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**MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH TO PROBE GAMMA-RAY  
BURSTS AS COSMOLOGICAL STANDARD CANDLES**

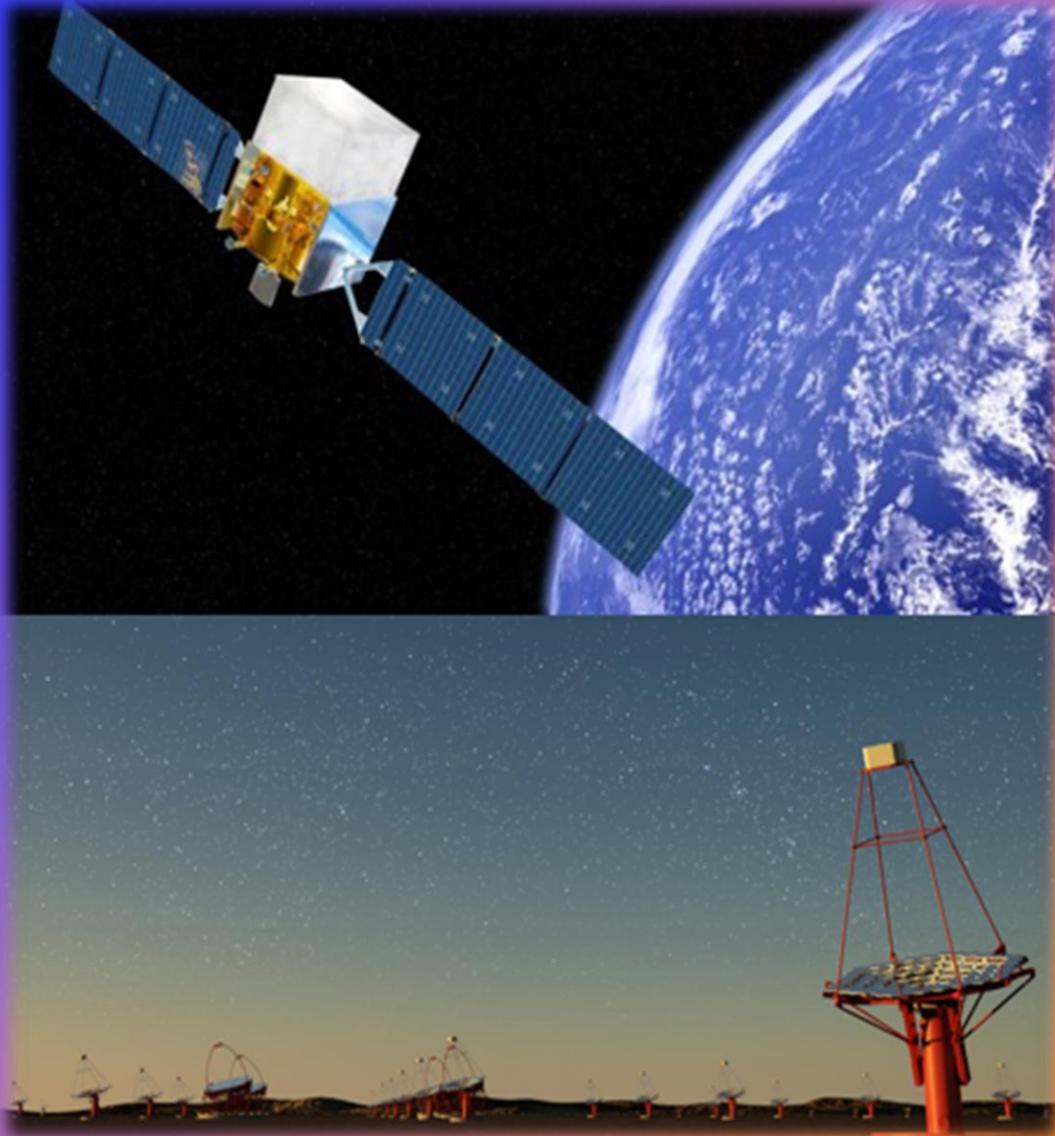
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# Brief introduction

A Gamma-Ray Burst (GRB) is the most energetic explosion yet discovered. Most of the energy is emitted in the keV to MeV range.

