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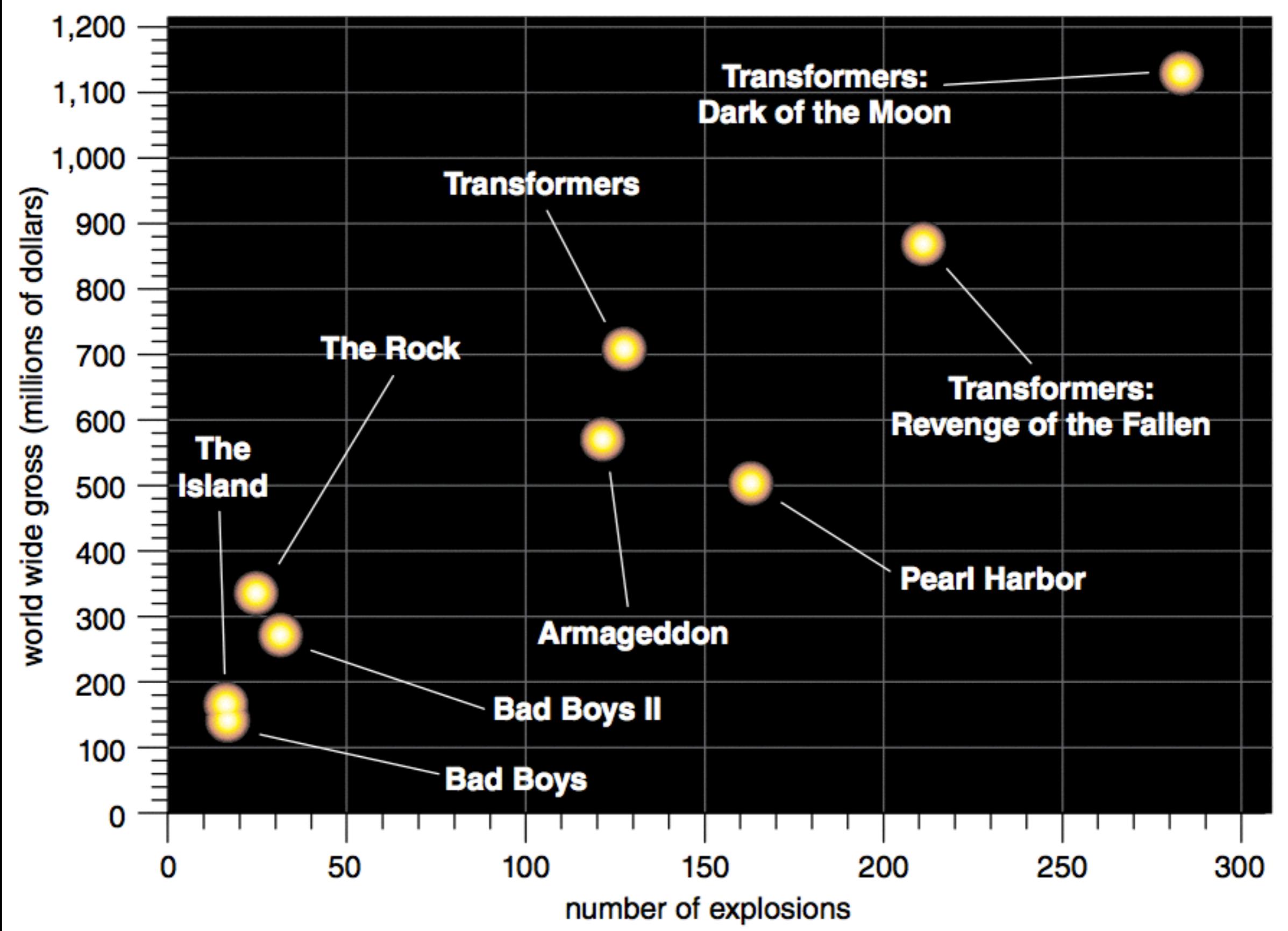
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Las Cumbres
Observatory Global
Telescope Network

University of California
Santa Barbara



Michael Bay movie explosions vs. box office gross



Imagine this

The closest supernova of your lifetime goes off right at this instant. Observations taken within hours will reveal the progenitor. What do you do?

Hope you already have friends at telescopes. Are there any in the dark right now?

Start making phone calls.

Start Director's Discretionary applications.

You're already too late.



Nugent et al. 2011
Li et al. 2011

Image credit: BJ Fulton (LCOGT) / PTF.

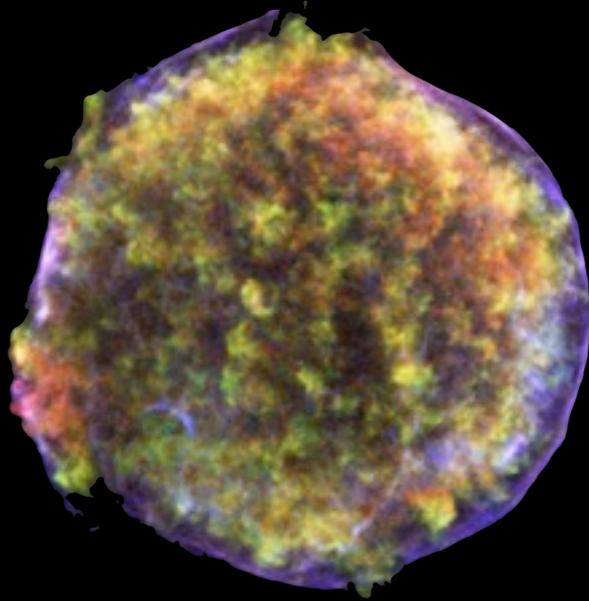


MESSENGER Earth flyby

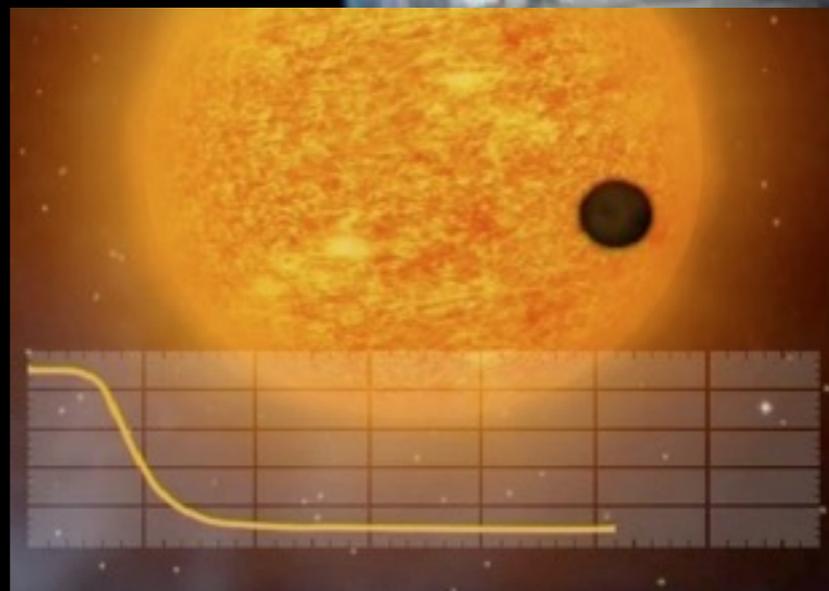
Solution: a global robotic network of telescopes. Spaced around the globe in longitude, hemisphere so that it is always dark or clear somewhere.

We keep you in the dark.

Focus on variability, especially:



Supernovae /
Dark Energy



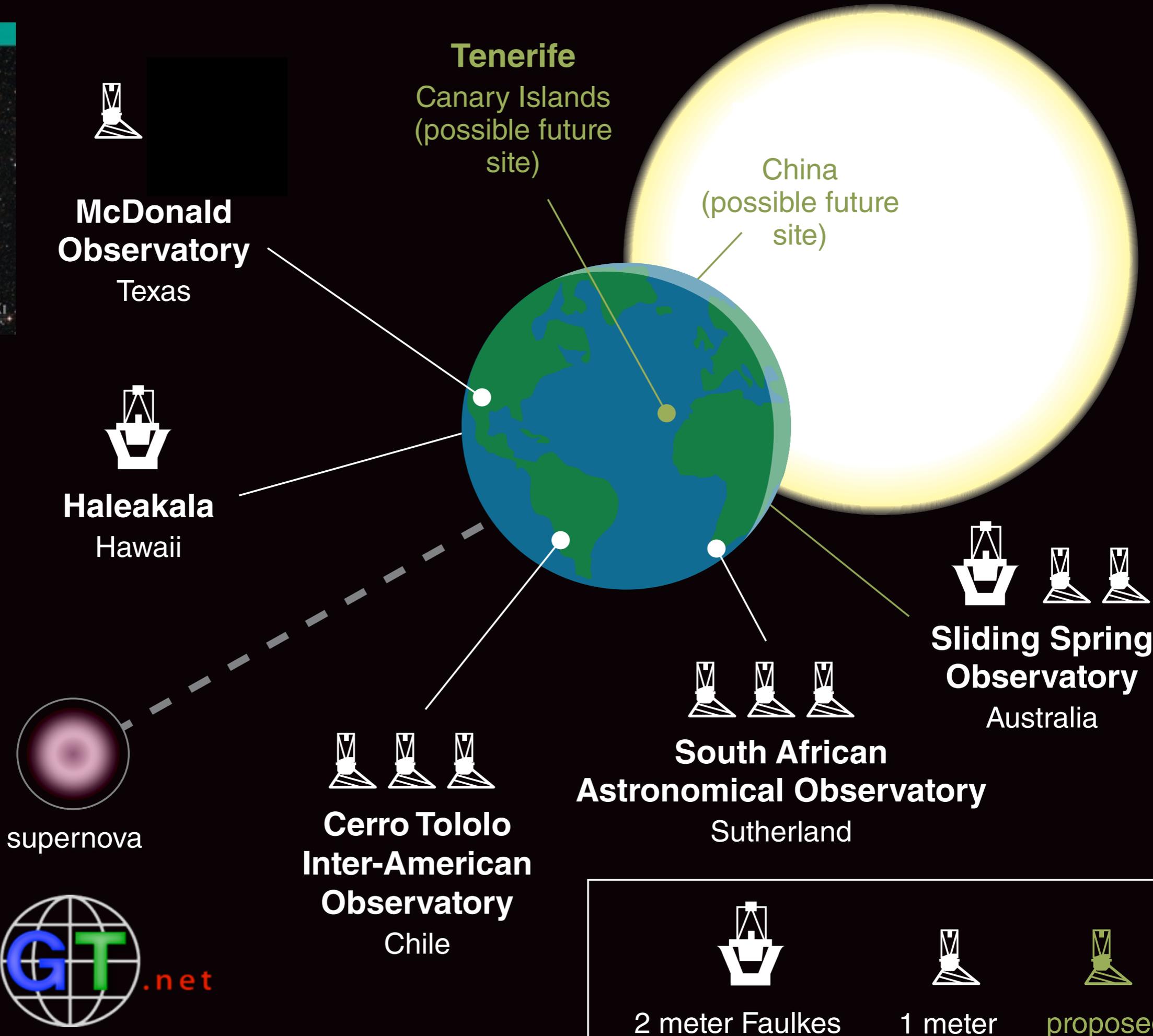
Extrasolar planets



Solar system objects



From July/
Aug 2013
**American
Scientist**



Network Scheduler

All 11 telescopes scheduled by automated scheduler that solves an optimized whole-network schedule in seconds.

Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope Network



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Telescopes are built at LCOGT Santa Barbara Headquarters near UCSB



30+ staff, mostly in SB. Others in Liverpool, Cardiff, Siding Spring Australia, Hawaii, Cape Town

1m Instrumentation

Imaging



At CTIO:
SINISTRO

Elsewhere:
SBIG
imagers



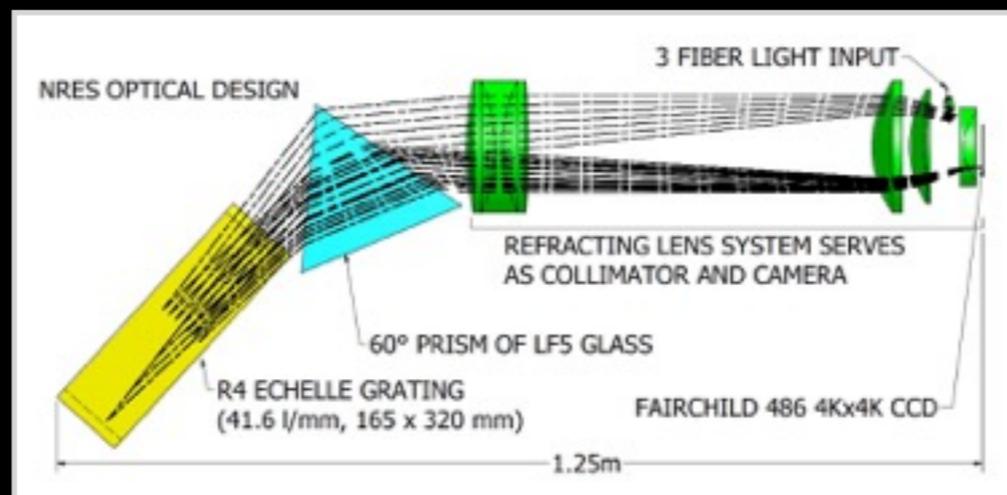
SINISTRO
1st light

Sinistro: 26.4' x 26.4', 0.389"/pixel.
Fairchild CCD486, backside illuminated.
21 position filter wheel, photometric shutter.
16 Mpix; 4 Mpix/s readout at ~10 e-/pix

Coming 2015:

**Network Robotic
Echelle Spectrographs
(NRES)**

High-resolution
($R \sim 53,000$), precise
(≤ 3 m/s), optical
(380-860 nm)
echelle
spectrographs



One at each 1m site (6 total), can be fiber-fed (2.58" per fiber width) by two 1m telescopes and ThAr calibration source

Will double the radial velocity planet-vetting capacity in the US and achieve accuracy better than 3 m/s to $V = 12$
NSF funded. Prototype is Sedgwick 0.8m

Spectra

2m: FLOYDS robotic low resolution spectrographs

Designed for supernovae

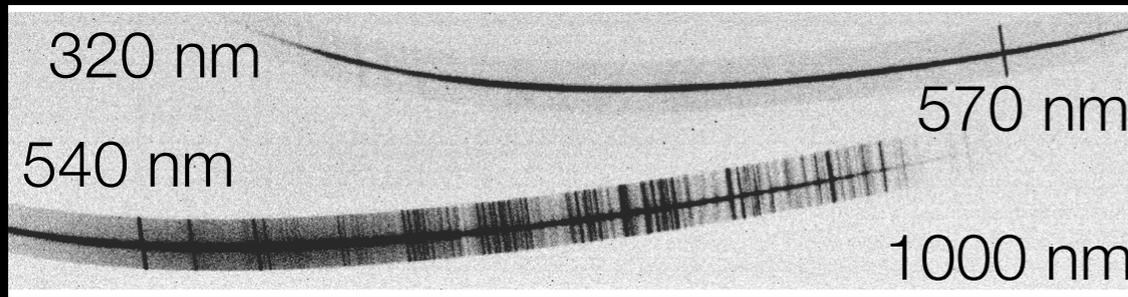
R~400 covering 325nm -- 1000nm in one pointing (cross dispersed).

