

# Near-infrared distances to type Ia supernovae

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NOAO 4m image of SN 2011fe in M101 (T.A. Rector, H. Schweiker & S. Pakzad)

SN 2014J in M82 (Marco Burali, Osservatorio MTM Pistoia)

# Observational properties of thermonuclear supernovae

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**The explosive death of a star as a supernova is one of the most dramatic events in the Universe. Supernovae have an outsized impact on many areas of astrophysics: they are major contributors to the chemical enrichment of the cosmos and significantly influence the formation of subsequent generations of stars and the evolution of galaxies. Here we review the observational properties of thermonuclear supernovae—exploding white dwarf stars resulting from the stellar evolution of low-mass stars in close binary systems. The best known objects in this class are type-Ia supernovae (SNe Ia), astrophysically important in their application as standardizable candles to measure cosmological distances and the primary source of iron group elements in the Universe. Surprisingly, given their prominent role, SN Ia progenitor systems and explosion mechanisms are not fully understood; the observations we describe here provide constraints on models, not always in consistent ways. Recent advances in supernova discovery and follow-up have shown that the class of thermonuclear supernovae includes more than just SNe Ia, and we characterize that diversity in this review.**

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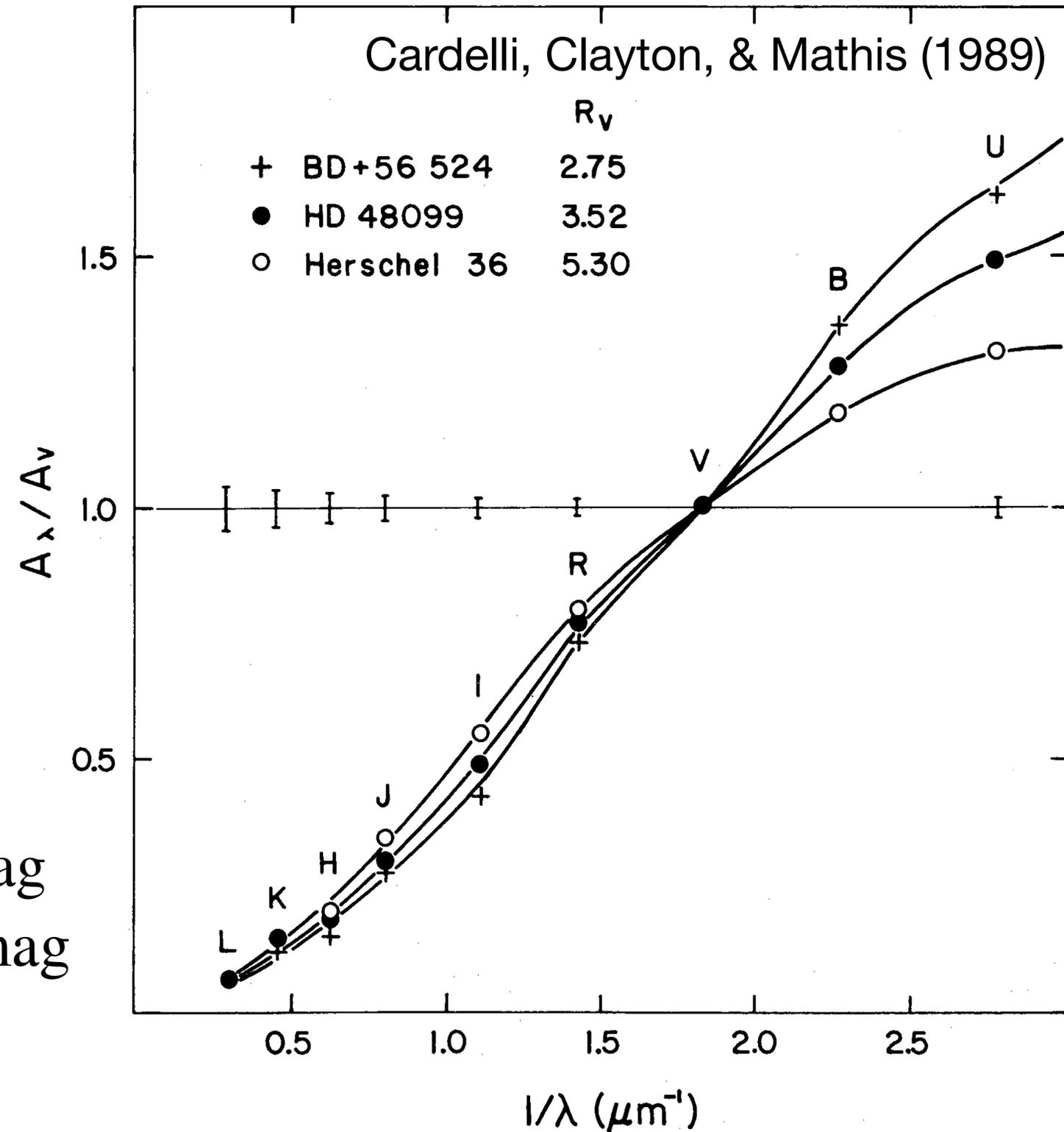
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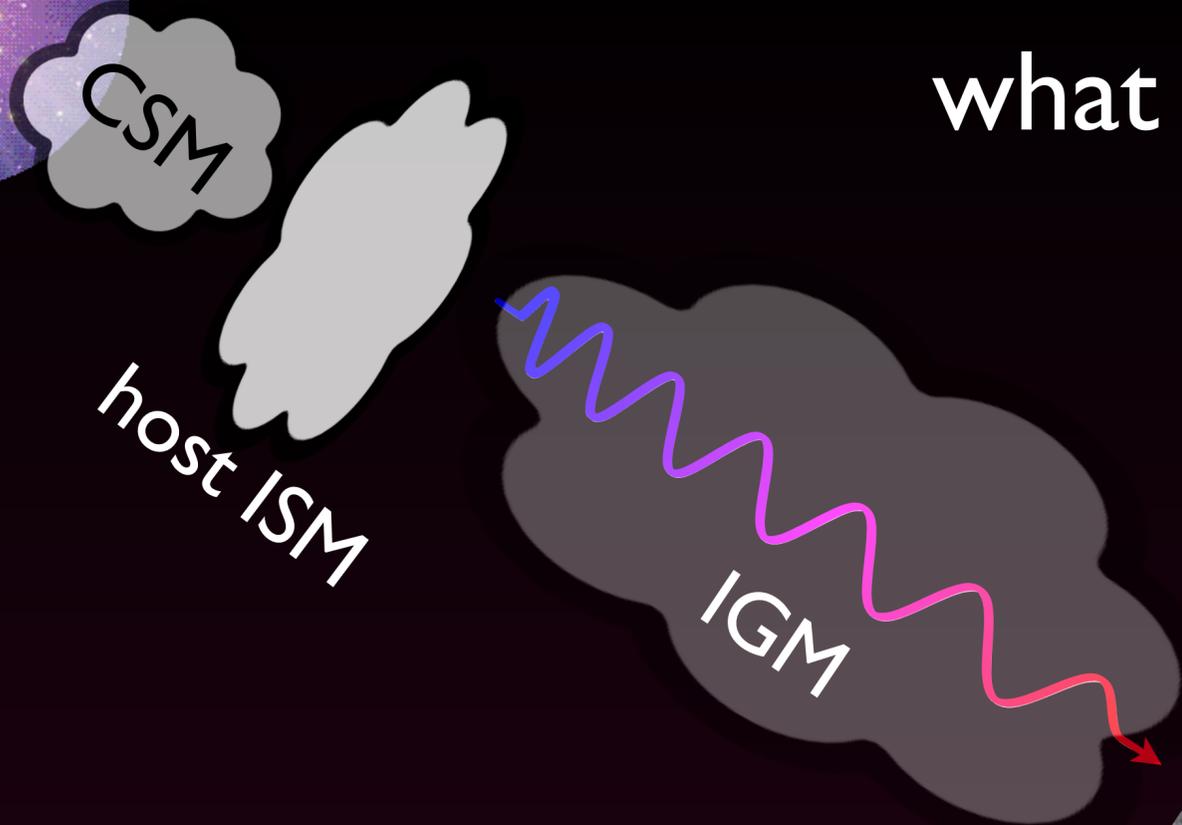
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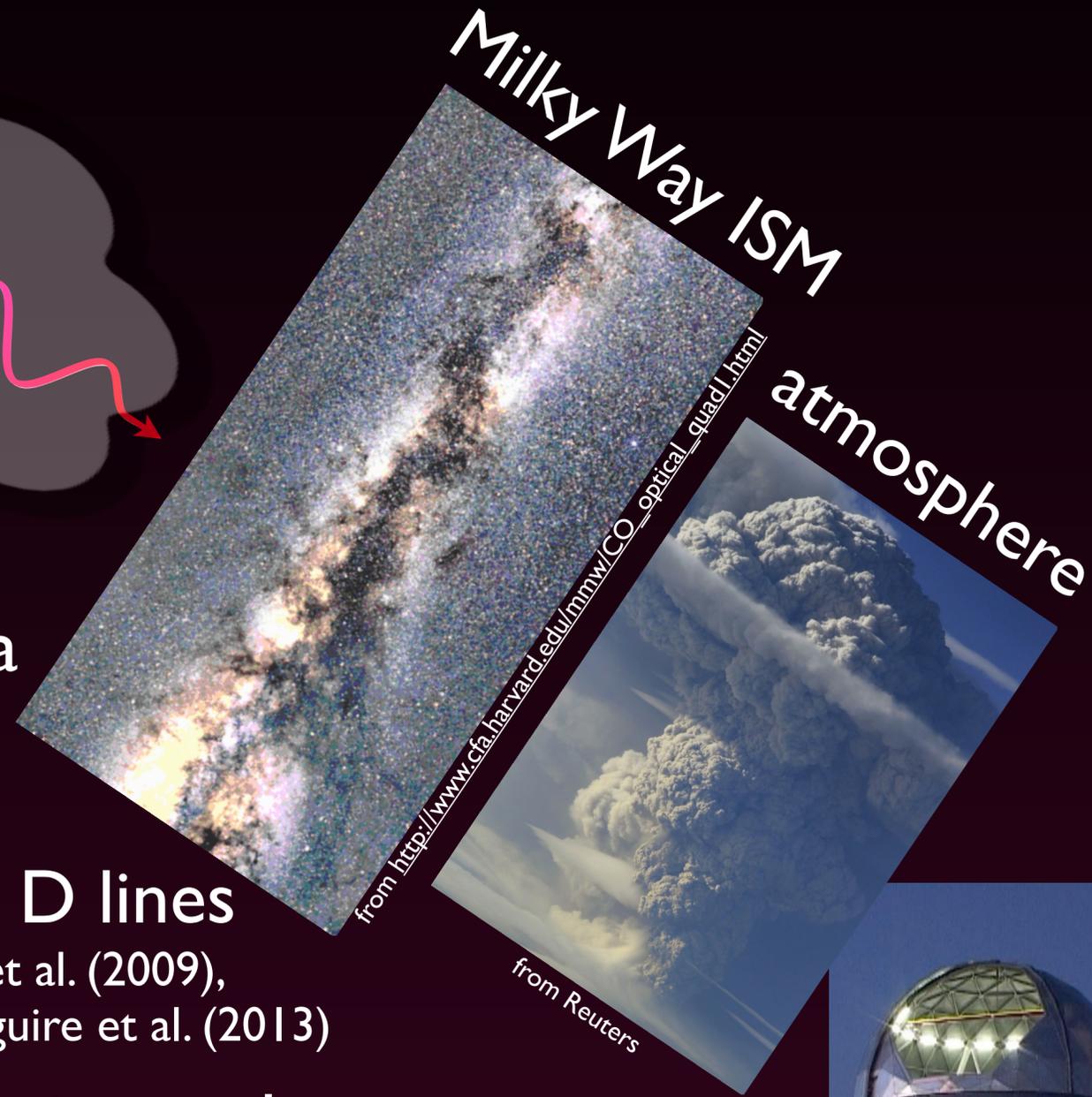
intergalactic extinction could be significant for highest-z SN Ia

Menard et al. (2010)

evidence for CSM: variable Na I D lines

Patat et al. (2007), Blondin et al. (2009), Simon et al. (2009), Sternberg et al. (2011), Phillips et al. (2013), Maguire et al. (2013)

intrinsic colors depend on host galaxy, viewing angle, velocity? (ask Rutgers grad student Kyle Dettman here!)



