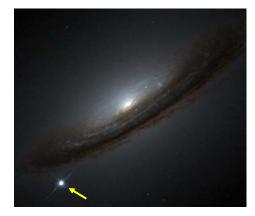


Type Ia Supernovae



Core collapse supernovae

- Massive stars (M > 8 or10 M_{sun})
- Wide range in $M \rightarrow$ wide range in L
- · Not useful as "standard candles"

Type Ia supernovae

- White dwarf with $M \sim 1.4 M_{sun}$
- L can be precisely calibrated.
- · Good standard candles.

Type Ia Supernovae

- Something dumps too much mass onto white dwarf.
- Increased density → runaway heating through C + C burning
- Heating rate faster than dynamical timescale
 - White dwarf cannot peacefully respond to pressure increase.
- Deflagration
 - leading to *detonation*?

Type la Supernovae as "standard candles".

 Always happens when mass goes just past limit for heatingcooling balance.

→ Supernova always has ~ same luminosity (factor 10).

• Get distance from Flux =

