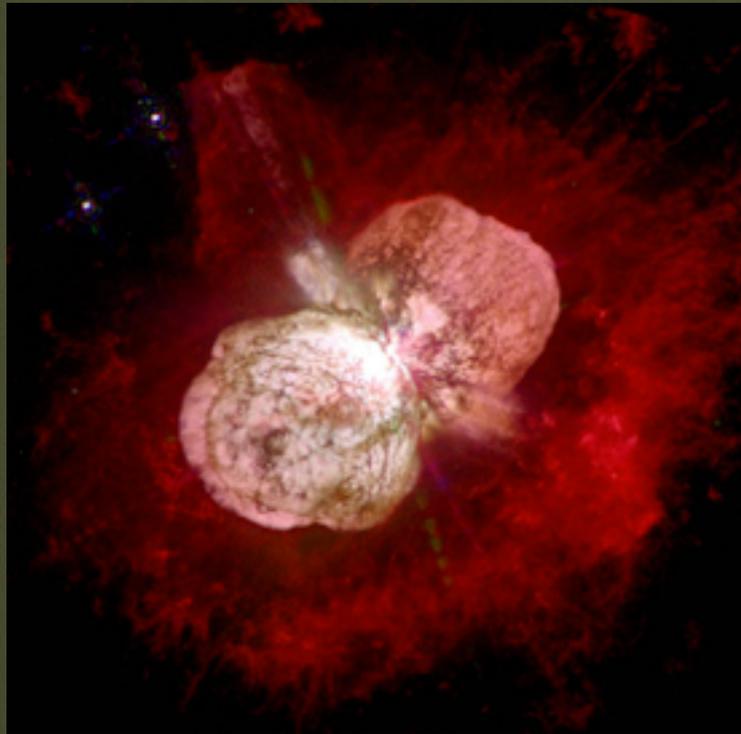


# (Nuclear) Transient detection/characterisation with Gaia

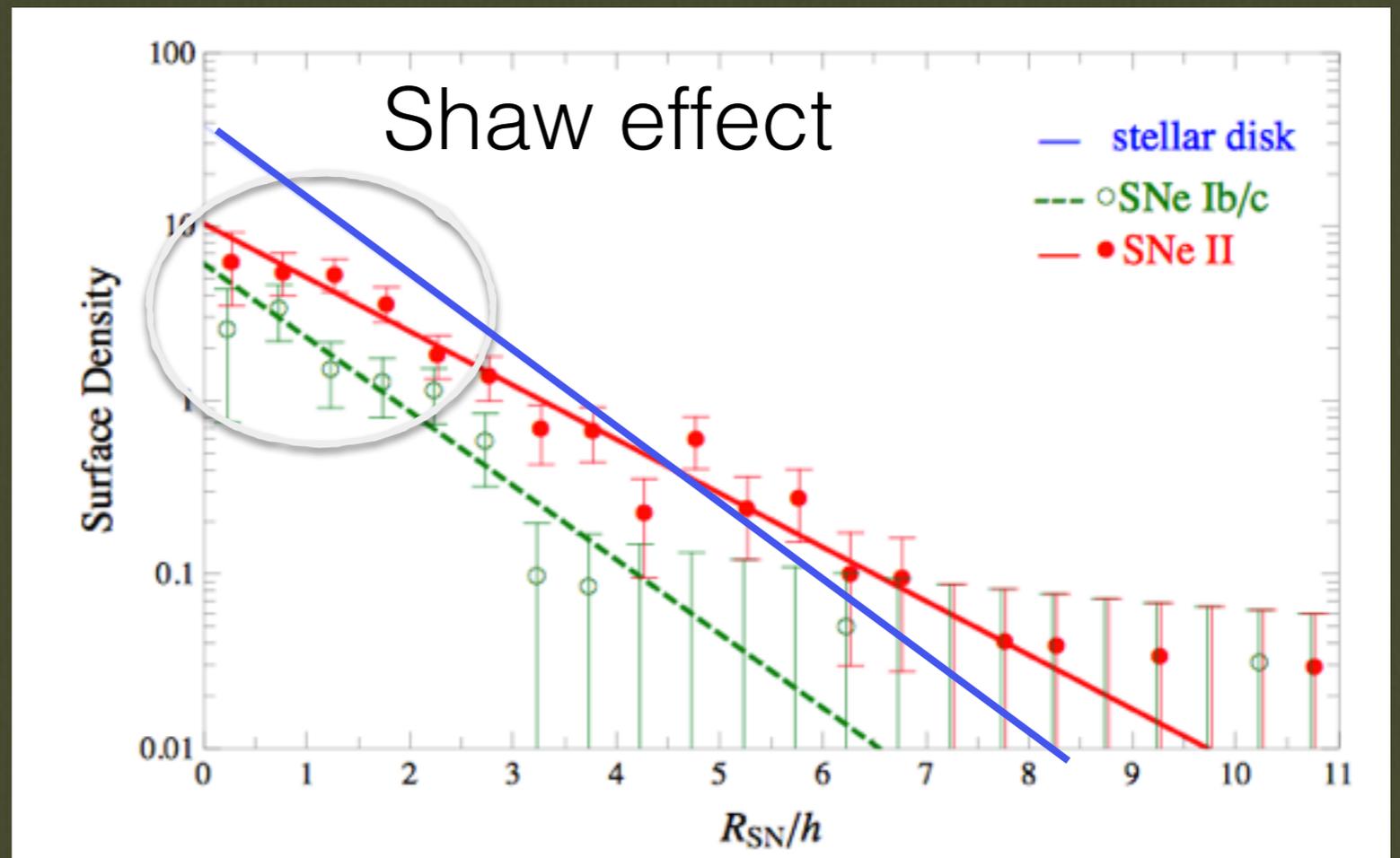
Gaia Science Alerts workshop, 11th November 2015

Nadejda Blagorodnova ( **Caltech** )  
& Gaia Science Alerts DPAC team



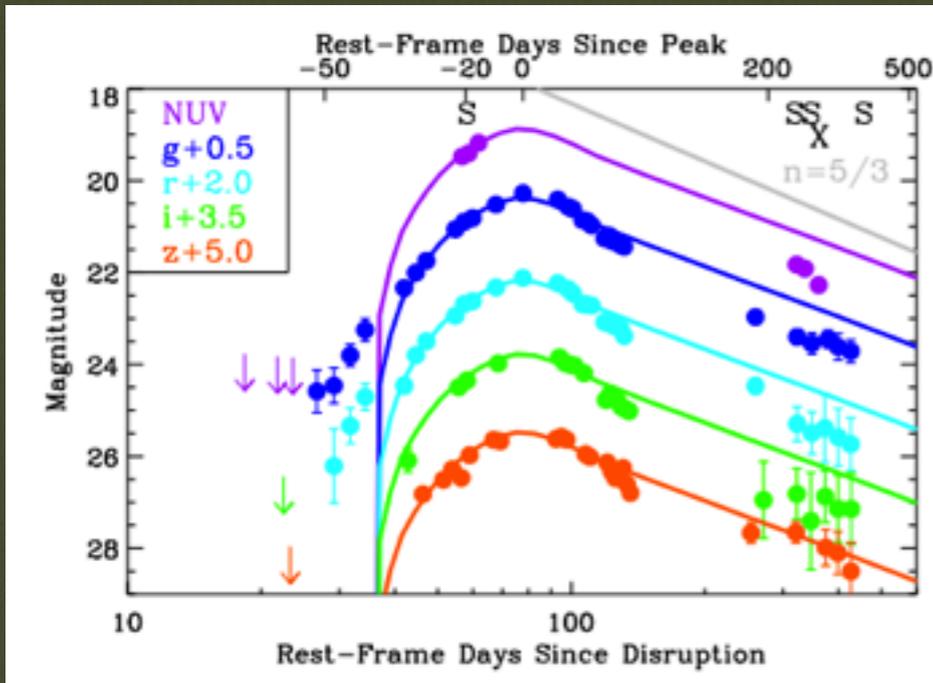
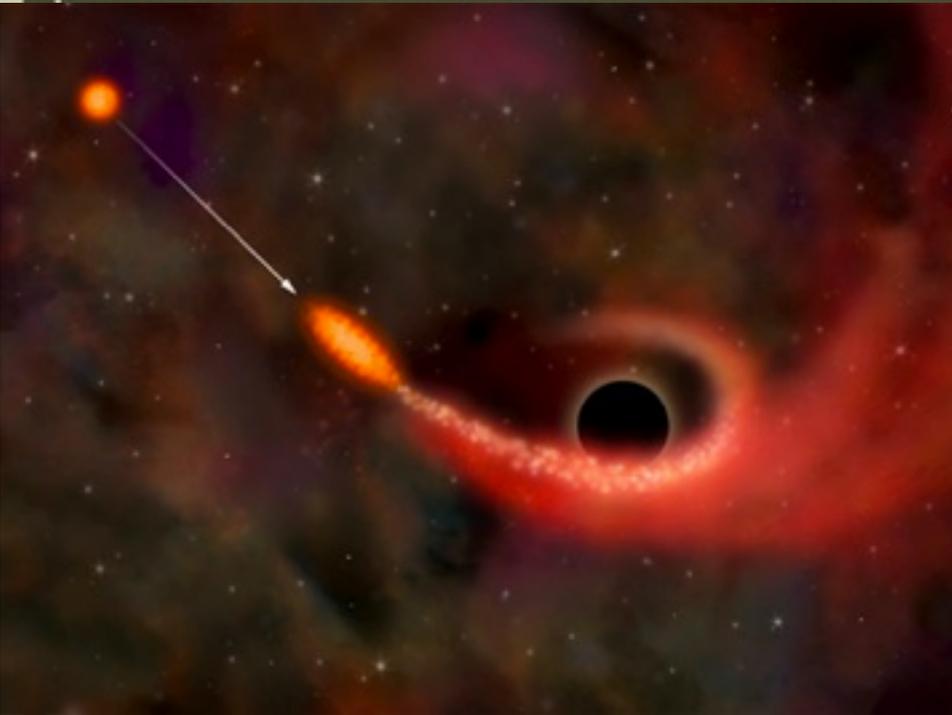
# Nuclear Supernovae

- Lack of CCSN in central regions:
  - Different IMF?
  - Intrinsically fainter?
  - Dust?
  - Metallicity?
  - Bias in ground-based surveys?

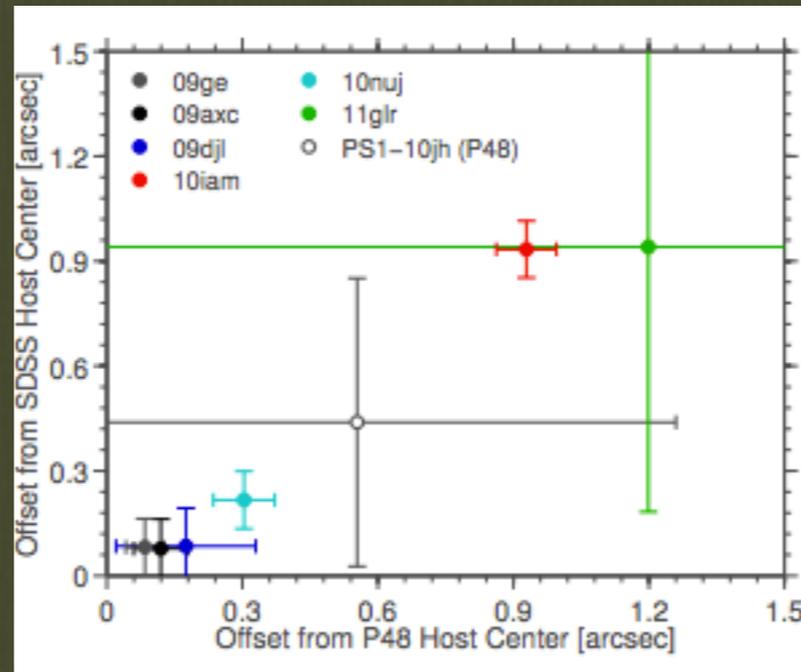


*Hakobyan et. al, 2008*

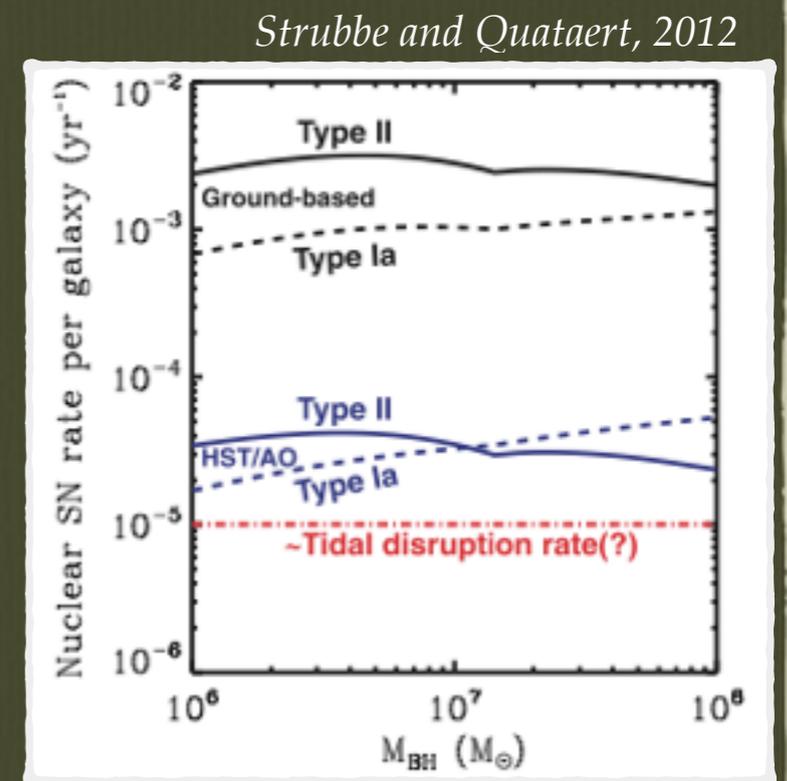
# Tidal Disruption



Gezari et. al., 2012



Arcavi et. al., 2014

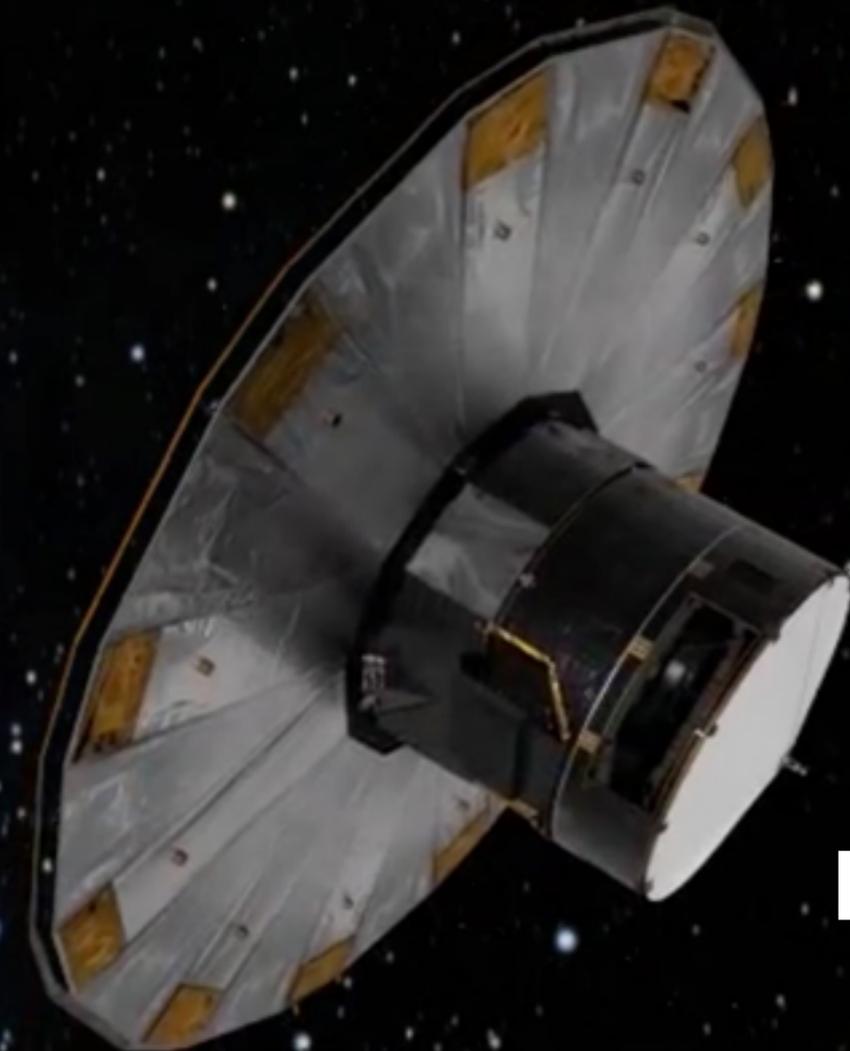
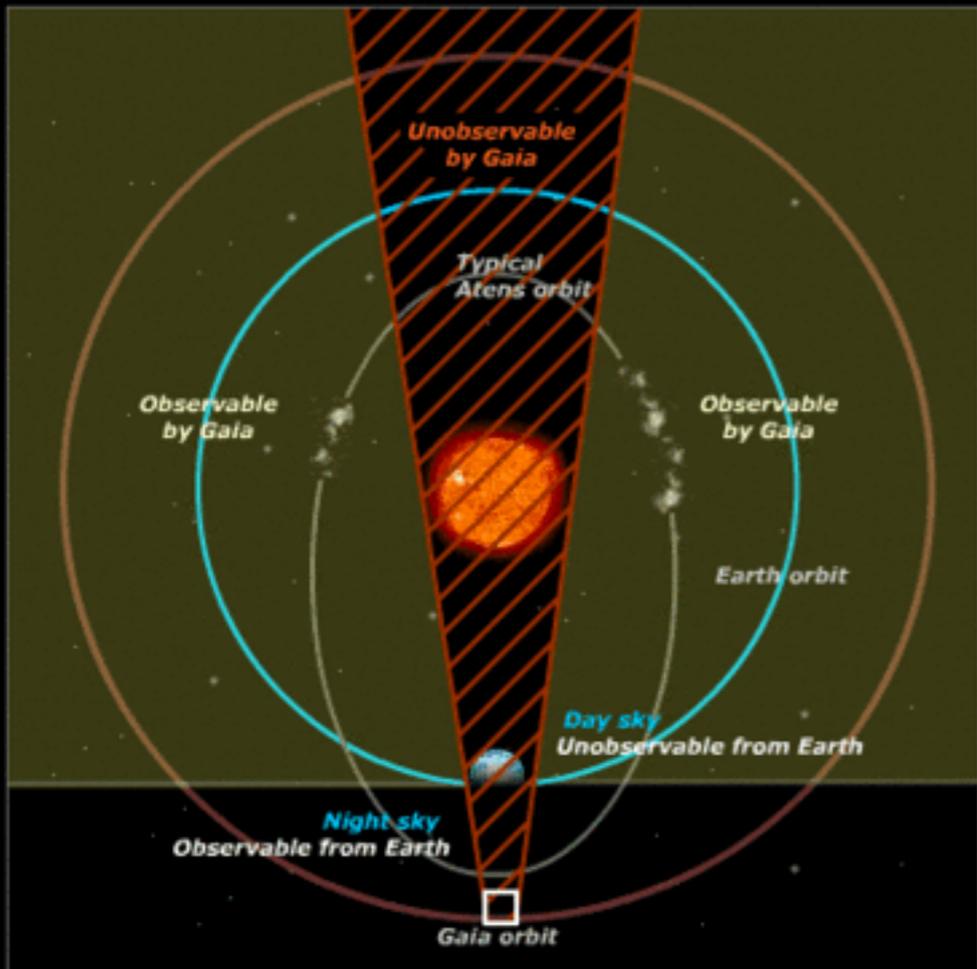