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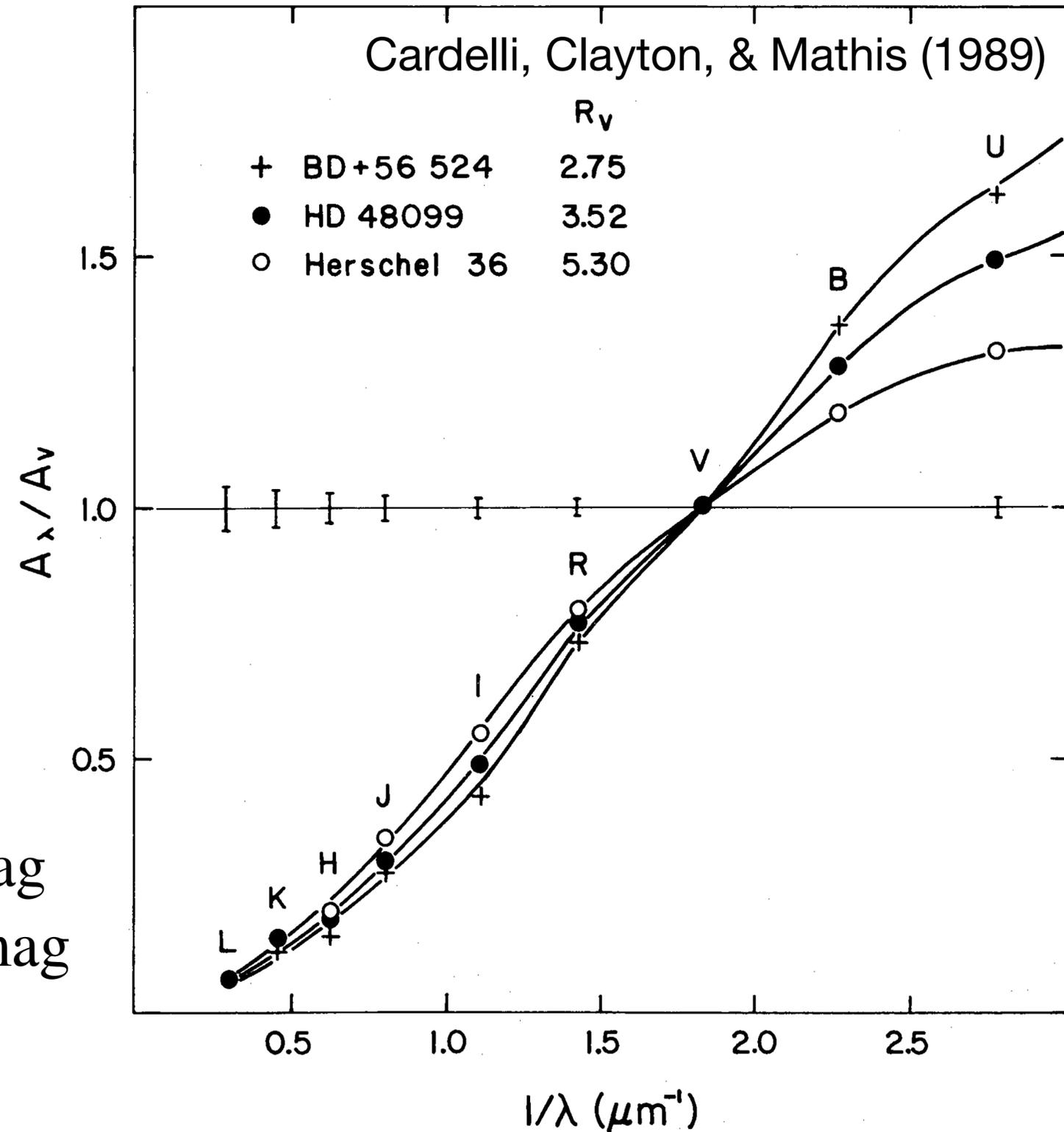
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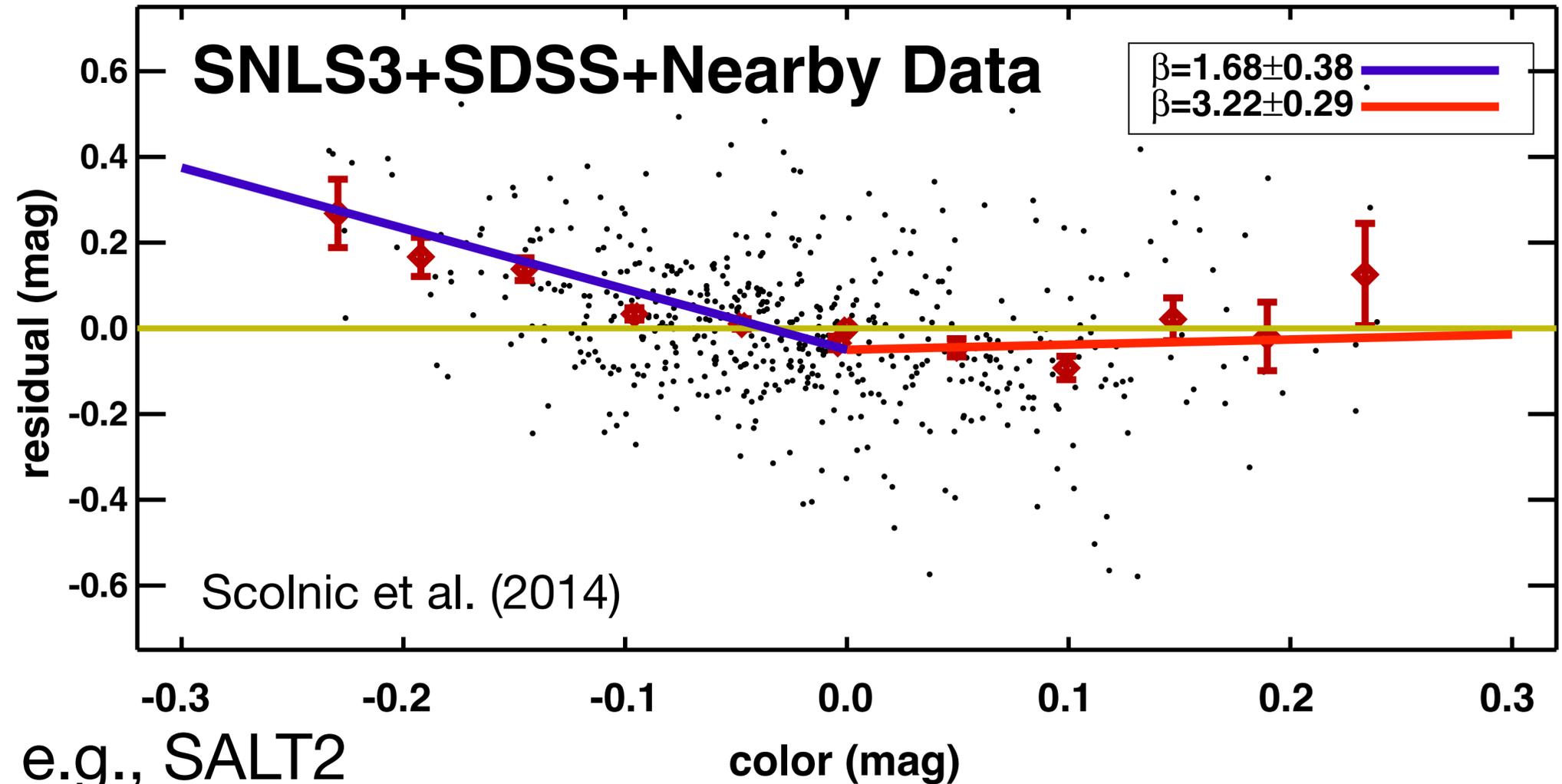
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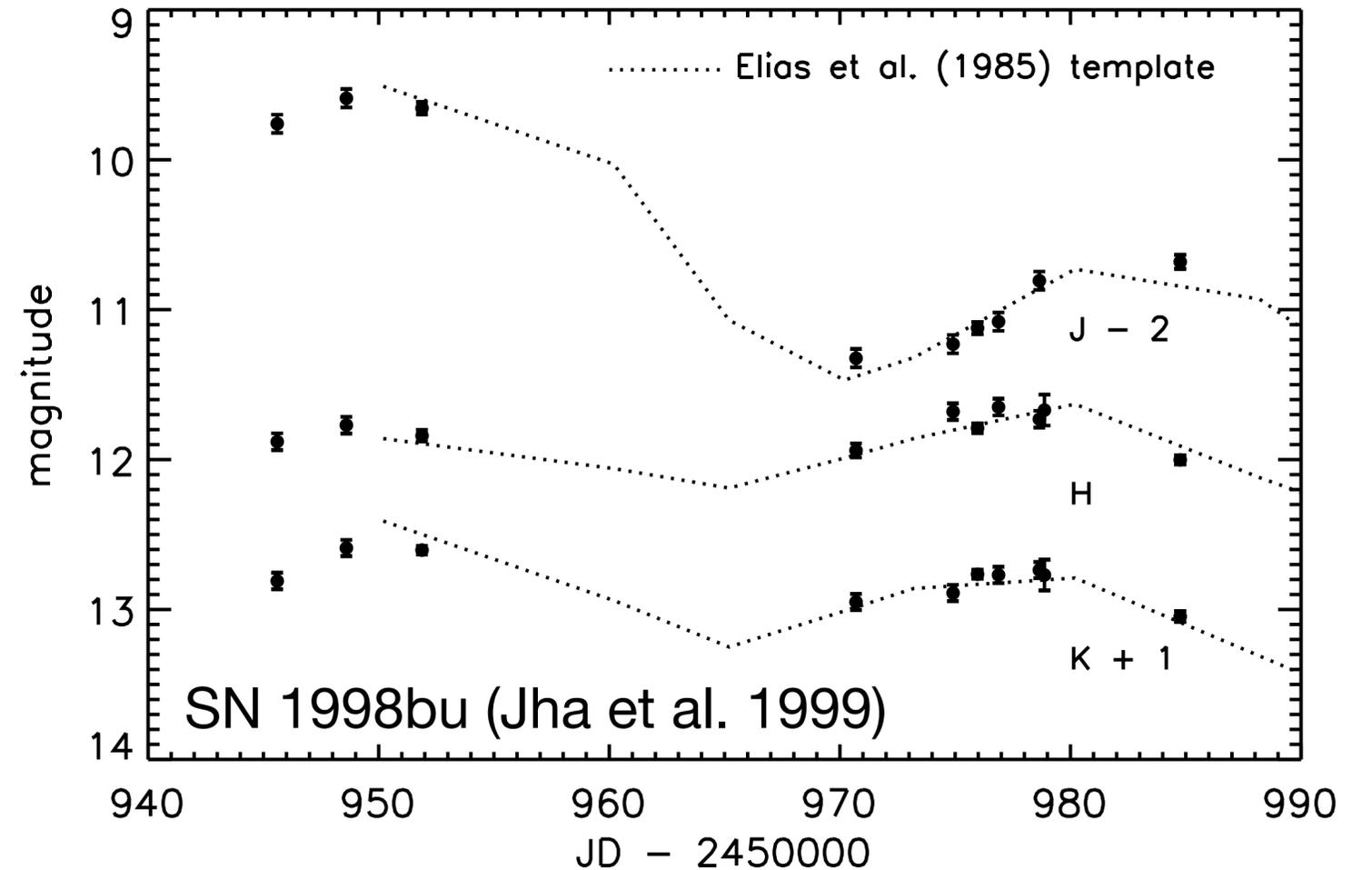
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Second, an examination of the use of infrared photometry of Type Ia supernovae for distance determinations suggests that distance moduli to individual galaxies may be accurate to  $\pm 0.2$  mag, and possibly  $\pm 0.1$  mag, but the data set is still too small for this conclusion to be independent of our initial assumptions.

Elias et al. (1981, 1985)

Meikle (2000)

