

# The ASAS-SN bright supernova catalogue – V. 2018–2020

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## ABSTRACT

We catalogue the 443 bright supernovae (SNe) discovered by the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN) in 2018–2020 along with the 519 SNe recovered by ASAS-SN and 516 additional  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 18$  mag SNe missed by ASAS-SN. Our statistical analysis focuses primarily on the 984 SNe discovered or recovered in ASAS-SN  $g$ -band observations. The complete sample of 2427 ASAS-SN SNe includes earlier  $V$ -band samples and unrecovered SNe. For each SN, we identify the host galaxy, its UV to mid-IR photometry, and the SN’s offset from the centre of the host. Updated peak magnitudes, redshifts, spectral 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 nearly complete up to  $m_{\text{peak}} = 16.7$  mag and is 90 per cent complete for  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 17.0$  mag. This is an increase from the  $V$ -band sample, where it was roughly complete up to  $m_{\text{peak}} = 16.2$  mag and 70 per cent complete for  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 17.0$  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 (SNe) and other transient events. The largest contributors for bright transient discoveries are the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN;<sup>1</sup> 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 ( $g \lesssim 18.5$  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.

In addition to studying SNe (e.g. Holoien et al. 2018, 2019; Hoeflich et al. 2021; Chen et al. 2022), ASAS-SN obtains data for a broad range of transients, multimessenger 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), 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 multimessenger searches associated with both neutrino (e.g. IceCube Collaboration 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. 2023). 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  $4.5 \times 4.5$  deg. Starting in 2014, ASAS-SN operated units in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres

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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 acquired 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; Holoi et al. 2019a).

All of ASAS-SN’s observations are processed automatically and searched in real-time. ASAS-SN publicly announces new discoveries 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 (TNS<sup>2</sup>). Targets are spectroscopically confirmed by 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 host galaxies (e.g. Brown et al. 2019; Desai et al. in preparation).

This paper is the fifth in a series of ASAS-SN SN catalogues, and it spans the years 2018 to 2020. The previous catalogs are presented in Holoi et al. (2017a, b, c, 2019a). We provide information on all SNe discovered and recovered by ASAS-SN along with information on their host 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. SNe 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 catalogue are meant to supersede data from ASAS-SN web pages, TNS, and The Astronomers Telegram (ATels<sup>3</sup>) 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 the statistics of the SNe and their host galaxies. In Section 4, we summarize and discuss the uses of the catalogue. Where needed, we use a standard flat Lambda cold dark matter 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 data for the SNe 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 host galaxies 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 SNe discovered by ASAS-SN over the 3 yr spanning 2018 January 1 to 2020 December 31. All discovery information regarding SN names, discovery dates, and host galaxy names were compiled through the ASAS-SN website and TNS. The TNS discovery reports are cited in Table 1. In addition

Table 1. ASAS-SN SNe.

SN Name	IAU Name	Discovery Date	RA <sup>a</sup>	Dec <sup>a</sup>	Redshift	$m_{\text{disc}}^b$	$V_{\text{peak}}^{c,d}$	Offset (arcsec) <sup>e</sup>	Age at Disc <sup>f</sup>	Host Name <sup>g</sup>	Discovery Report	Classification Report
ASASSN-18ae	SN 2018br	2018-01-06-06	03:07:52.53	-45:44:22.74	0.06281	18.0	-	17.5	7.52	la	-	2MASX J03075327
ASASSN-18am	SN 2018bg	2018-01-07-01	05:11:47.86	-40:11:43.30	0.03000	16.5	-	16.5	0.84	la	0	GALEX-MSC J051147.86
ASASSN-18ar	SN 2018bq	2018-01-08-38	11:05:59.60	-12:31:37.70	0.02563	16.2	-	16.0	0.57	la	-	LCRS B110329.3
ASASSN-18af	SN 2018bs	2018-01-09-09	03:23:20.73	-22:07:00.66	0.07000	18.0	-	17.7*	6.23	la	-8	2MASX J03232113
ASASSN-18ag	SN 2018ds	2018-01-09-46	14:48:53.57	+38:46:03.68	0.03166	16.9	-	17.2	4.17	la	-2	MCG +07-30-065
ASASSN-18aj	SN 2018dx	2018-01-10-21	09:16:12.28	+39:03:42.77	0.06000	17.3	-	17.3	1.06	la	-1	SDSS J091612.25
ASASSN-18al	SN 2018ep	2018-01-12-39	11:22:40.75	+12:01:31.66	0.03984	17.1	-	16.8*	3.16	la	2	IC 2777
ASASSN-18an	SN 2018gl	2018-01-13-57	09:58:06.11	+10:21:33.62	0.01791	16.8	-	16.1	12.50	la	-6	NGC 3070
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
ASASSN-18ap	SN 2018gn	2018-01-14-12	01:46:42.38	+32:30:27.18	0.03750	17.7	-	16.7*	1.79	II	-	KUG 0143+322
ASASSN-18ao	AT 2018gm	2018-01-14-32	10:21:16.14	+20:54:37.33	0.04104	18.1	-	17.7	0.77	la	-2	SDSS J102116.17
ASASSN-18ar	SN 2018hv	2018-01-15-18	03:30:11.15	-13:31:22.84	0.04098	18.3	-	17.4	3.00	la	-2	2MASX J033011.14
ASASSN-18au	SN 2018iq	2018-01-20-05	05:08:11.66	-54:38:41.21	0.06040	18.1	-	17.6	1.50	la	0	GALEX-ASC J050811.67
ASASSN-18av	SN 2018jh	2018-01-21-43	14:21:17.50	-06:37:58.78	0.02270	16.8	-	16.5	6.05	la	-10	2MASX J142117.13
ASASSN-18ay	SN 2018kb	2018-01-24-34	09:24:57.27	+40:23:56.15	0.02780	17.7	-	17.4	7.45	IC-BL	13	KUG 0924+406

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<sup>a</sup> Right ascension and declination are given in the J2000 epoch.

