

Cosmology & Type Ia supernovae



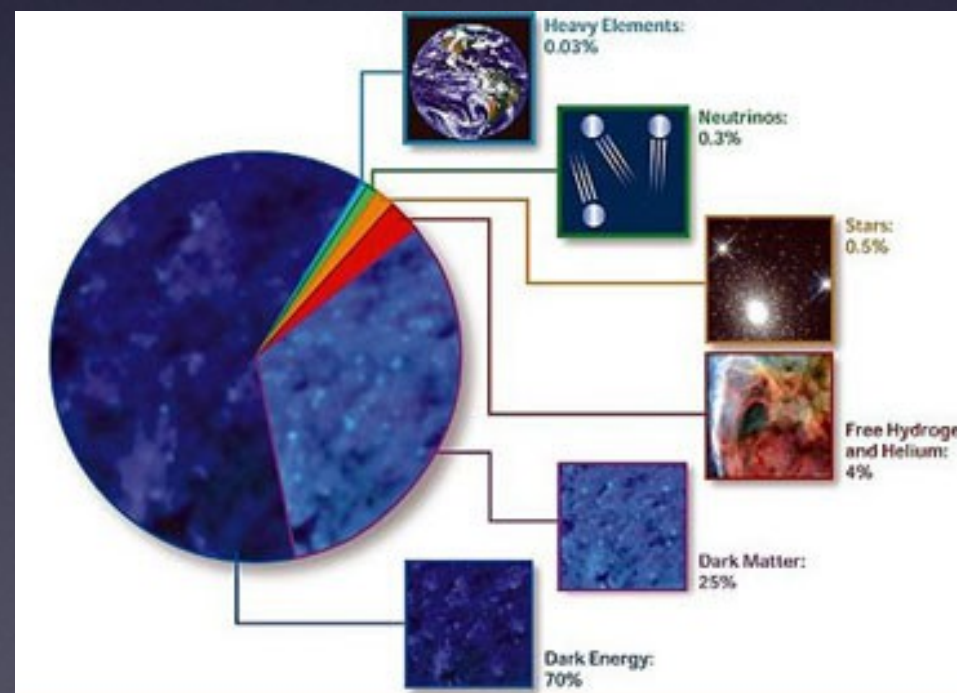
Sébastien "Ze Frog" Bongard

Observational cosmology



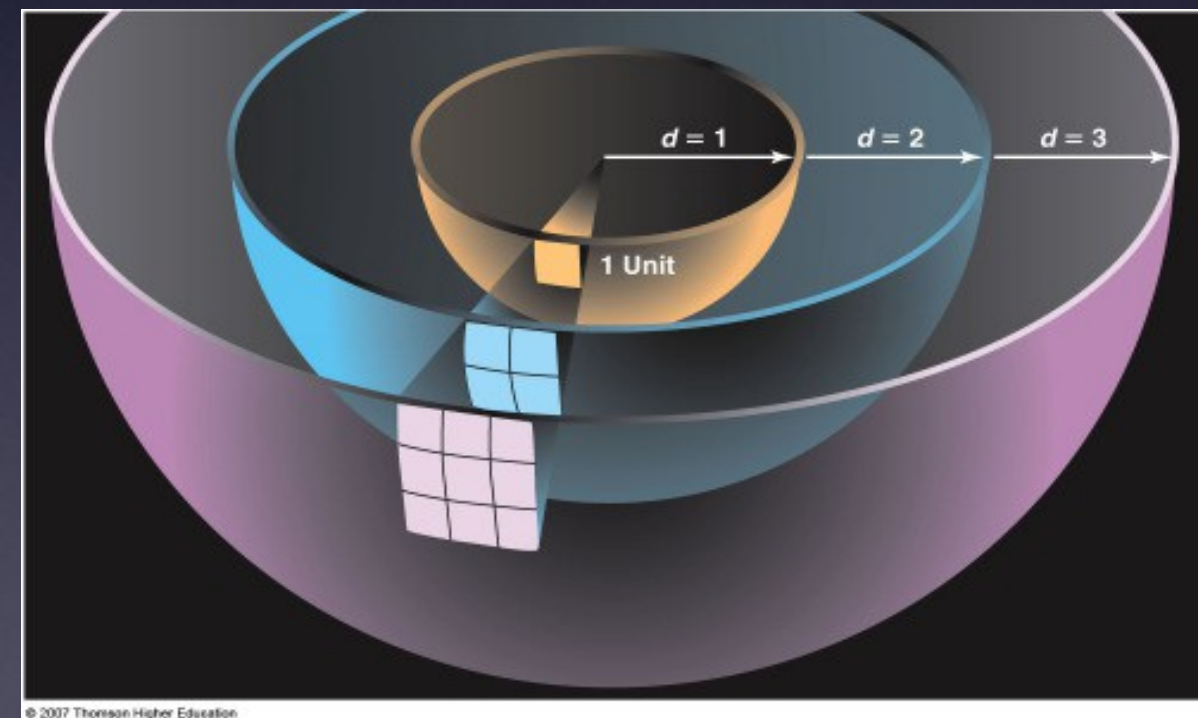
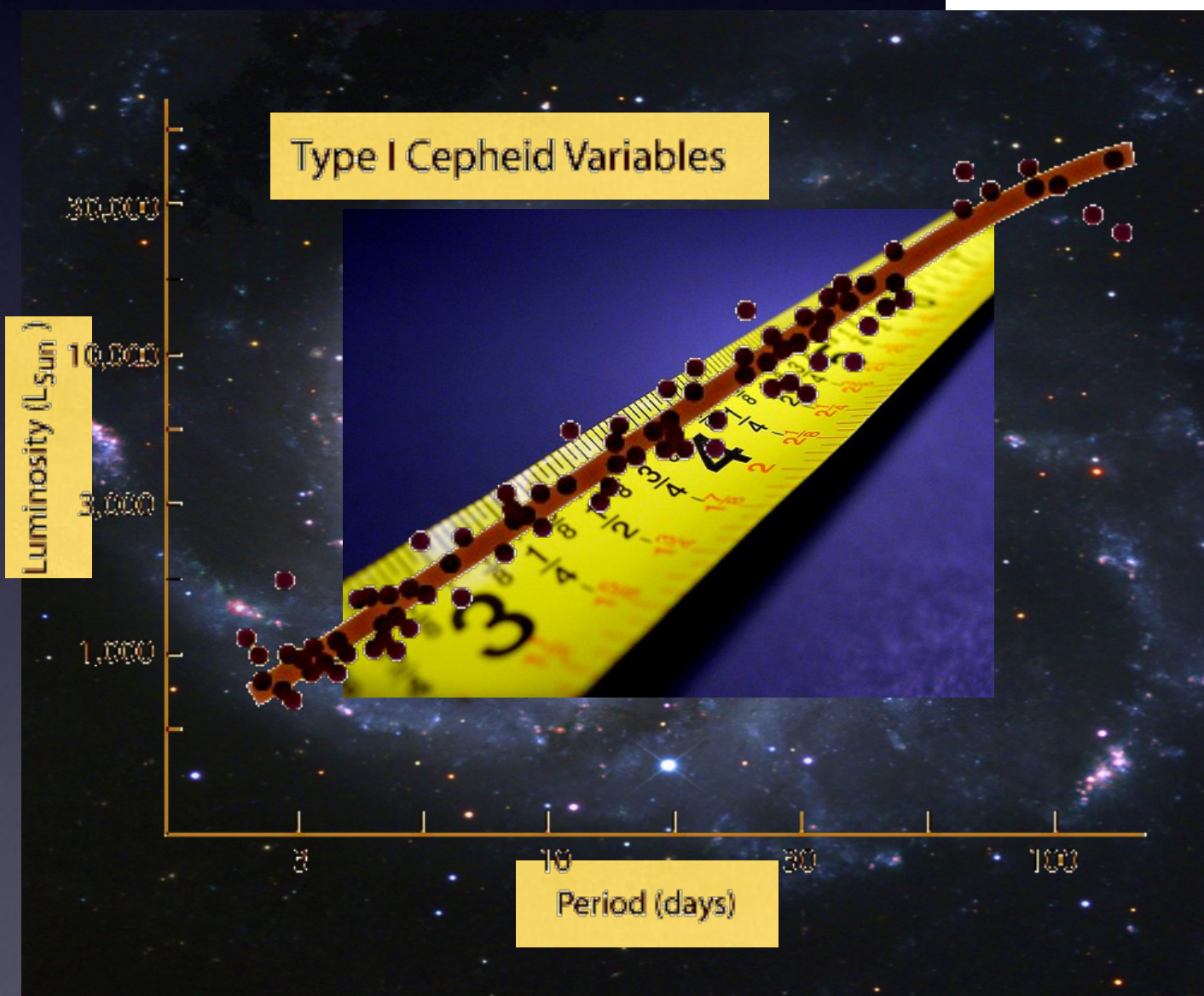
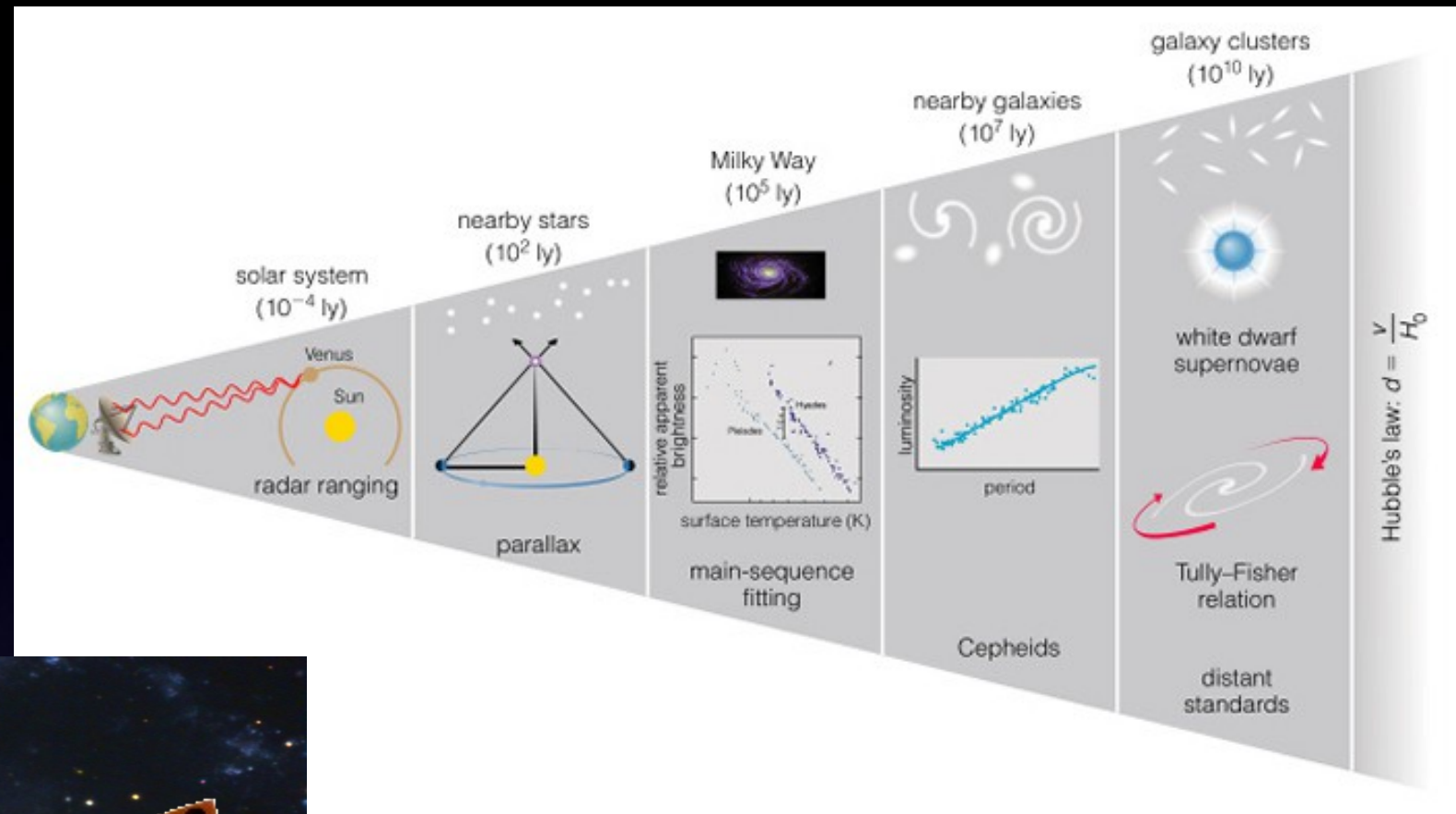
Observing around us

and build models to explain what we perceive

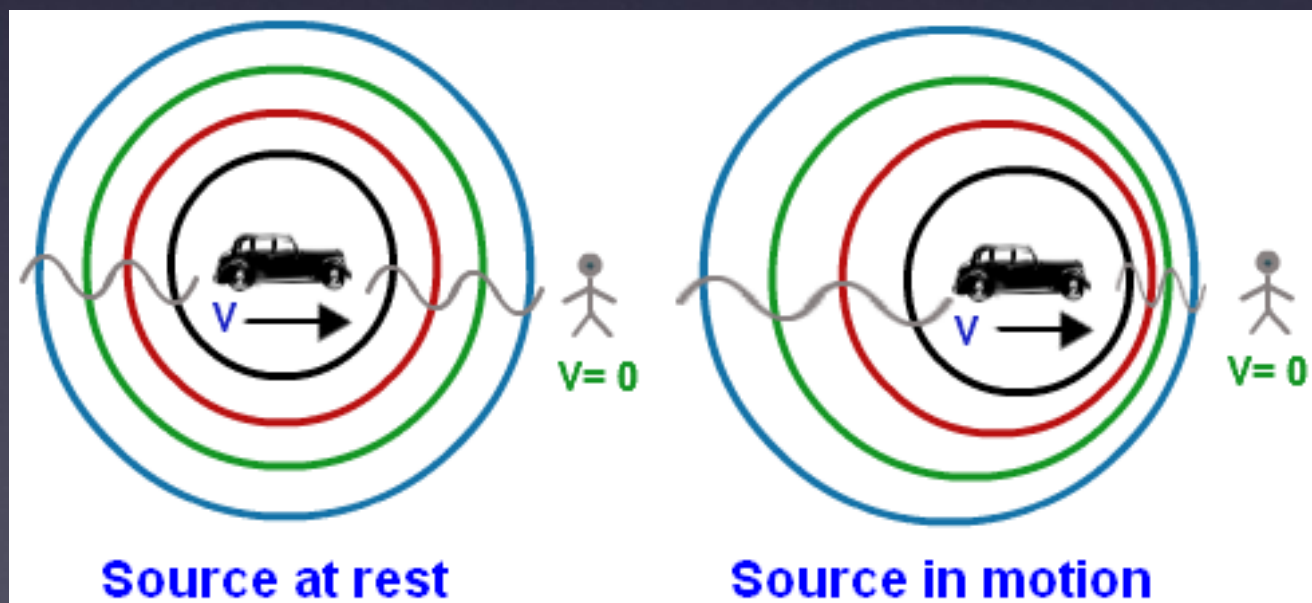
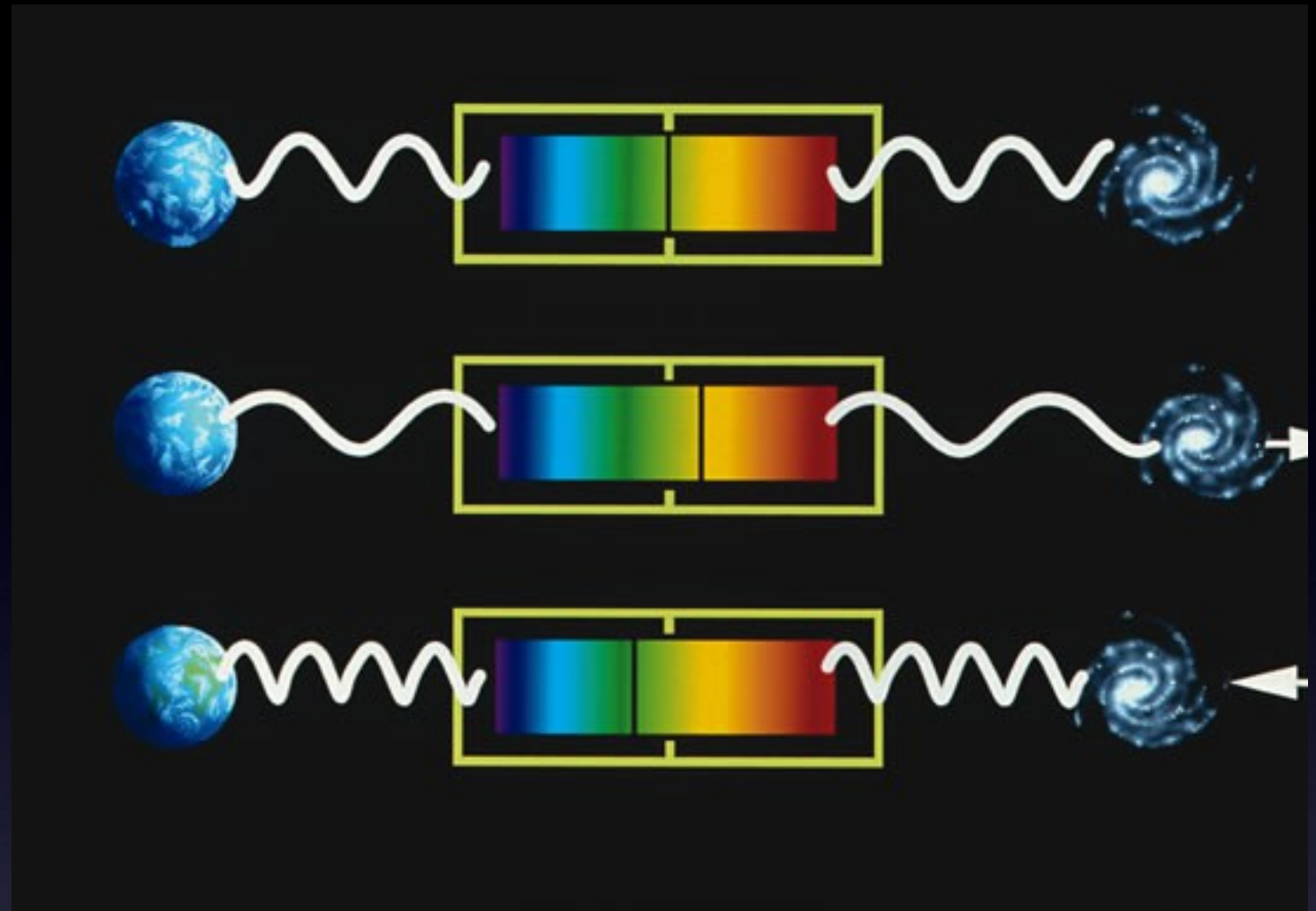


The universe is the object of study

Measuring distances



Measuring velocities

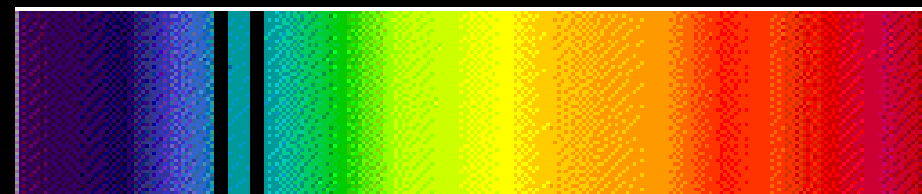


Redshift

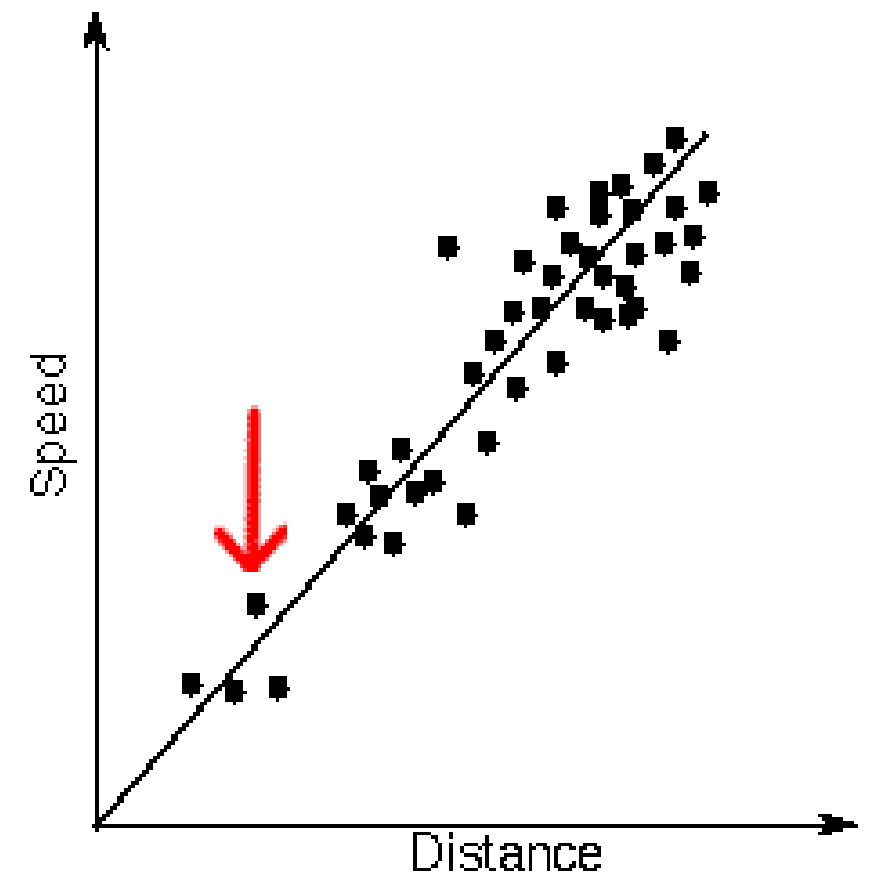
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0} \sim \frac{\Delta v}{c}$$

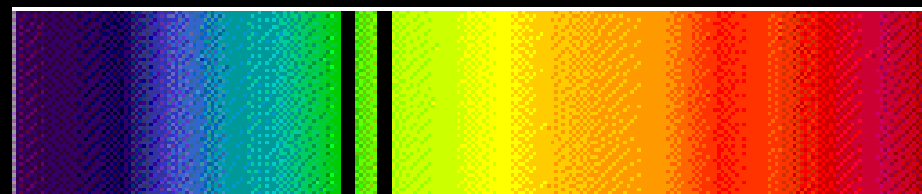
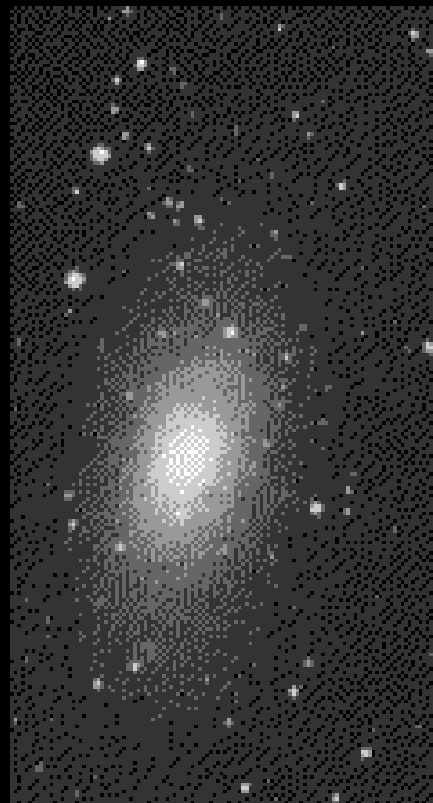
“run away” velocity

