

# PLAsTiCC

## Photometric LSST Astronomical Time-series Classification Challenge

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From previous talk ...

SN photometric classification  
is crucial to ensure full  
exploitation of the data

and

it is also very difficult!

# The first SN photometric classification challenge...

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## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SNPhotCC.

Participants	Abbreviation <sup>a</sup>	Classified +Z <sup>b</sup> /noZ <sup>c</sup>	SN $z_{\text{ph}}$ <sup>d</sup>	CPU <sup>e</sup>	Description (strategy class <sup>f</sup> )
P. Belov and S. Glazov	Belov & Glazov	yes/no	no	90	light curve $\chi^2$ test against Nugent templates (2)
S. Gonzalez	Gonzalez	yes/yes	no	120	cuts on SiFTO fit $\chi^2$ and fit parameters (1)
J. Richards, Homrighausen, C. Schafer, P. Freeman	InCA <sup>g</sup>	no/yes	no	1	Spline fit & nonlinear dimensionality reduction (4)
J. Newling, M. Varuguese,	JEDI-KDE	yes/yes	no	10	Kernel Density Evaluation with 21 params (4)
B. Bassett, R. Hlozek,	JEDI Boost	yes/yes	no	10	Boosted decision trees (4)
D. Parkinson, M. Smith,	JEDI-Hubble	yes/no	no	10	Hubble diagram KDE (3)
H. Campbell, M. Hilton,	JEDI Combo	yes/no	no	10	Boosted decision trees + Hubble KDE (3+4)
H. Lampeitl, M. Kunz, P. Patel (JEDI group <sup>h</sup> )					
S. Philip, V. Bhatnagar,	MGU+DU-1 <sup>i</sup>	no/yes	no	< 1	light curve slopes & Neural Network (2)
A. Singhal, A. Rai,	MGU+DU-2	no/yes	no	< 1	light curve slopes & Random Forests (2)
A. Mahabal, K. Indulekha					
H. Campbell, B. Nichol,	Portsmouth $\chi^2$	yes/no	no	1	SALT2- $\chi_r^2$ & False Discovery Rate Statistic (1)
H. Lampeitl, M. Smith	Portsmouth-Hubble	yes/no	no	1	Deviation from parametrized Hubble diagram (3)
D. Poznanski	Poz2007 RAW	yes/no	yes	2	SN Automated Bayesian Classifier (SN-ABC) (2)
	Poz2007 OPT	yes/no	yes	2	SN-ABC with cuts to optimize $C_{\text{FoM-Ia}}$ (2).
S. Rodney	Rodney	yes/yes	yes	230	SN Ontology with Fuzzy Templates (2)
M. Sako	Sako	yes/yes	yes	120	$\chi^2$ test against grid of Ia/II/Ibc templates (2)
S. Kuhlmann, R. Kessler	SNANA cuts	yes/yes	yes	2	Cut on MLCS fit probability, S/N & sampling (1)

<sup>a</sup>Groups are listed alphabetically by abbreviation.<sup>b</sup>Classifications included for SNPhotCC/HOSTZ.<sup>c</sup>Classifications included for SNPhotCC/noHOSTZ.<sup>d</sup>photo- $z$  estimates included.<sup>e</sup>Average processing time per SN (seconds) using similar 2-3 GHz cores.<sup>f</sup>From §3, strategy classes are 1) selection cuts, 2) Bayesian probabilities, 3) Hubble-diagram parametrization and 4) statistical inference.<sup>g</sup>International Computational Astrophysics Group: <http://www.incagroup.org><sup>h</sup>Joint Exchange and Development Initiative: <http://jedi.sao.ac.za><sup>i</sup>MGU=Mahatma Gandhi University, DU=Delhi University.

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Case studies: with/without photometric redshift 12/8



