

# Observational summary

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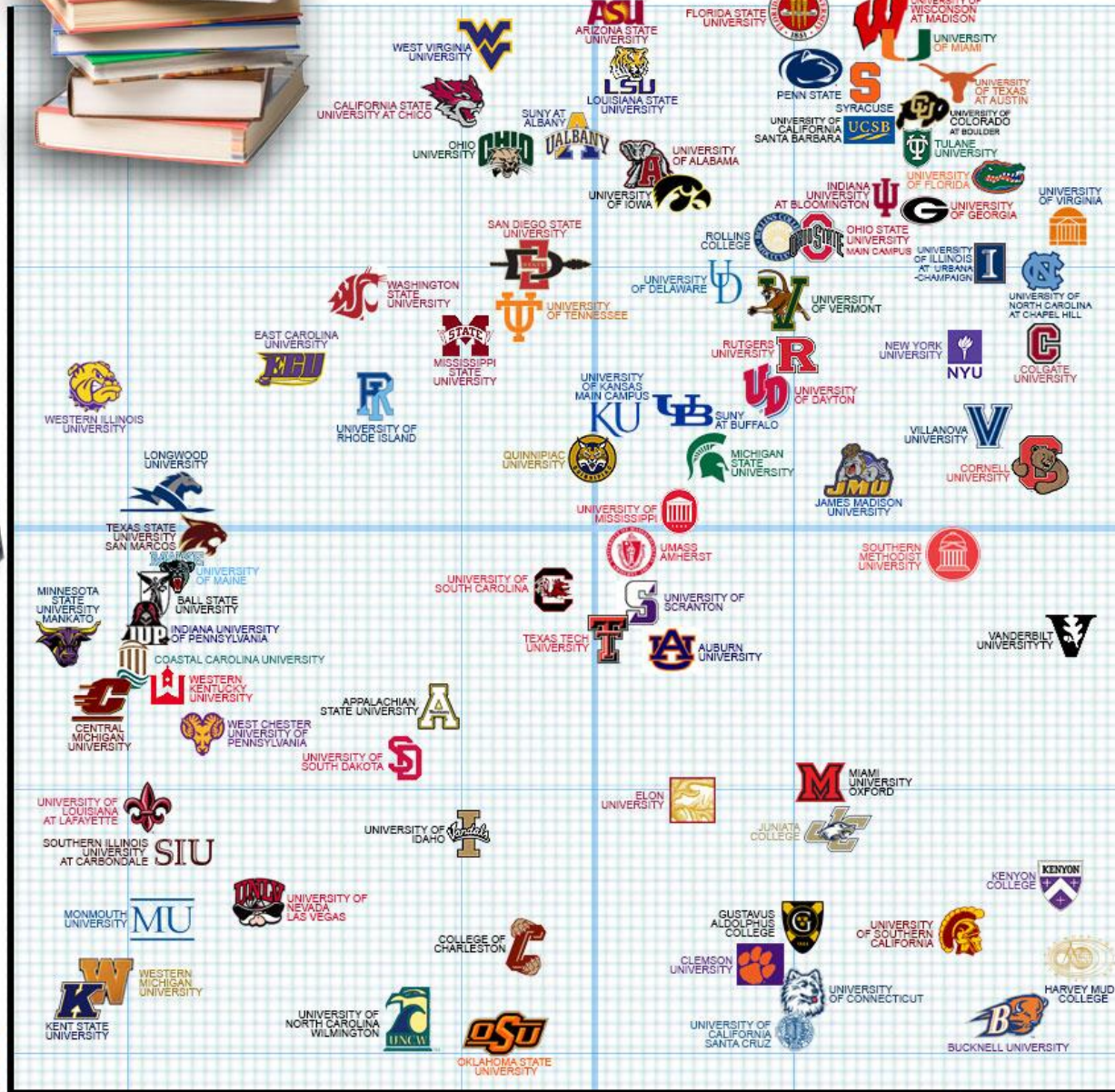
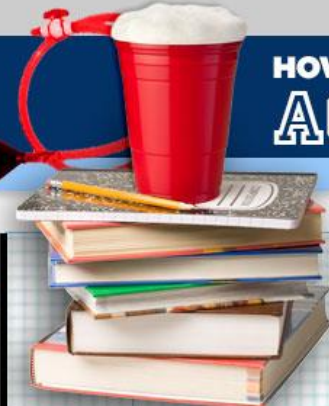


# HOW COLLEGES RANK BY ACADEMICS & PARTYING

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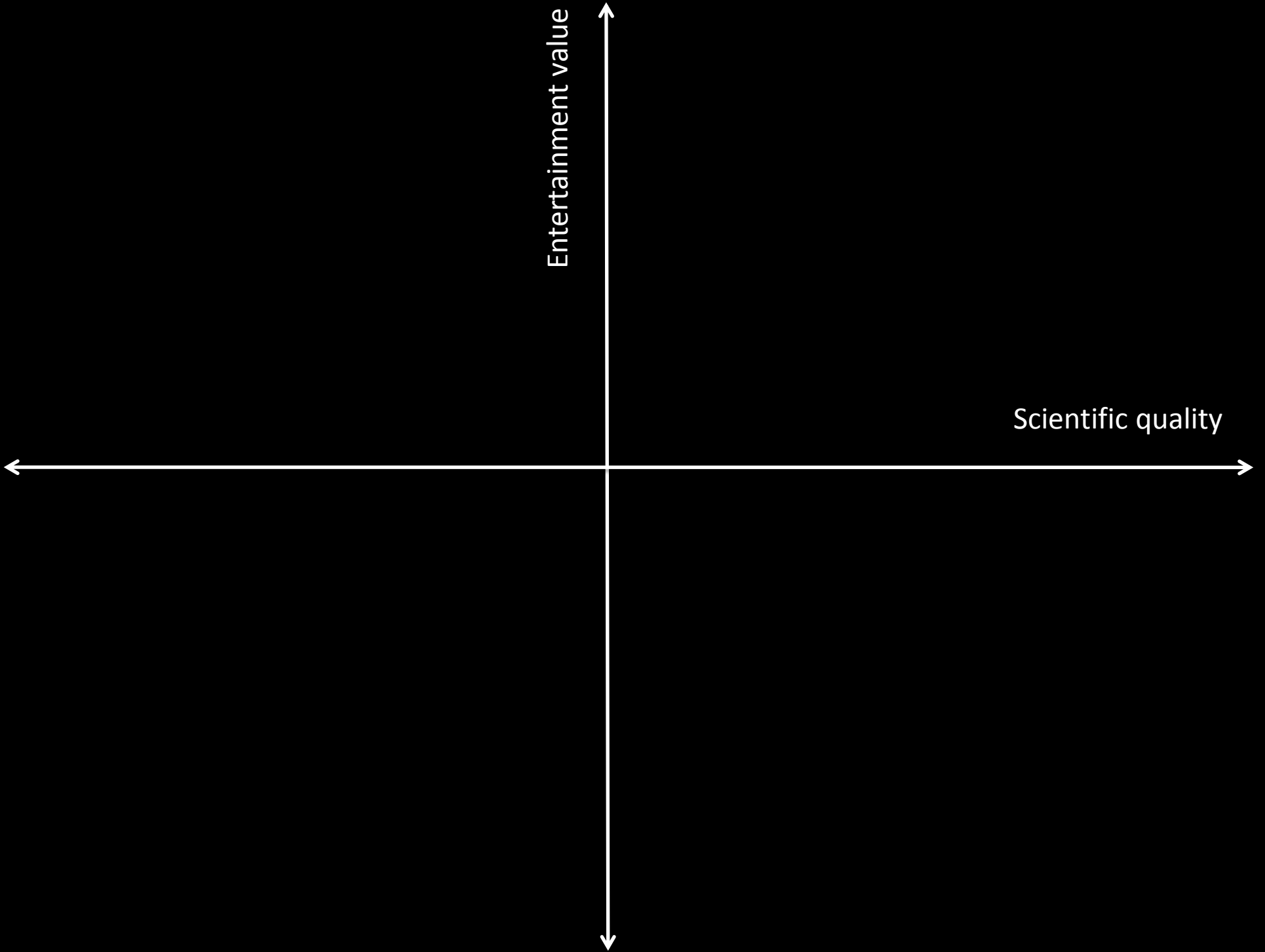
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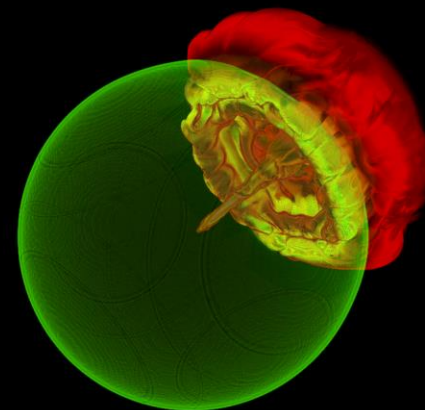
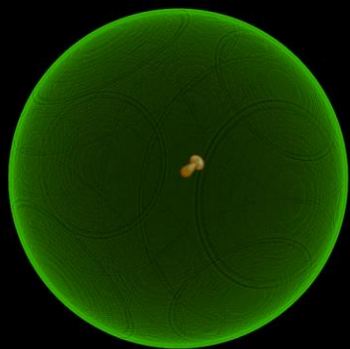
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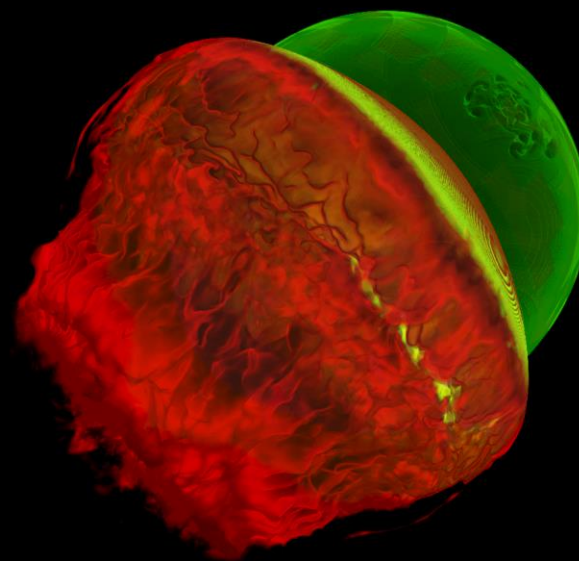
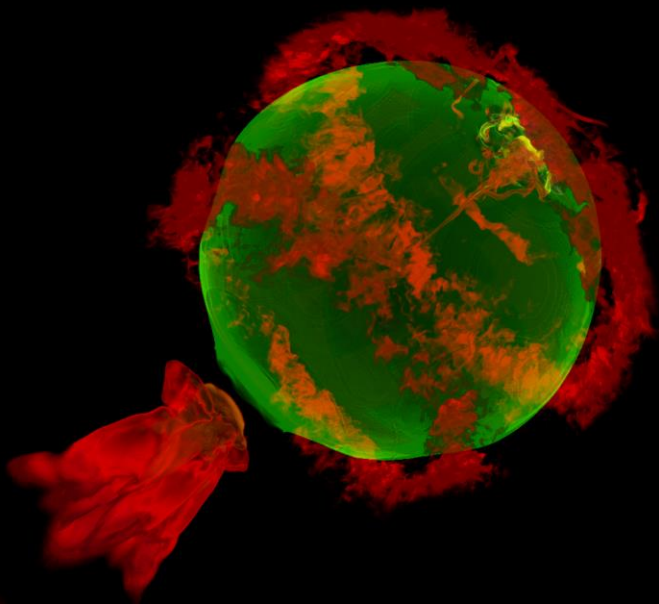
## Rene Magritte: The Treachery of Images

*The famous pipe. How people reproached me for it! And yet, could you stuff my pipe? No, it's just a representation, is it not? So if I had written on my picture "This is a pipe", I'd have been lying!*



This is not a supernova.

Theorists are dirty, filthy liars.



# sne la

wind, RLOF,  
merger,  
collision

CO  
WD



. RG

. MS

. He WD

. CO WD

. M dwarf

Compared to when I was  
a grad student, things  
are less “certain” but  
healthier scientifically.

Circumstellar material



SN 2011fe

Image credit: BJ Fulton (LCOGT / iPTF)



Or Graur

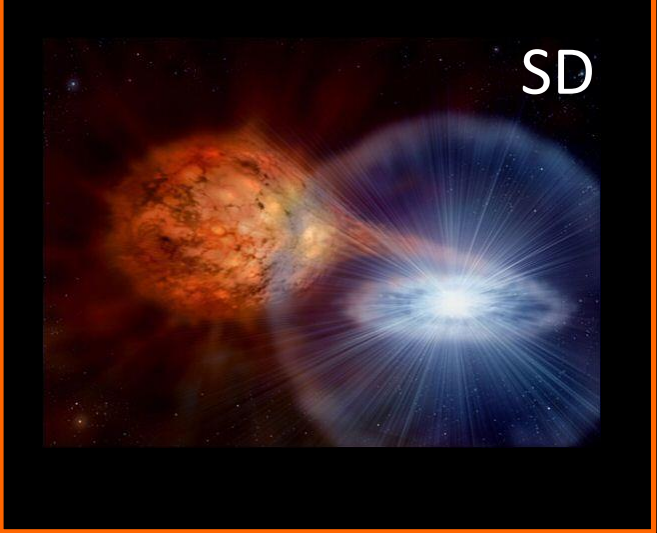
# Summary: multiwavelength observations of SN 2011fe argue against a single-degenerate progenitor.

Wavelength	Constraints	Source
Optical ( <i>HST</i> )	- Red-giants, most He-star donors excluded.	Li+ 11
Optical (ground)	- No nova detected during decade before explosion. - Main-sequence donors ruled out by lack of hydrogen stripped from donor ( $M < 0.001 M_{\odot}$ ).	Li+ 11 Shappee+ 13
Radio	- No circumstellar wind from giant donor. - Deeper limits: rapidly-accreting WDs, symbiotic binaries, and recurrent novae excluded.	Horesh+ 12 Chomiuk+ 12
X-ray	- No super-soft X-ray source with $L > (4-25) \times 10^{36}$ erg/s. - Symbiotic binaries, Roche-lobe overflowing subgiants, and main-sequence donors excluded. CSM $< 150$ cm.	Li+ 11 Margutti+ 12
UV	- Main-sequence donors with radius $R > R_{\odot}$ excluded.	Brown+ 12
He II $\lambda 4686 \text{ \AA}$	- No super-soft X-ray source with $L > 3 \times 10^{37}$ erg/s within 10 years before explosion, if ISM density $> 5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . - No rapidly-accreting WD with wind that can produce 2 - 6 pc cavities in ISM density of $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .	Graur+ 14

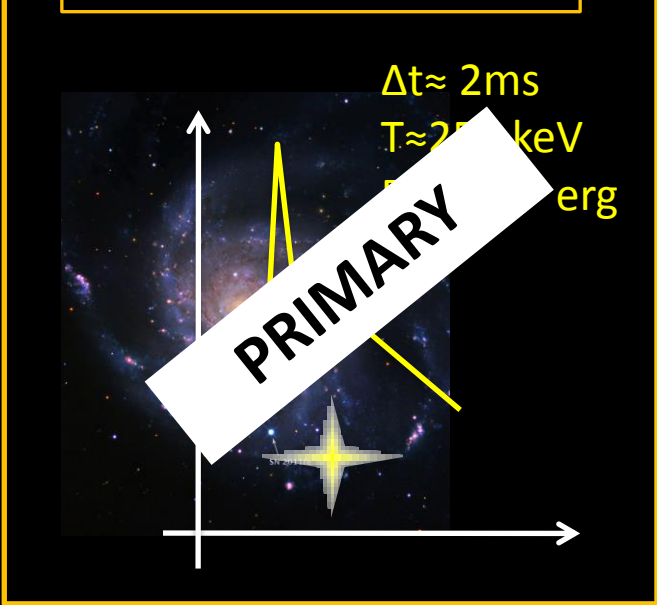
# Summary

Shock interaction with the ambient medium

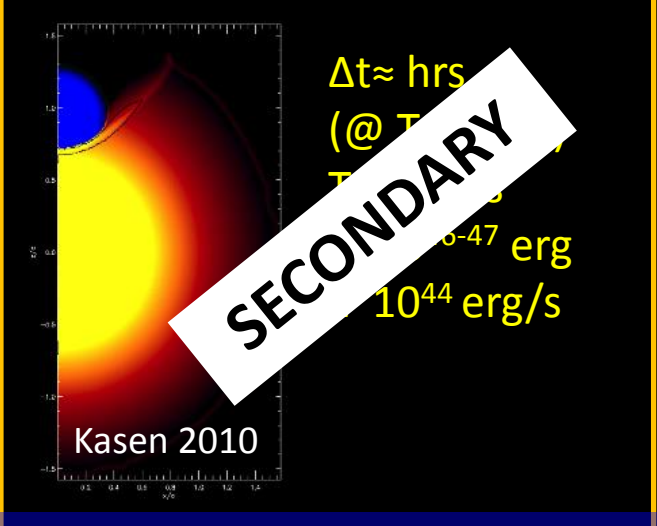
Pre-SN X-ray emission



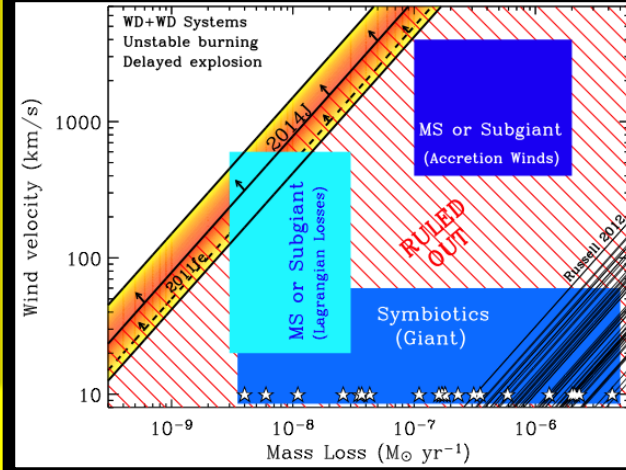
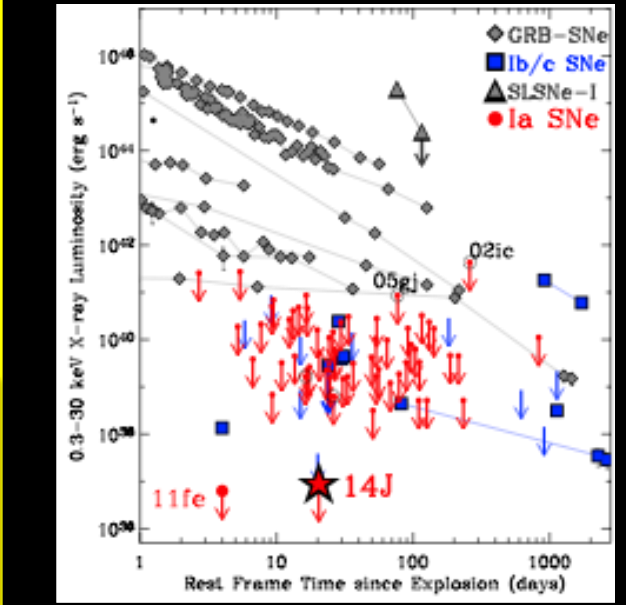
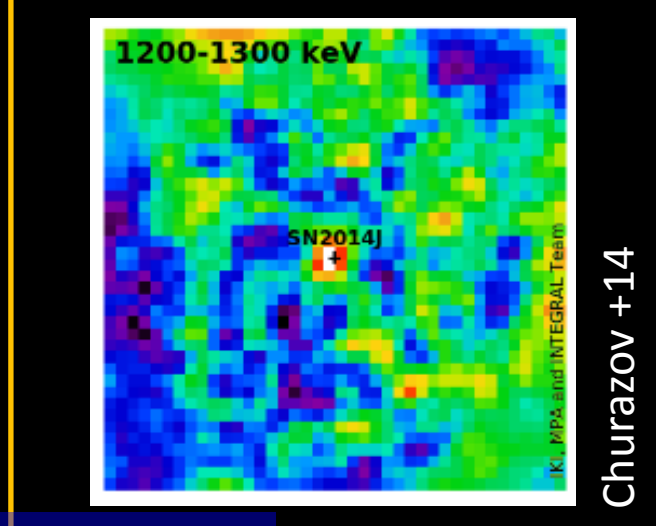
Shock Break Out



