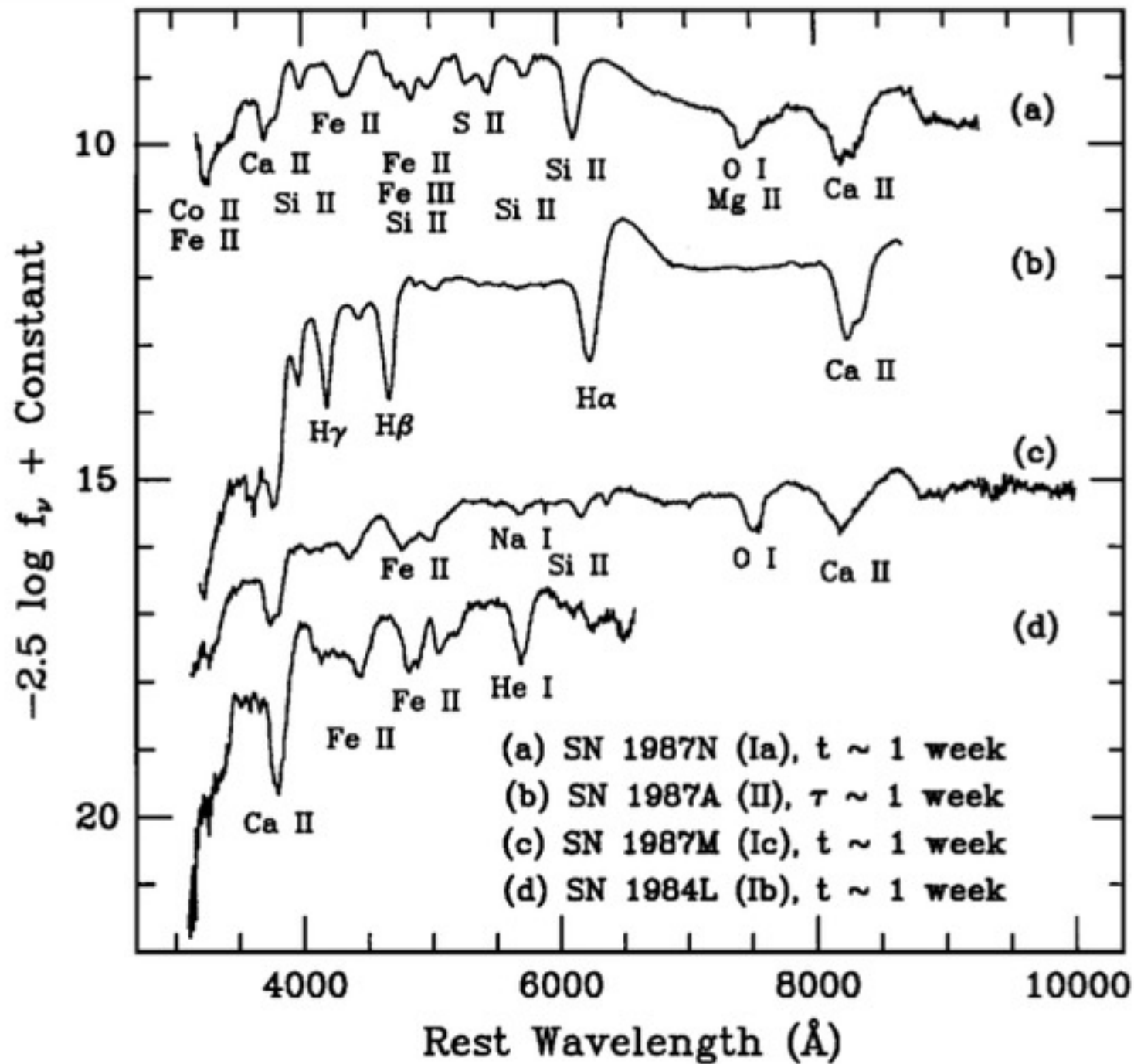
