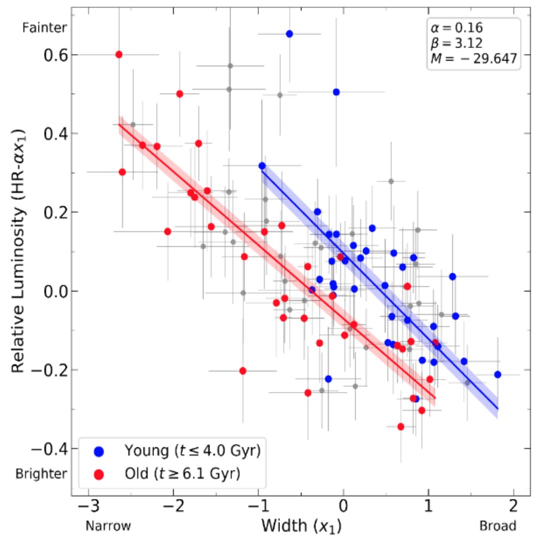
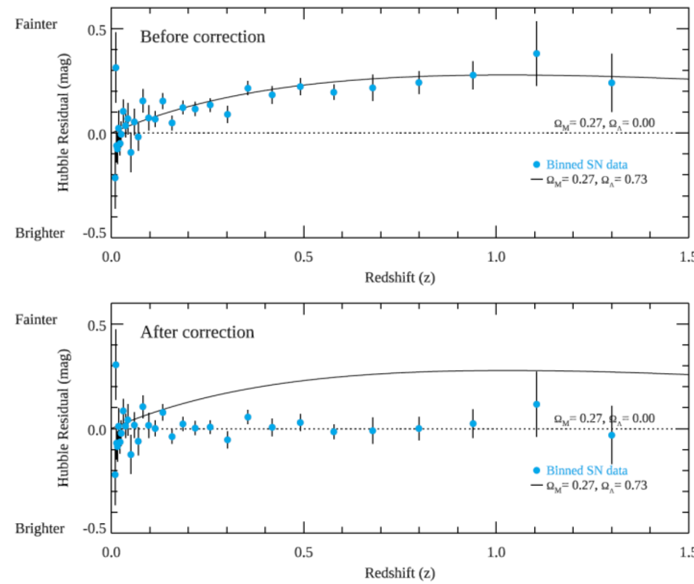
Evidence for strong progenitor age bias in supernova cosmology





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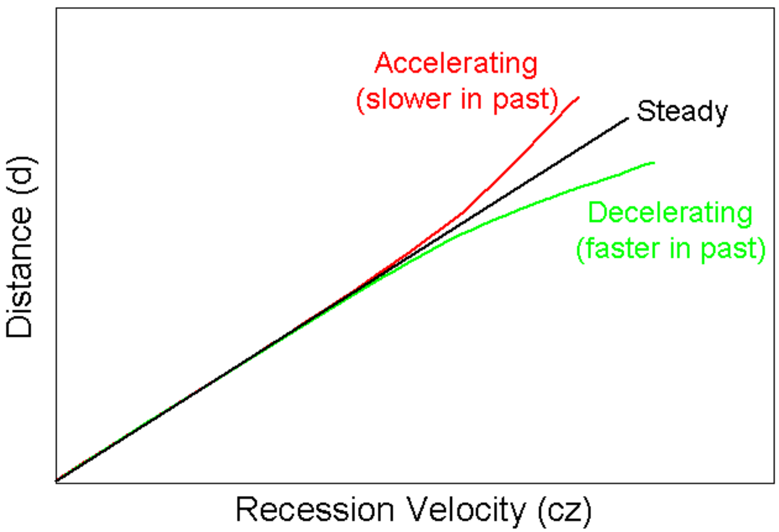
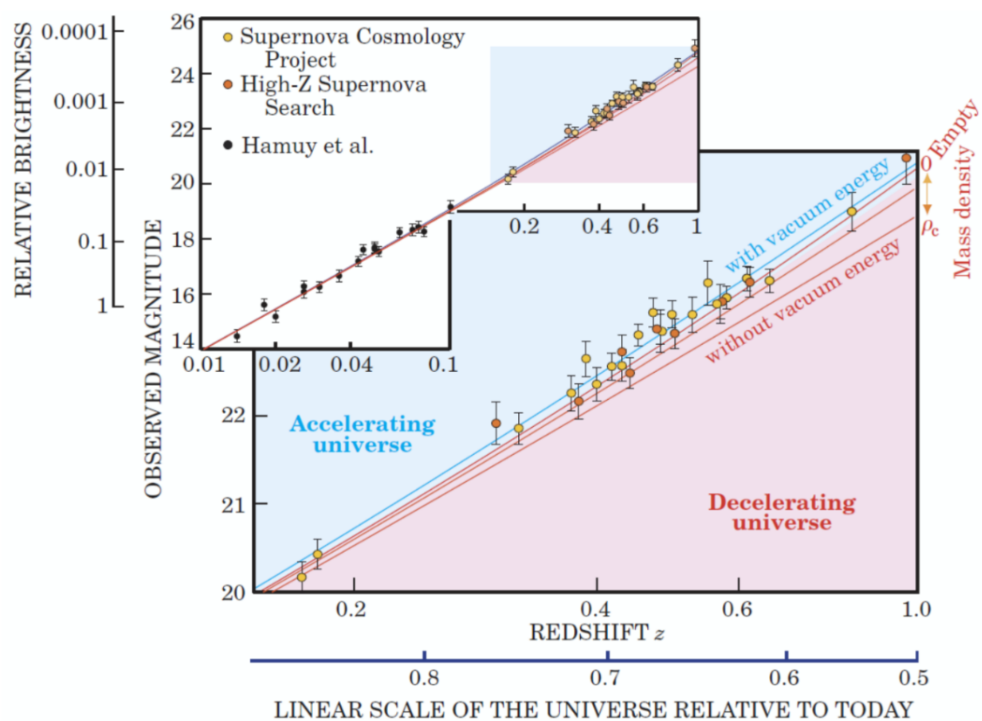
SN cosmology: Most direct evidence for an accelerating universe

"SN cosmology is the most straightforward tool for studying cosmic acceleration..."
(Weinberg, Eisenstein, Riess et al. 2013)

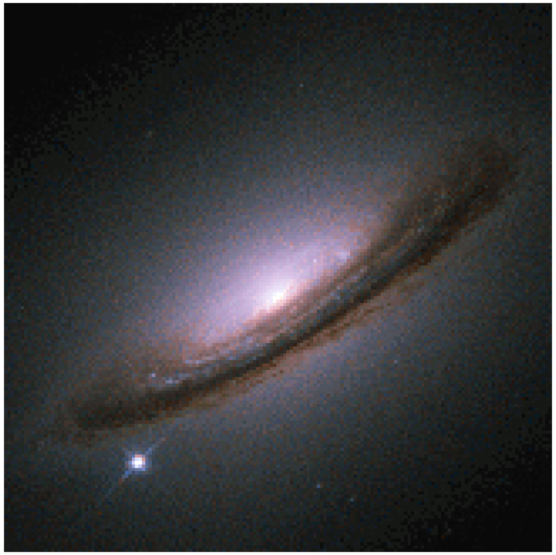
"Independent of GR and based solely upon the SN Hubble diagram…"
(Frieman, Turner, & Huterer 2008, ARAA; Shapiro & Turner 2006; Daly et al. 2008).

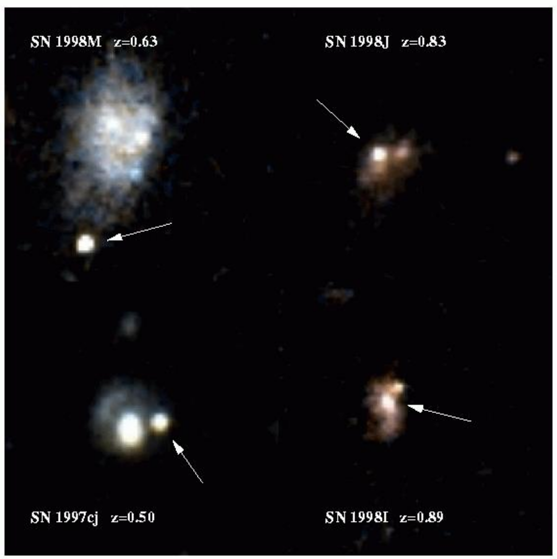
CMB provides crucial constraints on the geometry of the universe, "but it alone provides relatively weak constraints on dark energy." (Planck Collaboration 2020; Frieman et al. 2008)