Shock Interaction w. companion



Gamma-rays from nuclear decay



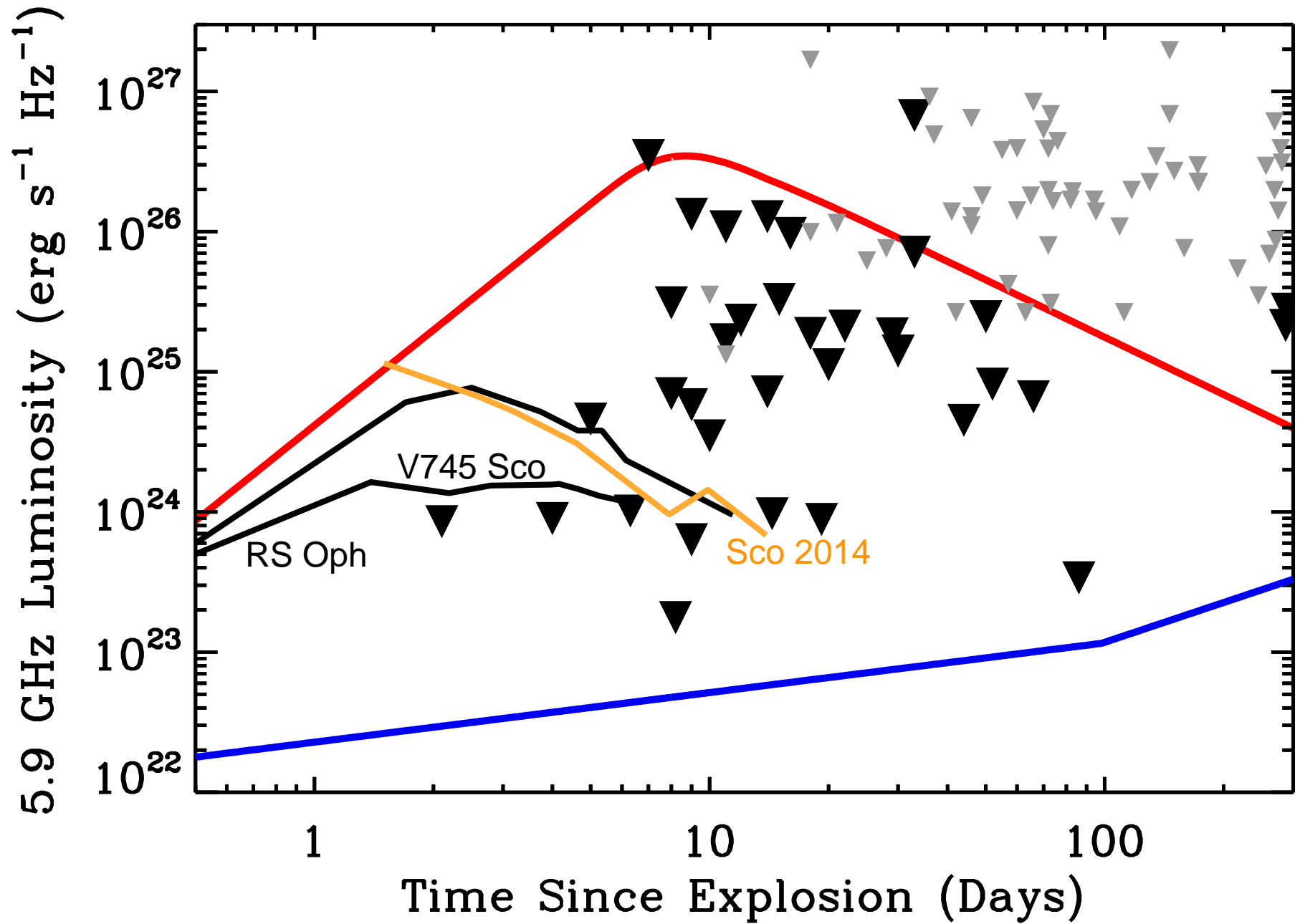
(1) Unsteady mass loss

(2) Multiple epochs of deep observations

Churazov +14

# Radio constraints

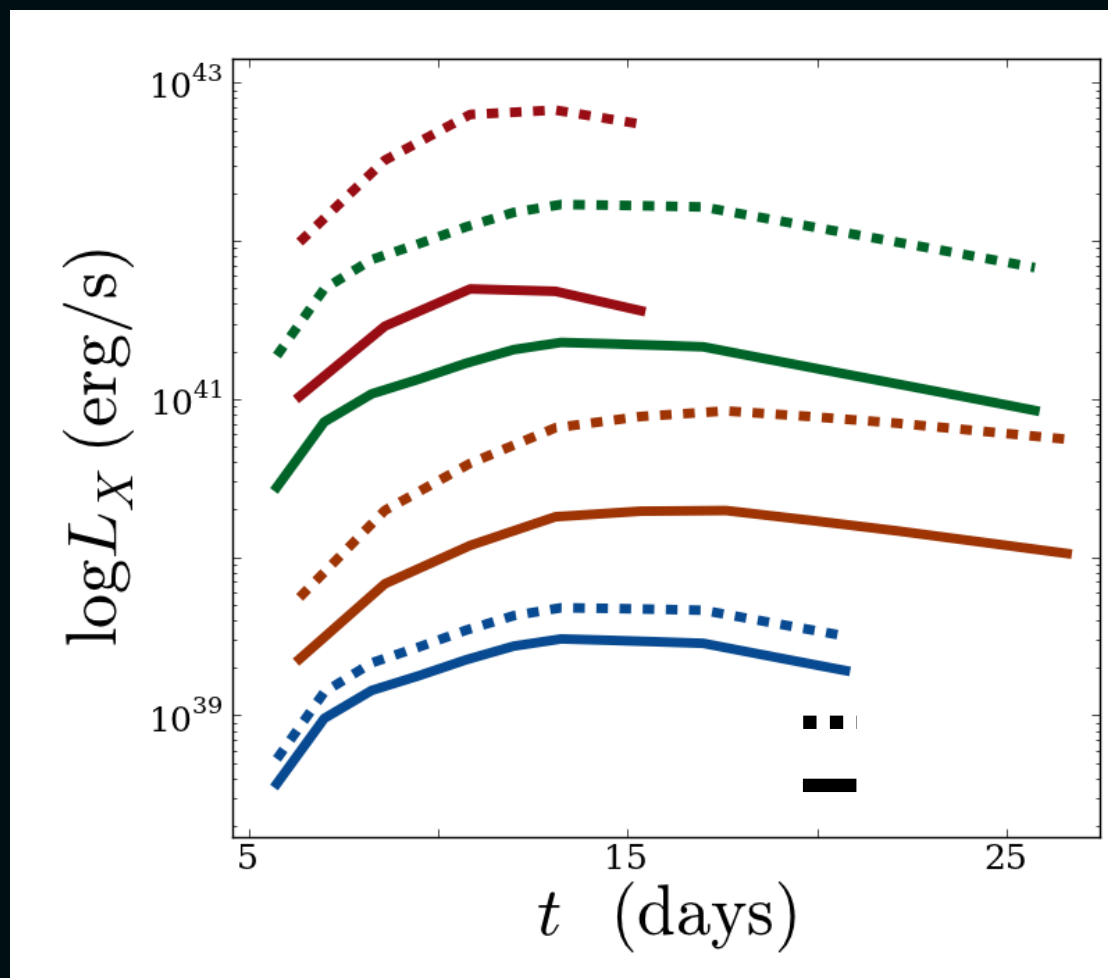
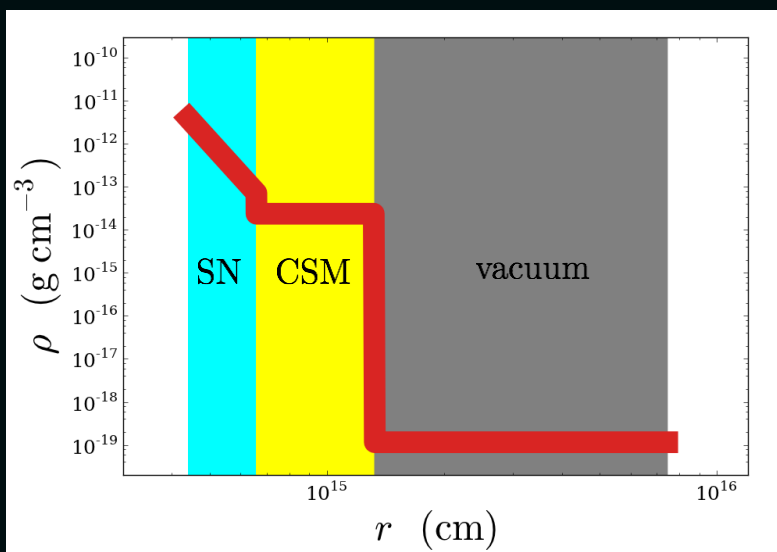
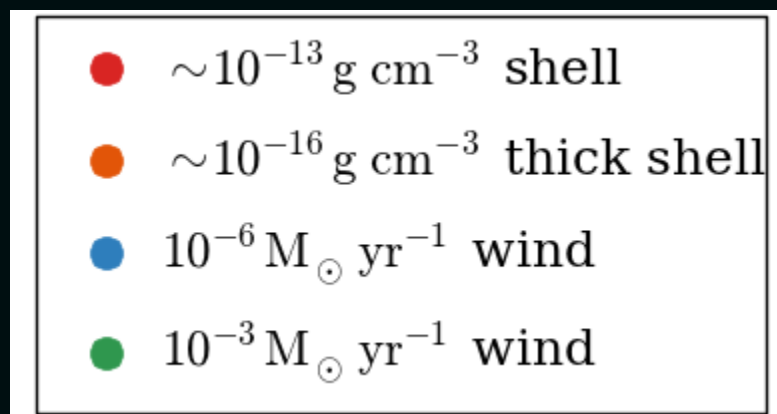
Chomiuk



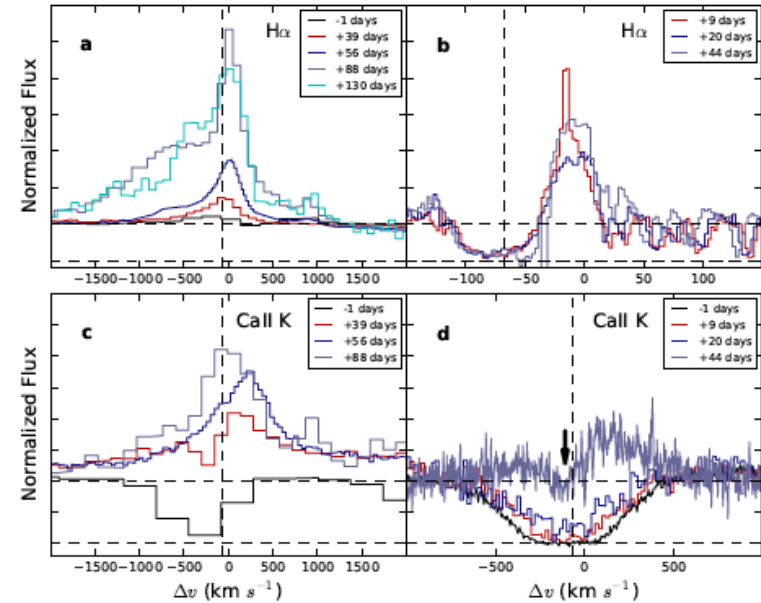
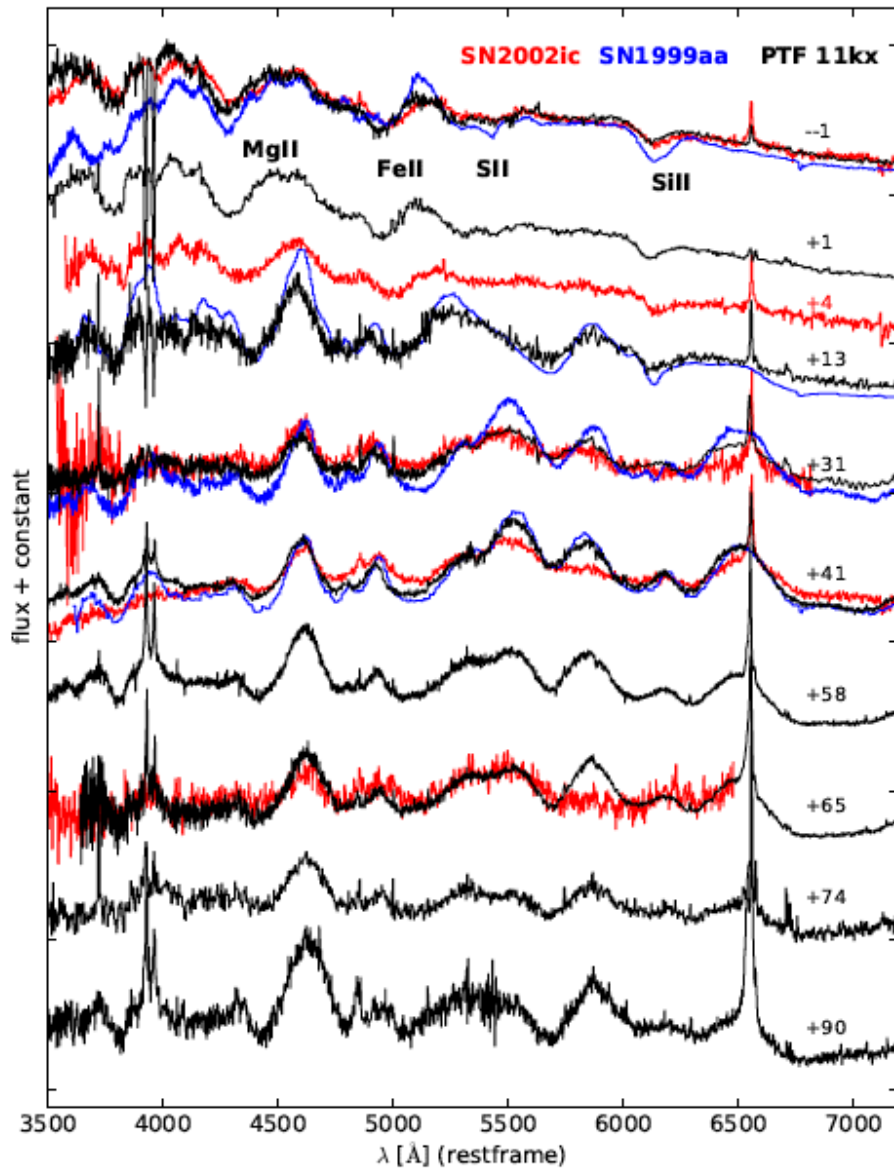
# csm interaction

model suite  $\rightarrow$  models  $\rightarrow$  observables

- degeneracies
- detectability
- plausability



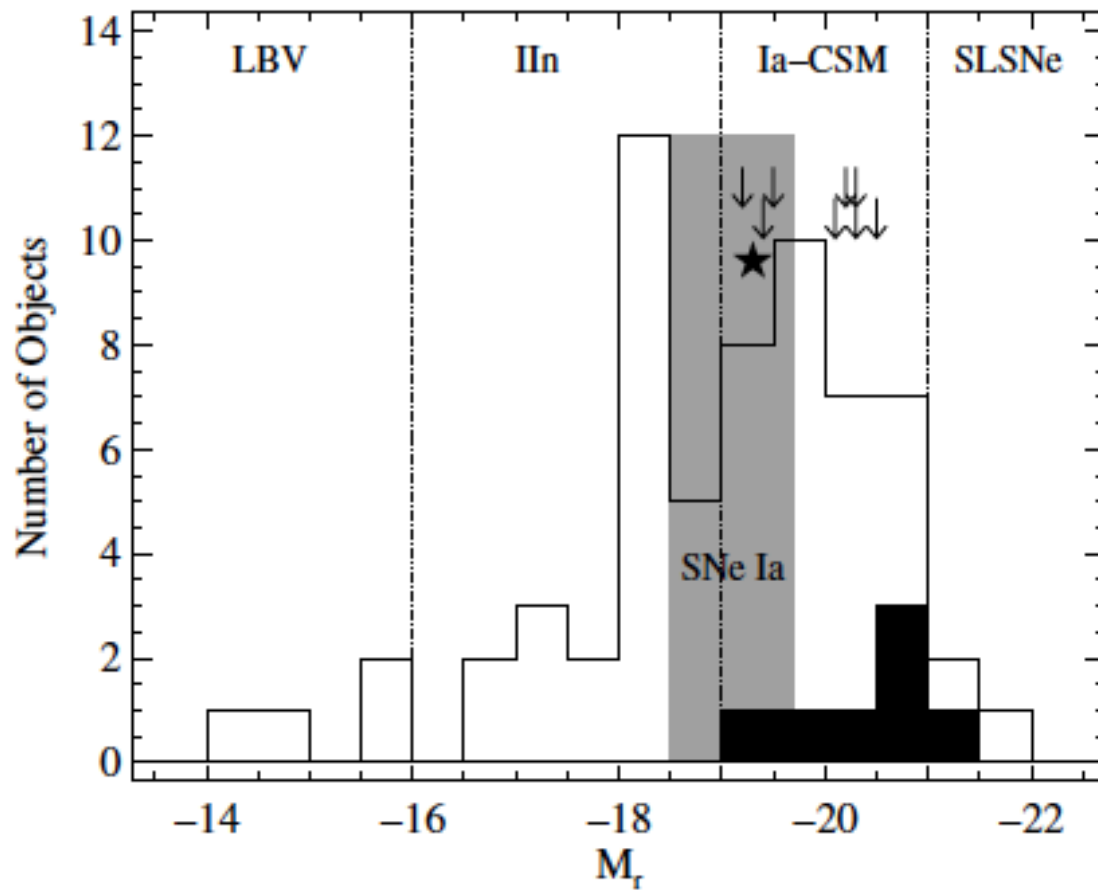
# Ia-CSM



11kx directly relates the 2002ic and 2005gj SNe to Ia's and measures a size for the CSM.

