

Berkeley supernova Ia program: data release of 637 spectra from 247 Type Ia supernovae

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ABSTRACT

We present 637 low-redshift optical spectra collected by the Berkeley Supernova Ia Program (BSNIP) between 2009 and 2018, almost entirely with the Kast double spectrograph on the Shane 3 m telescope at Lick Observatory. We describe our automated spectral classification scheme and arrive at a final set of 626 spectra (of 242 objects) that are unambiguously classified as belonging to Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia). Of these, 70 spectra of 30 objects are classified as spectroscopically peculiar (i.e. not matching the spectral signatures of ‘normal’ SNe Ia) and 79 SNe Ia (covered by 328 spectra) have complementary photometric coverage. The median SN in our final set has one epoch of spectroscopy, has a redshift of 0.0208 (with a low of 0.0007 and high of 0.1921), and is first observed spectroscopically 1.1 d after maximum light. The constituent spectra are of high quality, with a median signal-to-noise ratio of 31.8 pixel⁻¹, and have broad wavelength coverage, with ~95 per cent covering at least 3700–9800 Å. We analyse our data set, focusing on quantitative measurements (e.g. velocities, pseudo-equivalent widths) of the evolution of prominent spectral features in the available early-time and late-time spectra. The data are available to the community, and we encourage future studies to incorporate our spectra in their analyses.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Supernovae (SNe) have proven themselves to be powerful probes of the dynamic nature of the Universe on scales ranging from stellar to cosmological. The class of objects known as Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia), which result from the thermonuclear explosions of carbon–oxygen white dwarfs in binary systems (e.g. Hoyle & Fowler 1960; Colgate & McKee 1969; Nomoto, Thielemann & Yokoi 1984), has been of particular interest to astrophysicists for many years.

Despite intensive study, many important details of SNe Ia remain poorly understood, if at all (for a review, see Howell 2011). How do differences in initial conditions lead to the variation in properties observed among SNe Ia? What are the physical details of the explosion mechanism(s)? Are the progenitor systems ‘single-degenerate’ (Whelan & Iben 1973) or ‘double-degenerate’ (Iben & Tutukov 1984; Webbink 1984), and how do they contribute to the observed variance in SN Ia attributes? To answer these and other questions, numerous observations of SNe Ia will undoubtedly be required – preferably obtained and reduced in a thorough and consistent manner.

Despite these outstanding questions regarding SNe Ia as astrophysical objects, they are highly prized for their large and *relatively* homogeneous optical spectra and luminosities at peak brightness, though some differences do exist (e.g. Filippenko 1997, and references therein). To the extent that their peak luminosities are

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‘standardizable,’ SNe Ia are excellent cosmological distance indicators. Accordingly, much effort has been expended in developing methods to better calibrate relationships between various observables and peak luminosity. The ‘Phillips relation’ identifies a correlation between luminosity at peak brightness and light-curve decline rate for most SNe Ia (Phillips 1993). By making use of optical colours, Riess, Press & Kirshner (1996) have devised a method that yields further improvements, including the determination of the extinction caused by dust in the host galaxy of an SN Ia. Distance measurements derived using such methods led to the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe (Riess et al. 1998; Perlmutter et al. 1999), which revolutionized the field of cosmology. Indeed, the nature of the dark energy that gives rise to the acceleration is currently one of the most important questions in physics.

SNe Ia have since been used to place increasingly stringent constraints on cosmological parameters (Astier et al. 2006; Riess et al. 2007; Hicken et al. 2009; Suzuki et al. 2012; Betoule et al. 2014; Jones et al. 2018; Scolnic et al. 2018) and continue to provide precise measurements of the Hubble constant (Riess et al. 2016, 2019; Dhawan, Jha & Leibundgut 2018). As spectra must contain more information than light curves, many have searched for and identified spectroscopic parameters to make SN Ia distance measurements more precise (Bailey et al. 2009; Wang et al. 2009; Blondin, Mandel & Kirshner 2011; Silverman et al. 2012c; Fakhouri et al. 2015; Zheng, Kelly & Filippenko 2018). In addition, Foley & Kasen (2011) found that the intrinsic colour of SNe Ia at peak brightness depends on the velocity of their ejecta, and Wang et al. (2013) have shown that the latter has a significant connection to SN Ia birthplace environments – and hence progenitor stars. It is likely that future increases in distance measurement precision will make use of spectroscopic parameters, motivating the need for extensive, consistent samples of SN Ia spectra.

The Berkeley Supernova Ia Program (BSNIP) is a large-scale effort to study the properties of SNe Ia at low redshift ($z \lesssim 0.05$), primarily via optical spectroscopy (henceforth S12a, Silverman et al. 2012a) and photometry (Ganeshalingam et al. 2010; Stahl et al. 2019, henceforth G10 and S19, respectively). The spectra presented in this data release paper are complementary to those published by S12a and extend the BSNIP SN Ia spectral data set to cover the period from 1989 through 2018. Our strategy is generally to observe as many SNe Ia as possible, with particular effort invested in obtaining frequent spectral coverage of peculiar objects. Furthermore, we strive for spectral coverage of all objects that our group is also observing photometrically (consequently, there is considerable overlap in SNe Ia between the spectra presented herein and the photometric data set released by S19), and we aim to provide prompt spectroscopic classifications of all SNe discovered by the 0.76-m Katzman Automatic Imaging Telescope at Lick Observatory (KAIT; Filippenko et al. 2001). Our spectra are obtained and reduced in a controlled and consistent manner, thereby eliminating many of the systematic differences that manifest when distinct data sets are collected into one sample.

In this data release, we present and characterize 637 optical spectra of 247 distinct objects collected by the BSNIP between the beginning of 2009 and the end of 2018. The spectra were obtained with the Shane 3 m telescope at Lick Observatory and the Keck-I 10 m telescope at the W. M. Keck Observatory. Of the full set of spectra, 546 are published here for the first time. When we combine our spectral data set with that presented by S12a, we obtain a sample of nearly 2000 spectra of low-redshift SNe Ia, all of which have been observed and reduced in a consistent manner. We organize the remainder of this paper as follows. Section 2

describes the organization, observation, and reduction strategies employed in assembling our data set. In Section 3, we detail our spectral classification scheme and we study its results and derive final object classifications. We present our final spectroscopic data set and explore its early-time and late-time evolution in Section 4, and we conclude with Section 5.

2 DATA

2.1 Data management and selection

All BSNIP spectroscopy, along with useful metadata for those observations and the SNe in them (e.g. observer, reducer, host galaxy, redshift), are catalogued in our UC Berkeley SuperNova DataBase¹ (SNDB; S12a, Shivvers et al. 2016) after the data are processed and reduced (see Section 2.3 for a summary of our data-processing techniques). Therefore, to collect the data set presented herein, we simply query the private (pre-publication) portion of our SNDB for all spectra observed between 2009 January 1 and 2018 December 31 for objects spectroscopically classified² as SNe Ia.

This results in 744 matches, which we then filter by (i) selecting only those spectra with an average signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) greater than 5 pixel⁻¹ (yielding 714 matches above this quality threshold) and (ii) retaining only those with a wavelength coverage of at least 3700–7000 Å (yielding 648 matches with sufficient spectral coverage for our subsequent analyses). Finally, we remove several of the remaining spectra, including any that are from SNe discovered earlier than 2008 January 1 (to avoid presenting only late-time spectra of an object at the early end of our selection range), to obtain the aforementioned set of 637 spectra. Following publication, all previously unpublished spectra will be transferred to the publicly accessible portion of the SNDB. We list basic SN-level information in Table A1 and spectrum-level information in Table 1, with many of the properties sourced from the Transient Name Server (TNS)³ or the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED).⁴ Representative SN Ia spectra from our sample showing low, medium, and high SNRs are given in Fig. 1. The SNR of the central spectrum in the figure is similar to the mean SNR for our entire sample (as discussed in Section 4.1) and is thus indicative of the high quality of the spectra presented herein.

2.2 Observations

The vast majority of the spectra in our data set (579/637) were obtained using the Kast double spectrograph (Miller & Stone 1993) mounted on the Shane 3 m telescope at the Lick Observatory. The remaining observations (58/637) were made with the Low-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (LRIS; Oke et al. 1995) at the W. M. Keck Observatory. The seeing at these locations averages ~ 2 and ~ 1 arcsec, respectively. Most spectra presented here were obtained with the long slit at or near the parallactic angle so as to reduce the differential light loss caused by atmospheric dispersion (Filippenko 1982); however, this was not necessary with LRIS, as it is equipped with an atmospheric dispersion corrector. The specific details of our

¹<http://heracles.astro.berkeley.edu/snldb/>

²We source spectroscopic classifications primarily from the Central Bureau of Electronic Telegrams (CBETs) and the International Astronomical Union Circulars (IAUCs).

³<https://wis-tns.weizmann.ac.il>

⁴The NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED) is operated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, under contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Table 1. SN Ia spectral information.

SN Name	UT Date ^a (Y-M-D)	t_{LC}^b	Instr. ^c	Wavelength Range (Å)	Res. ^d (Å)	P.A. ^e (°)	Airmass ^f	Exposure Time (s)	SNR	Reference ^g
SN 2008hm	2008 – 12 – 31.311	26.5	1	3452–10700	4.3/10.5	110.7	1.12	1800	31.7	–
SN 2008hv	2008 – 12 – 31.378	14.3	1	3452–10700	4.7/11.9	138.8	1.32	1200	61.1	–
SN 2008hy	2009 – 01 – 05.155	32.9	1	3400–10700	4.9/9.8	35.7	1.31	1200	24.9	–
SN 2009D	2009 – 01 – 05.184	– 5.6	1	3390–10700	5.0/12.2	161.1	1.86	1200	8.3	–
SN 2009Y	2009 – 02 – 19.665	5.7	2	3270–9270	2.1/6.7	183.0	1.29	180	95.1	–
SN 2009Y	2009 – 03 – 29.532	43.2	1	3410–10100	5.3/11.3	203.8	2.32	1500	9.6	–
SN 2009Y	2009 – 04 – 18.416	62.9	1	3454–9900	4.3/10.5	181.7	1.76	1800	31.8	–
SN 2009V	2009 – 02 – 19.605	–	2	3388–9270	4.5/5.9	95.0	1.68	450	7.5	–
SN 2009ae	2009 – 02 – 19.677	–	2	3270–9270	4.5/5.4	85.0	1.02	300	39.6	–
SN 2009an	2009 – 03 – 29.507	21.1	1	3410–10100	4.5/12.1	107.2	1.42	1500	34.1	–

Note. Abridged table of SN Ia spectral information (the full table is available as online supplementary material).

^aEach UT date is specified for the temporal midpoint of the associated observation.

^bPhases are in rest-frame days as computed from the appropriate redshift and photometry references from Table A1.

^cInstruments (Instr.) are as follows: (1) Kast (Shane 3 m) and (2) LRIS (Keck-I 10 m).

^dSpectral resolutions (Res.) are for the blue and red components, respectively. See Section 2 of S12a for more information.

^eObserved slit position angle (P.A.) for each observation.

^fEach airmass is specified for the temporal midpoint of the associated observation.

^gReferences to previous publications including the noted spectra are as follows: (1) Silverman et al. (2011), (2) Foley et al. (2012), (3) Foley et al. (2013), (4) Silverman, Ganeshalingam & Filippenko (2013), (5) Mazzali et al. (2015), (6) Silverman et al. (2012d), (7) Childress et al. (2013), (8) Zheng et al. (2013), (9) Pan et al. (2015b), (10) Foley et al. (2015), (11) Foley et al. (2016), (12) Zheng et al. (2017), and (13) Han et al. (2019).

observing strategy are thoroughly documented by S12a, so here we mention only relevant changes to the aforementioned instruments.

On 2016 September 18, the Kast red-side CCD was replaced with a Hamamatsu 1024 × 4096 pixel device with 15- μ m pixels, yielding a spatial scale of 0.43 arcsec pixel⁻¹. Compared to the previous red-side CCD, the new detector features significantly reduced readout noise and better quantum efficiency for wavelengths greater than 5000 Å. Most (483/579) Kast spectra presented herein were taken prior to this upgrade.

In May and June of 2009, the LRIS red-channel CCD was replaced with a mosaic of two 2k × 4k pixel Lawrence Berkeley National Lab CCDs with a spatial scale of 0.135 arcsec pixel⁻¹. The mosaic features smaller pixels and higher quantum efficiency in the red than the original CCD (Rockosi et al. 2010). Nearly all (52/58 since 2009 July 1) LRIS spectra were taken using this upgraded configuration.

