Anomaly Detection in the Open Supernova Catalog

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ABSTRACT
In the upcoming decade large astronomical surveys will discover millions of transients raising unprecedented data challenges in the process. Only the use of the machine learning algorithms can process such large data volumes. Most of the discovered transients will belong to the known classes of astronomical objects. However, it is expected that some transients will be rare or completely new events of unknown physical nature. The task of finding them can be framed as an anomaly detection problem. In this work, we perform for the first time an automated anomaly detection analysis in the photometric data of the Open Supernova Catalog (OSC), which serves as a proof of concept for the applicability of these methods to future large scale surveys. The analysis consists of the following steps: 1) data selection from the OSC and approximation of the pre-processed data with Gaussian processes, 2) dimensionality reduction, 3) searching for outliers with the use of the isolation forest algorithm, 4) expert analysis of the identified outliers. The pipeline returned 81 candidate anomalies, 27 (33%) of which were confirmed to be from astrophysically peculiar objects. Found anomalies correspond to a selected sample of 1.4% of the initial automatically identified data sample of ~2000 objects. Among the identified outliers we recognised superluminous supernovae, non-classical Type Ia supernovae, unusual Type II supernovae, one active galactic nucleus and one binary microlensing event. We also found that 16 anomalies classified as supernovae in the literature are likely to be quasars or stars. Our proposed pipeline represents an effective strategy to guarantee we shall not overlook exciting new science hidden in the data we fought so hard to acquire. All code and products of this investigation are made publicly available.

Key words: methods: data analysis – supernovae: general – catalogues
1 INTRODUCTION

Supernovae (SNe) hold vital pieces of the large cosmic puzzle as- tronomy and cosmology aim to solve. They are responsible for the chemical enrichment of interstellar medium (Nomoto et al. 2013); the production of high energy cosmic rays (Morlino 2017), and they trigger star formation via the density waves induced by their energetic explosions (Nagakura et al. 2009; Chiai et al. 2013). Moreover, the study of different types of SNe allows us to probe the composition and distance scale of the Universe (Kirshner & Kwan 1974; Hamuy & Pinto 2002; Riess et al. 1998; Perlmutter et al. 1999) — imposing strong constraints on the standard cosmological model (Betoule et al. 2014; Scolnic et al. 2018).

Given the potential impact of SN research on different areas of astronomy, the scientific community has allocated a large fraction of its efforts in the generation of large supernova surveys — a few recent examples include the Carnegie Supernova Project1 (CSP; Hamuy et al. 2006), the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System2 (Pan-STARRS; Kaiser et al. 2010; Chambers et al. 2016), the Dark Energy Survey3 (DES; Dark Energy Survey Collaboration et al. 2016) and the Zwicky Transient Facility4 (ZTF; Bellm et al. 2019). Another generation of even larger counterparts, like the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope5 (LSST; LSST Science Collaboration et al. 2009), will soon join this list, making available a combined data set of unprecedented volume and complexity.

In this new data paradigm, the use of machine learning (ML) methods is unavoidable (Ball & Brunner 2010). Astronomers have already benefited from developments in machine learning, in particular for exoplanet search (McCauliff et al. 2015; Thompson et al. 2015; Pearson et al. 2016), but the synergy is far from that achieved by other endeavours in genetics (Chen & Ishwaran 2012; Libbrecht & Noble 2015; Quang & Xie 2016), ecology (Criscia et al. 2012) or medicine (Venkatraghavan et al. 2019; Dubost et al. 2019). Moreover, given the relatively recent advent of large data sets, most of the ML efforts in astronomy are concentrated in classification (e.g., Kessler et al. 2010; Ishida & de Souza 2013; Lochner et al. 2016; Heinis et al. 2016; Ishida et al. 2019; Sooknunan et al. 2018) and regression (e.g., Hildebrandt et al. 2010; Cavuoti et al. 2015; Vilalta et al. 2017; Beck et al. 2017) tasks. Machine learning is also actively applied for the real-bogus classification that allows to automatically disentangle real transients from the artefacts on the images produced by major time-domain surveys (Bloom et al. 2012; Wright et al. 2015; Goldstein et al. 2015; du Buisson et al. 2015). A large variety of ML methods were applied to supervised photometric SN classification problem (Richards et al. 2012; Sanders et al. 2015b; Lochner et al. 2016; Möller et al. 2016; Charnock & Moss 2017; Revisbech et al. 2018; Brunel et al. 2019; Pasquet et al. 2019; Möller & de Boissière 2019) and unsupervised characterisation from spectroscopic observation (e.g., Rubin & Gala-Yam 2016; Sasdelli et al. 2016; Muthukrishna et al. 2019).

Astronomical anomaly detection has not been yet fully implemented in the enormous amount of data that has been gathered. Barring a few exceptions, most of the previous studies can be divided into only two different trends: clustering (e.g., Rebapragada et al. 2009) and subspace analysis (e.g., Henrion et al. 2013) methods. More recently, random forest algorithms have been extensively used by themselves (Baron & Poznanski 2017) or in hybrid statistical analysis (Nun et al. 2014). Although all of this has been done to periodic variables there is not much done for transients and even less for supernovae.

The lack of spectroscopic support causes the large supernova databases to collect SN candidates basing on the secondary indicators (proximity to the galaxy, arise/decline rate on a light curve (LC), absolute magnitude). This leads to the appearance of incorrectly classified objects. Anomaly detection can help us to purify the supernova databases from the non-supernova contamination. It is also expected that during such analysis the unknown variable objects or SNe with unusual properties can be detected. As an example, of unique objects one can refer to SN2006jc — SN with very strong but relatively narrow He I lines in early spectra (~30 similar objects are known, Pastorello et al. 2016), SN2005bf — supernova attributed to SN Ib but with two broad maxima on LCs (Folatelli et al. 2006), SN2010mb — unusual SN Ic with very low decline rate after the maximum brightness that is not consistent with radioactive decay of 56Ni (Ben-Ami et al. 2014), ASASSN-15lh — for some time it was considered as the most luminous supernova ever observed — two times brighter than superluminous supernovae (SLSN), later the origin of this object was challenged and now it is considered as a tidal disruption of a main-sequence star by a black hole (Dong et al. 2016; Ledoulas et al. 2016). As such sources are typically rare, the task of finding them can be framed as an anomaly detection problem.