The further the galaxies are

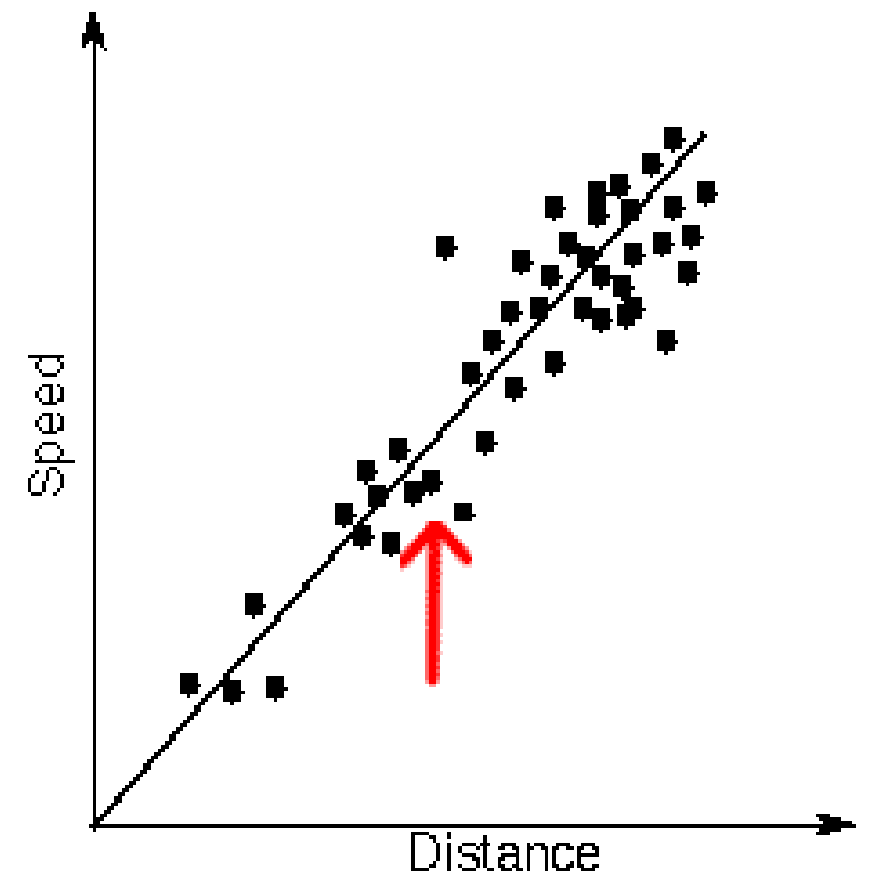


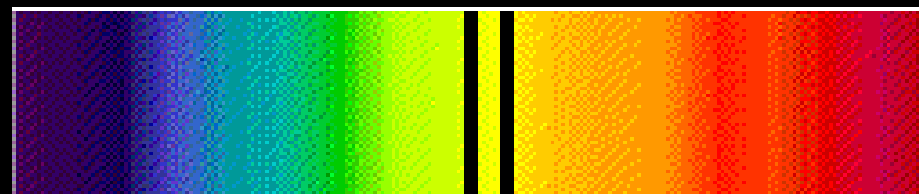
Hubble Law
recession speed = $H_0 \times \text{distance}$



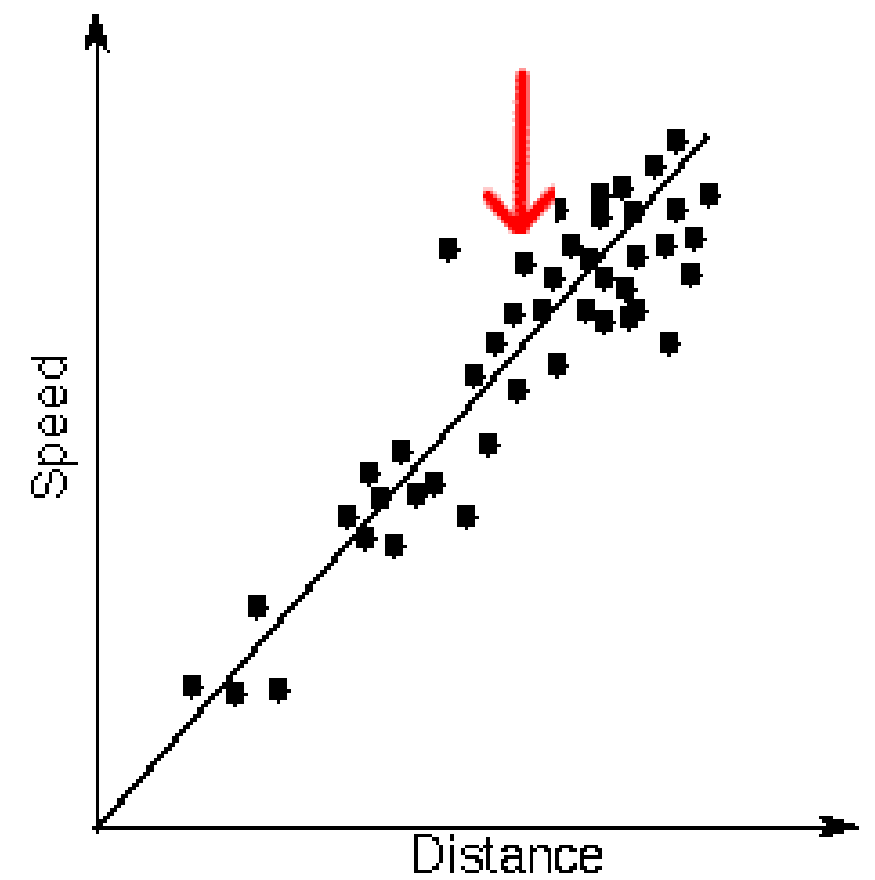


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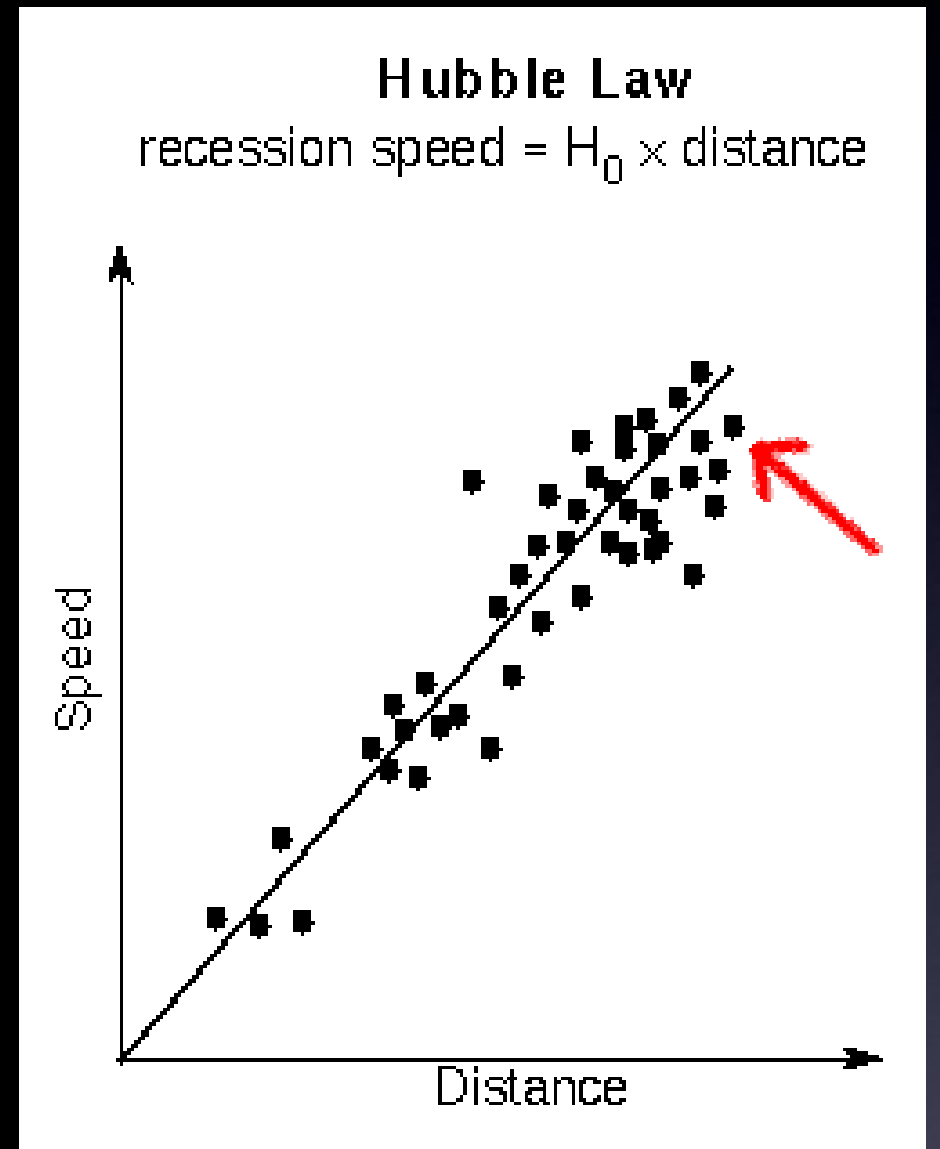
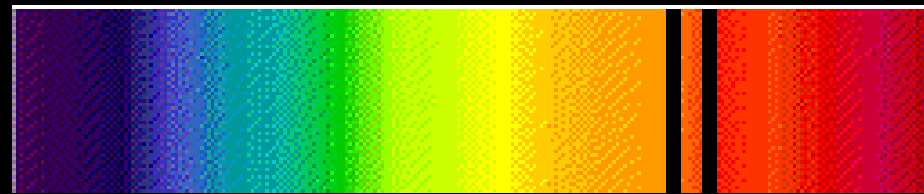




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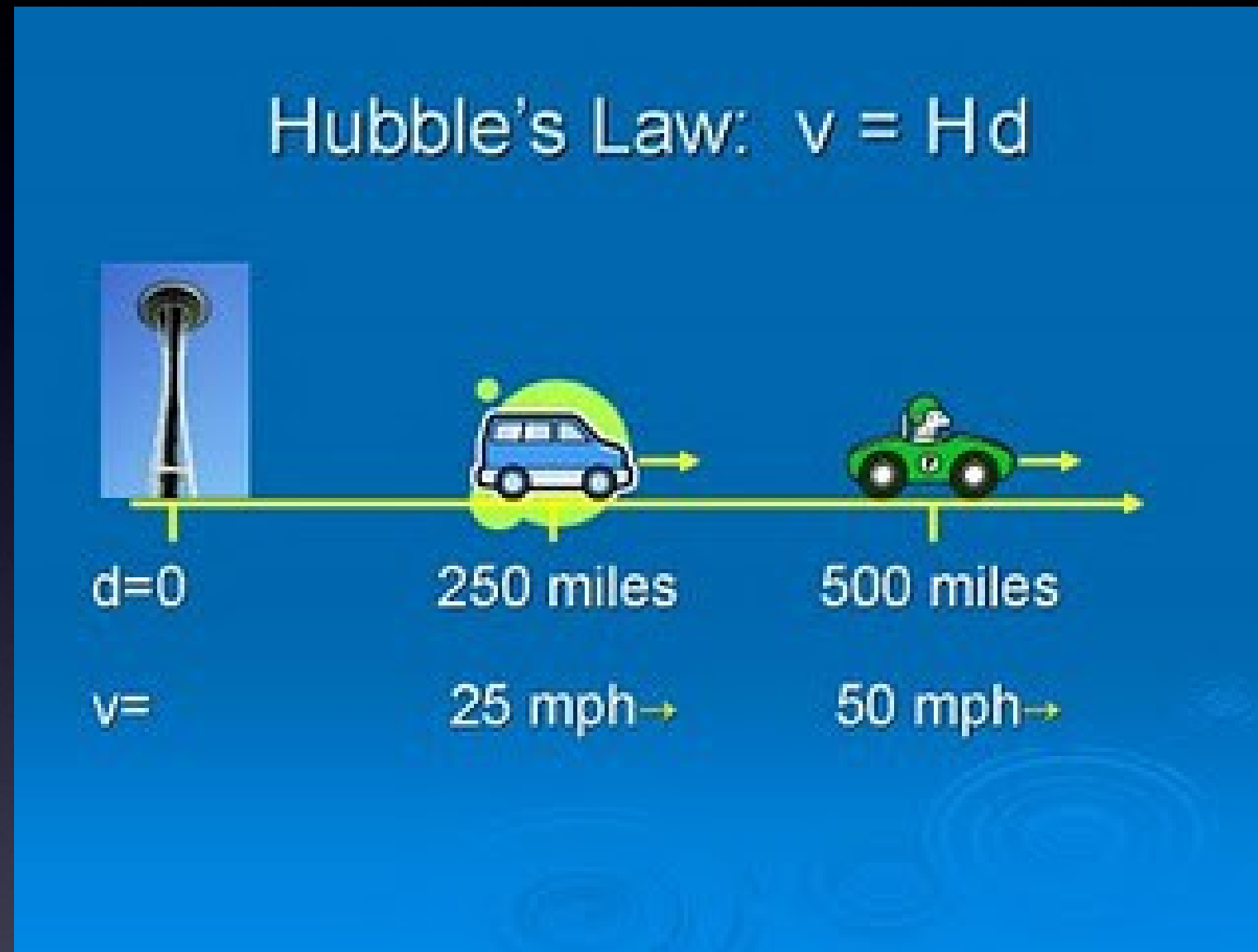


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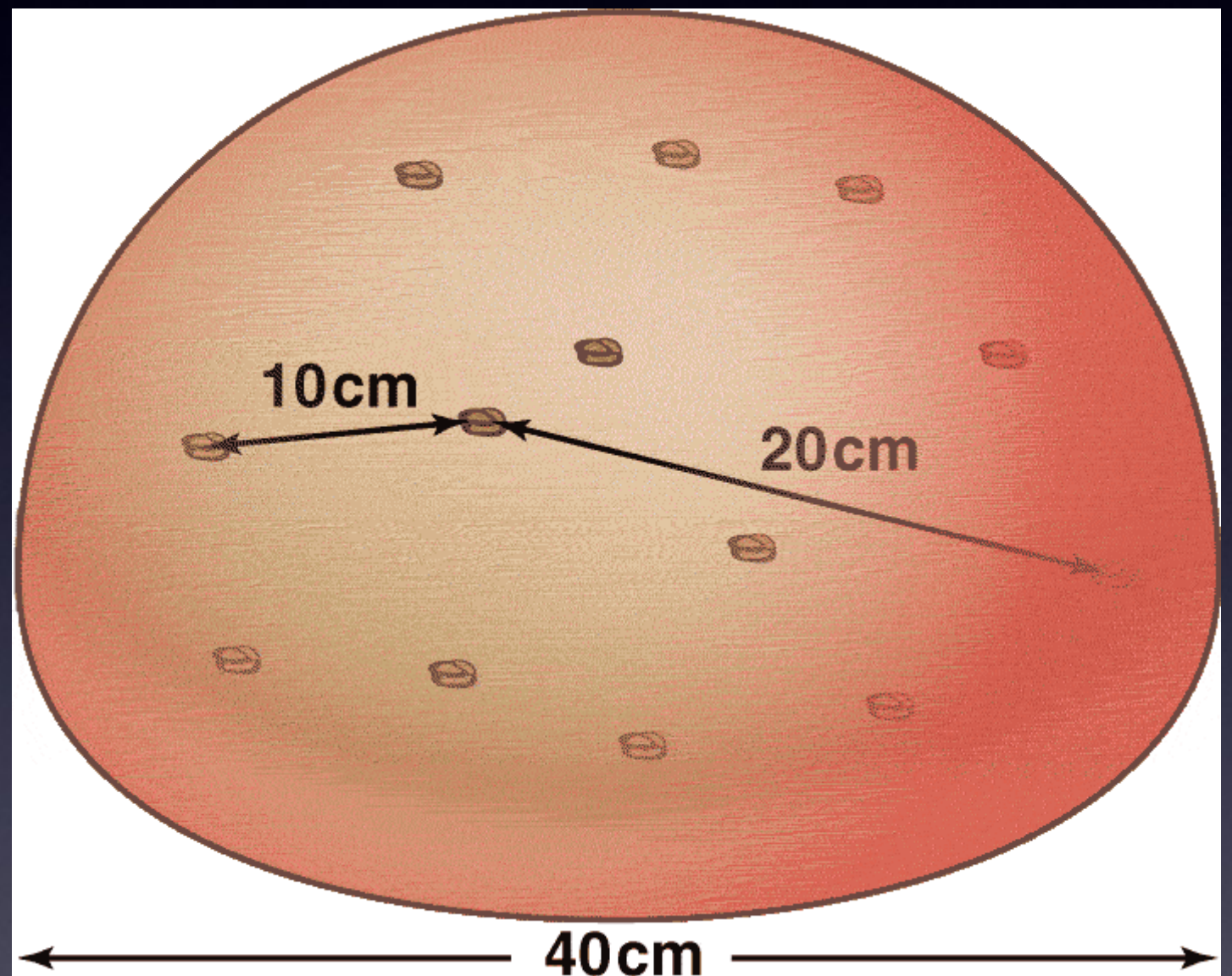
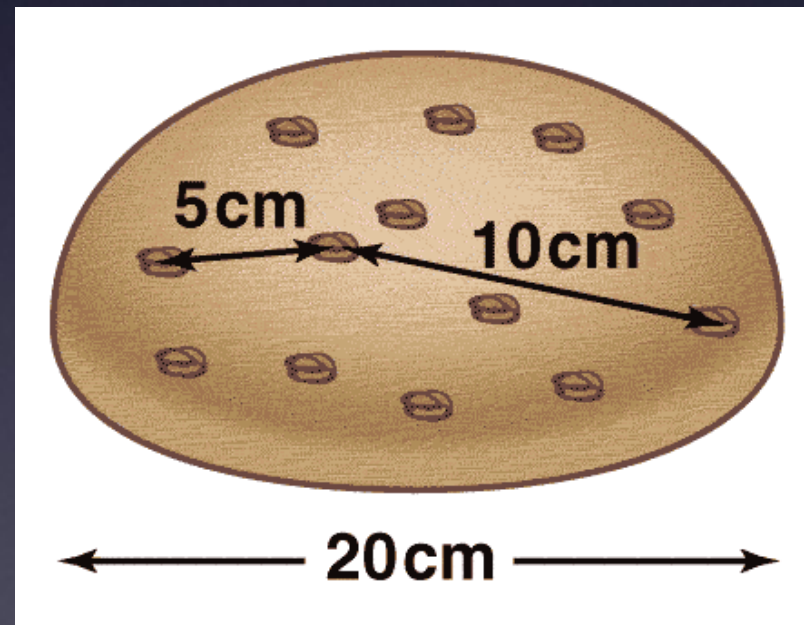
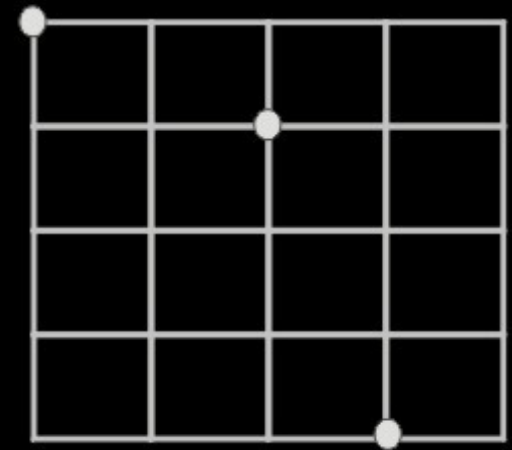
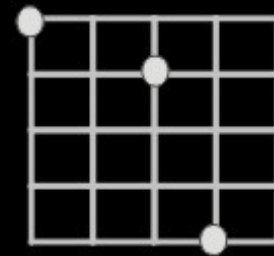
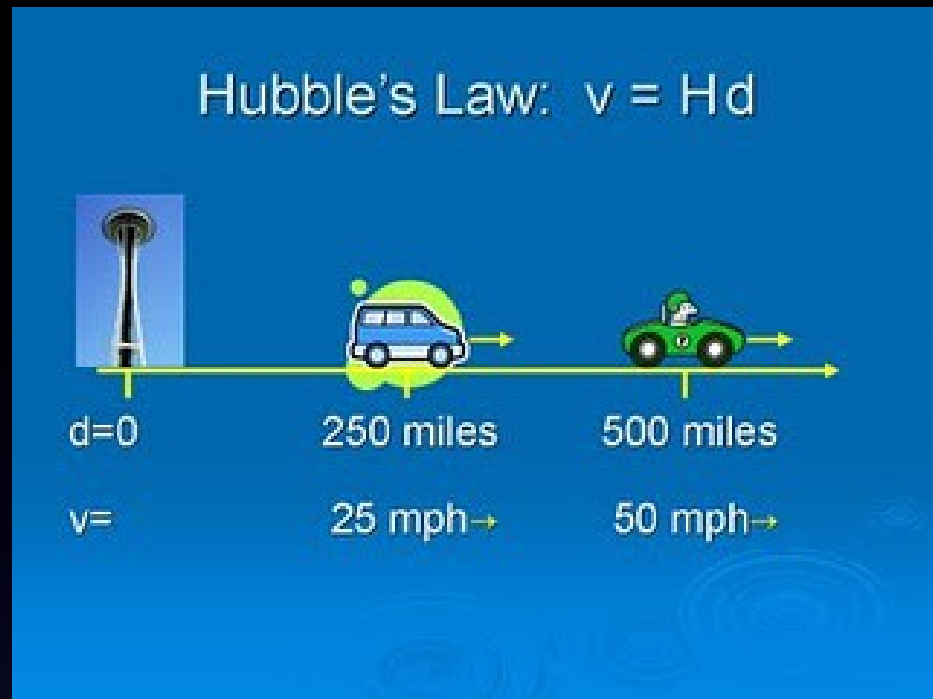


The faster they run away from us

So, we are at the Center...