Dilday *et al* (2012)

# Ia-CSM



Silverman et al (2013) identifies a group of them in the LOSS and PTF datasets.

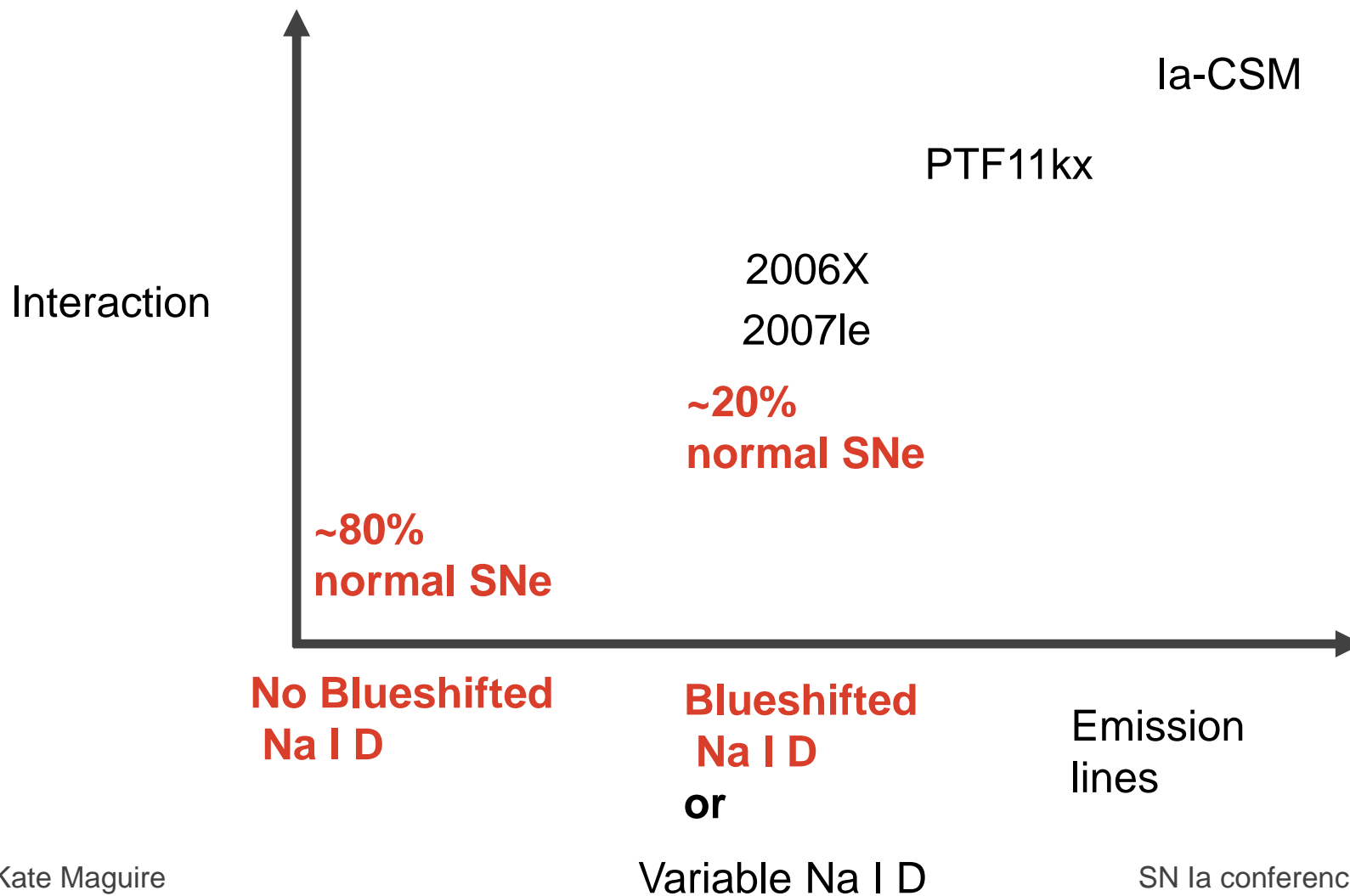
H-alpha to H-beta ratio is large, weak He I lines, slightly brighter than a SN Ia.

Rates are low (1%-ish), but it might be biased by how we have identified them.

Late-time observations!!!

What if the CSM was 3 times farther away.... See Harris' talk.

# CSM interaction strength



Dust / reddening

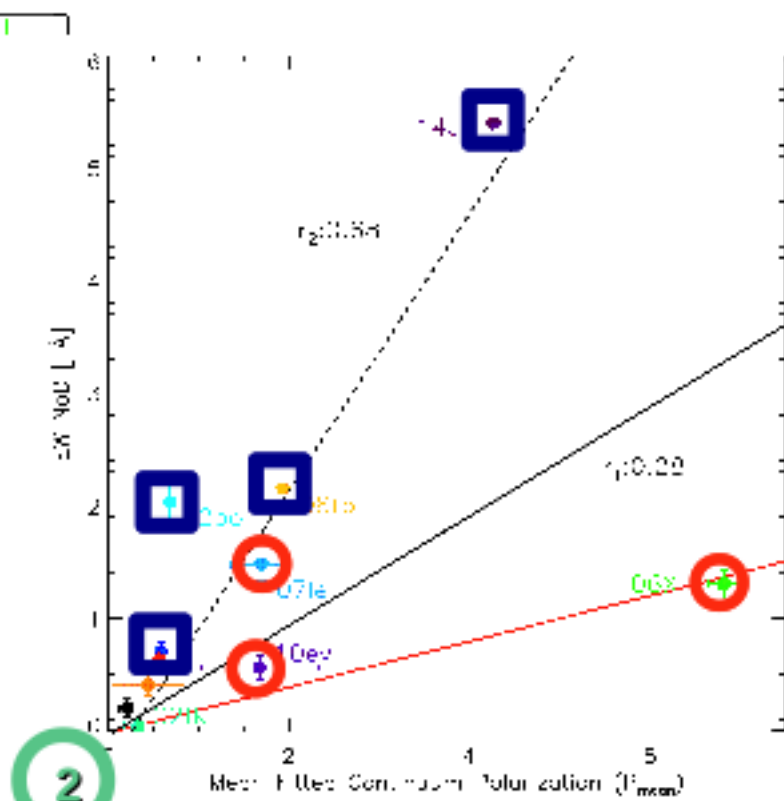
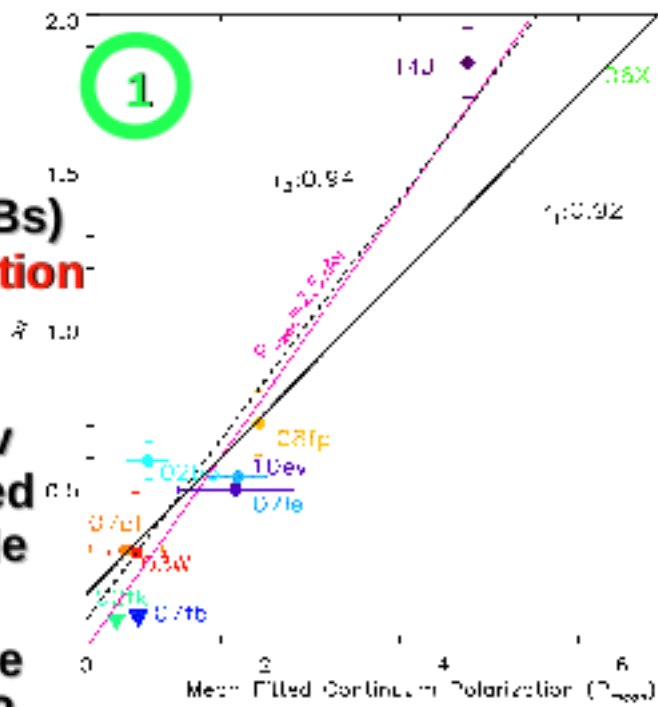


**1** Dust that reddens = Dust that polarizes

$A_V$  has proved to be IS (DIBs)  
Observed Pol  $\rightarrow$  IS polarization

**2** Scatter seen in  $N(\text{Na})$  vs  $A_V$  (Phillips2013) is reproduced in our EW Na vs Pol sample

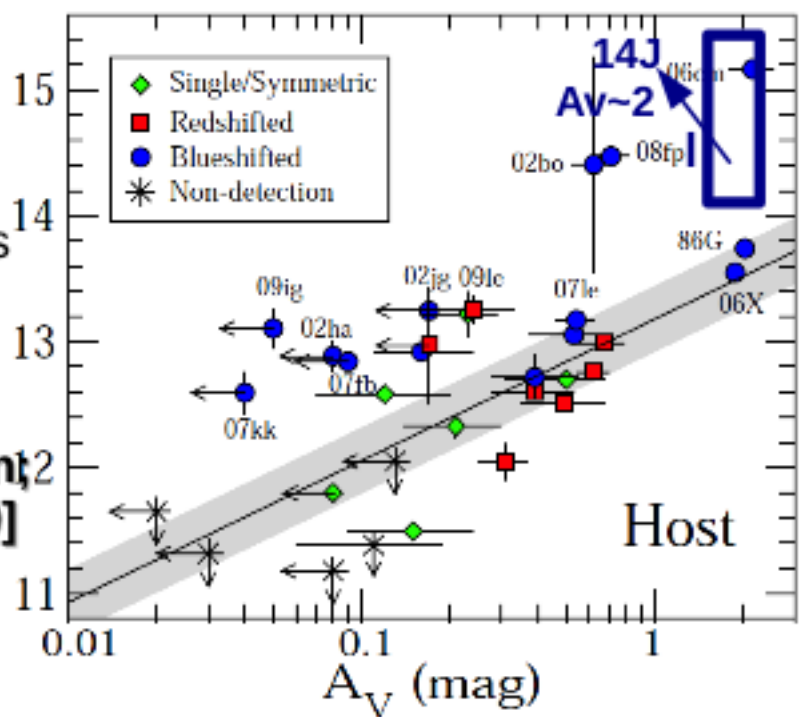
Do Blueshifted-Na Ia's have different dust/gas balance?

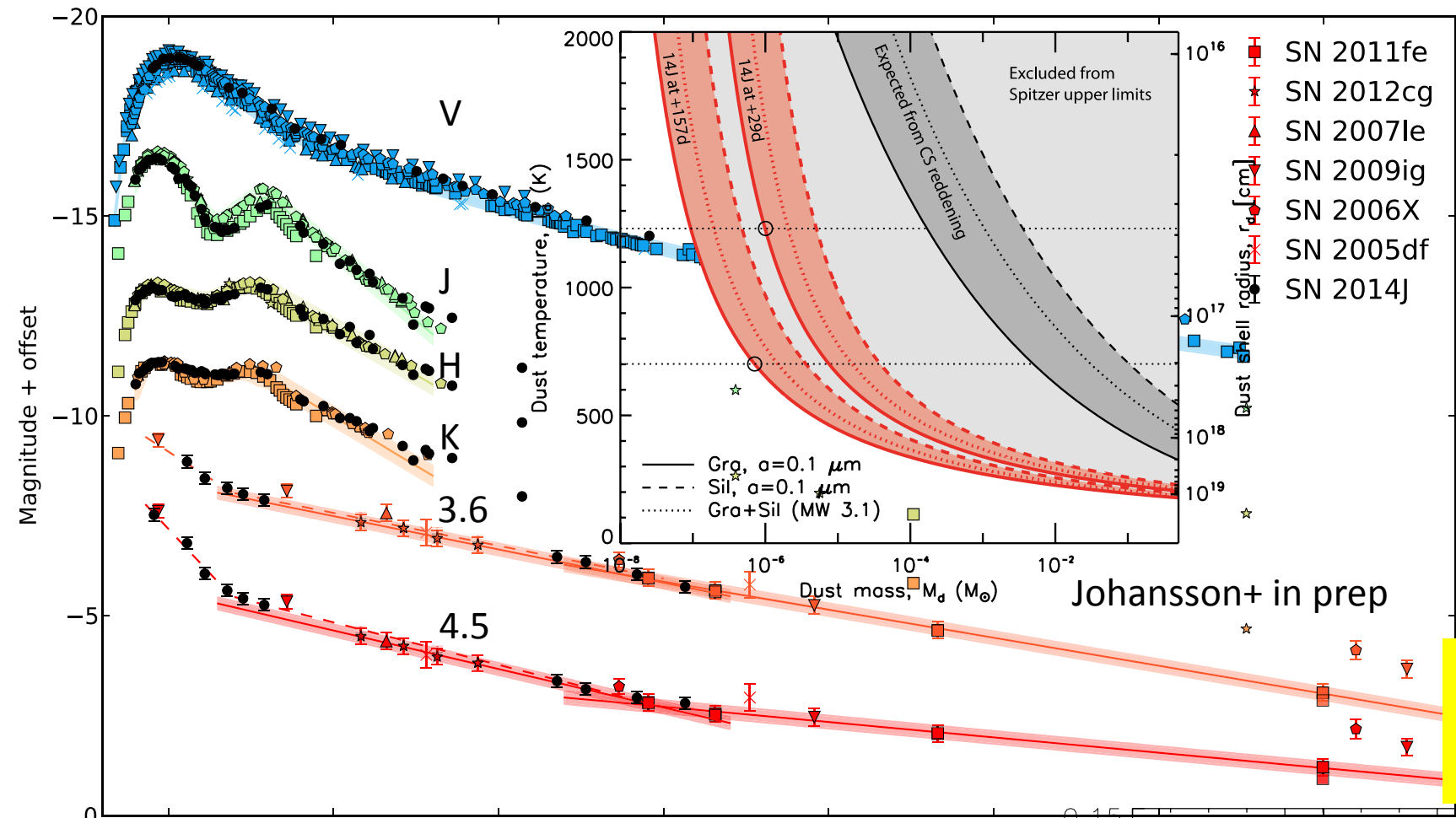


Model of dust absorption/desorption by Soker2014 lets Na(gas) to be released from dust (as in comets near Sun) without sublimating it  $\rightarrow$  Na variability  
Model predicts dust grains @ 1pc from explosion

It is possible to find signs of the progenitor at large distances from the explosion (pc scale)  $\rightarrow$  CSM?ISM?distant CSM?