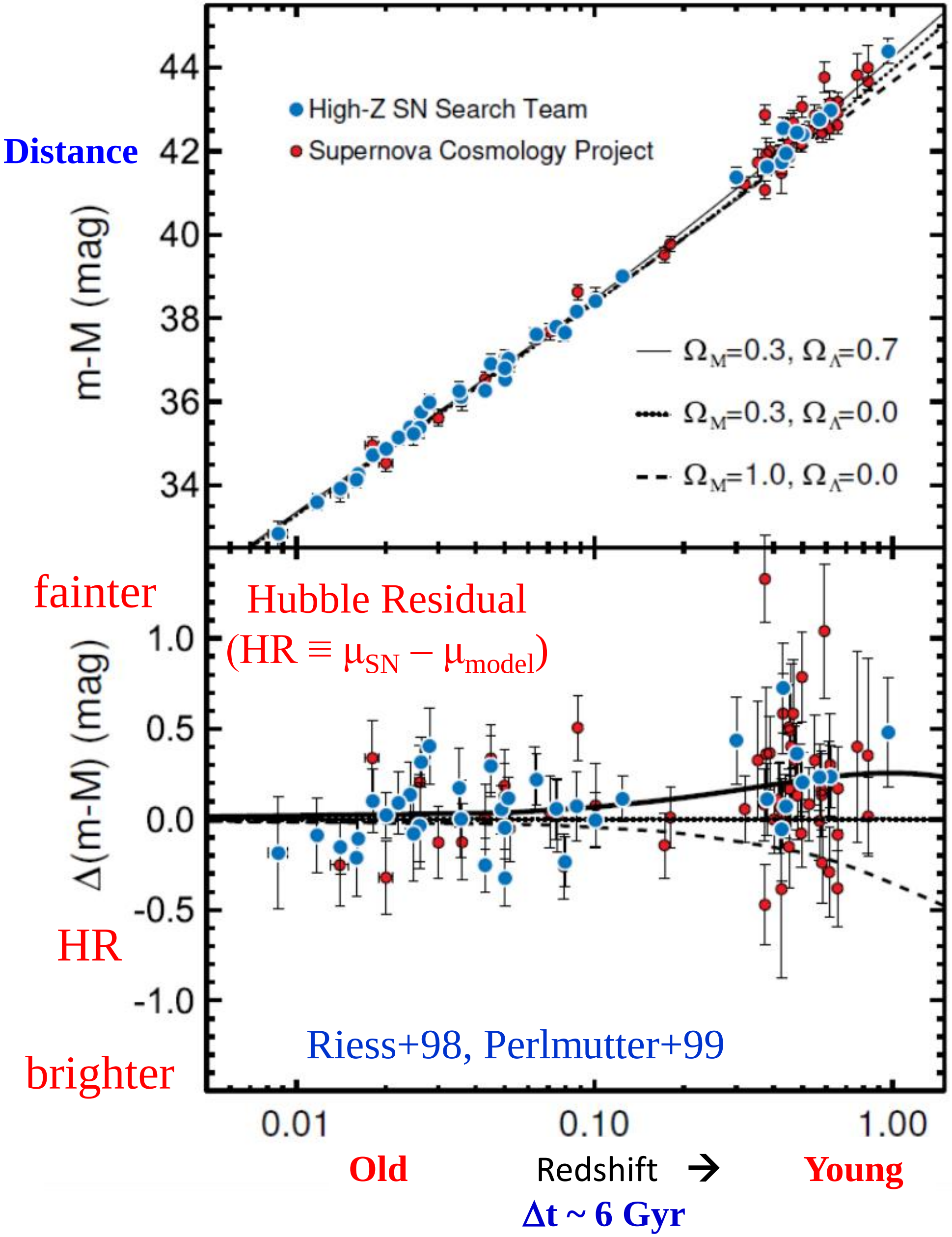




Accelerating Universe or Luminosity Evolution?







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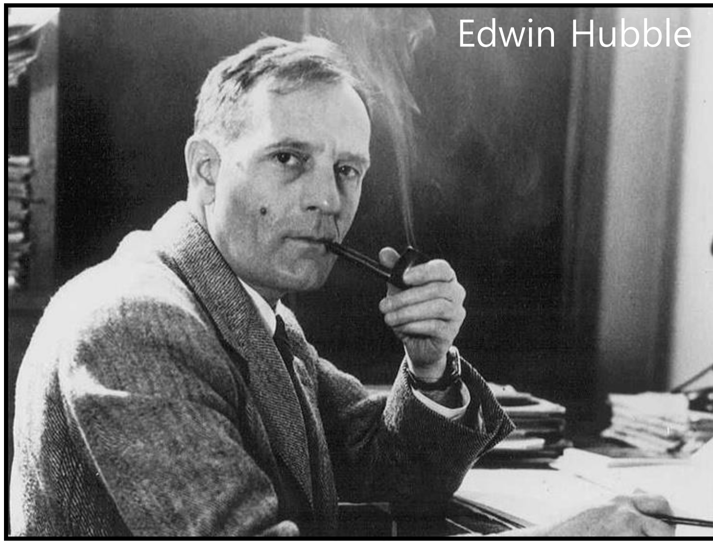

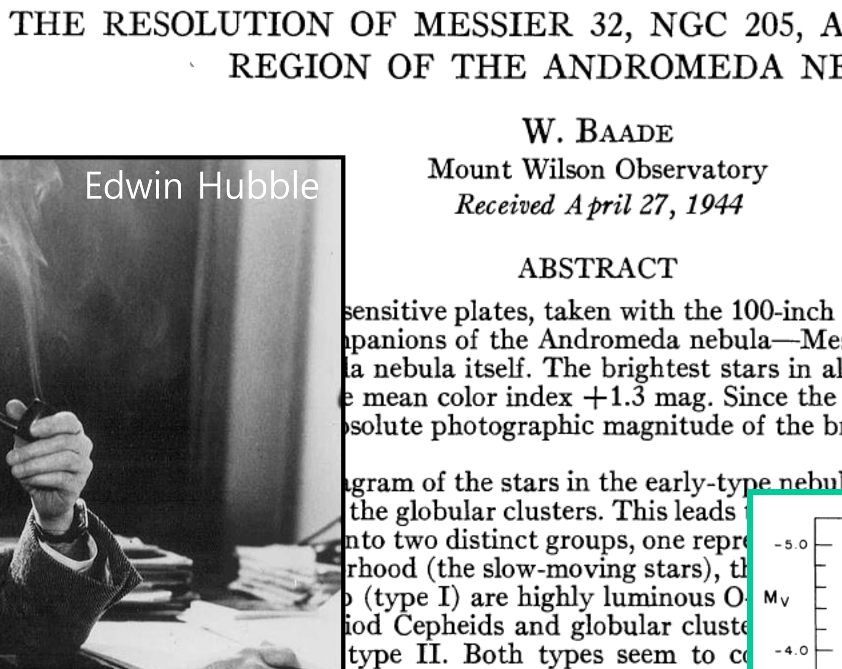
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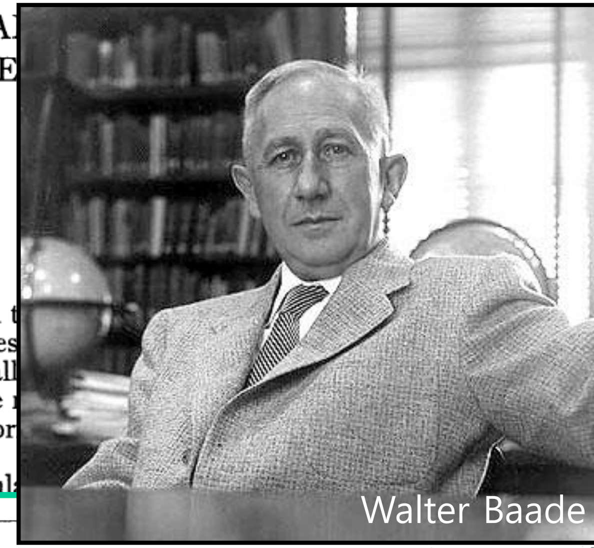

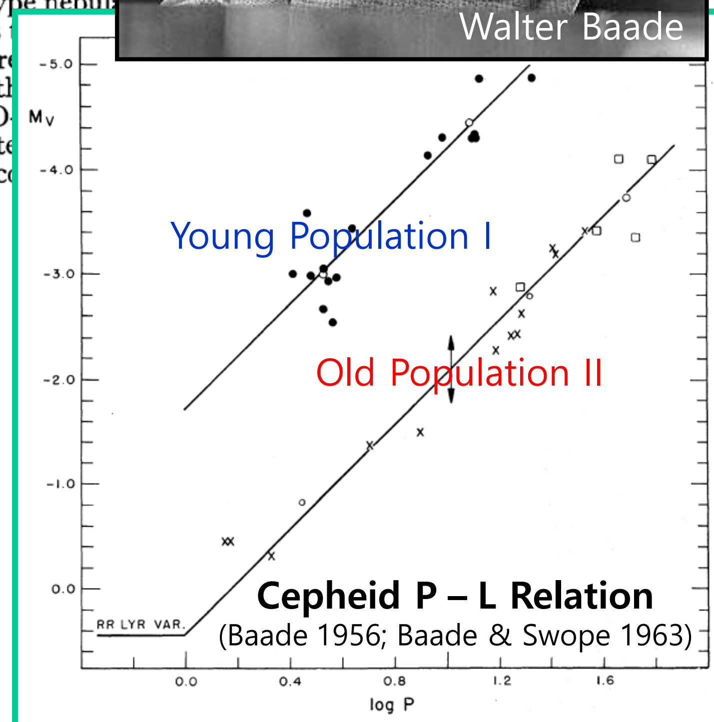

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Correlations of SN luminosity (after standardization) with host mass & local SFR

1. SNe Ia in less massive host galaxies are fainter by ~0.1 mag (Sullivan+2010; Kelly+2010; Childress+2013)

2. SNe Ia in locally star-forming environments are ~0.16 mag fainter than those in passive environments (Rigault+2013, 2020; Kim, Lee+2018)

→ Most likely due to population age...
→ Redshift evolution corrections based on these proxies will mislead!

