

The ASAS-SN Bright Supernova Catalog – V. 2018-2020

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ABSTRACT

We catalog the 443 bright supernovae discovered by the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN) in 2018 – 2020 along with the 519 supernovae recovered by ASAS-SN and 516 additional $m_{peak} \leq 18$ mag supernovae missed by ASAS-SN. Our statistical analysis focuses primarily on the 984 supernovae discovered or recovered in ASAS-SN g-band observations. The complete sample of 2427 ASAS-SN supernovae includes earlier V-band samples and unrecovered supernovae. For each supernova, we identify the host galaxy, its UV to mid-IR photometry, and the offset of the supernova from the center of the host. Updated light curves, redshifts, classifications, and host galaxy identifications supersede earlier results. With the increase of the limiting magnitude to $g \leq 18$ mag, the ASAS-SN sample is roughly complete up to $m_{peak} = 16.7$ mag and is 90% complete for $m_{peak} \leq 17.0$ mag. This is an increase from the V-band sample where it was roughly complete up to $m_{peak} = 16.2$ mag and 70% complete for $m_{peak} \leq 17.0$ mag.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Over the past decade, an increasing number of surveys have systematically scanned the sky in search of supernovae and other transient events. The largest contributors for bright transient discoveries are the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN¹;

Shappee et al. 2014), the Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF; Bellm et al. 2019; Chen et al. 2020), and the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS; Heinze et al. 2018; Tonry et al. 2018). Between 2014 and 2022, ASAS-SN was the only survey to observe the entire visible sky. ASAS-SN is limited to bright transients ($g \leq 18.5$ mag), giving it lower discovery rates, but this allows high spectroscopic completeness for its discoveries and provides transients that are relatively easy to study across the electromagnetic spectrum.

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In addition to studying supernovae (SNe; e.g., [Bose et al. 2018, 2019](#); [Hoeftlich et al. 2021](#); [Chen et al. 2022](#)), ASAS-SN obtains data for a broad range of transients, multi-messenger searches, and variable sources. For transients, these include tidal disruption events (TDEs; e.g., [Holoien et al. 2019b,c, 2020](#), [Hinkle et al. 2021](#), [Payne et al. 2022](#), recently), novae (e.g., [Kawash et al. 2021b, 2022](#)), dwarf novae (e.g., [Kawash et al. 2021a](#)), and changing look or other active galactic nuclei (AGN; e.g., [Neustadt et al. 2020](#), [Hinkle et al. 2022](#), [Holoien et al. 2022](#)). There are multi-messenger searches associated with both neutrino (e.g., [IceCube Collaboration et al. 2018](#), [Necker et al. 2022](#)) and gravitational wave (e.g., [de Jaeger et al. 2022](#)) events. ASAS-SN has produced the first all-sky, homogeneously classified sample of variable stars (e.g., [Jayasinghe et al. 2019, 2021](#)) and is working to expand it with the aid of citizen science ([Christy et al. 2022](#)). The astronomical community also makes considerable use of the ASAS-SN photometry, particularly through the ASAS-SN Sky Patrol ([Kochanek et al. 2017](#)).

Each of the robotic ASAS-SN units is hosted by Las Cumbres Observatory ([Brown et al. 2013](#)) and consists of four 14-cm telescopes, each with a field of view of 4.5×4.5 degrees. Starting in 2014, ASAS-SN operated units in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres with one unit named Brutus, located on Haleakala in Hawaii, and a second unit named Cassius, located at Cerro Tololo in Chile. Each unit observed in the V-band with a limiting magnitude of $V \sim 17$ mag (see [Shappee et al. 2014](#)). In 2017, ASAS-SN expanded with three more units: Paczynski, also located at Cerro Tololo; Leavitt, located at McDonald Observatory in Texas; and Payne-Gaposchkin, located at Sutherland in South Africa, all of which observe in the g -band and have limiting magnitudes of $g \sim 18.5$ mag in optimal conditions. By the end of 2018, ASAS-SN converted the initial two units to observe with g -band filters transitioning ASAS-SN completely to g -band observations. ASAS-SN is an untargeted survey and in good conditions, ASAS-SN can observe the entire visible sky of approximately 30,000 square degrees in less than one night ([Shappee et al. 2014](#), [Holoien et al. 2019a](#)).

All of ASAS-SN's observations are processed automatically and searched in real-time. New discoveries are announced publicly either upon first detection where there is no ambiguity, or after follow-up imaging confirms an initially ambiguous source detection. ASAS-SN reports its discoveries to the Transient Name Server (TNS²). Targets are spectroscopically confirmed by both the ASAS-SN team and other groups. The untargeted design and high spectroscopic completeness make ASAS-SN ideal for population studies of nearby SNe and their hosts (e.g., [Brown et al. 2019](#); [Desai et al. in prep.](#)).

This paper is the fifth in a series of ASAS-SN supernova catalogs and it spans the years 2018 to 2020. The previous catalogs are presented in [Holoien et al. \(2017a,b,c, 2019a\)](#). We provide information on all SNe discovered and recovered by ASAS-SN and their hosts galaxies. By recovered SNe, we mean SNe discovered by a group other than ASAS-SN that were later seen independently by the ASAS-SN transient pipeline. Supernovae not discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN are presented alongside recoveries with similar data. We provide information for all bright SNe ($m_{\text{peak}} \leq 18$ mag) gathered first from ASAS-SN data then external sources. The data and analysis presented in this catalog are meant to supersede data from ASAS-SN webpages, TNS, and The Astronomers Telegram (ATels; ³) relating to discovery and classification of SNe.

In Section 2, we describe sources of the data for both ASAS-SN SNe and the externally discovered SNe along with any updated measurements and their host identifications. In Section 3, we discuss statistics of the SNe and their hosts. In Section 4, we summarize and discuss the uses of the catalog. Where needed, we use a standard flat Λ CDM cosmology with $H_0 = 69.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_M = 0.29$, and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.71$.

2 DATA SAMPLES

This section outlines the sources of the data for the supernovae and their host galaxies. Tables 1 and 2 present data on SNe discovered by ASAS-SN and other groups, and Tables 3 and 4 present data on the hosts of the SNe discovered by ASAS-SN and other groups, respectively.

2.1 The ASAS-SN Supernova Sample

Table 1 contains information for the 443 supernovae discovered by ASAS-SN over the three years spanning 2018 January 1 to 2020 December 31. All discovery information regarding supernova names, discovery dates, and host names were compiled through the ASAS-SN website and TNS. The TNS discovery reports are cited in Table 1. In addition to their ASAS-SN names, the table includes their International Astronomical Union (IAU) names.

All ASAS-SN SNe with classification spectra have measured redshifts. When the supernova has a host galaxy with a previously measured redshift agreeing with the redshift of the supernova, the redshift of the host is listed instead. We acquire these spectroscopic host redshifts from the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED)⁴. The redshift used for unclassified ASAS-SN SNe are their host redshift if the identification of the host seems accurate.

Supernova classifications were primarily from TNS classification reports or ATels in the instances where no TNS classification reports could be found. These sources are cited in Table 1. Based on these spectra, classifications also give the approximate age of the supernova at discovery relative to its peak. Supernova classifications were generally based on either the Supernova Identification code (SNID; [Blondin & Tonry 2007](#)) or the Generic Classification Tool (GELATO⁵; [Harutyunyan et al. 2008](#)). Both packages compare input spectra to template spectra to estimate the redshift, type, and approximate age of the supernova. SNe discovered by ASAS-SN that could not be classified or lacked classification spectra are labeled as Type “unk”.

Updated redshifts and classifications are included where reexaminations of archival classification spectra disagree with previous reports. These classification spectra are obtained from TNS and the Weizmann Interactive Supernova data REpository (WISEREP; [Yaron & Gal-Yam 2012](#)). ASASSN-20qc (AT 2020adgm) has been updated from being typed as a CV to a Type IIIn and ASASSN-18yy (SN 2018hts) has an updated redshift. Reviewing the spectra of ASASSN-18cl (AT 2018ts), we agree with [Palmerio et al. \(2018\)](#) that it could be an AGN, a TDE, or a Type IIIn, so we treat it as having an unknown type (“unk”).

