An integral field spectroscopic study of nearby SN sites: constraining mass & metallicity of the progenitors

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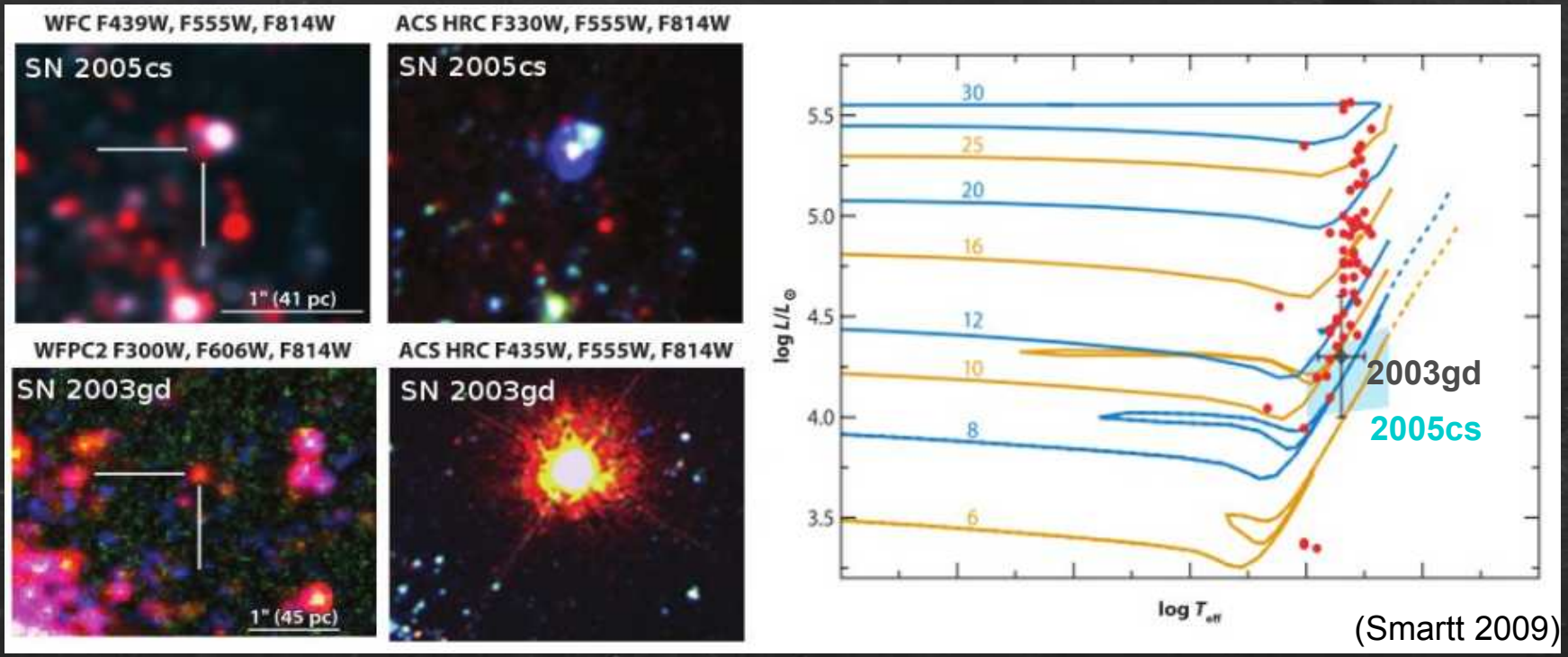
The hunt for SN progenitors in the recent years

- Searching archival pre-explosion images for the progenitor star
- Made available by the advent of HST & AO
- Photometry of the star places it on the HR diagram → possible to determine initial mass
- Powerful and convincing, but very limited (*and sadly only very few of them have confirmation of progenitor disappearance after the explosion*)



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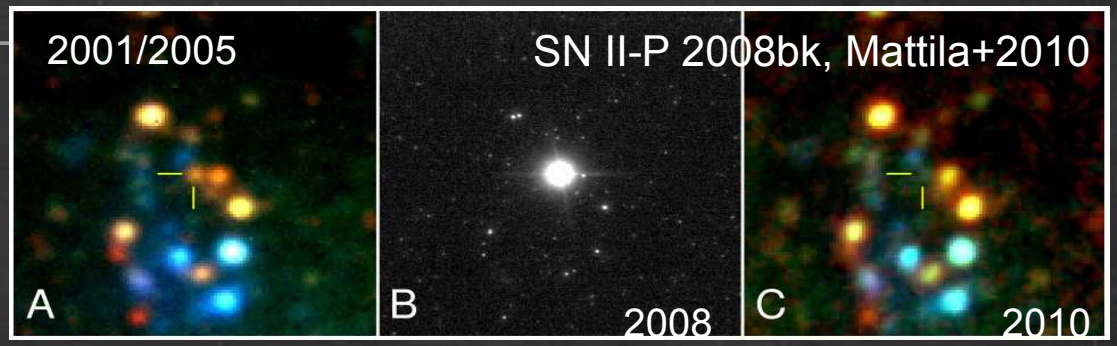

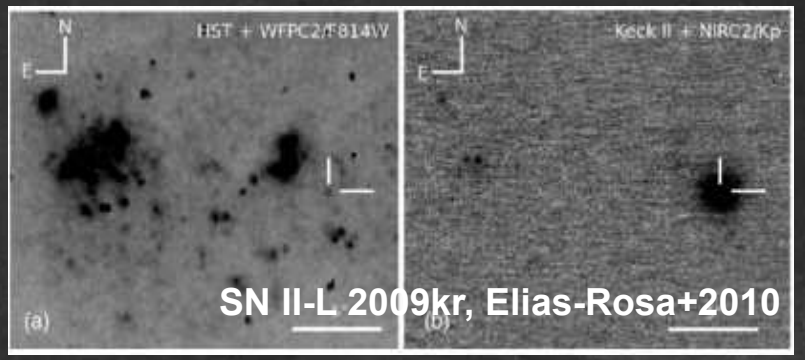

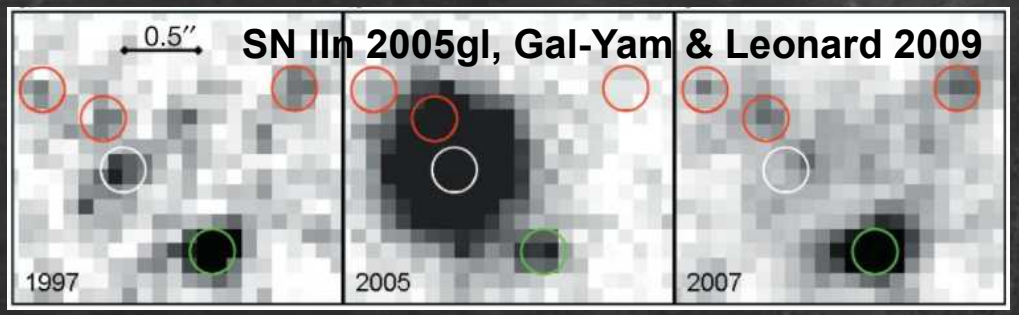

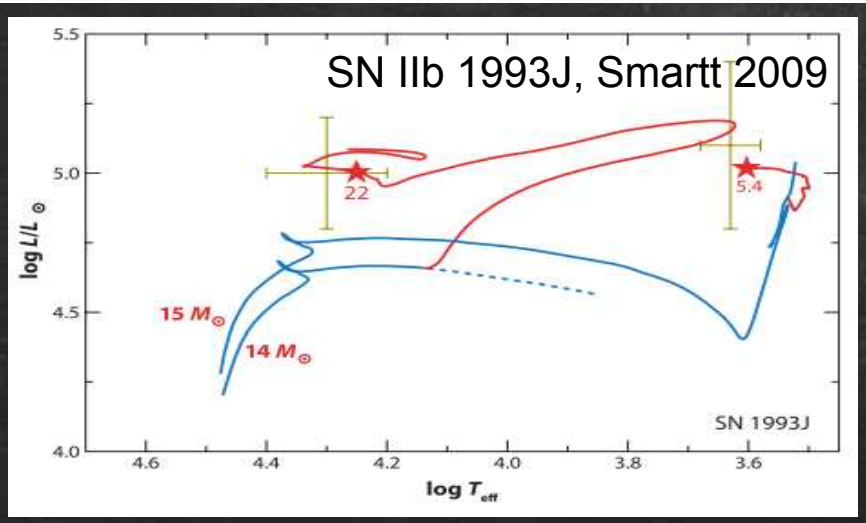

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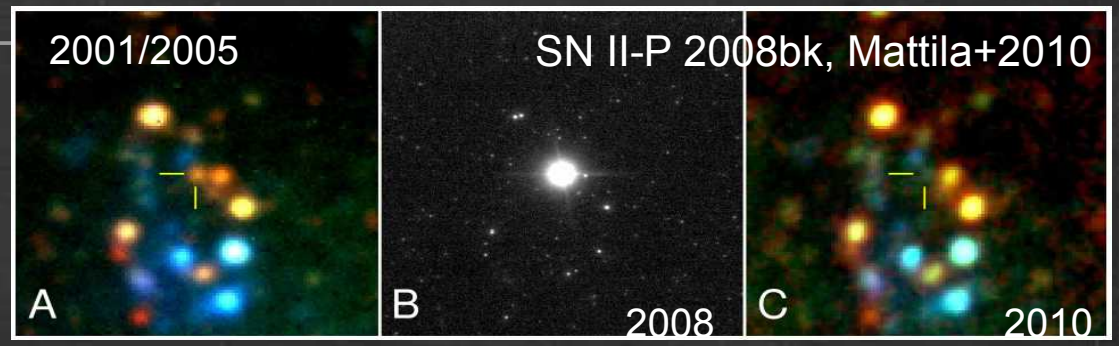
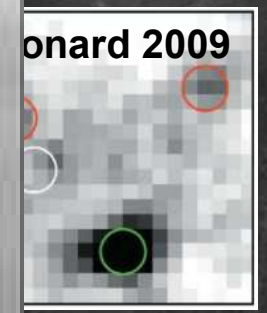
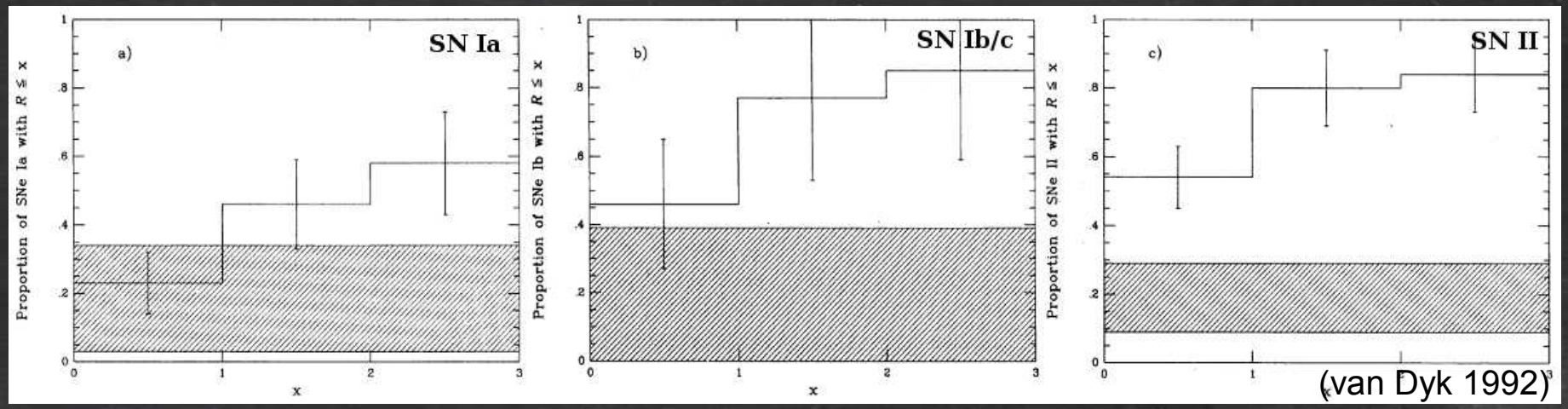


