

# **Chemical evolution of the Milky Way and its implications for the nature of SN Ia**

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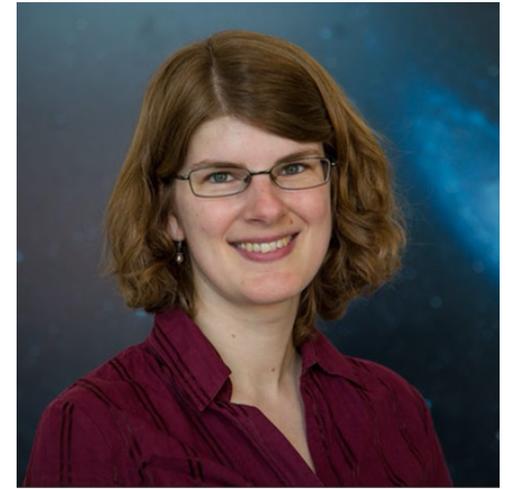
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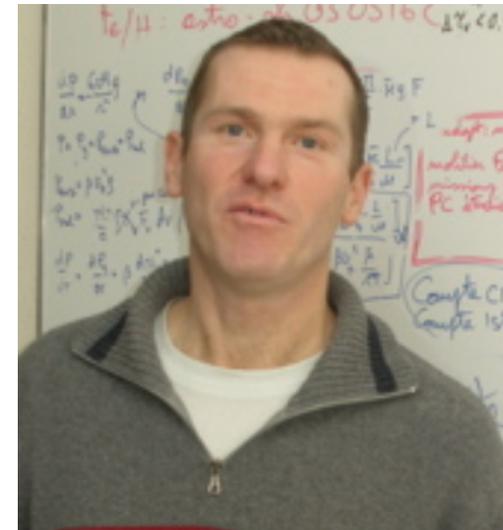
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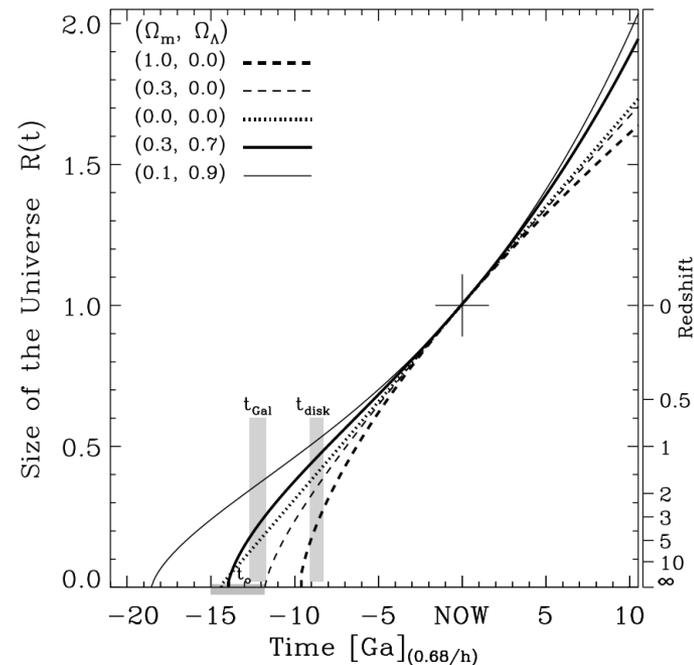
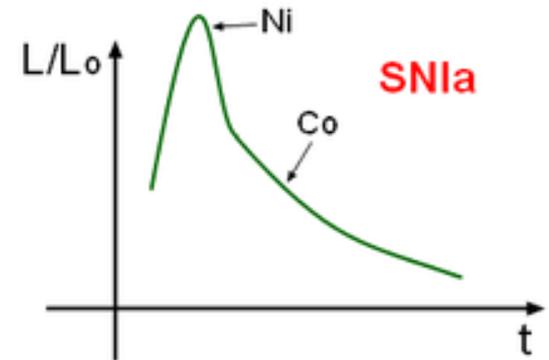
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# Outline

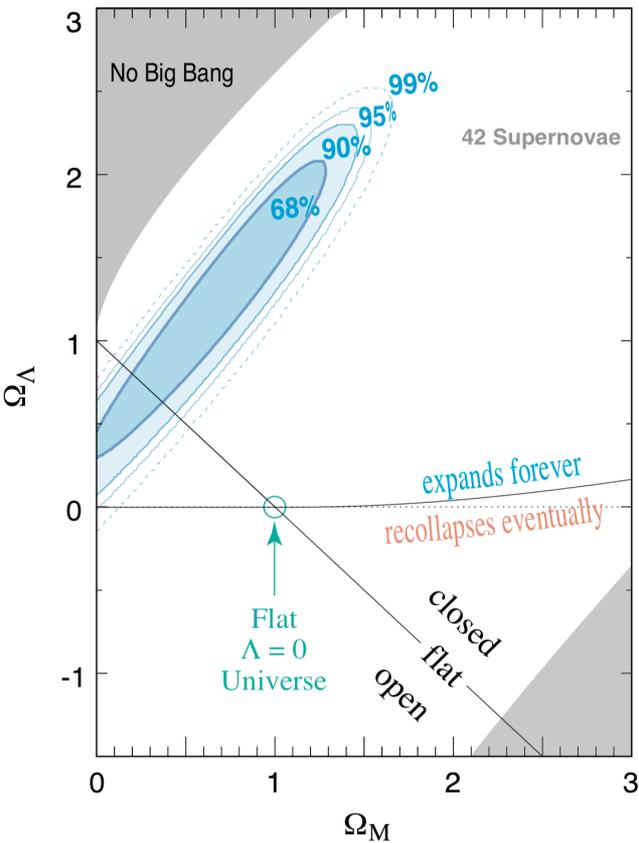
- Introduction: why SN Ia explosions?
- Physical properties of SN Ia
- Constraining SN Ia population using stars
  - Chemical abundances: 3D NLTE
  - Milky Way, dwarf Spheroidal galaxies
- Implications



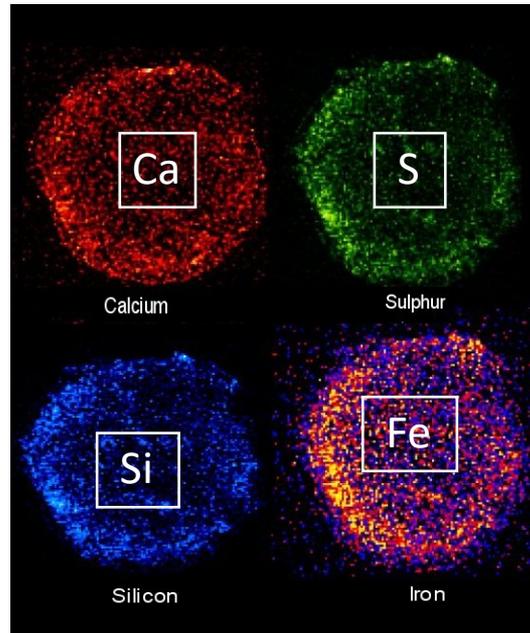
Lineweaver 1999

# Supernovae Ia

## Cosmology

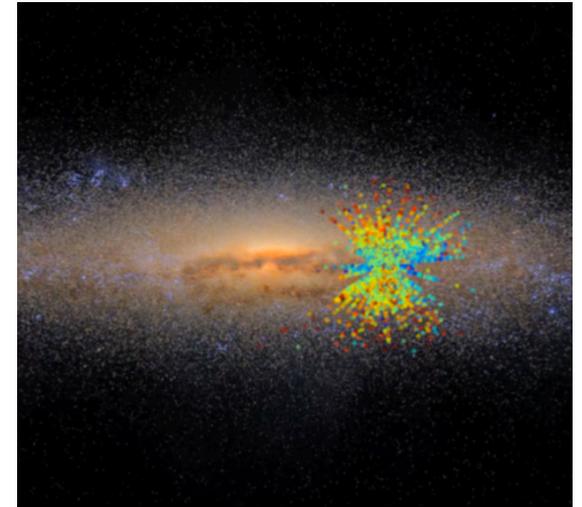


## Factories of heavy elements



XMM-NEWTON map of SN 1572 Ia remnant  
David H. Lumb

## Galaxy evolution

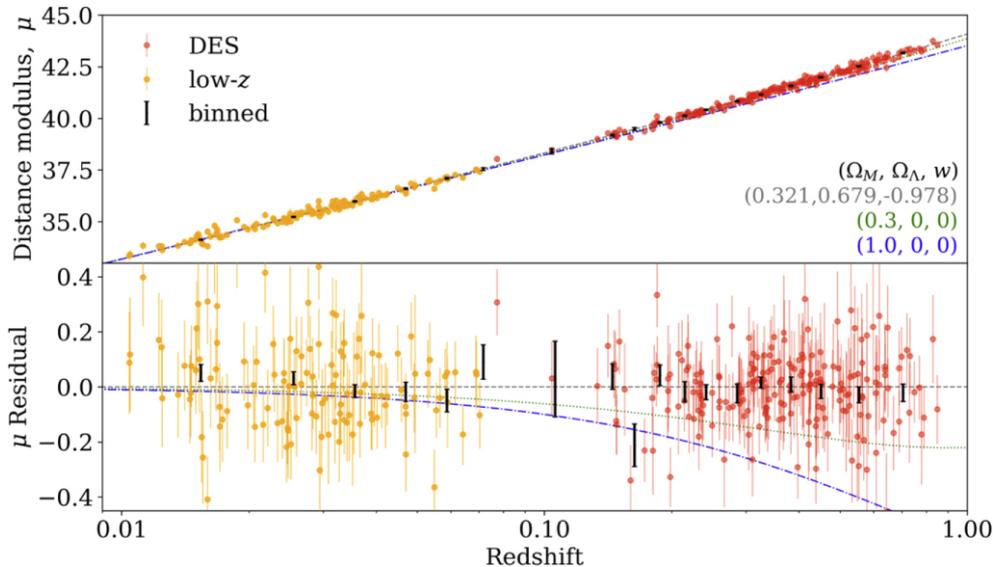


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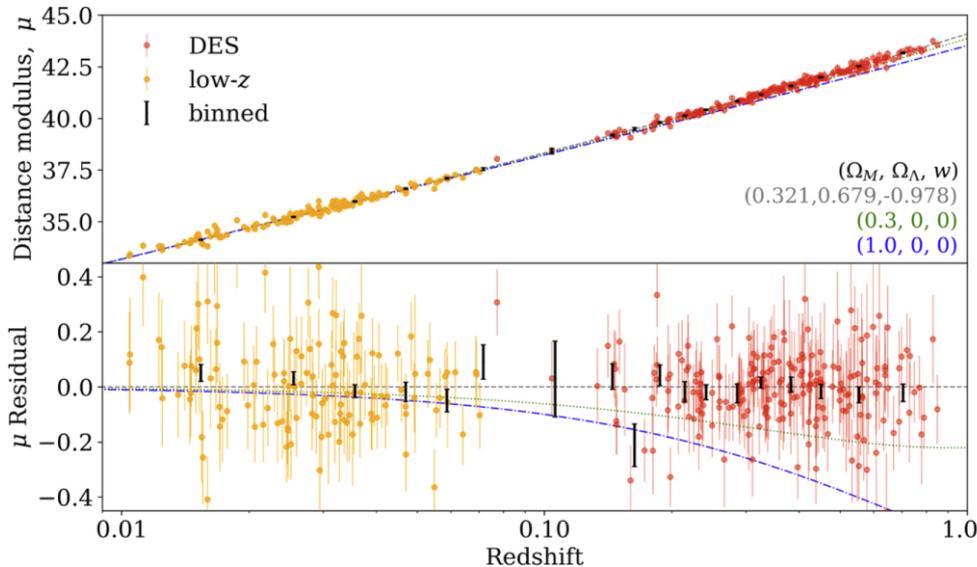
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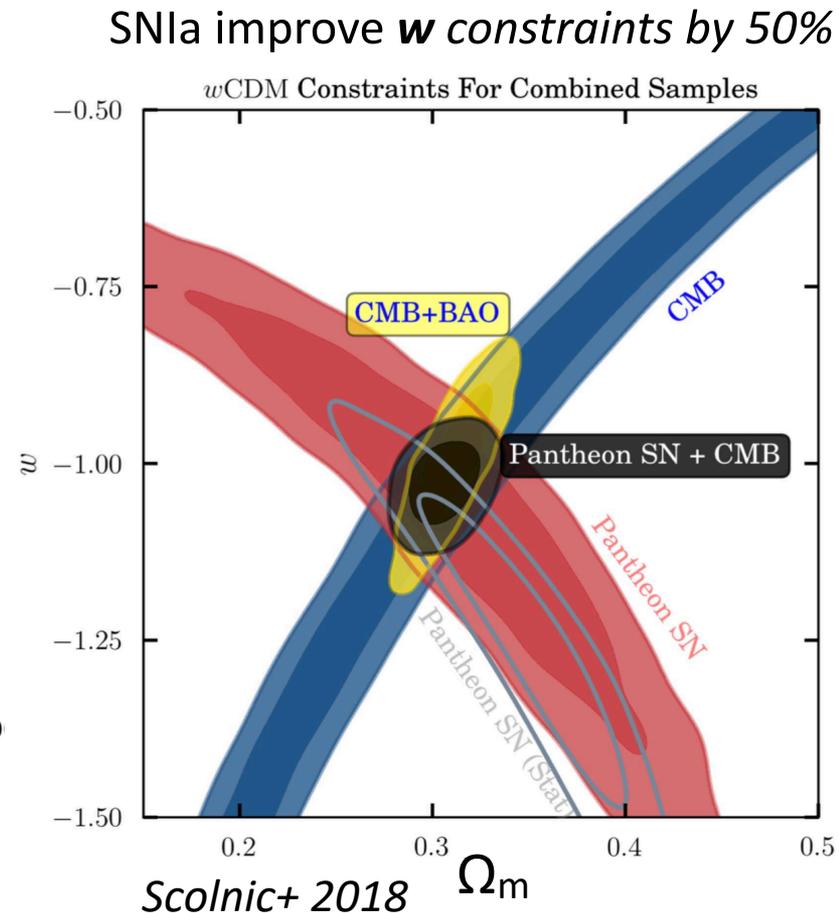
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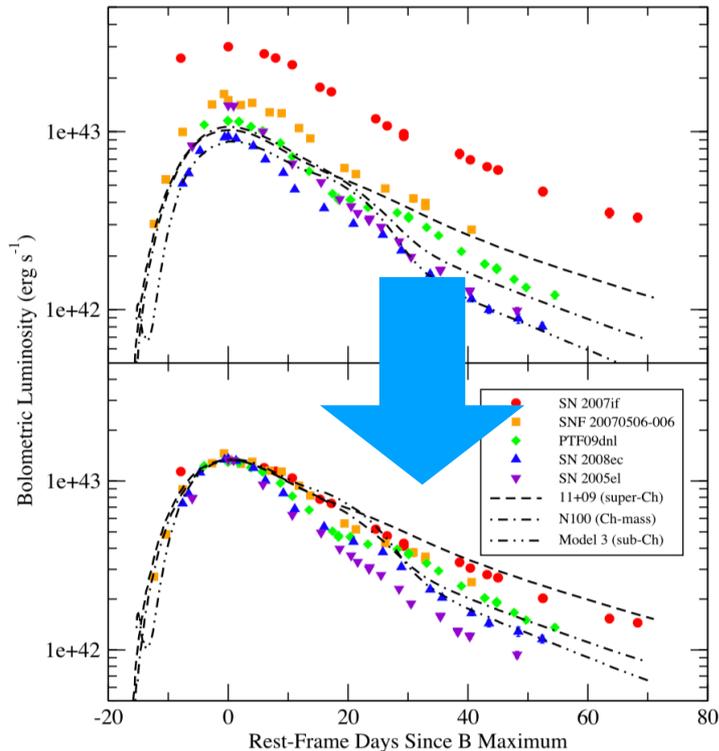


