

Nearby Supernova Rates from the Lick Observatory SN Search (LOSS)

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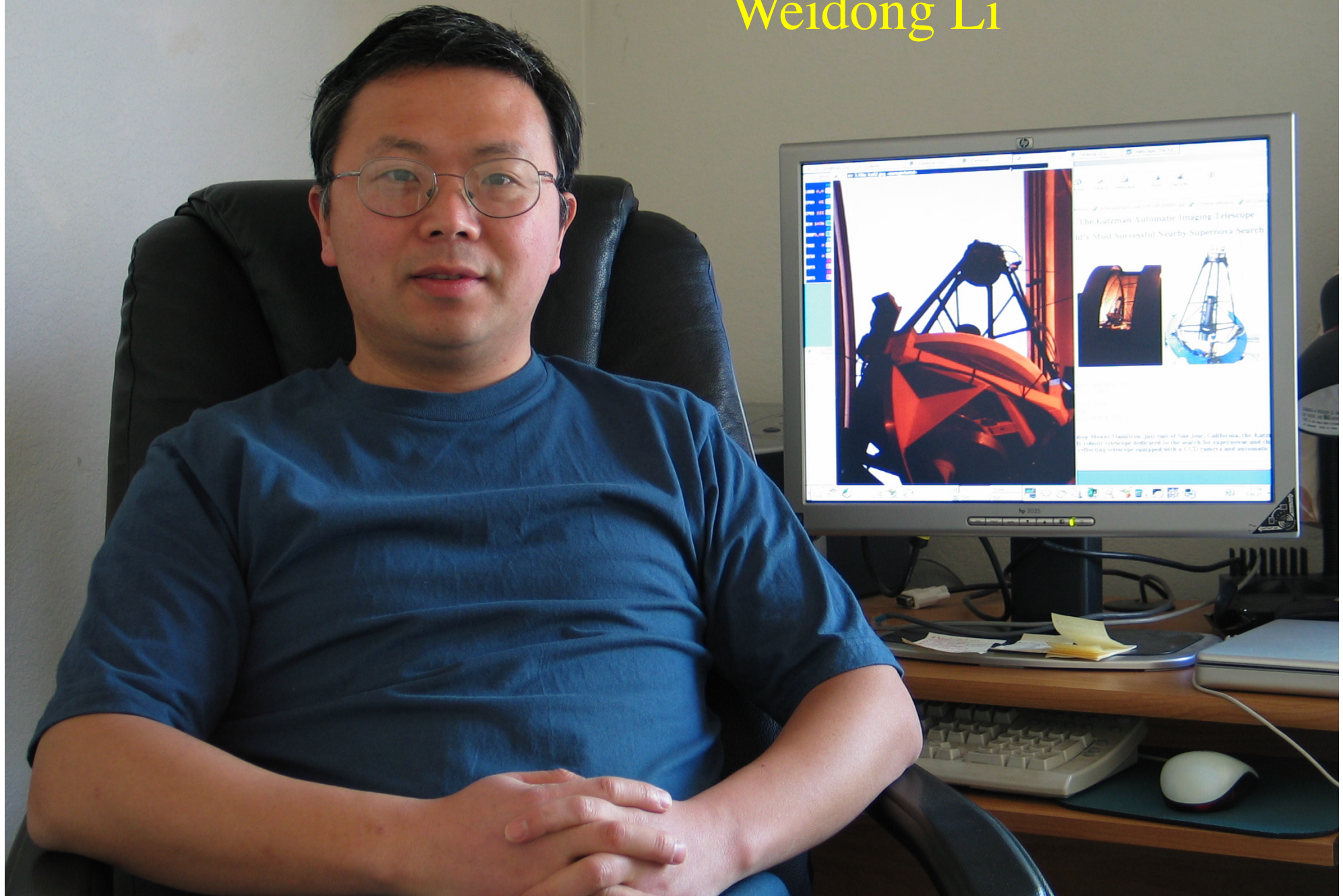
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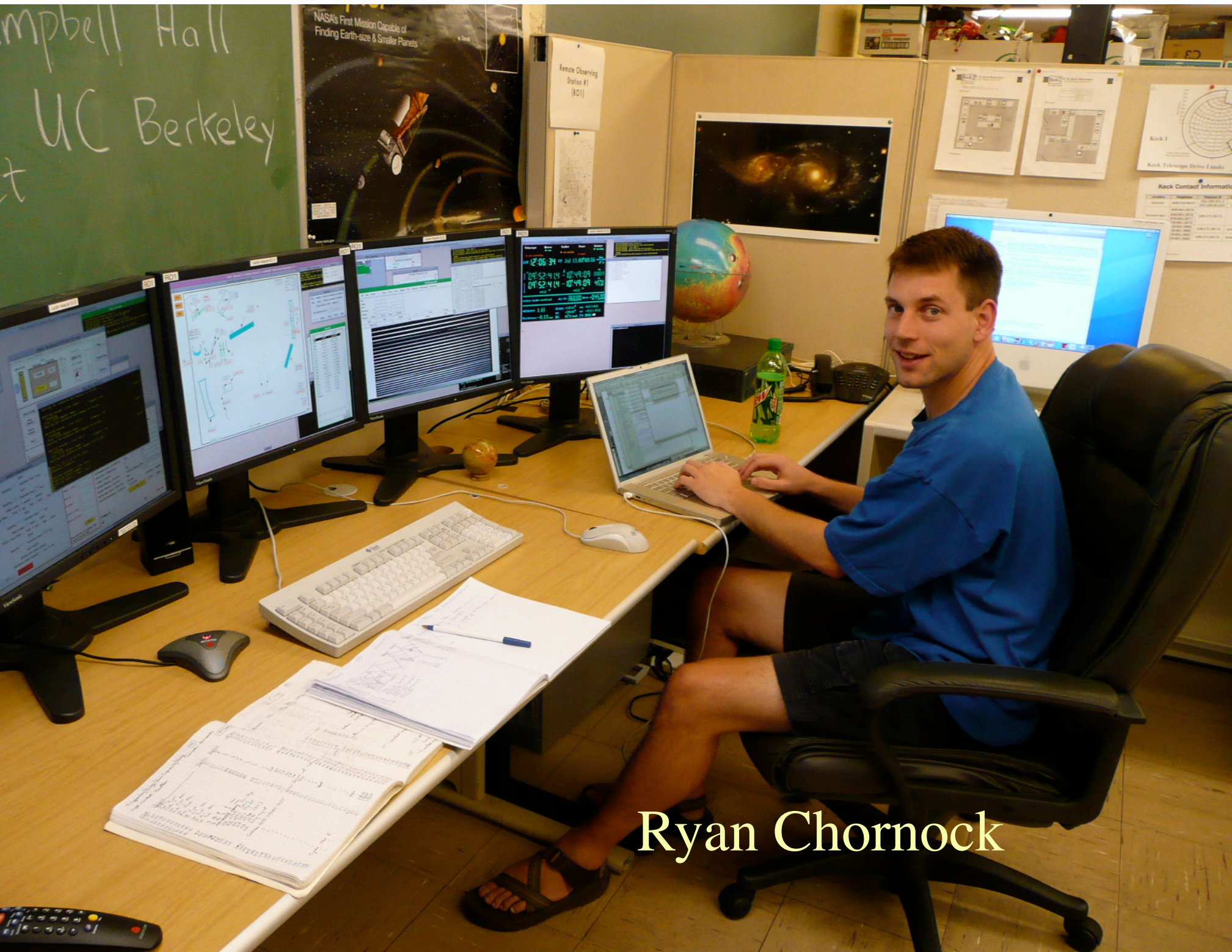
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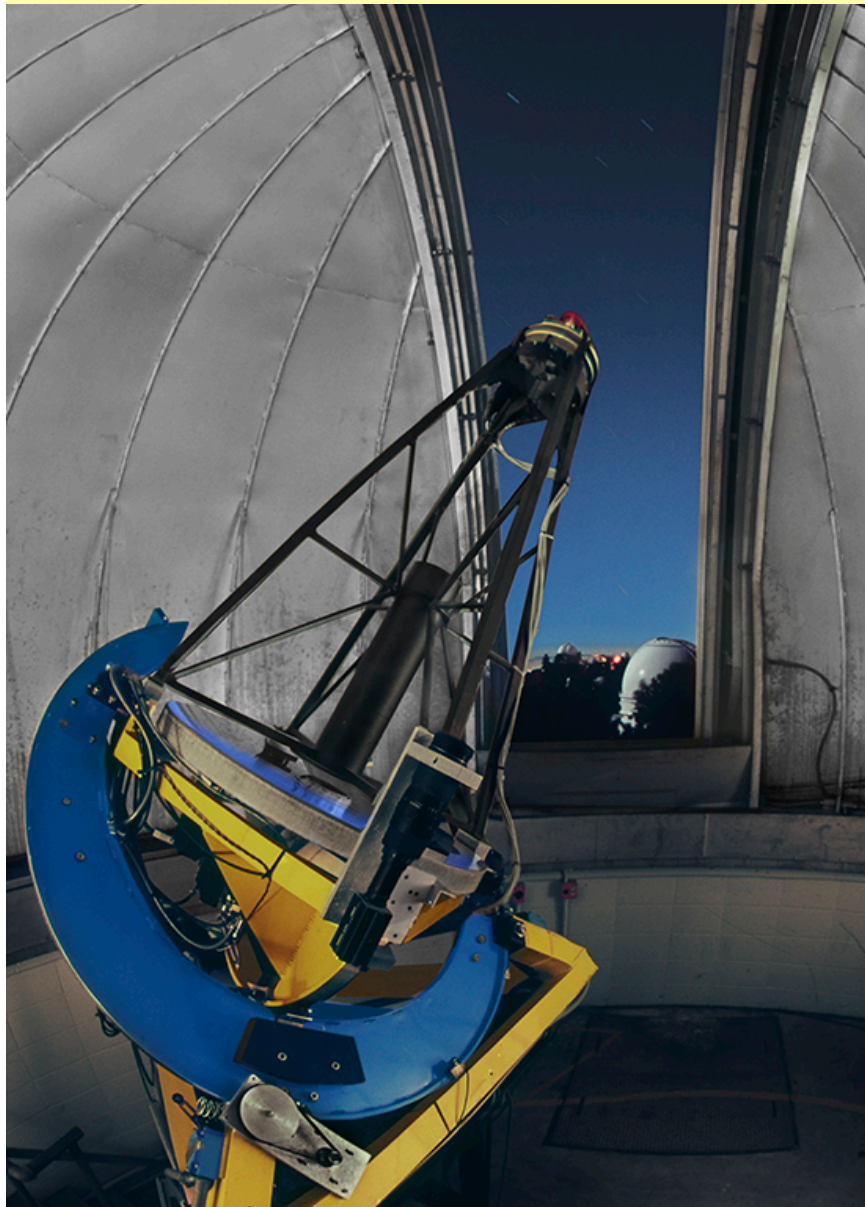
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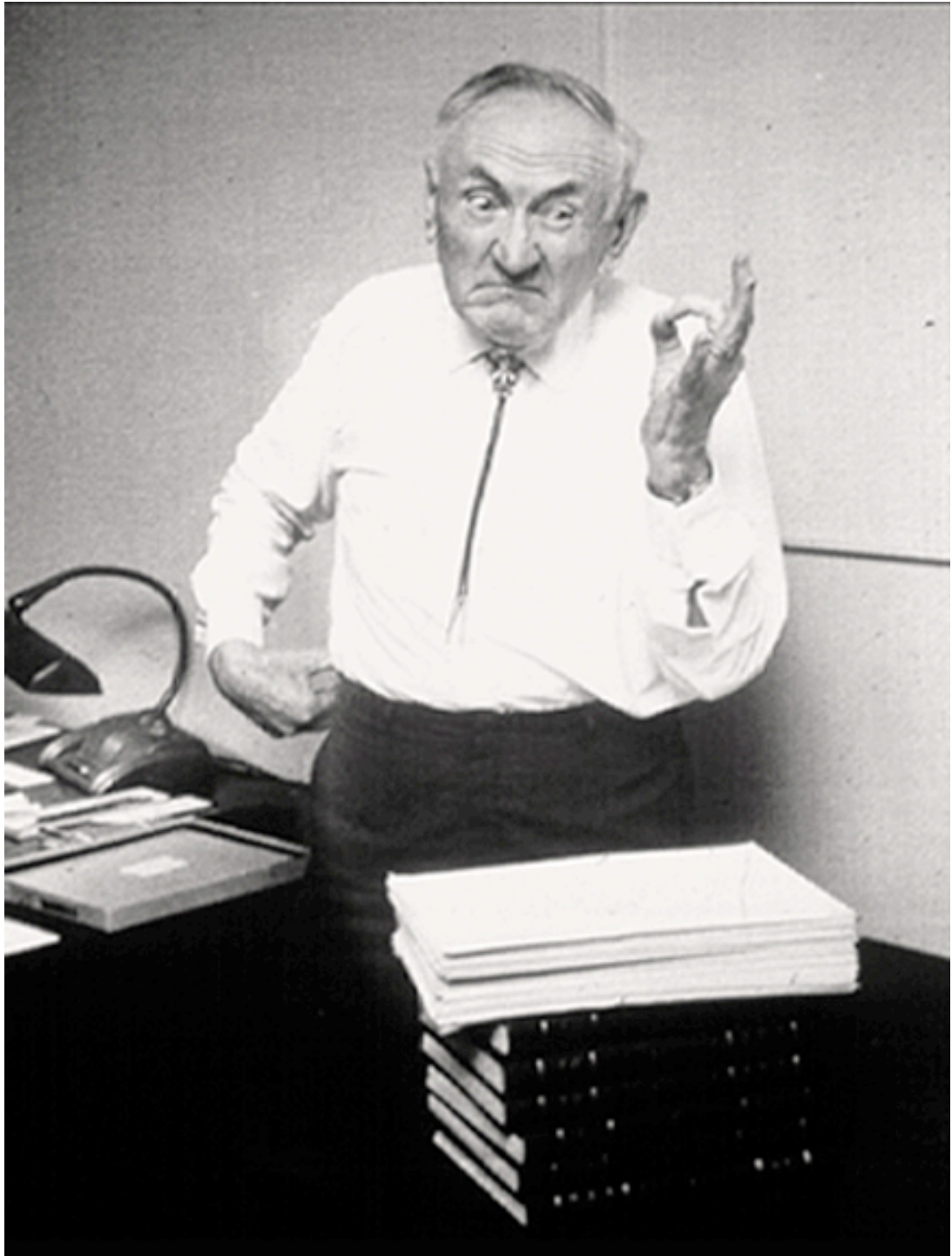
Katzman Automatic Imaging Telescope (KAIT) at Lick Observatory: 0.76 m, 6.7' x 6.7' FoV

