

Optimization of the WFIRST SN survey

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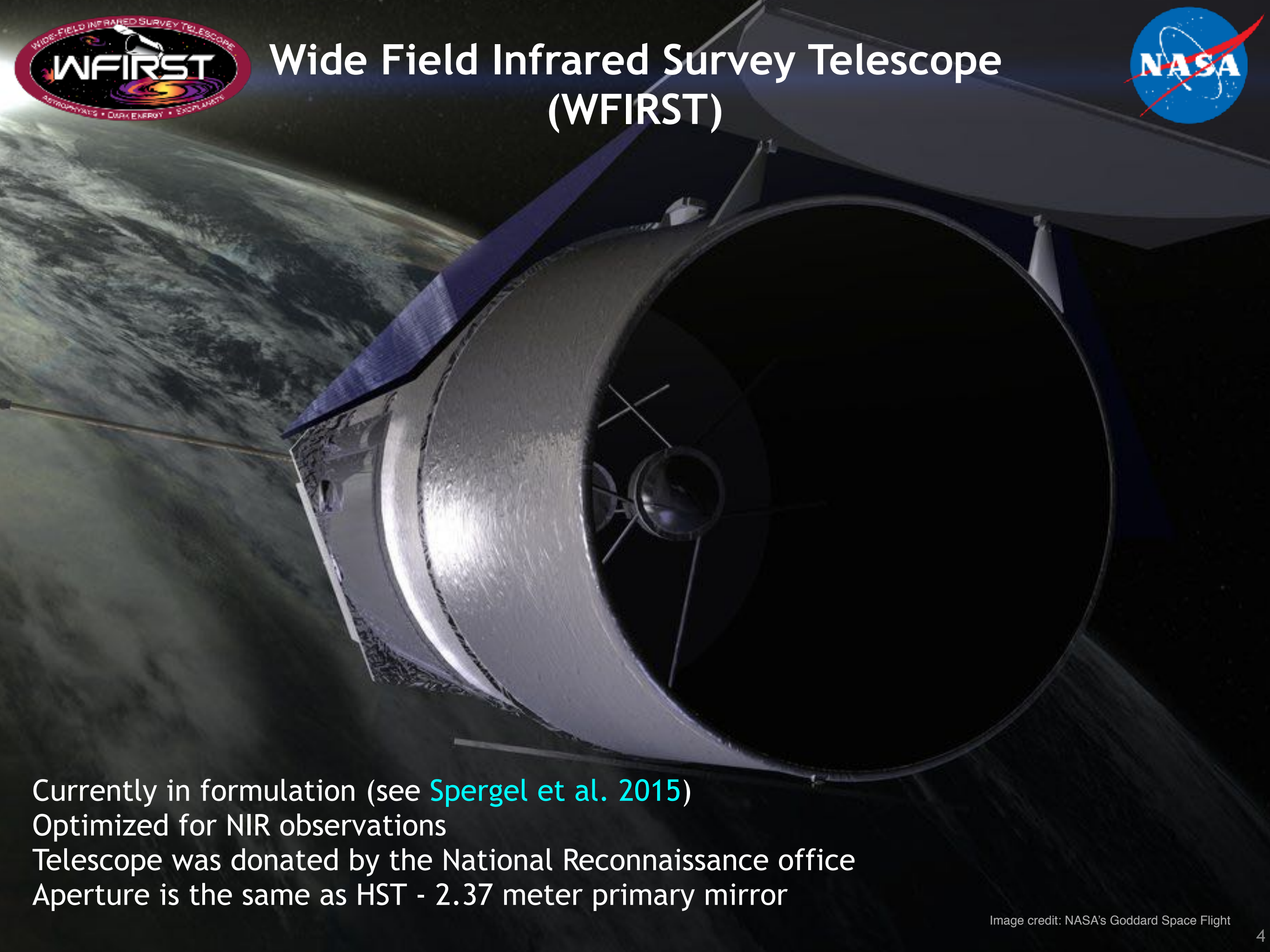
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Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST)



Currently in formulation (see [Spergel et al. 2015](#))

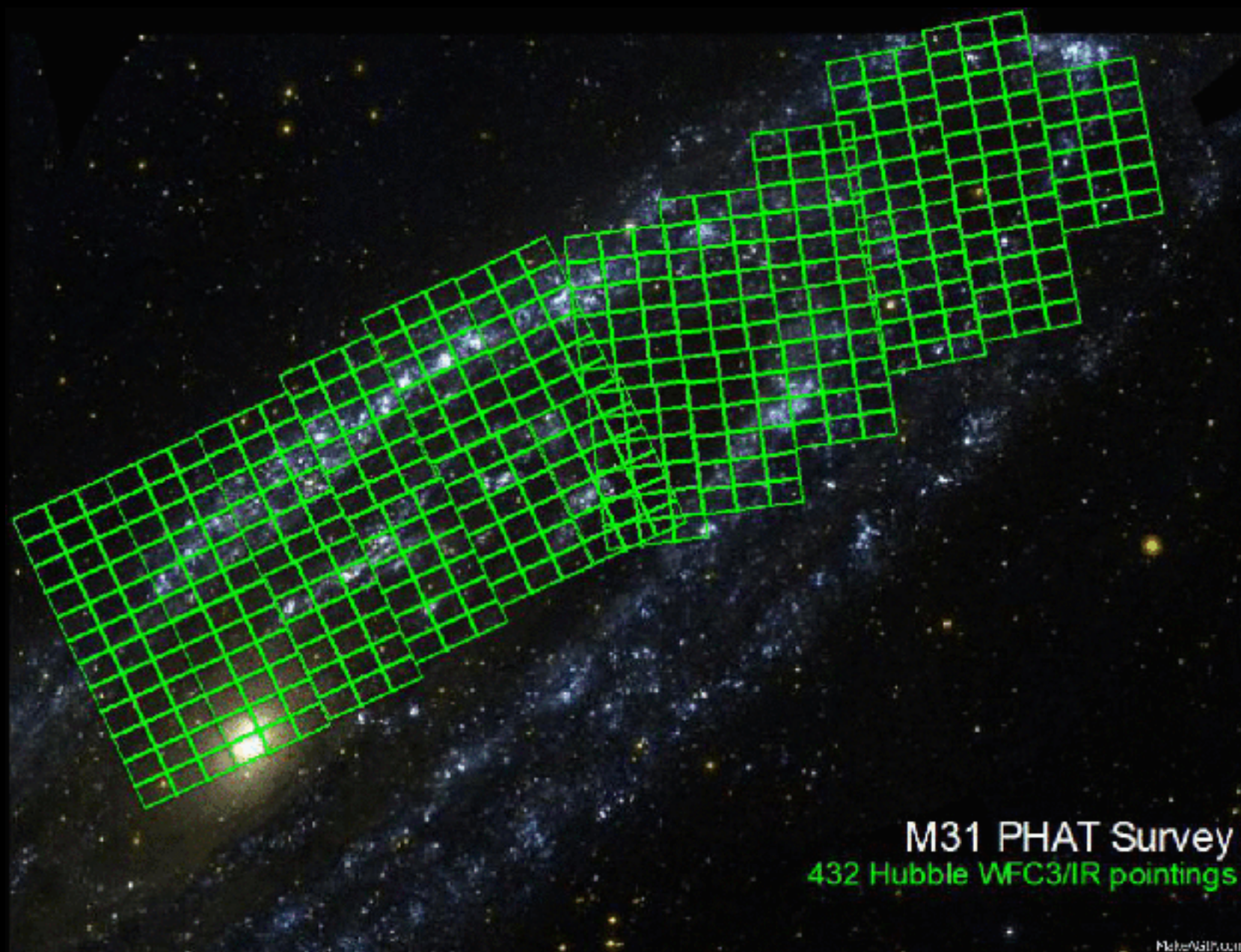
Optimized for NIR observations

Telescope was donated by the National Reconnaissance office

Aperture is the same as HST - 2.37 meter primary mirror



WIDE FIELD!

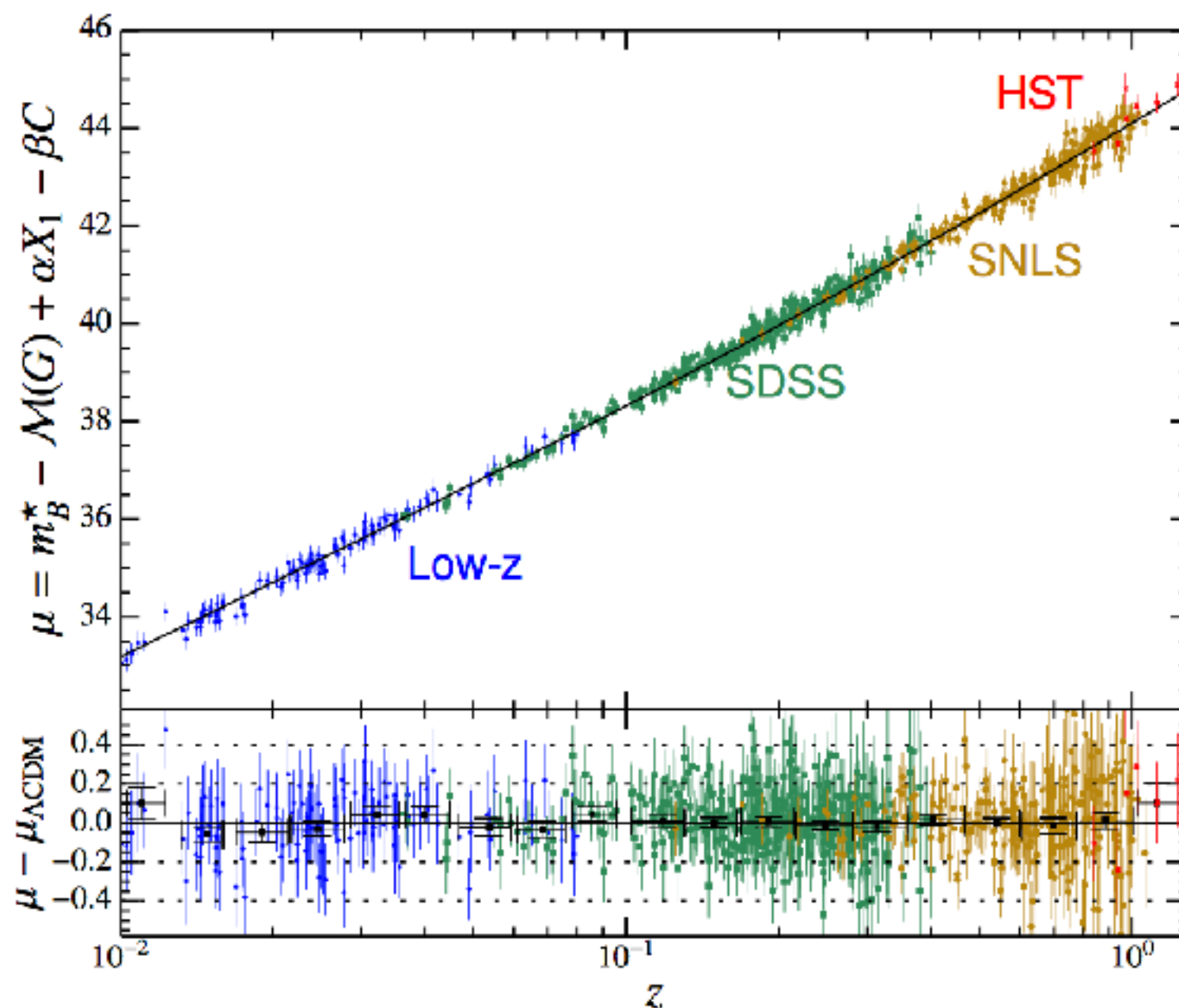


- Mission Life: ~ 6 years
- Mission Orbit: Sun-Earth L2
- Observatory: 2.4 m primary mirror Telescope
- FoV = 0.28 deg^2 - 100 x JWST

