

# Supernovae, Host Galaxies, and the Hubble Tension

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# 1 - What is the Hubble Constant and the Hubble Tension?

Hubble's Law:

$$v = H_0 \times d$$

$v$  = velocity of the galaxy     $H_0$  = Hubble constant     $d$  = distance of the galaxy

## CMB Measurements

$H_0 = 67.36 \pm 0.54 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$   
(Planck Collaboration et al. 2020)

## Local Distance Ladder

$H_0 = 73.04 \pm 1.04 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$   
(Riess et al. 2022)

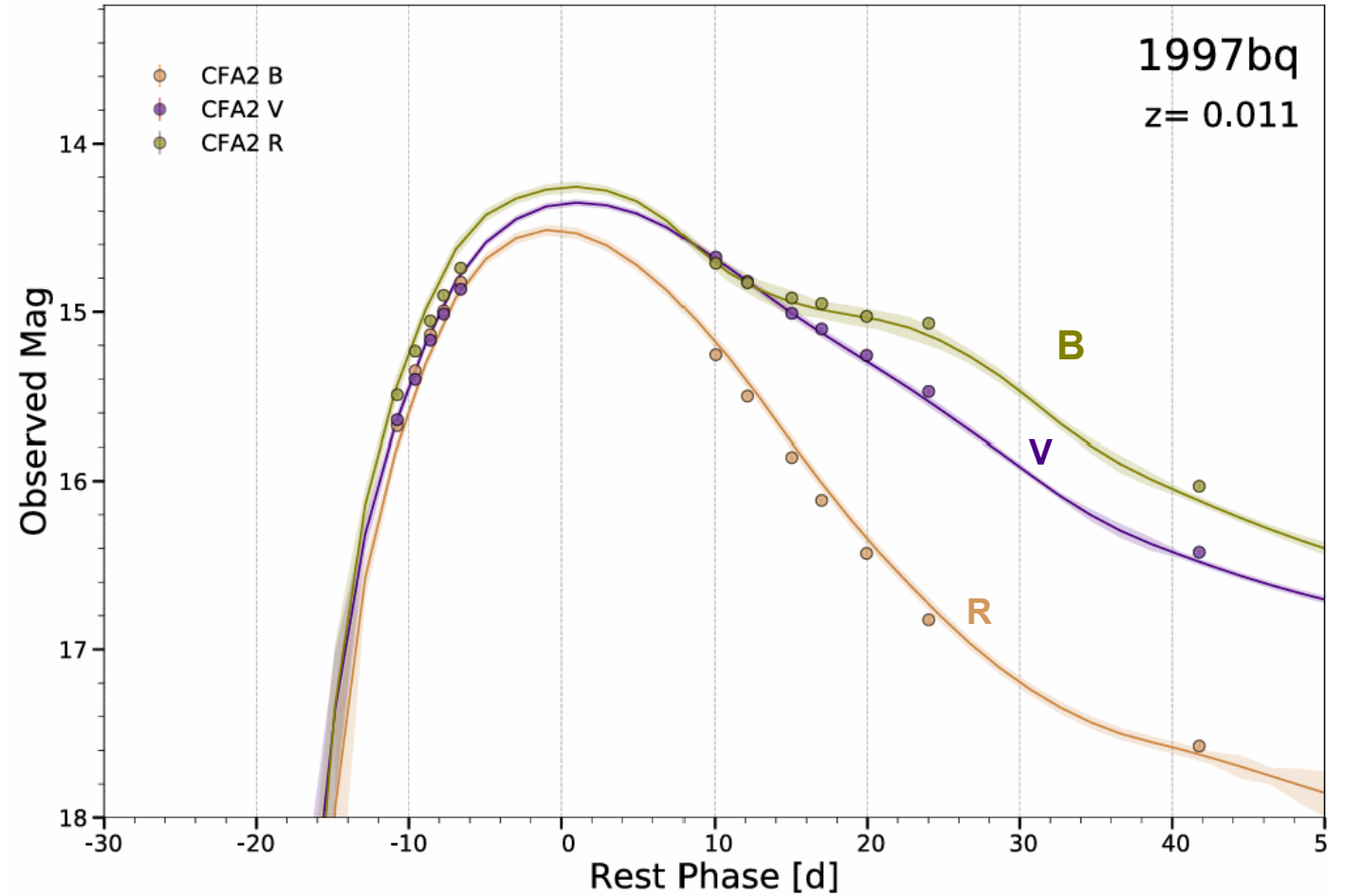
~  $5\sigma$  difference!

Can indicate the need for new physics, or unexpectedly large systematic errors in the measurements.

# 1 - Introduction: Type Ia Supernovae

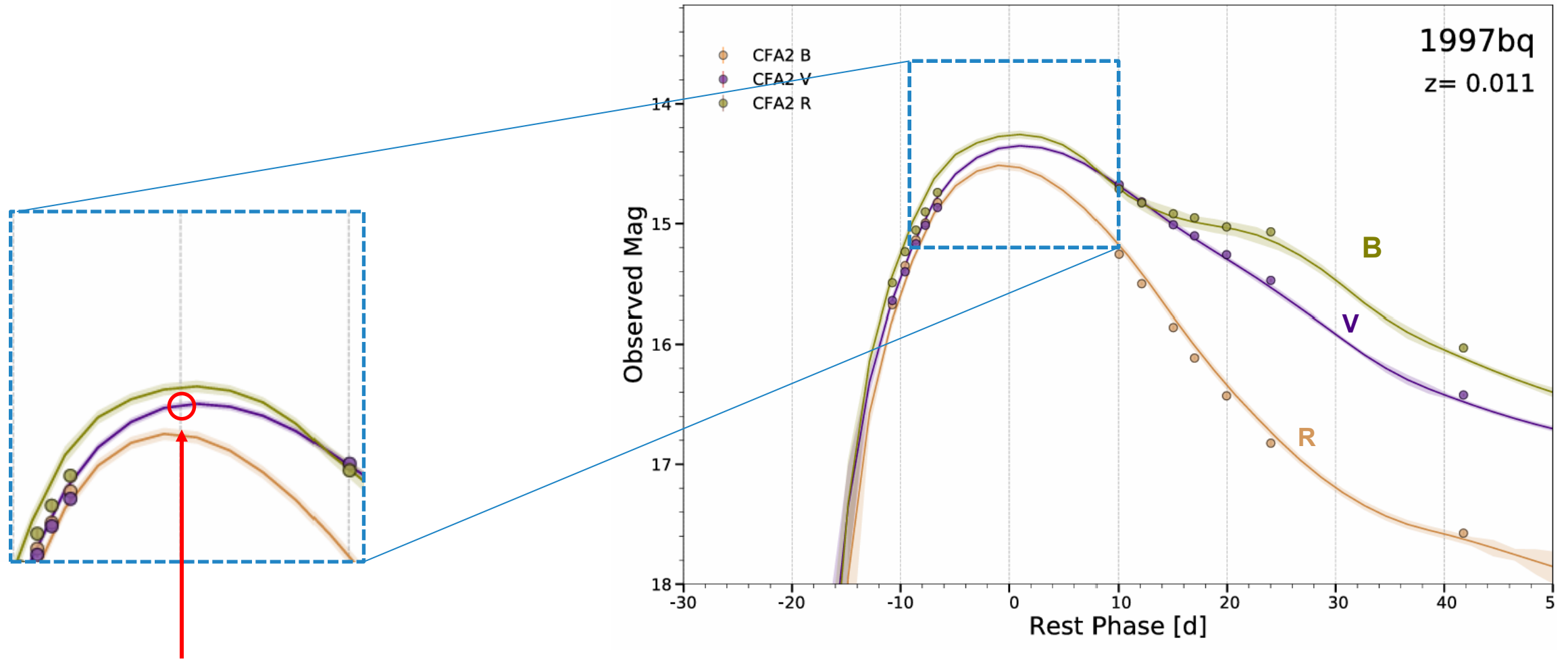
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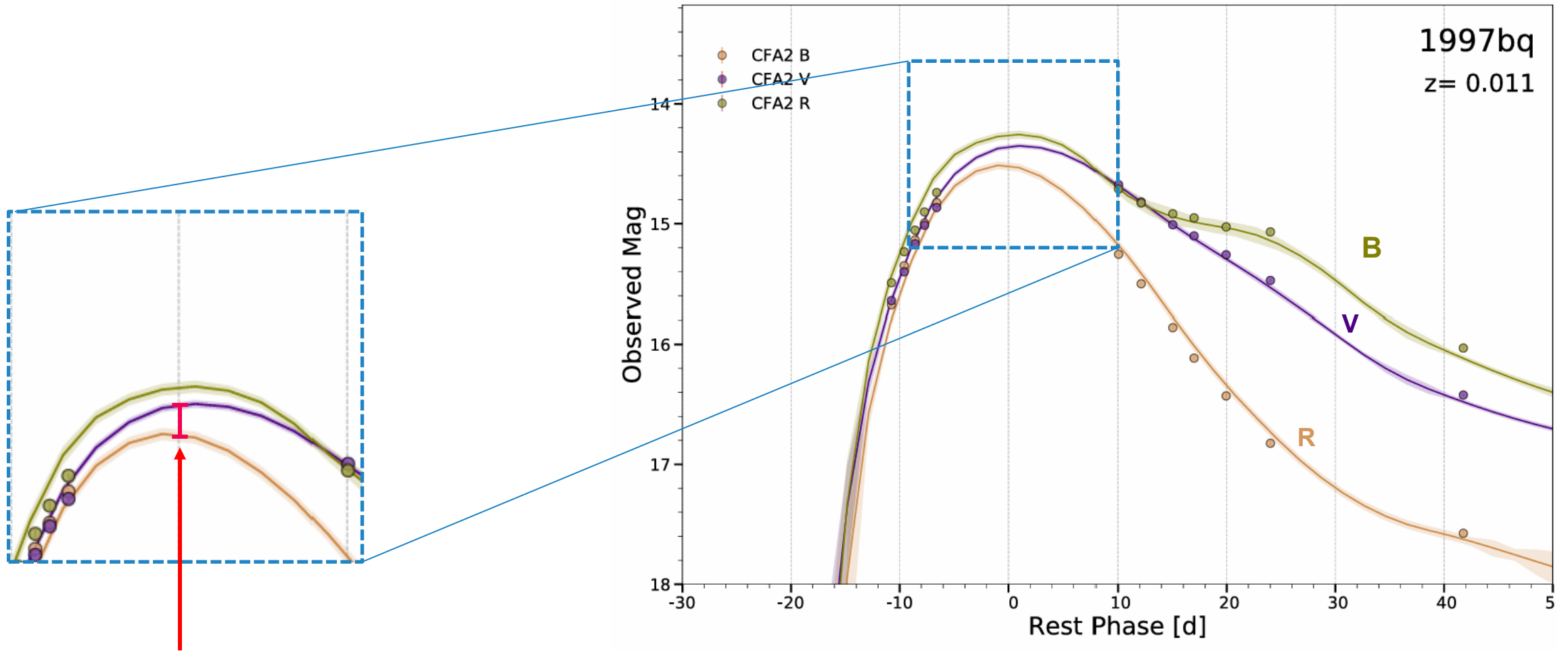
**Fig. 1** - Light curve of SN1997bq for different filters (Scolnic et al., 2022)

