SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COSMOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF THE FIRST PAN-STARRS1 TYPE Ia SUPERNOVA SAMPLE


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ABSTRACT

We probe the systematic uncertainties from the 113 Type Ia supernovae (SN Ia) in the Pan-STARRS1 (PS1) sample along with 197 SN Ia from a combination of low-redshift surveys. The companion paper by Rest et al. describes the photometric measurements and cosmological inferences from the PS1 sample. The largest systematic uncertainty stems from the photometric calibration of the PS1 and low-z samples. We increase the sample of observed Calspec standards from 7 to 10 used to define the PS1 calibration system. The PS1 and SDSS-II calibration systems are compared and discrepancies up to ~0.02 mag are recovered. We find uncertainties in the proper way to treat intrinsic colors and reddening produce differences in the recovered value of w up to 3%. We estimate masses of host galaxies of PS1 supernovae and detect an insignificant difference in distance residuals of the full sample of 0.037 ± 0.031 mag for host galaxies with high and low masses. Assuming flatness and including systematic uncertainties in our analysis of only SNe measurements, we find w = −1.120±0.026 (Stat)±0.291 (Sys). With additional constraints from Baryon acoustic oscillation, cosmic microwave background (CMB) (Planck) and H0 measurements, we find w = −1.166±0.006 and Ωm = 0.280±0.012 (statistical and systematic errors added in quadrature). The significance of the inconsistency with w = −1 depends on whether we use Planck or Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe measurements of the CMB: w_{BAO+H0+SN+WMAP} = −1.124±0.083.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the main goals of the Pan-STARRS1 (PS1) Medium Deep survey is to detect and monitor thousands of Type Ia supernovae (SN Ia) in order to measure the equation-of-state parameter of dark energy, w = P/ρc2 (where P is pressure and ρ is density). The first results of this effort are reported in the companion paper by Rest et al. (2014; hereafter R14). For PS1 and other new surveys to advance our understanding of dark energy, the flood of new SNe must be accompanied by similar improvement in the reduction of systematic uncertainties. Since the initial discovery of cosmic acceleration (Riess et al. 1998; Perlmutter et al. 1999), there have been many supernova surveys utilizing multiple passbands and dense time-sampling at both low-z (e.g., CSPCfA1-4, LOSS, SNFactory18) and at intermediate and higher-z (e.g., Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), ESSENCE, SNLS19). While the sample sizes have increased, the systematic uncertainties of these samples now are of nearly equal value to the statistical uncertainties (Conley et al. 2011; hereafter C11). Nearly all of the systematic uncertainties in the analysis of these samples fall into a small handful of categories: calibration, selection effects, correlated flows, extinction corrections and light curve modeling. There has

18 Carnegie Supernova Project (CSP), Center for Astrophysics (CIA), Lick Observatory Supernova Search (LOSS), Nearby Supernova Factory (NSF).
19 Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), Equation of State: SupErNovae trace Cosmic Expansion (ESSENCE), SuperNova Legacy Survey (SNLS).
been significant recent progress in understanding each of them. For example, recent studies suggest that properties of host galaxies of SNe appear to be correlated with distance residuals relative to a best-fit cosmology (e.g., Kelly et al. 2010; Sullivan et al. 2010; Lampeitl et al. 2010). Other studies have shown that supernova colors and brightnesses, long thought to be inconsistent with a Milky Way (MW) like reddening law, can be explained by a MW like dust model (Folatelli et al. 2010; Foley & Kasen 2011; Mandel et al. 2011; Chotard et al. 2011; Scolnic et al. 2014).

The PS1 Medium Deep Survey has discovered over 1700 SN candidates in its first 1.5 yr. Of these, 146 SNe were spectroscopically identified as Type Ia. Well-sampled multi-band light curves with near-peak observations were measured for 113 of the spectroscopically confirmed sample. We include a low-z sample of 197 SNe to improve our cosmological constraints. The companion paper by R14 analyzes the photometry of the PS1 light curves, presents the light curve fit parameters and derives constraints on $w$ from a combined data set of PS1 SNe and low-z SNe (hereafter PS1+1z). In this paper, we augment the work of R14 with a more comprehensive analysis of the systematic uncertainties of $w$. Values of the matter density $\Omega_m$ and equation-of-state $w$ are recovered with constraints from SNe alone and when we include constraints from measurements of the cosmic microwave background (CMB), Baryon acoustic oscillation (BAO) and the Hubble constant.

In Section 2, we present an overview of the major systematic uncertainties in our sample, and detail the two approaches toward quantifying these uncertainties. In Section 3, we analyze the photometric calibration of PS1 and attempt to reconcile the reported calibration discrepancies (Tonry et al. 2012, hereafter T12) between PS1 and SDSS. We also discuss the data sets in PS1+1z and tension between the various samples. Accurate simulations of the PS1 survey and expected selection effects for each of the surveys in the combined PS1+1z are given in Section 4. In Section 5, we probe the validity of the two major assumptions of the SALT2 light curve fitter for determining distances to SNe. In Section 6, we analyze coherent flows of the combined sample for the PS1+1z sample. Changes to MW extinction maps are presented in Section 7. Our review and discussion of the dominant uncertainties is given in Section 8 and our conclusions are in Section 9.

2. OVERALL SYSTEMATICS REVIEW

2.1. Data

The sample analyzed in this paper includes SN Ia discovered by PS1 and observed in low-z follow-up programs. We apply the same selection criteria for the quality and coverage of the light curve observations to these samples as was done in R14. As detailed in R14, the low-z SN sample is selected from six different samples: Calán/Tololo [16SNe] (Hamuy et al. 1996), CfA1 [55SNe] (Riess et al. 1999), CfA2 [19SNe] (Jha et al. 2006), CfA3 [85SNe] (Hicken et al. 2009a), CSP [45] (Contreras et al. 2010), and CfA4 [43SNe] (Hicken et al. 2009b). We also include supernovae not discovered in these surveys but collected as part of the JRK07 (Jha et al. 2007) paper [8SNe]. The PS1 sample contains 113 SNe after selection cuts. While the focus of this paper will be on the PS1+low-z sample, we will compare results with the SDSS (Holtzman et al. 2008) and SNLS (Guy et al. 2010) samples. For these samples, we apply the same selection criteria from R14. We make all data used in this analysis publicly available, including light curve fit parameters.

External constraints from CMB, BAO and $H_0$ measurements are described in detail in R14. For all these measurements, we use the Markov chains derived by Planck Collaboration et al. (2013). The Planck data set that is quoted includes data from the Planck temperature power spectrum data, Planck temperature data, Planck lensing, and Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) polarization at low multipoles. The BAO measurement quoted is from the aggregate of BAO measurements of different surveys, as compiled by Planck Collaboration et al. (2013) and listed in R14. The $H_0$ measurement is from Riess et al. (2011).

2.2. Potential Sources of Systematic Errors

Here, we briefly enumerate the dominant systematic uncertainties in the PS1+1z sample.

Calibration. Flux calibration errors are typically the largest source of systematic uncertainty in any supernova sample (C11). The original PS1 photometric system (T12) is based on accurate filter measurements obtained in situ. T12 adjusts the throughput of these measurements on a $<3\%$ scale for better agreement between synthetic and photometric observations of Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Calspec standards (Bohlin 1996).

In this paper, we increase the size of the sample of Calspec standards that underpin the HST flux scale from 7 to 10 (adding 5, but eliminating 2) to reduce the uncertainty in the calibration.

We call the improved photometric system used throughout this paper the PS1_14 calibration system. For the low-z samples, we follow the C11 treatment of photometric systems. For our total calibration uncertainty, we combine uncertainties from the HST Calspec and Landolt standards, as well as the uncertainties in measurements of the bandpasses and zero points. We also explore noted discrepancies between the PS1 and SDSS photometric systems.

Selection Effects. Selection effects can bias a magnitude-limited survey, due either to detection limits or selection of the objects for spectroscopic follow-up. The SNANA simulator (Kessler et al. 2009b) allows us to use actual observing conditions, cadence, and spectroscopic efficiency to mimic our survey. The spectroscopic efficiency of a survey is particularly difficult to formalize if the survey does not have a single consistent follow-up program that is based on well-defined criteria for selecting targets.

We correct for PS1 selection effects by incorporating the observing history into a simulation and identifying the effective selection criteria that best match the data. For the low-z sample, we follow the same approach. For our systematic uncertainty, we explore how well our simulations match the data.

Light Curve Fitting. To optimize the use of SN Ia as standard candles to determine distances, most light curve fitters correct the observed peak magnitude of the SN using the width and color of the light curve. While each fitter accounts in some way for a light curve shape–luminosity relation (Phillips 1993) to correct for the width of the light curve, there is a disagreement between fitters about the best manner to correct for the color of the light curve. Using SNANA's fitter with the SALT2 model (Guy et al. 2010) as the primary light curve fitter, recently Scolnic...
et al. (2014 hereafter, S14) showed that there is a degeneracy between models of SN color when the intrinsic scatter of SN Ia is mostly composed of luminosity variation or color variation.