In this paper we turn to the automatic search for anomalies in the real photometric data using the Open Supernova Catalog6 (OSC, Guillochon et al. 2017). The OSC has never been used for the task of the anomaly detection with the ML algorithms until this work, however, it was used for the classification problem (Narayan et al. 2018; Muthukrishna et al. 2019). The anomalies we are looking for are any artefacts in the data, cases of misclassification (active galactic nuclei (AGN), novae, binary microlensing events), rare classes of objects (SLSN, kilonovae, SNe associated with gamma-ray bursts), and objects of unknown nature. We use the isolation forest as an outlier detection algorithm that identifies outliers instead of normal observations (Liu et al. 2012). This technique is based on the fact that outliers are data points that are few and different. Similarly to random forest it is built on an ensemble of binary (isolation) trees. The final goal of the presented work is to develop some approach that allows to detect anomalies in huge amount of data produced by time-domain surveys such as LSST. Due to the initial absence of any labelled data in transient databases, the algorithm follows the paradigm of unsupervised learning. For this reason we pretend that we do not have any labels in the OSC and we use only the multicolour photometry. Moreover, the spectral classification provided by the OSC is collected from different sources, including the preliminary classification from the astronomical telegrams,7 where it can be based on one spectrum only, that is simply fitted by SNID (Blondin & Tonry 2007) to the closest supernova template. Such rough classification can not give an information about peculiar behaviour of the source, usually more detailed study is needed. On the contrary, it is not necessary that all outliers found by machine are real anomalies. That is why we also subject the outliers to the careful astrophysical analysis using the publicly available information.

The rest of the paper is organised as follows. In Section 2

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1 https://csp.obs.carnegiescience.edu/
2 https://panstarrs.stsci.edu/
3 https://www.darkenergysurvey.org/
4 https://www.ztf.caltech.edu/
5 https://www.lsst.org/
6 https://snc.space/
7 http://www.astronomerstelegram.org/
we describe the data used for the analysis. Section 3 is devoted to work related to the data pre-processing, including light curve approximation by Gaussian processes (GP). The outlier detection algorithm is presented in Section 4. Section 5 shows the results and contains the analysis of found outliers. We conclude the paper in Section 6. The outliers are listed in Appendix A.

2 THE OPEN SUPERNOVA CATALOG

The data are drawn from the Open Supernova Catalog (Guillochon et al. 2017). The catalog is constructed by combining many publicly available data sources such as the Asiago Supernova Catalog (Barbon et al. 1999), the Gaia Photometric Science Alerts (Wyrzykowski et al. 2012; Campbell et al. 2014), the Nearby Supernova Factory (Aldering et al. 2002), Pan-STARRS (Kaiser et al. 2010; Chambers et al. 2016), the SDSS Supernova Survey (Sako et al. 2018), the Sternberg Astronomical Institute Supernova Light Curve Catalogue (Tvetcov et al. 2005), the Supernova Legacy Survey (SNLS, Pritchett & SNLS Collaboration 2005; Astier et al. 2006), the MASTER Global Robotic Net (Lipunov et al. 2010), the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN, Holoien et al. 2019), and the intermediate Palomar Transient Factory (iPTF, Law et al. 2009; Cao et al. 2016a) among others, as well as from individual publications. It represents an open repository for supernova metadata, light curves, and spectra in an easily downloadable format. This catalog also includes some contamination from non-SN objects.

Given the large number of objects and their diverse characteristics, this catalog is ideal for our goal of automatically identifying anomalies. It incorporates data for more than 5 × 10⁵ SNe candidates among which ~1.2 × 10⁵ objects have >10 photometric observations and ~5 × 10³ have spectra. For comparison, SDSS supernova catalog contains only 4607 SNe candidates: 889 with spectra. For comparison, SDSS supernova catalog contains only 4607 SNe candidates: 889 with spectra.

The catalog stores the data in different photometric passbands. To have a more homogeneous sample, we chose only those objects that have LCs in BRI (Bessell 1990), g′r′i′ or gri filters. The primed system u′g′r′i′z′ is defined in the natural system of the USNO 1-m telescope. The SDSS magnitudes ugriz, however, are defined in the natural system of the SDSS 2.5-m telescope. These two systems are very similar and the coefficients of the transformation equations are quite small (Fukugita et al. 1996; Tucker et al. 2006; Smith et al. 2007). We assume that g′r′i′ filters are close enough to gri and transform BRI to gri (see Sect. 3.1). We require a minimum of three photometric points in each filter with a 3-day binning (Fig. 1). Our experiments show that this threshold is enough to provide a good reconstruction of the light curve — specially in cases where photometric points are not homogeneously distributed among filters. This is natural consequence of the light curve approximation procedure we adopted (Section 3.2) which takes into account the correlation between photometric bands to guide the reconstruction in sparsely populated filters. After this first cut, our sample consists of 3197 objects (2026 objects in g′r′i′, 767 objects in gri, and 404 objects in BRI).

We downloaded the data from the GitHub page of the Astrocats project on June, 2018. The complete data set of 45162 objects is located at http://snad.space/osc/sne.tar.lzma.

3 PRE-PROCESSING

In this section we describe how to get features for ML from the OSC light curves. The pre-processing procedure includes several steps that are described in detail in the subsections below and illustrated by Fig. 1. First, we prepared the photometric data extracted from the OSC; we transformed the magnitudes to the flux units, converted the upper limits, and implemented 1-day time-binning. Then, we used the Gaussian processes to approximate the photometric observations in each filter. The objects with bad light curve approximations were removed from the further analysis. After that, we transformed the remaining light curves in BRI filters to gri. To have a homogeneous input data, for each object we extracted its photometry in the range [-20,+100] days relative to the maximum flux. We also kept the kernel parameters of the Gaussian processes. All of this together was subjected to the dimensionality reduction procedure using t-SNE method (Maaten & Hinton 2008).

3.1 Filter transformation

In order to ensure maximum exploitation of the data at hand, we convert the Bessel’s BRI into gri filters using the Lupton’s (2005) transformation equations⁹. These equations are derived by matching SDSS DR4 photometry to Peter Stetson’s published photometry for stars¹⁰.

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\begin{align*}
B &= u - 0.8116 (u - g) + 0.1313 \\
B &= g + 0.3130 (g - r) + 0.2271 \\
V &= g - 0.2906 (u - g) + 0.0885 \\
V &= g - 0.5784 (g - r) - 0.0038 \\
R &= r - 0.1837 (g - r) - 0.0971 \\
R &= r - 0.2936 (r - i) - 0.1439 \\
I &= r - 1.2444 (r - i) - 0.3820 \\
I &= r - 0.3780 (i - z) - 0.3974
\end{align*}
\]

As we can see, there are several possibilities to obtain gri light curves from the Bessel’s ones. Obviously, the accuracy of the transformation increases with the number of available filters. However, in the Open Supernova Catalog objects having photometry only in two filters are more numerous than those having photometry in three or four filters. Therefore, the less filters we use, the larger sample of SNe candidates we obtain. First, we tried to use only two Bessel’s filters. Prior to applying the filter transformation, we approximated the LCs with Gaussian processes (see Sect. 3.2). To evaluate the quality of transformation, with two filters only, we chose a few objects with LCs available in both, Sloan and Bessel’s filters, and compared the transformed gri with the original ones. As can be seen from the Fig. 2, the results of comparison are unsatisfactory for i filter. This indicated that at least one more filter had to be added in the analysis. The same test showed that three filters (BRI) are enough to adequately reproduce gri light curves (Fig. 2). Since with 3 filters the equations become over-determined, we used the least-square method to solve Eq. 1.