# 1 - Introduction: Sne Ia lightcurves



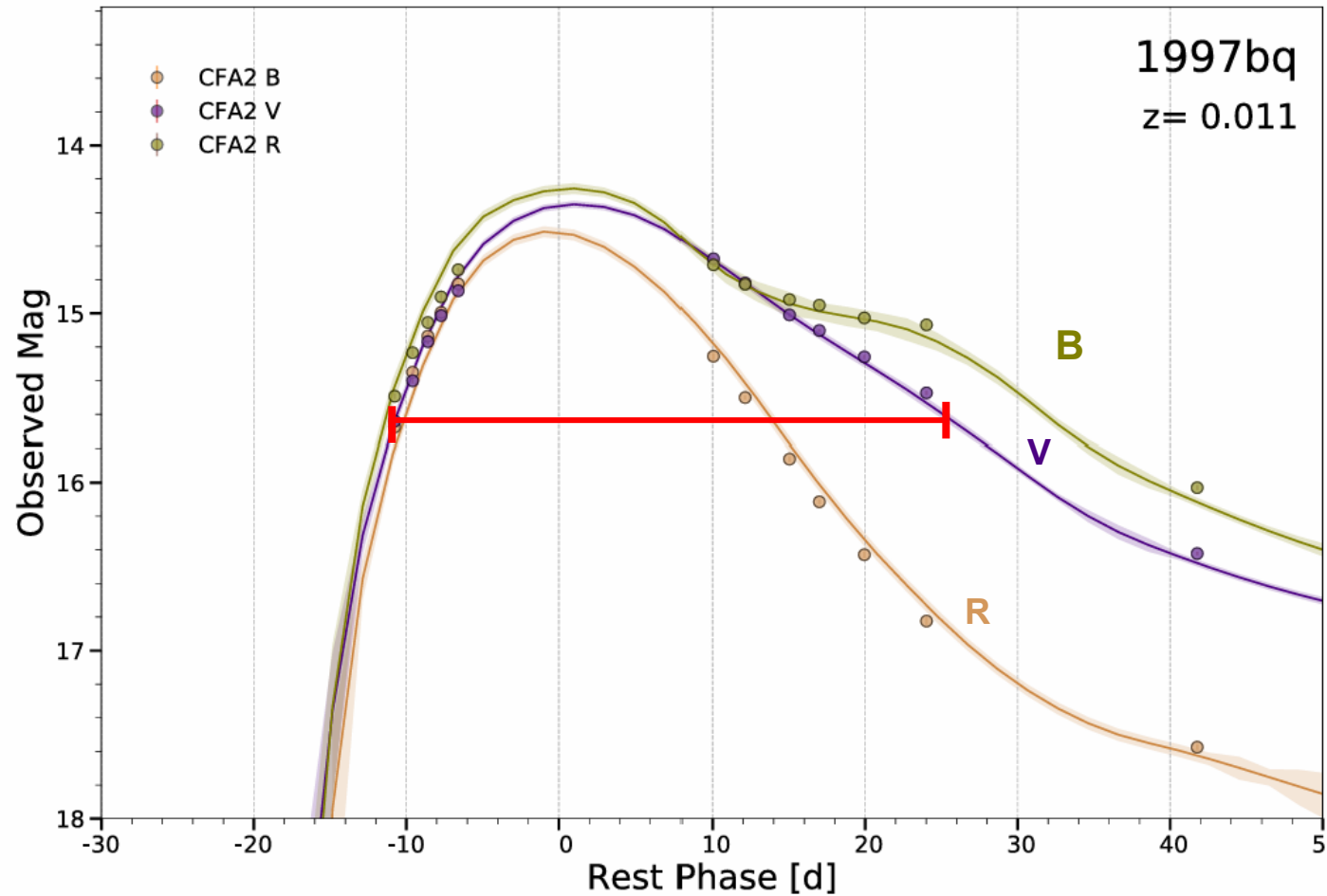
Peak magnitude in the B band ( $m_B$ )

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**Color (c)** : The difference between the magnitude in the B and V bands at the fitted epoch of peak brightness

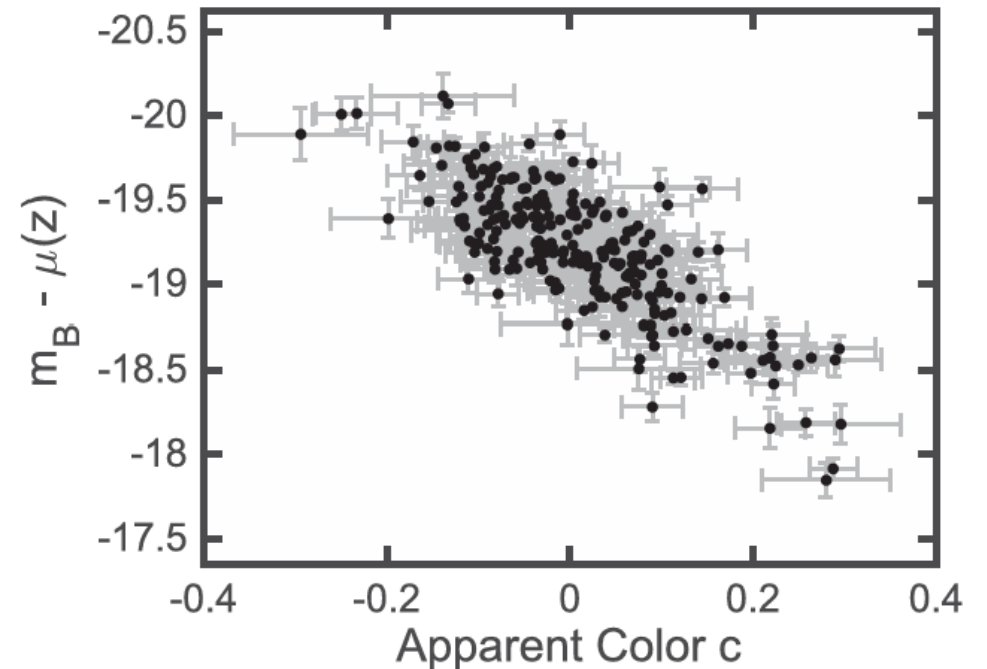
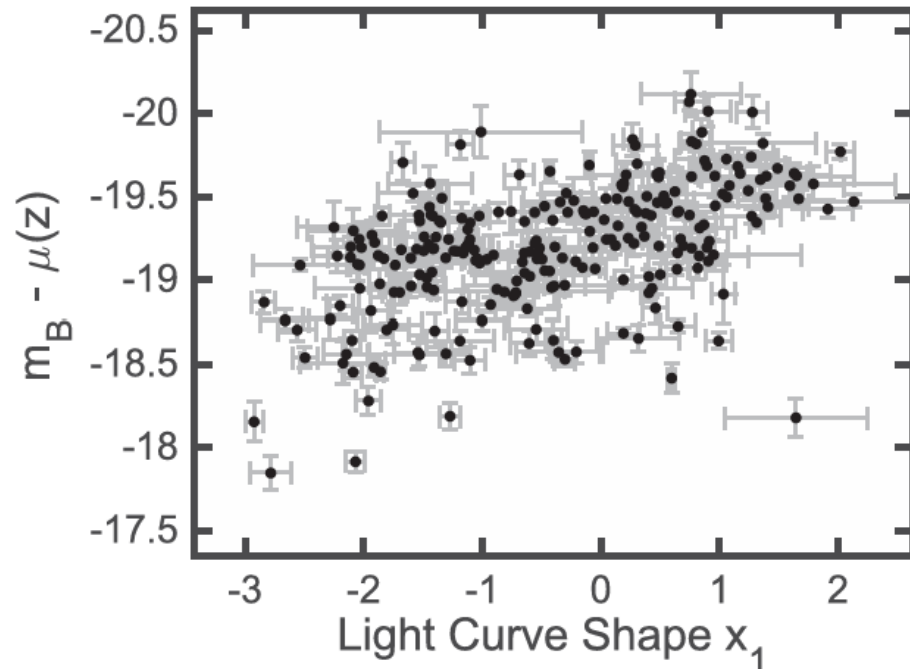
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**Stretch ( $x_1$ )** : Dimensionless parameter that quantifies the width of the light curve

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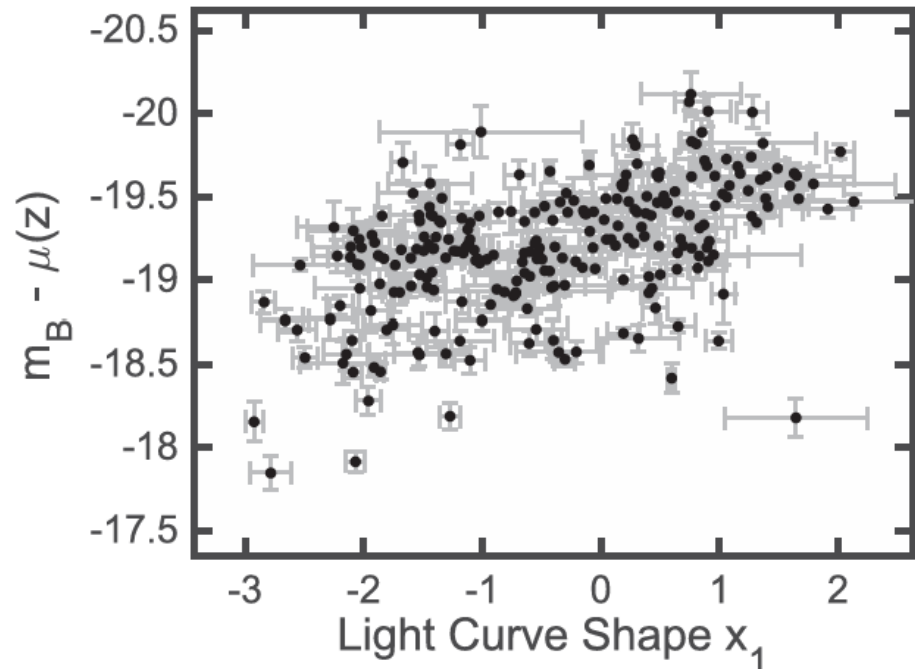
$$\text{Distance modulus: } \mu = m_B^{\text{corr}} - M_B$$



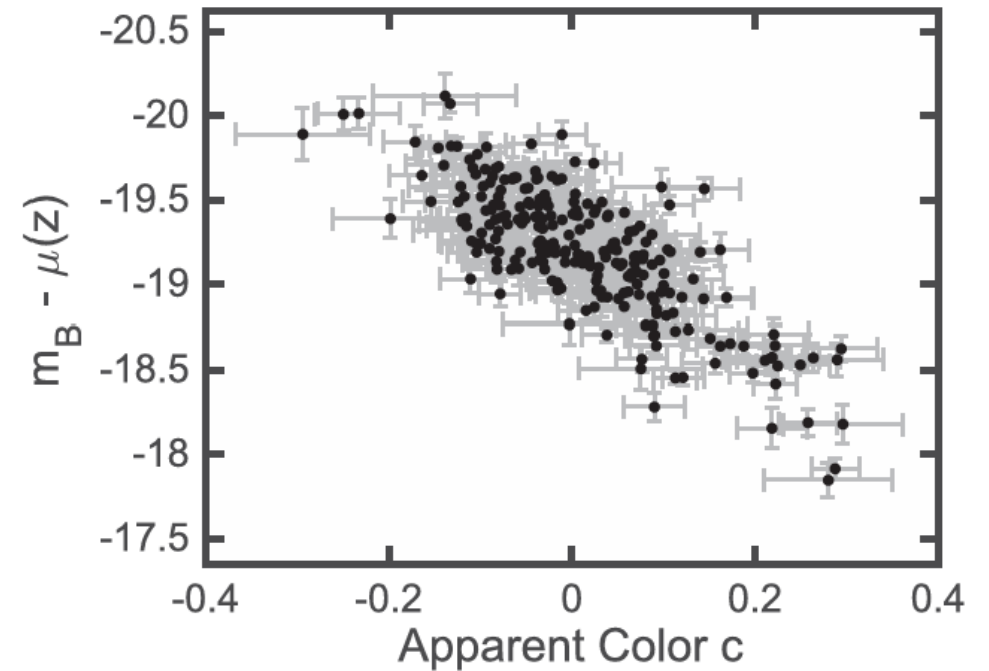
**Fig. 2 and 3** – Difference between the  $\mu$  and  $m_B$  as a function of color ( $c \sim m_V - m_B$ ) and stretch ( $x_1$ ) (Mandel K. et al., 2017)

The **SNe Ia luminosities** and **light curves** can be **standardized using empirical relations!**