But reliable population age dating for host galaxies was lacking…

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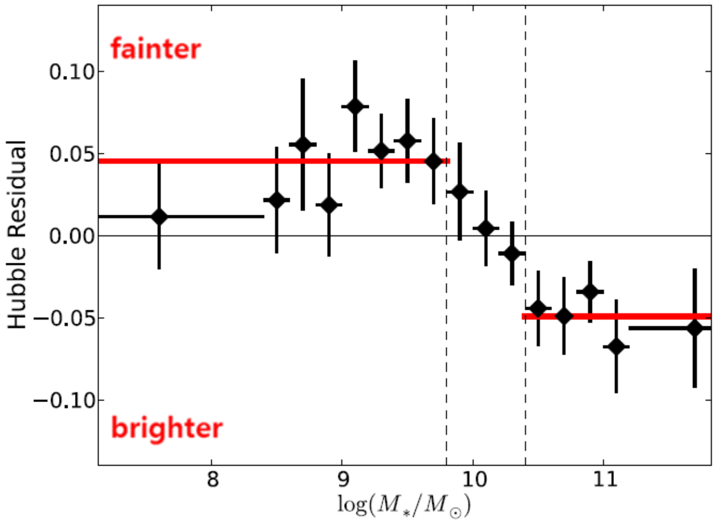
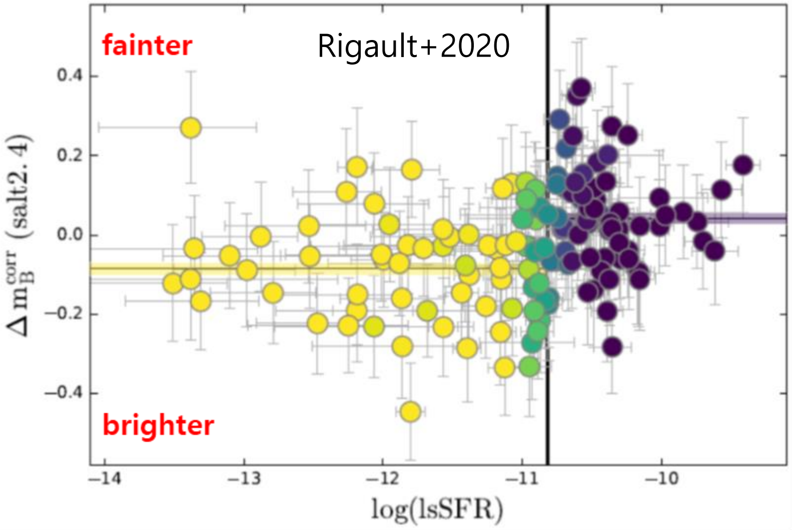
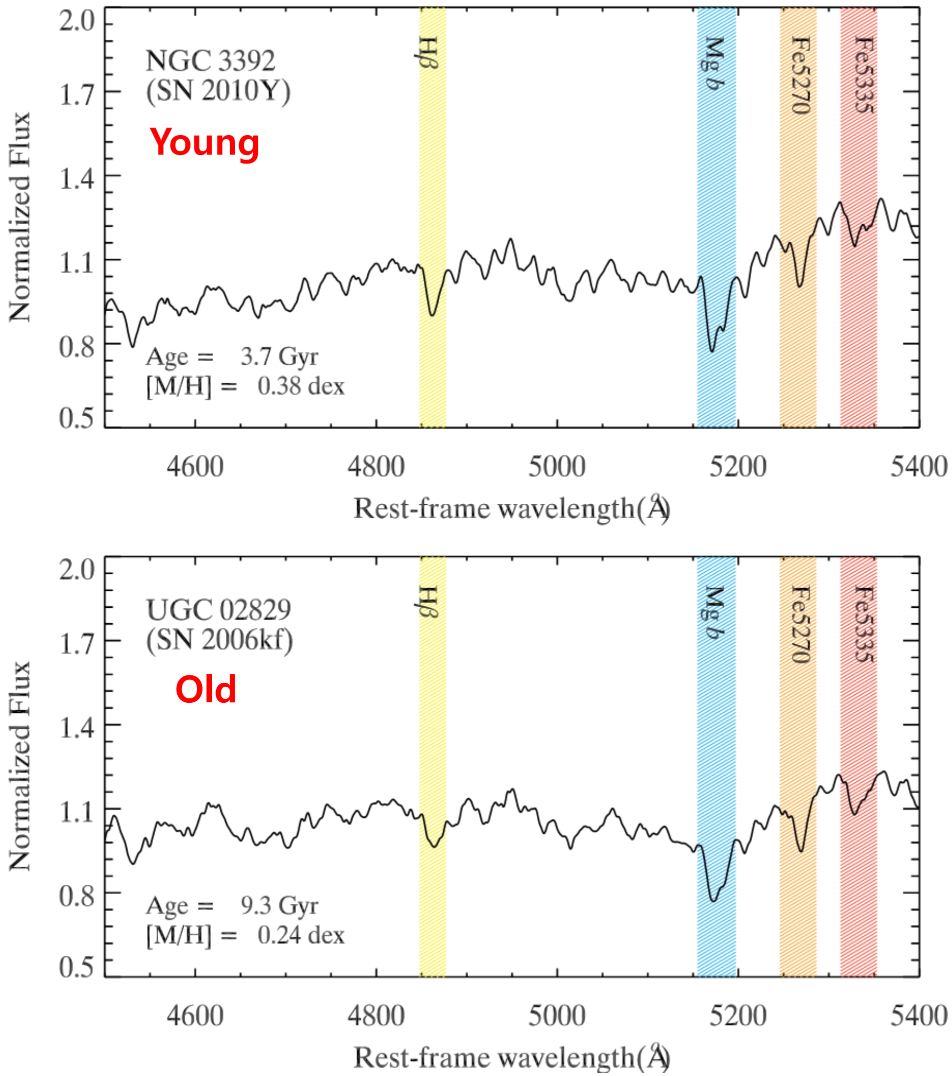


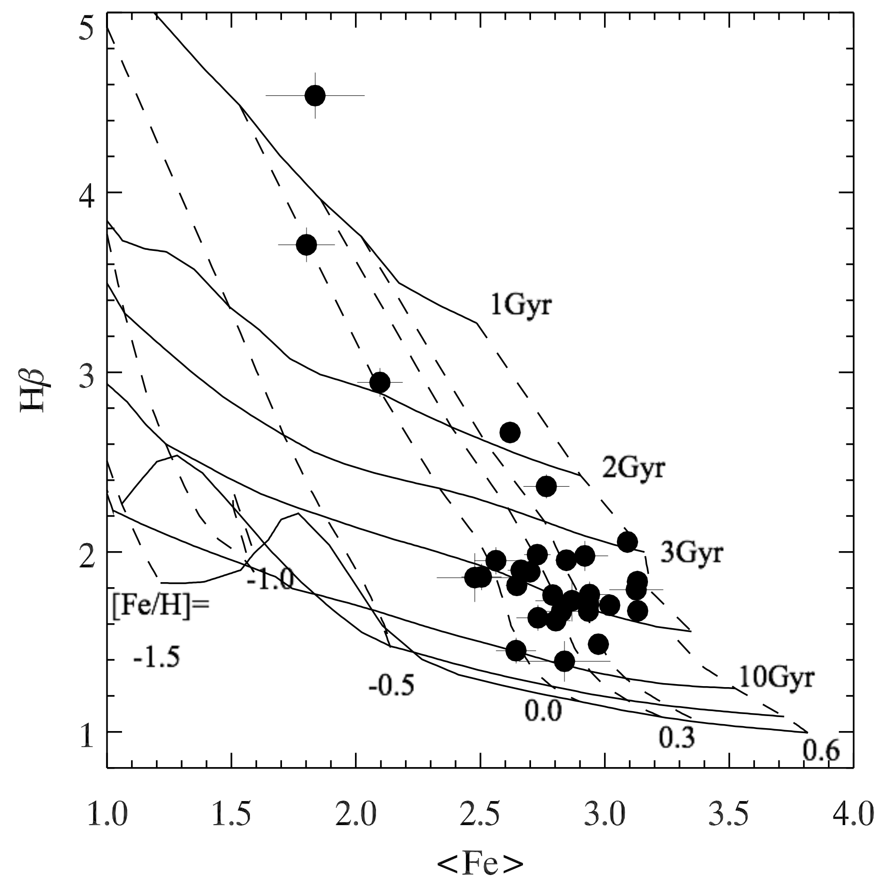


Project YONSEI: Yonsei Nearby Supernovae Evolution Investigation

High Precision (**S/N ~175**) Measurement of Early-type Host Galaxy Ages (since 2010)

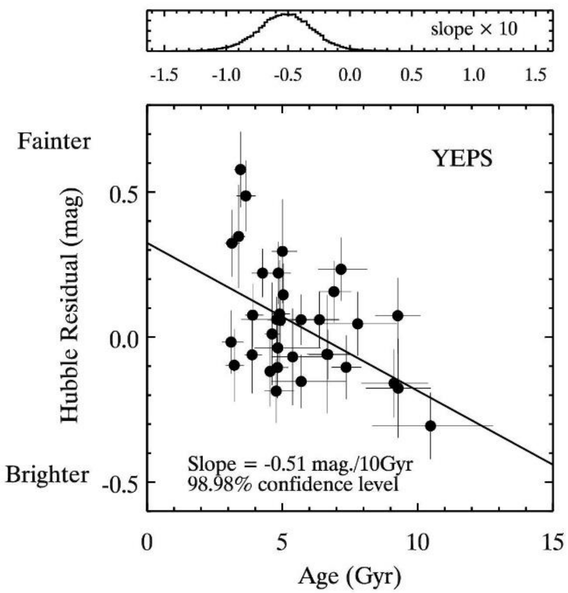


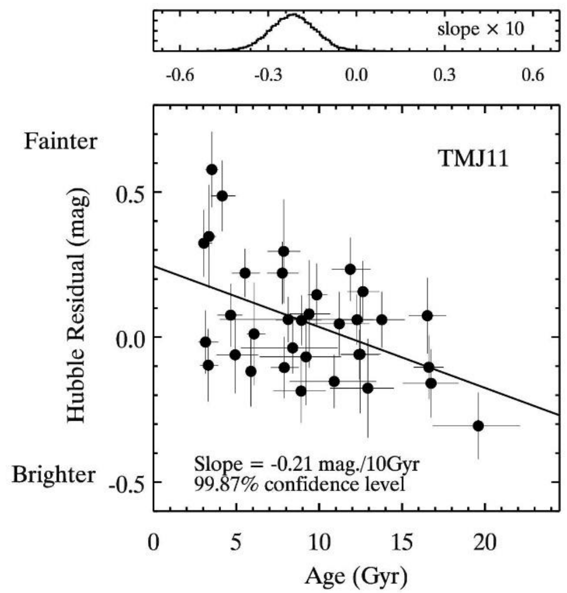
Y. Kang, Y.-W. Lee+2016, 2020



Population Synthesis Models:
Chung+13 (Yonsei); Thomas+11; Schiavon 07

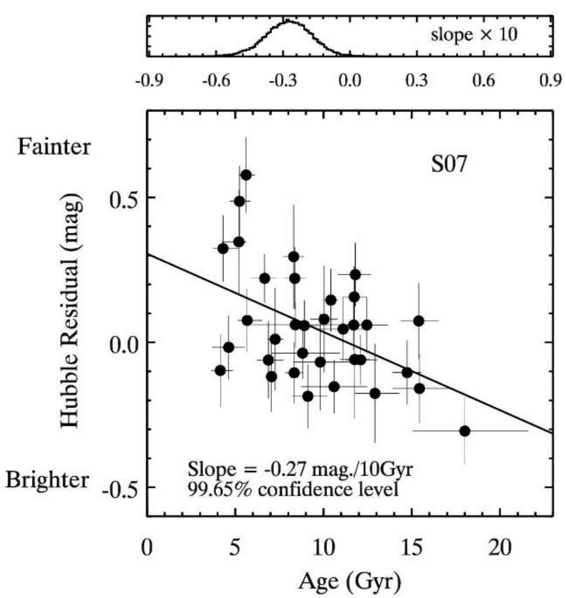
Correlation between SN Luminosity & Population Age





After 9 yrs of hard work, very high S/N (~175) spectra for ~59 (34) normal early-type host galaxies

(Abnormal ETGs with emission lines/recent SF excluded)



3σ Correlation: SNe in younger hosts are fainter (after standardization)

→ high-z SNe should be similarly fainter

0.051 mag/Gyr

This result is not sensitive to the choice of population synthesis model

Y. Kang, Y.-W. Lee+2020, ApJ

Our result from directly measured ages is consistent with previous investigations based on age proxy (host morphology, host mass, local SFR)

Host Property	Reference	Original Correlation	Direction	Converted to Age difference
Morphology	Hicken et al. (2009)	ΔHR / Δmorph.	Fainter in	~0.19 mag / 5.3 Gyr
		≈0.14 mag / (Scd/Irr-E/S0)	**Later type** galaxy	Fainter in **Younger** galaxy
Mass	Sullivan et al. (2010)	ΔHR /Δmass	Fainter in	~0.21 mag / 5.3 Gyr
		≈0.08 mag /($\Delta\log M_\star \sim 1$)	**Less massive** galaxy	Fainter in **Younger** galaxy
Local SFR	Rigault et al. (2018)	ΔHR /Δlocal SFR	Fainter in	~0.35 mag /5.3 Gyr
		≈0.16 mag /($\Delta\log(\mathrm{sSFR}_{>-10.8}$ - $\mathrm{sSFR}_{<-10.8}$, $\mathrm{yr}^{-1}\ \mathrm{kpc}^{-2}$)	**Higher SFR** environments	Fainter in **Younger** galaxy
Population Age	This work	ΔHR / Δ pop. age	Fainter in	~0.27 mag /5.3 Gyr
		≈0.051 mag / Gyr (YEPS)	**Younger** galaxy	Fainter in **Younger** galaxy

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When they are converted to age difference
based on our result, Scott et al. 2017, & Galbany et al. 2014

→ *They are all pointing to the same direction!*

→ SNe Ia in younger galaxies (i.e., high-z) are fainter!