Our polarimetric constraints on dust from donor star wind aligned due to Bfield, plus time constancy of the  $P_{\text{mean}}$   
Place the polarizing dust at a minimum distance [0.2-20] pc. We cannot exclude a progenitor connection, although the tight relation with IS extinction points towards and IS origin

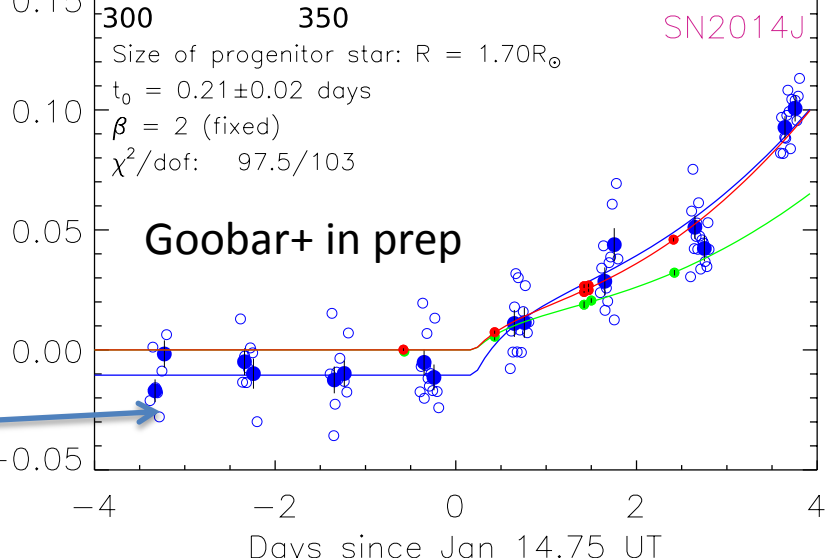
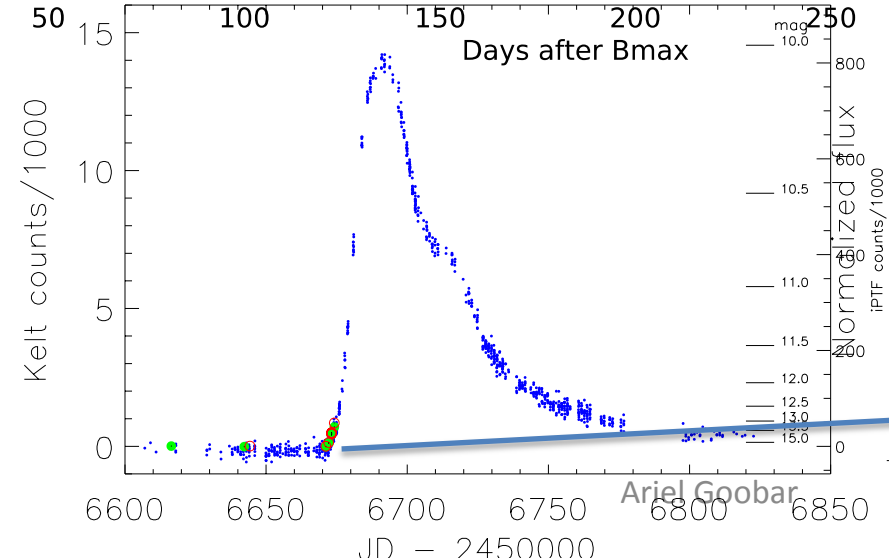




WD size +  $t^2$   
excluded at 90%  
CL

High-cadence  
KELT data

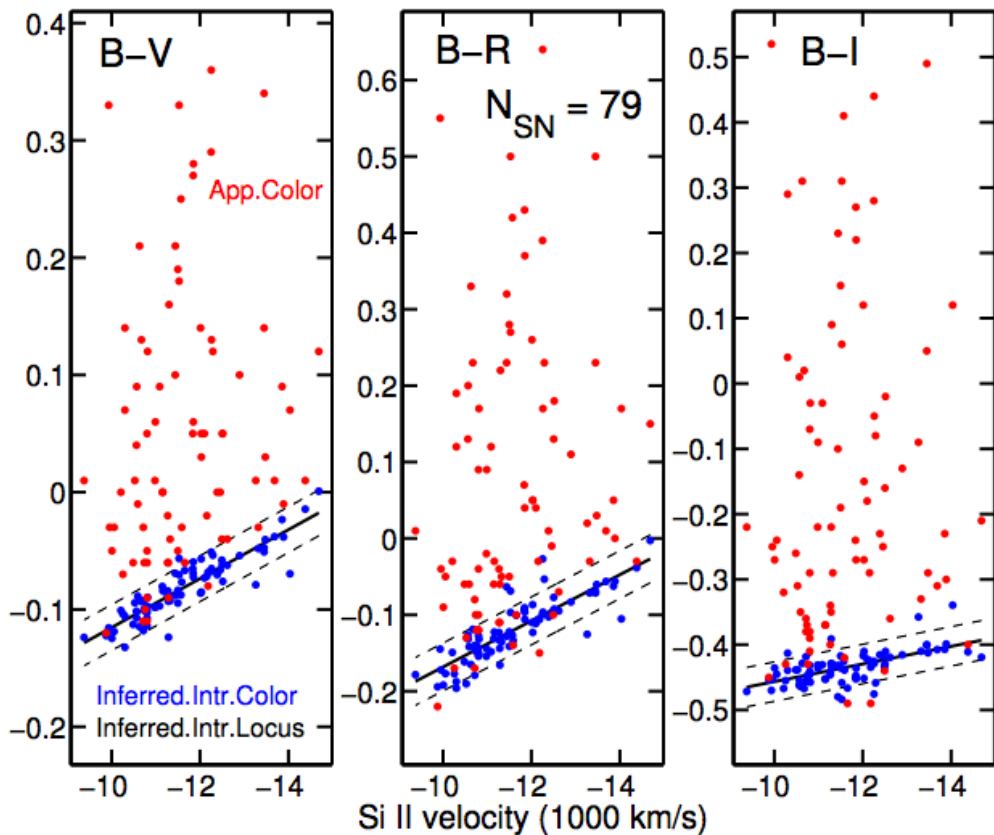
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Mandel, Foley & Kirshner 2014  
(arxiv:1402.7079)

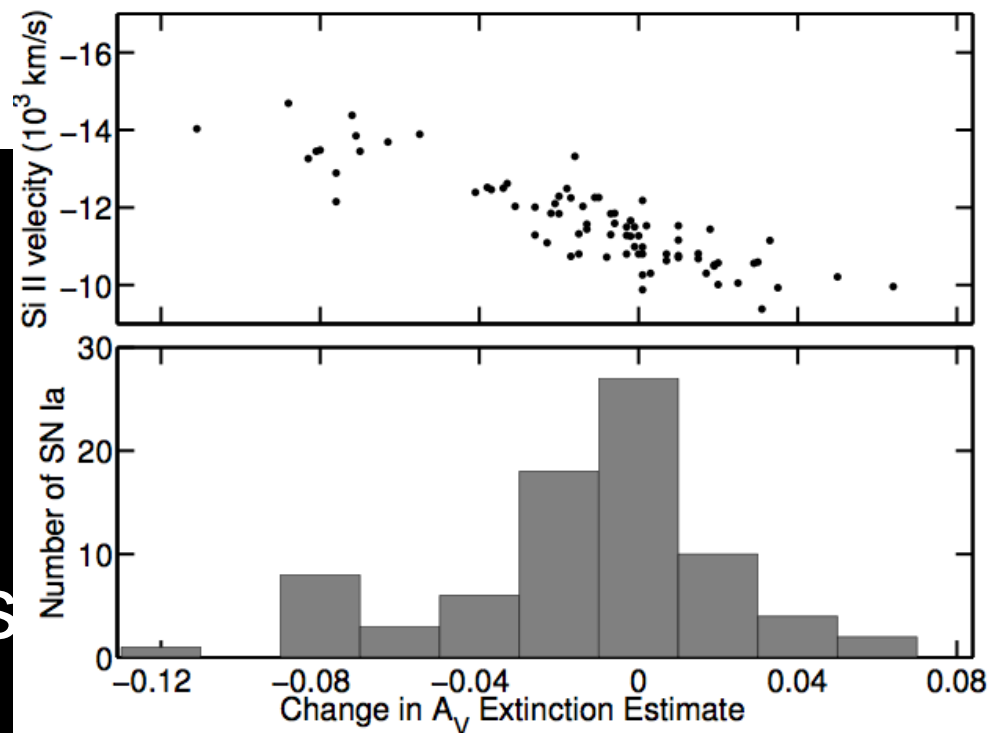
## Statistical model for SN Ia Intrinsic Colors vs. Ejecta Velocity

Color-Velocity Data with Linear Model fit



Velocity-dependent  
systematic correction  
in dust reddening &  
extinction  $A_V$  estimates

Linear versus Constant Mean Intrinsic Color

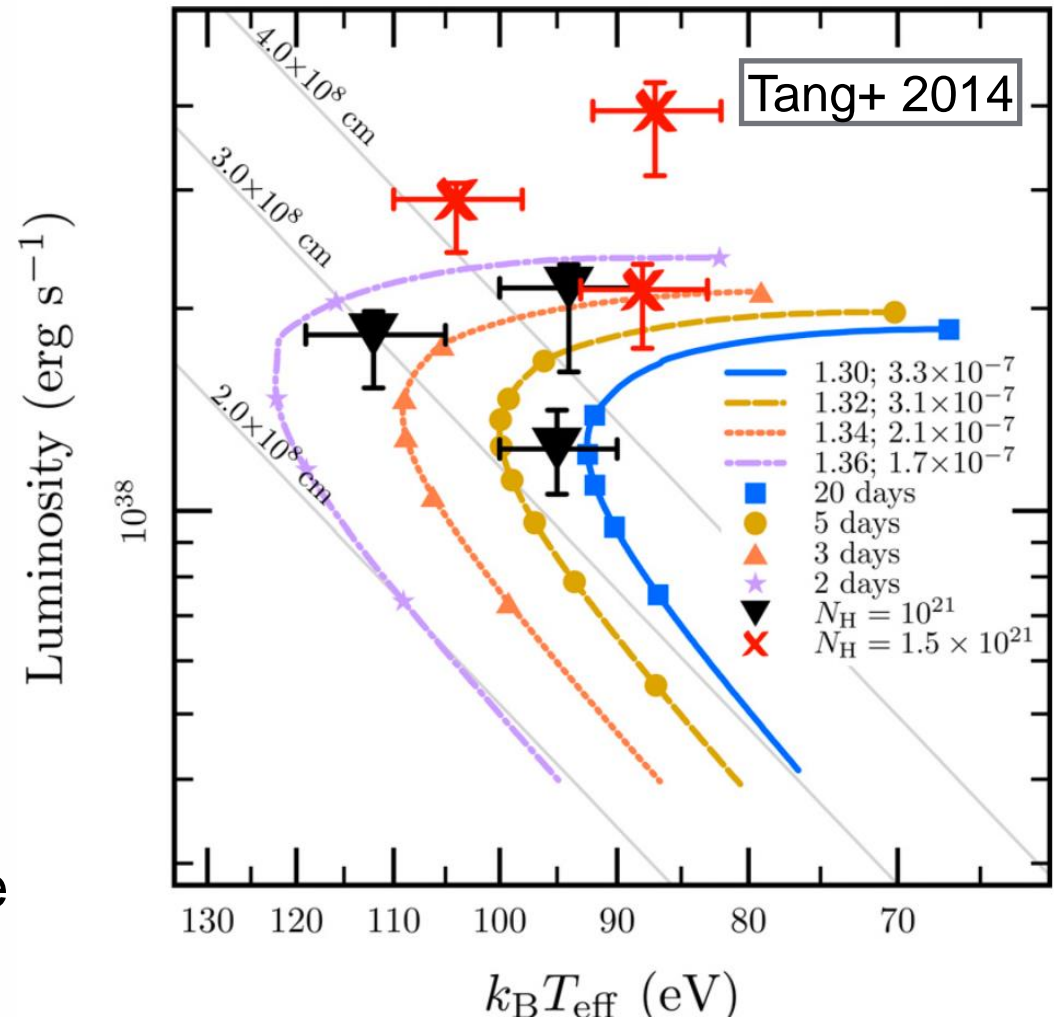


Binaries

## RX J0045.4+4154

(Formerly Known As PTF 09hsd)

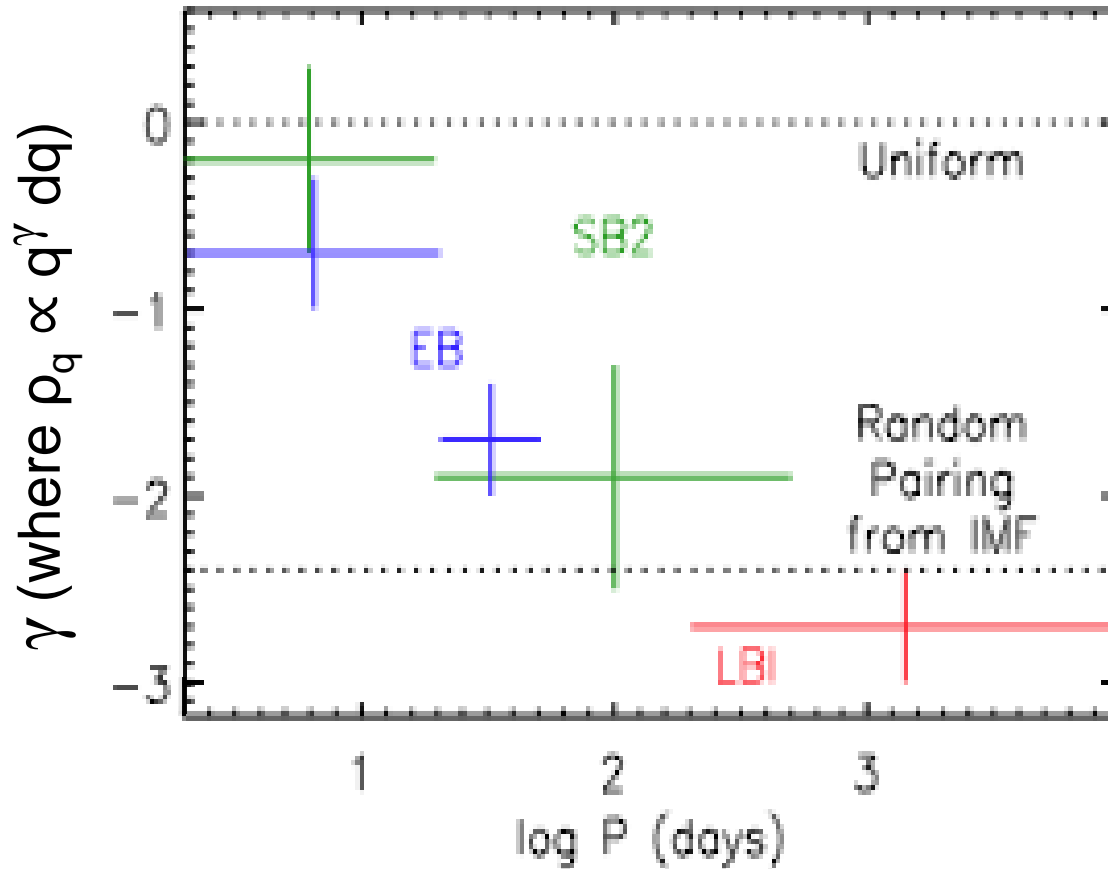
- 1 Year Recurrence Time (shortest known to date)
- Mass constrained to  $> 1.30 M_{\odot}$
- X-ray observations and supersoft source modeling estimate  $M_{WD} \sim 1.32-1.34 M_{\odot}$
- Goes off again in next few months
- If SD channel works, objects like this should exist



Black/Red points: Data

Tracks: MESA Simulations

Close MS binaries coevolved (uniform  $\rho_q$ , i.e.  $\gamma = 0$ ), while components in slightly wider binaries formed independently via random pairings from the IMF ( $\gamma = -2.4$ )

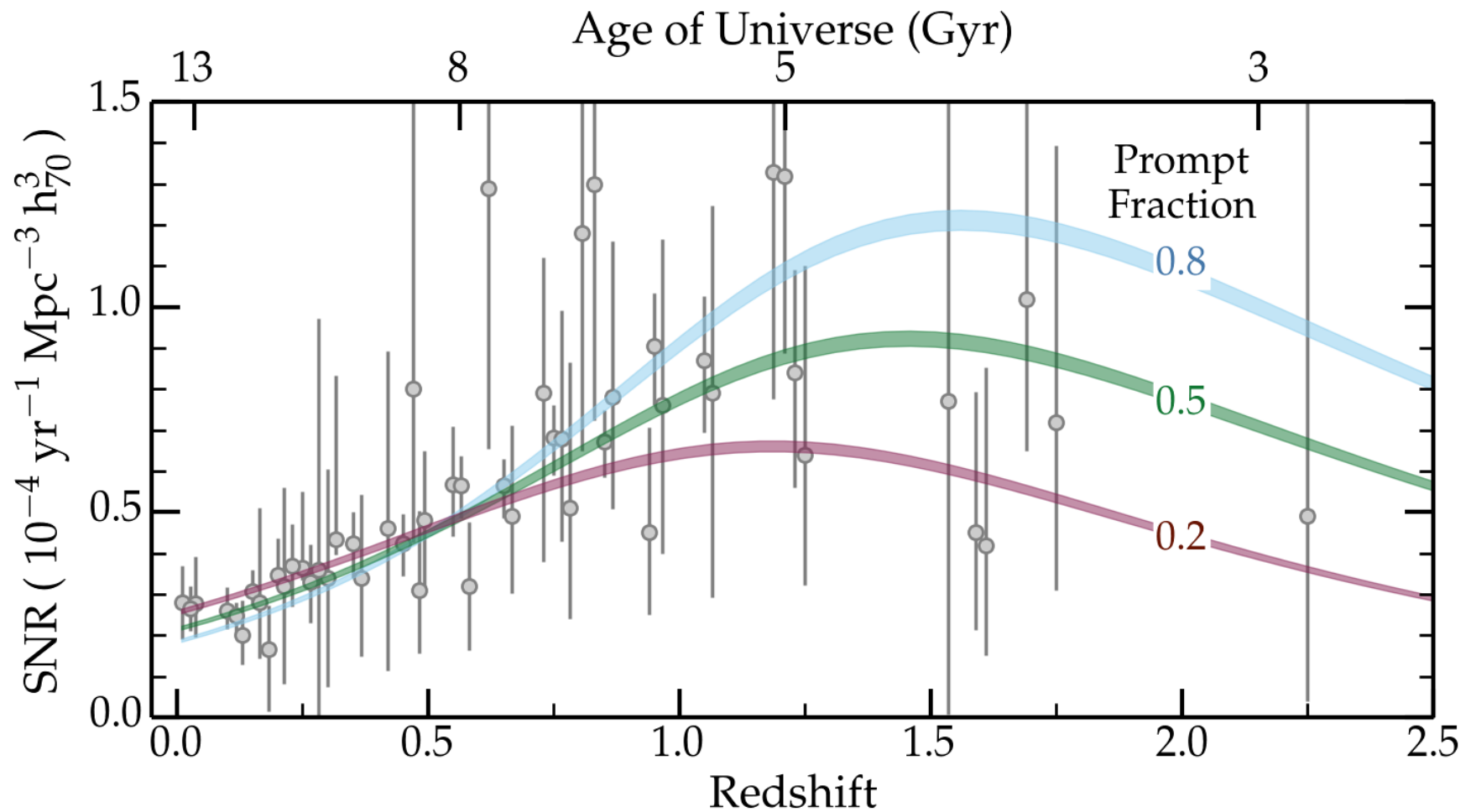


After accounting for this observed correlation in binary population synthesis,  
we expect  $\approx 5 \times$  more sub- $M_{\text{Ch}}$  double-detonation DD  
and  $\approx 20 \times$  more symbiotic (WD+RG) SD than originally predicted.

