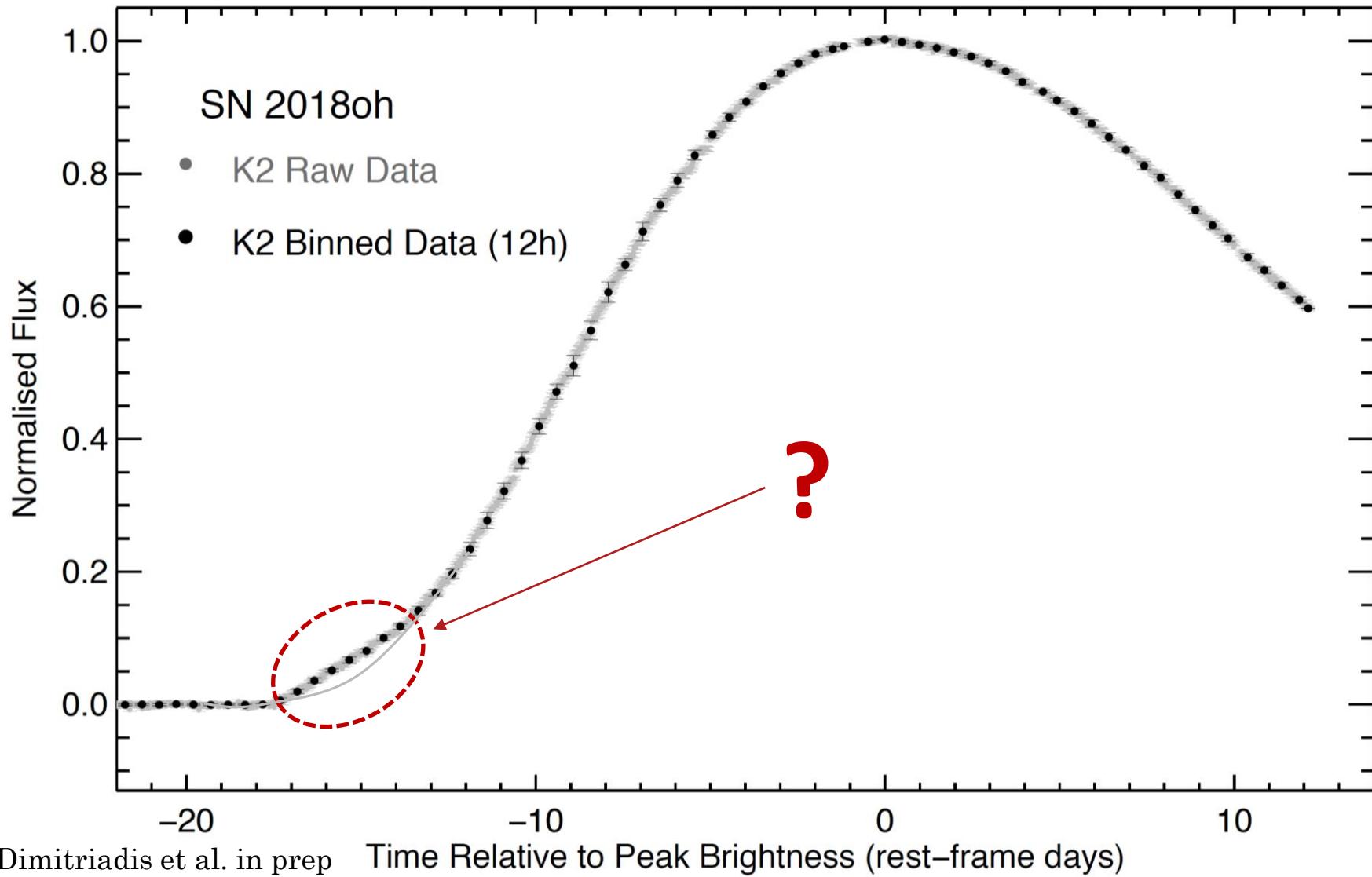
# DD Evidence – SN2011fe



Li et al. 2011

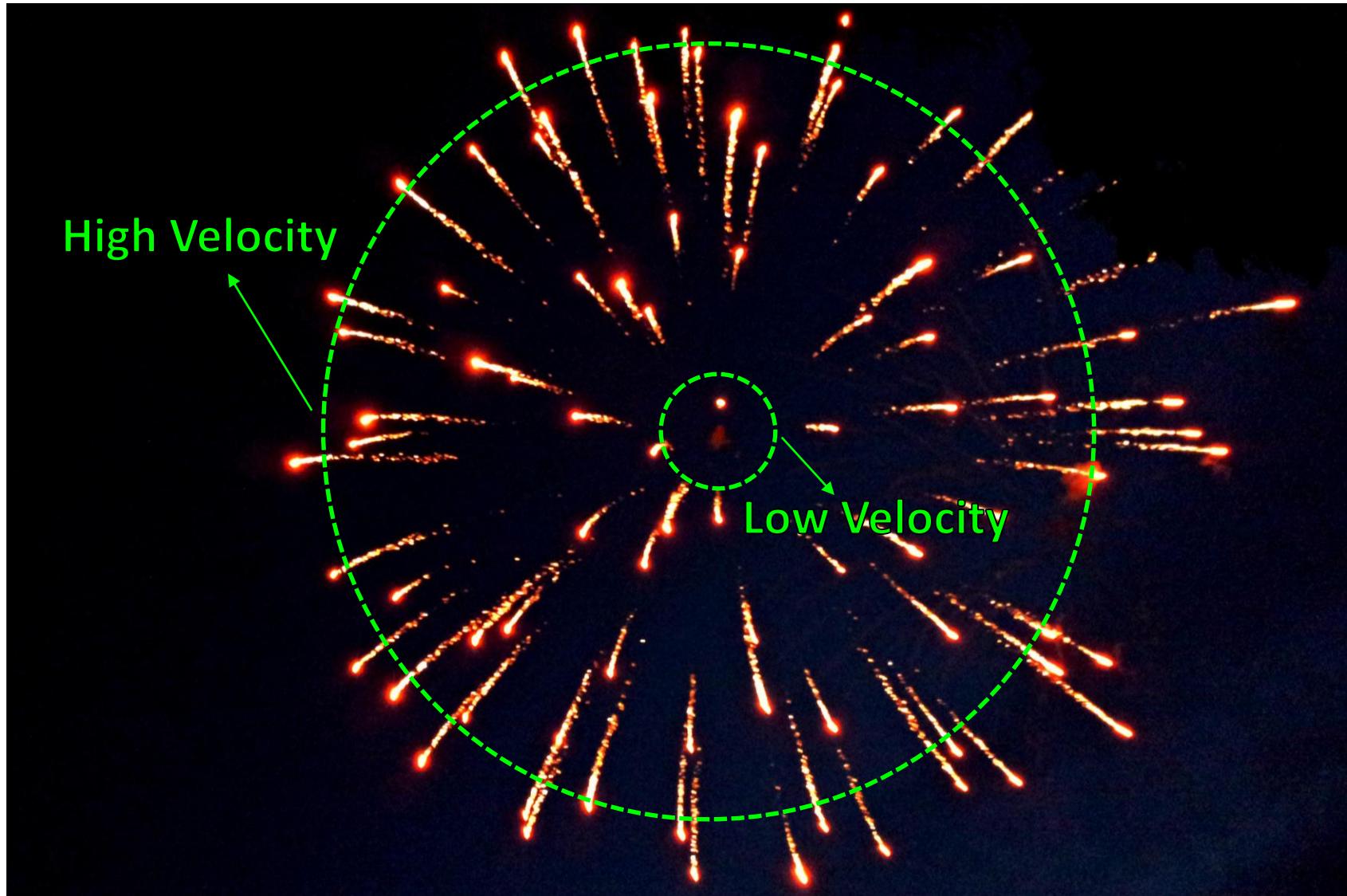


# SD Evidence – Early Excess Flux



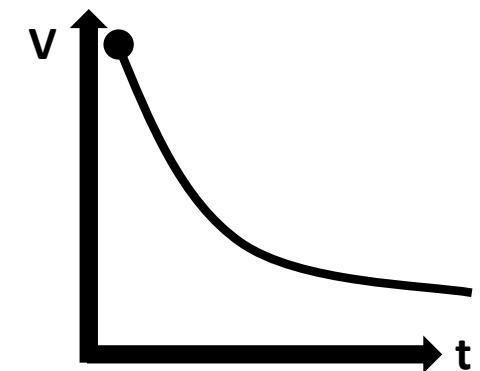
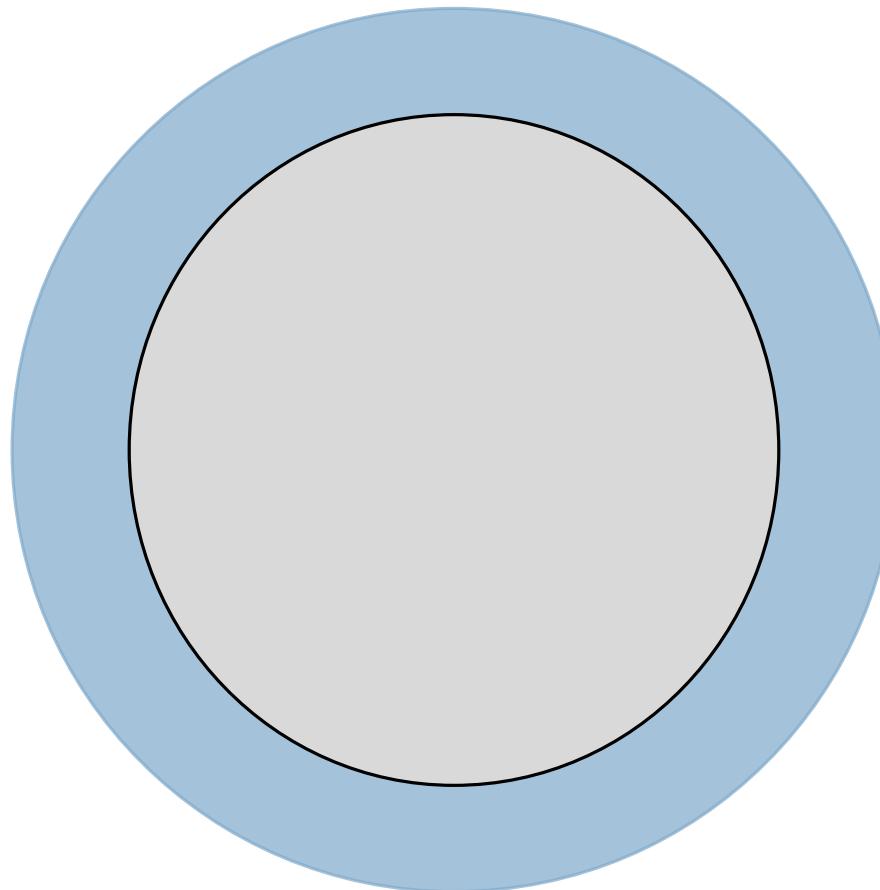


# Supernova Explosion





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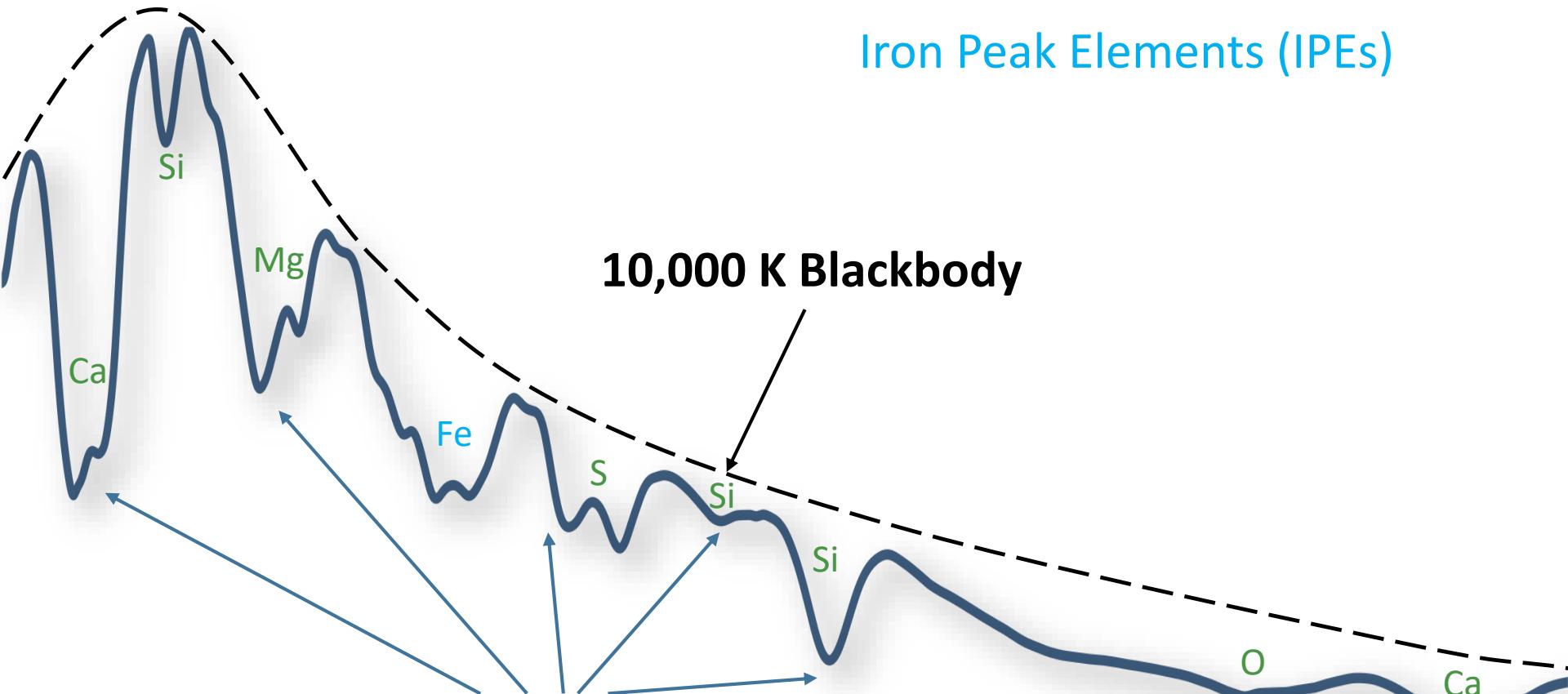
# Maximum Light SED

Intermediate Mass Elements (IMEs)

Iron Peak Elements (IPEs)

