

# New SDSS Results on Rates and Populations

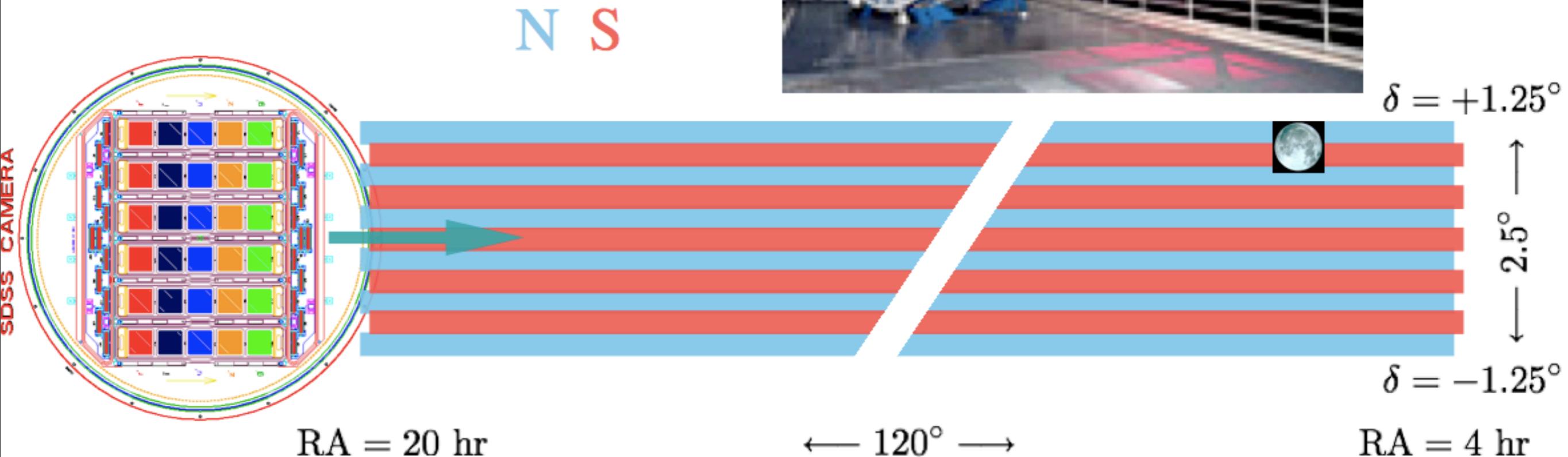
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# Outline

SN Ia rate...

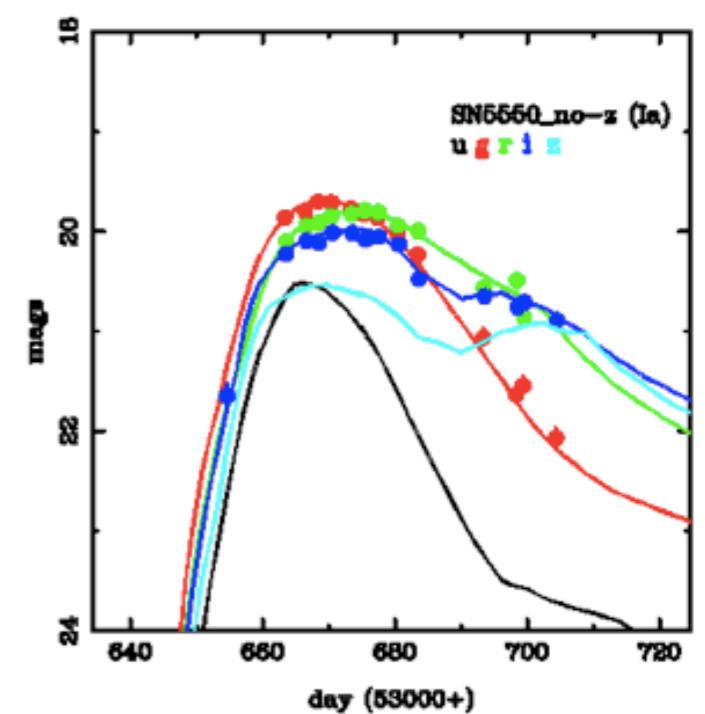
- as a function of redshift for  $z < 0.3$
- in galaxy clusters
- as a function of host-galaxy stellar mass/ star formation (Mat Smith)

# SDSS-II SN Survey



## SDSS 2.5m telescope

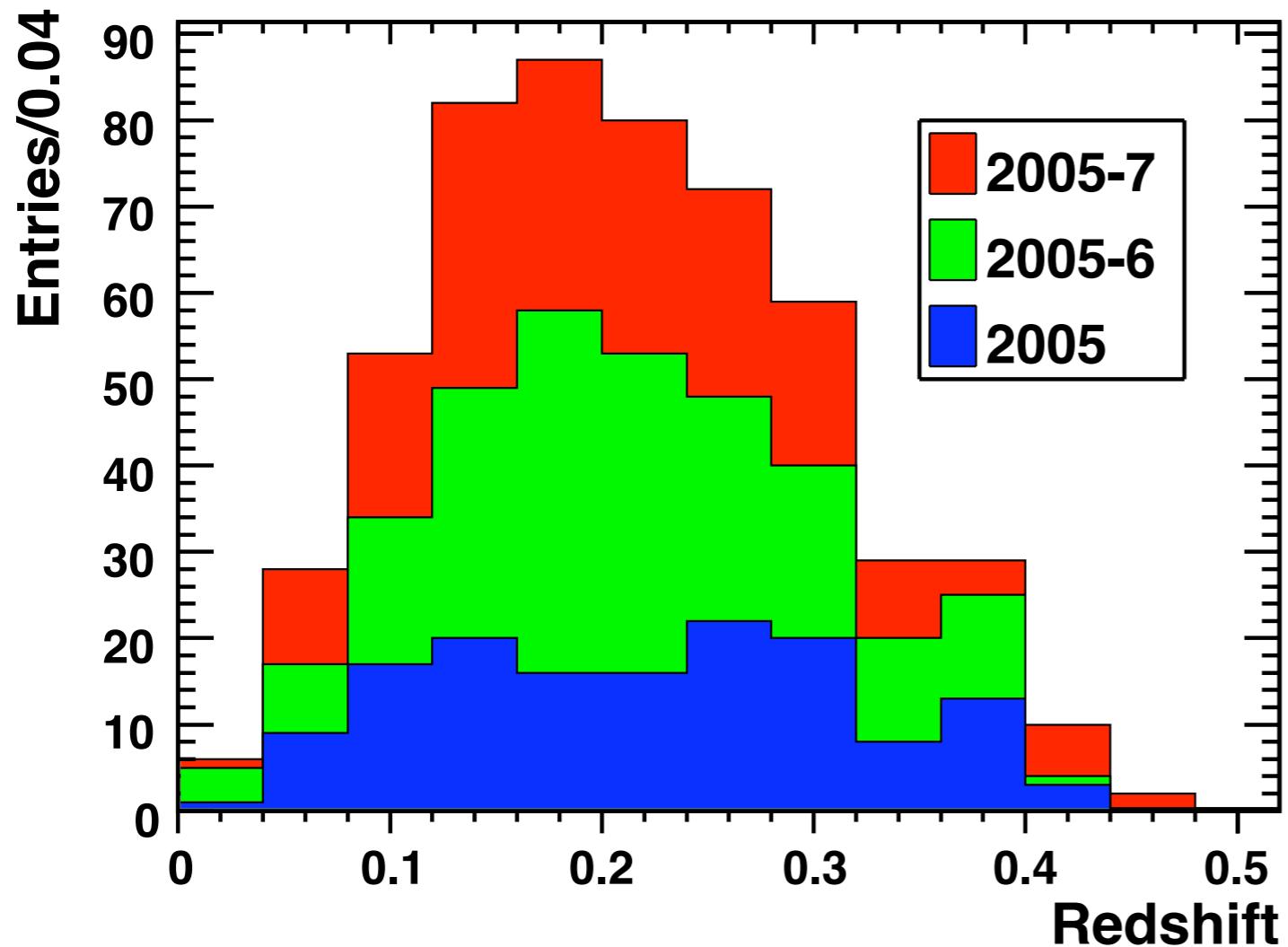
- September 1 - November 30 of 2005-2007
- Scan 300 square degrees every 2 days
- Obtain densely sampled multi-color light curves