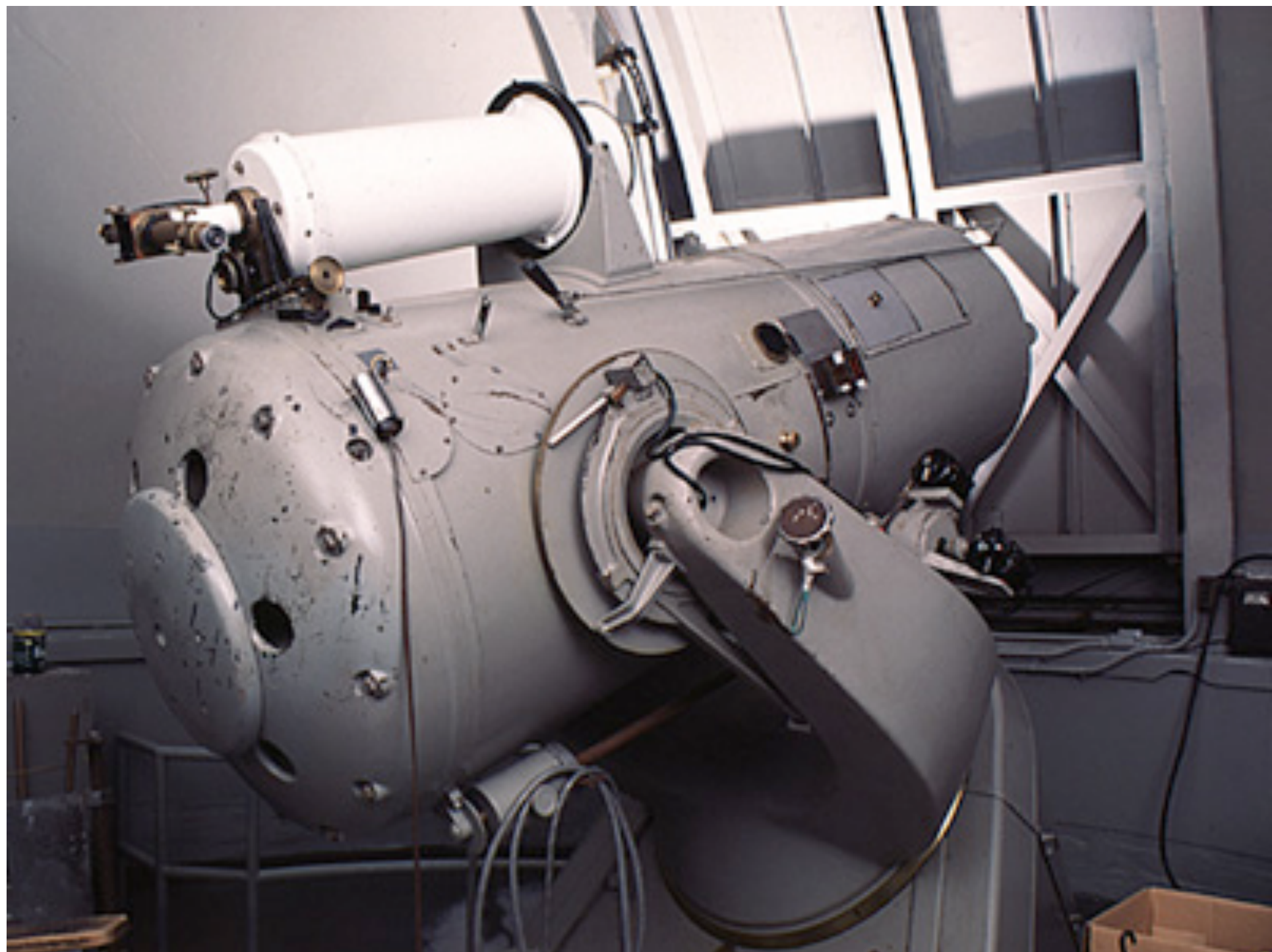


Main project: LOSS

Goals

- **Discover a lot of SNe**
720 SNe in the past decade,
40% of all nearby ($z < 0.05$) SNe
- **Monitor a lot of SNe**
~300 observed so far.
Light curves, physics,
distances, cosmology
- **Provide statistics on SNe**
Luminosity function, *RATES*







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Nearby Supernova Rates

(AVF et al., Leaman et al., 2 x Li et al.)

- **Previous benchmark:**

Cappellaro et al. 1999 (C99)

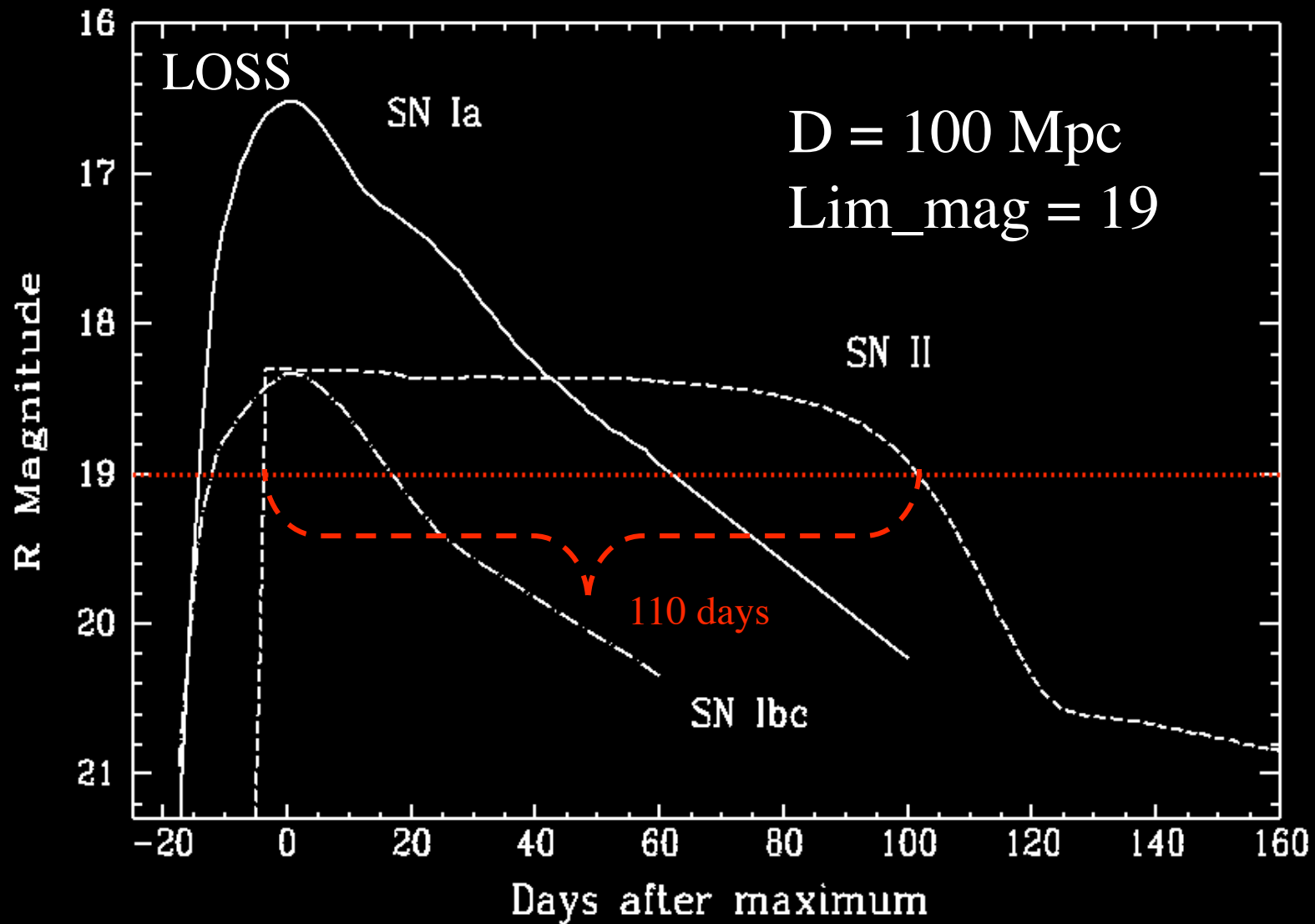
Mannucci et al. 2005 (M05)

- * **137 SNe in about 10,000 galaxies**
- * **5 surveys (1 visual, 4 photographic plates)**
- * **SN rate as a function of SN type (Ia, Ib/c, II) and host morphology, color (B-K), environment**

- **LOSS rate (this talk):**

- * **931 SNe in 15,000 galaxies, 728 SNe used**
- * **One systematic CCD imaging survey**
- * **Improved control-time (Zwicky) calculation**

Control time (one epoch)



Could see SN Ia for 80 days, SN Ib/c for 35 days, SN II-P for 110 days

Improved Control-Time Calculation

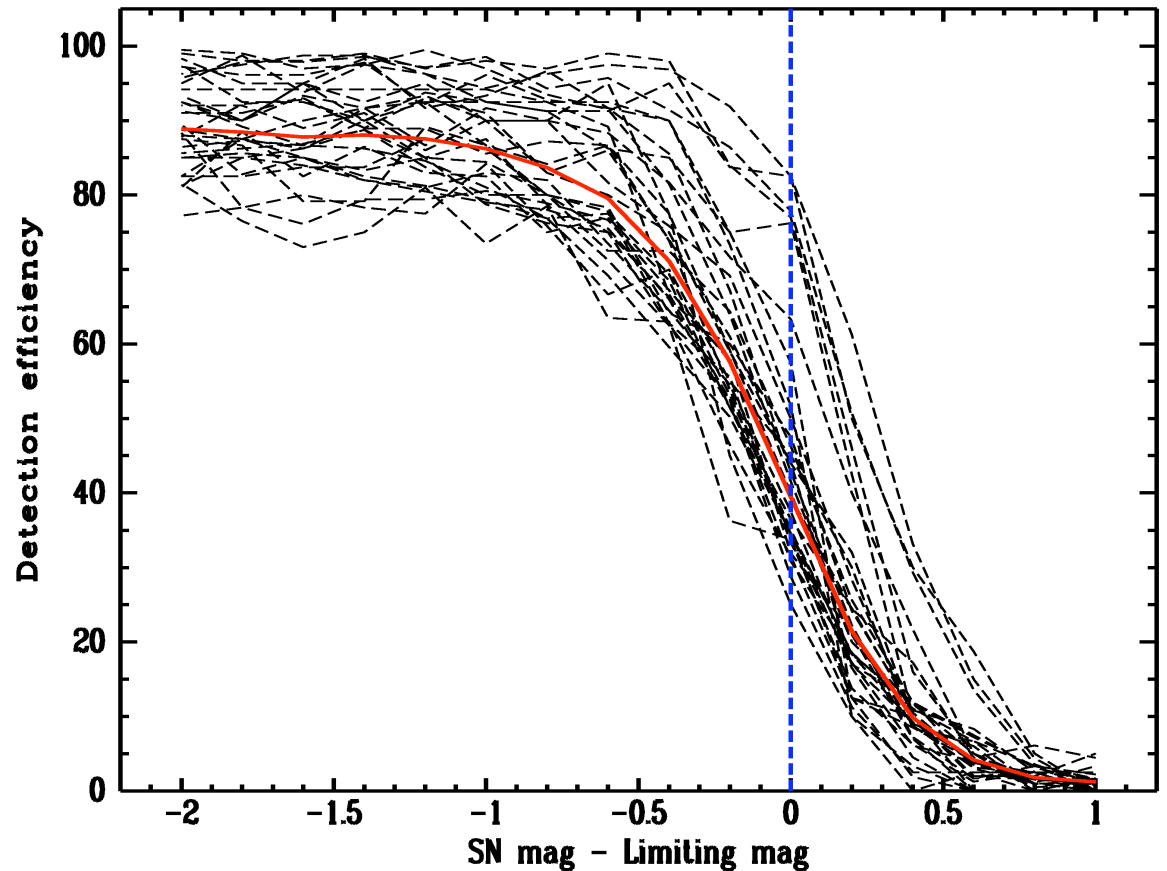
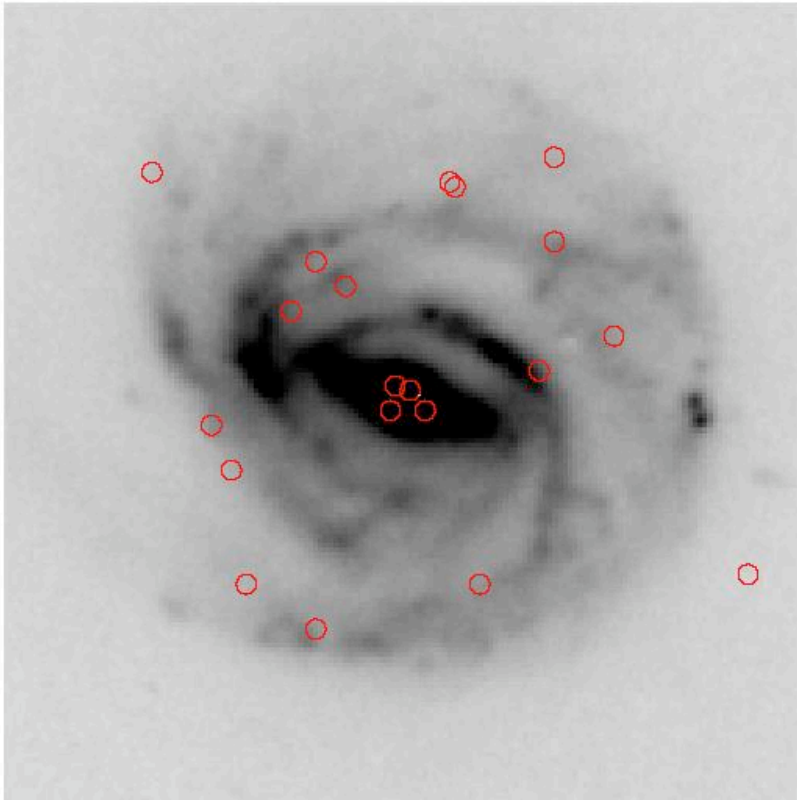
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Detailed log files, limiting mag for each image
- **Detection efficiency**
Monte Carlo simulation
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Construction of a complete SN sample

Detection efficiency simulation

- Fake SNe follow the galaxy light.
- Images processed by the SN search pipeline.
- Efficiency is a function of galaxy type, size, and inclination.



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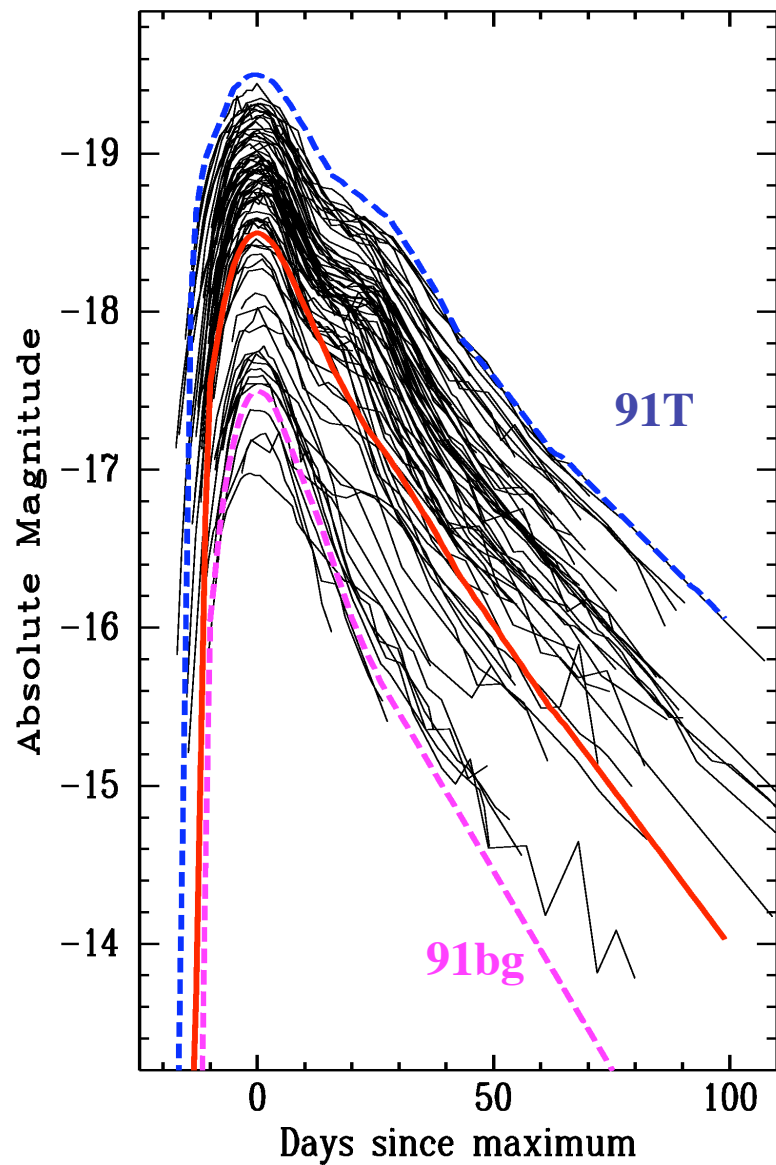


