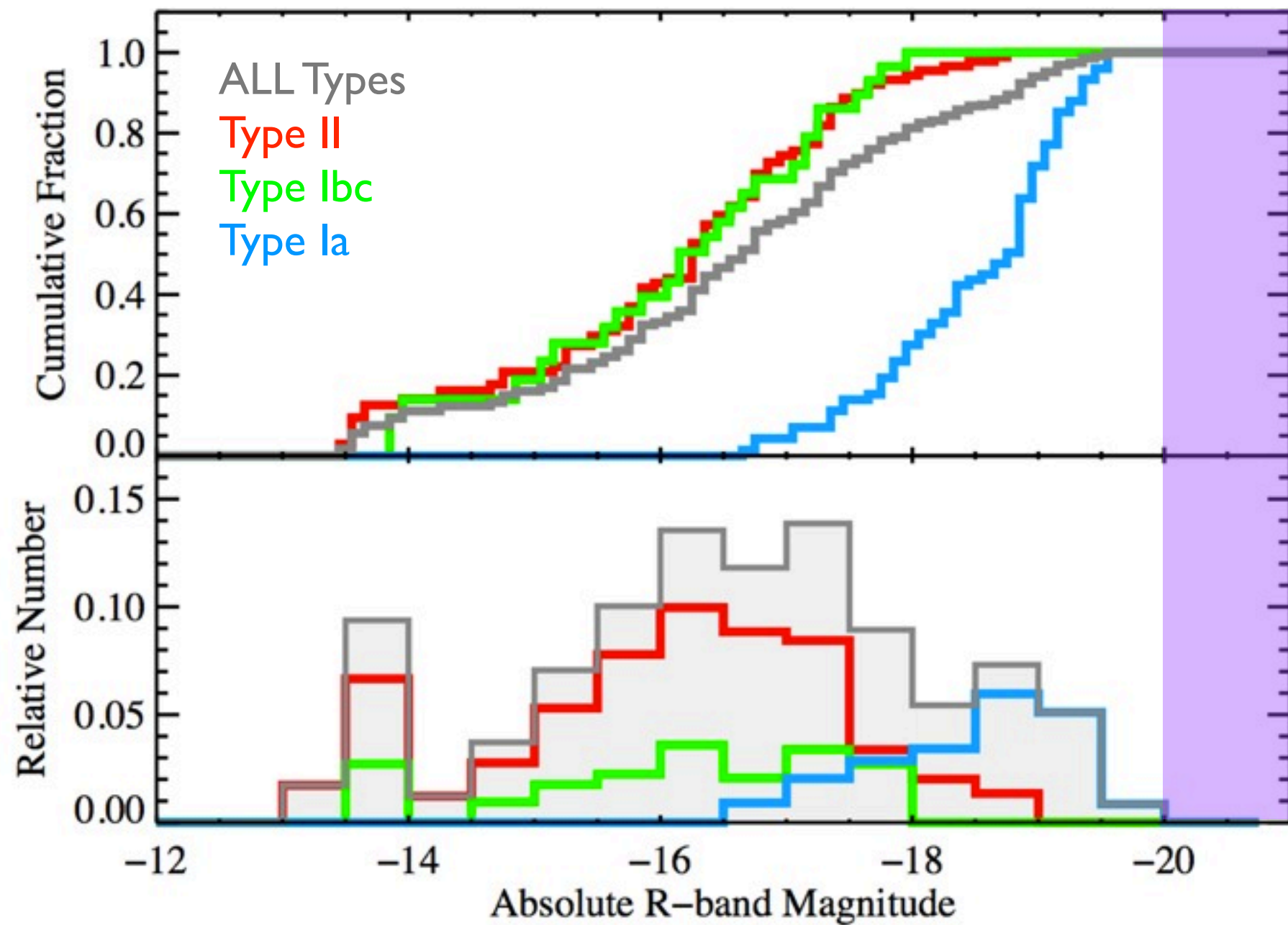




# SuperLuminous Supernovae

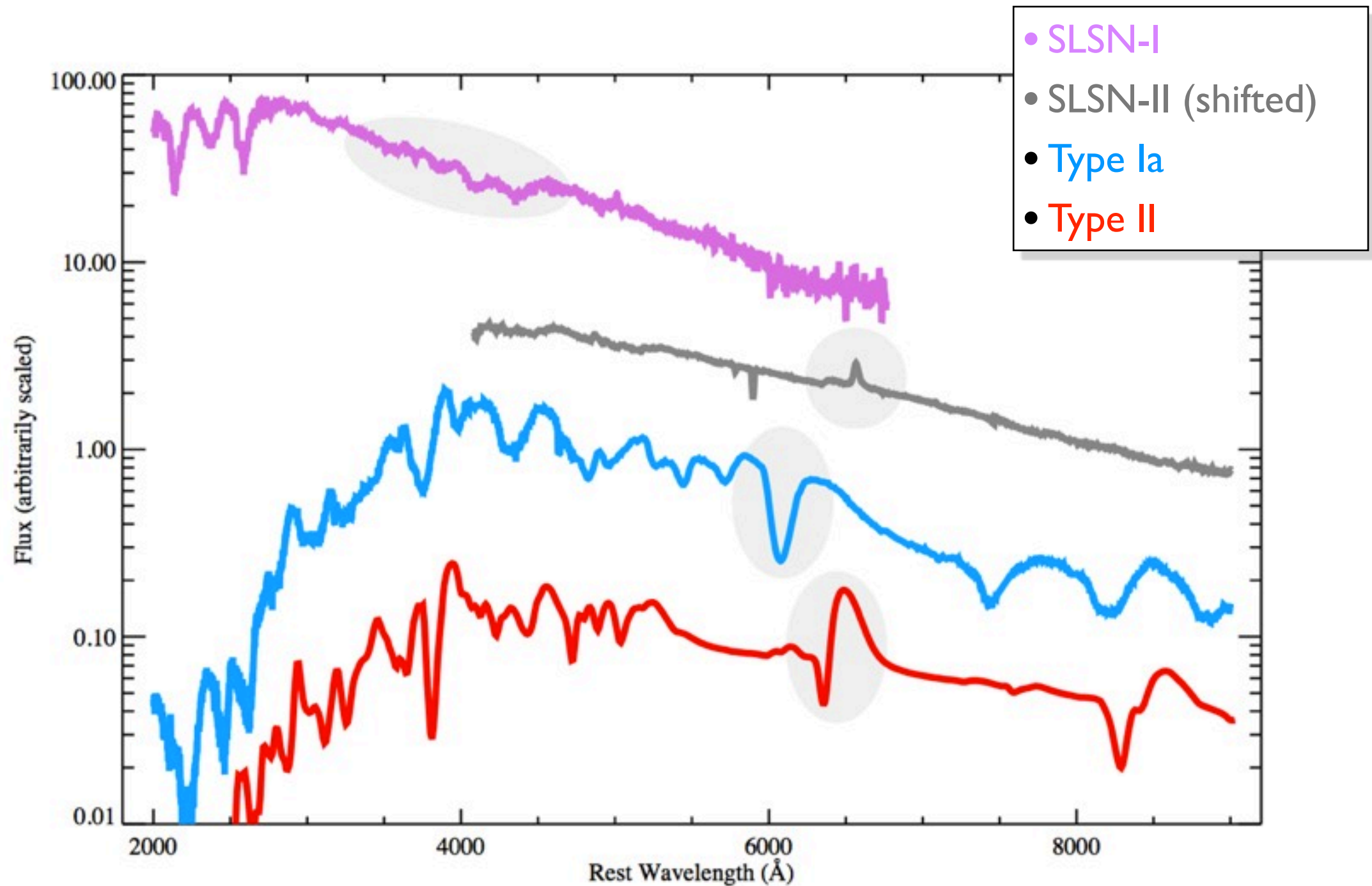
**Robert Quimby** (Kavli IPMU)  
December 12, 2012