2.3 Data reduction

An important attribute of our sample is the consistency with which the data have been reduced. Regardless of instrument, the same general procedures are followed for all spectral reductions, and just five individuals are responsible for reducing the majority (> 88 per cent) of our data set. In the following paragraph, we briefly summarize the principal steps in our reduction strategy (see S12a for a more comprehensive discussion), which are implemented using IRAF⁵ routines and publicly available PYTHON and IDL programs.⁶

First, standard preparation steps including bias removal, cosmic ray rejection, and flat-field correction are performed. Following

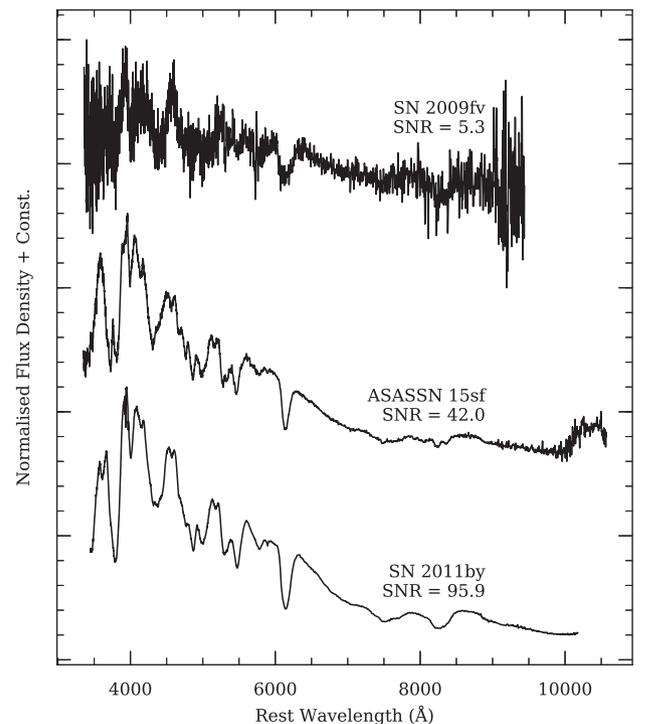


Figure 1. Representative SN Ia spectra from our sample showing low, medium, and high SNRs (progressing downward). The spectra have been deredshifted and normalized to a range of unity, and all are at 4 ± 1 d relative to their SN's light-curve-determined time of maximum brightness.

extraction, one-dimensional spectra are wavelength-calibrated using comparison-lamp spectra typically taken in the afternoon prior to each observing run. The spectra are then flux-calibrated using spectra (taken during each observing run with the appropriate instrumental setup) of bright spectrophotometric standard stars at similar airmasses. Finally, atmospheric (telluric) absorption features are removed and overlapping (i.e. red- and blue-side spectra from

⁵IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which is operated by AURA, Inc., under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

⁶Kast and LRIS data are currently reduced with KASTSHIV (Shivvers et al. 2016) and LPIPE (Perley 2019), respectively. Prior to October 2016, a number of LRIS spectra were reduced with purpose-built routines from the Carnegie PYTHON (CARPY) Distribution (Kelson et al. 2000; Kelson 2003).

Table 2. SNID classification results.

SN	Type	Subtype	Classification results			Best-matching SNID template			
			z_{SNID}	t_{SNID}^a	Name	Subtype	r_{lap}	z	t^a
SN 2008hm	Ia	...	0.0195 ± 0.0046	...	sn99aa	Ia-99aa	17.5	0.0321	34.1
SN 2008hv	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0114 ± 0.0037	$18.9 \pm \dots$	sn04ey	Ia-norm	31.2	0.0114	18.9
SN 2008hy	Ia	...	0.0076 ± 0.0038	...	sn91T	Ia-91T	23.4	0.0054	46.6
SN 2009D	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0214 ± 0.0063	-10.6 ± 2.8	sn90N	Ia-norm	16.7	0.0301	-6.4
SN 2009Y	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0014 ± 0.0060	5.9 ± 3.2	sn02bo	Ia-norm	14.0	0.0041	5.5
SN 2009Y	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0085 ± 0.0023	44.5 ± 5.7	sn02bo	Ia-norm	14.0	0.0070	44.5
SN 2009Y	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0116 ± 0.0031	72.5 ± 9.7	sn02bo	Ia-norm	14.1	0.0091	72.5
SN 2009V	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0933 ± 0.0044	11.2 ± 0.5	sn94ae	Ia-norm	15.6	0.0938	11.3
SN 2009ae	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0307 ± 0.0043	18.2 ± 3.4	sn02bo	Ia-norm	17.2	0.0345	17.8
SN 2009an	Ia	Ia-norm	0.0078 ± 0.0030	...	sn02eu	Ia-norm	14.5	0.0065	33.4

Note. Abridged table of SNID classifications (the full table is available as online supplementary material).

^aSpectral ages (phases) are in rest-frame days relative to the time of the associated SN's maximum brightness. Age uncertainties marked with '...' correspond to cases where only one template was a 'good' match.

Kast or LRIS) is combined by scaling one so that it matches the other⁷ over the common wavelength range. We consider spectra at this stage to be 'science ready.'

3 CLASSIFICATION

Optical spectra are widely used to classify SNe as belonging to one of several distinct types, and possibly subtypes (e.g. Filippenko 1997). We perform such classification in an automated fashion using the SuperNova IDentification code (SNID, Blondin & Tonry 2007) with tightly controlled tolerances. SNID classifies SNe by cross-correlating an input spectrum against a large library of template spectra (Tonry & Davis 1979). In the following sections, we detail our spectral classification procedure, present results, and discuss verifications of these results.

3.1 SNID classification procedure

Using a classification scheme similar to that employed by S12a, we attempt to determine the type, subtype, redshift, and age from each spectrum in our sample via consecutive SNID runs that adhere to the specifications outlined in the following sections.

3.1.1 SNID type

We first attempt to determine the type of an SN from its spectrum by executing a SNID run and requiring an r_{lap} ⁸ value of at least 10. If the host-galaxy redshift of the SN is listed in Table A1, then we force SNID to use this redshift by invoking the *forcez* key word – otherwise SNID will attempt to find the redshift simultaneously. In order for type determination to be considered successful, we require that the fraction of 'good'⁹ correlations corresponding to the proposed type be >50 per cent and that the best-matching 'good' template be of the same type. If no type is determined by this approach, we relax the minimum r_{lap} value to 5 and repeat the procedure. If a type is determined at this stage, we proceed to subtype determination.

⁷For Kast spectra, the blue side is scaled to match the red side, while for LRIS spectra, whichever side shows the lower transmission level is scaled upward.

⁸The r_{lap} is a measure of quality used by SNID – higher values correspond to classifications that are more trustworthy.

⁹In SNID, a template is graded 'good' when its strongest correlation with the input spectrum occurs at a redshift that differs by less than 0.02 from the forced (or simultaneously fit) redshift of the input spectrum.

3.1.2 SNID subtype

In the subtype-determination run, we again force SNID to use the redshift of the SN if it is available (and find it simultaneously otherwise). We also force SNID to use only templates that match the previously found type. Again, we attempt a SNID run with a minimum r_{lap} value of 10 and relax this to 5 if the first run is unsuccessful. In the case of subtype determination, success is achieved if the fraction of 'good' correlations corresponding to a subtype is >50 per cent and the best-matching 'good' template is of the same subtype.

3.1.3 SNID redshift

We use SNID to determine the redshift from a spectrum by executing a SNIDrun that requires all templates to be of the subtype found previously (or type, if the subtype was not successfully determined). We use no external redshift information, even if it appears in Table A1, but we do restrict the range of template redshifts to lie within $0 < z < 0.3$. We calculate the redshift as the median of all 'good' template redshift values, and the redshift uncertainty is taken to be the standard deviation of these values. If the redshift and subtype are determined, then we attempt to find the rest-frame phase relative to maximum light (henceforth referred to as 'age') from the spectrum.

3.1.4 SNID age

We attempt to determine the age of an SN spectrum by executing a SNID run that uses only templates of the subtype determined previously and that requires SNID to use the known redshift, or the redshift determined previously if it was not known. The age (henceforth, t_{SNID}) is calculated as the median of only the 'good' template ages that have an r_{lap} value of at least 75 per cent of the largest achieved r_{lap} value. The age uncertainty is the standard deviation of these ages. Furthermore, we require that the age uncertainty be less than the larger of 4 d or 20 per cent of the determined age.

3.2 Classification results and verifications

Of the 637 spectra selected for characterization, our SNID routine successfully determines the type in 608 instances, the subtype in 506, the redshift in 605, and the age in 406. We present the results derived from performing our SNID classification procedure in Table 2, and we discuss and examine them in the following subsections.

3.2.1 Types and subtypes

To study the robustness of our SNID-determined types and subtypes, we look for distinctions we can draw between spectra that were successfully classified versus those that were not. In particular, we investigate whether there is a significant difference between success and failure that is codified by (i) the average SNR of a spectrum, or (ii) the phase in an SN's temporal evolution during which that spectrum was observed.

The median SNR of the spectra for which SNID successfully determines a type (subtype) is 32.7 pixel^{-1} (33.4 pixel^{-1}), while for those where it failed the median is 14.3 pixel^{-1} (26.4 pixel^{-1}). For the case of determining the type, this presents a compelling argument – spectra for which the type is classified are generally of higher quality (as assessed by the SNR) than those that are not. Although the gap in median SNR between the successful and failed subsets is notably less pronounced for the case of determining the subtype, we must make a concession for the fact (as stated in Section 3.1.1) that the entire population, for which an attempt is made to determine subtype, is drawn *only* from those where the type has been successfully determined (and hence whose aggregate SNR is higher, as discussed above). With this important caveat noted, it would appear that the gap in SNR between successful and failed subtype classifications is indeed meaningful – those SNe for which the subtype is not successfully determined have a median SNR that is ~ 9 times below that of the entire population, relative to the median SNR for those for which the subtype is determined.

Next, we examine how the difference in rest-frame days between when a spectrum was observed and when the SN in that spectrum reached maximum brightness as determined from its light curve (i.e. the phase) may influence SNID's success rate with regard to (sub)type classification. We find that the median phase in cases where SNID successfully identifies a type (subtype) is 19.4 d (16.5 d), while in cases where it fails the median is 65.3 d (40.7 d). Owing to the much sparser coverage of SNID spectral templates at late phases (see e.g. Fig. 6 of S12a), it makes sense for the failure rate to be larger for spectra at late phases. In addition, spectra at earlier phases tend to have higher SNRs than do those at later phases¹⁰ because SNe Ia fade throughout their post-maximum evolution. As we have seen above, the SNR of a spectrum plays a substantive role the outcome of (sub)type classification. We find it reasonable, then, that the median phase is earlier for successes than it is for failures. Furthermore, while the caveat from the preceding paragraph regarding the population for which subtype determination is attempted is still relevant, it is similarly overcome – the difference between the median phase of those for which the subtype is not successfully determined (40.7 d) and that of the entire population (19.4 d) is ~ 7 times larger than the associated difference for those whose subtype is determined (16.5 d).

3.2.2 Redshifts

We investigate our SNID-determined redshifts by comparing them to the corresponding host-galaxy redshifts, when they are available, as shown in Fig. 2. From the 563 spectra in our sample for which (i) SNID determined a redshift, (ii) SNID determined that the spectrum was of an SN Ia (independent of the subtype classification), and (iii) a redshift is listed in Table A1, we find a median residual of 0.0002 with a standard deviation of 0.0039. Furthermore, we

¹⁰If we divide our sample into two groups based on phase (<20 d, >20 d), the median SNR of the early-time subset is 57.6 pixel^{-1} , while for the late-time subset, it is 32.4 pixel^{-1} .

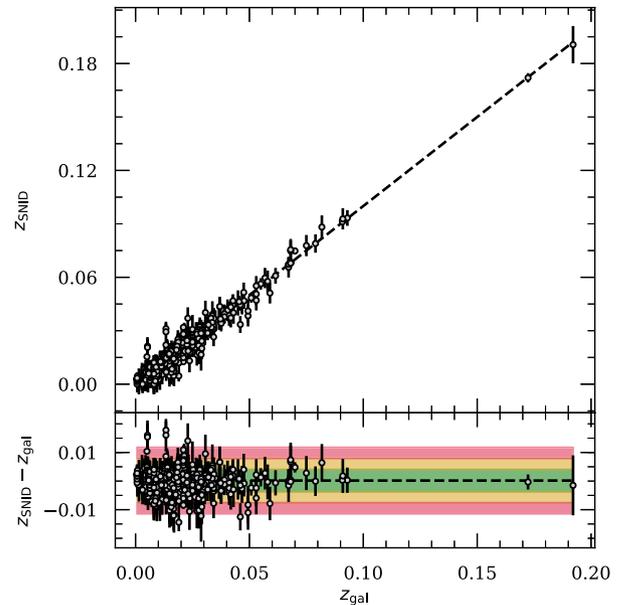


Figure 2. SNID-determined redshifts versus host-galaxy redshifts, with residuals in the lower panel. The dashed line in the top panel shows the one-to-one correspondence for z_{gal} , and in the bottom panel, it indicates the median residual. The green, yellow, and red regions in the lower panel correspond to the 1σ , 2σ , and 3σ bounds about the median residual, respectively. We note that the typical uncertainties for z_{gal} (which are omitted from the figure) are $\sim 1/4$ of those for z_{SNID} .

calculate the normalized median absolute deviation (Ilbert et al. 2006), defined as

$$\sigma \equiv 1.48 \times \text{median} \left[\frac{|z_{\text{SNID}} - z_{\text{gal}}|}{1 + z_{\text{gal}}} \right], \quad (1)$$

and find a value 0.003, similar to S12a, who found 0.002 for their data set. Of the spectra used for comparison, 446 have a redshift residual within 1 standard deviation of the median, 522 are within 2 standard deviations, and 553 are within 3.

