



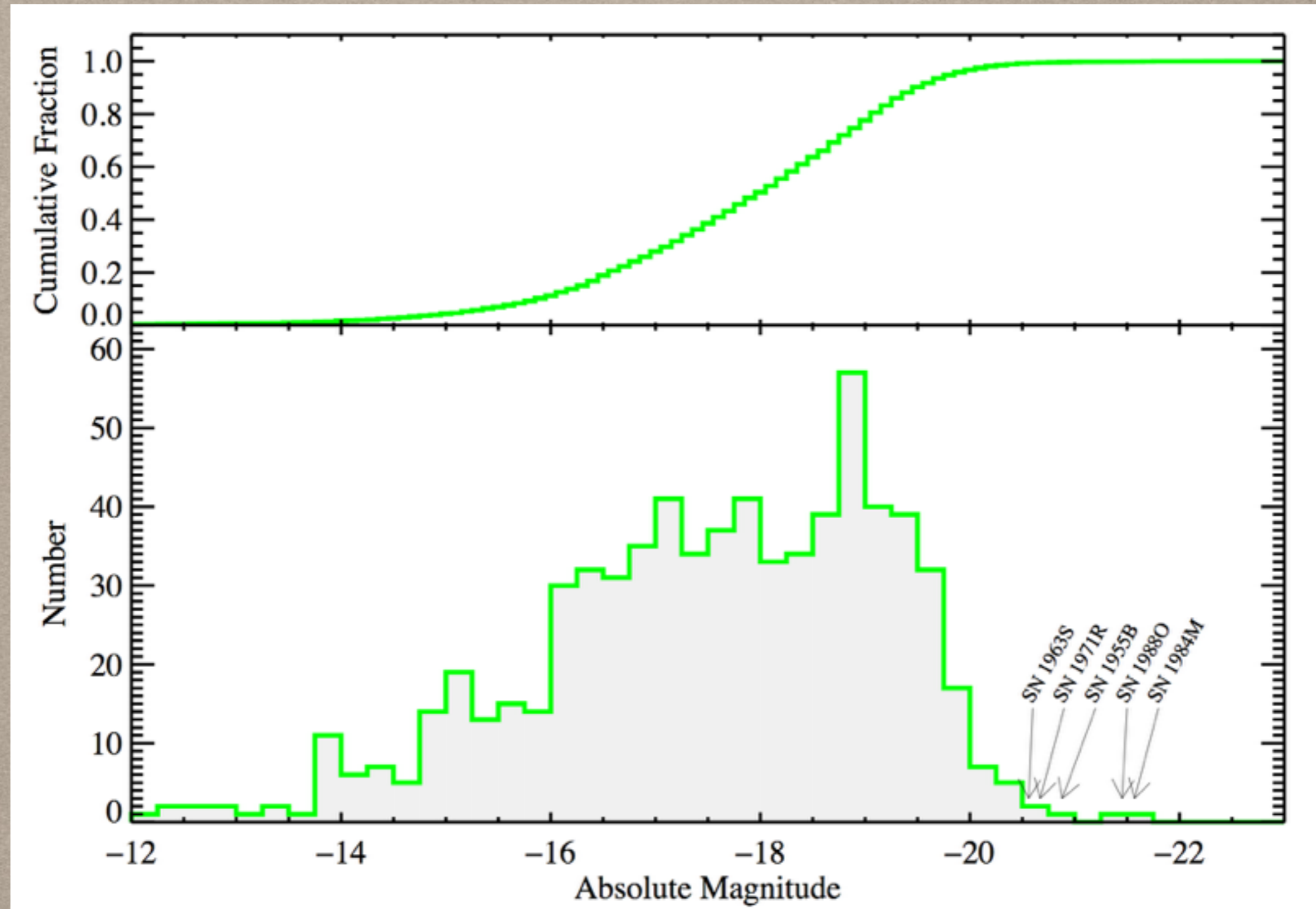
SUPERLUMINOUS SUPERNOVAE

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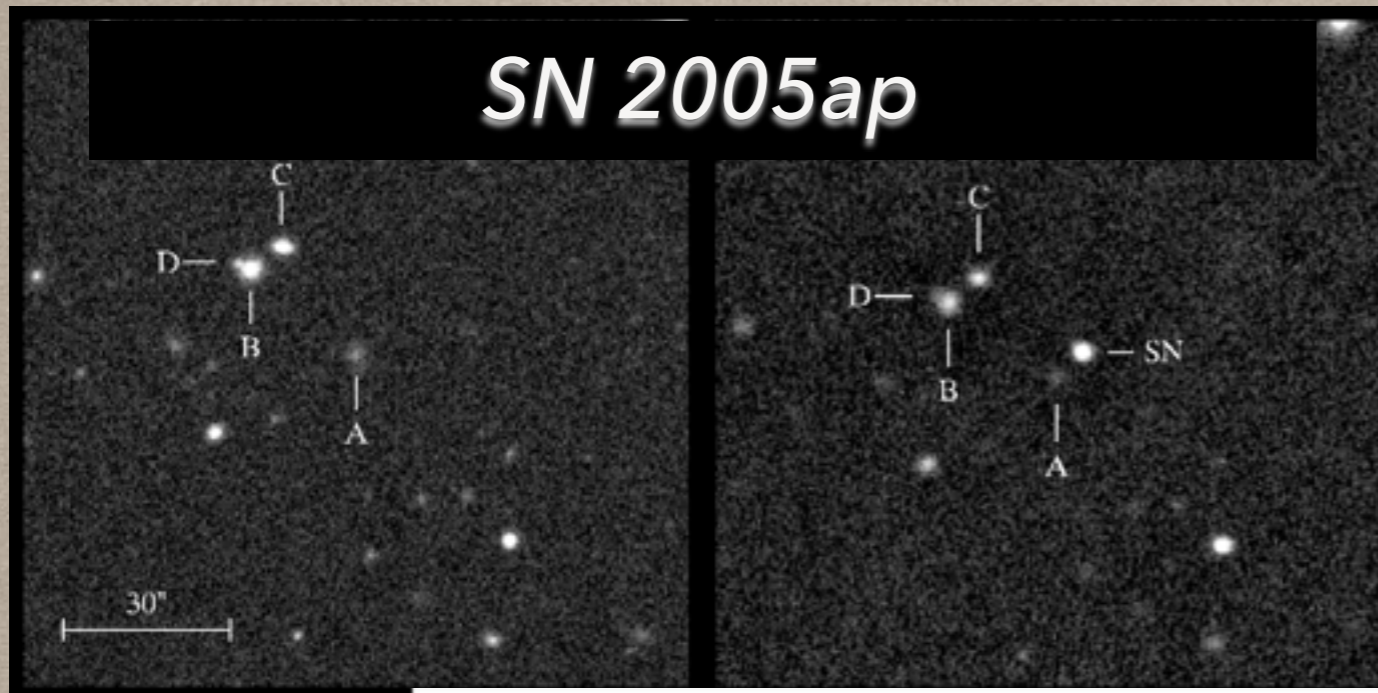
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SN PEAK LUMINOSITIES (HISTORICAL)

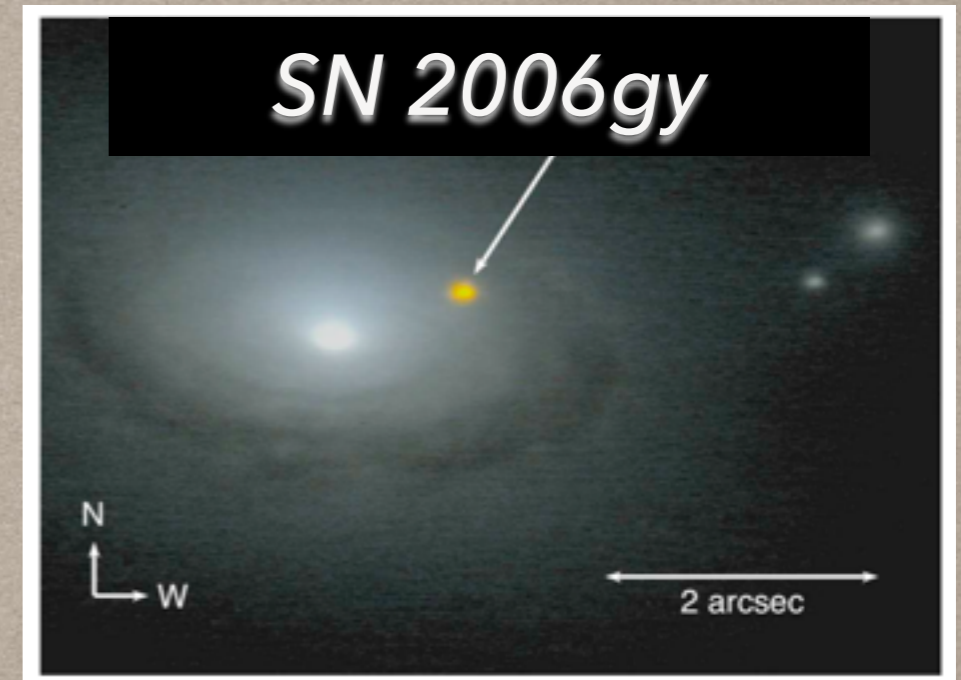


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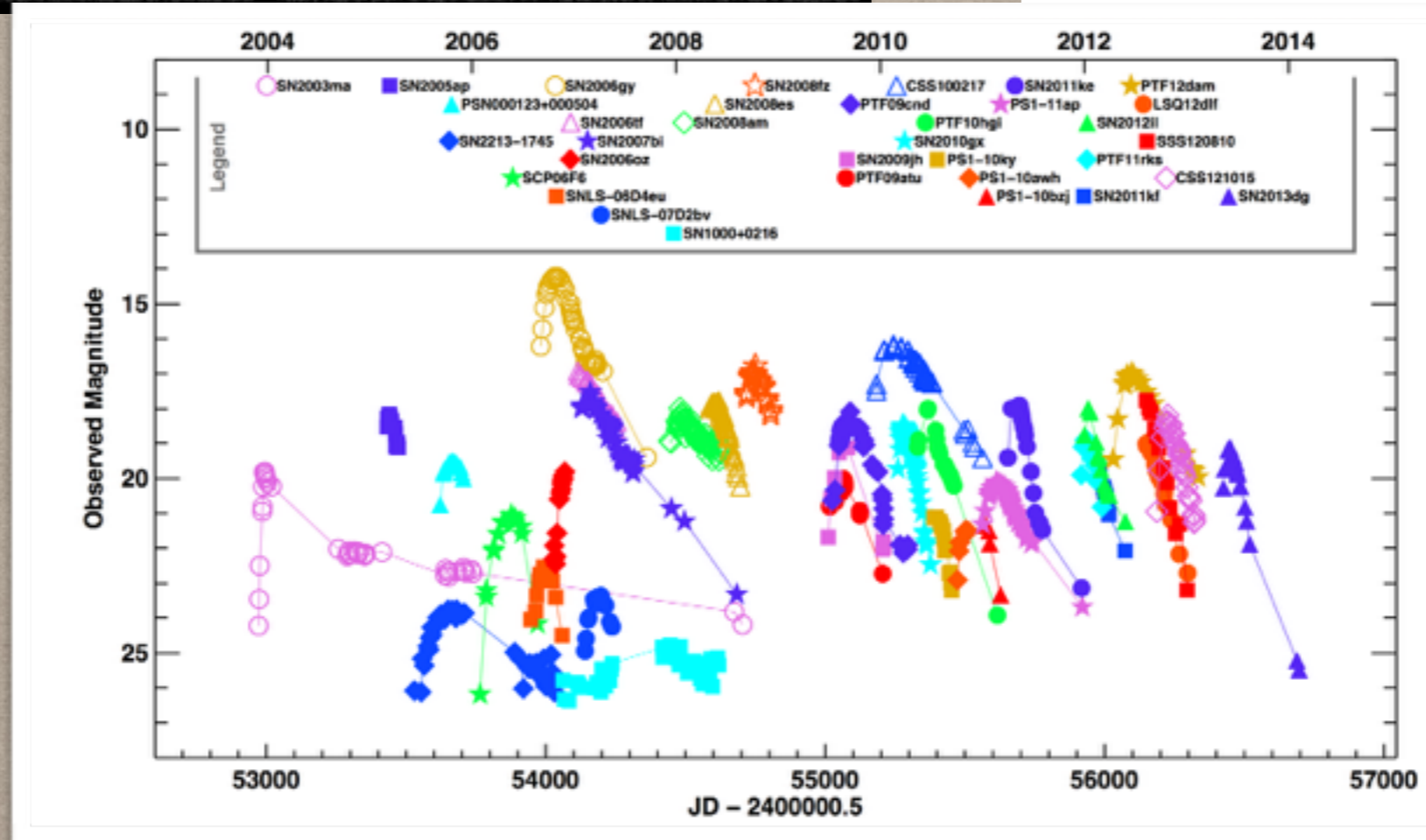
MODERN SEARCHES FIND $M < -20$ SN