# Absolute Magnitude Distribution of Supernovae

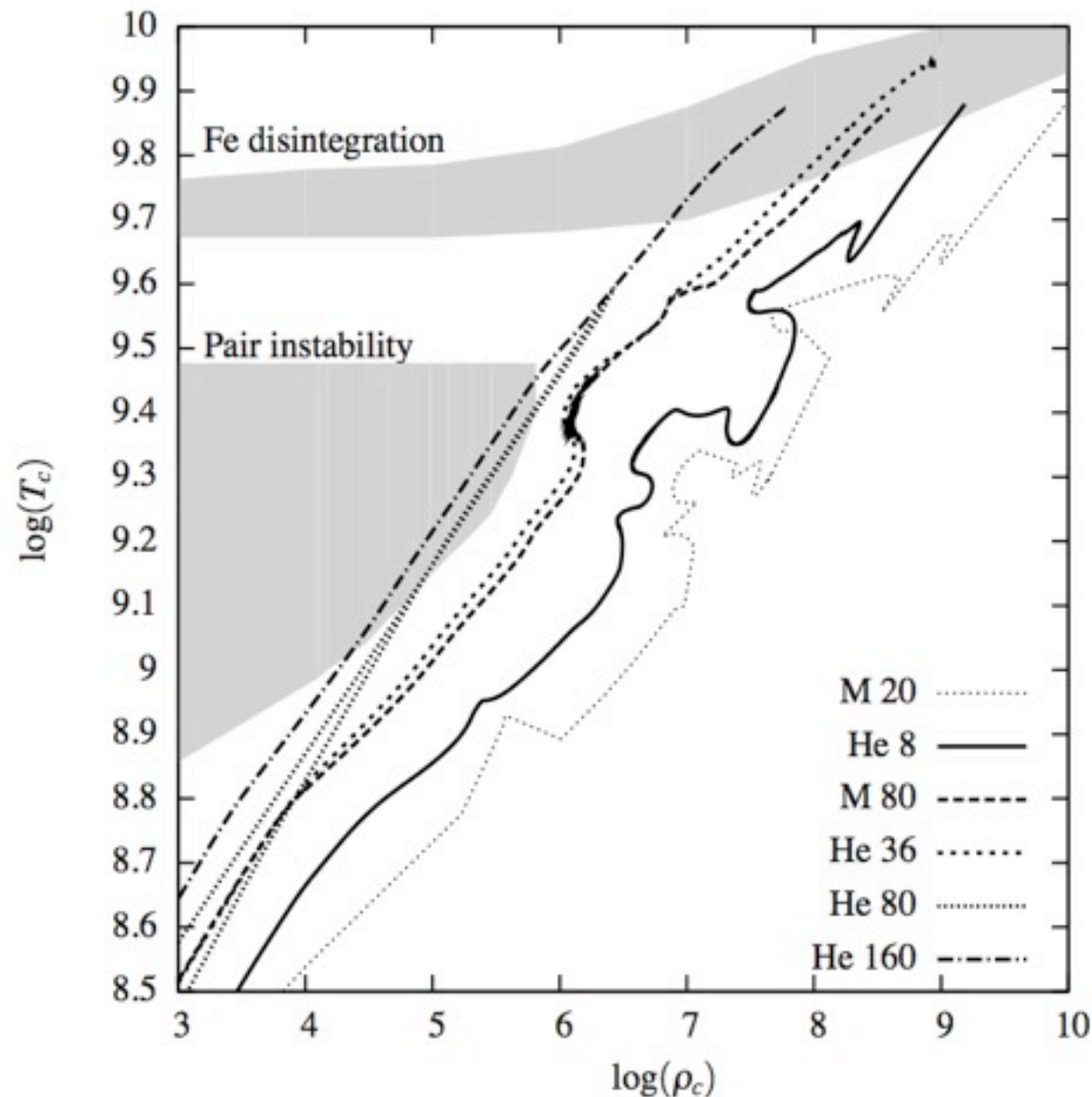


Data from LOSS (Li et al. 2011)