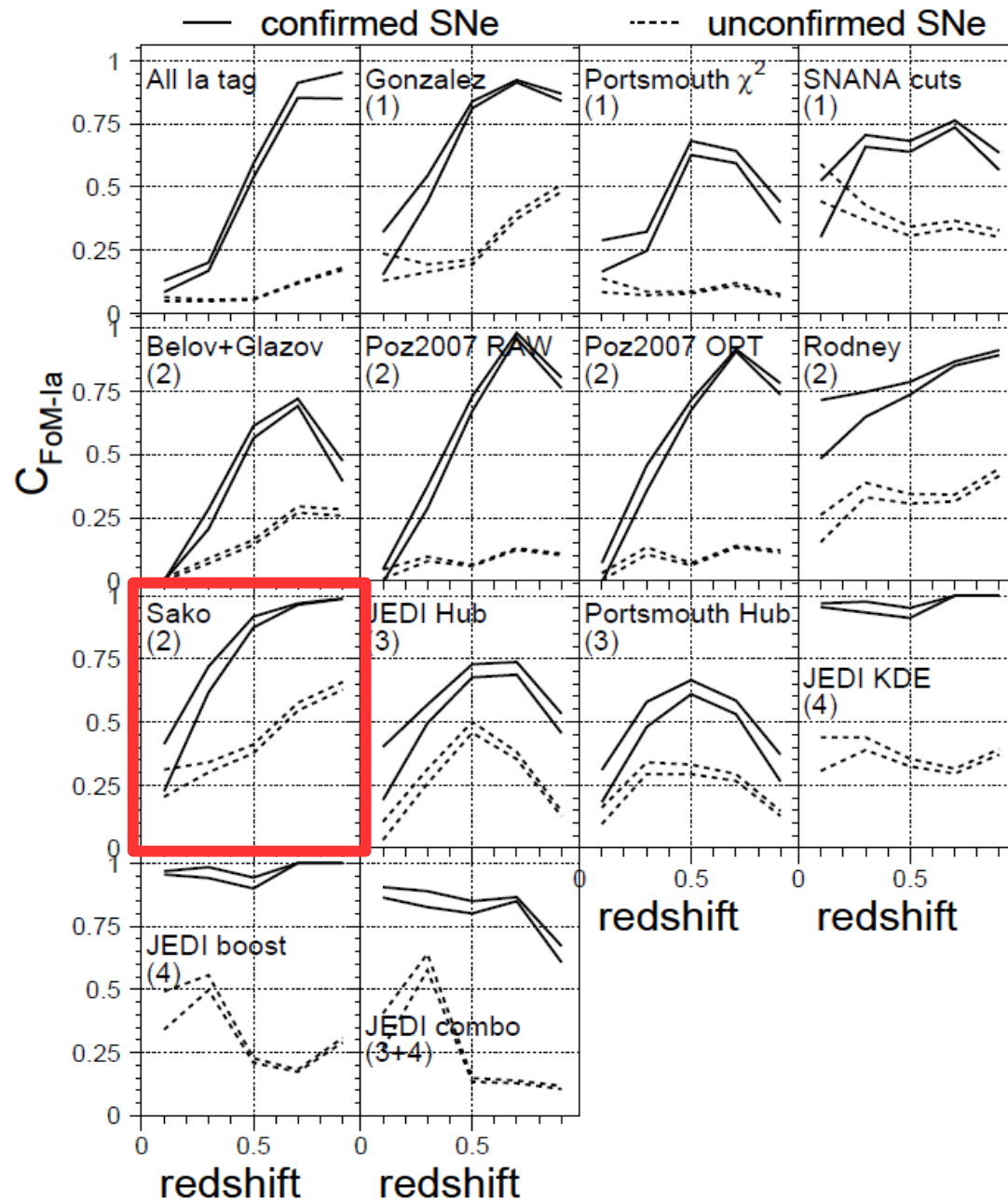
Full light curves 13



Early light curves 0



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Outcomes:

1 – None of the methods obviously outperformed the others

## 2 – SNID had better overall metric

### 3- An updated data set was released to the community

# For LSST...

A data challenge aimed to prepare a larger community for the LSST data paradigm

## 2017 Classification Challenge: an LSST Photometric Classification Challenge

Renée Hložek, Tina Peters, Rick Kessler, Dan Scolnic, Saurabh Jha, Ashish Mahabal, Federica Bianco, Hiranya Peiris, Michelle Lochner, Robert Schumann, Rob Firth, Mark Sullivan, Alex Malz, Lluís Galbany, Emille Ishida, Rahul Biswas, Bob Nichol



Enabling Science Grant

Goals:

1. Up to date view on ML performances on LSST data
2. Engage non-astronomers in the classification task
3. Boost the development of new algorithms
4. **Provide a data set for future studies**

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Participation is **open to everyone**:  
no need to be LSST or DESC member!



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### Call for notice of intent for transient model inputs for PLAsTiCC: Photometric LSST Astronomical Time-series Classification Challenge

May 1, 2017

Renée Hložek, Rick Kessler, Anita Bahmanyar, Federica Bianco, Rahul Biswas, Mi Dai, Seth Digel, Jason McEwen, Rob Firth, Dominique Fouchez, Lluís Galbany, Philippe Gris, Emille Ishida, Saurabh Jha, Michelle Lochner, Ashish Mahabal, Alex Malz, Bob Nichol, Johanna Pasquet, Tina Peters, Hiranya Peiris, Chad Schafer, Robert Schuhmann, Dan Scolnic, Mark Sullivan, Elizabeth Swann.

