

Study of a Hybrid Photo-Z estimator and potential improvements

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I. Introduction – context

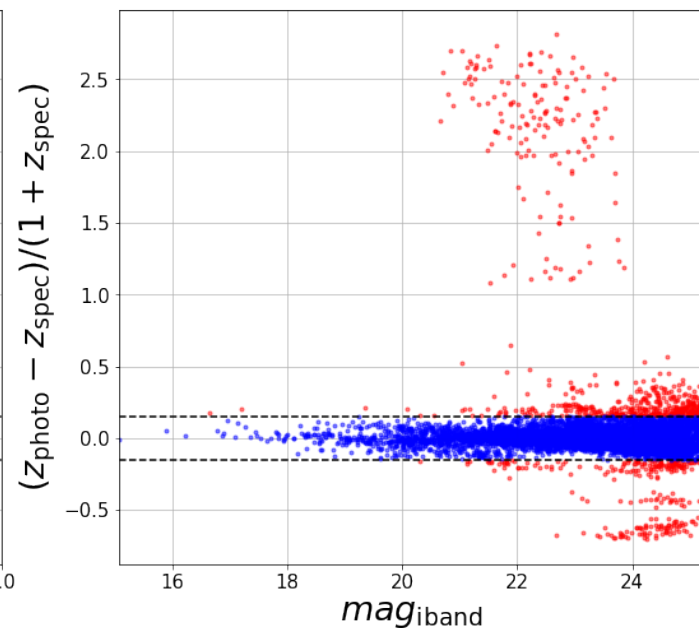
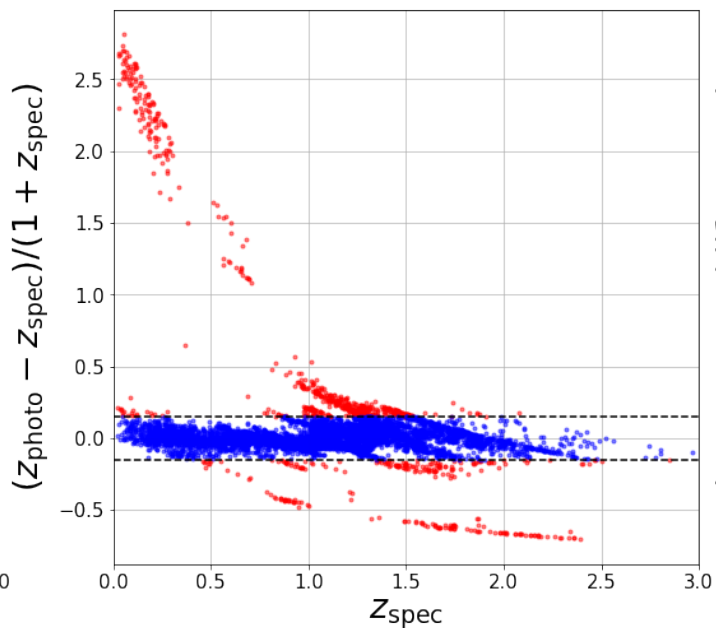
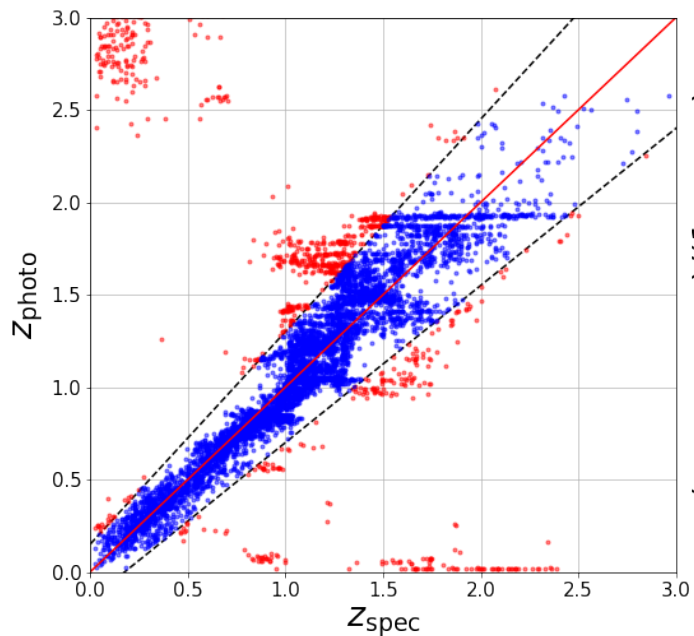
i. Three types of photo-z estimators

