

Supernovae and Cosmology

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- 2 The SNLS Survey
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Expansion History

On very large scales ($\sim 100\text{Mpc}$), the Universe is
Isotropic and **Homogeneous**

- Friedmann - Lemaître - Robertson - Walker (FLRW) Metric

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \times \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - k r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

- Scale factor $a(t)$**
 - common to all distances.
 - describes the expansion of the Universe.

Geometry

- $k = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{closed} \\ 0 & \text{flat} \\ -1 & \text{open} \end{cases}$

Friedmann Equation(s)

- General Relativity connects the properties of space-time (the metric) with the energy content of the Universe.
- Einstein Equations + FLRW metric → Friedmann Equations

$$H(t) \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i + \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

- Energy density
- Cosmological Constant
- Curvature

⇒ Mapping the expansion history of the Universe, allows one to obtain information on its energy contents (non-relativistic matter, radiation, ...)

Cosmological Parameters

- **Critical Density** $\rho = \rho_c(n\Omega) \Leftrightarrow k = 0$

$$\rho_c = 3H_0^2/8\pi G \sim 5 \text{ protons}/m^3$$

$$\sim 1 \text{ Galaxy}/Mpc^3$$

- **Densities & equations of state** of all fluids populating the universe, in units of ρ_c

non relativistic matter	Ω_m	$w_m = 0$	$\rho_m \propto a^{-3}$
radiation	Ω_r	$w_r = +1/3$	$\rho_r \propto a^{-4}$
Cosmological Constant	Ω_Λ	$w_\Lambda = -1$	$\rho_\Lambda = \text{constant}$
Dark Energy	Ω_X	$w_X = ?? < -1/3$	$\rho_X \propto a^{-3(1+w_x)}$

...

Luminosity Distances

- **Observables**
 - **redshift** $z = \delta\lambda/\lambda$
 - **apparent flux**



- **Luminosity distance** $d_L(z)$

$$\phi(\lambda_{obs}) = \frac{L(\lambda_{obs}/(1+z))}{4\pi(1+z) d_L^2}$$

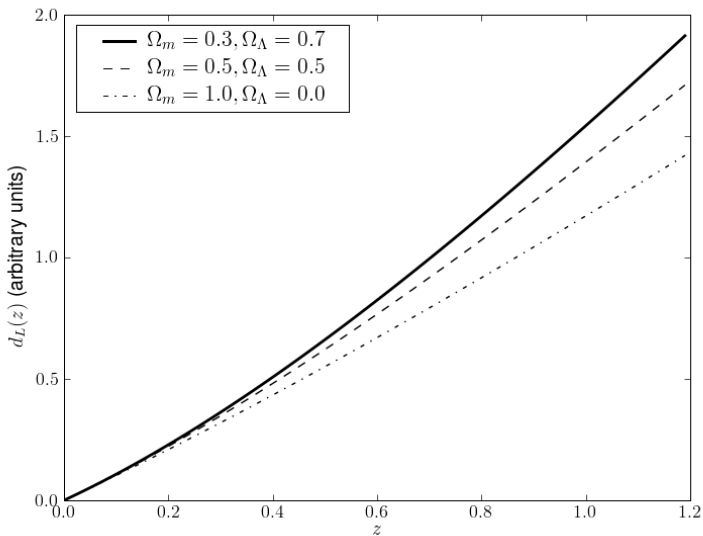
- integrated history of the expansion

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) S_k \left(\frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\dot{a}/a} \right)$$

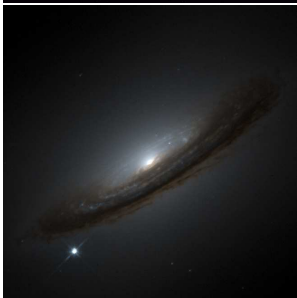
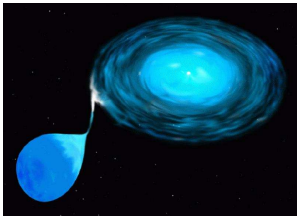
- function of the cosmological parameters

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) S_k \left(\frac{c}{H_0} \int dz' \left(\Omega_M (1+z')^3 + \Omega_k (1+z')^2 + \Omega_X \exp \left(\int_0^z 3 \frac{1+w(z')}{1+z'} dz' \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

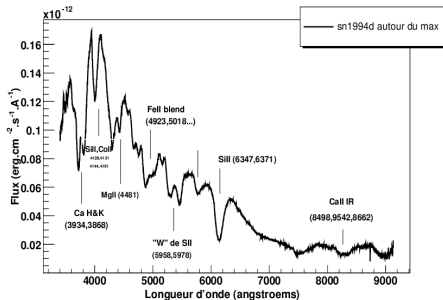
Hubble Diagram



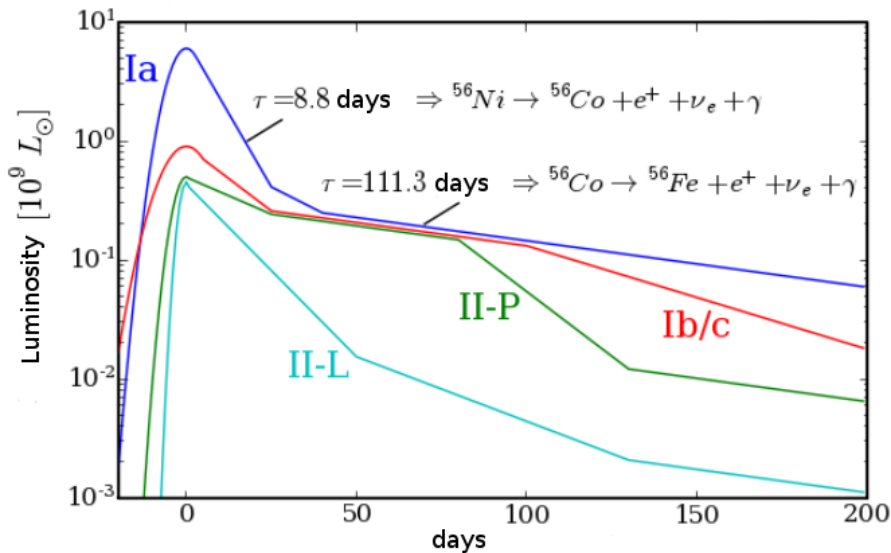
Type Ia Supernovae



- very luminous ($10^{10} - 10^{11} L_{\odot}$)
- can be identified (spectra)
- fluctuations of $L_{max} \sim 40\%$
- can be reduced to $\sim 14\%$

