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# PHOTO/RAPTOR

*PHOTOmetric Research APplication TO Redshifts  
and application to the SDSS-DR9 galaxies*

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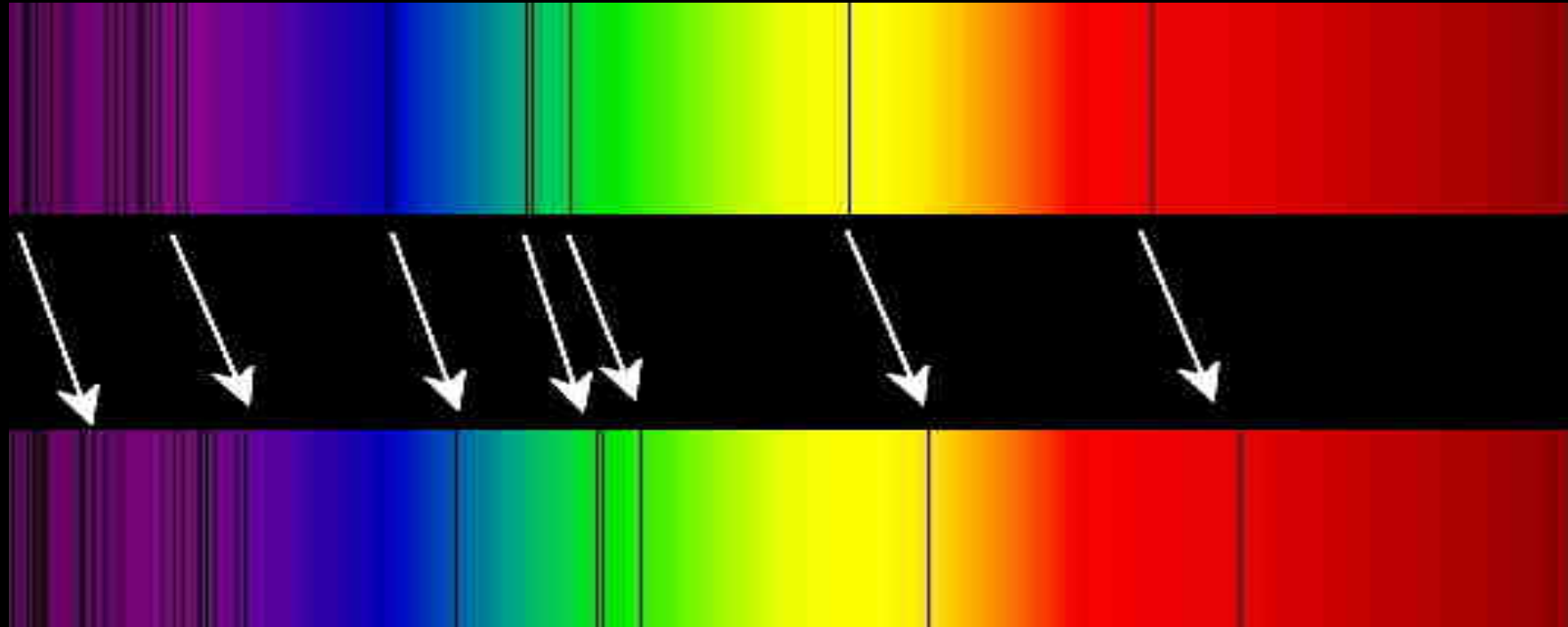
# *Outline*

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- ✓ What are the Redshifts?
- ✓ Why Photometric Redshifts?
- ✓ Data Rich Astronomy
- ✓ Machine Learning Method: MLPQNA
- ✓ PhotoRApToR Java Tool
- ✓ SDSS-DR9 complete photo-z Catalogue



# *Spectroscopic Redshift ( $z_{spec}$ )*



$$z \equiv \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda_{obs} - \lambda_{rest}}{\lambda_{rest}}$$



# Doppler Effect

$$z = \frac{v}{c}$$

Redshift expression for  $v \ll c$

Observed frequency due to time dilation

$$\nu_{obs} = \frac{1}{t_{obs}} = \gamma(1 - \beta)\nu_{rest} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta}}\nu_{rest}$$

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{c + v}{c - v}} - 1$$

Special relativistic expression for redshift



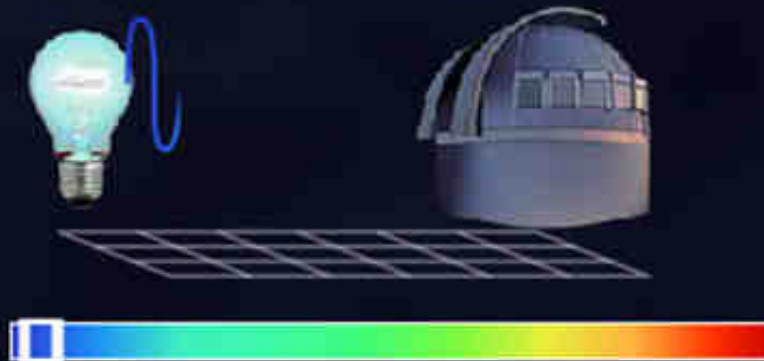
# *Cosmological Redshift*

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There is a correlation between redshift and cosmological expansion

## Cosmological Redshift

The universe is expanding. Because space is expanding, the light traveling through it becomes stretched, transforming visible light into the infrared wavelength. This change is known as "redshifting."





# Cosmological Redshift

$$d(t) = R(t)d_0$$

$$c^2 dt^2 = R^2(t) \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2}$$

Friedmann-Lemaitre-Robertson-Walker cosmological model

wave1 
$$\int_{t_1}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{R(t)} = - \int_0^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} dr$$

wave2 
$$\int_{t_1 + \Delta t_1}^{t_0 + \Delta t_0} \frac{cdt}{R(t)} = - \int_0^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} dr$$

Application to two electromagnetic waves separated in time

$$z = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1} = \frac{\Delta t_0 - \Delta t_1}{\Delta t_1}$$

$$z = \frac{R(t_0)}{R(t_1)} - 1$$

Redshift related to the scale factor



# *Why do we need Redshift*

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To measure the distance of objects

$$d = \frac{v}{H_0} \approx \frac{cz}{H_0}$$

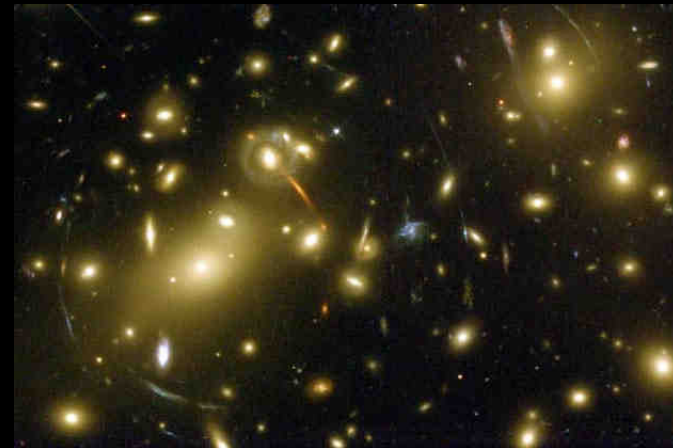
To disentangle the degeneracies in the object classification

Cosmological parameters

Lensing Effects



Dark Matter



Dark Energy



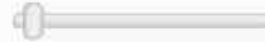
# Photometric Redshift

Galactic Redshift

reset about

The spectrum for a galaxy is shown below. As the redshift ( $z$ ) increases more of the galaxy's light is observed in the infrared and longer wavelengths. Due to the expansion of the universe more distant galaxies have greater redshifts.