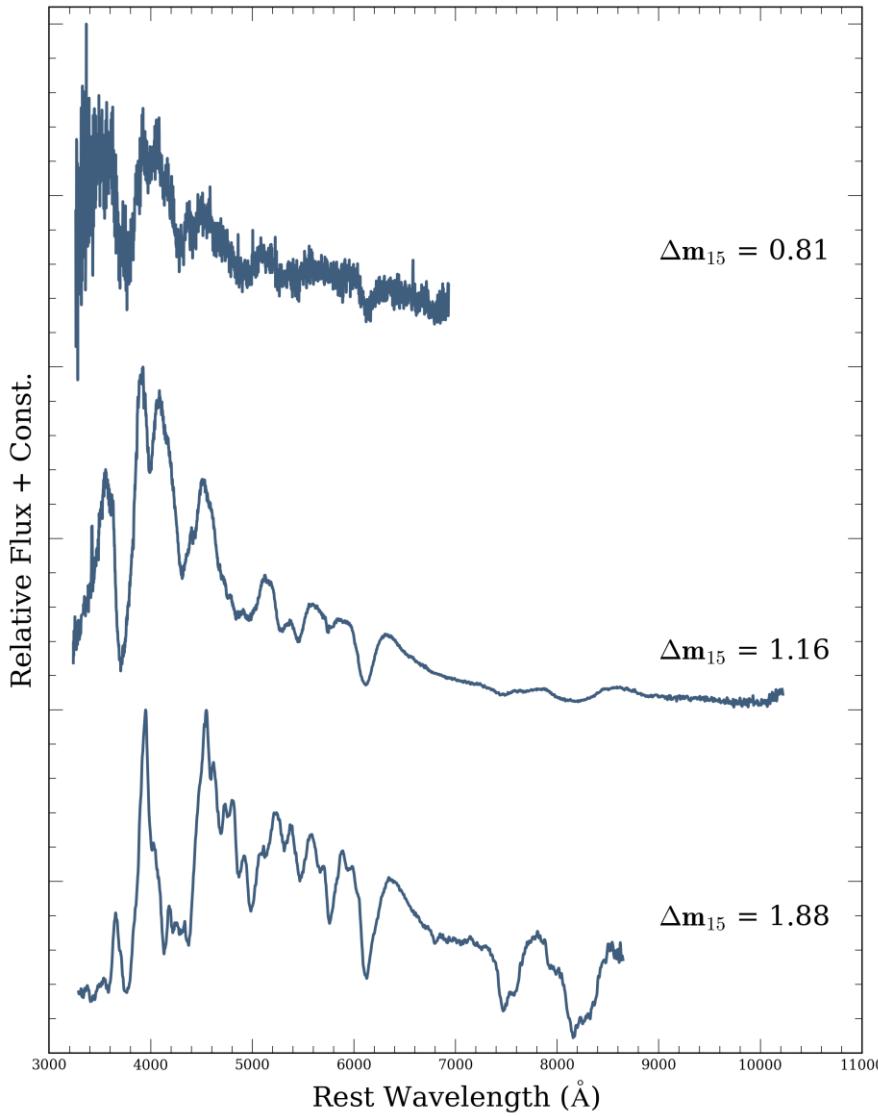
10,000 K Blackbody

Broad Blueshifted  
Absorption Lines





# Spectroscopic Diversity



Individual Spectra

Heterogeneous

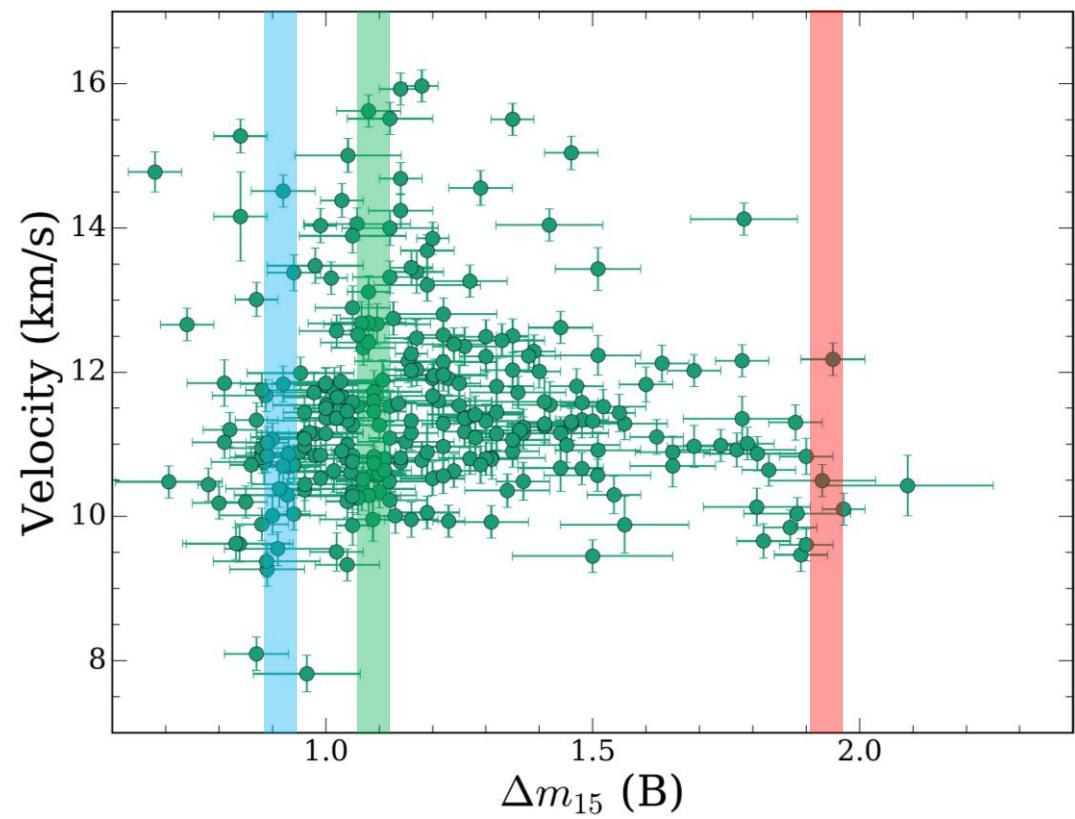
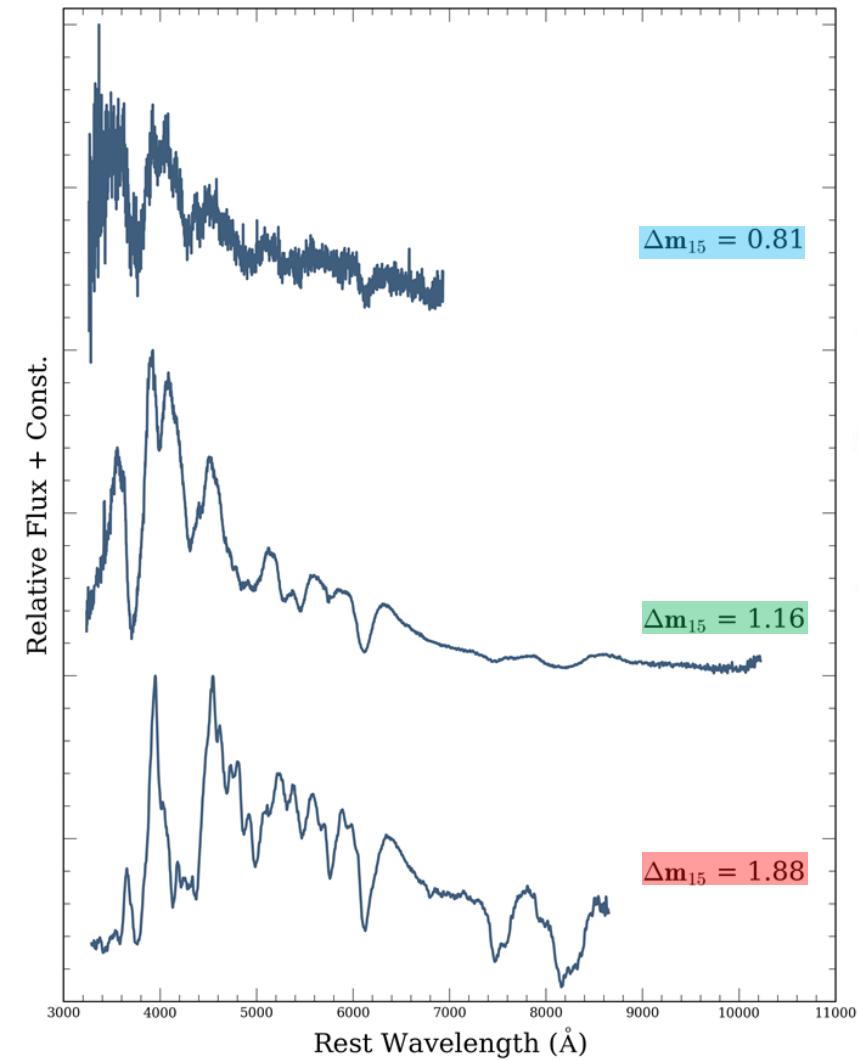
Signal

Wavelength Coverage

Spectral Features



# No Correlation with Velocity

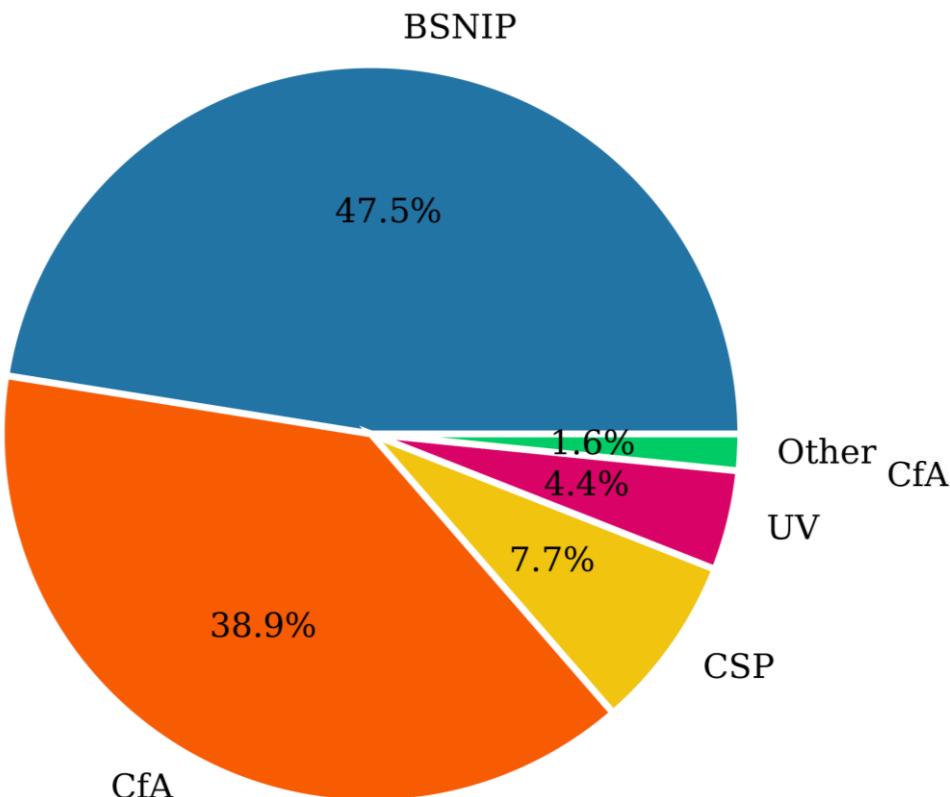


# SN Ia Relational Database

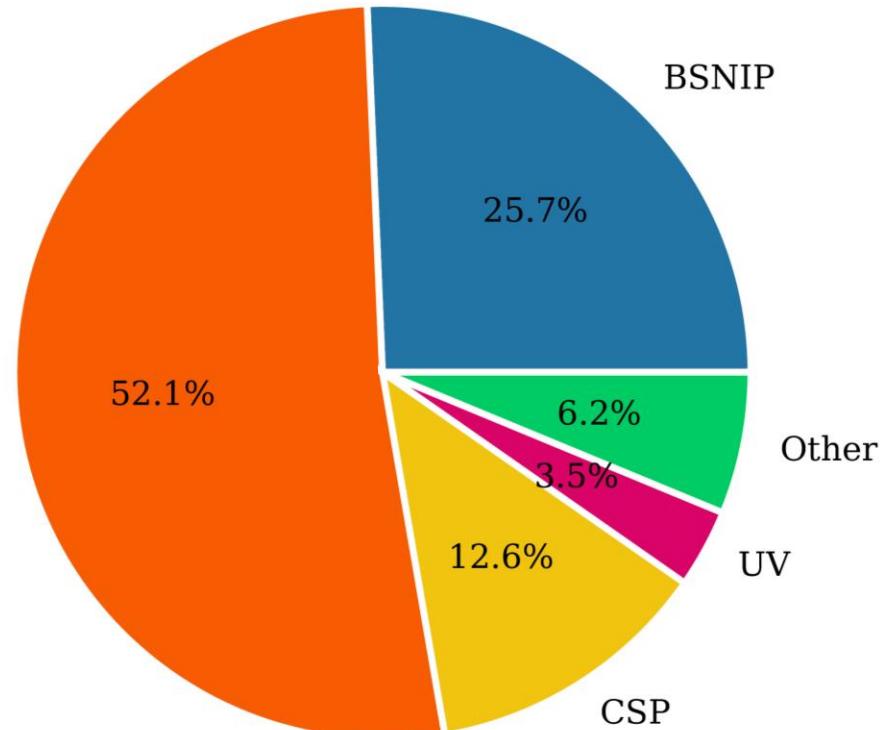
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\*Contrived acronym pending

**N = 784 SNe**



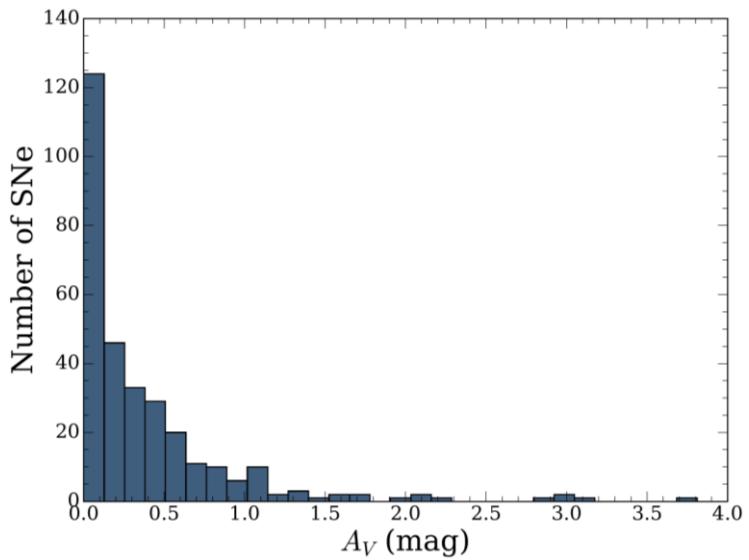
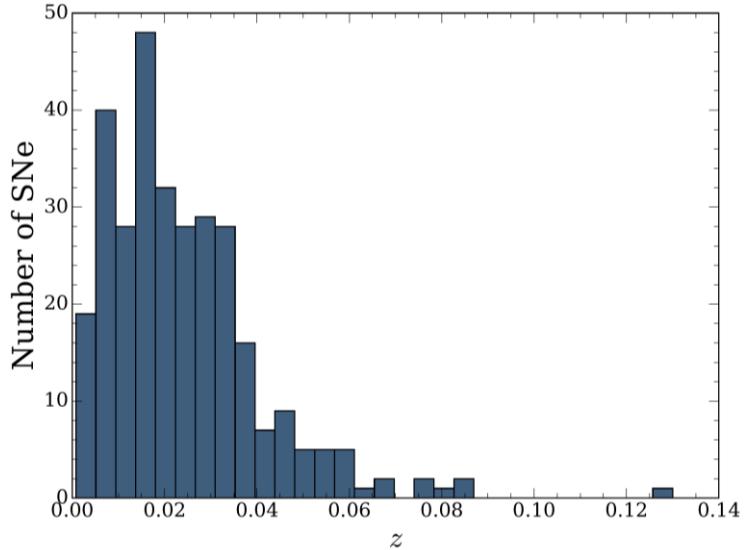
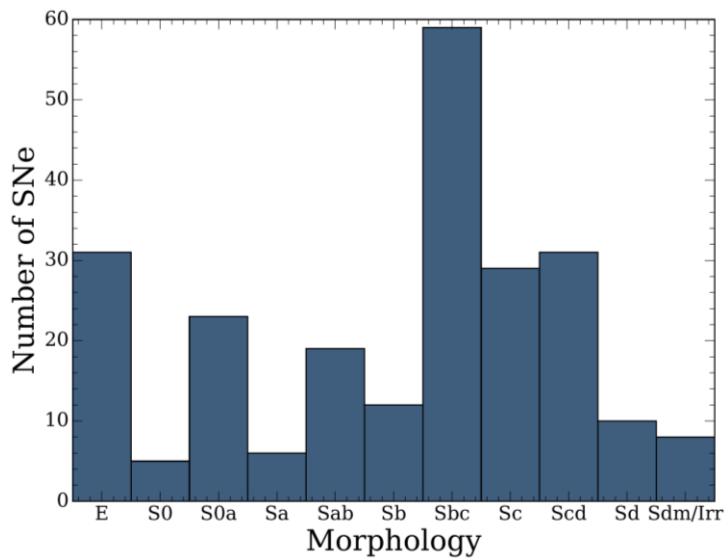
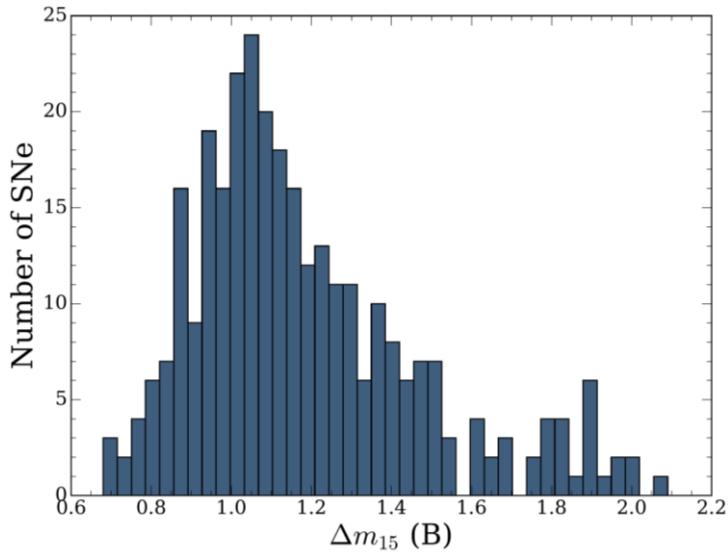
**4972 Spectra**





# Metadata

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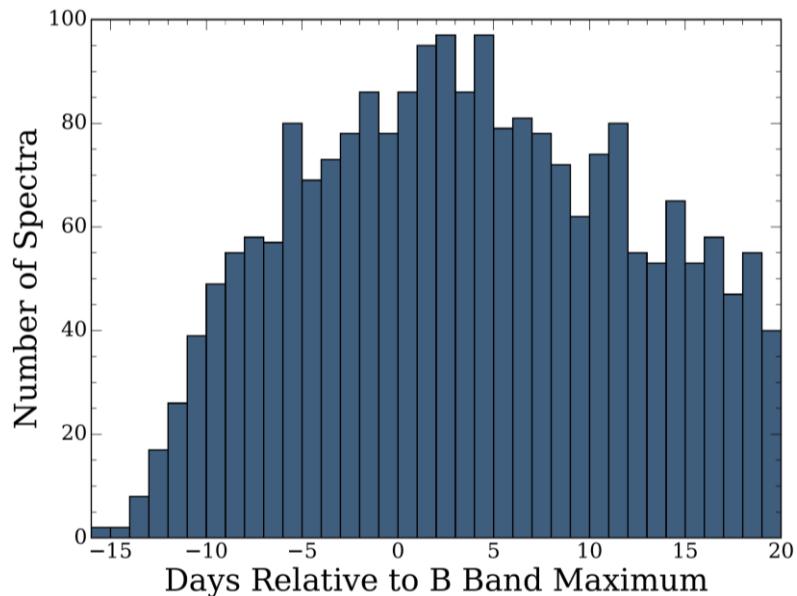
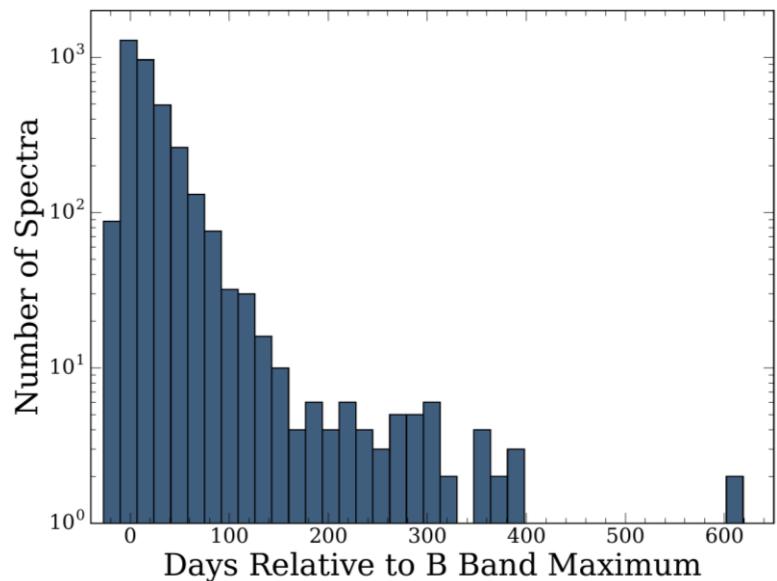
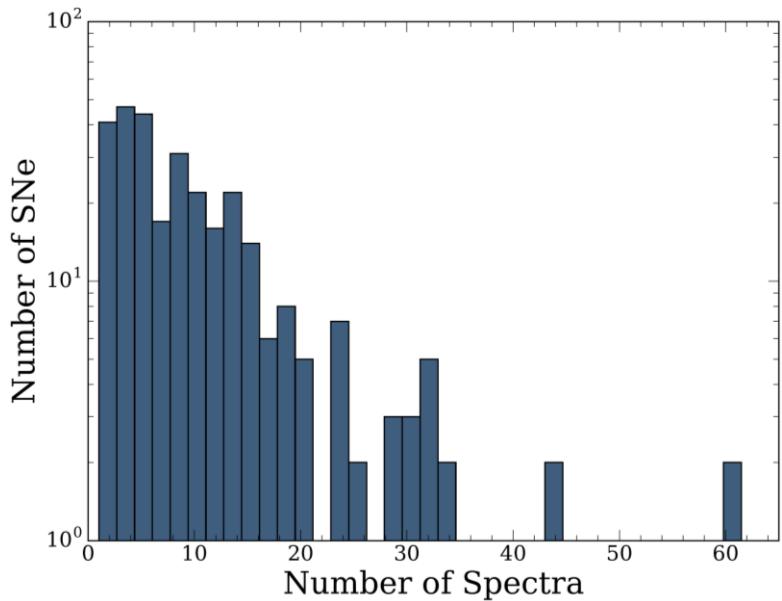