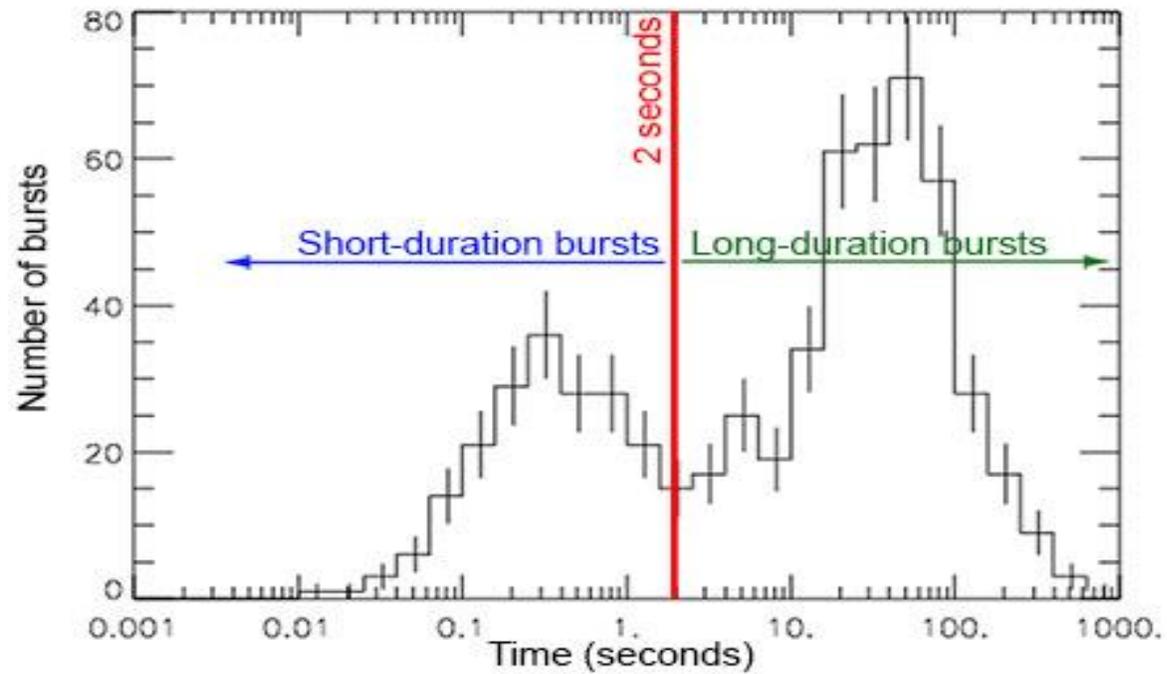
- GRBs have been detected to a high redshift of  $z = 9.2$ .
- High-quality of GRBs data from different satellite instruments are now available (e.g., *Fermi*, *Konus-Wind*, *INTEGRAL*, *SWIFT*, and other) followed by ground-based optical telescope and gamma-ray telescopes such as *H.E.S.S* and *MAGIC*.
- The duration of GRBs is less than a second to a maximum of a few minutes.

# Brief introduction

## Duration of GRBs - $T_{90}$

$T_{90}$  : the time to detect 90% of GRBs fluence.

$T_{90} > 2 \text{ s}$  Long GRB (LGRBs)    —     $T_{90} < 2 \text{ s}$  Short GRB (SGRBs)



*Credit: NASA/L. Rozzella*

# Brief introduction

## Use GRBs as standard candles just like SNe Ia – Phenomenological relations

Is relation between two or more parameters found from spectral modelling.

**Amati correlation** (2002) for example:  $\frac{E_{iso}}{10^{52} \text{ erg}} = 10^k \left( \frac{E_{i, peak}}{E_0 \text{ keV}} \right)^m$  → (LGRBs)

**Yonetoku correlation** (2004) :  $\frac{L_{iso}}{10^{52}} = 10^k \left( \frac{E_{i, peak}}{E_0 \text{ keV}} \right)^m$  → (LGRBs - SGRBs)

## GRBs and Machine Learning : New method to find set of observables that best fit the cosmological indicator.

- Calibrate GRBs as cosmological indicators using different correlations.
- To get a **pseudo redshifts\*** of GRBs.

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\* Atteia, J.L et al., 2003.

