

# The PAU survey: Photometric redshifts with deep learning

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## The PAU survey

- The PAU Survey (PAUS) is an innovative photometric survey with 40  $100\text{\AA}$  wide optical narrow bands at the 4.2m William Herschel Telescope (WHT).
- Achieves  $\sigma_{68} / (1 + z) = 0.0037$  to  $i_{AB} < 22.5$  for the redshift range  $0 < z < 1.2$  selecting the 50% best galaxies based on a photo-z cut.
- Provides a dense galaxy sample with high precision redshifts to larger depth over a larger area (now 34 sq. deg.),

## DeepZ code

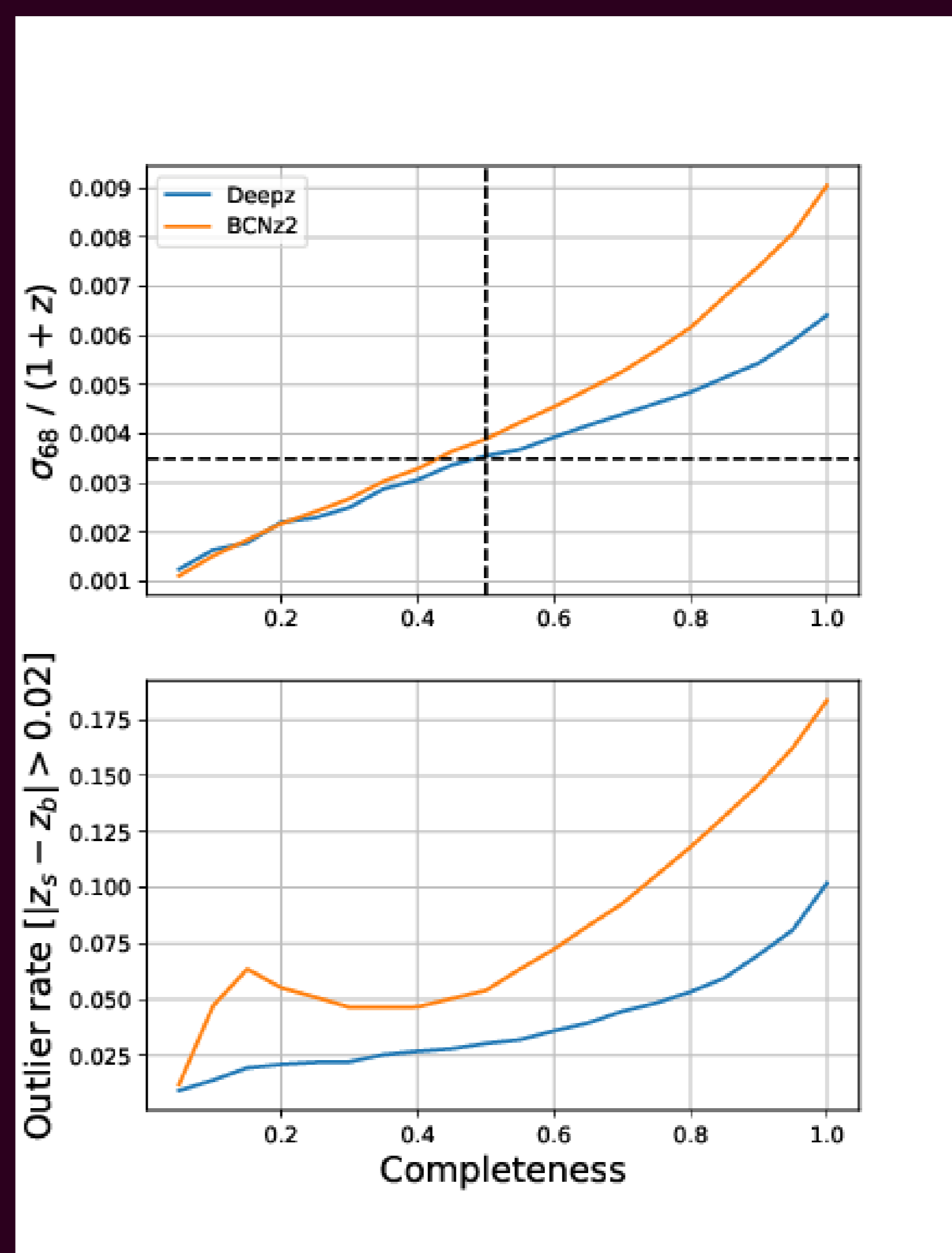
Our template fitting required an increasing complex galaxy SED modeling and fitting procedure. We use new deep learning code, which includes

- **Transfer learning:** Our networks are pretrained on galaxy simulations.
- **Label smoothing:** Introducing an uncertainty in the spectroscopic redshifts (labels) improves the precision.
- **Autoencoder:** Encode the information about the galaxy type.
- **Individual exposures:** Train with individual exposure information, not only the coadded fluxes.

Together with other techniques, which will be detailed in Eriksen et.al. (in prep.).

## Photo-z performance

Below we compare the **photo-z scatter** (top) and **outlier rate** (bottom) to  $i < 22.5$  between the deep learning (Deepz) and template fitting (BCNz2) codes



## Conclusions

Deep learning increases the precision and reduces the outlier rate for fainter galaxies. This will unique insights into galaxy formation, evolution, clustering and their intrinsic alignments with PAUS.