# SLSN Spectra



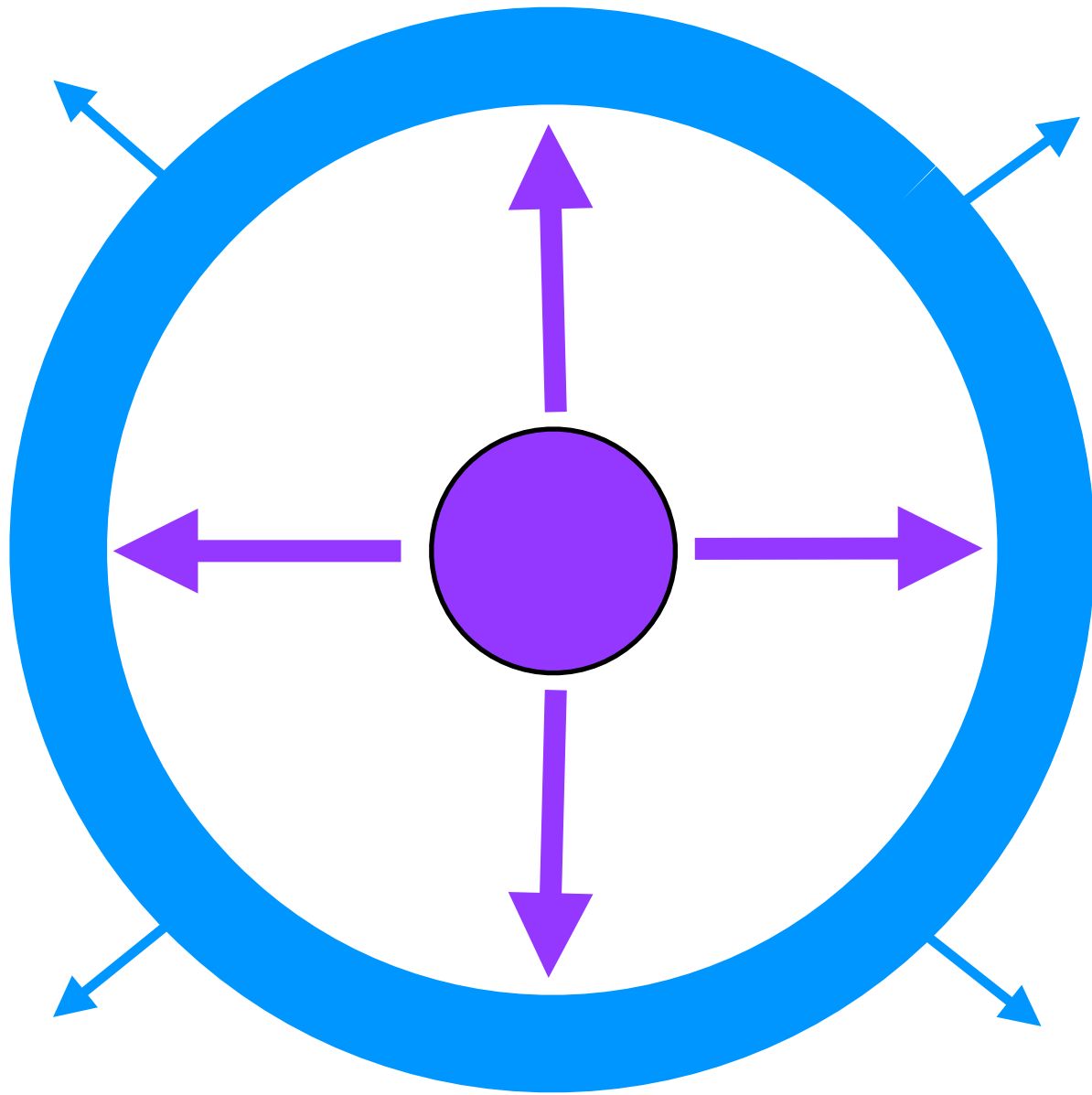
# Pair-Instability SNe



Waldman 2008

- First Proposed it 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

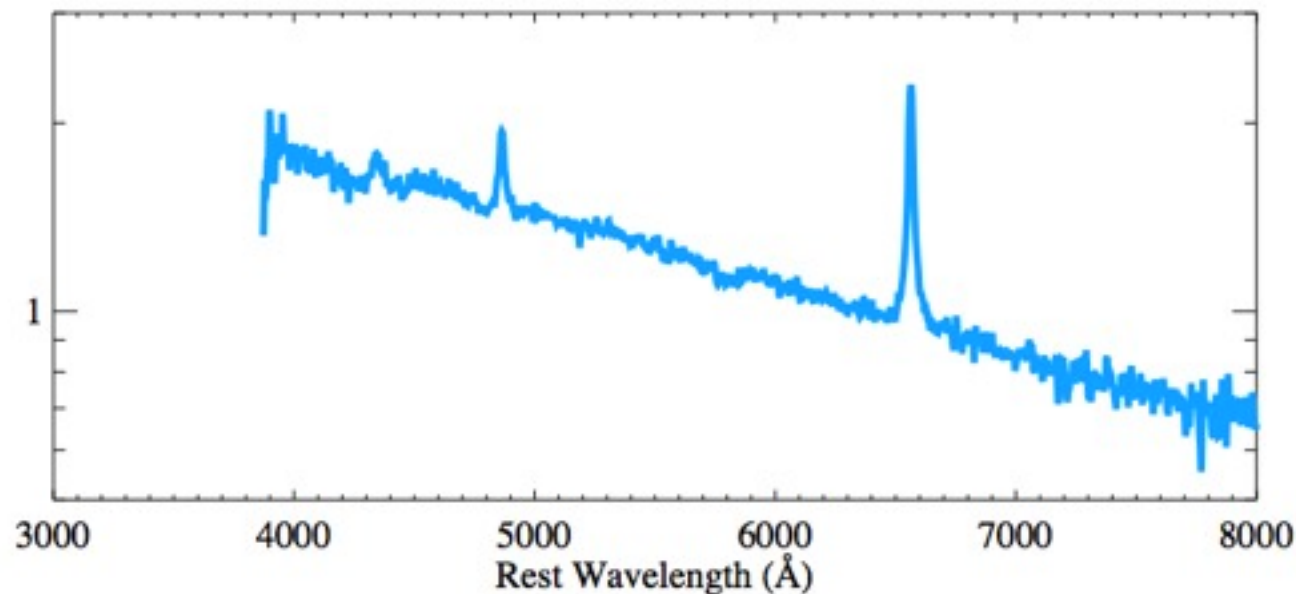
# Shell Scenario



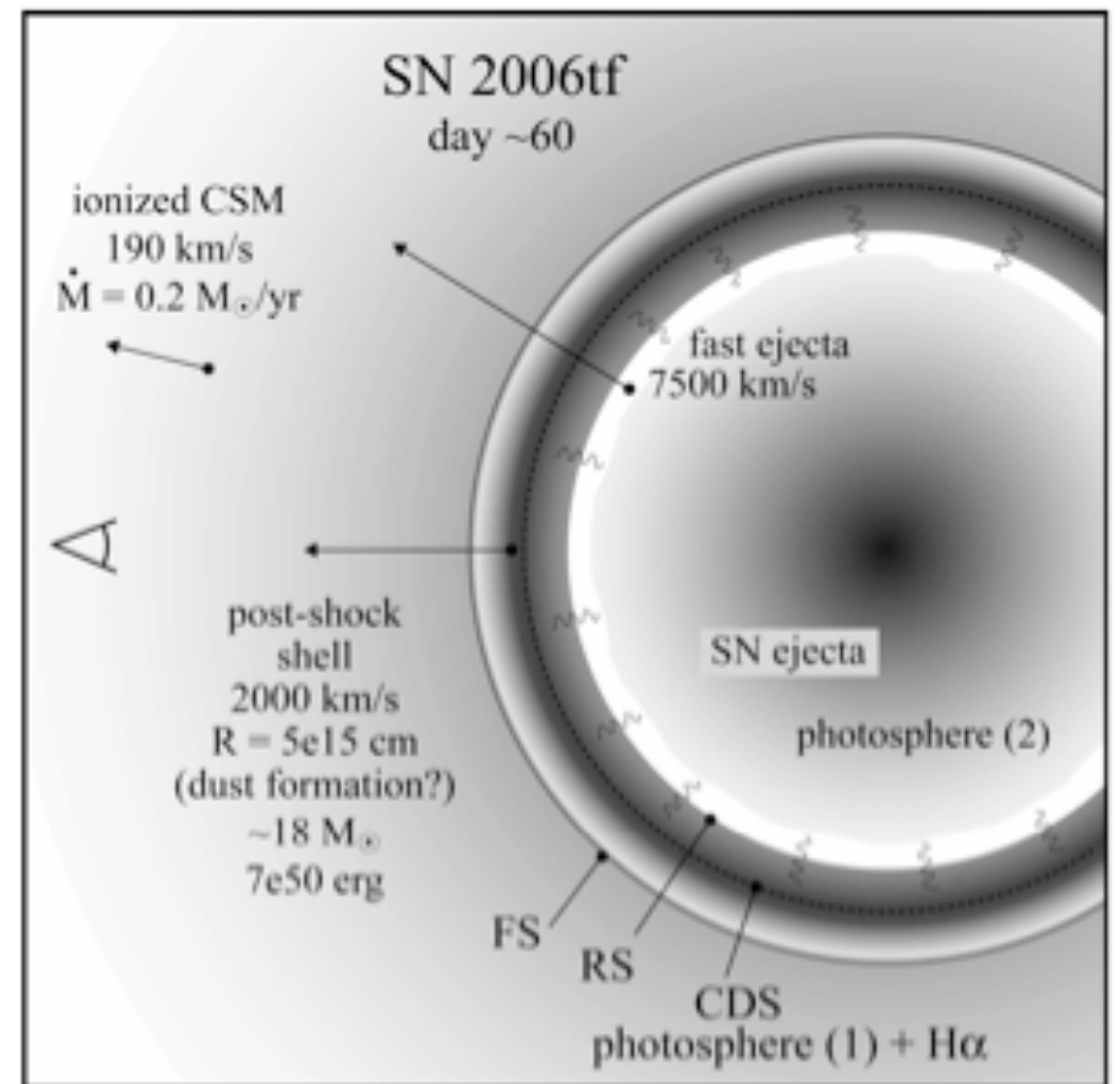
- outer shell at  $\sim 10^{15}$  cm  
(expanding at a few 1000 km/s?)
- energy injected from within



# Interaction Power

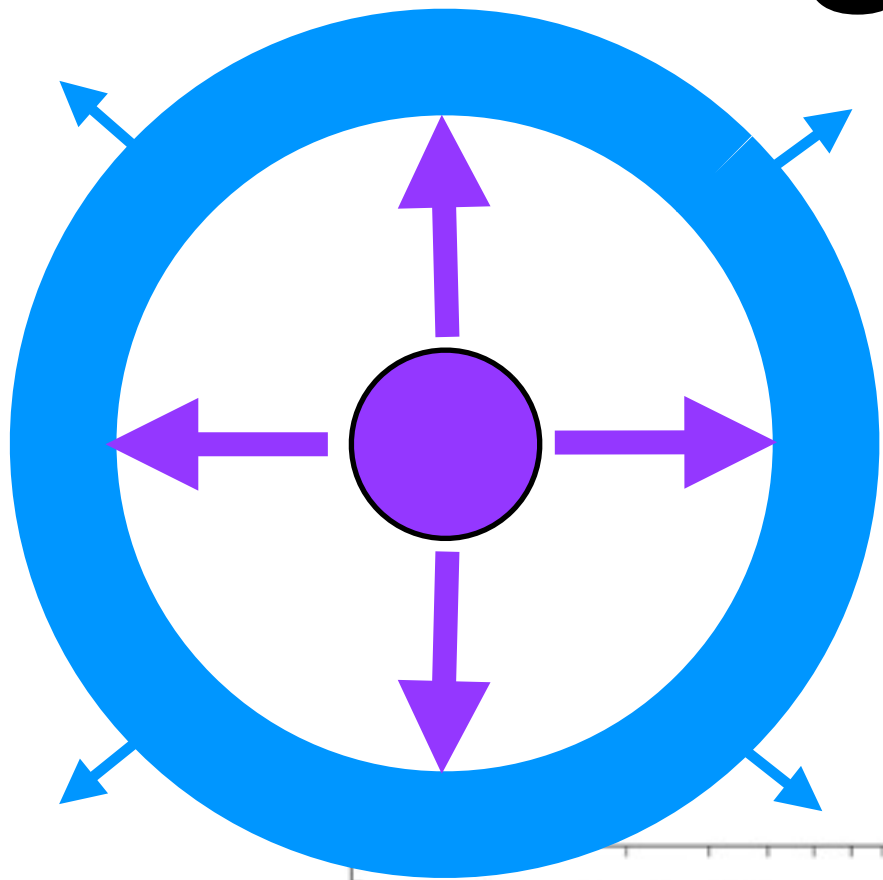


Ejecta run into surrounding material (progenitor wind, shells, etc.)



Smith et al. 2008

# Magnetar Power

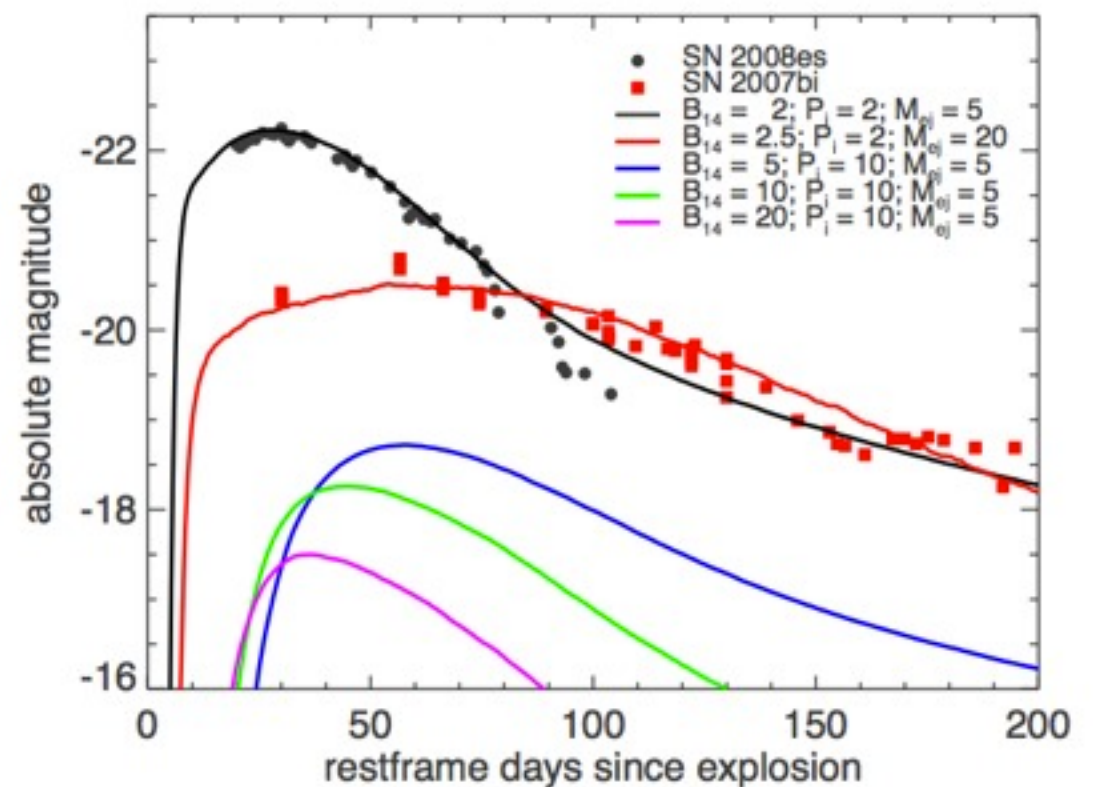
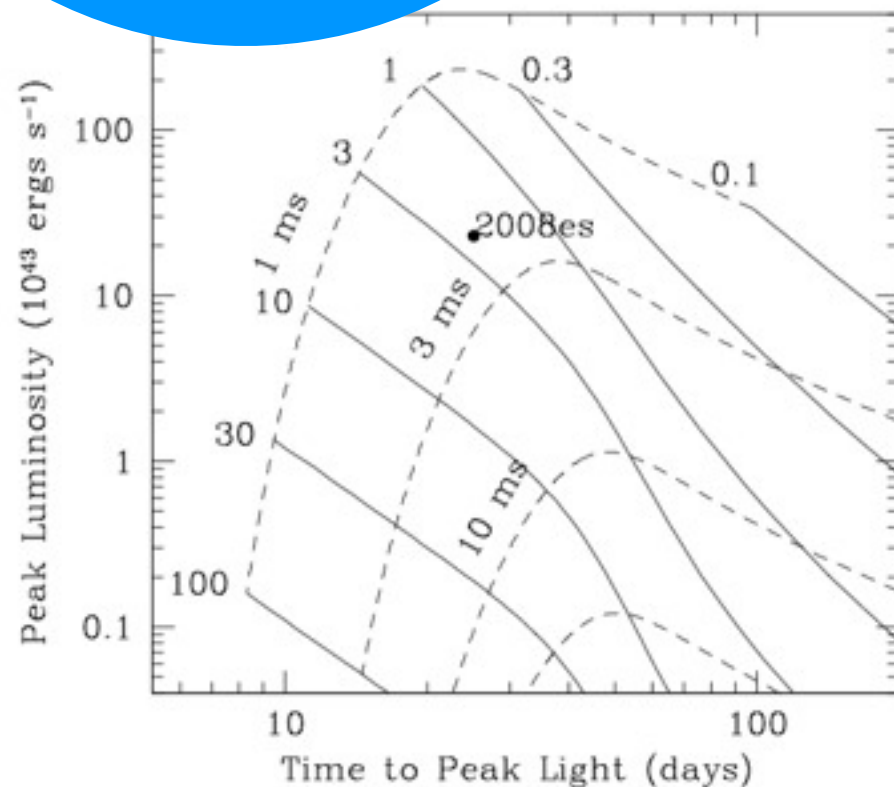


$$E_p = \frac{I_{\text{ns}} \Omega_i^2}{2} = 2 \times 10^{50} P_{10}^{-2} \text{ ergs},$$