Strubbe and Quataert, 2012

- SMBH population for non-active galaxies: mass, spin
- Accretion disk geometry in SMBH

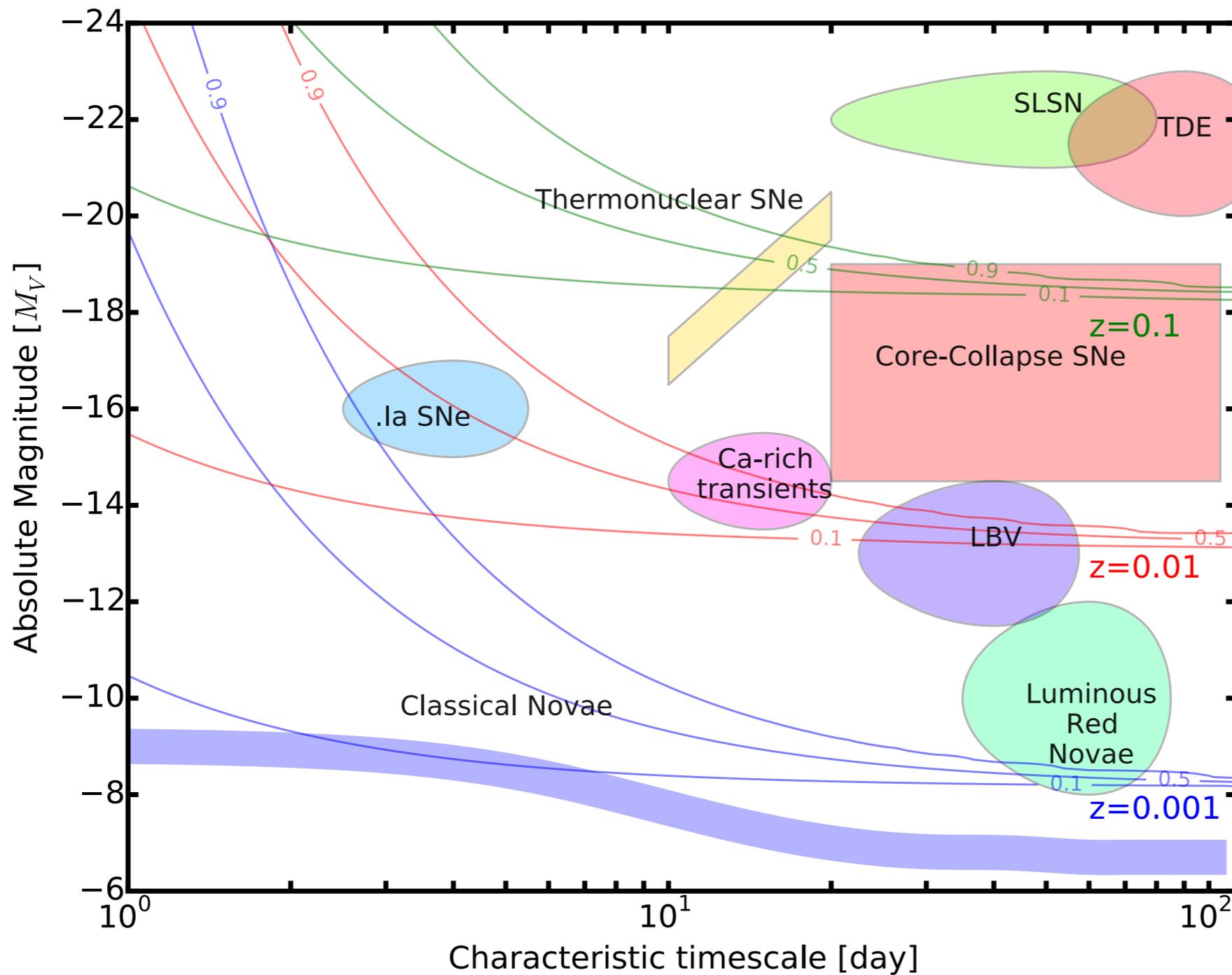
Sun

Earth



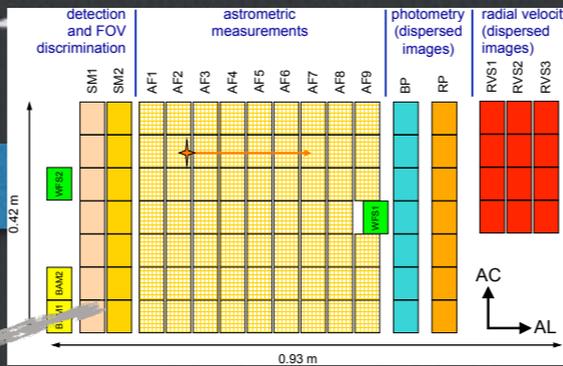
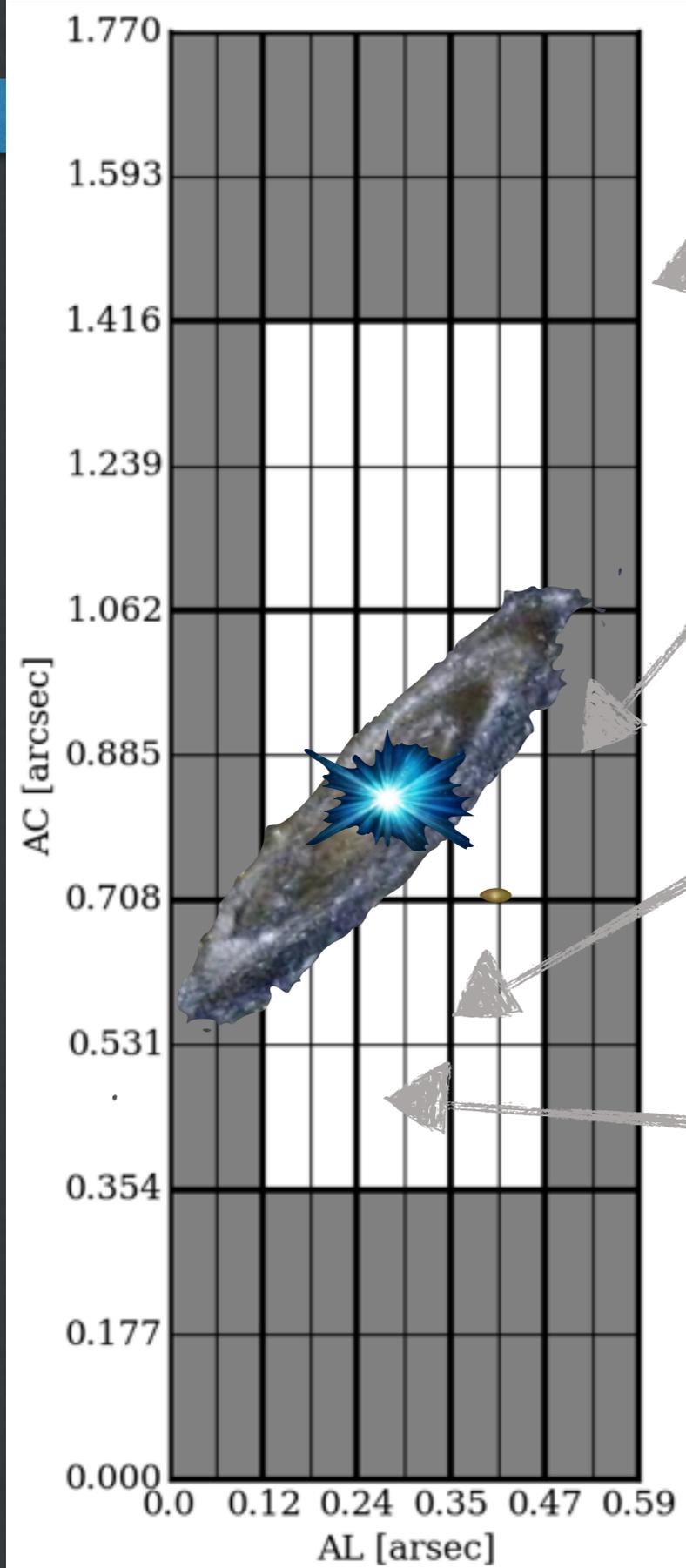
L2

# Gaia parameter space



Limiting mag:  
20.5mag  
Cadence:  
~35d

Original diagram in Kasliwal et. al, 2011



Scan motion

## Background estimation:

- 5th lowest value of 16 samples

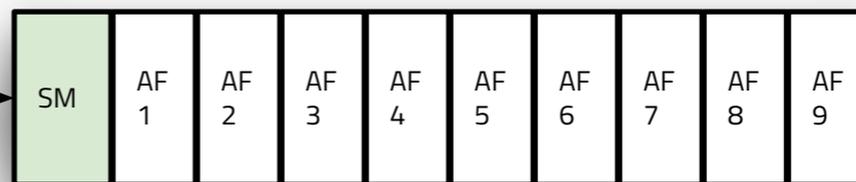
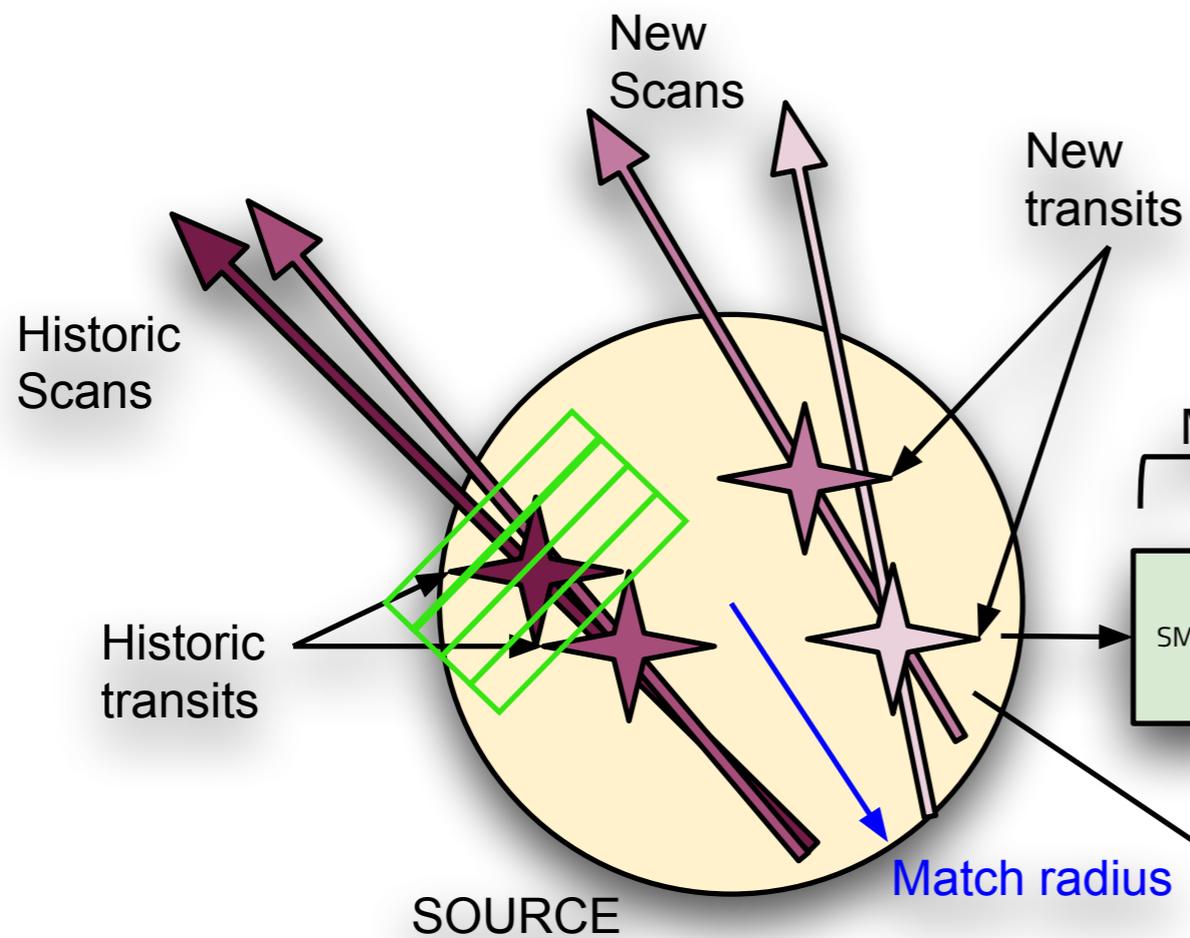
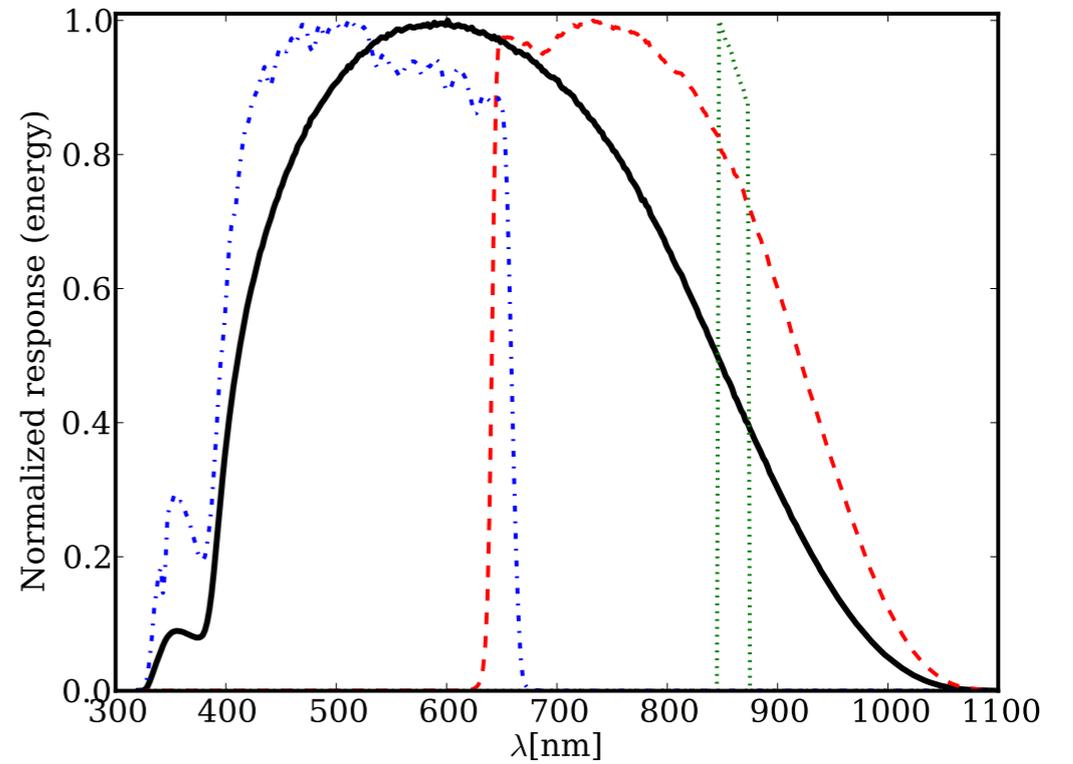
## Flux estimation:

- Central 3x3 - background

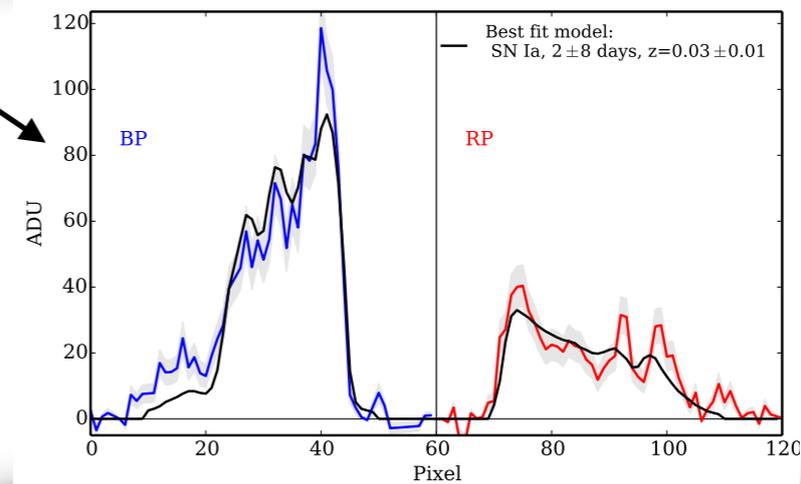
## Source detection:

- Flux
- Geometry 3x3 window

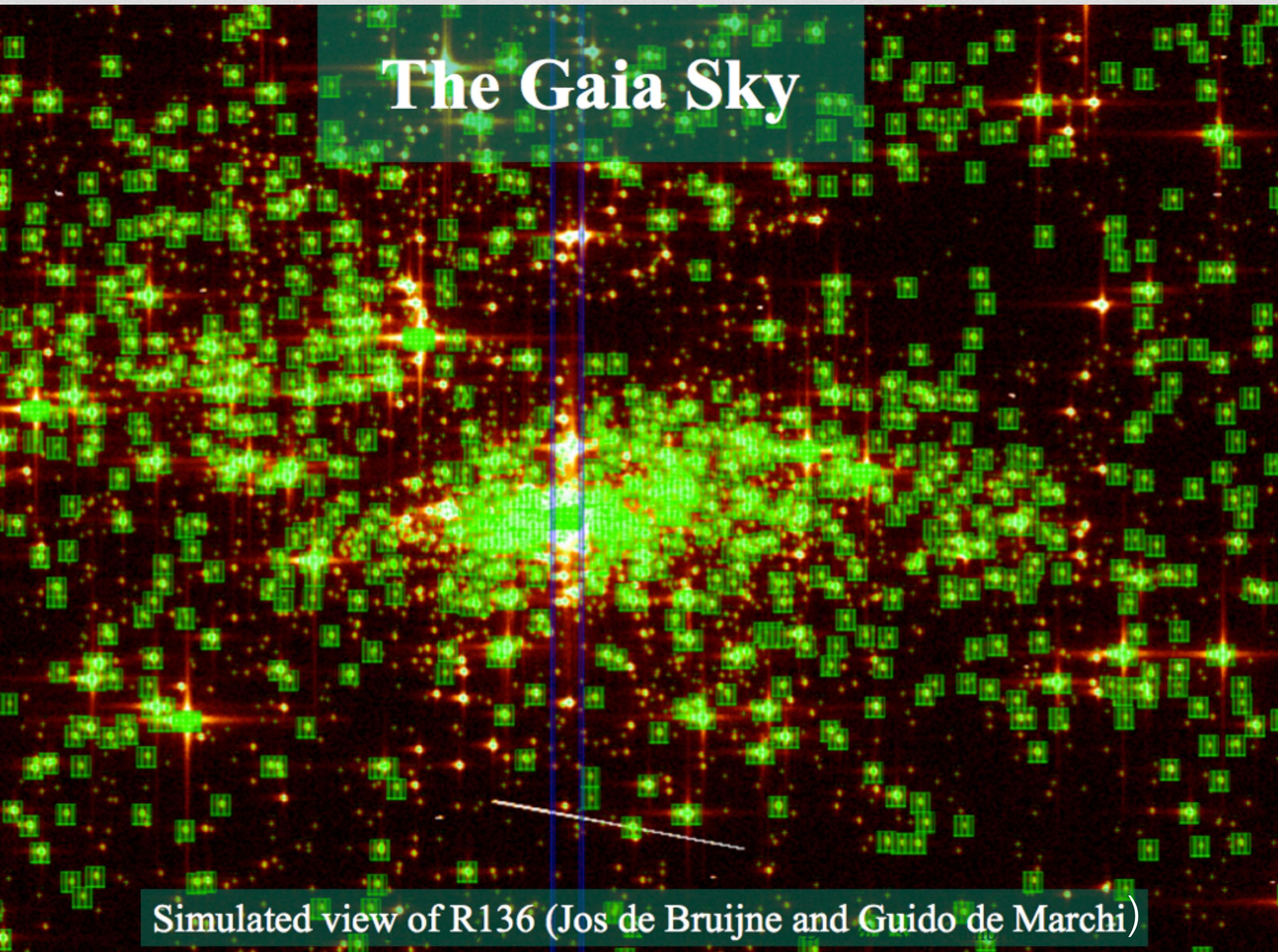
# The catalogue...



