



# A UVEX view of Stellar Deaths

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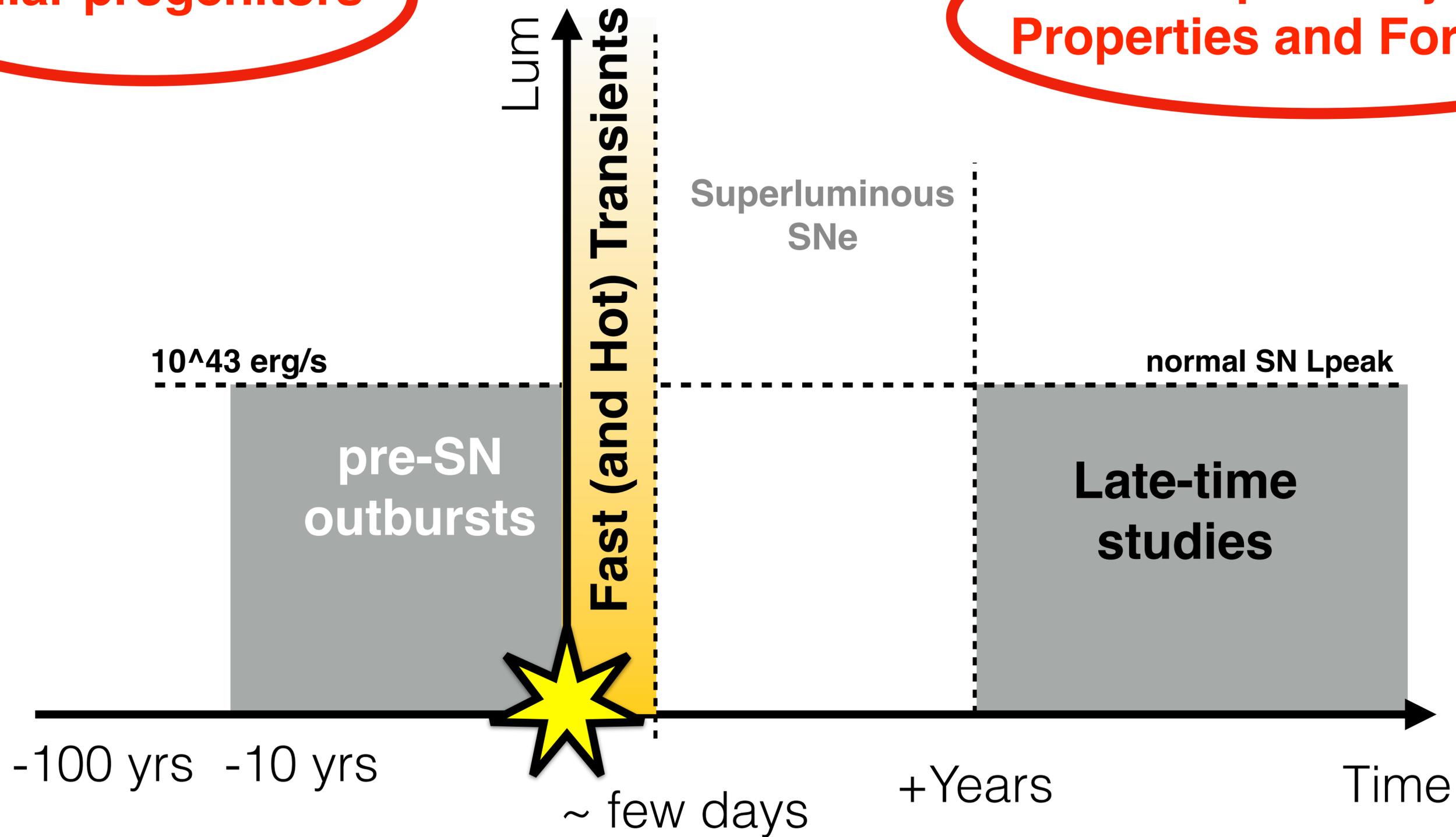
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*“We always find something, eh Didi,  
to give us the impression we exist?”*

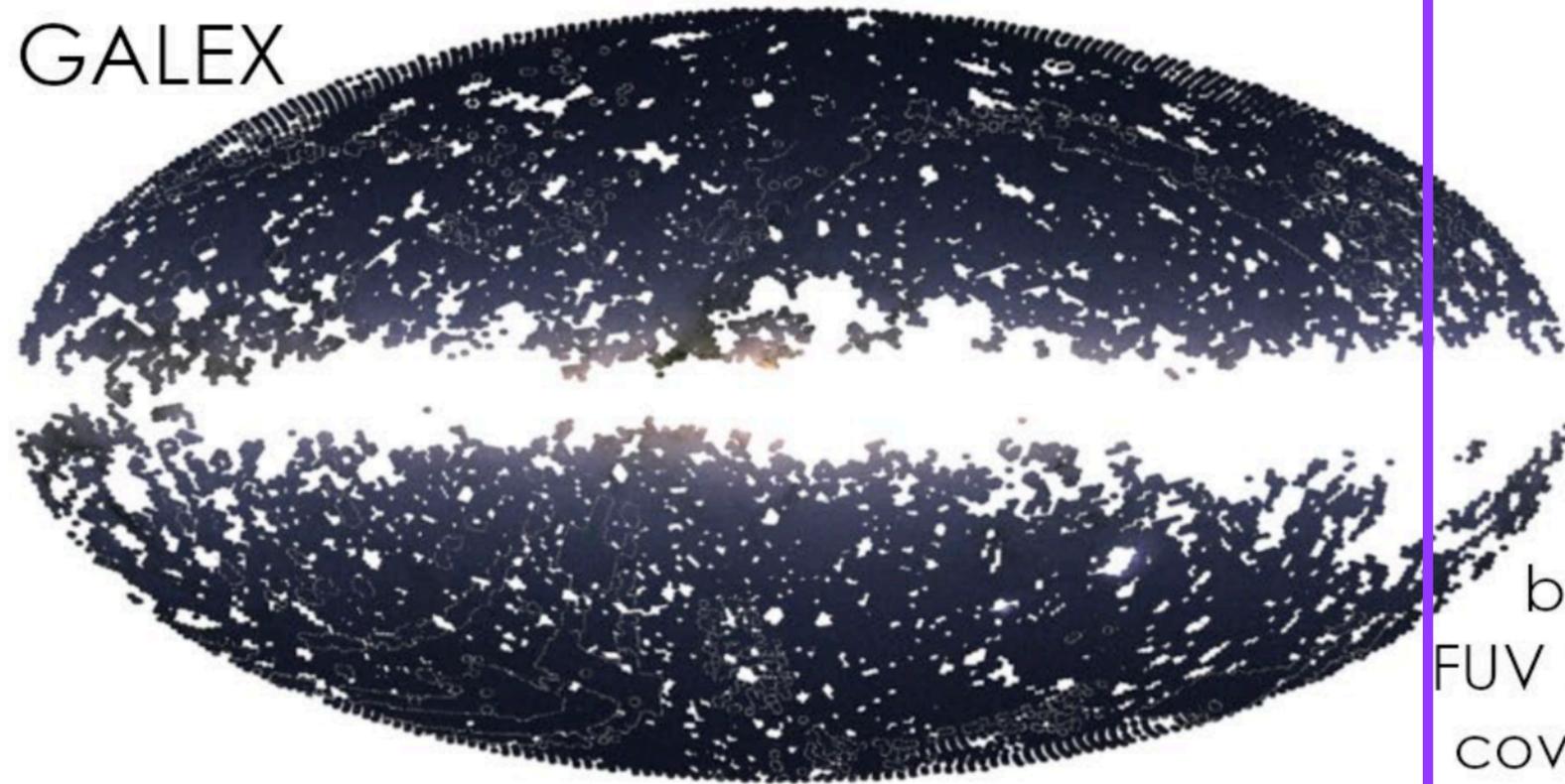
# Discovery Frontiers:

Stellar progenitors

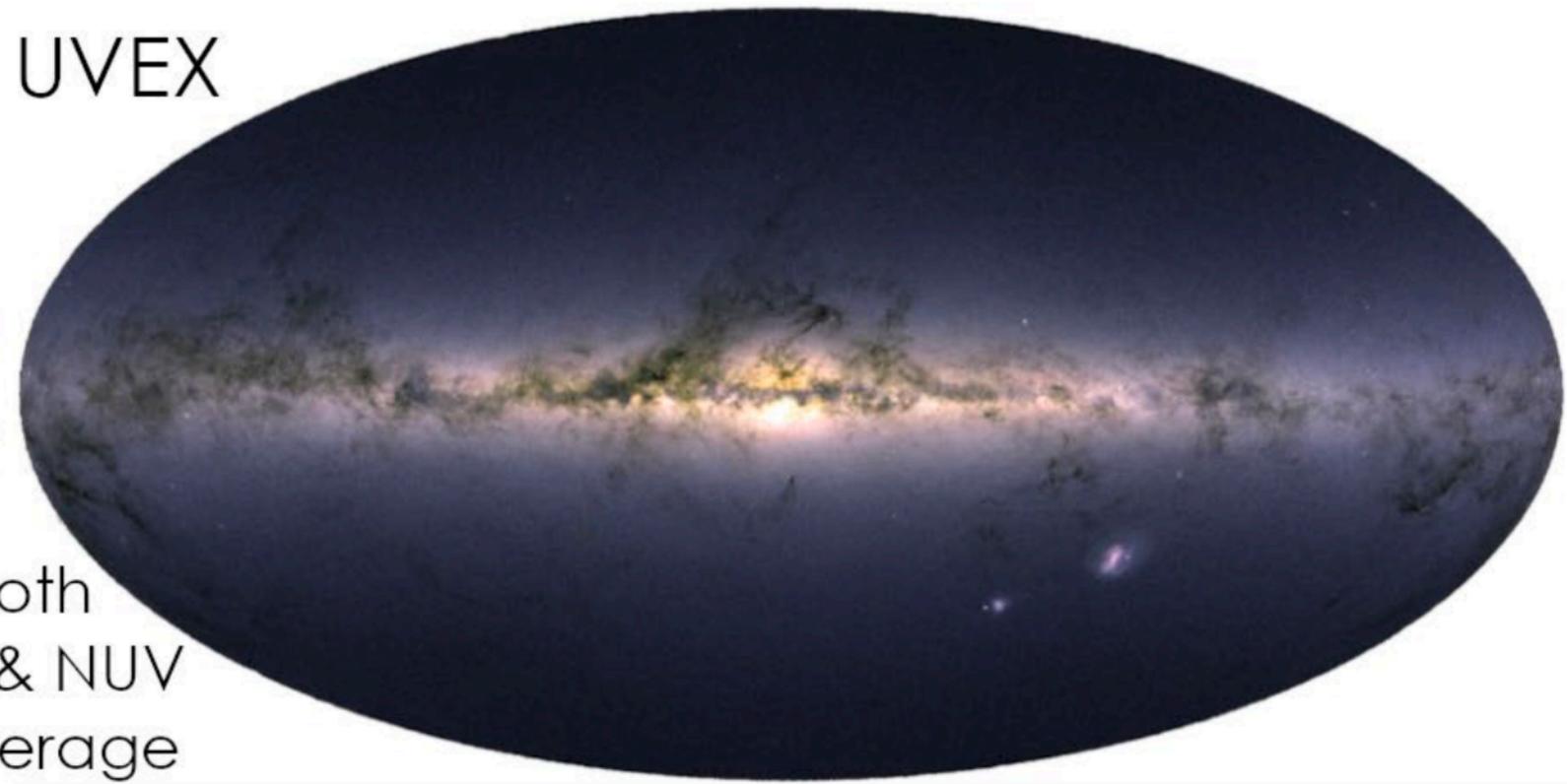
Compact Object  
Properties and Formation



GALEX



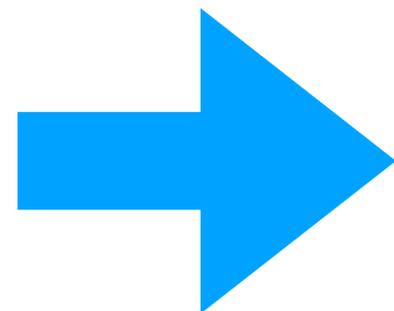
UVEX



both  
FUV & NUV  
coverage

Each point on the sky will be visited a minimum of 10 times during the prime mission with cadences ranging from 12 hrs to 6 months. **Actually strategy to do so is TBD. Please share your thoughts!!**

- + The LMC/SMC survey will have weekly cadence
- + Deep extragalactic fields required for instrument calibrations.

