

# Unblinded SN Cosmology from the full 5 Years of the Dark Energy Survey

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DARK ENERGY SURVEY



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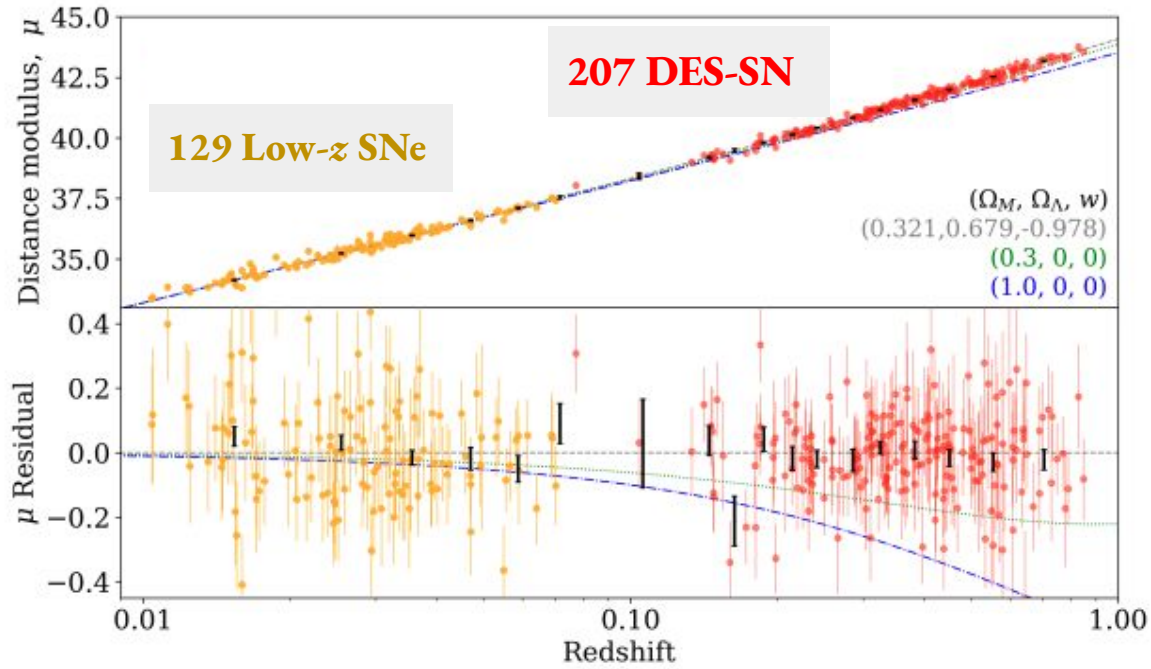


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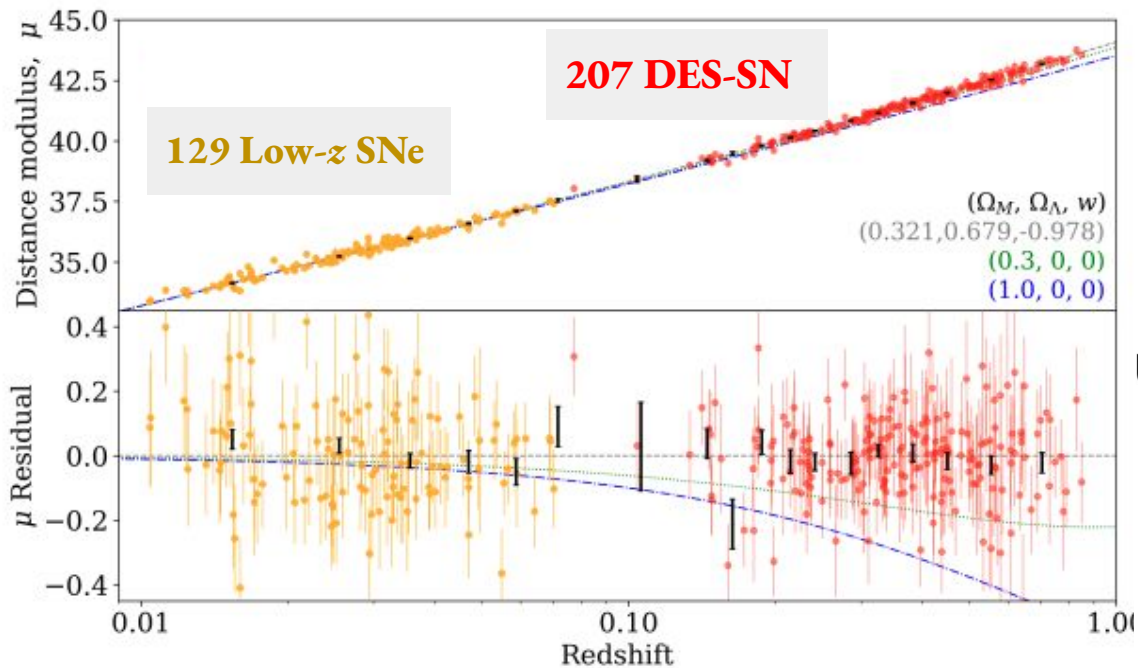
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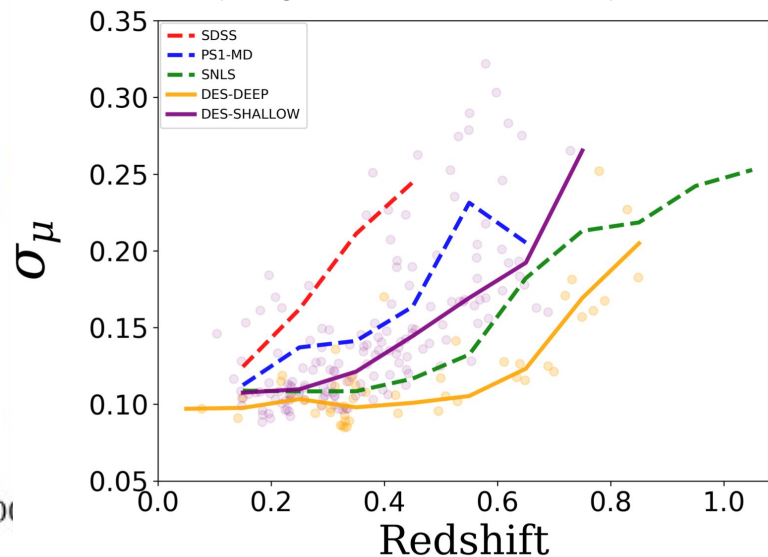
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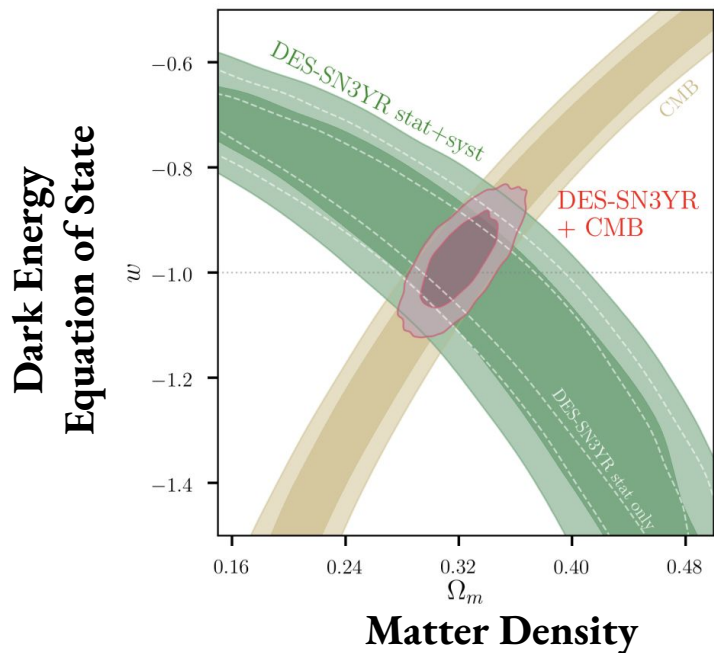
The best constraints on distance of any high redshift SN survey to date!



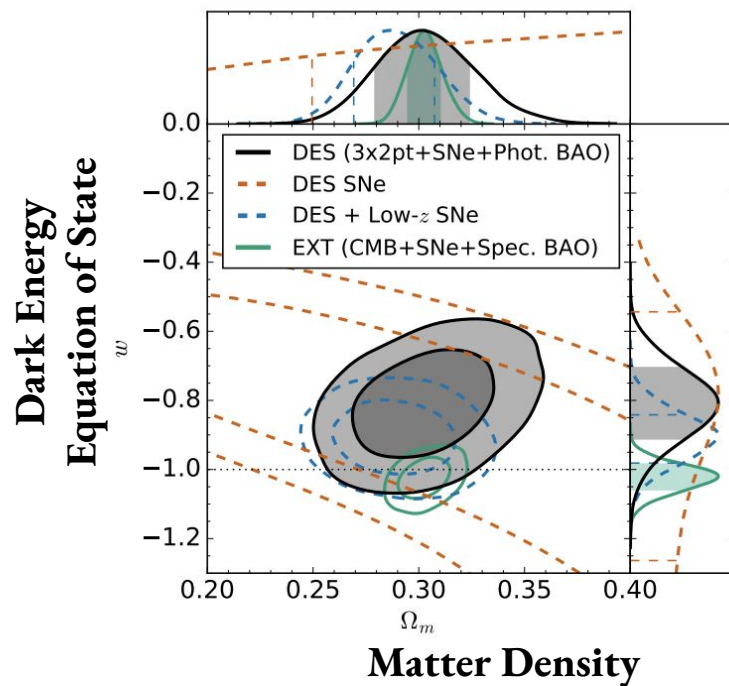
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# DES-SN Year 3 Cosmology Constraints

Equation of state of dark energy consistent with a cosmological constant



First single photometric probe to independently rule out a no dark energy universe.



Let's take a step back.

