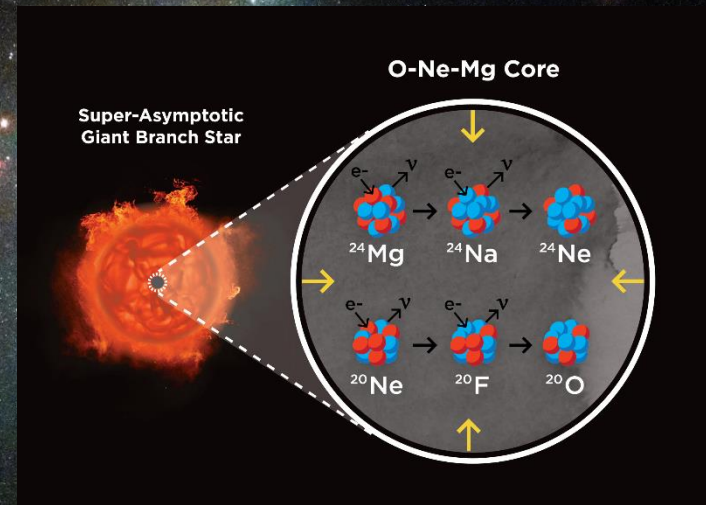


# 連星中性子星への進化における超新星の役割 (Supernovae from the NS/WD formation boundary)



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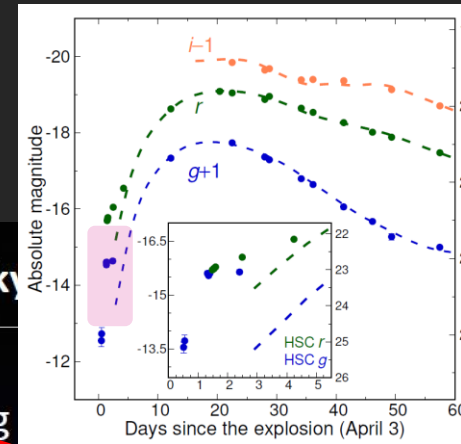
# The Seimei SN/Transient Prog.

## Some numbers

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\* Numbers for all sky

Distance (Mpc)	Volume (Mpc <sup>3</sup> )	# of galaxies	# of SNe (yr <sup>-1</sup> )	mag (abs mag -15 mag)	mag (abs mag -13 mag)
10	4 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	40	0.4	15.0	17.0
30	1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>	10	17.4	19.4
50	5 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	50	18.5	20.5
70	1 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	1 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	100	19.2	21.2
100	4 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	400	20.0	22.0
200	3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	3,000	21.5	23.5
500	5 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	50,000	23.5	25.5



~ 5 / yr.

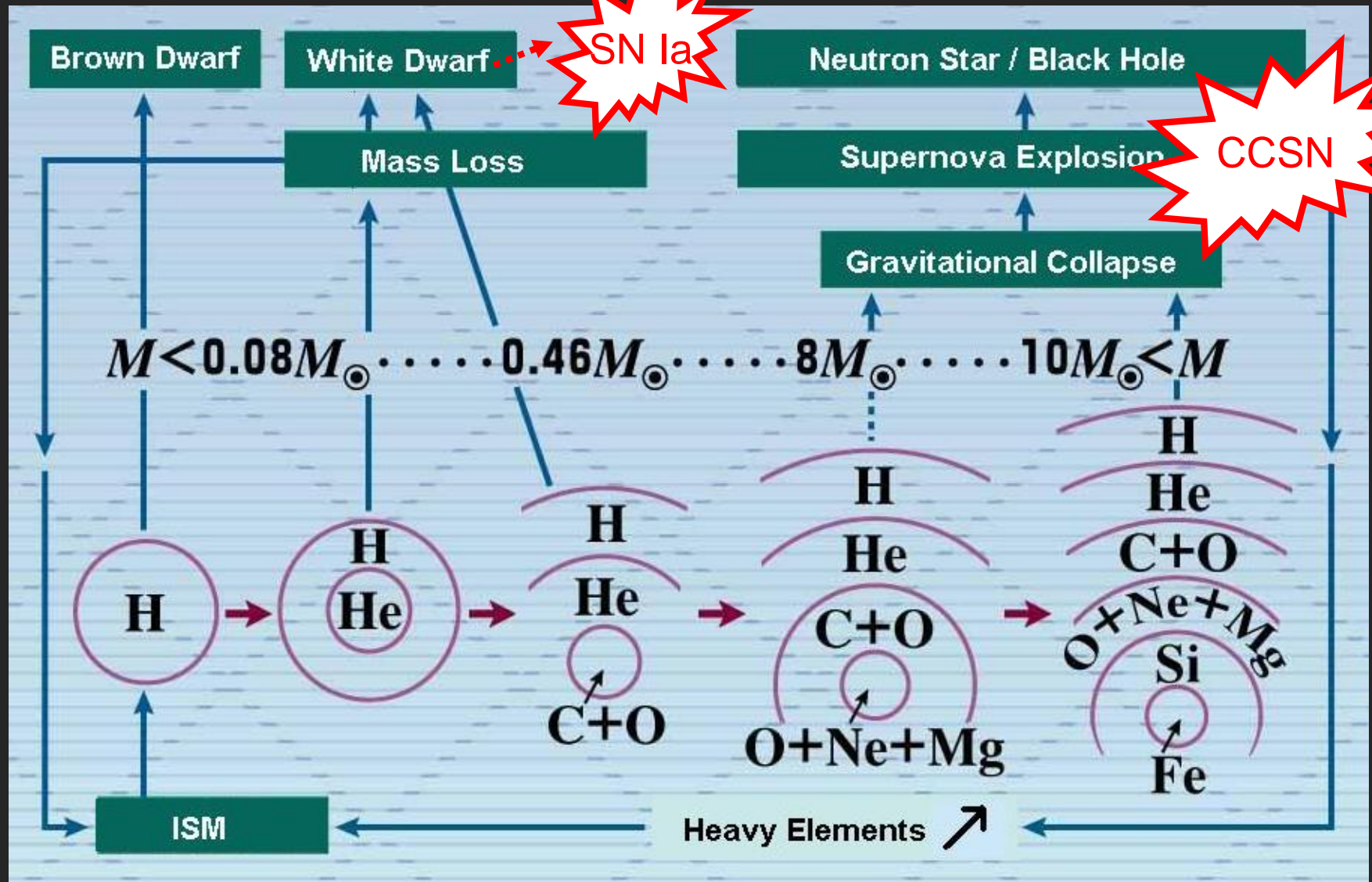
~ 50 / yr.

There are ~ 50 SNe / yr for which it can be observed spectroscopically in the infant phase (~ 3-4 mag below the peak).

Telescope time and ToO flexibility can be practically more important than the depth (no need to go deeper than the survey).

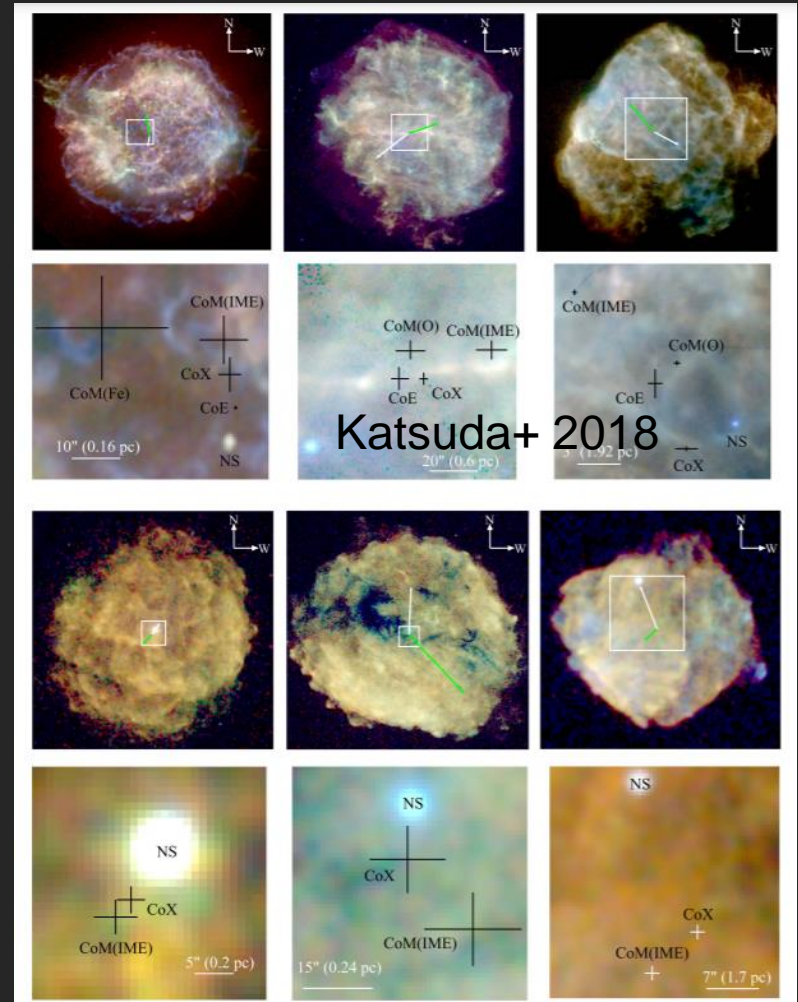
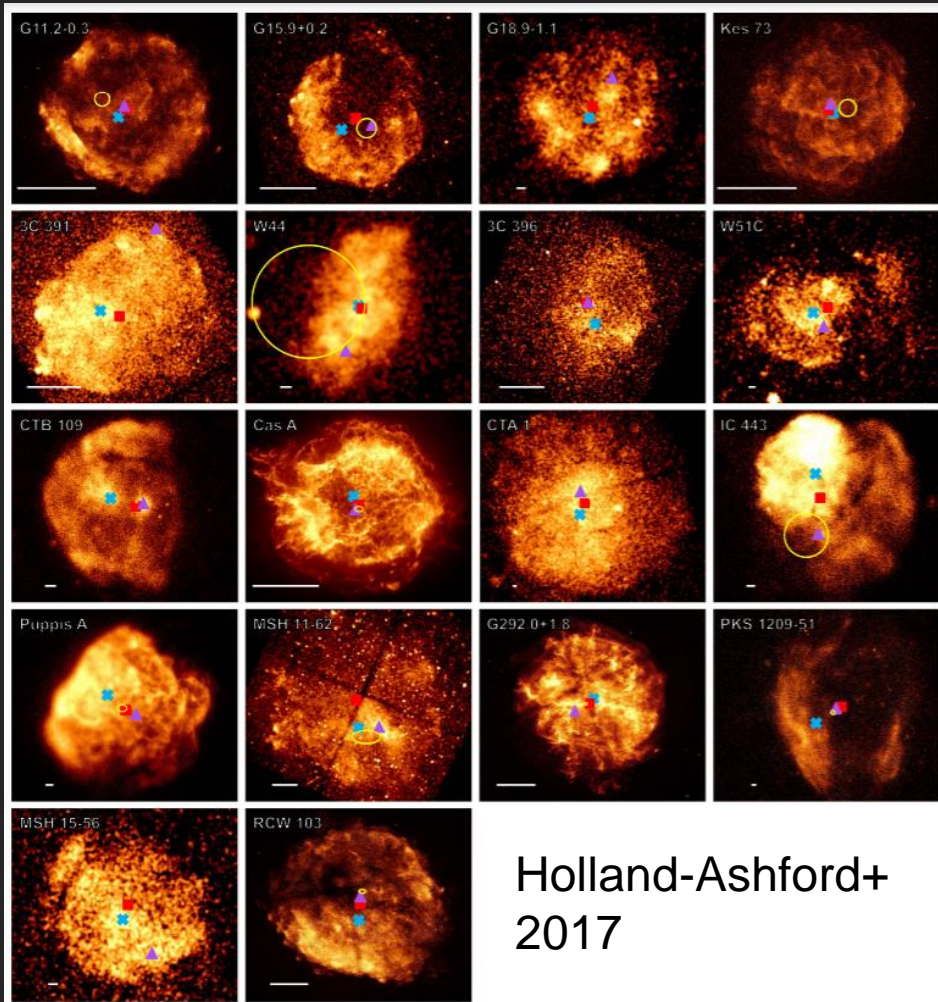
One key project: SNe leaving double NS systems.