# Demographics

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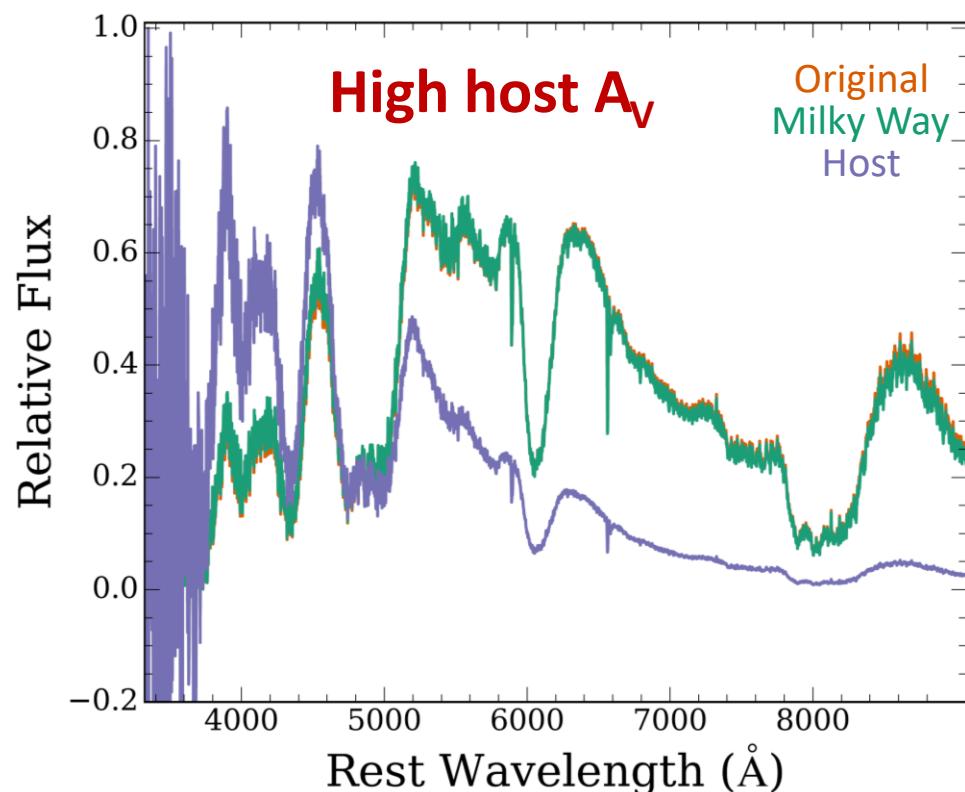
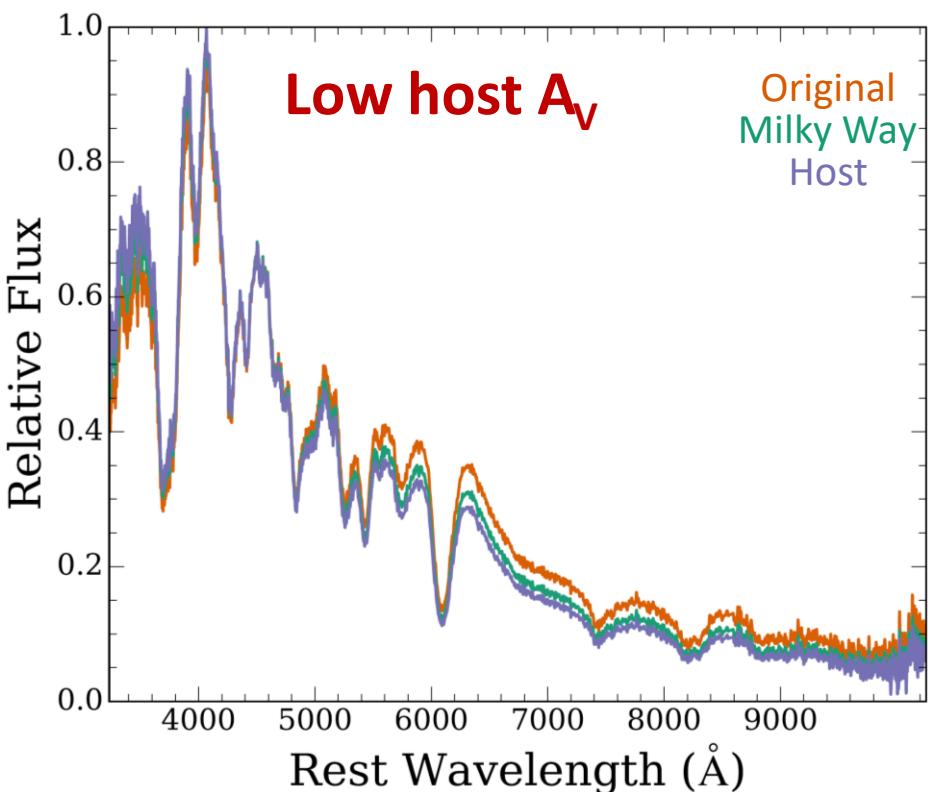
- Subsample requirements
  - Phase estimate
  - Host extinction estimate from light curve fit

**N = 308 SNe    3453 Spectra**



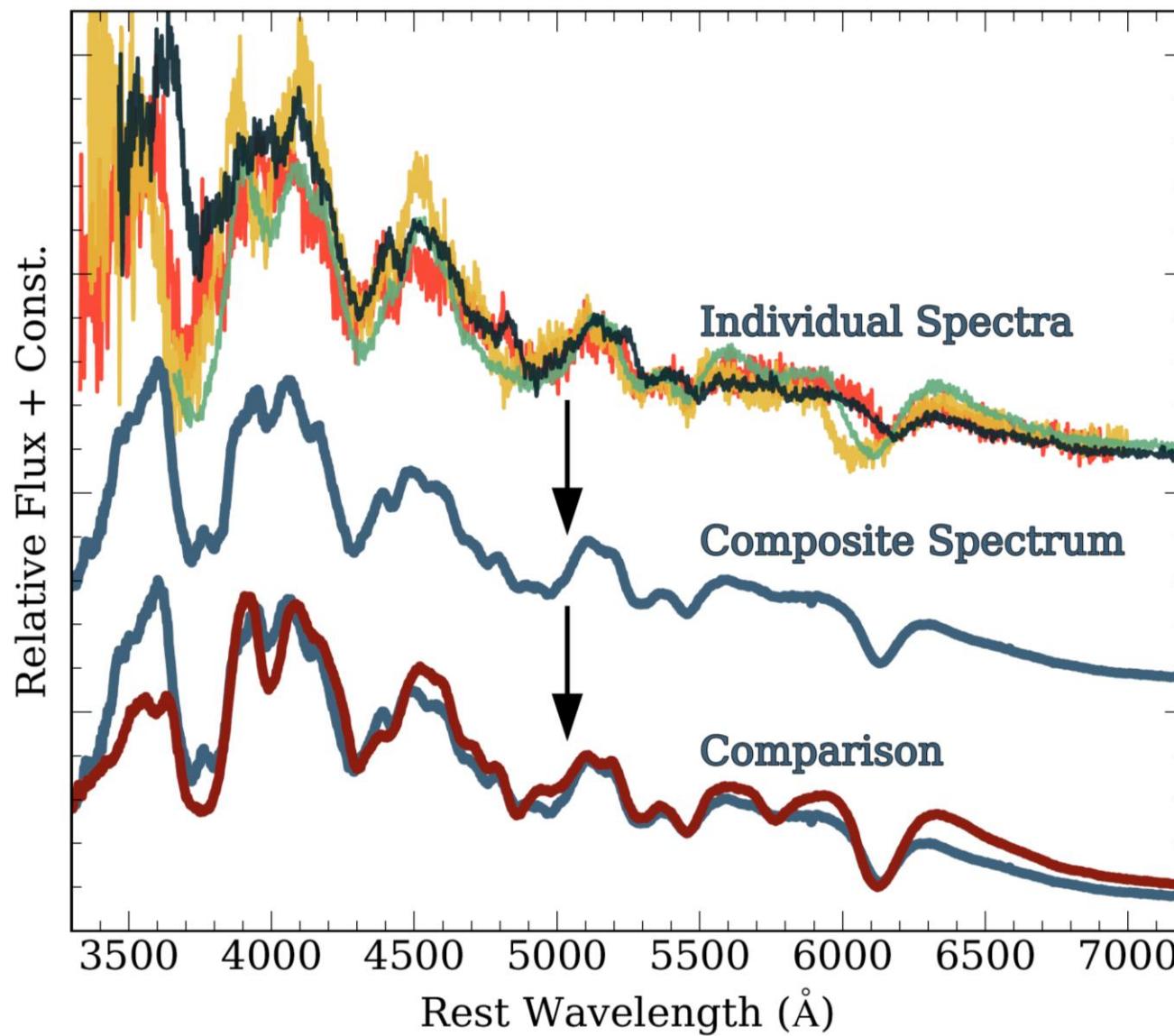
# Reddening Corrections

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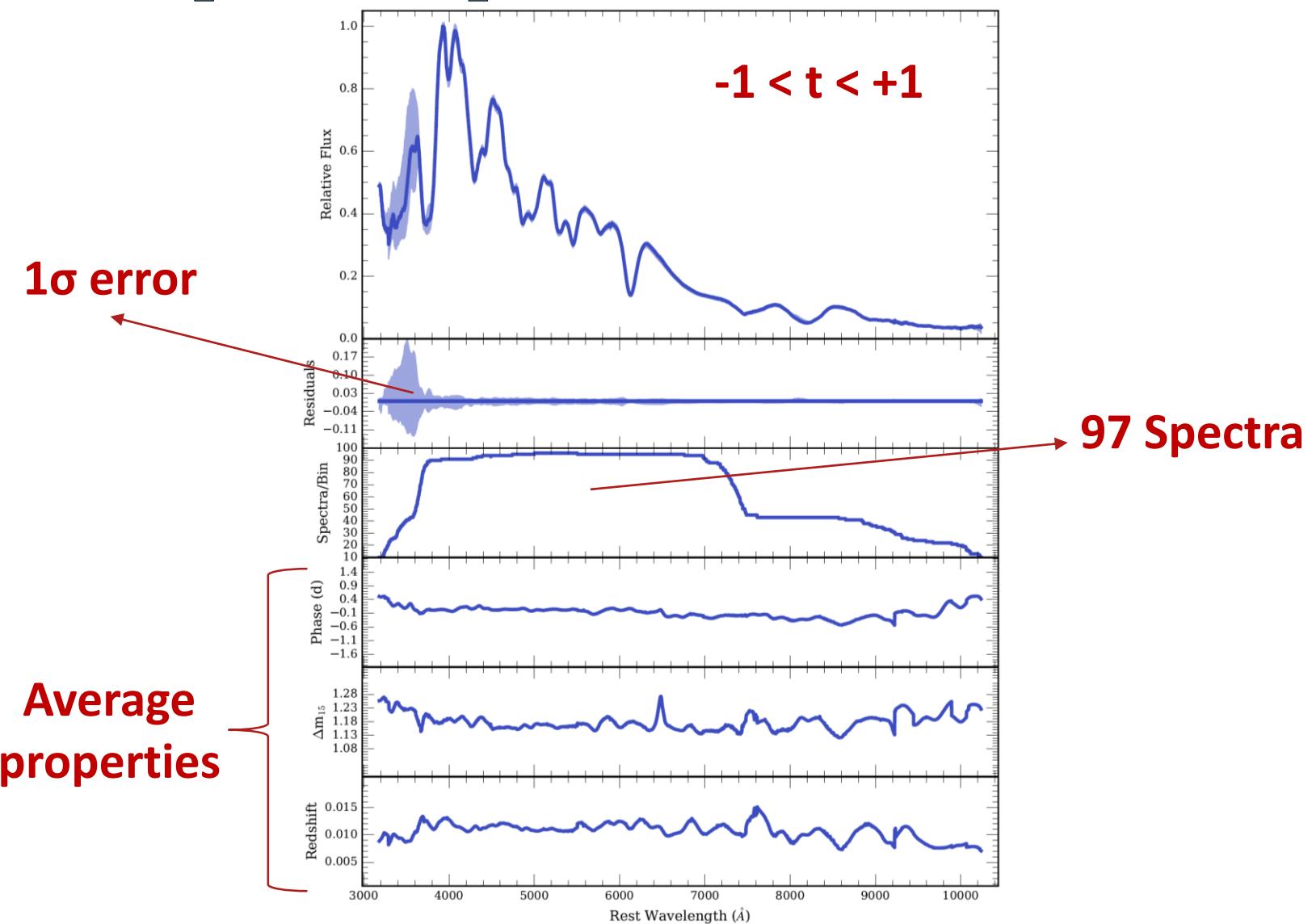
# Composite Spectra

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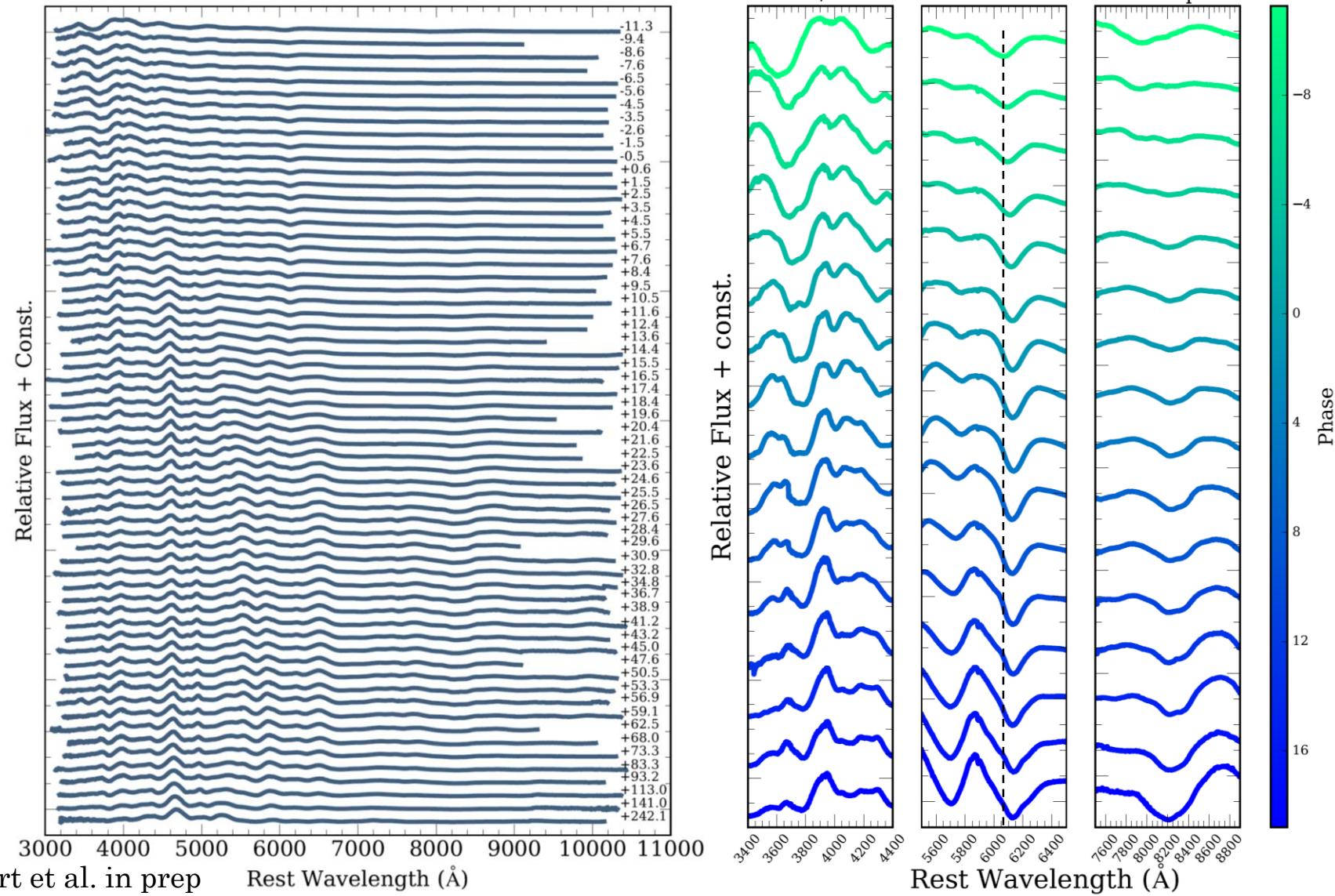