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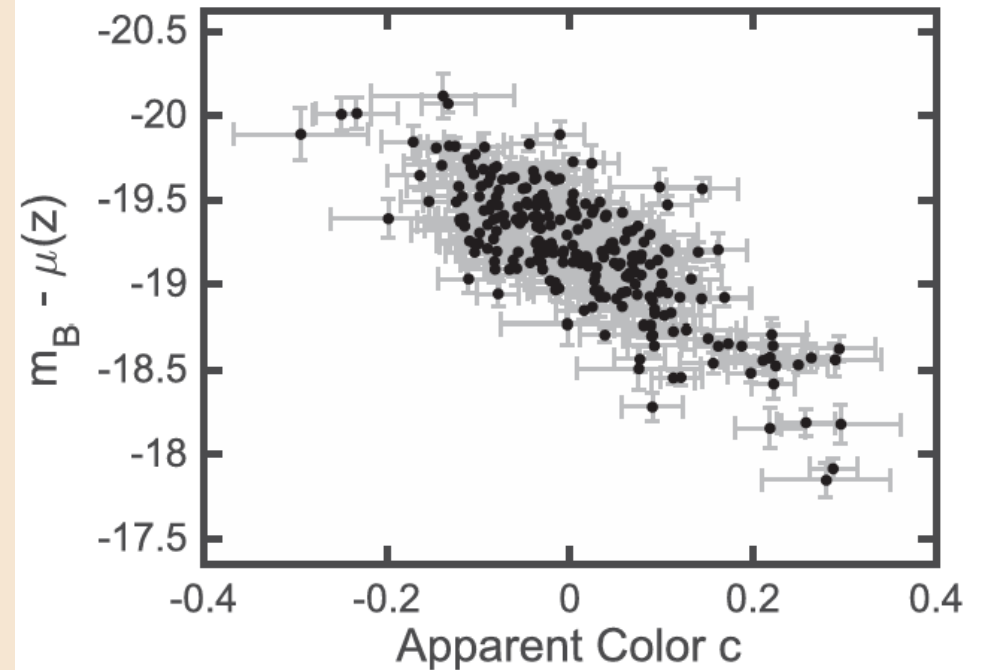
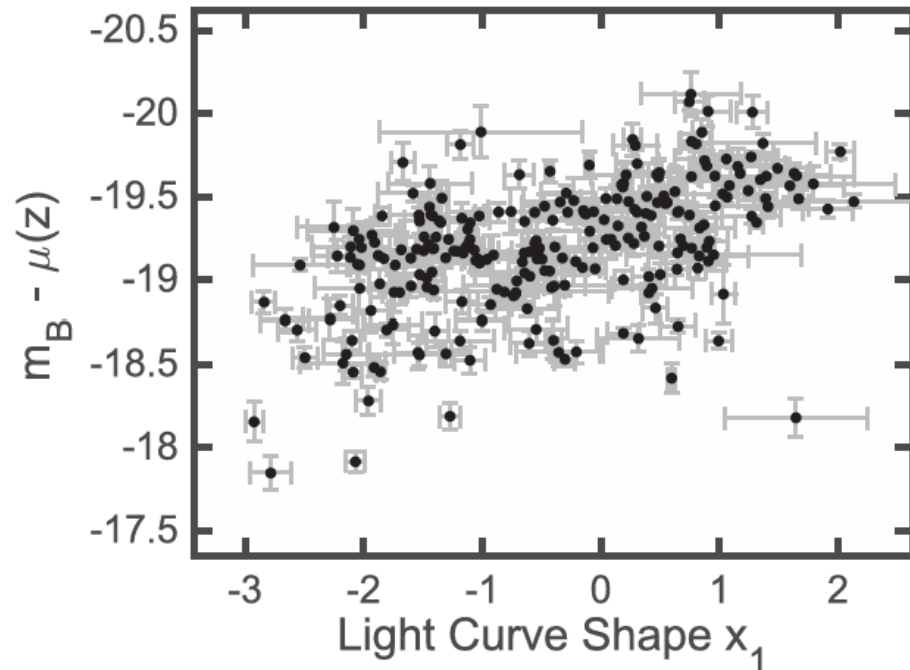
Shape-luminosity relation (Philipps 1993)



Tripp correction formula:

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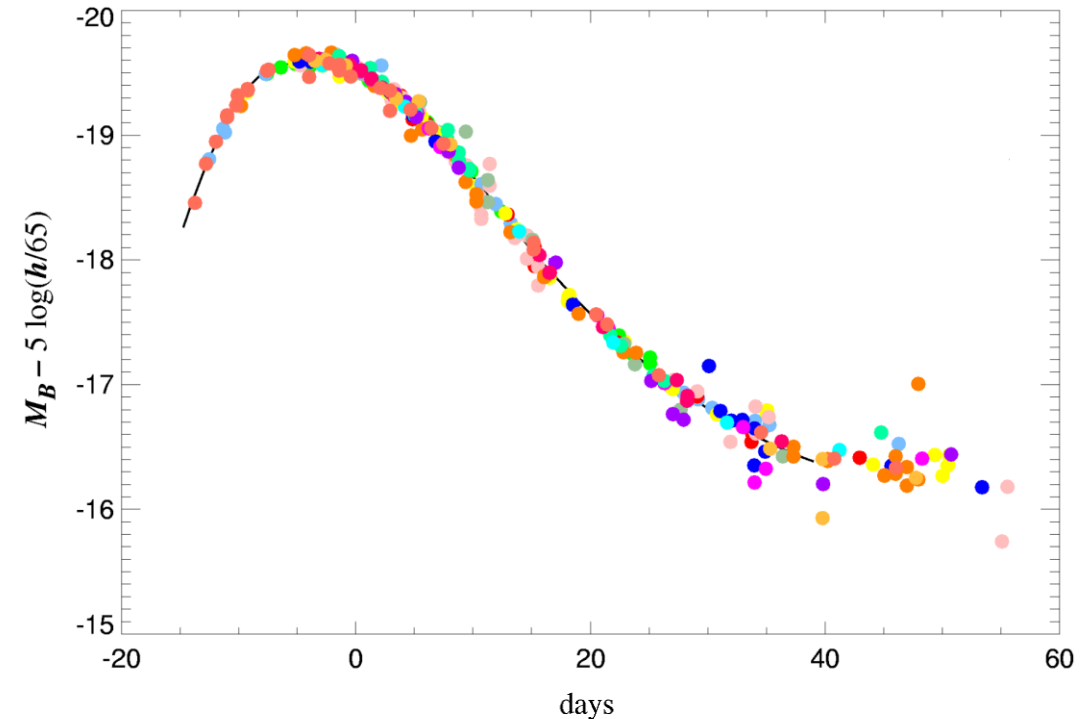
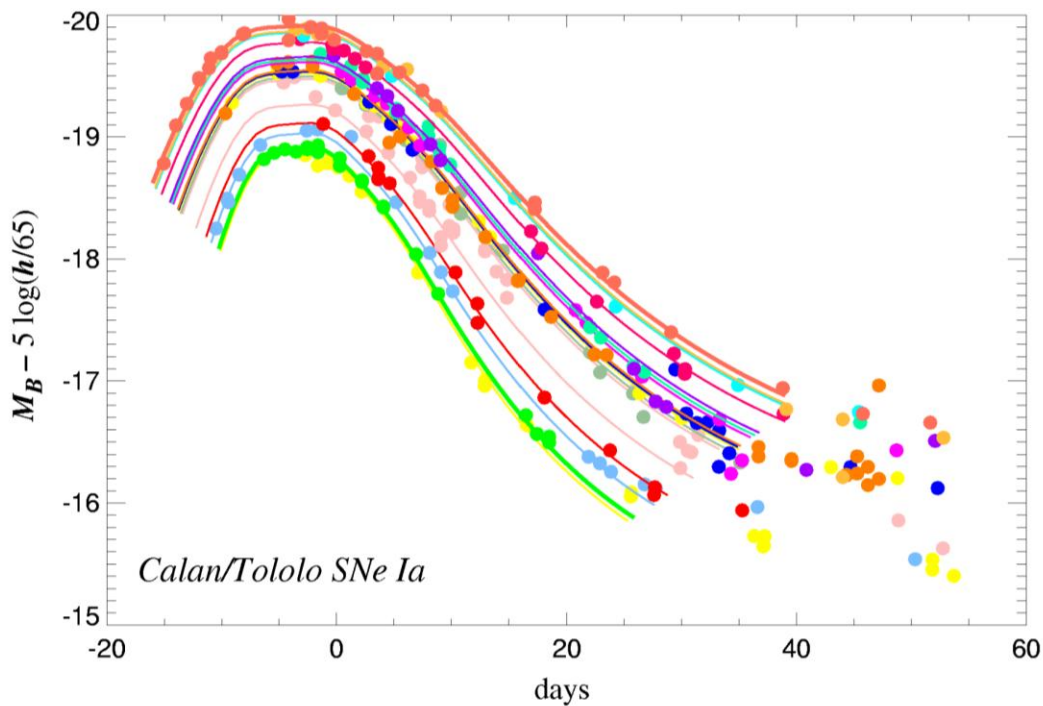
Color-luminosity relation (Tripp 1998)

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$$m_B^{corr} = m_B + \alpha x_1 - \beta c$$

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Light curve of several SNe after the standardization stretch and colour corrections!



**Fig. 4 and 5** – Different SNe Lightcurves before and after applying the Tripp standardization (Miao Li. et al., 2011)

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# 1 - Introduction: Mass step

There's a dependence of Type Ia Sne luminosities on their host galaxies!

