

Individual objects

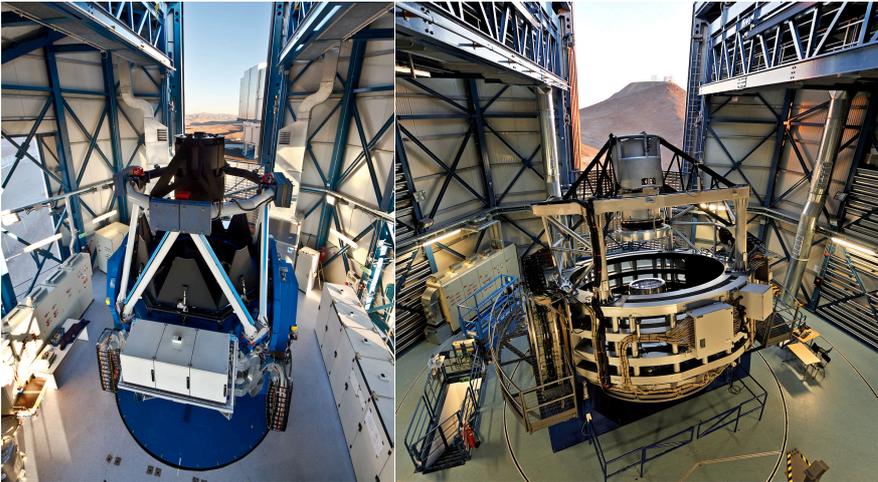
- Most VLT instrumentation is for follow-up observations
- Large instrument complement for nearby SNe
 - NACO – progenitors
 - FORS2 – SN spectra
 - UVES – environments, abundances
 - XSHOOTER – redshifts (CANDELS SNe), late phases
 - VISIR – mid-infrared
 - MUSE – SN environments (SN Refsdal)
 - HAWK-I – near-IR follow-up
 - EFOSC2/SOFI - PESSTO
- ➔ Detailed investigations of individual objects

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The Survey Telescopes

- VST 2.6m for optical and VISTA 4.1m for infrared observations
- Coordinated sky surveys in 5-year projects



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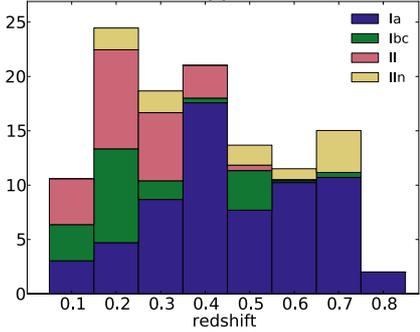


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Survey Telescopes

- VST
 - SN search SUDARE
- VISTA
 - WW SNe behind bulge
- VLT follow-up of DES SNe
 - HAWK-I provides IR
 - X-SHOOTER for host galaxy redshifts

Cappellaro et al. 2016



Redshift Bin	Ia	Ib/c	II	IIIn
0.1	3	3	4	0
0.2	5	8	9	2
0.3	9	2	6	2
0.4	18	0	3	0
0.5	8	3	0	2
0.6	10	0	0	0
0.7	11	0	0	4
0.8	2	0	0	0

