

Recent Results on Cosmology

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- **DESI DR2 BAO.** *Latest Results from DESI*
- **DES SNe+BAO.** *Final SNe+BAO DES result*
- **Conclusions**

Cosmology Basis

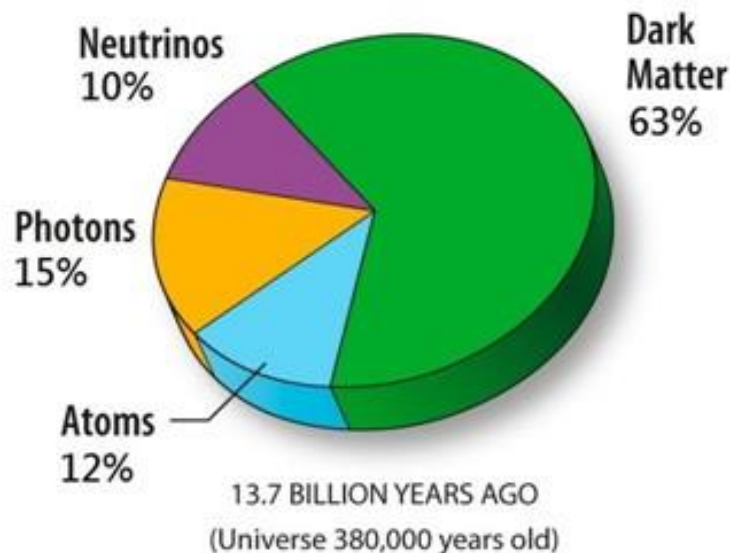
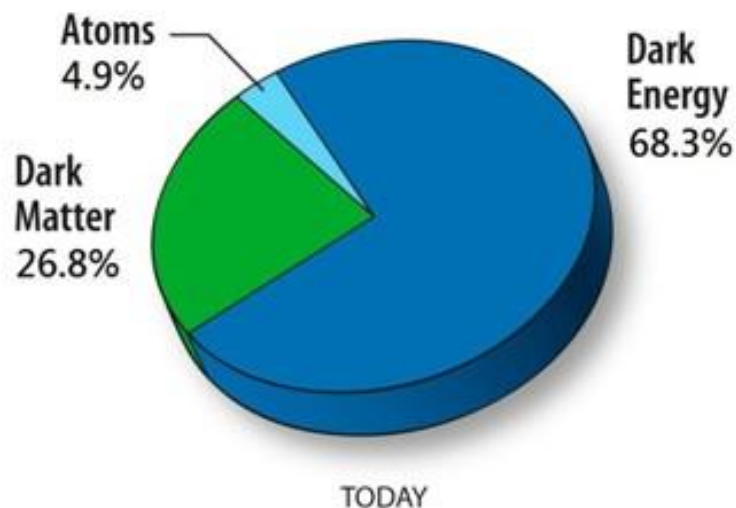
Λ CDM

cosmological
principle

General
Relativity

Inflation

The Big Bang today: Λ CDM



Dark side:

Flat Universe with the critical density: ~ 10 hydrogen atoms/m³
 $\sim 95\%$ of the matter-energy of the universe is dark:

$\sim 70\%$ dark energy as the cosmological constant

$\sim 25\%$ of cold dark matter with unknown physical nature

$\sim 5\%$ baryonic matter

Λ CDM requires physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics to explain the early universe (inflation?), baryogenesis, dark components?

Cosmology from Galaxy Surveys

What is causing the acceleration of the expansion of the universe?

Cosmological Constant

New field

Modifications to General Relativity

Two main cosmological observables:

History of the expansion rate of the universe:

SN1a, BAO, weak lensing, cluster counting...

History of the rate of growth structure of the universe:

RSD, weak lensing, LSS, cluster counting...

