

Asymmetry in Type Ia Supernovae: An Origin of Their Observational Diversities?

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Observational Characteristics of Supernovae

- > 500 discoveries a year (557 for 2006, 584 for 2007).
 - **Only a part** (nearby) observed in detail.
- Distance > ~ 10 Mpc (extragalactic).



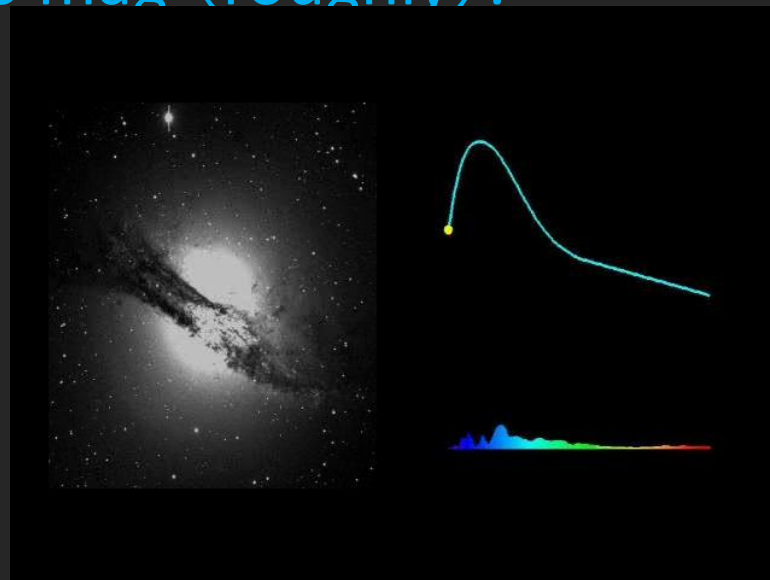
–Point sources.

- Typical maximum mag. $V > \sim 16$ mag (roughly).
- Most of obs. = Optical.
 - Imaging + spectra (time-dep.)

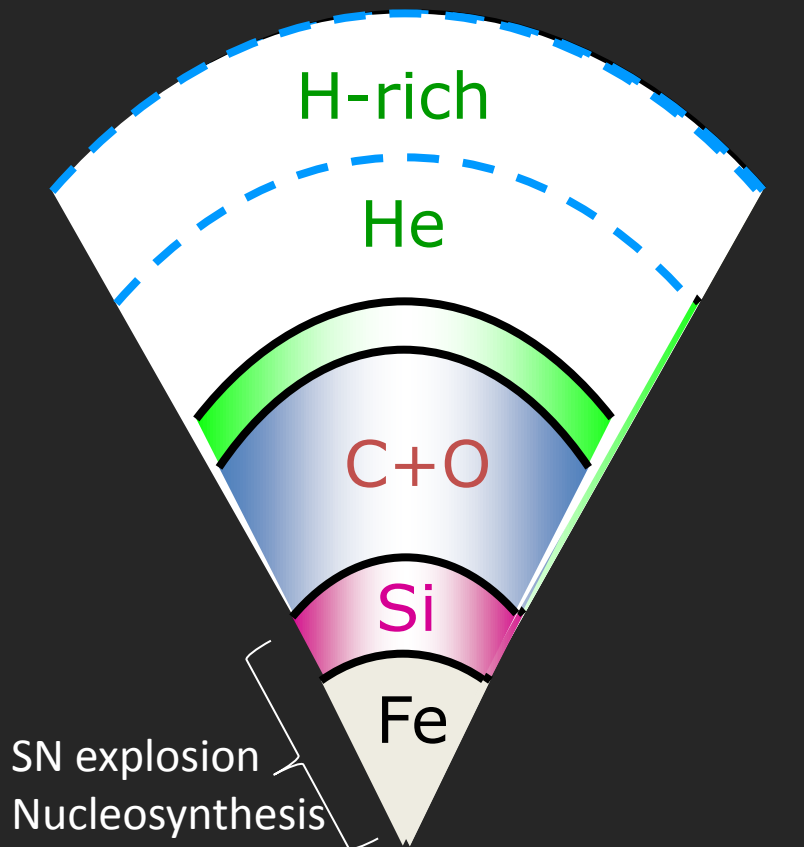
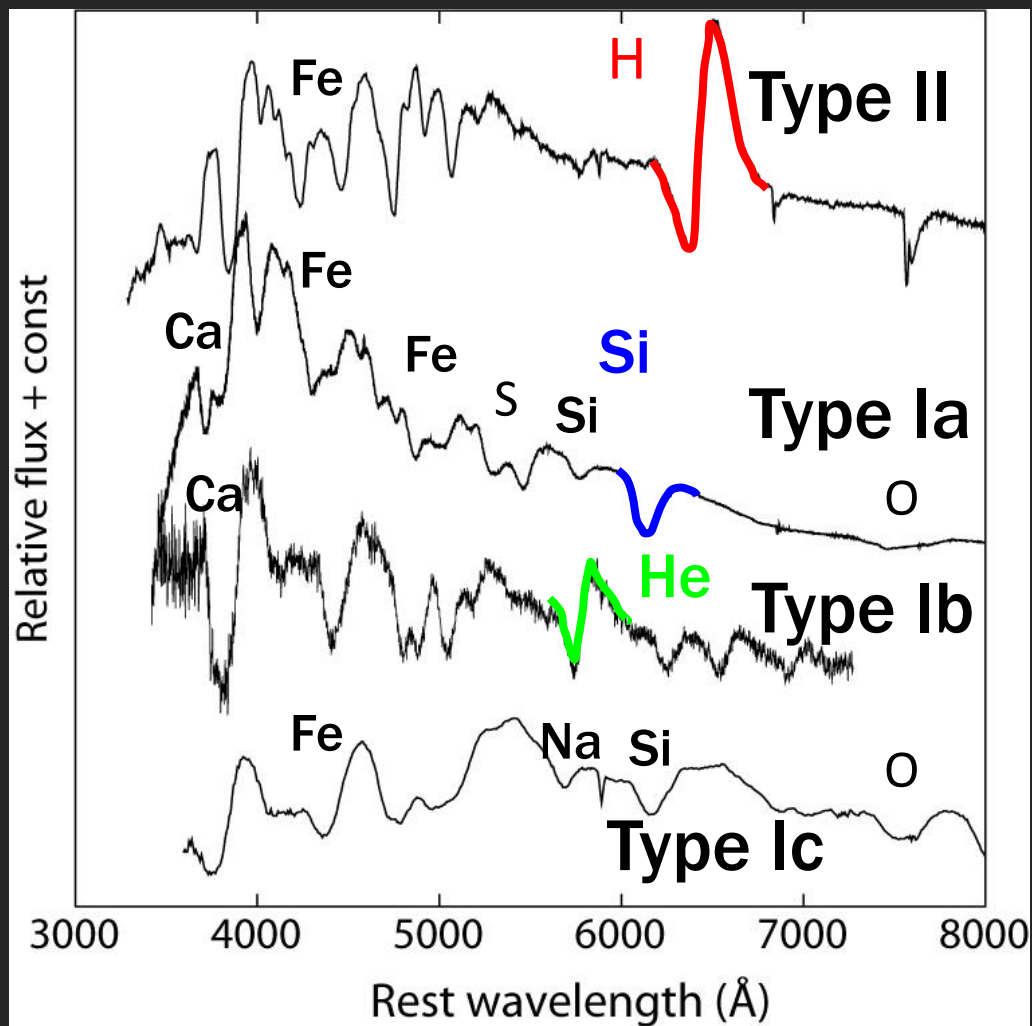


Interpretation

Supernova Physics (e.g., exp. mech.)



Spectroscopic Typing \Rightarrow Progenitor



Ib/c: massive He/CO star.

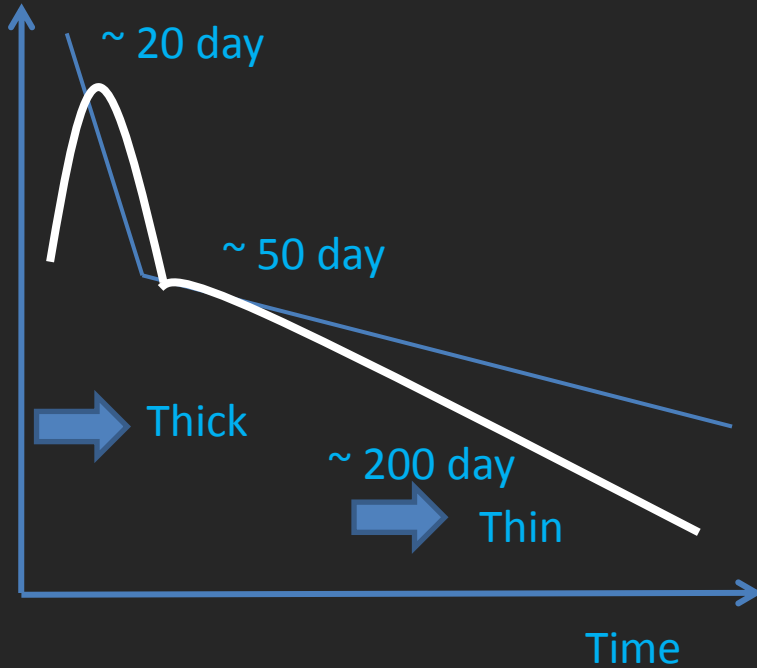
Ia: white dwarf (thermonuclear).

