

The Palomar Transient Factory Core-Collapse Supernova Host-Galaxy Sample. I. Host-Galaxy Distribution Functions and Environment-Dependence of CCSNe

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ABSTRACT

Several thousand core-collapse supernovae (CCSNe) of different flavors have been discovered so far. However, identifying their progenitors has remained an outstanding open question in astrophysics. Studies of SN host galaxies have proven to be powerful in providing constraints on the progenitor populations. In this paper, we present all CCSNe detected between 2009 and 2017 by the Palomar Transient Factory. This sample includes 888 SNe of 12 distinct classes out to redshift $z \approx 1$. We present the photometric properties of their host galaxies from the far-ultraviolet to the mid-infrared and model the host-galaxy spectral energy distributions to derive physical properties. The galaxy mass functions of Type Ic, Ib, IIb, II, and IIn SNe ranges from 10^5 to $10^{11.5} M_{\odot}$, probing the entire mass range of star-forming galaxies down to the least-massive star-forming galaxies known. Moreover, the galaxy mass distributions are consistent with models of star-formation-weighted mass functions. Regular CCSNe are hence direct tracers of star formation. Small but notable differences exist between some of the SN classes. Type Ib/c SNe prefer galaxies with slightly higher masses (i.e., higher metallicities) and star-formation rates than Type IIb and II SNe. These differences are less pronounced than previously thought. H-poor SLSNe and SNe Ic-BL are scarce in galaxies above $10^{10} M_{\odot}$. Their progenitors require environments with metallicities of < 0.4 and < 1 solar, respectively. In addition, the hosts of H-poor SLSNe are dominated by a younger stellar population than all other classes of CCSNe. Our findings corroborate the notion that low-metallicity *and* young age play an important role in the formation of SLSN progenitors.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Stars with zero-age-main-sequence (ZAMS) masses of at least $8 M_{\odot}$ can presumably explode as core-collapse supernovae (CCSNe; for a review, see, e.g., [Smartt 2009](#) and references therein) which can be detected out to large cosmological distances ([Howell et al. 2013](#); [Pan et al. 2017](#); [Smith et al. 2018](#); [Moriya et al. 2019](#); [Curtin et al. 2019](#)). Their large distances allow examining a wide range of stellar populations and even star-formation environments that do not exist in the Milky Way. CCSNe are divided into three families (H-poor, H-rich, and interaction-powered SNe) and more than a dozen classes and subclasses based on the absence or presence of particular absorption and emission lines, line widths, and SN peak luminosities (e.g., [Filippenko 1997](#); [Gal-Yam 2017](#)). How the different SN types are related

to each other, what their progenitors are, and what the mapping between SN and progenitor properties is have remained outstanding problems in contemporary astrophysics.

Given the typical SN distances, a direct search of their progenitors is unfeasible in most cases (e.g. [Smartt 2009](#); [Van Dyk 2017](#)). Studies of their host galaxies have proven to be powerful to indirectly provide constraints on the progenitor populations. These studies have examined (i) the host morphologies and locations of SNe in their hosts and large-scale structures (e.g., [van den Bergh 1997](#); [Tsvetkov et al. 2004](#); [Hakobyan et al. 2008](#); [Haberman et al. 2010, 2012](#); [Hakobyan et al. 2014, 2016](#)), (ii) how SNe trace the light and star formation in their hosts (e.g., [Fruchter et al. 2006](#); [Leloudas et al. 2010](#); [Svensson et al. 2010](#); [Anderson et al. 2012](#); [Kelly &](#)

Kirshner 2012; Lunnan et al. 2015; Kangas et al. 2017), (iii) the galaxy masses, star-formation rates, and metallicities of the hosts (e.g., Prieto et al. 2008; Neill et al. 2011; Kelly & Kirshner 2012; Stoll et al. 2013; Taddia et al. 2013; Lunnan et al. 2014; Leloudas et al. 2015; Angus et al. 2016; Perley et al. 2016; Schulze et al. 2018; Angus et al. 2019; Hosseinzadeh et al. 2019; Modjaz et al. 2020; Taggart & Perley 2019), (iv) the metallicities and stellar populations at the explosion sites (e.g., Modjaz et al. 2008; Leloudas et al. 2011; Kelly & Kirshner 2012; Sanders et al. 2012; Kuncarayakti et al. 2013a,b; Taddia et al. 2015; Thöne et al. 2015; Galbany et al. 2016; Chen et al. 2017b; Thöne et al. 2017; Galbany et al. 2018; Izzo et al. 2018; Kuncarayakti et al. 2018), and (v) the frequency ratio between different SN types as a function of galaxy properties (e.g., Prantzos & Boissier 2003; Boissier & Prantzos 2009; Prieto et al. 2008; Arcavi et al. 2010; Graur et al. 2017a,b).

In addition, these studies revealed the commonalities and diversities of various SN classes as well as the interplay of SN and host-galaxy properties. Despite the success of these studies, most of them were based on small or statistically biased samples. Deep wide-field synoptic surveys led to overcoming both limitations and paved the path for the next milestones in SN science. The Palomar Transient Factory (PTF; Law et al. 2009; Rau et al. 2009; Kulkarni 2013) is an example of such a survey. It used the 1.22 m (48 inch) Oschin Schmidt telescope (P48) at Mount Palomar (USA) and was operated between 2009 and mid-2017. PTF was an untargeted transient survey designed to systematically map out existing gaps in the transient phase-space and search for theoretically predicted but not yet detected phenomena. The crucial advantages of the PTF survey were its large field of view of 7.2 square degrees, to monitor a large area of the night sky, and its well-matched spectroscopic resources, to routinely obtain spectra of even the faintest transients detected with the P48. Between 2009 and mid-2017, PTF discovered over 3000 SNe ($\gtrsim 2100$ SNe Ia and $\gtrsim 900$ CCSNe).

In this paper, we present the CCSN sample and its host-galaxy properties. Our scope is to (i) deduce the distribution functions of the host-galaxy properties such as mass and star-formation rate, (ii) quantify the environment dependence for the production efficiency for the main SN classes, and (iii) indirectly constrain the progenitor properties for the largest CCSN classes.

We assume Λ CDM cosmology with $H_0 = 67.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_M = 0.308$, and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.692$ (Planck Collaboration et al. 2016). We report uncertainties at 1σ confidence. All magnitudes are reported in the AB system (Oke & Gunn 1983). A machine-

readable catalog of the PTF CCSN sample is available at <http://www.github.com/steveschulze/PTF>. SN classification spectra will be publicly available on WISEREP¹ (Yaron & Gal-Yam 2012). Further data products, such as tabulated versions of the probability distribution functions, detailed outputs from the galaxy spectral energy distribution modeling, and the host identification, will be released after acceptance of the paper.

2. DATA

2.1. *Supernova Data*

2.1.1. *Photometry*

We retrieved fully-reduced SN images obtained with P48 and the 1.5 m (60 inch) P60 telescopes from the NASA/IPAC Infrared Science Archive² and the P60 archive³, respectively. The P48 image reduction is described by Laher et al. (2014), while the PTF photometric calibration and the photometric system are discussed by Ofek et al. (2012). We used these data only for the host-galaxy identification. The SN light curves and their analysis are beyond the scope of this paper.

2.1.2. *Spectroscopy*

Supernova spectra were obtained primarily with the low-resolution Double Beam Spectrograph (DBSP; Oke & Gunn 1982) on the 5 m (200 inch) Hale telescope (P200) at Palomar Observatory (USA), the Low-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (LRIS; Oke et al. 1995) on the 10 m Keck I telescope on Maunakea (USA), and the Kast double spectrograph⁴ on the 3 m Shane telescope at Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton (USA).

We augmented this dataset with observations obtained with the low-resolution Gemini Multi-Object Spectrograph (GMOS; Hook et al. 2004) on the 8.1 m Gemini telescopes on Hawaii (USA) and Cerro Pachón (Chile), Auxiliary-port CAMera (ACAM; Benn et al. 2008) on the 4.2 m William Herschel Telescope (WHT) on the Canary Islands (Spain), the Ritchey-Chretien Focus Spectrograph⁵ (RC) on the 4 m Kitt Peak National Observatory (KPNO) telescope, and Alhambra Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera⁶ (ALFOOSC) on the 2.56 m Nordic Optical Telescope (NOT) on the Canary

¹ <https://wiserep.weizmann.ac.il>

² <https://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/Missions/ptf.html>

³ <http://eakins.ipac.caltech.edu:8000/cgi-bin/P60/nph-p60login>

⁴ <https://mthamilton.ucolick.org/techdocs/instruments/kast/Tech%20Report%2066%20KAST%20Miller%20Stone.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.noao.edu/kpno/manuals/l2mspect/node1.html>

⁶ <http://www.not.iac.es/instruments/alfosc>

Table 1. Properties of the different imaging surveys

Survey	Spectral range (Å)	Filters	Depth (mag)	Pixel scale ("/px)	FWHM(PSF) (")	Ref.
<i>GALEX</i>	1542-2274	<i>FUV, NUV</i>	20, 21	1.5	5–6	1
SDSS	3595-8897	u', g', r', i', z'	22.2, 23.1, 22.7, 22.2, 20.7	0.396	1.3–1.5	2
PS1	4776-9603	$g_{PS1}, r_{PS1}, i_{PS1}, z_{PS1}, y_{PS1}$	23.3, 23.2, 23.1, 22.3, 21.3	0.258	1.0–1.5	3
Legacy Surveys	4635-9216	g, r, z	24.0&24.7, 23.5&23.9, 22.5&23.0	0.262	1.1–1.3	4
2MASS	12350-21590	J, H, K_s	17.5, 17.2, 16.9	2	2.5–3.0	5
unWISE	33526-46028	$W1, W2$	20.4, 19.9	2.75	6	6

NOTE—The depths of the images are reported for point sources at the 5σ confidence level. For the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys, we report the depths of DR5&DR7. The spectral ranges were taken from <http://svo.cab.inta-csic.es/main/index.php>. The column “FWHM” reports the span of the median FWHMs of all bands.

References—1) [Bianchi et al. \(2014\)](#); 2) https://www.sdss.org/dr14/imaging/other_info; 3) [Chambers et al. \(2016\)](#); 4) [Dey et al. \(2019\)](#); 5) [Skrutskie et al. \(2006\)](#); 6) [Meisner et al. \(2017\)](#)

Islands. We also obtained intermediate-resolution spectra of several objects with the optical-to-near-infrared echellette spectrograph X-shooter ([Vernet et al. 2011](#)) on the ESO 8.2 m Very Large Telescope (VLT) on Cerro Paranal, Chile, and with the optical DEep Imaging Multi-Object Spectrograph (DEIMOS; [Faber et al. 2003](#)) on the 10 m Keck II telescope on Maunakea. For two objects, we utilized publicly available spectra. A log of the spectroscopic observations, including references to the archival data, is presented in Appendix A.

2.2. Host-Galaxy Data

2.2.1. Photometry

We retrieved science-ready coadded images from the *Galaxy Evolution Explorer* (*GALEX*) general release 6/7 ([Martin et al. 2005](#)), the Sloan Digital Sky Survey data release 9 (SDSS DR 9; [Ahn et al. 2012](#)), the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS, PS1) DR1 ([Chambers et al. 2016](#)), the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; [Skrutskie et al. 2006](#)), and preprocessed *WISE* images ([Wright et al. 2010](#)) from the unWISE archive ([Lang 2014](#))⁷. The unWISE images are based on the public *WISE* data and include images from the ongoing NEOWISE-Reactivation mission R3 ([Mainzer et al. 2014](#); [Meisner et al. 2017](#)).

Several fields were observed more than once with *GALEX*. We considered only those images where the respective SN was within $0.5''$ from the center of a *GALEX* pointing to avoid regions where the *GALEX* zeropoint and astrometry begin to vary with distance from the pointing center ([Bianchi et al. 2017](#)). If a field was observed multiple times in a given filter, we chose the deepest observation. For the unWISE images, we only con-

sidered observations where a given SN was > 50 pixels from the chip edge.

The hosts of $\sim 10\%$ of our SN sample were not detected by these surveys. For those objects, we retrieved deeper optical images from the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys (Legacy Surveys, LS; [Dey et al. 2019](#)) DR5-7, from the data archive of the 3.6 m Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (USA), and images from the *Hubble Space Telescope* (*HST*). These data were provided as science-ready by the respective data archives. Furthermore, we augmented our dataset with photometry presented by [Perley et al. \(2016\)](#), [De et al. \(2018\)](#) and [Schulze et al. \(2018\)](#).

The vital properties of the *GALEX*, LS, PS1, SDSS, 2MASS, and unWISE data are summarized in Table 1.

3. METHODS

3.1. Host-Galaxy Photometry

The survey images are characterized by different pixel (px) scales and point-spread functions (PSFs): the pixel scales vary from $0.26''/\text{px}$ (LS and PS1) to $2.75''/\text{px}$ (unWISE), and the full width at half-maximum intensity (FWHM) of the PSFs varies from $1''$ (LS and PS1) to $6''$ (unWISE; Table 1). These differences need to be taken into account to measure the total flux of galaxies and preserve intrinsic galaxy colors. The software package LAMBDA⁸ (Lambda Adaptive Multi-Band Deblending Algorithm in R; [Wright et al. 2016](#)) was designed for this task, to conduct consistent photometry on images that are neither pixel nor seeing matched while performing deblending, sky subtraction, and error estimation. LAMBDA has three critical input parameters for each image: the PSF, the zeropoint, and the source catalog of the field (see below). With this information

⁷ <http://unwise.me>

⁸ <https://github.com/AngusWright/LAMBDA>

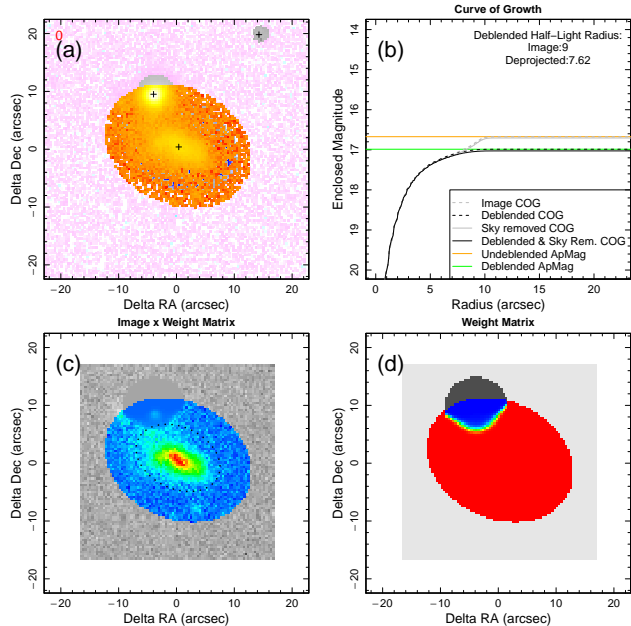


Figure 1. Example of the photometry measurement with LAMBDAAR and the importance of deblending techniques to recover the flux of the host galaxy of PTF10fqg. Panel *a* shows the input SDSS r' -band image. Positive fluxes within the measurement aperture are shown in yellow. Pixels deemed to be part of the “sky” are indicated in pink. Panel *b* illustrates the curve of growth (CoG) of the object photometry. The gray lines indicate the radial integral of Panel *a* (before deblending). The black lines show the radial integral of Panel *c* (after deblending). Horizontal orange and green lines mark the measured aperture magnitude for the object before and after deblending, respectively. The text in that panel describes the circular and deprojected half-light radii, in arcseconds, with the deprojection being based on the input aperture (prior to convolution). Panel *c* shows the image stamp after deblending. The black dotted line marks the measured deblended and deprojected half-light radius. Panel *d* shows the deblend weights of the host galaxy. Colored and grayscale pixels in Panels *c* and *d* mark those within and beyond the aperture, respectively. Figure adapted from Wright et al. (2016).

in hand, LAMBDAAR convolves each aperture with the PSF of a given image, re-projects the PSF-matched aperture on the new pixel scale, and iteratively removes neighboring objects that are blended with the host galaxy. An example of this technique is shown in Fig. 1.

PSF—The *GALEX* PSFs are provided by the *GALEX* Technical Documentation⁹. We built the PSF of the unWISE images using the parameterization of Lang (2014). For 2MASS, PS1, and SDSS images, we mea-

sured the median FWHM of point sources in each image and assumed that a PSF could be approximated by a Gaussian profile.

Zeropoint—We used tabulated zeropoints for *GALEX*, PanSTARRS, SDSS, and unWISE images. Specifically, we set the zeropoints to

- 18.82 and 20.08 mag for *GALEX FUV* and *NUV* data (Morrissey et al. 2007), respectively;
- 22.5 mag for SDSS images¹⁰;
- $25 + 2.5 \times \log(\text{exposure time})$ mag for PS1 images¹¹, where the exposure time is given in seconds; and
- 22.5 mag for the unWISE *W1* and *W2* images (Lang 2014).

To extract the zeropoints of the 2MASS images, we identified stars and compared their instrumental magnitudes to the tabulated magnitudes in the 2MASS Point Source Catalog (Skrutskie et al. 2006). The 2MASS and unWISE zeropoints were converted from the Vega system to the AB system using the offsets reported by Blanton & Roweis (2007) and Cutri et al. (2013, their Table 3 in Section 4.4h).

Source catalog—The source catalog of each field contains the positions and aperture properties (minor and major semi-axis and the orientation of the ellipse) of the host galaxy and contaminant sources (stars, galaxies, active galactic nuclei). We obtained these properties with Source Extractor¹² version 2.19.5 (Bertin & Arnouts 1996) and, where needed, adjusted the size of the elliptical apertures to measure the total flux.

The photometry of the LS and CFHT images was extracted with the aperture-photometry tool presented by Schulze et al. (2018)¹³. The photometry of this software and LAMBDAAR agree well for galaxies that are not very extended or blended with other objects.

All measurements are presented in Appendix B. Measurements were corrected for Galactic extinction using the Python package *sfdmap*¹⁴ version 0.1.1 that makes use of the Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) extinction maps.