# Core-collapse Supernovae (CCSNe)



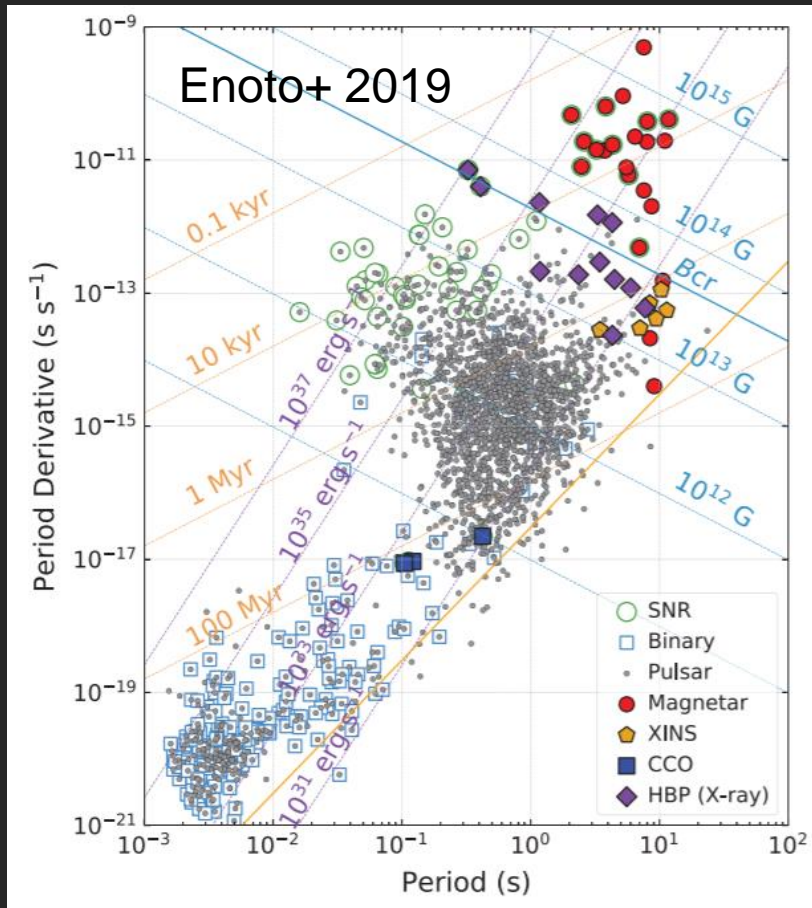


# Neutron stars formed behind CCSNe

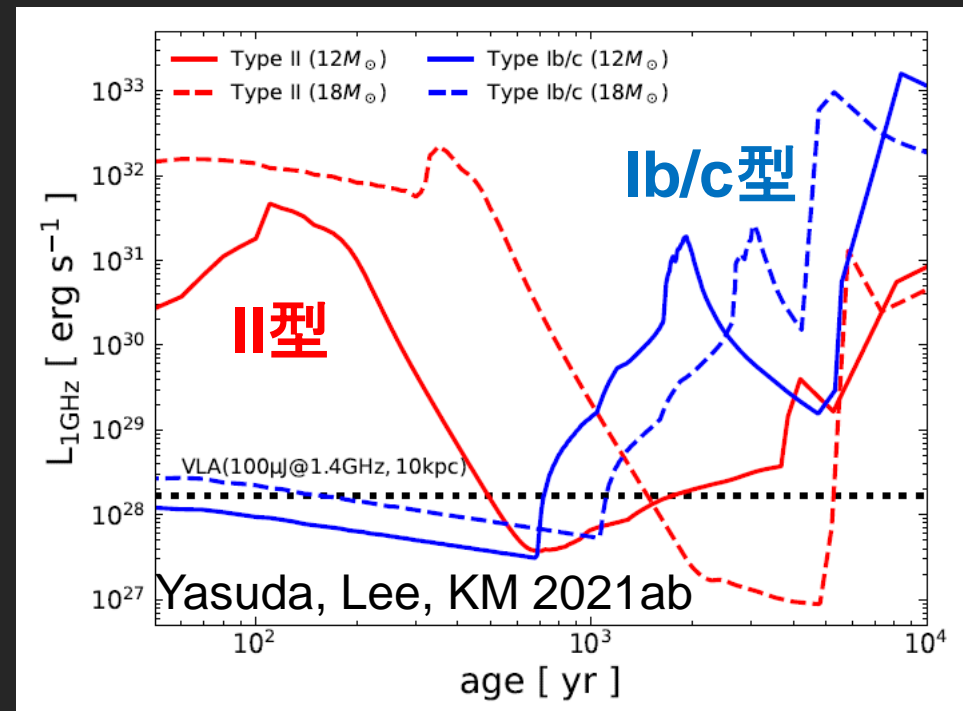


NSs are formed at SNe (or SNe are triggered by NS formation).

# NS diversities: Relation to properties of SNe?



What determines the properties of a NS at birth?  
 Relation to the properties of SNe (and then progenitor)?



The NS-SNR sample may be biased.



# The best we know: SN 1054=Crab

The best observed NS.  
Progenitor and SN?



Electron-capture SN?  
CSM Composition  
SN Nucleosynthesis  
Historical light curve  
(e.g., Tominaga+ 13)



Figure of Supernova Remnant: Crab Nebula (Messier 1)

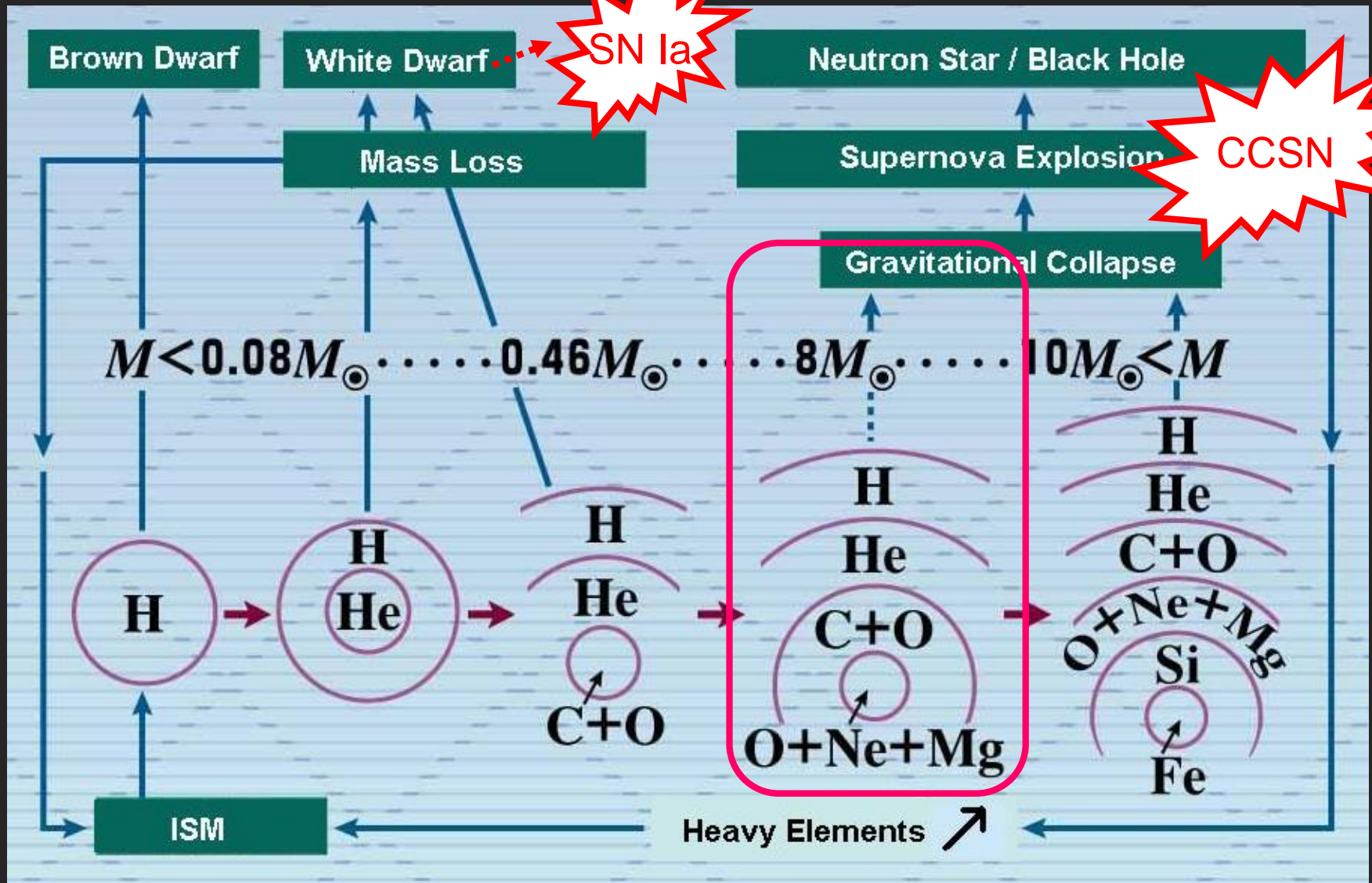
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Suprime-Cam (V, NB497, B)