3.2.3 Phases

Next, we compare SNID-determined phases to those calculated (in rest-frame days) relative to light-curve-determined times of maxima (henceforth, t_{LC}), when available (see Table 1 for t_{LC} values and Table A1 for references on the times of maximum brightness used to compute them). We perform this comparison for all spectra with the requisite information that SNID classified as belonging to an SN Ia (for a total of 219 spectra), and the result is shown in Fig. 3. There is a rather tight correlation for $t_{\text{SNID}} \lesssim 100$ d, but beyond this point, the SNID-determined ages systematically underestimate the true (i.e. light-curve-derived) phases. This is not unexpected, given the dearth of template spectra available at late phases (as discussed in Section 3.2.1) and is consistent with the results of previous studies (e.g. Fig. 7 of S12a).

If we further restrict the subset used for phase comparison to cover only the earlier, more rapidly evolving stages of spectroscopic evolution [namely, only those for which the (rest frame) light-curve-determined phase is <50 d and the SNID-determined phase is <30 d], we are left with 127 spectra. The median residual for this subset is ~ 0.4 d with a standard deviation of ~ 3.9 d. Of this subset, 95 spectra have a residual that lies within 1σ of the median, 116 are within 2σ , and 125 are within 3σ . We find that for very early phases

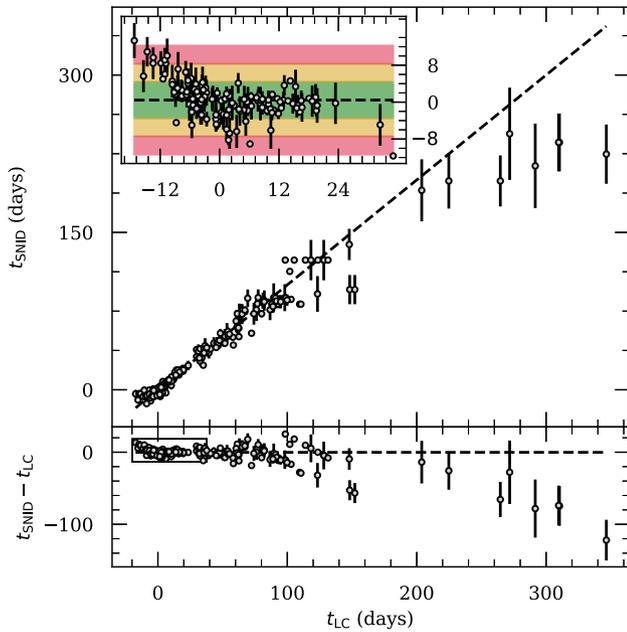


Figure 3. SNID-determined phases versus those derived from light-curve maxima and listed in Table 1. Residuals are shown in the lower panel. The dashed line in the top panel indicates the one-to-one correspondence for t_{LC} , and in the bottom panel, it shows the median residual. The inset panel displays the residuals from the subset of our sample for which $t_{SNID} \leq 30$ d and $t_{LC} \leq 50$ d, in addition to the conditions used to select the initial sample. The green, yellow, and red regions correspond to the 1σ , 2σ , and 3σ bounds about the median residual, respectively.

($t_{LC} \lesssim -10$ d), SNID-determined phases tend to be an overestimate (as can be seen in the inset panel of Fig. 3). As with SNID’s tendency to underestimate the phase of late-time spectra, the dominant cause of the noted early-phase overestimate can be attributed to the paucity of template spectra at similar phases.

3.3 Object classifications

Many of the SNe in our sample have multiple spectra, and therefore we must combine the classification information derived for each spectrum to obtain a final classification for each object. To determine the type of an object with multiple spectra, we choose the most frequently occurring type in that object’s spectral classifications. In cases with a tie between two possible type characterizations, we use the type of the spectrum whose best-matching SNID template has the larger r_{lap} value. To account for the uncertainty surrounding such classifications, we add a ‘*’ to the type. We follow a similar procedure for determining the subtype of each object, except that in cases where there is a tie for the most frequent subtype, we do not classify the subtype. The final (sub)type derived from this methodology is listed for each SN in our sample in Table A1. Altogether, 242 objects are unambiguously classified as SNe Ia and one is given the classification of ‘Ia*’. The remaining four objects are discussed in the following section.

3.4 Objects not classified as SNe Ia

There are four objects (SN 2009eq, LSQ 12fhe, SN 2013gh, and SN 2013fw) in our data set for which the aforementioned classification method either fails to classify the object at all or classifies it as something other than an SN Ia. We examine and briefly discuss each of these objects below.

3.4.1 SN 2009eq

Of the three spectra of SN 2009eq included in our data set, two (taken 3 d and 20 d after our first spectrum) are classified as belonging to an SN Ic, and the remaining one (our first observation of the object) is not successfully classified at all. After visual inspection of the three spectra by multiple coauthors, we override the SNID-determined type in favour of ‘Ia*’ – the spectra appear to be consistent with that of an SN Ia, and particularly an SN 1991bg-like (Filippenko et al. 1992a; Leibundgut et al. 1993) object evolving within 1 month of maximum brightness. However, given that our SNID-based classification scheme does not come to the same conclusion, we cannot unambiguously give a ‘Ia’ classification *from our data set alone*. It is also worth noting that our determination that SN 2009eq is an SN 1991bg-like object is consistent with its initial classification (Foley et al. 2009).

3.4.2 LSQ 12fhe

Our classification scheme deems the single spectrum of LSQ 12fhe in our data set to be of an SN Ic, contradicting the object’s initial classification as an SN Ia of the SN 1991T-like (Filippenko et al. 1992b; Phillips et al. 1992) subtype (Hadjijska et al. 2012). Looking more closely at our SNID classification, we see that the SN Ic classification was favoured by just one more template than for an SN Ia. After visual inspection by multiple coauthors, we reach a consensus that the object is definitely an SN Ia and most likely of the SN 1991T-like subtype (consistent with the initial classification). Accordingly, we override our SNID-determined type to be ‘Ia*’ – this reflects its true classification but accounts for the fact that our classification scheme does not reach the correct conclusion.

3.4.3 SN 2013gh

SN 2013gh is covered by three spectra in our data set (with light-curve-determined phases of -12 , 70, and 392 d). The first spectrum is unambiguously determined to be of an SN Ia (with an undetermined age), while the second is assigned as an SN Ic (with an age of 1.5 d), and the third is undetermined (not surprising, given SNID’s lack of late-phase templates, as previously discussed). In light of (i) the visually obvious SN Ia determination from the first spectrum, (ii) the completely incorrect SNID-determined phase of the second spectrum, and (iii) the multiple coauthor consensus that the second spectrum is consistent with that of an SN Ia at the appropriate phase, we again override our SNID-determined type in favour of ‘Ia*’.

3.4.4 SN 2013fw

The single spectrum of SN 2013fw in our data set is at a very late phase (>300 d), and thus it is unsurprising, given SNID’s lack of suitable templates (as discussed in Section 3.2.1), that our classification scheme does not succeed. We thus defer to the existing object classification (Jin et al. 2013) and assign its type as ‘Ia*’ – it is an SN Ia but we cannot conclusively confirm or refute the classification using our data set alone.

4 RESULTS

In this section, we present and study our low-redshift SN Ia spectral data set derived from observations totalling more than 275 hr of telescope time. Of our initial selection (from Section 2.1), 242 objects (covered by a total of 626 spectra) are unambiguously

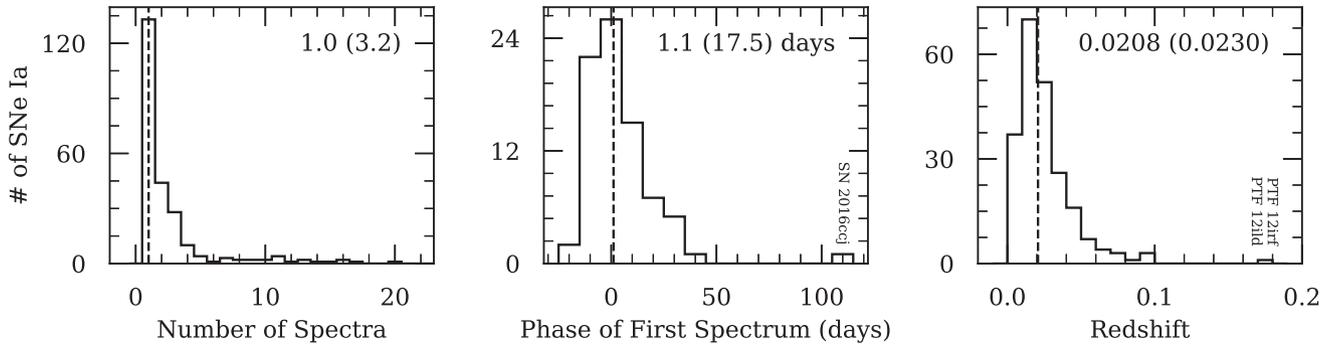


Figure 4. Distributions of SN-level parameters, with the associated median (standard deviation) values included. The left-hand panel is the number of spectra, centre is the light-curve–determined rest-frame phase of the first observed spectrum, and right is redshift. The SNe responsible for the outlying bins in the centre and right-hand panels are labelled.

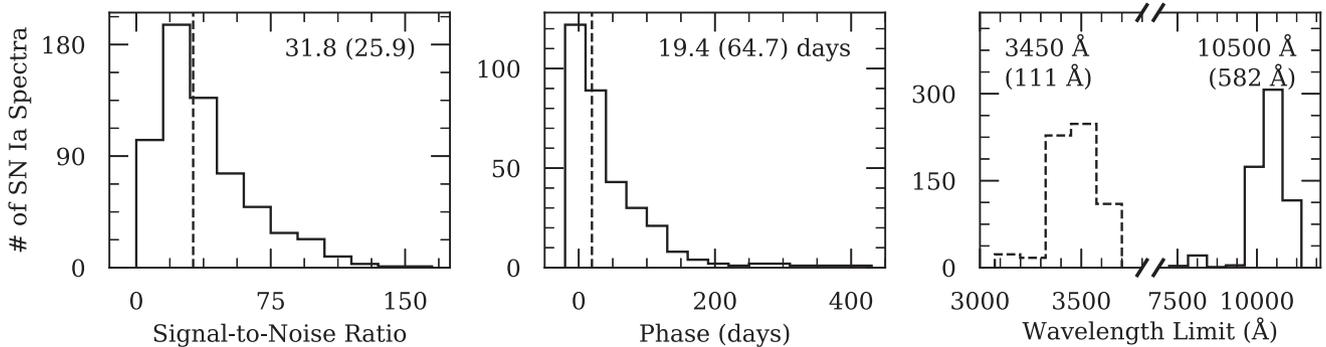


Figure 5. Distributions of spectrum-level parameters, with the associated median (standard deviation) values included. The left-hand panel shows the SNR, centre is the light-curve–determined rest-frame phase, and right is the blue and red wavelength limits.

classified as SNe Ia by the methodology described in the preceding section. In the discussion that follows, we consider only this selection of spectra. We provide plots and file access for all spectra described in this work electronically via our SNDB.

4.1 Sample characteristics

Our data set averages 2.6 spectra per SN Ia (with a median of 1), similar to the ~ 2.2 spectra per object S12a found for their data set and reflective of BSNIP’s emphasis on maximizing the number of objects studied spectroscopically rather than the number of spectra per object. SN 2016coj has the most spectra of any object in our sample with 20, followed by SN 2011fe with 17. Fig. 4 shows the full distribution of the number of spectra per SN Ia. Of the 242 SNe Ia in our sample, 109 are covered by at least two spectra. For the 79 SNe in our sample that have a light-curve–determined time of maximum brightness (as noted in Table A1), we find a median (rest frame) phase of the first spectrum of 1.1 d, as shown in the centre panel of Fig. 4. Of this subsample with phase information, 38 SNe have a spectrum observed before the time of maximum brightness and 69 have one within 20 d of maximum. We show the redshift distribution of the objects in our sample in the right-hand panel of Fig. 4. Aside from two SNe with redshifts of near (but below) 0.2, all have $z < 0.1$ and 201 (of the 221 with a redshift listed in Table A1) have $z \leq 0.05$. We find a median redshift of 0.0208 for the full sample and for the 184 SNe with $z \geq 0.01$ (i.e. within the Hubble flow), we find a median of 0.0230.

We show the distribution of average SNRs for the spectra in our data set in the left-hand panel of Fig. 5. The median is 31.8 pixel^{-1}

(with a mean of 38.3 pixel^{-1}), and 574/626 spectra have $\text{SNR} > 10 \text{ pixel}^{-1}$. By design (see Section 2.1), we find a minimum SNR of $\sim 5 \text{ pixel}^{-1}$. As shown in the centre panel of Fig. 5, we find the median (light-curve–determined rest frame) phase for the spectra with such information to be 19.4 d. The spectrum with the earliest phase belongs to SN 2011fe at -17.2 d, followed by two spectra of SN 2012cg with phases of -16.4 d and -15.4 d. The spectrum with the latest phase belongs to SN 2013dy at 422 d, followed by one from SN 2011fe at 379 d. Our data set includes 15 spectra at phases of at least 160 d. We find that 168 of the 328 spectra in our sample which have light-curve–determined phases correspond to earlier than 20 d in the post-maximum evolution of their SN. The distributions of the wavelengths of the blue and red ends of our spectra are shown in the right-hand panel of Fig. 5. We find a median blue (red) wavelength limit of 3450 Å (10 500 Å), and 592 of our spectra cover at least 3700–9800 Å.