$z$  (redshift):

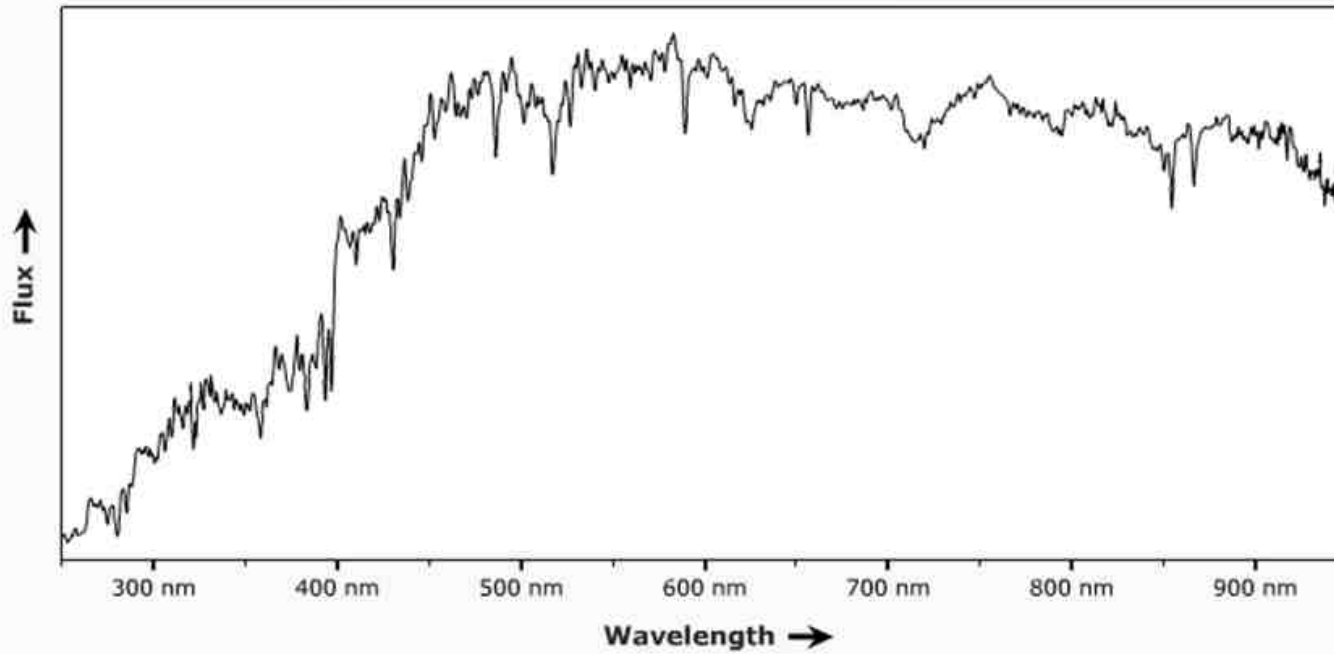


$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

Astronomers observe objects through various filters. As the galaxy's light is redshifted the relative brightness observed through the filters changes.

[show filter details](#)

Visible Spectrum

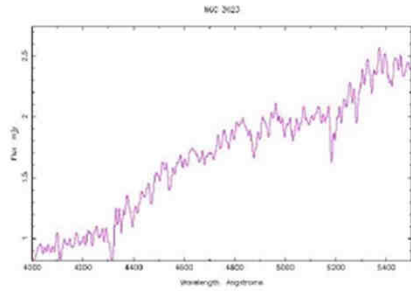






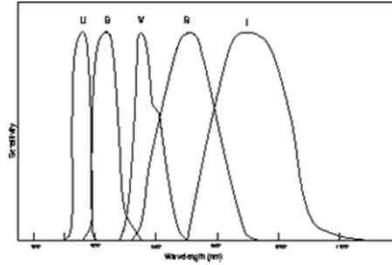
# Photo-z as an inverse problem

Spectral Energy Distribution convolved with band filters



Galaxy spectrum -  $F(\lambda)$

**X**



Photometric system -  $S_i(\lambda)$

**=**

$$m_U = -2.5 \log_{10} \frac{\int F(\lambda) S_U(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_U(\lambda) d\lambda} + c_U$$

$$m_B = -2.5 \log_{10} \frac{\int F(\lambda) S_B(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_B(\lambda) d\lambda} + c_B$$

Etc...

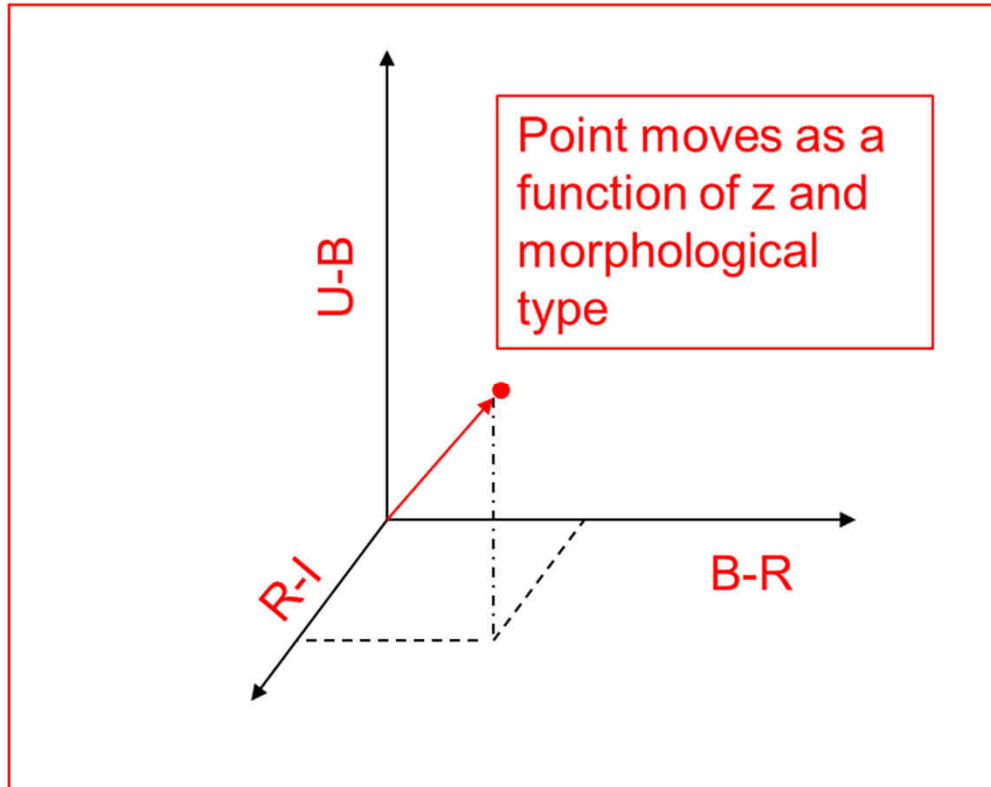


Color indexes

$$U - B \equiv m_U - m_B$$

$$B - R \equiv m_B - m_R$$

etc.