Can go down to V~19 mag with S/N=10 in 1 hour

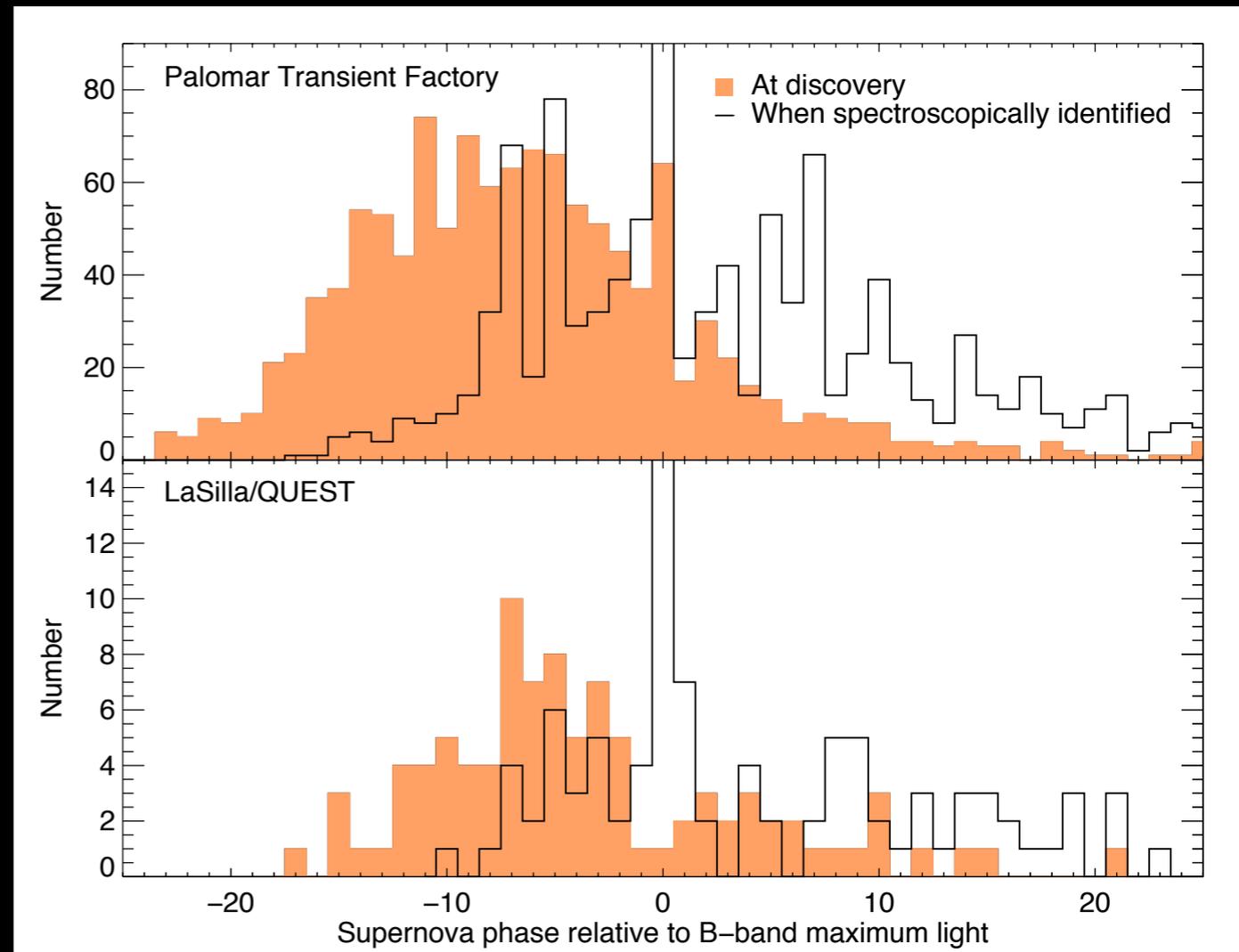


One on each 2m: Faulkes North and South

Spectrographs are in regular nightly operation. Pipeline reduces data, types SN 40s after readout.



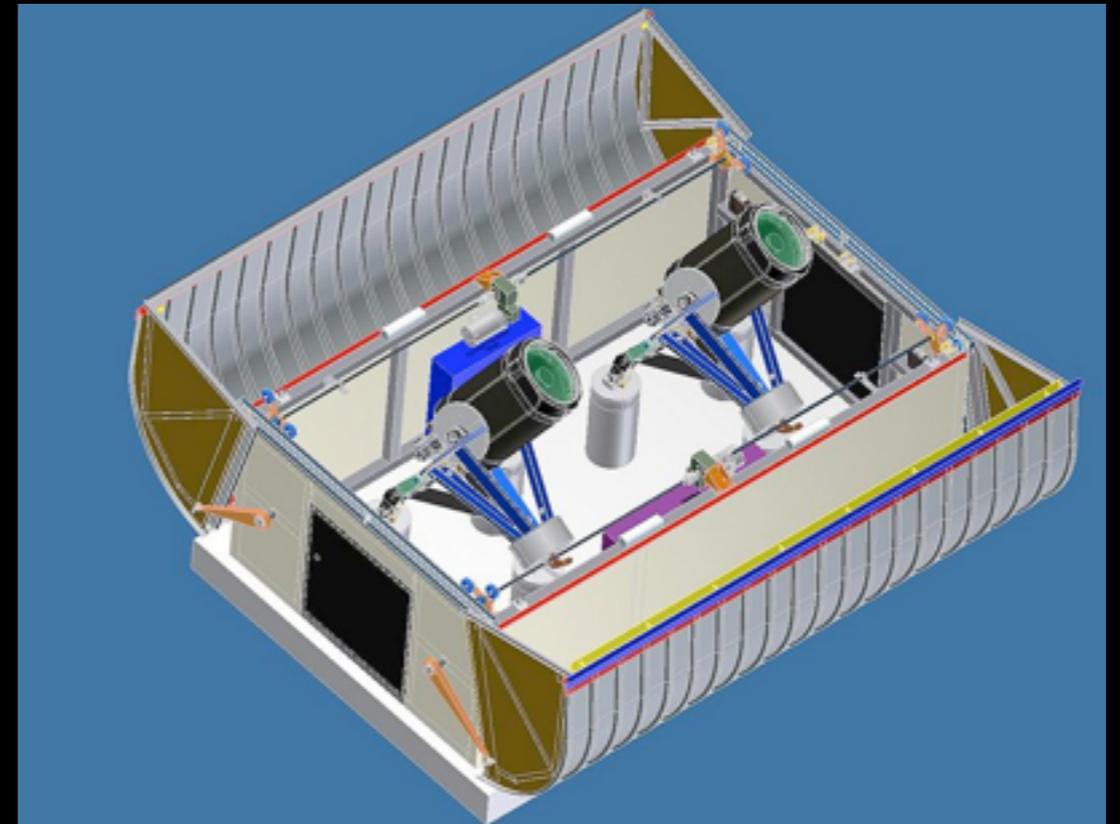
Built by Dave Sand and engineers at LCOGT



0.4m telescopes

For commercial, science, and educational use.

Up to 24 total, deployed in clusters of 2-4 at each site, contingent on funding



Phase 1: testing of a single 0.4m

Phase 2: deployment of 4 more 0.4m

Phase 3: deployment of 10 more 0.4m

Scientists

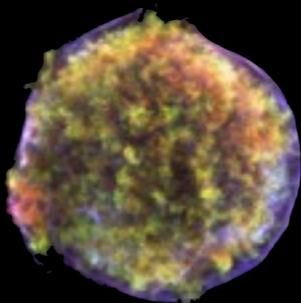
Director: Todd Boroson

Instrumentation: Joe Tufts

Operations: Nikolas Volgenau

Founder: Wayne Rosing

SNe



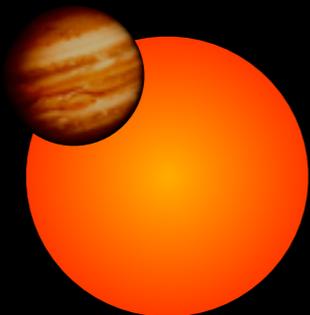
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Planets



Tim Brown
Rachel Street
Diana Dragomir
Rob Siverd
Amanda Fournier

Avi Shporer
Jason Eastman
Marton Hidas
Nairn Baliber

NEOs



Tim Lister



Solar System Science

Tim Lister

Near-earth objects:

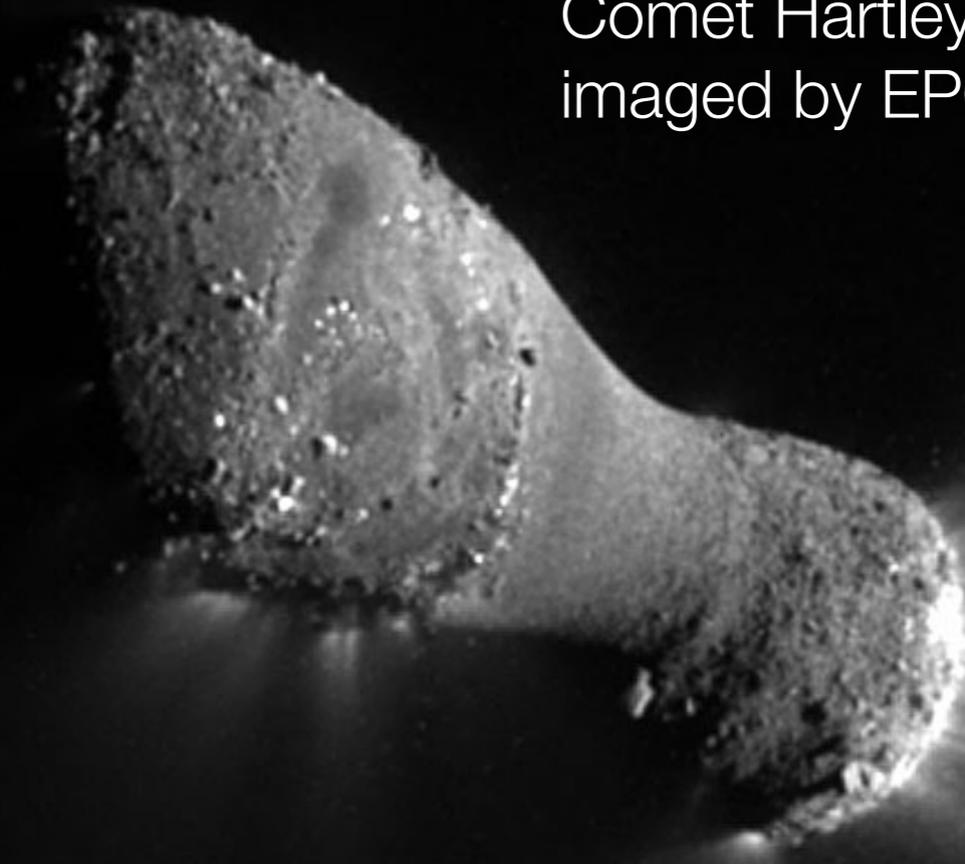
Observing and reporting ~2500 objects per year from all surveys

Contracted follow-up for Catalina Sky Survey until April 2015

300 1m hours per year.

Successful NASA ROSES 2013 NEOO grant application: now hiring postdoc.