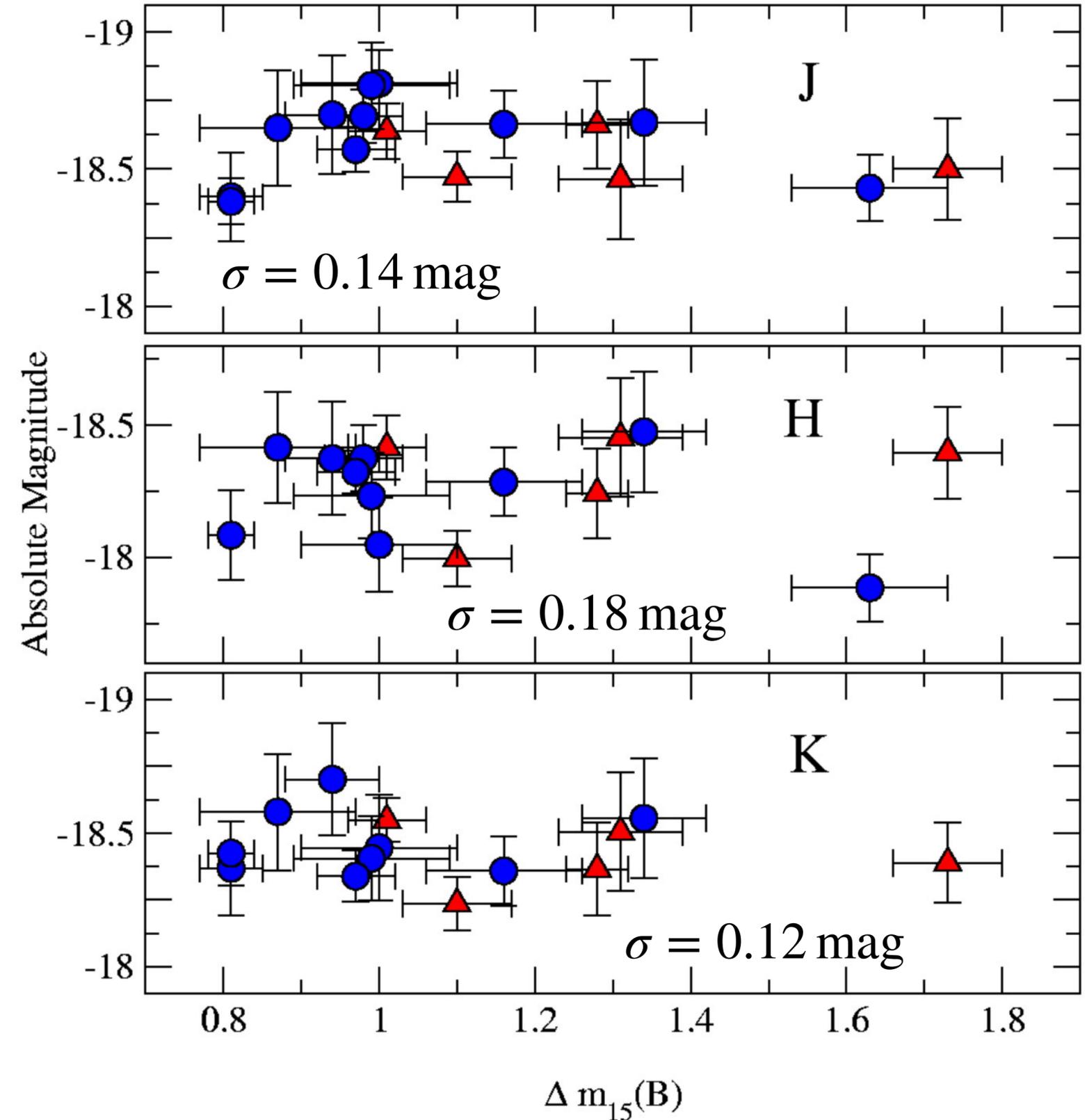


The light curves of the six similar supernovae can be represented fairly consistently with a single light curve in each of the three bands. **In all three IR bands the dispersion in absolute magnitude is about 0.15 mag**, and this can be accounted for within the uncertainties of the individual light curves. **No significant variation of absolute IR magnitude with  $B$ -band light curve decline rate,  $\Delta m_{15}(B)$ , is seen** over the range  $0.87 < \Delta m_{15}(B) < 1.31$ . However, the data are insufficient to allow us to decide whether or not the decline rate relation is weaker in the IR than in the optical region. **IR light curves of type Ia supernovae should eventually provide cosmological distance estimates that are of equal, or even superior, quality to those obtained in optical studies.**