Emission process is the same.

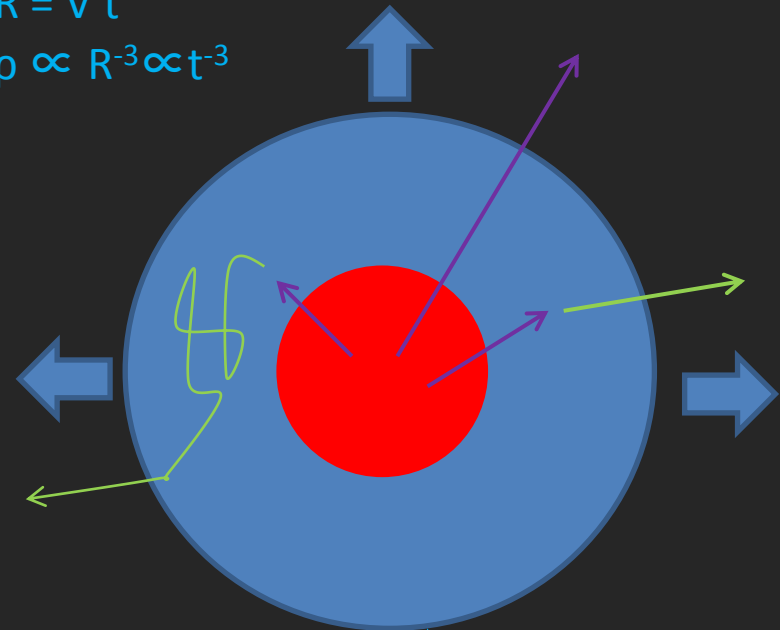
Emission Process in SNe Ia (and Ib/c)

- Power source: $^{56}\text{Ni} \Rightarrow ^{56}\text{Co} \Rightarrow ^{56}\text{Fe}$.
8.8 day 113 day $\Rightarrow \sim 1 \text{ MeV } \gamma (+ e^+)$

Log (Optical Luminosity)

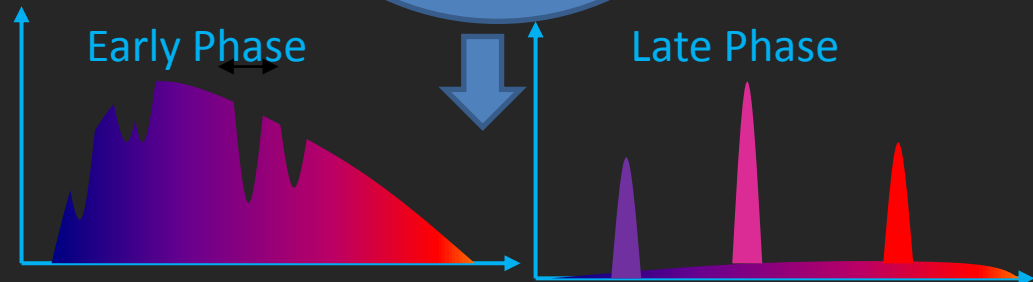


$$R = V t$$
$$\rho \propto R^{-3} \propto t^{-3}$$



Early Phase

Late Phase



Type Ia Supernovae and cosmology

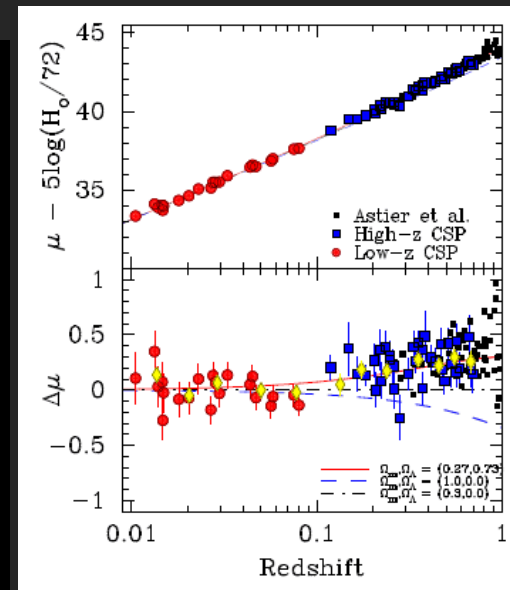
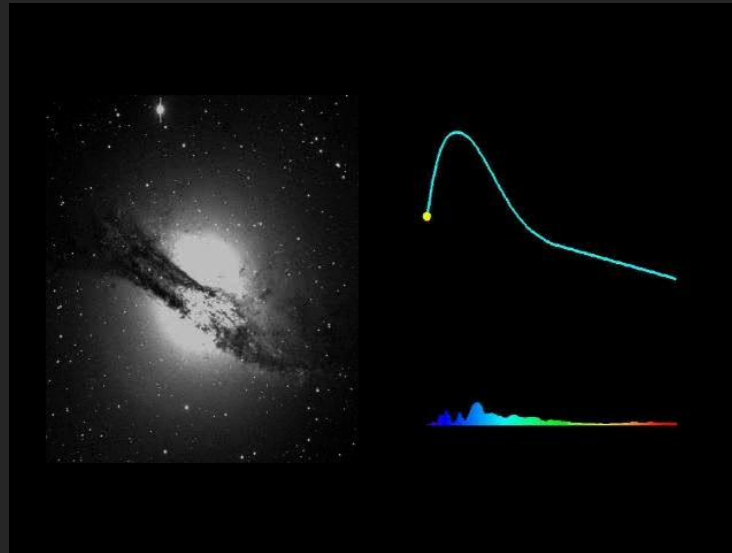
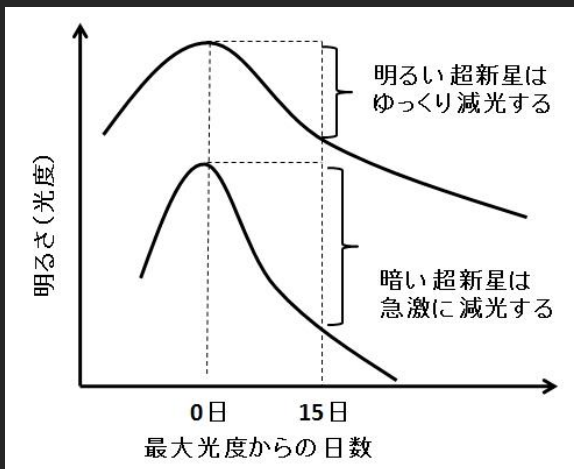
e.g., Nomoto+ 1984 (“w7 model”)

- Thermonuclear runaway of a white-dwarf (WD).
 - An explosion of a Chandrasekhar-mass WD.
 - No central remnant left.

e.g., Phillips 1993 (“Phillips relation”)

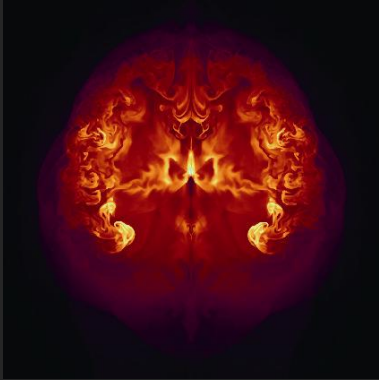
- “Homogeneous” light curves → standard candles.
 - Light curve time scale \propto Luminosity \leftarrow ^{56}Ni mass.

– $\Omega_{\Lambda} \sim 0.73!$



Asymmetry

Theory, Observation, then Unification?



- **Off-set** SN Ia model.

- KM+, 2010, ApJ, 712, 624.

- observational **evidence**.

- KM+, 2010, ApJ, 708, 1703.



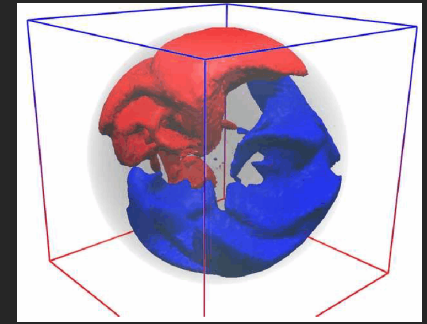
- Observational **diversities**.