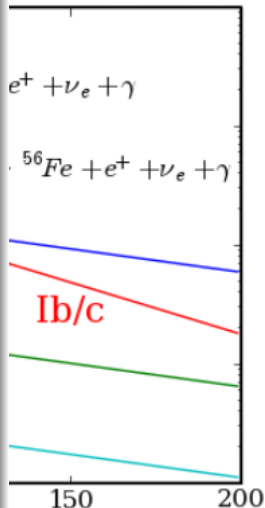
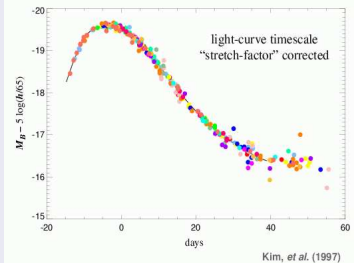
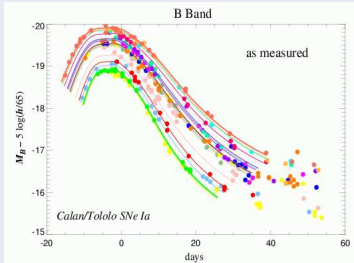
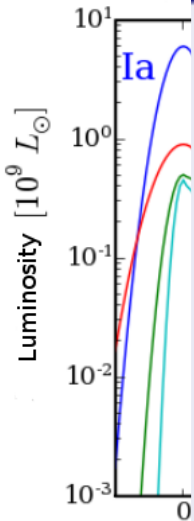


Supernova Lightcurves

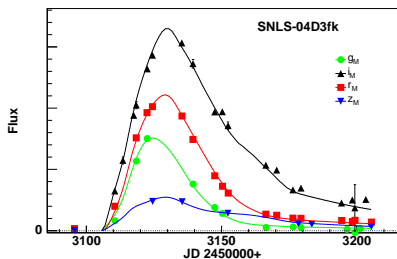
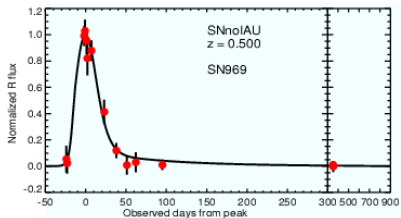


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Standardizable Candles



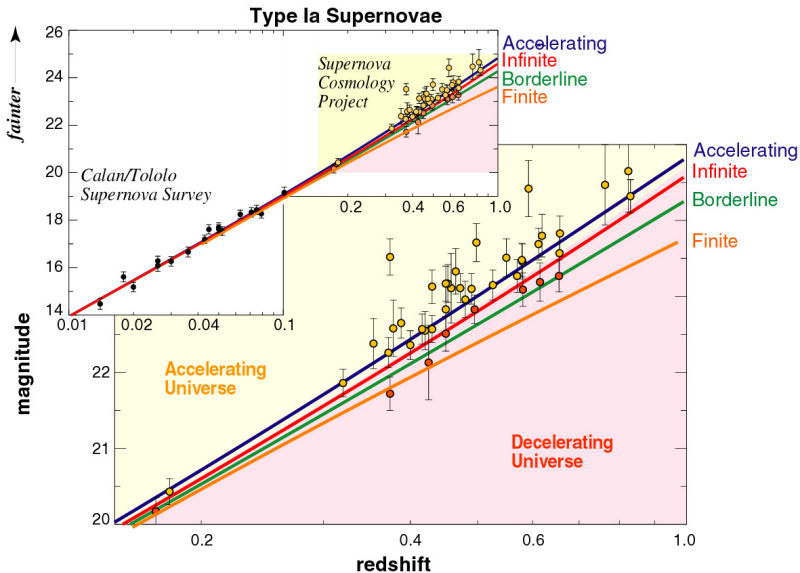
Measuring Luminosity Distances



- Measure supernova apparent luminosity @ peak, *in a reference spectral region*
- Use additional observables to improve distance indicator
 - lightcurve width / *stretch* (\Rightarrow good sampling of lightcurve)
 - color (\Rightarrow observations in several passbands)

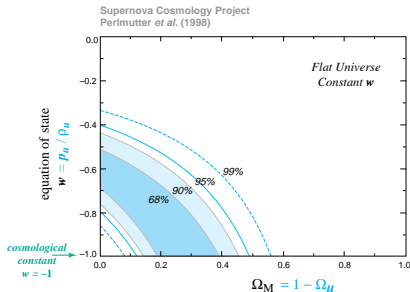
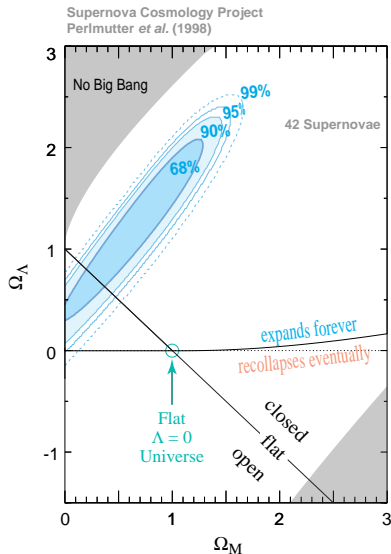
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(Riess et al. 1998), (Perlmutter et al. 1999)



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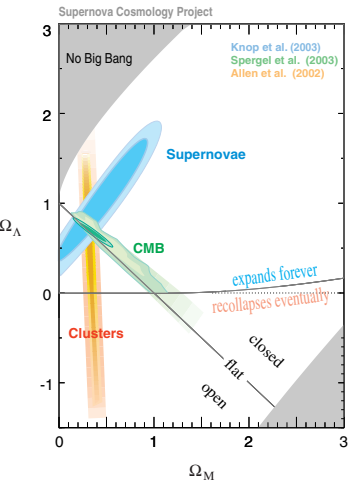
(Perlmutter et al. 1999)



- Unknown Energy Density: Ω_X
- First weak constraints on w_X (assuming a flat Universe)

$$w_X < -1/3 \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

Concordance Model



The Universe seems to be flat (CMB) with a low matter density (clusters) and its energy density seems to be dominated by some **repulsive dark energy** (supernovae).

Dark Energy Equation of State

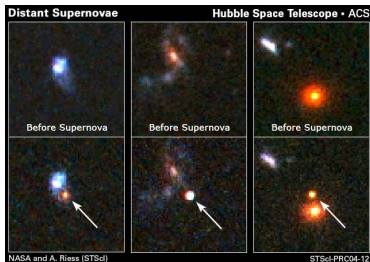
- $p = w\rho$ $w < -1/3$

$$\rho(z) \propto \exp\left(\int 3\frac{w(z) + 1}{1 + z} dz\right)$$

- $w = -1 \rightarrow$ cosmological constant
- $w > -1 \rightarrow$ scalar fields
- $w < -1 \rightarrow$ exotic fields

2004: SNe from Space (GOOD / ACS Survey)