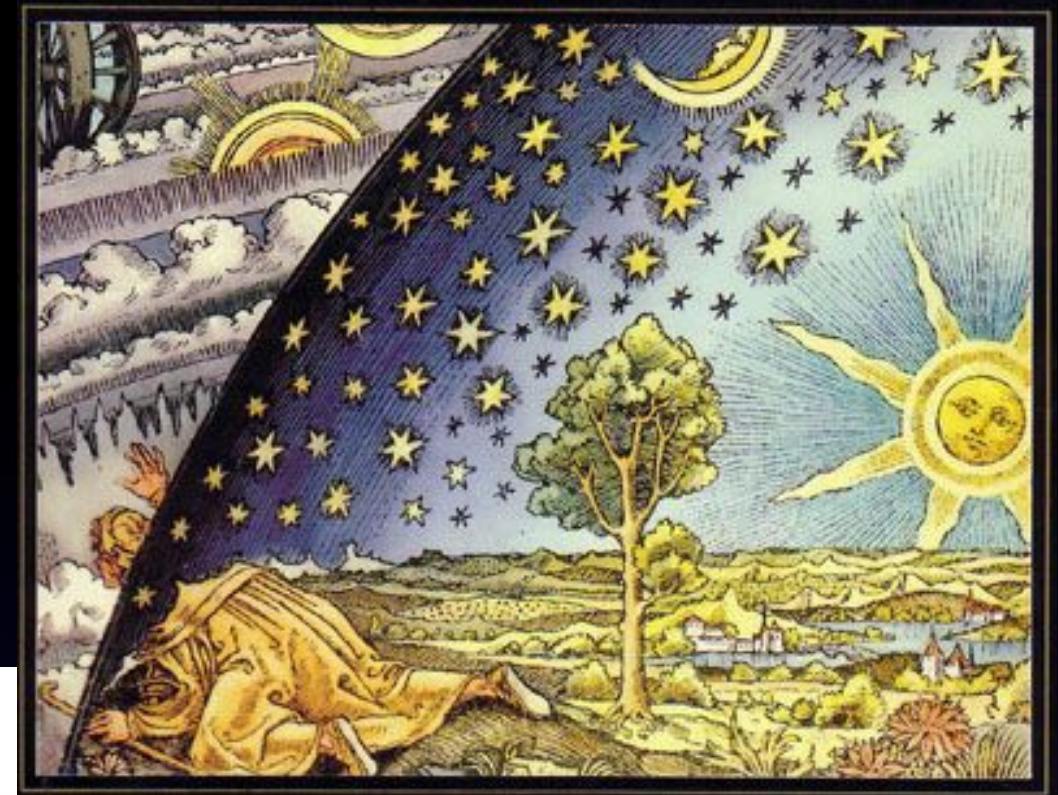


... and yet, maybe not



Maybe the Universe is expanding

The Model we chose:



Assuming the Cosmological Principle :

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= -c^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) \right] \\ &= -c^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) dl_{(3)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now throw in some physics (GR) :

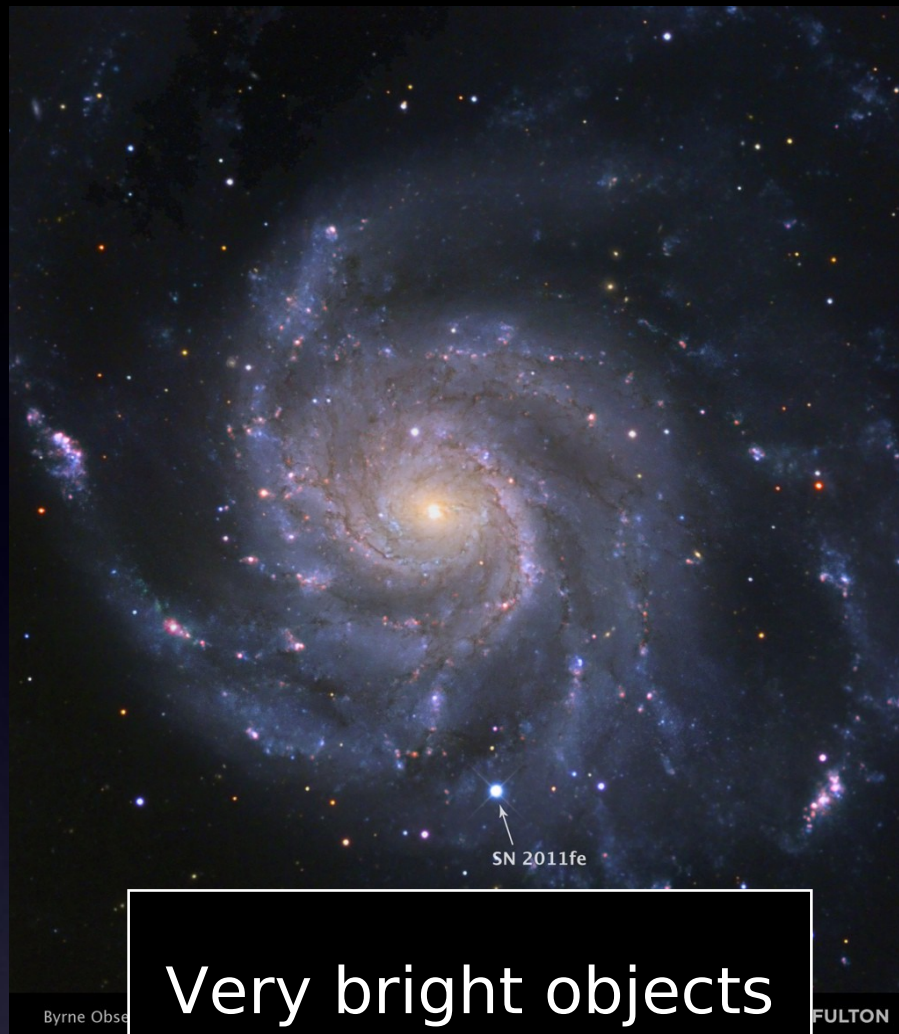
$$\begin{aligned} H^2 &\equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left(\rho - \frac{k c^2}{a^2} \right) \\ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} &= -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p / c^2) \end{aligned}$$

critical density

Define $\rho_c = 3H_0^2 / 8\pi G$, treat everything as an ideal fluid $p = w \times \rho$:

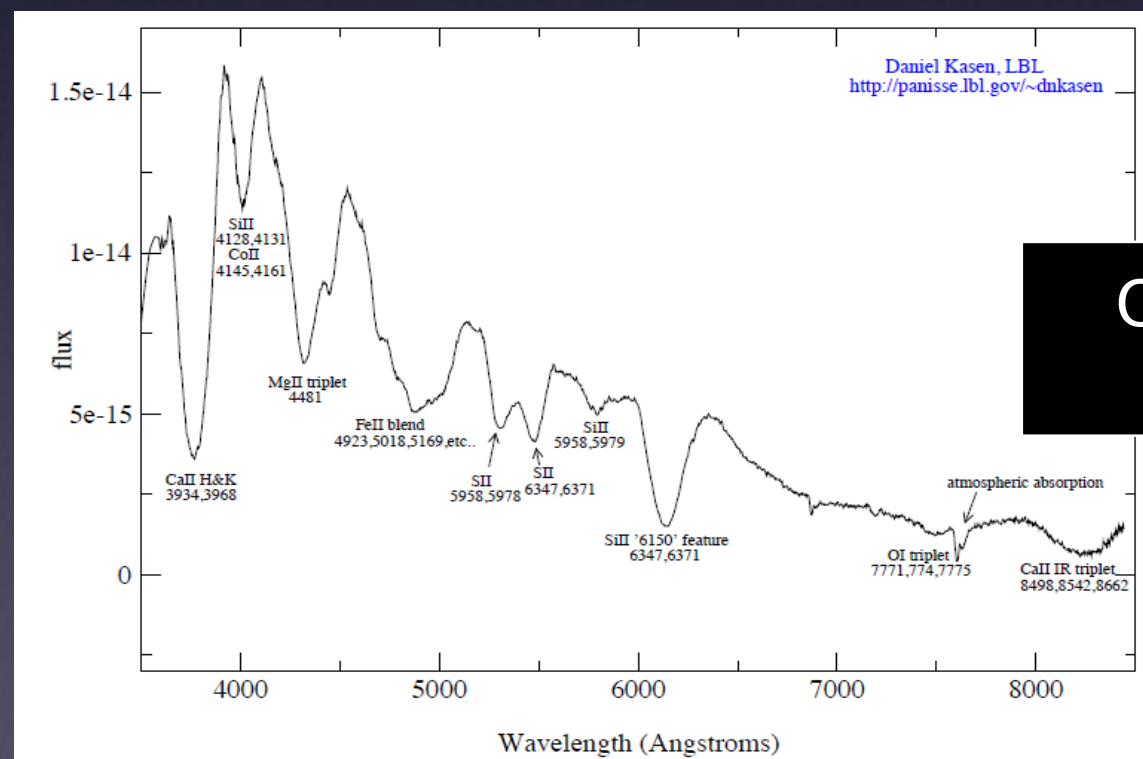
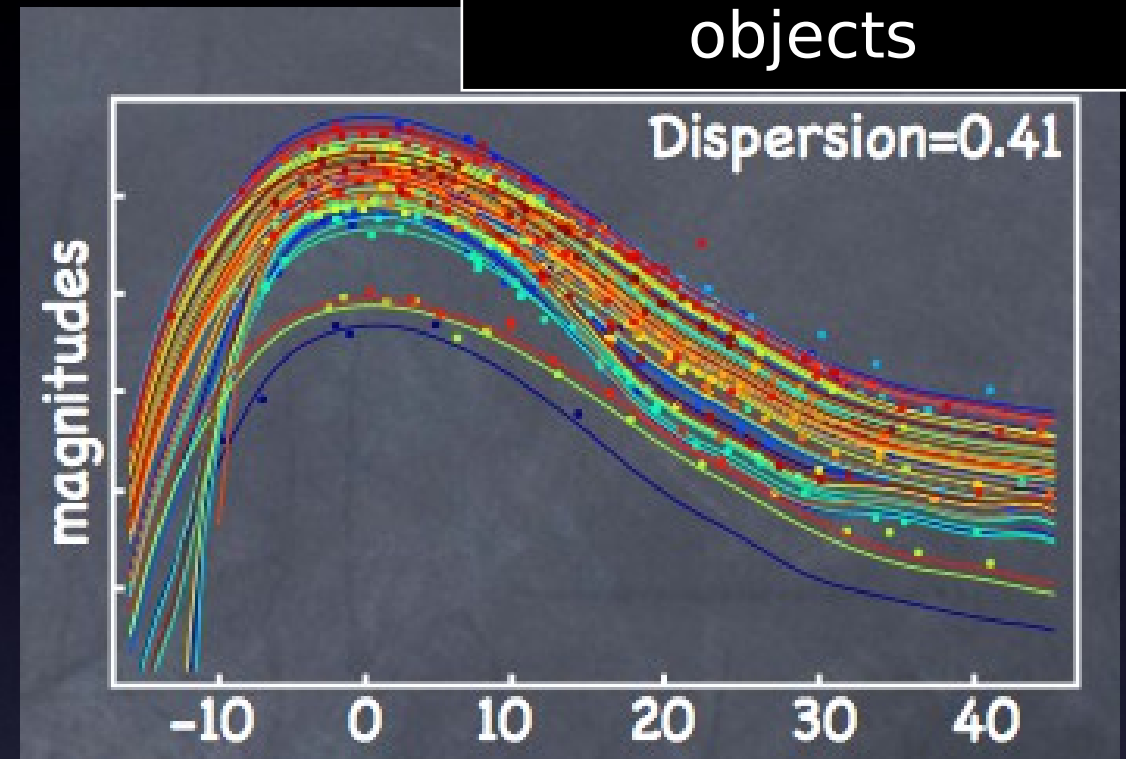
$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \sum \Omega_i a^{-3(1+w_i)} + \Omega_k a^{-2}$$

Going further with SNe Ia



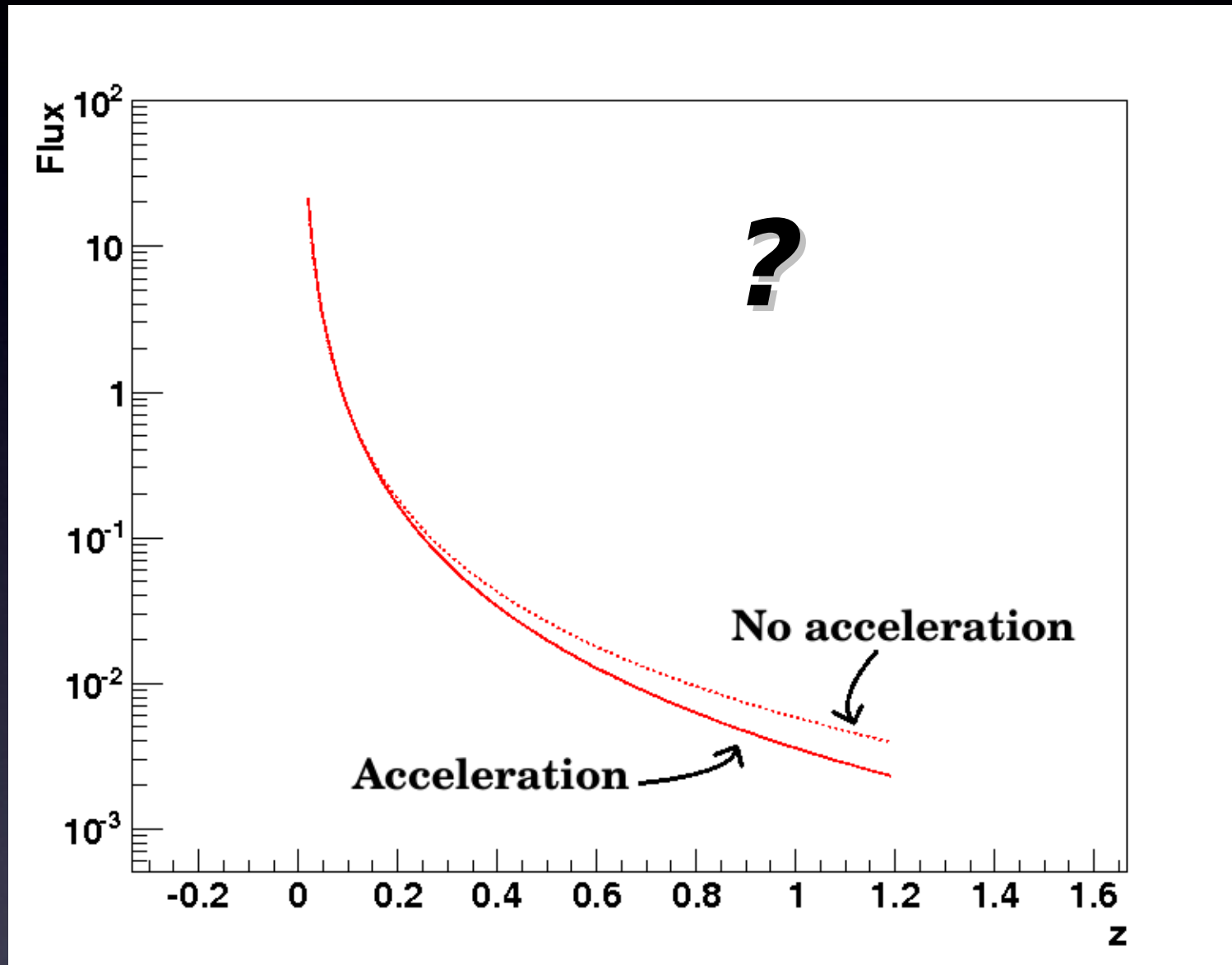
Very bright objects

Very standard
objects



Objects easy to
recognize

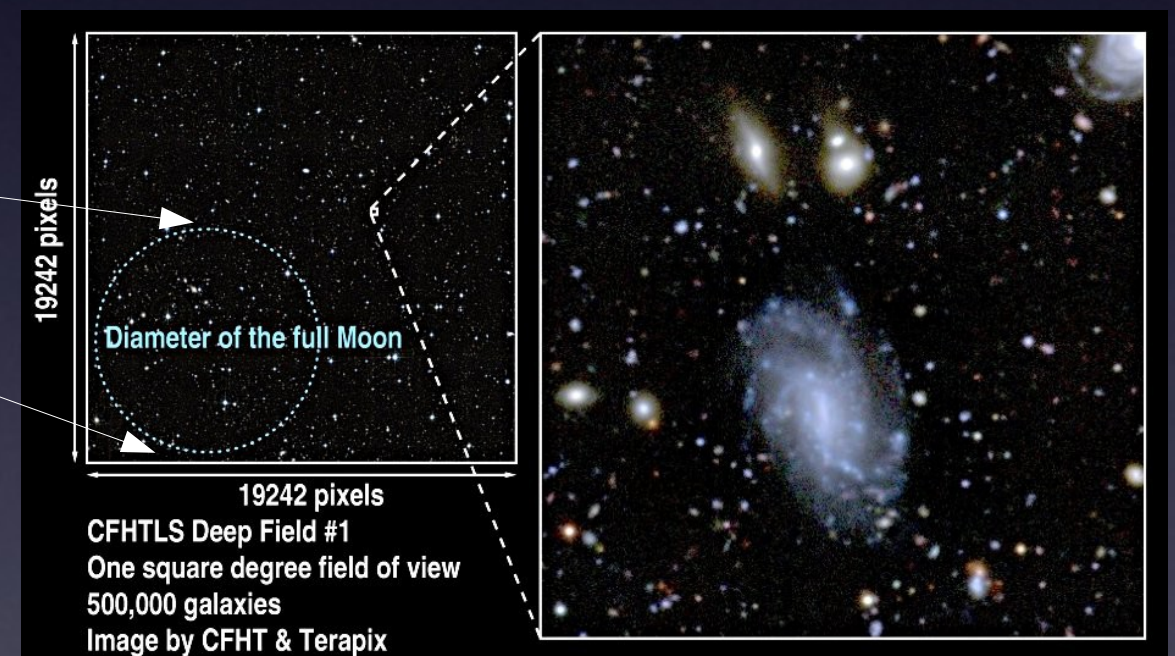
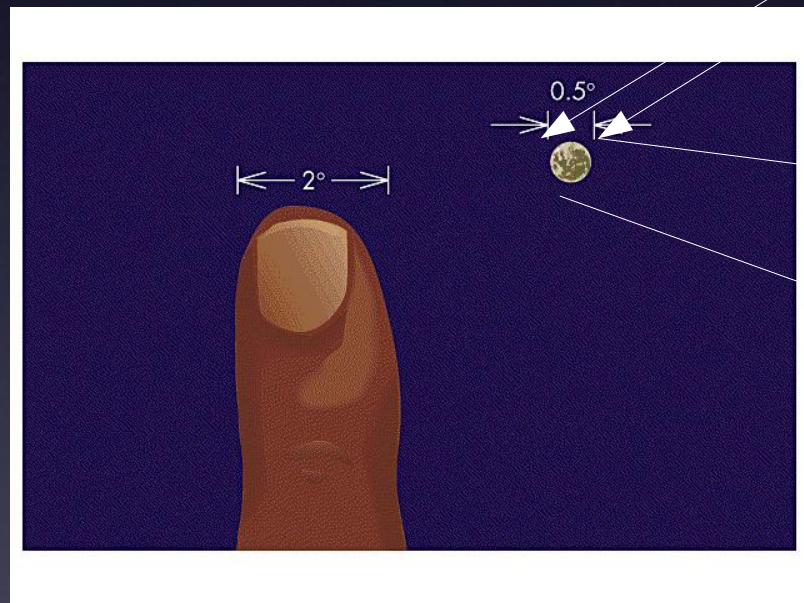
So, why is that hard ?



Finding SNe Ia

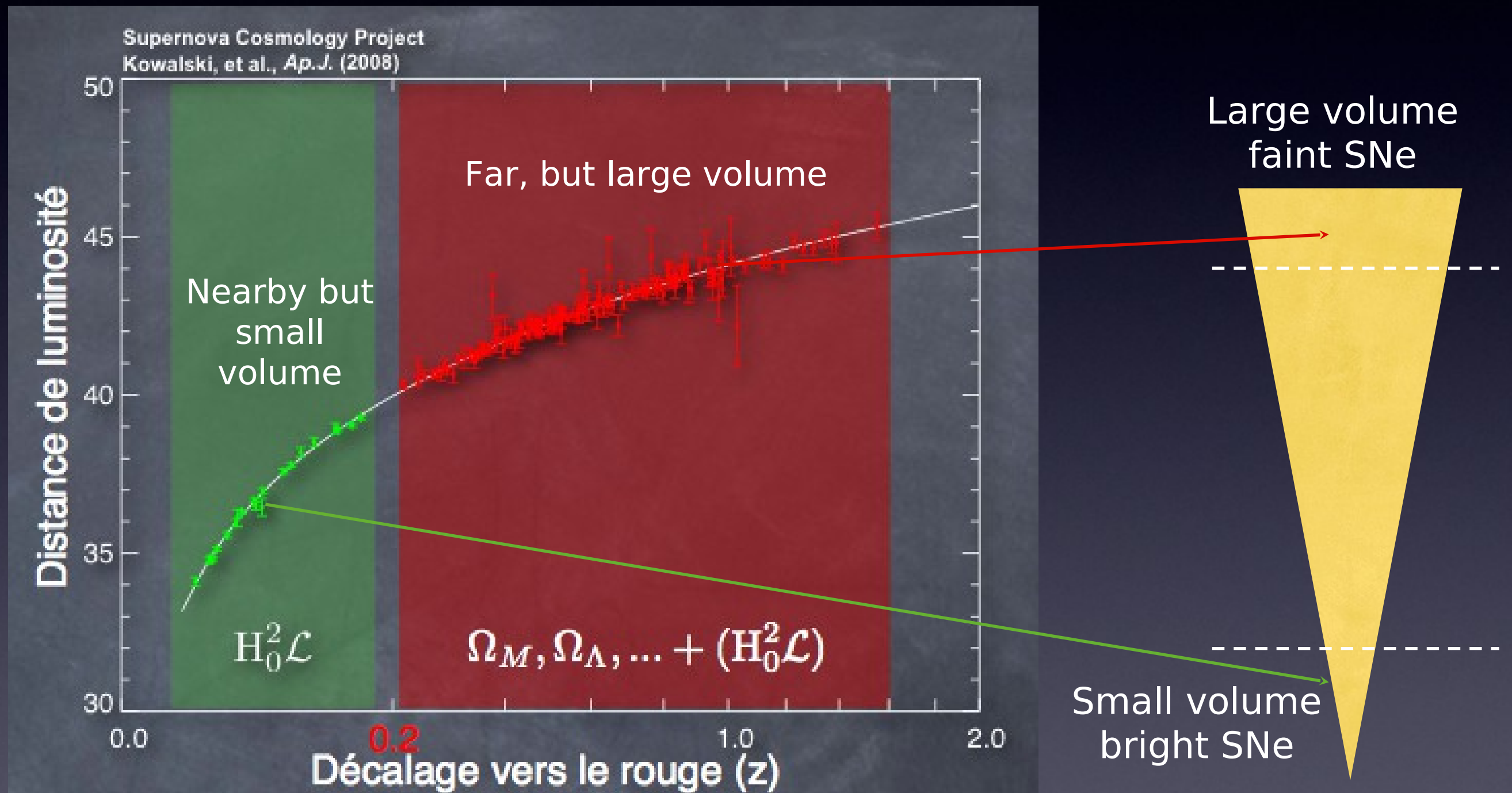
Sky ain't no small

1 SN Ia per galaxy per millenium

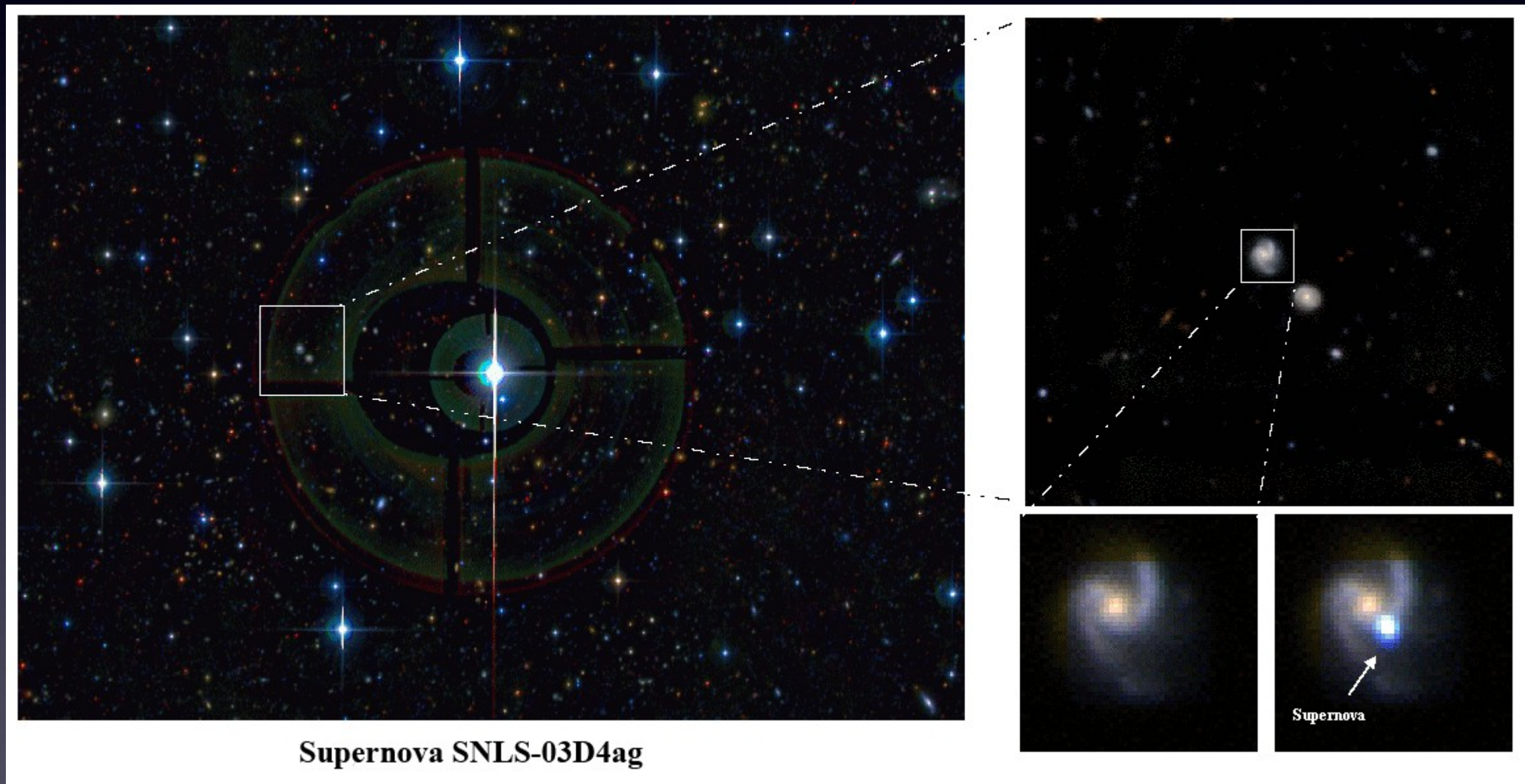


Telescope size matters...