- KM+, 2010, Nature, 466, 82.

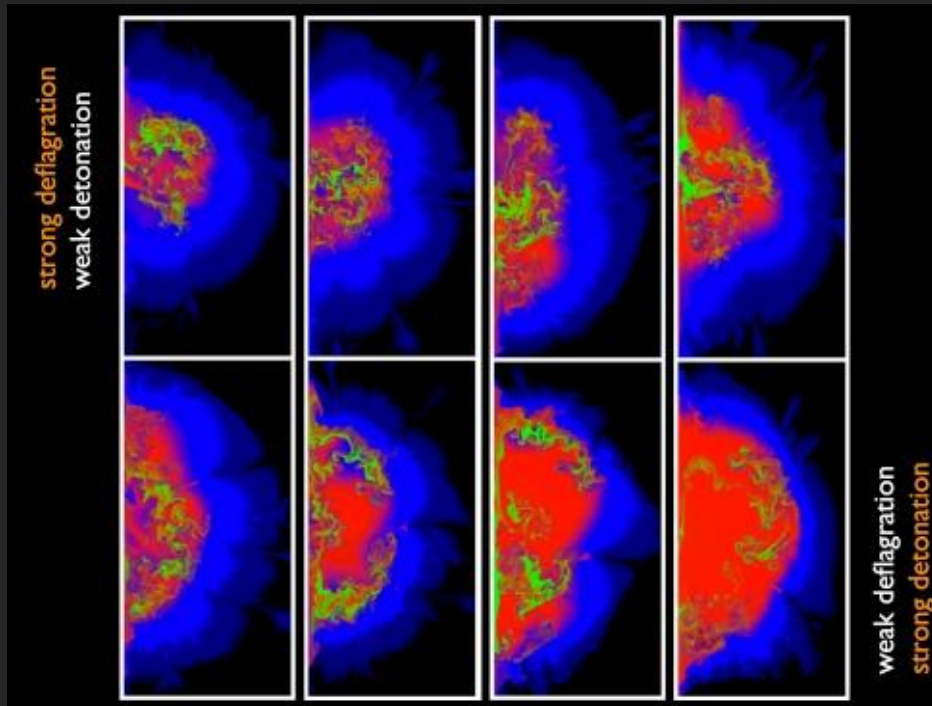
- KM+, 2011, MNRAS, in press

Asymmetric explosions?

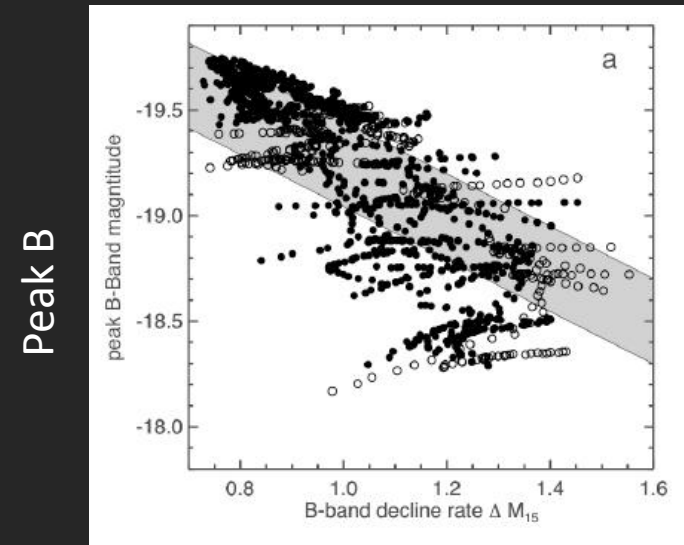
- Details of the exp. not yet clarified.
- “spherical” explosion is standard, but it does **not have to be** in theories.



Dipole Convection in progenitor WD (Kuhlen+ 06)



Kasen, Roepke, Woosley, 2009



Δm_{15} (Light curve time scale)

But **NO** observational evidence

- Theorists have started thinking about the “asymmetric” explosion in these days.
 - Roepke+07, Jordan+08, Kasen+09.
- **Big** problem here.
 - (Some) models may explain some observations, which **can however be explained by SPHERICAL** models as well.
- We need **direct** evidence, which **contradicts any** spherical models.

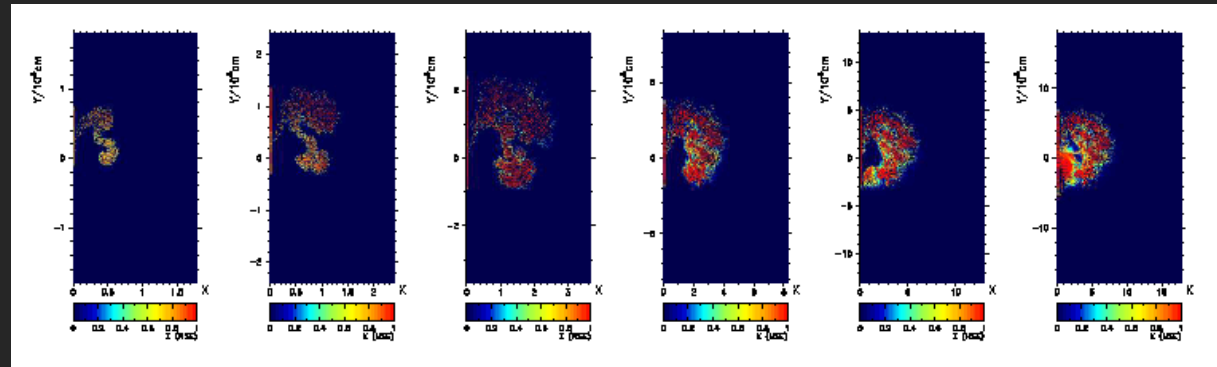
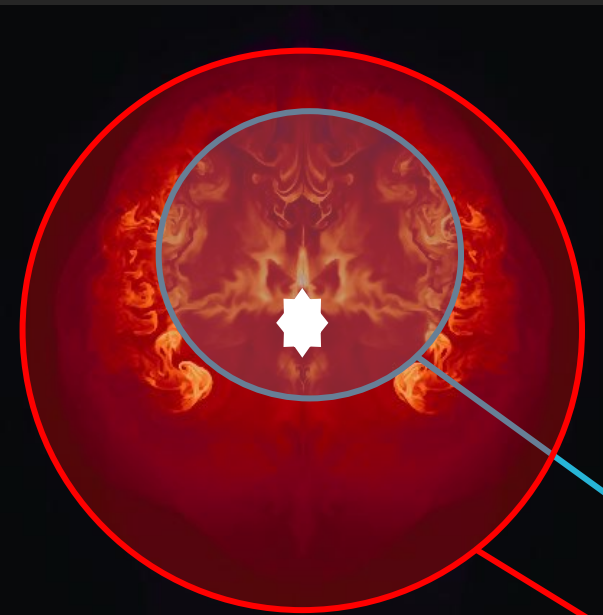
Where to look into? High-density Ash!

- Example: Ignition at an **offset** (near the center).

