



# Dark Energy Survey

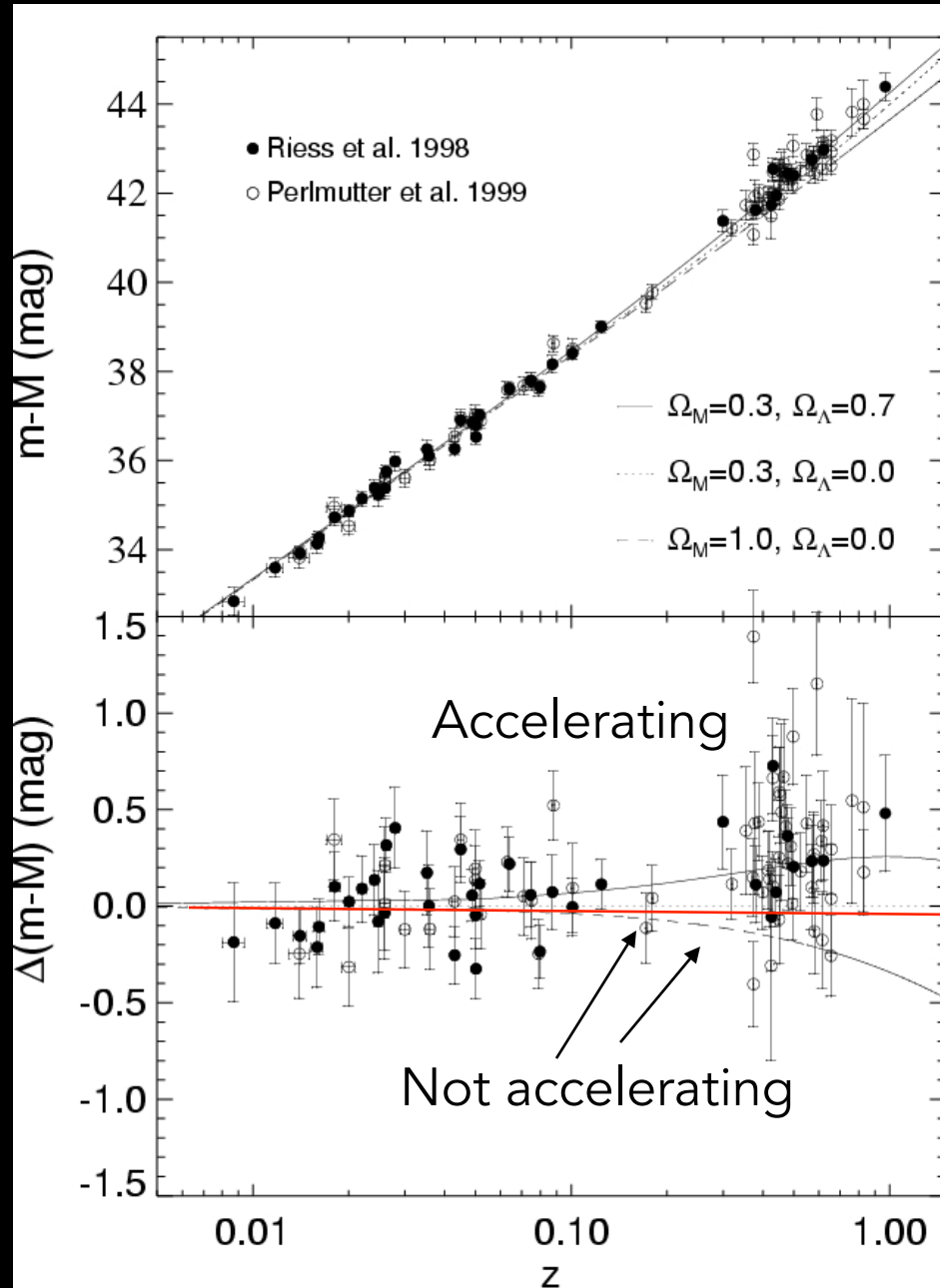
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(thanks to Chris D'Andrea, Andreas Papadopoulos  
and DES collaboration)

Brazil Webinar March 2015

# DISCOVERY OF COSMIC ACCELERATION



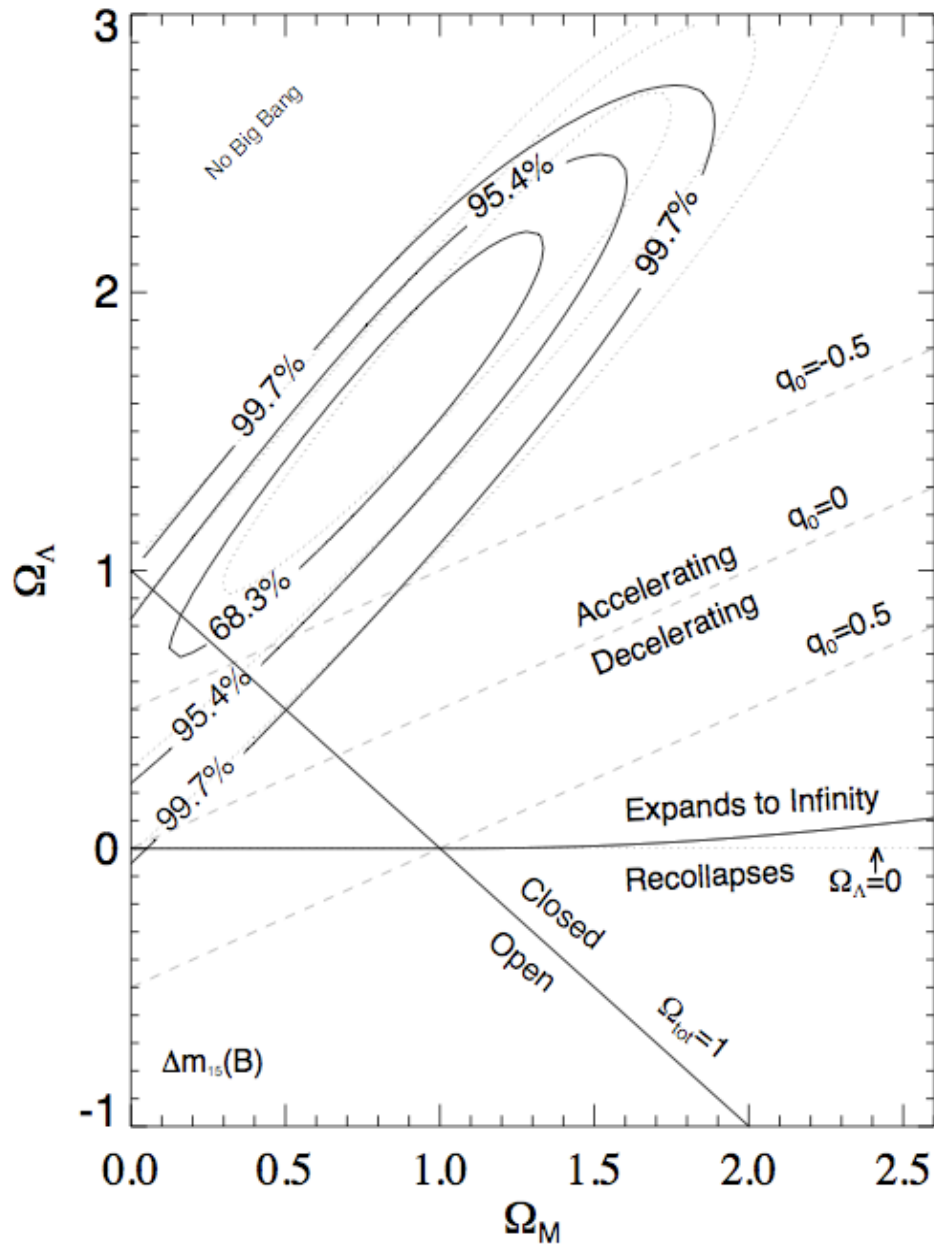
Type Ia supernovae that exploded when the Universe was 2/3 its present size are ~25% fainter than expected

$(\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda)$   
(0.3, 0.7)  
(0.3, 0.0)  
(1.0, 0.0)

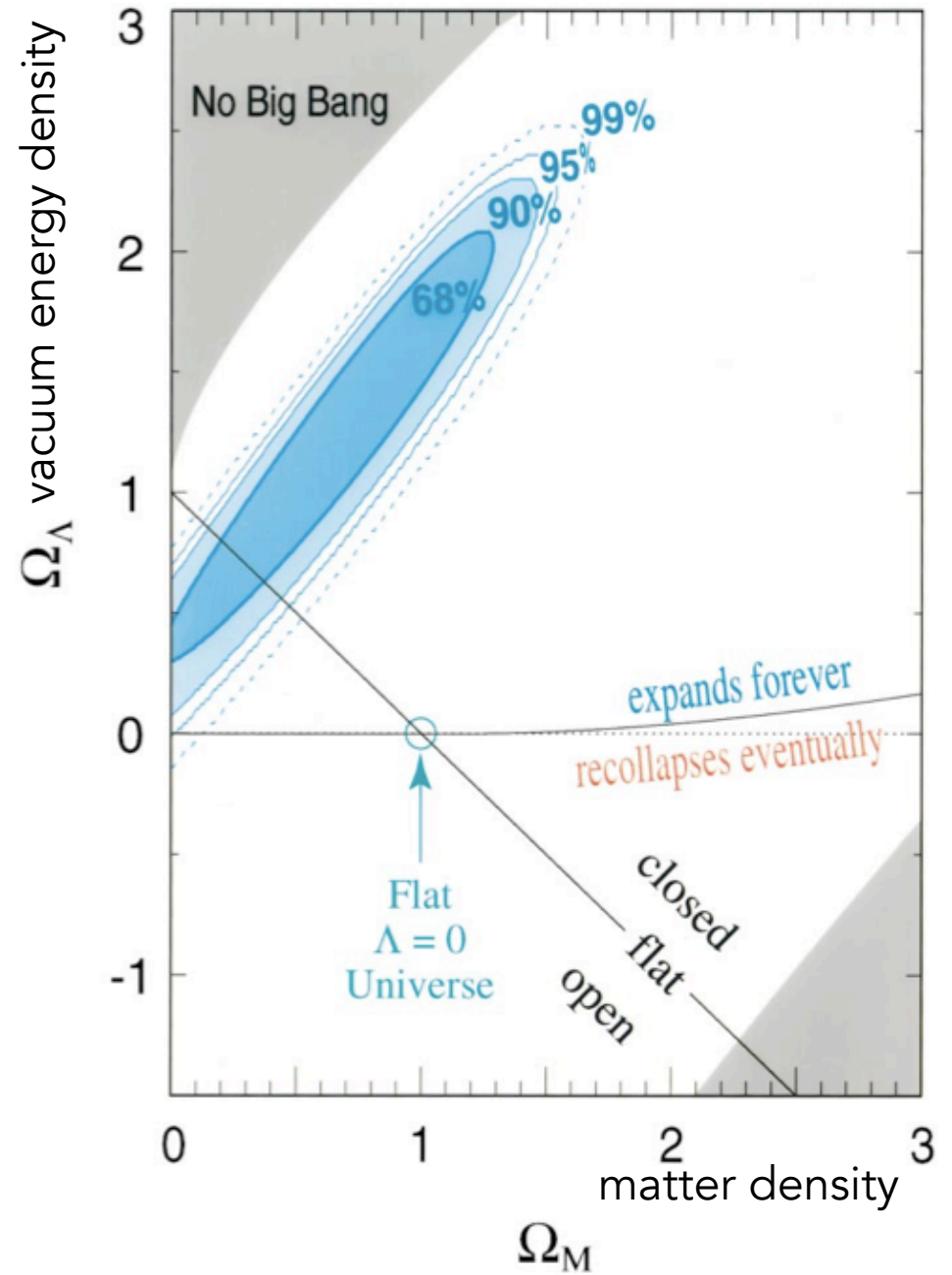
2011 Nobel Prize in Physics



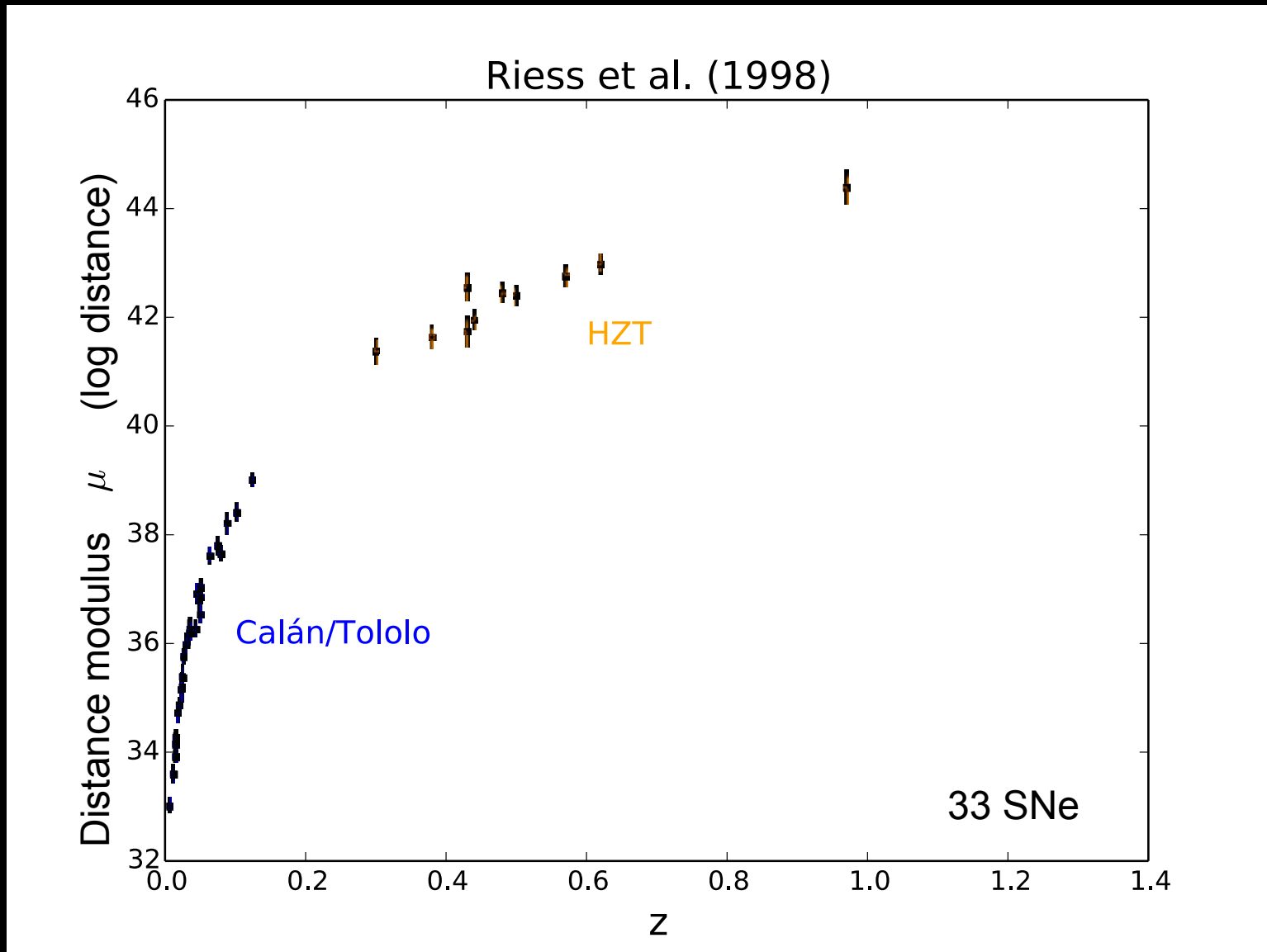
Riess et al. (1998, AJ)



Perlmutter et al. (1999, ApJ)

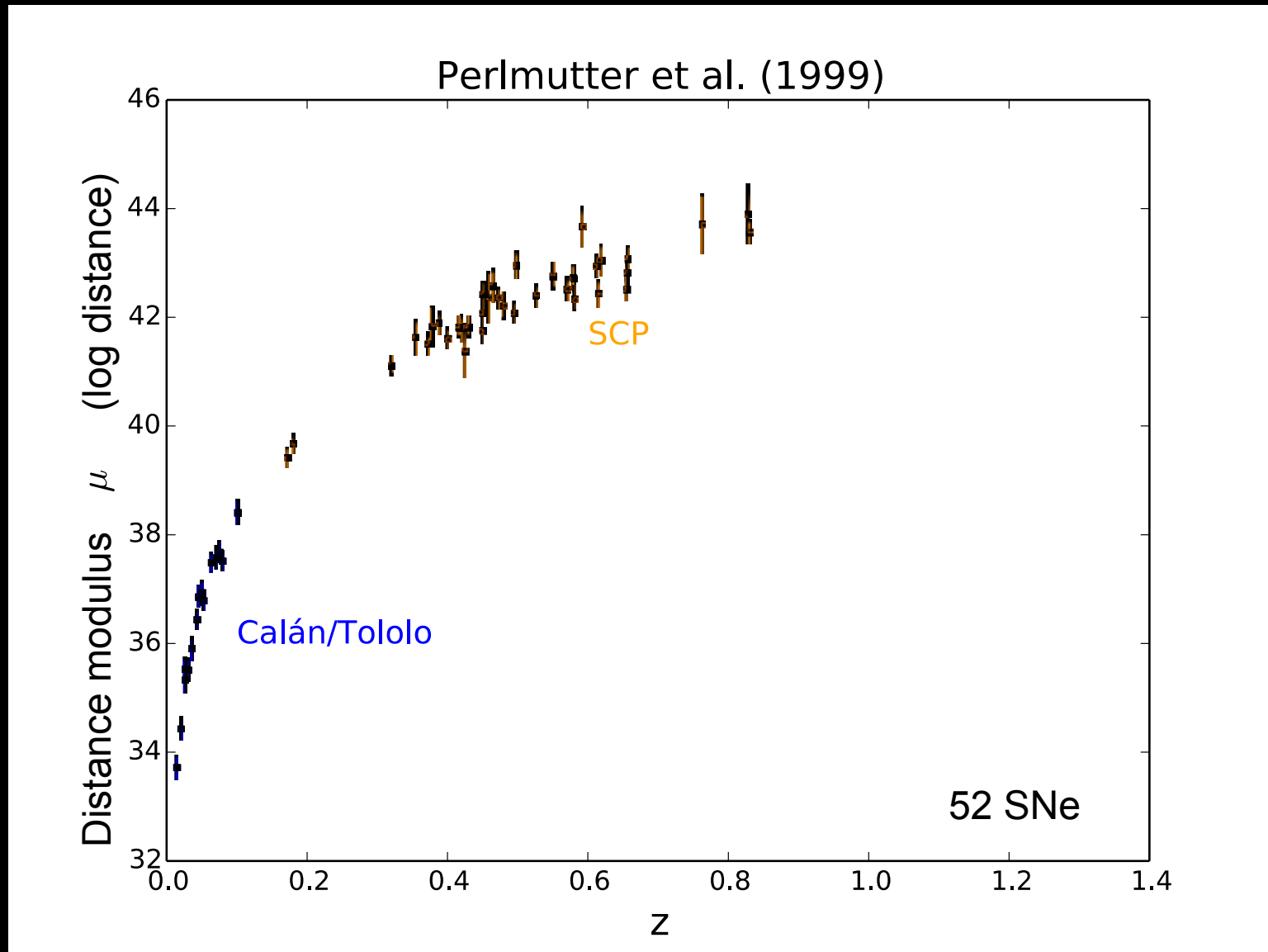


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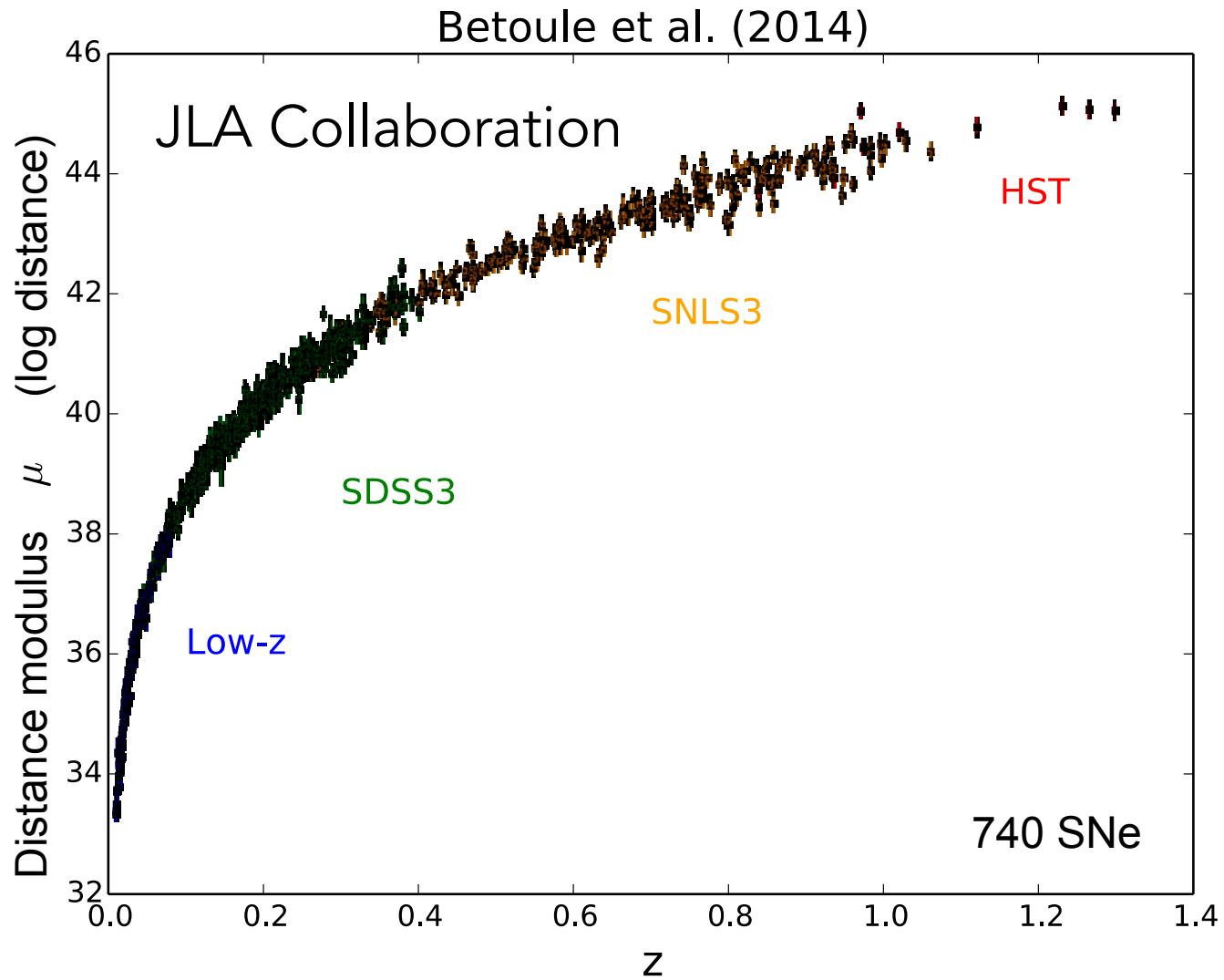




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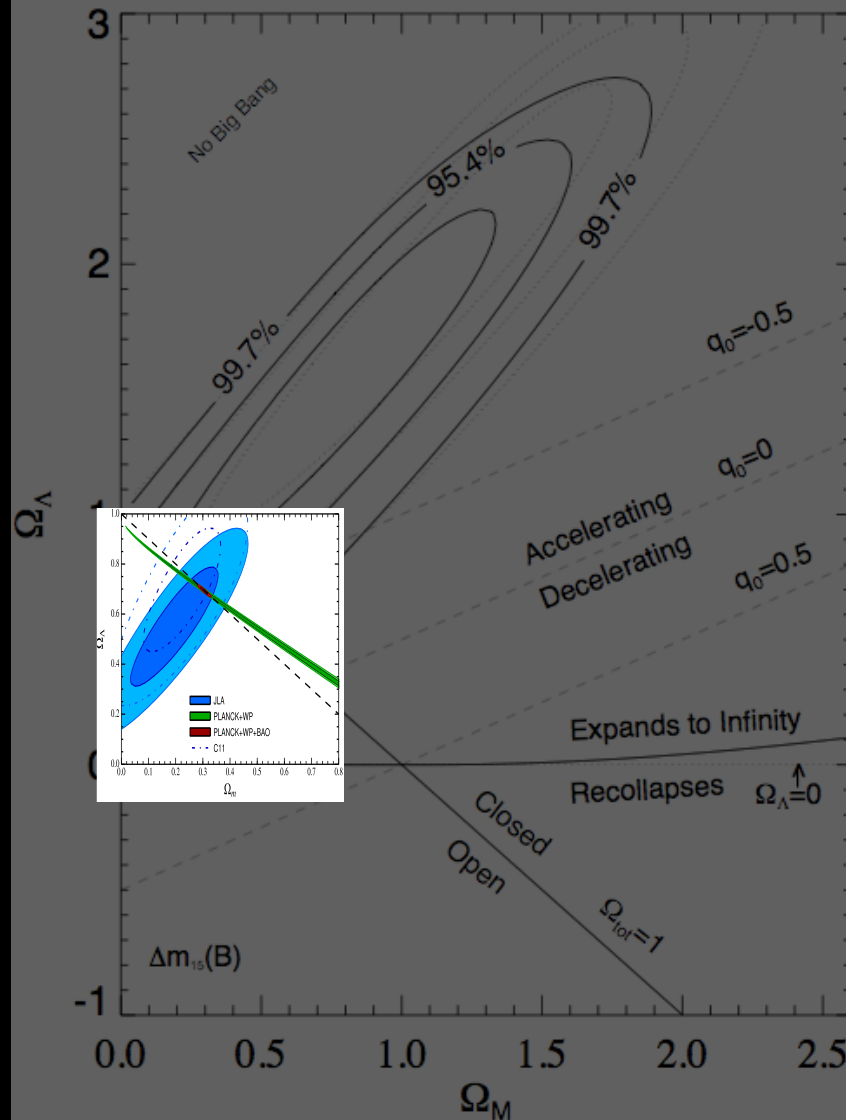
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# PROGRESS OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS

Riess et al. (1998, AJ)



Supernovae

Cosmic Microwave  
Background  
(Planck, WMAP)

CMB+BAO

Here assuming  
 $w = -1$

Betoule et al. 2014

# COSMOLOGICAL DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i (1 + 3w_i)$$

Friedmann Equation  
from GR

Equation of state parameter:  $w_i = p_i / \rho_i c^2$

Non-relativistic matter:  $p_m \sim \rho_m v^2$ ,  $w \approx 0$

Relativistic particles:  $p_r = \rho_r c^2 / 3$ ,  $w = 1/3$

Acceleration ( $\ddot{a} > 0$ ) requires component with negative pressure:

Dark Energy:  $w_{DE} < -1/3$

Cosmological Constant:  $w_\Lambda = -1$

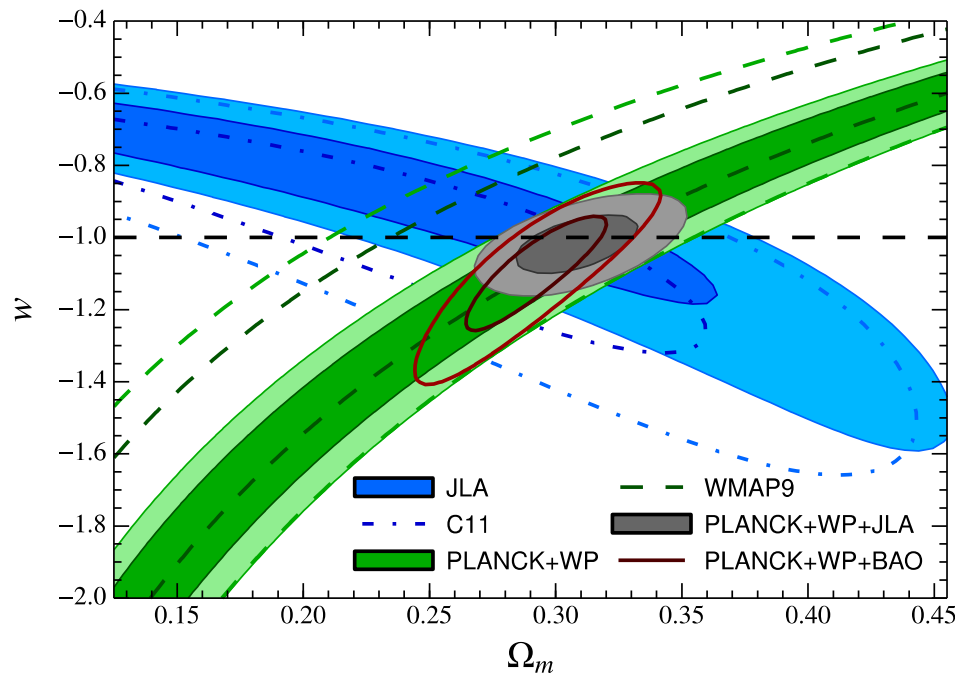
or Replace GR dynamics with another gravity theory



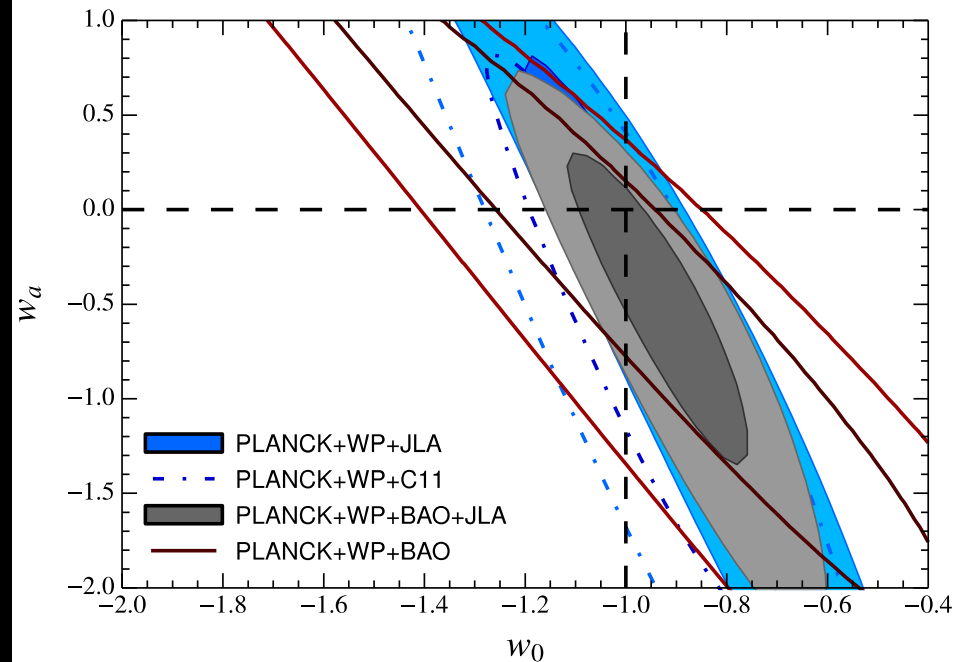
# CURRENT DARK ENERGY CONSTRAINTS

Supernovae, CMB, and Large-Scale Structure

Assuming constant  $w$



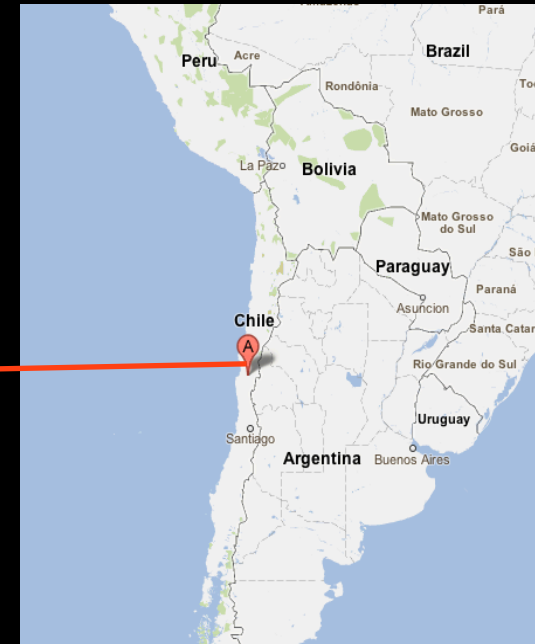
Assuming  $w = w_0 + w_a(1-a)$



Consistent with vacuum energy ( $\Lambda$ ):  $w_0 = -1$ ,  $w_a = 0$

Betoule et. al (2014)

# ORIGINS OF THE DARK ENERGY SURVEY



- Late 2003: NOAO Announcement of Opportunity for new facility instrument on the Blanco 4-meter telescope
  - Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory
  - Good seeing:  $\sim 0.75''$  median for site
  - High percentage of clear, photometric nights
- DES collaboration formed to build *Dark Energy Camera* and carry out *Dark Energy Survey*

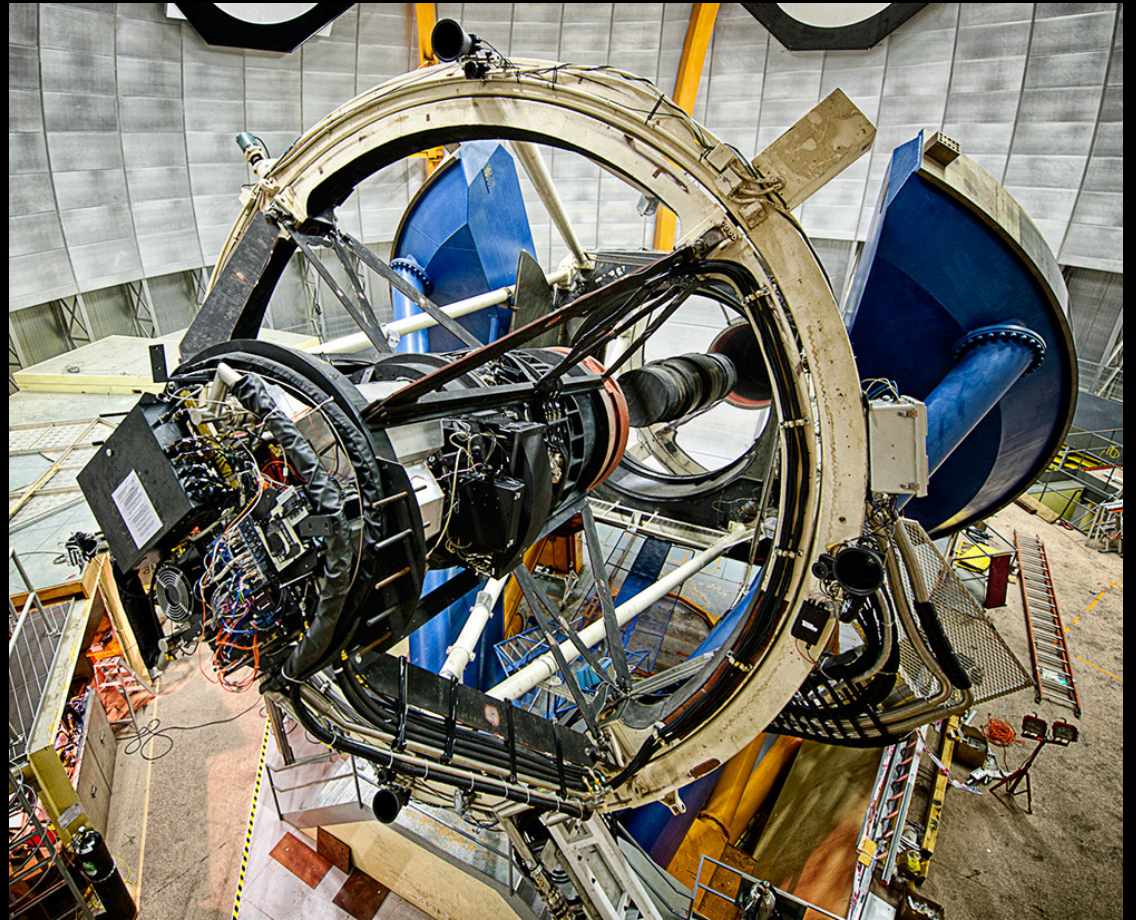




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# THE DARK ENERGY SURVEY

- Probe Dark Energy and the origin of Cosmic Acceleration
  - ✦ Distance vs. redshift
  - ✦ Growth of Structure
- Two multicolor surveys:
  - ✦ 300 M galaxies over 1/8 sky
  - ✦ 3500 supernovae (30 deg<sup>2</sup>)
- Built new camera for CTIO Blanco telescope
  - ✦ Facility instrument
- Five-year Survey
  - ✦ 525 nights (Aug - Feb)





# DARK ENERGY SURVEY COLLABORATION

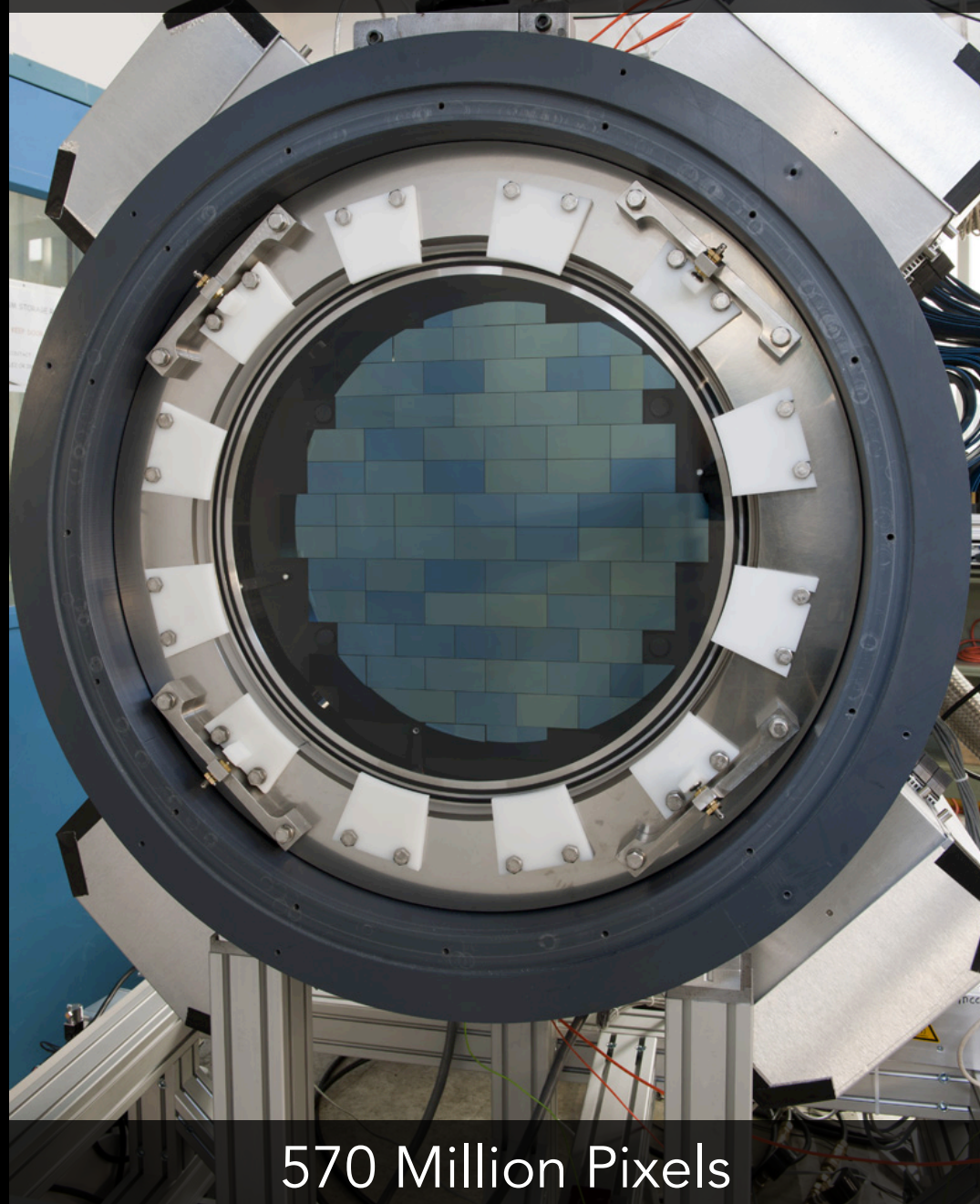
~300 scientists

Fermilab, UIUC/NCSA, University of Chicago, LBNL, NOAO, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Argonne National Lab, Ohio State University, Santa-Cruz/SLAC/Stanford, Texas A&M



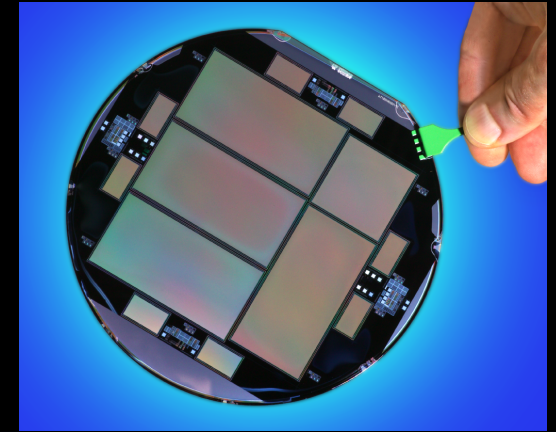


# THE DARK ENERGY CAMERA

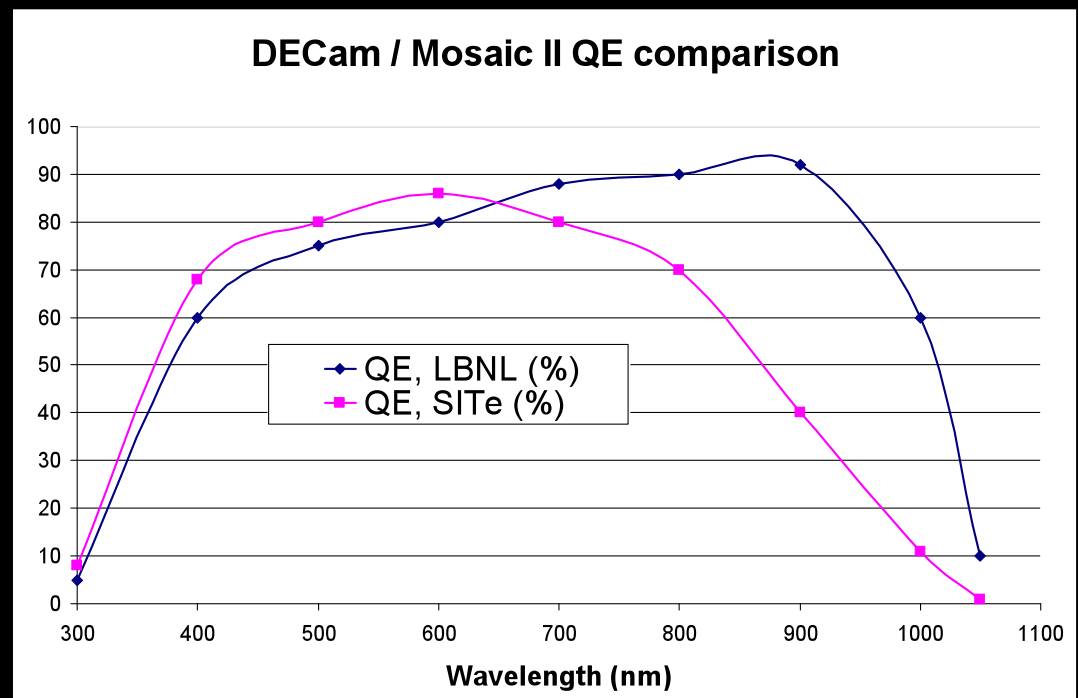
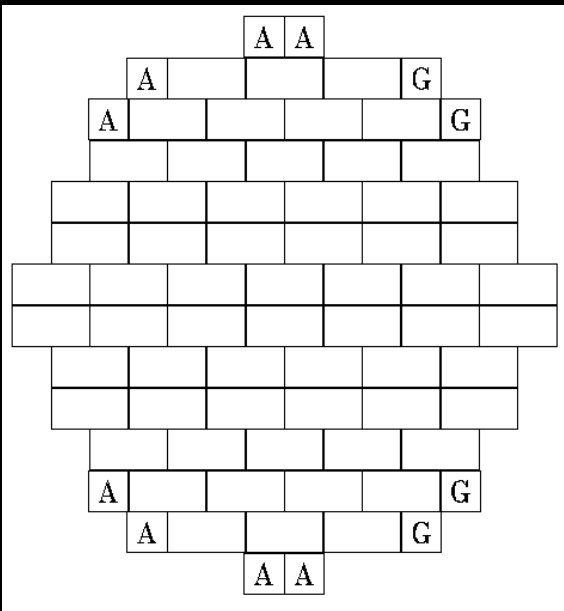




# DECAM CCDs



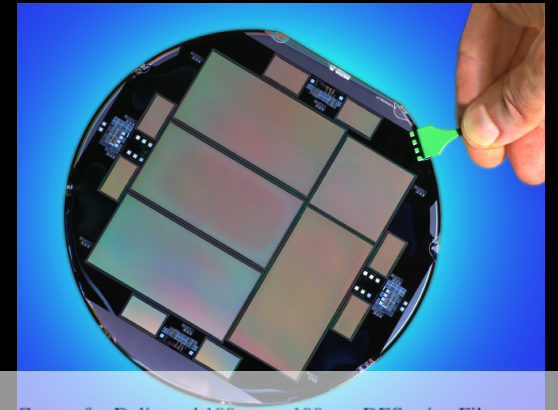
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- 12 2kx2k guide and focus chips
- Excellent red sensitivity
- Developed by LBNL, packaged and tested at FNAL
- Total 570 Megapixels



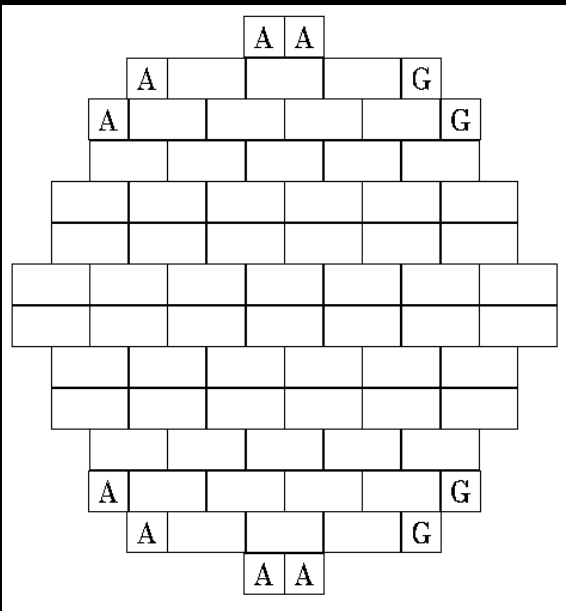


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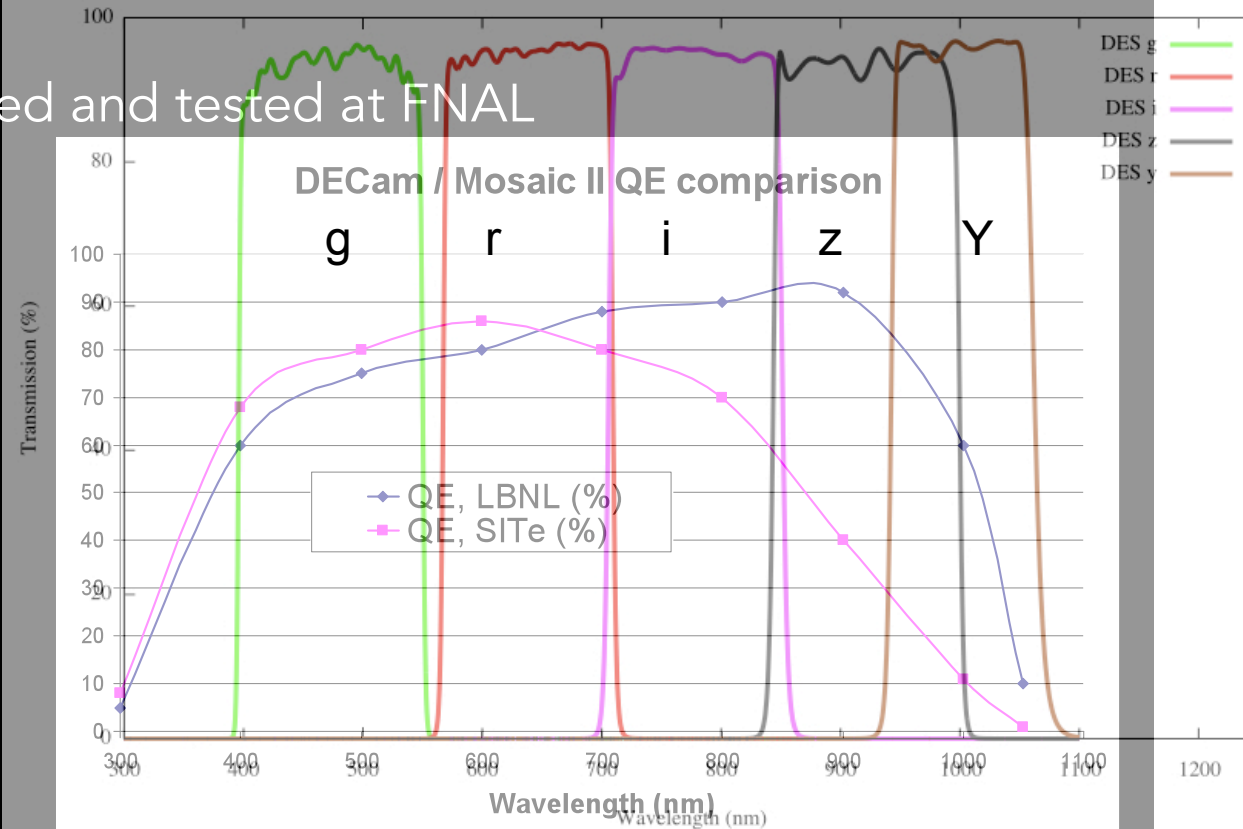
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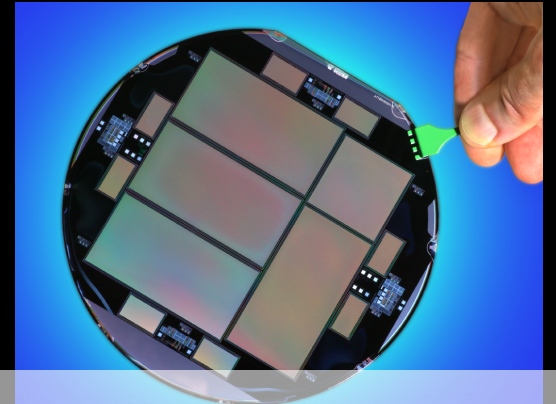