Three Dark Energy Surveys

- High Latitude Spectroscopic (BAO) Survey
- High Latitude Imaging (Weak Lensing) Survey
- Supernova Survey

SN Ia Surveys



WFIRST $z < 3.0$

Hubble diagram of combined SN surveys.
 Black line = best fit Λ CDM model. Bottom panel = residuals from best fit.
 Image taken from [Betoule et al. \(2014\)](#)

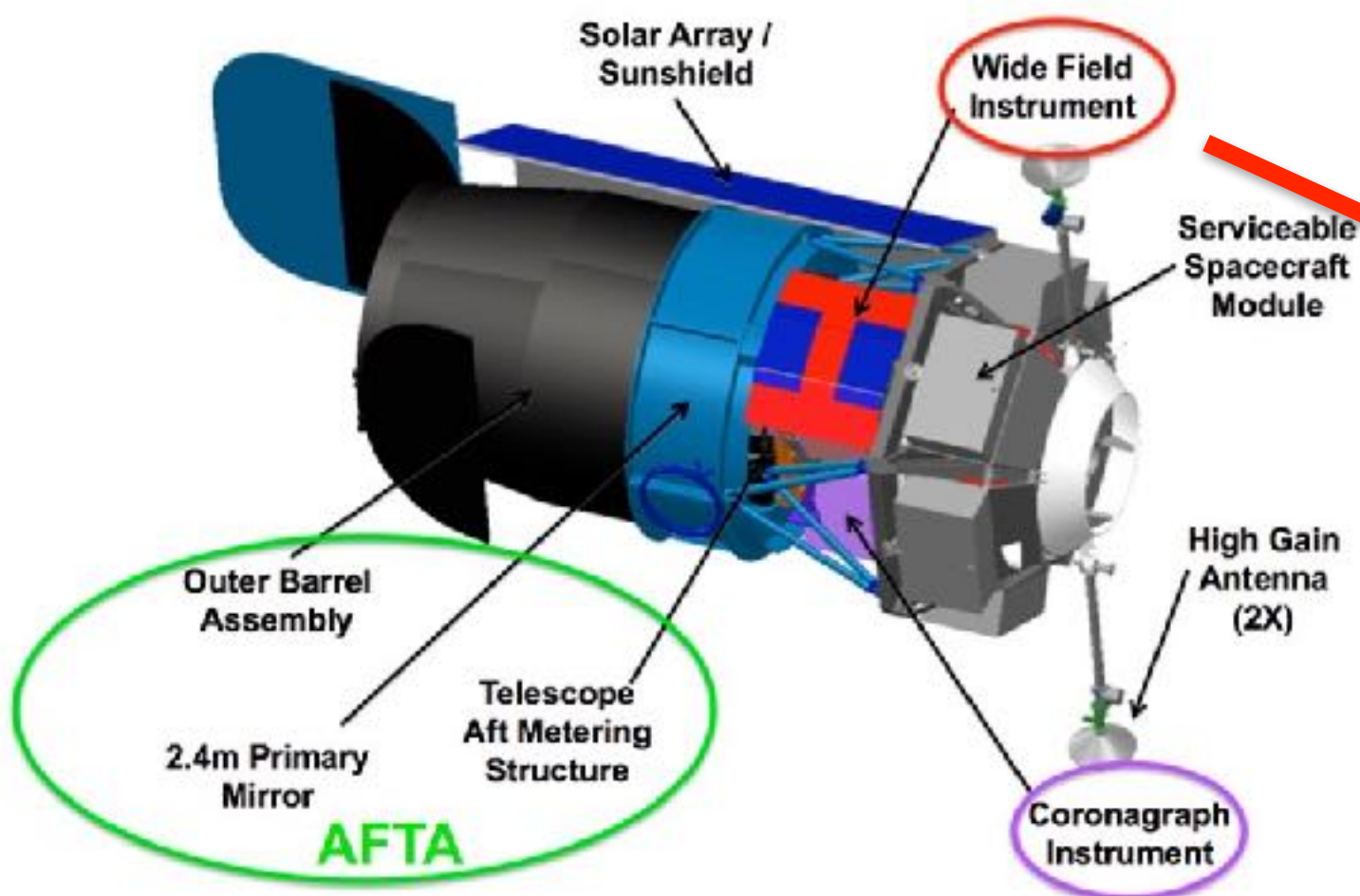
Low-z: Data from multiple groups including Cfa, CSP LOSS etc.

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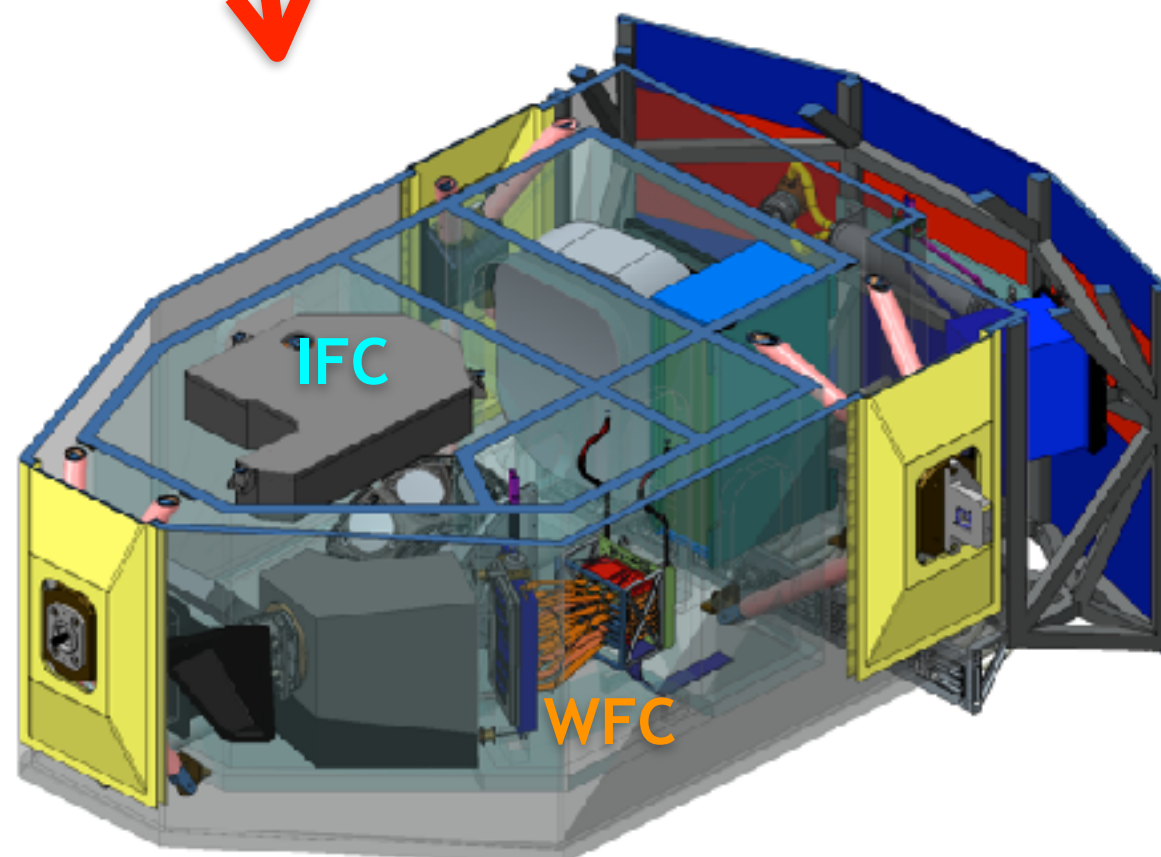
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Instruments



Intergal Field Channel - Supernovae (IFC-S) for spectra

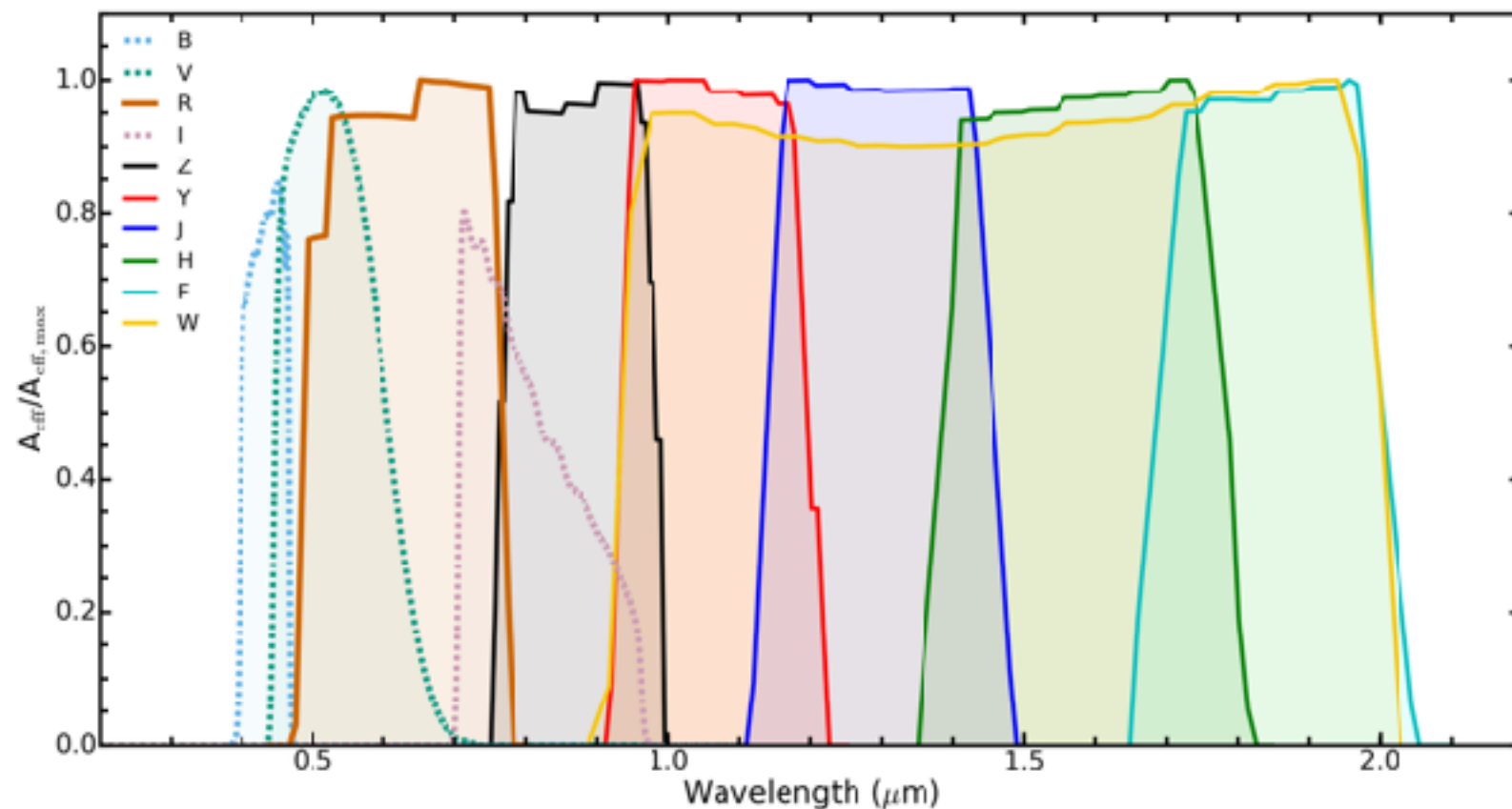
- FOV: 3 x 3 arcsec
- 0.05 arcsec/pixel
- Spectral resolution: 70 - 225
- Pass band: 0.42 - 2.0 μ m