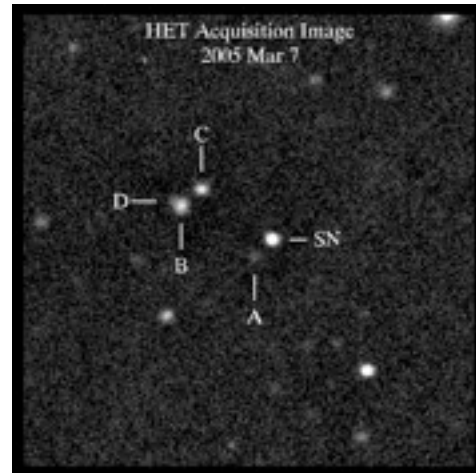
$$t_p = \frac{6 I_{\text{ns}} c^3}{B^2 R_{\text{ns}}^6 \Omega_i^2} = 1.3 B_{14}^{-2} P_{10}^2 \text{ yr},$$

$$L_{\text{peak}} \sim \frac{E_p t_p}{t_d^2} \sim 5 \times 10^{43} B_{14}^{-2} \kappa_{\text{es}}^{-1} M_5^{-3/2} E_{51}^{1/2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

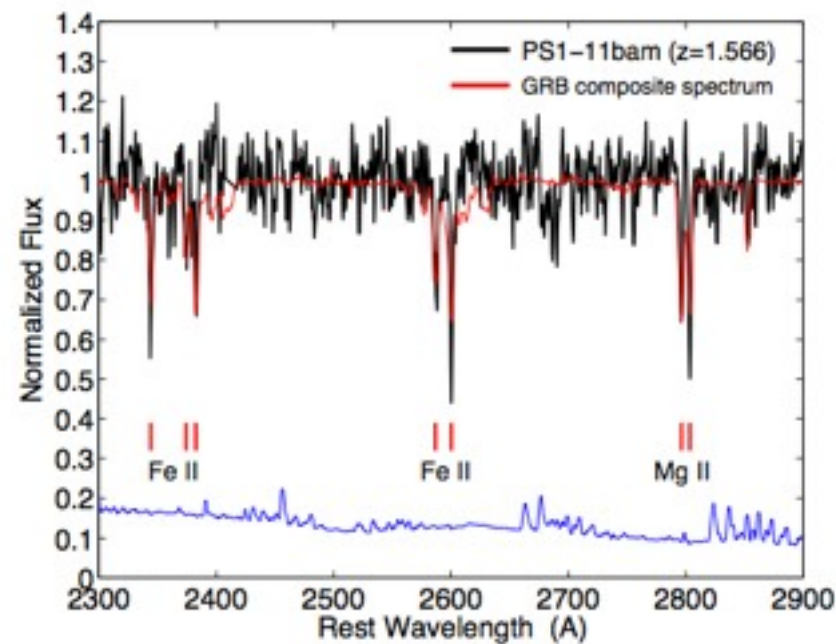
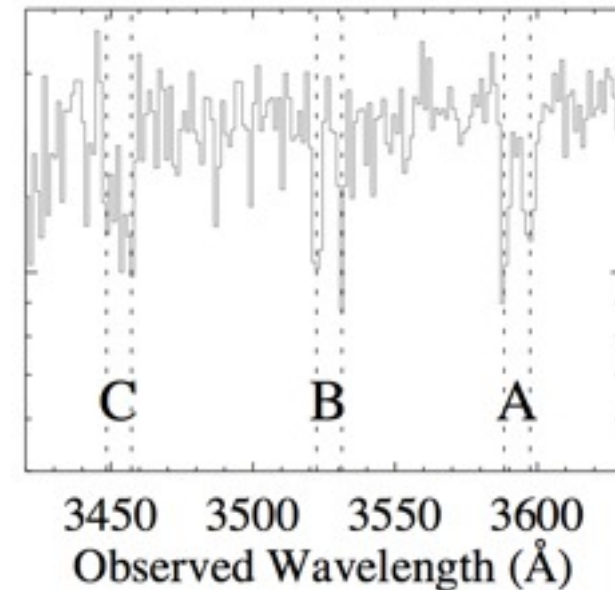
Kasen & Bildsten 2010; see also Woosley 2010



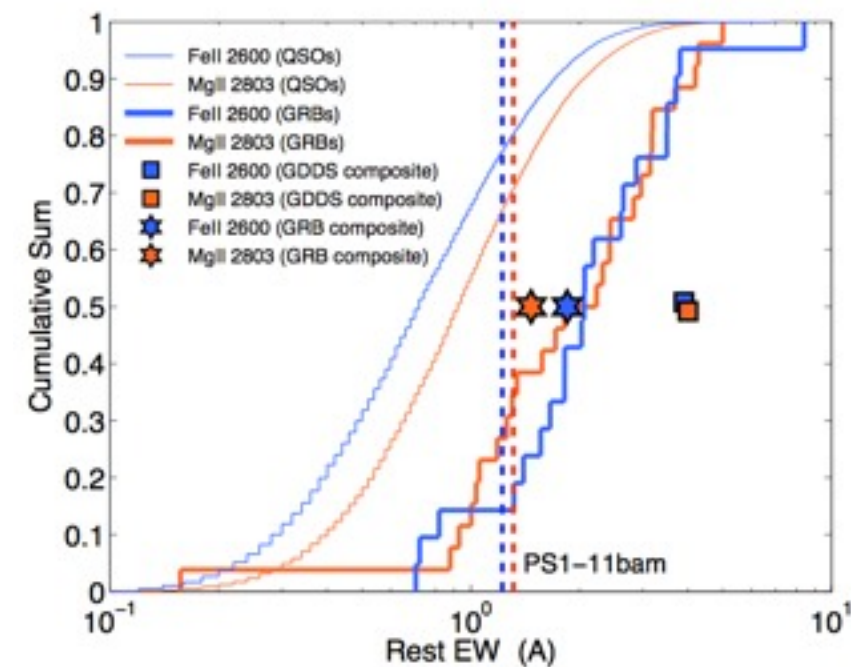
# What ever they are, SLSNe are potential useful probes!



SN 2005ap  
 $z=0.238$



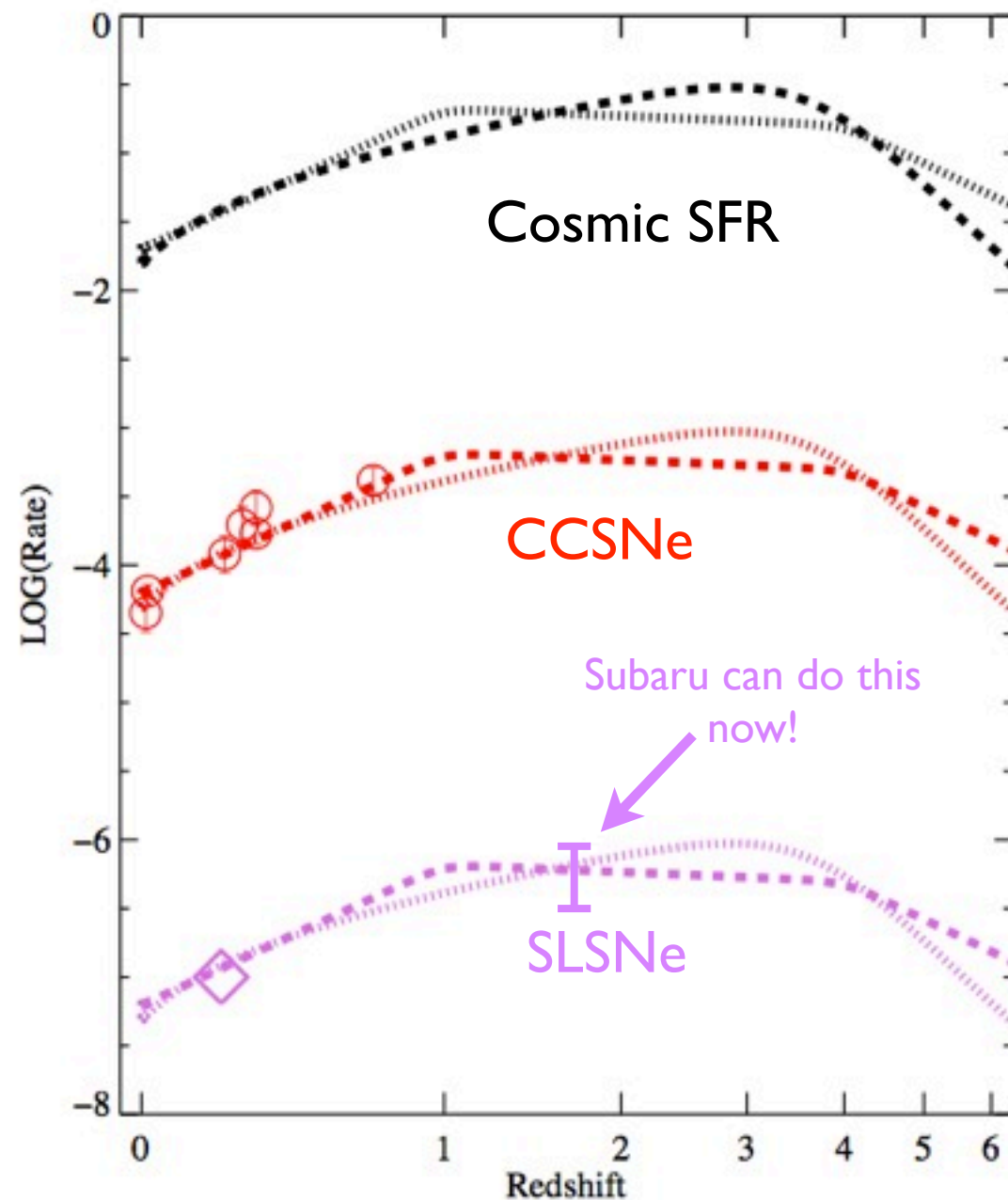
PS1-11bam  
 $z=1.566$



Berger et al. (2012)