DES filters



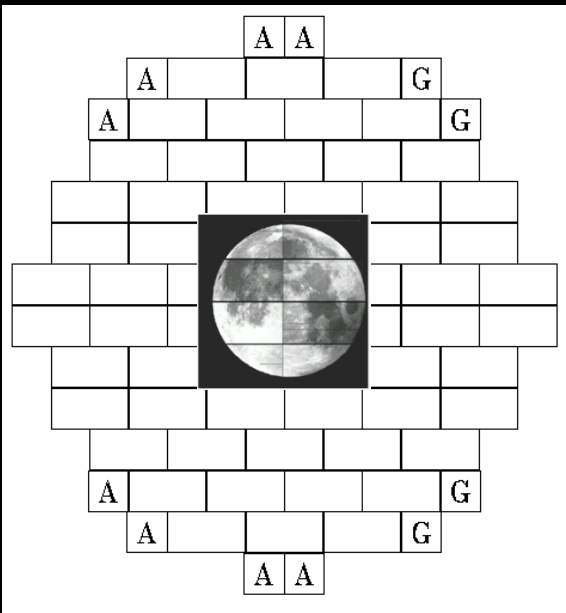
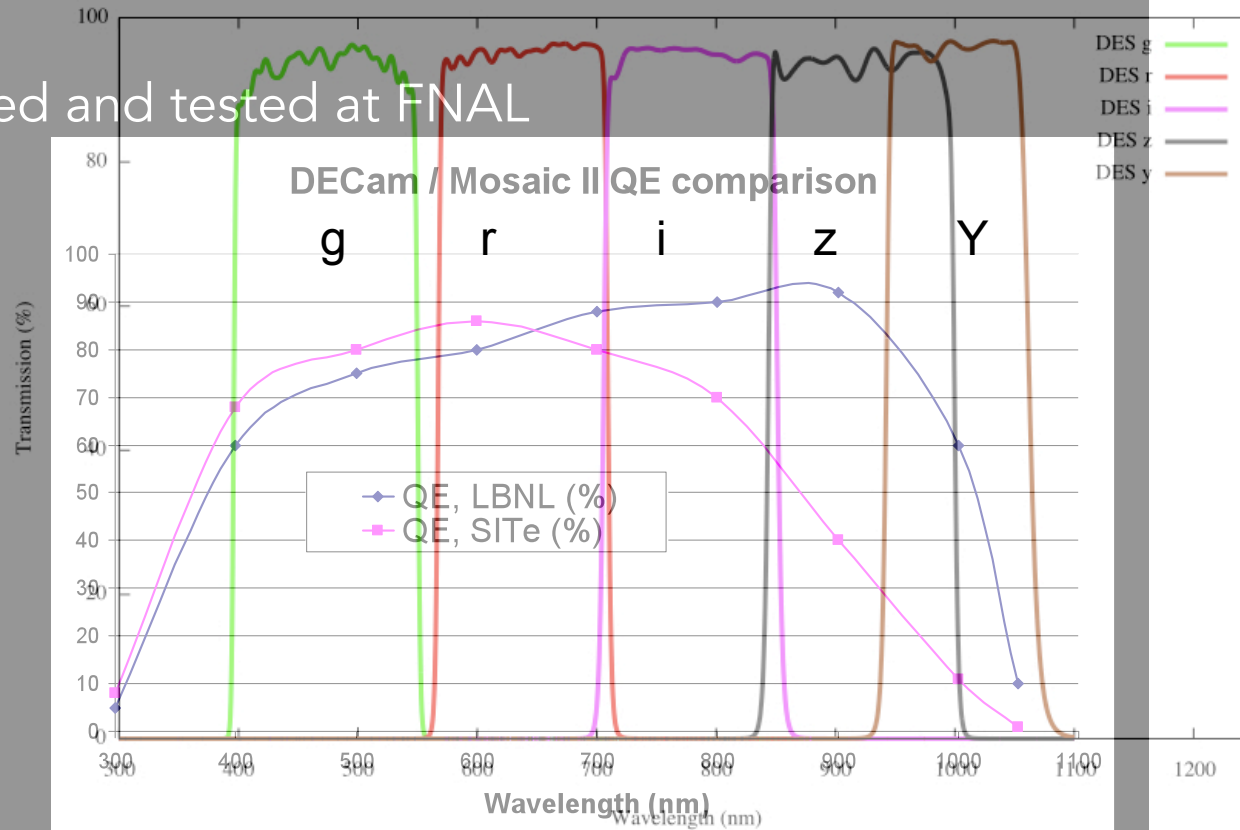


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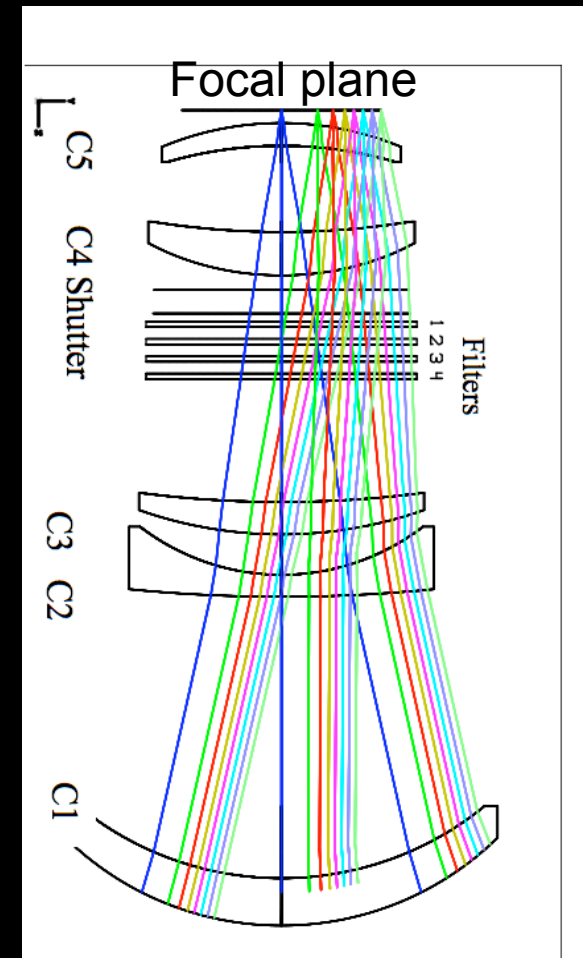
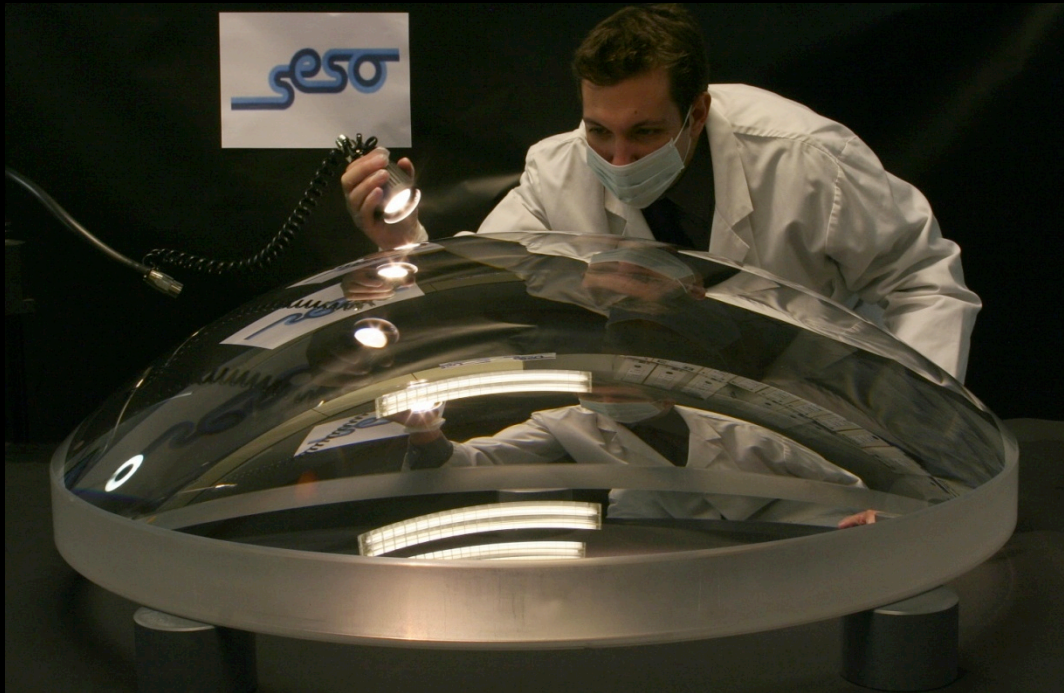




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# OPTICAL CORRECTOR LENSES

- Field of view: 2.2 deg diameter
- Good image quality across FOV
- Optical elements aligned at UCL





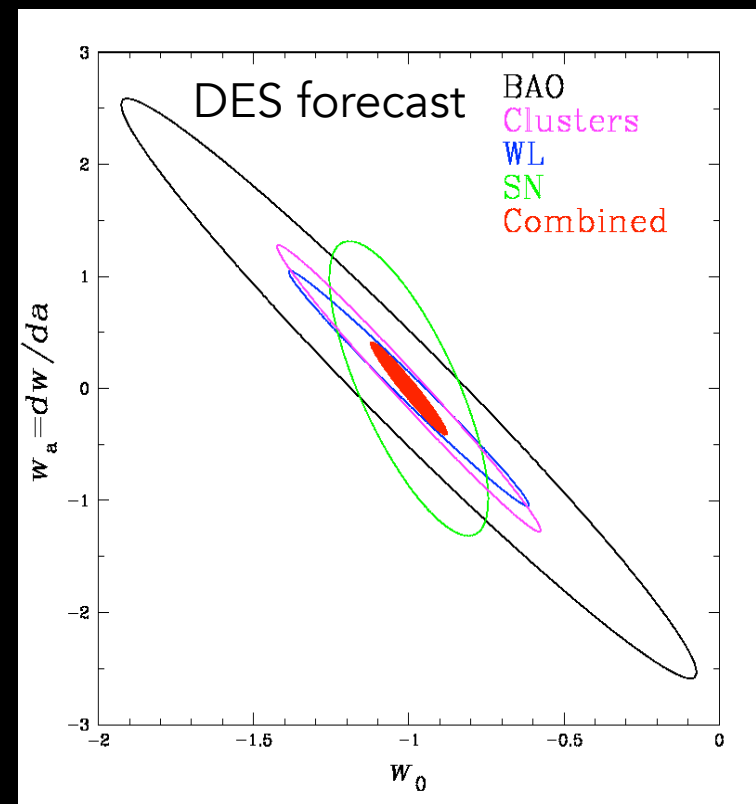
# DES SCIENCE PERFORMANCE

## Four Probes of Dark Energy:

- **Galaxy Clusters**
  - Tens of thousands of clusters to  $z \sim 1$
  - Synergy with SPT, VHS
- **Weak Lensing**
  - Shape and magnification measurements of 200 million galaxies
- **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations**
  - 300 million galaxies to  $z = 1$  and beyond
- **Supernovae**
  - 30 sq deg time-domain survey
  - 3500 well-sampled SNe Ia to  $z \sim 1$

Forecast Constraints on DE Equation of State

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1 - a(t))$$



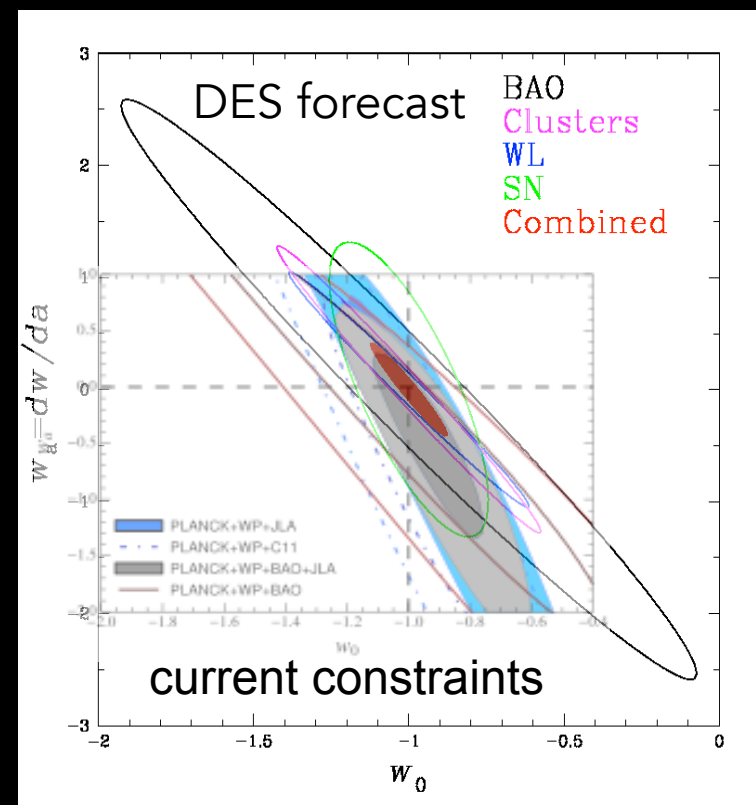
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# DES OBSERVING STRATEGY

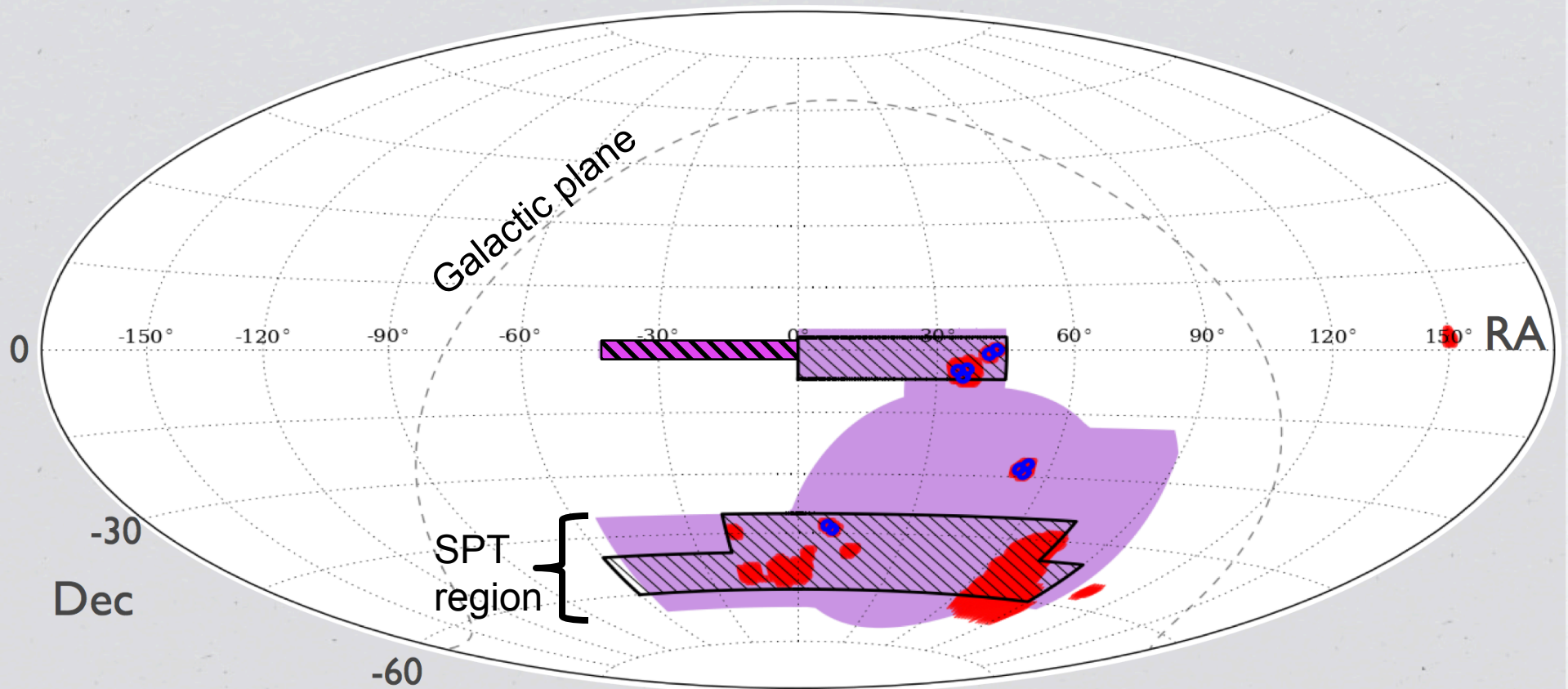
- *Wide Survey*: 5000 sq deg  
10x90s in *griz*; 10x45 s in *Y*
- Redder (bluer) bands in bright (dark) time
- Multiple overlapping exposures for photometric calibration ("ubercal")
- *Supernova Survey*: 10 fields  
~5 day cadence  
(8) shallow: 175/150/200/400s  
(2) deep: 600/1200/1800/3600s
- Wide/SN trigger based on seeing and SN gaps
- Overlap with SPT, OzDES, VHS, SDSS, eBOSS, ACT, ...
- Footprint overhead Aug – Feb
- DES members do all observing





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# DES SURVEY FOOTPRINT

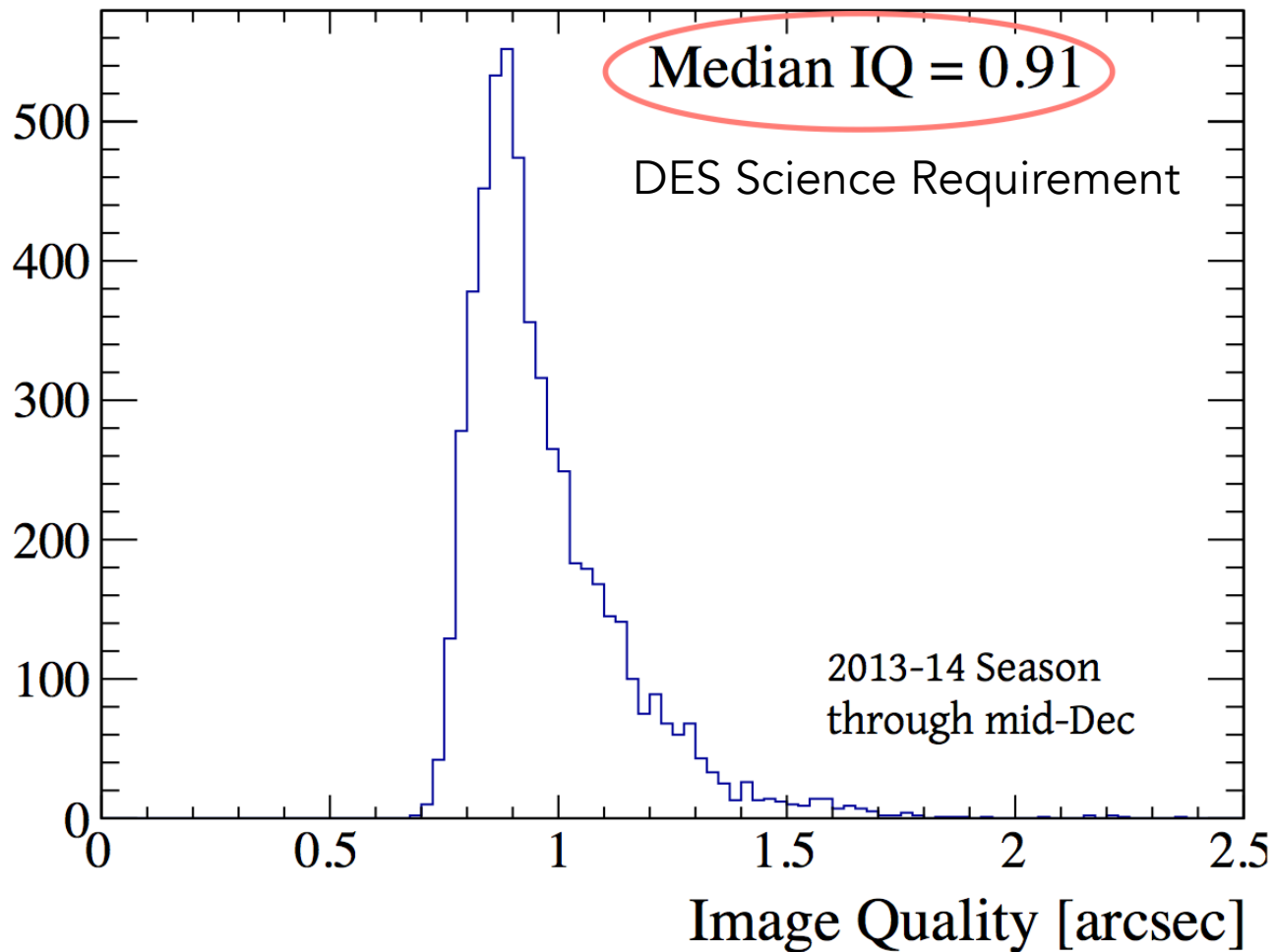


5000 sq. deg.  
 5-yr footprint      SN fields      Science Verification      Year 1

- Science Verification (SV): ~250 sq. deg. to ~full depth; 45 M objects
- Year 1 (Y1): ~2000 sq. deg; overlap SPT, SDSS: 4/10 tilings; 140 M objects

# DES Delivered Image Quality

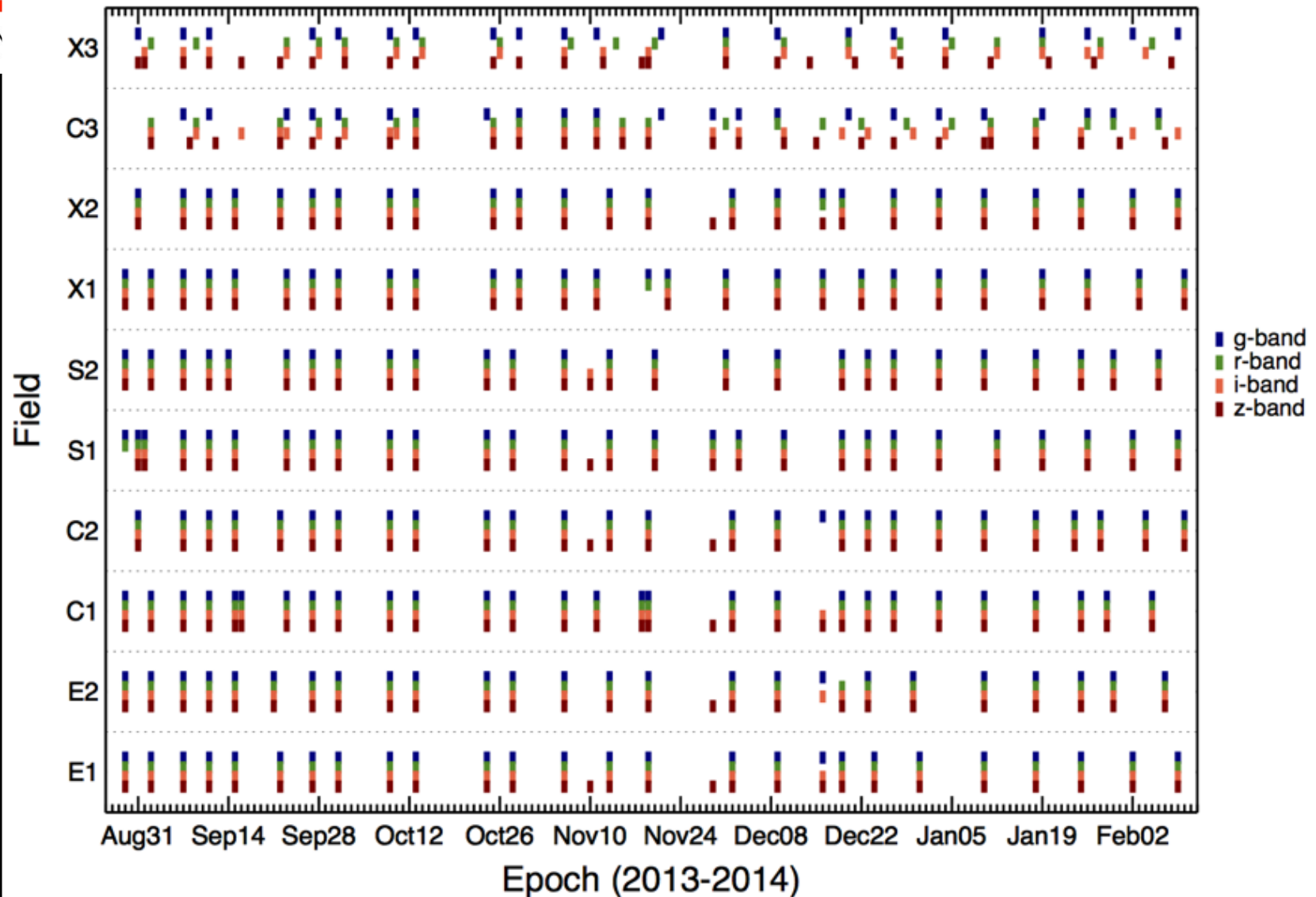
PSF FWHM for r,i,z band wide field images





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# DES Y1



~6 day average cadence



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All DES results in  
this talk are (mostly)

*PRELIMINARY*



# Clusters in Science Verification

RXC J2248.7-4431 ( $z=0.35$ )

Eric Suchyta, Peter Melchior, + DES-WL

5 x 3

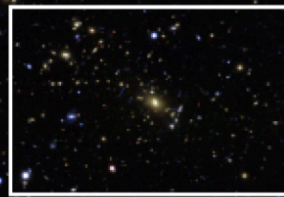
arcmin





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30 x 20 arcmin



# Clusters in Science Verification

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preliminary mass  
map contours:  
significance