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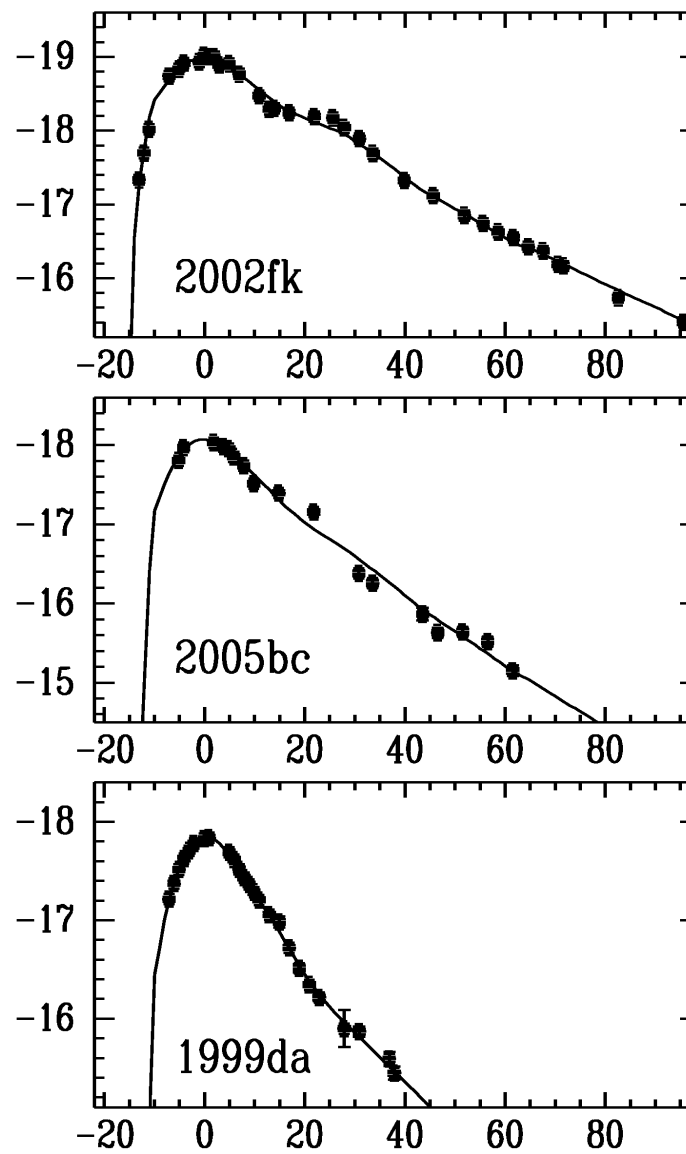
The Construction of a Complete SN Sample (complete to $M_R \approx -16$ mag, $d < 60$ Mpc)

- Select a distance-limited KAIT SN sample (total = 137 SNe)
 - SN Ia (<80 Mpc): 56 objects
 - SN Ibc (<60 Mpc): 23 objects
 - SN II (<60 Mpc): 58 objects
- Collect photometry for **every** SN
 - R-band follow-up photometry (42%)
 - Unfiltered search monitoring data (58%)
- Fit a family of light curves to each SN type
 - Light-curve shape, peak magnitude
- Study the completeness of each SN

A family of 21 light-curve shapes

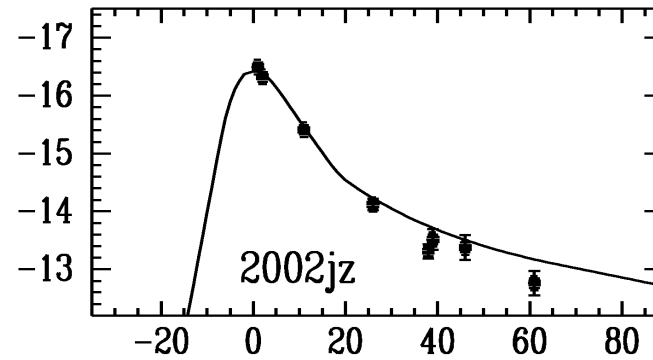
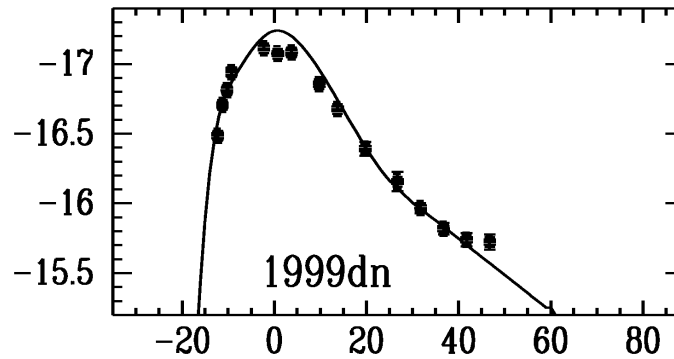
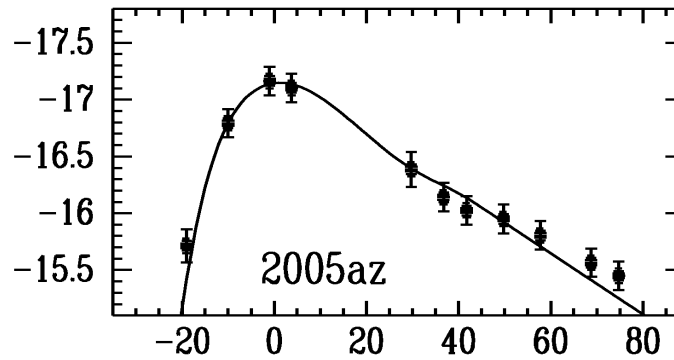
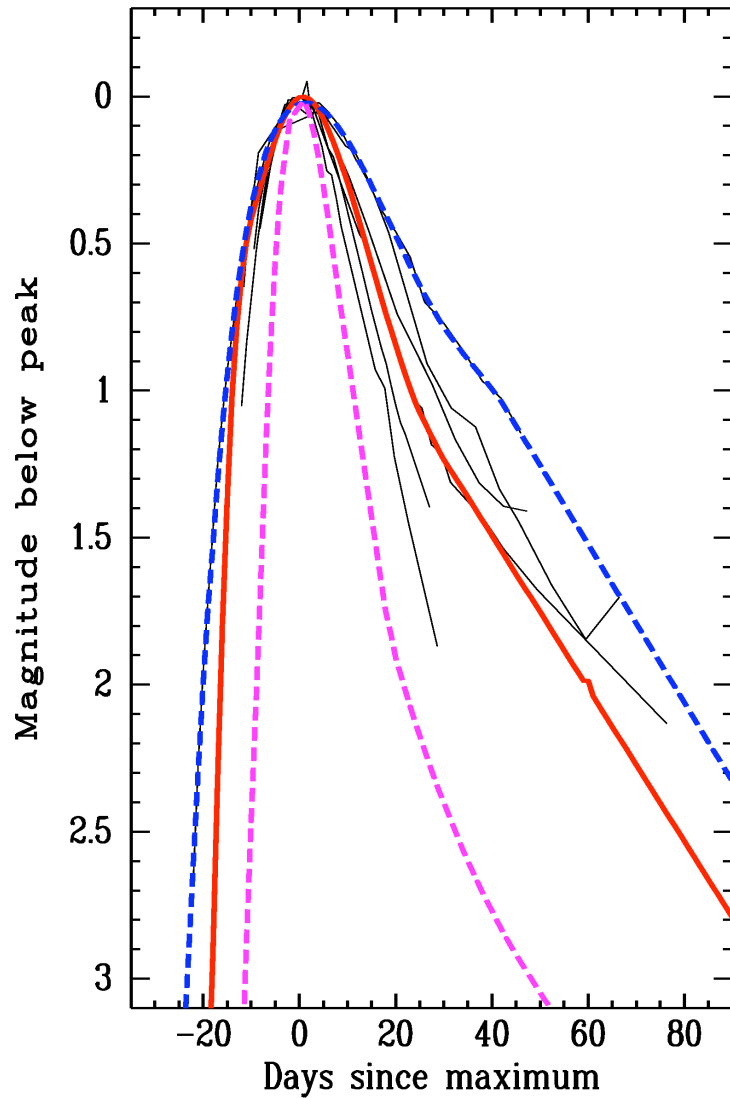


Fits to all 56 SNe Ia



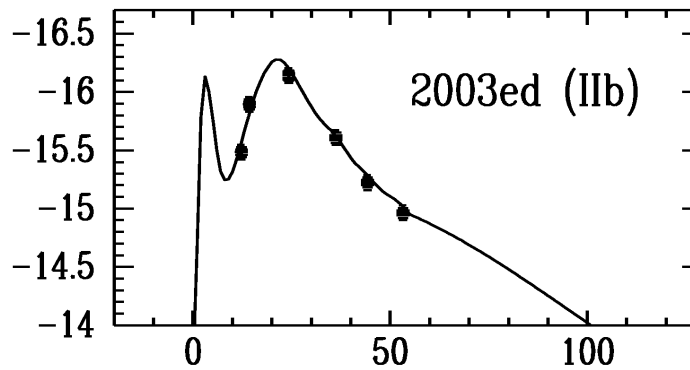
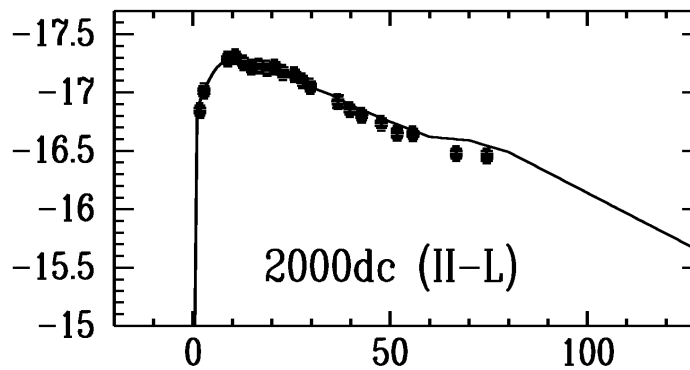
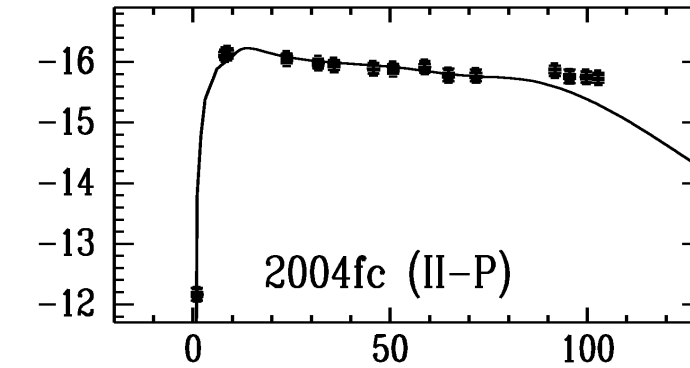
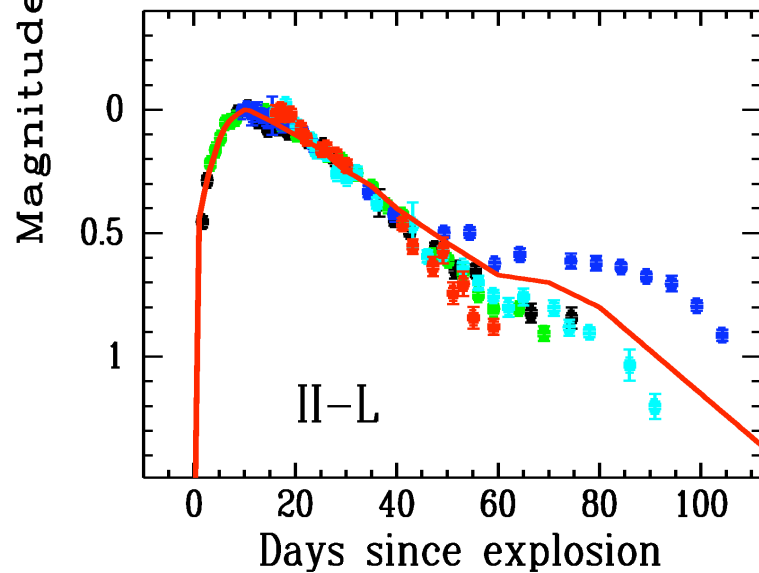
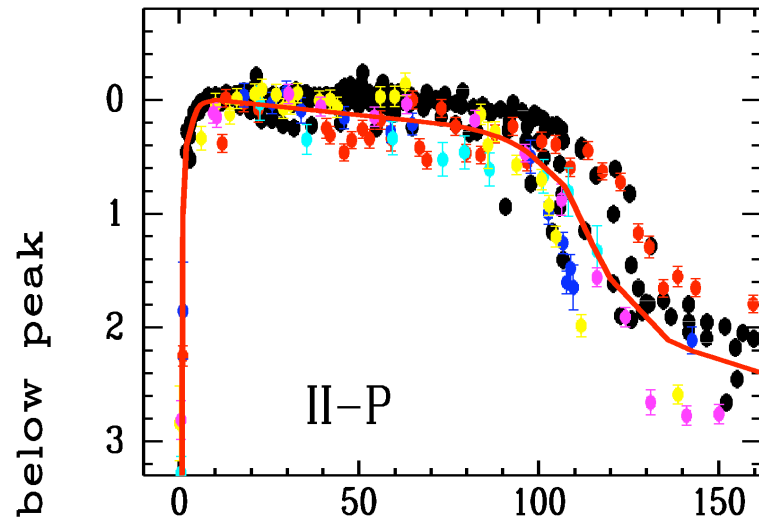
- Slow (04dk)
- Average
- Fast (94I)

Fits to all 23 SNe Ibc



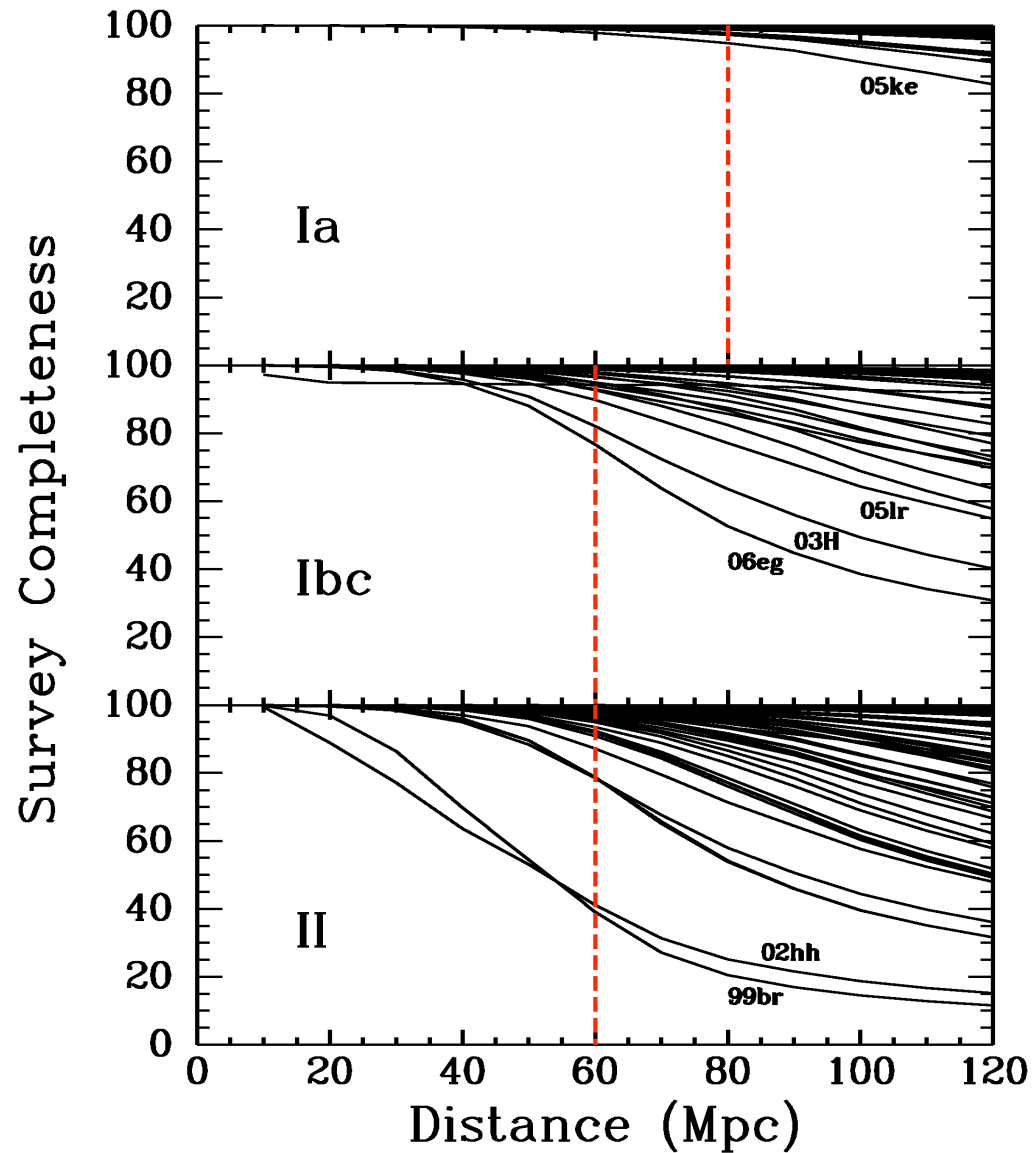
- Average II-P
- Average II-L
- Average IIb (93J)