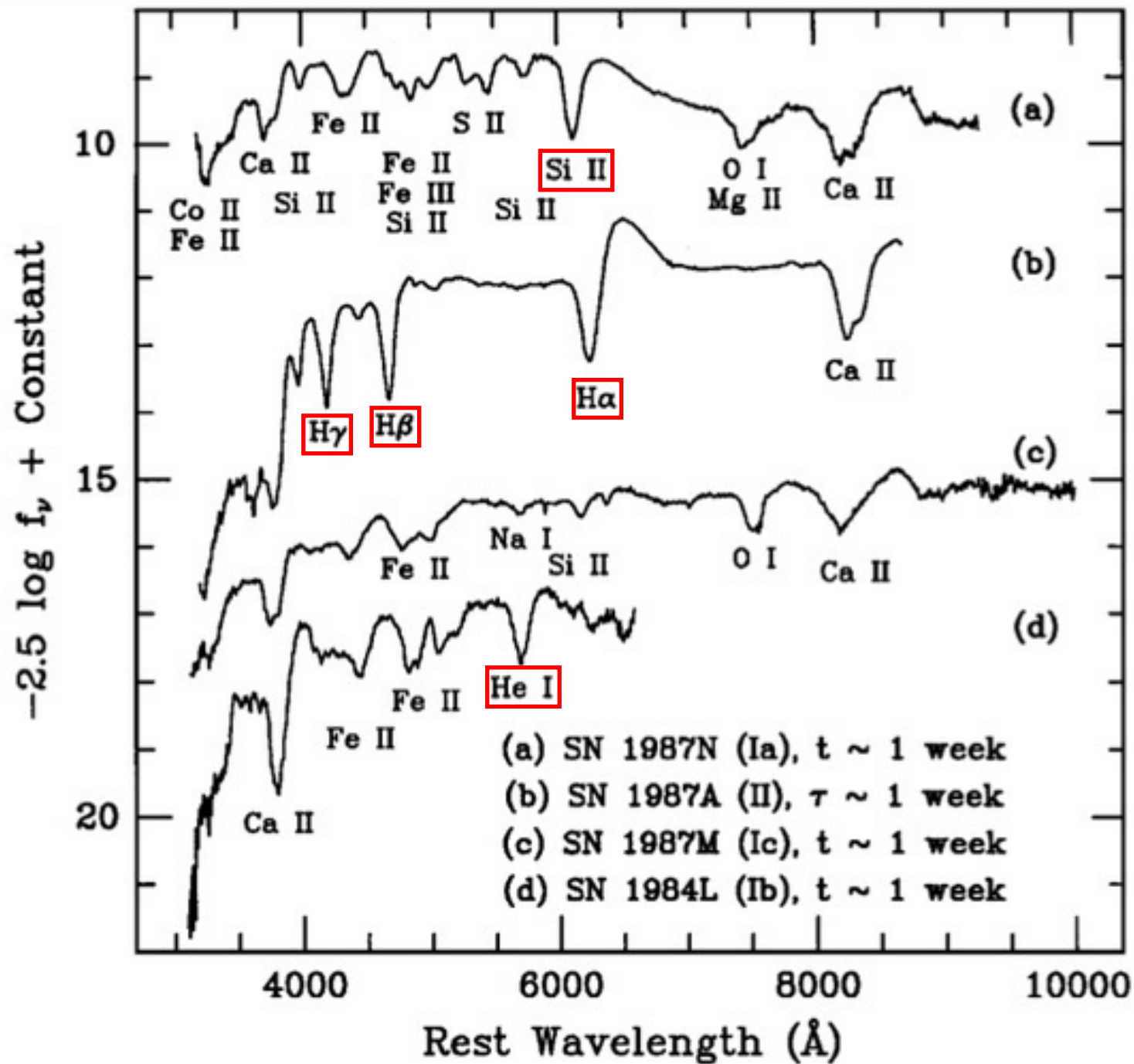
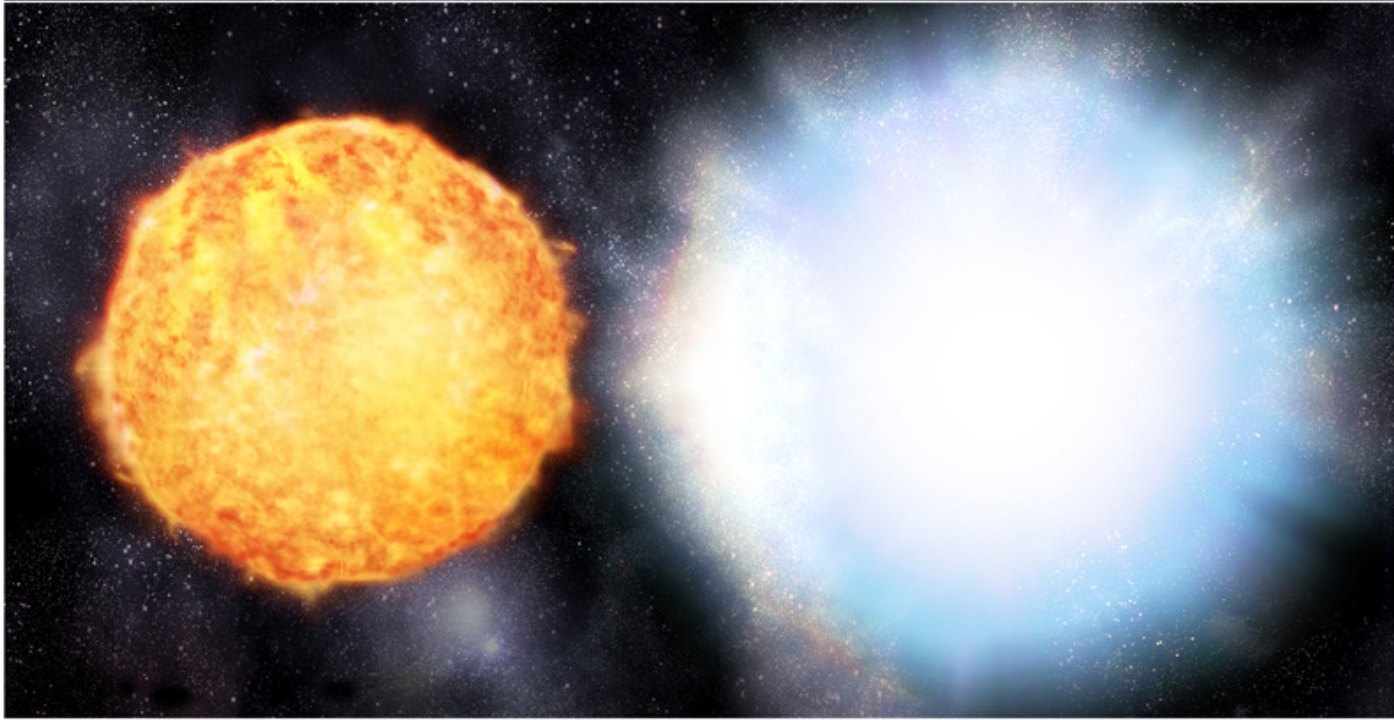