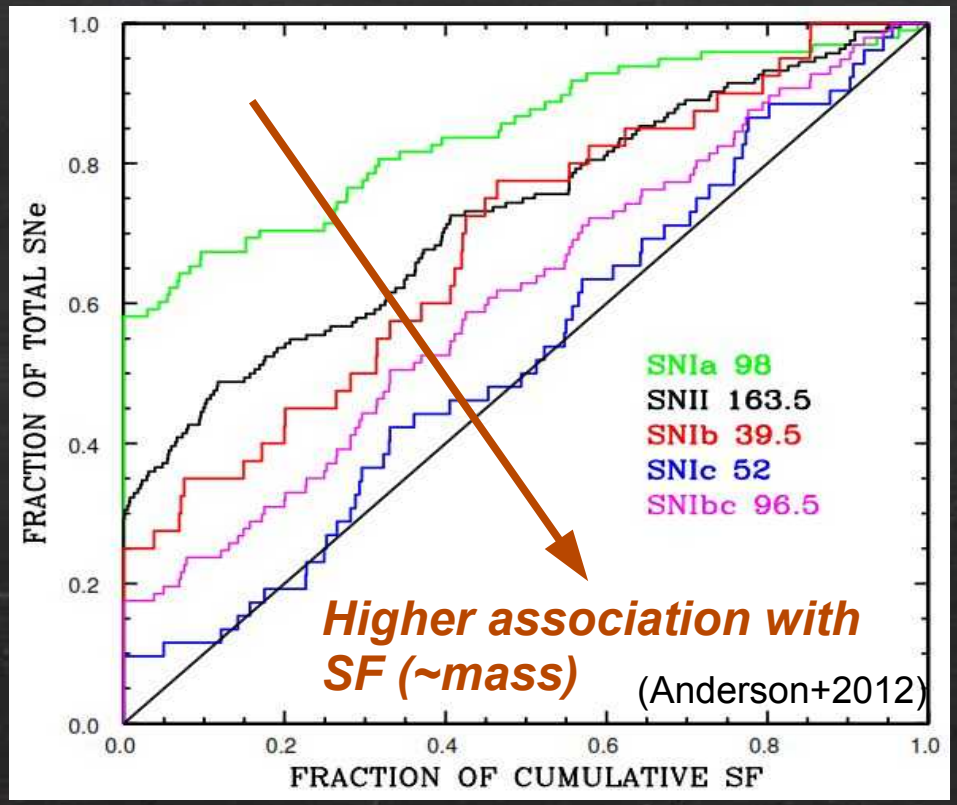


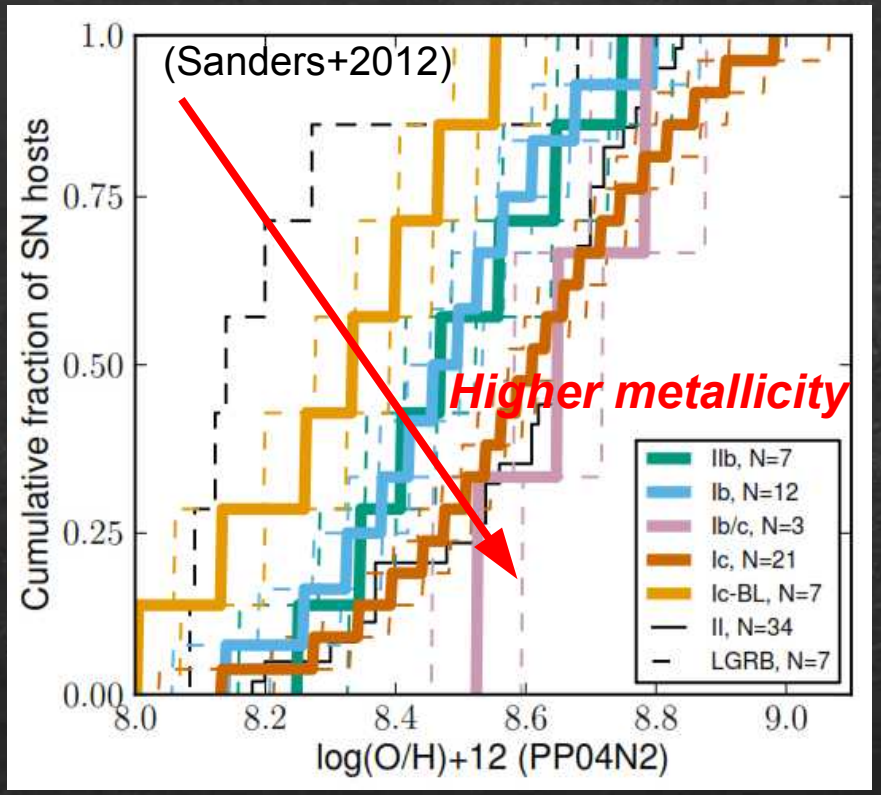
NO Ib/c PROGENITOR DETECTION SO FAR

Clues from the environment

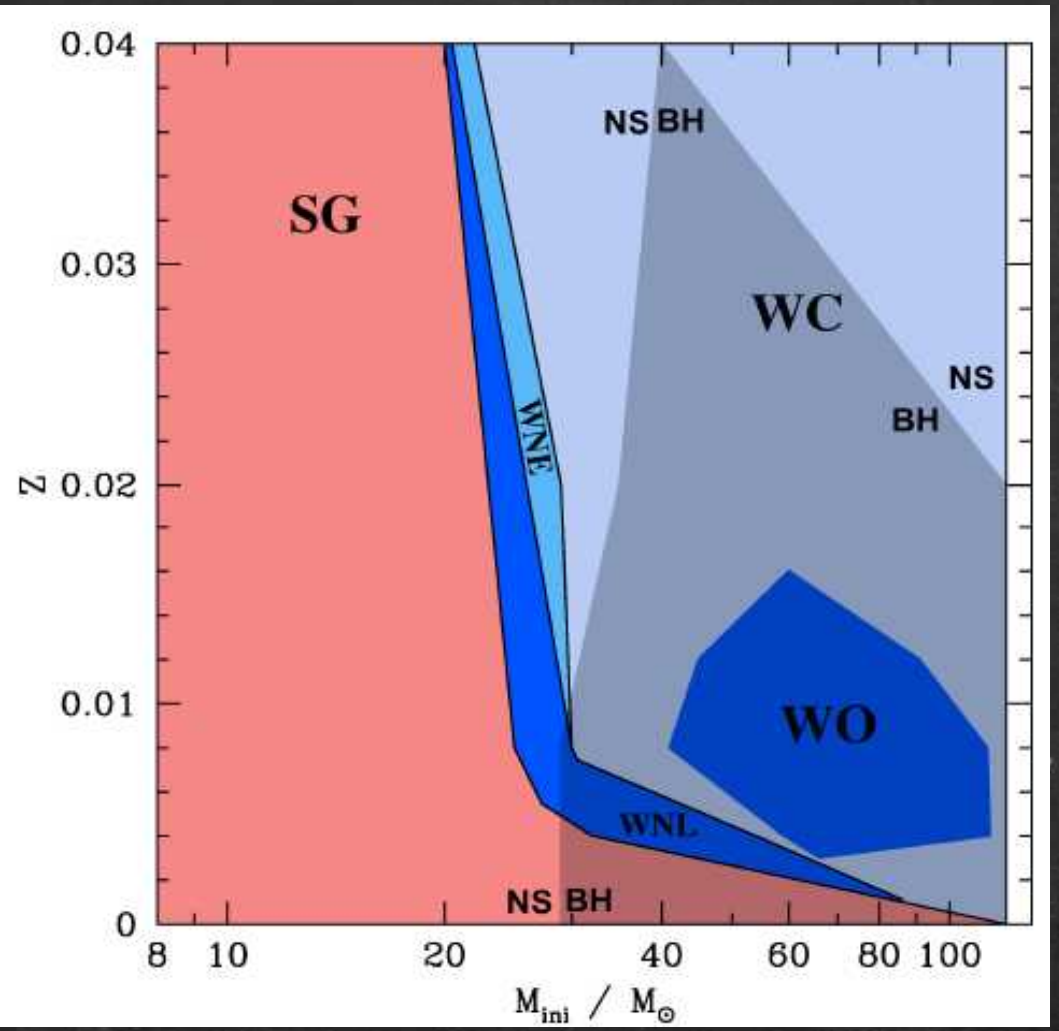
higher association with HII regions

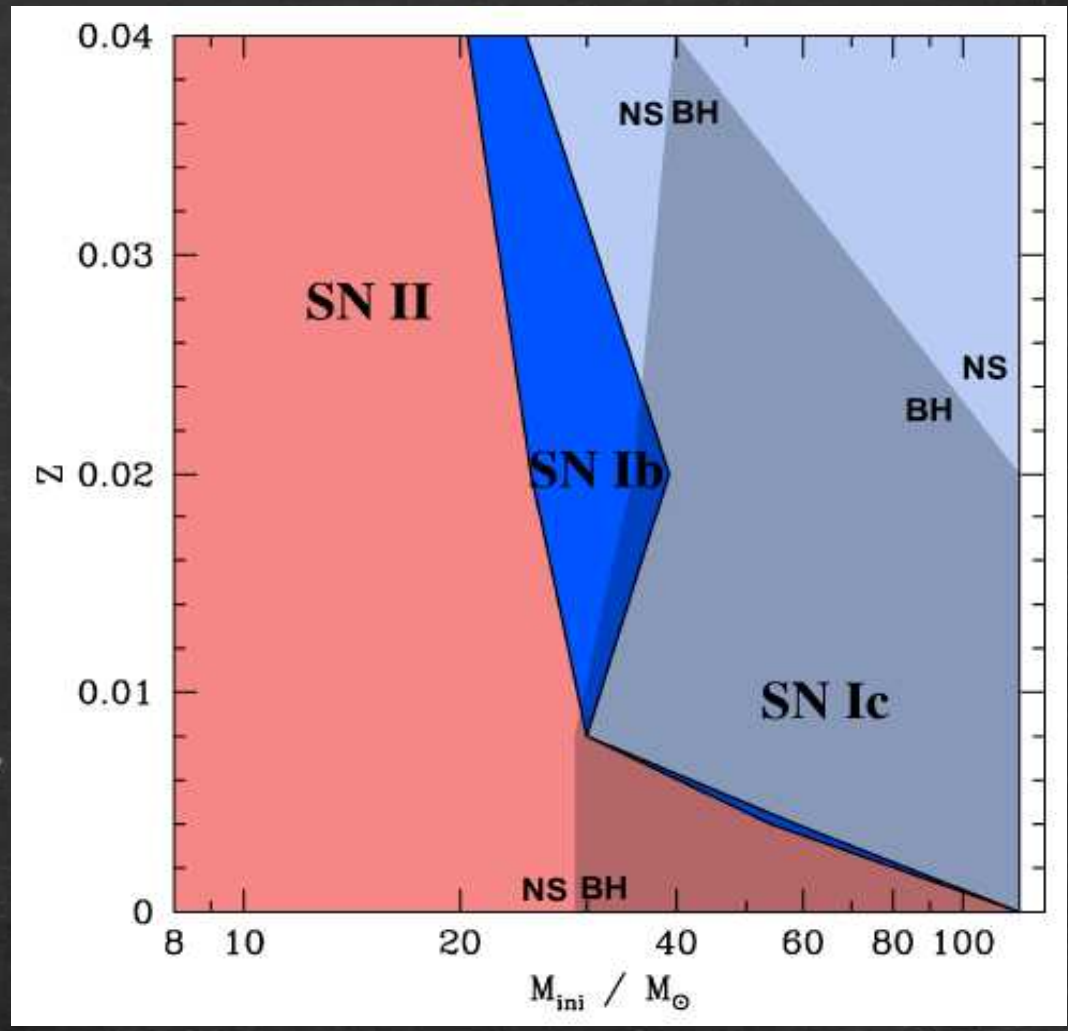






Theoretical predictions

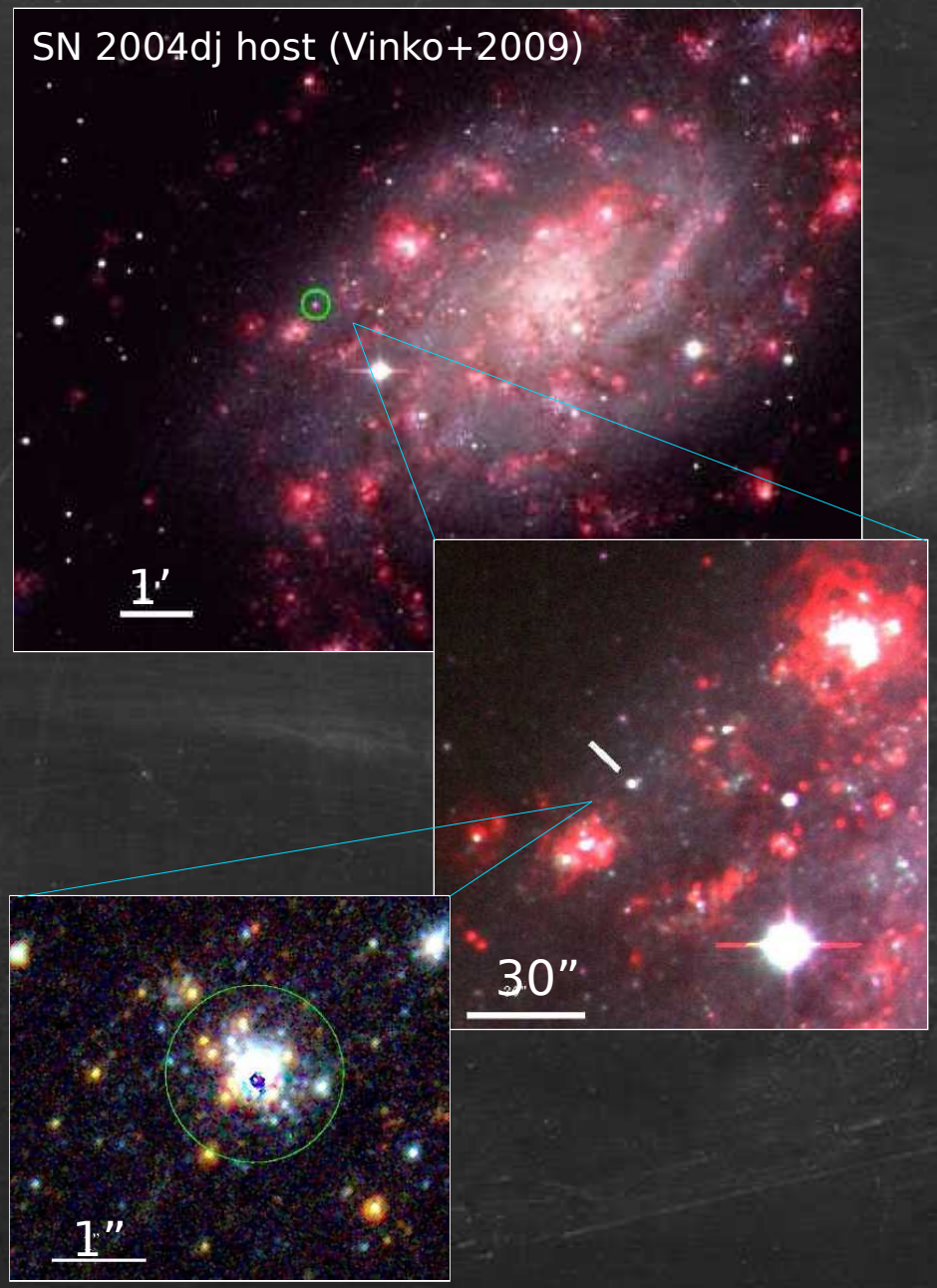




(Georgy+2009)

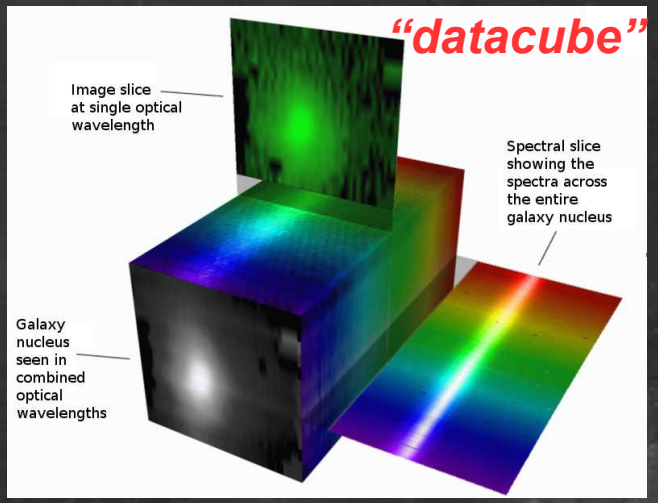
Strategy of the project

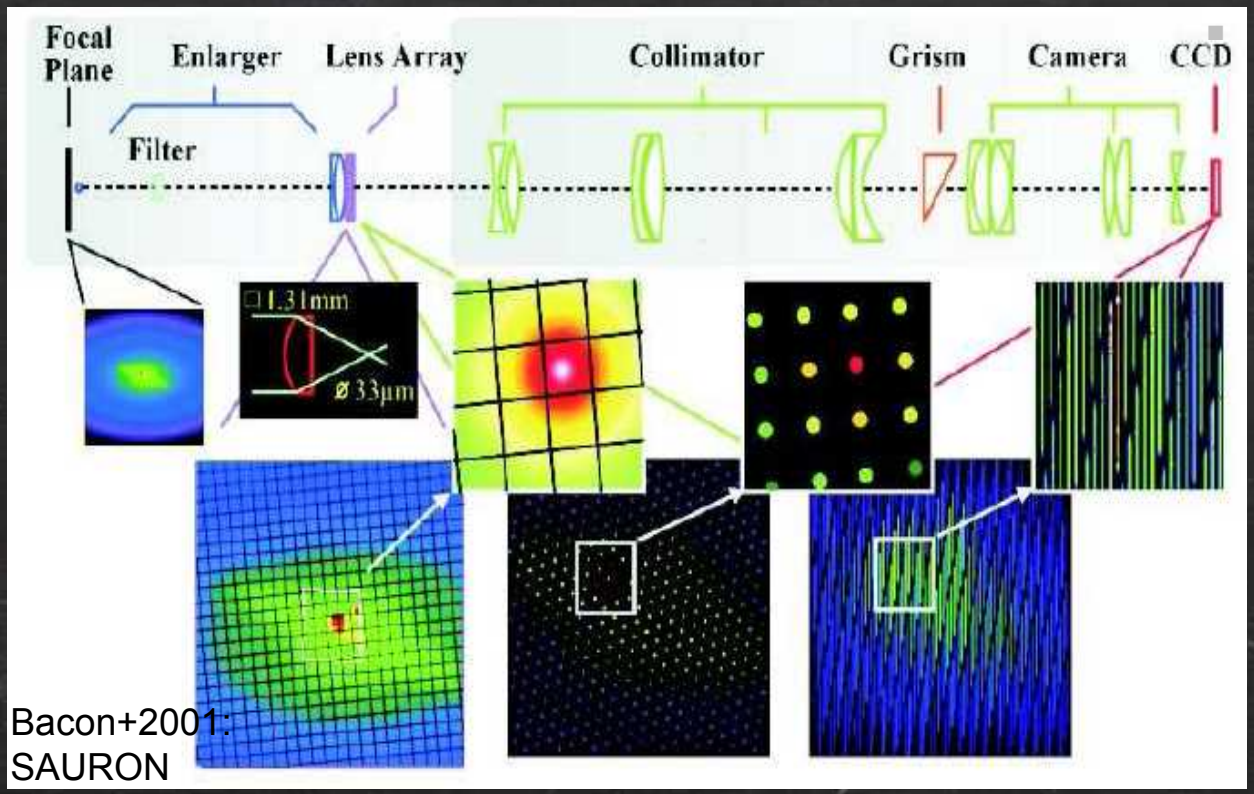
- Some SNe appear to be associated with bright sources → parent stellar population/star cluster (SC)
- Massive stars die first: SN progenitor must have been the most massive star in the SC
- SC age & metallicity = SN progenitor age & metallicity (age~mass)
- Observe nearby SN sites with IFU spectroscopy → detect parent SC and extract spectrum
- Determine metallicity & age from the SC spectrum, adopt for SN progenitor
- Equally reliable mass estimate compared to direct imaging, but much easier to increase sample – plus metallicity could be derived