3.2. Supernova Spectroscopy

We used dedicated pipelines to reduce data of different instruments: Keck/LRIS data were processed with LPIPE (Perley 2019), VLT/X-shooter data with the ESO

⁹ <http://www.galex.caltech.edu/wiki/Public:Documentation>

¹⁰ <https://www.sdss.org/dr12/algorithms/magnitudes>

¹¹ <https://outerspace.stsci.edu/display/PANSTARRS/PS1+FAQ++Frequently+asked+questions>

¹² <https://www.astromatic.net/software/sextractor>

¹³ <https://github.com/steveschulze/Photometry>

¹⁴ <https://github.com/kbarbary/sfdmap>

X-shooter instrument pipeline¹⁵, and Gemini data with the Gemini IRAF package¹⁶. Data from other telescopes were reduced with the software package IRAF¹⁷ (Tody 1986).

The typical steps of all software packages are bias subtraction, flat fielding, source extraction in a statistically optimal way (Horne 1986), wavelength calibration (in the air reference system), and flux calibration with spectrophotometric standard stars. In most cases, a telluric correction was attempted, too. The wavelength calibration of instruments with multiple arms, such as LRIS and Kast, can be nontrivial. This can lead to velocity offsets of $\sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ between different arms of the instruments.

3.3. Supernova Classification

All SNe were spectroscopically classified with the software packages Supernova Identification¹⁸ version 5.0 (SNID; Blondin & Tonry 2007) or Superfit¹⁹ version 3.5 (Howell et al. 2005), if the host contamination was significant. For both packages, we generated template libraries that include spectra from Silverman et al. (2012), Modjaz et al. (2014), Liu et al. (2016), Modjaz et al. (2016), and a private library built by S. Ben-Ami and extended by G. Leloudas to include superluminous supernovae (SLSNe) and other rare transients. We preferentially used spectra obtained around the time of maximum light. If not available or to break ambiguity in the classification, we used late-time data.

A minority of PTF CCSNe were classified by other teams, and we used these data if they were publicly available. In addition, a number of PTF CCSNe were previously discussed in the literature (e.g., Fremling et al. 2018; Quimby et al. 2018; Taddia et al. 2019; Modjaz et al. 2020). For full consistency, we repeated classification of these objects using our tools.

3.4. Host-Galaxy Identification

To identify the hosts, we retrieved two P48 or P60 images for each SN field: one image around the time of SN brightness maximum (PTF+SN) and one without SN contribution (PTF-SN). The PTF-SN image was chosen to have seeing FWHM similar to the PTF+SN image and taken during dark/grey time. With both images in hand, we built the dif-

ference image (i.e., SN detection image). First, we aligned the images on the pixel level using alipy²⁰, and then subtracted the images from each other using the software High Order Transform of Psf AND Template Subtraction²¹ (HOTPANTS; Becker 2015) version 5.1.11.

After that, we aligned the world-coordinate system of the PTF-SN image (usually in r_{PTF}) to that of a host image (usually an r' -band image from LS, PS1 or SDSS) using the software Software for Calibrating AstroMetry and Photometry²² (SCAMP; Bertin 2006) version 2.0.4 and applied the calibration of the world coordinate system on the difference image. In the final step, we built source catalogs of the host and difference images with the software Source Extractor. The closest object to the SN, within a reasonable distance, was declared as the host galaxy.

3.5. Spectral Energy Distribution Fitting

3.5.1. Description of the Method

To extract physical and phenomenological parameters of the host galaxies, we modeled the spectral energy distributions (SEDs) with the software package Prospector²³ version 0.3 (Leja et al. 2017). Prospector uses the Flexible Stellar Population Synthesis²⁴ (FSPS) code (Conroy et al. 2009) to generate the underlying physical model and python-fsps²⁵ (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2014) to interface with in Python.

The SED model required assumptions for the star-formation history (SFH), initial mass function (IMF), attenuation, and whether a contribution from the ionized gas should be taken into account. We used a linear-exponential SFH [functional form $t \times \exp(-t/\tau)$, where t is the age of the SFH episode and τ is the e -folding timescale], the Chabrier (2003) IMF, the Calzetti et al. (2000) attenuation model, and the Byler et al. (2017) model for the ionized gas contribution.

The priors were set as distribution functions with broad ranges as specified in Table 2. The physical parameters mass, star-formation rate (SFR), age, e -folding timescale of the SFH, extinction, and metallicity were inferred in a Bayesian way by sampling the posterior probability functions with the dynamic nested sampling

¹⁵ <https://www.eso.org/sci/software/pipelines>

¹⁶ <http://www.gemini.edu/sciops/data-and-results/processing-software>

¹⁷ <https://iraf-community.github.io>

¹⁸ <https://people.lam.fr/blondin.stephane/software/snid>

¹⁹ <https://github.com/dahowell/superfit>

²⁰ <https://obswww.unige.ch/~tewes/alipy>

²¹ <https://github.com/acbecker/hotpants>

²² <https://www.astromatic.net/software/scamp>

²³ <https://github.com/bd-j/prospector>

²⁴ <https://github.com/cconroy20/fsps>

²⁵ <http://dfm.io/python-fsps/current/#>

Table 2. Model parameters and their priors of the galaxy SED modeling

Property	Type	Range
Galaxy mass ($\log M_*/M_\odot$)	Uniform	5–13
V-band optical depth (τ_V) [†]	Uniform	0–8
Stellar metallicity ($\log Z/Z_\odot$)	Uniform	–2–0.5
Age of the SF episode ($t_{\text{age}}/\text{Gyr}$)	LogUniform	0.001–13.8
e-folding time-scale of the star-formation episode (τ/Gyr)	LogUniform	0.1–100

[†]The optical depth in V band was converted to the selective-to-total extinction via $E(B - V) = 1.086 \times \tau_V / \kappa(V)$, where $\kappa(V)$ is the V-band opacity of the Calzetti et al. (2000) attenuation model.

package *dynesty*²⁶ (Speagle 2020). For each model parameter, we report the median values of the marginalized posterior probability functions and their 1σ confidence intervals.

3.5.2. Quality of the SED Modelling

Figure 2 shows examples of the observed SEDs and their fits with *Prospector*. The average galaxy SED is observed in 13 bands from the far-ultraviolet (FUV) to the mid-infrared (MIR). After accounting for similarities between SDSS and PS1 filters, each SED has, on average, nine measurements. Our assumed model in *Prospector* provides an adequate description of most SEDs (e.g., Fig. 2). The median χ^2 divided by the number of filters (n.o.f.) is 0.9. A minority of $\sim 3\%$ have a reduced χ^2 between 3 and 12. Nonetheless, these fits are still useful. The large reduced χ^2 is driven by differences between SDSS and PS1 photometry of extended galaxies, small measurement errors, or individual data points.

The derived physical parameters, such as galaxy mass (M_*), star-formation rate (SFR), and specific star-formation rate ($\text{sSFR} = \text{SFR} / M_*$), summarized in Table 4, are comparable to those of other galaxy samples and broadly consistent with results from the literature (Leloudas et al. 2015; Schulze et al. 2018; Modjaz et al. 2020; Taggart & Perley 2019). The galaxy masses and the SFRs are 0.1–0.2 dex smaller compared to the values reported by Schulze et al. (2018), Modjaz et al. (2020), and Taggart & Perley (2019), even if identical datasets are used. The bias-corrected root-mean square (r.m.s.) of the galaxy mass, SFR, and sSFR vary between 0.3 and 1.3 dex. The uncertainties of the r.m.s. values reach up to 0.8 dex, making most of these dif-

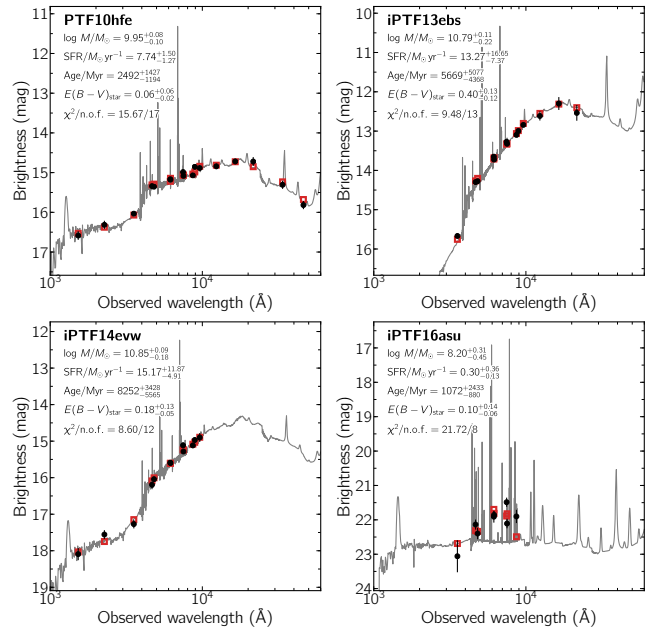


Figure 2. Selection of SEDs of SN host galaxies from 1000 to 60,000 Å (detections •; upper limits ▼). The solid line displays the best-fitting model of the SED. The squares represent the model-predicted magnitudes. The fitting parameters are shown in the upper-left corner. The abbreviation “n.o.f.” stands for numbers of filters.

ferences statistically not significant. Differences are also expected; they are due to the assumptions of the SED model (e.g., the nebular emission module, SFHs, stellar-population synthesis models) and assumptions inherent to the SED modeling software packages.

3.5.3. Impact of Wavelength Coverage

Among the 876 identified SN host galaxies, 532 hosts are detected in the rest-frame UV (< 3000 Å), 701 in the rest-frame near-infrared (NIR; $> 10,000$ Å), and 70 only in the optical (4000–10000 Å).²⁷ To quantify the systematic uncertainties in the galaxy mass, SFR, sSFR, ages, and attenuation measurements due to the absence of individual spectral bands, we define a subsample of 475 host galaxies with detections in the UV, in the range 3000–4000 Å, and the NIR (all rest frame). Then, we removed one or more of these spectral bands and repeated the fit. The scatter plots in Fig. 3 show how the galaxy mass, SFR, sSFR, age of the stellar population, and attenuation vary if only partial datasets are available.

The galaxy mass (first column in Fig. 3) is the most robustly measured quantity and shows no dependence

²⁶ <https://github.com/joshspeagle/dynesty>

²⁷ We declare a host as detected in a given band if the measurement error is < 0.44 mag, i.e., a 2σ measurement.

Table 3. PTF CCSN sample

PTF	IAU Name	Type	Redshift	Method	R.A. (SN) (hh:mm:ss)	Decl. (SN) (dd:mm:ss)	R.A. (Host) (hh:mm:ss)	Decl. (Host) (dd:mm:ss)	Offset ($''$)	Offset (kpc)	$E_{\text{MW}}(B - V)$ (mag)
09as	2009cb	SLSN-I	0.1866	3	12:59:15.862	+27:16:40.80	12:59:15.870	+27:16:40.71	0.15 ± 0.18	0.48 ± 0.57	0.01
09atu	...	SLSN-I	0.5010	3	16:30:24.537	+23:38:25.59	16:30:24.544	+23:38:25.52	0.11 ± 0.16	0.69 ± 0.99	0.04
09awk	...	SN Ib	0.0616	3	13:37:56.358	+22:55:04.78	13:37:56.359	+22:55:04.78	0.02 ± 0.17	0.02 ± 0.20	0.02
09axi	...	SN II	0.0640	3	14:12:40.850	+31:04:03.89	14:12:40.943	+31:04:03.40	1.29 ± 0.11	1.64 ± 0.14	0.01
09bce	...	SN II	0.0234	3	16:35:17.680	+55:37:59.33	16:35:17.657	+55:38:01.54	2.21 ± 0.11	1.08 ± 0.05	0.01
09bcl	...	SN II	0.0600	4	18:06:26.809	+17:51:43.15	18:06:26.442	+17:51:42.67	5.26 ± 0.06	6.30 ± 0.07	0.08
09be	...	SN II	0.1020	4	14:10:18.538	+16:53:38.71	14:10:18.493	+16:53:38.53	0.66 ± 0.25	1.28 ± 0.48	0.02
09bgf	...	SN II	0.0318	3	14:41:38.329	+19:21:43.80	14:41:38.351	+19:21:43.19	0.68 ± 0.14	0.45 ± 0.10	0.02
09bw	2009ew	SN Ib	0.1470	3	15:05:01.990	+48:40:03.49	15:05:02.035	+48:40:03.23	0.52 ± 0.12	1.37 ± 0.33	0.02
09cjq	...	SN II	0.0193	1	21:16:28.502	+00:49:39.70	21:16:27.606	+00:49:34.77	14.32 ± 0.14	5.79 ± 0.05	0.06
09cnd	...	SLSN-I	0.2583	3	16:12:08.838	+51:29:16.02	16:12:08.838	+51:29:15.49	0.53 ± 0.44	2.19 ± 1.82	0.02
09ct	2009cv	SN IIh	0.1560	3	11:42:13.827	+10:38:54.19	11:42:13.843	+10:38:53.87	0.40 ± 0.40	1.11 ± 1.13	0.03
09cu	2009ct	SN II	0.0569	1	13:15:23.135	+46:25:09.16	13:15:23.897	+46:25:13.47	8.98 ± 0.22	10.24 ± 0.25	0.01
09cvi	...	SN II	0.0360	4	21:47:09.947	+08:18:35.35	21:47:09.925	+08:18:35.55	0.38 ± 0.20	0.28 ± 0.15	0.07
09cwl	2009jh	SLSN-I	0.3500	3	14:49:10.108	+29:25:11.68	14:49:10.177	+29:25:12.78	1.42 ± 0.20	7.21 ± 1.04	0.01
09dah	...	SN IIb	0.0238	3	22:45:17.094	+21:49:15.27	22:45:17.102	+21:49:15.29	0.12 ± 0.07	0.06 ± 0.03	0.05
09dfk	...	SN Ib	0.0158	3	23:09:13.427	+07:48:15.31	23:09:13.483	+07:48:16.58	1.52 ± 0.13	0.51 ± 0.04	0.05
09dh	2009dr	SN Ic	0.0770	4	14:44:42.072	+49:43:45.17	14:44:42.105	+49:43:45.94	0.84 ± 0.08	1.26 ± 0.12	0.02
09dra	...	SN II	0.0766	1	15:48:11.483	+41:13:28.68	15:48:11.318	+41:13:31.54	3.42 ± 0.17	5.12 ± 0.25	0.01

NOTE—The IAU names were retrieved from the Transient Naming Server (<https://wis-tns.weizmann.ac.il>). The redshifts were obtained either from SDSS (method = 1), the NASA Extragalactic Database (method = 2), galaxy lines in SN spectra (method = 3), or SN-template matching (method = 4). The SN coordinates were measured after aligning SN and host images (for details see Sects. 3.4, 4.2). The coordinates are reported in a conventional celestial reference system in the J2000.0 system. The full table is available online in a machine-readable form.