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Our result not confirmed from a larger sample of host galaxies of all morphological types??

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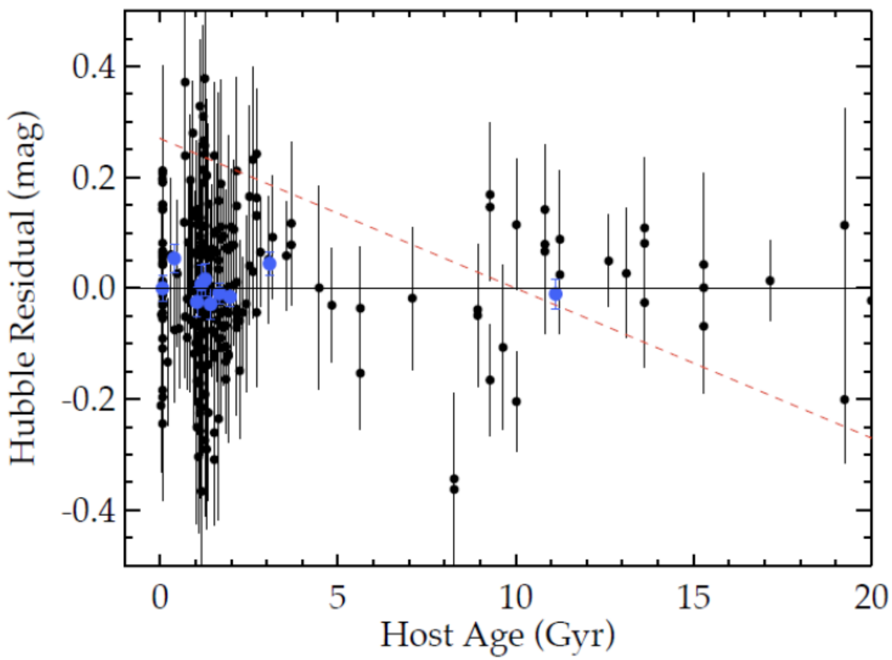
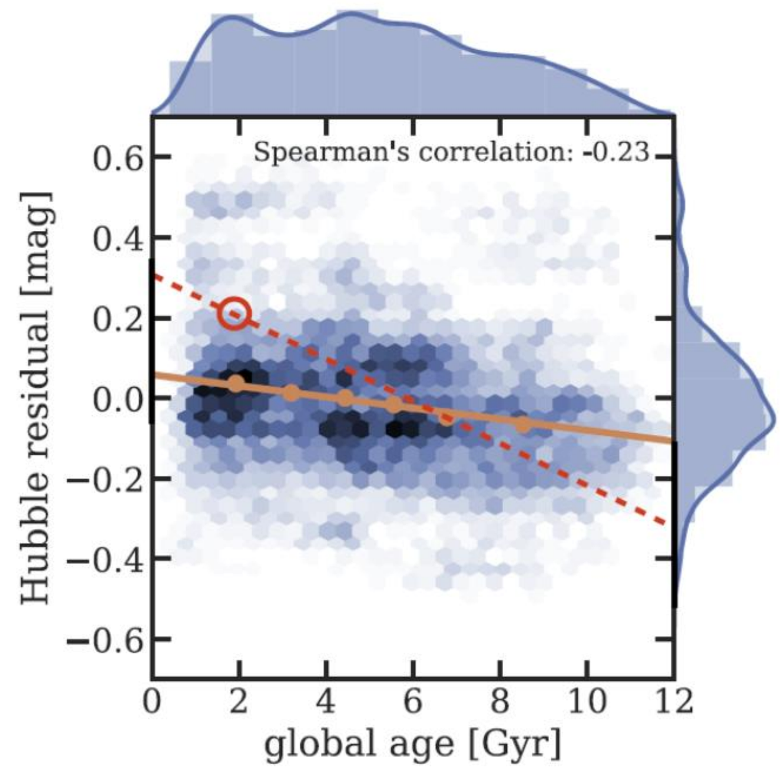


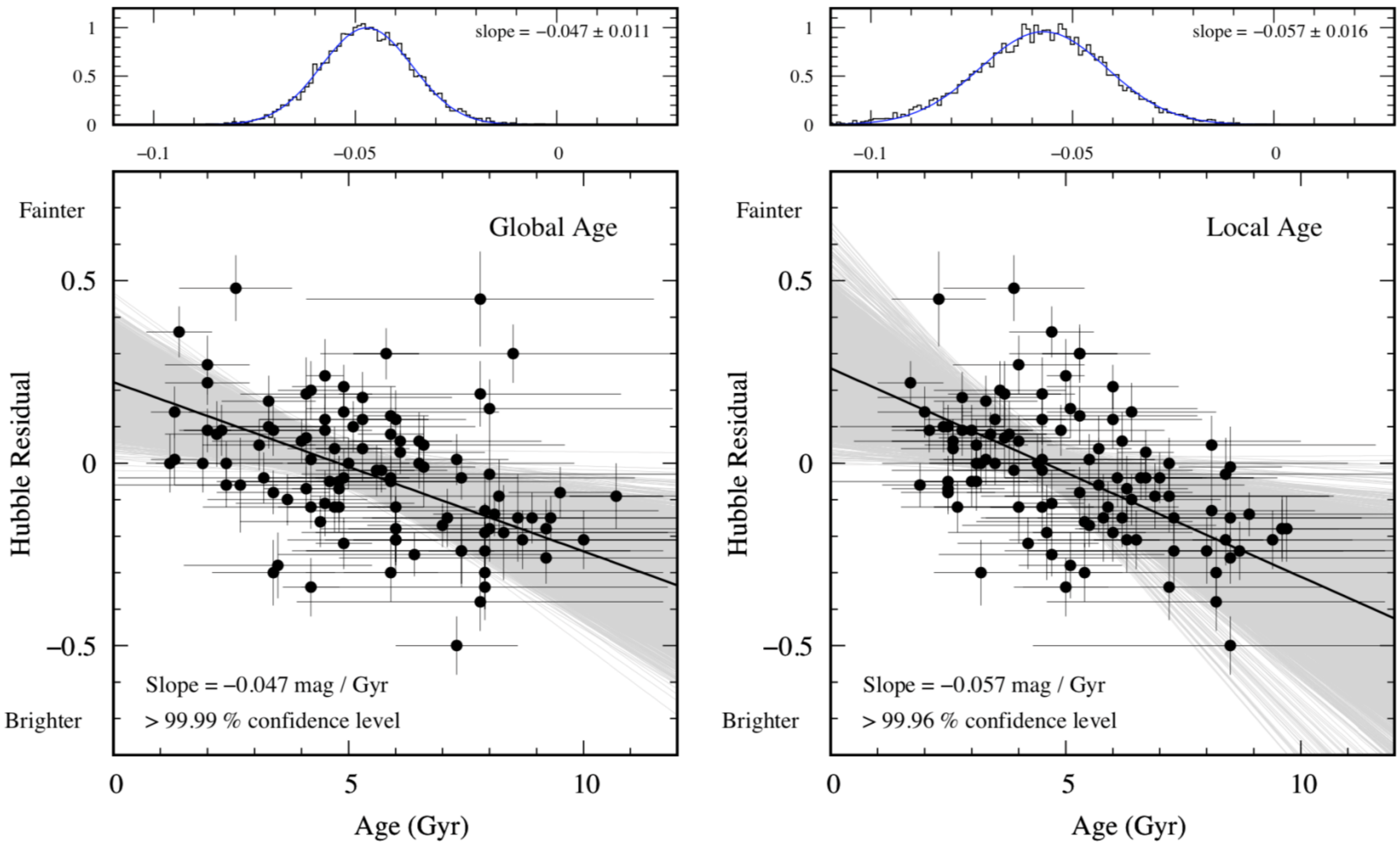


Seriously flawed result based on unqualified, unpublished (Jones+18) **age data without error bar**

"In science, the data w/o error bar is not even the data"

Reliable photometric age dataset (Rose+2019), but serious problem in their statistical analysis (regression dilution bias)

Surprising reversal!: Significant age – HR correlation from host galaxies comprising all morphological types



Data: Reliable photometric mass-weighted ages (Rose+2019) & HRs (Campbell+2013)

Regression analysis: MCMC posterior sampling method (Kelly 2007)

→ **4.3 sigma (99.99%)** correlation between population age & HR, in excellent agreement with our spectroscopic result from ETGs!