The primary method for determining distances uses SALT2 to find light curve parameters and afterward corrects the distances with the average bias from simulations based on these two models of SN color. For our systematic uncertainty, we explore the difference in distances between the two models from when we take the average.

**Host Galaxy Relations.** Multiple studies have shown relations between various host galaxy properties and Hubble residuals (e.g., Kelly et al. 2010; Sullivan et al. 2010; Lampeitl et al. 2010). However, there is no consensus about which host galaxy high-

The primary fit does not include any corrections to SN Ia distances for host galaxy properties. For our systematic uncertainty, we explore whether correcting the distances of the SNe in the PS1+lz sample by including information about host galaxies properties is statistically significant.

**MW Extinction Corrections.** For each SN, we correct for the MW extinction at its specific sky location. Our primary fit uses values from Schlafly et al. (2011) and the restriction that $E(B - V) < 0.5$ in the direction of the SN. We include systematic uncertainties in the extinction correction from uncertainties in the subtraction of the zodiacal light, temperature corrections, and the nonlinearity of extinction corrections (Schlafly & Finkbeiner 2011).

**Coherent Velocity Flows.** To account for density fluctuations, we correct the redshift of each SN for coherent flows (Hudson et al. 2004). The primary fit corrects all redshifts for coherent flows starting at $z_{\text{min}} = 0.01$. For our systematic uncertainty, we measure the change in recovered cosmological parameters when we vary the minimum redshift of the sample.

**Other.** Uncertainties not analyzed in this paper, but considered in other studies include contamination by other types of SN, SN evolution, and gravitational lensing. Contamination by other types of SN was already discussed in R14, and we apply the same treatment here. While gravitational lensing should increase the amount of dispersion of the SN Ia distances at high-$z$ $\sigma_{\text{sys}} = 0.055z$ (Jönsson et al. 2010), selection effects dominate any trend seen at high-$z$ in the PS1 sample. For SN evolution, this uncertainty is already included in the light curve modeling uncertainty.

Finally, while we include cosmological constraints from the Planck survey (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013) to address systematics in external data sets, we compare the results when we include constraints from WMAP (Hinshaw et al. 2012).

### 2.3. Error Propagation

To determine the entire systematic uncertainty of $w$ from the PS1+lz sample, we follow two different approaches toward error accounting. The first approach follows C11, determining a covariance matrix that includes uncertainties from multiple sources. The second approach is similar to that of Riess et al. (2011), which finds the variations of cosmological constraints due to variants in the analysis. For example, in the second method one may find the different values of $w$ using the PS1 calibration system as stated, or when modified to match the SDSS photometric system. In the first method, the errors from the PS1 calibration system are propagated. Since there are a number of discrete choices of how to do steps of the analysis in this paper, we incorporate both methods of error accounting. Each of these methods is different from the conventional method that adds all the systematic errors in quadrature at the end of the analysis.

The advantage of the approach shown in C11 is that it properly accounts for covariances between SNe and also for interactions between systematic uncertainties. The full covariance error matrix is given as

$$C = D_{\text{stat}} + C_{\text{sys}}, \quad (1)$$

where $D_{\text{stat}}$ is a diagonal matrix with each element consisting of the square of the intrinsic dispersion of the sample $\sigma_{\text{sys}}^2$ and the square of the noise error $\sigma_n^2$ for each SN. $C_{\text{sys}}$ is the systematic covariance matrix. C11 further separates $C_{\text{sys}}$ into two components, only one of which may be further reduced with more SNe. For simplicity, we do not separate these components. Given the Tripp estimator (Tripp 1998) and using SALT2 to fit the light curve,

$$\mu = m_B + \alpha \cdot x_1 - \beta \cdot x - c - M, \quad (2)$$

where $m_B$ is the peak brightness of the SN, $x_1$ is the stretch of the light curve, $c$ is the color of the light curve, and $\alpha$, $\beta$, and $M$ are nuisance parameters. Explanation of the derivations of $\alpha$ and $\beta$ is given in R14. The systematic covariance, for a vector of distances $\mu$, between the $i$th and $l$th SN is calculated as

$$C_{ij,\text{sys}} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left( \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial S_k} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \mu_j}{\partial S_k} \right) (\sigma_{S_k})^2, \quad (3)$$

where the sum is over the $K$ systematics $S_k$, $\sigma_{S_k}$ is the magnitude of each systematic error, and $\partial \mu$ is defined as the difference in distance modulus values after changing one of the systematic parameters. For example, in order to determine the covariance matrix due to a systematic error of 0.01 mag in the transmission function of $r_\text{p1}$ filter, we refit all of the SNe light curves after adding 0.01 mag to the zero point of all observed $r_\text{p1}$ values. Following C11, we do not fix $\alpha$ and $\beta$ when we propagate the systematic covariance matrix. $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are derived with SALT2mu (Marriner et al. 2011) in the statistical case, though when including the covariance matrix, we write a compatible routine that allows off-diagonal elements.

Given a vector of distance residuals for the SN sample $\Delta \mu = \mu - \mu(H_0, \Omega_m, \Omega_{\Lambda}, w, z)$ then $\chi^2$ may be expressed as

$$\chi^2 = (\Delta \mu)^T \cdot C^{-1} \cdot \Delta \mu. \quad (4)$$

We minimize Equation (4) to determine cosmological parameters that include $H_0$, $\Omega_m$, $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ and $w$. The cosmological parameters are defined in R14—Equation (3). All cosmological parameters quoted in this pair of papers are of the marginalized values and not the minimum $\chi^2$ values. We assess the impact of each systematic uncertainty by examining the shift it produces in the inferred cosmological parameters. We also compute the “relative area” which we define as the area of the contour that encloses 68.3% of the probability distribution between $w$ and $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ compared to when only including statistical uncertainties. For this analysis, we assume that the universe is flat. It is worth
clarifying that the relative area may decrease as the contours shift in $w$ versus $\Omega_\Lambda$ space, so relative area alone does not quantify the entire effect of a systematic error.

In the second approach, we redetermine distances based on variations (often binary) in the analysis methods (e.g., Riess et al. 2011). Unlike the method by C11, there is no systematic error component to the error matrix in Equation (3). Instead, cosmological parameters are found for each difference in analysis approaches. The overall systematic uncertainty of $w$ from this method is the standard deviation of values for $w$ from the variants to the primary fit.

3. SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES IN THE ABSOLUTE CALIBRATION

The flux calibration of PS1 measurements relies on an iterative process that includes work from T12 and Schlafly et al. (2012) and is built on by this work and that of R14. T12 observes several HST Calspec standards (Bohlin 1996) with PS1 and compares the observed magnitudes of these standards to the predicted magnitudes from synthetic photometry. T12 finds the AB offsets so that the observed magnitudes best match the synthetic photometry, given tight constraints from measurements on the bandpass edges and shapes. Catalogs from the fields that contain the Calspec standards are then included as a basis of the relative calibration performed by Schlafly et al. (2012), which uses repeat PS1 observations of stars and solves simultaneously for the system throughput, the atmospheric transparency, and the large-scale detector flat field (called “ubercal”). In this process, new sky catalogs are created not only for the fields in which the Calspec standards are located, but across the entire observable sky including the Medium Deep fields.

The original observations of Calspec standards by T12 are supplemented by observations of those and other Calspec standards as part of the Pan-STARRs 3Pi survey. In this work, we determine the AB offsets between the observed magnitudes of the entire set of Calspec standards calibrated by ubercal and the synthetic photometry of these standards. This iterative process is thus a more accurate test of the absolute flux calibration of PS1. Once these offsets are found, R14 applies the offsets to the Medium Deep field catalogs, and analyzes further calibration uncertainties that may affect the SN measurements. Zero points for the nightly photometry of the supernovae are determined by comparing the photometry of a single image to the photometry from the Medium Deep field catalog at that location.

The main demarcation between the analysis of R14 and S14 when analyzing the calibration uncertainties is that R14 analyzes the uncertainties in the photometric measurements of the stars and supernovae, while S14 focus on how these uncertainties propagate to measurements of the absolute calibration of the PS1 system and the supernova distances.

3.1. Overview of Calibration Uncertainties

Uncertainties in the calibration of the various samples comprise the largest systematic uncertainty in our analysis. In Figure 1, we show a schematic describing the calibration of the various subsamples. The overall systematic uncertainty in the calibration of our combined PS1+lz sample may be expressed as the combination of three uncertainties. The first component encompasses systematic uncertainties in the nightly photometry and how well the filter bandpasses are measured. For the PS1 sample, R14 presents analysis of the systematic uncertainty due to spatial and temporal uncertainties in the nightly photometry. T12 presents the uncertainty in how well the bandpasses are measured (uncertainty of filter edges <7 Å). T12 also analyzes uncertainty in the atmospheric attenuation compensation for the filter zero points.