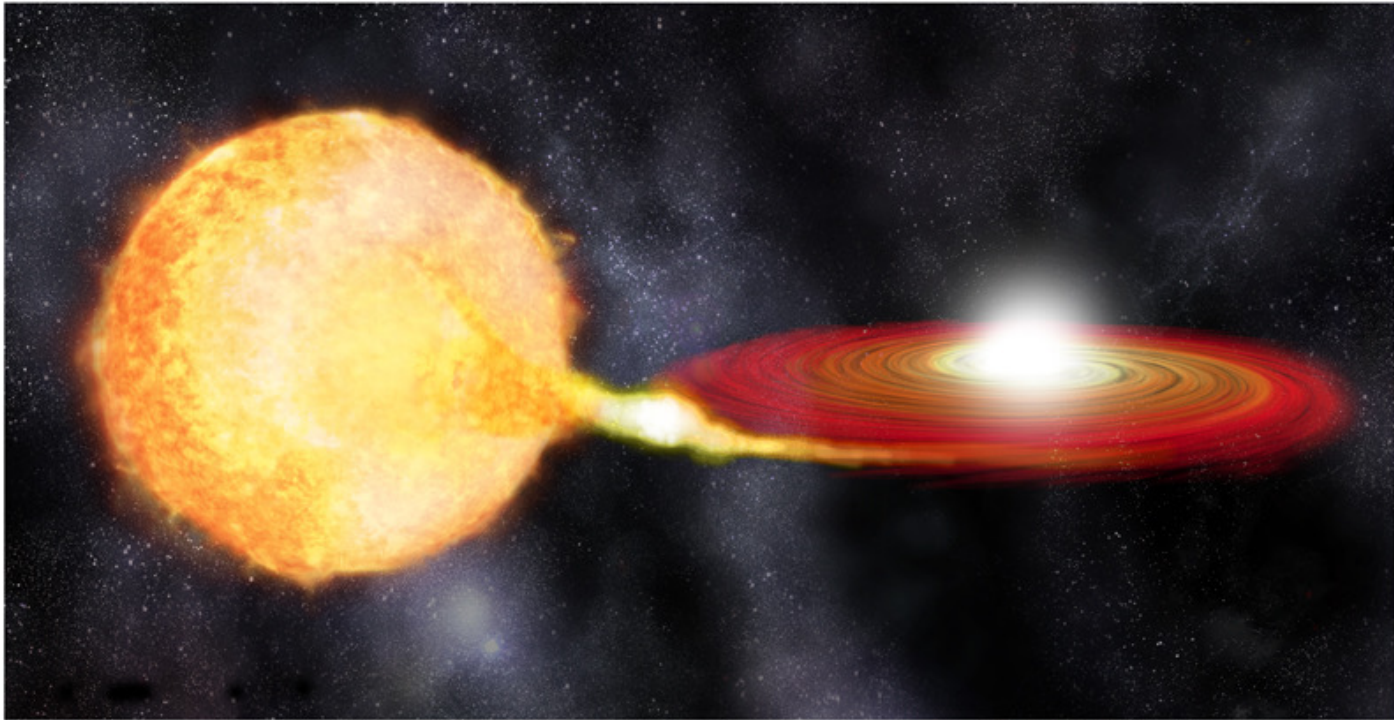