4.2 Early-time spectra

A number of prior SN Ia analyses (e.g. Riess et al. 1997; Folatelli 2004; Foley et al. 2005; Branch et al. 2006; Garavini et al. 2007; Wang et al. 2009; Blondin et al. 2012; Silverman, Kong & Filippenko 2012b; Folatelli et al. 2013; Childress et al. 2014; Zhao et al. 2015) have studied SN Ia optical spectra in terms of multiple ‘features’ – each typically a blend of many spectral transitions but distinctive enough to be considered in aggregate as a single major absorption feature complex. Of principal interest are assessments of (i) the expansion velocities of such features, and (ii) quantities that probe the relative strengths of the

Table 3. Spectral features.

Feature	Rest Wavelength (Å)	Blue Boundary (Å)	Red Boundary (Å)
Ca II H&K	3945.28	3400–3800	3800–4100
Si II λ 4000	4129.73	3850–4000	4000–4150
Mg II	– ^a	4000–4150	4350–4700
Fe II	– ^a	4350–4700	5050–5550
S II ‘W’	5624.32	5100–5300	5450–5700
Si II λ 5972	5971.85	5400–5700	5750–6000
Si II λ 6355	6355.21	5750–6060	6200–6600
O I triplet	7773.37	6800–7450	7600–8000
Ca II near-IR triplet	8578.75	7500–8100	8200–8900

Note. Spectral features and boundaries, as adapted from S12b.

^aA single reference wavelength is not useful for this feature because it is a blend of too many spectral lines. Hence, we do not compute expansion velocities for this feature.

features, often assessed through pseudo-equivalent width (pEW) measurements.

Providing a tracer of explosion kinetic energy, the expansion velocities of SN Ia ejecta have been extensively studied – especially during the characteristic decline through the near-maximum evolution (e.g. Benetti et al. 2005; Wang et al. 2009). Silverman et al. (2012b, henceforth S12b) find velocities within a few days of maximum brightness that are consistent with the notion that SN Ia ejecta are layered – features of O I, Si II, and S II tend to have lower velocities (and are thus found in the inner, more slowly expanding layers), while those of Ca II have the highest velocities (and are therefore associated with the outer, more rapidly expanding layers). These findings are consistent with our own (see Section 4.2.2). Together with probes of feature strength (e.g. pEW measurements), expansion velocities can be used to quantify the degree of homogeneity between spectra of different SNe Ia (and hence SNe themselves) at similar epochs, as well as describe the expected temporal evolution of spectral features (Folatelli 2004). Feature-strength measurements from SN Ia spectra are further prized for the prospect that they might correlate with luminosity (e.g. Nugent et al. 1995; Silverman et al. 2012c).

Following S12b, we measure the expansion velocities, pEWs, and fluxes at the endpoints of nine features in the spectra from our sample, which have a light-curve–determined rest-frame phase of <20 d.¹¹ While some studies consider high-velocity and photospheric components for certain features (typically by fitting a series of Gaussians to the absorption profile; e.g. Silverman et al. 2015; Pan et al. 2015a; Zhao et al. 2016), we do not draw such a distinction in the following analysis (so as to remain consistent with the methodology of S12b). Our selected features, each labelled by the ion or spectral transition line most dominant in the absorption, are listed in Table 3 along with their rest wavelengths.

Because SN Ia spectra – and hence the aforementioned features – undergo temporal evolution for an individual SN Ia and exhibit variation over many SNe Ia (even when comparing similar epochs), the endpoints of each feature must be determined on a spectrum-by-spectrum basis. To this end, we have developed RESPECT,¹² a PYTHON package for automated SN Ia spectral feature analysis that is an object-oriented and extensively modified refactorization (or

redux) of the SPECTRATOR¹³ package. Given an input spectrum, the program smooths¹⁴ it using a Savitzky–Golay filter (Savitzky & Golay 1964) and then automatically (or if necessary, manually) selects absorption-feature boundaries, from which pseudo-continua are derived. It then measures the pEWs, expansion velocities, and boundaries of those features. Fig. 6 shows the result of this procedure when applied to a spectrum of SN 2016coj near maximum brightness. In the following subsections, we describe our measurement procedure in detail and present our results.

4.2.1 Pseudo-continua and pseudo-equivalent widths

After taking steps to standardize¹⁵ an input spectrum, the first task is to determine the edges of each of its features. We do this by means of a two-step process: (i) we compute the derivative of the smoothed spectrum and identify the wavelengths corresponding to where it changes from positive to negative (i.e. the wavelengths of local maxima); (ii) of these identified wavelengths, the one corresponding to the maximum flux of the smoothed spectrum within the blue (red) edge boundary (as given in Table 3) is used to define the blue (red) edge of the absorption feature. Owing to the fact that the blue end of the O I triplet rarely reaches a local maximum, we follow S12b by modifying our procedure to identify where the derivative passes through -2.0×10^{-18} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² Å⁻² (moving in the positive direction). We visually inspect all feature boundaries derived from this procedure and infrequently override them by manually selecting boundary points when the original ones are not correct. The uncertainty in the flux at the boundary points is assigned as the root-mean-square error (RMSE) between the input and smoothed fluxes within a range identical to the width of the smoothing window centred at the identified boundary wavelengths. We list all measured feature-boundary fluxes (and their uncertainties) in Table 4.

If the blue and red boundaries of a feature are successfully determined, we define the pseudo-continuum by connecting the boundary points with a line. The lower (upper) uncertainty of the pseudo-continuum is derived by connecting a line between the boundary points, with their fluxes reduced (increased) by their uncertainties. Once the pseudo-continuum is determined, we calculate the pEW (e.g. Garavini et al. 2007, S12b),

$$\text{pEW} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \Delta\lambda_i \left(1 - \frac{f(\lambda_i)}{f_c(\lambda_i)} \right), \quad (2)$$

where N is the number of pixels between the blue and red boundaries of the feature (which also define the pseudo-continuum as discussed above), λ_i ($\Delta\lambda_i$) is the wavelength (width) of the i th pixel, and $f(\lambda_i)$ [$f_c(\lambda_i)$] is the spectrum (pseudo-continuum) flux at λ_i . The uncertainty in our measurement of the pEW is calculated using standard techniques of error propagation using both the uncertainty of the pseudo-continuum (as described above) and the uncertainty

¹³<https://github.com/astrobarn/spectrator>

¹⁴In tests, we have found negligible difference between measurements conducted with and without smoothing. Smoothing does, however, allow us to study spectra whose SNRs would otherwise make their measurement unreliable.

¹⁵The steps performed to homogenize input spectra include correcting for Milky Way (MW) reddening using the values given in Table A1 and assuming the extinction law of Cardelli, Clayton & Mathis (1989) as modified by O’Donnell (1994), deredshifting (again using values from Table A1), flux-normalizing, and smoothing.

¹¹Two pairs of the selected features (Si II λ 4000, Mg II; and S II ‘W’, Si II λ 5972) become significantly blended at the late end of this range, so we therefore measure only these features for $t_{\text{LC}} \leq 10$ d.

¹²<https://github.com/benstahl92/respect>

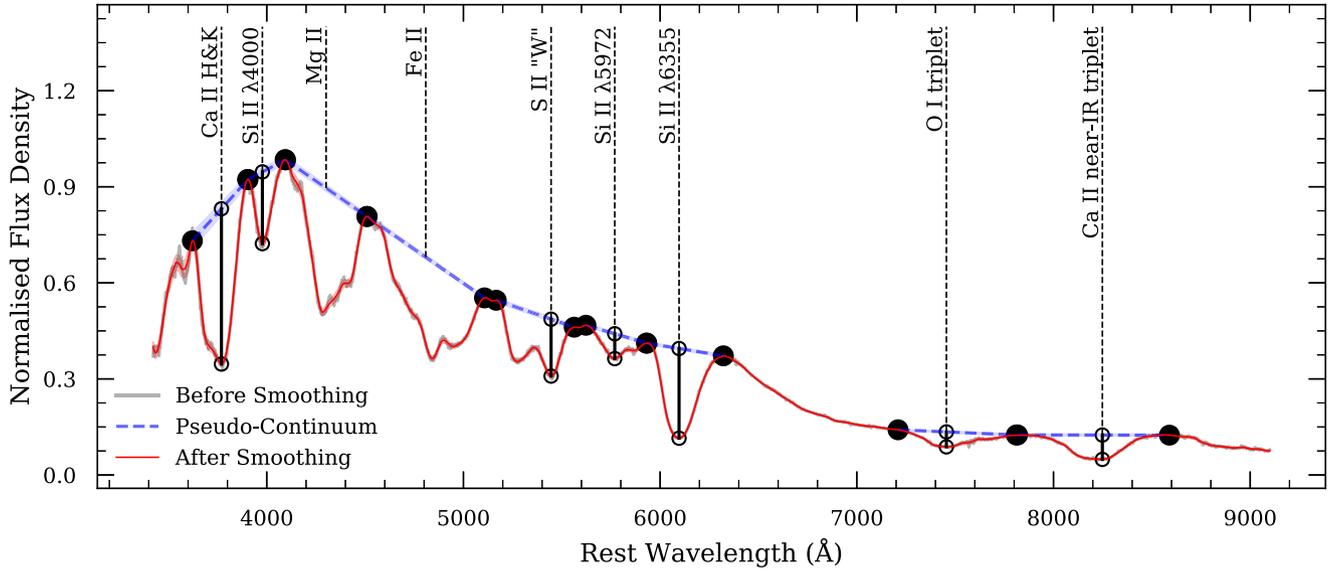


Figure 6. Spectrum of SN 2016coj at roughly 0.5 d before maximum brightness after processing with RESPECT. The Galactic reddening-corrected and deredshifted (but otherwise unprocessed) original spectrum appears in grey, while the smoothed spectrum is in red. Large black dots represent the identified feature boundaries, which define the pseudo-continuum (in blue). Smaller black circles indicate absorption minima and the pseudo-continuum fluxes at their locations.

Table 4. SN Ia spectral feature measurements near maximum brightness.

SN	Feature	t_{LC}^a	F_b^b	F_r^b	pEW ^c	v^d
SN 2008hv	Ca II H&K	14.29	2.66 ± 0.17	4.04 ± 0.11	62.7 ± 5.2	-11.74 ± 0.16
SN 2009D	Ca II H&K	-5.61	6.67 ± 0.74	7.29 ± 0.50	120.1 ± 6.3	-20.01 ± 0.16
SN 2009Y	Ca II H&K	5.72	8.75 ± 0.14	16.24 ± 0.25	114.7 ± 2.4	-17.87 ± 0.16
SN 2009bv	Ca II H&K	12.46	0.86 ± 0.04	1.24 ± 0.04	83.0 ± 3.5	-12.14 ± 0.16
SN 2009cz	Ca II H&K	-3.03	6.51 ± 0.16	6.75 ± 0.11	117.1 ± 2.7	-19.59 ± 0.16
SN 2009dc	Ca II H&K	-5.74	7.15 ± 0.11	6.97 ± 0.34	40.4 ± 4.7	-16.16 ± 0.16
SN 2009ds	Ca II H&K	8.62	12.71 ± 0.42	15.66 ± 0.31	80.5 ± 2.9	-12.61 ± 0.16
SN 2009eu	Ca II H&K	-4.80	0.42 ± 0.02	0.58 ± 0.02	100.5 ± 3.5	-18.79 ± 0.16
SN 2009fw	Ca II H&K	5.30	0.31 ± 0.11	0.43 ± 0.09	68.5 ± 14.5	-19.88 ± 0.16
SN 2009fw	Ca II H&K	6.44	0.53 ± 0.05	1.26 ± 0.05	77.9 ± 5.4	-19.10 ± 0.16

Note. Abridged table of SN Ia spectral feature measurements (the full table is available as online supplementary material).

^aPhases are in rest-frame days as given in Table 1.

^bFluxes at feature boundaries are in units of 10^{-15} erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² Å⁻¹.

^cPseudo-equivalent widths are in units of Å.

^dExpansion velocities are in units of 10^3 km s⁻¹ and are blueshifts.

in the spectrum flux at each pixel (derived using the RMSE as done for feature boundaries, also described above).

Table 4 includes a column containing all measured pEWs, and we visualize their temporal evolution in Fig. 7. In the same figure, we compare the aggregate pEW evolution for each feature in our data set to those derived from the data set of S12b. Given that this comparison is for measurements made between different (but similarly targeted, observed, and reduced) spectra from different SNe Ia, we find the level of consistency satisfactory. Indeed, the same evolutionary trends clearly manifest themselves in both data sets – we mention some of the more noteworthy observations in the following paragraphs.

Both the Ca II H&K feature and the Ca II near-infrared (IR) triplet exhibit relatively large pEWs for $t_{LC} \lesssim -5$ d, but while the former has a pEW that slowly declines through its evolution beyond this point (with noticeably reducing scatter), the pEW of the latter markedly grows. These features, together with the Fe II complex (which seems to grow quadratically for $t_{LC} \gtrsim -8$ d), have the

largest pEWs of all features measured (and are thus in the last row of Fig. 7).

The Mg II feature pEW measurements show a modestly increasing trend and have relatively small scatter compared to those for the Si II $\lambda 6355$ feature and O I triplet (all three displayed in the central row of Fig. 7 owing to their similar range of values). The O I triplet’s mean pEW evolution appears to consist of several distinct stages: there is an increase for $t_{LC} \lesssim 5$ d, at which point the evolution reaches a broad peak of ~ 120 Å, and then there is a stage of decrease. The mean pEW evolution of the Si II ‘W’ feature follows a similar trend, except that the peak of ~ 80 Å occurs a few days earlier and is more sharply defined.

