

### Galaxy Clustering and Photometric Redshifts

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### using cross-correlations for DES reducing sample-variance requirement cross-correlations with clusters

positions of nearby spectroscopic galaxies as priors applications for DESpec



### used DES mock v3.04 (~220 sq. deg.)

split into 70 fields roughly ~2x2deg

# in each field we measure:

$$w_p(r_p)$$
 of spectroscopic sample (measured in bins of z\_{spec})  
 $w_{pp}( heta)$  of photometric sample  
 $w_{sp}( heta)$  cross-correlation between photometric and spectroscopic samples  
(measured in bins of z\_{spec})

from these correlation functions we determine the redshift distribution Helsby - DESpec Workshop - 2/10



each over 14 fields (44 sq. deg.)  $N_s = 2000 \text{ per field}$   $N_p \approx 200000 \text{ per field}$ 



complete to i = 22.5



photometric distributionspectroscopic field/telescope pointing

### in each field:

#### case |

mimics Ι ΑΑΤ/ΑΑΩ pointing in one DECam pointing

tpprox 40 hours



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### case 2

mimics 4 Magellan/IMACS pointings in one DECam pointing

tpprox 4 hours





### case 3

mimics 16VLT/VIMOS pointings in one DECam pointing

tpprox 16 hours





### test with realistic spectroscopic distributions





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using nearby spectroscopic galaxies as redshift priors: example





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2.3% galaxies: "spectroscopic"

2.3% = 7 million spectroscopic DES galaxies / (300 million photometric DES galaxies )





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galaxy clustering can provides additional information, allowing more accurate photometric redshift and redshift distributions

applied to DES, the sample variance issue due to LSS in spectroscopic training sets can be alleviated by using the cross-correlations method, using available spectroscopic data and possibly the DES cluster population

DESpec allows us to use nearby galaxies as a prior - particularly useful at low redshift (can reduces outlier rate for these objects) where photoz's are less accurate due to DES' lack of a u-band

thanks for listening!

### Extra

### comparison with ZADE









### photometric sample: all objects within the DES mock catalog

**spectroscopic sample:** random subsample of 10% of the objects in the DES mock catalog (mimics an idealized DESpec galaxy redshift survey)

an ideal test

2

1

0

-1

 $\phi_p$ 



all 70 fields

no photometric information is used here

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select galaxies in bins of photometric redshift and reconstruct the true redshift distribution in that bin

reconstructed from 220 sq. deg. using representative spectroscopic sample



many training sets exist already within the DES footprint



spectroscopic training sets imaging survey (deep survey intermediate survey) infrared survey SZ survey





training sets not complete down to DES photometric limit i=24



partially mitigate this problem by getting more redshifts at faint end: proposed a program of multislit spectroscopy to improve the spectroscopic training sets on Magellan/IMACS (Frieman, Lin, Kessler & Helsby)





sample variance effects due to fluctuations in LSS in spectroscopic training sets

Cunha et al. (2011)



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placed into the wrong photometric bin currently do not know this, want to find this  $P(z_s^i|z_p^j) = P(z_p^j|z_s^i) \frac{N_s^i}{N_p^j}$ 

*"Contamination"* Objects in a photometric bin that are from the wrong spectroscopic bin

known

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### from DES science verification document (docdb-6255):

Table 3 and Fig. 2 show a number of other ancillary DES-overlapping data sets of interest. Starting from the south, the two vertical rectangular yellow regions are the SPT deep fields, and the long horizontal yellow region indicates the ACT SZ survey. Purple regions represent intermediate-scale deep imaging surveys; the one overlapping the eastern SPT deep field (West is to the left, East to the right in this plot) is the DEEPLens F3 field. Green areas are infrared surveys, and the angled green area is the Akari Deep Field South with its Herschel Hermes field. The two green regions at  $\delta \approx -40^{\circ}$  are Herschel Atlas fields. Grey regions represent spectroscopic surveys useful for photometric redshift training in the DES, and the lone square just north of the Western SPT deep field is a Primus field, Elias S1. The grey region to the right of the Atlas fields is another Primus field, CFDS-SWIRE. Farther north, the four large grey regions are WiggleZ fields. Starting in the West on the equator, first comes the the WiggleZ 22hr field, followed in grey by the Vipers CFHLS W4 field, the VVDS shallow field, the DEEP2 and Primus survey 23hr fields colocated inside the WiggleZ Ohr field, the WiggleZ 1hr field overlapped by the green SHELA Spitzer survey region, and continuing on the equator the DEEP2 2hr field in red and the associated Primus field in grey. Just beneath them are two purple regions: the larger is the CFHTLS W1 field and the smaller is the DEEPLens F6 field. The grey region inside the purple region is the Primus XMM-LSS field, and the adjoining red square is the VVDS deep field. Almost too small to see is the grey Vipers field to the left of the F6 field. Finally the large grey region in the East is the WiggleZ 3hr field.

an ideal test



no photometric information is used to recover these distributions



method to reconstruct the true redshift distribution of a sample by using its clustering properties

requires two samples: spectroscopic sample and "photometric" sample

samples must overlap in redshift and on the sky

less sensitive to incompleteness than redshift estimation based on photometry methods; thus is particularly useful at faint end, where spectroscopy is difficult/expensive

can only reconstruct the distribution, not individual galaxy redshifts





the newman method: why does this work?



the newman method: what's going on here

measure  $w_{sp}( heta, z_{spec})$  (in bins of spectroscopic redshift)



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assume  $\xi_{sp} \propto \xi_{ss}$  which we can measure in the spectroscopic sample

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$$\phi_p(z) \equiv rac{dN_p}{\int_0^\infty rac{dN_p}{dz'd\Omega} dz'}$$