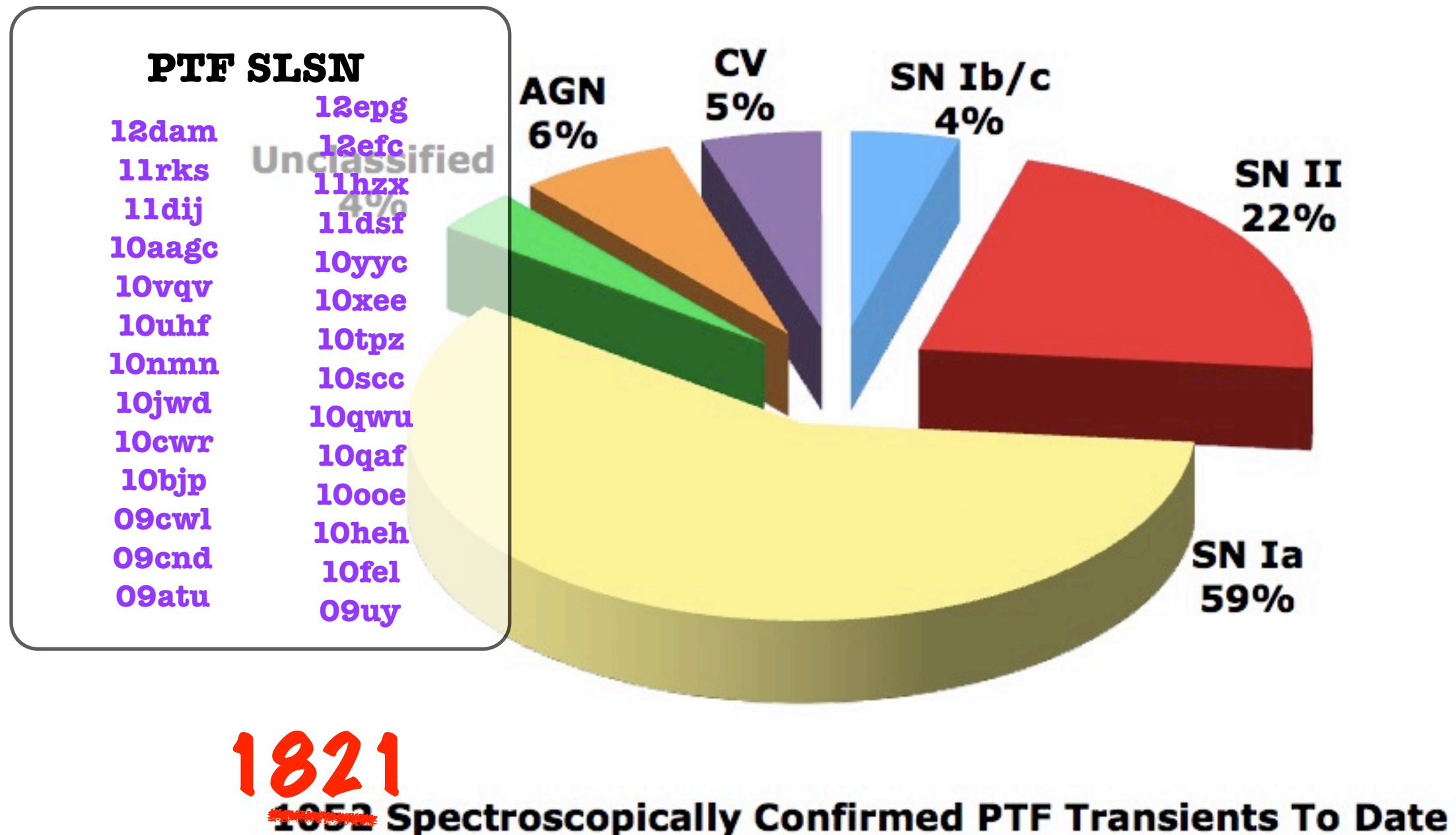
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$$R_{\text{SN}}(z) = \dot{\rho}_*(z) \frac{\int_{M_{\text{min}}}^{M_{\text{max}}} \psi(M) dM}{\int_{0.1}^{100} M \psi(M) dM}$$

see Masaomi Tanaka et al. (2012)

# PTF Spectroscopic Sample (all types)



# SNe From ROTSE-IIIb



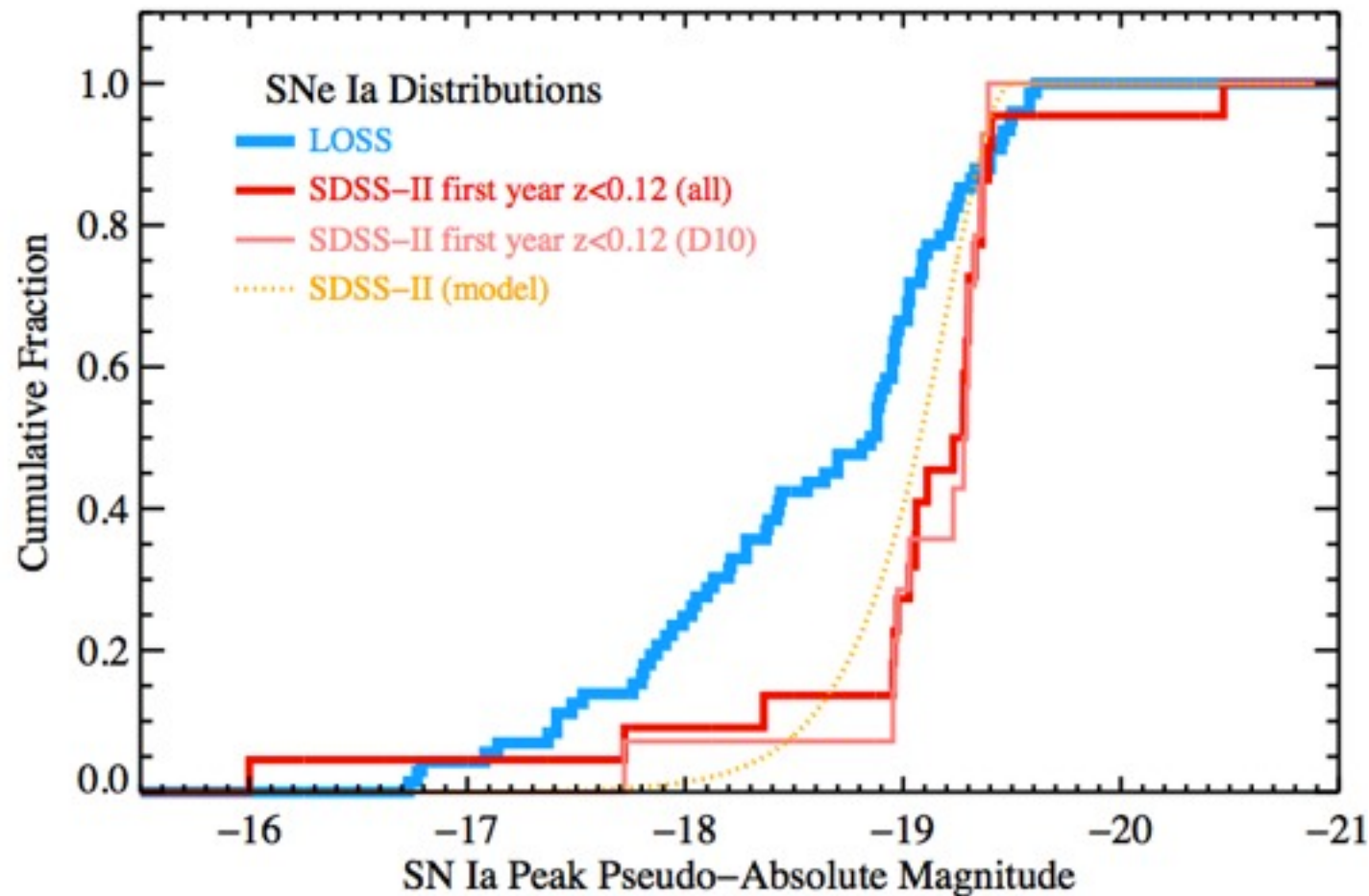
## □ TSS/RSVP

- 0.45-m ROTSE-IIIb telescope
- 1.85 X 1.85 degree FoV
- Began in Fall '04
- **1-3 day cadence,  $M_{\text{lim}} \sim 18$**
- Target selection without (intentional) host bias
- High quality spectra of all transients
- >90 SNe to date including 7-8 LSNe
- Only spectroscopically complete Transient Survey

