



Kernel PCA for SNe *photometric classification*

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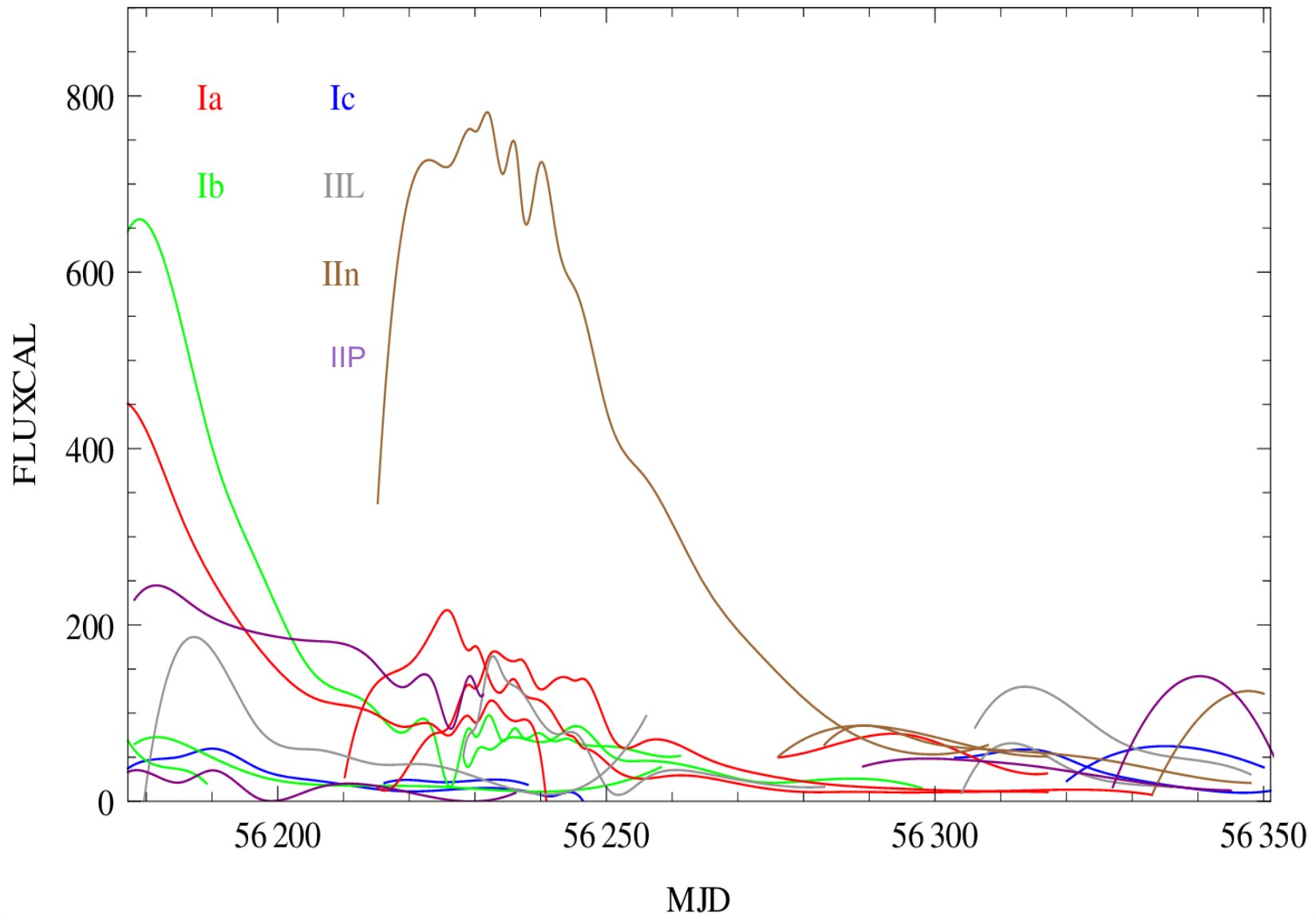
1. The problem

Ironically...