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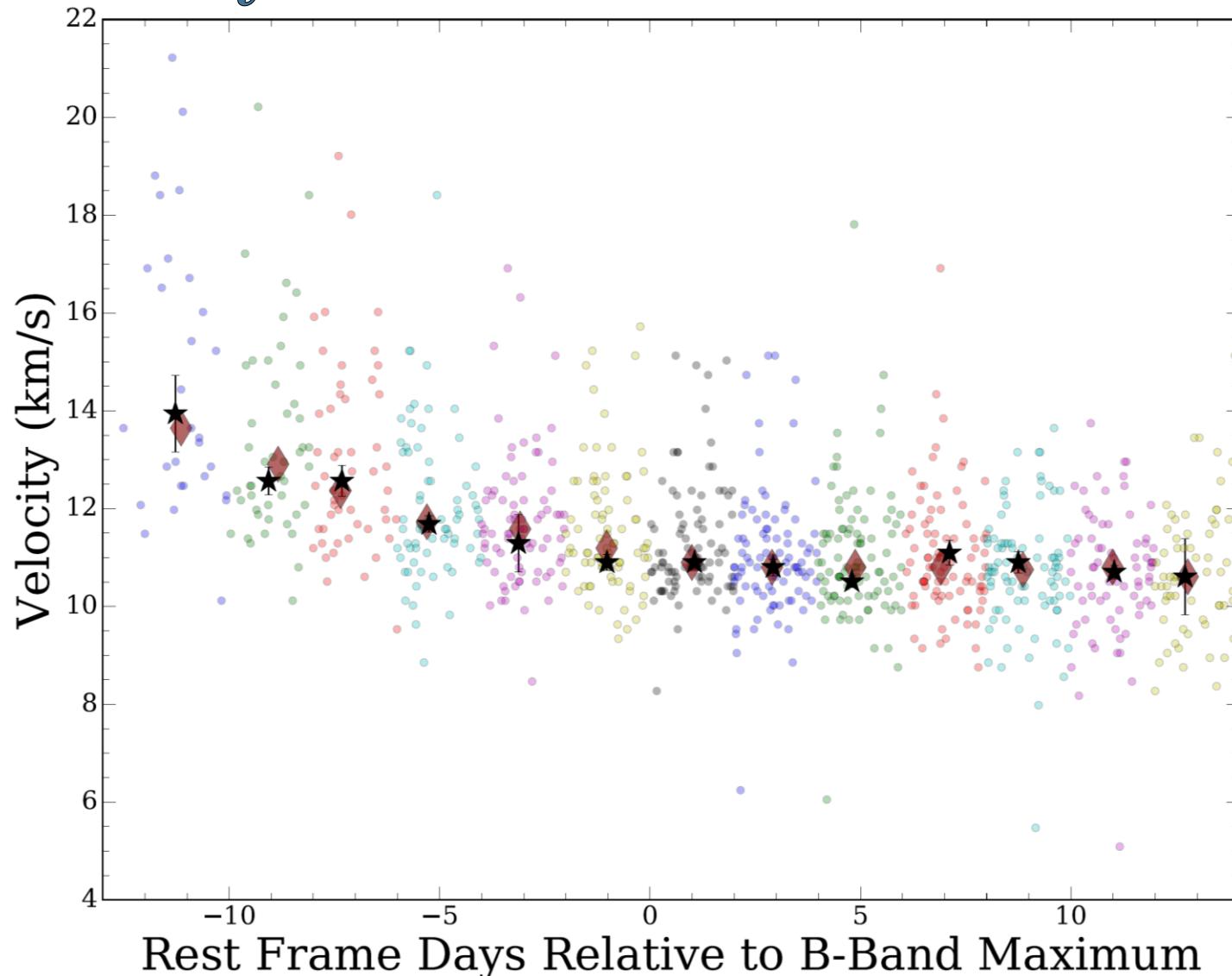


# Composite Spectra Evolve Smoothly



# Velocity Evolution

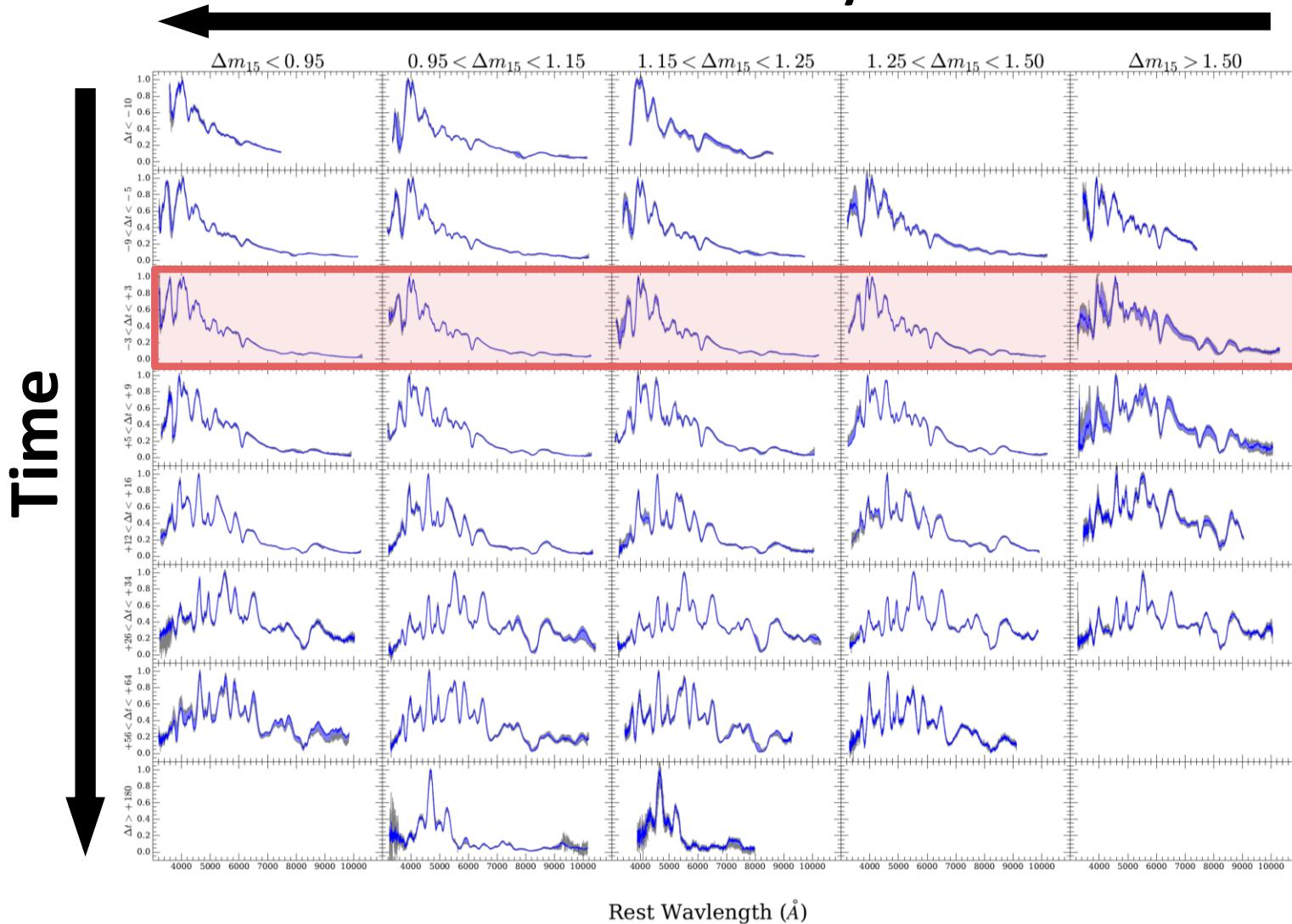
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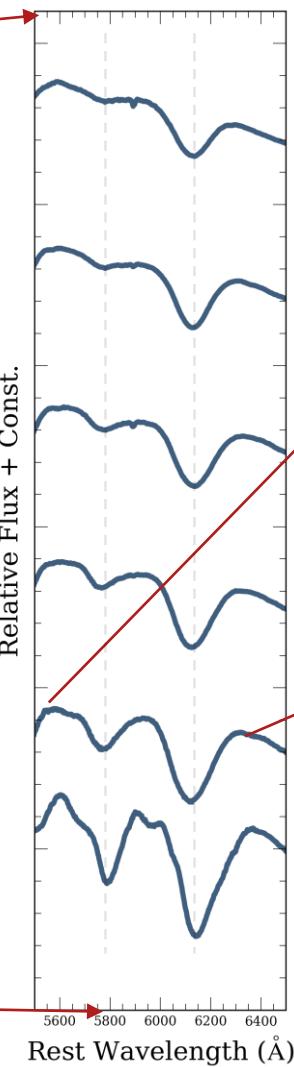
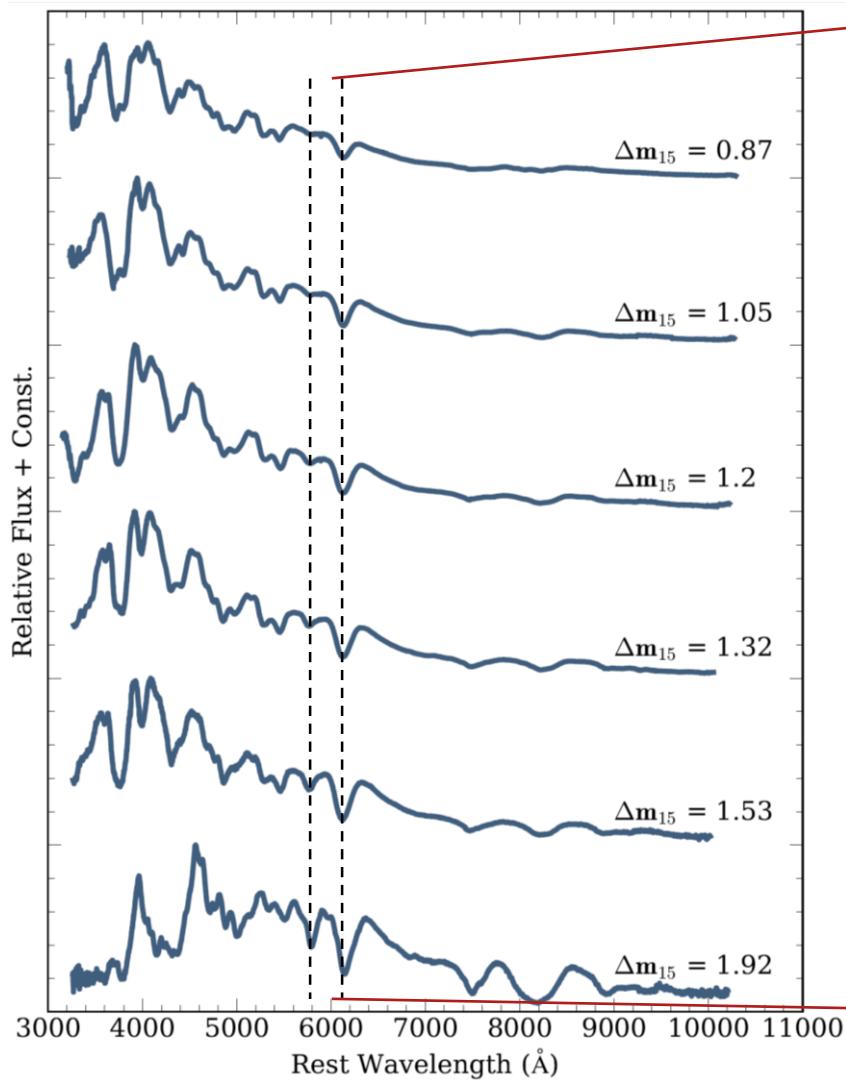
## Luminosity





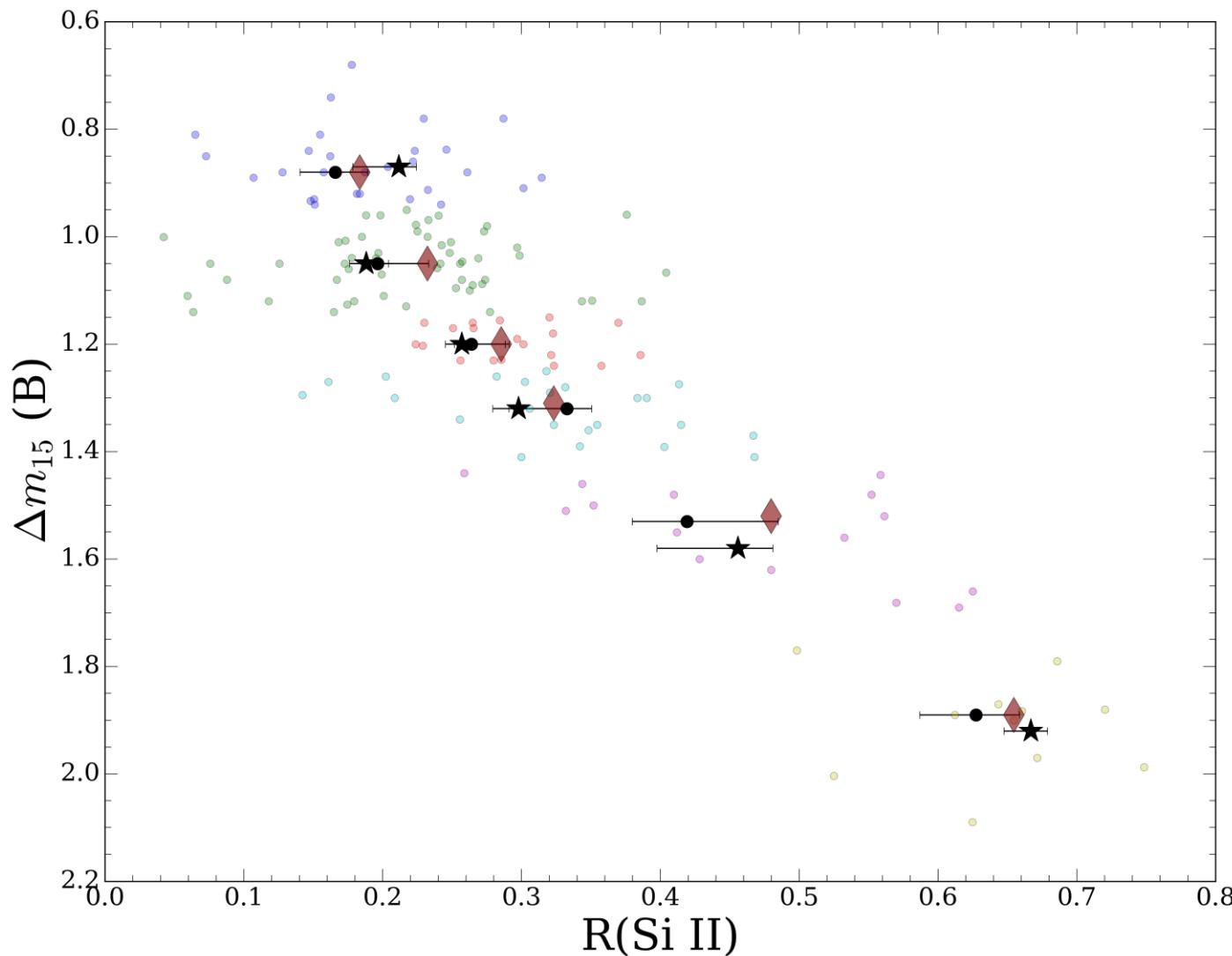
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# Light Curve Shape – $\Delta m_{15}$



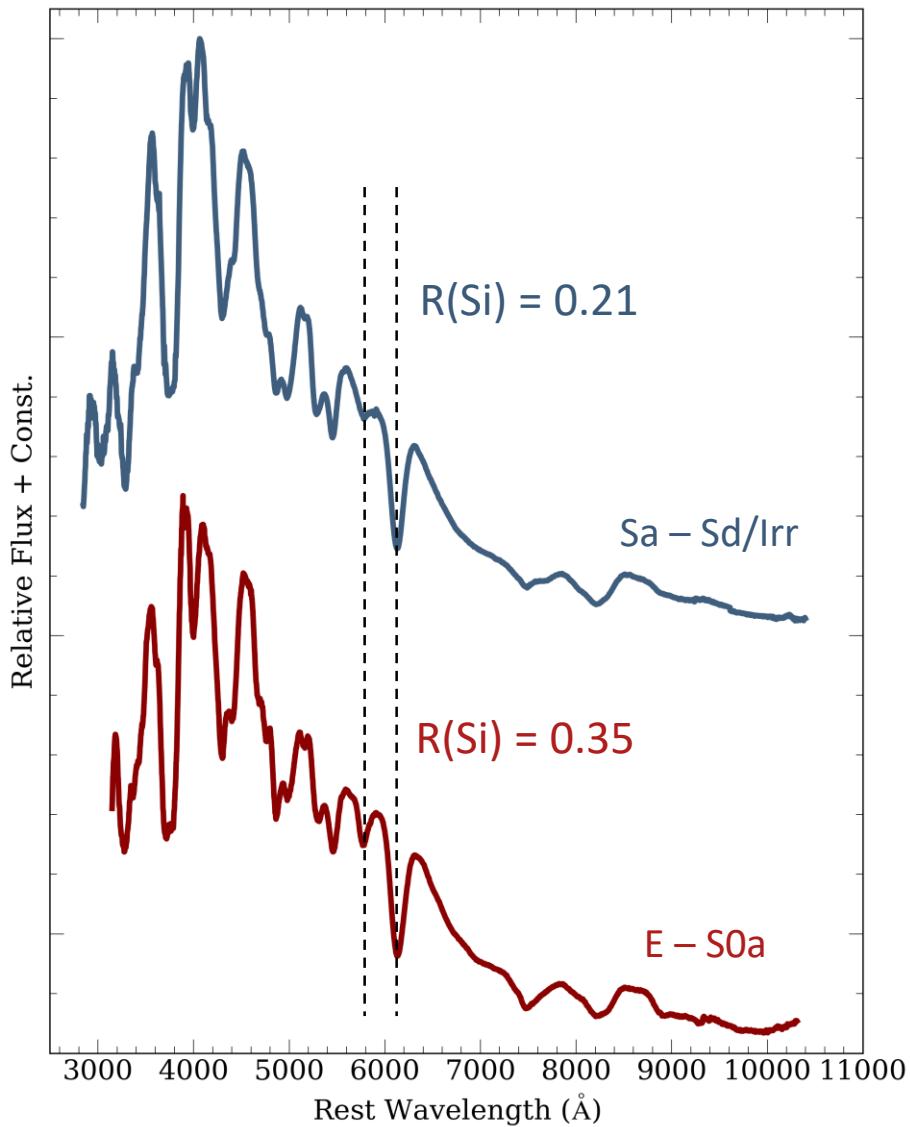
# Silicon Ratio – R(Si II)