Deflagration →

Detonation →

Fe-peak elements

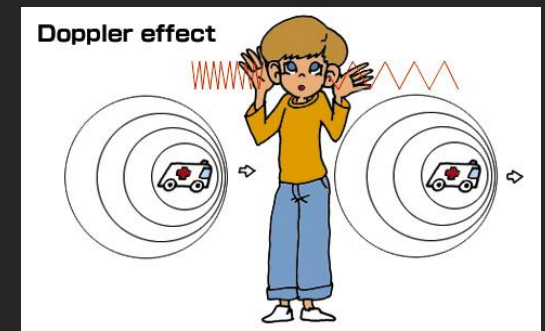


time →

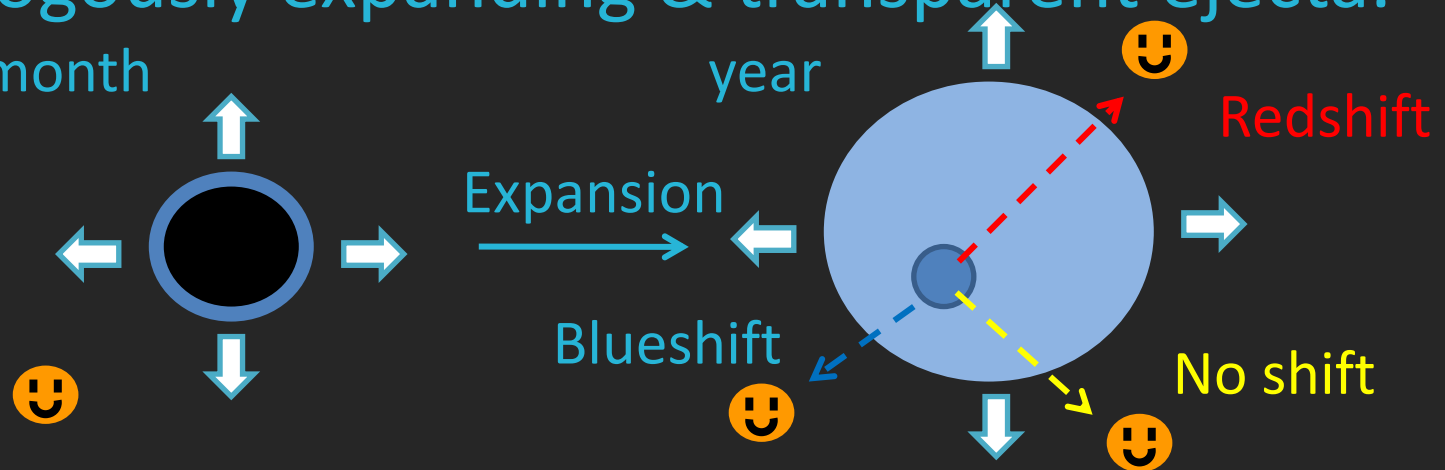
Def. Ash = STABLE Fe+Ni, High Density

Det. Ash = ^{56}Ni (SN power!), Low Density

How? Late-time spectra



- Just simple... **Doppler shift** diagnostic of homologously expanding & transparent ejecta.
week ~ month



- Simple, but not easy... faint (radioactive decay \Rightarrow $\sim 21 - 23$ mag)
- Successful for SNe Ib/c to show their asymmetric nature.
 - KM, Kawabata, Mazzali+, 2008, Science, 319, 1220.
 - Modjaz+08, Taubenberger+09.

Doppler shift diagnostics for SNe Ia

Ionization / particle

$$\frac{4\pi J_\gamma \sigma_\gamma}{\chi_{eff}} = \alpha n_e \frac{n_{i+1}}{n_i} \Rightarrow \frac{n_{i+1}}{n_i} \propto n_e^{-1} J_\gamma$$

⁵⁶Ni/Co/Fe: radioactive input

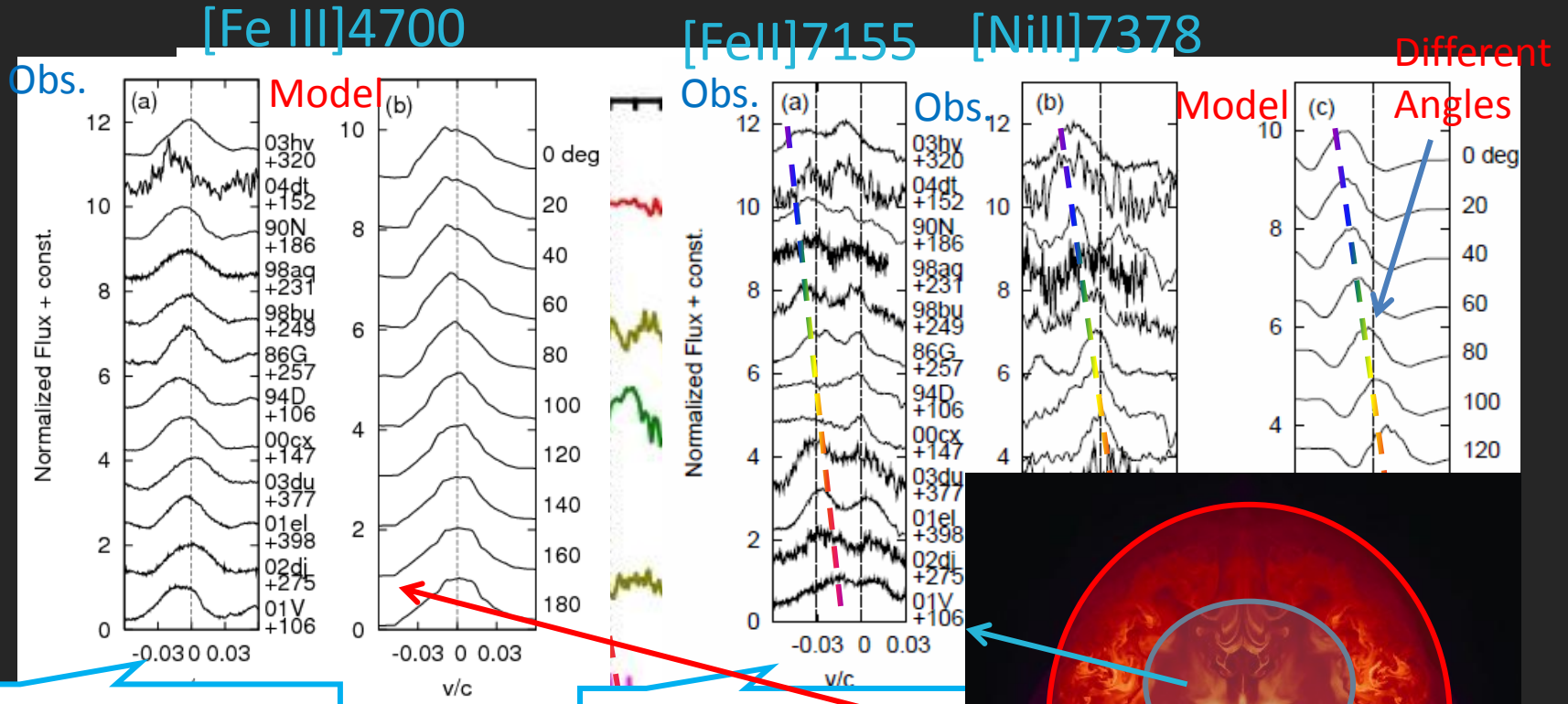
Thermal Balance

$$L_{line} \propto n_e n_0 \exp\left(-\frac{T_{ex}}{T_e}\right)$$

Excitation T of a line

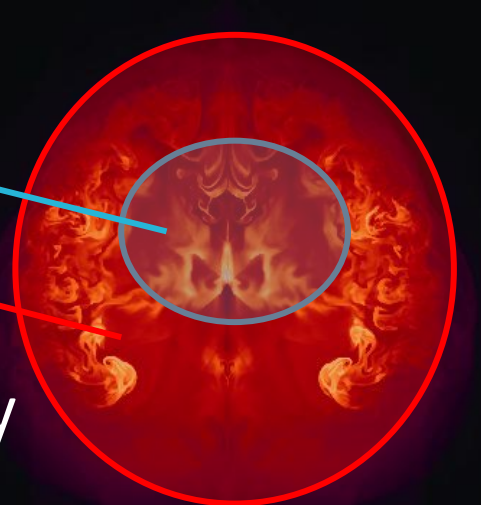
- STABLE Fe+Ni, high density... “Def. Ash”
 - Low ionization(+1), low temperature (~ 5000K).
 - Representative = **[Fe II]7155, [Ni II]7378.**
- ⁵⁶Ni, low density... “Det. Ash”
 - High ionization(+2), high temperature (~ 10000K).
 - Representative = **[Fe III]4701.**

It is there! The first evidence of asymmetry

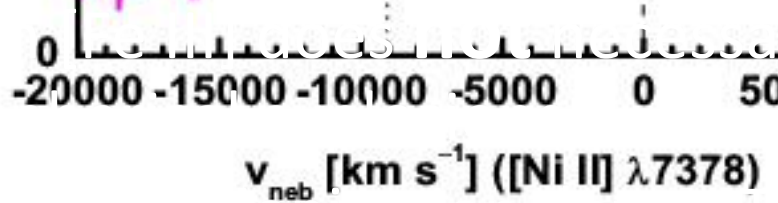


Center = Rest.

Center ≠ Rest.