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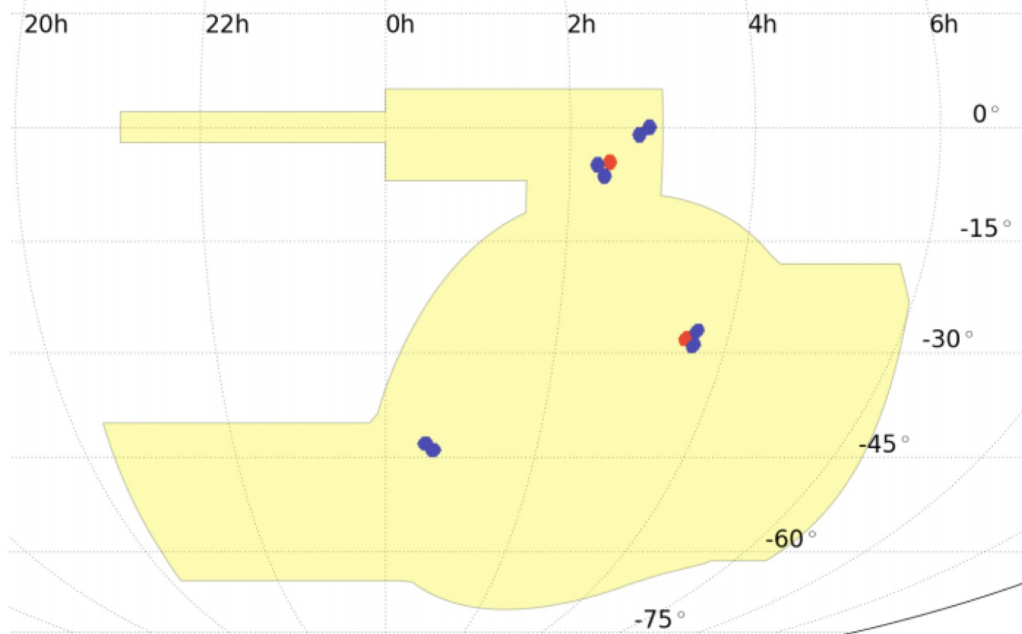
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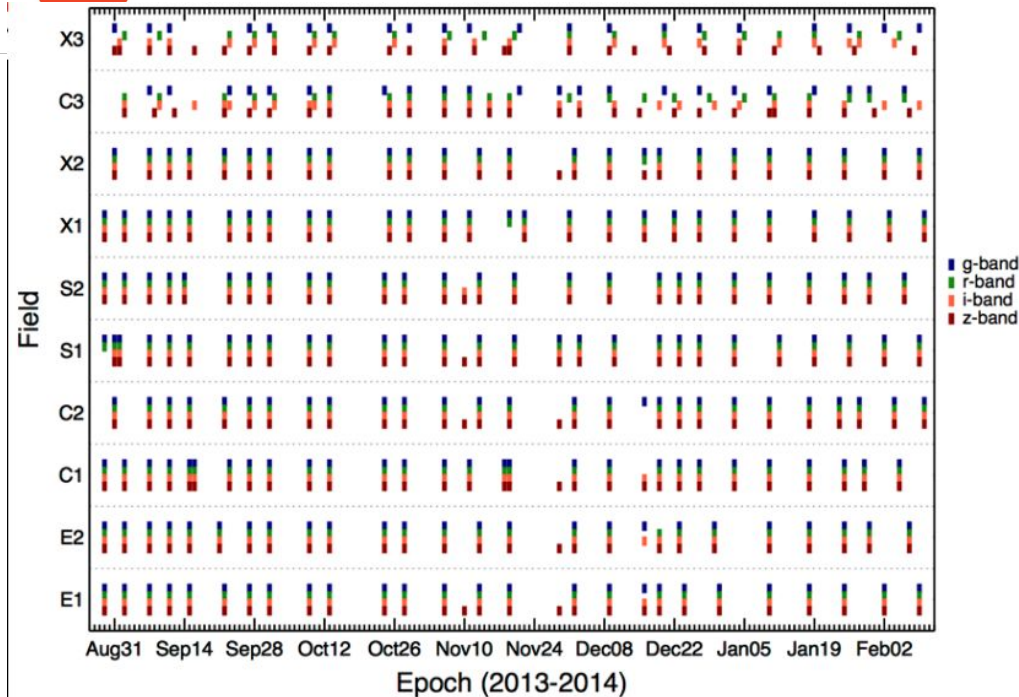
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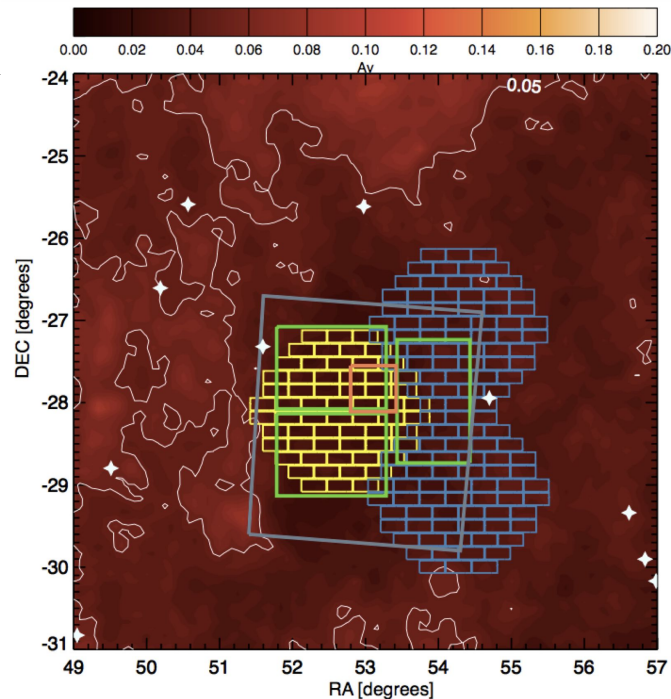
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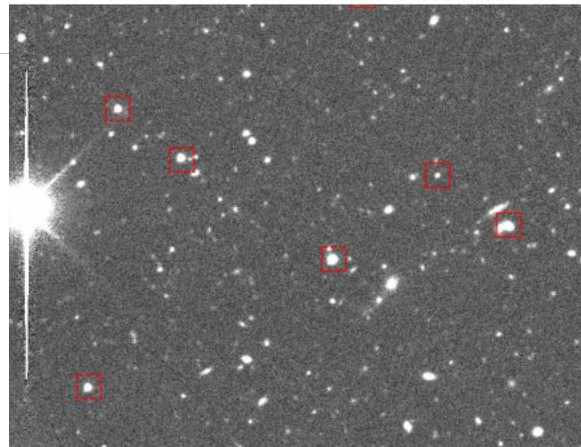
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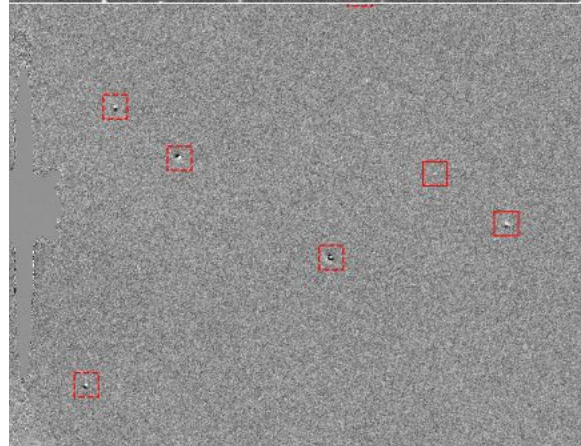
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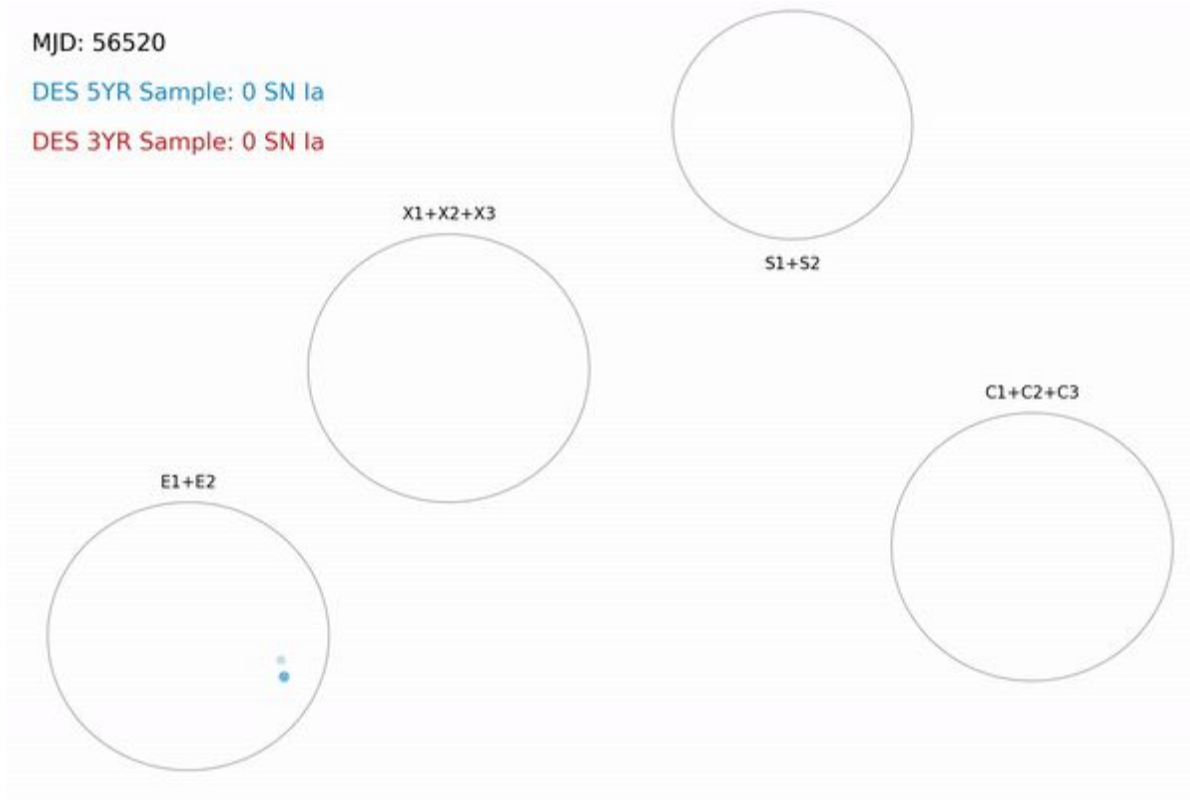
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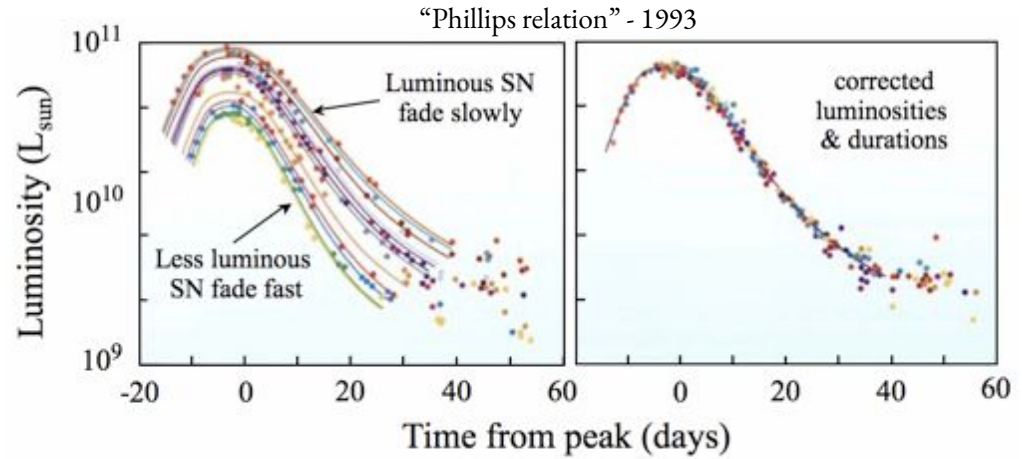
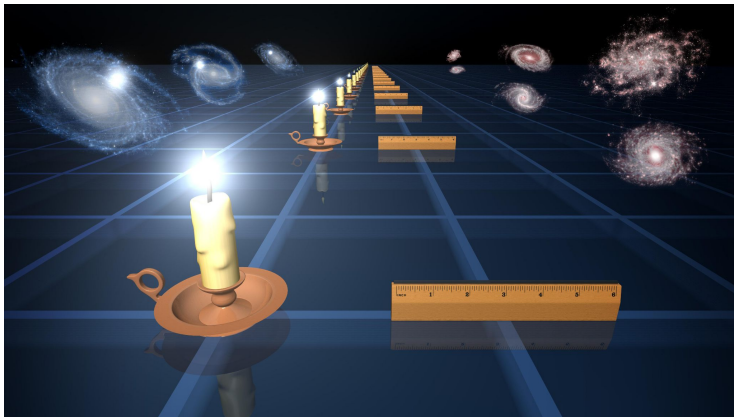
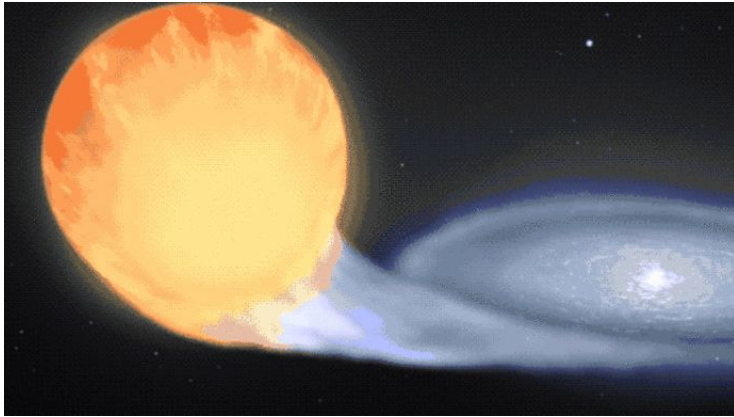
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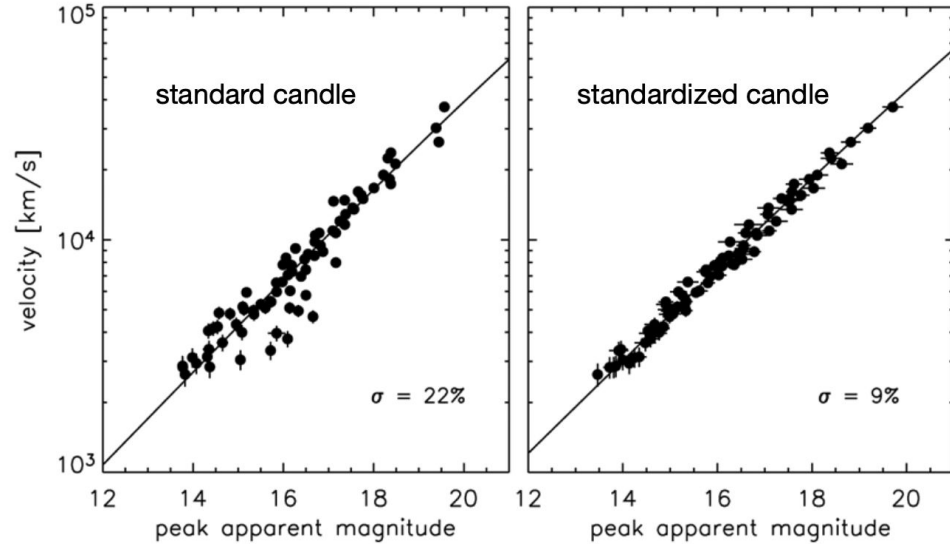
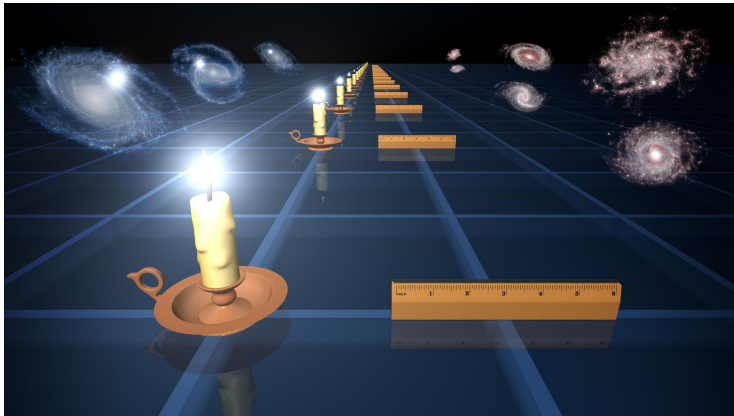
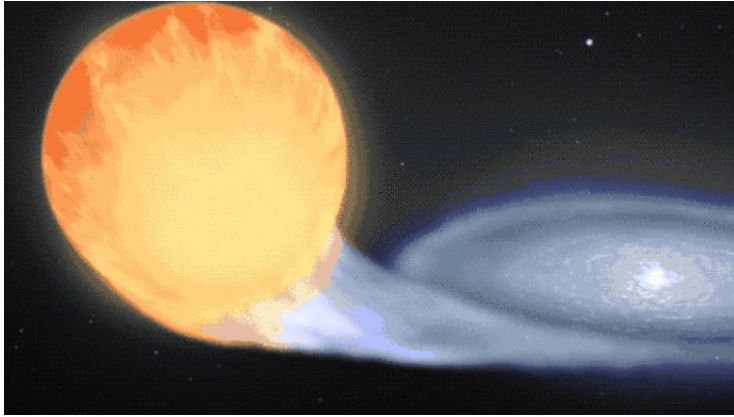


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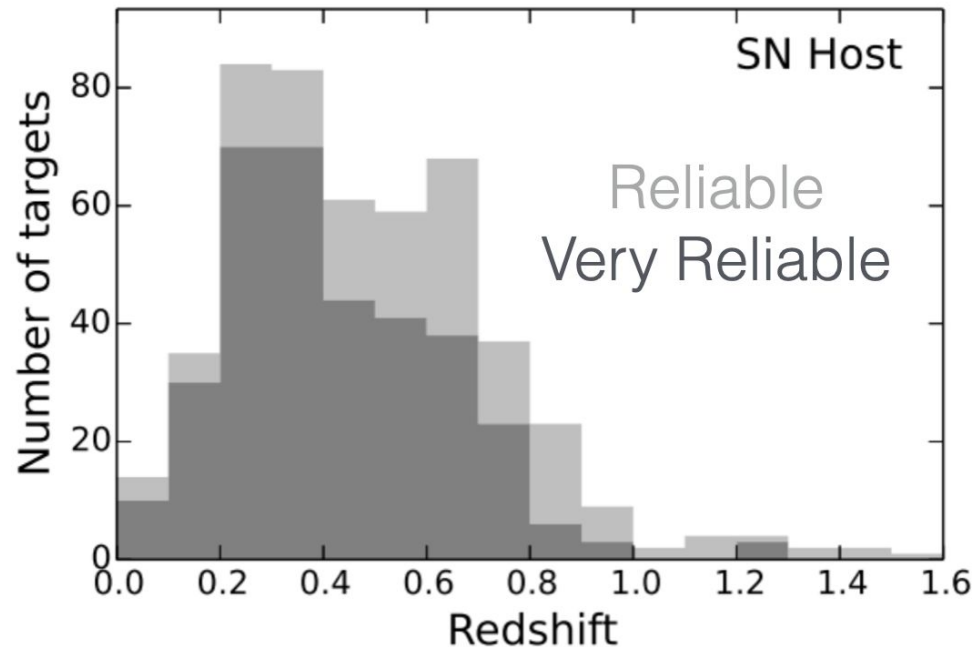
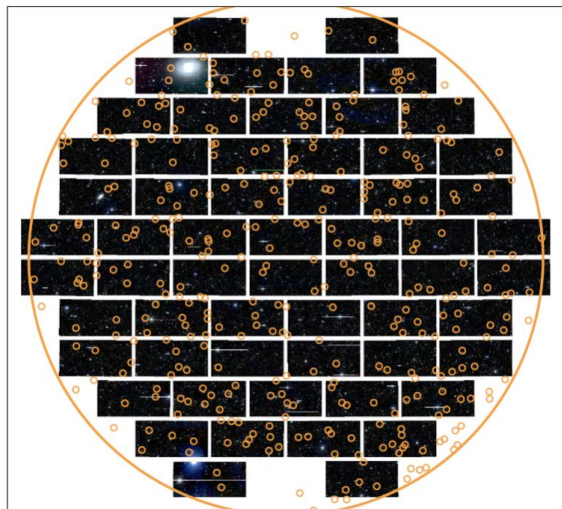
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# Photometry from DECam, Spectroscopic redshifts from OzDES

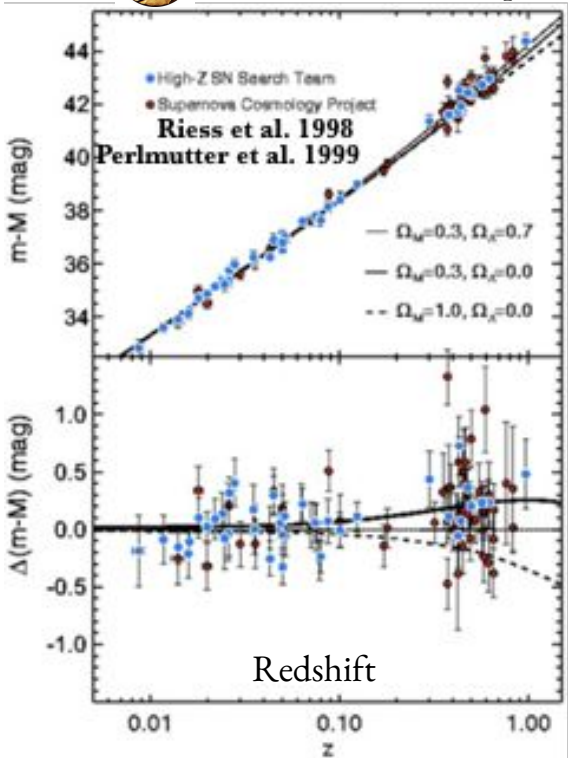


# SNe Ia as a Probe of the Standard Model of Cosmology ( $\Lambda$ CDM)



Nobel Prize SN Samples

Distance Modulus  
Residual to Model



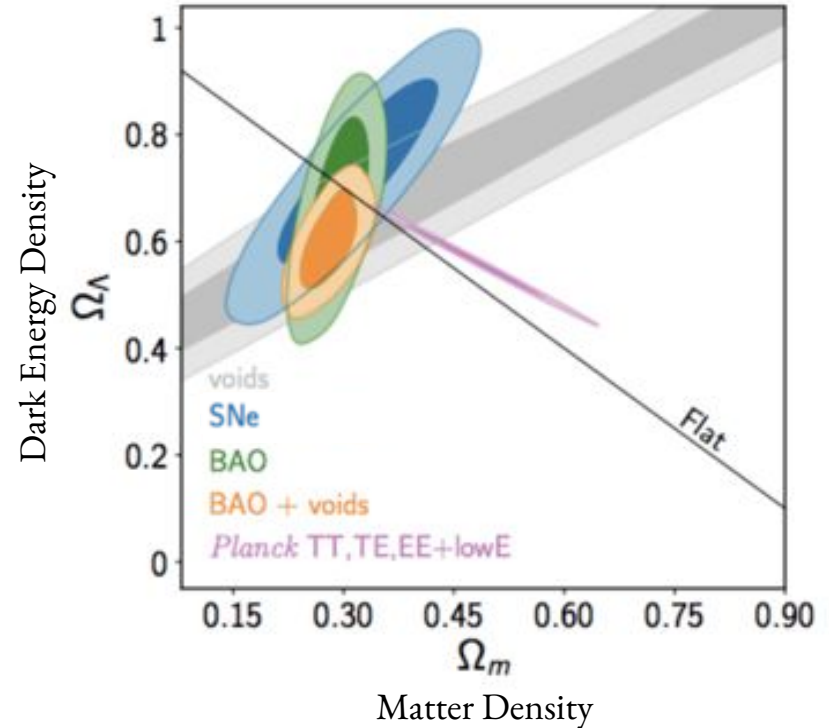
- SNIa as relative distance indicators (standardizable candles) revealed that the universe is accelerating (due to so-called dark energy).
- To constrain cosmological parameters we compare observed luminosity distances to model based distances:

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda(1+z')^{3(1+w)}}$$



# SNe Ia are a unique and precise probe that remain a key pillar of cosmology

They probe a massive span of the history of the universe (>10 billion years): from dark energy domination in the present universe to (dark)matter domination.



# But we still have many unanswered questions that SNe will help address

What is the cause of cosmic acceleration/dark energy?