Figure 3 Schematic light curves for SNe of Types Ia, Ib, II-L, II-P, and SN 1987A. The curve for SNe Ib includes SNe Ic as well, and represents an average. For SNe II-L, SNe 1979C and 1980K are used, but these might be unusually luminous.

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Chandrasekhar limit

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The **Chandrasekhar limit** (/tʃʌndrəˈseɪkər/) is the maximum mass of a [stable white dwarf star](#). The currently accepted value of the Chandrasekhar limit is about 1.4 *M*☉ (2.765 × 10³⁰ kg).^{[1][2][3]}

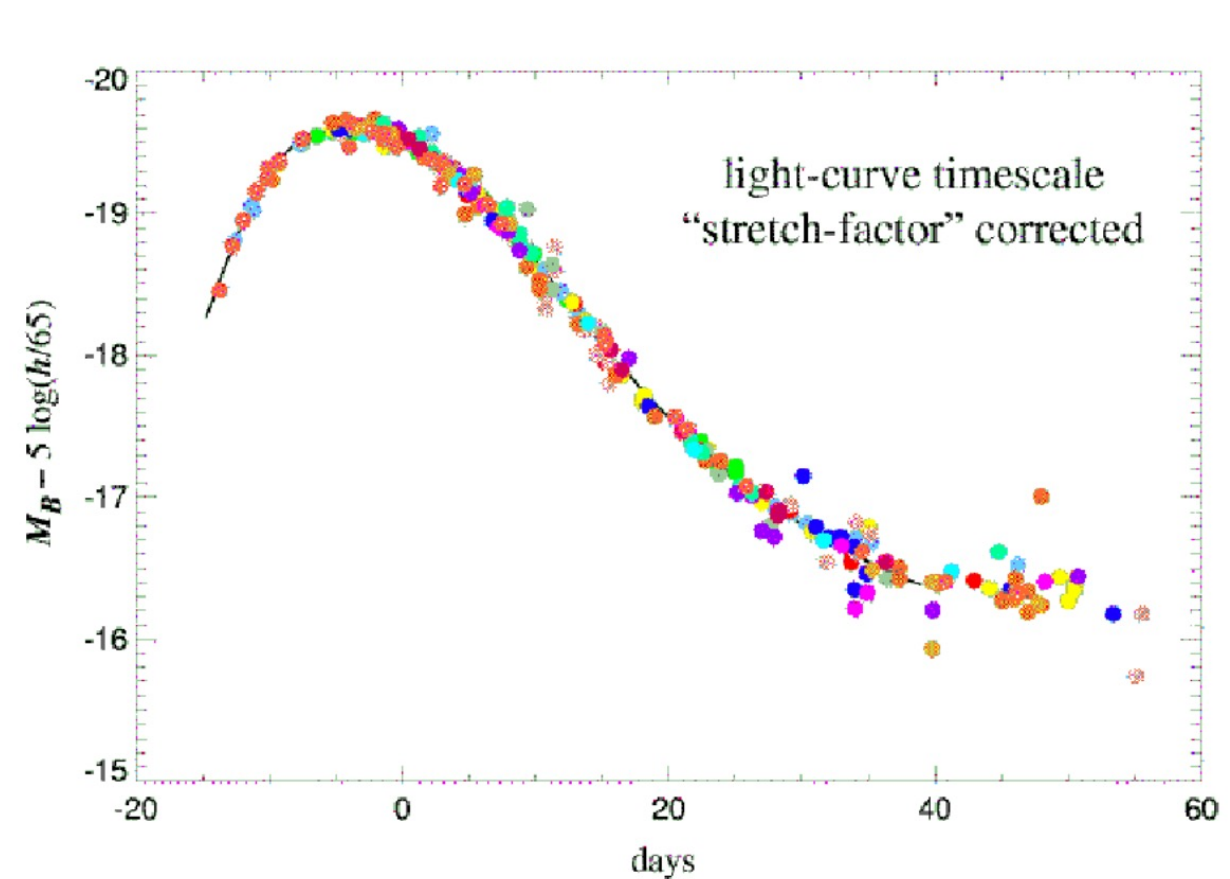
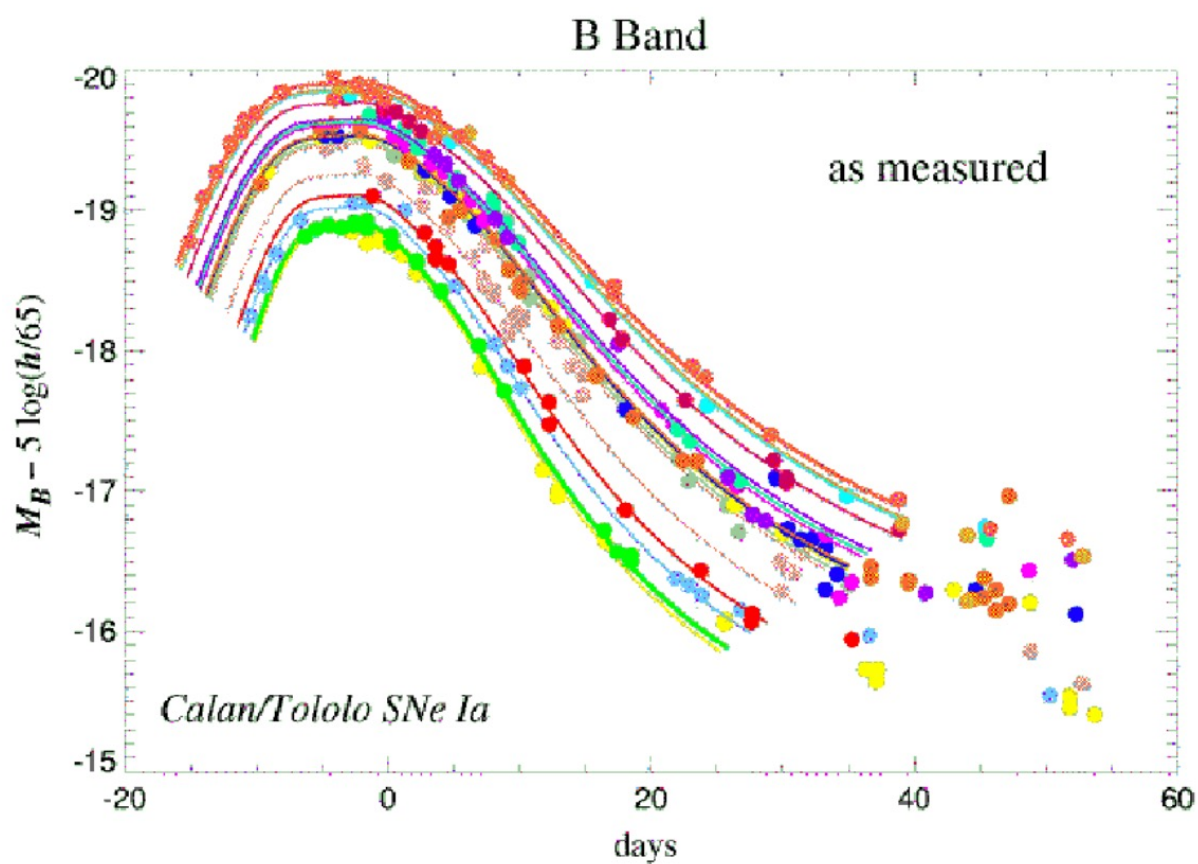
White dwarfs resist [gravitational collapse](#) primarily through [electron degeneracy pressure](#), compared to [main sequence](#) stars, which resist collapse through [thermal pressure](#). The Chandrasekhar limit is the mass above which electron degeneracy pressure in the star's core is insufficient to balance the star's own gravitational self-attraction. Consequently, a white dwarf with a mass greater than the limit is subject to further gravitational collapse, [evolving](#) into a different type of [stellar remnant](#), such as a [neutron star](#) or [black hole](#). Those with masses up to the limit remain stable as white dwarfs.^[4] [Tolman–Oppenheimer–Volkoff limit](#) is theoretically a next level to reach in order for a neutron star to collapse into a denser form such as a black hole.