Point moves as a function of  $z$  and morphological type

Phot-z are an inverse problem



# Photo-z history

## Baum (1962)

Colors of early type 9-band galaxies turned into a low resolution SED to determine inter-cluster distances

## Koo (1985)

Colors (from photo plate) compared to expected colors for synthetic SEDs. Redshifts estimated from iso-z lines

## Loh & Spillar (1986)

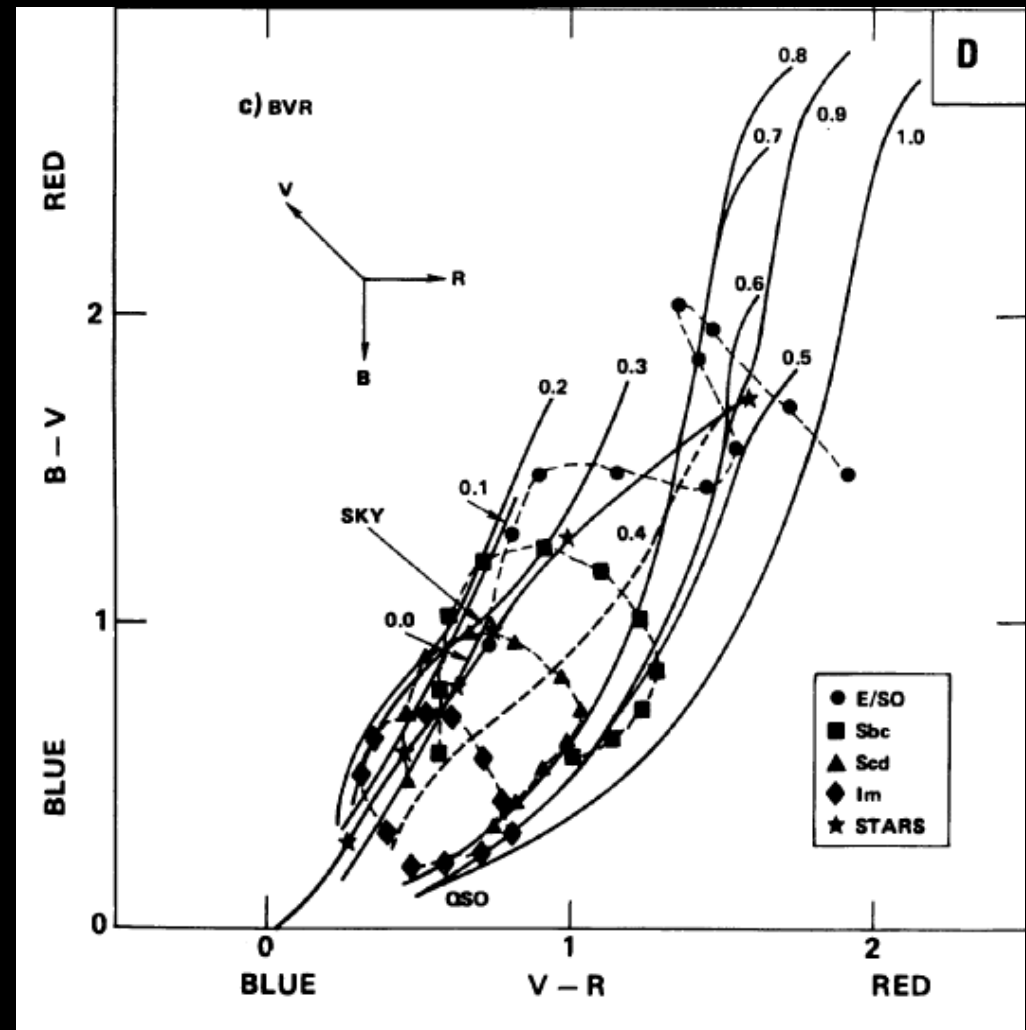
$\chi^2$ -minimization for redshift estimates

## Pello and others (1996)

intersection of “permitted” redshift ranges for all galaxy colors defines “the” redshift of a galaxy.

**Photometric redshifts have become very popular since the middle of the 1990s**

well calibrated, multi-band representative spectroscopic datasets have become available to test methods (Keck, VLT, SDSS...)





# *Photometric Redshift: Methods*

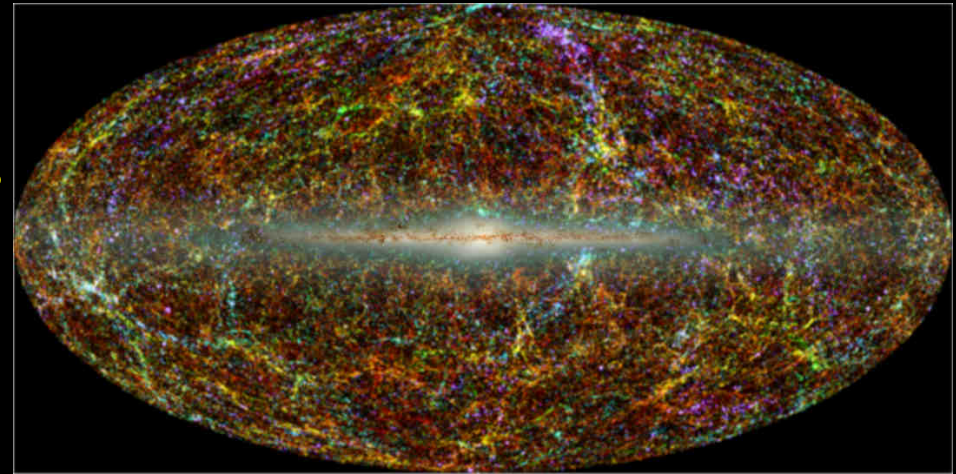
## **(SED fitting) Template Based**

Use SED templates

Convolve with filter transmission curves

Fit object's fluxes ( $\chi^2$  minimization)

Outputs photometric redshift



- ❑ *Hyper-z (Bolzonella et al. 2000, A&A 363, 476)*
- ❑ *BPZ (Benitez 2000, ApJ 536, 571)*
- ❑ *EAZY (Brammer et al. 2008, ApJ 676, 1503)*
- ❑ *Le PHARE (Arnouts et al. 2008, MNRAS 329, 355)*
- ❑ *LRT (Assef et al. 2008, ApJ 676, 286)*
- ❑ *ZEBRA (Feldmann et al. 2006, MNRAS 372, 565)*

**They use SED models with priors (IMF, SFR, metallicity, age);  
They suffer of mismatched templates**



# *Photometric Redshift: Methods*

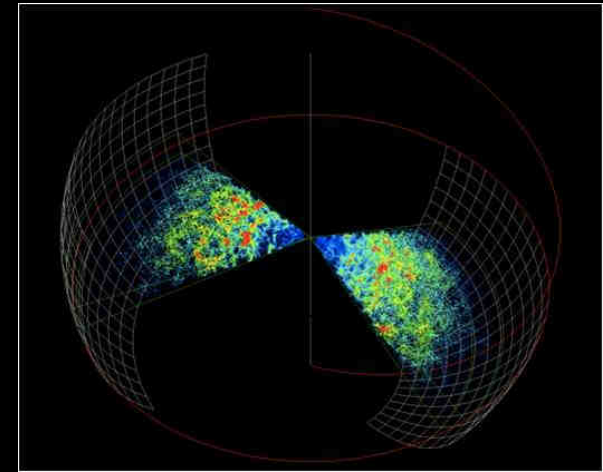
## **Empirical (data mining) Methods**

Use a Knowledge Base of zspec

Learn hidden photometry-zspec correlation

Generalize learning on new photometric objects

Outputs photometric redshift



- ❑ Nearest Neighbour (*Csabai & al. 2007, A N 328, 852*)
- ❑ Decision-tree (*BDT Gerdes et al 2010, ApJ 715, 823*)
- ❑ Direct fitting (*Barth 2002, AJ 124, 5*)
- ❑ Neural Networks (*ANNz Collister & Lahav 2004, PASP 116, 345*)
- ❑ Support Vector Machines (*Wadadekar 2005, PASP 117, 79*)
- ❑ Regression Trees & Random Forests (*Carliles et al 2010, ApJ 712, 511*)
- ❑ **MLPQNA** (*Brescia et al. 2013, ApJ, 772, 140*)

**NO kind of priors and can find unknown relations;**

**They require huge Knowledge Base and mismatch outside training spec range**

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# Data Rich Astronomy

	TB	Total	epochs	parameters
<b>VST</b>	0.15 TB/day	100 TB	tens	>100
<b>HST</b>	20 GB/day	120 TB	few	>100
<b>PANSTARRS</b>	10 TB/day	600 TB	Few-many	>>100
<b>LSST</b>	30 TB/day	> 10 PB	hundreds	>>100
<b>GAIA</b>	0.5 TB/day	1 PB	many	>>100
<b>SKA</b>	1.5 PB/day	6 EB	>> 10 <sup>2</sup>	>1000
<b>EUCLID</b>	0.85 TB/day	> 10 PB	few	>100