Despite the fact that the transformation between the filters depends on the spectrum of an object, and Lupton’s equations are derived for stars, not for supernovae, the Fig. 2 shows quite good agreement between transformed and original light curves.

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⁹ http://www.sdss3.org/dr8/algorithms/SDSSUBVRITransform.php
¹⁰ http://www.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/en/community/STETSON/index.html
3.2 Light curve approximation

Traditionally, ML algorithms require a homogeneous input data matrix which, unfortunately, is not the case with supernovae. A commonly used technique to transform unevenly distributed data into an uniform grid is to approximate them with Gaussian processes (Rasmussen & Williams 2005). Usually, each light curve is approximated by GP independently. However, in this study we use a Multivariate Gaussian Process\(^\text{11}\) approximation. For each object it takes into account the correlation between light curves in different bands, approximating the data by GP in all filters in a one global fit (for details see Kornilov et al. 2019, in prep.). With this technique we can reconstruct the missing parts of LC from its behaviour in other filters. For example, in Fig. 11 maximum in g filter is reproduced from the \(r\), \(i\) light curves. This correlation does not rely on any physical assumptions about LC shape. As an approximation range we chose \([-20, +100]\) days. We also extrapolated the GP approximation to fill this range if needed. Once the GP approximation becomes negative, it is zeroed till infinity.

Gaussian process is based on the so-called kernel, a function describing the covariance between two observations. The kernel used in our implementation of Multivariate Gaussian Process is composed of three radial-basis functions

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k_i(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{(t_1-t_2)^2}{2l_i^2}\right),
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where \(i\) denotes the photometric band, and \(l_i\) are the parameters of Gaussian process to be found from the light curve approximation. These length parameters describe the characteristic time scale of correlation between observations. If the value of \(l_i\) is too small the approximated light curve will be over-fitted and can show unrealistic oscillations. To prevent it we set a lower limit on \(l_i\) as the maximum time interval between two neighbouring observations, but not larger than 60 days. Also, Multivariate Gaussian Process kernel includes 6 constants, three of which are unit variances of basis processes and three others describe their pairwise correlations. Totally, Multivariate Gaussian Process has 9 parameters to be fitted.

Prior to applying the GP approximation, we prepare the data (Fig. 1). First, we transform the magnitudes given by the Open Supernova Catalog to fluxes and perform all further analysis in the flux space only. Since measurements remote in time from the maximum (mainly the upper limits or host detection) could potentially affect the GP behaviour, including the main part of light curve around maximum, for each object we take only the points in the interval \([-240, +240]\) days relative to the maximum in \(r, r', R\) filter depending on the sub-sample. The Julian dates are rounded to integers. We also implement 1-day time-binning to the data.

11 https://github.com/matwey/gp-multistate-kernel
In every bin the flux $y$ and its error $\sigma$ are derived from $n$
observations $\{y_i, \sigma_i\}$ as follows (Agekian 1972):

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\begin{align*}
    w_i &= \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}, \\
    w &= \sum w_i, \\
    y &= \frac{\sum w_i y_i}{w}, \\
    \langle \sigma \rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{\sum w_i (y_i - y)^2}}{w (n - 1)}, \\
    \sigma_w &= w^{-1/2}, \\
    \sigma &= \frac{1}{2} ((\langle \sigma \rangle + \sigma_w), \quad \langle \sigma \rangle \leq \sigma_w, \quad \langle \sigma \rangle > \sigma_w,
\end{align*}
\]

where $w_i$ is the weight of observation $i$, $w$ is the sum of weights, $\langle \sigma \rangle$ is the mean error, $\sigma_w$ is the error of the weighted mean. If the mean error is larger than the error of the weighted mean, then observation errors are probably underestimated or the object is very variable during the considered time interval. Upper limits are taken into account only if there are no detections in the bin. In this case we keep the most conservative upper limit, i.e. the one with the smallest flux.

Since for each object the OSC assembles the photometry obtained by different telescopes with different limited magnitudes, a lot of upper limits appeared in between or even simultaneously with the real detections. This could also have an undesirable impact on the Gaussian processes approximation. Therefore, for each filter we keep only those upper limits which are later than the latest real detection or earlier than the earliest real detection. Furthermore, we reassign the values of these upper limits $y_{up}$: the new values are zeros with error equal to $3 \times y_{up}$. This is done to decrease the influence of too high upper limits on the GP approximation and to force it to vanish for very early and very late times. Some particular aspects of pre-processing are illustrated in Fig. 3.

Once the Multivariate Gaussian Process Approximation was done, we visually inspected the resulting light curves. Those SNe with unsatisfactory approximation were removed from the sample (mainly the objects with bad photometric quality). The remaining BRI approximated light curves were then transformed to gri (Sect. 3.1).

We consider the light curves in the observer frame. Since each object has its own flux scale due to the different origin and different distance, we normalized the flux vector by its maximum value. Based on the results of this approximation, for each object we extracted the kernel parameters, the log-likelihood of the fit, LC maximum and normalized photometry in the range of $[-20, +100]$ days with 1-day interval relative to the maximum. These values were used as features for the ML algorithm (Sect. 4).

Our final sample consists of 1999 objects, ~30% of which have at least one spectrum in the OSC (see Fig. 4). The distribution of these objects by astrophysical types is also shown in Fig. 4. The classification is extracted from the OSC without any verification, it can be photometric or based on one spectrum only. Less than 5% of our sample have <20 photometric points in all three filters. The distributions of objects by redshift and by number of photometric points for the three sub-samples are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The Fig. 5 contains only 1624 objects which significantly exceeds the number of objects with the OSC spectra. The reason for such discrepancy is that, first, the OSC collects also the photometric red-shfts and, second, not all spectroscopically confirmed supernovae have the spectrum available in the public domain (for details, see Guillochon et al. 2017).

### 3.3 Dimensionality Reduction

After the approximation procedure, each object has 374 features: $121 \times 3$ normalized fluxes, the LC flux maximum, 9 fitted parameters of the Gaussian process kernel, and the log-likelihood of the fit.