- **LEPHARE++ [1] : a reference Template Fitting (TF) tool**
Color-based ; very customizable and versatile
- **Delight [2] : hybrid TF & Bayesian predictions**
Flux-redshift model ; Gaussian processes ; scale-free likelihood
- **Machine Learning (ML) [3] : random forest of decision trees**
Easy to use ; adaptable and readily available ML algorithm (scikit-learn) ; robust

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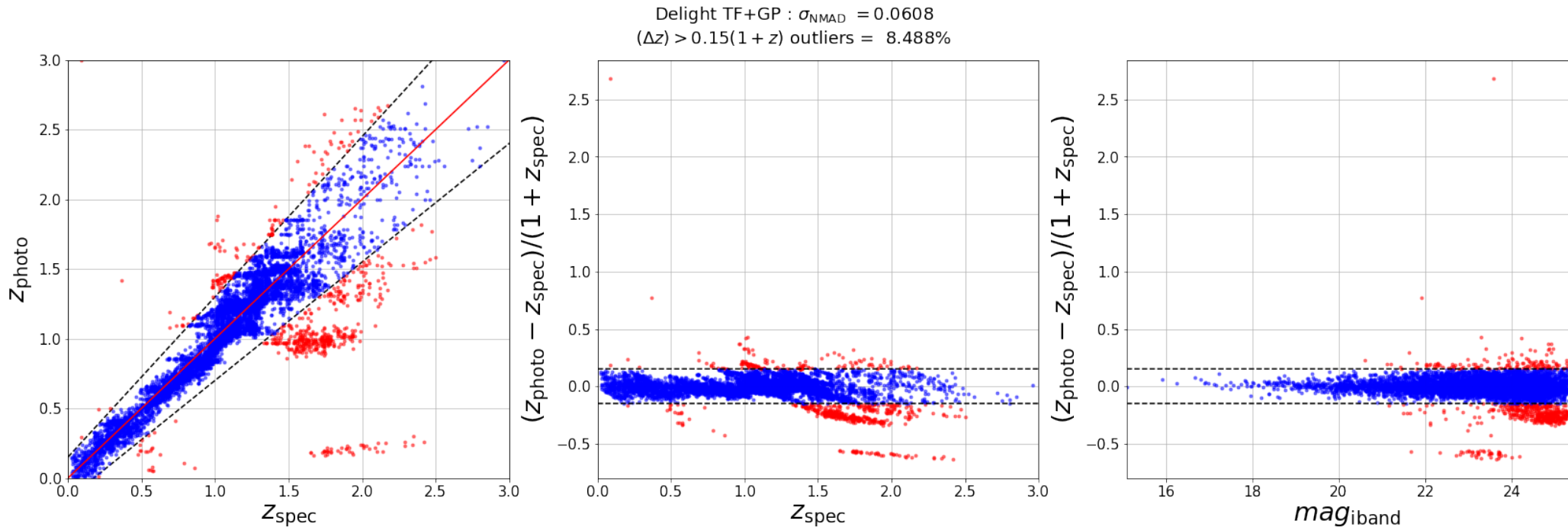
LEPHARE results on DESC-DC2 simulated data :

LEPHARE++ : $\sigma_{\text{NMAD}} = 0.0667$
(Δz) > $0.15(1+z)$ outliers = 11.679%