~15% of all SNe Ia  
discovered since 1885

~520 spectroscopically confirmed  
SNe Ia



~40 probable Type Ia

~20 Type Ib/c

~70 Type II

~300 SNe Ia candidates with host galaxy redshifts

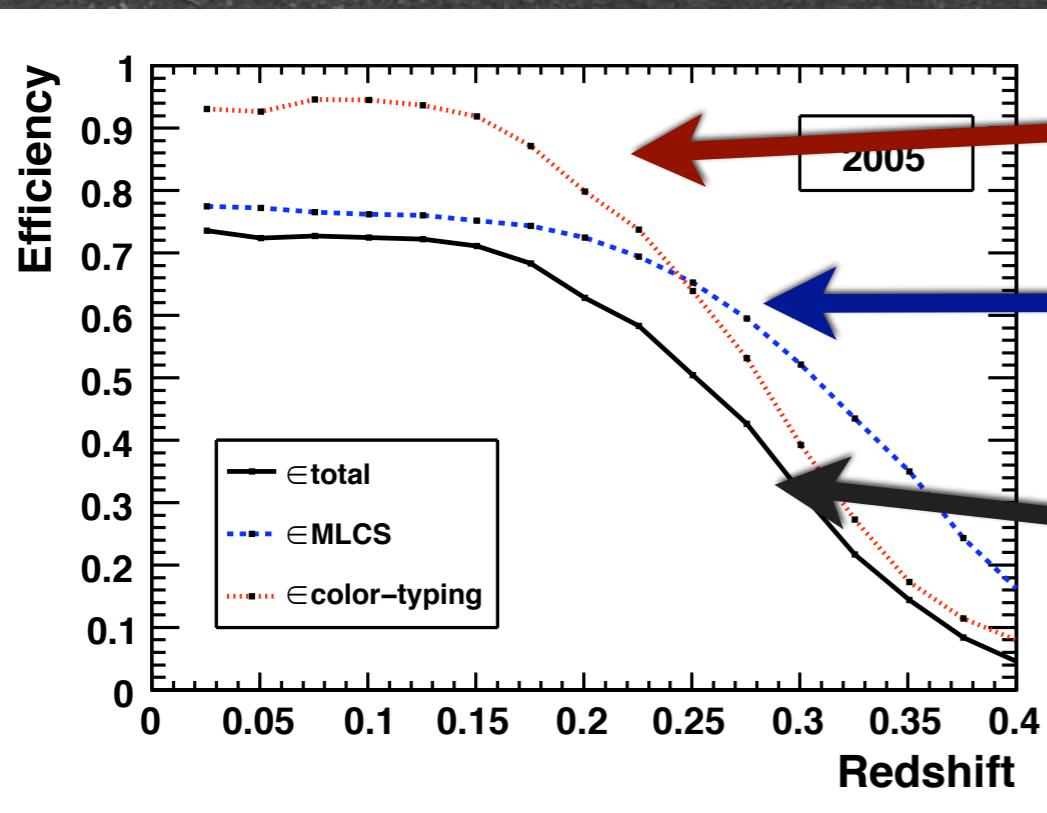
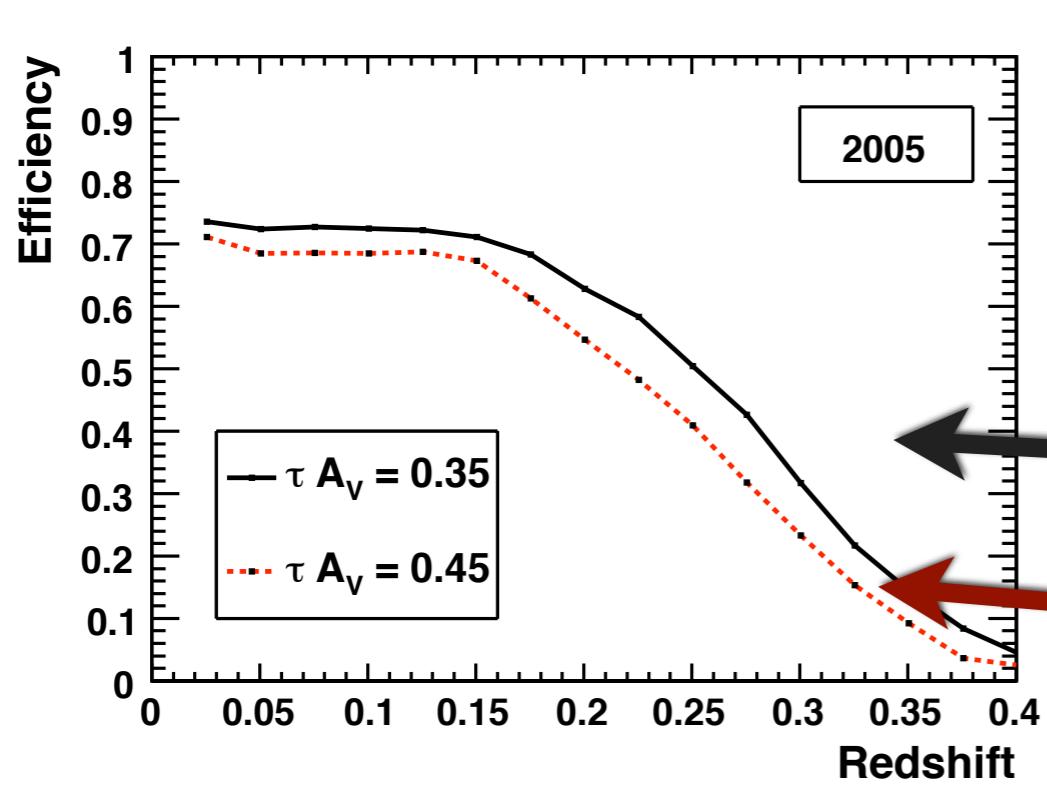
SDSS-III:  
4000 redshifts!

# SN Sample Selection

- premax observation (-2 days)
- postmax observation (+10 days)  
→ well constrained time of maximum
- at least 5 total observations
- 1 high S/N observation in *gri*  
→ authentic astrophysical transient
- fit probability > 0.001,  $\Delta > -0.4$
- bayesian probability for la > 0.45  
→ reject non-las and peculiar las