We apply the outlier detection algorithm not only to the full data set but also to the dimensionality-reduced data. The reason for this is that the initial high dimensional feature space can be too sparse for the successful performance of the isolation forest algorithm. We applied t-SNE (Maaten & Hinton 2008), a variation of the stochastic neighbour embedding method (Hinton & Roweis 2003), for the dimensionality reduction of the data. In the t-SNE technique, a nonlinear dimensionality reduction mapping is obtained so as to keep distribution of distances between points undisturbed. This ensures that if a point is anomalous in the sense that it is distant from other points in the original data, it remains anomalous in the lower dimension space. As a result of the dimensionality reduction, we obtain 8 separate reduced data sets corresponding to 2 to 9 t-SNE features (dimensions). Since t-SNE is a stochastic technique we have also taken additional precautions to ensure that the resulting outlier list does not depend on the t-SNE initial random state.

### 4 ISOLATION FOREST

Isolation forest (Liu et al. 2008, 2012) is an ensemble of random isolation trees. Each isolation tree is a space partitioning tree similar to the widely-known Kd-tree (Bentley 1975). However, in contrast to the Kd-tree, a space coordinate (a feature) and a split value are selected at random for every node of the isolation tree. This algorithm leads to an unbalanced tree unsuitable for efficient spatial search. However, the tree has the following important property: a path distance between the root and the leaf is shorter on average for points distant from “normal” data. This allows us to construct enough random trees to estimate average root-leaf path distance for every data sample that we have, and then rank the data samples based on the path length. The anomaly score, defined in a range $[0, 1]$, is assigned to each object (see Eq. 2 in Liu et al. 2008). Then, objects with the highest anomaly score — outliers — are selected according to the contamination level which is a hyper-parameter of the algorithm. The isolation forest algorithm is illustrated in Fig. 7.

We run the isolation forest algorithm on 10 data sets obtained using the same photometric data (Fig. 1):

- A) data set of 364 photometric characteristics ($121 \times 3$ normalized fluxes, the LC flux maximum),
- B) data set of 10 parameters of the Gaussian process (9 fitted parameters of the kernel, the log-likelihood of the fit),
- C) 8 data sets obtained by reducing 374 features to 2–9 t-SNE dimensions (Sect. 3.3).

For each data set we obtained a list of outliers. Contamination levels were set to 1% (20 objects with highest anomaly score) for data sets A and B. For all data sets in case C we considered 2% contamination (40 objects with highest anomaly score). This larger contamination was chosen to take into account the influence of the dimensionality reduction step in the final data configuration. Given different representations of the data and the stochastic nature of the isolation forest algorithm, the same object can be assigned a...
**Figure 3.** An example of multicolour light curve explaining the pre-processing procedure. The crosses with errorbars denote the real photometric detections. Coloured triangles are the original upper limits ($y_{up}$) which are either later than the latest real detection or earlier than the earliest real detection. They are transformed into the observations with $y = 0 \pm 3y_{up}$ (crosses with the thin errorbars). Black triangles are upper limits which are ignored. GP approximation of the crosses is shown by solid lines.

**Figure 4.** (a) Fraction of objects from our sample with at least one spectrum in the Open Supernova Catalog; (b) Distribution of these objects by the OSC types.

different anomaly score depending on how many t-SNE dimensions are used. Thus, only those objects which were listed within the 2% contamination in at least 2 of the data sets in case C are included in Table A1 and subjected to further astrophysical analysis. The distribution of objects in each of 10 data sets by anomaly score is presented in Fig. 8.

An example of the isolation forest algorithm applied to the three-dimensional reduced data set is shown in Fig. 9.

5 RESULTS

Applying the unsupervised learning to the photometric data extracted from the Open Supernova Catalog we found \(~\)100 outliers among a total of 1999 objects (Fig. 1). However, not all of them are necessary anomalies. That is why we also subject the outliers to the careful astrophysical analysis. Using publicly available sources, we collected information about each outlier and determined to which kind of astrophysical objects it belongs — given the information we could gather. Among the detected outliers there are few known cases of miss-classifications, representatives of rare classes of SNe (e.g., superluminous supernovae, 91T-like SNe Ia) and highly reddened objects. We also found that 16 anomalies classified as supernovae by Sako et al. (2018), are likely to be quasars or stars.

Light curves with GP approximation for all 1999 objects can be found at [http://snad.space/osc/](http://snad.space/osc/) and those who considered anomalous according to the criteria described in the previous section are listed in Table A1. Names and equatorial coordinates of outliers are shown in Columns 1-3; types in Column 4. CMB redshifts are presented in Column 5. Columns 6-8 contain the names and equatorial coordinates of the corresponding host galaxies. Host morphological types are displayed in Column 9. Columns 10 and 11 contain the separation between center of the host and object in angular seconds and kiloparsecs, respectively (to calculate the angular diameter distance we use a flat $\Lambda$CDM cosmology with $H_0 = 70 \, \text{km} \, \text{s}^{-1} \, \text{Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$). We give our comments and short description of each object in Column 12. References are in Column 13. The most interesting of these objects are described below.
5.1 Peculiar SNe Ia

Type Ia supernova is an explosion of a carbon-oxygen white dwarf that exceeds the Chandrasekhar limit either by matter accretion from a companion star or by merging with another white dwarf (Whelan & Iben 1973; Iben & Tutukov 1984; Webbink 1984). SNe Ia are used as universal distance ladder since their luminosity at maximum light is approximately the same (Perlmutter et al. 1999; Riess et al. 1998). However, the class of SNe Ia is not homogeneous, for example, 91T-like supernovae are on average 0.2–0.3 mag more luminous than normal SNe Ia, have broader LCs, and different early spectrum evolution (Filippenko et al. 1992b; Blondin et al. 2012); 91bg-like supernovae are subluminous and fast-declining (Filippenko et al. 1992a); peculiar SNe Iax are spectroscopically similar to SNe Ia, but have lower maximum-light velocities and typically lower peak magnitudes (Foley et al. 2013). The presence of non-classical SNe Ia in cosmological samples may introduce a systematic bias and affect the cosmological analysis (e.g., Scalzo et al. 2012).
et al. 2002). This supernova was a first representative of rapidly evolving events (Fig. 10). Its light curve has a rise time of <7 days followed by a decline of 0.25 mag day$^{-1}$ in B band and reaches a peak intrinsic brightness greater than −18 mag (Poznanski et al. 2010). The spectra are similar to that of a SN Ia but show the presence of helium and carbon lines. The analysis of archive data after the discovery of this object and the subsequent observations revealed other bright, fast-evolving supernovae, e.g., SN1885A, SN1939B, SN2010X, SN2015U (Kasliwal et al. 2010; Perets et al. 2011; Shivvers et al. 2016). These objects can be produced by the detonation of a helium shell on a white dwarf, ejecting a small envelope of material (Poznanski et al. 2010).

5.1.2 SN2013cv

SN2013cv was independently discovered by Zhou et al. (2013) and iPTF (Law et al. 2009) on 2013 May 1.44 UT, see Fig. 11. This peculiar supernova has large peak optical and UV luminosity and show an absence of iron absorption lines in the early spectra. Cao et al. (2016b) suggests that SN2013cv is an intermediate case between the normal and super-Chandrasekhar events.