Fits to all 58 SNe II

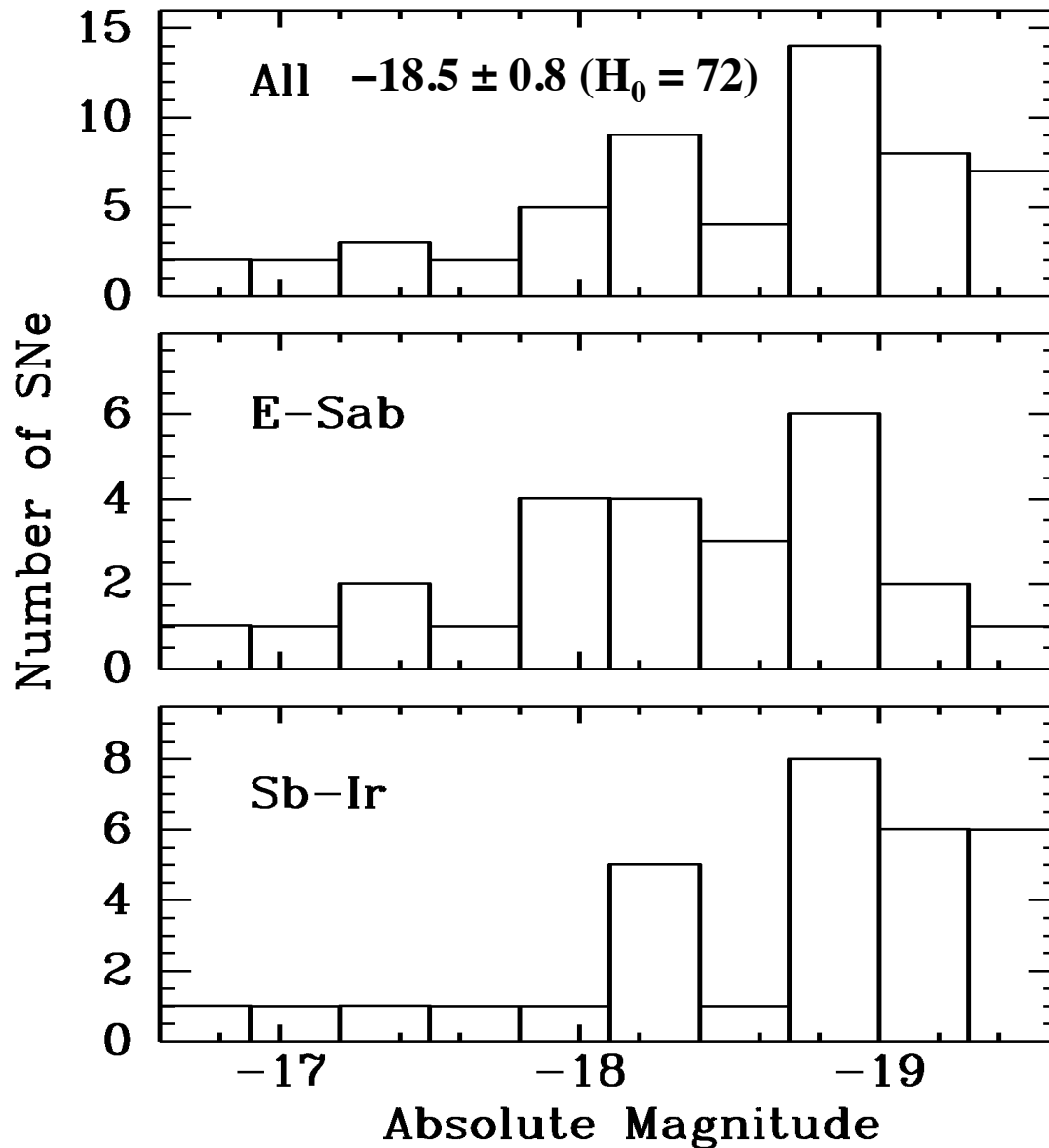


- **Completeness study for every SN**

Completeness = control time / season time



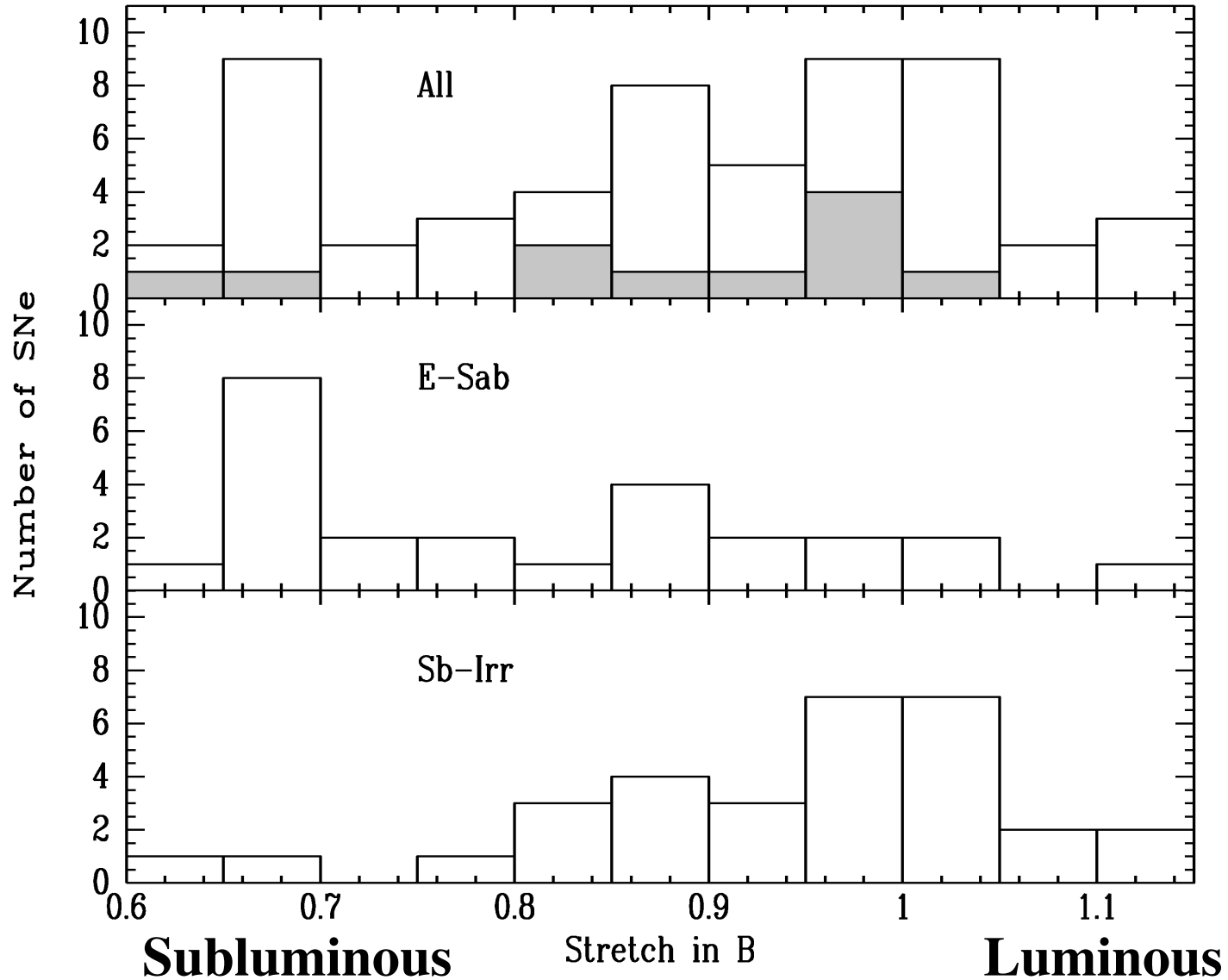
The Observed SN Ia Luminosity Function (56.5 SNe) (R band)



Input = 56 SNe

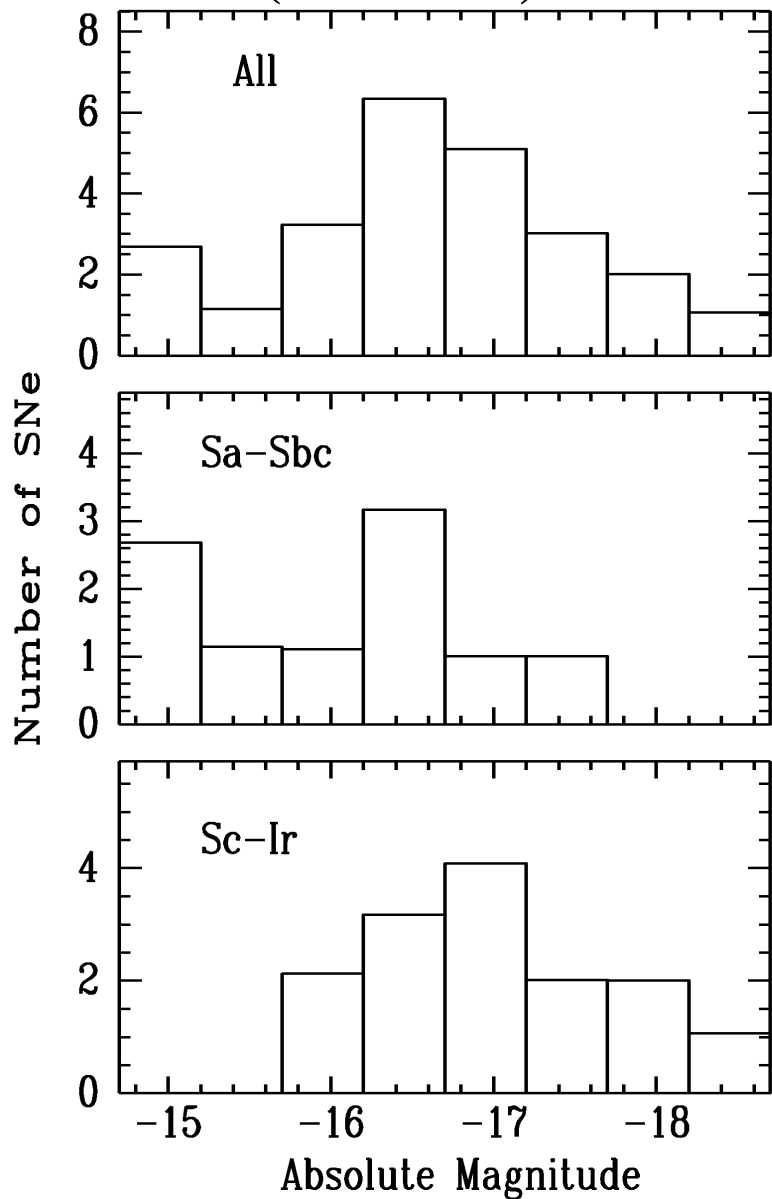
Intrinsic Volume-Limited LF of SNe Ia

Bimodal distribution

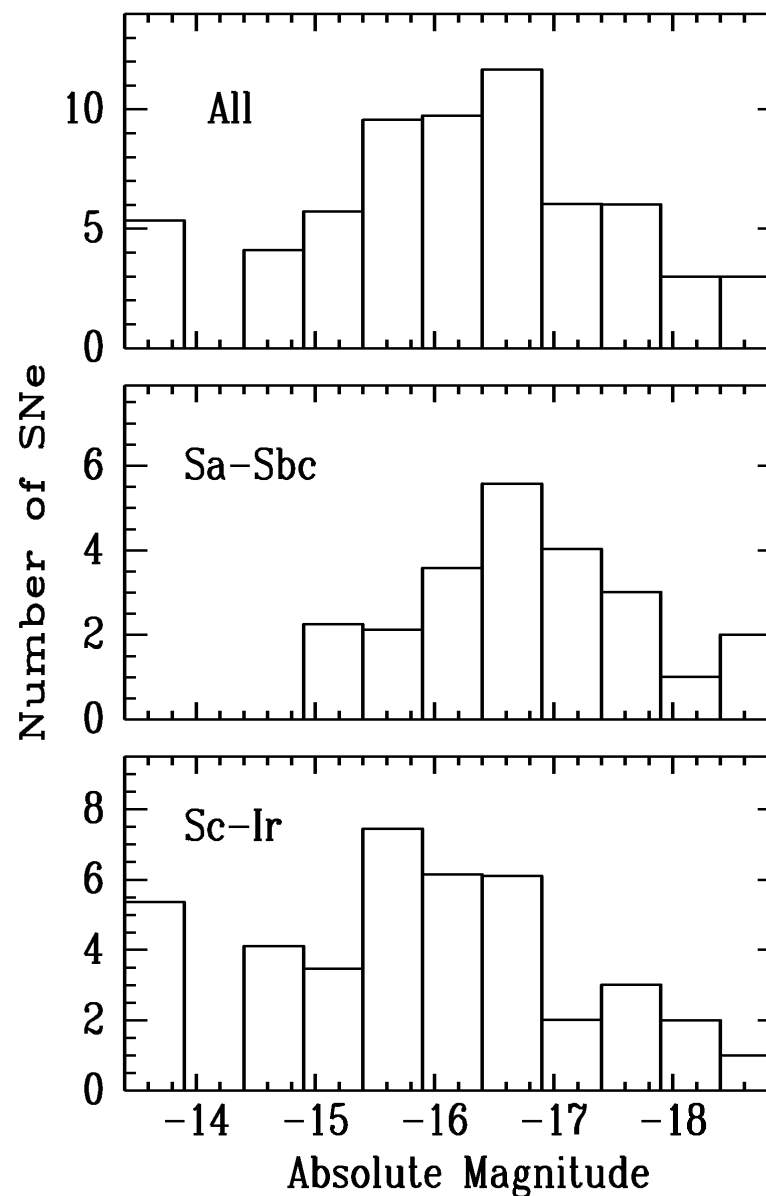


LFs of Core-Collapse SNe (R band)