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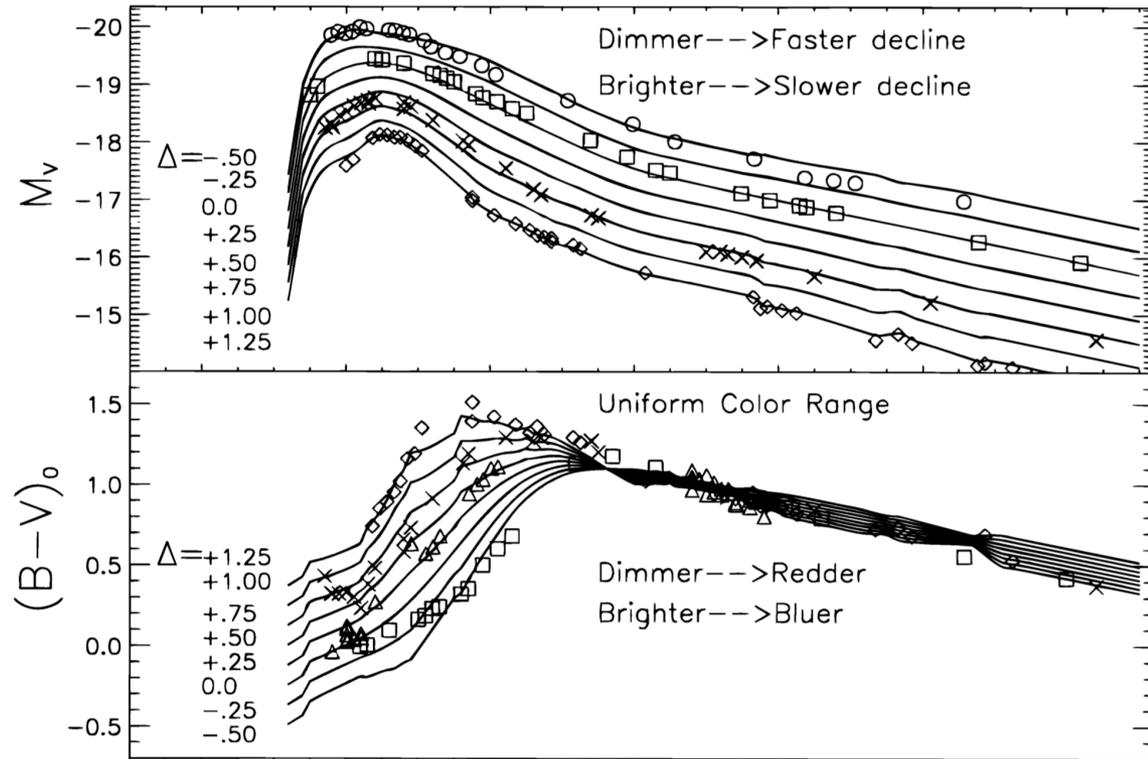
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$$m_B^{\text{corr}} = m_B + \alpha (s - 1) - \beta C,$$

stretch correction      colour correction



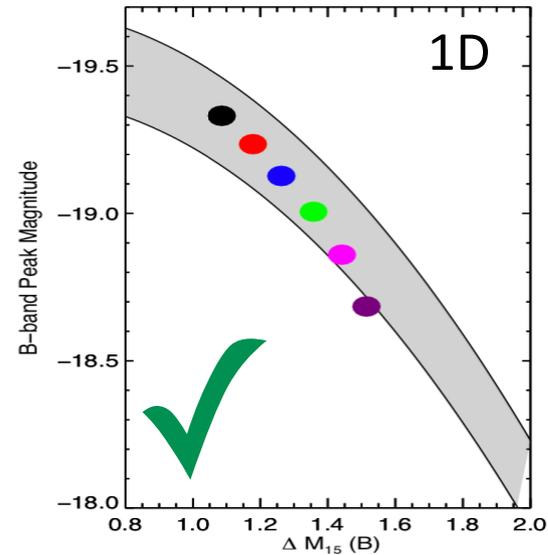
Scalzo+ 2014



Philipps 1993, 1999, Riess+ 1996, 1998, Trimm 1998

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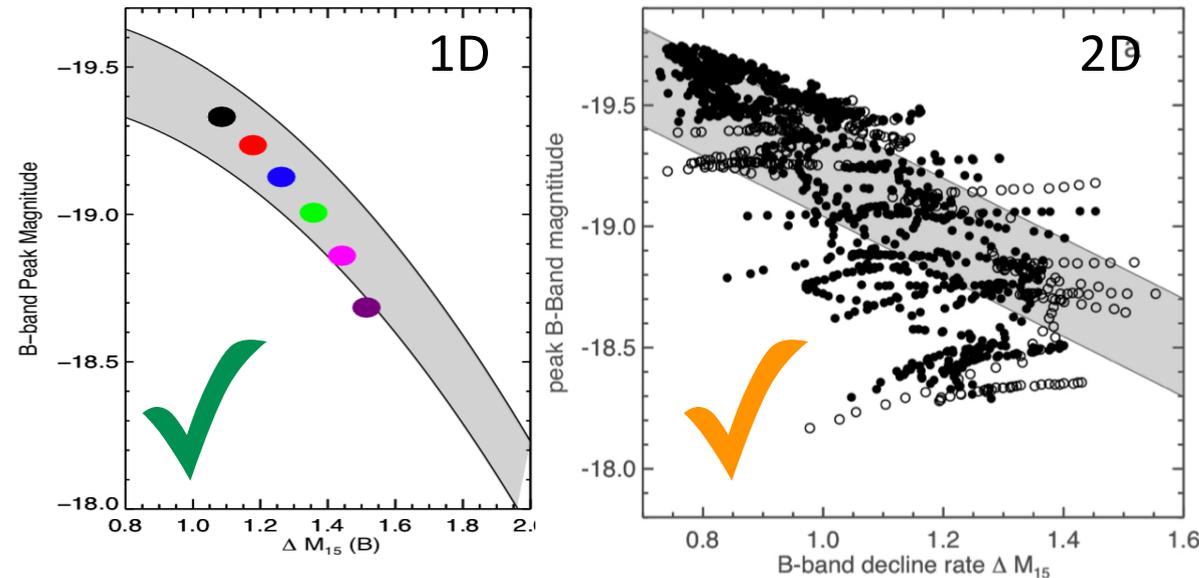
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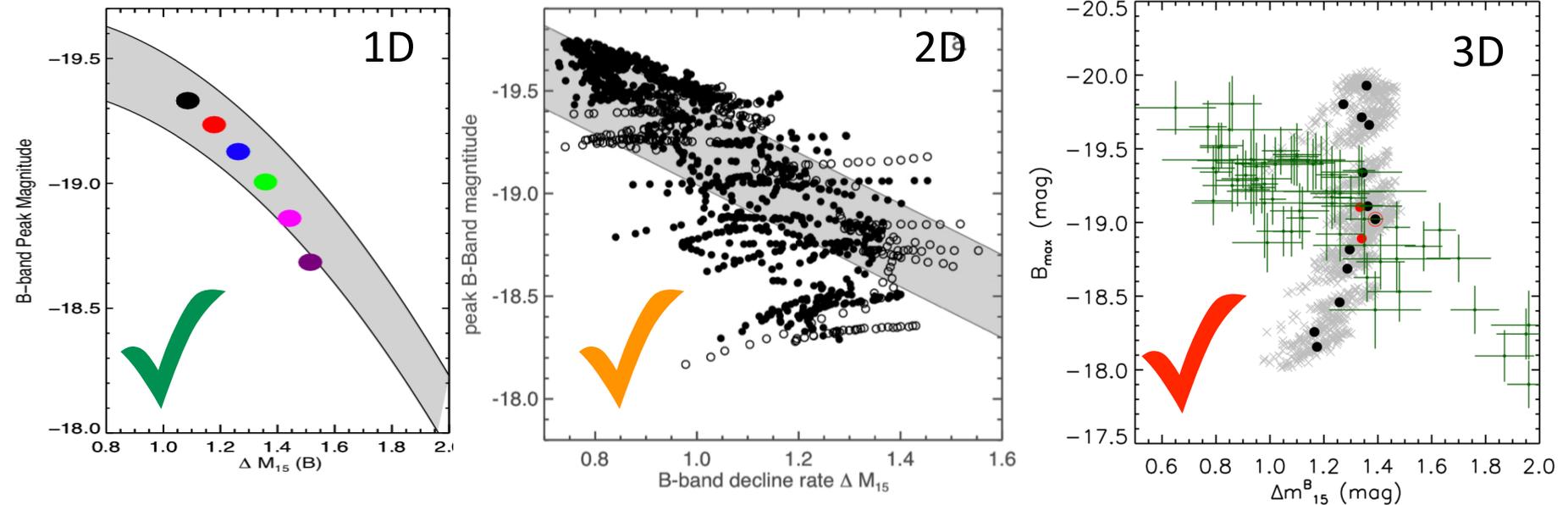
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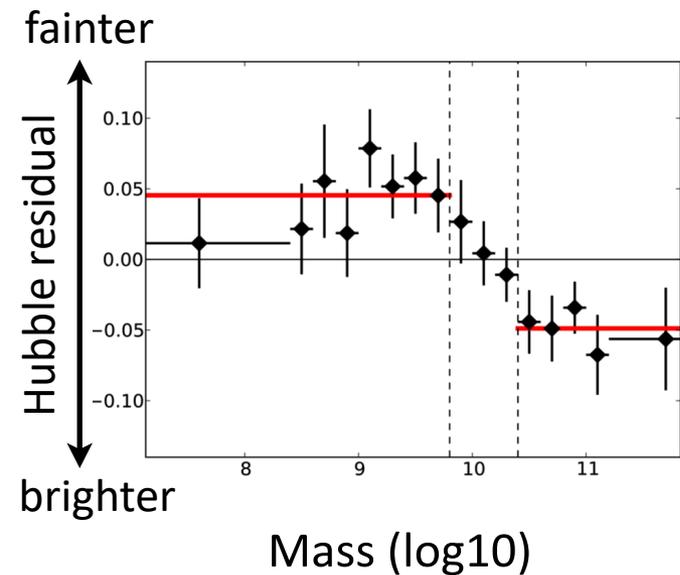
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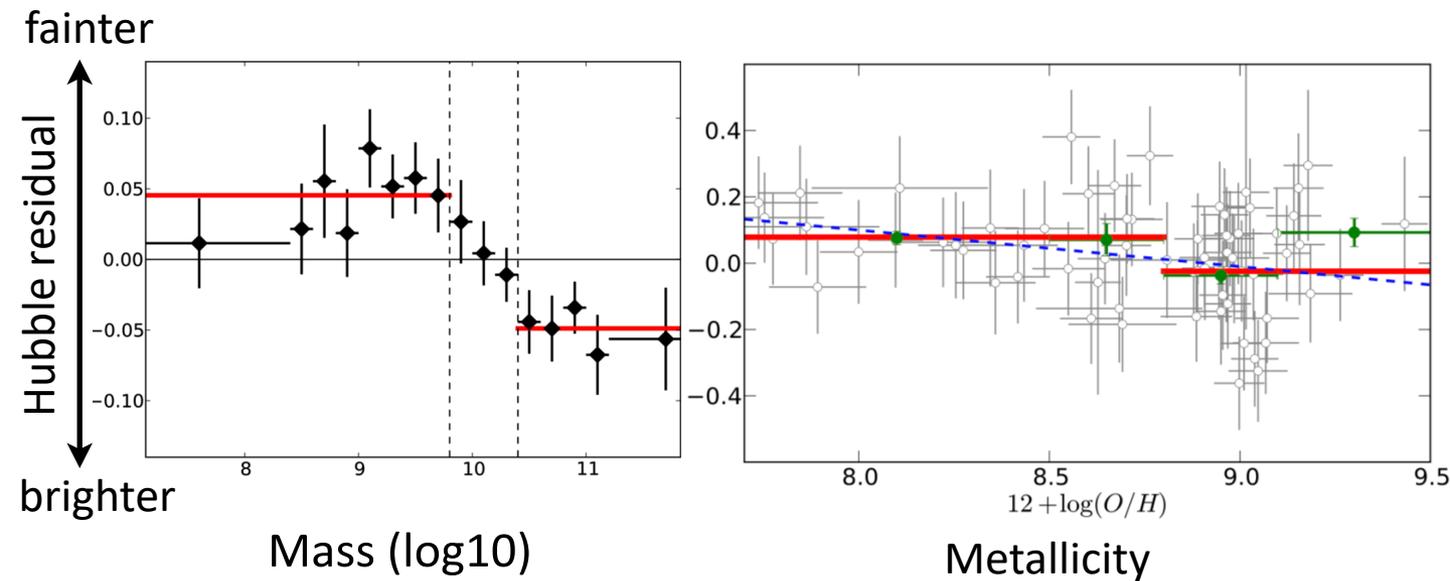
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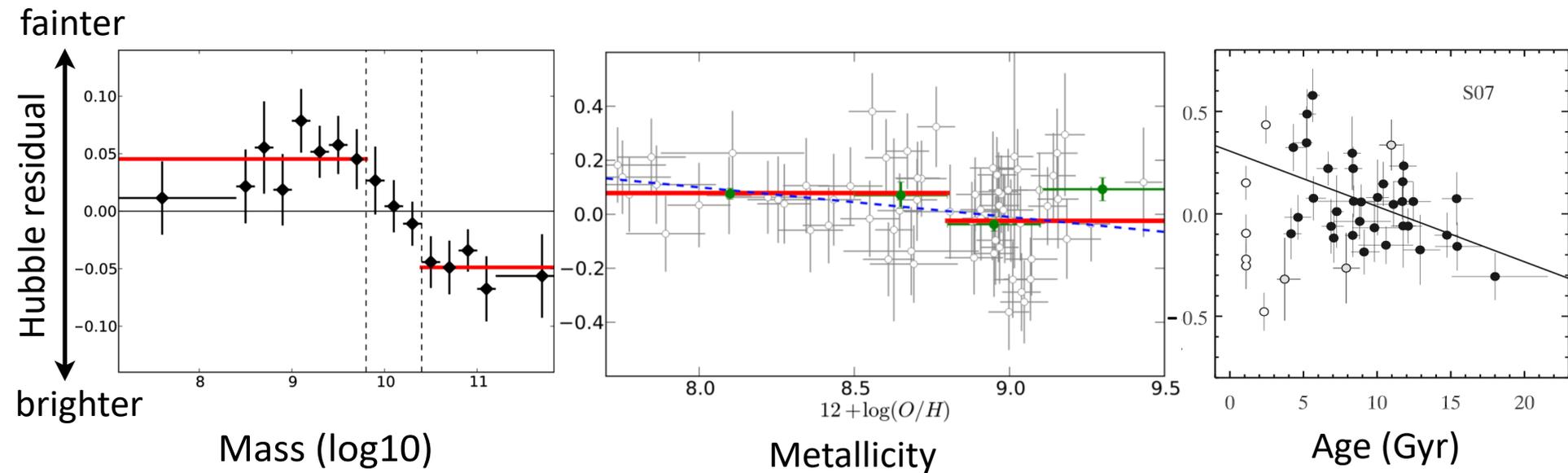
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# Redshift evolution in SN Ia properties?