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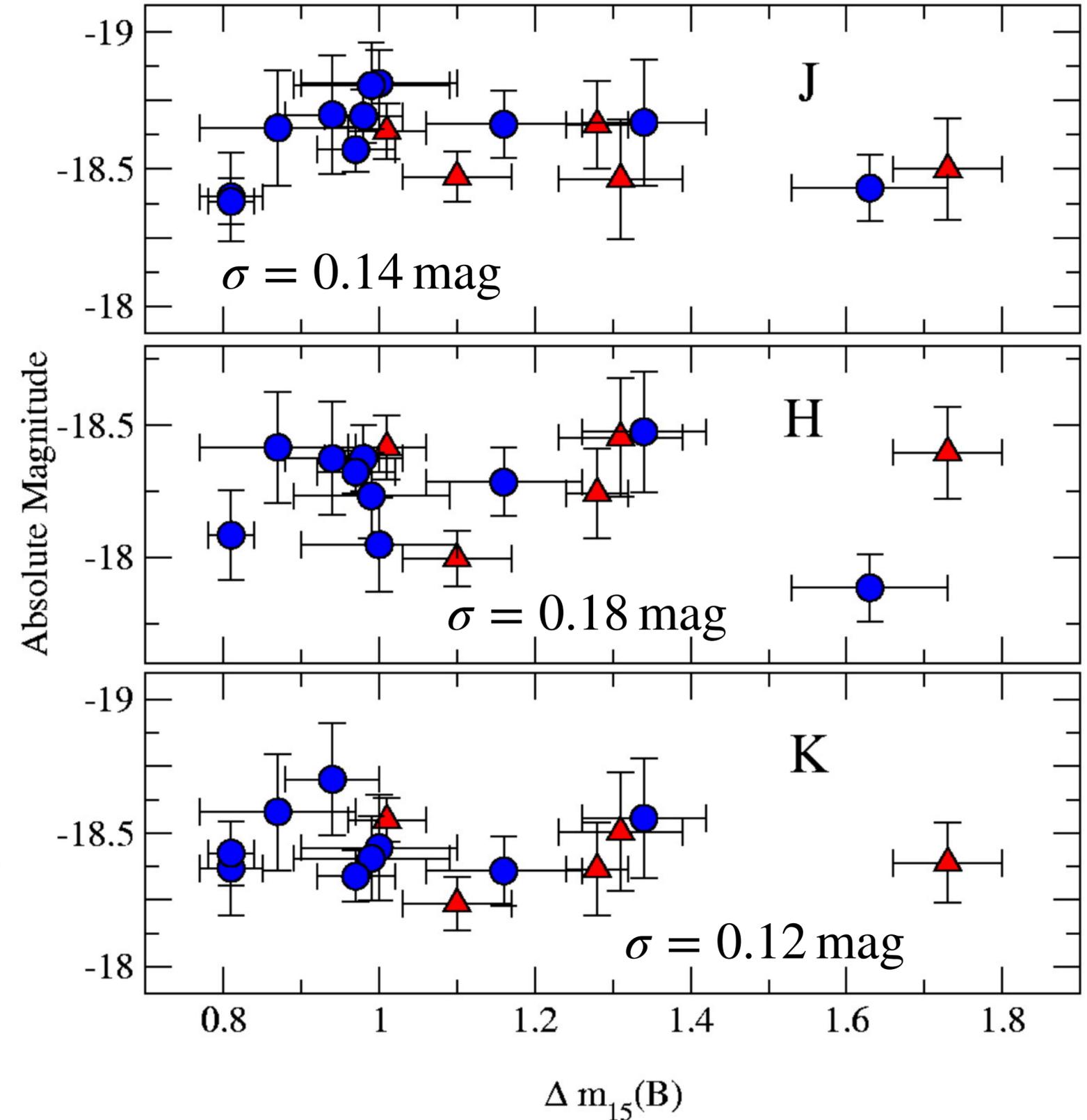
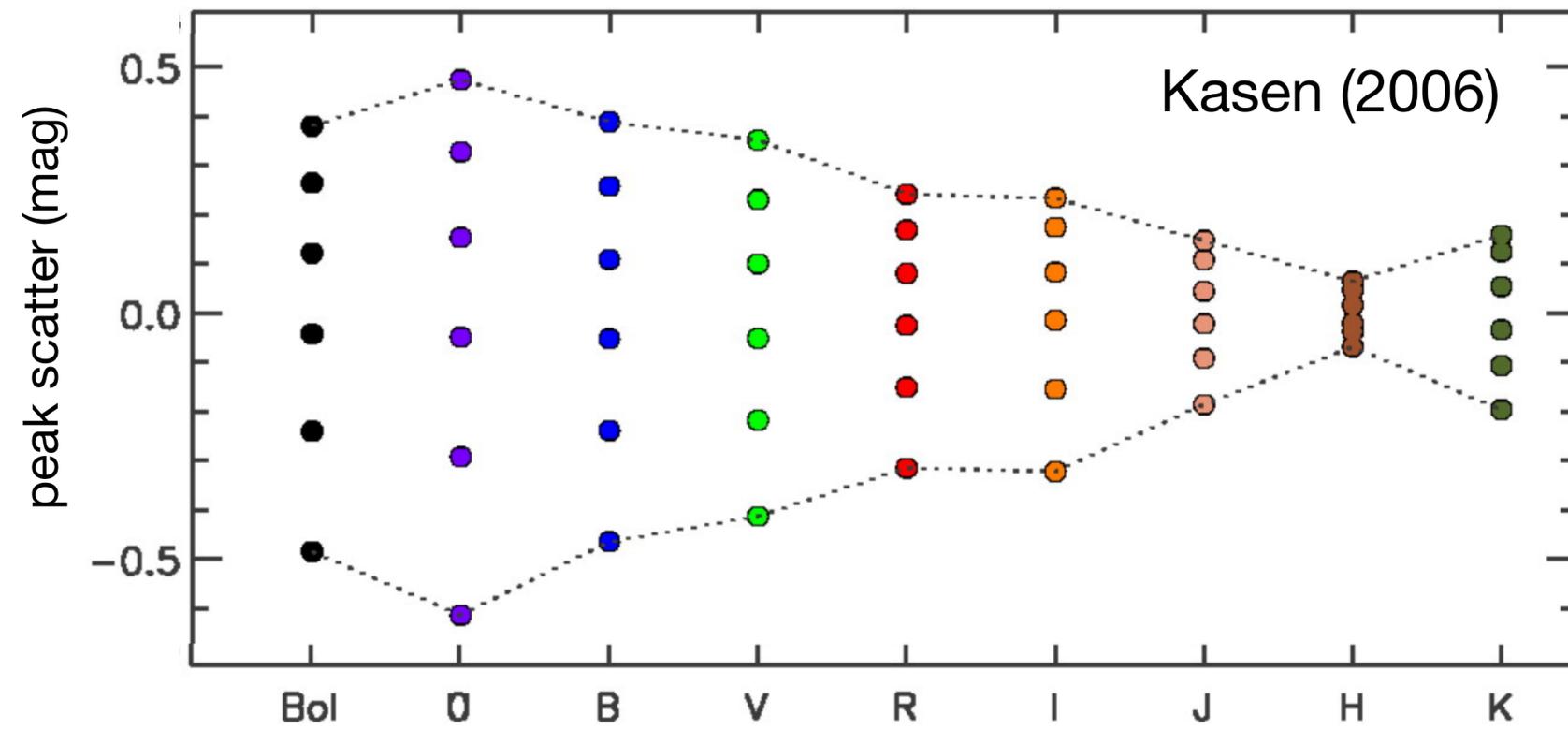
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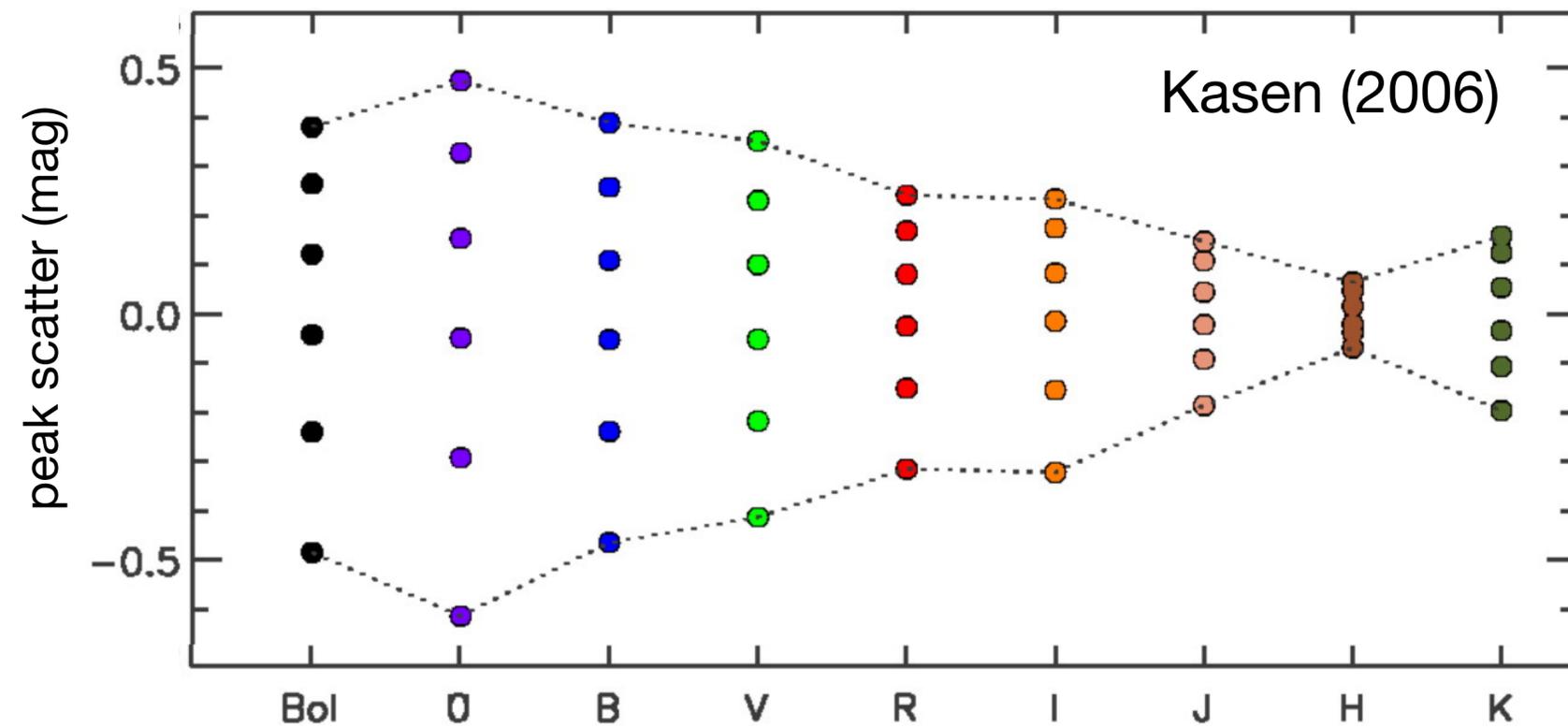
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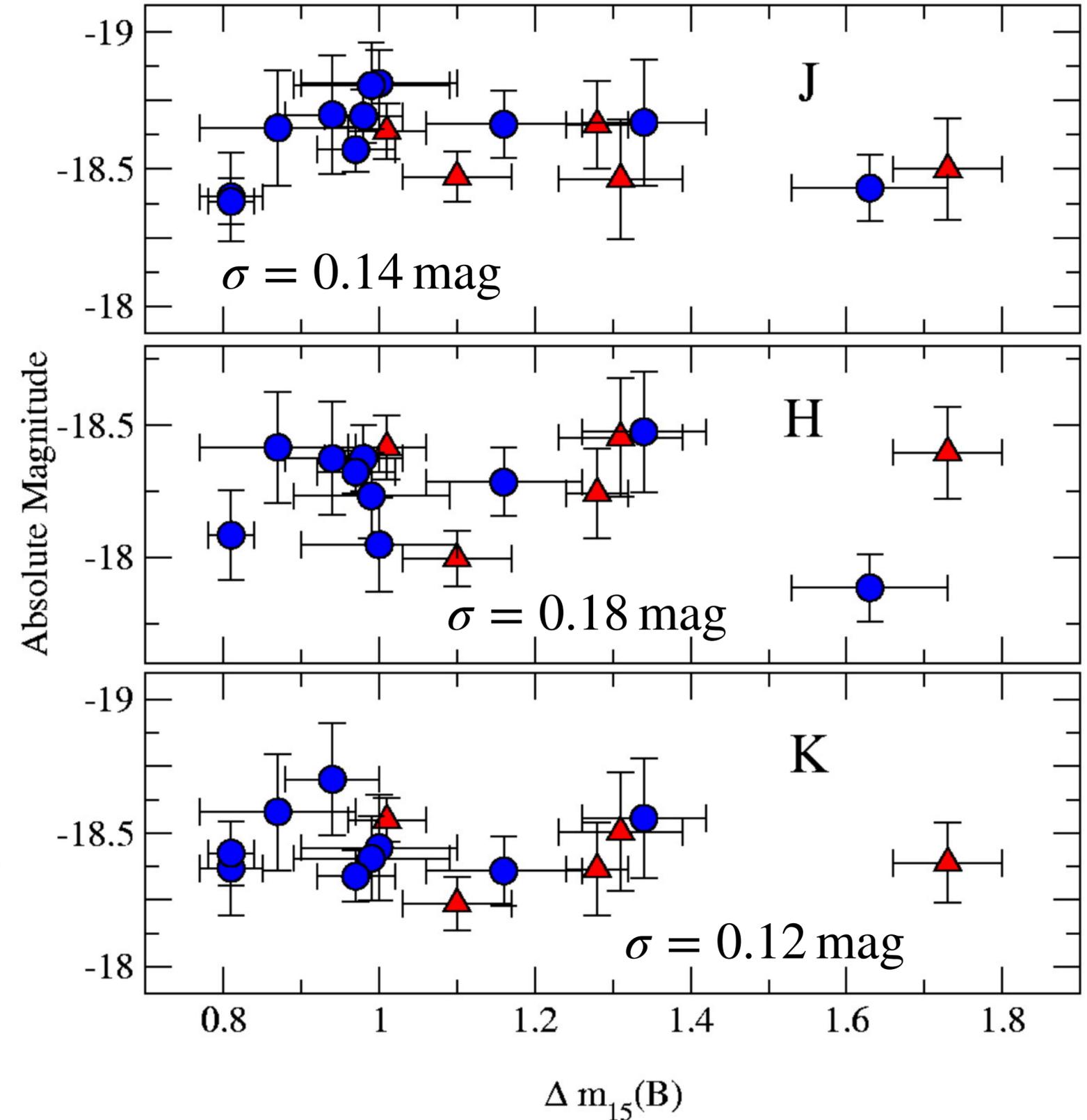