50M  
day<sup>-1</sup>

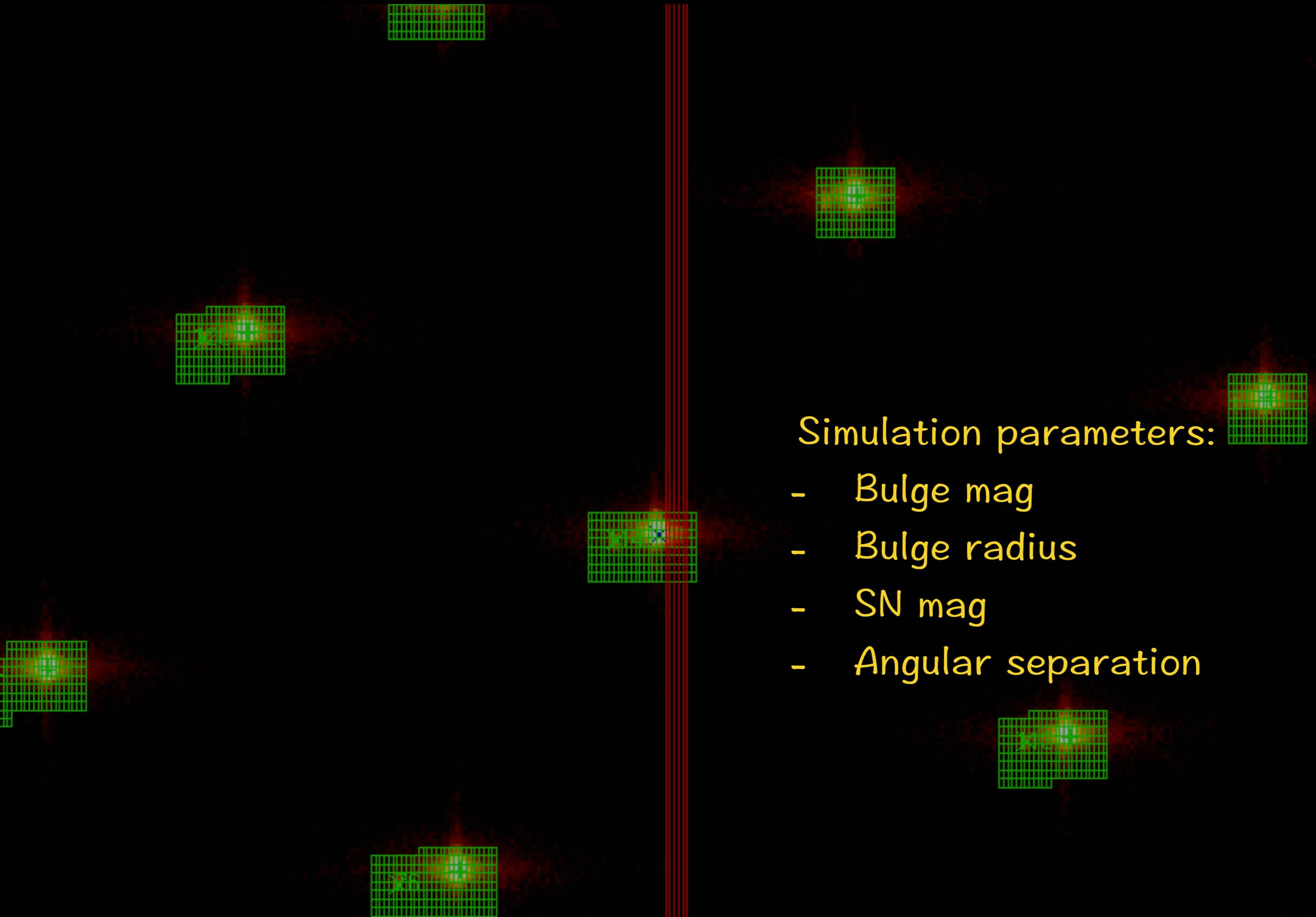


# The Gaia Sky



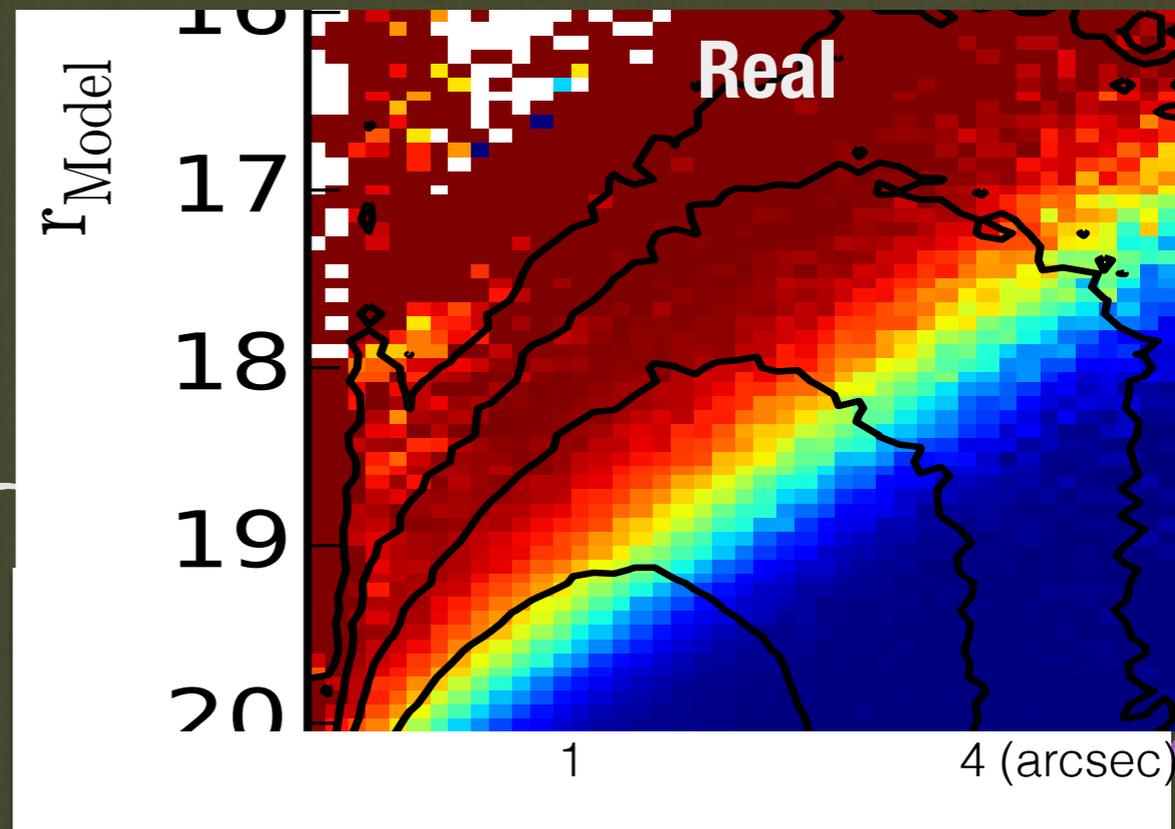
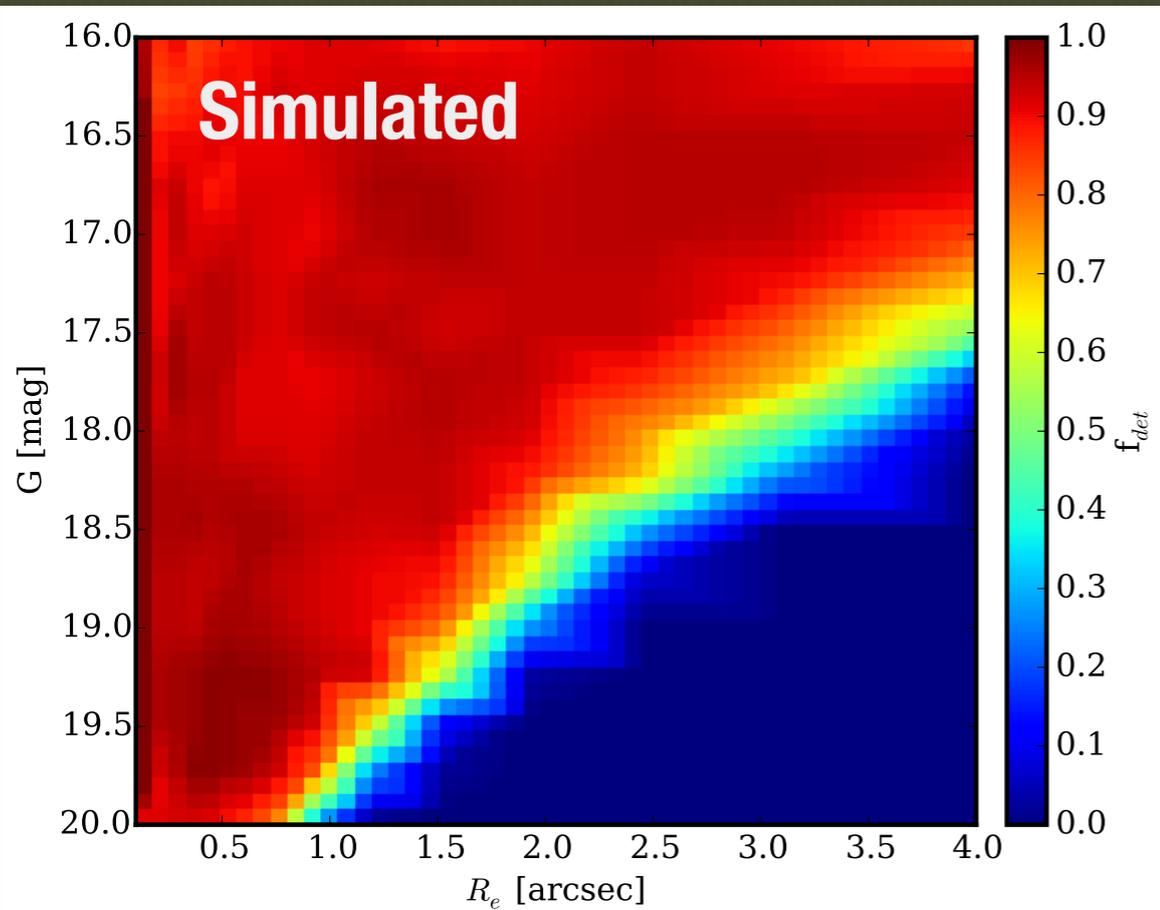
Simulated view of R136 (Jos de Bruijne and Guido de Marchi)

# GIBIS: Gaia Instrument and Basic Image Simulator



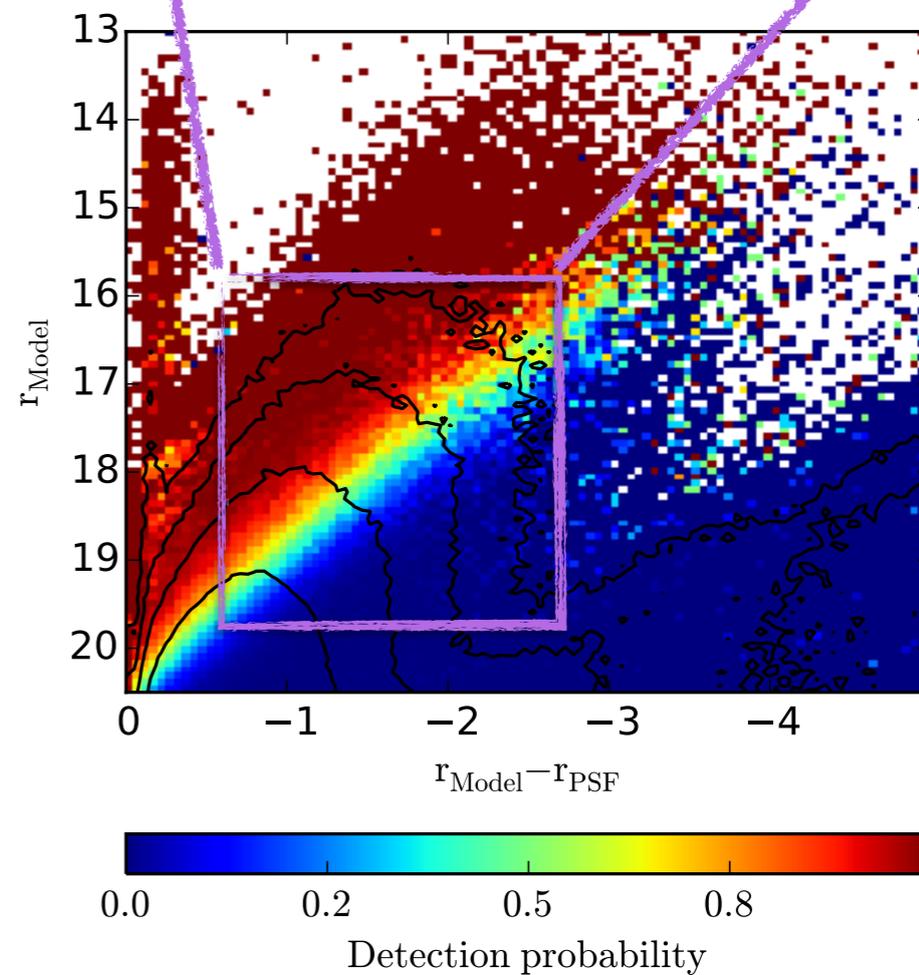
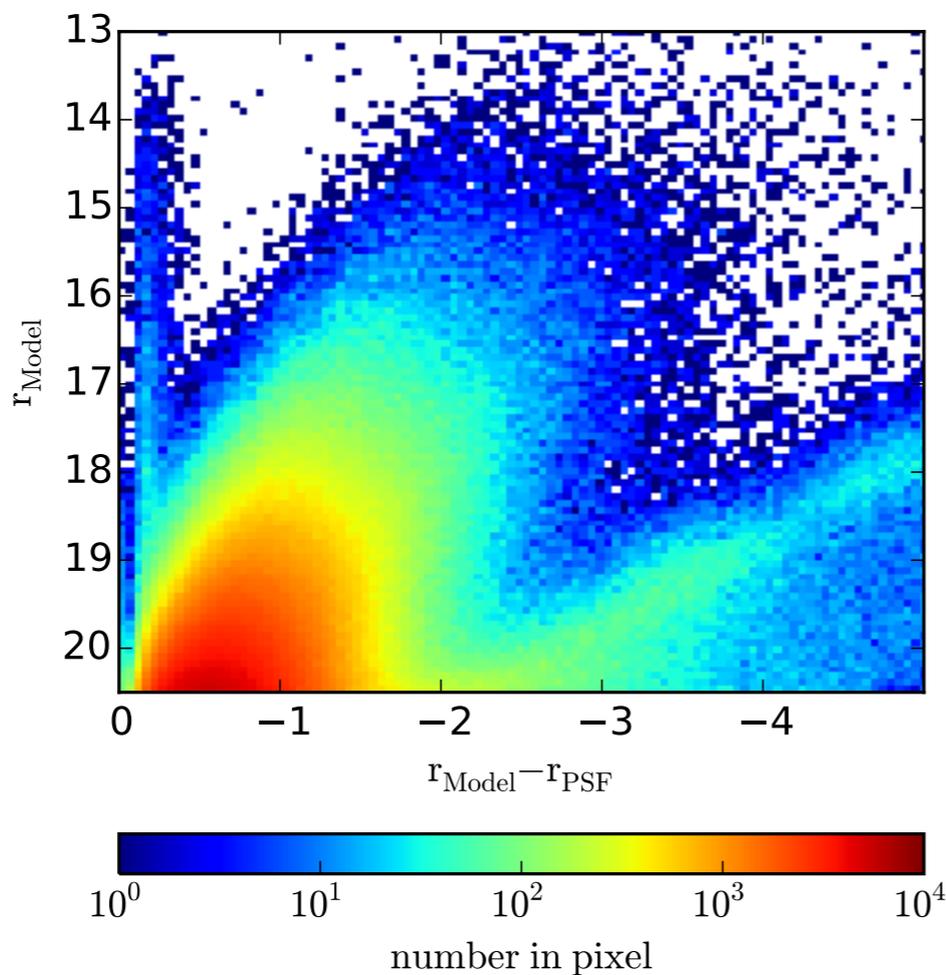
Simulation parameters:

- Bulge mag
- Bulge radius
- SN mag
- Angular separation

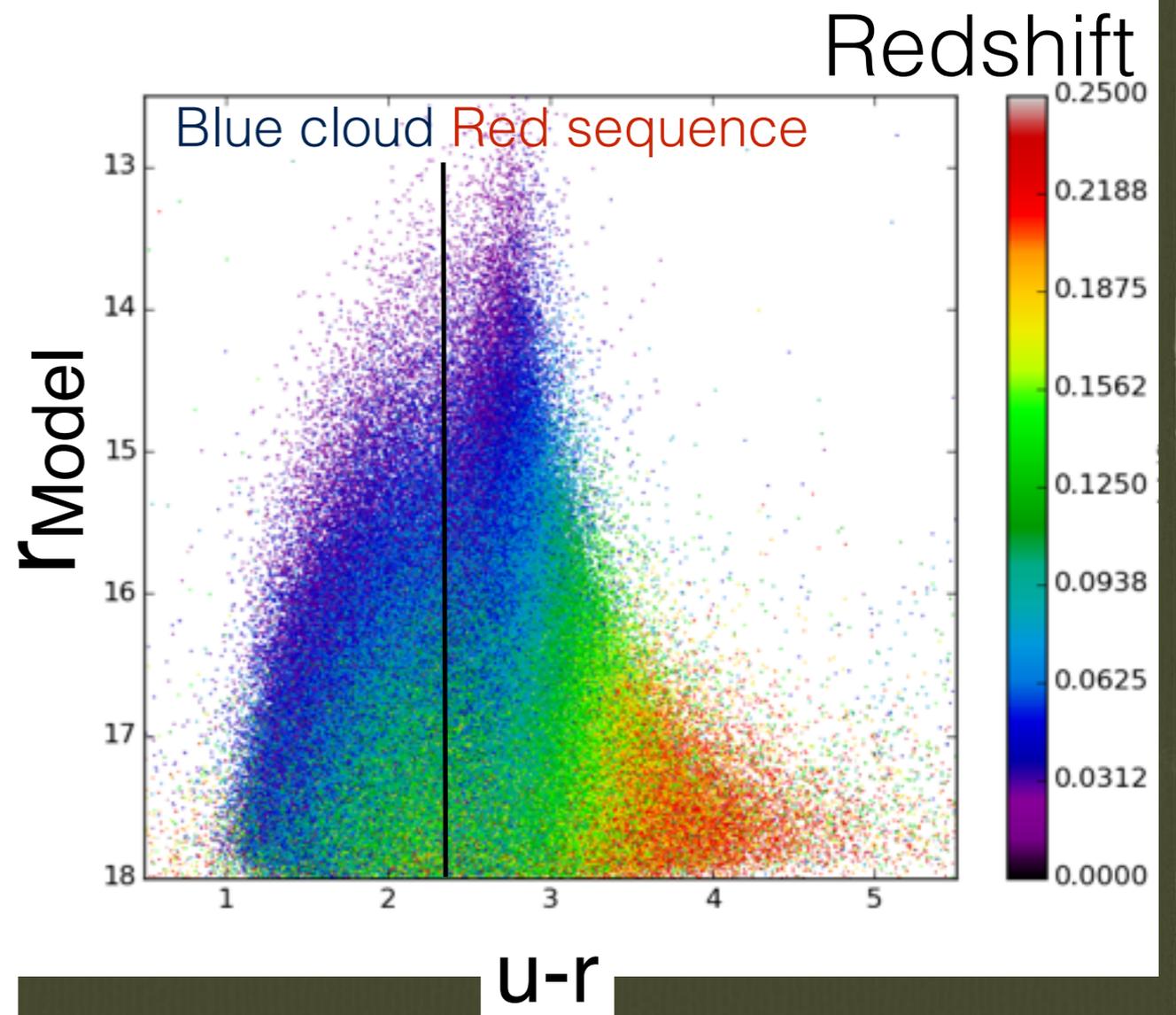
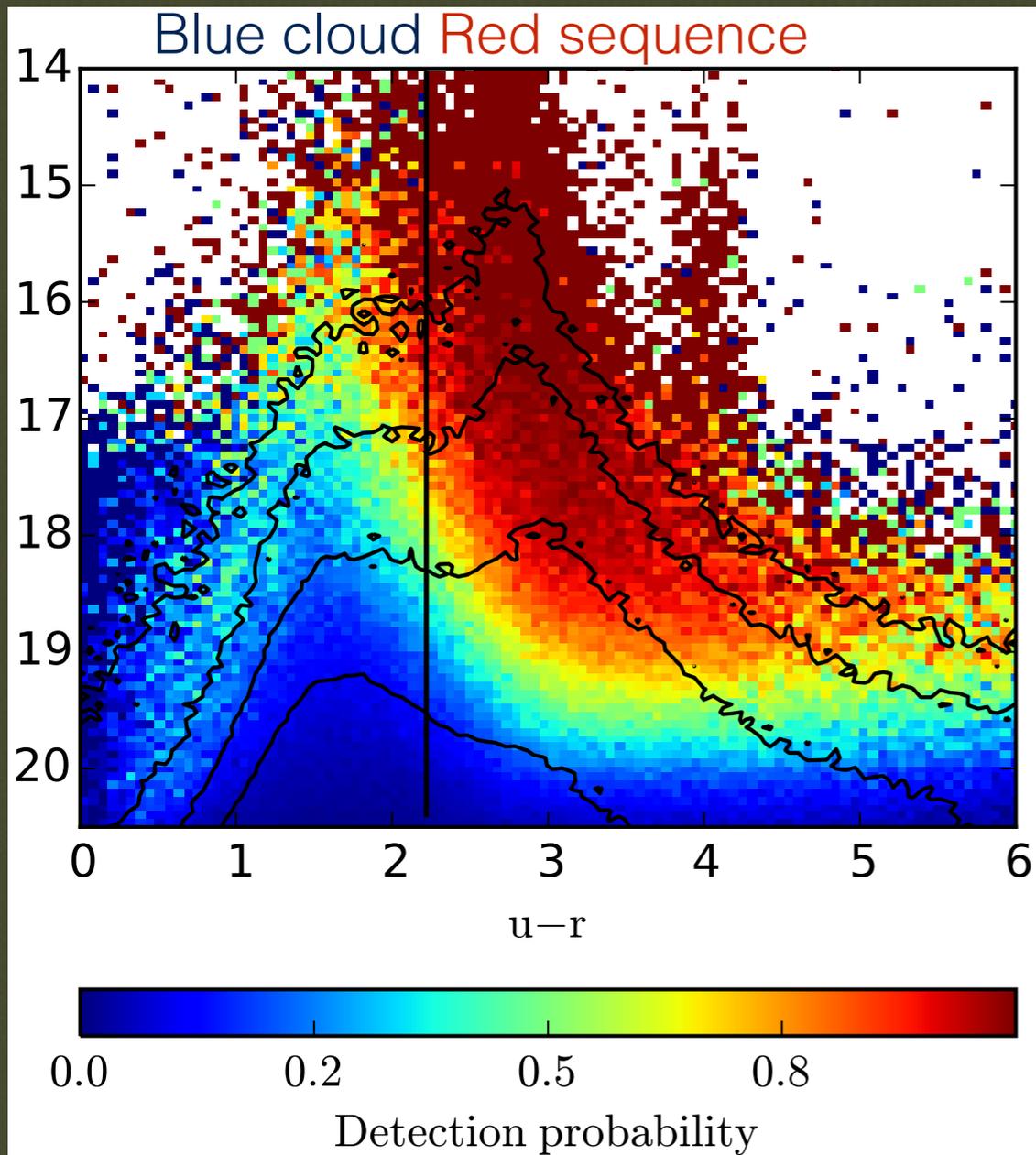


**1.3M from  
SDSS  
mag < 20**

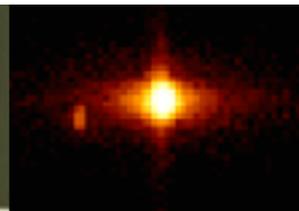
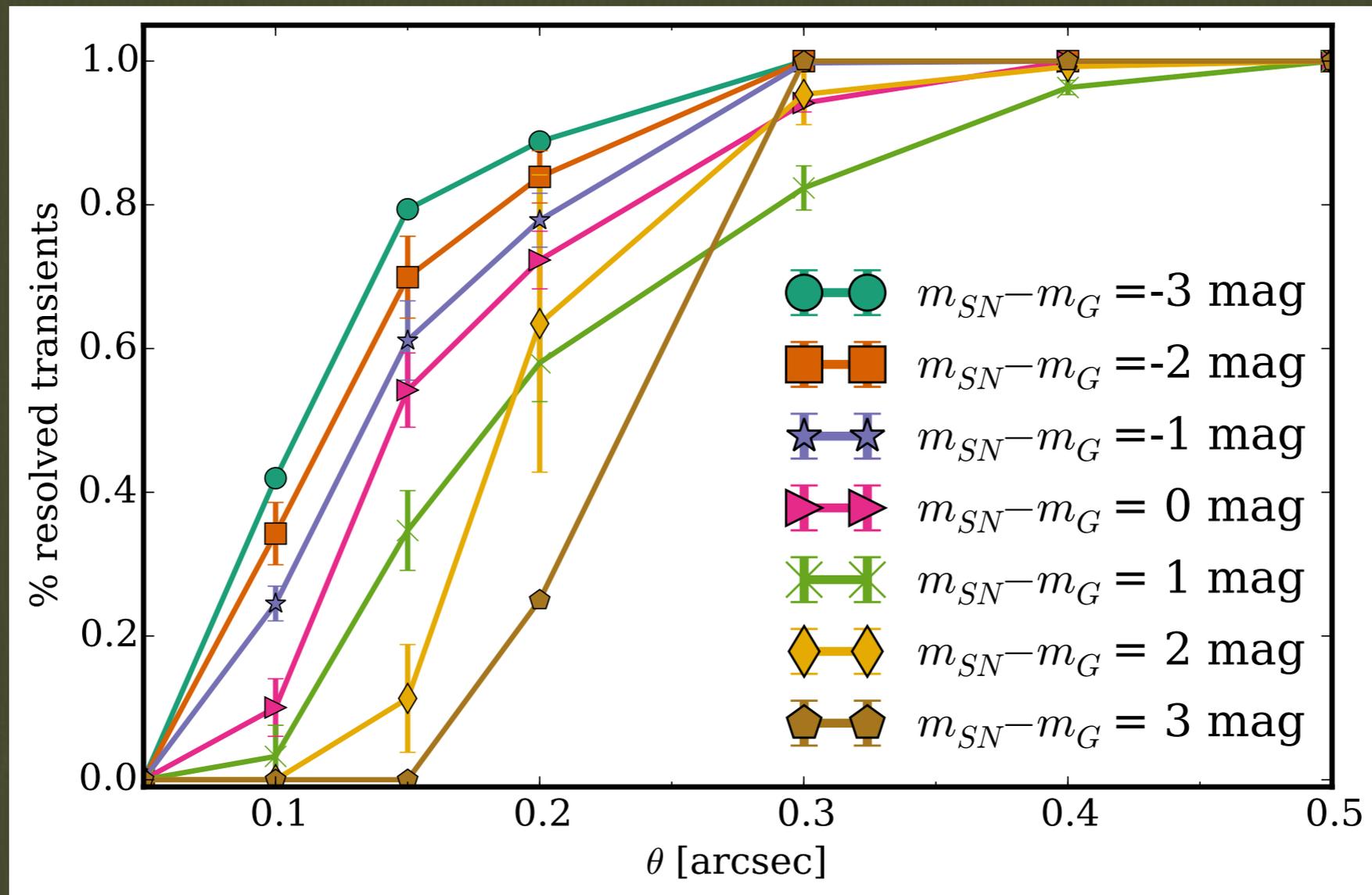
**~25%  
galaxies  
detected**

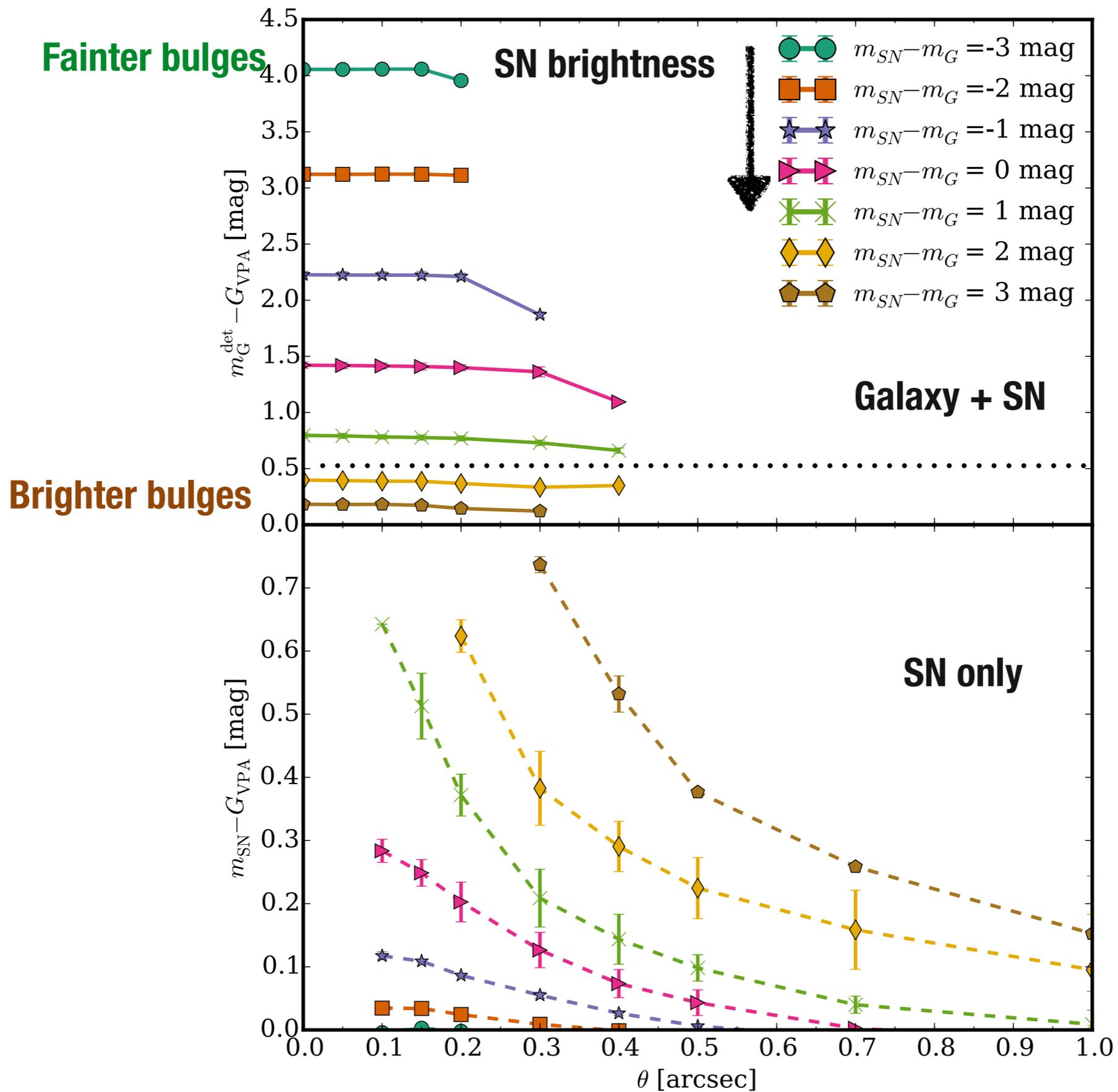


# What galaxies are detected?

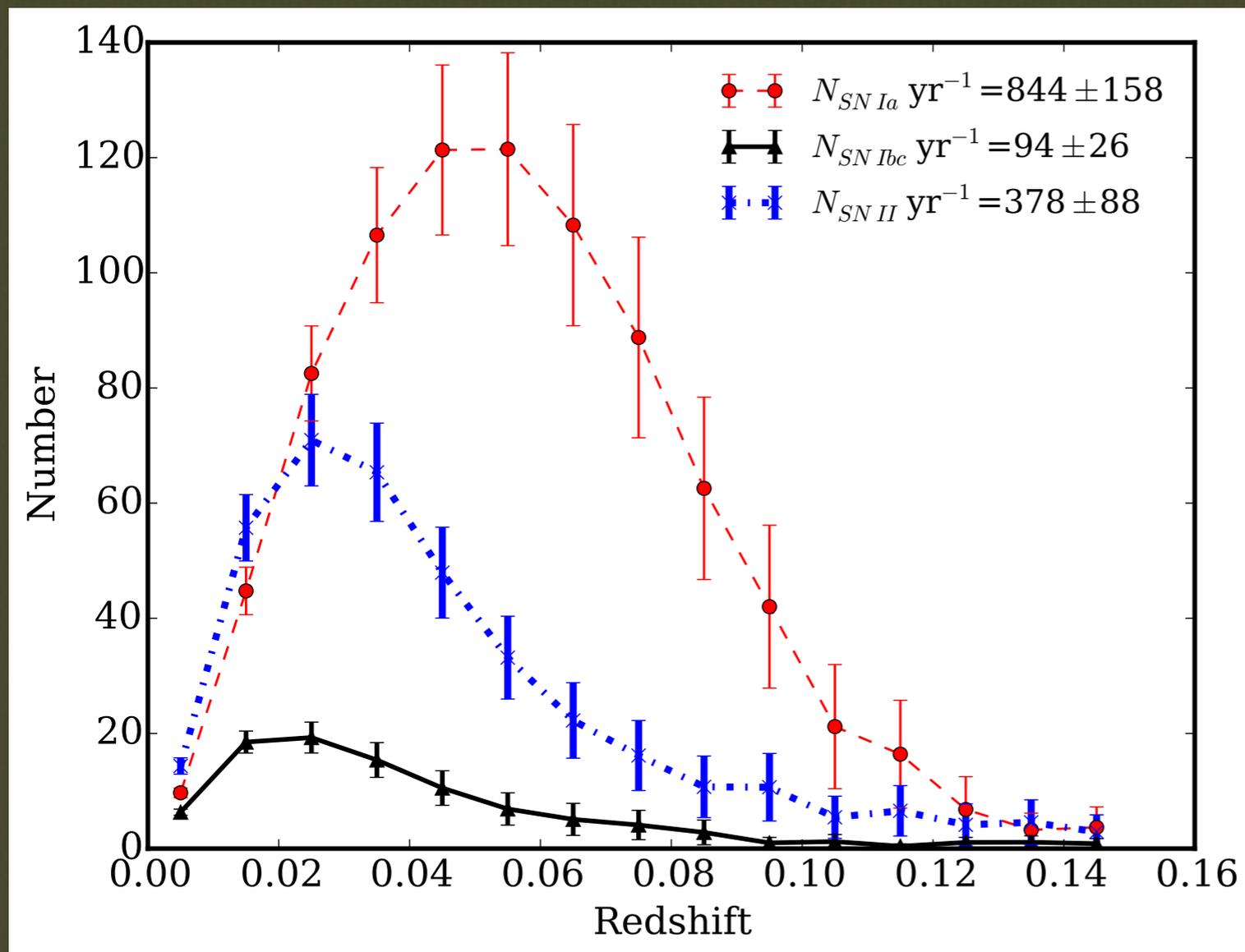


# % resolved in function of magnitude difference bulge-SN





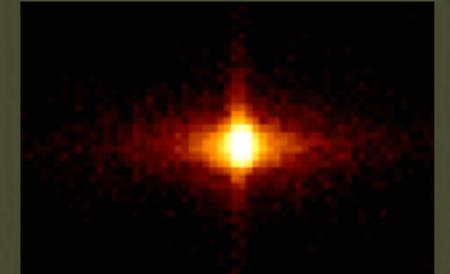
# Expected number of SNe. Limiting Magnitude=19