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*w*-uncertainty Contributions for *w*CDM Model<sup>a</sup>

Description <sup>b</sup>	$\sigma_w$
Total Stat ( $\sigma_{w,\text{stat}}$ )	0.042
Total Syst <sup>c</sup>	0.042
Total Stat+Syst	0.059
<b>[Photometry and Calibration]</b>	<b>[0.021]</b>
Low- <i>z</i>	0.014
DES	0.010
SALT2 Model	0.009
<i>HST</i> Calspec	0.007
<b>[<math>\mu</math>-Bias Correction: Survey]</b>	<b>[0.023]</b>
†Low- <i>z</i> 3 $\sigma$ Cut	0.016
Low- <i>z</i> Volume Limited	0.010
Spectroscopic Efficiency	0.007
†Flux Err Modeling	0.001
<b>[<math>\mu</math>-Bias Correction: Astrophysical]</b>	<b>[0.026]</b>
Intrinsic Scatter Model (G10 versus C11)	0.014
†Two $\sigma_{\text{int}}$	0.014
$\mathcal{C}$ , $x_1$ Parent Population	0.014
† <i>w</i> , $\Omega_m$ in sim.	0.006
MW Extinction	0.005
<b>[Redshift]</b>	<b>[0.012]</b>
Peculiar Velocity	0.007
† <i>z</i> + 0.00004	0.006

Galaxy mass “mass-step”

- SN Ia in galaxies  $< 10^{10.8} M_{\odot}$

$$1 + w = 0.22^{+0.152}_{-0.108}$$

- SN Ia in galaxies  $> 10^{10.8} M_{\odot}$

$$1 + w = -0.03^{+0.217}_{-0.143}$$

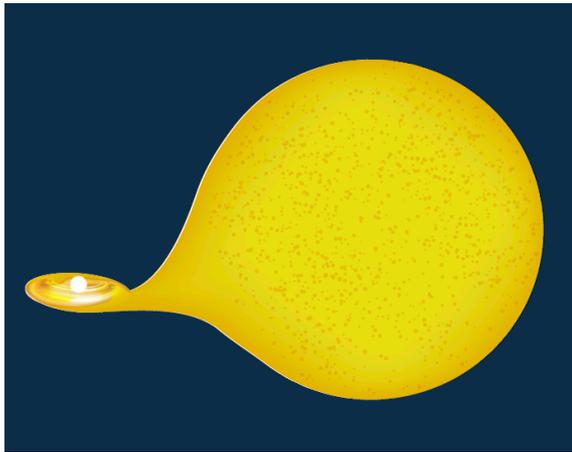
*Kelly et al. 2010, Abbott et al. 2019*

# Take-home messages

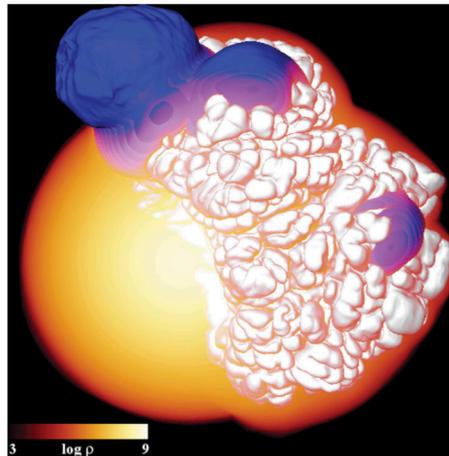
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# SN Ia fitting

The use of SN Ia as standardizable candles critically depends on:



physical properties of  
progenitors



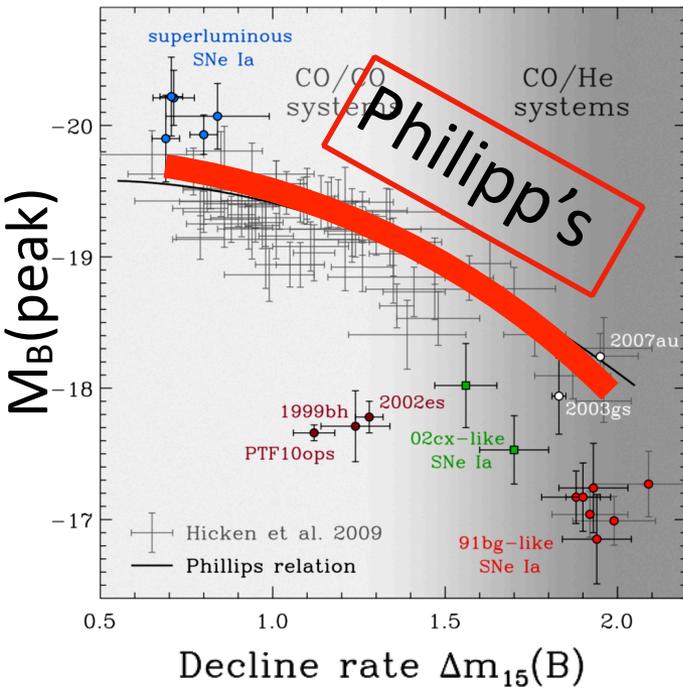
explosion mechanism  
and its dynamics



dependence of SN Ia  
population on the  
environment: age, mass,  
metallicity of the galaxy

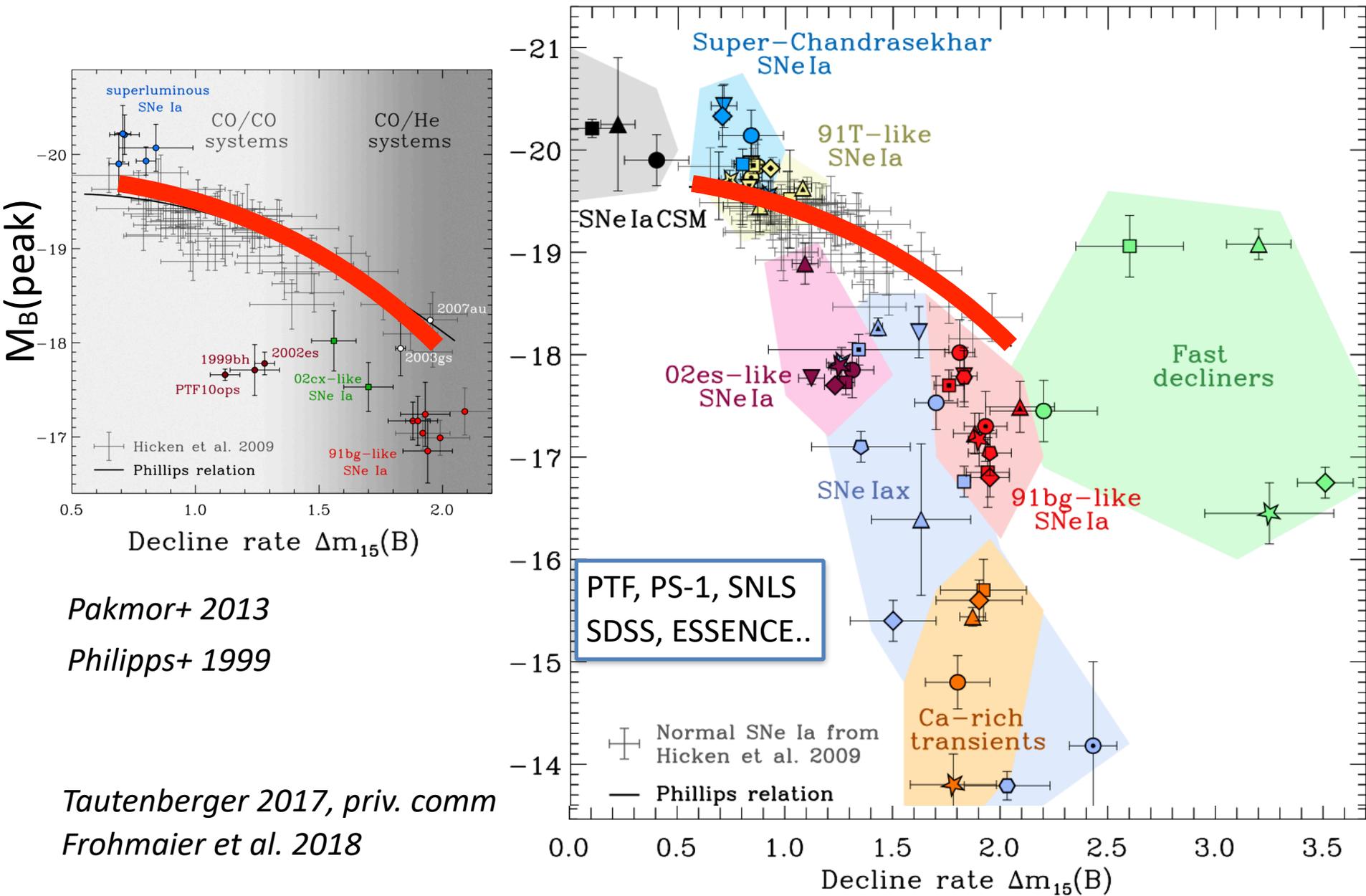
*Nomoto 1980, Taam 1980, Woosley+1980..2011, Hillebrandt & Niemeyer 2000, Livne 1990, Fink+2007, Sim+2010, Nonaka+ 2011, Seitenzahl+2013, Piro+ 2015, Jacobs+ 2015, Fink+ 2018, Gronow+ 2020, ...*

# A few years ago, we knew only normal (“Phillips”-like) SNIa



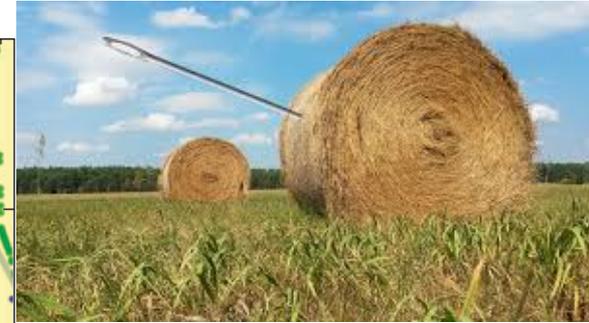
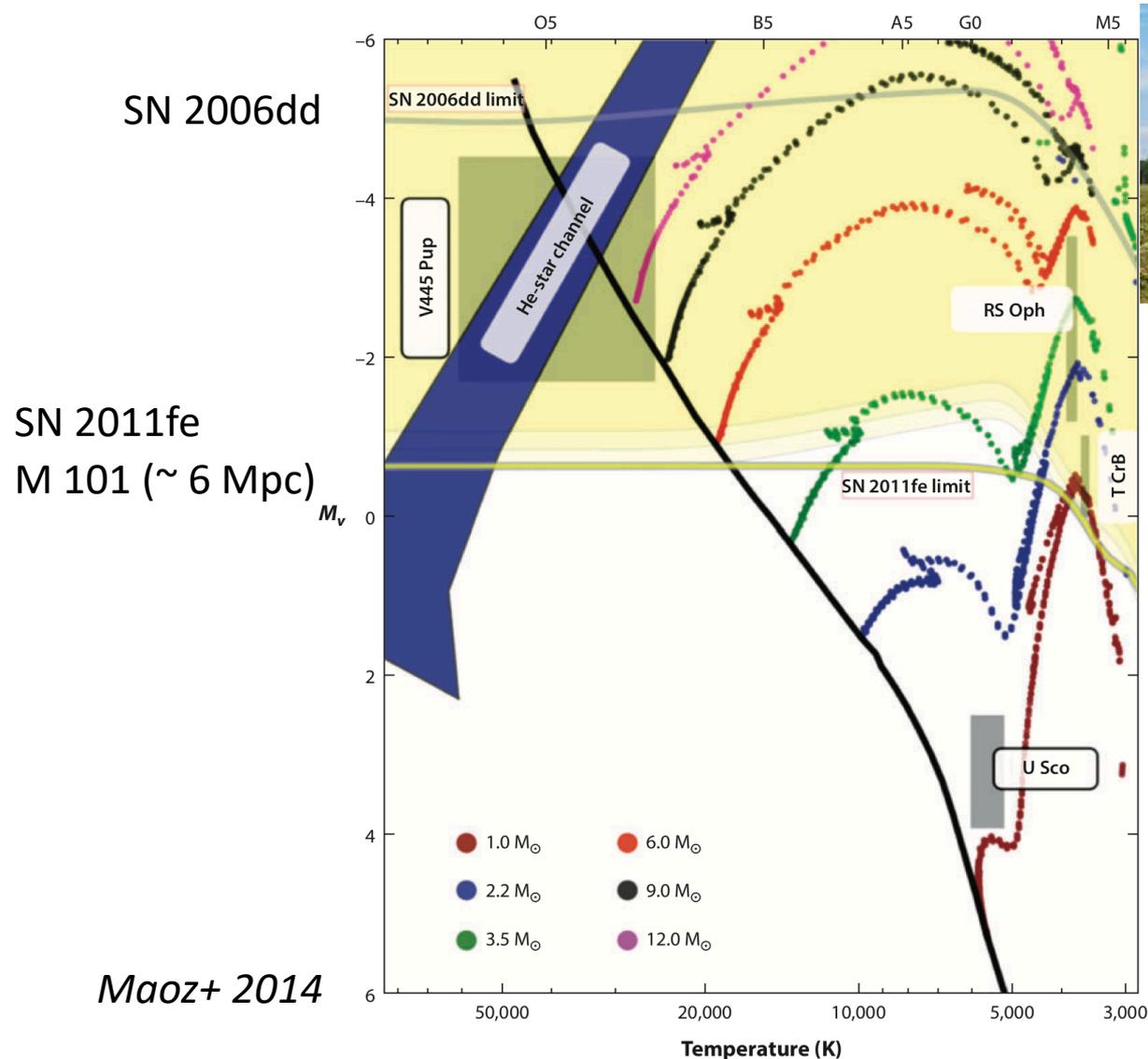
*Pakmor+ 2013*

# Now: wide variety of SN Ia types known



# No progenitor of SN Ia has been detected to date

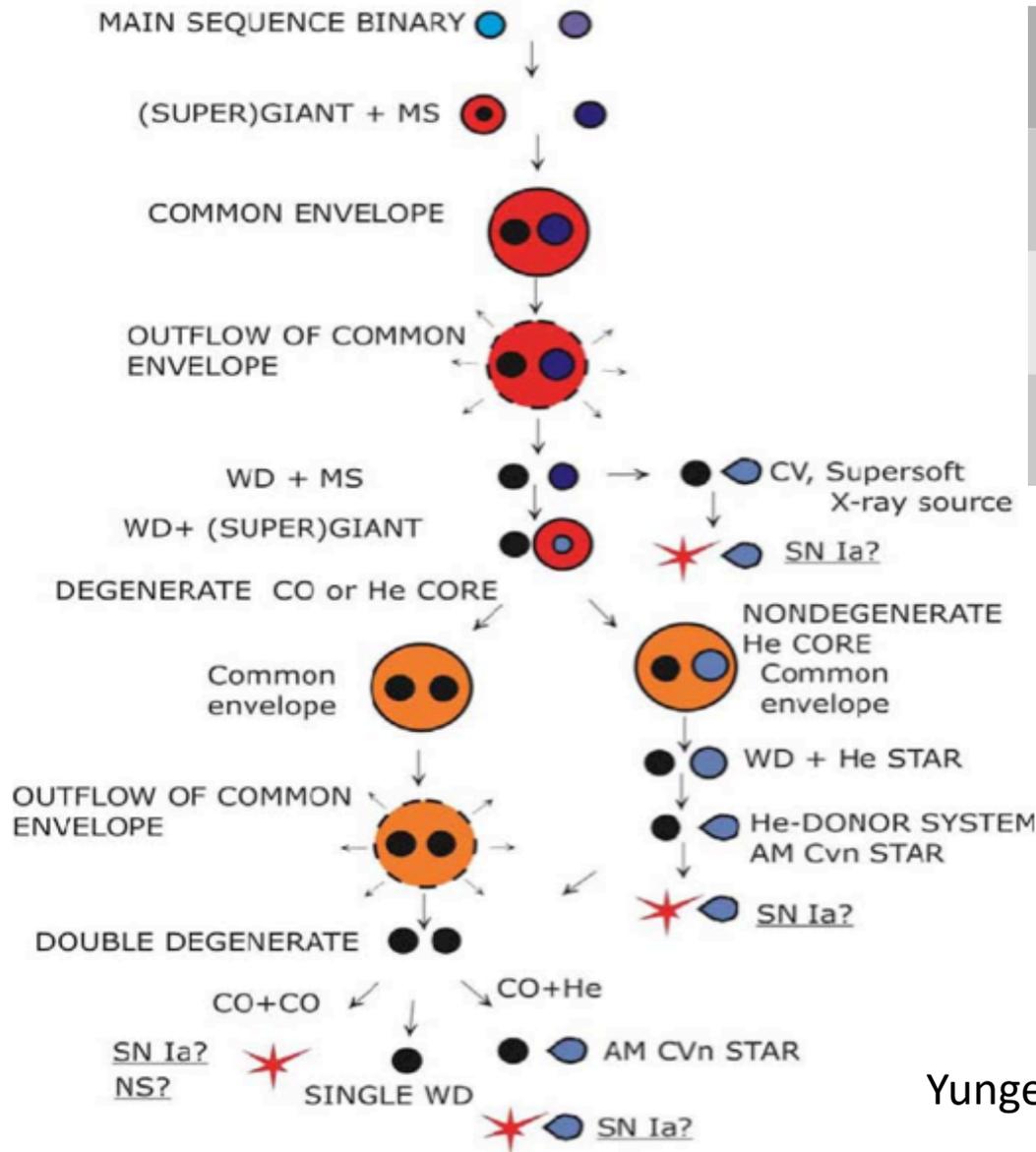
extremely faint: only 2 candidates are known



Maoz+ 2014

# There are many ways to make a low-mass star explode

SN Ia: a thermonuclear explosion of a C-O white dwarf



Model	Mass	Components
A	sub- $M_{Ch}$ or $M_{Ch}$	double degenerate
B	sub- $M_{Ch}$	single degenerate
C	$M_{Ch}$	single degenerate