# GRBs data

- The datasets are from the Fermi GRB Monitor (**Fermi-GBM Catalog\***):
- Energy band used in Fermi-GBM (10-1000 keV).
  - From 2008 to 2018.
  - 129 LGRBs with known redshift.
  - Spectral fitting parameters from two models:
  - **Band**: with indices  $\alpha, \beta$ , and spectral peak energy  $E_p$  in keV.

$$N_{Band}(E) = A_{Band} \begin{cases} \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^\alpha \exp\left[-\frac{E(2+\alpha)}{E_p}\right] & \text{if } E \leq E_b \\ \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^\beta \exp(\beta - \alpha) \left[-\frac{E_p}{100 \text{ keV}} \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2 + \alpha}\right]^{\alpha - \beta} & \text{if } E > E_b, \end{cases} \quad \text{Band D et al., 1993}$$

- **Comptonized**: the photon index  $\gamma$ , and the peak energy  $E_p$ .

*Steiner J. F. et al., 2009*

$$N_{Comp} = A_{Comp} \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^\gamma \exp\left[-(2 + \gamma) \frac{E}{E_p}\right]$$

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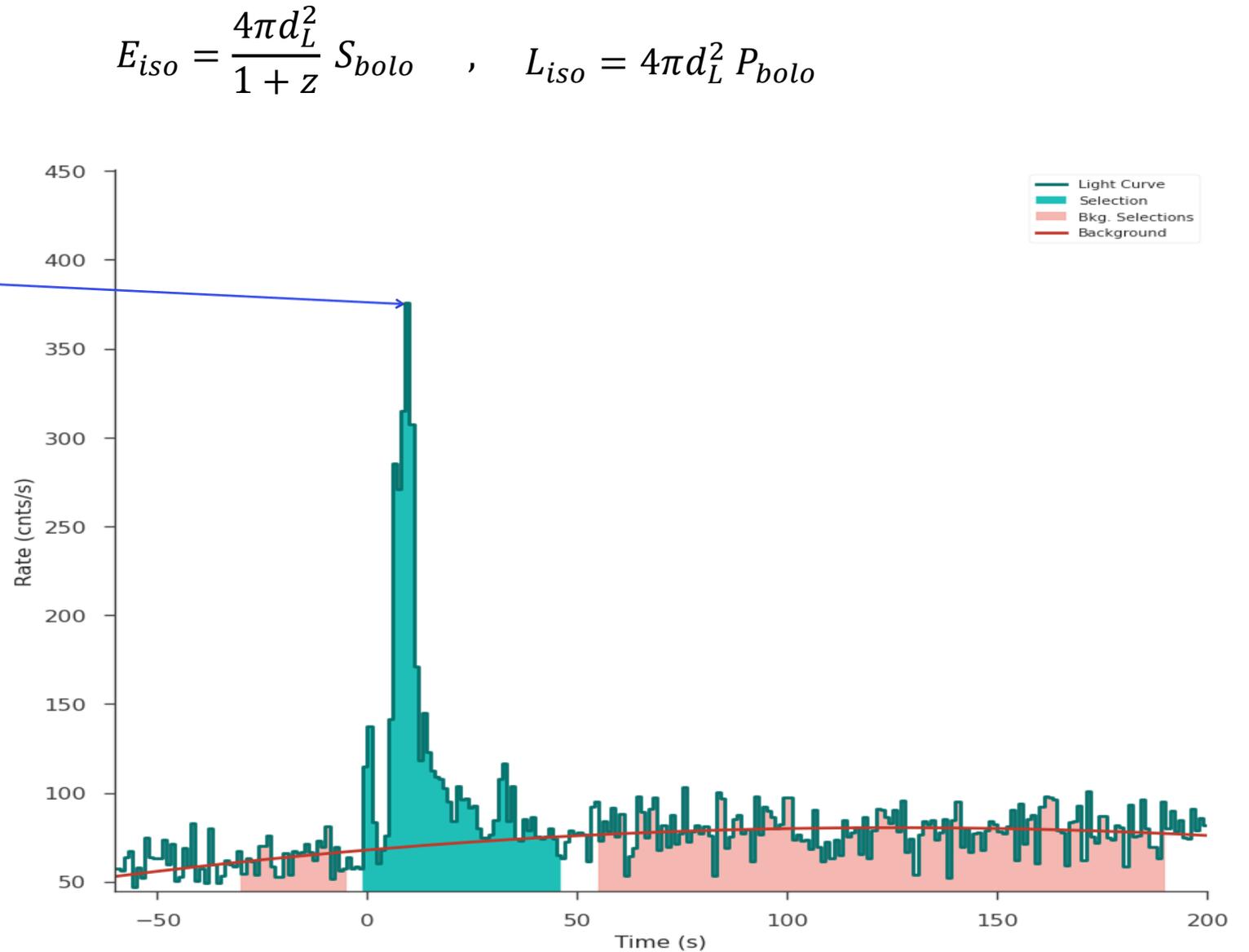
\* <https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov>