Wide Field Channel (WFC) Imager

- FOV: 0.28 deg²
- Resolution: 0.11 arcsec/pixel
- Pass band: 0.44 to 2.0 μ m
- 7 imaging filters

The Wide Field Channel (WFC)



Element name	PSF FWHM (arcsec)	ZPT (AB) sec ⁻¹
Z087	0.19	26.39
Y106	0.20	26.41
J129	0.23	26.35
H158	0.27	26.41
F184	0.30	25.96
W149	0.24	27.50
Rnew	0.18	26.99

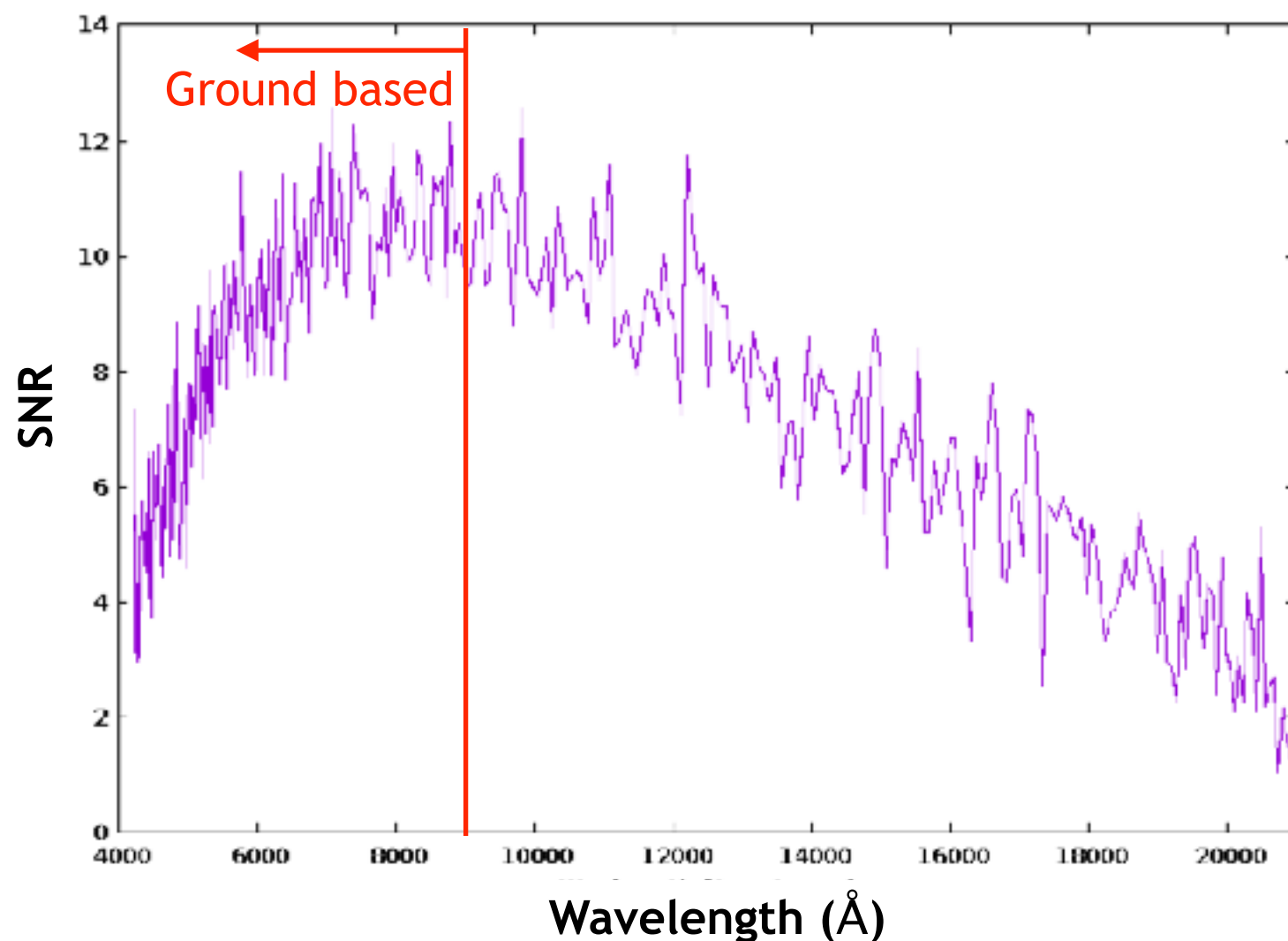
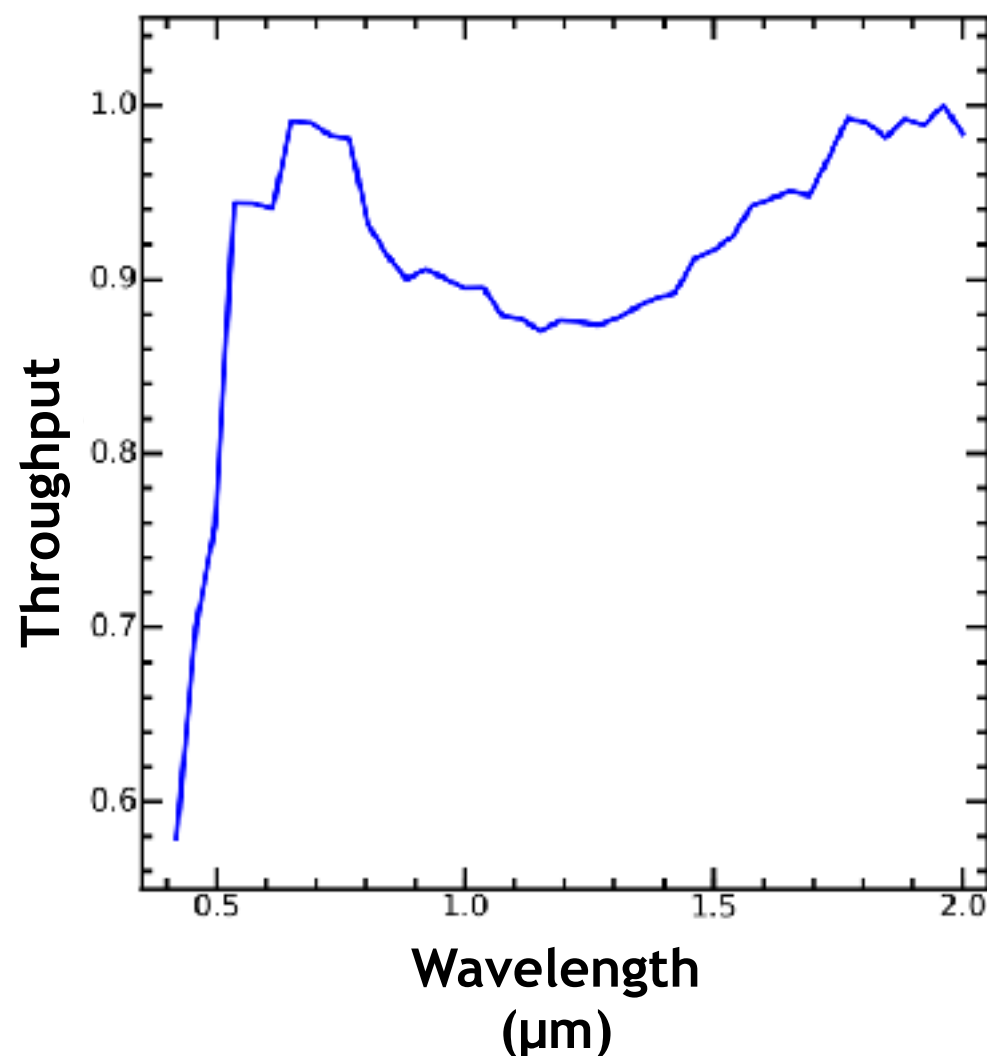
- WFIRST filters are deeper than HST/WFC3
- Filters are also redder
- Also much larger FOV!

- Thermal: WFIRST ETC ~ 260 K
- Zodiacal: [G. Aldering \(2001\)](#)
- Dark Current: 0.015 e/pix/s ([Hirata & Penny 2014](#))
- Read noise e/s: Modified ([Rauscher et al. \(2007\)](#))

All these sources are included in our simulations



The Integral Field Channel (IFC)



- Design: Resolution based on [Content et al. \(2013\)](#)
 - Spectral bins: 352
 - Thermal: WFIRST ETC ~ 260 K
 - Dark Current: 0.003 e/pix/s
- All these sources are included in our simulations**

An example WFIRST spectrum for a 25th magnitude source
EXP time: 5500 seconds

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Science Definition Team (SDT) Report SN Ia Survey

Report that provided initial information and preliminary designs for WFIRST surveys



Spergel et al. 2015
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1503.03757.pdf>

Classification and distances from spectrophotometric time series!