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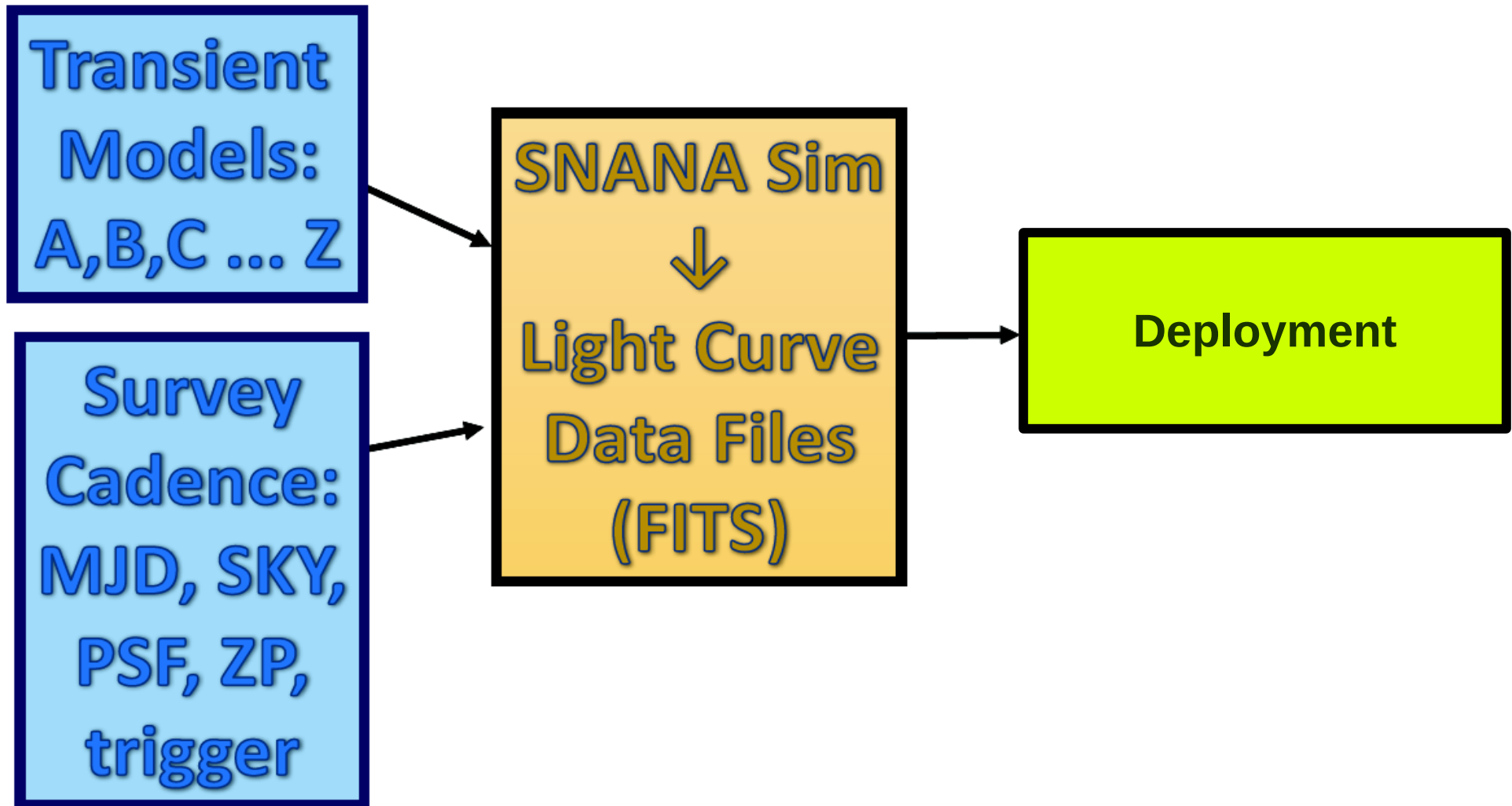
A data challenge aimed to prepare a larger community for the LSST data paradigm

- SNANA simulations → Light curves in observer-frame (no images!)
- 3 years worth of LSST data, ~ 100 MB
- ~  $10^7$  objects
- Around 20 transient models  
(galactic and extra-galactic, periodic and non-periodic)
- Please respect model-information policy:  
``don't ask, don't tell''
- Training sample will be small and biased
- Not all models will be present in the training sample



# PLAsTiCC - *Current status*

## Simulation Architecture



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## *What will we ask?*

- Best performance: Supervised Learning
- Best performance: Unsupervised Learning
- Best performance: Novelty/anomaly detection
- Full light curves and **early epoch**

# PLAsTiCC

*How it will be deployed?*

kaggle™

RAPID ANALYTICS AND MODEL  
PROTOTYPING (RAMP)  
COLLABORATIVE CHALLENGE WITH CODE SUBMISSION

 Paris-Saclay  
Center for Data Science

Deployment:

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*Specially non-astronomers!*

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Let me know if you wish to join!