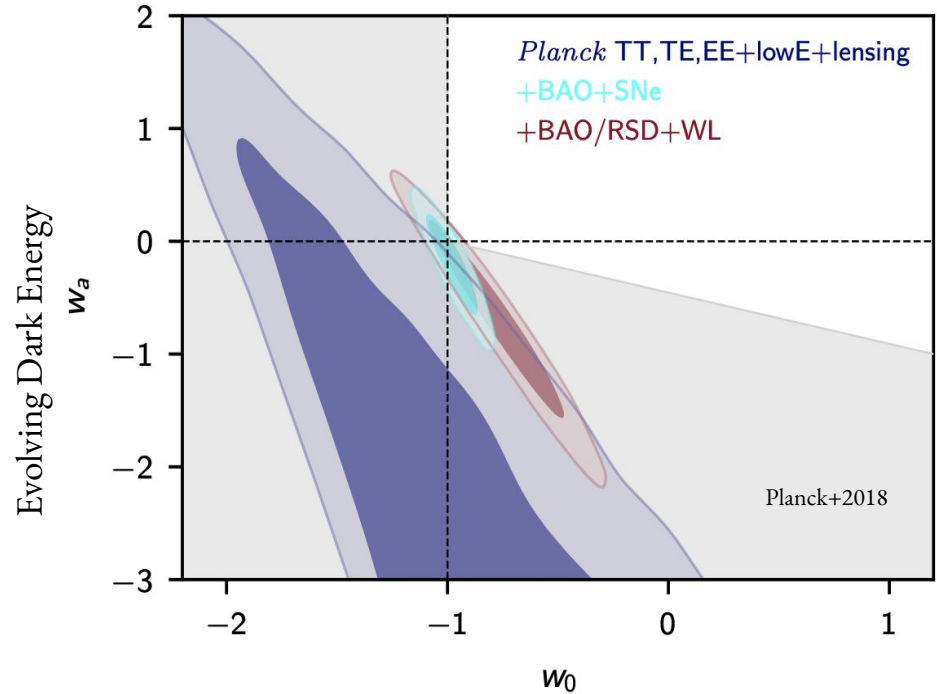
- Is it the vacuum energy/cosmological constant or something else?
- Is dark energy evolving?
- Is it in fact isotropic and homogeneous?

The Cosmological Constant problem

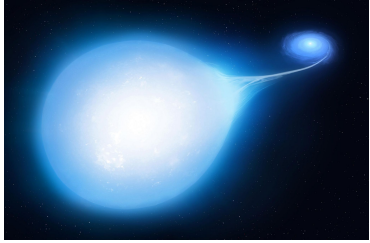
- Why is the observed cosmological constant 120 orders of magnitude smaller than theoretical expectation?

Does  $\Lambda$ CDM stand up to the test?

- Hubble Constant *Crisis* - The 'end-to-end' test doesn't pass.
- S8 *Tension*? Is it related to H0 tension?



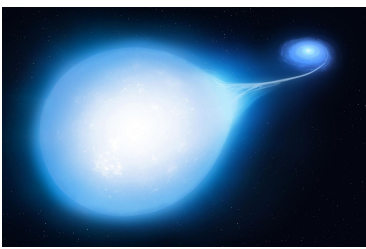
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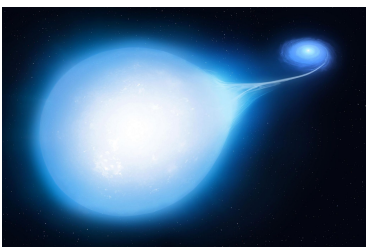


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Model Survey strategy, cadence, selection, weather



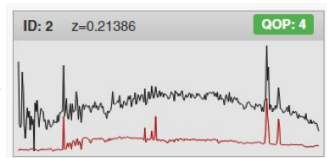
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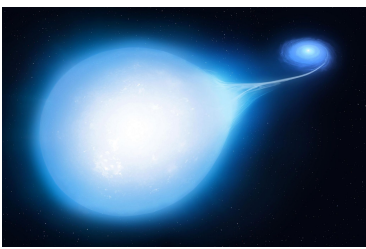
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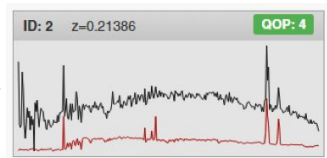
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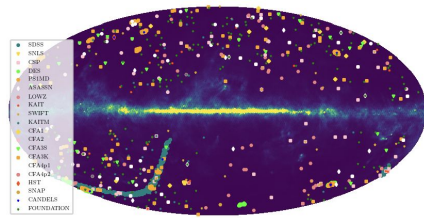
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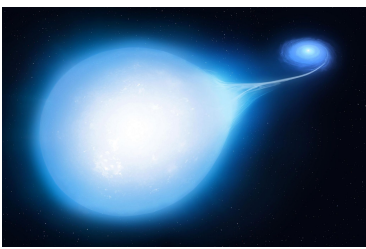
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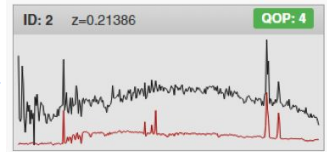
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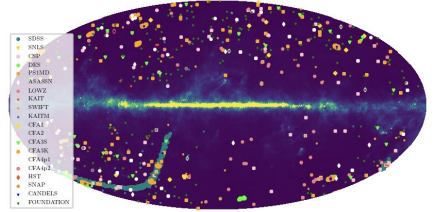
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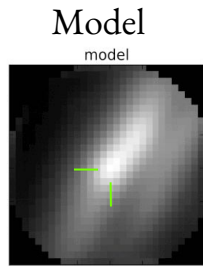
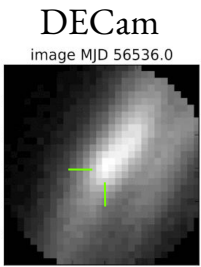
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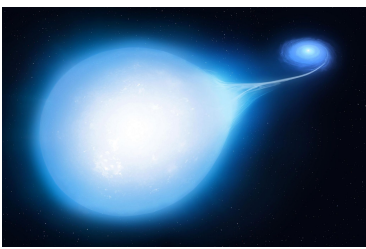


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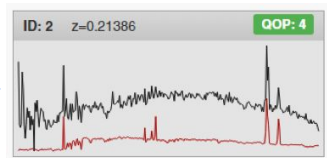
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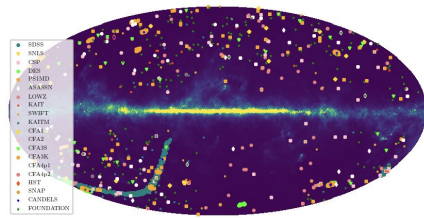
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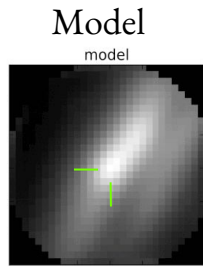
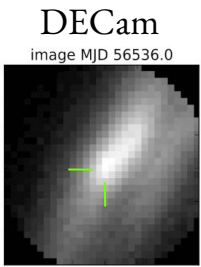
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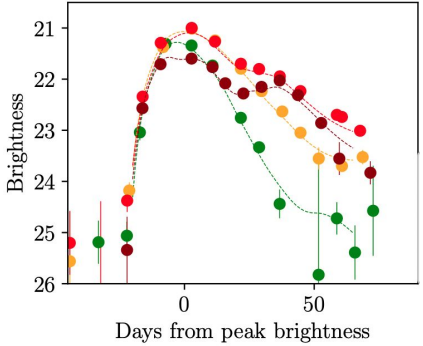
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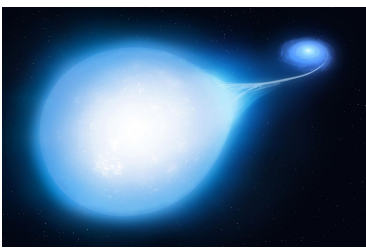
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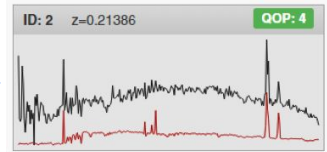
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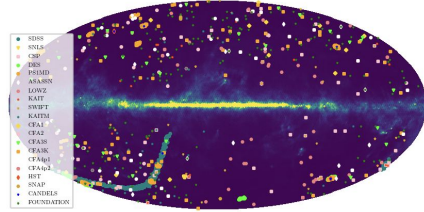
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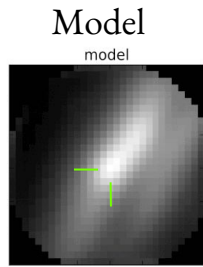
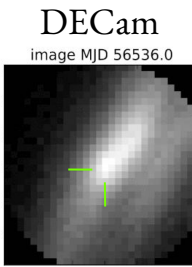
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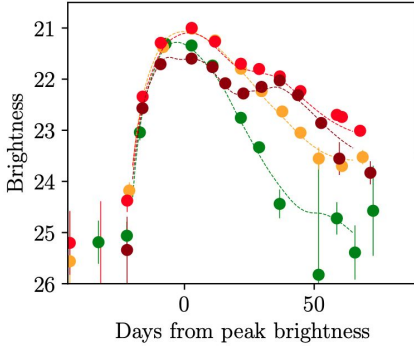
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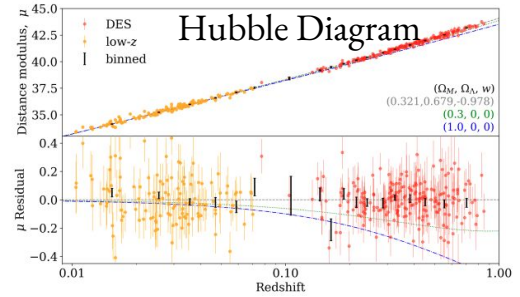
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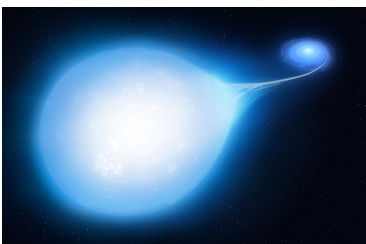


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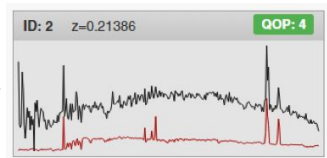
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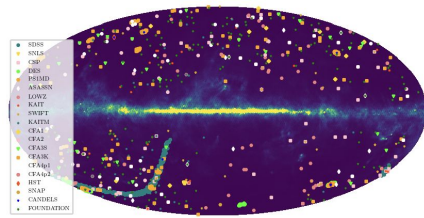
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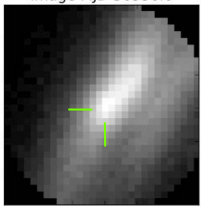
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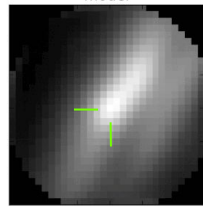
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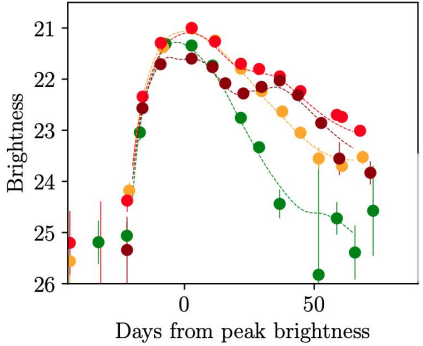
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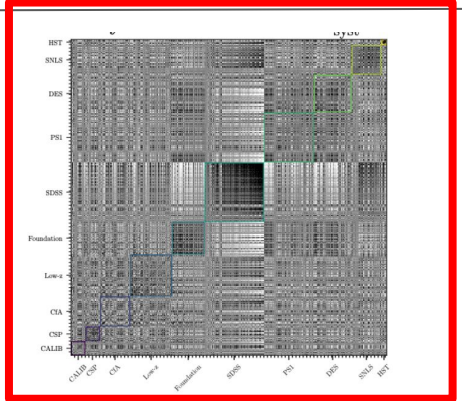
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# PIPPIN: A pipeline for SN cosmology

Evolved out of the needs of the DES3YR analysis

Facilitates easy analysis variants and parallelization

Now being used heavily in LSST DESC

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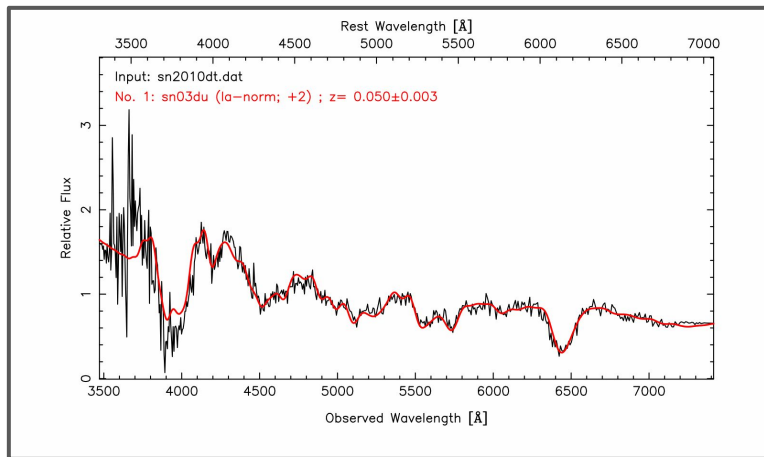


[github.com/dessn/Pippin](https://github.com/dessn/Pippin)  
Hinton & Brout 2020

# DES-SN Full 5 Year Analysis

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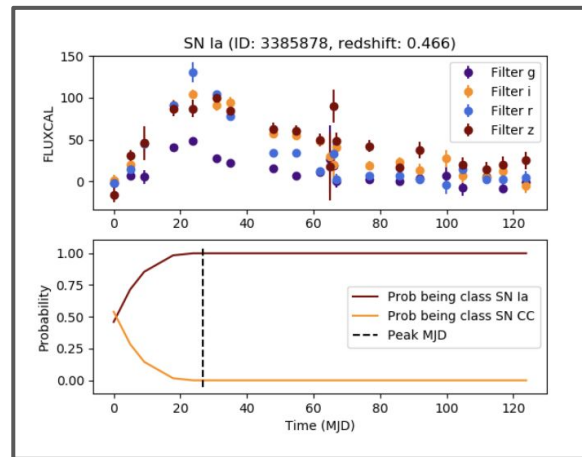
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Spectrum of SN

207 Type Ia in first 3 years  
DES3YR

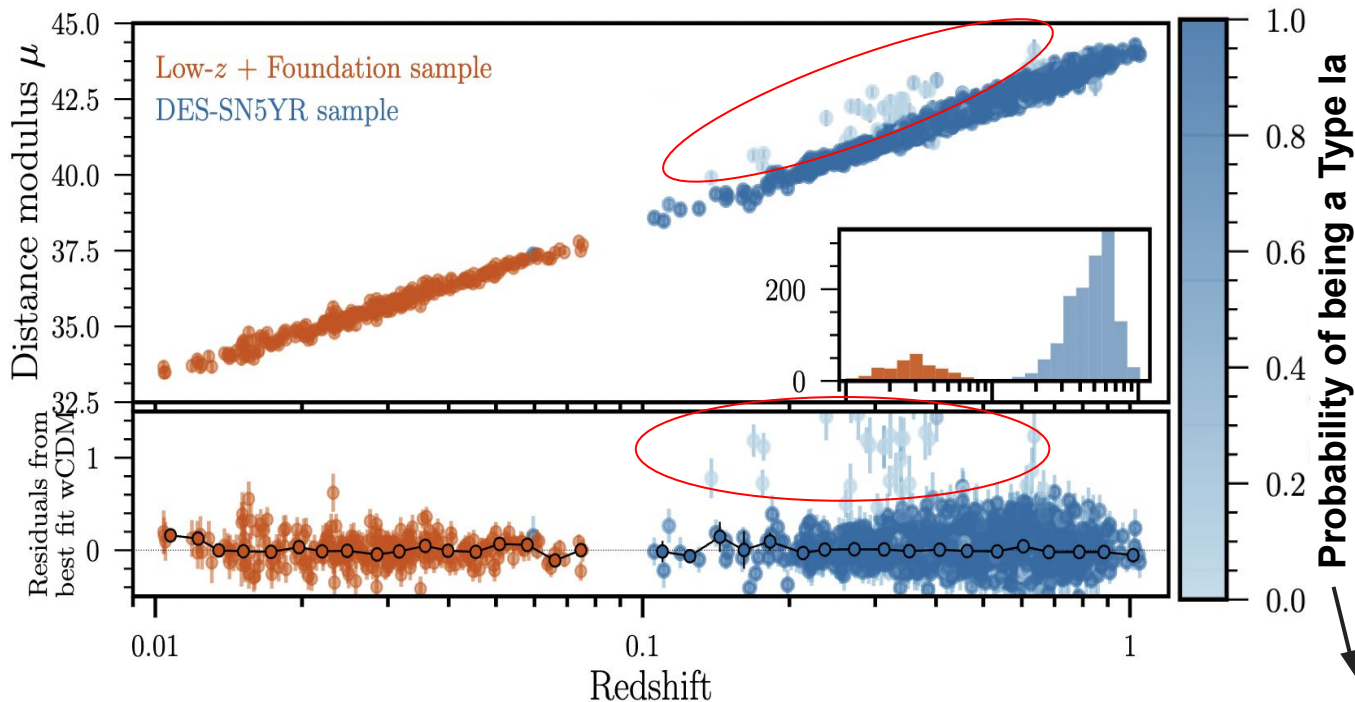
Or



With 4 filters

Order of Magnitude more “likely” Type Ia  
DES5YR (and how LSST will do it)

# The Dark Energy Survey SN sample



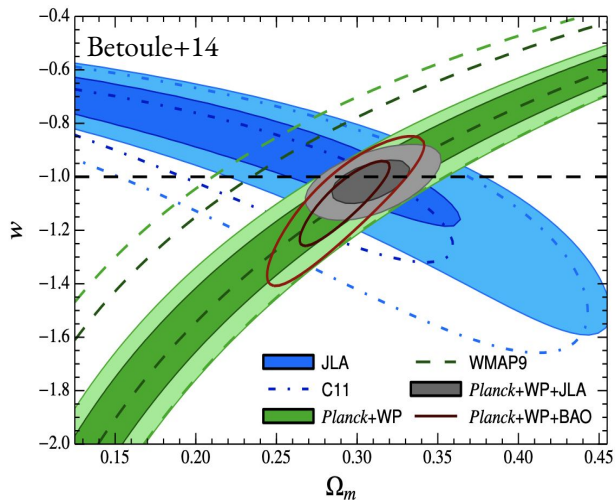
The DES SN sample is the **largest** and **deepest** SN sample from a **single telescope ever compiled**

**~1700 SNe Ia**

- SN classification using the most advanced machine learning techniques

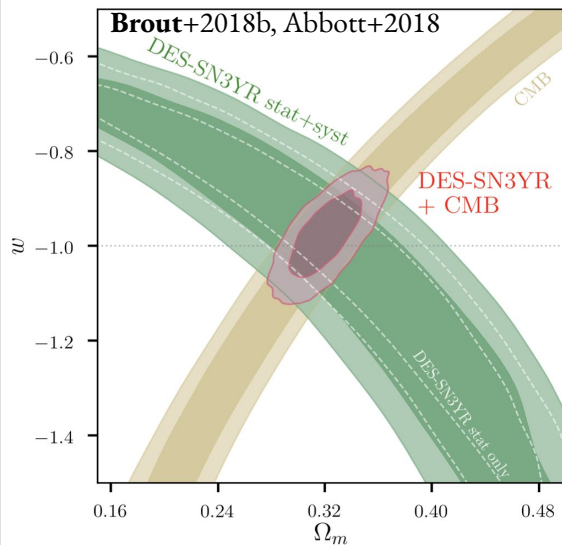
# Past analyses have already been pushing on the systematic error floor.