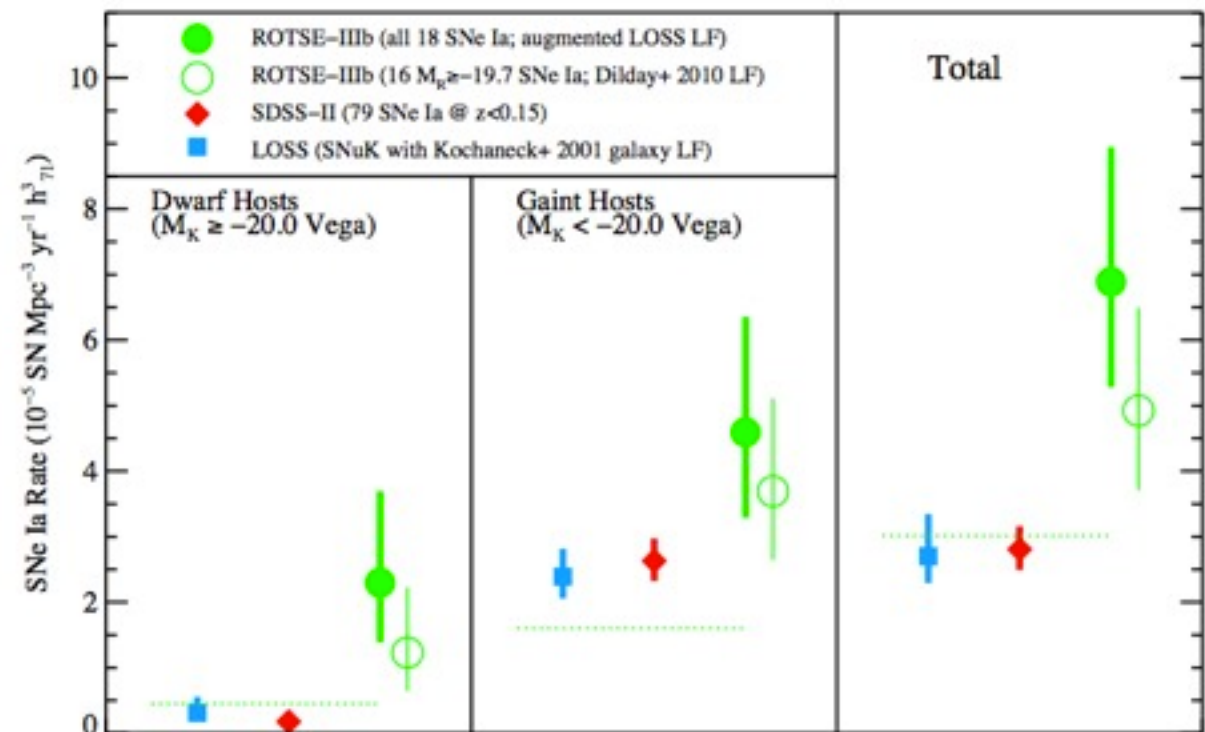




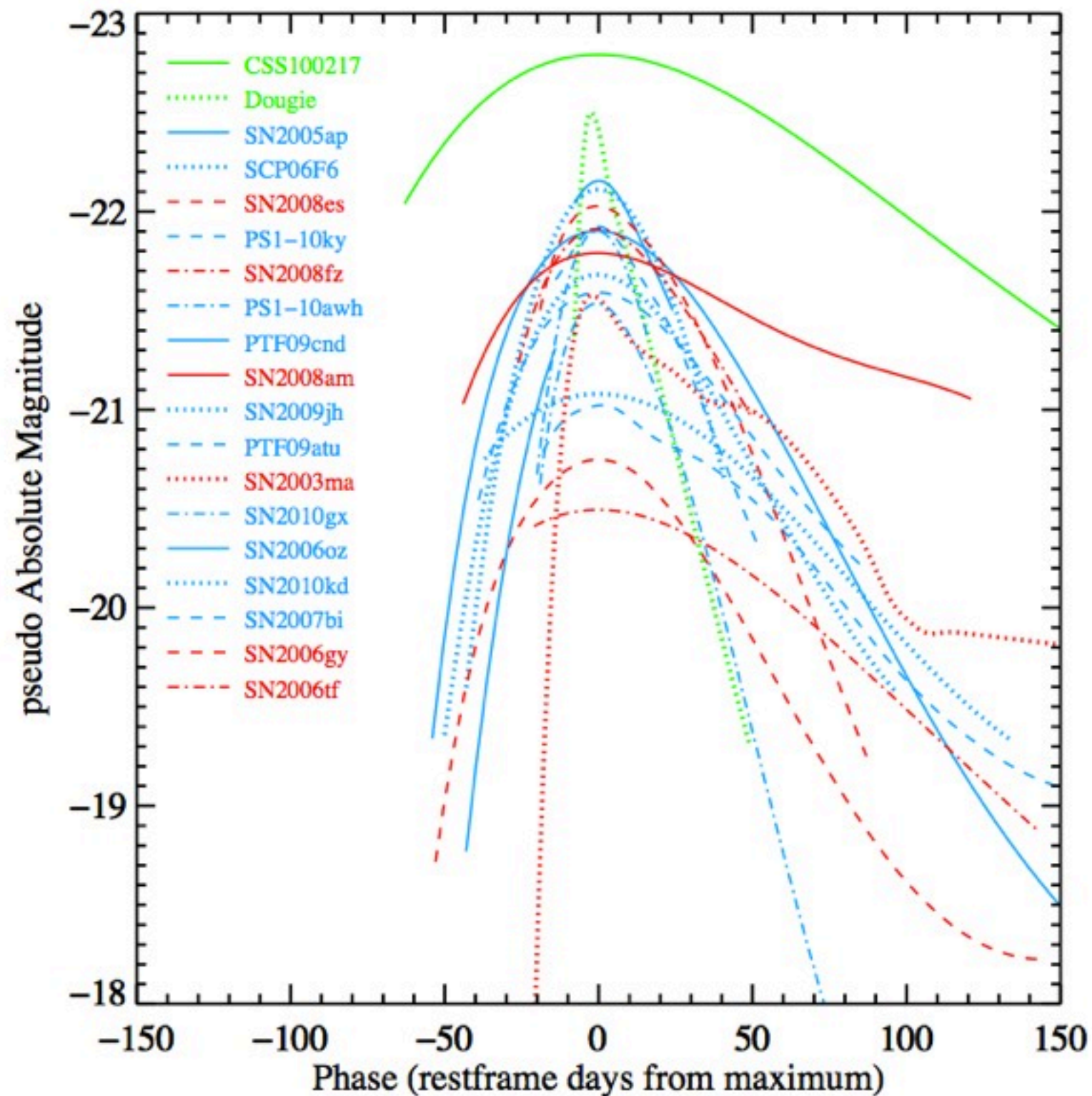
# pseudo-Absolute Magnitude Distributions (pAMDs)