<sup>b</sup> Discovery magnitude in  $V$ - or  $g$ -band from ASAS-SN, depending on the telescope used for discovery.

<sup>c</sup> Peak  $V$ -band magnitude is the peak magnitude measured with a  $*$ , or a point to point detection from maximum detected magnitude rather than a fit peak.

<sup>d</sup> Offset indicates the offset of the SN in arcseconds from the coordinates of the host nucleus, taken from NED.

<sup>e</sup> Offset values 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.

<sup>f</sup> Several host names have been abbreviated due to space constraints.

**Table 2.** Non-ASAS-SN SNe.

SN name	IAU Name	Discovery Date	RA <sup>a</sup>	Dec. <sup>a</sup>	Redshift	$m^b$ <sub>peak</sub>	$V^c,d$ <sub>peak</sub>	$g^c,d$ <sub>peak</sub>	Offset (arcsec) <sup>e</sup>	Type	Host name	Discovered by <sup>f</sup>	Recovered? <sup>g</sup>	
2018K	SN 2018K	2018-01-03:13	01:50:50.48	+48:21:13.70	0.02350	17.2	—	—	22.14	Ia-91T	UGC 01303	Amateurs	No	
2018ec	SN 2018ec	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	—	—	10.7	Ia	UGC 01792	Amateurs	No	
ATLAS18eaa	SN 2018eaa	2018-01-05:35	02:32:01.03	+08:35:16.15	0.03069	16.9	—	—	16.8	Ia	WISEA	ATLAS	No	
<i>Gaia</i> 18abp	SN 2018b1	2018-01-06:44	08:24:11.59	-77:47:16.55	0.01782	16.8	—	—	16.9*	II	ESO 018-G 009	<i>Gaia</i>	Yes	
<i>Gaia</i> 18aqg	SN 2018b2z	2018-01-08:70	01:12:05.06	-69:04:59.93	0.02000	17.2	—	—	17.2	0.92	II	WISEA J01205.13-690459.7	<i>Gaia</i>	No
PS18ej	SN 2018fy	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 2018rd	2018-01-10:61	11:28:30.41	+58:35:34.04	0.01041	17.1	—	—	14.80	Ib	NGC 3690	ATLAS	No	
2018gj	SN 2018ej	2018-01-12:24	16:32:02.30	+78:12:40.94	0.00454	14.4	14.5*	—	14.8	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	Ia	PSO J014.6171-05:8759	ATLAS	No	
<i>Gaia</i> 18adk	SN 2018hi	2018-01-15:16	08:53:40.57	-25:03:52.04	0.02539	17.9	17.1*	—	13.80	II	WISEA J085339.57-250330.0	<i>Gaia</i>	No	
2018gv	SN 2018gv	2018-01-15:68	08:05:34.61	-11:26:16.30	0.00527	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	—	—	11.40	Ia	WISEA	ATLAS	No	
ATLAS18ebx	SN 2018ke	2018-01-17:63	13:08:39.53	-41:27:16.04	0.01043	17.7	—	—	17.7*	II	J103059.27+234718.8	ATLAS	No	
kai-18A	SN 2018e	2018-01-18:50	10:54:01.06	-16:01:21.40	0.01423	16.6	—	16.9*	28.10	II	ESO 323-G 085	ATLAS	No	

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<sup>b</sup> Magnitudes are taken from D. W. Bishop's Latest Supernovae website, as described in the text, and may be from different filters.

<sup>c</sup> All  $V$  -  $g$  and  $g$ -band peak magnitudes are measured from ASAS-SN data for cases where the SN was detected.

<sup>d</sup> Magnitudes marked with a '\*' are derived from maximum detected magnitude rather than a fit peak.

<sup>e</sup> Offset indicates the offset of the SNe in arcseconds from the coordinates of the host nucleus, taken from NED.

<sup>f</sup> 'Amateurs' indicates discovery by any number of non-professional astronomers, as described in the text.

<sup>g</sup> Indicates whether the SN was independently recovered in ASAS-SN data or not.