5.1.3 SN2016bhn

SN2016bhn/iPTF16abc discovered by the iPTF on 2016 April 13.36 UT (Miller et al. 2016; Cenko et al. 2016) and classified by our code as outlier, belongs to the 91T-like SNe Ia subtype (see Fig. 12). The transitional and nebular spectrum of SN2016bhn appear similar to the normal SN2011fe as well as to over-luminous SNe 1991T and 1999aa (Dhawan et al. 2018). Early-time observations show a peculiar rise time, non-evolving blue colour, and unusual strong C II absorption. These features can be explained by the ejecta interaction with nearby, unbound material or/and significant $^{56}$Ni mixing within the SN ejecta (Miller et al. 2018).

5.2 Peculiar SNe II

Type II supernovae arise from the core collapse of massive stars at the final stage of their evolution. The radius of these stars can be several hundred times greater than the solar radius, and their extremely tenuous envelopes contain large amounts of hydrogen. That is why hydrogen lines are the most prominent in the spectra of SNe II. Based on the shape of light curves Type II supernovae have historically been divided into the Type II (linear) and Type IIP (plateau) subtypes, however the following studies revealed a continuity in light curve slopes of Type II SNe (Anderson et al. 2014; Sanders et al. 2015a).

5.2.1 SN2013ej

Light curve of SN2013ej, discovered by the Lick Observatory Supernova Search on 2013 July 25.45 UT (Kim et al. 2013), appears intermediate between those of Type IIP and IIL supernovae (see Fig. 13). The event has a higher peak luminosity, a faster post-peak decline, and a shorter plateau phase compared to the normal Type IIP SN 1999em. The radioactive $^{56}$Ni mass is 0.02 $M_\odot$, which is significantly lower than for typical SNe IIP (Huang et al. 2015). The source exhibits signs of substantial geometric asphericity, X-rays from persistent interaction with circumstellar material (CSM), thermal emission from warm dust (Mauerhan et al. 2017).

5.2.2 SN2016ija

This supernova was discovered on 2016 November 21.19 UT (Tartaglia et al. 2016, see Fig. 14) during one-day cadence SN search for very young transients in the nearby Universe (DLT40). Using SNID (Blondin & Tonry 2007), it was first suggested to be an early time 91T-like SN Ia with few features and red continuum. It has been also associated to the outburst in an obscured luminous blue variable, an intermediate luminosity red transient or a luminous red nova (Blagorodnova et al. 2016). The subsequent spectroscopic follow-up revealed broad H$_\alpha$ and calcium features, leading to a classification as a highly extinguished Type II supernova. The colour excess from the host galaxy NGC 1532 is $E(B – V)_{\text{host}} = 1.95 \pm 0.15$ mag (Tartaglia et al. 2018). Moreover, SN2016ija is brighter than usual SNe II (see fig. 6 of Tartaglia et al. 2018).

5.3 Superluminous SNe

Superluminous SNe are supernovae with an absolute peak magnitude $M < −21$ mag in any band. According to Gal-Yam (2012) SLSN can be divided into three broad classes: SLSN-I without hydrogen in their spectra, hydrogen-rich SLSN-II that often show signs of interaction with CSM, and finally, SLSN-R, a rare class of hydrogen-poor events with slowly evolving LCs, powered by the radioactive decay of $^{56}$Ni. SLSN-R are suspected to be pair-instability supernovae: the deaths of stars with initial masses between 140 and 260 solar masses.

In our outlier list in Table A1 there are four SLSN: SDSS-II SN 17789, SN2015bn, PTF10aage, SN2213-1745.

5.3.1 SN2213-1745

SN2213-1745 was discovered at $z = 2.046$ by the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Legacy Survey (Fig. 15). It belongs to the SLSN-R events. Cooke et al. (2012) suggested that SN 2213-1745 may be powered by the radiative decay of a $4–7 M_\odot$ of synthesised $^{56}$Ni, and implied a progenitor with an estimated initial mass of $\sim 250 M_\odot$.

5.3.2 PTF10aage

The high peak luminosity ($L_{\text{bol,peak}} = 10^{43.7}$ erg s$^{-1}$) and the absence of hydrogen lines in early spectrum allowed to attribute PTF10aage to SLSN-I (De Cia et al. 2018, see Fig. 16). However, the latter spectra revealed a broad H$_\alpha$ and the corresponding weak, but detected H$_\beta$ (Yan et al. 2015). This particularity makes PTF10aage clearly distinct from others SLSN-I. Such spectral behaviour can be explained by interaction between SLSN-I ejecta and a H-rich circumstellar material at late times (Yan et al. 2015). The host of PTF10aage is bright and shows clear morphological structure suggesting a possible ongoing merger (Perley et al. 2016).

5.4 Misclassified objects

5.4.1 SN2006kg

SN2006kg was first classified as a possible Type II SN (Bassett et al. 2006, see Fig. 17). It is also appeared as Type II spectroscopically confirmed supernova in table 6 of Sako et al. (2008). However, further analysis of 3.6-m New Technology Telescope spectrum revealed that SN2006kg is an active galactic nucleus (Östman et al. 2011; Sako et al. 2018). It is interesting that SN2006kg continues to
Figure 10. Light curves in gri filters of peculiar SN Ia 2002bj (Poznanski et al. 2010). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The LCs in gri filters are obtained from the Bessel’s BRI by filter transformation (Sect. 3.1), thus the observations are absent on the plot. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in R filter.

Figure 11. Light curves in gri filters of peculiar SN Ia 2013cv (Cao et al. 2016b; Yaron & Gal-Yam 2012). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in r filter.

Figure 12. Light curves in gri filters of 91T-like SN Ia 2016bln (Miller et al. 2018). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in r filter.
Figure 13. Light curves in $gri$ filters of peculiar SN II 2013ej (Yuan et al. 2016). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in $r$ filter.

Figure 14. Light curves in $gri$ filters of peculiar SN II 2016ija (Tartaglia et al. 2018). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in $r$ filter.

Figure 15. Light curves in $g'r'i'$ filters of superluminous supernova SN2213-1745 (Cooke et al. 2012). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in $r'$ filter.
appear as supernova in host studies (Hakobyan et al. 2012) and was even in a set of 12 well-observed events that were used as Type II supernova templates (Okumura et al. 2014). The object is not in the WISE AGN Catalog (Assef et al. 2018) that consists of $>20$ millions AGN candidates.

5.4.2 Gaia16aye

Gaia16aye (Bakis et al. 2016) is an object with the most non-SN-like behavior among our set of outliers (Fig. 18). In Wyrzykowski et al. (2016) it was reported that Gaia16aye is a binary microlensing event — gravitational microlensing of binary systems — the first ever discovered towards the Galactic Plane.