Comet Hartley
imaged by EPOXI

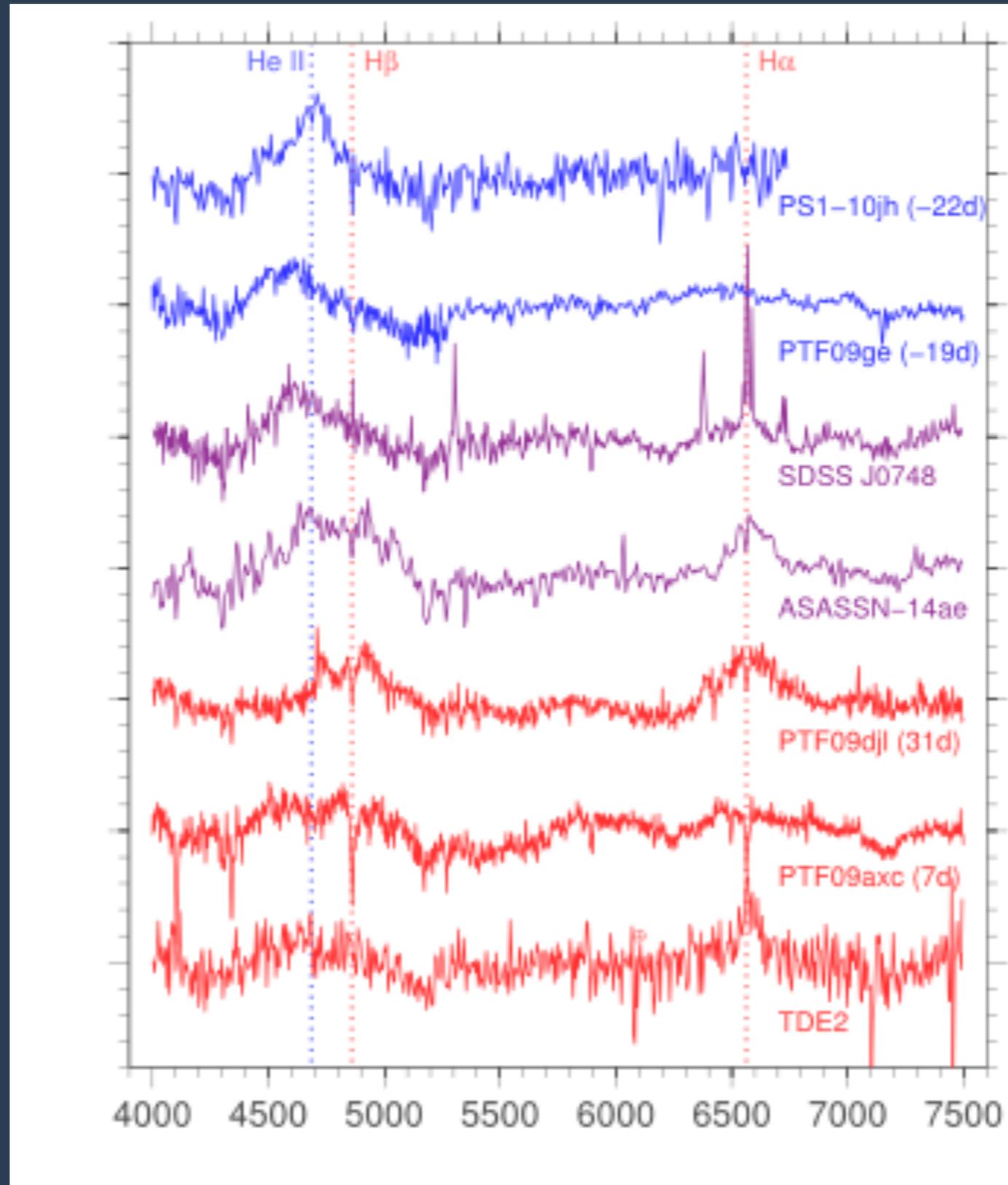


Credit: NASA, JPL-Caltech, UMD, EPOXI

Tidal Disruption Events

Iair Arcavi

A continuum of He to H-dominated events



Gezari+ 12

Arcavi+ 14

Wang+ 11

Arcavi+ 14
Holoien+ 14

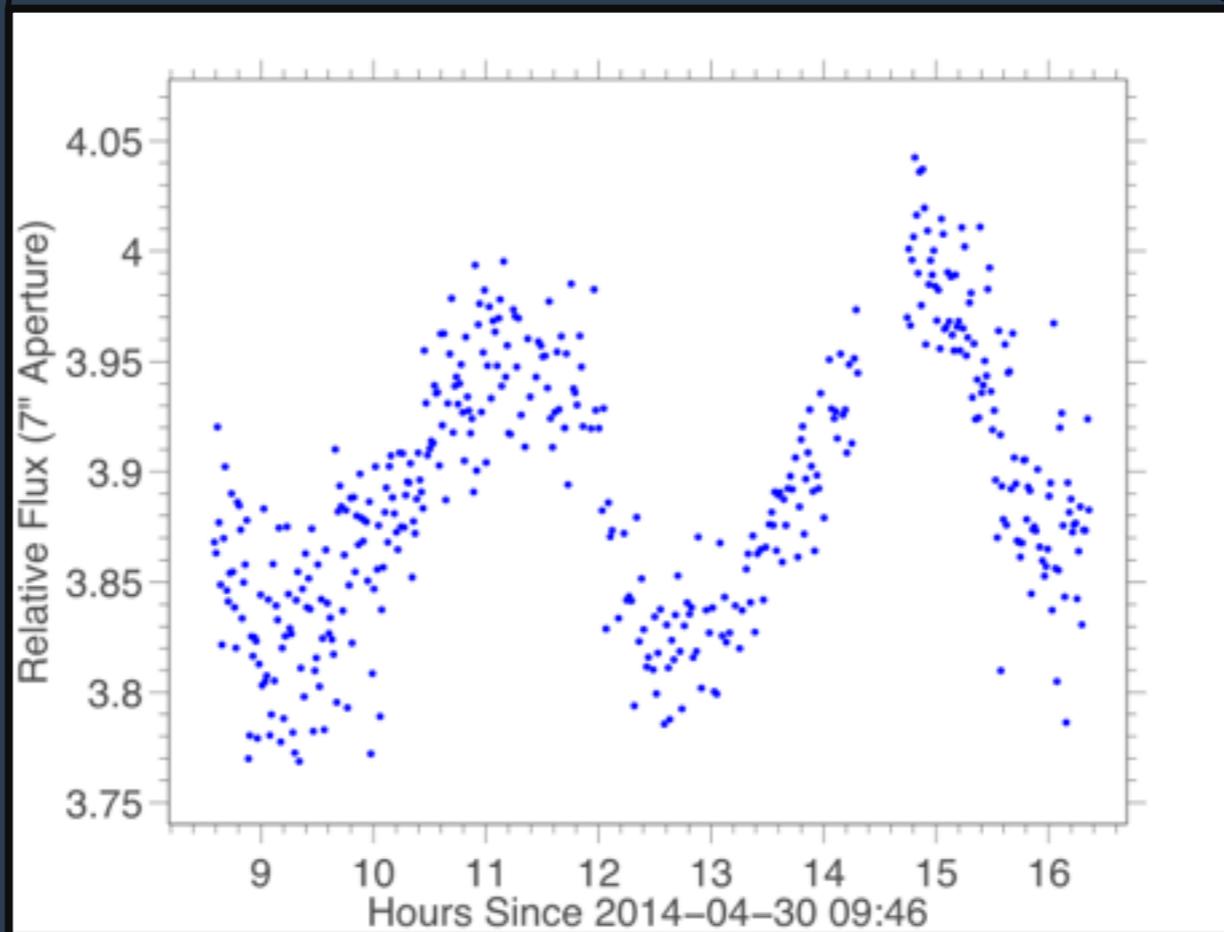
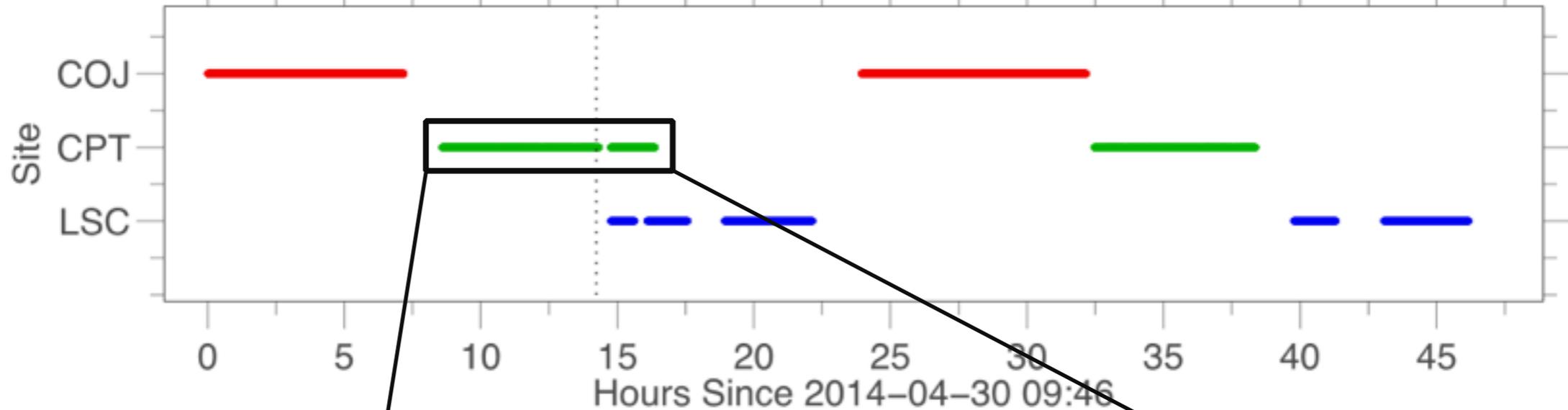
Arcavi+ 14

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Asteroseismology of massive stars: pilot project

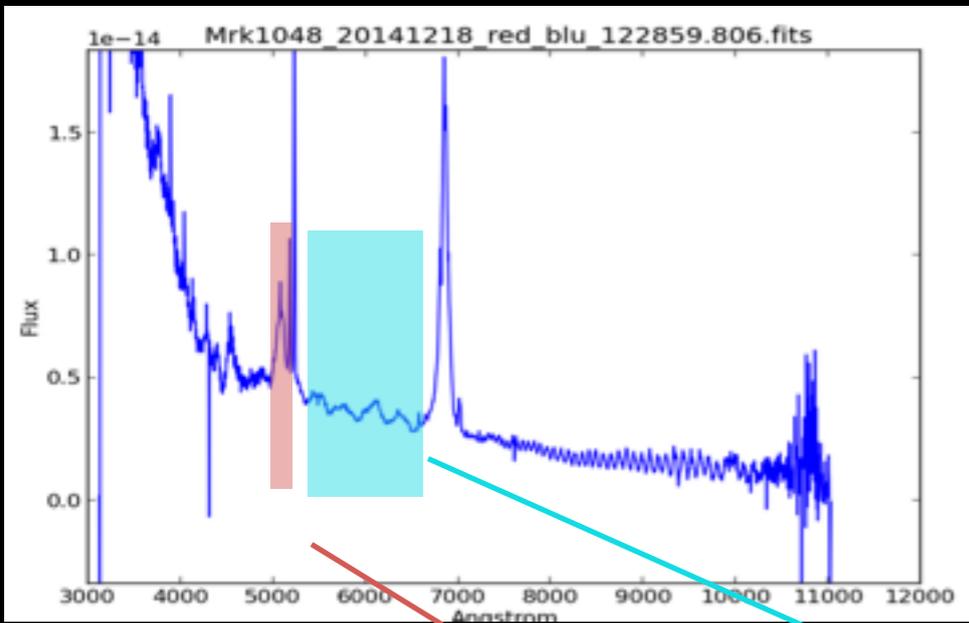
Iair Arcavi



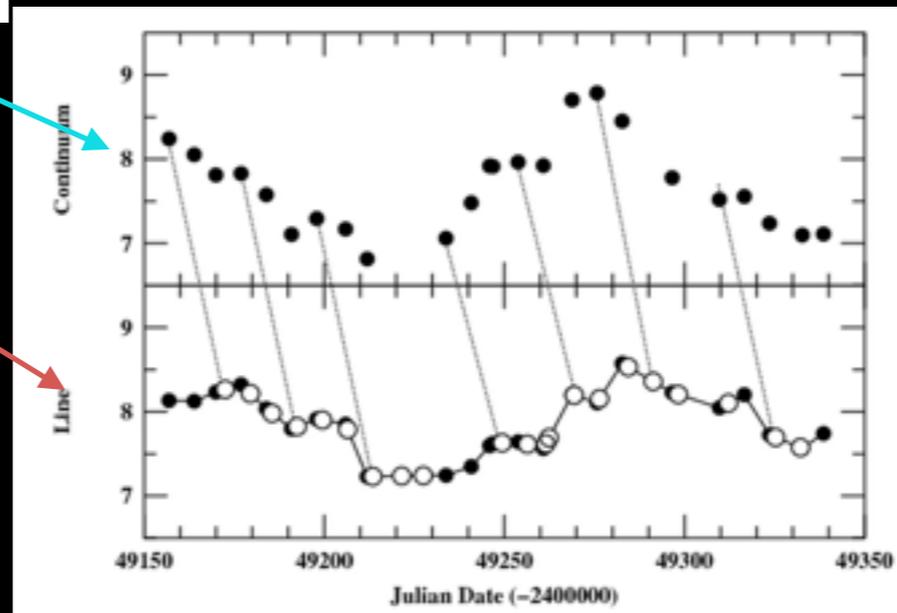
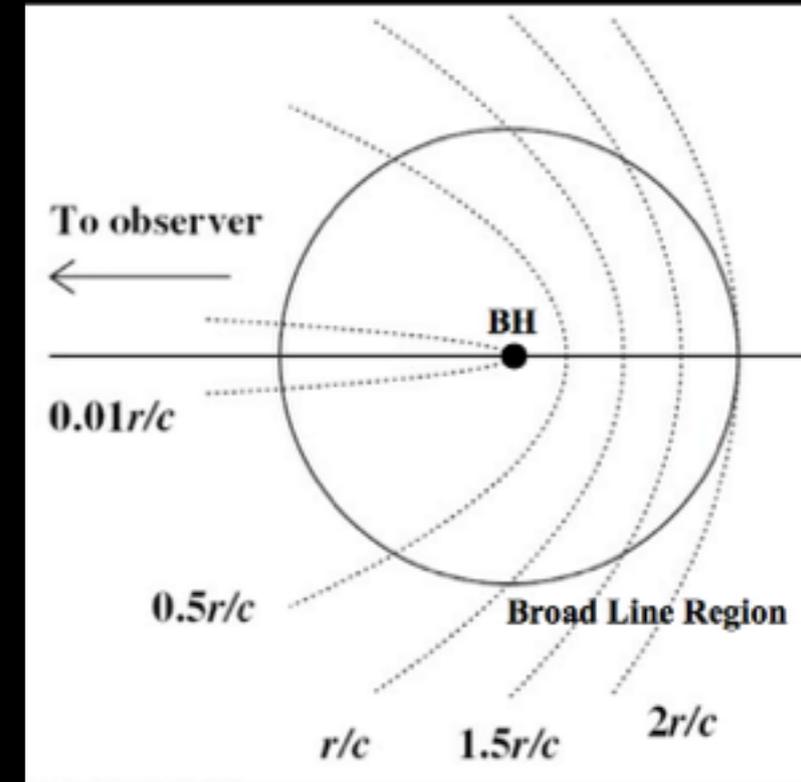
Nearly continuous observations for 48 hours!

Quicklook pipeline

AGN Reverberation Mapping



Time delay between variations in the continuum and in the broad lines



Mkn 335: H β line lags continuum by 15.6 d (Peterson, 2001, Fig. 24)