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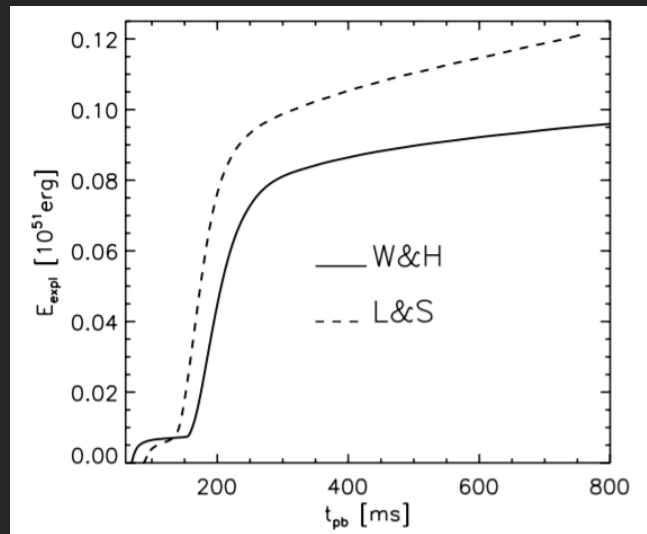
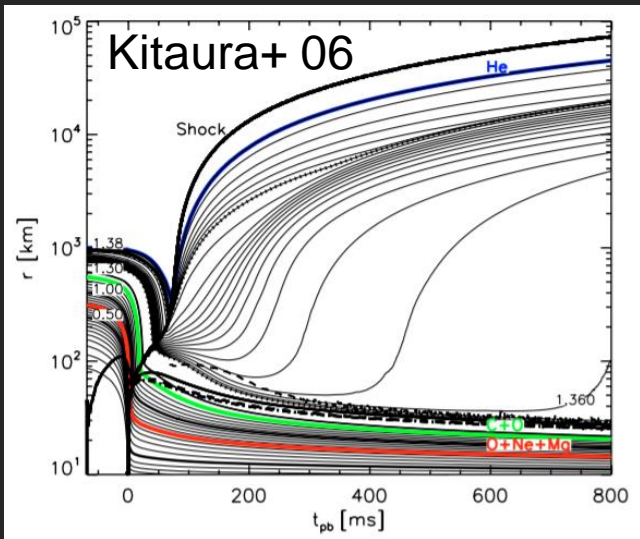
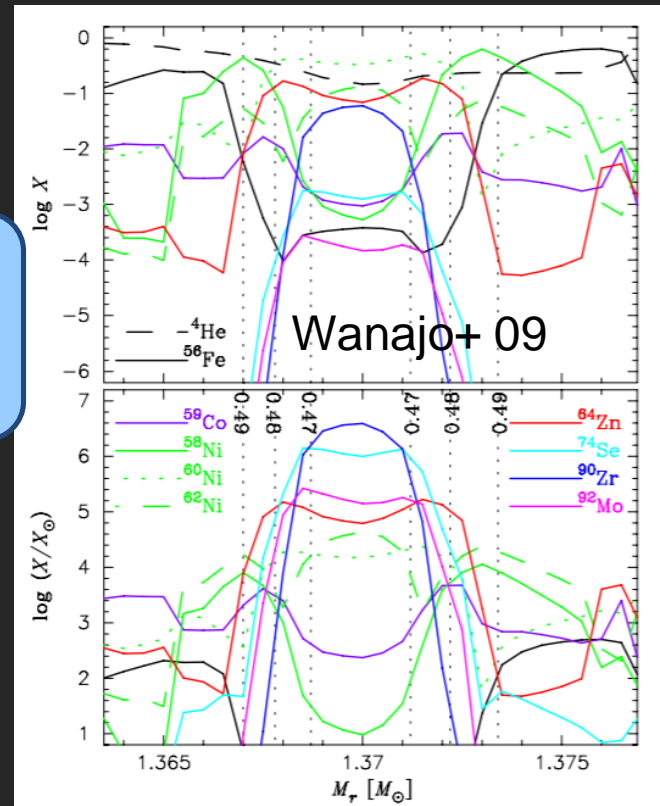
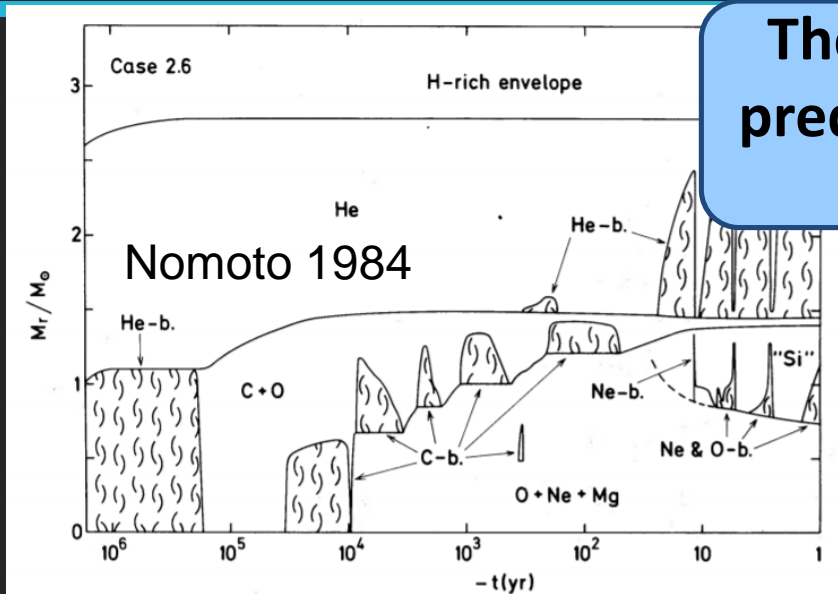
March 12, 2007

# Electron capture SNe



# Electron capture SN

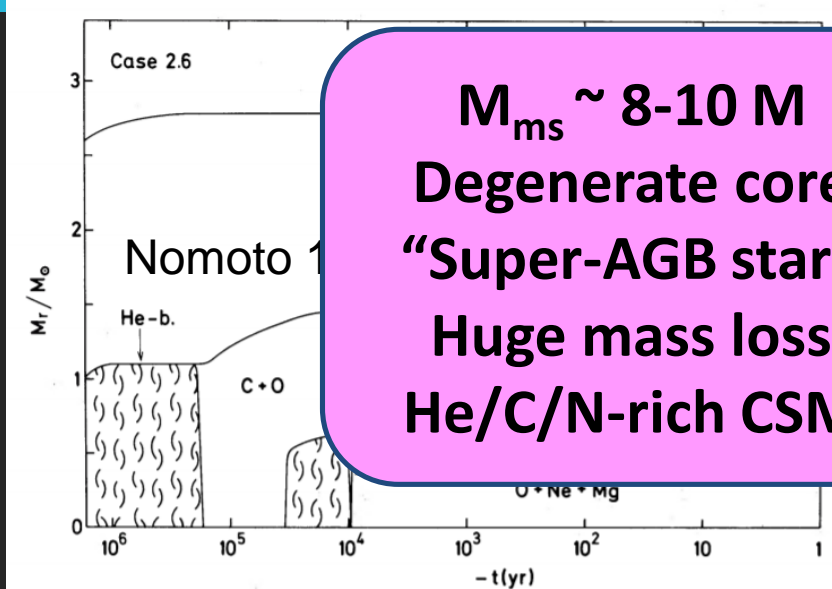
Theoretically predicted since 1980's



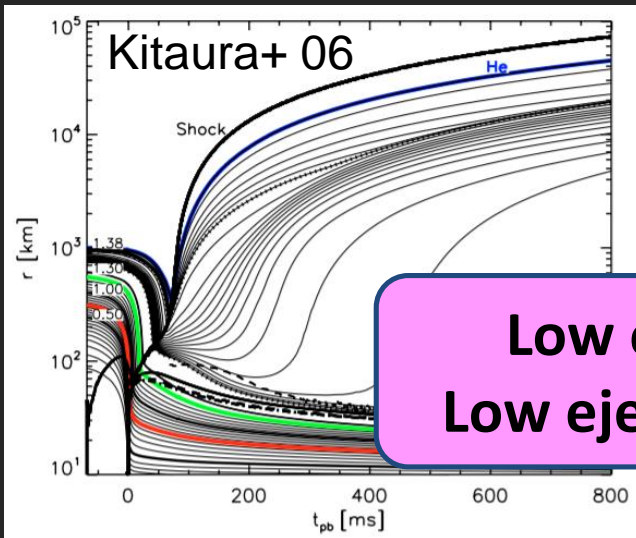
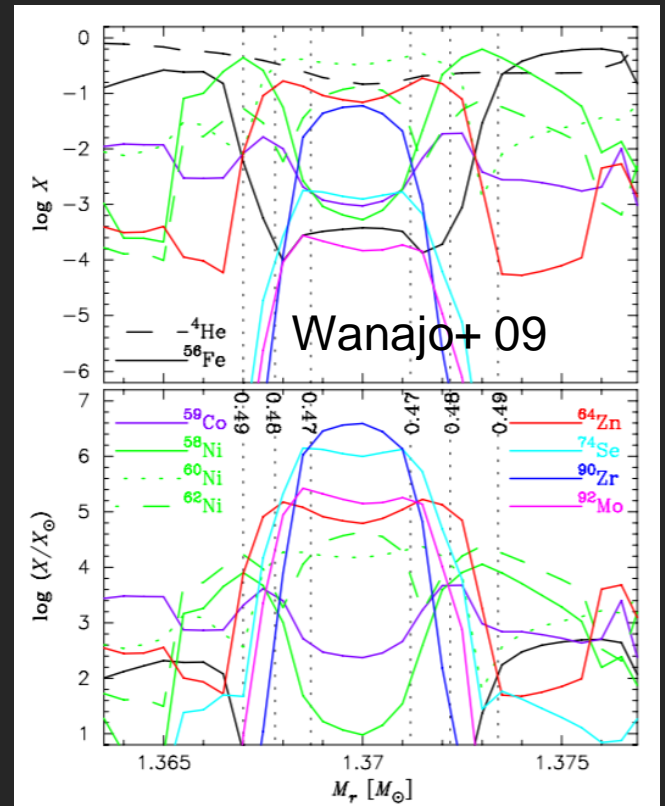
Robust SN explosion mechanism



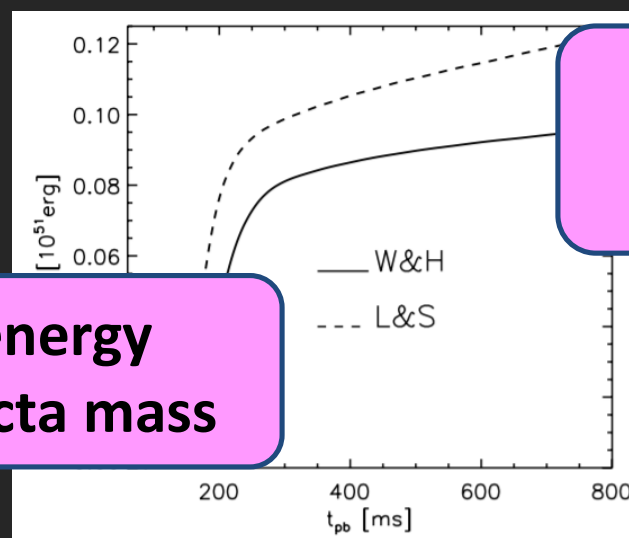
# Electron capture SN



$M_{ms} \sim 8-10 M_\odot$   
 Degenerate core  
 "Super-AGB star"  
 Huge mass loss  
 He/C/N-rich CSM