SN MC described in  
Dilday et al 08, Kessler et al 09a, 09b

# SN discovery efficiency



Monte Carlo simulations  
1000 simulated SNe in  
17 redshift bins

fiducial

larger mean  $A_V$

bayesian probability

light curve sampling,  
S/N

total

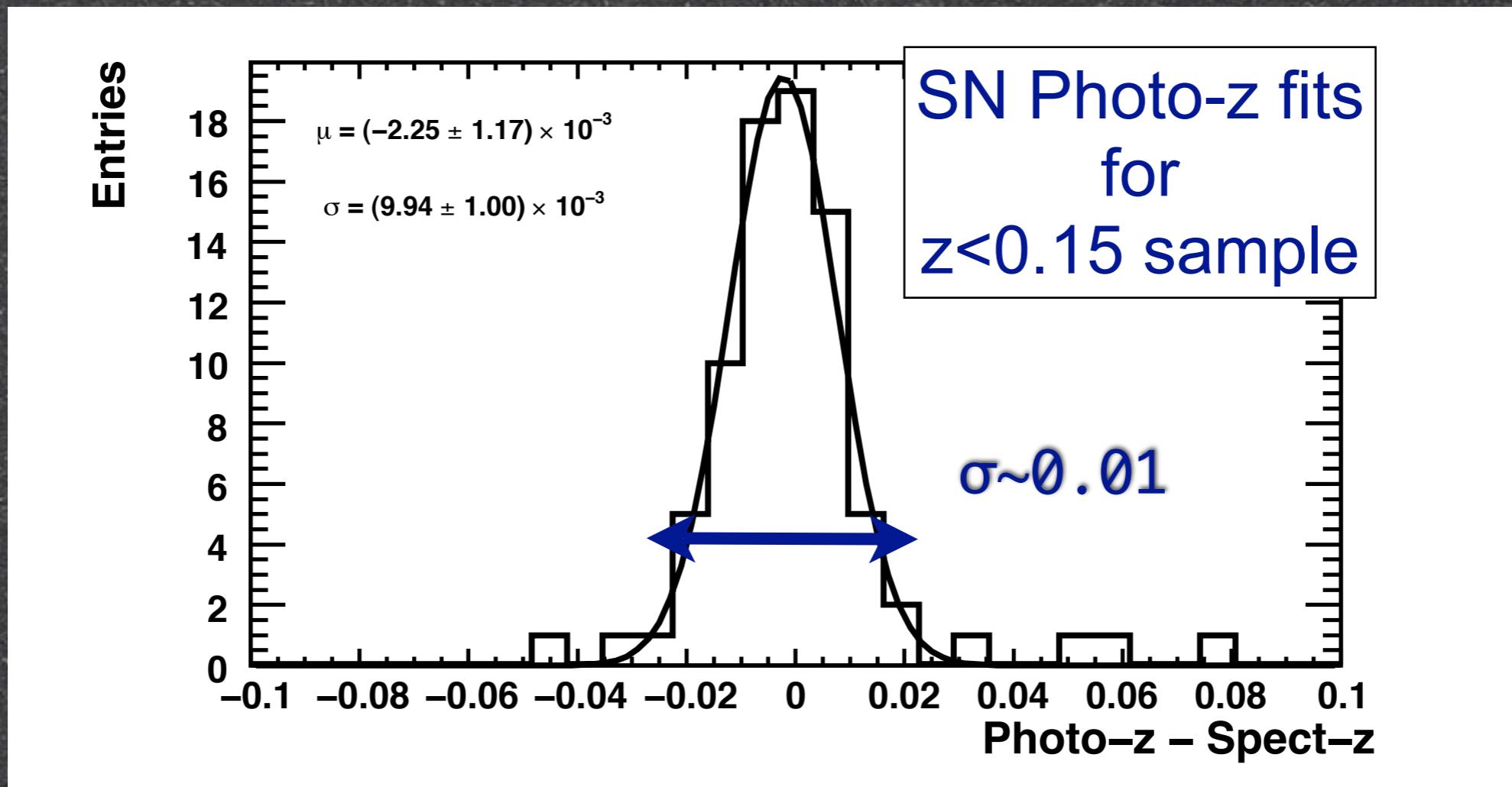
# photometric SNe

Host-galaxy redshift

Fix redshift  
fit SN for distance

No host-galaxy redshift

Assume distance vs redshift  
fit SN for redshift

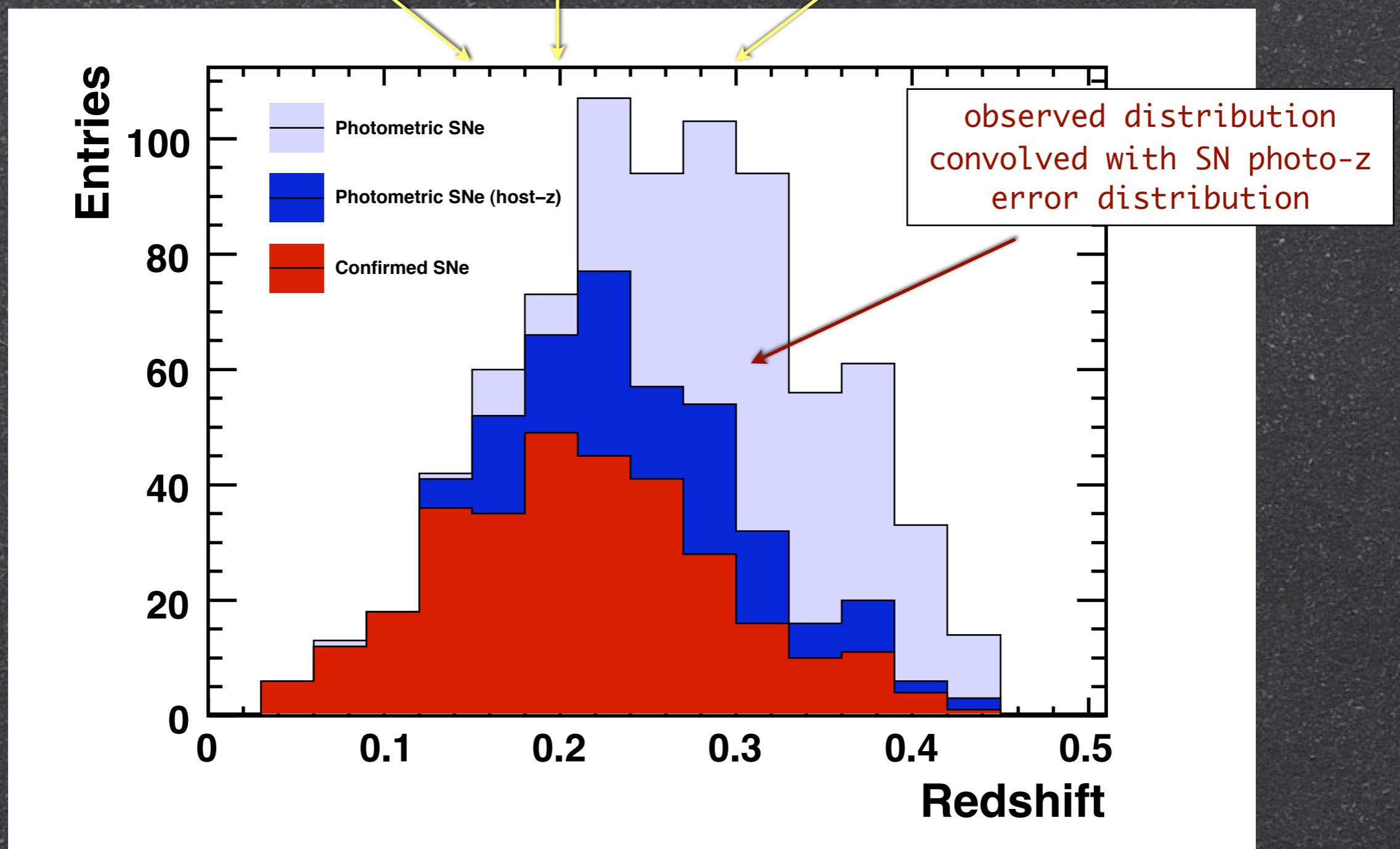


79 SNe Ia  
(72 confirmed)      190 SNe Ia  
(140 confirmed)      516 SNe Ia  
(270 confirmed)

$z=0.15$

$z=0.20$

$z=0.30$



potential for  
bias due to use  
of photo-zs

$$\eta_0(z) dz \propto \frac{r_V(z) \epsilon(z)}{1+z} \frac{dV}{dz} dz,$$

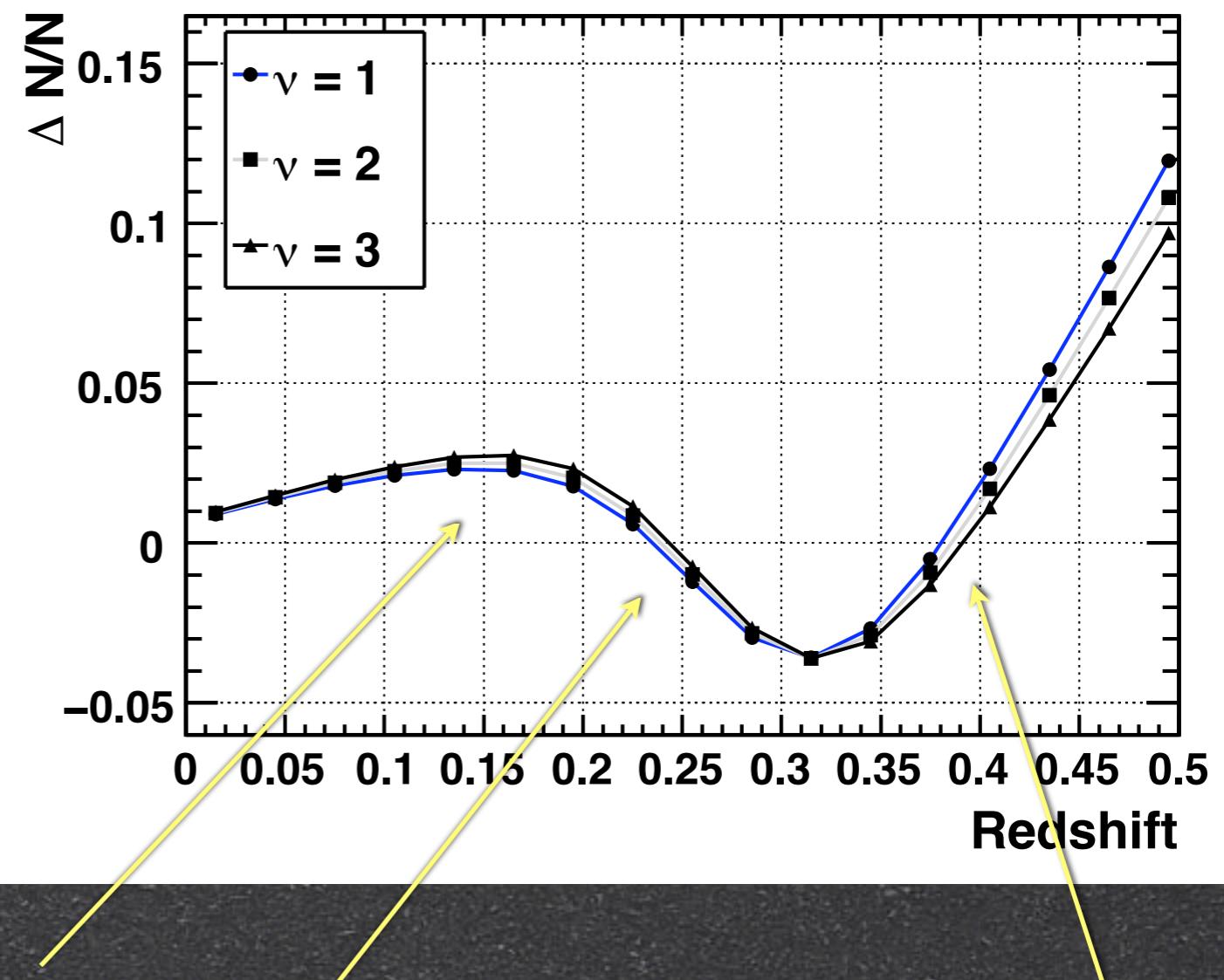
$$\eta(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta_0(z') p(z|z') dz',$$

however,

high  
spectroscopic  
completeness

<1% effect

assume all SNe are  
photometric...

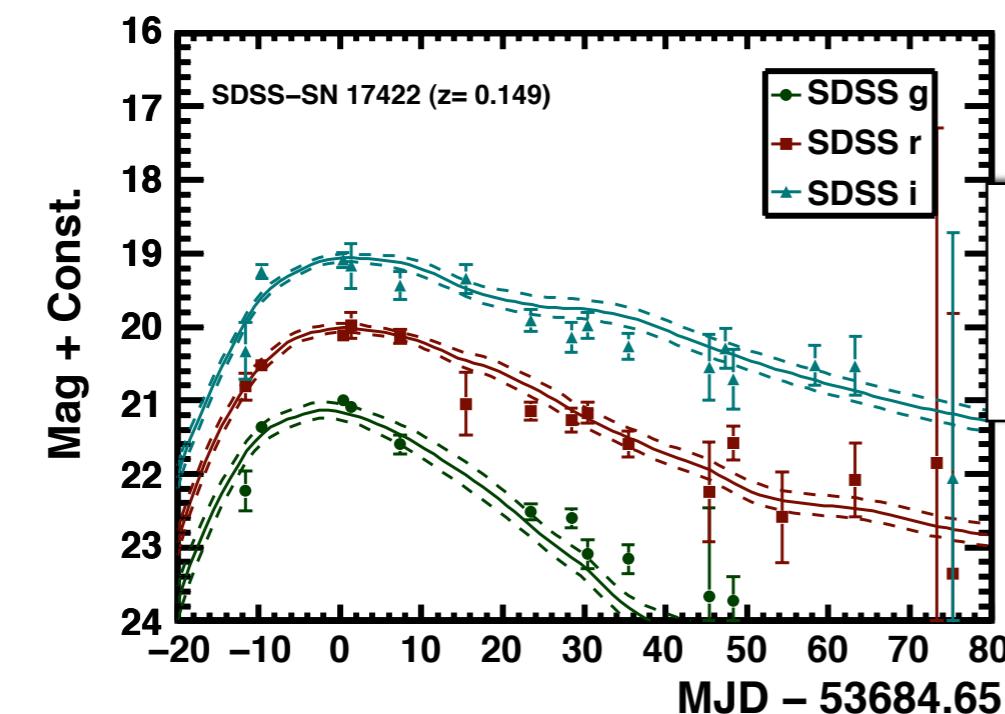
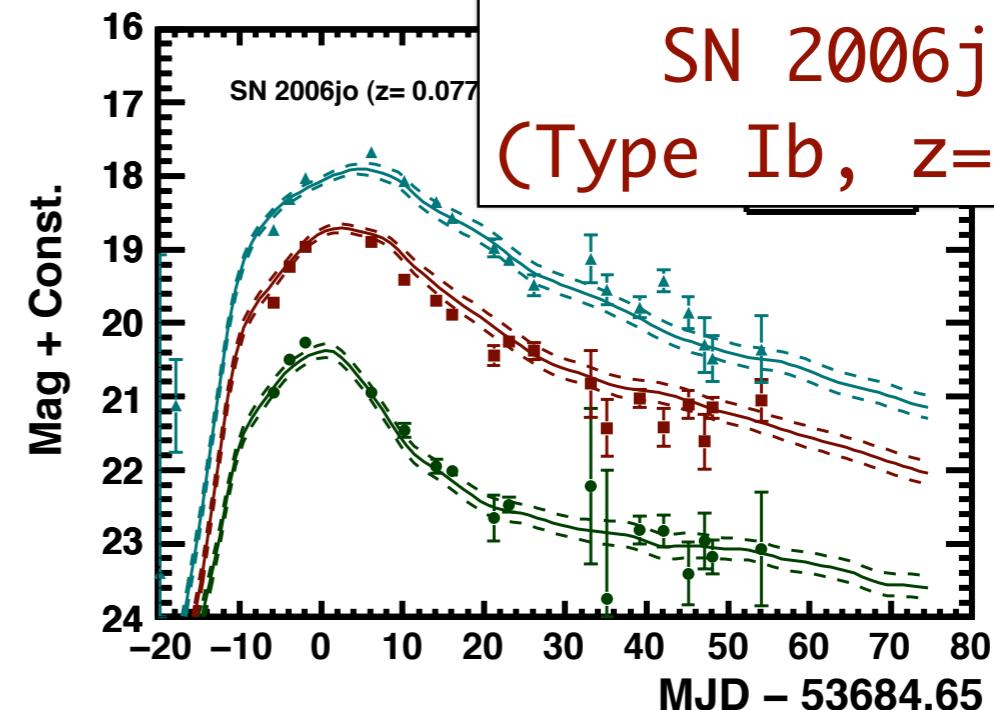
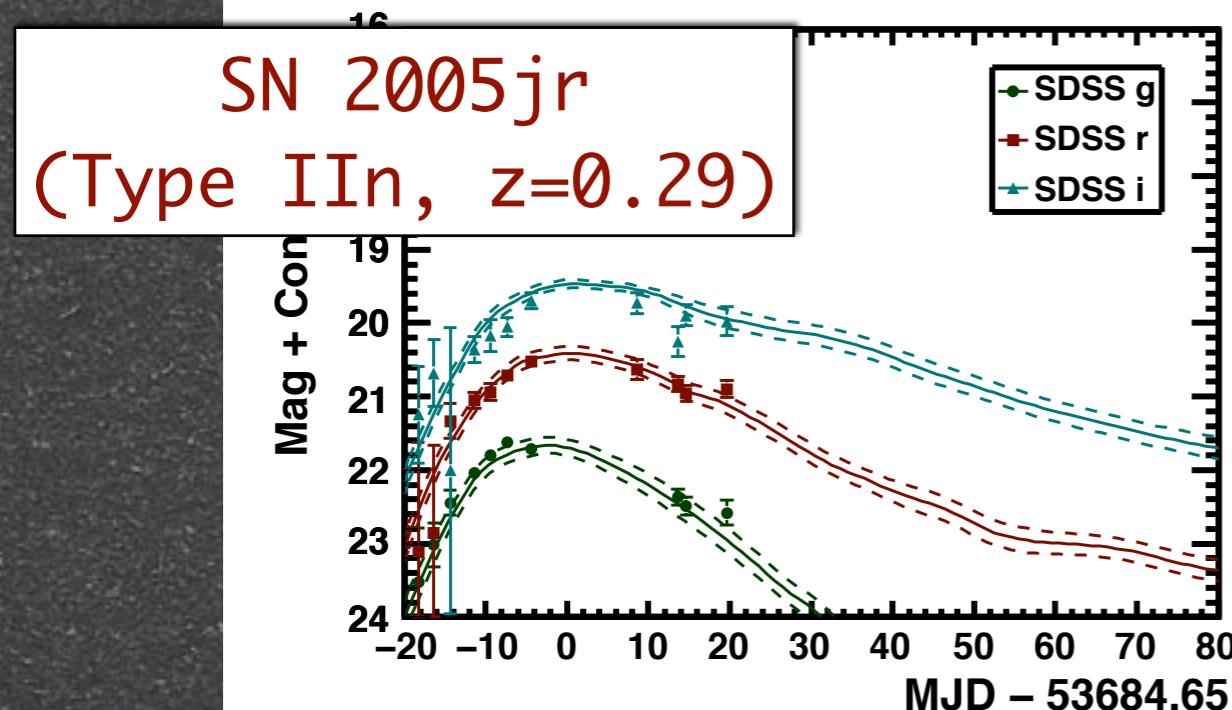