Table 4. Results from the host galaxy SED modelling with Prospector

PTF	Type	Redshift	$\chi^2/n.o.f.$	$E_{\text{host}}(B - V)$ (mag)	M_{FUV} (mag)	M_{B} (mag)	M_{Ks} (mag)	$\log \text{SFR}$ ($M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	$\log M$ (M_{\odot})	$\log \text{sSFR}$ (yr^{-1})	$\log \text{Age}$ (Gyr)
09as	SLSN-I	0.1866	8.21/9	0.20 ± 0.05	-16.20 ^{+0.16} _{-0.10}	-17.62 ^{+0.11} _{-0.07}	-17.96 ^{+0.31} _{-0.28}	-0.22 ^{+0.28} _{-0.23}	8.19 ^{+0.36} _{-0.57}	-8.40 ^{+0.82} _{-0.55}	0.58 ^{+1.57} _{-0.50}
09atu	SLSN-I	0.5010	2.94/7	0.23 ± 0.14	-14.48 ^{+0.72} _{-0.58}	-15.70 ^{+0.27} _{-0.19}	-15.82 ^{+0.69} _{-0.64}	-0.59 ^{+0.72} _{-0.63}	6.84 ^{+0.70} _{-0.49}	-7.43 ^{+1.03} _{-1.15}	0.06 ^{+0.81} _{-0.05}
09awk	SN Ib	0.0616	7.13/15	0.19 ^{+0.15} _{-0.06}	-17.11 ^{+0.40} _{-0.14}	-19.07 ^{+0.12} _{-0.04}	-19.73 ^{+0.09} _{-0.16}	-0.14 ^{+0.51} _{-0.23}	9.56 ^{+0.12} _{-0.27}	-9.69 ^{+0.92} _{-0.27}	3.98 ^{+4.45} _{-2.86}
09axi	SN II	0.0640	7.90/10	0.13 ^{+0.23} _{-0.09}	-16.04 ^{+0.68} _{-0.53}	-18.47 ^{+0.22} _{-0.04}	-18.96 ^{+0.16} _{-0.43}	-0.82 ^{+1.01} _{-0.71}	9.17 ^{+0.12} _{-0.17}	-9.98 ^{+1.27} _{-0.71}	1.86 ^{+2.25} _{-0.99}
09bce	SN II	0.0234
09bcl	SN IIh	0.0600	1.97/10	0.20 ^{+0.14} _{-0.12}	-13.16 ^{+1.04} _{-3.99}	-21.19 ^{+0.39} _{-0.28}	-23.17 ^{+0.17} _{-0.07}	-2.62 ^{+3.12} _{-8.82}	11.09 ^{+0.18} _{-0.34}	-13.67 ^{+3.75} _{-8.90}	5.81 ^{+4.39} _{-3.48}
09be	SN II	0.1020	0.23/3	0.33 ^{+0.17} _{-0.16}	-12.75 ^{+1.03} _{-0.76}	-14.45 ^{+0.29} _{-0.22}	-14.95 ^{+0.58} _{-0.66}	-0.91 ^{+0.71} _{-0.65}	6.51 ^{+0.66} _{-0.42}	-7.39 ^{+0.92} _{-1.15}	0.05 ^{+0.74} _{-0.05}
09bgf	SN II	0.0318	11.37/14	0.04 ^{+0.08} _{-0.03}	-16.18 ^{+0.28} _{-0.13}	-17.49 ^{+0.15} _{-0.06}	-17.76 ^{+0.20} _{-0.13}	-1.01 ^{+0.21} _{-0.11}	8.67 ^{+0.14} _{-0.26}	-9.68 ^{+0.52} _{-0.19}	4.68 ^{+5.48} _{-3.49}
09bw	SN II	0.1470	4.76/11	0.17 ^{+0.09} _{-0.05}	-16.63 ^{+0.80} _{-0.29}	-18.54 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	-19.46 ^{+0.26} _{-0.13}	-0.24 ^{+0.28} _{-0.29}	9.31 ^{+0.14} _{-0.43}	-9.56 ^{+0.78} _{-0.34}	4.81 ^{+5.20} _{-3.90}
09cjq	SN II	0.0193	25.25/17	0.19 ^{+0.10} _{-0.05}	-17.98 ^{+0.44} _{-0.12}	-20.93 ^{+0.12} _{-0.04}	-22.47 ^{+0.13} _{-0.06}	0.30 ^{+0.24} _{-0.16}	10.81 ^{+0.09} _{-0.29}	-10.51 ^{+0.69} _{-0.16}	8.59 ^{+3.55} _{-5.72}
09cnd	SLSN-I	0.2583	5.99/6	0.14 ^{+0.14} _{-0.10}	-16.43 ^{+0.47} _{-0.30}	-17.28 ^{+0.10} _{-0.07}	-17.13 ^{+0.39} _{-0.49}	-0.46 ^{+0.59} _{-0.36}	7.91 ^{+0.37} _{-0.62}	-8.33 ^{+0.99} _{-0.63}	0.49 ^{+1.77} _{-0.45}
09ct	SN IIh	0.1560	5.98/12	0.22 ^{+0.11} _{-0.10}	-17.06 ^{+0.82} _{-0.37}	-19.39 ^{+0.08} _{-0.05}	-20.85 ^{+0.26} _{-0.11}	0.11 ^{+0.29} _{-0.27}	9.92 ^{+0.13} _{-0.28}	-9.81 ^{+0.66} _{-0.32}	5.34 ^{+5.04} _{-4.00}
09cu	SN II	0.0569	16.71/15	0.23 ^{+0.24} _{-0.06}	-18.29 ^{+0.70} _{-1.33}	-20.74 ^{+0.23} _{-0.04}	-21.87 ^{+0.08} _{-0.24}	0.52 ^{+0.77} _{-0.77}	10.54 ^{+0.10} _{-0.54}	-10.01 ^{+1.43} _{-0.28}	7.70 ^{+4.13} _{-6.96}
09cvi	SN II	0.0360	7.46/4	0.76 ^{+0.20} _{-0.24}	-9.64 ^{+1.38} _{-1.38}	-13.85 ^{+0.17} _{-0.17}	-16.19 ^{+0.41} _{-0.58}	-0.31 ^{+0.59} _{-0.66}	6.94 ^{+0.23} _{-0.23}	-7.21 ^{+0.62} _{-0.96}	0.04 ^{+0.32} _{-0.03}
09cwl	SLSN-I	0.3500	4.18/7	0.38 ^{+0.08} _{-0.14}	-13.00 ^{+0.65} _{-0.69}	-14.96 ^{+0.19} _{-0.18}	-15.79 ^{+0.35} _{-0.22}	-0.55 ^{+0.46} _{-0.63}	6.78 ^{+0.69} _{-0.40}	-7.36 ^{+0.88} _{-1.19}	0.05 ^{+0.77} _{-0.04}
09dah	SN IIb	0.0238	55.67/17	0.08 ^{+0.06} _{-0.02}	-16.30 ^{+0.30} _{-0.11}	-17.84 ^{+0.17} _{-0.04}	-18.17 ^{+0.17} _{-0.09}	-0.88 ^{+0.23} _{-0.10}	9.01 ^{+0.11} _{-0.32}	-9.89 ^{+0.64} _{-0.14}	6.80 ^{+4.44} _{-4.89}
09dfk	SN Ib	0.0158	31.60/14	0.19 ^{+0.05} _{-0.03}	-14.46 ^{+0.46} _{-0.24}	-16.78 ^{+0.10} _{-0.04}	-17.57 ^{+0.07} _{-0.06}	-1.21 ^{+0.19} _{-0.18}	8.76 ^{+0.12} _{-0.20}	-9.99 ^{+0.45} _{-0.17}	4.28 ^{+4.54} _{-2.76}
09dh	SN Ic	0.0770	1.67/3	0.54 ^{+0.39} _{-0.31}	-9.77 ^{+2.49} _{-1.61}	-12.88 ^{+0.52} _{-0.25}	-14.57 ^{+1.40} _{-1.39}	-1.15 ^{+1.10} _{-0.92}	6.54 ^{+0.73} _{-0.29}	-7.58 ^{+1.20} _{-1.29}	0.09 ^{+1.40} _{-0.08}
09dra	SN II	0.0766	16.39/17	0.21 ^{+0.05} _{-0.04}	-18.55 ^{+0.23} _{-0.13}	-20.83 ^{+0.12} _{-0.04}	-21.83 ^{+0.08} _{-0.10}	0.55 ^{+0.18} _{-0.12}	10.43 ^{+0.14} _{-0.27}	-9.89 ^{+0.58} _{-0.17}	5.38 ^{+1.75} _{-3.73}

NOTE—The absolute magnitudes are not corrected for host reddening. The SFRs are corrected for host reddening. The abbreviation ‘n.o.f.’ stands for number of filters. The ‘age’ in the last column refers to the age of the stellar population. For details of the SED modeling, see Sect. 3.5. The full table is available online in a machine-readable form. We omitted modelling the SED of PTF09bce’s host because the host galaxy is severely blended with another galaxy and deblending them is impossible.

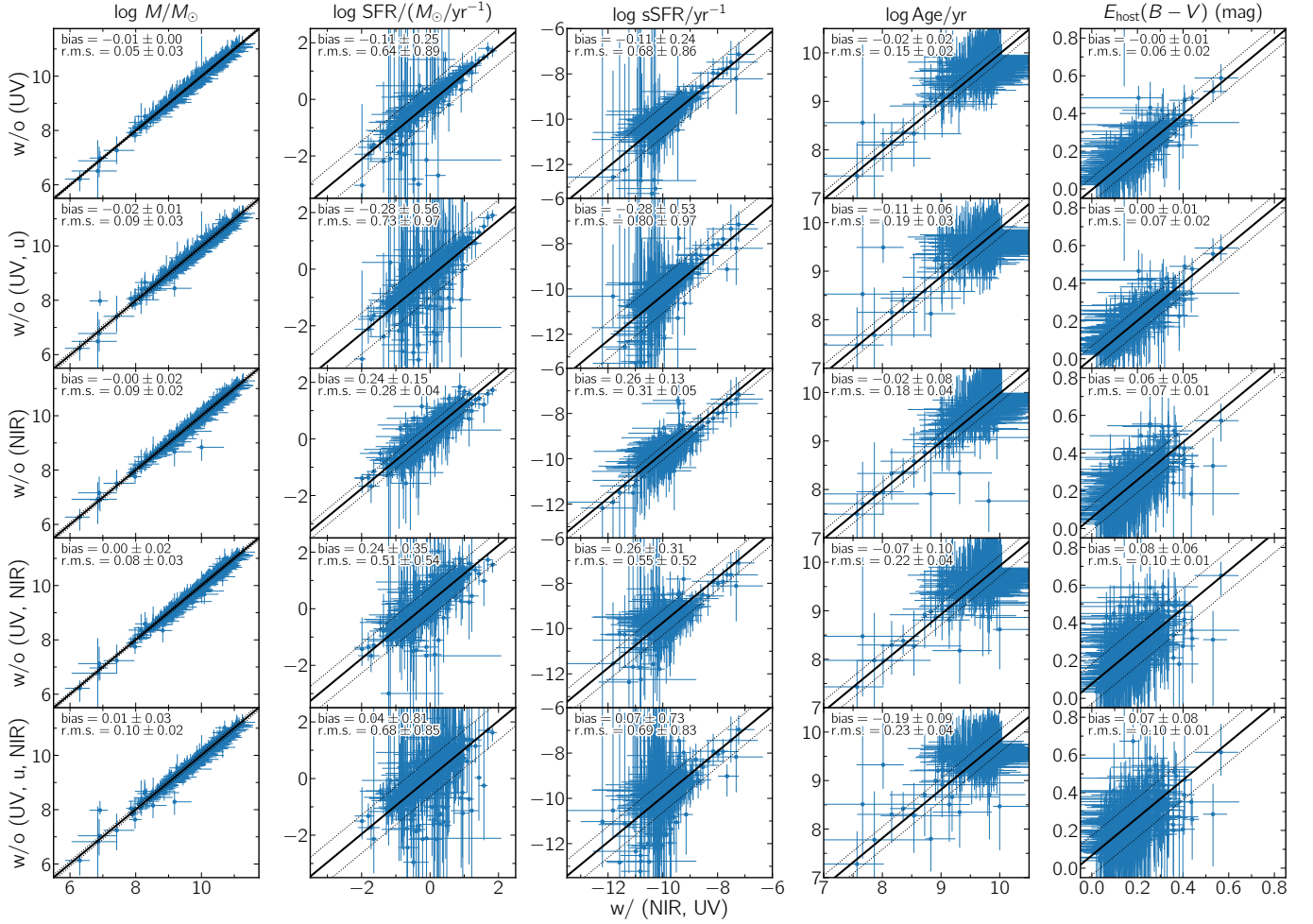


Figure 3. Comparison of various host properties derived from galaxy SEDs with detections in the UV, U band, optical, and NIR (all rest frame) and after removing one or more spectral regime. The galaxy mass is the most robustly measured property (negligible bias and an r.m.s. of < 0.1 dex). In contrast to that, the other parameters are sensitive to the wavelength coverage of the SEDs.

on the availability of NIR data. The bias levels between the measurements are negligible and the r.m.s. values are < 0.1 dex. In comparison, the median error of the mass measurements is a factor of two larger if the full dataset is used. This confirms findings by Conroy (2013, and references therein). These authors also pointed out that NIR data are only constraining if dust reddening is significant and larger than in our CCSN sample. Furthermore, galaxies with ages between 0.1 and 1 Gyr and in particular starbursts have very uncertain mass-to-light ratios owing to the difficulty in constraining their SFH. As we show in Sec. 4.6, 4.5% of the entire PTF SN sample is found in starburst galaxies. Their galaxy mass estimates can have larger systematic uncertainties than those reported here if rest-frame NIR data are not available.

In contrast to the robustness of the mass estimates, SFR measurements (second column in Fig. 3) are on average overestimated by 0.2 dex, if SEDs consist of only rest-frame UV+optical data, and underestimated by 0.3 dex, if SEDs only consist of rest-frame optical+NIR data. SFR measurements are also more uncertain, which is illustrated by their large r.m.s. of 0.5–0.7 dex and the uncertainties of the r.m.s. values if UV and/or U-band data are lacking (Fig. 3). The systematic offset of the SFRs by ~ 0.2 dex of UV+optical is in agreement with Conroy et al. (2009). SFRs are more challenging to measure from SEDs because of the age-dust-metallicity degeneracy and the assumed SFHs. In addition, prominent emission lines in low-mass galaxies add a source of uncertainty to measuring SFRs accurately. Consequently, the uncertainties of the sSFRs increase (third column in Fig. 3).

The fourth column in Fig. 3 presents the dependence of the inferred ages on the wavelength coverage. The absence of wavelength regimes leads to an underestimation of the age of the stellar population. The ages derived from sole optical SEDs are skewed by 0.2 dex toward younger ages. This additional systematic error is smaller than the total error of the age measurements with full wavelength coverage. Although individual age measurements are notoriously difficult to measure accurately and precisely, there is a strong linear correlation between the ages derived from SEDs with complete and partial datasets. This means that we can compare the average ages of the SN host populations and use that to conclude whether a SN class is characterized by a particularly young or old stellar population.

The attenuation measurements (fifth column in Fig. 3) are systematically overestimated if incomplete SEDs are used. Pure optical SEDs are affected most, and these attenuation measurements are overestimated by

0.08 mag. The r.m.s. is also of the same order. In contrast to the ages, the bias levels of the attenuation measurements are comparable to individual measurement errors. Furthermore, the median attenuation of SEDs with maximal wavelength coverage is 0.16 mag. This makes these measurements an unsuitable diagnostic to distinguish between different SN host populations.

4. RESULTS

4.1. *Supernova Classifications*

Our input sample includes over 900 transients that were flagged as CCSNe on the PTF Marshal, a target and observation manager system. Among those, we robustly classify 888 objects using the methods described in Sec. 3.3. We divide the sample into three SN families and 12 SN classes: H-poor SNe — SLSN-I, SN Ic-BL, SN Ic, SN Ibc, SN Ib; H-rich SNe — SLSN-IIb, SLSN-II, SN IIb, SN II; interacting SNe — SLSN-IIin²⁸, SN IIn, SN Ibn. Figure 4 shows examples of the supernova spectra and the characteristic features. Table 3 summarizes the classifications and properties of the 888 CCSNe.²⁹

In addition, we make use of the classifications of SLSNe reported in Yan et al. (2015), Perley et al. (2016), Yan et al. (2017), Quimby et al. (2018), De Cia et al. (2018), Lunnan et al. (2018) and Leloudas et al. (in prep), Ic-BL SNe by Taddia et al. (2019) and Modjaz et al. (2020), Ibc SNe by Fremling et al. (2018) and Barbarino et al. (submitted), IIn SNe by Nyholm et al. (2020), CCSNe in general by Arcavi et al. (2010), and tidal disruption events (TDEs) by Arcavi et al. (2014). In most cases, our classifications are identical to those reported in the papers mentioned above. For a few objects, we prefer a different classification. Information about those objects is provided in Appendix C.

Figure 5 displays the break-down of our sample. It comprises of $\sim 63\%$ H-rich and $\sim 22\%$ H-poor SNe. The remaining $\sim 15\%$ exhibit signatures of strong interaction between the SN ejecta and circumstellar matter. The largest individual SN class in the PTF sample is the class of Type II SNe with 56% due to their high volumetric rate (Li et al. 2011) and their long-lasting plateaus, which are less demanding for the spectroscopic follow-up. On the other extreme, the Type Ibn SN sample contains only nine objects. Their light curves

²⁸ We use the classifications from Leloudas et al. (in prep.) and added other luminous IIn supernovae to this class. The origin of this class and its relationship to regular Type IIn SNe is highly debated (Gal-Yam 2012; Moriya et al. 2019; Gal-Yam 2019; Jerkstrand et al. 2020; Nicholl et al. 2020).

²⁹ Parallel to this paper, Hangard et al. (in prep.) classified all SNe that were flagged as a SN Ia on the PTF Marshal.

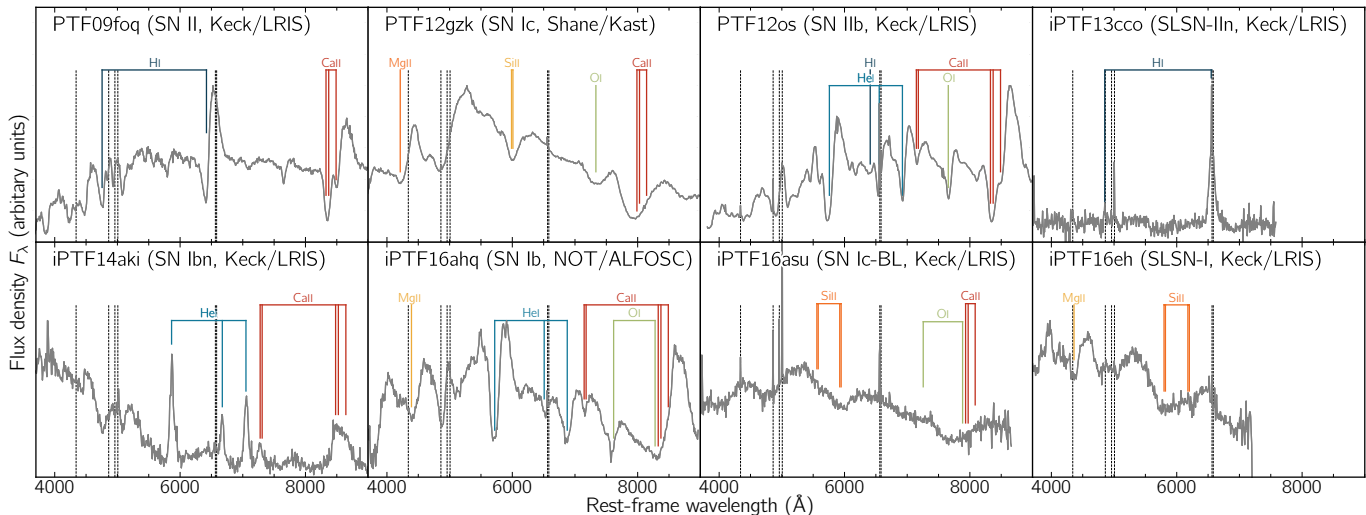


Figure 4. A collage of SN classification spectra. Overlaid are absorption and emission lines that are characteristic of each class. The black vertical dashed lines indicate the locations of expected emission lines from the underlying H II regions in the host galaxies. For presentation purposes, all spectra were rebinned to bin sizes of 8 Å.

reach maxima within $\lesssim 10$ days and afterward decline by ~ 0.1 mag/day (Hosseinzadeh et al. 2017). Therefore, in order to classify them, spectroscopic observations within a few days after discovery are essential.