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Expected release date:

May/2018



Extra Slides

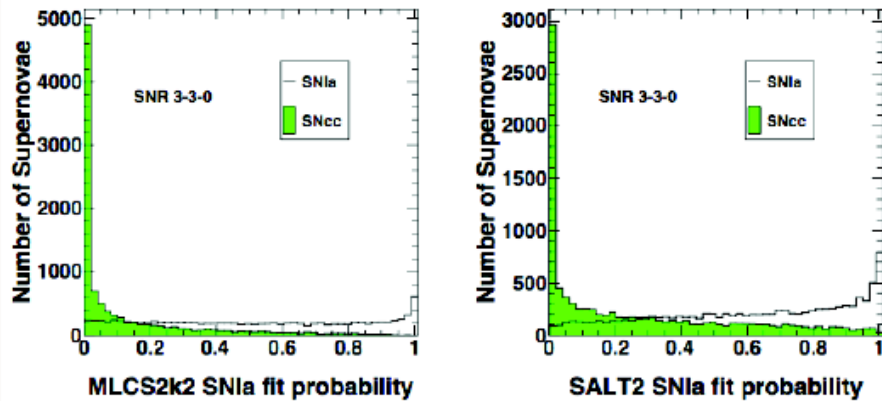
# After the first SN photometric classification challenge...

Fit Ia template to determine type

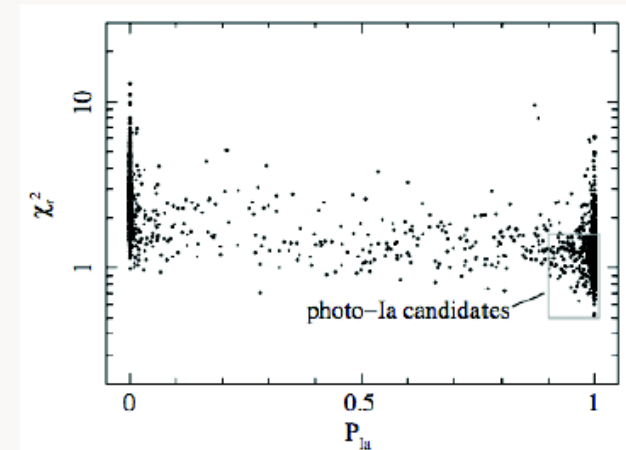
Bayesian inference using Ia and non-Ia templates

Define Hubble diagram >> Ia are those that are close

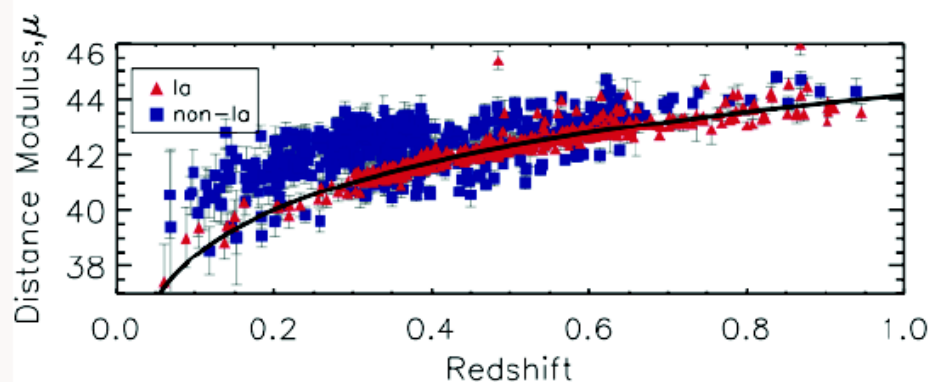
Perform parametric light curve fits, then ML/statistics