While ASAS-SN astrometry is generally better than $2''$ for bright sources, it does not perform as well for faint sources given the $7''$ pixel scale. More precise astrometry is acquired using follow-up

² <https://wis-tns.weizmann.ac.il/>

³ <https://astronomerstelegram.org/>

⁴ <https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/>

⁵ gelato.tng.iac.es

images of the ASAS-SN supernova and the astrometry.net package (Barron et al. 2008; Lang et al. 2010). We use IRAF (Tody 1986) to measure centroid positions for each supernova. This technique results in positional errors of $<1''$. ASAS-SN collects these follow-up images using the Las Cumbres Observatory 1-m telescopes or with the aid of amateur collaborators working with the ASAS-SN team. While we give preliminary coordinates to TNS and their discovery reports, we announce coordinates measured by follow-up images in discovery ATels, and we report these coordinates in Table 1. Offsets between SNe and the centers of their host galaxies are calculated using host positions, primarily from NED.

The reported host of the Type Ia supernova ASASSN-18nt (AT 2018ctv) is the cluster Abell 0194. The closest galaxies to it are Minkowski’s Object and NGC 0541 with offsets of $72''$ and $124''$, but it is likely an intracluster supernova rather than being associated with either galaxy.

For each supernova, we produced new image subtracted light curves in magnitudes using a reference image excluding any epoch with significant emission from the supernova. We fit the region near its peak with a parabola to determine the peak magnitude. If there are too few detections or the peak region was not observed, the brightest observed magnitude is reported. Holoien et al. (2017a,b,c, 2019a) reported the brighter of the brightest observed magnitude and the parabolic fit, but it is clear from Desai et al. (*in prep.*) that the use of the brightest observed magnitude systematically biases the peak magnitudes to be too bright with a median difference of ~ 0.3 mag. The peak magnitudes are reported in Table 1 separately for the V -band and g -band although there were V -band observations only in 2018.

2.2 The Non-ASAS-SN Supernova Sample

Table 2 contains all SNe discovered by groups other than ASAS-SN from 2018 to 2020. These external groups include both professional and amateur supernova searches. We include SNe only if they are spectroscopically confirmed and have peak magnitudes $m_{peak} \leq 18$ mag. We based the list on the “Latest Supernovae” website⁶ created by D. W. Bishop (Gal-Yam et al. 2013). This site assembles sources, including ATels and TNS, to build an annual database of SNe. TNS is used to verify data from the “Latest Supernovae” site rather than as the primary source because some supernova discoverers do not participate in TNS.

Supernova names, IAU names, discovery dates, coordinates, host galaxy names, peak reported magnitudes, spectral types, redshifts, and discovery sources for each SNe included in the Non-ASAS-SN sample were acquired from the Latest Supernova website. We used NED to gather host galaxy coordinates to calculate host offsets from angular separation and host redshifts for more accurate measurements. For the majority of SNe without a reported host galaxy, we used NED to located the nearest possible host. When the supernova still lacked a possible host, we used the Pan-STARRS DR2 (Chambers et al. 2016) catalog to identify possible hosts and their coordinates.

The Latest Supernova website reports maximum magnitudes detected in various filters where this maximum magnitude does not necessarily correspond to the peak of the supernova. To better compare supernova of the ASAS-SN and Non-ASAS-SN samples, we again produce host-subtracted light curves from the ASAS-SN data. We used parabolic fits to estimate the peak magnitude and report

either this value or the peak measured value if the parabolic fits cannot be done in Table 2. This was only done for the SNe detected by ASAS-SN. This includes all SNe recovered by ASAS-SN and some of the non-recovered SNe. For ZTF20abqvsik (SN 2020rcq), one of the brightest SNe discovered in 2020, our light curves do not have any data until 3 months after discovery with a g -band magnitude of 15.2 mag. The maximum magnitude detected for this supernova is given as 11.8 mag in the C -band by Giancarlo Cortini (“Latest Supernovae”). The ZTF g -band light curves for this period are not public.

For several Non-ASAS-SN SNe that lacked or had questionable redshifts, we used publicly available spectra from TNS and WISEREP to check the classification and redshift. We reclassified SNe ZTF19aczlqcd and MASTER OT J000256.70+323252.3 (also known as SN 2019wzz and SN 2019el) as an M-dwarf flare and a CV respectively. We have updated redshifts for ATLAS20bfj (SN 2020aagy), ATLAS20rzv (SN 2020nxt), Gaia20ffa (SN 2020zlj), MASTER OT J005402.48+471051.7 (SN 2018cgq), and ZTF18aavwuv (SN 2020pnn). Additionally, we concur with David Bishop of “Latest Supernovae” that AT 2021ekf and the classified supernova 10LYSEnhv are the same object. They were discovered nearly simultaneously, and they have a reported coordinate offset of only $0''.05$.

We report the discovery group for each supernova in Table 2. Discoveries by non-professional surveys are labeled as “Amateurs”. The names of the amateurs are included in the complete machine-readable version of Table 2. Following the pattern seen in the previous ASAS-SN catalog (Holoien et al. 2019a), amateur discoveries have diminished as the professional surveys have increased in scale. This decrease and the extension to a fainter limiting magnitude dropped amateurs to 5th in number of supernova discoveries in 2018-2020 compared to 3rd in 2017.

Table 2 notes if a Non-ASAS-SN supernova was recovered by ASAS-SN during standard operations. These recovered SNe can be used in any statistical analysis of the ASAS-SN SNe. The missed SNe provide information on the completeness of ASAS-SN.

2.3 The Host Galaxy Samples

In Tables 3 and 4, we provide the Galactic extinction estimates towards the host galaxy and host magnitudes from the near-ultraviolet (NUV) through infrared (IR). The Galactic extinctions (A_V) are from Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) using the host coordinates from NED. We collected NUV magnitudes from the Galaxy Evolution Explorer (Galex; Morrissey et al. 2007) All-Sky Imaging Survey (AIS), u magnitudes from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Data Release 14 (DR14; SDSS Collaboration et al. 2016), $grizy$ magnitudes from the Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS; Chambers et al. 2016), NIR JHK_S magnitudes from the Two-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006), and mid-IR $W1$ and $W2$ magnitudes from the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (AllWISE; Wright et al. 2010).

We use J and H band upper limits corresponding to the faintest host detection in our combined 2014–2020 sample ($J > 17.0$ mag, $H > 16.4$ mag) for hosts not detected by 2MASS. Where a host was detected in WISE $W1$ data but not in 2MASS K_S data, we added the mean $K_S - W1$ offset from the total sample of host galaxies to the WISE $W1$ magnitude to estimate a K_S magnitude. Analyzing the 1730 host galaxies with both K_S and $W1$ magnitudes, we have an average offset of to -0.43 mag with a dispersion of 0.04 mag and a standard error of 0.001 mag. Host galaxies detected in neither 2MASS nor WISE are given an upper limit of $K_S > 15.6$ mag,