Spatial and temporal variation of the filter bandpasses propagate into our total calibration uncertainty in three ways: how the catalog photometry is determined, how the photometry of the Calspec standards is determined, and how the photometry of the supernovae is determined. We expect that the uncertainty in the nightly zero points to be small. We find by comparing Pan-STARRs and SDSS photometry that any variation of the PS1 photometry across the focal plane for colors $0.4 < g - i < 1.5$ is less than 3mmag and is difficult to detect because of noise. The effect of variation of the filter bandpasses on photometry of the Calspec standards and the supernovae are significantly larger because of the very blue colors of a large fraction of the Calspec standards and the narrow spectral features of these supernovae. These effects are both considered.

The second major component of the total calibration uncertainty is in determining the flux zero points of each filter based on observations of astronomical standards. Since the accuracy of the internal PS1 measurements of the flux zero points is not...
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photometry of HST Calspec standards (e.g., AB–HST Calspec;
Bohlin 1996) matches the synthetic photometry of these stan-
dards. Analogously, for the low-z sample, this uncertainty en-
cumbrates the accuracy of the color transformation of Landolt
standards. For PS1, the adjustment of the photometry to agree
with the synthetic photometry dominates the uncertainty in the
filter measurements by T12. Both uncertainties are included in
our analysis.

The third main component of the total calibration uncertainty
is the accuracy in the measurements of the standard stars (e.g.,
HST Calspec or Landolt). This is composed of errors in the color
of the standard stars and the absolute flux of the standards. For
the PS1 sample and select measurements in the low-z samples,
this uncertainty is due to possible errors in measurements of the
HST Calspec standards. For most of the low-z sample, this
uncertainty is due to color and absolute flux errors from the
realization of the Vega23 magnitude system as implemented in
the standard catalogs of Landolt. A common flux scale for the
PS1 supernovae and low-z SNe can be achieved by the binding
between the Landolt catalog and Calspec standards (Landolt &
Uomoto 2007). In a future analysis, we plan to cross-calibrate
the Landolt catalog to the PS1 catalog to further improve the
flux scales of the different samples. If we limited our analysis to
SNe from a single survey, the overall absolute flux calibration
would be degenerate with the absolute peak magnitude of SNe.
However, combining distance moduli of SNe from multiple
surveys requires that there is a common absolute flux scale.

R14 presents an error budget for the PS1 photometric system.
Here we explain many of these uncertainties, along with uncer-
tainties of the low-z calibration. We also detail the derivation
of new zero point offsets for the PS1 calibration that are used
in R14. The total uncertainty in the recovery of cosmological
parameters due to calibration for the PS1+1z sample is given in
Table 1. For each uncertainty described, this uncertainty is
independently added to each observed magnitude of the SN, and
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Table 1
Calibration Systematics

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Notes. Individual systematic uncertainties for each of the PS1 passbands as well as the systematic uncertainties for each low-z sample. Relative area is the size of the contour that encloses 68.3% of the probability distribution between w and Ωm compared with that of statistical-only uncertainties.

3.2. Pan-STARRS Absolute Calibration

The Pan-STARRS AB magnitude system, as described in T12, is based on small (<0.03 mag) adjustments to highly accurate measurements of the PS1 system throughput and filter transmissions measured in situ. Perturbations to each filter transmission are optimized so that “synthetic” photometry, using measurements of filter transmission throughputs and stellar spectra, agrees with observations of HST Calspec standard stars. To do this, T12 analyzed the PS1 observations of seven Calspec standards, all observed on the same photometric night. The error in how well the Calspec spectral energy distributions (SEDs) are defined on the AB system as well as the offsets between the observed and synthetic Calspec magnitudes represent the two largest errors in the PS1 calibration system. T12 finds that the entire systematic uncertainty from absolute calibration in each filter is ~0.017 mag. We recalculate that value here.

Once the PS1 calibration is defined to be on the AB system, there is an uncertainty from the relative calibration between the fields with Calspec standards to the rest of the sky. To do the relative calibration, Schlafly et al. (2012) use repeat PS1 observations of stars. Star catalogs created by this process are used in our supernova pipeline. Internal consistency tests show Schlafly et al. (2012) achieve field-to-field relative precision of <0.01 mag in g,p1, r,p1, and i,p1 and ~0.01 mag in z,p1. These errors are included in our overall zero point uncertainties, after dividing by √Ω—the number of fields. While a following discussion will focus on agreement between the absolute calibration of PS1 and SDSS, it is worth mentioning that Schlafly et al. (2012) find greater internal inconsistencies at the ~0.01 mag level in the SDSS photometry than in the PS1 photometry.

To improve the PS1 absolute calibration, we analyze a larger sample of Calspec standards that have been observed throughout the PS1 survey. In total, there are 12 Calspec standards that have been observed by PS1 in griiz,p1 that are not saturated in the observations. These standards were observed so that they avoided the direct center of the focal plane, where there are some unresolved discrepancies as described by R14. We measure the PS1 magnitudes of the observed Calspec standards in the same way as T12. We then apply a zero point offset obtained by computing the difference of the magnitudes of stars in the fields

23 The absolute flux of Landolt standards is discussed at the end of the section.
with the stars in the full-sky star catalogs set by Schlafly et al. (2012). To avoid a Malmquist bias in the determination of the zero point, we empirically determine the magnitude limit at which stars can be used for this comparison. We also remove any observations of Calspec standards where there is greater than a 0.03 mag difference between the aperture and point-spread function (PSF) photometry, as we found this adequately removes any saturated observations. As the Calspec standards observed are so bright, we follow T12 and include a 0.005 mag uncertainty to account for how some of the standards may be near the saturation limit.

To make full use of the observations of Calspec standards, we must consider how the filter functions change across the focal plane. In Figure 2, we show the change in synthetic magnitudes of stars in the Pickles’ library (Pickles 1998), Calspec standards and supernovae for a given color and position on the focal plane. We find the variation in synthetic magnitudes for supernovae and Calspec standards may be significantly larger than the variation of stars in the narrow color range used to define the stellar zero points. Therefore, given the measurements of filter functions across the focal plane (measured at Δr = 0.15 deg), we transform the observed magnitudes of the Calspec standards to a uniform system defined at the center of the focal plane. As shown in Figure 2, this correction for the blue Calspec standards may be as large as 5 mmag. This approach is similar to that of Betoule et al. (2012).

For each observation of a Calspec standard, we follow Schlafly et al. (2012) and assign an observational error of 0.015 + σ_{mag-psf}, which Schlafly et al. find adequately describes the scatter seen in their star catalogs. To determine the net adjustment needed for each passband, we find the weighted difference of the observed and synthetic magnitudes of the Calspec standards. For this process, we add an additional uncertainty of 0.008 mag to each difference in order to represent the uncertainty in the ubercal process. In Appendix A, we present the entire set of Calspec standards observed and their synthetic magnitudes in the PS1 system, as well as the observed magnitudes. From Figure 3, we find that corrections should be added to the zero points of observations in each filter (given by T12 and Schlafly et al. 2012) such that Δg_{PS1} = −0.008, Δr_{PS1} = −0.0095, Δi_{PS1} = −0.004, Δz_{PS1} = −0.007. These adjustments represent the weighted difference of the observed and synthetic magnitudes of the Calspec standards. R14 includes these offsets in their light curve fits; we call the new calibration “PS113.” We determine the uncertainties in the mean for all four passbands to be [0.0085,0.0050,0.0060,0.0025] mag. These uncertainties are included in the overall calibration uncertainty table of R14 (T).

T12 finds consistency of ∼0.01 mag among their seven Calspec stars used to define the AB system. For two of the standards, 1740346 and P177D, T12 noticed disagreement at the 0.02 mag level in i_{PS1}. T12 explained that this disagreement may be due to the discontinuity at 800 nm where the STIS spectra give way to NICMOS in the Calspec SEDs. With our larger sample of Calspec standards, we can see that the disagreement T12 noticed is most likely not due to 1740346 and P177D, but rather the three “KF” stars (KF08T3, KF01T5, KF06T2), which...
are red stars with \( r - i \sim 0.3 \). In the analysis done by T12, the spectra of the KF stars did not include STIS data, which covers the optical spectrum. We find that with an updated STIS spectrum of KF06T2, the synthetic photometry is corrected by \(-0.02\) mag, in better agreement with observations. While we present the entire set of \( HST \) Calspec standards observed, we exclude the two KF stars without STIS measurements from our absolute calibration.

Including the uncertainties described above, R14 finds the combined uncertainty for each filter in quadrature is \(-0.012\) mag. Uncertainty in \( g_p \) appears to have the largest effect on the cosmological constraints compared to the other passbands. Interestingly, a calibration error in \( r_p \) appears to have a different effect than the other passbands because the change in distance due to peak brightness in this filter cancels out the change in distance to color (for >50% of redshift range). The effect on recovered cosmological parameters from \( gri_z_p \) together (labelled “PS1 ZP +bandpasses” in Table 1) increase the relative area of the constraints by 40% (SN only).