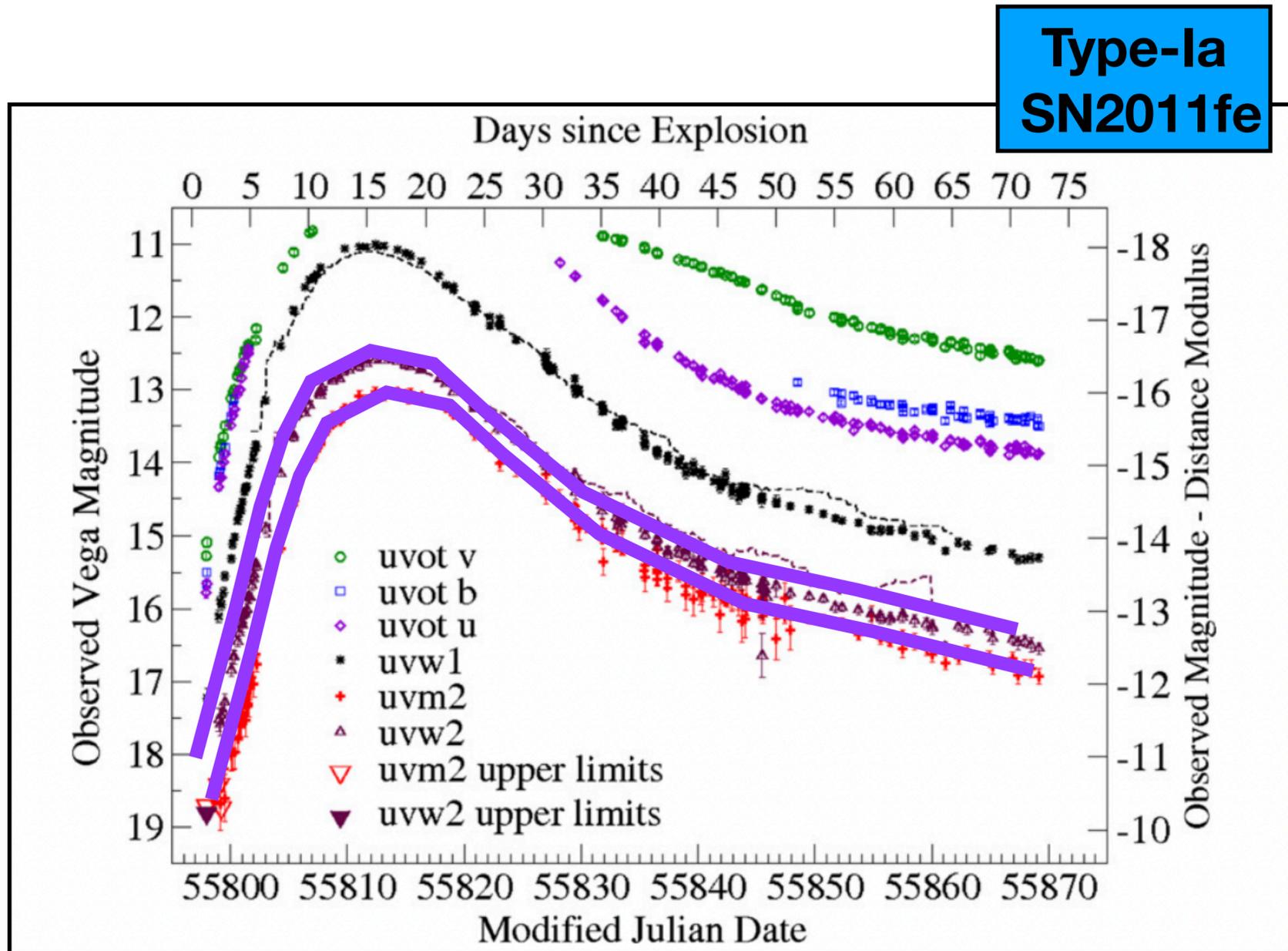


**UVEX as a discovery machine + ToO!!**

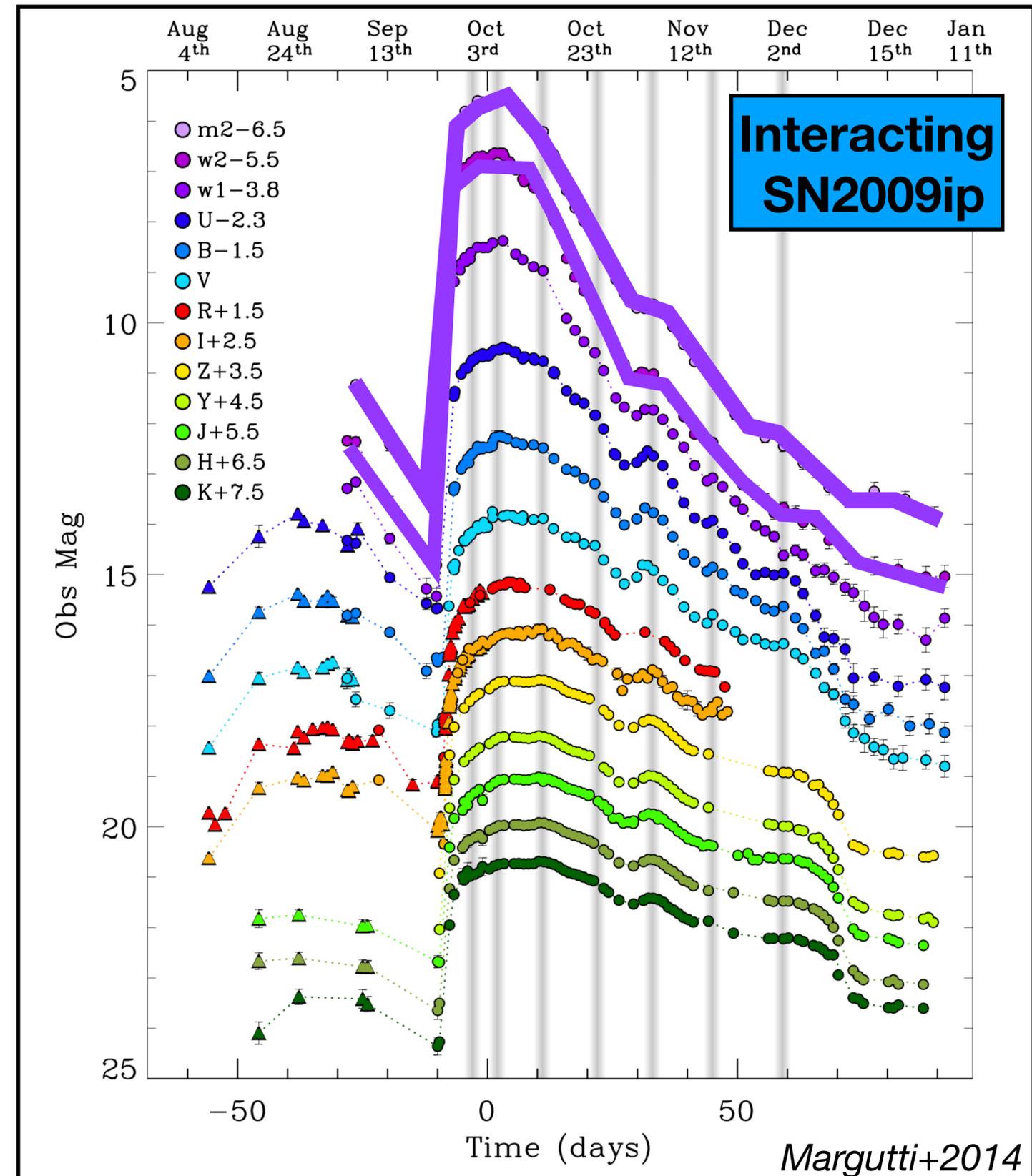
(Photometry AND **spectroscopy!!**)

**Stay tuned for next session!**

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Brown+2012

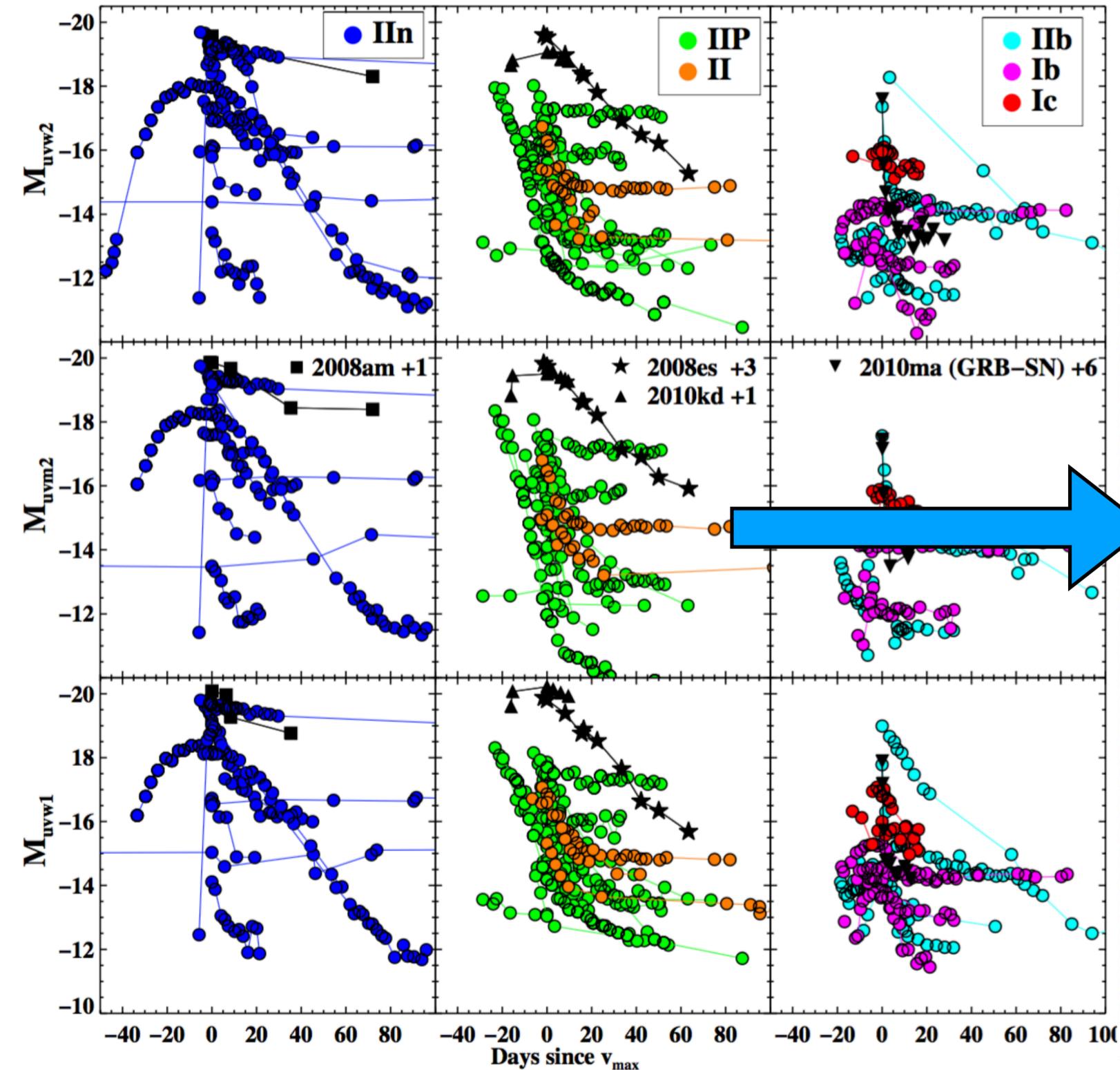


Margutti+2014

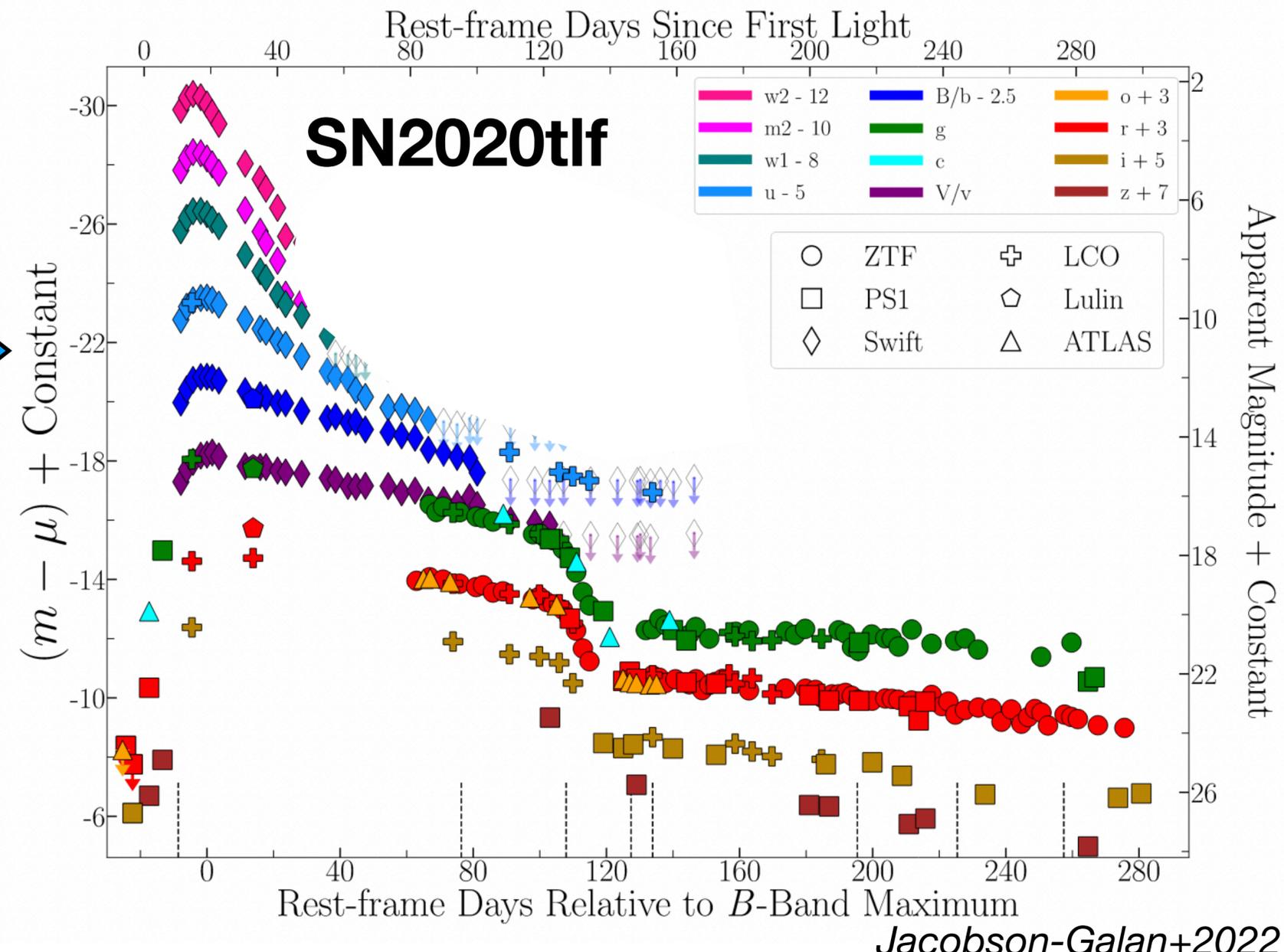
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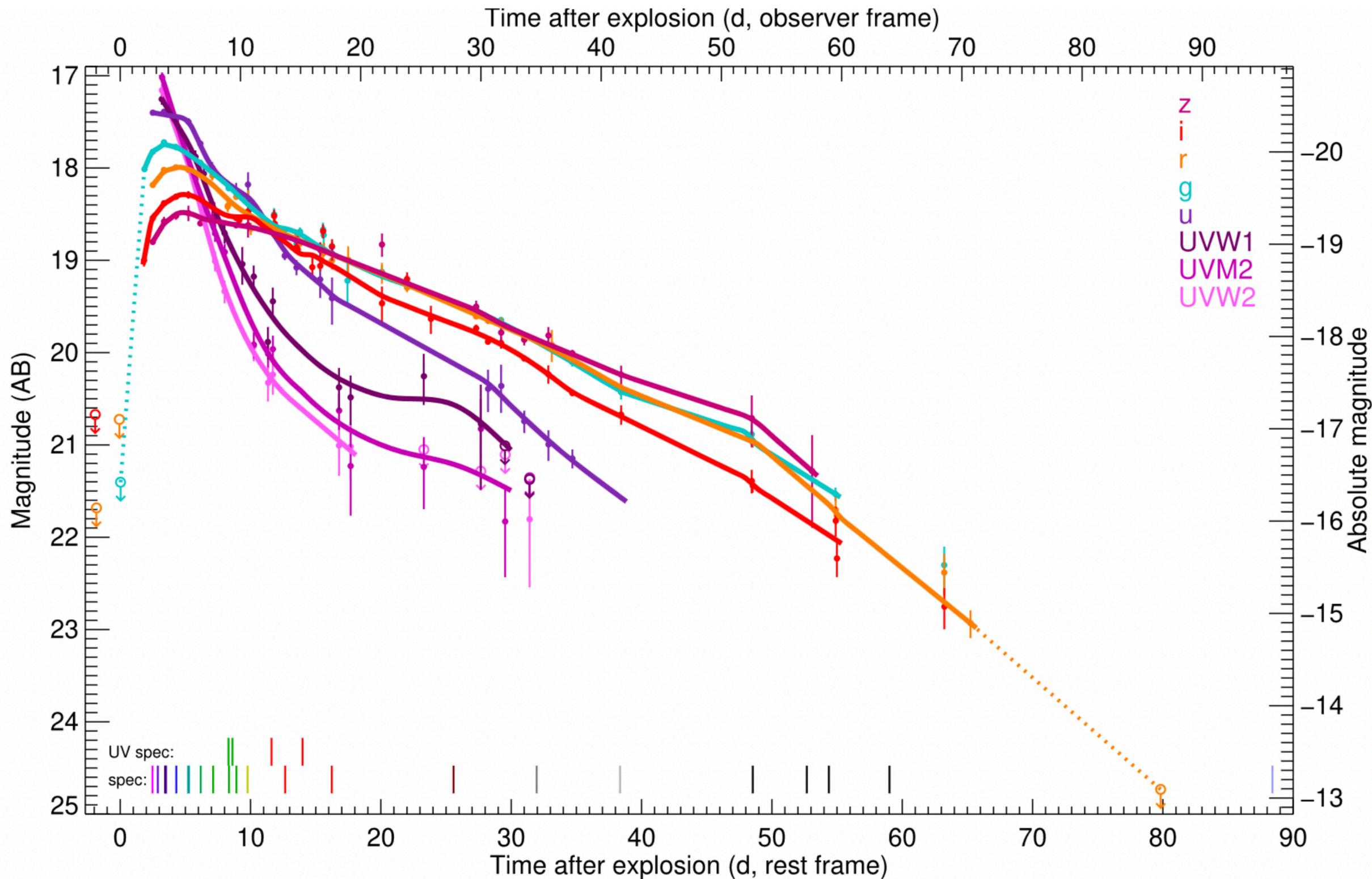
Type-IIP SNe