flat distribution

low discovery  
efficiency

potential for  
contamination  
from non-Ia SNe

3/87 (~3.5%)  
non-Ia SNe pass  
selection criteria



**SN SDSS-17422**  
(Type II,  $z=0.15$ )

Ia/non-Ia rate

$$\frac{N_{\text{CC}}}{N_{\text{Ia}}} = \frac{r_{\text{CC}}}{r_{\text{Ia}}} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{CC}}^q}{\epsilon_{\text{Ia}}^q} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{CC}}^D}{\epsilon_{\text{Ia}}^D},$$

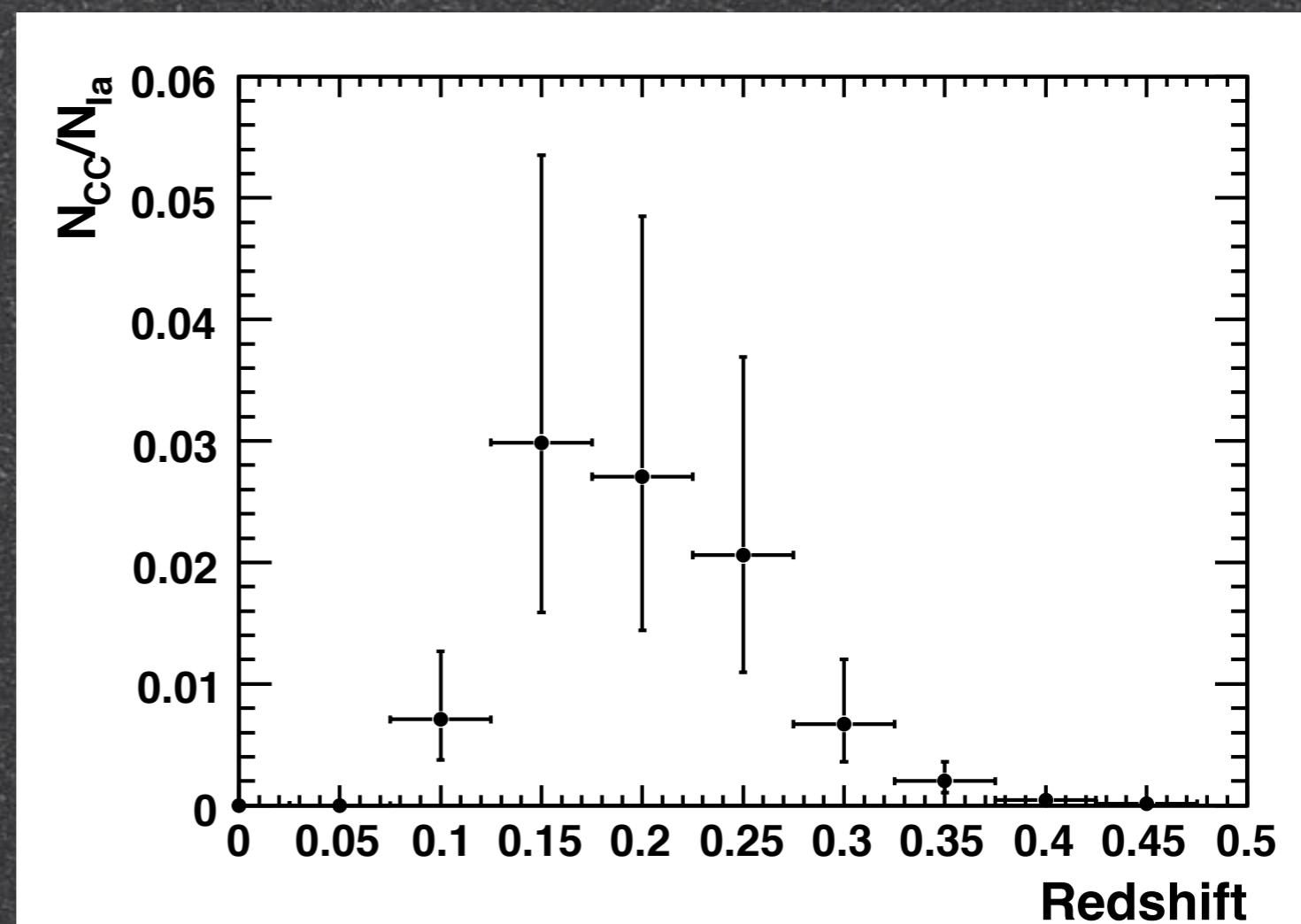
3/87

detection eff.  
vs peak-mag

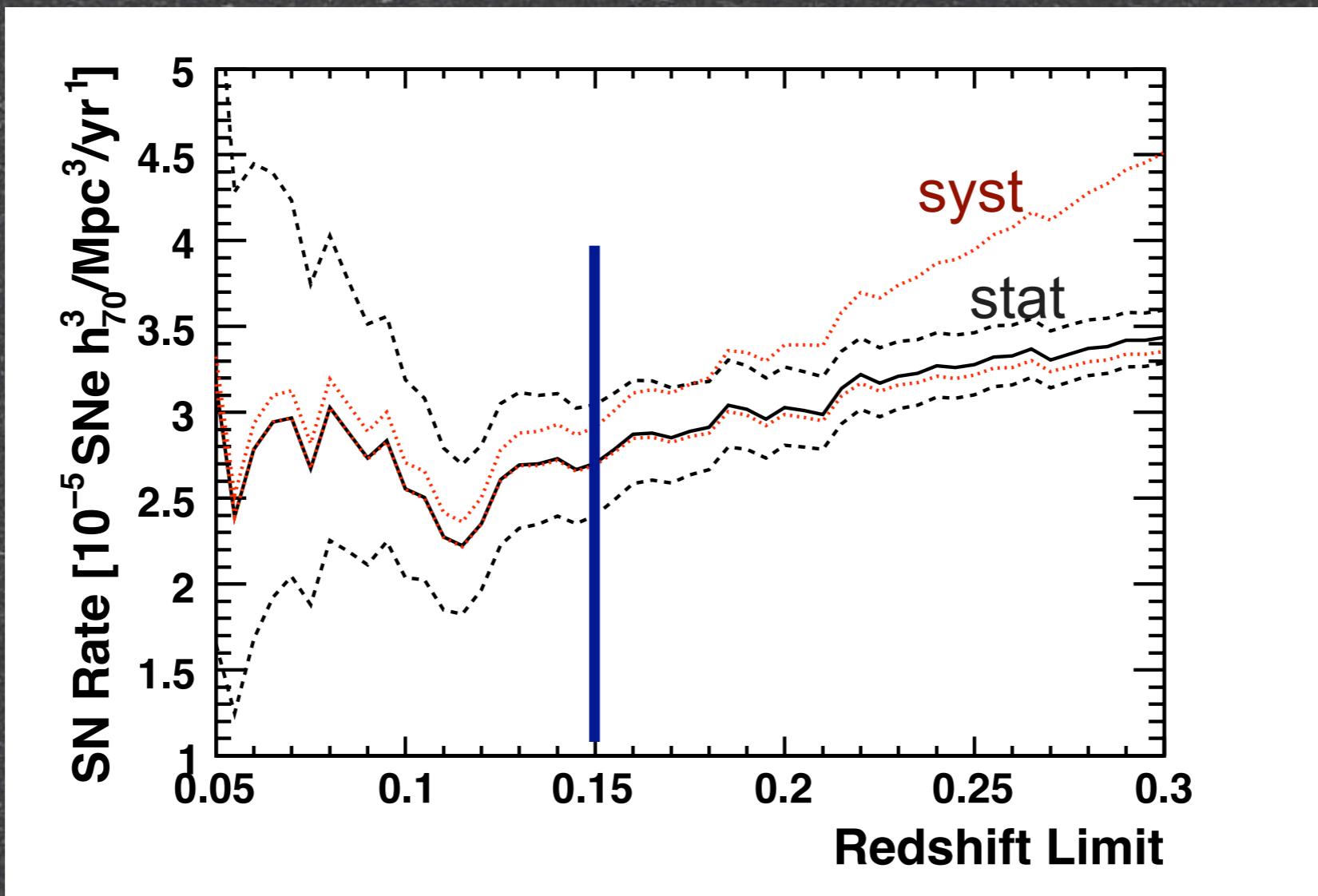
weight for SNe in  
maximum likelihood fit



non-Ia contamination  
fraction vs redshift



assume a constant SN  
rate...