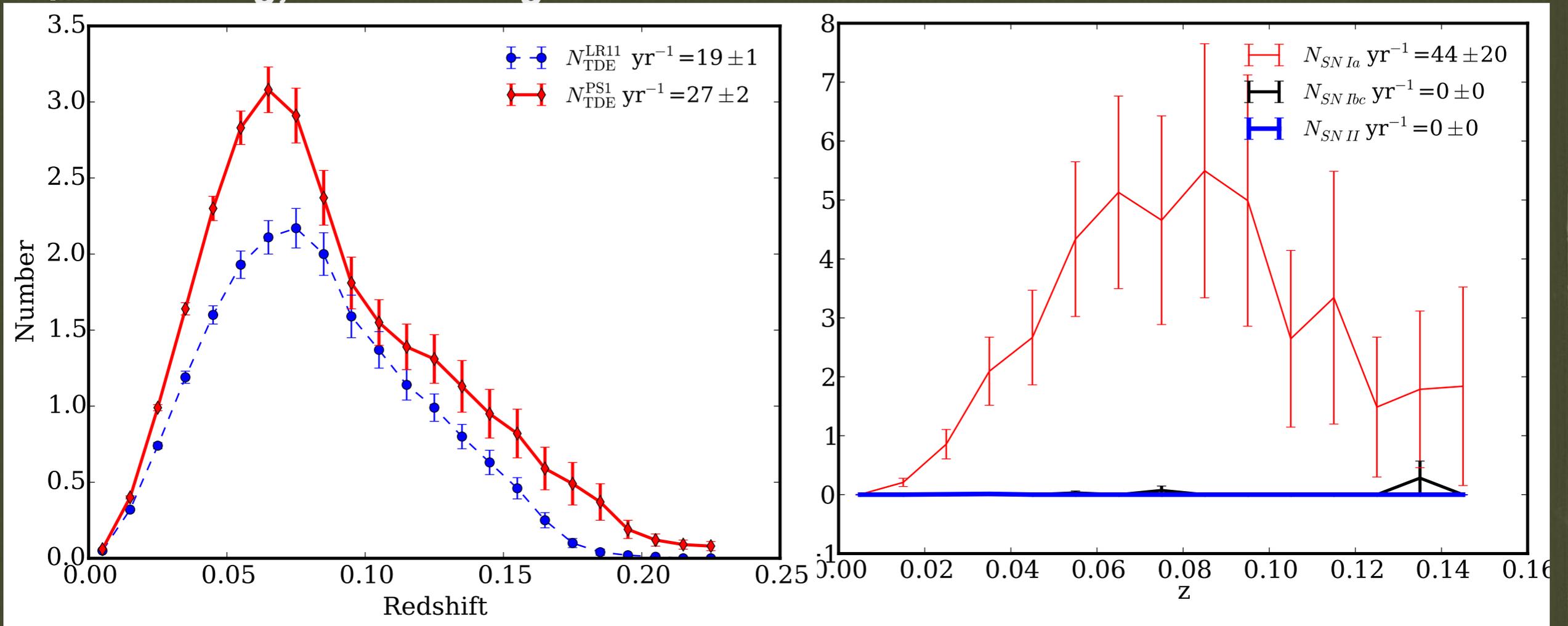
Orphan in Gaia:

75% SN Ia  
90% CCSN

# TDE vs. SN - nuclear case

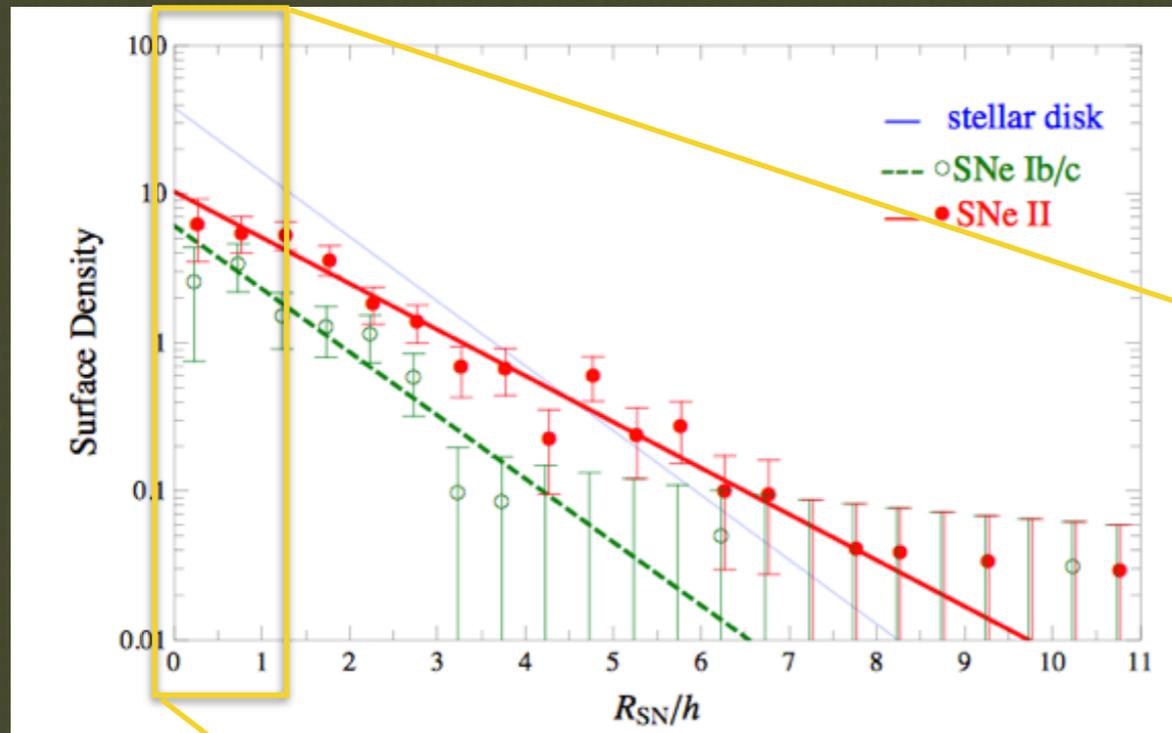


$m_{\text{lim}} = 19\text{mag}, \Delta m = 0.5\text{mag}$



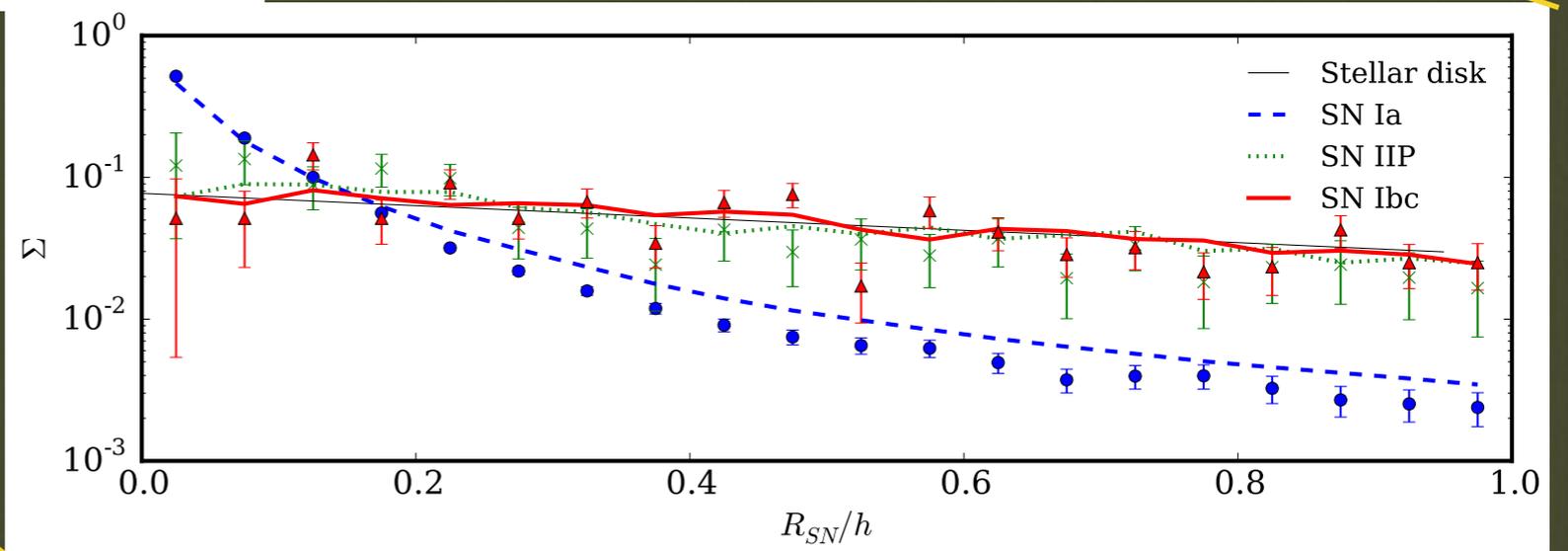
Detected TDE ~ Detected unresolvable SN  
-> **Low contamination!**

# SN density distribution



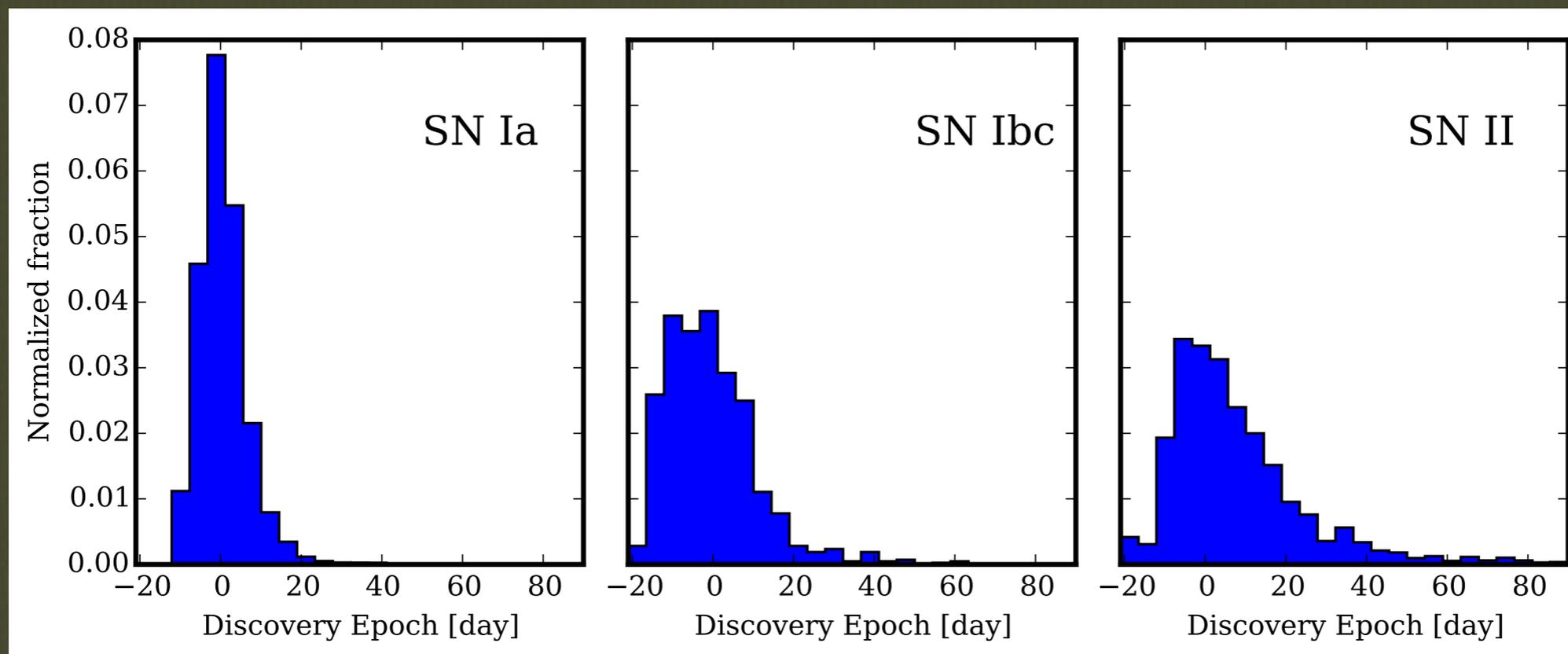
*Hakobyan et. al, 2008*

No noticeable decrease  
in the number of detections  
close to nucleus



*Blagorodnova et. al. 2015*

# SN epoch at discovery

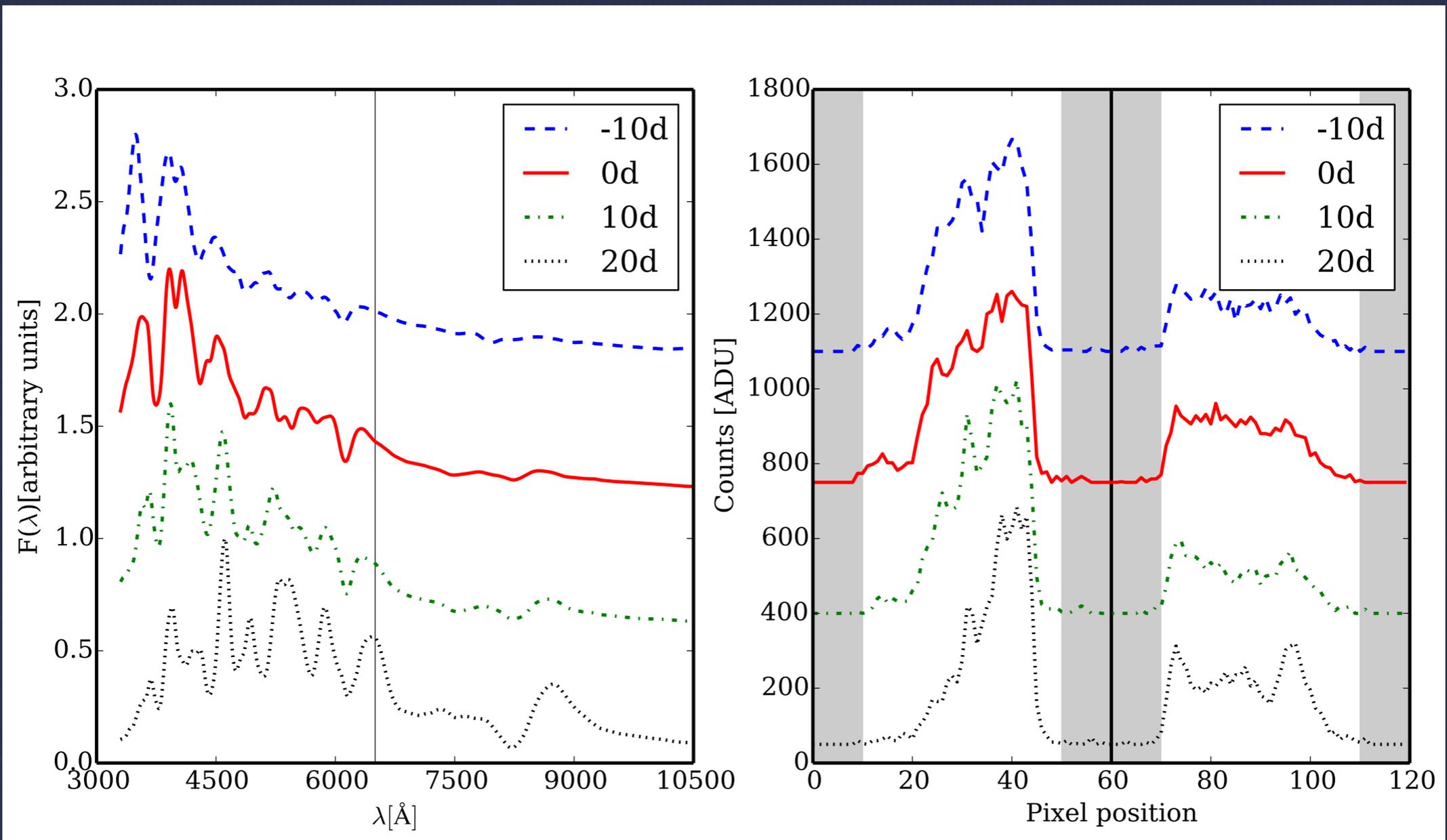


**Existing low resolution spectra for classification!**

# Gaia Transient Classification

Blue

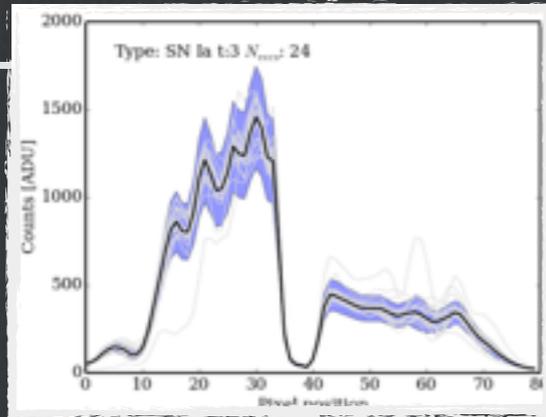
Red



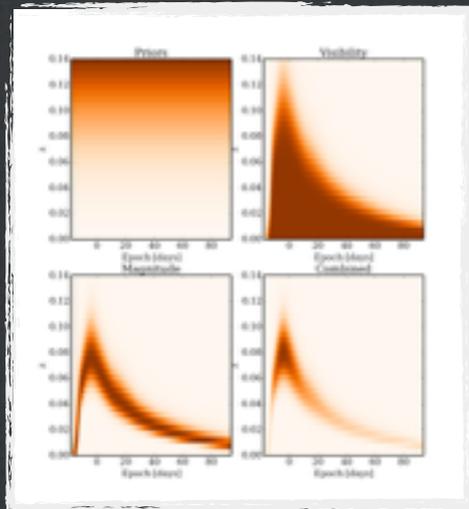
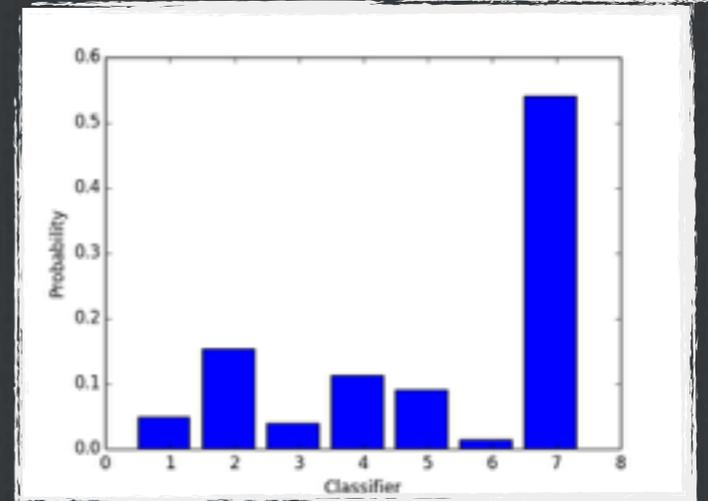
SN Ia templates from Hsiao et. al 2007

# GSTEC-Gaia Spectrophotometry Transient Event Classifier

P(type)