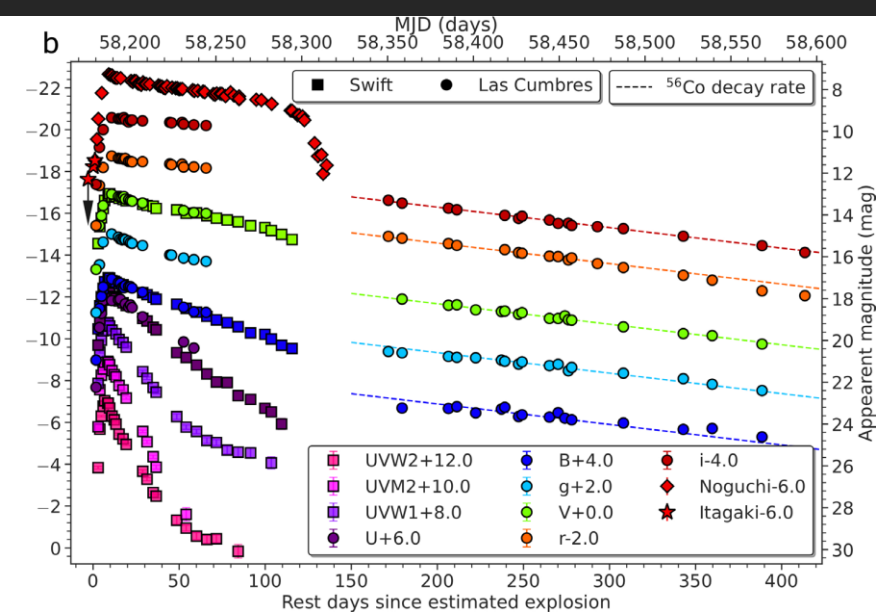
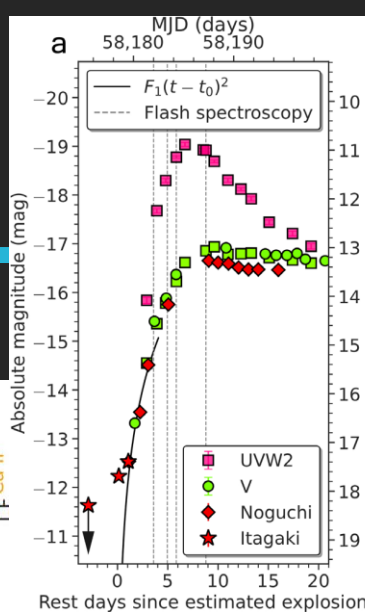
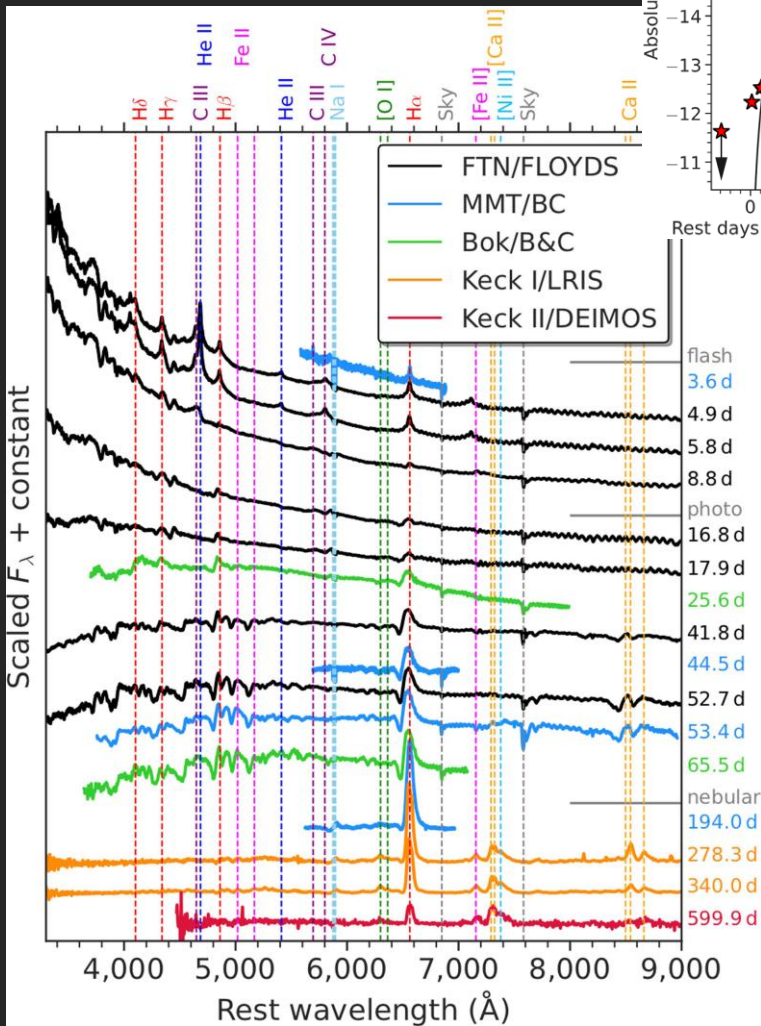


Low energy  
 Low ejecta mass



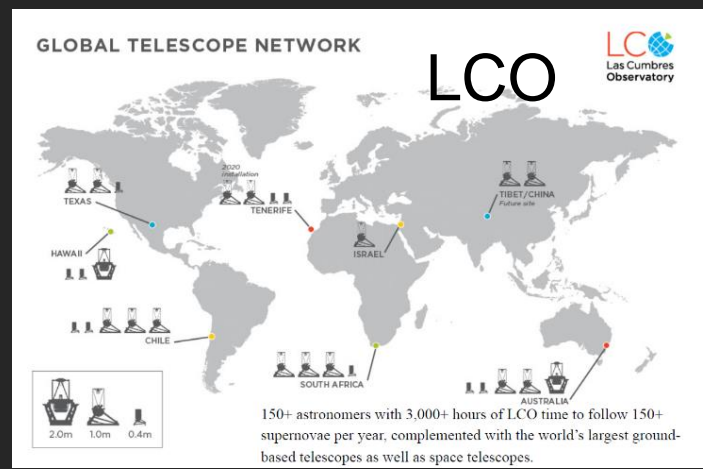
Low  ${}^{56}\text{Ni}$  production  
 High Ni/Fe, ...

# SN 2018zd



**SN II @ 9.6 Mpc.**  
**Very early discovery by K. Itagaki.**  
**Intensive follow-up by LCO network.**  
**Unfortunately, Seimei was not ready.**

Hiramatsu+, 2021,  
 Nature Astronomy





# Electron capture check list

The “real-time” counterpart of the Crab.

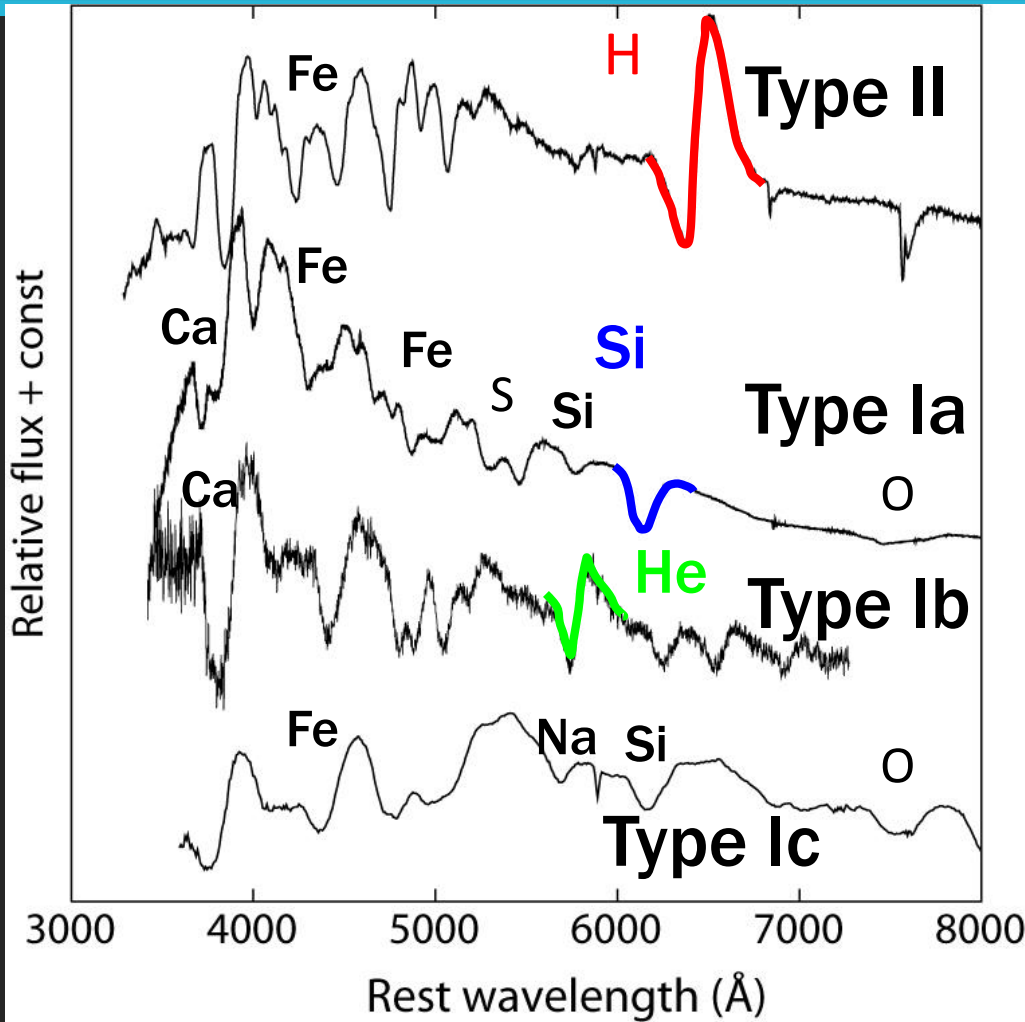
ECSN	Progenitor			Explosion		
Candidate	Identification	CSM	Chemical Composition	Energy	Light Curve	Nucleosynthesis
SN 2018zd	✓?	✓	✓	✓?	✓	✓
SN 1054 (Crab)	–	✓?	✓	✓	✓?	✓
ILRT	✓?	✓	?	×	×	?
Low-Lum. II-P	×	?	×	✓?	✓	×
IIn-P	?	✓	?	✓?	✓	✓?

HST SWIFT+ ground spectroscopy  
< a few days of the explosion.  
< a few days.

Deep spectroscopy at  
~year (faint, Keck, etc).

Thanks to very-early discovery and intensive follow-up observations, for a (rare) very nearby and faint SN.

# What if it is in a binary



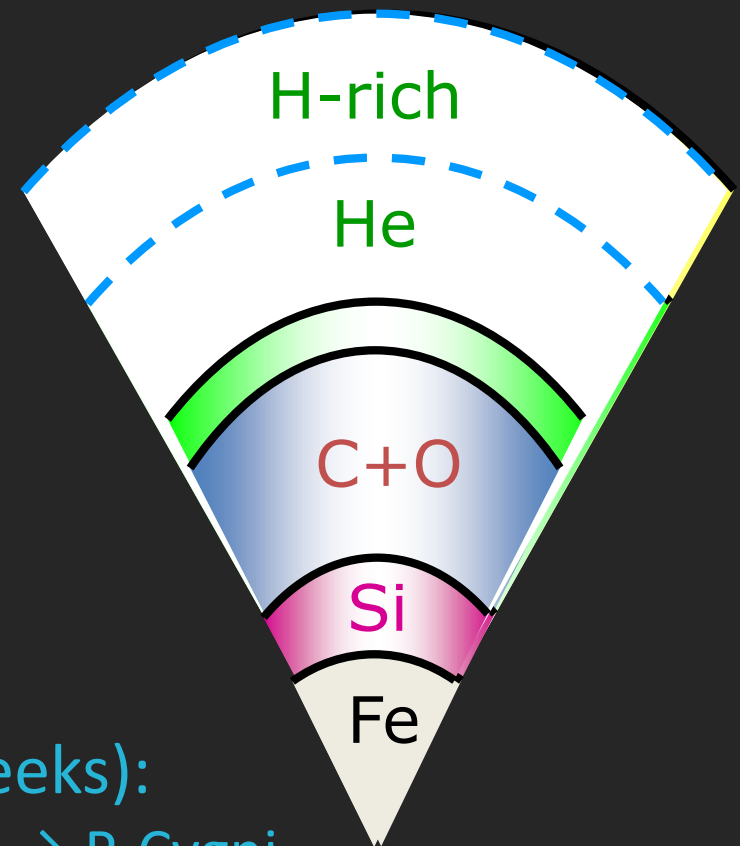
II (but for IIn)

