

# A Study of 42 Type Ia Supernovae and a Resulting Measurement of $\Omega_M$ and $\Omega_\Lambda$

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SUPERNOVA COSMOLOGY PROJECT<sup>1</sup>

Telescopes for Photometry: CTIO 4-m, ESO 3.6-m,  
INT 2.5-m, WHT 4.2-m and HST

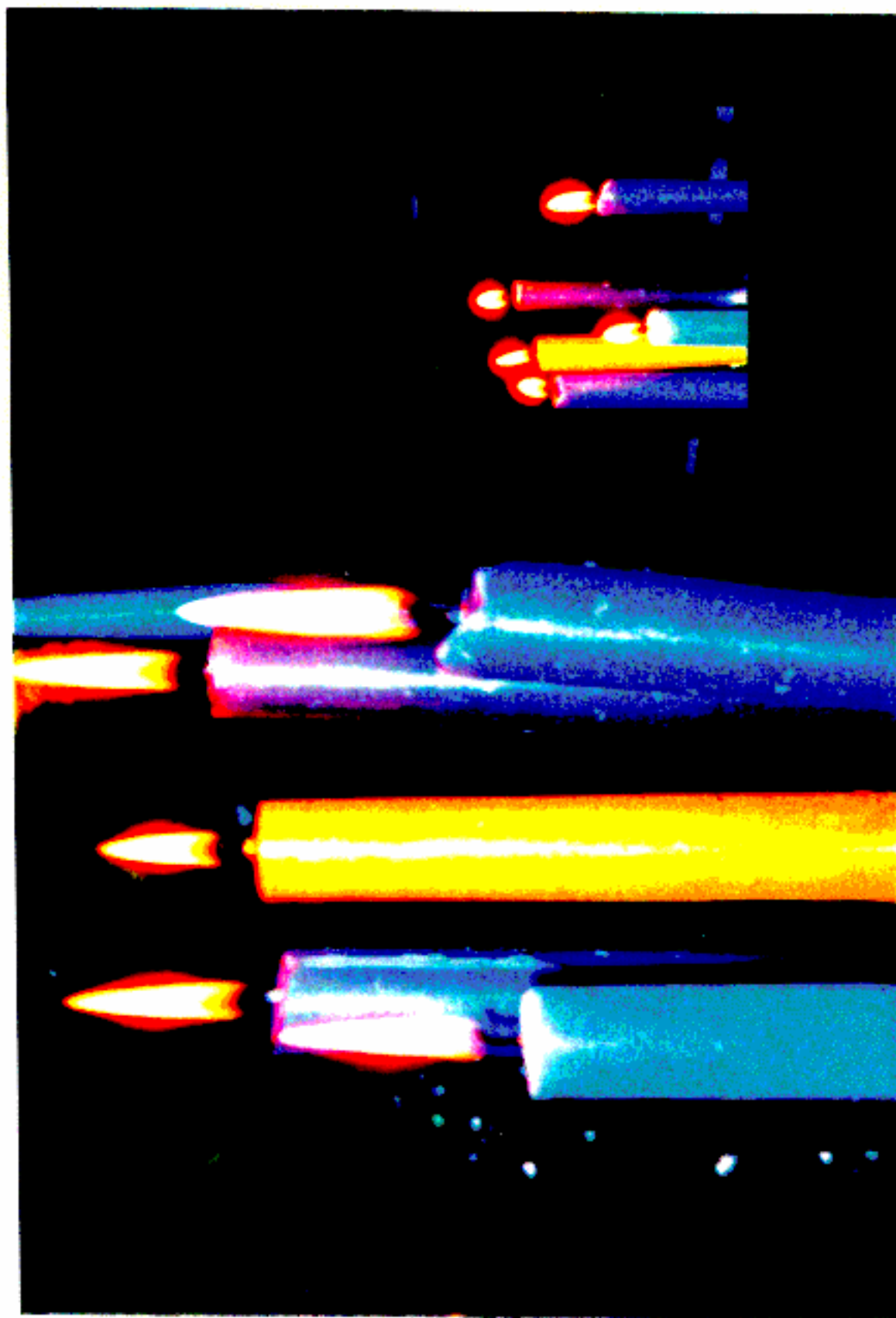
Telescopes for Spectroscopy:

Keck I and II 10-m and ESO 3.6-m

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## How Come Type Ia Supernovae are Standard Candles?

$$M \approx M_{\odot}$$

- A star "burns" hydrogen and helium (nuclear fusion) to carbon and oxygen. This balances the gravitational force (pressure).
- When all the hydrogen and helium is used up, after a few billion years, gravity collapses the star – crushes the atoms – to a white dwarf of carbon and oxygen nuclei and free electrons. **GRAVITY COMPENSATED BY PRESSURE OF DEGENERATE ELECT. GAS**
- "A White Dwarf:" About the mass of our Sun, and about the size of our Earth.
- Often occurs with a companion star and mass transfers to the White Dwarf.
- When the mass reaches a critical value – about 1.4 times the mass of our Sun – the White Dwarf collapses and starts "burning" carbon and oxygen mainly to Nickel. This happens in a few seconds and is the SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION (Type Ia). **CHANDRASEKHAR LIMIT. 1.4  $M_{\odot}$  OF  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ .**
- Since all these Supernovae start at the same mass,  $1.4 M_{\odot}$ , they turn out to be of about the same brightness – standard candles.



$$T_{1/2}(^{56}\text{Ni}) = 6.0 \text{ days}$$

$$T_{1/2}(^{56}\text{Co}) = 77 \text{ days}$$

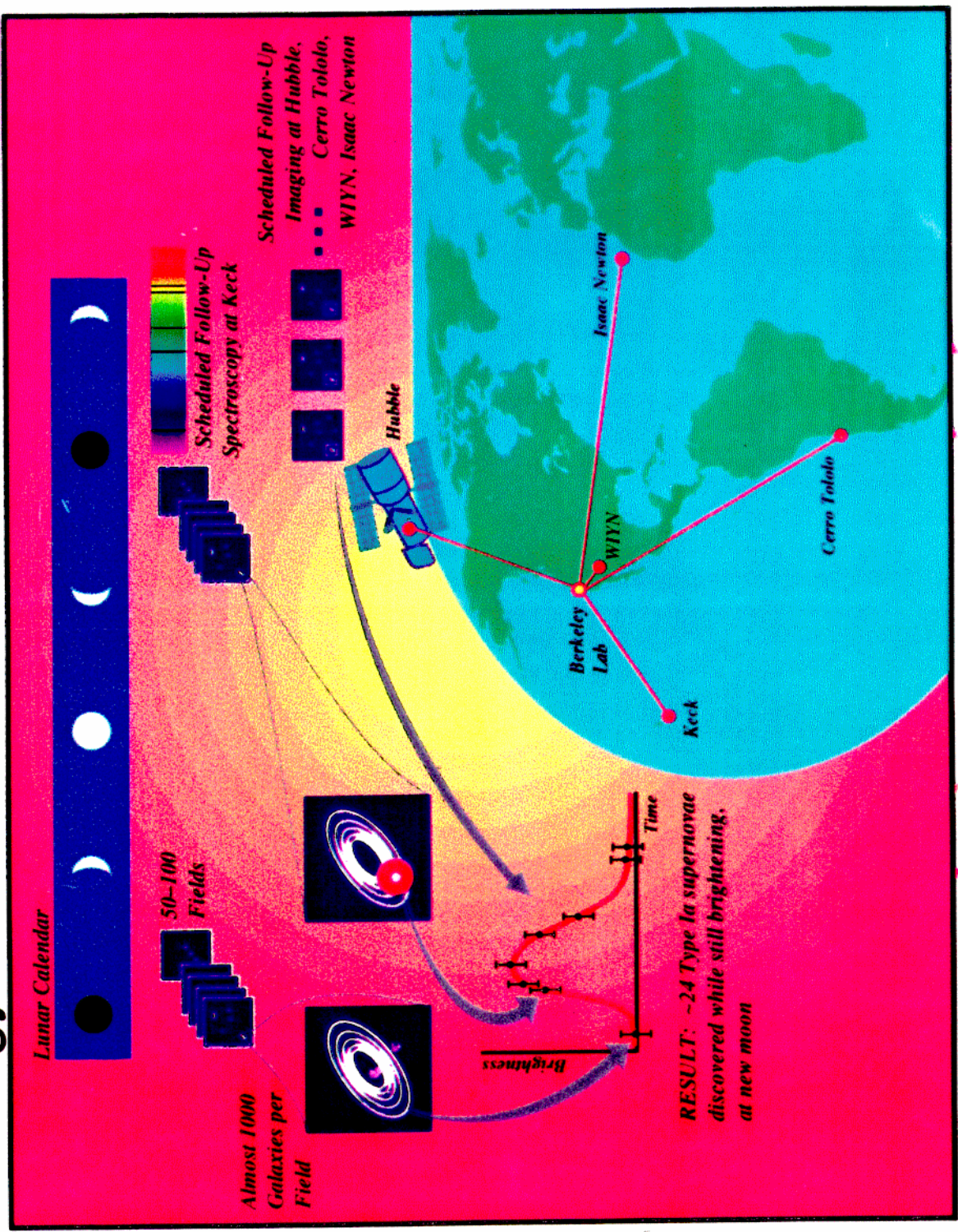
**EJECTA EMITTED**  
at 0.3-1% of C.





# Strategy

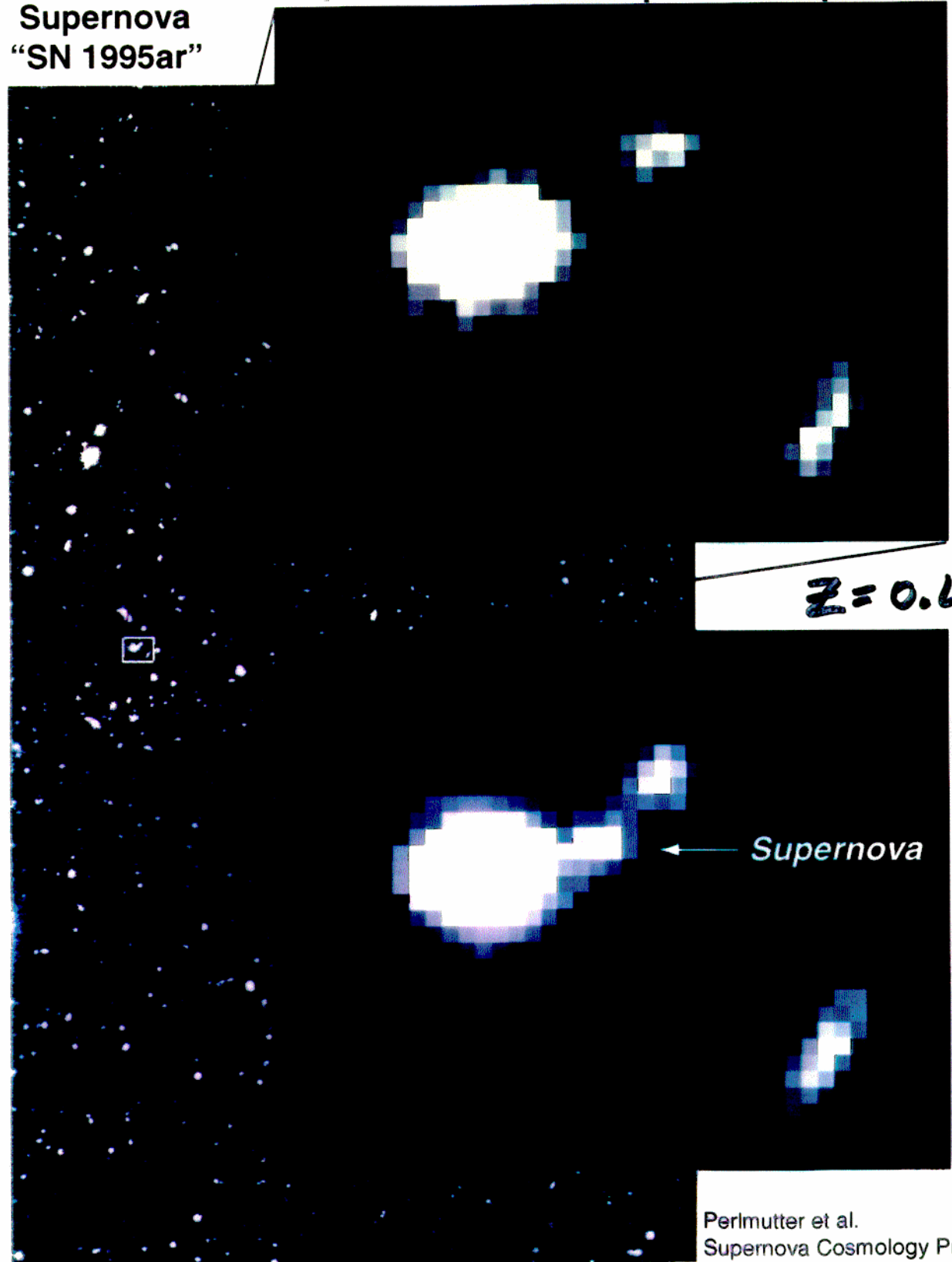
## Supernova Cosmology Project



Perlmutter, et al., in *Thermonuclear Supernovae*, NATO ASI, v. 486 (1997)

# Neighboring Galaxies Before Supernova Explosion

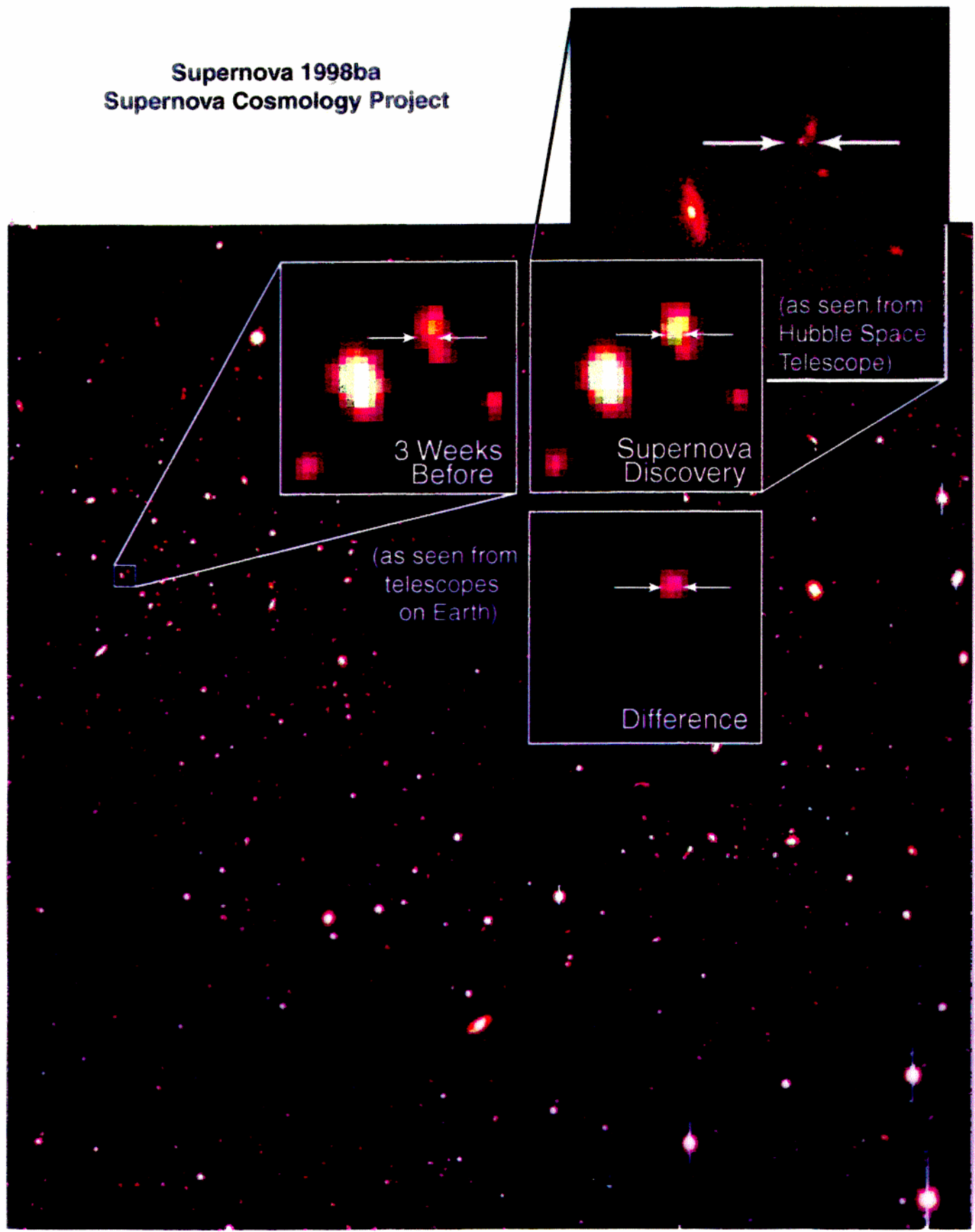
Supernova  
"SN 1995ar"