# GRBs data

## Bolometric :

- Fluence/ $T_{90}$  -  $S_{bolo}$
- Peak Flux -  $P_{bolo}$

Light curve\*  
GRB130427A  
Fermi - LLE

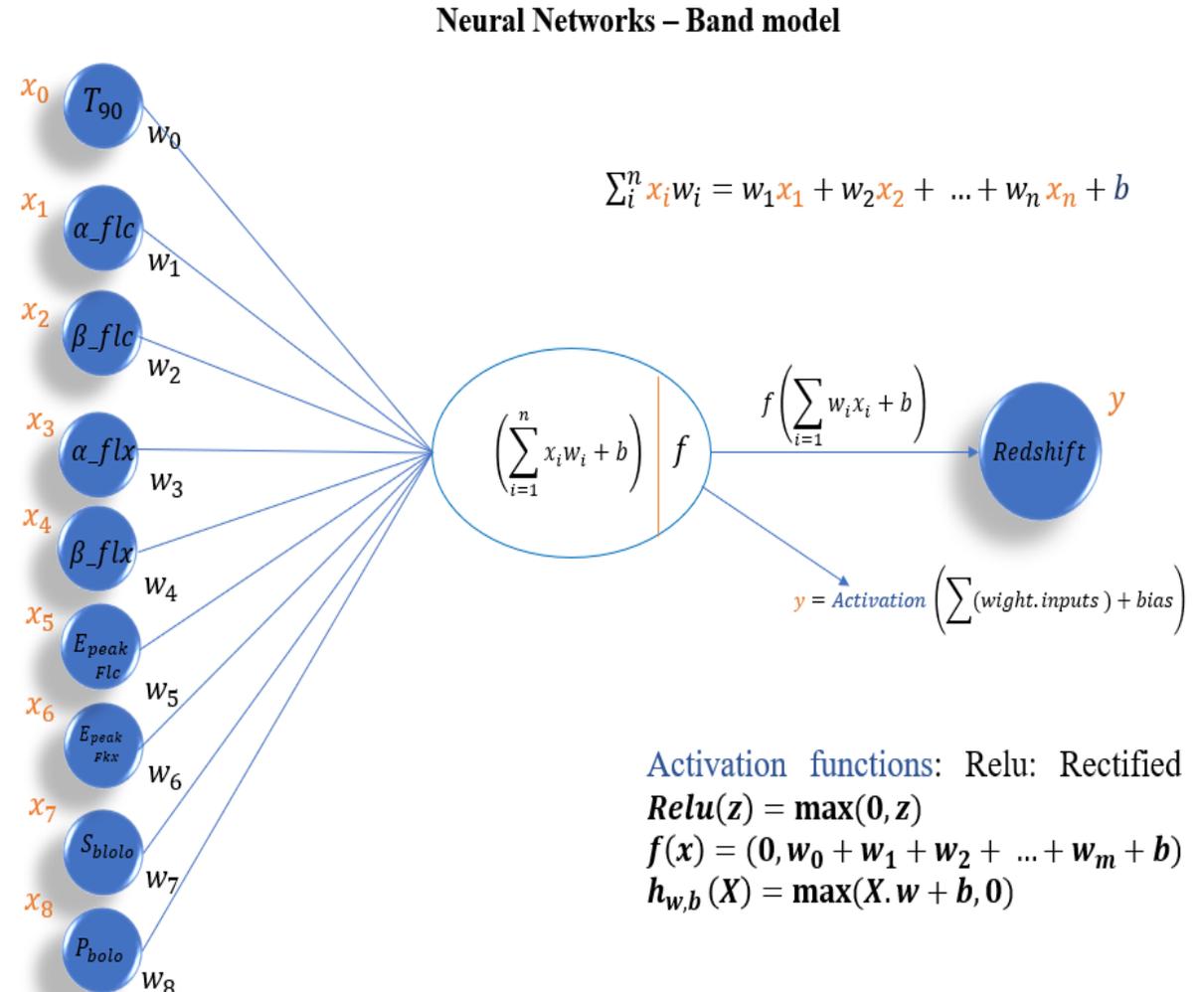


\* Light curve produced by 3ML software.

# Estimation redshift of GRBs

- Deep learning regression algorithm – using **TensorFlow\***: **Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)**

| Spectral Parameters |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Bolometric</b>   | Peak Flux                       | Fluence/ $T_{90}$               |
| Band                | $\alpha, \beta, E_p, P_{bolo}$  | $\alpha, \beta, E_p, S_{bolo}$  |
| Comptonized         | $\alpha_{index}, E_p, P_{bolo}$ | $\alpha_{index}, E_p, S_{bolo}$ |



\* TensorFlow: is a more complex library for distributed numerical computation using data flow graphs.

# Estimation redshift of GRBs

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- **Overfitting**

Deep learning regression algorithm: will quickly overfit a test data set when the train data set is too well trained, but not on test data.

- **Ensemble Stacking**

Ensemble techniques can be primarily classified into Bagging, Boosting, and **Stacking**.

In stacking, an algorithm takes the outputs of sub-models as input and attempts to learn how to best combine the input predictions to make a better output prediction.