For all these cosmological probes, LARGE GALAXY SURVEYS ARE NEEDED

Spectroscopic: 3D (redshift), medium depth, low density, preselection

Imaging: “2.5D” (photo-z), deeper, higher density, no selection

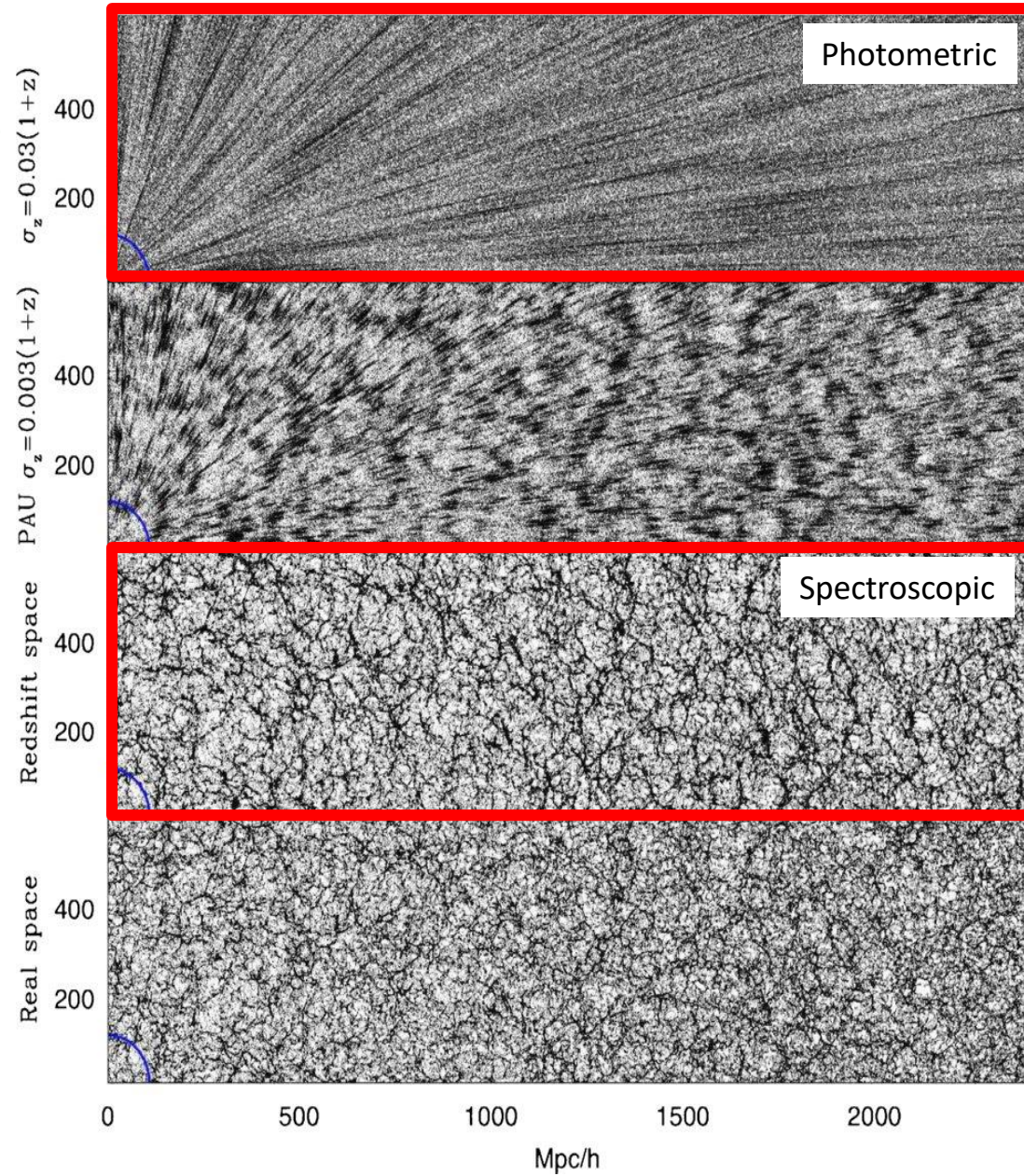
What is a Galaxy Survey

A map of a certain volume of the sky (as large as possible), that locates all its contents. To do this we need big telescopes (to see faint objects), and some method to measure redshifts.

The clustering signal is 3D. However, while angular positions are in general easy to measure, the radial distance is difficult. Two ways to do it:

- 1) Spectrum of previously selected galaxies
- 2) Estimate from broadband colours with templates or training samples

Large advance in the last years and bright future, mainly due to technological developments that made possible larger and deeper surveys



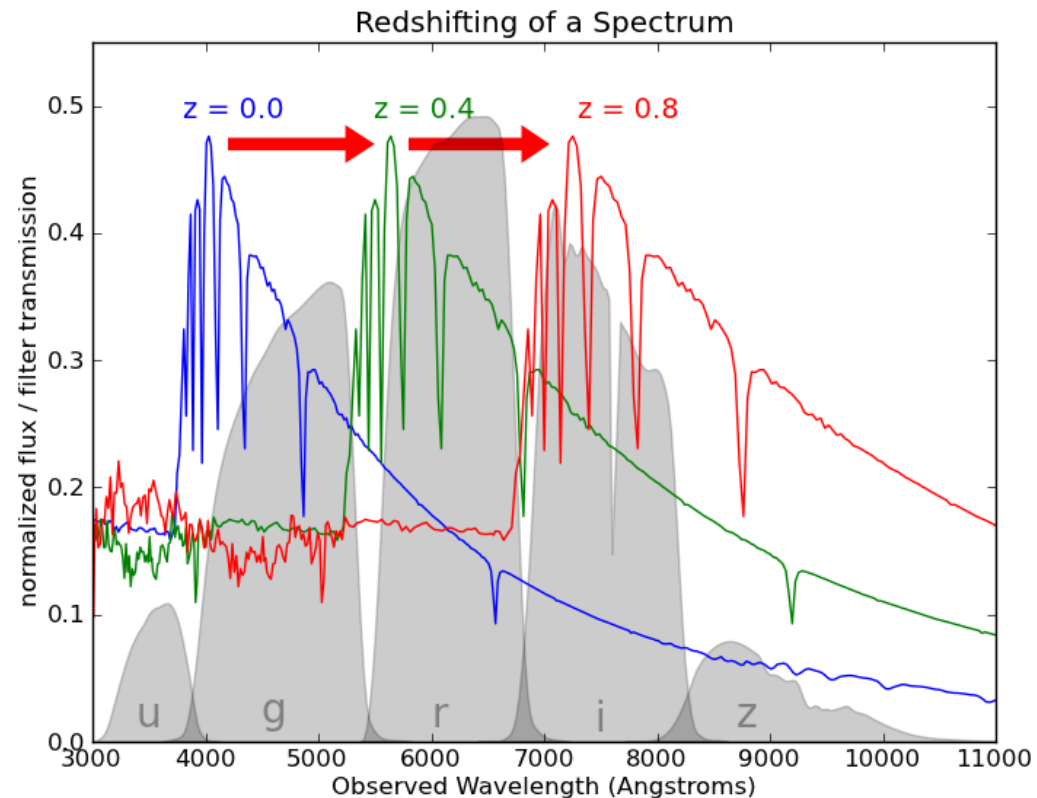
Imaging (Photometric) Galaxy Surveys

Measure the 2D projected structure of Galaxy clustering

Redshift is measured from galaxy fluxes in optical filters (photometric redshifts). Precision is much worse than in spectroscopic surveys, but all galaxies in the field of view are used.

Main cosmological probes are:

- Galaxy Clustering & BAO
- Weak Gravitational Lensing
- Galaxy Clusters
- SN1a



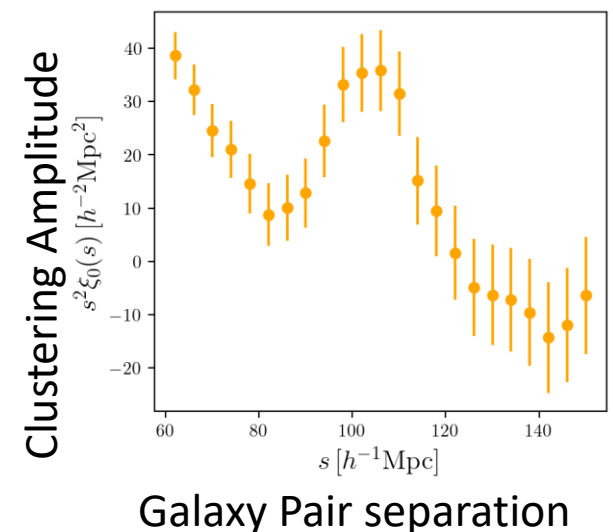
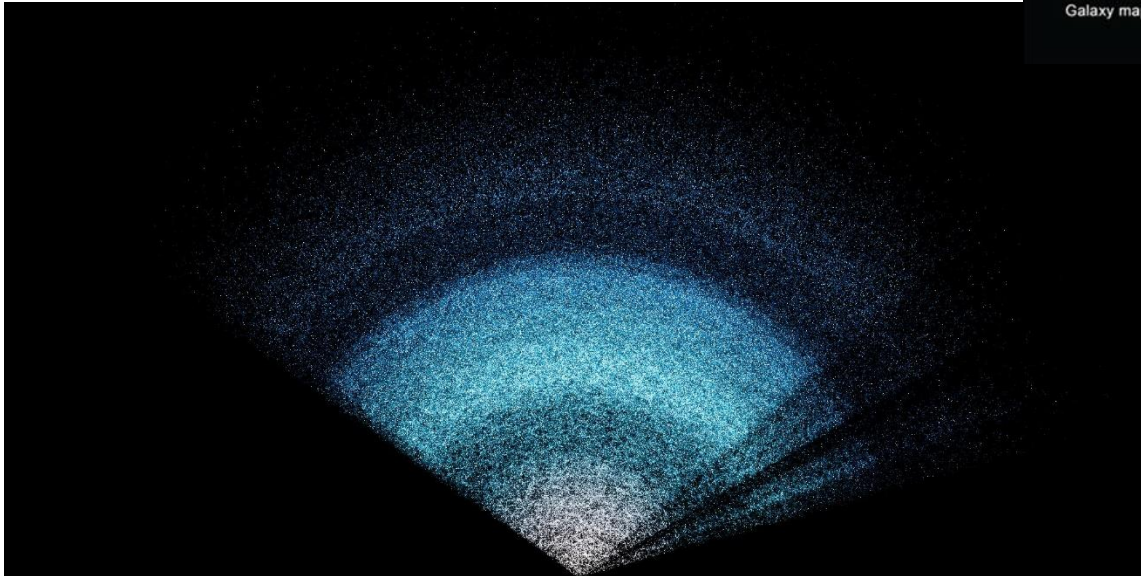
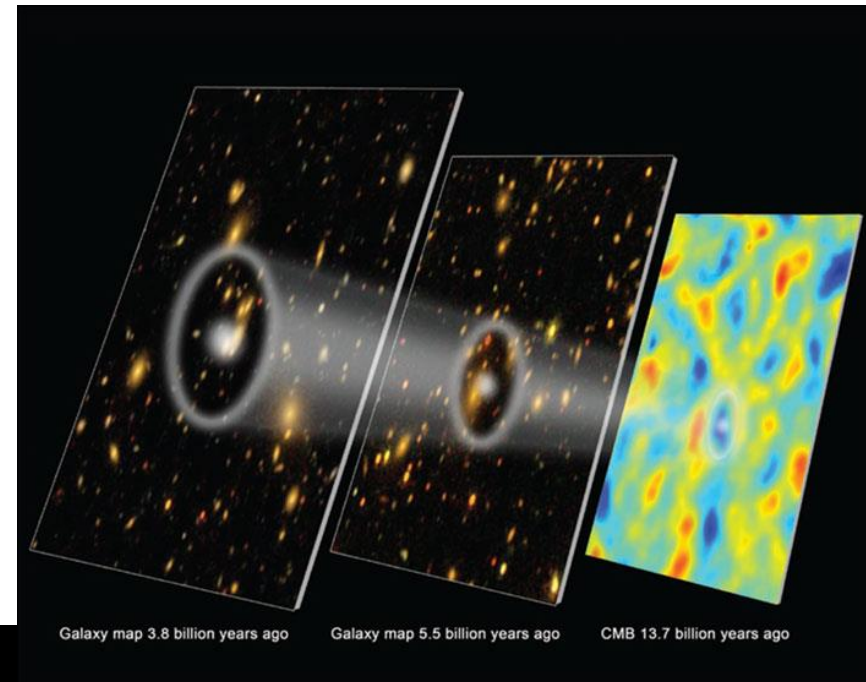
COSMOLOGY FROM DESI

DR2 BAO

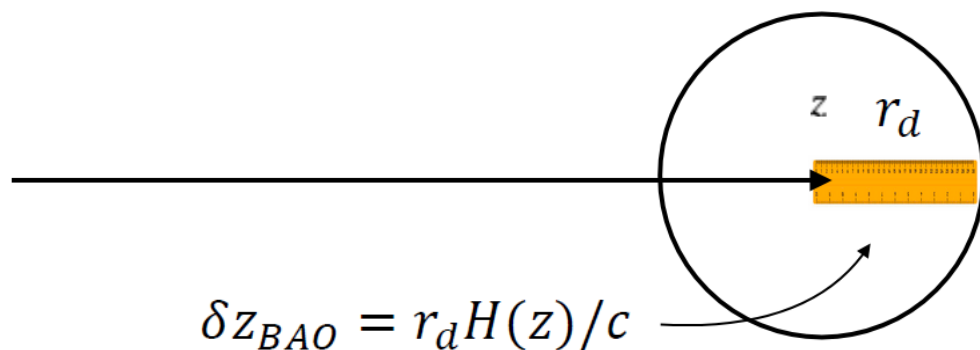
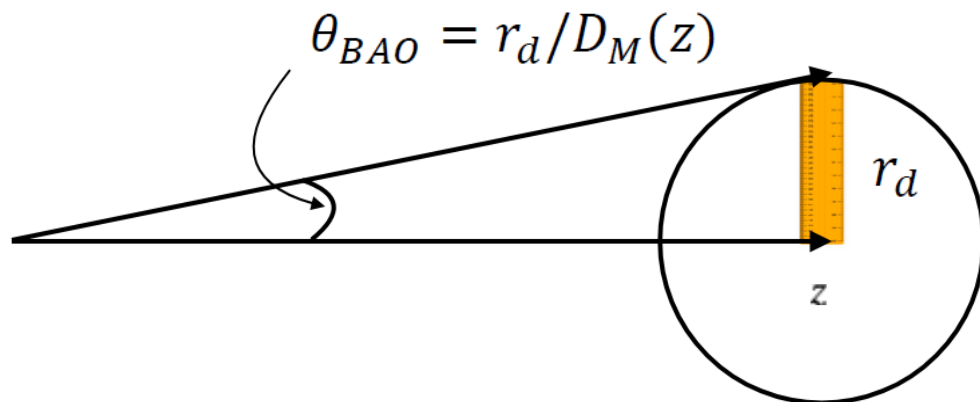
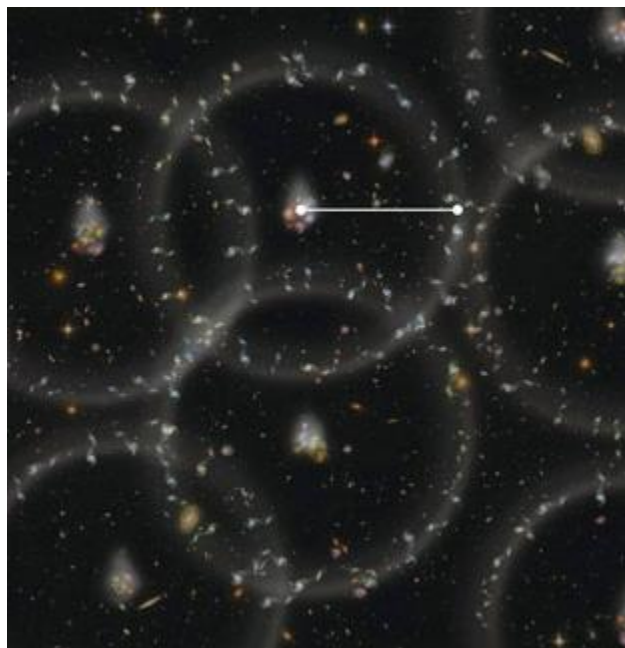
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)