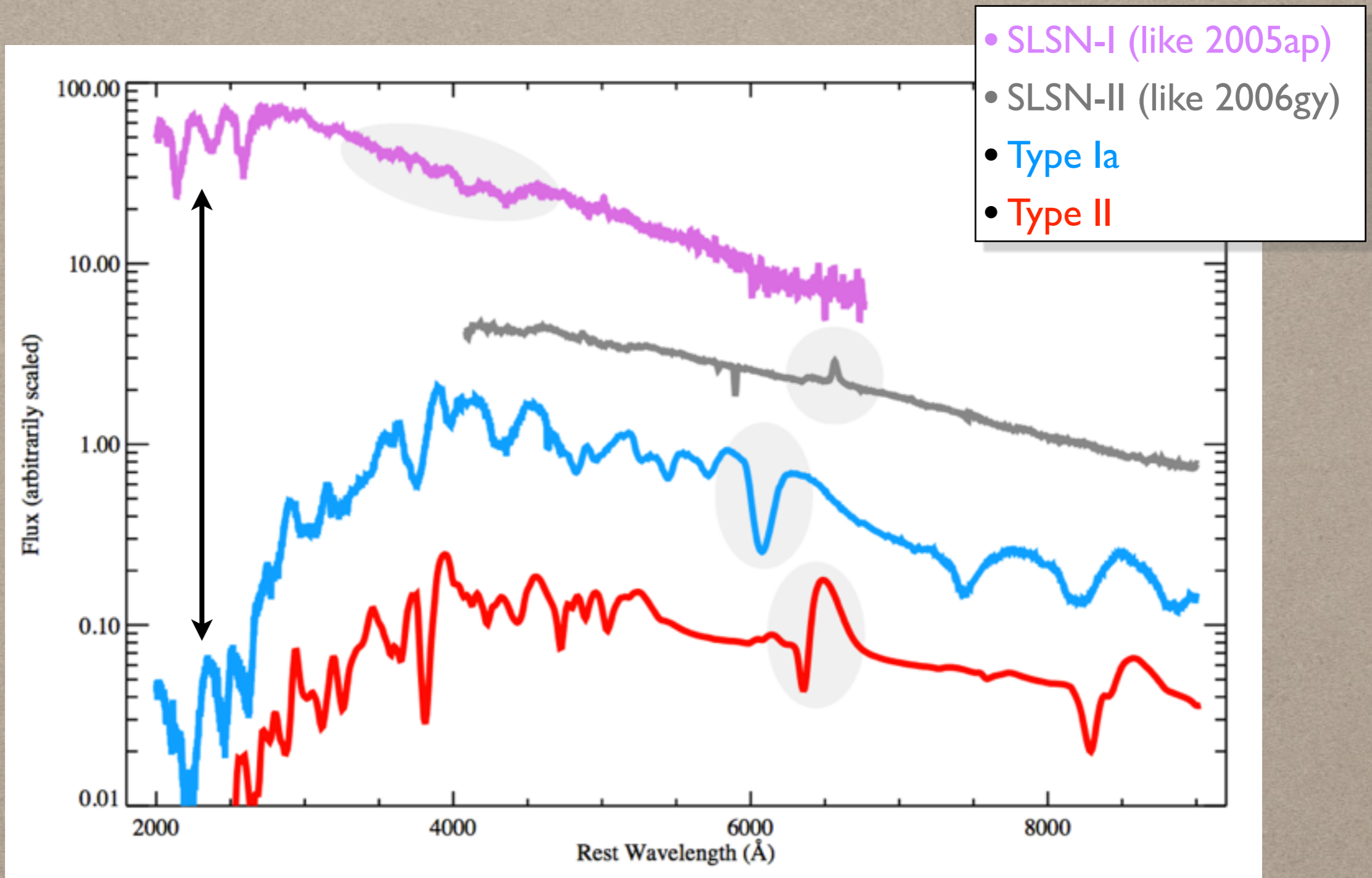
RQ et al. 2007



Smith et al. 2008

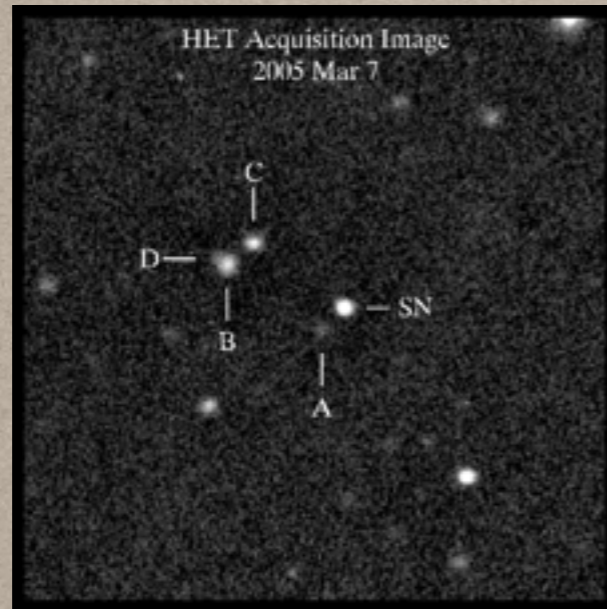


SLSN SPECTRA



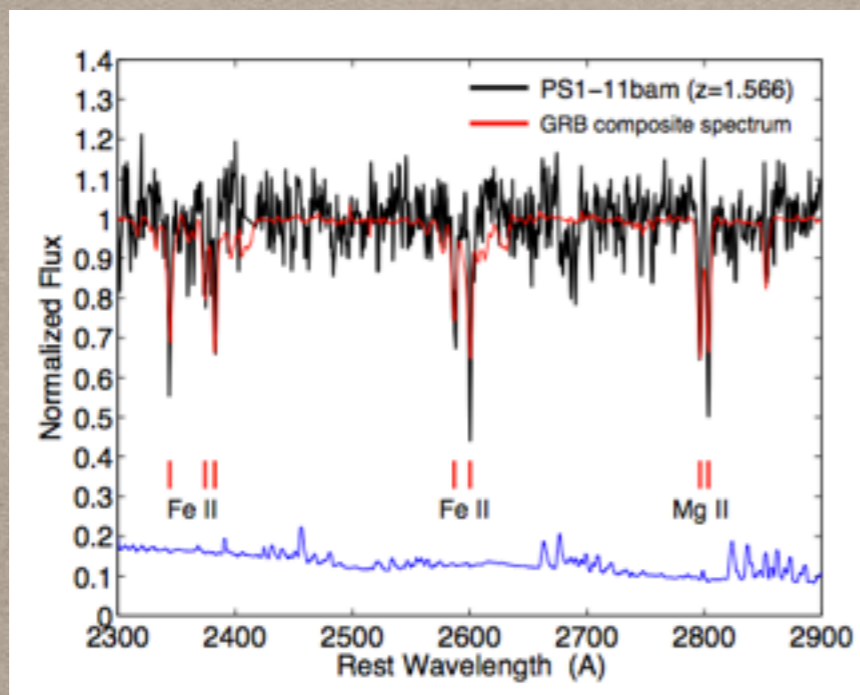
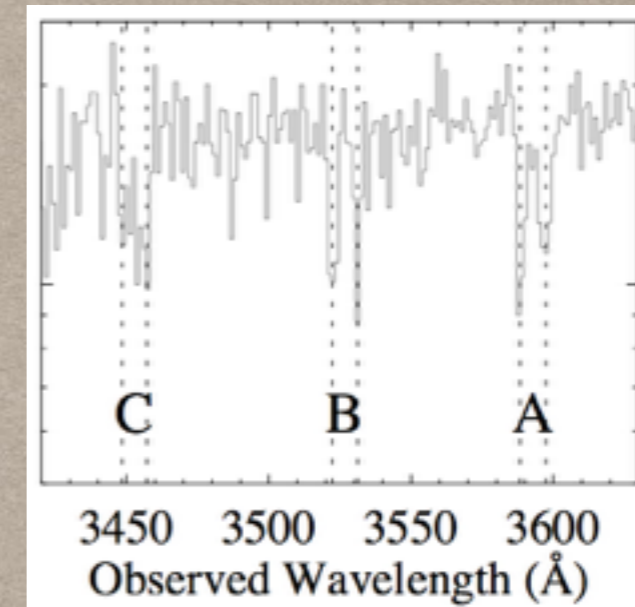
Hundreds of times brighter than SNIa in the UV!

SLSN COULD BE USEFUL BACKLIGHTS!

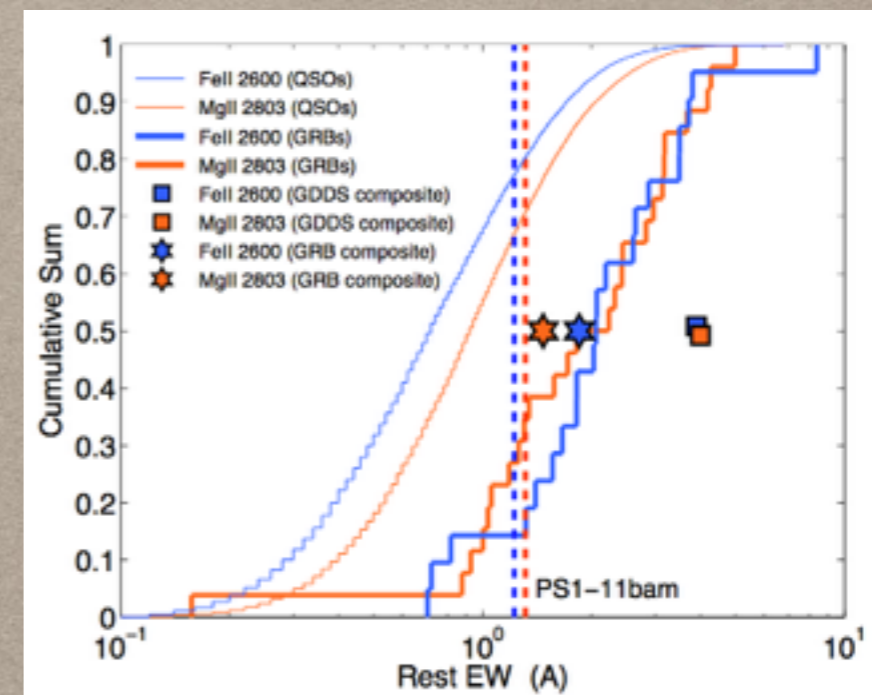


SN 2005ap
 $z=0.283$

RQ et al. 2007

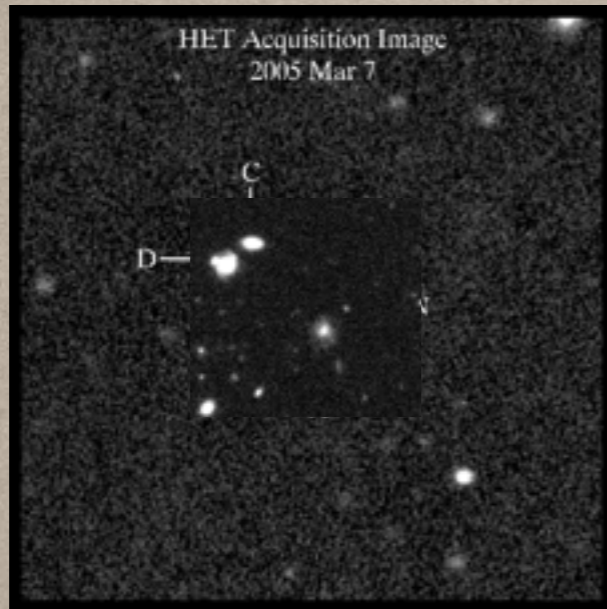


PS1-11bam
 $z=1.566$



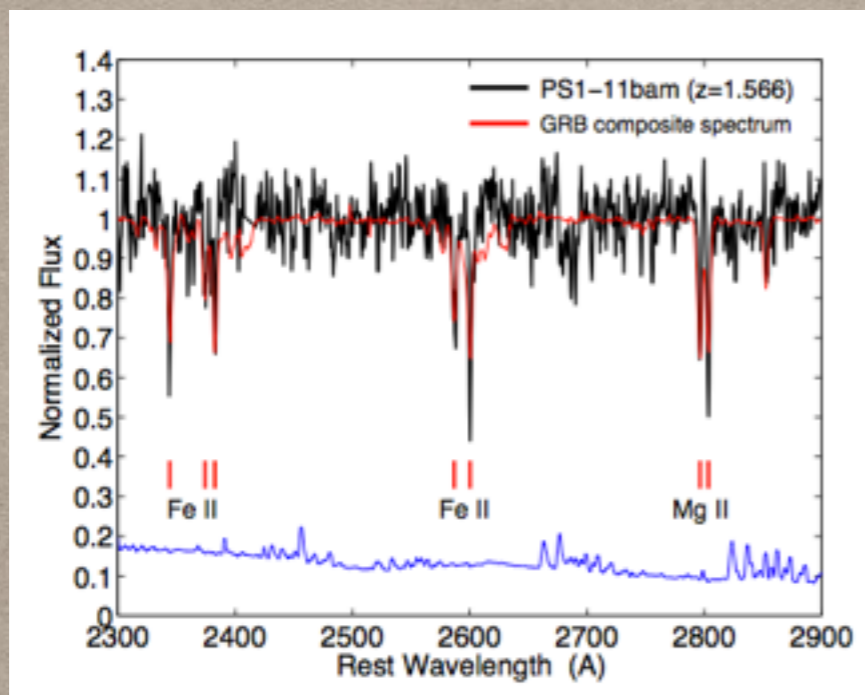
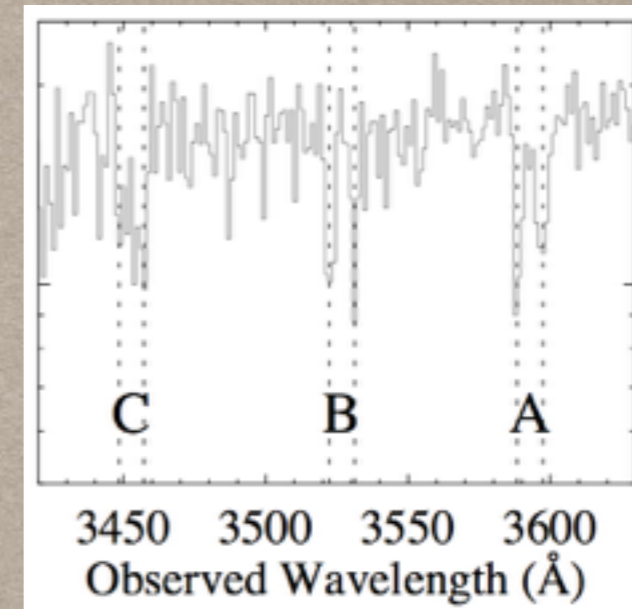
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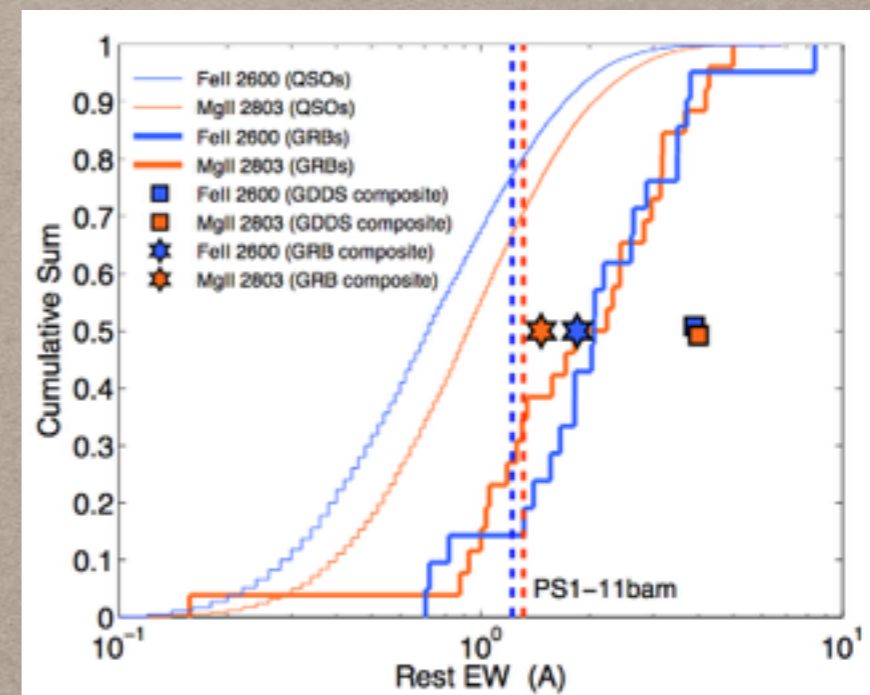


