

The Dark Energy Survey: an overview

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John Peoples was 1st director

~300 scientists

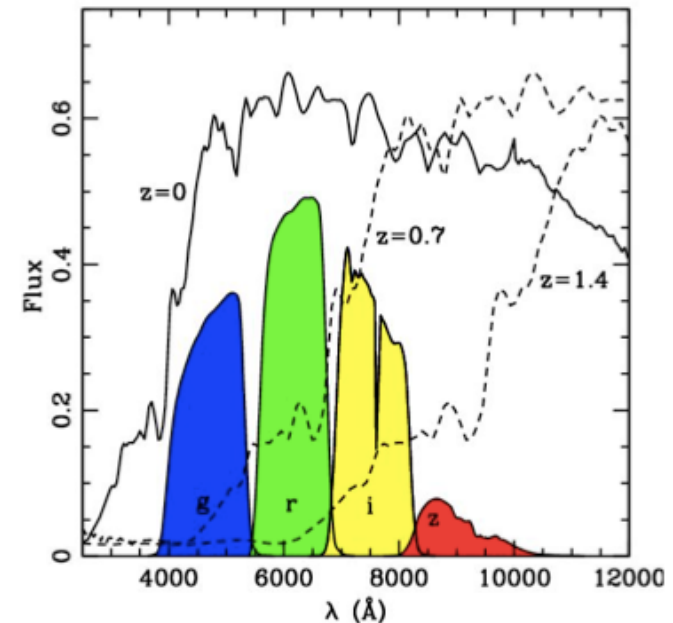
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DES Project

- Survey of 5000 deg² ($\sim 1/8$ of the sky)
- 300 millions of galaxies up to $z \sim 1.4$
(+ 100,000 clusters + 4,000 SN Ia)
- Photometric redshift with 5 filters
- Blanco telescope (4m, CTIO)
- DECam – 62 (+12) CCDs - 570 Megapixels





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DES Project Timeline

NOAO Blanco Announcement of Opportunity 2003

DECam R&D 2004-8

Camera construction 2008-11

First light DECam on telescope September 2012

Science Verification (SV) run: Sept. 2012 - Feb. 2013

First Season (Year 1): Aug. 31, 2013 - Feb. 9, 2014

Second Season (Year 2): Aug. 2014 - Feb. 2015

Planning on 5 105-night seasons



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DES site: 4m Blanco telescope at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) in Chile



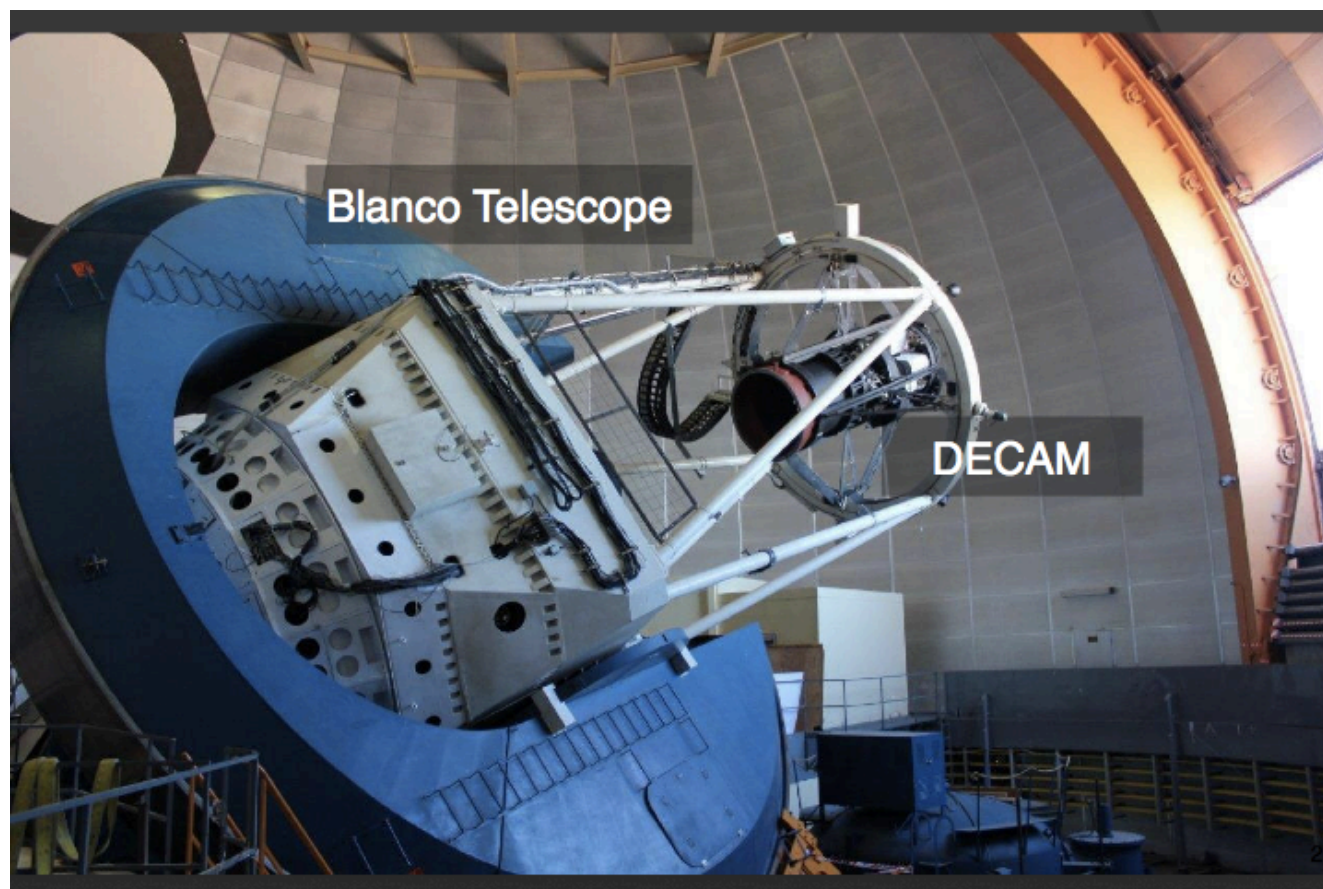
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DECam

Able to see light from more than 100,000 galaxies up to 8 billion light-years away in each snapshot. Weighs ~4 tons!