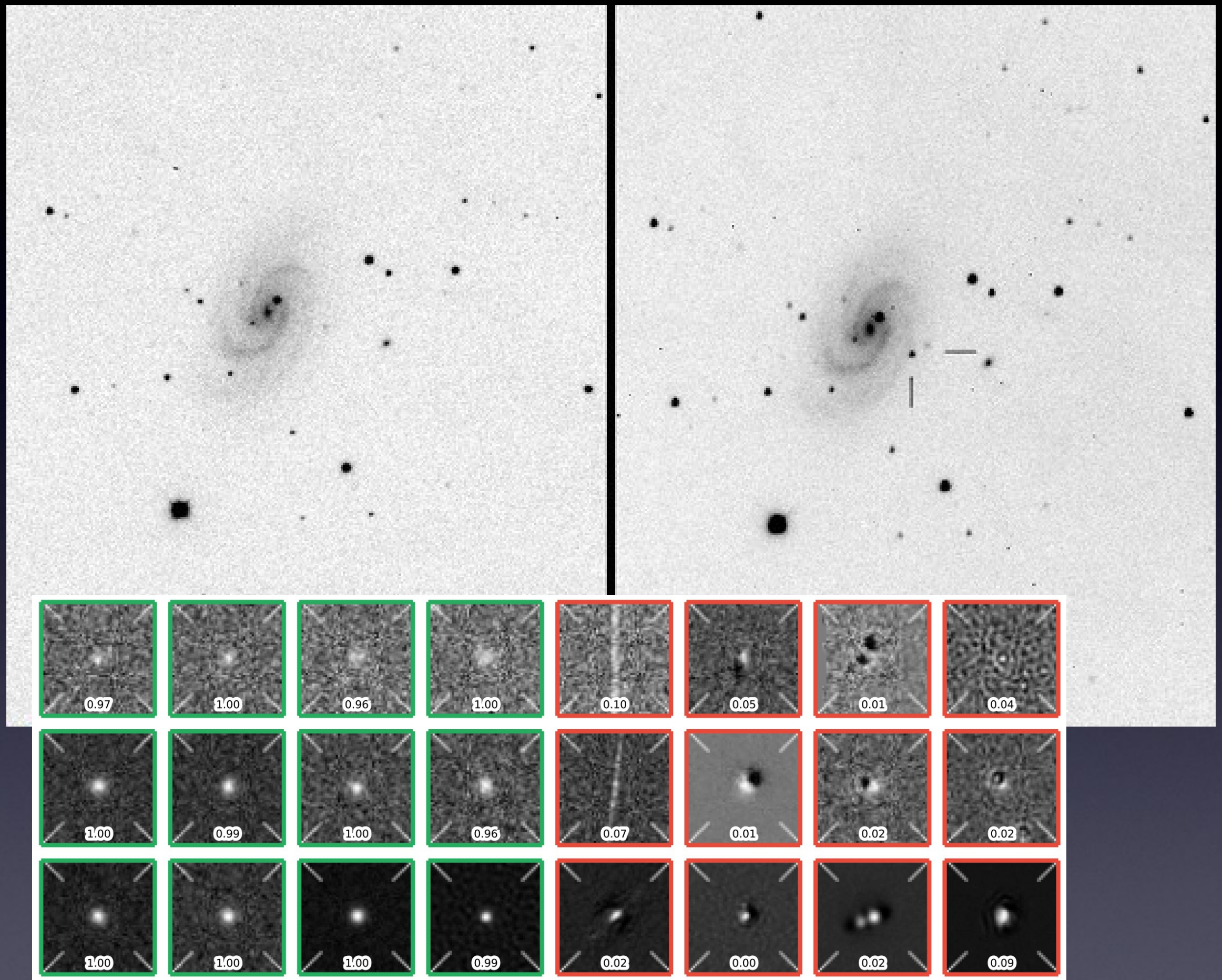
... as well as the observed volume



Comparing images



Many candidates, few interesting targets

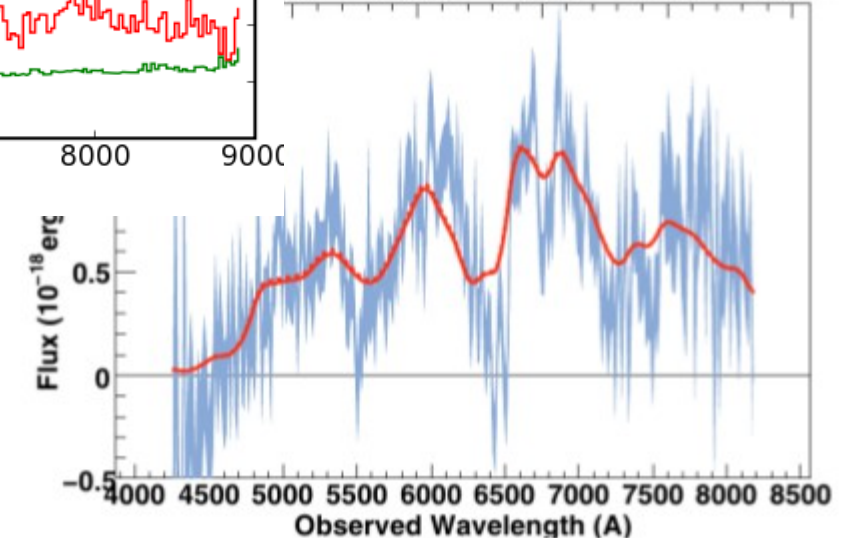
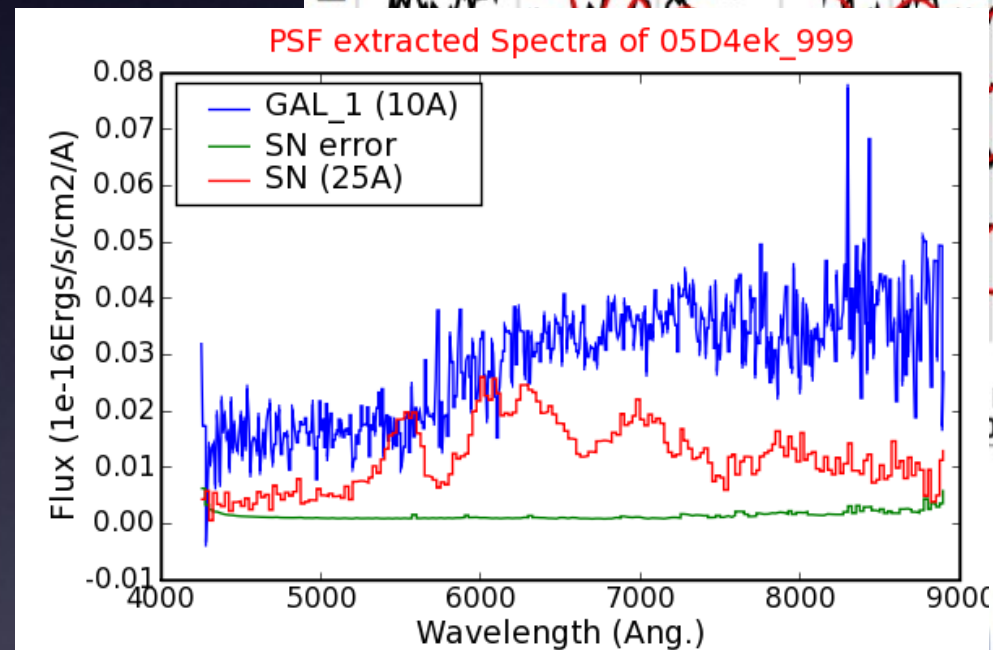
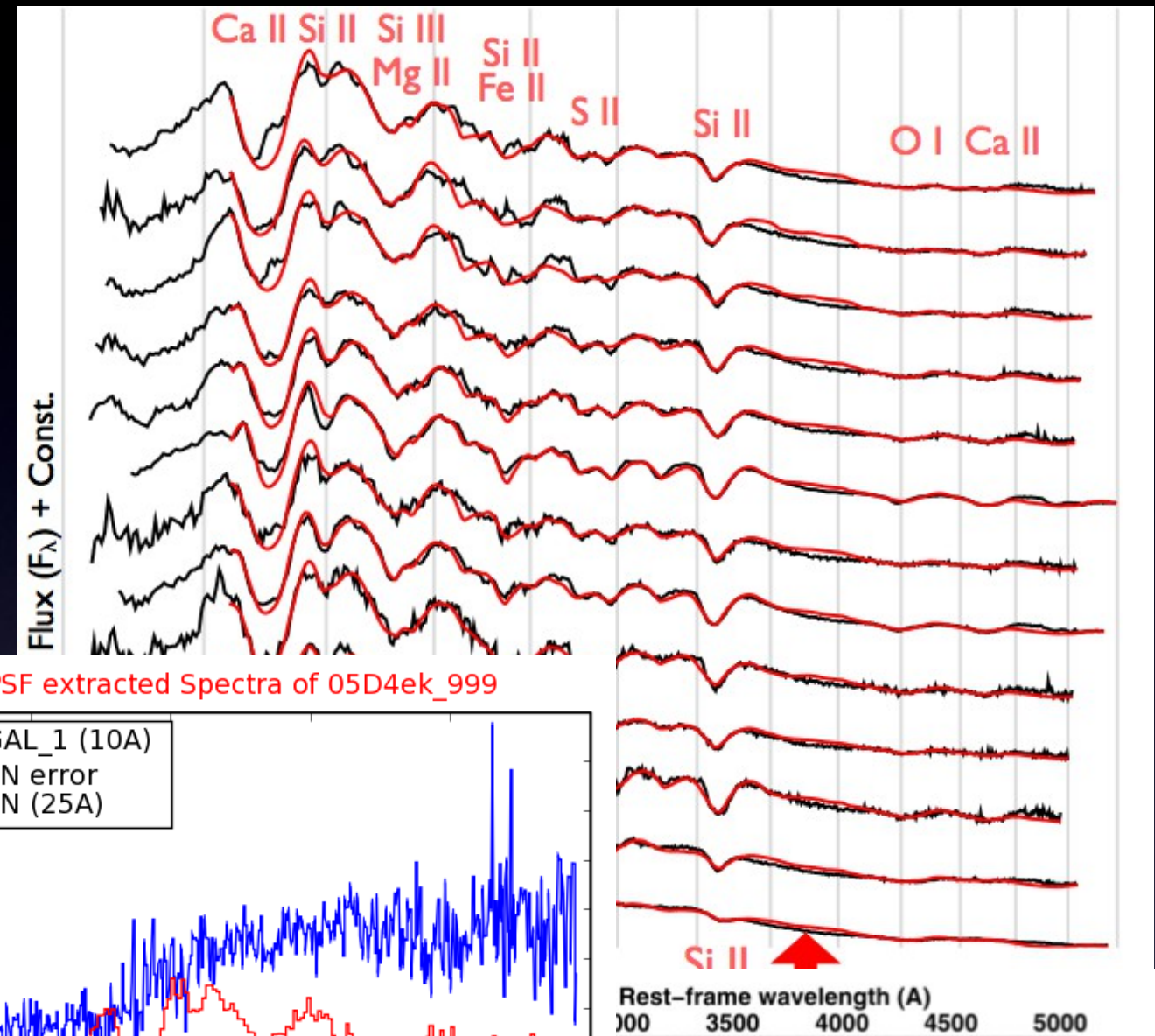
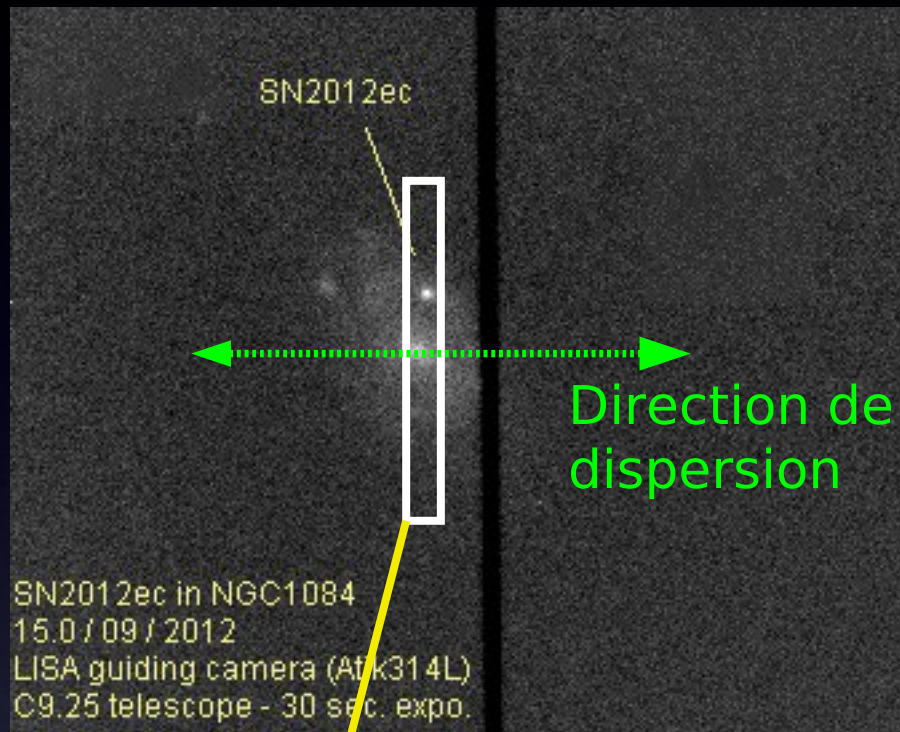


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1) Finding the SNe Ia

Identifying SNe Ia

And redshift measurement



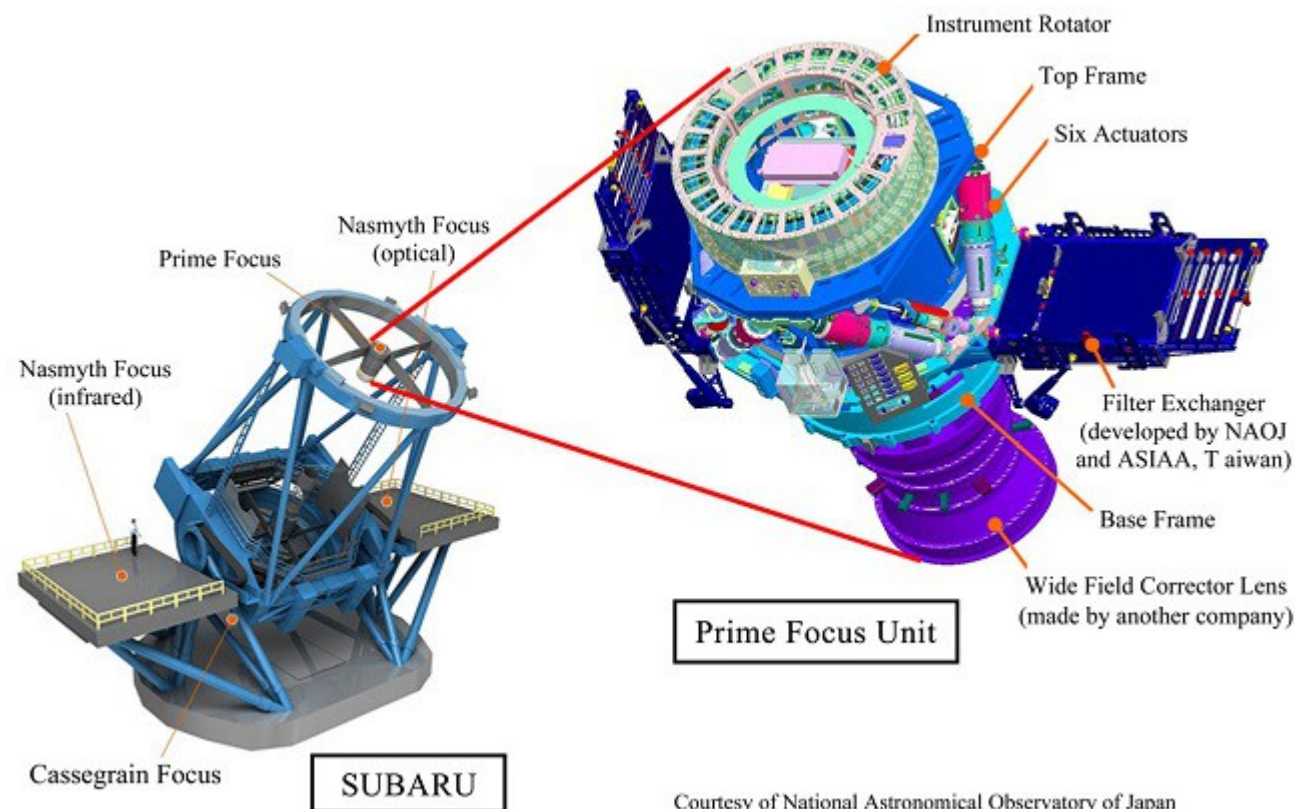
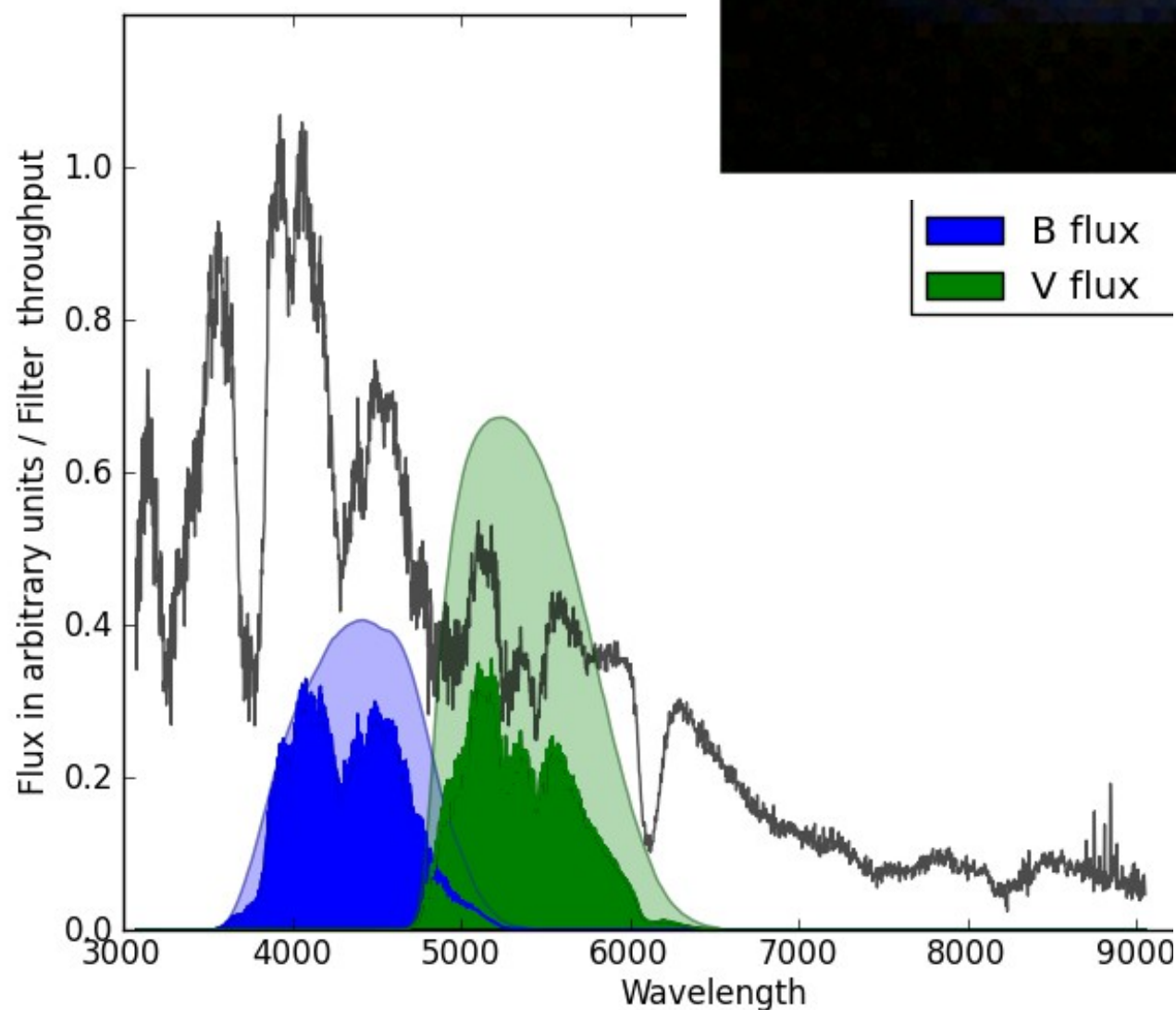
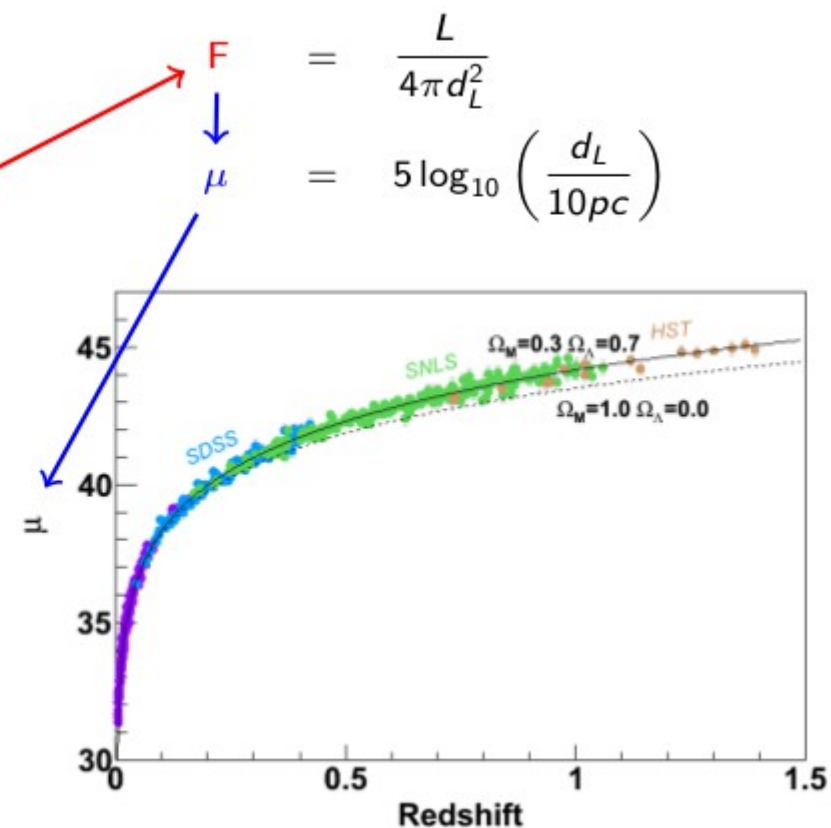
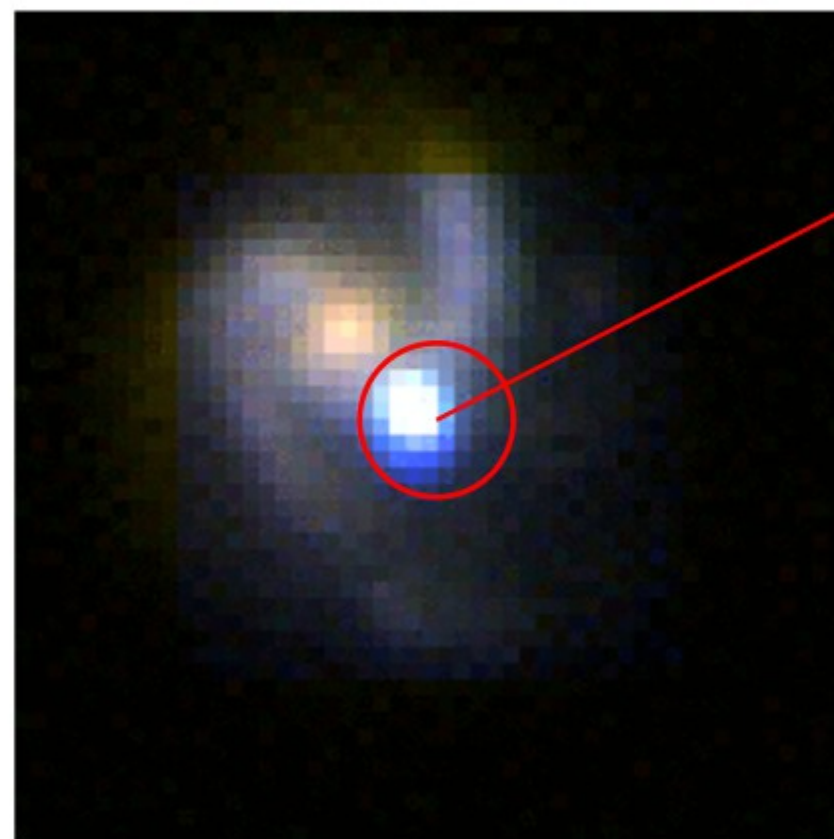
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Observing SNe Ia