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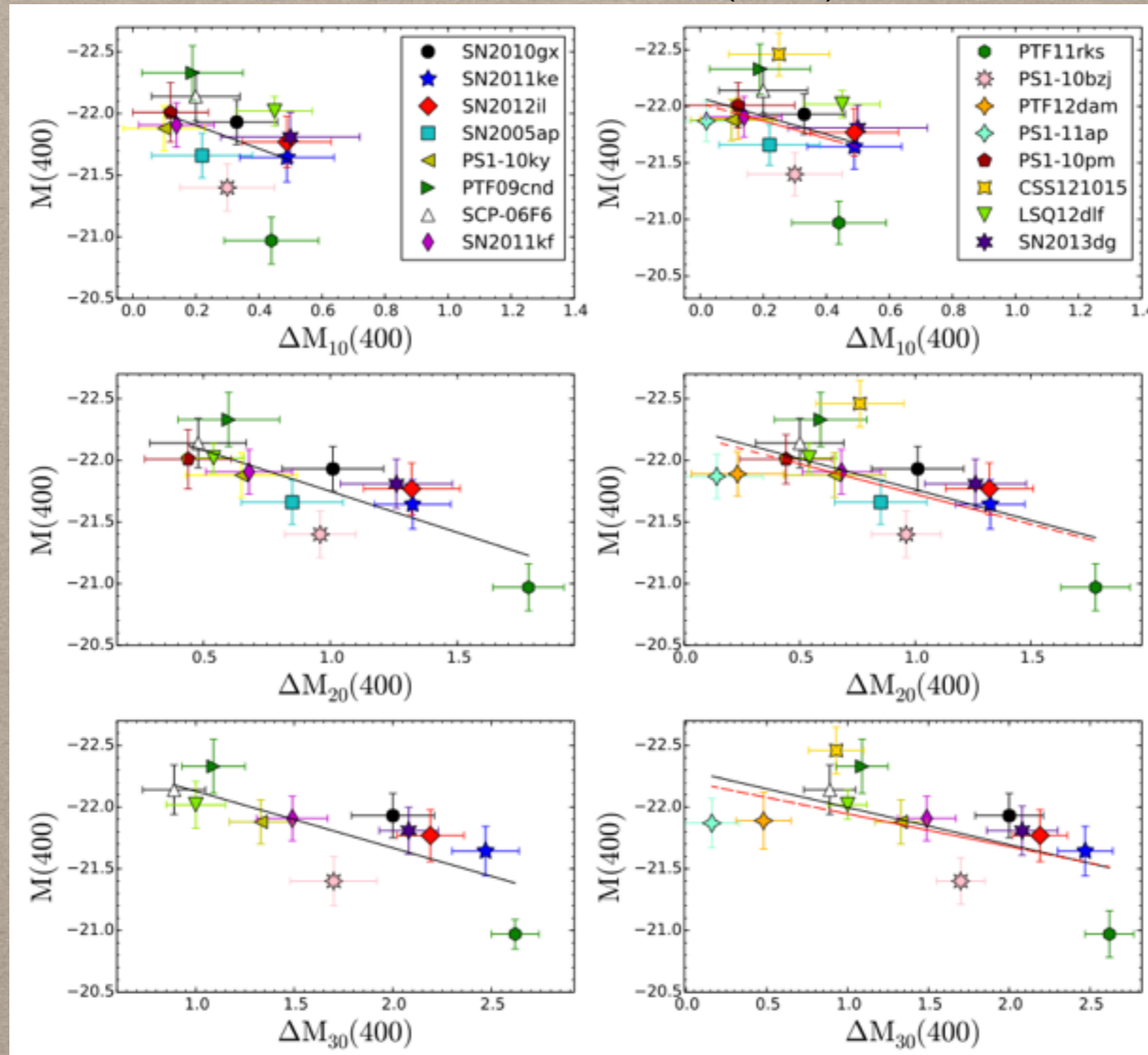
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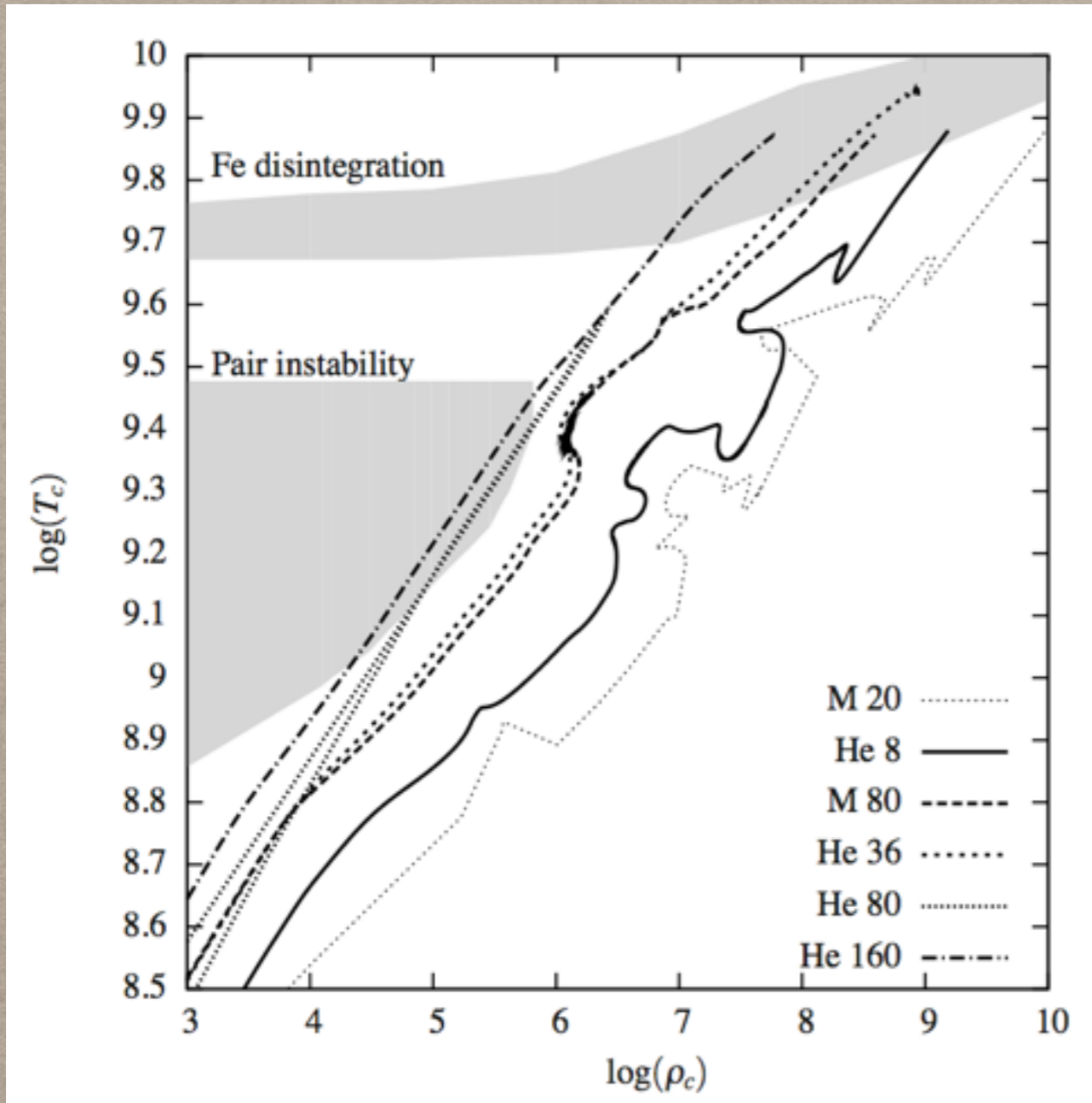
SLSN AS STANDARDIZABLE CANDLES?

Inserra & Smartt (2014)



Robert Quimby (SDSU)

ARE SLSN: 1) PAIR-INSTABILITY SN?

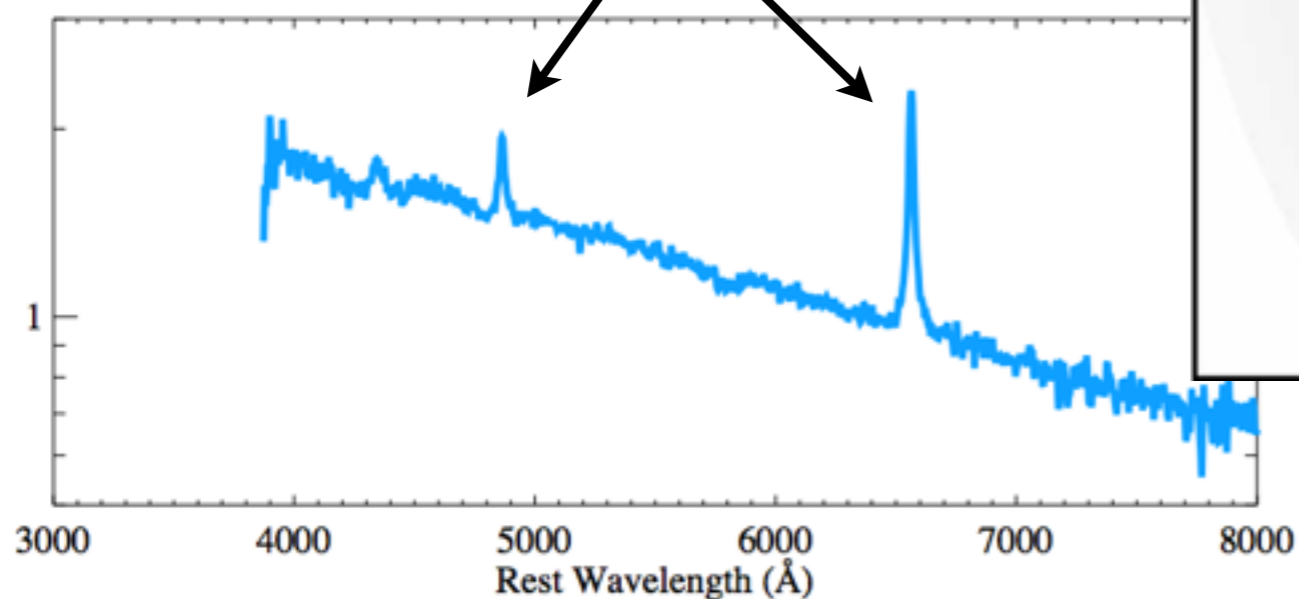


Waldman 2008

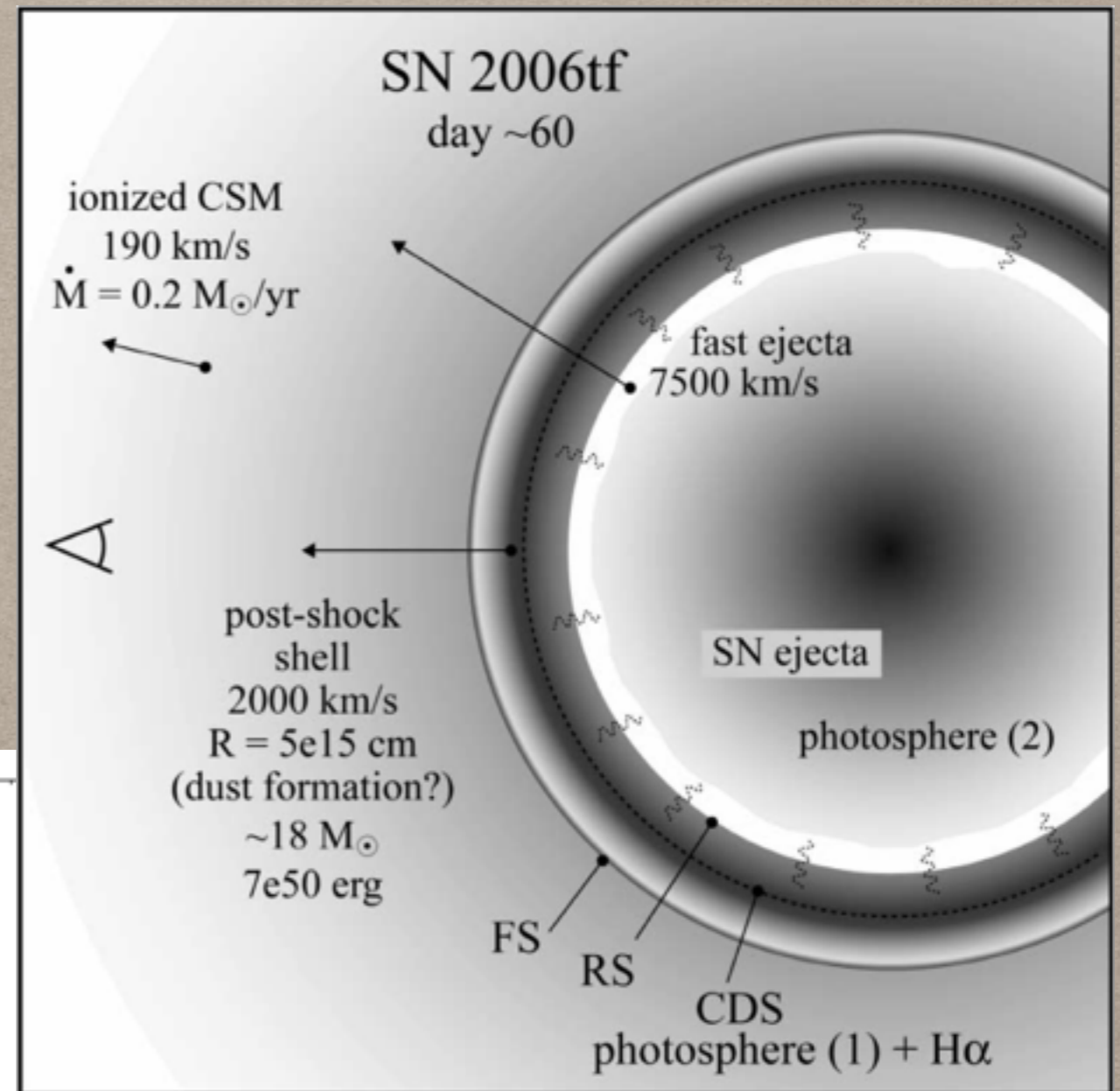
- First Proposed in the 1960's (Rakavy et al. 1967; Barkat et al. 1967)
- Massive stars are supported by radiation pressure
- At high temperatures, photons are created with $E > e^+e^-$
- Losses to pair production soften the EOS, and lead to instability
- Expected fate of the first (low metal, high mass) stars

ARE SLSN: 2) POWERED BY INTERACTIONS?

Narrow emission lines indicate
ejecta/wind interaction

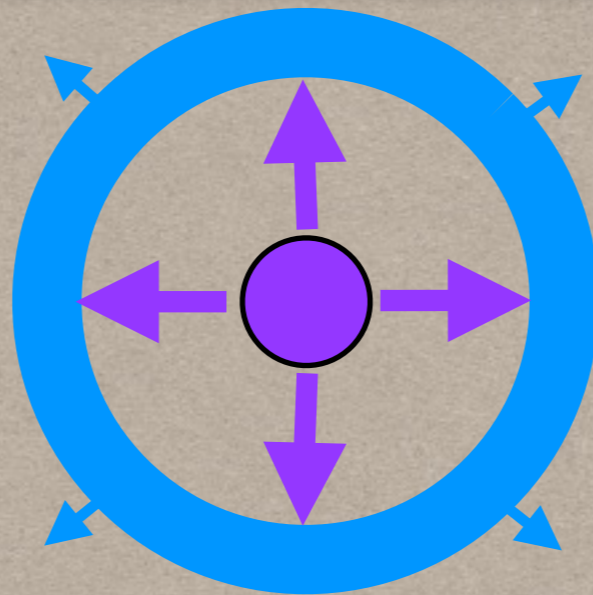


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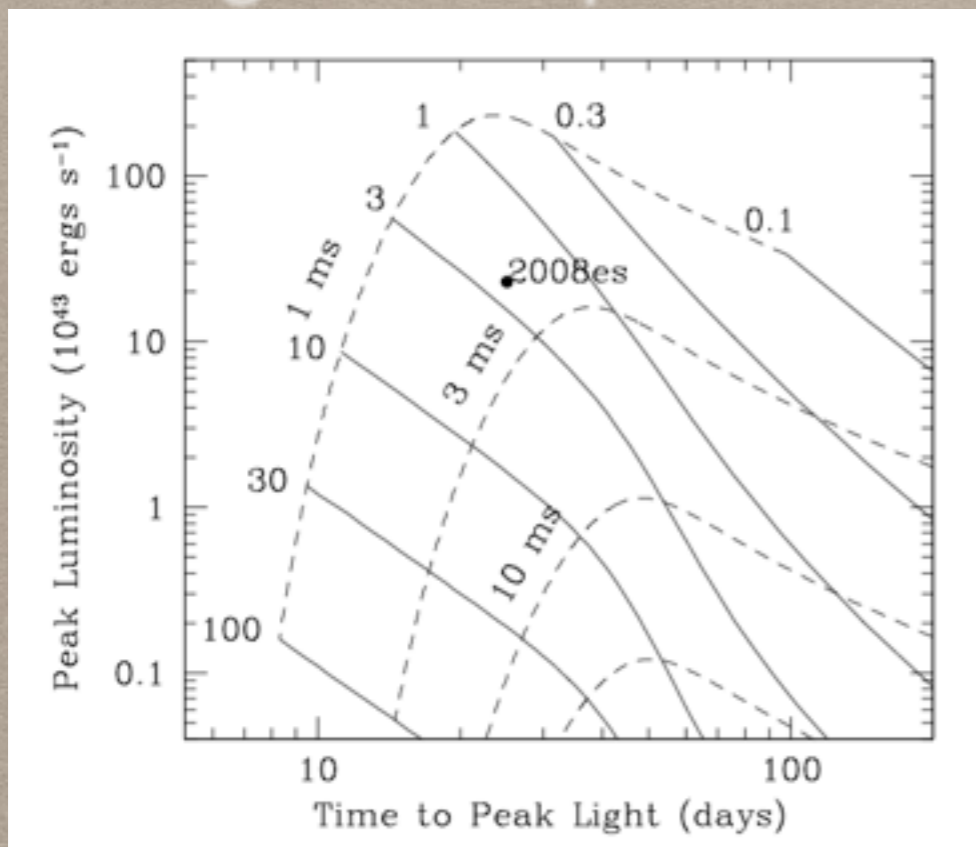
see also Smith & McCray 2007,
Chevalier & Irwin 2011, Moriya et al. 2013

ARE SLSN: 3) CENTRAL ENGINE POWERED?