⁶ <http://www.rochesterastronomy.org/snimages/>

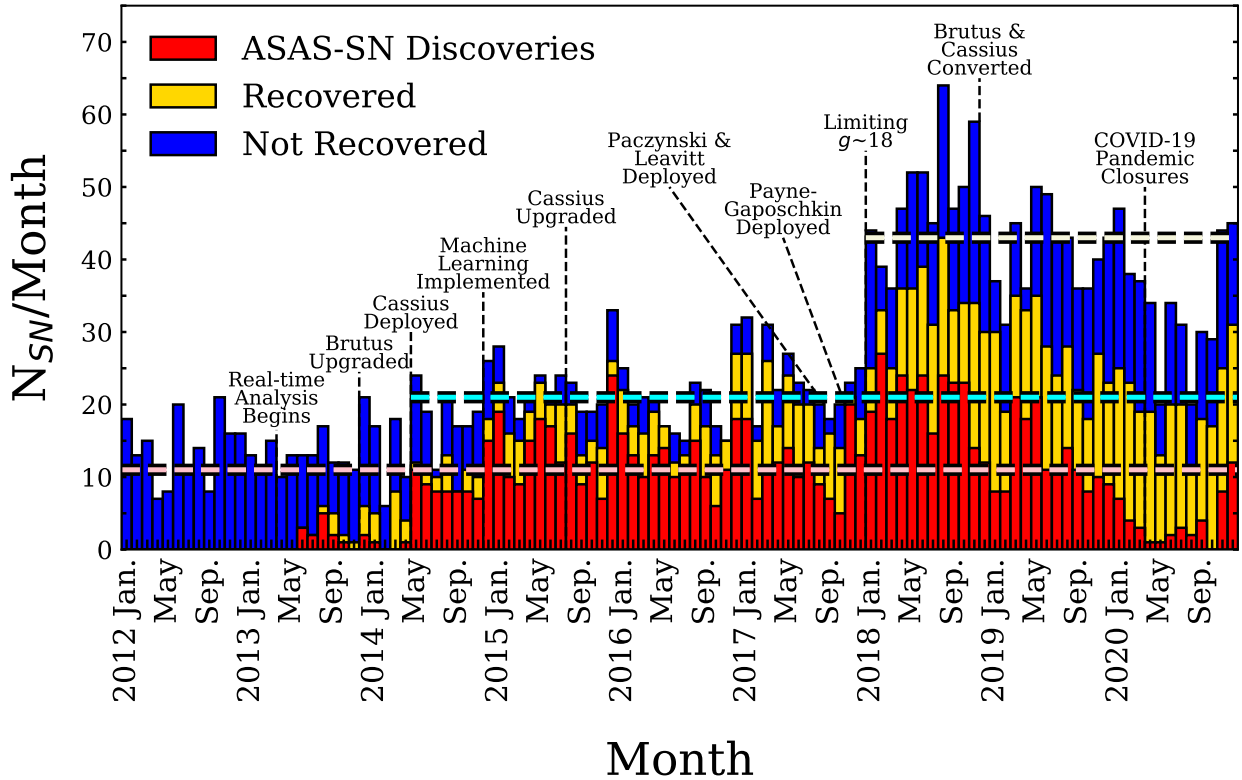


Figure 1. Number of bright SNe discovered each month from 2012 through 2020. Supernovae discovered by ASAS-SN are red, those recovered by ASAS-SN are yellow, and those not discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN (or were found prior to ASAS-SN) are blue. Important milestones are labeled. The dashed lines are the median number of SNe discovered each month for 2010 to 2012 ($V \leq 17$ mag, pink), 2014 May to 2017 ($V \leq 17$ mag, cyan), and 2018 to 2020 ($g \leq 18$ mag, beige).

matching the faintest K_S magnitude seen from a host magnitude in the total sample.

3 ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLE

Between 2014 May 01, when ASAS-SN began operating in both hemispheres, and 2020 December 31, 2427 bright SNe were discovered. This total excludes SNe with $m_{peak} > 17.0$ mag discovered prior to 2018 and $m_{peak} > 18.0$ mag after 2018, as well as unclassified ASAS-SN discoveries. Figure 1 displays the distribution of bright SNe discovered each month from 2012 to 2020. Milestones in the history of ASAS-SN are marked. ASAS-SN was originally built because it appeared that local, bright supernova samples were significantly incomplete. The doubling of the discovery rates between 2012 to 2014 and 2014 to 2018 makes it clear that the problem was real.

After ASAS-SN transitioned to using g -band, it made sense to use a limiting magnitude of $g = 18$ mag for Figure 1. While much of the doubling in discovery rate is due to switching to the fainter limit, redoing the rates of the earlier time period with this limit would not lead to a similar doubling prior to 2018. The advent of ZTF and ATLAS in this period resulted in a larger percentage of bright SNe being discovered outside of ASAS-SN. Then in early 2020, ASAS-SN’s discovery rate dropped dramatically due to the closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this, ASAS-SN continued to discover or recover about half to two-thirds of

bright SNe. The existence of the three partially overlapping surveys ensures that the bright supernova samples are now highly complete.

Over the 2018 to 2020 period, ASAS-SN discovered 443 SNe and recovered 519 other SNe for a total statistical sample of 1706 SNe discovered or recovered ASAS-SN SNe from 2014 May to 2020. Among the external discoveries in the recent period, other professional surveys discovered 952 SNe and amateurs discovered 83 SNe. While ASAS-SN remained the top contributor of bright SNe, ATLAS, ZTF, and Gaia all now surpass amateurs in discoveries of bright SNe where only ASAS-SN and ATLAS did so in 2017 (Holoien et al. 2019a).

Figure 2 shows the breakdown of supernova types into their basic classes of Type Ia, Type II and Type Ib/Ic where subclasses such as IIb and IIn are included as Type II. This is done as an arbitrary abbreviation rather than an assumption of the physics behind these phenomena. Superluminous SNe (9) are not included nor are 4 incompletely typed SNe (3 Type I SNe and 1 “young” core-collapse supernova) and 142 untyped ASAS-SN SNe. The ratio of untyped to typed SNe was greatest in 2020 due to the closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Compared to the type distribution of all $g < 18$ mag SNe, the ASAS-SN discoveries are biased towards Type Ia SNe and the amateur discoveries are biased towards core-collapse SNe. As we discuss below, amateur searches are biased towards luminous star forming galaxies, leading to a bias towards finding core-collapse SNe. They are effectively all-sky like ASAS-SN if biased to the galaxies observed, and the rapid rise times of core-collapse SNe also reduces the ability of deeper surveys to iden-