Spectral libraries



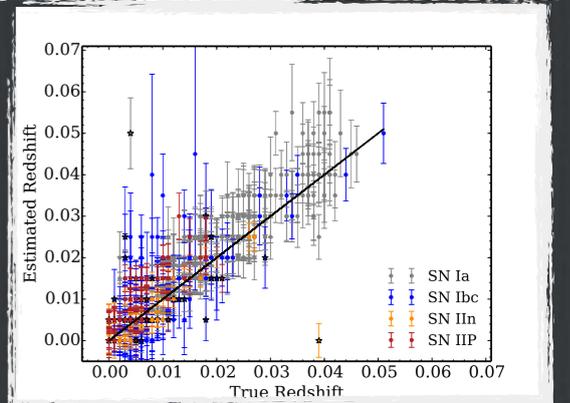
Priors

GS-TEC

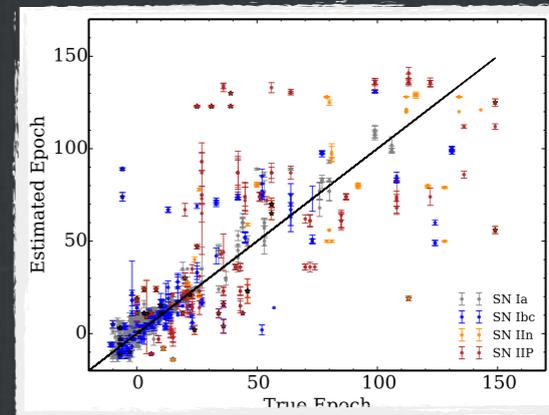
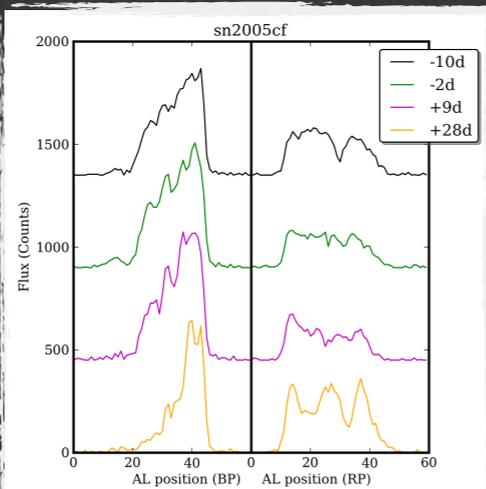
$$P(M|D, m_G, v) = \frac{P(D, m_G, v|M)P(M)}{\int P(D, m_G, v|M)P(M)dM}$$



z



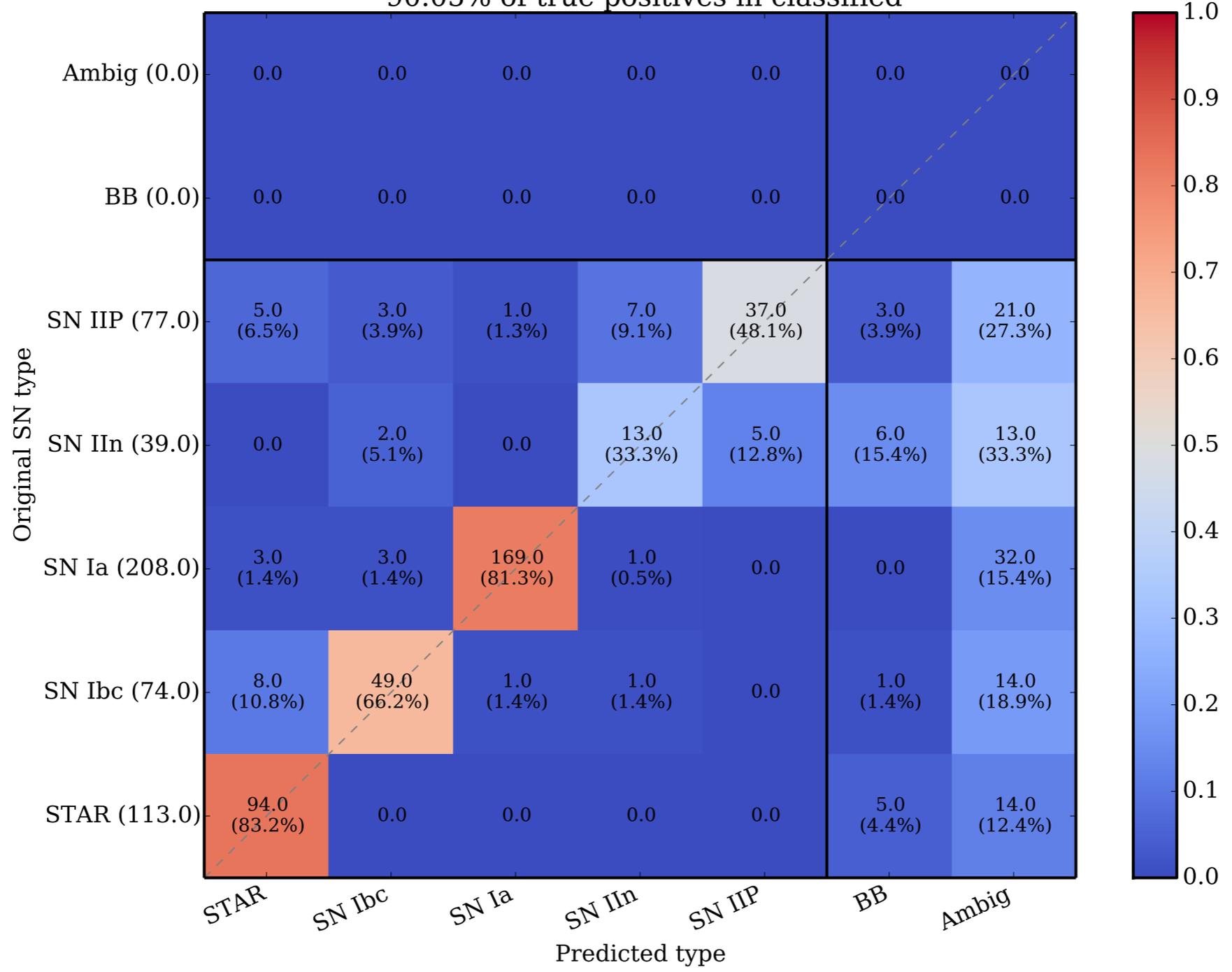
Input  
spectra

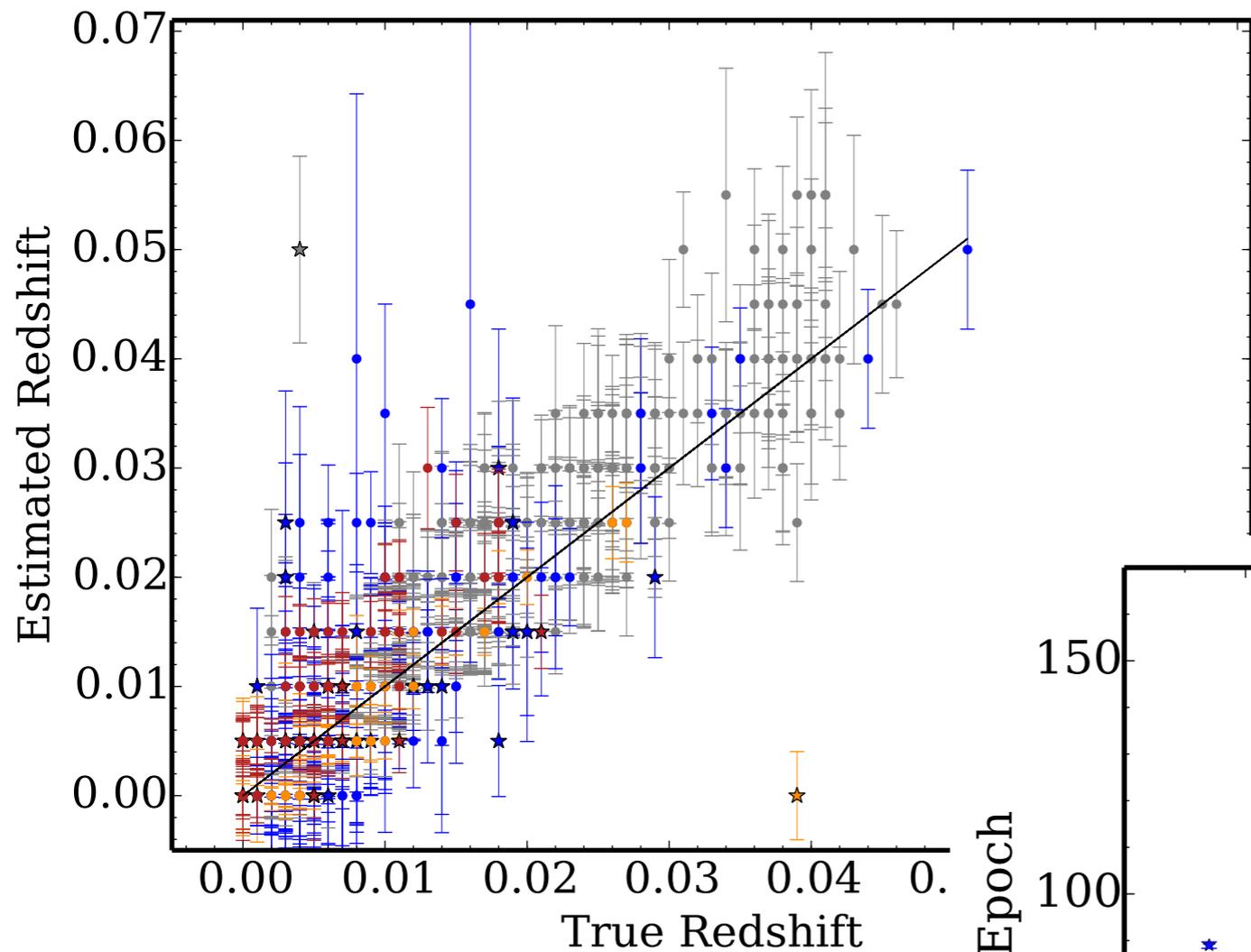


epoch

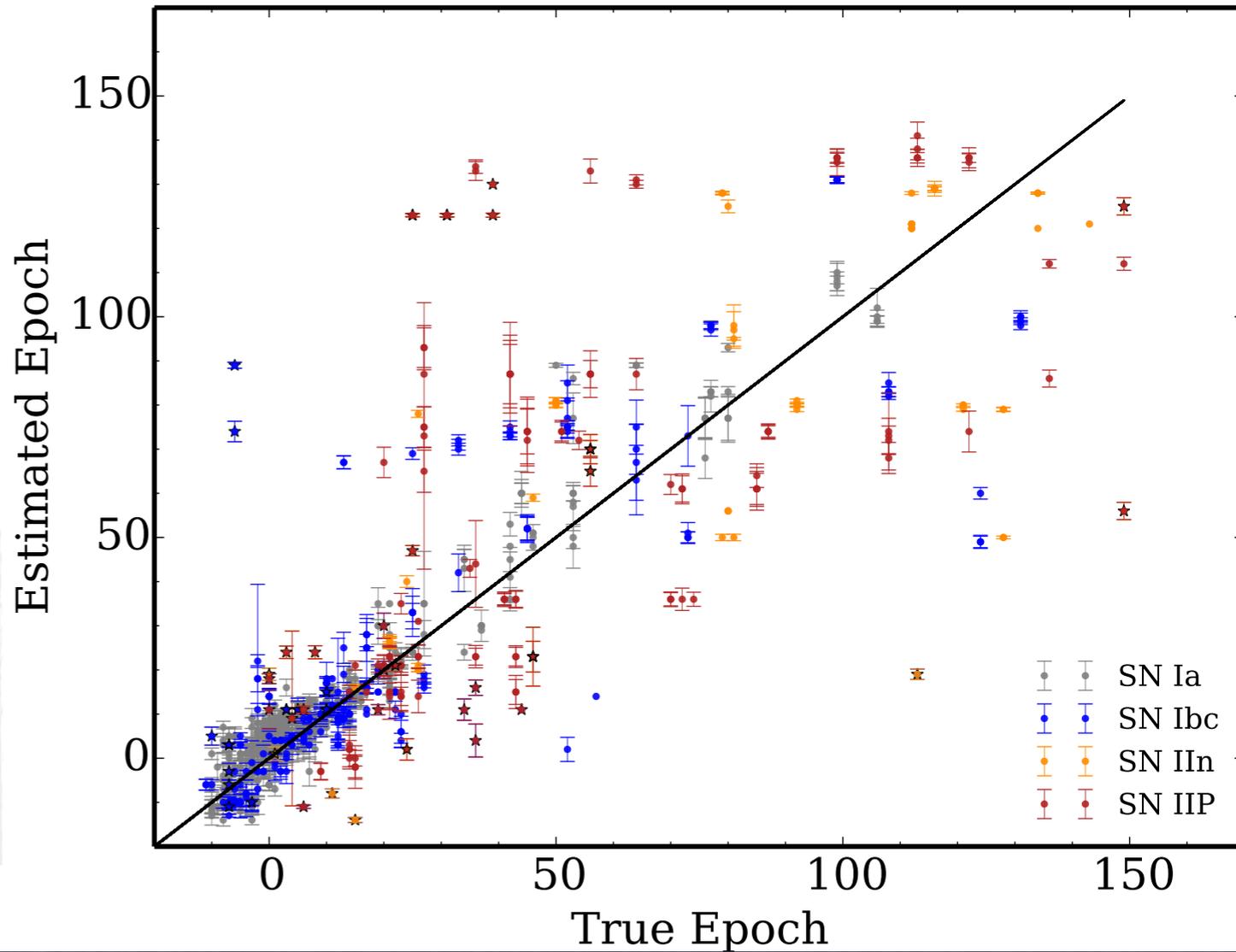
Blagorodnova et. al. 2014

Confusion Matrix for G=18mag.  
 21.33% unclassified (BB or Ambig)  
 90.05% of true positives in classified





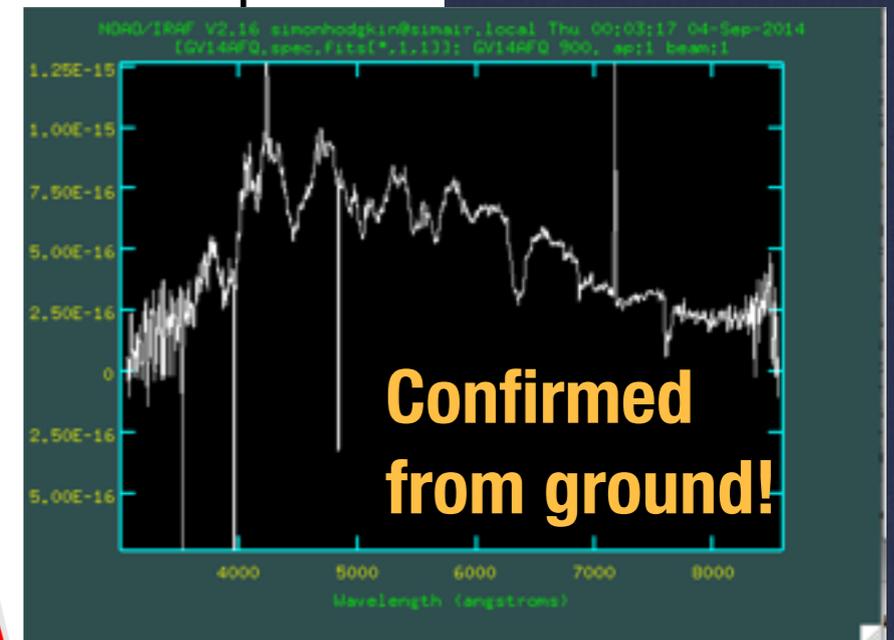
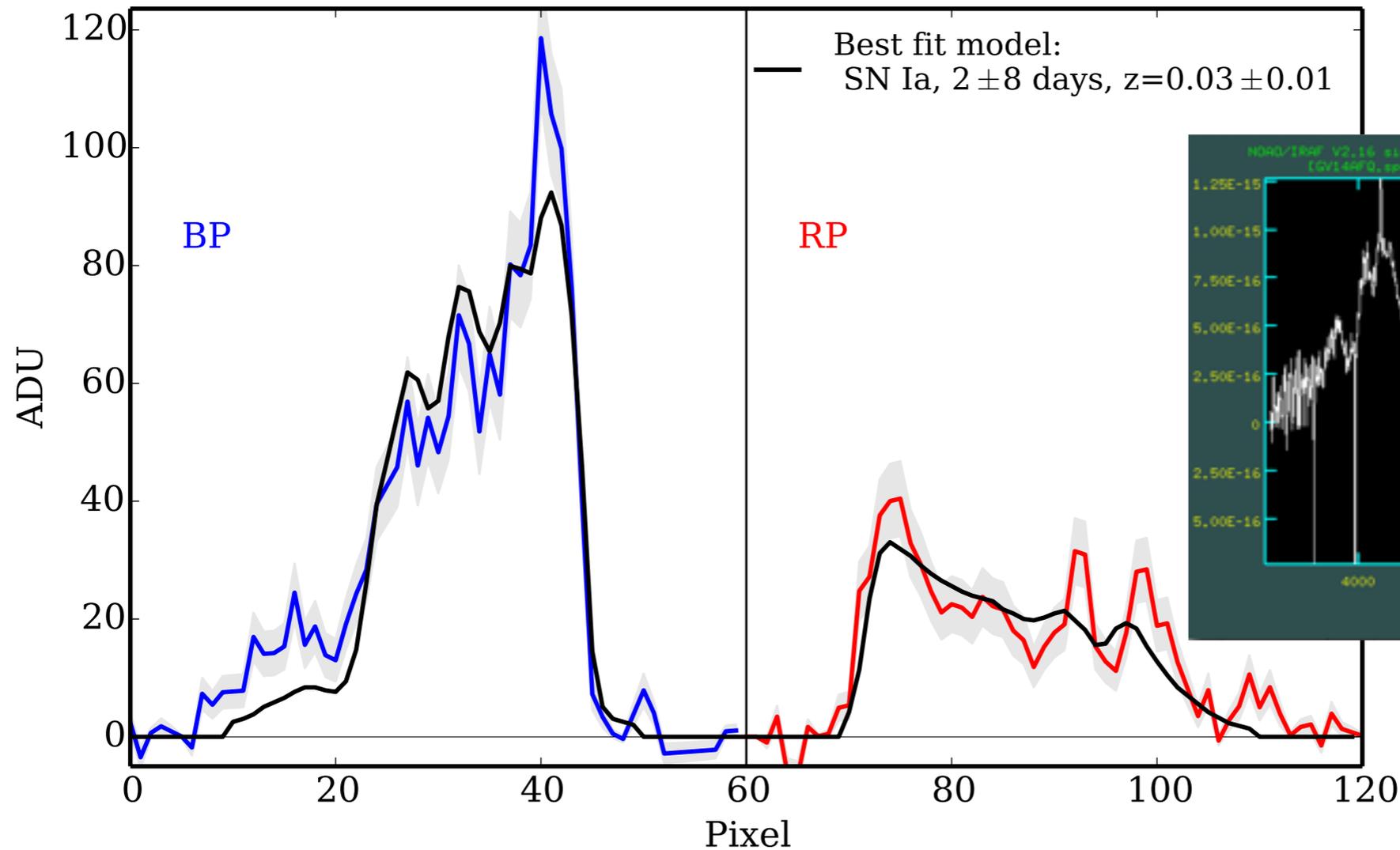
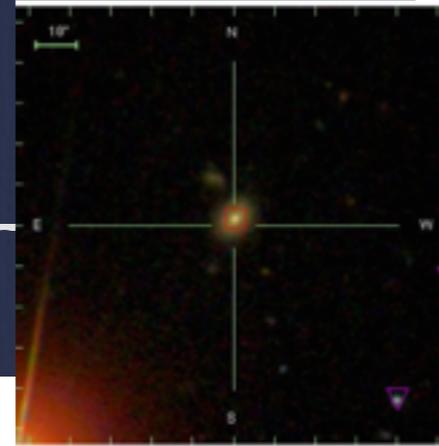
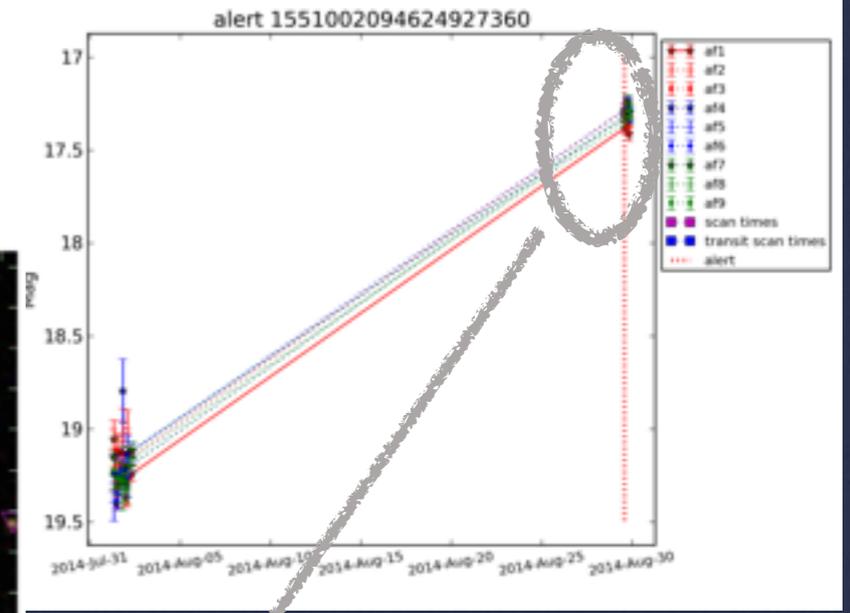
# Redshift estimation