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Credits: ESA/Gaia/DPAC

Stellar halo

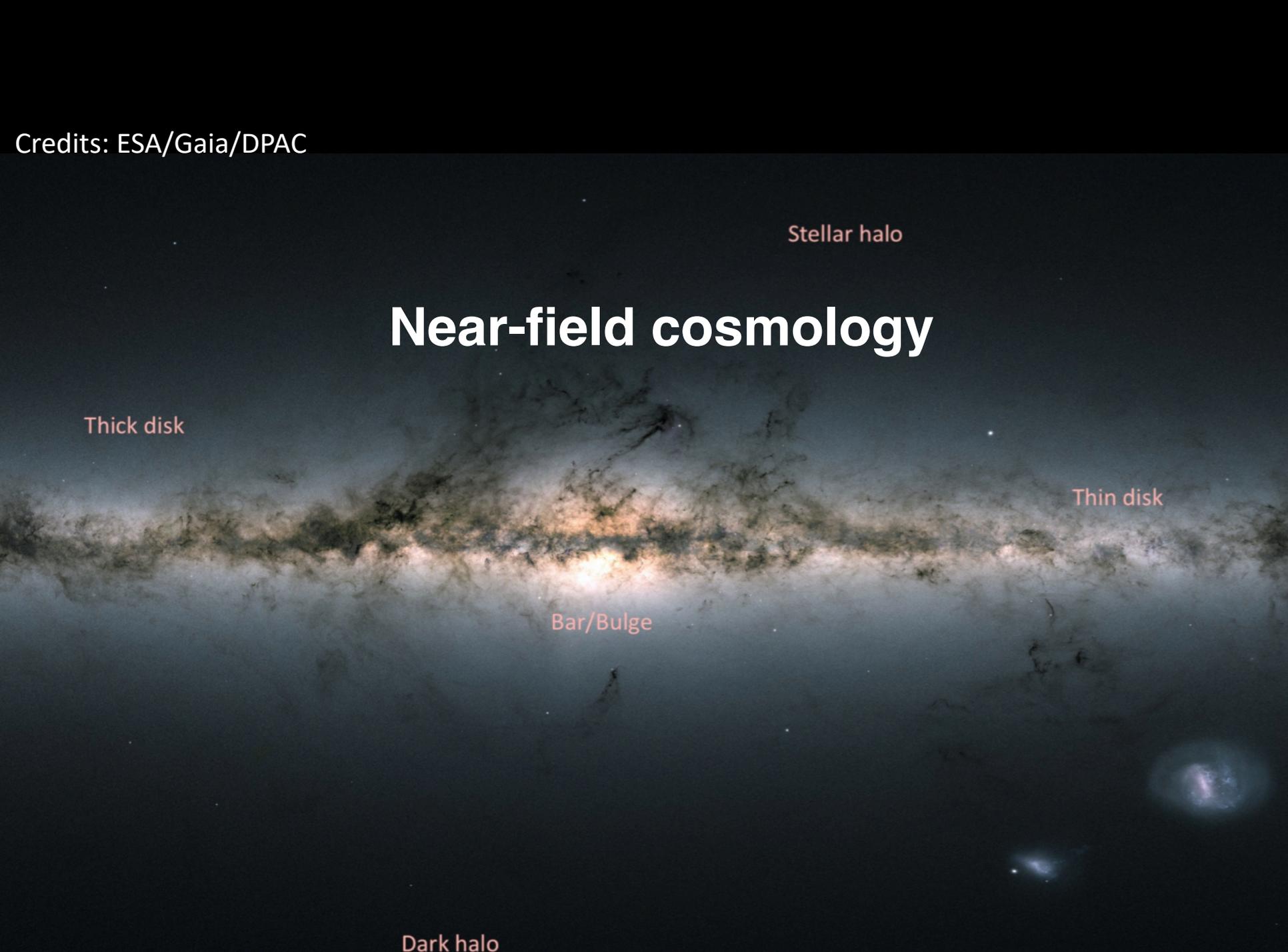
# Near-field cosmology

Thick disk

Thin disk

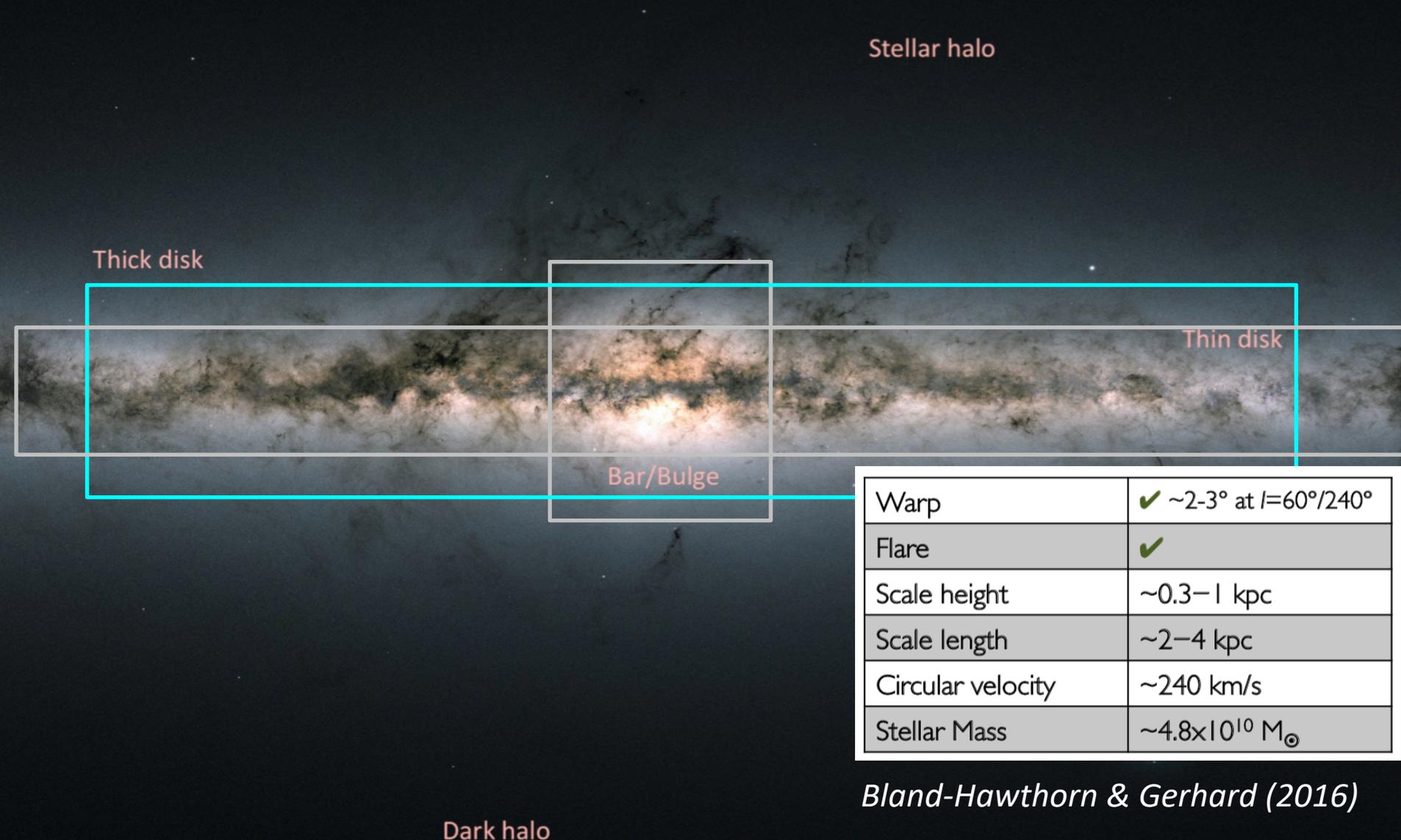
Bar/Bulge

Dark halo



# Constrain SN Ia physics using the MW

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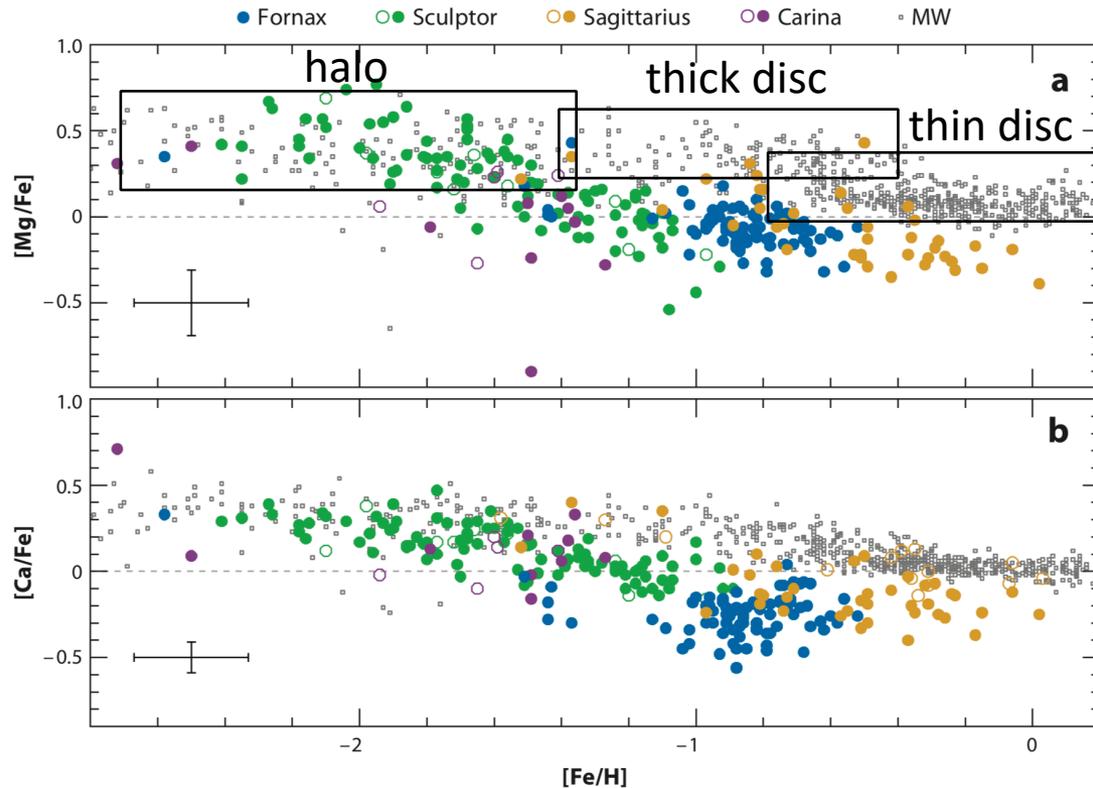
*Bland-Hawthorn & Gerhard (2016)*