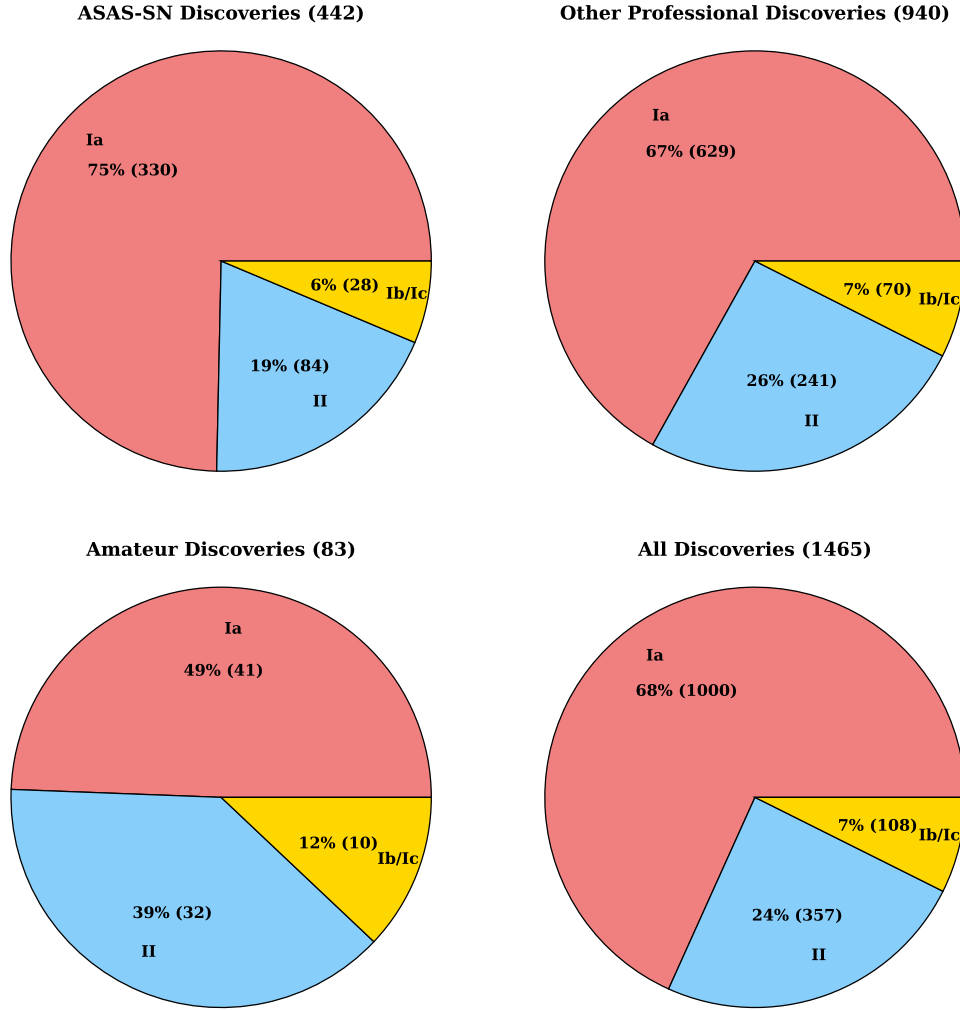


Figure 2. *Left Panel:* Breakdown by type of the supernova discoveries between 2018 January 1 and 2020 December 31 for those found by ASAS-SN (*Upper Left*), other professional surveys (*Upper Right*), amateurs (*Lower Left*), and all recent SNe (*Lower Right*). We exclude 9 superluminous SNe, 4 incompletely typed SNe, and 142 untyped SNe. Sub-classes are included with their “parent class” (e.g., Type IIIn SNe are counted as Type II SNe).

tify SNe before they approach their peak brightness. The combined distributions of the ASAS-SN and amateur discoveries is very similar to the distribution of all SNe in the new sample. The other professional surveys are more dominated by fainter SNe and do not show the type trade off with the amateurs. The overall distributions are similar to the “ideal magnitude-limited sample” of Li et al. (2011a), with $79.2^{+4.2}_{-5.5}\%$ Type Ia, $16.6^{+5.0}_{-3.9}\%$ Type II and $4.1^{+1.6}_{-1.2}\%$ Type Ib/Ic. There are differences that are likely real. While Li et al. (2011a) find that a finite observing cadence reduces the fraction of Type Ia SNe in favor of Type II SNe, the effect is modest for the cadence of modern surveys. The most noticeable of these differences is the larger fraction of Type Ib/Ic SNe. The total ASAS-SN sample for 2014 to 2020 includes 1655 Type Ia SNe, 166 Type Ib/Ic SNe, 590 Type II SNe, and 12 superluminous SNe.

Figures 3 and 4 show the absolute magnitudes, M_{K_S} , of the supernova host galaxies and the offsets of the SNe from their nuclei in arcseconds and kiloparsecs. The upper luminosity scale gives L/L_* for $M_{*,K_S} = -24.2$ mag (Kochanek et al. 2001). As found in Holoien et al. (2019a), amateurs tend to discover SNe at larger offsets and in more luminous galaxies than ASAS-SN or the other

professional surveys. For a given observing effort, focusing on luminous star forming galaxies will have the highest yield of SNe and will create the bias of the amateurs towards finding core-collapse SNe. While the host luminosity distributions of ASAS-SN and other professional surveys are essentially identical, ASAS-SN continues to find more supernova close to the centers of their host galaxies. During 2018 to 2020, ASAS-SN still has significantly smaller median offsets in both angular ($3''.9$ vs $6''.1$) and physical (2.5 kpc vs 3.4 kpc) units. Figure 5 shows the median offsets of SNe for each discovery source per year. While ASAS-SN and amateur median offsets remain relatively consistent, the other professional surveys have steadily smaller median offsets, and their median offsets nearly equal ASAS-SN’s in 2020.

Of the 971 ASAS-SN SNe, 28% (272) came from hosts without reported redshifts and 2% (19) came from uncataloged hosts or were hostless. Of the 1457 Non-ASAS-SN SNe, 23% (335) came from hosts without measured redshifts and <1% (9) came from uncataloged hosts or were hostless. All SNe in the 2018-2020 sample came from a cataloged host galaxy. The distribution of redshift by supernova type of SNe discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN in

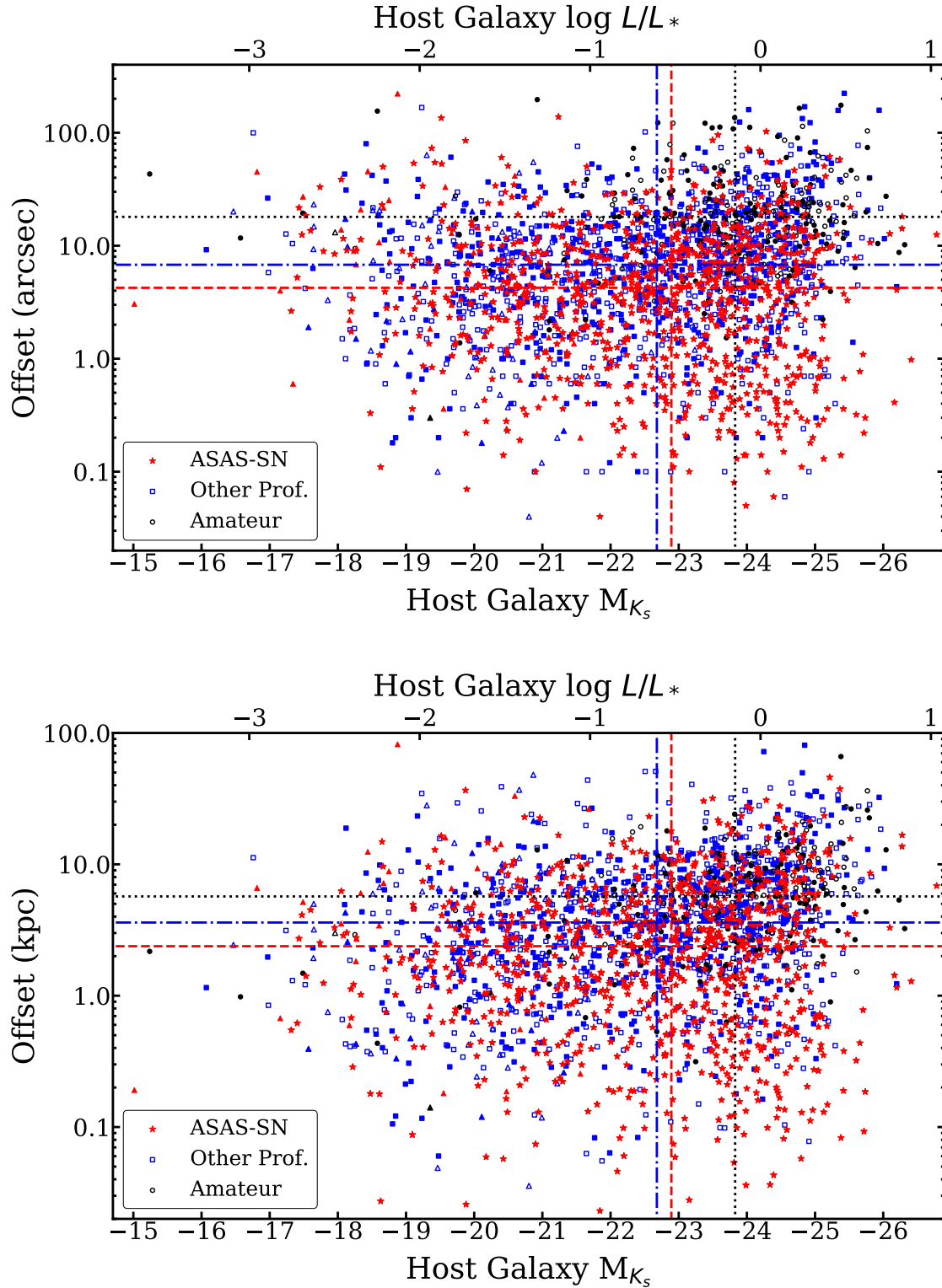


Figure 3. The host offsets and host absolute magnitudes, M_{K_s} , for all supernovae in the 2014–2020 sample. The offsets are in arcseconds for the *Upper Panel* and kiloparsecs for the *Lower Panel*. The top scale gives L/L_* for the hosts using $M_{\star, K_s} = -24.2$ mag (Kochanek et al. 2001). Red stars, blue squares, and black circles are SNe discovered by ASAS-SN, other professional surveys, and amateurs. Filled points represent SNe discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN. Triangles represent hosts without 2MASS or WISE data where the magnitudes are upper limits. Median host magnitudes and offsets are marked by dashed (ASAS-SN), dash-dotted (Other Professionals), and dotted lines (Amateurs) in the colors of their discovery source.