$z = 0.46$

Perlmutter et al.  
Supernova Cosmology Project

# Supernova 1998ba Supernova Cosmology Project



3 Weeks Before

Supernova Discovery

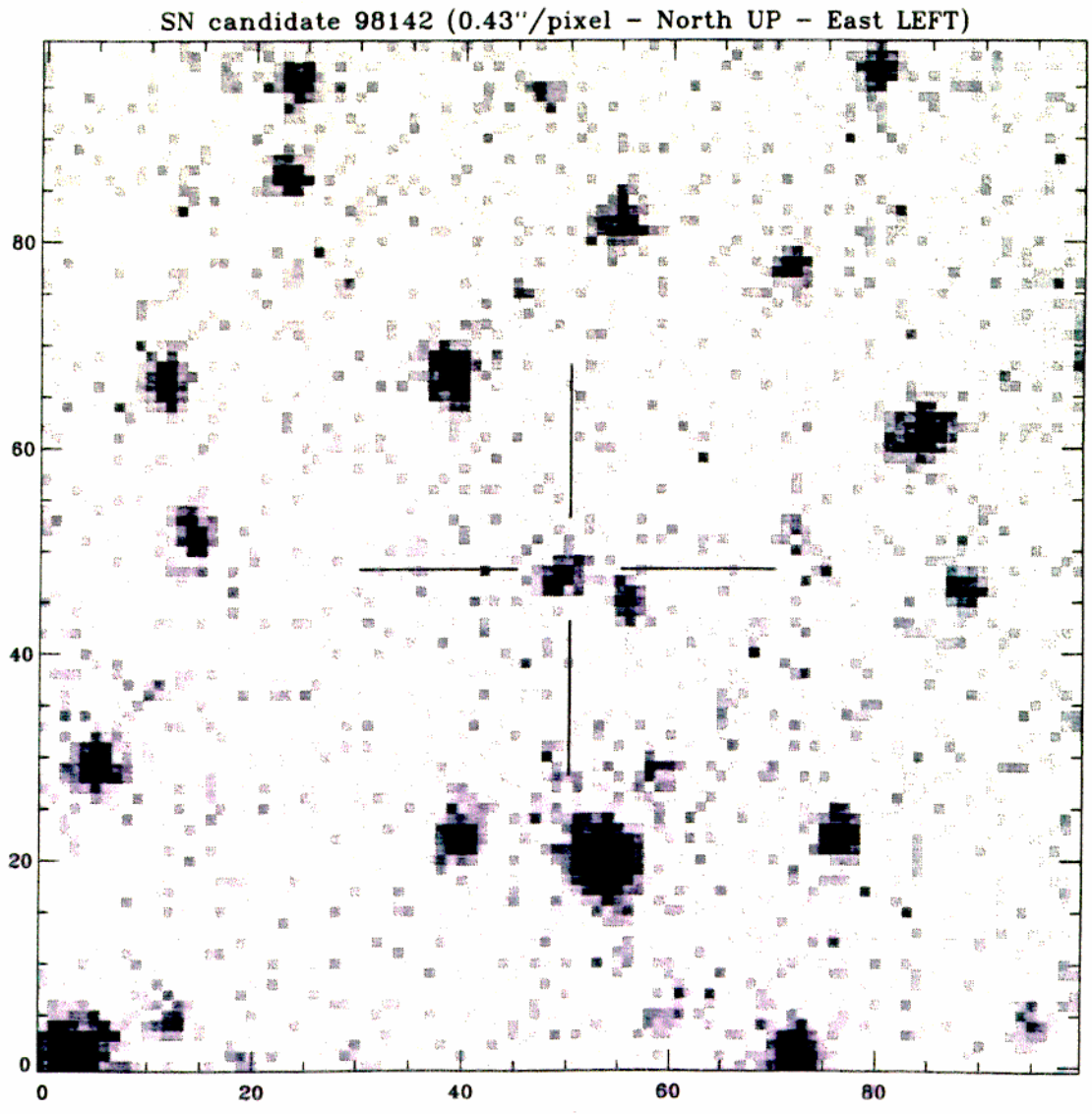
Difference

(as seen from Hubble Space Telescope)

(as seen from telescopes on Earth)



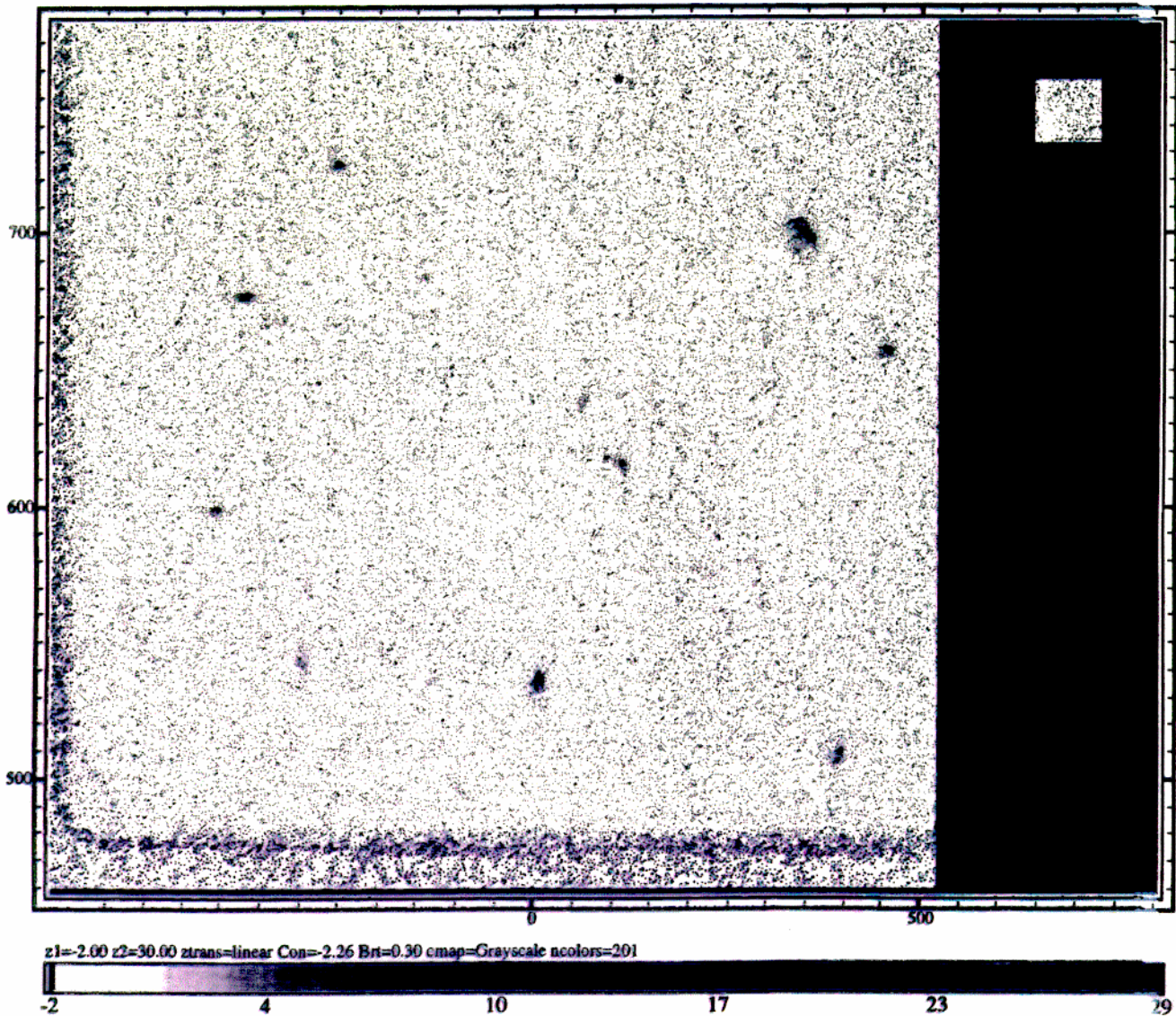
CERRO/TOLOLO  
4M TELESCOPE





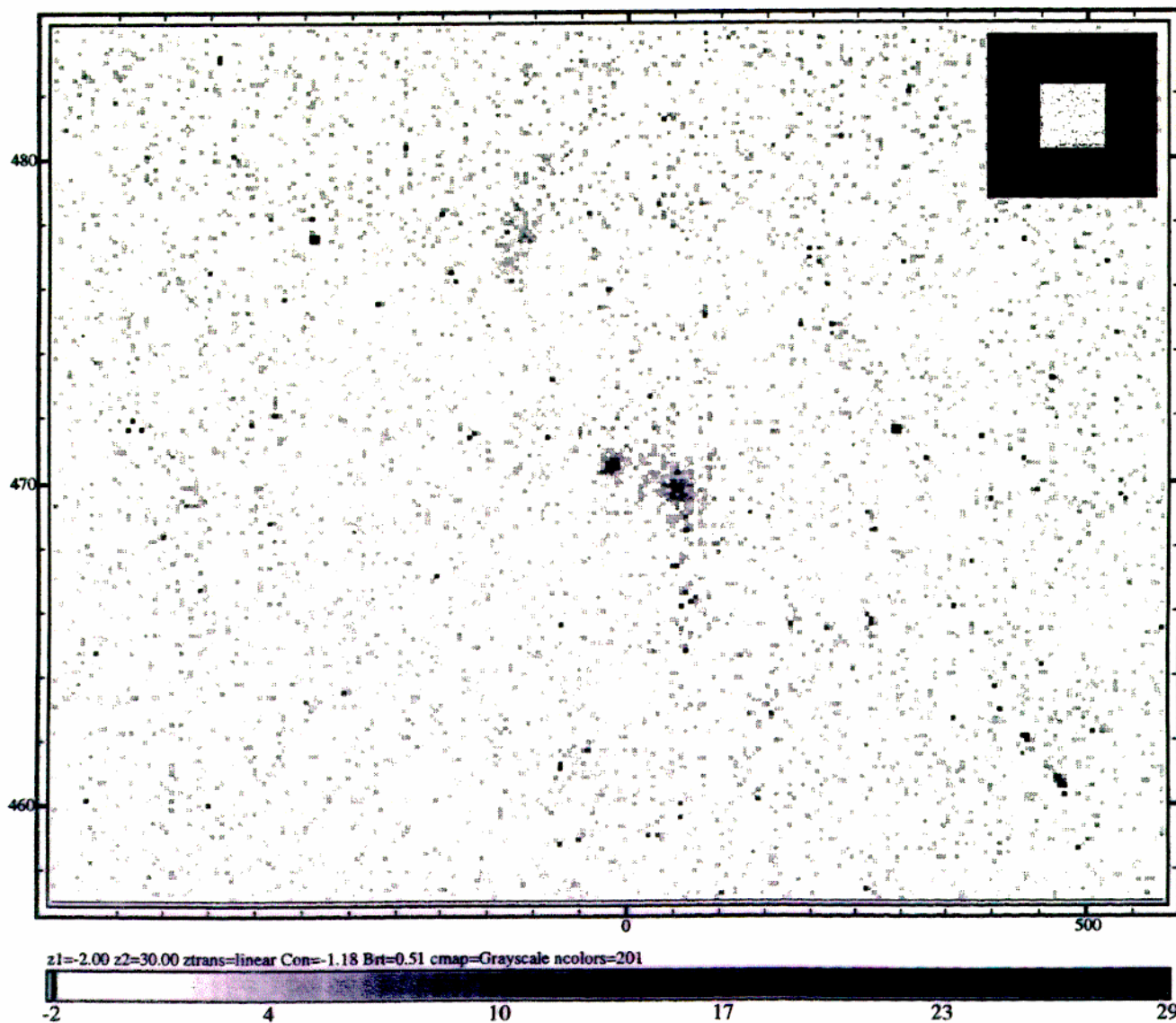
# HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE 2.5 $\mu$ m

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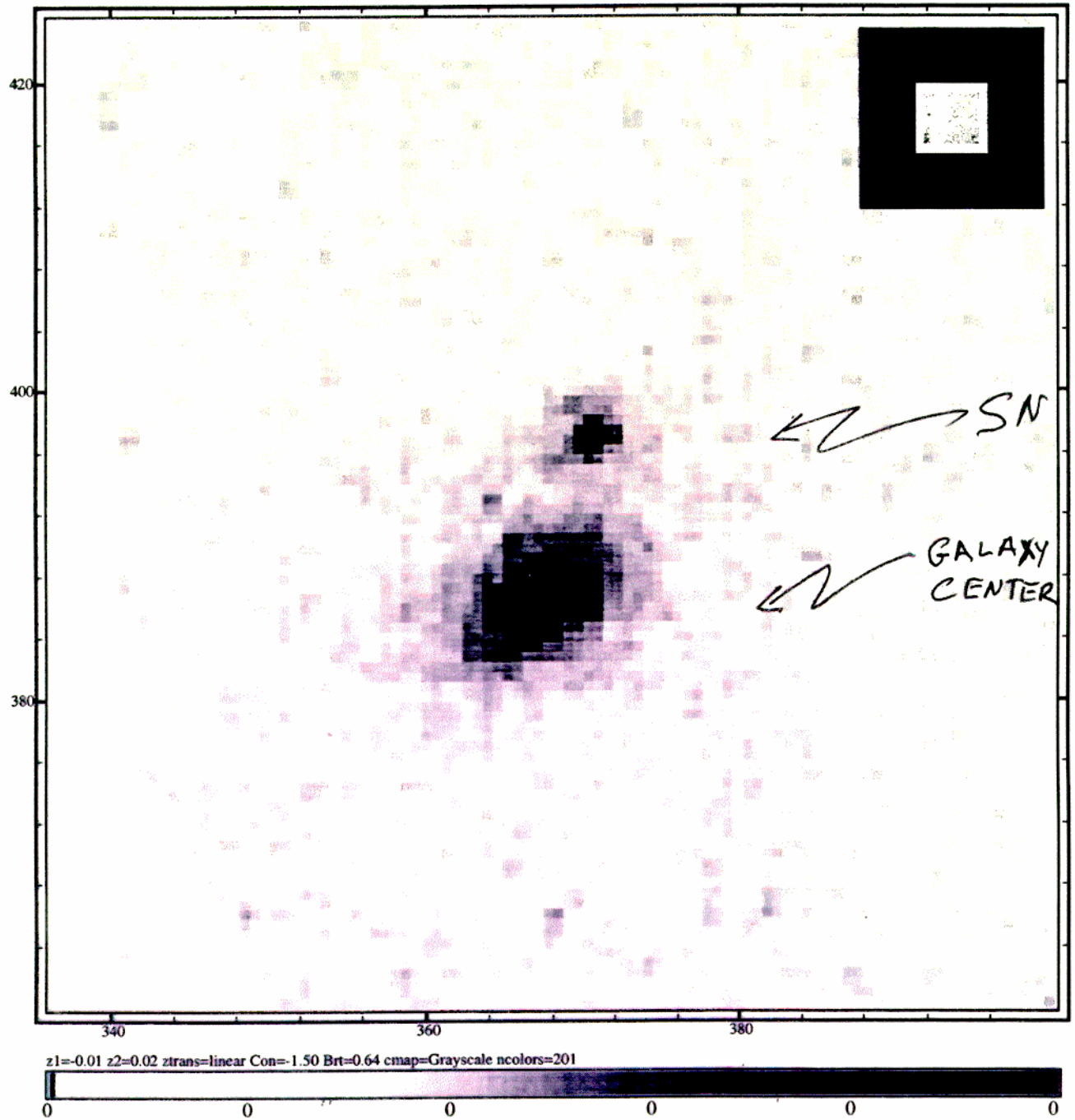


HST WFPC

sn98142.980418.I.hhh - SN98142.980418.I[1/4]



Z=0.74 HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE  
NICMOS  $\lambda = 0.8 - 1.2 \mu$   
sn98142.fits -