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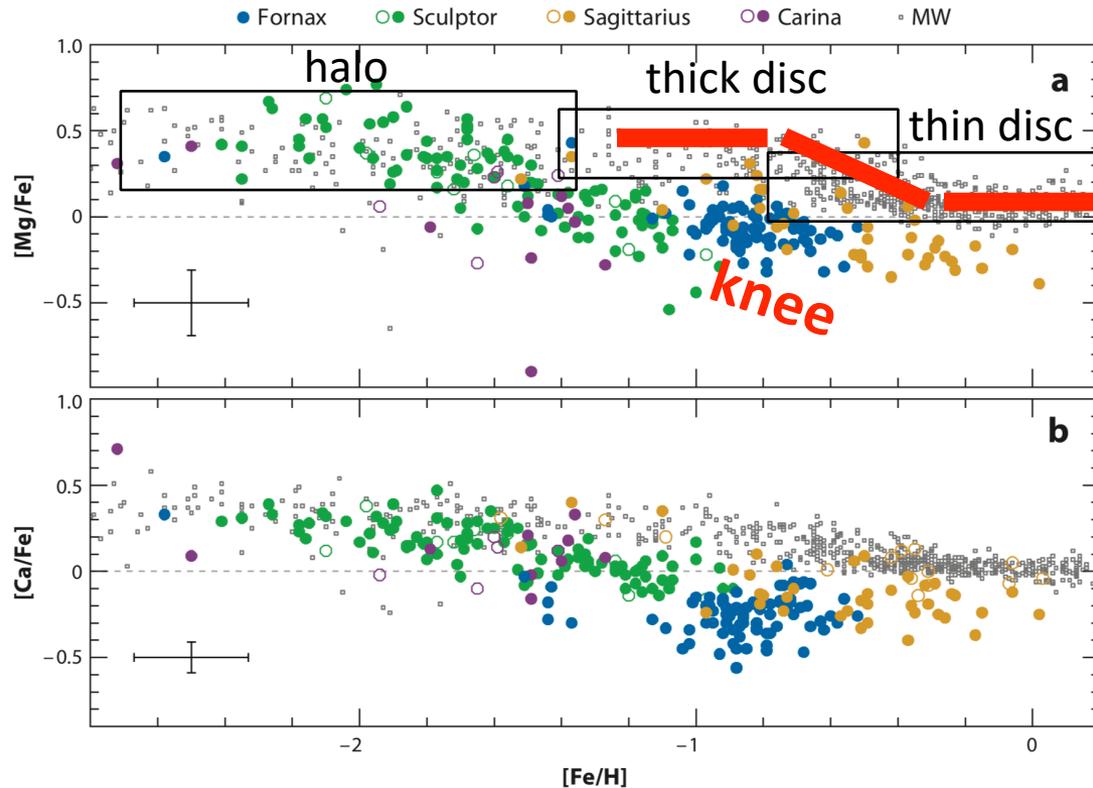
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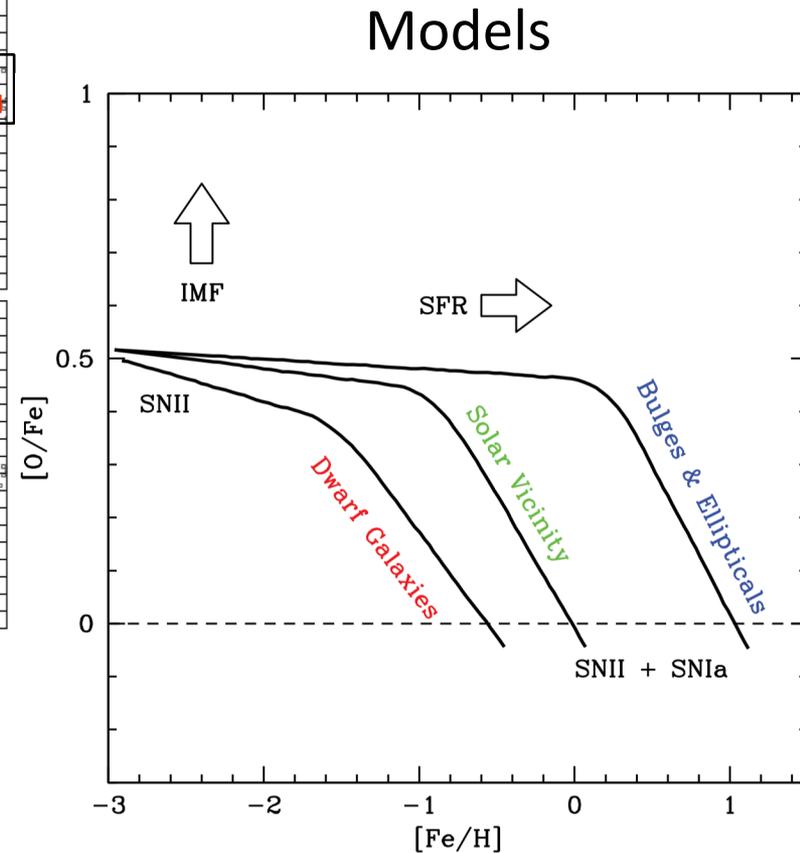
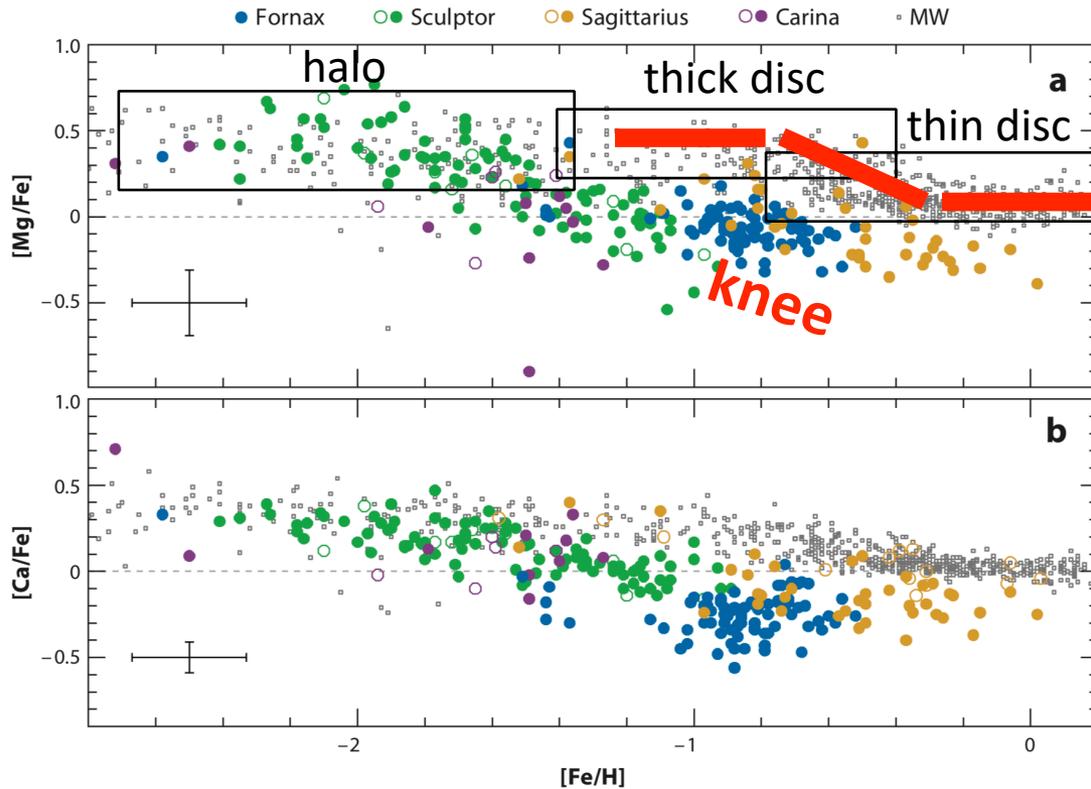
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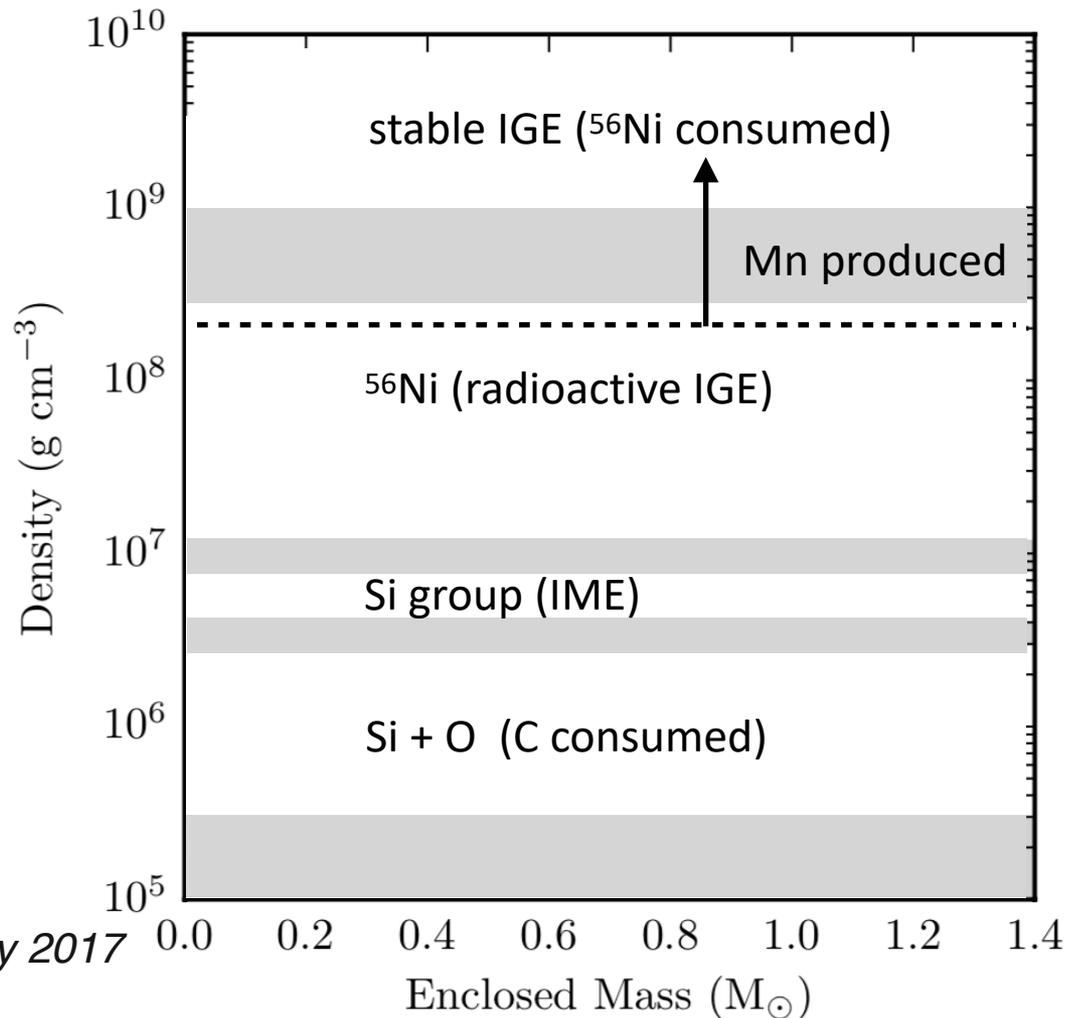
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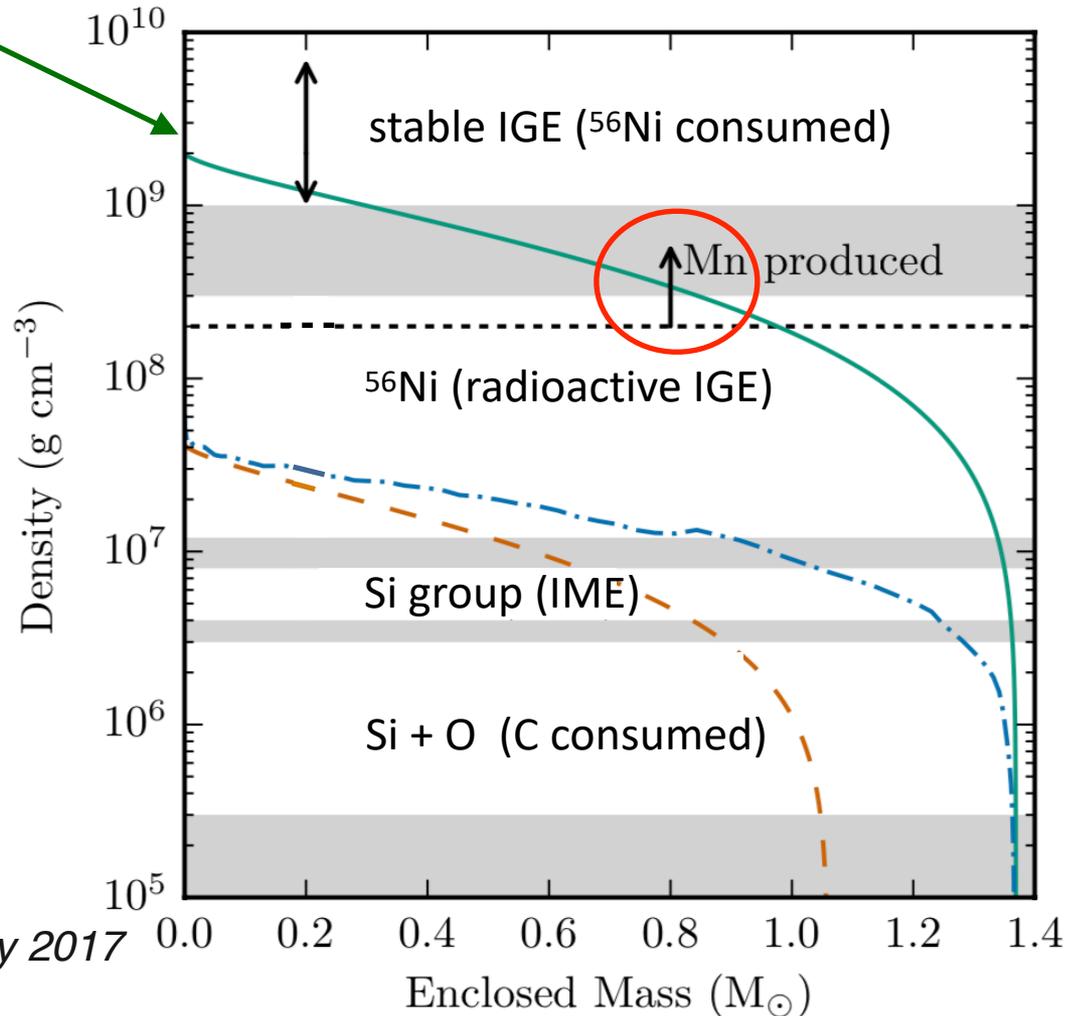
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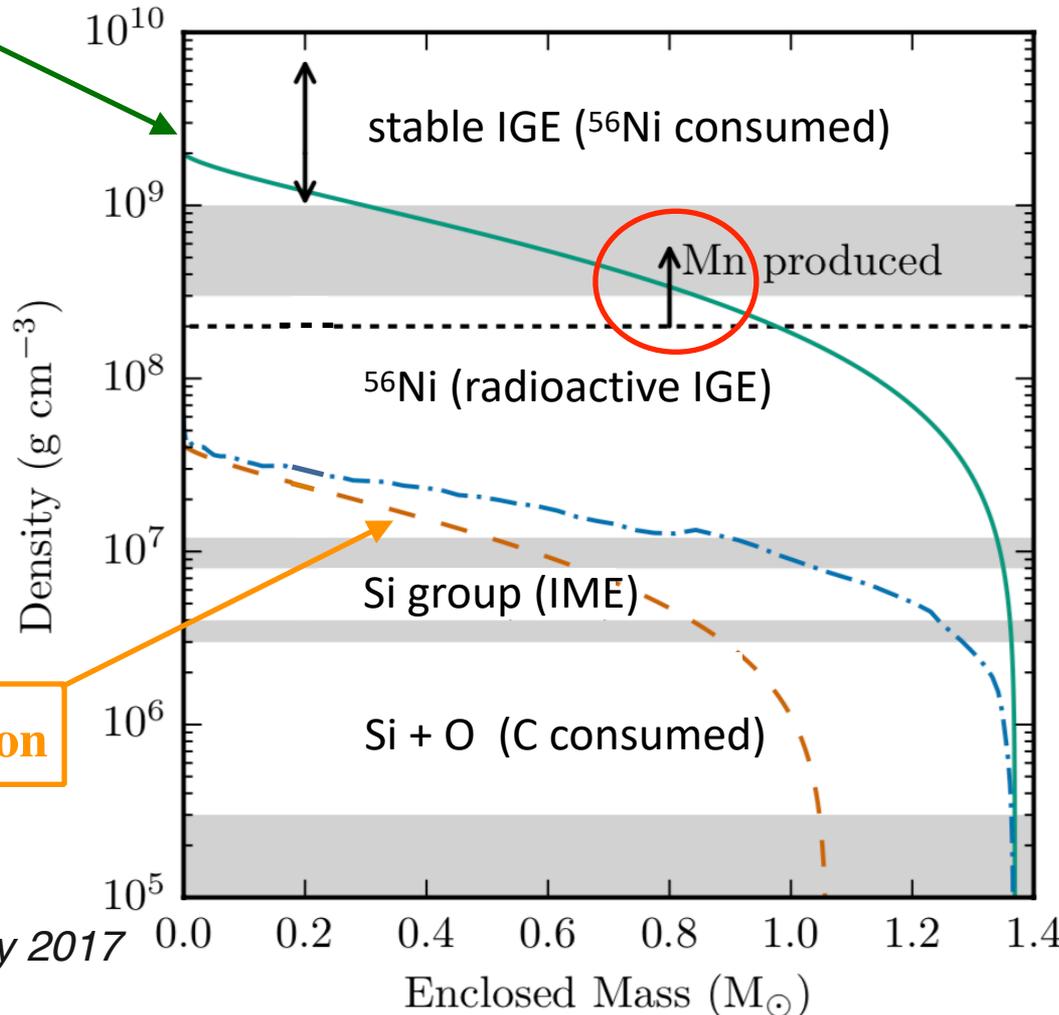
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Seitenzahl et al. 2013

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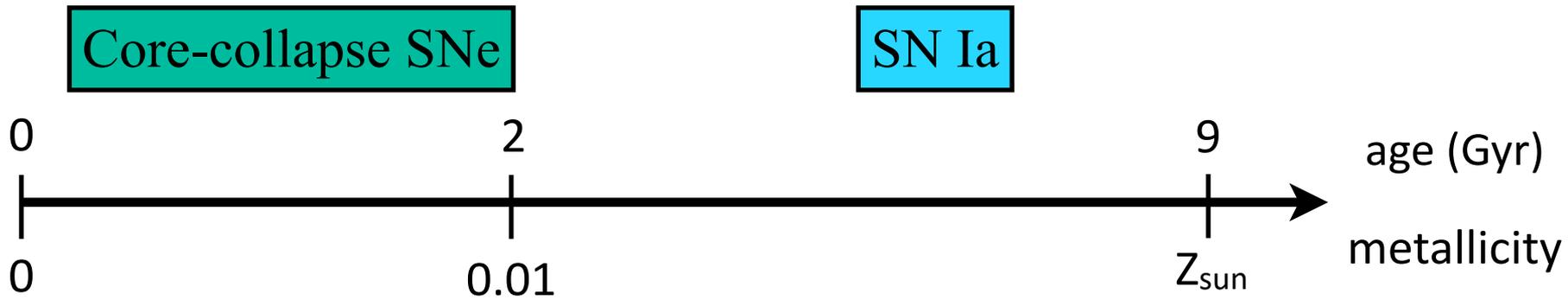
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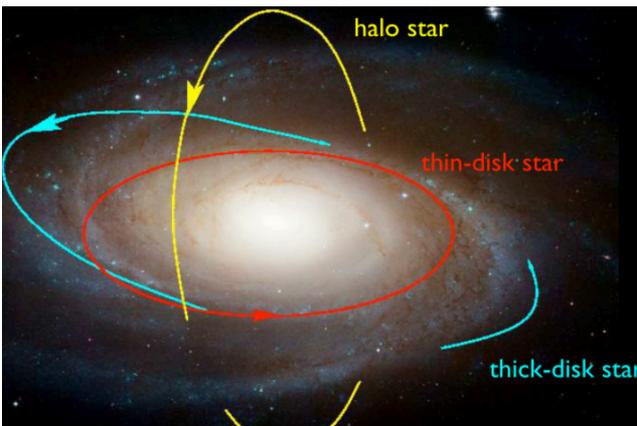
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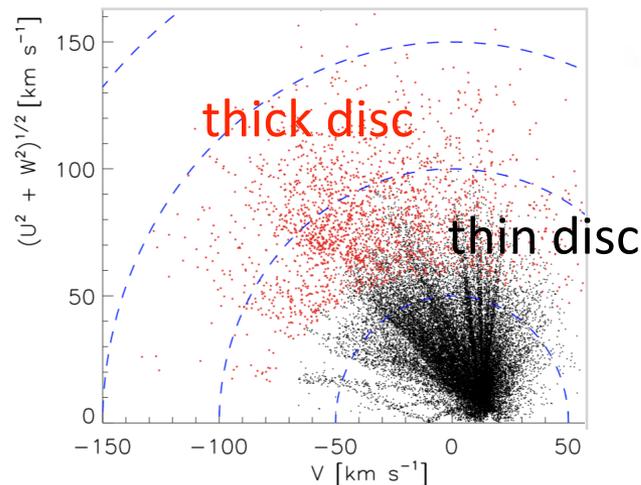
# Constraints on SN Ia using stellar abundances