**Table 3.** ASAS-SN SN host galaxies.

Galaxy name <sup>a</sup>	Redshift	SN	SN type	SN offset (arcsec)	$A_V^b$	$NUV^b$	$u^c$	$g^d$	$r^d$	$i^d$	$j^d$	$H^d$	$K_s^d,f$	$W1^g$	$W2^g$			
2MASX J03173245-44235	0.06231	ASASSN-18ae	Ia	7.52	0.000	20.90:0.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.19:0.05	12.89:0.07	12.90:0.03			
GALEXRS J051147.86-401142.5	—	ASASSN-18aa	Ia	0.84	0.101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.16:0.06	16.59:0.06	16.58:0.16			
LCRS B110:329-3:121524	0.02563	ASASSN-18ac	Ia	0.57	0.033	19.01:0.06	1.95:0.40	—	16.24:0.00	15.56:0.00	15.21:0.00	14.86:0.00	13.55:0.09	13.11:0.11	13.06:0.03			
2MASX J03113-2007024	—	ASASSN-18af	Ia	6.23	0.033	18.41:0.05	—	16.64:0.00	16.02:0.00	15.67:0.00	15.46:0.00	15.20:0.00	14.27:0.07	14.02:0.00	14.02:0.05			
MG J071116.78-4004065	0.03166	ASASSN-18ag	Ia	4.17	0.000	22.30:0.39	21.81:0.21	20.98:0.04	16.49:0.00	14.79:0.00	14.45:0.00	14.19:0.00	12.80:0.04	12.06:0.05	11.79:0.02	11.56:0.02		
SDSS J091616.25+390341.8	—	ASASSN-18aj	Ia	1.06	0.000	17.84:0.03	16.39:0.01	15.24:0.00	14.69:0.00	14.46:0.00	14.28:0.00	14.03:0.00	13.11:0.04	12.40:0.05	—	—		
IC 2277	0.03993	ASASSN-18al	Ia	3.16	0.070	18.26:0.07	17.07:0.00	13.10:0.00	12.45:0.00	12.05:0.00	11.82:0.00	11.56:0.00	10.34:0.02	10.03:0.02	11.80:0.02	11.94:0.02		
NGC 3070	0.07778	ASASSN-18an	Ia	12.50	0.053	19.48:0.07	17.78:0.00	17.49:0.00	17.26:0.00	17.29:0.00	17.14:0.01	17.14:0.01	>17.0	9.39:0.03	14.73:0.03*	15.05:0.06		
NGC J0653-54.27+400151.8	0.03101	ASASSN-18am	Ia	8.55	0.000	17.91:0.03	16.79:0.01	15.51:0.00	14.95:0.00	14.64:0.00	14.48:0.00	14.34:0.00	12.53:0.05	12.27:0.07	12.34:0.02	12.23:0.02		
KUG 0143-332	0.03750	ASASSN-18ap	Ia	1.79	0.085	17.91:0.04	—	—	—	—	—	—	>17.0	>16.4	16.65:0.13*	17.27:—		
SDSS J012117.17+405436.5	—	ASASSN-18ar	Ia	0.77	0.077	—	20.29:0.11	19.66:0.02	19.25:0.03	19.16:0.02	19.35:0.02	19.51:0.00	17.70:0.00	12.57:0.03	11.51:0.06	11.82:0.02	11.83:0.02	
2MASX J03113-301134+123126	0.04098	ASASSN-18ar	Ia	3.00	0.149	21.22:0.29	—	15.38:0.00	14.56:0.00	14.11:0.00	13.59:0.00	13.70:0.00	>17.0	>16.4	14.98:0.06*	15.14:0.03	15.26:0.05	13.27:0.03
GALEX-SC J050811.97+543842.4	—	ASASSN-18ha	Ia	1.50	0.325	20.04:0.18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2MASX J121717.13+062749.6	—	ASASSN-18ar	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	12.69:0.09	13.27:0.04	13.27:0.04	13.27:0.04
UK 0129+40:06	0.02779	ASASSN-18bl	Ia	7.45	0.009	16.43:0.02	15.95:0.10	17.42:0.00	16.5:0.00	14.98:0.00	14.69:0.00	14.56:0.00	13.72:0.07	12.9:0.07	12.9:0.07	12.9:0.07	12.9:0.07	12.9:0.07

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<sup>b</sup>  $A_V$  and magnitude are listed for those galaxies detected in ASAS-SN data.

<sup>c</sup>  $NUV$  magnitude is listed for those galaxies detected in ASAS-SN data.

<sup>d</sup>  $u$ ,  $g$ ,  $r$ ,  $i$ ,  $j$  magnitudes are listed for those galaxies detected in ASAS-SN data.

<sup>e</sup> Offset is listed for those galaxies detected in ASAS-SN data.

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likely an intracluster SN rather than being associated with either galaxy.

For each SN, we produced new image subtracted light curves in magnitudes using a reference image excluding any epoch with significant emission from the SN. We fit the region near its peak with a parabola to determine the peak magnitude. Holoi et al. (2017a, b, c, 2019a) reported the brighter of the brightest observed magnitude and the parabolic fit. Here, we use the peak magnitude from the parabolic fit unless there are too few data to carry out the fit, in which case we simply report the peak observed magnitude. Desai et al. (in preparation), in determining the luminosity function for Type Ia SNe in ASAS-SN, found that the procedure used in Holoi et al. (2017a, b, c, 2019a) tended to overestimate the peak brightness by a median of 0.3 mag simply because the large photometric uncertainties of the faint SNe (i.e. most of them) makes the brightest observed magnitude a biased estimator. Desai et al. (in preparation) will include updated V-band peak magnitude measurements for all Type Ia SNe up to the end of 2017. The peak magnitudes for SNe discovered by ASAS-SN from 2018 to 2020 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 details all SNe discovered by groups other than ASAS-SN from 2018 to 2020. These external groups include both professional and amateur SN searches. We include SNe only if they have spectroscopic classifications and peak magnitudes  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 18$  mag. We based the list on the ‘Latest Supernovae’ website<sup>7</sup> created by D. W. Bishop (Gal-Yam et al. 2013). This site assembles sources, including ATels and TNS, to build an annual data base of SNe. TNS is used to verify data from the Latest Supernovae site rather than as the primary source because some discovery sources do not utilize TNS.

For the Non-ASAS-SN sample, we acquired SN names, IAU names, discovery dates, coordinates, host galaxy names, peak reported magnitudes, spectral types, redshifts, and discovery sources for each SNe from the Latest Supernovae 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 locate the nearest possible host galaxy. To verify the accuracy of these hosts, we compared SNe redshifts to host redshifts as well as angular and physical offsets. When the SN still lacked a possible host in NED, we used the Pan-STARRS DR2 (Chambers et al. 2016) catalogue to identify possible hosts and their coordinates by proximity. All of these hosts were within 2 arcsec or visibly lay on top of the SNe.

The Latest Supernovae website reports maximum magnitudes detected in various filters where this maximum magnitude may not be that of the actual peak of the SN. To better compare the ASAS-SN and Non-ASAS-SN samples, we again produce ASAS-SN host-subtracted light curves. 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 SN 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 ZTF19acqlqcd 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 ATLAS20bfpj (SN 2020aagy), ATLAS20rvz (SN 2020nxt), Gaia20ffa (SN 2020zlz), MASTER OT J005402.48+471051.7 (SN 2018cgq), and ZTF18aavwurv (SN 2020pnn). Additionally, we concur with David Bishop of ‘Latest Supernovae’ that AT 2021ekf and the classified SN 10LYSEnhv are the same object. They were discovered nearly simultaneously, and they have a reported coordinate offset of only 0.05 arcsec.