Duration: 6 month survey over a 2 yr duration
Instruments: Spectra + discovery imaging

**Each confirmed SN Ia will have 10 spectra: Cadence of 5 rest frame days
Imaging for discovery and SN peak brightness only!**

Tier Name	Approximate Redshift Range	FOV (deg ²)	Filters	Depth per Exposure (mag)
Shallow	0.1 – 0.4	27	Y, J	~22
Medium	0.4 - 0.8	9	J, H	~25
Deep	0.8 – 1.7	5	J, H	~26



SuperNova ANalysis (SNANA & CosmoMC)

SN Model

SN Ia and SN CC Volumetric Rates
Lensing, Extinction, Intrinsic Scatter, Color, Host properties



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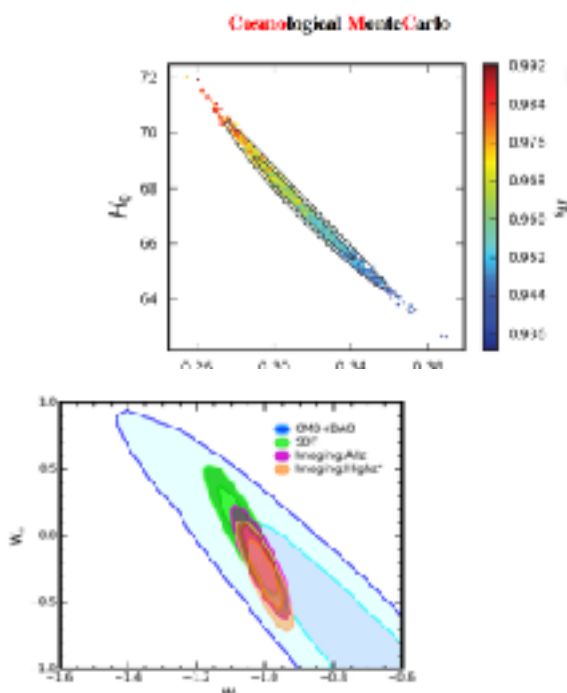
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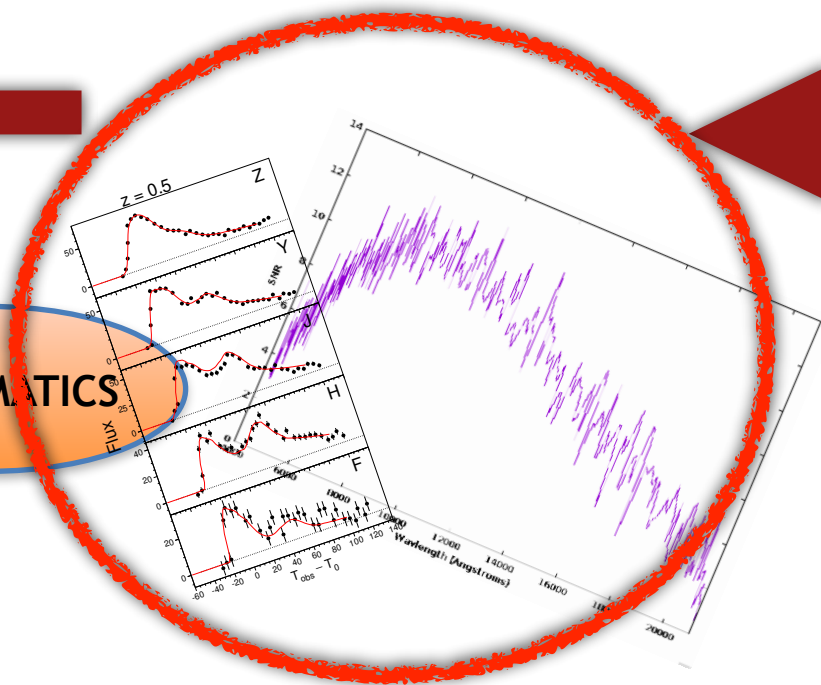
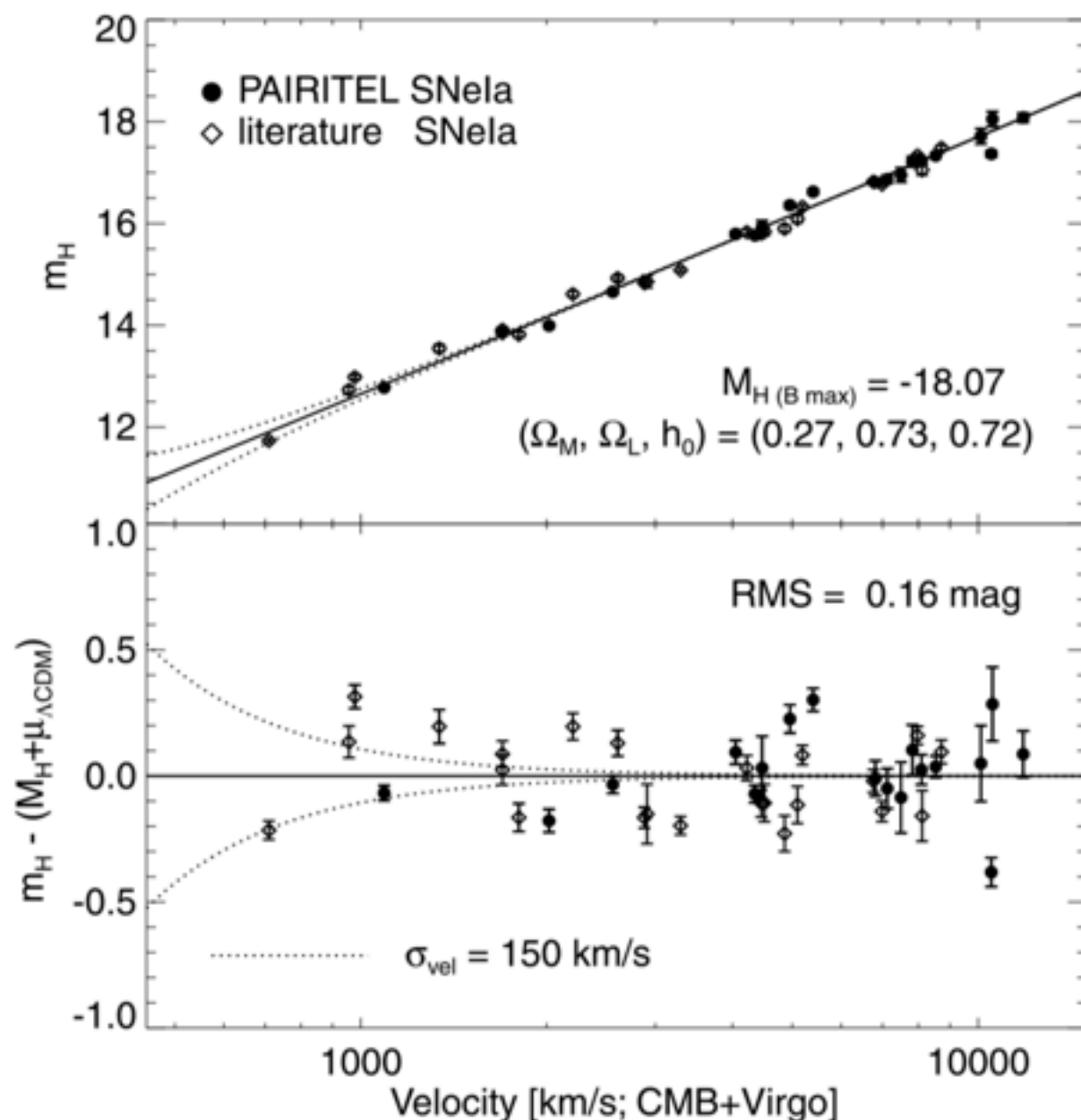


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Are NIR SNe Ia better standard candles?



NIR H-band SN Ia Hubble diagram with an RMS of 0.15 mag. SN Ia that are diamonds are from the literature, filled circles from Wood Vasey et al (2008) paper.

- Work by [Wood-Vasey et al., \(2008\)](#), [Mandel et al., \(2009\)](#), [Barone-Nugent \(2012\)](#), [Kattner \(2013\)](#), and [Stanishev et al., \(2018\)](#) indicate that nearby SN Ia are excellent standard candles in the NIR.
- By combining information from both the NIR and optical light curves it may be possible to reduce scatter and obtain better distances by improving our understanding of,
 - Dust Absorption
 - Spectroscopic Variation
 - Host galaxy properties
- Simulations by [Krisciunas et al., \(2007\)](#) indicate that distance modulus errors are improved by factors of 2.7 and 3.7 by adding J and JHK bands respectively, to UBVIR data.



The SALT2 model

Type Ia SN flux F is given as a function of phase ϕ and λ

$$F(\phi, \lambda) = [x_0 M_0(\phi, \lambda) + x_1 M_1(\phi, \lambda)] \times \exp [c \times CL(\lambda)]$$

Key components M_0, M_1, CL

Original SALT2 wavelength range is from 2000-8500Å.

Training is only reliable over 3400-8000Å (Guy et al., 2007)

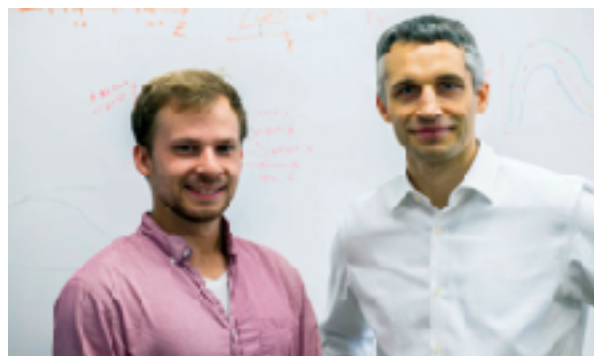
The current SALT2 model has been extended into the NIR: 1700-25,000Å



Used new synthetic Type Ia SEDs from Arturo Avelino.

SED templates based on the Hsiao SN Ia spectrophotometric model.

Templates warped (see [Avelino \(2018, in prep\)](#)) to match NIR photometric observations from low- z SN Ia ([Friedman et al., \(2015\)](#), [Hicken et al., \(2012\)](#), [Contreras et al., \(2010\)](#), [Stritzinger et al., \(2011\)](#)).