Integral field spectroscopy

- Spectra of each point in the sampled FoV → "3D spectroscopy", spatial + spectral information simultaneously
- Done using UH88/SNIFS and Gemini/GMOS (optical, seeing-limited), ongoing VLT/SINFONI (NIR, near diffraction limit with AO)





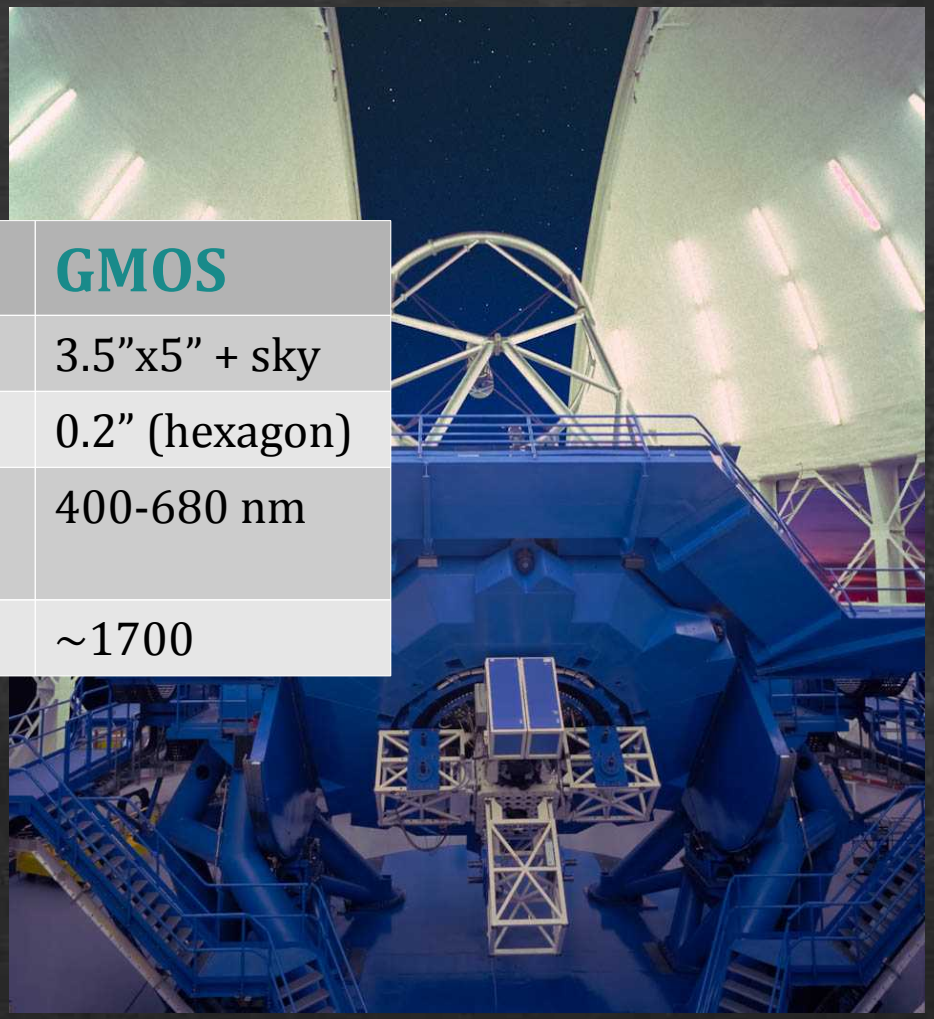
Bacon+2001: SAURON

If done with slit spectroscopy:

- Spatial information lost: cannot detect individual objects
- Integrating light from everything within the slit → contamination from other populations
- Inaccurate determination of age/metallicity

Data acquisition

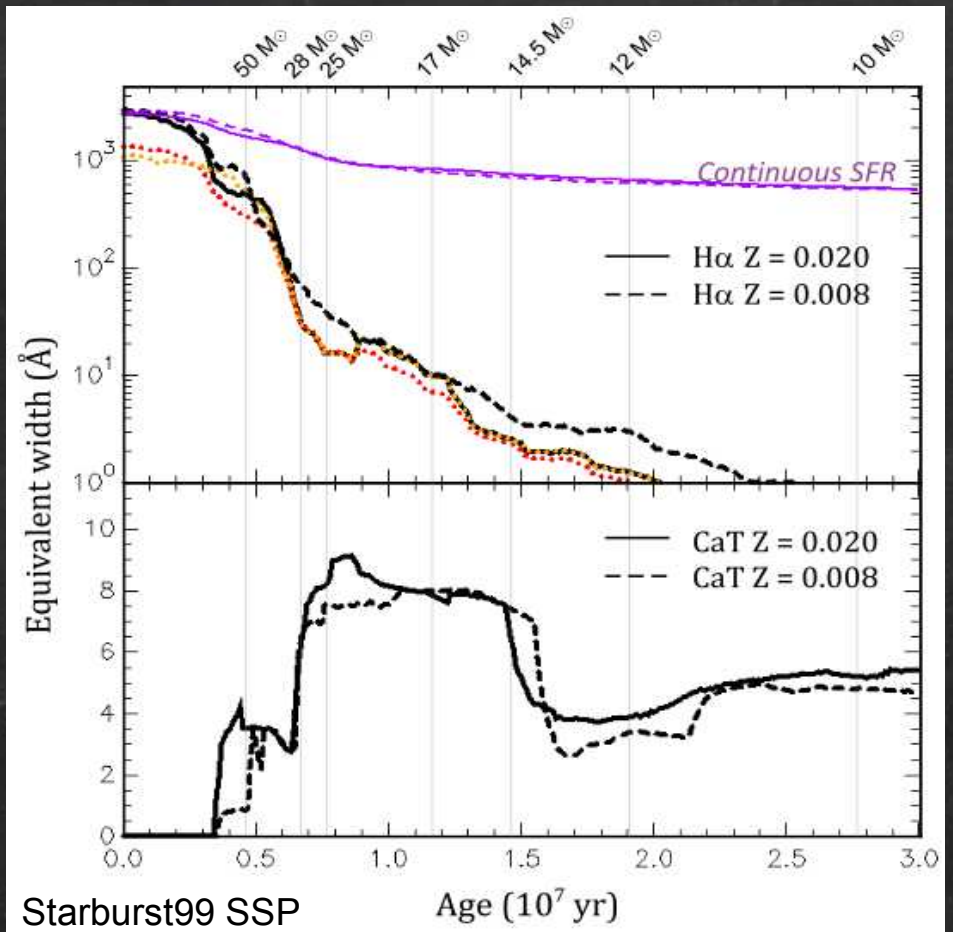
- UHawaii2.2m/SNIFS 2010-2011 (5 nights)
- Gemini-N/GMOS 2011 observations (1 nights)



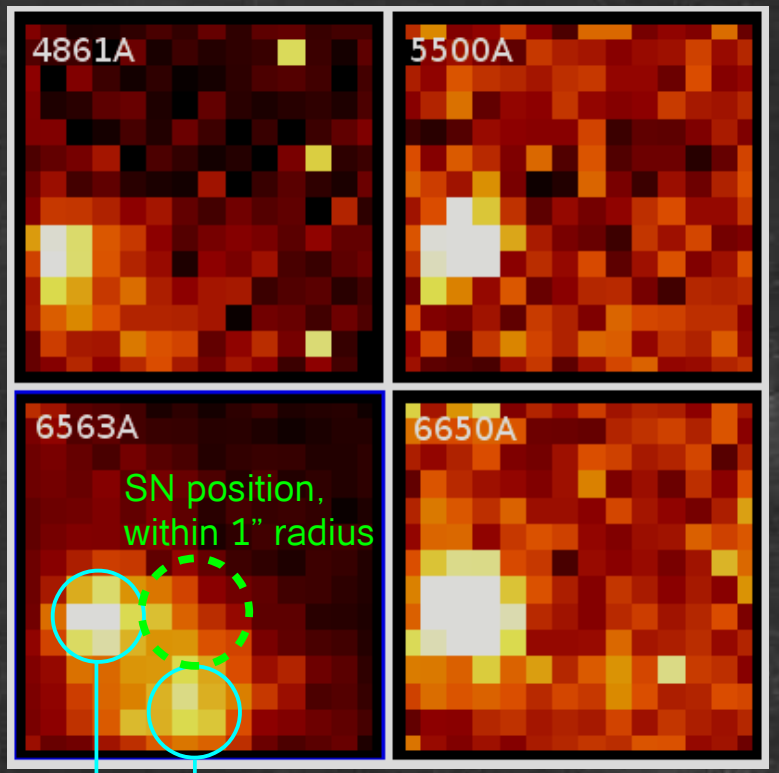
	SNIFS	GMOS
IFU FoV	6.4”x6.4”	3.5”x5” + sky
IFU sampling	0.43” (square)	0.2” (hexagon)
λ coverage	330-520 nm + 515-970 nm	400-680 nm
R	~1000	~1700