4.2. Host Recovery Rate

We detect the host galaxies of almost all CCSNe.³⁰ Only ten hosts evaded detection; this set includes four SLSNe-I and one candidate SLSN-IIIn, two SNe IIb, and one Type Ic-BL, Ic and IIn SN each.³¹ Three of the five SLSNe were found between redshift $z = 0.4$ and $z \approx 1$ and are expectably beyond the reach of the Legacy Surveys (Fig. 8; Table 1; Lunnan et al. 2014; Perley et al. 2016; Schulze et al. 2018; Angus et al. 2019). The fields of the five regular CCSNe were also covered by the Legacy Surveys, except for PTF12grr. Their non-detections in data from the Legacy Surveys, PanSTARRS, and SDSS imply luminosities of $M_R \gtrsim -13.6$ mag. As we show in Sec. 4.4, these host galaxies are among the faintest galaxies in our sample.

Figure 6 shows postage stamps of a selection of fields in our sample. The blue circles mark the host galaxies’ centers, and red crosshairs indicate the SN positions. The average total alignment error is $0''.16$ and only exceeds $0''.5$ in six cases. The coordinates of the SNe, host galaxies, and their projected distances to each other are summarized in Table 3.

³⁰ We declare a host as detected if the measurement error in any image is better than 0.44 mag, i.e., a 2σ measurement.

³¹ SLSNe-I: iPTF13bdl, 14tb, 15ii, 16bt; candidate SLSN-IIIn: PTF10eoo; SNe IIb: PTF09dsj, 13dzy; SN Ic-BL: PTF12grr; SN Ic: iPTF14gqr; SN IIn: PTF10weh.

We remark that the host identification of two SNe has some ambiguity. iPTF14gqr exploded in the outskirts of tidally interacting galaxies. As proposed in De et al. (2018), the tidal interaction could trigger star-formation in collisional debris. We assume that the progenitor of iPTF14gqr was formed in such a debris.

PTF12mja is located between two galaxies of a compact galaxy group (McConnachie et al. 2009). Spectroscopic information would be required to obtain the redshifts of the two galaxies and to identify the actual host. The host PTF09bce is severely blended by another galaxy so that measuring the host flux alone is not possible. Owing to that, we do not include PTF09bce and 12mja in the discussion of the host properties.

4.3. Redshift and Distance Measurements

About 45% of the PTF CCSN host galaxies have redshift information listed in the SDSS catalog or the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database³² (NED; Helou et al. 1991). Spectra of 333 additional SNe ($\sim 38\%$) show absorption or emission lines from their host galaxies. The remaining 18% (158 SNe) have no redshift information. For those, we use the redshifts inferred by SN-template matching. These redshifts are typically accurate to within a few hundredths in redshift space (Blondin & Tonry 2007; Fremling et al. 2019). Table 3 summarizes all redshifts and how they are obtained.

Figure 7 displays the redshift distribution of each SN class (see also Table 5 for their median values). The median redshifts reflect the average luminosity of each

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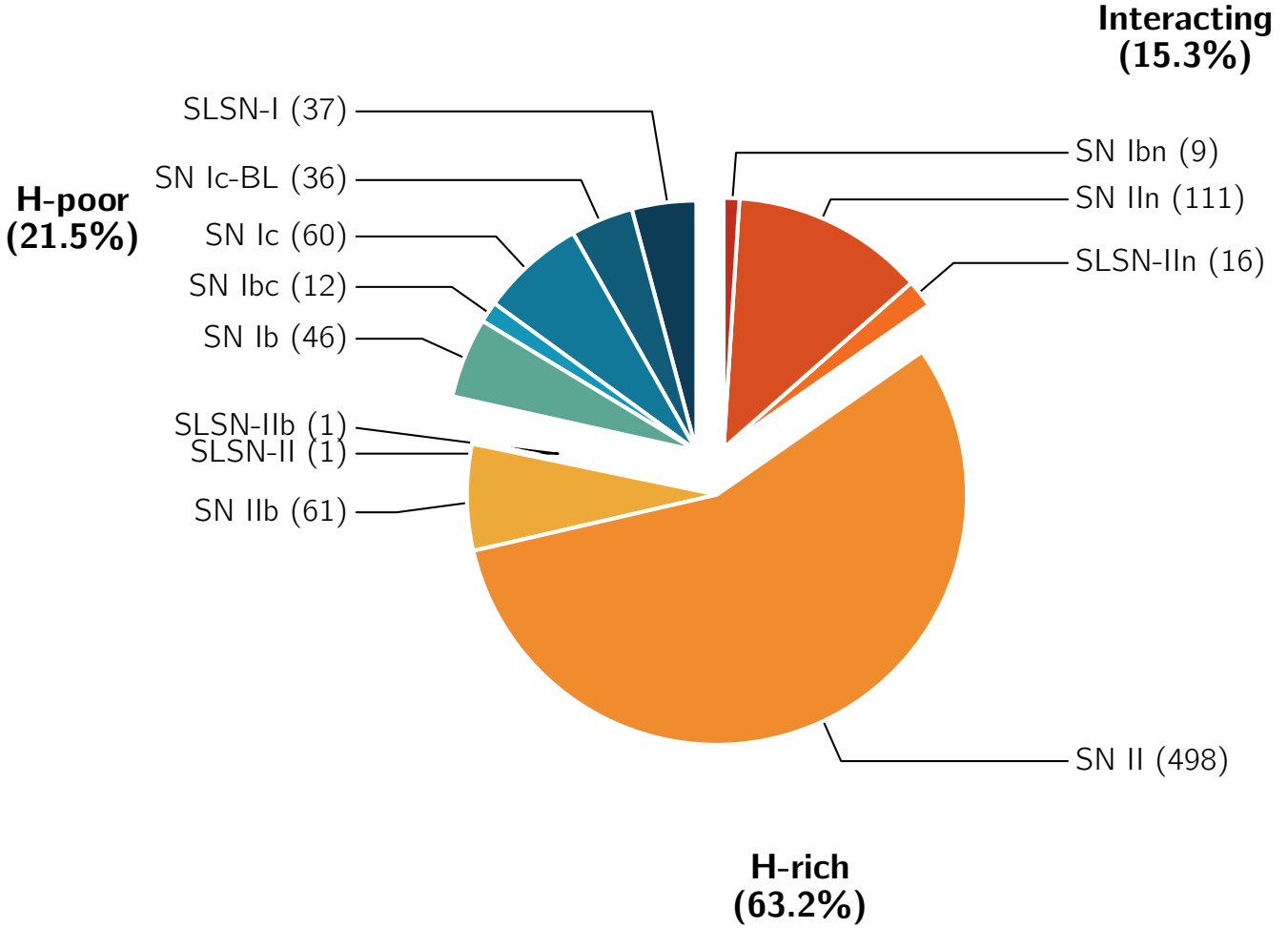


Figure 5. The PTF CCSN sample consists of 888 objects divided into three families and 12 classes. The size of each subclass and family is shown in the legend.

class. Type Ibc, II, and Iib SNe have the lowest peak luminosities and are found only at low redshifts (median $z \approx 0.04$; Table 5). In contrast, SLSNe are detected at a median $z \approx 0.26$ (Table 5). The most distant CCSN in our sample iPTF14tb is, in fact, a H-poor SLSN at $z = 0.942$ (Table 3). The measured redshift distributions are confirmed with previous work by Perley (2019), Nyholm et al. (2020) and Modjaz et al. (2020) that are based on subsets of the PTF SLSN, SN IIn and SN Ibc-BL host galaxy samples.

At very low redshift, peculiar velocities of galaxies can be significant and can hinder using redshifts as distance measurements (e.g., Davis et al. 2011). To quantify the impact of the issue, we compare the distance moduli inferred from the Tully-Fisher (TF) relation and Λ CDM cosmology without correction for peculiar motion. The NED database has a record of the distance moduli from

the TF relation for 24 of 27 hosts at $z < 0.01$.³³ The distance moduli from Λ CDM cosmology and the TF relation differ by $0.18^{+0.71}_{-0.68}$ mag on average. This is smaller than the accuracy of the TF relation (0.3–0.4 mag; Freedman & Madore 2010). Given the general consistency between the distances inferred from Λ CDM cosmology and from the TF relation, we assume that all hosts are in the Hubble flow and that redshifts are a reliable distance measurement for all objects in this paper.³⁴

³³ We limit the comparison to $z < 0.01$ because the completeness level of hosts with TF distance moduli plunges from $\sim 89\%$ to 30% (23/76 hosts) as we go from $z < 0.01$ to $0.01 \leq z < 0.02$.

³⁴ The differences in the distance moduli of the hosts of iPTF14jku, 14ur, 14va, 15eqv, 16hgm, and 16tu differ by 1 to 2 mag. The TF distance moduli of iPTF15eqv and 16tu can be reconciled with their large measurement uncertainties. Understanding whether the differences of the other objects are significant requires knowledge of how the TF distances were obtained. That is beyond the scope of this paper.

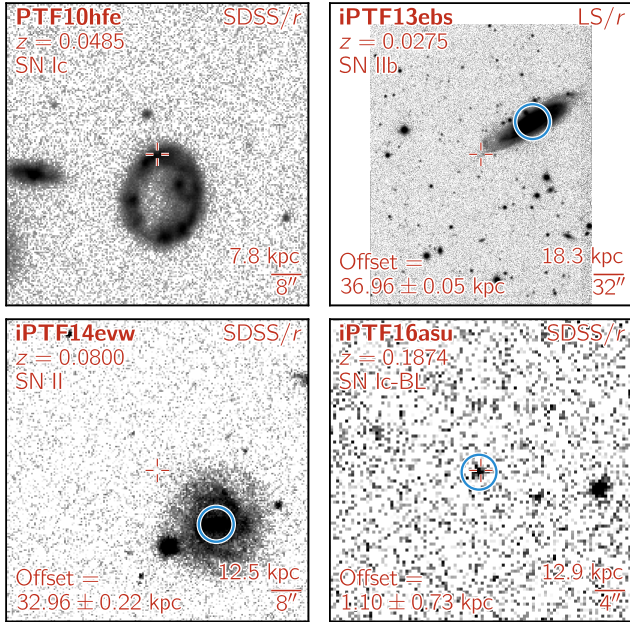


Figure 6. Selection of postage stamps of PTF CCSN host galaxies. The size of the cutouts varies between $40''$ and $320''$. In each panel, North is up and East is left. The crosshair marks the SN position, and the blue circle (arbitrary radius) marks the center of the host galaxy. The projected distance (in kpc) between a SN and the center of its host galaxy is reported in the lower-left corner. A scale is shown in the lower right corner. We report no distance between PTF10hfe and its host because the host galaxy has a ring morphology without a center.

4.4. Brightness and Luminosity

The top panel of Fig. 8 shows the distribution of the hosts’ observed r' -band brightness as a function of redshift and SN class. The distributions cover a wide range from $r' \approx 8$ mag to $r' \approx 26$ mag. Clear differences between the different SN classes are visible. Type Ib, Ic, IIb and Iib SNe are found in galaxies with a median brightness of $r' \approx 16.6$ mag (horizontal line in the top panel of Fig. 8; Table 5), whereas Type IIn/Ibn SNe are found in galaxies that are on average 1.5 mag fainter and SLSNe in galaxies that are even ~ 6.3 mag fainter (Table 5).

A significant part of the differences can be attributed to the redshift intervals probed by the different SN populations. To corroborate that, we display the B -band luminosities in the bottom panels of Fig. 8. Similar to the top panels, the horizontal lines display the median values of the probability distribution functions reported in Sec. 5.1 and summarized in Table 5. The k -corrected absolute magnitudes of SNe IIn/Ibn hosts are almost identical to the hosts of Type Ibc, Iib and II SNe. SLSNe and SNe Ic-BL exhibit a preference for low-luminosity

galaxies, even after accounting for the evolution of the B -band luminosity function in agreement with Lunnan et al. (2014), Leloudas et al. (2015), Perley et al. (2016), Chen et al. (2017a), Schulze et al. (2018) and Modjaz et al. (2020). Their median luminosities are between $M_B = -17.6$ and -18.3 mag and a factor of ~ 2.4 – 5 lower than those of regular CCSN host galaxies (Table 5). The median luminosity of H-poor SLSN host galaxies is comparable to the LMC at $z \approx 0$ (de Vaucouleurs 1960; McConnachie 2012).

The luminosity distribution of detected hosts extends from $M_B \approx -11$ to -23 mag. This interval covers the range from $10^{-4} L_*$ to $10 L_*$, where L_* is the knee of the B -band luminosity functions reported in Ilbert et al. (2005). The least-luminous detected hosts in our sample are of PTF09gyp (Iib, $M_B = -11.2^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$ mag; Table 4) and iPTF14ajx (IIn, $M_B = -11.4^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ mag; Table 4). Including the SN hosts that evaded detection extends the distribution to galaxies fainter than -11 mag. This regime is comparable to the least-luminous star-forming galaxies in the Local Group (Mateo 1998; McConnachie 2012).

4.5. Galaxy Masses

Spectral energy distribution modeling gives access to the physical properties of the host galaxies. The primary properties we are interested in are the galaxy mass of the stellar component and the star-formation rate. These measurements are summarized in Table 4.

Figure 9 shows the host masses as a function of redshift and SN class. The entire sample spans a range from $10^{5.4}$ to $10^{11.3} M_\odot$ (Table 4), corresponding to 10^{-5} to $10 M_*$, where M_* is the knee of Schechter-type galaxy mass functions (e.g., Baldry et al. 2012; Muzzin et al. 2013). About 29% and 11% of the sample are found in galaxies that are less massive than $10^9 M_\odot$ and the $10^8 M_\odot$ ³⁵, respectively. These values are consistent with Taggart & Perley (2019) who studied a more unbiased but significantly smaller SN sample. However, not all SN classes probe this parameter space in the same way. On average, H-poor and H-rich SLSNe and Ic-BL SNe have the least-massive galaxy populations. Their hosts are a factor of 5 to 25 less massive than the hosts of any other CCSN class (Table 5). Moreover, these samples exhibit a clear dearth of galaxies above $10^{10} M_\odot$ (Fig. 9).

To examine these results further, we compare the median mass of a general population of star-forming galaxies to each SN sample. The CANDELS (Grogin et al.

³⁵ The masses of the SMC and the LMC are $10^{8.7} M_\odot$ and $10^{9.2} M_\odot$, respectively (McConnachie 2012).

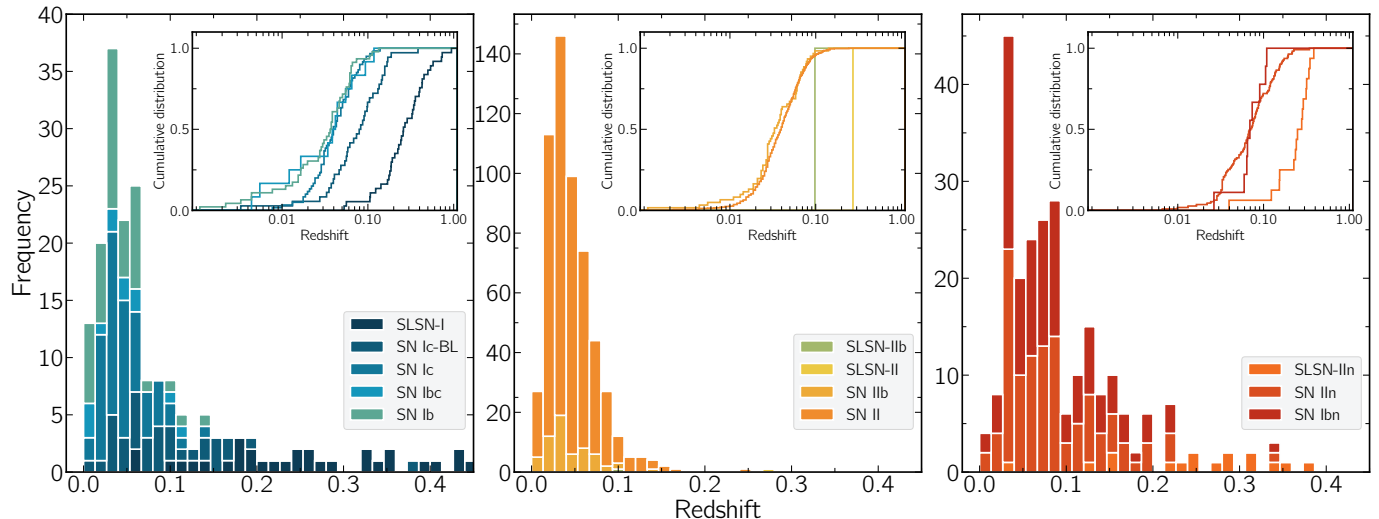


Figure 7. The redshift distribution of H-poor (left), H-rich (center), and interaction-powered (right) SNe. The stacked histograms are truncated at $z = 0.5$ for presentation purposes, whereas the full distributions are shown as cumulative plots in the insets. The highest redshift SN in the PTF sample is the H-poor SLSN iPTF14tb at $z = 0.942$.

2011; Koekemoer et al. 2011) and COSMOS (Scoville et al. 2007) surveys are the deepest galaxy surveys probing a sufficiently large cosmic volume and have a high level of completeness down to $10^8 M_{\odot}$ at $z < 0.5$. This is still 2–3 orders of magnitude larger than the least massive host in our sample. However, mass functions at $z < 0.5$ are well constrained and show no signs of plummets at the low-mass end. We assume that the mass function parameters are also valid for the range spanned by our host galaxies.

Under the working assumption that massive stars are the progenitors of all CCSN classes, we expect that their stellar mass functions should sample the mass function of star-forming galaxies weighted by their SFR. Using the mass-function parameterization from Tomczak et al. (2014) and the parameterization of the fundamental correlation between the galaxy stellar mass and SFR from Lee et al. (2015), we estimate the SFR-weighted average galaxy mass in the mass interval probed by each of the SN samples is between $10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$ and $10^{9.9} M_{\odot}$.