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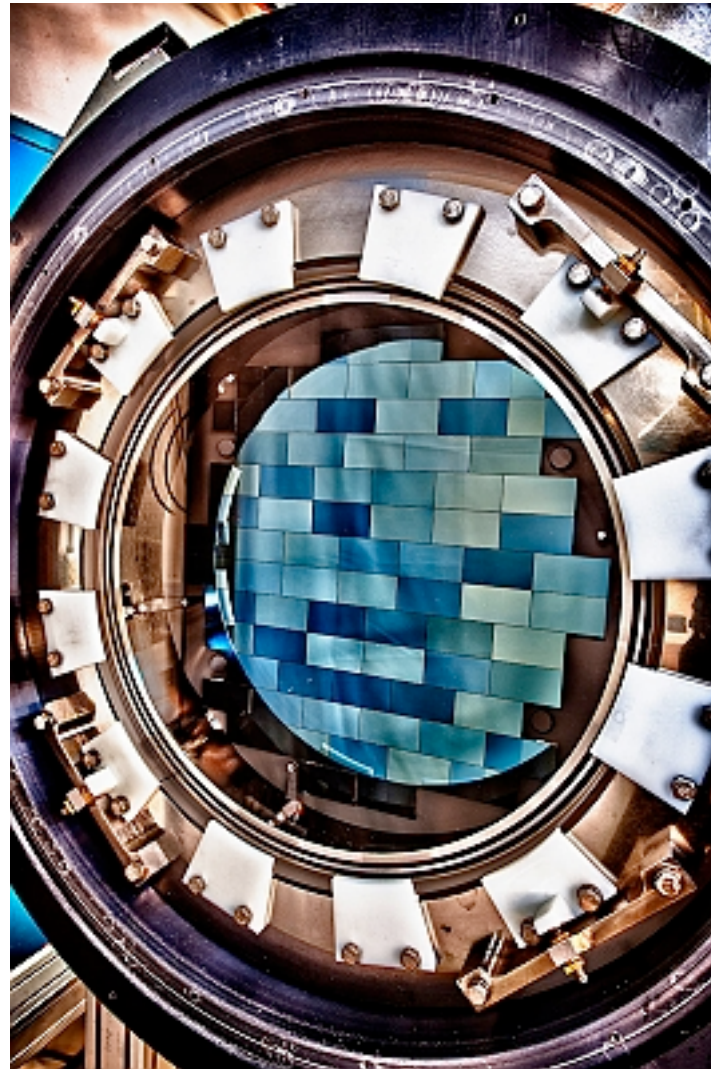


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DECam



[arXiv:1504.02900](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.02900)

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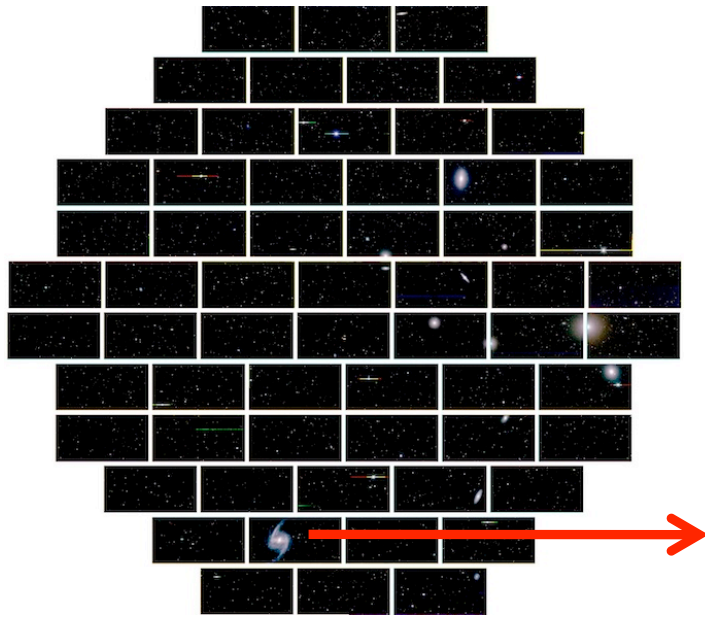
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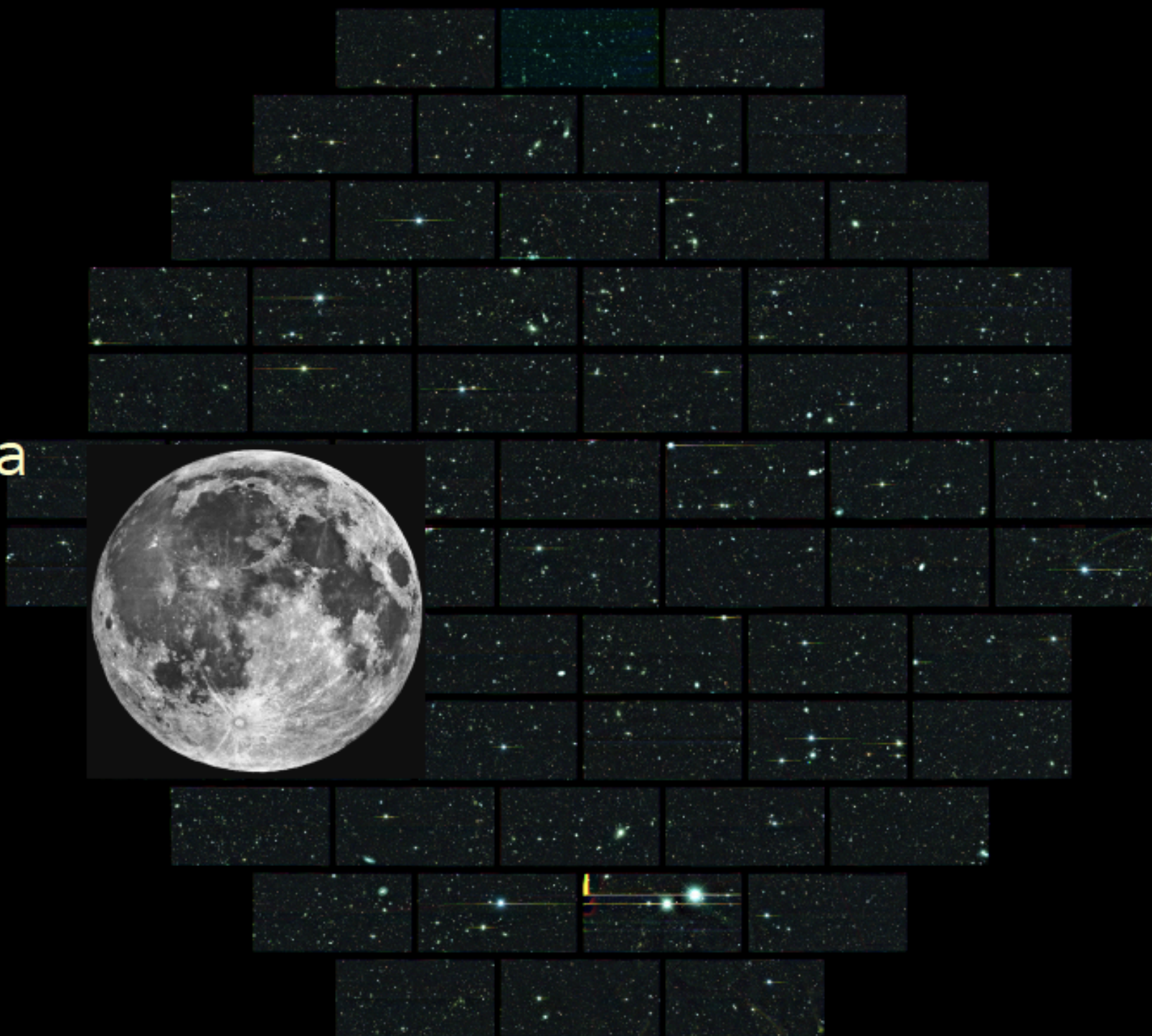
Fornax cluster of galaxies