## Joint Light Curve Analysis 2014



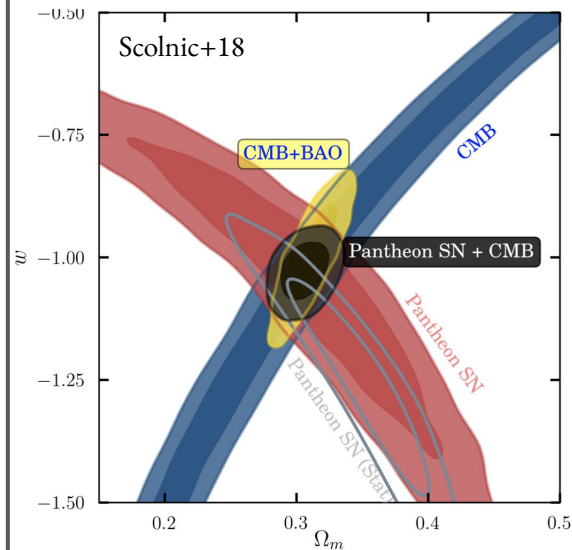
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## Dark Energy Survey 3YR 2018



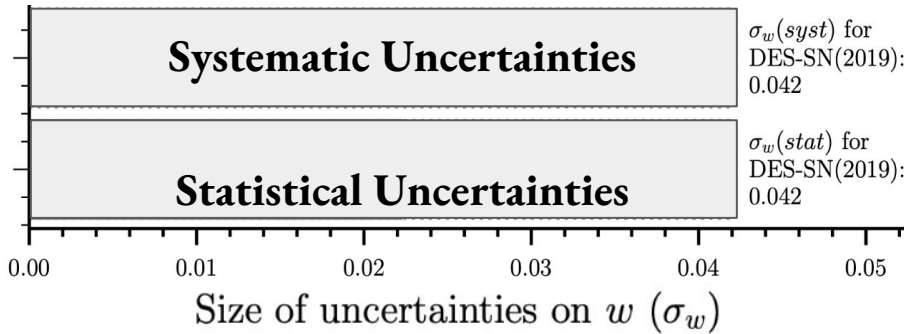
*Sys Errors Equal to Stat*

## Original Pantheon 2018



*Sys Errors 20% larger than Stat*

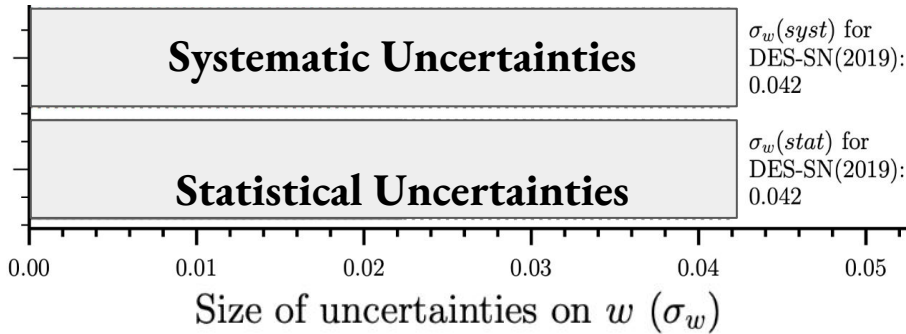
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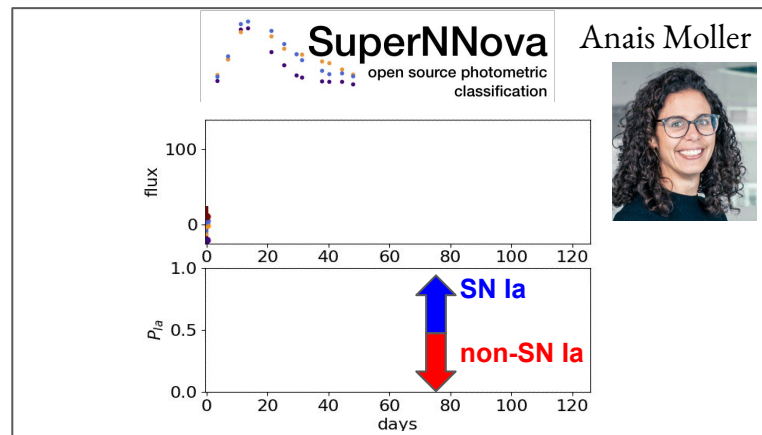
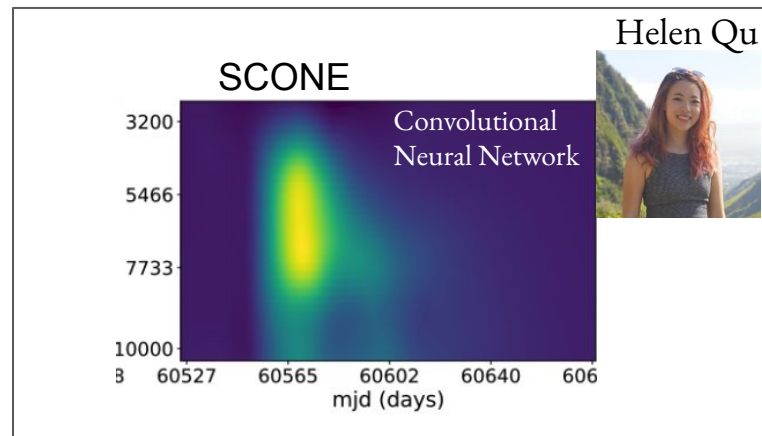
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+ Two added challenges:

- 1) selecting a **pure** sample of SNe Ia with ML
- 2) without a spectrum of SN & Host, there can be **host mis-association**

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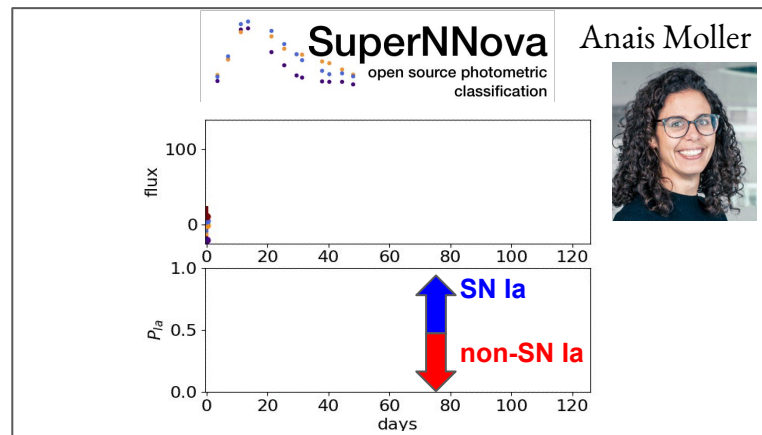
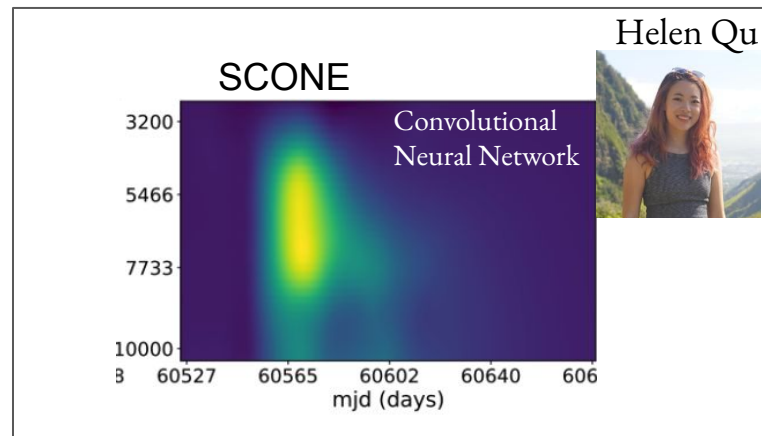
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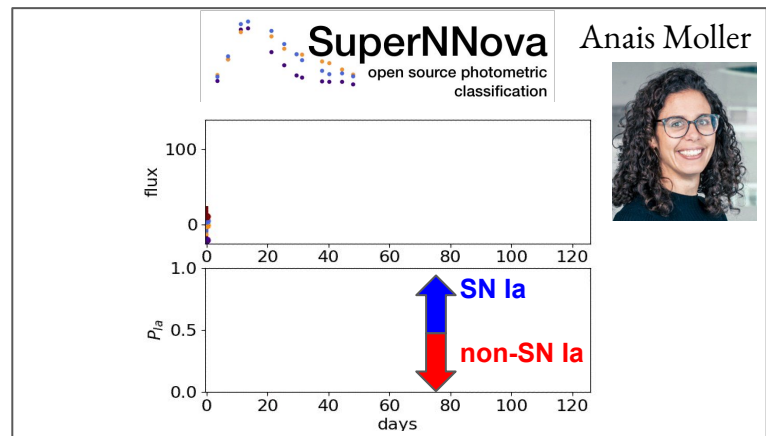
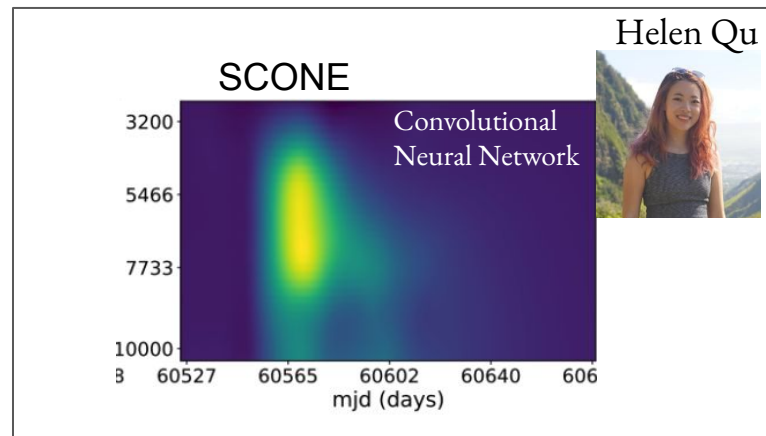
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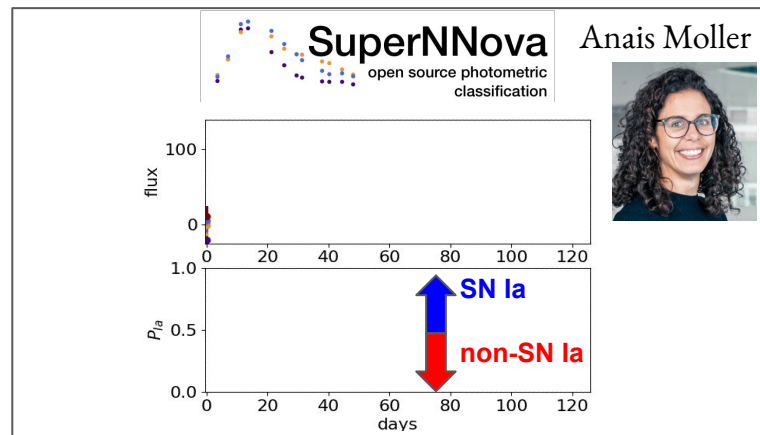
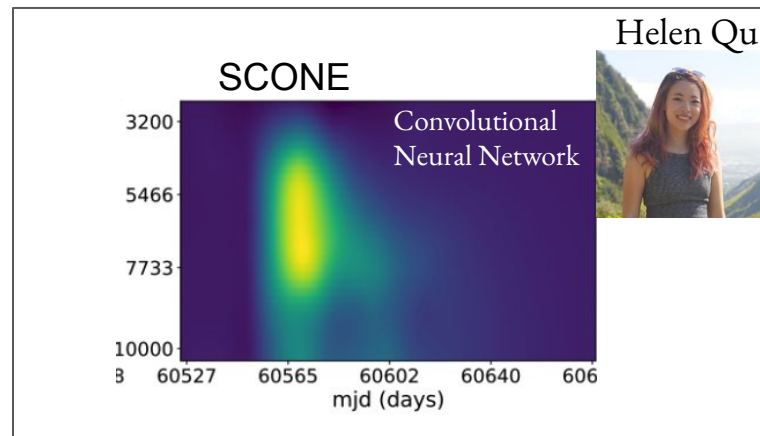
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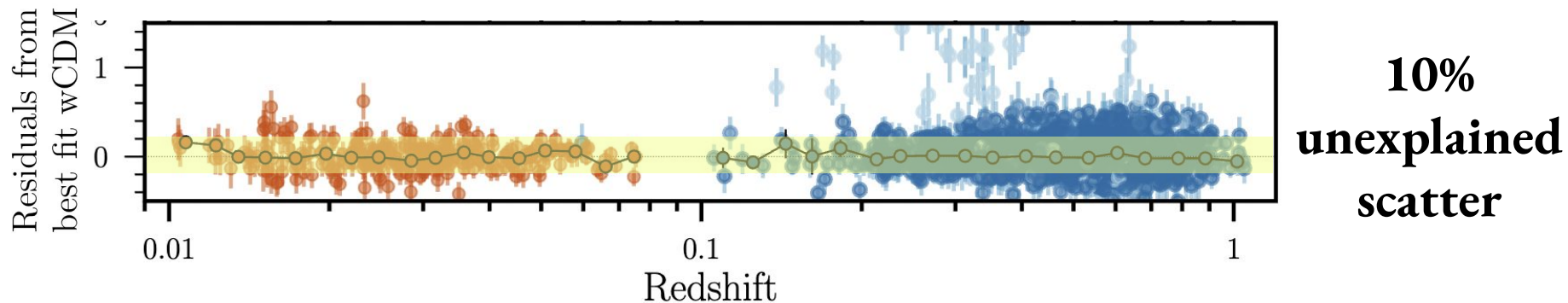
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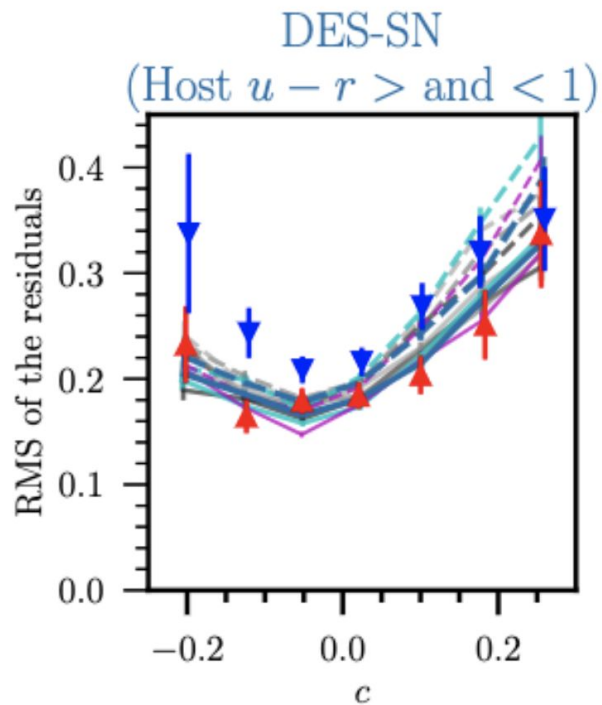
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# Modelling SNe and their intrinsic/host properties