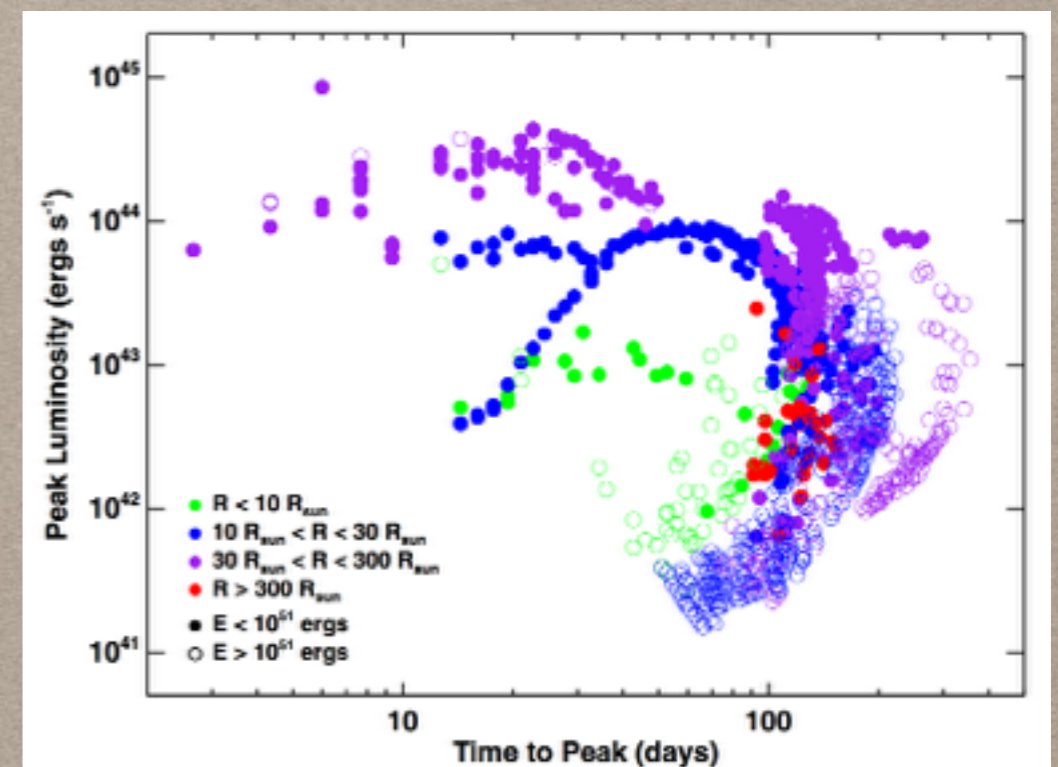


"Magnetar" Spindown

Fallback Accretion

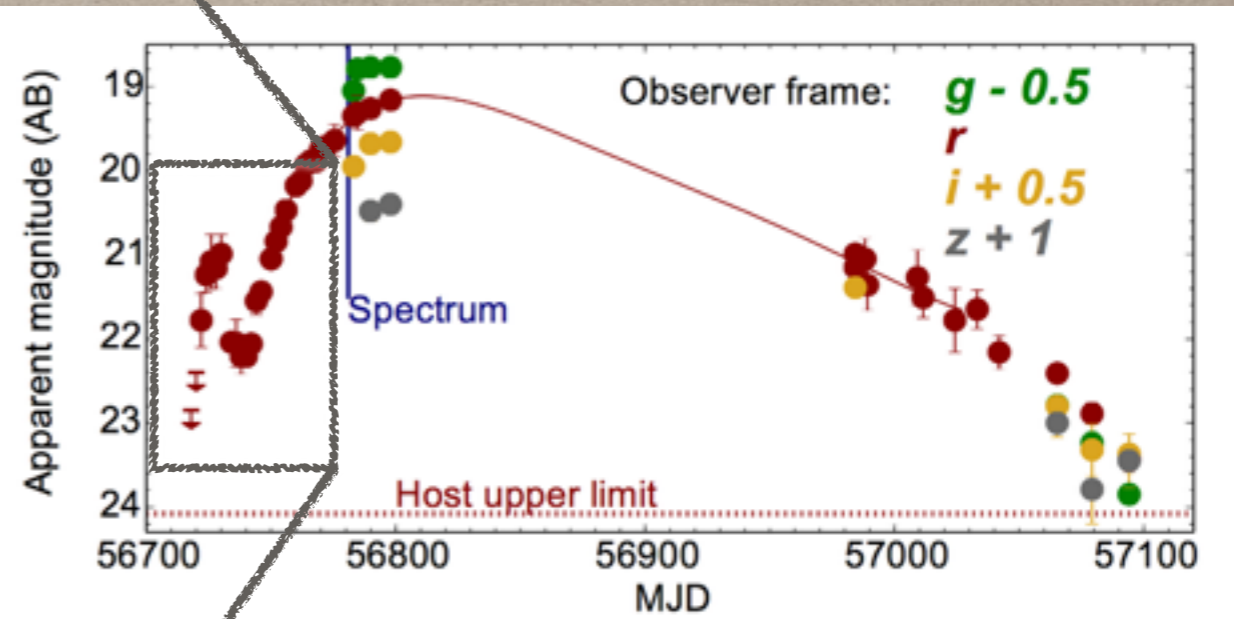
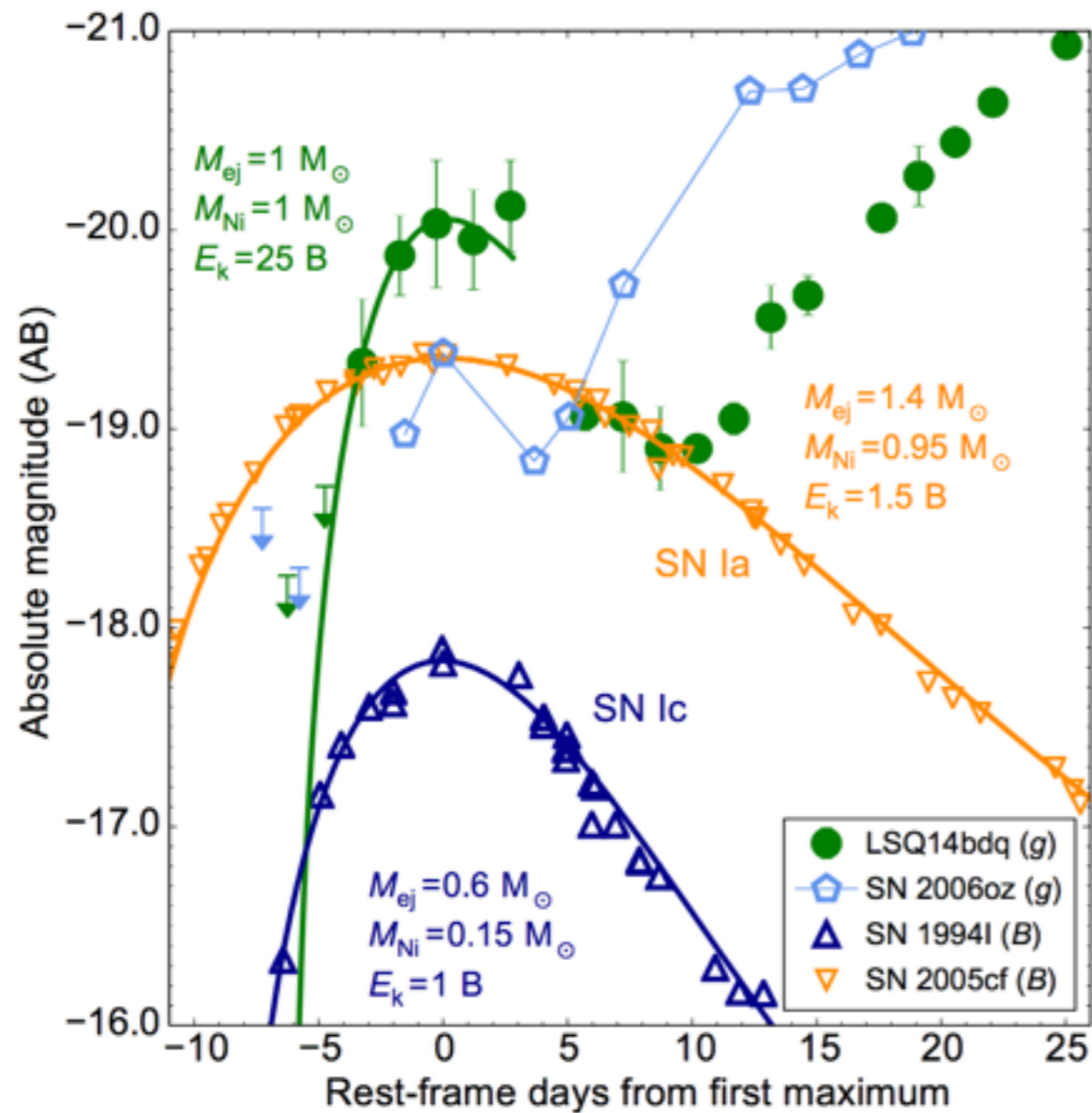


Kasen & Bildsten 2010
see also Woosley 2010



Dexter & Kasen 2014

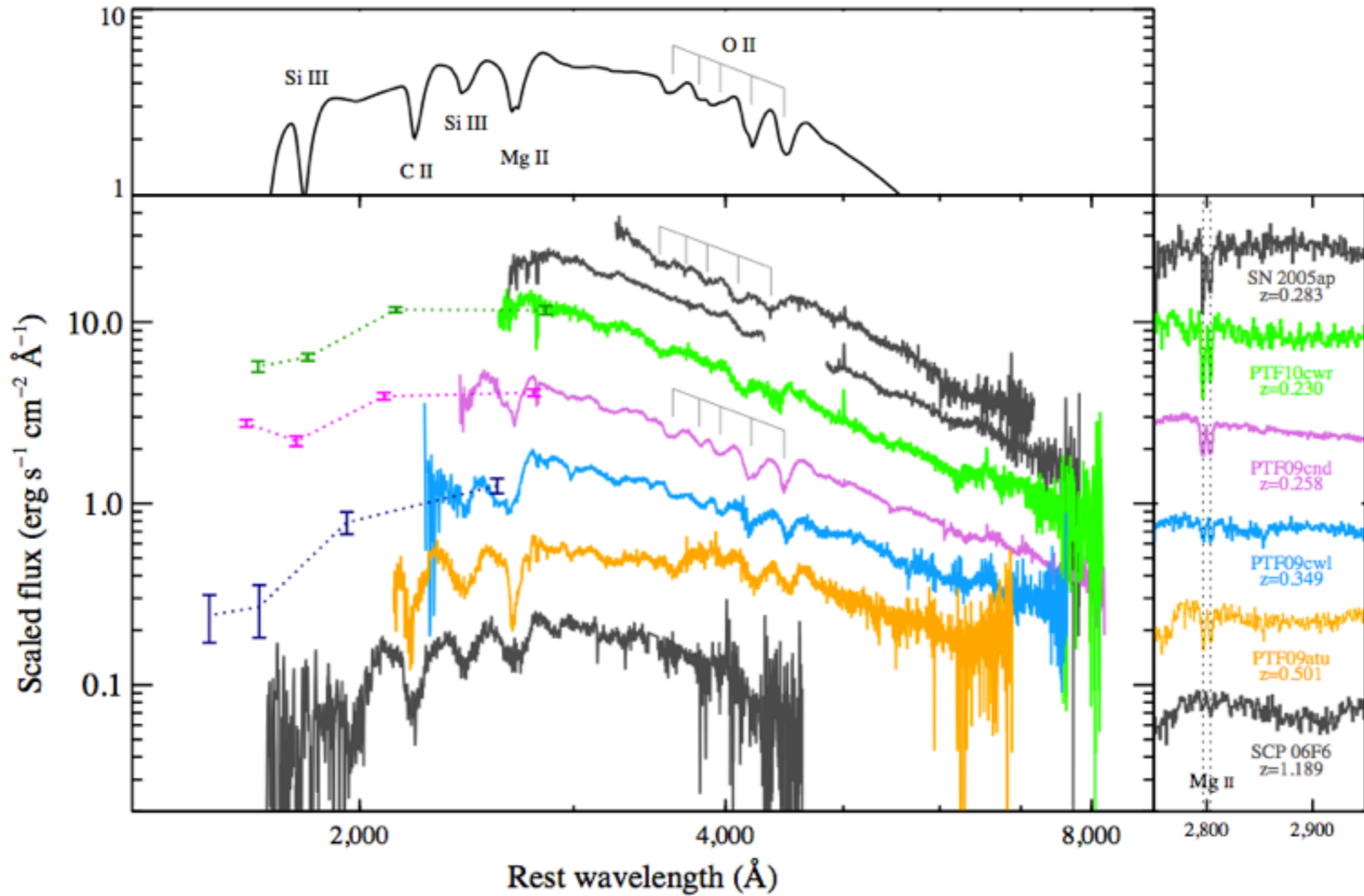
DOUBLE PEAKED SLSN-I



Nicholl et al. (arXiv:1505.01078)