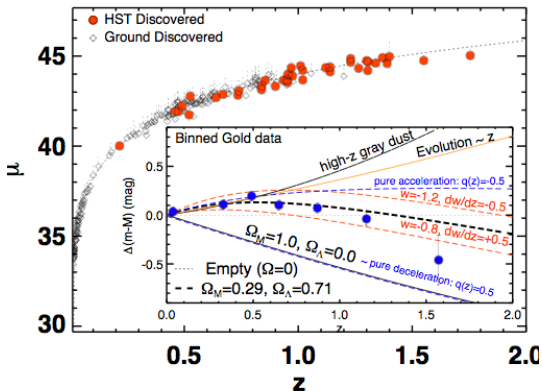
(Riess, 2004)



- Find $z > 1.2$ SNe Ia with HST
- 16 + 21 SNe Ia found w/ ACS. Among them, 23 SNe @ $z > 1$.
- Probe the deceleration era

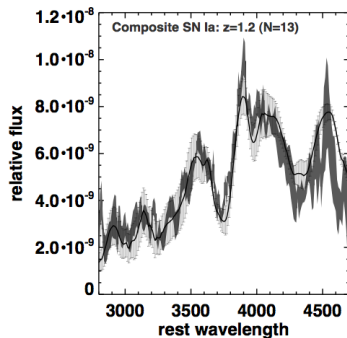
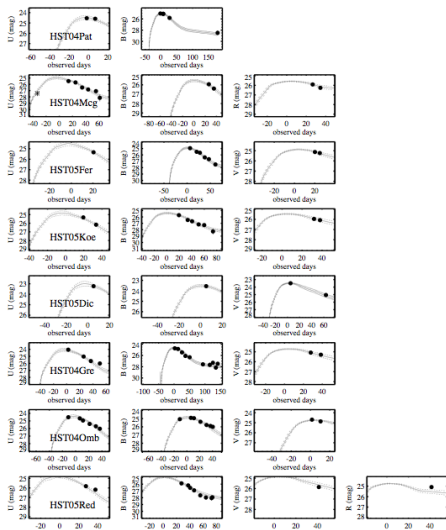
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- Hubble diagram up to $z \sim 2$
- Expansion went from deceleration to acceleration
- Exclude grey dust hypothesis

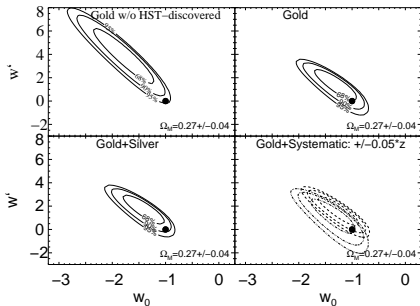
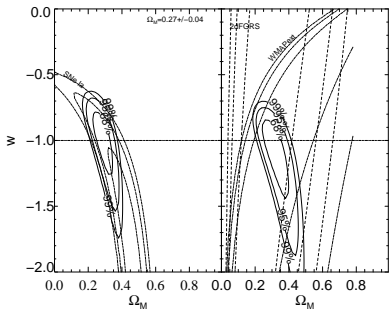
ACS Lightcurves (restframe UV) & Spectra



- Limited statistics
- Limited time coverage
- Large calibration uncertainties

Constraints on w and w'

Riess et al, 2004



$$w = -1.02^{+0.13}_{-0.19} \quad \text{and} \quad w < -0.76(95\%CL)$$

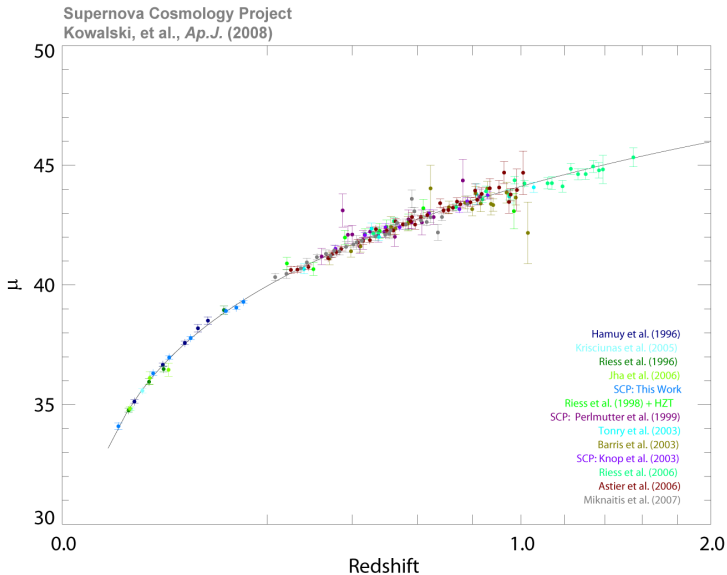
Consistent with $w_0 = -1$ and $dw/dz = 0$ (Λ)

Second Generation Supernova Programs

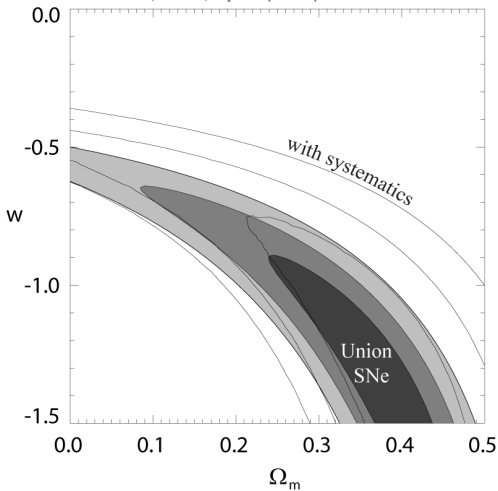
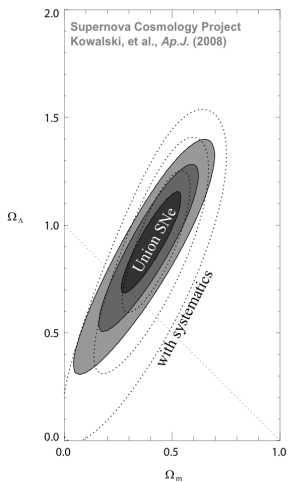
- Low redshift
 - CfA
 - Kait (UCB)
 - Carnegie
 - SN Factory / SNIFS
- Medium redshift ($0.1 < z < 0.3$)
 - SDSS-II (SN)
- High-z Programs
 - ESSENCE
 - SNLS
- Ongoing space programs with ACS/HST
 - PANS (Riess et al)
 - Clusters (Perlmutter et al)
 - now stopped due to ACS failure

Today

“Union Sample” (Kowalski et al, 2008)