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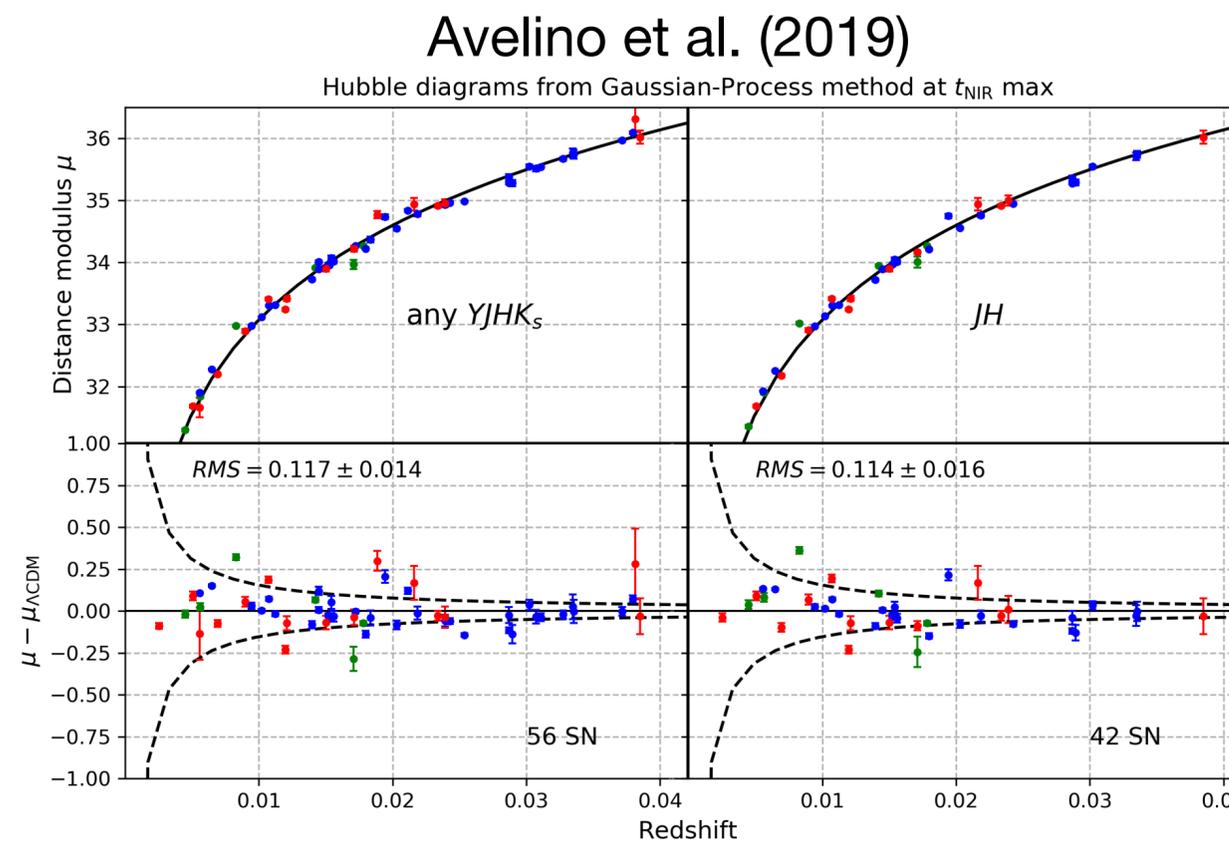
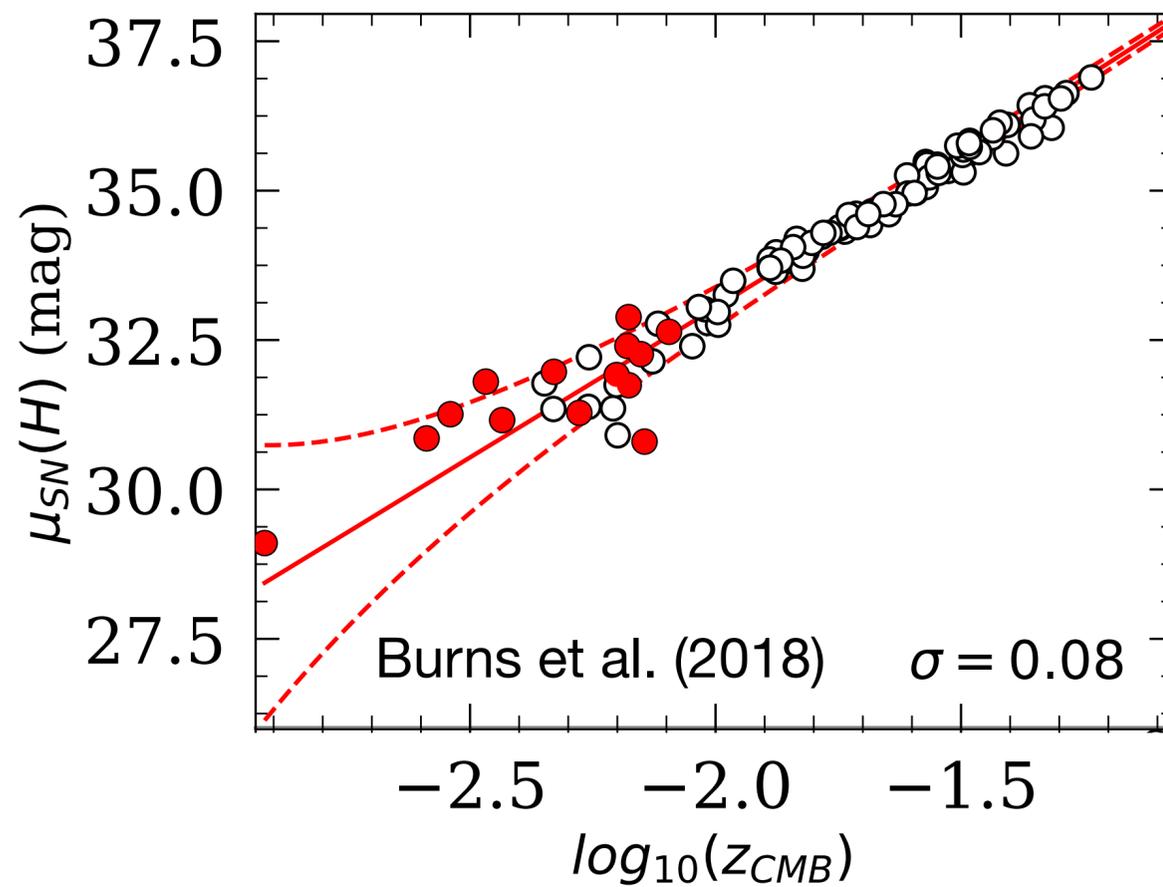
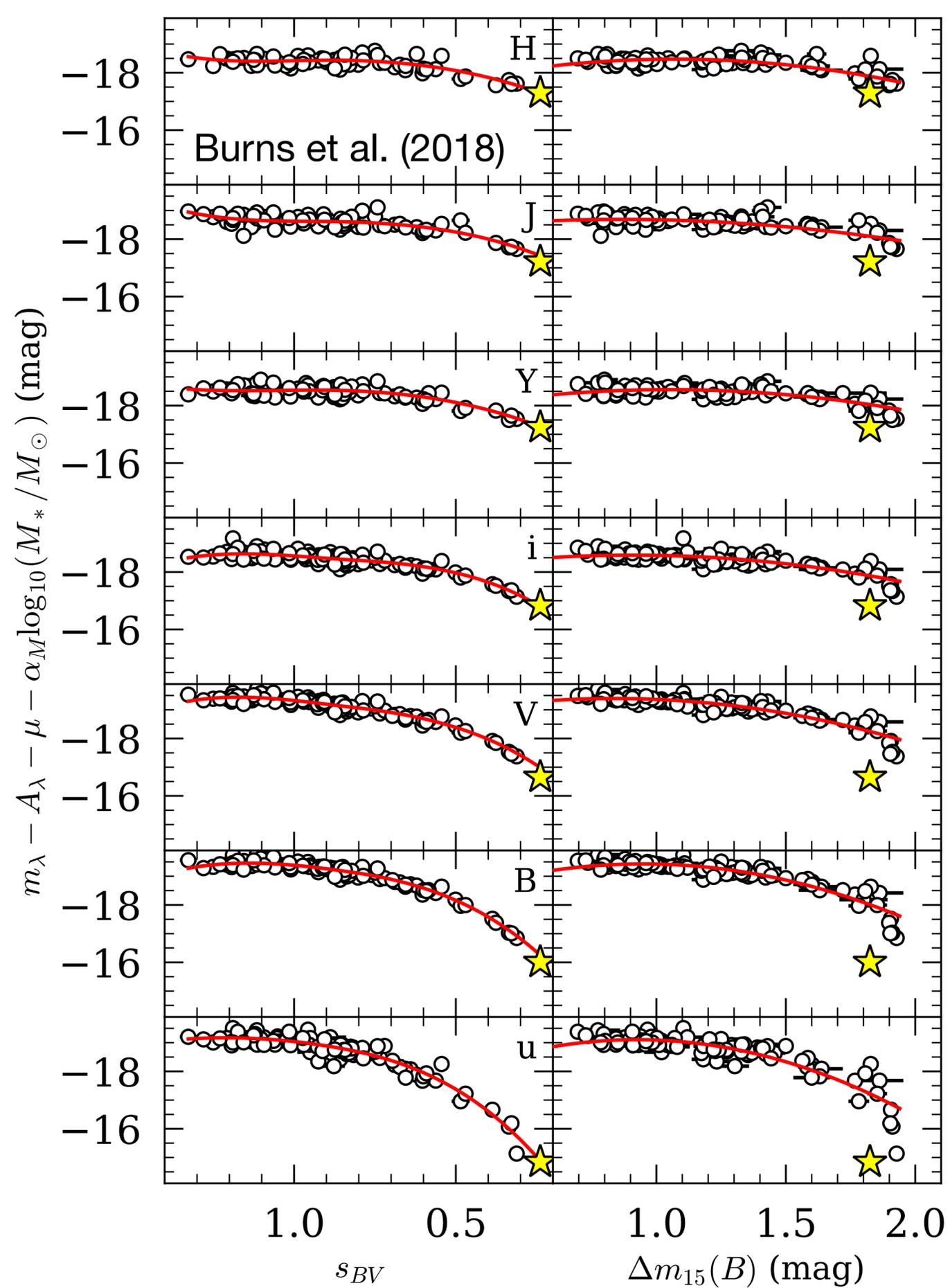
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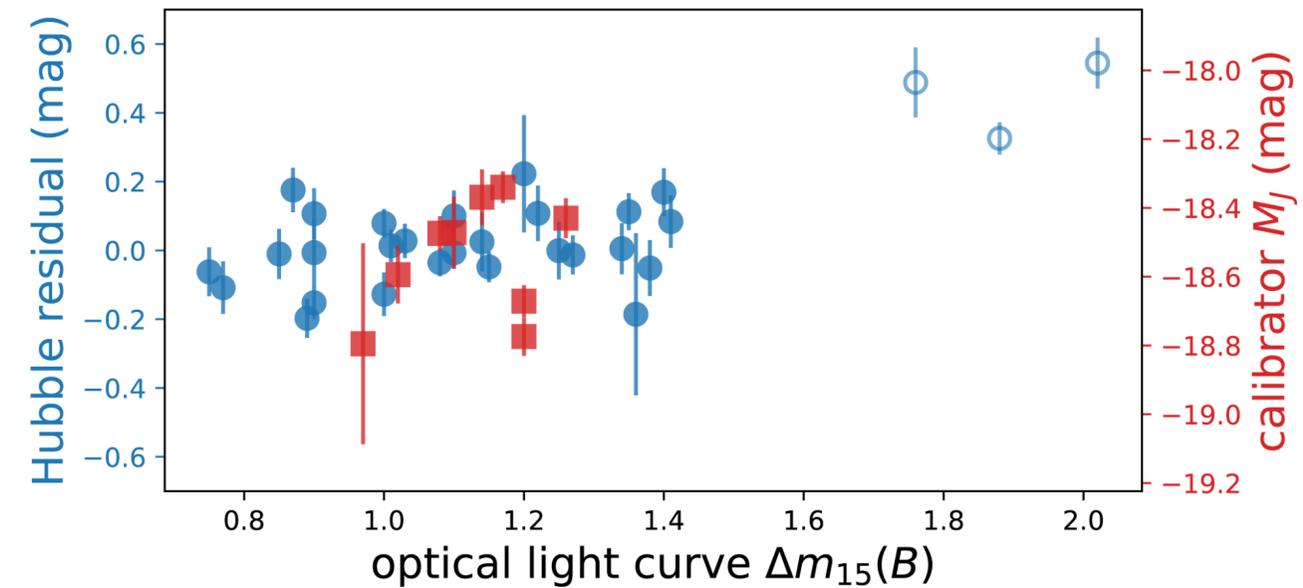
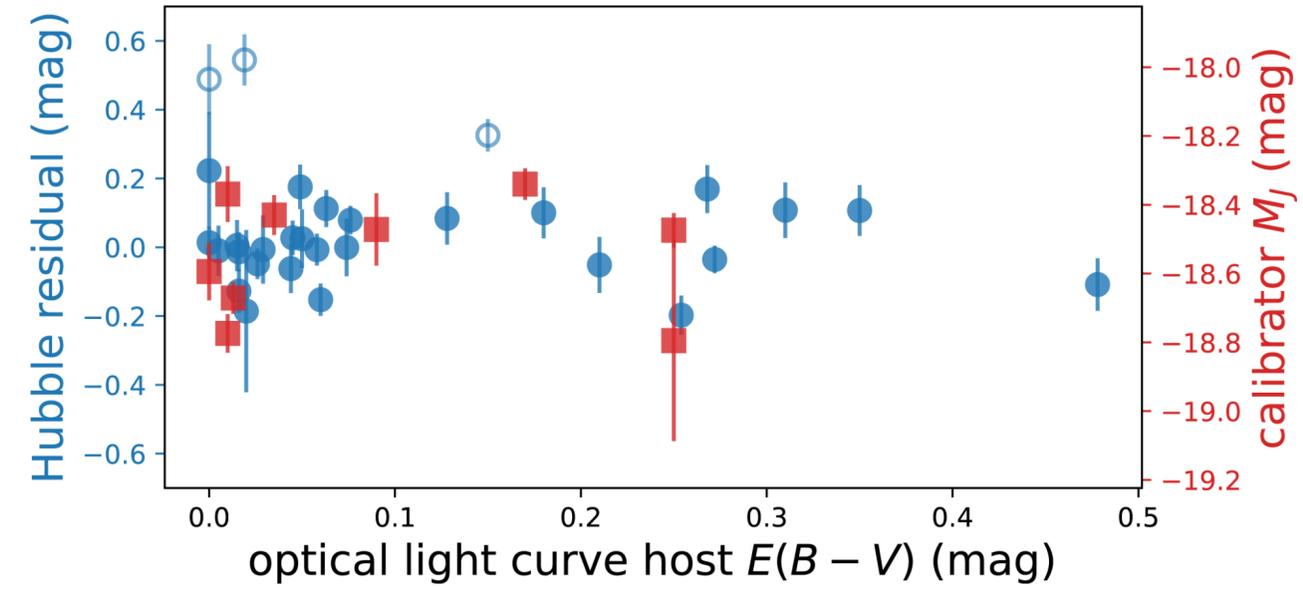
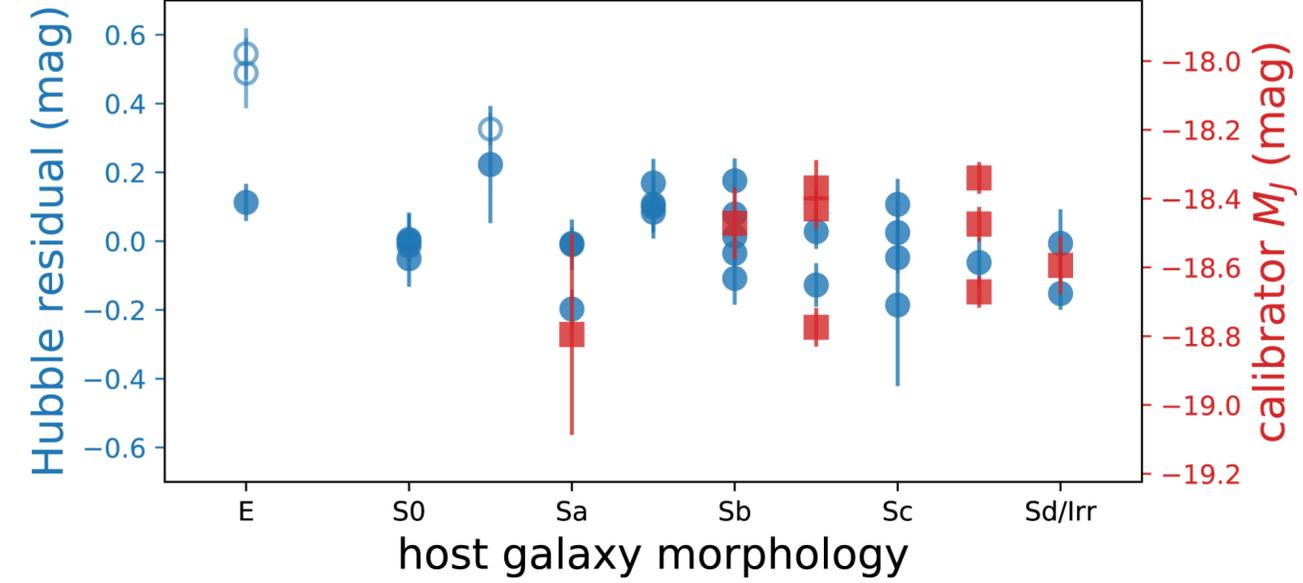
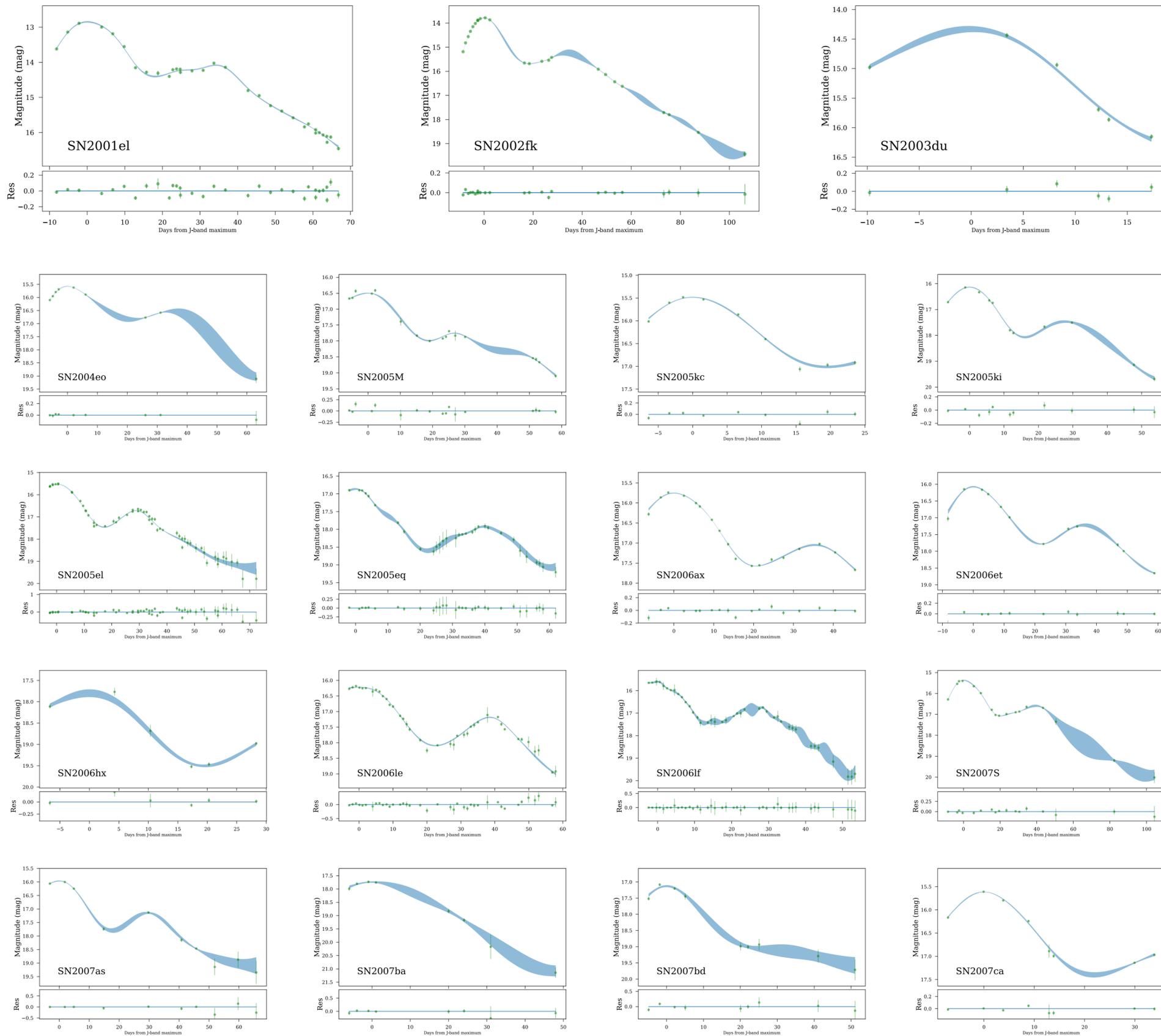