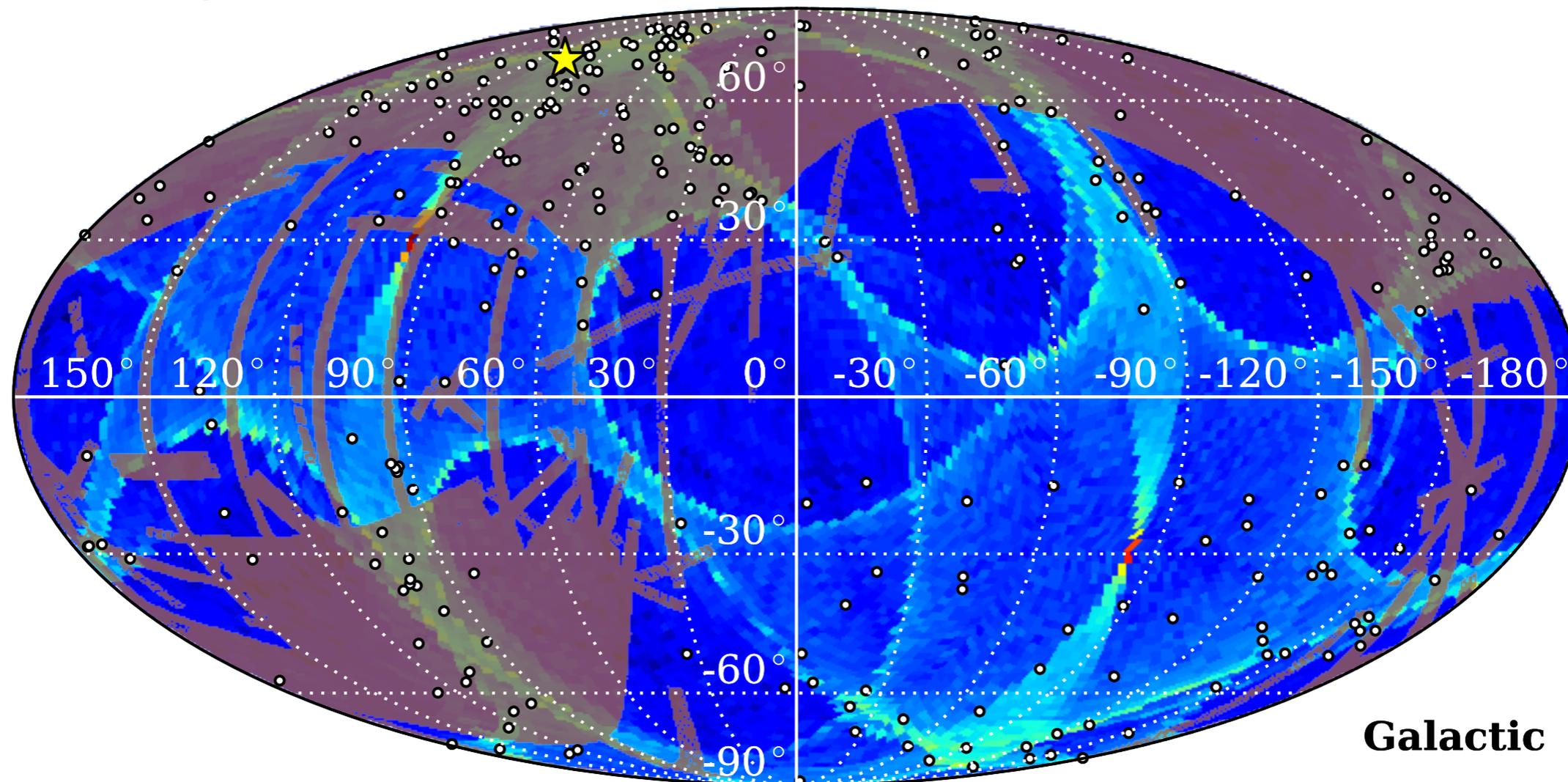
# Epoch estimation

# First Gaia SN BP/RP classification!

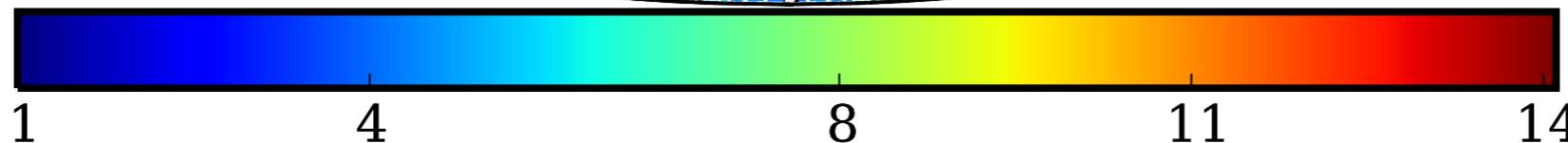
Identification of the first Gaia SN as SN Ia at  $z=0.03$ !



Gaia14aaa



**Galactic**

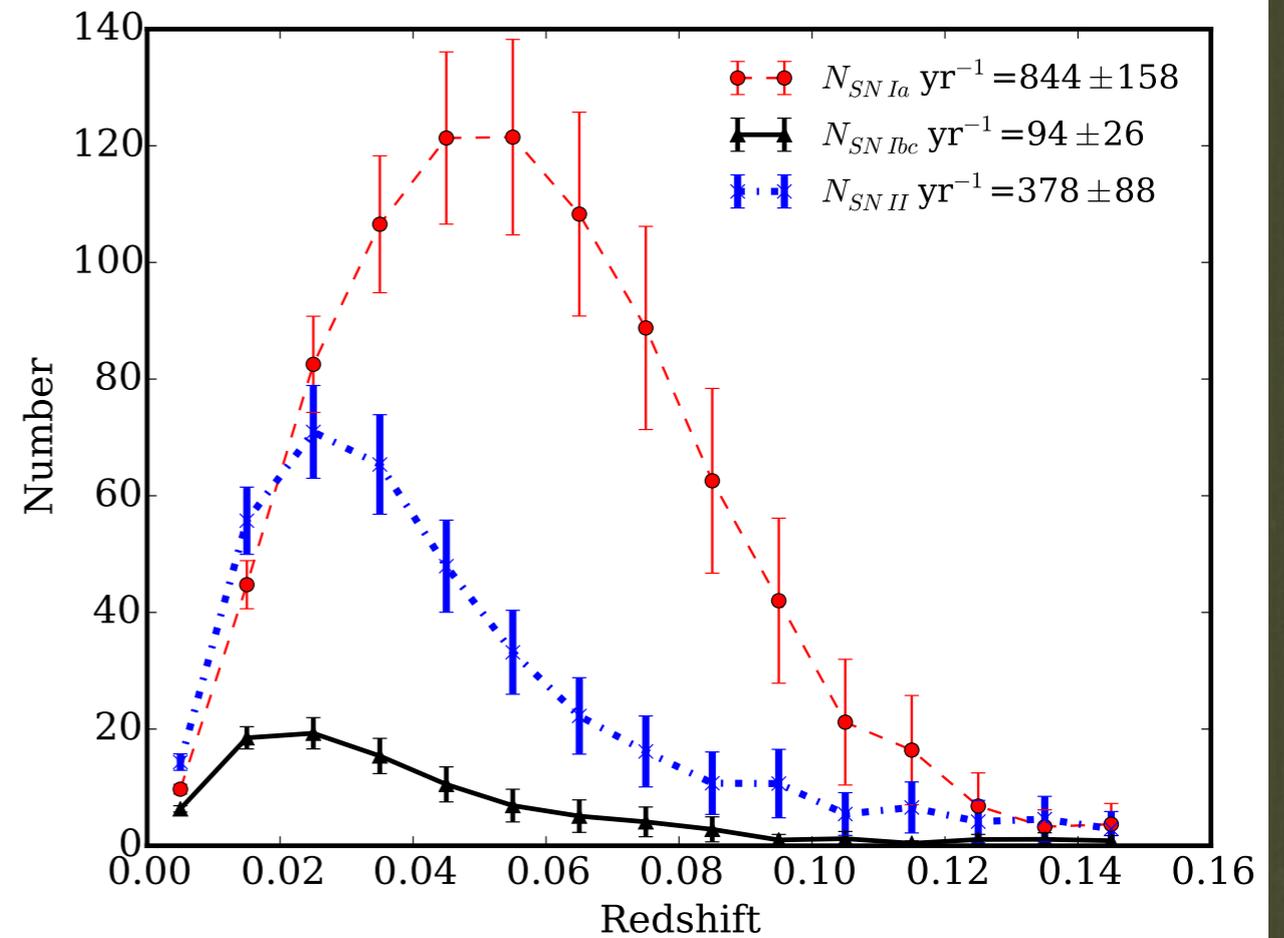
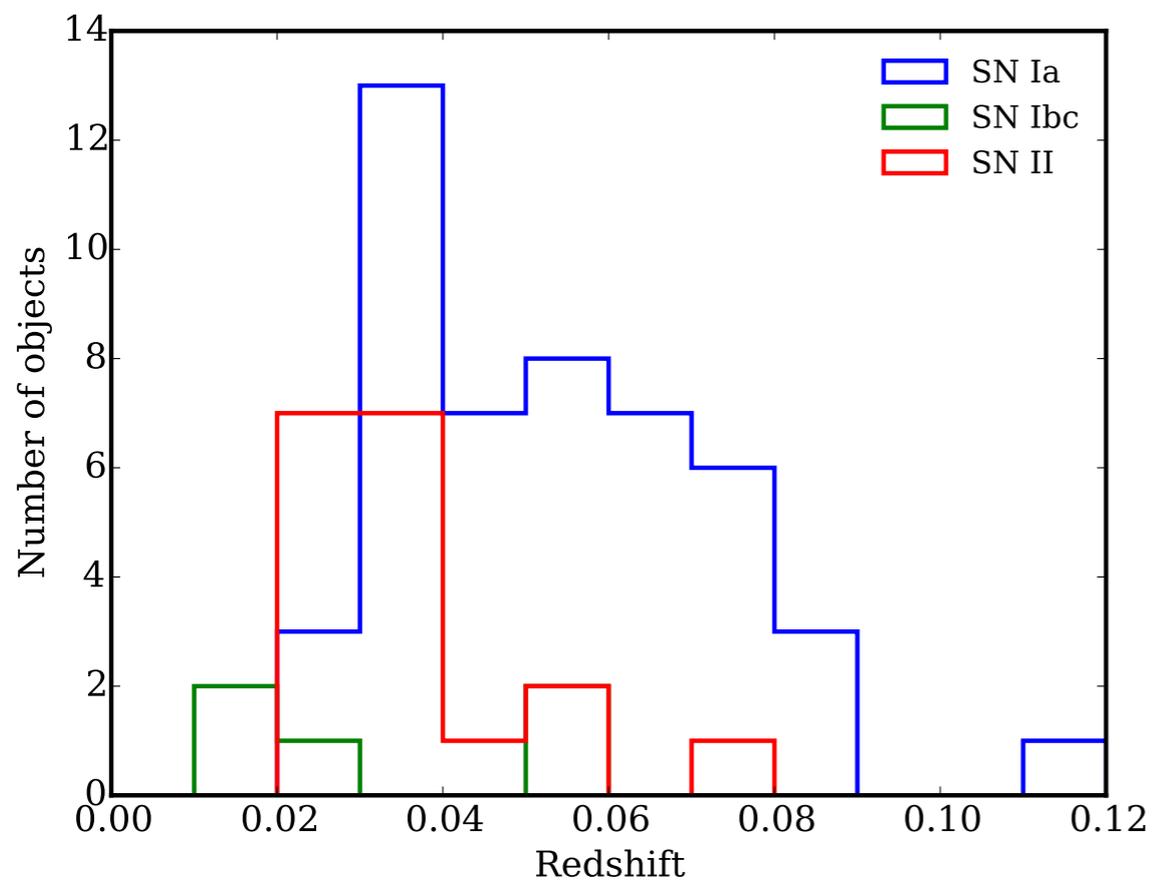


$$\sqrt{N_{obs}}$$

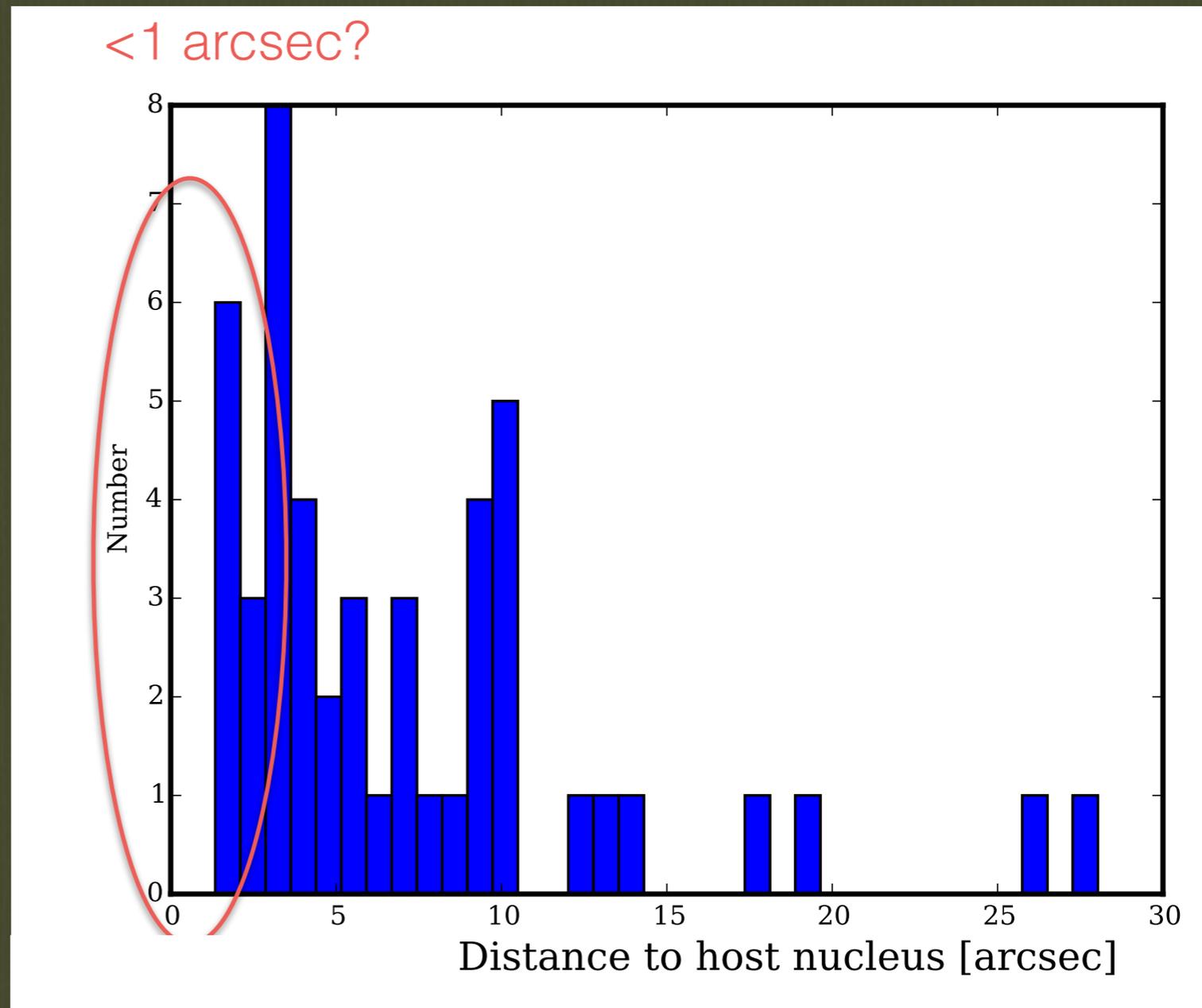
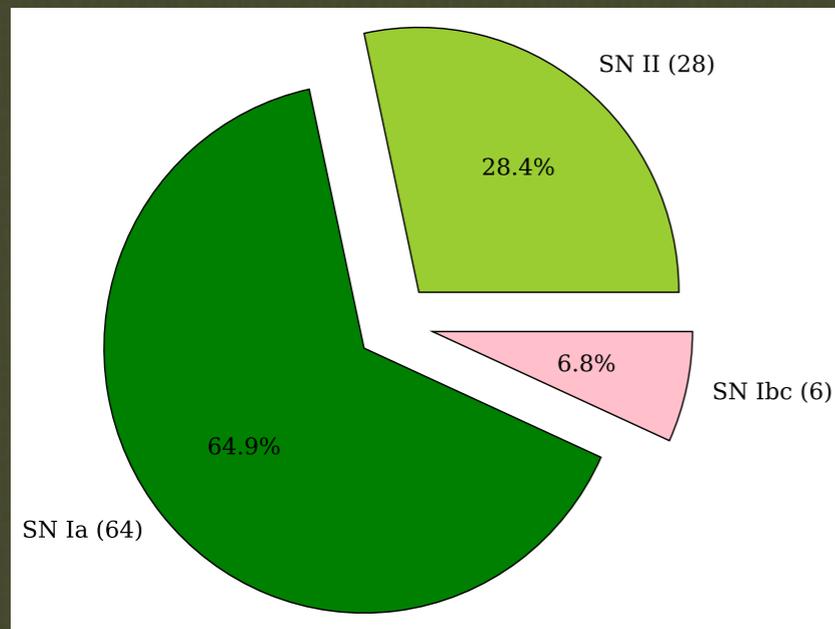
*Density of observations until June 2015*