We also consider the effects of the third component of the total systematic uncertainty in calibration (bottom level of Figure 1): that of the calibration of the \( HST \) Calspec standards to the AB system. T12 states this uncertainty is 0.013 mag for all filters. We find a more appropriate solution is to take the uncertainty as the inconsistency between the synthetic photometry of the STIS measurement of BD17 and observed photometry from Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) given in Bohlin & Gilliland (2004). This error is explained by the STIS flux for BD17 that continuously drops from a multiplicative factor times the flux of 1.005 at 4000 Å to 0.985 at 9500 Å.\(^\text{25}\) This is similar to the 0.5% slope uncertainty stated by Bohlin & Hartig (2002). Additionally, there is a measurement error in the repeatability of the individual measurements with STIS spectra, on the order of 0.005 mag (Betoule et al. 2012). The impact of these uncertainties of the Calspec standards is given in Table 1 and increase the relative area by \(-5\%\). Finally, the absolute flux of the Calspec system itself must be taken into account. This uncertainty will be considered as part of the low-z discussion later in this section (given as “Abs. ZP” in Table 1).

### 3.3. Absolute Calibration Agreement Between PS1 and SDSS

Surveys like SDSS, CSP, and SNLS have recently undertaken large, collaborative efforts (Mosher et al. 2012; Betoule et al. 2012) to improve the agreement between their respective calibration systems. Here we focus on the consistency of the absolute calibration between PS1/SDSS as the absolute calibration differences between SDSS/SNLS (Betoule et al. 2012) and SDSS/CSP (Mosher et al. 2012) have been shown to be less than 1%. As SDSS photometry has been defined to be on the AB system, this analysis is an alternate diagnostic to quantify the accuracy of the PS1 photometric system itself.

T12 compares the PS1 magnitudes of stars in the MD09 field with those tabulated by SDSS as part of Stripe 82. They note \(-0.02\) mag offsets at 3–4\( r \) after transforming the SDSS DR8 catalogs into the PS1 system with linear terms in color.\(^\text{26}\) T12 conclude that discrepancies are most likely due to errors within the SDSS calibration system.

\(^{25}\) Bohlin & Gilliland (2004) argue that this error may be partly composed of errors from ACS bandpasses, so our systematic uncertainty here is likely conservative.

\(^{26}\) For color transformations: PS1 filter transmissions from T12, SDSS filter transmissions from Doi et al. (2010) and Pickles star spectra (Pickles 1998).

For comparisons between SDSS and PS1, we repeat the analysis in T12, now using the most up-to-date S82 catalogs from Ivezic et al. (2007) with AB offsets from Betoule et al. (2012). Discrepancies between these two systems are shown in Figure 4. The offsets between the calibration zero points of PS1 and SDSS are given in Table 2 and are up to \(-0.02\) mag in \( r_p \). Betoule et al. (2012) redefine the SDSS AB system using SDSS PT observations of seven Calspec standards. While T12 explains that the absolute calibration of SDSS DR8 may be biased from using SDSS SEDs, Betoule et al. (2012) uses \( HST \) Calspec spectra to define the flux system so there should not be an issue.

To further probe the inconsistency between the PS1 and SDSS calibration systems, in Appendix A, we compare synthetic and observed magnitudes for the SDSS standards in the same way we did for PS1. In both Figure 3 and Appendix A, we show how, for PS1 and SDSS, the zero points should be shifted into agreement with the color-transformed system of the other. We note that for SDSS, the dispersion of the differences between synthetic and observed photometry is smaller than that for PS1, and likely does not explain the difference in absolute zero points.

In the comparison of PS1 and SDSS catalogs shown in Figure 4, the differences have a very small dependence on the color \( g - r \) (<5 mmag for \( g - r < 1.2 \), highest in the \( z \) band). This result is encouraging that while the absolute zero points of the filters are in disagreement, the filter transmission curves appear to be well measured for both systems. Also, the zero point discrepancies do not appear to be correlated across filters.

There are three Calspec standards observed by both PS1 and SDSS: P177D, GD71, and GD153. The discrepancies between the PS1 and SDSS observations of these standards are very similar to the overall discrepancies in the calibration of these two systems and do not provide enough leverage to understand the source of the differences. Therefore, more work must be done to understand the disagreement between the PS1 and SDSS calibration. One possible cause may be due to nonlinearities with these particular observations of very bright standards, which T12 estimated for the PS1 observations to be up to \(-0.005\) mag. We conclude that when combining data from the PS1 and SDSS surveys that the AB offsets between the two must be taken into account. We find that the change in \( w \) when the PS1 calibration system is chosen to be in agreement with SDSS is \( \Delta w = +0.018 \) with constraints only from SN measurements, and \( \Delta w = -0.006 \) when including CMB, BAO, and \( H_0 \) constraints.
Figure 4. Passband magnitude differences between PS1 catalog (T12 catalogs with ubercal zero points) and the most up-to-date SDSS S82 Catalog (from Ivezić et al. 2007; Betoule et al. 2012) are shown in yellow. In yellow are the synthetic spectrophotometry differences for a set of Pickles (Pickles 1998) stars using the T12 PS1 passbands and Doi et al. (2010) passbands. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

3.4. Nearby Supernova Sample Absolute Calibration

We rely on analysis of past studies, in particular C11 and Kessler et al. (2009a), for our understanding of the calibration systematics of low-z surveys. We discuss our additions to the growing low-z sample: the CfA4 survey, a recalibration of the CfA3 survey, and a larger set of CSP SNe. Given the $U$-band systematic error discussed in Kessler et al. (2009a), we follow the C11 decision to not use rest-frame observations in the $U$ band.

Each of the newly added nearby samples has photometry on its natural system. For each sample, the absolute calibration is defined by the magnitudes of the fundamental flux standard BD17. For CSP, the magnitudes of BD17 are given in the natural system. For CfA3 and CfA4, we use the linear transformations from the Landolt (Landolt 1992) and Smith (Smith et al. 2002) colors to the natural system to determine the magnitude of BD 17$^\circ$4708. These transformations are given in Hicken et al. (2009a). The magnitudes of BD17 given in Landolt (1992) are transformed to calibrate the $BV$ bands, and the magnitudes of BD17 given in Smith et al. (2002) are transformed to calibrate the $r'i'$ bands.

We note two peculiarities with the CfA3 and CfA4 samples. To analyze these two samples, we take passbands defined by C. Cramer et al. (in preparation) in which highly precise measurements are obtained of the telescope-plus-detector throughput by direct monochromatic illumination. This method, like that done in T12, is based on Stubbs & Tonry (2006). However, the CfA4 survey must be broken into two separate time periods because it was found that a warming of the CCDs of KeplerCam to remove contamination in 2011 May “produced a dramatic difference” in the response function of the camera (Hicken et al. 2009b). This difference is quantified by measurements of the $V$, $V - i'$, $U - B$ and $u' - B$ color coefficients between the Landolt/Smith measurements and the natural system. Therefore, we use a set of transmission functions for before 2009 August and after 2011 May, when the system was measured to be consistent, and a separate set of transmission functions between these two dates (Hicken et al. 2009a). The second peculiarity is that when analyzing the CfA4 light curves, we found the uncertainties for each observation to be on average roughly $\sqrt{3}$ larger than that of CfA3, a surprising result considering the similarity of the surveys. We discovered this was due to a change in uncertainty accounting in the software pipeline based on the number of image subtractions done for each observation (M. Hicken 2013, private communication). We have returned the uncertainty propagation method to that used for CfA3, which we believe to be correct.

For our uncertainties in the low-z bandpasses and zero points (top level of Figure 1), we follow the analysis of C11. We use the shifted Bessell bandpasses found empirically by C11 with
uncertainties of 12 Å (edge locations) for the JRK07 sample and adopt zero point uncertainties of 0.015 mag. For CSP, the uncertainties in the bandpasses are taken from Contreras et al. (2010) and the uncertainties in the zero points for each filter are 0.008 mag, as given in C11. While more work must be done to better determine this zero point uncertainty, this result is consistent with the small discrepancies of ~0.01 mag seen between the CSP and SDSS samples (Mosher et al. 2012). We take the zero point uncertainties for the CFA4 sample given in Hicken et al. (2009a) of 0.014, 0.010, 0.012, 0.014, 0.046 mag in BV r’i’, which are larger than those found by C11 for the CFA3 sample of 0.011, 0.007, 0.007, 0.007 mag for BV R’. Since the uncertainty of the CFA4 bandpasses measured by C. Cramer et al. (in preparation) has not yet been given, we fix this uncertainty to be that found by T12 for the PS1 passbands (3 Å), as Cramer et al. and T12 perform very similar measurements to determine the instrument response.