The extension is crude

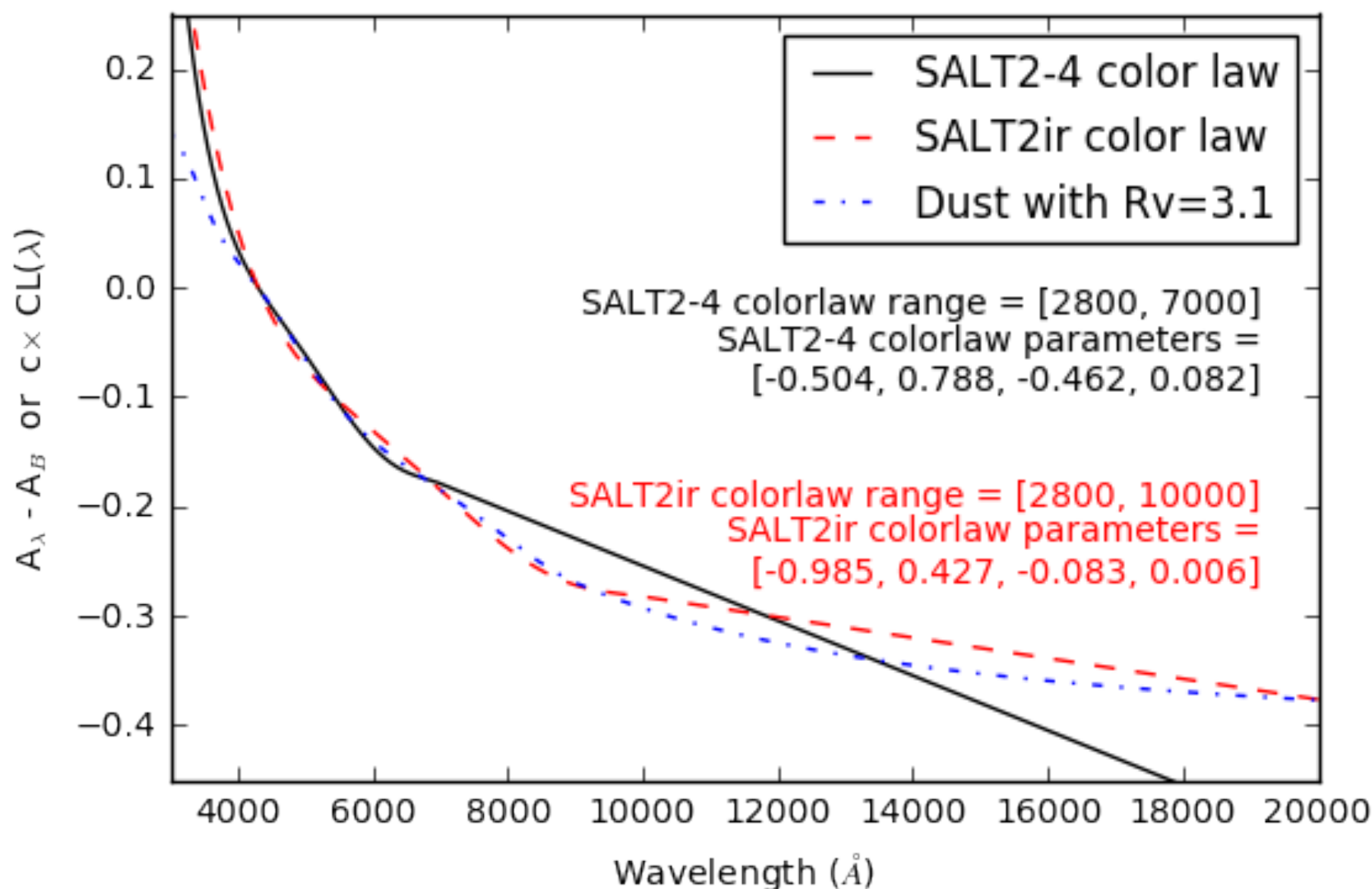
Can be used for simulations and 1st order photometric classifications

Work by Justin Roberts-Pierel and Steve Rodney

SALT2ir - Extended Model

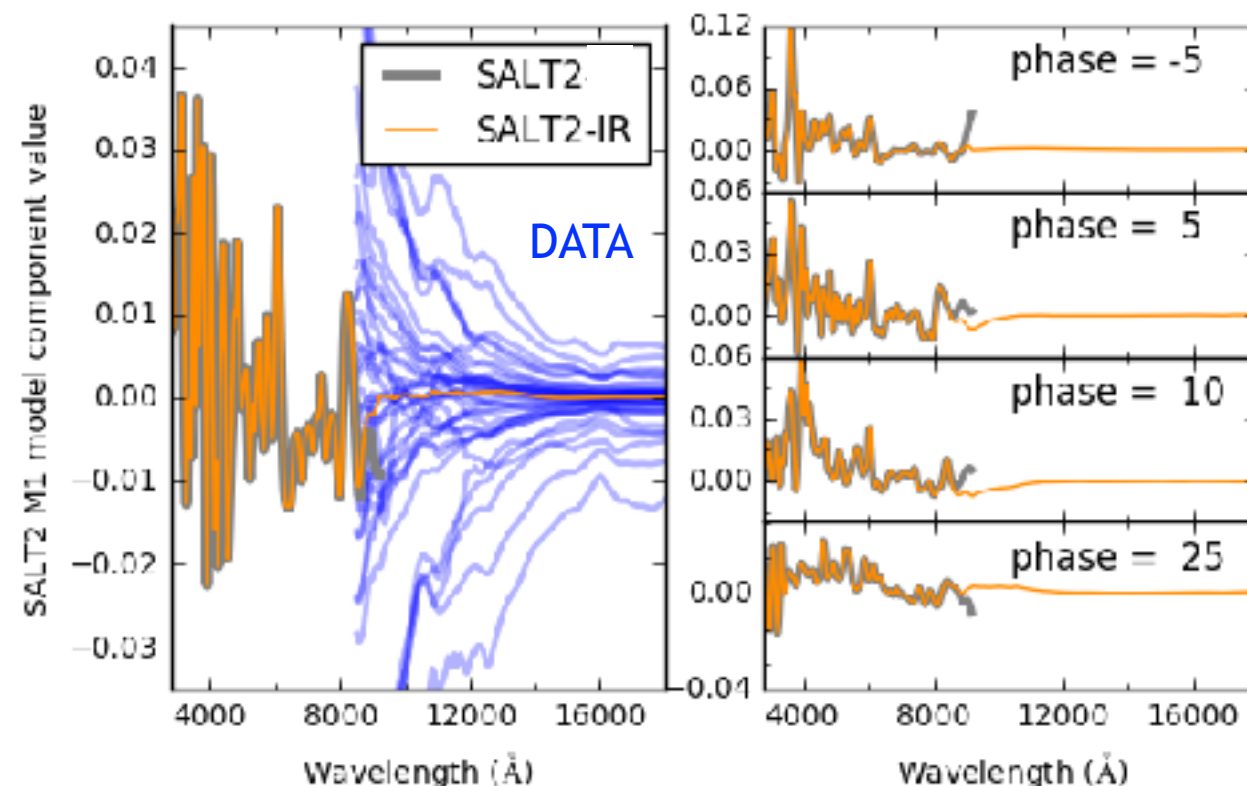
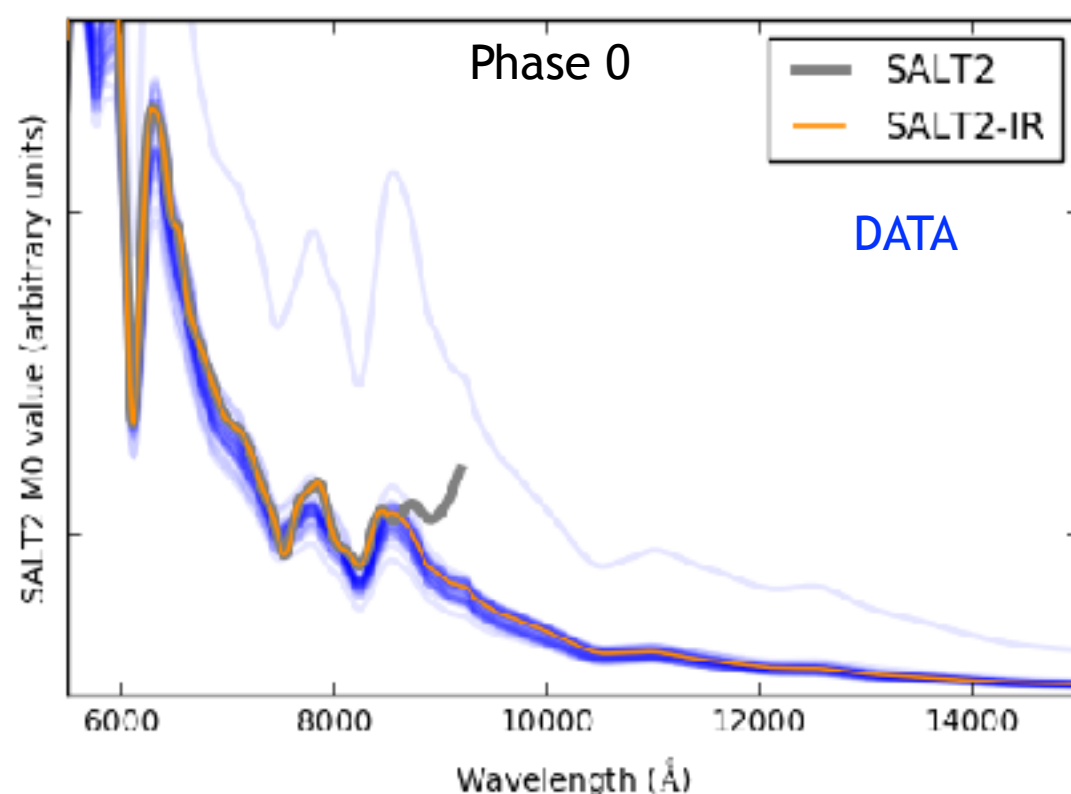
Extrapolating the SALT2 Color Law

- SALT2 color law is a polynomial in λ
- To extend - updated coefficients of polynomial with a given constraint
 - The phase-independent SN Ia color variation at NIR is dominated by dust extinction (not intrinsic scatter).



For a SN with $c = 0.1$ you get an extinction factor $c \times CL(\lambda)$ that behaves like the Milky Way dust extinction curve from Cardelli et al. (1989) and O'Donnell (1994)

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Extrapolating the M_0 and M_1 components

SED templates then de-reddened to correct for redshift and dust.

M_0 : Using new SEDs take the median flux at each wavelength

M_1 : For every SED, use the new M_0 value in combination with the best-fit values for the x_0 , x_1 and c , and solve SALT2 model equation (+ additional smoothing)