We report the discovery group for each SN in Table 2. Discoveries by non-professional surveys are labelled 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 catalogue (Holoi 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 fifth in number of SN discoveries in 2018–2020 compared to third in 2017.

Table 2 notes if a Non-ASAS-SN SN 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

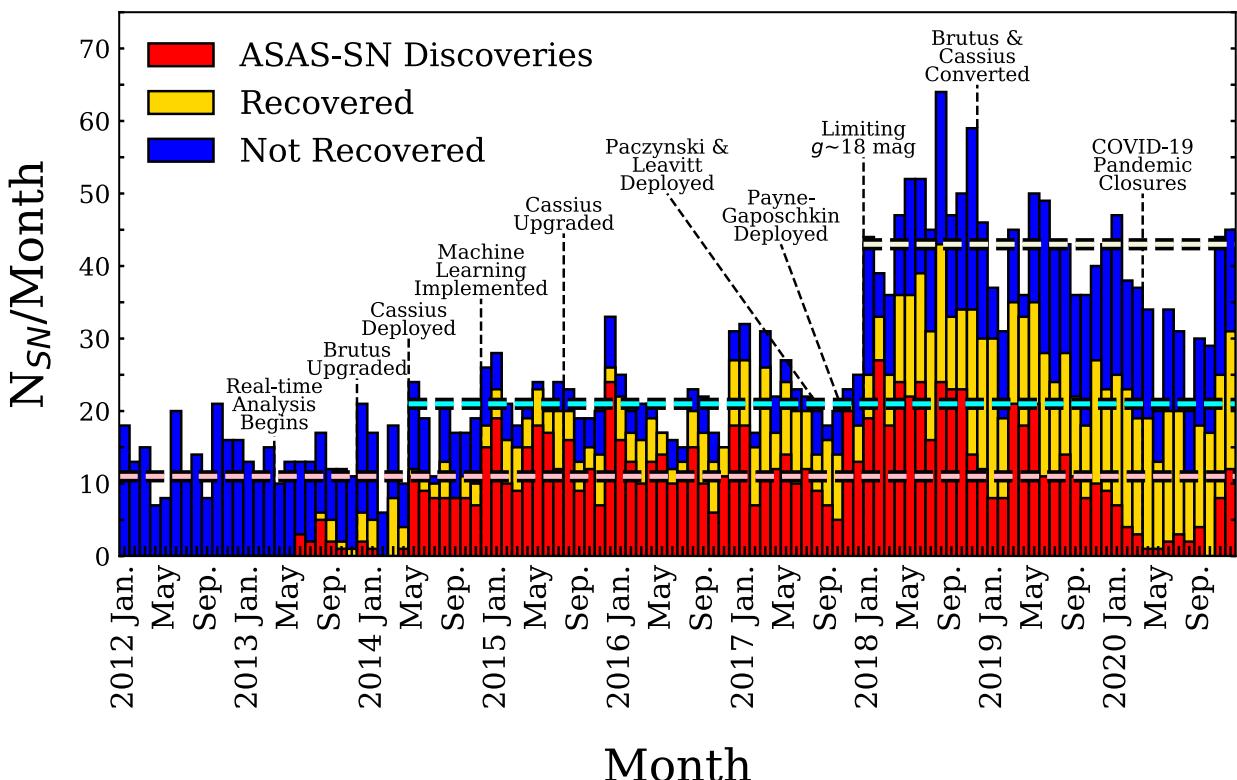
In Tables 3 and 4, we provide the Galactic extinction estimates towards the host galaxy and host magnitudes from the near-ultraviolet (NUV) through infrared (IR). The Galactic extinctions ( $A_V$ ) are from Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) using the host coordinates from NED. We collected NUV magnitudes 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; Albareti et al. 2017),  $grizy$  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).

For hosts not detected by 2MASS, we set  $J$  and  $H$  band upper limits based on the faintest galaxies in the 2014–2020 sample ( $J > 17.0$  mag,  $H > 16.4$  mag). For host galaxies detected in *WISE*  $W1$  but not in 2MASS  $K_S$ , we estimate the  $K_S$  magnitudes based on the mean  $K_S$ – $W1$  colour. For the 1730 host galaxies with both  $K_S$  and  $W1$  magnitudes, we have an average offset of  $-0.43$  mag with a dispersion of 0.04 mag and a standard error of 0.001 mag. Similar to the  $J$  and  $H$  bands, a galaxy detected in neither 2MASS or *WISE* is given an upper limit of  $K_S > 15.6$  mag, matching the faintest host magnitude in the total sample.

## 3 ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLE

From 2014 May 01, when ASAS-SN began operating in both hemispheres, to 2020 December 31, 2427 bright SNe were discovered. This total excludes SNe with  $m_{\text{peak}} > 17.0$  mag discovered prior to 2018 and  $m_{\text{peak}} > 18.0$  mag after 2018, as well as unclassified ASAS-SN discoveries. Fig. 1 displays the monthly discovery rate of bright

<sup>7</sup><http://www.rochesterastronomy.org/snimages/>



**Figure 1.** Histogram of the monthly SN discoveries from 2012 through 2020. SNe discovered by ASAS-SN are red, SNe recovered but not discovered by ASAS-SN are yellow, and SNe not discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN (or were found prior to ASAS-SN) are blue. Important milestones are labelled. Median discovery rates for 2010 to 2012 ( $V \leq 17$  mag, pink), before ASAS-SN, 2014 May to 2017 ( $V \leq 17$  mag, cyan), and 2018 to 2020 ( $g \leq 18$  mag, beige) are shown by the dashed lines.

SNe from 2012 to 2020. Milestones in the history of ASAS-SN are marked. ASAS-SN was originally built because it appeared that local, bright SN 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.