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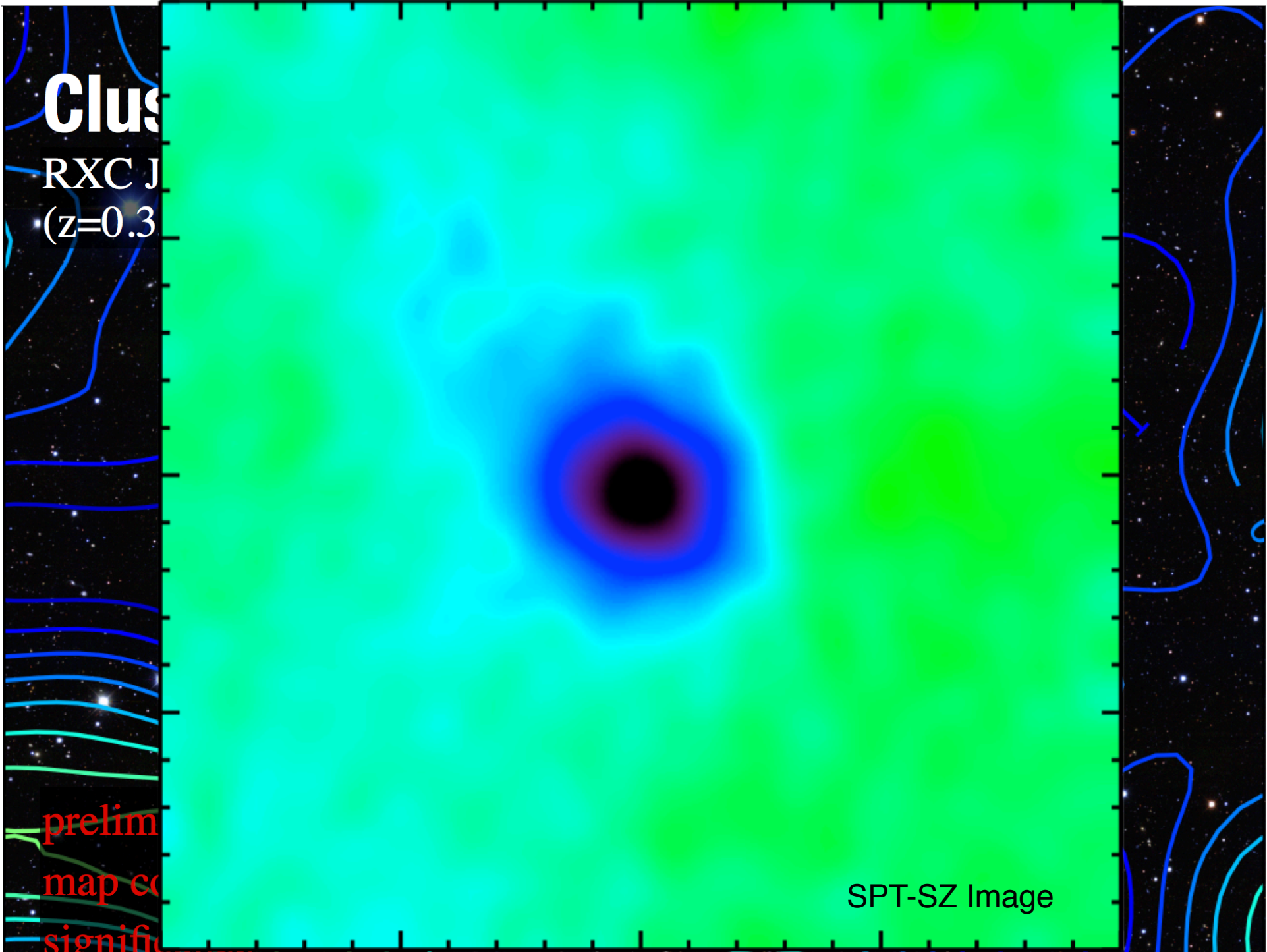
(z=0.3)

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SPT-SZ Image



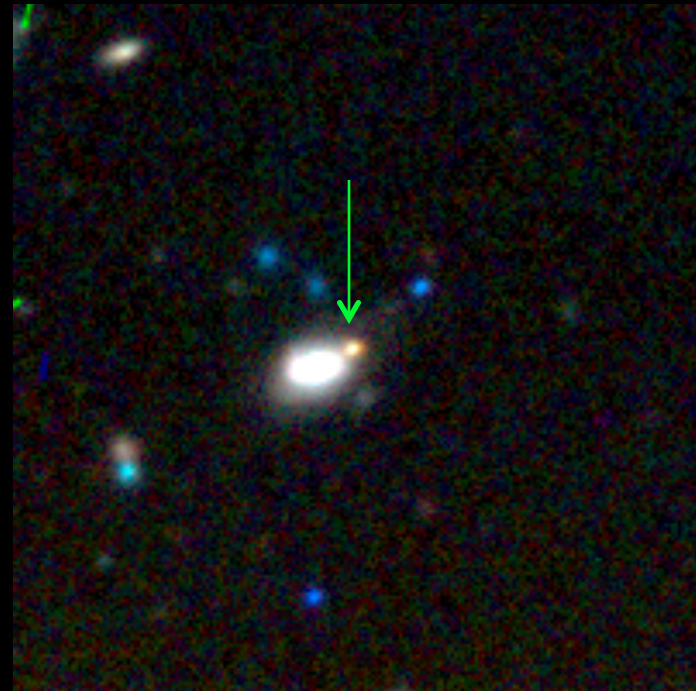


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# SUPERNOVAE



Nov. 7, 2012



Dec. 15, 2012

SN Ia at  $z=0.2$  confirmed at AAO



CDF-S

C1

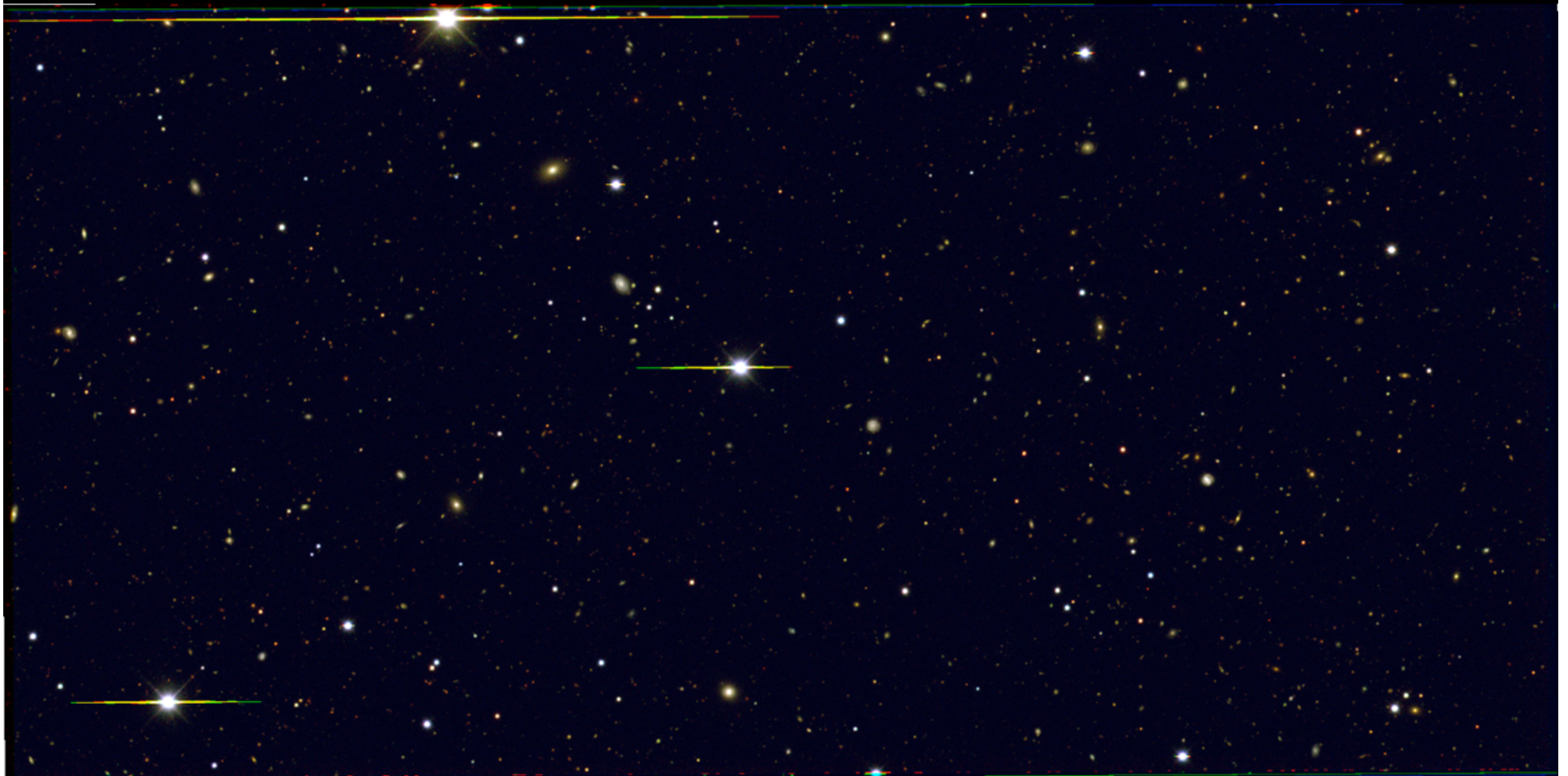
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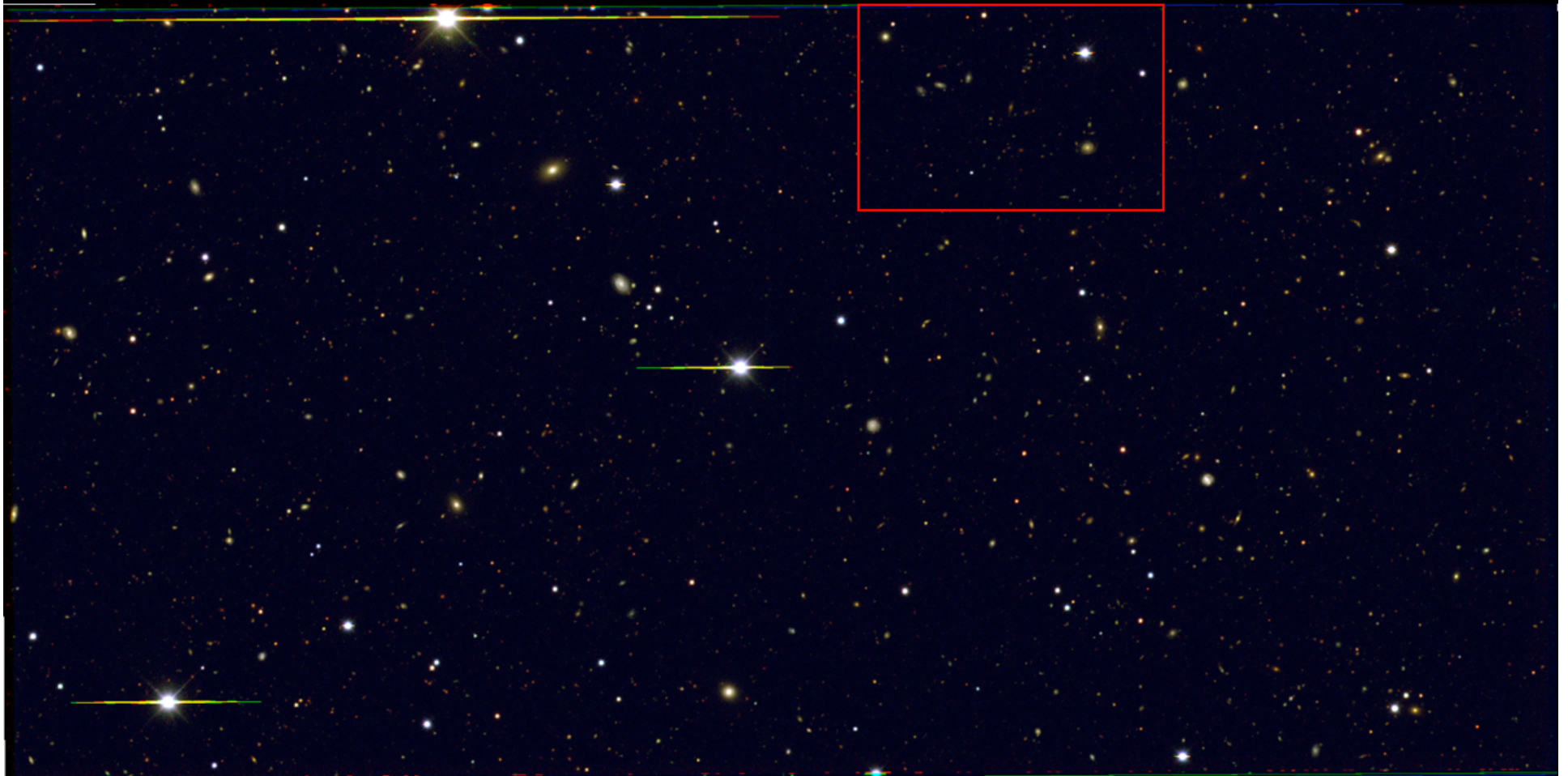
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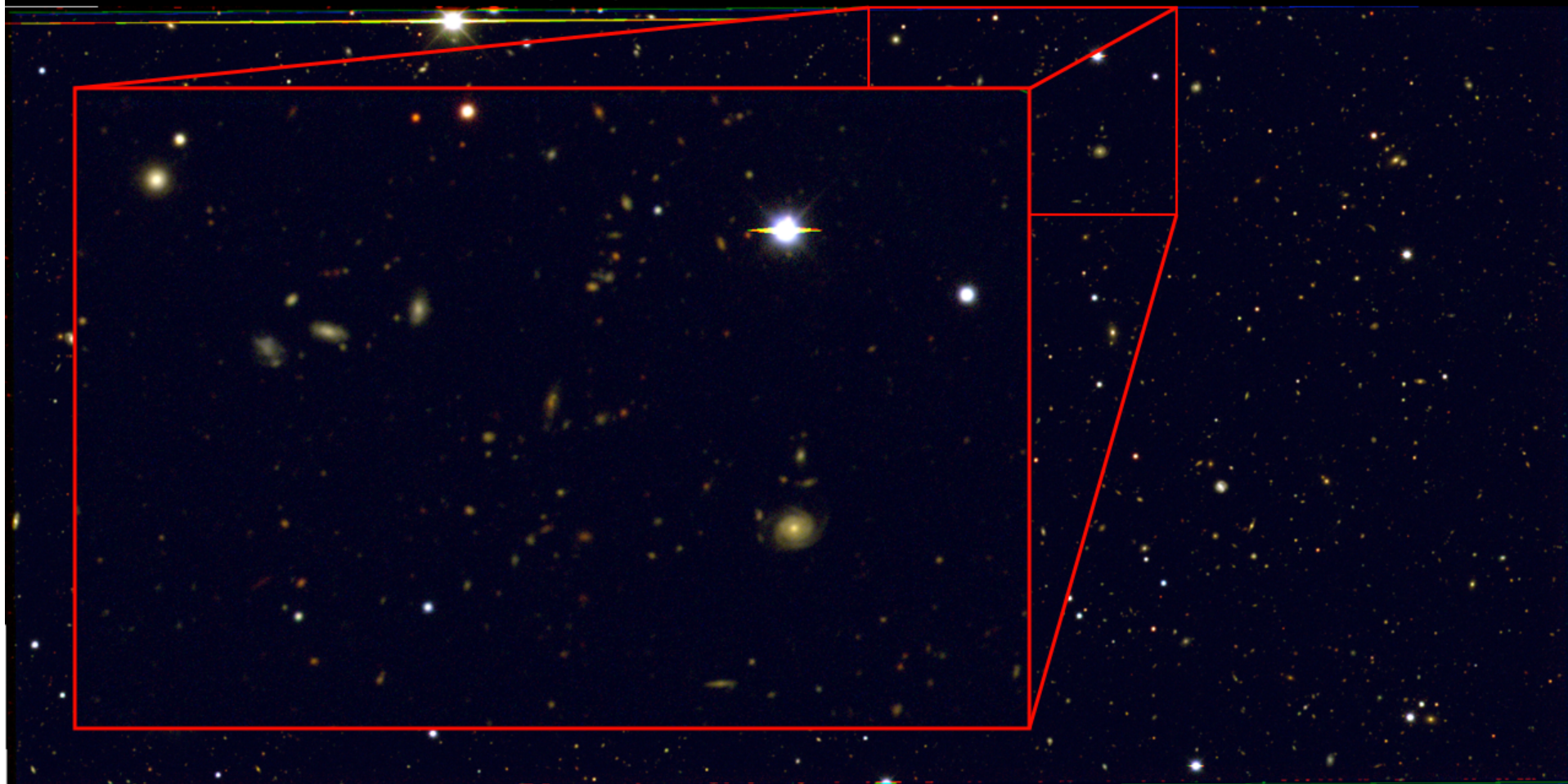
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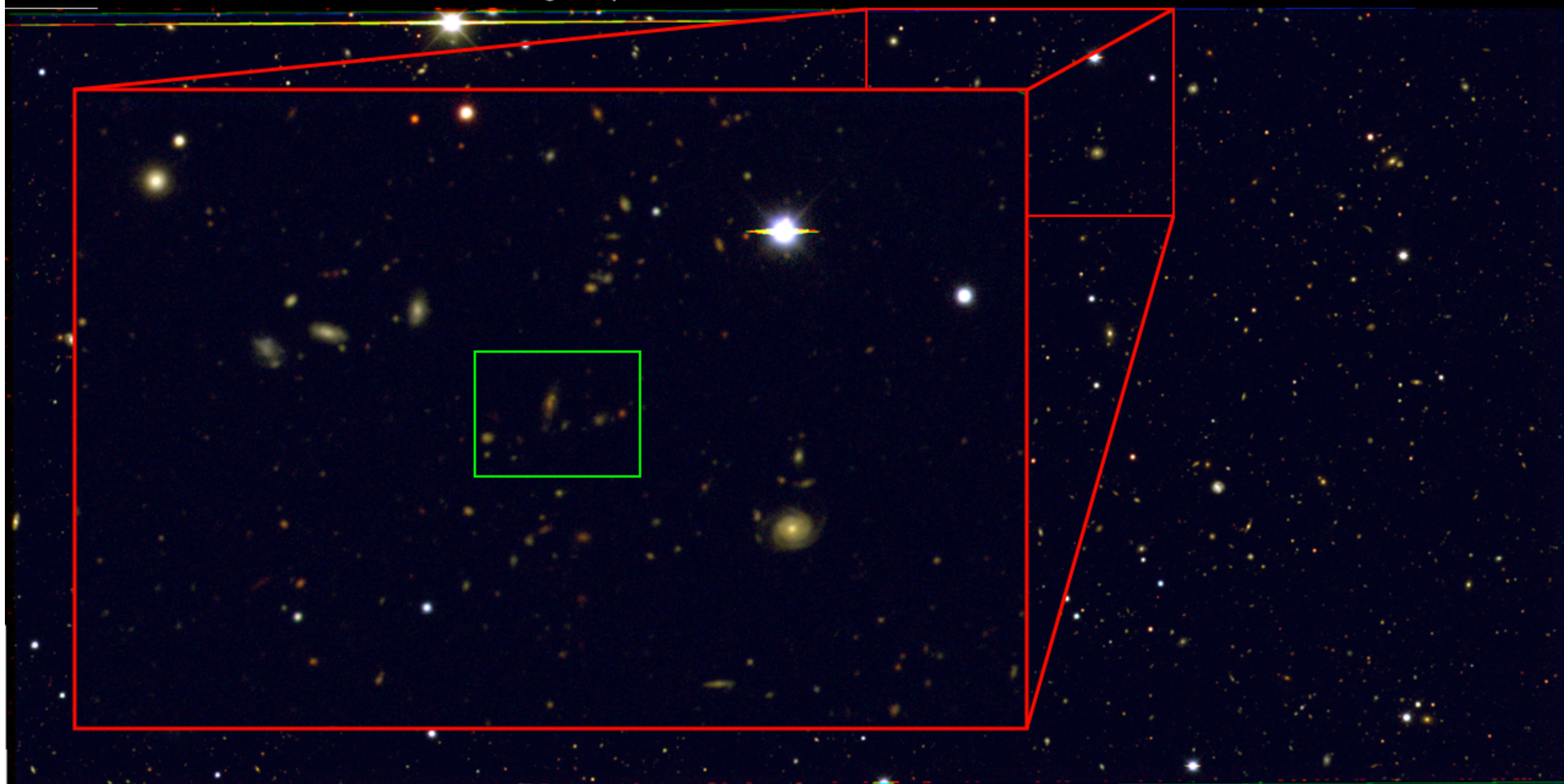
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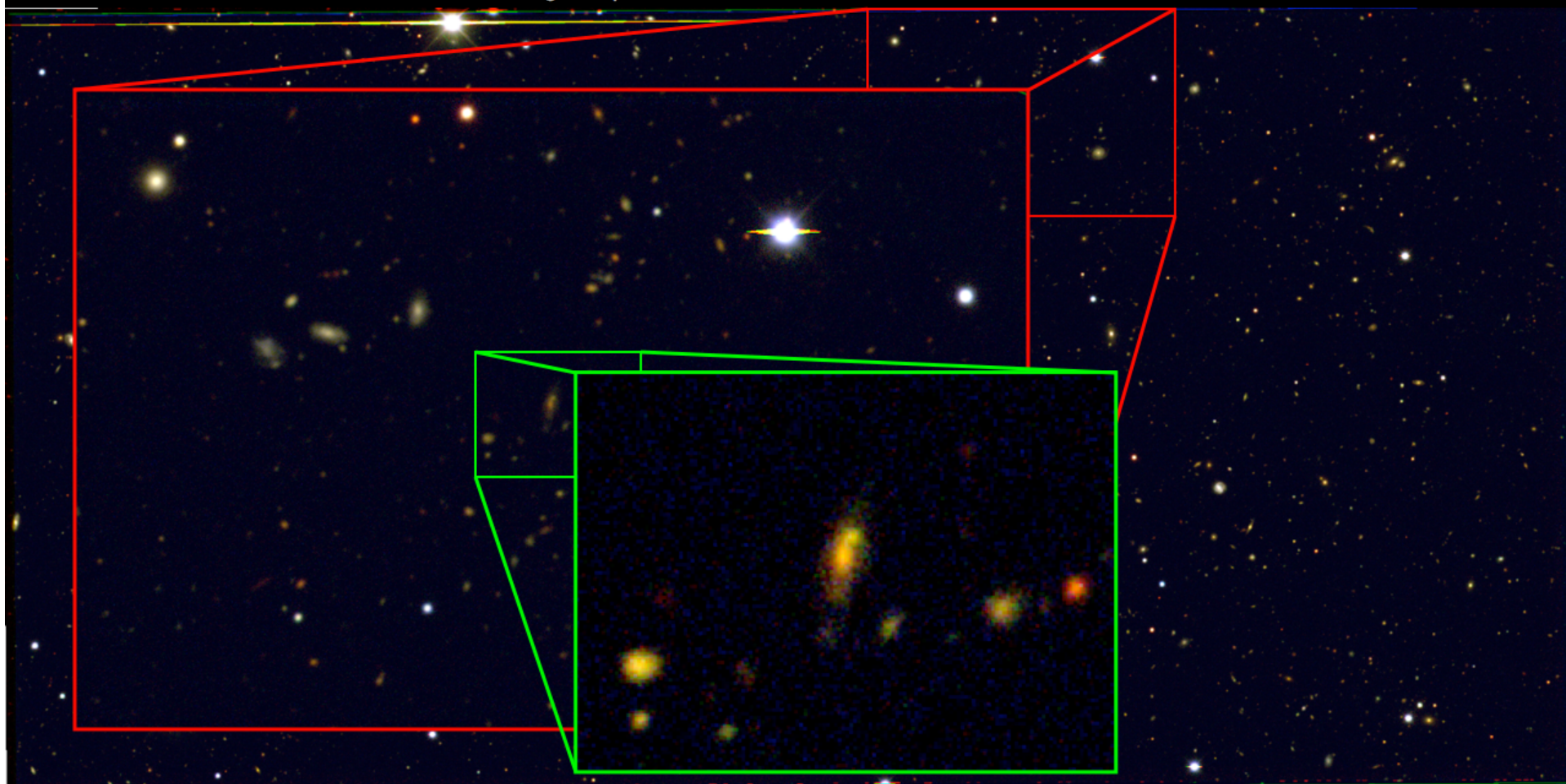