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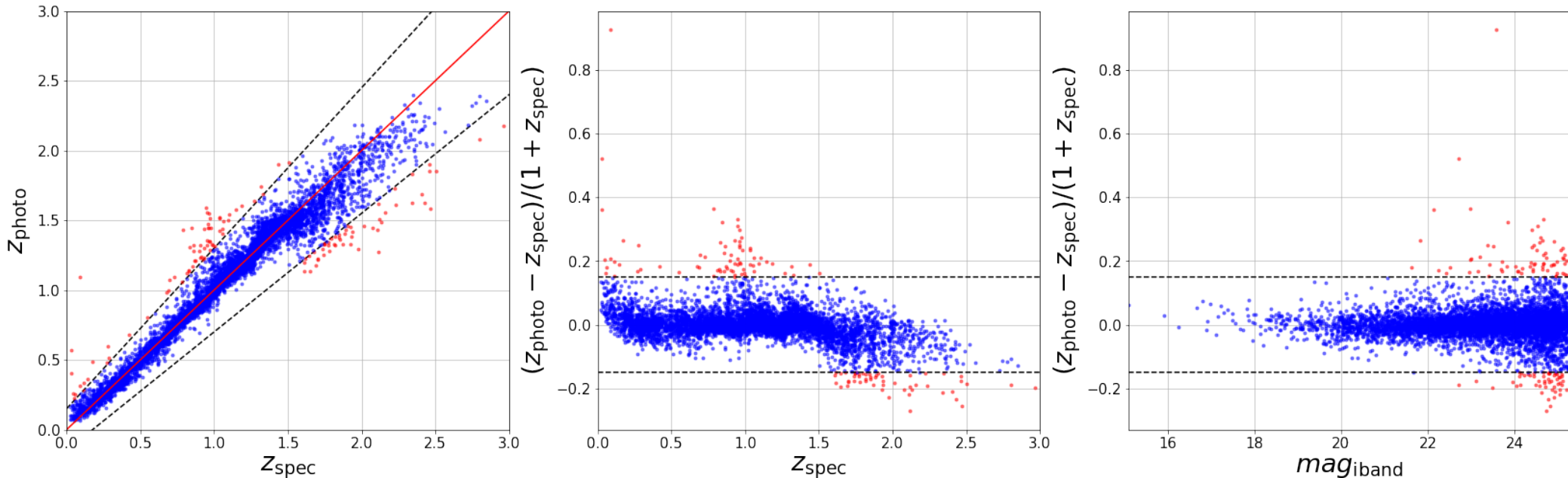
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I. Introduction – context (cont.)

Random forest results on DESC-DC2 simulated data :

Random Forest Regressor with random subset of features : $\sigma_{\text{NMAD}} = 0.0234$
(Δz) > 0.15(1 + z) outliers = 1.642%



I. Introduction – context (cont.)

Results on DESC simulated data :

	LEPHARE (TF)	Delight (TF/GP)	Random Forest (ML)
Std deviation	0.33	0.10	0.05
σ_{NMAD}	0.07	0.06	0.02
Outliers	11.7%	8.5%	1.6%
R2 score	0.31	0.72	0.92

- (Optimized) Random forest : best performances... in an ideal case
- LEPHARE : room for improvement, far from ML in an ideal scenario
- Delight : comparable to TF but does not require much knowledge of the population studied to be improved. Fewer outliers than TF.