While the absolute flux of the HST Calspec standards is defined by the AB system, the absolute flux of the Landolt standards is not well defined. Although the Landolt measurements are self-consistent, it is not known exactly how the absolute flux was defined. Therefore, there may be discrepancies between the absolute flux of these different sets of standards (see bottom level of Figure 1). We follow the analysis of Landolt & Uomoto (2007) of the calibration agreement between the Landolt catalog and HST observations of Calspec standards for an uncertainty of 0.006 mag between the absolute fluxes of the two samples. For the difference between the Smith and AB systems, we take the uncertainty in determining the AB offsets for the SDSS sample of ~0.004 mag (Betoule et al. 2012). We also account for uncertainties in the colors of Landolt measurement of BD17 itself of ~0.002 mag (Regnault et al. 2009). This last uncertainty could be reduced by defining the low-z samples using more standards besides BD17 (a subdwarf star), which will be done in a future work.

3.5. Further Calibration Systematics and Impact

While we have discussed the entirety of calibration errors that affect the measurements of the supernova in our sample, we must also propagate how calibration errors affect the SALT2 light curve model that we use to fit distances. To do so, we refit our entire SN sample with 100 variants of the SALT2 model based on the calibration errors of the training sample used to determine the model (Guy10). These variants were provided by the SALT2 team. For the total systematic from the SALT2 calibration error, we sum the covariance matrices over all of the iterations and then divide by the total number of iterations. This impact of this uncertainty is quite large with respect to our other calibration uncertainties as it increases our w versus Ω_m constraints for the SN-only case by >15%.

The impact on the recovery of cosmological parameters from all of the uncertainties discussed above are presented in Table 1. Uncertainties in the low-z transmission measurements are significant (SN-only relative area ~1.07), though do not have as great an increase on the relative area as the uncertainty in the PS1 transmission throughputs. We present the distance residuals from the best-fit cosmology for each low-z survey in Figure 5.

We refer here to R14 (Section 7.2), which details the quality culls on the light curves and reduces the number of light curves significantly. The intrinsic dispersion (σ_int), rms and effects on retrieved cosmology from removing a particular subsample are all shown in Table 3. We note that the σ_int of the PS1 sample (σ_int = 0.07) is lower than in other samples, though is closest to the CSP sample. We also note that the CFA4 sample appears to have a larger scatter (σ_int = 0.22) than the other samples. The various values of σ_int may be due to over or under-estimation of calibration uncertainties. Part of this trend may also be due to a low-z Malmquist bias, which will be discussed in a later section.

The maximum tension between the low-z subsamples is about <2σ from the mean. REF27: There are 23 SNe observed by both CSP and CFA3, and the mean difference in distances for these SNe is 0.026 ± 0.03 mag (CSP-CFA3) with an rms of 0.16 mag. We only allow a single distance for a given supernova, and choose based on which has better cadence near peak. Following C11, we add different σ_m values to the photometric uncertainty of the SN distances for our high and low-z samples, though not for the individual low-z subsamples.

4. SELECTION EFFECTS

4.1. PS1 Selection Bias

To make use of SNe discovered near the magnitude limits of the PS1 supernova survey, we account for the selection bias toward brighter SNe. These SNe may be brighter, even after
the light curve shape and color corrections, due to the intrinsic dispersion of SN Ia and/or noise fluctuations. To determine the correction for this selection bias, we simulate the PS1 Medium Deep Survey and the spectroscopic follow-up. We apply the SFIANA Monte Carlo (MC) code to generate realistic SN Ia light curves with the same cadence, observing conditions, non-Gaussian PSFs (R14), and zero points as our actual data. All simulations are based on a standard ΛCDM cosmology with \( w = -1 \), \( \Omega_M = 0.3 \), \( \Omega_L = 0.7 \), \( H_0 = 70 \) and an absolute brightness of a fiducial SN Ia of \( M_B = -19.36 \) mag Kessler et al. (2009b). Varying these initial conditions has negligible impact on our derived Malmquist bias. To simulate the intrinsic scatter of SN Ia, we use the SALT2 model (Guy et al. 2010, hereafter called Guy10), which will be discussed in detail in the next section.

While the photometric selection bias may be inferred from survey conditions, the spectroscopic selection bias must be estimated with an external model for selection efficiency. We first find the minimum signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) estimated with an external model for selection efficiency. We survey conditions, the spectroscopic selection bias must be hereafter called Guy10), which will be discussed in detail in the next section.

For the low-z sample, it is much more difficult to simulate the individual subsamples because of the smaller statistics, discoveries that are external to the survey, and in some cases, multiple telescopes used for observations. Selection effects in these surveys result from the discovery threshold and the selection for spectroscopic follow-up, not from limitations in S/N, because the S/N reach \( \sim 10 \) even for the faintest observations in the sample. To quantify the Malmquist bias in the low-z sample, we find the spectroscopic/sellection efficiency of the aggregate of the low-z surveys. Similar to how we found the spectroscopic efficiency of the PS1 survey, we find the selection efficiency function that best describes the combined low-z sample:

\[
\text{Spec. Sel. Eff.} = e^{-\frac{\text{SNR}}{10}},
\]

where \( m_B \) is the peak B-band magnitude and is greater than 14. This efficiency function assumes a flat volumetric rate at low-z. A comparison of the simulation to the data, including trends in the SALT2 light curve parameters color (\( c \)) and light curve shape parameter (\( x_1 \)) with redshift, is shown in Figure 7. For the entire low-z sample, we find a mean difference in colors for \( z > 0.04 \) and \( z < 0.04 \) of \( \Delta c = -0.31 \pm 0.011 \) and a mean difference in light curve shape of \( \Delta x_1 = +0.53 \pm 0.16 \). We analyze these same trends for each low-z subsample in Appendix B. The color and stretch trends with redshift appear to change more significantly in CfA3 and CfA4 than in JK07 and CSP.

We further probe whether the survey is magnitude-limited in Appendix B by comparing the redshift distribution of the low-z sample to the distribution of galaxy redshifts in the New General Catalogue (NGC). We find that the redshift distribution of the SNe is actually fairly well represented by the redshifts in the NGC, though higher redshift galaxies are
slightly overrepresented. This suggests that any preference for brighter targets at a given redshift should be negligible. Rather, the only selection bias of the low-z sample should be the selection bias of the NGC galaxies themselves. In Figure 7, we compare simulations of a NGC-based survey, where the redshift distribution matches the NGC distribution, to the data. The redshift distribution of the simulations of the magnitude limited and galaxy-targeted surveys are similar, though the NGC-based simulation cannot replicate the trends of color and stretch with redshift. Therefore, like we did for the PS1 selection bias, we determine the systematic uncertainty on the selection bias empirically rather than using the NGC-follow-up to determine the systematic uncertainty. A survey that reproduces the trends with color and stretch less well than our optimal method by 2σ is also shown in Figure 7.

This uncertainty for the low-z sample is roughly 0.003 mag for the entire low-z sample. The uncertainty due to generalizing all of the low-z surveys is included in the overall selection effect uncertainty in Table 5. The change in w from not accounting for any low-z Malmquist bias is large: Δw ≈ −0.035 (SN-only). By opting to determine the error on the selection bias empirically rather than allowing for a systematic based on a model in which there is no selection bias, we significantly reduce the systematic uncertainty of the Malmquist bias.

5. LIGHT CURVE MODELING

To optimize the use of SN Ia as standard candles to determine distances, the majority of the SN Ia light curve fitters (e.g. MLCS2k2; Jha et al. 2007, SALT2; Guy et al. 2007, SiFTO; Conley et al. 2008, CMAGIC; Wang et al. 2009, SNooPY; Burns et al. 2011, BAYESN; Mandel et al. 2011) include two corrections to the observed peak magnitude of the SN: one using the width/slope of the light curve and the other using the color of the light curves. Here we use SALT2 to fit the light curves, and determine linear relations between luminosity with light curve width and color according to the Tripp distance estimator. We analyze the systematic uncertainties in the following section.

5.1. SN Ia Color

SN Ia light curve fit parameters determined using the SNANA's light curve fitter with a SALT2 model (Guy et al. 2010) are presented in R14. Recently, S14 found that a model of the intrinsic brightness variation of SN Ia that is dominated by achromatic variation may lead to a similar color–luminosity relation as one in which there is a large amount of chromatic variation. Here, we find the different values of w when the dispersion of SN Ia distances is attributed to a model that contains mostly (>70%) luminosity variation or a model that contains mostly color variation.

R14 shows the values of the color–luminosity relation, β, depend on different assumptions about the source of intrinsic scatter. They find that β = 3.10 ± 0.12 when scatter is attributed to luminosity variation and β = 3.86 ± 0.15 when scatter is attributed to color variation. The latter value is only <2σ from a MW like reddening law, though R14 notes this high value is strongly pulled by the low-z sample only. To understand the consequences of these two assumptions about intrinsic scatter, we first match simulations, as explained in the previous section, of two variation models to the data. We create simulations using SNANA with two models, one in which the majority of scatter is due to luminosity variation (Guy10, color-luminosity variation–30%/70%) and the other in which the majority of scatter is due to color variation (Chotard 2011, hereafter Ch11, color–luminosity variation—75% /25%). For the model with a majority of luminosity variation, the color–luminosity relation, β is set to be 3.1, the value found after attributing all of the Hubble residual scatter to luminosity variation (R14). For the model with mostly color variation, SN Ia color is composed of a dust component that correlates with luminosity via a MW like reddening law (β = 4.1) and a variation component (Ch11). SNANA provides these two models. For Ch11, SNANA converts a covariance matrix among bands into a model of SED variations. The Ch11 model used is denoted “C11” in SNANA.