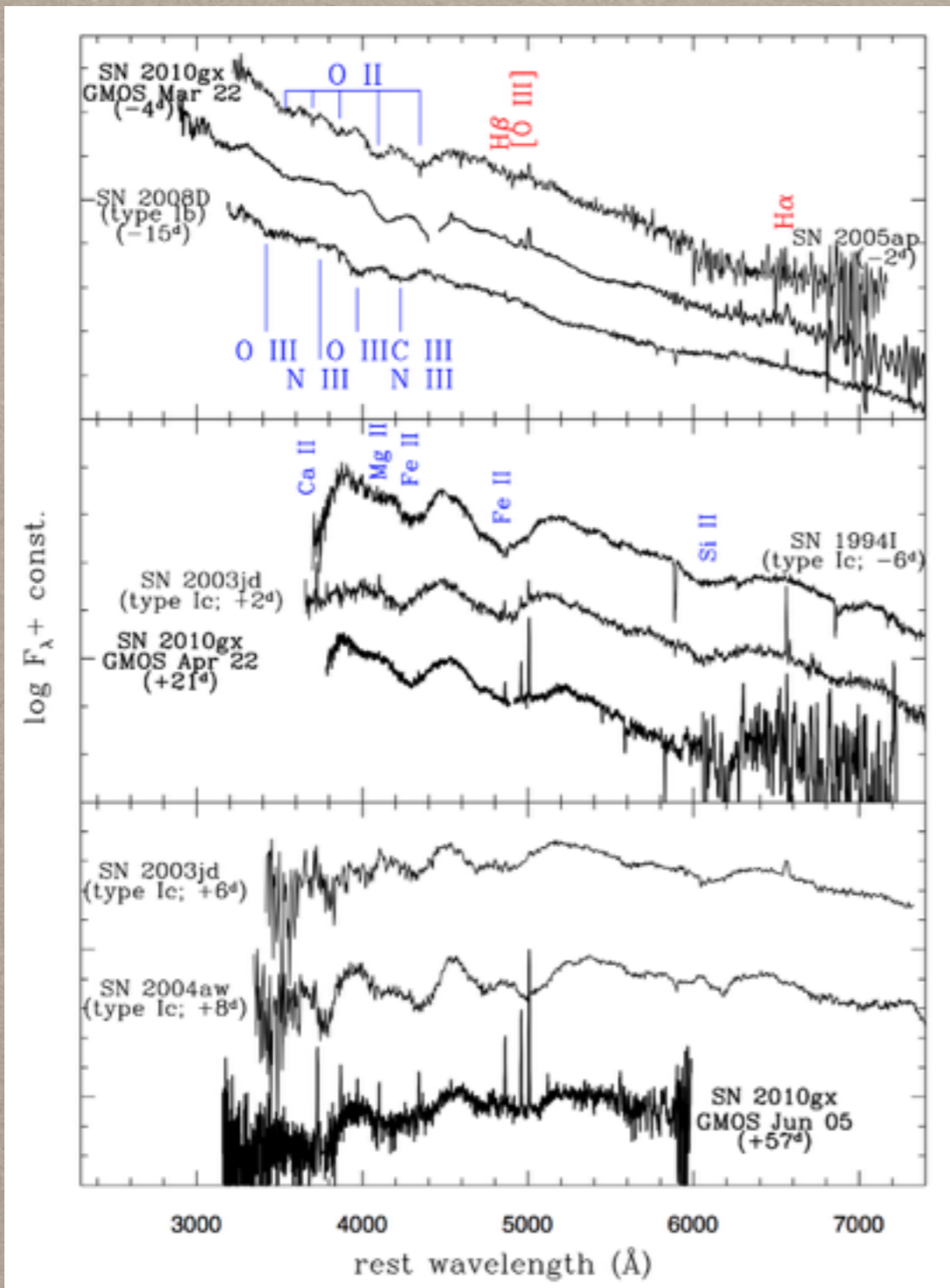
See also Leloudas et al. 2012

(EARLY) SLSN-I SPECTRA

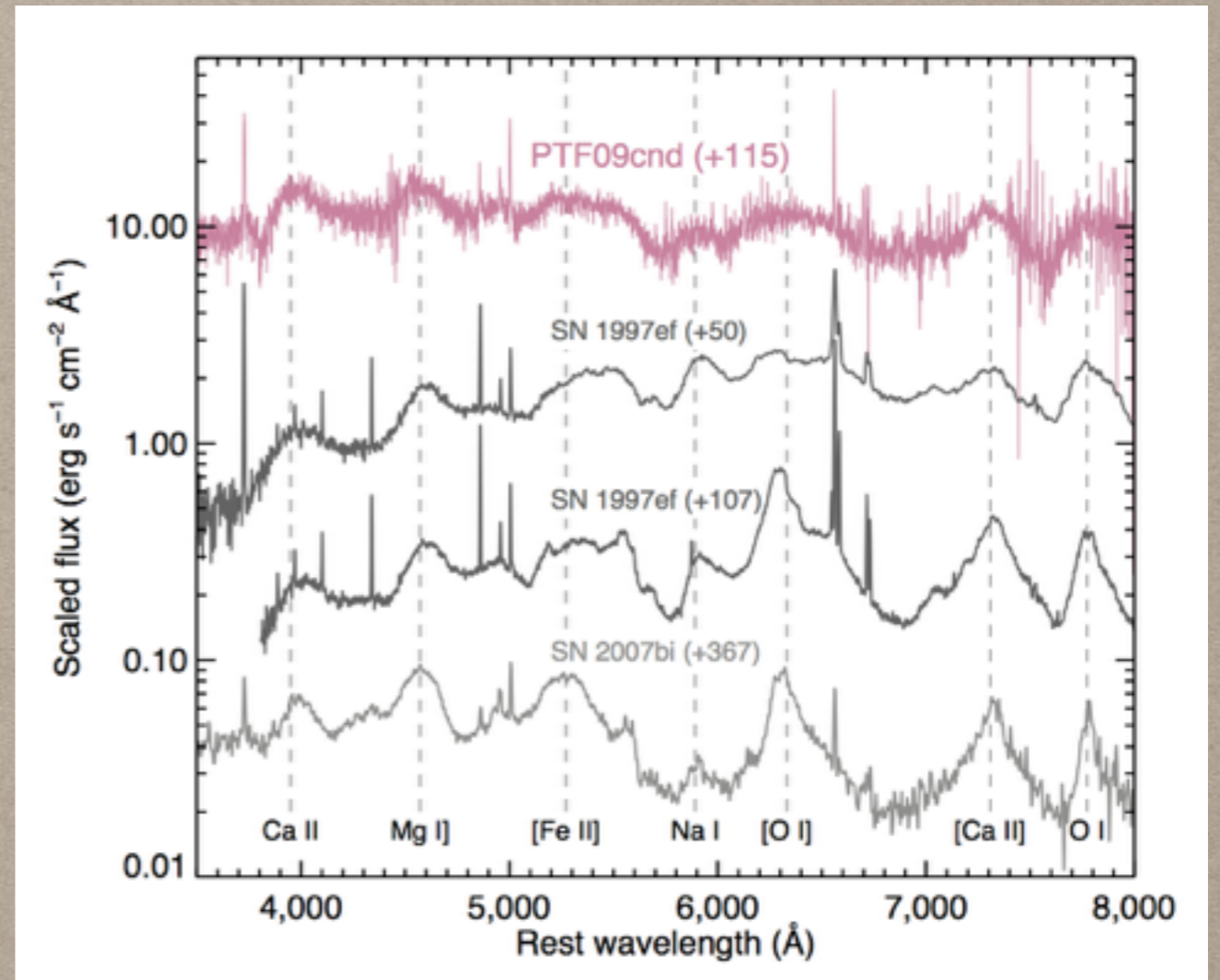


RQ et al. 2011

(LATE) SLSN-I SPECTRA

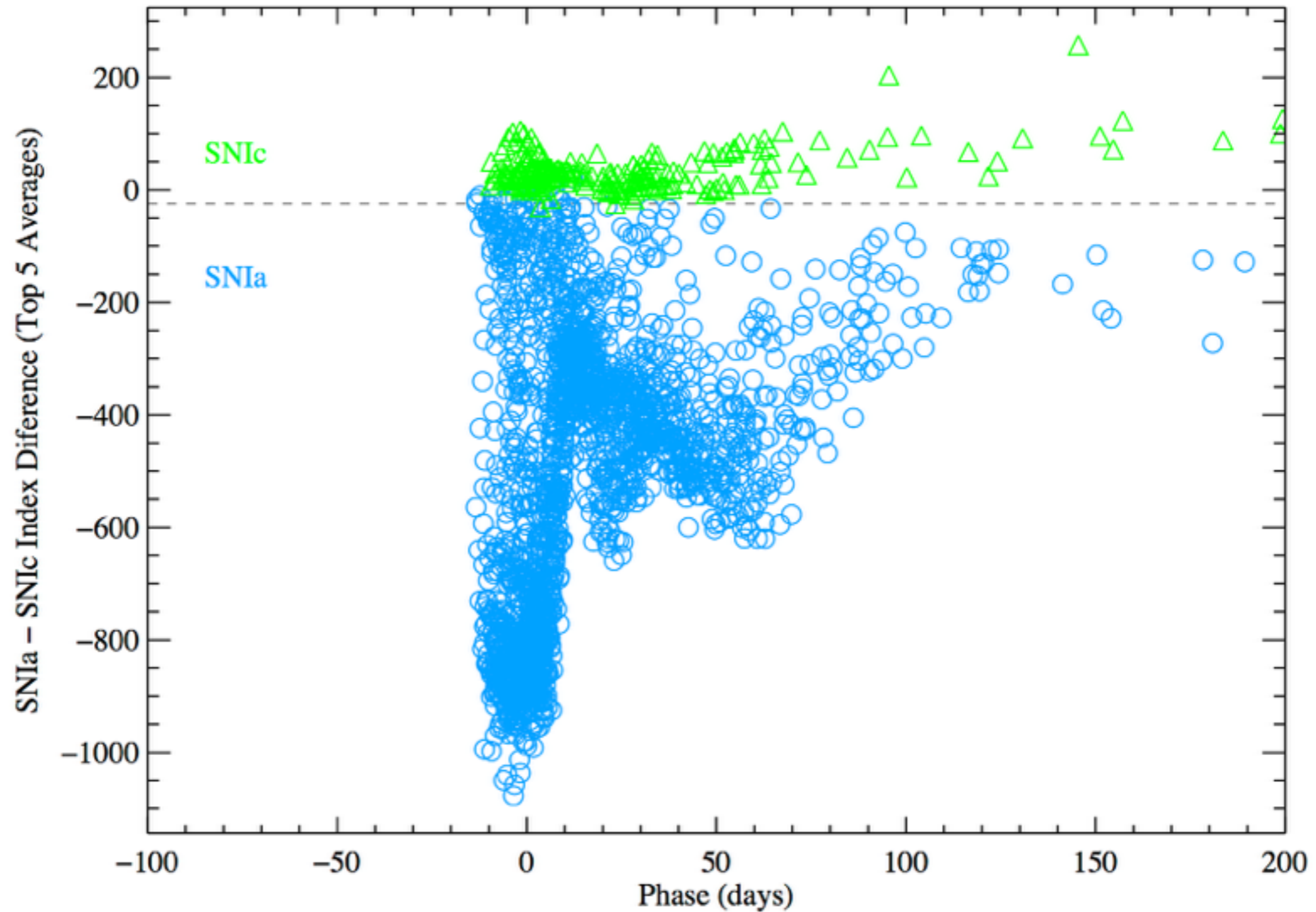


Pastorello et al. 2010

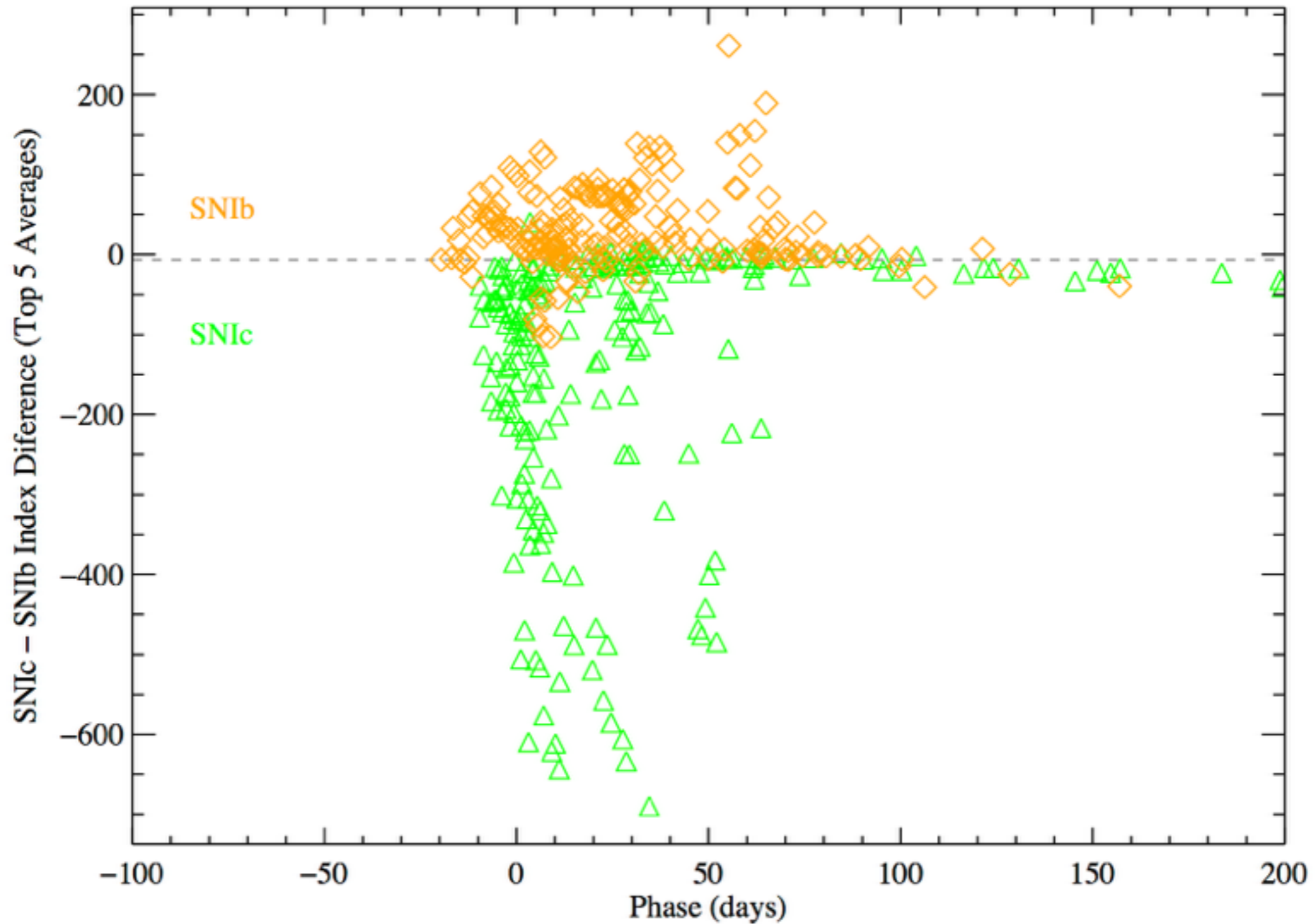


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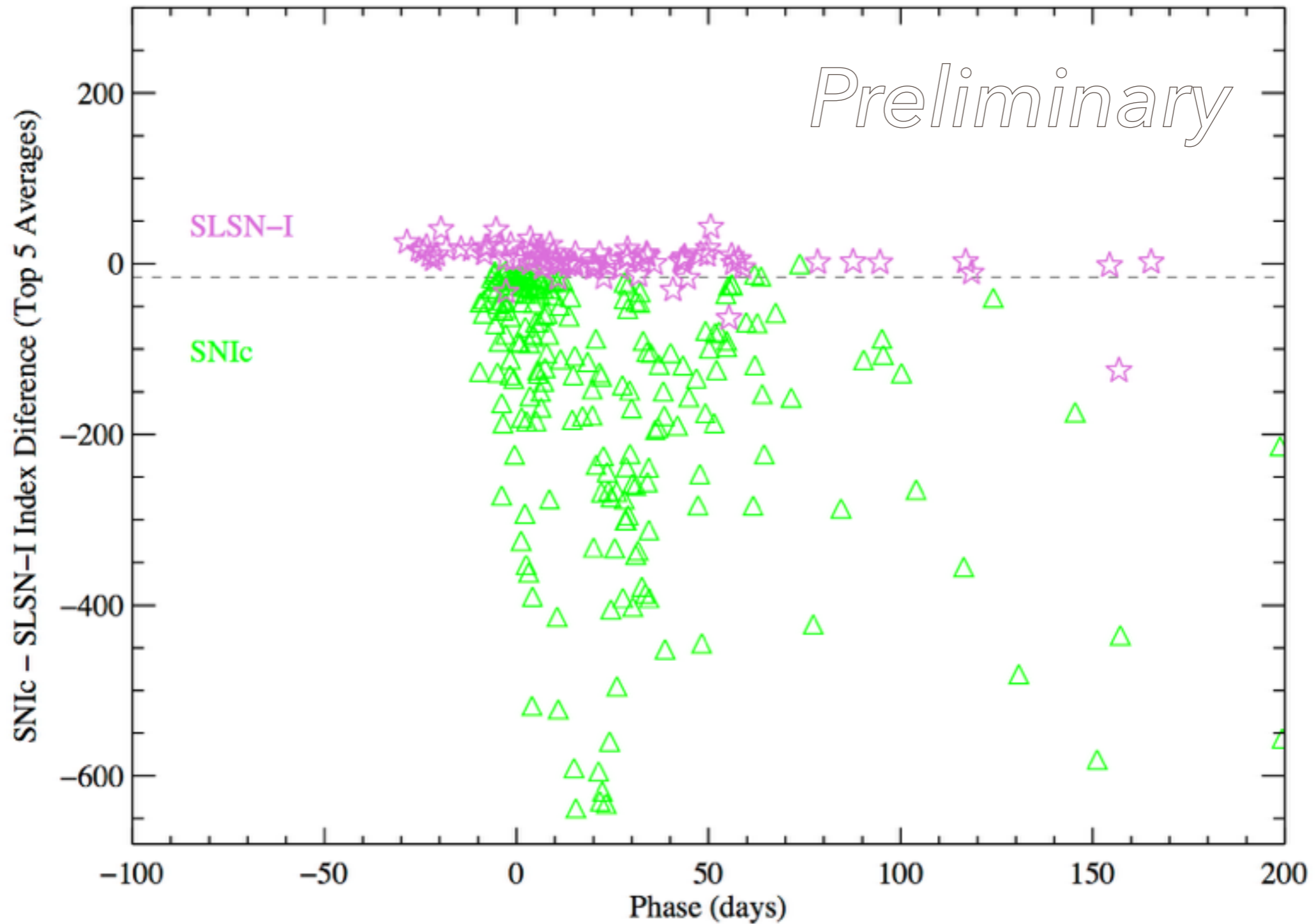
ARE SLSN-I AND SNIC SPECTRA THE SAME?