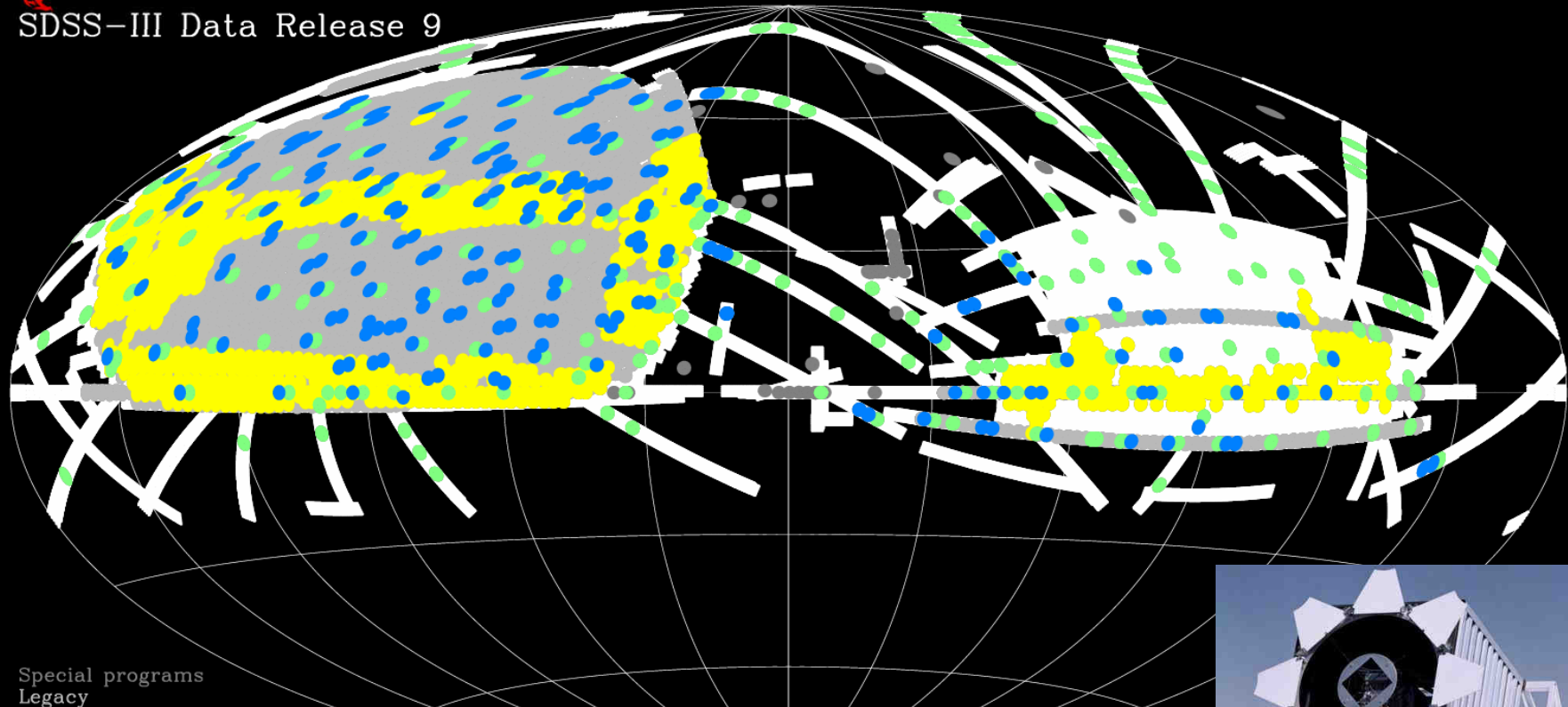
**SKA – first light planned 2020 –  
will produce about 1.5 PB/day**

**AND THIS IS JUST ONE SURVEY!!!**



# Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

SDSS-III Data Release 9



Special programs  
Legacy

## SDSS DR9 Facts

Sky coverage	14,555 deg <sup>2</sup>
Catalog objects	932,891,133
Galaxy spectra	1,457,002
Quasar spectra	228,468
Star spectra	668,054

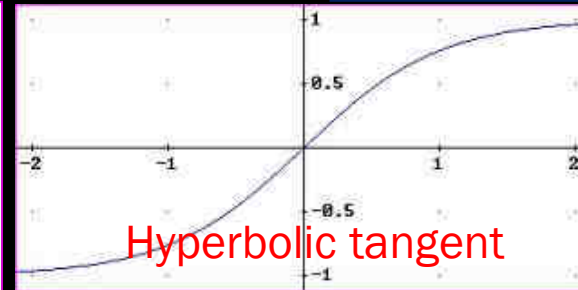
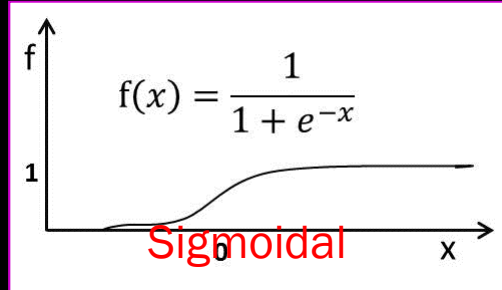
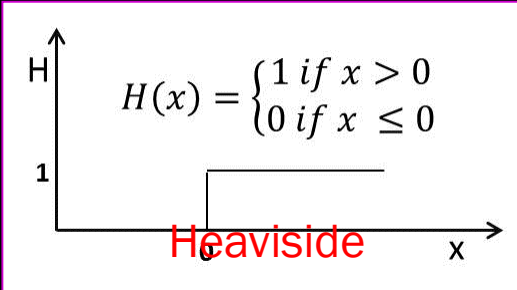
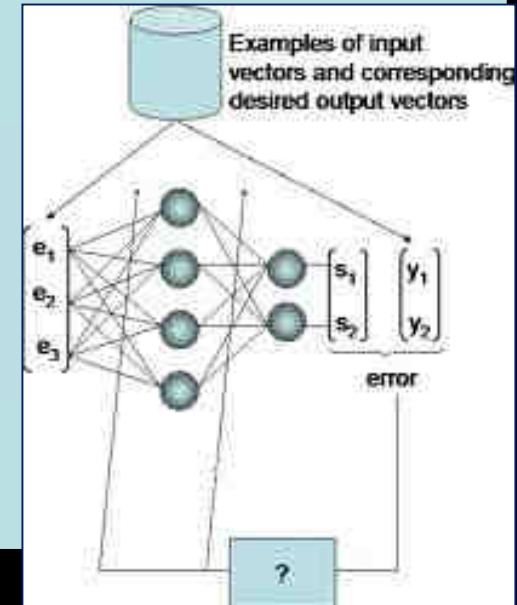
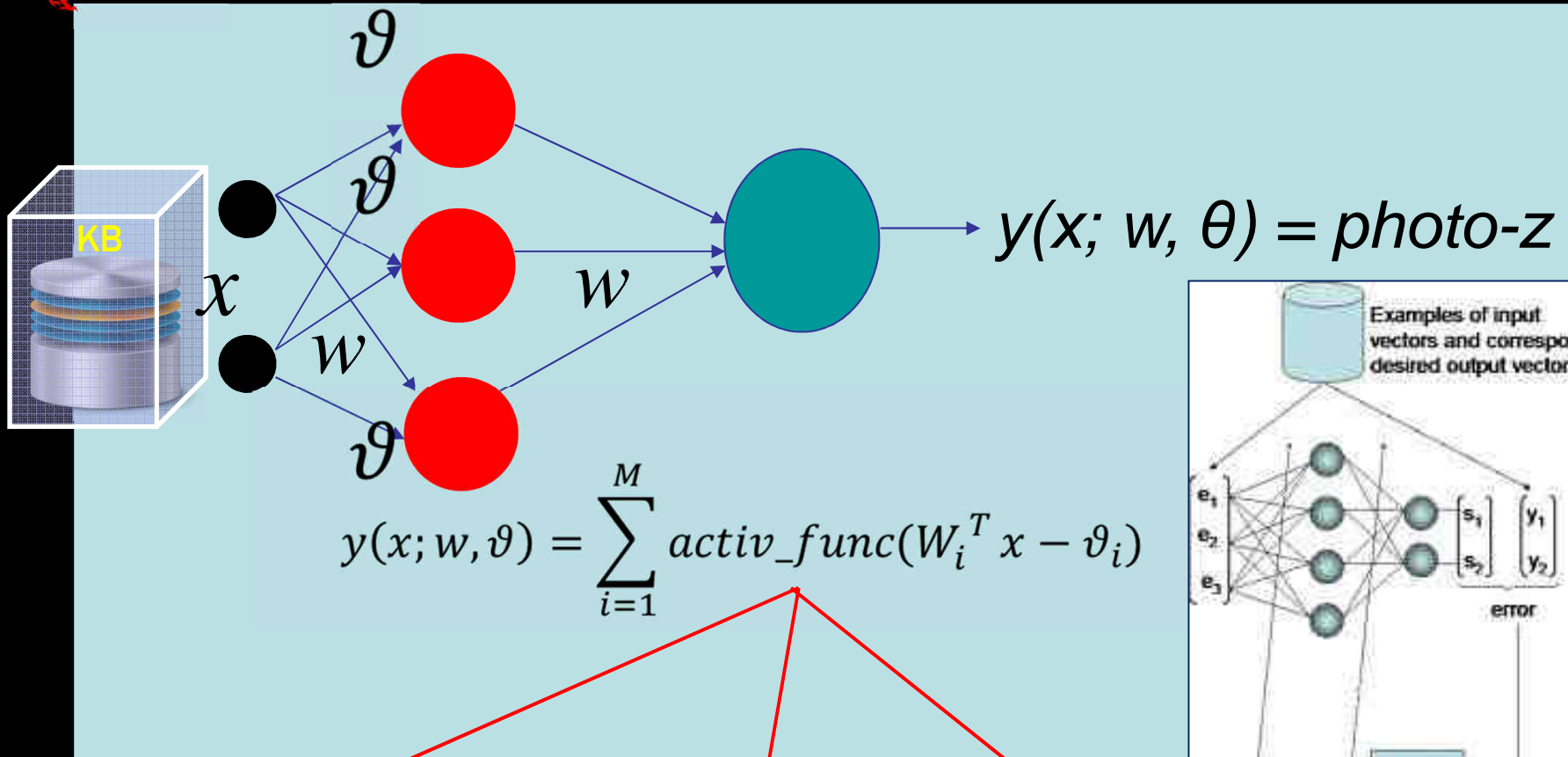