e.g.,  $z \leq 0.15$

$$r_V = (2.69_{-0.39}^{+0.47}) \times 10^{-5} \text{ SNe Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} h_{70}^{-3}$$

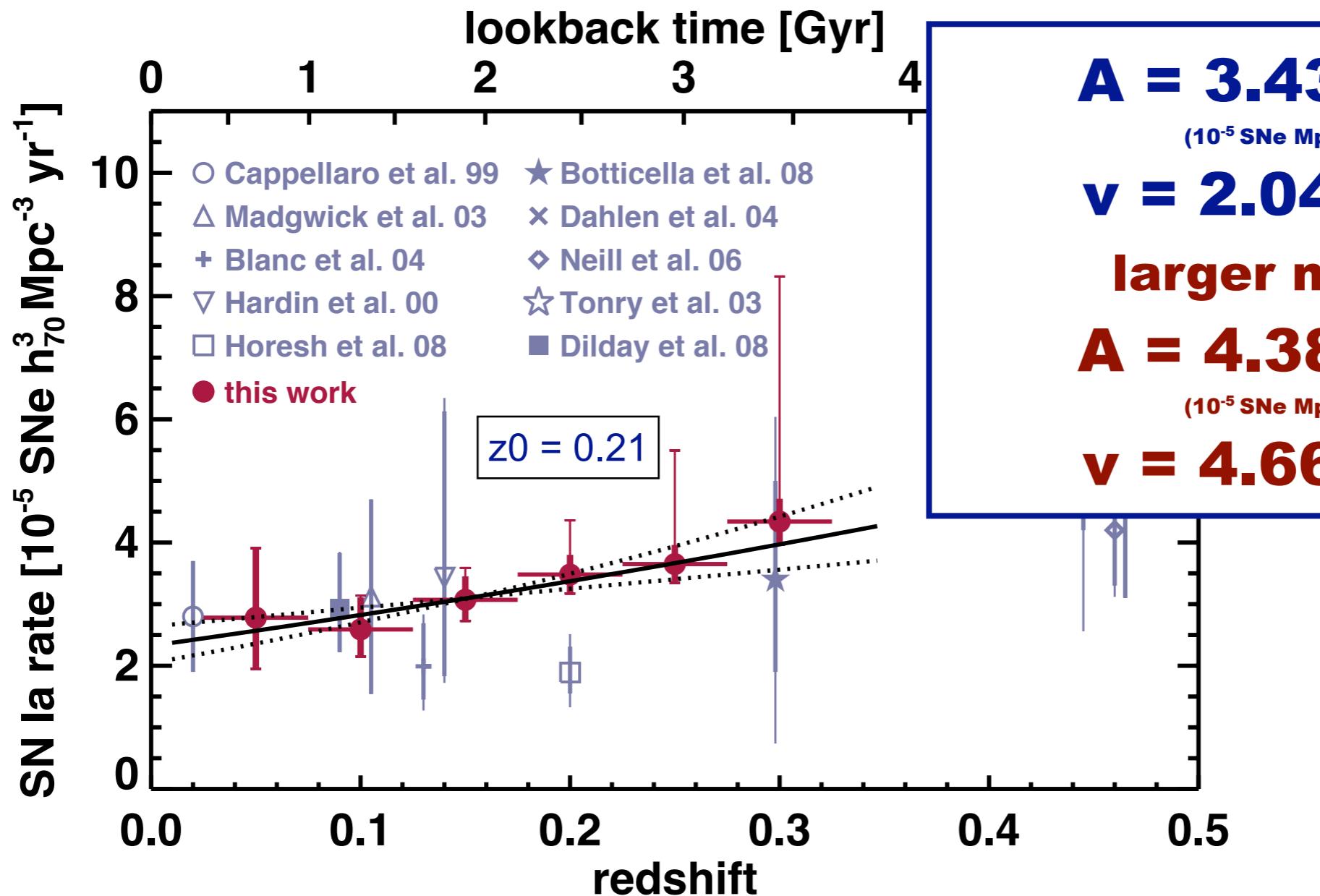
# power-law SN rate model

$$r = A \times [(1+z)/(1+z_0)]^v$$

unbinned maximum likelihood method

$$p_z^i = \langle N \rangle^{-1} \Theta T_{\oplus} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \epsilon(z') r_V(z') d(VT/\Theta)/dz' \rho(z'|z^i) dz',$$

$$L = \frac{\langle N \rangle^{N_{\text{SNe}}} e^{-\langle N \rangle}}{(N_{\text{SNe}})!} \prod_{i=1}^{i=N_{\text{SNe}}} p_z^i.$$



**A =  $3.43 \pm 0.15$**   
 $(10^{-5} \text{ SNe } Mpc^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} h_{70}^{-3})$

**v =  $2.04 \pm 0.90$**

**larger mean Av**

**A =  $4.38 \pm 0.20$**   
 $(10^{-5} \text{ SNe } Mpc^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} h_{70}^{-3})$

**v =  $4.66 \pm 0.93$**

# galaxy cluster SN Ia rate

- simpler SFH
- enrichment of intra-cluster medium

cluster SNe are rare measurements based on few SNe

## SDSS galaxy clusters

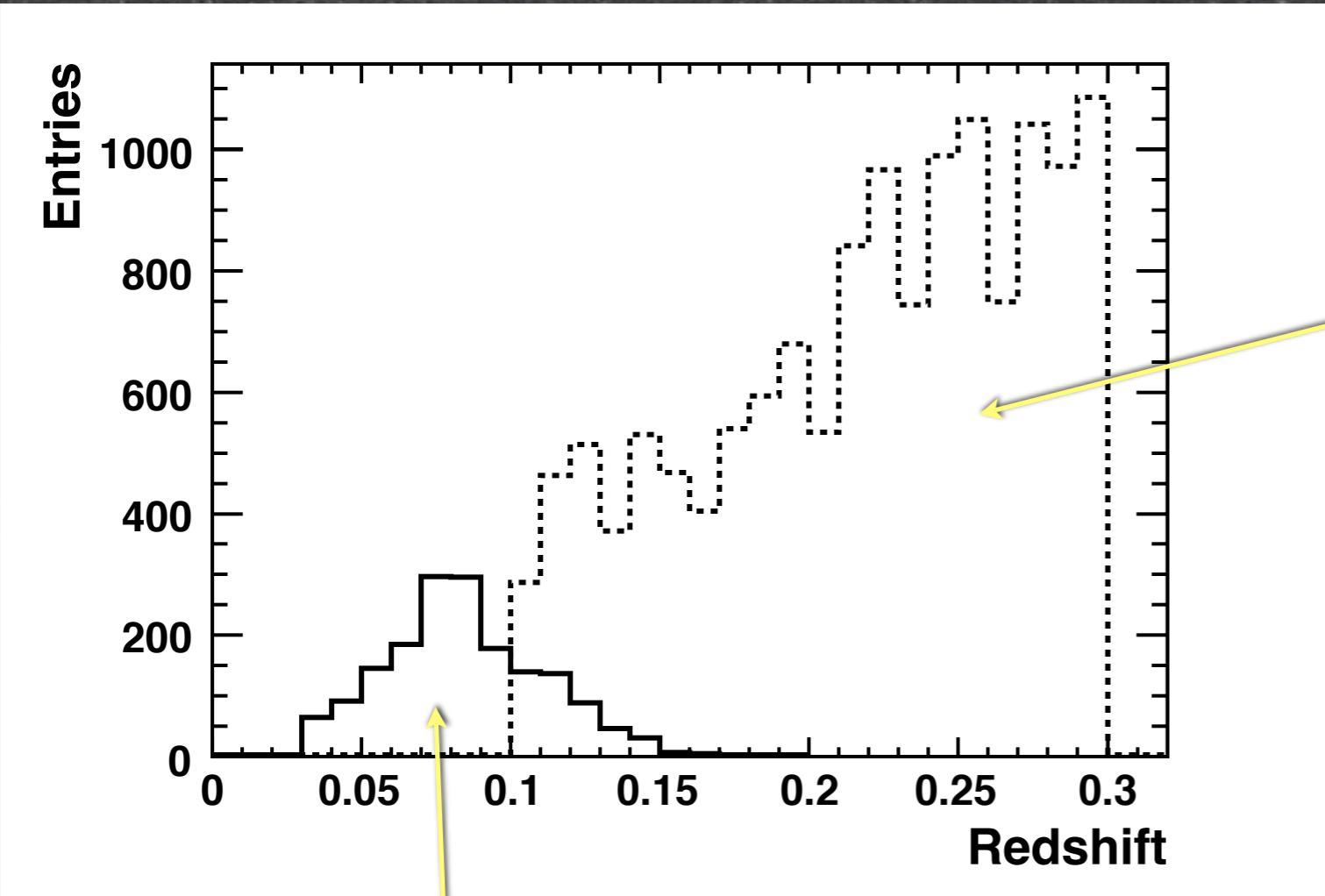
C4 clusters  
(Miller et al. 2005)

71 clusters  
 $z < 0.17$

maxBCG clusters  
(Koester et al. 2007)

492 clusters  
 $0.10 < z < 0.30$

Author	Redshift	N SNe
Mannucci	$0 - 0.04$	12.5
Sharon	$0.06 - 0.19$	6
Gal-Yam	$\approx 0.25$	1
Graham	$\approx 0.45$	3
Gal-Yam	$\approx 0.90$	2



C4 clusters  
spectroscopically  
selected  
 $4.99 \times 10^{13} \text{ L}_{\odot} (\text{r}) \text{ h}^{-2}$

9 SNe

maxBCG clusters  
photometrically  
selected  
 $1.22 \times 10^{14} \text{ L}_{\odot} (\text{r}) \text{ h}^{-2}$   
27 SNe

SNe belongs to cluster  
1 Mpc projected distance  
from cluster  
Redshift consistency

C4 clusters  
( $z = 0.08$ )