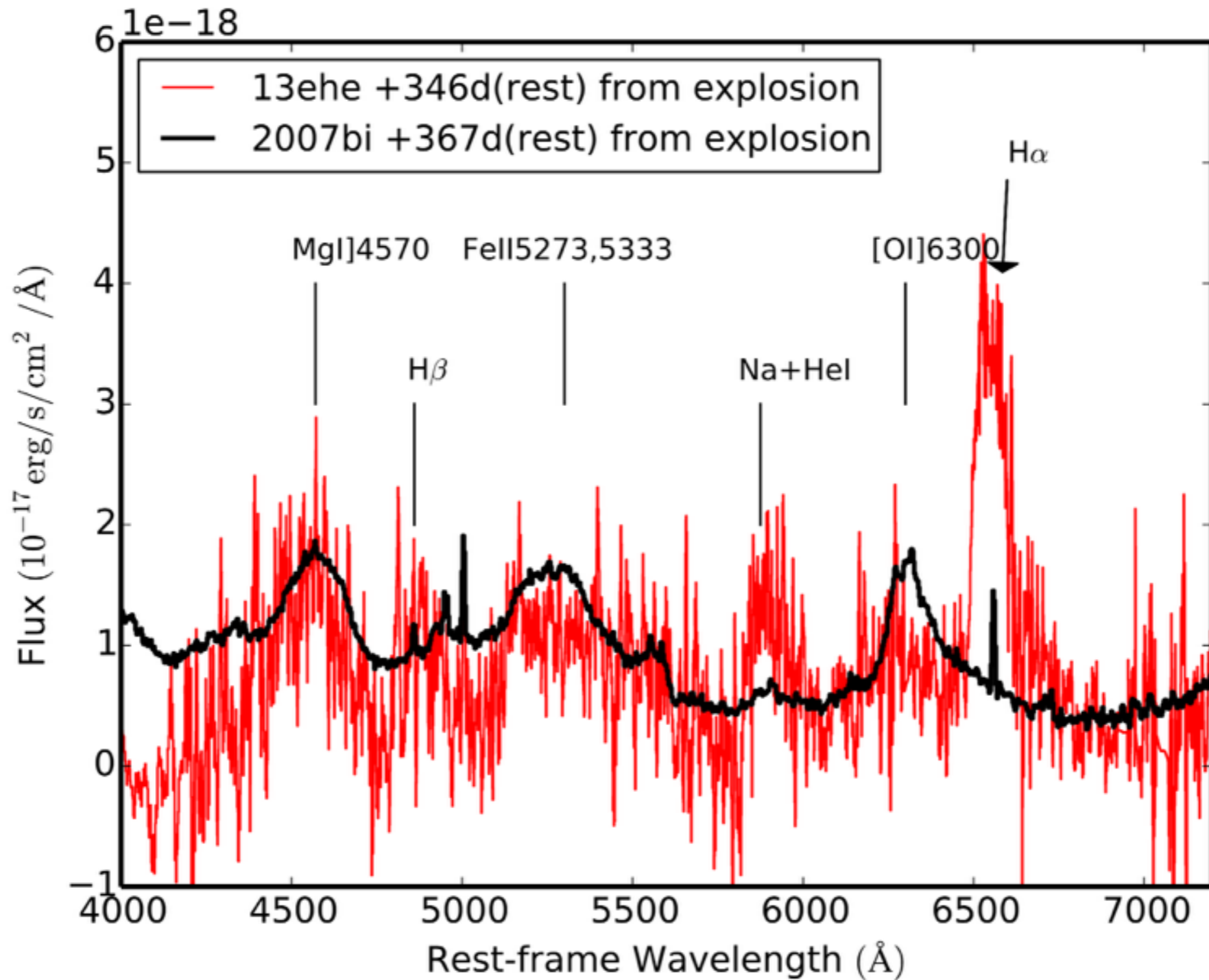
ARE SLSN-I AND SNIC SPECTRA THE SAME?



ARE SLSN-I AND SNIc SPECTRA THE SAME?



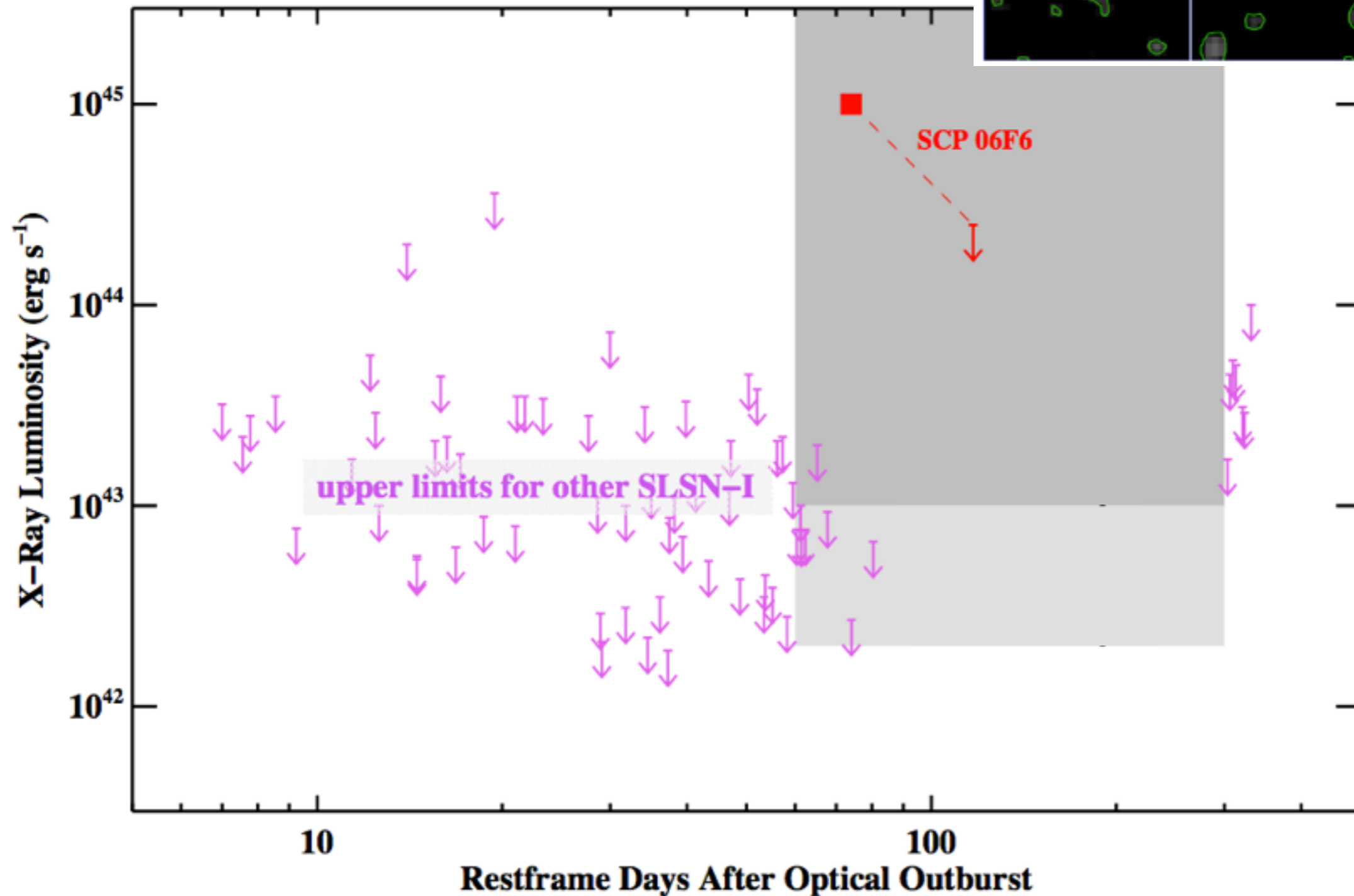
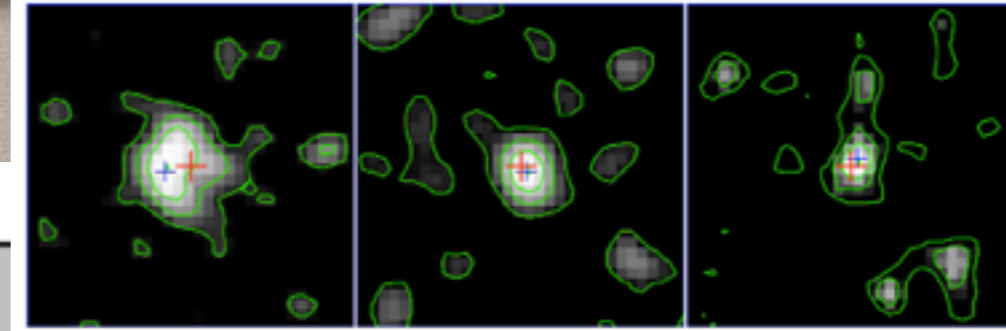
H-POOR, BUT NOT H-FREE



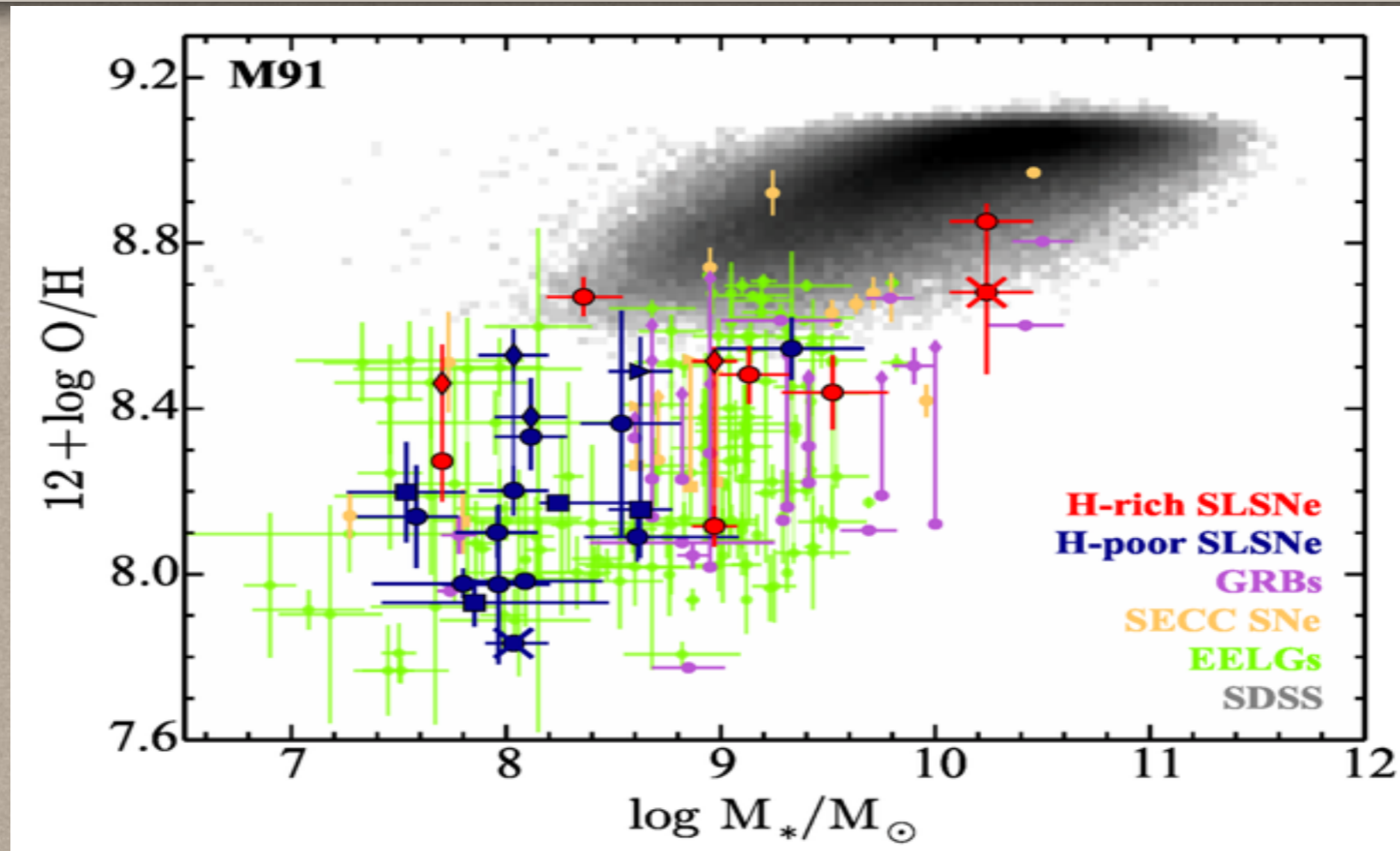
Yan et al. (in prep)

X-RAY FLARES?

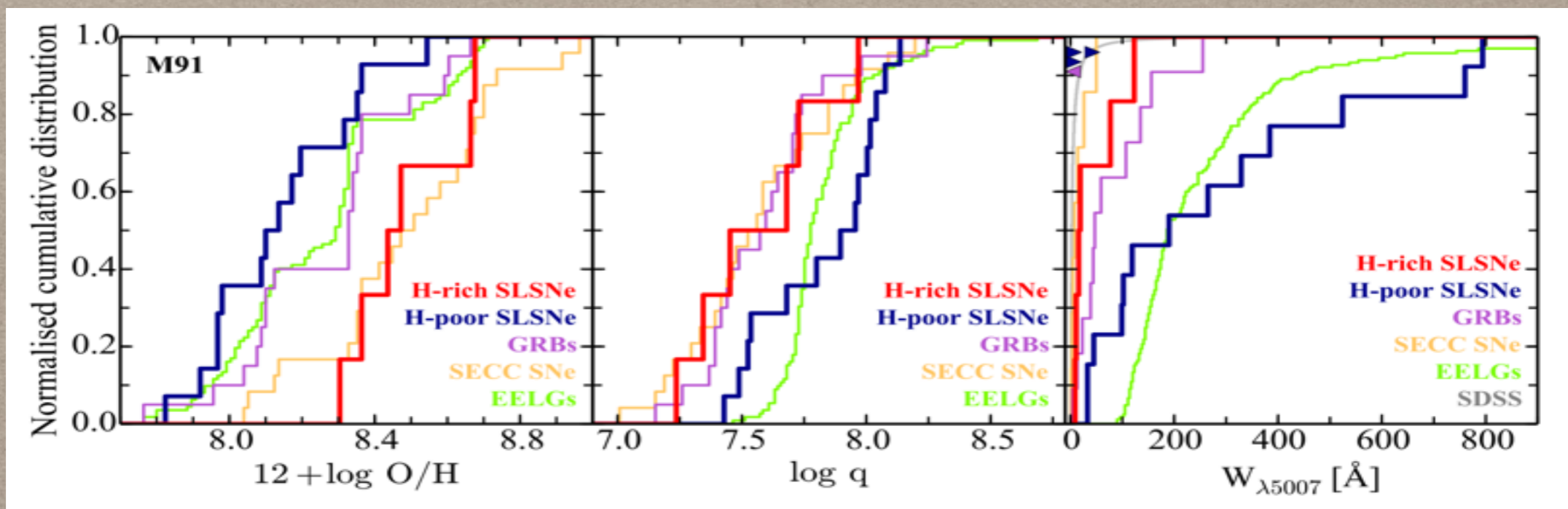
see Levan et al. 2013, Metzger et al. 2014