Y.-W. Lee, Chung, Kang, & Jee 2020, ApJ

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Further Evidence for Significant Luminosity Evolution in Supernova Cosmology

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Abstract

Supernova (SN) cosmology is based on the assumption that the corrected luminosity of SNe Ia would not evolve with redshift. Recently, our age dating of stellar populations in early-type host galaxies (ETGs) from high-quality spectra has shown that this key assumption is most likely in error. It has been argued though that the age–Hubble residual (HR) correlation from ETGs is not confirmed from two independent age data sets measured from multiband optical photometry of host galaxies of all morphological types. Here we show, however, that one of the data sets is based on highly uncertain and inappropriate luminosity-weighted ages derived, in many cases, under serious template mismatch. The other data set employs more reliable mass-weighted ages, but the statistical analysis involved is affected by regression dilution bias, severely underestimating both the slope and significance of the age–HR correlation. Remarkably, when we apply regression analysis with a standard posterior sampling method to this data set comprising a large sample ($N = 102$) of host galaxies, very significant (>99.99%) correlation is obtained between the global population age and HR with the slope (-0.047 ± 0.011 mag Gyr^{-1}) highly consistent with our previous spectroscopic result from ETGs. For the local age of the environment around the site of SNe, a similarly significant (>99.96%) correlation is obtained with a steeper slope (-0.057 ± 0.016 mag Gyr^{-1}). Therefore, the SN luminosity evolution is strongly supported by the age dating based on multiband optical photometry and can be a serious systematic bias in SN cosmology.

Even the dataset originally used by Rose, Riess+2020 to oppose our claim is instead strongly supporting our result!!

→ 5σ correlation confirmed by a third party (Zhang+2021)

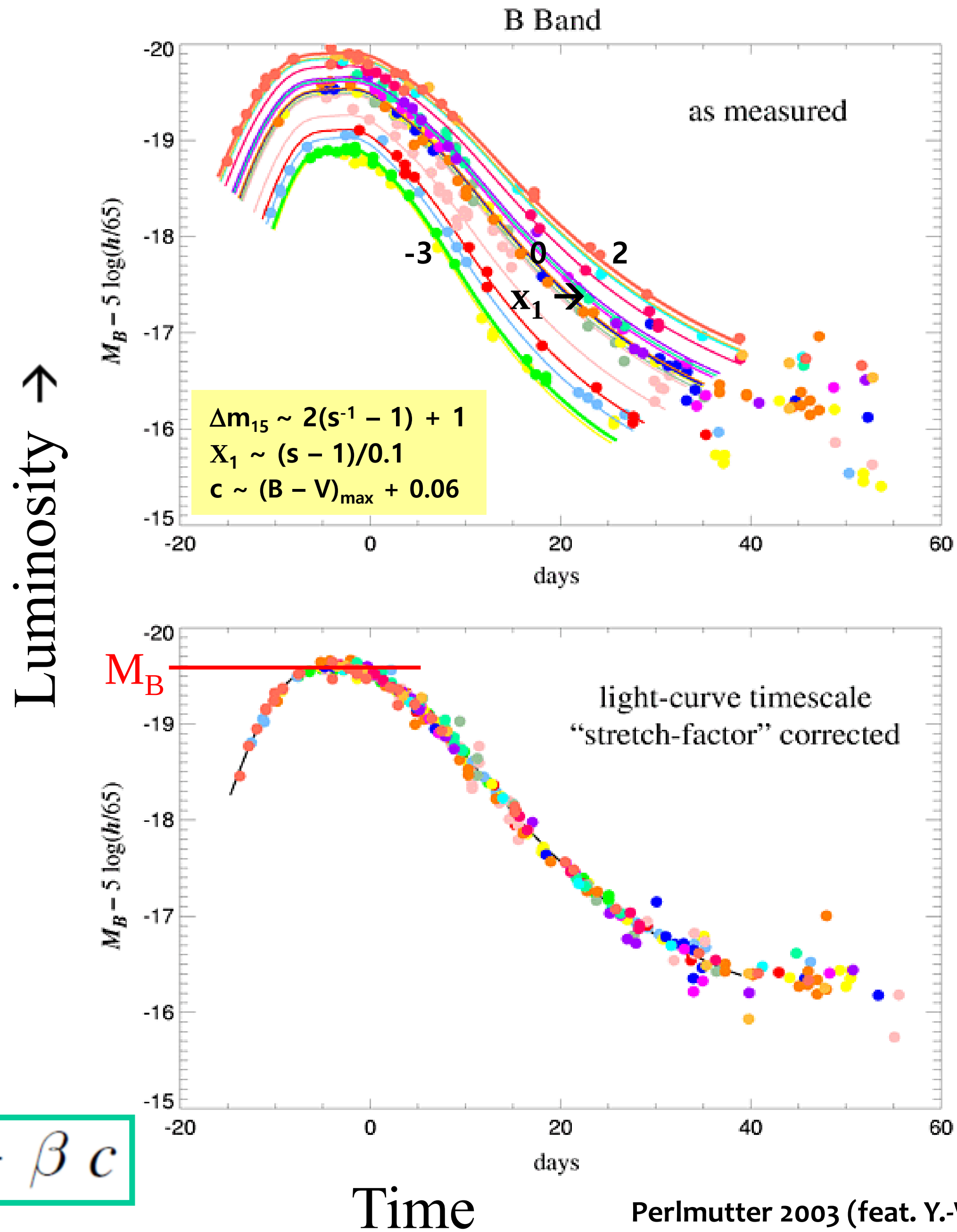
Type Ia SNe

"Standardizable" Candle:
Peak luminosity = f(light-curve width, color)

Width/stretch & color parameters: $x_1(s, \Delta m_{15})$, c

Assume no evolution with z
(progenitor age)

$$\mu = m_B - M + \alpha\, x_1 - \beta\, c$$



Perlmutter 2003 (feat. Y.-W. Lee)

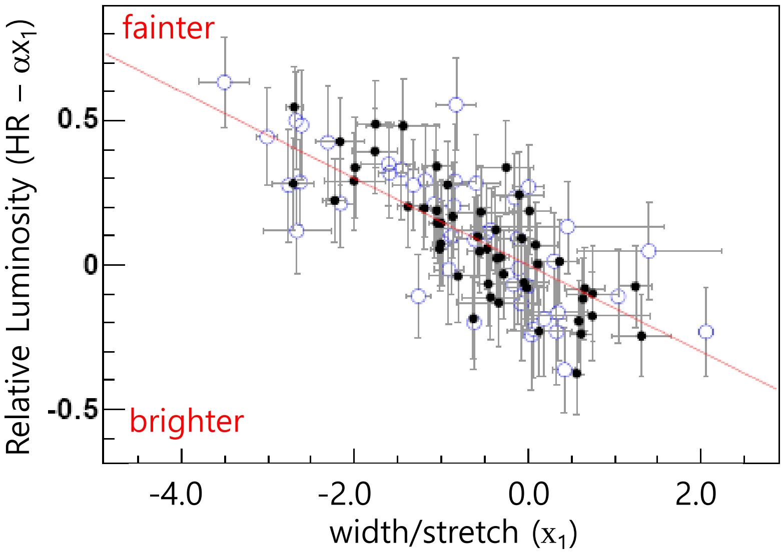
The Key Assumption & Requirement in Supernova Cosmology

"If SNe Ia are to be good standardisable candles over cosmic time, the calibrating relationships between SN luminosity and light-curve shape must be invariant with progenitor age."

Jha, Maguire, & Sullivan 2019, Nature Astronomy

$$\mu_B = m_B^\star - \mathcal{M}_B + \underbrace{\alpha \times shape}_{x_1} - \underbrace{\beta \times color}_{c}$$

$\mathcal{M}_B$, α and β fitted at the same time as cosmology.



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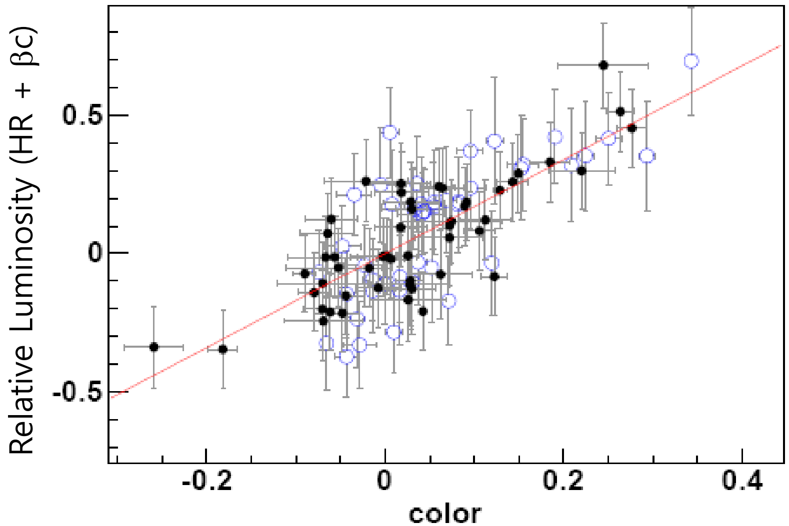
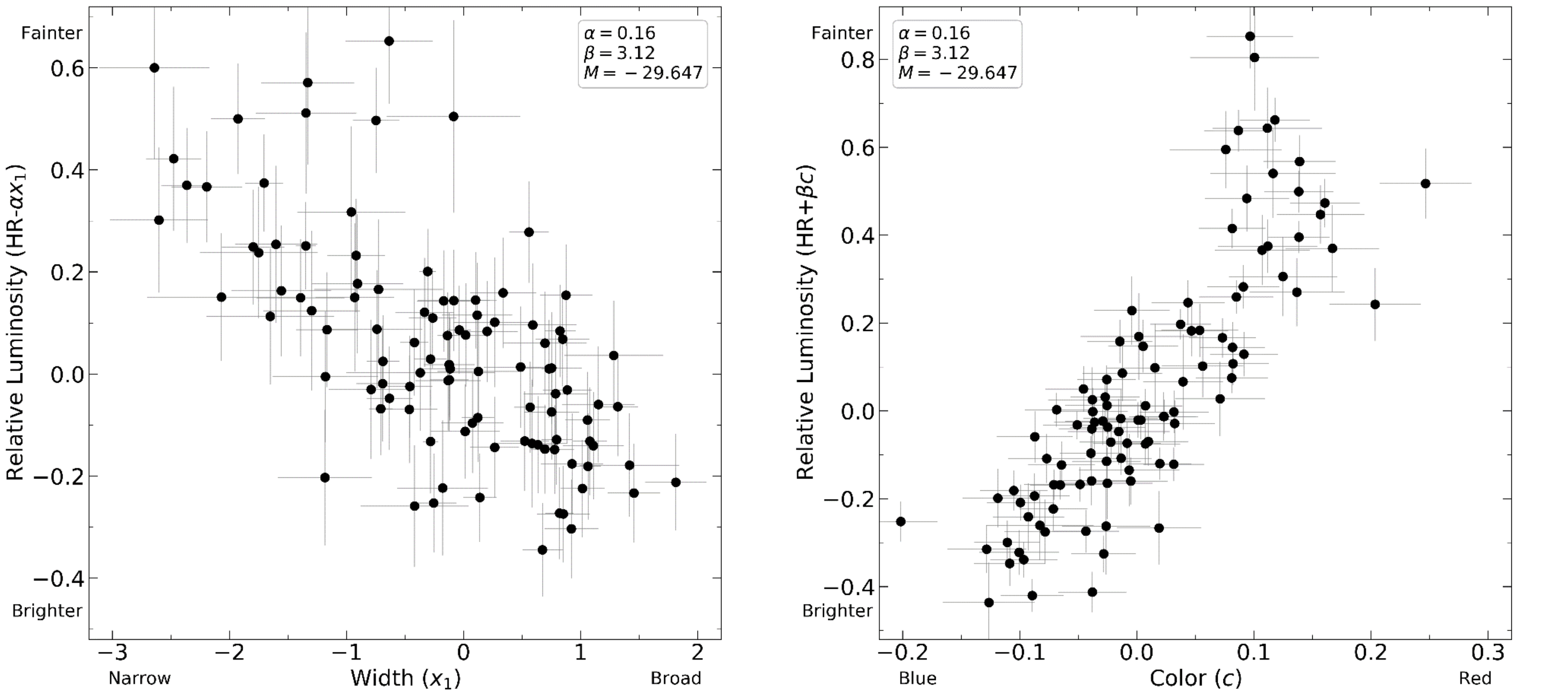