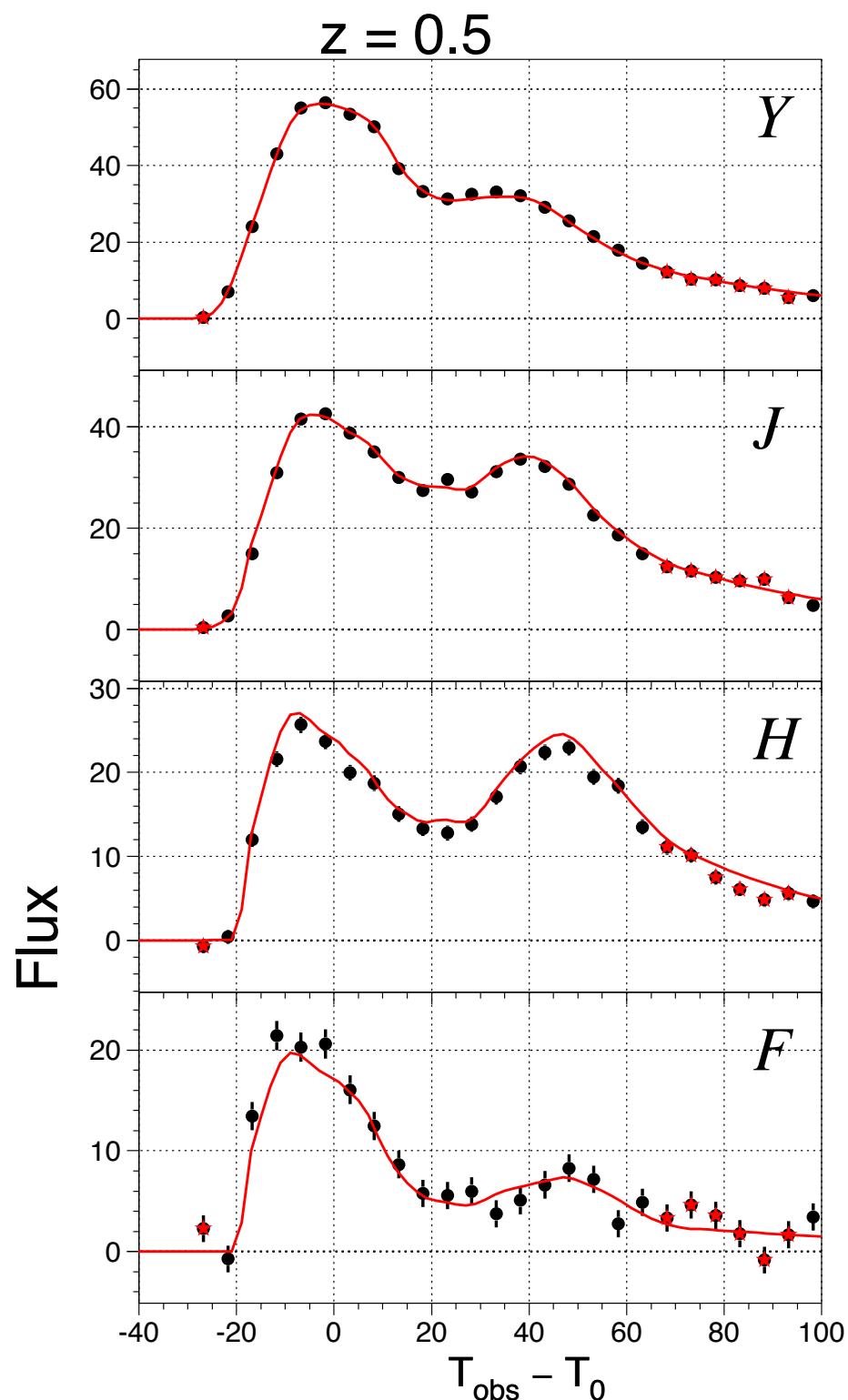


Work to be done!

**A SALT2-ir model that can be used
for fitting real data?**

To modify SALT2 for light curve fitting a full training of the model, with a large sample of NIR Type Ia SN light curves, would be required.

Analysis: Light Curve Fitting



- Simulated WFIRST SNANA light curves
- Fitted SALT2 templates

We obtain stretch and color from light curve fits

The Tripp (1998) formulation

$$\mu = m_B - M + (\alpha \times \mathcal{X}_1) - (\beta \times c)$$

μ = distance modulus

m_B & M = apparent & absolute B band mag

\mathcal{X}_1 = Light-curve shape parameter

c = color law parameter

α, β = hyper parameters $\sim 0.14, 3.2$

Selection effect introduce a redshift dependent bias - use MC to correct

$$\mu \rightarrow \mu + \Delta\mu_{\text{MC}}$$



SN Uncertainties Included

Wavelength Dependent Calibration Uncertainty

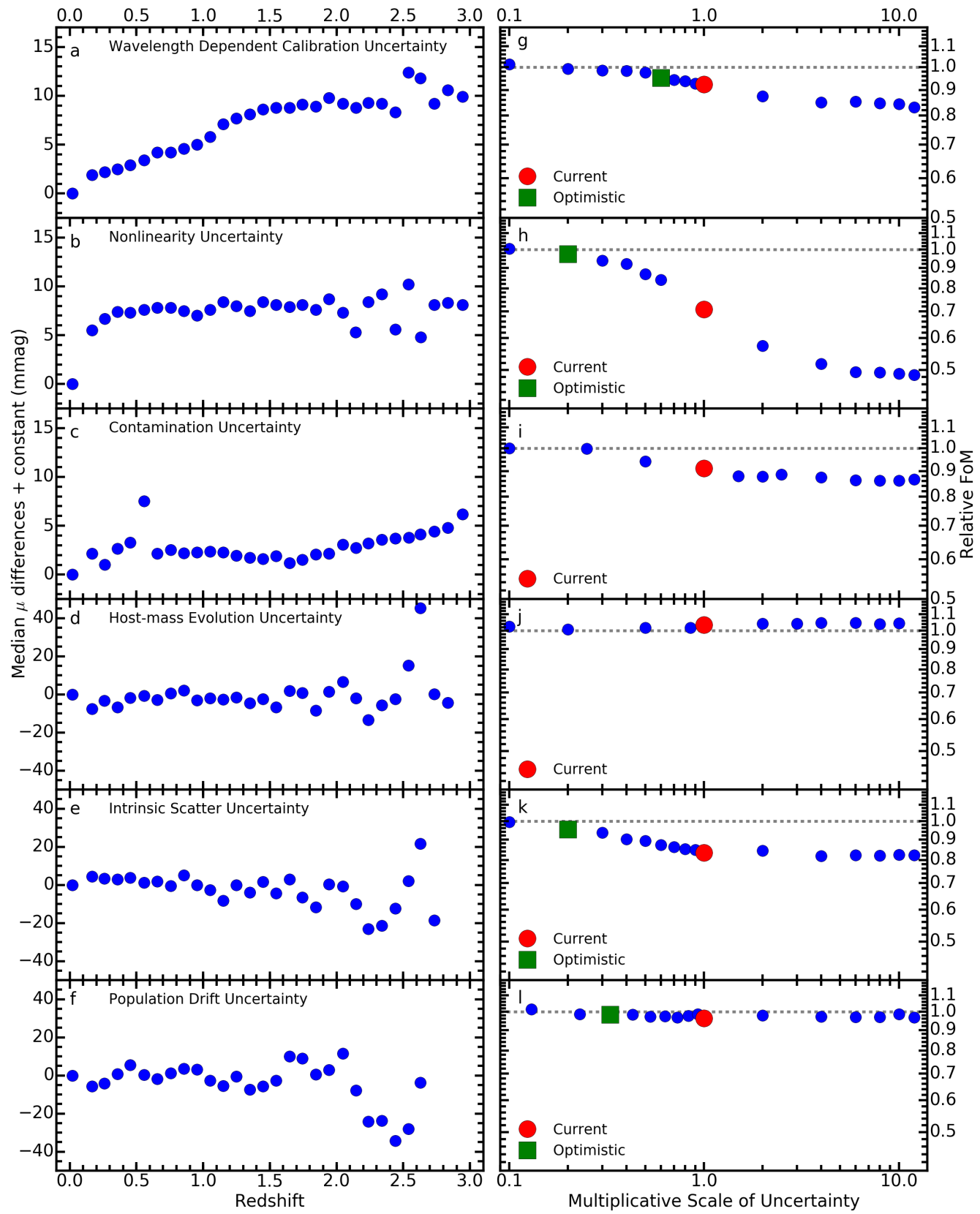
Nonlinearity Uncertainty

Core Collapse Contamination Uncertainty

Host-Mass Evolution Uncertainty

Intrinsic Scatter Uncertainty

Population Drift Uncertainty





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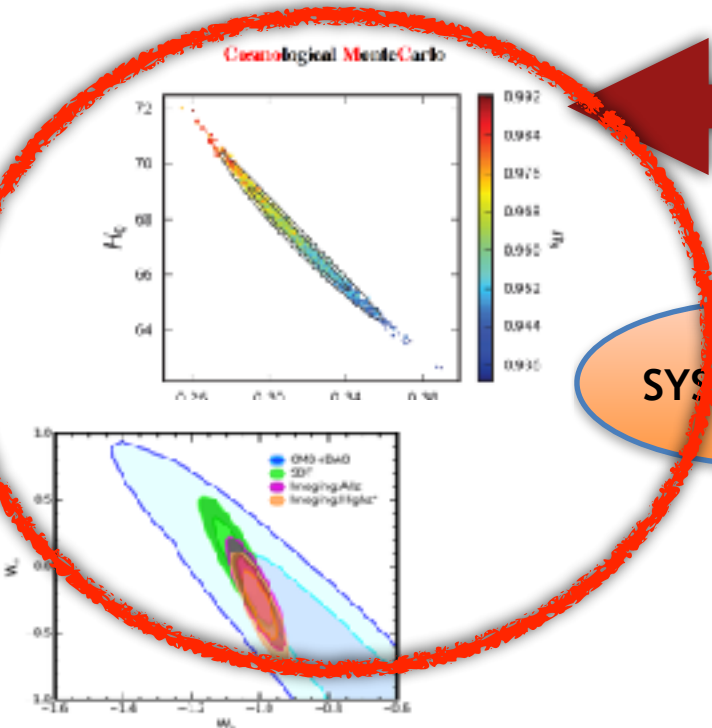
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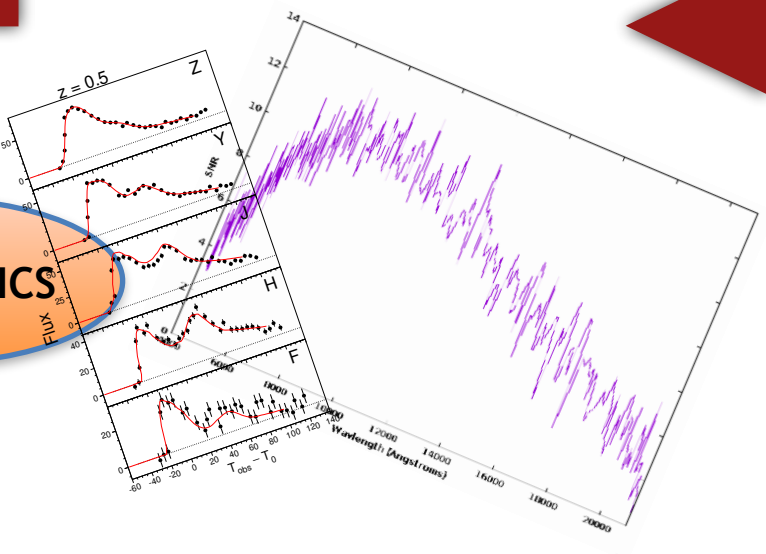
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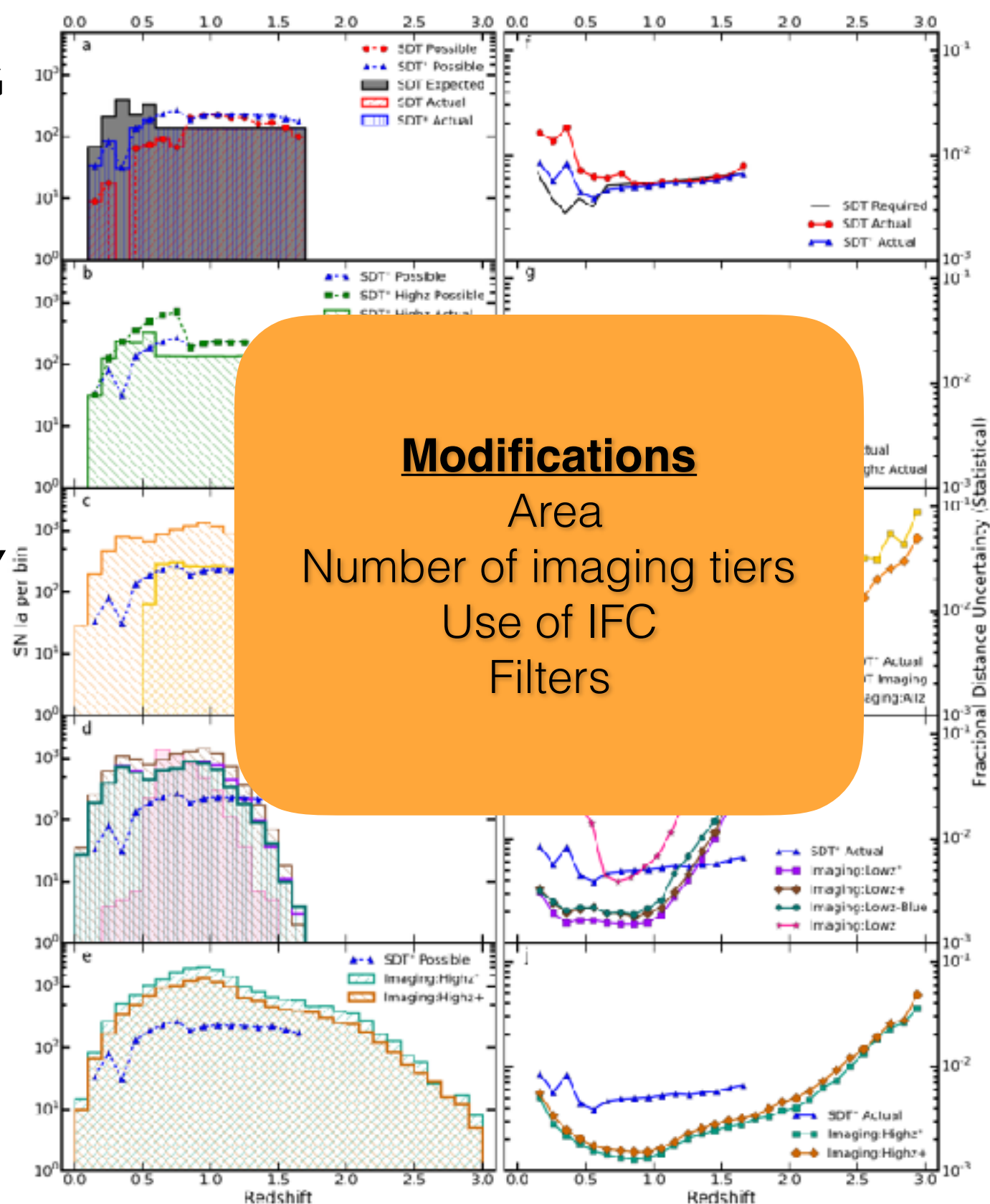