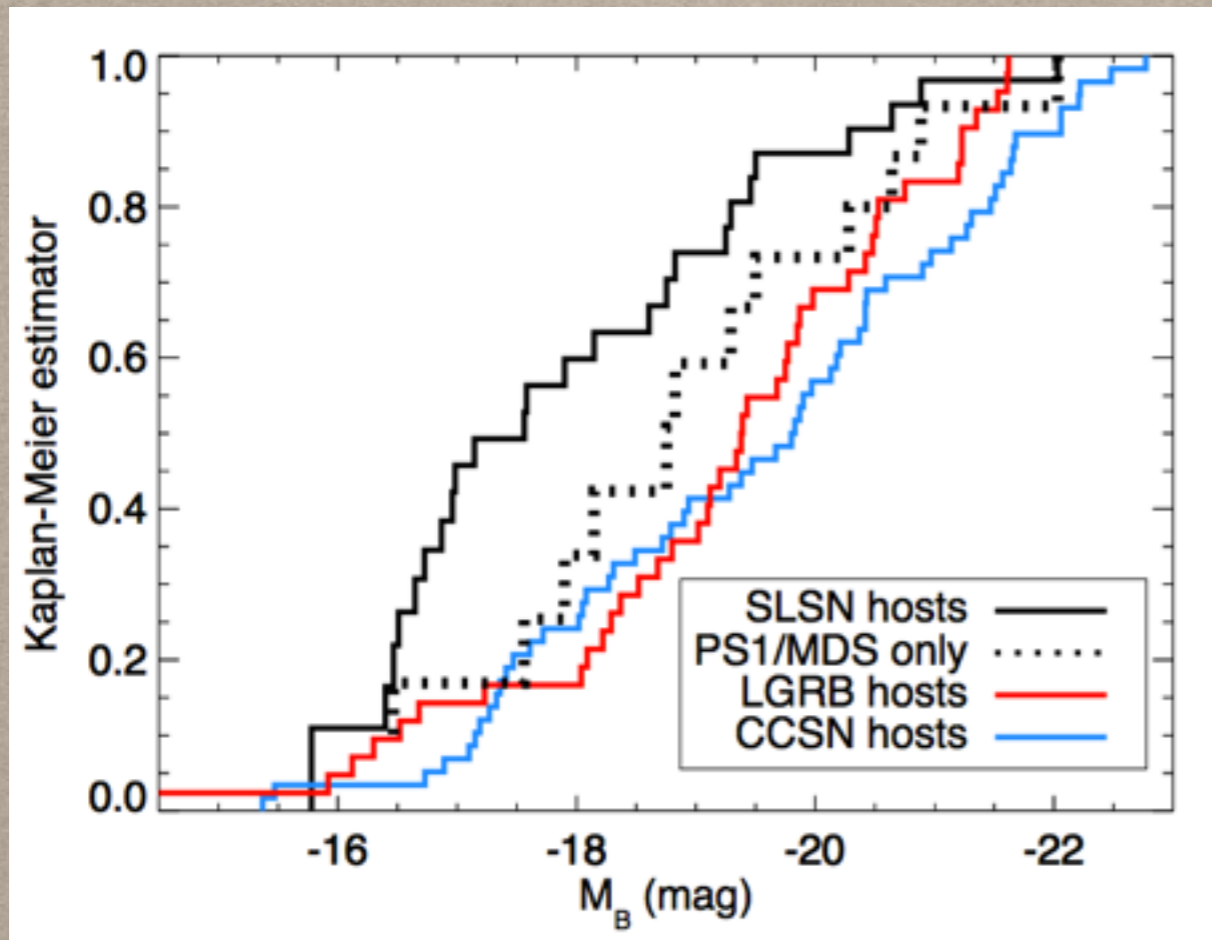
SLSN HOST GALAXIES



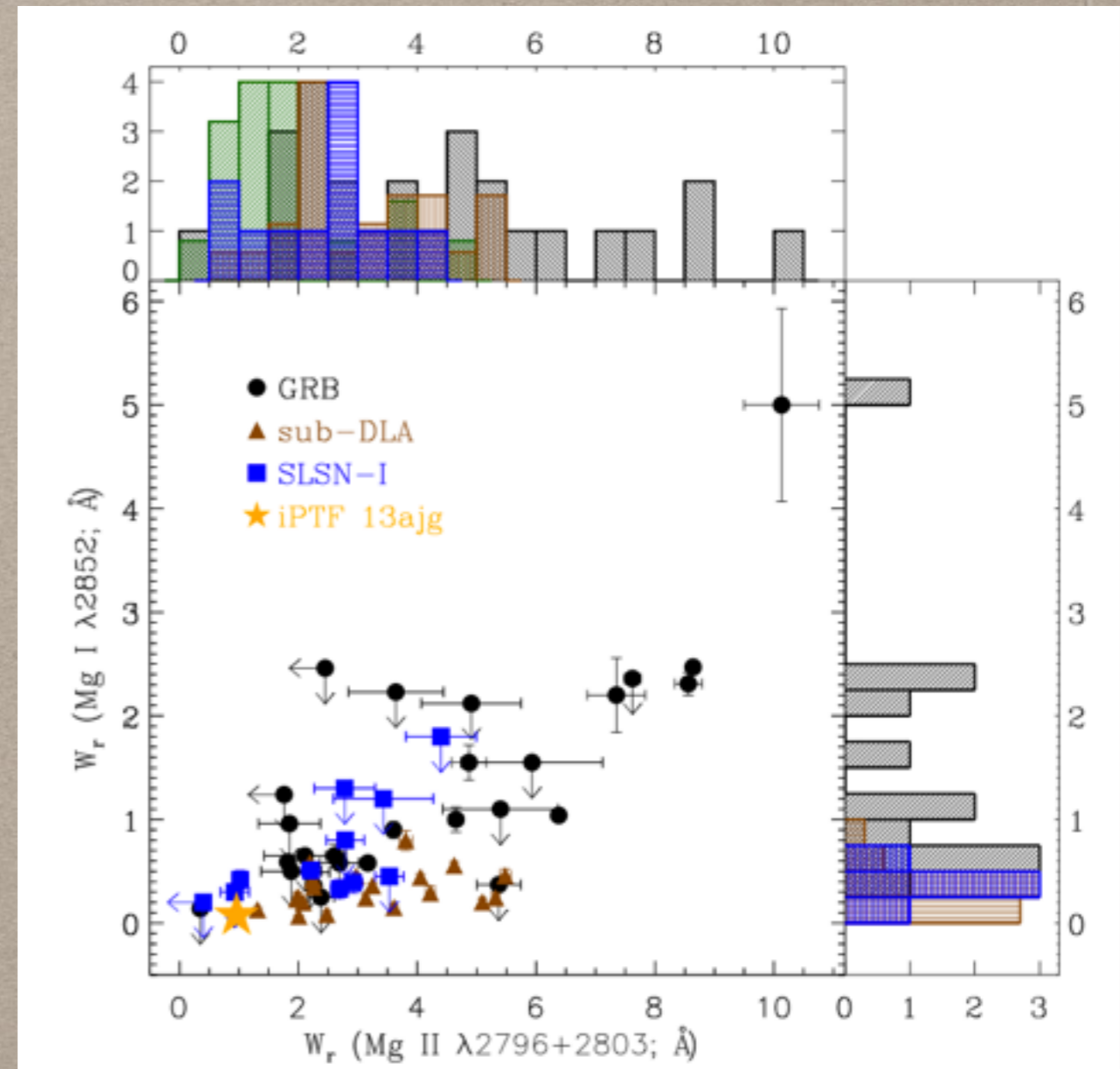
Leloudas et al. 2015



SLSN VS. GRB HOSTS

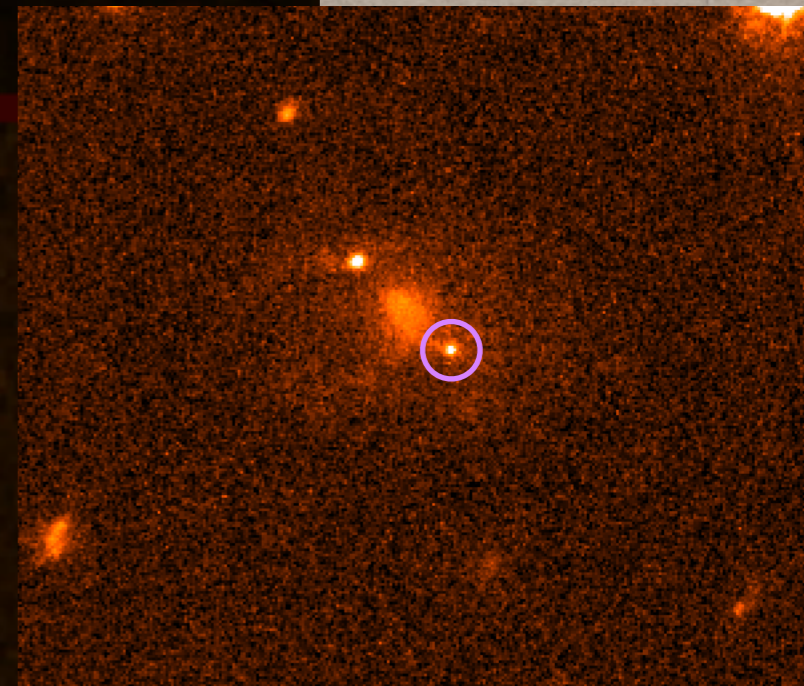
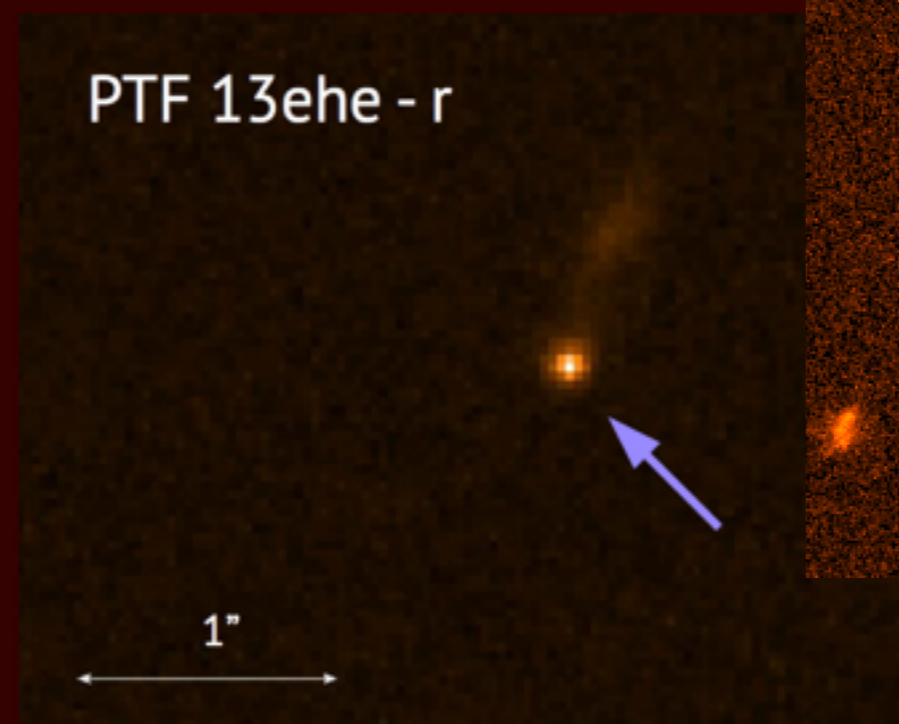
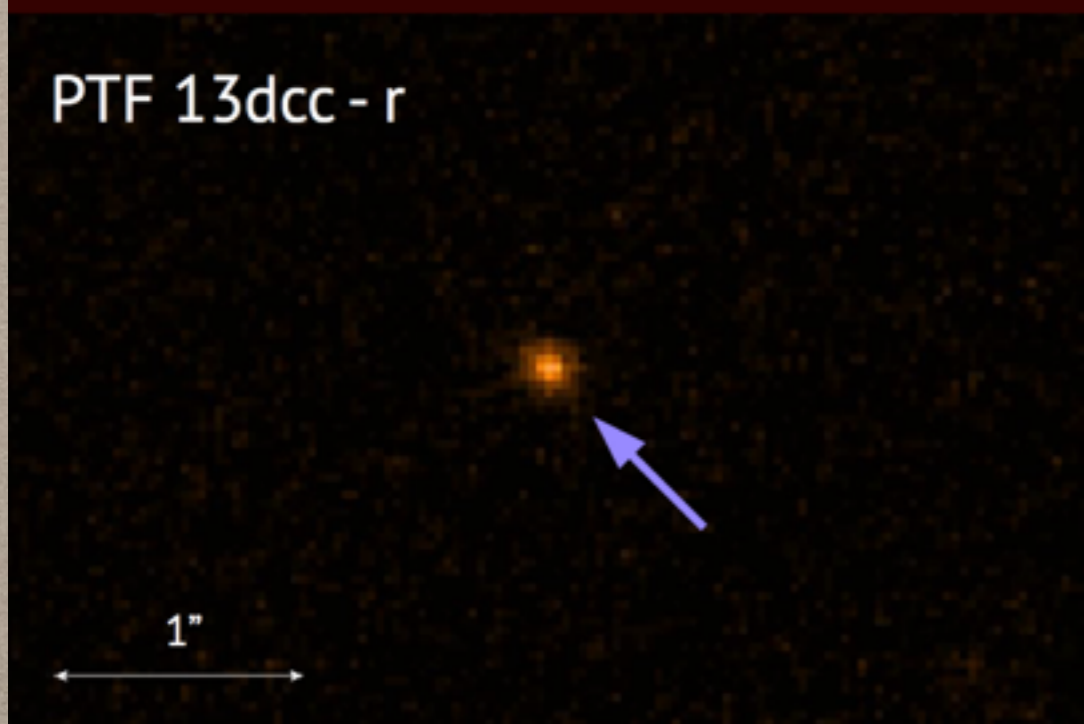
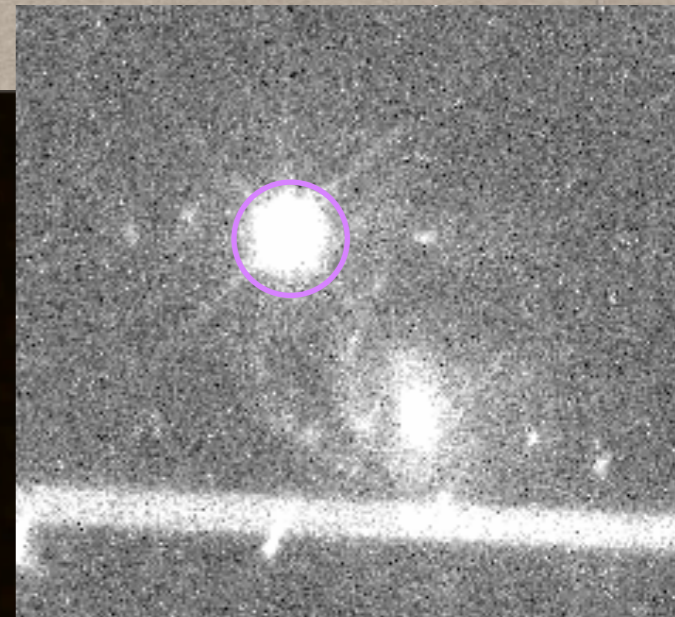
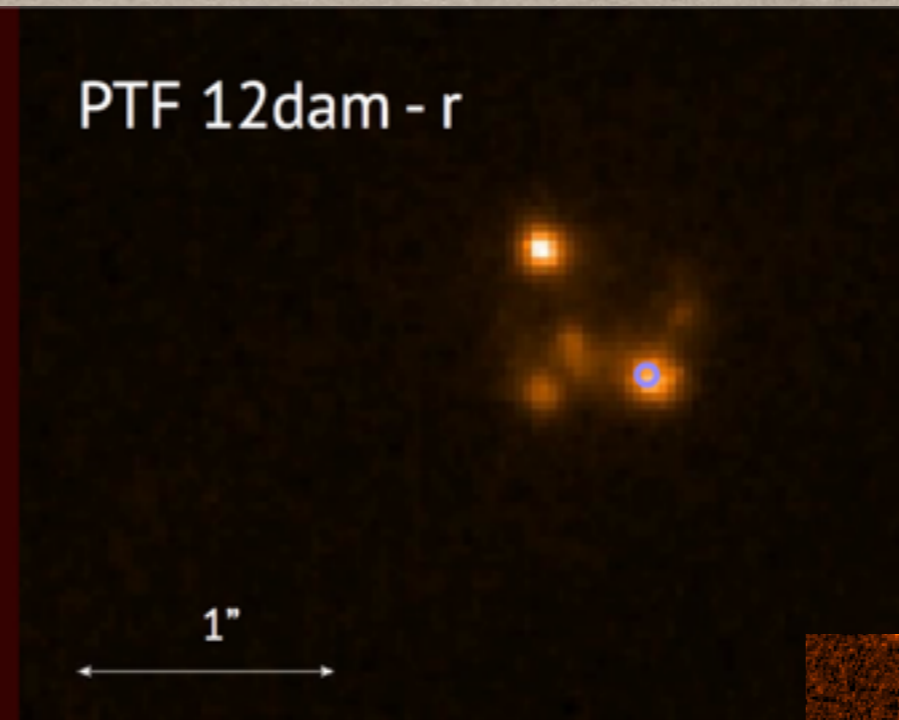
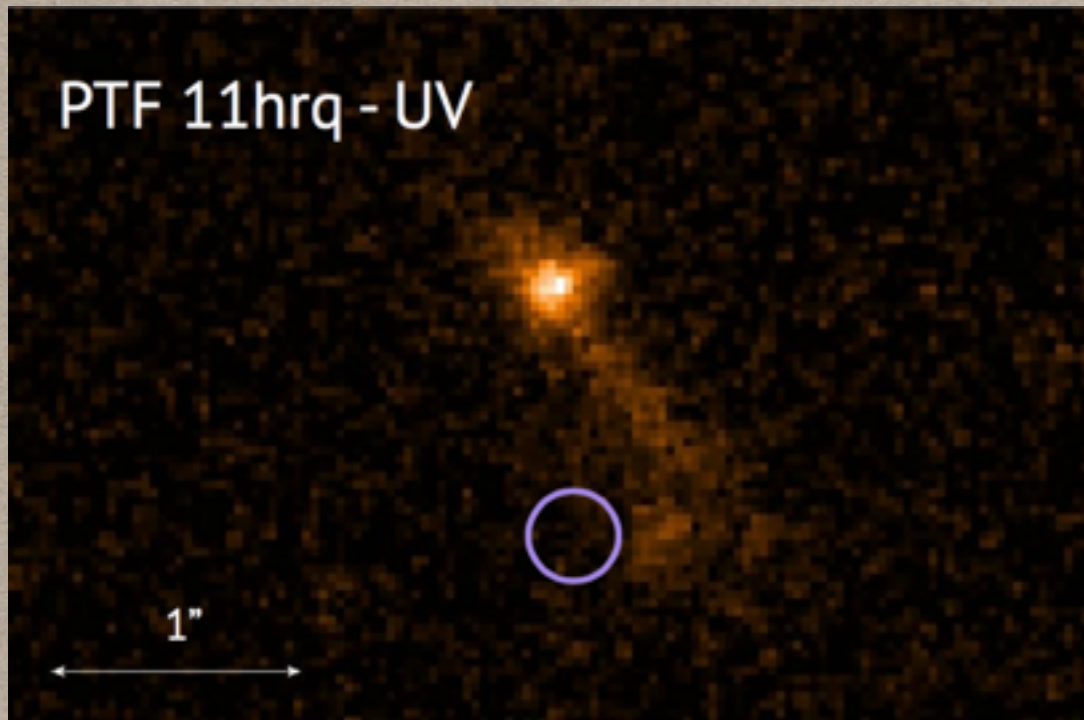