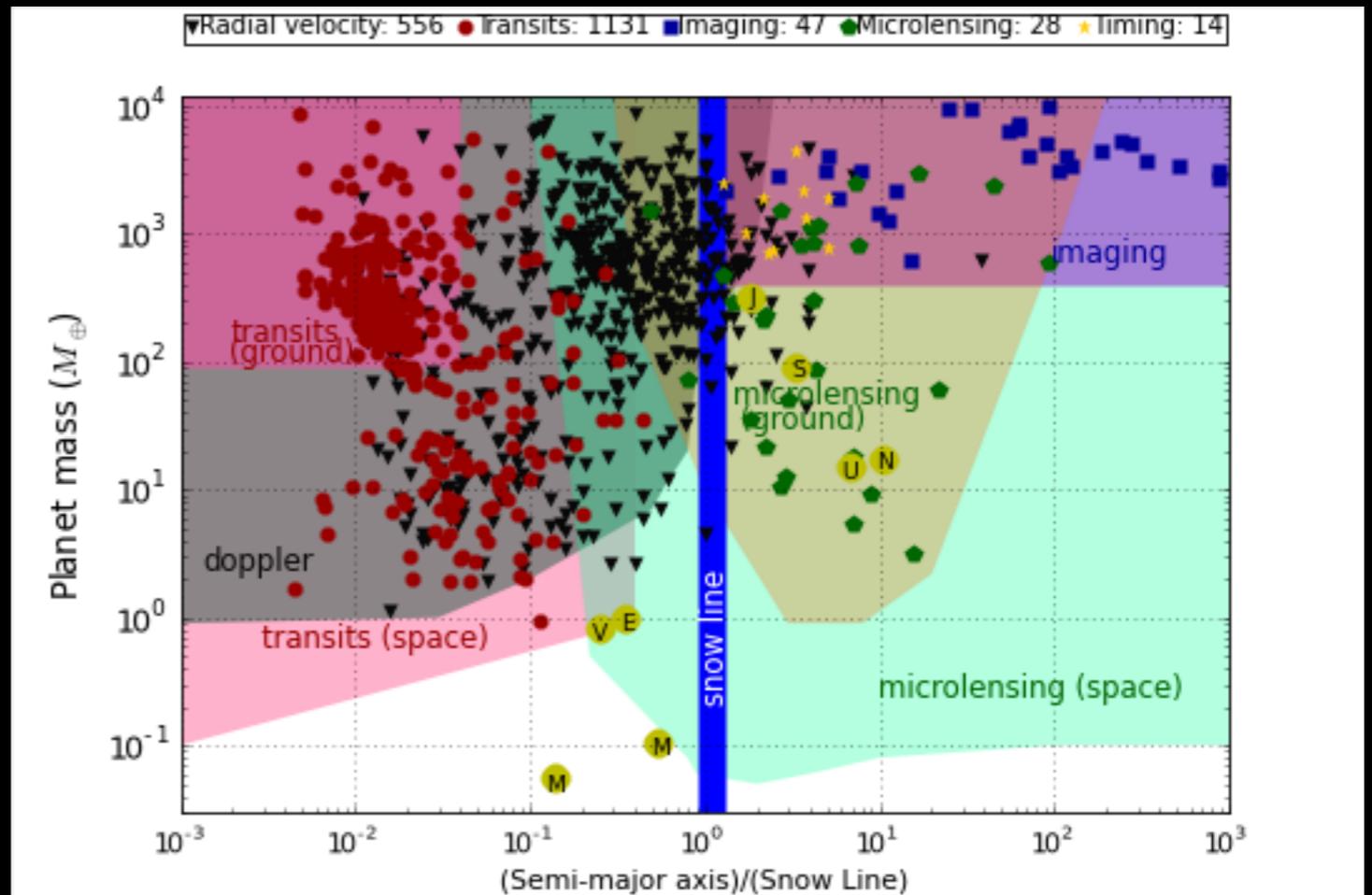
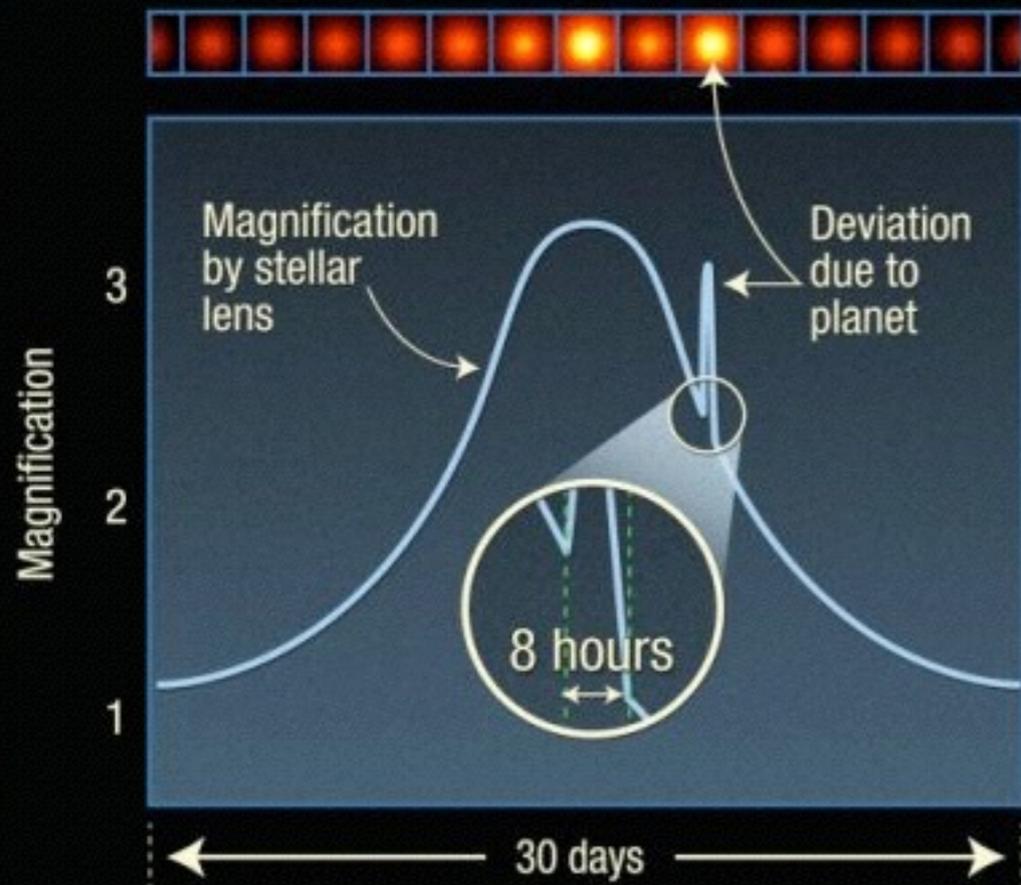
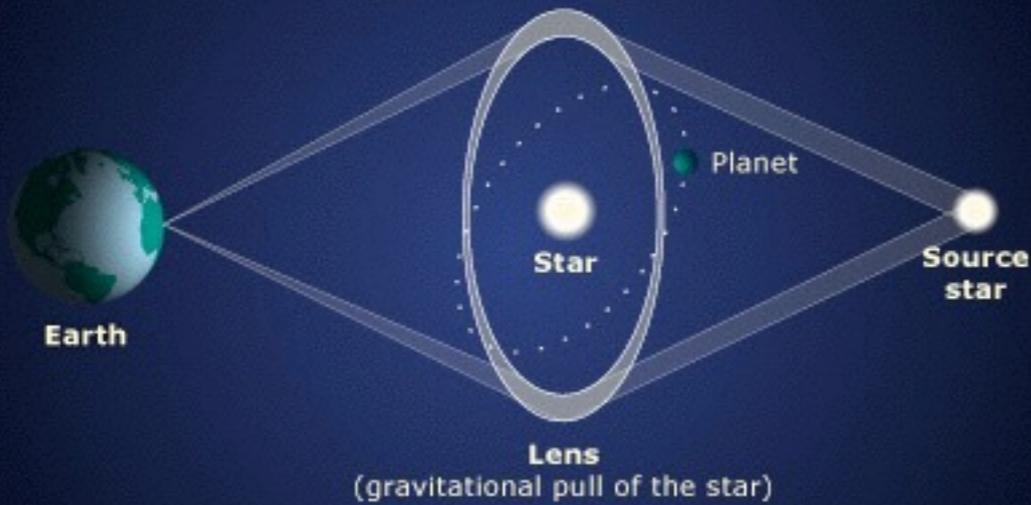
$$M_{BH} = f(c\Delta T V^2 / G)$$



Microlensing Key Project

PI: Rachel Street

Discovers planets at $\sim 1-10$ AU separation from host stars, around the snowline region central to planet formation theory.





The Supernova Group at UCSB / LCOGT

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We're involved in more supernova surveys than any group in the world: Palomar Transient Factory, Pan-STARRS1, LaSilla-Quest, Supernova Legacy Survey, PESSTO.

In the past year the SN group at UCSB/LCOGT has contributed to 54 papers, including 3+1 in Nature.

Supernova Key Project

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e.g. Mario Hamuy

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KMTNet

Dae-Sik Moon

Other

Melissa Graham

Eric Hsiao

Mark Phillips

David Sand

China

Guojie Feng

Hubiao Niu

Lifan Wang

Xiaofeng Wang

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Supernova Key Project

Allocation LCOGT time over 3 years:
1m time: 1030 hours / semester
2m time: 250 hours / semester

Goals Build a sample of 600 supernovae to:

1. Observe supernovae soon after explosion to search for signs of their progenitors
2. Measure Dark Energy
3. Do statistical population studies
4. Build the first statistical samples of exotic SNe
5. Obtain optical light curves and spectroscopy in support of UV observations, IR imaging and spectroscopy, host galaxy studies, high resolution spectroscopy, and late-time spectroscopy with large telescopes.

Other facilities used by the Key Project

Feeder Surveys

Survey	Facilities
iPTF	Palomar 48 (search)
LSQ	La Silla Schmidt
Skymapper	1.3m Skymapper telescope
KMTnet	17% of the time on three 4 sq. deg. 1.6m telescopes for SN Survey.

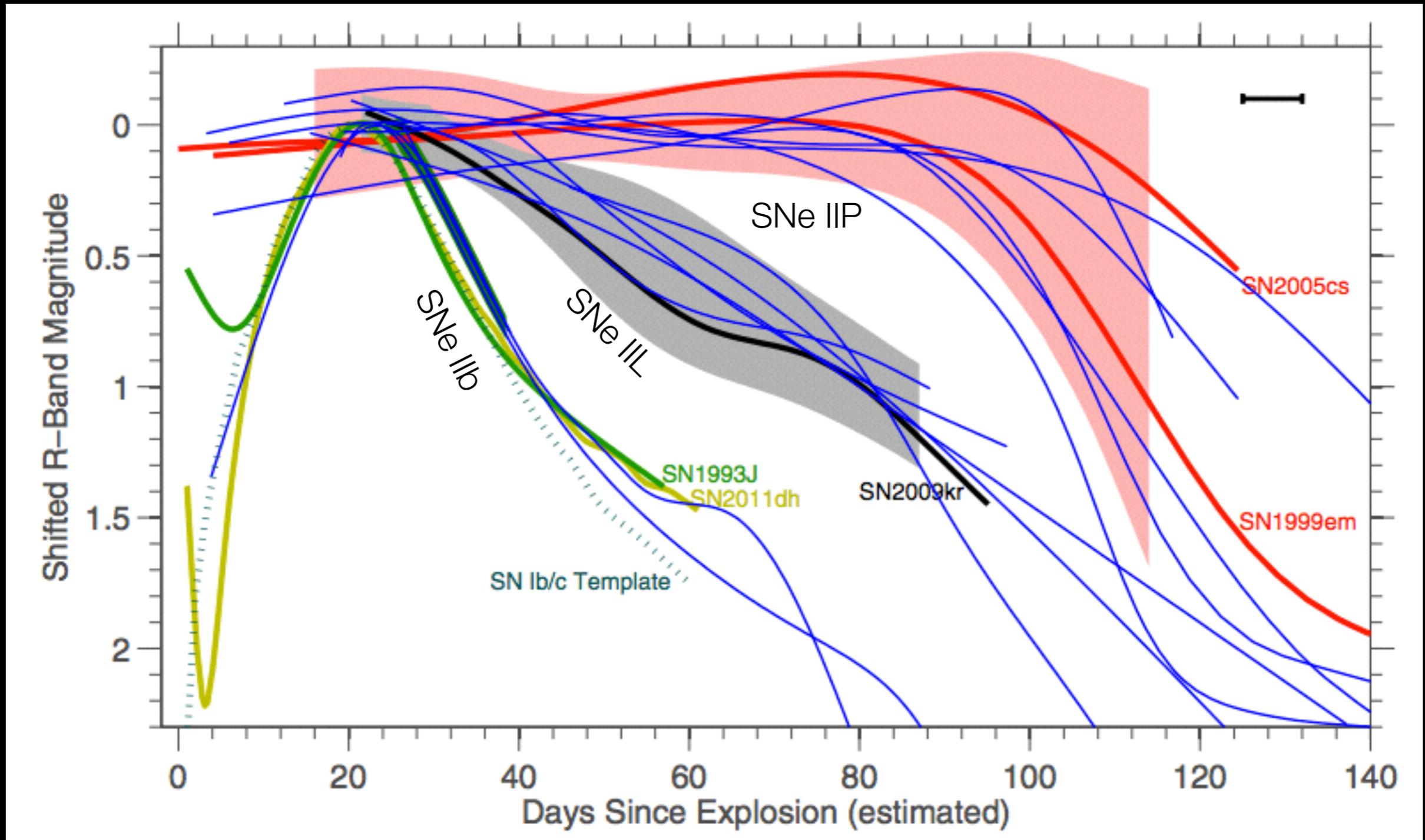
Also: KAIT, Gaia

Major Followup

Telescope	Ap. (m)	Purpose
NTT	3.6	PESSTO optical and NIR spectra
Keck	10	High and low resolution spectroscopy
Gemini	8	Low resolution optical and NIR spectroscopy
Magellan	6.5	IR spectroscopy
Salt	9.2	Low resolution spectroscopy

What are SNe IIL?

Arcavi et al. 2012



3 classes of SNe.

Plateau length should be proportional to stellar mass.

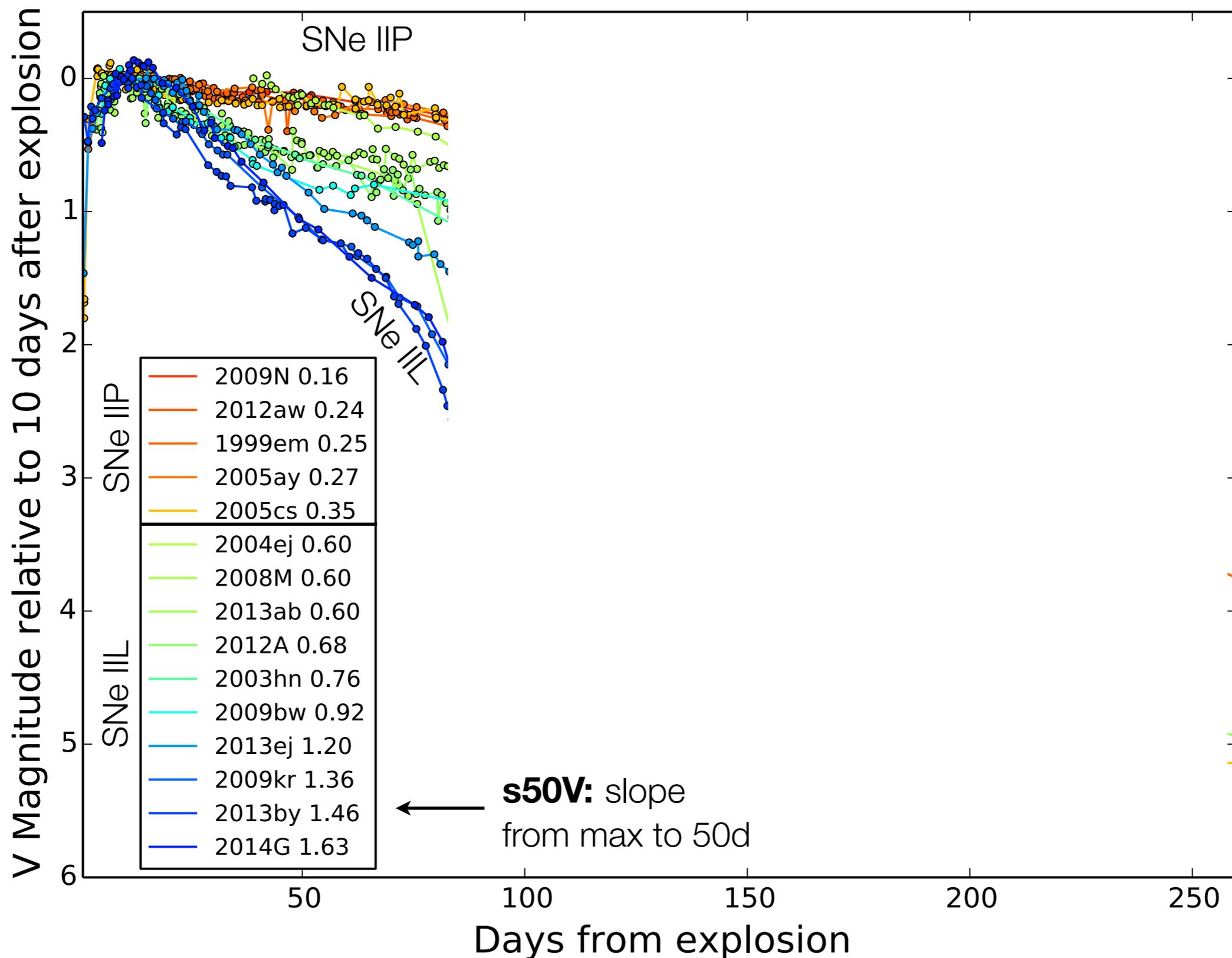
$$t_p = 99 \frac{\kappa_{0.34}^{1/6} M_{10}^{1/2} R_{0,500}^{1/6}}{E_{51}^{1/6} T_{\text{ion},5054}^{2/3}} \text{ days}$$