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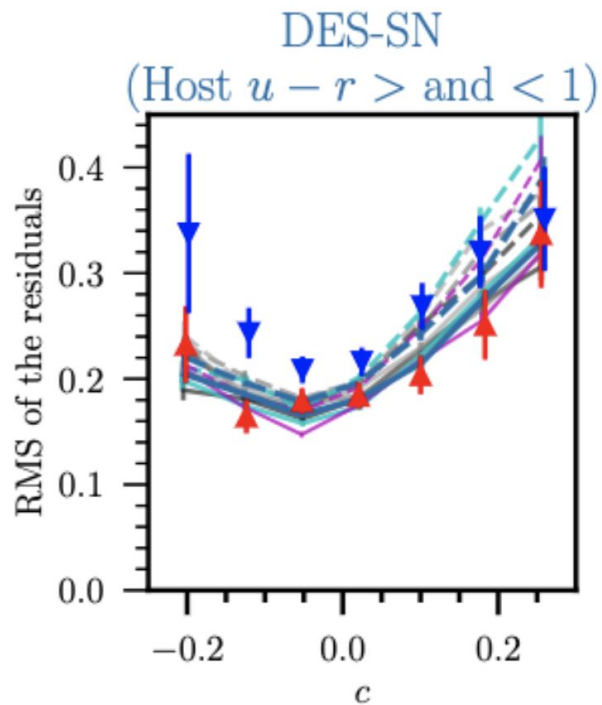
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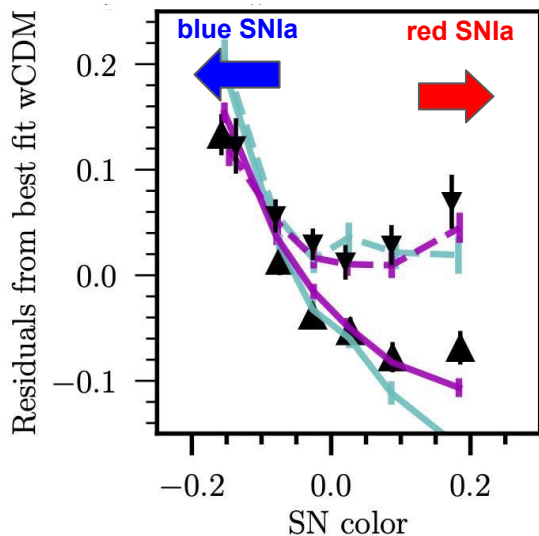
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# The intrinsic scatter of SNe Ia



## Modelling extrinsic dust...



- ▲ SNe in high Mass galaxies
- ▼ SNe in low Mass galaxies
- + Dust Modelling 1 (host mass)
- + Dust Modelling 2 (host color)

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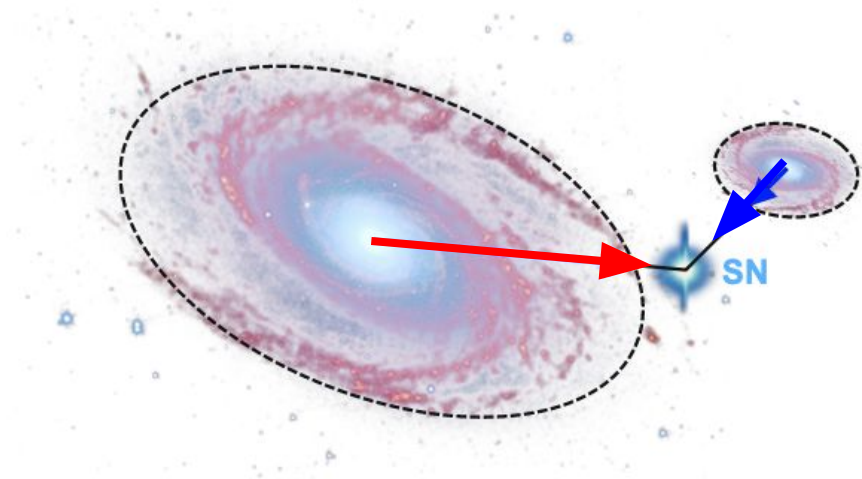


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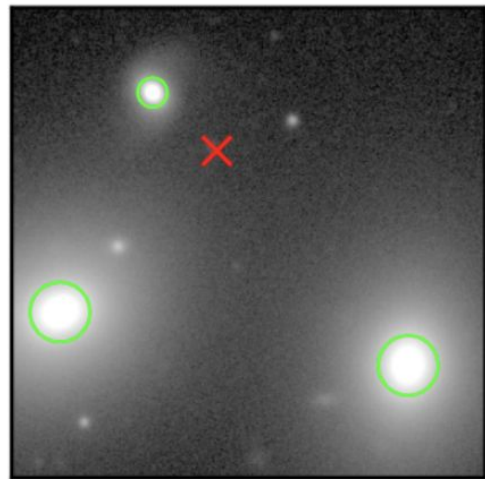




# We've Done a Deep Dive on Host Galaxy Associations.



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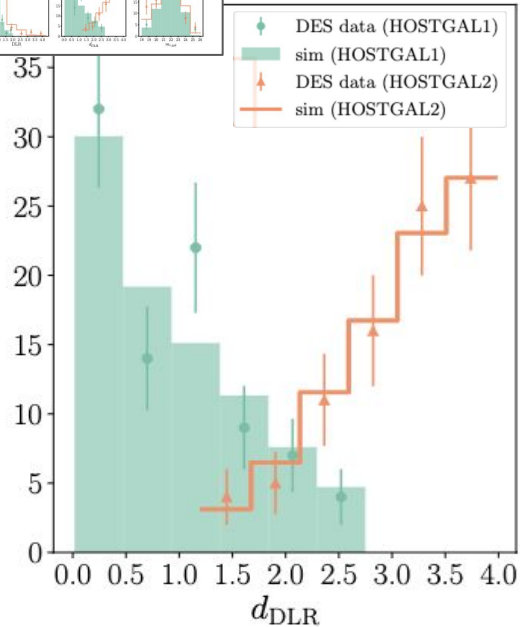
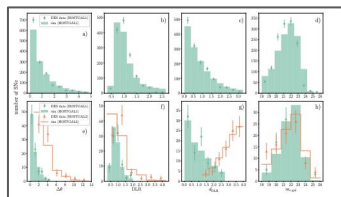
$$d_{\text{DLR}} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\text{DLR}}$$

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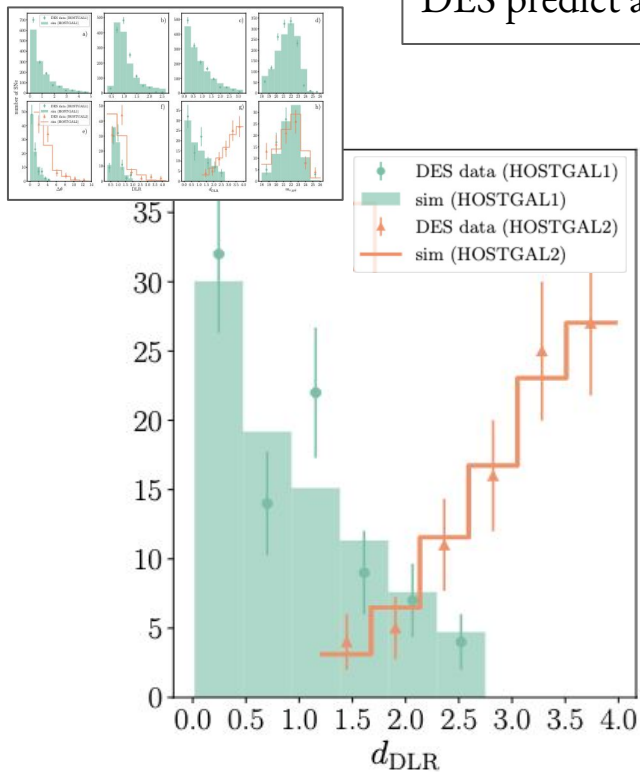


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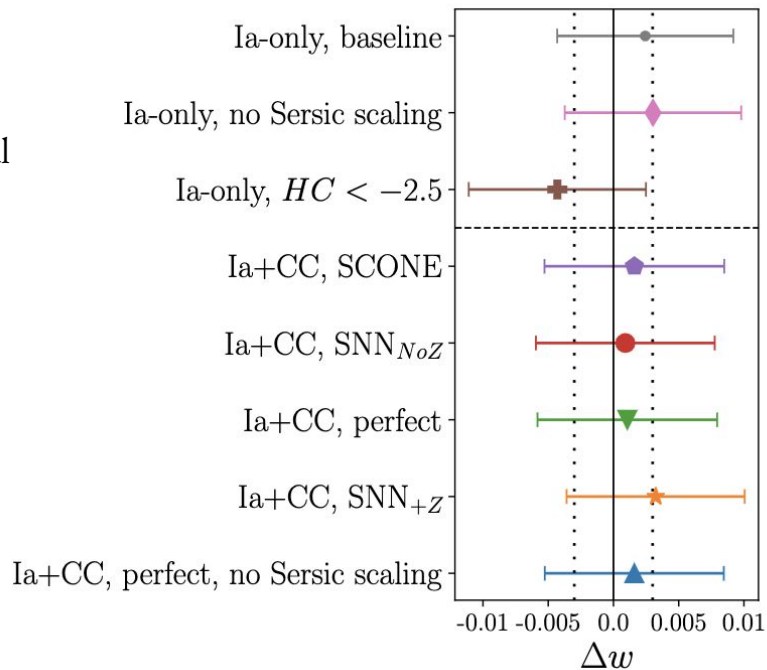
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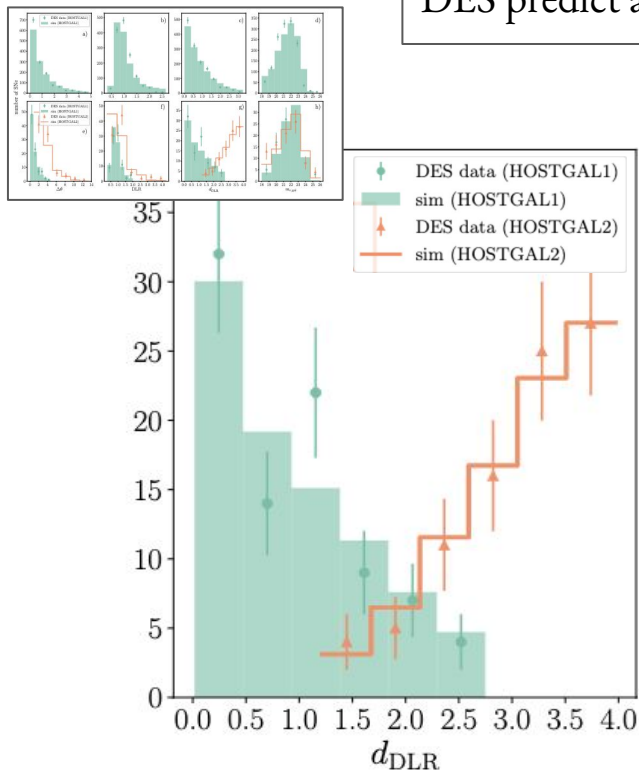


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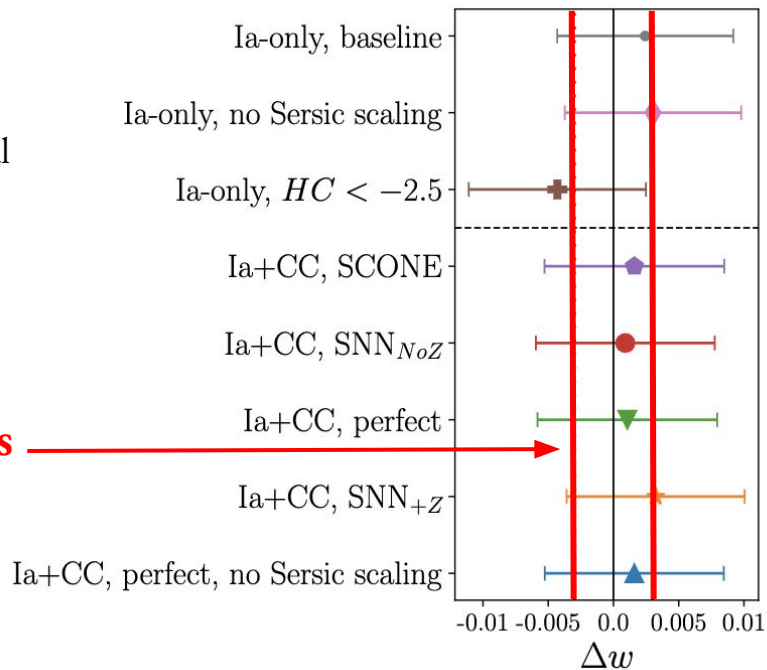


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**Host Mismatch systematics are less than 10% of total error budget.**

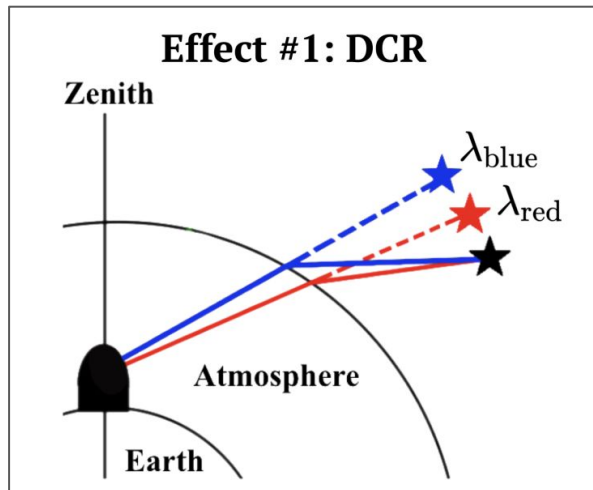


# DES Now Accounting Atmospheric Effects

Jason Lee

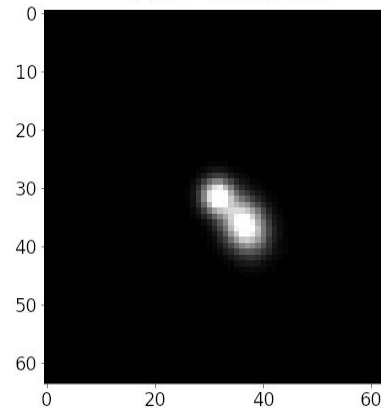


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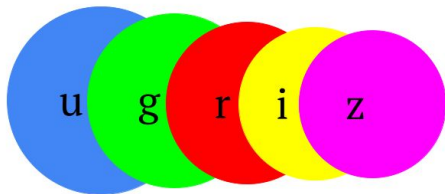
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visual impact

No Effect



Lee, Acevedo et al. 2023

**Effect #2:  $\lambda$ -dependent seeing**



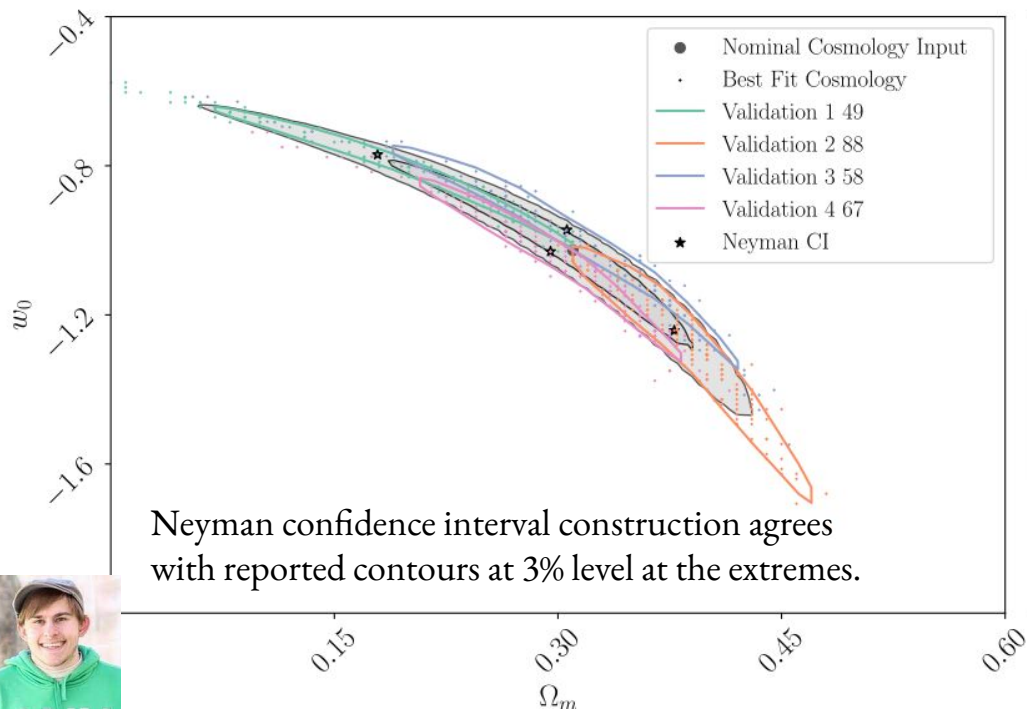
The typical SN Ia SED is very different (and evolves) compared to the typical stellar SED used for zeropointing.