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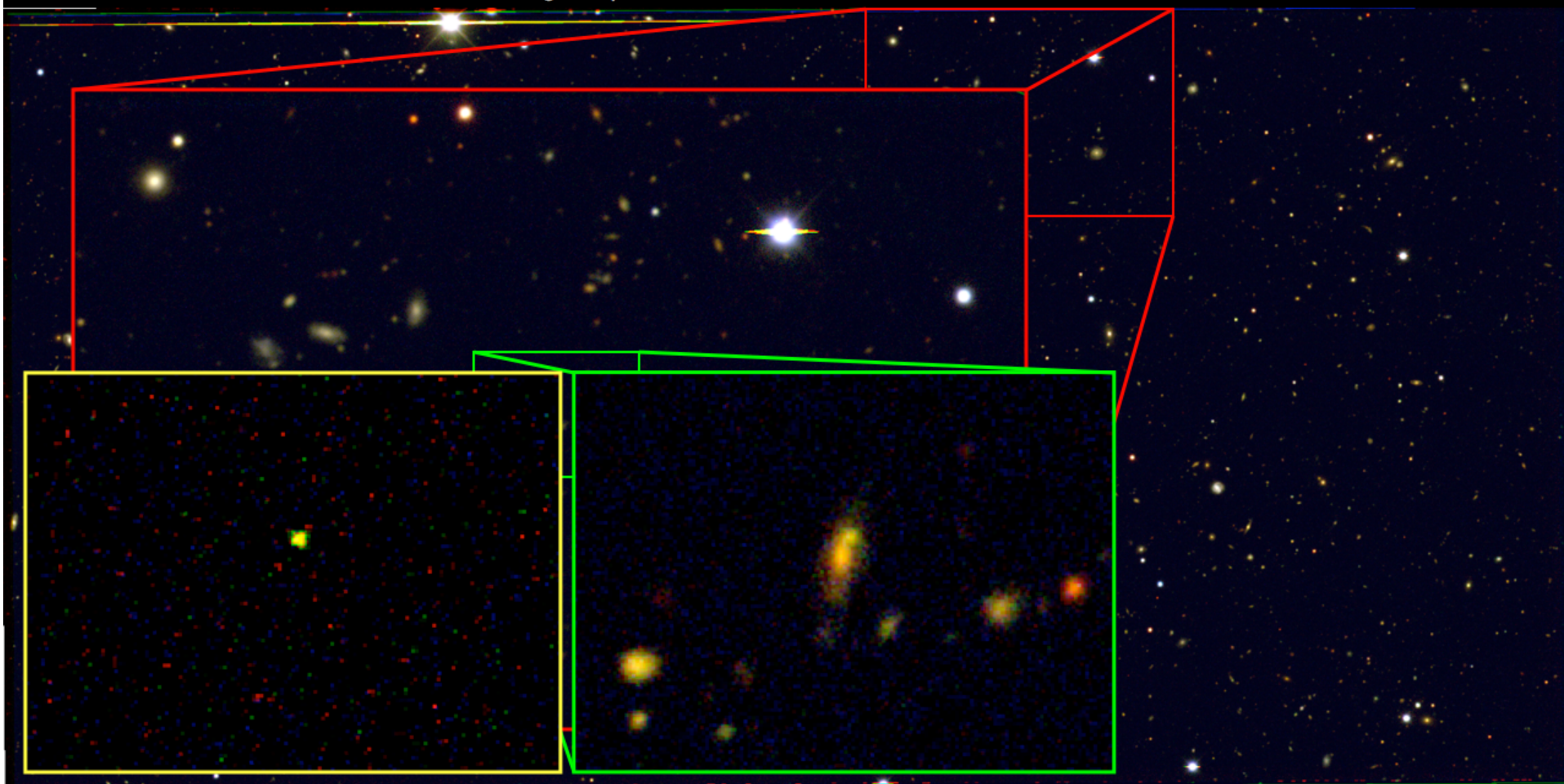
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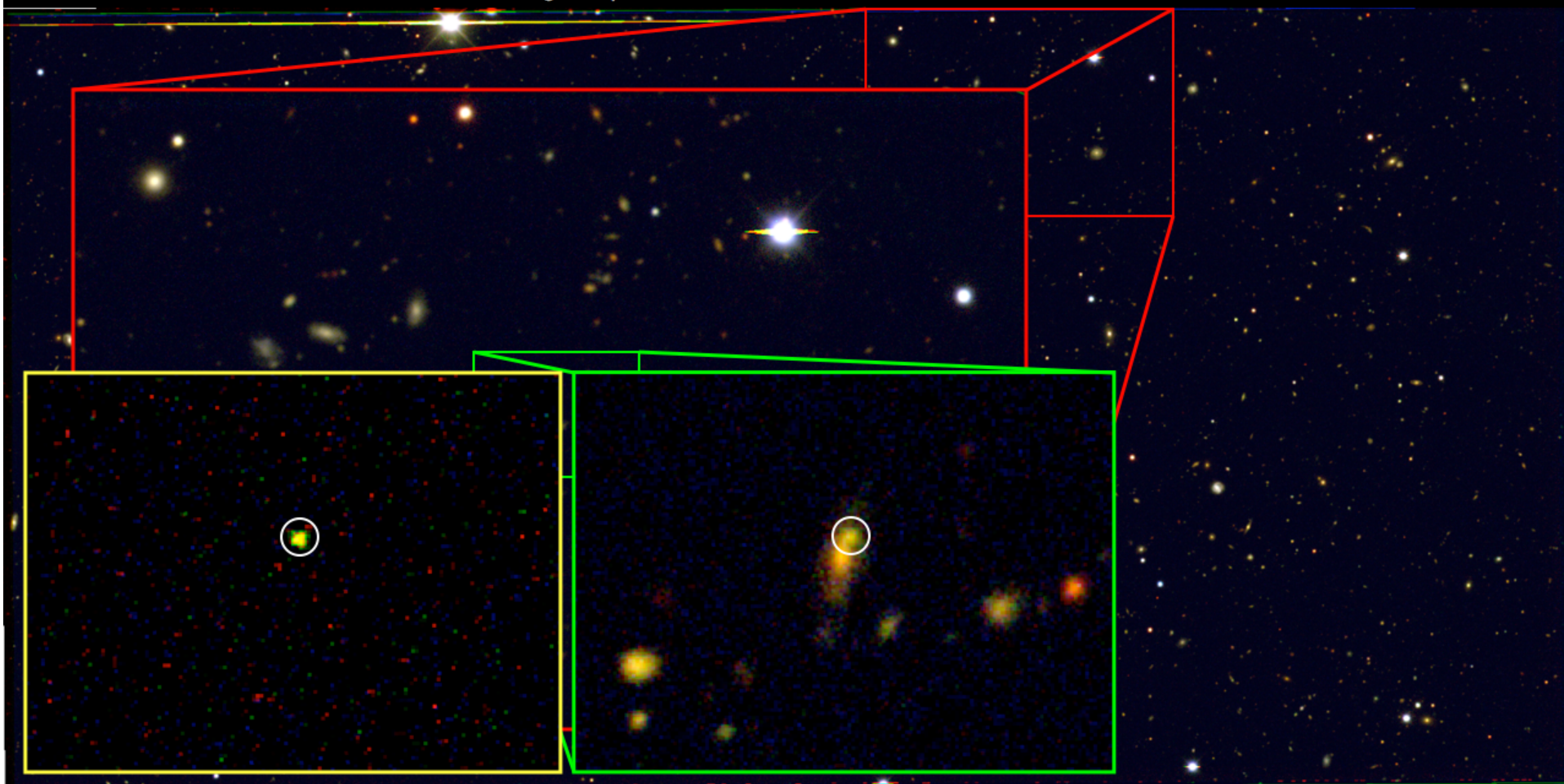


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# DES Supernova Survey

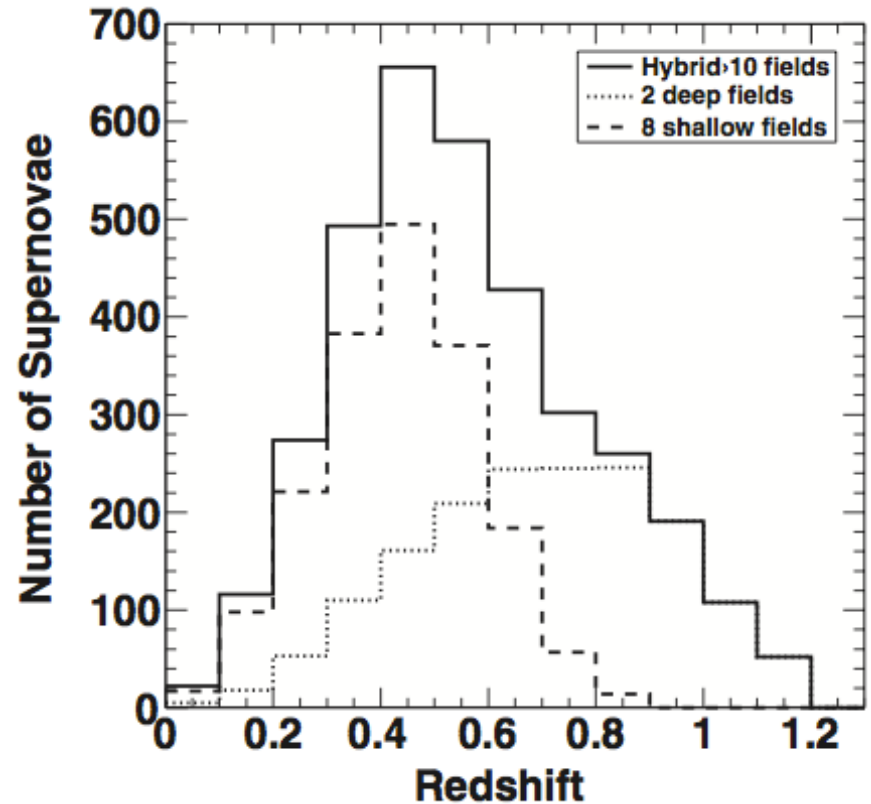
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| Filter | Shallow Field     |              | Deep Field        |              |
|--------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|        | Exposure Time (s) | Limiting Mag | Exposure Time (s) | Limiting Mag |
| g      | 175               | 24.9         | 600               | 25.6         |
| r      | 150               | 24.3         | 1200              | 25.4         |
| i      | 200               | 23.9         | 1800              | 25.1         |
| z      | 400               | 23.8         | 3630              | 24.8         |

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## Pathway to Cosmology FoM=120

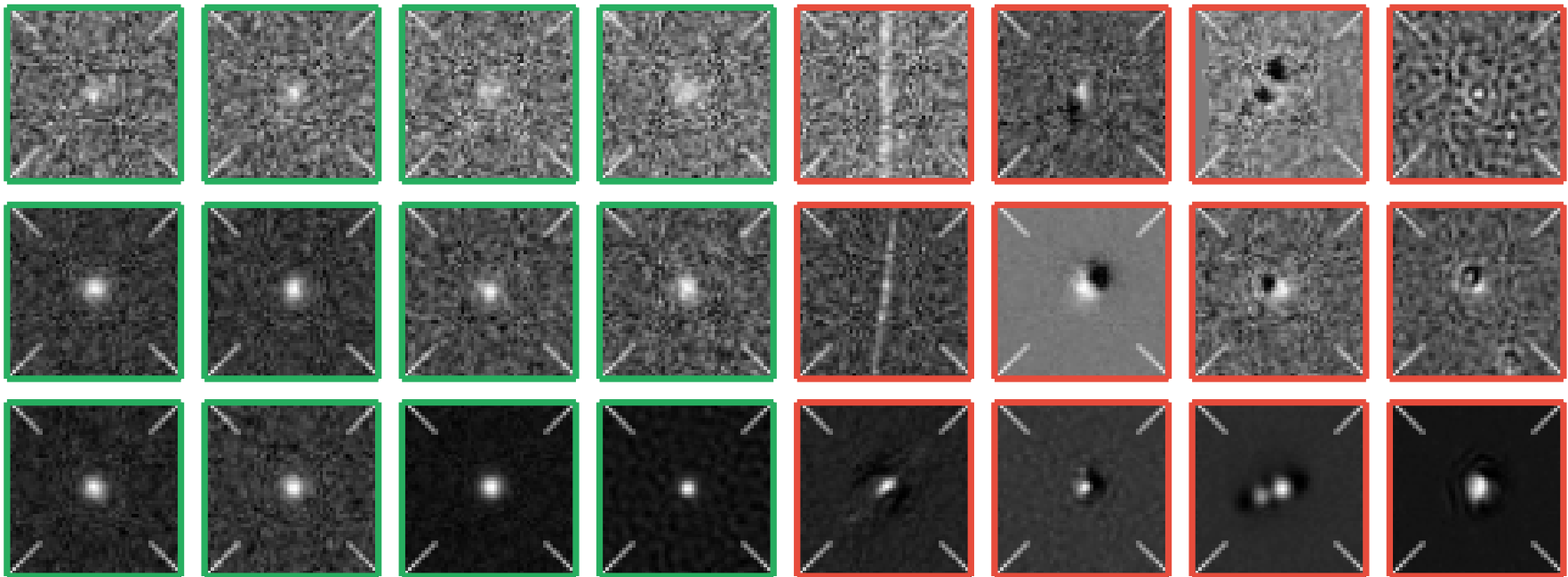
- SN-like transients
- Classification
- Photometry (not today)



**“Supernova Simulations and Strategies For the Dark Energy Survey”**



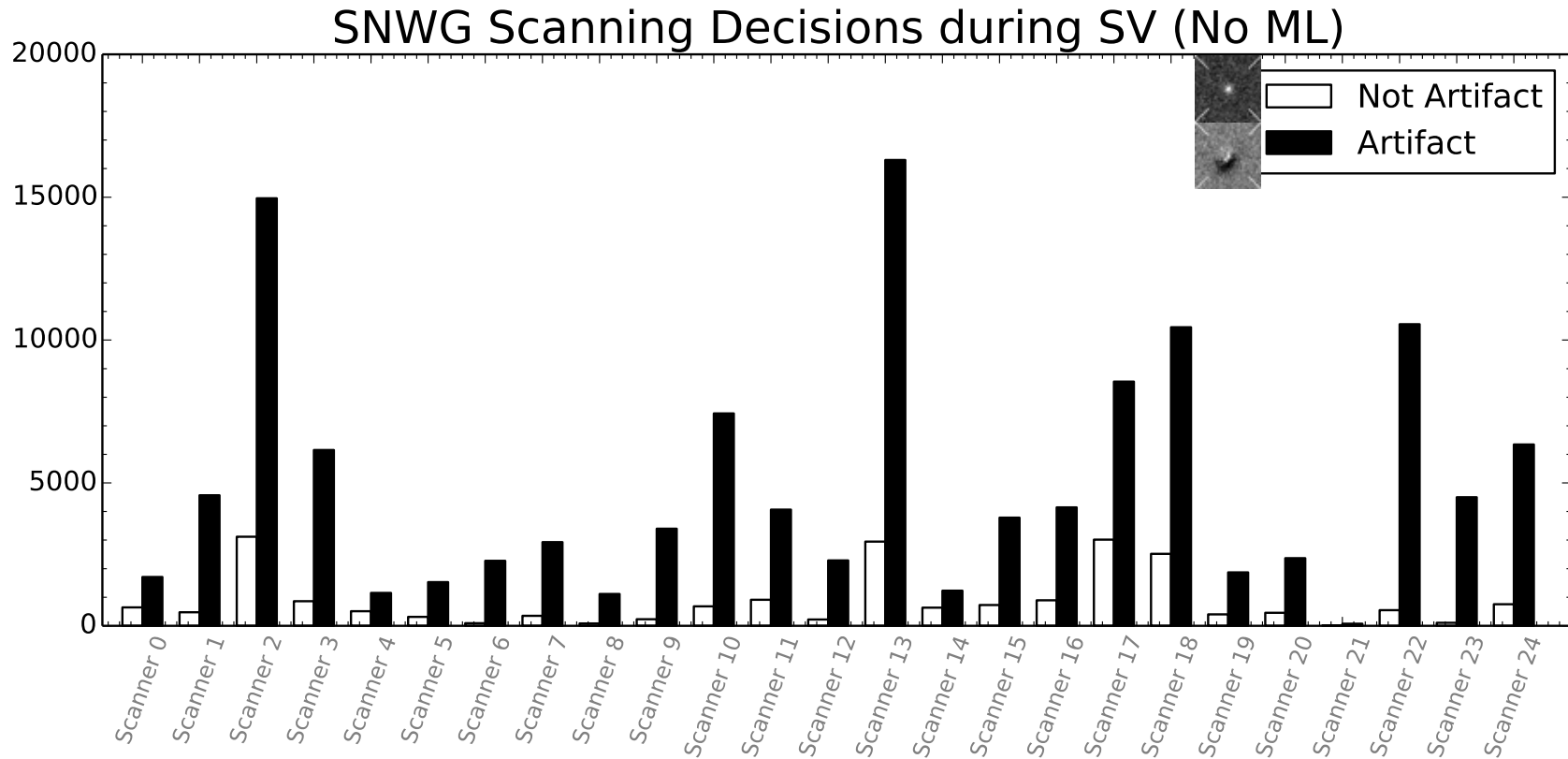
# Real or Artifact?



Consistently approximate  
a PSF

Dipoles, Streaks,  
Ripples, Holes...

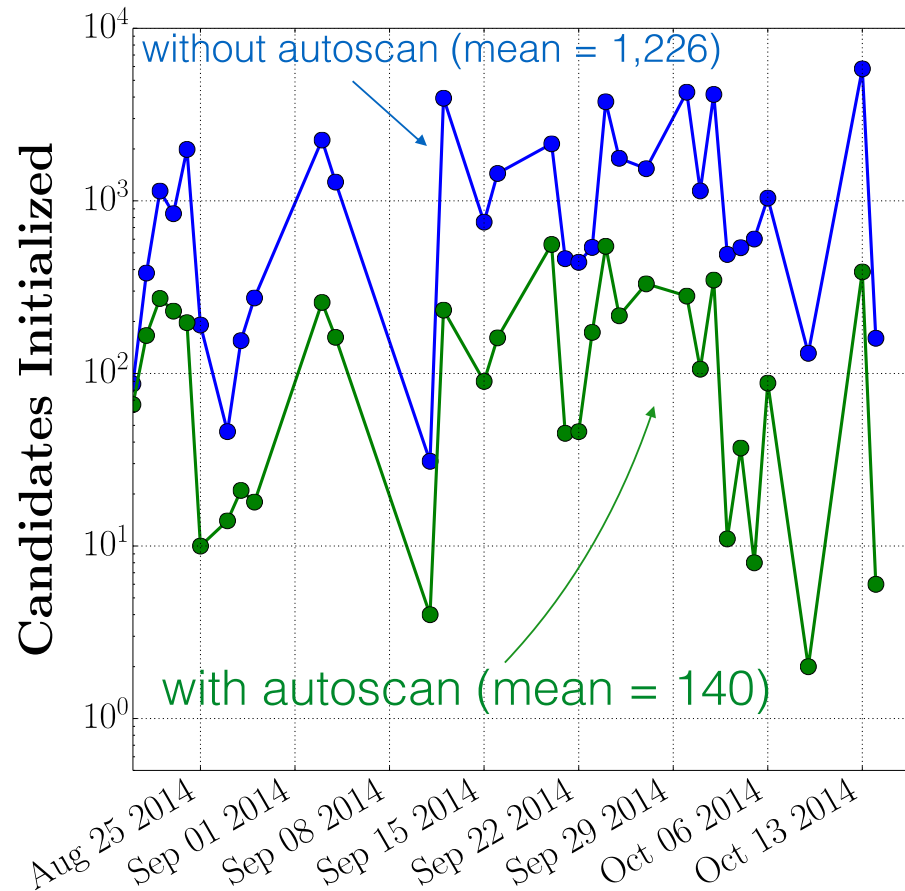
# Quantifying the Scanning Load



Data rate:  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^3$  new scannable candidates / night, after requiring two detections.

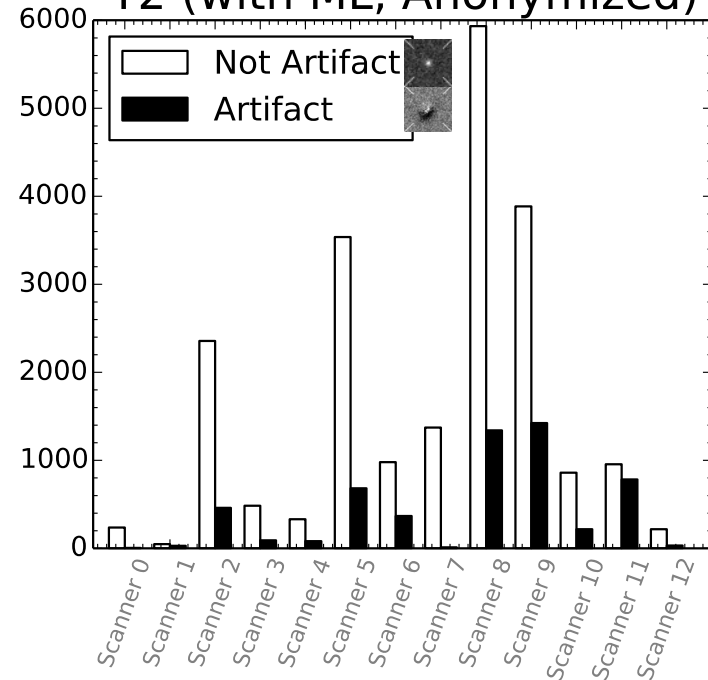
False positives:  
 $\sim 85\%$  of scanned detections are artifacts.

# Y2 with autoScan



**8.2x fewer new candidates created / night with ML.**

SNWG Scanning Decisions during Y2 (with ML, Anonymized)

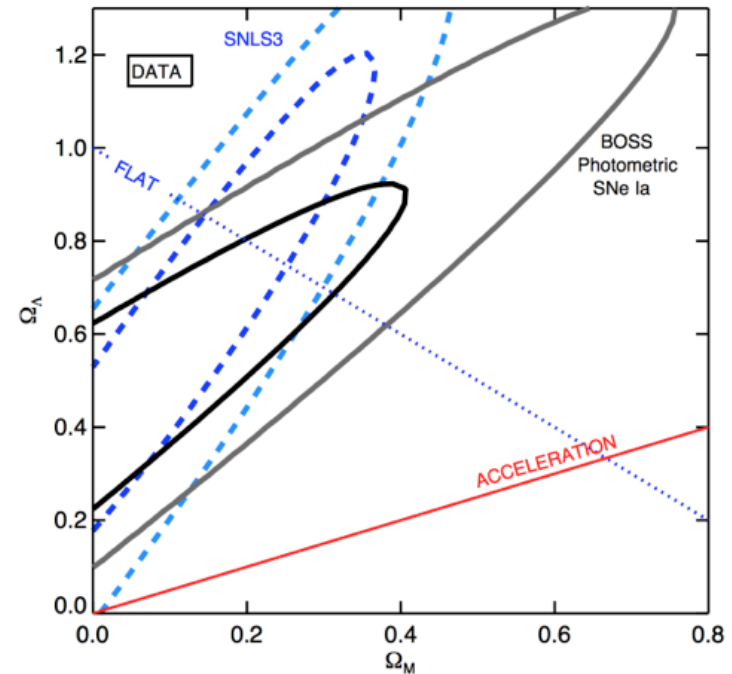
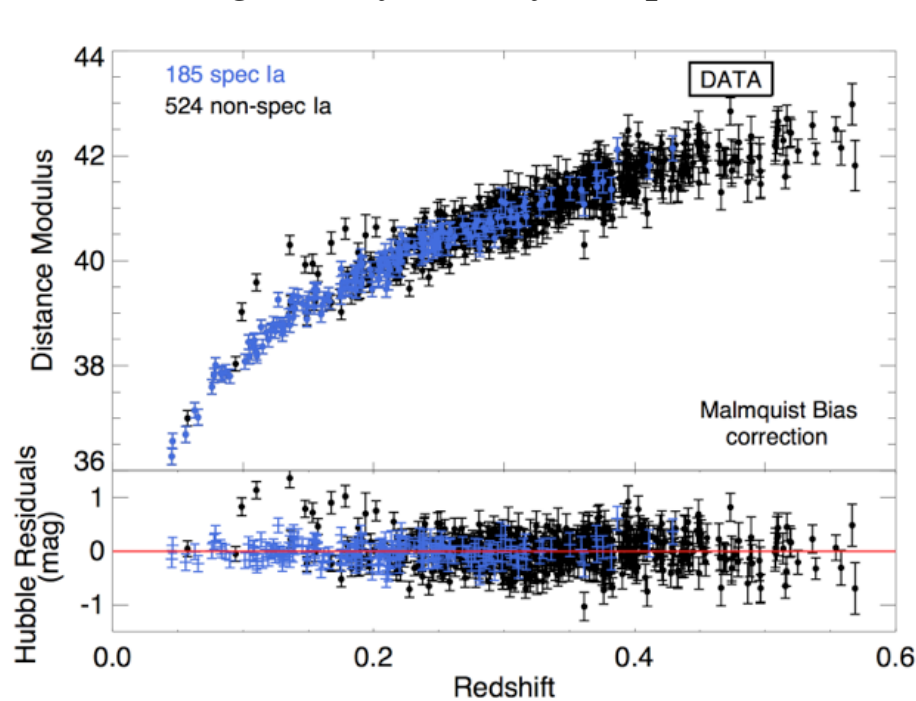


**Detection-level purity up by ~25x.**

**Number of scanners down by factor of 2 from SV in comparable period.**

# Photometric Classification

## Sloan Digital Sky Survey - Supernova II



Campbell et al. (2013)

## Photometric Classification

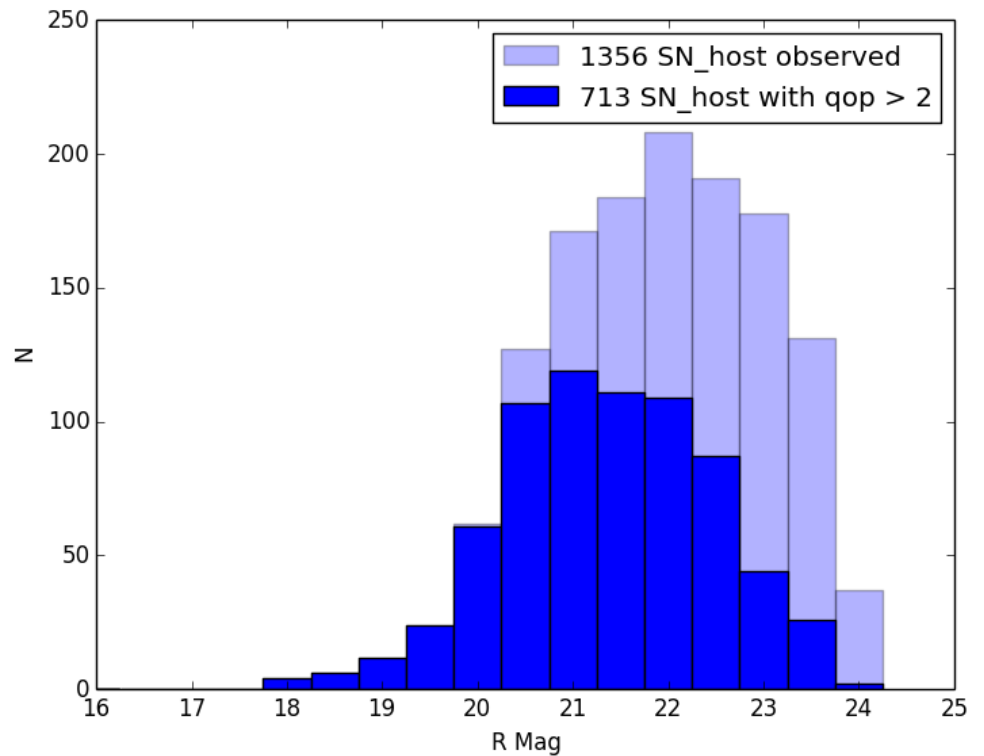
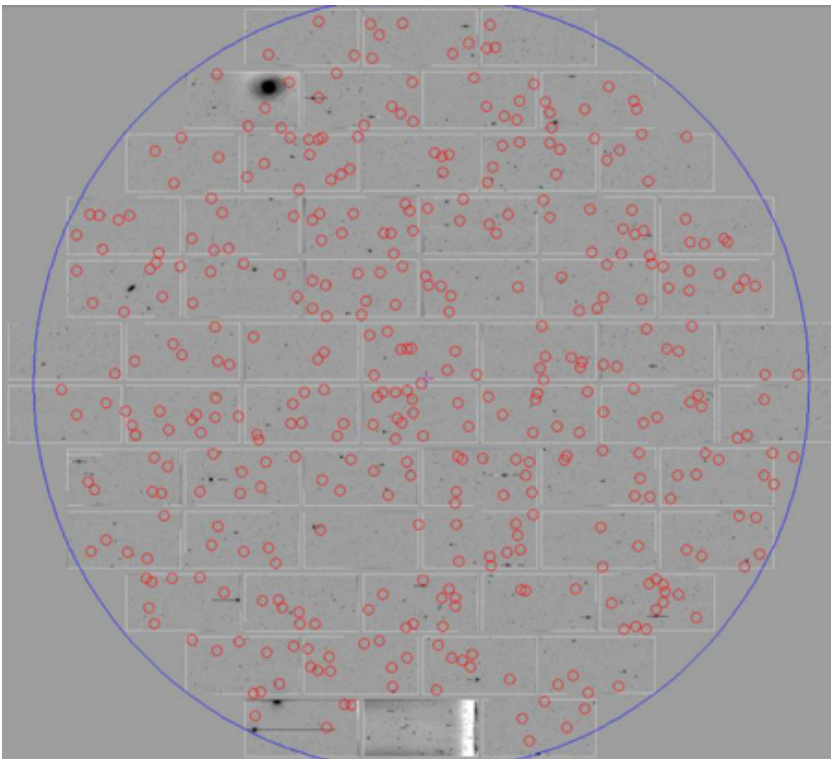
Too many, too faint for spectroscopic followup