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Type-Icn  
SN2021csp

We have a  
handful of Icn  
SNe known  
to date!!



# Relativistic Explosions

*The most extreme stellar deaths*

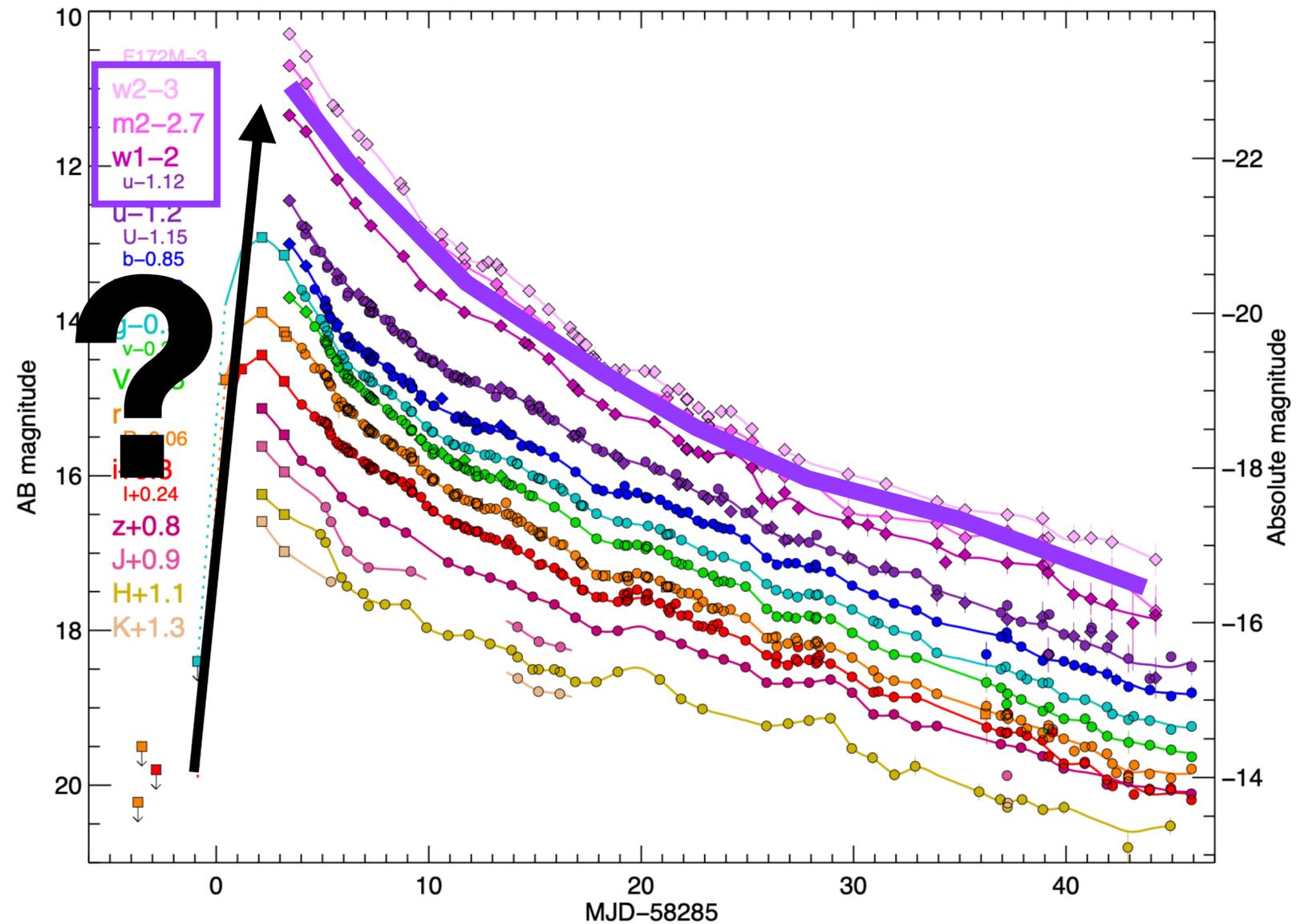
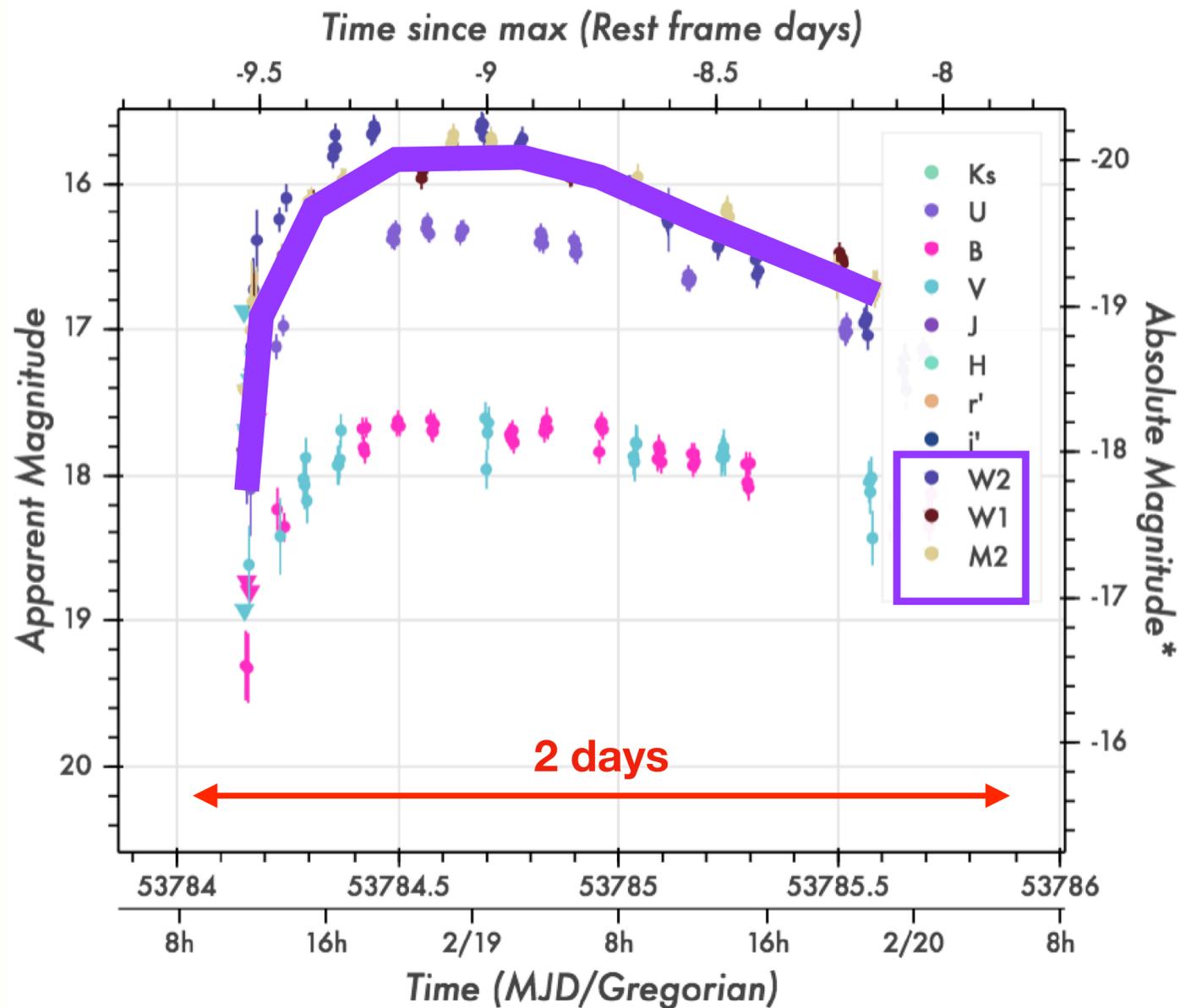
UV luminous + rapid rise time!

Rare!

Low-Lum

## SN2006aj/GRB060218

Luminous FBOT AT2018cow



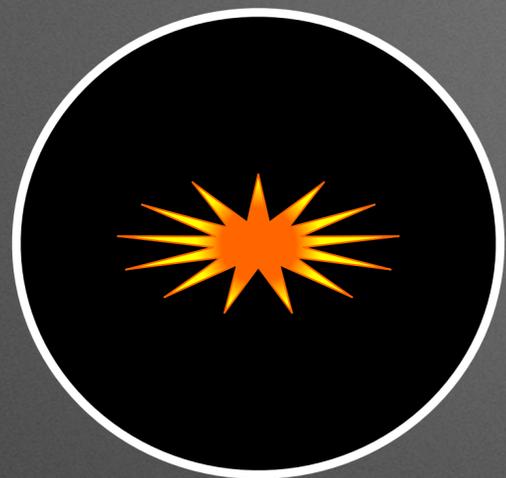
**What makes an  
explosion UV luminous  
on short time scales?**



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*"It sort of makes you stop and think, doesn't it."*

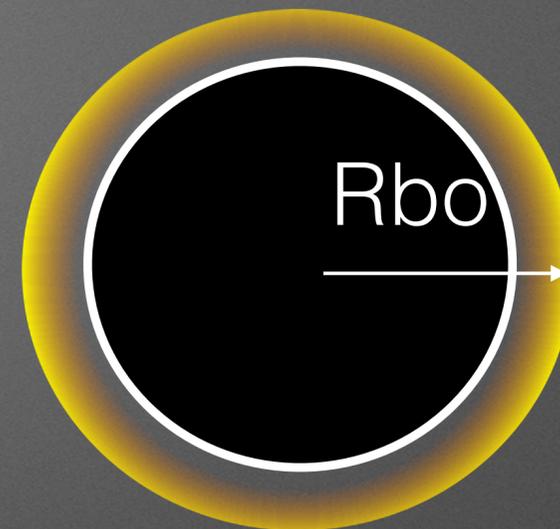
# Fast Time Scales + UV lum



Central Source of Energy

$$t_{\text{pk}} \approx \left( \frac{M_{\text{ej}} \kappa}{4\pi v_{\text{ej}} c} \right)^{1/2} \approx 2.7 \text{ d} \left( \frac{M_{\text{ej}}}{0.3 M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{v_{\text{ej}}}{0.1 c} \right)^{-1/2}$$