**932,891,133 PHOTOMETRIC OBJECTS**  
**2,353,524 SPECTROSCOPIC OBJECTS**  
**~ 400 times more objects!!!**

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# Multi Layer Perceptron

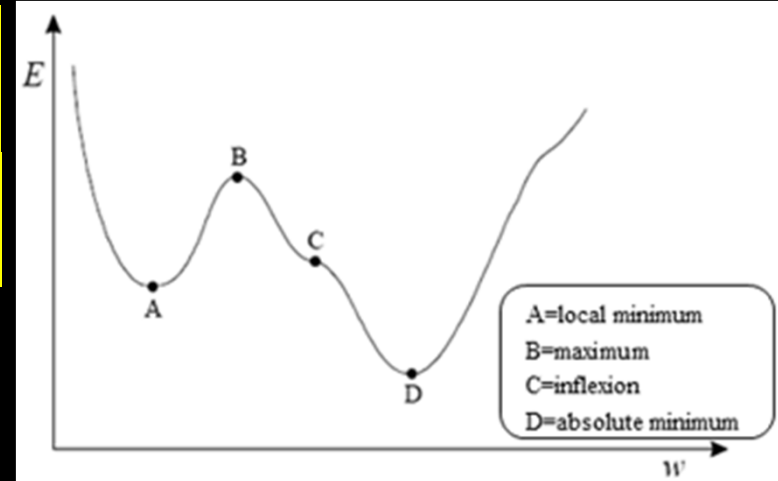




# Learning Rule

$$\min_w E(w) = \frac{1}{2P} \sum_{p=1}^P E_p(w) = \frac{1}{2P} \sum_{p=1}^P (y(x^p; w) - d^p)^2$$

$E_p$  is a measure of the error related to the  $p$ -th pattern



$$w^{k+1} = w^k + \alpha^k d^k$$

$d^k \in R^N$  DIRECTION OF SEARCH

$\alpha^k \in R$  STEP

$$d^k = -\nabla E(w^k)$$

Descent gradient (BP)

$$d^k = \text{genetic operators}$$

Genetic Algorithms (GA)

$$\nabla^2 E(w^k) d^k = -\nabla E(w^k)$$

Hessian approx. (QNA)

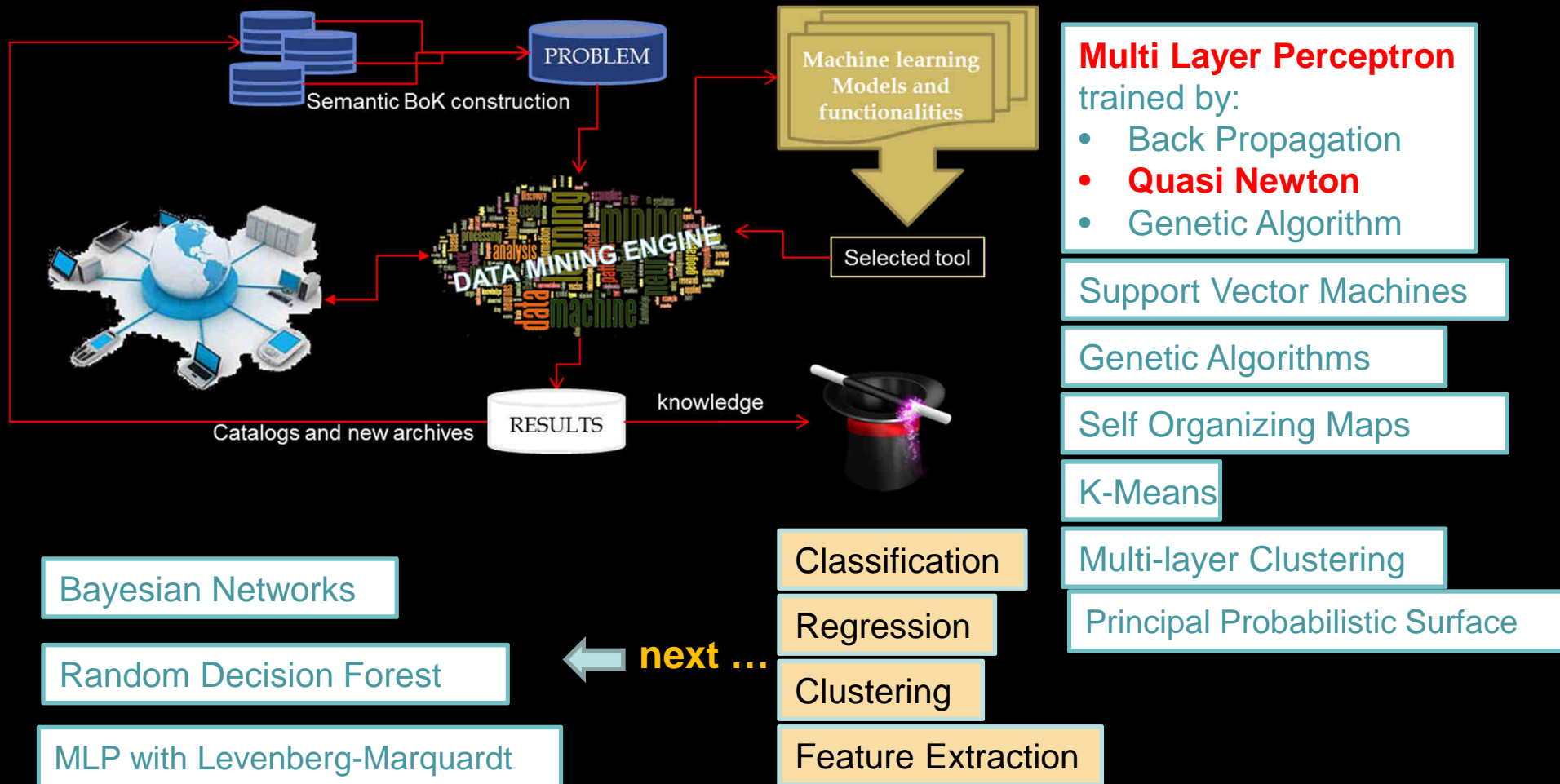




# DAMEWARE



Inspired by human brain features: high-parallel data flow, generalization, robustness, self-organization, pruning, associative memory, incremental learning, genetic evolution.