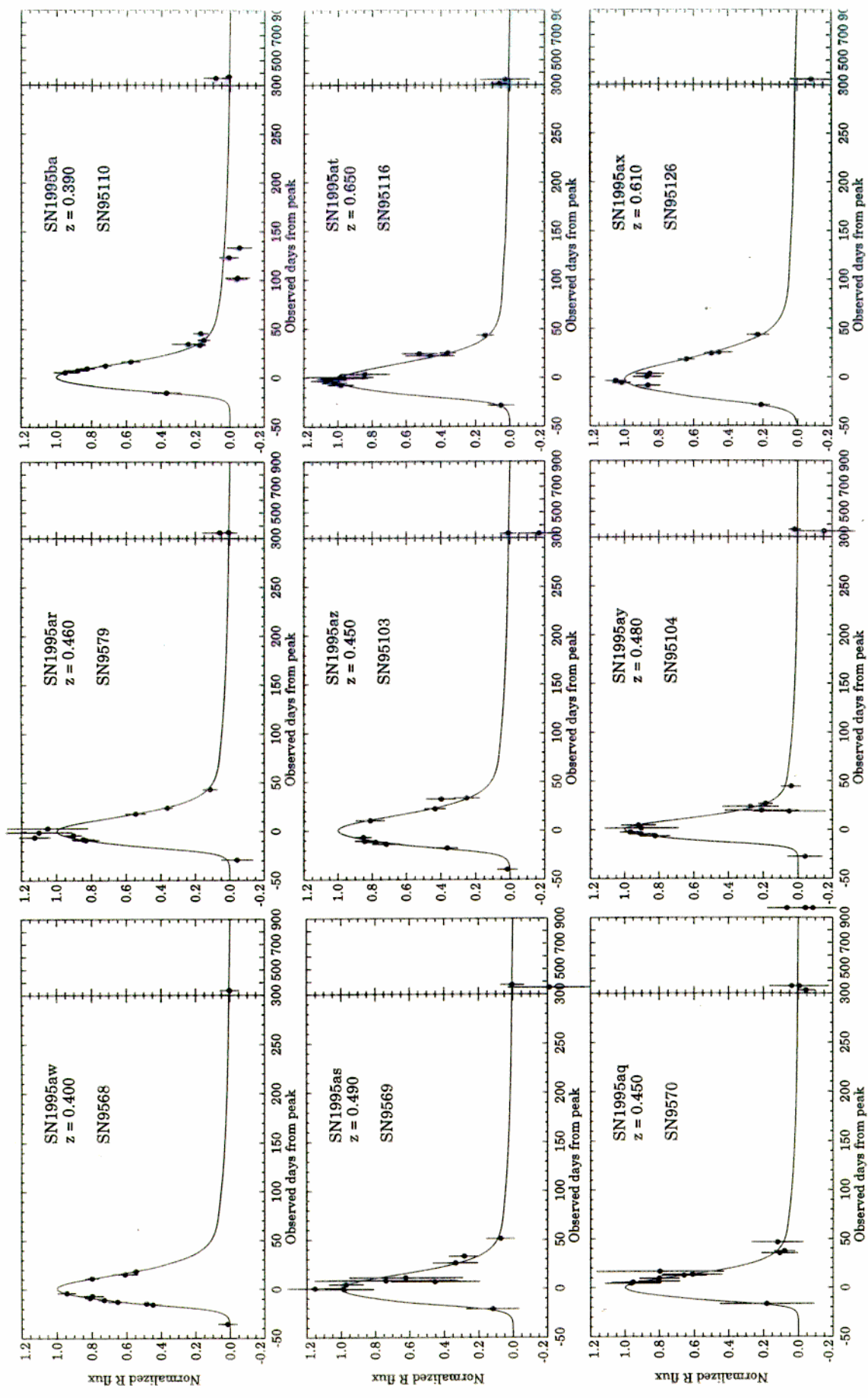




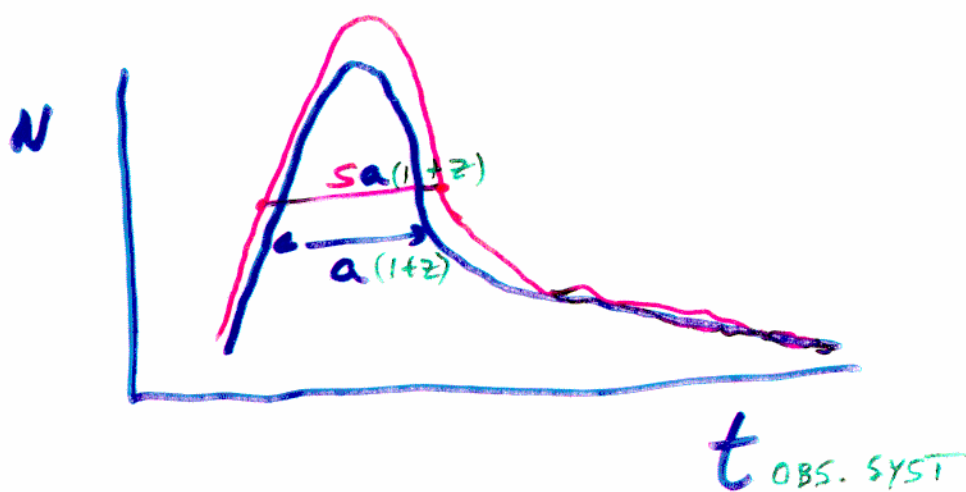




1995



EMPIRICAL RESULT:  
WIDER  $\leftrightarrow$  BRIGHTER



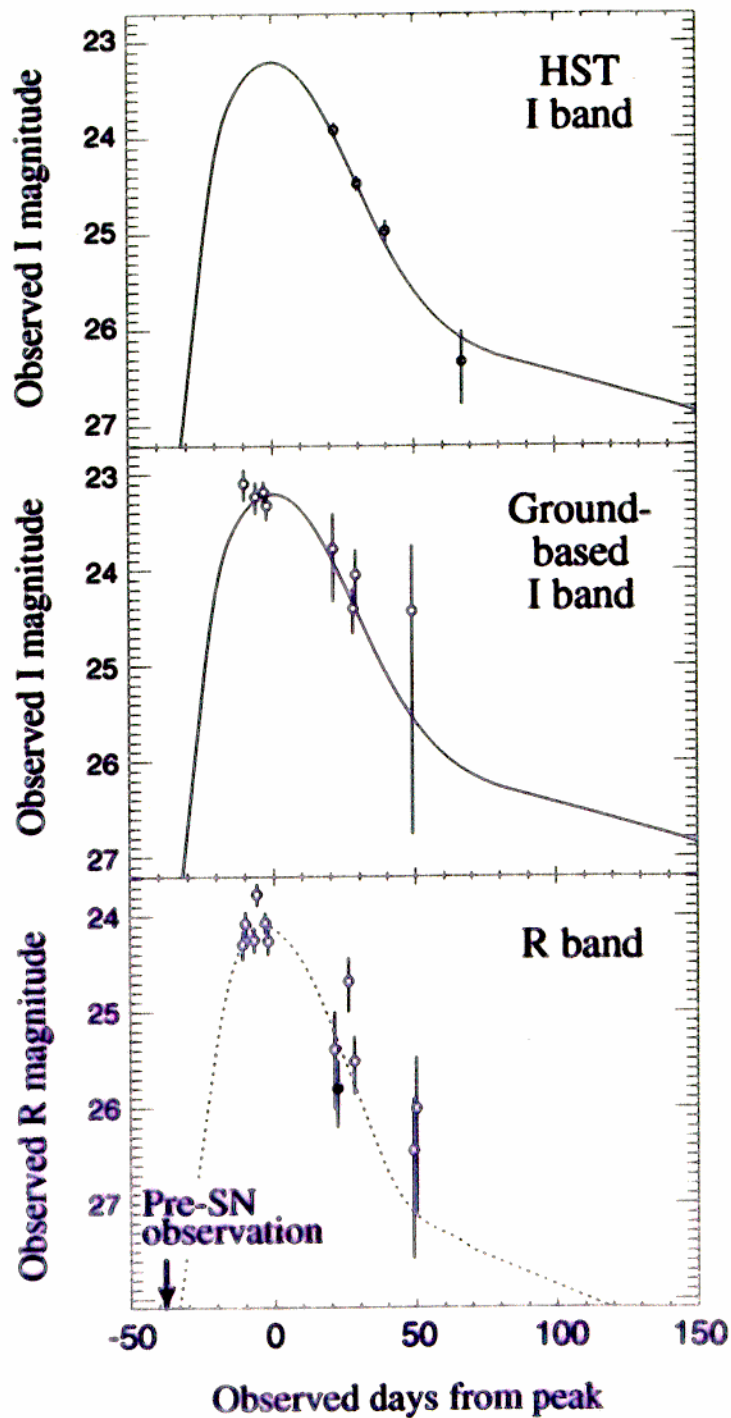
$$m_B^{\text{CORR}} = m_B - \alpha(s-1)$$

$$\alpha \approx -1$$

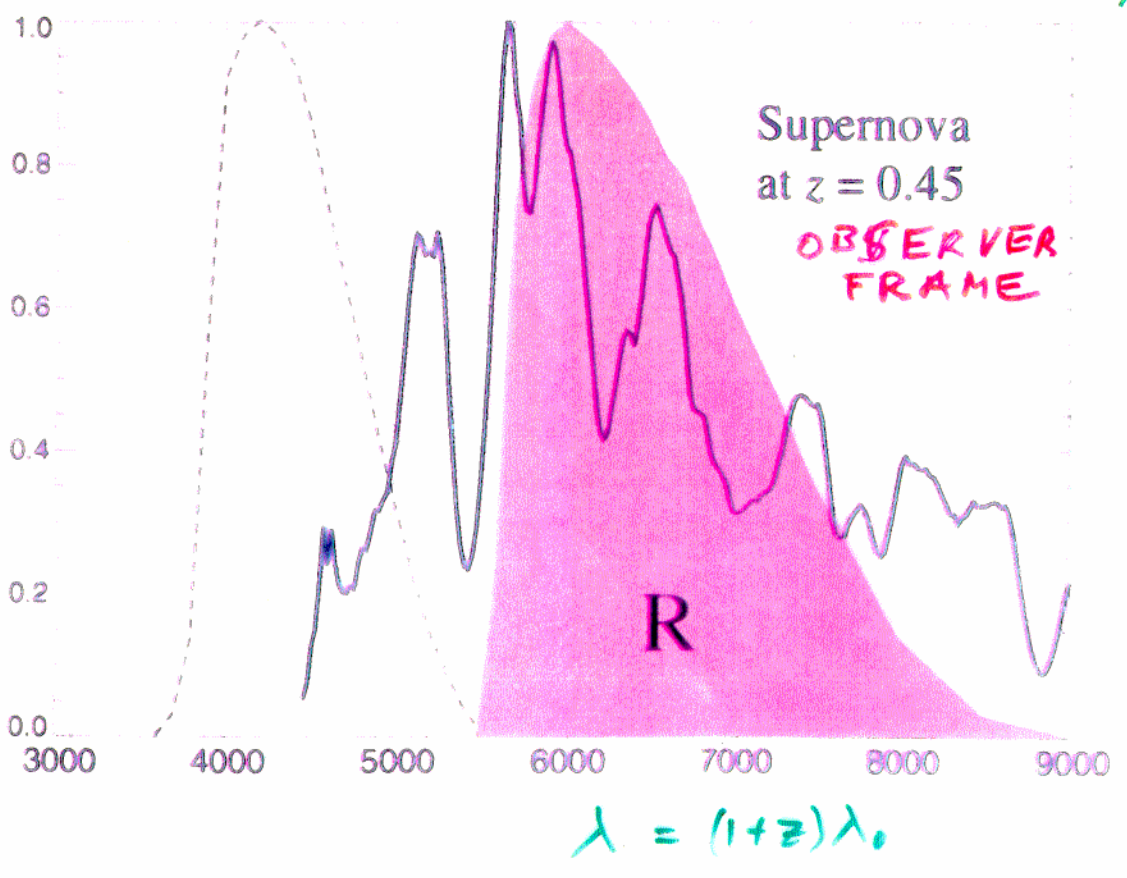
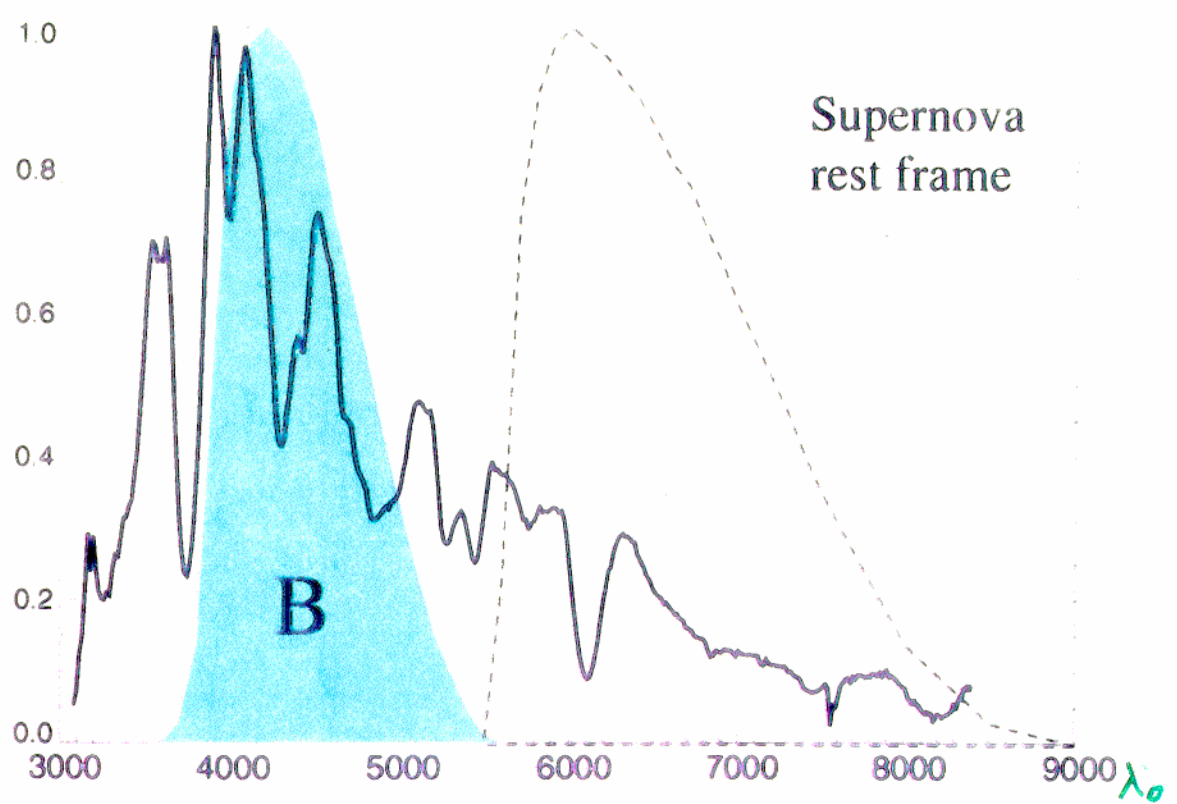
# SN 1997ap at $z = 0.83$

$\sim 7$  Billion Light years

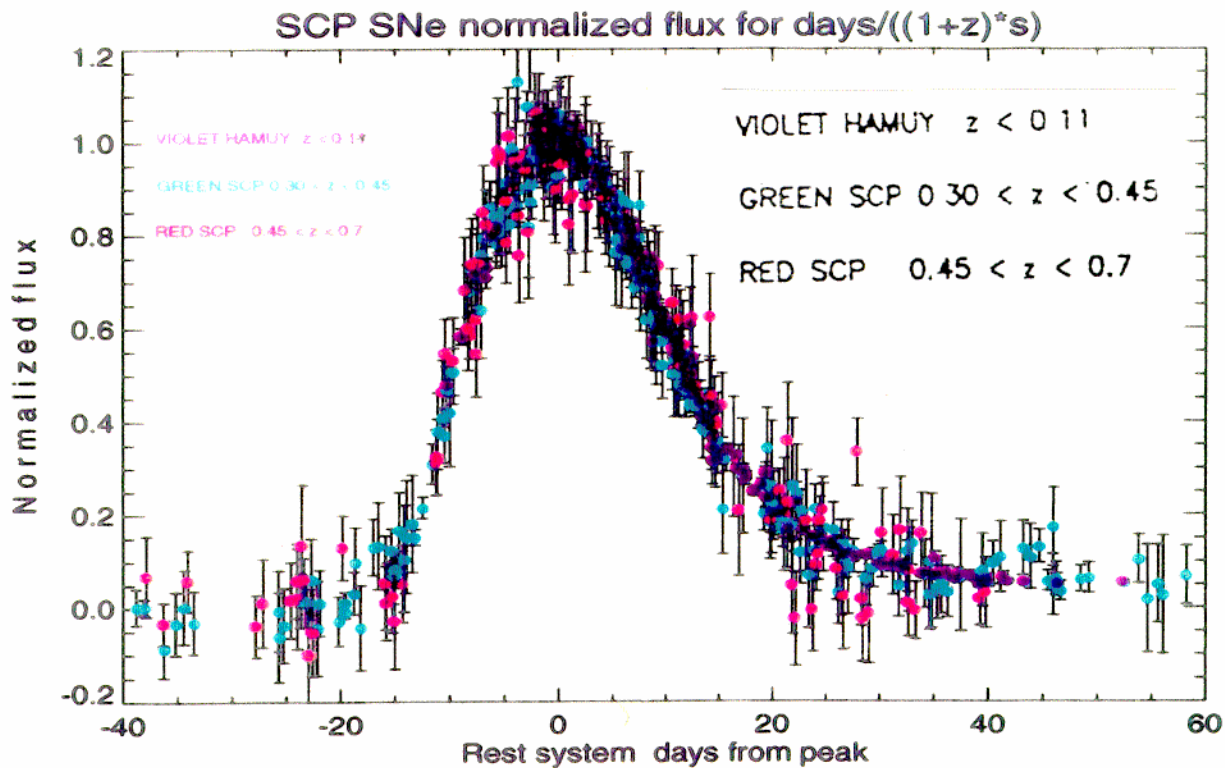
Perlmutter, et al.  
*Nature* (1998)



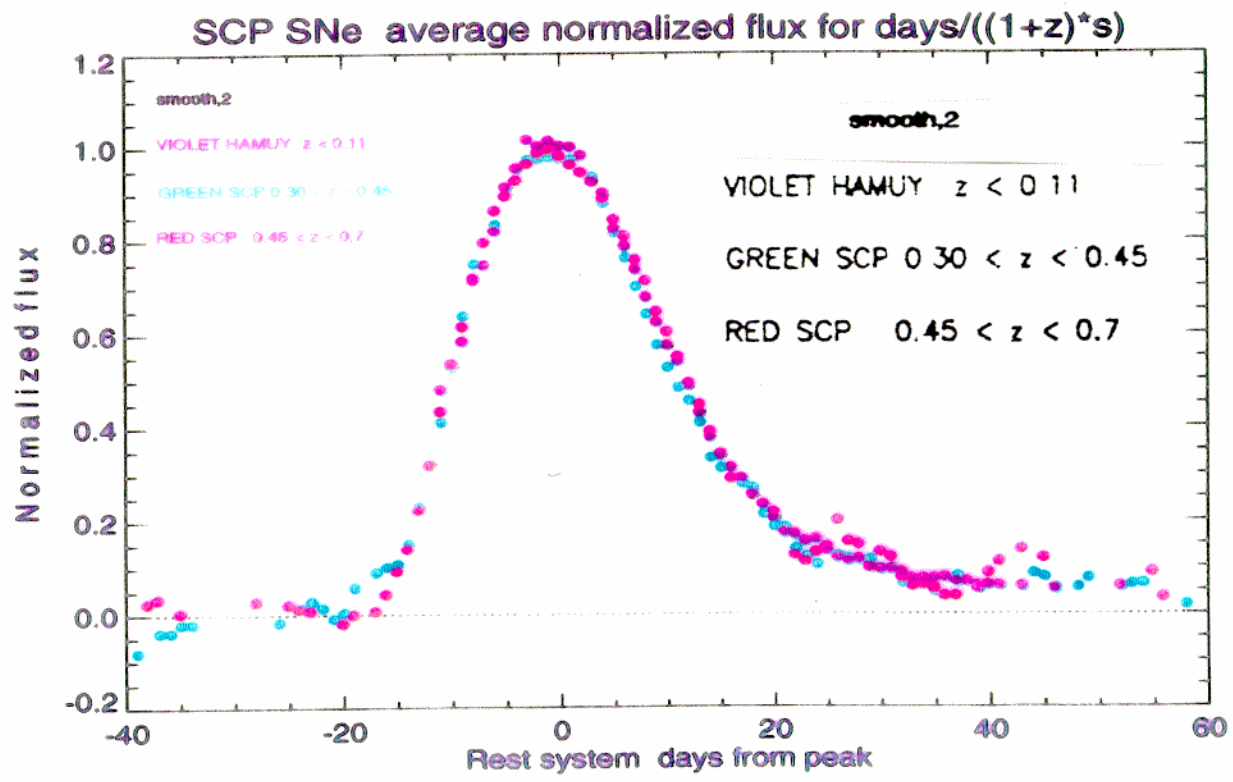
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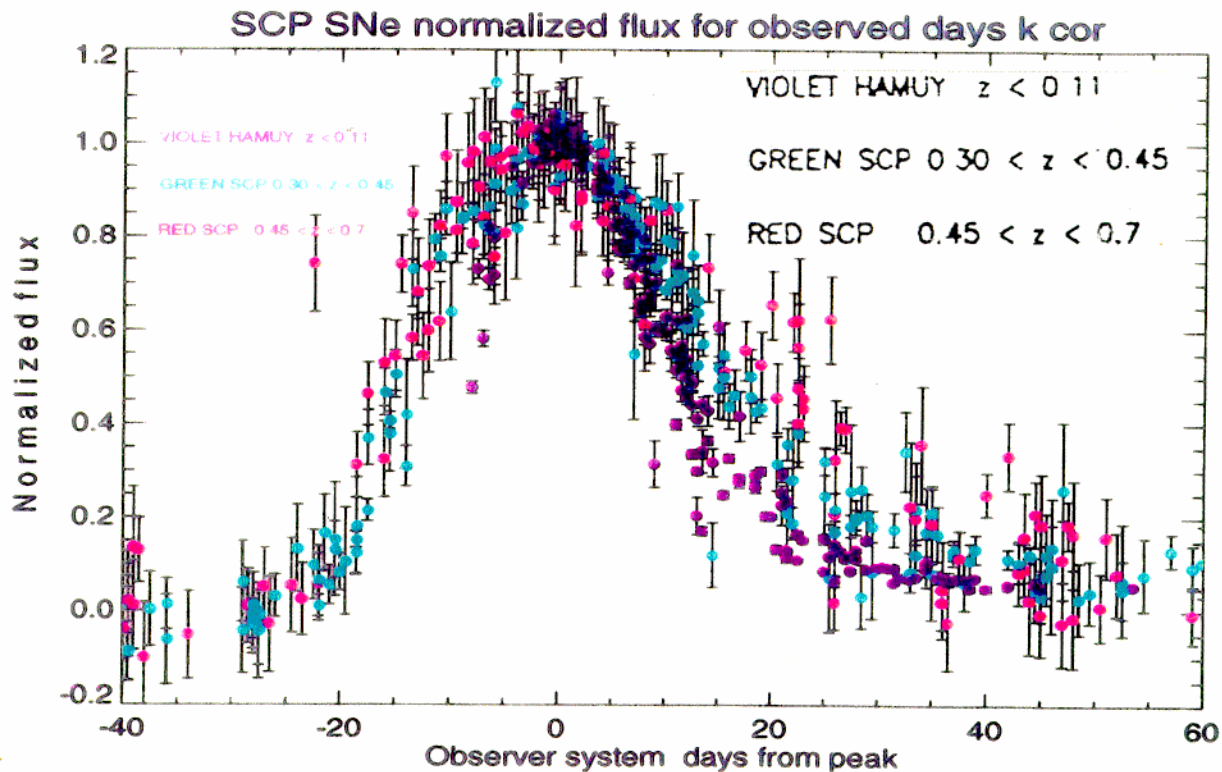