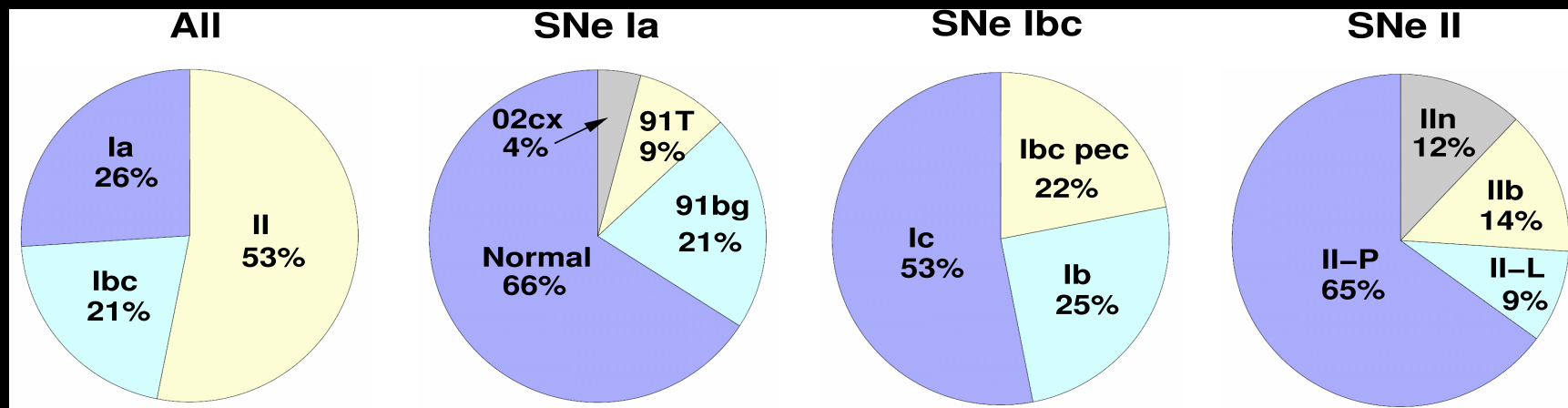
Ibc (24.6 SNe) Input=23



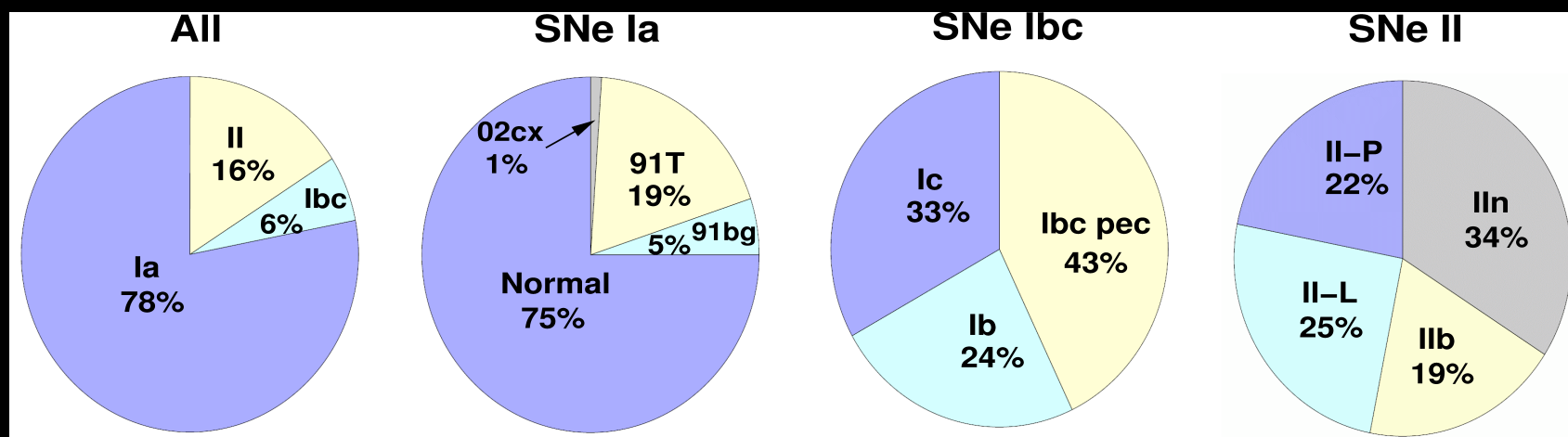
II (64.2 SNe) Input=58



Subtype distribution (volume-limited)



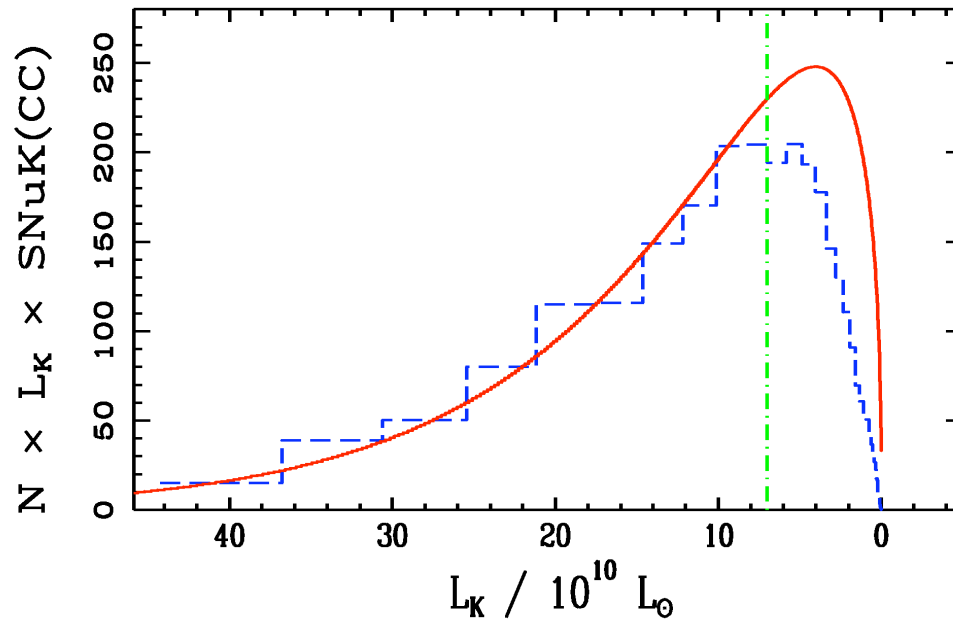
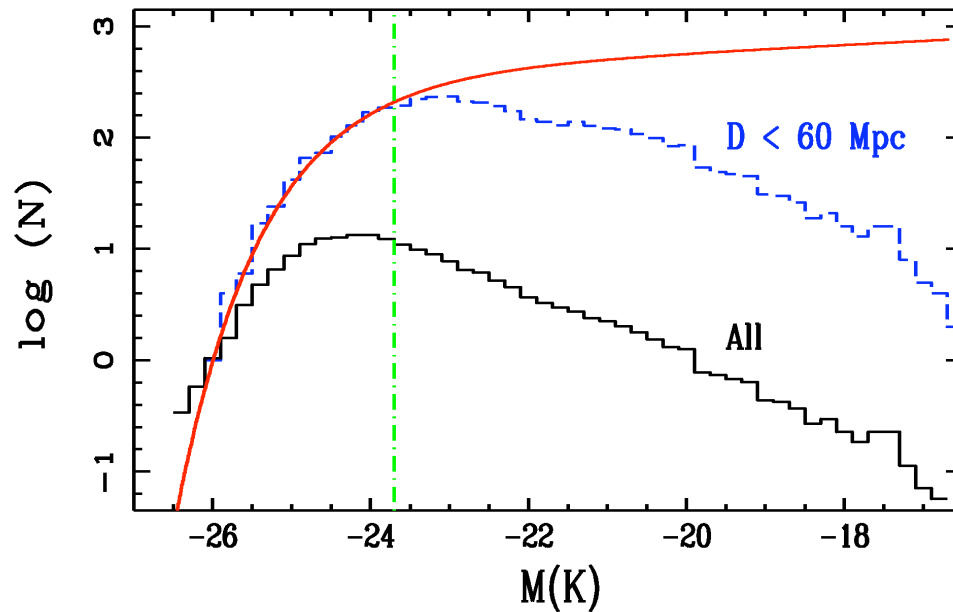
Subtype distribution (magnitude-limited)



- KAIT background SNe: 46 SNe; 74% Ia, 9% Ibc, 17% II
- Recent PTF: 29 SNe; 72% Ia, 4% Ibc, 24% II.

LOSS Galaxy Sample: not just luminous galaxies

Kochanek et al. 2001 galaxy LF



Within 60 Mpc:

C-C SNe: missing 15%

SNe Ia : missing 10%

The SN Rate Unit (SNu)

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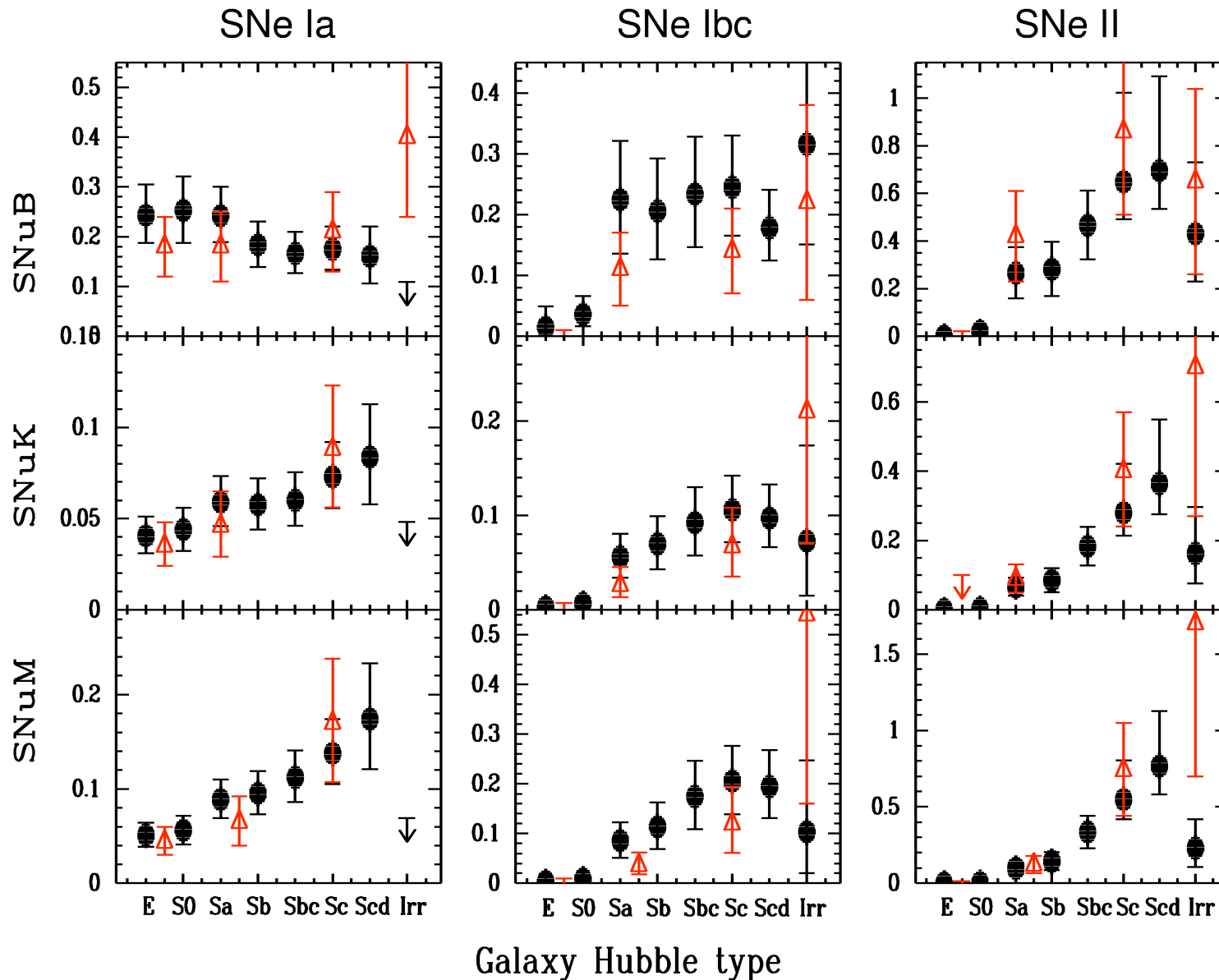
SNuB 1 SN per $10^{10} L_{\odot}(\text{B})$ per 100 yr

SNuK 1 SN per $10^{10} L_{\odot}(\text{K})$ per 100 yr

SNuM 1 SN per $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ per 100 yr

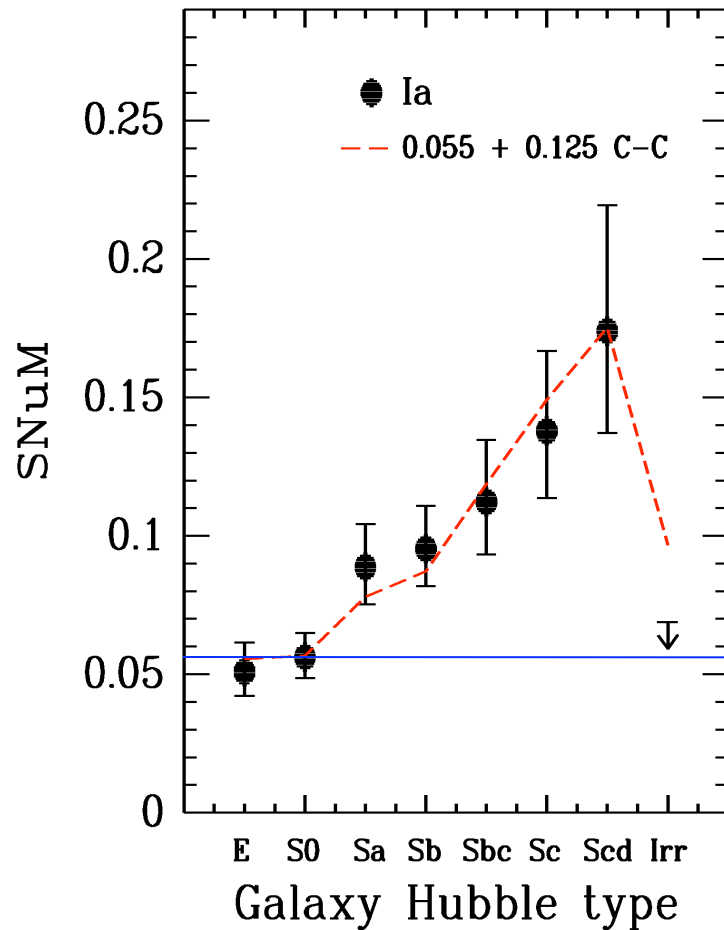
(**Note: $M \approx L(\text{K}) + \exp[0.212(\text{B}-\text{K}) - 0.959]$)**

LOSS rates compared with previous best nearby rates: Cappellaro et al. 1999, Mannucci et al. 2005