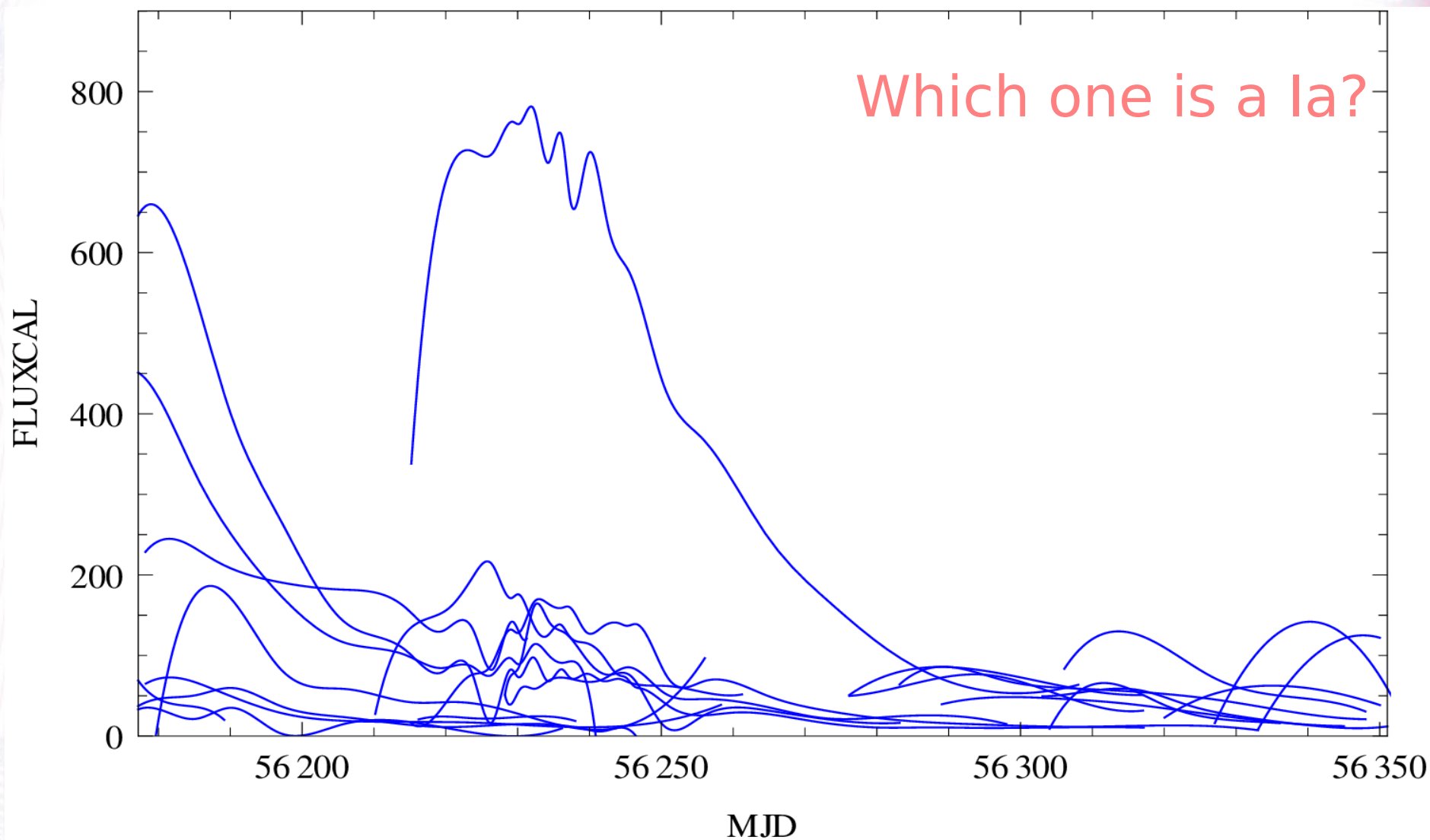
We have too much data!