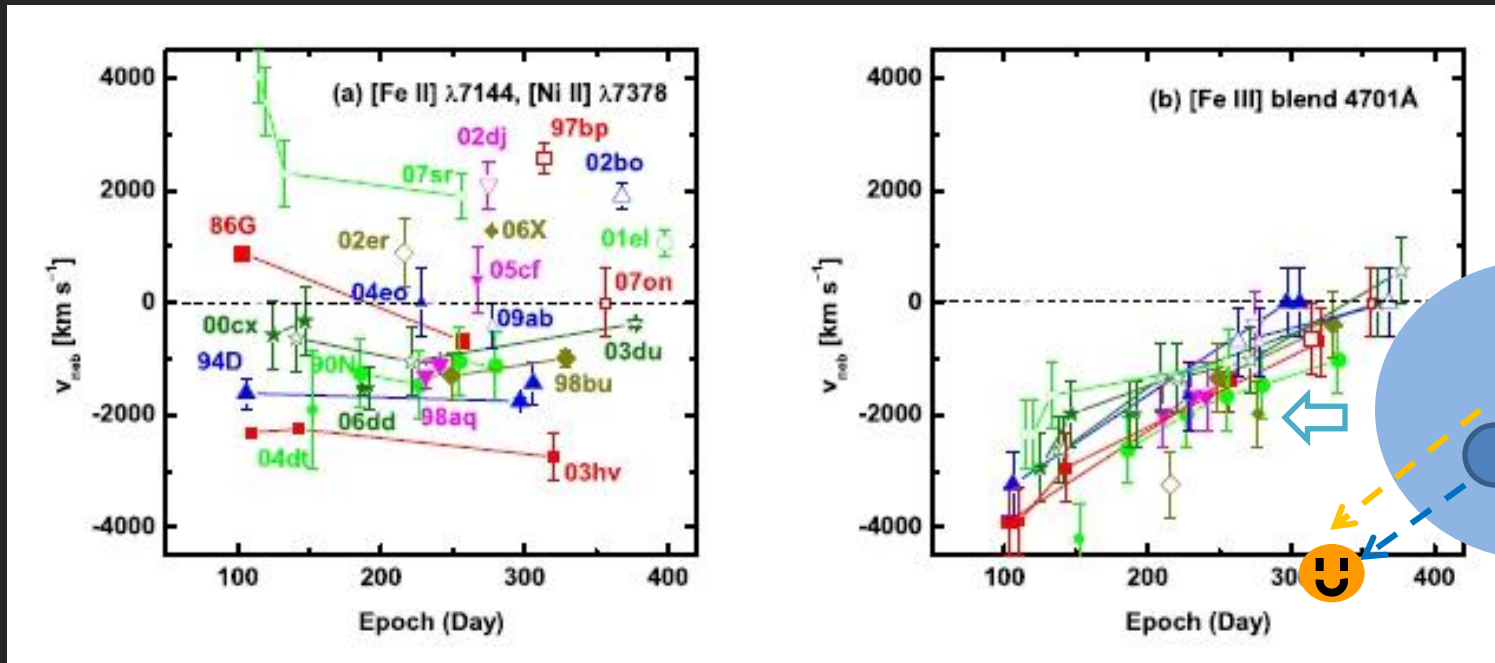
- No-shi
- Got to



arily
ex lines.

Evidences... **not** model dependent.

- Purely observational statements.



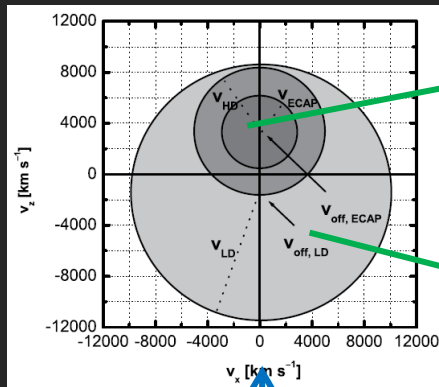
No correlation w/ epoch.
The shift does not evolve for each SN.
Large variation of the Doppler shift.
→ Offset + viewing angle.

Correlation w/ epoch.
The shift evolves with time.
Little variation for given epoch.
→ Radiation transfer. Spherical.

A strong case: 2003hv



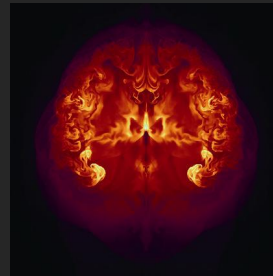
Looks like **spherical**, if you look at only this line! (as people did.)



Stable Fe+Ni, high ρ

^{56}Ni , low ρ

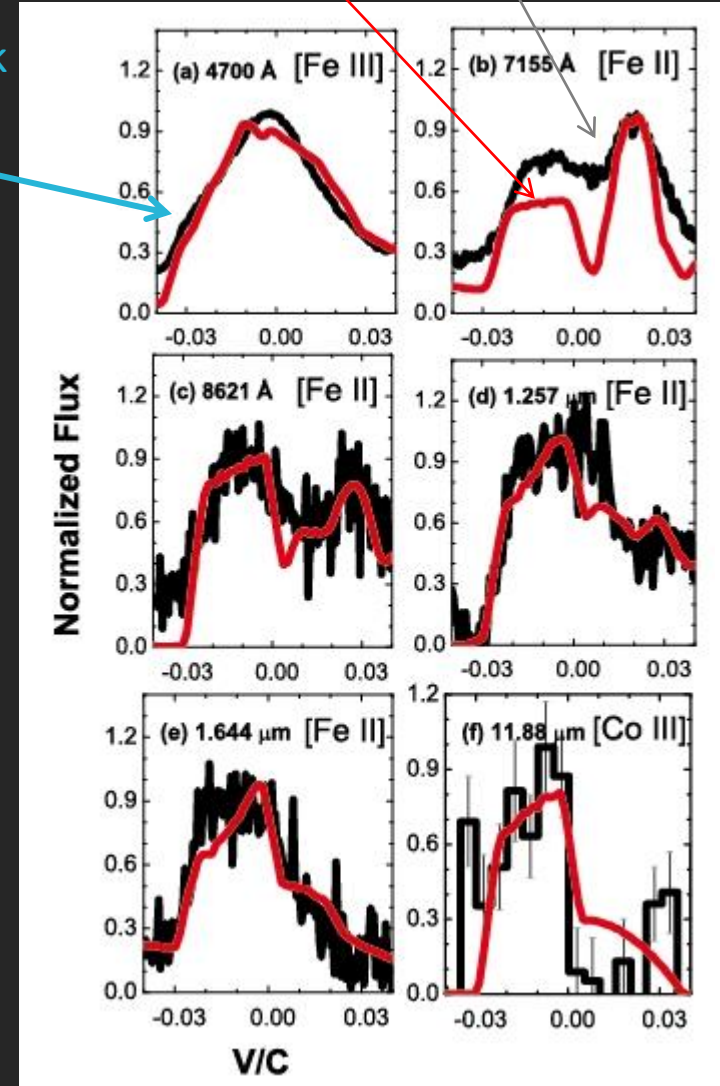
Toy model



- Two categories in lines.
 - No shift.
 - blue-shift.
- The shift behavior **as expected.**

Off-set

Obs



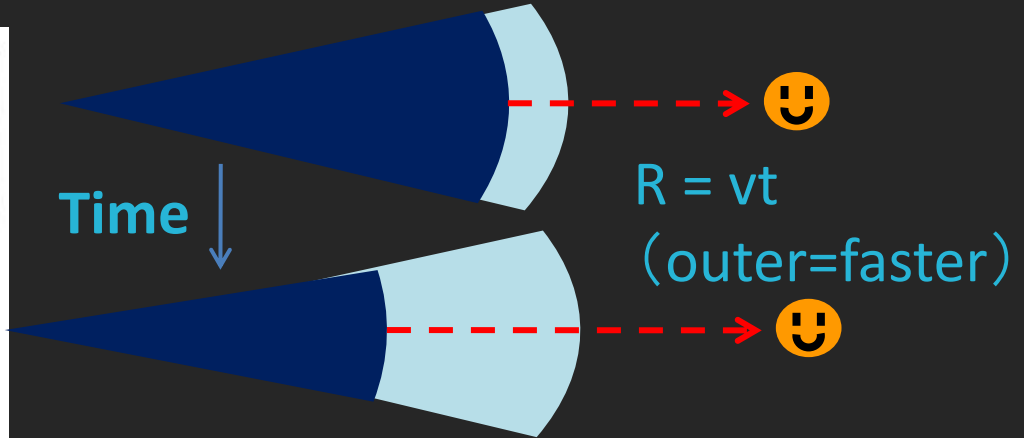
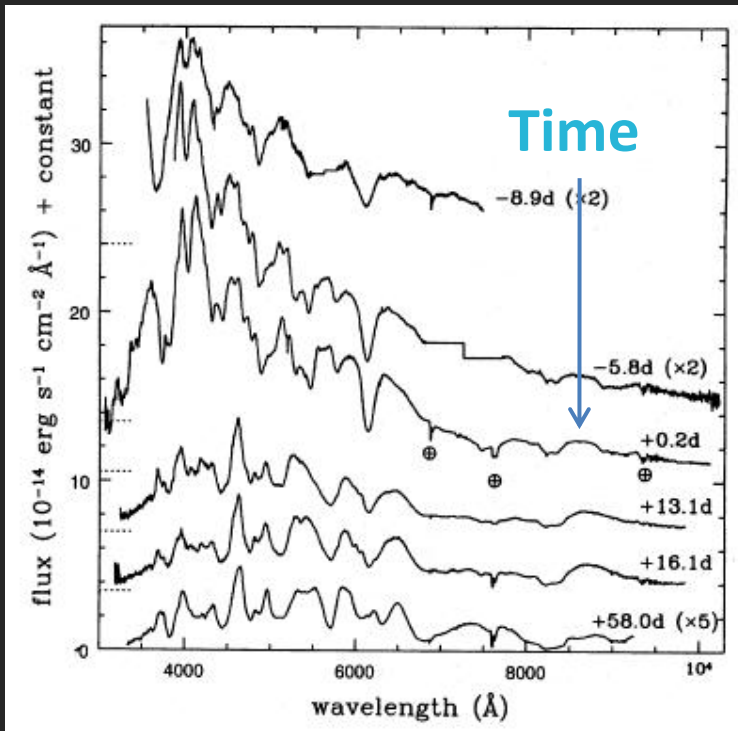
Tackling Observational Diversities

- Expectation.
 - SNe Ia look different for different viewing direction.