S14 showed that trends in Hubble residuals versus color depend not only on the intrinsic scatter but also the underlying color distribution. Parameters for the underlying color and stretch distributions that best match simulations to the data are given in Table 4. These values are found using a grid-based search of the x1 and c asymmetric Gaussian parameters. S14 showed that simulations with a Guy10 variation model, combined with a slightly asymmetric underlying color distribution (Kessler et al. 2013), cannot reproduce the significant asymmetry around c ∼ −0.1 seen in the trends of Hubble residuals versus color (similarly shown for PS1+Iz sample, given in Figure 8, top). Some correlation between color and Hubble residuals should be expected from the Tripp distance estimator, though the trend seen here can be best explained by a narrow and asymmetric underlying color distribution (Table 4). To improve the consistency of the Guy10 model with observations, we find that the underlying color distributions for this variation model should be significantly asymmetric. The distribution presented here is much more asymmetric than that given in Kessler et al. (2013) for the SDSS or SNLS surveys.

We present our distances biases with redshift in Figure 9. Distances included here are found once intrinsic dispersion of SN Ia is attributed to luminosity variation. We find differences

![Figure 7. Comparison of distributions for low-z data (points) and MC (histogram), where each MC distribution is scaled to have the same sample size as the data. Similar to Plot 6. Here we simulate three scenarios: a NGC-limited survey, a magnitude-limited survey, and a modified magnitude-limited survey to show the error on the cumulative selection bias.](image-url)
Table 4
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Notes. The parameters defining the asymmetric Gaussian for the color and light curve shape distributions: $e^{-[(x-\bar{x})^2/2\sigma_-^2]}$ for $x < \bar{x}$ and $e^{-[(x-\bar{x})^2/2\sigma_+^2]}$ for $x > \bar{x}$. The optimized parameters for the variation models with a majority due to color variation (Ch11-Chotard et al., color-luminosity variation—75%/25%) and luminosity variation (Guy10-Guy et al., color-luminosity variation—30%/70%) are given.

**Figure 8.** Hubble residuals vs. color for the SALT2 (top) and BaSALT (bottom) methods over the entire redshift range.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

in the distance corrections to be up to 0.03 mag and note that the offsets are fairly constant with redshift for the PS1 sample. We find overall a mean offset of $-0.01$ mag for both models with the low-z sample, and this offset is subtracted out from both the low-z and high-z samples as they are combined. This offset is due to the asymmetric underlying color distribution and covariances between $m_b$ and $c$. We further understand the predictions by our two models by analyzing trends between Hubble residual and color at separate redshift bins in Figure 10. While there are discrepancies in the predictions for the two models of SN variation, the statistics of the PS1+Iz sample do not favor either model; the data cannot break the degeneracy. In Figure 6, we also overplot a simulation with our color variation model, and find no noticeable differences from our simulation with luminosity variation.

Recent analyses (e.g., Campbell et al. 2013; Kessler et al. 2013) attempt to remove any fitter bias (including the Malmquist bias) by using simulations to find the mean distance residual for...
For low-\(z\): \(\tau = 0.11\). For PS1: \(\tau = [0.11, 0.10, 0.08, 0.06]\) for \(z = [0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7]\).
the determined value of \( w \) when accounting for a second-order light curve shape correction is small: \( \Delta w = +0.01 \). Since there is only mild evidence (\( \sim 2\sigma \)) that a second-order light curve shape correction is beneficial, it is not included in our overall uncertainty budget.

### 5.3. Host Galaxy Dependence

We examine here whether Hubble residuals of the SNe in the PS1+low-\( z \) sample correlate with properties of the host galaxies of SNe. These correlations have been shown for other SN Ia samples in multiple recent studies (e.g., Kelly et al. 2010; Sullivan et al. 2010; Lampeitl et al. 2010). While age, metallicity, and star formation rate of host galaxies all also have been observed to correlate with Hubble residuals (e.g., Gupta et al. 2011; Hayden et al. 2013), here we focus on the masses of the host galaxies.

To determine the masses of host galaxies of PS1 SN Ia, we combine PS1 observations with \( u \)-band data from SDSS. Since the PS1 Medium Deep Survey has now observed each of the SN Ia host galaxies for over two years, we stacked deep (S/N of 10 at \( r_{p1} \sim 24 \)) SN-free templates and used SExtractor’s FLUX\_AUTO (Bertin & Arnouts 1996) to determine the flux values in \( g_{p1}, r_{p1}, i_{p1}, z_{p1}, y_{p1} \). The measured magnitudes are analyzed with the SED fitting software Multi-wavelength Analysis of Galaxy Physical Properties (da Cunha et al. 2011) to calculate the stellar masses of host galaxies. To verify both our galaxy photometry and the mass fitting routine, we ran our mass fitter on PS1 photometry of host galaxies in the Gupta et al. (2011) sample, and found differences with Gupta et al. (2011) to be \( \log(M_\odot) \sim 0.05 \).

The mass distributions of the host galaxies from the combined PS1+low-\( z \) sample analyzed for this paper are shown in Figure 12. We currently have masses for 110 of the 113 PS1 host galaxies and 61 of the 197 low-\( z \) host galaxies. The host galaxy masses of the low-\( z \) sample are from Sullivan et al. (2010) and the incompleteness limits a full analysis. Because most low-\( z \) supernovae were found in cataloged galaxies, and cataloged galaxies are generally brighter and more massive on average, the host galaxies in the low-\( z \) surveys are \( \log(M_\odot) \sim 0.5 \) more massive than those in the PS1 survey. We find from Figure 13 a trend such that supernovae with more massive host galaxies have lower stretch values, though quantifying this trend is obscured by a number of supernovae with very low stretch errors (\( dx_1 < 0.1 \)). We find a relation between Hubble residual and color with a slope of \( 0.0054 \pm 0.0049 \). While the significance of this relation is weak, it is in agreement with the trend observed by Childress et al. (2013).

In Figure 14, we show the trend between Hubble residuals and the host galaxy mass. We find a step-size in Hubble residuals, the host galaxy mass distribution for the PS1 sample and combined low-\( z \) sample.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)
for a mass split of $\log(M_\odot) = 10$, of $\Delta x = 0.037 \pm 0.032$ mags. While this is consistent with the step size seen in previous studies ($\sim 0.08$ mag; e.g., Sullivan et al. 2010; Gupta et al. 2011), it is also consistent with zero. For the PS1 SNe alone, we find only a difference of $0.019 \pm 0.025$, weaker than the typical value seen. Part of the impact of adding in the low-$z$ sample may be due to the fact that low-$z$ hosts have higher masses, on average, than high-$z$ hosts. Therefore, any difference in luminosity is degenerate with discrepancies in calibration for the low-$z$ and high-$z$ samples. It is also possible that the low value of intrinsic scatter seen in the PS1 sample ($\sigma_{\text{int}} = 0.07$) found for the PS1 sample is related to the low significance of the host galaxy relation. One concern is that the mass fits are likely subject to selection biases as the number of observations in separate samples is related to the low significance of the host galaxy correction—no-host correction). The overall uncertainty on the recovery of cosmological parameters is not as large as some of the other uncertainties, which may be partly due to the incompleteness of host galaxy measurements for the low-$z$ sample.

6. REDSHIFT UNCERTAINTIES

Inhomogeneities in the density field generate peculiar velocities that perturb the Hubble flow (see Strauss & Willick 1995 for a review). The overall uncertainty in redshift for each SN can be expressed as

$$\sigma_z^2 = \sigma_z^{\text{spec}} + \sigma_z^{\text{flow}},$$

(8)

where $\sigma_z^{\text{spec}}$ is the spectroscopic uncertainty and $\sigma_z^{\text{flow}}$ is the correlated velocity uncertainty of SN peculiar velocities relative to the Hubble flow.

These uncertainties propagate toward an uncertainty in distance by (Kessler et al. 2009a):

$$\sigma_d^2 = \sigma_z^2 \left( \frac{5}{\ln 10} \right) \frac{1 + z}{z(1 + z/2)}.$$

(9)

The first source of redshift uncertainty, $\sigma_z^{\text{spec}}$, is either from the supernova spectrum ($\sigma_z^{\text{spec}} = 0.005$) or the host galaxy spectrum ($\sigma_z^{\text{spec}} = 0.0005\sim 0.001$). We update all nearby redshifts from the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database.28 Before analyzing local flow corrections, we transform all supernova redshifts into the comoving frame of the CMB (Fixen et al. 1996).