Barred spiral galaxy NGC 1365 in the Fornax cluster of galaxies



DES SV
image of a
deep SN
field





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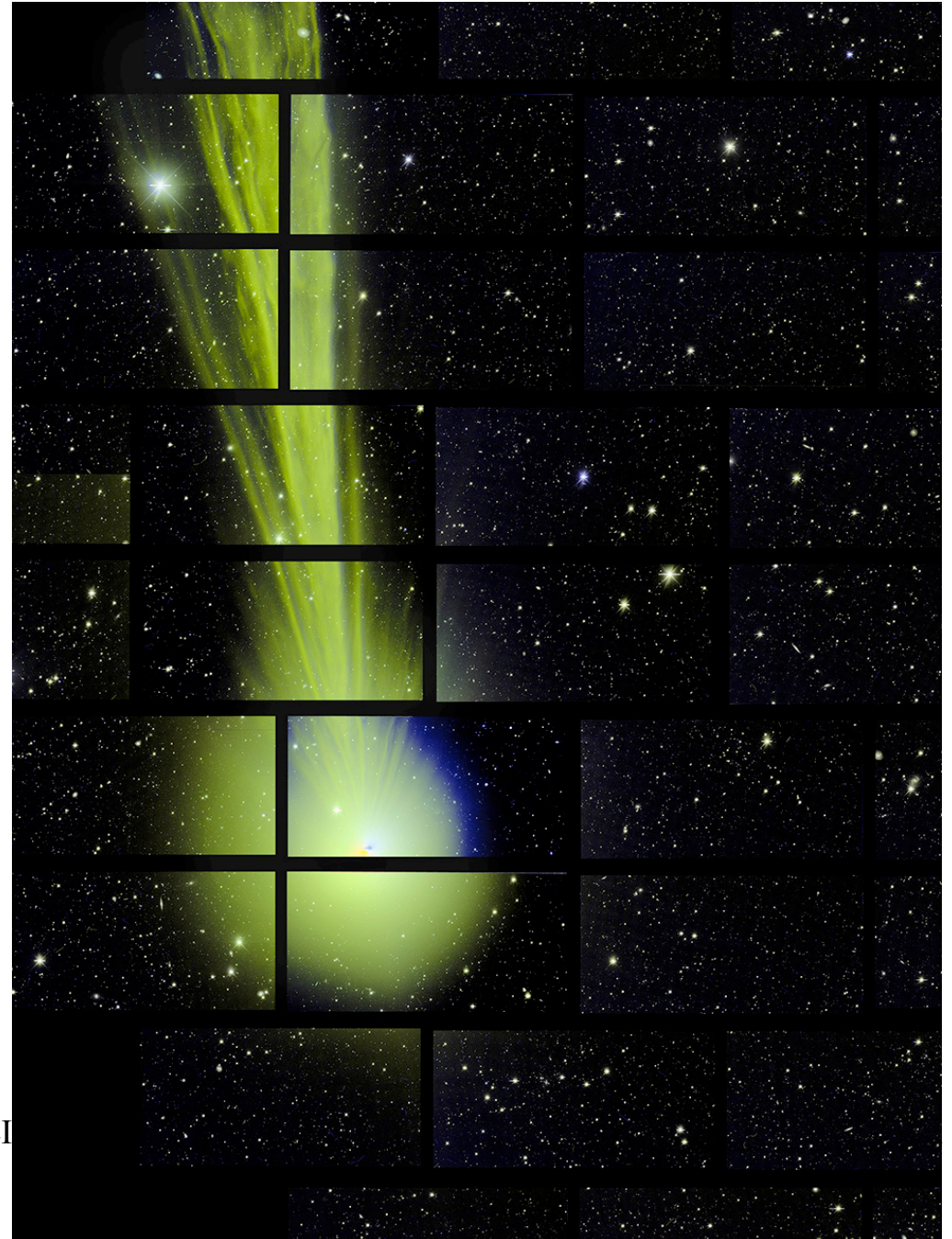


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Dark Energy Camera catches breathtaking glimpse of comet Lovejoy

December 27 2014

82 million km away



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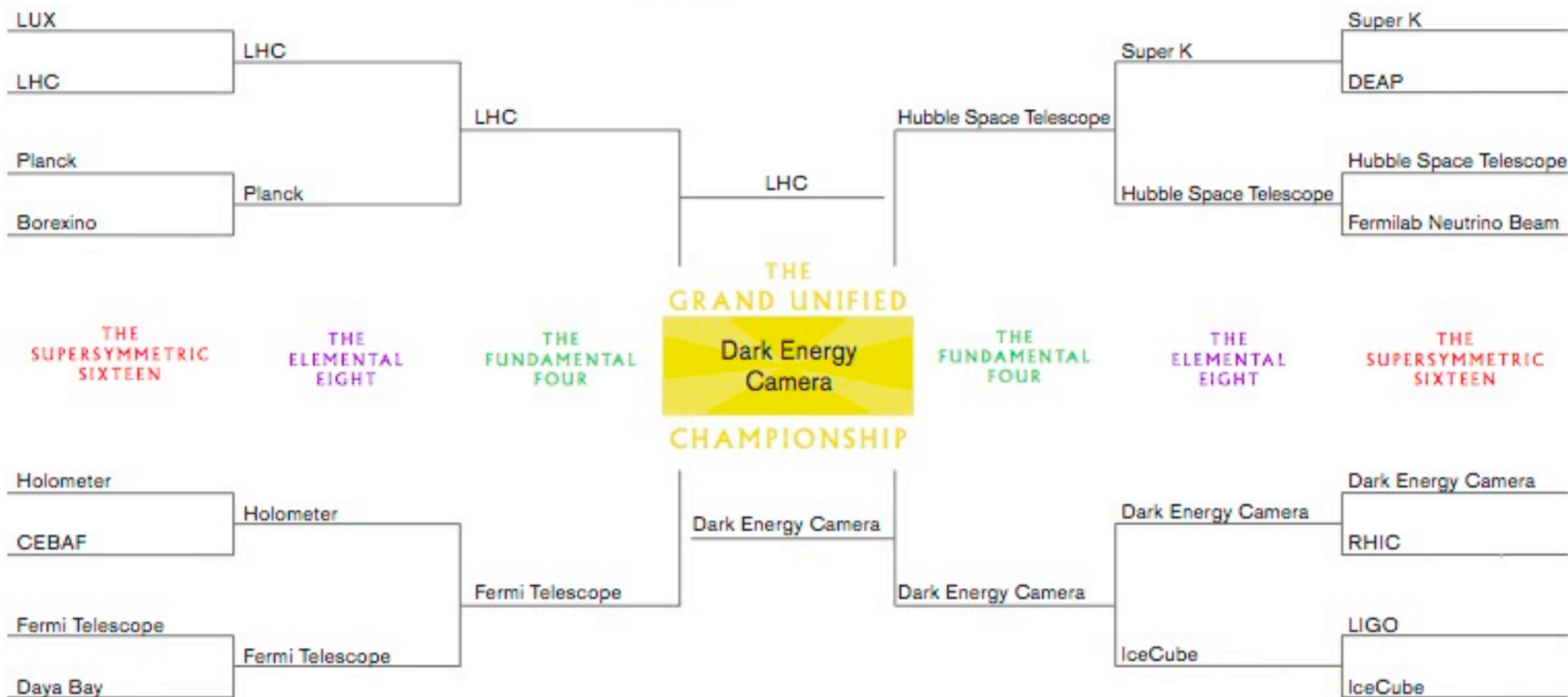
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DES Data Management

