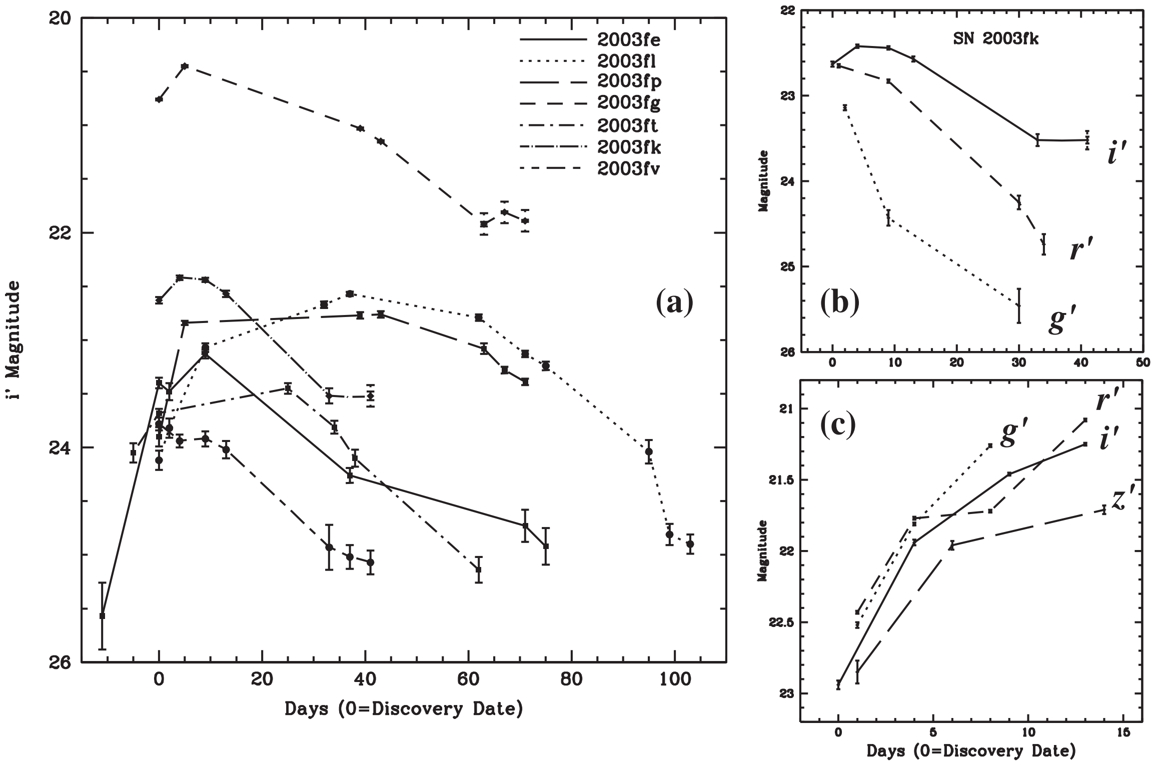

Figure 1: **(a)** Sample of supernova lightcurves from the first field searched by the SNLS (containing the Groth strip region). Note that this search was conducted during the instrument start-up period, and had less dense coverage then will be used for all future work. The lightcurve of SN 2003fl (dotted line) shows an example of a non-Type Ia, in this case a Type IIp SN. **(b)** Example of the multi-band observations that are being obtained for each supernova. **(c)** Example of the data available "on the rise," i.e., around the time that a supernova candidate is triggered for Gemini spectroscopy.