Type Ia SN surveys are not able to
provide complete
spectroscopic follow up

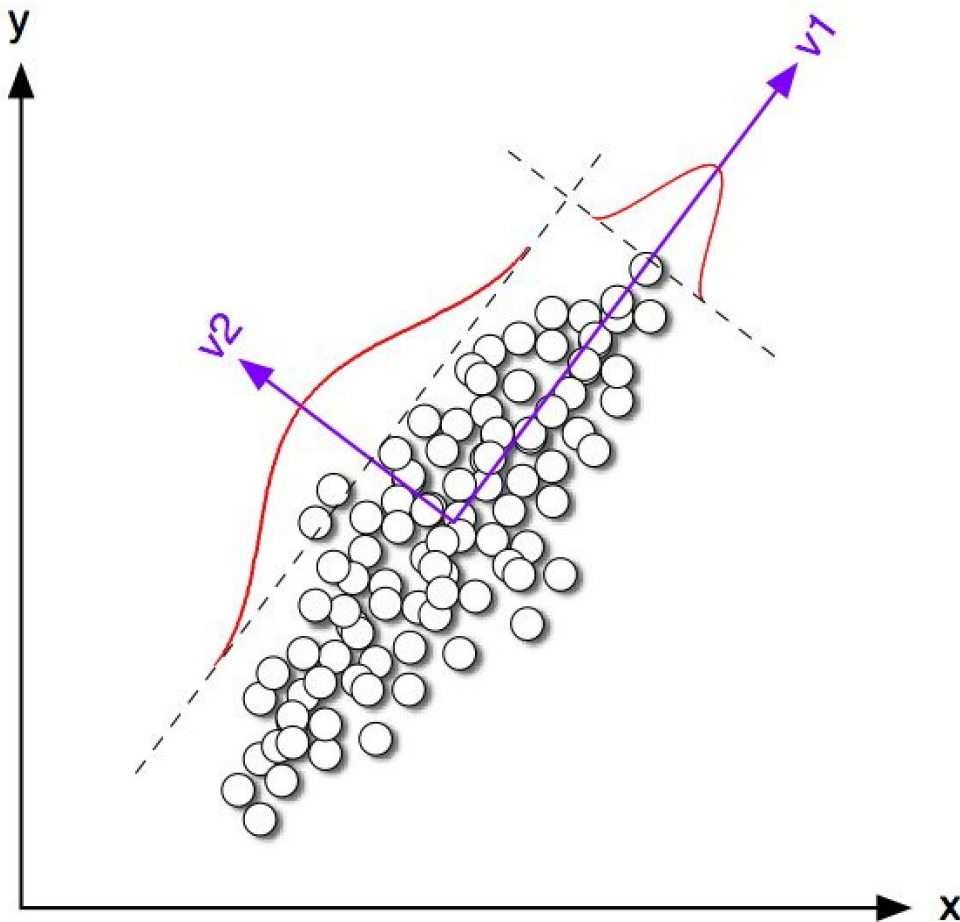
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2. Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