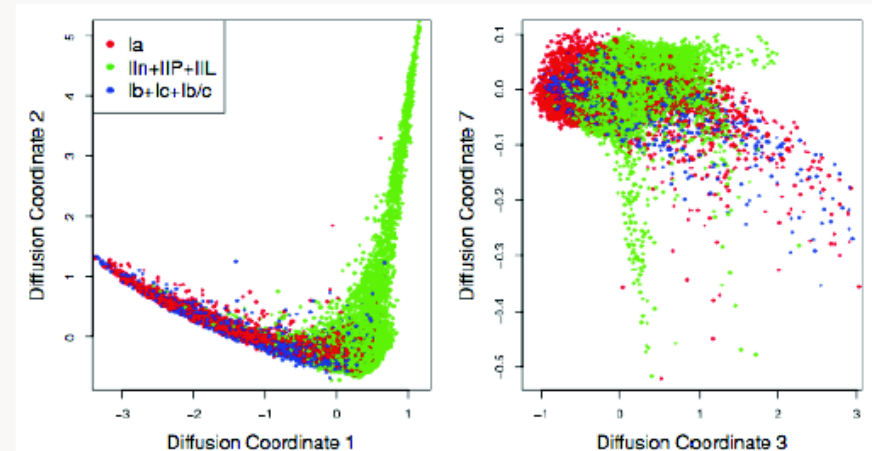
Gjergo+13



Sako+11



Newling+11



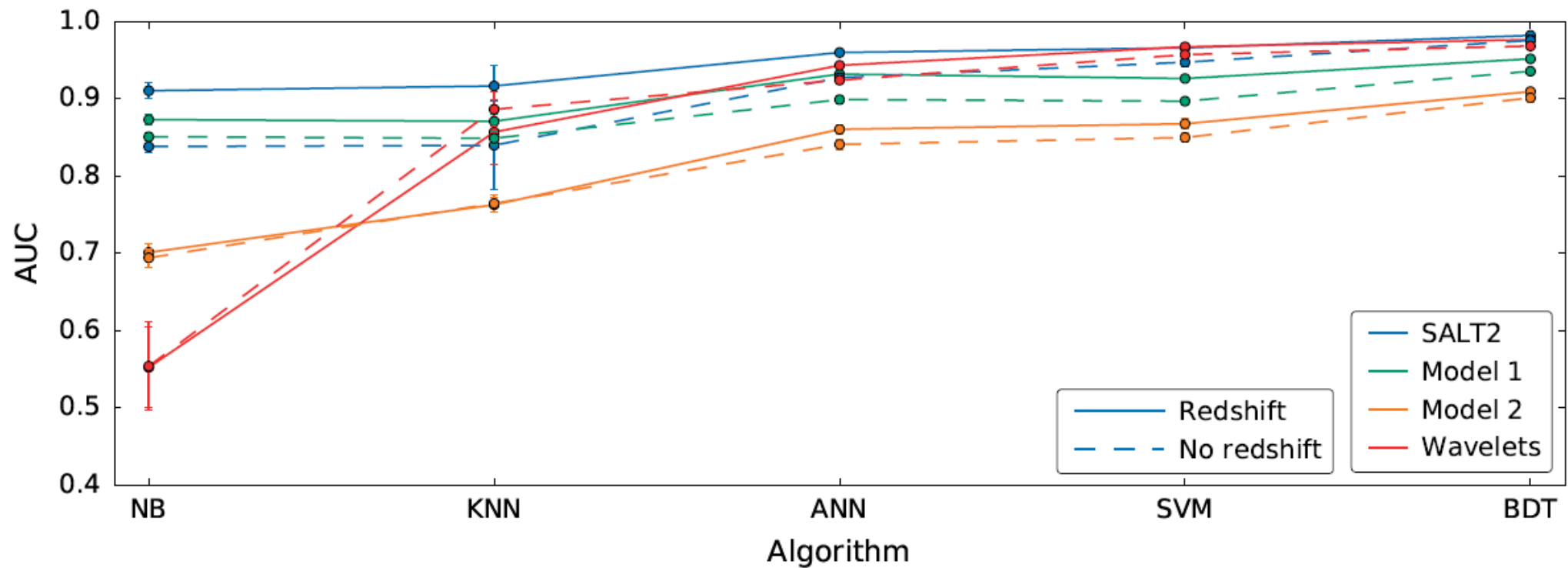
Richards+12

# More recently ...

Lochner et al., 2016, APJ 225, 2

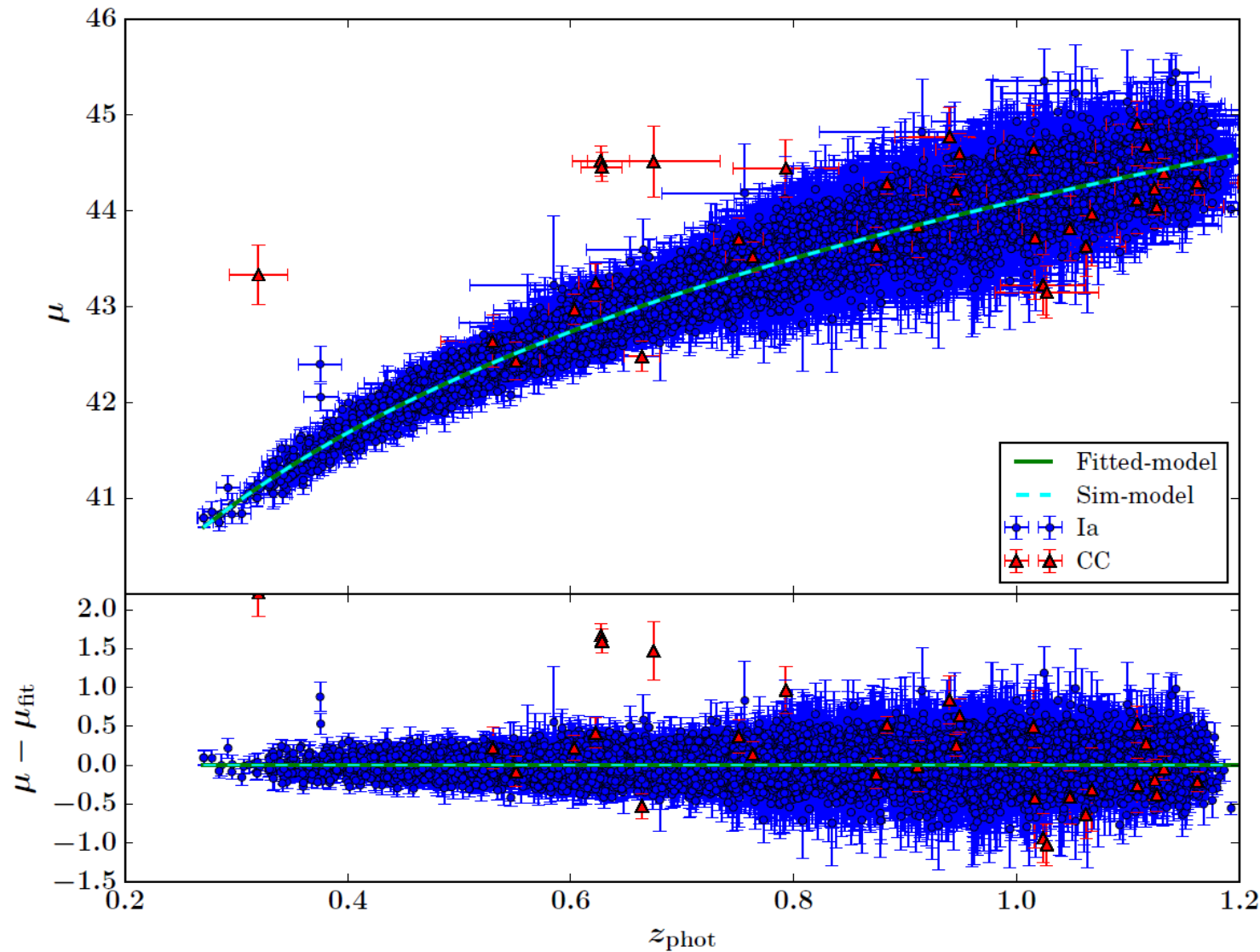
Comparison of different feature extraction + Machine Learning techniques

Post-SNPCC data



More recently ...

Dai et al., 2017 - arXiv:astro-ph/1701.05689



Simulations

10 years of LSST

Parametric fit +  
Random Forest

SNANA simulation:

Header

```
1 SURVEY: DES
2 SNID: 2553
3 IAUC: UNKNOWN
4 PHOTOMETRY_VERSION: DES
5 SNTYPE: -9
6 FILTERS: griz
7 RA: 36.750000 deg
8 DECL: -4.500000 deg
9 MAGTYPE: LOG10
10 MAGREF: AB
11 FAKE: 2 (=> simulated LC with snlc_sim.exe)
12 MWEBV: 0.0283 MW E(B-V)
13 REDSHIFT_HELIO: 0.34470 +- 0.03150 (Helio, z_best) |
14 REDSHIFT_FINAL: 0.34470 +- 0.03150 (CMB)
15 REDSHIFT_SPEC: -9.00000 +- 9.00000
16 REDSHIFT_STATUS: OK
17
18 HOST_GALAXY_GALID: 12339
19 HOST_GALAXY_PHOTO-Z: 0.3447 +- 0.0315
20
21
22
23 SIM_MODEL: NONIA 10 (name index)
24 SIM_NON1a: 43 (non1a index)
25 SIM_COMMENT: SN Type = II , MODEL = SDSS-018834
26 SIM_LIBID: 2
27 SIM_REDSHIFT: 0.3283
28 SIM_HOSTLIB_TRUEZ: 0.3300 (actual Z of hostlib)
29 SIM_HOSTLIB_GALID: 12339
30 SIM_DLMU: 41.182091 mag [ -5*log10(10pc/dL) ]
31 SIM_RA: 36.750000 deg
32 SIM_DECL: -4.500000 deg
33 SIM_MWEBV: 0.0270 (MilkyWay E(B-V))
34 SIM_PEAKMAG: 22.98 23.13 23.60 23.05 (griz obs)
35 SIM_EXPOSURE: 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (griz obs)
36 SIM_PEAKMJD: 56208.320312 days
37 SIM_SALT2x0: 3.366e-17
38 SIM_MAGDIM: 0.000
39 SIM_SEARCHEFF_MASK: 3 (bits 1,2=> found by software,humans)
40 SIM_SEARCHEFF: 1.0000 (spectro-search efficiency (ignores pipelines))
41 SIM_TRESTMIN: -22.69 days
42 SIM_TRESTMAX: 67.56 days
43 SIM_RISETIME_SHIFT: 0.0 days
44 SIM_FALLTIME_SHIFT: 0.0 days
45
46 SEARCH_PEAKMJD: 56207.977
47
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# SNANA simulation:

## Light curve

50 # TERSE LIGHT CURVE OUTPUT:

51 #

52 NOBS: 99

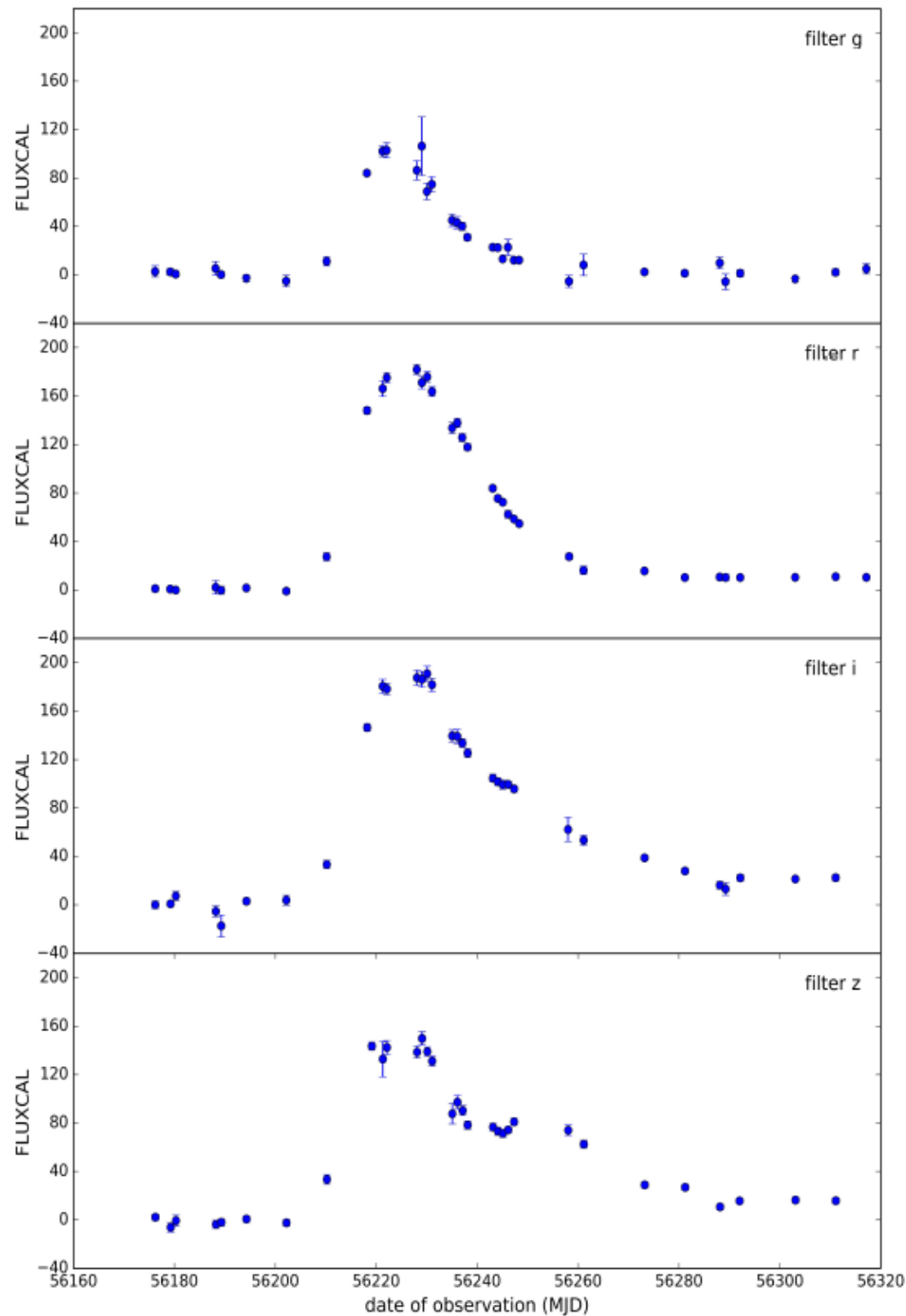
53 NVAR: 9

54 VARLIST:	MJD	FLT	FIELD	FLUXCAL	FLUXCALERR	SNR	MAG	MAGERR	SIM_MAG
55 OBS:	56178.188	g	NULL	-8.405e+00	9.406e+00	-0.89	99.000	5.000	98.968
56 OBS:	56178.195	r	NULL	3.721e+00	7.172e+00	0.52	99.000	5.000	99.005
57 OBS:	56178.203	i	NULL	-8.865e-01	6.833e+00	-0.13	99.000	5.000	99.065
58 OBS:	56178.211	z	NULL	-4.081e+00	7.919e+00	-0.52	99.000	5.000	98.907
59 OBS:	56180.172	g	NULL	-7.214e-01	4.012e+00	-0.18	99.000	5.000	98.968