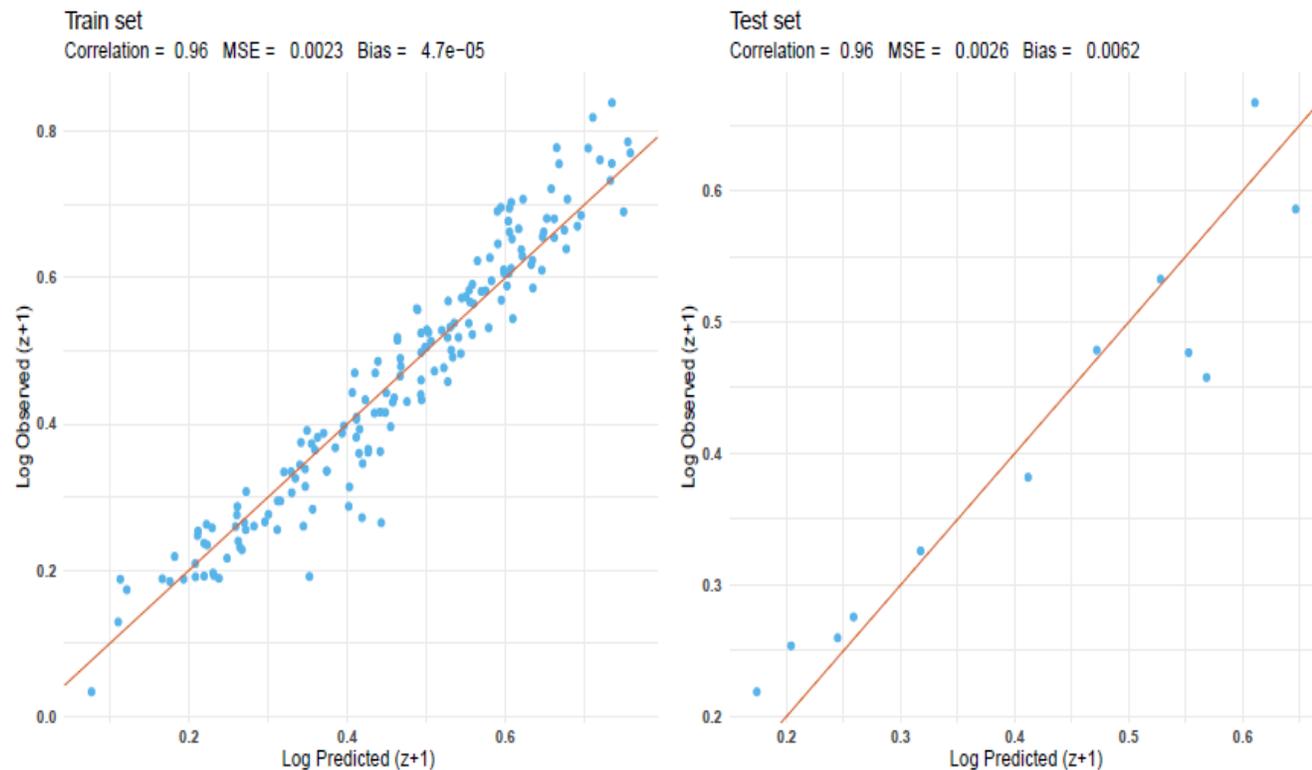
- **Sub-models**

Multilayer Perceptron Model, Random Forest, XGBoost, and linear regression, beside split the train-test data to (k-fold or cross-validation).

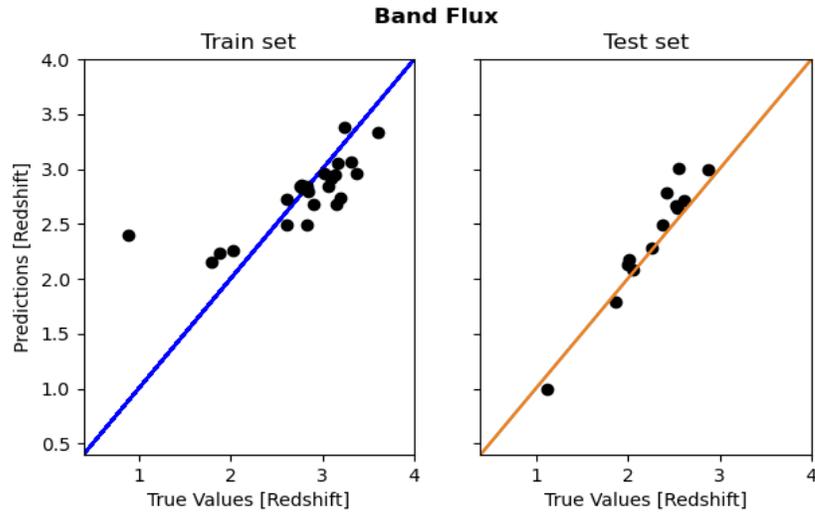
# Estimation redshift of GRBs

Several previous works used supervised machine learning algorithms, e.g., SuperLearner, to estimate possible non-linear relations between the redshift