Cosmology with the Euclid and Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)



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What is a galaxy redshift survey?



- Measure the position of galaxies (RA, DEC + redshift).
- The CMB tells us the initial conditions for today's distribution of matter.
- How the initial density fluctuations in the CMB evolved from redshift 1100 to today depends on Ω_m , Ω_Λ , H_0 etc.

From a point distribution to a power spectrum

• Overdensity-field:

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \overline{\rho}}{\overline{\rho}}$$



• Two-point function:

homogeneity

$$\xi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \delta(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \begin{cases} \text{isotropy} \\ = \\ \text{anisotropy} \\ = \\ \xi_{\ell}(r) = \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu \,\xi(r,\mu) \mathcal{L}_{\ell}(\mu) \end{cases}$$

• ...and in Fourier-space:

$$P_{\ell}(k) = 4\pi (-i)^{\ell} \int r^2 dr \xi_{\ell}(r) j_{\ell}(kr)$$

The DESI galaxy survey

- Mayall 4m telescope at Kitt Peak, Arizona
- 5000 fibres/redshifts per pointing
- 13.6 million flux-limited sample of galaxies at *z* < 0.4 (BGS)
- 23.7 million color-selected galaxies at 0.4 < z < 1.5 (LRGs & ELGs)
- 2.8 million Quasars at *z* > 0.8
- Ly-*α* forest at 2 < *z* < 3.5



4m Mayall at Kitt Peak, Arizona. Twin to the Blanco, CTIO



DESI schedule



Figure 1. Survey progress. Solid curves give the survey progress as a function of time in different programs. The dashed curve shows the weather-adjusted fraction of the five-year survey elapsed.

DESI schedule



The ESA Euclid mission

- Launched in July $2023 \rightarrow L2$ point
- Space-based weak lensing + gal. clustering survey over 15000 deg²
- 30 million emission line galaxies over the redshift range 0.7 to 2.0
- Slitless spectroscopy (grism)



Liftoff for the #DarkUniverse addetective that aims to shed light on the nature of #DarkMatter & #DarkEnergy

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Euclid first images



DESI (4m) Euclid (1.2m)

What are Baryon Acoustic Oscillations?



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations in BOSS



BAO are the most robust observable we can extract from LSSThe observables are

$$\frac{D_M(z)}{r_d} = \int_0^z \frac{cdz'}{r_d H(z')} \\ \frac{D_H(z)}{r_d} = \frac{c}{H(z)r_d} = c \left[H_0 r_d \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)} \right]^{-1}$$

• We require a calibration of the ruler to constrain *H*₀

$$r_{d} = \int_{z_{d}}^{\infty} \frac{c_{s}(z)}{H(z)} dz = 147.05 \,\mathrm{Mpc} \times \left(\frac{\omega_{b}}{0.02236}\right)^{-0.13} \left(\frac{\omega_{bc}}{0.1432}\right)^{-0.23} \left(\frac{N_{\mathrm{eff}}}{3.04}\right)^{-0.13}$$

DESI 2025: Data Release 1



• 5.7 million unique redshifts

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DESI 2025: Data Release 2



• 14 million unique redshifts (7 times as big as SDSS)

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DESI 2025: Measurements $(5.6 - 14.7\sigma)$



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DESI 2025: ACDM

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)}$$



$$\Omega_m = 0.2975 \pm 0.0086 \quad (2.9\%)$$

$$H_0 r_d = 101.54 \pm 0.73 \, 10^2 \text{km s}^{-1} \quad (0.72\%)$$

 \rightarrow 2.3 σ tension between DESI and the CMB (2 σ with the recent ACT release).

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DESI 2025: Curvature Ω_K

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_K (1+z)^2 + (1-\Omega_m - \Omega_K)}$$



- DESI: $\Omega_{K} = 0.025 \pm 0.041$
- CMB: $\Omega_{K} = -0.0107^{+0.0064}_{-0.0053}$
- CMB+DESI: $\Omega_K = 0.0023 \pm 0.0011$

*CMB = Planck [simall, Commander (for $\ell < 30$) and CamSpec (for $\ell \ge 30$)] TTTEEE + (Planck PR4 + ACT DR6) CMB lensing

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DESI 2025: Hubble tension



- DESI + BBN gives a 0.8% constraint on H_0 (68.51 ± 0.58 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹)
- Planck has a 0.74% constraint (67.4 \pm 0.5 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹)
- 4.5*σ* tension with SH0ES (no CMB involved!)

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DESI 2025: ωCDM

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)(1+z)^{3(1+\omega)}}$$



$$\Omega_m = 0.2969 \pm 0.0089 \\ \omega = -0.916 \pm 0.078$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.3098 \pm 0.0050 \\ \omega = -0.971 \pm 0.021$$

DESI

DESI + CMB + DESY5

DESI 2024/2025

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)(1+z)^{3(1+\omega_0+\omega_a)}} e^{-3\omega_a \frac{z}{1+z}}$$



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- This can increase when including SN datasets (between 2.8 and 4.2 σ)

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- Replacing the CMB with DESY3 3x2pt (weak lensing), we obtain a constraint coming entirely from low-redshift cosmological probes (BAO, weak lensing, SNe)→ 3.3σ.

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 $\rightarrow \omega$ CDM does not have enough freedom to fit BAO, CMB and SN simultaneously.

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 $\rightarrow \omega_0 \omega_a$ CDM has enough flexibility to fit simultaneously all three datasets.

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Implications



$$q(z) = -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2} = \frac{d\ln H}{d\ln(1+z)} - 1$$
$$f_{\rm DE}(z) = \frac{\rho_{\rm DE}(z)}{\rho_{\rm DE,0}}$$

DESI 2025

DESI 2025: Constraining the neutrino mass



- KATRIN: $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} < 0.8 \,\text{eV} (90\%)$
- Prior dependence: $\sum m_{\nu} > 0.059 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \sum m_{\nu} < 0.112 \text{ eV} (95\%)$
- $\omega_0 \omega_a \text{CDM}$ (DESI+CMB+DESY5): $\sum m_v < 0.129 \text{ eV}$ (95%)

DESI 2025, PDG (2018), KATRIN 2022

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- More to come! Y5 observing will end early 2026! A 2-year extension is already scheduled to extend the footprint and increase completeness, which will keep DESI busy till 2028.



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