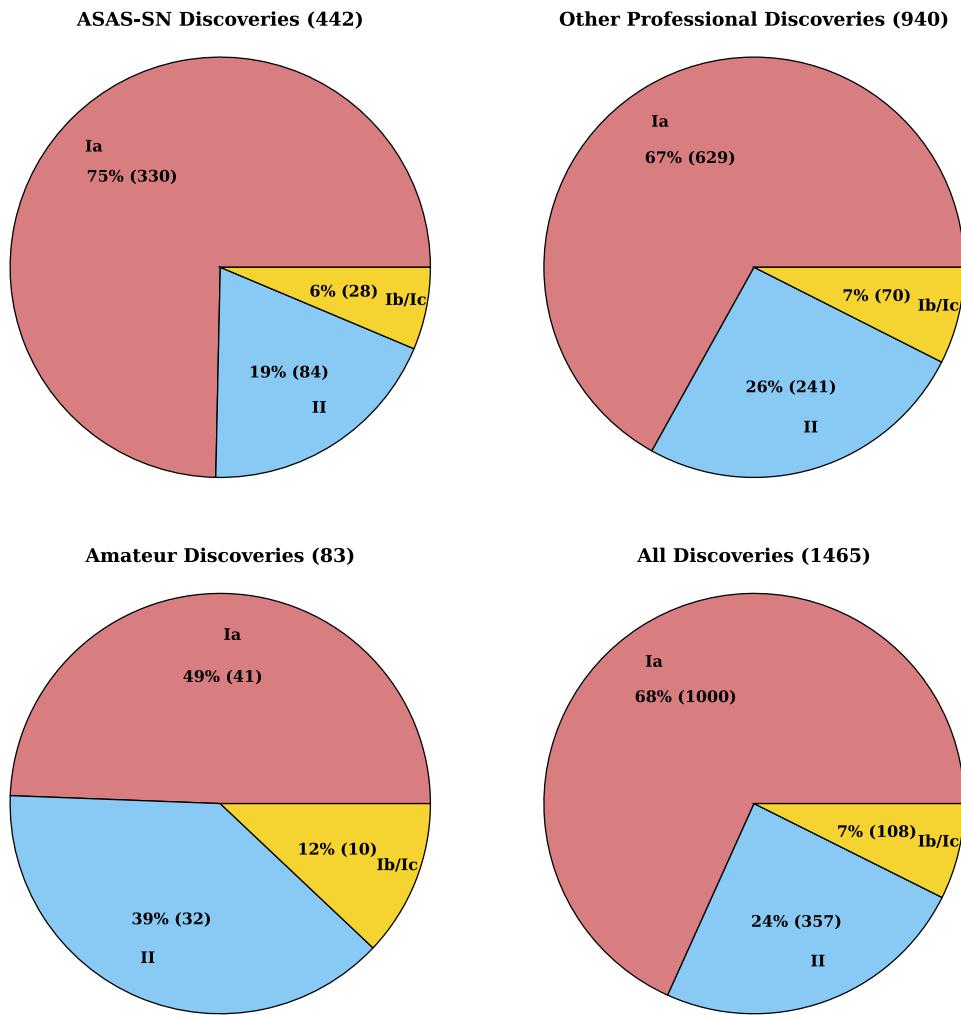
After ASAS-SN transitioned to using  $g$  band, it made sense to use a limiting magnitude of  $g = 18$  mag for Fig. 1. While much of the doubling in discovery rate is due to switching to the fainter limit, redoing the rates of the earlier time period with this limit would not lead to a similar doubling 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 SN 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 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).

Fig. 2 shows the breakdown of SN 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 to simplify the diagrams. Superluminous SNe

(9) are not included nor are 4 incompletely typed SNe (3 Type I SNe and 1 ‘young’ core-collapse SN) 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 in the galaxies observed, and the rapid rise times of core-collapse SNe also reduces the ability of deeper surveys to identify SNe before they approach their peak brightness. The combined distributions of the ASAS-SN and amateur discoveries are 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  $79.2^{+4.2}_{-5.5}$  per cent Type Ia,  $16.6^{+5.0}_{-3.9}$  per cent Type II and  $4.1^{+1.6}_{-1.2}$  per cent Type Ib/Ic. However, 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.

Figs 3 and 4 show the distribution of the absolute host magnitude,  $M_{K_S}$ , and the SN offsets in arcseconds and kiloparsecs. The upper luminosity scale gives  $L/L_*$  for  $M_{*,K_S} = -24.2$  mag (Kochanek et al.