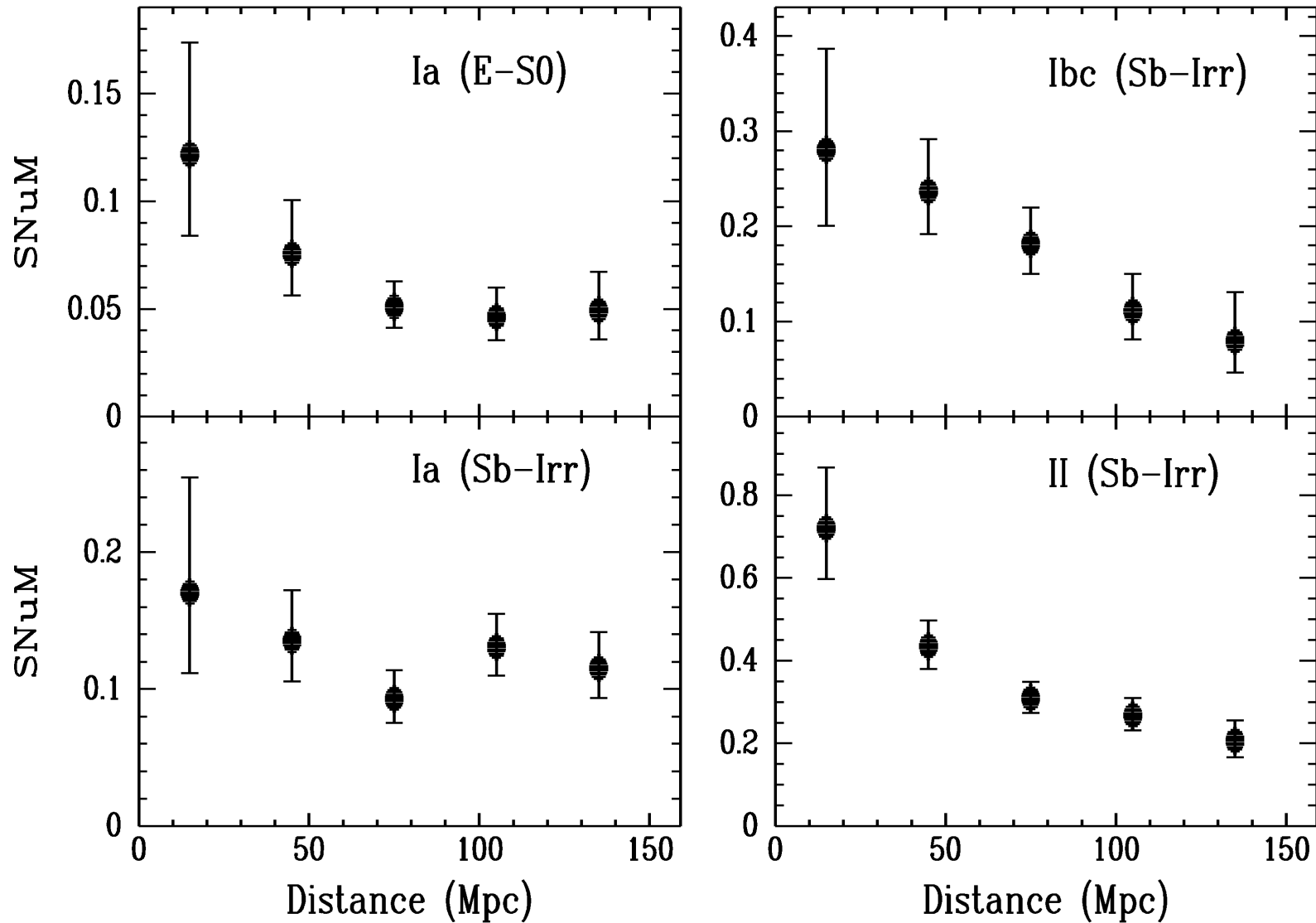
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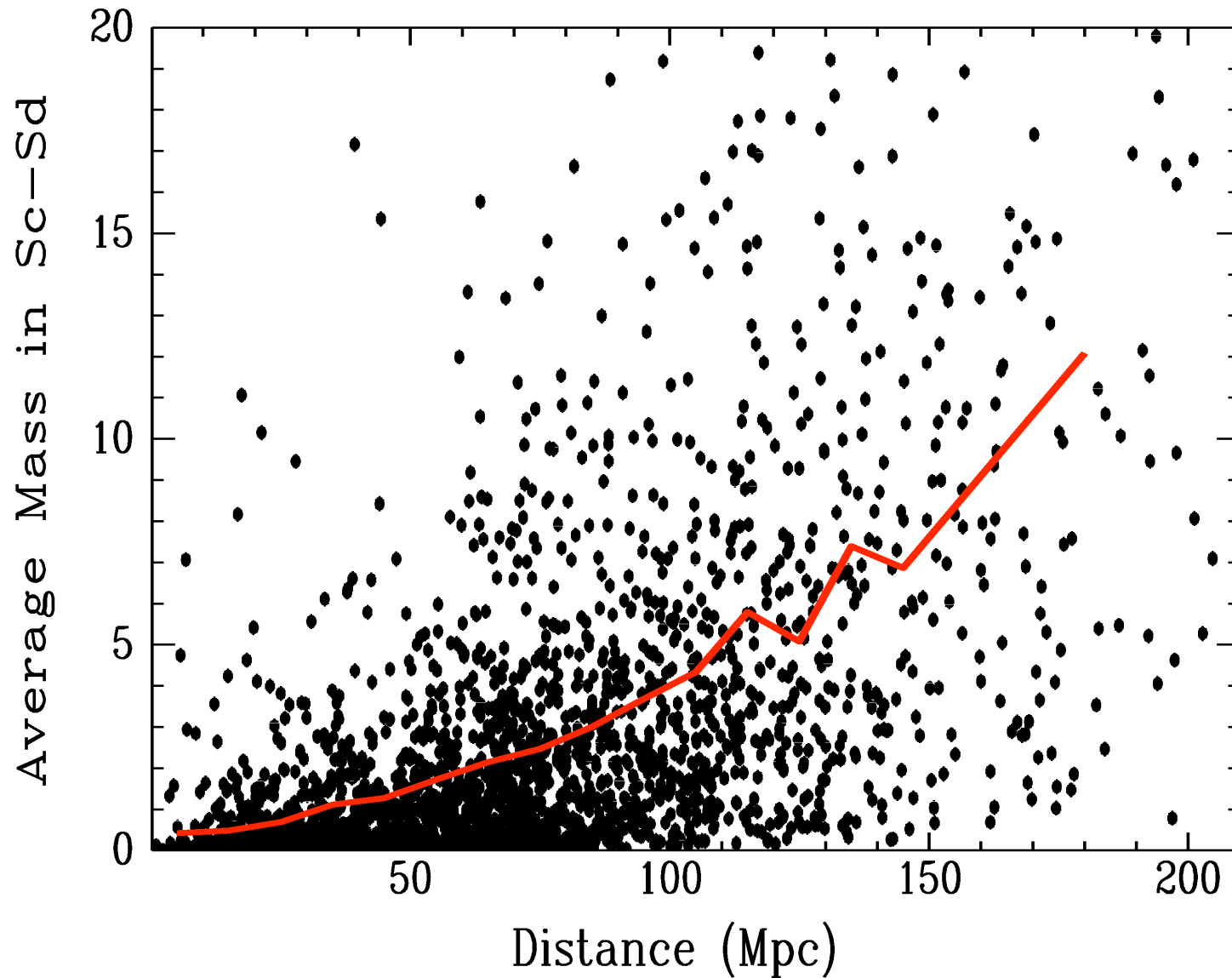


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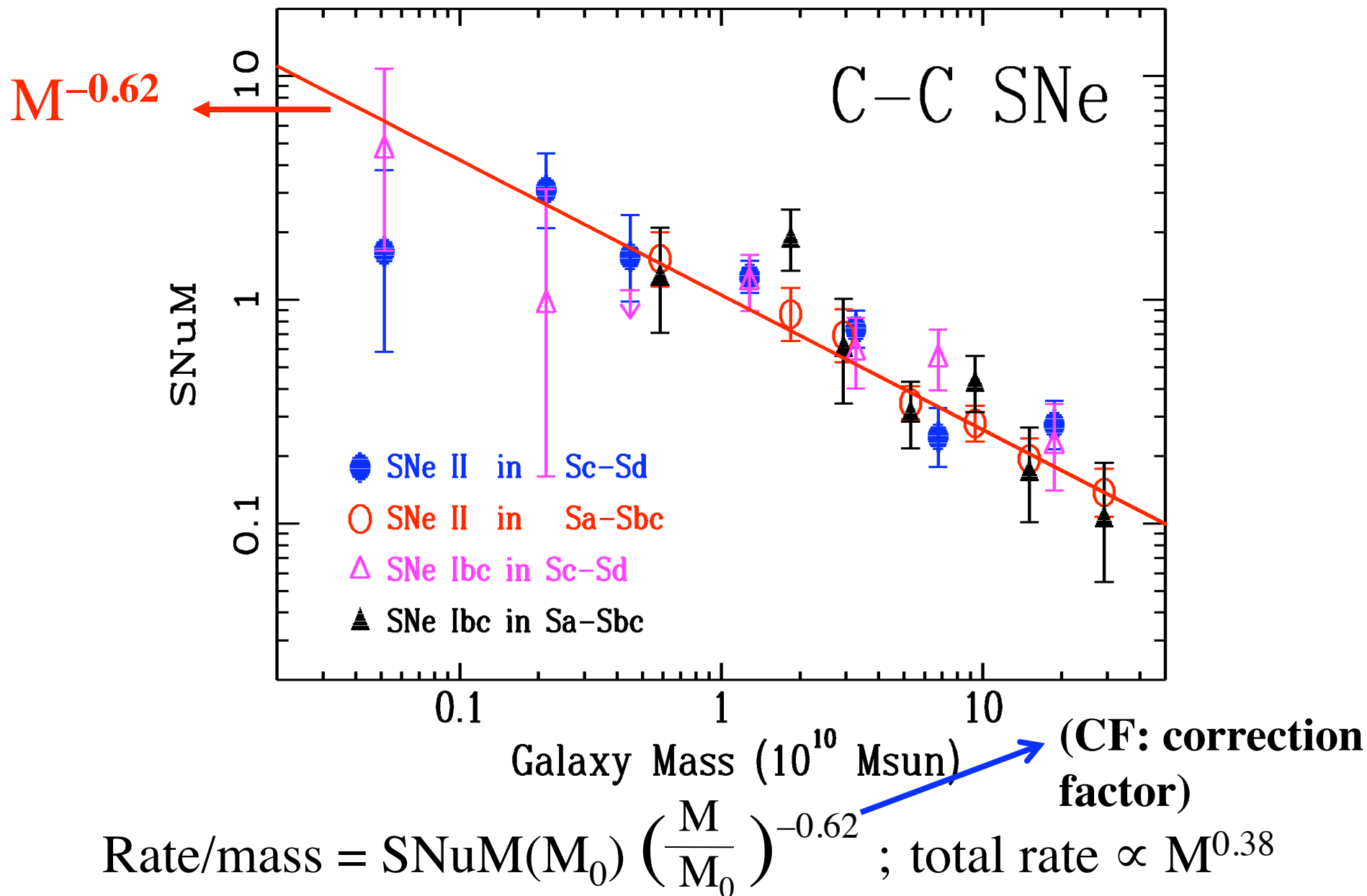
A “Nasty” Trend: Rates in Different Distance Bins



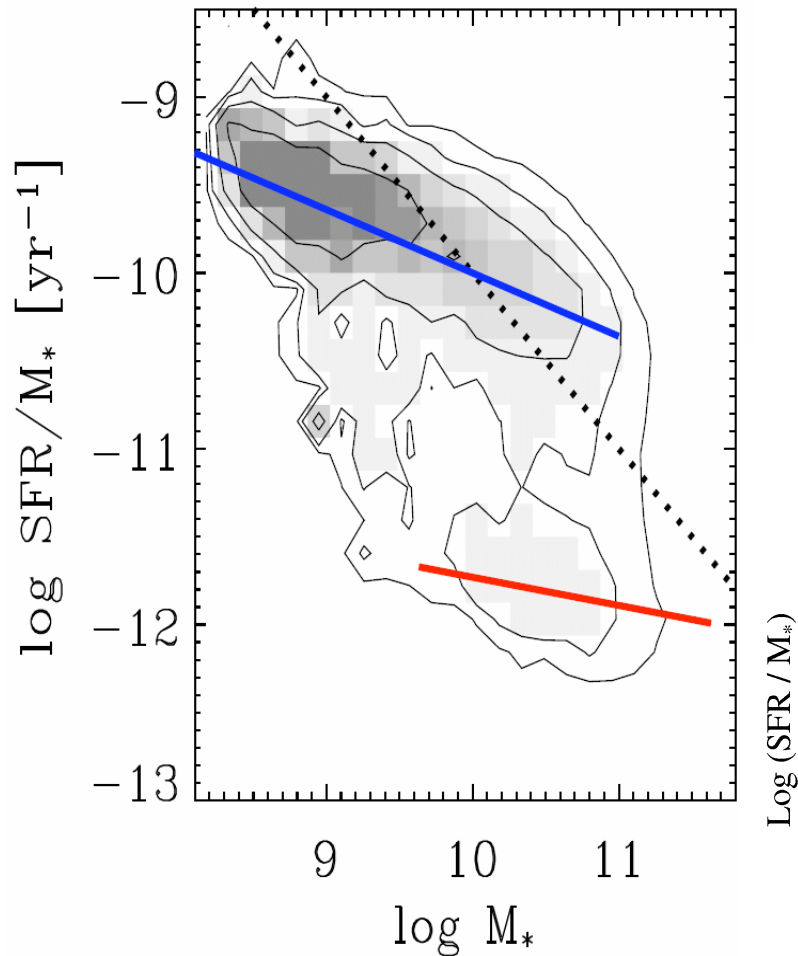
A Clue from the Average Mass in Distance Bins



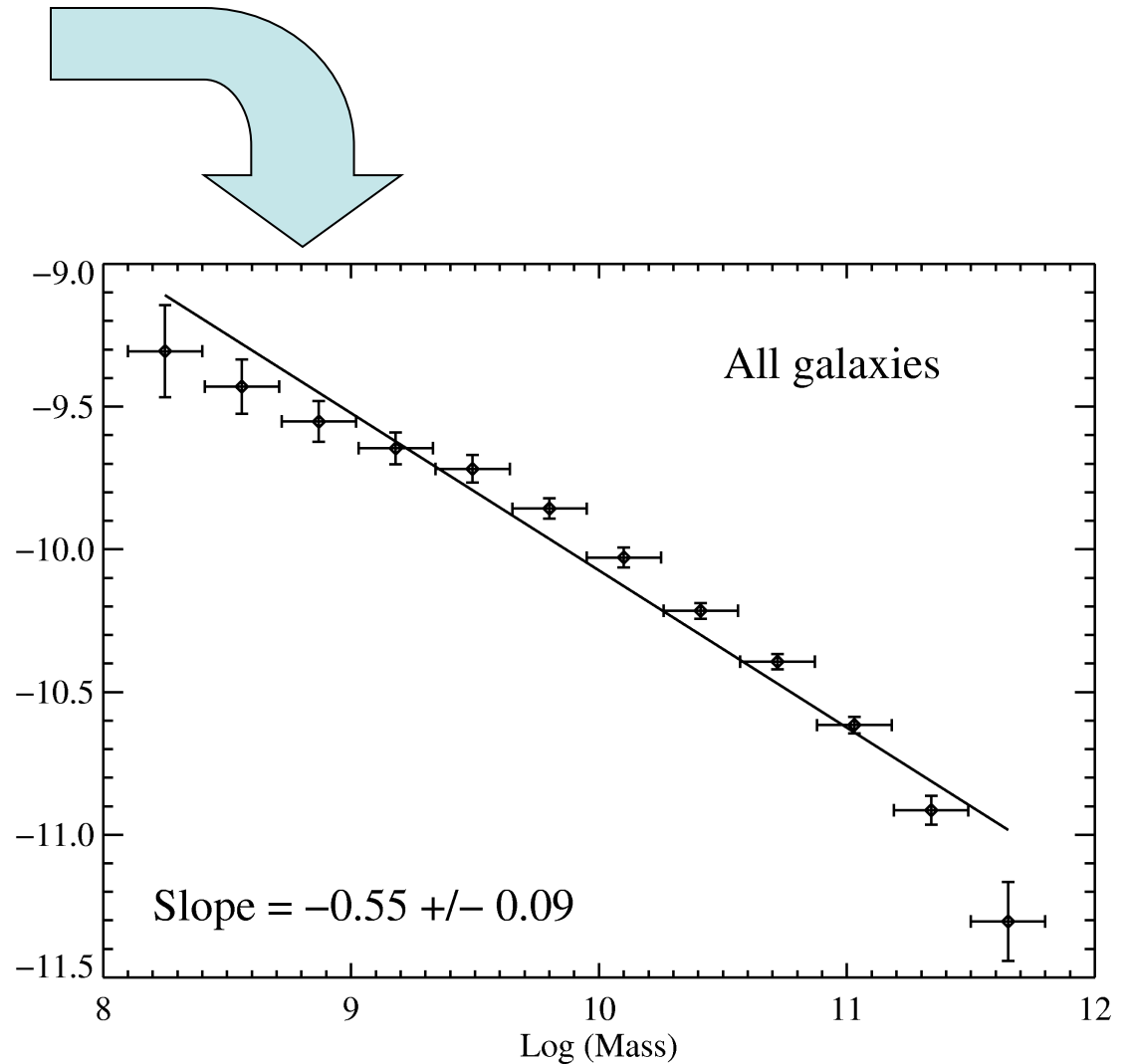
A correlation between C-C SN rate and galaxy mass



Probable connection to specific star formation rate



Schiminovich et al. 2007
(using data from SDSS)