Each exposure (in a given filter) generates 500Mb

300 exposures/night – 150 Gb/night

Transferred and processed at NCSA in Urbana



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<http://www.linea.gov.br>

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Brazilian infrastructure contribution

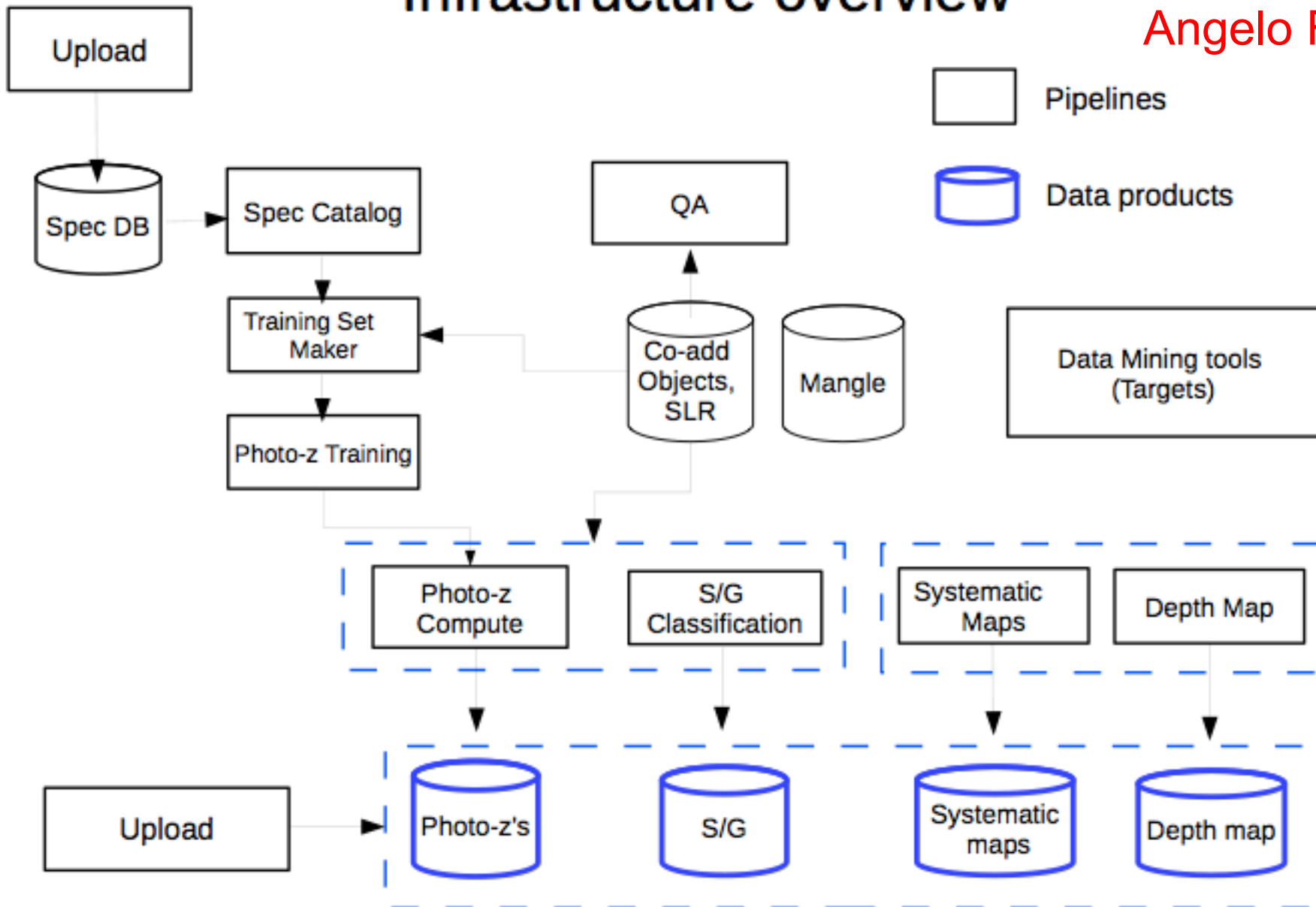
- QuickReduce: software for fast assessment of image quality at CTIO
- The Science Portal: Data Server, Value Added Catalogs and scientific pipelines

Creating a science-ready catalog is the crux:
selection of objects, photo-z, systematic effects, ...



Infrastructure overview

Angelo Fausti





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<https://des-portal.fnal.gov/>

[Release Notes](#)

DES Science Portal: Data Server

The DES Science Portal hosts tools for Quality Assessment (QA), Value-Added Catalogs (VACs) preparation and Science Analysis.

From the **Data Server** instance @ FNAL you have access to following tools:

- **Observations:** information about DES observations from the Night Summary and Quick Reduce
- **Data Releases:** list of the releases currently installed and associated data
- **Footprint:** spatial coverage and overlapping with external catalogs
- **Tile Viewer:** visual inspection of co-add images and catalogs
- **Catalog Server:** access to VACs produced by the portal, uploaded catalogs, reference catalogs and simulations
- **Science Products:** access to science products produced by the portal or uploaded by other authors

The system is designed to be self-evident, use the help icon "(?)" available on each page.