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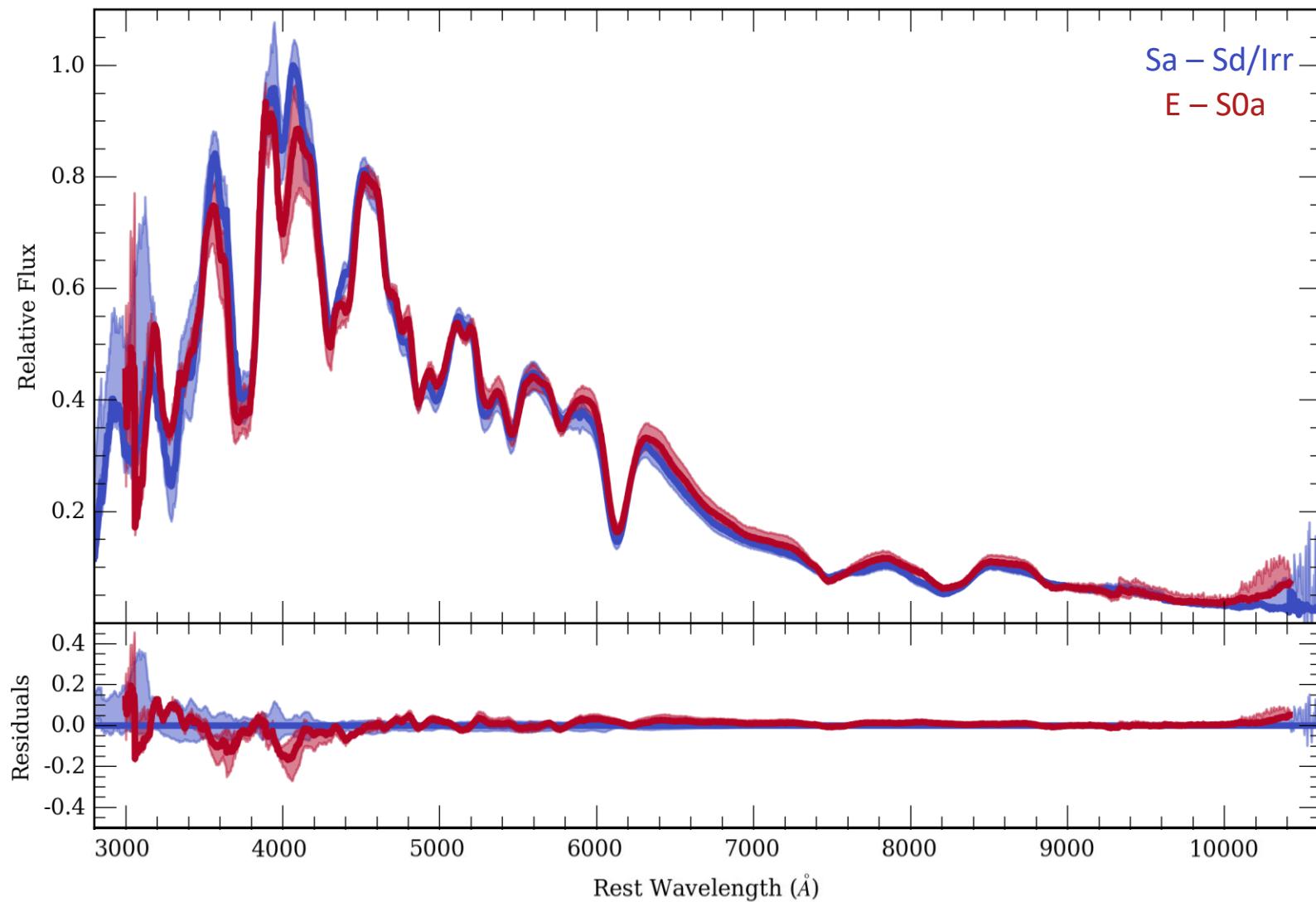
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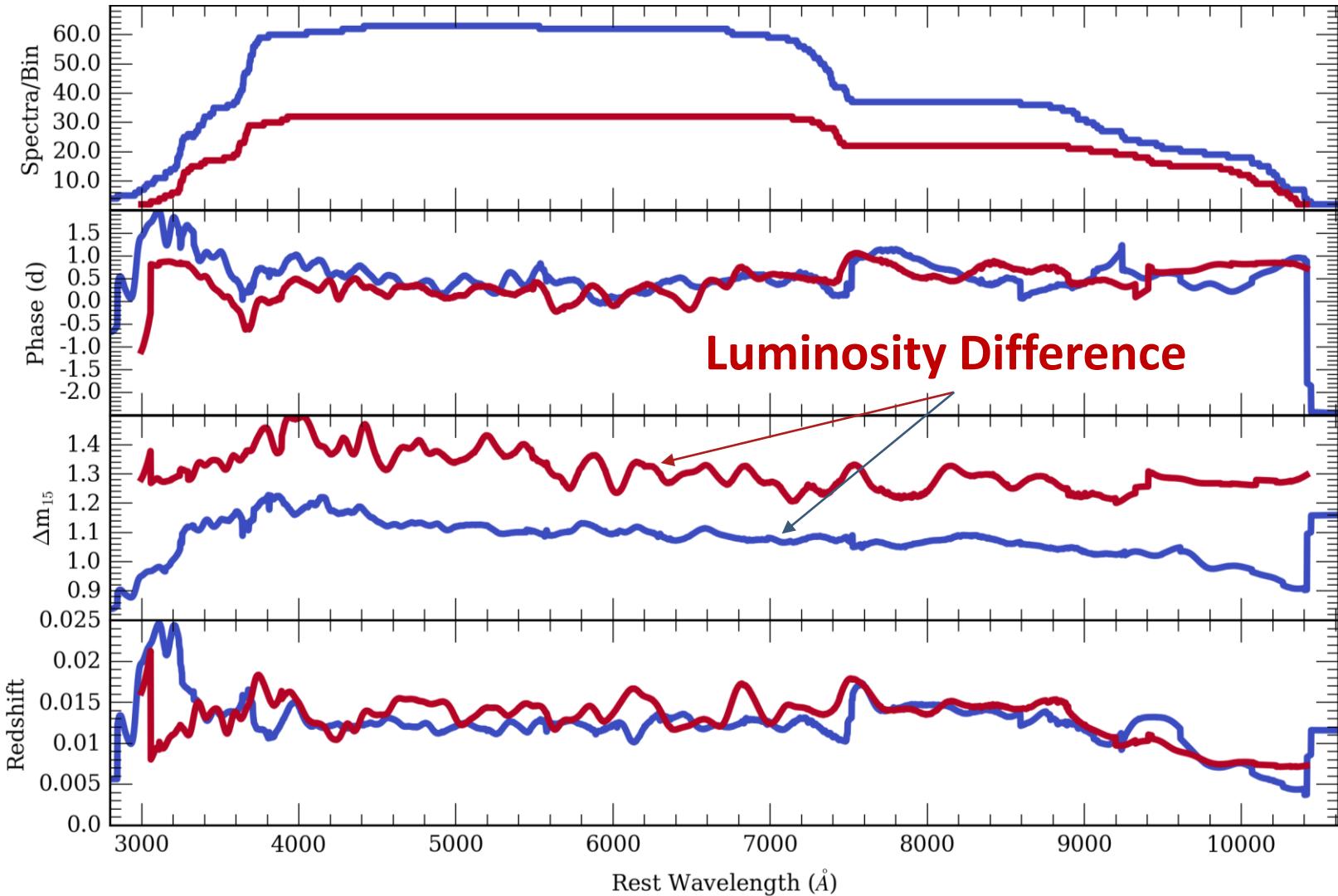


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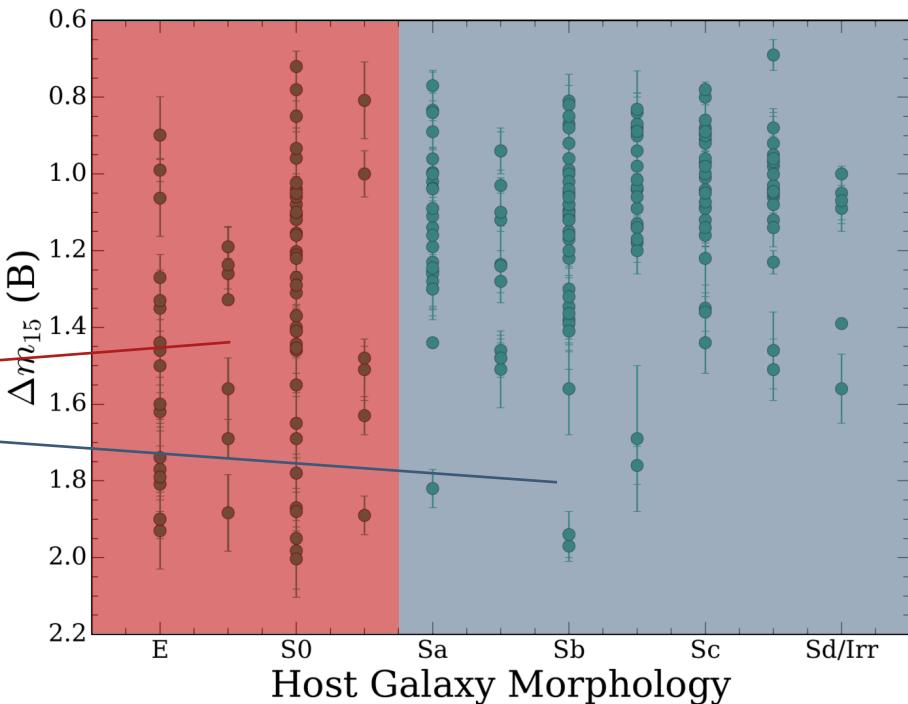
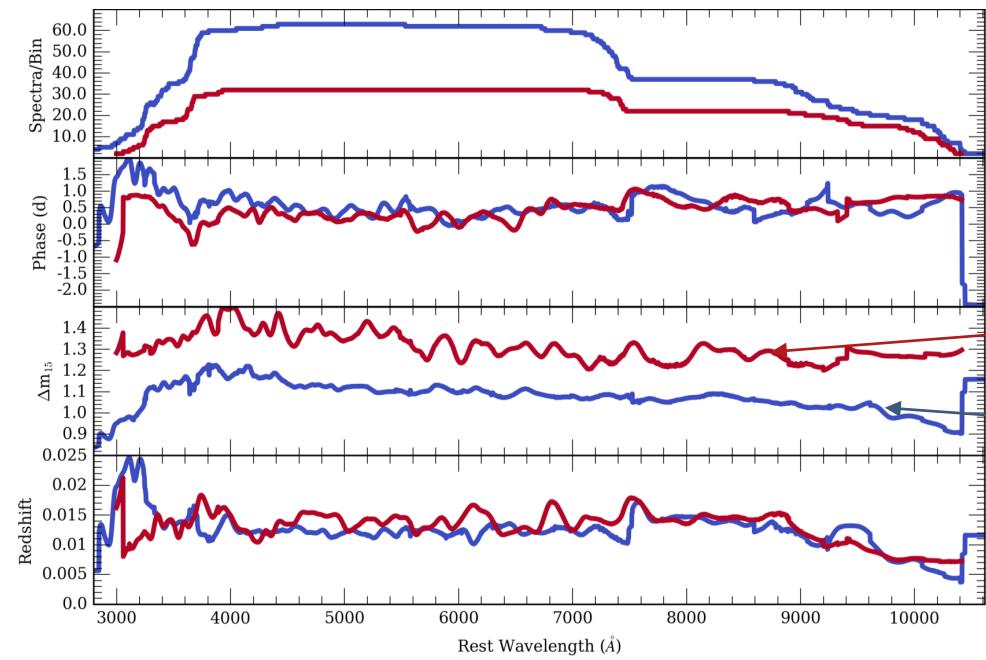


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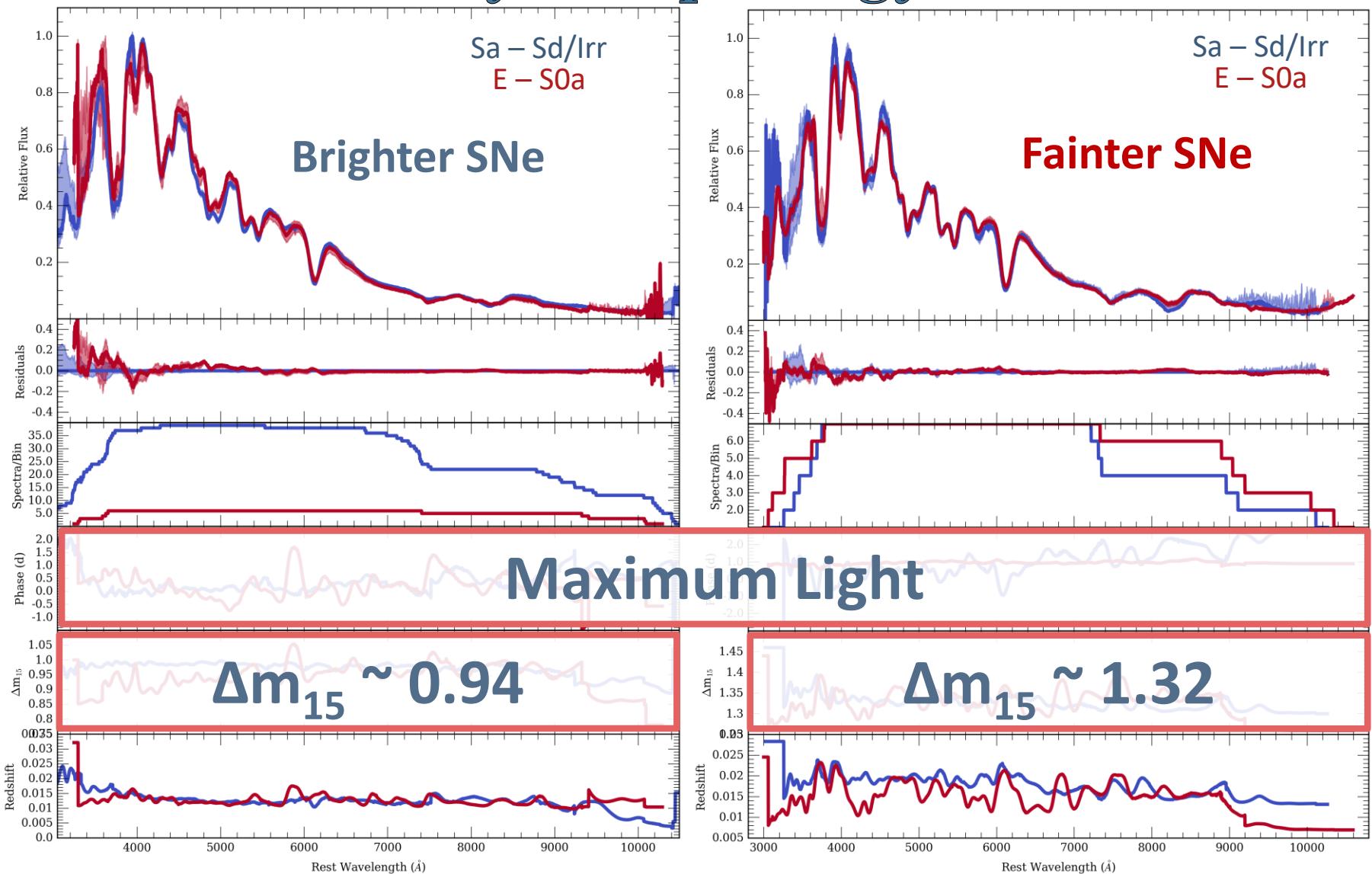
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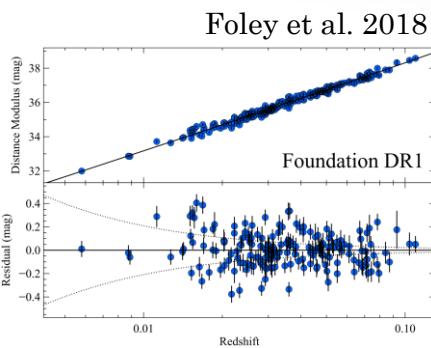
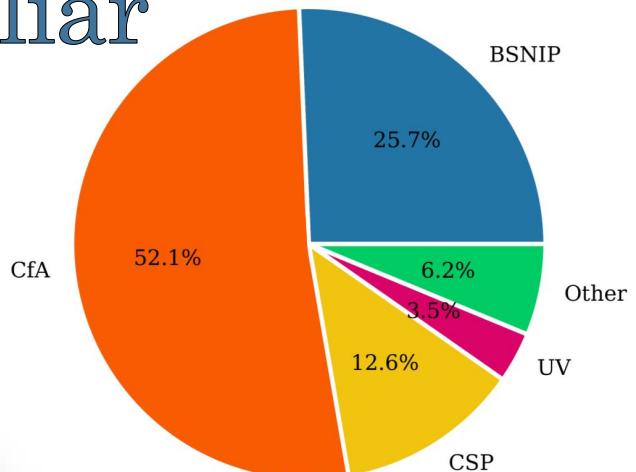
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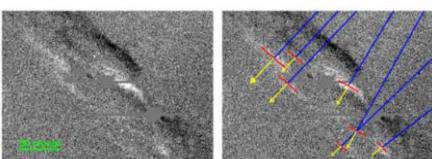