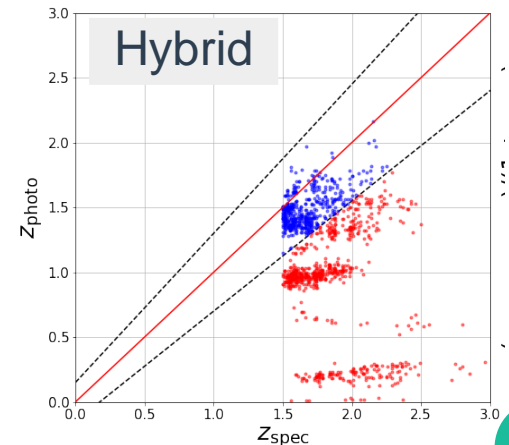
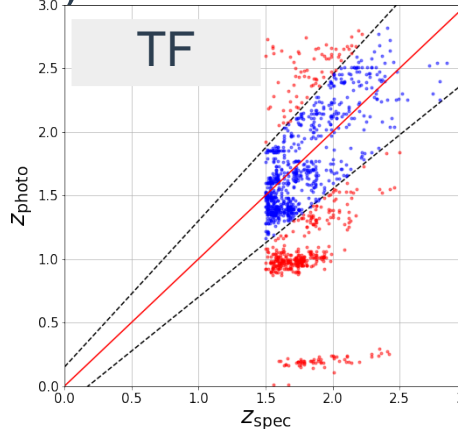
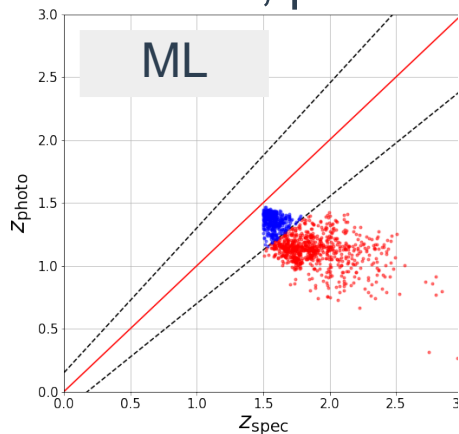
Internship work : looking for improvements

- More SED templates (CWW [5] vs. Brown [6])
- Improve LEPHARE++ settings
- Optimize Delight hyperparameters
- Pre-classification
- Detection bias in models

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ii. Drawbacks

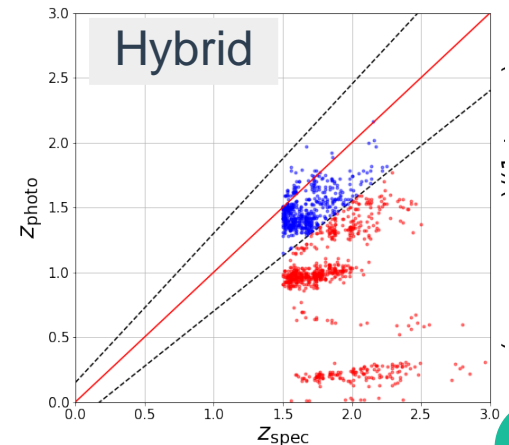
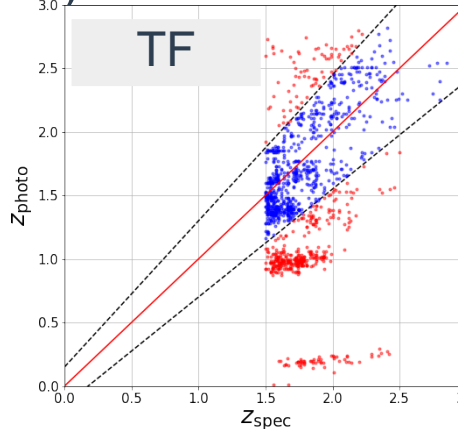
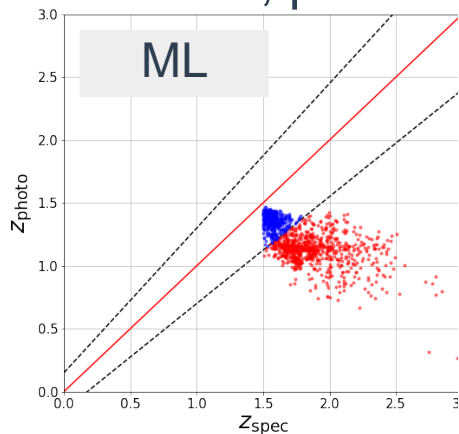
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II. One improvement attempt

i. Model fitting (WIP)