These values match well the median host masses of most CCSN classes. Only the hosts of H-poor and H-rich SLSNe and Type Ic-BL SNe show a dearth of massive hosts compared to this model. Their median masses are $\log M/M_{\odot} \approx 8.15$ (SLSNe-I) and ~ 8.9 (SNe Ic-BL and SLSN-IIn; Table 5), but the expected SFR-weighted average galaxy mass would be $10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$. The dearth of massive hosts is consistent with results reported in Perley et al. (2016), Chen et al. (2017a), Schulze et al. (2018) and Modjaz et al. (2020). In Sec. 5.2 we discuss this further.

Recently, Modjaz et al. (2020) studied a subsample of Type Ic and Ic-BL SNe and their from the PTF survey.

The median mass of their SN Ic-BL sample is consistent with that of the entire PTF sample. However, the hosts of their SN Ic sample have masses that are 0.5 dex larger.

4.6. Star-Formation Rates

To put the mass measurements in the context of star-forming galaxies, we present in Fig. 10 the galaxy mass as a function of star-formation rate and SN type. The vast majority of hosts occupy a narrow region of the SFR- M_{\star} parameter space between a specific star-formation rate ($\text{sSFR} = \text{SFR}/M_{\star}$) from 10^{-10} to 10^{-9} yr^{-1} . That part of the parameter space is also known as the locus of the galaxy main-sequence of star-forming galaxies (thick dashed line in Fig. 10), indicating that most SN host galaxies are normal star-forming galaxies. SLSNe are found in more vigorously star-forming galaxies with average sSFR 's of $\sim 10^{-8.3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, consistent with the values reported in (Perley et al. 2016; Schulze et al. 2018; Taggart & Perley 2019). This places them in the regime of starbursting galaxies (Daddi et al. 2007; Elbaz et al. 2007; Noeske et al. 2007; Sargent et al. 2012).

Starbursts are not exclusive to SLSN hosts. The most vigorously star-forming host galaxies of regular CCSN reach sSFR 's of $> 10^{-8} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (e.g., iPTF15eqq – SNII, $> 10^{-7} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, PTF12eci – SN Ic-BL, $> 10^{-7.1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, PTF09cvi – SN Ic-BL, $> 10^{-7.2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$; Table 4). More quantitatively, $\sim 11\%$ of all regular CCSNe are found in galaxies with sSFR 's of $> 10^{-9} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (just above the galaxy main sequence) and 3% are found in extreme starbursts with sSFR 's of $> 10^{-8} \text{ yr}^{-1}$. The frequency of extreme starburst galaxies hosting regular CCSNe is consistent with Taggart & Perley (2019). In stark con-

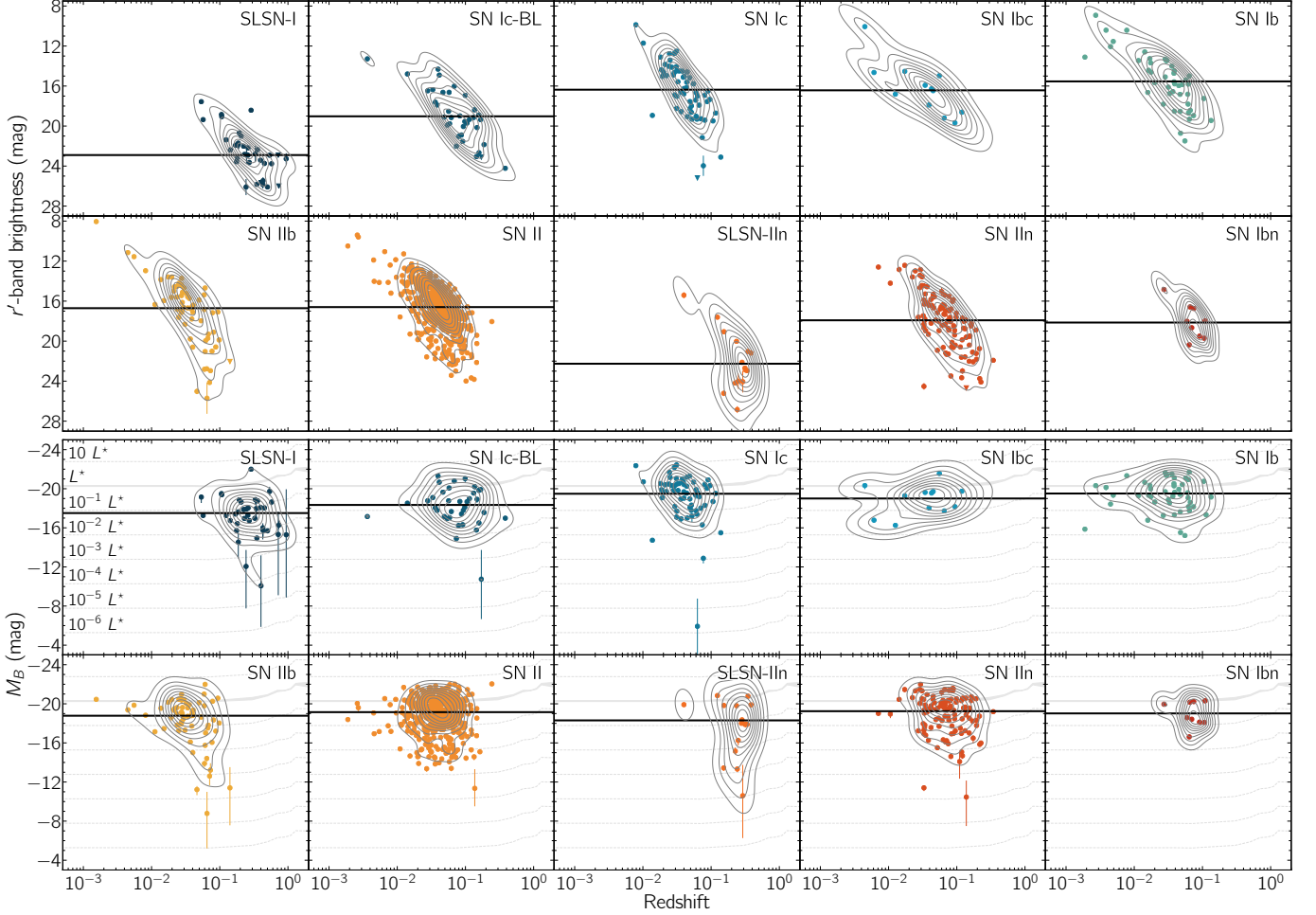


Figure 8. The evolution of the apparent r' magnitude (top) and absolute B magnitude (bottom) of the host-galaxy populations as a function of redshift and SN type. The average brightness (indicated by the black horizontal line) varies significantly with each SN type. These dissimilarities are primarily due to differences in the redshift distributions. After accounting for redshift, SLSNe-I are found in galaxies that are still a factor of 4.5 less luminous than SNe II. To guide the eye, contours from 10% to 90% are overlaid in both figures. The characteristic luminosity, L^* , of the B -band luminosity function of star-forming galaxies presented in Faber et al. (2007) and multiples of it are displayed in gray.

trast to the low starburst fraction of regular CCSNe, $68^{+11}_{-8}\%$ and $38^{+11}_{-8}\%$ of all H-poor SLSNe exploded in galaxies with sSFR's of $> 10^{-9} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and $> 10^{-8} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, respectively.

On the other extreme of the SFR spectrum, there is also a population of hosts of regular CCSNe with SFR's of $\lesssim 0.01 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and sSFR's between 10^{-14} yr^{-1} and 10^{-11} yr^{-1} , albeit with very large uncertainties. Whether these galaxies are barely star-forming or, maybe, not star-forming at all requires additional data, such as far-infrared data to assess dust-obscured star-formation and integral-field spectroscopy to search for star-forming regions at SN sites.

4.7. Projected Distances between SNe and Hosts

The projected distances (summarised in Table 3) between the SNe and the centers of host galaxy centers ex-

tends from $0.02 \pm 0.20 \text{ kpc}$ (PTF09awk, Type II; Fig. 6) to $37.00 \pm 0.05 \text{ kpc}$ (iPTF13ebs; Type Iib)^{36, 37}. At the same time, the masses of the host galaxies vary from 10^5 to $10^{11.5} M_{\odot}$, and therefore the sizes of the host galaxy are expected to vary considerably.

To better understand this behavior and whether certain SN classes are found in peculiar host locations, we present the offsets as a function of host-galaxy mass and

³⁶ In addition to PTF09bce PTF12mja and the ten “hostless” SNe, we removed two additional hosts in the host-offset analysis. The host of PTF10hfe is a ring galaxy without a center (Fig. 6). PTF11aun exploded in a dwarf galaxy; however, the host is severely blended with a foreground star, and the galaxy center can not be reliably measured.

³⁷ The offset measurements of PTF10cd and 17bsi are based on the SN coordinates on the PTF Marshal due to absence of publicly available SN images.

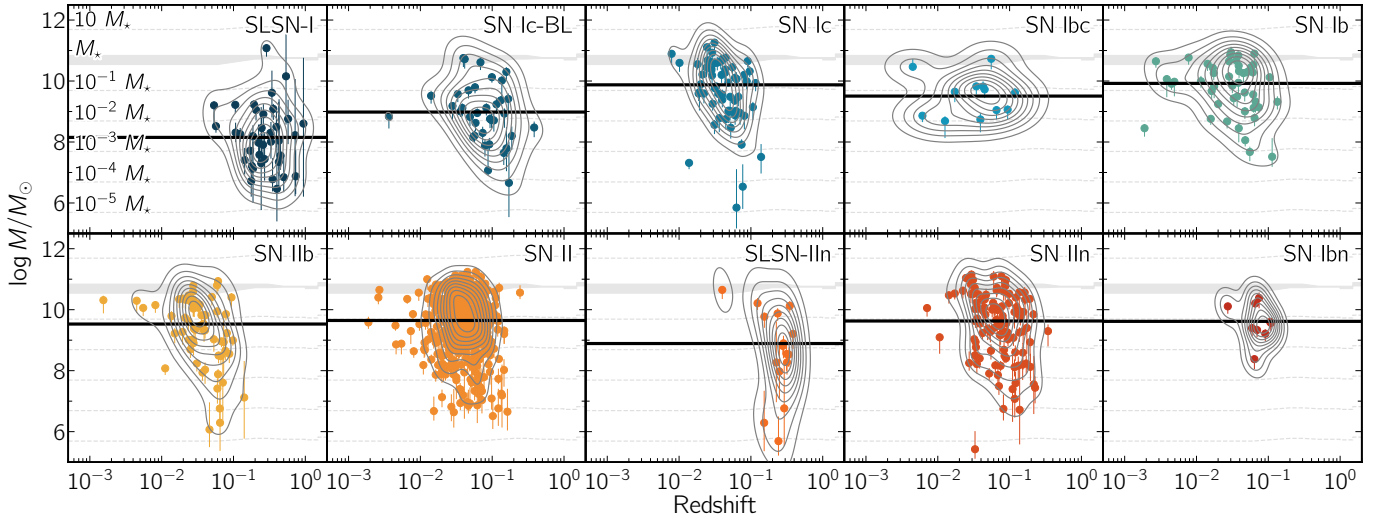


Figure 9. Host galaxy mass versus redshift. We overlay the characteristic mass M_* of the mass function from the GAMA (Baldry et al. 2012) and UltraVISTA (Muzzin et al. 2013) surveys in grey, and several mass tracks. To guide the eye contours from 10% to 90% are overlaid to the data. The thick horizontal black line displays the median value of each sample. Note the difference of a factor of 5–25 between the masses of SLSNe and SNe-Ib/c/II/Iib hosts.

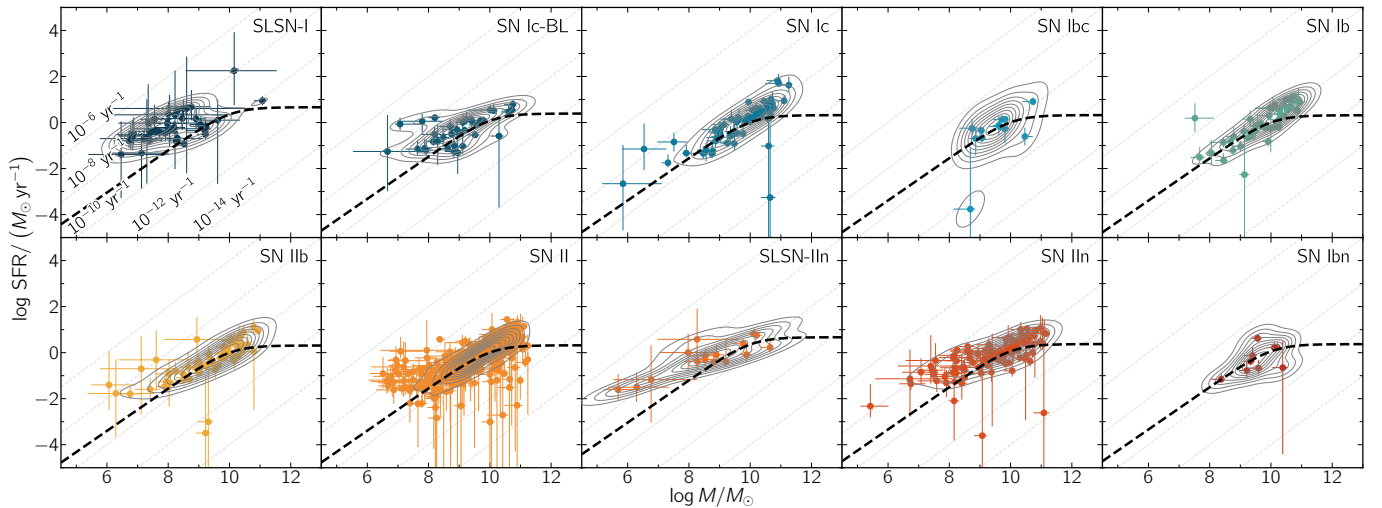


Figure 10. The host populations in the mass-SFR plane. All SNe exploded in star-forming galaxies. This is illustrated by their location with respect to the main sequence of star-forming galaxies (black-dashed curve). The grey-dotted diagonal lines display lines of constant specific star-formation rate (SFR normalized by stellar mass). To guide the eye, contours from 10% to 90% are overlaid.

SN type in Fig. 11. We also overlay the relation between the 80% light-radius, r_{80} , and galaxy mass which is thought to trace the stellar mass content of galaxies independent of whether they are star-forming or not (Miller et al. 2019; Mowla et al. 2019). The overwhelming majority of CCSNe is found within r_{80} . Less than 15% of each SN class are found at distances larger than r_{80} . After propagating uncertainties, the fraction of SNe at large distances decreases to less than 8% (3σ confidence level). Either way, this percentage of SNe with large offsets is expected because we compare their dis-

tance to the 80% light radius. This result reassures that we reliably identified the host galaxies for most CCSNe in our sample.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Distribution Functions

In the previous sections, we focused on a general description of the host galaxy population. In this section, we construct and examine the distribution functions. The observed distribution functions suffer from the combined effect of the measurement errors and se-

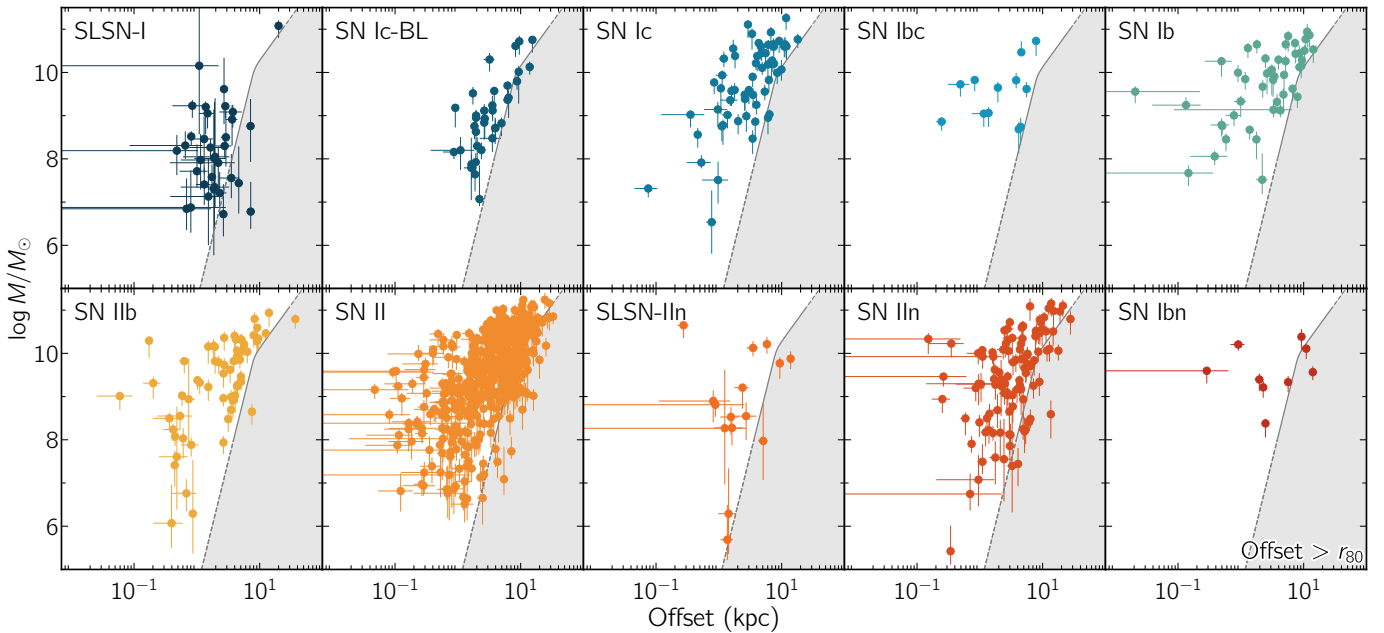


Figure 11. Galaxy mass versus supernova-host offset. Most SNe are located within the 80% light radius of their host galaxies. Up to 15% of each SN class are found at larger galacto-centric distances. This is expected because the offsets are compared to the 80% light curves.

lection bias. Taking selection effects into account requires detailed knowledge of how the survey was operated, how transients were identified, how objects were selected for classification, and how successful were these classification efforts (e.g., Frohmaier et al. 2017; Feindt et al. 2019). This is beyond the scope of this paper. To account for measurement errors, we perform a Monte-Carlo simulation (30000 samples per host property and SN class) and bootstrap each sample. In the Monte-Carlo simulation, each data point is re-sampled as follows:

- Redshifts have very small statistical and systematic errors and these errors are assumed to be negligible.
- SN-host offsets are represented by the Rice distribution because the offsets are never negative and Gaussian noise superimposed on a vector results in a non-Gaussian probability distribution (Rice 1945).
- The r' -band magnitudes are represented by a normal distribution. In the case of a non-detection, a measurement is represented by a uniform distribution where the bright and faint bounds are set to the 3σ limiting magnitude and the faintest host in the sample (dimmed by additional 0.5 mag), respectively.
- For the age of the stellar population, attenuation, galaxy mass, M_B , SFR, and sSFR, we use the marginalized posteriors from the SED modeling.