60 OBS:	56180.188	r	NULL	3.867e+00	3.175e+00	1.22	99.000	5.000	99.005
61 OBS:	56180.195	i	NULL	-3.010e+00	4.395e+00	-0.68	99.000	5.000	99.065
62 OBS:	56180.203	z	NULL	7.996e+00	4.965e+00	1.61	99.000	5.000	98.907
63 OBS:	56188.148	g	NULL	-2.440e+01	1.796e+01	-1.36	128.000	0.000	45.106
64 OBS:	56188.289	r	NULL	1.617e+00	3.995e+00	0.40	26.978	101.022	46.679
65 OBS:	56188.297	i	NULL	-2.510e+00	8.132e+00	-0.31	128.000	0.000	47.554
66 OBS:	56188.312	z	NULL	7.324e+00	5.394e+00	1.36	25.338	1.447	47.995
67 OBS:	56194.145	g	NULL	8.978e-01	4.678e+00	0.19	27.617	100.383	40.917
68 OBS:	56194.156	r	NULL	2.316e+00	2.751e+00	0.84	26.588	101.412	42.664
69 OBS:	56194.172	i	NULL	3.518e+00	4.628e+00	0.76	26.134	101.866	43.390
70 OBS:	56194.188	z	NULL	-7.580e+00	4.465e+00	-1.70	128.000	0.000	43.464
71 OBS:	56207.188	g	NULL	5.977e+01	4.637e+00	12.89	23.059	0.088	22.989
72 OBS:	56207.195	r	NULL	6.437e+01	3.691e+00	17.44	22.978	0.063	23.135
73 OBS:	56207.203	i	NULL	3.419e+01	6.290e+00	5.44	23.665	0.221	23.672
74 OBS:	56207.219	z	NULL	6.978e+01	6.101e+00	11.44	22.891	0.099	23.080
75 OBS:	56215.195	g	NULL	5.340e+01	3.035e+00	17.59	23.181	0.064	23.136
76 OBS:	56215.203	r	NULL	4.733e+01	2.390e+00	19.80	23.312	0.056	23.301
77 OBS:	56215.211	i	NULL	4.553e+01	2.798e+00	16.27	23.354	0.069	23.411
78 OBS:	56215.227	z	NULL	7.188e+01	3.696e+00	19.45	22.859	0.058	22.828



SNANA simulation:

Light curve



Flux might be negative  
due to sky subtraction

In principal, no redshift

No previous information about the date  
of maximum

# Early-Epoch Challenge

- Important for LSST startup: classify transients with few epochs → enables spectroscopic follow-up.
- Full light-curve analysis is fun for science, but less critical for LSST operations.
- In 2010 SN(Ia+CC) challenge, **NOBODY** tried early-epoch classification !
- Should we **require** early-epoch classification to accept a submission ?
- How is early-epoch challenge defined ?  
Nobs past trigger ? Ndays past trigger ?
- How many early-epoch ranges to include ?