Positional effects are subdominant to PSF shape and seeing effects for DES.

LSST will have better seeing, be observing in u band, and with wider range of airmass so this will be important to nail down (ongoing work w/ PIFF).

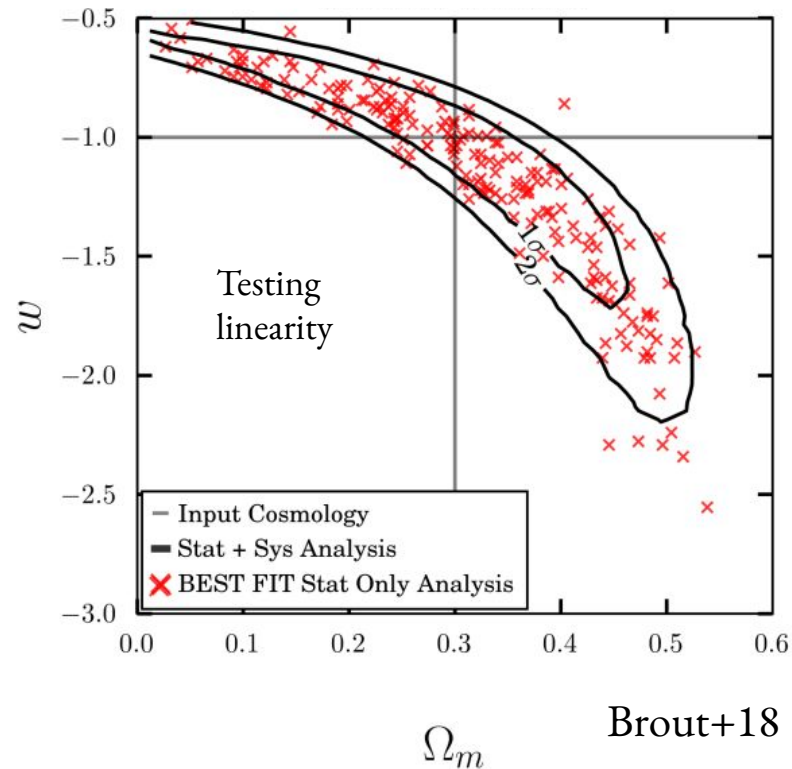
# DES Analysis Methodology validation

## Statistical



Armstrong et al 2023

## Systematic



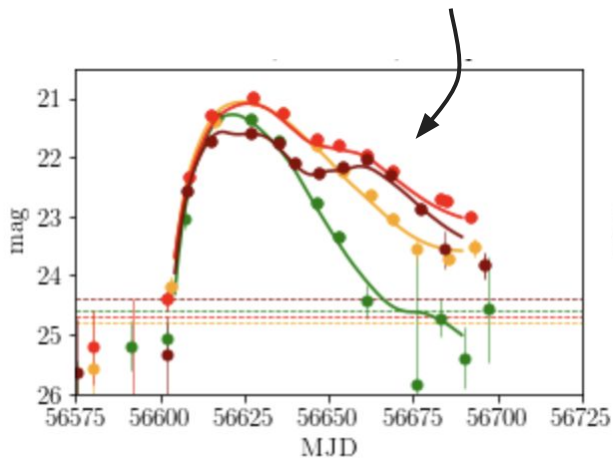
# We have pushed on the single largest systematic: SNIa Model Calibration

Georgie Taylor



*Taylor et al, submitted*

Light-curve modelling using new **SALT3** model (Kenworthy et al 2021)



- **SALT3-GT** trained on x1.5 larger data
- **SALT3-GT** model rest frame wavelength range goes both **bluer** and **redder**, where DES has lots of high-quality data
  - **Blue** - because DES has lots of high redshift ( $z > 0.9$ ) data.
  - **Red** - Because of DECam's deep depleted CCDs at low/moderate redshift.
- Calibration systematic uncertainties incorporated in the light-curve model training process as well as the fitting process.
- Validation against previous models.

# Binning is Sinning!

**Binning is Sinning (Supernova Version): The Impact of Self-Calibration in Cosmological Analyses with Type Ia Supernovae**

**Brout, Hinton, and Scolnic et al 2020** - (applied to DES/LSST-like analysis in **Kessler, Vincenzi, and Acevedo in prep**)

## Exoplanets

**Binning is sinning: morphological light-curve distortions due to finite integration time**

David M. Kipping<sup>1,2\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60, Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA

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David W Hogg  
@davidwhogg

If "binning is sinning" then "stacking is hacking".

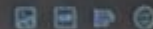
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## Large Scale Structure

**Two-point statistics without bins: A continuous-function generalization of the correlation function estimator for large-scale structure**

KATE STOREY-FISHER<sup>1</sup> AND DAVID W. HOGG<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Trash the bins! A new estimator for the 2-pt correlation function can provide a continuous estimation, no binning necessary - and it is more accurate with fewer components. This means fewer costly mocks, and even a direct measurement of the BAO scale! 🌟 🌟 🌟



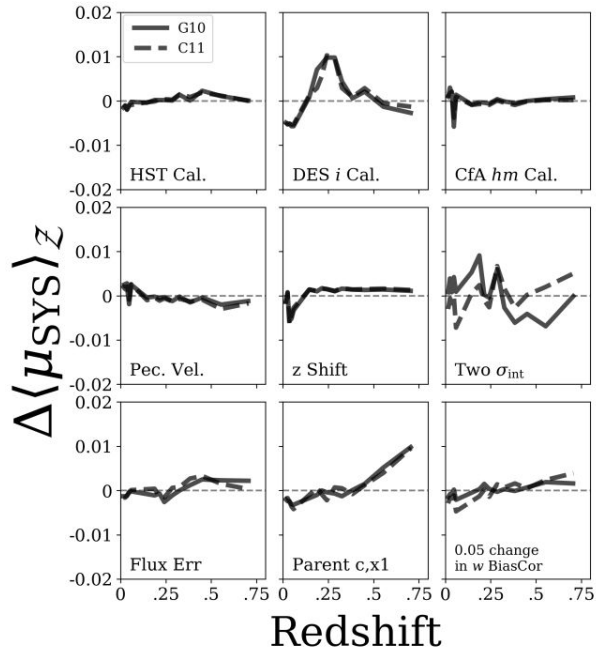
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All recent SNIa cosmological analyses were “sinners”.

## DES3YR

*Brout et al.* First Cosmology Results From DES-SN:



The Joint Light Curve Analysis (2014)

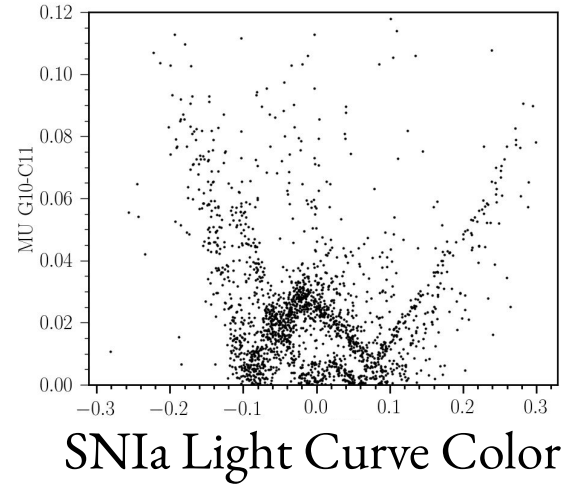
and

Rubin LSST Science Requirements Doc  
(Mandelbaum+18)

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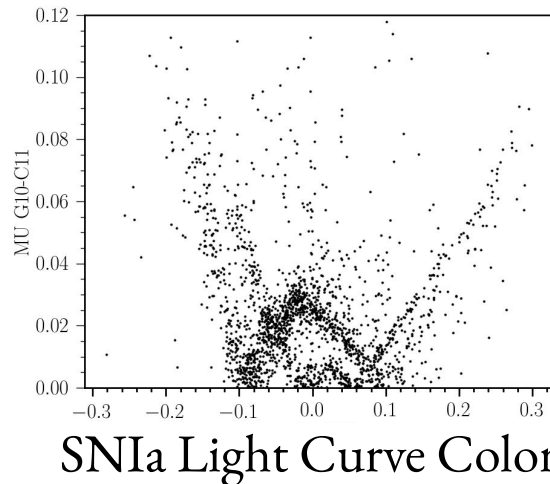
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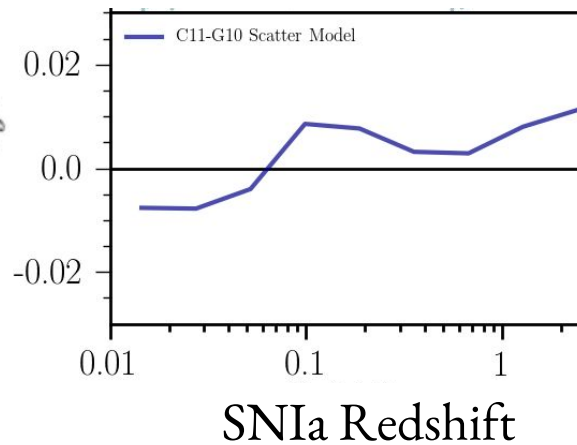
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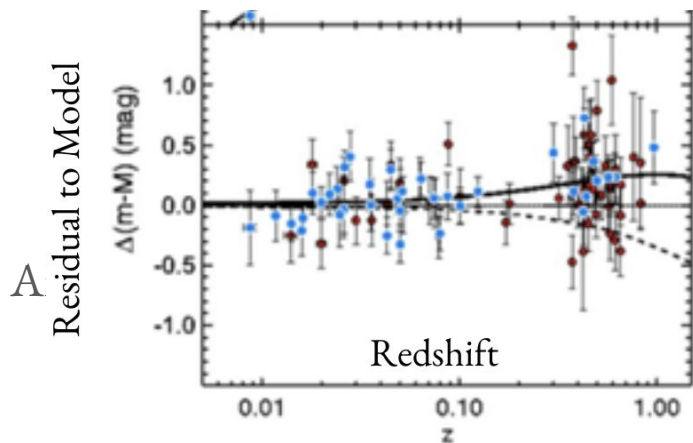
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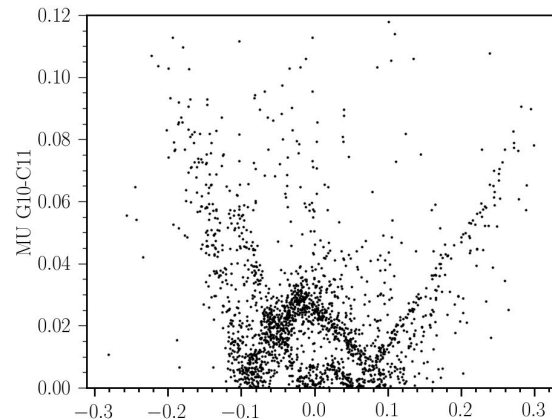


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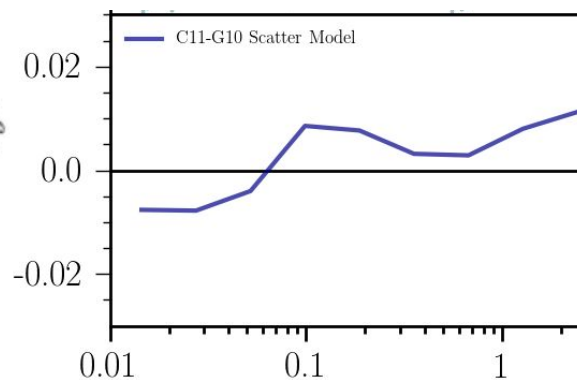
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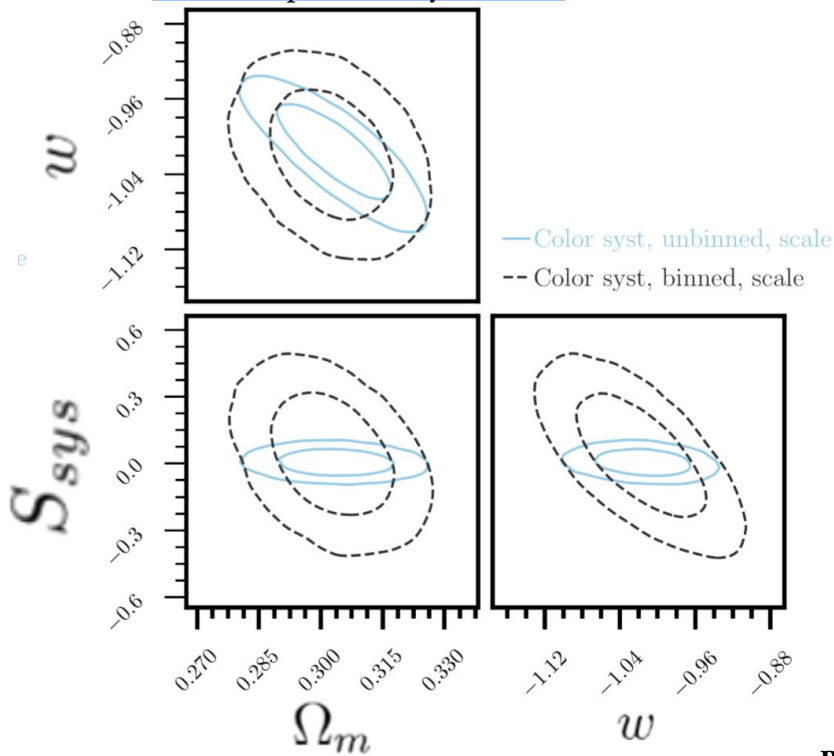
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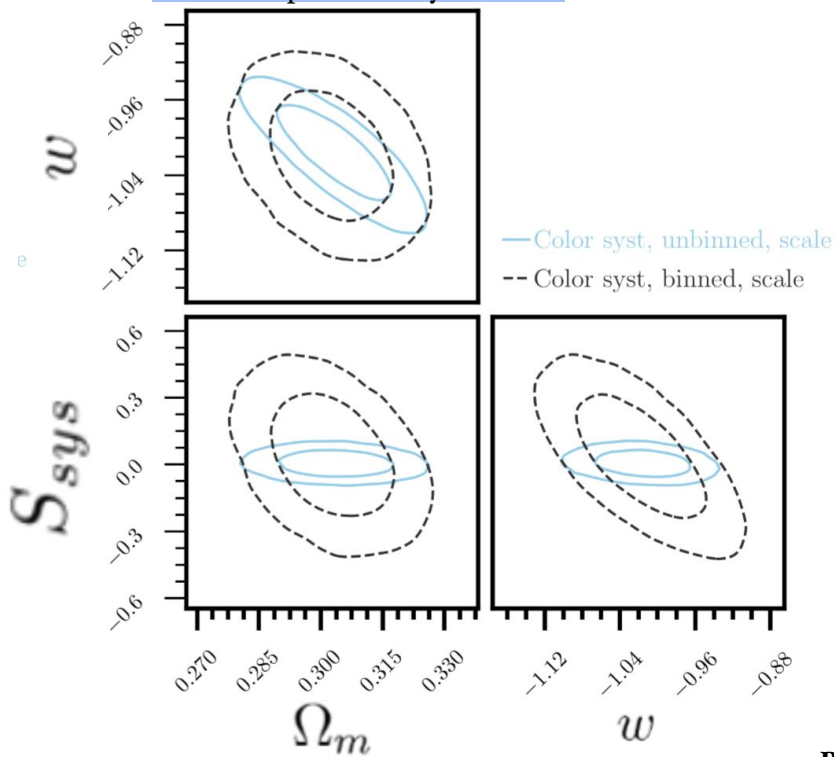


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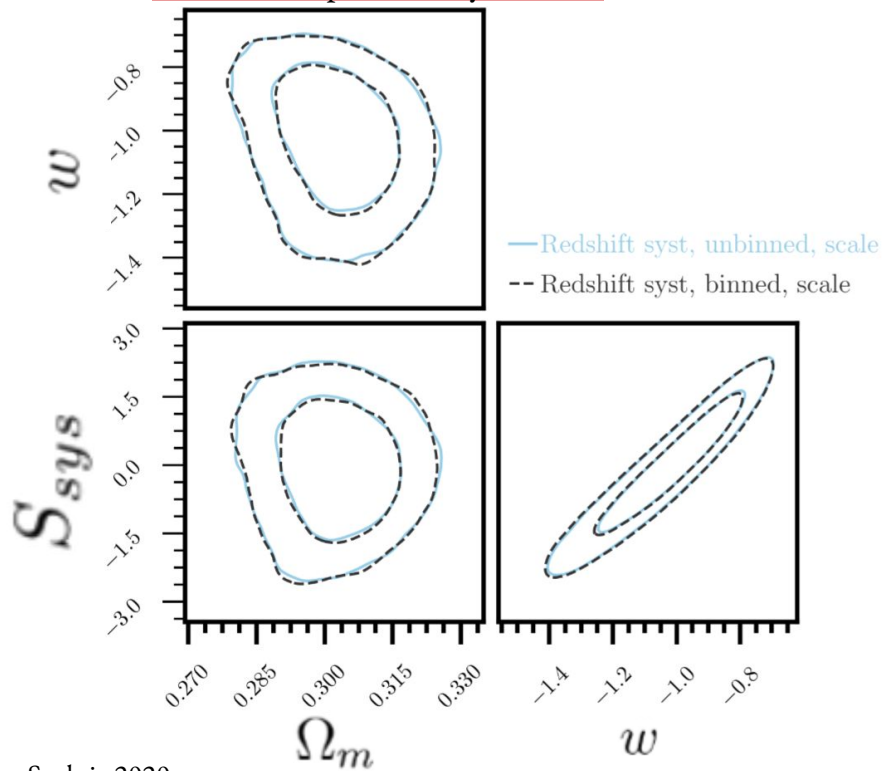
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Redshift Dependent Systematic



Simply by not binning we get a factor of 1.5x reduction in systematics!