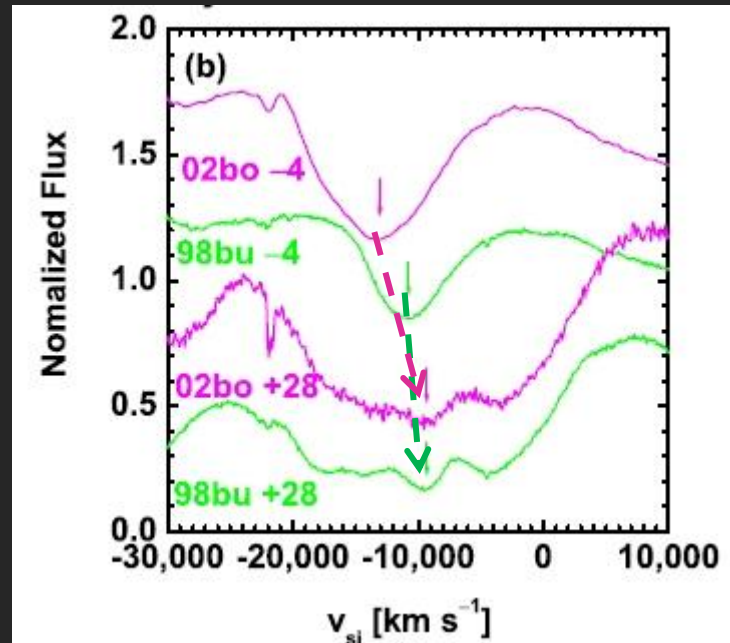
- Any implications in Observations?
 - Spectral Evolution Diversity.
 - Peak Color Diversity.

Spectral evolution diversity



Velocity of absorbing materials decreases with time.

The way different for different SNe.



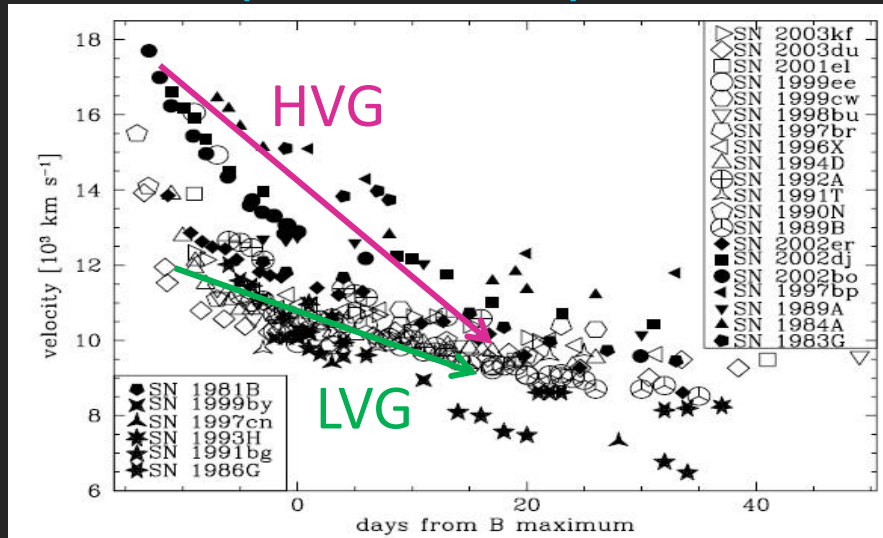
SN 2002bo
Rapid
evolution

SN 1998bu
Slow
evolution

HVG/LVG = High/Low Velocity Gradient

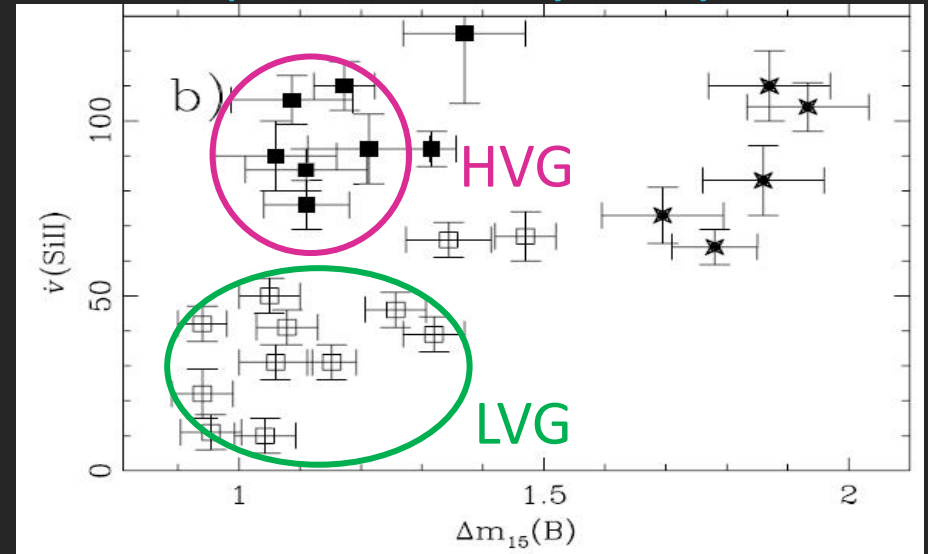
Spectral evolution diversity

Si II absorption velocity



Days

Si II absorption velocity / day

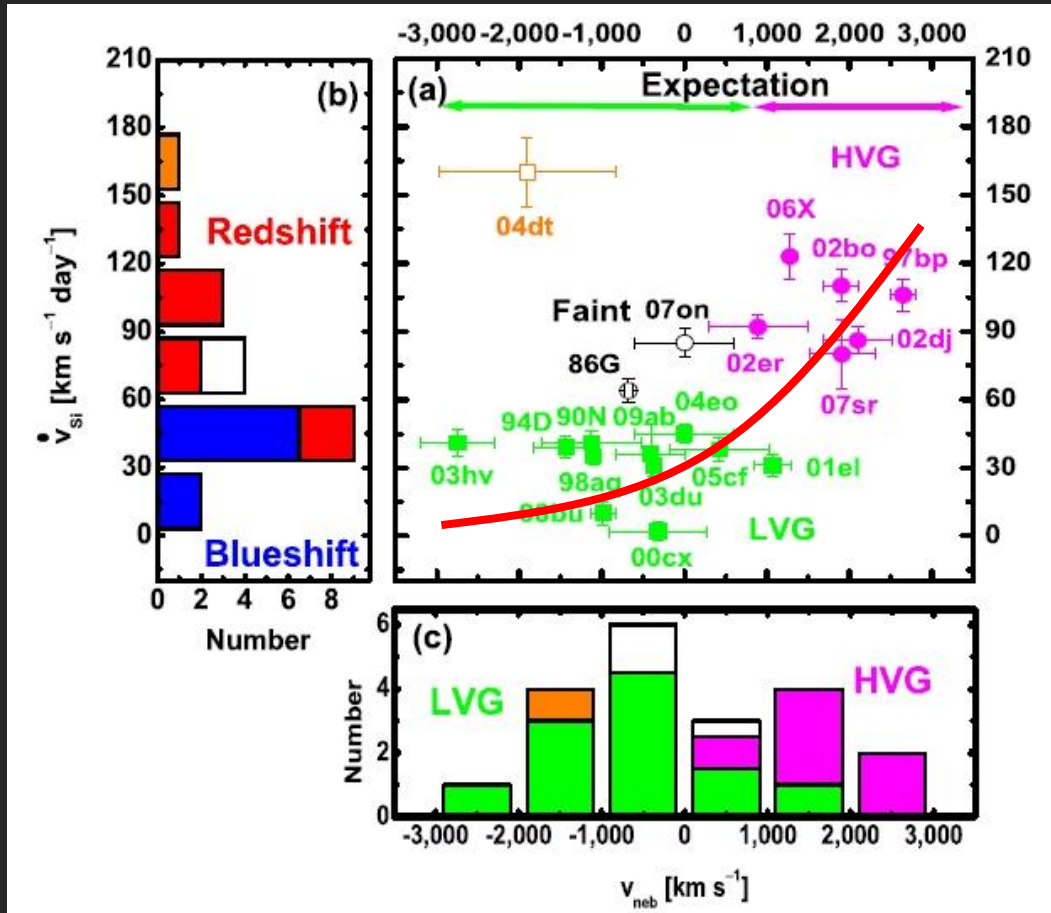


Light curve time scale = Luminosity indicator

- Spectral evolution does **not correlate** with the “luminosity”.
 - The no-correlation noticed by Benetti+05, raising a challenge to the concept of “SNe Ia = uniform class = good standard candles”

Just a viewing angle!