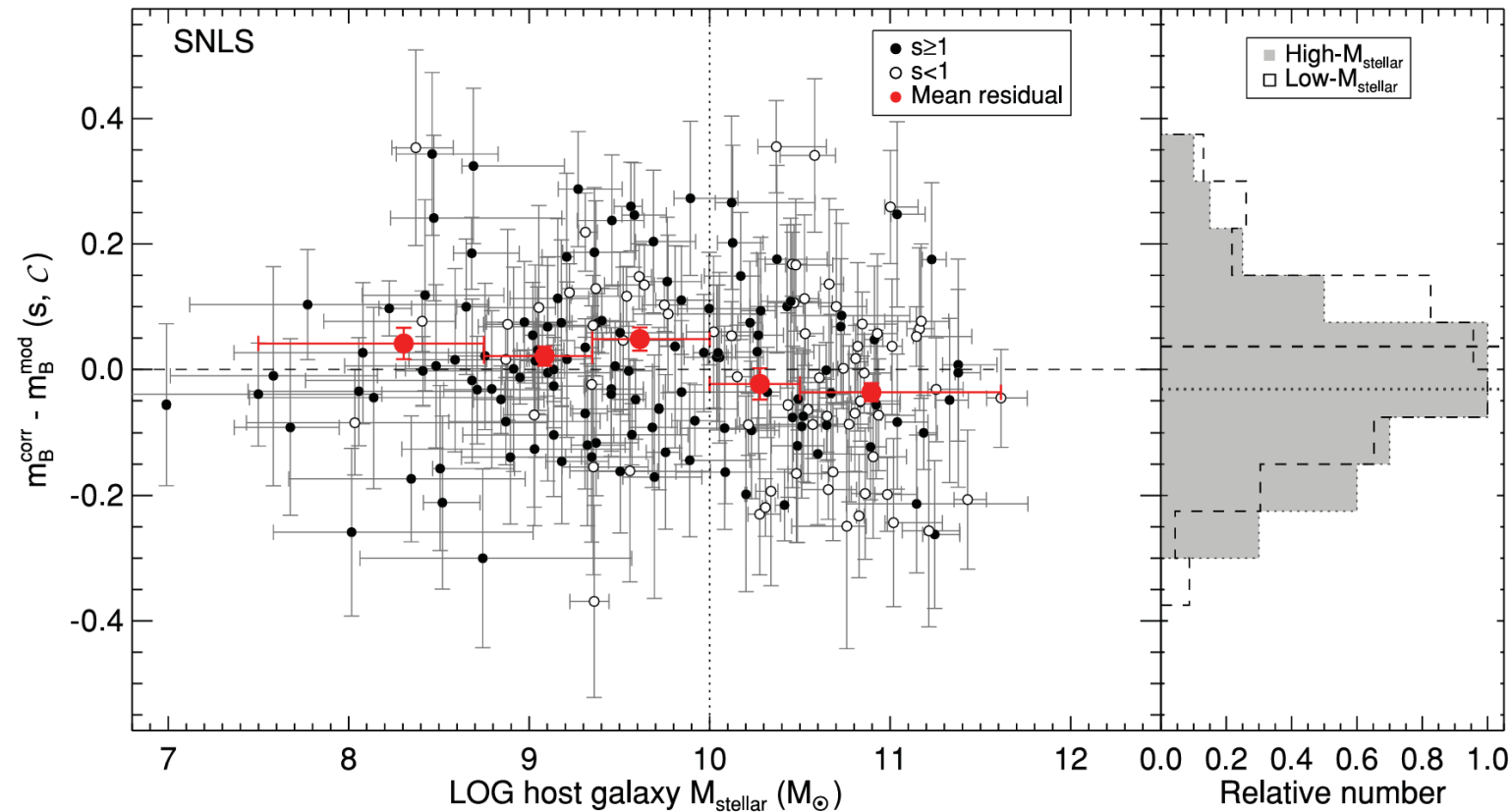


Fig. 6 – Mass step from Sullivan et al. 2010

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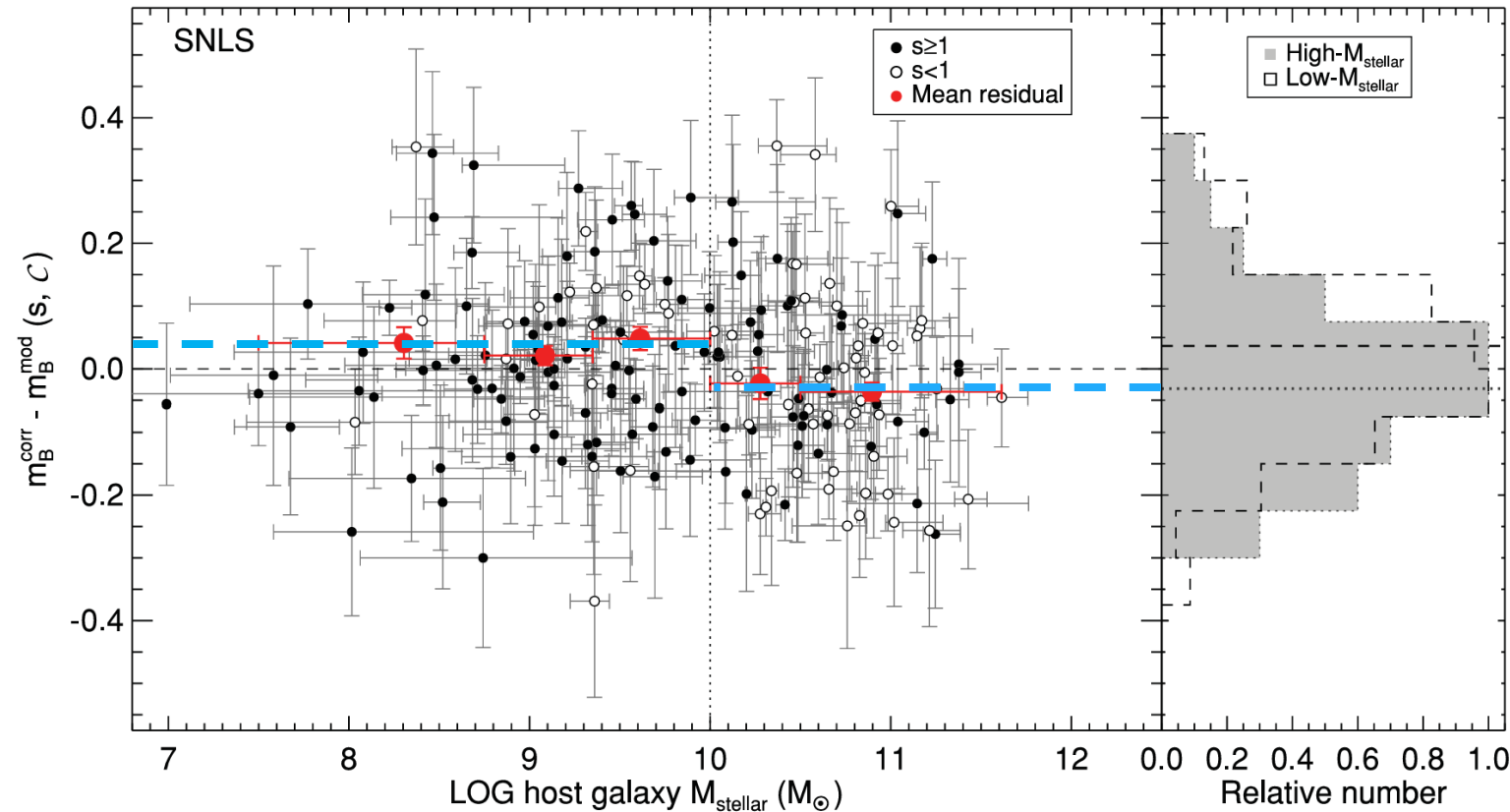
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SNe in more massive galaxies are brighter after corrections!



Tripp modified correction formula:

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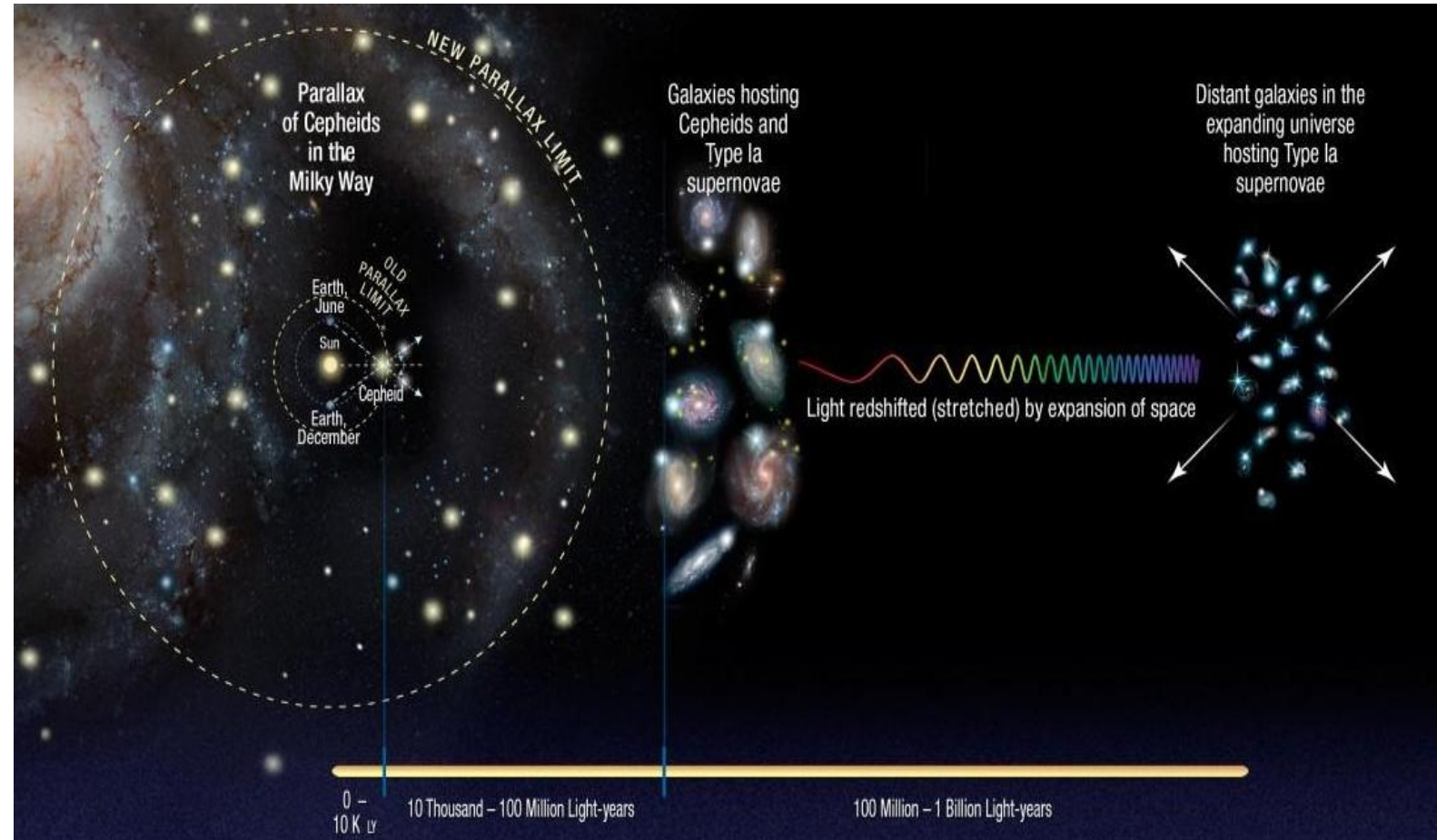
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# 1 – Introduction: How does the Cosmic Distance Ladder works?

For **Cepheids**:

$$M_{\lambda} = m_{\lambda} - \mu = \alpha_{\lambda}(\log P - \log P_0) + \gamma_{\lambda}[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] + \delta_{\lambda}$$

Period-Luminosity-Metallicity Relation  
(Breuval et al. 2022)



**Fig. 7** - Cosmic Distance Ladder [NASA, ESA, A. Feild (STScI), and A. Riess (STScI/JHU)] .

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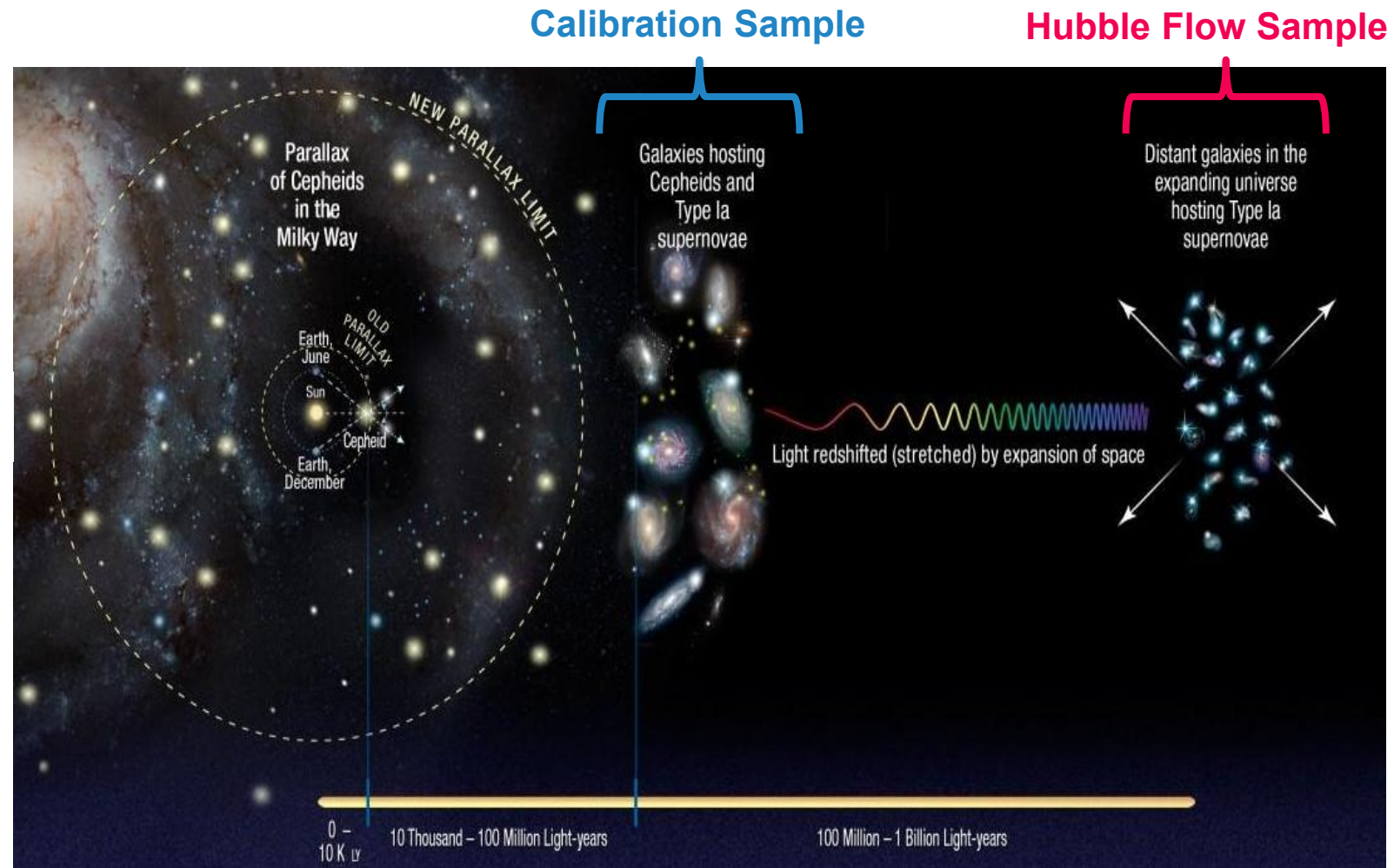
For **SNe Ia**:

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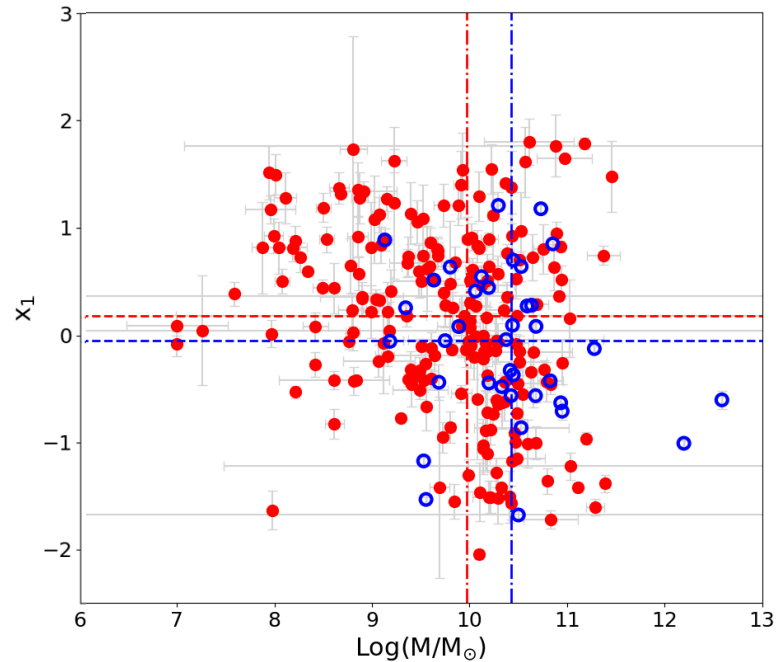
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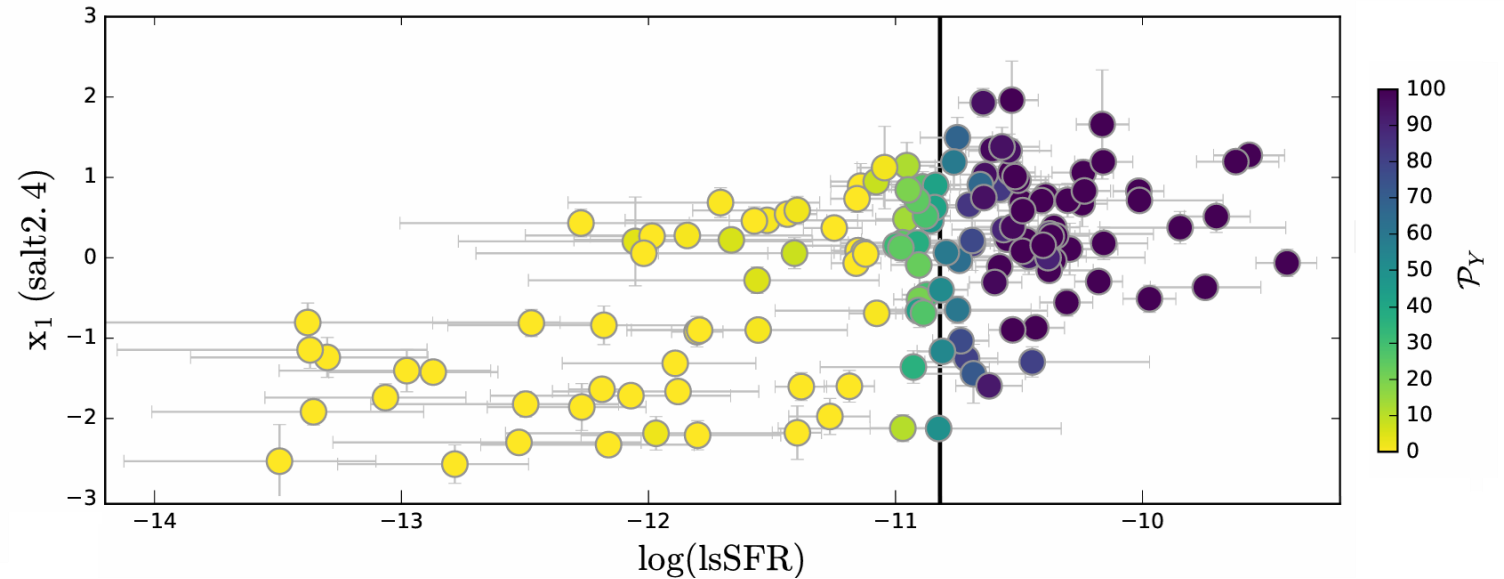
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# 1 - Introduction: SNe Ia subpopulations

There's a **bimodal behavior in the stretch distribution**  
(two SNe populations?)



**Fig. 8** – Stretch ( $x_1$ ) as a function of the  $\log(M/M_\odot)$



**Fig. 9** – Stretch ( $x_1$ ) as a function of local sSFR (Rigault et al. 2020).

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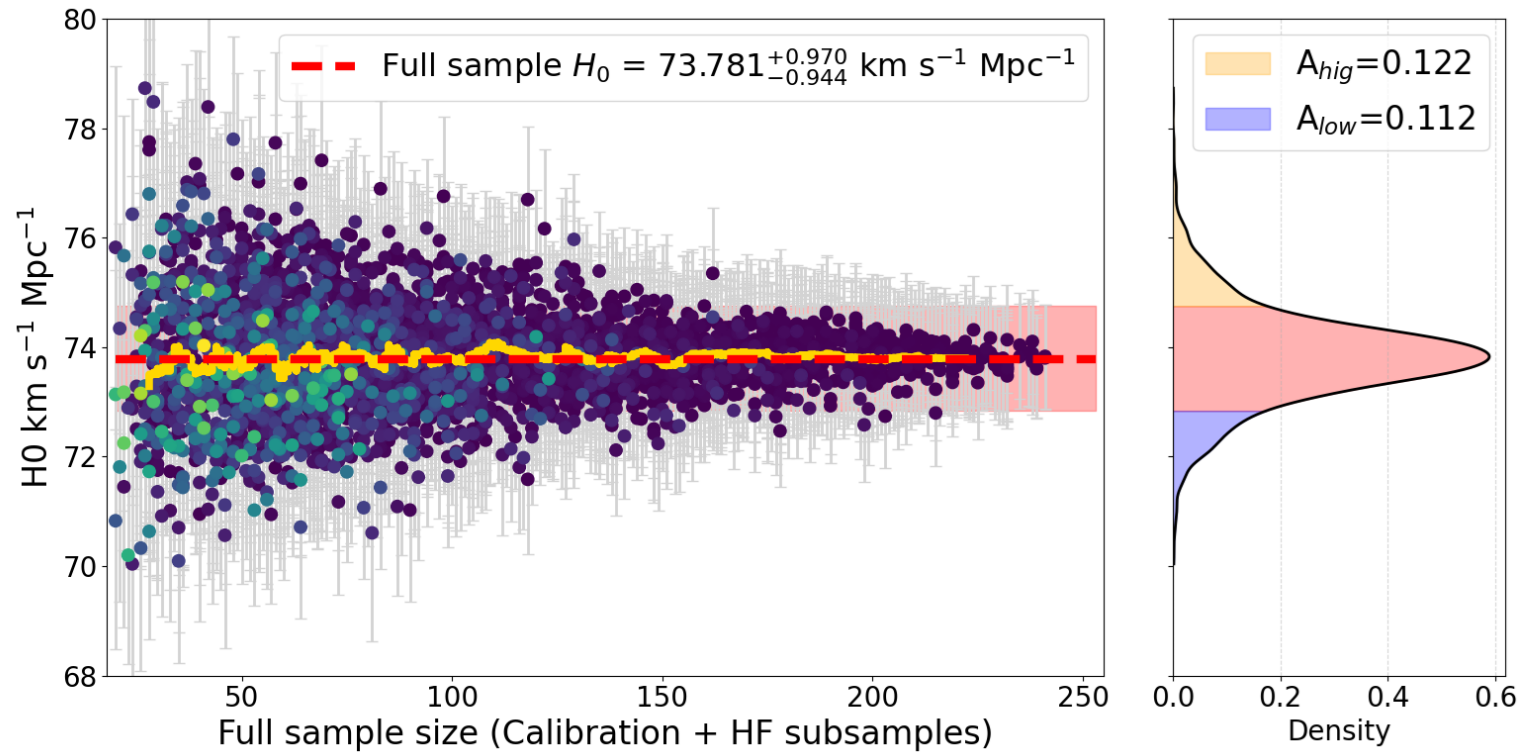


Investigate the supernova and the host galaxy properties of the distance ladder samples (with and without Cepheids);

Try to get a subsamples from the Calibration and HF sample that match to understand the impact in the Hubble parameter estimation.

Derive a more accurate correction for SNe Ia luminosities.

## 2 - Analysis



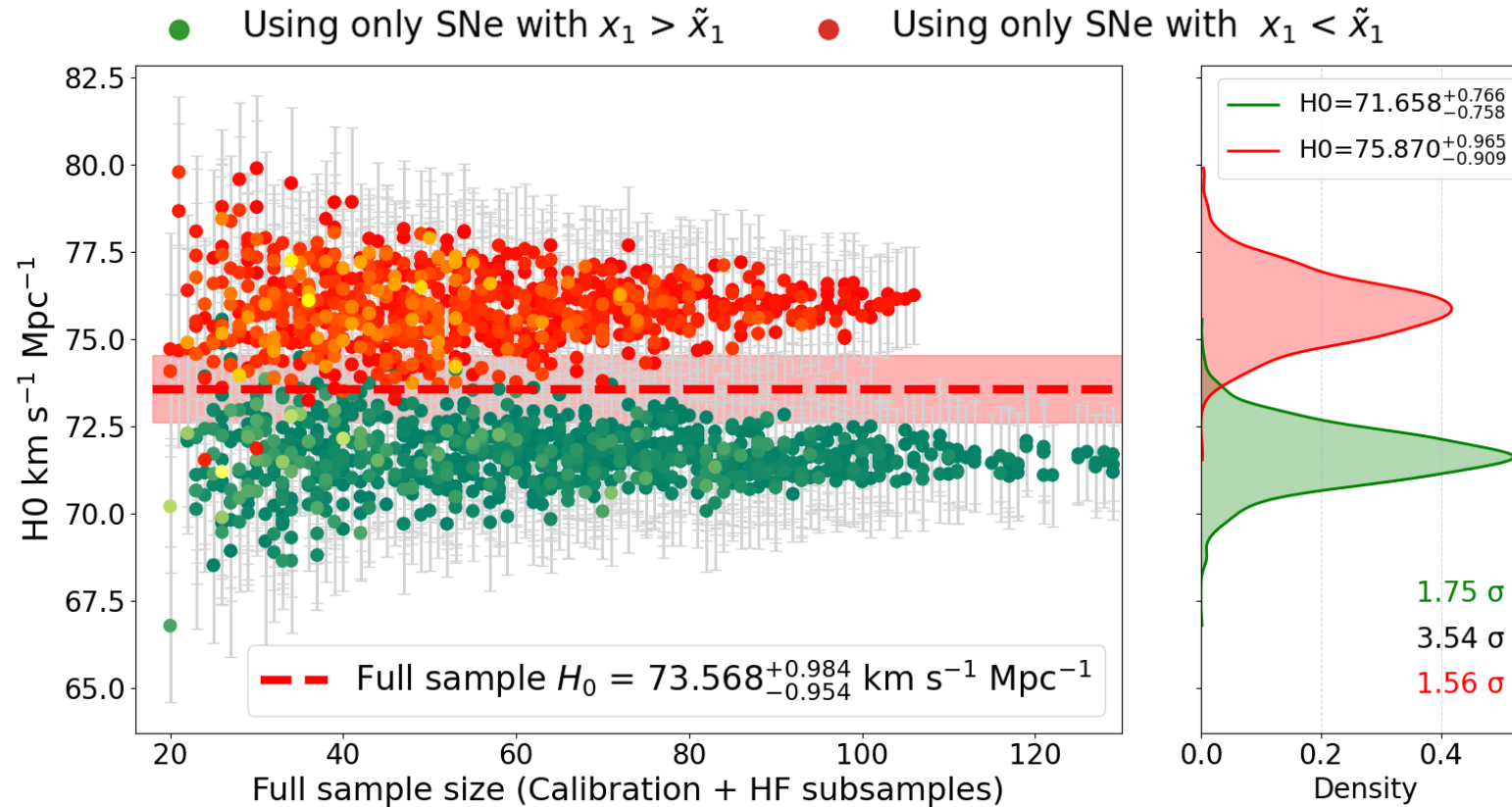
**Fig. 10** -  $H_0$  as a function of the subsamples size.

