Observational Cosmology: Overview



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Why am I here?

Focus of this talk



Overview

- Science goals: dark energy, modified gravity and massive neutrinos
- Cosmological probes and survey of surveys (CMB, SNe, galaxies)
- Cosmology with spectroscopic galaxy surveys
- The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

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Science Goals: Modified Gravity

- Modified gravity (MG) models can mimic the expansion of dark energy (DE) models
- One can distinguish between MG and DE by also measuring the growth of structure
- DESI will study the anisotropy in the distribution of galaxies to provide accurate measurements of the growth rate



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Science Goals: Massive Neutrinos

- Massive neutrinos leave an imprint in the distribution of matter, affecting both its expansion and growth
- In combination with Planck, DESI will be able to accurately measure the sum of the neutrino masses within 0.02 eV
- Depending on the true masses, we might be able to distinguish between the different neutrino hierarchies



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Planck (2009)

COBE (1989)

WMAP (2001)

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Mild tension between amplitude of matter fluctuations in CMB and in WL (S₈ tension)



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Imaging Galaxy Surveys: Future

The Euclid ESA mission

- ESA medium-size astronomy and astrophysics space mission
- Will survey 15,000 sq. deg.
- Weak lensing in optical focal plane with 1.5 billion galaxies
- And slit-less spectroscopy in infrared for 30 million galaxies
- Photometry for photo-z in infrared focal plane (YJH)
- Successfully launched in July 2023!





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Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)



 FASTER (2×15s exp.),
 WIDER (20k deg2),
 DEEPER (i ~ 26.8)

 DES:
 90s exp.
 5k deg2
 i ~ 23.8

- 8.4 m diameter mirror
- 9.6 deg² field of view
- 825 visits per pointing
- 10 million alerts per night
- 40 billion objects
- 500 PB of images
- 10-year survey
- Commissioning ongoing
- Survey to start in 2025
- Weak lensing with 4 billion galaxies

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To study the expansion we want to measure the distance to different redshift

Standard candle (SNe Ia) known luminosity + measure flux istance



Standard ruler (BAO) known size + measure angle

distance





Acoustic waves in the photon-baryon plasma in the early Universe left an imprint in the CMB, at a well-known scale known as the *sound horizon*



BAO have also been detected in the distribution of matter at low redshift, and can be used as a standard ruler to measure distances to galaxies

Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)

Our galaxy maps are distorted, since our radial coordinate is inferred from its redshift (velocity)

On large (linear scales), the anisotropy in the galaxy correlations depends on the amplitude matter fluctuations and the theory of gravity



RSDs can therefore be used to measure the

growth of structure as a function of time





Cosmology from 20 years of SDSS

eBOSS Collaboration 2021 (arXiv:2007.08991)

"The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: Cosmological Implications from two Decades of Spectroscopic Surveys at the Apache Point observatory"

Interpretation of 23-paper arXiv submission from July 20, 2020

Collaboration paper co-led by (left to right): Eva-Maria Mueller (Oxford), Kyle Dawson (Utah), Andreu Font-Ribera (IFAE), Zheng Zheng (Utah) and Anze Slosar (BNL)











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Tension in the flat ACDM model?

- SDSS fully consistent with Planck CMB, Pantheon SNe and DES 3x2
- Clear H_0 tension with SHOES distance ladder (more latter)





Extended models: curvature





Extended models: dark energy



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Extended models: massive neutrinos

CMB T&P Lower limits from CMB T&P+SN 0.3 neutrino oscillations CMB T&P+BAO $\sum m_{\nu} > 0.0588 \,\mathrm{eV}$ Σ*m*_{*V*} [eV] normal hierarchy, $\sum m_{\nu} > 0.0995 \,\mathrm{eV}$ inverted hierarchy. 0.1 **BAO** breaks degeneracy $\nu \Lambda CDM$ with matter density in CMB 0.0 0.28 0.30 0.32 0.34 0.36 Ω_m

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Mayall 4m Telescope Kitt Peak (Tucson, AZ)

Increase BOSS/eBOSS datasets by an order of magnitude











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Survey Overview



And now...

... a bumpy road to Dark Energy!

DESI First Light! October 2019



DESI Survey Validation started in March 2020...

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... and lasted 2 days (COVID shutdown until Nov 2020)





Main survey started in May 2021!



... Contreras Fire shutdown June 14, 2022 ... until Sep 10, 2022

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Hackers in 2023!



By Brett Tingley published August 30, 2023

It's unclear exactly what the nature of the cyberattacks were or from where they originated.

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DESI is now 50% complete!

- In spite of covid, fire and pirates, the main survey of DESI is already 50% complete!
- Thanks to a great instrument and survey operations team, we are now 3 months ahead of schedule
- Terminology:
 - DESI-EDR (Early Data Release)
 - DESI-M2 (first two months)
 - DESI-Y1 (up to June'22)
 - DESI-Y3 (up to June'24), DESI-Y5 (final, 2026)



DESI Early Data Release (EDR)

- Survey Validation N(z) ي 100000 . ع ع ا 434k BGS n 0.5 1.5 2.5 0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 3.5 225k LRG ម្ពី 20000 N 2.5 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 3.0 3.5 0.0 436k ELG 50000 Z 25000 1.0 2.5 0.5 1.5 2.0 3.0 3.5 0.0 4000 75k QSO ی 2000 ع 0 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 redshift
- Over 1 million redshifts obtained during Survey Validation (SV, Dec 2020– May 2021)
- Includes 4 different tracers to cover a wide redshift range, but also lots of stars!
- Redshifts and spectra were made public in June 2023: the Early Data Release (EDR)
- See https://data.desi.lbl.gov/doc





- Open questions in fundamental physics can be addressed with cosmology
- Dark Energy can be constrained by measuring both expansion and growth
- Combining cosmological probes is the only way forward
- The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument is observing at full speed!
- New state of the art for dark energy, modified gravity and neutrinos masses



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We can relate redshift to distance if we have a cosmological model



Before recombination (z > 1100), photons and ionized matter were tightly coupled

Primordial density fluctuations generated sound waves in the plasma

These waves froze out at recombination, leaving an imprint at a characteristic scale

Sound horizon at recombination (from Planck):



$$r_d = 147.6 \pm 0.3 \; \text{Mpc}$$

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We measure BAO peak in the transverse direction in BOSS: $\Delta \theta_{BAO} = \frac{r_d}{1+z} \frac{1}{D_A(z)}$

We can study the expansion!

We measure BAO peak along the line of sight in BOSS:
$$\Delta v_{BAO} = \frac{\tau_d}{1+z} H(z)$$

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