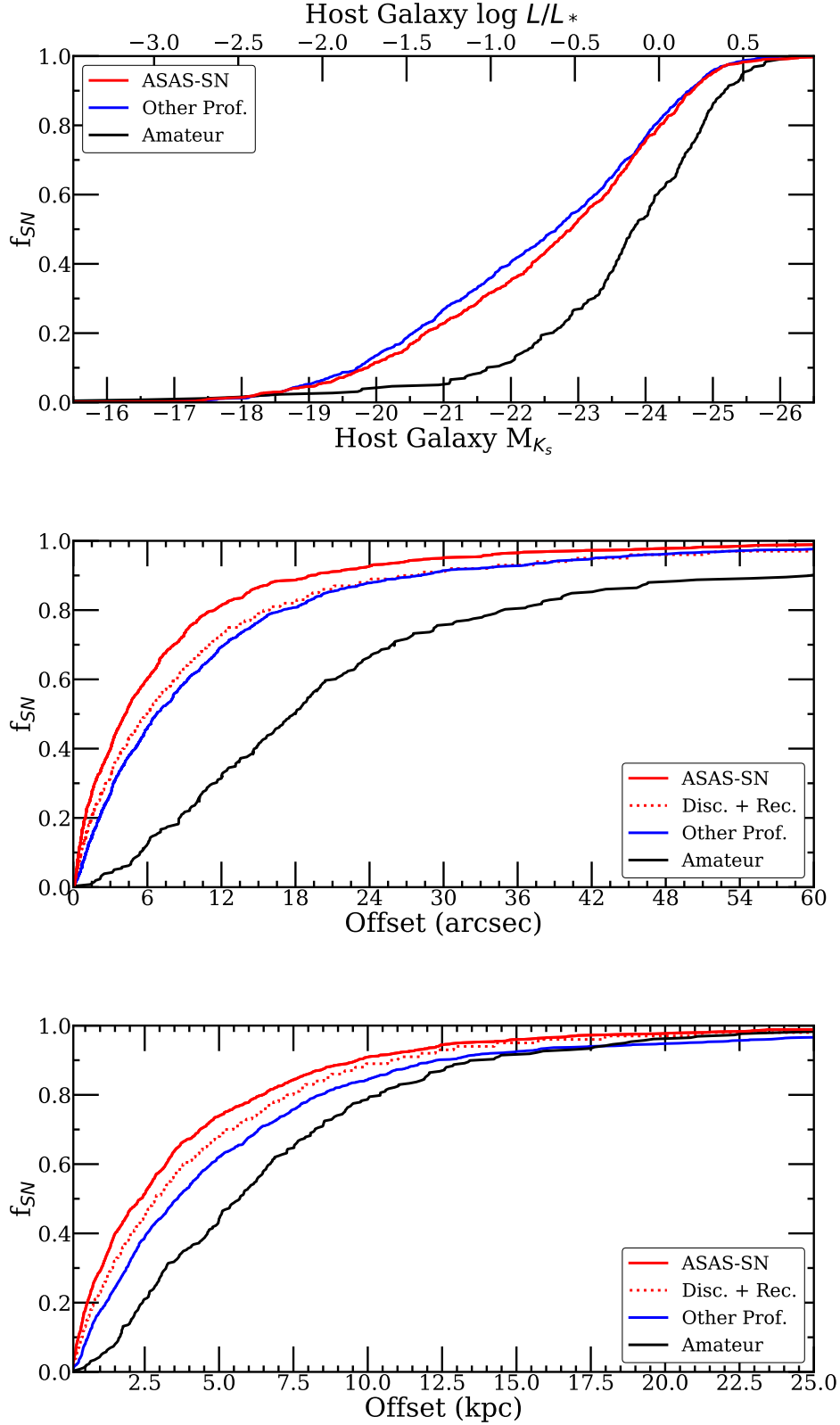


Figure 4. Normalized cumulative distributions of host galaxy absolute magnitudes, M_{K_s} (*Upper Panel*), supernova host offsets in arcseconds (*Center Panel*), and supernova host offsets in kiloparsecs (*Bottom Panel*) for ASAS-SN discoveries in red, other professional survey discoveries in blue, and amateur discoveries in black. The dotted red line in the offset distribution plots is for ASAS-SN discoveries and recoveries.

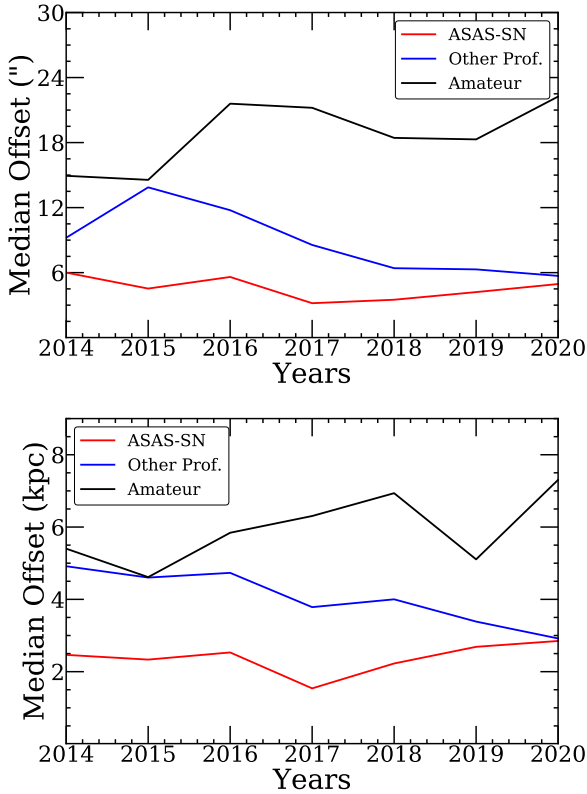


Figure 5. Annual median host offsets of the supernova. Median offsets in arcseconds (*Upper Panel*) and kiloparsecs (*Lower Panel*) for ASAS-SN discoveries in red, other professional survey discoveries in blue, and amateur discoveries in black.

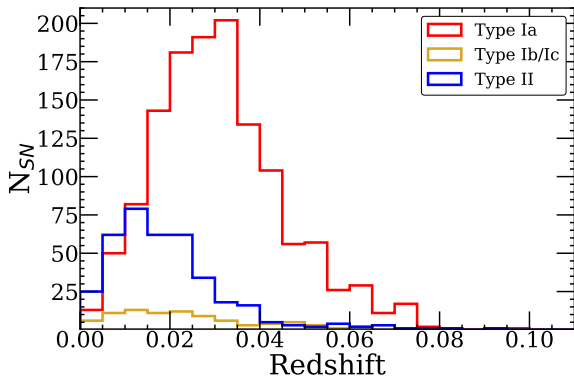


Figure 6. Redshifts for the total sample of bright SNe discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN from 2014 to 2020 with a bin width of $z = 0.005$. Type Ia SNe are shown in red, Type Ib/Ic SNe are in dark yellow, and Type II SNe are in blue with similar sub-class distribution to Figure 2

Figure 6 follows the expected trends where the more luminous Type Ia SNe are found at greater redshifts than core-collapse SNe. The median for the Type Ia SNe distribution of redshift occurs at $z = 0.030$ whereas the median of distribution for Type II SNe redshift occurs at $z = 0.020$, and the median redshift for Type Ib/Ic SNe occurs at $z = 0.017$. This follows expectations of the magnitude

limited sample where Type Ia SNe are more luminous than core-collapse SNe on average, so they can be seen further away giving them a greater redshift.