# *PhotoRapToR*

## Photometric Research Application To Redshifts

Java Desktop Application (multi-platform, Win7, Linux, Mac)

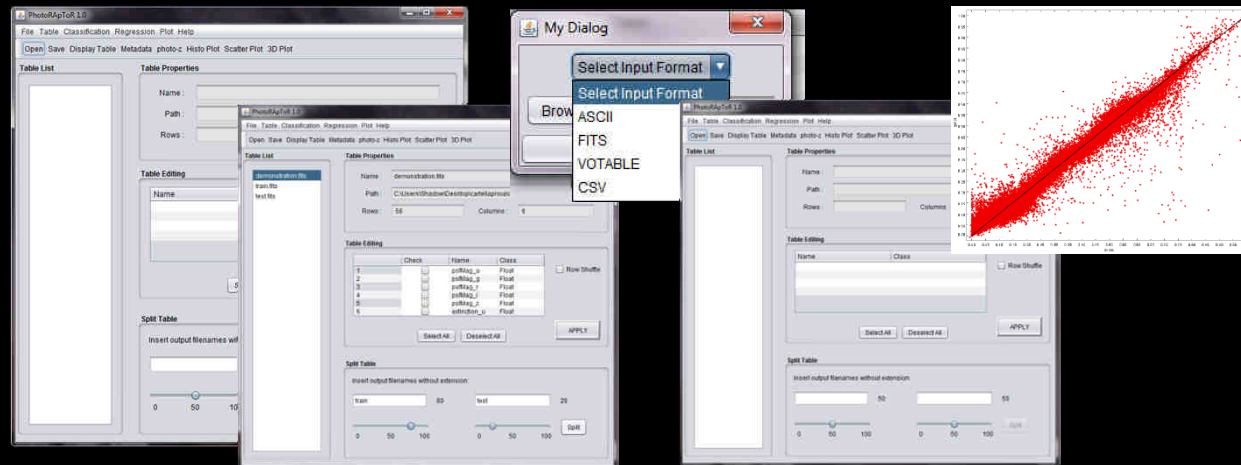
Dataset manipulation (plotting, editing, split, metadata selection, ordering, shuffling...)

MLPQNA-based photo-z estimation

General-purpose classification/regression problem solving

Post-processing (visualizing, statistical analysis)

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# Photo-z Estimation

Pre-Processing  
(on spectroscopic KB)

Feature Selection

Split

Training Set

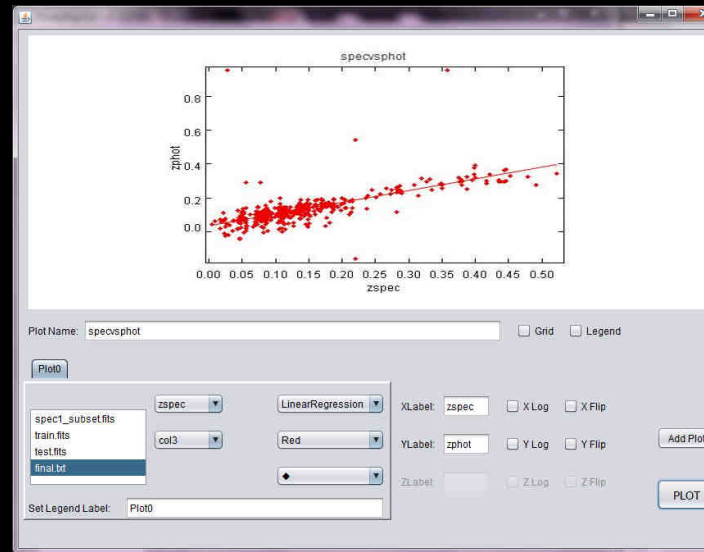
Test dataset

Processing (MLPQNA)

Post-processing

Statistical Analysis  
and Generalization

ITEM	EXPERIMENTS	
	MAG	MIXED
TRAIN SET	712022 (80%)	535016 (60%)
TEST SET	178097 (20%)	356103 (40%)
INPUT FEATURES	5 magnitudes (ugriz)	4 colors + R mag
hidden layers	1	2
hidden 1 neurons	11	13
hidden 2 neurons	0	4
learning decay	0.1	0.01
hessian approx. restarts	30	60
error threshold	0.0001	0.0001
max iterations at each restart	4000	30000

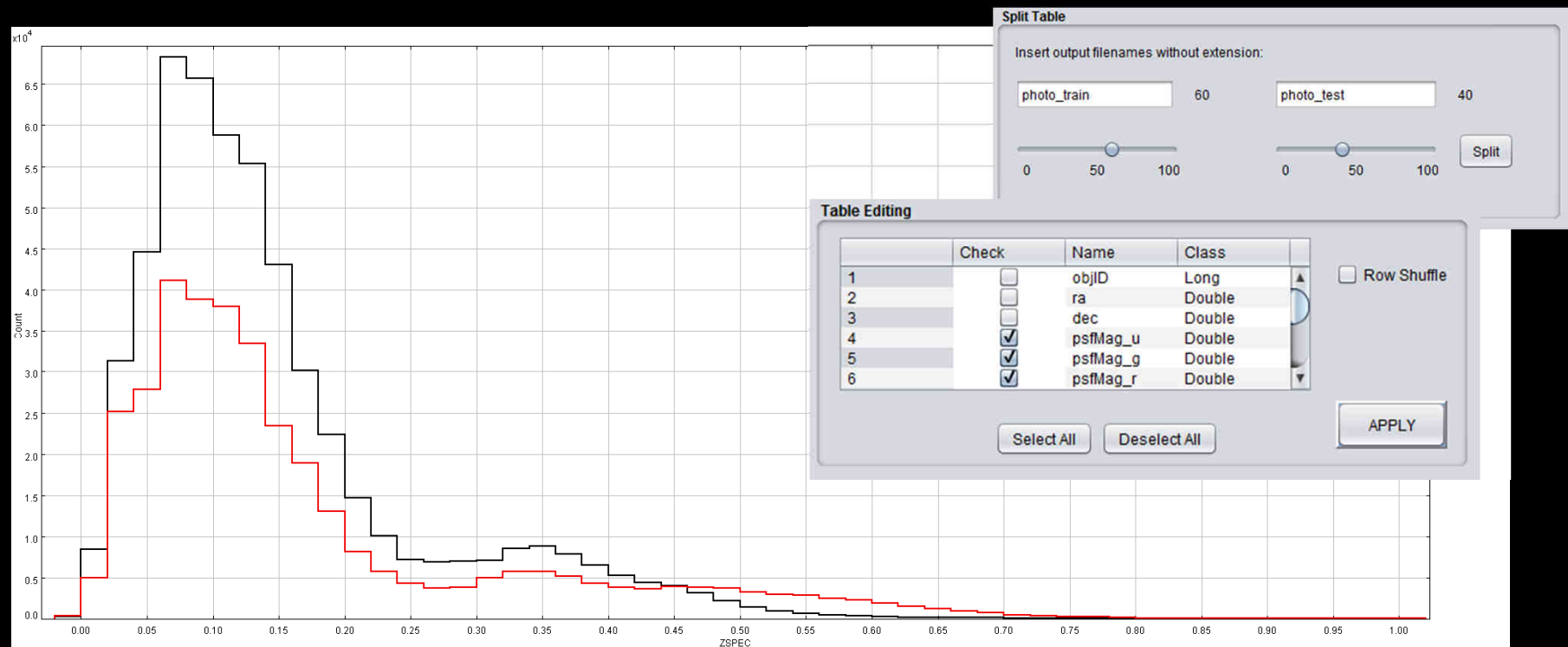




# Knowledge Base

The Knowledge Base (KB) data were extracted from the spectroscopic subsample of the SDSS-DR9.