We estimate the probability distribution functions using the kernel density (KDE) techniques. The critical parameter of the KDEs is the bandwidth, i.e., the

smoothing parameter. For each sample, we estimate an adequate value using the leave-one-out cross-correlation method. For samples with less than 20 objects, e.g., SNe Ibc and SLSNe-IIc, we set the bandwidth parameter to the median value of the other host samples. To compute the point-wise 1σ confidence intervals, we compute the 68% confidence interval around the median KDE of each distribution function.

Figure 12 shows the KDEs and the point-wise 1σ confidence intervals of all host properties. Table 5 summarizes the median, mode and full-width at half-maximum of each KDE. The distribution functions can exhibit complex shapes; they are uni-modal, but they can display asymmetries and pronounced wings primarily towards the faint end, independent of sample size and SN/host property. The asymmetries and the wings reflect, in part, the intrinsic shape of the luminosity and mass functions. Moreover, the existence of pronounced tails in the KDEs limits the effectiveness of median values and widths to identify hosts with outstanding properties. As an auxiliary data product of this paper, we release tabulated versions KDEs to identify singular hosts more easily.

We remark that the multiple peaks seen in the distribution functions are most likely artifacts due to the small sample sizes. As a sanity check, we generated fake samples from symmetric and asymmetric unimodal distributions, where we vary the sample sizes between 30 and 500. Multiple peaks and shoulders are generally observed in the distribution functions with $\lesssim 100$ objects

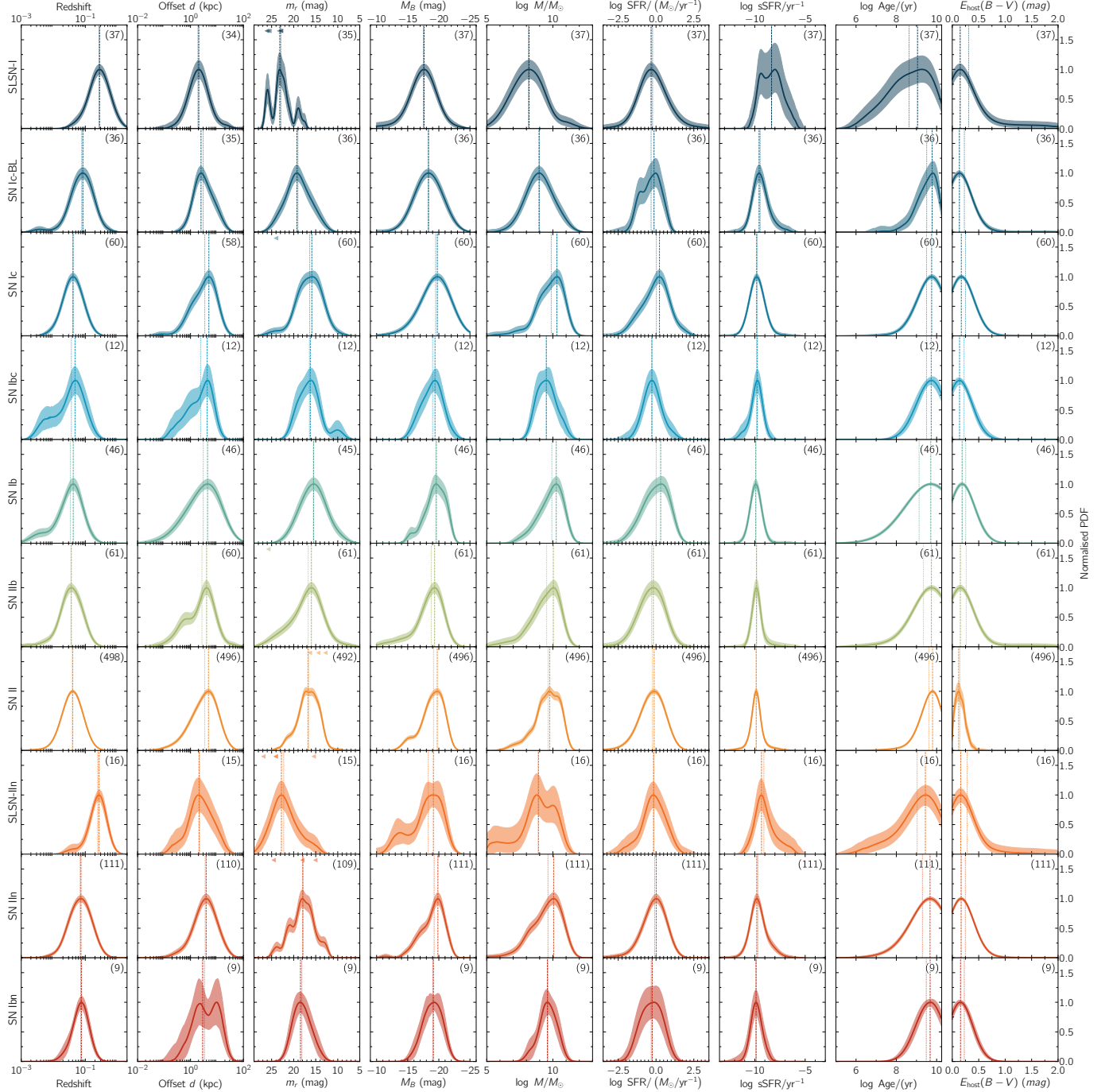


Figure 12. Kernel density estimates of SN and host properties. The shaded regions display the point-wise 1σ confidence intervals. The vertical dashed and dotted lines indicate the mode and the median, respectively. The numbers in parenthesis quote the sample sizes. To guide the eye, the KDEs are normalized to have the same peak height. Upper limits in the r -band brightness are indicated by left-pointing triangles in the upper half of a panel.

which cause deviations from the actual underlying distributions.

5.2. Environmental Effects on the Formation of CCSNe

5.2.1. Metallicity-Dependent SN Production Efficiency

In Section 4.5, we found a dearth of galaxies above $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ hosting SLSNe-I/II and SNe Ic-BL, while other CCSN classes seem to select galaxies solely based on their star-formation activity. This could point to an environment-dependent production efficiency of progenitor systems of some CCSN classes, as demonstrated in

Table 5. Statistical properties of the SN host galaxy samples

SN class	log z	log Offset (kpc)	m_r (mag)	M_B (mag)	log M (M_\odot)	log SFR ($M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	log sSFR (yr^{-1})	log Age (yr)	$E_{\text{host}}(B - V)$ (mag)
H-poor SNe									
Median	-0.570 \pm 0.045	0.283 \pm 0.068	22.90 \pm 0.33	-17.51 \pm 0.30	8.15 \pm 0.23	-0.23 \pm 0.16	-8.34 \pm 0.30	8.63 \pm 0.24	0.31 \pm 0.05
Mode	-0.557 \pm 0.060	0.313 \pm 0.090	23.14 \pm 0.33	-17.63 \pm 0.33	8.20 \pm 0.24	-0.32 \pm 0.15	-8.33 \pm 0.69	9.05 \pm 0.49	0.15 \pm 0.04
FWHM	0.680 \pm 0.106	0.827 \pm 0.181	4.89 \pm 1.73	4.34 \pm 0.70	2.58 \pm 0.52	1.97 \pm 0.38	2.36 \pm 0.58	2.21 \pm 0.49	0.70 \pm 0.46
Median	-1.112 \pm 0.052	0.479 \pm 0.062	19.03 \pm 0.44	-18.34 \pm 0.29	8.98 \pm 0.16	-0.33 \pm 0.15	-9.46 \pm 0.14	9.51 \pm 0.11	0.23 \pm 0.02
Mode	-1.084 \pm 0.054	0.487 \pm 0.057	19.27 \pm 0.46	-18.33 \pm 0.39	8.95 \pm 0.21	-0.13 \pm 0.16	-9.57 \pm 0.16	9.78 \pm 0.32	0.14 \pm 0.01
FWHM	0.725 \pm 0.119	0.779 \pm 0.134	6.02 \pm 1.48	4.63 \pm 0.61	2.23 \pm 0.42	1.48 \pm 0.30	1.65 \pm 0.36	1.12 \pm 0.32	0.38 \pm 0.06
Median	-1.389 \pm 0.033	0.540 \pm 0.059	16.36 \pm 0.30	-19.49 \pm 0.22	9.88 \pm 0.14	0.02 \pm 0.11	-9.79 \pm 0.07	9.50 \pm 0.04	0.25 \pm 0.01
Mode	-1.382 \pm 0.045	0.694 \pm 0.065	15.88 \pm 1.42	-19.76 \pm 0.23	10.30 \pm 0.35	0.23 \pm 0.11	-9.81 \pm 0.06	9.75 \pm 0.05	0.17 \pm 0.02
FWHM	0.648 \pm 0.075	0.957 \pm 0.134	5.90 \pm 0.81	4.96 \pm 0.52	2.01 \pm 0.30	1.87 \pm 0.32	1.57 \pm 0.19	1.16 \pm 0.12	0.39 \pm 0.04
Median	-1.436 \pm 0.105	0.382 \pm 0.142	16.43 \pm 0.71	-19.00 \pm 0.51	9.51 \pm 0.21	-0.27 \pm 0.16	-9.83 \pm 0.14	9.50 \pm 0.09	0.22 \pm 0.03
Mode	-1.322 \pm 0.105	0.629 \pm 0.060	16.22 \pm 1.80	-19.38 \pm 1.07	9.51 \pm 0.51	-0.28 \pm 0.17	-9.75 \pm 0.13	9.73 \pm 0.13	0.14 \pm 0.03
FWHM	0.999 \pm 0.156	1.041 \pm 0.314	5.03 \pm 2.55	3.58 \pm 0.90	1.57 \pm 0.46	1.26 \pm 0.39	1.28 \pm 0.42	1.12 \pm 0.18	0.35 \pm 0.04
Median	-1.469 \pm 0.048	0.483 \pm 0.079	15.54 \pm 0.43	-19.51 \pm 0.26	9.92 \pm 0.13	0.01 \pm 0.14	-9.89 \pm 0.07	9.13 \pm 0.04	0.25 \pm 0.01
Mode	-1.377 \pm 0.045	0.644 \pm 0.085	15.47 \pm 0.67	-19.61 \pm 0.39	10.26 \pm 0.16	0.31 \pm 0.24	-9.90 \pm 0.07	9.71 \pm 0.06	0.19 \pm 0.02
FWHM	0.859 \pm 0.208	1.363 \pm 0.187	6.30 \pm 0.98	3.47 \pm 0.62	1.92 \pm 0.32	1.82 \pm 0.28	1.19 \pm 0.17	1.83 \pm 0.09	0.38 \pm 0.03
H-rich SNe									
Median	-1.447 \pm 0.037	0.432 \pm 0.065	16.71 \pm 0.41	-18.78 \pm 0.25	9.53 \pm 0.15	-0.30 \pm 0.12	-9.80 \pm 0.07	9.35 \pm 0.05	0.26 \pm 0.02
Mode	-1.437 \pm 0.050	0.609 \pm 0.050	15.98 \pm 0.33	-19.32 \pm 0.27	10.04 \pm 0.42	-0.18 \pm 0.29	-9.84 \pm 0.11	9.74 \pm 0.06	0.15 \pm 0.02
FWHM	0.709 \pm 0.090	1.162 \pm 0.165	7.42 \pm 1.13	4.35 \pm 0.72	2.25 \pm 0.37	1.78 \pm 0.30	1.08 \pm 0.33	1.49 \pm 0.20	0.46 \pm 0.06
Median	-1.408 \pm 0.012	0.537 \pm 0.023	16.60 \pm 0.13	-19.15 \pm 0.09	9.65 \pm 0.05	-0.24 \pm 0.04	-9.86 \pm 0.02	9.61 \pm 0.02	0.14 \pm 0.01
Mode	-1.392 \pm 0.020	0.679 \pm 0.040	16.77 \pm 1.10	-19.75 \pm 0.34	9.77 \pm 0.47	-0.12 \pm 0.09	-9.86 \pm 0.04	9.80 \pm 0.02	0.12 \pm 0.03
FWHM	0.664 \pm 0.027	1.054 \pm 0.057	4.88 \pm 0.30	3.76 \pm 0.25	1.96 \pm 0.13	1.72 \pm 0.09	1.09 \pm 0.09	0.98 \pm 0.05	0.19 \pm 0.01
Interaction-powered SNe									
Median	-0.616 \pm 0.039	0.343 \pm 0.136	22.26 \pm 0.69	-18.30 \pm 0.69	8.89 \pm 0.38	-0.15 \pm 0.22	-9.10 \pm 0.33	9.03 \pm 0.20	0.28 \pm 0.06
Mode	-0.577 \pm 0.030	0.321 \pm 0.283	22.78 \pm 0.89	-19.13 \pm 1.07	8.91 \pm 1.14	-0.16 \pm 0.21	-9.33 \pm 0.41	9.44 \pm 0.24	0.16 \pm 0.04
FWHM	0.559 \pm 0.109	1.027 \pm 0.356	6.17 \pm 2.03	5.79 \pm 2.13	2.90 \pm 1.13	1.68 \pm 0.55	2.19 \pm 1.06	1.97 \pm 0.80	0.54 \pm 0.17
Median	-1.161 \pm 0.030	0.555 \pm 0.040	17.92 \pm 0.27	-19.25 \pm 0.20	9.63 \pm 0.12	-0.09 \pm 0.07	-9.70 \pm 0.07	9.29 \pm 0.04	0.25 \pm 0.01
Mode	-1.137 \pm 0.045	0.594 \pm 0.065	17.93 \pm 0.41	-19.85 \pm 0.24	10.05 \pm 0.17	0.01 \pm 0.11	-9.80 \pm 0.08	9.67 \pm 0.05	0.17 \pm 0.01
FWHM	0.722 \pm 0.062	0.919 \pm 0.103	5.67 \pm 0.71	3.92 \pm 0.45	2.35 \pm 0.26	1.59 \pm 0.18	1.69 \pm 0.23	1.53 \pm 0.11	0.39 \pm 0.03
Median	-1.146 \pm 0.046	0.525 \pm 0.244	18.14 \pm 0.59	-19.02 \pm 0.48	9.62 \pm 0.21	-0.32 \pm 0.27	-9.87 \pm 0.18	9.49 \pm 0.09	0.23 \pm 0.02
Mode	-1.122 \pm 0.040	0.458 \pm 0.190	18.45 \pm 1.03	-19.13 \pm 0.83	9.59 \pm 0.78	-0.25 \pm 0.57	-9.87 \pm 0.17	9.68 \pm 0.16	0.16 \pm 0.03
FWHM	0.524 \pm 0.142	1.085 \pm 0.388	4.28 \pm 1.33	3.22 \pm 0.81	1.39 \pm 0.53	1.55 \pm 0.54	1.22 \pm 0.65	1.11 \pm 0.17	0.35 \pm 0.04

NOTE—The medians, modes and the full-widths at half-maxima as well as their uncertainties were extracted from the KDEs. The values in parenthesis display the number of objects that were used. The r -band brightness and the B -band luminosity are not corrected for host attenuation. We omit to report the statistics for SLSN-II and SLSN-III because these classes consists of only one object each.

Perley et al. (2016) and Schulze et al. (2018). The primary parameter that could regulate the production efficiency is the galaxy mass because it is known to correlate well with the average galaxy metallicity (e.g., Tremonti et al. 2004; Mannucci et al. 2010; Andrews & Martini 2013). Metallicity, in turn, has a strong effect on the evolution of massive stars through line-driven stellar winds (e.g., Kudritzki & Puls 2000).

To quantify the metallicity-dependent production efficiencies, we apply the method from Schulze et al. (2018) that we also applied in Sec. 4.5. This method goes as follows. We start with the stellar mass function $\Phi(M)$ of star-forming galaxies from CANDELS and use the parameterization of the mass-function for SF galaxies of Tomczak et al. (2014, their table 2). This yields the number density of galaxies per stellar-mass bin. Next, we weigh each mass bin by its contribution to the cosmic star formation at a given redshift using the fundamental relationship between galaxy mass and star-formation rate and the parameterization of Lee et al. (2015), which is valid from $10^{8.5}$ to $10^{11.25} M_{\odot}$. The functional form of the SFR-weighted mass function is $w\{\text{SFR}(M)\} \times \Phi\{M\}$, where w is the SFR weight.

To find the best-fitting model, we generate 30000 samples of the observed data of each SN class as described in Sec. 5.1. Within each trial, we also vary the galaxy mass function parameters within their uncertainties and the location of the bin centers, and find the best fitting model parameters using least-square-fitting. In the final step, we build distribution functions of the model parameters and extract the median value and its uncertainties of each parameter.

Figure 13 shows the observed mass distributions of the eight largest SN classes and in grey the best-fit SFR-weighted mass functions. The predicted mass functions provide excellent matches to the samples of hosts of Type Ibc³⁸, II/I Ib SNe as well as Type II In SNe. This means that their occurrence is independent of global galaxy metallicity, to the level we are sensitive, and driven by the star-formation activity of their hosts.