- In LSST Science Book [4]: $\sigma_{\text{rand}}^2 = (0.04 - \gamma)x + \gamma x^2 \text{ (mag}^2\text{)}$, $x \equiv 10^{0.4(m-m_5)}$ → first estimate : at $m = m_5$, $\sigma = 0.2$
- Galaxies distribution model : Schechter equation [6], incomplete gamma function

$$\phi(L) dL = \phi^* (L/L^*)^\alpha \exp(-L/L^*) d(L/L^*) \quad (1)$$

with the normalization parameter ϕ^* , or equivalently in magnitudes

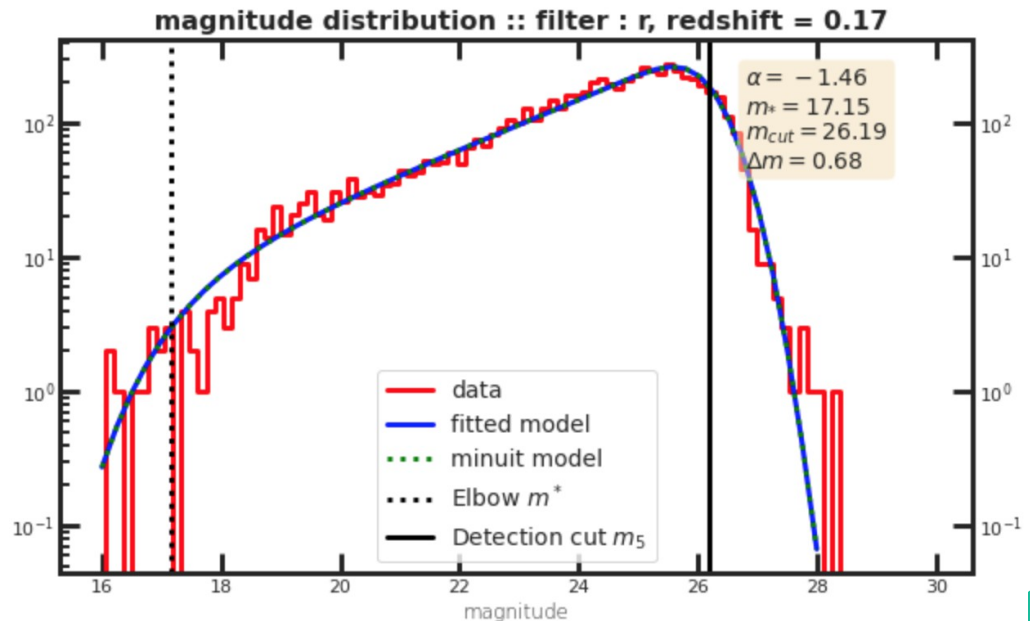
$$\phi(M) dM = (0.4 \ln 10) \phi^* 10^{0.4(M^*-M)(1+\alpha)} \times \exp[-10^{0.4(M^*-M)}] dM.$$

$$(1) \rightarrow N(L' \geq L_{\min}) = \int_{L_{\min}}^{\infty} \Phi(L) dL = \Phi_0 \gamma(\alpha+1, \frac{L_{\min}}{L_0})$$

Not accounted for in templates

This leads to a simple model of detection bias relying on few parameters :