Lunnan et al. 2014



Vreeswijk et al. 2014

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

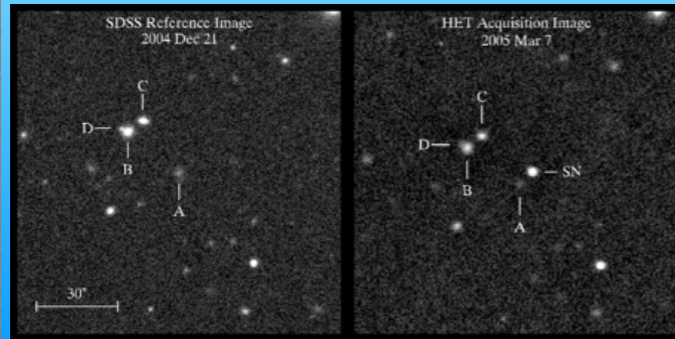


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SLSN RATES

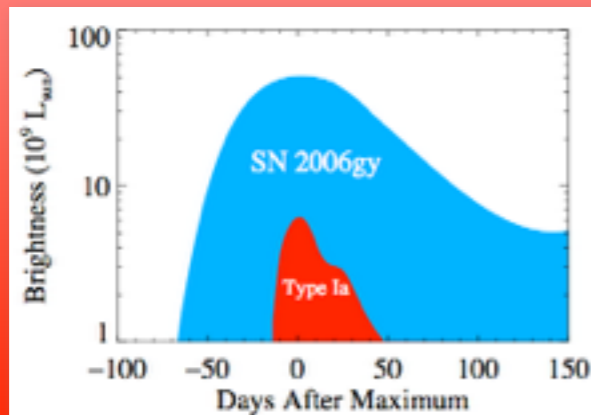
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(BASED ON ROTSE-IIIB SAMPLE)



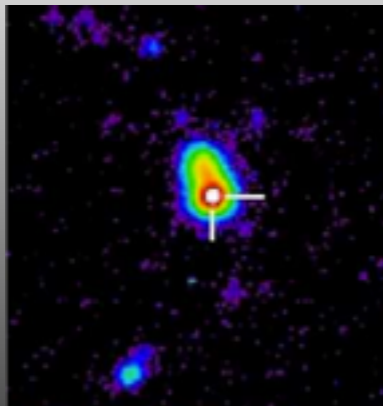
SLSN-I

32^{+77}_{-26} events/Gpc³/yr
(z~0.17)



SLSN-II

151^{+151}_{-82} events/Gpc³/yr
(z~0.15)

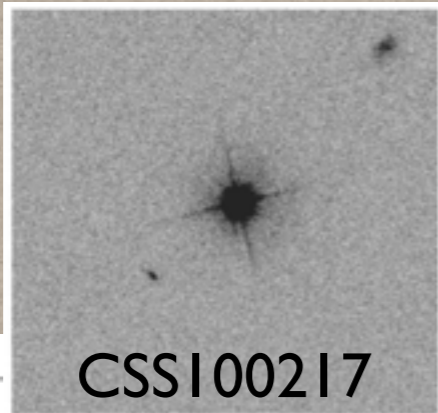


All SLSN-like events

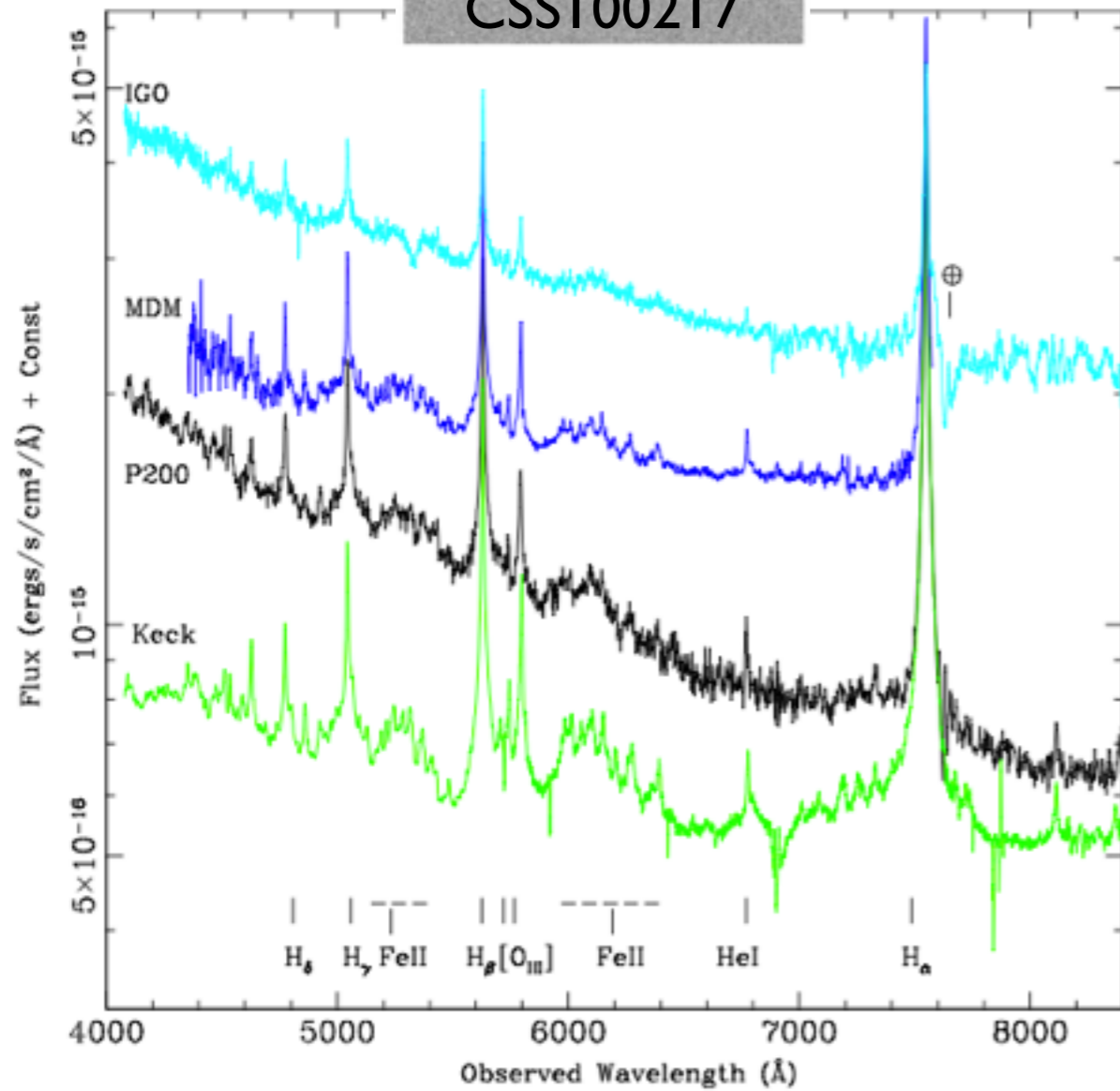
199^{+137}_{-86} events/Gpc³/yr
(z~0.16)

Compare to CCSN: $\sim 10^5$ events/Gpc³/yr and SNIa: $\sim 3 \times 10^4$ events/Gpc³/yr

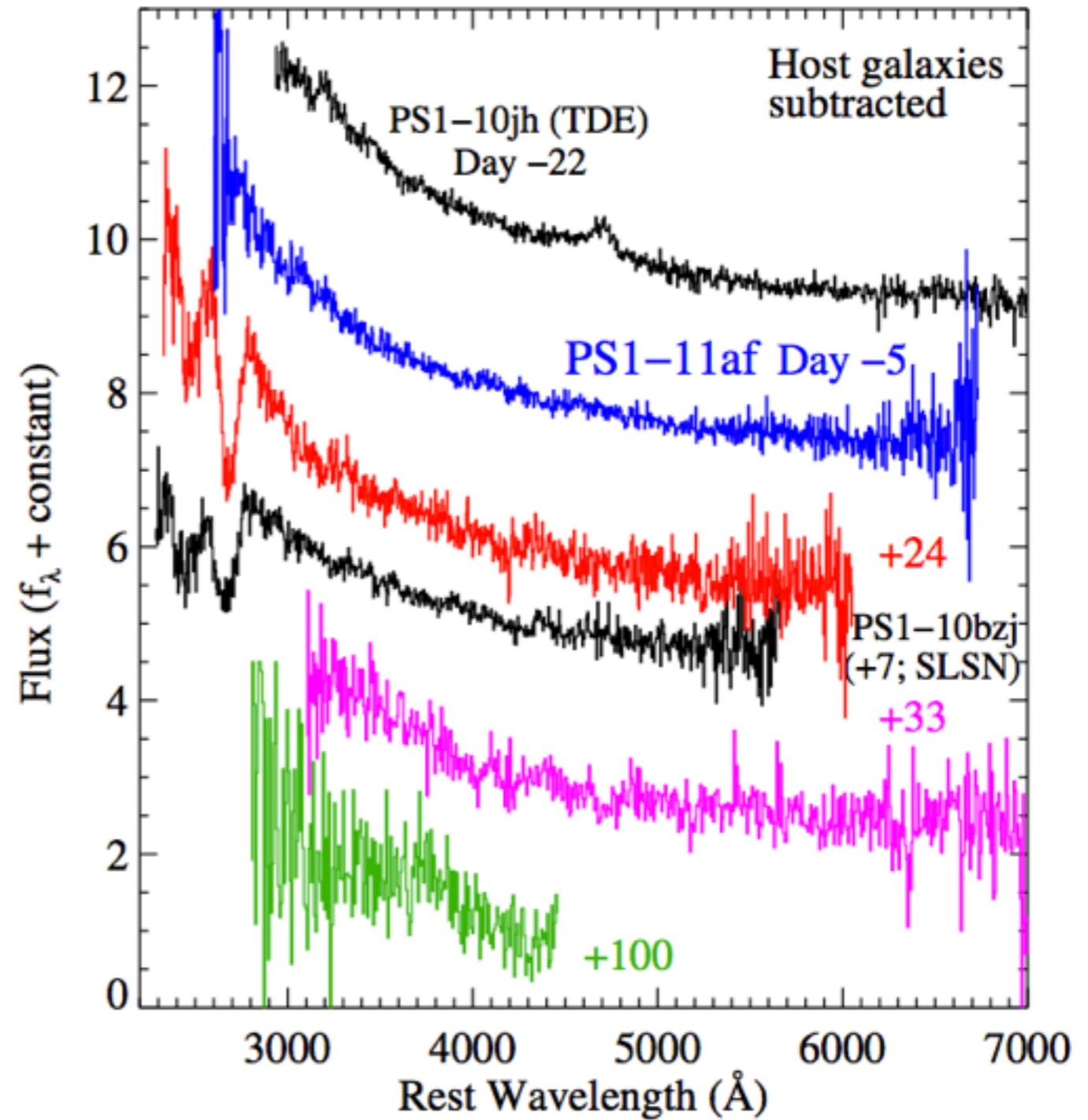
SLSN IMPOSTERS(?)



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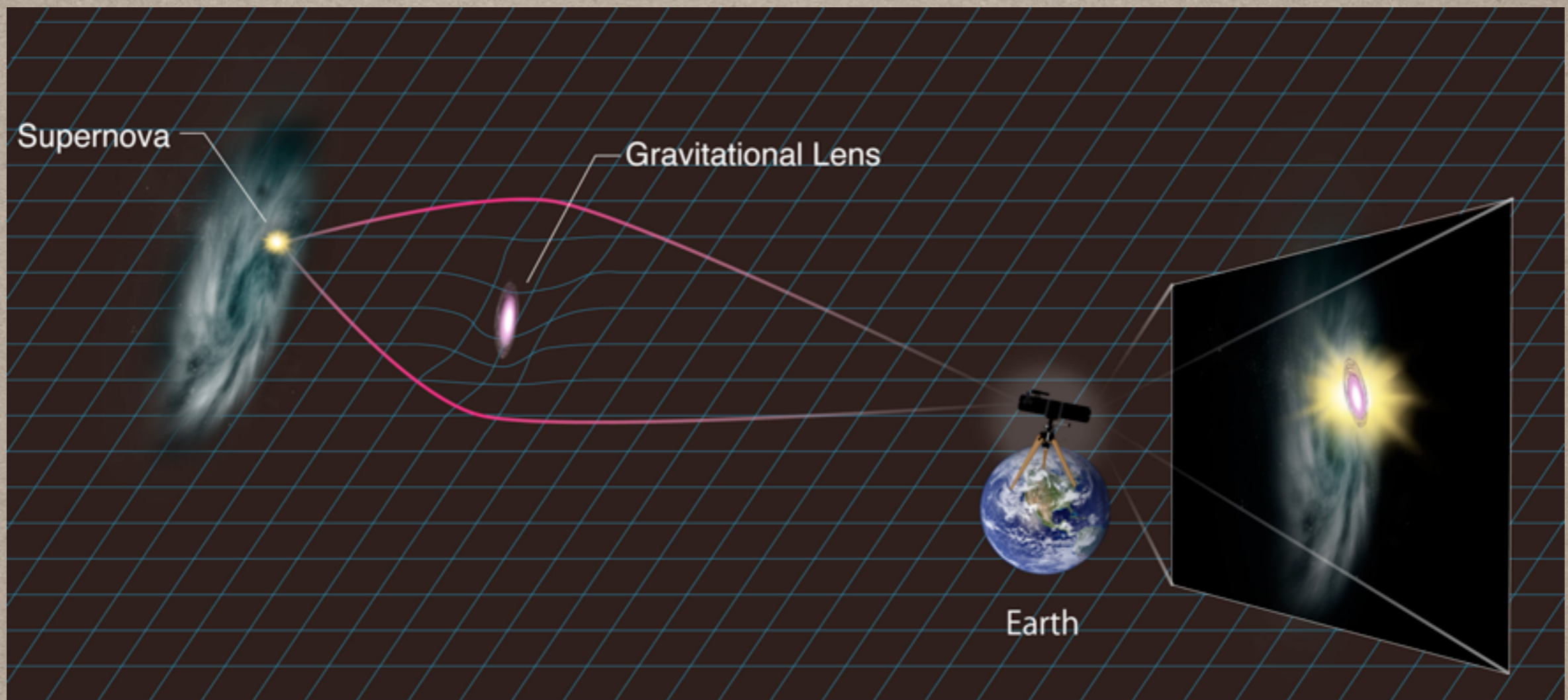


Drake et al. 2011



Chornock et al. 2014

STRONGLY LENSED SN



Normal supernovae seen through strong gravitational lenses may appear “superluminous”

e.g. PS1-10afx; Chornock et al. 2013; RQ et al. 2013, 2014