5.4.3 Possible misclassified objects

Our analysis also reveals that 16 objects classified as pSN by Sako et al. 2018, where a prefix “p” indicates a purely photometric type, are likely to be stars or quasars. First, we do not find any signature of supernovae on the corresponding multicolour light curves. Then, according to SDSS DR15 type of SDSS-II SN 5314, SDSS-II SN 14170, SDSS-II SN 15565, SDSS-II SN 13725, SDSS-II SN 13741, SDSS-II SN 19699, SDSS-II SN 18266, SDSS-II SN 4226, SDSS-II SN 2809, SDSS-II SN 6992 is denoted as STAR. Moreover, all these objects can be found in Pan-STARRS Catalog with Pan-STARRS magnitudes equal or even brighter than those on the corresponding light curves.

The other objects SDSS-II SN 1706, SDSS-II SN 17756, SDSS-II SN 17339, SDSS-II SN 17509, SDSS-II SN 4652, SDSS-II SN 19395 have a BOSS (Snee et al. 2013) spectrum with class “QSO” and have high redshifts (see Table A1).

6 CONCLUSIONS

The development of large sky surveys has led to a discovery of a huge number of supernovae and supernova candidates. Among the SNe discovered every year, only 10% have spectroscopic confirmation. The amount of astronomical data increases dramatically with time and is already beyond human capabilities. The astronomical community already has dozens of thousands of SN candidates, and LSST survey (LSST Science Collaboration et al. 2009) will discover over ten million supernovae in the forthcoming decade. Only a small fraction of them will receive a spectroscopic confirmation. This motivates a considerable effort in photometric classification of supernovae by types using machine learning algorithms. There is, however, another aspect of the problem: any large photometric SN database would suffer from the non-SN contamination (novae, kilonovae, GRB afterglows, AGNs, etc.). Moreover, the database will inevitably contain the astronomical objects with unusual physical properties — anomalies. Finding such objects and studying them in detail is very important and constitutes the main goal of this paper.

The analysis presented here is based on the photometric data extracted from the Open Supernova Catalog (Guillochon et al. 2017). The use of real data allows us to reveal a lot of caveats in observations at the pre-processing stage — many of which are not normally present in the simulated data. After pre-processing, we obtain 1999 SNe with light curves either in gri or in $g'r'i'\prime$ or in BRI filters approximated by Gaussian processes. We consider 10 different data sets: one that includes the approximated photometric observations (A), another with the parameters of Gaussian process only (B) and 8 data sets were the information in GP photometry and GP parameters were summarised via dimensionality reduction using t-SNE (dimension varying from 2 to 9, case C).

We apply the isolation forest algorithm to all data sets, considering a 1% contamination for cases A/B and 2% contamination for all data sets in case C. We visually checked all objects identified in cases A and B. We also checked all the objects which were identified as anomalous in at least 2 of the data sets in case C. As a result, we find $\sim$100 outliers, 40 from cases A/B and 60 which were identified in at least two data sets of case C. Among these, 19 objects were identified by both strategies, with and without dimensionality reduction. Our final validation analysis resulting in 81 objects which were carefully studied with the use of publicly available information. Among these there are four superluminous supernovae (SDSS-II SN 17789, SN2015bn, PTF10aagg, SN2213-1745), non-classical Type Ia SNe (91T-like SNe 2016bn, PS15cfn, SNLS-03D1cm; peculiar SN2002bj and SN2013cv), two unusual

Figure 16. Light curves in gri filters of superluminous supernova PTF10aagg (De Cia et al. 2018). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in r filter.

\url{http://skyserver.sdss.org/dr15/en/tools/explore/summary.aspx}
Figure 17. Light curves in $g'$ $r'$ $i'$ filters of active galactic nucleus SN2006kg (Sako et al. 2018). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in $r'$ filter.

Figure 18. Light curves in $gri$ filters of binary microlensing event Gaia16aye (http://gsaweb.ast.cam.ac.uk/alerts/alert/Gaia16aye/followup). Solid lines are the results of our approximation by Multivariate Gaussian Process. The vertical line denotes the moment of maximum in $r$ filter.

Type II SNe which anomalous multicolour light curve behaviour can be due to the environment (SN2013ej, SN2016ija), one AGN – SN2006kg, and one binary microlensing event Gaia16aye. We also find that 16 anomalies classified as supernovae by Sako et al. (2018), which are likely to be stars (SDSS-II SN 5314, SDSS-II SN 14170, SDSS-II SN 15565, SDSS-II SN 13725, SDSS-II SN 13741, SDSS-II SN 19699, SDSS-II SN 18266, SDSS-II SN 4226, SDSS-II SN 2809, SDSS-II SN 6992) or quasars (SDSS-II SN 1706, SDSS-II SN 17756, SDSS-II SN 17339, SDSS-II SN 17509, SDSS-II SN 4652, SDSS-II SN 19395). However, without careful spectral analysis it is difficult to distinguish a high-redshift supernova against a background galaxy or from quasar activity. As a confirmation of the robustness of the pipeline used here, we note that of the 9 objects identified as outliers in all data sets of case C, 5 are miss-classifications and 1 is an extreme case of bad photometry.

In summary, the isolation forest analysis identified 81 potentially interesting objects, from which 27 (33%) were confirmed to be non-SN events or representatives of the rare SN classes. Found anomalies correspond to 1.4% of the original data set of ∼2000 objects which was identified demanding significantly less resources than a manual search would entail. Among these objects, we report for the first time the 16 star/quasar-like objects misclassified as SNe.

It is important to note that these results are not expected to be complete. For example, there are known SLSN which were not identified as outliers in our search, as well as 1 object (SN1000+0216) at very high redshift which was identified as anomalous in only 1 of the data sets for case C — and consequently was not included in our final list. This is a natural consequence of the pre-processing analysis we chose to adopt, where the objects are mainly characterised by their light curve shape (all photometric features were normalised). In this context, differences in intrinsic brightness only marginally affect our final results. Another source of false negatives can be traced back to GP approximations, the typical example being Gaia16aye (Fig. 18). From a visual inspection of its observed photometric points this object is obviously not a SN. However, it appeared only in 3 of the 8 possible data sets in case C. A more detailed analysis of its GP approximation (solid line in Fig. 18), reveals that the information input to the ML model was much smoother than one would expect.
As a consequence, the algorithm struggles to separate it from other slow declining events.

Nevertheless, the above results provide clear evidence of the effectiveness of automated anomaly detection algorithms for photometric SN light curve analysis. In this work we used data from the OSC in order to provide a proof of concept. Although this is not a big data sample, it does allow us to search for independent information in the literature on which we could confirm our findings. This approach to the analysis of photometric light curves will be paramount for future astronomical surveys like LSST, which will not be able to afford a manual research or the possibility to overlook interesting objects deviating from the bulk of the data — where the most interesting physics resides.