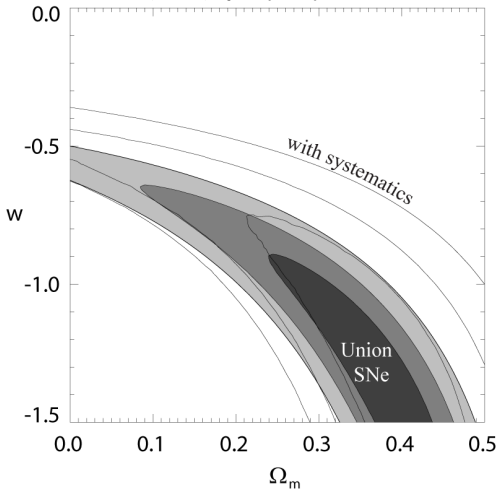
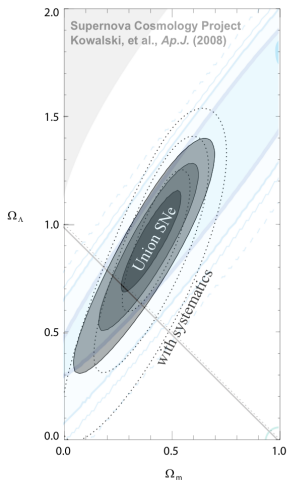


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Kowalski, et al., *Ap.J.* (2008)

- > 300 “good quality” SNe Ia

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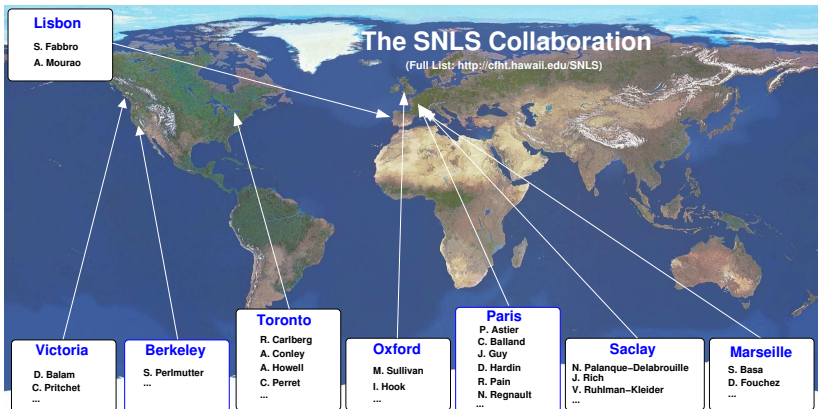
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- Study of mean deviation and

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The SNLS Collaboration



SNLS: A Large Photometric Survey . . .

~ 300h / year on a 3.6-m

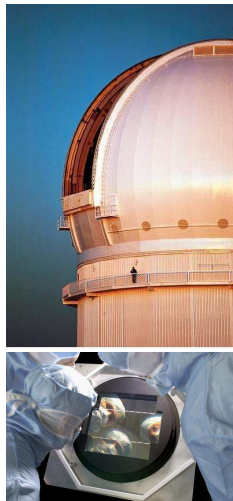
- CFHT @ Hawaii

Wide Field Camera

- Megacam (CEA/DAPNIA)
- 1 deg², 36 2k×4k CCDs
- Good PSF sampling 1 pix = 0.2"
- Excellent image quality: 0.7" (FWHM)

Rolling search mode

- Component of the CFHTLS survey
- 40 nights / year during 5 years
- Four 1-deg² fields
- repeated observations (3-4 nights)
- in 4 bands (*griz*)
- queue observing (minimize impact of bad weather)



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Megacam Passbands

● CFHT

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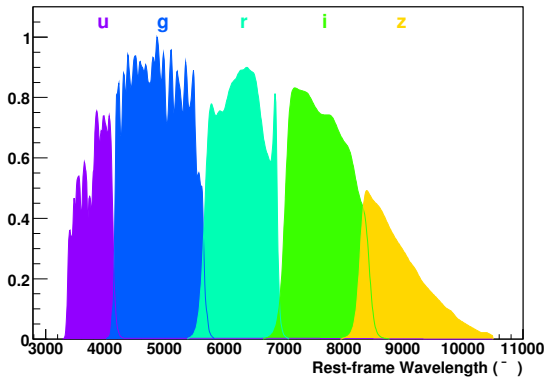
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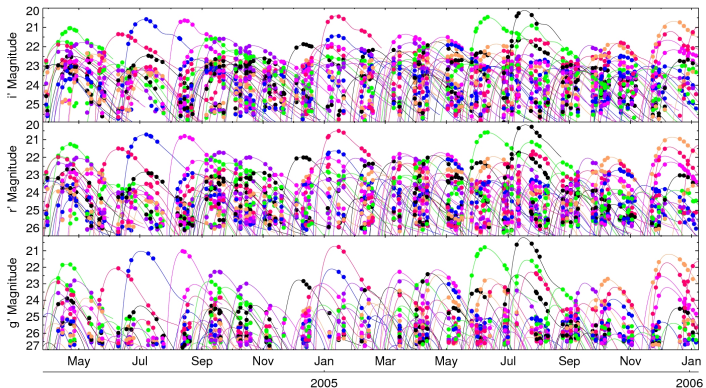
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... Operated in Rolling Search Mode



Statistics

Public list of candidates:

<http://legacy.astro.utoronto.ca>

May 2008

Telescope	SNIa (/?)	SNIId (/?)	Total SN (/?)	Other	Total
Gemini	131	13	235	0	235
Keck	91	22	195	4	199
VLT	156	21	309	12	321
Total	378	56	739	16	755

- ~ 400 Identified Type Ia Supernovae now on disk
- ~ similar number with photometric identification

Survey ended in June 2008

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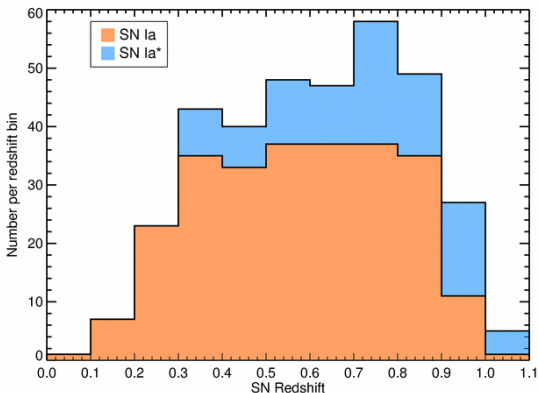
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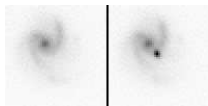
Analysis Steps

- **Detection**
 - two real time pipelines (Perret et al, Fouchez et al)
 - merging of candidates
 - ranking with photometric identification (Sullivan et al, 2005)
- **Spectroscopic Identification**
 - comparison with library of High-z SN spectra (Howell et al, 2005)
 - simultaneous fit of SN lightcurves and spectra (Baumont et al, 2008)
- **Photometry**
- **Calibration**
- **Lightcurve fitting / distance estimates**
- **Cosmological constraints**

Differential Photometry

The Model: Simultaneous fit on ~ 300 images

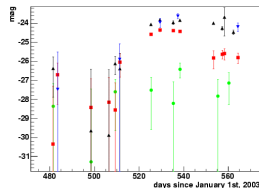
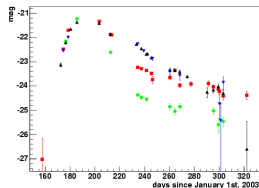
$$I(x, y) = \text{Flux} \times [\text{Kernel} \otimes \text{PSF}_{\text{best}}](x - x_{\text{sn}}, y - y_{\text{sn}}) + [\text{Kernel} \otimes \text{Galaxy}_{\text{best}}](x, y) + \text{Sky}$$