abundances in  
Galactic halo stars



abundances at the thick-  
to-thin disc transition



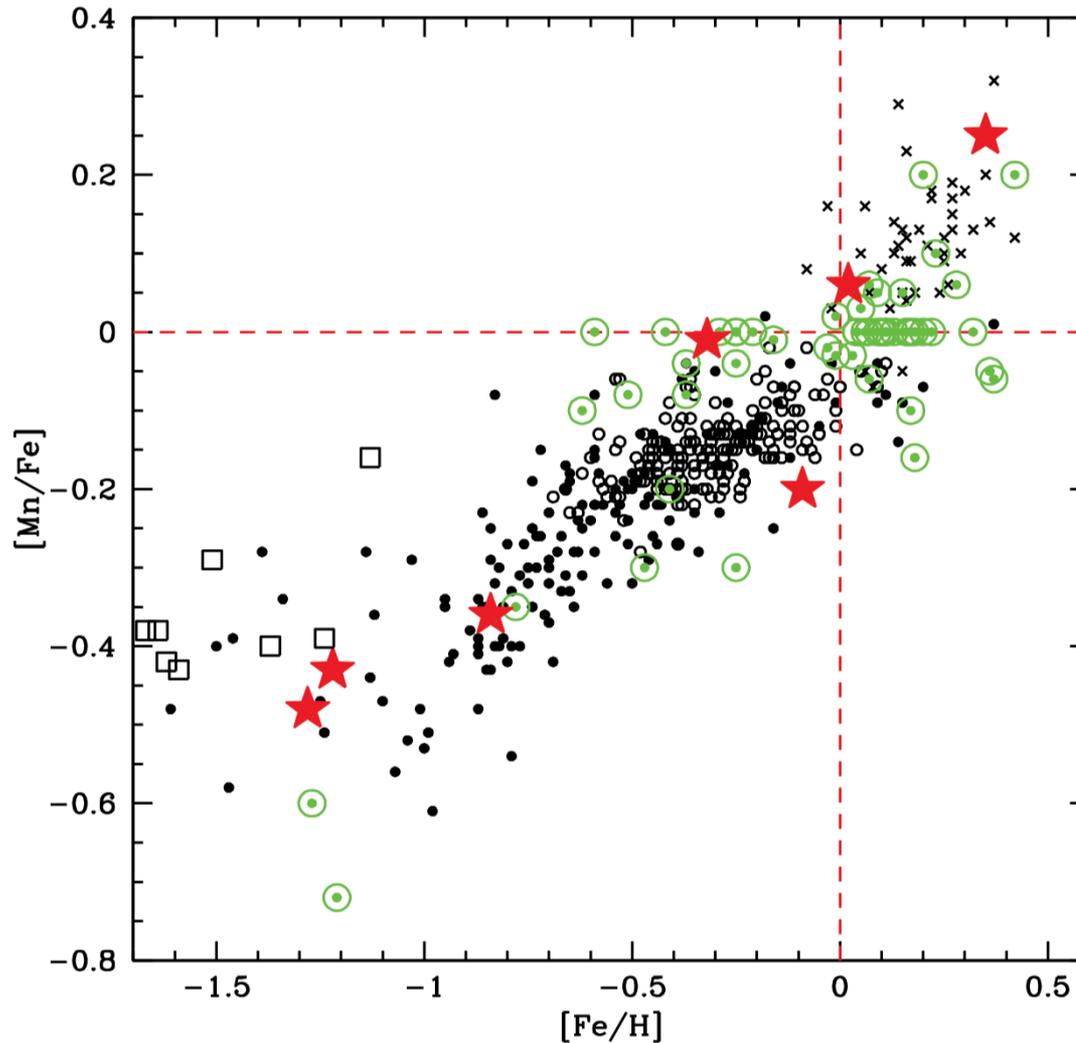
absolute Solar  
value + meteorites



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3. **SN Ia rates and progenitors** can be probed using **Galactic abundances**:  
"alpha-knee" gives the timescale of enrichment and  
Manganese over Iron abundance ratio probes explosion physics

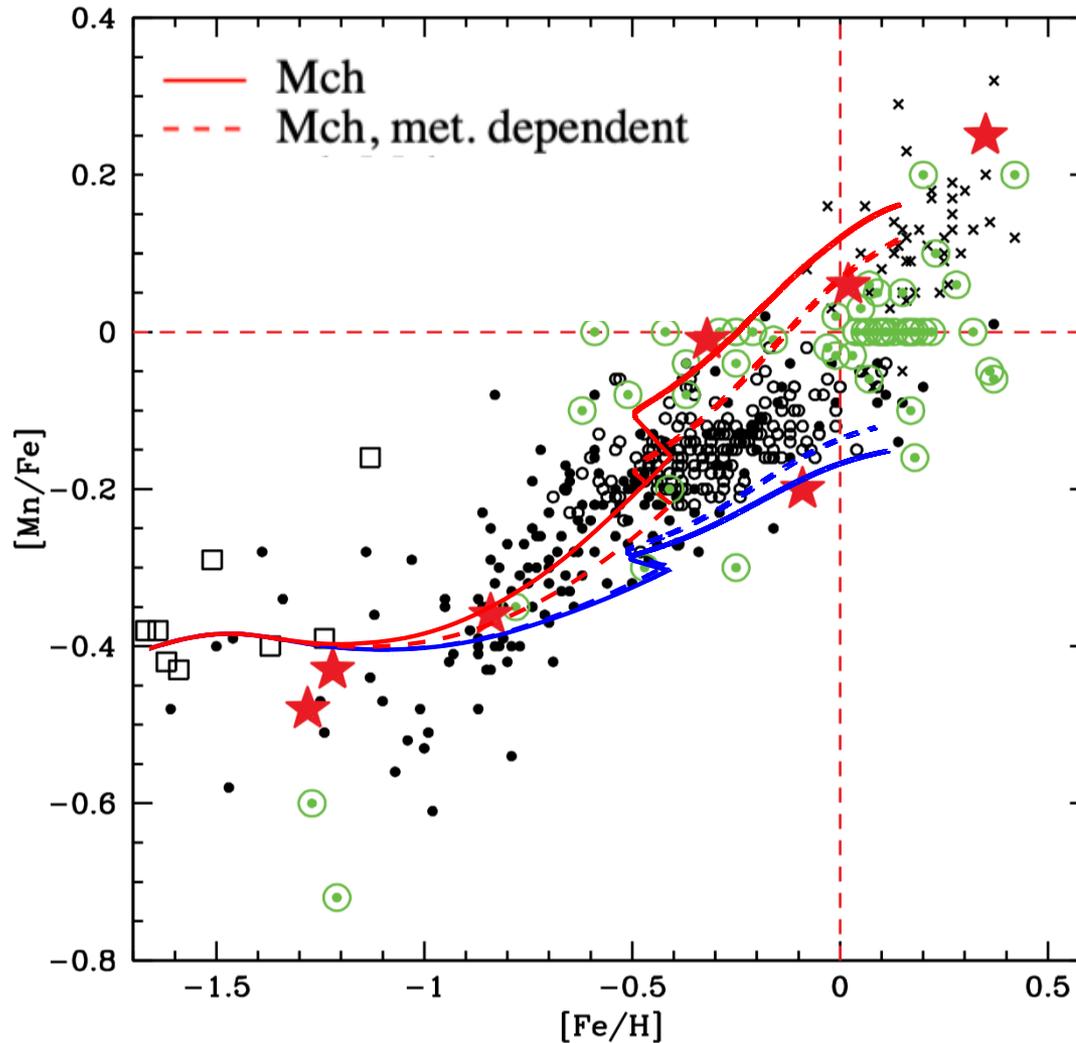
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# But **problems** with spectroscopic measurements

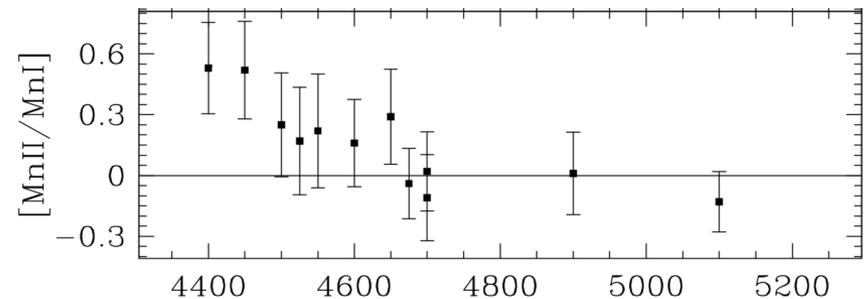
- **solar abundances do not match the meteoritic values**



- **excitation and ionization imbalance**

Mn < Mn+

Mn (0 eV) << Mn (2+ eV)



- **dependence of abundance on stellar type** <sup>$T_{\text{eff}}$</sup>

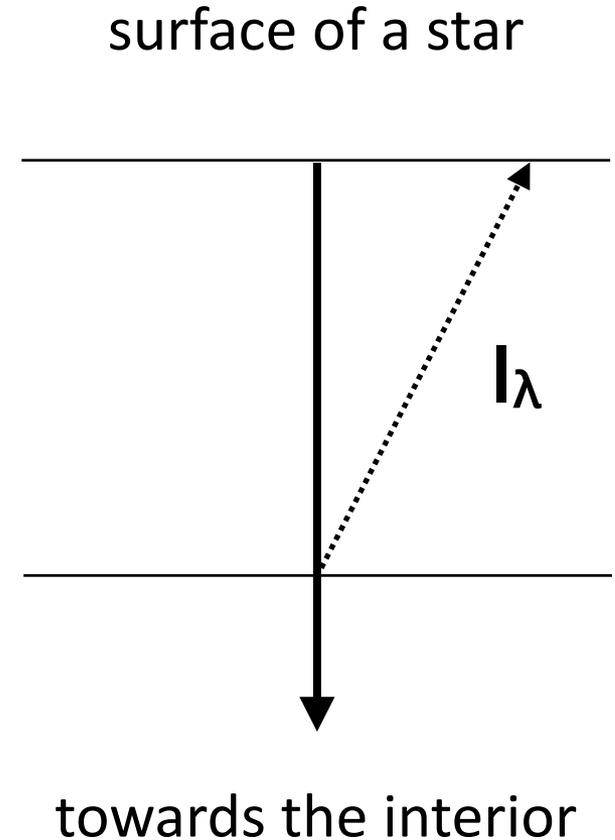
metal-poor dwarfs v giants

Johnson 2002, Bonifacio et al. 2009

# Classical stellar atmospheres assume 1D LTE

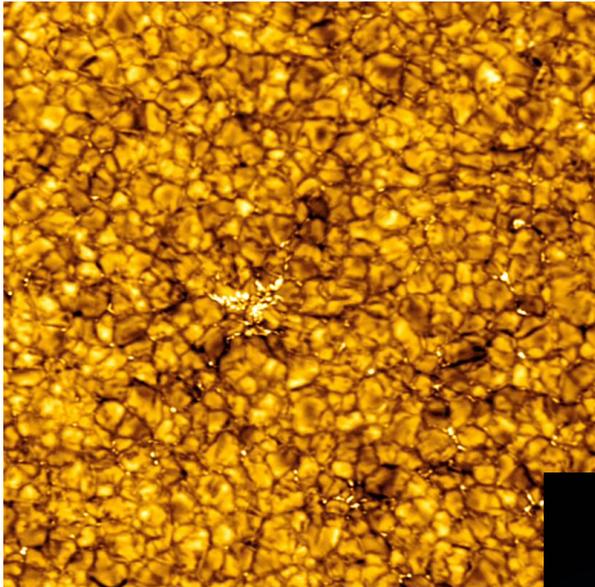
- 1D, hydrostatic equilibrium
- no radiation - particle interactions (**LTE = Local TE**)
- highly simplified convection & turbulence: “mixing length”, **ad-hoc velocities ( $V_{\text{mic}}$ ,  $V_{\text{mac}}$ )**

these assumptions violate  
any astrophysical object

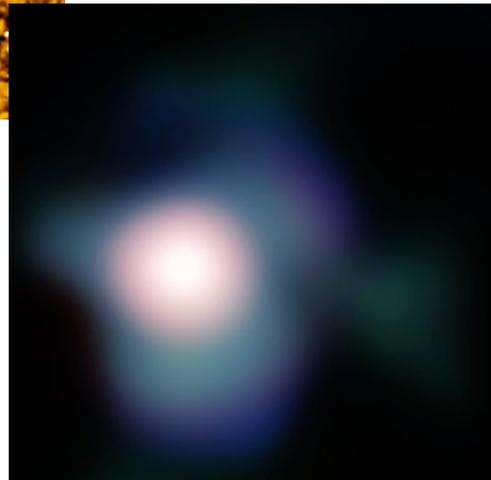
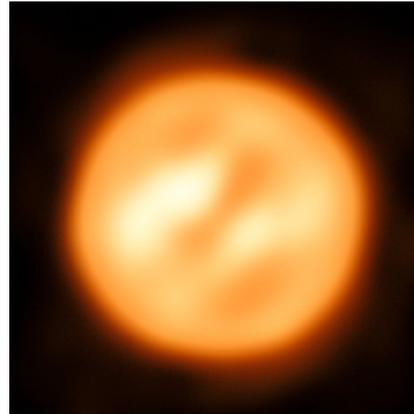


# Observed stars are highly dynamic

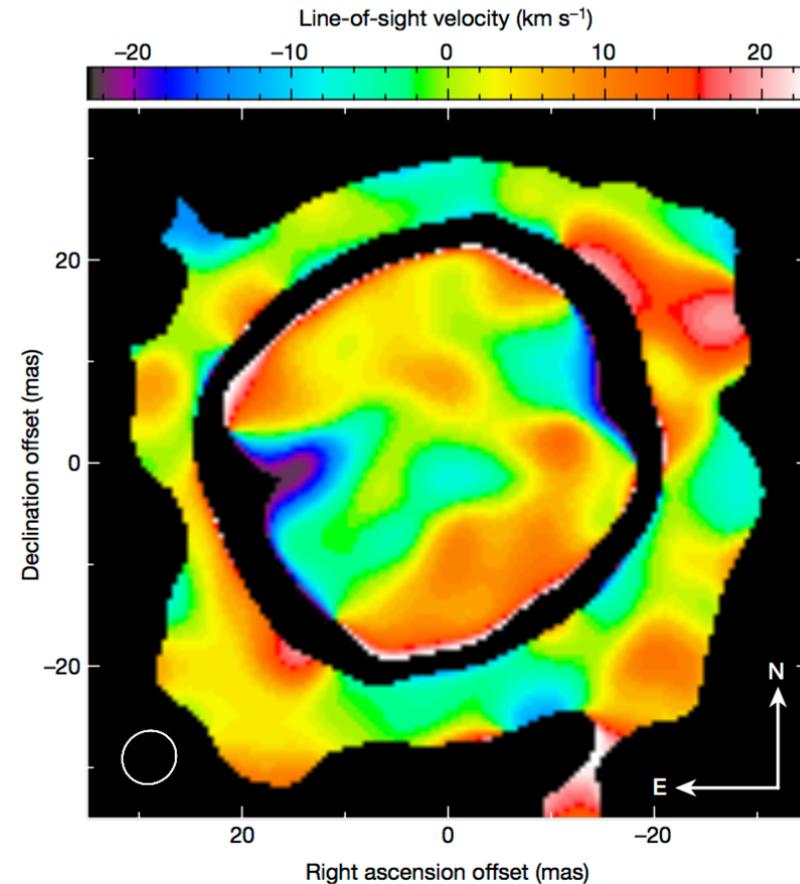
**observations:** solar granulation, gas motions, hot spots, giant convective cells, variability, cold molecular shells ...