Plateau length from Popov 1993

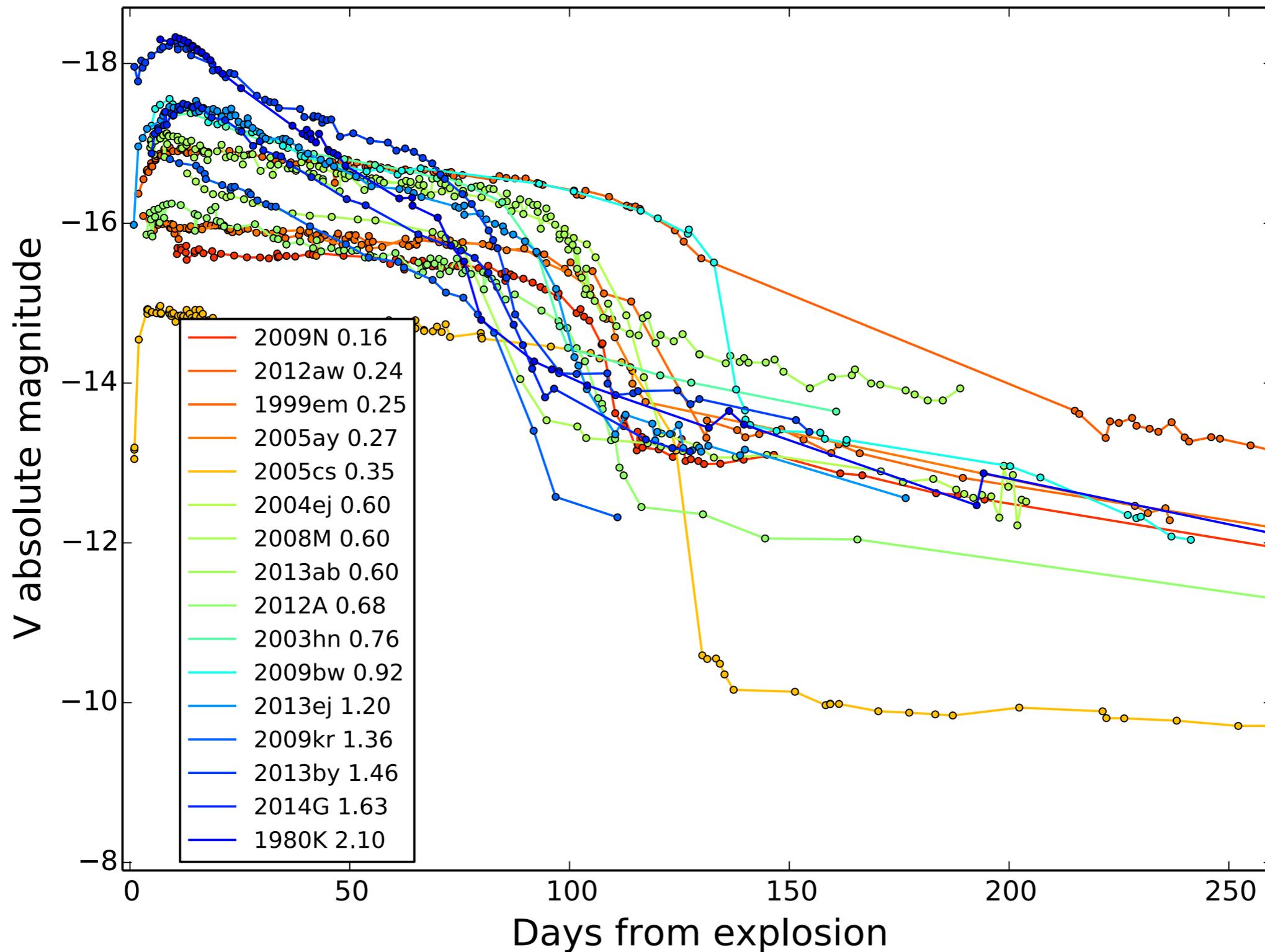
What are SNe IIL?

Data are from literature and LCOGT

Valenti et al. 2015



All SNe IIL actually have plateaus if you follow them for long enough!



SNe IIL are more luminous than SNe IIP

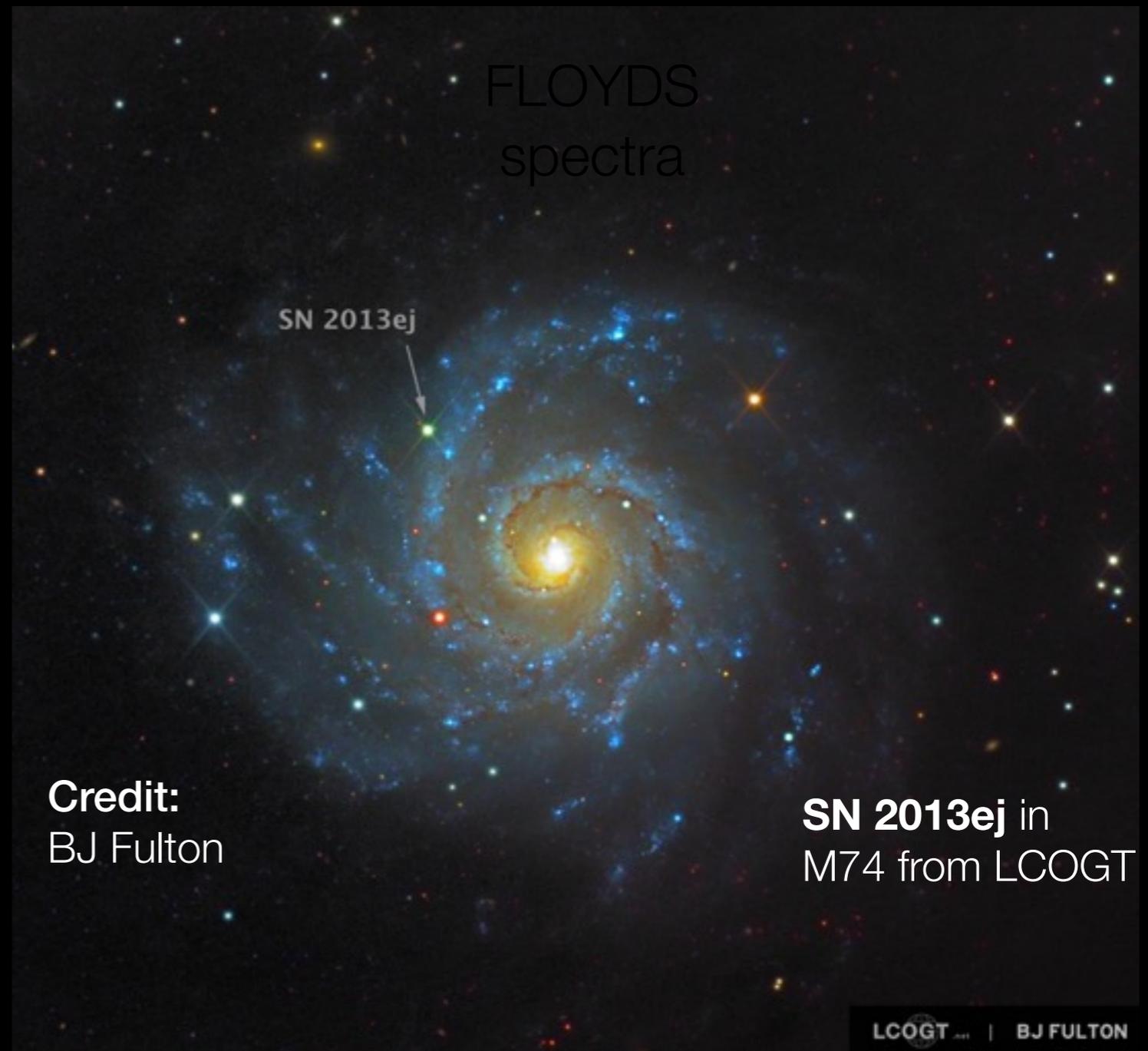
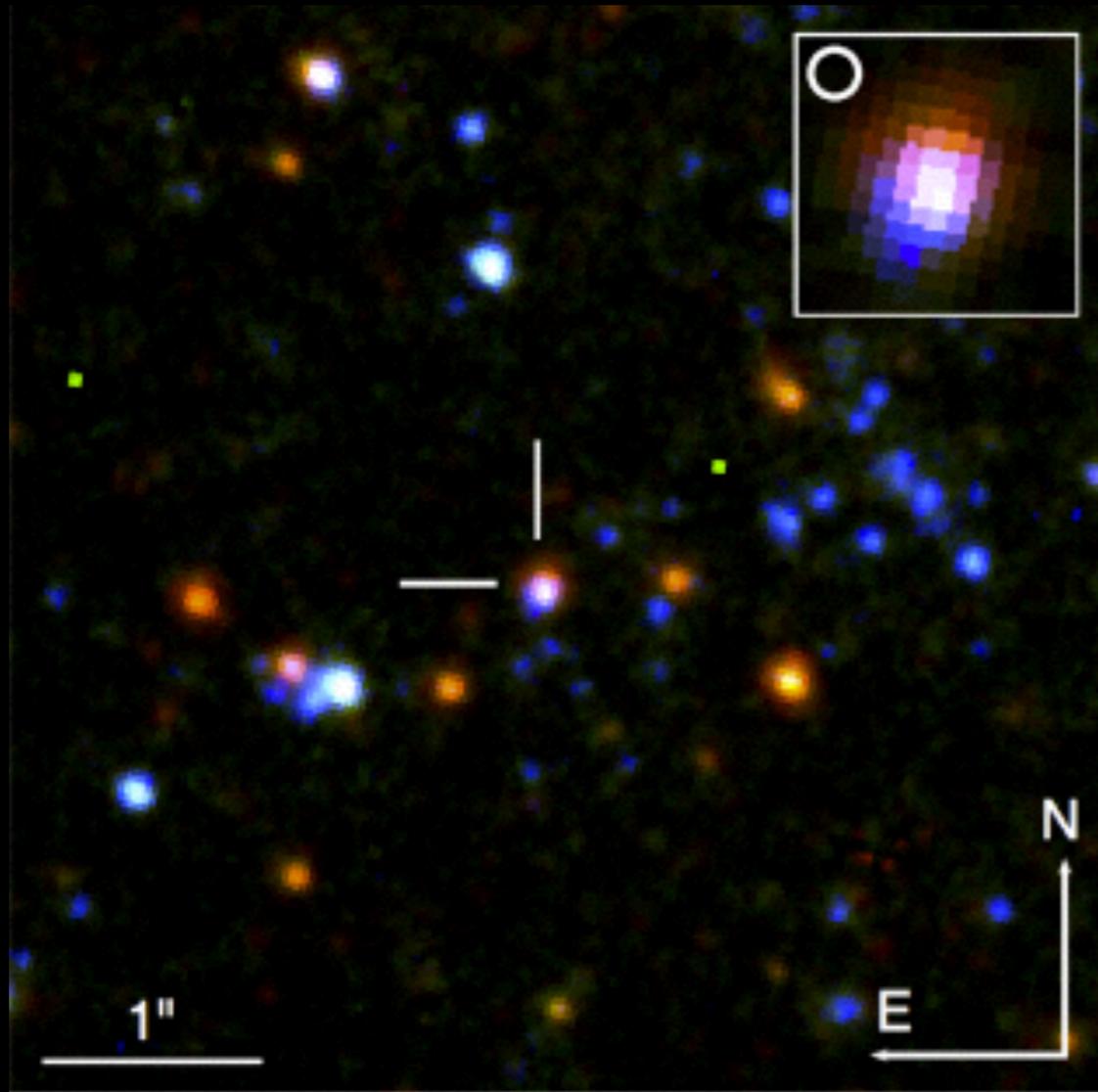
Are they from similar progenitors, but with an additional source of energy at early times?

Direct imaging

Fraser et al. 2014

SN 2013ej was a Type II SN in M74.

HST color composite of F435W, F555W and F814W. Inset shows progenitor candidate, circle shows uncertainty.

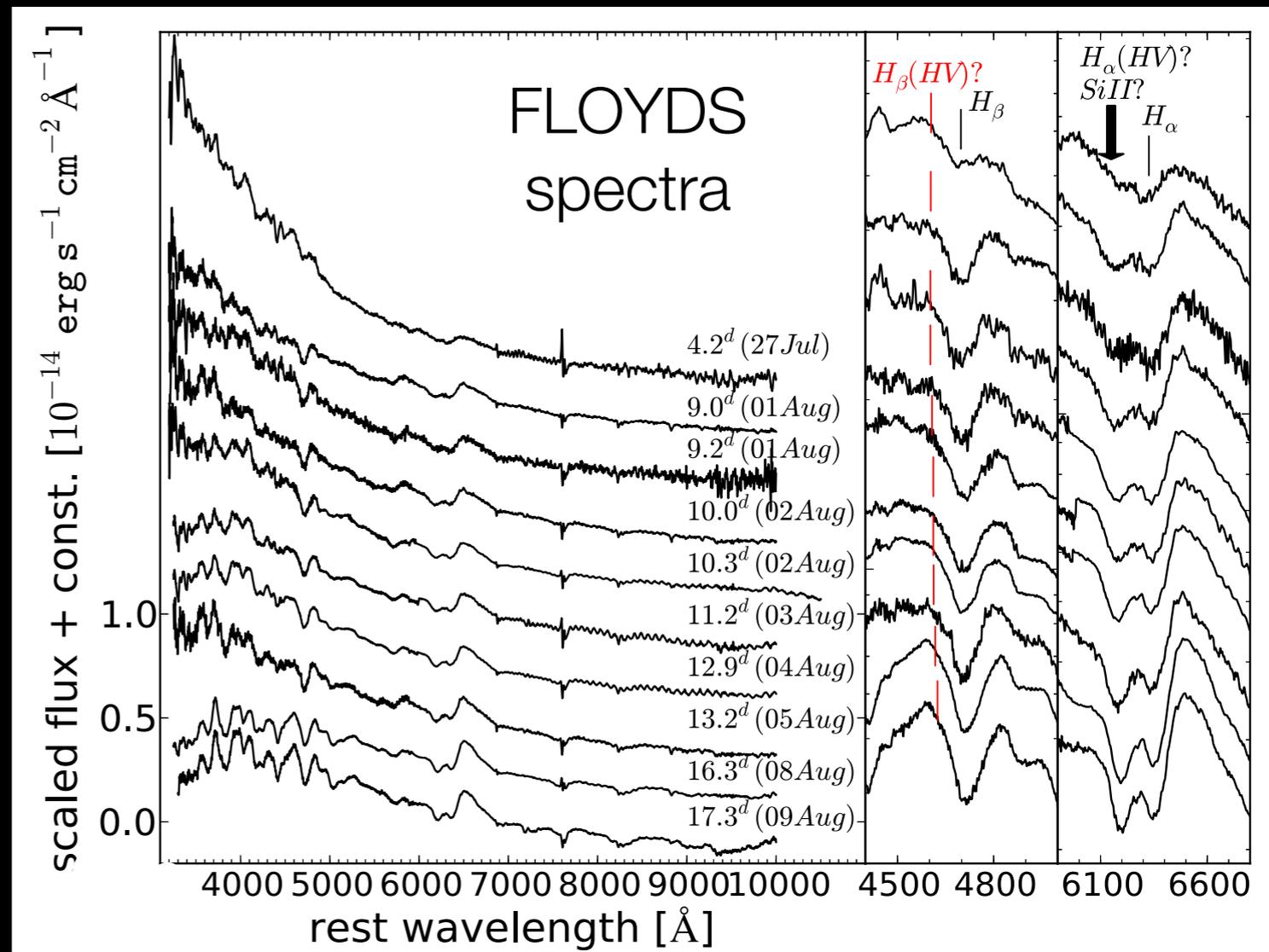
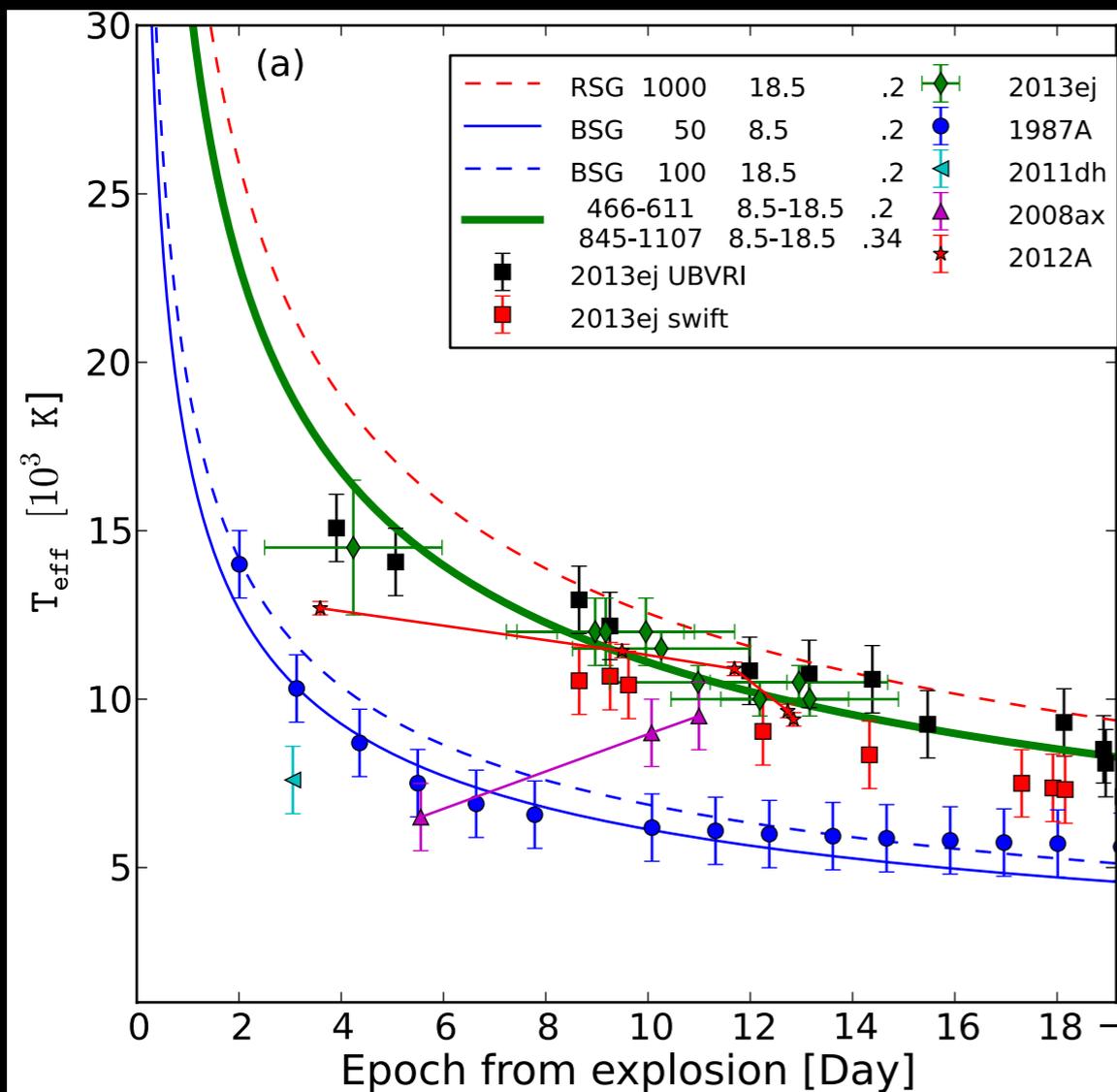