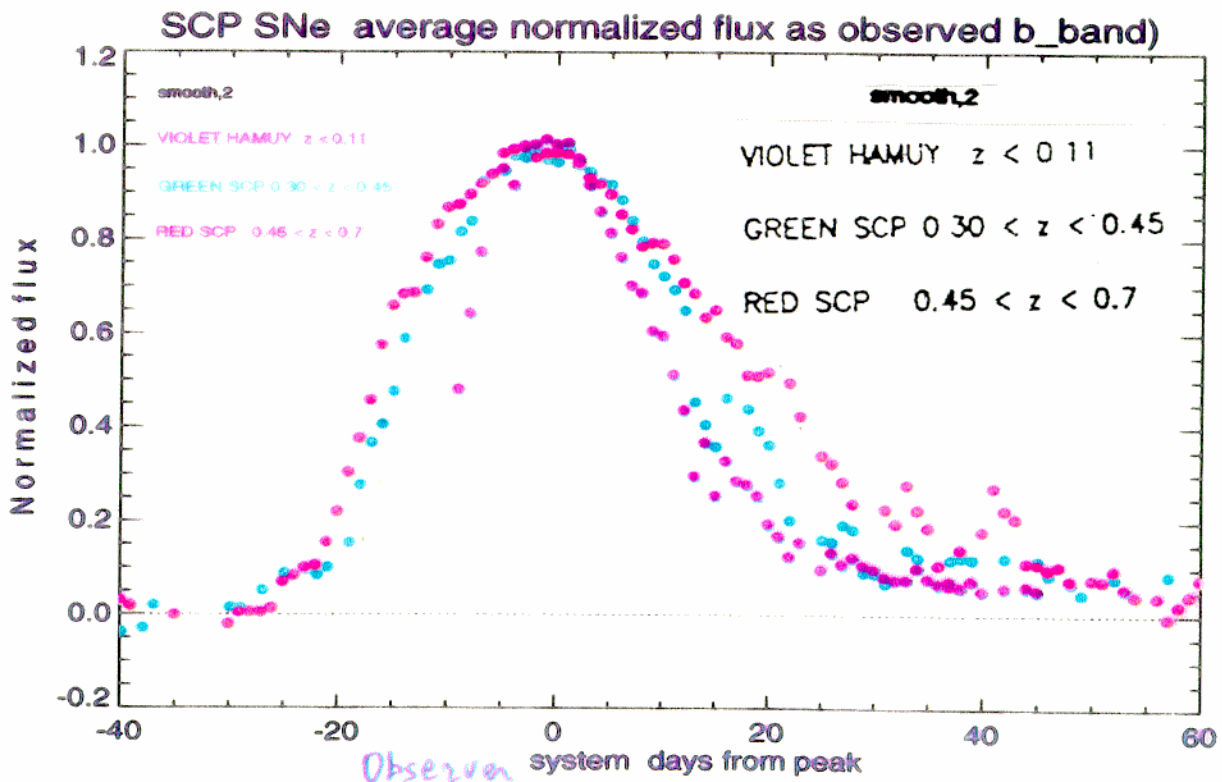


$S \approx 0.8 - 1.2$   
with a few outliers



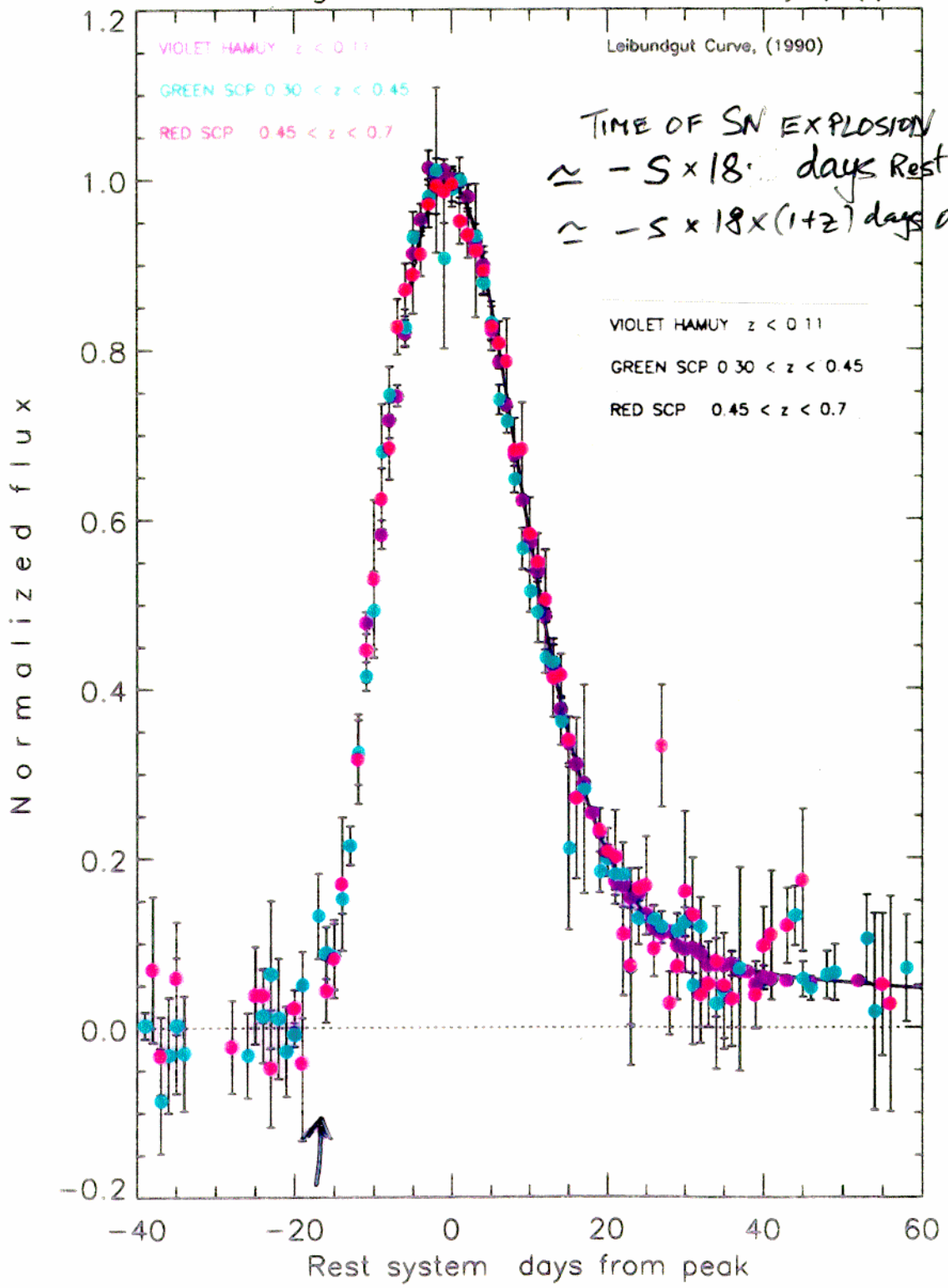


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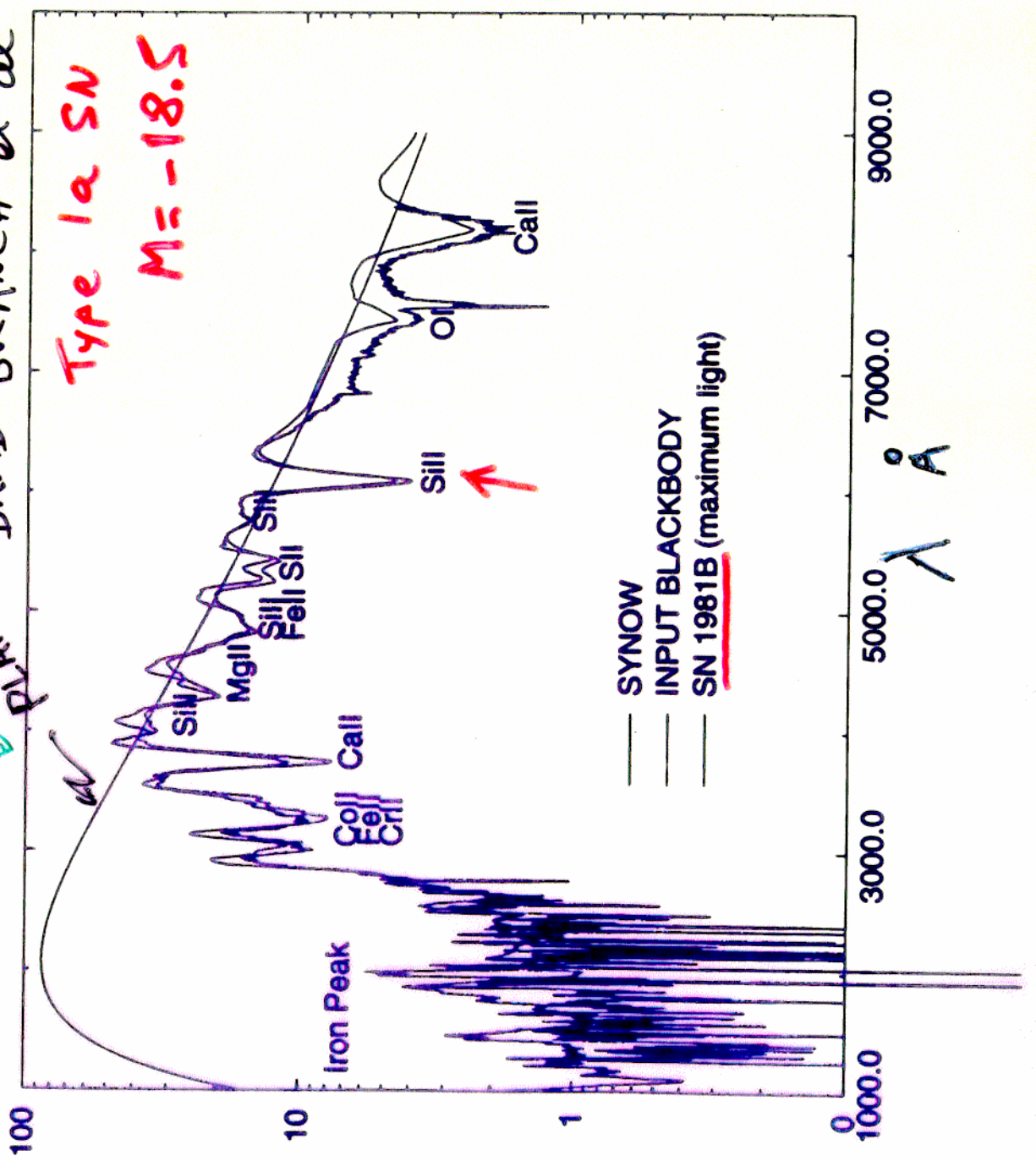
SCP SNe average normalized flux for days/ $((1+z)*s)$



SN  
EXPANDING  
PHOTOSPHERE  
PLANK  
CURVE

DAVID BRANCH et al

Type Ia SN  
M = -18.5



- SYNOW
- INPUT BLACKBODY
- SN 1981B (maximum light)

Å



P. NUGENT

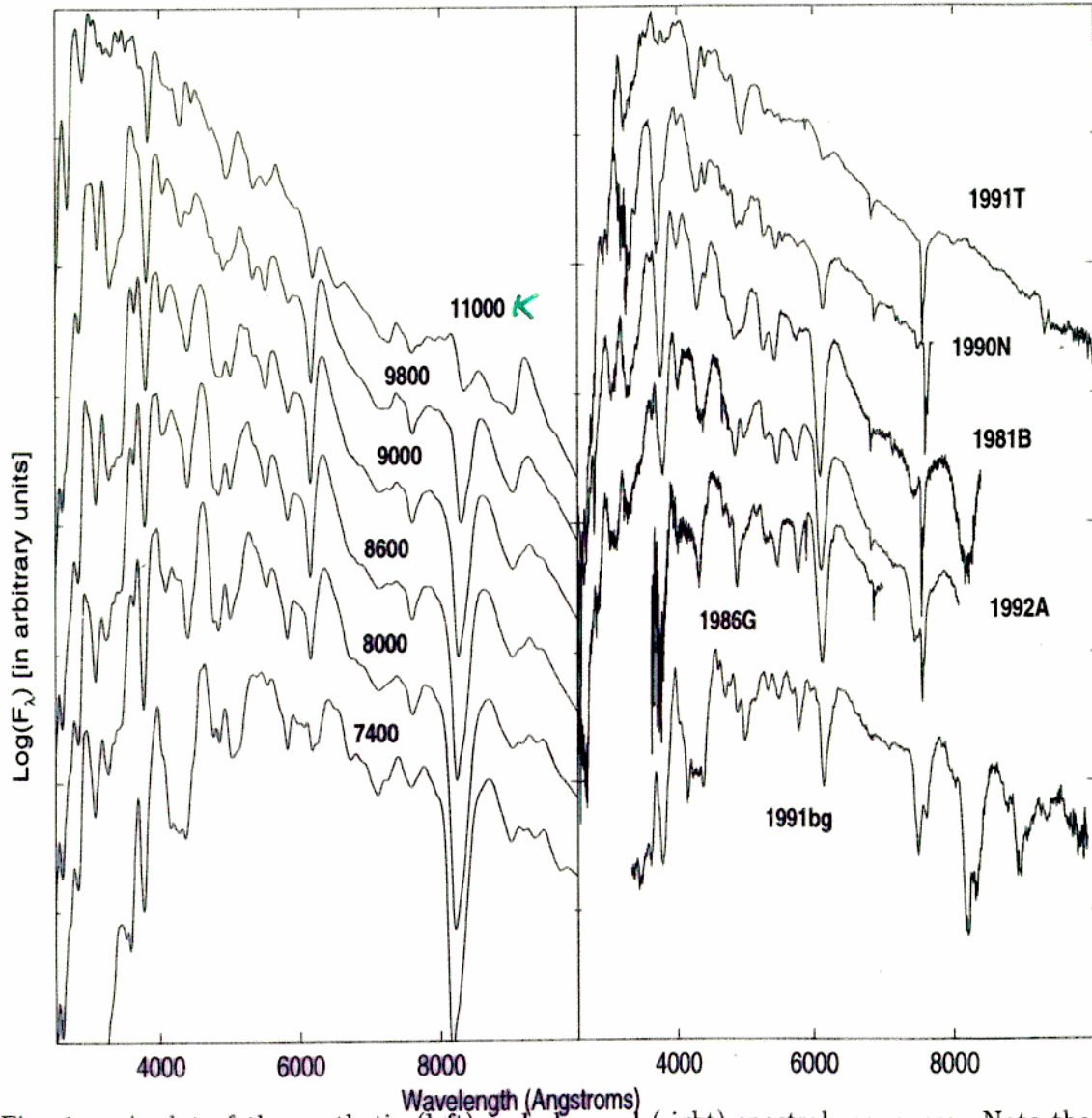
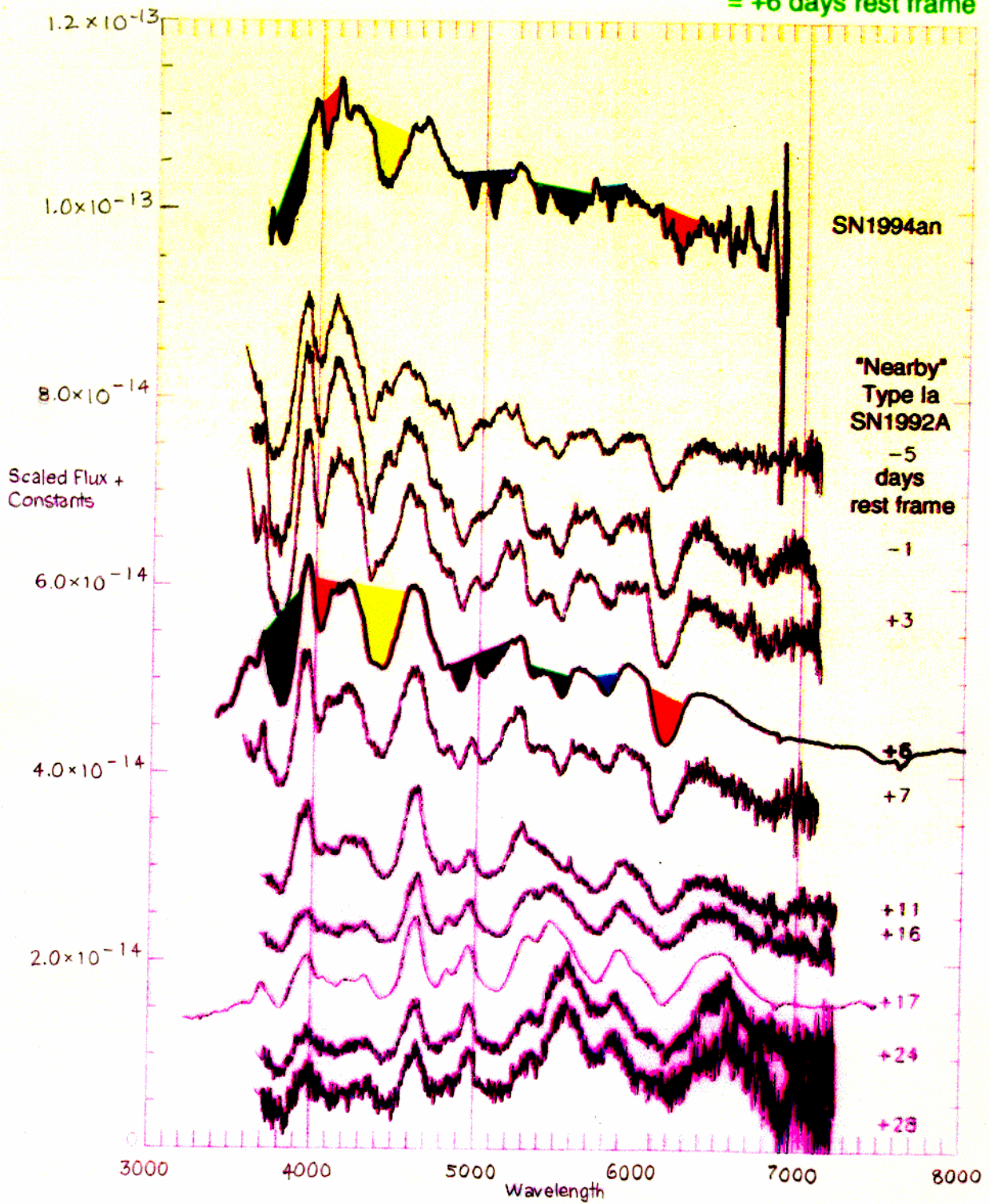


Fig. 1.— A plot of the synthetic (left) and observed (right) spectral sequences. Note the evolution in each graph of the following spectral features: Ca II at 3800 and 8200 Å, Ti II at 4200 Å and Si II at 5800 and 6150 Å.