Analysis method

- Examine each site in 2-D
- Extract the 1-D spectra of all detected objects
- Analyze the spectra to determine:
  - Metallicity (strong-line method)
  - Age (Hα/CaT EW)



Starburst99 SSP

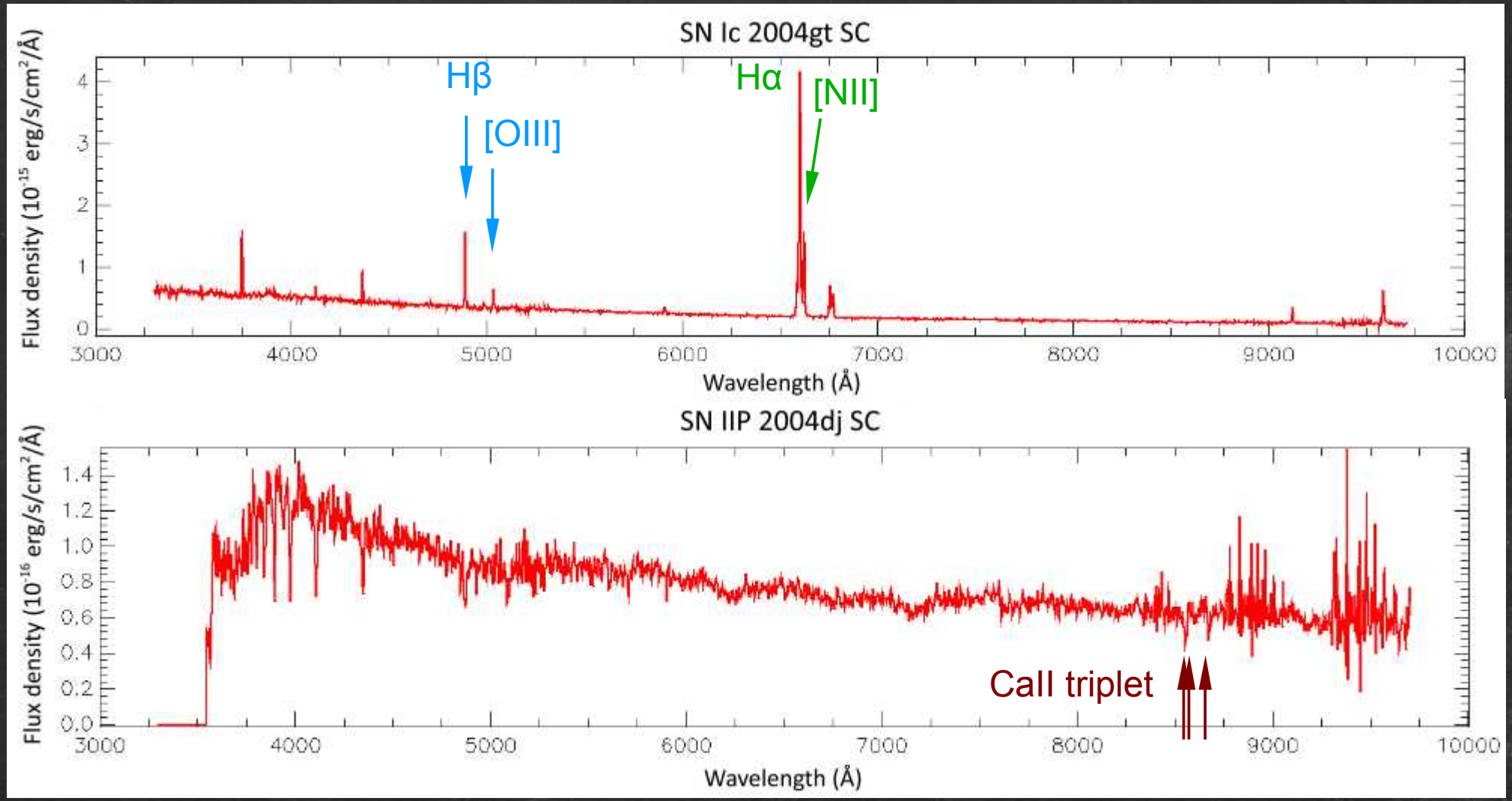


SNIFS,
SN 1948B site

extract cluster

extract HII region

Sample spectra



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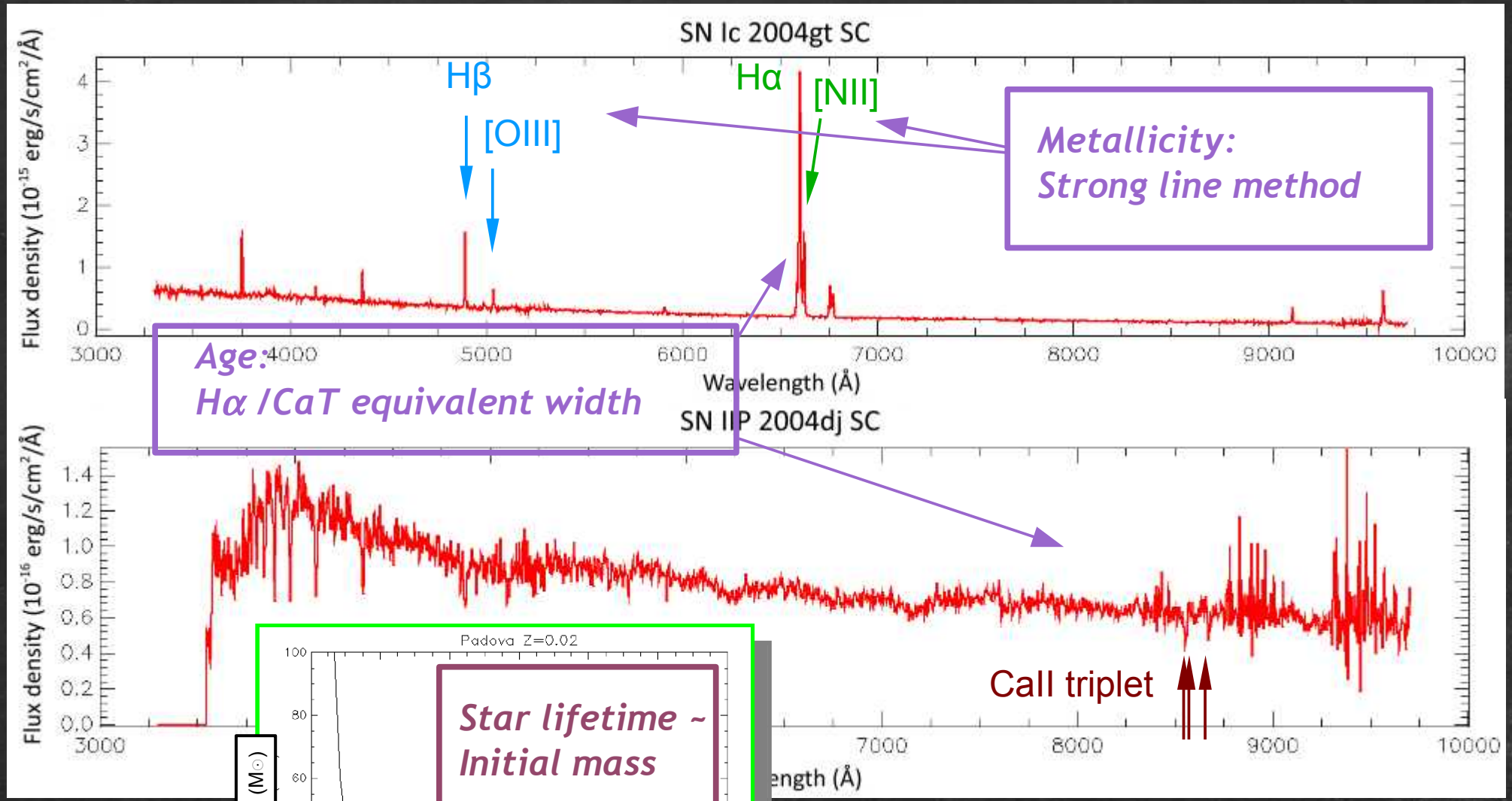
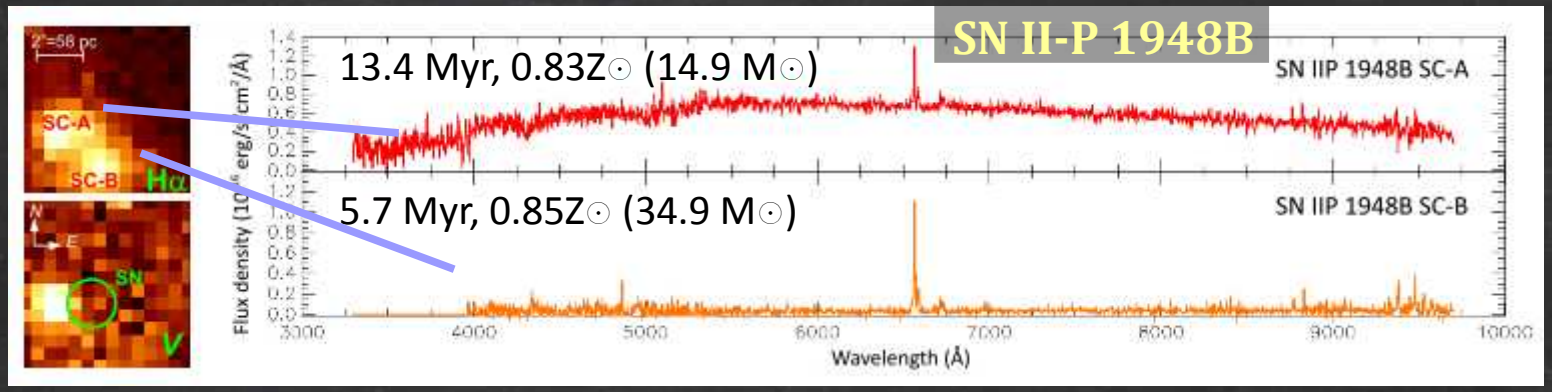
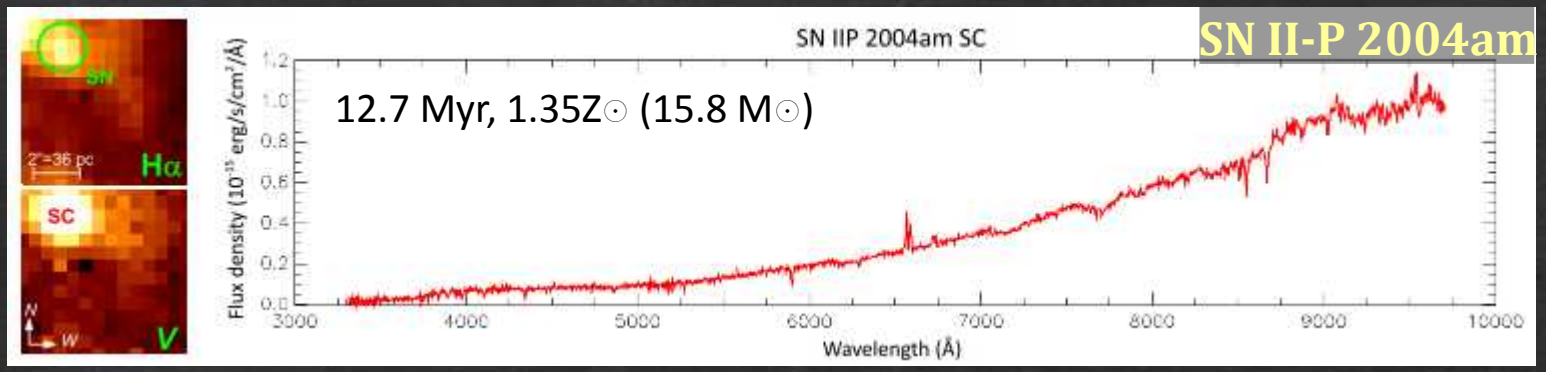
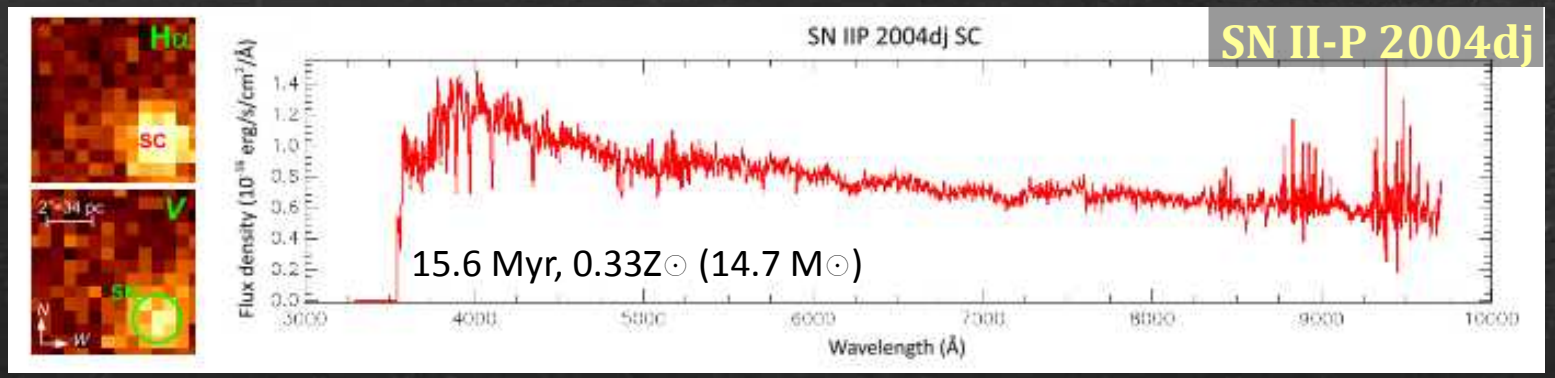