Small  $M_{\text{ej}}$   $\longrightarrow$  Ruled out  $^{56}\text{Ni}$

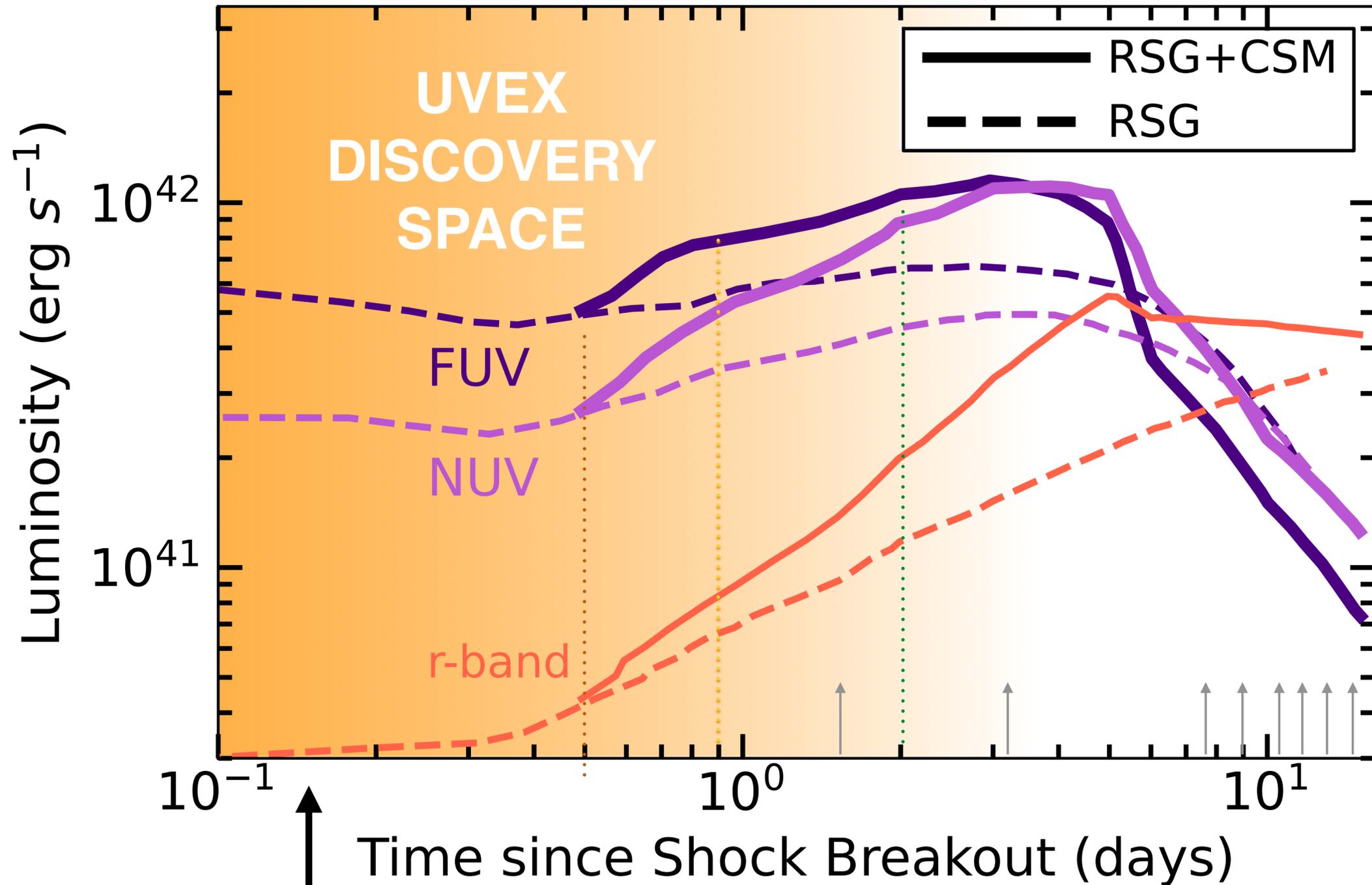


Shock interaction

Break out Radius ( $R_{\text{bo}}$ )

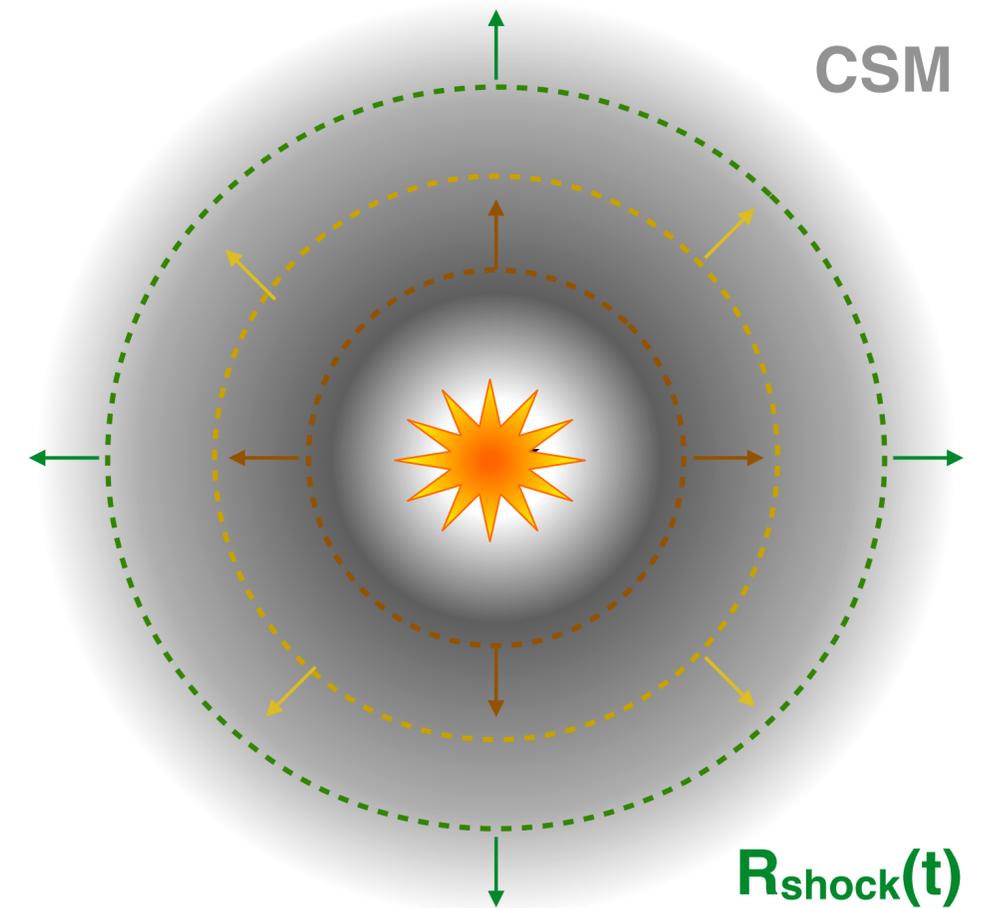
- Cooling with time
- No fast variability time scales
- No relativistic ejecta

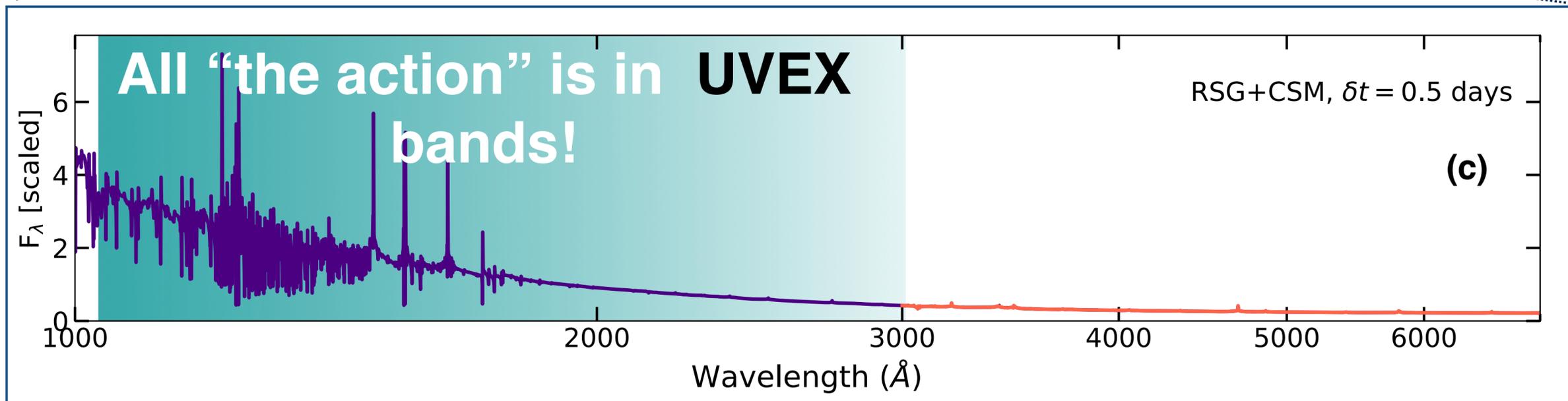
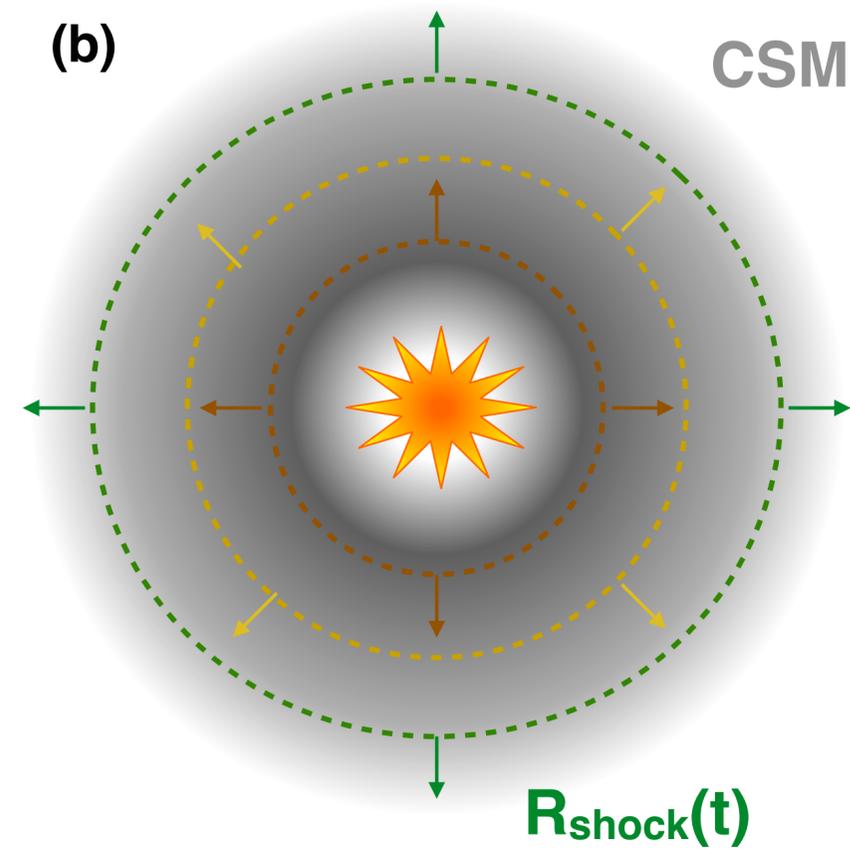
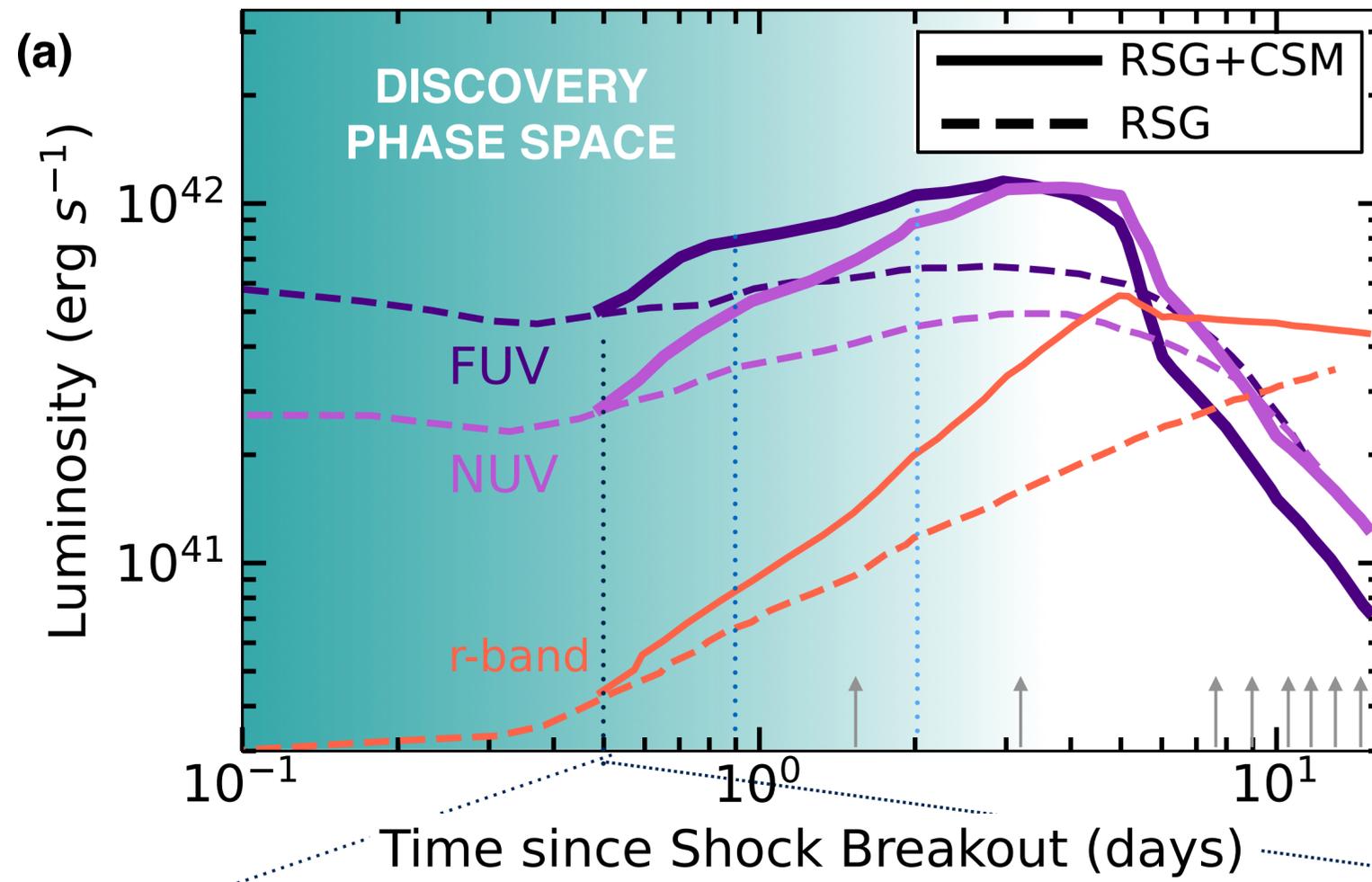
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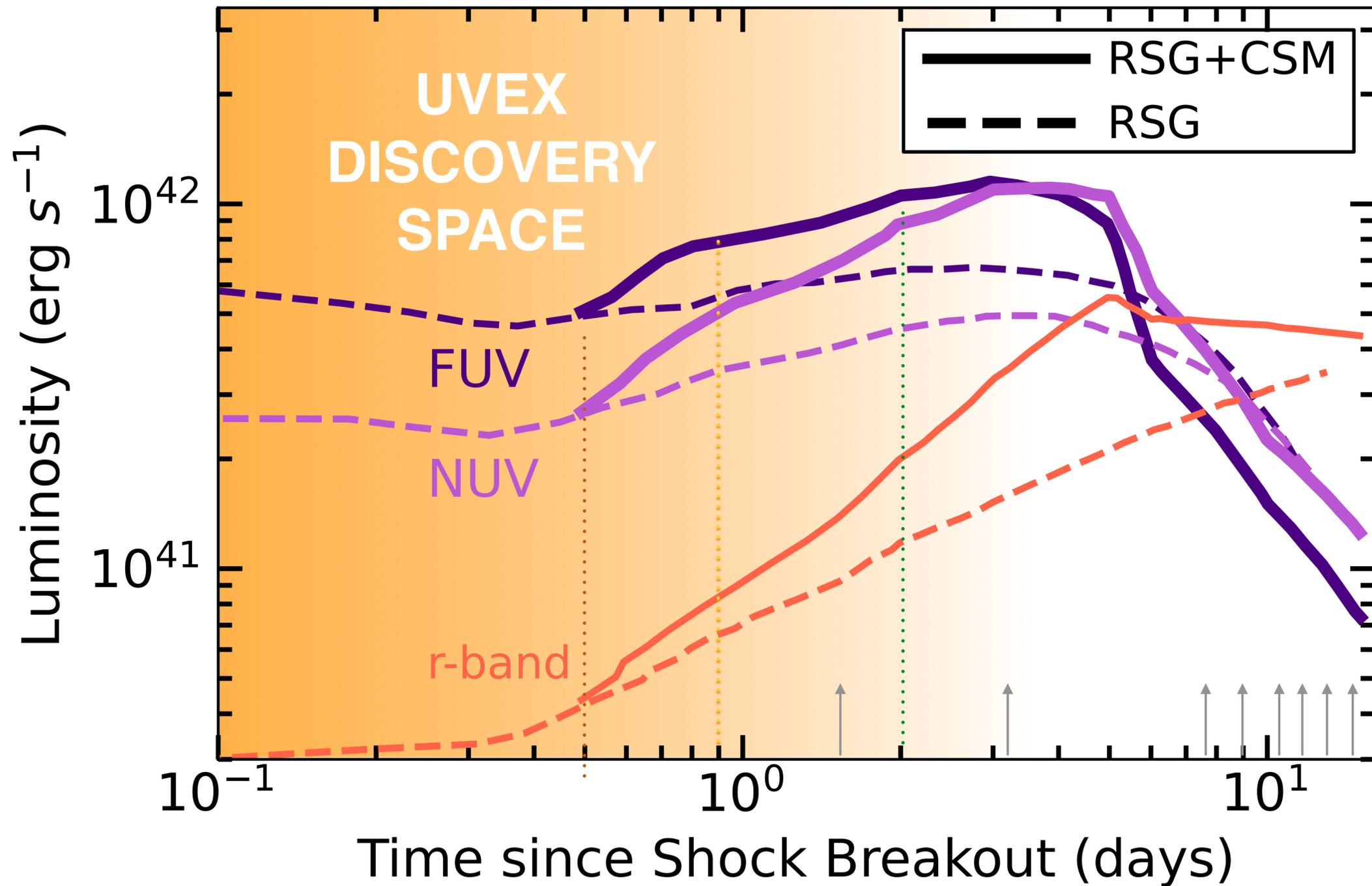
**LOG scale x-axis!!!!**