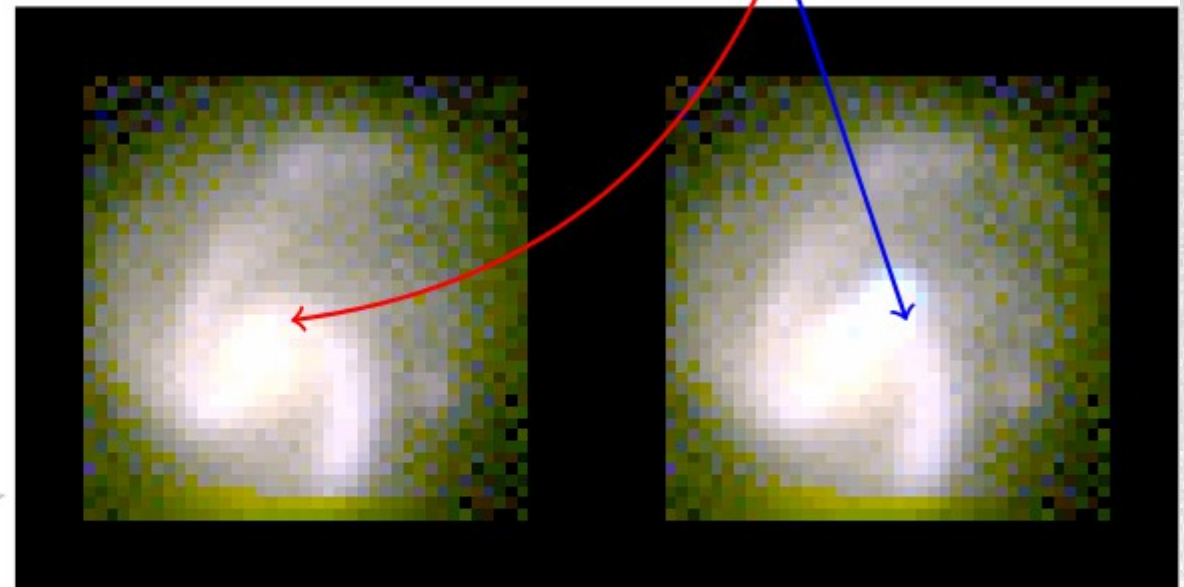
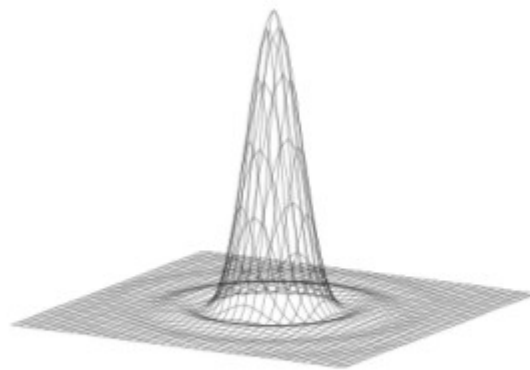
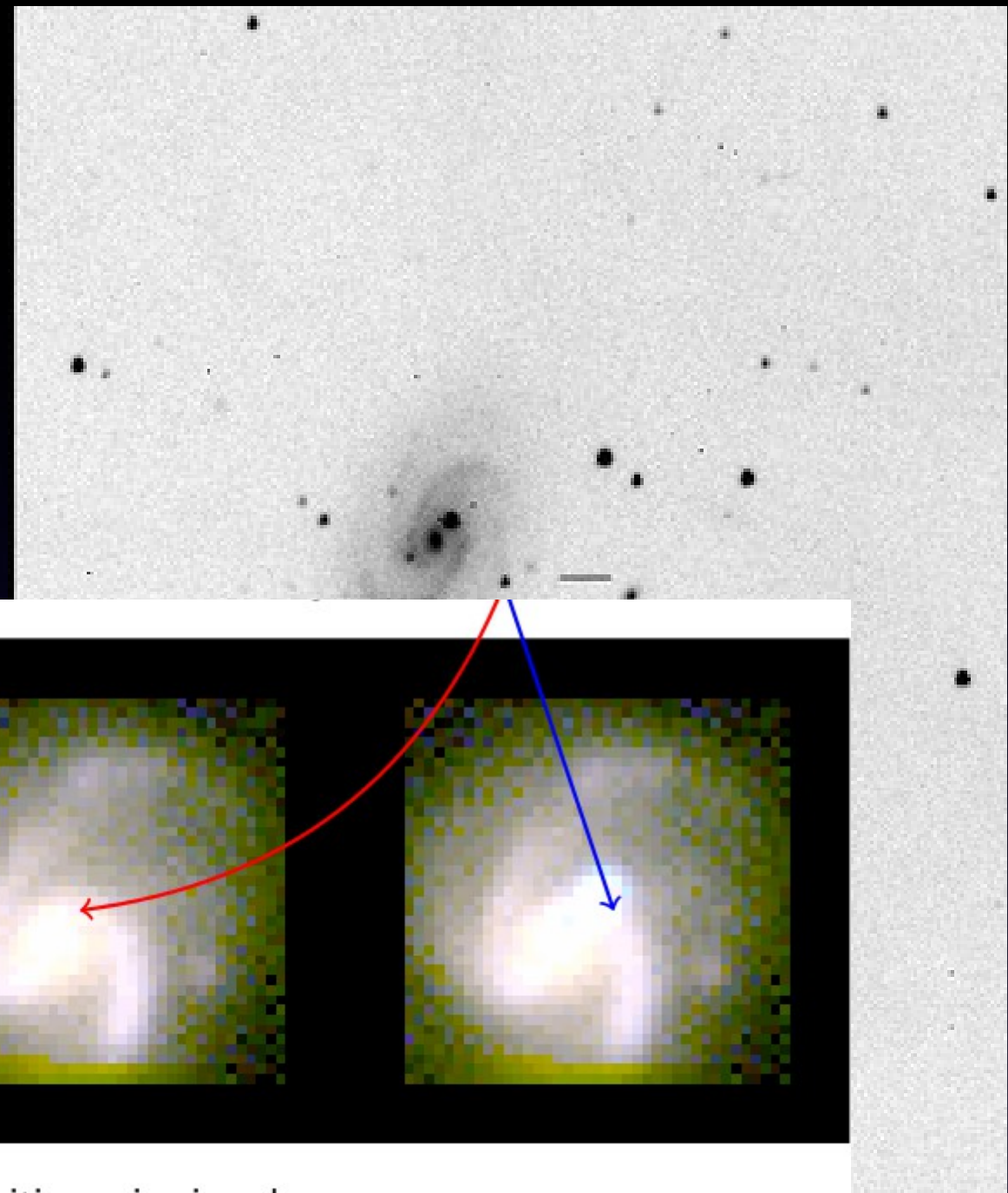
Optical filters to integrate the light



Courtesy of National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

Accounting for CCD “features”

Extracting the flux of the SN Ia



The fitted model M for image i at position p is given by :

$$M_{i,p} = \left\{ \left[f_i \times PSF(\vec{x}_p - \vec{x}_{SN}) + gal_{ref} \right] \otimes K_i \right\}_p + s_i$$

0 Flux before
explosion

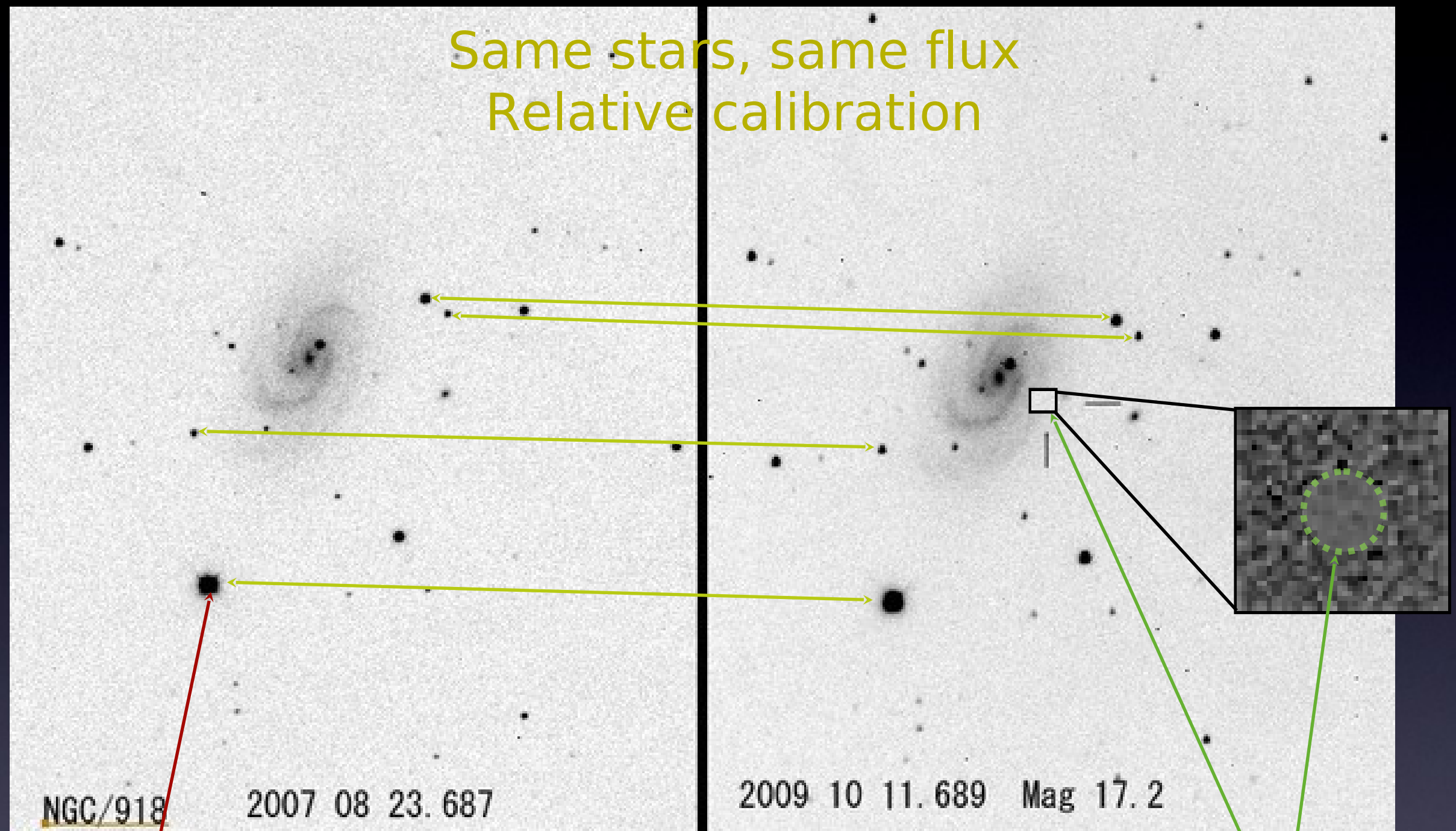
Point Spread
Function

Host galaxy
flux

Sky variation

PSF variation

Calibrating the flux

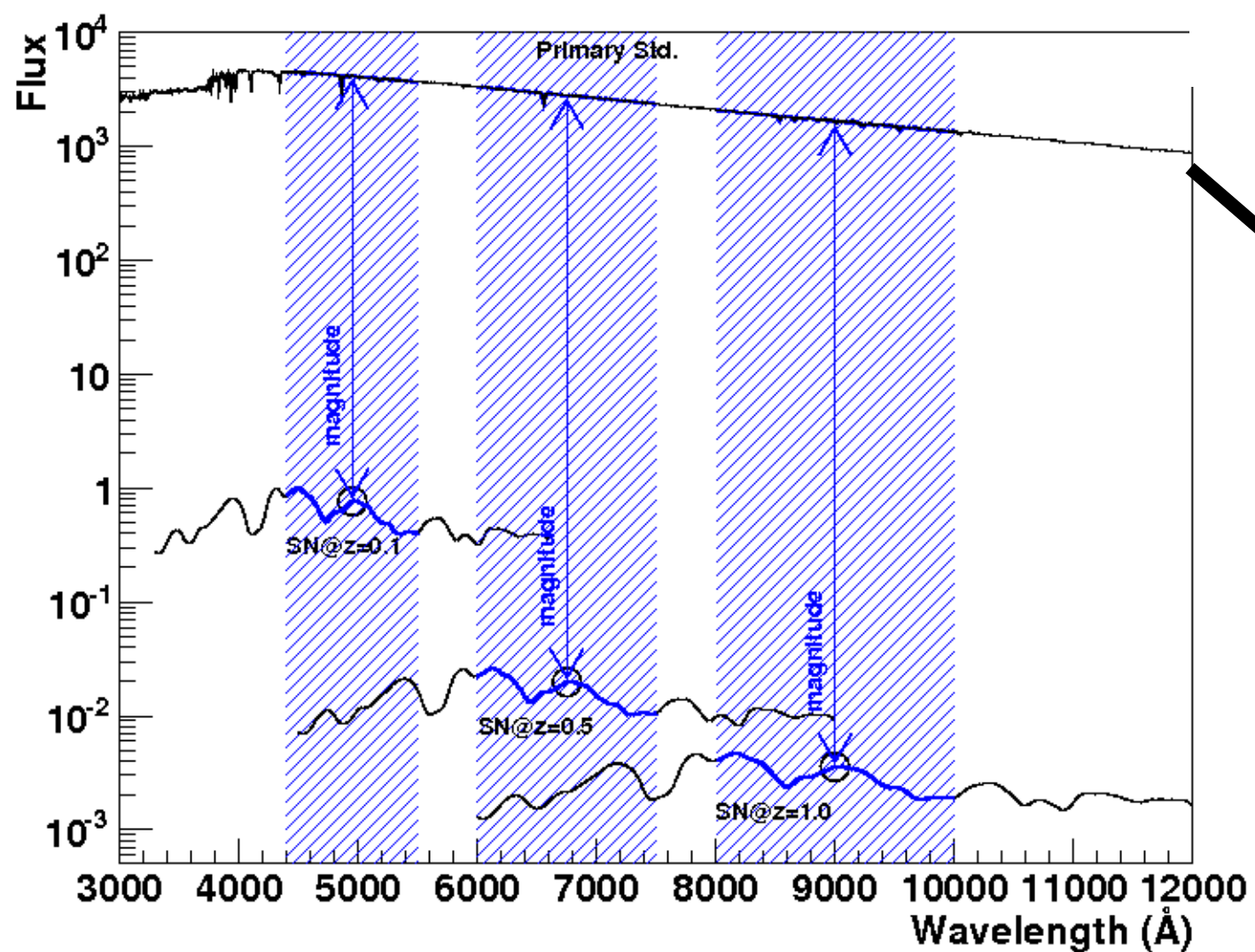
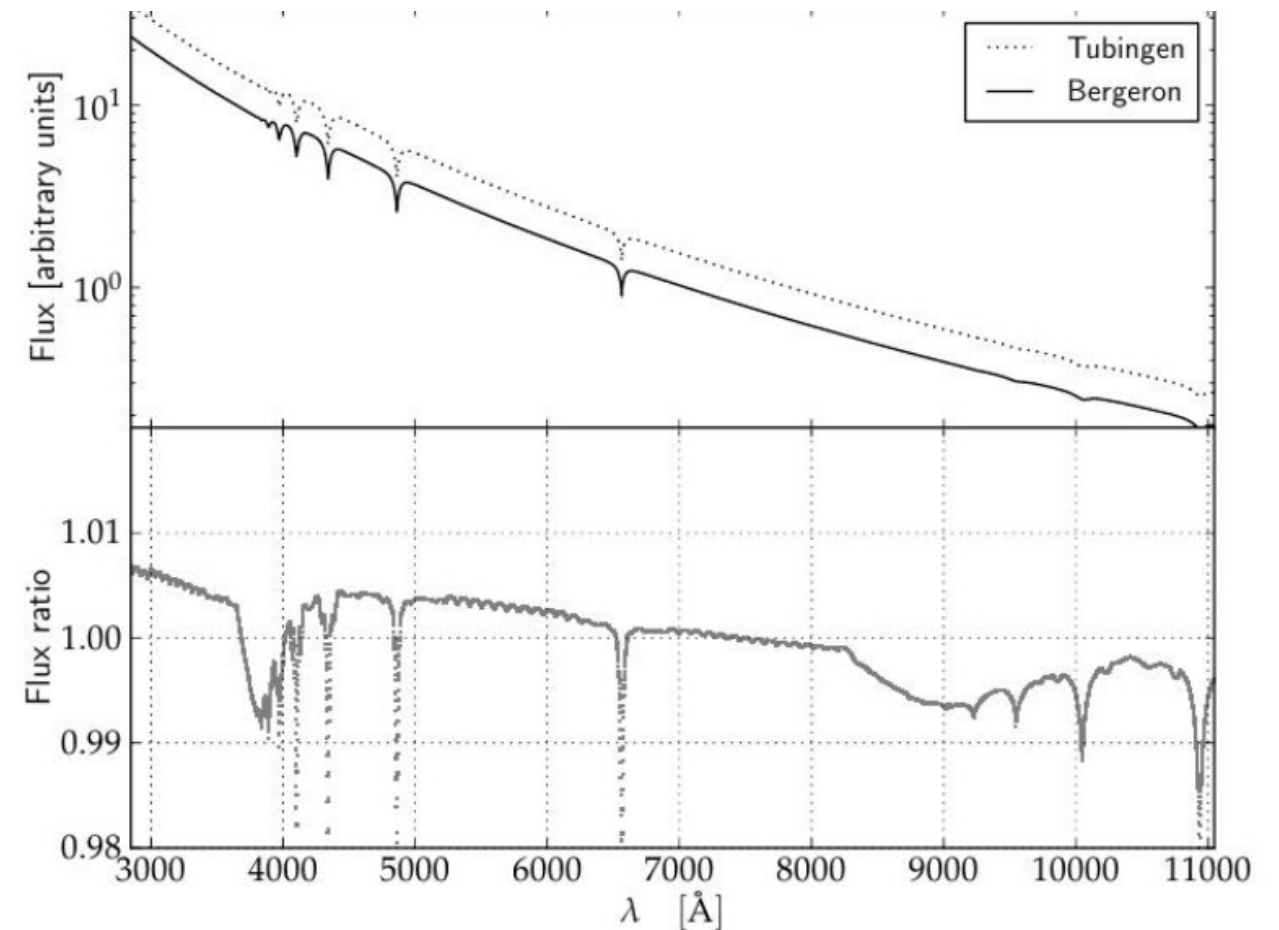
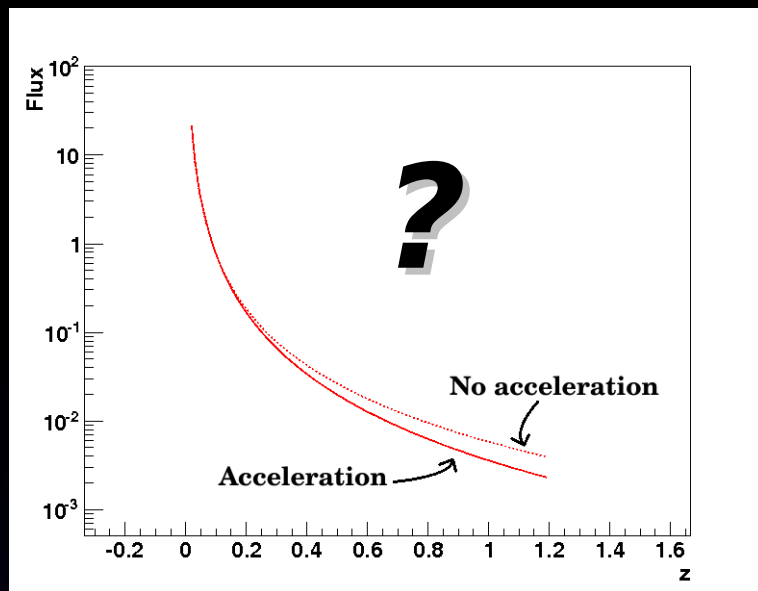