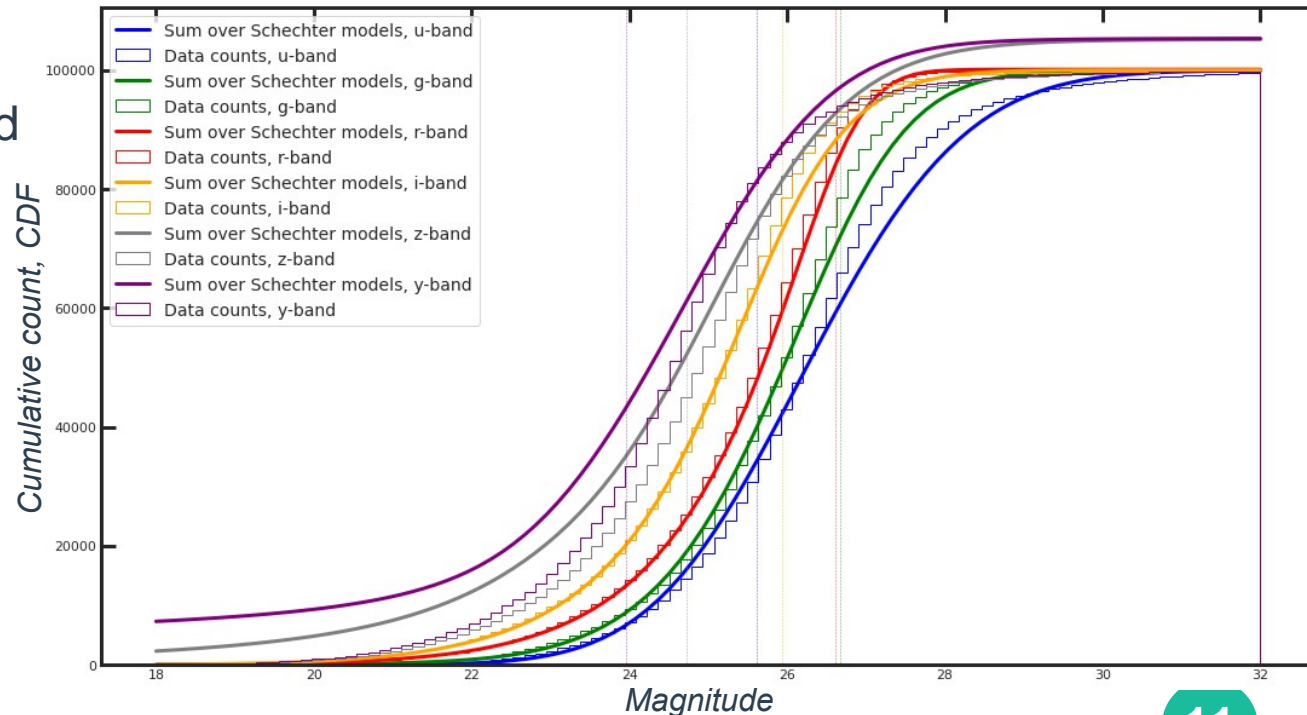
$$\Phi^*, L_{\min}, L^*, \alpha$$



II. One improvement attempt (cont.)

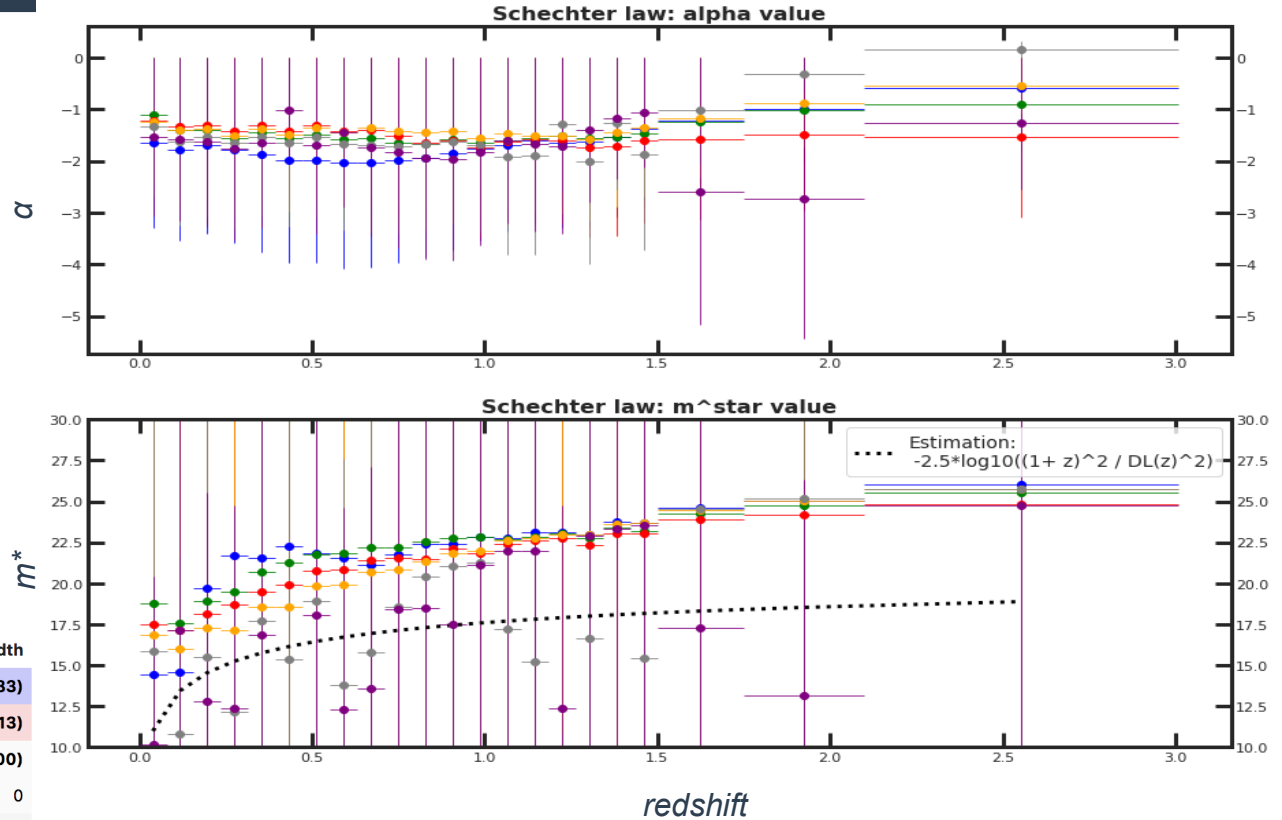
Use Minuit minimizer [8] to find the model parameters on DP0 data :

- Normalisation parameter Φ^* and reference magnitude m^*
- α value
- Effective 5σ detection threshold m_5



II. One improvement attempt (cont.)

	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Fixed
0	phiStar	7.59e3	0.21e3	
1	alpha	-1.27	0.04	
2	m_star	24.757	0.027	
3	m5cut	23.95	0.24	yes
4	m5width	2.56	0.04	



	phiStar	alpha	m_star	m5cut	m5width
phiStar	5.93e+03	0.269 (0.266)	0.315 (0.290)	0	-4.64e+04 (-0.383)
alpha	0.269 (0.266)	0.000172	0.000147 (0.794)	0	4.39 (0.213)
m_star	0.315 (0.290)	0.000147 (0.794)	0.000199	0	0.00624 (0.000)
m5cut	0	0	0	0	0
m5width	-4.64e+04 (-0.383)	4.39 (0.213)	0.00624 (0.000)	0	2.47e+06