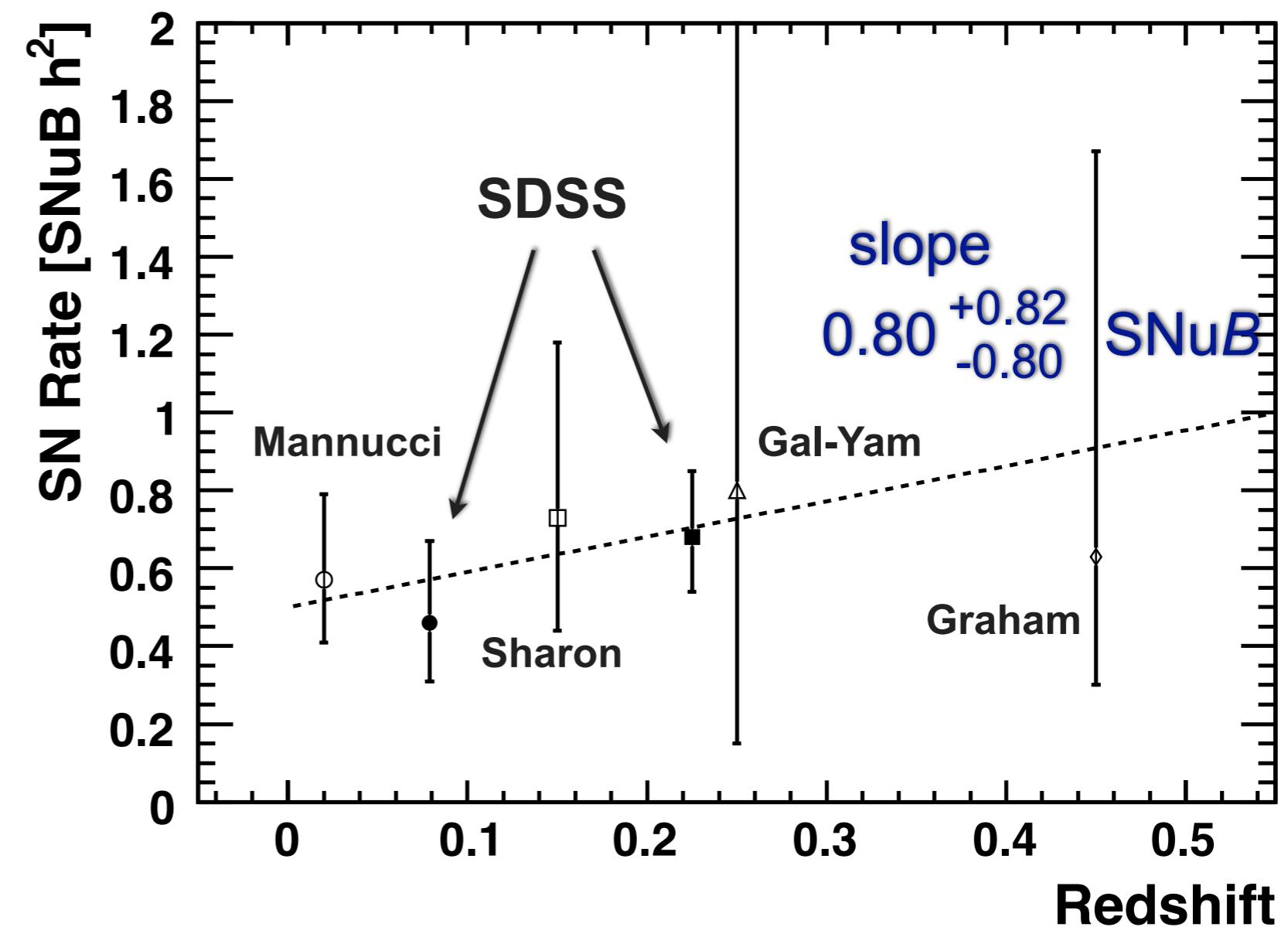
$0.123^{+0.056}_{-0.040}$  SNuM

$0.37^{+0.17}_{-0.12}$  SNur

maxBCG clusters  
( $z = 0.23$ )

$0.18^{+0.044}_{-0.036}$  SNuM

$0.55^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$  SNur



$^*(H_0 = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$

# cluster rate vs. field rate

## cluster elliptical galaxies

C4 clusters

$0.31^{+0.18}_{-0.12}$  SNur

maxBCG clusters

$0.49^{+0.15}_{-0.11}$  SNur

## field elliptical galaxies

(Dilday et al 2008)

$0.16^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$  SNur

## ratio

C4       $1.94^{+1.31}_{-0.91}$

maxBCG     $3.02^{+1.31}_{-1.03}$

hostless SNe

~3 hostless SNe



intra-cluster stellar population

$(9.4^{+8.3}_{-5.1})\%$

caveat: based on physical  
separation, not redshift

2/7 in Gal-Yam et al.

# radial distribution of SNe

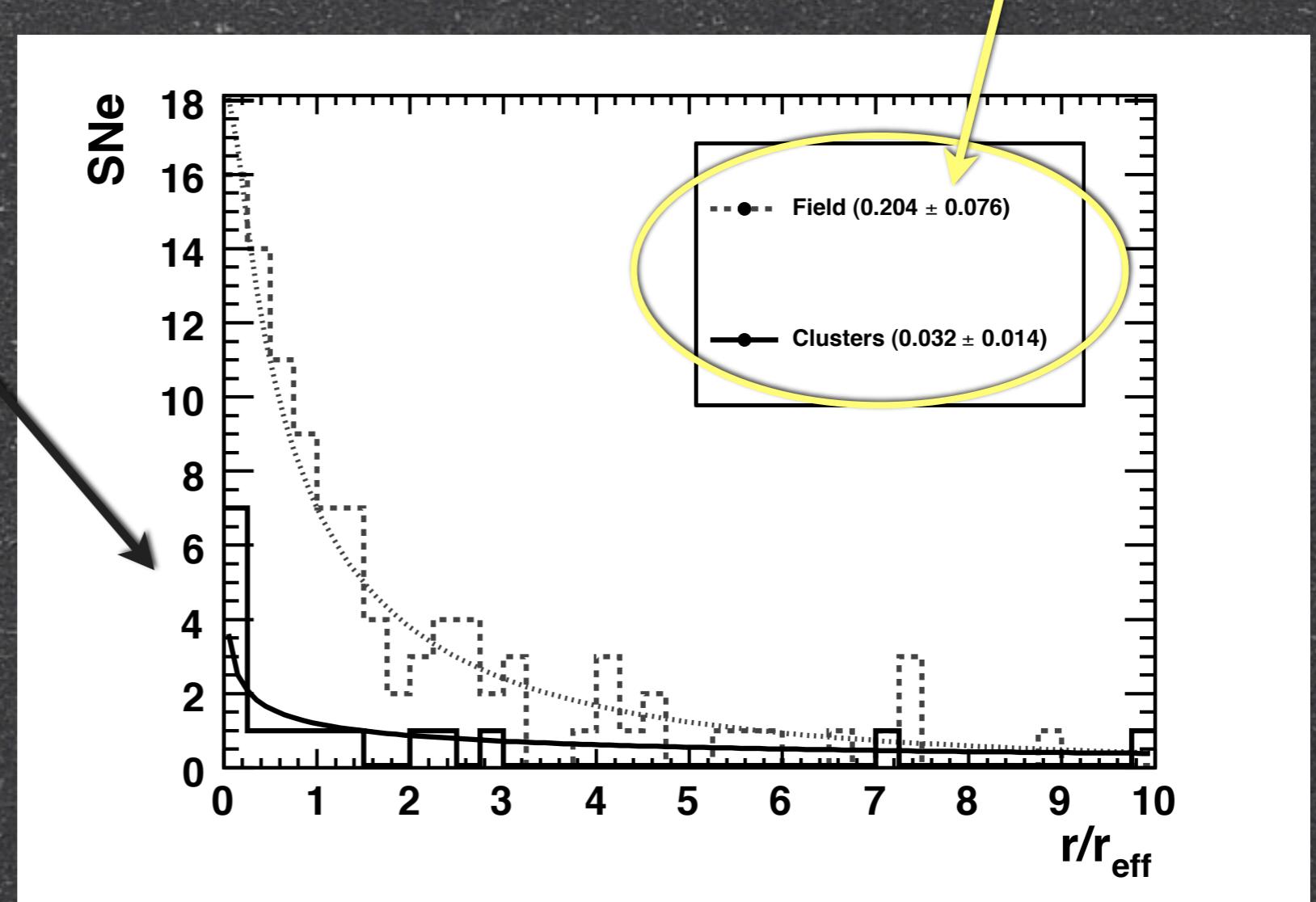
SNe in cluster ellipticals are concentrated in the center

residual star formation?