Both SD and DD scenarios may have a  $t^{-1}$  delay time distribution with no cutoff.

Maxwell Moe (& Rosanne Di Stefano); Harvard-Smithsonian Center for  
Astrophysics

Constraints from rates



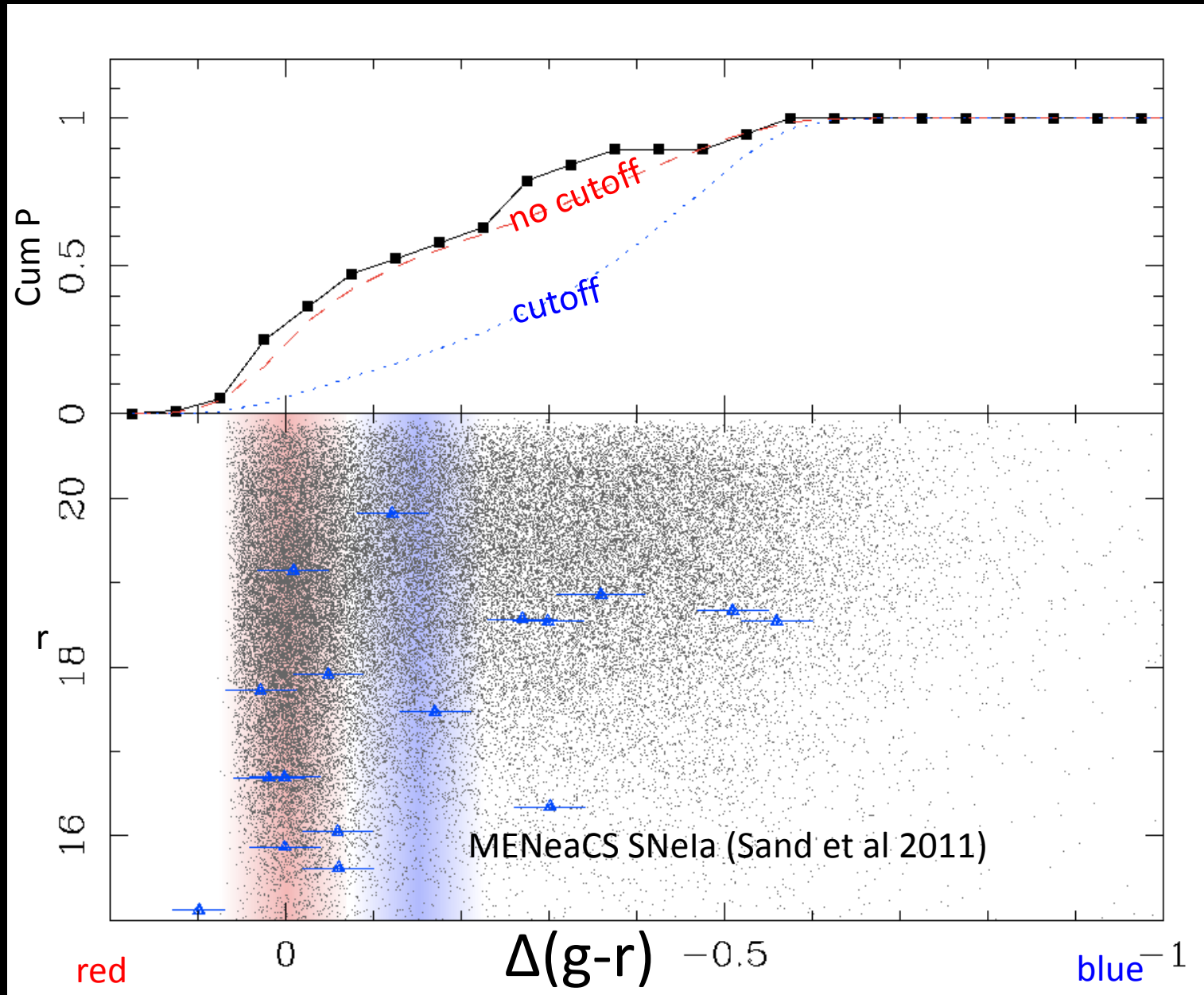
Volumetric rates to  $z \sim 2.5$  require  $\text{DTD} \propto t^{-1}$  and efficient progenitor pathways

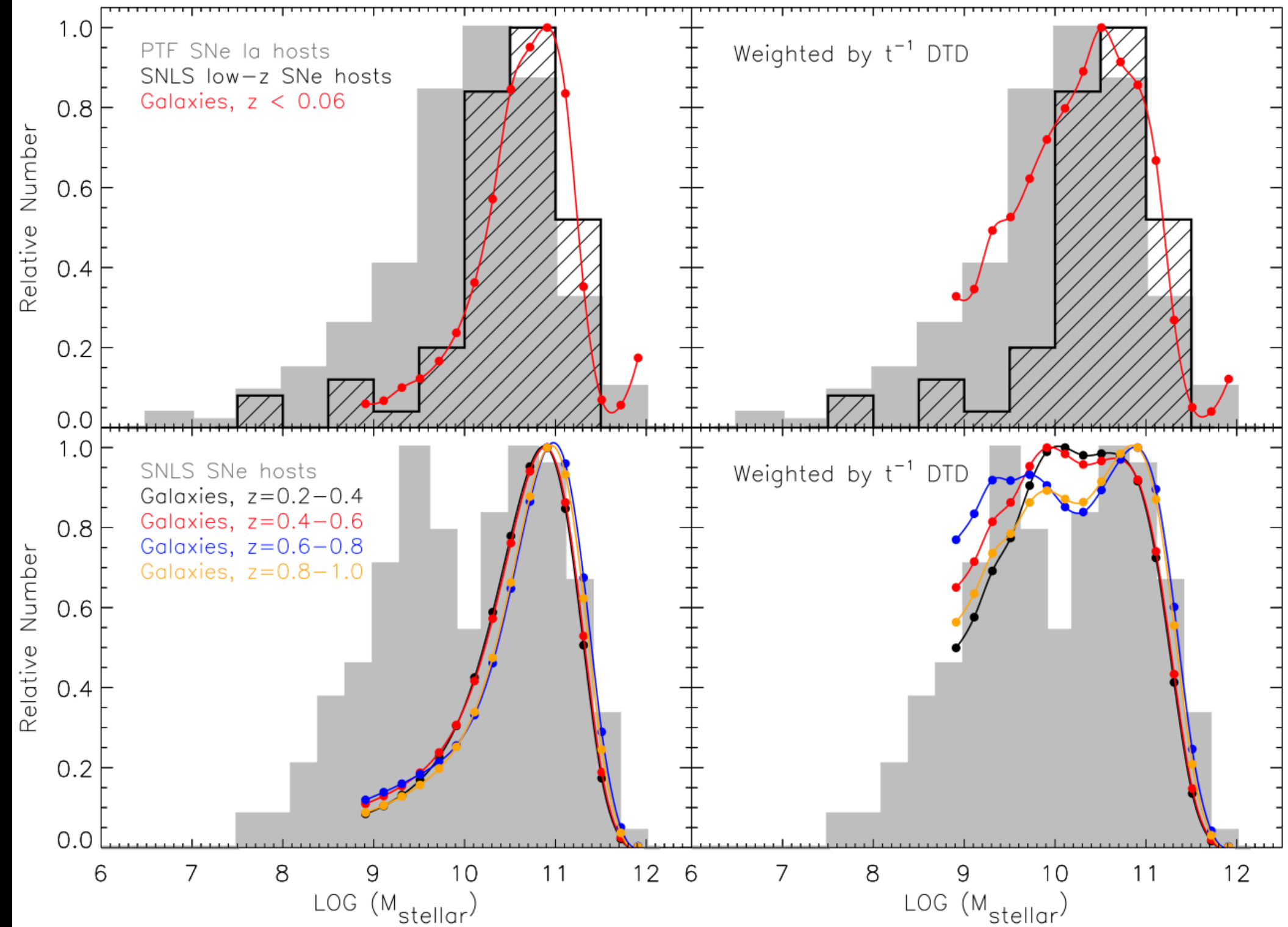
Better constraints on the prompt component can discriminate remaining models



DTD model with **no** cutoff at  $t > 2$  Gyr favoured. Either SD excluded, or there are large numbers of wide separation binaries (Moe, this meeting).

Chris Pritchett





Extremes

# Class Summary

1. Low Luminosity
2. Low Velocity
3. Low KE/m
4. Sometimes He
5. Similar to Type Ia Supernovae
6. C/O Burning (Lots of Carbon)
7. Not Very Massive Star
8. Spherical Explosion
9. No X-ray/Radio Emission
10. Never Nebular?
11. Strong Forbidden Fe in Some
12. Ca Interior to Fe
13. Produces More Stable Ni (per mass) than SNe Ia
14. Late-Type Hosts
15. Large Variation in  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ , Luminosity, Ejecta Mass, Etc
16. Low Ejecta Mass
17. 20-30 per 100 SNe Ia

**A C/O White Dwarf that accretes matter from a Helium-Burning Star, resulting in an explosion. At least some of the time, The Explosion Does *Not* Disrupt the White Dwarf.**

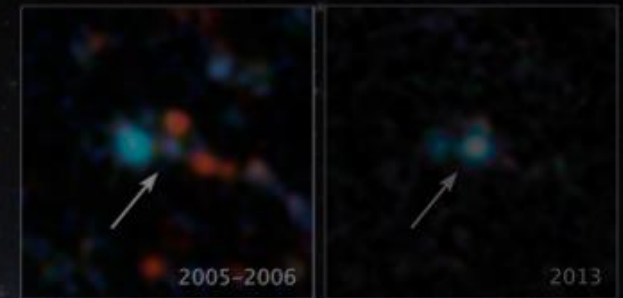
**And Are More Common Than SNe Ib**

# Hubble sees 'zombie star' lurking in space: What it is, why it matters

[http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-nasa-hubble-zombie star-20140806-story.html](http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-nasa-hubble-zombie-star-20140806-story.html)

## conclusions

- SN 2012Z: detection of a progenitor system for a thermonuclear, white dwarf supernova in pre-explosion data
- a single degenerate system that exploded!
- $M_{\text{Ch}}$  deflagration with helium star companion?
- SD  $\rightarrow$  SN Iax and DD  $\rightarrow$  normal SN Ia?
- SN 2008ha: detection of bound remnant or (disturbed?) companion star after explosion?
- follow-up data on SN 2012Z (and SN 2008ha) will test models... please make predictions!



Supernova 2012Z in Spiral Galaxy NGC 1309

Hubble Space Telescope ACS/WFC3

- future nearby SN Iax; let's keep looking for progenitors and remnants!