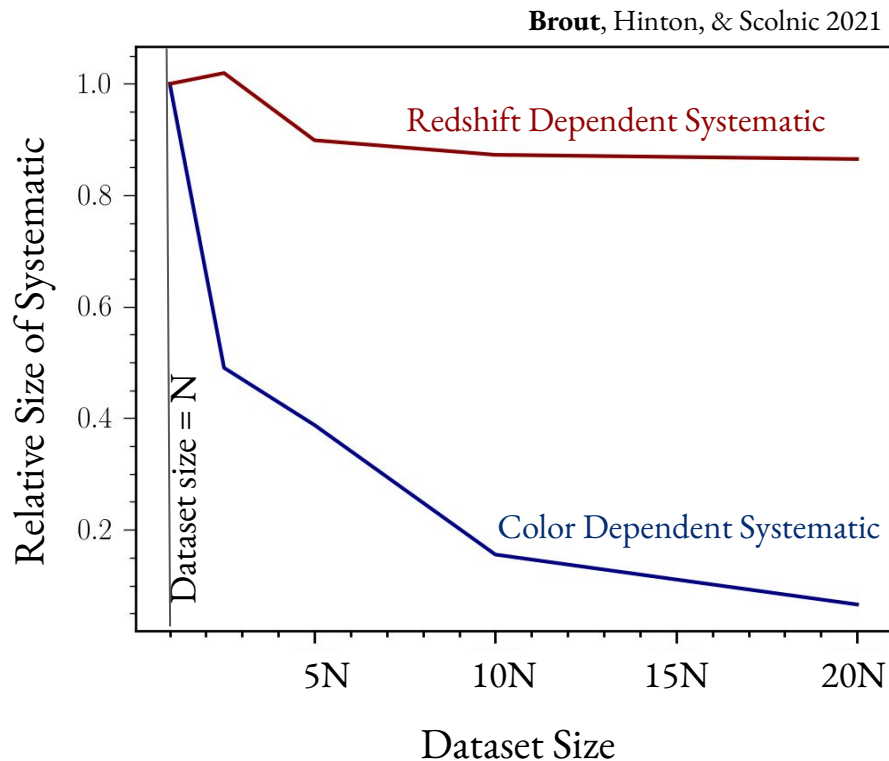
Table 6 of Brout+22

Description <sup>b</sup>	$\sigma w_{\text{sys}}^{\text{binned}}$	$\sigma w_{\text{sys}}^{\text{unbinned}}$
SN/Host Astrophysics	0.017	0.010
Calibration & Photometry	0.022	0.013
Survey Modeling	0.014	0.004
Redshifts	0.012	0.012
All Systematics	0.029	0.019

Factor of 1.5x



The kicker is that this systematic self-calibration ability grows with the size of your dataset!!!



This is incredibly exciting for the next generation of experiments (e.g. LSST)

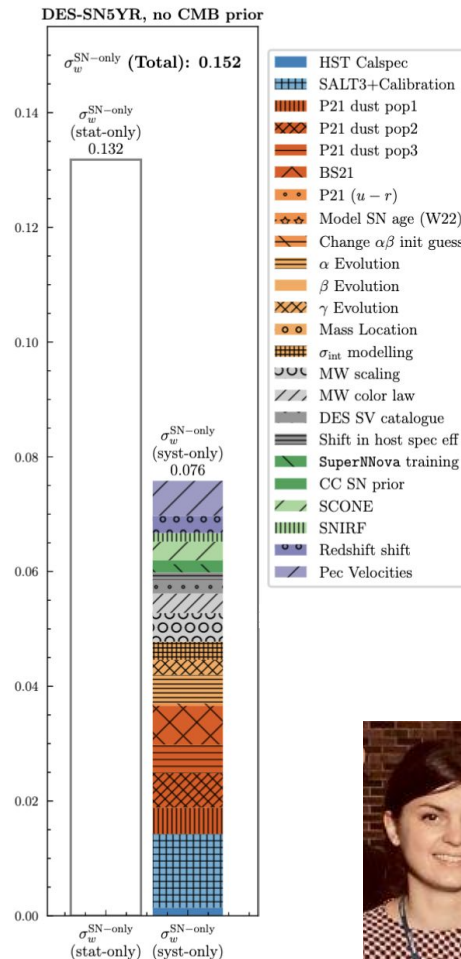
So what is driving our error  
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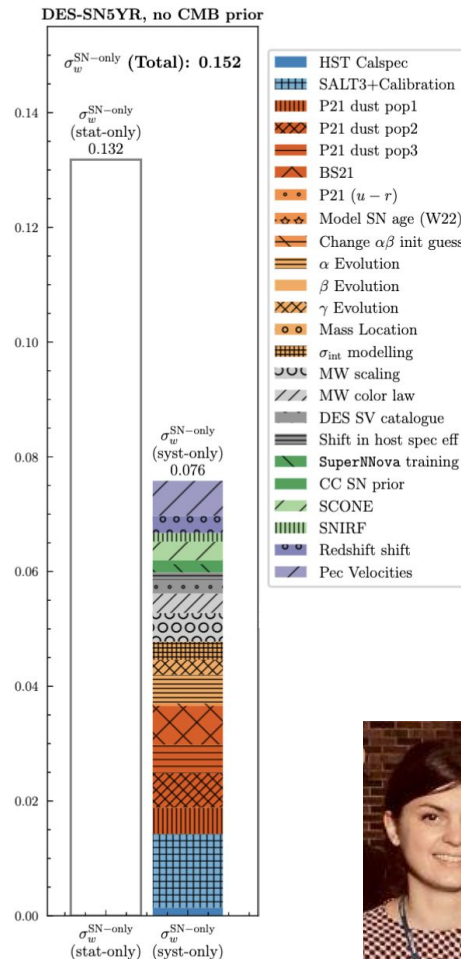
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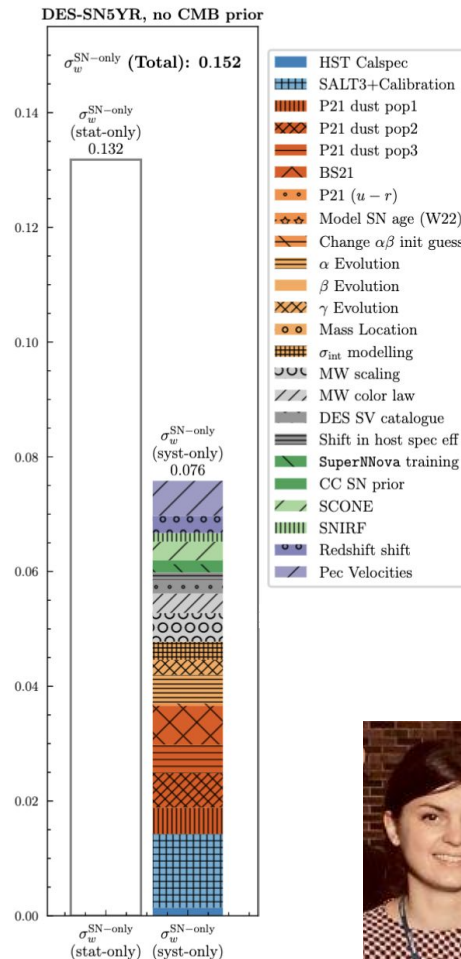
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Top Systematics (for traditional analyses):

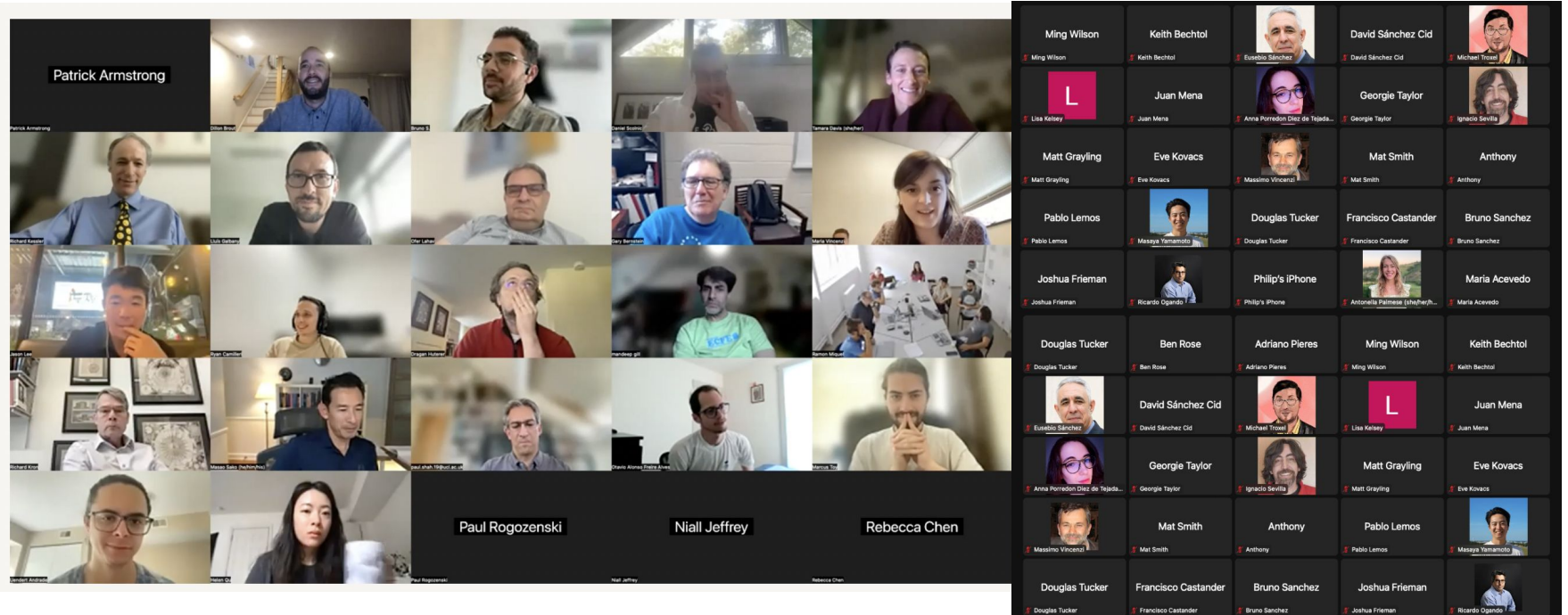
1. Calibration (training and fitting).
2. SN Host Dust Properties.

*This is how we identify the critical path for LSST!*

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# Unblinding Results



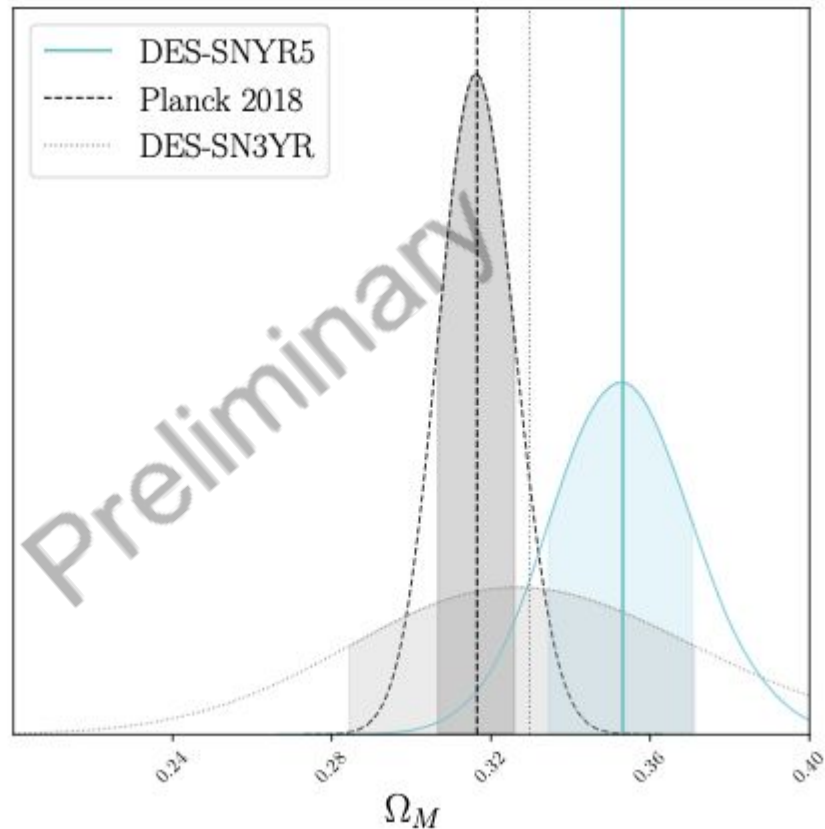
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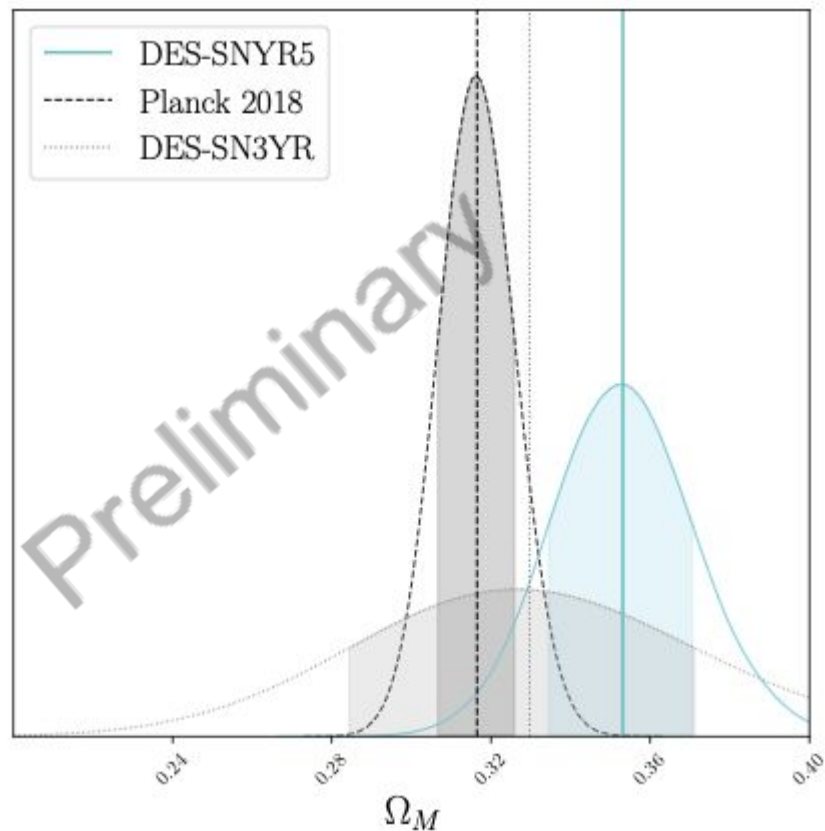
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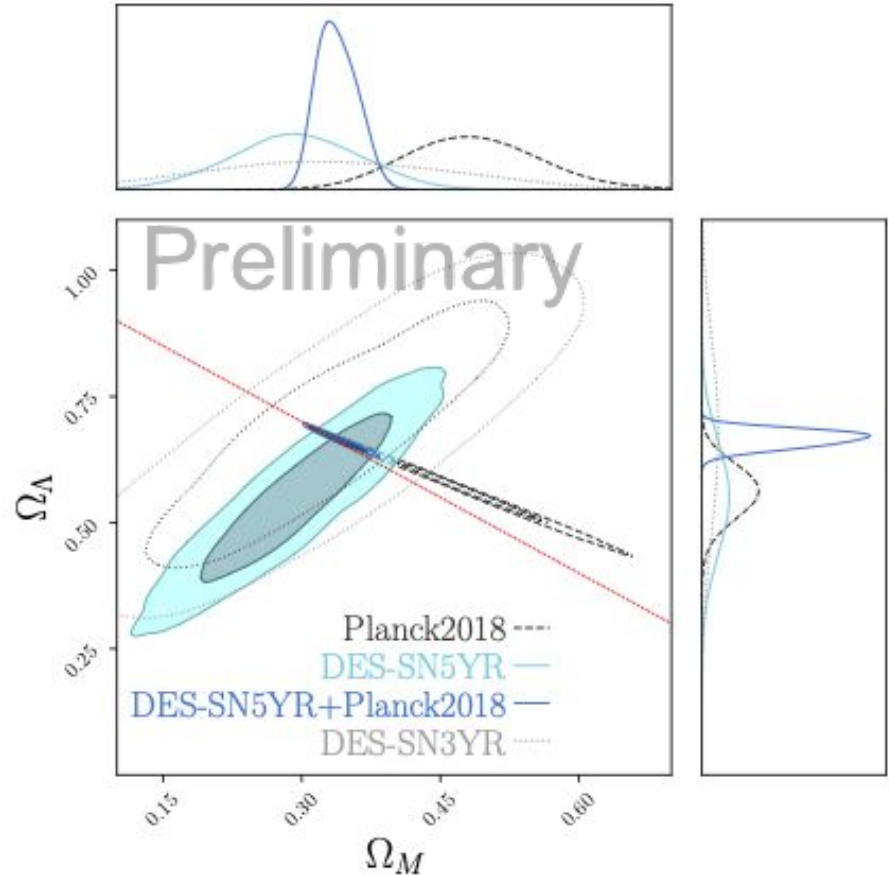
Fitted parameters:  $\{\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda\}$