# Conclusions – The Familiar

- Open source relational database for SNe Ia
  - Large amount of useful metadata
- Composite spectra are useful tools
  - Reproduce known correlations
- Investigate more parameters
  - Hubble residuals, velocity, color, carbon presence, etc.
- Add more data
  - Foundation sample
  - Other transient classes
- Sub-classification
- Light echoes

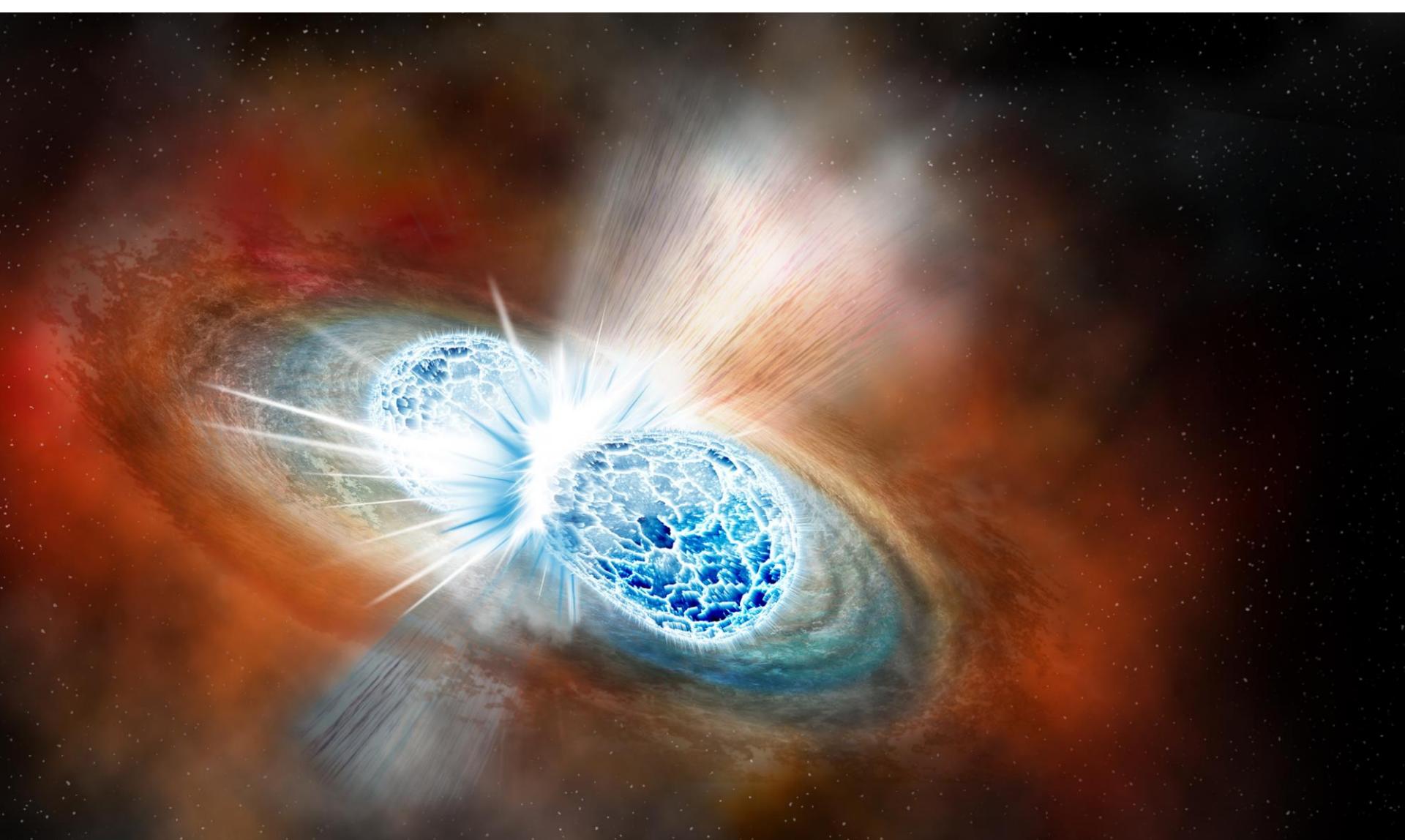


Rest et al. 2014





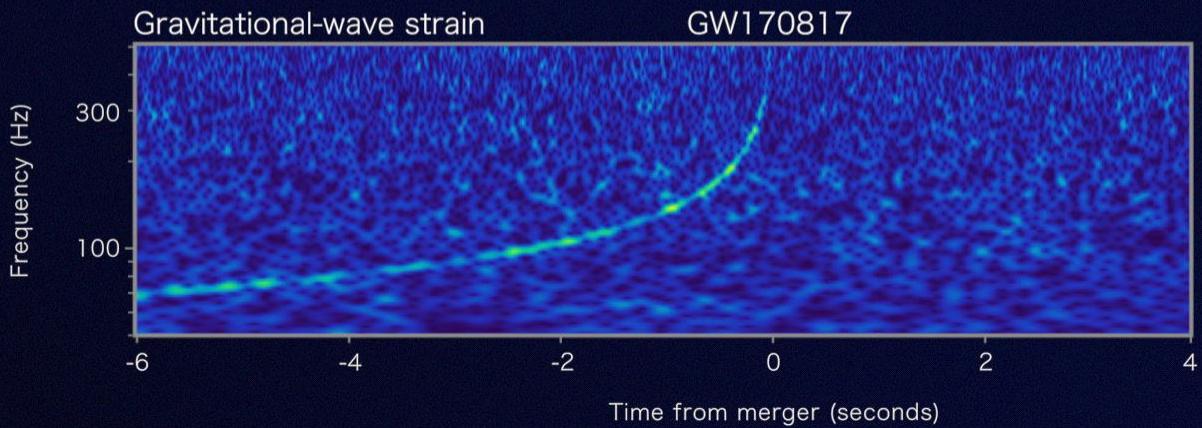
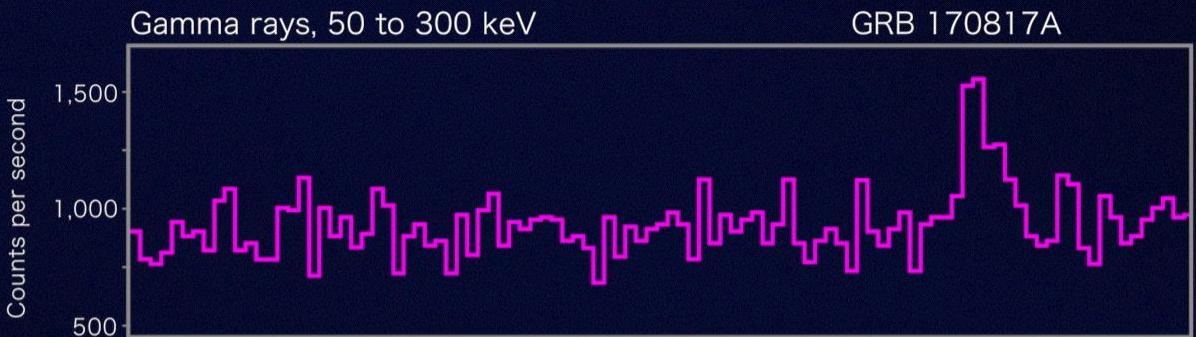
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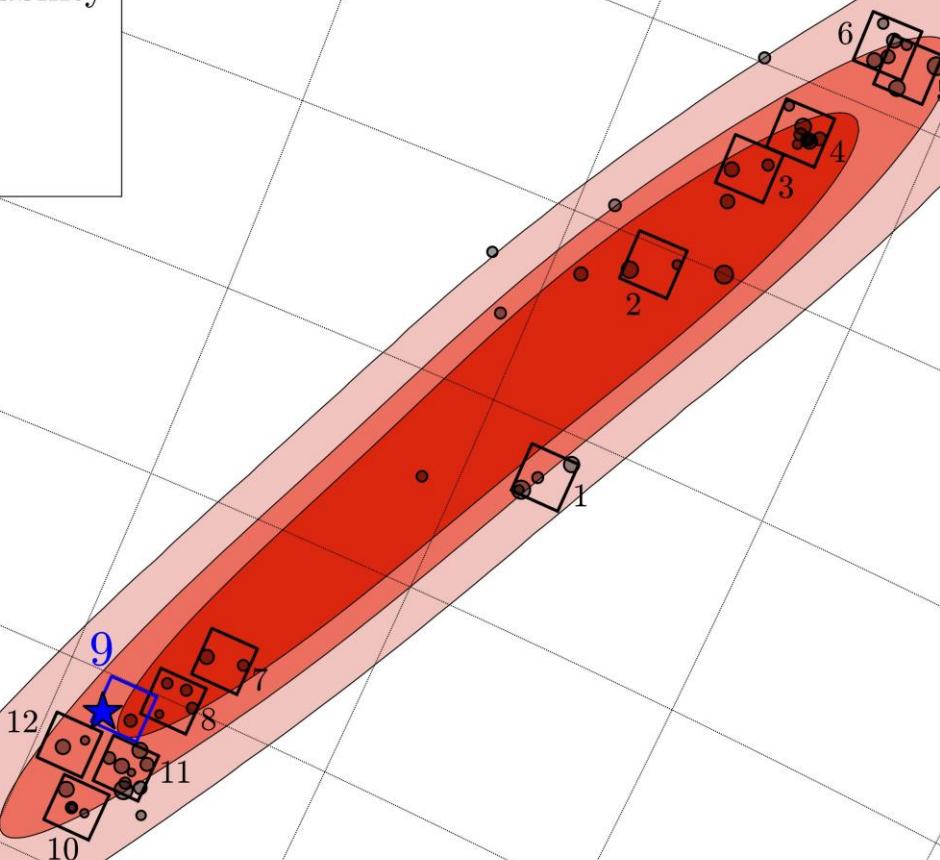
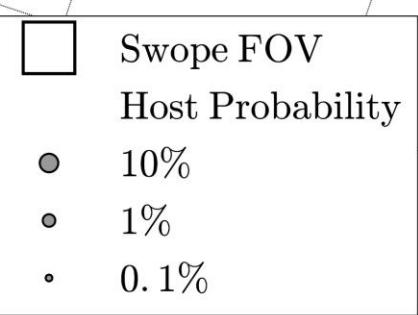
# Coincident GW/GRB Trigger

Abbott et al. 2017



# Counterpart Discovery

Coulter et al. 2017





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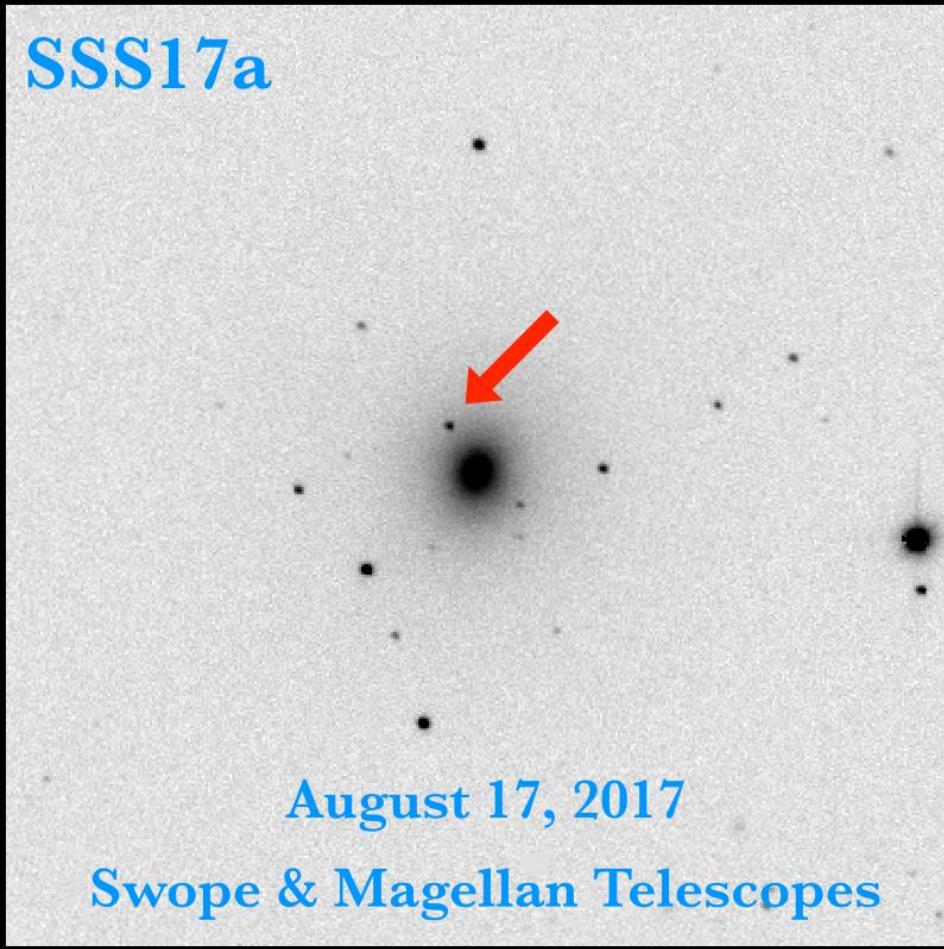
NGC 4993