$(z = 0.28)$



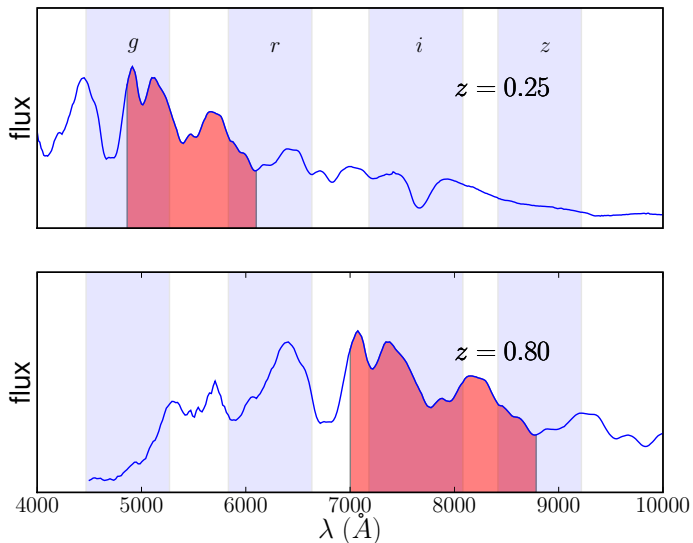
$(z = 0.95)$



Differential Photometry (cont'd)

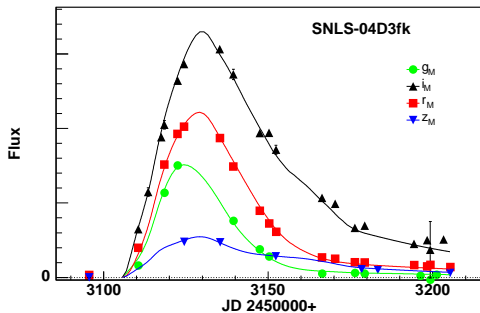
- **Alternate technique**
 - PSF photometry on subtractions
 - convolution and alignment of best quality reference image to each science field independantly
 - subtraction
 - PSF photometry on subtraction
- **First method chosen after comparison**

Measuring Luminosity Distances with SNe Ia



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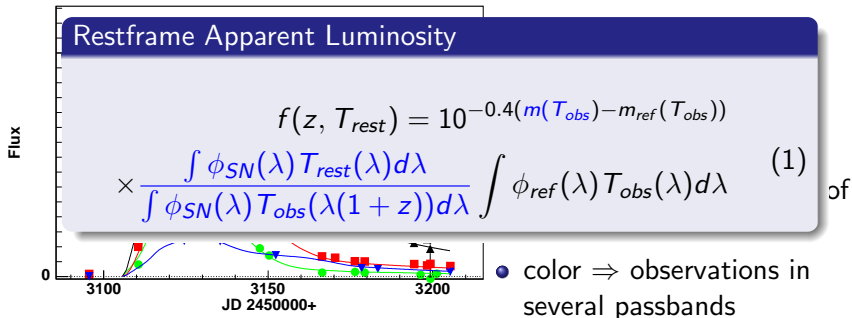
$$\frac{f(z_1, T_{rest})}{f(z_2, T_{rest})} = \left(\frac{d_L(z_2)}{d_L(z_1)} \right)^2$$



- Restframe apparent luminosity @ peak, in a given spectral region
- decline rate / lightcurve width \Rightarrow good sampling of LC
- color \Rightarrow observations in several passbands

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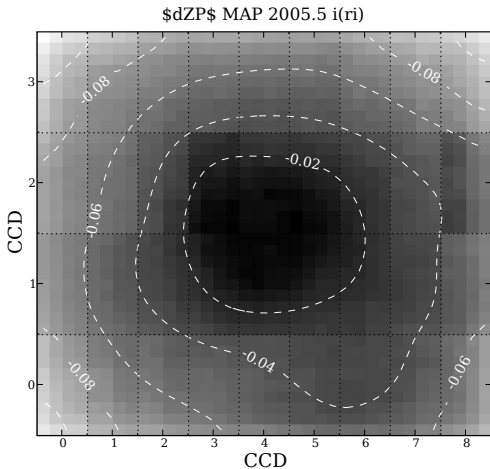


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Photometric Calibration (I)

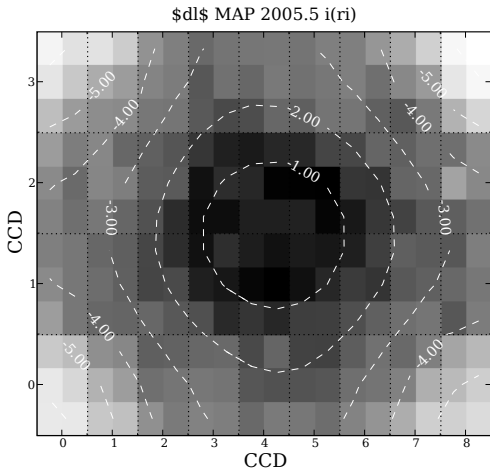
Uniformity of the Photometric Response



- Wide field cameras have an intrinsically non-flat photometric response.
- Careful mapping of it using dithered observations.
- Residual non-uniformities $\sim 1\%$.

Photometric Calibration (II)

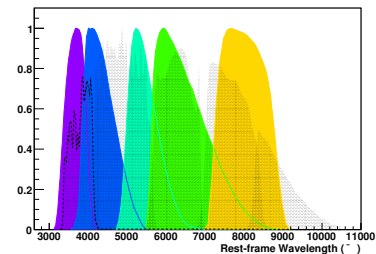
Uniformity of the Photometric Response



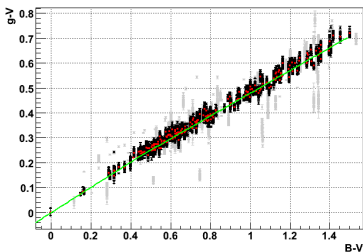
- Intrinsic filter non-uniformities (up to $\sim 5nm$).
- Mapped with dithered observations.
- Must be accounted for in the lightcurve fits.

Photometric Calibration (III)

Intercalibrating the low- z and high- z data



- Low- z and High- z supernovae observed with different filter systems.
- We anchor the photometric calibration on the same standard star network.
- Large photometric corrections.
- Modeled with piecewise-linear transformations.
- Main source of systematics today (won't be the case with future low- z samples).