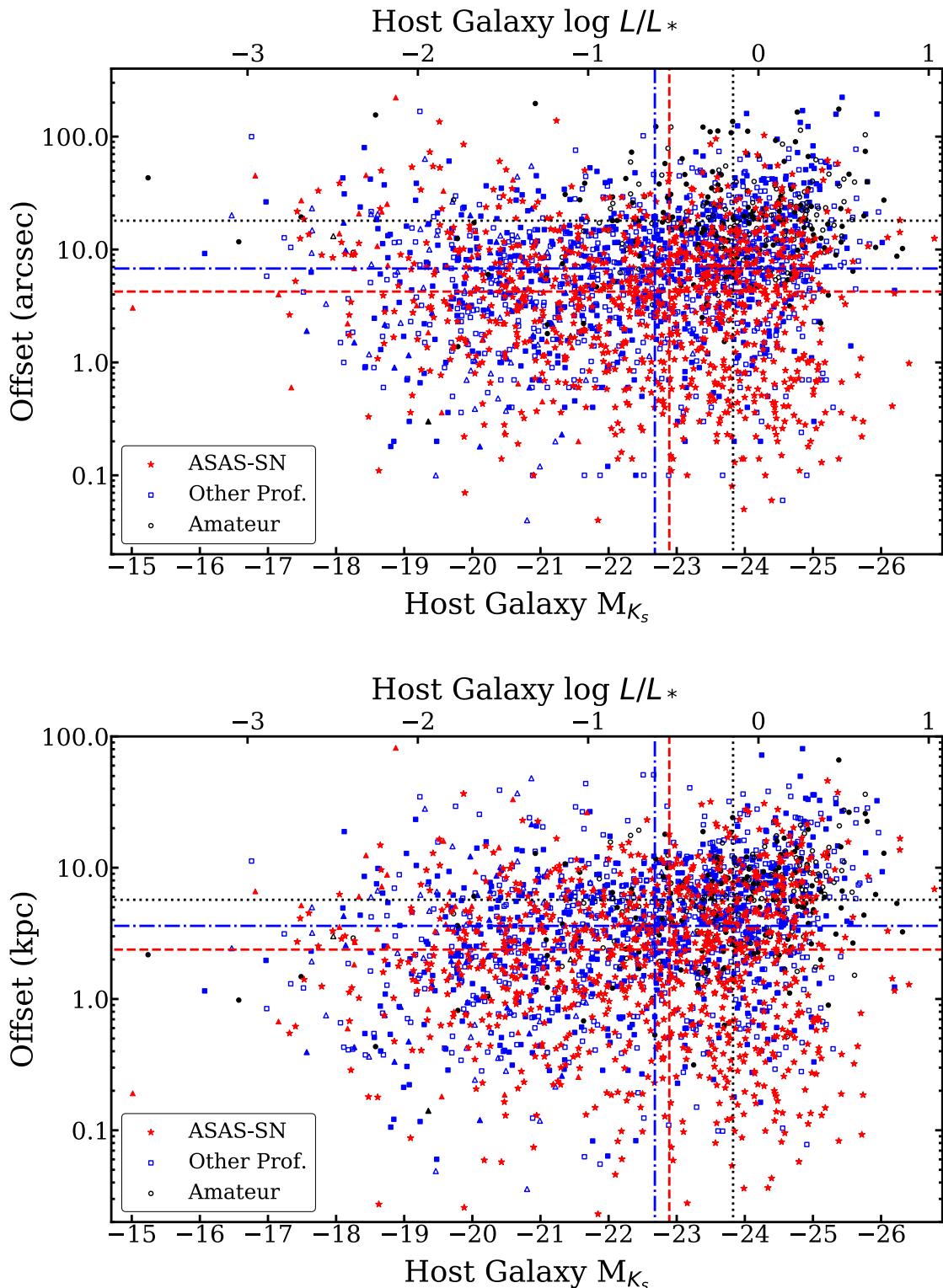
**Figure 2.** Classification breakdown for SN discoveries between 2018 January 1 and 2020 December 31 for those found by ASAS-SN (upper left), other professional surveys (upper right), amateurs (lower left), and all recent SNe (lower right). We exclude 9 superluminous SNe, 4 incompletely typed SNe, and 142 untyped SNe. Sub-classes are included with their ‘parent class’ (e.g. Type IIn SNe are counted as Type II SNe).

2001). As found in Holoi 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 smaller median offsets in both angular (3.9 versus 6.1 arcsec) and physical (2.5 versus 3.4 kpc) units for 2018 to 2020. The 7.0 arcsec pixel scale of ASAS-SN’s telescopes causes many possible SNe to appear within the nuclear regions of their hosts, so this region could not be avoided in ASAS-SN. While ASAS-SN is better at discovering SNe close to their host nucleus, ASAS-SN recoveries do not follow this pattern due to being discovered by others. Fig. 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. Fremling et al. (2020) find similar results in their comparison of ZTF and ASAS-SN (see Fig. 7).

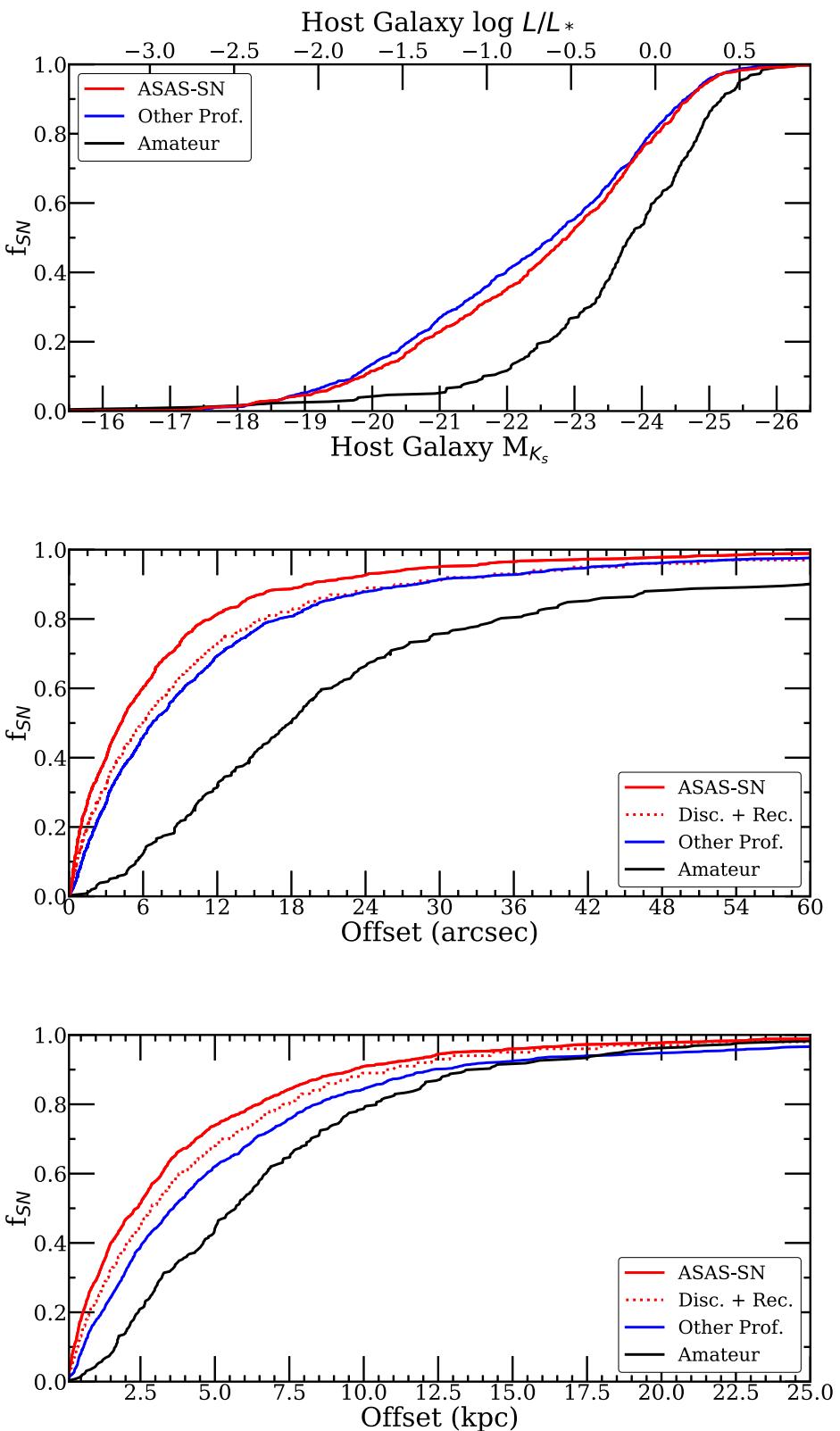
Of the 971 ASAS-SN SNe, 28 per cent (272) came from hosts without reported redshifts and 2 per cent (19) came from uncatalogued