Models by Luc Dessart

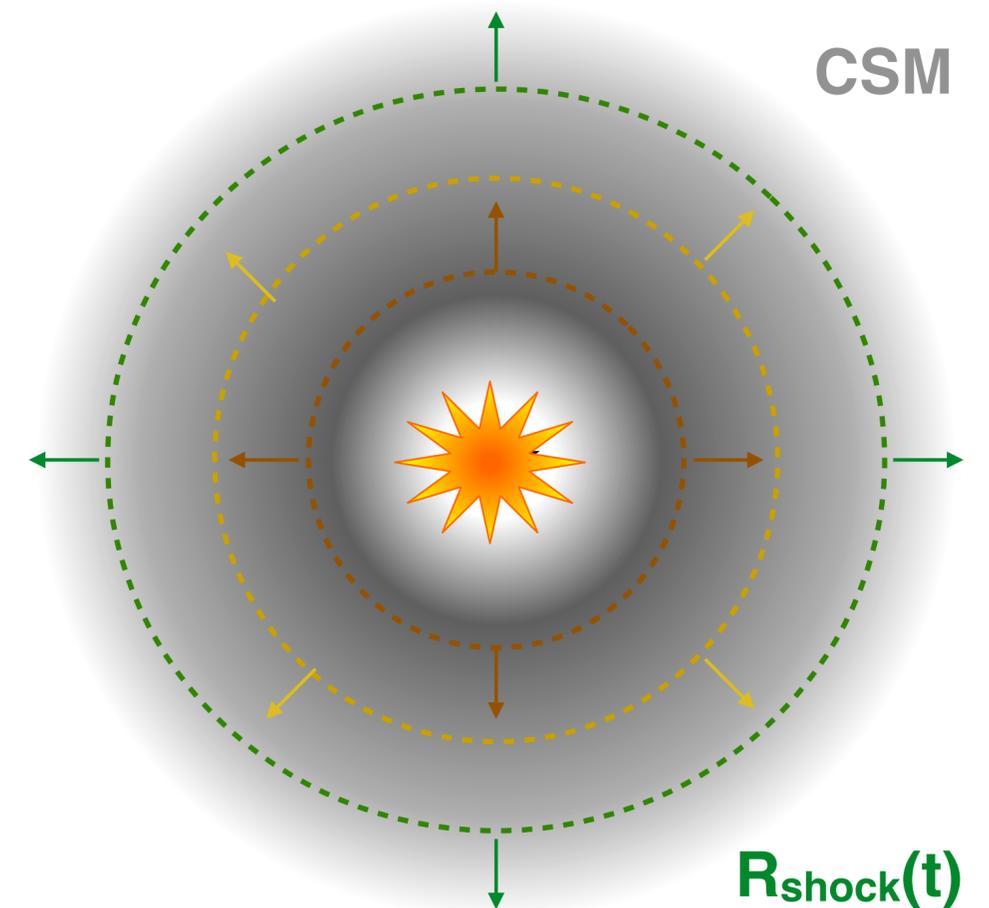




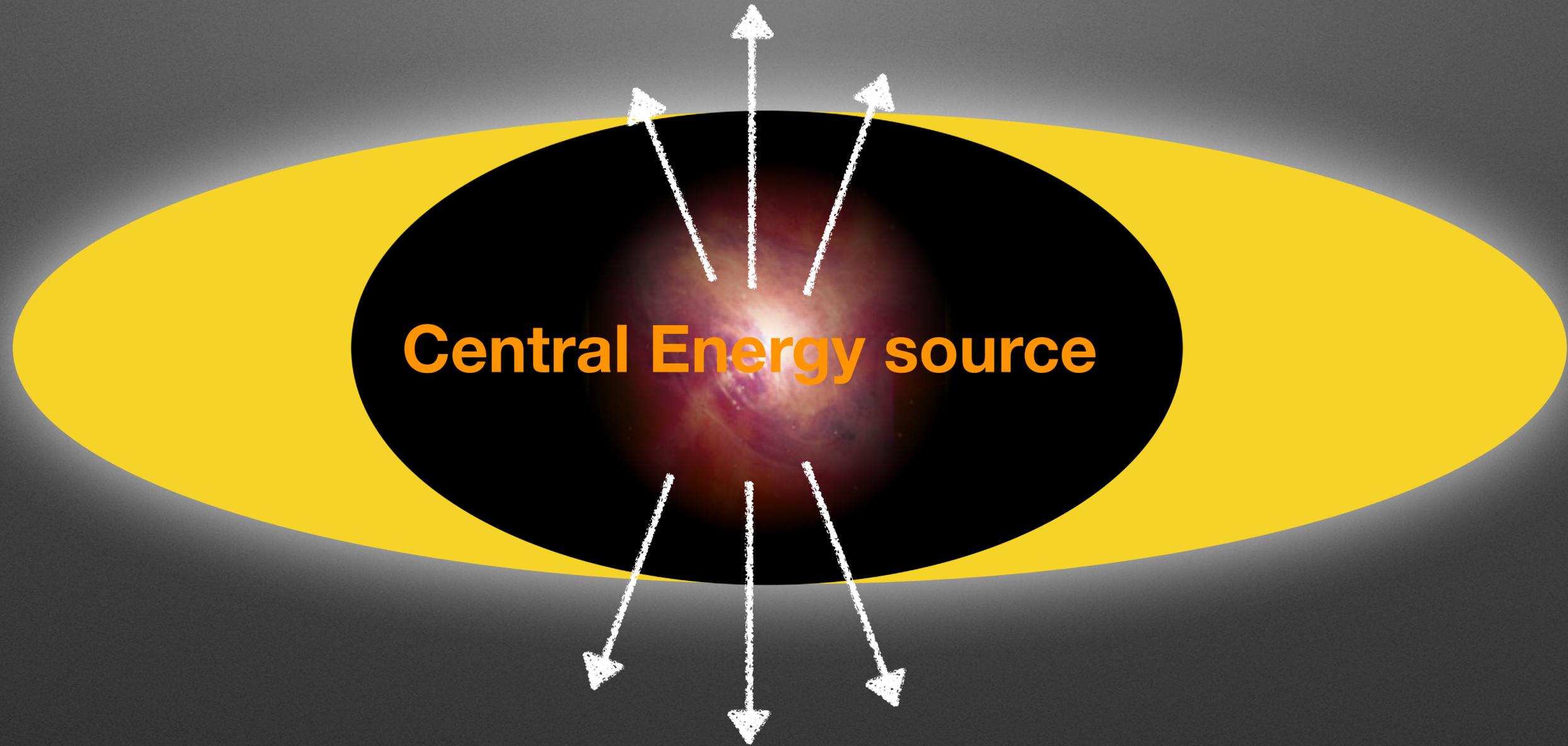
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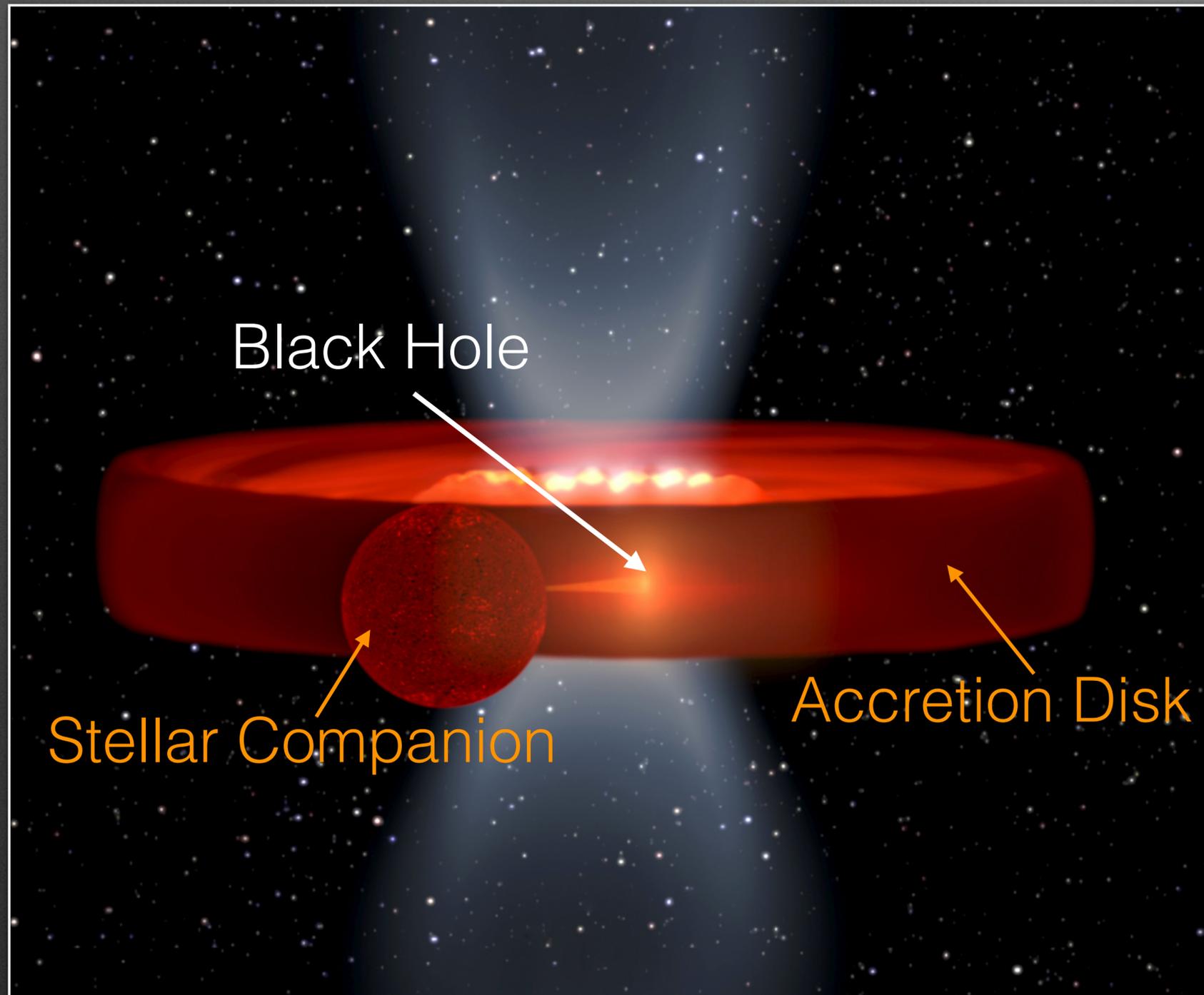


Explosions with Small +Asymmetric  
ejecta Mass  
become transparent earlier:

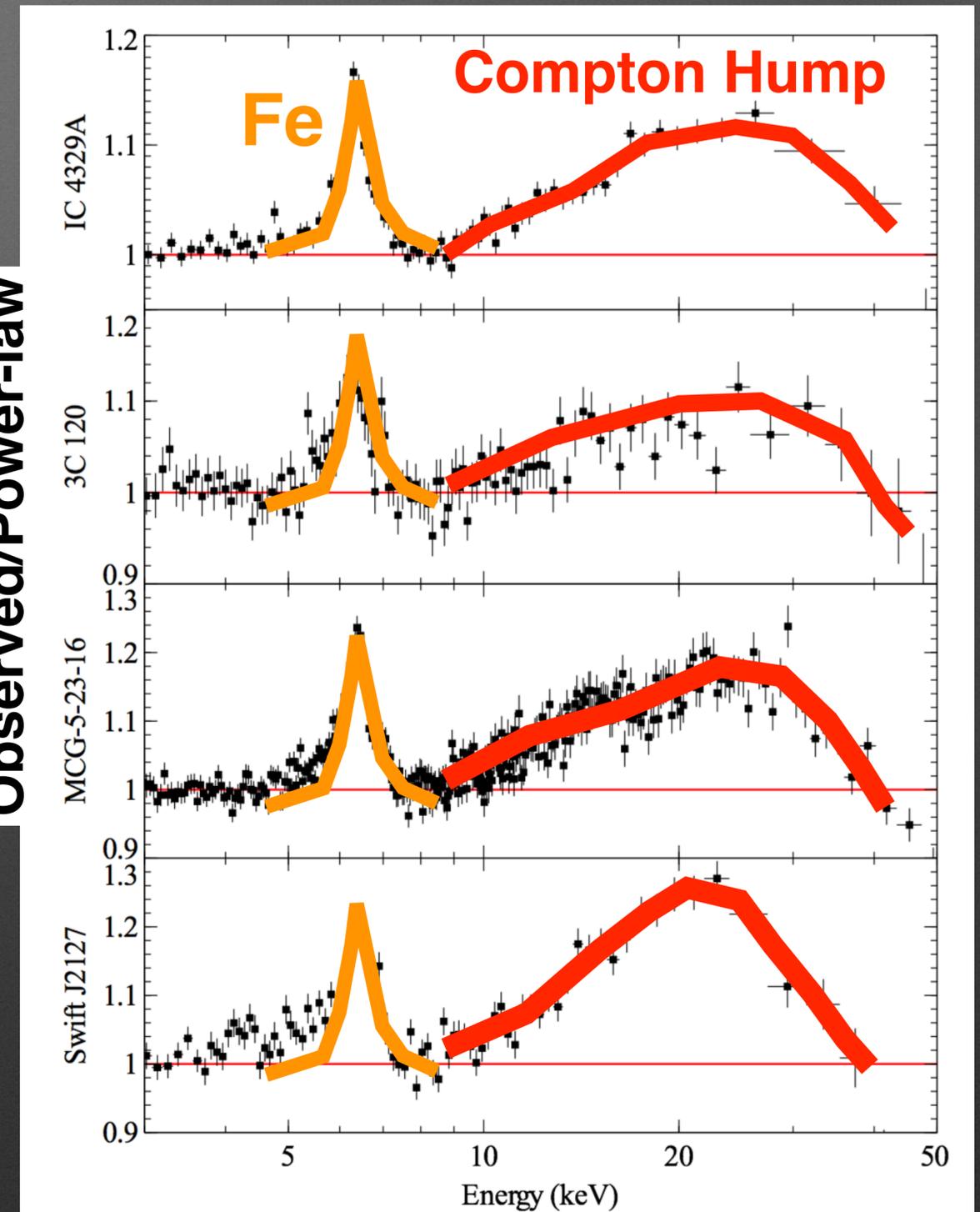


we can see the "inside" right at the time  
of the explosion

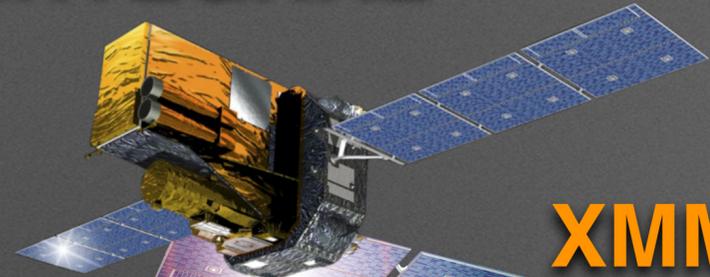
# Compton Hump Spectra are Common around accreting Black Holes



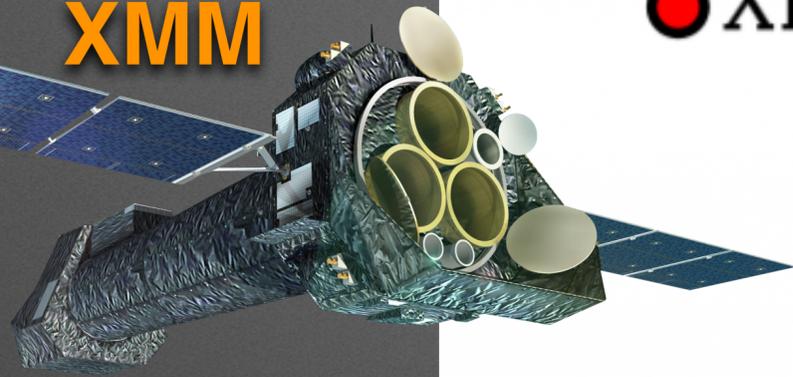
Observed/Power-law



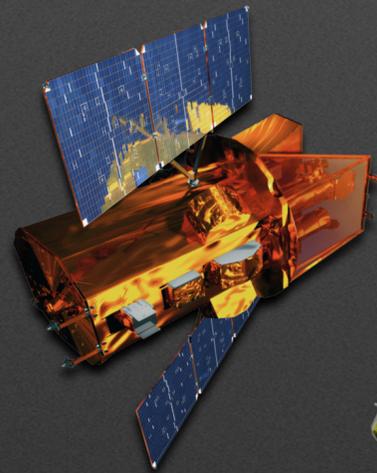
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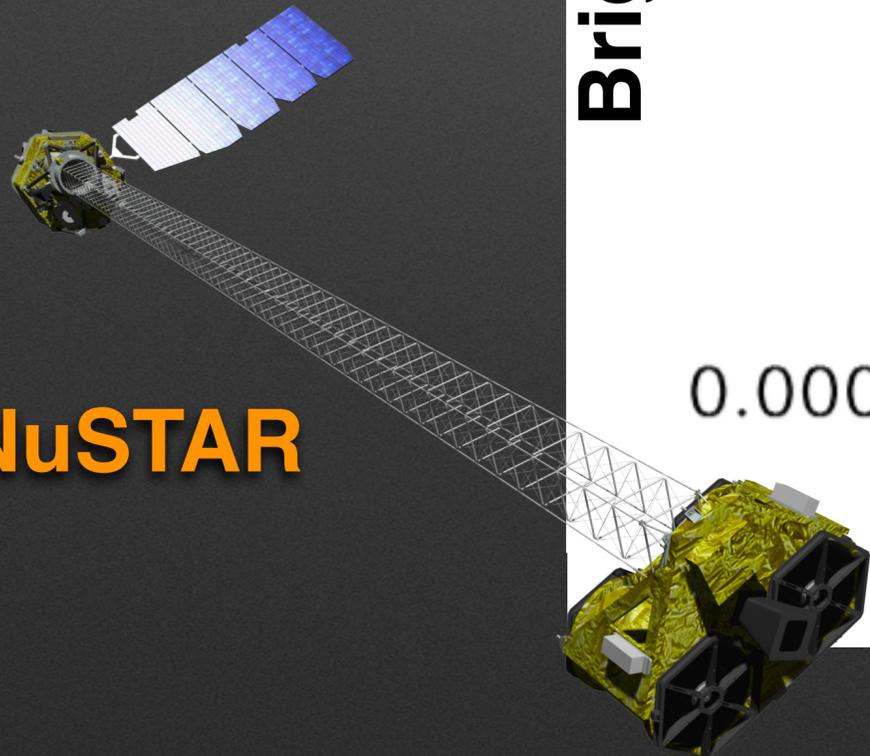
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Swift-Gehrels