Photometric Calibration (IV)

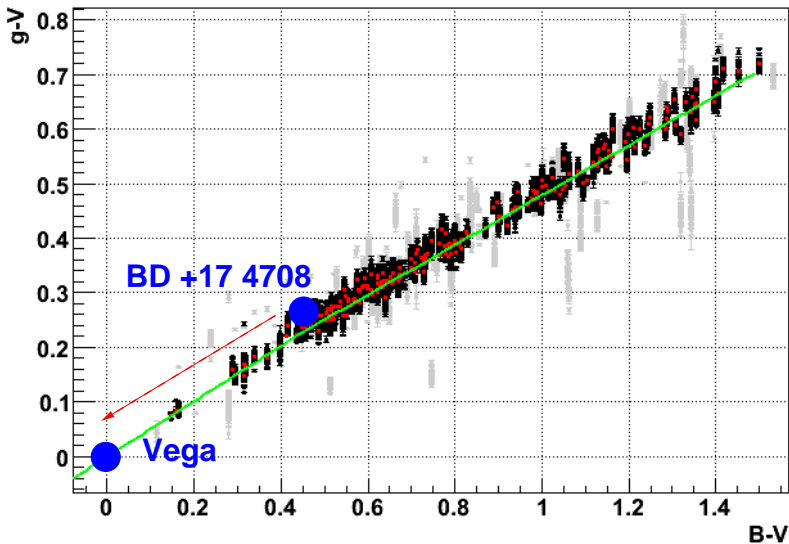
Intercalibrating the low- z and high- z data

- Traditional magnitude systems do **not** define their **physical flux scale**

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 \times 10^{-0.4m}$$

- We rely on a **fundamental flux standard**, with (1) a known spectrum and (2) known magnitudes, in order to convert magnitudes into fluxes
- The HST has selected 3 **pure hydrogen white dwarfs** as primary standards. **Models** of these stars' spectra were used to calibrate the HST instruments.
- This calibration was then propagated to a larger network of **secondary HST standards**. We use one of them, **BD +17 4708** as our fundamental flux standard.

Photometric Calibration (V)



Photometric Calibration (VI)

Uncertainty Budget

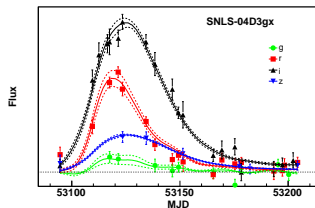
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grid reference colors	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
grid color corrs	< 0.001	< 0.001	± 0.002	< 0.001
Landolt catalogs	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.002
Magnitudes of BD +17	± 0.002	± 0.004	± 0.003	± 0.018
Total	± 0.004	± 0.005	± 0.007	± 0.0019

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Light Curve Fitters

- **Goal:** Measure flux ratio of SNe at different z
 - same (restframe) wavelength
 - same phase
 - different redshifts
- **Method:** Interpolation of measurements
 - in different restframe bands
 - with different time sampling
- **Tool:** **Empirical** model of the SN Ia spectral sequence
 - physical simulations not precise enough
 - model **trained** on a large sample of lightcurves and spectra
 - accounts for the diversity of SNe Ia

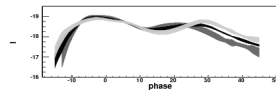
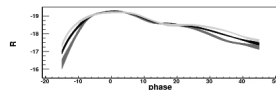
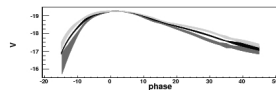
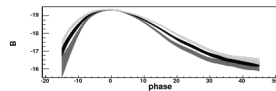
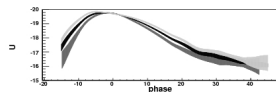
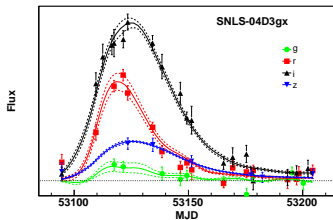


SALT2: modeling SN Ia Spectra and Lightcurves

J. Guy et al, 2007

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- Use photometric and spectroscopic data
- PCA to describe SN variability
- Derive model uncertainties
- **Modeling of SN Ia Spectra in the far UV**



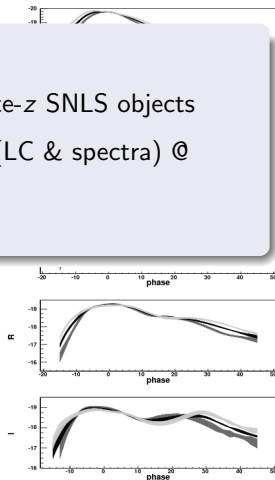
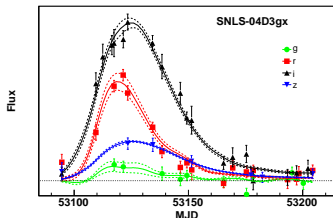
SALT2: modeling SN Ia Spectra and Lightcurves

J. Guy et al, 2007

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- trained on Nearby Data + SNLS data
- Far UV coverage comes from the intermediate-z SNLS objects
- Uncertainties can be reduced w/ more data (LC & spectra) @ intermediate redshift

⇒ errors $\propto 1/\sqrt{N}$



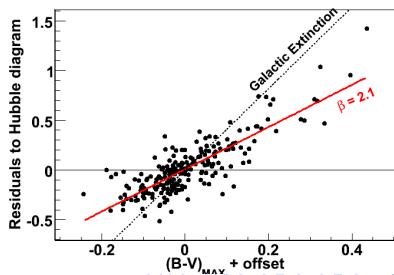
Distance Estimator

- Distance modulus estimator

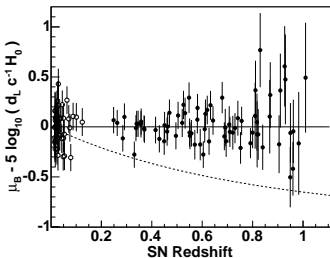
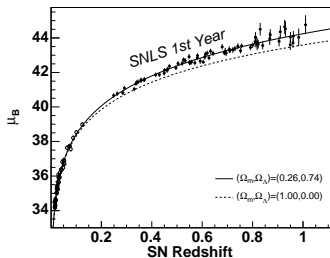
$$\mu_B = m_B^* - M + \alpha \times (s - 1) - \beta \times c$$

- brighter slower correlation
- brighter bluer correlation
- Empirical coefficients, fitted along with the cosmology:
 M , α , β

- β accounts for (1) host galaxy extinction (dust) and (2) intrinsic SN properties.
- Control evolution of β with z



Hubble Diagram



Restframe Magnitude

$$m_B^* = -2.5 \log_{10} \left(\frac{f(z, T_B, t = t_{max,B})}{(1+z) \int \phi_{ref}(\lambda) T_B(\lambda) d\lambda} \right)$$