The explosion sites

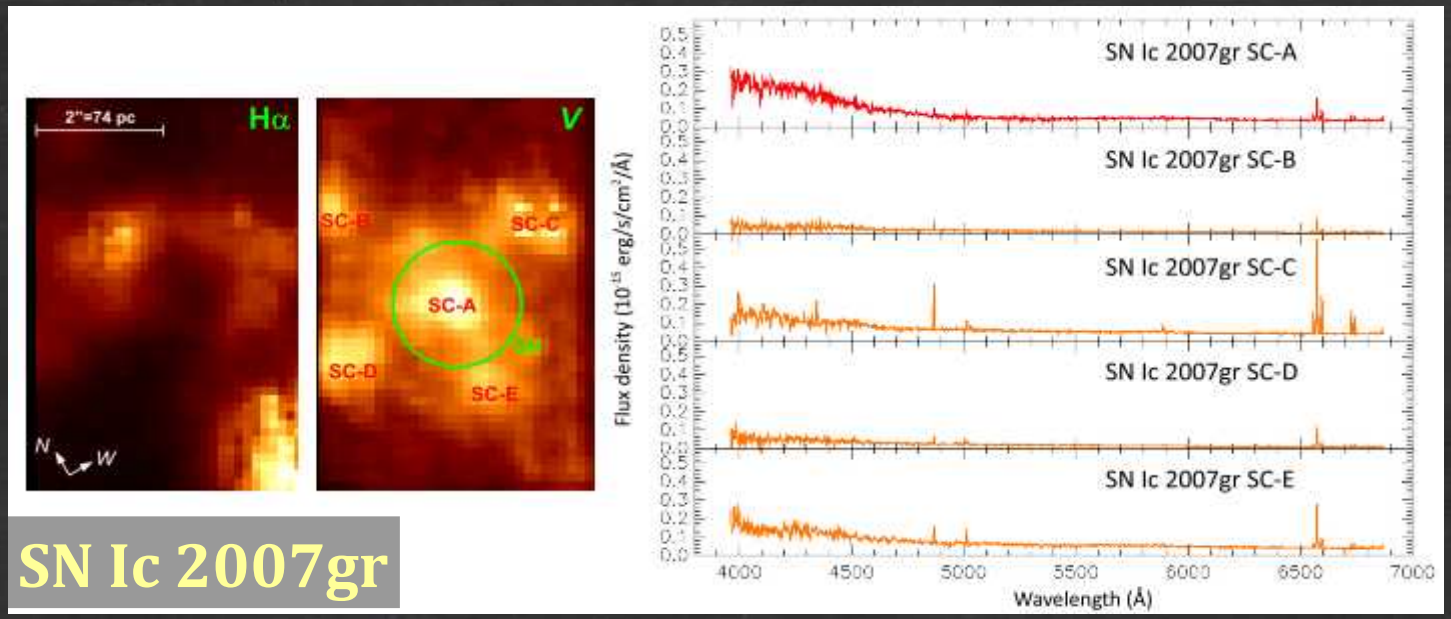




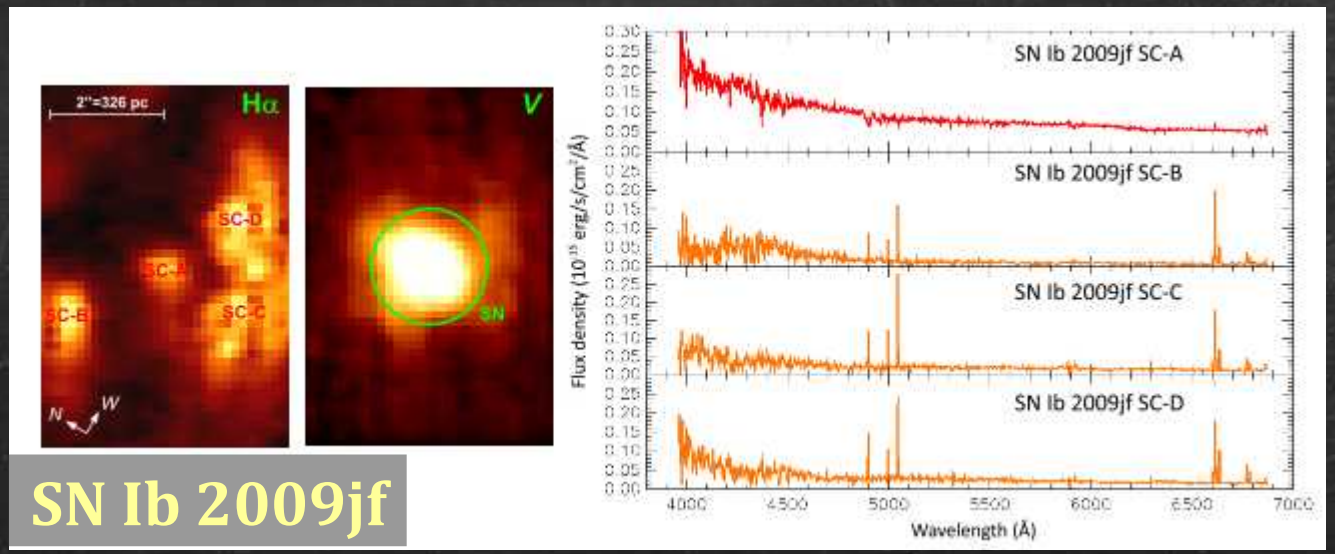
Ref → Smith+2006: 30-135 Myr; Lancon+2008: 10-35 Myr