Red Supergiant

IIb/Ib/Ic

(Stripped Envelope  
SNe, SESNe)

Wolf-Rayet-like star

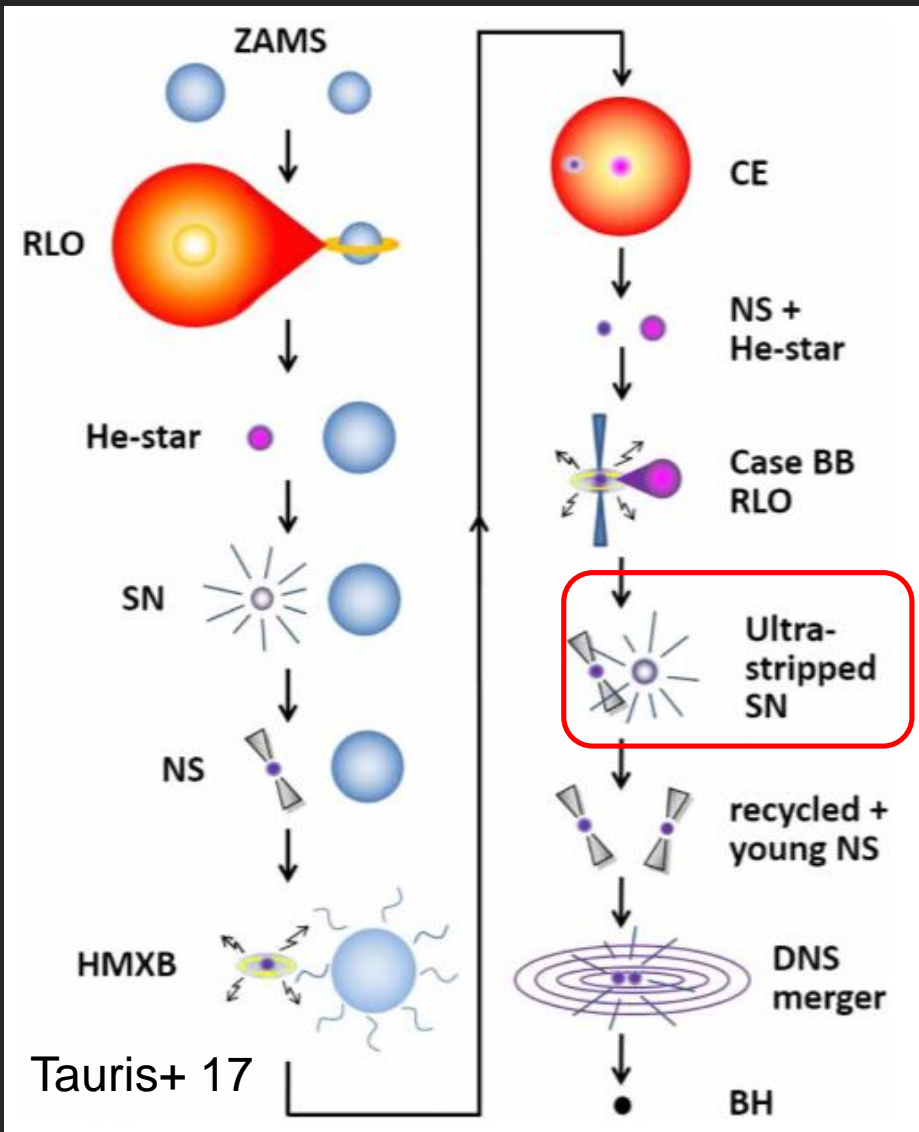


@ maximum brightness (~ a few weeks):

– Expanding optically thick medium → P-Cygni.



# Ultra-stripped envelope SNe (USSNe)



2nd SN toward the formation of compact binary NSs.

Close orbit: C+O or He star.

No binary disruption:

low mass ejecta ( $< 0.5M_{\odot}$ ).

$\Rightarrow < \sim 2 M_{\odot}$  He or C+O star.

$\Rightarrow$  corresponding to

$M_{\text{ZAMS}} < 11$  or  $12 M_{\odot}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Low-E + low  $M(^{56}\text{Ni})$

(e.g., Suwa+ 2015).

**Prediction:**

**“Faint” and “Fast” transients**

(e.g., Tauris+ 13, 15; Moriya+ 17).

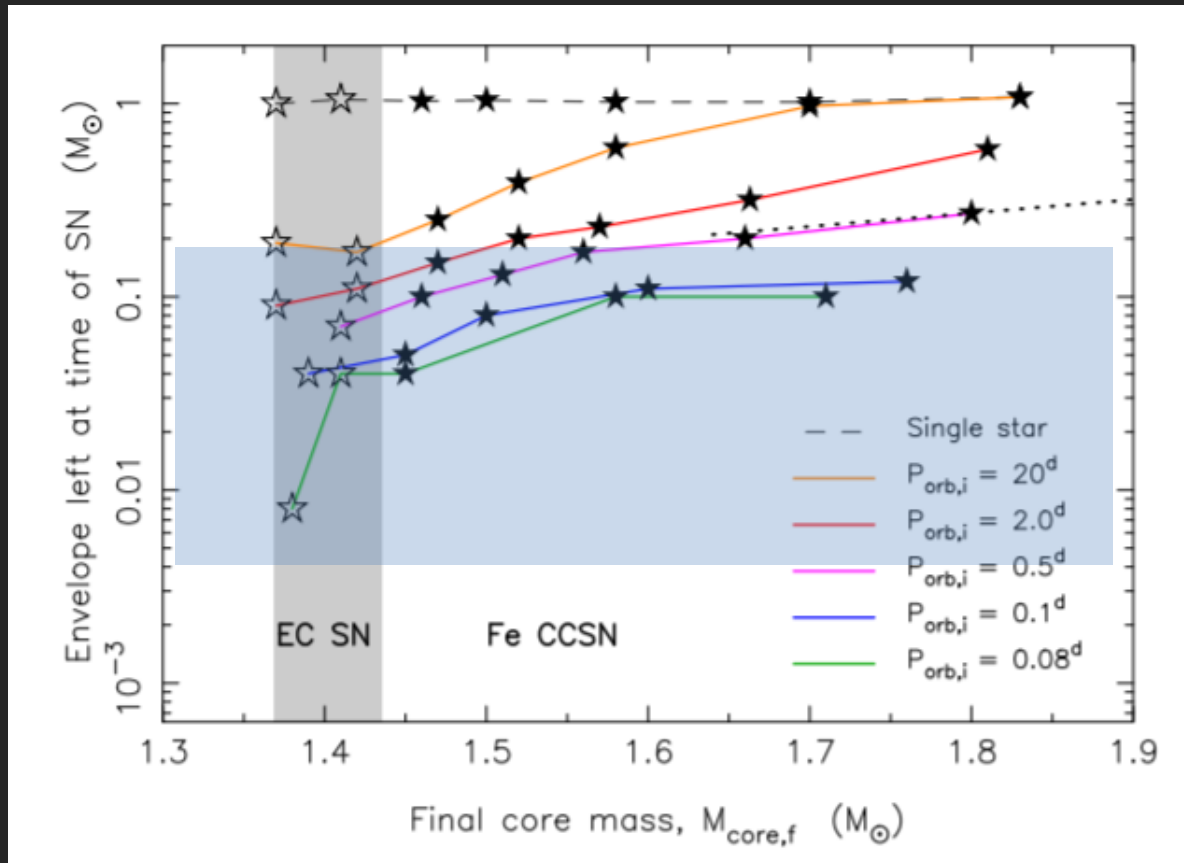
## Note: low mass SNe $\supset$ USSNe, not =

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- A low-mass He/C+O SN can arise from the following configurations:
  - A. a low-mass SN leaving short-period double NSs.
  - B. a low-mass SN leaving long-period double NSs.
  - C. a low-mass SN w/ a massive star companion.
    - Genuine USSN (toward DCNS binary)= case A.
- It is still important to find low-mass SNe and their nature in general:
  - Includes USSNe anyway.
  - The SN properties should be more like the same.
  - Rate in the stellar evolution context.

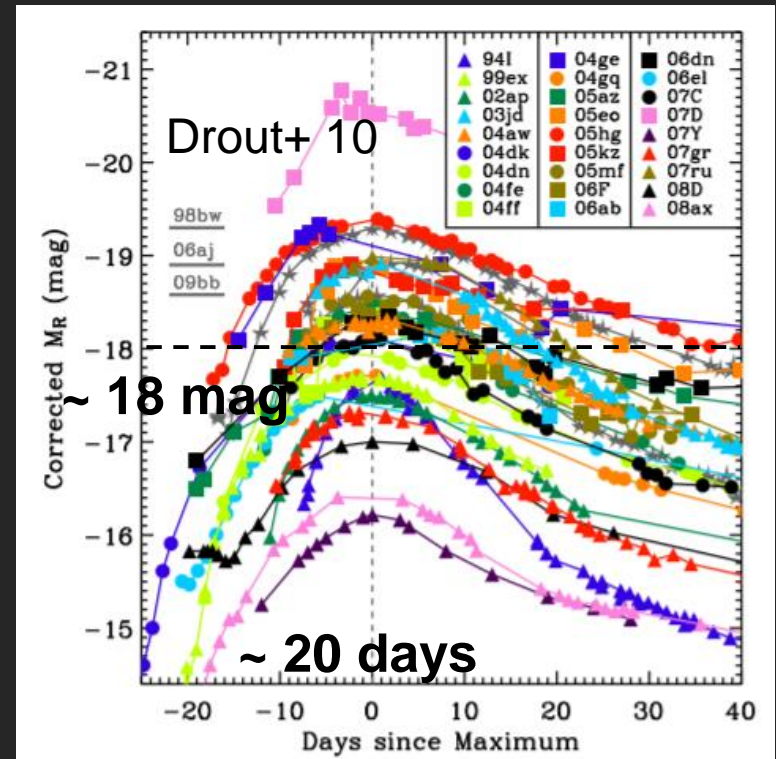
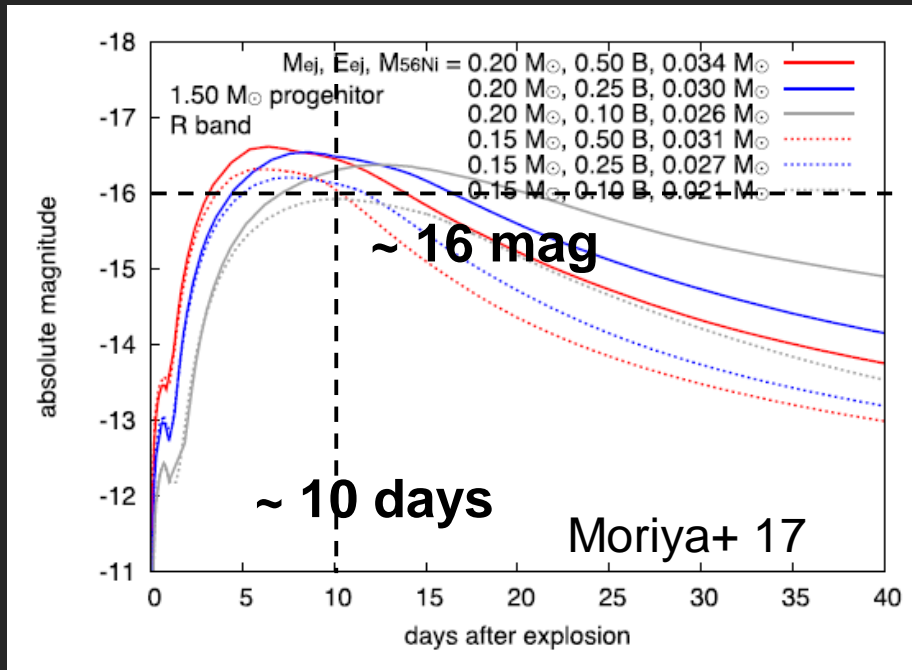


# Ultra-stripped envelope SNe (USSNe)



Electron capture or Fe CCSNe near the white dwarf – SN boundary (SN properties are probably the same within this mass range).