Distance Estimator

$$\mu_B = m_B^* - \mathcal{M}_B - \alpha (s - 1) + \beta c$$

Cosmological Fit

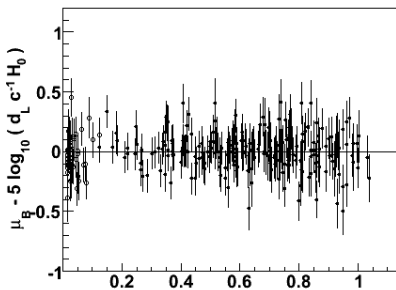
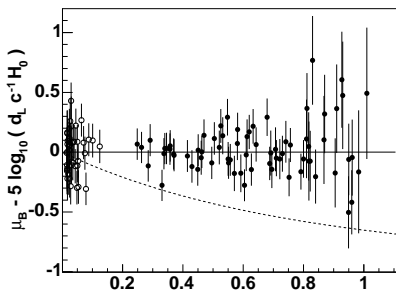
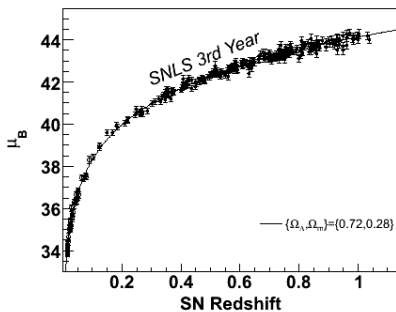
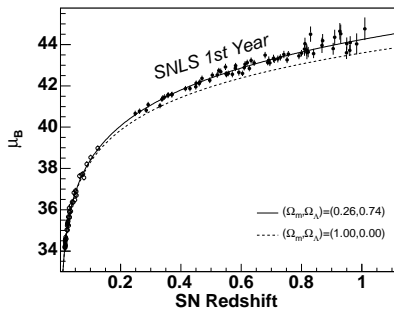
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(\mu_{B_i} - 5 \log_{10} d_L(\theta, z_i))^2}{\sigma^2(\mu_{B_i}) + \sigma_{int}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{int} = 0.13 \text{ mag } (\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1)$$

SNLS 3 Year Analysis

- **statistics** $\times 3.5$ 71 $\rightarrow \sim 250$
- **Independent analyses** (Fr, Ca), being carefully cross-checked
- **Improved Photometric calibration**
 - Better control of the Megacam array uniformity
 - 3-year monitoring of the same fields
- **Improved Supernova modeling** trained on the SNLS data
 - Two independent lightcurve fitters: SALT2 (Guy et al, 2007), SIFTO (Conley et al, 2008).
 - Allow to use the bluer part of the spectrum ($z > 0.8$)
- **Detailed studies of the SN properties w.r.t. host galaxy type** (elliptical \sim old, vs spiral \sim new)
 - tests for evolution of the SN properties with redshift
- **Systematics included in the cosmological fits**

SNLS 3 Year Analysis



Cosmological Constraints

Uncertainty Budget

- Uncertainties on w_X

statistical	0.077
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SNLS calib	0.053
Low-z calib	0.032
Low-z filters	0.016
Low-z select. bias	0.022
Lightcurve fitters	0.020
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Total sys	0.071
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Total stat + sys	0.104

plots/snls_3yr_w_contours.png

- (SNe + BAO (Eisenstein et al, 2005), assuming $\Omega_k = 0$)

Outline

- 1 Measuring the Dark Energy Equation of State
- 2 The SNLS Survey
- 3 From Luminosity Distances to the Cosmological Parameters
 - Photometric Calibration
 - Lightcurve Fitters
 - Systematics

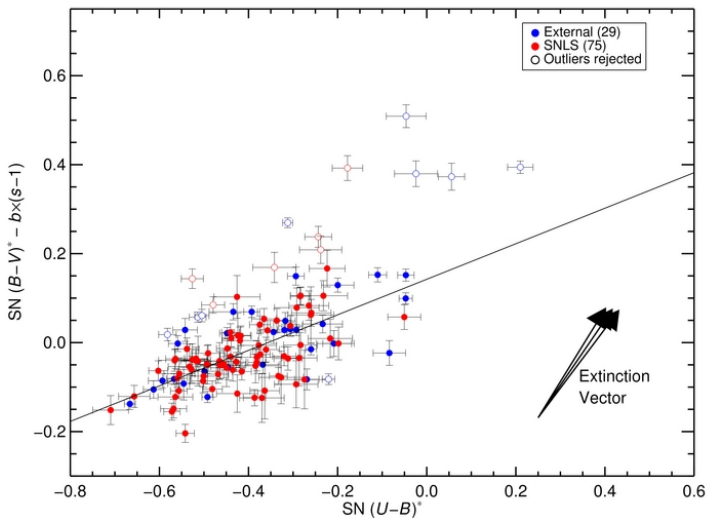
Identified Sources of Systematics

- Photometric calibration & modeling of the passbands
- Empirical modeling of lightcurves
 - restframe region used: $(B, V) \rightarrow (U^*, B)$ at large z
 - modeling of the SN Spectra around $\lambda \sim 300\text{nm}$ is crucial for $z > 0.8$
- Detection biases
 - simulation of the detection pipeline
- Contamination
- Evolution effects
 - study of SN Ia properties as a function of Host Galaxy
 - comparison of nearby and distant SNe Ia
- Extinction by intergalactic dust
- Gravitational lensing

Systematics: low-z vs. high-z

- SNLS
 - dominated by calibration uncertainties
 - 0.005 in gri , 0.025 in zband
 - much smaller uncertainties from :
 - filters: well measured, in agreement with observed color terms
 - selection bias: controlled with image simulations
- low z sample
 - calibration uncertainties (linear color corrections or 'S' corrections)
 - 0.02 in Uband, 0.007 in BVR
 - filters (Landolt system is not a natural system)
 - 0.005 relative uncertainty on flux interpretation
 - selection bias (heterogeneous sample)
 - 0.01 uncertainty on average distance modulus

Understanding Color and Dust Extinction

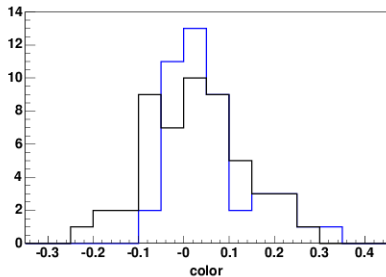
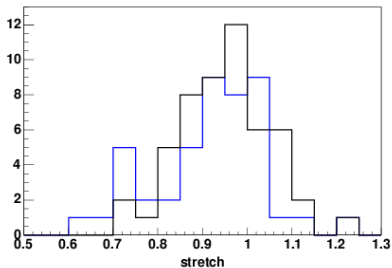
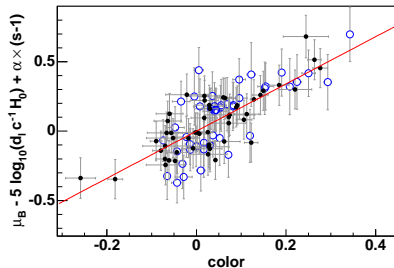
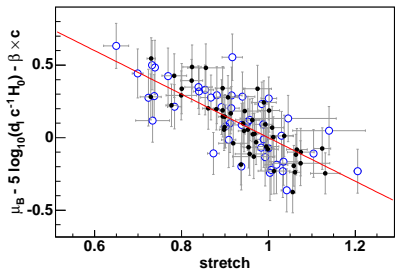


(Sullivan et al, 2008)

Evolution Tests

- Different progenitors types with different lifetimes
- One single progenitor type w/ correlation between lifetime and luminosity
- Metallicity
- ...
- Two kinds of evolution tests
 - ⇒ Compare low- and high-redshift events (Bronder et al. 2007)
 - ⇒ More sensitive: compare events at similar redshifts as a function of their host galaxy type.