(c) Luc Rouppe  
van der Voort,  
Oslo



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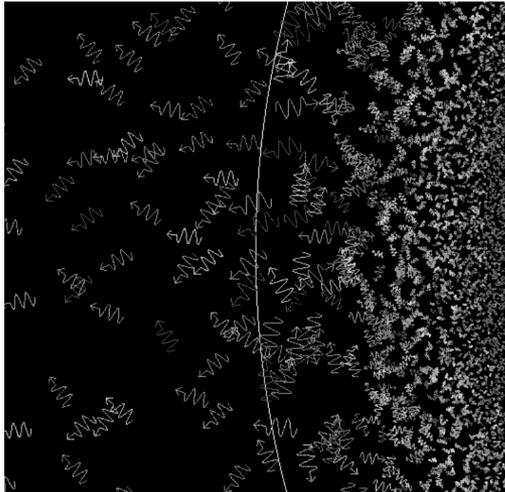


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# 3D convection and Non-Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium

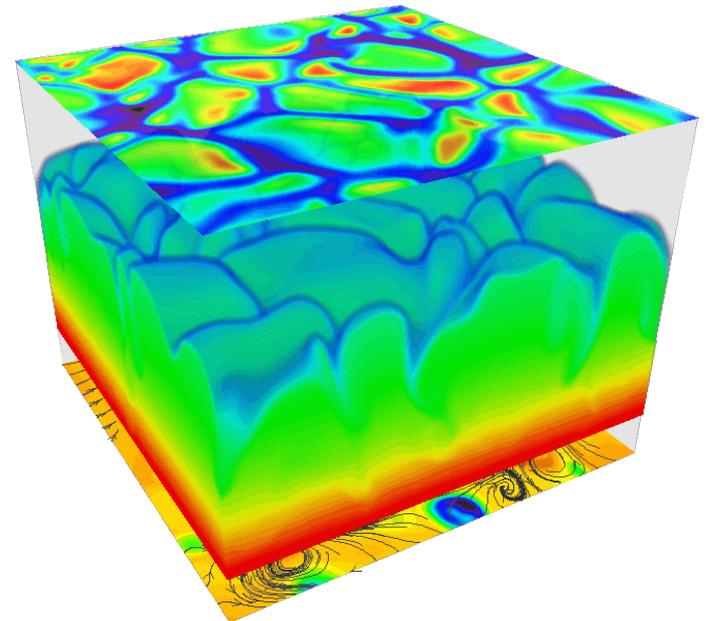
## Non-LTE

$$n_i \sum_{j \neq i}^l P_{ij} - \sum_{j \neq i}^l n_j P_{ji} = 0$$



- strong non-local radiation field  
strong over-ionisation
- low densities => collisional  
thermalisation inefficient

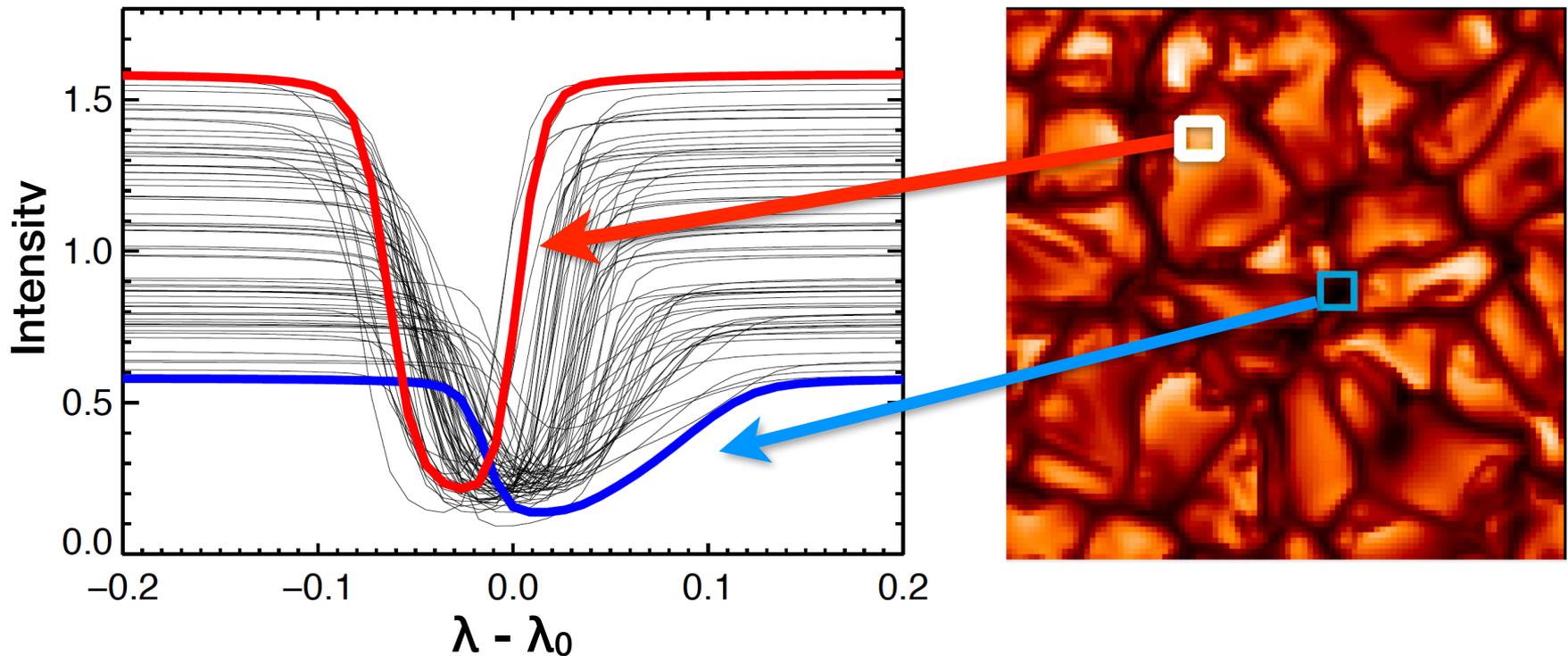
## 3D RHD simulations of convection



**Stagger** (e.g. *Magic et al. 2013*)  
**Bifrost** (e.g. *Gudiksen et al. 2011*)  
**CO5BOLD** (e.g. *Freytag et al. 2012*)  
**MURaM** (e.g. *Voegler et al. 2005*)

# First simulations of Mn and Fe in 3D Non-LTE

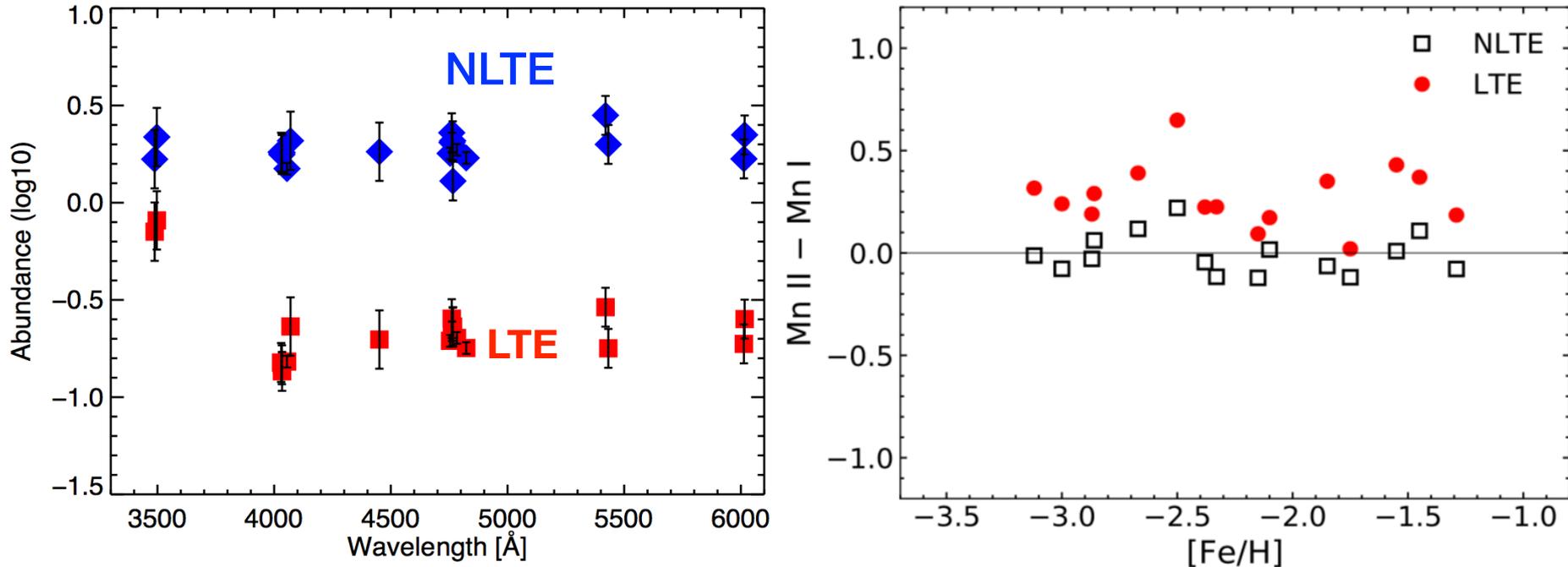
- state-of-the art atomic data (radiative cross-sections, collisional rates)
- parameter-free models
- no ad-hoc corrections to opacity, “turbulence”, etc



*Bergemann et al. (2019)*

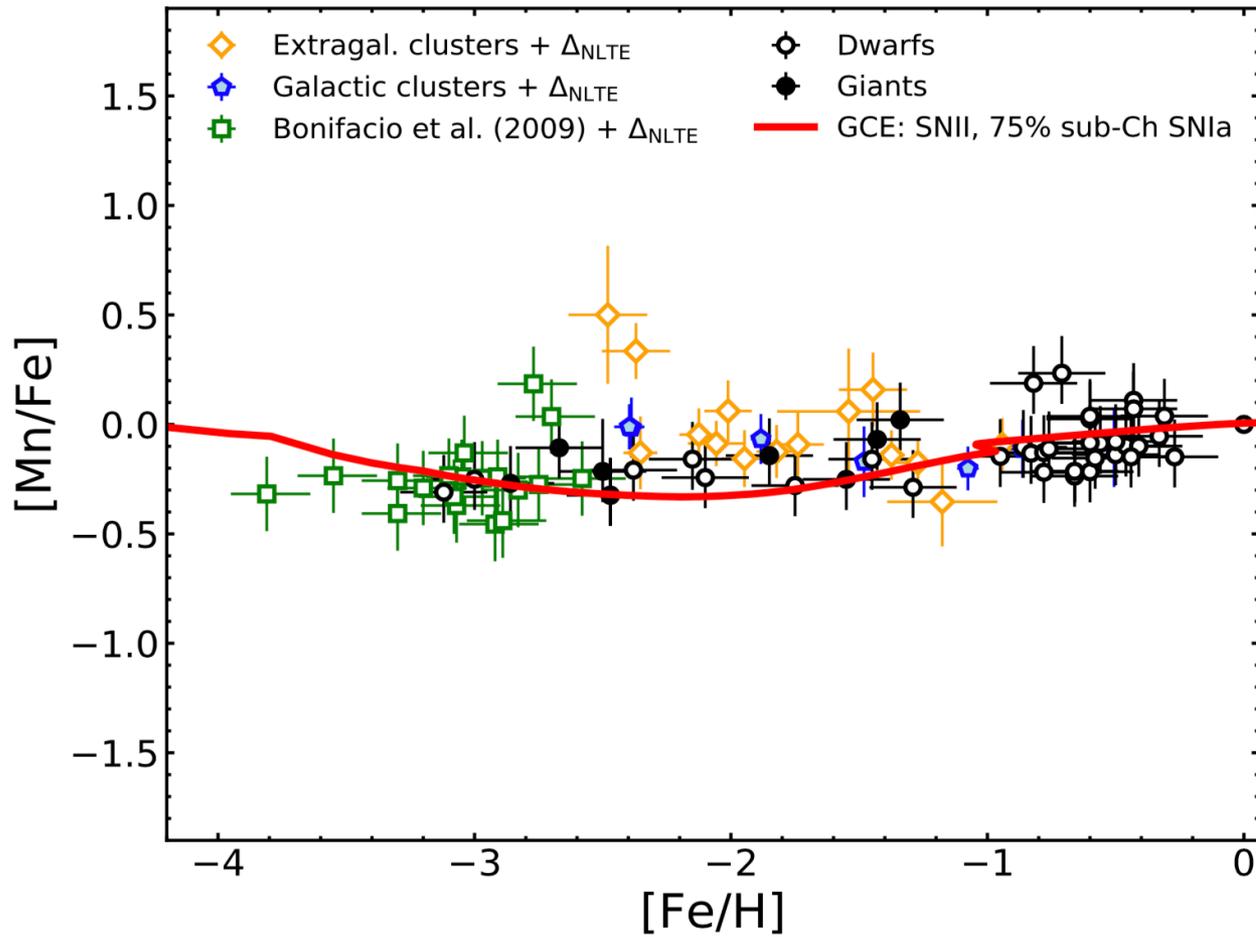
*Gallagher, Bergemann et al. (2020)*

# First simulations of Mn and Fe in 3D Non-LTE



- Sun - meteorites mismatch solved
- Excitation and Ionization balance cured
- Differences between LTE and NLTE abundances are large at low metallicity: hard UV radiation field, no line blanketing

# Galactic data favour sub-Ch explosions



sub-Ch explosions  
75%  
(where previous  
LTE-based studies  
found 0)

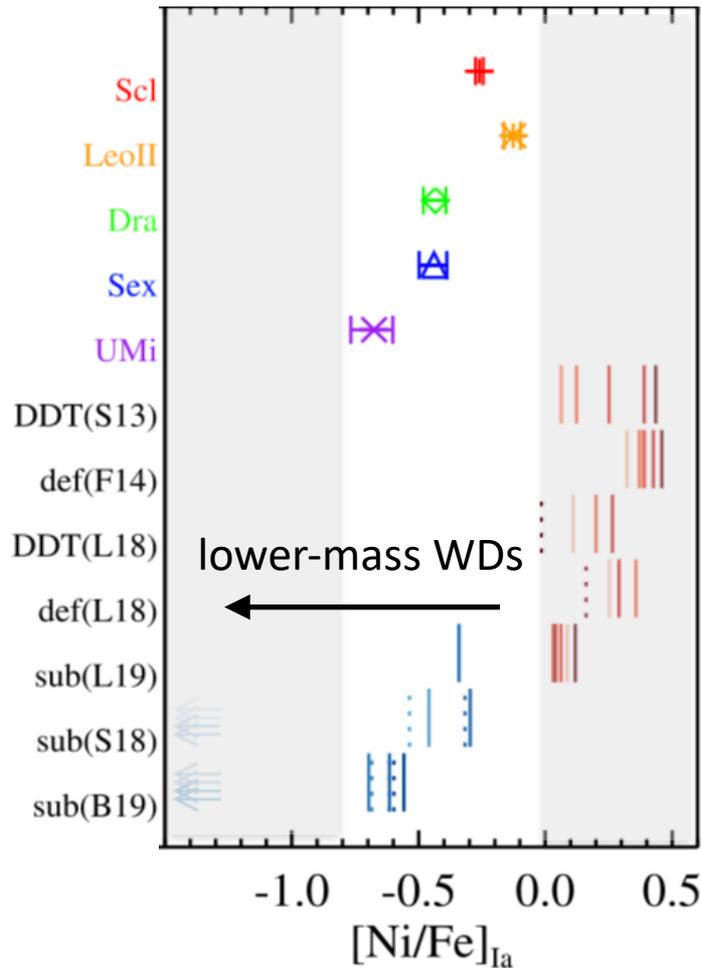
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*Eitner, Bergemann, Larsen (2019)*



# Extra-galactic data favour sub-Ch explosions

$^{58}\text{Ni}$



- $^{58}\text{Ni}$  co-produced with Mn, but is less dependent on physics of explosion

data: Sculptor, Leo, Draco, Sextans  
Ursa Minor

Chandrasekhar-mass models

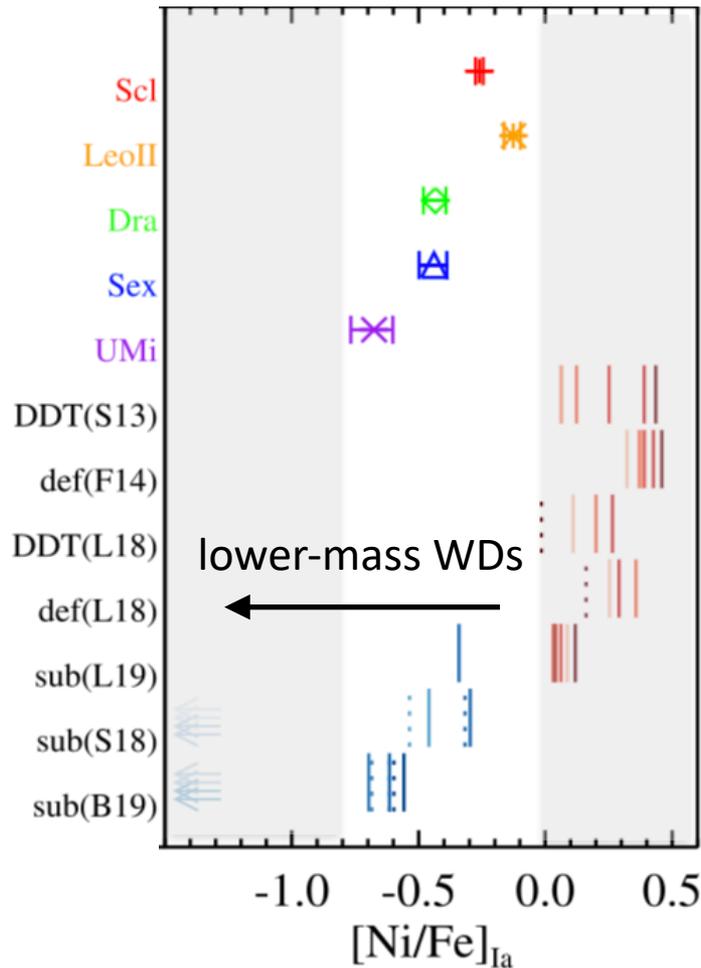
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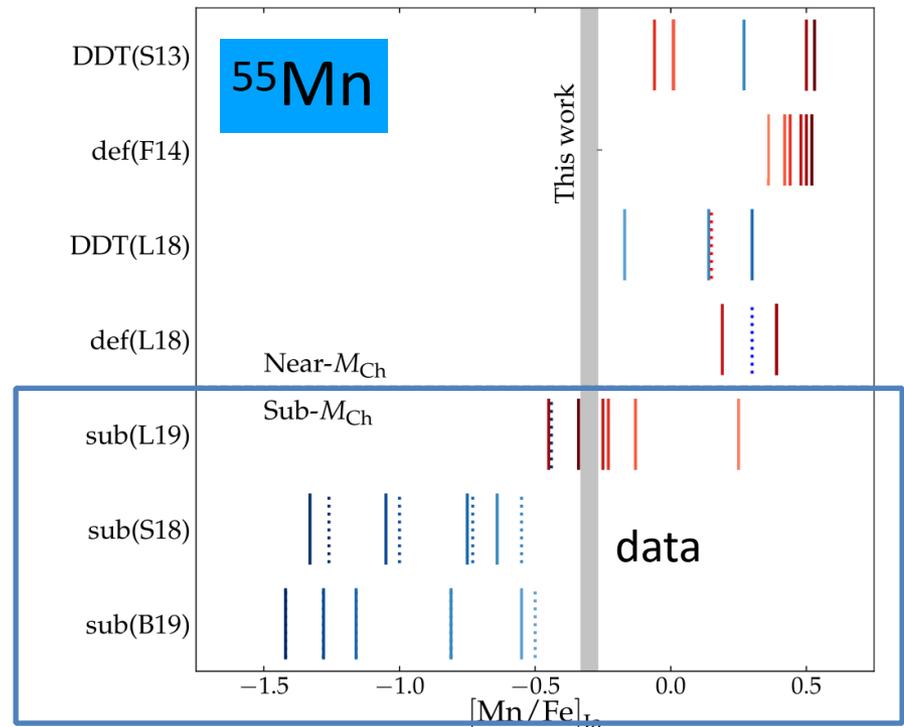
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- More metal-poor systems prefer lower-mass binaries?