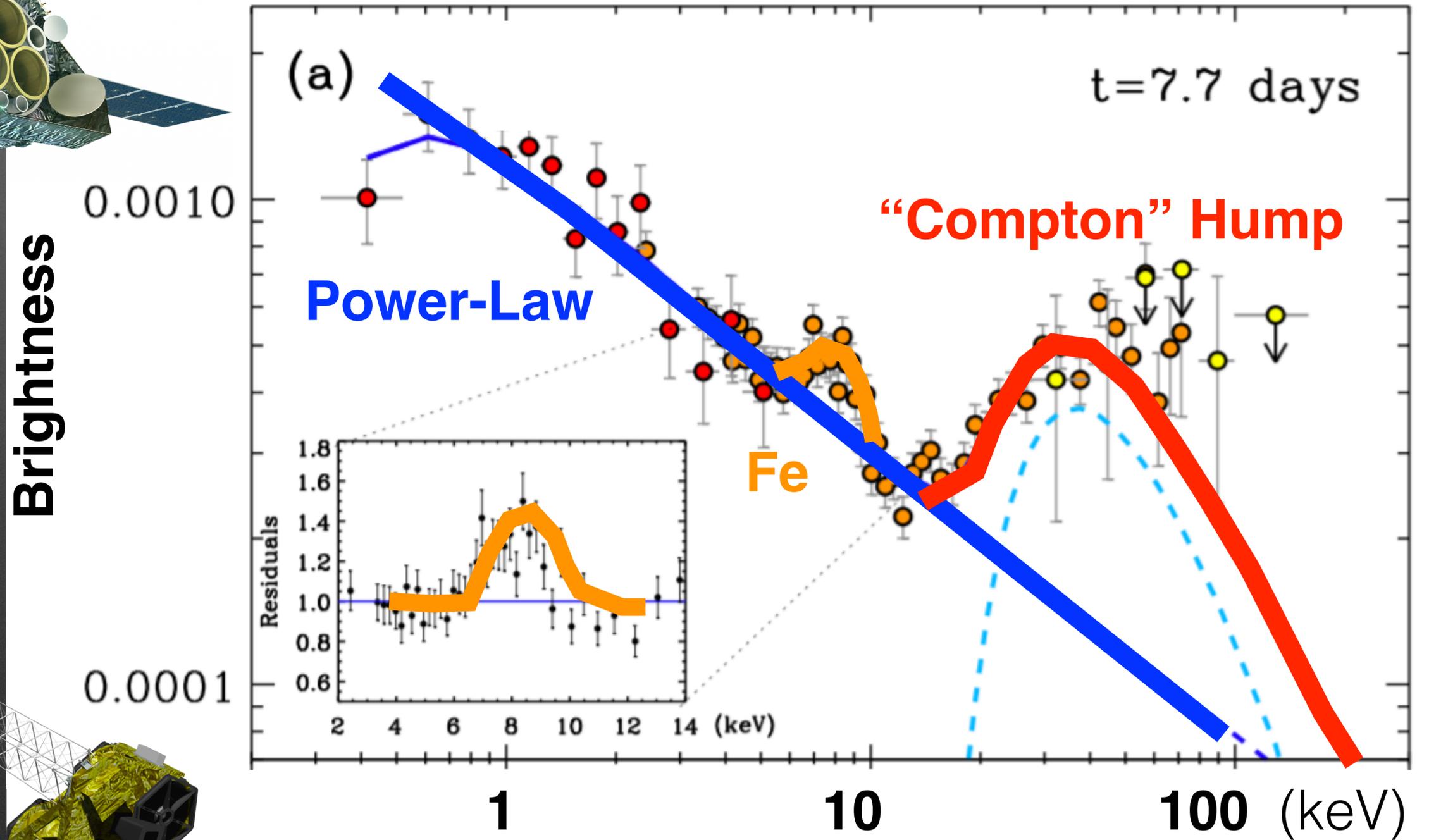


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# Relativistic Explosions

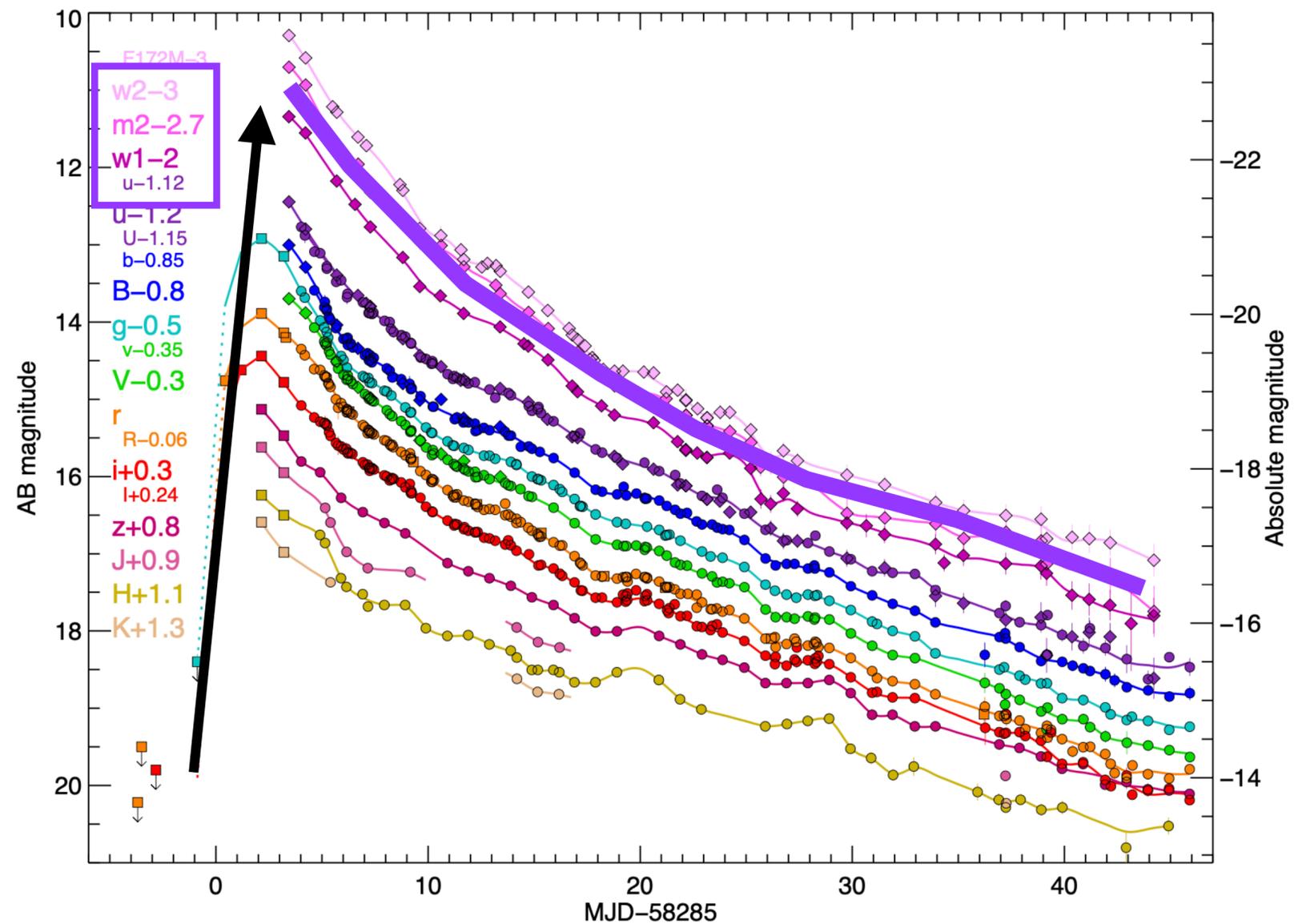
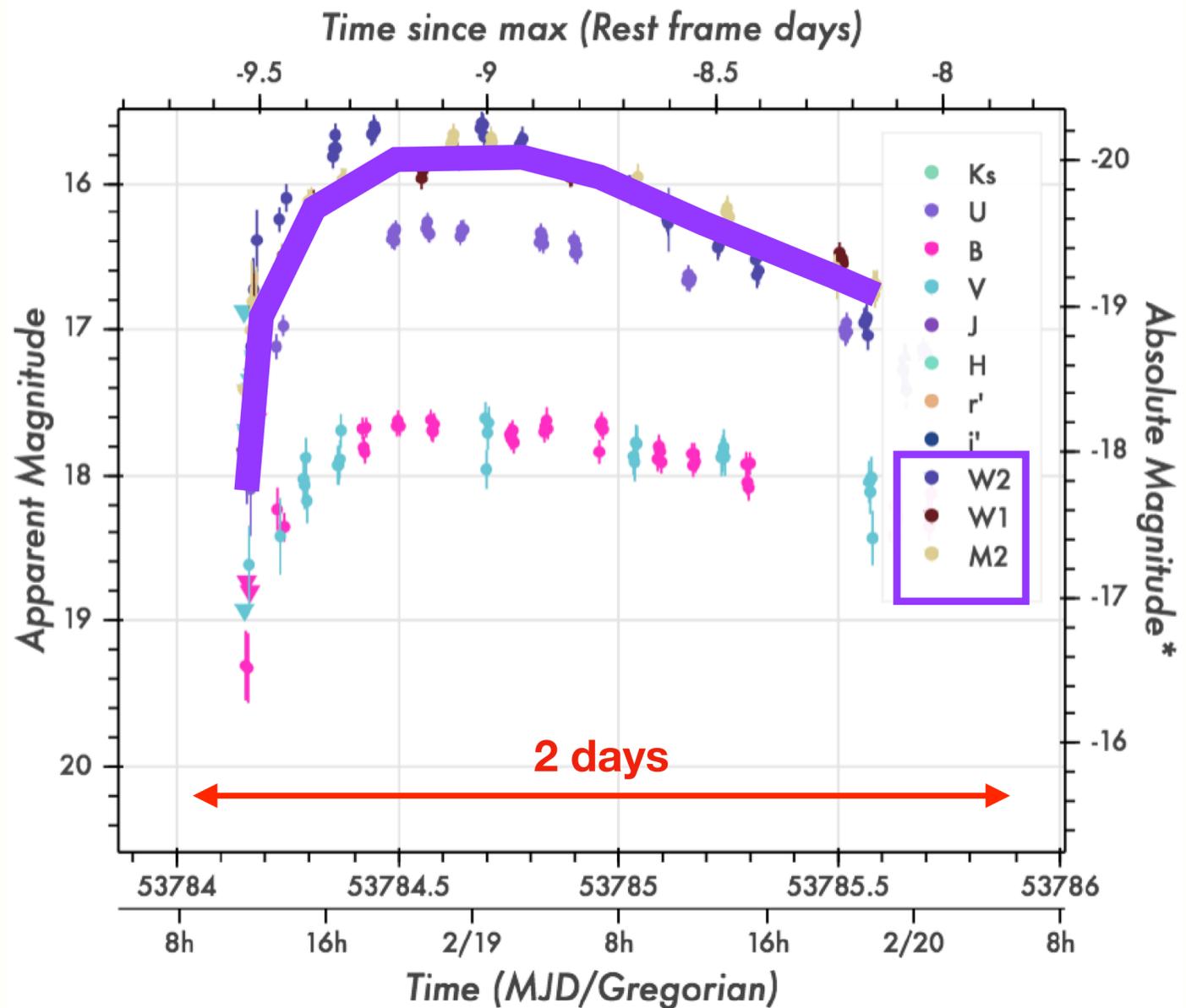
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**Luminous FBOT AT2018cow**



# How rare is rare?

## Luminous FBOTs

Coppejans+2020

Table 2

Volumetric Rate Estimates for the Entire Population of FBOTs (Upper Part) and for the Most Luminous FBOTs (Lower Part)

References	Abs Mag Range at Peak (mag)	Timescale (days) <sup>a</sup>	$z$	FBOT Rate ( $\text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )	versus CCSNe <sup>b</sup>	versus SLSNe <sup>c</sup>	versus sub-E GRBs <sup>d</sup>
Drout et al. (2014)	$-20 < M_g < -16.5$	$< 12$	$< 0.65$	4800–8000	7%–11%	2400%–4000%	2100%–3500%
Pursiainen et al. (2018)	$-15.8 < M_g < -22.2$	$< 10$	$0.05 \leq z \leq 1.56$	$\gtrsim 1000$	$\gtrsim 1.4\%$	$\gtrsim 500\%$	$\gtrsim 430\%$
Tampo et al. (2020)	$-17 < M_i < -20$	$\leq 15$	$0.3 \leq z \leq 1.5$	$\sim 4000$	$\sim 6\%$	$\sim 2000\%$	$\sim 1700\%$
Ho et al. (2020)	$M_g < -20$	$< 5$	$\lesssim 0.1$	$< 560$	$< 0.8\%$	$< 280\%$	$< 240\%$
This work (PS1-MDS)	$M_g < -19$	$< 12$	$< 0.65$	700–1400	1%–2%	350%–700%	300%–600%
This work (PTF)	$M_R = -20 \pm 0.3$	$\lesssim 3$	$\lesssim 0.1$	$< 300$	$< 0.4\%$	$< 150\%$	$< 130\%$

### Notes.

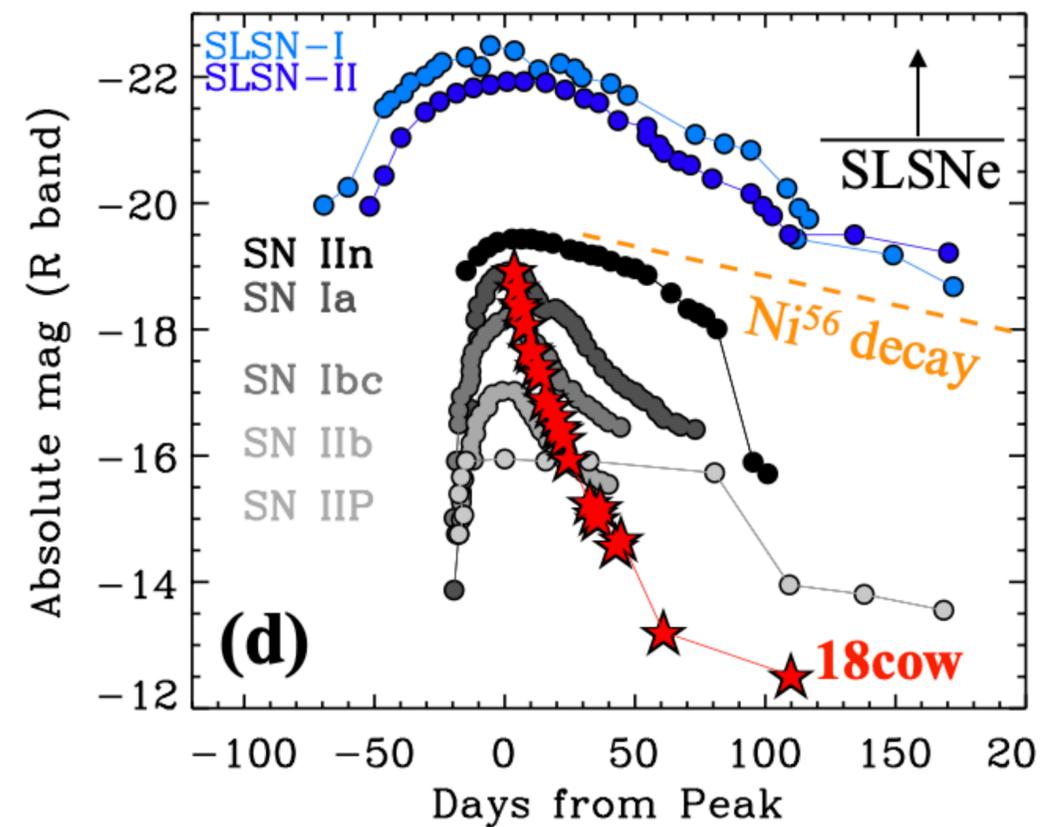
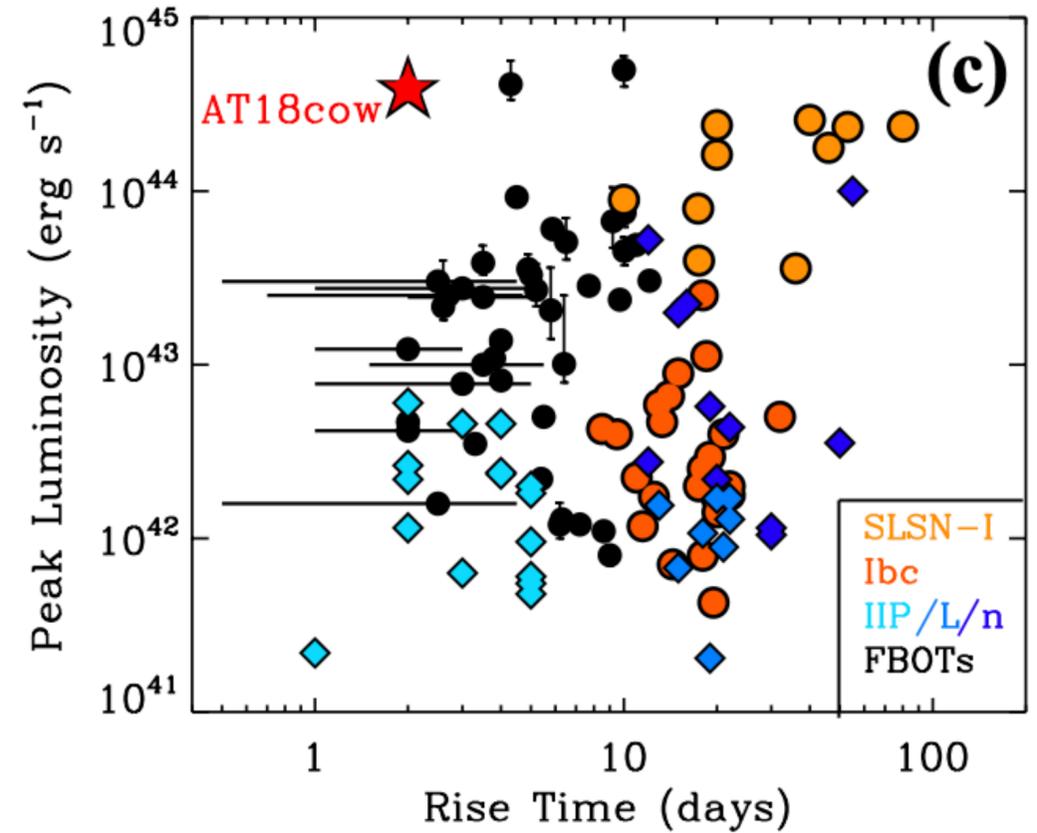
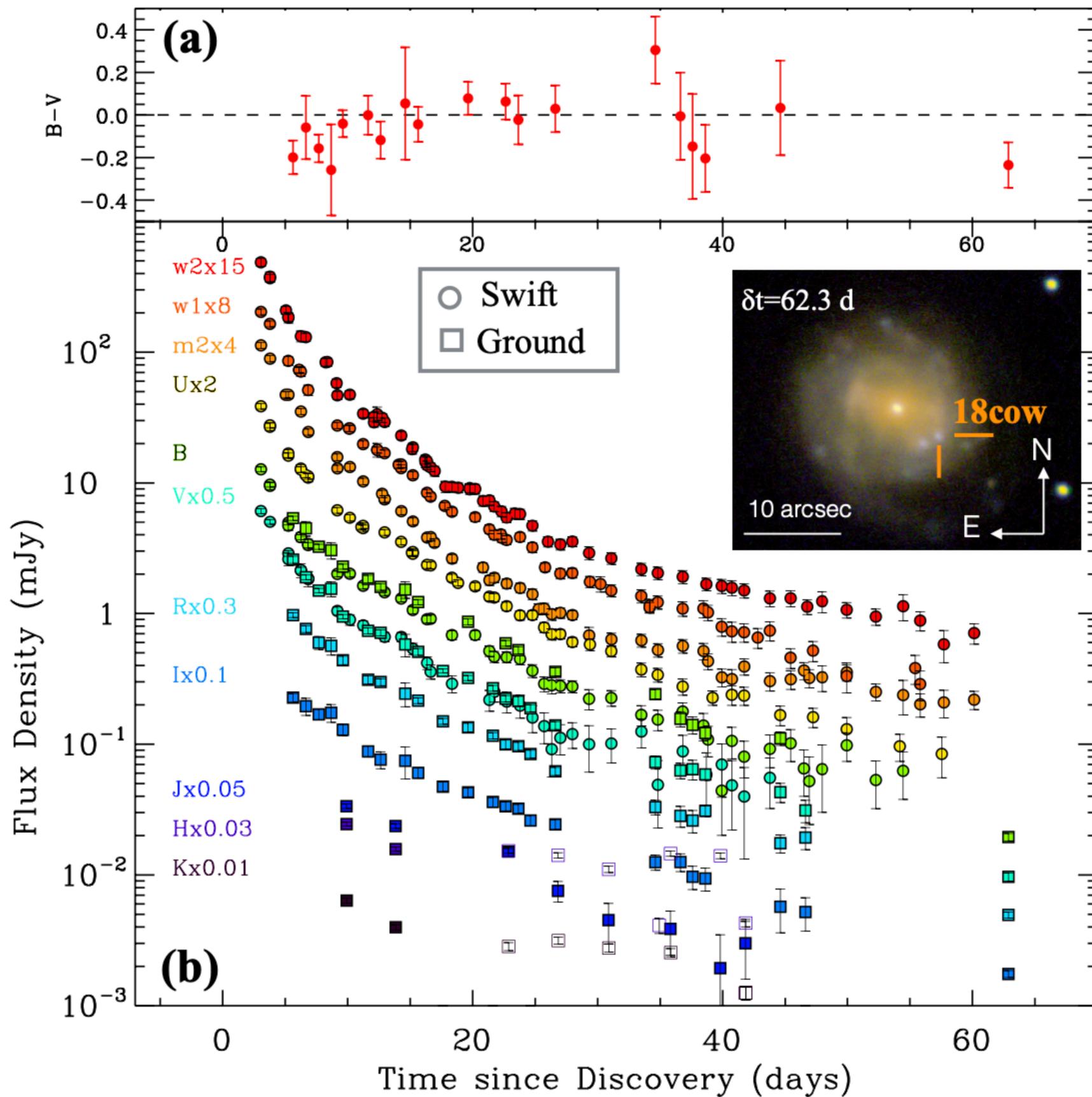
<sup>a</sup> Rest frame.