Color – Luminosity relation (CLR)

Credit: J. Guy 2011 (feat. Y.-W. Lee)

Width – Luminosity Relation & Color – Luminosity Relation of Rose+2019 sample (z ~ 0.14)



Following Astier, Guy, Sullivan+2006 (previous slide), left panel is corrected only for c, while right panel is corrected only for x_1 to recover WLR & CLR, respectively (x_o, x_1, & c from Campbell+13)

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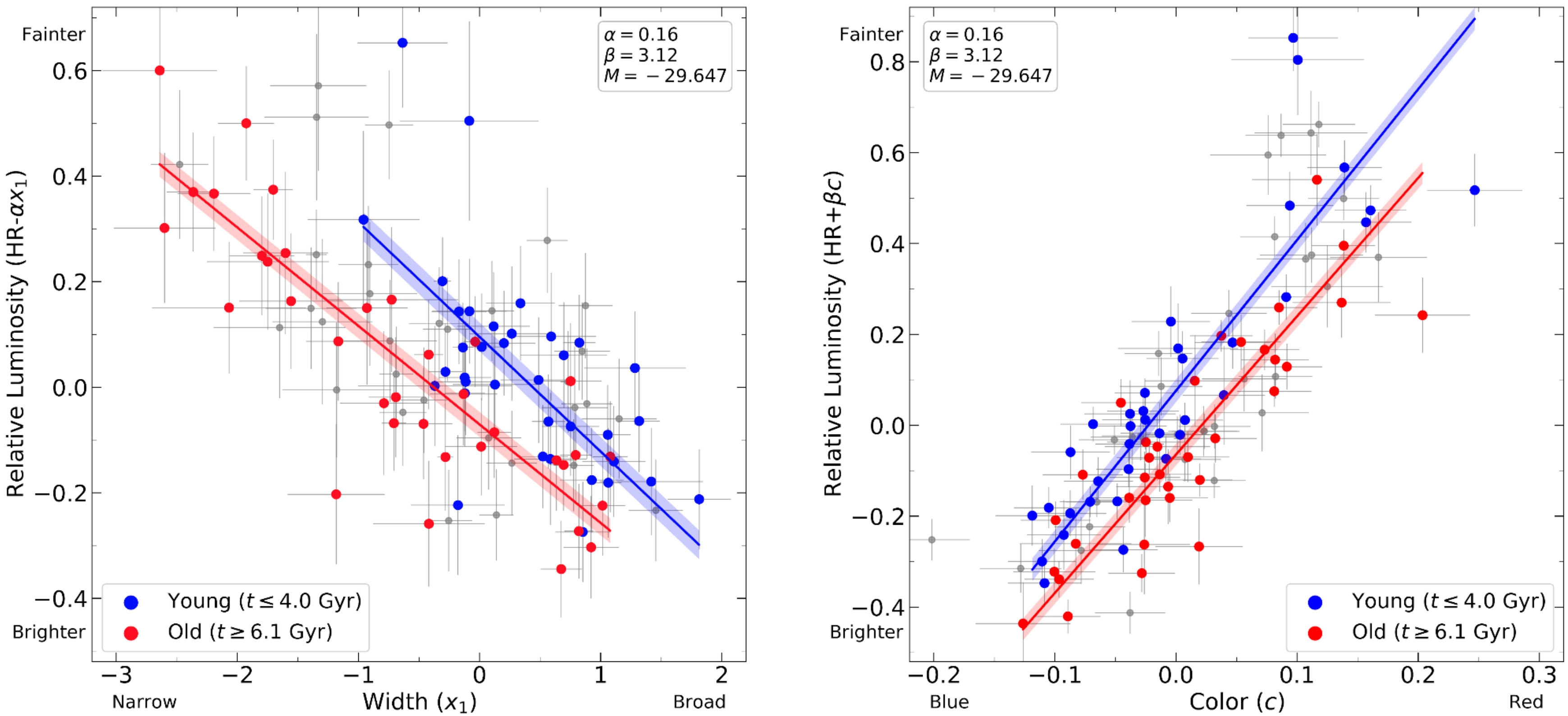

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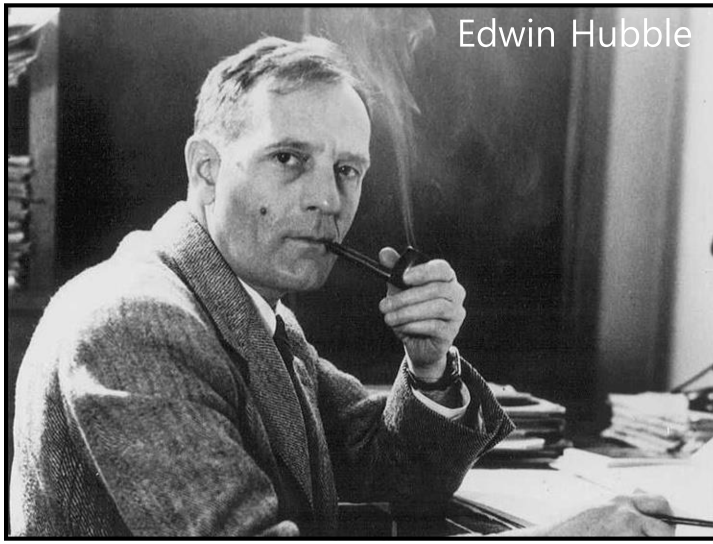

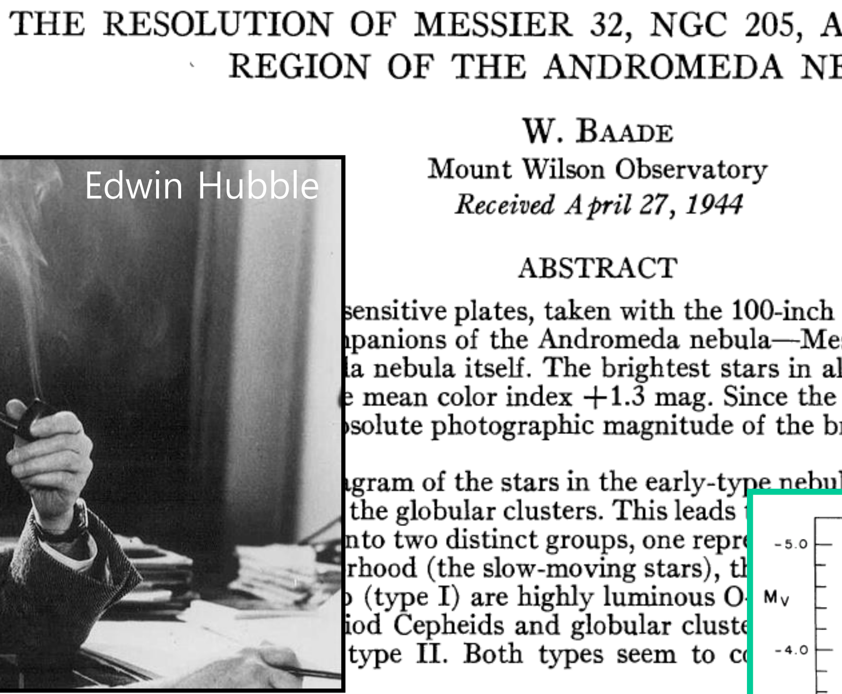
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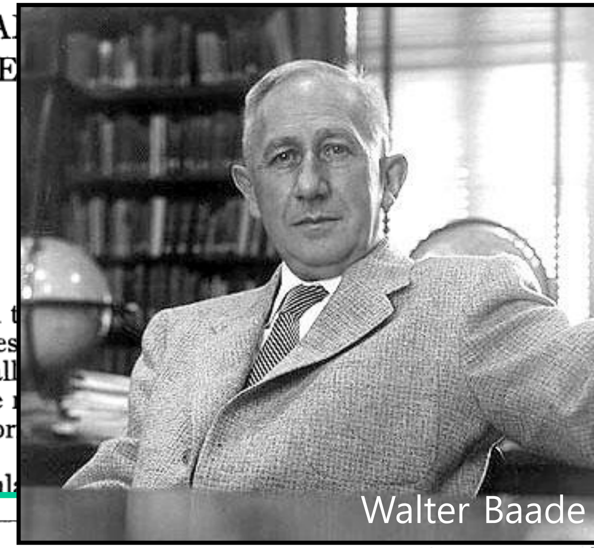