Blue source blended with red source. If red source is the progenitor, then position is consistent with 8-15.5 M_{\odot} progenitor.

Measuring the progenitor with shock cooling!

Valenti et al. 2014

With LCOGT we get lightcurves, spectra soon after explosion.



Shock cooling measured with FLOYDS (green points), reveals the progenitor of SN 2013ej was a red supergiant with $R=450-600 R_{\odot}$!

RAPIDLY RISING TRANSIENTS IN THE SUPERNOVA - SUPERLUMINOUS SUPERNOVA GAP

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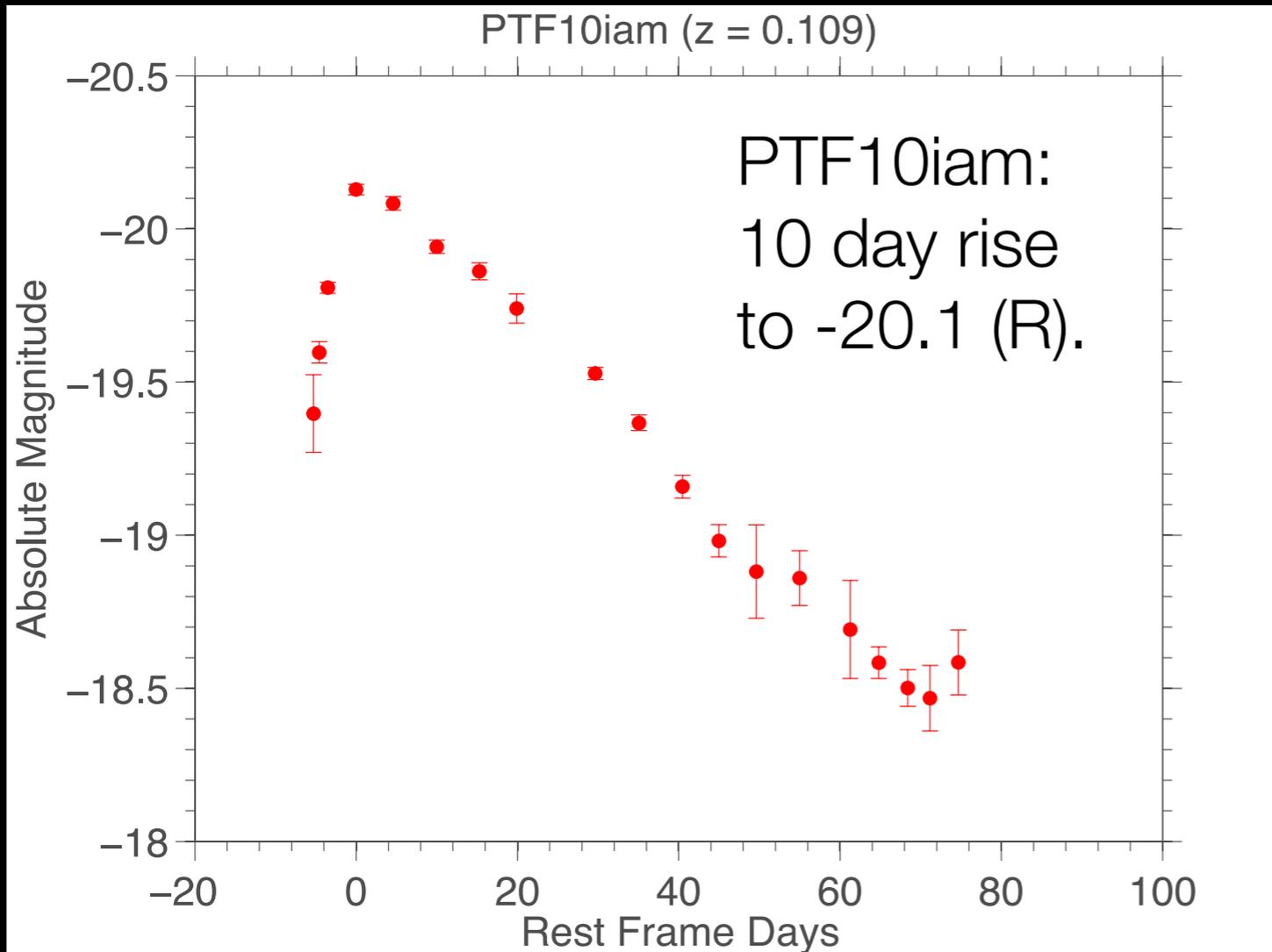
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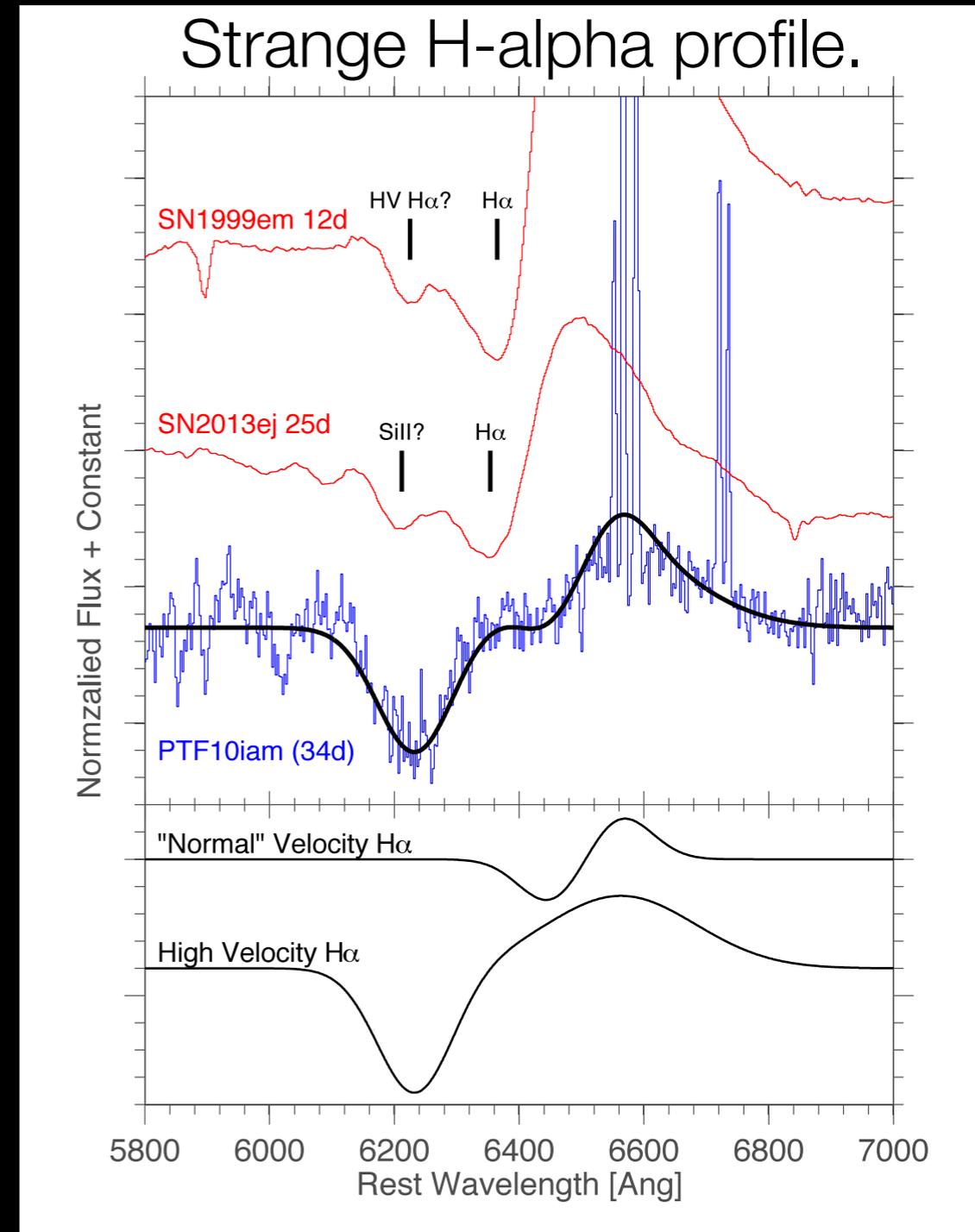
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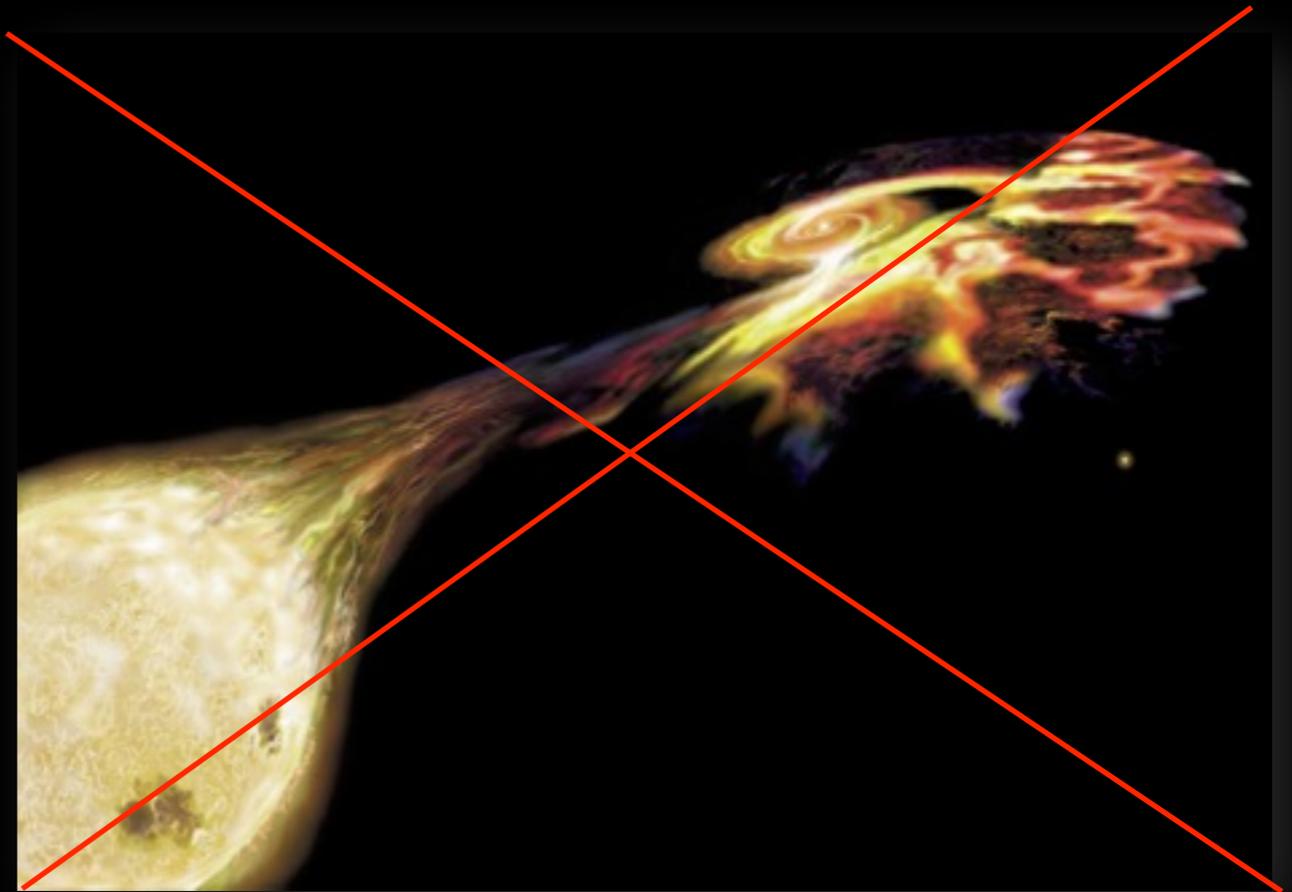
Three other fast-rising, intermediate luminosity events from SNLS without spectra.



Evidence against the single degenerate channel

No evidence for surviving companions in SN remnants (e.g. Schaefer & Pagnotta 2012)

SN Ia delay time distribution is proportional to t^{-1} (predicted from double degenerate model, inconsistent with SD model)



In most SNe, no circumstellar hydrogen is seen.

Some supernovae seem to require a progenitor of more than a Chandrasekhar mass (perhaps consistent with DD merger)

Searches for shocks from companion stars say $< 20\%$ of SNe have red giant companions.

Nearby SNe Ia SN 2011fe and SN 2014J have no evidence of SD companion from HST preimaging, companion interaction, or circumstellar material.