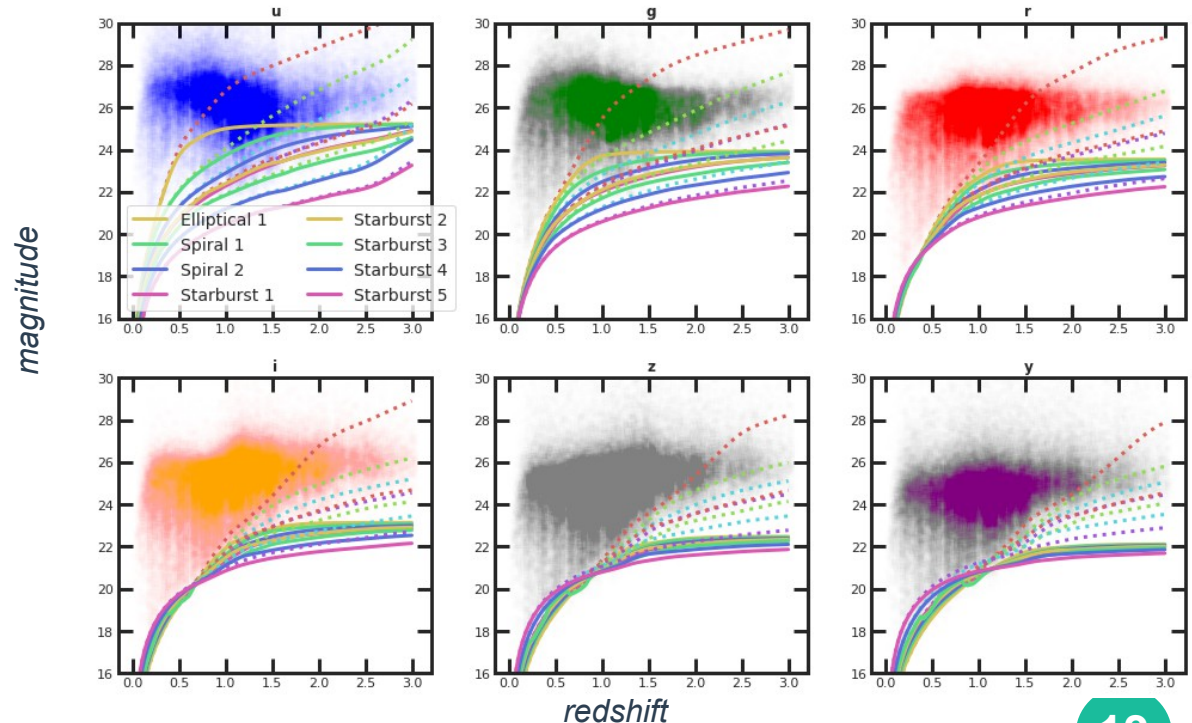
II. One improvement attempt (cont.)

ii. Detection bias in templates (TBD)

- Apply the bias to templates:
 - Issue for $\alpha \leq -1$
- Optimize the coverage of data points with templates :
 - Value : normalisation of flux-redshift model
 - Slope : detection bias

→ Automated pre-fit within the templates creation process to improve predictions at fainter magnitudes

Relative Biased Flux (AB-mag) - DP0-DC2 (No m5 cut) Redshift Model



III. Prospects

- Optimize the use of TF methods,
 - More & more representative SED templates
 - Use all the software's capabilities
- Improve templates generation : bias model, maybe other effects ?
- Build good, appropriate training data for ML
- Hybrid methods : TF+GP (Delight) with optimized hyperparameters, pre-classification, etc.
 - ***combine the reliability of TF and the performances of ML***

Thank you for your attention

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I. Introduction – context (cont.)

LSST requirements [4] :

Photometric redshifts for LSST will be applied and calibrated over the redshift range $0 < z < 4$ for galaxies to $r > 27.5$. For the majority of science cases, such as weak lensing and BAO, a subset of galaxies with $i < 25.3$ will be used. For this high S/N gold standard subset over the redshift interval, $0 < z < 3$, the photometric redshift requirements are:

- The root-mean-square scatter in photometric redshifts, $\sigma_z/(1+z)$, must be smaller than 0.05, with a goal of 0.02.
- The fraction of 3σ outliers at all redshifts must be below 10%.
- The bias in $ez = (z_{\text{photo}} - z_{\text{spec}})/(1+z_{\text{spec}})$ must be below 0.003 (or 0.01 for combined analyses of weak lensing and baryon acoustic oscillations); the uncertainty in $\sigma_z/(1+z)$ must also be known to similar accuracy.