# Expected Properties from the low-mass He/C+O star explosion → rapid & faint



Low-mass CCSN Ib/c:

He 1.5 M<sub>⊙</sub> (C+O 1.45M<sub>⊙</sub>)

← M<sub>ms</sub> ~ 10M<sub>⊙</sub>

The “least” massive star to explode as a CCSN.

Possible pathway to binary NSs.

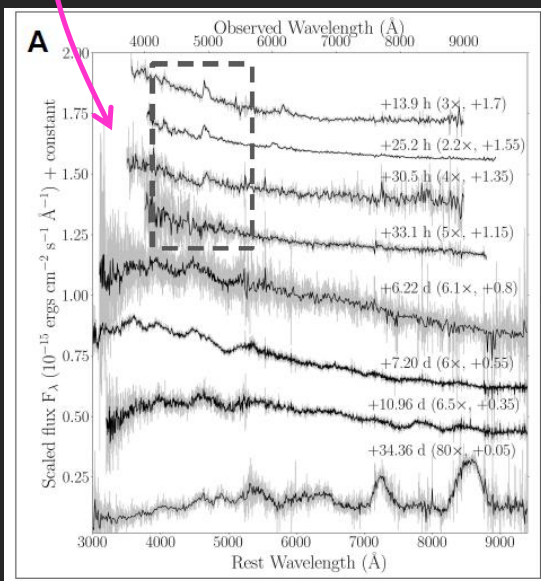
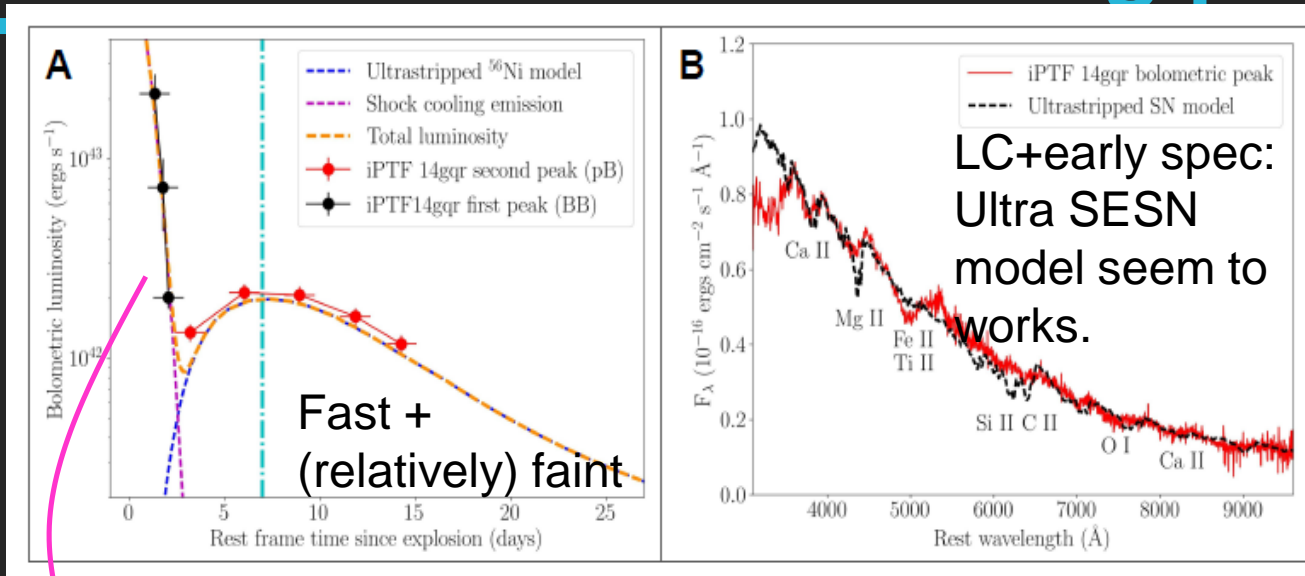
“Normal” SNe Ib/c:

He 4 M<sub>⊙</sub> (C+O 2.5 M<sub>⊙</sub>)

← M<sub>ms</sub> ~ 15M<sub>⊙</sub>



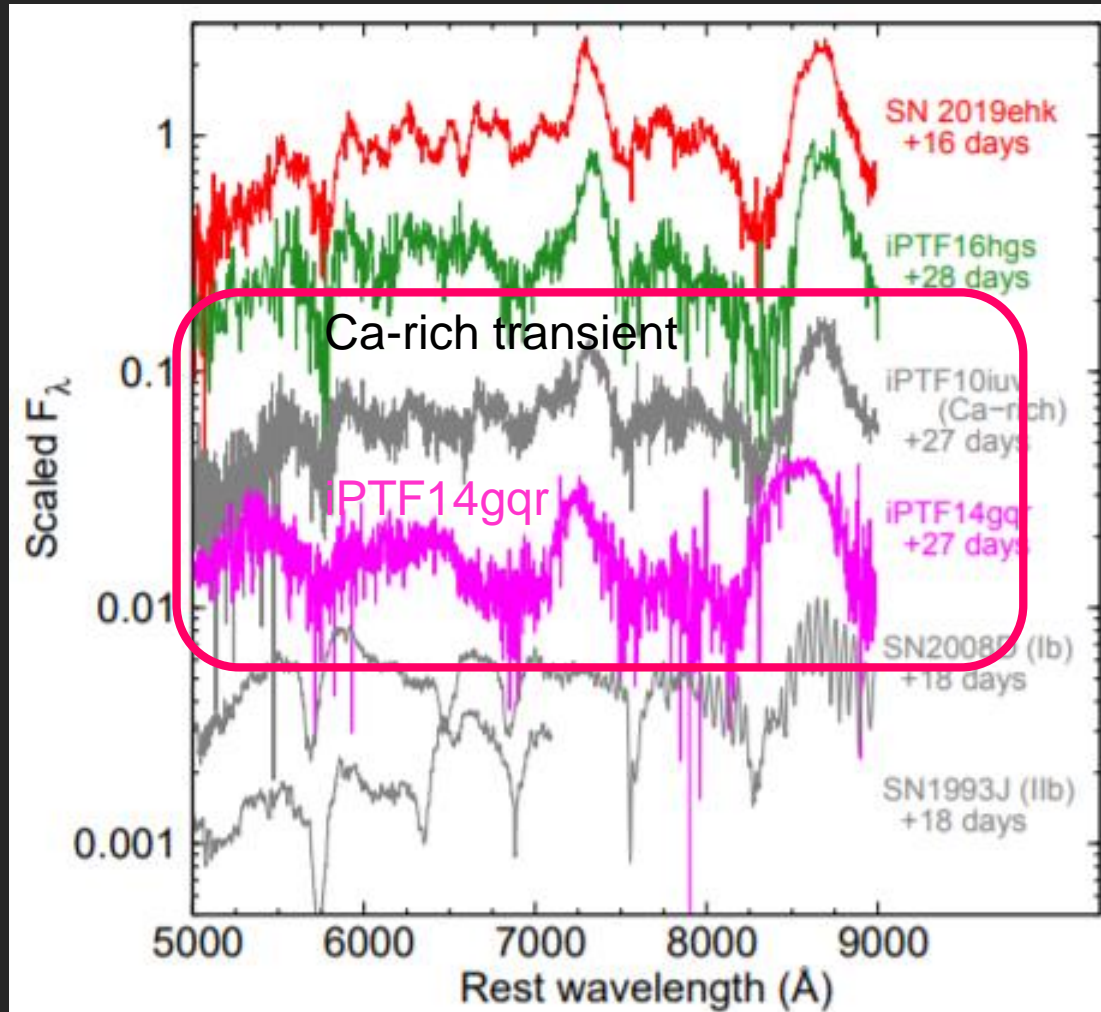
# Ultra-SESN candidate iPTF14gqr



Rapid light curve, with spectral signature of a C+O star explosion (= The USSN expectation).

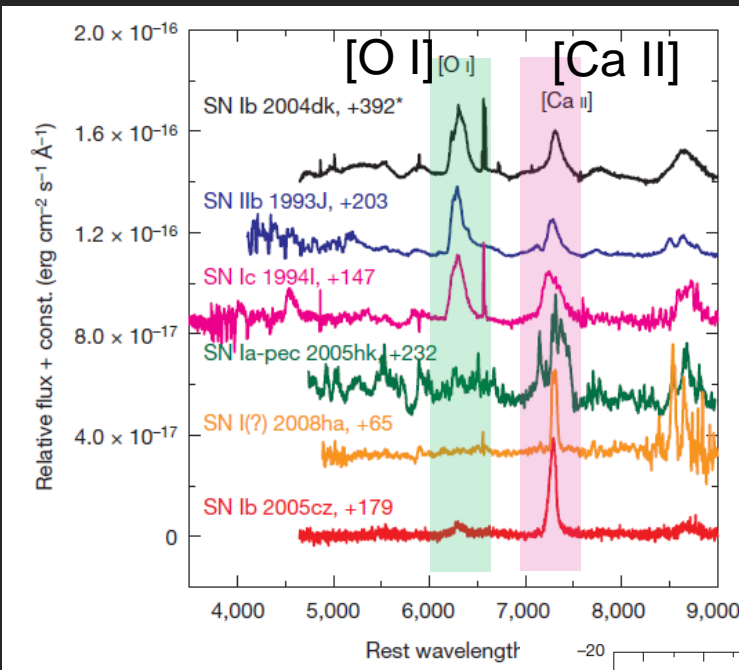
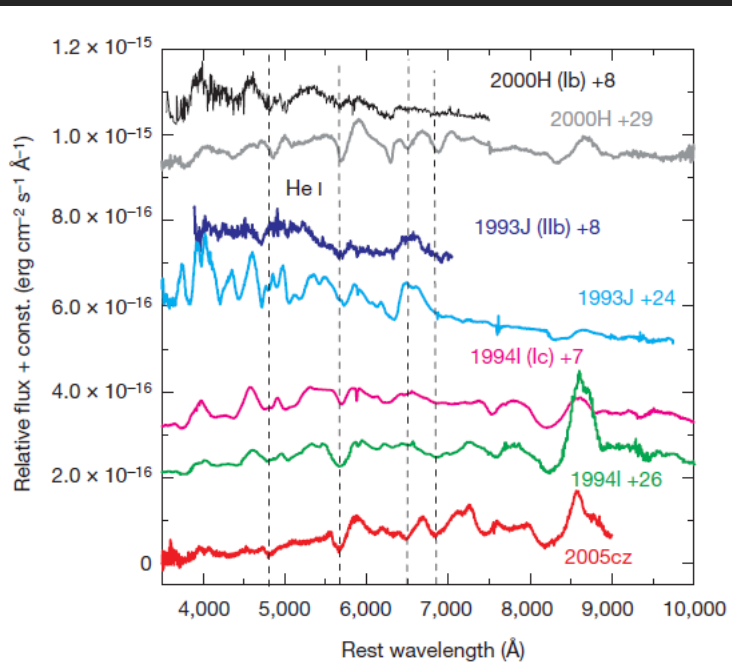
First peak in the LC:  
Dense CSM  
 $\Rightarrow$  massive star origin (=USSN).