Rise time

# Really Nice Light Curves

**30 Minute Cadence!!!**

**Continuous monitoring**

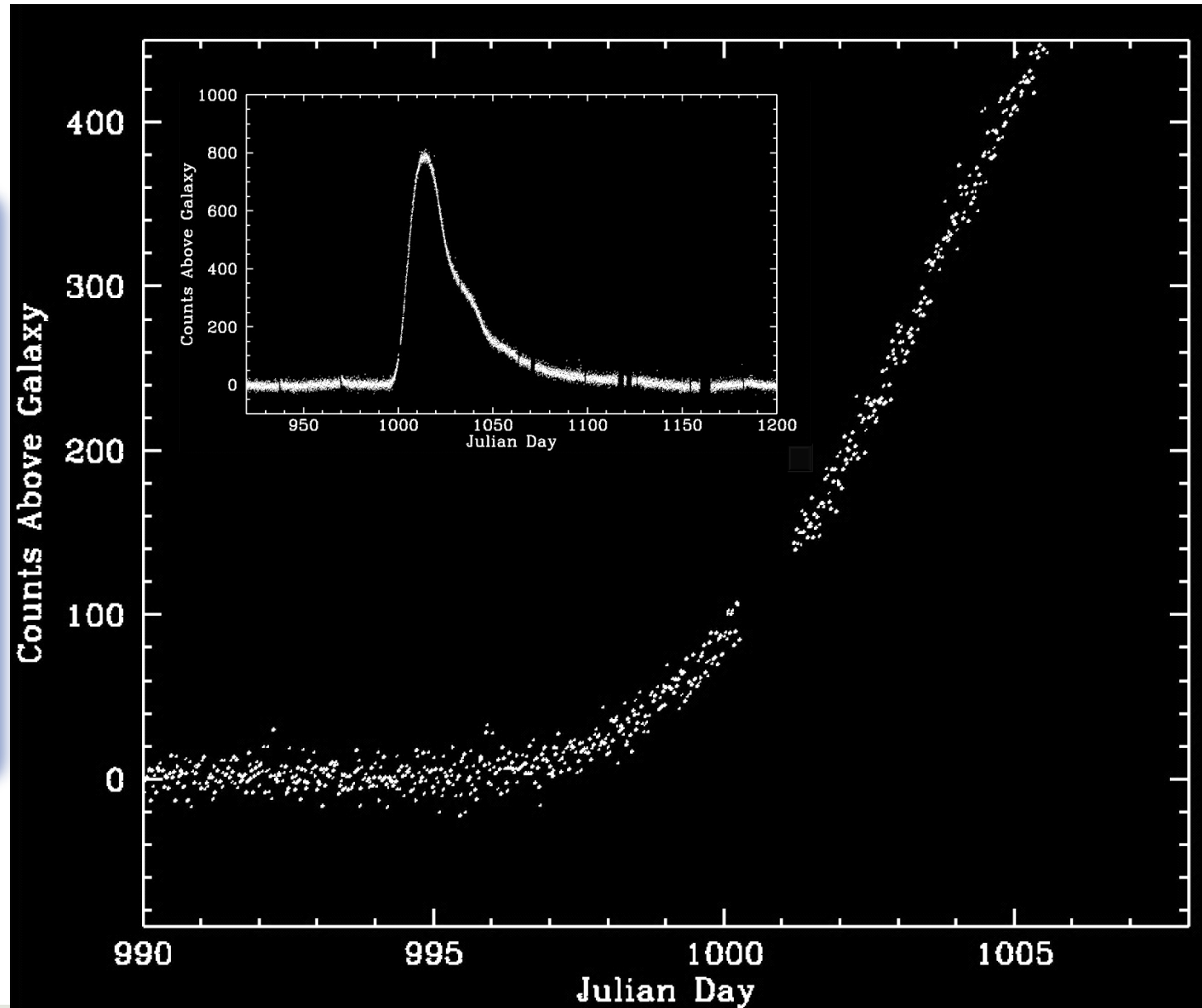
**Pre-Explosion**

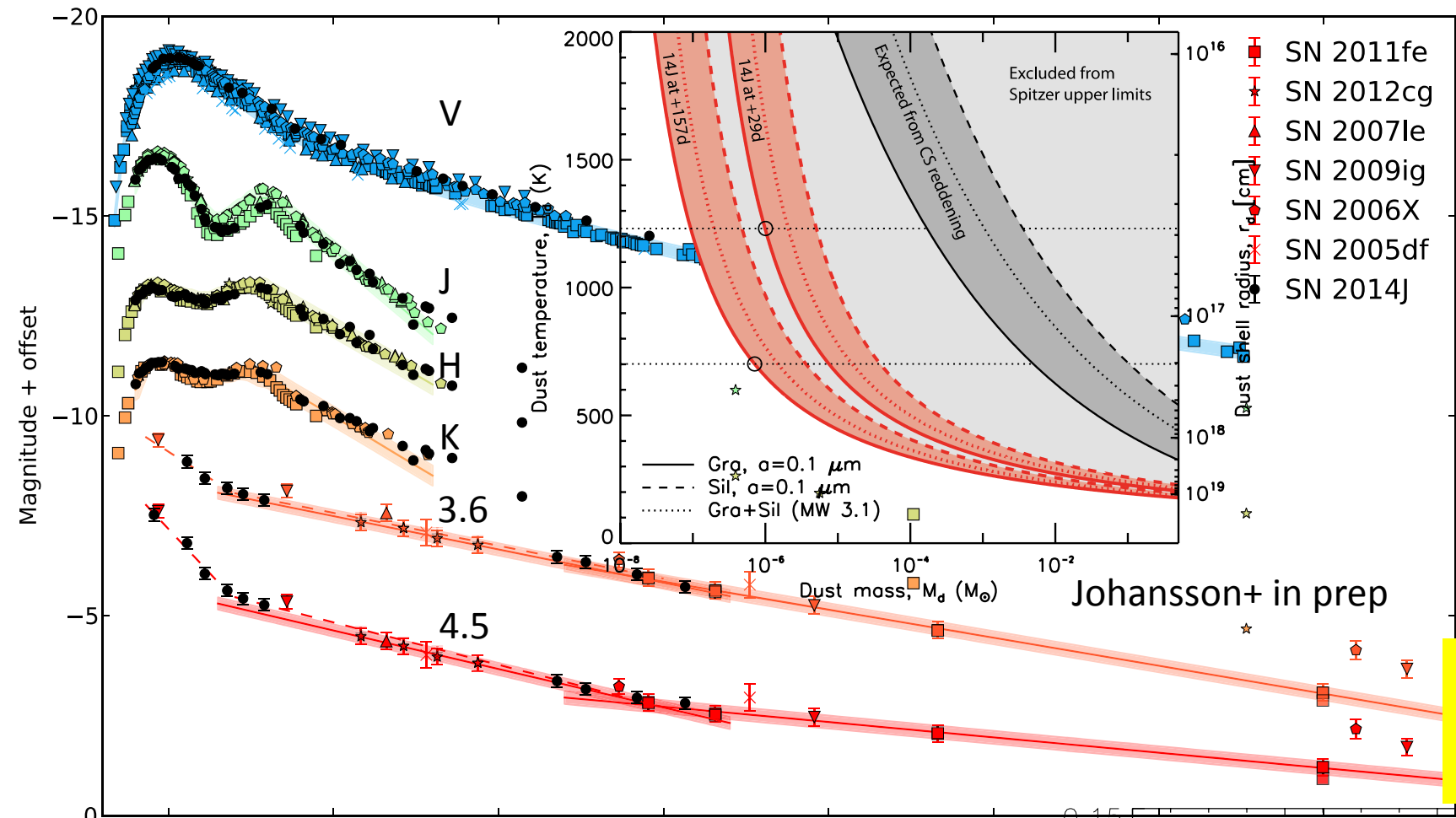
**4000 Data Points per SN!**

**Photometry  $\sim 0.01$  mag**

**Only one Filter**

Peter Garnavich  
5 Kepler SNe



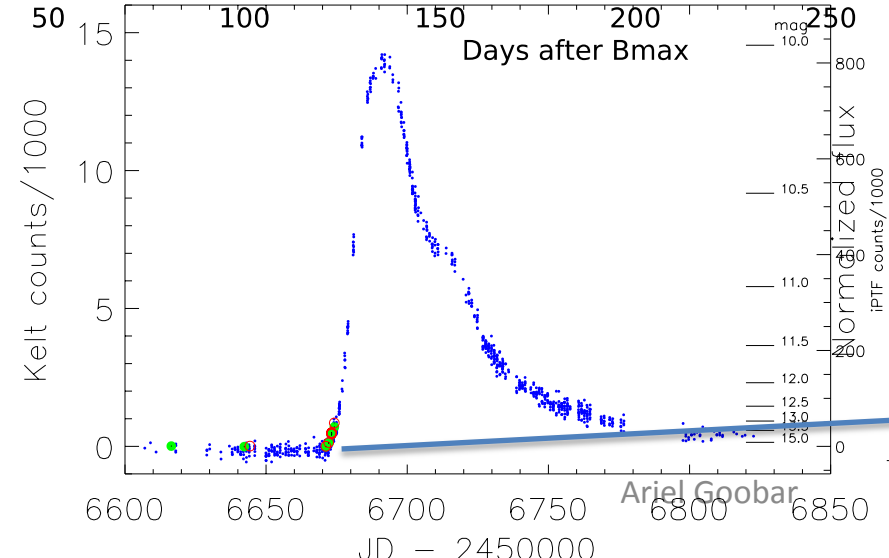


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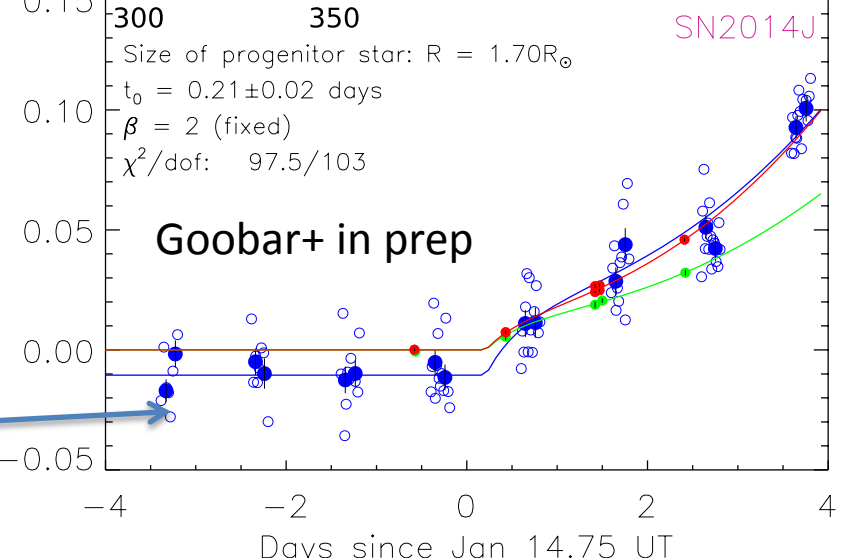
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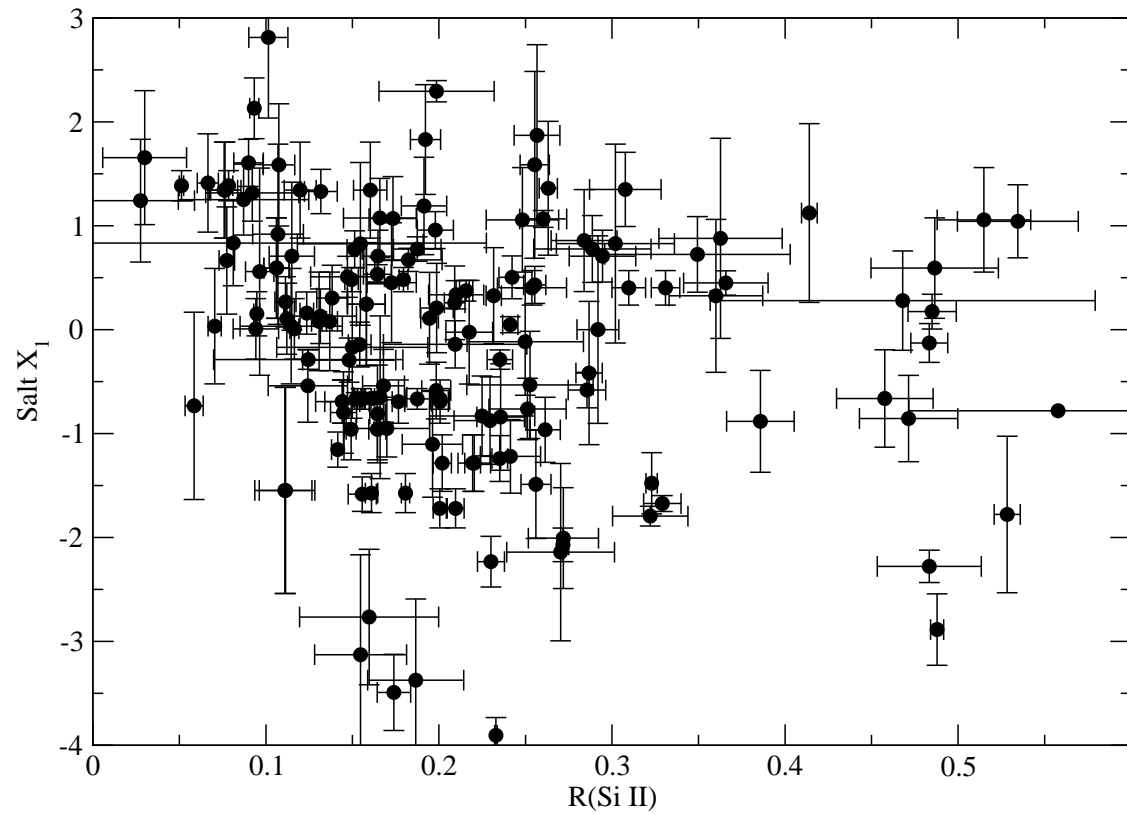
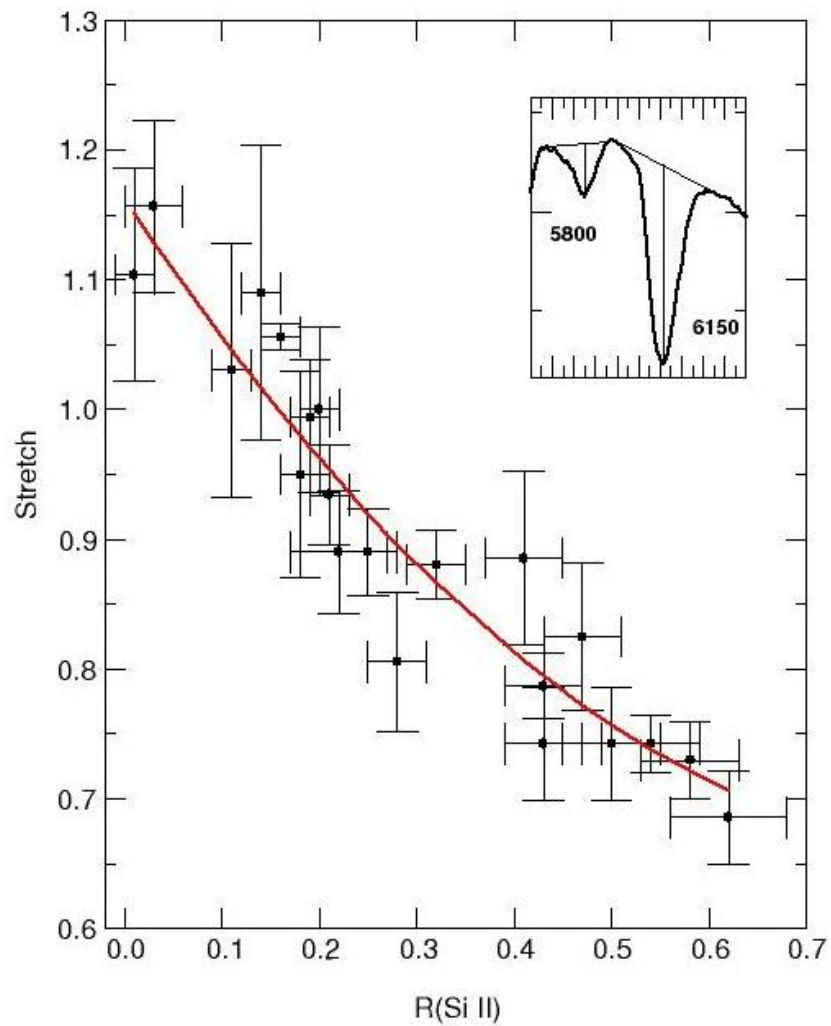


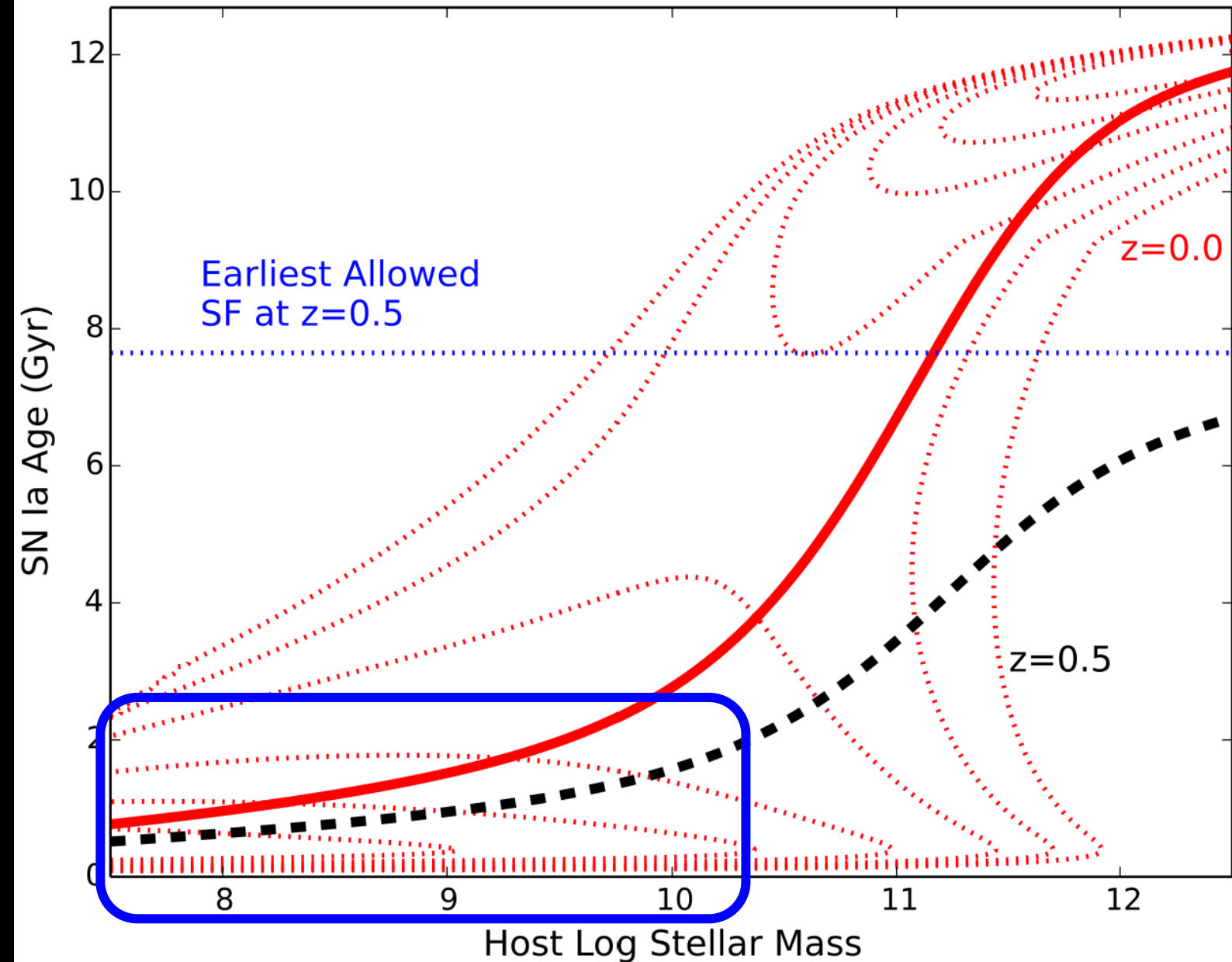
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Inferences from data

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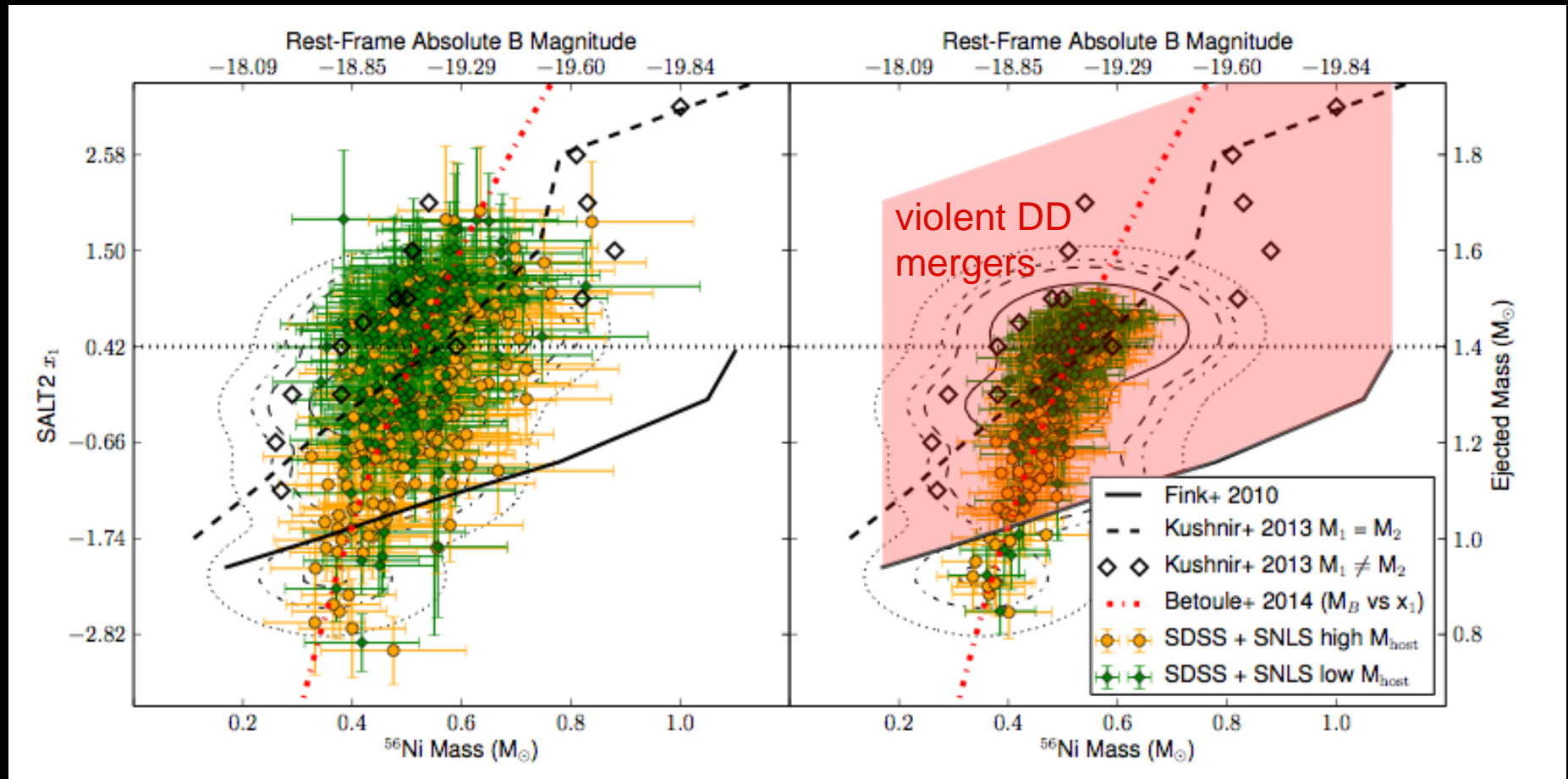




The most homogeneous SN Ia events are in lower mass galaxies

# Joint $M_{ej}-M_{Ni}$ distribution

(Richard Scalzo, Ruitter, & Sim, MNRAS in press [arXiv:1408.6601](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.6601))

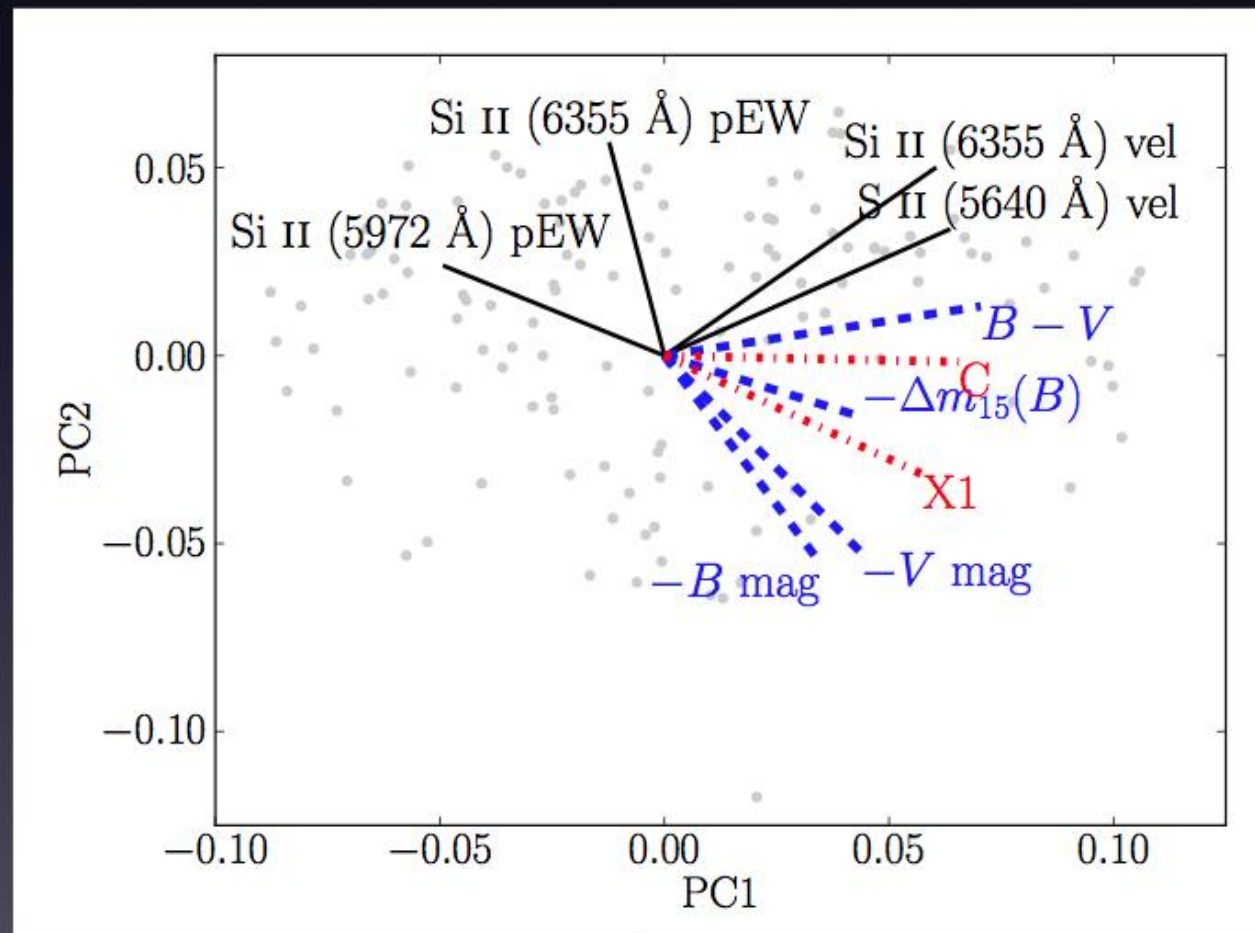


No single channel reproduces this behavior (yet!)

