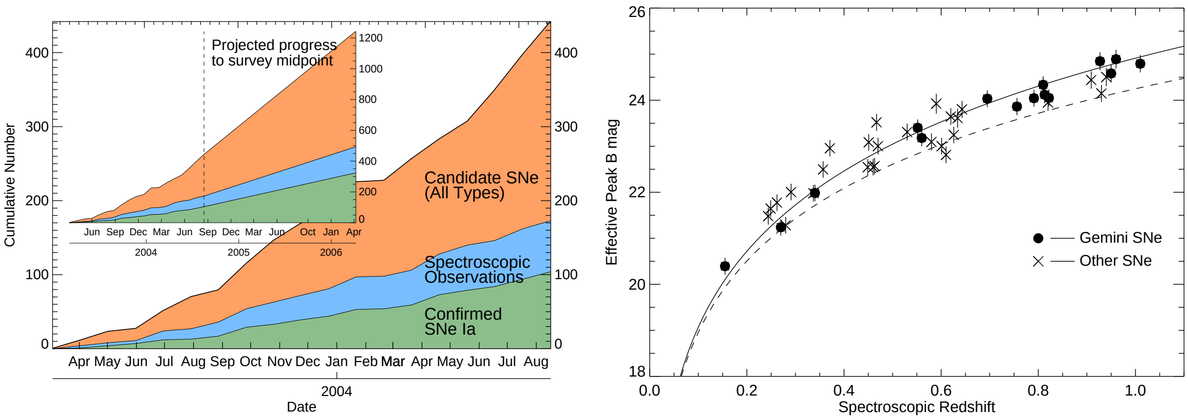

Figure 1: *Left:* The cumulative number of SN candidates, targets with spectroscopy, and confirmed SNe Ia to date (main panel), and projected to SNLS survey mid-point (inset). As of August 2004 there are more than 100 spectroscopically confirmed SNe Ia. *Right:* A preliminary Hubble diagram for ~45 SNe Ia from the first 3/4 year of data (later SNe are still being observed so final light-curves are not yet complete). Solid circles denote Gemini observed SNe; the value of Gemini at high-redshift is clear. The solid line denotes a Λ-dominated universe, dashed-line Einstein-de Sitter universe.

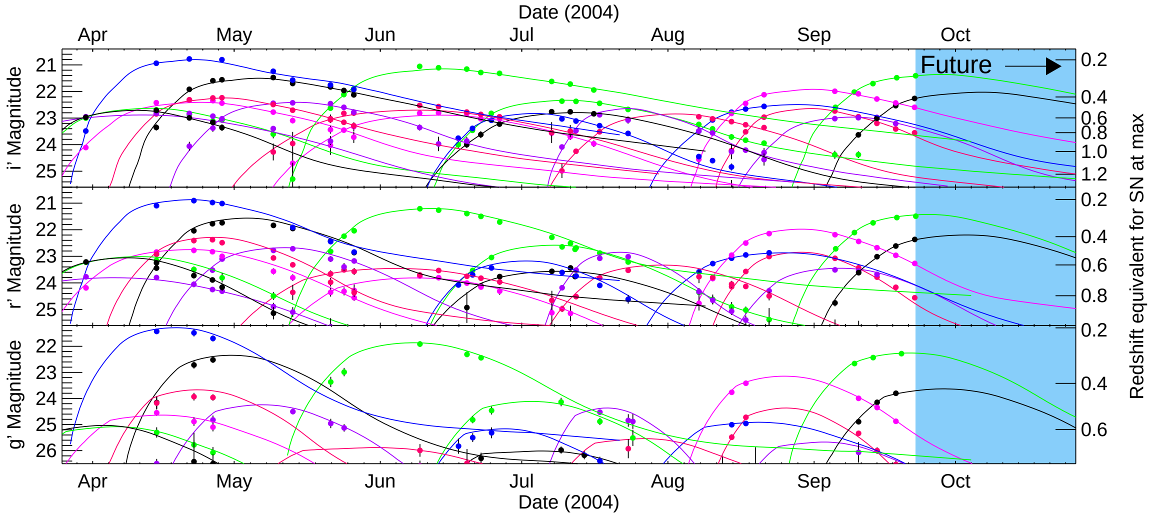

Figure 2: A sample of real-time (not final) SN Ia light-curve fits from the 2004A semester of SNLS in i (top) through r (middle) to g (lower panel). SNe are always discovered well before maximum light (allowing spectroscopy to be performed when the candidate is brightest), and a similar number of quality candidates are available at any lunar phase. For clarity, only around half of the SNe Ia confirmed in this time interval are shown. Error-bars are shown; most are smaller than the size of the points. Colour version available at http://legacy.astro.utoronto.ca/Gemini/

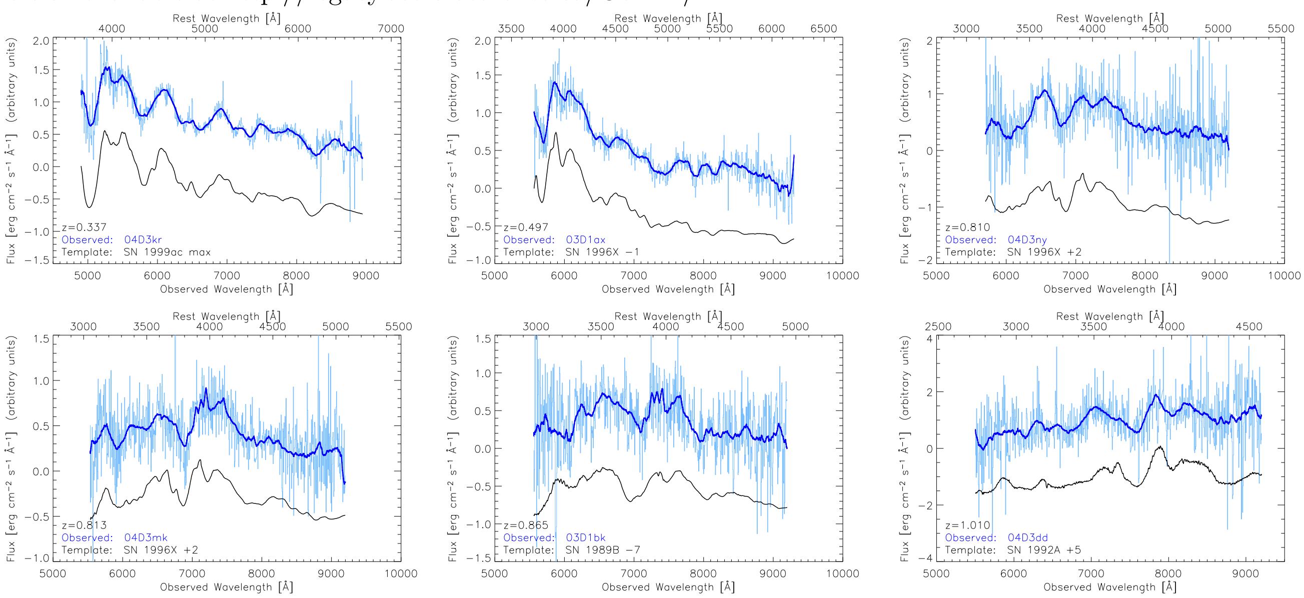

Figure 3: Example spectra of SNLS candidates obtained during the 2003B/04A Gemini observing campaigns. The light-blue lines show the data after host galaxy subtraction (if necessary), re-binned to 5Å. Over-plotted in dark blue are smoothed versions of the data, with best-fitting SN templates shown underneath. The spectra are confirmed by Gemini to be Type Ia SNe.