# Spectra

An Example: SN1994an

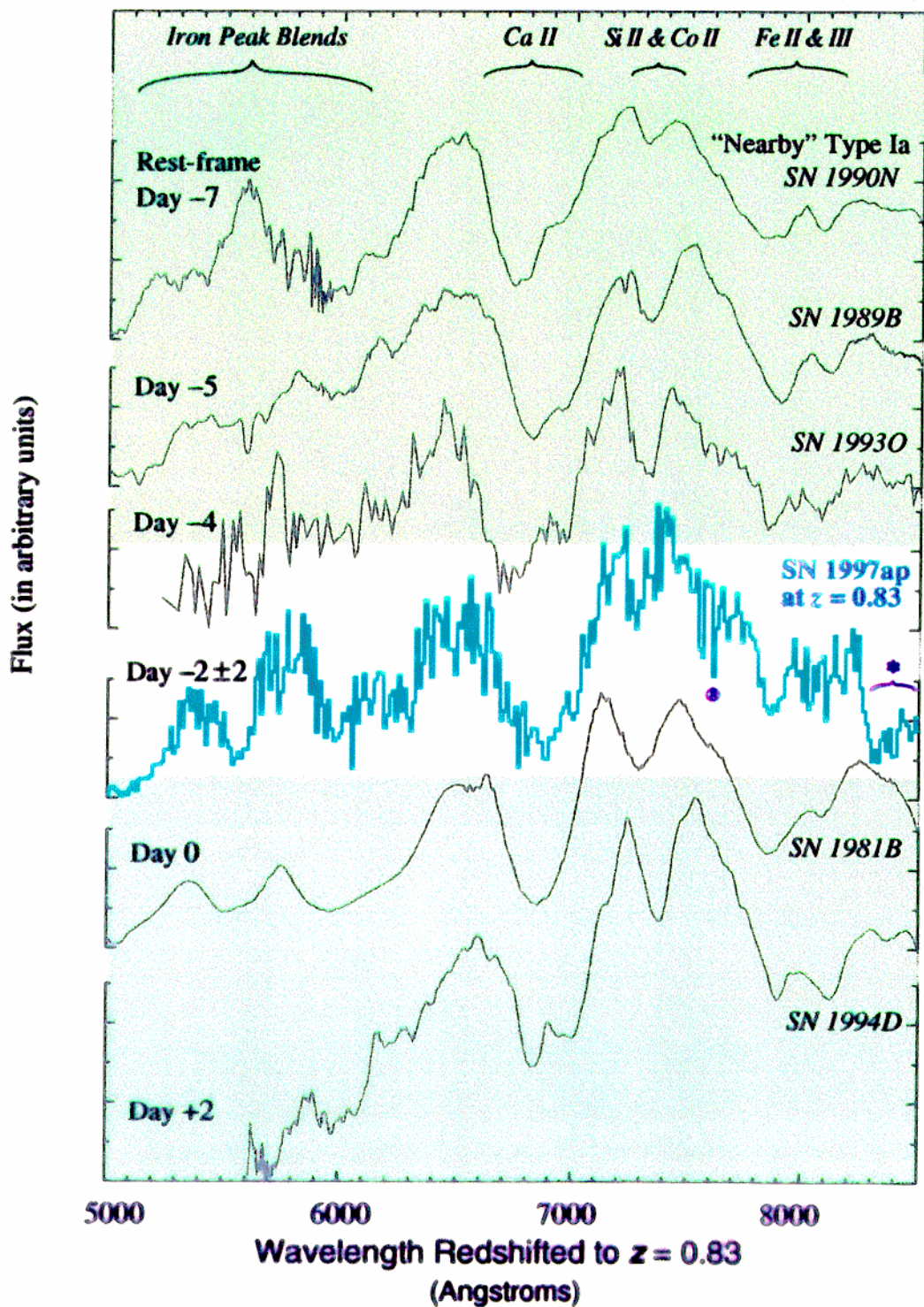
+9 days past max observer frame  
= +6 days rest frame





# Supernova 1997ap at $z = 0.83$

Perlmutter, et al., Nature (1998)



-4 days (before) max observer frame  
= -2 days rest frame

$\Omega = \Omega_M$  FOR A  $\Lambda = 0$  UNIVERSE

$$m_B = 5 \log D_L + M_B + 25$$

$$M_B = M_R - \Delta M_{RB} - A_R - \Delta m_{cor}(S)$$

$\Delta M_{RB}$  IS A "K-CORRECTION"

$D_L$  IS LUMINOSITY DISTANCE

$$D_L = \frac{4c}{H_0 \Omega^2} \left[ 1 - \Omega/2 + \Omega z/2 + (\Omega/2 - 1)(\Omega z + 1)^{1/2} \right]$$

EXPERIMENTAL INPUT :

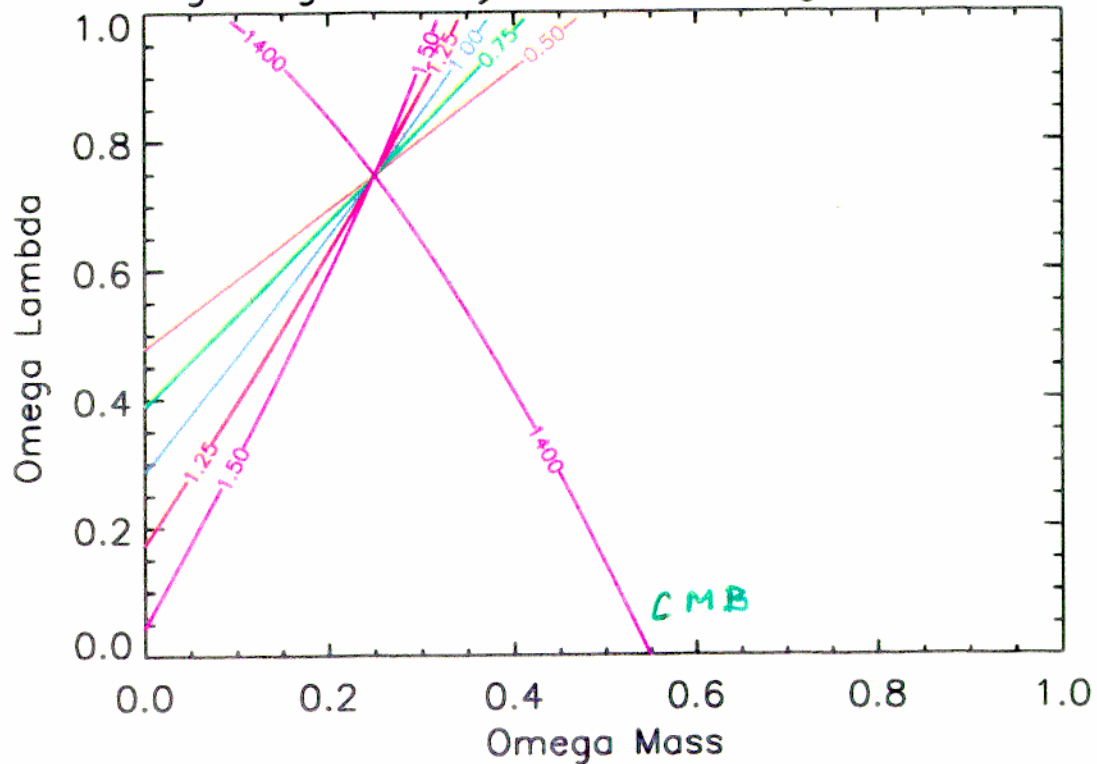
- $M_B = -19.47 + 5 \log \frac{H_0}{65}$  ABSOLUTE B MAGNITUDE  
FROM "NEARBY" SNe
- $z$  FROM Red SHIFT MEASUREMENT OF SNe  
AT KECK 10m TELESCOPES IN HAWAII

$$z = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0}$$
- $M_R$  FROM FIT TO LIGHT CURVE  
APPARENT R MAGNITUDE.



FLAT UNIVERSE  $\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$

Breaking Degeneracy of Cosmological Parameters



GOOBAR & PERLMUTTER

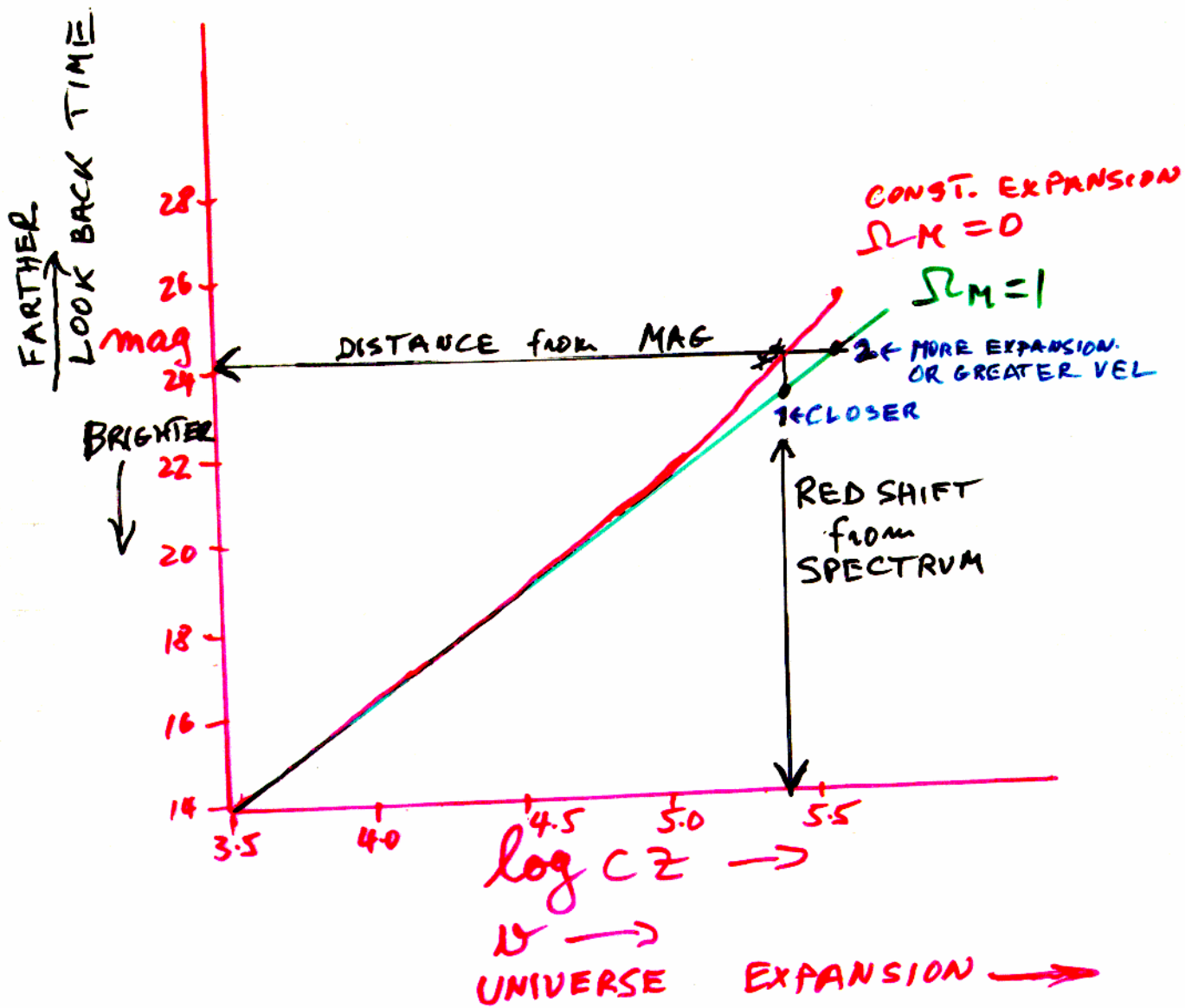
$$\Omega_{TOT} = \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda$$

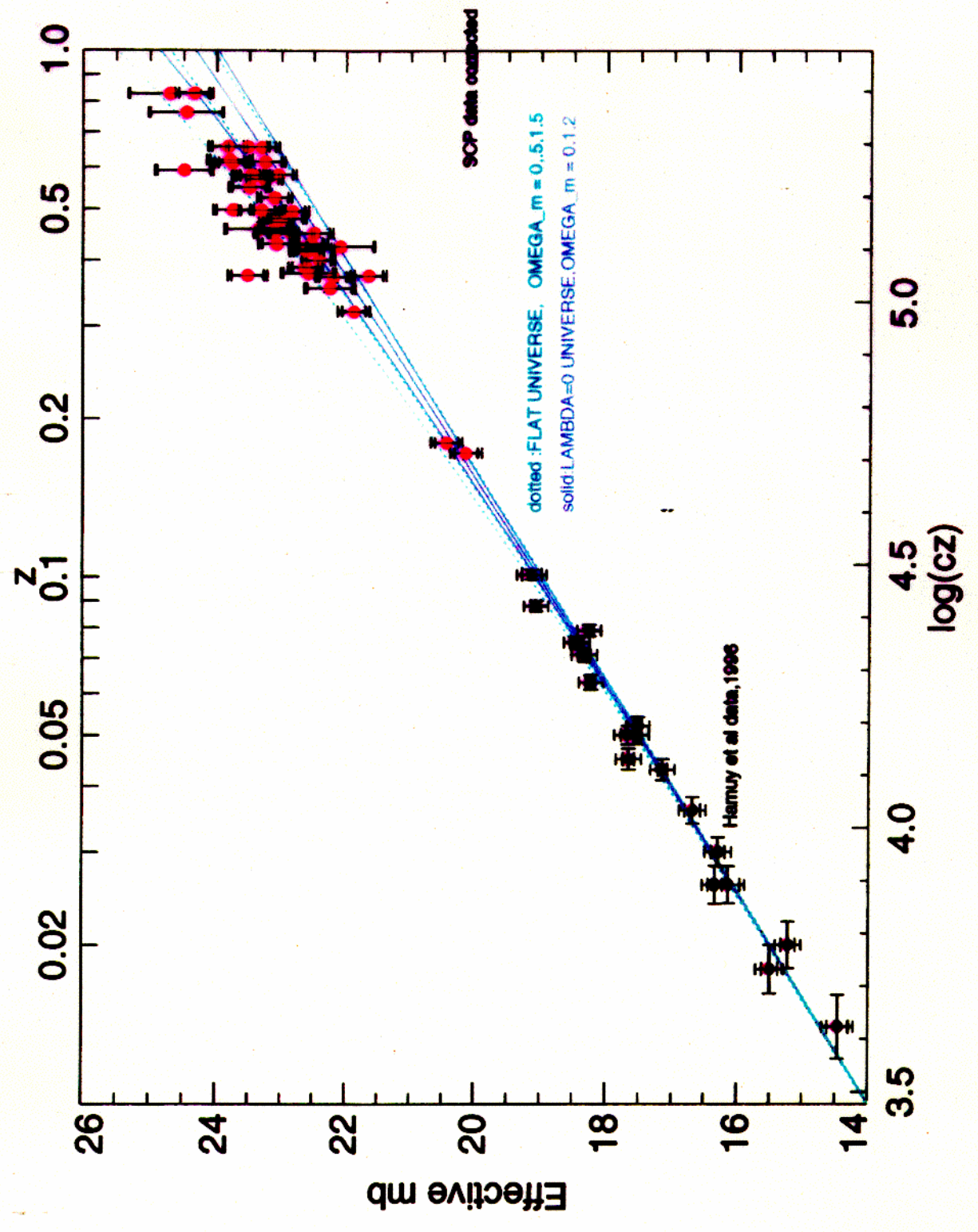
Goobar & Perlmutter (1995):

$$d_L(z; \Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda, H_0) = \frac{c(1+z)}{H_0 \sqrt{|\kappa|}} \mathcal{S} \left( \sqrt{|\kappa|} \int_0^z [(1+z')^2 (1 + \Omega_M z') - z'(2+z')\Omega_\Lambda]^{-\frac{1}{2}} dz' \right),$$