The code of this work and the data are available at http://snad.space/osc/.

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Table A1: List of outliers and their hosts

| Name | α (°) | δ (°) | Type | z_CMB | Host name | Host α | Host δ | Host type | Sep. (kpc) | Sep. (deg) | Comments | References |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| SDSS-II SN 13112^† | 01:09:29.89 | -01:05:18.3 | ?SN II | | SDSS J010929.89+010518.3 | 01:09:29.89 | -01:05:18.3 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 13461 | 00:12:49.9 | +01:12:49.8 | ?SN II | | SDSS J201249.90+011249.7 | 20:12:49.9 | 01:12:49.8 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 5314 | 20:21:17.85 | +00:41:04.3 | ?SN I?Star | | SDSS J202117.85+004104.2 | 20:21:17.84 | +00:41:04.2 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SN2016bs* | 01:03:35.54 | +17:06:04.3 | SN Ia | 0.030 | GALEXASC J010335.79+170604.9 | 01:03:35.77 | +17:06:04.1 | LC in the Open Supernova Catalog has a bad quality | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 14170^† | 01:46:31.35 | +00:51:05.7 | ?SN I?Star | | SDSS J014631.15+005105.6 | 01:46:31.15 | +00:51:05.6 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 13061 | 00:02:58.11 | -01:01:27.8 | ?SN IBOQSO | | SDSS J000258.10-010127.8 | 00:02:58.10 | -01:01:27.8 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); according to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 1.551, class = QSO broadline | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| LSQ13ap^† | 11:01:12.91 | -05:30:52.6 | SN II | 0.023 | LSQ-13ap2014 | 11:01:12.46 | -05:30:52.6 | Spectroscopically confirmed as SN II using a near-infrared spectrum (range 800-2500 nm) | | | | Hirosa et al. (2013) |
| SDSS-II SN 17556 | 01:08:10.42 | -00:46:36.9 | ?SN IBOQSO | | SDSS J010810.43-004636.9 | 01:08:10.43 | -00:46:37.0 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15, however, it has a BOSS spectrum with z = 1.597, class = QSO broadline | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 15565 | 01:00:27.12 | +00:25:23.6 | ?SN IBOQSO | | SDSS J010027.10+002523.5 | 01:00:27.10 | +00:25:23.5 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |

Outliers found in 7 data sets with different dimensionality reduction

| Name | α (°) | δ (°) | Type | z_CMB | Host name | Host α | Host δ | Host type | Sep. (kpc) | Sep. (deg) | Comments | References |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| SN2005ho* | 00:59:24.10 | +00:00:09.3 | SN Ia | 0.062 | PGC 1154787 | 00:59:24.10 | +00:00:09.4 | Sn/IIm | 0.1 | 0.12 | In JLA cosmological sample (Betoule et al. 2014), not in Pantheon (Scolnic et al. 2018) | Betoule et al. (2014) |
| SN2006jx | 04:12:07.62 | -32:51:10.9 | SN II | 0.003 | NGC 1532 | 04:12:04.33 | -32:52:27.2 | Sbc | 86.8 | 5.39 | Highly obscured SN II (E(B-V)_{host} = 1.95 ± 0.15 mag) | Tatagita et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 1260^† | -00:13:33.2 | Unknown | | | SDSS J201343.5+301333.1 | 30:14:50.6 | -00:13:33.2 | Unknown object in Sako et al. (2018) and SN II in the Open Supernova Catalog, with reference to Sako et al. (2018) | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SDSS-II SN 12339^† | 02:31:22.22 | +00:23:09.6 | ?SN IBOQSO | | SDSS J023122.22+002309.5 | 02:31:22.22 | +00:23:09.5 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15, however, it has a BOSS spectrum with z = 1.132, class = QSO | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |

Outliers found in 6 data sets with different dimensionality reduction

| Name | α (°) | δ (°) | Type | z_CMB | Host name | Host α | Host δ | Host type | Sep. (kpc) | Sep. (deg) | Comments | References |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| SN2007pu* | 21:55:38.59 | -00:10:36.3 | SN IIn | 0.090 | SDSS J215538.59-001036.3 | 21:55:38.80 | -00:10:34.2 | 3.8 | 6.36 | According to SDSS DR15 host has a BOSS spectrum with z = 0.091, class = galaxy starforming | Besco et al. (2007), Sako et al. (2018) |
| SNLS-06DQ|x | 14:17:03.23 | +52:36:10.5 | SN Ia | 0.761 | SDSS J141703.23+523610.5 | 14:17:03.21 | +52:36:11.0 | 5.6 | 41.31 | In JLA cosmological sample (Betoule et al. 2014), not in Pantheon (Scolnic et al. 2018) | Betoule et al. (2014) |
| SDSS-II SN 13725 | 21:06:55.01 | +00:53:44.9 | ?SN IBOStar | | SDSS J210655.01+005344.9 | 21:06:55.01 | +00:53:44.9 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SN2006cf | 10:39:44.36 | +15:02:04.8 | SN Ia | 0.067 | SDSS J103944.36+150204.8 | 10:39:44.35 | +15:02:04.8 | 0.4 | 0.56 | | Okotony et al. (2016), Foley et al. (2018) |
| SN2006b | 01:51:48.14 | +00:35:47.9 | SN Ia | 0.059 | UGC 1333 | 01:51:48.21 | +00:35:48.1 | Sa | 59 | 6.69 | In JLA (Betoule et al. 2014) and Pantheon (Scolnic et al. 2018) cosmological samples | Betoule et al. (2014) |
| SDSS-II SN 17569 | 00:19:18.93 | +01:08:14.3 | ?SN IBOQSO | | SDSS J001918.93+010814.2 | 00:19:18.92 | +01:08:14.2 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15, however, it has a BOSS spectrum with z = 2.031, class = QSO | | | | Sako et al. (2018) |
| SN              | RA              | Dec             | Type               | Host               | Host Classification | Notes                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SDSS-II SN 4330| 01:44:35.82     | −00:10:57.4     | SN II              | SN J014435.82-001057.3 | 01:44:35.82        | −00:10:57.4                                                                 |
| SN2005ll        | 22:28:06.87     | −01:07:41.4     | SN Ia              | SDSS J222806.92-010742.1 | 22:28:06.89       | −01:07:42.1 According to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.262, class = galaxy starforming |
| SDSS-II SN 13741| 20:48:00.40     | −01:02:49.5     | SN II              | SDSS J204800.39-010249.4 | 20:48:00.39       | −01:02:49.5 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 |
| SDSS-II SN 172927 | 23:31:23.77   | +00:37:45.6     | SN II              | SDSS J233123.77+003745.4 | 23:31:23.77       | +00:37:45.5 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host photoZ(KD-tree method) 0.595 ± 0.163 |
| SN2009kg        | 01:04:16.98     | +00:46:08.9     | AGN                | SDSS J010416.98+004608.7 | 01:04:16.98       | +00:46:08.8 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); according to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.231, class = galaxy starburst |