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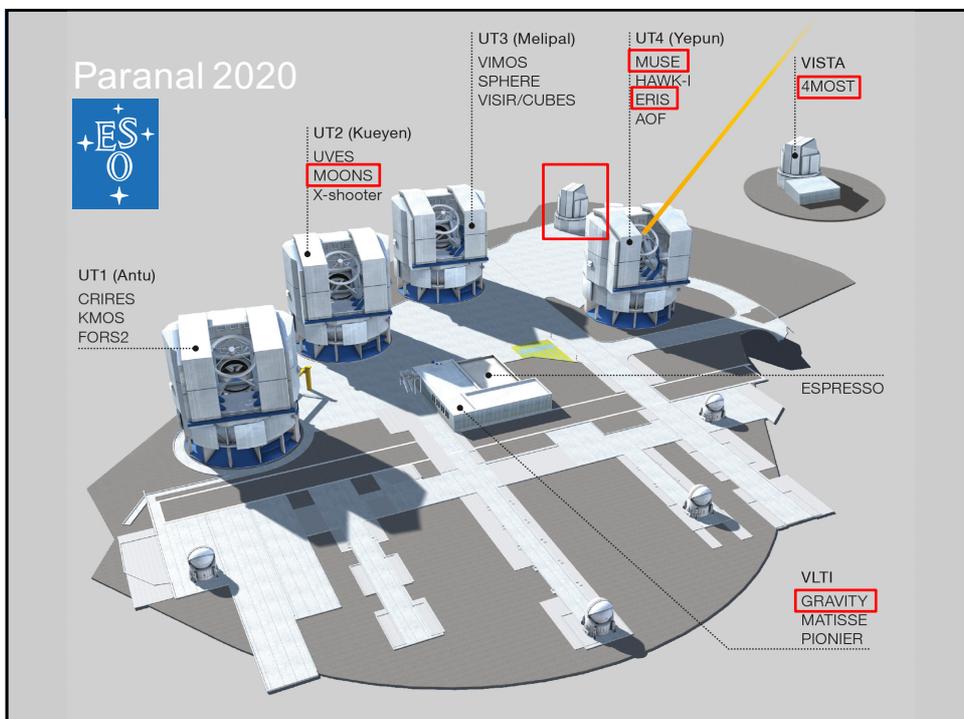




Long-Term Monitoring Programs

- **Supernovae**
 - Key Program in 1980s
 - Several Large Programs
 - Turatto et al., Benetti et al.
 - Public Spectroscopic Survey
 - PESSTO
 - 90 nights per year for spectroscopic SN follow-up
 - concentrate on peculiar and rare types of supernovae

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ESO Optical/NIR Telescope System after 2020

Paranal >2020

UT1 (Antu)
CRISPES
KMOS
FORS2

UT2 (Kueyen)
LIVES
MOONS
X-shooter

UT3 (Melipal)
VIMOS
SPHERE
VISIR/CUBES

UT4 (Yepun)
MUSE
HAWK-I
ERS
AOF

VISTA
4MOST

ESPRESSO

VLTi
Amber
GRAVITY
MATISSE

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3.6m exoplanets

NTT transients

The ESO Transient Sky

- Traditionally challenging for community observatories
- Adapt operational modes
 - flexible scheduling
 - variable timescales
 - large Target of Opportunity fraction
 - rapid response mode
 - ➔ service mode operations
 - ➔ dedicate telescopes
- Systematic archiving
 - time series

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Strategic Changes - next decade

- Move towards a systems approach
 - Big problems need coordinated observations
 - Milky Way dynamics
 - Gaia astrometry plus velocities and abundances
 - Cosmology
 - EUCLID and redshifts
 - Particle Physics
 - messengers and electromagnetic follow-up
 - Coordination between different observatories
 - Multi-wavelength and multi-messenger approach
 - Complex astrophysical sites
 - e.g. star formation regions, SN remnants, galaxy clusters, distant universe

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SOXS on the NTT

- Negotiations with a consortium to provide a single-object spectrograph for the NTT - SOXS
 - copy of Xshooter
 - simultaneous coverage from 400nm to 1.8 μ m
 - significant investment of observing time over many years
 - continuation of PESSTO-like survey

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Future SN Cosmology

- Promise of the (rest-frame) infrared
 - Reduced absorption
 - Greater uniformity in the light curves

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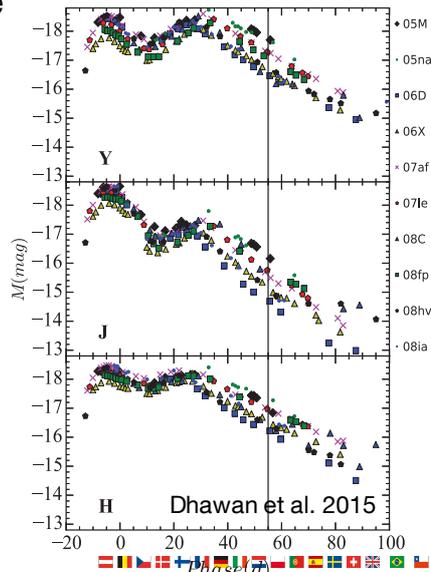


