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DELVE Cosmology Analysis

Background:

At large scales, galaxies can be used to trace dark matter distribution in the universe. The large scale structure formed by galaxies is crucial in tracing dark matter.

- Galaxy redshift distances are used to determine structure
- DELVE does not have spectra to calculate redshifts
- Redshifts are estimated from DELVE photometric data
- Photometric redshifts are a major source of systematic uncertainty in photometric surveys like DELVE

Objective:

- Calibrate photometric redshifts from DELVE galaxy survey in order to reduce systematic uncertainty
- Determine large scale structure to assess dark matter distribution and evolution

Calibrating Photometric Redshift Estimates to Find True Redshifts

Approach:

Two-point statistics between galaxy surveys g_1, g_2 can help describe dark matter evolution through the following equation:

$$\underbrace{\bar{w}_{g_1, g_2}(\theta)}_{\text{observation}} = \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{n_{g_1}(z)n_{g_2}(z)b_{g_1}(z)b_{g_2}(z)}_{\text{calibrate}} \underbrace{\bar{w}_{mm}(z, \theta)}_{\text{dark matter parameter}} dz$$

We focus on calibrating this $n(z)$ parameter using clustering redshifts with a two-parameter fit. The $n(z)$ in some small redshift bin j is defined as:

$$n_{u,j}(z_j) = \frac{\bar{w}_{ur}}{\sqrt{\bar{w}_{rr}} (1+z_j)^\gamma}$$

power law approximation for $\sqrt{\bar{w}_{uu, spec}}$

where u, r represent the photometric and spectroscopic surveys, respectively.

- Correlations (denoted \bar{w}_{g_1, g_2}) with external spectra used to estimate true redshifts
- Reference spectra used to calibrate photo-z distribution
- 2-parameter fit to shift and stretch photo-z distribution to clustering results

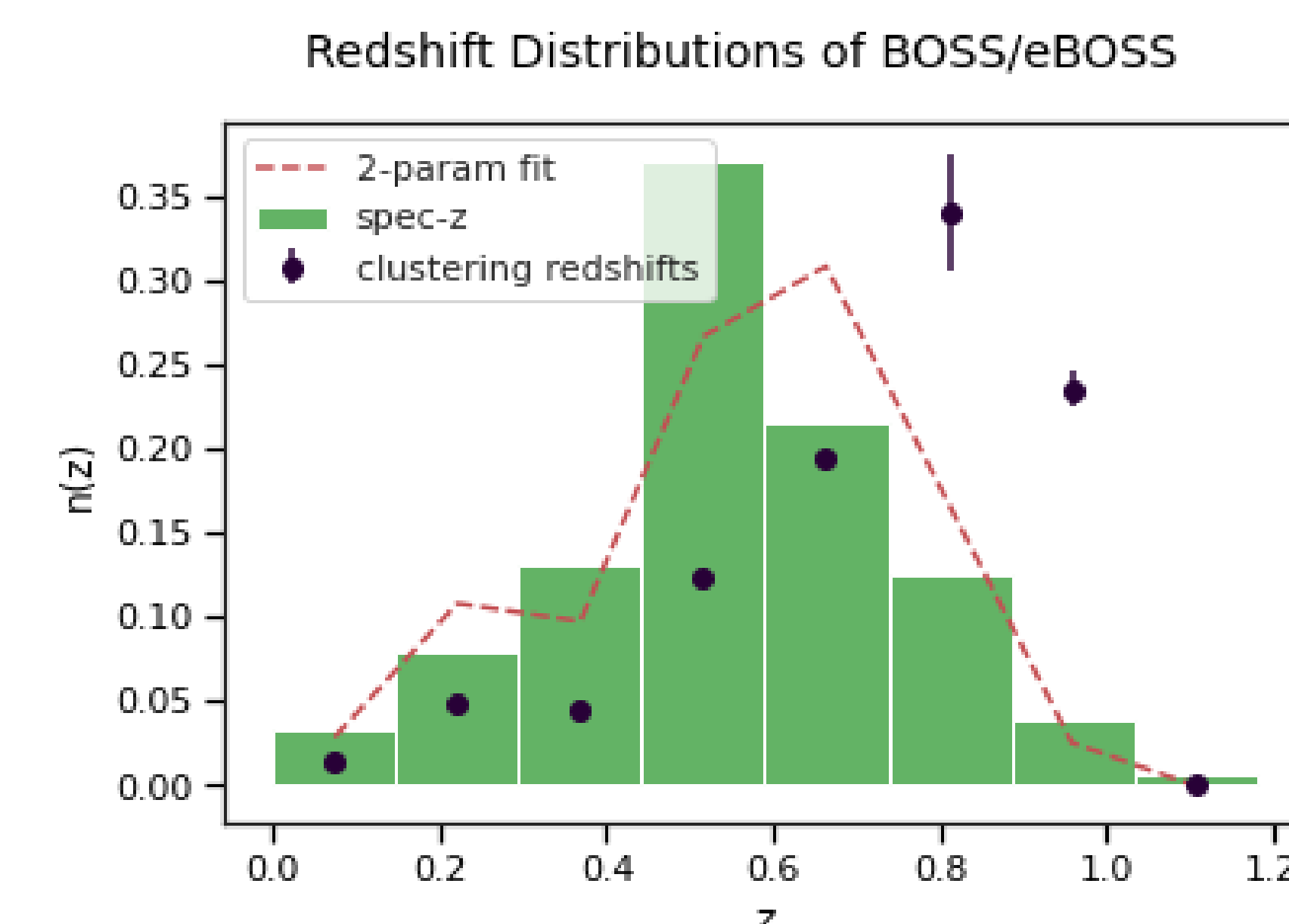
Testing Clustering Redshifts and 2-Parameter Fitting