The Science Portal is a facility developed by [LineA](#). If you have any question please contact us through the helpdesk@linea.gov.br

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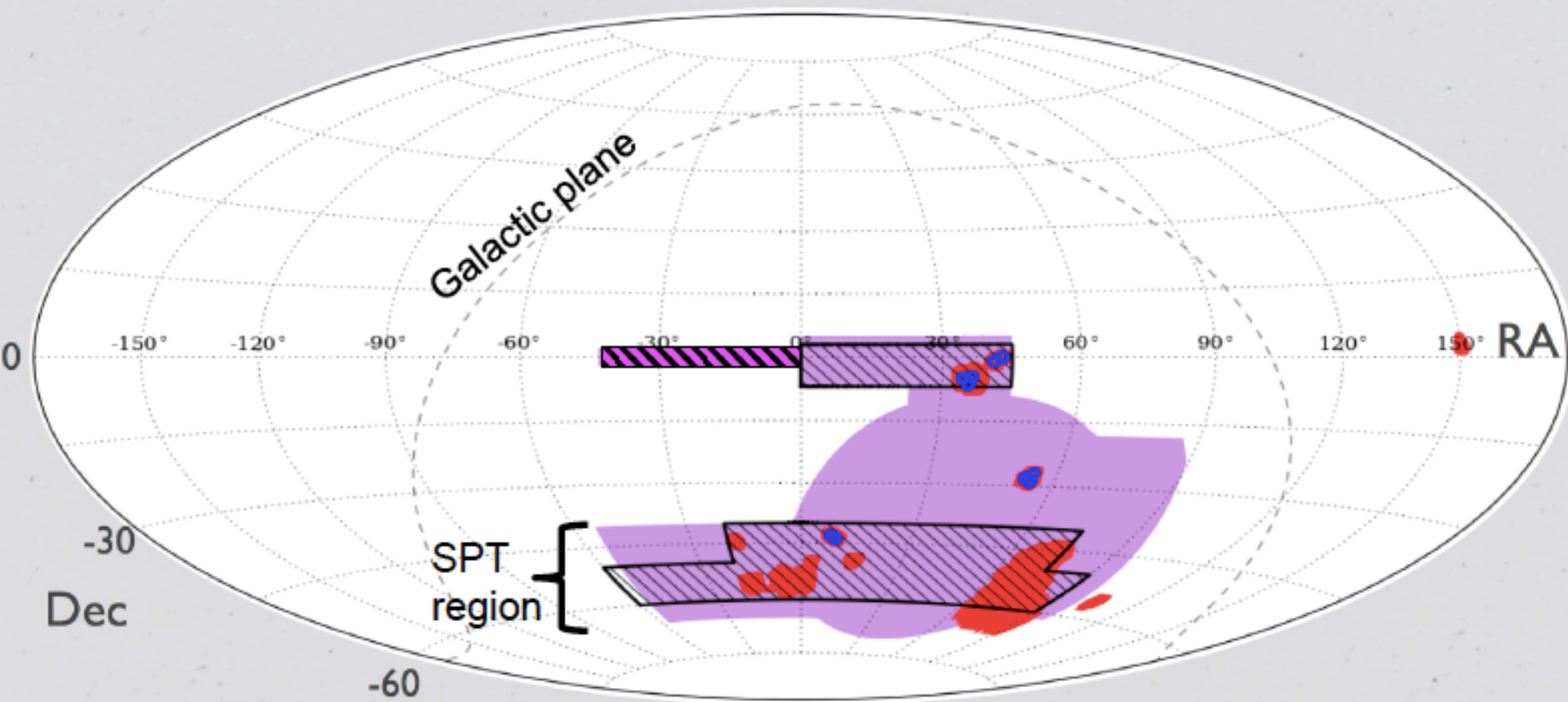
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DES SURVEY FOOTPRINT



- 5000 sq. deg.
- 5-yr footprint
- SN fields
- Science Verification
- Year 1

- Science Verification (SV): ~250 sq. deg. to ~full depth; 45 M objects
- Year 1 (Y1): ~2000 sq. deg.; overlap SPT, SDSS: 4/10 tilings; 140 M objects



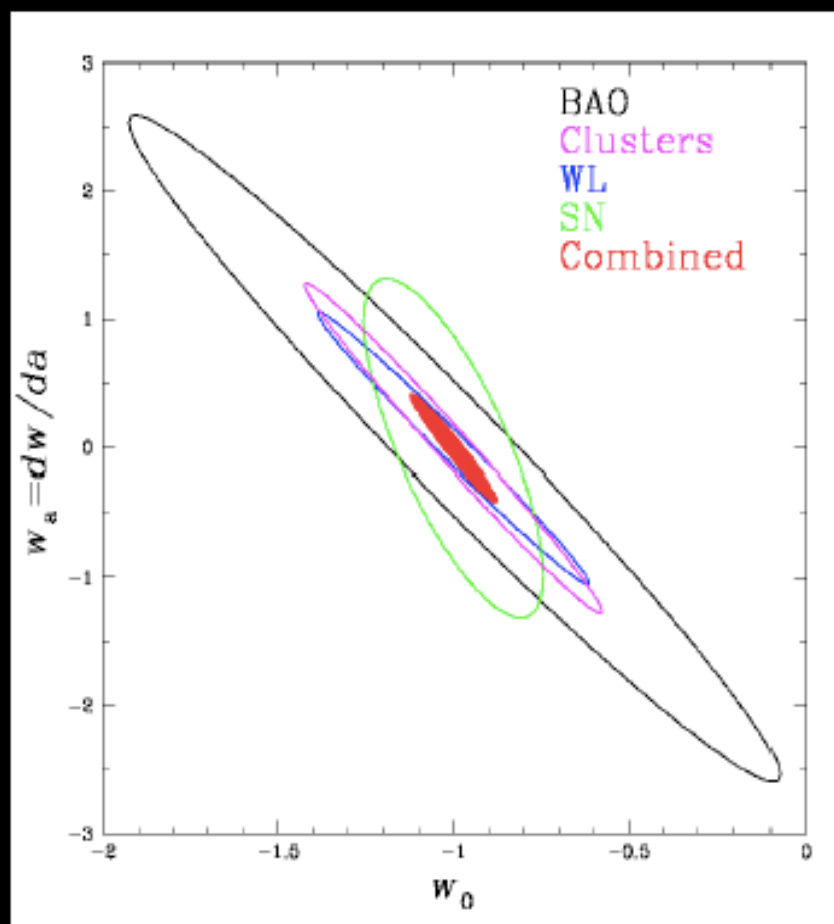
DES Science Summary

Forecast Constraints on DE Equation of State

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1 - a(t)/a_0)$$

Four Probes of Dark Energy

- **Galaxy Clusters**
 - Tens of thousands of clusters to $z \sim 1$
 - Synergy with SPT, VHS
- **Weak Lensing**
 - Shape and magnification measurements of 200 million galaxies
- **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations**
 - 300 million galaxies to $z = 1$ and beyond
- **Supernovae**
 - 30 sq deg time-domain survey
 - 3500 well-sampled SNe Ia to $z \sim 1$



DES forecast

Some recent results

DES is not only
about Dark Energy!