The limit was named after [Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar](#). Chandrasekhar improved upon the accuracy of the calculation in 1930 by calculating the limit for a [polytrope](#) model of a star in hydrostatic equilibrium, and comparing his limit to the earlier limit found by [E. C. Stoner](#) for a uniform density star. Importantly, the existence of a limit, based on the conceptual breakthrough of combining relativity with Fermi degeneracy, was indeed first established in separate papers published by [Wilhelm Anderson](#) and E. C. Stoner in 1929. The limit was initially ignored by the community of scientists because such a limit would logically require the existence of [black holes](#), which were considered a scientific impossibility at the time. The fact that the roles of Stoner and Anderson are often overlooked in the astronomy community has been noted.^{[5][6]}

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First attempts:

(1) Philips relation: $M_{\max} \propto \Delta m_{15}$

(2) $M_{\max} = a + b (\Delta m_{15}(B) - 1.1)$

B-band: $a = -19.256 \pm 0.053$
 $b = 0.86 \pm 0.21$

[Philips, M. M.; ApJ 413, L105 (1993)]

[Hamuy, M., et al.; AJ 112, 2391 (1996)]

Distance modulus:

$$\mu \equiv m - M = 5 \lg (d_L [10 \text{ pc}])$$

$$m - \bar{M} - b \cdot \Delta m_{15}(B) = 5 \lg \left(\frac{c}{H_0} [10 \text{ pc}] \right) + 5 \lg \left((1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \right)$$

Physics Nobel Prize 2011



Saul Perlmutter



Brian P. Schmidt



Adam G. Riess

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011 was divided, one half awarded to Saul Perlmutter, the other half jointly to Brian P. Schmidt and Adam G. Riess "for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae".

Perlmutter, S., *et al.*; *ApJ* 517, 2, 565 (1999)

Riess, A. G., ..., Schmidt, B. P., *et al.*; *AJ*, 116, 3, 1009 (1998)

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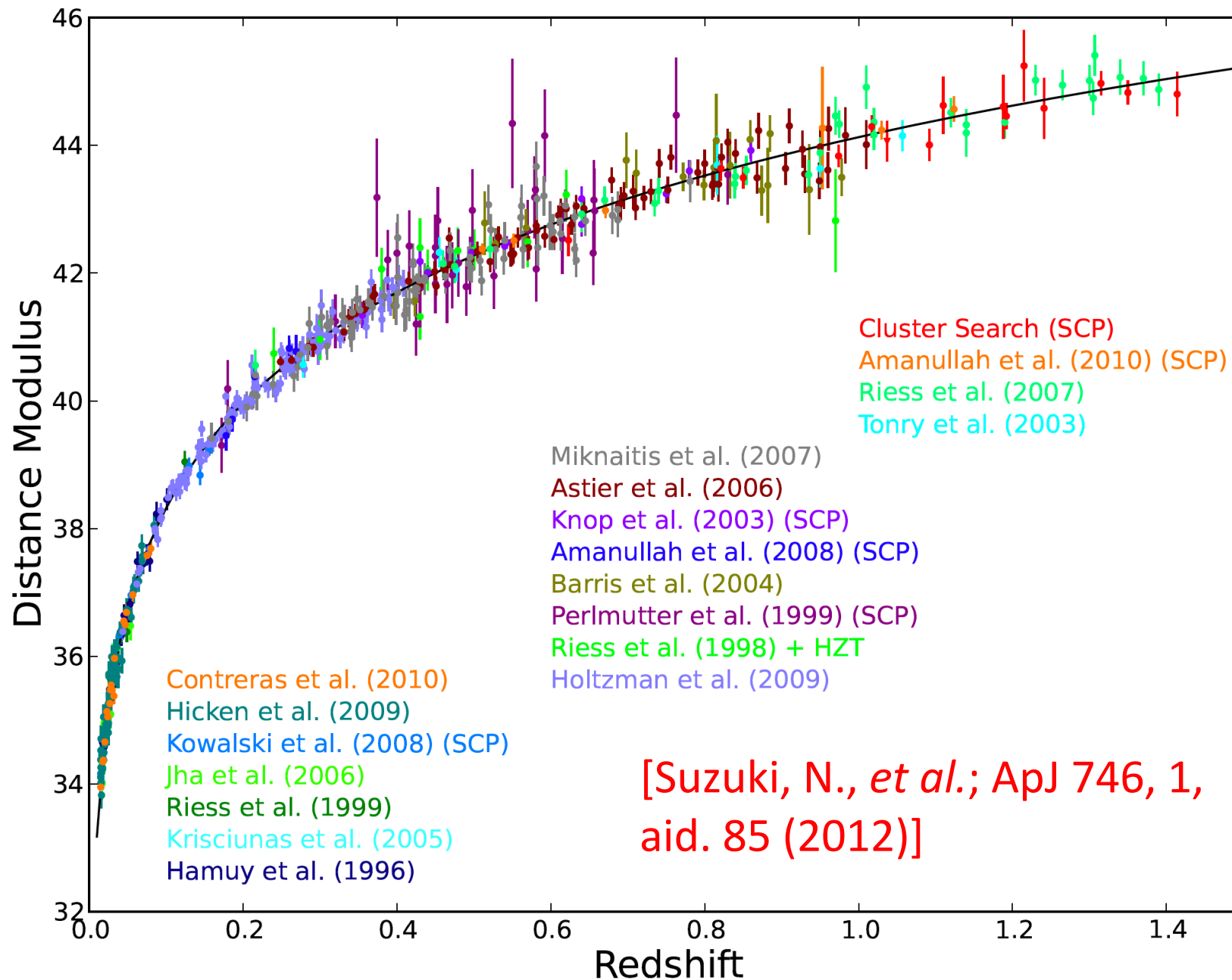
$$\mu_{\text{SN}} = m_B^{\text{max}} + \alpha \cdot x_1 - \beta \cdot c + \delta \cdot P - M_B$$