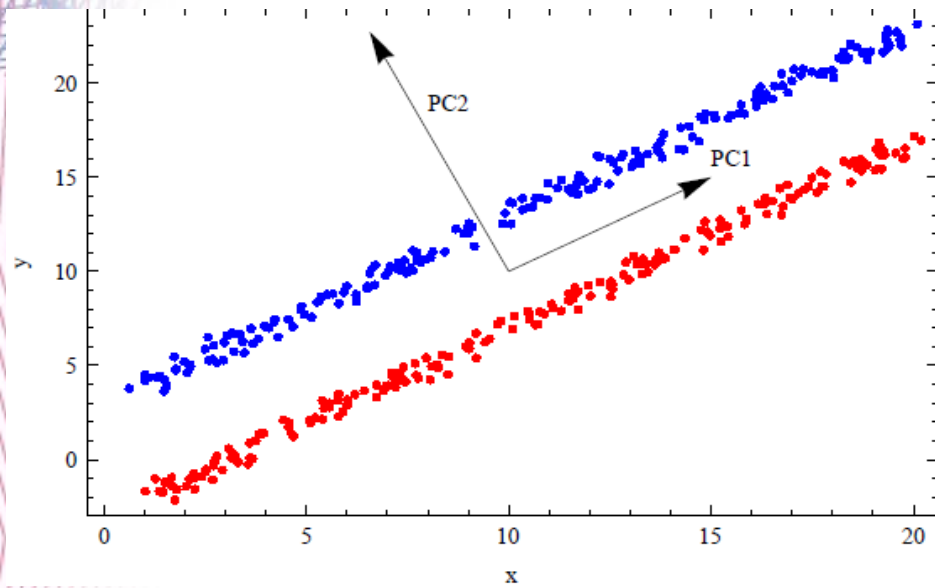
Dimensionality
reduction
technique

Look for
directions
that
maximizes
variance

<http://web.media.mit.edu/~tristan/phd/dissertation/figures/PCA.jpg>

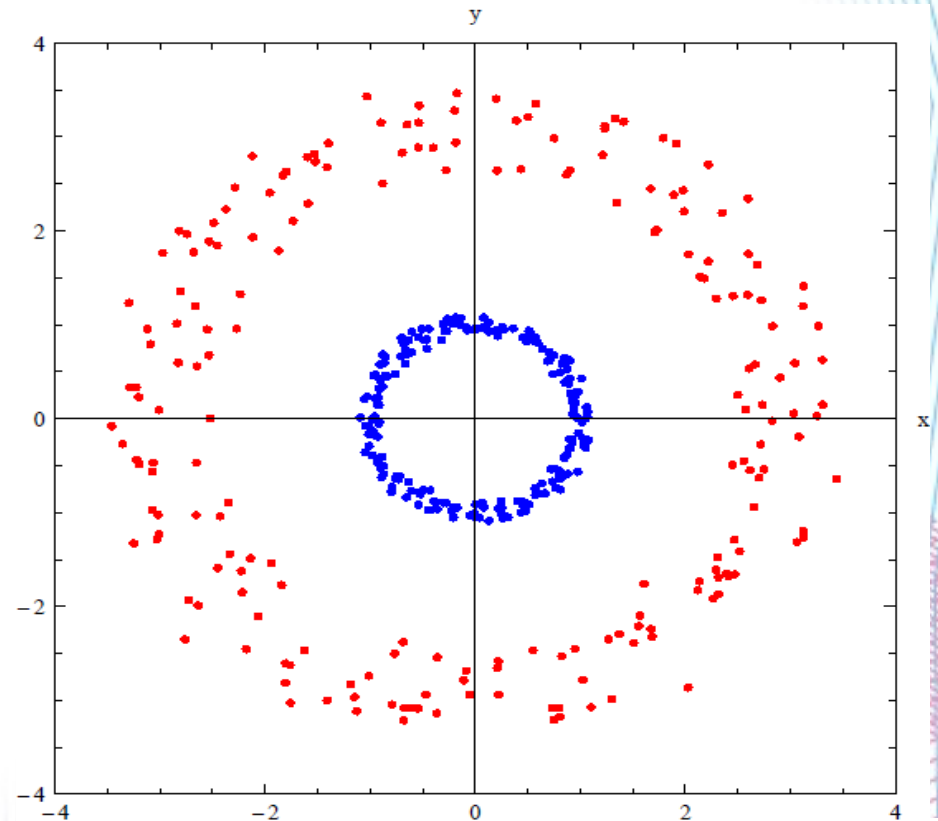


2. PCA limitations

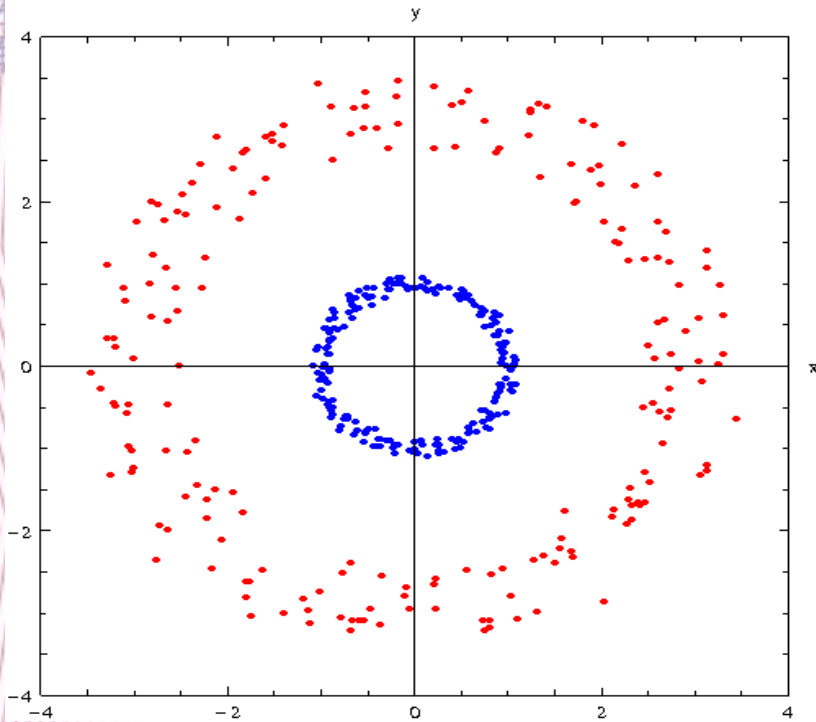


Is not designed to capture non-linear structure

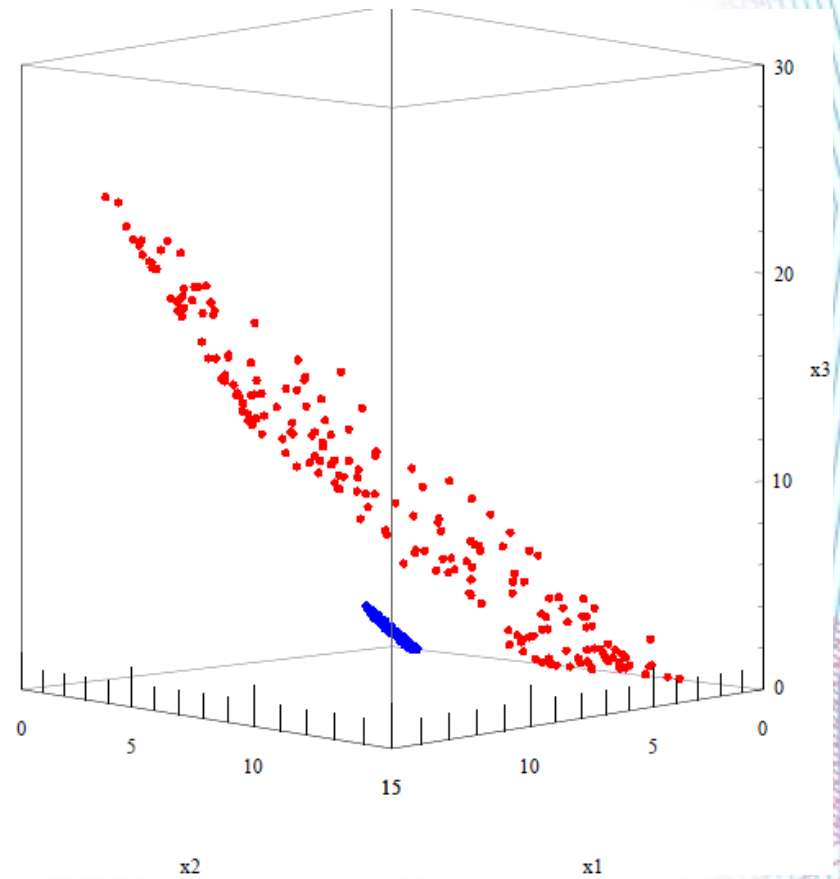
Does not care about labels



2. PCA extensions



$$(x, y) \rightarrow z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



Sometimes, going to higher dimensions might solve the problem



2. The kernel trick

In the linear case, with

$\mathbf{x}_i \rightarrow i$ -th data vector,

$$K_{ij} = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j$$

$\alpha_k \rightarrow k$ -th eigenvalue

$\mathbf{v}_k \rightarrow k$ -th eigenvector

$$\mathbf{v}_k^T \mathbf{n} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_k K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{n})$$

where \mathbf{n} is the data
to be projected and

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{n}$$

In the kernel approach,

$$\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x})$$

$$K_F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\Phi}^l \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_{\Phi_i}^l K_F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{n})$$