Si II $\lambda 6355$, the most characteristic spectral feature of SNe Ia near maximum brightness, shows relatively flat pEW evolution (~ 100 Å) for $t_{LC} \lesssim 10$ d, after which our measurements are consistent with a ‘hint of sharp upturn’ as was noted by S12b, and which is likely due to blending with Si II $\lambda 5972$ at such epochs. Similarly, the Si II $\lambda 5972$ feature exhibits relatively constant (if slightly increasing)

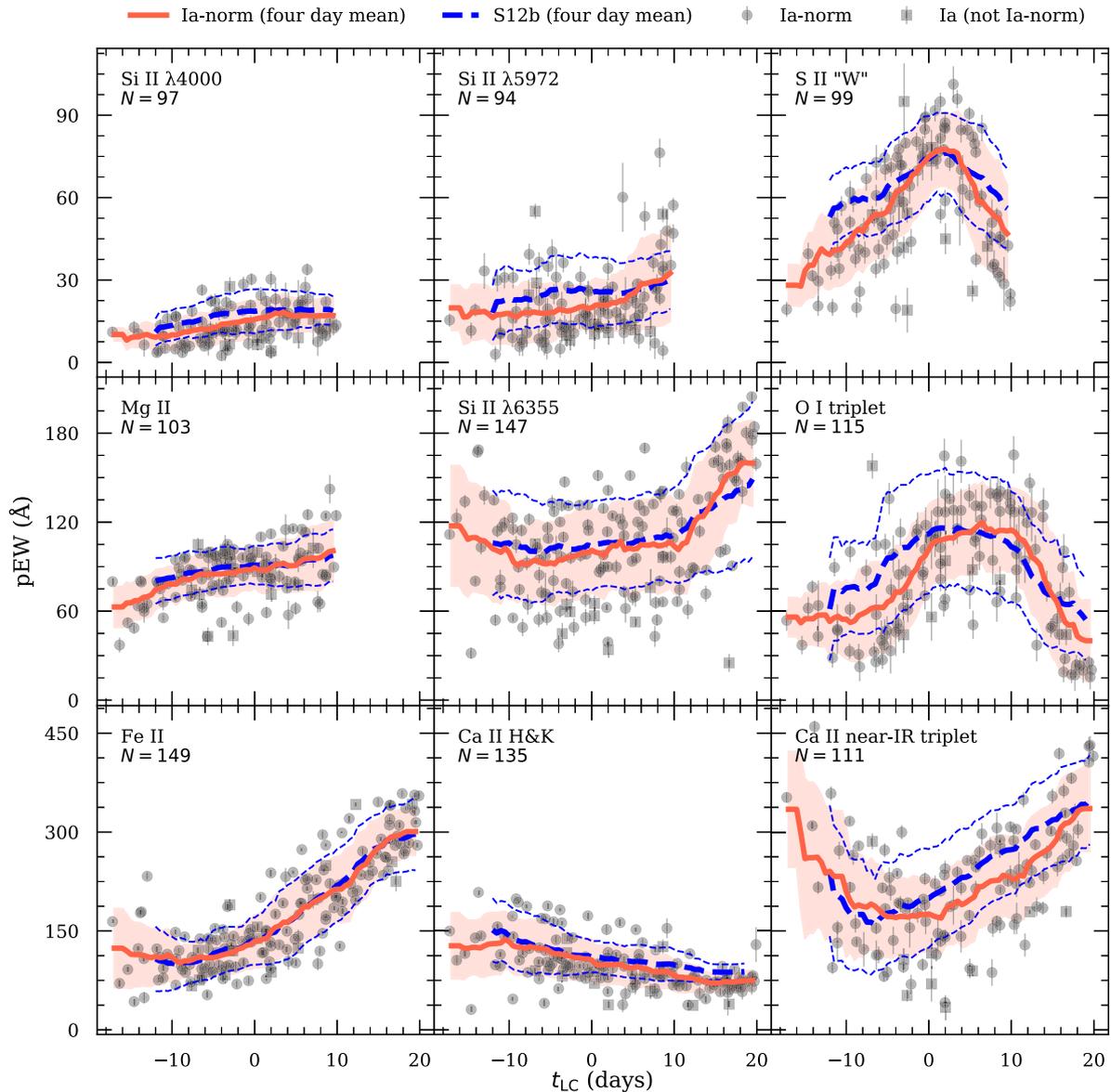


Figure 7. Evolution of pEWs for the features noted in Table 3, grouped by pEW magnitude. Grey circles are measured pEWs for spectra belonging to SNe classified as ‘Ia-norm’ according to the prescription of Section 3, and grey squares are those for SNe classified as ‘Ia’ of any subtype (except ‘Ia-norm’) or ‘Ia’ with no subtype determined. The red line and filled region represent the mean and standard deviation (respectively) of all ‘Ia-norm’ measurements within 4 d of each half-day increment in the evolution, and the dashed blue lines represent the corresponding descriptors derived from the data set of S12b. The feature and number of ‘Ia-norm’ measurements for it are included in each panel.

pEW evolution until $t_{LC} \approx 5$ d, at which phase there is an uptick, likely due to blending with the Na I D line (from the MW, and owing to their low redshifts, possibly from the host galaxies of the SNe). The Si II $\lambda 4000$ feature has the lowest aggregate pEWs in our sample (hence its position in the first row of Fig. 7, along with the measurements for Si II $\lambda 5972$ and S II ‘W’) and shows evidence for a slight trend of increasing pEW.

4.2.2 Expansion velocities

With feature boundaries determined according to Section 4.2.1, we identify the absorption minimum (wavelength and flux) in each feature by fitting the smoothed flux (within each feature boundary) with a cubic spline and computing the minimum. We do this for all

features with identified boundaries except for Mg II and Fe II, which are composites of so many blended lines that there is ambiguity when choosing a reference wavelength against which to measure expansion velocities. The S II ‘W’ feature has two broad absorptions, so for consistency – both internally and with the results described by S12b – we always measure the minimum of the redder of the two features (even if the bluer component has a deeper absorption). As with measurements of feature boundaries, we perform a visual inspection, and in cases where the spline fit does not accurately reflect the true flux minimum, we manually adjust the range over which the spline is fit in order to more faithfully capture the signal. Following S12b, we impose a 2 \AA uncertainty on the wavelength of the feature minimum (and do not explicitly account for systematic uncertainties due to the spectral resolution).

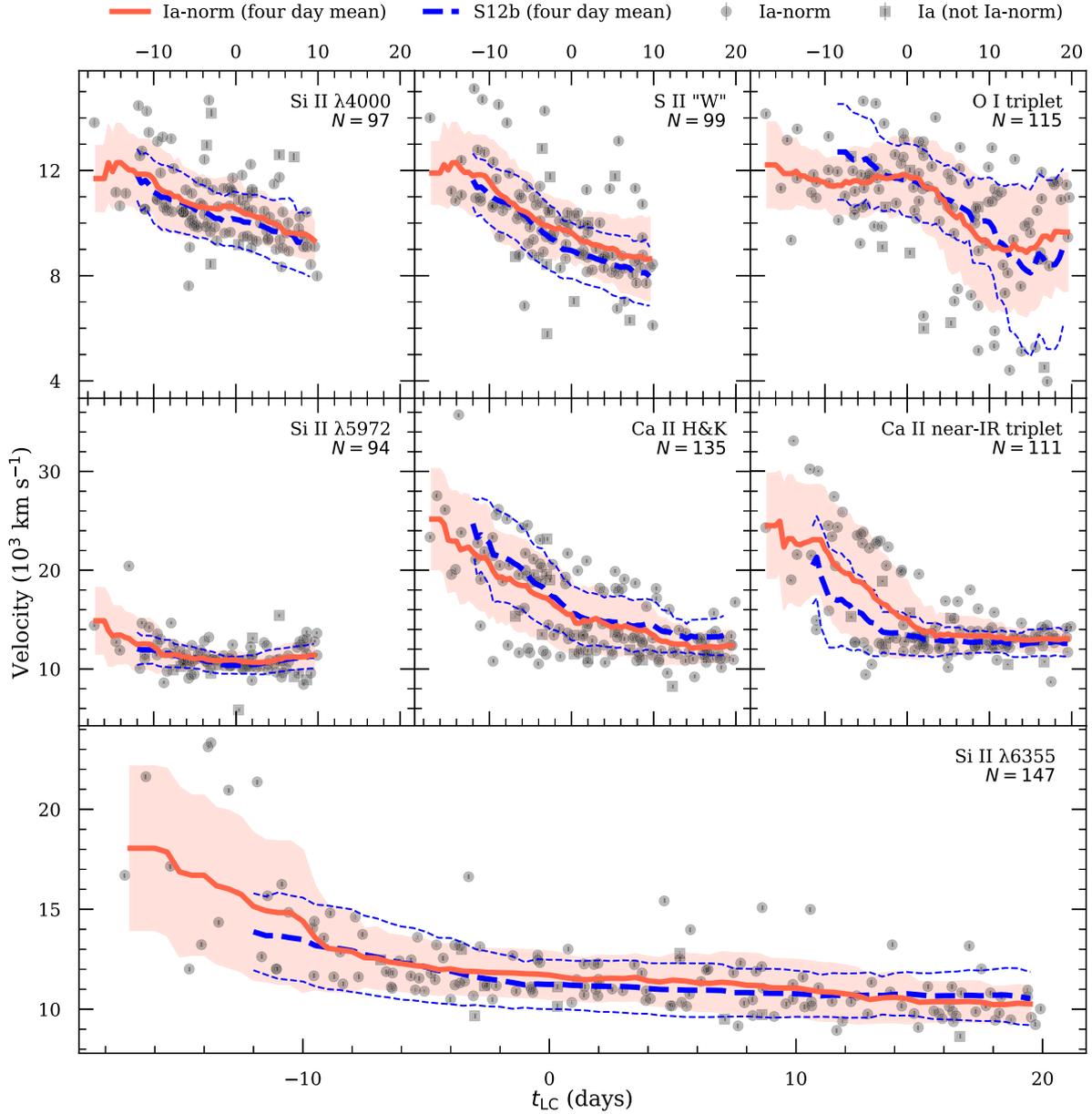


Figure 8. Same as Fig. 7 but for expansion velocities. Though we show positive velocity scales, we reiterate that the velocities correspond to *blueshifts*.

To calculate the expansion velocity of a feature, v , we use the wavelength of its flux minimum (as determined above) and the appropriate rest wavelength (as given in Table 3) with the relativistic Doppler equation. The uncertainty in the expansion velocity is obtained by propagating the wavelength uncertainty (as described above). We present all of our velocity measurements in Table 4. We emphasize that they are derived from *blueshifted* spectral features (and hence appear as negative number in the table). All velocity measurements are shown in Fig. 8, and the aggregate results are compared to those derived from the data set of S12b. As with the pEW comparison, we find clear qualitative consistency in evolutionary trends (especially given some allowance for biases due to low-number statistics at the earliest epochs).

Similar to S12b, we find the highest expansion velocities from the two Ca II features we investigated. The features exhibit similar evolution, with velocities in excess of $25\,000\text{ km s}^{-1}$ (and as high as

$\sim 30\,000\text{ km s}^{-1}$) for $t \lesssim -5\text{ d}$, followed by a rapid decline to relative constancy (slightly decreasing for Ca II H&K) at $\sim 12\,000\text{ km s}^{-1}$ for $t \gtrsim 0\text{ d}$.

All three features of Si II show a similar evolutionary track of modest decline, albeit with different scales. The largest velocities are claimed by Si II $\lambda 6355$, followed by Si II $\lambda 5972$ (both of which converge to a steady velocity of $\sim 11\,000\text{ km s}^{-1}$ for $t \gtrsim 0\text{ d}$), and finally Si II $\lambda 4000$ (which continues to decline throughout the evolution). The velocity of the S II ‘W’ feature shows a very similar evolution to that of Si II $\lambda 4000$ but with a bit more scatter and a slightly steeper decline.

The expansion velocities of the O I triplet cover a similar range of values to those of the Si II ‘W’ feature, but with a significantly larger degree of scatter (especially for later epochs). This is unsurprising: the O I triplet is a broad feature, and thus when it becomes weak (as it does at later phases, as shown in Fig. 7), the exact location of the

minimum is more challenging to robustly determine. It is difficult to quantify the extent to which this mechanism introduces scatter relative to what may be intrinsic, but after visually inspecting the results, we find the derived minima to be reasonable.

4.3 Late-time spectra

As an SN Ia reaches the so-called nebular phase in its evolution (starting $t \gtrsim 100$ d after maximum light, and fully for $t \gtrsim 160$ d), the density of the ejecta diminishes to the point of becoming optically thin, thereby allowing light from deep within the interior to escape. This results in broad emission lines (due mostly to iron-group elements) in the late-time optical spectra of SNe Ia, which may encode important physical and geometric details of the explosion mechanism(s) (Maeda et al. 2010b; Maguire et al. 2018). In particular, many studies of late-time SN Ia spectra have considered three broad emission features centred near 4701, 6155, and 7378 Å, which are attributed to blends of various lines of [Fe III], [Fe II], and [Ni II], respectively (Mazzali et al. 1998; Maeda et al. 2010a; Blondin et al. 2012; Silverman et al. 2013; Maguire et al. 2018).