# Emerging link between USSN candidates (or a low-mass SNe) and Ca-rich transients



iPTF14qgr is a variant of enigmatic "Ca-rich transients"

# Ca-rich Transients (rapid & faint)



“Ca-rich”

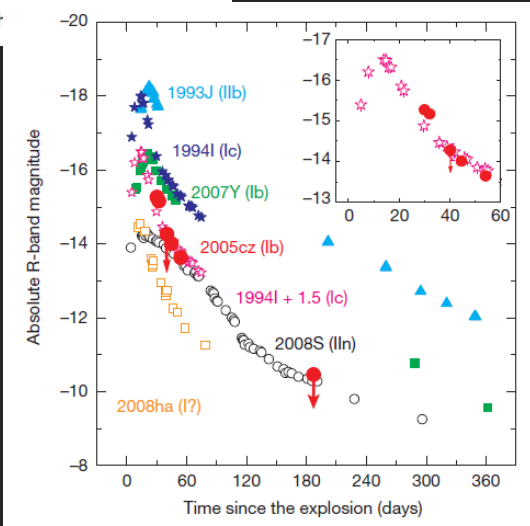
First reports: Kawabata, KM+ 10, Nature

2005cz (Kawabata+ 10) & 2005E (Perets+ 10)

SN Ib, but later strong [Ca II], not [O I].

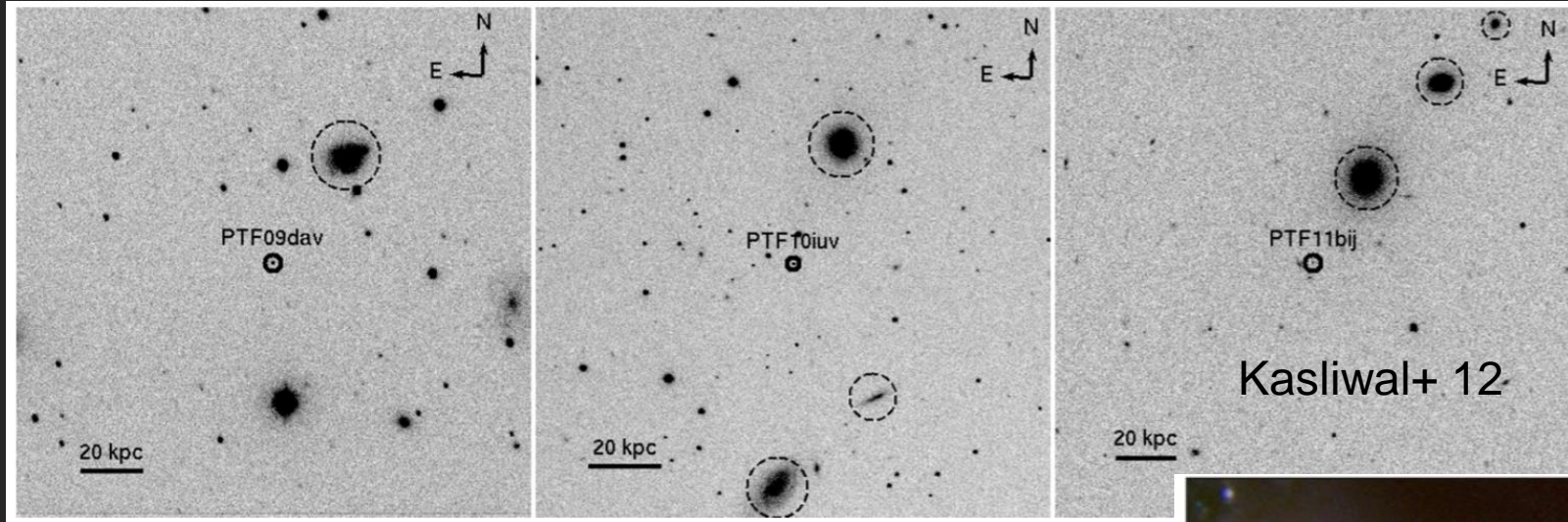
Faint and rapid. First suggestions:

Low-mass He/C+O star CCSN, or  
WD explosion?





# Ca-rich transients = old populations?

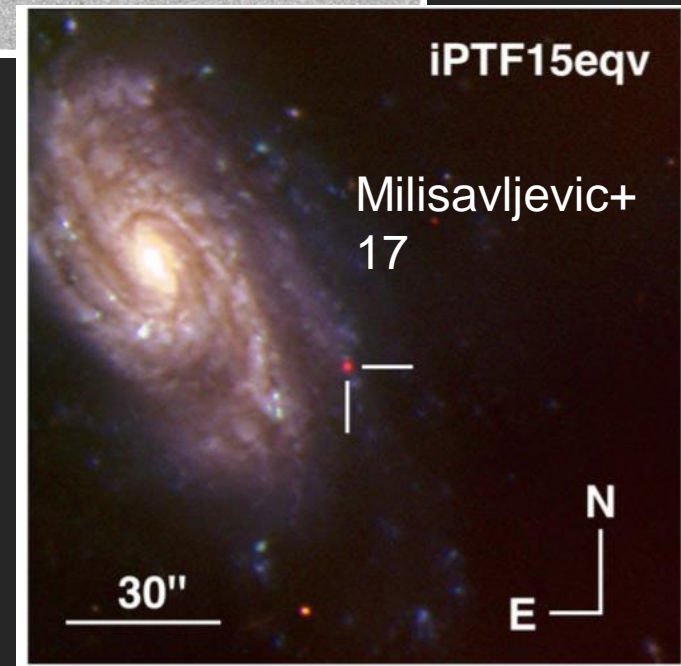


Against the CC (core-collapse) SN origin.

However...

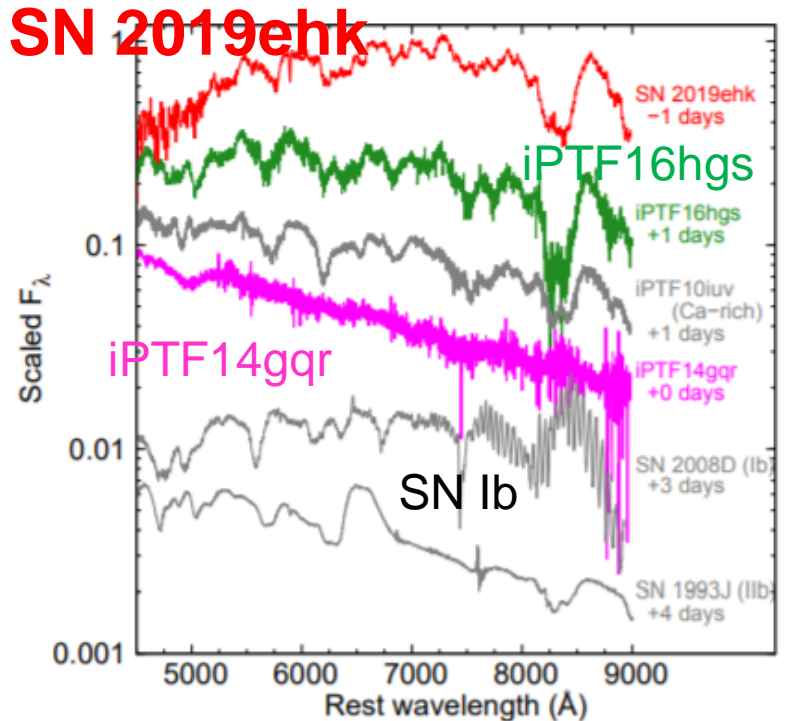
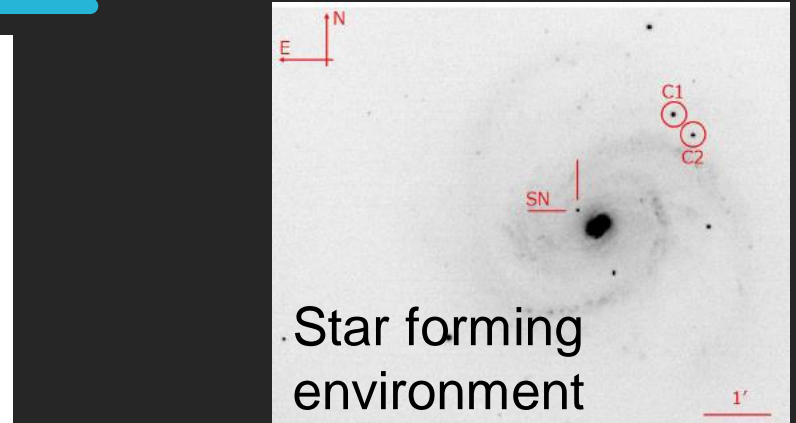
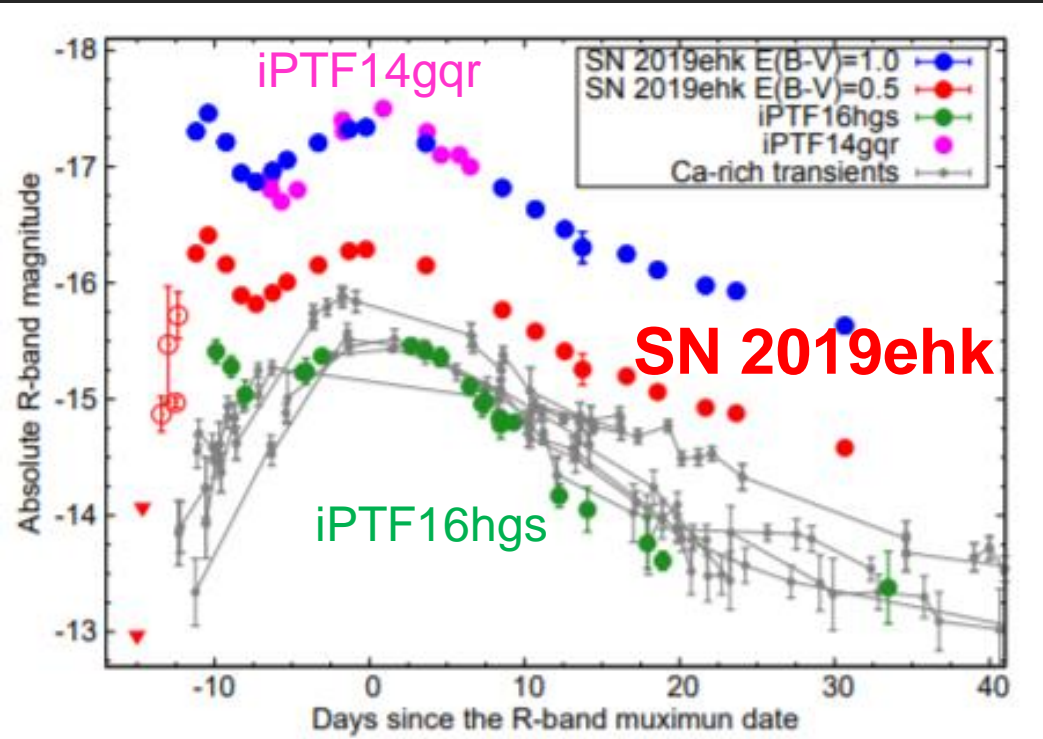
A small fraction are found in young environment.