# PCA & PLS on SN Ia spectral series

Wrap up of the meaning of the PCs from PCA (projections in the first 2 PCs).

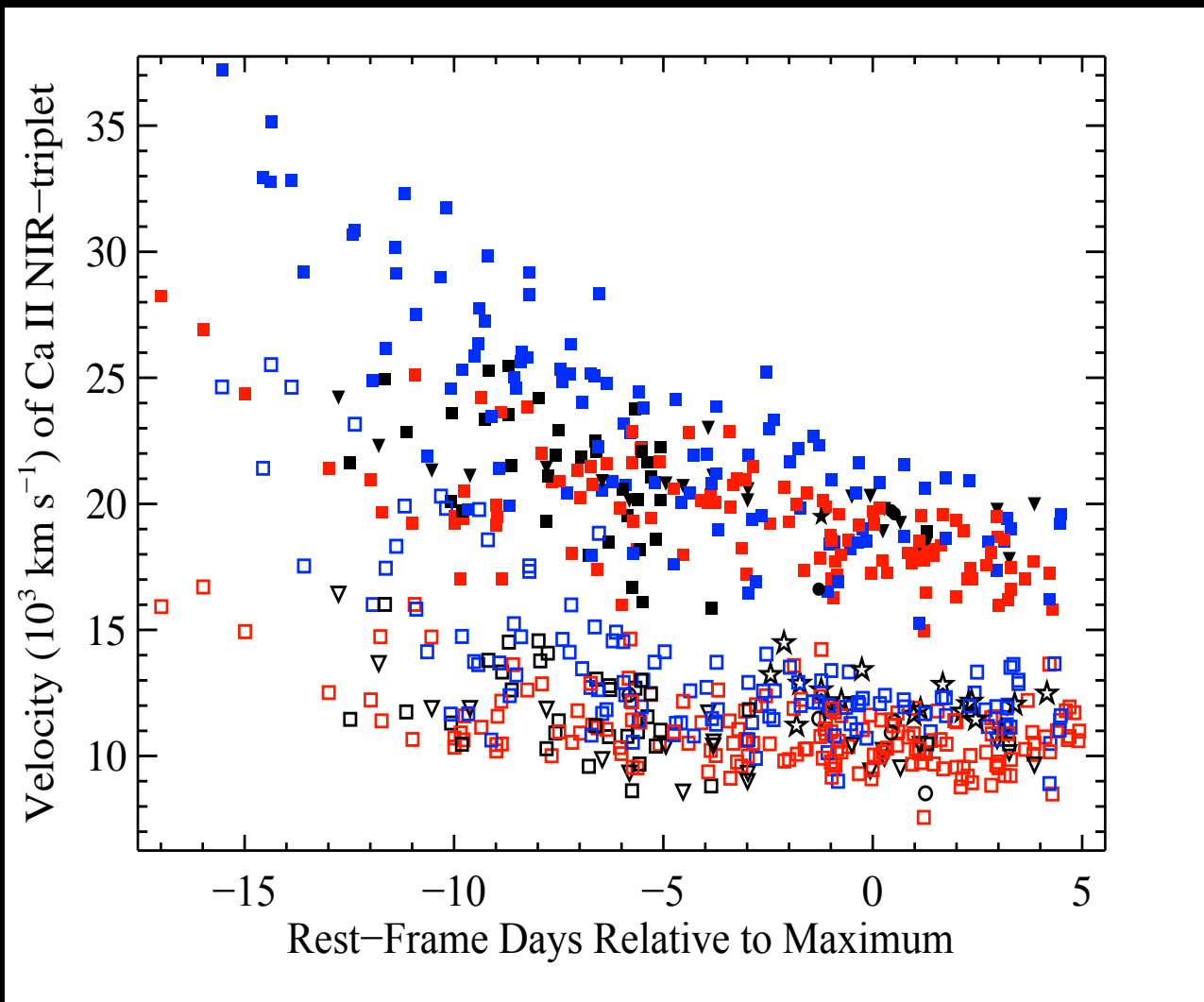
To find these projections we use Partial Least Square (PLS)



Host galaxy effects



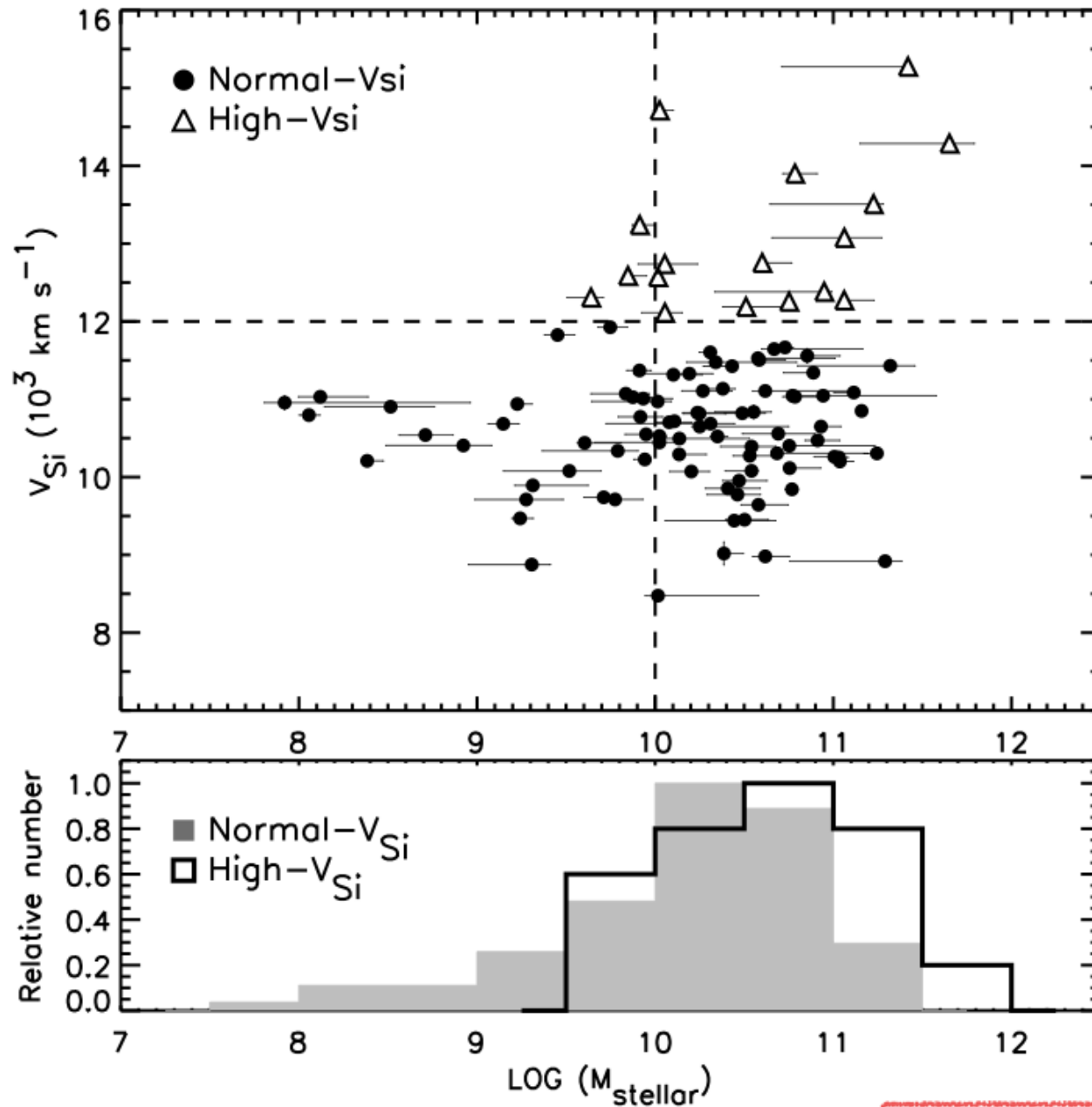
SNe Ia  
that we put  
on a  
Hubble  
Diagram  
have HVFs  
of Ca from  
just after



explosion through  $\sim 3$  days before  
maximum brightness (and often  
longer).



# Silicon velocity and host $M_{\text{stellar}}$



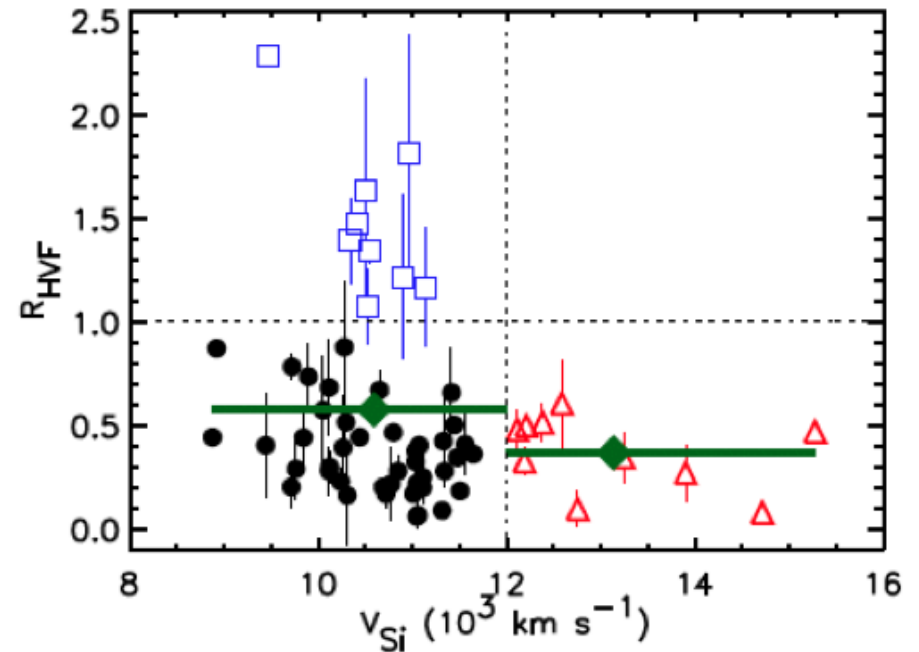
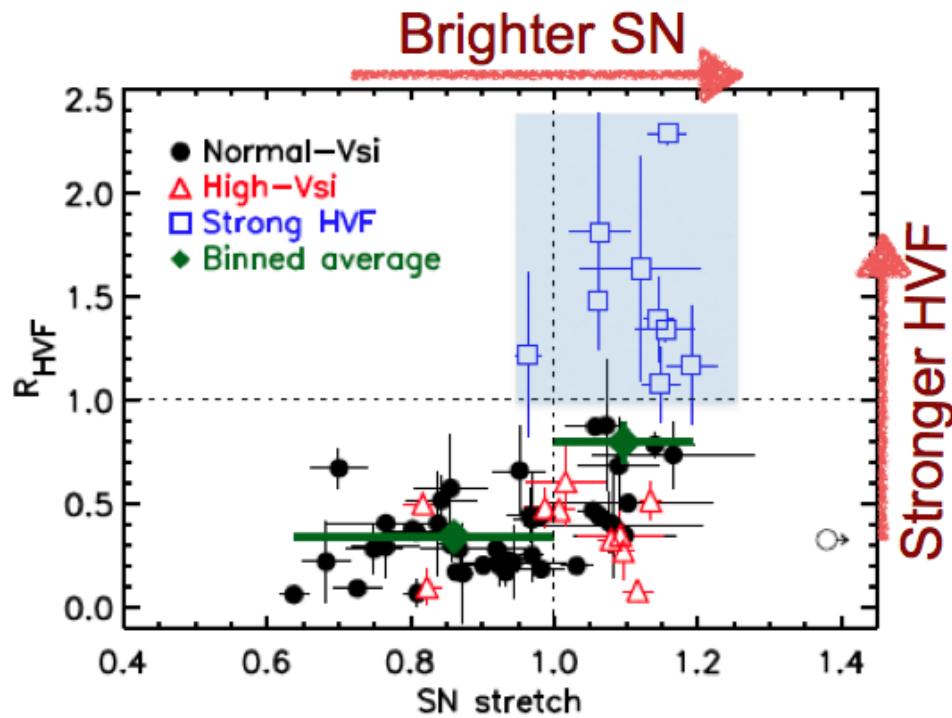
**Normal- $V_{\text{Si}}$ :**  $V_{\text{Si}} < 12,000 \text{ km/s}$   
**High- $V_{\text{Si}}$ :**  $V_{\text{Si}} \geq 12,000 \text{ km/s}$

# Calcium high-velocity feature (I)

(See also Maguire+ 2014)

## $R_{\text{HVF}}$ vs Stretch

## $R_{\text{HVF}}$ vs $V_{\text{Si}}$

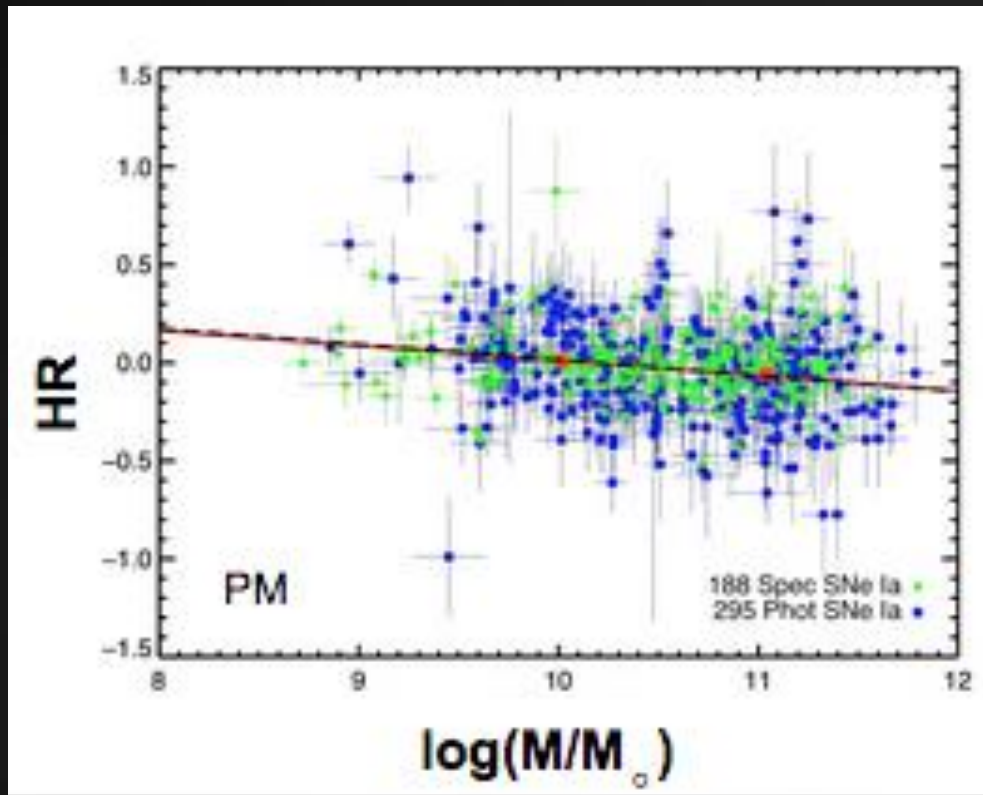


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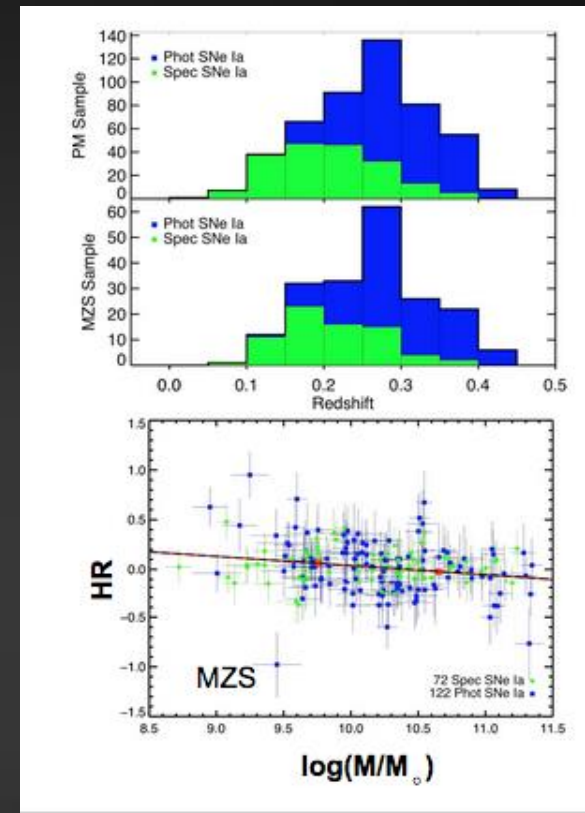
**Strong Ca II HVF:**  $R_{\text{HVF}} > 1$