Reducing intrinsic discrepancies  
and  
accessing SN subpopulations



The uncertainty in  $H_0$  might be underestimated!

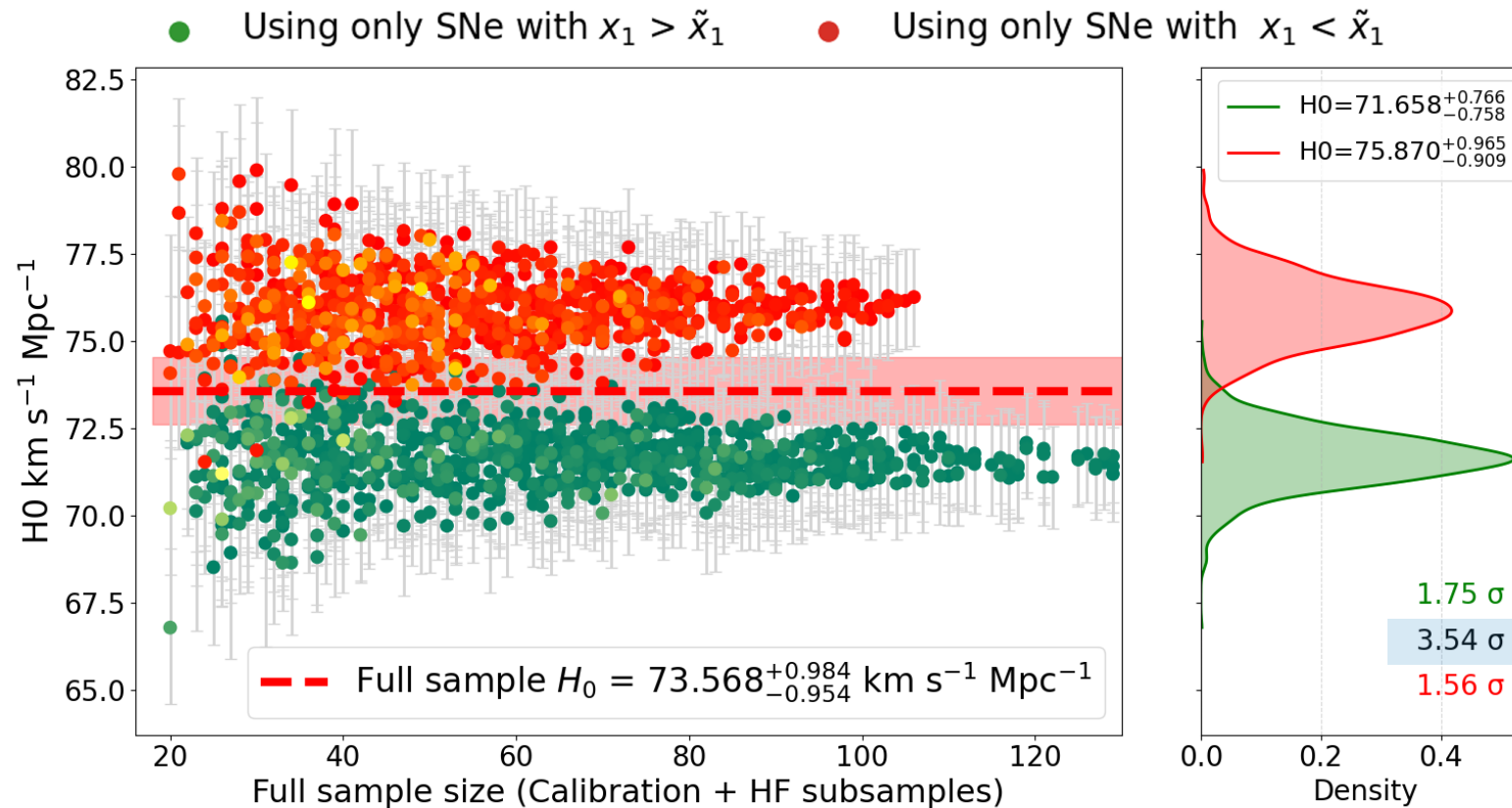
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**Fig. 11** - Median values distributions of  $H_0$  and respective differences to the 16th and 84th percentiles estimated using subsamples of SNe in different bins divided by the median stretch.

Median stretch  $\tilde{x}_1 = 0.087$

## 2 - Analysis



We can observe a **significant discrepancy** between the values of  $H_0$  estimated using **SNe with higher stretch** compared to those obtained from the **lower stretch bin**!

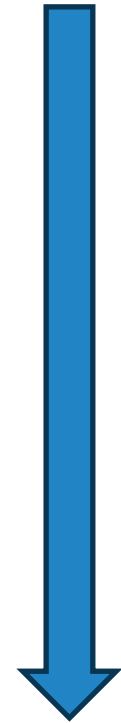
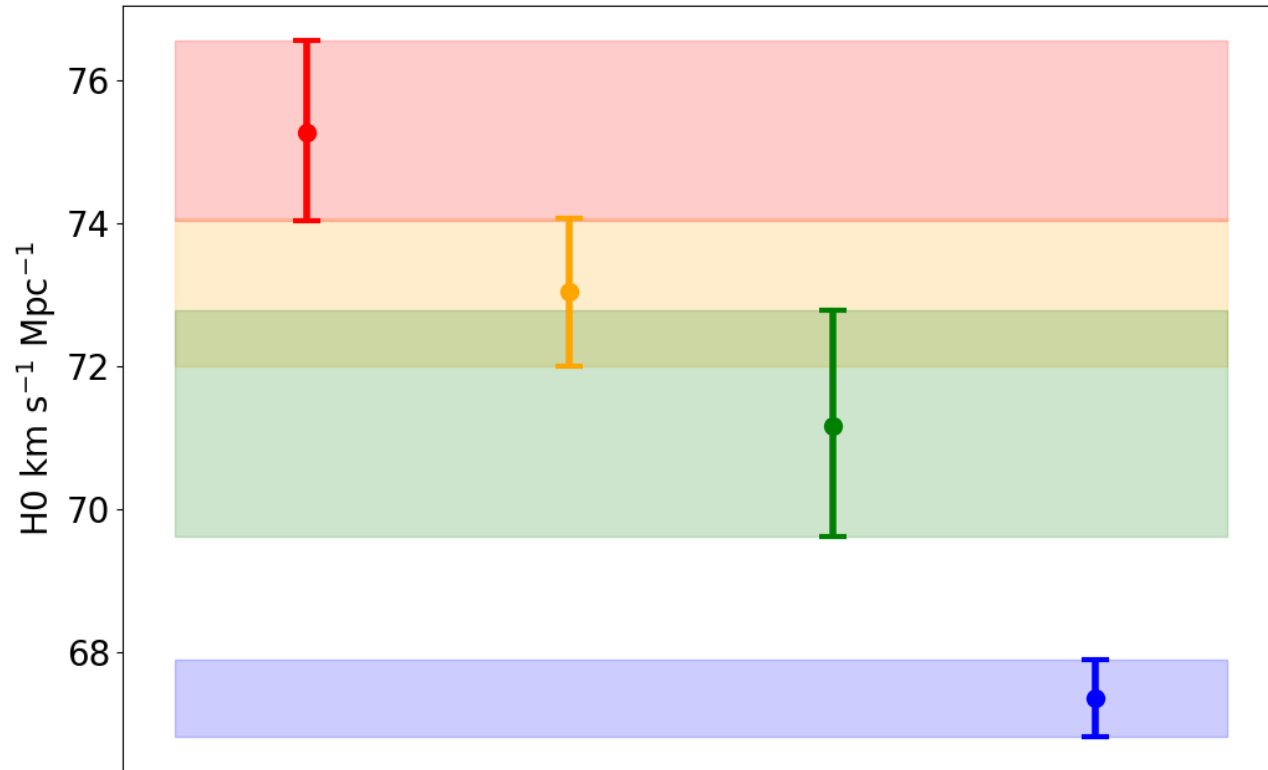
$\Delta_{host}$  consistent with 0!

# 3 - Summary

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- A subsample of the Hubble Flow sample capable of independently **resolving the Hubble tension does not seem to exist.**
- The uncertainty on  $H_0$  may be underestimated.
- There is **a clear discrepancy between the values of  $H_0$**  estimated from **high-stretch SNe Ia** and those obtained from the **low-stretch mode SNe Ia**.
- The **mass step** may result from the mixing of these SN subpopulations.

# Decreasing Tension!



**Using SNe with lower stretch ( $5.85\sigma$ )**

**Riess et al. 2019, 2021 a,b ( $4.84\sigma$ )**

**Using SNe with higher stretch ( $2.32\sigma$ )**

**Planck Collaboration et al. 2020**

# Thank You!



# Extra slides (Hubble Tension)

There are more ways of estimate the  $H_0$  ...

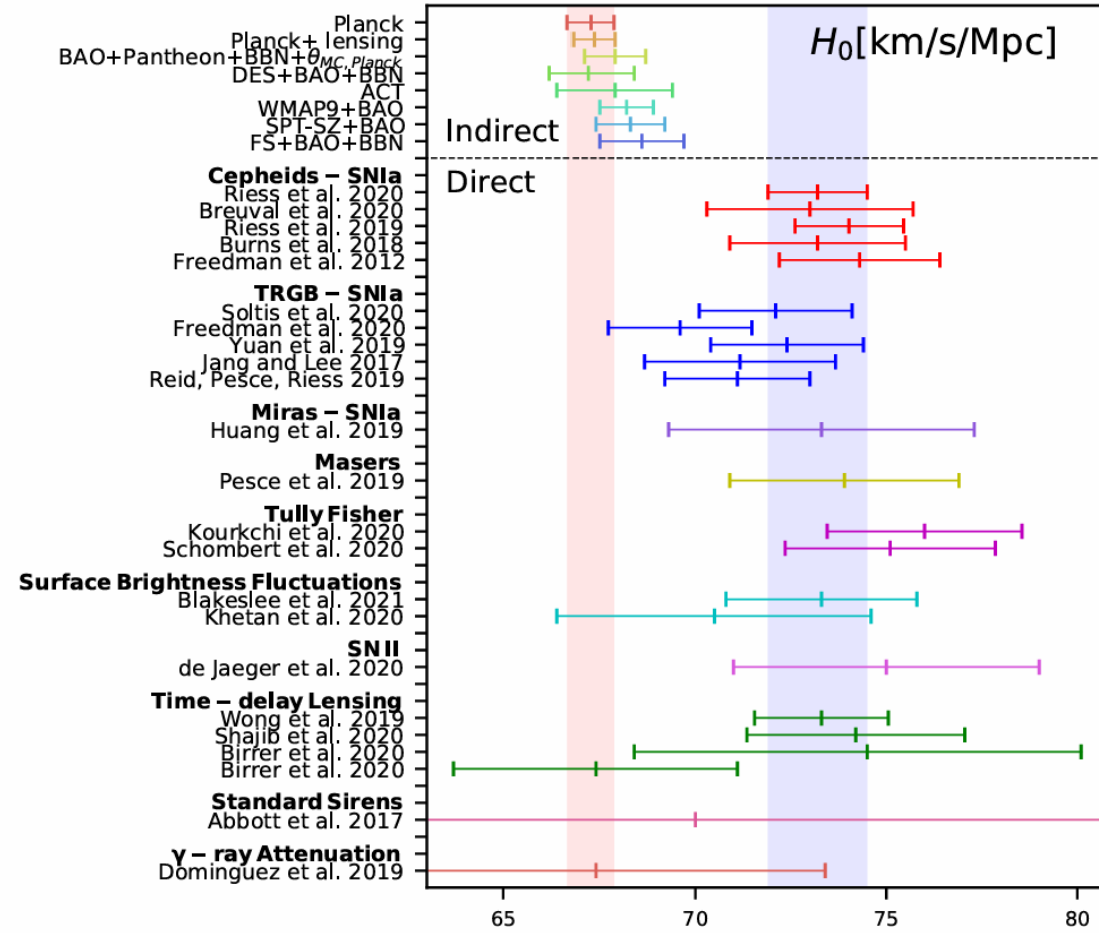


Fig . 13 - Estimations of  $H_0$  from different methods (Di Valentino 20221)