The rate-mass relation

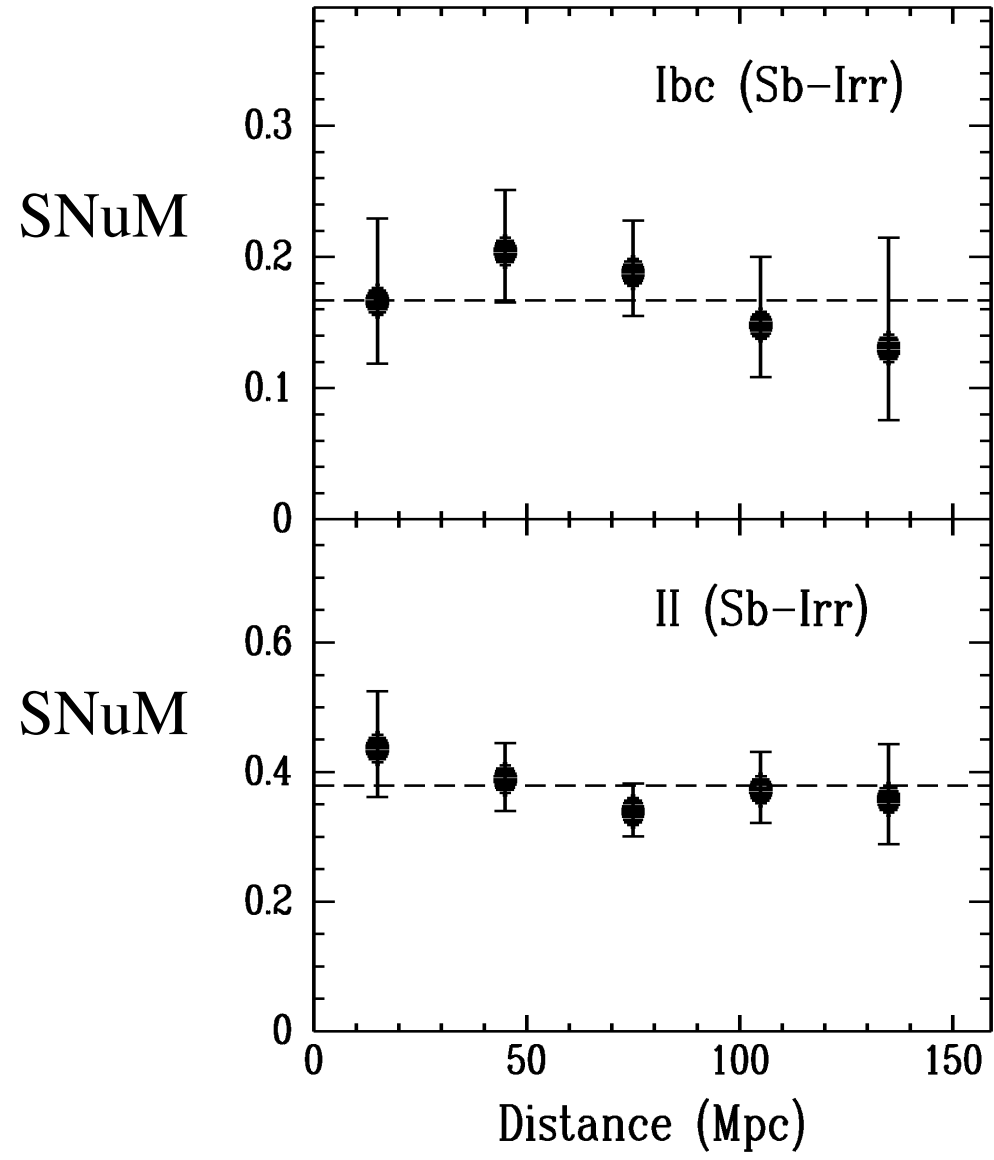
1. $\text{Rate/mass} = \text{SNuM}(M_0) \left(\frac{M}{M_0}\right)^{-Y}$

M_0 : **nominal mass**

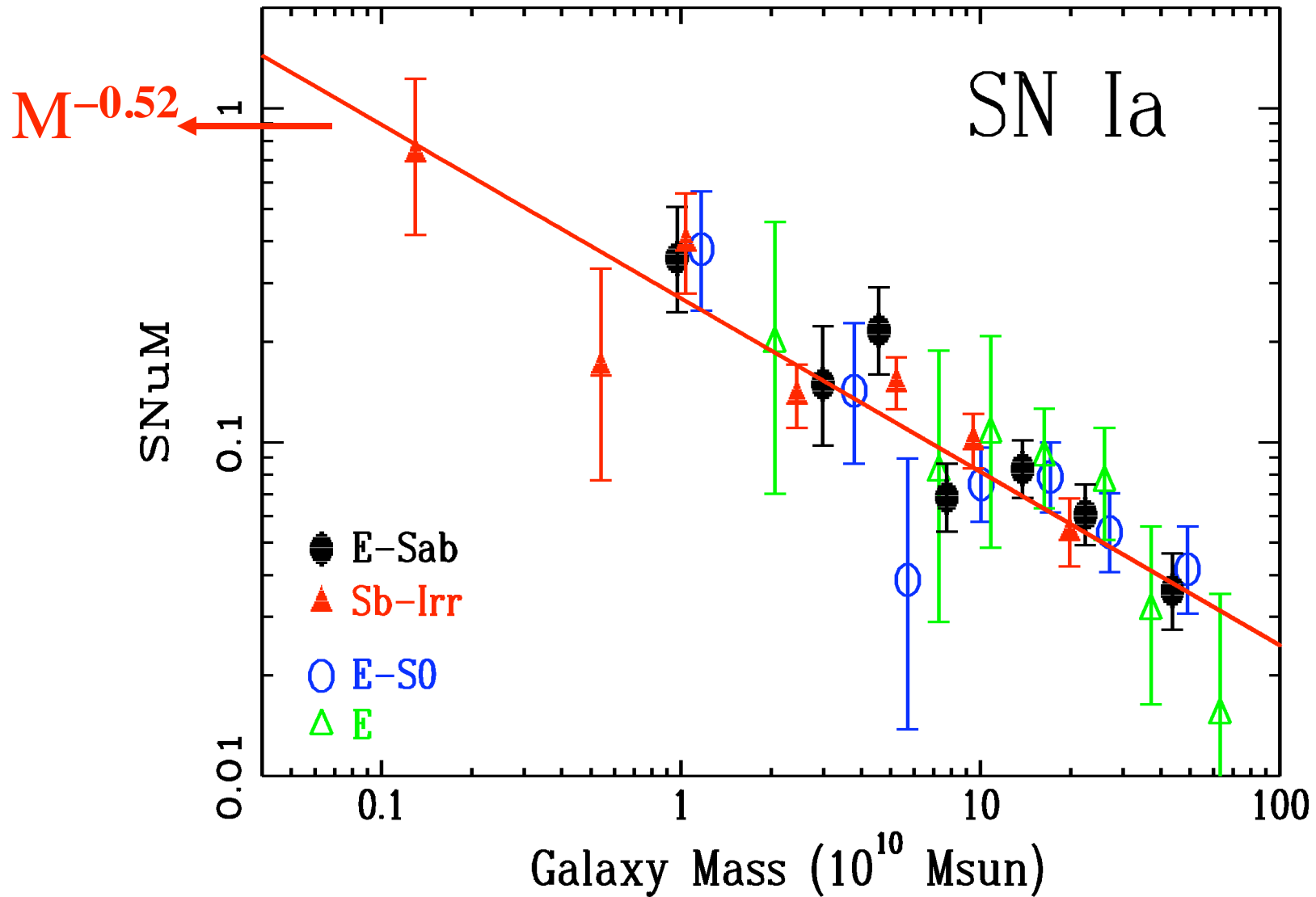
Y : **mass correction factor (CF)**

2. $\text{Total SN per year} \propto \text{mass}^{(1-Y)}$

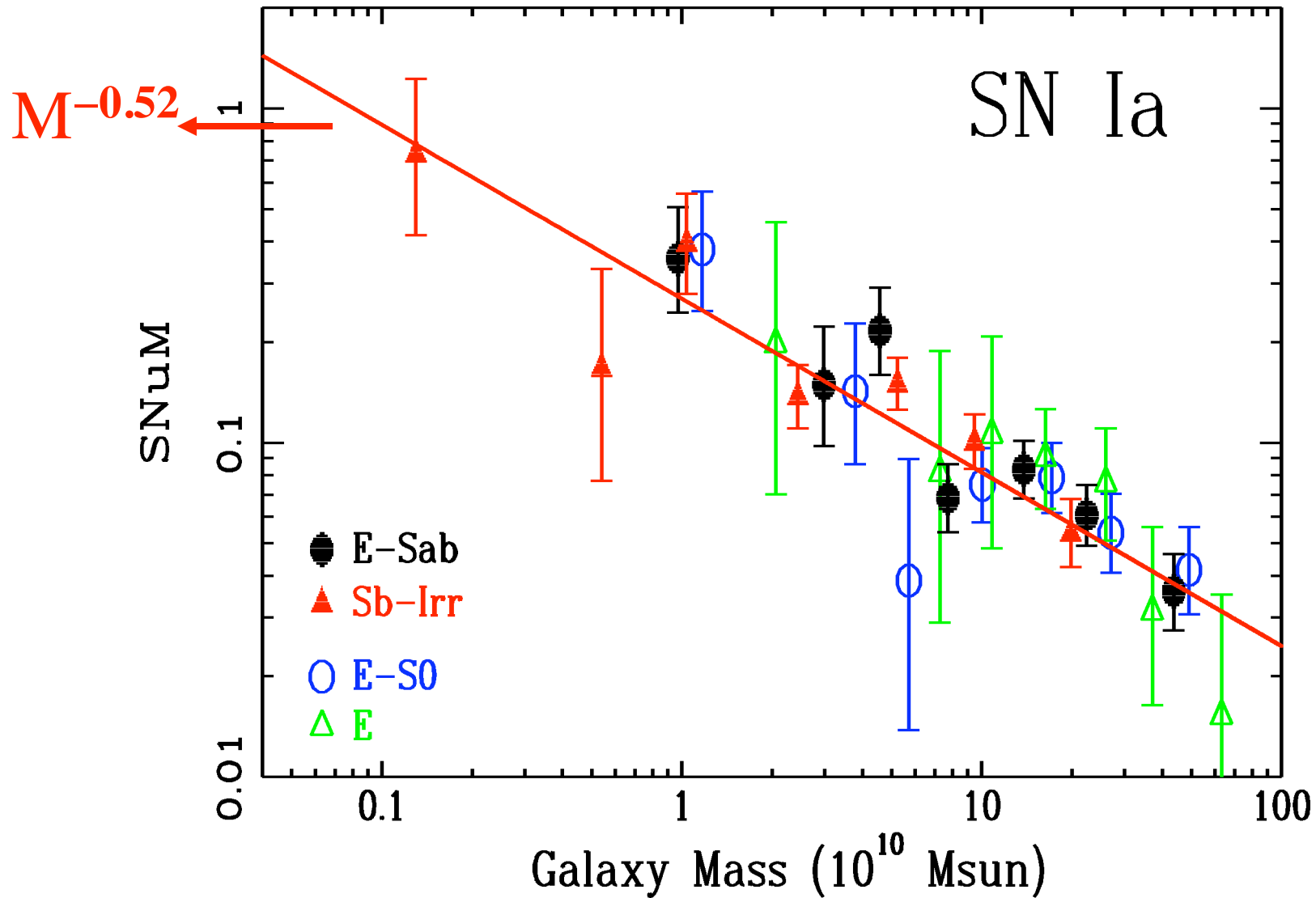
Rates in different distance bins ($M_0 = 4.0 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$).
The “nasty trend” is gone now... good!



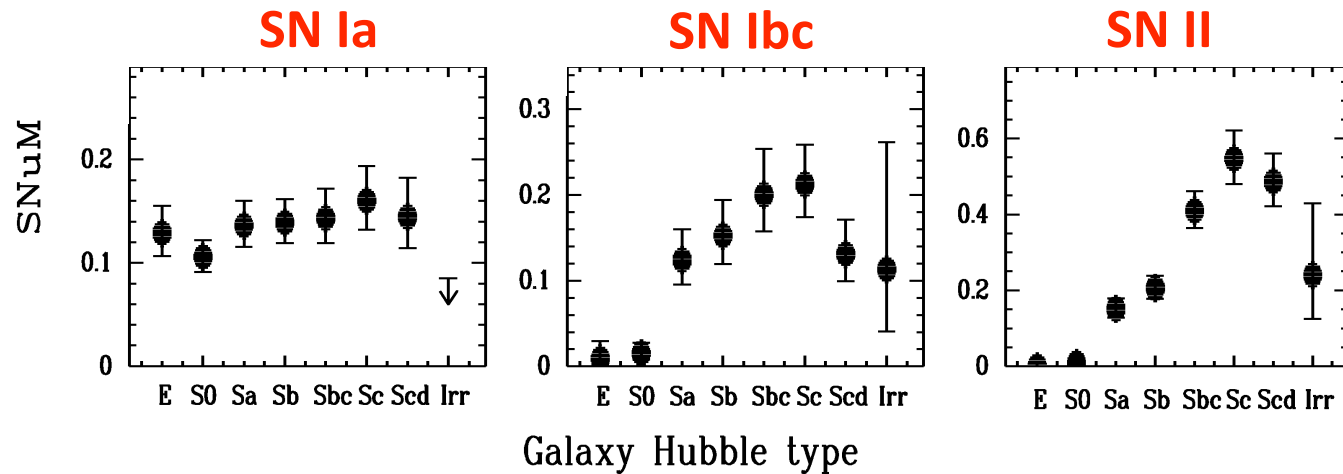
A similar correlation between SN Ia rate and galaxy mass!
(Already seen by Sullivan et al. 2006, for **star-forming galaxies**.)



BUT, the SN Ia rate-mass correlation holds even for passive (E/S0) galaxies! (Contrary to conclusion of Sullivan et al. 2006)



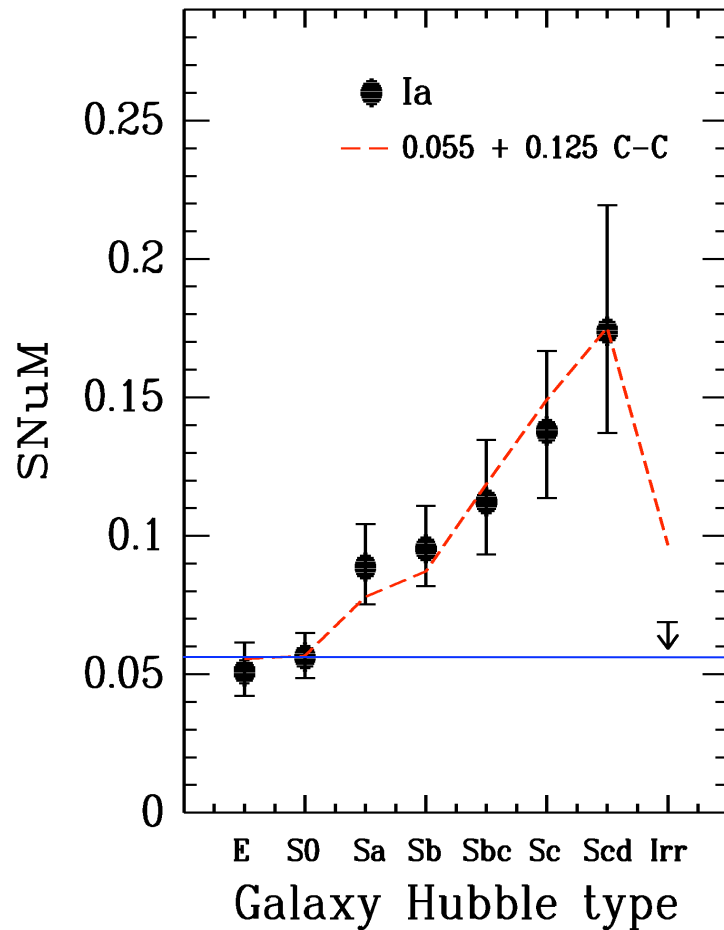
LOSS Rates for a Nominal Galaxy ($M_0 = 4.0 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$)



“Prompt” component (SFR) not so important for SNe Ia?