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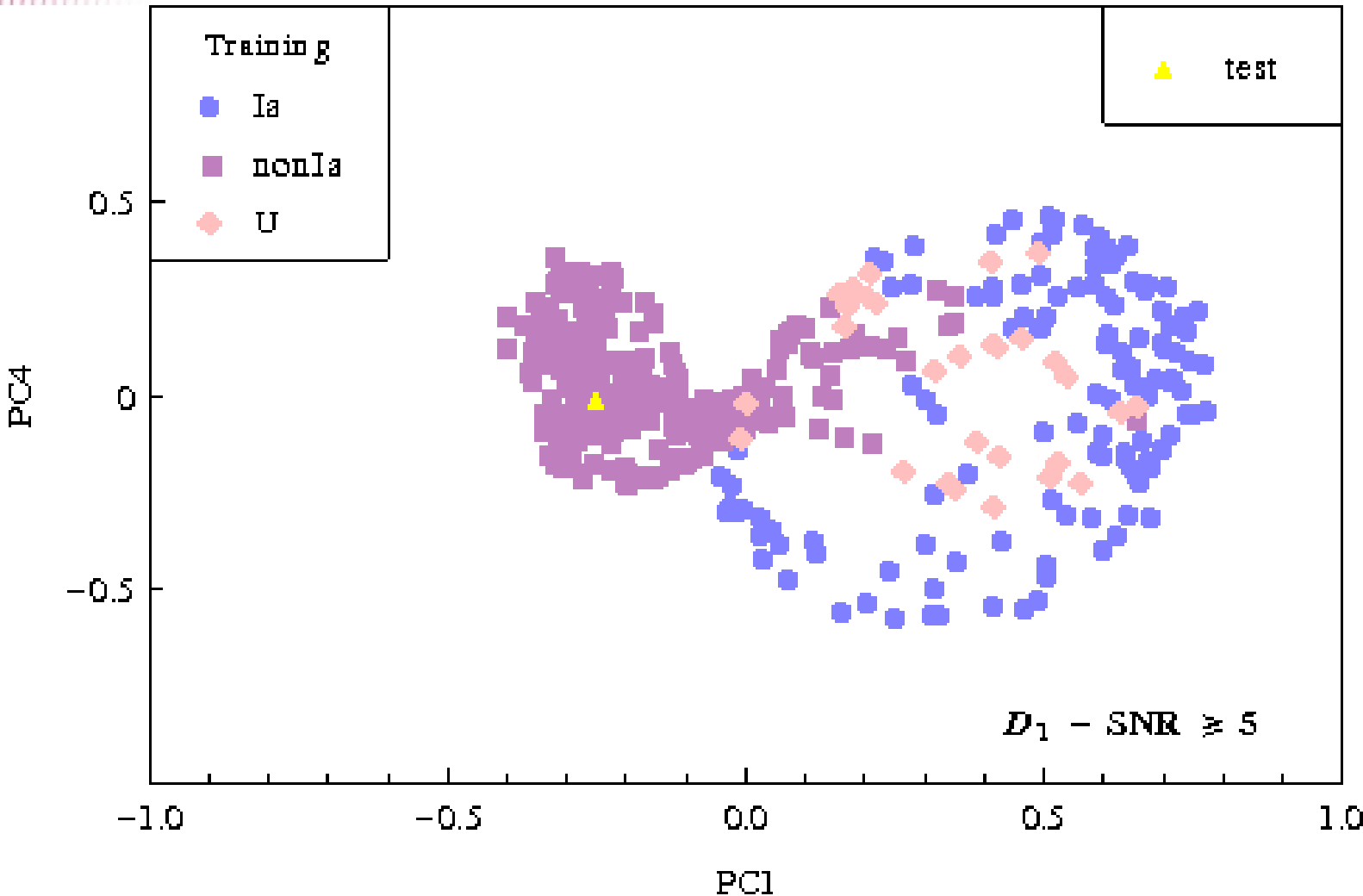
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