# Extra slides (Cepheids)

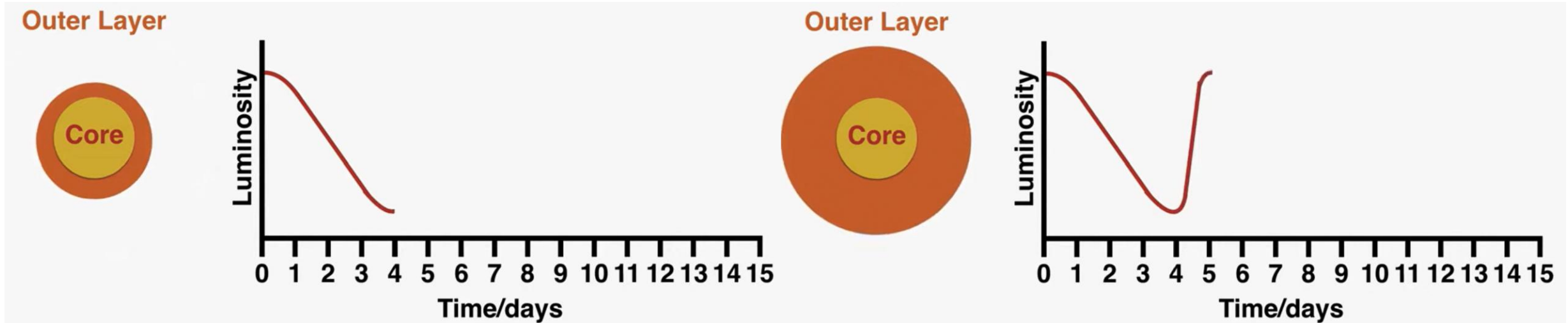


Fig . 14 –Illustration of the Cepheid light curve at different epochs (IB Physics - Andy Masley)

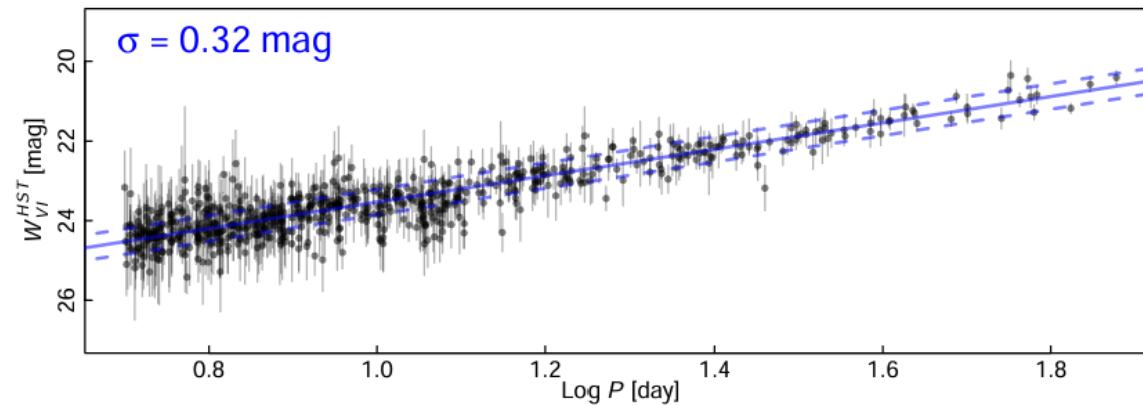


Fig. 15 – Period–Luminosity relation for brightness fluctuations (Yuan W. et al. 2022).

# Extra slides (Parallax)

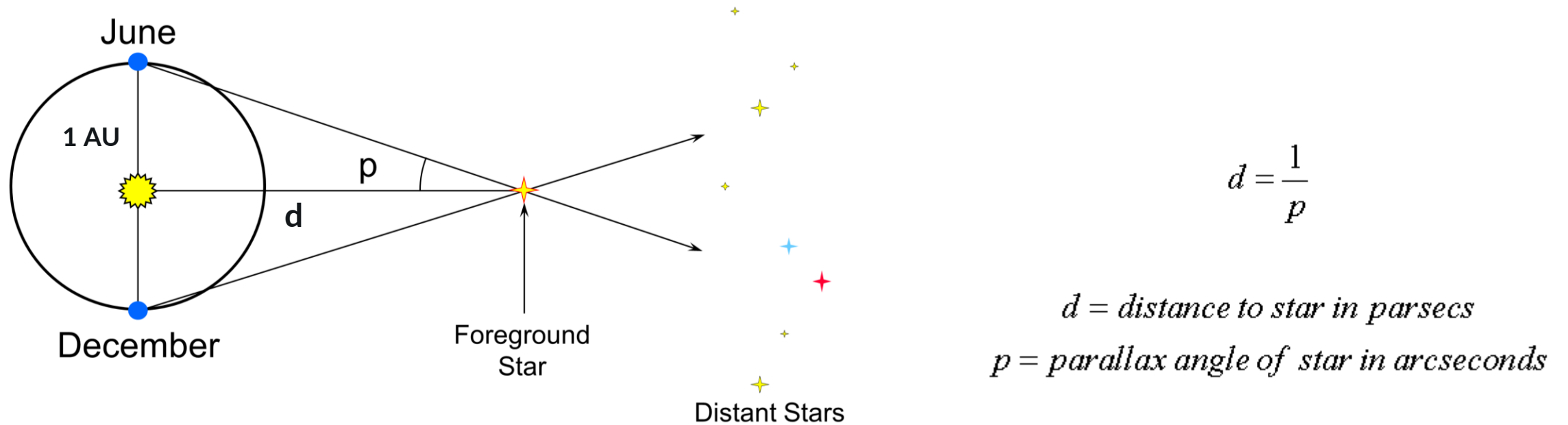


Fig. 16 – Parallax scheme (Pogge R., 2014)

## Extra slides (Type Ia Supernovae)

SNe Ia result from the thermonuclear explosion of a **carbon-oxygen white dwarf (C-O WD) star in a binary system.**

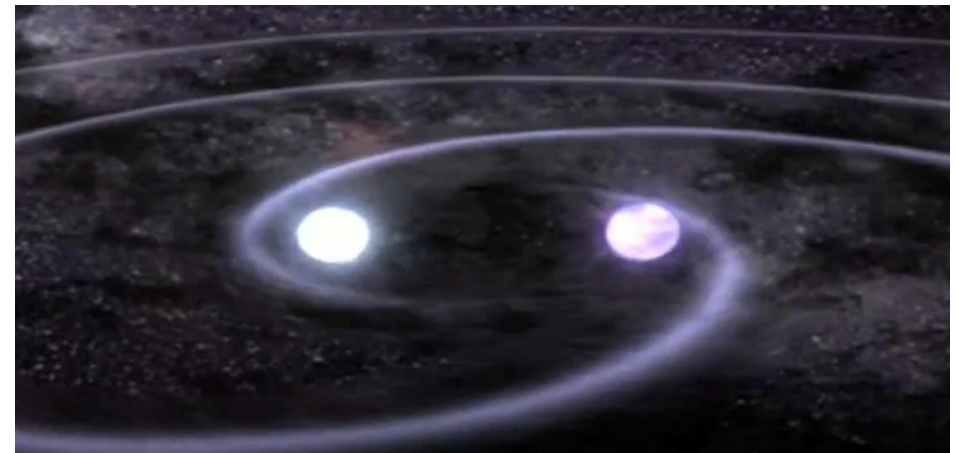
Occurs when the **WD mass approaches the Chandrasekhar limit**  $\sim 1.44 M_{\odot}$

The accretion of material from another star  
(Single Degenerate)



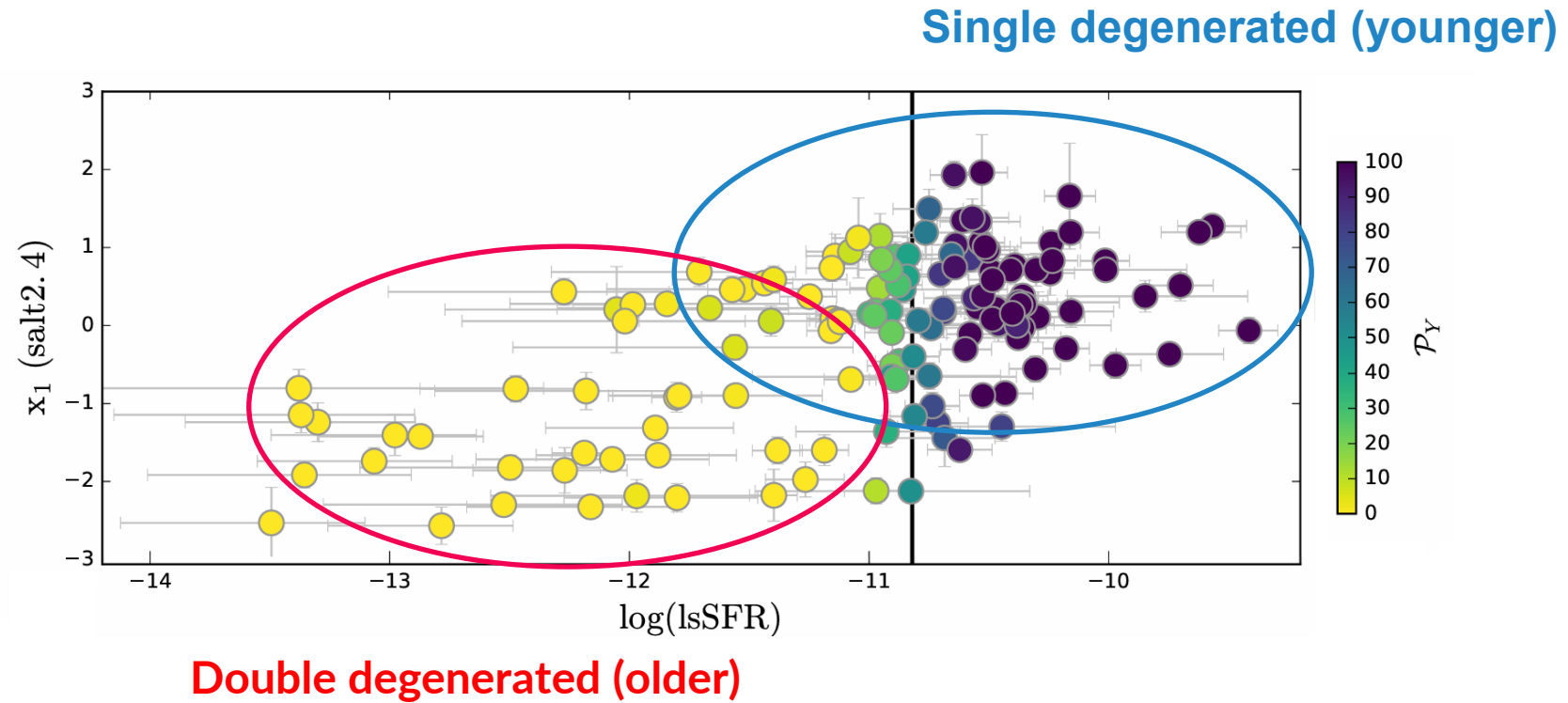
**Fig. 17** – From NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Conceptual Image Lab

The merger with a secondary WD  
(Double Degenerate Channel)



**Fig. 18** – From NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center

# Extra slides (Progenitors and stretch)



# Extra slides (Data)

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This compilation includes **repeated SNe corresponding to the same event observed in different survey whose values we decided to unify.**

There are **7 SNe that present values of  $\text{Log}(s\text{SFR}) < -15 \text{ yr}^{-1}$** , which seem to be outliers or upper limits on the true values of this parameter.