Flux reference
ergs / ADUs

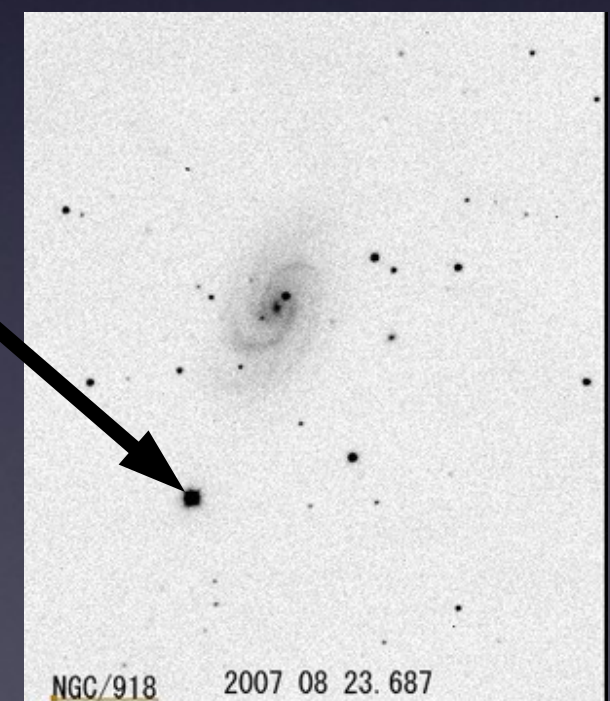
Supernova

Flux calibration

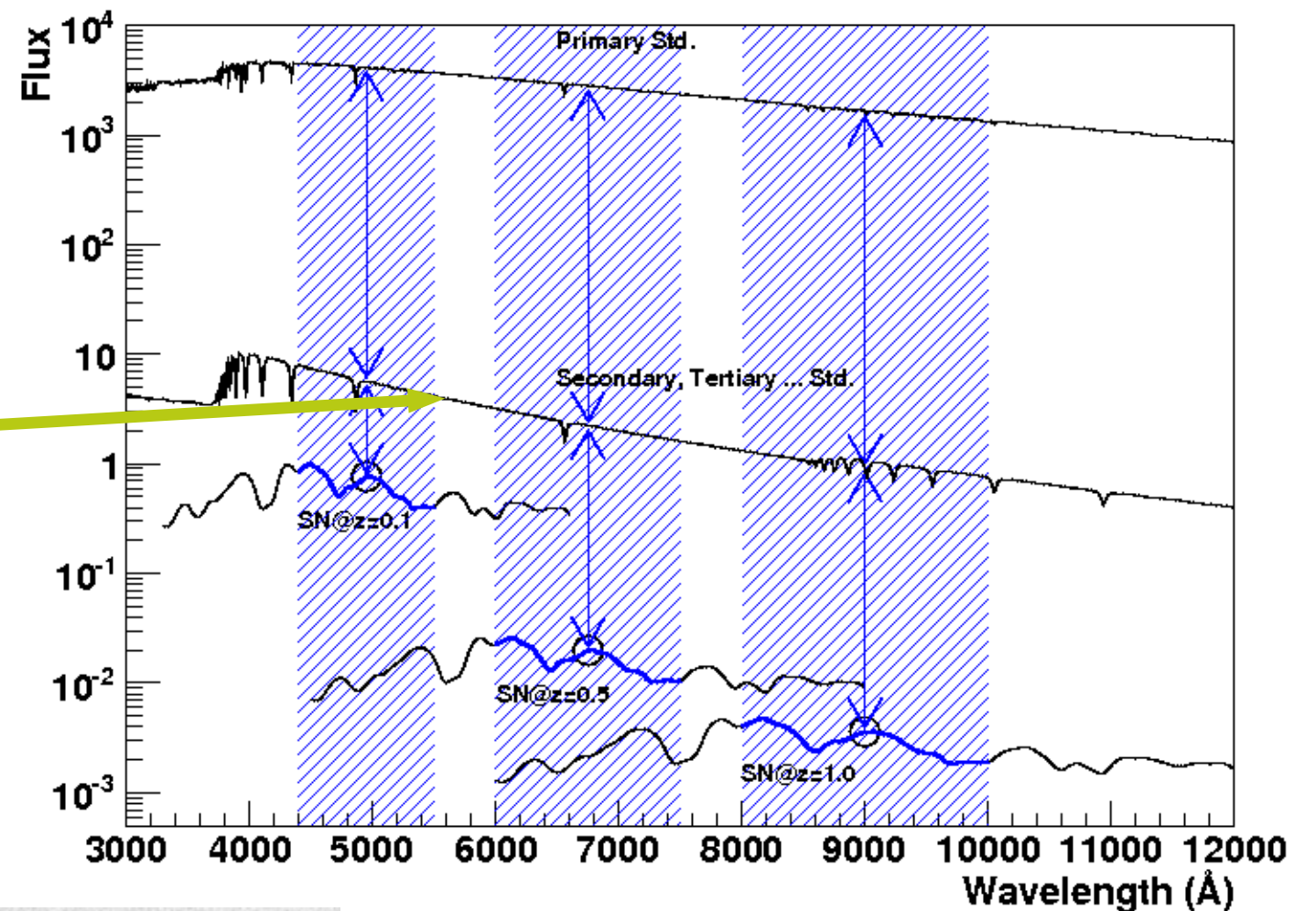
HST observations and DA White Dwarf models



absolute flux
reference



Most of the time no absolute standard in the field

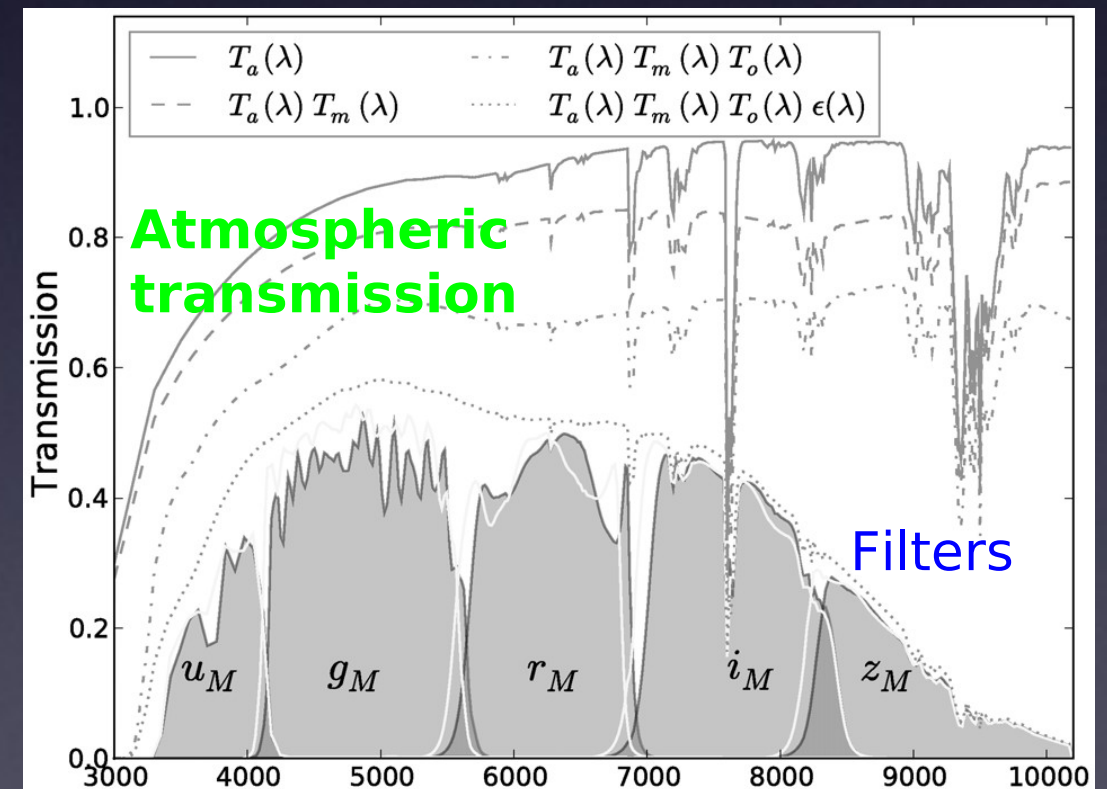


Secondary standards for relative calibration

NGC/918

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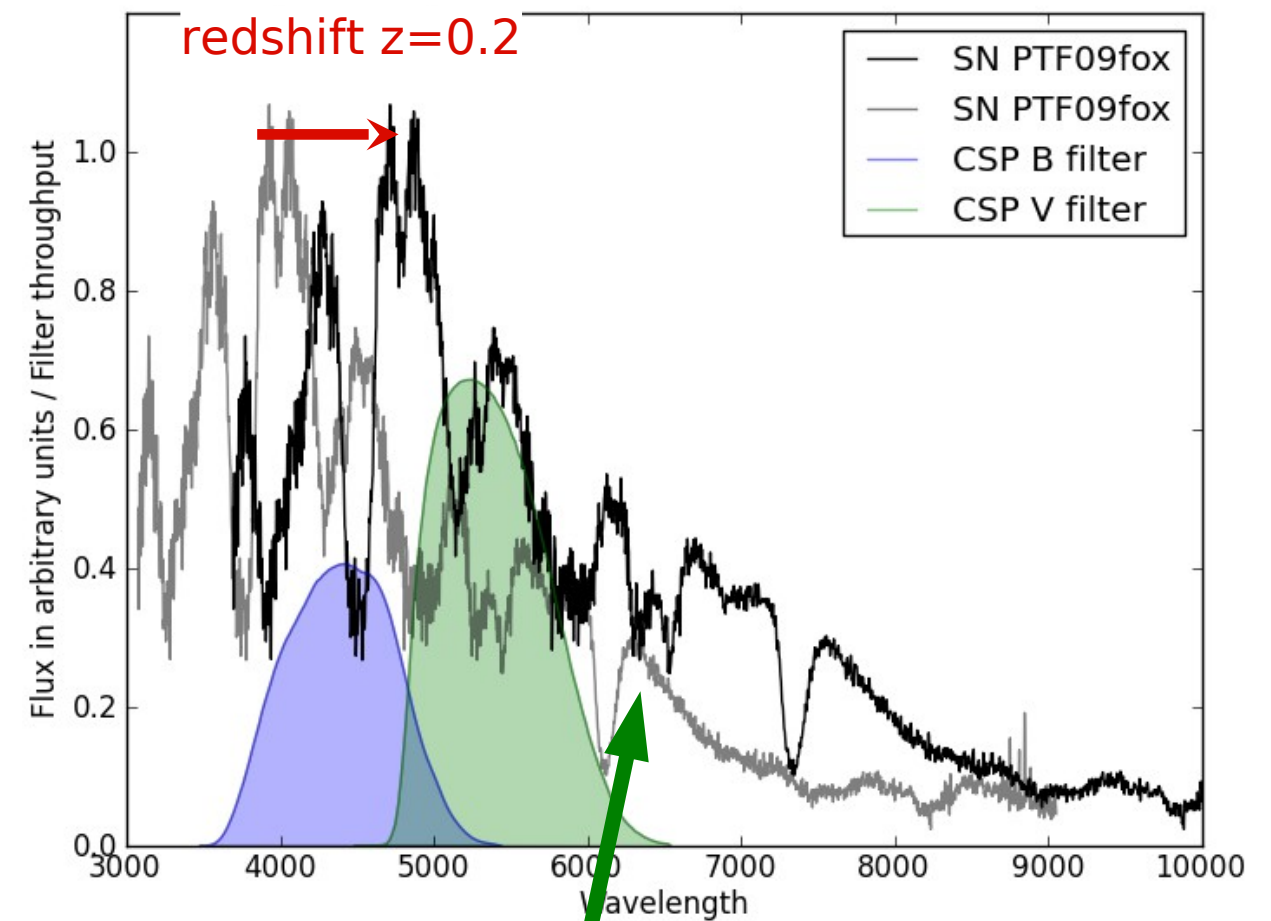
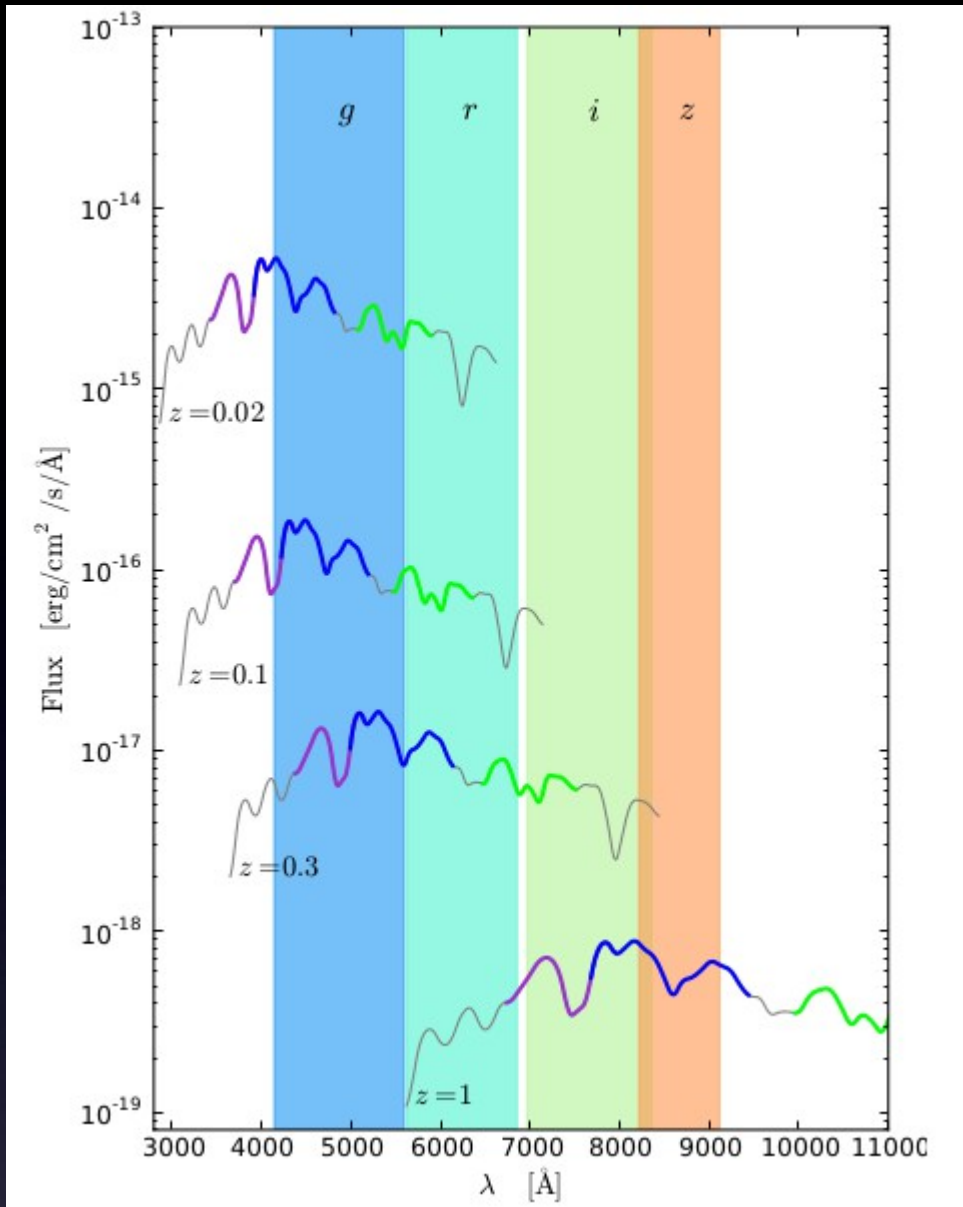
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And the telescope...

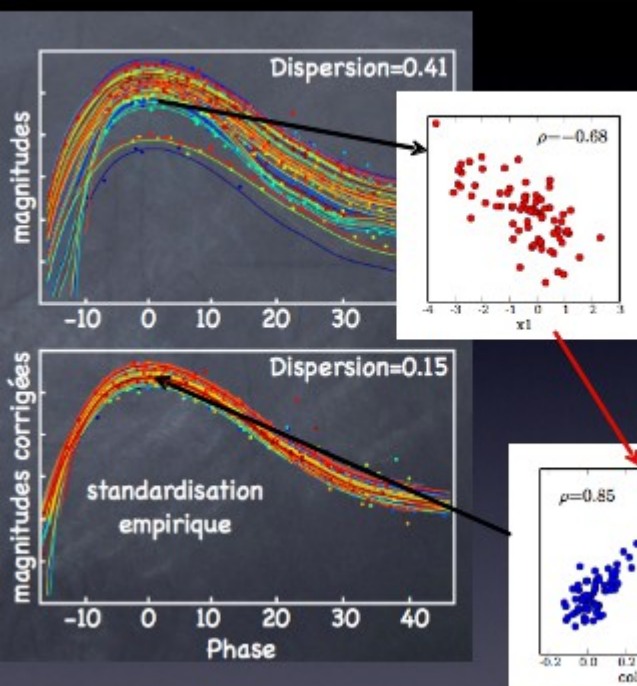
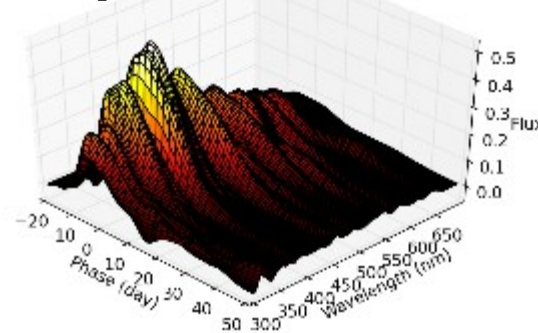
The SN Ia is **redshifted**

But we need it **restframe**



$$m_{obs} = M_0 + \mu_0 + \alpha x + \beta c + \mu$$

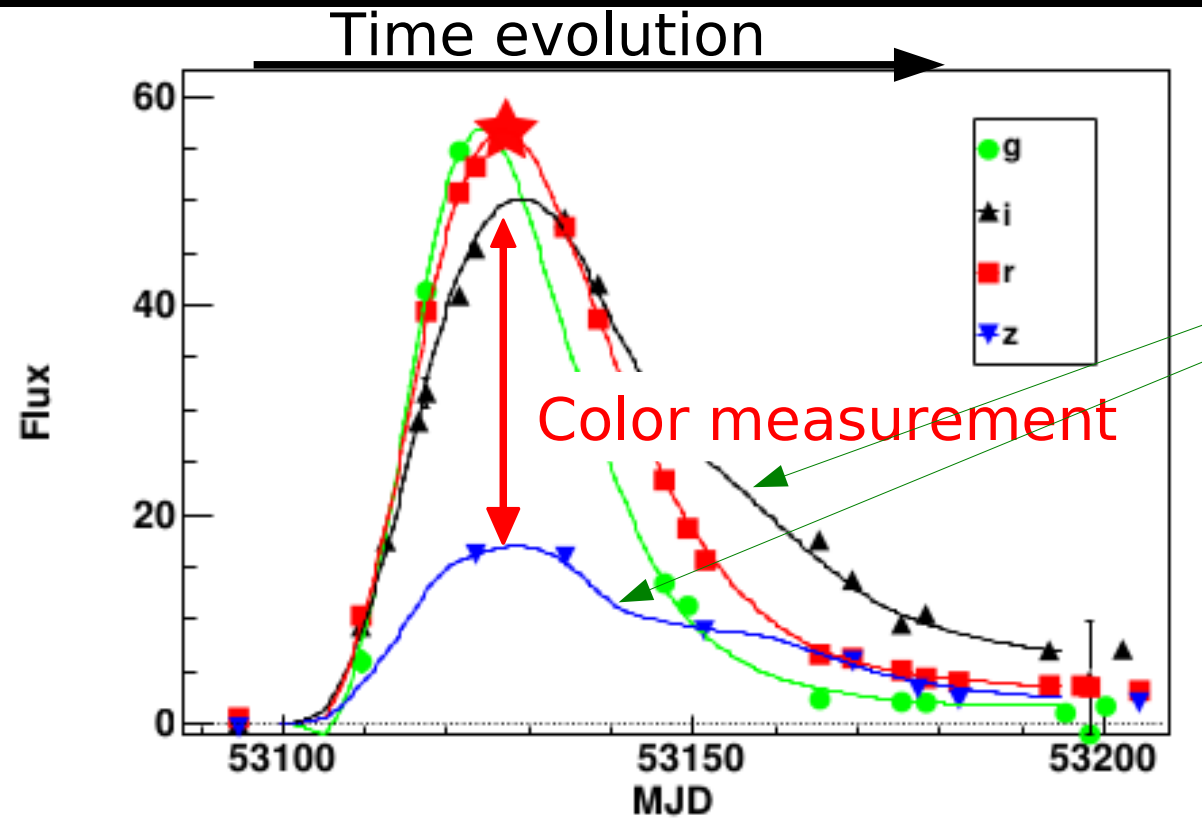
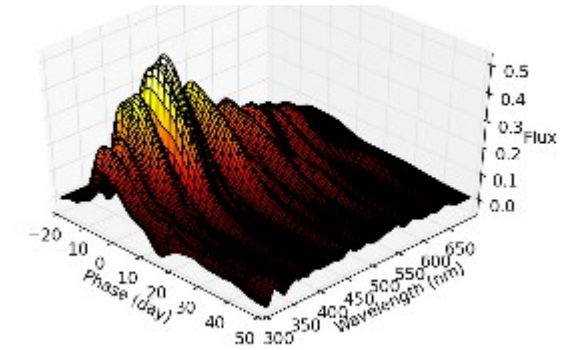
A spectral model



We need to know how much light would have ended in the **RESTFRAME FILTERS**

$$S(\lambda, \phi) = x_0 S_0(\lambda, \phi) [1 + x_1 S_1(\lambda, \phi)] \exp[-c CL(\lambda)]$$