The resulting KB (from the MIXED type) consisted of 890,119 objects, submitted as training+test sets to the network.





# Post-Processing

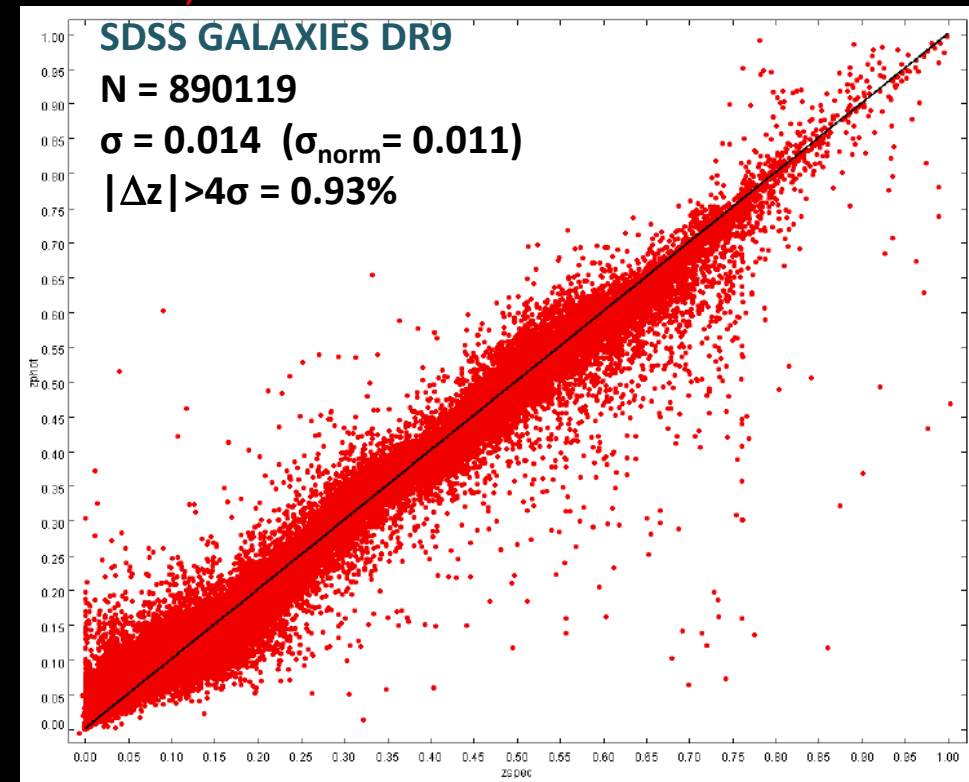
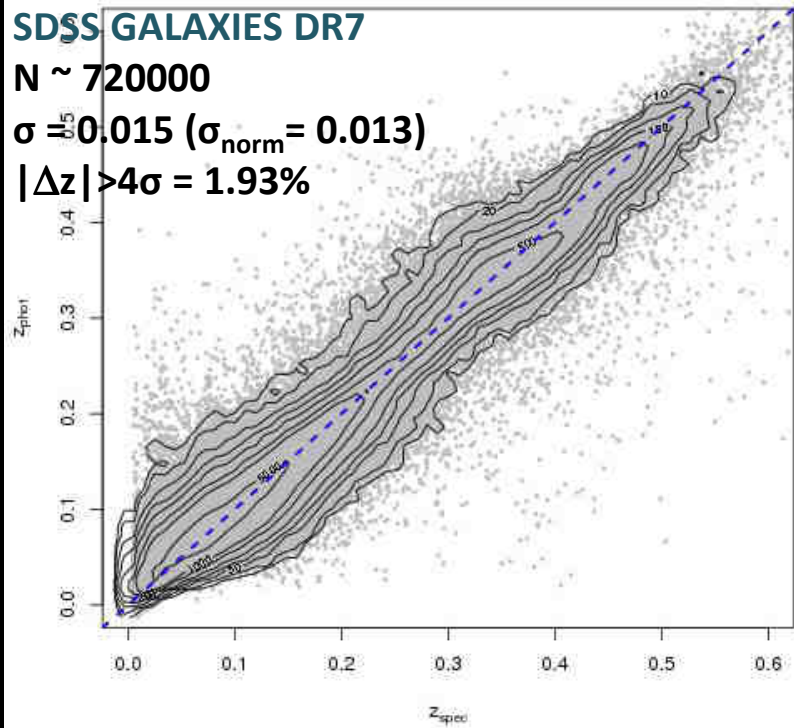
Ref.	bias	$\sigma$	MAD	RMS	bias <sub>norm</sub>	$\sigma_{norm}$	MAD <sub>norm</sub>	RMS <sub>norm</sub>
TEST DATASET ONLY								
MAG	0.0002	0.016	0.001	0.016	0.0003	0.012	0.0009	0.012
MIXED	0.0004	0.014	0.001	0.014	0.0003	0.011	0.0009	0.011
Laurino et al.	0.015	0.015	0.011	0.021	0.014	0.013	0.009	0.019

$$\Delta z = z_{spec} - z_{phot}$$

$$\Delta z_{norm} = \frac{z_{spec} - z_{phot}}{1 + z_{spec}}$$

Brescia M., Cavuoti S., De Stefano V., Longo G.,  
2013, Submitted to A&A

Laurino et al. 2011, MNRAS 418, 4





# Catastrophic Outliers

Ref.	$ \Delta z  > 1\sigma$	$ \Delta z  > 2\sigma$	$ \Delta z  > 3\sigma$	$ \Delta z  > 4\sigma$	$ \Delta z_{norm}  > 1\sigma$	$ \Delta z_{norm}  > 2\sigma$	$ \Delta z_{norm}  > 3\sigma$	$ \Delta z_{norm}  > 4\sigma$
<b>TEST DATASET ONLY</b>								
<b>MAG</b>	9.59%	4.01%	1.82%	0.95%	11.54%	4.52%	2.09%	0.92%
<b>MIXED</b>	9.65%	3.76%	1.76%	0.93%	10.62%	4.33%	2.03%	1.05%