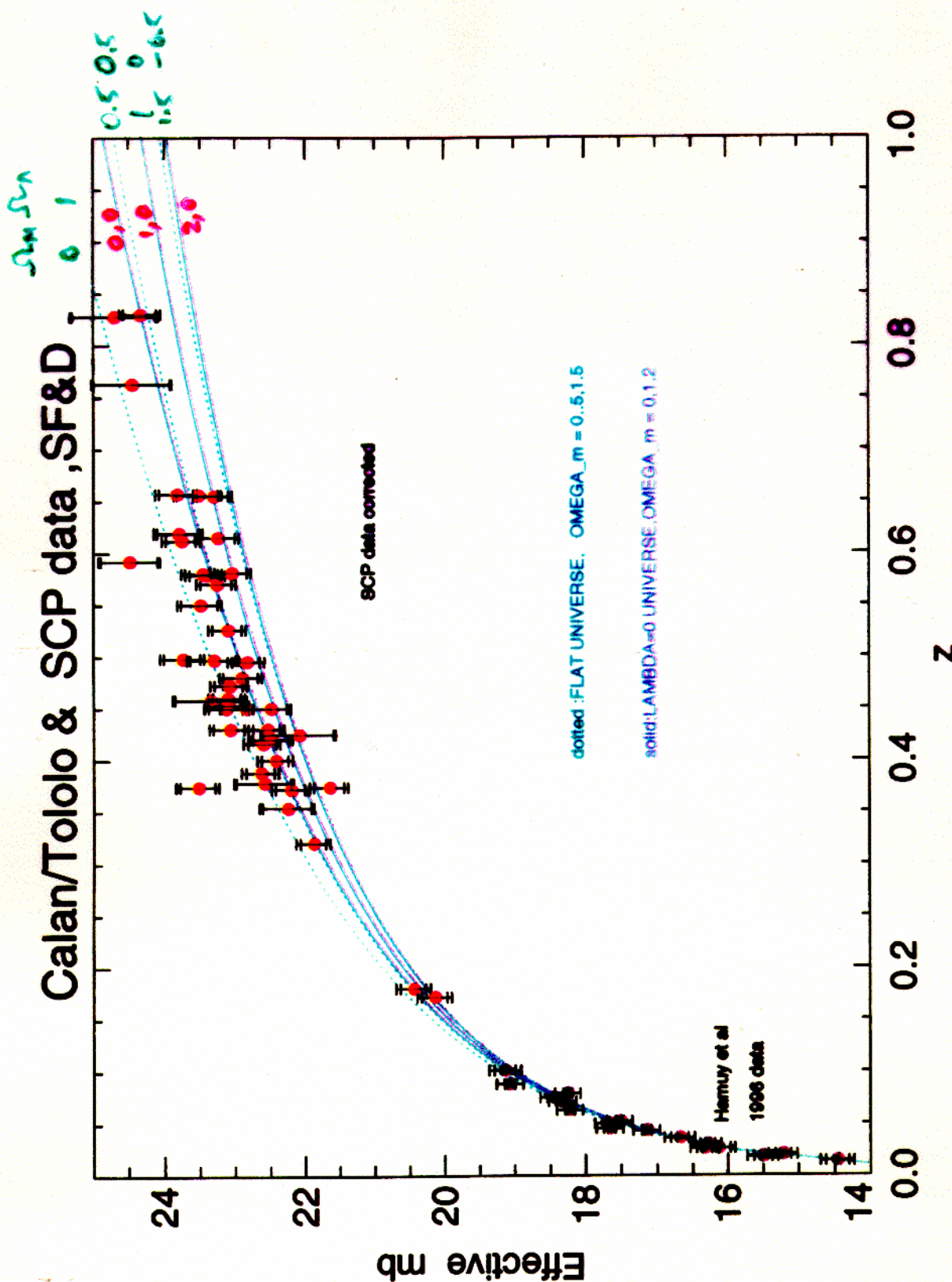
where, for  $\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(x)$  is defined as  $\sin(x)$  and  $\kappa = 1 - \Omega_M - \Omega_\Lambda$ ; for  $\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(x) = \sinh(x)$  and  $\kappa$  as above; and for  $\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(x) = x$  and  $\kappa = 1$

# $\Lambda = 0$ UNIVERSE

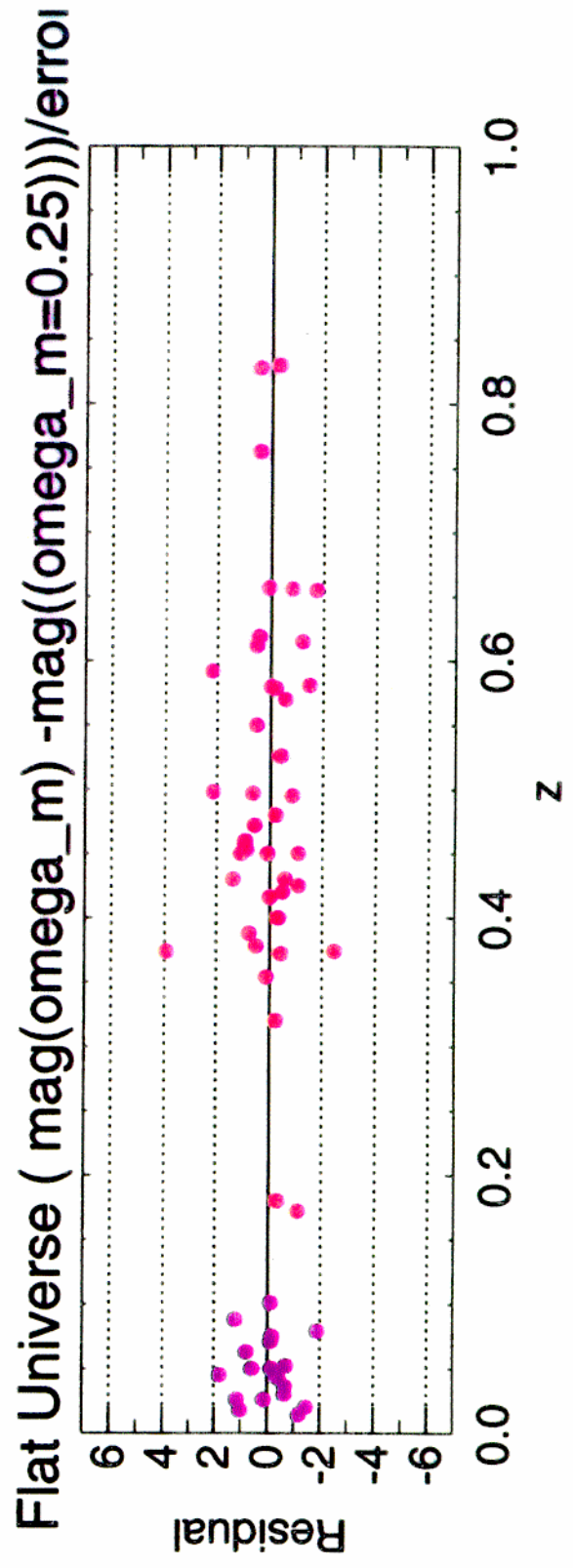
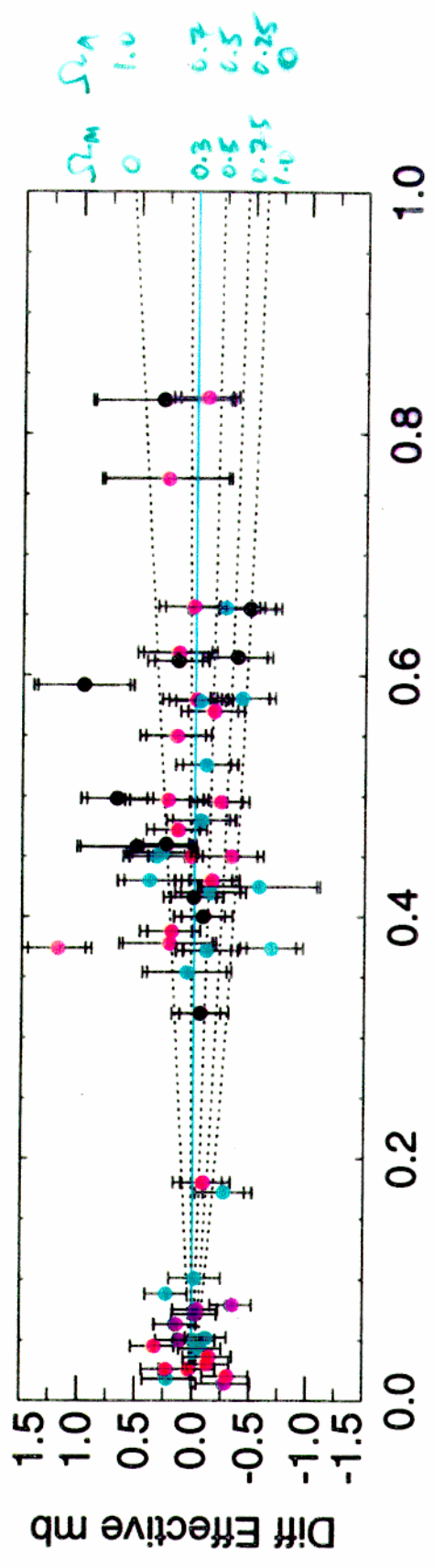


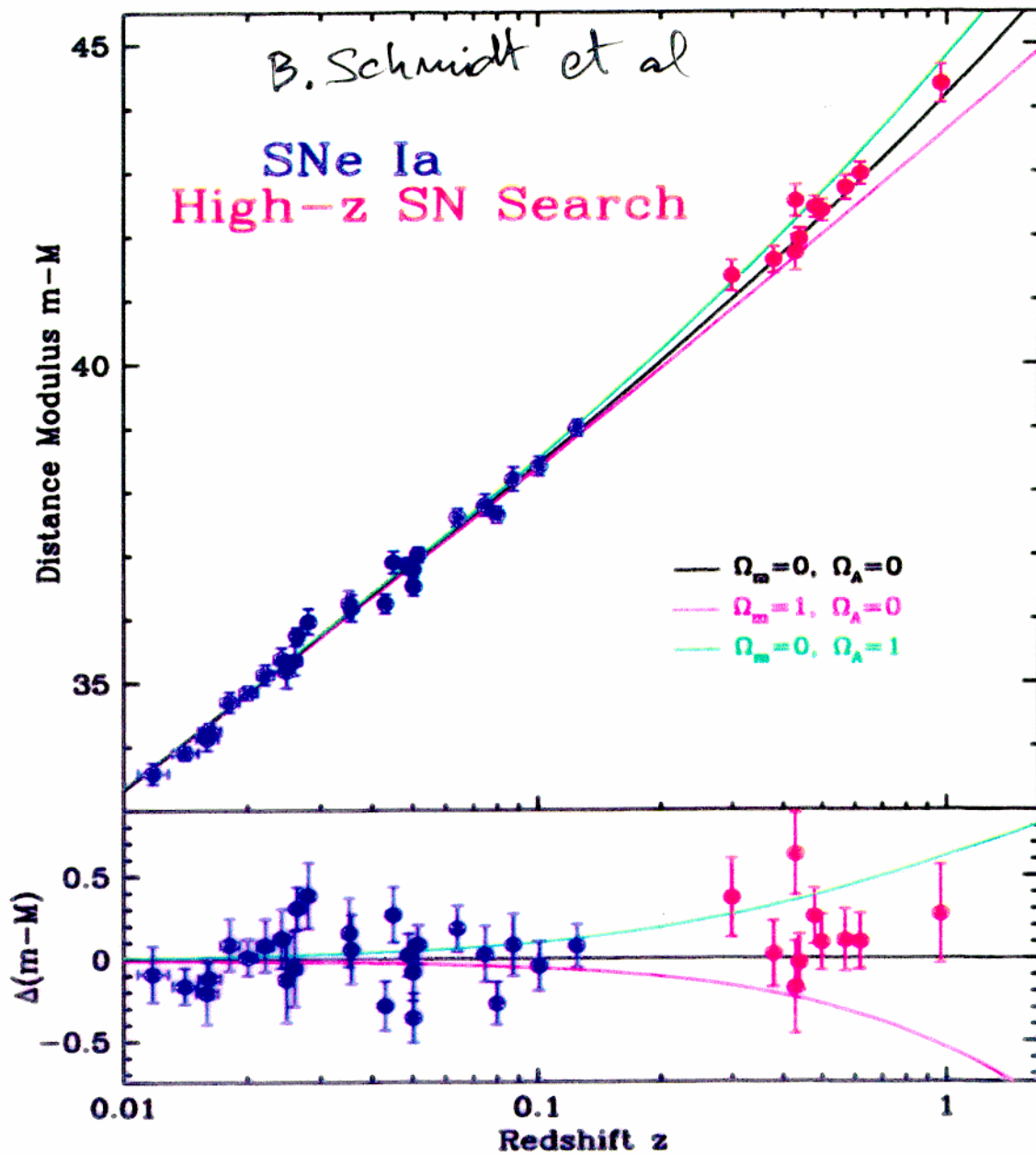


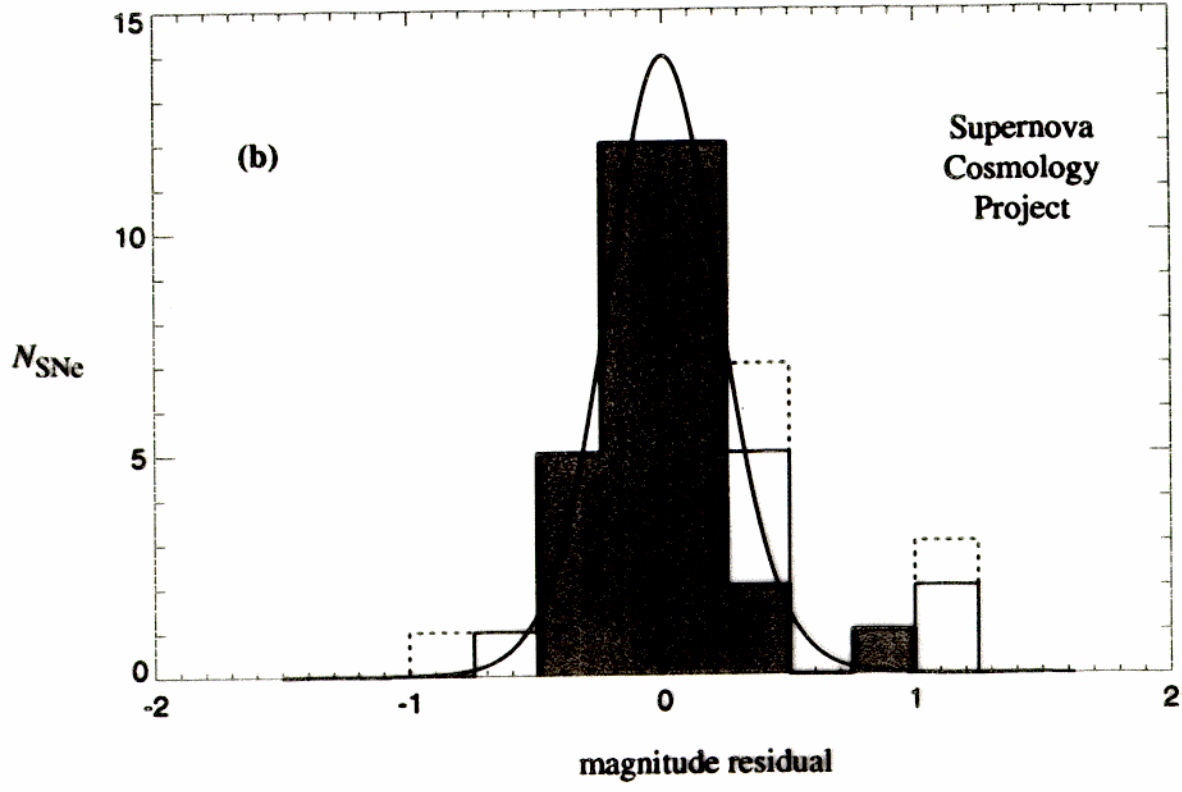
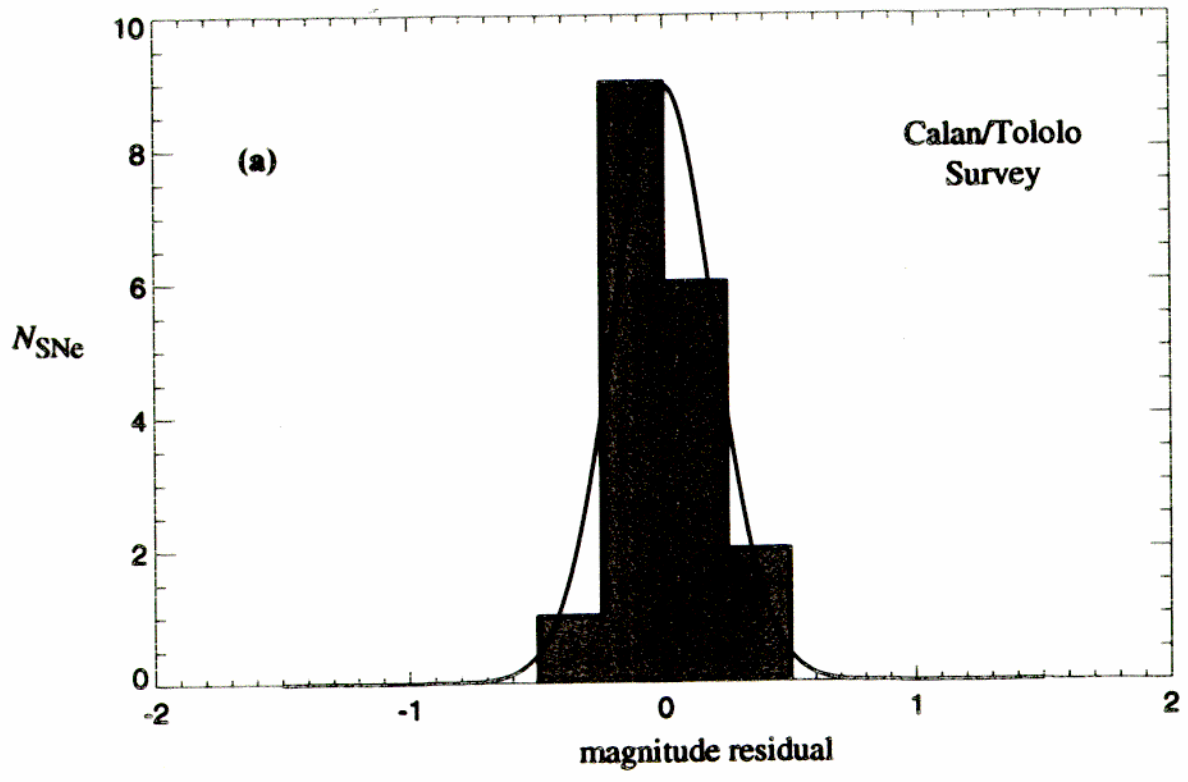