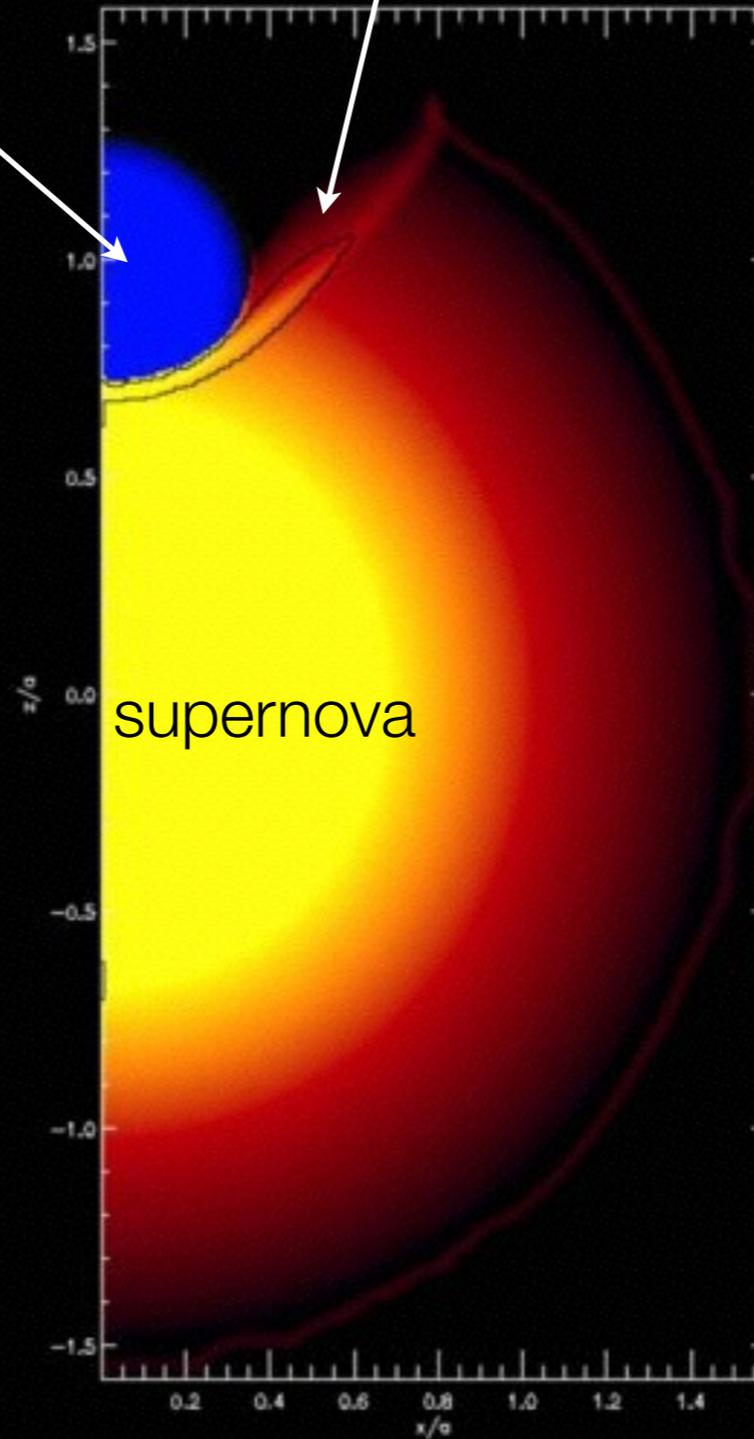
Companion shocking

If a supernova hits a companion star, the ejecta will be shocked and glow in the UV and blue for a few days if seen from the right angle (Kasen 2010).

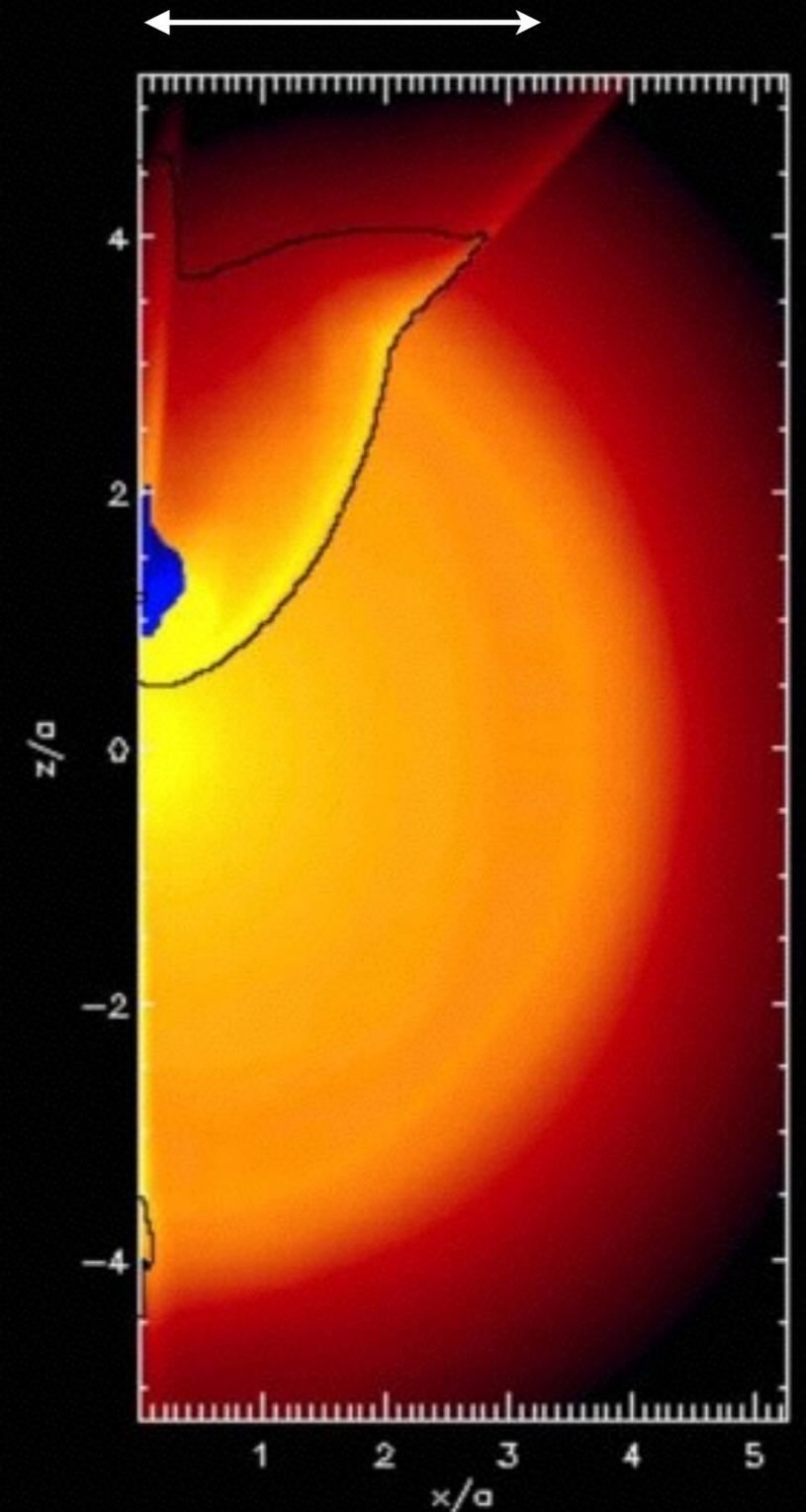
The supernova lightcurve should show a bump for a few days after explosion in the UV, B, and V bands, decreasing with wavelength.

Shocked ejecta,
glows in UV

Companion star



Opening angle means
you should see this
effect 10% of the time



iPTF14atg

Nature, accepted

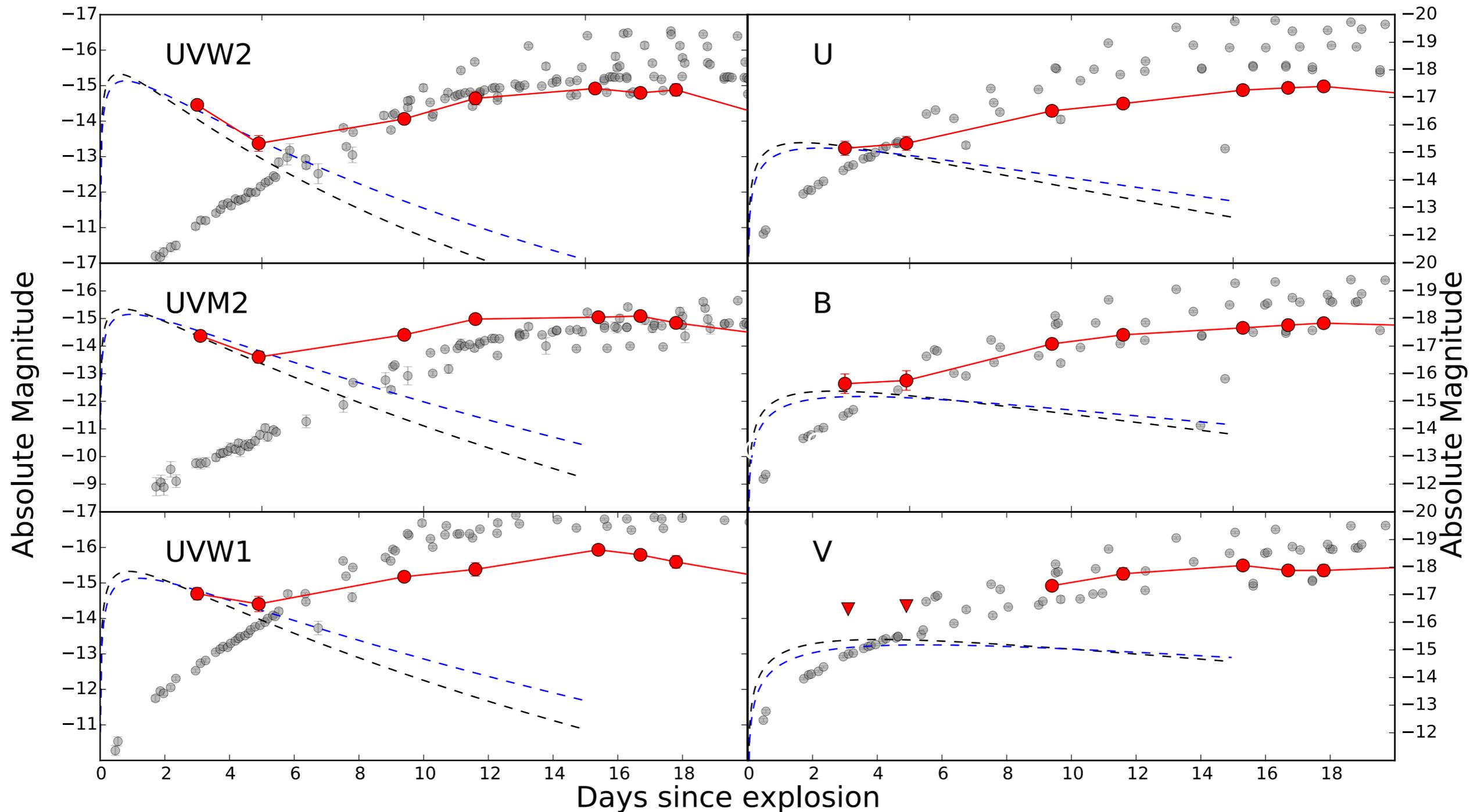
Ultraviolet Radiation from Supernova-Companion Collision in a Type Ia Supernova

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Shocking in iPTF14atg: lightcurves



Cao et al. 2015

Red: data from Swift

Gray: data from other supernovae

Blue dashed: Expected effect from shocking hypothesis

welcome to

SNEx

the SupernovaExchange

SN2014ad SN Ic-BL $z = 0.005$

11:57:44.44 -10:10:15.7
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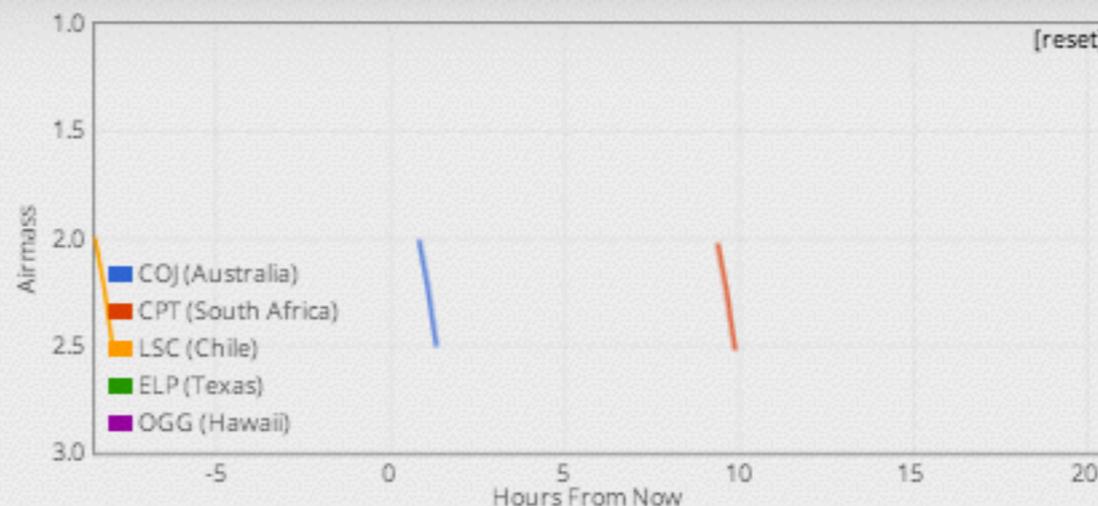
Grant to all sharing groups