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Eight New Milky Way Companions Discovered in First-Year Dark Energy Survey Data

1503.02584

27 Milky Way satellite galaxies known before DES – now 35
Crucial contribution from Basilio Santiago's team

Closest and best characterized one is Reticulum II (32 kpc). Mass-to-light ratio is

$$240 \pm 80 M_{\odot} / L_{\odot}$$

Strongly dark matter dominated system!

Search for Gamma-Ray Emission from DES Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxy Candidates with Fermi-LAT Data

1503.02632

On The Gamma-Ray Emission From Reticulum II and Other Dwarf Galaxies

Dan Hooper, Tim Linden

(Submitted on 20 Mar 2015)

“The significance of this emission is greater than that observed from 99.84% of randomly chosen high-latitude blank-sky locations, corresponding to a local detection significance of 3.2 sigma.”



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10+2+2 papers with SV data in July 21-22

- Weak lensing by galaxy troughs in DES Science Verification data - [1507.05090](#)
- The Difference Imaging Pipeline for the Transient Search in the DES - [1507.05137](#)
- Observation of Two New L4 Neptune Trojans in DES SN Fields - [1507.05177](#)
- Joint Analysis of Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing and Galaxy Clustering: Methodology and Forecasts for DES - [1507.05353](#)
- Galaxy clustering, photometric redshifts and diagnosis of systematics in the DES Science Verification data - [1507.05360](#)
- redMaGiC: Selecting Luminous Red Galaxies from the DES SV Data - [1507.05460](#)
- CMB lensing tomography with the DES Science Verification galaxies - [1507.05551](#)
- Cosmology from Cosmic Shear with DES Science Verification Data - [1507.05552](#)
- Cosmic Shear Measurements with DES Science Verification Data - [1507.05598](#)
- The DES Science Verification Weak Lensing Shear Catalogs - [1507.05603](#)
- Mapping and simulating systematics due to spatially-varying observing conditions in DES Science Verification data - [1507.05647](#)
- Redshift distributions of galaxies in the DES SV shear catalogue and implications for weak lensing - [1507.05909](#)
- Wide-Field Lensing Mass Maps from DES Science Verification Data: Methodology and Detailed Analysis - [1504.03002 \(accepted PRD\)](#)
- Wide-Field Lensing Mass Maps from DES SV Data - [1505.01871 \(accepted PRL\)](#)



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Dark matter mapped at cosmic scale

Survey charts clusters and voids of invisible matter over hundreds of millions of light years.

Daide Castelvechi

13 April 2015

Wide-Field Lensing Mass Maps from DES Science Verification Data:
Methodology and Detailed Analysis - [arXiv:1504.03002](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.03002)



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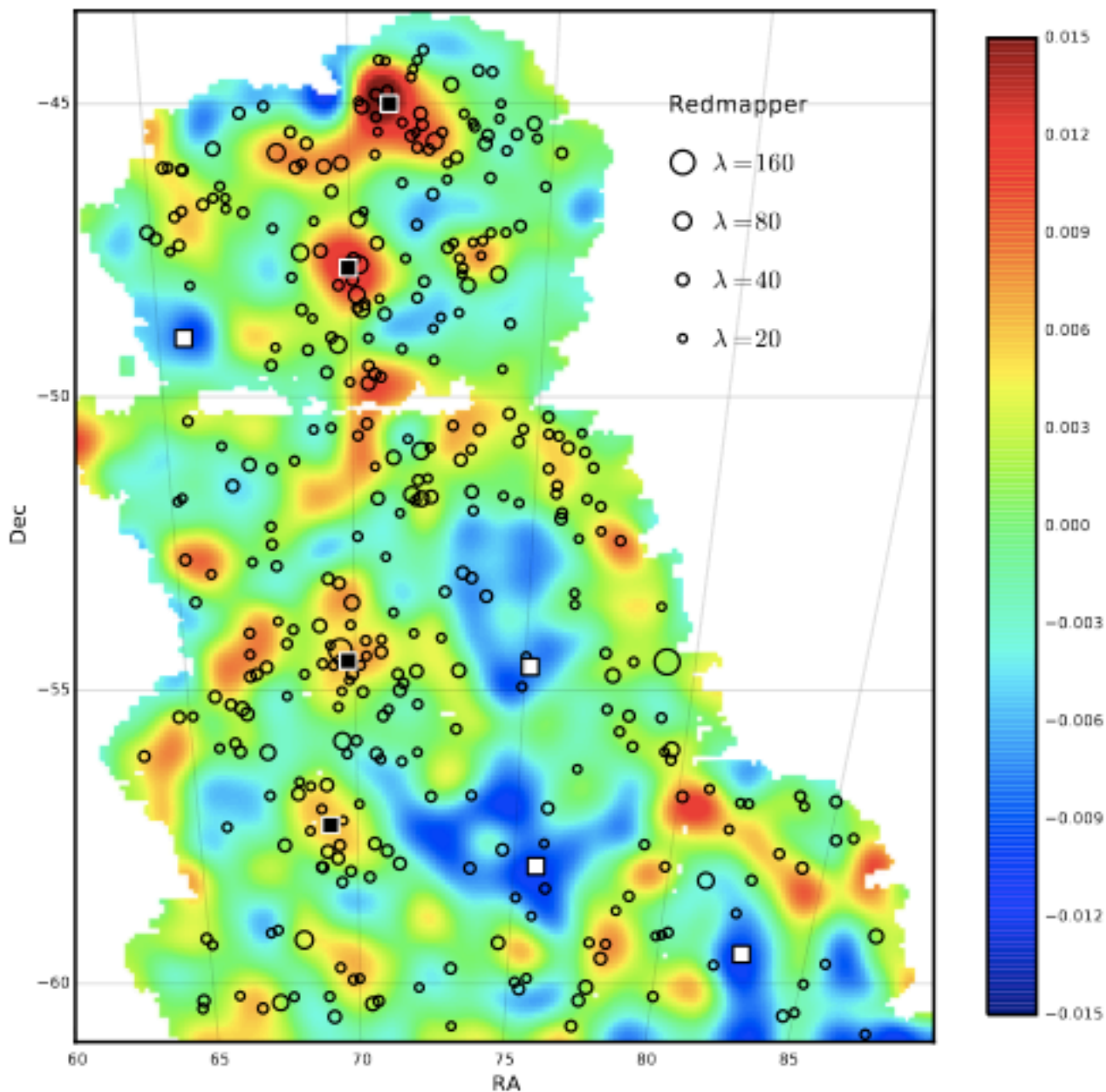


FIG. 4: The DES SV mass map along with foreground galaxy clusters detected using the Redmapper algorithm. The clusters are overlaid as black circles with the size of the circles indicating the richness of the cluster. Only clusters with richness greater than 20 and redshift between 0.1 and 0.5 are shown in the figure. The upper right corner shows the correspondence of the optical richness to the size of the circle in the plot. It can be seen that there is significant correlation between the mass map and the distribution of galaxy clusters. Several superclusters (black squares) and voids (white squares) can be identified in the joint map.