and GRB properties ( $T_{90}$ , photon index, hydrogen column density, fluence, peak flux, etc.).

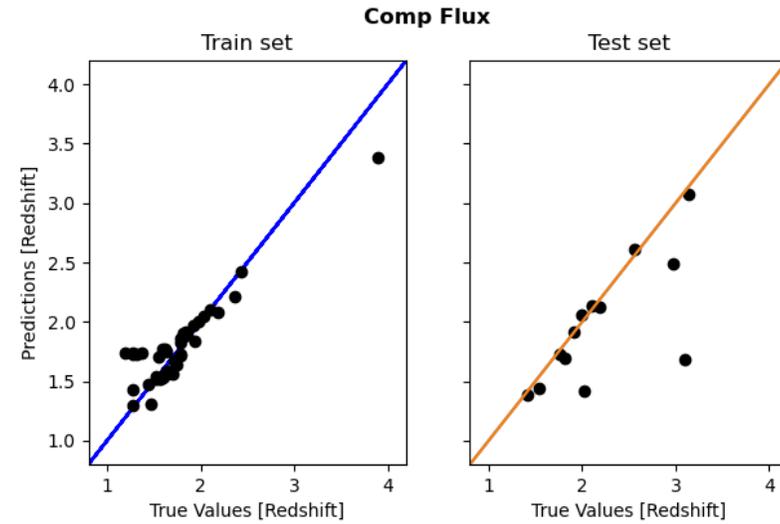
This was done using existing data from 171 *Swift* GRBs collected from January 2005 until January 2019 with a known redshift obtained a correlation coefficient of 0.96 and a mean squared error of 0.003 between actual and predicted redshifts (*Maria Dainotti et al., 2019*).