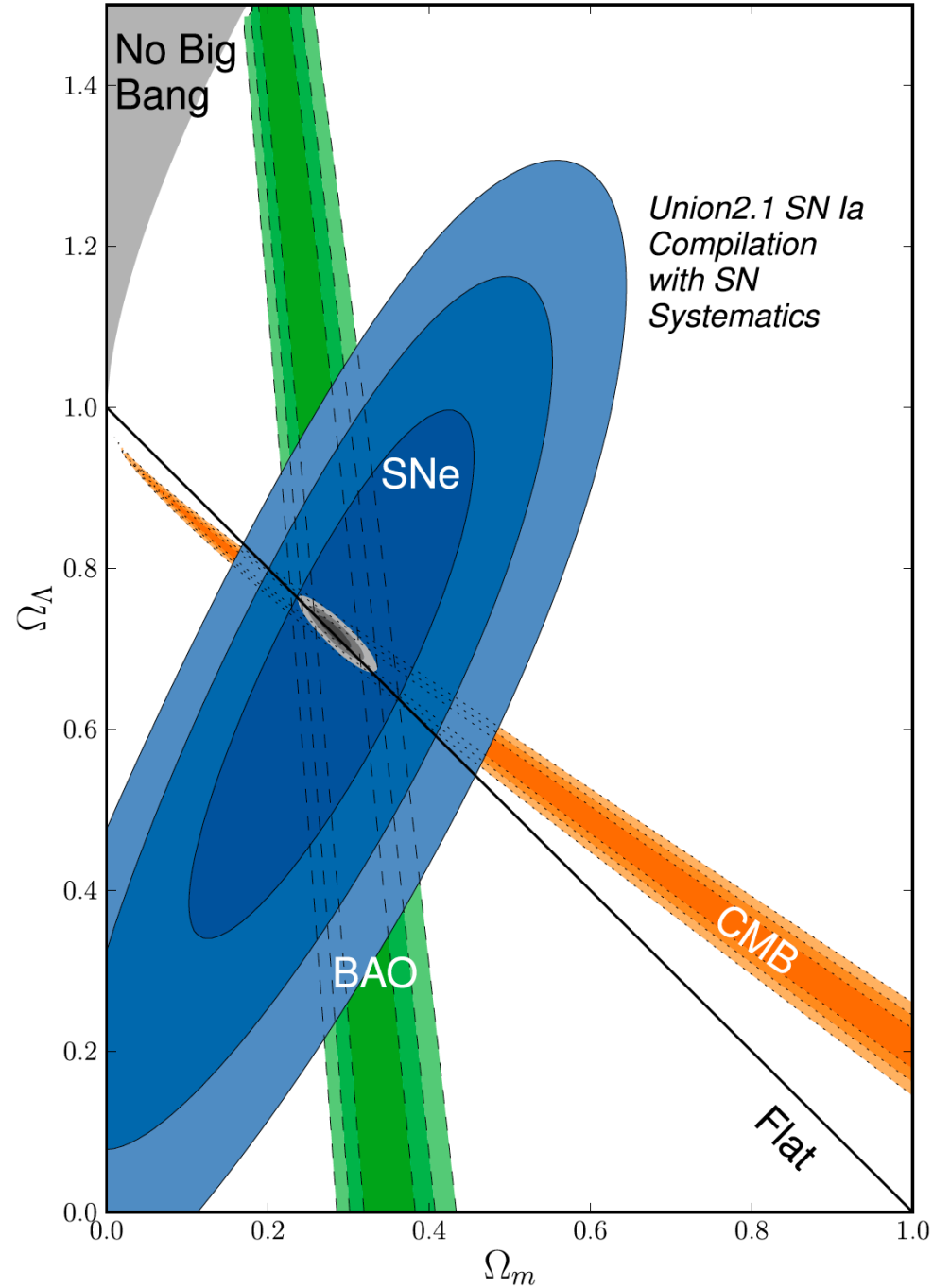
x_1 (**stretch**) – the deviation of the SN Ia lightcurve from the average lightcurve shape

c (**color**) - the deviation of the SN Ia (B-V) color from the mean SN Ia (B-V) color

$P(m_*^{\text{true}} < m_*^{\text{threshold}})$ – the probability that the host galaxy belongs in a low-host-mass category

e.g. using 580 SN Ia from the *Union 2.1* data compilation of the *Supernova Cosmology Project* [Suzuki, N., et al.; ApJ 746, 1, aid. 85 (2012)]





[Suzuki, N., *et al.*; *ApJ* 746, 1, aid. 85 (2012)]