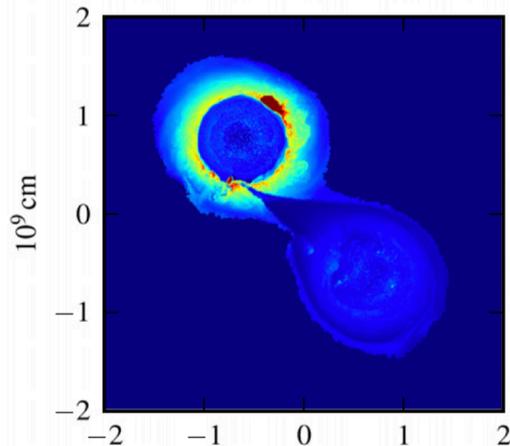
de los Reyes et al. (2020)

# Take-home messages

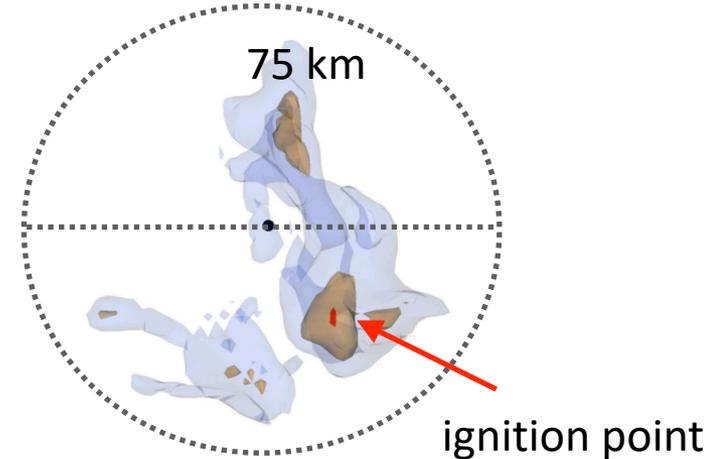
1. SN Ia do not have the same brightness, but even after empirical corrections for the width and colour, their brightness depends on galaxy properties. Different progenitor channels?
2. Recent search programs uncovered large populations of 'exotic' SN Ia;  $\approx$  consistent with the diversity of progenitor channels
3. SN Ia rates and progenitors can be probed using Galactic abundances: "alpha-knee" gives the timescale of enrichment and Manganese over Iron abundance ratio probes explosion physics
4. data in the MW and dSph systems favour **sub-Ch models**  
**thermal bomb explosion** for core-collapse models (not canonical 'piston')

# Other evidence for sub-Ch models

sub-MCh SN Ia



MCh SN Ia

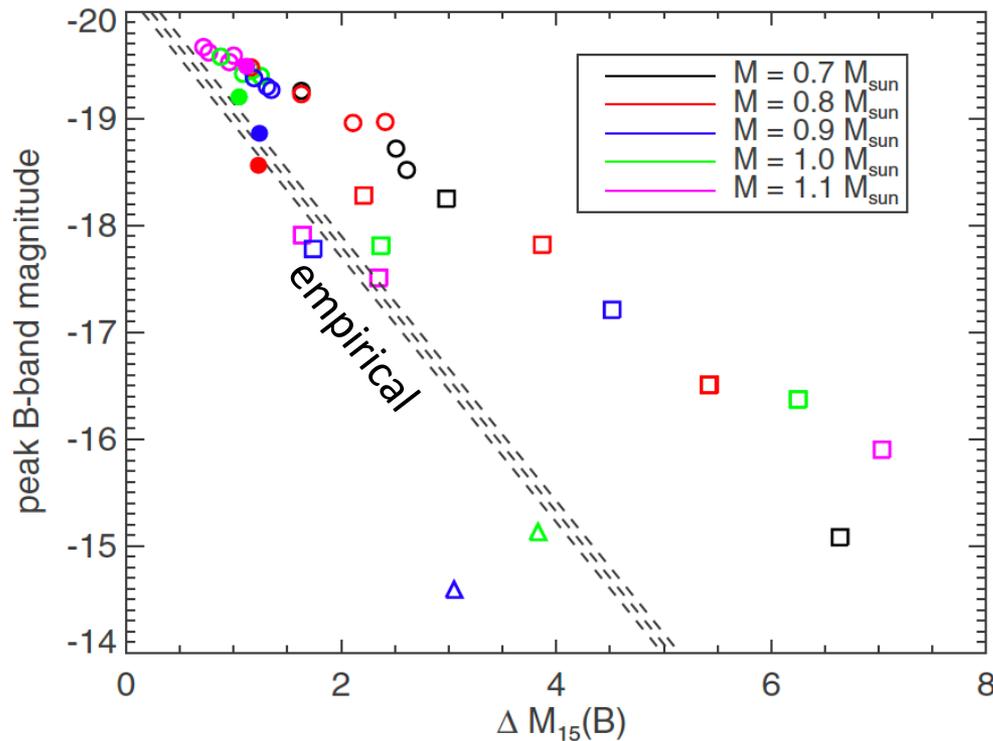


- ✓ numerous to explain SN Ia rates: WD collisions, violent mergers of WDs, He-accretion in an SD system
- ✓ range of masses diverse enough to explain SN Ia luminosities
- ✓ favoured by X-ray observations of intra-cluster medium

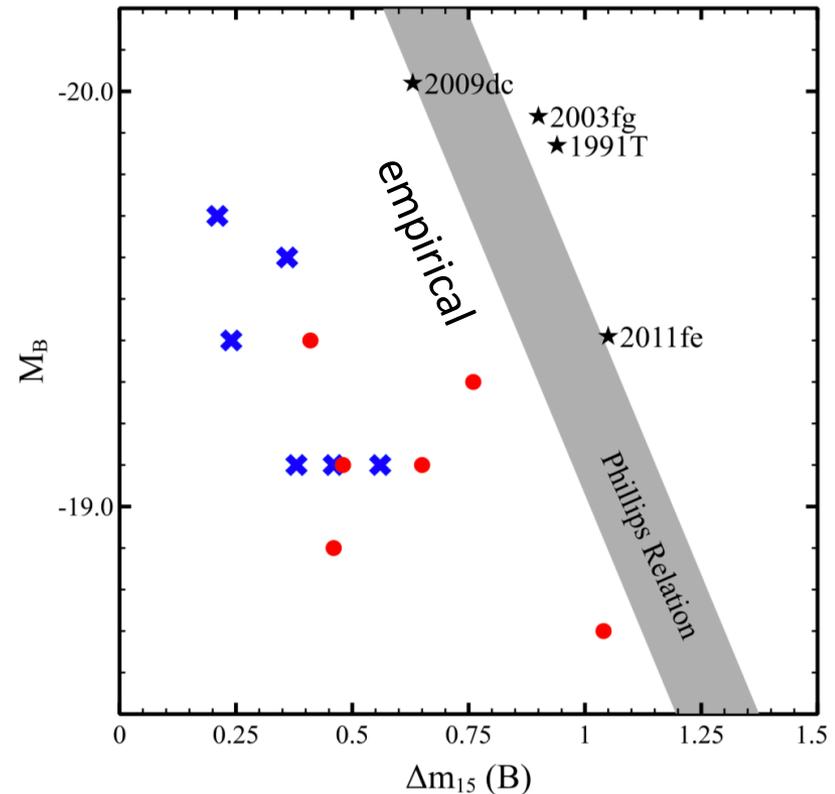
- ✓ well-understood, strong geometry effect; agree with Philipp's relations (in 1D)
- need for fine-tuning of accretion rates (to avoid Nova or inflation)
- # of accreting WDs disfavoured by X-ray observations of E/S0 galaxies

# Does it matter for SNIa light-curve analysis?

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- **double-degenerate** sub-Ch models - variety of outcomes, are brighter than “normal” and decline slower



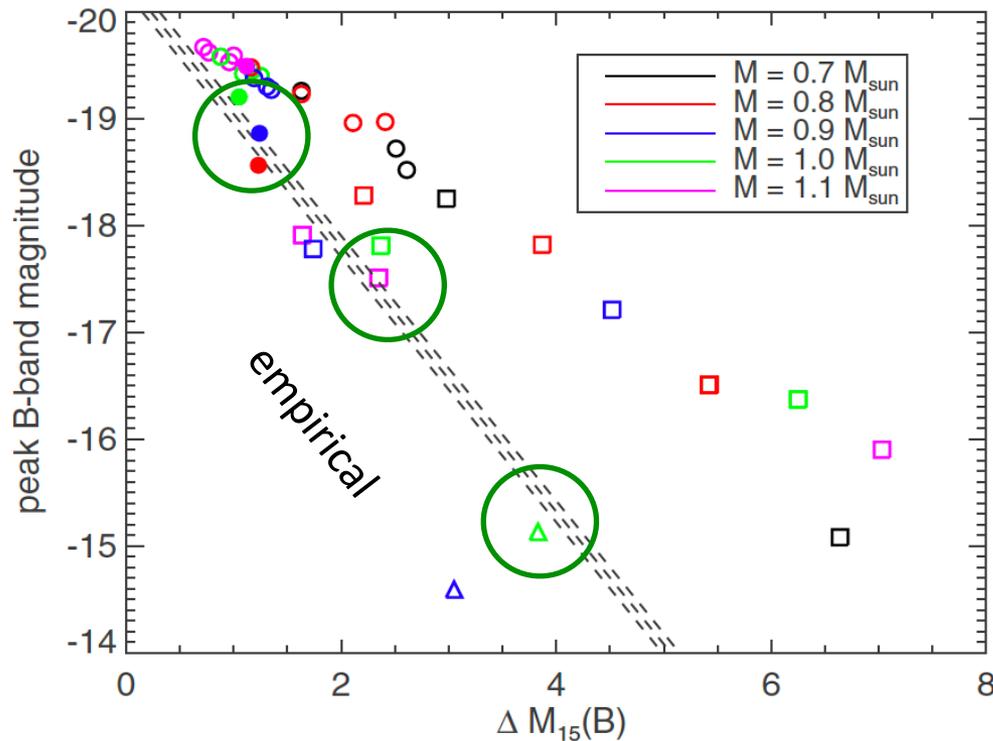
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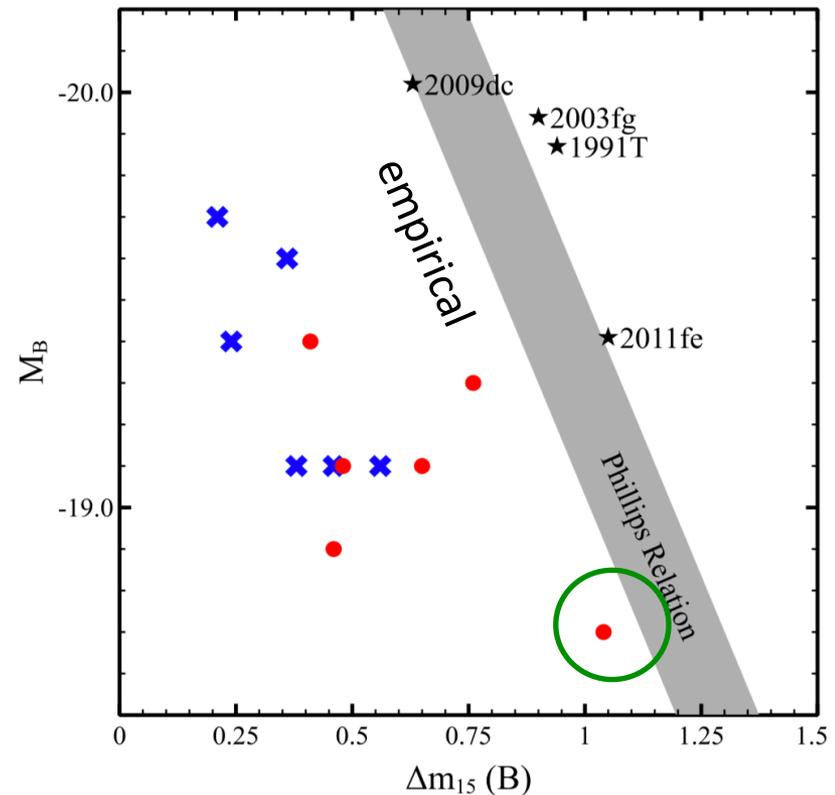
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# Linking to galaxy properties

» if SN Ia models + chemical yields are **wrong**

1. correlations of Hubble residuals with age, mass, or metallicity are caused by something else
2. measurements in stars and/or Galactic models are wrong (unlikely given their success to reproduce MDF, AMR, morphology and radial gradients, abundance ratios...)
3. hard to reconcile with overall success of SN Ia models to reproduce post-explosion spectra (radiative transfer) and  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  masses (nucleosynthesis + structure)

# Linking to galaxy properties

» if SN Ia models + chemical yields are roughly **correct**

1. data in the MW and dSph systems favour **sub-Ch** model at the level of  $> 75\%$
2. **sub-Ch** models produce a continuum of W-C-L relationships, which depend on  $Z$ , age, mass... of a galaxy consistent with the “mass-step” in Hubble residuals?
3. local (calibrating) SN Ia samples are a biased sub-sample of the total (very inhomogeneous) population of SNIa?

Why do SN Ia surveys find  $> 70\%$  of SN Ia that look like Philipp's SN Ia?

# Major revolution in understanding SN Ia

will come soon with all-sky large-spectroscopic surveys

Strong observational constraints on the population(s) and physics of **SN Ia** across the Milky Way and in Local group galaxies

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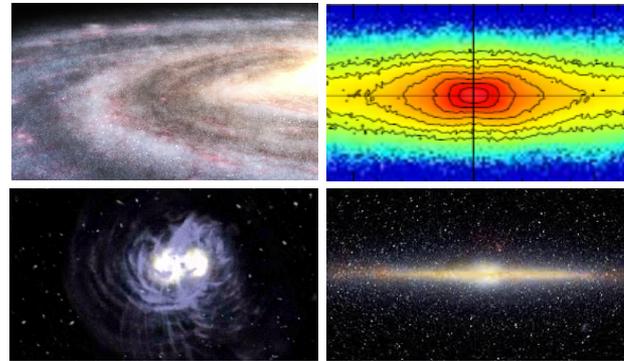
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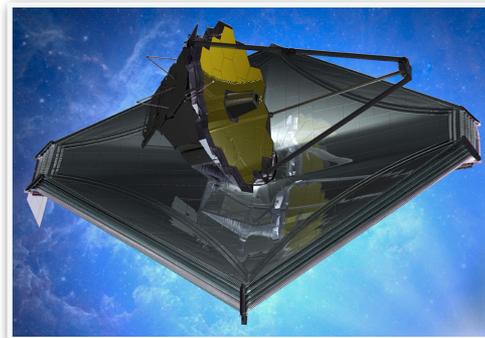
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