- NIR has only a few percent of SN Ia flux; standardizing the tail rather than the dog?

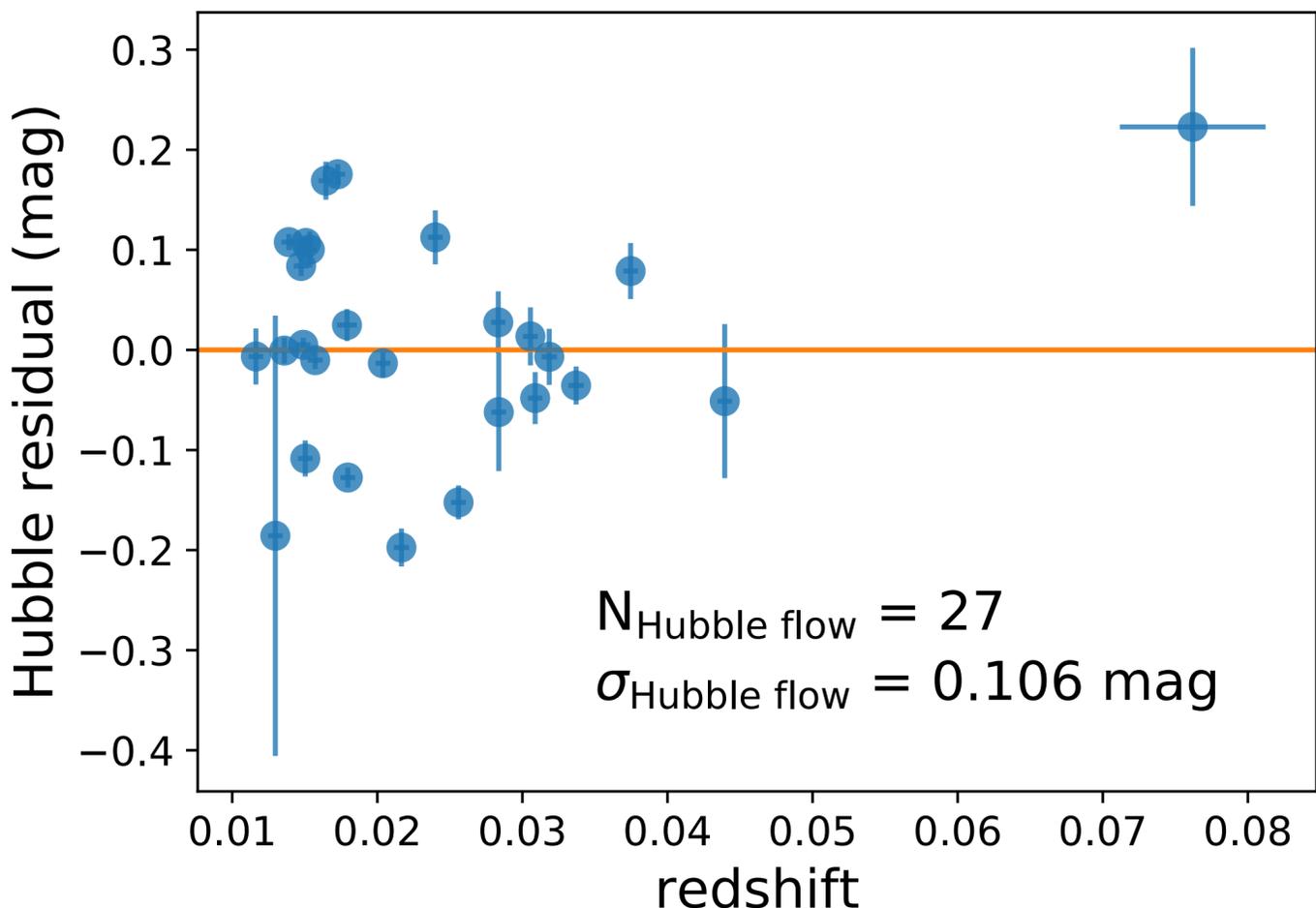
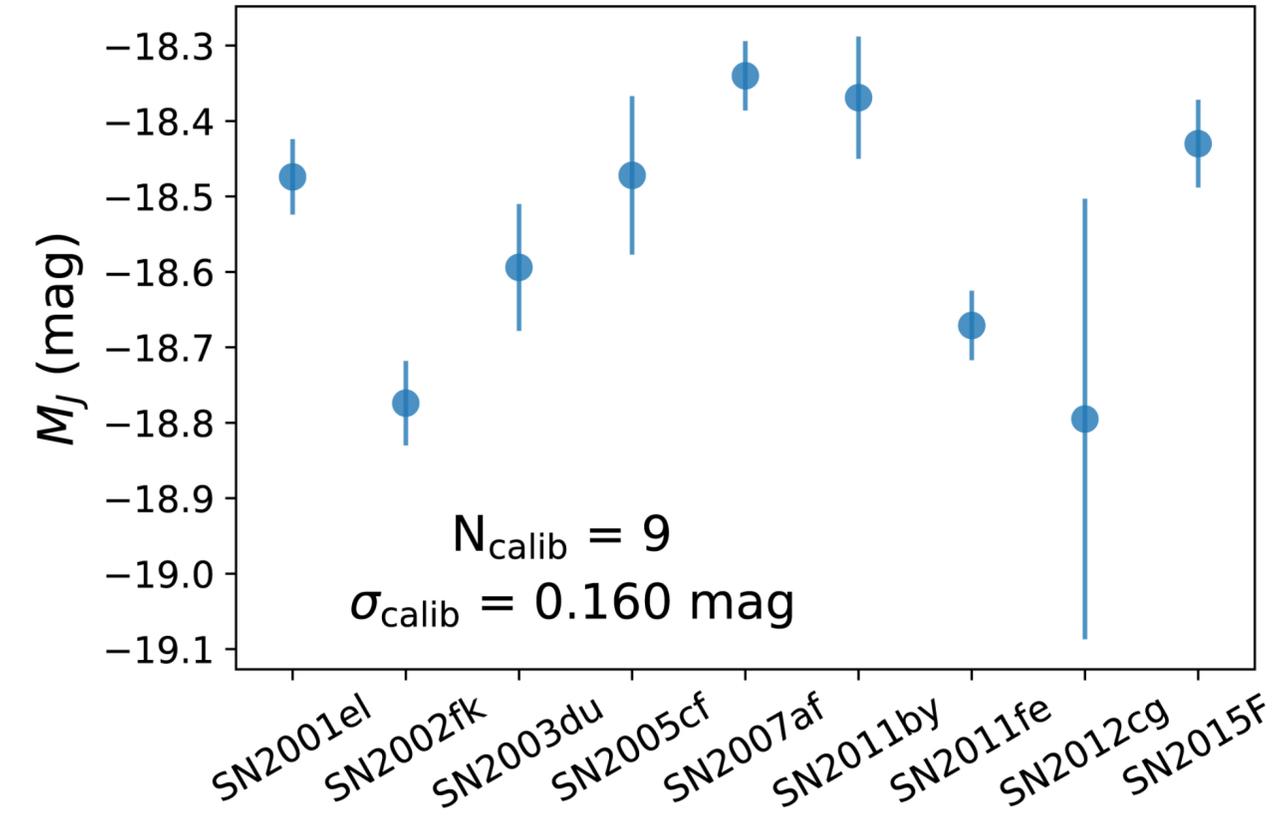
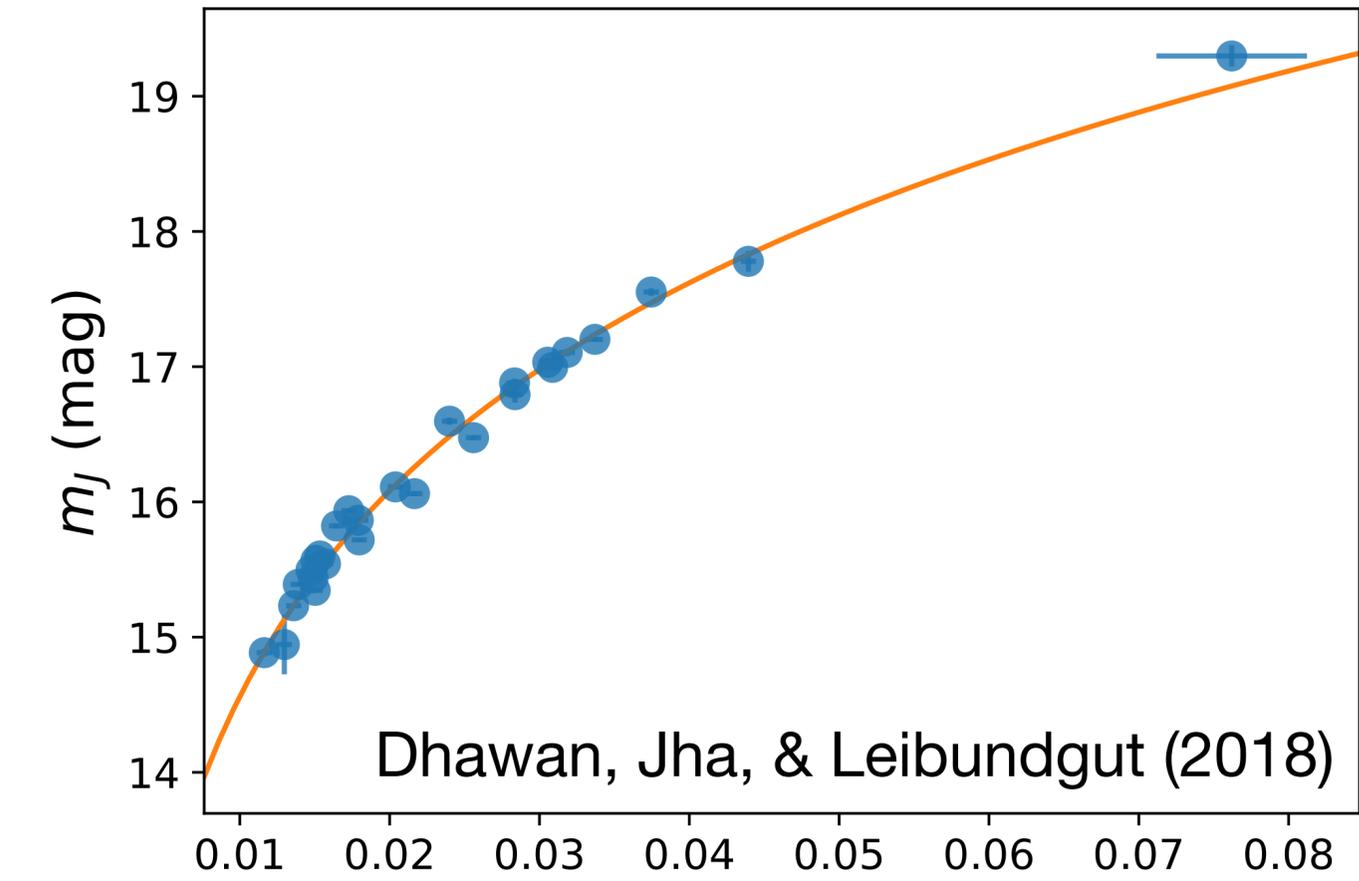




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Dhawan, Jha, & Leibundgut (2018) “simple” GP fits to J-band peak