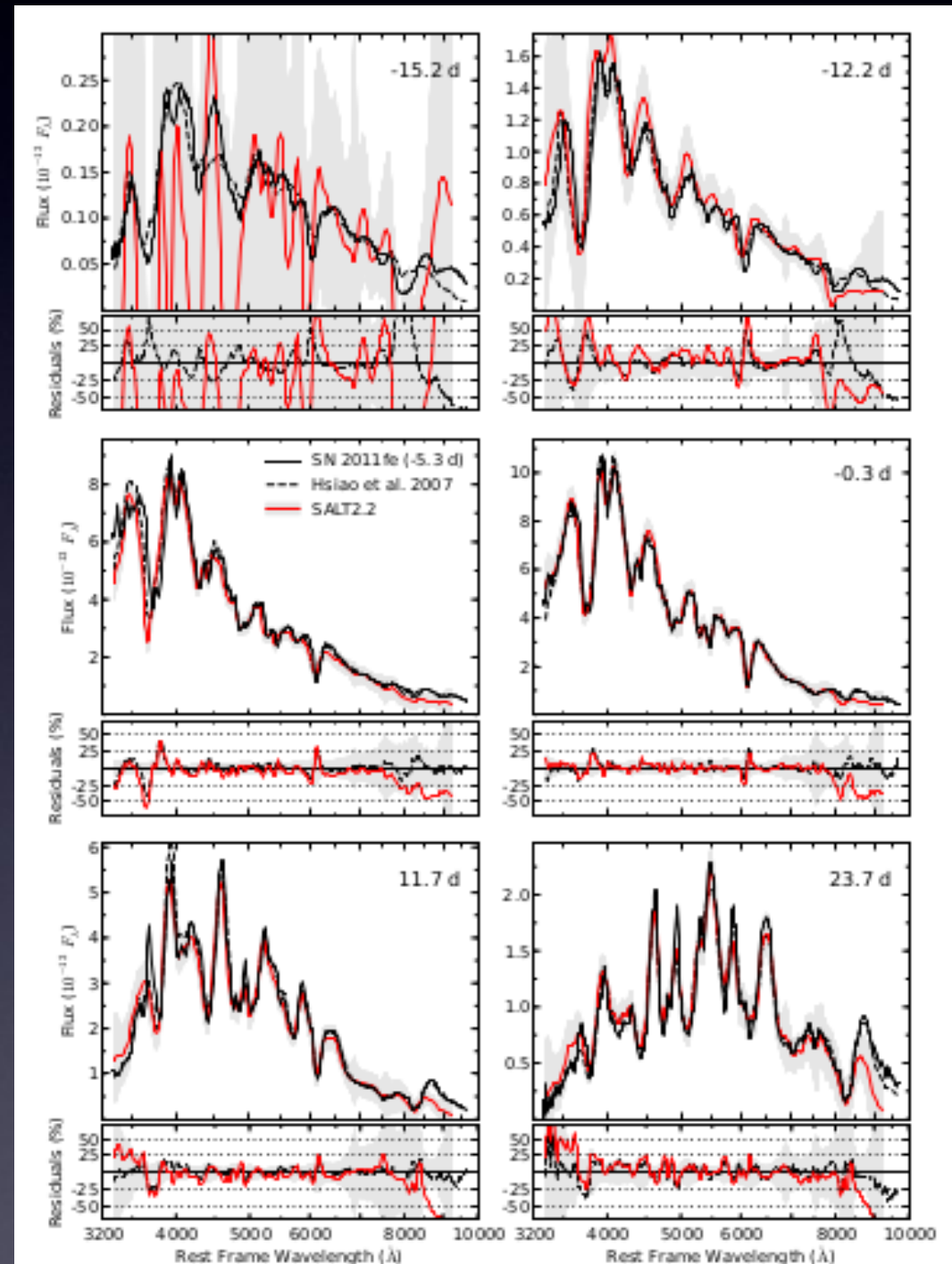
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Plain lines = Light curve fit

Forward fitting approach of a deconvolution problem

Yields x_1 and c



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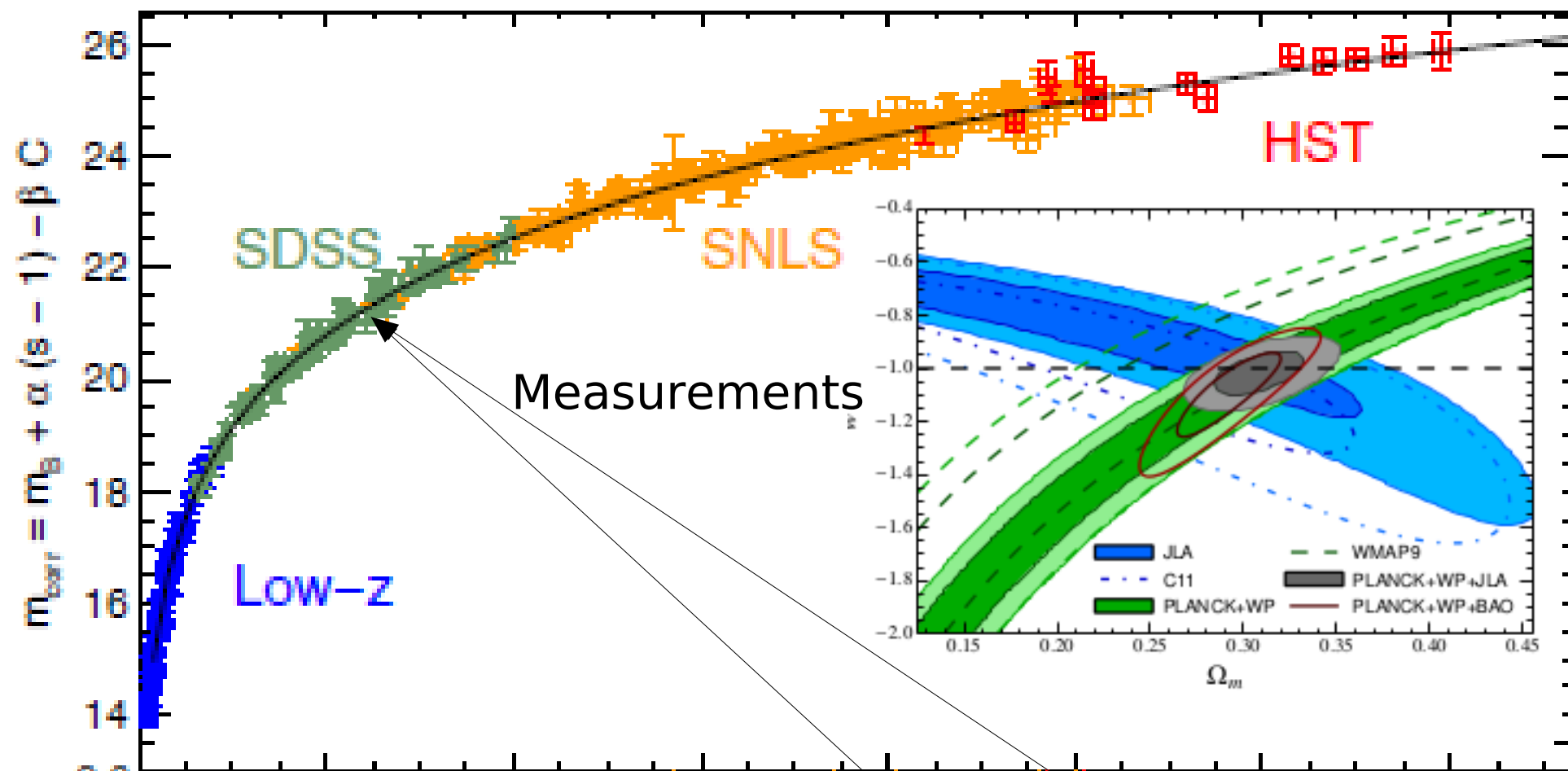
- 3) Measuring and calibrating
SNe Ia fluxes

At least, we are done !

Best measurement of w

- Planck + SN: $w = -1.018 \pm 0.057$
- Planck + BAO: $w = -1.01 \pm 0.08$

$$\frac{\ell(z)}{\mathcal{L}_0} \approx \frac{1}{d_L(z)}$$



$$m_{obs} = M_0 + \mu_0 + \alpha x + \beta c + \mu$$

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \frac{c}{H_0} \int dz \left(\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_x (1+z)^{3(1+w)} \right)^{-1/2}$$

Fitted together with the cosmology

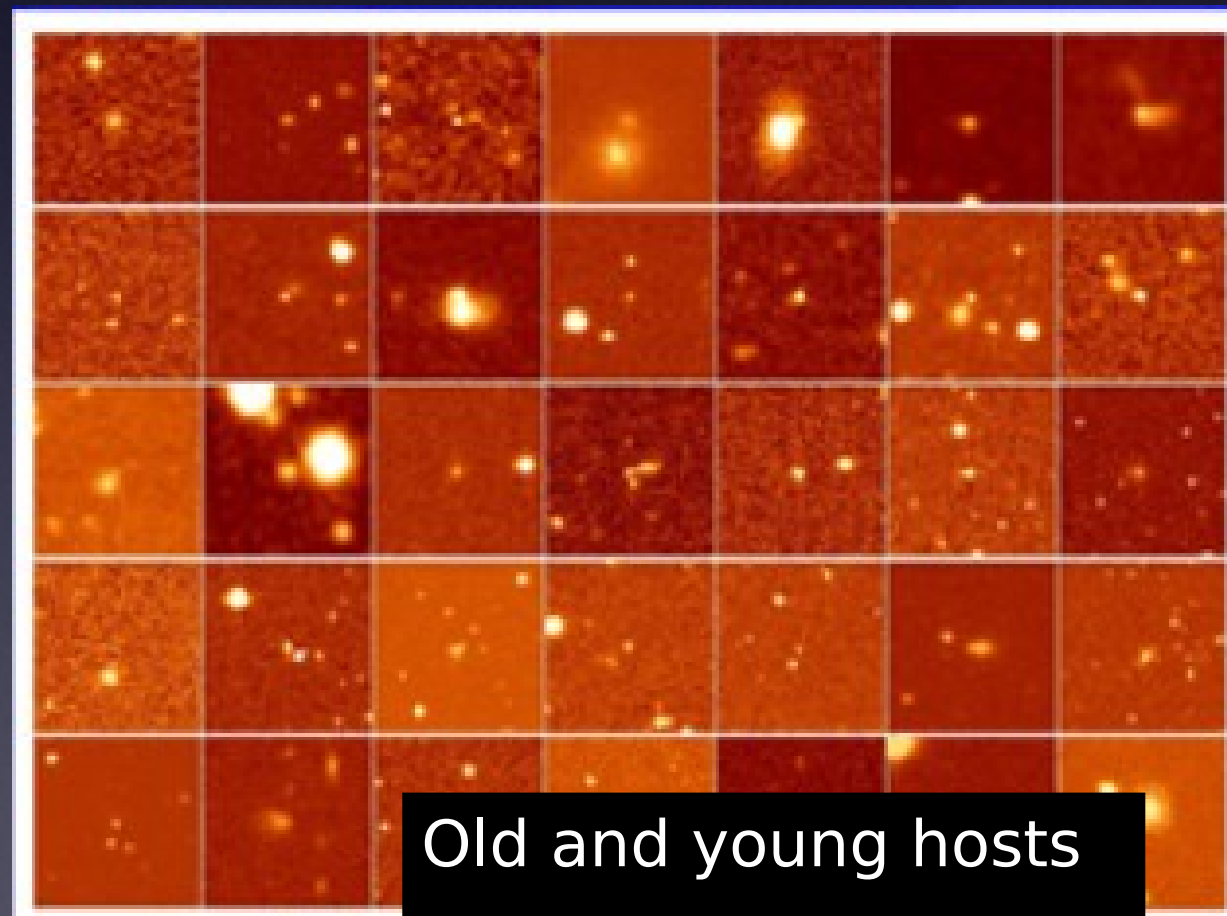
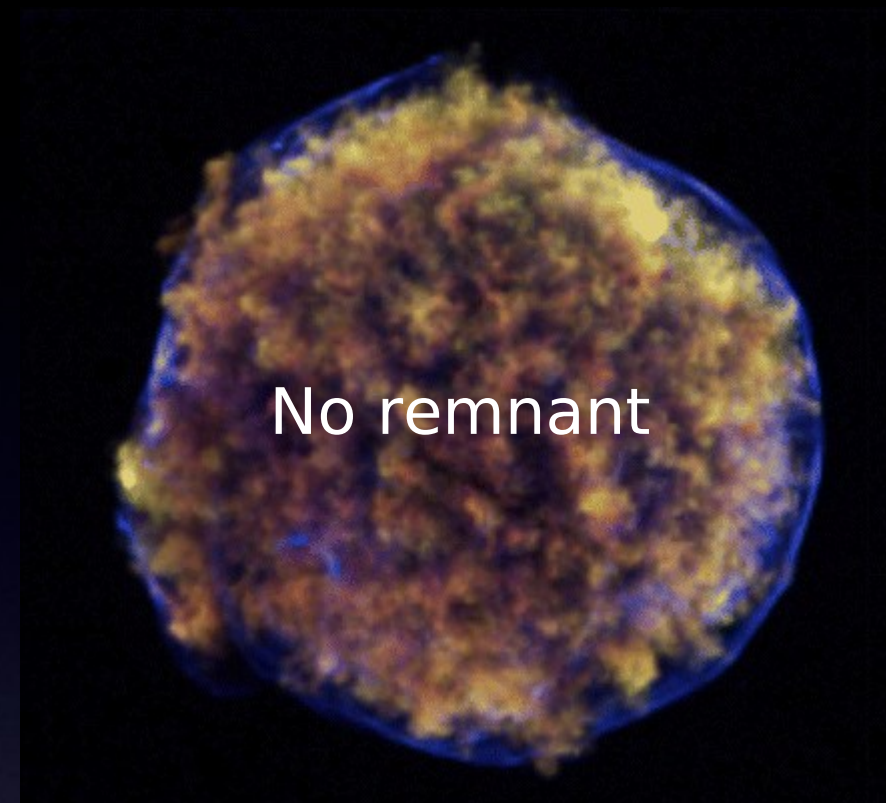
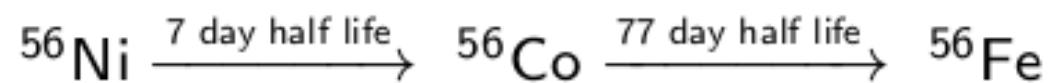
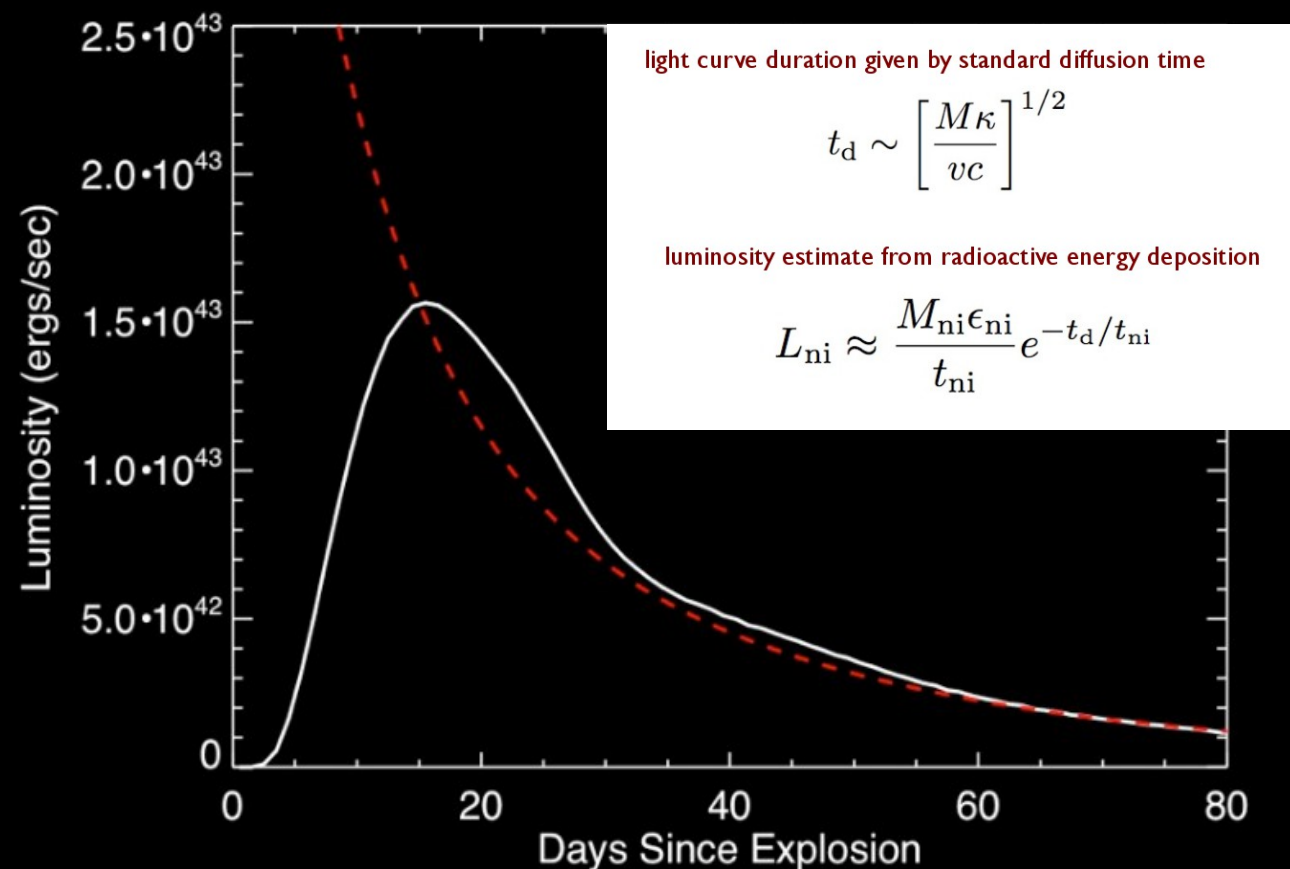
$\mathcal{L}_0 H_0^2$ is a nuisance parameter for SN cosmology

... But for one question: what is a type Ia supernova?

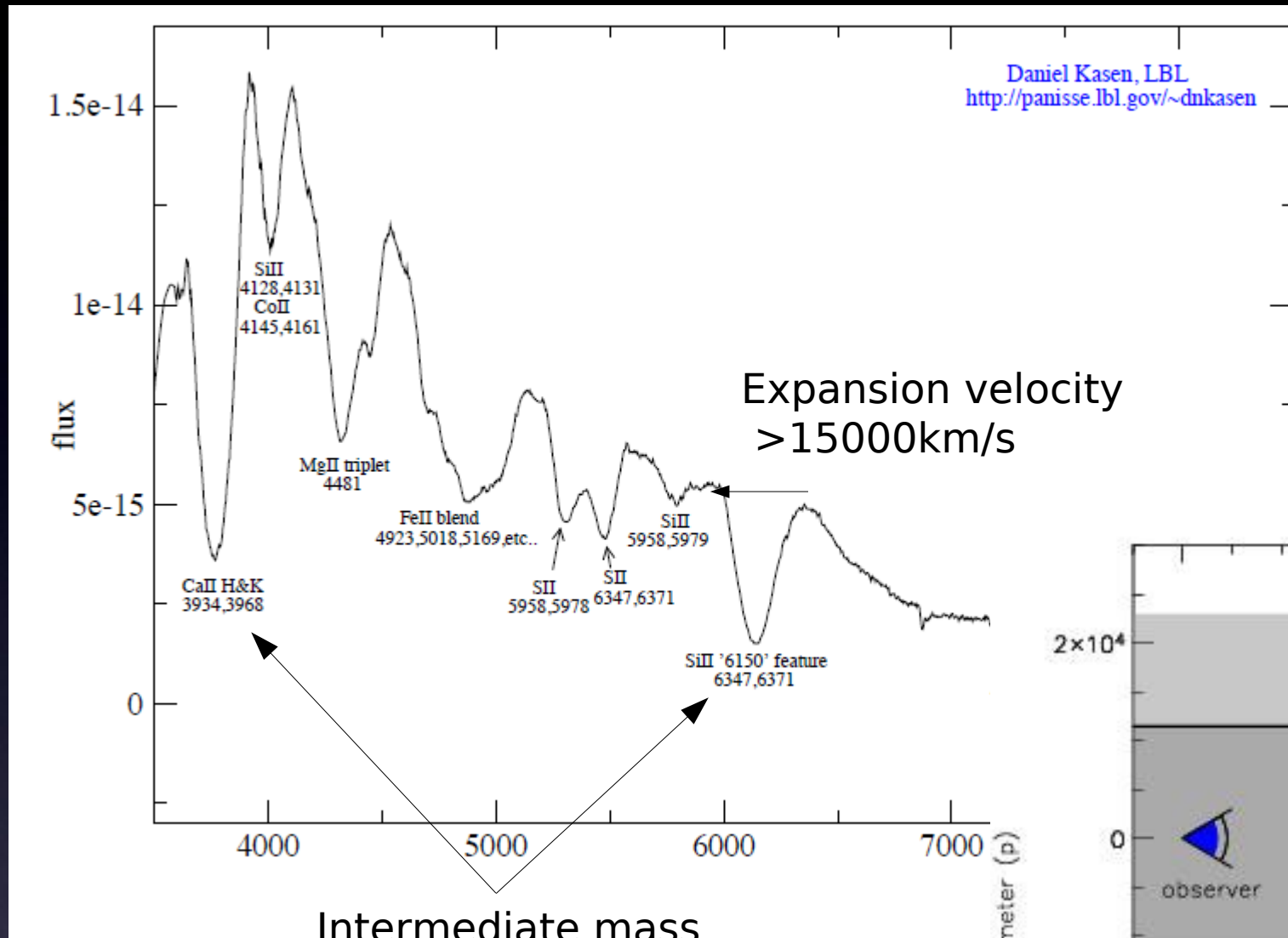
What can we learn from imaging ?

radioactively powered light curves

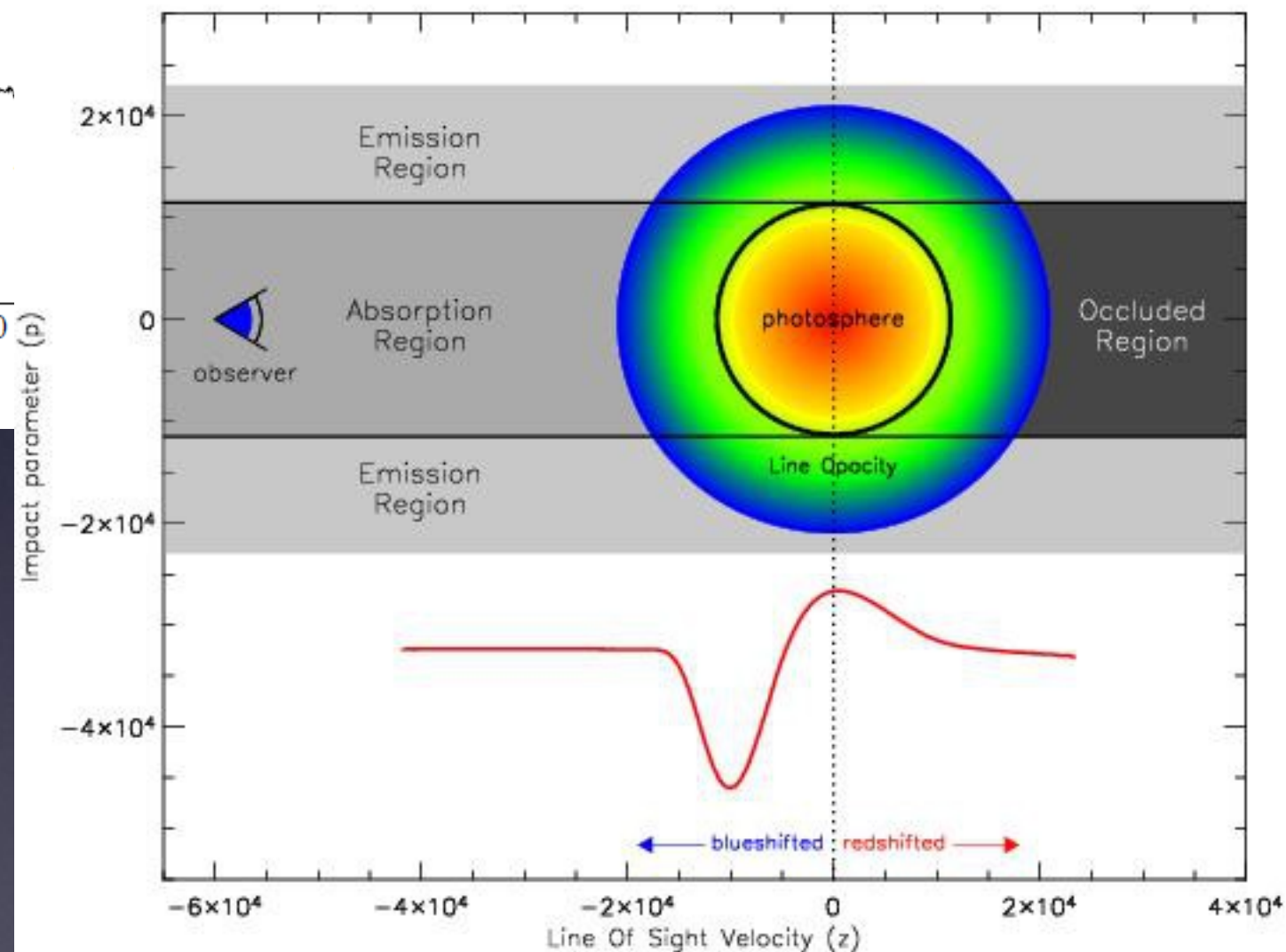
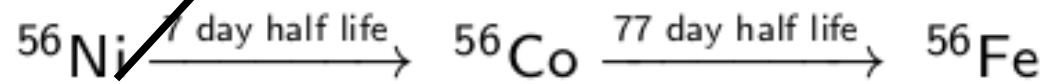
most important chain: $^{56}\text{Ni} \rightarrow ^{56}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{56}\text{Fe}$



What can we learn from the spectra ?