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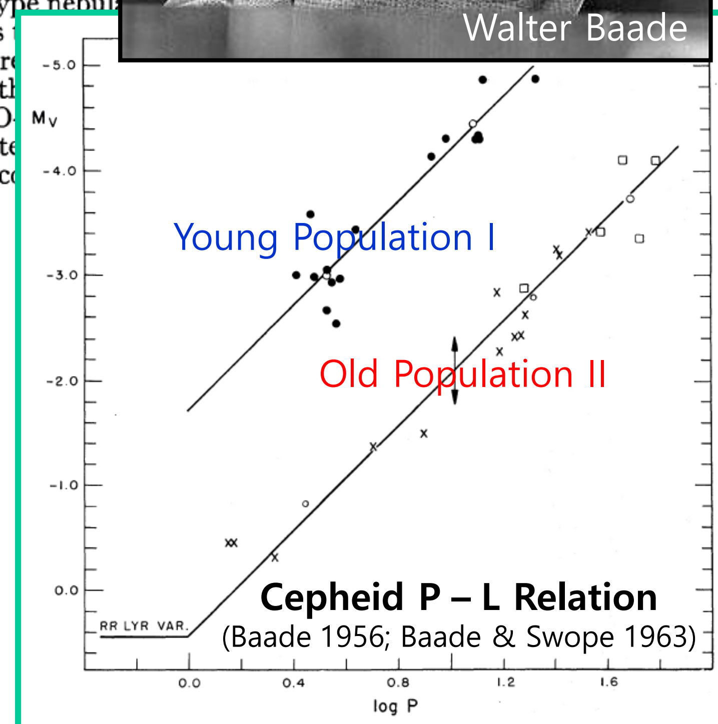

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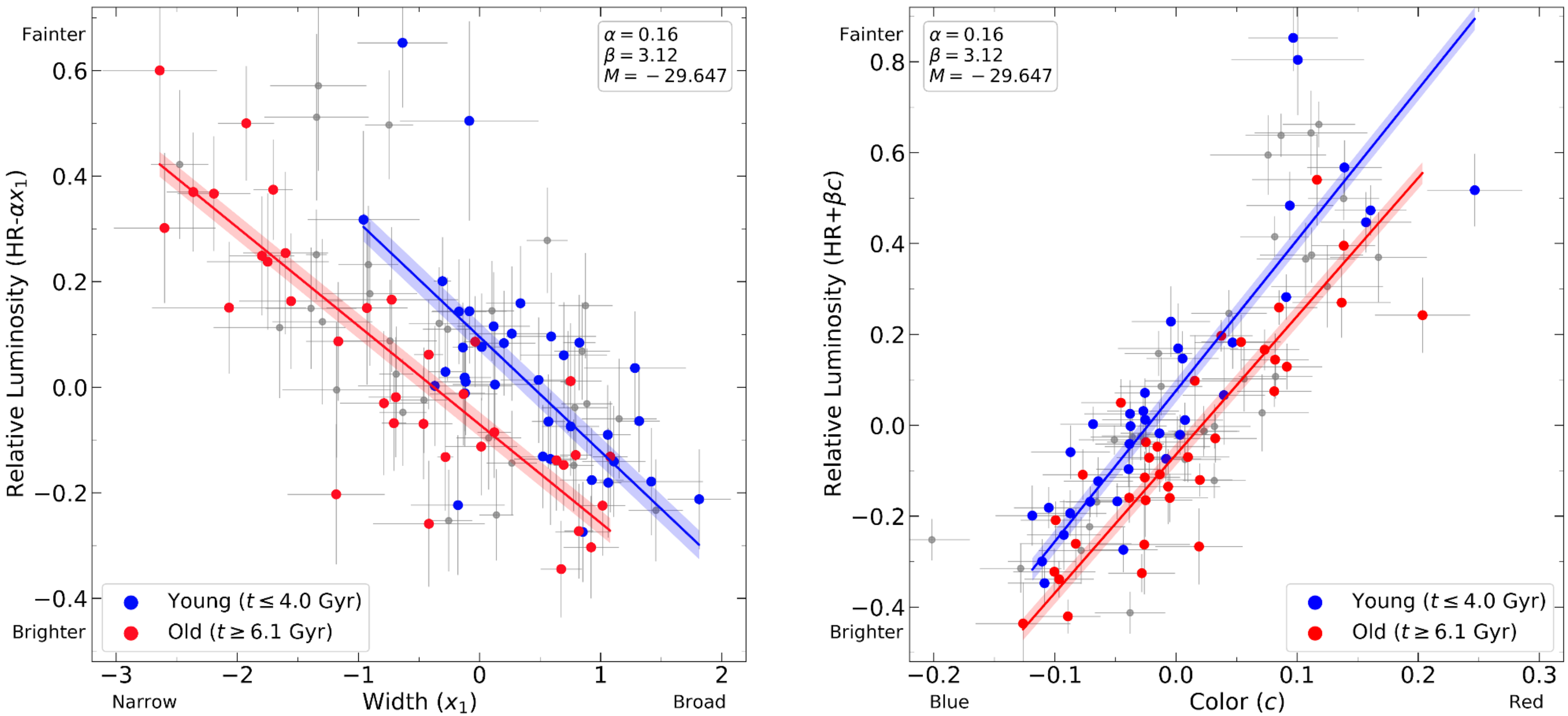

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After standardization, "young" SNe are over-corrected & fainter!

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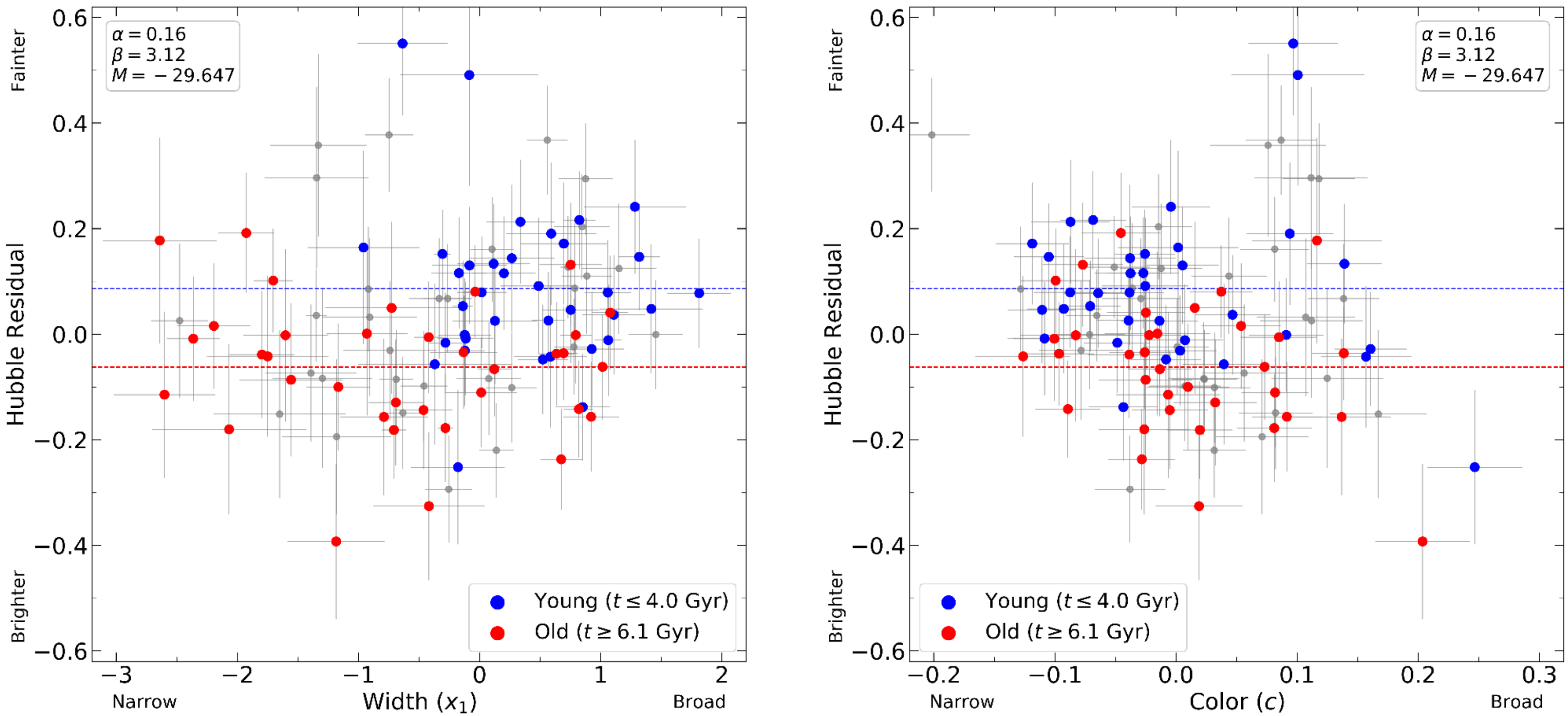

High-z SNe are also from younger population, and, therefore, should be equally over-corrected and become similarly fainter!

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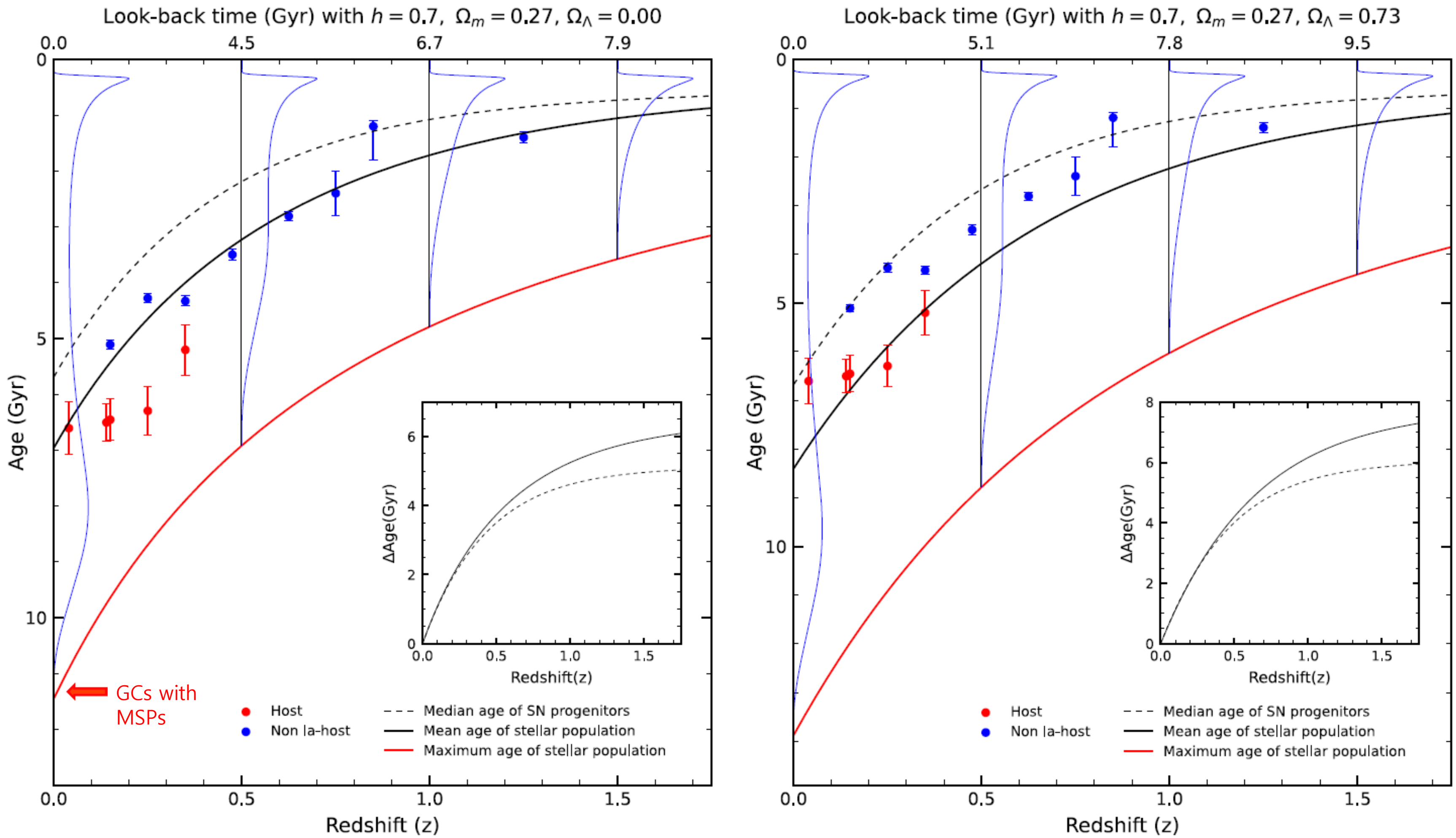
Redshift Evolution of Supernova Progenitor Age Distribution