<sup>b</sup> Local universe core-collapse SN rate from Li et al. (2011a)  $\mathfrak{R} \sim 70500 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

<sup>c</sup> SLSN rate at  $z \sim 0.2$  from Quimby et al. (2013), including type I and type II events  $\mathfrak{R} \sim 200 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

<sup>d</sup> Rate of sub-energetic long GRBs before beaming correction from Soderberg et al. (2006b)  $\mathfrak{R} \sim 230 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ .

**We have a handful of FBOTs that we were able to identify in real time and for which we could do follow up in real time!!!**

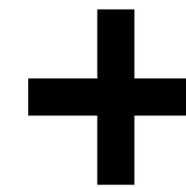


# UVEX

5-day survey  
 20,000 deg<sup>2</sup> minus 20% (avoid high-extinction)  
 15hr cadence  
 Mag lim 25 (phot)  
 Mag lim 20 (spec)  
 ~0.5 mag extinction  
 Require discovery 1 mag above effective threshold  
 Require explosion in the first 3 days



Rubin LSST



ULTRASAT

photo-z

Transient ID

Class	Horizon phot (spec)	Vol. Rate (yr <sup>-1</sup> Gpc <sup>-3</sup> )	# Disc. (phot)	# Disc. (spec)
<b>Read: Luminous FBOTs</b>				
Cows	8.5 Gpc (2 Gpc)	0.7–70	6–600	0.08–8
		This is 0.001%-0.1% the CCSN rate		
LLGRB	8.5 Gpc (2 Gpc)	7–70	60–600	0.8–8
Icn	8.5 Gpc (2 Gpc)	0.7–70	6–600	0.08–8
Ibn	4.2 Gpc (680 Mpc)	7	7	0.03

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## Ordinary SNe, UVEX simulations by Yuhan Yao:

Class	Horizon phot (spec) $D_L$ (Mpc)	Vol. Rate ( $\text{yr}^{-1} \text{Gpc}^{-3}$ )	# Discovered (phot)* ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )	# Discovered (spec)** ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )
IIP	2000 (200)	$33981^{+5097}_{-5097}$	$2.1^{+0.5}_{-0.5} \times 10^4$	$5.4^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$
IIL	2000 (200)	$4417^{+663}_{-663}$	$2.7^{+0.4}_{-0.4} \times 10^3$	$0.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$
IIn	2000 (200)	$6204^{+930}_{-930}$	$6.4^{+1.0}_{-1.0} \times 10^3$	$< 1^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$
I Ib	2000 (200)	$7473^{+1120}_{-1120}$	$< 4.6^{+0.7}_{-0.7} \times 10^3$	$< 1.2^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$
Ib/Ic	462 (< 50)	$18330^{+4400}_{-4200}$	$3.6^{+0.9}_{-0.9} \times 10^2$	$0.05^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
Ia	316 (< 30)	$30100^{+3800}_{-3700}$	$1.8^{+0.25}_{-0.25} \times 10^2$	$0.02^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$

Table 2: Summary of yields for normal stellar explosions. For details about assumptions that leads to these numbers see below. Volumetric rates of SNe from [10] Li et al., 2011 (LOSS sample); for ratios of types of CCSNe, [11] Smith et al., 2011.

\* I assumed that the IIP, I Ib, Ibc, Ia SNe are above the threshold for photometric detection for  $\sim 1$  week; IIn for 10 days;

\*\* Rate of SNe discovered within 2 days of explosion, above our spectroscopic threshold and for which we have pre-explosion imaging within 48hrs before the first detection.

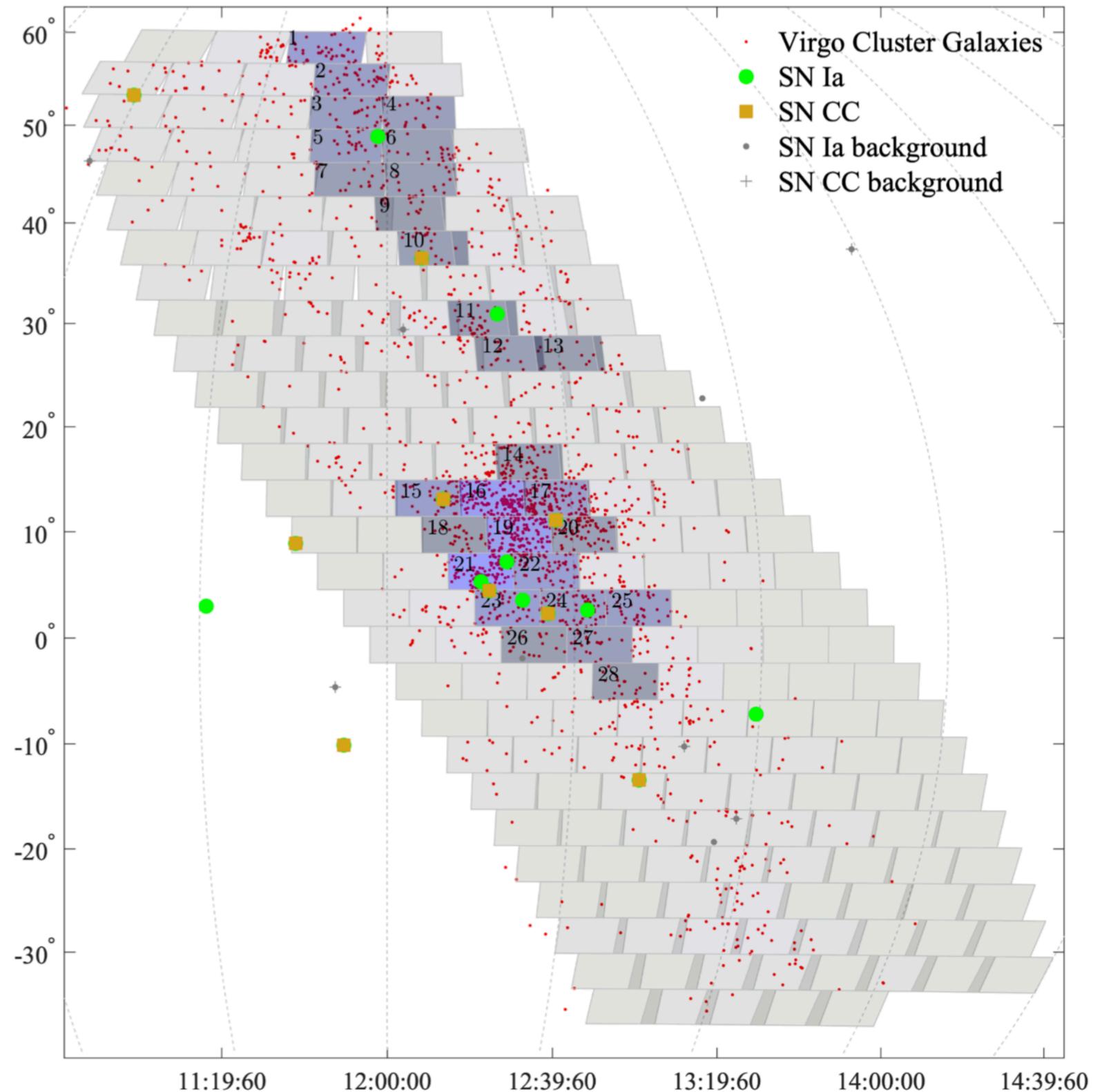
## Assumptions:

- Intrinsic volumetric rates from the papers referenced in the table.
- Reduction of 20% of the sky available due to regions of high extinction.
- Reduction of 0.5 mag in depth for both spectra and photometry to account for MW and intrinsic extinction (same as Anna above).
- Sky coverage: I used the results from the simulations from Yuhan: On average we cover 468 deg<sup>2</sup> during one day, and 812 deg<sup>2</sup> during 2 days. If we do not count the quick tiling dwells (so we have 730-80=650 days), then the answer is 427 deg<sup>2</sup> per day and 715 deg<sup>2</sup> per 2 days. On average, 48.8% of the sky has an observation  $\leq$  24 hrs before, and 48.8% of the sky has an observation  $\leq$  48 hrs before.
- For all SNe, I assumed we want to sample at least 1 mag below the peak UV brightness

# A dedicated Virgo cluster survey (d~16.5 Mpc)

*Simulations by Christoffer Fremling*

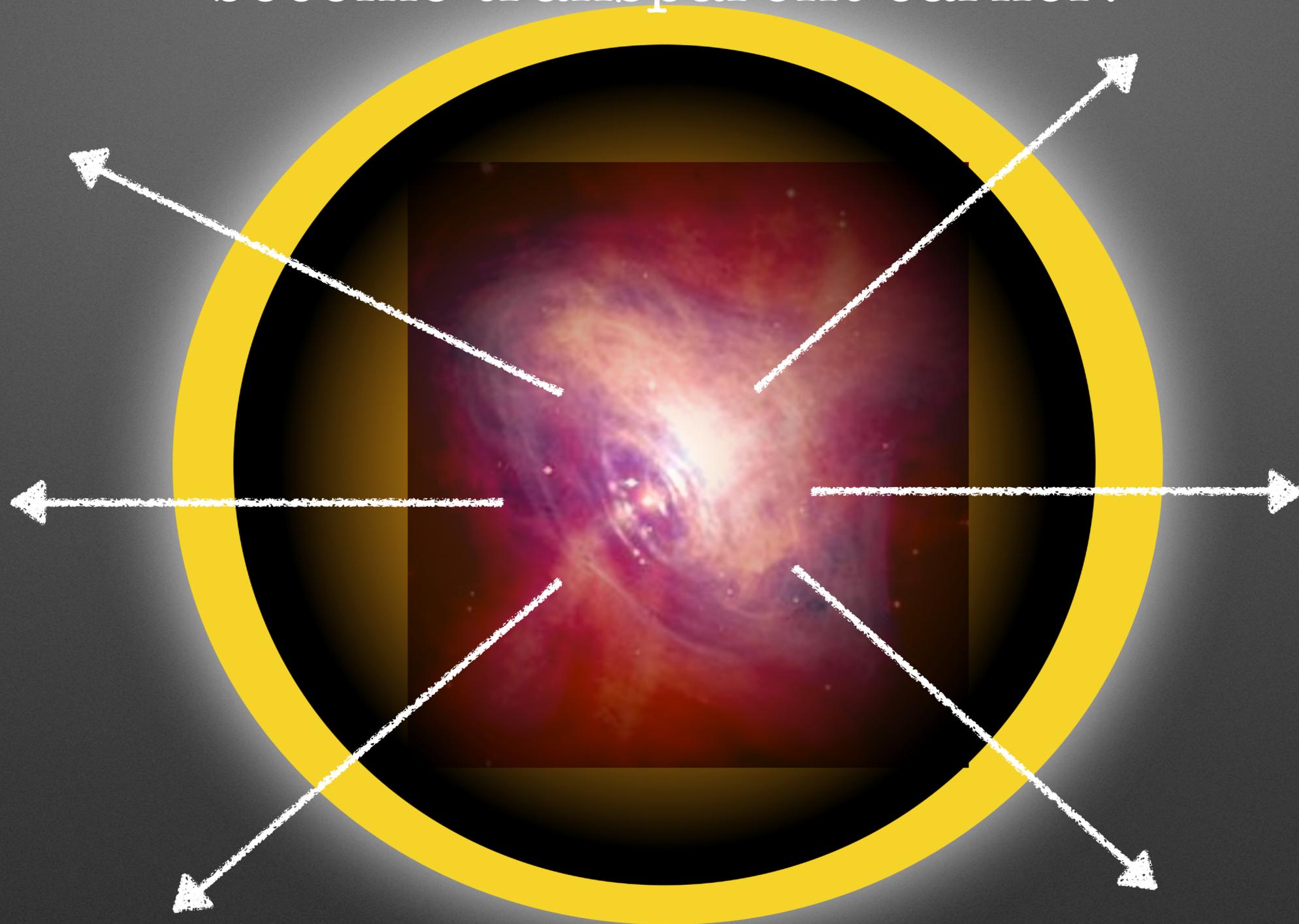
**(Not part of the 2-yr plan)**



12hr-cadence survey, 200s exposure, for half a year  
Expected yield of at least ~4 SNe (of which ~2 Ia)  
All above threshold for spectroscopy  
With a 12hr pre-explosion non-detection

Total time for photometry: 1 Msec for core Virgo (2 Msec for extended Virgo)

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