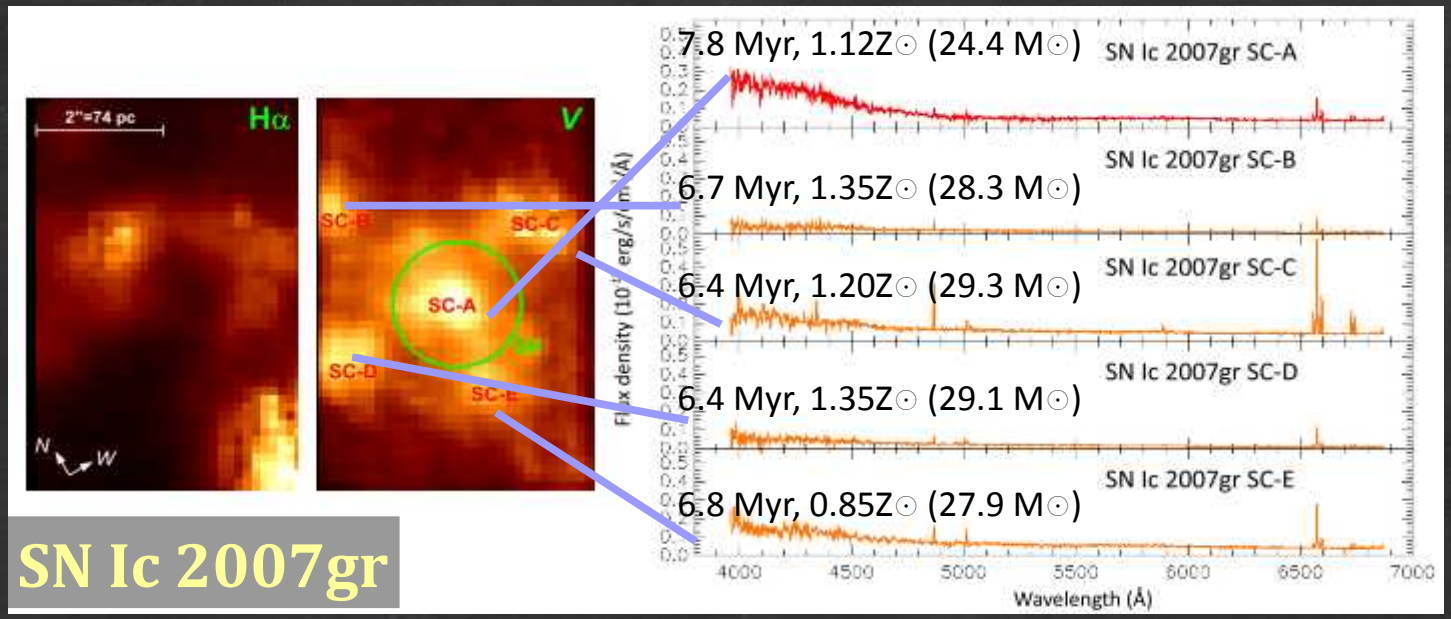
Ref → Maiz-Apellaniz+04: 13.6 Myr; Wang+05: ~20 Myr; Vinko+09: 10-16 Myr



SN Ic 2007gr



SN Ib 2009jf



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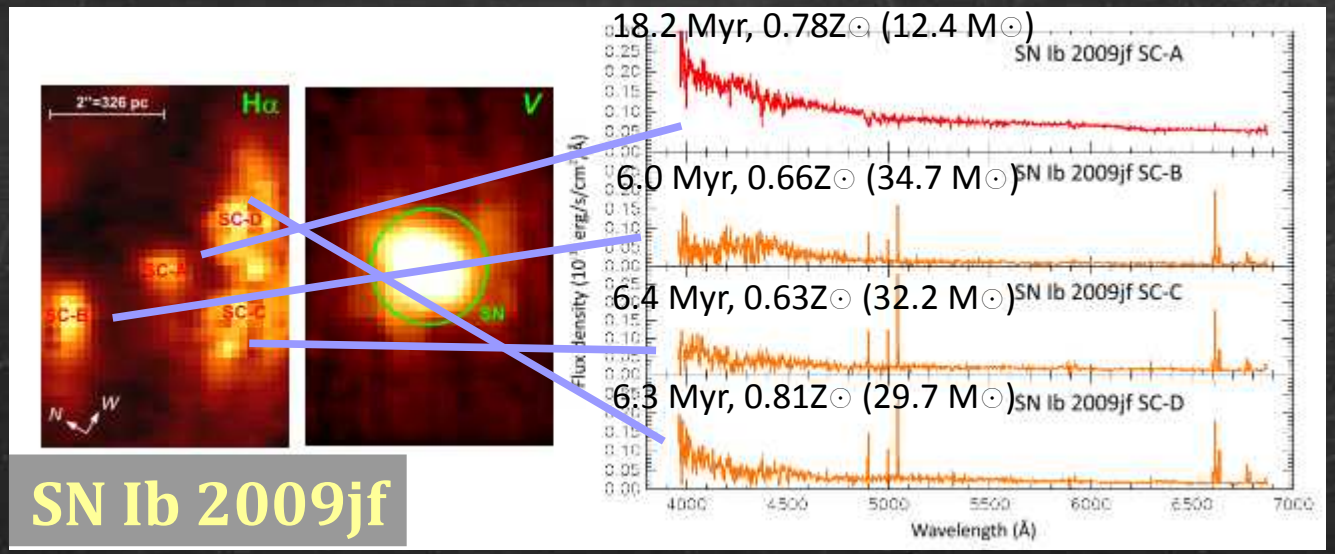
Ref → Crockett+2008: 7 or 20-30 Myr (SC-A)



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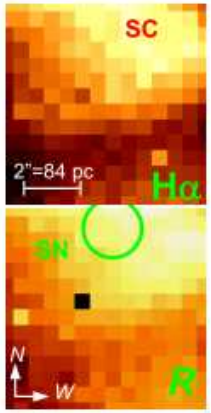
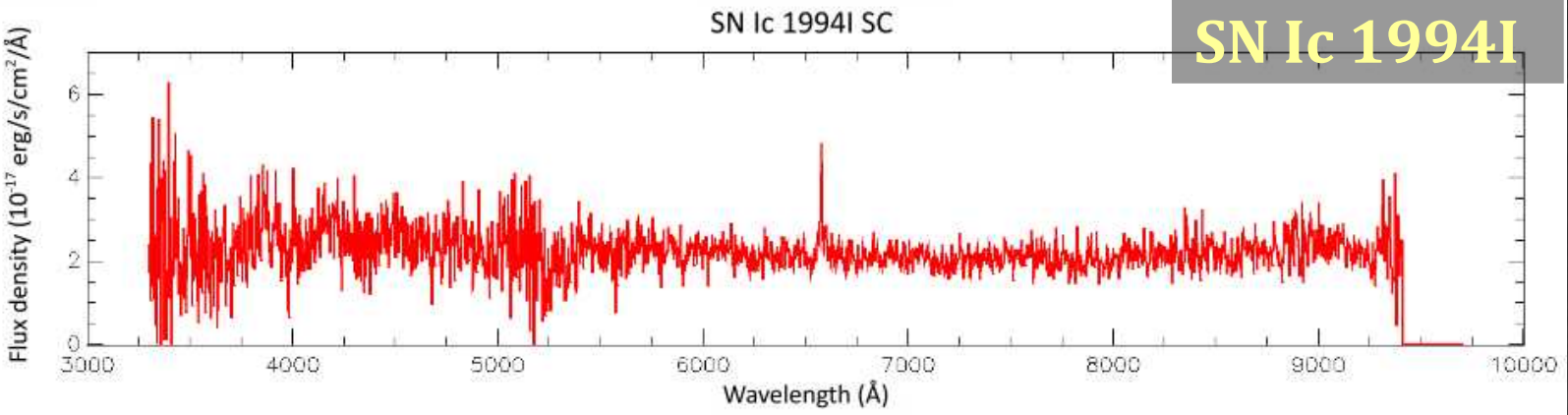
Ref → Valenti+2011: 25-30 M⊙ (SN properties), but 8-25 M⊙ (SC-A)

Binary Ib/c progenitors?