## 2 – Extra slides (Data)

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We used the Pantheon + SH0ES compilation of SNe Ia data that provide us:

Values for **SNe properties** such as:

- $m_B$  (**apparent magnitude**) ;
- $C$  (**colour**);
- $X_1$  (**stretch**);

Values for **host galaxies properties**:

- $\text{Log}(M / M_{\odot})$  (**stellar mass**);
- $\text{Log}(s\text{SFR})$  (**specific star formation rate**) ;

A covariance matrix ( $C$ ) resulting from the **sum of the statistical and systematic covariance matrixes** including the uncertainties of supernova corrected magnitudes and distances moduli from Cepheids.

## Extra slides (Singular measurements for each SNe)

Using the method described in section 8.1.8 of Petersen & Pedersen, "The Matrix Cookbook" and knowing that the parameters  $m_B$ ,  $x_1$  and  $c$  are given by a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}$  for each duplicated SNe, we have :

$$c\mathcal{N}(\mu, C) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, C_1) \cdot \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, C_2)$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} m_B \\ x_1 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{m_B}^2 & \text{Cov}(m_B, x_1) & \text{Cov}(m_B, c) \\ \text{Cov}(x_1, m_B) & \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \text{Cov}(x_1, c) \\ \text{Cov}(c, m_B) & \text{Cov}(c, x_1) & \sigma_c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For duplicated SNe:

$$C = (C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$\mu = (C_1^{-1} + C_2^{-1})^{-1}(C_1^{-1}\mu_1 + C_2^{-1}\mu_2)$$



For SNe repeated N times

$$C = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N C_i^{-1}\right)^{-1} \quad \mu = C \left(\sum_{i=1}^N C_i^{-1} \mu_i\right)$$

# Extra slides (Repeated SNe)

		2011fe		2012cg			
		0	1	2	3	4	5
2011fe	0	0.030799	0.005519	0.000516	0.000516	0.000000	0.000273
	1	0.005519	0.031101	0.000516	0.000516	0.000000	0.000273
2012cg	2	0.000516	0.000516	0.057606	0.052820	0.000000	0.000297
	3	0.000516	0.000516	0.052820	0.068787	0.000000	0.000297
	4	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.384772	0.000000
	5	0.000273	0.000273	0.000297	0.000297	0.000000	0.022987

# Extra slides (Methodology)

From Dhawan et al. 2018 and Duarte J. González-Gaitan S. et al., 2023, we can define the likelihood function as:

$$\ln(\mathcal{L}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N [\Delta\xi_i + \ln(2\pi\sigma_i^2)]$$

With  $\sigma$  now being the diagonal of the systematical and statistical covariance matrix  $C$  from the Pantheon+SH0ES data without duplicated SNe and  $\Delta\xi$  the solution of the following system of linear equations:

$$\Delta\mu = C\Delta\xi \Leftrightarrow \Delta\xi = C^{-1}\Delta\mu$$

and

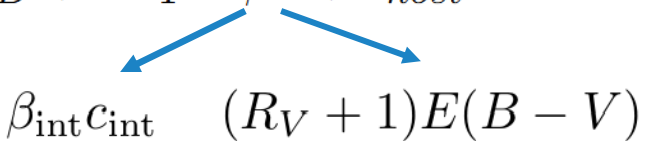
$$\Delta\mu = m_B^{corr} - M - \mu \quad \text{with} \quad \mu = \begin{cases} \mu_{Ceph} , & \text{for calibrators} \\ 5 \log_{10} \left( \frac{c}{H_0} z \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - q_0)z - \frac{1}{6}(1 - q_0 - 3q_0^2 + j_0)z^2 \right] \right) + 25 , & \text{for HF SNe} \end{cases}$$

With  $q_0 = -0.51$  and  $j_0 = 1$

# Extra slides (Methodology)

We want to obtain our own  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\Delta_{host}$  and  $\sigma_{int}$ , as well as  $H_0$  and  $M_B$ .

Tripp modified correction formula:

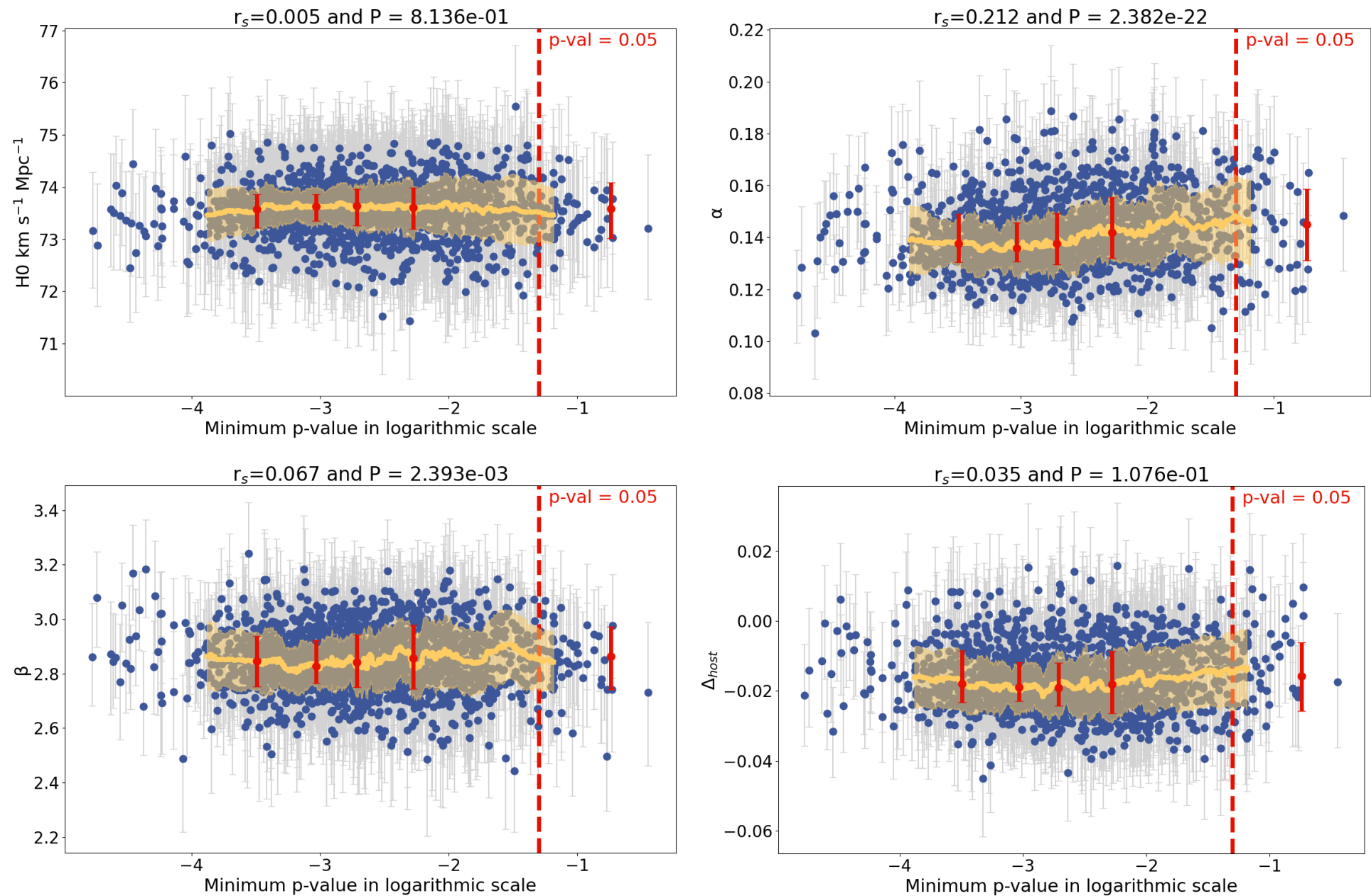
$$\mu = m_B^{corr} - M_B = m_B - M_B + \alpha x_1 - \beta c + \delta_{host}$$

$$\beta_{int}c_{int} \quad (R_V + 1)E(B - V)$$

We do **not apply** any of the usual **bias correction** related to **the SNe intrinsic colour or dust reddening and extinction models** as we want to **reduce these effects naturally** with the **samples matching!**

The  $i$ -th term of the diagonal of the statistical covariance matrix  $C$  is given by :

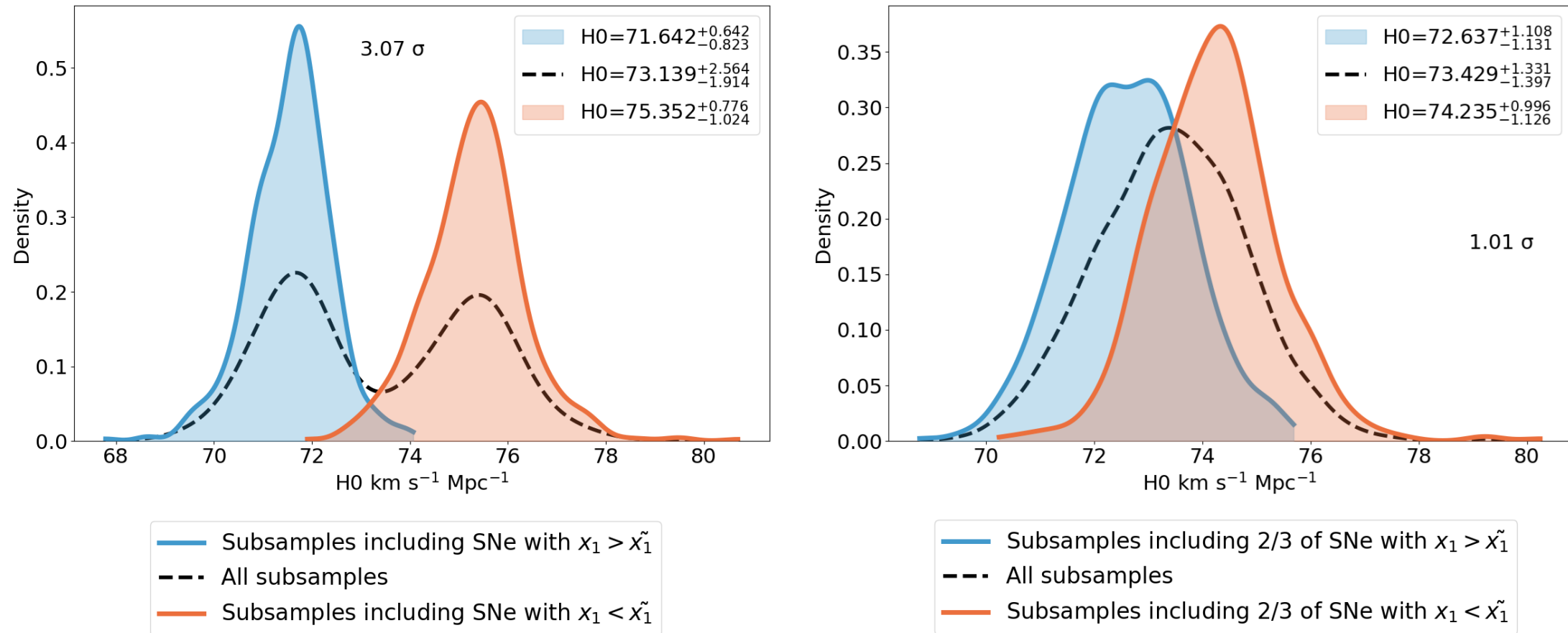
$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma_{m_B}^2 + (\alpha\sigma_{x_1})^2 + (\beta\sigma_c)^2 - 2\beta\sigma_{m_B,c} + 2\alpha\sigma_{m_B,x_1} - 2\alpha\beta\sigma_{x_1,c} - \sigma_{int}^2 + \sigma_{lens}^2 + \sigma_z^2 + \sigma_{vpec}^2$$

We need to subtract the  $\alpha = 0.148$  and  $\beta = 3.112$  (Brout D. 2022) terms and define them as free parameters!



**Fig. 19** -  $H_0$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\Delta_{host}$  as a function of the minimum p-value obtained comparing each generated subsample with the full calibration sample.

# Extra slides (Underestimating the $H_0$ Uncertainty)



**Fig 20** - Probability density function of the  $H_0$  distribution from subsamples containing only SNe with  $x_1$  above or below the median stretch and subsamples including 2/3 of SNe from one stretch bin and 1/3 from the opposite bin.