KS test  
30% probability to be drawn from same distribution

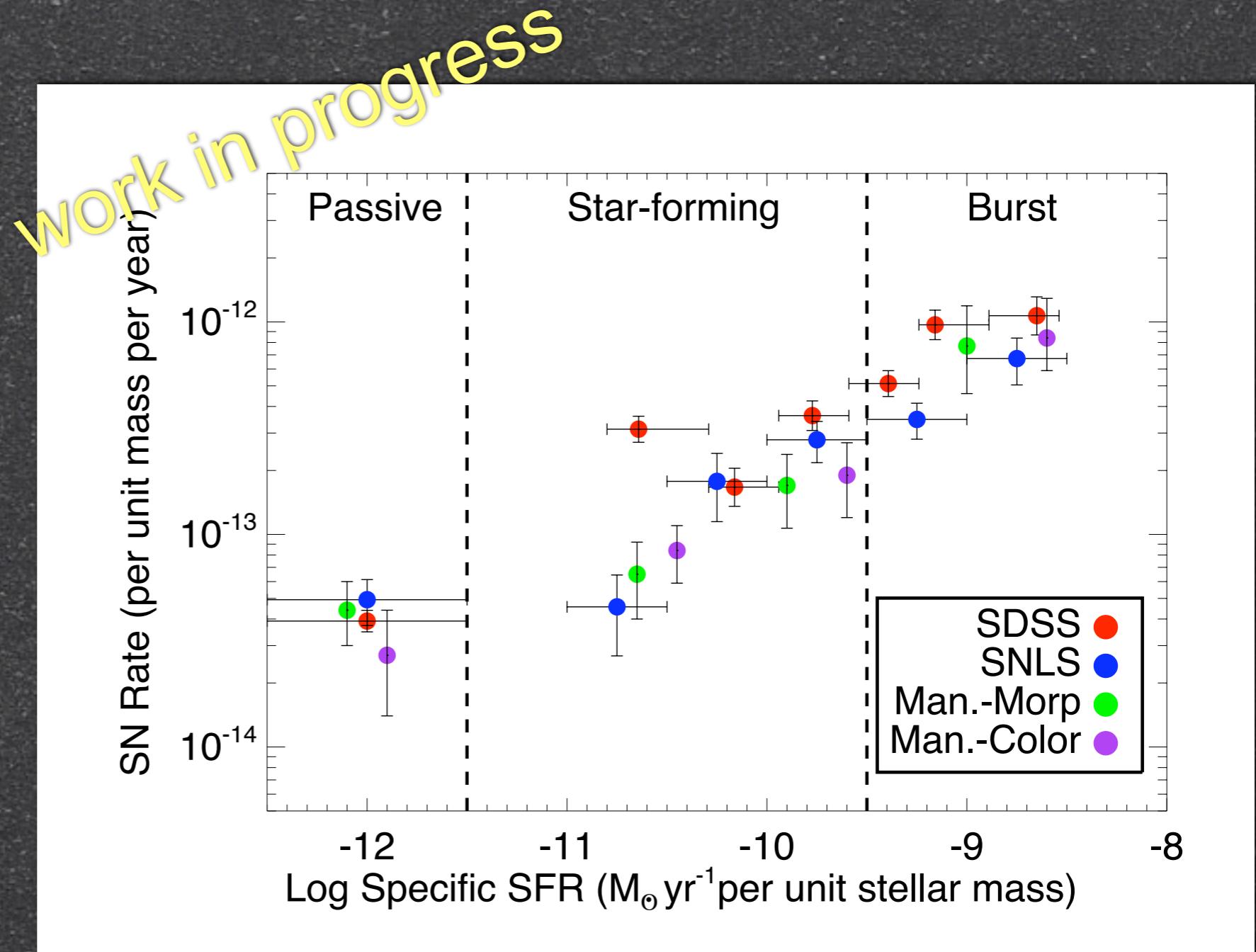
fit a Sersic profile

field ellipticals: consistent with deVaucouleurs  
cluster ellipticals: not consistent with deVaucouleurs

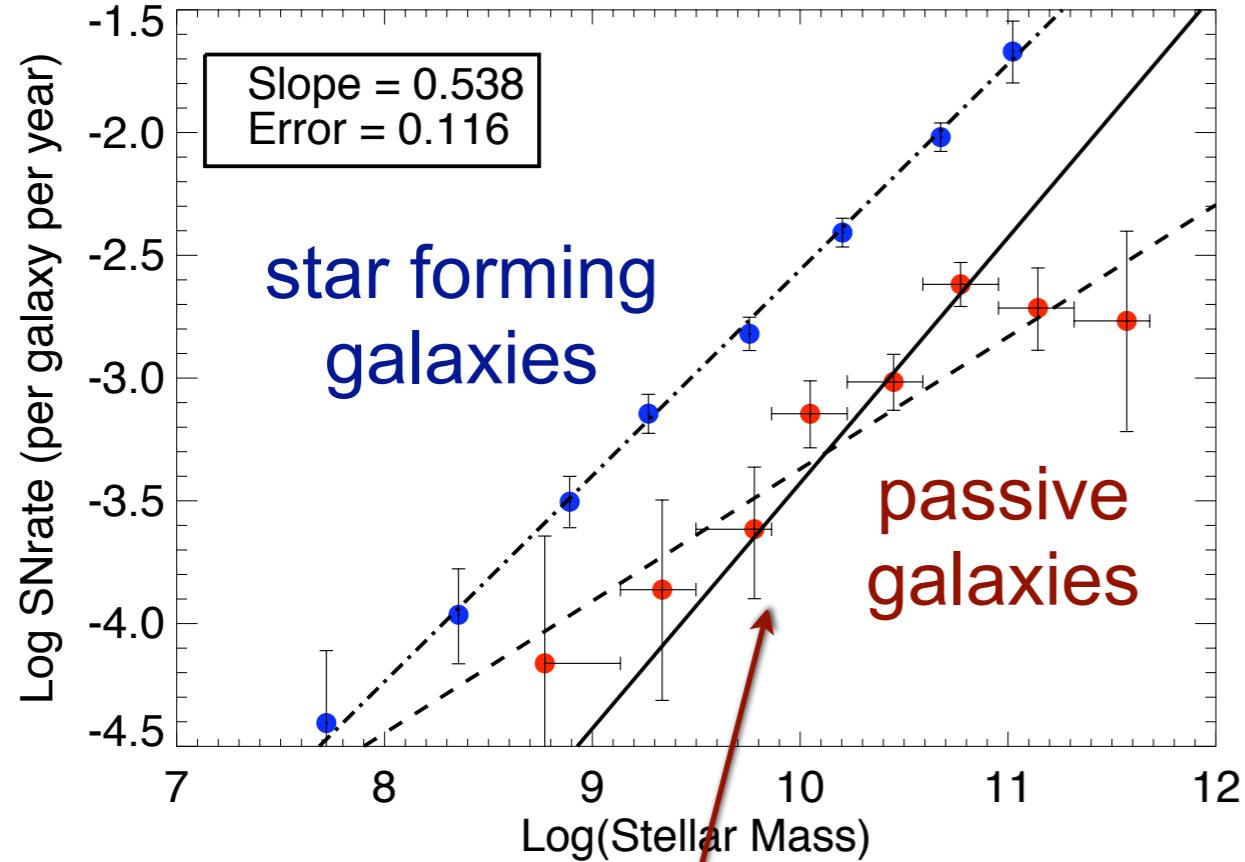


# SN Ia rate vs host stellar mass/ star formation (Mat Smith)

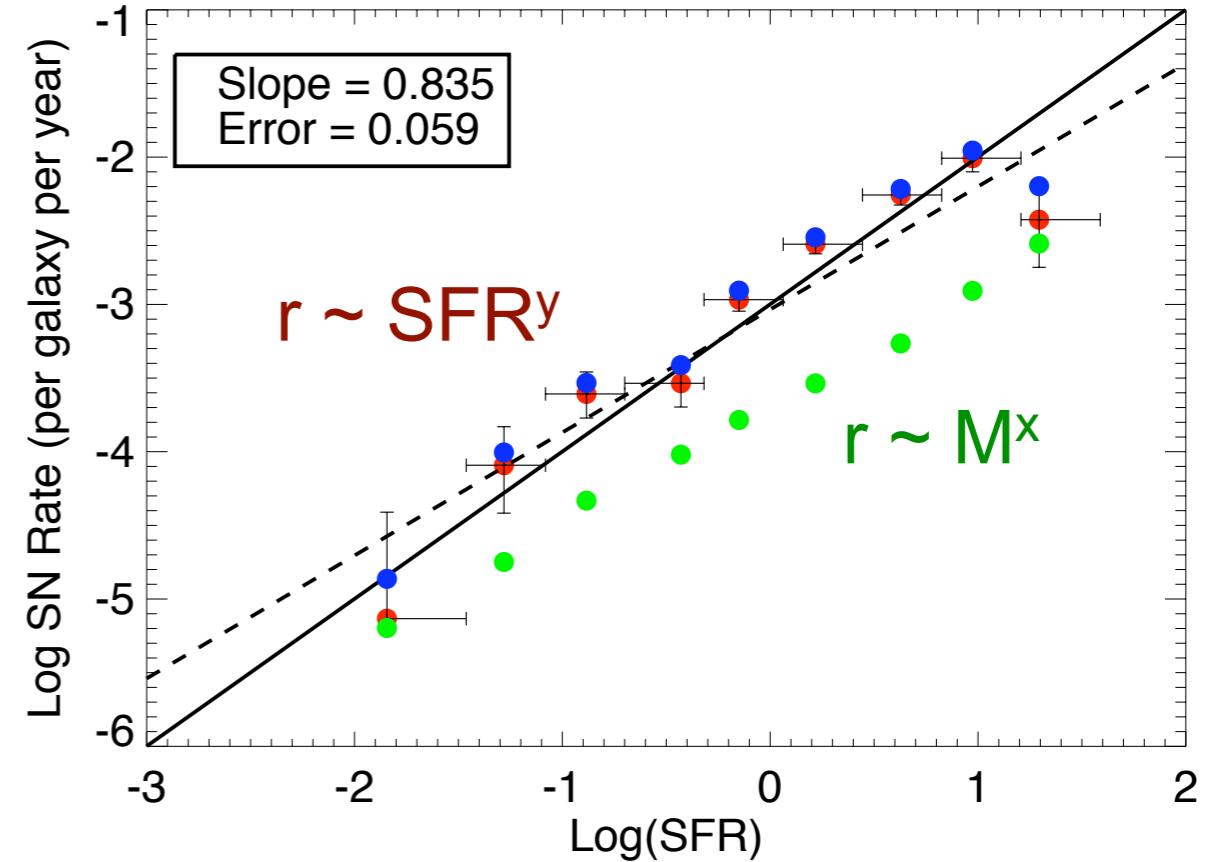
derive mass/  
SFR using  
PEGASE SED  
fits to  $1.5 \times 10^6$   
galaxies from  
coadded images