If they are CCSNe, it has several implications.



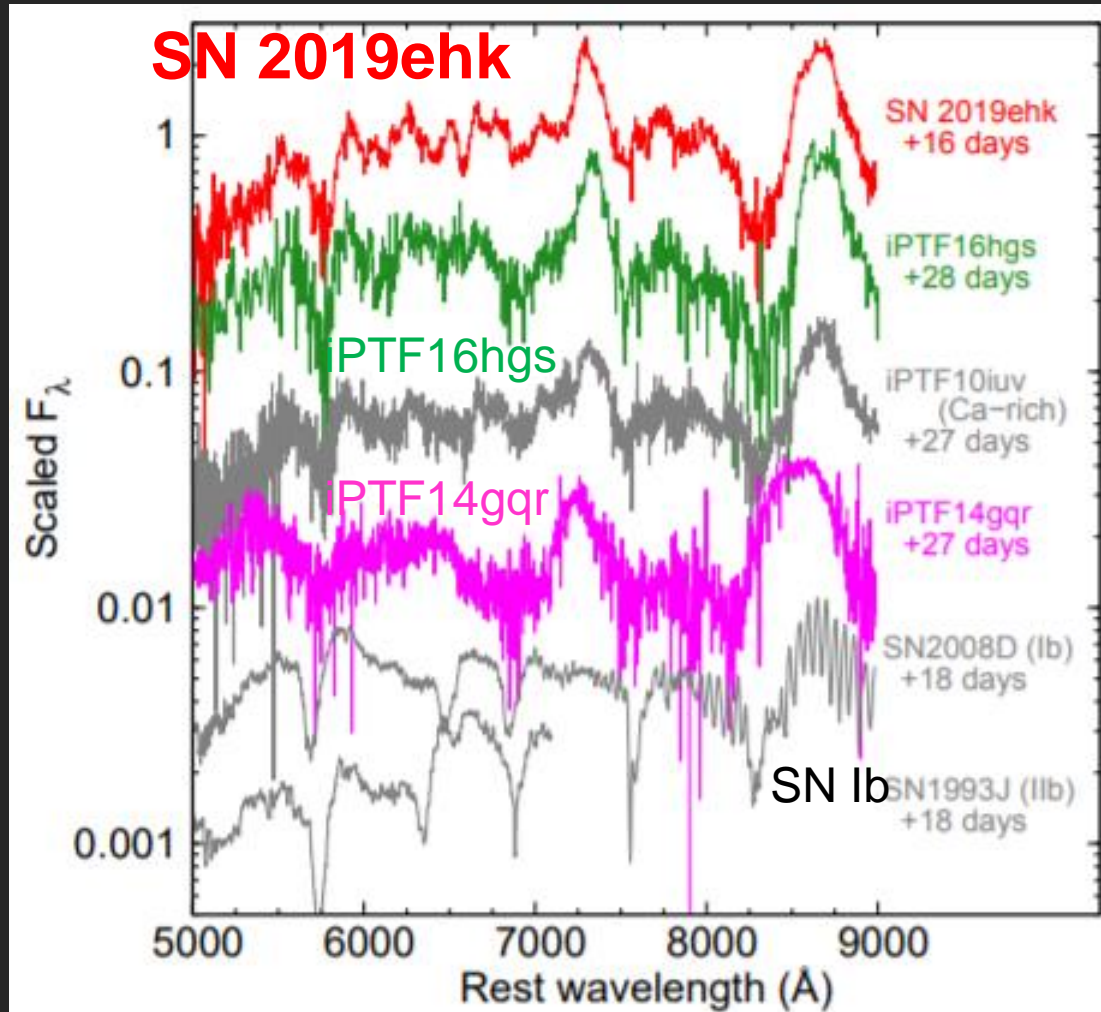
Nakaoka, KM, Yamanaka+, 2021: One of the first results from Seimei

# A new candidate of an Ultra-SESNSN?



Maximum spectrum ~ a He star.  
Rapid evolution & First peak.  
⇒ USSN candidate.  
Diversity between the USSN candidates.

# Emerging link between USSN candidates (or a low-mass SNe) and Ca-rich transients



The difference disappears (or reduces) in the later epochs.

They all evolved to the (enigmatic) “Ca-rich transients” (c.f., Kawabata, KM+ 2010).

**A need for more candidates:  
Consistent with the USSN expectation?  
(e.g., mass diversity)**

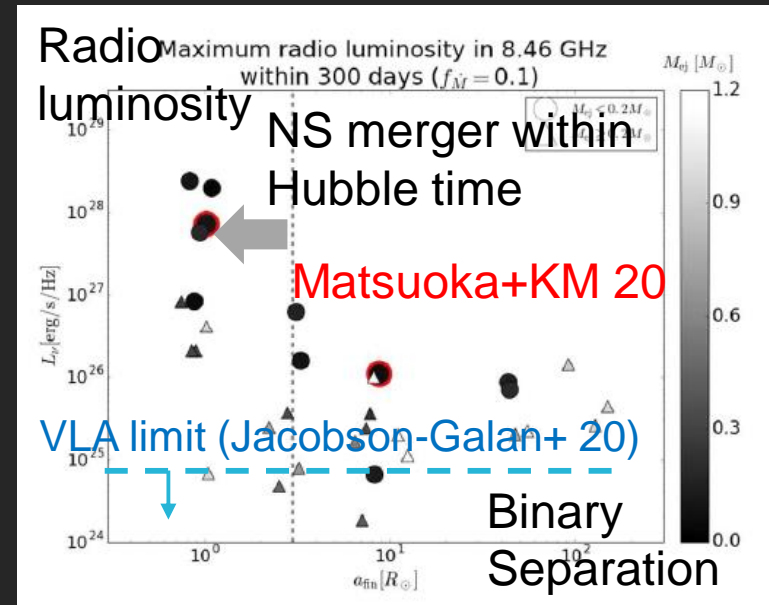


# Did SN 2019ehk leave NSs with close orbit?

- Optical observations would not discriminate the following scenarios (genuine USSN = case A):
  - A. a low-mass SN leaving short-period double NSs.
  - B. a low-mass SN leaving long-period double NSs.
  - C. a low-mass SN w/ a massive star companion.
- Go for radio.

SN 2019ehk = either case B or C (unfortunately not leading to the NS merger in the future).

Note: it is important to explore a census of “low-mass SNe”.

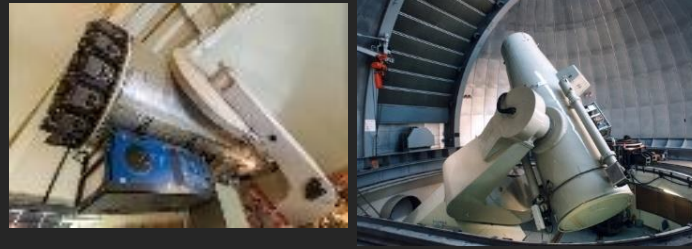
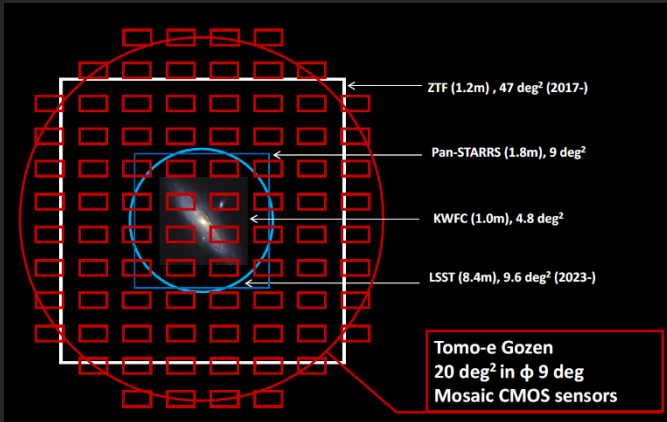


# Search for USSNe: Requirements

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- **High-cadence survey.**
  - They are rapid.
- **Quick and intensive follow-up observations.**
  - They are faint.
- **Multi-wavelength helps.**
  - The variant may look similar in the optical.

# Search for USSNe with Seimei/Kanata



Survey capability already sufficient;  
**Follow-up** key.

USSN rate  $\sim 1$  / yr within 60 Mpc  
(otherwise  $\neq$  DNS formation)

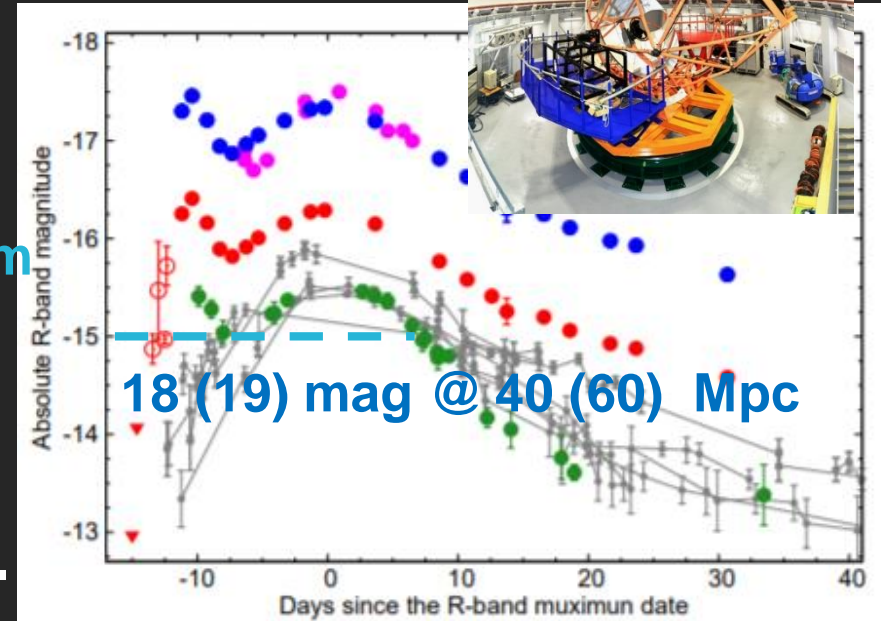
Seimei telescope for spectra with  
Rapid & intensive SN follow-up program

**Kools-IFU (present):**

limit: 18 (cons)-19 (best) mag

**TriCCS:**

Imaging available, spec to come.





# Next OISTER should help

Systematic transient survey & follow-ups.  
⇒ New transient sky.



New instruments becoming available. Tomo-e, TriCCS, ... e.g., TriCCS may help establish the NS population by the sub-sec observations.  
⇒ SN-NS synergy.

Multi-wavelength NIR, radio, ...

⇒ SN full characterization. Identifying USSNe.

# Summary

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- Core-collapse SNe (CCSNe) from the lowest mass boundary.
  - A single star: **Electron-capture SNe.**
    - A key in understanding stellar evolution and SN explosion mechanism.
    - **SN 2018zd as the strongest candidate.**
      - A “real-time” twin of the crab?
  - In a binary system: **Ultra-stripped SNe and calcium-rich transients.**
    - A possible pathway toward compact binary neutron star systems.
    - **SN 2019ehk as a new candidate; a companion is not a NS?**
      - The SN properties anyway shared with the USSNe.
      - A new link to Ca-rich transients.
- **Search for SNe leaving double NS systems.**
  - **Doable and promising project for next OISTER.**