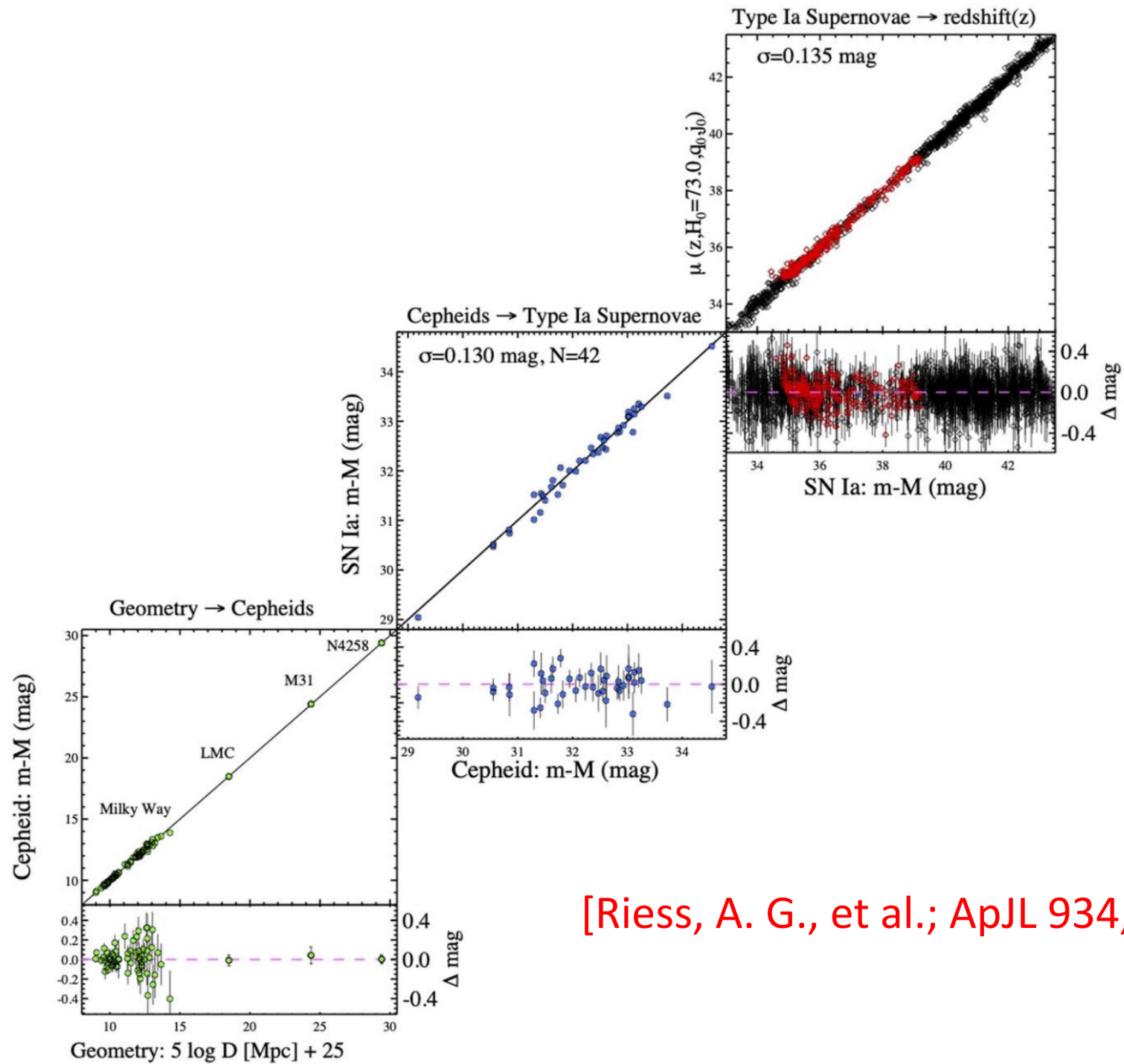
Other most recent SN Ia datasets:

SHOES - Riess, A. G., et al.; ApJ 853, 2, 126 (2018)