Figure 7 shows the cumulative histogram of the peak magnitudes of SNe discovered by ASAS-SN, SNe discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN, and all SNe with $g \leq 18$ mag. This only includes SNe with peak magnitudes obtained from the ASAS-SN g -band light curves. Very bright SNe ($m_{peak} \lesssim 14.5$ mag; [Holoien et al. 2019a](#)) are most commonly discovered by amateurs or the Distance Less Than 40 Mpc (DLT40) survey⁷. ASAS-SN recovers the majority of these very bright SNe. In 2018 to 2020, ASAS-SN recovered or discovered all SNe of $m_{peak} \lesssim 15$ mag, excluding supernova DLT18aq (SN 2018ivc). This supernova was too close to the nucleus of the AGN NGC1068 for ASAS-SN’s resolution to differentiate the two.

We modeled the unbinned differential distribution of $g \leq 18$ mag SNe as a broken power law with Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods, holding the bright SNe slope fixed to the Euclidean value of 0.6. We find a break magnitude of $m_{break} = 16.74 \pm 0.04$ mag and a faint slope of -0.66 ± 0.08 . This is significantly better than in the V -band sample where $m_{break} = 16.24 \pm 0.11$ mag ([Holoien et al. 2019a](#)).

The completeness drops rapidly for $g \gtrsim 17$ mag. The integral completeness of the sample is 100% at $g = 16.5$ mag, $90 \pm 2\%$ at $g = 17.0$ mag, $57 \pm 2\%$ at $g = 17.5$ mag, and $31 \pm 1\%$ at $g = 18.0$ mag relative to a Euclidean model. The differential completeness is 100% at $g = 16.5$ mag, $47 \pm 4\%$ at $g = 17.0$ mag, $11 \pm 1\%$ at $g = 17.5$ mag, and $2.6 \pm 0.4\%$ at $g = 18.0$ mag. The Euclidean model modestly underestimates the completeness by not using a full cosmological model, time dilation, and K-corrections.

4 CONCLUSIONS

We catalog the 1478 bright SNe discovered, recovered, or missed by ASAS-SN from 2018 to 2020. The complete ASAS-SN sample starting from 2014 now totals 2427 bright SNe with 971 SNe discovered by ASAS-SN and 735 SNe independently recovered by ASAS-SN. With the start of using g -band filters in 2017 and the complete conversion to g -band in 2018, ASAS-SN’s discovery rate significantly increased. As the ATLAS and ZTF discovery rates increased, the ASAS-SN discovery rate declined, and there was a large drop due to COVID-19 in 2020. Amateur discoveries have steadily dropped where they discovered 34 SNe in 2017 but only about 28 SNe per year from 2018 to 2020. While ASAS-SN still discovers SNe closer to the nuclei of their host galaxy than the other professional surveys or amateurs (Figure 3), other professional surveys appear to have closed the gap by 2020. With the increase to a limiting magnitude of $g \leq 18$ mag, our sample is complete up to a peak magnitude $m_{peak} = 16.7$ mag, 90% complete for $m_{peak} \leq 17.0$ mag, and 30% complete for $m_{peak} \leq 18.0$ mag. This is a significant increase from the previous V -band catalogs where our sample was only complete up to $m_{peak} = 16.2$ mag and only 70% complete for SNe brighter than $m_{peak} \leq 17.0$ mag ([Holoien et al. 2019a](#)).

The primary purpose of the ASAS-SN catalogs is to enable statistical studies. Until recently, the largest, local statistical sample of SNe came from the 137 SNe studied in [Cappellaro et al. \(1999\)](#), the SDSS survey (72 Type Ia SNe at $z < 0.15$, [Dilday et al. 2010](#)), the Lick Observatory Supernova Search (LOSS; 74 Type Ia and

⁷ <http://dark.physics.ucdavis.edu/dlt40/DLT40>

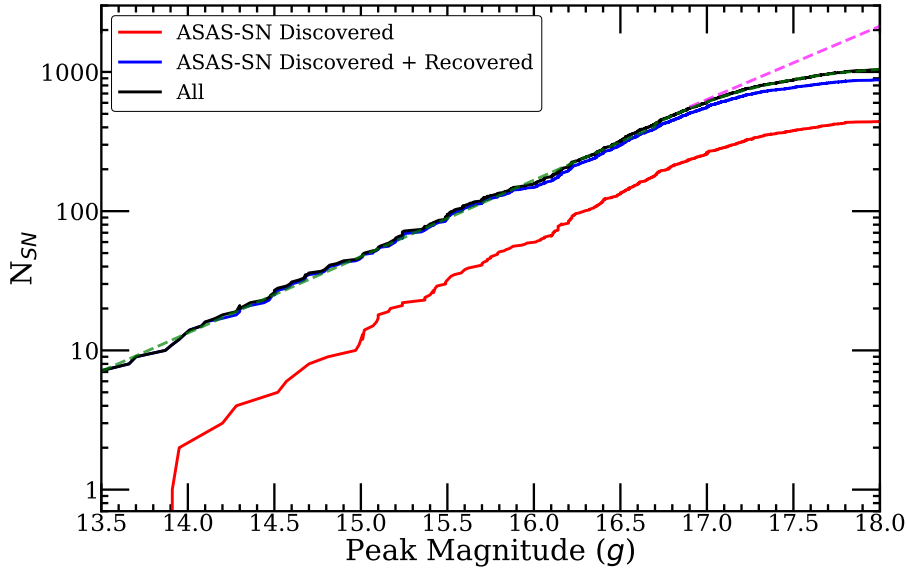


Figure 7. Cumulative peak g -band magnitude distributions. ASAS-SN discoveries are shown in red, ASAS-SN discoveries and recoveries are in blue, and all $g \leq 18$ mag SNe are in black. The dashed green line is a broken power-law fit to the ASAS-SN sample with a Euclidean slope below the break magnitude and a variable slope above it. It is mostly invisible under the black line. The dashed magenta line is the Euclidean distribution.

106 core-collapse SNe in Li et al. 2011a and 274 Type Ia and 440 core-collapse SNe in Li et al. 2011b), and 90 Type Ia SNe from the Palomar Transient Factory (Frohmaier et al. 2019). The local statistical sample was greatly expanded to 875 Type Ia and 373 core-collapse SNe from ZTF in Perley et al. 2020 although their completeness corrections are only approximate. A volume limited subset of 298 ZTF Type Ia SNe from this sample were analyzed by Sharon & Kushnir (2022). ASAS-SN has slowly been building towards such statistical analyses, starting with an analysis of the Type Ia supernova rate as a function of stellar mass in Brown et al. (2019) using 476 Type Ia SNe, and estimates of the volumetric Type Ia supernova rate including luminosity functions for major subtypes of Type Ia SNe in Chen et al. (2022) using 247 Type Ia SNe and in Desai et al. (*in prep.*) using 400 Type Ia SNe. With this extension to the ASAS-SN catalogs to a statistical sample of 1655 Type Ia SNe and 756 core-collapse SNe, the objective is to use these samples to do expanded analyses of the Type Ia SNe (rates and luminosity functions of host properties) and to carry out similar analyses for the core-collapse supernova sample.