Of the spectra in our data set having light-curve–determined phases, there are 15 (spanning 7 SNe Ia) for which $t_{LC} \geq 160$ d. Though this is not a sufficiently large sample to perform a stand-alone study (and because a subset of these spectra has already been considered in other works; see the references listed in Table 1), we perform only a brief analysis focusing on the velocity shift of the [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$ feature and the mean velocity shift of the two remaining features (which, for consistency with the aforementioned studies, we refer to as the ‘nebular velocity’). We describe our methodology and measurements in the following subsections.

4.3.1 Methodology

We measure velocities of the listed features in our nebular spectra using tools from our RESPEXT package. Again, we preprocess spectra by correcting for Galactic extinction and then deredshifting, flux-normalizing, and smoothing. Emission peaks are identified by eye and then, following the approach described in Section 4.2.2, we fit a cubic spline to the smoothed spectrum in the vicinity of the peak, allowing us to derive the wavelength at which the flux is maximal. Consistent with our treatment of early-time spectra, we impose a uniform 2 Å uncertainty on all wavelengths determined by this method. The velocity of the feature is then obtained using the relativistic Doppler equation. Our results are summarized in Table 5.

4.3.2 [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$ velocities

We present our measurements of the velocity shifts of the [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$ feature in the top panel of Fig. 9. Similar to Silverman et al. (2013), we find evidence for a slow decrease in blueshift (i.e. a velocity *increase*) in the nebular-phase evolution. For the three SNe Ia in our sample having multiple nebular-phase spectra with non-negligible temporal separation (SN 2011fe, SN 2011by, and SN 2014J), we find average velocity increase rates of 15, 11, and 5 km s⁻¹ d⁻¹ (respectively).

4.3.3 Nebular velocities

As with Maeda et al. (2010a), Blondin et al. (2012), and Silverman et al. (2013), we derive nebular velocities as the arithmetic mean of the [Fe II] $\lambda 7155$ and [Ni II] $\lambda 7378$ feature velocities. Whereas

Table 5. Late-time SN Ia spectral feature measurements.

SN Name	t_{LC}^a	Velocity ^b [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$	Velocity ^b [Fe II] $\lambda 7155$	Velocity ^b [Ni II] $\lambda 7378$
SN 2009ig	160.3	-2.47 ± 0.13	0.83 ± 0.08	-1.36 ± 0.08
SN 2011by	206.7	-1.68 ± 0.13	-1.38 ± 0.08	-1.73 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	310.3	-0.54 ± 0.13	-1.05 ± 0.08	-1.15 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	164.9	-2.64 ± 0.13	-1.37 ± 0.08	–
SN 2011fe	203.9	-1.54 ± 0.13	-1.26 ± 0.08	-1.12 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	224.8	-1.17 ± 0.13	-0.93 ± 0.08	-1.09 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	309.6	-0.63 ± 0.13	-1.22 ± 0.08	-0.94 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	346.5	-0.32 ± 0.13	-0.76 ± 0.08	-0.89 ± 0.08
SN 2011fe	378.5	0.20 ± 0.13	-1.10 ± 0.08	-0.90 ± 0.08
SN 2013dy	422.2	2.88 ± 0.13	0.55 ± 0.08	0.39 ± 0.08
SN 2013gy	271.8	-0.56 ± 0.13	-0.29 ± 0.08	-2.95 ± 0.08
SN 2014J	264.6	-0.90 ± 0.13	0.86 ± 0.08	1.45 ± 0.08
SN 2014J	291.6	-0.75 ± 0.13	1.00 ± 0.08	1.38 ± 0.08
ASASSN 14lp	170.1	-2.07 ± 0.13	0.57 ± 0.08	0.53 ± 0.08
ASASSN 14lp	175.1	-2.23 ± 0.13	0.44 ± 0.08	0.19 ± 0.08

^aSpectral phases are in rest-frame days as given in Table 1.

^bVelocities are in units of 10^3 km s⁻¹. Negative values are blueshifted. Systematic uncertainties associated with the resolution of the spectra are not included.

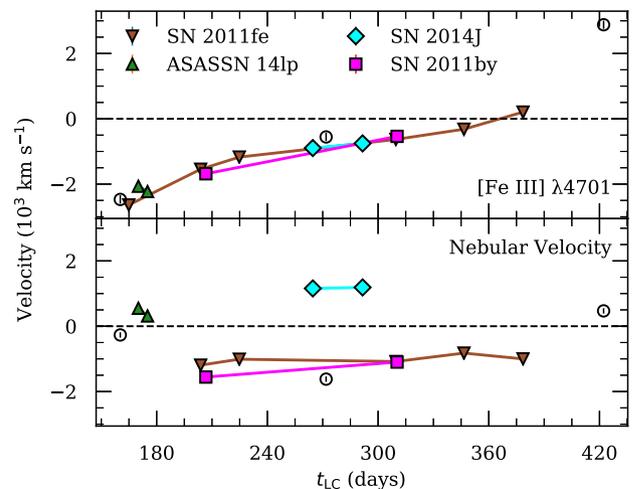


Figure 9. Measured velocity shifts from the nebular spectra in our sample. The top panel shows the velocity shifts for the [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$ feature, while the bottom shows the nebular velocities (as discussed in Section 4.3.3). SNe Ia with multiple nebular spectra are marked as indicated in the legend and connected by lines. The error bars, which do not account for systematic uncertainties from the resolution of our spectra, are typically smaller than the markers. For a typical resolution of ~ 10 Å, the omitted systematic uncertainty amounts to ~ 500 km s⁻¹.

previous studies have determined the uncertainty in the nebular velocity as the difference between the constituent velocities (Maeda et al. 2010a), or half of this difference (Silverman et al. 2013), we derive it from direct propagation of uncertainties. We present our nebular velocity measurements in the bottom panel of Fig. 9. In contrast to the slow (but noticeable) increasing trend in the [Fe III] $\lambda 4701$ velocities, we find an even weaker trend in nebular velocities. For the previously mentioned set of three SNe Ia with multiple nebular spectra, we find average velocity increase rates of just 2, 4, and 1 km s⁻¹ d⁻¹ – consistent with the assertion made by Silverman et al. (2013) that a single measurement of the nebular velocity of a given SN Ia is sufficient to describe that SN throughout its nebular-phase evolution.

5 CONCLUSION

In this paper we present 637 optical spectra collected by the BSNIP using the Kast double spectrograph at Lick Observatory and LRIS at the W. M. Keck Observatory between 2009 and 2018. Careful observation and processing techniques perfected over the last 20+ yr are employed to prepare the spectra in a manner that is (i) self-consistent and (ii) consistent with earlier BSNIP spectral data releases (S12a).

We employ a robust automated spectral classification procedure that uses SNID to derive the type, subtype, redshift, and rest-frame phase of the spectra in our data set, achieving a successful result in the majority of cases. Furthermore, we perform a study of the results and conclude that failures preferentially occur for late-phase spectra (where the temporal coverage of SNID is sparse) and for spectra with lower SNRs (and which are thus of lower quality). Where independent measurements (i.e. host-galaxy redshifts, and light-curve-derived rest-frame phases) are available, we compare them to SNID-based predictions. The redshifts show negligible difference in aggregate and have relatively small scatter, while the phases have a larger – but still reasonable – scatter (especially when a more temporally restrictive subset is selected). After combining the classifications in cases where multiple spectra are available for a given object, we address the several cases in which a selected object was not classified as an SN Ia. Ultimately, we obtain a final sample of 626 spectra from 242 low-redshift SNe Ia.

We study the early-time and late-time properties of our data set, with emphasis on measurements of the most prominent features in SN Ia spectra at such phases. In particular, we measure the expansion velocities, pEWs, and fluxes at the boundaries of nine absorption-feature complexes from the subset of our spectra that were observed within 20 d of maximum light. When we compare with the analogous set of measurements performed on an earlier set of BSNIP spectra (S12b), we find clear evidence for the same evolutionary behaviours in the features. Similarly, we measure the velocity shifts of three emission features from the subset of our spectra that were observed more than 160 d after maximum light. With just 15 such nebular spectra, our sample is too small to merit a stand-alone study, but we do find clear manifestations of the evolutionary behaviours noted by more comprehensive studies.

When our data set is combined with that described by S12a, the BSNIP low-redshift SN Ia spectral data set reaches nearly 2000 optical spectra, all of which have been handled consistently through all phases of observing and processing. Further utility will be unlocked by considering the aforementioned spectral data set in conjunction with its companion photometric data set of more than 250 SNe Ia from the Lick Observatory Supernova Search follow-up program (see G10 and S19, for the photometric data sets covering 1998–2008 and 2009–2018, respectively). In a future study, we will leverage these data sets to explore the extent to which photometrically derived parameters can be reconstructed from SN Ia spectra (Stahl et al., in preparation).

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Table S1 SN Ia spectral information.

Table S2 SNID classification results.

Table S4 SN Ia spectral feature measurements near maximum brightness.

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APPENDIX A: SAMPLE INFORMATION

Table A1. SN Ia information.

SN Name	Discovery Date (UT)	R.A. α (2000)	Decl. δ (2000)	z_{helio}^a	$E(B - V)_{\text{MW}}^b$ (mag)	SNID ^c (sub)type	Number of Spectra	First ^d Epoch	Last ^d Epoch	MJD _{max} ^e Reference
SN 2008hm	2008 – 11 – 25	51.7954	46.9443	0.0197	0.381	Ia	1	26.5	–	2
SN 2008hv	2008 – 12 – 02	136.8920	3.3923	0.0125	0.027	Ia-norm	1	14.3	–	2
SN 2008hy	2008 – 12 – 06	56.2852	76.6654	0.0085	0.203	Ia	1	32.9	–	2
SN 2009D	2009 – 01 – 02	58.5951	– 19.1817	0.0250	0.046	Ia-norm	1	– 5.6	–	1
SN 2009Y	2009 – 02 – 01	220.5990	– 17.2468	0.0094	0.087	Ia-norm	3	5.7	62.9	2
SN 2009V	2009 – 02 – 02	153.2030	43.1832	0.0930 ^{†(c)}	0.012	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009ae	2009 – 02 – 15	249.8700	21.3154	0.0311	0.049	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009an	2009 – 02 – 27	185.6980	65.8512	0.0092	0.016	Ia-norm	2	21.1	40.7	2
SN 2009bp	2009 – 03 – 17	211.9570	36.6436	–	0.004	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2009bs	2009 – 03 – 21	201.7340	52.7549	0.0298	0.011	Ia-91bg	2	–	–	–
SN 2009bv	2009 – 03 – 27	196.8350	35.7844	0.0367	0.008	Ia-norm	1	12.5	–	2
SN 2009cz	2009 – 04 – 06	138.7500	29.7353	0.0211	0.022	Ia	1	– 3.0	–	4
SN 2009dc	2009 – 04 – 09	237.8010	25.7078	0.0214	0.060	Ia-norm	8	– 5.7	109.5	1
SN 2009do	2009 – 04 – 22	188.7430	50.8512	0.0397	0.013	Ia-norm	1	23.4	–	2
SN 2009ds	2009 – 04 – 28	177.2670	– 9.7291	0.0193	0.033	Ia-norm	1	8.6	–	2
SN 2009en	2009 – 05 – 08	221.5940	13.0242	0.0467	0.020	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009ep	2009 – 05 – 11	208.0440	2.3242	0.0237	0.025	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009eq	2009 – 05 – 11	280.0350	40.1268	0.0236	0.053	Ia*	3	–	–	–
SN 2009ew	2009 – 05 – 16	249.7490	17.9828	–	0.062	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009eu	2009 – 05 – 21	247.1710	39.5535	0.0304	0.010	Ia-norm	1	– 4.8	–	1
SN 2009ft	2009 – 05 – 23	216.0250	7.7695	0.0568	0.021	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009fx	2009 – 05 – 29	253.2970	23.9653	0.0477	0.049	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009fl	2009 – 05 – 30	246.2920	40.8891	0.0294	0.007	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009fu	2009 – 06 – 01	33.0375	44.5653	0.0171	0.076	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009fy	2009 – 06 – 01	351.0210	16.6641	0.0410	0.028	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009fv	2009 – 06 – 02	247.4340	40.8116	0.0293	0.005	Ia-norm	3	3.8	16.4	1
SN 2009gq	2009 – 06 – 02	333.7200	17.5131	0.0670 ^{†(c)}	0.037	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009fw	2009 – 06 – 06	308.0770	– 19.7332	0.0282	0.050	Ia-norm	4	5.3	17.9	2
SN 2009gf	2009 – 06 – 15	213.9050	14.2802	0.0185	0.022	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2009gs	2009 – 06 – 15	319.7060	– 5.9530	–	0.102	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2009he	2009 – 07 – 03	245.5510	57.2729	0.0306	0.008	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2009hi	2009 – 07 – 10	350.9840	16.7749	0.0411	0.026	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2009hk	2009 – 07 – 11	309.6560	– 25.1156	0.0180 ^{†(c)}	0.038	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2009hl	2009 – 07 – 11	262.7920	36.4278	0.0494 ^{†(d)}	0.030	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009hn	2009 – 07 – 24	38.0013	1.2482	0.0220	0.021	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009ho	2009 – 07 – 25	37.1389	37.9511	–	0.049	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2009hp	2009 – 07 – 26	44.5998	6.5931	0.0211	0.198	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009hs	2009 – 07 – 28	268.9620	62.5998	0.0275	0.035	Ia	1	8.6	–	1
SN 2009hr	2009 – 07 – 29	10.1422	3.5414	0.0170 ^{†(c)}	0.022	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
PTF 09dlc	2009 – 08 – 17	326.6250	6.4192	0.0672 ^{†(p)}	0.047	Ia-norm	2	– 2.3	18.2	5
SN 2009jb	2009 – 08 – 17	260.9240	30.4971	0.0237 ^{†(p)}	0.037	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
PTF 09dnp	2009 – 08 – 18	229.8520	49.4990	0.0376 ^{†(p)}	0.016	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009ig	2009 – 08 – 20	39.5484	– 1.3125	0.0088	0.028	Ia-norm	16	– 13.8	160.3	1