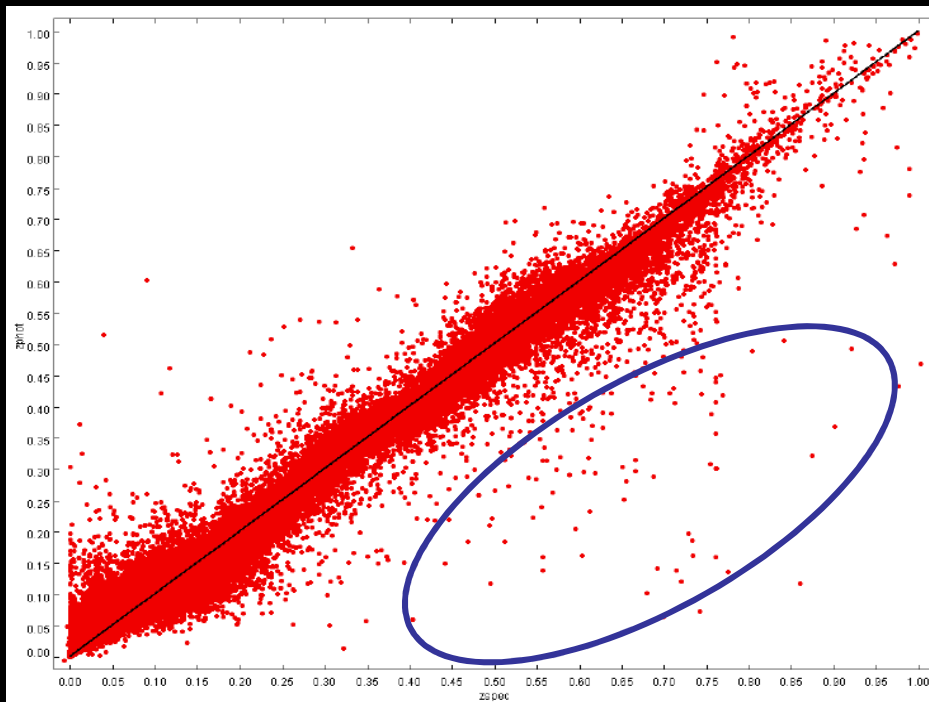
$$\Delta z = z_{spec} - z_{phot}$$

$$\Delta z_{norm} = \frac{z_{spec} - z_{phot}}{1 + z_{spec}}$$

Catastrophic outliers are objects such that

$$|\Delta z_{norm}| > 2\sigma(\Delta z_{norm})$$

By removing catastrophic outliers, the normalized standard deviation decreases from 0.011 to 0.005



**Outliers Database Extraction**

Input dataset:

Select Column zspec:

Select Column zphot:

$\Delta z$    $\Delta z_{norm}$

Threshold on outlier value:

Dataset without outliers has been generated

Path: C:\Users\Shadow\Desktop\outliers\SDSS\_mixed\_noOutliers\_at0.022.txt

Rows: 342714

Dataset without outliers has been generated

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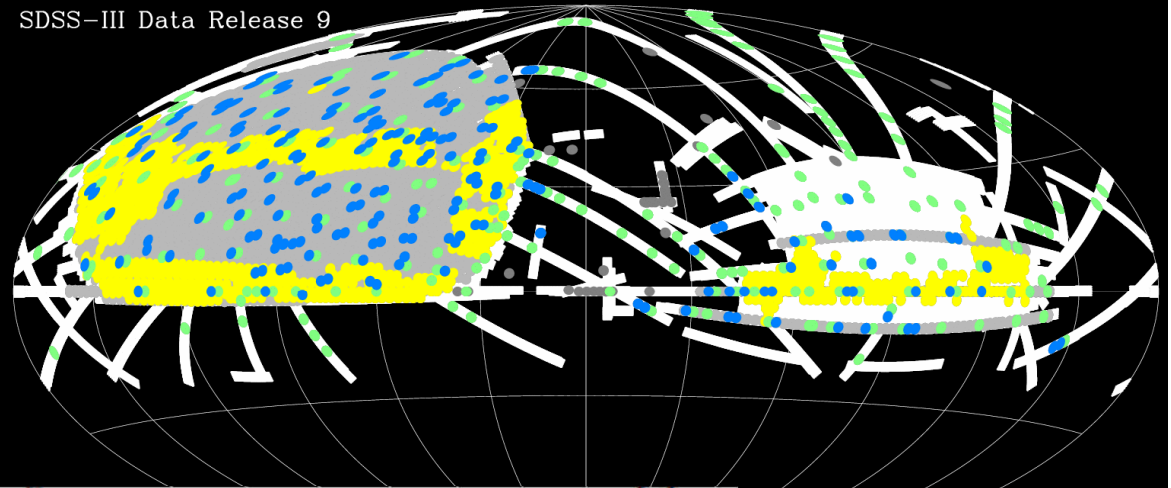
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# *SDSS DR9 Complete Catalogue*

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SELECT
  objID, ra, dec,
  psfMag_u, psfMag_g, psfMag_r, psfMag_i, psfMag_z,
  psfMagErr_u, psfMagErr_g, psfMagErr_r, psfMagErr_i,
  psfMagErr_z,
  extinction_u, extinction_g, extinction_r, extinction_i,
  extinction_z
FROM Galaxy
WHERE
  (dec between -30° and 85°)
  AND clean = 1
  AND psfMag_r < 23.6
```

SDSS-III Data Release 9



133,923,672 object classified as galaxies

Imaging (14555 deg<sup>2</sup>)



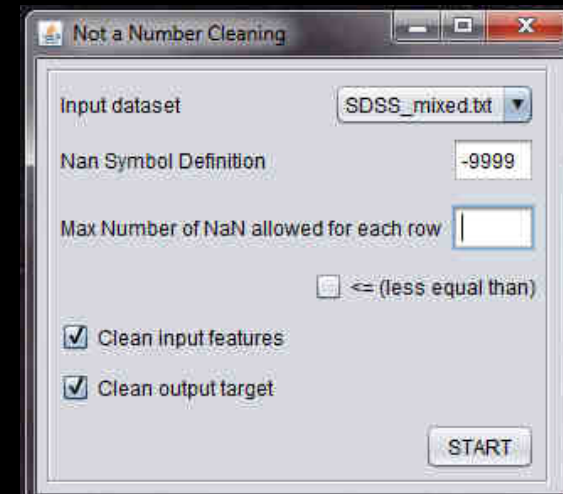
# SDSS DR9 Complete Catalogue

The complete catalogue of photo-z has been produced by submitting all DR9 galaxies (with zspec not available) to the trained MLPQNA network

original file (18 cols)	objects	RA range		DEC range		NaN presence					affected objects	clean objects
						U	G	R	I	Z		
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DEC(-05_-03)	2604477	0.00001	359.9999	-5	-3		10				10	2604467
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DEC(00_01)	3032526	0.00001	359.9999	0	1	453	529		255	282	612	3031914
DEC(01_02)	2452964	0.00016	359.9999	1	2	178	156		80	125	227	2452737
DEC(02_04)	4610038	0.00005	360	2	4	1	2		11	13	27	4610011
DEC(04_06)	4783288	0.00011	359.9999	4	6				7		7	4783281
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133925700</b>										<b>2028</b>	<b>133923672</b>

The DR9 galaxy catalogue consists of ~134 million objects, divided into 38 files, ordered on the DEC range

It covers ~25% of the northern sky emisphere







# SDSS DR9 Photo-z Catalogue

Catalog File (DEC range)	objects	photo-z range	
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DEC(32_34)	3693299	0	0.775
DEC(34_37)	5093588	0	0.774
DEC(37_40)	4894905	0	0.771
DEC(40_43)	4606852	0	0.770
DEC(43_46)	4339472	0	0.780
DEC(46_50)	4589908	0	0.777
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DEC(55_60)	4013131	0	0.776
DEC(60_65)	3481072	0	0.778
DEC(65_70)	1516315	0	0.769
DEC(70_75)	351332	0	0.767
DEC(75_85)	792315	0	0.764
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133923672</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.782</b>

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# Conclusions

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## ❑ Best photometric redshifts in literature

- ✓  $\sigma = 0.014$  ( $\sigma_{\text{norm}} = 0.011$ )
- ✓  $|\Delta z| > 2\sigma = 3.76\%$

## ❑ Two refereed papers

- ✓ *Brescia M., Cavuoti S., De Stefano V., Longo G., 2013. A Catalogue of photometric redshifts for the SDSS DR9 galaxies, Submitted to A&A*
- ✓ *De Stefano V., Cavuoti S., Brescia M., Longo G., 2014. Photometric redshift estimation with PhotoRApToR, in preparation, to be submitted to Astronomy and Computing*

## ❑ A catalog of ~134 million photometric redshifts

- ✓ <http://dame.dsf.unina.it/catalog/DR9PHOTOZ/>

## ❑ A public application for photo-z estimation

- ✓ Multi-platform (Java-based)
- ✓ Expandable
- ✓ Scalable on massive data sets
- ✓ based on empirical machine learning methods

*Thanks for your attention*