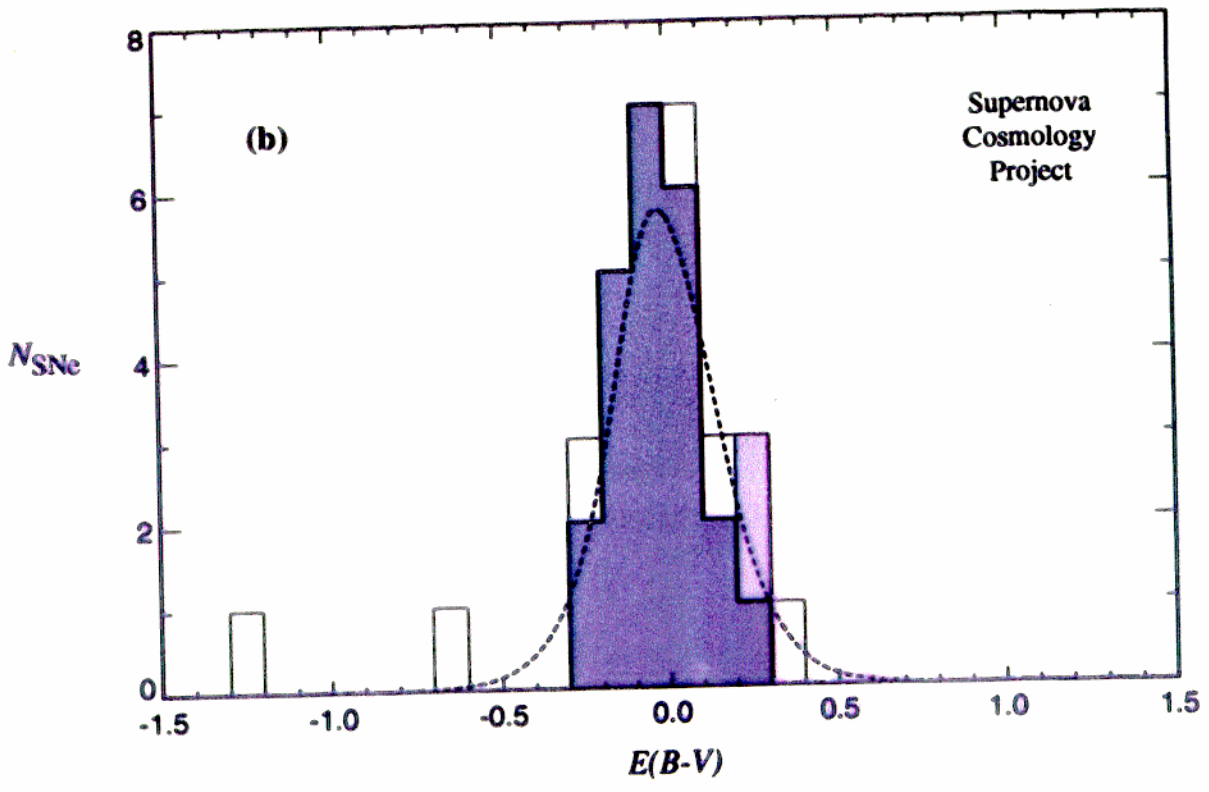
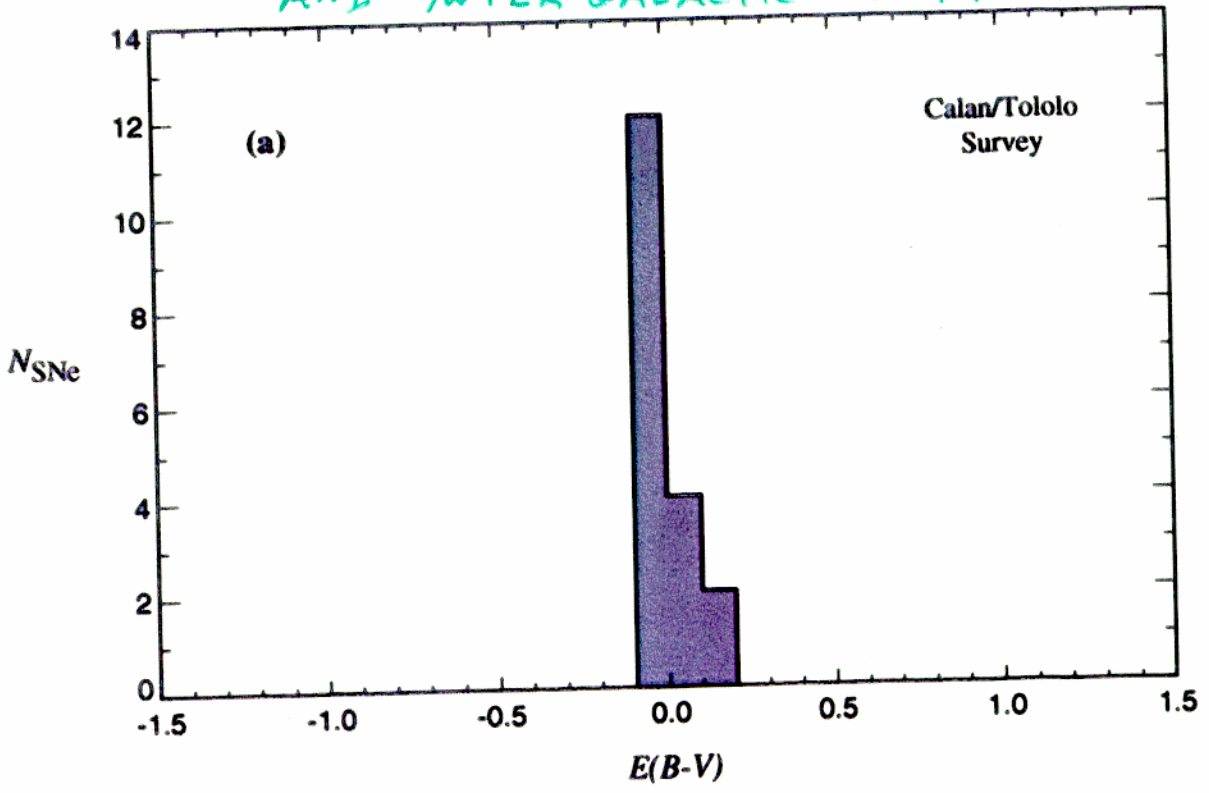




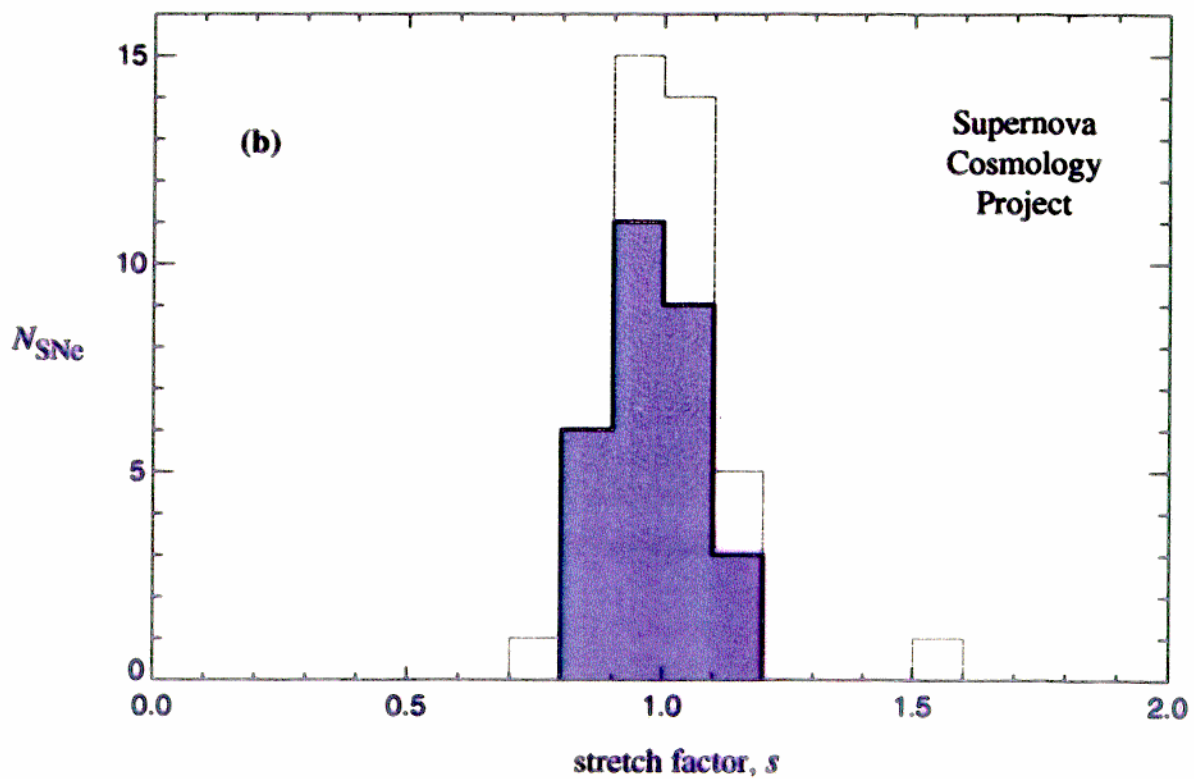
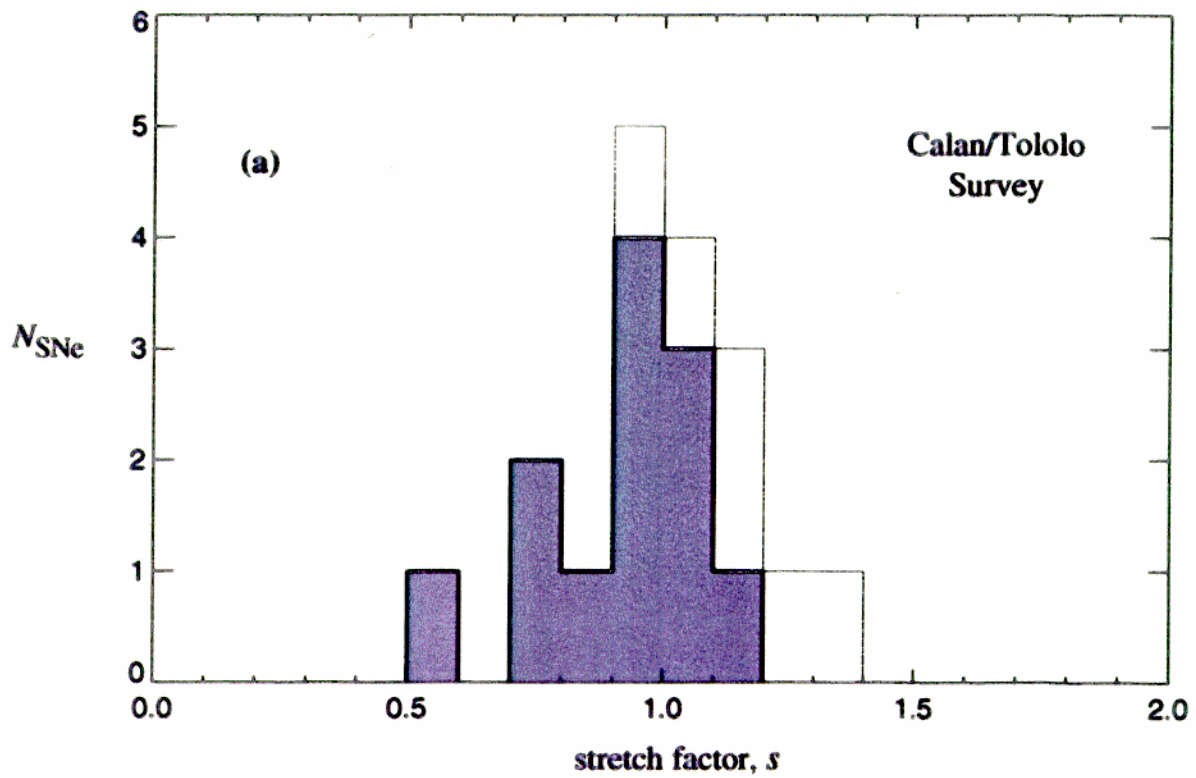