hosts or were hostless. Of the 1457 Non-ASAS-SN SNe, 23 per cent (335) came from hosts without measured redshifts and <1 per cent (9) came from uncatalogued hosts or were hostless. All SNe in the 2018–2020 sample came from a catalogued host galaxy. The distribution of ASAS-SN discovered or recovered SN redshift by type in Fig. 6 follows the expected trends where the more luminous Type Ia SNe are detected at higher redshifts than core-collapse SNe. The median for the Type Ia SNe distribution is  $z = 0.030$ , while the median for the type II SNe redshift is  $z = 0.020$ , and the median redshift for Type Ib/Ic SNe is  $z = 0.017$ .

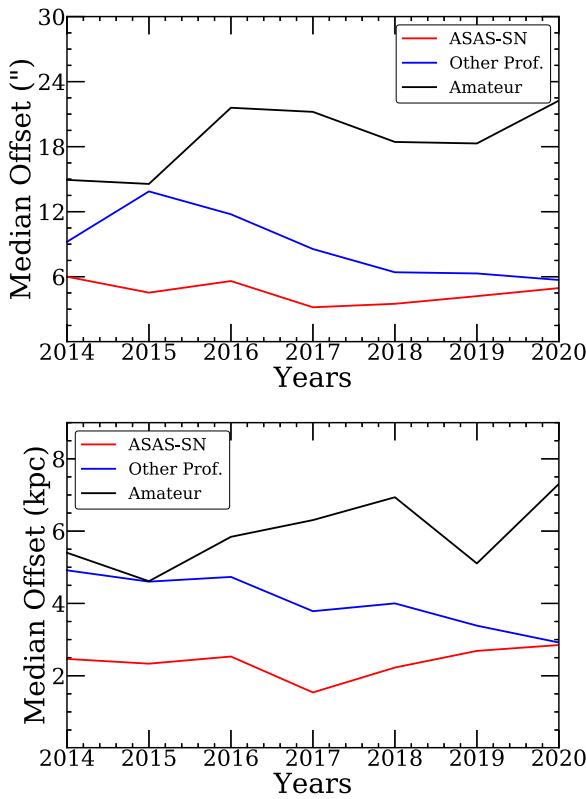
Fig. 7 shows the cumulative histogram of the peak magnitudes of SNe discovered by ASAS-SN, SNe discovered or recovered by ASAS-SN, and all SNe with  $g \leq 18$  mag and peak magnitudes from the ASAS-SN  $g$ -band light curves. This excludes SNe where we used the brightest observed magnitude for their peak magnitude. Very bright SNe ( $m_{\text{peak}} \lesssim 14.5$  mag; Holoi et al. 2019a) are most commonly discovered by amateurs or the Distance Less Than 40 Mpc (DLT40; Tartaglia et al. 2018) survey.<sup>8</sup> In 2018 to 2020, ASAS-SN recovered or discovered all SNe of  $m_{\text{peak}} \lesssim 15$  mag, excluding



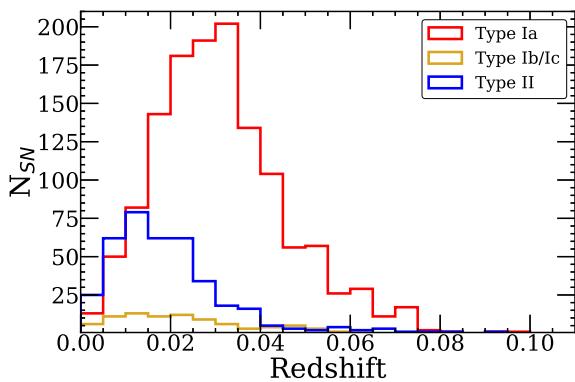
**Figure 3.** The host galaxy offsets and absolute magnitudes,  $M_{K_S}$ , for the full 2014–2020 sample. The offsets are in arcseconds for the *upper panel* and kiloparsecs for the *lower panel*. The top scale gives  $L/L_*$  for the hosts using  $M_{*,K_S} = -24.2$  mag (Kochanek et al. 2001). Red 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 colours of their discovery source.