Speed of the spectral evolution (Velocity Gradient)



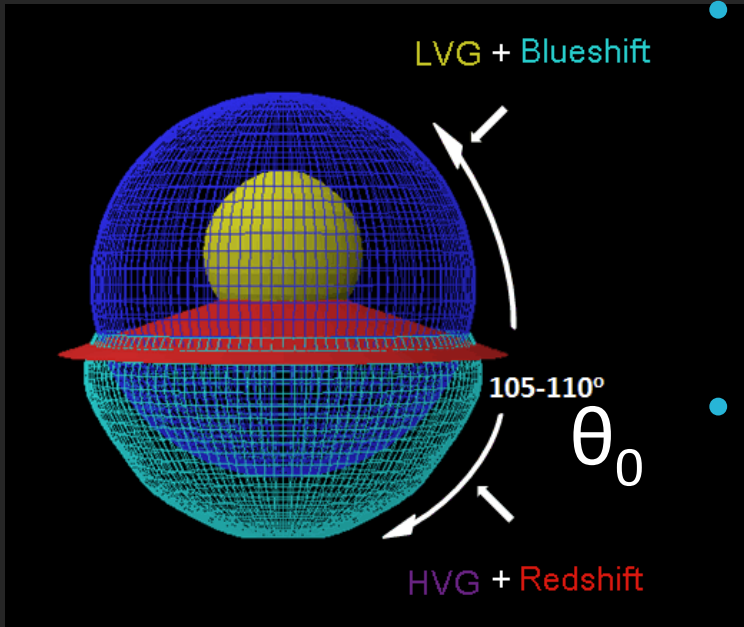
- Prob. for chance coincidence = **0.06%**

HVG all viewed at the direction **OPPOSITE** to the deflagration ash.

Wavelength Shift of [Fe II]7155+[Ni II] 7378 = **viewing angle**

“typical” SN Ia configuration

Distribution of wavelength shift



Number ratios HVG/LVG

$$\text{Shift} = -3,500 \text{ km s}^{-1} \times \cos\theta$$

$$\text{LVG: } -3,000 < \theta < 1,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{HVG: } 1,000 < \theta < 3,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$\theta_0 = \arccos(-1000/3500)$$

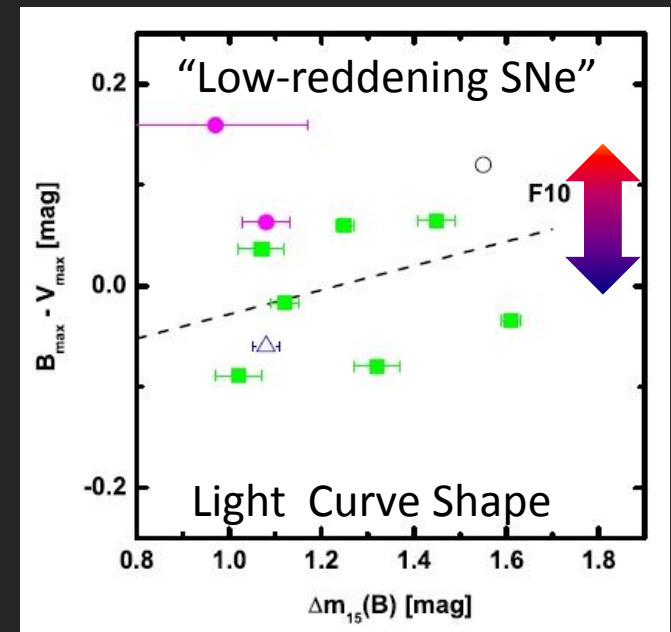
- One assumption:
 - Off-set = $3,500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the deflagration ash is **generic**.
- Two **independent** information points to the **same** config.
- **$105-110^\circ$** for the transition angle.

$$\text{HVG:LVG} = 1:2 \quad (\text{numbers})$$

$$1 - \cos\theta_0 / 1 + \cos\theta_0 = \text{LVG/HVG} = 2$$

Diversity in Color?

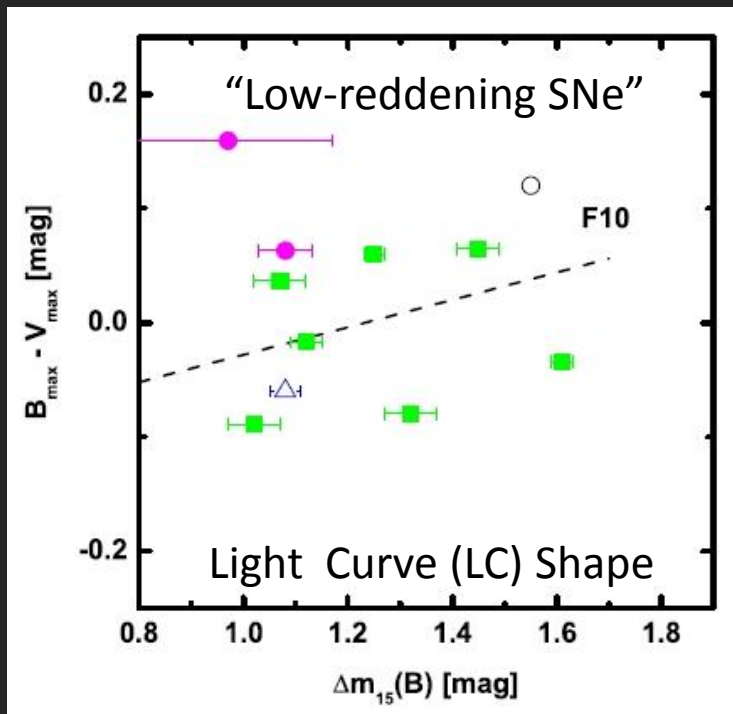
- Why does it matter? – Essential in SN cosmology.
- **Observed color + magnitude \rightarrow distance.**
 - extinction = observed color – **intrinsic color.**
 - distance = obs. mag. – absolute mag. – extinction
- Intrinsic color depends on
 - Light curve shape.
 - +alpha \rightarrow **color diversity.**



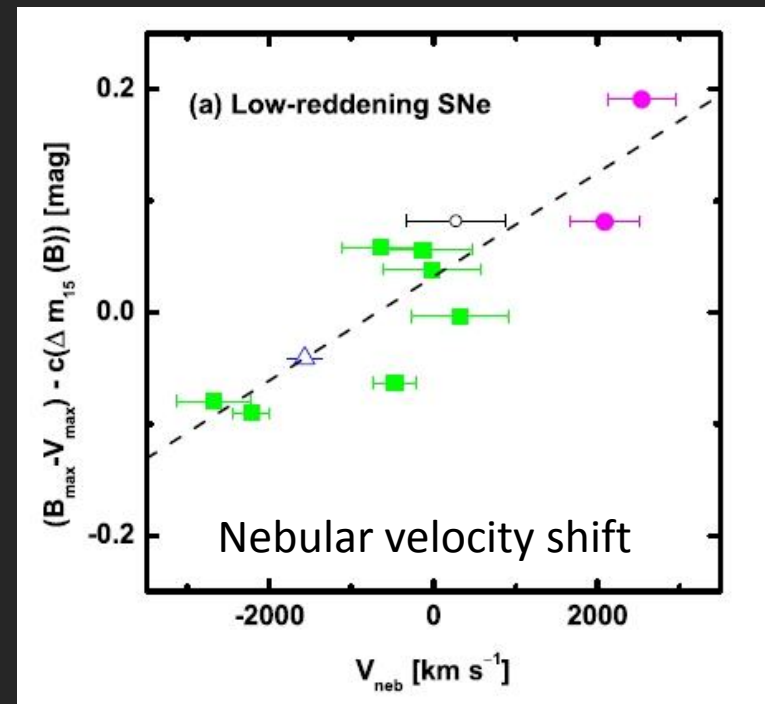
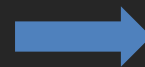
Intrinsic color variation from asymmetry

- “low-reddening SNe” → observed color \sim intrinsic.
 - Either in E/S0 or in the outskirts.
- “Viewing direction” → intrinsic color variation (?).
 - C.f., HVGs are red (Pignata+ 08, Wang+09).