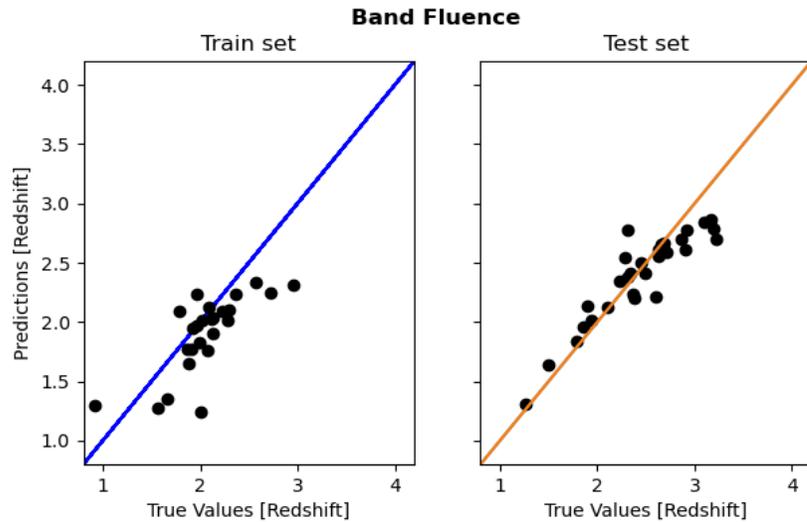
# Preliminary Results



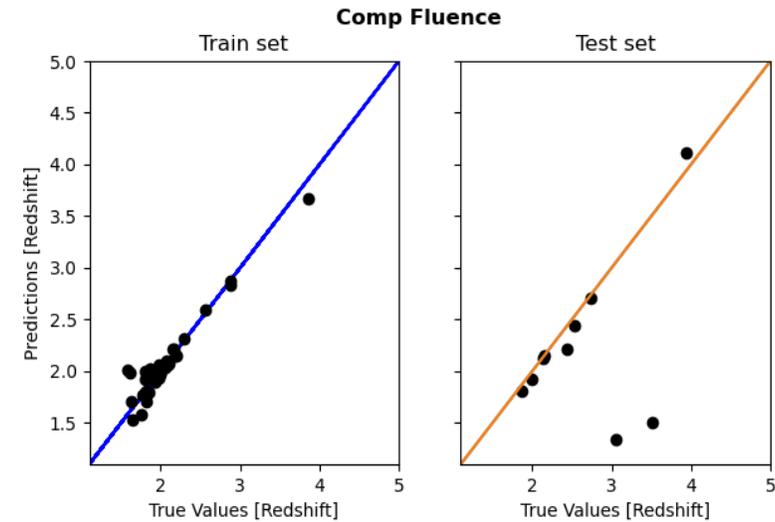
Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.557 – 0.845



Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.804 – 0.310

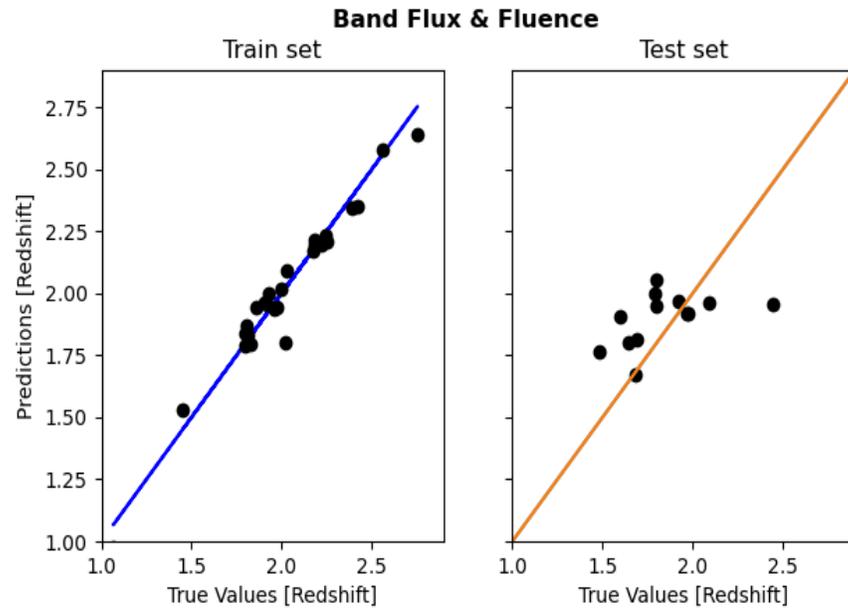


Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.385 – 0.797

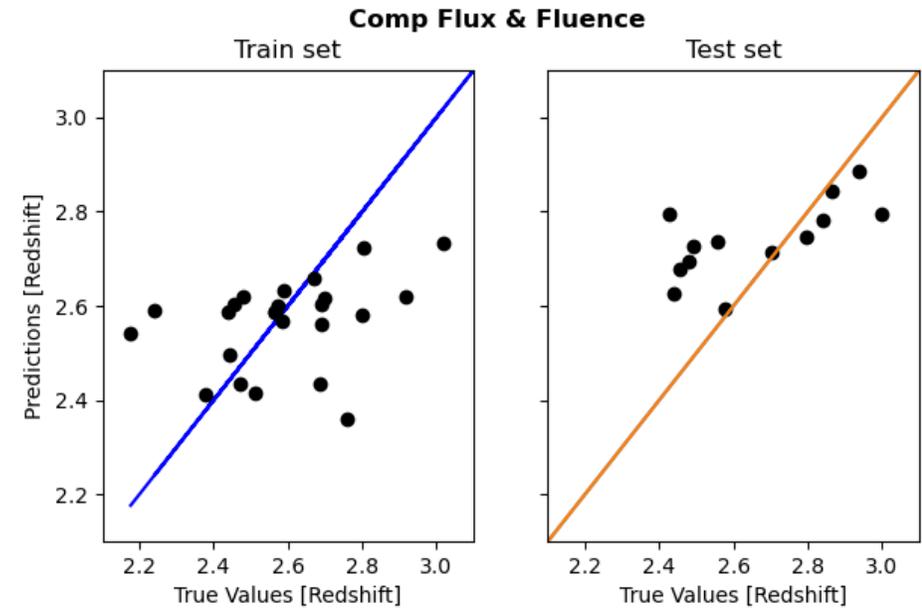


Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.915 – 0.664

# Preliminary Results



Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.960 – 0.182

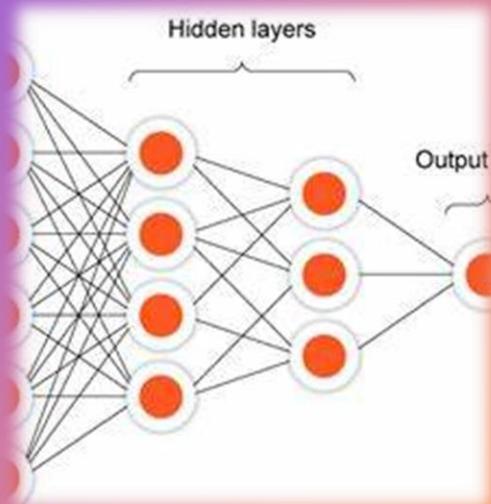


Coefficient  $R^2$ : 0.104 – 0.230



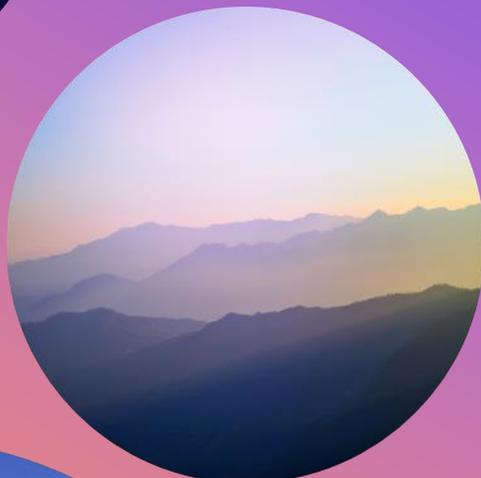
## Summary

Obtaining pseudo redshift is useful to standardize GRBs as cosmological probes, we tried to use different tools or techniques in machine learning – deep learning, as different supervised tools from previous works. We got overfitting quickly on the test data set because we use a small data set only from the Fermi-GBM Catalog. The best fit is obtained using the training set alone with all band models.





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