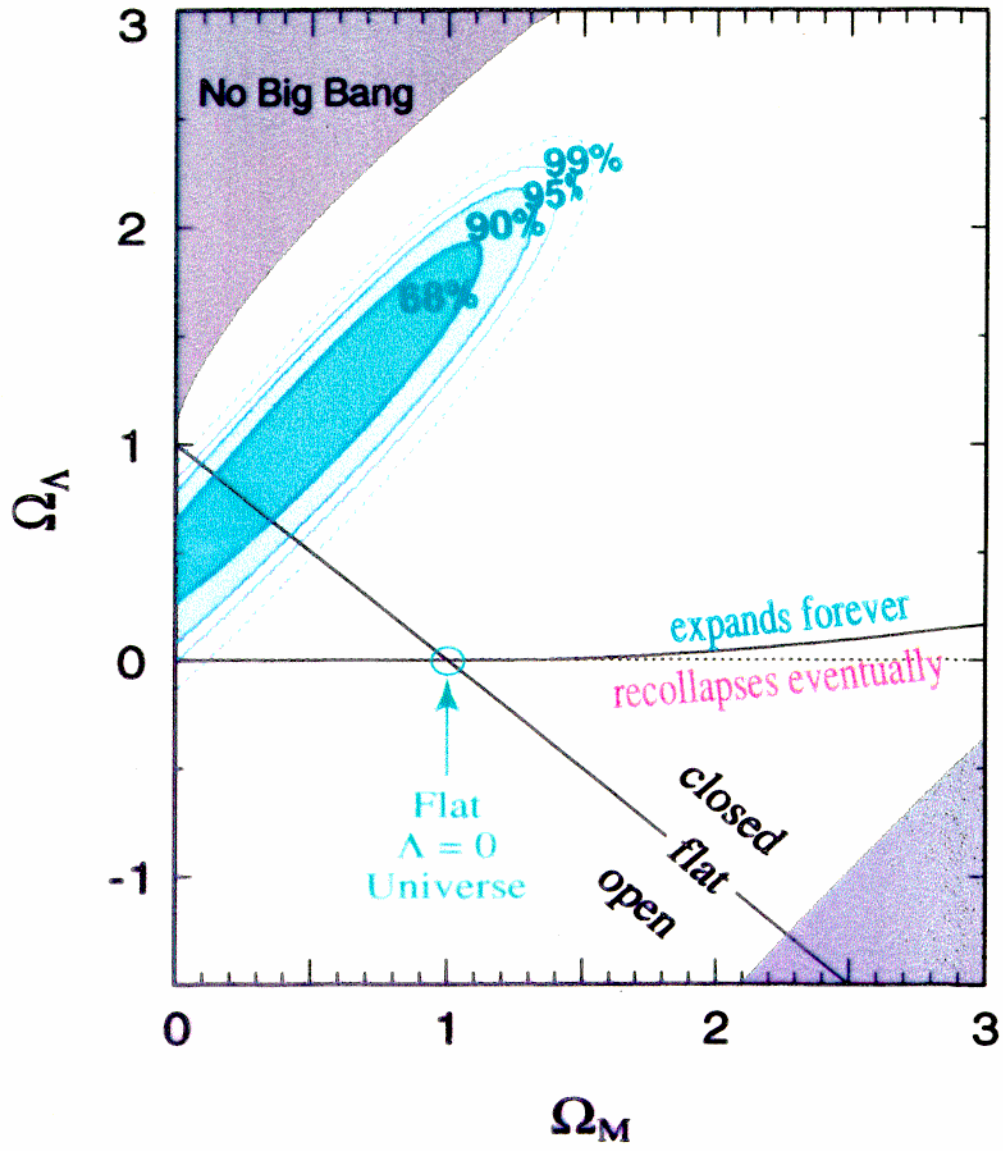


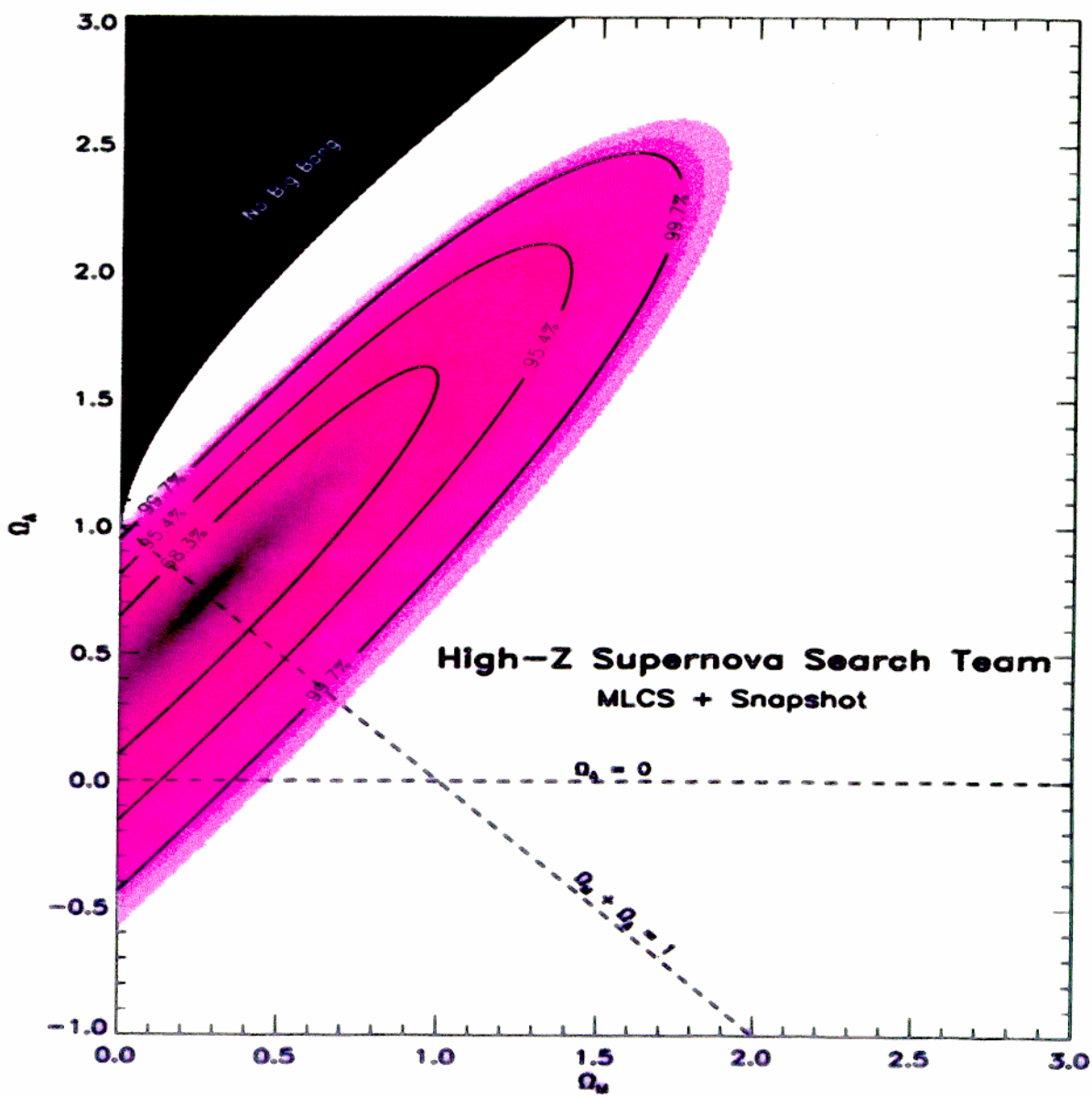
EXCESS COLOR DUE TO HOST GALAXY  
AND INTER GALACTIC ABSORPTION



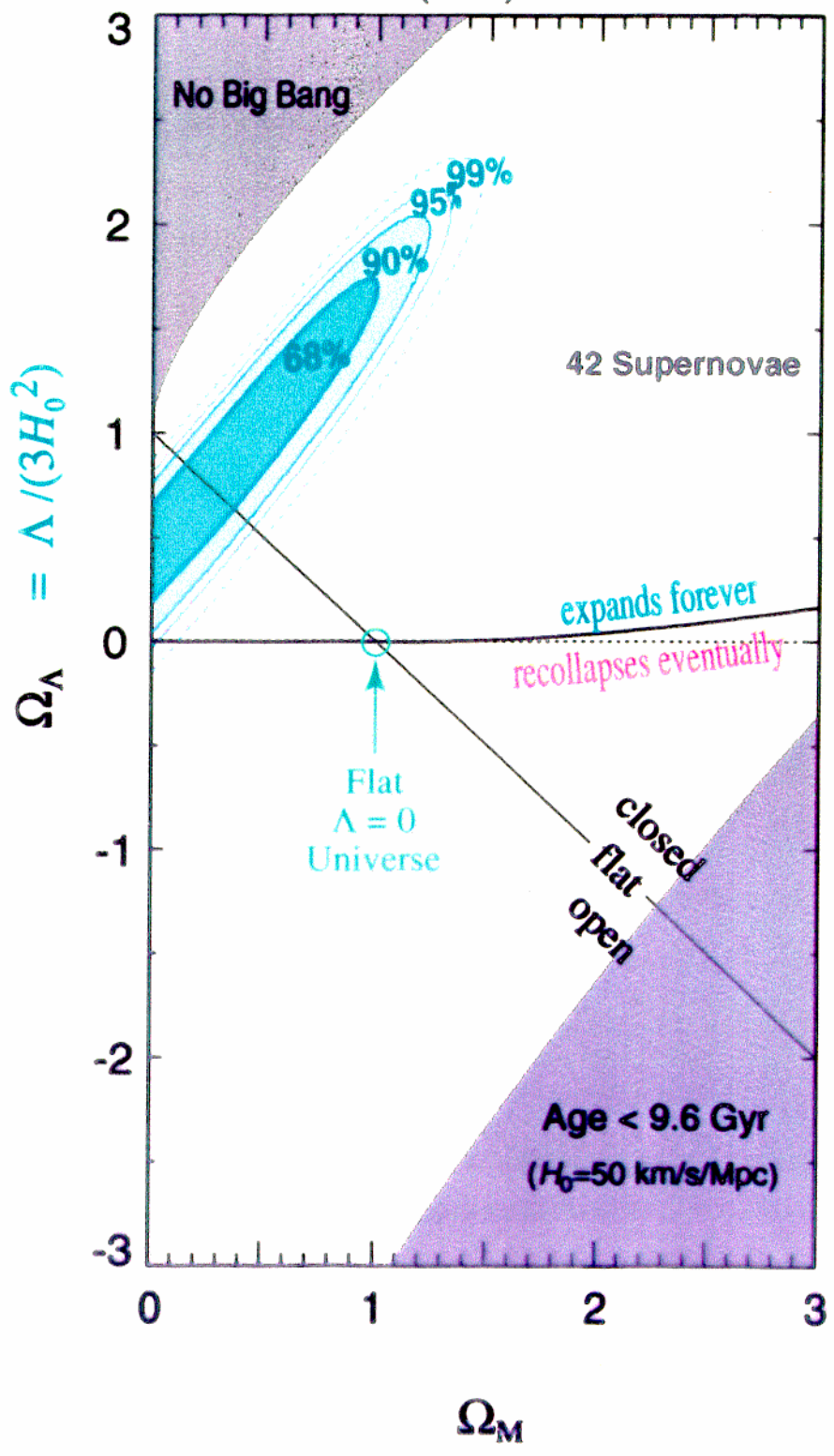




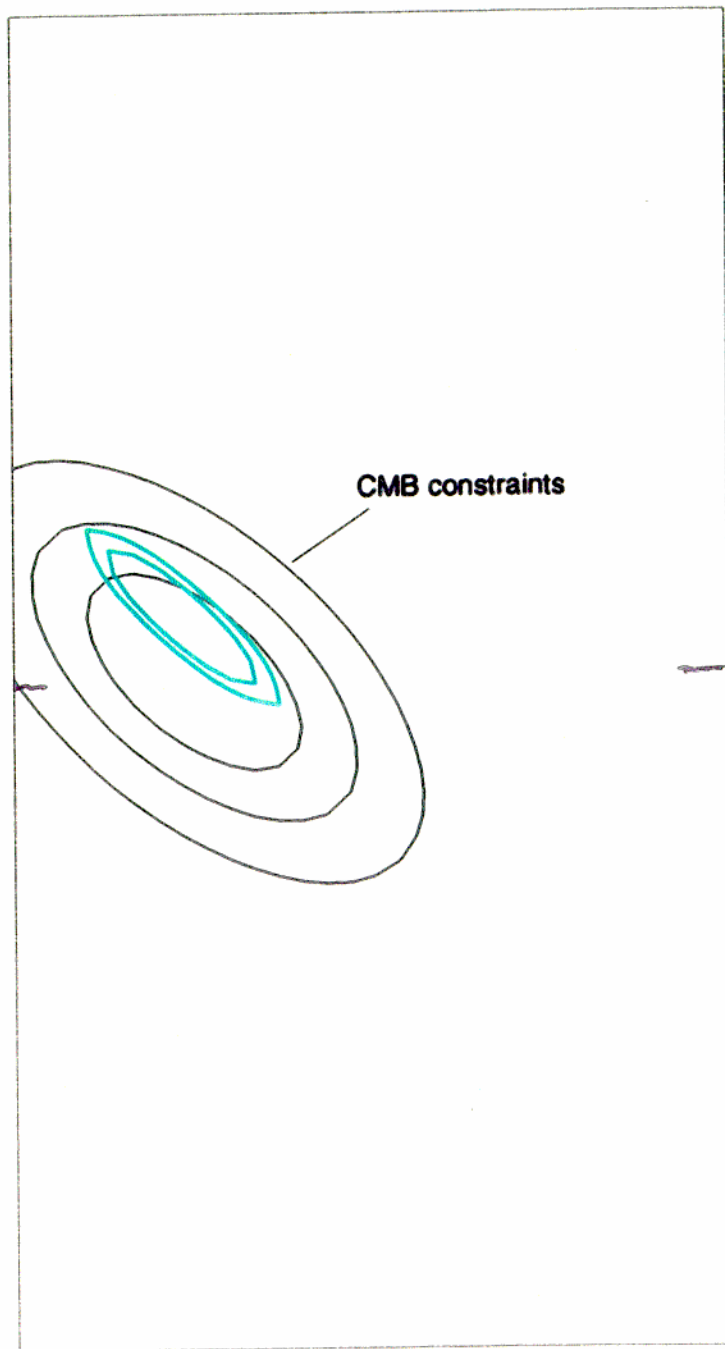




Supernova Cosmology Project  
Perlmutter et al. (1998)

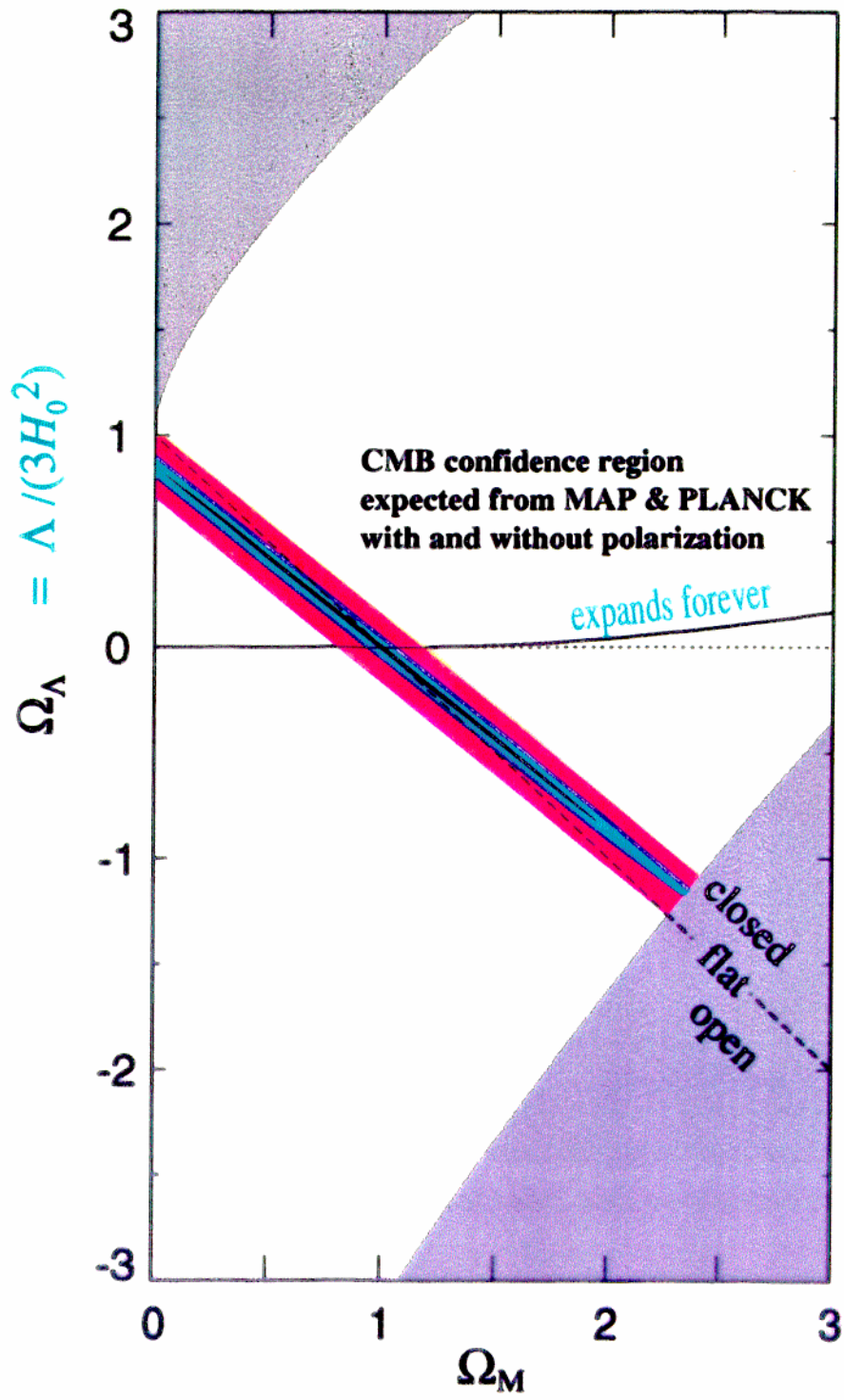


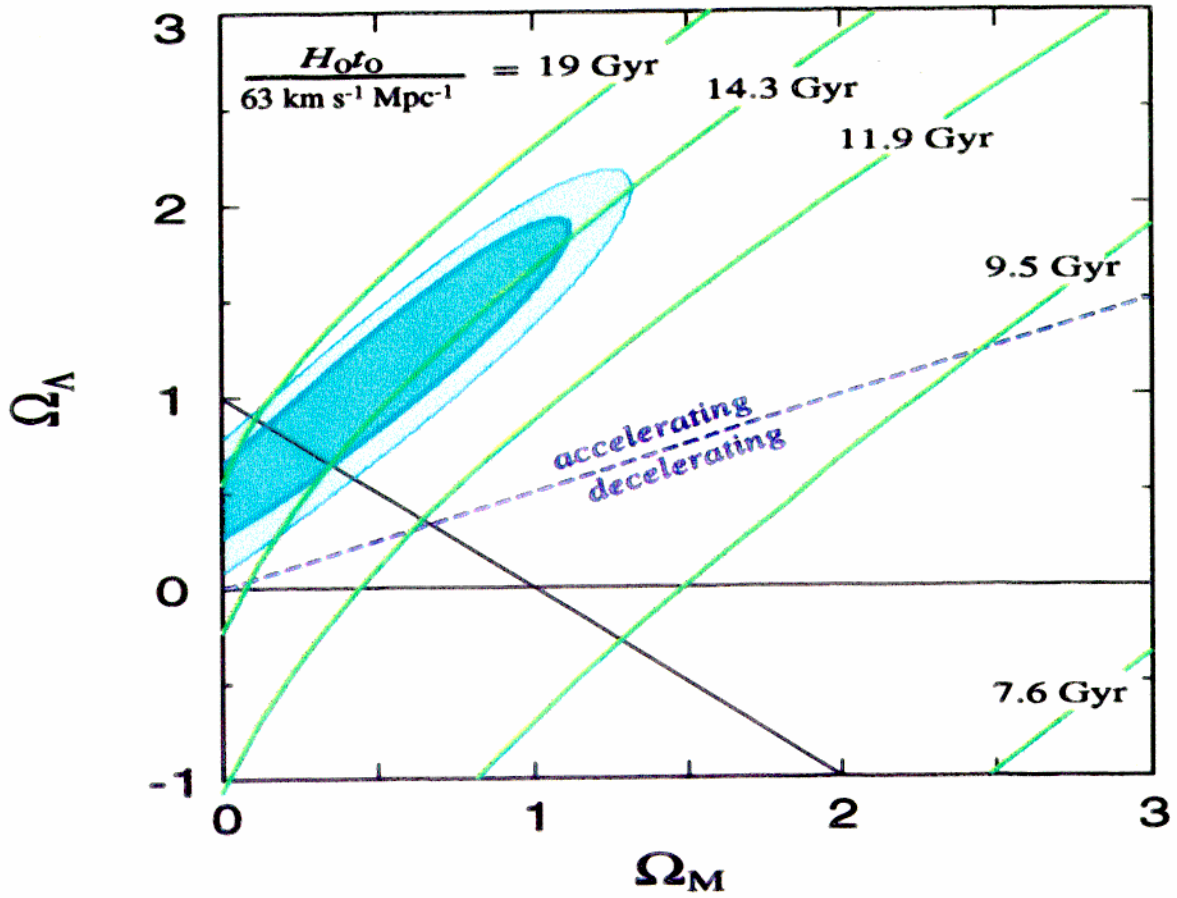




ESTIMATES FROM CMB DATA

Tegmark, Eisenstein, & Hu (1998)





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## Recent results on $\Omega_M$ and $\Omega_\Lambda$

- The Supernova Cosmology Project  
S. Perlmutter et al.

$$P(\Lambda > 0) > 98\%$$

$$\Omega_M(\Omega_T = 1) = 0.30^{+0.08}_{-0.09}(\text{stat})^{+0.05}_{-0.03}(\text{syst})$$

$$1.3\Omega_M - \Omega_\Lambda \simeq -0.4$$

- The High-z Supernova Search Team  
B. Schmidt et al.

$$\Omega_M(\Lambda = 0) = -0.35 \pm 0.18$$

$$\Omega_M(\Omega_T = 1) = 0.24 \pm 0.1$$

- $\Omega_M = 1, \Lambda = 0$  strongly excluded
- $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$  at  $\sim 98\% C.L.$
- The Universe will expand forever
- $q_0 < 0$ , expansion currently accelerating  
( $q_0^{flat} = -0.55 \pm 0.15$ )



WHEN DID THE MATTER  
DOMINATED UNIVERSE  
TURN TO  $\Lambda$  DOMINATED?

$$(1+z)^3 \Omega_M = \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$z = 0.33$$

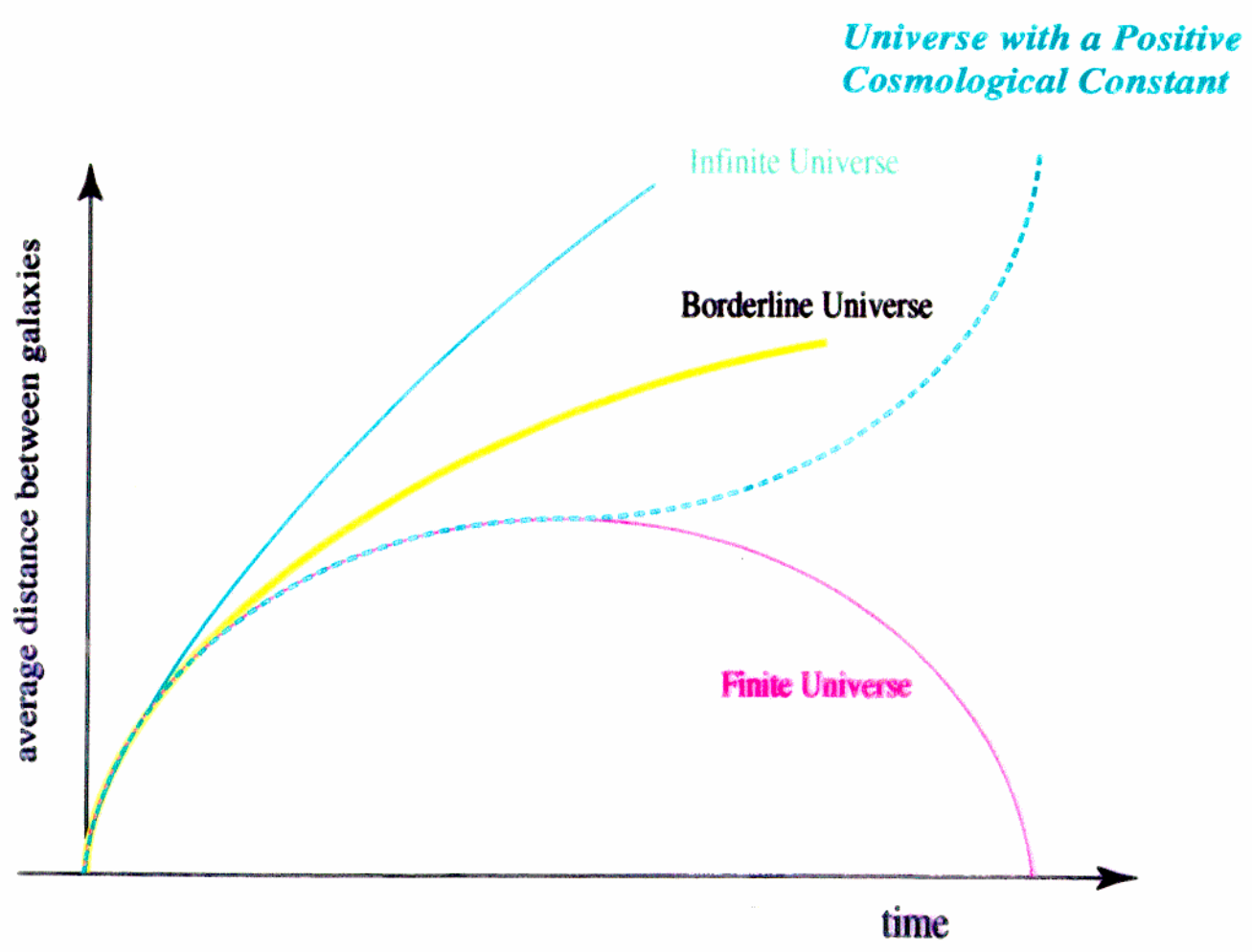
WHEN DID DECELERATION  
TURN TO ACCELERATION  
OF THE UNIVERSE?

$$q = \frac{\Omega_M}{2} - \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$(1+z)^3 \frac{\Omega_M}{2} = \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$z = 0.67$$

BOTH OCCURED DURING THE  
PERIODS OUR SNe WERE  
EXPLODING!



## FIRE AND ICE

By Robert Frost

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.