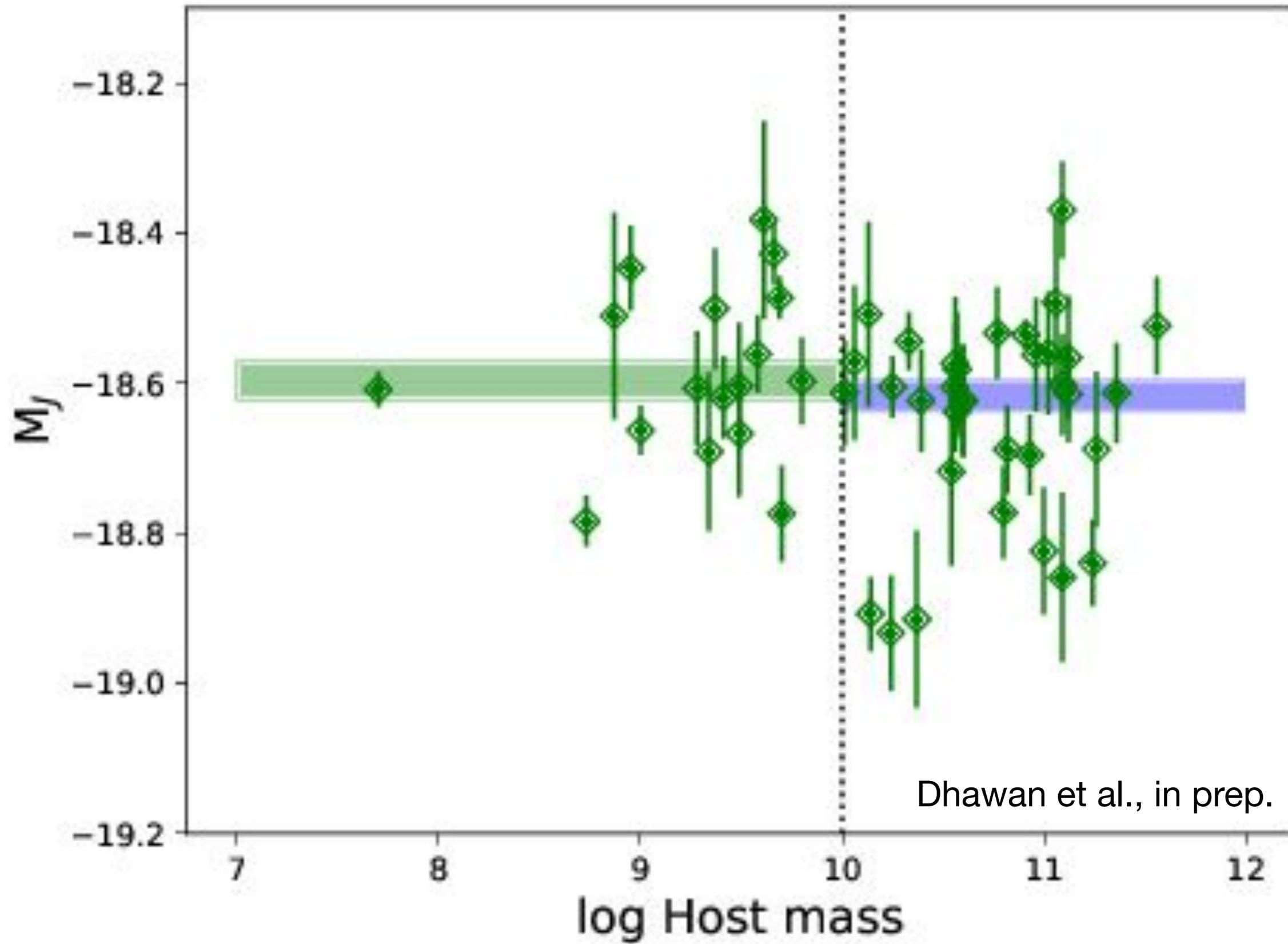


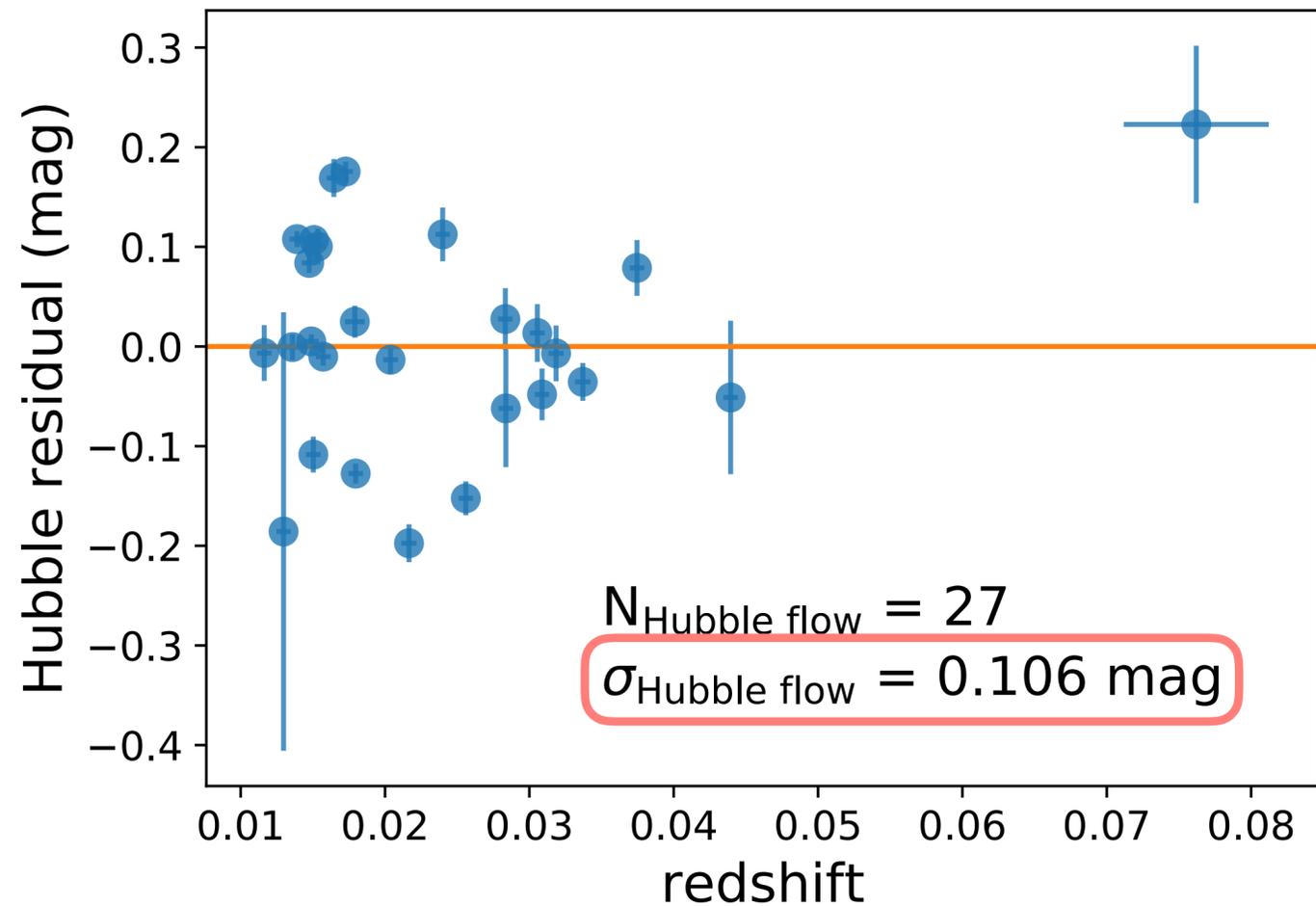
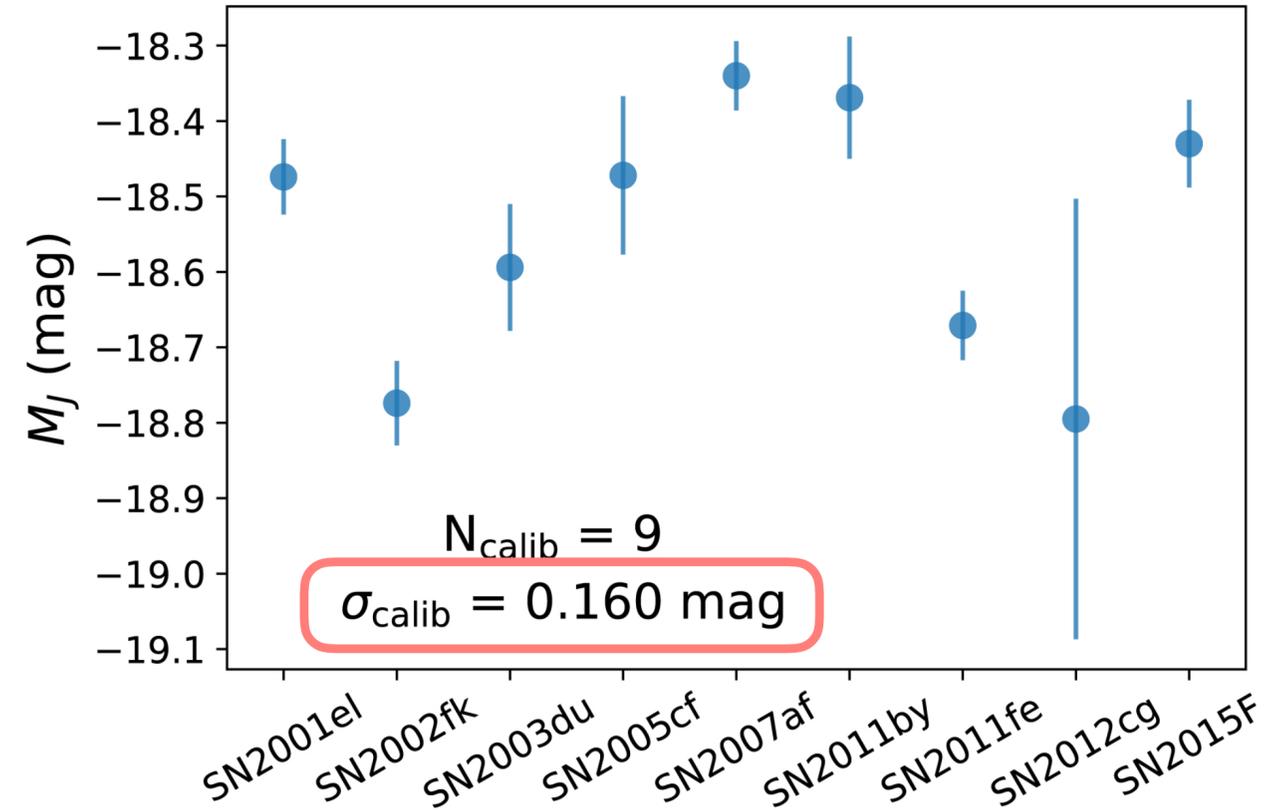
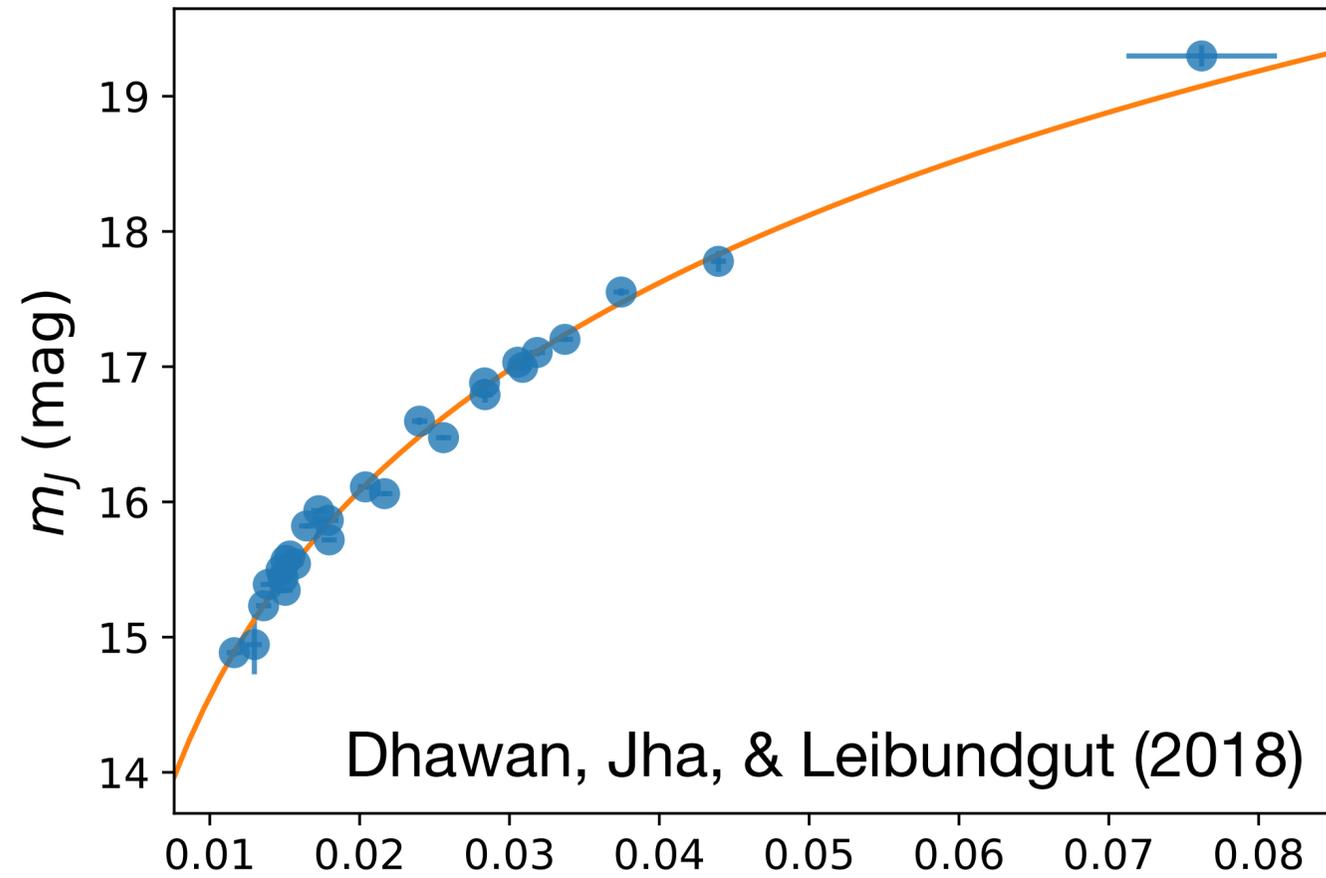
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<i>Hubble</i> flow $z \geq 0.02$	9	0.160	13	0.104	$73.66^{+1.86}_{-1.84}$	$-18.524^{+0.043}_{-0.043}$	$-2.860^{+0.034}_{-0.033}$	$0.104^{+0.025}_{-0.020}$
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<i>Hubble</i> flow $0.02 \leq z \leq 0.05$	9	0.160	12	0.085	$73.95^{+1.83}_{-1.83}$	$-18.523^{+0.041}_{-0.043}$	$-2.808^{+0.034}_{-0.034}$	$0.104^{+0.026}_{-0.020}$
Strictest overlap <sup>a</sup>	9	0.160	30	0.107	$71.41^{+1.33}_{-1.33}$	$-18.523^{+0.041}_{-0.041}$	$-2.849^{+0.042}_{-0.042}$	$0.104^{+0.031}_{-0.023}$
Including fast-decliner outliers	9	0.160	30	0.170	$71.30^{+2.11}_{-2.09}$	$-18.524^{+0.057}_{-0.057}$	$-2.789^{+0.030}_{-0.030}$	$0.148^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
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<i>Hubble</i> flow and calibrators CSP only	1	0.000	14	0.091	$80.98^{+2.55}_{-2.57}$	$-18.338^{+0.065}_{-0.066}$	$-2.880^{+0.023}_{-0.022}$	$0.043^{+0.040}_{-0.043}$
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consistent with SH0ES results (Riess et al. 2016)  
 [using same Cepheid distances]  
 $H_0$  tension does not result from a wavelength-dependent systematic uncertainty in the SN Ia