BAO scale → Special length: Distance that sound waves were able to travel in the early Universe. → Standard Ruler

Measured as an accumulation of Galaxy pairs separated by the BAO scale



BAO scale is a Standard Ruler



$D_M(z)$ and $H(z)$ encode the **expansión history** of the Universe
DESI measures BAO rulers at many redshifts (times)

DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)

Located at 4-m Mayall Telescope in Arizona

Upgraded telescope for wide-field spectroscopy

Now dedicated to multi-object spectroscopy

First Stage-IV Dark Energy Experiment

Optimized for BAO measurement

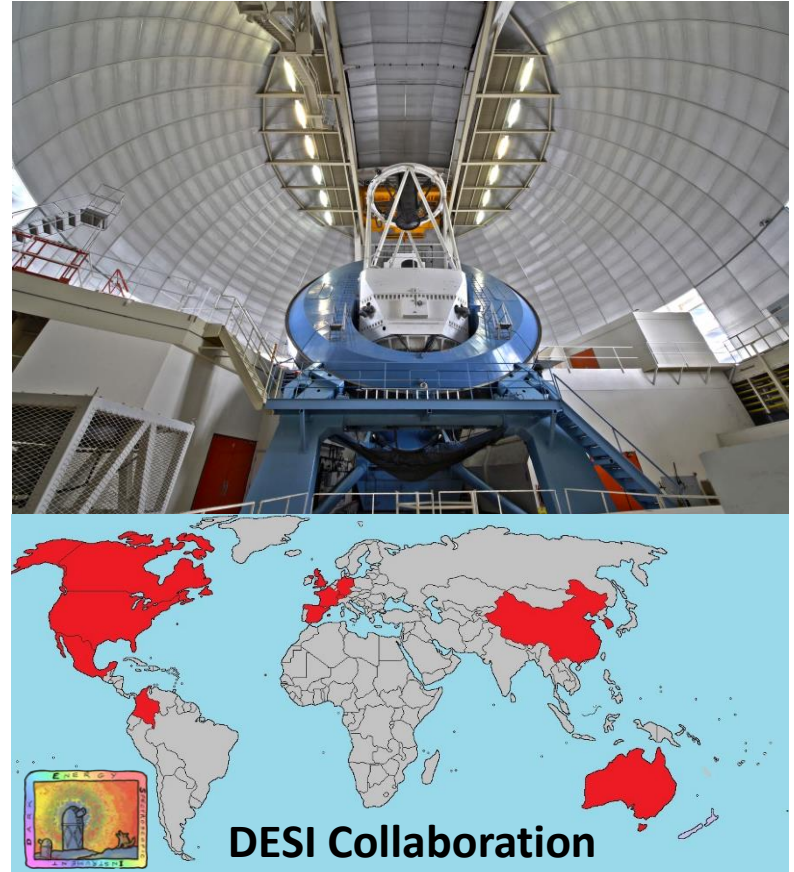
10X improvement to $w_0 w_a$ FoM compared to Stage-II SNe

Comprehensive Cosmology Program

Redshift Space Distortions

Cross-correlations with other surveys

Other wider topics



Large collaboration: More than 900 scientists, 17 countries, 72 institutions

Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, U.K., and U.S.

Lead by LBNL

DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)