Table A1 – *continued*

SN Name	Discovery Date (UT)	R.A. $\alpha(2000)$	Decl. $\delta(2000)$	z_{helio}^a	$E(B - V)_{\text{MW}}^b$ (mag)	SNID ^c (sub)type	Number of Spectra	First ^d Epoch	Last ^d Epoch	MJD ^e _{max} Reference
SN 2009ih	2009 – 08 – 21	238.8790	41.9483	0.0329	0.015	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2009ix	2009 – 09 – 08	49.4709	40.9589	–	0.128	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009jg	2009 – 09 – 22	265.1430	18.7137	–	0.062	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009jr	2009 – 10 – 08	306.6080	2.9092	0.0165	0.116	Ia-99aa	2	– 3.6	5.3	2
SN 2009jp	2009 – 10 – 09	349.4280	13.9569	0.0550 ^{†(e)}	0.040	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009kk	2009 – 10 – 15	57.4345	– 3.2644	0.0129	0.118	Ia-norm	2	– 0.4	19.4	2
SN 2009ko	2009 – 10 – 28	120.4930	15.0596	0.0162	0.028	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009kq	2009 – 11 – 05	129.0630	28.0671	0.0117	0.035	Ia-norm	4	– 9.2	28.4	1
SN 2009lg	2009 – 11 – 10	354.7080	28.2651	0.0580	0.165	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009le	2009 – 11 – 16	32.3214	– 23.4124	0.0178	0.014	Ia-norm	1	17.5	–	2
SN 2009li	2009 – 11 – 16	5.7142	6.9699	0.0404	0.023	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009lv	2009 – 11 – 19	4.1107	22.4361	–	0.059	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009lu	2009 – 11 – 20	163.5870	– 4.3442	0.0215	0.026	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009lr	2009 – 11 – 23	348.5600	– 2.7533	–	0.041	Ia	2	–	–	–
SN 2009me	2009 – 11 – 03	182.4160	43.6750	–	0.012	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009mj	2009 – 12 – 10	103.3010	44.0713	0.0196	0.092	Iax	1	–	–	–
SN 2009mh	2009 – 12 – 12	175.9830	10.7820	0.0197	0.038	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2009mv	2009 – 12 – 16	108.9160	35.2412	–	0.053	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009nr	2009 – 12 – 22	197.7460	11.4915	0.0112	0.022	Ia-norm	3	11.6	129.3	6
SN 2009mz	2009 – 12 – 26	210.8530	– 6.0587	0.0086	0.024	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2009na	2009 – 12 – 26	161.7560	26.5439	0.0210	0.028	Ia-norm	3	3.0	39.4	2
SN 2009nq	2009 – 12 – 28	348.8210	19.0229	0.0158	0.125	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2009nk	2009 – 12 – 29	212.7450	6.3633	0.0196	0.023	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010A	2010 – 01 – 04	38.1644	0.6195	0.0207	0.025	Ia-99aa	1	–	–	–
SN 2010B	2010 – 01 – 07	208.5370	60.6804	0.0102	0.011	Ia-norm	4	–	–	–
SN 2010N	2010 – 01 – 12	197.2720	17.0729	0.0210 ^{†(e)}	0.019	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010H	2010 – 01 – 16	121.6020	1.0359	0.0154	0.026	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2010V	2010 – 02 – 04	217.1600	30.6360	0.0129 ^{†(d)}	0.019	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2010Y	2010 – 02 – 08	162.7660	65.7797	0.0109	0.011	Ia-norm	4	– 6.4	22.3	2
SN 2010pl	2010 – 02 – 12	160.6750	58.8438	0.0313	0.007	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010ag	2010 – 03 – 05	255.9730	31.5017	0.0337	0.026	Ia	3	0.3	58.3	2
SN 2010ai	2010 – 03 – 08	194.8500	27.9964	0.0193 ^{†(d)}	0.008	Ia-norm	1	– 6.4	–	2
SN 2010an	2010 – 03 – 11	244.4190	35.0028	0.0295	0.020	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2010au	2010 – 03 – 15	138.1520	34.8547	0.0615	0.018	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010ax	2010 – 03 – 15	220.4730	10.7504	0.0508	0.024	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010ao	2010 – 03 – 18	205.9210	3.9000	0.0228	0.023	Ia-norm	1	– 11.1	–	1
SN 2010at	2010 – 03 – 19	181.2480	76.1312	0.0418	0.073	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2010ba	2010 – 03 – 21	179.5860	15.3363	–	0.037	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2010bn	2010 – 04 – 05	176.2320	– 5.0789	0.0530 ^{†(e)}	0.019	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010bu	2010 – 04 – 09	235.7430	2.2813	0.0390 ^{†(e)}	0.064	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010cp	2010 – 05 – 09	195.1080	– 15.2889	0.0164	0.049	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2010cs	2010 – 05 – 12	221.9820	19.0549	0.0419	0.029	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010cr	2010 – 05 – 15	202.3540	11.7962	0.0216	0.030	Ia-norm	2	8.2	15.0	2
SN 2010dl	2010 – 05 – 24	323.7540	– 0.5133	0.0300	0.033	Ia-norm	1	18.1	–	2
SN 2010eb	2010 – 06 – 12	20.4074	5.2944	0.0076	0.026	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010gj	2010 – 07 – 10	327.7260	– 17.7693	0.0370 ^{†(e)}	0.047	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2010gl	2010 – 07 – 18	247.9110	59.6239	0.0188	0.013	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010gv	2010 – 08 – 09	269.5940	50.7928	–	0.040	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2010gz	2010 – 08 – 16	23.2128	– 12.1893	0.0184	0.021	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010hh	2010 – 09 – 01	269.8270	45.8756	0.0190	0.033	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2010hz	2010 – 09 – 12	28.4249	29.9346	0.0255	0.047	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2010ii	2010 – 09 – 30	339.5550	35.4917	0.0269	0.075	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2010iw	2010 – 10 – 14	131.3130	27.8227	0.0215	0.047	Ia-norm	1	10.4	–	2
SN 2010ju	2010 – 11 – 14	85.4833	18.4975	0.0152	0.361	Ia-norm	2	6.1	19.9	1
SN 2010kg	2010 – 11 – 29	70.0350	7.3500	0.0166	0.134	Ia-norm	2	– 13.0	0.8	2
SN 2011H	2011 – 01 – 04	35.7751	43.0423	0.0220	0.073	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011K	2011 – 01 – 13	71.3766	– 7.3480	0.0145 ^{†(d)}	0.088	Ia-norm	1	9.1	–	2
SN 2011U	2011 – 01 – 28	63.3914	27.5435	0.0134	0.593	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011ao	2011 – 03 – 03	178.4630	33.3628	0.0107	0.017	Ia-norm	3	– 8.7	37.6	2
SN 2011ay	2011 – 03 – 18	105.6420	50.5903	0.0210	0.072	Iax	9	–	–	–
SN 2011by	2011 – 04 – 26	178.9400	55.3261	0.0028	0.012	Ia-norm	11	– 11.1	310.3	1
SN 2011dm	2011 – 06 – 15	329.1730	73.2969	0.0049	0.519	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011dn	2011 – 06 – 21	299.6480	2.6045	0.0253	0.151	Ia-pec	1	–	–	–

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SN Name	Discovery Date (UT)	R.A. α (2000)	Decl. δ (2000)	z_{helio}^a	$E(B - V)_{\text{MW}}^b$ (mag)	SNID ^c (subtype)	Number of Spectra	First ^d Epoch	Last ^d Epoch	MJD _{max} ^e Reference
SN 2011fg	2011-08-20	350.8360	16.7948	0.0450 ^{†(d)}	0.023	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2011fe	2011-08-24	210.7740	54.2737	0.0008	0.008	Ia-norm	17	–17.2	378.5	1
SN 2011fk	2011-08-29	13.6753	36.7643	0.0201	0.048	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2011fs	2011-09-15	334.3310	35.5806	0.0209	0.101	Ia-99aa	3	–2.6	25.8	1
SN 2011gy	2011-10-22	52.3971	40.8676	0.0169 ^{†(d)}	0.166	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011hb	2011-10-24	351.9810	8.7794	0.0289 ^{†(d)}	0.051	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011iv	2011-12-02	54.7140	–35.5922	0.0065	0.010	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2011jh	2011-12-22	191.8100	–10.0631	0.0078	0.032	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2011jr	2011-12-25	106.6660	23.8936	0.0226	0.052	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2011jn	2011-12-26	194.3120	–17.4001	0.0475 ^{†(d)}	0.059	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2011jt	2011-12-31	223.3460	2.9620	0.0278 ^{†(d)}	0.039	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2012B	2012-01-08	57.8938	37.0785	0.0173 ^{†(d)}	0.271	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2012E	2012-01-14	38.3450	9.5849	0.0203	0.063	Ia-norm	1	–4.3	–	1
SN 2012Z	2012-01-29	50.5223	–15.3877	0.0071	0.034	Iax	4	–7.6	35.1	1
SN 2012c1	2012-03-27	166.3340	–1.8681	0.0908	0.047	Ia-csm	2	–	–	–
SN 2012cg	2012-05-17	186.8030	9.4203	0.0015	0.018	Ia-norm	10	–16.4	46.5	1
SN 2012cu	2012-06-14	193.3720	2.1608	0.0035	0.023	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2012de	2012-06-25	333.7720	10.3035	–	0.062	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2012dn	2012-07-08	305.9010	–28.2787	0.0102 ^{†(d)}	0.052	Ia-norm	2	–14.6	–9.6	1
SN 2012dv	2012-07-18	327.1260	–12.8392	0.0700	0.037	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2012ea	2012-08-08	266.2930	18.1408	0.0102	0.055	Ia	2	–6.8	29.8	1
PTF 12ild	2012-09-06	338.2420	–0.2152	0.1723	0.051	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
PTF 12irf	2012-09-15	30.5316	0.1838	0.1921	0.020	Ia	1	–	–	–
LSQ 12fhe	2012-10-02	323.0390	–5.7260	0.0275	0.062	Ia*	1	–	–	–
SN 2012fr	2012-10-27	53.4000	–36.1271	0.0055	0.018	Ia-norm	9	–6.1	92.1	7
SN 2012gl	2012-10-29	153.2100	12.6824	0.0094	0.036	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2012gx	2012-11-18	9.5073	–13.8610	0.0140 ^{†(d)}	0.019	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2012ht	2012-12-18	163.3450	16.7764	0.0036	0.025	Ia-norm	13	1.9	128.2	8
SN 2012ij	2012-12-29	175.0660	17.4562	0.0110 ^{†(d)}	0.023	Ia-91bg	4	–	–	–
SN 2013E	2013-01-04	150.0230	–34.2337	0.0094	0.084	Ia-norm	5	–	–	–
SN 2013Q	2013-01-25	356.7830	29.4865	0.0172	0.085	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2013S	2013-01-25	53.8762	38.2832	0.0186 ^{†(d)}	0.305	Ia-99aa	1	–	–	–
SN 2013gq	2013-03-25	124.4730	23.4696	0.0139	0.049	Ia-norm	4	1.1	16.7	1
SN 2013ct	2013-05-10	18.2288	0.9794	0.0038	0.024	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2013dj	2013-06-10	251.5080	6.4665	0.0253	0.063	Ia-91T	1	–	–	–
SN 2013dh	2013-06-12	232.5050	12.9869	0.0134	0.033	Ia	4	–5.7	19.1	1
SN 2013di	2013-06-12	339.1140	21.6151	0.0238	0.040	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2013dy	2013-07-10	334.5730	40.5693	0.0039	0.132	Ia-norm	14	–11.7	422.2	1
SN 2013gh	2013-08-08	330.5910	–18.9168	0.0088	0.025	Ia*	3	–11.8	392.2	1
SN 2013fa	2013-08-25	310.9730	12.5144	0.0155	0.086	Ia-norm	1	2.0	–	1
SN 2013fw	2013-10-21	318.4370	13.5759	0.0170	0.067	Ia*	1	347.3	–	1
SN 2013gs	2013-11-29	142.7870	46.3848	0.0169	0.017	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2013gy	2013-12-06	55.5703	–4.7218	0.0140	0.050	Ia-norm	3	5.6	271.8	1
PSN J03055989 + 0432382	2013-12-21	46.4995	4.5439	–	0.146	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2013hs	2013-12-25	29.7237	5.5904	0.0194	0.036	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2014J	2014-01-21	148.9260	69.6739	0.0007	0.136	Ia-norm	10	33.9	291.6	1
SN 2014ag	2014-03-11	247.6690	44.5096	0.0317	0.011	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2014ao	2014-04-17	128.6390	–2.5434	0.0141	0.031	Ia-norm	1	10.3	–	1
ASASSN 14ar	2014-04-24	137.4240	37.6018	0.0230	0.017	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2014ck	2014-06-29	341.4120	73.1619	0.0050 ^{†(d)}	0.394	Iax	2	–	–	–
SN 2014da	2014-08-07	7.3130	2.8660	0.0141 ^{†(d)}	0.025	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 14gh	2014-08-28	258.7890	41.8109	0.0044 ^{†(d)}	0.023	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2014dg	2014-09-11	57.0824	70.1318	0.0040 ^{†(d)}	0.628	Ia-norm	11	–	–	–
SN 2014dl	2014-09-25	247.4420	8.6418	0.0330	0.054	Ia-91T	1	–	–	–
SN 2014dm	2014-09-27	62.0297	–8.8270	0.0330 ^{†(d)}	0.041	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2014dt	2014-10-29	185.4900	4.4718	0.0052	0.019	Iax	13	–	–	–
PSN J03034759 + 0024146	2014-11-17	45.9483	0.4041	0.0430	0.073	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
iPTF 14jfw	2014-11-23	137.5080	52.3157	–	0.011	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 14lp	2014-12-09	191.2880	0.4590	0.0052	0.014	Ia-norm	15	–0.8	175.1	9
Gaia 15aba	2015-02-06	240.8760	52.2607	0.0460 ^{†(d)}	0.015	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
Gaia 15abu	2015-02-09	256.2090	41.0179	0.0750 ^{†(d)}	0.024	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SNHunt 276	2015-02-10	177.4950	21.3172	0.0261	0.025	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2015H	2015-02-10	163.6760	–21.0705	0.0125	0.047	Iax	1	–	–	–
Gaia 15aby	2015-02-11	214.8040	10.7169	0.0790 ^{†(d)}	0.026	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–