← Type Ia  
↓

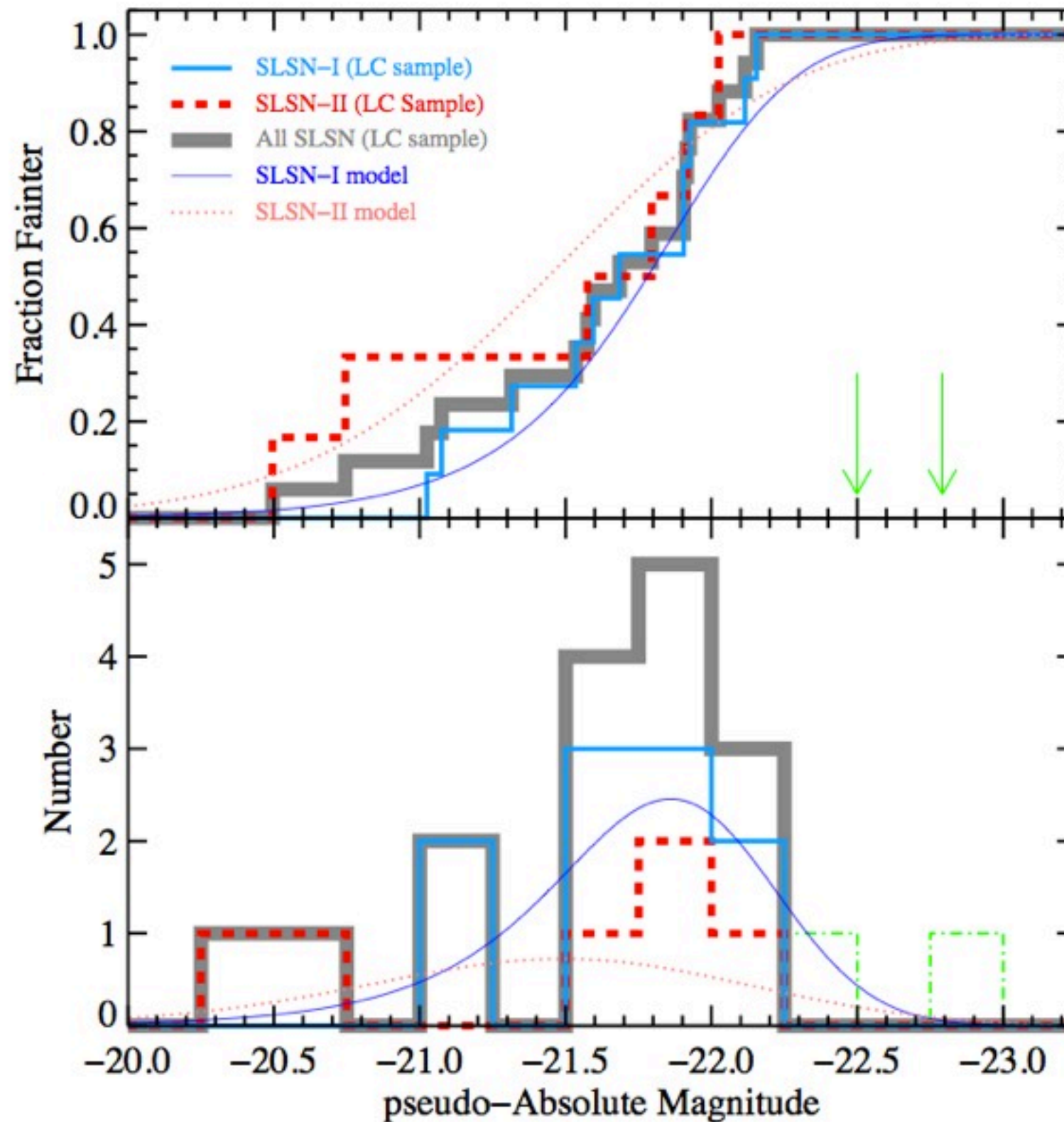


# SLSN Light Curves

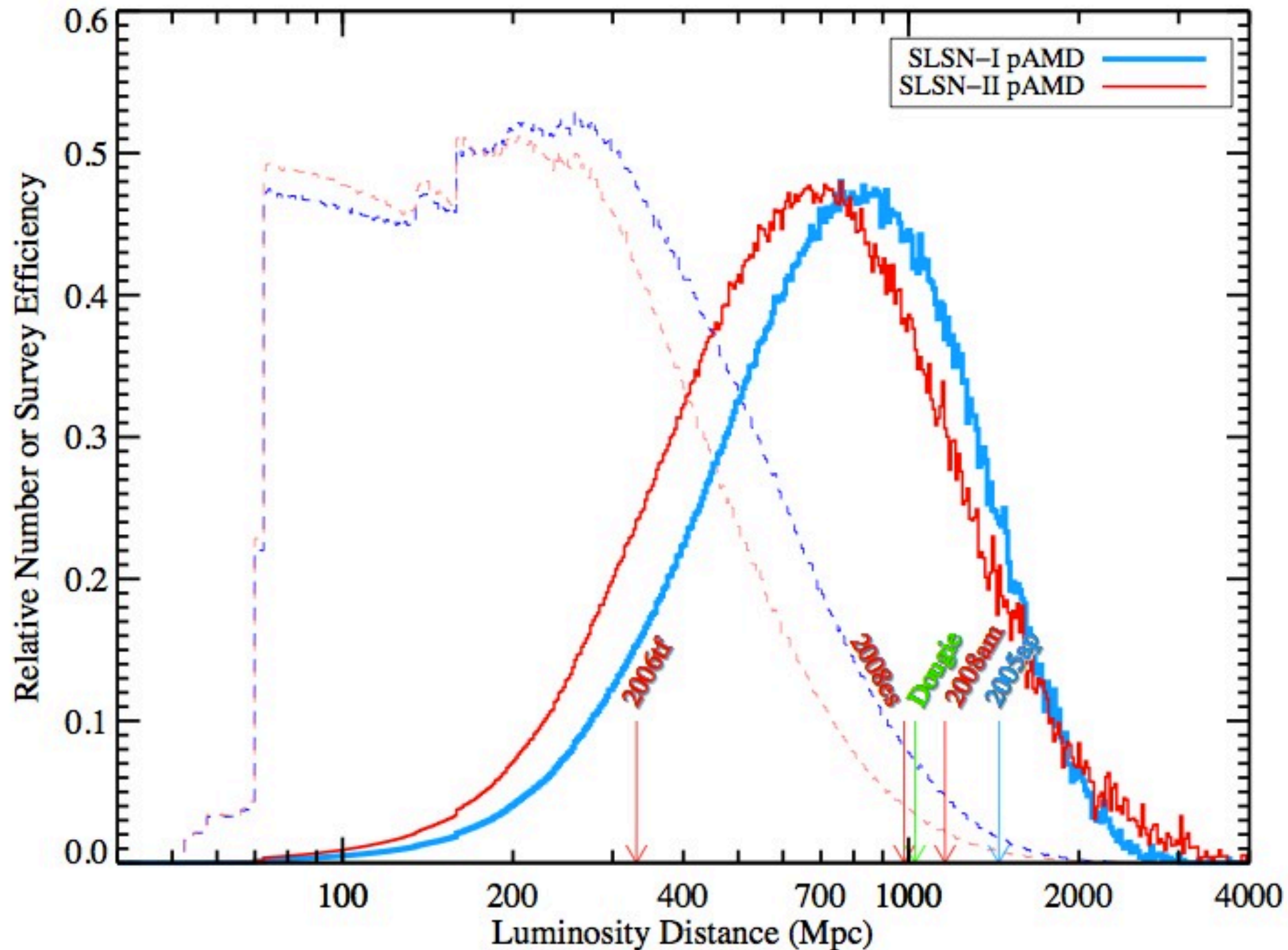




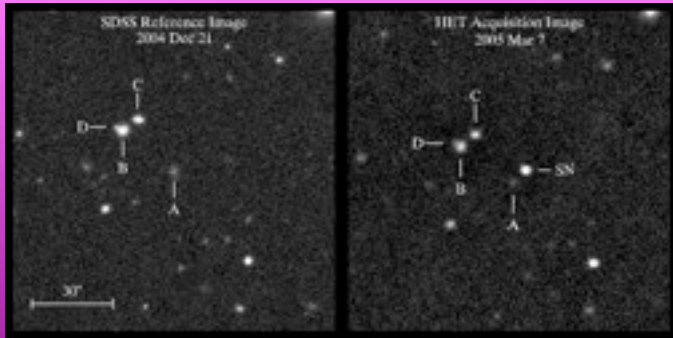
# SLSNe pAMDs



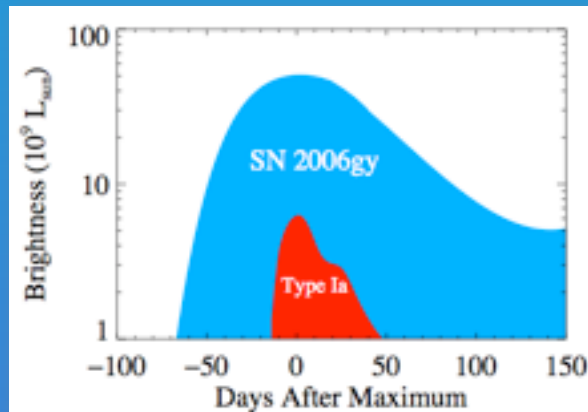
# ROTSE-IIIb Survey Efficiency



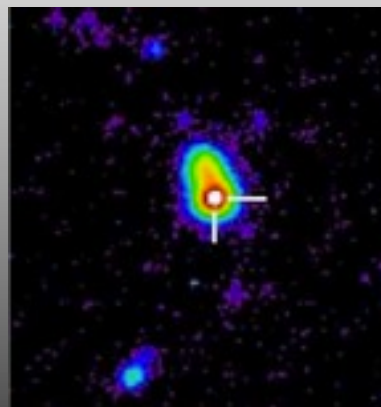
# Local SLSN Rates (based on ROTSE-IIIb sample)



SLSN-I  
~30 events/Gpc<sup>3</sup>/yr  
(z~0.17)



SLSN-II  
~150 events/Gpc<sup>3</sup>/yr  
(z~0.15)

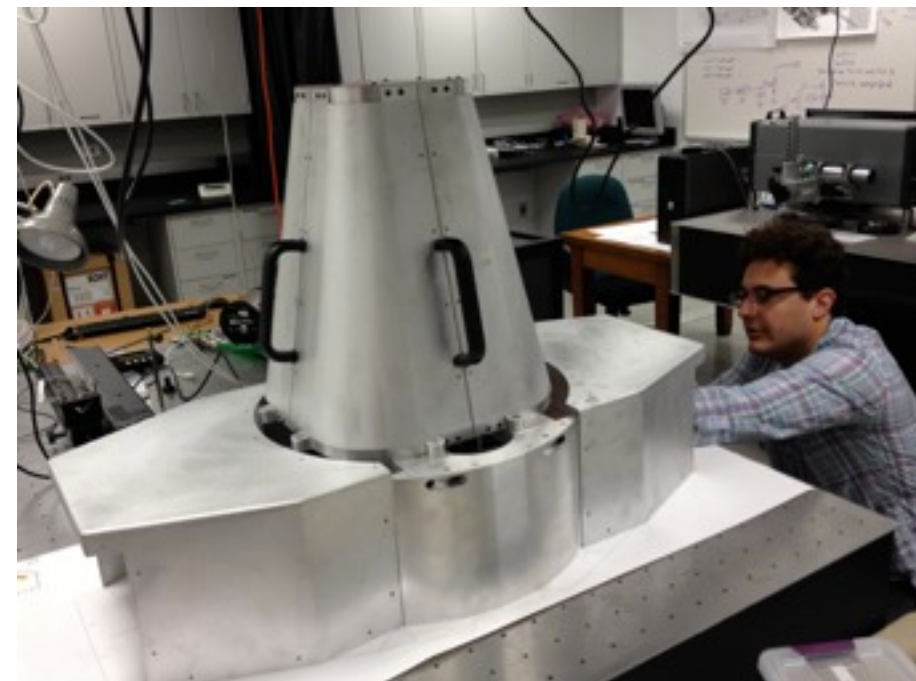
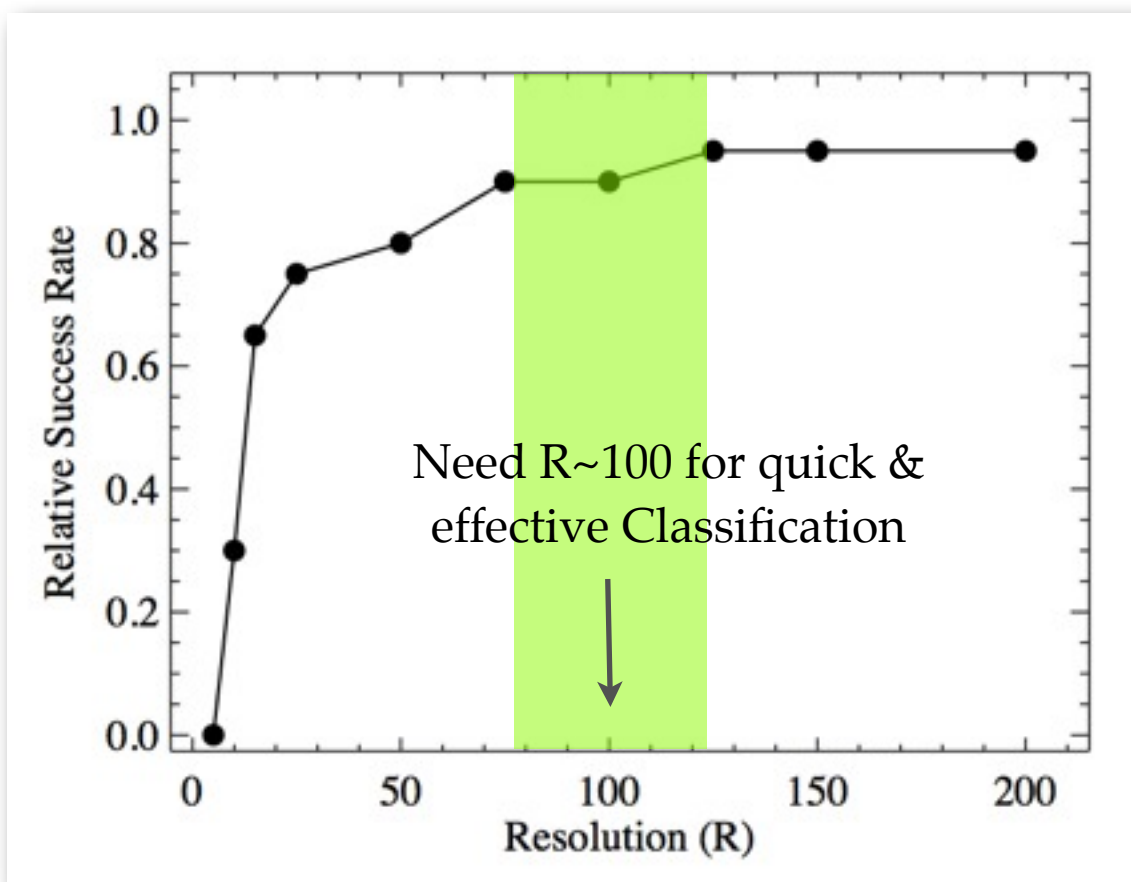
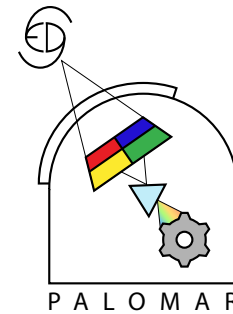