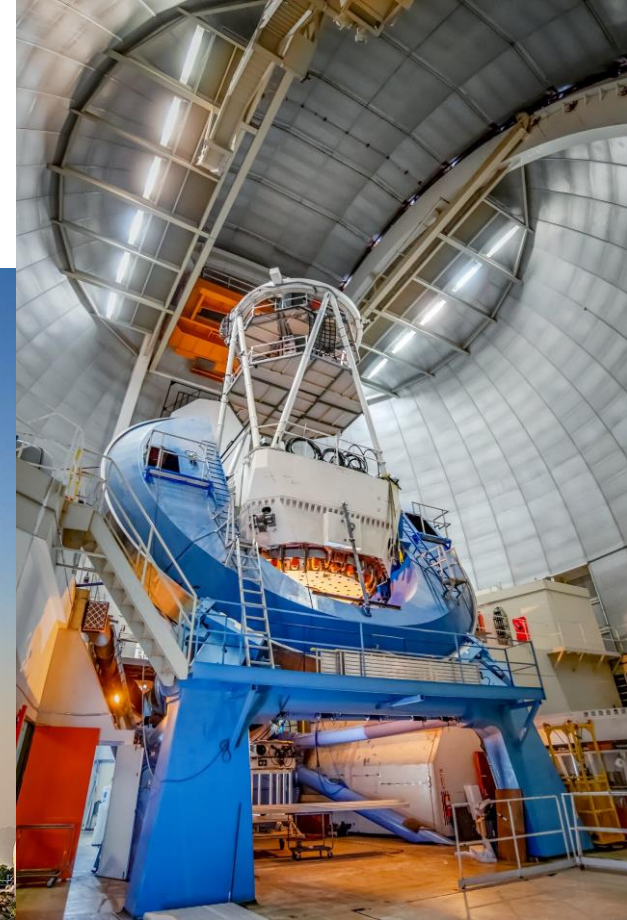
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SPECTROSCOPIC
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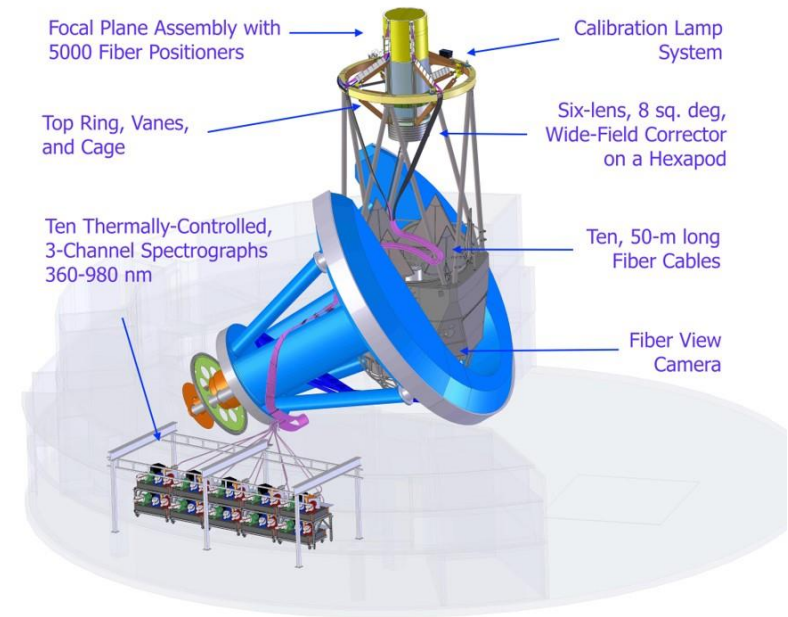
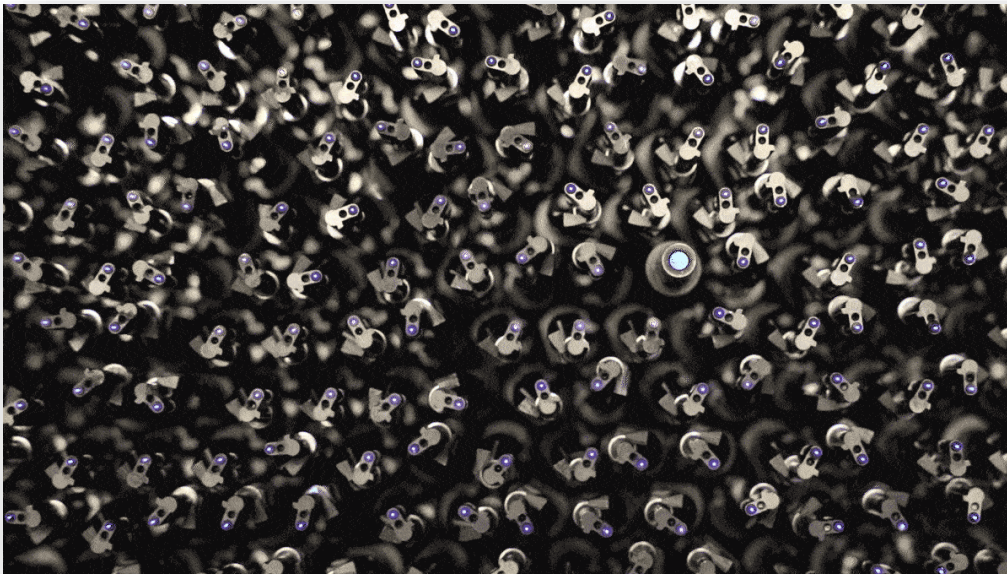
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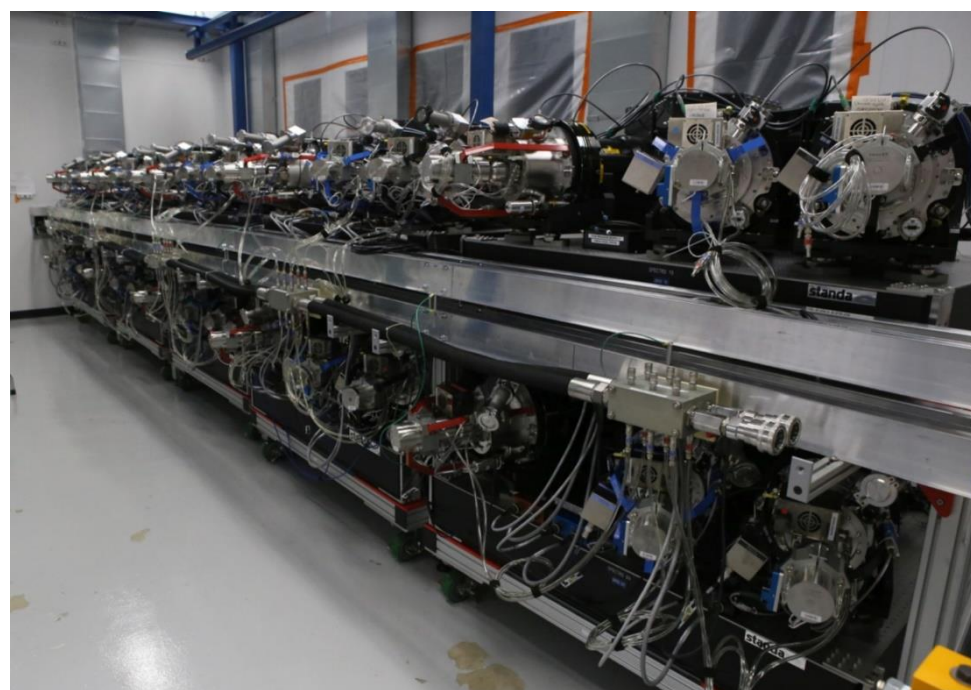
DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)

The newest element of DESI are the 5000 fiber positioning robots



~1 minute to position fibers!

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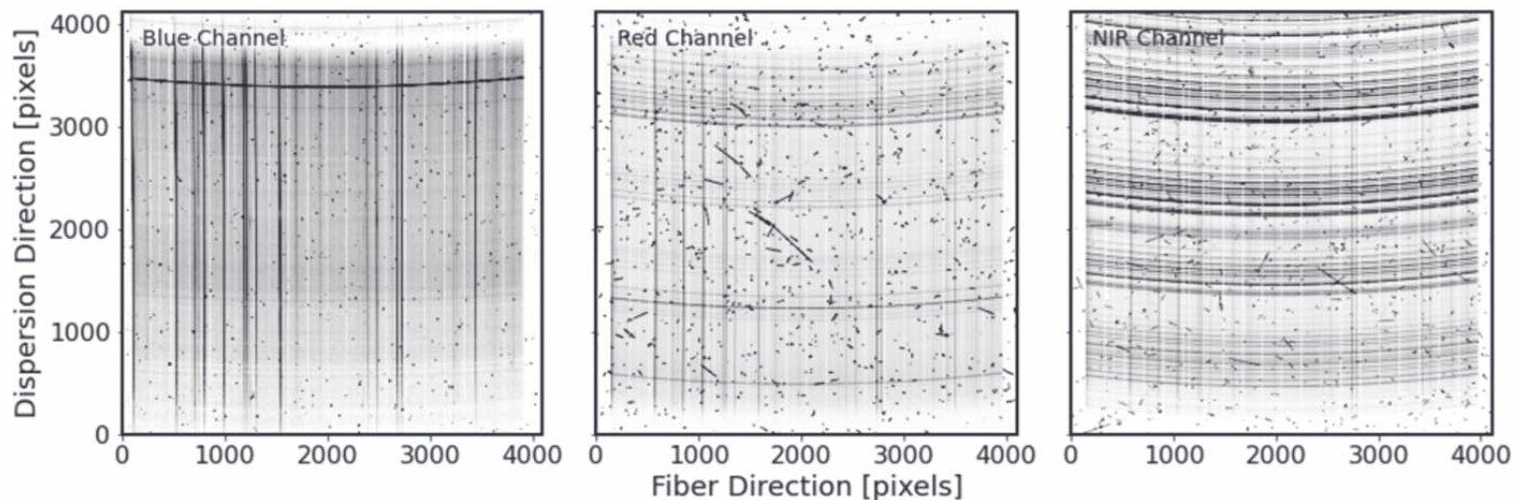
10 Multi-Object Spectrographs:

- Wavelength Range: 360 – 980 nm
- 3 channels with separate optics, CCD, cryostats
- 500 fibers
- Resolution: 2000 (blue) – 5500 (NIR)
- 4kx4k CCDs, 60s readout

Stable PSF: better than 1 % over many days

Low Read out noise: $\sim 3 \text{ e-}$

Total Throughput of optical chain is excellent: $\sim 40\%$ at 700 nm (total)



DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)

Designed, built and maintained by spanish groups in DESI (RPG-Barcelona-Madrid):

CIEMAT, ICE-CSIC, IFAE, UAM

6 Guide Cameras

4 Wavefront Cameras

Specification

e2V CCD 230-42

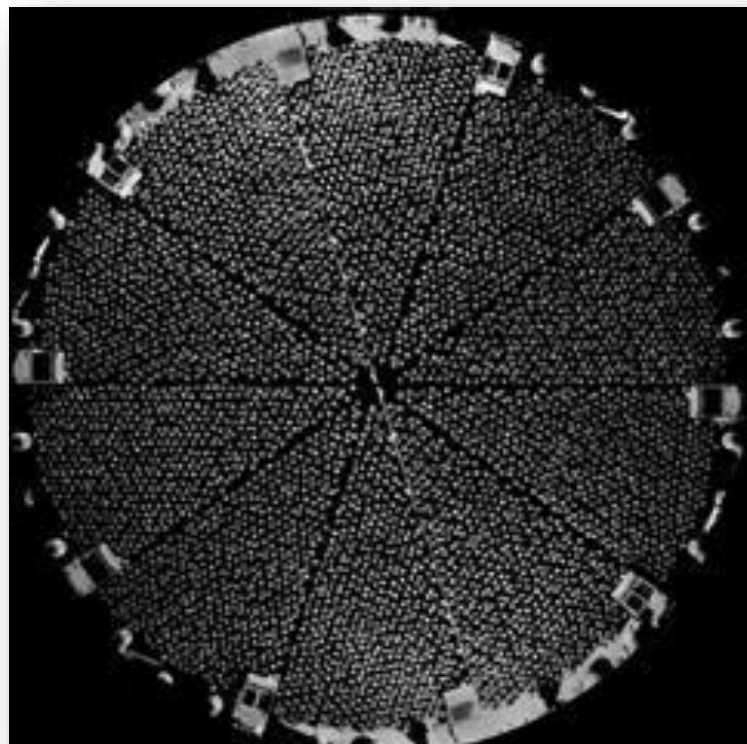
1kx2k, frame transfer

ambient temperature

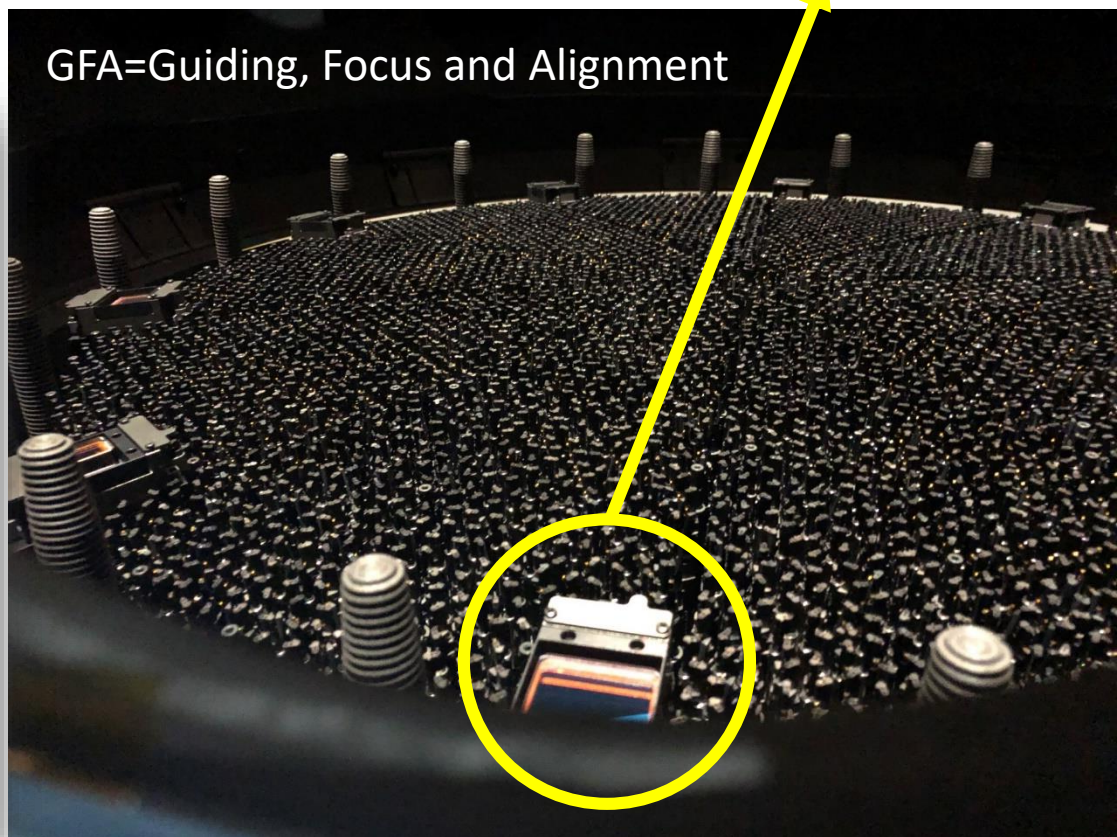
no shutter

3.4x7.3 arcmin² on sky

GFA System (10 mini-cameras) is the spanish (Barcelona-Madrid) contribution to the instrument