Large-scale flows are correlated across the nearby universe and the peculiar velocities are not another form of random noise. To correct for the correlated flows of local SNe ($z < 0.10$), we followNeill et al. (2007). Their model is based on the galaxy density field in the nearby universe ($z < 0.06$), and includes infall into nearby superclusters and large-scale bulk flow Hudson et al. (2004). The large-scale residual bulk flow arising from the density field at larger distances is at $150 \pm 43$ km s$^{-1}$ in the direction $l = 345^\circ \pm 20^\circ$; $b = 8^\circ \pm 13^\circ$ (Turnbull et al. 2012). The accuracy of the corrections is estimated to be $\sigma_z^{\text{flow}} = 150$ km s$^{-1}$. We do not correct for further covariances between supernovae velocities, though large sample of low-$z$ supernovae spread out across the sky should mitigate the effects of any further correlated flows that are not included in the model (Davis et al. 2011). We find that not including the coherent flow corrections significantly increases the $\chi^2$ of the distance residuals from $\chi^2 = 313.0$ to $\chi^2 = 332.0$.

To confirm that the coherent flow corrections remove a potential bias due to our possible location in an underdense region of the universe (Zehavi et al. 1998; Jha et al. 2007), we analyze how $w$ varies with the minimum redshift of the sample. Past evidence (e.g., Jha et al. 2007) showed that the Hubble constant is larger within $z \sim 0.023$, though this claim has been shown to depend on assumptions about the SN reddening law (Conley et al. 2007). For the combined low-$z$+PS1 sample, the variation of $w$ with minimum redshift is shown in Figure 15. Here we see a change of $\Delta w = +0.012$ after coherent flow corrections. This change appears to be consistent with the claim in C11 that any previously seen change in $w$ when varying the minimum redshift may be due to shot noise. To be conservative, we still include this effect as a systematic uncertainty. The covariance matrix presented in Section 5 does not properly allow for the removal of SNe from the original sample (from changing minimum redshift). Therefore, we find the difference in the means of the distance residuals for the two samples

![Figure 15](link)
(0.01 < z < 0.1, 0.023 < z < 0.10) to be −0.004 mag and add this as our $\Delta \mu$ in Equation (3). The effects of this uncertainty is included in Table 5 and is one of the smallest systematic uncertainties. We note in Figure 15 that the steep change in $w$ around 0.035 is also likely due to shot noise. For this minimum redshift, the total low-$z$ sample is reduced from ~190 SNe to ~60.

7. MILKY WAY EXTINCTION CORRECTION

For each SN, we use an estimate of the dust along the line of sight calibrated by Schlegel et al. (1998; hereafter, SFD98). The correction applied for MW extinction is more important for the low-$z$ sample as the PS1 Medium Deep fields were chosen to have low extinction whereas the low-$z$ supernova were discovered all over the sky. In most SN papers (e.g., Kessler et al. 2009a), the extinction law is given by Cardelli et al. (1989). Recently, Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) analyzed the colors of stars with spectra in the SDSS and found that their results preferred a Fitzpatrick (1999) reddening law with $R_V = 3.1$ to that of Cardelli et al. (1989). They also find that SFD98 systematically overestimates $E(B-V)$, and that moreover the true reddening $E(B-V)$ is somewhat nonlinear in $E(B-V)_{SFD}$ such that:

$$E(B-V) = 0.94 \times E(B-V)_{SFD} : E(B-V)_{SFD} < 0.1,$$

$$E(B-V) = 0.86 \times E(B-V)_{SFD} : E(B-V)_{SFD} > 0.1.$$ (10)

Here, we implement both of these changes. With these corrections, the value of $w$ found (SNe only) is changed by $\Delta w = +0.026$. The effect of this correction depends on the mean extinction values of the low and high-$z$ subsamples. The mean MW $E(B-V)$ value for the PS1 sample is ~0.02 while for the nearby samples it is ~0.07.

The uncertainty in SFD98, besides the random uncertainty in the $E(B-V)$ values, is difficult to quantify. In the construction of the SFD98 map, the largest uncertainty is in the subtraction of the zodiacal light, which has a complex spatial dependence on the sky. Peek & Graves (2010) find errors in SFD98 of 0.005 mag rms over the high Galactic latitude sky, averaged over an angular scale of 3°. Following this work, we adopt a conservative additive uncertainty of 0.01 mag stemming from the problematic zodiacal light subtraction. There are also multiplicative systematic uncertainties in the temperature correction and the conversion from 100 micron depth to $E(B-V)$. While Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011) have determined the average conversion to an accuracy $<$1%, there are still ~10% coherent errors in few-degree patches over the sky because of the variance of dust properties and uncertainties in the temperature correction. Also, as seen in Equation (10), there are nonlinearities to the SFD98 correction. In total, we adopt a 10% scale uncertainty to the corrected SFD98 values. Finally, while the temperature correction most likely causes the best-fit normalization of the dust map to vary over the sky, the dust extinction spectrum is relatively stable and at least in regions with $E(B-V) < 0.5$, objects can be dereddened in the optical assuming a universal extinction law to within a few percent accuracy. Therefore, we adopt as our systematic uncertainty $0.015 + 0.10 \times E(B-V)$ and cut off all SNe with $E(B-V)$ values greater than 0.5. The overall effects of the extinction uncertainties are included in Table 5.

8. OVERALL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

We include results from our two methods of analyzing the dominant systematic uncertainties here. In Table 5 we provide

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29 See Figure 8 of Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2011).
values for $w$, $\Omega_m$, and relative area for each of the largest systematic uncertainties in the PS1+lz uncertainty budget. The full covariance matrix for all of the systematic uncertainties in the PS1+lz sample is shown in Figure 16.\footnote{Covariance matrix can be downloaded at http://ps1sc.org/transients/} For the covariance matrix, new values of $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are found ($\alpha = 0.149, \beta = 3.15$), though they are only slightly different from those found in our statistical only case ($\alpha = 0.147, \beta = 3.13$). This figure of the covariance matrix is sorted by sample and redshift to give a sense of how the uncertainties are correlated. The difference in recovered cosmology for variants in our analysis is shown in Figure 17. In this figure, all five variants discussed throughout this paper are combined and the changes in $w$ are shown. By combined, we explicitly mean that we choose a specific series of decisions in our analysis.

From the two methods, we may understand the significance of each systematic uncertainty. From the covariance method, we find that the flux calibration uncertainty is the largest. It is less clear which uncertainty is the second largest as each uncertainty shifts the $w$ versus $\Omega_m$ contours and increases its area. This problem is compounded when the constraints from SN Ia measurements are combined with constraints from CMB, BAO, and $H_0$ measurements. A more direct, but possibly less complete, way to understand the effects of each systematic uncertainty is from the variant method. In Table 6, we show the effects on $w$ when changing methods or assumptions in our analysis.

In Figure 17, we combine all of these variants to show the dispersion in recovered values of $w$. These variants do not have the same magnitudes as the uncertainties stated to determine the covariance matrix. For example, to determine the error from the calibration, we compare the PS1 and SDSS photometric systems rather than analyzing the impact of the 1$\sigma$ uncertainty in each passband. The effect of modifying the PS1 photometric system to better agree with the SDSS system is $\Delta w \sim 0.018$ (SN only). The next largest uncertainties are due to the low-$z$ Malmquist bias and whether we assume that intrinsic variation may be from either color-dominated or luminosity-dominated models, or only the conventional luminosity-dominated model.

From Table 6, the total standard deviation on $w$ from these variants is $\sim 0.033$ without external cosmological constraints, and $\sim 0.028$ with those constraints. This systematic uncertainty for the SN-only case is much smaller than that found from the covariance method ($\sim 0.20$), as we only consider the subset of uncertainties in which we would modify the analysis. The total systematic uncertainty after combining the external constraints is more similar and strongly depends on how the covariance matrix shifts the recovered values of $w$ and $\Omega_m$.

We also must consider that this paper has only analyzed systematic uncertainties associated with the supernova samples, and not from the external constraints (CMB, BAO, and $H_0$ measurements). We show in Table 7 how $w$ and $\Omega_m$ depend on various combinations of measurements of the different cosmological probes. These results are also shown in Figure 18.
We compare the constraints on $w$ and $\Omega_m$ when we use Planck (Planck Collaboration et al. 2013) or WMAP (Hinshaw et al. 2012) measurements as well as when including SNLS and Union2 SN measurements (Conley et al. 2011; Suzuki et al. 2012, respectively). As shown in Table 7, there is a difference of $\Delta w \approx -0.4$ between using Planck or WMAP.
data alone, and a difference of $\Delta \w = +0.05$–$0.15$ when constraints from the different CMB measurements are combined with constraints from SNe measurements and/or BAO and $H_0$ measurements. This difference would be one of the largest systematic uncertainties.