In contrast to the agreement between the observed mass distributions and the SFR-weighted mass functions for the hosts of Ib, Ic, Ibc + Ib + Ic, II, IIb, and II In SNe, the mass distributions of SLSN and SN Ic-BL host galaxies peak 1–2 orders of magnitudes lower than predicted by SFR-weighted mass functions. To account for the lack of massive galaxies, we introduce a function that describes an efficiency $\rho(M)$ of producing SNe from

star formation. Similar to Schulze et al. (2018), we chose $\rho(M)$ as an exponential function of the form $\rho(M) = \exp(-M/M_0)$, where M_0 is a characteristic cut-off mass and therefore a cut-off metallicity. The functional form of the metallicity-dependent SFR-weighted star-formation history is $\rho\{M\} \times w\{\text{SFR}(M)\} \times \Phi\{M\}$.

The best fits are shown by the black curves in Fig. 13 and fit parameters are summarised in Table 6. This model adequately describes the observed mass distributions of SLSN-I, SN Ic-BL and SLSN-II In host galaxies, albeit the sample size of the latter SN class is too small to draw a firm conclusion. We convert these mass cut-offs into a cut-off oxygen abundance using equation 5 in Mannucci et al. (2010). The best-fitting models point to stifled production efficiencies at oxygen abundances exceeding $12 + \log \text{O}/\text{H} = 8.26_{-0.30}^{+0.26}$, $8.65_{-0.14}^{+0.20}$ and $8.75_{-0.41}^{+0.33}$ for SLSNe-I, SNe Ic-BL and SLSNe-II In, respectively. This translates to cut-off metallicity of ~ 0.4 , ~ 1 and ~ 1.1 solar metallicity for SLSNe-I, SNe Ic-BL, SLSNe-II In, respectively, using the solar oxygen abundance reported in Asplund et al. (2009).

The value of H-poor SLSNe is consistent with the values reported in Perley et al. (2016), Chen et al. (2017a), and Schulze et al. (2018). Furthermore, the hosts of H-poor SLSNe are characterized by the youngest stellar population. Their median age is $\log \text{Age}/\text{yr} \approx 8.6$ in contrast to the average age of $\log \text{Age}/\text{yr} \approx 9.7$ of all regular CCSN host galaxies (Table 5). Measuring ages is notoriously difficult. However, as we demonstrated in Sec. 3.5.3, the inferred ages are reliable in a comparative sense, i.e., samples of young galaxies remain young and samples of evolved galaxies remain old independent of the wavelength coverage of the SEDs or the assumptions of the SED model. This means that the difference in the age distributions reflects a genuine difference. Therefore, not only a low metallicity but also young age play an important role in the formation of SLSN-I progenitors. This corroborates the conjecture in Leloudas et al. (2015), Thöne et al. (2015) and Schulze et al. (2018) that SLSNe could be connected with the death of very massive stars (see also Taggart & Perley 2019).

Our result for Ic-BL SNe is consistent with Modjaz et al. (2020). These authors analyzed a subsample of the entire PTF SN Ic-BL sample and reported a median oxygen abundance of $12 + \log \text{O}/\text{H} \approx 8.5$. The median mass of the entire SN Ic-BL host sample is $\log M/M_{\odot} \approx 8.98$ (Table 5). This value translates to a median oxygen abundance of ~ 8.4 using equation 5 in Mannucci et al. (2010). Our analysis expands upon Modjaz et al. (2020) by providing a critical galaxy metallicity ($0.9_{-0.3}^{+0.5}$ solar) above which the production is stifled.

³⁸ In this analysis and in Sec. 5.2.2, we combined Ib, Ic and Ibc SNe to maximize the sample size.

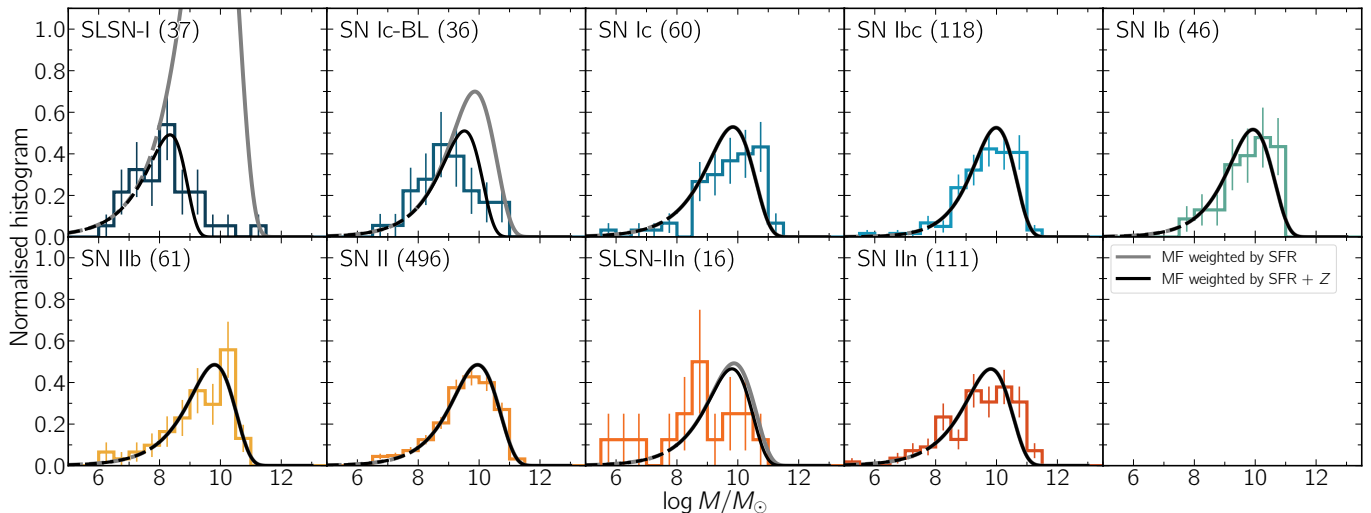


Figure 13. Host mass distributions of each CCSN class. The SFR-weighted mass-function model (grey curves) provides an adequate description of the mass distributions of SN Ib/c, Iib, II as well as IIIn host galaxies. The observed mass distributions of SLSN-I and SN Ic-BL hosts show a clear dearth of massive host galaxies. This absence can be accounted for by adding a metallicity-dependent SN production efficiency (black curves). The production efficiencies of SLSNe-I and SNe Ic-BL are stifled in environments with oxygen abundances exceeding $8.26^{+0.22}_{-0.30}$ and $8.66^{+0.20}_{-0.14}$, respectively. The sample of SLSNe-IIIn hosts is too small to conclude whether SLSNe-IIIn require particular environments. The host sample of SNe Ibc includes the Type Ib, Ic and Ibc SNe, to maximize the sample size. We remark that the galaxy mass functions were extrapolated for masses of $< 10^8 M_{\odot}$. This is indicated by the dashed lines. Note, the grey and the black curves are different only for the host-galaxy samples of SLSNe and Ic-BL SNe.

Long-duration gamma-ray bursts are thought to be accompanied by Ic-BL SNe (for a recent review see Cano et al. 2017, but see Fynbo et al. 2006; Greiner et al. 2015; Michałowski et al. 2018; Tanga et al. 2018; Kann et al. 2019). An outstanding question in the SN and GRB fields is how both subpopulations of Ic-BL SNe are connected (e.g., Modjaz et al. 2020). GRBs also show a pronounced environment dependence. At $z < 1$, their production efficiency is stifled above 0.5–0.9 solar metallicity (Krühler et al. 2015; Schulze et al. 2015; Vergani et al. 2015; Perley et al. 2016; Vergani et al. 2017; Schulze et al. 2018) consistent with our measurement of Ic-BL SNe. However, the comparison is limited by the large statistical errors.

The samples of SLSNe-IIIn is too small to draw a firm conclusion on any environment-dependent production efficiency, similar to Type Ibn SNe which are even rarer in the PTF sample.

5.2.2. Differences between SNe Ibc and SNe II/Iib

To identify more subtle differences in the SN environments, we directly compare the mass, SFR and sSFR distribution functions. Critical for this analysis is that the redshift distributions are statistically identical to minimize the impact of the secular evolution of SN and host properties. This limits the comparison to Type Ibc, Iib and II SNe.

Table 6. Summary of the cut-off mass and metallicities of the metallicity-dependent SN production efficiencies

SN class	$\log M_0/M_{\odot}$	$12 + \log \text{O}/\text{H}$	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
SLSN-I	$8.64^{+0.46}_{-0.64}$	$8.26^{+0.26}_{-0.30}$	4.6/9
SN Ic-BL	$9.47^{+0.42}_{-0.30}$	$8.65^{+0.20}_{-0.14}$	2.0/8
SLSN-IIIn	$9.67^{+1.56}_{-0.87}$	$8.75^{+0.33}_{-0.41}$	1.9/7

NOTE—The abbreviation ‘d.o.f.’ stands for degree of freedom.

The top panels of Fig. 14 show the cumulative distribution functions of the galaxy mass, the SFR and the sSFR of the three samples. The galaxy mass, SFR and sSFR distribution functions of all samples span the same range. To quantify dissimilarities between the SN classes, we apply the Anderson-Darling test on 30000 resampled distributions for each SN class and host property (generated as described in Sec. 5.1). Our null-hypothesis, H_0 , is that the test sample is drawn from the parent sample. We reject H_0 if the chance probability p_{ch} is smaller than 5%.

The mass, SFR and sSFR distribution functions of SN Iib and SN II host galaxies are statistically identical. The chance probabilities to randomly draw a mass, SFR or sSFR distribution from the SN-II host sample, which are as extreme as the SN Iib host sample, are between 12% and 24% (Table 7). Similarly, the mass, the SFR

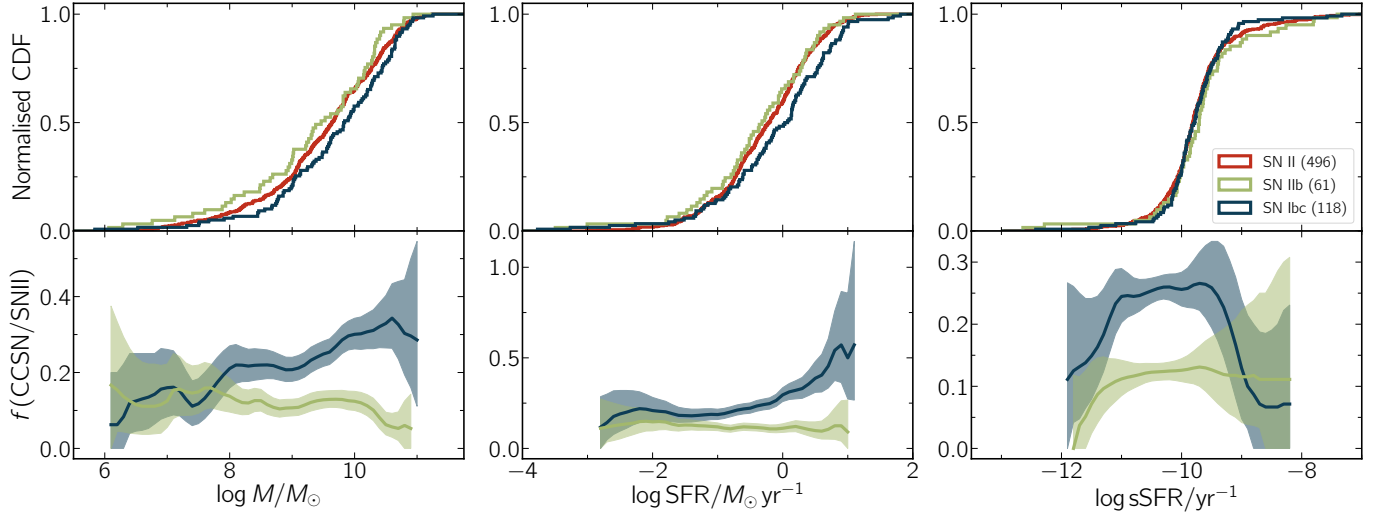


Figure 14. Comparison of the distribution functions (top) and number ratios between Type Ibc, IIb and II SNe (bottom) as a function of different galaxy properties. Type Ibc SNe are found in significantly more massive galaxies with higher absolute star-formation rates (but similar specific star-formation rates) than Type II and IIb SNe. In contrast to that, Type IIb SNe explode in galaxies very similar to that of SNe II. The shaded regions indicate the 1σ confidence interval of the number ratio (see main text for details). The ratios do not extend to the ends of the distribution because of too low-number statistics.

Table 7. Summary of the Anderson Darling tests

Sample	Sample sizes	Redshift	Chance probability		
			$\log M$ (M_{\odot})	$\log \text{SFR}$ ($M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$)	$\log \text{sSFR}$ (yr^{-1})
SN Ib vs. SN Ic	46/60	0.048	0.345	0.287	0.191
SN Ic vs. SN IIb	46/61	0.143	0.025	0.040	0.258
SN Ib vs. SN IIb	46/61	0.187	0.025	0.032	0.155
SN Ic vs. SN II	60/496	0.378	0.066	0.011	0.213
SN Ib vs. SN II	46/496	0.025	0.076	0.018	0.206
SN Ibc vs. SN IIb	118/61	0.233	0.015	0.032	0.190
SN Ibc vs. SN II	118/496	0.112	0.035	0.004	0.206
SN IIb vs. SN II	61/496	0.148	0.175	0.244	0.123

NOTE—The null hypothesis H_0 is that the test distribution from the parent distribution. H_0 is rejected if the chance probability is smaller than 5%.

and the sSFR distributions of Type Ib and Ic SN hosts are statistically identical ($p_{\text{ch}} = 19\text{--}35\%$; Table 7).

As the SN Ib and SN Ic host populations are shown to be similar, we combine the SN Ib, Ibc and Ic samples. This gives us a larger statistical power to trace differences between the host populations of Type Ibc and Type II SNe, and Type Ibc and IIb SNe. Indeed, there are statistically significant differences between the mass and SFR distributions of SN Ibc and SN IIb as well as SN II hosts. The chance probabilities vary between 0.4 and 4%, which are below our threshold of rejecting the null hypothesis (Table 7).

To illustrate these results differently, we present in the bottom panels of Fig. 14 the number ratios between Type Ibc and Type II SNe (blue) and Type IIb and II SNe (green) as a function galaxy mass, SFR and sSFR.

We computed this ratio for moving bins (bin width 1 dex and bin stepsize 0.1 dex) for each resampled distribution and, then, extracted the median ratio and its 1σ confidence interval at each bin step. Type Ibc SNe are found in more massive galaxies with higher absolute star-formation but the same specific star-formation rates than Type II SNe. In contrast to that, the number ratio between Type IIb and II SNe is not changing with host properties.

In summary, any difference in the production efficiencies of regular CCSNe is only mildly dependent on global galaxy properties. Understanding the mapping between SNe and their progenitors may require examining the particular conditions of the explosion sites across the full spectrum of host galaxy properties (e.g., Modjaz et al. 2008; Leloudas et al. 2011; Kelly & Kirshner 2012; Sanders et al. 2012; Kuncarayakti et al. 2013a; Galbany et al. 2018).

Previously, Arcavi et al. (2010) reported the CCSN number ratio based on PTF Year-1 data. This sample included 72 CCSNe of various types. These authors concluded that Type Ic SNe are almost exclusively found in galaxies brighter than $M_r < -19$ mag. In less luminous galaxies, the stripped-envelope SN population is dominated by Type Ib and Ic-BL SNe. Furthermore, these authors found an excess of SNe IIb in low-luminosity galaxies. To explain these results, Arcavi et al. (2010) hypothesized that metallicity-driven mass-loss leads to reduced stripping of SN Ic progenitors in low-metallicity environments, which allows their progenitors to retain some hydrogen and helium.

Using the full PTF sample, we cannot recover several of these suggested trends. Type II, IIb, Ib, and Ic SNe are found in galaxies from 10^6 to $10^{12} M_{\odot}$ (Sect. 4.5), and they select their hosts according to their star-formation activity (Sect. 5.2). We also do not recover the over-abundance of SNe IIb in low-mass galaxies in our complete sample. However, Type Ic and Ib SNe are found in slightly more massive galaxies with higher absolute star-formation rates than Type II and IIb SNe (Fig. 14; Table 7), similar to what was seen in Arcavi et al. (2010).

The interpretation suggested by Arcavi et al. (2010), and in particular, that similar progenitors produce SNe Ib at high metallicity (more massive galaxies) and SNe IIb at lower metallicity, is not evident in our data. Localized metallicity studies in SN explosion sites, or direct progenitor metallicity studies of individual SN progenitors possible through rapid *HST* UV spectroscopy of infant SNe, could further illuminate this issue.

Graur et al. (2017b,a) used the volume-limited Lick Observatory Supernova Survey that primarily targeted massive galaxies in the nearby Universe. These authors reported that Type Ibc SNe are a factor of 2.5–3 less frequent in galaxies between $10^{9.5}$ and $10^{10.7} M_{\odot}$, and that the SNe IIb / SN II number ratio is the same in low- and high-mass galaxies. These authors also found a flattening of the SN Ibc / SNII rate in galaxies with $M > 10^{10} M_{\odot}$. Our data set does not support the rapid increase of the SN Ibc / SN II number ratio with galaxy mass claimed. We find a moderate increase of the SN Ibc / SN II number ratio by 25% from $\sim 10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$ to $\sim 10^{10.7} M_{\odot}$ (bottom left panel in Fig. 14). We do confirm that that number ratio between Type IIb and Type II SN does not evolve with galaxy properties on a statistically significant level. Our data is inconclusive about whether the SN Ibc / SN II number ratio is flattening in galaxies more massive than $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$.

6. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have presented all core-collapse supernovae detected by the Palomar Transient Factory between 2009 and mid-2017, and their host galaxies. This sample includes 888 objects from 12 distinct classes out to $z \approx 1$. We measured the brightness of the hosts from the FUV to the MIR and modeled their spectral energy distributions with stellar-population-synthesis models to extract physical properties, such as galaxy masses and star-formation rates, as well as phenomenological properties, such as absolute magnitudes. Our main conclusions are:

- The PTF CCSN sample probes the complete spectrum of star-forming galaxies from $10^{5.4}$ to $10^{11.3} M_{\odot}$, in-

cluding galaxies comparable to the least massive least-massive star-forming galaxies in the Local Group. About 29% and 11% of the entire CCSN sample are found in galaxies less massive than 10^9 and $10^8 M_{\odot}$, respectively. About 3% of all regular CCSNe are found in starbursting galaxies with specific star-formation rates of $> 10^{-8} \text{ yr}^{-1}$. If SLSNe are included, the starburst frequency increases to 4.5%.

- Regular CCSNe (Type Ib/c, IIb, II, IIc) are direct tracers of star-formation. Their mass functions are consistent with those of the general population of star-forming galaxies weighted by their star-formation activity. The production efficiencies of their progenitor systems are close to independent of the *host-integrated* metallicity and sSFR. Explosion site studies are needed to identify the true environmental differences between these SN classes.
- The mass, SFR and sSFR distribution functions of Type Ib, Ic, IIb and II SN host galaxies span the same ranges. However, the mass and SFR distribution functions of SN Ib+Ic+Ibc host galaxies (as individual classes and combined) are skewed towards galaxies with slightly higher masses and higher star-formation rates. These differences are less pronounced than in previous studies that were based on smaller and/or heterogeneous samples.
- H-poor SLSNe, as well as SNe Ic-BL, are biased tracers of star-formation. This bias can be corrected for by introducing a metallicity-dependent production efficiency. The occurrence of H-poor SLSNe and SNe Ic-BL is stifled above an oxygen abundance of $12 + \log \text{O}/\text{H} = 8.26_{-0.30}^{+0.26}$ ($\sim 0.4 Z_{\odot}$) and $8.65_{-0.14}^{+0.20}$ ($\sim 1 Z_{\odot}$), respectively, confirming previous studies. In addition, H-poor SLSNe are found in galaxies with younger stellar-populations ($10^{8.3}$ vs. $10^{9.7}$ yr) and higher specific star-formation rates $> 10^{-8} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (68% vs. 3%) than all other SN classes discussed in this paper. This lends further support to the notion that low-metallicity and young age play an important role in the formation of SLSN progenitors.
- The samples of H-rich SLSNe and Type Ibn SNe are still too small to conclude on whether their progenitors require special galaxy environments, e.g., low-metallicity galaxies.
- The distribution functions of the projected distances of SNe to the center of their host galaxies extends to 37 kpc. In most cases, the projected distances are smaller than the expected 80% light radii of their host galaxies. Less than 14% of all CCSNe (of all types)

are found at larger distances, but in most cases, still within the extent of the diffuse galaxy light.

On a more technical note, we conclude that

- Galaxy surveys with limiting magnitudes of ~ 24.5 mag, such as the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys, are sufficient to detect the host galaxies of almost every CCSN in transient surveys with limiting magnitudes of ~ 21 mag. The host recovery-rate of SLSNe is lower due to their larger redshifts and their preference for low-luminosity galaxies.
- The probability distributions of the host properties are characterized by a Gaussian core with different levels of asymmetry and pronounced wings, in particular towards the faint end. These shapes are reminiscent of the underlying luminosity and mass functions of star-forming galaxies and need to be taken into account to identify singular CCSN host galaxies.

We presented the host galaxies of the most common CCSN classes and indirectly constrained their progenitor populations. However, rare classes, such as Type Ibn SNe and various flavors of H-rich SLSNe (SLSN-II, SLSN-IIb, SLSN-IIc), are still too scarce to constrain their host properties and quantify environment-dependent production efficiencies. The Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF; [Bellm et al. 2019](#); [Graham et al. 2019](#)) will allow building up larger and more homogeneous samples in a shorter period of time ([Fremling et al. 2019](#); Perley et al., to be submitted). It uses the P48 telescope like PTF but a new camera with a 6-times larger field of view. Furthermore, the implementation of a sophisticated alert distribution system ([Patterson et al. 2019](#)) allows defining unbiased surveys with reproducible selection functions (such as the public ZTF Bright Transient Survey; [Fremling et al. 2019](#)) which can build samples containing thousands of CC-SNe within a mere of a few years. The absence of an alert distribution system inhibits us in quantifying the selection effects of the PTF survey.

Large and well-defined SN samples offer novel techniques to address open questions in galaxy science. The PTF CCSN sample revealed extreme environments of star-formation, such as early-type galaxies ([Irani et al. 2019](#)), extremely low-mass galaxies ([De et al. 2018](#)), and starburst galaxies ([Perley et al. 2016](#); [Leloudas et al. 2015](#); [Schulze et al. 2018](#)). Galaxies with such extreme properties are also rare in an absolute sense. In Schulze (in prep), we examine these peculiar environments in detail and show how SNe can be used as probes to identify these extreme environments in real-time.

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APPENDIX

Table 8. Log of the spectroscopic observations

B. HOST PHOTOMETRY

PTF	Date	Telescope/ Instrument	Reference
09as	2009-03-31	Keck/LRIS	1
09atu	2009-08-25	Keck/LRIS	1
09awk	2009-07-22	Keck/LRIS	2,3
09axi	2009-07-22	Keck/LRIS	4
09bce	2009-07-25	Lick/KAST	4
09bcl	2009-10-24	Keck/LRIS	5
09be	2009-04-27	P200/DBSP	4
09bgf	2009-07-25	Lick/KAST	4
09bw	2009-03-31	Keck/LRIS	4
09cjg	2009-10-22	Keck/LRIS	4
09cnd	2009-08-16	Keck/LRIS	1
09ct	2009-10-17	Keck/LRIS	4
09cu	2009-04-27	P200/DBSP	4
09cvi	2009-10-22	Keck/LRIS	4
09cwl	2009-08-25	Keck/LRIS	1
09dah	2009-09-16	WHT/ISIS	2, 3
09dfk	2009-10-22	Keck/LRIS	2, 3
09dh	2009-09-23	Keck/LRIS	4
09dra	2009-08-25	Keck/LRIS	4

NOTE—All spectra are publicly available on WISeREP (<https://wiserep.weizmann.ac.il>). The full table is available online in a machine-readable form.

References—1) [Quimby et al. \(2018\)](#); 2) [Fremling et al. \(2018\)](#); 3) Fremling (in prep.); 4) This work; 5) [Nyholm et al. \(2020\)](#).

A. SPECTROSCOPIC LOG

Table 9. Photometry of the PTF CCSN host galaxies

PTF	Survey	Filter	Brightness
09awk	<i>GALEX</i>	<i>FUV</i>	20.24 ± 0.24
09awk	<i>GALEX</i>	<i>NUV</i>	20.03 ± 0.03
09awk	SDSS	<i>u'</i>	19.2 ± 0.04
09awk	SDSS	<i>g'</i>	18.16 ± 0.0
09awk	SDSS	<i>r'</i>	17.79 ± 0.01
09awk	SDSS	<i>i'</i>	17.51 ± 0.01
09awk	SDSS	<i>z'</i>	17.43 ± 0.03
09awk	PS1	<i>g</i> _{PS1}	18.15 ± 0.01
09awk	PS1	<i>r</i> _{PS1}	17.86 ± 0.0
09awk	PS1	<i>i</i> _{PS1}	17.52 ± 0.01
09awk	PS1	<i>z</i> _{PS1}	17.48 ± 0.01
09awk	PS1	<i>y</i> _{PS1}	17.41 ± 0.04
09awk	2MASS	<i>J</i>	17.09 ± 0.1
09awk	2MASS	<i>H</i>	17.21 ± 0.07
09awk	2MASS	<i>K</i>	17.48 ± 0.09
09axi	SDSS	<i>u'</i>	20.17 ± 0.13
09axi	SDSS	<i>g'</i>	18.76 ± 0.03
09axi	SDSS	<i>r'</i>	18.47 ± 0.03
09axi	SDSS	<i>i'</i>	18.21 ± 0.03
09axi	SDSS	<i>z'</i>	18.16 ± 0.09
09axi	PS1	<i>g</i> _{PS1}	18.88 ± 0.05
09axi	PS1	<i>r</i> _{PS1}	18.52 ± 0.04
09axi	PS1	<i>i</i> _{PS1}	18.29 ± 0.04
09axi	PS1	<i>z</i> _{PS1}	18.26 ± 0.08
09axi	PS1	<i>y</i> _{PS1}	18.29 ± 0.2
09bce	<i>GALEX</i>	<i>FUV</i>	18.03 ± 0.08
09bce	<i>GALEX</i>	<i>NUV</i>	17.5 ± 0.05
09bce	SDSS	<i>u'</i>	16.31 ± 0.07
09bce	SDSS	<i>g'</i>	14.74 ± 0.04
09bce	SDSS	<i>r'</i>	14.05 ± 0.03
09bce	SDSS	<i>i'</i>	13.62 ± 0.03
09bce	SDSS	<i>z'</i>	13.34 ± 0.06
09bce	PS1	<i>g</i> _{PS1}	14.75 ± 0.02
09bce	PS1	<i>r</i> _{PS1}	14.08 ± 0.02
09bce	PS1	<i>i</i> _{PS1}	13.72 ± 0.02
09bce	PS1	<i>z</i> _{PS1}	13.52 ± 0.03
09bce	PS1	<i>y</i> _{PS1}	13.37 ± 0.04
09bce	2MASS	<i>J</i>	12.98 ± 0.05
09bce	2MASS	<i>H</i>	12.76 ± 0.05
09bce	2MASS	<i>K</i>	12.96 ± 0.05
09bce	unWISE	<i>W1</i>	13.47 ± 0.01
09bce	unWISE	<i>W2</i>	14.1 ± 0.02

NOTE—All magnitudes are reported in the AB system and not corrected for reddening. The full table is available online in a machine-readable form.

C. SUPERNOVA CLASSIFICATIONS

PTF09aux—Arcavi et al. (2010) classified the SN as a Type Ia/Ic SN. Due to the ambiguity of the classification, we excluded this SN from our sample.

PTF09axc—Initially classified as a Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010), Arcavi et al. (2014) showed that this transient is in fact a TDE.

PTF09bcl—Arcavi et al. (2010) classified this transient as a Type II SN. Nyholm et al. (2020) showed that this transient is a Type IIn SN.

PTF09bfz—Initially classified as a Type Ic-BL SN (Arcavi et al. 2010), Quimby et al. (2018) concluded that this is a SLSN using a new library of SN templates that were not available in 2010.

PTF09ct—Arcavi et al. (2010) classified this transient as a Type II SN. Spectra not available to Arcavi et al. (2010) showed that this is in fact a Type IIn SN.

PTF09djl—Initially classified as a Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010), Arcavi et al. (2014) showed that this transient is a TDE.

PTF09ebq—Arcavi et al. (2010) initially classified the transient as a Type II SN in the center of its host galaxy. A re-inspection of all data revealed variability about 1–2 months before the discovery of the transient. This transient is more likely an active galactic nucleus.

PTF09ejz—Arcavi et al. (2010) classified the SN as a Type Ia/Ic SN. Due to the ambiguity of the classification, we excluded this SN from our sample.

PTF09ism—A re-inspection of the spectra revealed He I $\lambda 6678$ in absorption, albeit weaker than what is deemed for a Type IIb SN. We change the classification of this SN from Type II (Arcavi et al. 2010) to Type IIb SN.

PTF09q—Quimby et al. (2018) concluded that this object could be an H-poor SLSN, instead of being a Type Ic SN (Arcavi et al. 2010). Quimby et al. (2018) noted that its massive host galaxy would be at odds with the known population of SLSN hosts, albeit a few SLSNe in massive hosts were reported in the literature, e.g., SN2017egm (Nicholl et al. 2017; Bose et al. 2018). We follow Arcavi et al. (2010), De et al. (2018) and Fremling et al. (2018) and classify the SN as Type Ic SN.

PTF09tm—The Lick spectrum from 25 July 2009 shows narrow Balmer emission lines from H α to H γ , making it a Type IIn SN (Nyholm et al. 2020), instead of a Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010).

PTF10aaxi—Smith et al. (2012) classified PTF10aaxi as a Type II SN. *HST* images obtained after the transient faded show a resolved source with an absolute magnitude of -8 mag at the explosion site. With the current data in hand, it remains ambiguous whether this object is connected with PTF10aaxi or whether it is a companion star. Owing to this ambiguity, we removed PTF10aaxi from our final sample.

PTF10acbu—The spectrum of this stripped-envelope supernova shows no helium in absorption. Therefore, we change the classification from Type Ib (Fremling et al. 2018) to Type Ic.

PTF10bip—We classify this object as a Type Ic SN whereas it was listed as uncertain (Ic/Ic-BL) in Modjaz et al. (2020).

PTF10cwx—Initially classified as a Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010), a reassessment of the spectrum shows narrow Balmer emission lines from $H\alpha$ to $H\gamma$ making it a Type IIn SN (Nyholm et al. 2020).

PTF10cxx—The spectrum shows narrow Balmer emission lines from $H\alpha$ to $H\delta$, making it a Type IIn not Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010).

PTF10gvb—De Cia et al. (2018) reported that the spectra of the candidate SLSN (Quimby et al. 2018; Modjaz et al. 2020) lack the typical features of SLSNe and they are better matched with templates of Ic-BL SNe. We follow this assessment and put PTF10gvb in the sample of Type Ic-BL SNe.

PTF10hgi—We followed Quimby et al. (2018) and Gal-Yam (2019) and classify this transient as a SLSN-IIb instead of a SLSN-I (Inserra et al. 2013).

PTF10izr—Fremling et al. (2018) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN. We removed this object from our sample because of the poor data quality.

PTF10qwu—Perley et al. (2016) classified PTF10qwu as a SLSN-IIIn. However, a detailed analysis by Leloudas et al. (in prep) raises concerns about this classification. We follow Leloudas et al. (in prep) and put PTF10qwu in the class of Type IIn SNe.

PTF10svt—We classified this object as a Type Ic SN, whereas it was listed as uncertain (Ic/Ic-BL) in Modjaz et al. (2020).

PTF10tqv—This SN was classified as a Ic-BL SN in Taddia et al. (2019) and Modjaz et al. (2020) and a Ic SN in Fremling et al. (2018). Taddia et al. (2019) and Modjaz et al. (2020) showed that the spectra are better matched with Ic-BL templates than templates of normal

Type Ic SNe. We follow this analysis and classify this SLSNe as a Ic-BL SN.

PTF10ts—The classification spectrum shows narrow Balmer emission lines from $H\alpha$ to $H\delta$, making it a Type IIn SN instead of a Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010).

PTF10u—The spectrum shows narrow Balmer emission lines from $H\alpha$ to $H\delta$, making it a Type IIn not Type II SN (Arcavi et al. 2010).

PTF10wg—The classification of this transient is not free of ambiguity (Arcavi et al. 2010; Fremling et al. 2018); therefore, we exclude it.

PTF10ysd—Modjaz et al. (2020) concluded that the SN-Ic templates provide a better match for this SN than Ic-BL templates (Taddia et al. 2019).

PTF10yyc—Perley et al. (2016) classified PTF10yyc as a SLSN-IIIn. However, a detailed analysis by Leloudas et al. (in prep) raised concerns about this classification. We follow Leloudas et al. (in prep) and put PTF10yyc in the class of Type IIn SNe.

PTF11gcj—Fremling et al. (2018) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN. Modjaz et al. (2020) used a newer SN template library and showed that SN Ic-BL templates describe the spectra of PTF11gcj better.

PTF11mnb—Quimby et al. (2018) pointed out that the spectra are similar to the H-poor SLSN SN1999as, however it only reached a peak luminosity of $M_r \approx -18.9$ mag. We follow De Cia et al. (2018) and Taddia et al. (2019) and classify the transient as a Type Ic SN.

PTF11pnq—The SN spectra are better matched with SN-Ib templates than with SN-Ibc templates (Fremling et al. 2019).

PTF12epg—Perley et al. (2016) classified PTF12epg as a SLSN-IIIn. However, a detailed analysis by Leloudas et al. (in prep) raised doubts about the nature of this transient. We follow Leloudas et al. (in prep) and put PTF12epg in the class of Type IIn SNe.

PTF12gty—Fremling et al. (2018) and Barbarino et al. (submitted) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN. Quimby et al. (2018) used a larger template database and showed that this is an H-poor SLSNe.

PTF12hni—Fremling et al. (2018) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN. Quimby et al. (2018) used a larger template database and showed that this is an H-poor SLSNe.

iPTF13doq—[Fremling et al. \(2018\)](#) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN. We removed this object from our sample because of the low contrast between the SN and the host galaxy in the transient spectrum.

iPTF14jhf—[Fremling et al. \(2018\)](#) classified this transient as a Type Ic SN and [Barbarino et al. \(submitted\)](#) as a Type Ibc SN. We removed this object from our sample due to the poor data quality.

iPTF15eov—[Taddia et al. \(2019\)](#) classified *iPTF15eov* as a broad-lined Ic supernova. The authors also pointed out several peculiarities. The light curve is too broad, and the peak luminosity of $M_r = -21.8$ mag is 3.2 mag more luminous than the average SN Ic-BL in their sample and even 1 mag more luminous than the second most luminous Ic-BL SN in their sample. The authors also concluded that the light curve could not be powered by the radioactive decay of nickel. The peak luminosity and the broad-light curve are rather characteristic of a superluminous supernova. Furthermore, these authors pointed out that the spectra of *iPTF15eov* are similar to the H-poor SLSN *PTF11rks*. We agree with this assessment and change the classification of *iPTF15eov* from SN Ic-BL to SLSN-I.

iPTF16flq—([Fremling et al. 2019](#)) and [Barbarino et al. \(submitted\)](#) classified the SN as a Type Ibc SN. We see no He in absorption in any of the spectra and hence classify the SN as a Type Ic SN.