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DES-SN5YR+Planck2018	$0.330^{+0.028}_{-0.017}$	$0.672^{+0.014}_{-0.022}$

Curvature  $\Omega_k = 1.002 \pm 0.03$

*Need dark energy at >4.5sigma  
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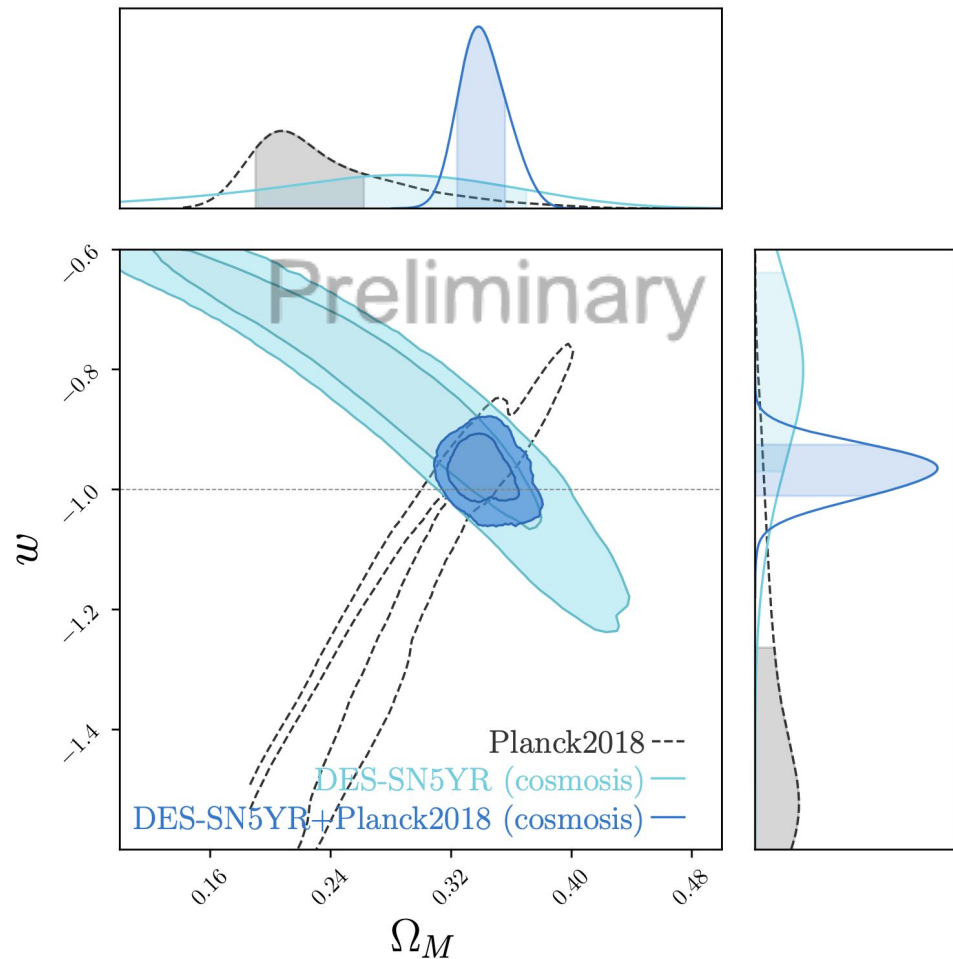
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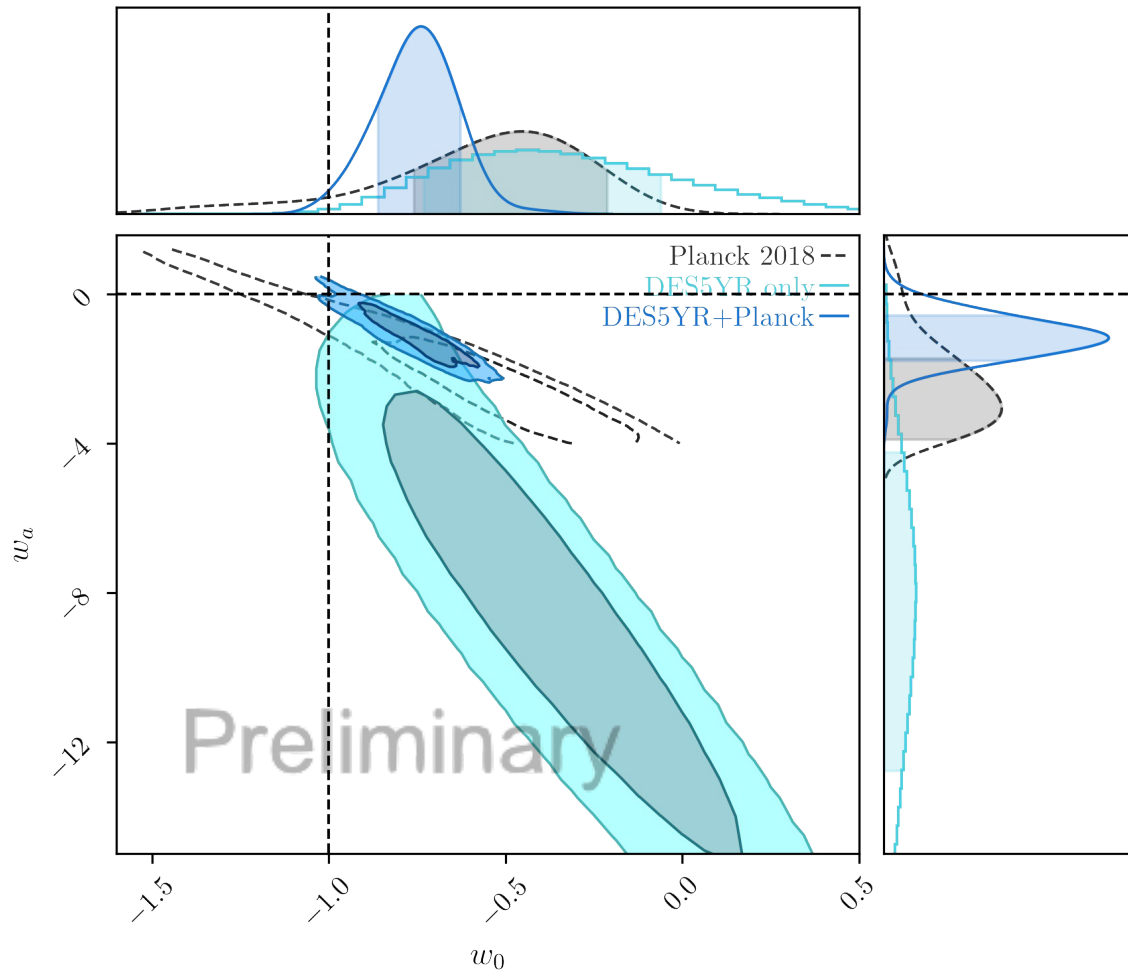


# Flat- $w_a$ CDM

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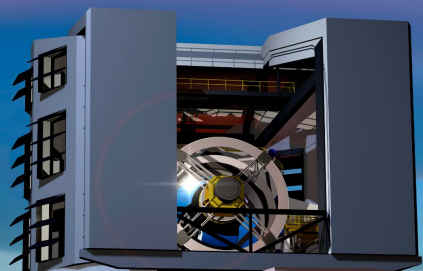
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Model	$w_0$	$w_a$
DES5YR only	$-0.44^{+0.38}_{-0.29}$	$-8.0^{+3.8}_{-4.8}$
DES5YR+Planck	$-0.74^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$	$-1.17^{+0.62}_{-0.60}$





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Coming soon! (~Summer 2025)

# LSST Project in Numbers

**8,4 meters**  
Primary mirror diameter

**3 200 Megapixels**  
Resolution of the Telescope Camera

**3 Nights**  
Time needed for an all-sky imaging

**1.23 F/D**  
Telescope aperture

**15 seconds**  
Exposure time needed to capture an image

**800 times**  
Number of times a same object will be captured



**37 Billion**  
Number of celestial objects detected after 10 years

**15 TB**  
Amount of data collected every night

Credit: Image - Rolf Wahl Olsen  
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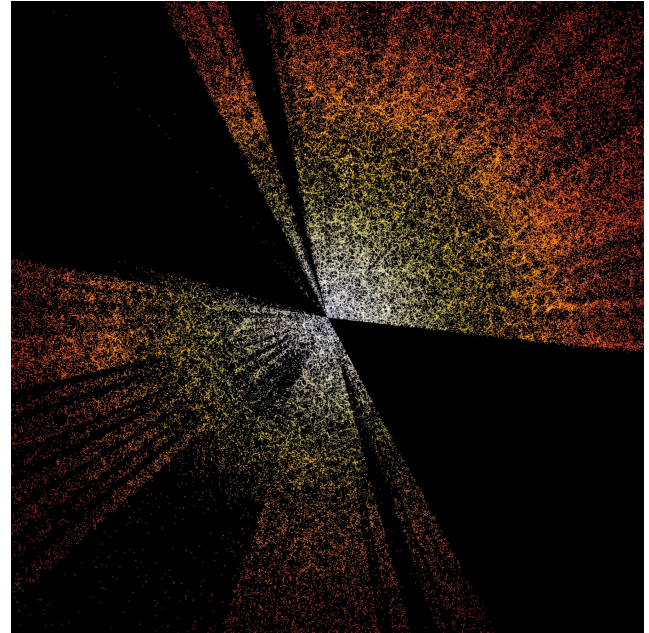
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LSST is fundamentally a time domain survey of the *entire* night sky.



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# Summary and Conclusion

- DES photometric SN sample is the **largest** and **deepest** SN sample ( $0.1 < z < 1.2$ )
- **Improved modelling of:**
  - host galaxy and selection effects;
  - contamination from non-Ia
  - dust and intrinsic SN properties
- A leap in understanding and treatment of systematics!
- Hints at interesting physics on the horizon when comparing with Planck/CMB.
- DES has significantly shaped the priorities of future surveys like that of Rubin LSST to make them a success.



## Thank you to:

DECam builders

DES shift-takers

Data Processing

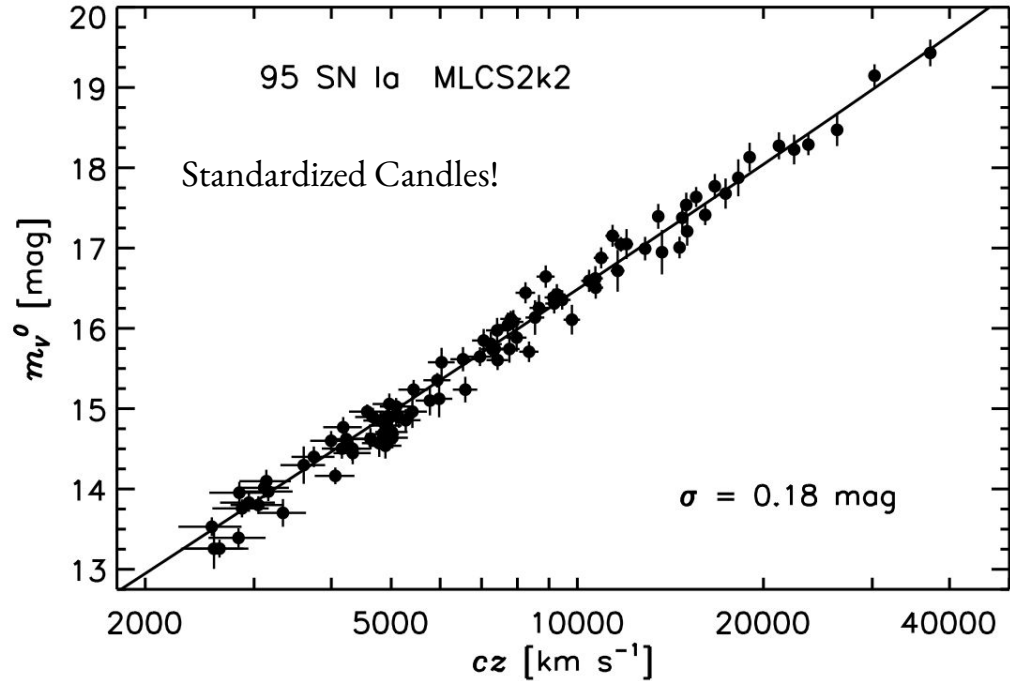
OzDES

Calibration



# The straightforward answer to SNIa Evolution

Jha, Riess, Kirshner 2007



How do we know?

SNIa in the smooth 'Hubble Flow' are the key.

e.g. for  $0.02 < z < 0.1$ ,  $z_{\text{obs}} \sim z_{\text{cosmological}}$

We can compute relative distances with negligible dependence on cosmological parameters... (there is no  $H_0$  in this plot)

This Hubble Flow sample spans the full range of SNIa light curve parameters, host types (ages, masses etc).

# Conclusions and Future



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Excellent modeling of survey and non-Ia contamination in the Hubble Diagram suggests that biases are  $< 1\%$  when using deep learning photometric classifiers.

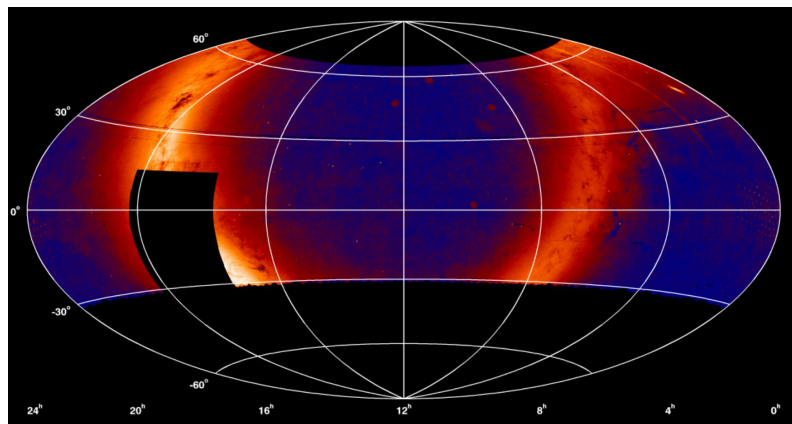
This dataset is an important testing ground for Vera Rubin so I encourage you to get your hands dirty with real SN data!

## Beyond Standard Ia Cosmology

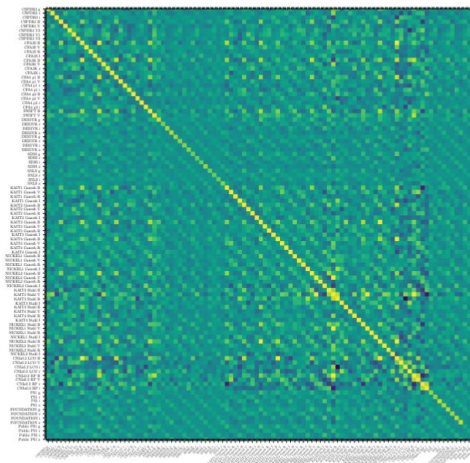
- **Cosmology with SNe Ia in LRGs** (Chen et al. 2022)
- **SLSN Cosmology** (Inserra et al. 2020)
- **SN II Cosmology** (De Jaeger et al 2020)
- **Weak Lensing of SNe Ia** (Macaulay et al 2020)
- **SN Ia rates** (Wiseman et al 2020)
- **Core collapse templates and luminosity functions** (Hounsell et al in prep)
- **Exotic Transients** (Pursiainen et al 2020, Gutierrez et al 2020, Wiseman et al 2020b, Grayling et al 2020, Angus et al 2019)
- and more!

# The Cross Calibration of SN Surveys (Brout et al. 2023b)

Utilizes PS1 all sky catalog to tie all 18 surveys together.



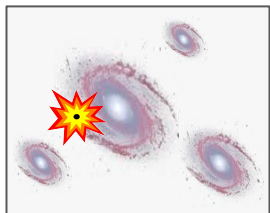
- Retrains SN Ia model on newest calibration
- Calibrated Filter Covariance





## 2. Modelling the sample and the survey

i.e. simulating a DES sample that looks like the “true” sample



**Model the astrophysical components:**

- Supernovae (Ia & “contaminants”)
- Galaxies (star-forming, passive)
- Dust

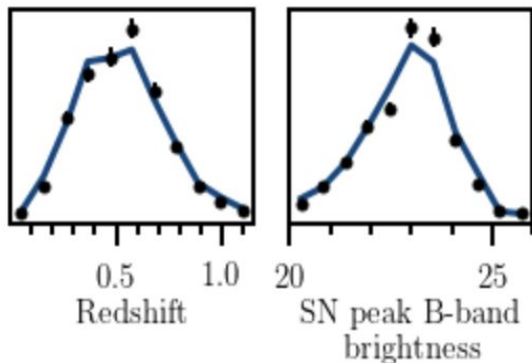
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**Model the survey**

- observational noise,
- selection effects,
- cadence...

**Modelling SN properties...**



**...and their host galaxies.**