Multiple Strategies Investigated

IFC + IMAGING



IMAGING ONLY



Modifications
Area
Number of imaging tiers
Use of IFC
Filters

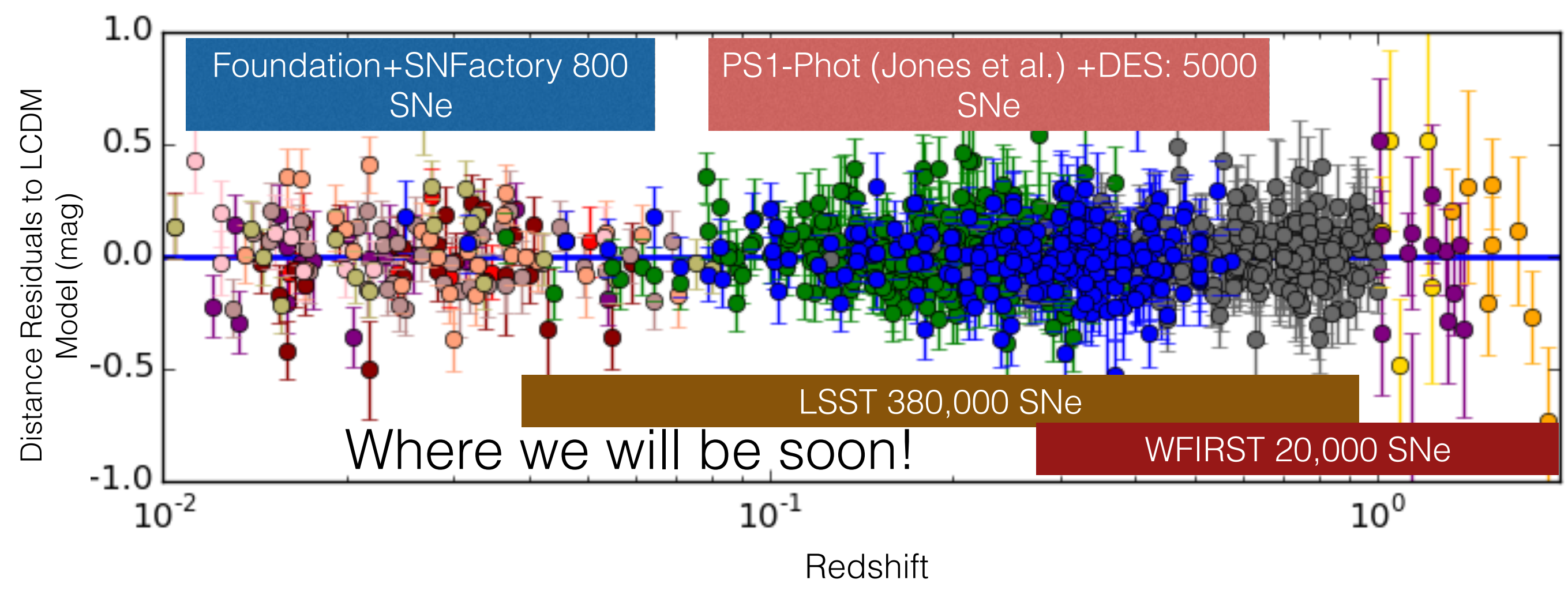
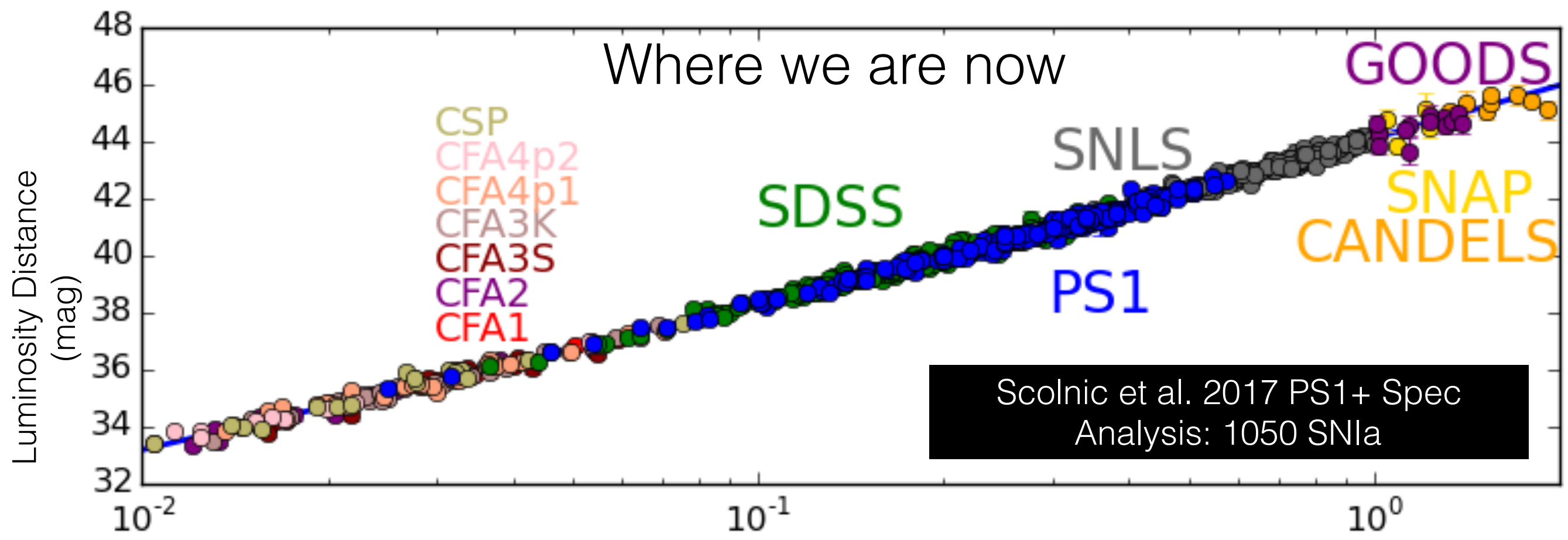
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2 Tier Survey

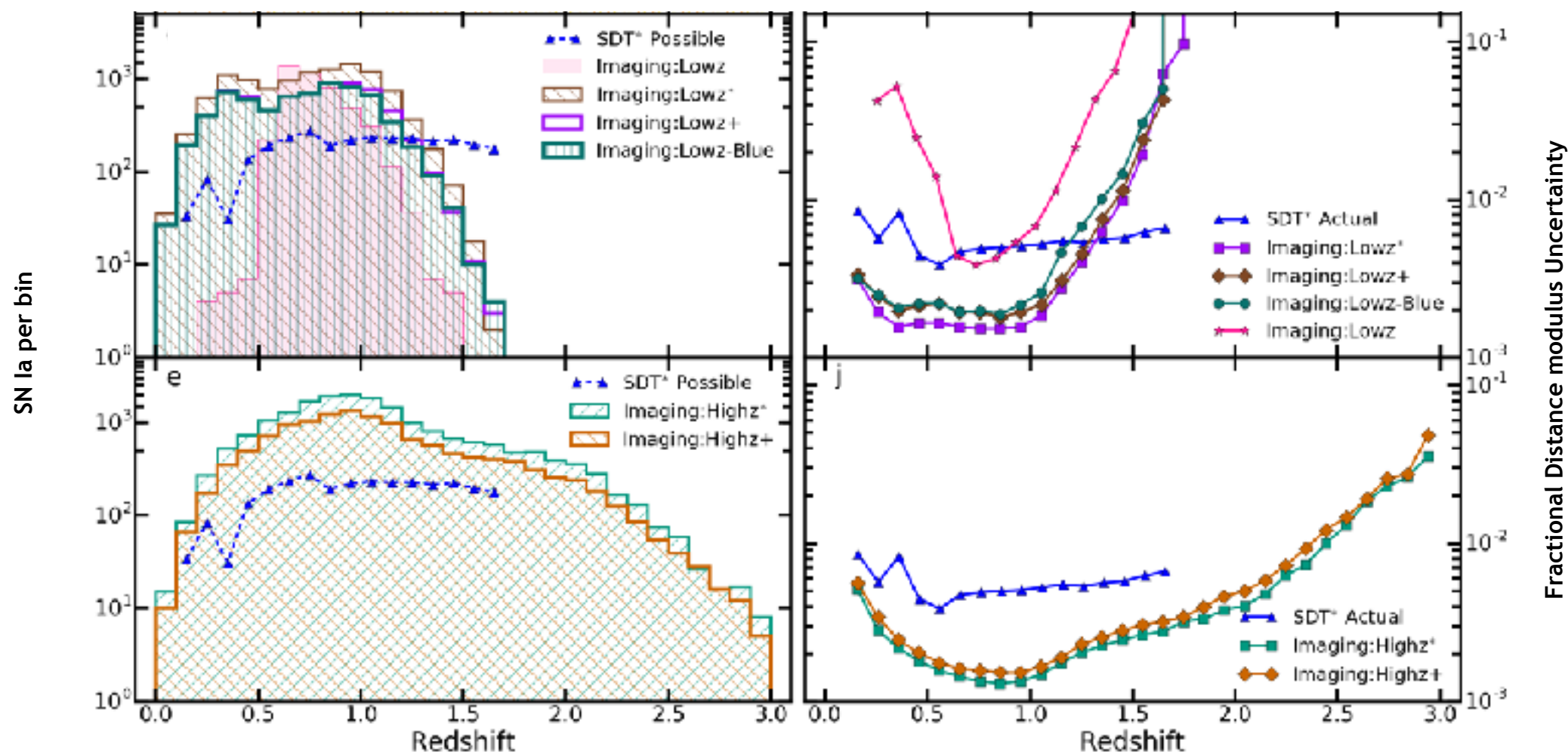
3 Tier Surveys

2 Tier Surveys
Shallow + Medium

2 Tier Surveys
Medium + Deep



Where should we focus our time?