Science Interests:
Well Sampled SNe Ic-BL

Object Comments

- SV** blue continuum, strange features, in close galaxy, spectrum taken from M. Childress
 - iair** No recent data, trying to split observations
2014-03-25 00:00:00
 - dah** We missed the peak. Should we still follow this?
2014-04-14 00:00:00 [Delete this comment](#)
 - iair** Yes, Ic-BL's are super rare, continuing followup. We can collaborate for peak data.
2014-04-14 00:00:00
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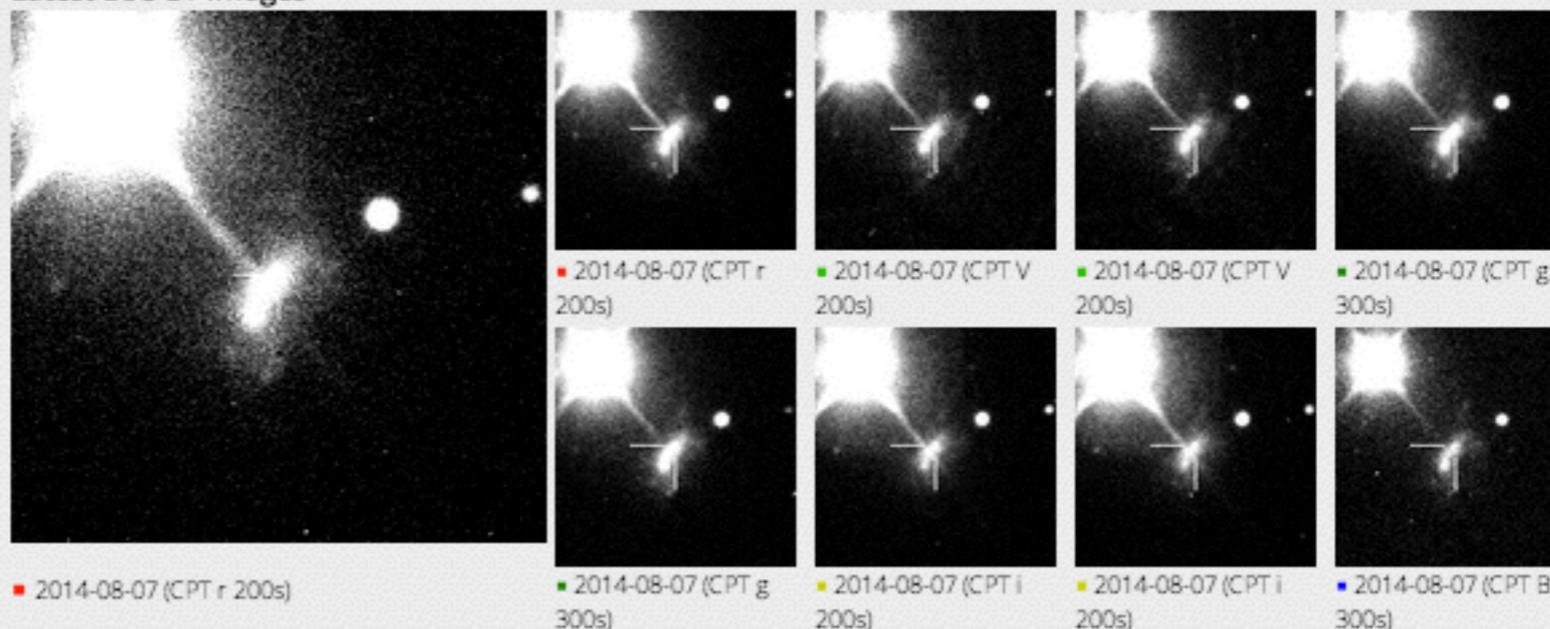
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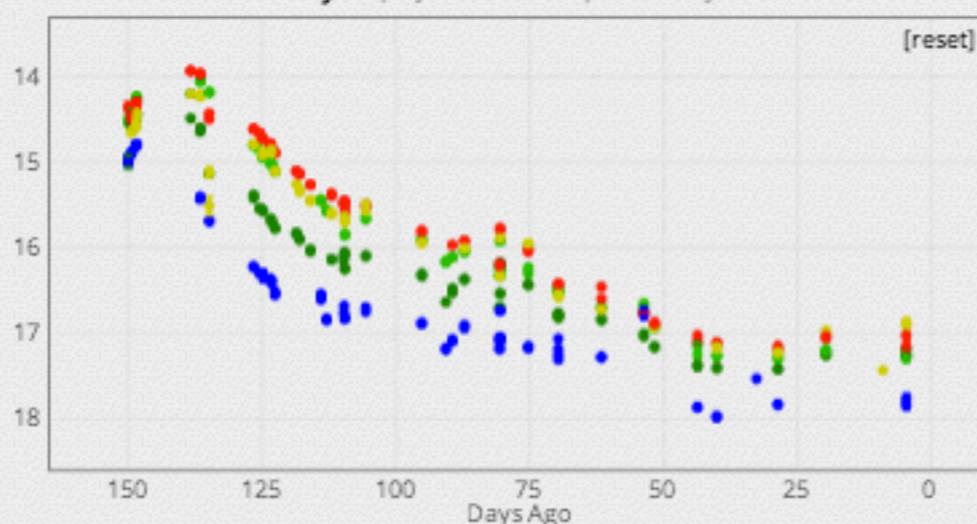
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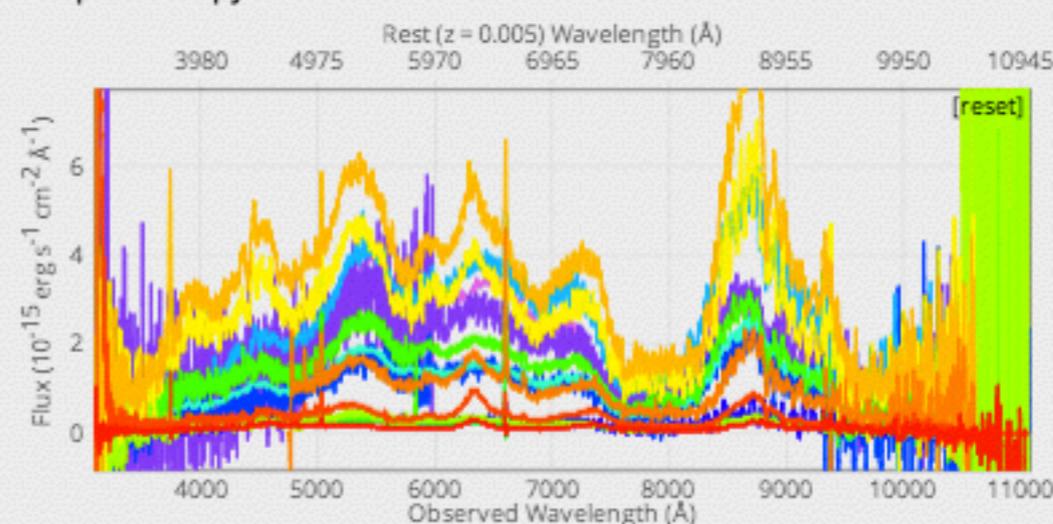
Latest LCOGT Images



Calibrated Photometry Display instrumental photometry



Spectroscopy





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Submitted Sequences

Photometry: 3-day cadence of B (2x200s), V (2x120s), g (2x200s), r (2x120s), i (2x120s) starting 2014-05-08, ending 2014-06-03, using Sbig
Iair: Lowering cadence

Spectroscopy: Single observation of 1800s starting 2014-05-08, ending 2014-05-09, using Floyds

Photometry: 7-day cadence of B (2x300s), V (2x200s), g (2x300s), r (2x200s), i (2x200s) starting 2014-06-03, ending 2014-08-05, using Sbig
SV: change airmass from 2 to 3

Spectroscopy: 7-day cadence of 3600s starting 2014-07-16 using Floyds (Tags: Well Sampled SNe Ic-BL)
[Stop this sequence](#)

Photometry: 7-day cadence of B (2x300s), V (2x200s), g (2x300s), r (2x200s), i (2x200s) starting 2014-08-05 using Sbig (Tags: Well Sampled SNe Ic-BL)
[Stop this sequence](#)

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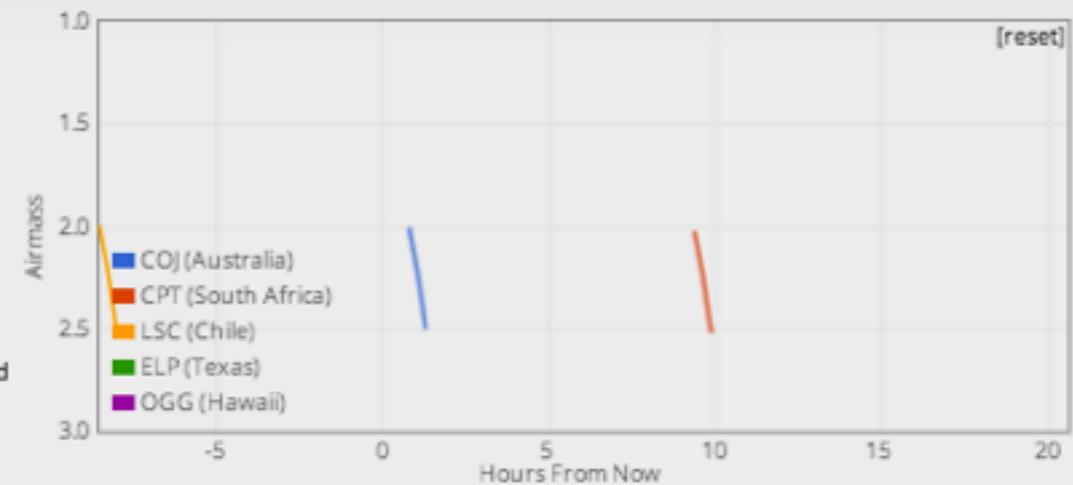
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 - China Padova UCB
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 - ex-LCOGT PS1
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Pre-approved / urgent observations

Current Visibility at LCOGT



Add a Spectroscopic Sequence

Once in the next days

Exposure Time
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Site
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Comments

Scheduling

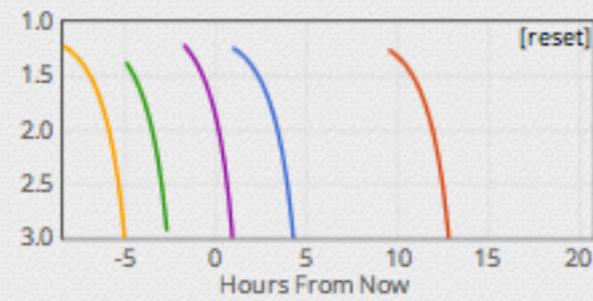
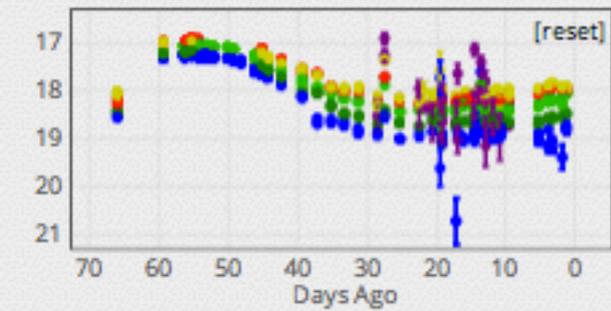
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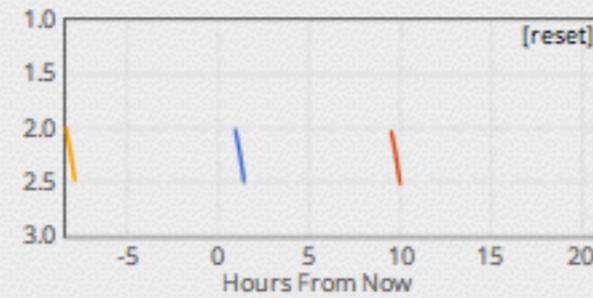
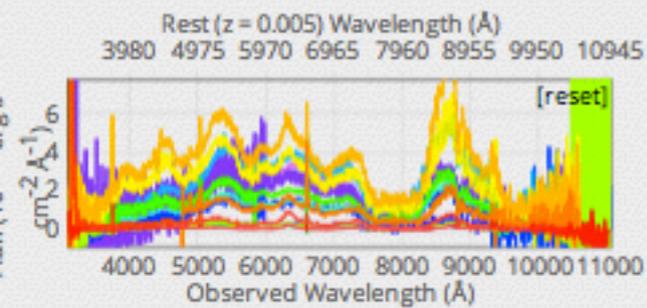


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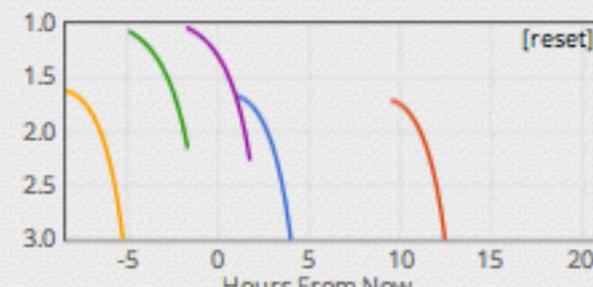
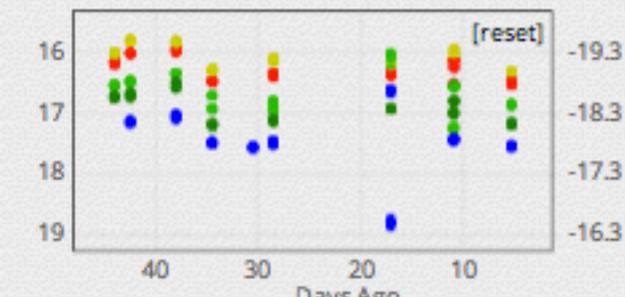


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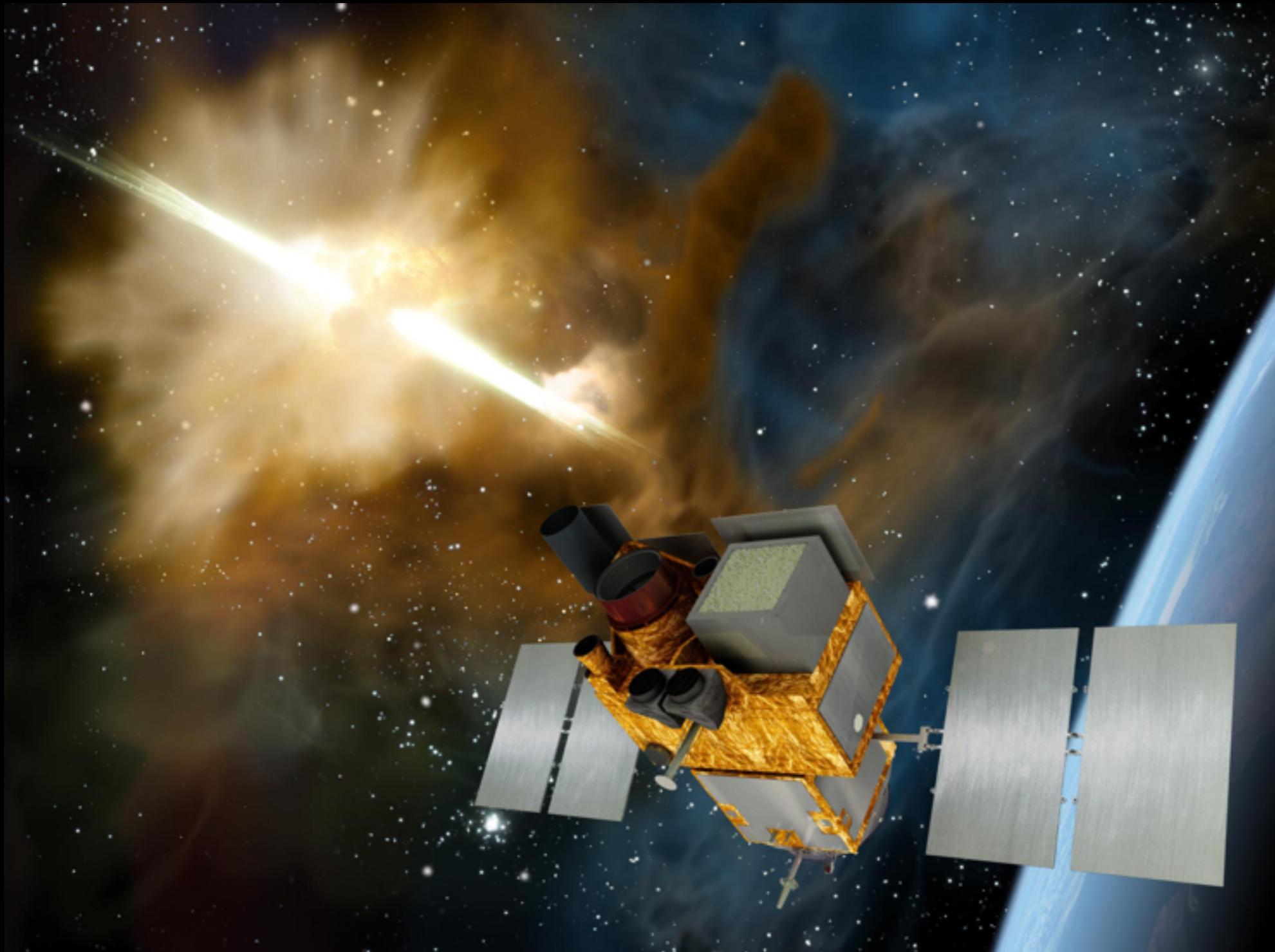
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We are in talks with French colleagues to do ground-based optical follow-up for the French/Chinese SVOM GRB/X-ray satellite launching in 2021.

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The LCOGT SN group is also involved in LIGO/VIRGO and Fast Radio Burst follow-up programs

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