Problems: Purity; loss of spectral information

Benefits: Numbers; selection biases



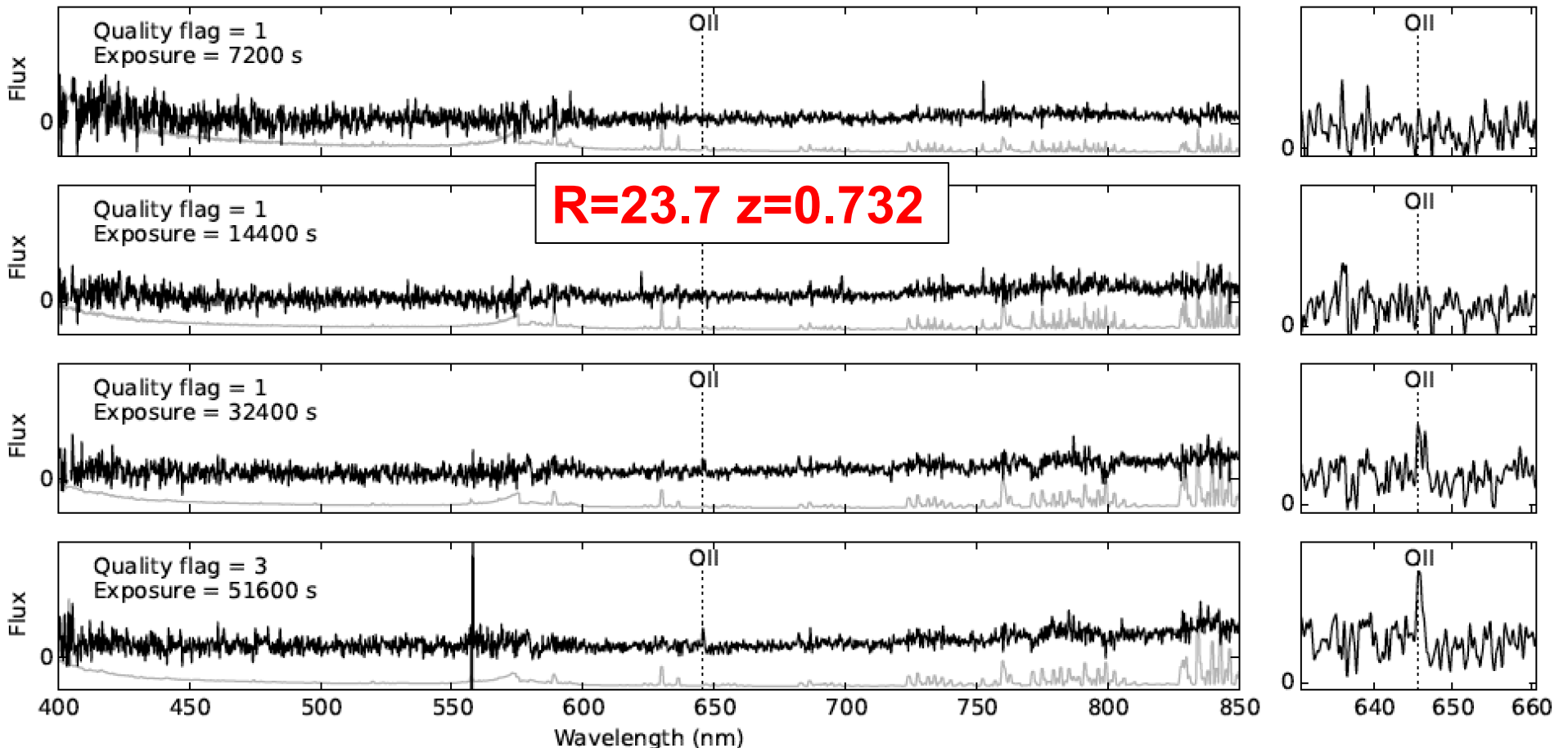
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- Fibers placed on live SNe ( $r < 21$ )
- **100 nights over 5 years**

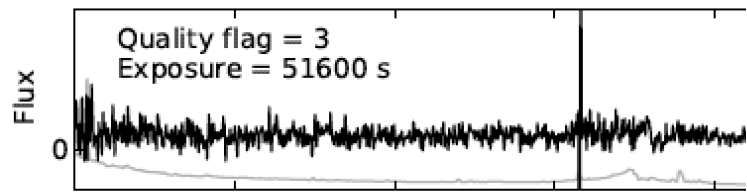
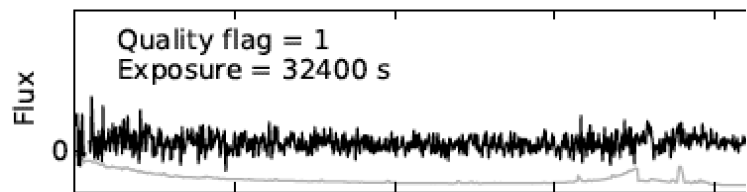
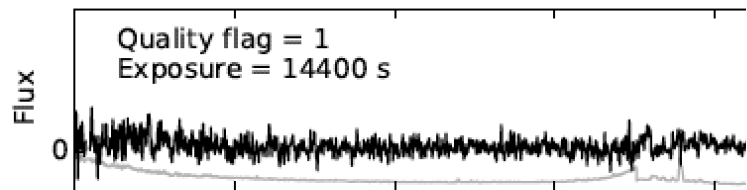
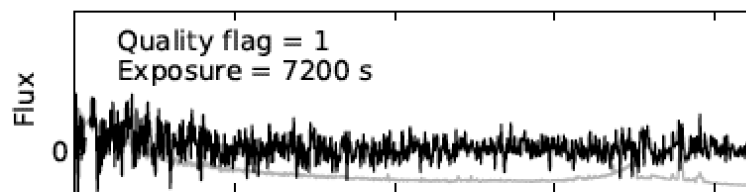




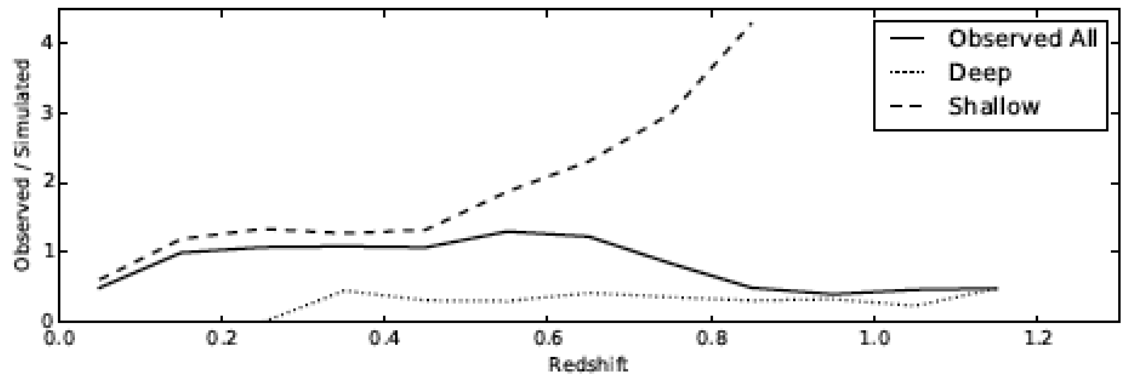
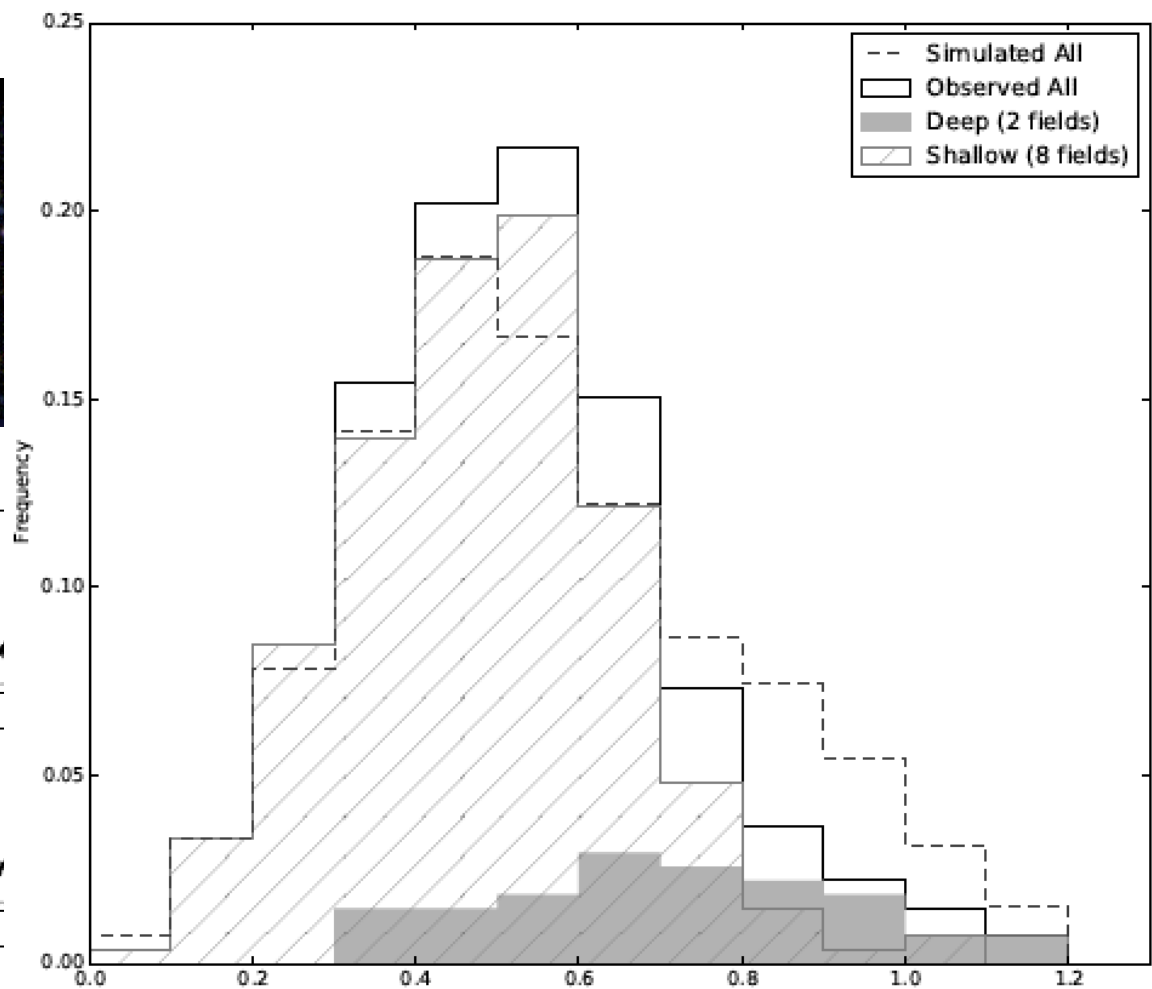


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400 450 500 550 600  
Wavelength (nm)



The goal is to select targets for spectroscopic follow-up observations such that the final spectroscopic sample provides the maximal improvement to our final cosmological measurements.

1. Spectroscopically complete sample to  $z < 0.2$

We are complete to  $r = -13.7/14.4$ . This will get nearly every SN. But will result in  $\sim 140$  SNe Ia and 210 CC SNe over the full survey... this is a lot of follow-up

2. Magnitude-limited sample for  $r_{\text{peak}} < 21$

Will guarantee getting all low- $z$  SNe and will reduce bias. Overlaps with #1.

3. Representative “flat” sample for systematics

Randomly selected, weighted by Ia and  $z$  probability

Ryan Foley

# Other telescopes for live transients (2014)

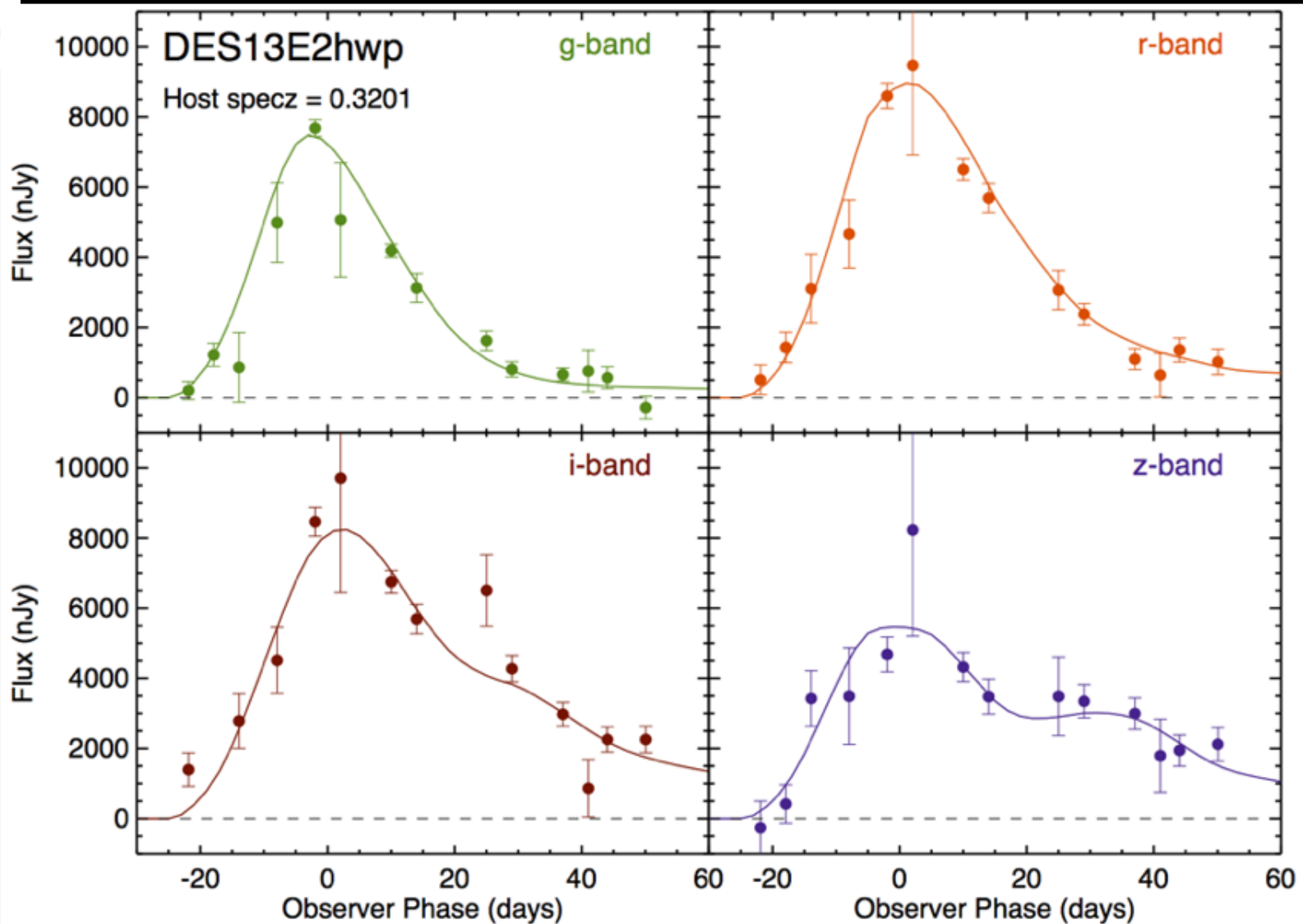
| Telescope               | Time (2014-15)        |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| VLT (Sullivan)          | 7 nights              |
| GTC (Castander)         | 13hrs (ToO)           |
| MMT/Magellan (Kirshner) | 9.5 nights            |
| Keck (Nugent)           | 5.5 nights + 8hrs ToO |
| Magellan (Kessler)      | 0.5 nights            |
| SALT (Smith)            | 10.5 hrs              |





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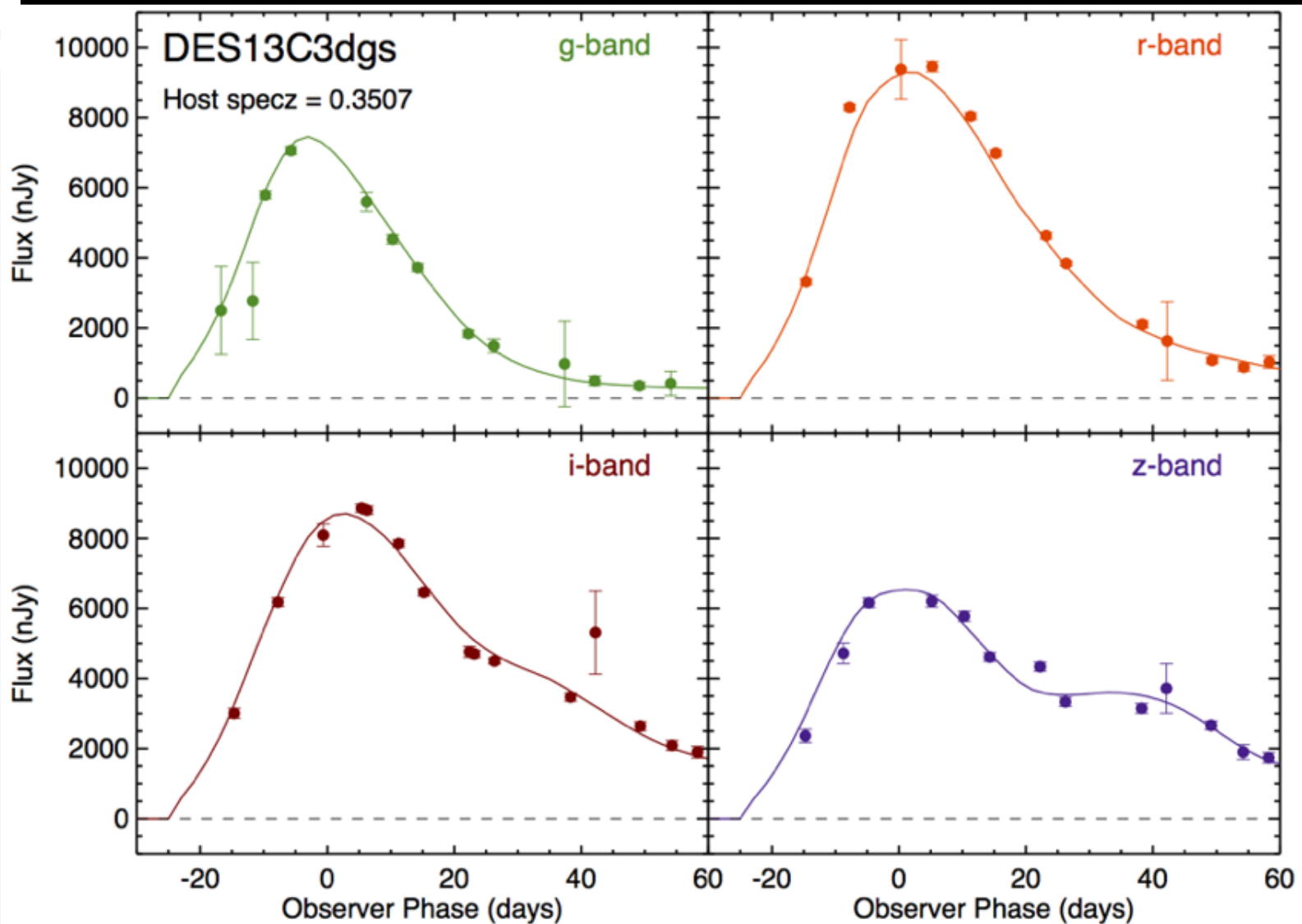
# LOW-Z SALT FITS (SHALLOW)



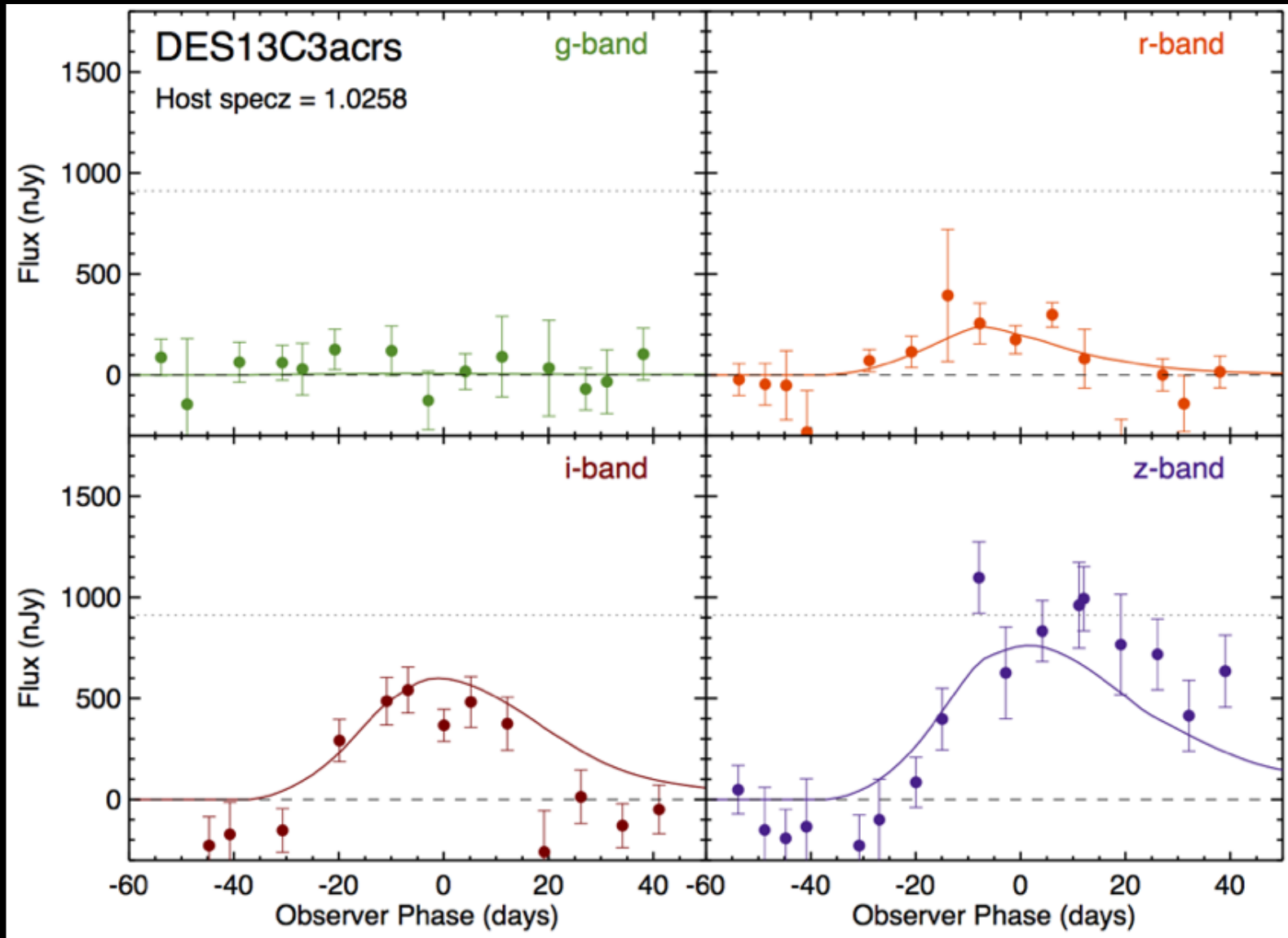


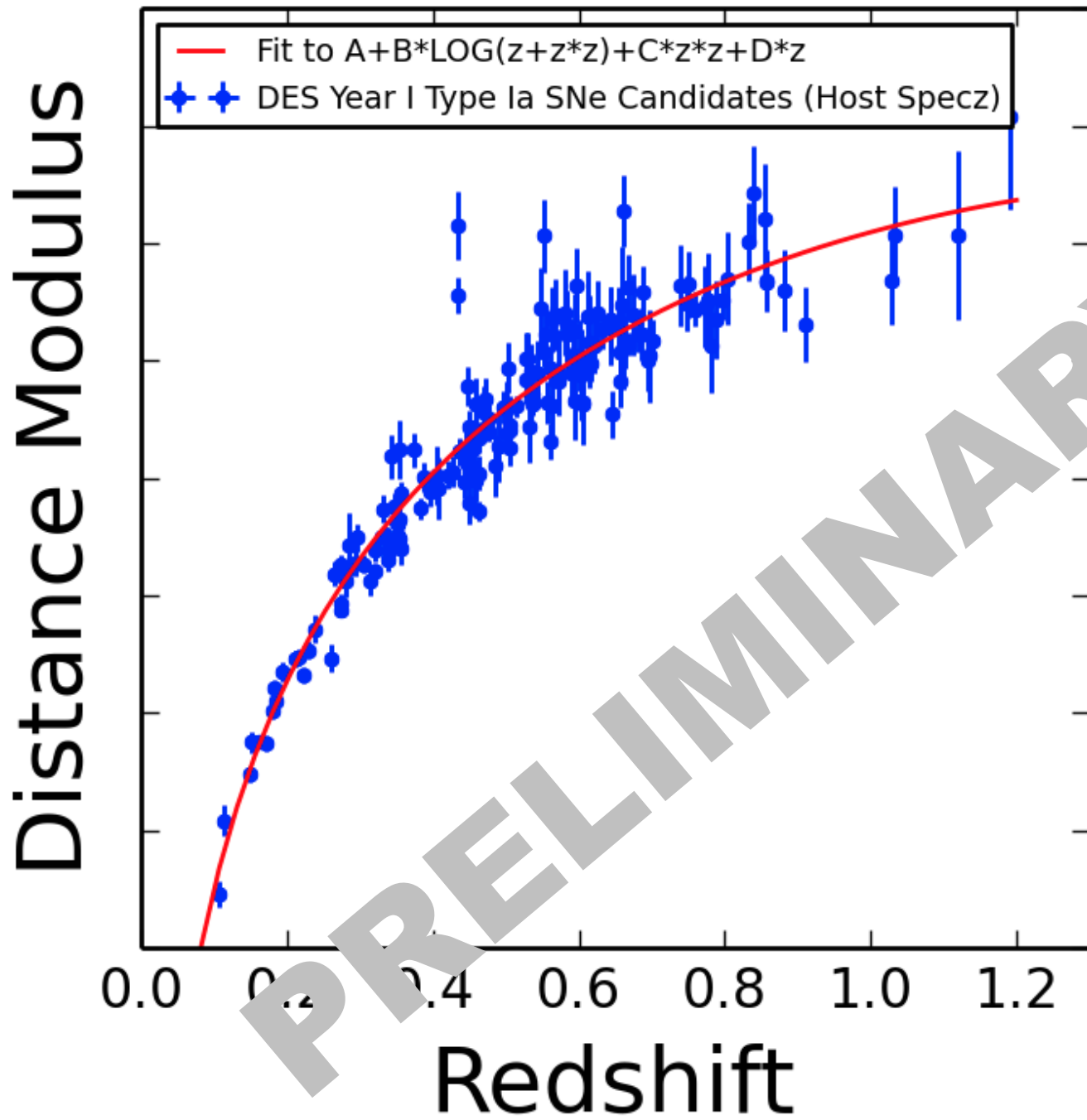
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# LOW-Z SALT (DEEP)