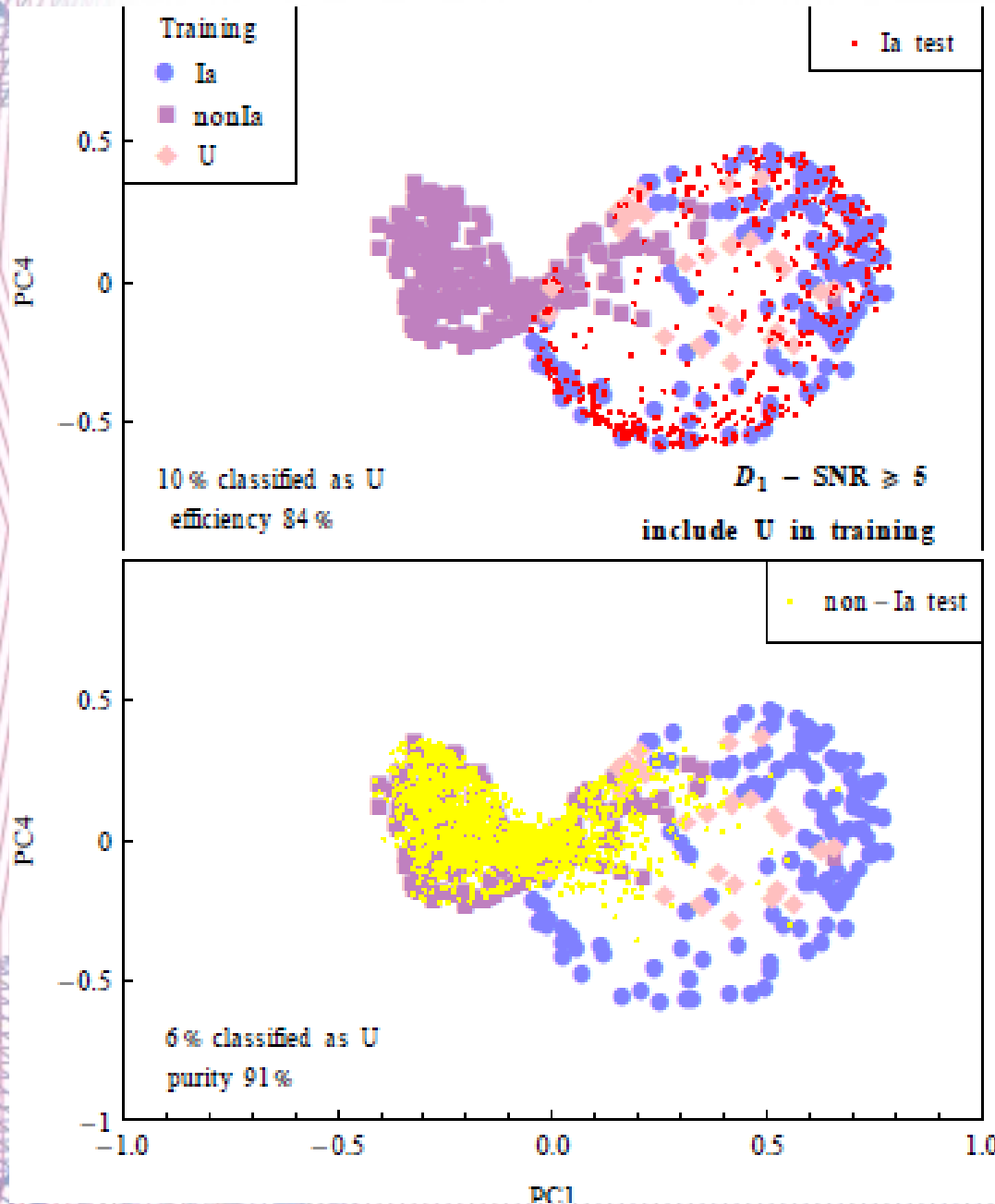
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Classification