All SLSN-like events  
~200 events/Mpc<sup>3</sup>/yr  
(z~0.16)

Compare to CCSN:  $\sim 10^5$  events/Gpc<sup>3</sup>/yr and SNIa:  $\sim 3 \times 10^4$  SN/Gpc<sup>3</sup>/yr



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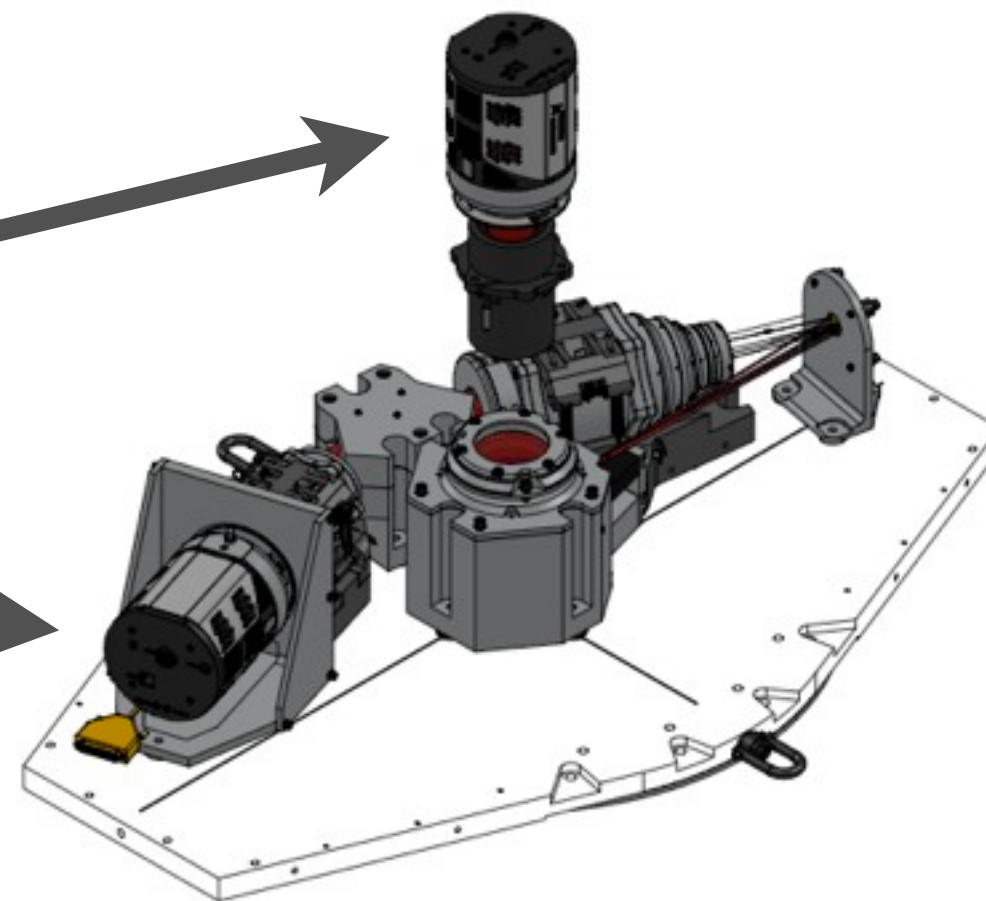


Designed for efficient classification of optical transients

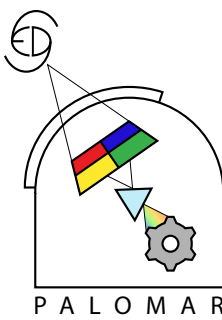
Imaging Channel  
four  $\sim 6' \times 6'$  areas

Spectroscopic Channel  
IFU ( $\sim 26'' \times 26''$ ,  $0.75''$  spaxels)  
 $R \sim 100$ ,  $3700-9200\text{\AA}$

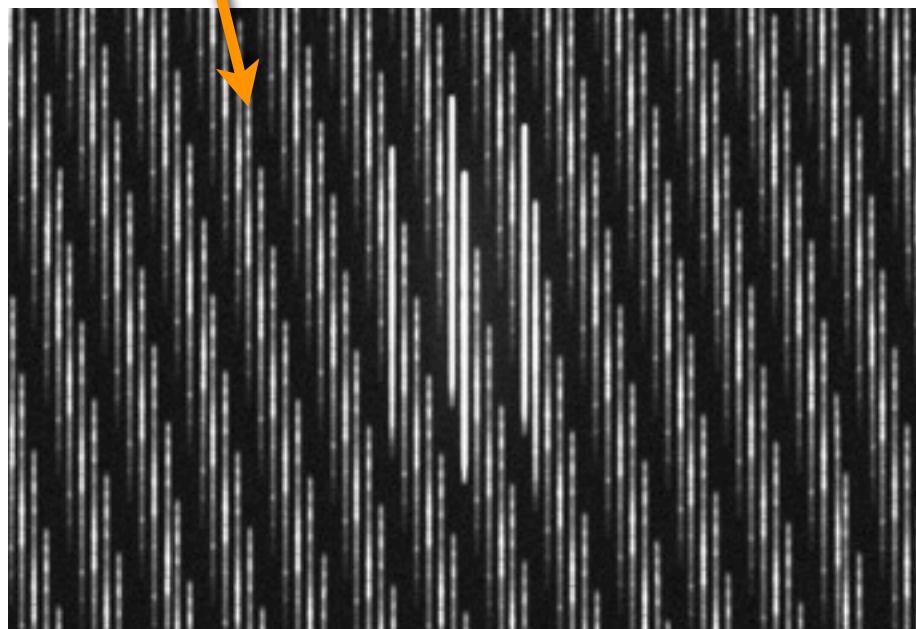
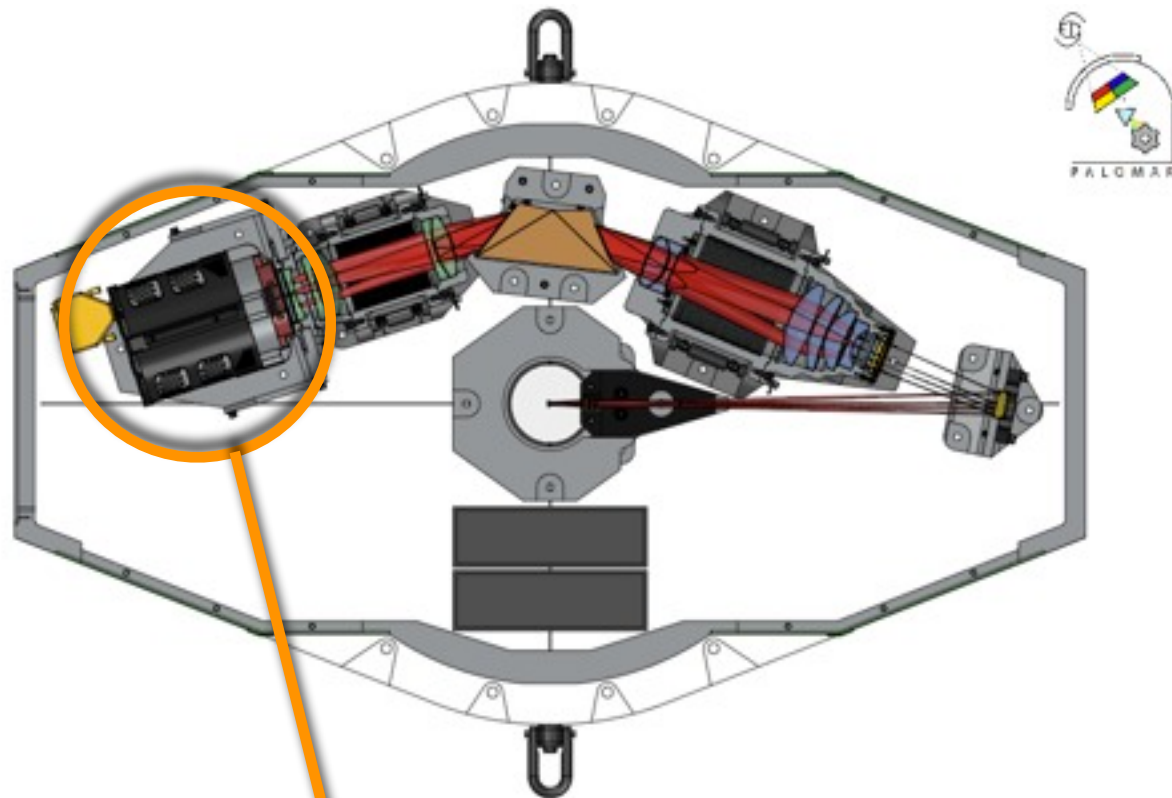
Fully Funded, glass in hand  
Commissioning early Spring 2013



# SED-MACHINE



Integral Field Spectra



Photometry of Surrounding Field