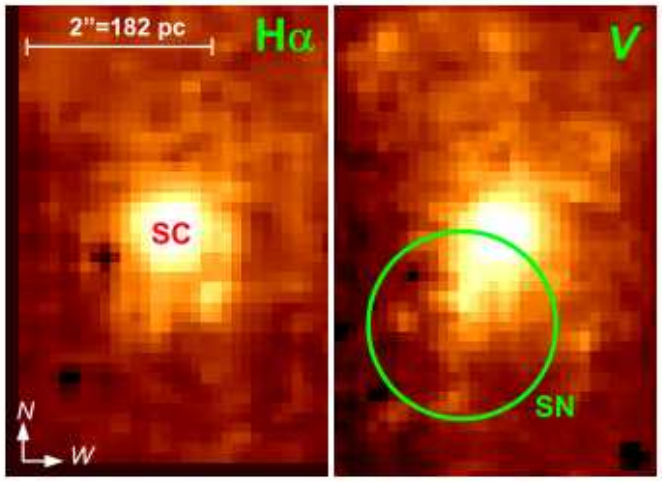


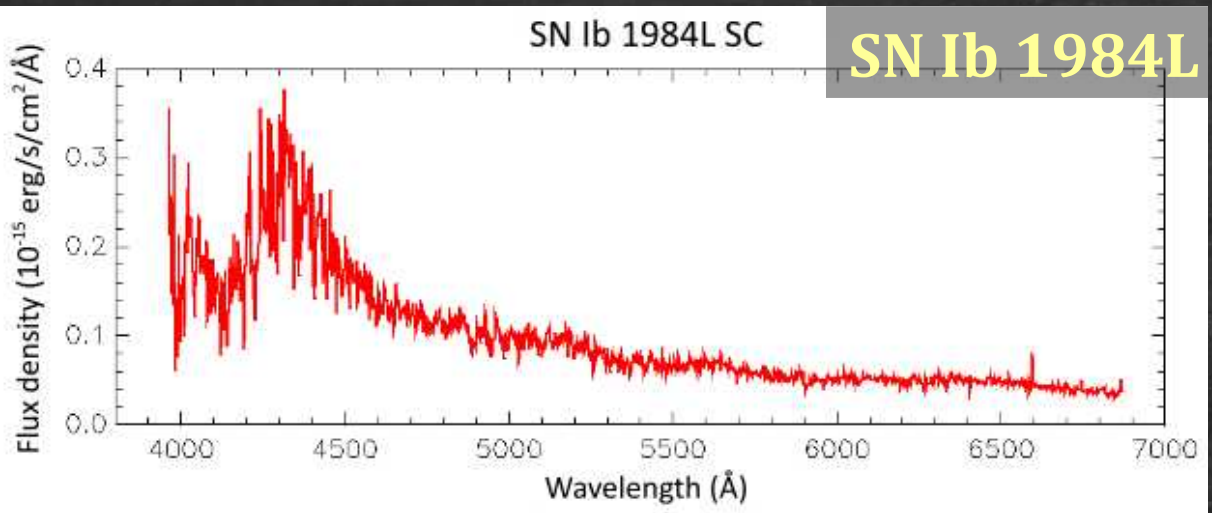


SN Ic 1994I

SC: 11.0 Myr, 0.83Z⊙: → **17.9 M⊙** progenitor

Nomoto+94: 15 M⊙ binary progenitor



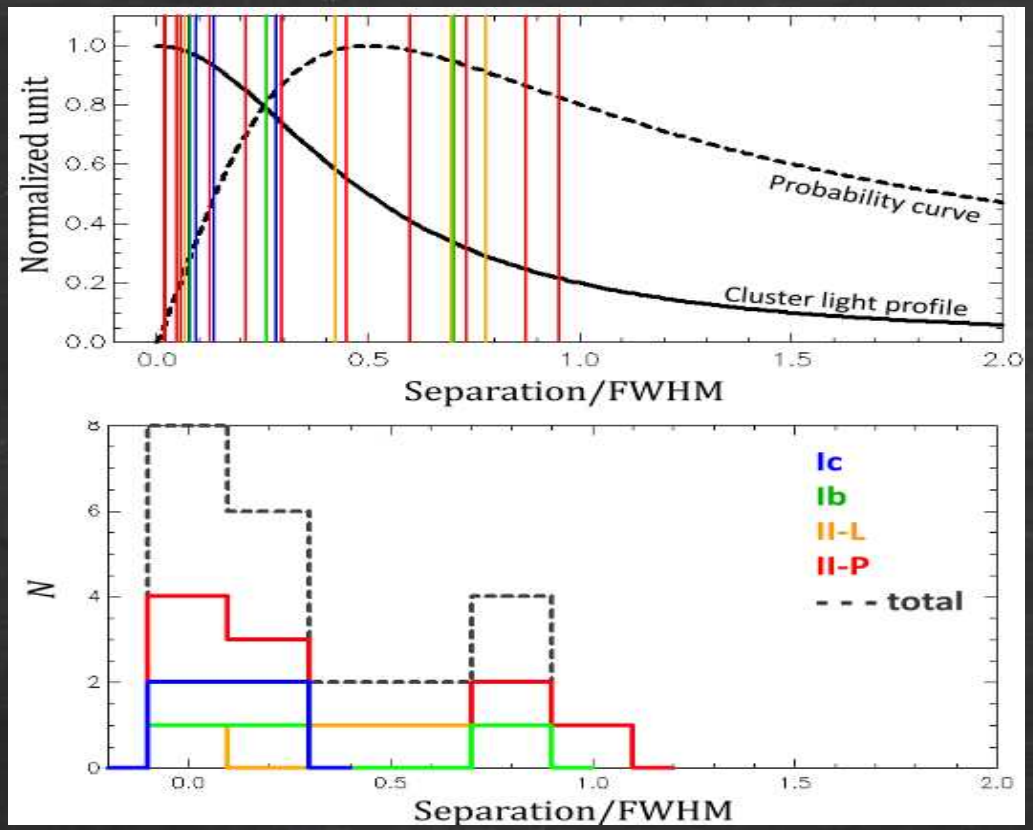


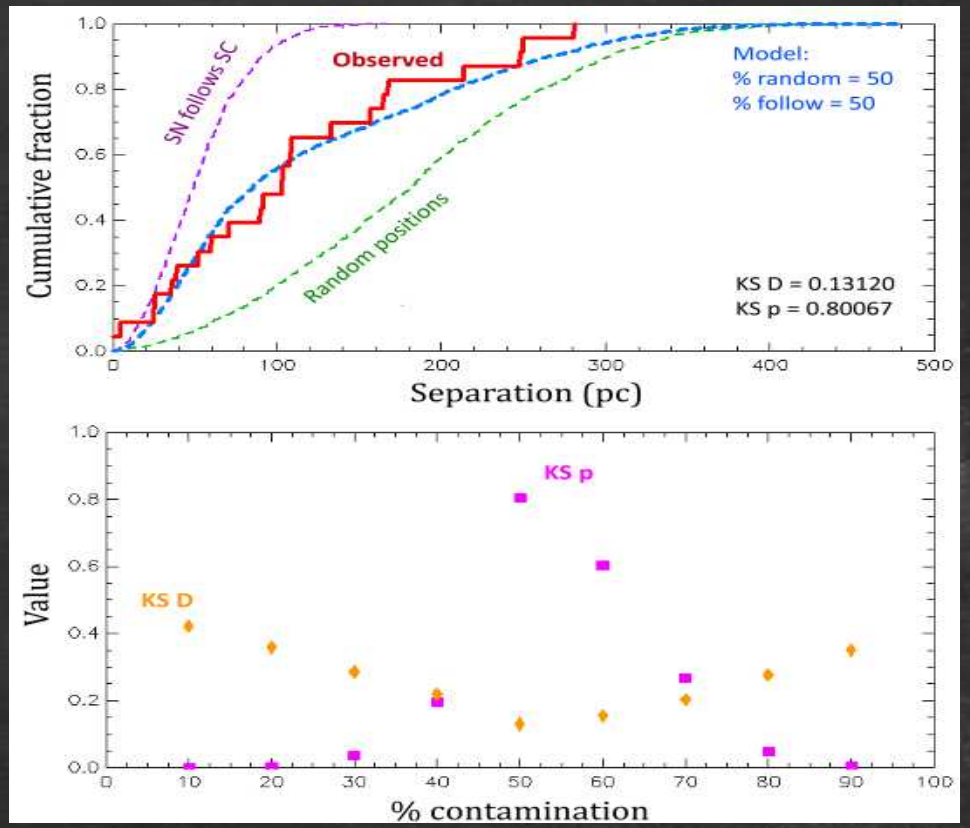
SN Ib 1984L

Metallicity:
12+log(O/H)= 8.67 (~Z⊙)

Cluster Hα EW age: 18.0 Myr → **13.5 M⊙** progenitor

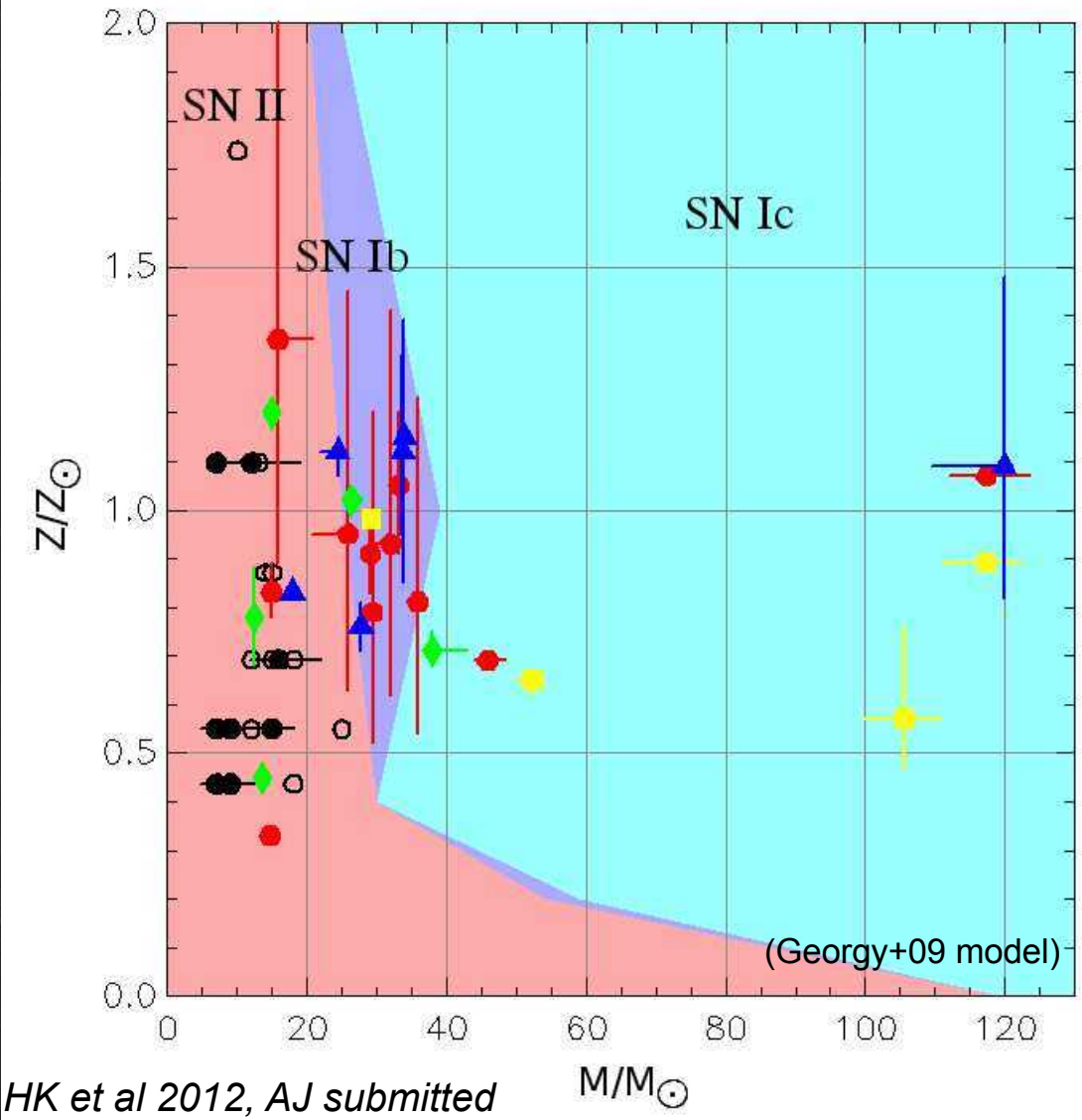
Assessment of association (or contamination)





- Probably there are unseen clusters in the field (which may have been the real SN progenitor host) → but ~30% lower likelihood to host the SN, considering the luminosity & number
- How do the SNe follow host cluster light profile? → looks like they are associated
- Perform a Monte Carlo simulation to check, compare observed distribution against models containing different levels of contamination
- Result: 50% contamination, 50% physical association . . . . . ongoing VLT/SINFONI program to check this

Comparison with stellar evolution predictions



HK et al 2012, AJ submitted

▲ Ic
♦ Ib
■ II-L
● II-P
● Smartt+09 II-P
O Upper limits only

Summary & future potentials

- IFU spectroscopy of nearby SN sites → progenitor mass & metallicity from parent stellar population
- Result indicates important implications to the current SN understanding:
  - Single+binary channel in SN Ib/c production
  - Higher mass & metallicity Ic > Ib
  - Probably some SN II progenitors are massive
- Still expecting more data from VLT/SINFONI (AO-assisted NIR IFU, near diffraction limit) to refine result & resolve caveats
- Increase sensitivity towards (fainter) older population, add farther (up to z ~ 0.1) SN sites & environments (from e.g. CALIFA, MaNGA)

Thank you very much