GFA=Guiding, Focus and Alignment



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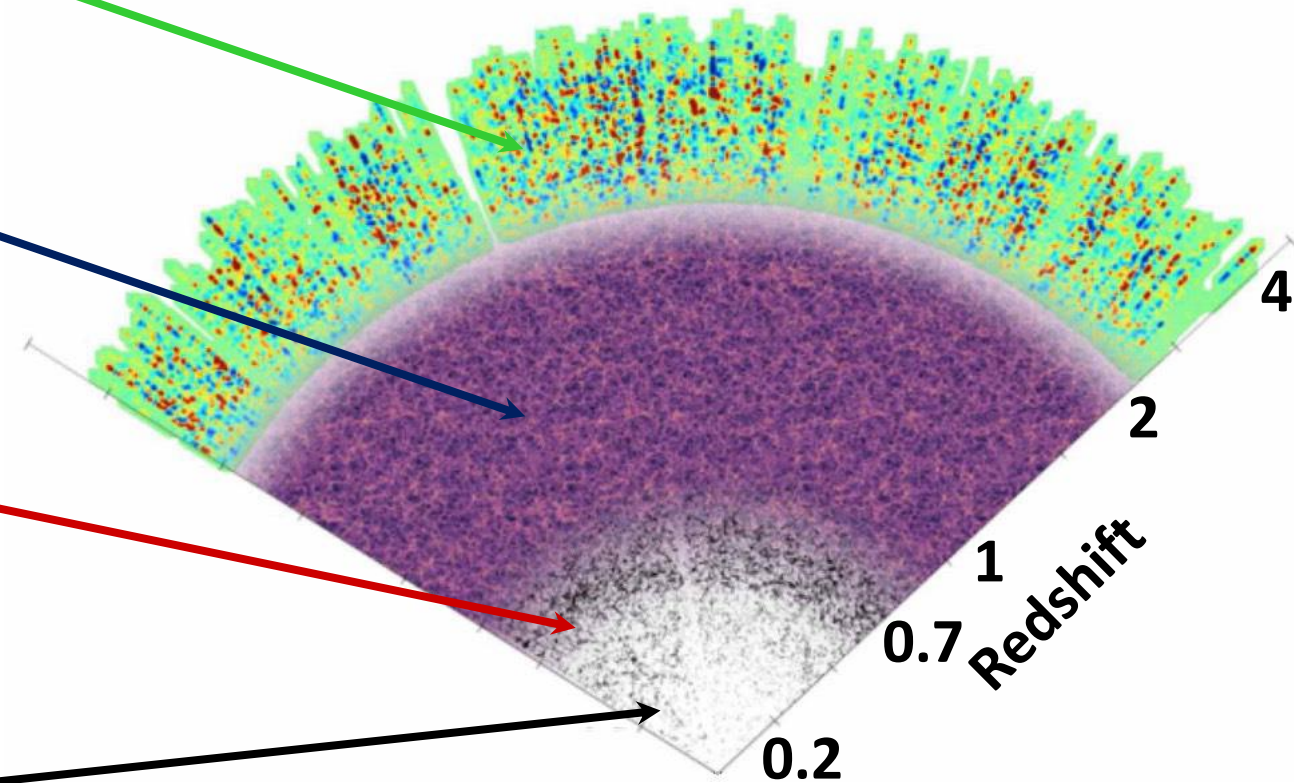
DESI survey covers over 14,000 deg² in 5 years!

3 million quasars +
Ly- α forest
($1 < z < 3.5$)

16 million Emission
Line Galaxies
($0.6 < z < 1.6$)

8 million Luminous
Red Galaxies
($0.4 < z < 1.1$)

13 million Bright
Galaxies
($0.0 < z < 0.4$)



+ 10 million Milky Way stars

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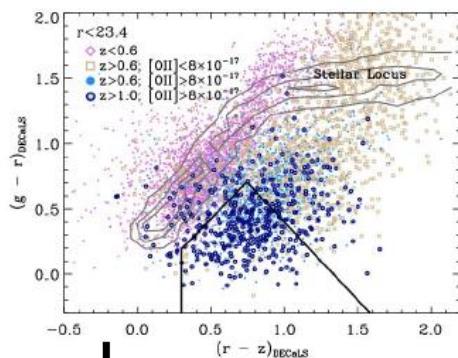


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Multi-object Spectroscopy

Target Selection



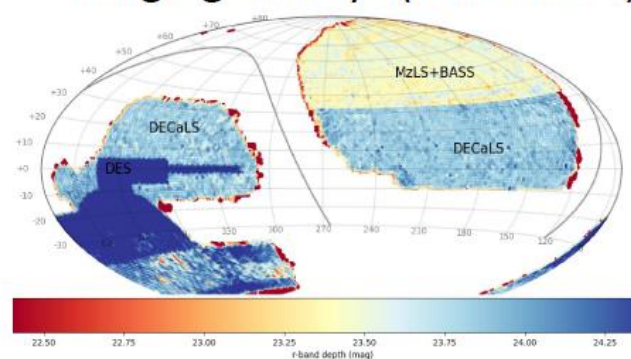
Observation...



...of 5000 objects
every ~20mins...

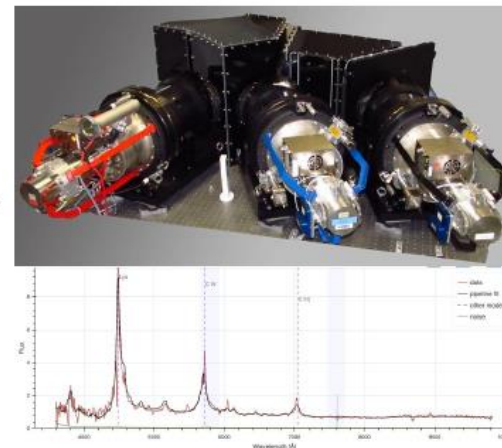


Imaging Surveys (2014-2019)