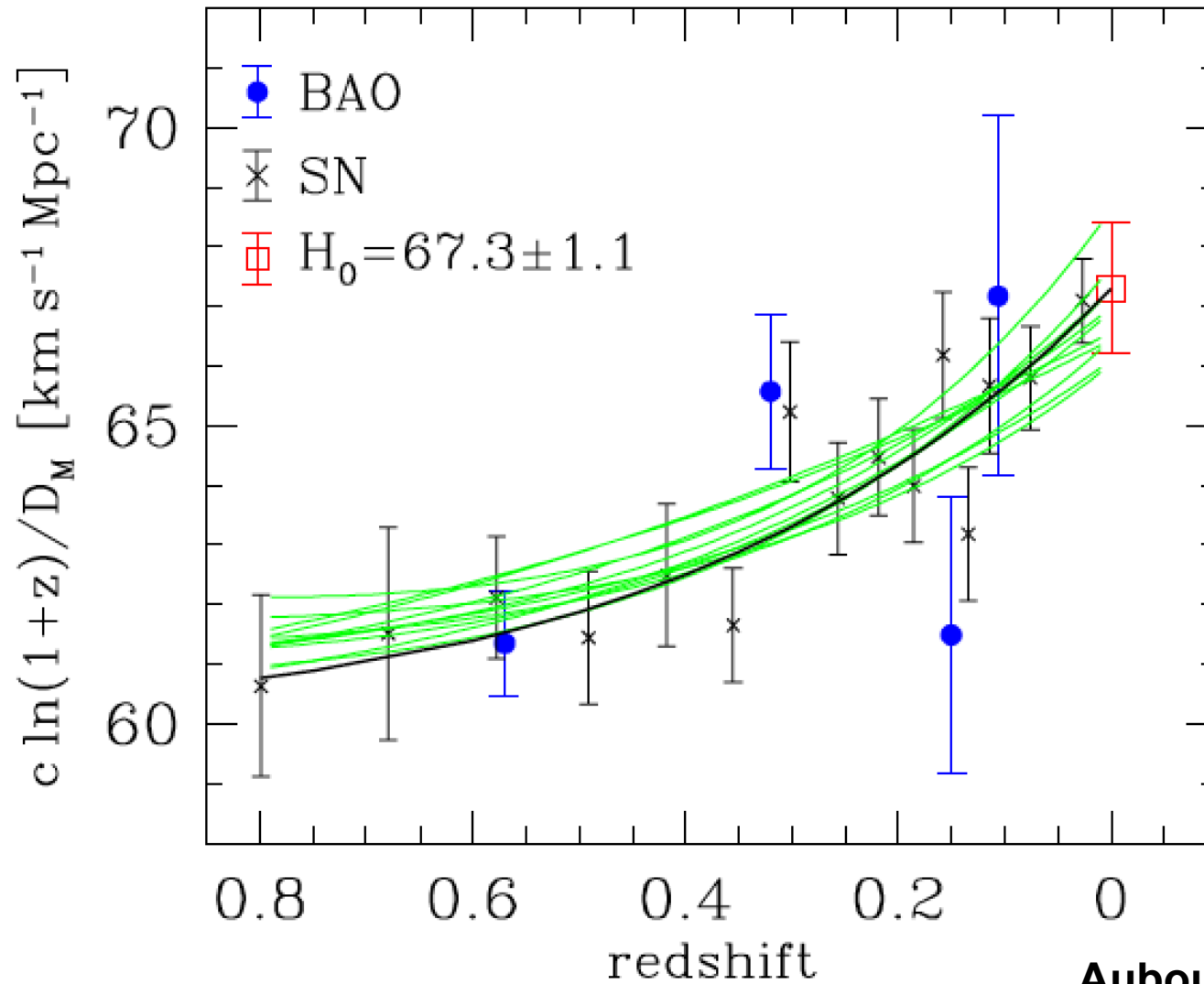
# HIGH-Z SALT FITS (DEEP)







# Inverse Hubble Diagram





# Superluminous SNe (SLSNe)

## Superluminous:

- $M_{\text{absolute}} < -21$
- ~50 times brighter

## Light-curves:

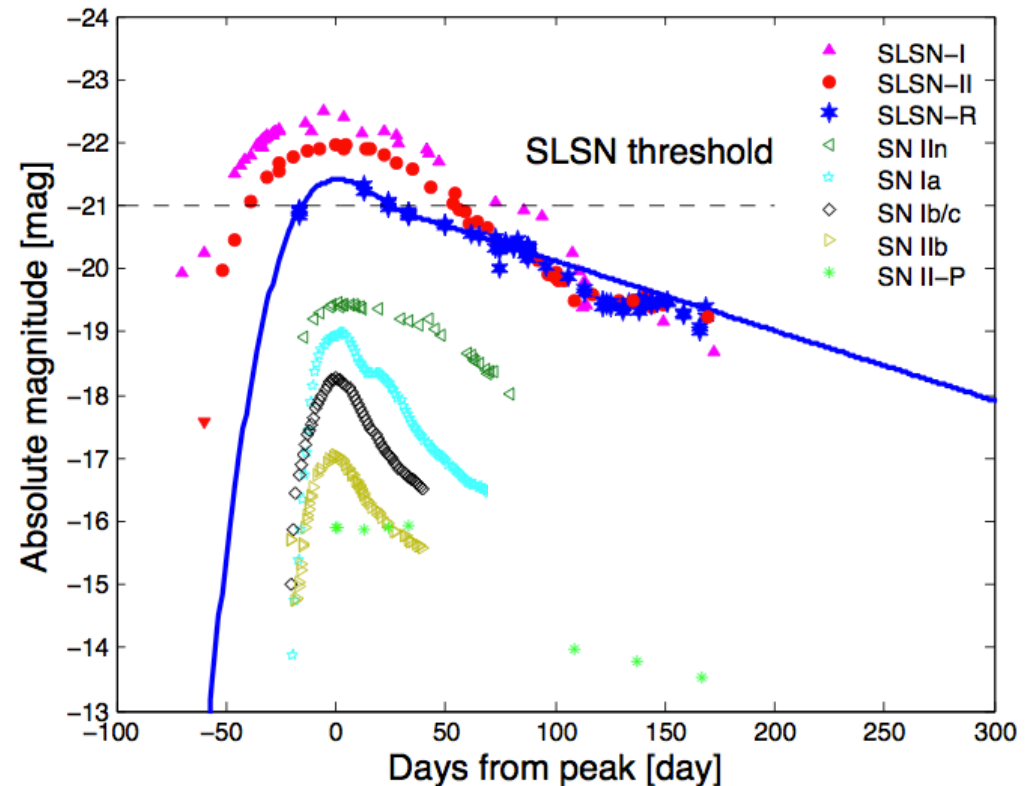
- 100s of days
- long rise/fall timescales

## Rare events:

- ~50 discovered up to date
- 0.01% of **SNe Ia** rates
  - local Universe
- \*15 increase @  $z > 1$ 
  - SNLS, Cooke et al. 2012

## High-z:

- SN 1000+0216 @  $z=3.9$ , Cooke et al. 2012





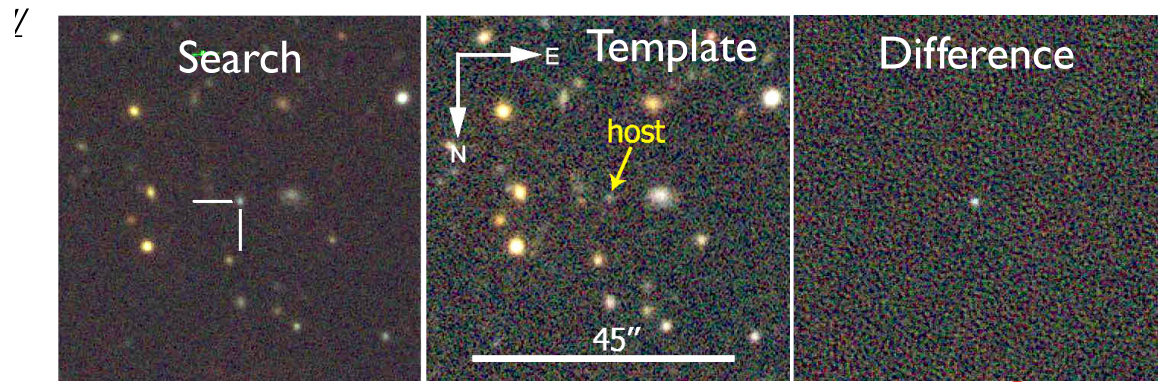
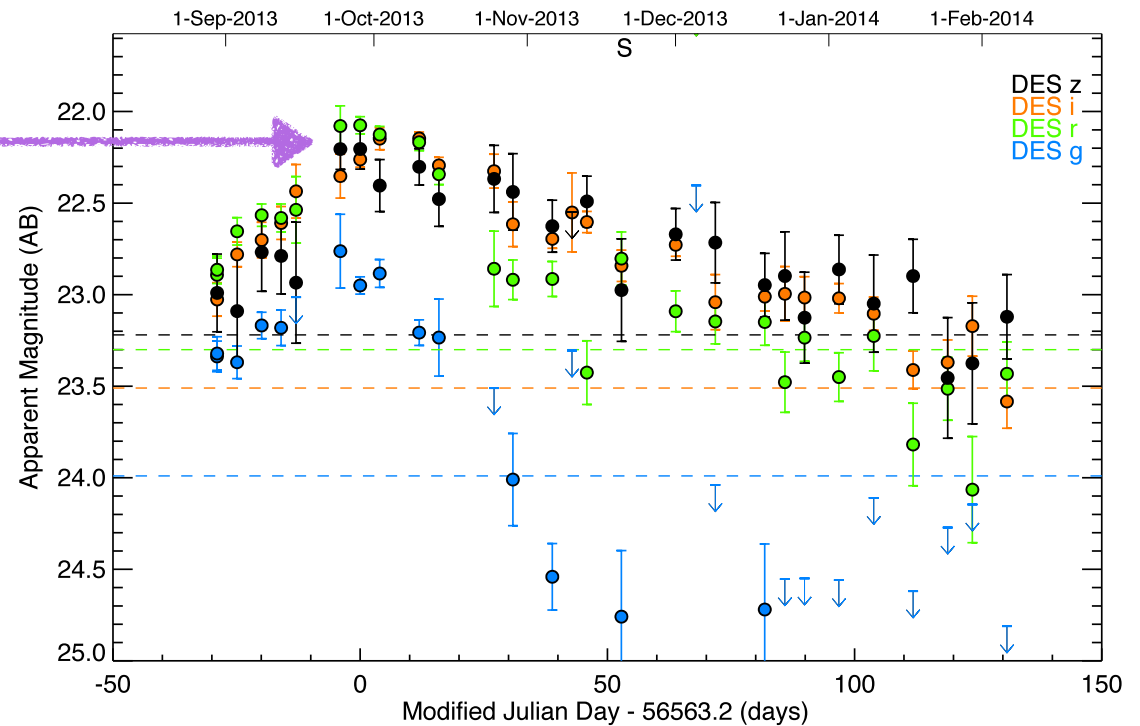
# DES I3S2cmm - DES Y1

## Peak Brightness:

- 28-September-2013

## SLSNe type-I:

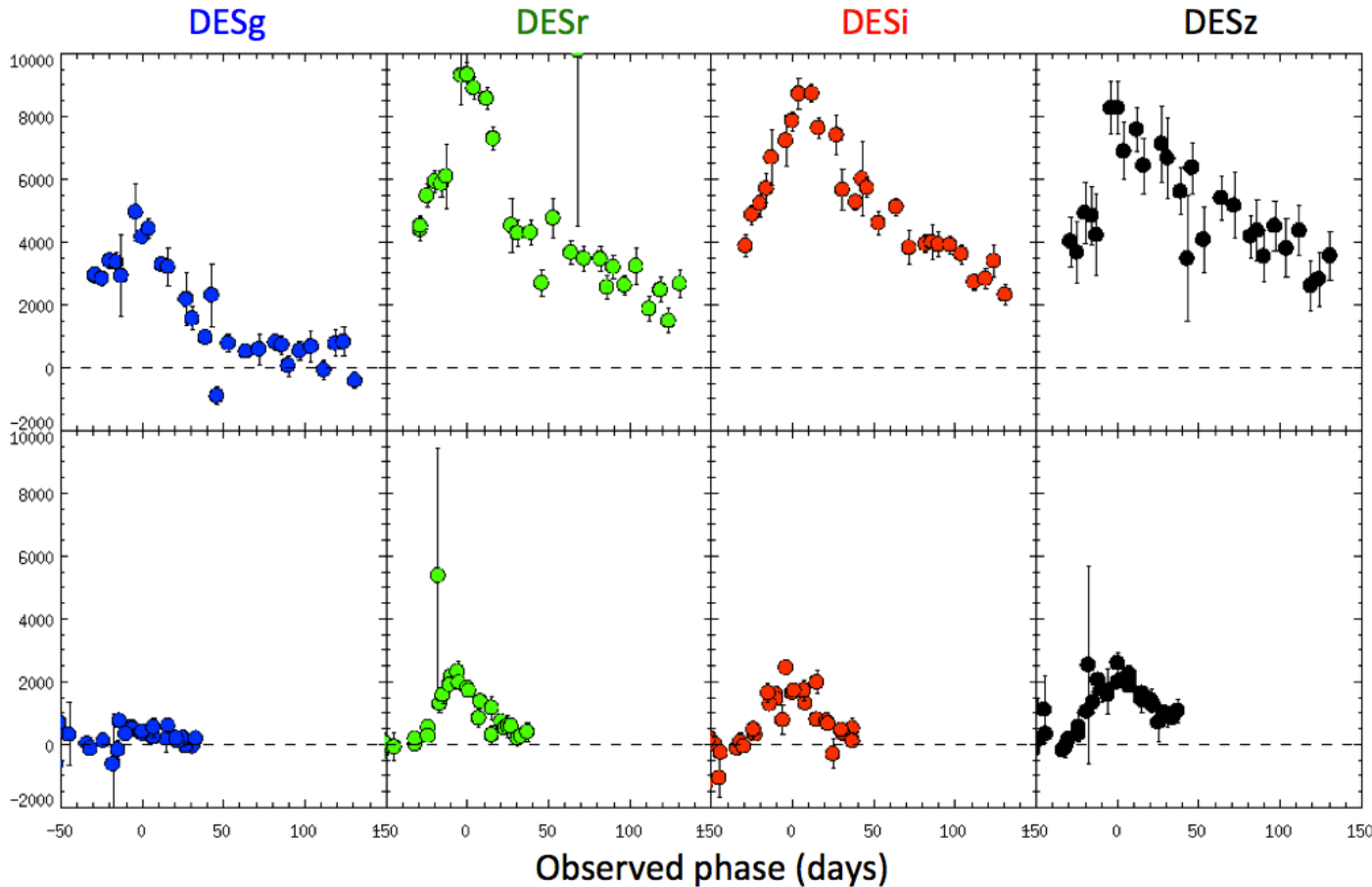
- VLT(ESO) spectrum
- $z = 0.663 \pm 0.003$
- $M_U = -21.0$
- ATel #5603





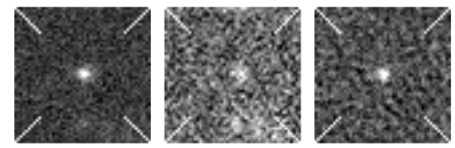


# DES I3S2cmm Vs SNe type Ia



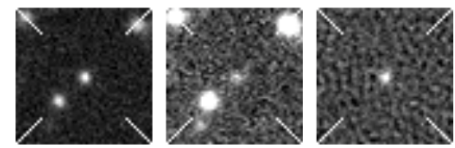
## DES I3S2cmm:

- VLT
  - $z = 0.663$
- SLSN-I

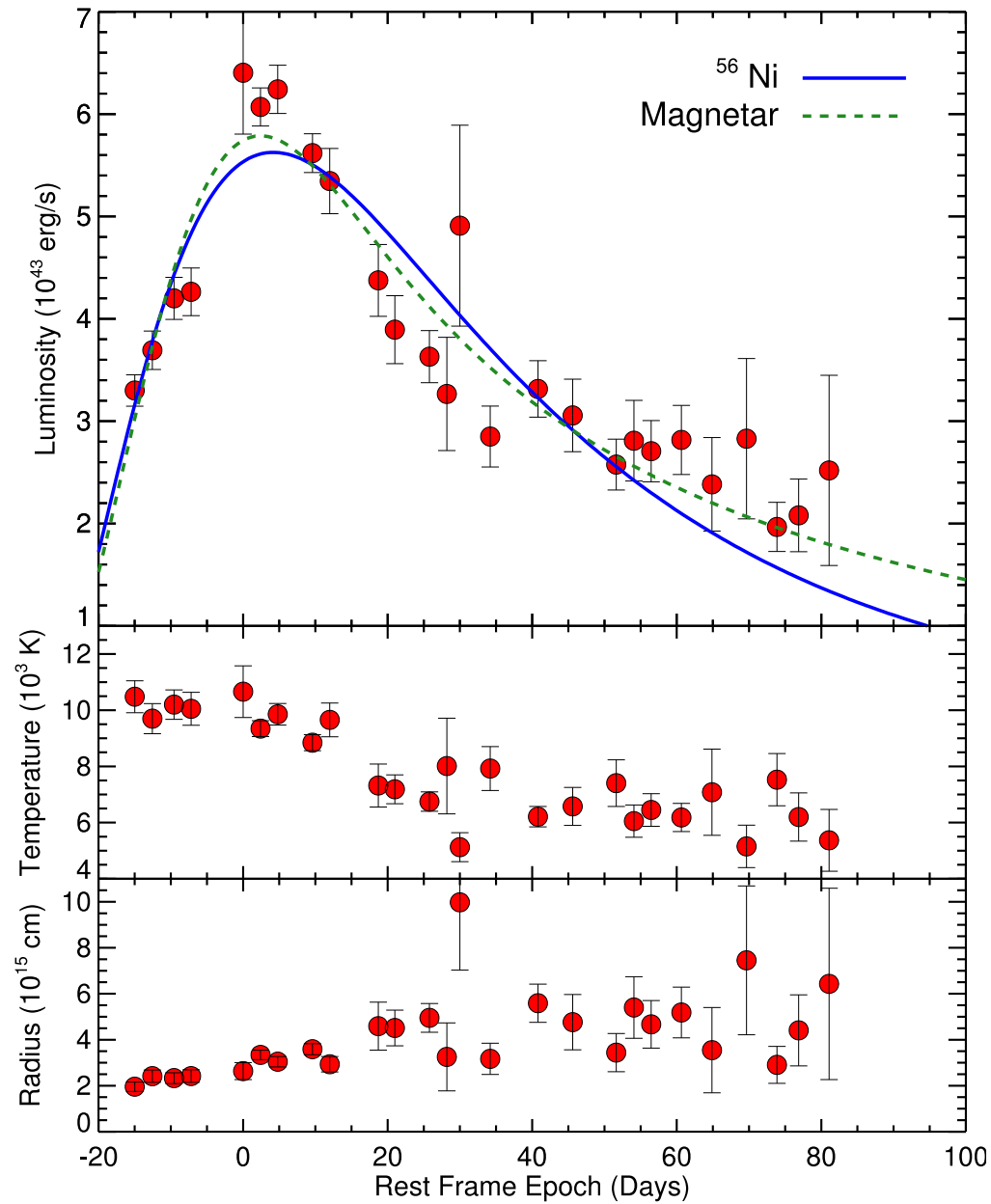


## DES I3C3abht:

- Gemini-South
  - $z = 0.690$
- type Ia



# Understanding SLSNe





# DES I4X2byo - confirmed

## Detection:

- Auto-SNe: 22-Sep
- As SLSNe: 17-Oct

## Spectra:

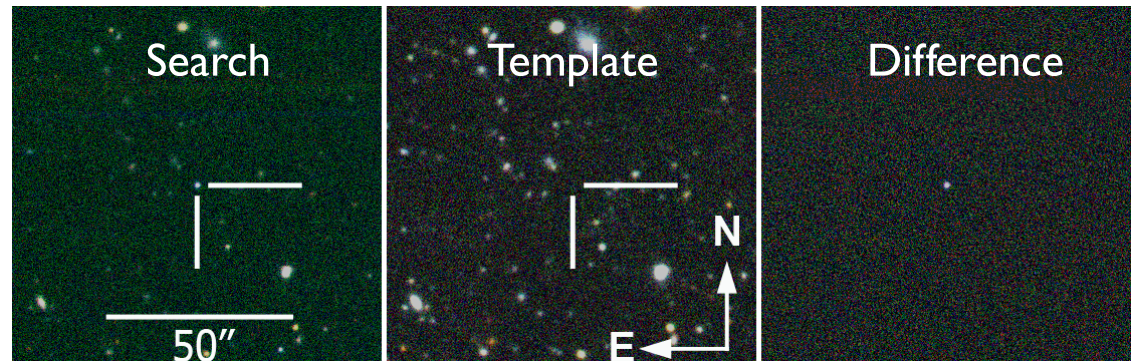
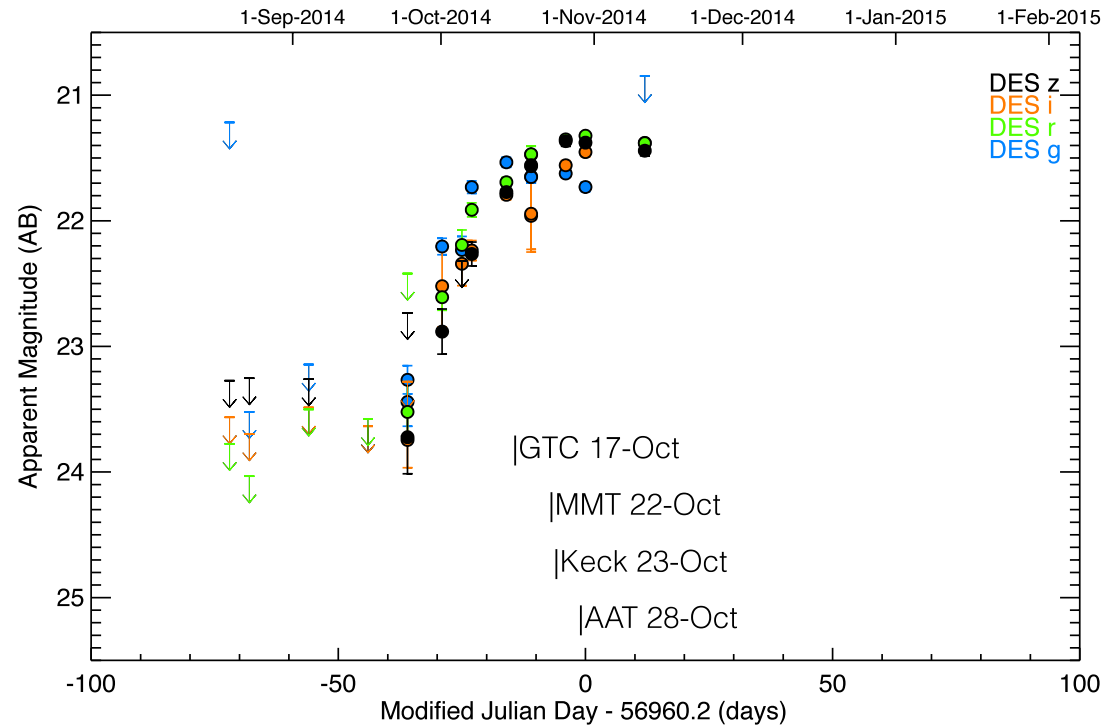
- 17-Oct - GTC -F.Gastander
- 22-Oct - MMT -R.Foley
- 23-Oct - Keck -P.Nugent
- 28-Oct - AAT - OzDES
- MgII 2800 absorption
- Fe II 2600 absorption
- O II 3727 emission
- SLSNe type-I @  $z=0.869$