We also find that constraints on $\w$ when combining PS1-lz with Planck are only $1\sigma$ from constraints when combining Union2 and Planck and $0.5\sigma$ from constraints on $\w$ when combining SNLS and Planck. While we only show combinations of up to three cosmological probes in Table 7, we find that $\w = -1.166^{+0.072}_{-0.069}$ when combining PS1-lz+Planck+BAO+H$_0$ and $w = -1.124^{+0.083}_{-0.063}$ when combining PS1-lz+WMAP+BAO+H$_0$. We also note that as found by Planck Collaboration et al. (2013), there is $2\sigma$ tension with $w = -1$ when SNLS+Planck+BAO are combined, and $3\sigma$ tension with $w = -1$ when SNLS+Planck+H$_0$ are combined. We therefore cannot conclude whether the tension with a flat $\Lambda$CDM model is a combination of statistical and systematic uncertainties or an implication that the model may be incorrect.

The PS1 sample analyzed in this paper is drawn from the first year and a half of the Medium Deep Survey. At the end of the three yr PS1 survey, the total SN Ia sample will be $\sim$ three times larger. The increased sample size may help to improve our understanding of some of the systematic uncertainties discussed in this paper. Relations between color, stretch, and host galaxy properties with luminosity will all likely be better understood with more SNe. One of the main advantages to a larger sample is the ability to analyze various subsets of the data. For example, analysis of SNe Ia with particularly blue colors may be especially revealing about the nature of color variation.

To reduce the other systematic uncertainties, external data to the Medium Deep Survey will be needed. For absolute calibration, there is still room for improvement by including more CalSpec standards, particularly those that are covered by multiple surveys so that full comparisons can be done between the surveys. This analysis will improve the accuracy in which PS1 is included into a larger sample. Another promising development in the next year is better absolute calibration of CalSpec standards (N. Kaiser et al., in preparation).

In this paper, we have modeled the selection effects of the PS1 survey as well as the other low-$z$ surveys. As more samples are combined to make one large, "Union"-like compilation, it is imperative that selection effects are publicized and standardized. For a survey like PS1, where spectroscopic selection may have a degree of randomness, selection modeling may be inherently difficult. We have shown here one method to analyze selection effects without an underlying knowledge of the spectroscopic follow-up program. This method may be used for any survey, though it is possible that the method may yield biases if spectroscopic follow-up has distinct programs.

There are other uncertainties we do not include in this analysis. Gravitational lensing may affect the apparent brightness of our supernovae, as the brightness may change via amplification or de-amplification. There is a redshift-dependent additional scatter due to this amplification of $\sigma_{\w,\text{lens}} = 0.055z$ (Jöansson et al. 2010). For the SNe Ia included in our sample, this additional uncertainty is dominated by photometric errors and needs to be better understood.

The impact of the systematic uncertainties in the PS1+lz analysis on constraints of $\w$ are similar to those presented by C11 and Sullivan et al. (2011) for the SNLS3+SDSS+low-$z$ sample. While their sample size is 472 compared to our 313 and they have many more higher-$z$ objects from SNLS and HST, the relative area of their $\Omega_m$ versus $\w$ constraints when including all of the systematic uncertainties is 1.85 compared to our 1.697. Their systematic uncertainties are mostly dominated by calibration (relative area is 1.79 of total 1.85) while ours is 1.57 out of 1.70. Part of the small difference in this comparison is due to our larger estimates of the uncertainties in the underlying color model. Uncertainties due to the minimum redshift of the sample are not included in the SNLS3 final error budget, though only have a small contribution to our total uncertainty. It is also likely that the uncertainty in our Malmquist bias correction for the PS1 sample may be larger than that for SNLS3 as our spectroscopic follow-up program was much less complete. It is also interesting that as can be seen in Table 7, there is a $\Delta \w = -0.04$ between the PS1 and SNLS results. From Figure 17 we see that if we varied our baseline analysis to be more compatible with the SNLS analysis (photometric system agrees with SDSS, Guy10 model of scatter, host galaxy correction), we would shift our results by $\Delta \w = +0.047$. Therefore our results are quite similar.

Finally, we remark here that the 113 SNe Ia analyzed here are a small fraction (~10%) of all the likely SNe Ia discovered by the Medium Deep Survey. While larger SNe Ia surveys are being undertaken, it is increasingly common to collect SNe Ia light curves without a spectrum to identify the type and redshift. Recently, Campbell et al. (2013) attempted one of the first cosmological analyses of a photometrically selected SNe Ia sample drawn from the full SDSS SNe survey. Although such an analysis should improve the statistical precision, the systematic uncertainties are likely to increase because of uncertainties in classification and selection biases. Careful accounting of systematic uncertainties for an exclusively photometric sample is imperative.

9. CONCLUSIONS

We have presented a review of the dominant systematic uncertainties in the cosmological parameters from analysis of SNe Ia data from the first year and a half of the PS1 Medium Deep Survey along with external low-$z$ SNe Ia data. Although statistical uncertainties are still the major component of the errors in our recovered parameters, systematic uncertainties make up $\sim$60% of the relative area of the SNe-only $w$ versus $\Omega_m$ constraint. Including systematic uncertainties and assuming flatness in our analysis of only SNe measurements, we find $w = -1.120^{+0.360}_{-0.260}$ (Stat)$^{+0.280}_{-0.290}$ (Sys). This result is consistent with a cosmological constant. When including systematic uncertainties in our analysis of cosmological parameters and constraints from CMB, BAO, and $H_0$ measurements, we derive $\Omega_m = 0.280^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$ and $w = -1.166^{+0.072}_{-0.069}$. With the combined constraints, we are beginning to see either tension between the various cosmological constraints or tension with a cosmological constant. We have shown that including systematic uncertainties in our analysis not only increases the errors on our measurements of $w$, but can shift them up to $-8.1\%$.

While the number of SNe Ia included in this sample does not yet make the largest SNe Ia sample, by the end of the survey it most likely will be of equal or greater size than the SDSS or SNLS samples. The PS1 sample is already unique in the redshift range of SNe Ia discovered (0.03 < $z$ < 0.65). Here, we have not only outlined how to combine the PS1 SNe Ia sample with other samples, but also how a larger sample will help us resolve some of the issues discussed.

Our largest source of systematic uncertainty is from absolute calibration, in particular the zero points of the PS1 passbands. The second largest systematic uncertainty is due to incomplete
understanding of SN color. While we correct SN distances based on the average of simulations of different models of the intrinsic scatter of SNe Ia, choosing one model or the other changes $w$ by $\sim 0.03$.

PS1 is the first of a new generation of wide-field surveys, and therefore serves as a critical test-bed for evaluating how these surveys will move SN cosmology forward. Increasing sample sizes is no longer sufficient to improve our constraints on cosmological parameters. Detailed analysis of systematic errors, like calibration and selection efficiency, is now a critical component of any new SN cosmology survey. Future surveys should plan their surveys in an effort to minimize these uncertainties.

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### Table 8

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**Notes.** The synthetic magnitudes for the 12 Calspec standard stars with adequate photometry are presented here along with the standards’ locations and Calspec files used to determine synthetic values. Most recent Calspec files are found here: [http://www.stsci.edu/hst/observatory/cdbs/calspec.html](http://www.stsci.edu/hst/observatory/cdbs/calspec.html).

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### Table 9

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**Notes.** The 12 Calspec standard stars with adequate photometry are presented here. The uncertainties in these measurements, along with the number of observations for each standard, are shown. The errors are given as the standard deviations of the mean. * indicates a standard observed in Tonry et al. (2012).
In Table 8, we present the synthetic measurements of \textit{HST} standard stars. In Table 9, we present the observed magnitudes of the \textit{HST} standard stars. Differences between observed and synthetic photometry are presented in Figure 3. Here we give information about each \textit{HST} Calspec standard, along with the files containing the \textit{HST} Calspec spectra. An important distinction is whether the spectrum is measured partly with STIS or not, and we decide not to include kf08t3 and kf01t5 because they were only observed with NICMOS.

To better understand the uncertainties in the PS1 implementation of the AB system, in Section 3, we compared photometry between SDSS and PS1. We note that the SDSS photometric system itself may be partly the cause of discrepancies between the two systems. In Figure 19, we compare observed and synthetic SDSS observations of seven Calspec standards. The standards observed by both PS1 and SDSS are highlighted in red. The dashed line represents how the observed magnitudes should be shifted into agreement to better match transformations between the PS1 and SDSS calibrations. For SDSS, the Calspec standards were measured using the SDSS PT and have been color transformed to the SDSS 2.5 m filter system. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

\textbf{APPENDIX A}

\textbf{PHOTOMETRIC CALIBRATION}

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synthetic SDSS photometry of Calspec standards. The photometry values are taken from Betoule et al. (2012).

APPENDIX B
MODELING THE SELECTION BIASES IN THE LOW-Z SAMPLE

In Figure 20, we compare the redshift distribution of the low-z subsamples with the redshift distribution of the galaxies listed in the NGC. The similarity implies that most SNe were discovered as part of galaxy-targeted surveys and that the low-z sample is not magnitude-limited. This claim is further tested by observing the trends of color and stretch with redshift. While a non-zero trend may be seen for CfA3 and CfA4, it is not seen for CSP or JRK07.

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