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Some highlights: measuring bias

Baryons are only $\sim 15\%$ of the total matter in the Universe!

Galaxies are a **biased** tracer of the total matter distribution.
DES measures the distribution properties of galaxies.

$$\delta_g(\vec{x}) = b(z)\delta(\vec{x})$$

galaxy overdensity

bias

matter overdensity (cosmological model)



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Benchmark catalogue: contiguous area of 116.2 deg² to a depth up to $i = 22.5$

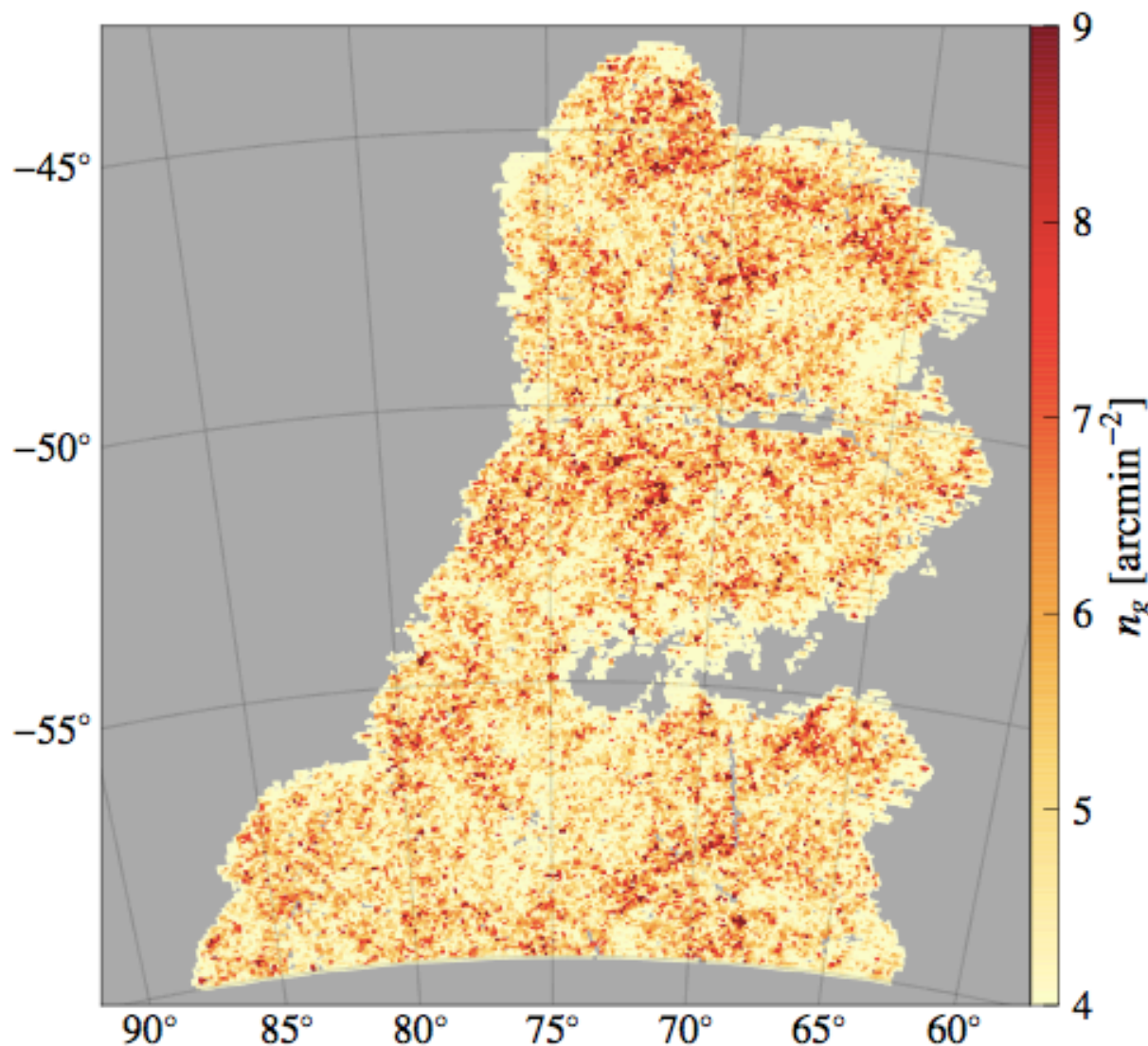


Figure 3. The distribution of LSS bench-mark sample galaxies over the angular footprint defined by regions with survey limiting magnitude in the i -band > 22.5 . The sample is selected to be flux limited to $i \leq 22.5$ and has a mean density of 5.6 arcmin^{-2} . All the regions considered provide at least $S/N \geq 10$ measurements for objects at i -band $= 22.5$. This choice balances concerns between using the maximum depth and area possible, as described in the text. The x-axis (y-axis) corresponds to right ascension (declination) measured in degrees.



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Galaxy clustering, photometric redshifts and diagnosis of systematics in the DES SV data - 1507.05360