Evolution test: Comparison of low- and high-redshift events



brighter-slower relation

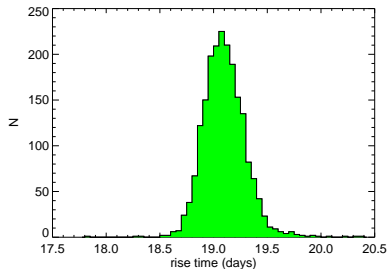
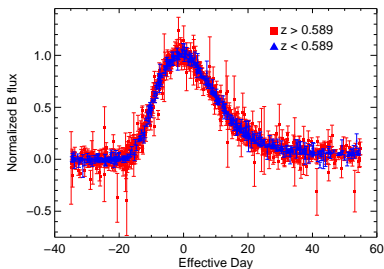
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SN Ia Lightcurve Rise Time

Conley et al, 2006

SN Ia evolution check

- Compare nearby and distant SN early lightcurve shape (B -band)
 - nearby: 19.58 ± 0.2
 - distant: $19.10 \pm 0.2(stat) \pm 0.2(sys)$



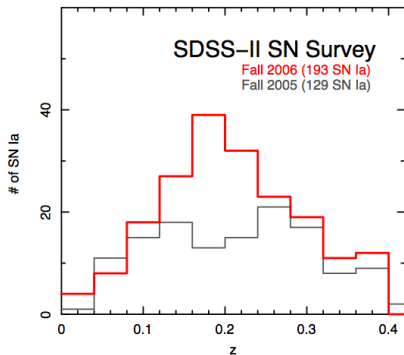
Summary

- SNLS3 : largest homogeneous highz SNe sample
 - 234 SNLS SNe Ia $0.1 < z < 1.05$
 - current world sample: 180(*) Kowalski et al. (2008)
- Uncertainties on w (lowz +SNLS3 SNe + BAO Eisenstein, 2005)

$$w = 1.xx + 0.077(stat) + 0.071(syst)$$

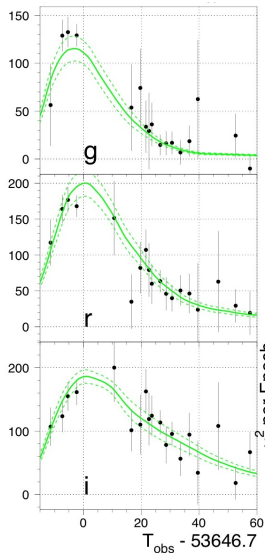
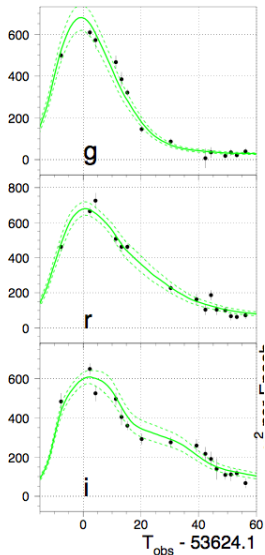
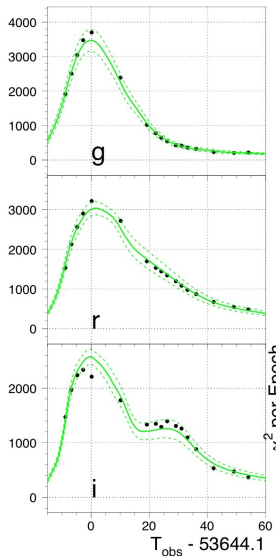
- Statistical uncertainty limited by lowz sample
- Systematic uncertainty dominated by
 - difficult calibration against UBVRI lowz photometry
 - lowz Malmquist bias
- Near future: combined SDSS/SNLS analysis (same statistics, lower systematics)

SDSS



- 2005 & 2006 Campaigns
 - 327 spectroscopically confirmed Ia's
 - 31 probable Ia
 - 44 confirmed other SN types
 - Galaxy redshifts for 60 additional candidates
 - 1st year analysis nearly complete
- ~ 40% of all discovered SNe in 2005 & 2006

SDSS SN Ia Lightcurves



Forecasts for constant w (with BAO)

Expected realistic statistical improvements of the (Ω_m, w) constraints

	Nearby	44	∞	44	132	132	250
	Distant	71	71	213	213	500	500
current	$\sigma(\Omega_m)$	0.023	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.018	0.018
BAO	$\sigma(w_0)$	0.088	0.073	0.076	0.064	0.060	0.055
BAO $\times 2$	$\sigma(\Omega_m)$	0.016	0.014	0.014	0.013	0.013	0.013
(8000 deg ²)	$\sigma(w_0)$	0.081	0.062	0.067	0.054	0.049	0.044

- + systematics ...

Summary

- SNe Ia are excellent distance indicators. Significant constraints on w require combining with constraints from other experiments (M)
- 2nd generation projects (ESSENCE, SNLS, SLOAN/SN) are getting more and higher quality data toward building a systematic limited Hubble diagram with ~ 1000 SN Ia
- Expected precision on (flat Univ., constant) w by 2009-2010 :

$$\pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \quad \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

- Percent precision on w and significant precision on w' (w_a) with SN will require exquisite control of systematics

Summary

- Lessons for future high- z SN projects:
- More and better quality nearby SNe (badly) needed
- Statistics matters: most of the (known) systematic uncertainties are not systematics since they can (in principle) be reduced with high statistics of both low- and high-redshift (well measured) SNe
- Need to reduce the photometric calibration uncertainty:
 - “internal” (uniformity & stability)
 - “external” (primary standard or physical ($B - R$)) which both will need to be controlled/understood at $\sim 0.1\%$ ($\sim 1\%$ today)

Summary

- SNLS Survey ended in June 2008
- 3-year analysis close to publication
- $\sigma_w \sim 6\%$ (stat) 8% (sys, dominated by low- z sample)
- Main challenges
 - Photometric calibration (will be a limiting factor is the future surveys)
 - Understanding the color corrections (dust ? intrinsic corrections ?)
 - SN properties w.r.t. their environment (evolution)
- Priorities
 - new low- z ($z < 0.1$) samples
 - in the same photometric system
 - with well controlled detection efficiency
 - with a wide spectral coverage

Instrumental Calibration: SNDICE