April 28, 2017

Hubble Space Telescope

SSS17a



August 17, 2017

Swope & Magellan Telescopes

Coulter et al. 2017

# Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Begins

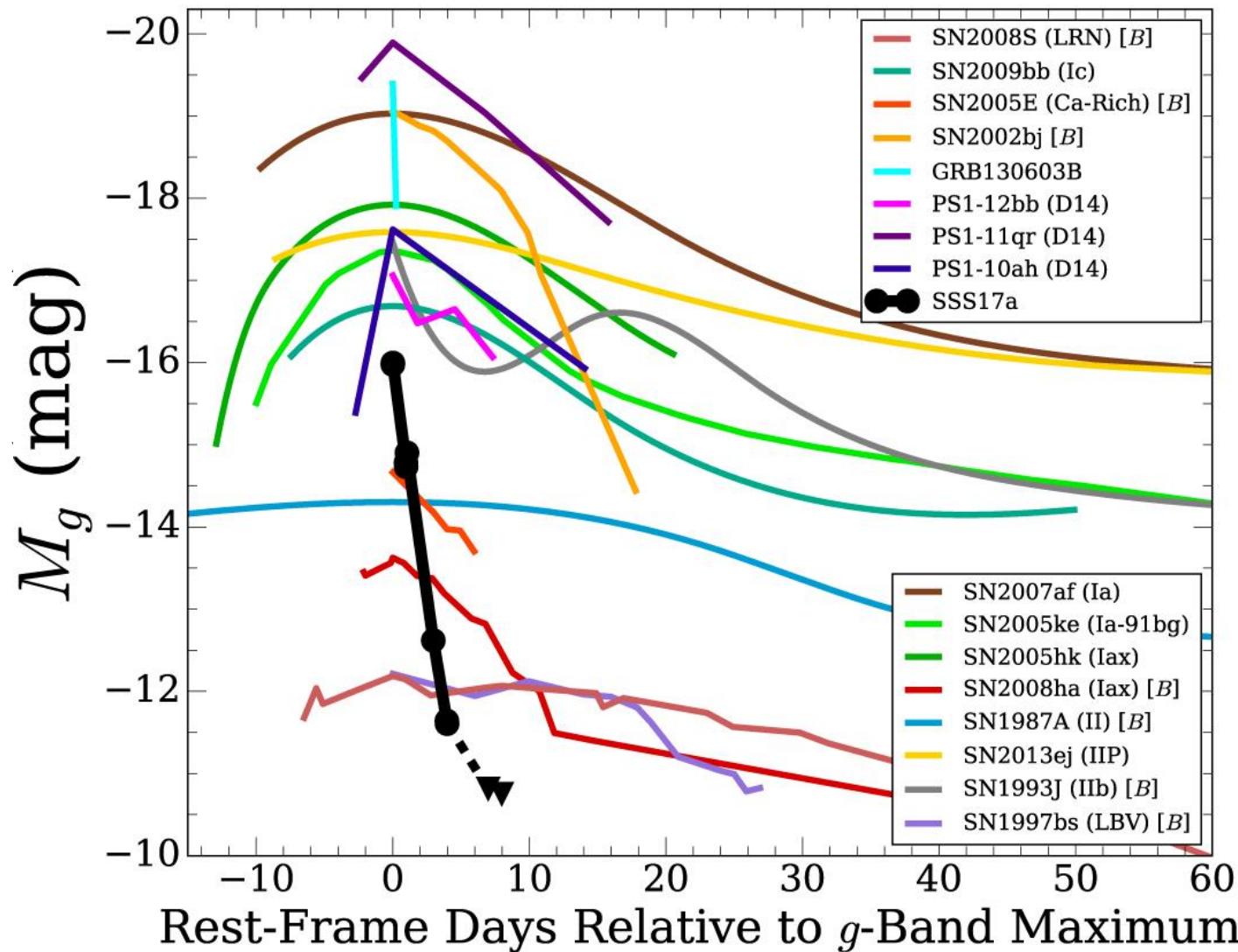


2017

BREAKTHROUGH *of the* YEAR

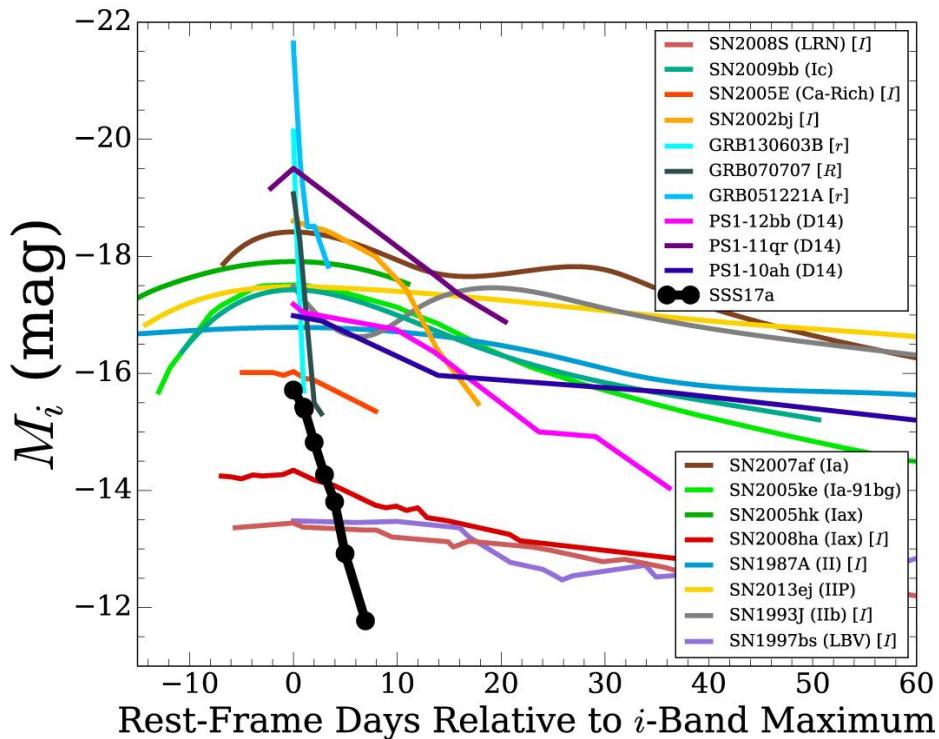
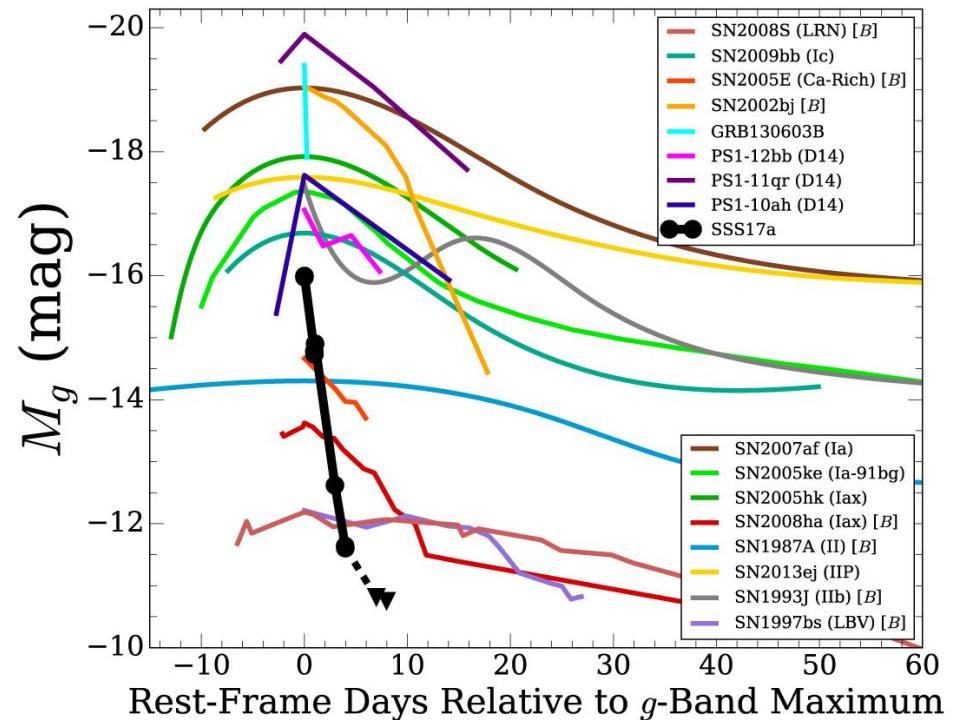


# Light Curve



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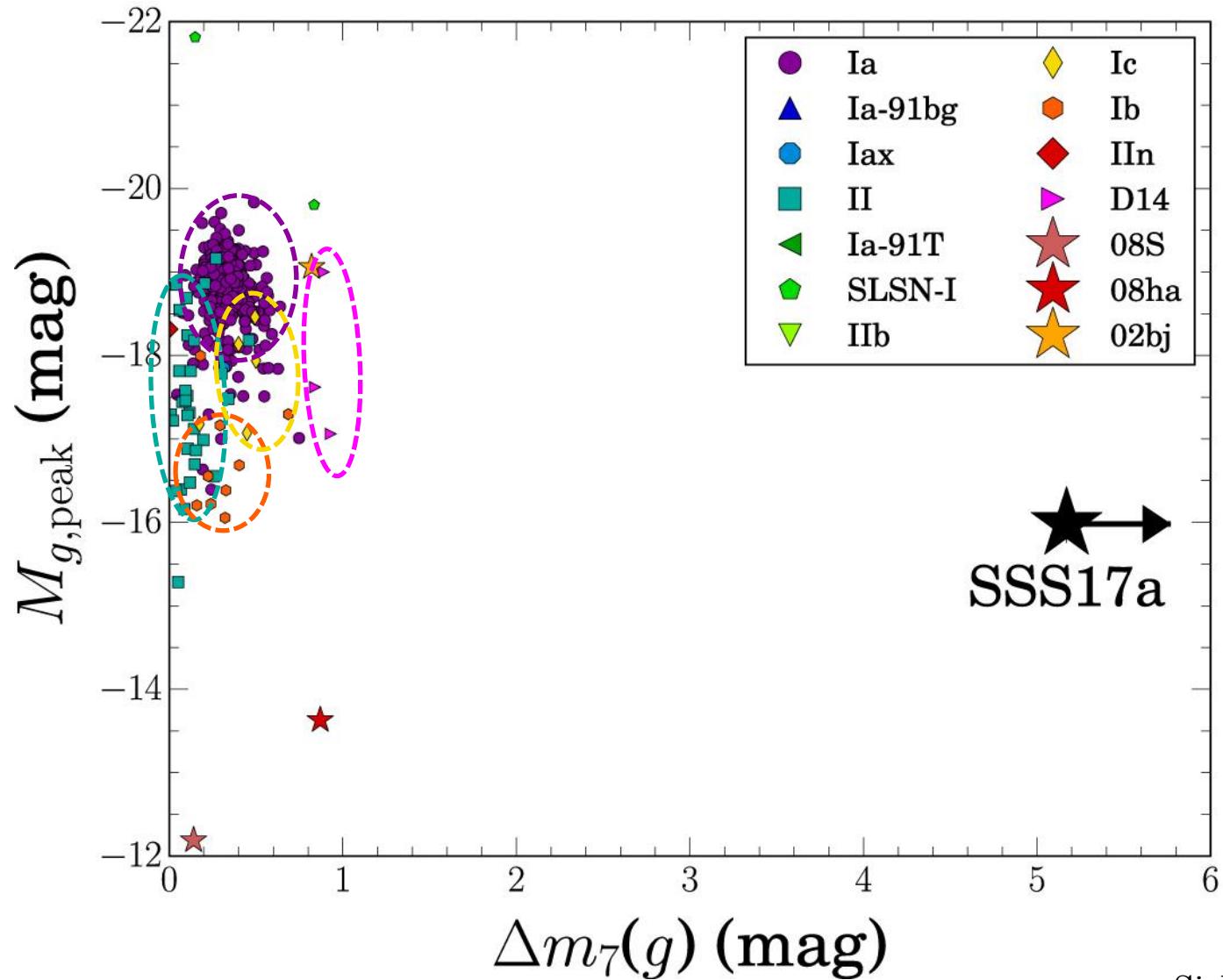
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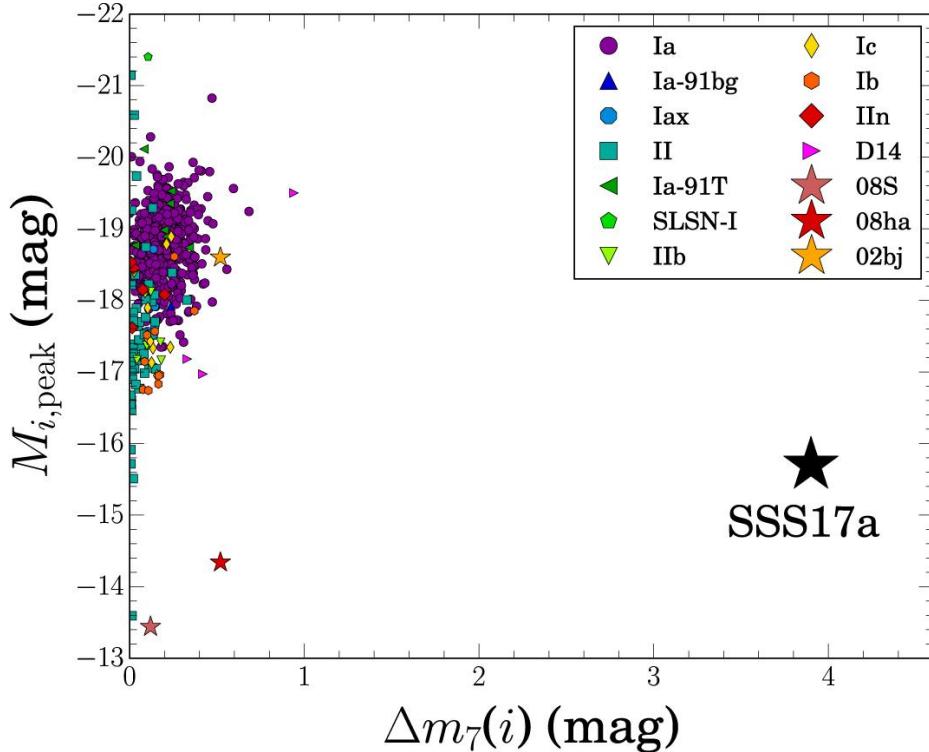
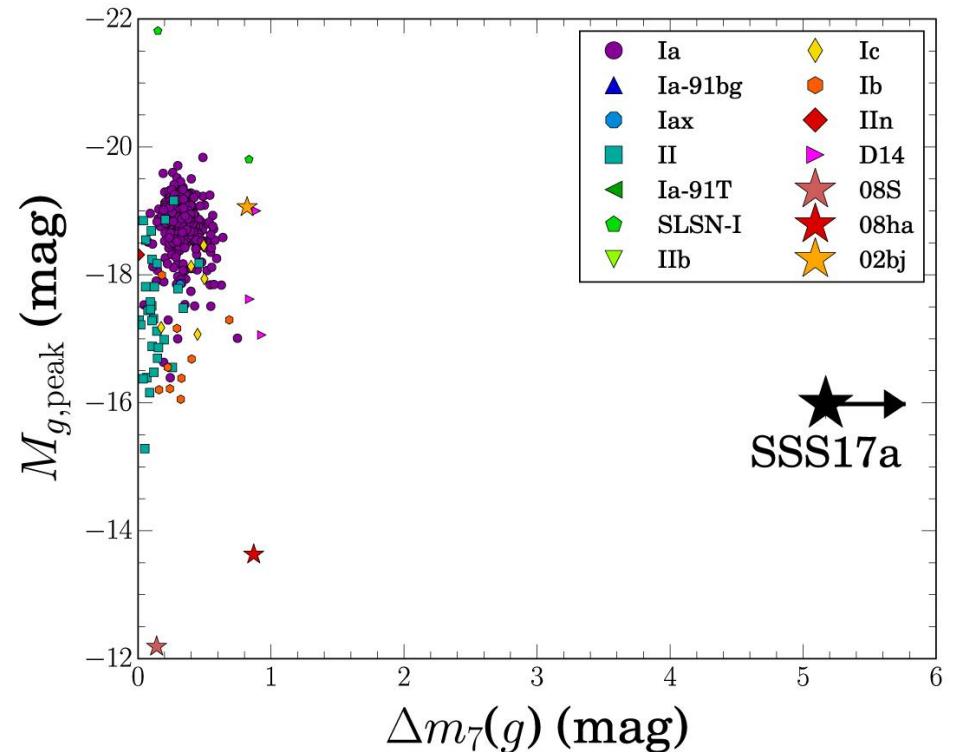
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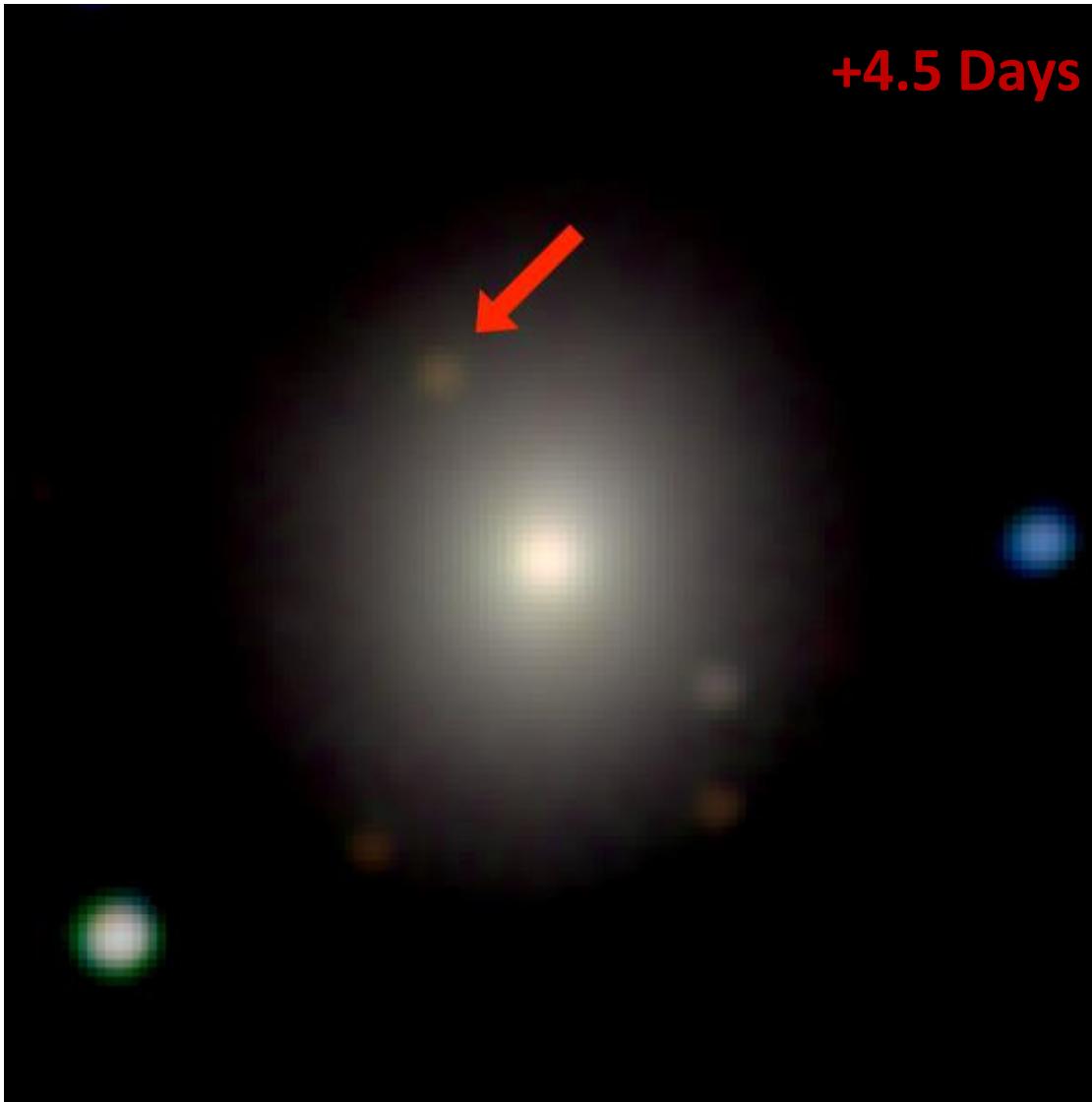
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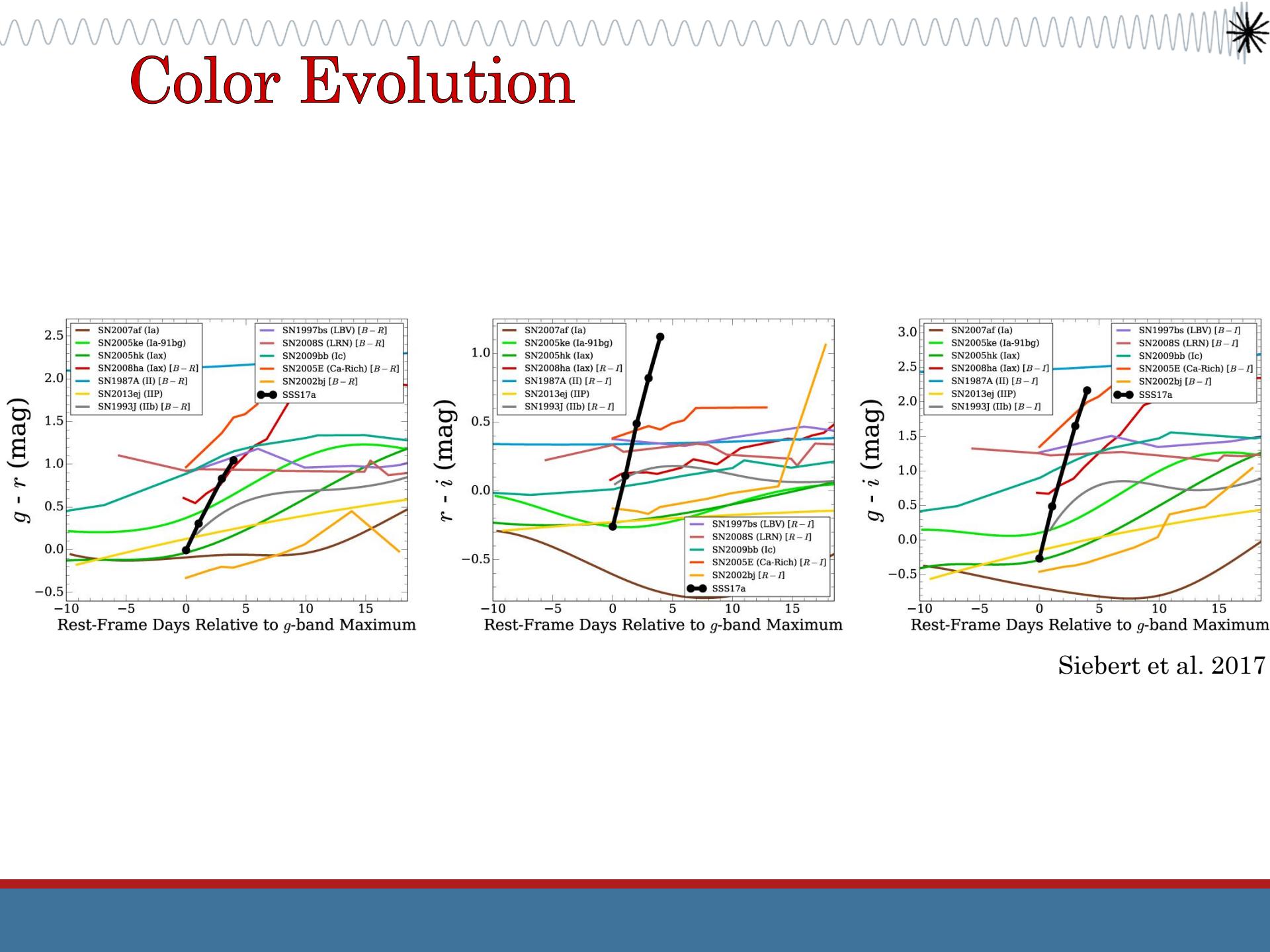
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# Color Evolution