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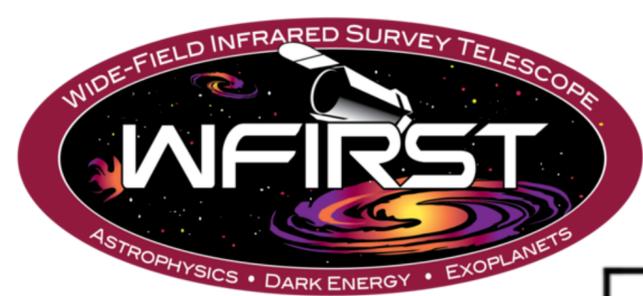
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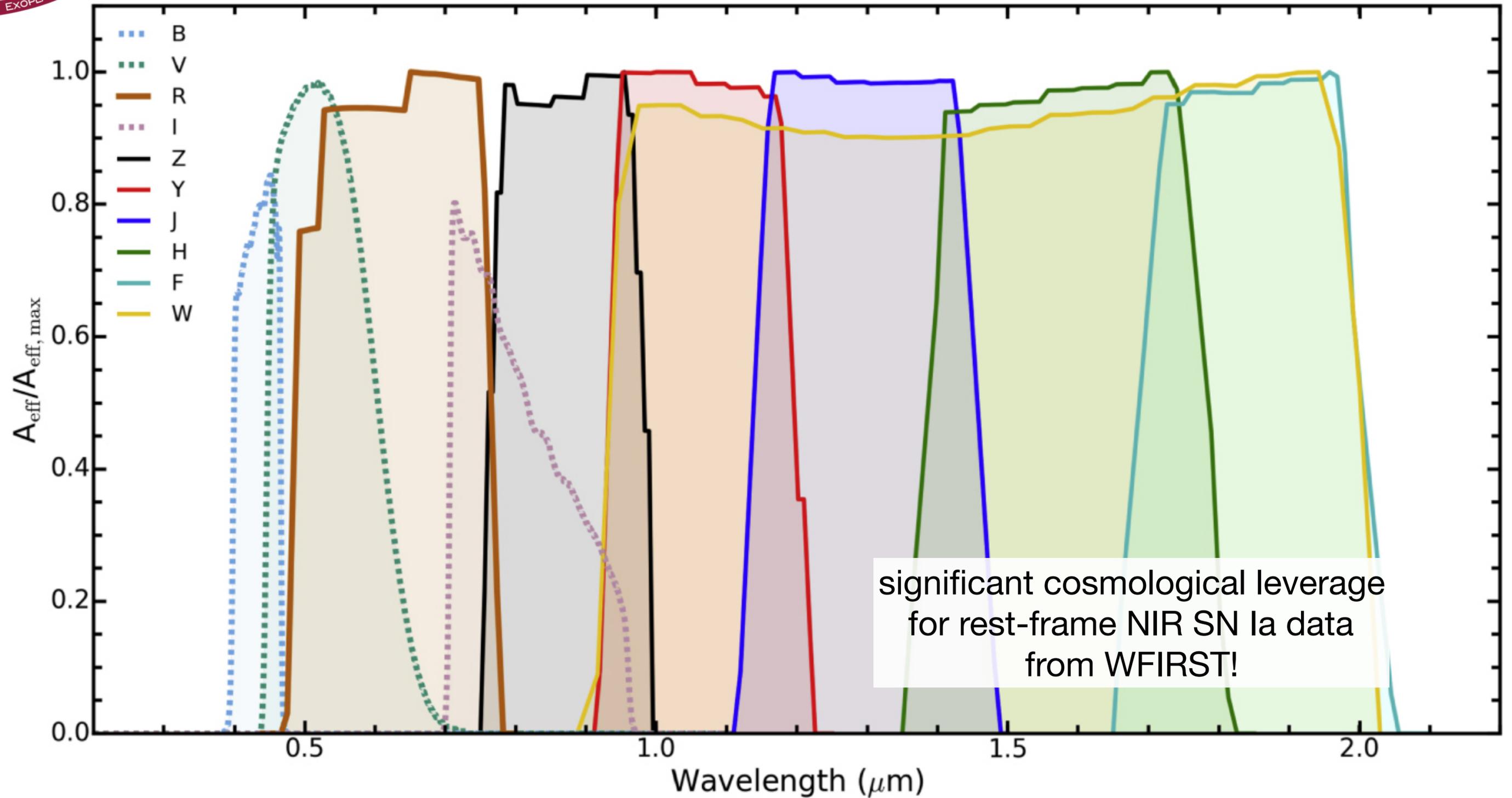
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# WFIRST

Hounsell et al. (2018)



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**z = 0.5:** 0.33

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**0.67**

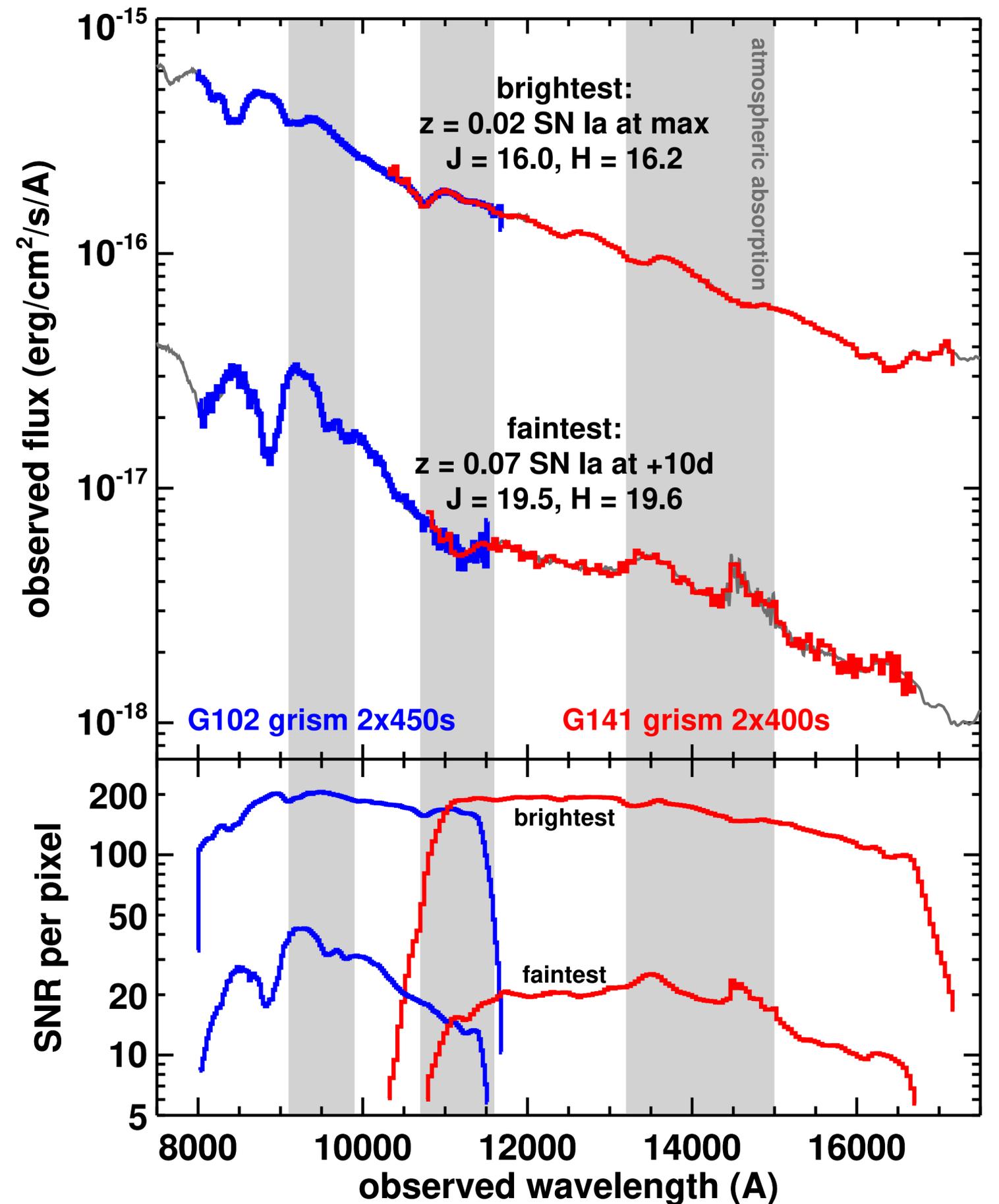
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# SIRAH



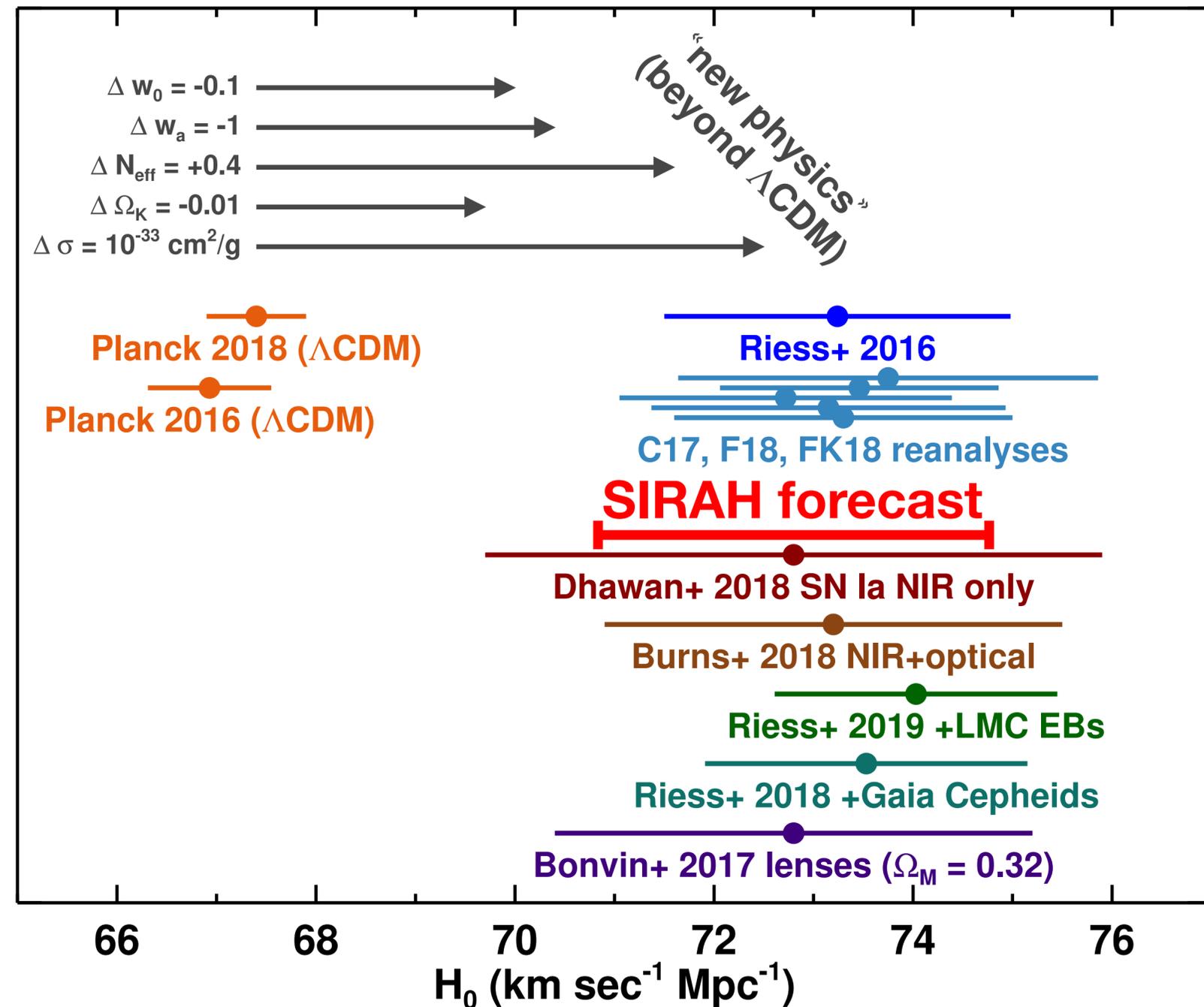
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