Intermediate mass elements (Si, S, Mg, Ca ...)



Thermonuclear explosion of one... or two White Dwarves

Very difficult to model

stellar evolution ($> 10^6$ years)

$\rho(r), T(r), A_i(r)$ at ignition/collapse

explosion (seconds/hours)

hydrodynamics, equation of state
nuclear burning, neutrino transport

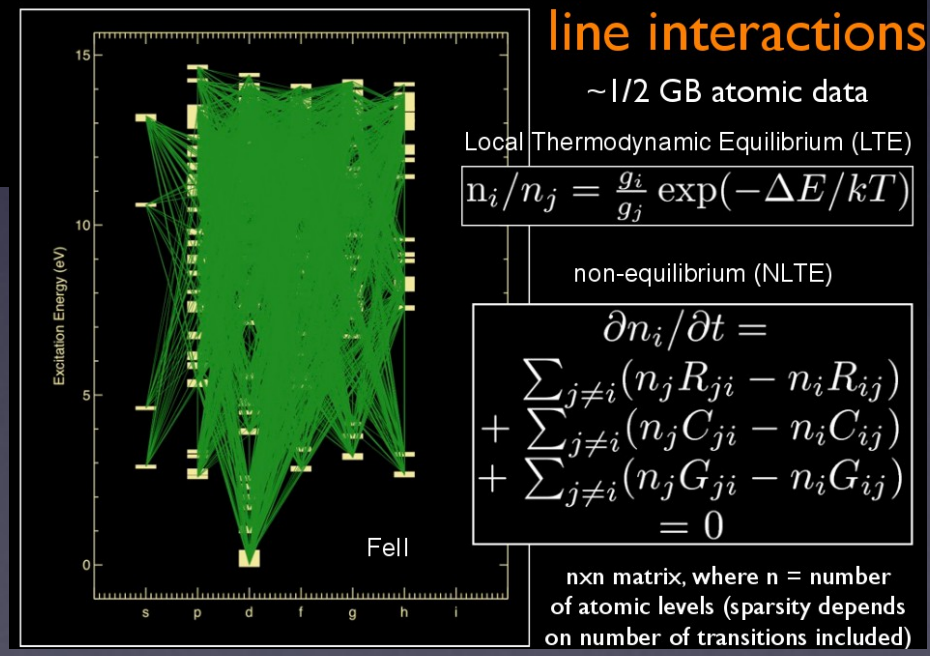
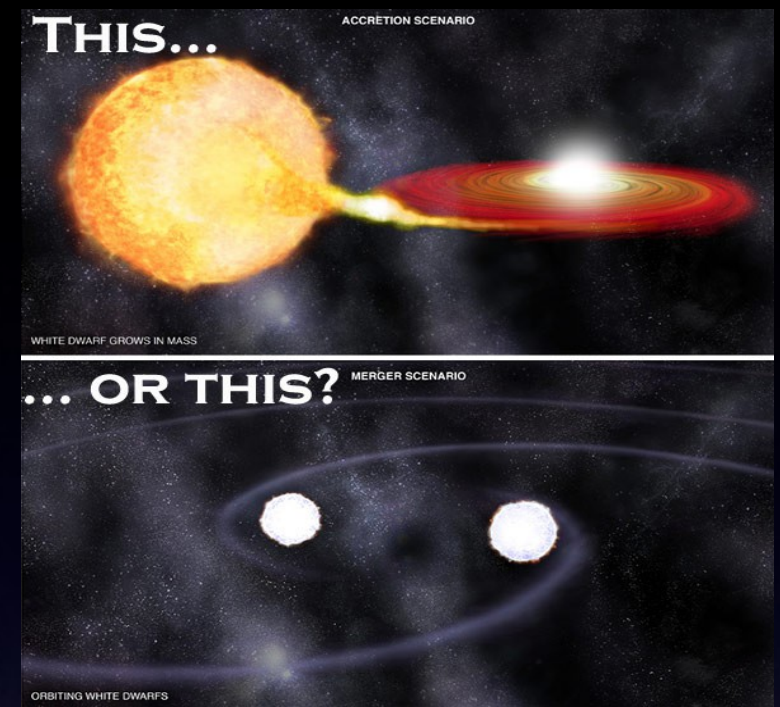
neutrinos
grav. waves
x-rays, γ -rays

$\rho(x,y,z), v(x,y,z), T(x,y,z), A_i(x,y,z)$
in free expansion

expanding ejecta (months)

photon transport
matter opacity
thermodynamics
radioactive decay

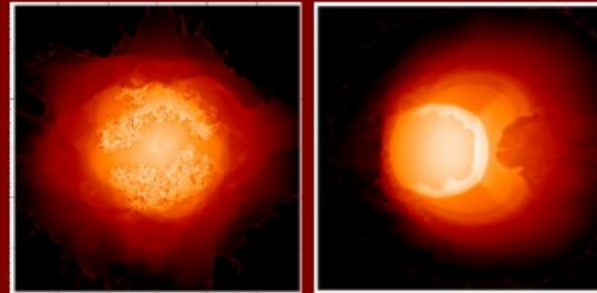
optical spectra
light curves



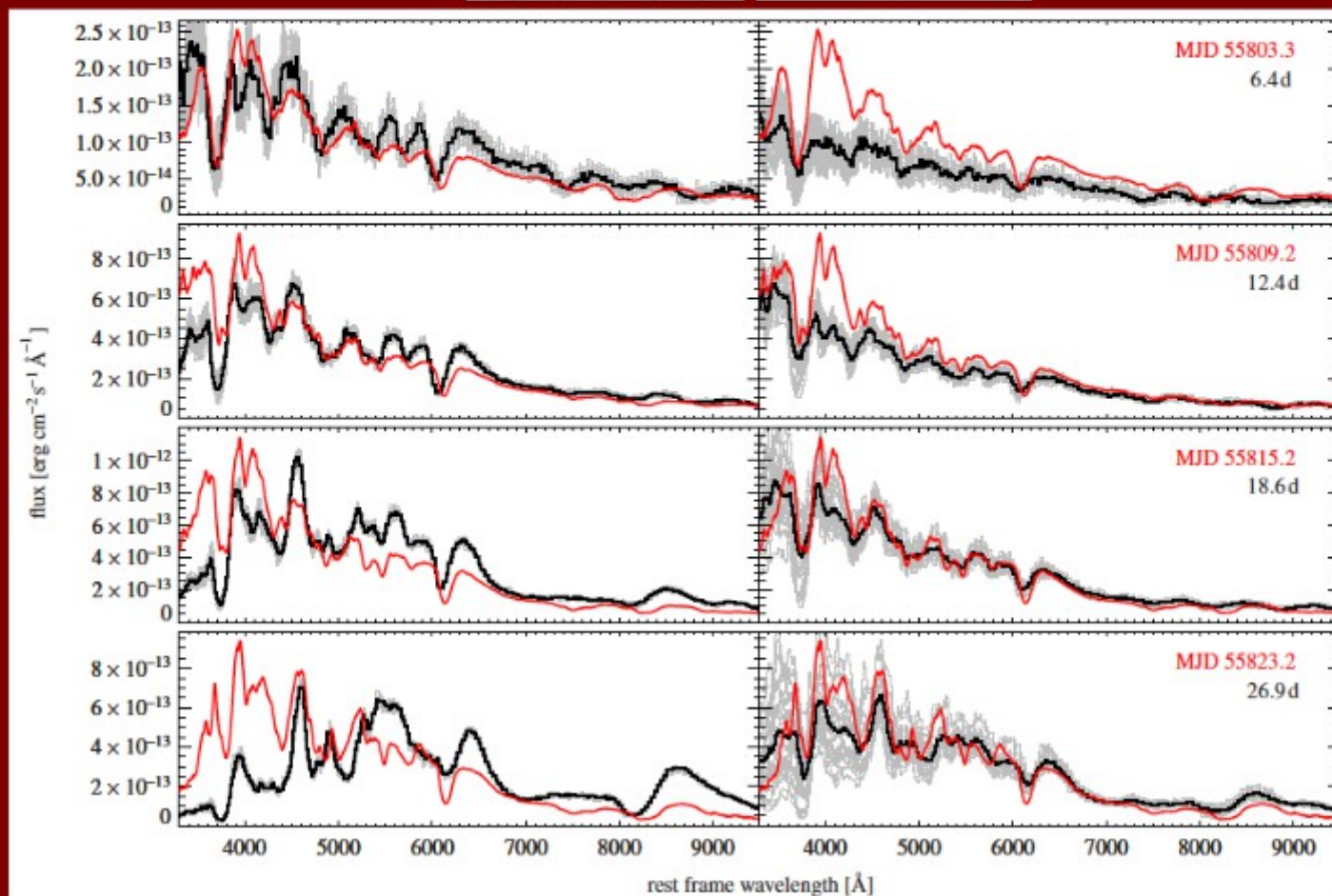
Thermonuclear explosion of one... or two White Dwarves

Only qualitative agreement between models and data

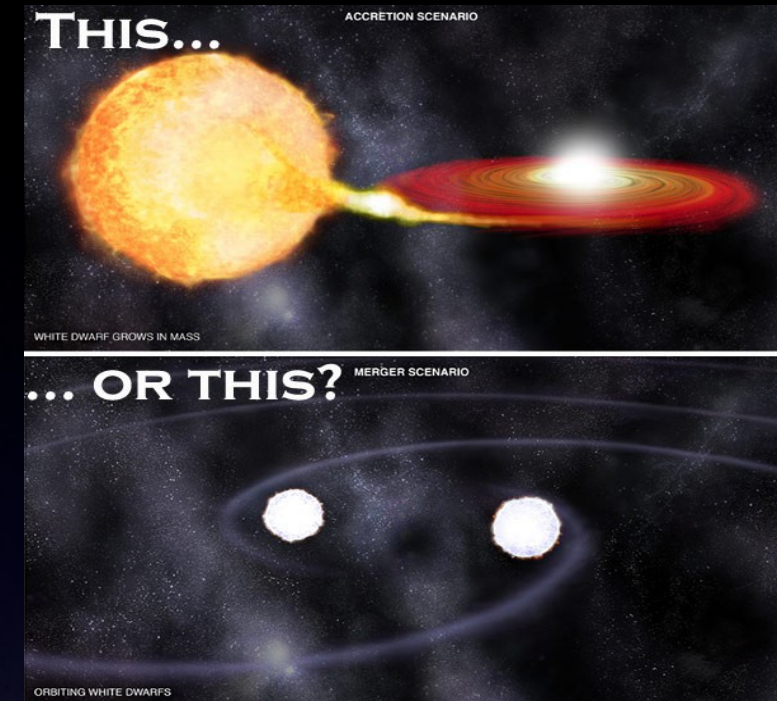
1.4 M_{\odot} delayed
detonation



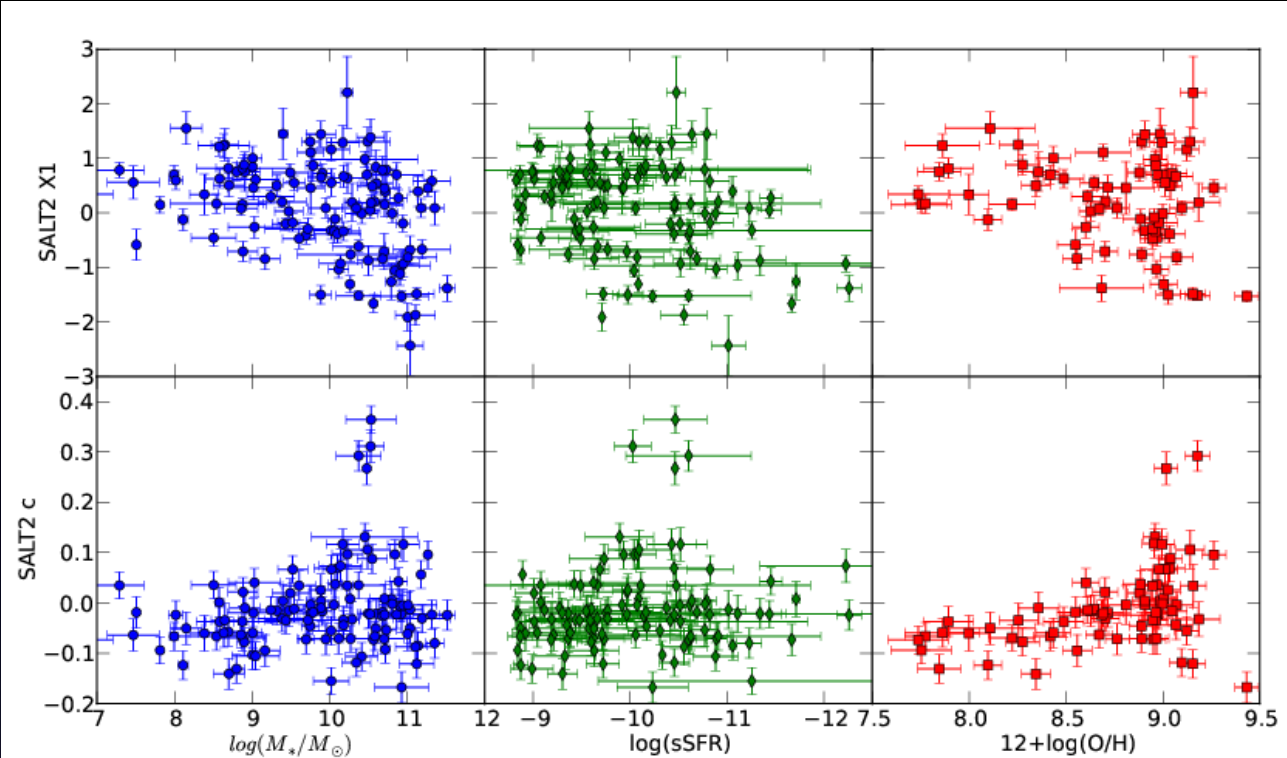
1.1 M_{\odot} + 0.9 M_{\odot}
WD merger



(Roepke et al. 2012)

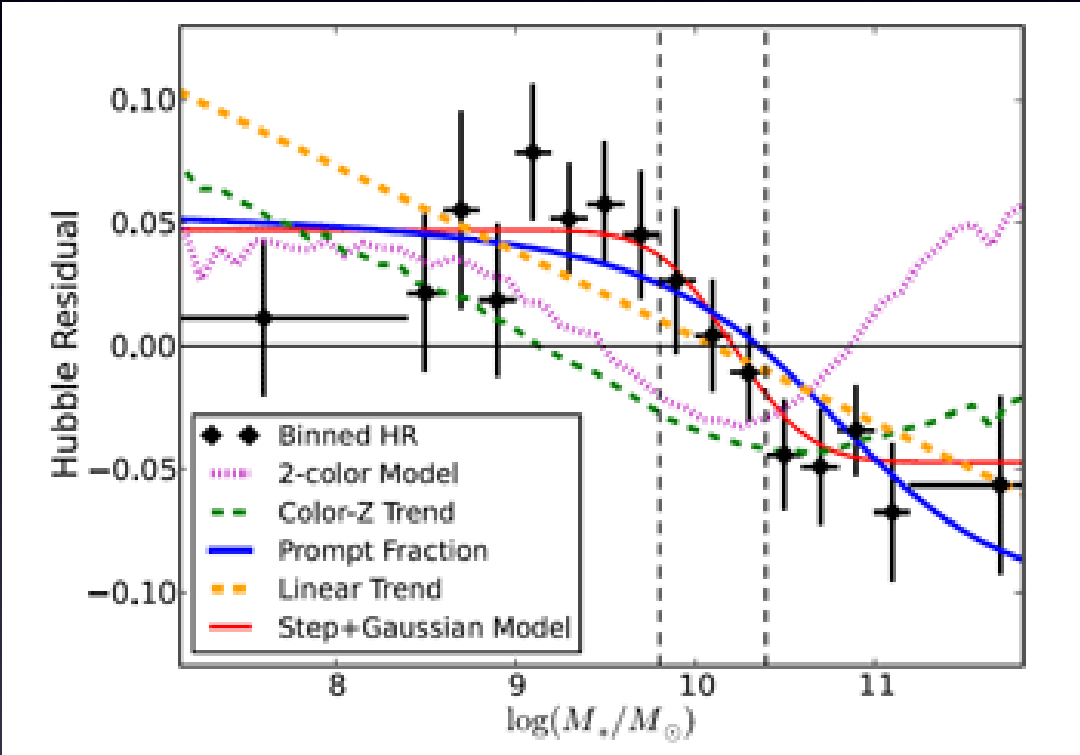


Some “hints” that the environment matters:



Host metallicity correlated with SALT2 c

Distance residual correlated with host mass



Could those depend on z ?

$$m_{obs} = M_0 + \mu_0 + \alpha x + \beta c + \mu$$

This will matter for next generation surveys

Besides, SNe Ia don't explode in a Void

There is dust in galaxies



Dust average properties can
depend on z

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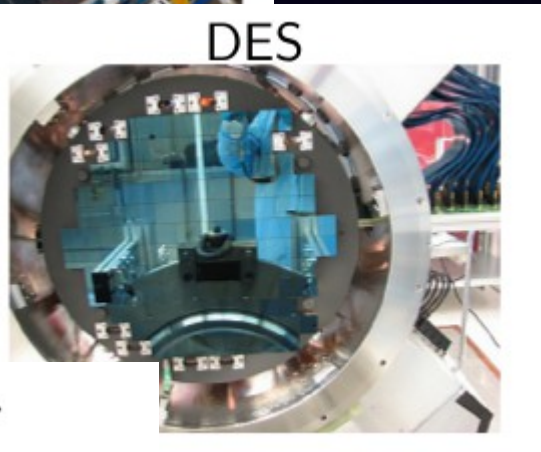


Next generation of SNe Ia cosmological surveys

More

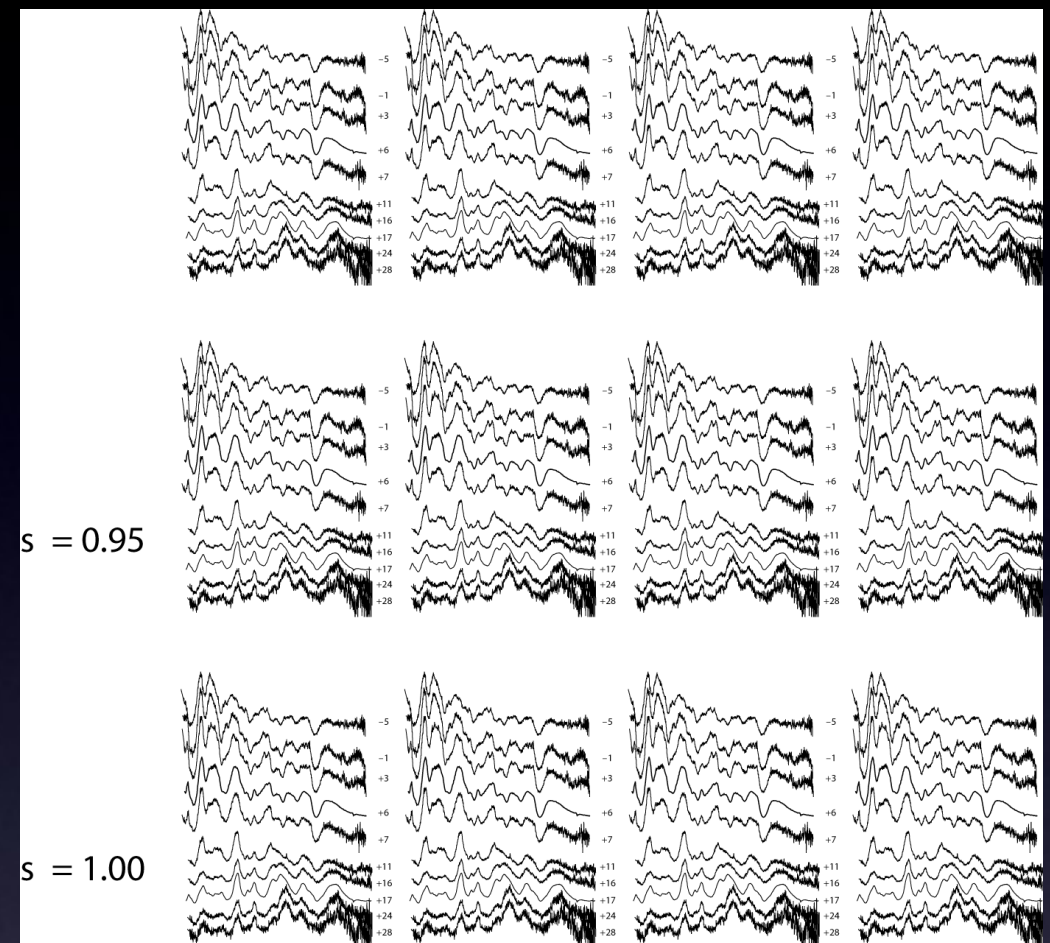


More



More !

SNLS 5: 500 high redshift SNe Ia
vs 200 Nearby SNe Ia



Spectroscopic surveys to
understand the object

Nearby SNe Ia might become
the bottleneck