# Rachel C. Wolf: Host Galaxy Environment as a Parameter for SN Ia Standardization



## Current Analysis:

- Use sample of ~480 spectroscopic + photometric SNe Ia from SDSS-SNS (split into two subsets) with BOSS + SDSS host galaxy spectra
- Find  $5\sigma$  correlation between HR and photometric host mass using PM sample
- Find  $< 3\sigma$  correlation between HR and spectroscopic sSFR & HR and gas-phase metallicity for MZS sample



## Further work:

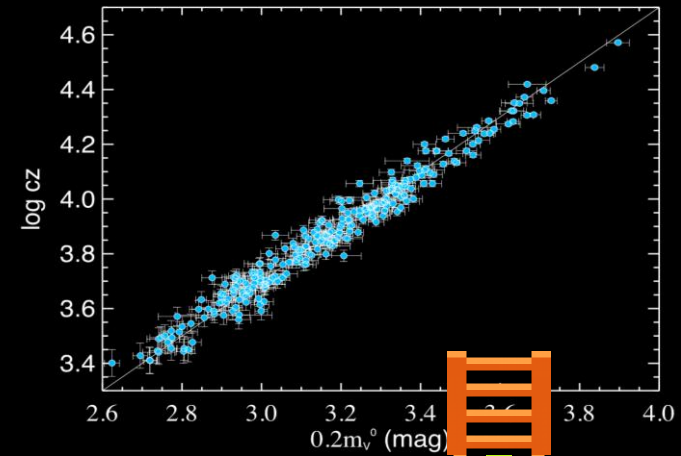
- Consider separate spectroscopic + photometric SNe Ia samples
- Consider age, homogeneity of different host samples
- Consider effects of different mass/metallicity/star-formation rate bins

# Cosmology

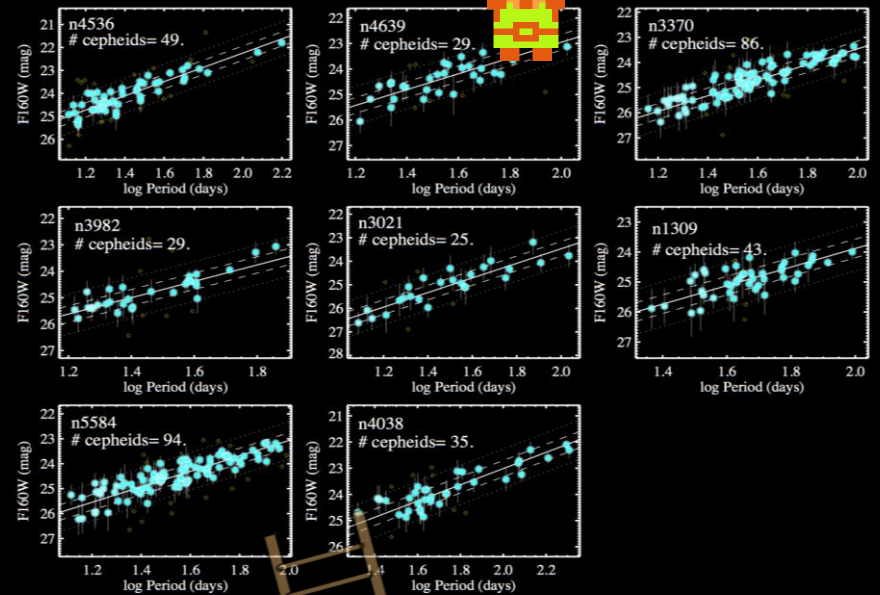
# H<sub>0</sub> in 3 Steps\*

$$H_0 = 73.0^a \pm 2.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

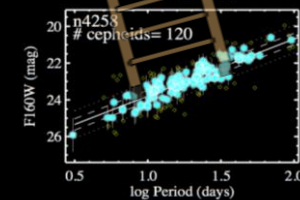
3) SN Ia in Hubble flow



2) HST NIR Cepheid  
P-L in 8 ideal SN Ia Hosts



1) HST NIR Cepheid P-L in  
NGC4258 Anchor (or MW parallax)

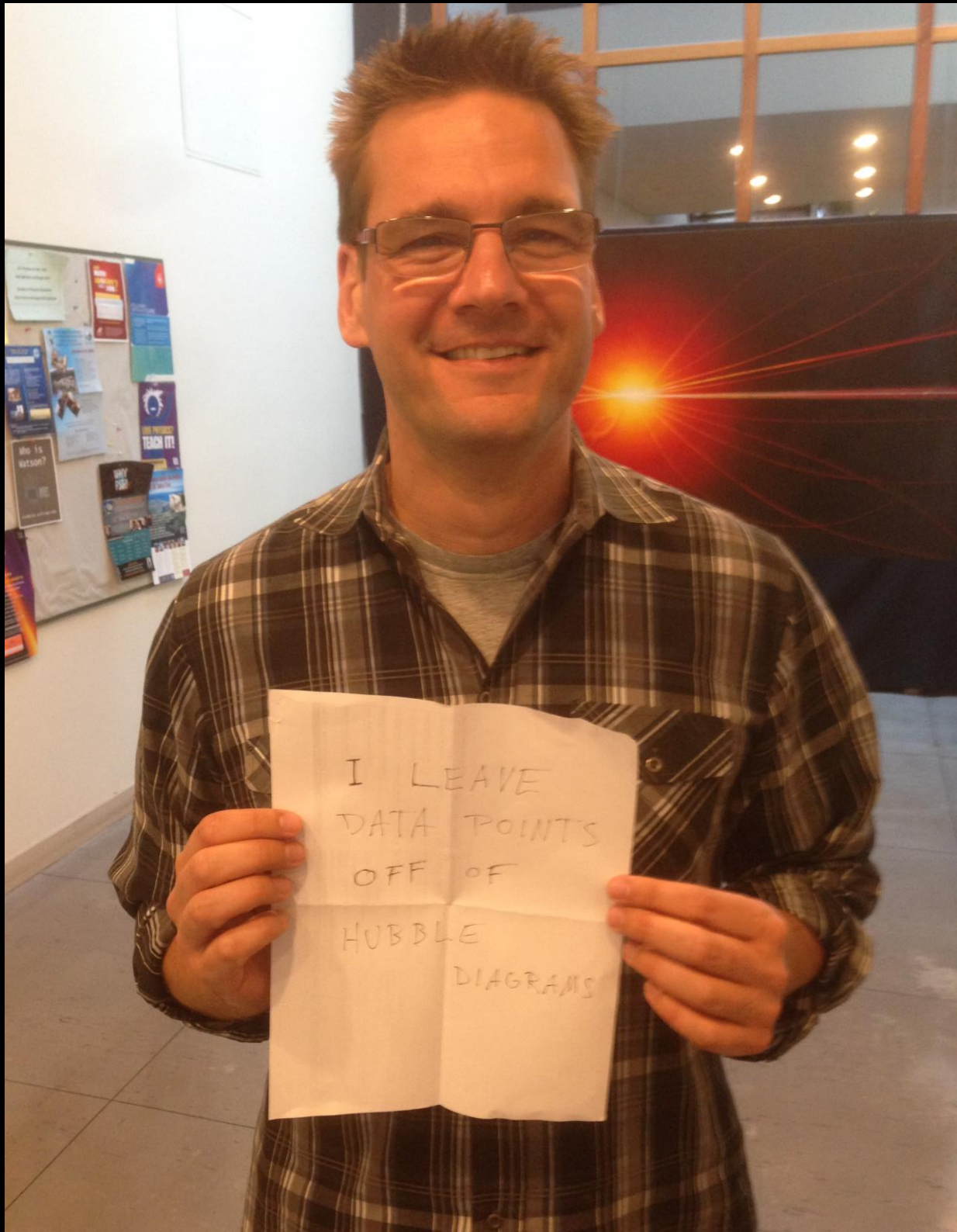


\*Global regression accounts for data, parameter covariance

<sup>a</sup> updated distance to NGC 4258, Humphreys et al. (2013)



I WATCHED  
A MOUSE  
EAT MY FOOD  
AND DID  
NOTHING



I LEAVE  
DATA POINTS  
OFF OF  
HUBBLE  
DIAGRAMS

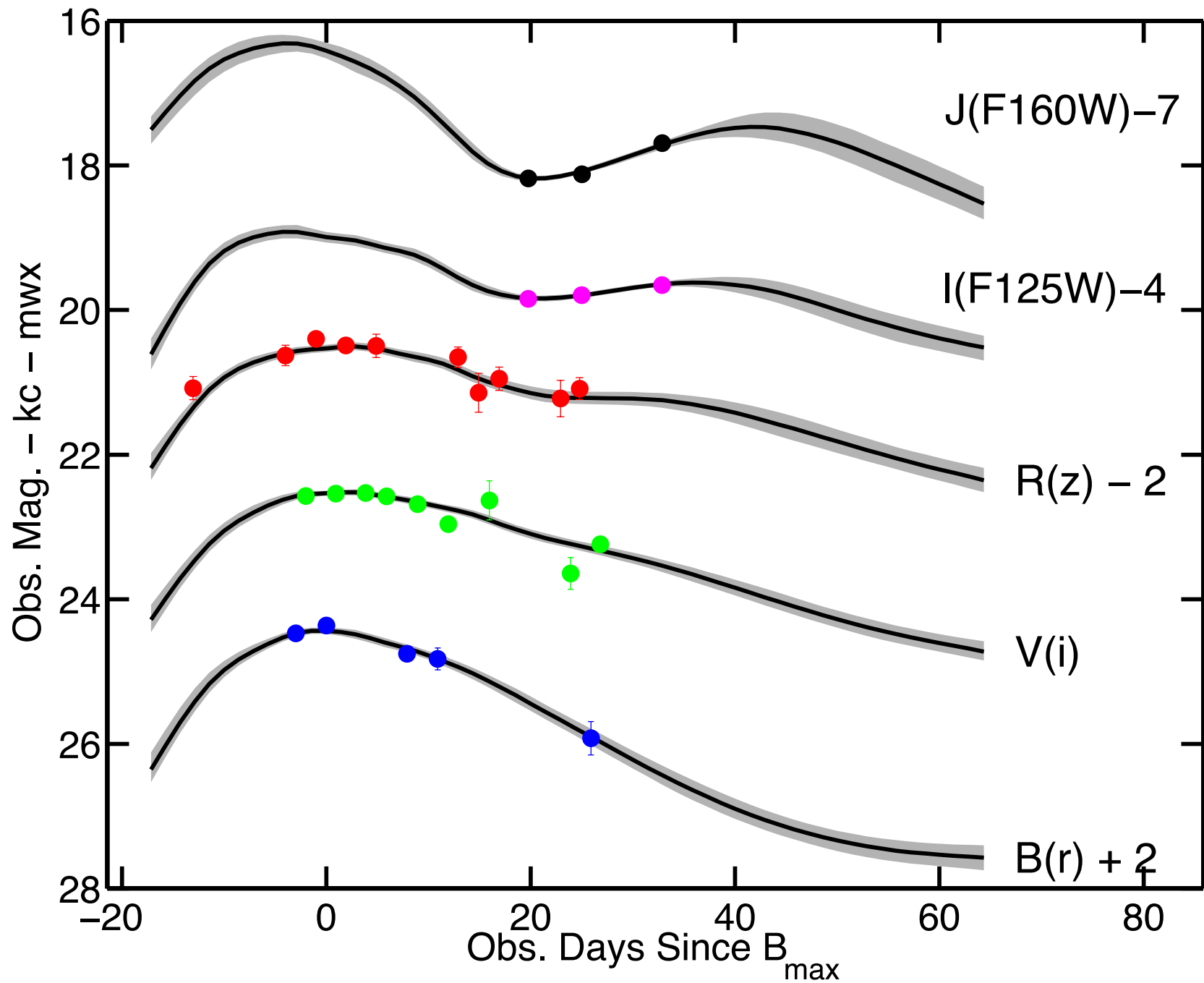


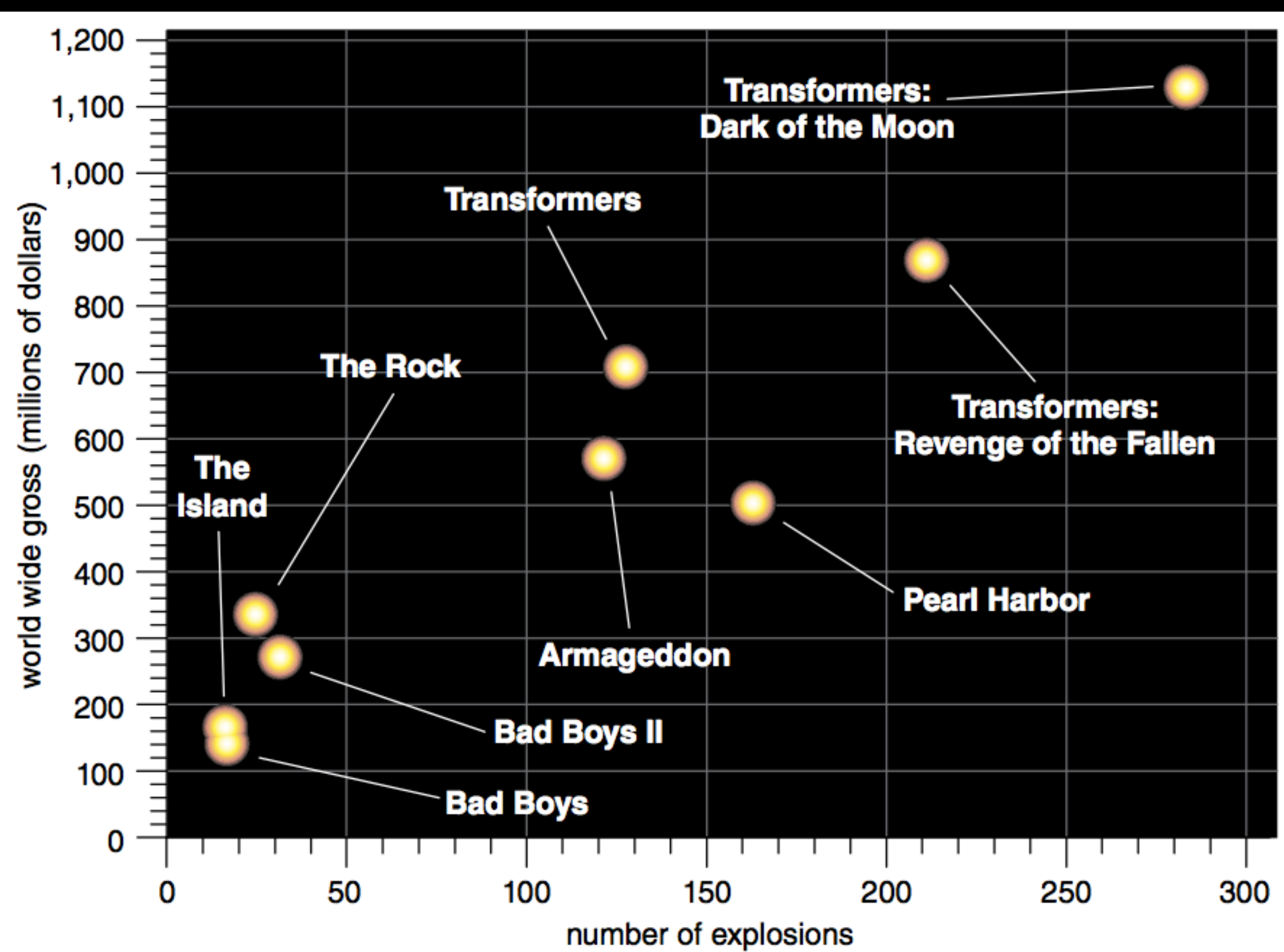


Most of these systematics should get significantly better in next iterations. Good (optimistic?) SN prediction is that systematic errors will drop with statistical errors

	dw	Plan
Calibration:	0.045	e.g Scolnic - 'Supercal'
SN Color Model:	0.023	better understanding of color. e.g. Kirshner - RAISINS. Patel, Jha, Riess, Scolnic - 'newMLCS'
Host Galaxy Dependence:	0.015	e.g. Thilker/Zheng, Jones - subsample analysis
MW Extinction:	0.013	e.g. Schlafly, Finkbeiner; Green dust maps
Selection Bias:	0.012	More statistics makes easier
Coherent Flows:	0.007	-

RAISIN2-ps1-440236+HST-z=0.43.mag.dat: z=0.430





# What do observers want from theorists?

DTD for new models like core degenerates

Coherent DTDs from SD models

More spectroscopy

Better radiative transfer comparisons, and more of them

More code to code comparisons for explosion models and nucleosynthesis

Better efficiency of explosions or more systems, new types of explosions?

Better population synthesis (also better understanding mass retention on white dwarfs)

Better understanding of CSM interaction

Better nebular modeling