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PSN J13471211 – 2422171	2015 – 02 – 12	206.8000	– 24.3714	0.0190	0.064	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15db	2015 – 02 – 15	236.7450	17.8840	0.0113	0.029	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SNHunt 281	2015 – 03 – 16	226.3670	1.6350	0.0041	0.045	Ia-norm	3	– 5.3	20.5	10
ASASSN 15fr	2015 – 03 – 24	140.0850	– 7.6408	0.0334 ^{†(d)}	0.033	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15hy	2015 – 04 – 25	302.5100	0.7392	0.0250 ^{†(d)}	0.105	Ia-norm	12	– 13.4	152.2	3
ASASSN 15jm	2015 – 05 – 19	260.2880	25.5821	–	0.056	Ia-csm	1	–	–	–
iPTF 15awr	2015 – 05 – 25	225.3300	16.7800	–	0.036	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15kx	2015 – 06 – 10	334.0490	37.4739	0.0182	0.141	Ia-norm	3	31.3	121.3	3
ASASSN 15lo	2015 – 06 – 19	343.3910	19.7084	–	0.056	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15lu	2015 – 06 – 20	200.3040	40.2658	0.0350	0.014	Ia-norm	1	– 2.2	–	3
ASASSN 15mc	2015 – 07 – 05	42.2482	3.1696	0.0138	0.052	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2015N	2015 – 07 – 06	325.8200	43.5799	0.0149	0.456	Ia-norm	11	– 5.3	82.2	1
ASASSN 15mi	2015 – 07 – 06	210.8160	41.6040	0.0344 ^{†(d)}	0.018	Ia-99aa	1	2.0	–	3
ASASSN 15mg	2015 – 07 – 09	233.0950	41.8499	0.0428 ^{†(d)}	0.028	Ia-norm	8	– 0.7	83.3	3
ASASSN 15mp	2015 – 07 – 17	14.6886	– 14.0699	0.0370 ^{†(d)}	0.020	Ia-99aa	1	–	–	–
SN 2015ac	2015 – 07 – 28	349.1810	33.9966	0.0168	0.062	Ia	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15ns	2015 – 08 – 06	250.1170	39.3202	0.0307	0.011	Ia	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15og	2015 – 08 – 13	50.2810	– 31.3127	0.0681 ^{†(d)}	0.011	Ia-csm	7	–	–	–
PS 15cut	2015 – 09 – 10	358.1550	14.5526	0.0266	0.036	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
PSN J02524671 + 4656470	2015 – 09 – 12	43.1946	46.9464	0.0281	0.170	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15pr	2015 – 09 – 13	346.6650	– 12.5729	0.0331 ^{†(d)}	0.029	Ia-norm	1	31.2	–	3
ASASSN 15qc	2015 – 10 – 01	9.8249	3.9500	0.0176	0.022	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
MOT J041227.87 + 342902.0	2015 – 10 – 06	63.1161	34.4839	0.0214	0.312	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
PS 15cku	2015 – 10 – 16	21.0939	3.5876	0.0230 ^{†(d)}	0.023	Ia-norm	1	– 3.8	–	3
ASASSN 15rm	2015 – 10 – 19	94.0160	– 16.8249	0.0208	0.147	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15rw	2015 – 10 – 24	33.9923	12.2374	0.0189 ^{†(d)}	0.118	Ia-norm	1	15.6	–	3
ASASSN 15sf	2015 – 10 – 30	2.8650	– 6.4273	0.0270 ^{†(d)}	0.026	Ia-norm	2	3.9	10.6	3
PS 16ud	2015 – 11 – 01	166.7820	– 5.3789	0.0373	0.063	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15so	2015 – 11 – 08	168.5460	48.3187	0.0067	0.013	Ia-norm	2	– 7.7	27.0	3
PSN J09100885 + 5003396	2015 – 11 – 08	137.5370	50.0610	0.0343	0.017	Ia-norm	7	–	–	–
PS 15cwx	2015 – 11 – 17	78.6992	7.0504	0.0460 ^{†(d)}	0.149	Ia-99aa	1	– 3.0	–	3
SN 2015bd	2015 – 12 – 07	170.9410	– 1.1059	0.0187	0.046	Ia-norm	5	–	–	–
PSN J12265018 + 1615496	2015 – 12 – 07	186.7090	16.2638	0.0455 ^{†(d)}	0.021	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
ASASSN 15ub	2015 – 12 – 14	166.8040	65.0995	0.0320 ^{†(d)}	0.014	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2016F	2016 – 01 – 04	24.8835	33.8267	0.0161 ^{†(d)}	0.042	Ia	1	22.3	–	3
SN 2016zc	2016 – 01 – 28	211.4880	43.8839	0.0337 ^{†(d)}	0.006	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2016aqt	2016 – 02 – 28	206.4610	26.7965	–	0.015	Ia-norm	3	–	–	3
SN 2016blh	2016 – 03 – 31	212.4190	0.6567	0.0238 ^{†(t)}	0.032	Ia-norm	1	1.4	–	3
SN 2016bln	2016 – 04 – 04	203.6900	13.8540	0.0233	0.025	Ia-norm	3	– 4.0	24.2	3
SN 2016bsa	2016 – 04 – 22	331.1480	42.3257	0.0143	0.273	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2016ccj	2016 – 05 – 03	257.6000	26.3966	0.0418 ^{†(d)}	0.029	Ia-norm	1	110.5	–	3
SN 2016cmn	2016 – 05 – 20	277.5100	39.9655	0.0183	0.053	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2016coj	2016 – 05 – 28	182.0280	65.1773	0.0045	0.016	Ia-norm	20	– 11.4	147.1	1
SN 2016ftv	2016 – 08 – 27	341.3750	– 7.3353	0.0530 ^{†(t)}	0.035	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2016hvl	2016 – 11 – 04	101.0090	12.3966	0.0130 ^{†(t)}	0.377	Ia	2	16.6	104.5	1
SN 2016ije	2016 – 11 – 22	29.6264	12.9244	–	0.045	Ia-91bg	1	–	–	–
SN 2017cfd	2017 – 03 – 16	130.2050	73.4875	0.0119	0.019	Ia-norm	4	3.9	61.1	1
SN 2017drh	2017 – 05 – 03	263.1090	7.0632	0.0056	0.106	Ia-norm	7	2.5	101.9	1
SN 2017dws	2017 – 05 – 03	235.0590	11.3449	0.0818 ^{†(t)}	0.035	Ia-norm	1	7.7	–	1
SN 2017dwp	2017 – 05 – 04	187.9320	36.2097	0.0334	0.010	Ia*	3	–	–	–
SN 2017erp	2017 – 06 – 13	227.3120	– 11.3342	0.0063	0.093	Ia-norm	16	– 9.6	75.8	1
SN 2017fgc	2017 – 07 – 11	20.0602	3.4028	0.0081	0.029	Ia-norm	11	– 3.3	99.8	1
SN 2017glx	2017 – 09 – 03	295.9180	56.1101	0.0114	0.107	Ia-norm	4	2.0	41.5	1
SN 2017hbi	2017 – 10 – 02	38.1315	35.4836	–	0.061	Ia-norm	5	–	–	1
SN 2017hou	2017 – 10 – 24	62.2589	– 1.1601	0.0167	0.108	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2017hpa	2017 – 10 – 25	69.9615	7.0652	0.0156	0.154	Ia-norm	5	–	–	–
SN 2017igr	2017 – 11 – 18	64.6815	26.9314	0.0250	0.571	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2017iji	2017 – 11 – 20	183.1130	29.1493	0.0135	0.018	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2017iws	2017 – 12 – 12	130.6730	13.9678	0.0910 ^{†(w)}	0.027	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2017ixg	2017 – 12 – 14	350.1270	24.7776	0.0277 ^{†(w)}	0.076	Ia-norm	2	–	–	–
SN 2018gl	2018 – 01 – 13	149.5260	10.3594	0.0180	0.033	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2018gv	2018 – 01 – 15	121.3940	– 11.4379	0.0053	0.050	Ia-norm	1	8.7	–	1
SN 2018pc	2018 – 02 – 03	142.2300	49.2381	0.0090	0.012	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–

Table A1 – continued

SN Name	Discovery Date (UT)	R.A. α (2000)	Decl. δ (2000)	z_{helio}^a	$E(B - V)_{\text{MW}}^b$ (mag)	SNID ^c (subtype)	Number of Spectra	First ^d Epoch	Last ^d Epoch	MJD _{max} ^e Reference
SN 2018pv	2018 – 02 – 03	178.2320	36.9866	0.0031	0.018	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2018oh	2018 – 02 – 04	136.6650	19.3383	0.0110	0.039	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2018aae	2018 – 02 – 06	185.3920	55.5743	0.0290 ^{†(d)}	0.010	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2018aoz	2018 – 04 – 02	177.7580	–28.7441	0.0058	0.072	Ia-norm	1	37.7	–	1
SN 2018bsn	2018 – 05 – 14	224.3700	5.8425	0.0590	0.031	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2018cni	2018 – 06 – 13	225.3450	–10.1805	0.0320 ^{†(t)}	0.087	Iax	1	–	–	–
SN 2018eqq	2018 – 08 – 03	46.7298	41.5091	0.0160 ^{†(t)}	0.127	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2018feb	2018 – 08 – 16	257.5470	21.6490	0.0148 ^{†(t)}	0.052	Ia-norm	6	–	–	–
SN 2018hfp	2018 – 10 – 07	314.9490	–16.6369	0.0291	0.063	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2018hfr	2018 – 10 – 10	142.7300	–4.5712	0.0226	0.024	Ia-91T	3	–	–	–
SN 2018hhn	2018 – 10 – 13	343.1340	11.6741	0.0288	0.061	Ia-norm	3	–	–	–
SN 2018htt	2018 – 10 – 31	46.5121	–15.6116	0.0087 ^{†(t)}	0.032	Ia-norm	1	–	–	–
SN 2018hgz	2018 – 11 – 06	175.5980	10.2644	0.0216	0.049	Ia	1	–	–	–
SN 2018jaz	2018 – 11 – 20	204.8340	34.6888	0.0231 ^{†(t)}	0.009	Ia	1	–	–	–

^aHost-galaxy heliocentric redshifts are from NED unless marked with a ‘†’ symbol, in which case they are collected using the Open Supernova Catalog (Guillochon et al. 2017) from the following sources: (c) the supernova catalogue of Lennarz, Altmann & Wiebusch (2012), (p) the spectroscopic host-galaxy observations of PTF SNe Ia described by Pan et al. (2014), (t) the TNS, (w) the Weizmann Interactive Supernova Data Repository Yaron & Gal-Yam (WiSeREP 2012), or (d) the appropriate discovery or classification announcement (e.g. CBET or IAUC).

^bExtinction is calculated at the SN position using the dust maps of Schlegel, Finkbeiner & Davis (1998) subject to the recalibration of Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011).

^cSN classifications are derived from our SNID classification scheme, as described in Section 3. Based on the arguments made by Foley et al. (2013), we have relabelled all SNe Ia with a ‘Ia-02cx’ subtype as ‘Iax’.

^dFirst and last observation epochs are in rest-frame days relative to the time of *B*-band maximum brightness and are computed using information from the table.

^eReferences for the light-curve-determined MJD corresponding to *B*-band maximum brightness are as follows: (1) S19, (2) Friedman et al. (2015) and references therein, (3) Foley et al. (2018), (4) Krisciunas et al. (2017), (5) Maguire et al. (2014), (6) Khan et al. (2011), (7) Zhang et al. (2014), (8) Yamanaka et al. (2014), (9) Shappee et al. (2016), and (10) Srivastav et al. (2017).

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