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ASASSN-18ae	SN 2018br	2018-01-06.06	03:07:52.53	-45:44:22.74	0.06281	18.0	—	17.5	7.52	Ia	—	2MASX J03075327	Shields & Stanek (2018)	Berton et al. (2018b)
ASASSN-18aa	SN 2018bg	2018-01-07.01	05:11:47.86	-40:11:43.30	0.03000	16.5	—	16.5	0.84	Ia	0	GALEXMSC J051147.86	Stanek (2018a)	Berton et al. (2018a)
ASASSN-18ac	SN 2018bq	2018-01-08.38	11:05:59.60	-12:31:37.70	0.02563	16.2	—	16.0	0.57	Ia	—	LCRS B1 10329.3	Stanek (2018b)	Lin et al. (2018a)
ASASSN-18af	SN 2018bs	2018-01-09.09	03:23:20.73	-22:07:00.66	0.07000	18.0	—	17.7*	6.23	Ia	-8	2MASX J032321.13	Stanek (2018c)	Rojas-bravo et al. (2018)
ASASSN-18ag	SN 2018ds	2018-01-09.46	14:48:53.57	+38:46:03.68	0.03166	16.9	—	17.2	4.17	Ia	-2	MCG +07-30-065	Stanek (2018c)	Lunnan et al. (2018)
ASASSN-18aj	SN 2018dx	2018-01-10.21	09:16:12.28	+39:03:42.77	0.06000	17.3	—	17.3	1.06	Ia	-1	SDSS J091612.25	Brimacombe & Stanek (2018)	Lin et al. (2018b)
ASASSN-18al	SN 2018ep	2018-01-12.39	11:22:40.75	+12:01:31.66	0.03984	17.1	—	16.8*	3.16	Ia	2	IC 2777	Stanek (2018d)	Rojas-bravo et al. (2018)
ASASSN-18an	SN 2018gl	2018-01-13.57	09:58:06.11	+10:21:33.62	0.01791	16.8	—	16.1	12.50	Ia	-6	NGC 3070	Brimacombe et al. (2018)	Dimitriadis et al. (2018)
ASASSN-18am	SN 2018gk	2018-01-13.64	16:35:53.90	+40:01:58.30	0.03101	16.6	—	16.1	8.55	II	-3	WISE J163554.27	Brimacombe et al. (2018)	Falco et al. (2018b)
ASASSN-18ap	SN 2018gm	2018-01-14.12	01:46:42.38	+32:30:27.18	0.03750	17.7	—	16.7*	1.79	II	—	KUG 0143+322	Krannich et al. (2018)	Falco et al. (2018b)
ASASSN-18ao	AT 2018gm	2018-01-14.32	10:21:19.14	+20:54:37.33	0.04104	18.1	—	17.7	0.77	Ia	-2	SDSS J102119.17	Stanek (2018e)	Falco et al. (2018a)
ASASSN-18ar	SN 2018hv	2018-01-15.18	03:30:11.15	-13:31:22.84	0.04098	18.3	—	17.4	3.00	Ia	-2	2MASX J033011.34	Farfan et al. (2018)	Falco et al. (2018b)
ASASSN-18ba	SN 2018jm	2018-01-20.05	05:08:11.96	-54:38:41.21	0.06400	18.1	—	17.6	1.50	Ia	0	GALEXASC J050811.97	Caciella & Stanek (2018)	Cartier et al. (2018)
ASASSN-18az	SN 2018jh	2018-01-21.43	14:21:17.50	-06:37:38.78	0.02720	16.8	—	16.5	6.05	Ia	-10	2MASX J142117.13	Prieto & Team (2018)	Neill (2018a)
ASASSN-18bj	SN 2018kq	2018-01-24.34	09:24:57.27	+40:23:56.15	0.02780	17.7	—	17.4	7.45	Ic-BL	13	KUG 0921+406	Krannich & Stanek (2018)	Neill (2018b)

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^e Offset indicates the offset of the supernova in arcseconds from the coordinates of the host nucleus, taken from NED.

^f Discovery ages are given in days relative to peak. All ages are approximate and are only listed if a clear age was given in the classification telegram.

^g Several host names have been abbreviated due to space constraints.

Table 2. Non-ASAS-SN Supernovae

SN Name	IAU Name	Discovery Date	RA ^a	Dec. ^a	Redshift	m^b_{peak}	$V^{c,d}_{peak}$	$g^{c,d}_{peak}$	Offset (arcsec) ^e	Type	Host Name	Discovered By ^f	Recovered ^g
2018K	SN 2018K	2018-01-03.13	01:50:50.48	+48:21:13.70	0.02350	17.2	—	—	22.14	Ia-9/IT	UGC 01303	Amateurs	No
2018cc	SN 2018cc	2018-01-03.40	10:27:50.77	-43:54:06.30	0.00935	15.1	16.0*	—	9.01	Ic	NGC 3256	Amateurs	No
2018bi	SN 2018bi	2018-01-05.29	02:19:53.28	+29:02:02.70	0.01663	17.1	—	—	10.71	Ia	UGC 01792	Amateurs	No
ATLAS18eaa	SN 2018dv	2018-01-05.35	02:32:01.03	+08:35:16.15	0.03069	16.9	—	16.8	21.20	Ia	WISEA J023202.09+083530.7	ATLAS	No
Gaia18abp	SN 2018bl	2018-01-06.44	08:24:11.59	-77:47:16.55	0.01782	16.8	—	16.9*	22.56	II	ESO 018- G 009	Gaia	Yes
Gaia18acg	SN 2018dz	2018-01-08.70	01:12:05.06	-69:04:59.93	0.02000	17.2	—	17.2	0.92	II	WISEA J011205.13-690459.7	Gaia	Yes
PS18ej	SN 2018fv	2018-01-10.51	09:53:20.04	-18:25:09.30	0.01200	17.3	16.8*	—	11.70	II	ESO 566- G 023	Pan-STARRS	No
ATLAS20jns	SN 2018ld	2018-01-10.61	11:28:30.41	+58:33:44.04	0.01041	17.1	—	—	14.80	Ib	NGC 3690	ATLAS	No
2018gi	SN 2018gj	2018-01-12.24	16:32:02.30	+78:12:40.94	0.00454	14.4	14.5*	—	122.76	II	NGC 6217	Amateurs	Yes
ATLAS18ebo	SN 2018ij	2018-01-14.27	00:58:28.10	-05:52:32.97	0.03800	17.0	—	16.8	0.37	Ia	PSO J0146171-05.8759	ATLAS	No
Gaia18adx	SN 2018hi	2018-01-15.16	08:53:40.57	-25:03:32.04	0.02539	17.9	17.1*	—	13.80	II	WISEA J085339.57-250330.0	Gaia	No
2018gv	SN 2018gv	2018-01-15.68	08:05:34.61	-11:26:16.30	0.02527	12.8	13.0*	—	63.74	Ia	NGC 2525	Amateurs	Yes
ATLAS18ecc	SN 2018kc	2018-01-17.59	10:30:58.44	+23:47:18.25	0.06369	17.6	—	17.5*	11.40	Ia	WISEA J103059.27+234718.8	ATLAS	No
ATLAS18ebx	SN 2018ke	2018-01-17.63	13:08:39.53	-41:27:16.04	0.01043	17.7	—	17.7*	28.10	II	ESO 323- G 085	ATLAS	No
kait-18A	SN 2018ie	2018-01-18.50	10:54:01.06	-16:01:21.40	0.01423	16.6	—	16.9*	37.28	Ic	NGC 3456	LOSS	Yes

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^e Offset indicates the offset of the supernovae in arcseconds from the coordinates of the host nucleus, taken from NED.

^f “Amateurs” indicates discovery by any number of non-professional astronomers, as described in the text.

^g Indicates whether the supernova was independently recovered in ASAS-SN data or not.