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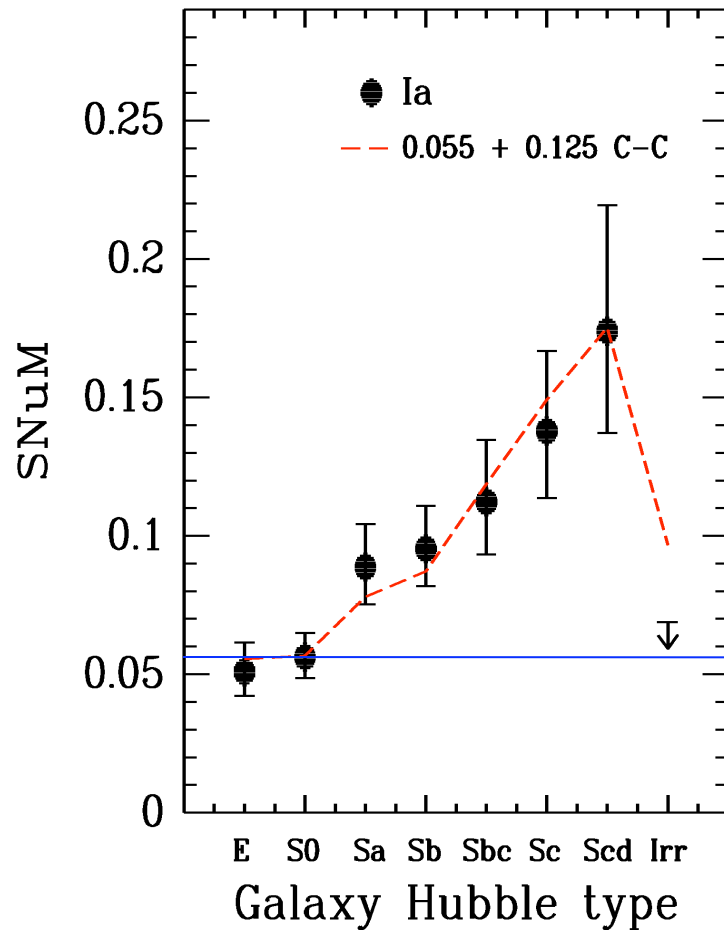
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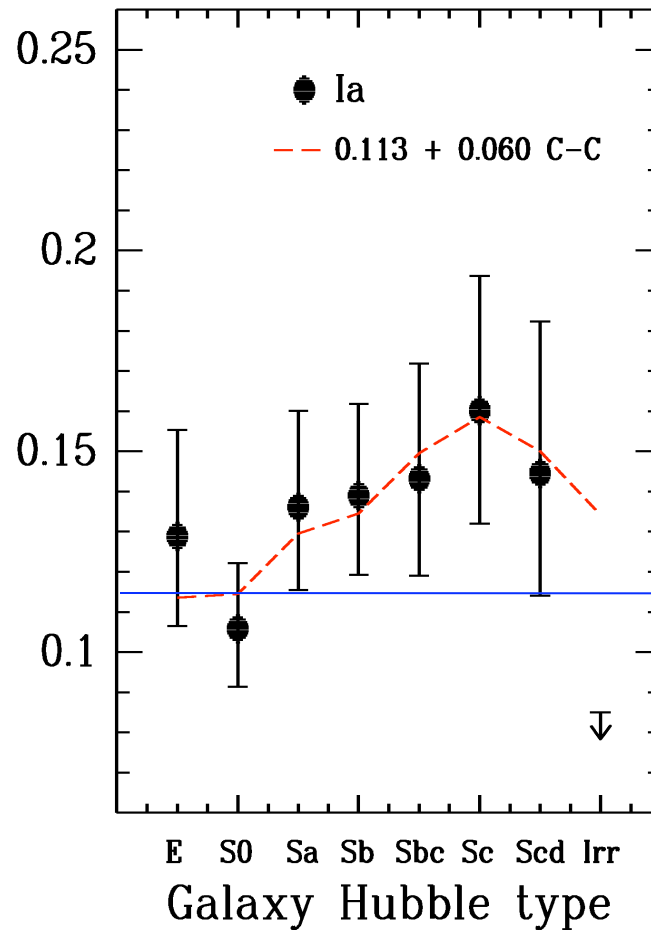
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(No CF) Average Rates

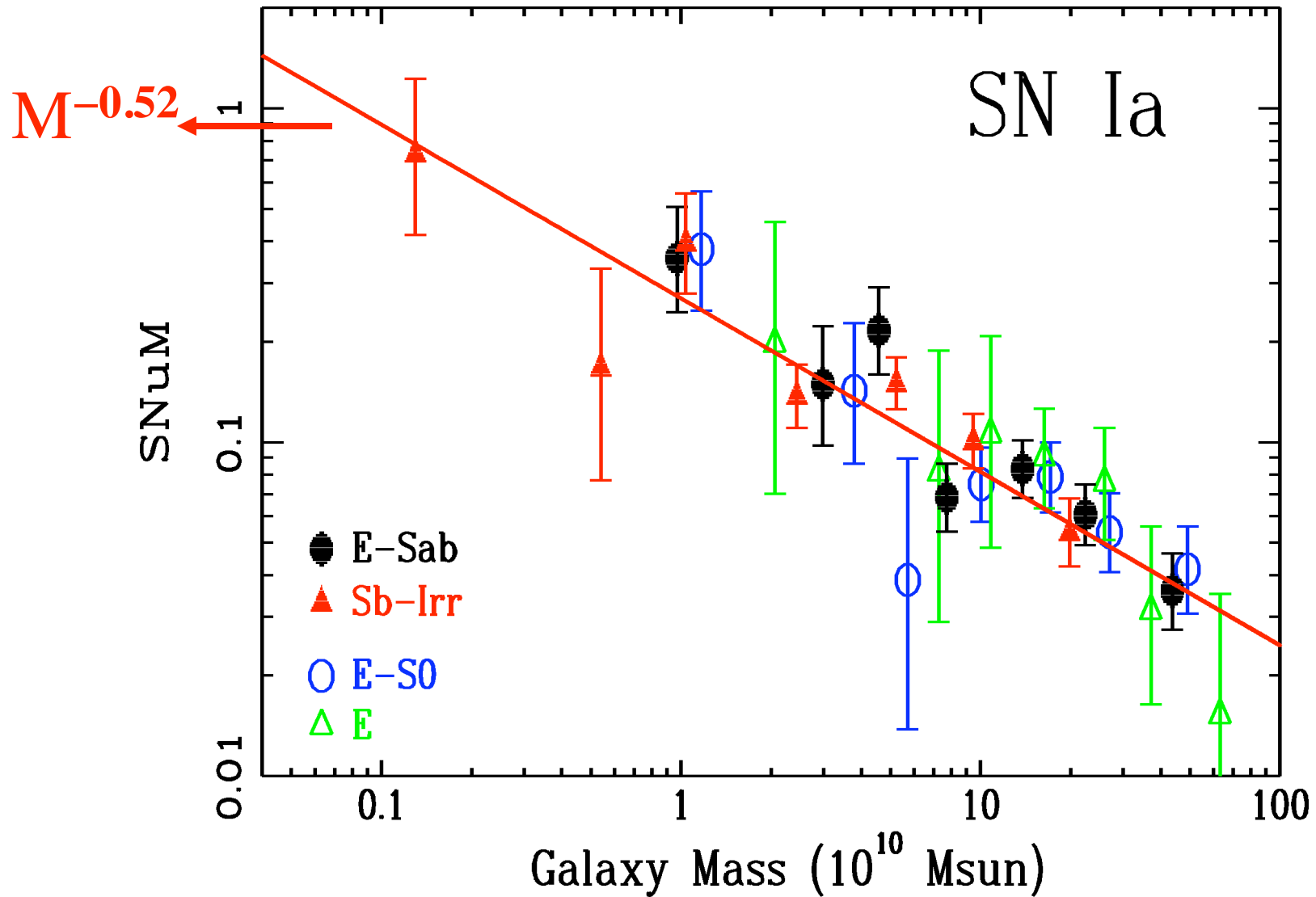


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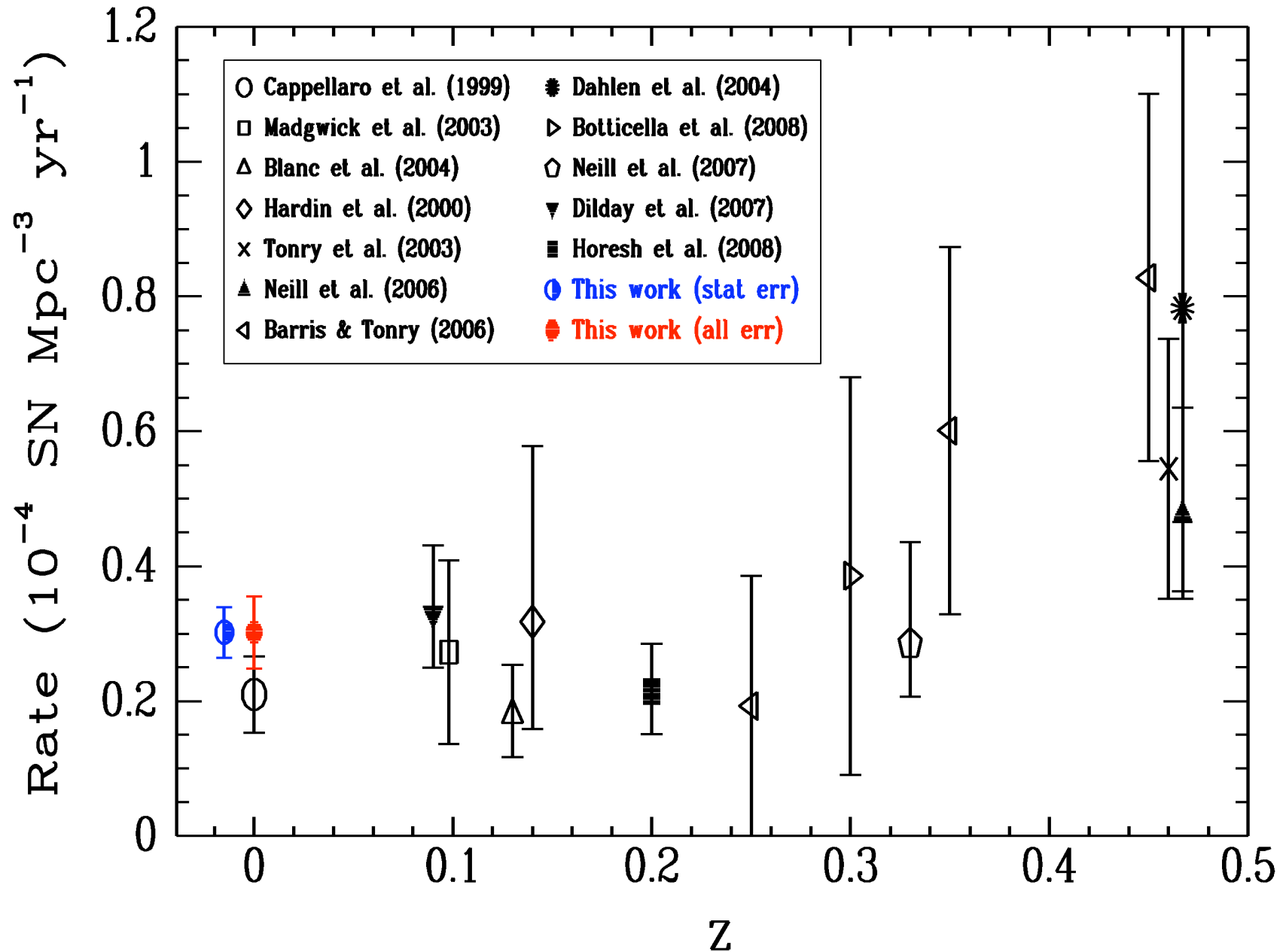


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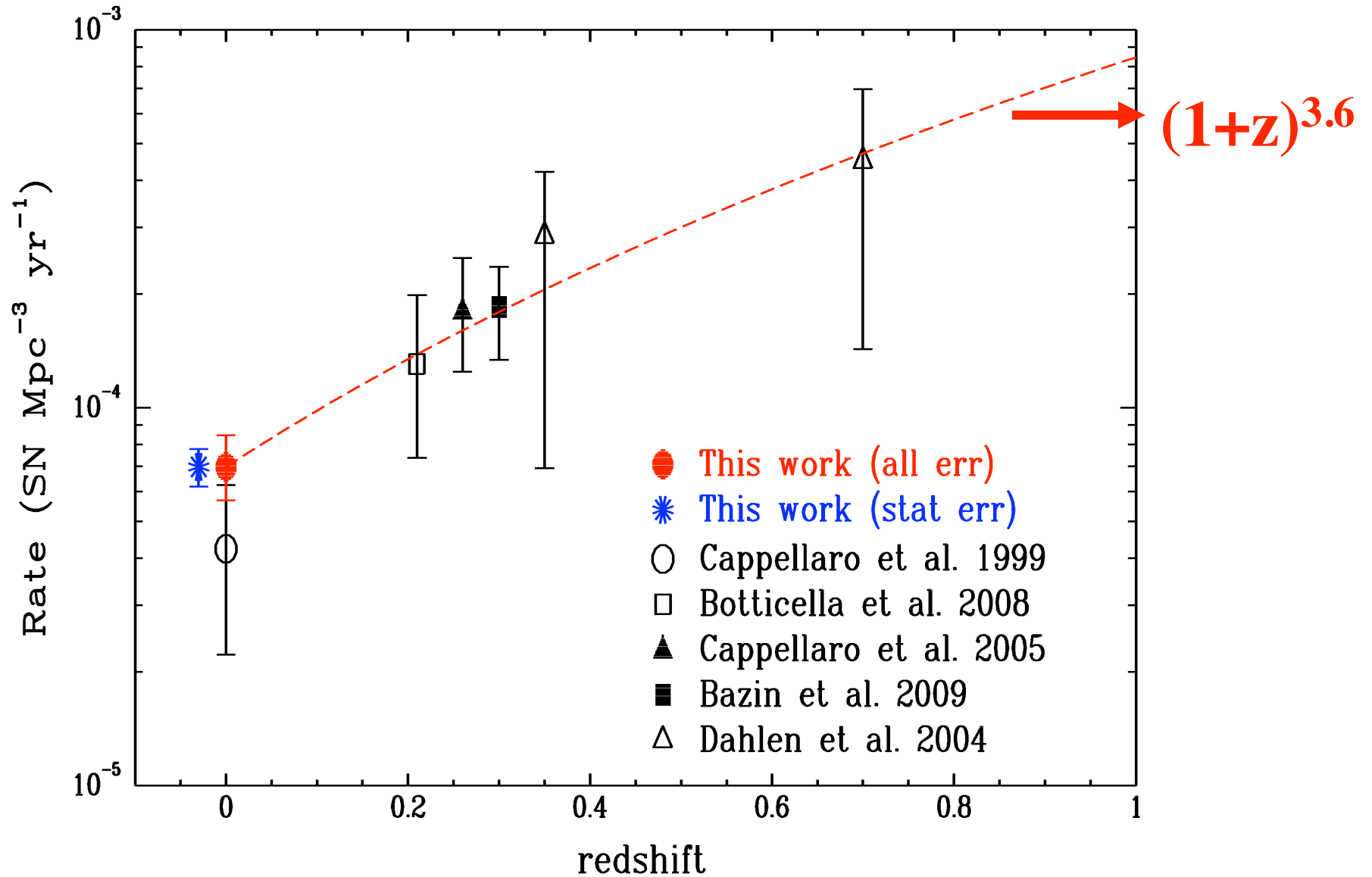
Instead of SFR, possibly an effect caused by stellar age and a declining delay-time distribution. Or something else?



Volumetric SN Ia rate versus redshift



Volumetric C-C SN rate versus redshift



Main Conclusions

- 1. For the first time, the observed luminosity function in the R band and subclass fractions are derived from a complete SN sample.**
- 2. The nearby SN rate is updated, with significant improvement in the data homogeneity, sample size, and calculation method.**
- 3. A strong correlation between the SN rate and the galaxy physical size (mass) is found. Smaller galaxies have higher SN rates. For C-C SNe, probably related to specific SFR.**
- 4. The two-component model of the SN Ia rates is affected by the rate-mass relation; the “prompt” component is not very obvious after mass correction.**