THE
Nearest
Neighbor
(1NN)

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Post-SNPCC sample
After selection cuts

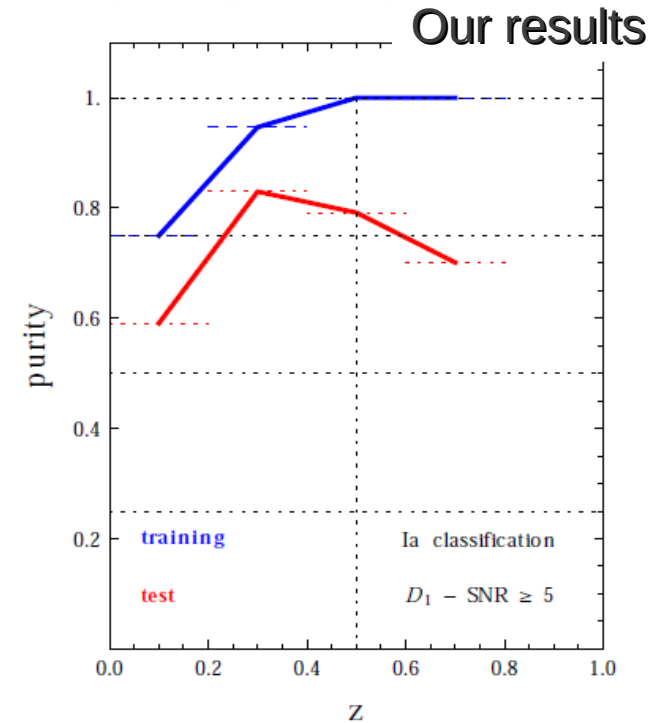
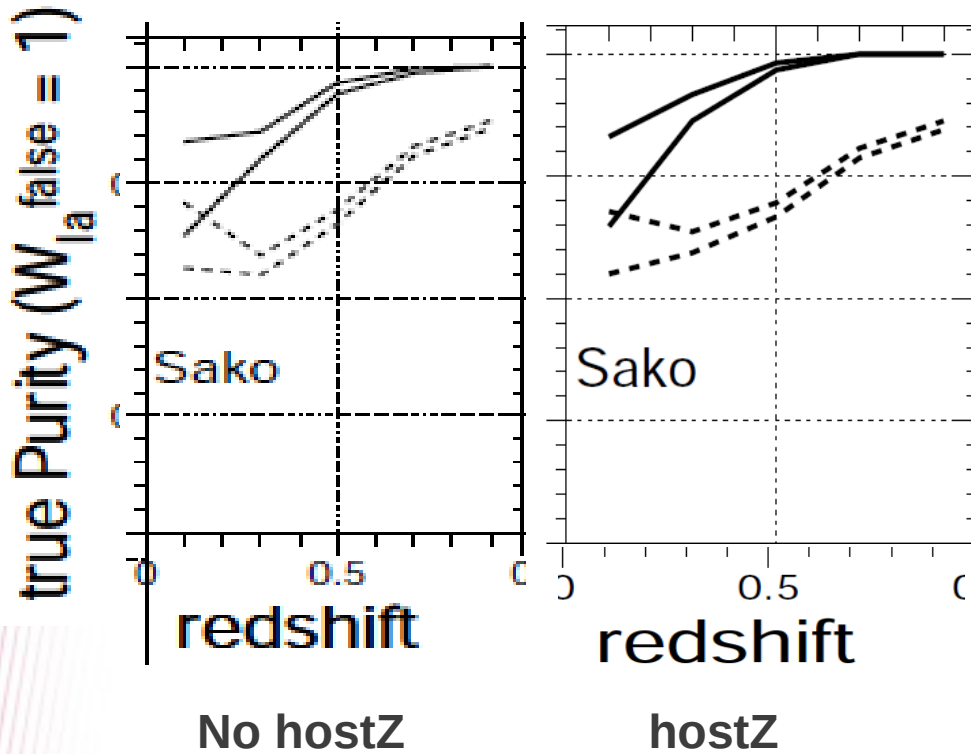
FoM ~ 0.60

SC $\sim 91\%$

Selection cuts:
{-3,+24} in r-band
At least 3 obs with
SNR>5
in each band



3. kPCA applied to SNe classification



average purity: 75%

Same result as winner SNPCC (76%),
without using host redshift information

Better result in intermediate redshift

Results from the *Supernova Photometric Classification Challenge*
(Kessler et al., 2010)



4. Conclusions

1. SNe photometric classification is not a future issue..
it is already here!
2. kPCA is a powerfull tool, mainly if we are interested
in a high quality purity in intermediate redshifts.
3. There is no need of enviromental, redshift or astrophysical
hypothesis
4. Great potential in detecting previously non-observed objects:
Application to PISN search