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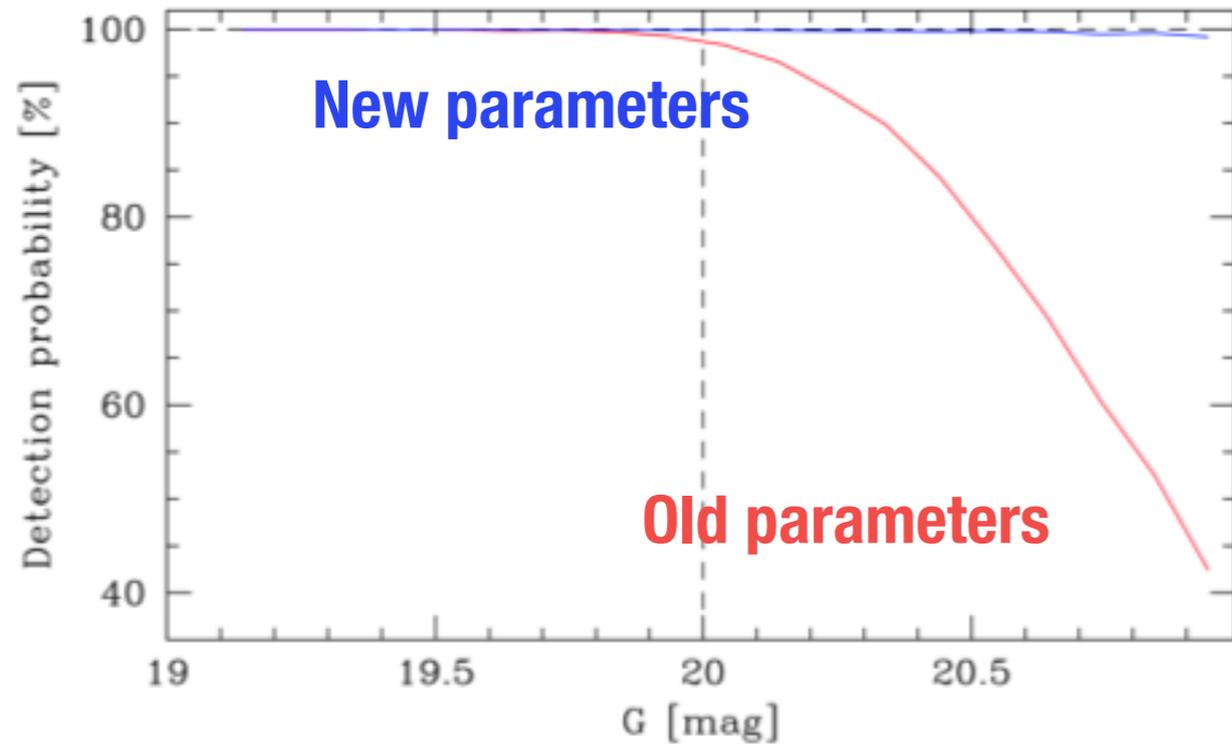
- 275 published alerts until June 2015
- 98 spectroscopically confirmed SN



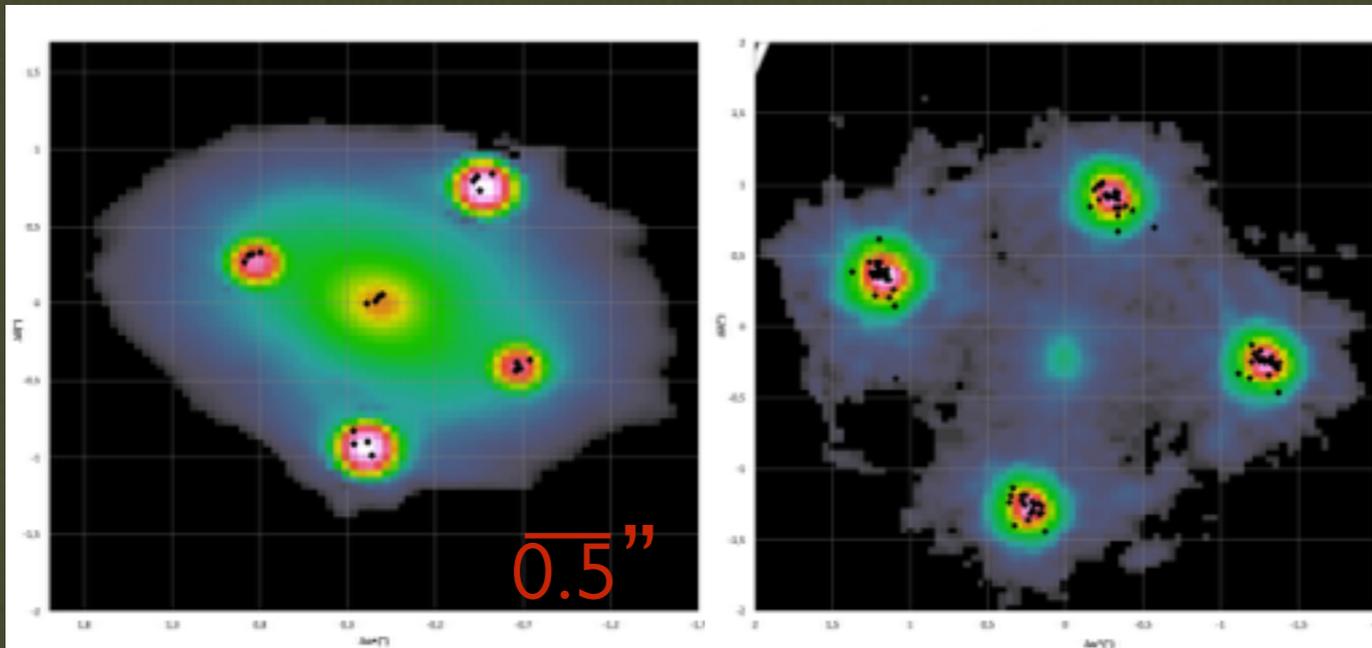
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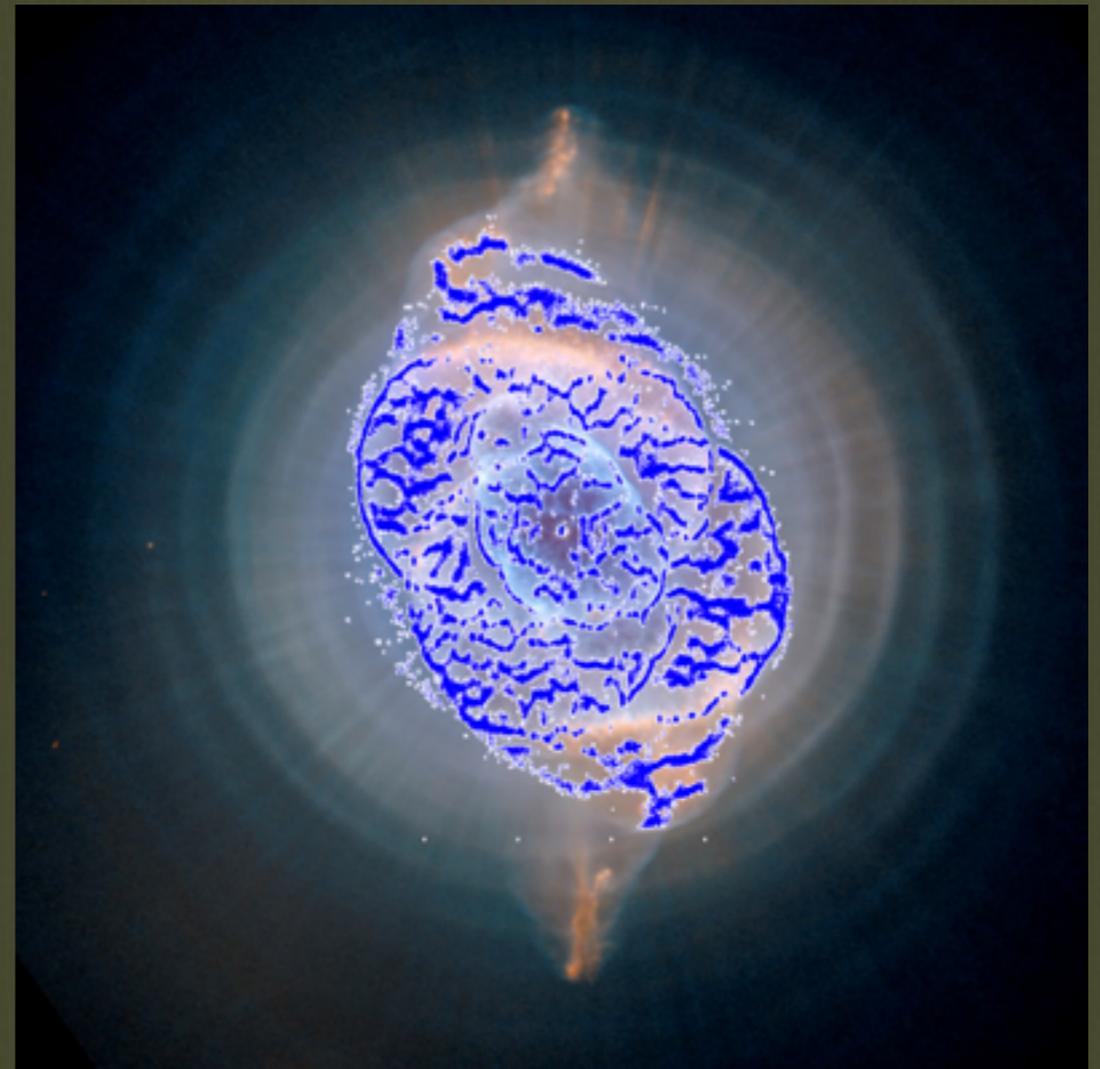
# On-board parameters



*De Bruijne et. al, 2015*

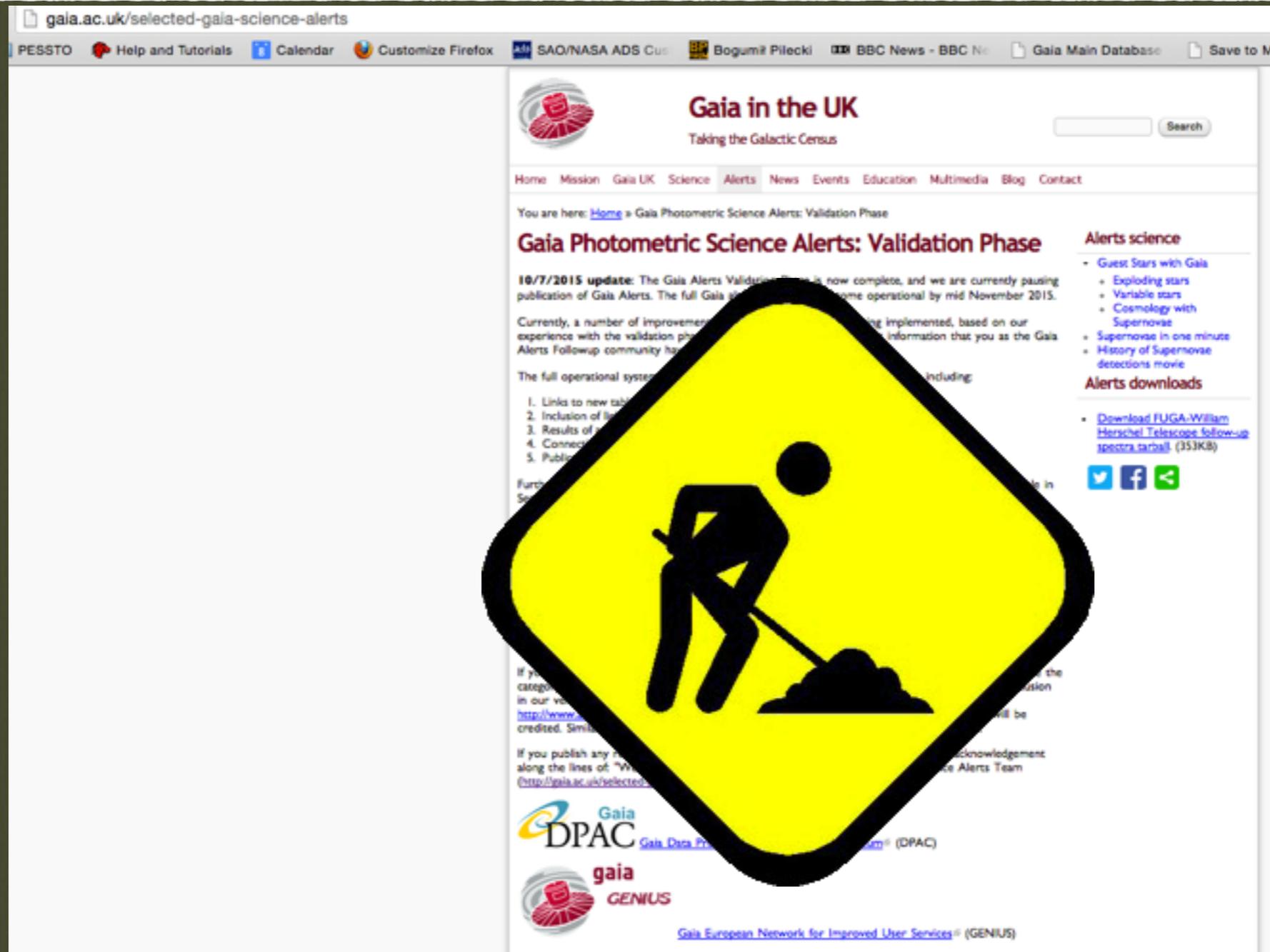


[http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/iow\\_20150409](http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia/iow_20150409)



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# Validation phase and improvements



The screenshot shows the Gaia website at [gaia.ac.uk/selected-gaia-science-alerts](http://gaia.ac.uk/selected-gaia-science-alerts). The page title is "Gaia Photometric Science Alerts: Validation Phase". A prominent yellow diamond-shaped warning sign with a black silhouette of a person digging is overlaid on the page content. The page includes a navigation menu with links for Home, Mission, Gaia UK, Science, Alerts, News, Events, Education, Multimedia, Blog, and Contact. The main content area contains a "10/7/2015 update" and a list of improvements being implemented. The right sidebar features "Alerts science" and "Alerts downloads" sections. The footer includes logos for Gaia DPAC and Gaia GENIUS.

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## Gaia Photometric Science Alerts: Validation Phase

**10/7/2015 update:** The Gaia Alerts Validation Phase is now complete, and we are currently pausing publication of Gaia Alerts. The full Gaia Alerts system will become operational by mid November 2015.

Currently, a number of improvements are being implemented, based on our experience with the validation phase. We will provide information that you as the Gaia Alerts Followup community have requested.

The full operational system will include:

1. Links to new tables
2. Inclusion of links to the Gaia Alerts Followup community
3. Results of the validation phase
4. Connection to the Gaia Alerts Followup community
5. Publication of the Gaia Alerts Followup community

Further information is available in the Gaia Alerts Followup community.

If you publish any results, please acknowledge the Gaia Alerts Team along the lines of: "We acknowledge the Gaia Alerts Team (<http://gaia.ac.uk/selected-gaia-science-alerts>)".

**Alerts science**

- Guest Stars with Gaia
- Exploding stars
- Variable stars
- Cosmology with Supernovae
- Supernovae in one minute
- History of Supernovae detections movie

**Alerts downloads**

- [Download FUGA-William Herschel Telescope follow-up spectra.tarball](#) (353KB)

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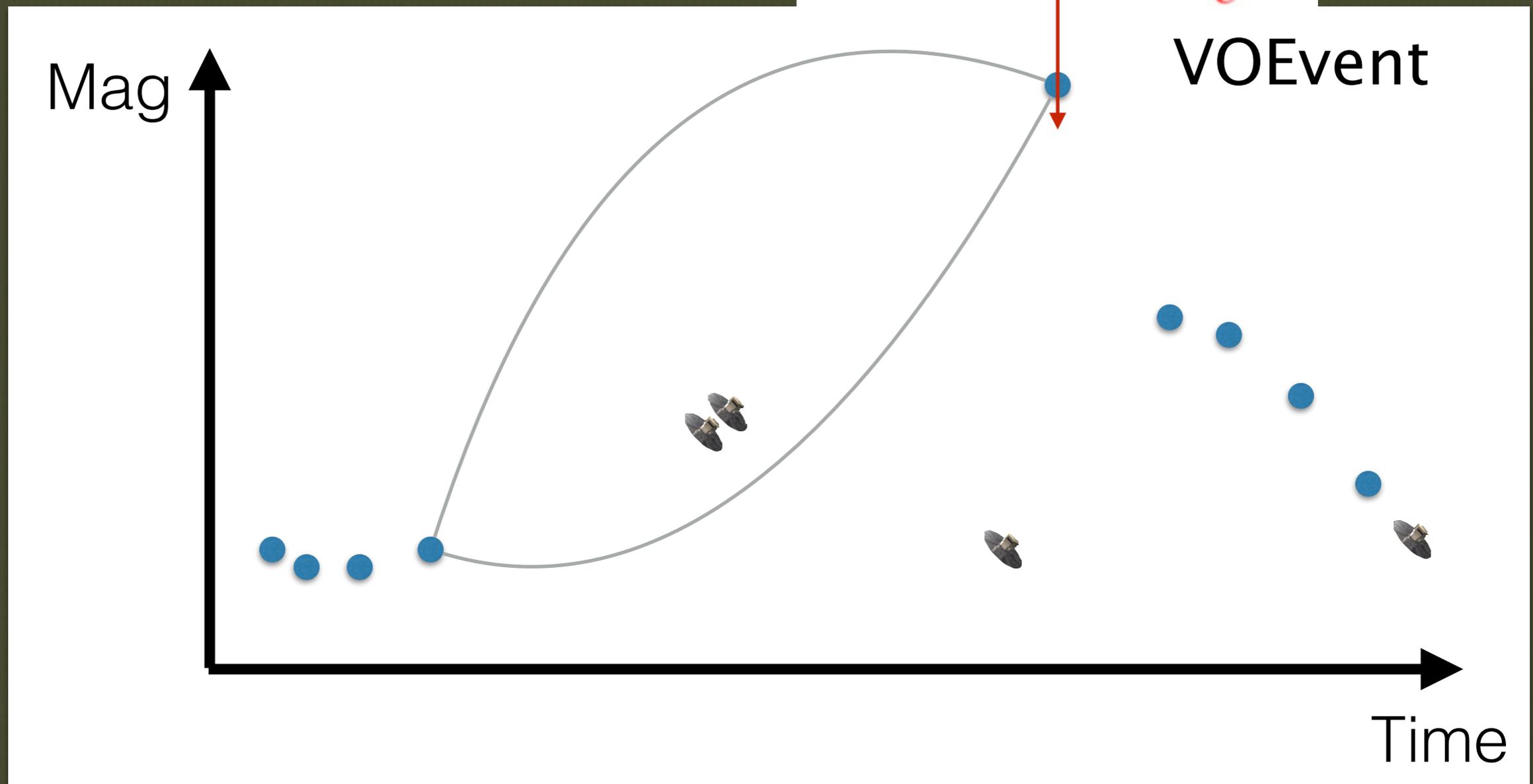
**Gaia DPAC** Gaia Data Processing and Analysis Consortium (DPAC)

**gaia GENIUS**

Gaia European Network for Improved User Services (GENIUS)

# Dream... watch-list?

~~The Astronomer's Telegram~~



# Conclusions

- **Gaia is a** suitable tool for high-accuracy measurements of slow-rising transients.
  - FREE low-resolution classification.
  - Observations close to the Sun.
  - Observations on low-profile days.
- Change in on-board detection parameters has **increased** the **number of “fake” detections**.
- **Currently**, changes in pipeline focus on **cleaning the sample and approaching the nucleus!**

# Thank you!



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