1. A deeper survey: NIR data for high redshift rest-frame optical light curves
2. A shallow survey: Lower redshift SNe but with rest-frame NIR light curves.

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Systematics

We incorporate all top systematics from recent analyses

<i>Systematic Uncertainty</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Wavelength dependent calibration</i>	The accuracy of the HST Calspec system (Bohlin et al. 2014) is described as a linear function with a slope of roughly 5 mmag per 7000Å. WFC: 5 mmag per 7000Å. IFC: 50 mmag per 7000Å Childress et al. (2016) .
<i>Non-linearity</i>	Detector response non-linearity can severely impact photometric precision in astronomical observations. Riess (2010) measured a non-linearity in WFC3-IR data as 1% per dex over a range of 10 mag (4 dex) .
<i>Zero-point offset</i>	Zero-point uncertainty can effect color term in SN distance equation. Space-based zero-point uncertainty expected to be at 5 mmag or less
<i>CC SN Contamination</i>	For IFC expected to be negligible. For imaging only surveys we use photometric selection methods from DES & PS1.
<i>Intrinsic scatter</i>	How does bias depend on different models of intrinsic scatter.
<i>Color + Stretch Population</i>	Redshift dependent changes.
<i>Host galaxy - SN luminosity</i>	Correction to SN distances based on host-galaxy mass (e.g., Betoule et al. 2014). We introduced redshift dependent variation.

How much effort should go into reducing each systematic?

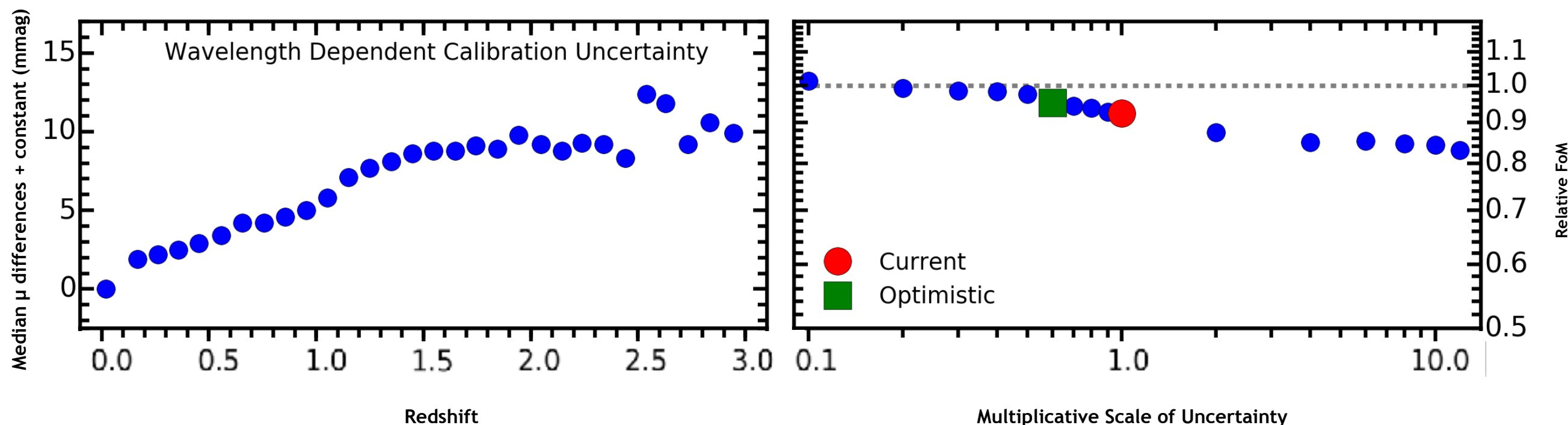
To date we have been assuming systematics based on optical studies.

How do we incorporate NIR knowledge?

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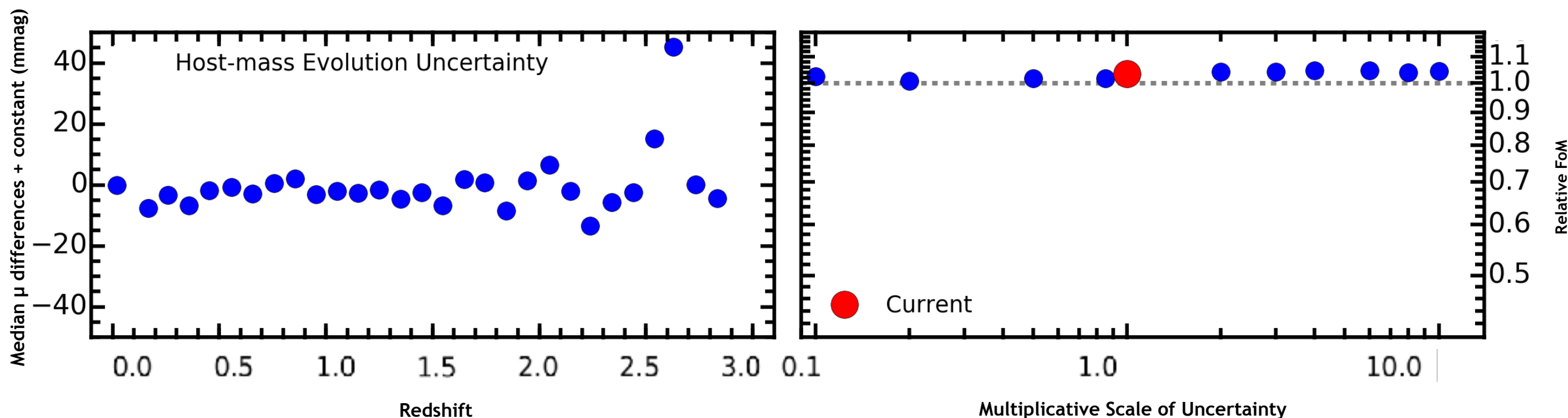
- Optimistic uncertainty is taken as 3 mmag per 7000Å.

Gautham?



Host galaxy - SN luminosity Relation

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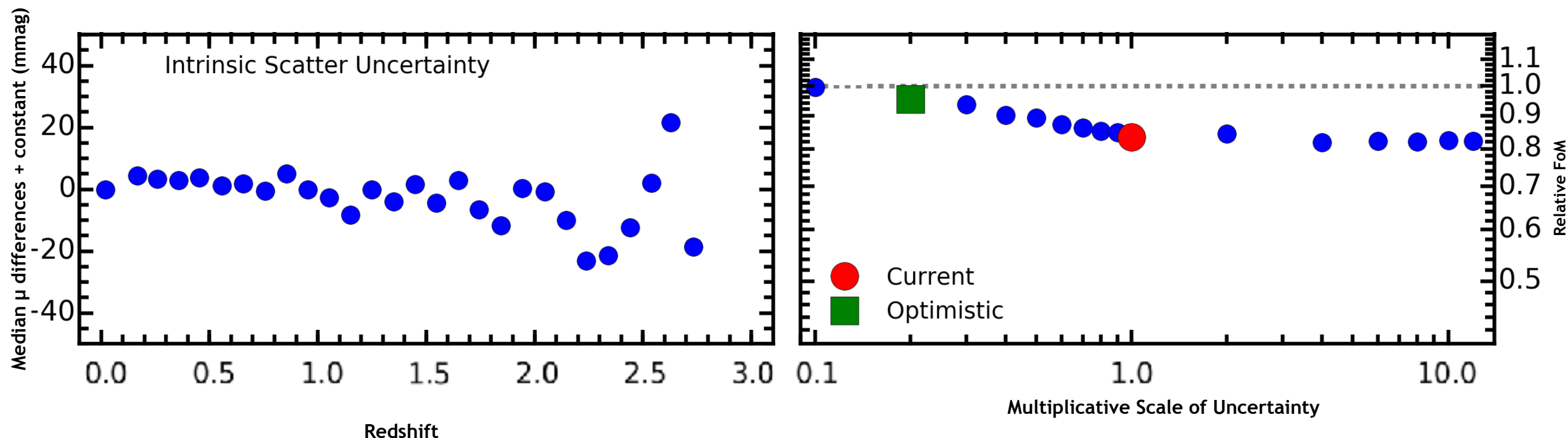


- The exact functional form of this correction is still poorly constrained
- The magnitude of this correction and the form could change with redshift (e.g., [Rigault et al., 2013, 2015](#); [Childress et al., 2014](#))

Chris, Kara, & Suhail?

Intrinsic Scatter

Systematic Uncertainty	Description
<i>Intrinsic scatter</i>	How does bias depend on different models of intrinsic scatter.



- There is still some uncertainty in relative proportion of color and luminosity variation in the intrinsic scatter model ([Scolnic & Kessler 2016](#))
 - Distance bias corrections applied depend on intrinsic scatter model assumptions
 - Simulated data with both G10 ([Guy et al 2010](#)) and C11 ([Chotard et al. 2011](#))
 - G10: 70% luminosity variation, 30% color variation
 - C11: 25% luminosity variation, 75% color variation
 - Optimistic uncertainty is assumed as 5 x better due to improved models in the IR
- Chris + Kaisey: Smaller scatter in NIR, but how do we describe the color or spectral variation of these models ?**

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Concluding Remarks

If the future is NIR we need to fully understand how to use it.

- JWST will have the capabilities to observe the rest-frame NIR out to high- z
– But limited number of SNe!
- LSST, WFIRST will provide SNe with well-sampled rest-frame B and V light curves out to redshift ~ 1.5 , < 3.0 respectively - Much larger sample of SNe i.e., 100,000s for LSST, $\sim 10,000$ s for WFIRST!
- WFIRST will allow us to analyze SNe within the rest-frame NIR (lower z).
- Data from the combined RZYJHF filters may allow us to reduce certain systematics.
- We are currently incorporating the new NIR extended SALT2 models into our work.
- Many of our systematic assumptions are based on optical data and NIR considerations need to be made.
- To date we have produced realistic simulations of the WFIRST SN Survey and are continuing optimization.

Thank you