SDSS spectra test:

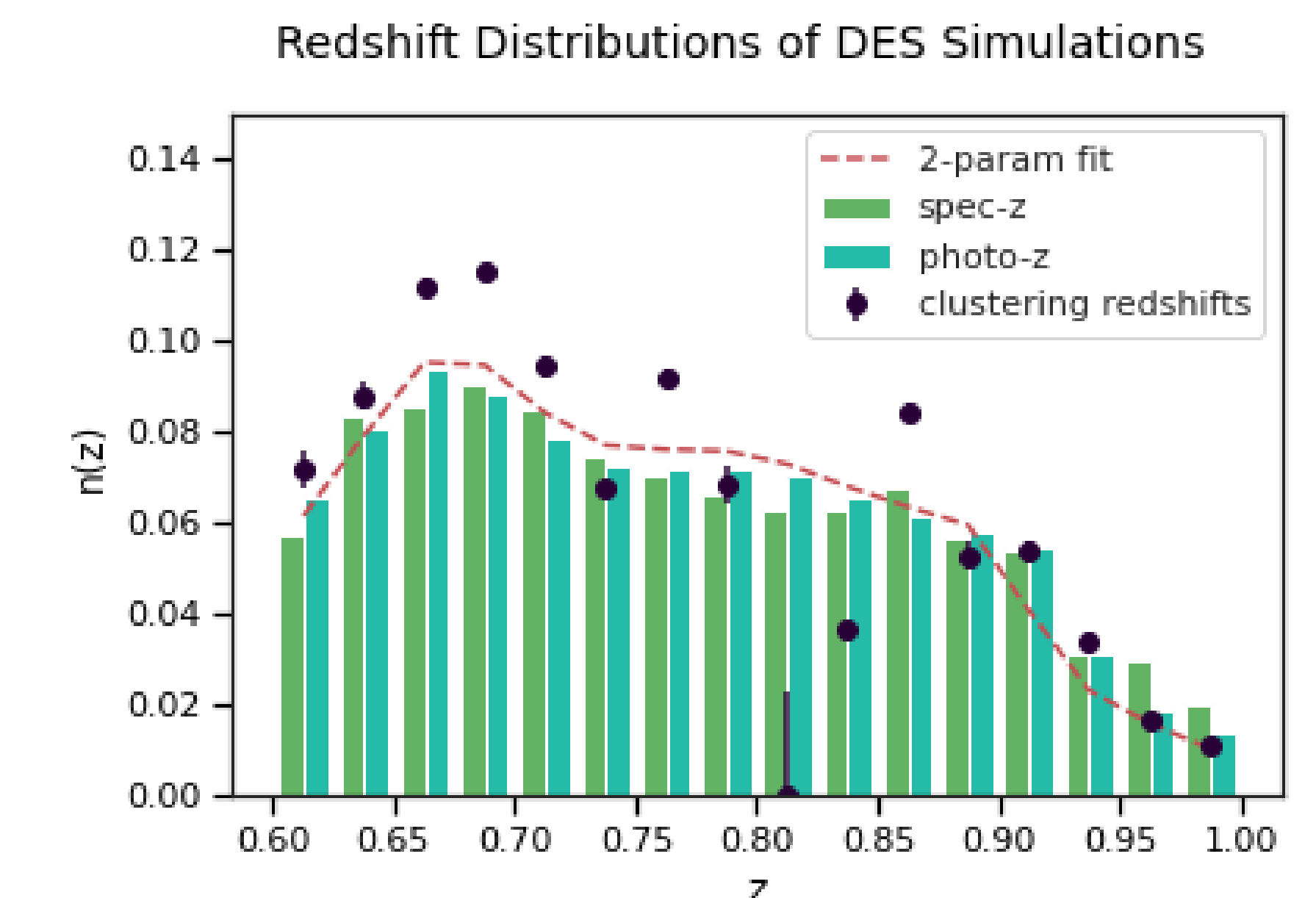
- Use spectroscopic redshifts to calibrate true redshifts (i.e.. data calibrating itself)
- Accuracy lost at higher redshifts where galaxy coverage is sparse