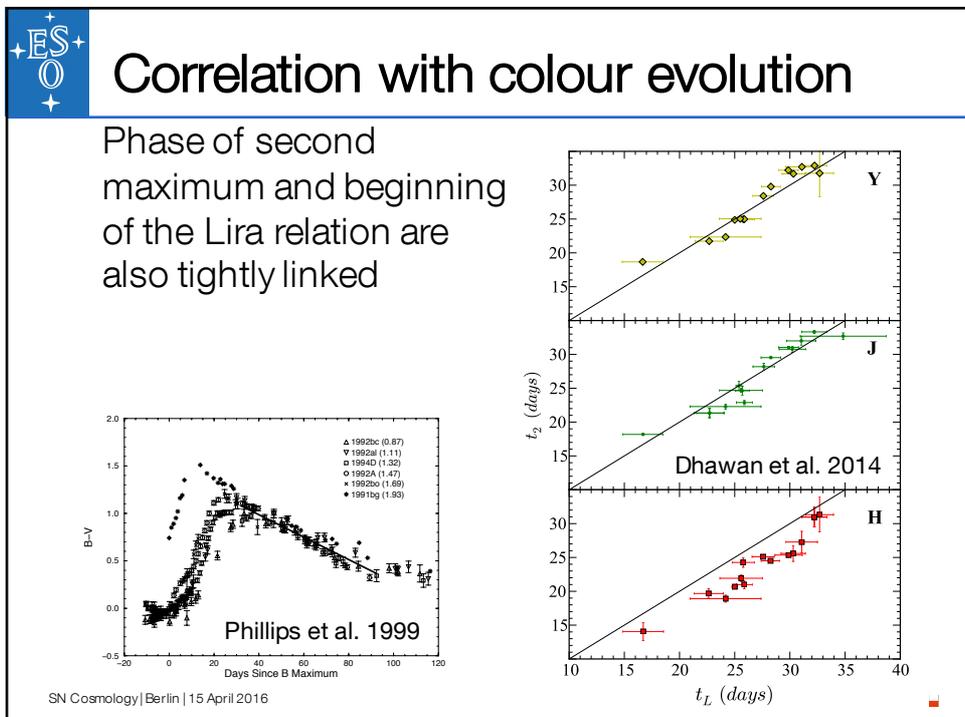
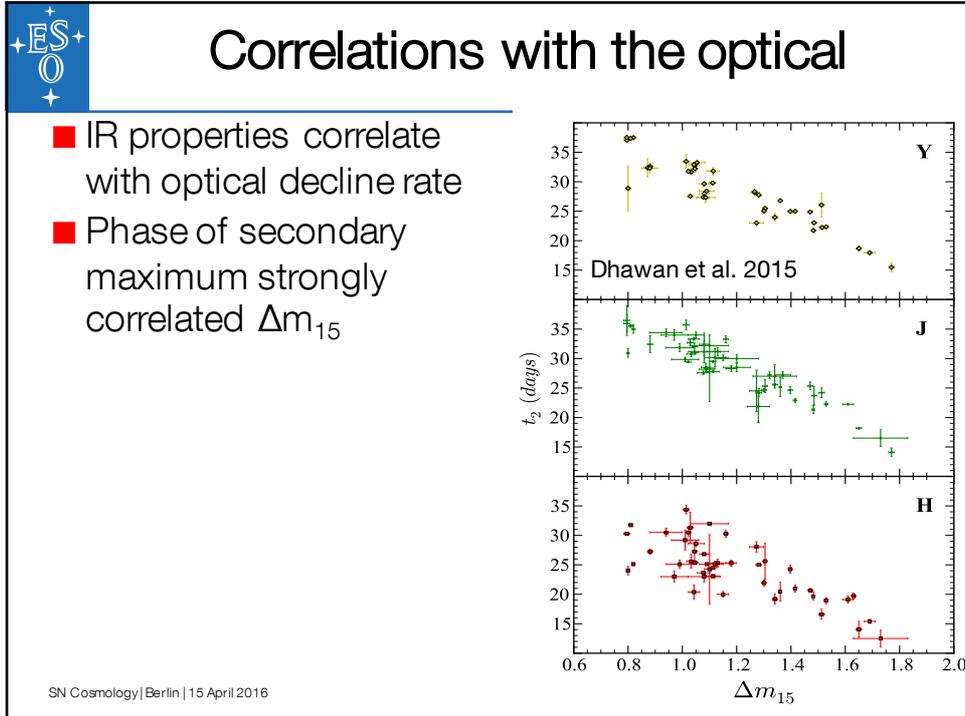