Table 3. ASAS-SN Supernova Host Galaxies

Galaxy Name	Redshift	SN Name	SN Type	SN Offset (arcsec)	A_V^a	NUV^b	u^c	g^d	r^d	i^d	z^d	y^d	J^e	H^e	$K_S^{e,f}$	$W1^g$	$W2^g$											
2MASX J03075327-4544235	0.06281	ASASSN-18ae	Ia	7.52	0.000	20.90	0.26	—	—	—	—	—	13.94	0.05	13.19	0.05	12.89	0.07	12.90	0.03	12.92	0.03						
GALEXMSC J051147.86-401142.5	—	ASASSN-18aa	Ia	0.84	0.101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	>17.0	>16.4	16.16	0.06*	16.59	0.06	16.58	0.16	16.58	0.16						
LCRS B110329.3-121524	0.02563	ASASSN-18ac	Ia	0.57	0.105	21.95	0.40	—	16.24	0.00	15.56	0.00	13.95	0.06	13.28	0.07	12.97	0.10	13.52	0.03	13.51	0.04						
2MASX J03232113-2207024	—	ASASSN-18af	Ia	6.23	0.033	19.01	0.06	—	16.64	0.00	16.02	0.00	15.20	0.00	14.27	0.07	13.55	0.09	13.10	0.11	13.11	0.02	13.06	0.03				
MCG +07-30-065	0.03166	ASASSN-18ag	Ia	4.17	0.000	18.41	0.05	17.26	0.02	16.49	0.00	14.79	0.00	14.19	0.00	12.80	0.04	12.06	0.05	11.68	0.07	11.79	0.02	11.56	0.02			
SDSS J091612.25+390341.8	—	ASASSN-18aj	Ia	1.06	0.000	22.20	0.39	21.81	0.21	20.98	0.04	20.54	0.03	20.30	0.03	>17.0	>16.4	>15.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
IC 2777	0.03993	ASASSN-18al	Ia	3.16	0.070	17.84	0.03	16.39	0.01	15.24	0.00	14.69	0.00	14.46	0.00	13.11	0.04	12.40	0.05	12.12	0.08	11.94	0.02	11.80	0.02			
NGC 3070	0.01778	ASASSN-18an	Ia	12.50	0.053	18.26	0.07	14.70	0.00	13.10	0.00	12.45	0.00	11.82	0.00	10.34	0.02	9.64	0.02	9.39	0.03	10.03	0.02	10.04	0.02			
WISE J163554.27+400151.8	0.03101	ASASSN-18am	II	8.55	0.000	19.48	0.07	18.76	0.03	17.78	0.00	17.49	0.00	17.29	0.00	>17.0	>16.4	14.73	0.03*	15.16	0.03	15.05	0.06	15.05	0.06			
KUG 0143+322	0.03750	ASASSN-18ap	II	1.79	0.085	17.91	0.04	16.79	0.01	15.51	0.00	14.95	0.00	14.64	0.00	13.24	0.04	12.53	0.05	12.27	0.07	12.34	0.02	12.23	0.02			
SDSS J102119.17+205436.5	—	ASASSN-18ao	Ia	0.77	0.077	—	—	20.29	0.11	19.66	0.02	19.35	0.02	19.16	0.02	>17.0	>16.4	16.65	0.13*	17.08	0.13	17.08	0.13	17.27	—			
2MASX J0330134-1331226	0.04098	ASASSN-18ar	Ia	3.00	0.149	21.22	0.29	—	15.38	0.00	14.56	0.00	13.91	0.00	13.70	0.00	12.57	0.03	11.84	0.04	11.51	0.06	11.82	0.02	11.83	0.02		
GALEXASC J050811.97-543842.4	—	ASASSN-18ba	Ia	1.50	0.325	20.04	0.18	—	—	—	—	—	>17.0	>16.4	14.98	0.03*	15.41	0.03	15.26	0.05	15.41	0.03	15.26	0.05				
2MASX J14211713-0637416	—	ASASSN-18az	Ia	6.05	0.109	17.69	0.05	—	15.82	0.00	15.32	0.00	15.04	0.00	14.87	0.00	14.65	0.00	13.84	0.06	13.16	0.08	12.68	0.09	13.27	0.03	13.27	0.04
KUG 0921+406	0.02779	ASASSN-18bj	Ic-BL	7.45	0.009	16.43	0.02	15.95	0.01	17.32	0.00	16.51	0.00	14.98	0.00	14.86	0.00	13.72	0.05	12.99	0.07	12.70	0.08	12.66	0.02	12.50	0.03	

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Table 4. Non-ASAS-SN Supernova Host Galaxies

Galaxy Name	Redshift	SN Name	SN Type	SN Offset (arcsec)	A_V^a	NUV^b	u^c	g^d	r^d	i^d	z^d	y^d	J^e	H^e	$K_S^{e,f}$	$W1^g$	$W2^g$											
UGC 01303	0.02350	2018K	Ia-91T	22.14	0.897	—	—	14.95	0.00	13.66	0.00	13.08	0.00	12.92	0.00	12.81	0.00	11.42	0.03	10.72	0.05	10.39	0.04	11.30	0.02	11.34	0.02	
NGC 3256	0.00935	2018ec	Ic	9.01	0.545	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.29	0.01	8.55	0.01	8.17	0.02	8.33	0.02	7.54	0.02	8.33	0.02	7.54	0.02		
UGC 01792	0.01663	2018bi	Ia	10.71	0.309	—	15.84	0.02	14.30	0.00	13.48	0.00	12.83	0.00	11.70	0.03	11.00	0.04	10.71	0.06	12.01	0.03	11.96	0.03	12.01	0.03	11.96	0.03
WISEA J023202.09+083530.7	0.03069	ATLAS18caa	Ia	21.20	0.321	—	—	15.48	0.00	14.59	0.00	14.11	0.00	13.99	0.00	13.58	0.00	11.73	0.03	11.69	0.04	11.41	0.06	11.73	0.02	11.81	0.02	
ESO 018-G 009	0.01782	Gaia18abp	II	22.56	0.385	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.97	0.04	11.28	0.06	10.98	0.09	11.00	0.02	9.76	0.02	11.00	0.02	9.76	0.02		
WISEA J011205.13-690459.7	—	Gaia18acg	II	0.92	0.009	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	>17.0	>16.4	16.22	0.06*	16.65	0.06	16.70	0.20	16.65	0.06	16.70	0.20	16.65	0.06	16.70	0.20
ESO 566-G 023	—	PS18ej	II	11.70	0.117	18.10	0.04	—	16.03	0.00	15.42	0.00	15.26	0.00	15.02	0.00	15.09	0.01	13.97	0.07	13.33	0.07	13.06	0.13	13.58	0.03	13.45	0.03
NGC 3690	0.01041	ATLAS20jns	Ib	14.80	0.000	—	—	13.76	0.00	12.91	0.00	12.76	0.00	17.63	0.00	17.46	0.01	>17.0	>16.4	>15.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NGC 6217	0.00454	2018gj	II	12.76	0.137	—	13.91	0.00	14.12	0.00	13.39	0.00	11.97	0.00	12.16	0.00	12.62	0.00	9.76	0.02	9.08	0.02	8.81	0.02	9.85	0.02	9.53	0.02
PSO J0146171-05.8759	—	ATLAS18ebo	Ia	0.37	0.256	—	25.05	1.64	22.43	0.12	22.61	0.12	22.30	0.11	22.08	0.20	—	>17.0	>16.4	>15.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WISEA J085339.57-250330.0	0.02539	Gaia18adx	II	13.80	0.573	18.87	0.12	—	15.21	0.00	14.50	0.00	14.00	0.00	13.86	0.00	13.75	0.00	12.32	0.04	11.60	0.04	11.29	0.07	11.49	0.02	11.38	0.02
NGC 2525	0.00527	2018gv	Ia	63.74	0.373	14.14	0.01	—	12.68	0.00	11.81	0.00	13.13	0.00	14.48	0.00	12.90	0.00	9.75	0.02	9.13	0.03	8.83	0.05	10.94	0.02	10.77	0.02
WISEA J103059.27+234718.8	0.06369	ATLAS18ecc	Ia	11.40	0.000	21.00	0.26	18.20	0.03	16.23	0.00	15.35	0.00	14.87	0.00	14.61	0.00	13.59	0.04	13.02	0.07	12.58	0.07	12.73	0.02	12.68	0.03	
ESO 323-G 085	0.01043	ATLAS18ebx	II	28.10	0.369	16.57	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	12.73	0.05	12.12	0.07	11.88	0.10	12.59	0.02	12.50	0.02	11.88	0.10	12.59	0.02	12.50	0.02
NGC 3456	0.01423	kait-18A	Ic	37.28	0.161	15.45	0.01	—	15.13	0.00	18.02	0.01	12.59	0.00	12.86	0.00	17.41	0.01	11.11	0.03	10.41	0.03	10.12	0.05	11.29	0.02	11.18	0.02

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