**Figure 4.** Normalized cumulative distributions for the total 2014–2020 sample in host galaxy absolute magnitudes,  $M_{K_s}$  (upper panel), SN offsets in arcseconds (centre panel), and SN offsets in kiloparsecs (bottom panel). ASAS-SN discovered SNe are in red, other professional surveys are in blue, and SNe discovered by amateur are in black. The dotted red lines in the offset distribution plots are for ASAS-SN discoveries and recoveries.



**Figure 5.** Annual median host offsets of the SN. Median SN host offsets are in arcseconds (upper panel) and kiloparsecs (lower panel) where ASAS-SN offsets are in red, other professional survey offsets are in blue, and amateur offsets are 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 subclass distribution to Fig. 2.

SN DLT18aq (SN 2018ivc). This SN was too close to the nucleus of the AGN NGC1068 for ASAS-SN’s resolution to differentiate the two. The SN was confused with the variable AGN in ASAS-SN’s data, so it was ignored.

We modelled 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  $m_{\text{break}} = 16.74 \pm 0.04$  mag and a faint slope of  $-0.66 \pm 0.08$ . This is

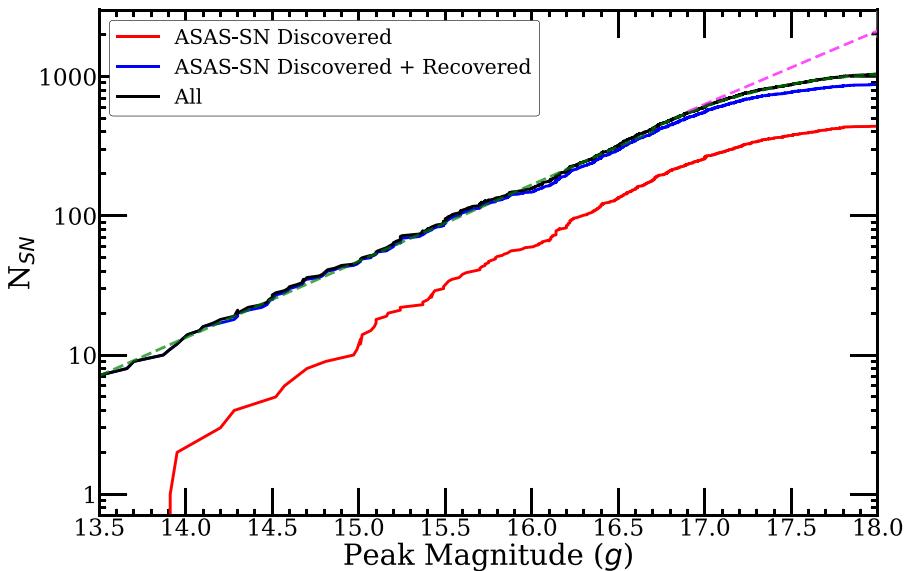
significantly better than in the V-band sample where  $m_{\text{break}} = 16.24 \pm 0.11$  mag (Holoien et al. 2019a).

The completeness drops rapidly for  $g \gtrsim 17$  mag. The integral completeness of the sample is 100 per cent at  $g = 16.5$  mag,  $90 \pm 2$  per cent at  $g = 17.0$  mag,  $57 \pm 2$  per cent at  $g = 17.5$  mag, and  $31 \pm 1$  per cent at  $g = 18.0$  mag relative to a Euclidean model. The differential completeness is 100 per cent at  $g = 16.5$  mag,  $47 \pm 4$  per cent at  $g = 17.0$  mag,  $11 \pm 1$  per cent at  $g = 17.5$  mag, and  $2.6 \pm 0.4$  per cent 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 catalogue the 1478 bright SNe discovered, recovered, or missed by ASAS-SN from 2018 to 2020. The complete ASAS-SN 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. They discovered 34 SNe in 2017 but only about 28 SNe per year from 2018 to 2020. ASAS-SN still discovers SNe closer to the nuclei of their host galaxy than the other professional surveys or amateurs (Fig. 3), but other professional surveys appear to have closed the gap by 2020. Along with offsets, the all-sky nature of ASAS-SN allows for a complete view of the sky every night improving the completeness of the data beyond any other survey during this time period. With the increase to a limiting magnitude of  $g \leq 18$  mag, our sample is complete up to a peak magnitude  $m_{\text{peak}} = 16.7$  mag, 90 per cent complete for  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 17.0$  mag, and 30 per cent complete for  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 18.0$  mag. This is a significant increase from the previous V-band catalogs where our sample was only complete up to  $m_{\text{peak}} = 16.2$  mag and only 70 per cent complete for SNe brighter than  $m_{\text{peak}} \leq 17.0$  mag (Holoien et al. 2019a).

The primary purpose of the ASAS-SN bright SN catalogues is to enable statistical studies. Until recently, the largest, local statistical sample of SNe came from the 137 SNe studied in Cappellaro, Evans & Turatto (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 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 Fremling et al. (2020) and 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 analysed by Sharon & Kushnir (2022). ASAS-SN has slowly been building towards such statistical analyses, starting with an analysis of the Type Ia SN rate as a function of stellar mass in Brown et al. (2019) using 476 Type Ia SNe, and estimates of the volumetric Type Ia SN 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 preparation) using 400 Type Ia SNe. With this extension to the ASAS-SN catalogues 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 SN sample.



**Figure 7.** Cumulative peak  $g$ -band magnitude distributions of ASAS-SN discoveries (red), discoveries plus recoveries (blue), and all  $g \leq 18$  mag SNe (black). The dashed green line is the broken power-law fit to the ASAS-SN discovery plus recovery sample (see the text). It is mostly invisible under the black line. The dashed magenta line is the Euclidean distribution.

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