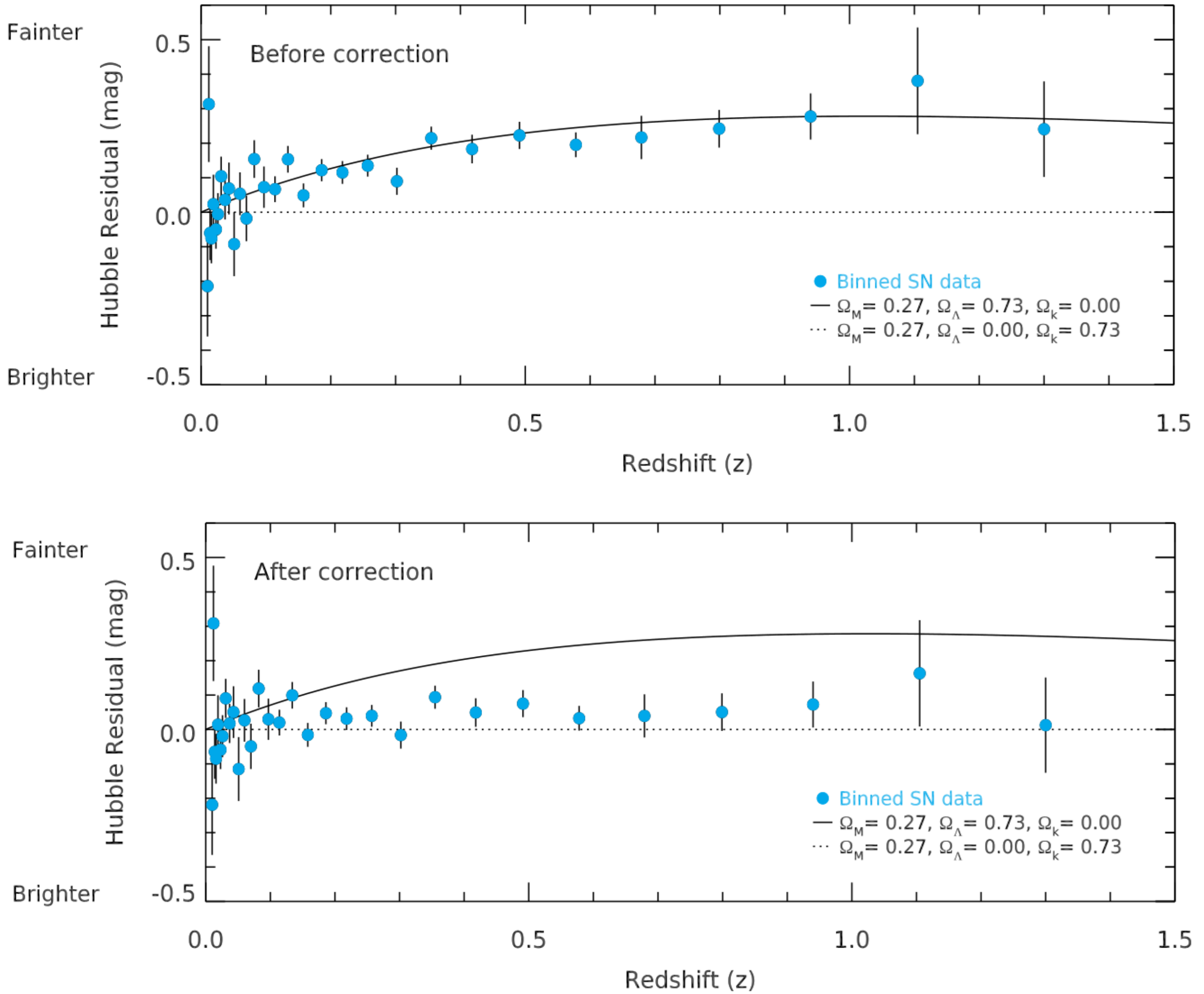


SPAD = Delay Time Distribution (DTD) x Cosmic SFH (Childress+2014; Kang+2020)

Mean population age is getting younger with z: Δt ~ 6 Gyr (0 < z < 1)

Y.-W. Lee et al. 2022, MNRAS (data from Kang+20, Rose+19, Gupta+11, Schiavon+06, Choi, Conroy+14)

When the progenitor age bias (~0.035 mag/Gyr) is taken into account, little evidence left for an accelerating universe !!



Solid line: LCDM model with Ω_Λ (*accelerating*)

Dotted line: The baseline model without Ω_Λ (*non-accelerating*)

Blue circles: Binned SN data (Betoule+14, JLA)

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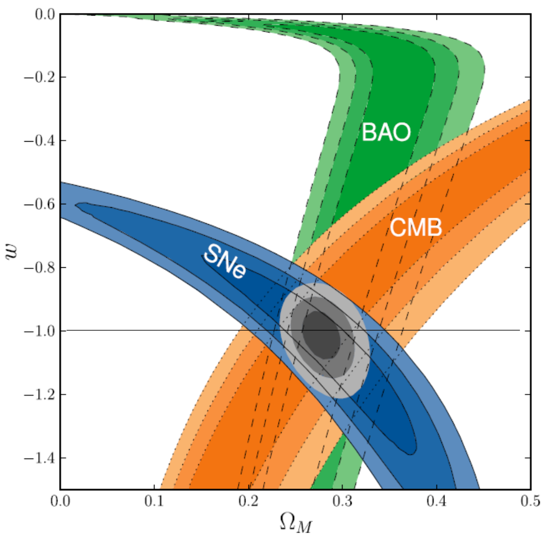
The ‘w tension’ in cosmology!

(in the flat-wCDM model)

2010 Concordance

(Amanullah+2010)



2023 Discordance

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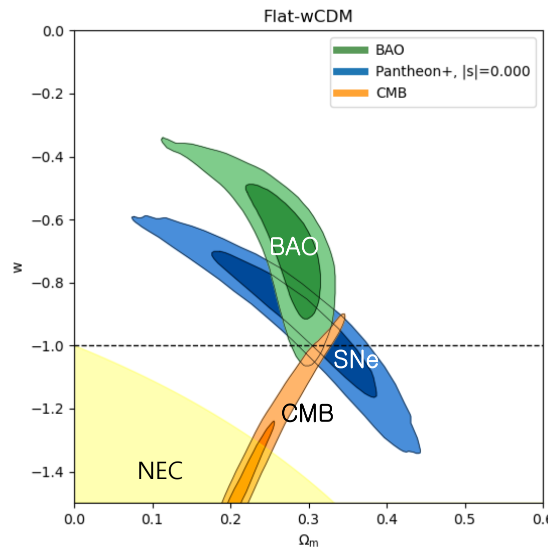

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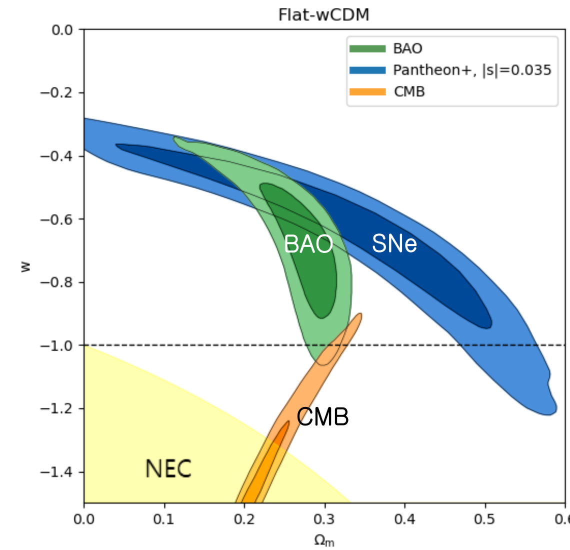

After the age-bias correction, a strong (~6σ) ‘w tension’ between the low-z probes (SNe, BAO) & CMB in the flat-wCDM model, just like the ‘Hubble tension’ between them.

Alcock-Paczynski test also prefers w > -1 (w ~ -0.85 +/-0.05; Dong et al. 2023).

Dark energy equation of state parameter $w = P/\rho$ (-1 for ‘Cosmological Constant’, > -1 for ‘Quintessence’)
Data: SNe-only (Brout+2022), BAO-only (Alam+2021), CMB-only (Planck final result 2020)

Summary

- SN cosmology is based on such a fragile assumption which is not supported by our discovery of strong progenitor age bias in SN luminosity standardization process.
- When this systematic bias is taken into account, we have a strong 'w tension' between the low-z probes (SNe, BAO) & CMB in the flat-wCDM model.
- To put this result on a firmer refined basis, follow-up investigations are going on for a larger sample of host galaxies at different redshift bins.