## Peak Brightness:

- ~29-Oct-2014
- $M_r = -22.4$  @  $z=0.869$

## ATel#6635

- <http://www.astronomerstelegram.org/?read=6635>

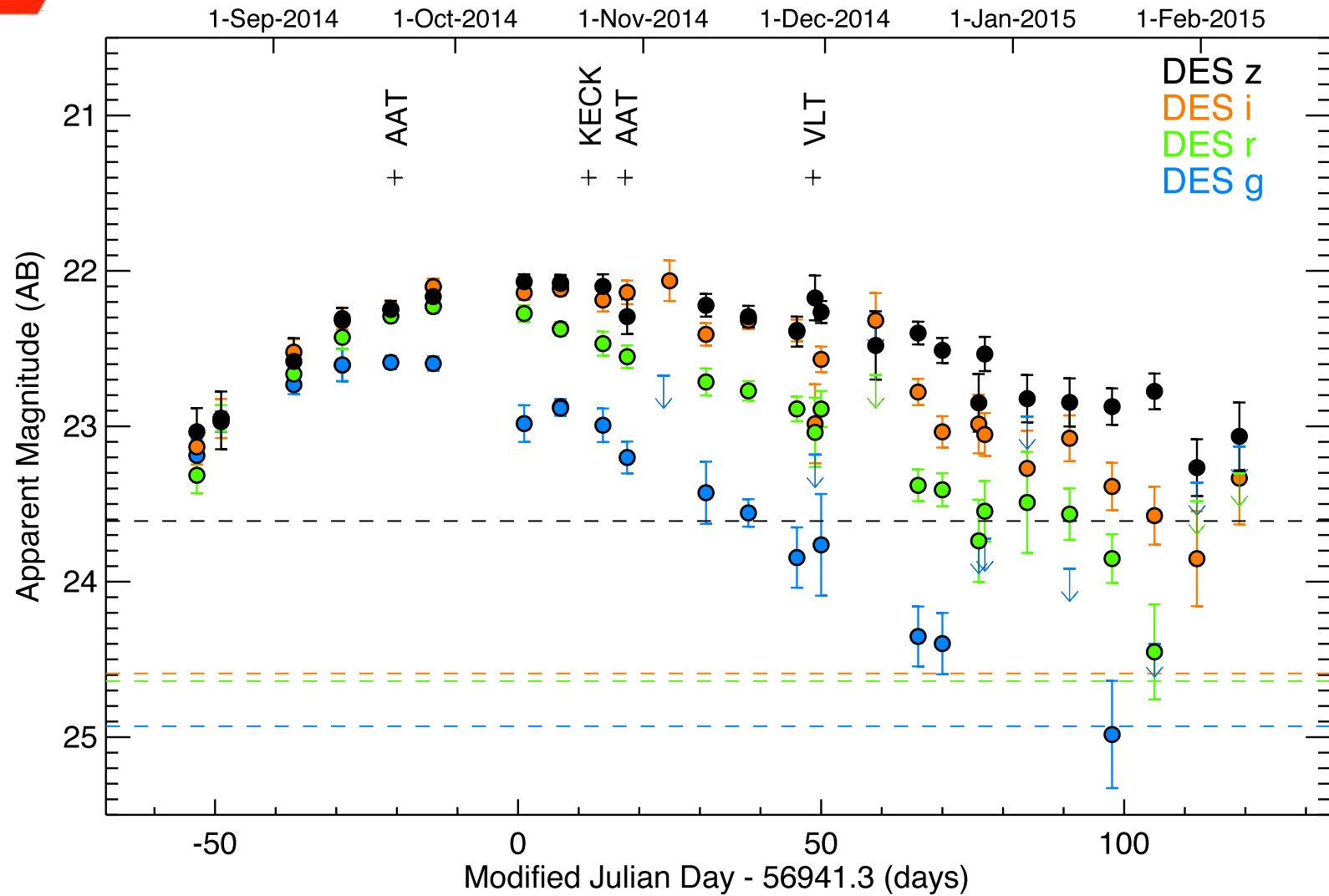






# DES14C1fi

$M_{U,peak} \sim -22.5$



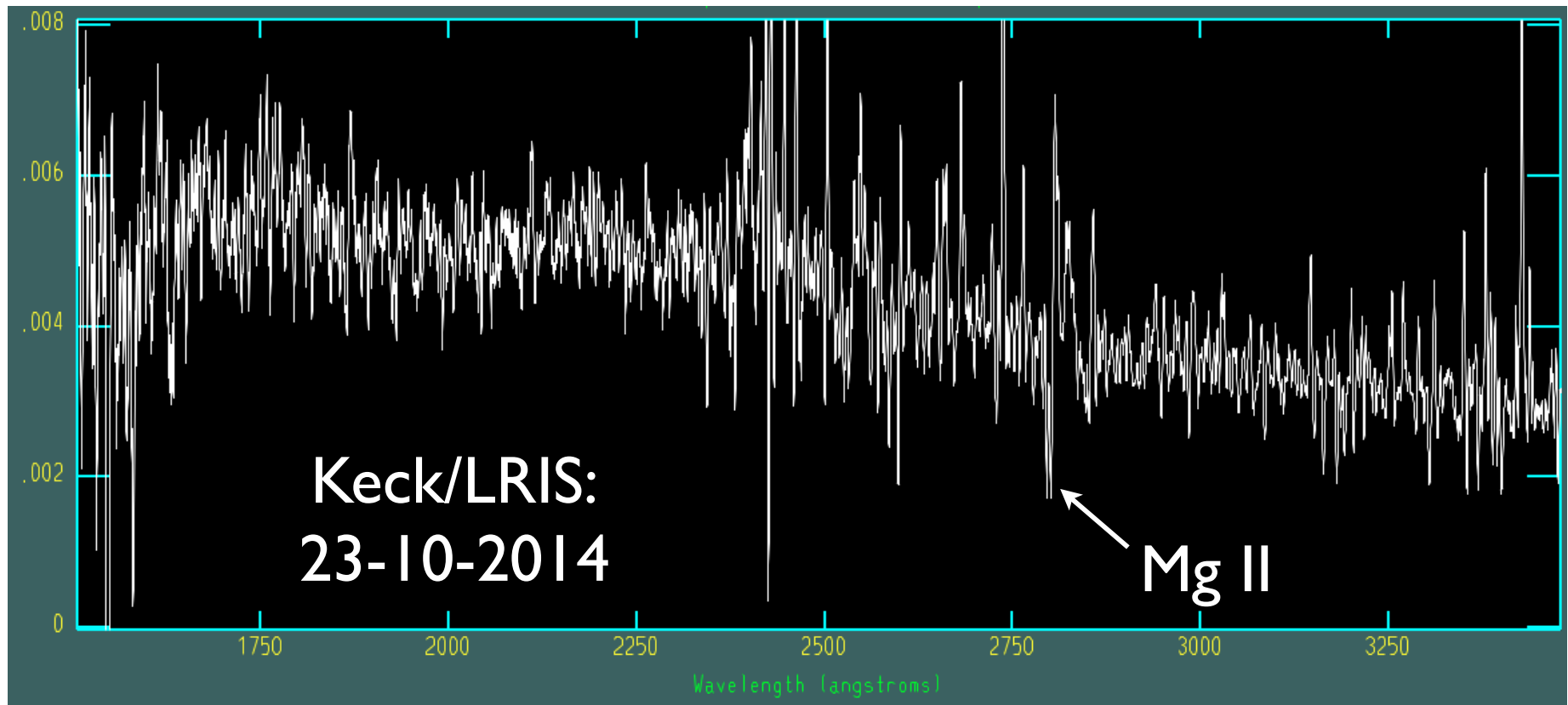
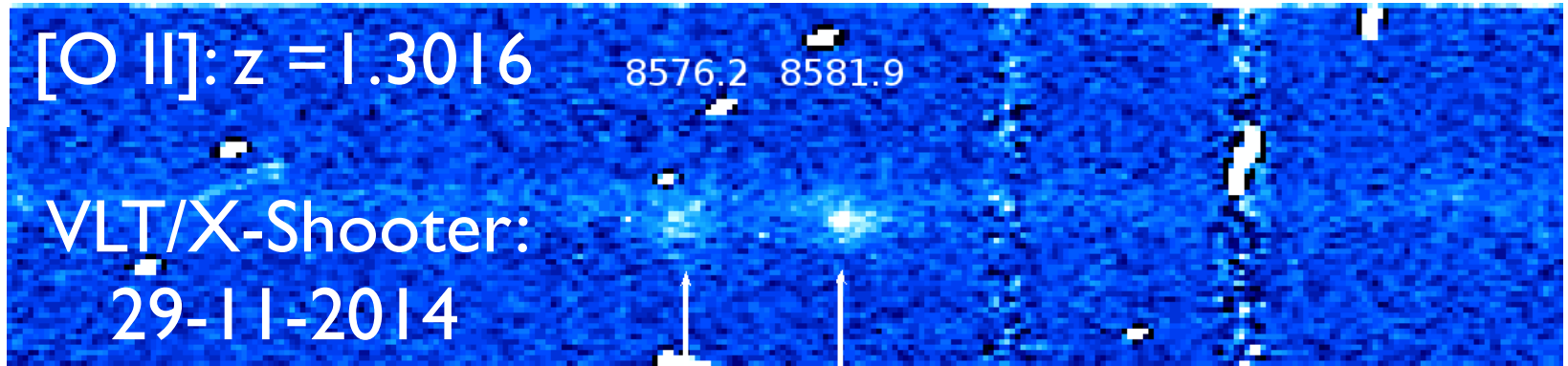


DES14C1fi

[O II]:  $z = 1.3016$

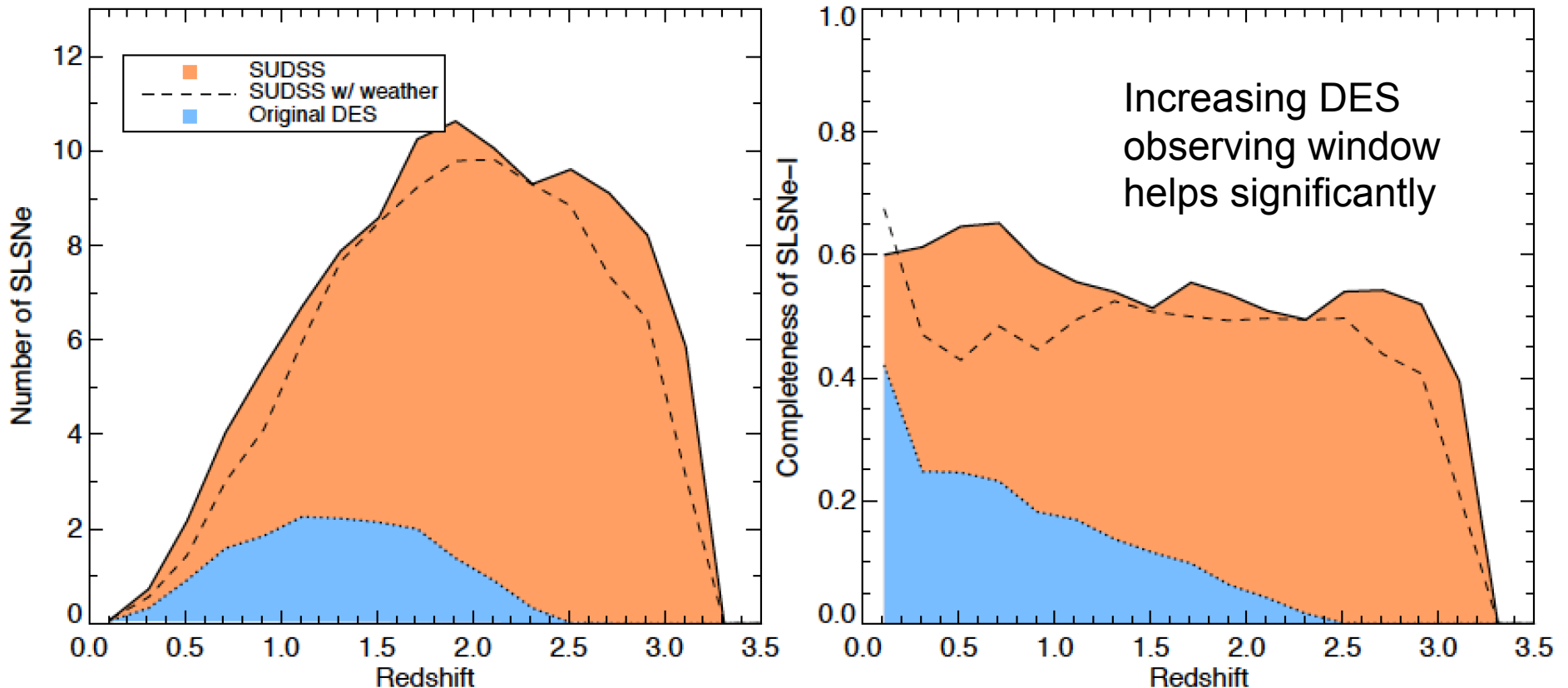
8576.2 8581.9

VLT/X-Shooter:  
29-11-2014

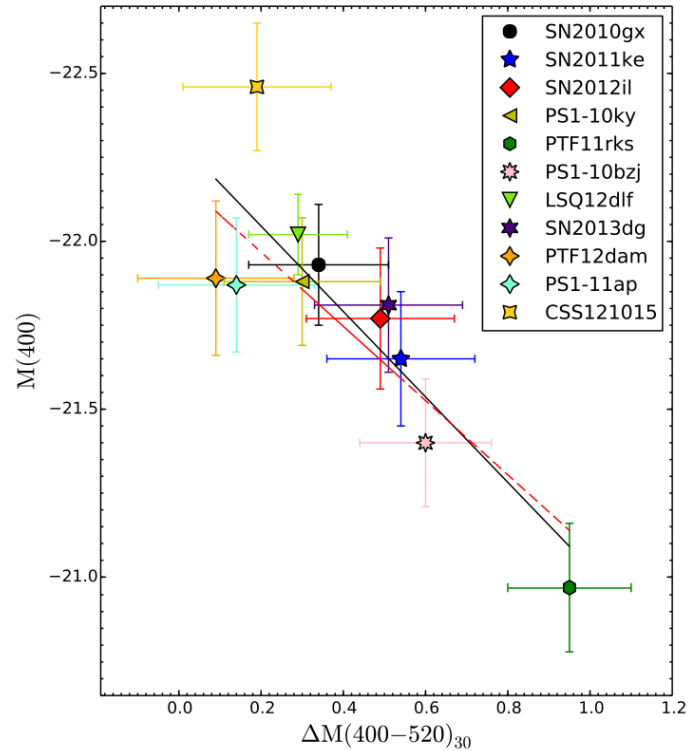
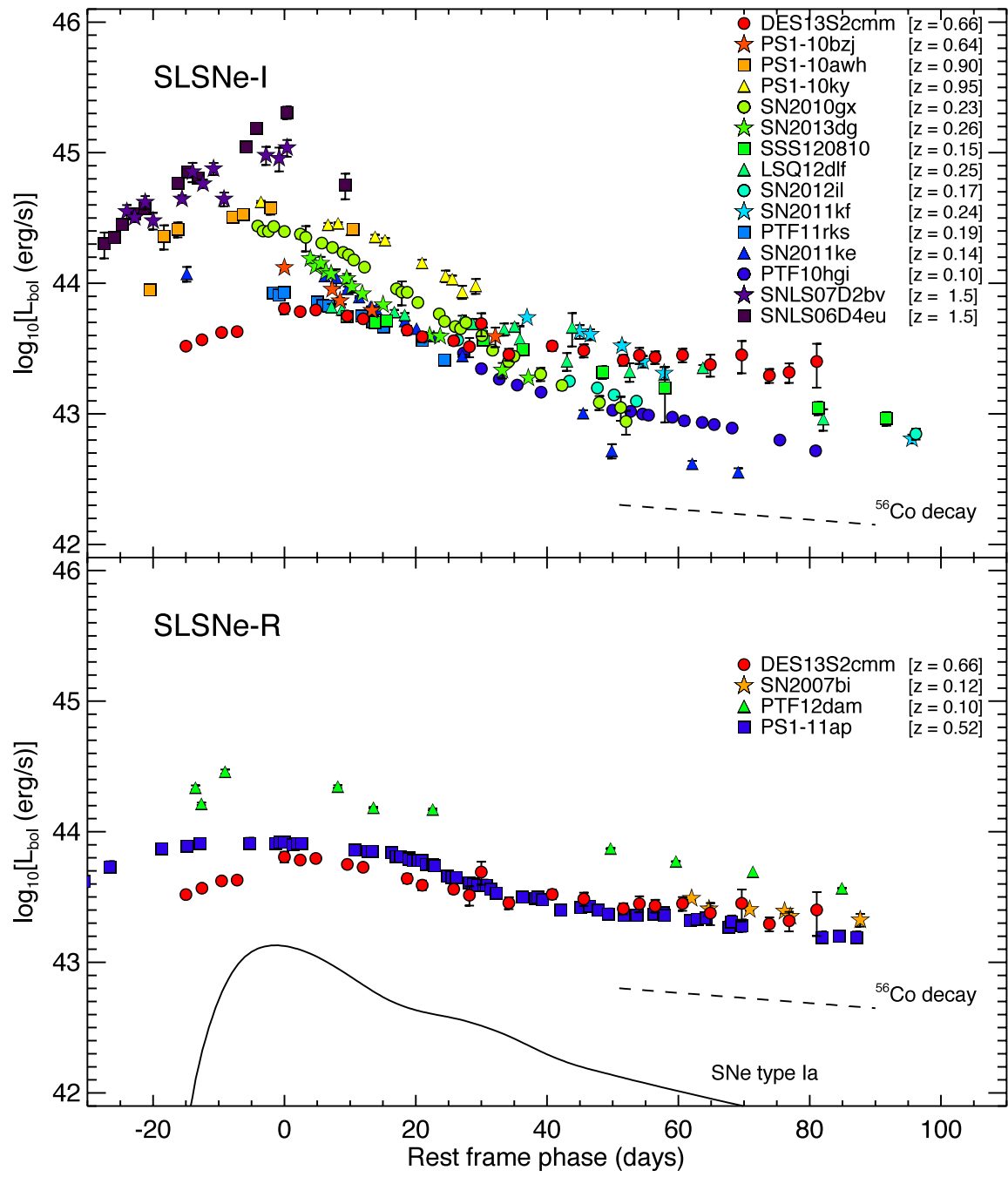




# SURVEY USING DECAM FOR SUPERLUMINOUS SUPERNOVAE



24 deg<sup>2</sup> at ~14 day cadence for ~7 months to twice depth of DES shallow fields



**DES + SUDSS will find ~100, improving the DES cosmology by at least 25%. LSST will find 20,000 of these events!**

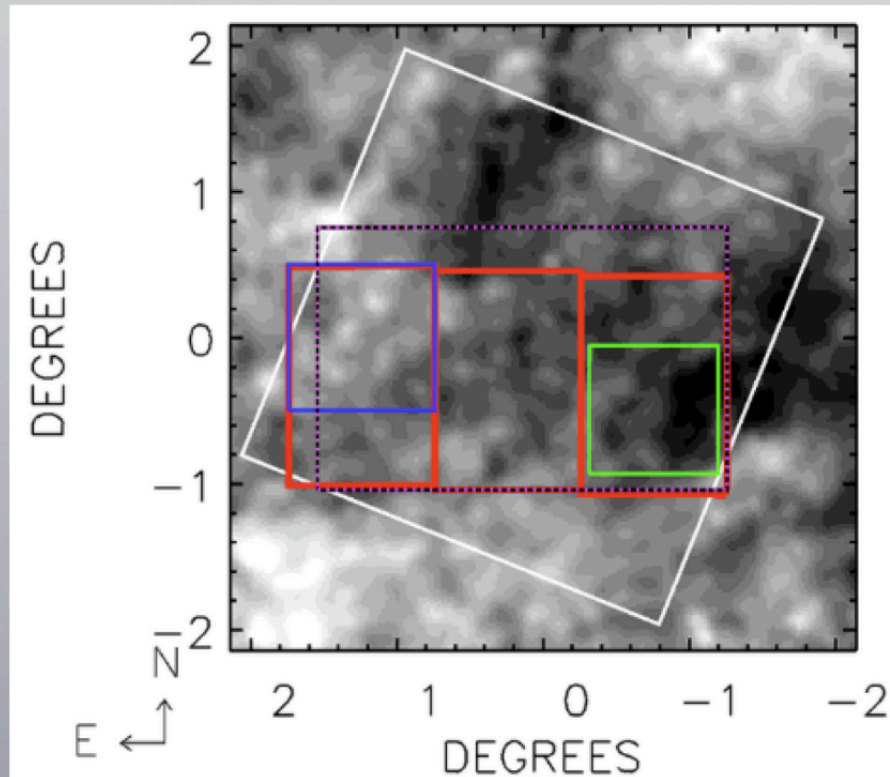
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


# The VIDEO Survey

## VISTA Deep Extragalactic Observations

(Jarvis et al. 2013)



-  VIDEO
-  Spitzer SWIRE
-  CFHTLS-D1
-  UKIDSS-UDS

➔ 12 deg<sup>2</sup>

➔ (NIR): **Z, Y, J, H, K<sub>s</sub>**

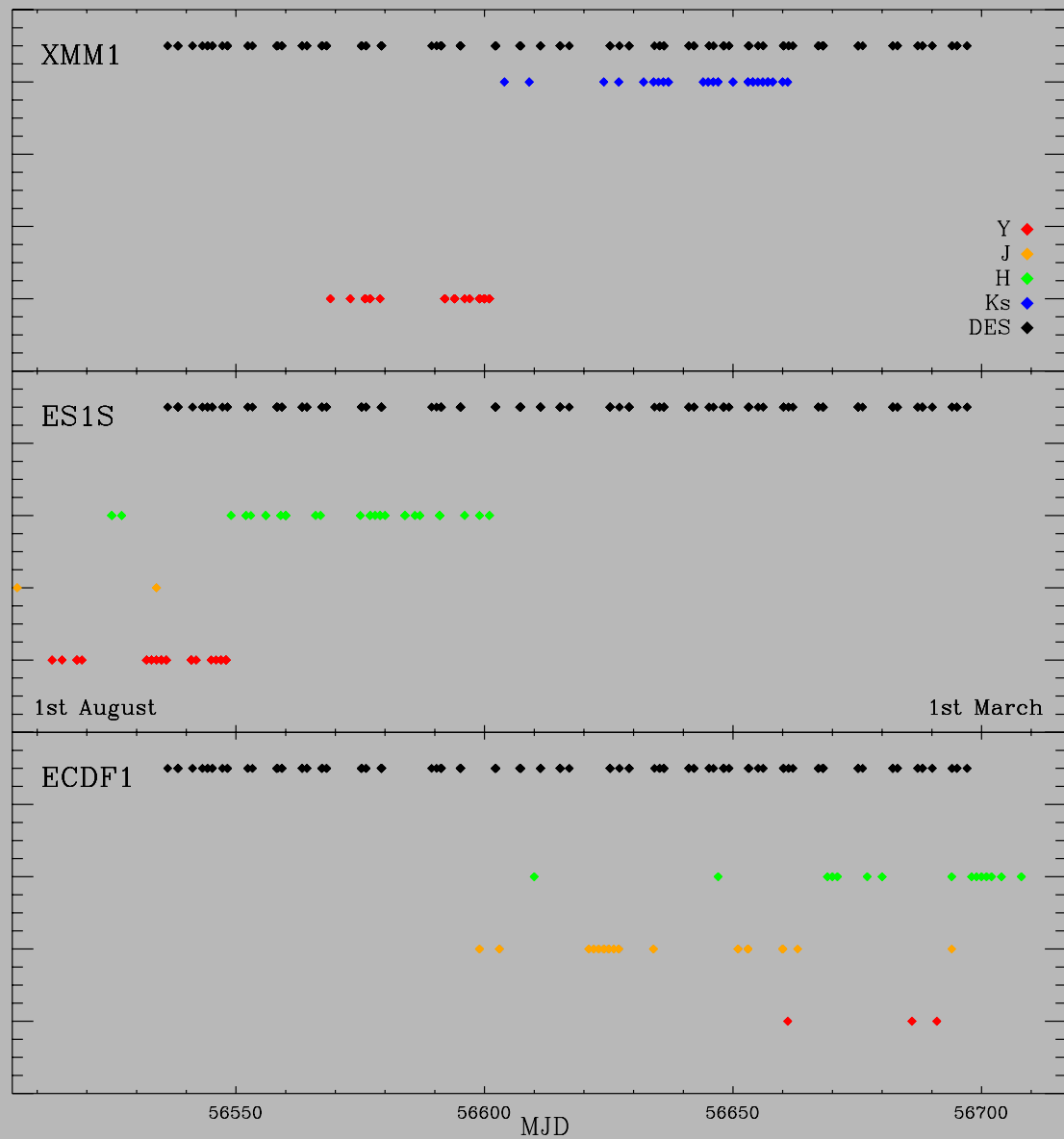
➔ Visible: **ugriz** (CFHTLS)

➔  $z_{phot} < 4.0$

➔  $z_{phot}$  obtained from LePhare

Y = 24.5, J = 24.4, H = 24.1 and K<sub>s</sub> = 23.8

# DES & VIDEO Overlap



The VIDEO footprint overlaps with the DES X, C and E fields

Observations will coincide with DES SV, Y1 & Y2

Potential overlap in Y, J, H & K (invaluable for host galaxy prop)

Can we produce NIR light-curves of DES SNe....





- DES has started and is maturing
- First results are coming
- DES SN has found thousands of SNe; hundreds suitable for cosmology
- Control of systematics is vital but in-hand
- Serendipity!
  - DES+VIDEO
  - Superluminous SNe!





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# DES TIMELINE

- 2003 Project begins
- 2004 – 2008 R&D
- 2008 – 2011 DECam construction
- 2012 Installation
- Sept 2012 First light
- Sept – Oct 2012 Commissioning
- Nov 2012 – Feb 2013 Science verification (SV)
- 31 Aug 2013 –  
9 Feb 2014 First season (Year 1)
- 15 Aug 2014 Year 2 begins
- Feb 2018 Nominal end of  
survey operations