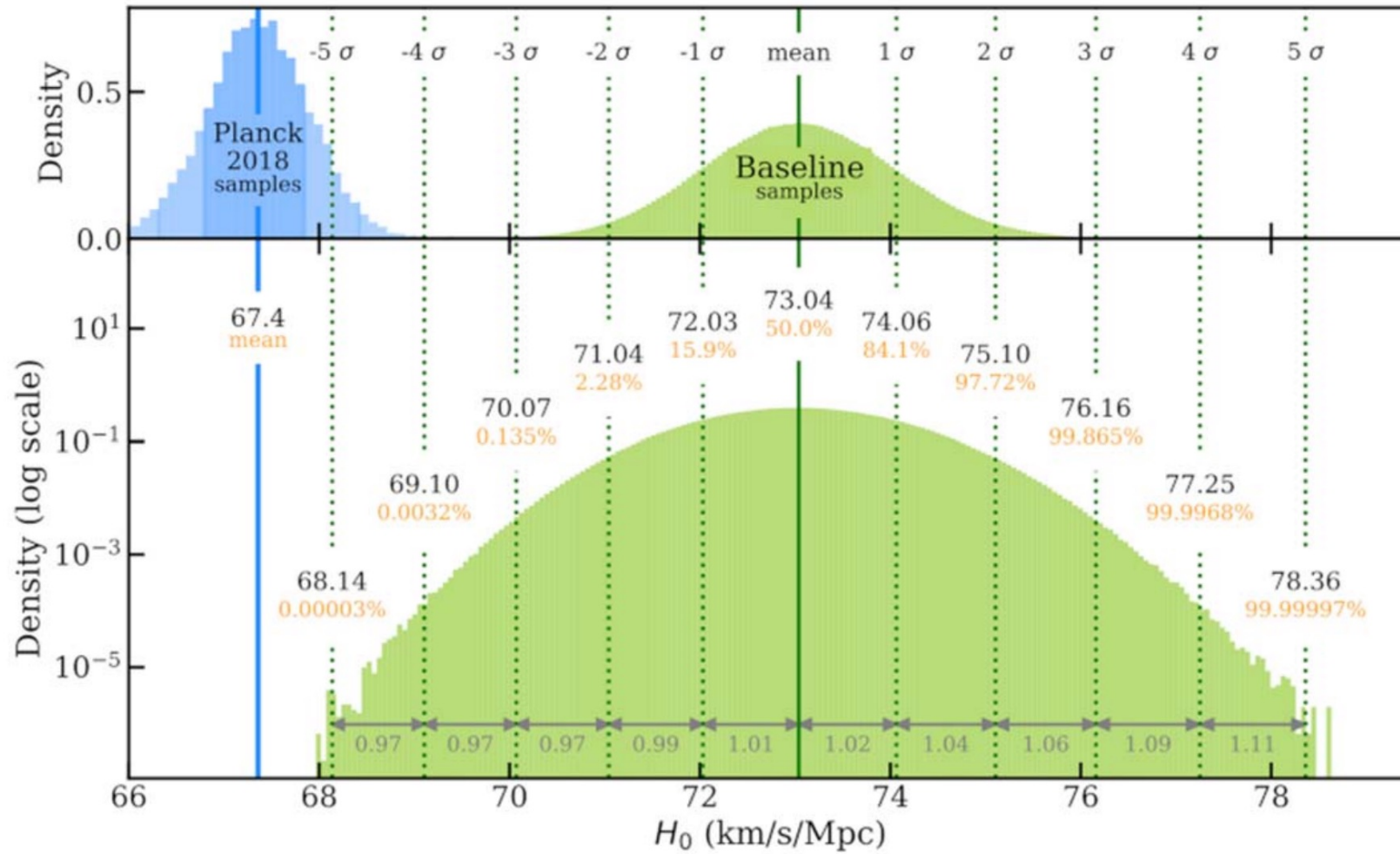
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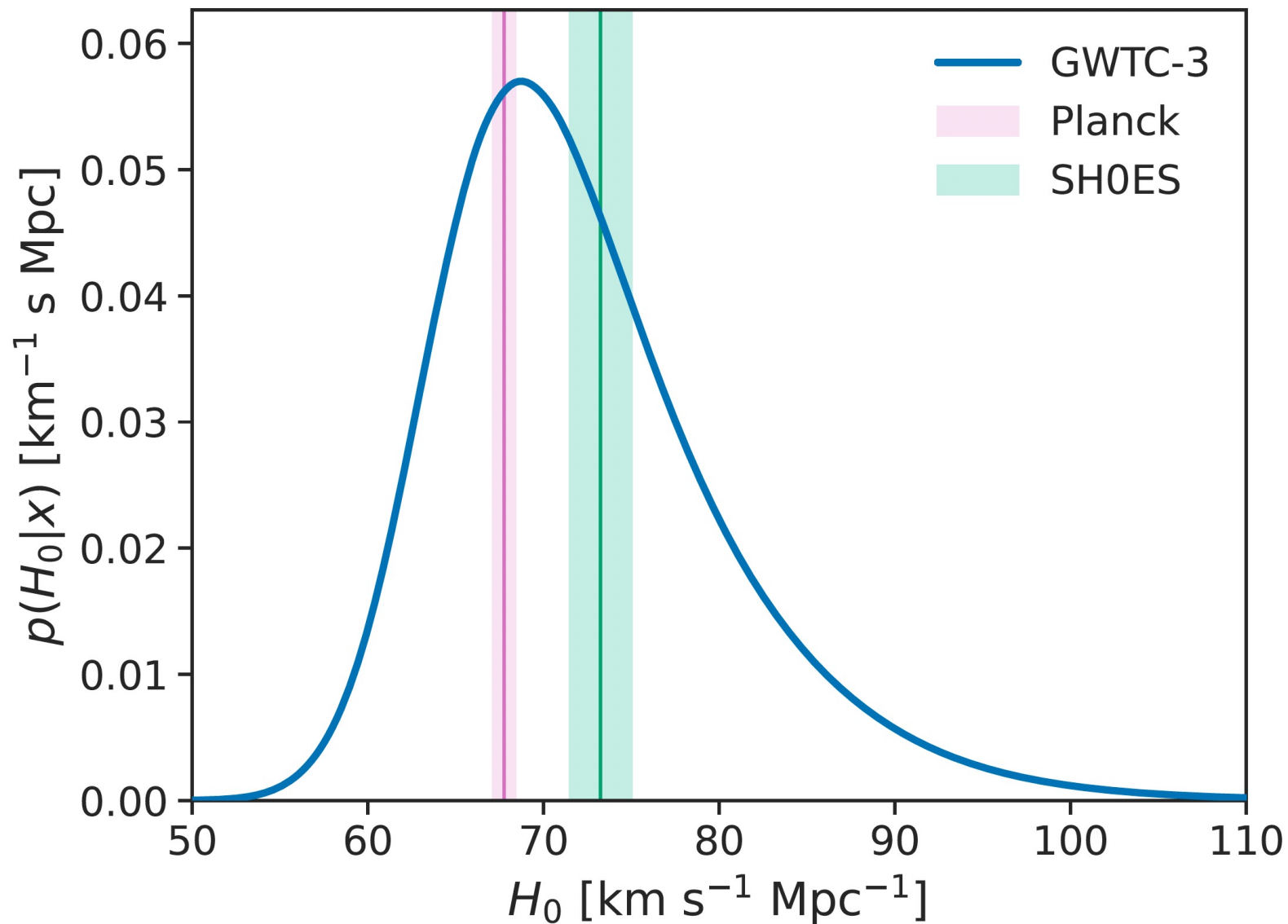
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The Hubble tension (or Hubble crisis?)



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[The LVC, ApJ 949, 76 (2023)]