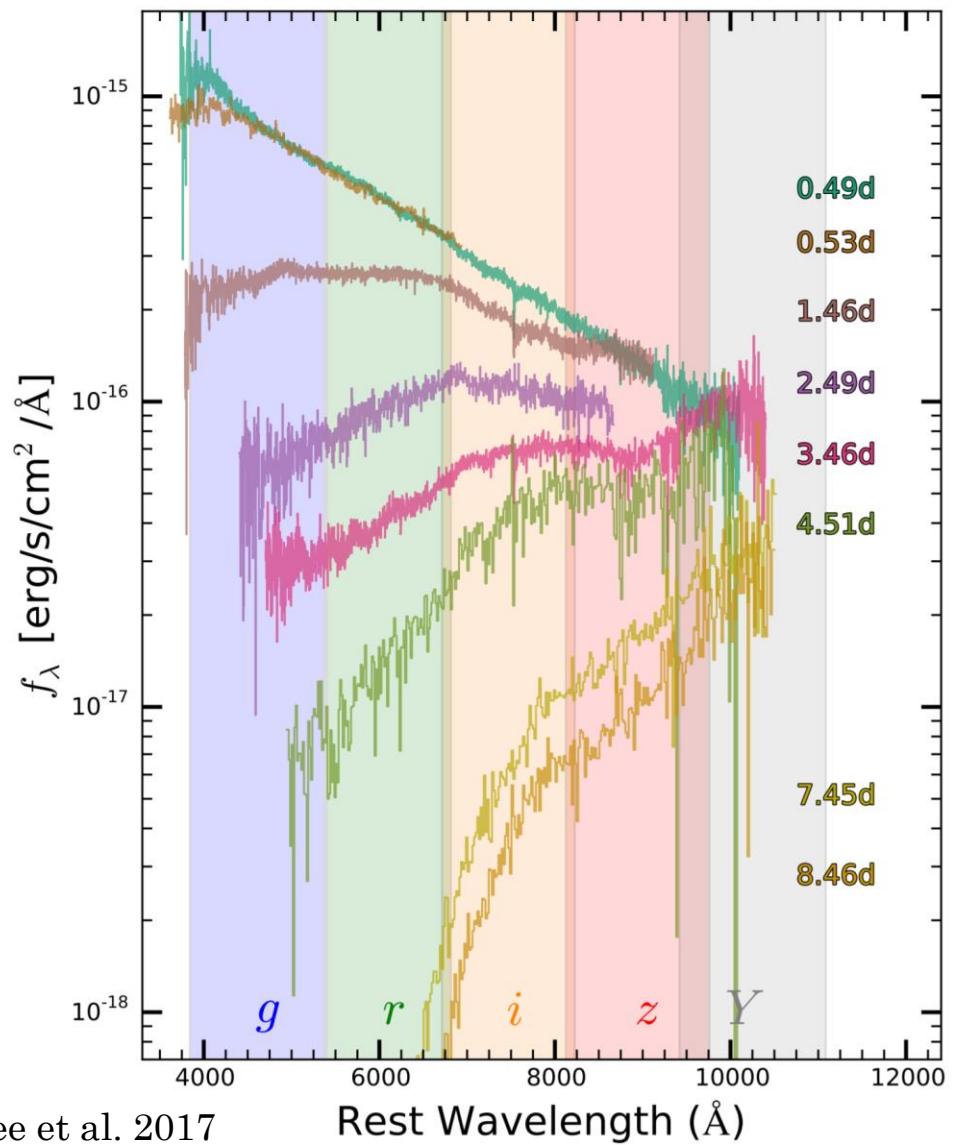


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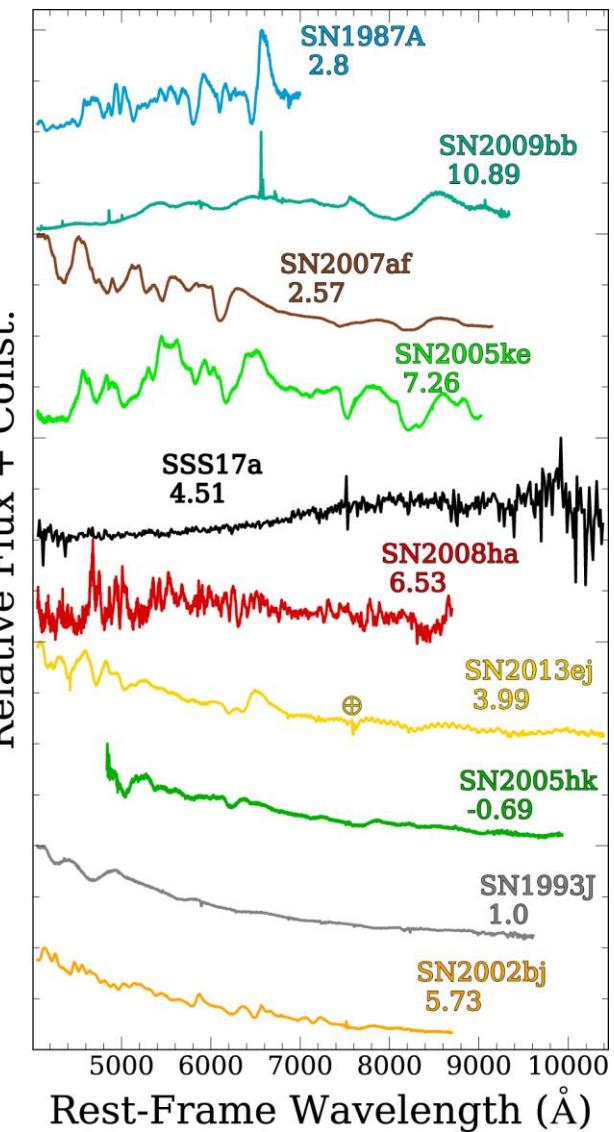


# Spectroscopic Evolution

Siebert et al. 2017



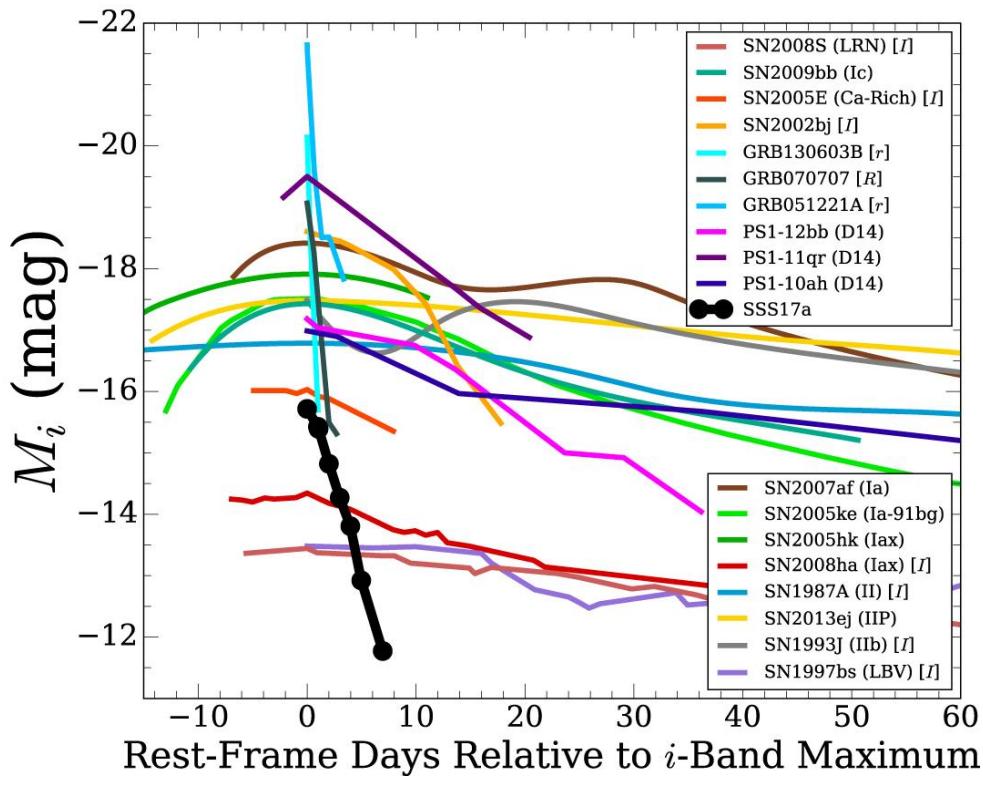
Shappee et al. 2017



# Fraction of SSS17a-like Transients

## How constraining are past SN surveys?

Need 2 detections  
↓  
~15 Mpc  
↓  
58 SNe since 2008  
↓  
Difficulty of observing  
↓  
 $f_{\text{SSS17a}} \leq 0.16 * \text{total SN rate}$   
**(90% confidence)**



Siebert et al. 2017

# Chance of Coincidence

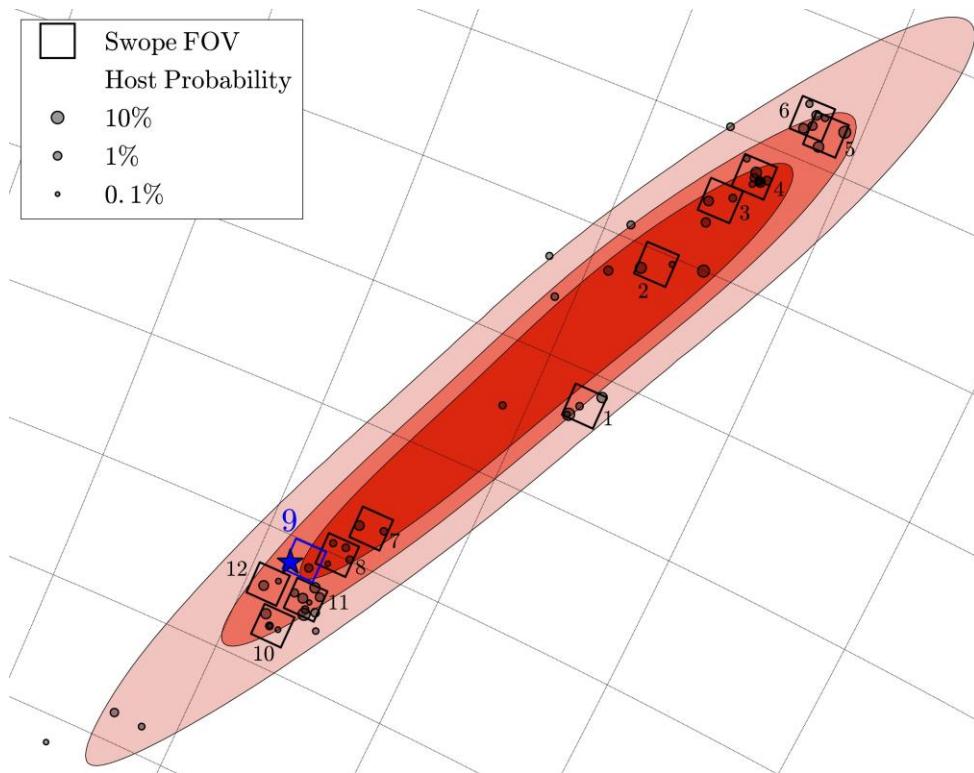
Coulter et al. 2017

$40 \pm 7 \text{ Mpc}$  in  $31 \text{ deg}^2$

$\text{RLVC} \sim 0.01 \text{ SNe yr}^{-1}$

$t_{\text{nd}} \sim 2 \text{ days}$

$P_{\text{chance}} \leq f_{\text{SSS17a}} \times R_{\text{LVC}} \times t_{\text{nd}} \leq 9 \times 10^{-6}$  at 90% confidence





# Rate of SSS17a-like transients

LVC

$$1.5^{+3.2}_{-1.2} \times 10^3 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Rate of “SSS17a-like” events

$$\leq 1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$0.018^{+0.038}_{-0.014}$  per century in the MW       $\leq 0.19$  per century in the MW

## r-process in the Milky Way

$m_{r-p} \approx 0.06 M_{\odot}$  per “SSS17a-like event”

Kilpatrick et al. 2017

$$M_{r-p} = 1.1^{+2.3}_{-0.9} \times 10^5 M_{\odot}$$

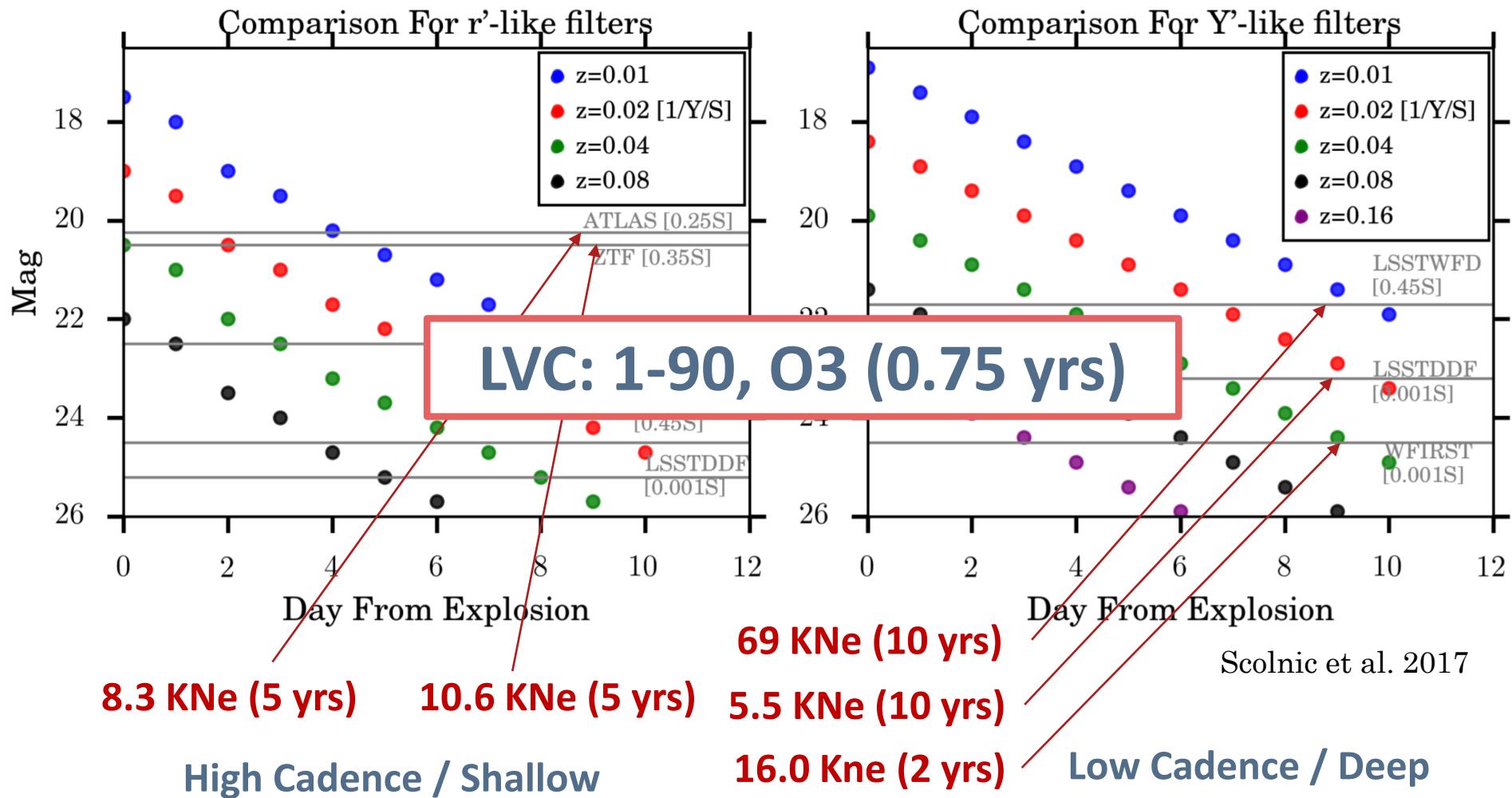
$$M_{r-p} \leq 1.1 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{r-p} \approx 10^4 M_{\odot}$$

Kafle et al. 2014

Grevesse et al. 2007

# Future Independent Survey Design





# Conclusions – The Exotic

- SSS17a has extremely unique optical properties
  - Rapidly fades and reddens
- Rate of events like these must be < 16% total SN rate
- Probability of chance coincidence is extremely low
- Independent surveys must have high cadence in redder bands