SN Ia infrared light curves

- IR light curves from the literature
 - mostly Carnegie Supernova Project
- Individual evolution after first maximum
- Uniform late decline rate

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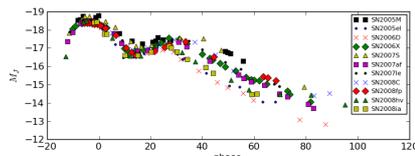






Consistent picture emerging

- Second peak in the near-IR is the result of the recombination of Fe⁺⁺ to Fe⁺ (Kasen 2006)
 - he predicted a later second maximum for larger Ni masses
- Optical colour evolution faster for objects with lower nickel mass (Kasen & Woosley 2007)
- Ejecta structure uniform
 - late declines very similar



- ➔ higher luminosity indicates a higher Ni mass
- ➔ later secondary peak also indicates higher Ni mass
- ➔ Ni mass and (optical) light curve parameters correlate (Scalzo et al. 2014)

Dhawan et al. 2015

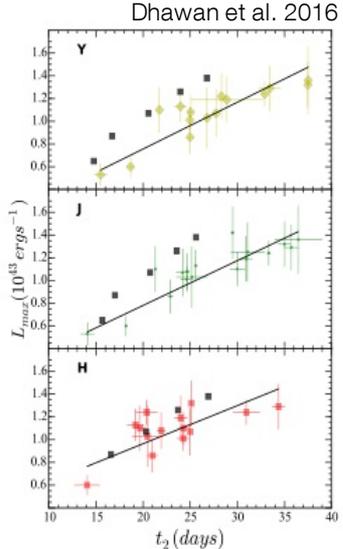


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Nickel masses

- Using a timing parameter for nickel masses
 - completely independent on reddening and multiple light curves
- Test with a sample of unreddened SNe Ia
- Explore different methods to calculate the nickel mass (currently still all Chandrasekhar-mass progenitors)



Dhawan et al. 2016

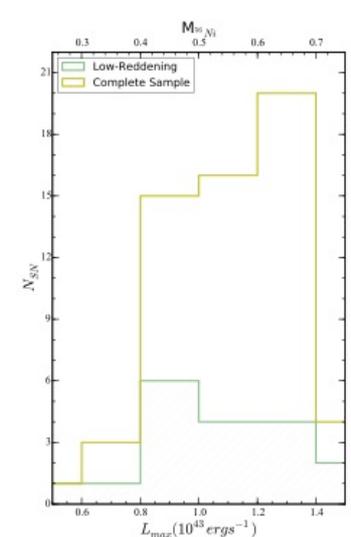


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Luminosity and mass functions

- Reddening independent distribution functions
 - fails for super-Chandra objects
 - SN 2007if
 - Different physics? Interactions?
- Luminosity from second IR maximum?



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EUCLID

- Use EUCLID deep fields to provide IR light curves
 - Rest frame Y out to $z \sim 0.8$; J to $z \sim 0.5$
- Monitor/shadow the fields from the ground in the optical
 - Full optical light curves
 - Exact phases
 - Important for the (sparse) IR light curves
- Spectroscopic follow-up programme
 - FORS2 would be ideal

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Future Facilities

- MOONS (MLT) and 4MOST (VISTA)
 - Massive multi-object spectrographs
 - Follow-up spectroscopy
 - Host galaxies
 - Supernovae?
 - ‘random phase’
 - No systematic follow-up
- E-ELT
 - Operational from 2025
 - First-light instruments
 - HARMONI – spectrograph
 - MIKADO – camera (0.8-2.4 μ m)
 - Individual objects (0.5-2.4 μ m)
 - High redshift



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Astronomy in the 2020s

- OIR sky measured to ~25 mag
- Thousands of transient alerts per day
- Matching capabilities at (almost) all other wavelengths
 - angular resolution
 - sensitivity
 - sky coverage
- Astroparticle detections
- Diverse astronomical community with considerable overlap with other sciences (chemistry, biology)

Astronomer – EWASS, 24 June 2015

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