Observed color w/ LC correction



residual

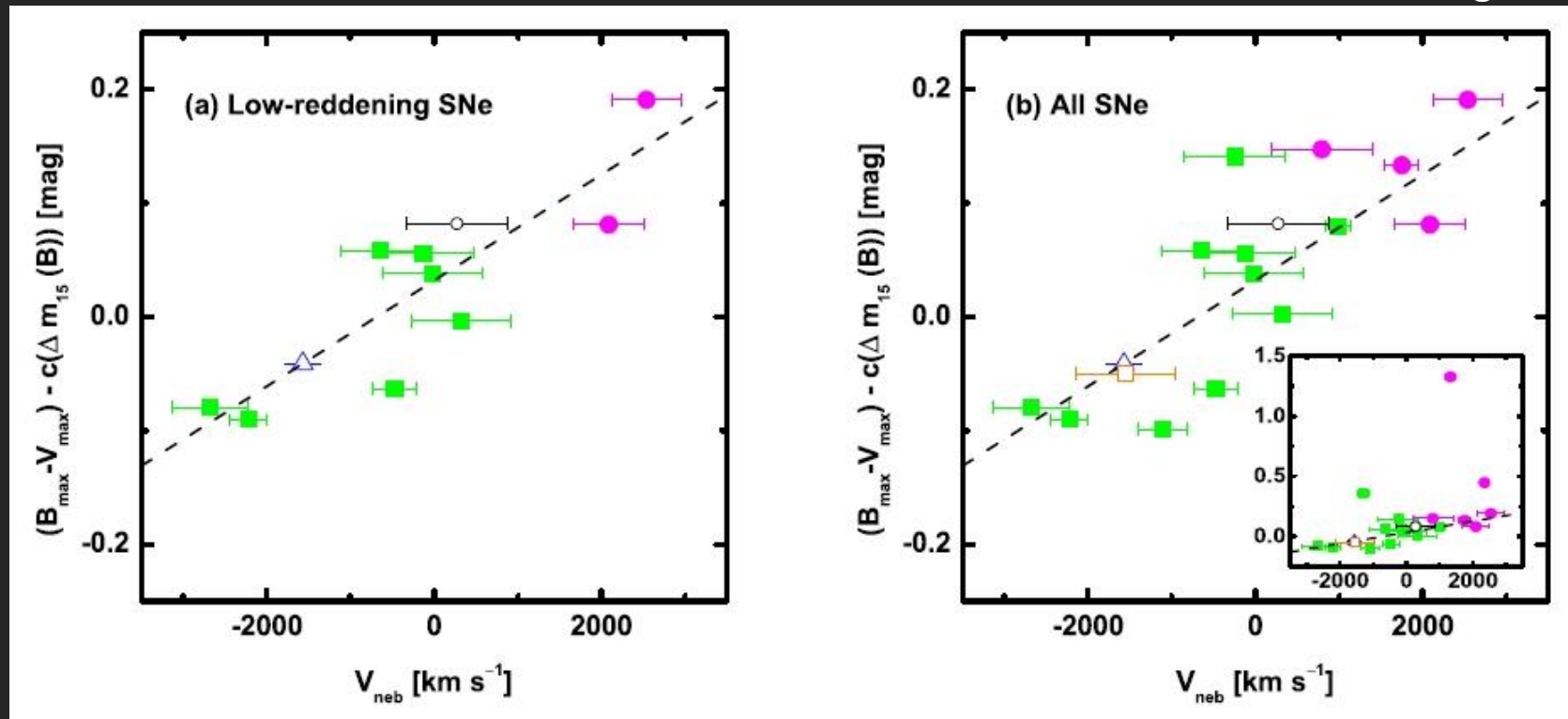


Host extinction: Real or Artifact?

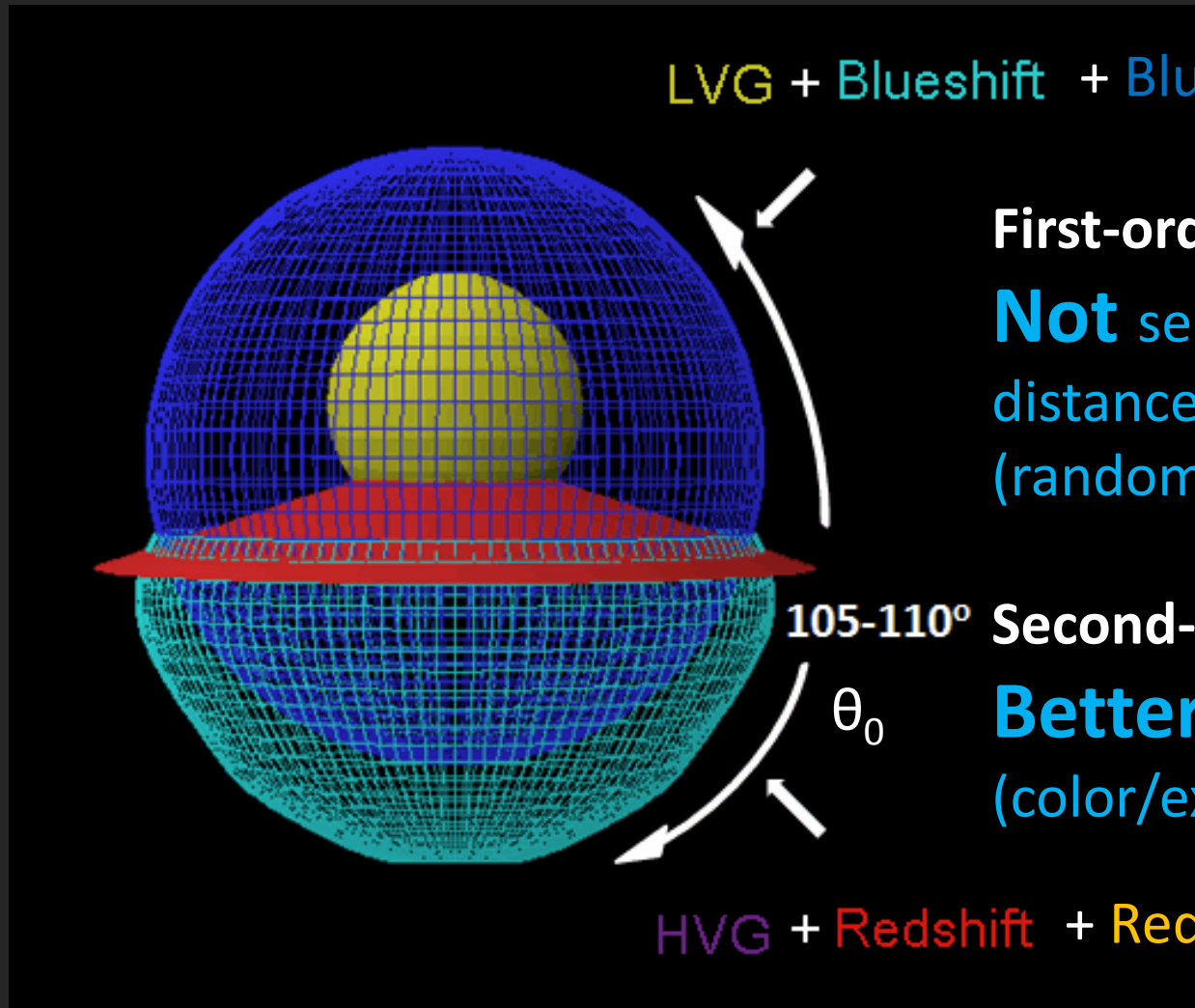
- A part (not all) of the previously derived “host extinction” may be due to “intrinsic color”.
 - **Host extinction should be revised.**

“Low-reddening” SNe (host morphology)

No selection for reddening



Asymmetry → Observational Diversities



First-order

Not seriously affecting distance measurement (random/statistic effect)

Second-order

Better distance calibration? (color/extinction estimate)

Conclusions

Asymmetry

- Is a **generic** feature.
 - Late-time spectra have provided the **first evidence**.
 - Strong support for the “one-sided” nature.
 - **Solves a part of “diversities”** in SNe Ia.
 - A simple answer to the diversities in **spectral evolution/color**.
 - Would **not** introduces **z-dependent systematic errors** in cosmology (it is a random effect).
 - However, might affect the extinction. May introduce some (**z-independent**) **systematics**?
 - Unification of further diversities?