DES simulation test:

- Calibrate the photo-z distribution to the spec-z distribution of the same galaxies
- Increased noise with thinner binning



Test with SDSS LSS spectra catalogs (BOSS/eBOSS)

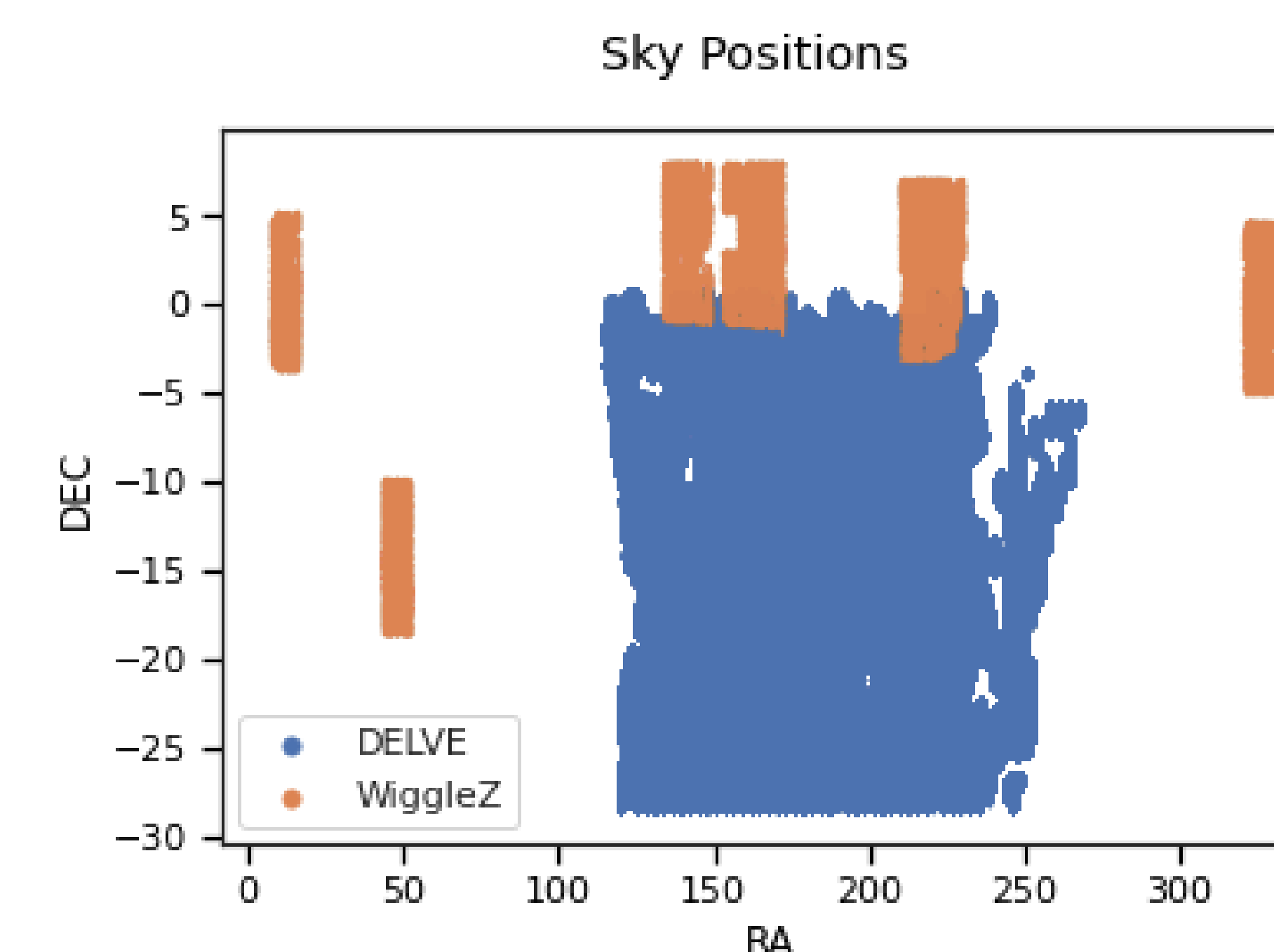


Test with DES Y1 BAO Simulations

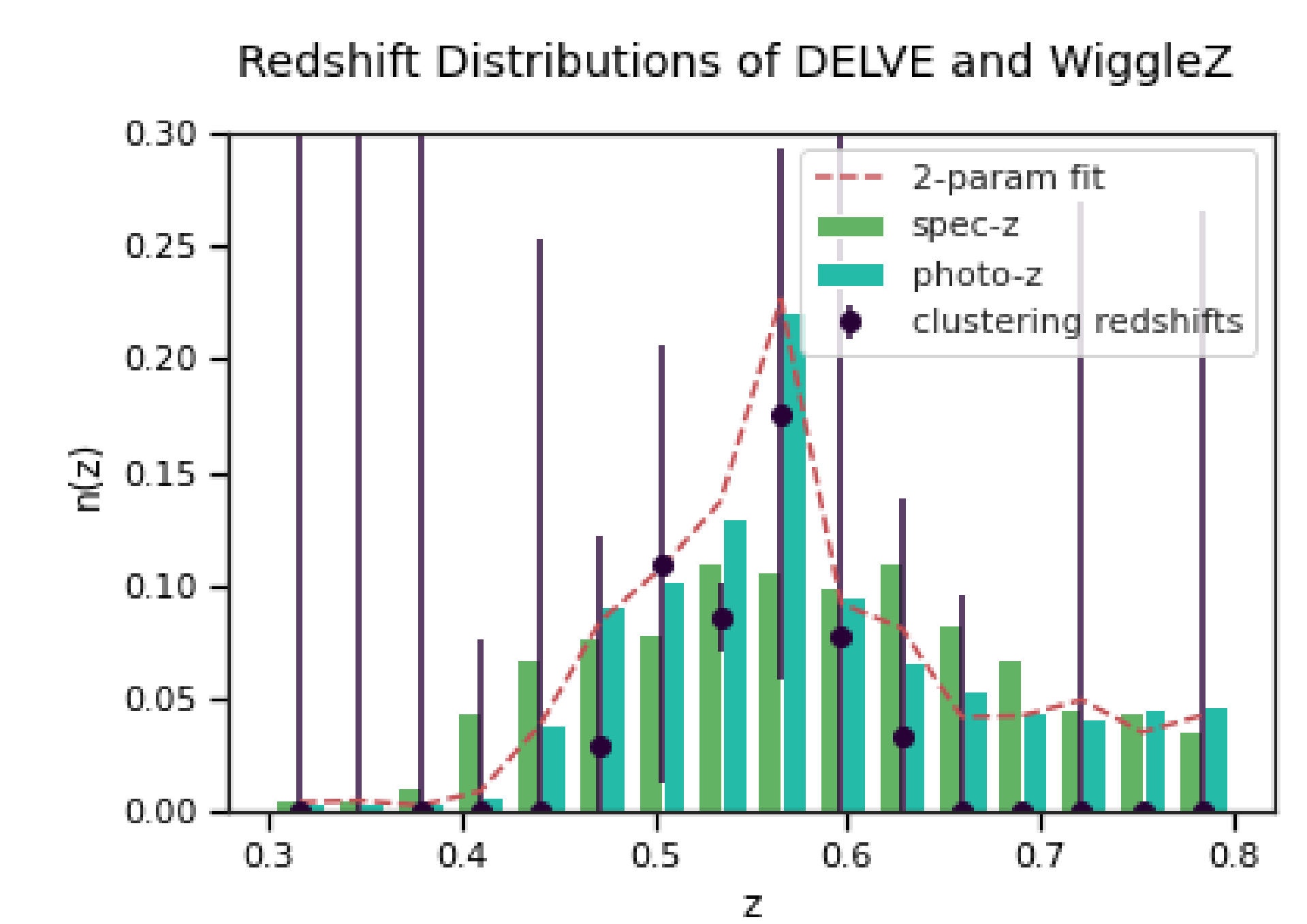
DELVE Data Results

Data release 1:

- Little overlap with existing spectra (WiggleZ)
- More data is needed to reduce noise



DR1 and WiggleZ Footprint Overlap



DR1 and WiggleZ Results

Conclusions and Future Work

- Clustering method appears to accurately calibrate photometric redshifts
- True redshift distributions can provide insight on dark matter
- More data is needed to find true redshifts of DELVE galaxies