## rate vs mass



## rate vs SFR



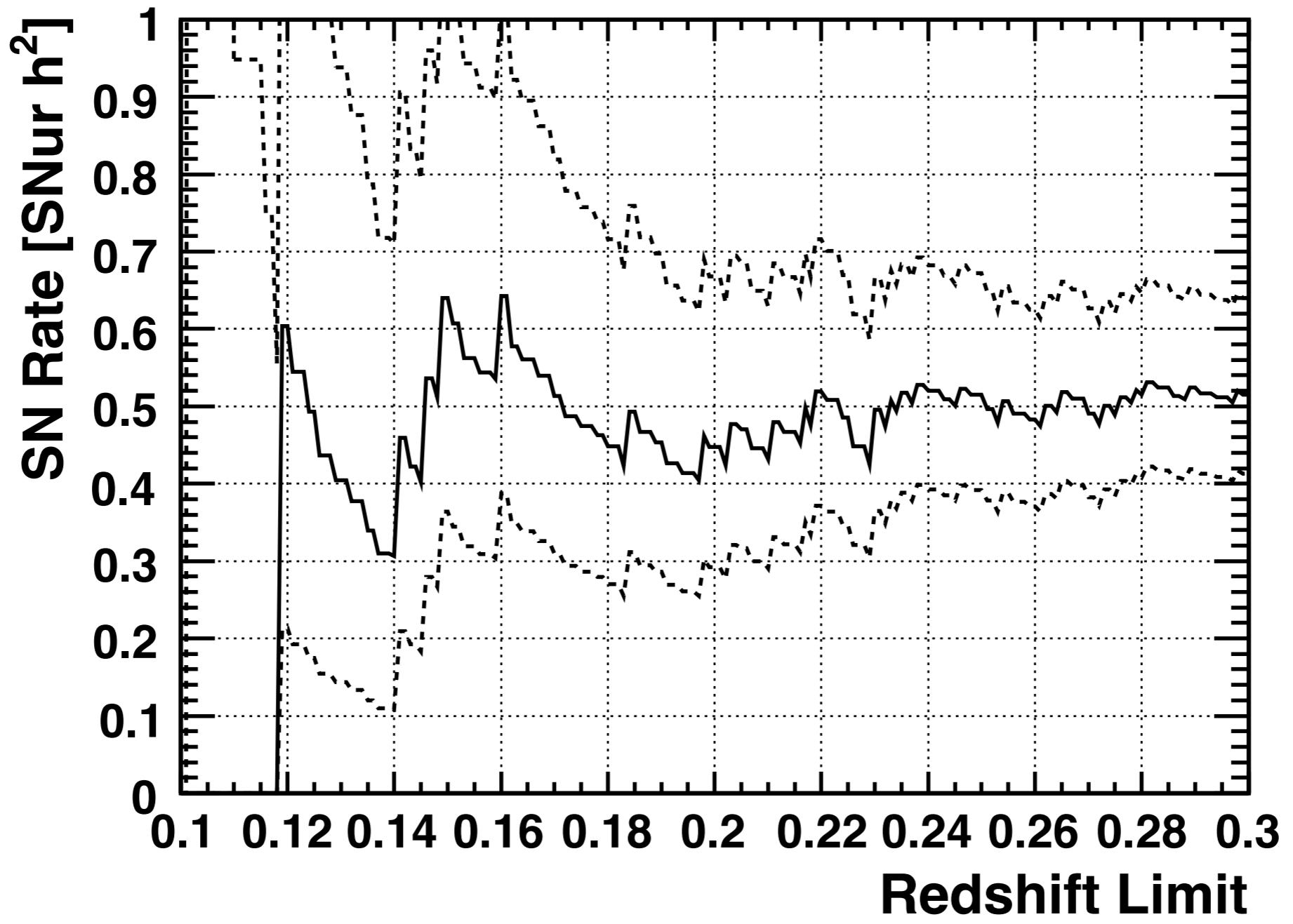
fit passive galaxies for  
 $r \sim M^x$  component

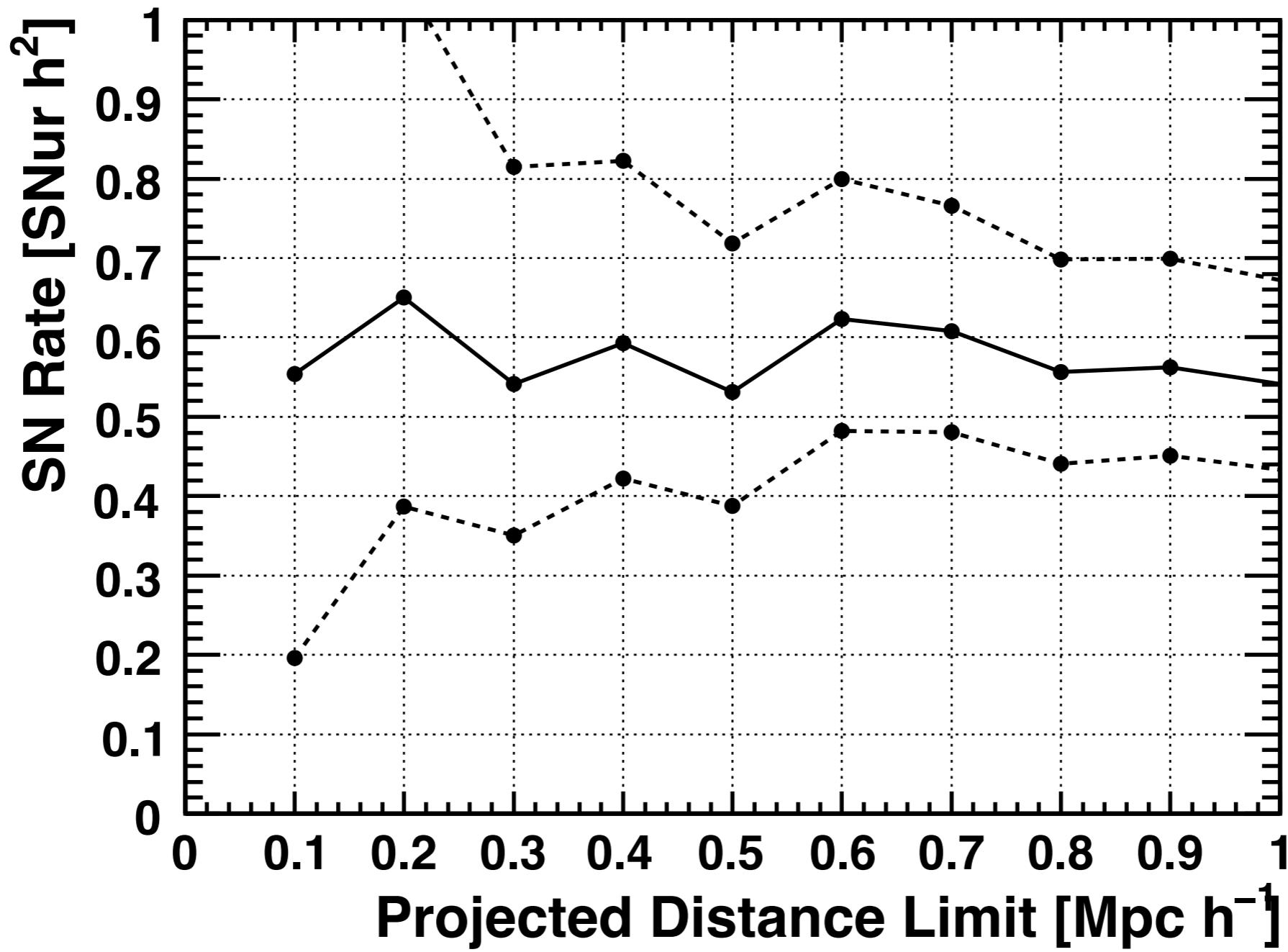
$$r = A \cdot M^{0.54} + B \cdot SFR^{0.84}$$

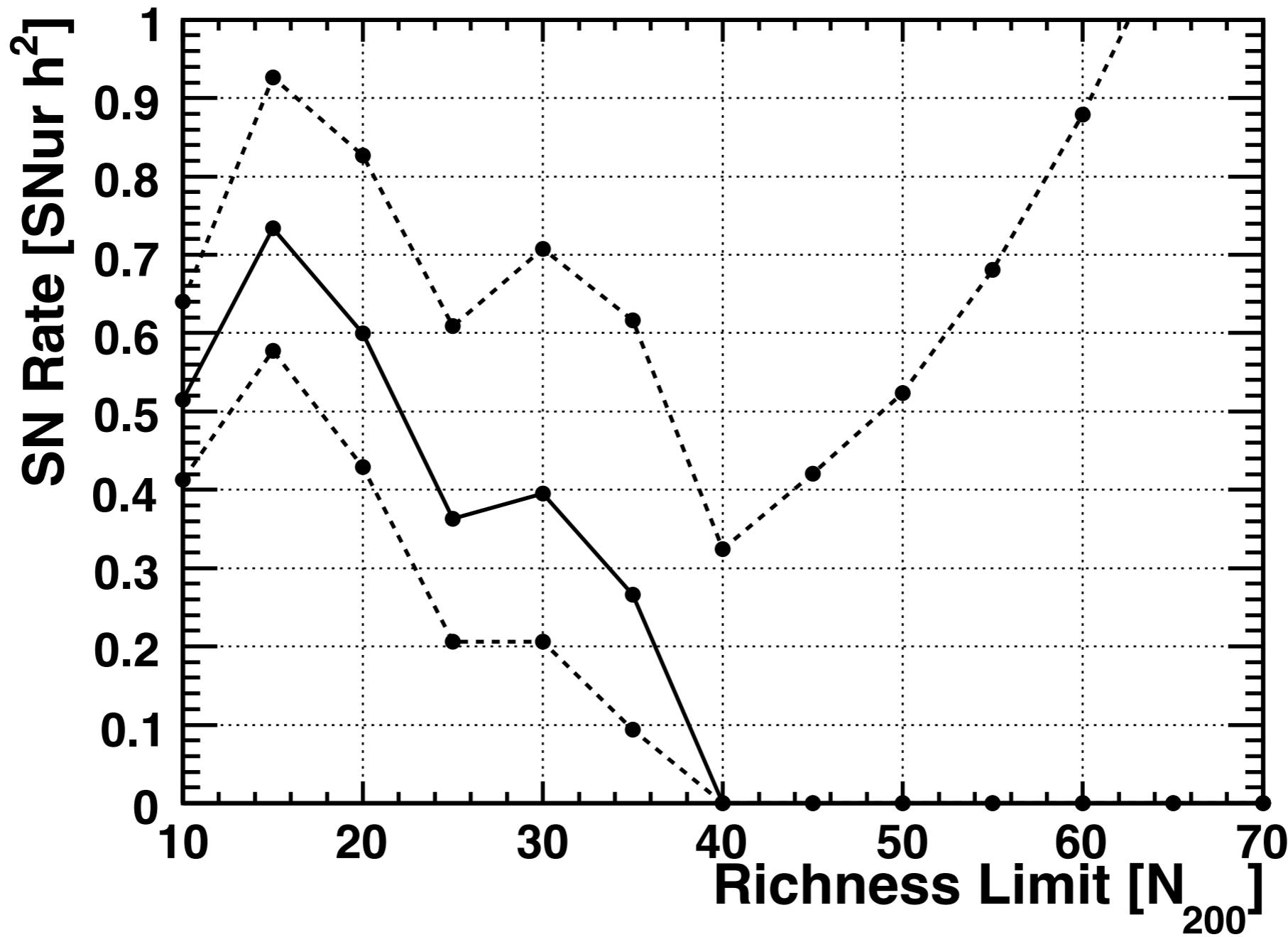
## summary

- SN Ia rate at  $z < 0.3$  using  $\sim 500$  SNe Ia
- cluster SN Ia rate with 27 total SNe
- cluster SNe Ia may occur preferentially in cores of cluster ellipticals
- SN Ia rate =  $A \cdot M^{0.54} + B \cdot SFR^{0.84}$

# Extra Slides







# rate in BCGs



6% of cluster  
luminosity in brightest  
cluster galaxies

C4 clusters

$2.04^{+1.99}_{-1.11}$  SNur

maxBCG clusters

$0.36^{+0.84}_{-0.30}$  SNur