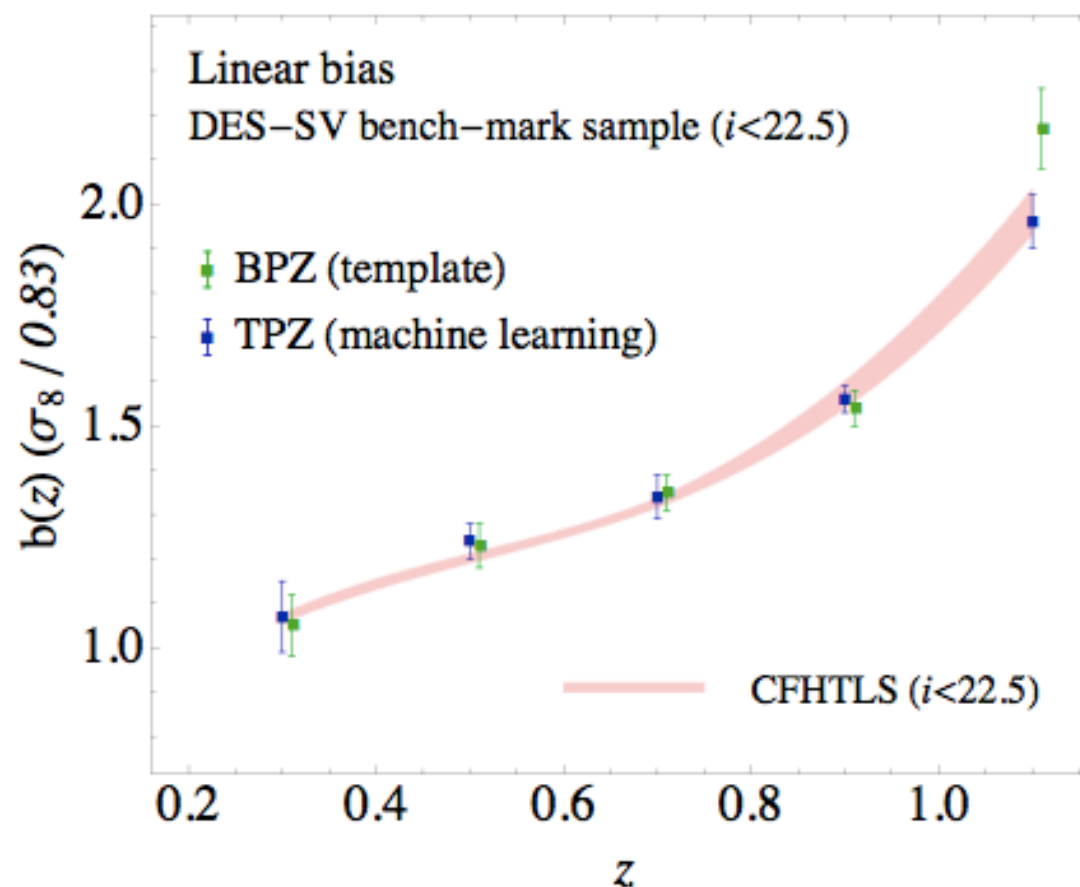
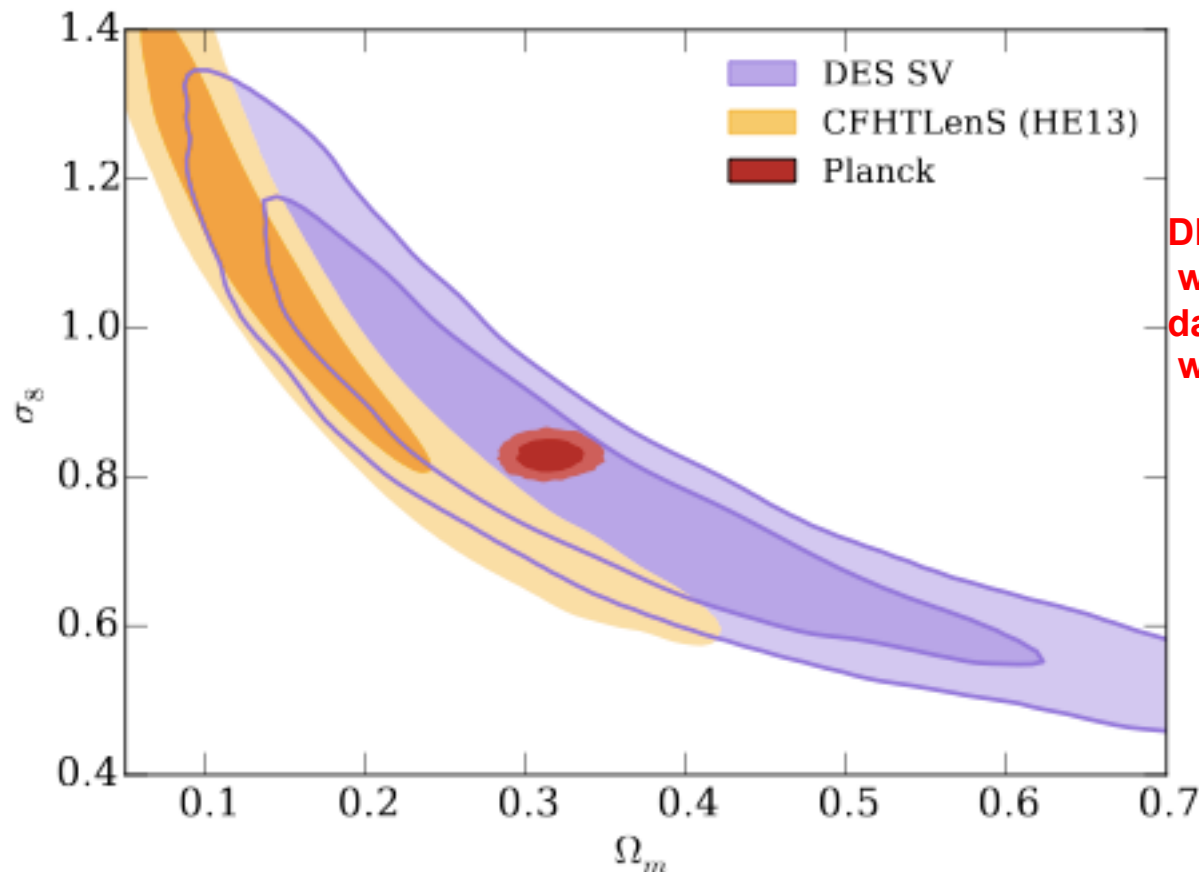


Figure 11. Comparison of the large-scale bias measured in a DES-SV flux limited sample ($i < 22.5$) to equivalent measurements from CFHTLS derived from Coupon et al. (2012). We present DES results for two different photometric redshift catalogs, one obtained using a template method (BPZ), another with a machine learning approach (TPZ). The overall agreement between the two DES samples as a function of redshift is better than 2 per cent for $z < 1$. At $z > 1$ the difference is not statistically significant ($\sim 2\sigma$). This represents a non-trivial test for DES-SV photometric redshift estimation. Our results are also in good agreement with those from CFHTLS, with $\chi^2/d.o.f = 4/5$ for TPZ and $8.7/5$ for BPZ, representing a cross-validation of data quality and sample selection.

Some highlights: first cosmological constraints

Cosmology from Cosmic Shear with DES Science Verification Data - [1507.05552](#)

Uses 139 square degrees of SV data, which is less than 3% of the full DES survey area



DES SV alone places weak constraints on the darkenergy equation of state $w < -0.68$ (95%)

DES SV and CFHTLenS are marginalised over the same astrophysical systematics parameters and DES SV is additionally marginalised over uncertainties in photometric redshifts and shear calibration.



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Conclusions

- Dark Energy Survey third season (Y3) is about to start
- DECam is working to specification
- Pipelines for data analysis are in place (still work to do)
- Catalogue creation for Y1/Y2 in the making
- Some results from the Science Verification data (less than 1/10 of total area already interesting) – catalogues for LSS and shear are fine!
- DES is a precursor to the LSST (8.4 m telescope in Chile – CTIO)