| SDSS-II SN 4852 | 02:29:49.69     | −00:40:11.4     | SN Ia, QSO         | SDSS J022949.69-004011.3 | 02:29:49.69       | −00:40:11.4 According to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.673, class = QSO |
| SN200bj         | 05:11:46.41     | −15:08:10.8     | SN Ia pec/SN Ib    | NGC 1821              | 05:11:46.11       | −15:08:04.9 Bright, fast-evolving supernova with low-mass ejecta, helium and carbon lines in spectra |
| SDSS-II SN 135897 | 21:48:02.39   | −00:07:37.5     | SN II              | SDSS J214802.31-000737.5 | 21:48:02.31       | −00:07:30.1 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host photoZ(KD-tree method) 0.199 ± 0.032 |
| SDSS-II SN 13921 | 20:04:11.38     | −00:32:01.1     | SN II              | SDSS J200411.38-003201.0 | 20:04:11.38       | −00:32:01.0 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host photoZ(KD-tree method) 0.425 ± 0.119 |
| SN2213-1345     | 22:13:39.97     | −17:45:24.5     | SLSN-R             | 2.046                 |                     |                                                                      |
| SN2019sea       | 14:16:31.00     | +39:35:12.0     | SN Ia              | NGC 3541              | 14:16:31.80       | +39:35:20.7 Sb 12.7 6.64                                             |
| SN2012ly       | 17:52:05.26     | +21:33:58.3     | SN Ia              | IC 1269               | 17:52:05.86       | +21:34:09.0 Sbc 12.0 4.86                                             |
| SN2014kx       | 16:22:43.19     | +18:57:35.0     | SN Ia pec          | J2116234.12+185733.8 | 16:22:43.02       | +18:57:33.8 2.7 1.93 Large peak-optical and UV luminosity, absence of iron absorption lines in the early spectra |
| SN2006pt*       | 02:27:16.17     | −00:23:36.5     | SN Ia              | SDSS J022716.08-002336.5 | 02:27:16.08       | −00:23:36.5 1.6 7.21 According to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.289, class = galaxy starforming |
| SDSS-II SN 2661 | 23:32:49.80     | +00:05:50.0     | SN II              | SDSS J233249.88+000549.2 | 23:32:49.88       | +00:05:49.2 1.4 4.59 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018)                     |
| SDSS-II SN 2026C| 00:31:13.40     | −00:07:08.7     | SN II              | SDSS J003113.40-000708.7 | 00:31:13.40       | −00:07:08.7                                                                 |

| SDSS-II SN 12688| 21:29:40.40     | −00:01:38.8     | SN II              | SDSS J212940.40-000138.9 | 21:29:40.40       | −00:01:39.0 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host photoZ(KD-tree method) 0.688 ± 0.167 |
| SDSS-II SN 19699| 02:02:11.76     | +00:13:46.3     | SN Ia, IRStar      | SDSS J020211.76+001346.2 | 02:02:11.76       | +00:13:46.2 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 |
| SDSS-II SN 16302 | 22:07:04.15    | +00:11:00.6     | SN Ia              | SDSS J220704.15+001100.6 | 22:07:04.11       | +00:10:58.9 pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host photoZ 0.185 ± 0.015 (Smith et al. 2012) |
| SDSS-II SN 15745 | 02:48:49.91     | −00:06:27.1     | SN Ia              | SDSS J204849.89-000627.1 | 02:48:49.89       | −00:06:26.7 pSN Ia in Sako et al. (2018); SDSS DR15 host photoZ(KD-tree method) 0.657 ± 0.074 |
| Gaia16aye*     | 19:40:01.10     | +30:07:53.4     | UINECS.CV          | MW                    |                     | Binary microlensing event                                             |
| PS1-1000007     | 02:23:30.71     | −04:38:10.8     | SN Ia              | SDSS J022330.91-043810.8 | 02:23:30.91       | −04:38:10.7 3.0 7.25 According to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.017, class = galaxy starforming |
| SN2006ne       | 01:13:37.84     | +00:25:26.0     | SN Ia              | SDSS J011337.84+002526.0 | 01:13:37.58       | +00:25:25.5 S 3.9 3.55 According to SDSS DR15 host has BOSS spectrum with z = 0.017, class = galaxy starforming |
| SN2006ej | 00:38:59.77 | -00:00:56.6 | SN Ia | 0.020 | IC 1563 | 00:39:00.24 | -00:00:52.4 | S0 | 8.1 | 3.30 |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|---|----|-----|
| SDSS-II SN 18954 | 00:54:19.68 | -00:25:23.9 | SN II | 0.214 | SDSS J035349.88-002526.3 | 00:54:19.88 | -00:25:26.3 | 3.8 | 13.36 |
| SDSS-II SN 18266 | 01:15:24.35 | -00:30:54.0 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | Sako et al. (2018) |
| PS15ehn | 21:59:21.97 | -21:07:10.7 | 9IT-like | 0.109 | GALEX/ESRC J215922.4-012713.3 | 21:59:22.00 | -21:07:13.5 | 2.8 | 5.63 |
| SDSS-II SN 19048 | 02:54:57.10 | -00:00:18.6 | pSN Ia in Sako et al. (2018) | Sako et al. (2018) |

Outliers found in 2 data sets with different dimensionality reduction:

| SN2006ej | 00:38:59.77 | -00:00:56.6 | SN Ia | 0.020 | IC 1563 | 00:39:00.24 | -00:00:52.4 | S0 | 8.1 | 3.30 |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|---|----|-----|
| SDSS-II SN 18954 | 00:54:19.68 | -00:25:23.9 | SN II | 0.214 | SDSS J035349.88-002526.3 | 00:54:19.88 | -00:25:26.3 | 3.8 | 13.36 |
| SDSS-II SN 18266 | 01:15:24.35 | -00:30:54.0 | pSN II in Sako et al. (2018); host classified as star by SDSS DR15 | Sako et al. (2018) |
| PS15ehn | 21:59:21.97 | -21:07:10.7 | 9IT-like | 0.109 | GALEX/ESRC J215922.4-012713.3 | 21:59:22.00 | -21:07:13.5 | 2.8 | 5.63 |
| SDSS-II SN 19048 | 02:54:57.10 | -00:00:18.6 | pSN Ia in Sako et al. (2018) | Sako et al. (2018) |
The light curve and spectra suggest that the supernova is a normal Type IIP event, although with a steeper decline during the plateau relative to other archetypal SNe of similar brightness.

Outliers found in a data set of 10 Gaussian process parameters (9 fitted parameters of the kernel and the log-likelihood of the fit).

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