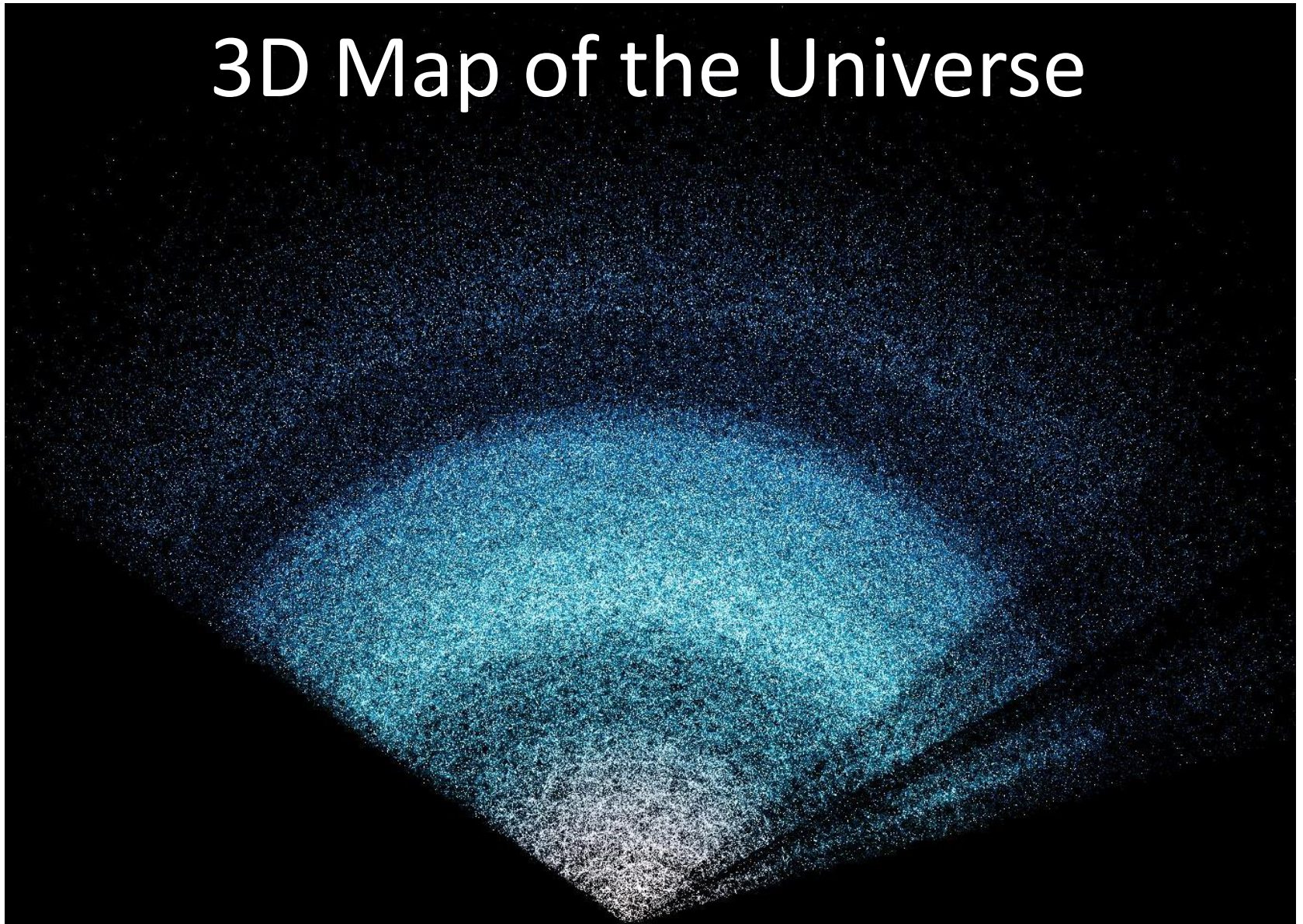
+WISE IR sat

...and measure their redshift



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3D Map of the Universe

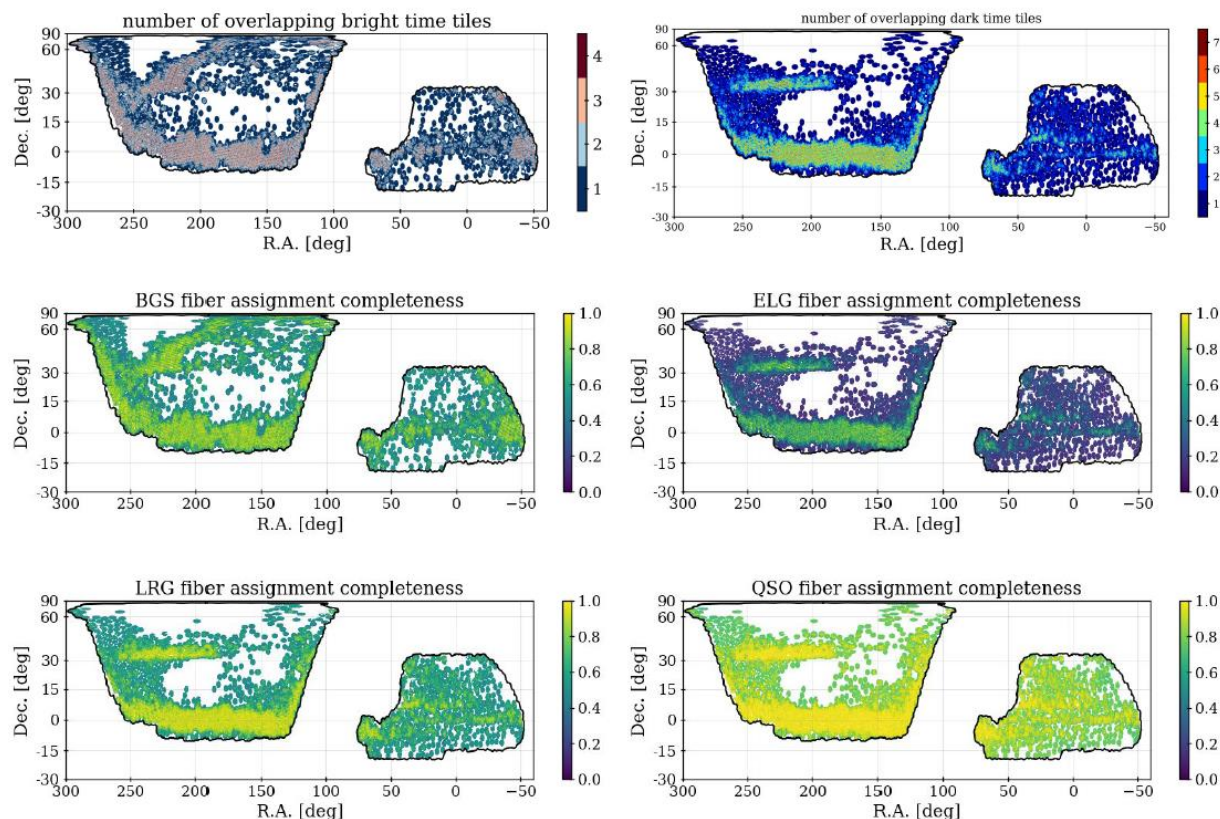


DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)

Over 30M galaxy and quasar redshifts in 3 years of operation, ~14M of which are used in this analysis.

Compared to DR1 (~6M redshifts), DR2 represents a factor of ~2.4 improvement in data volume.

DR1 Galaxy Sample

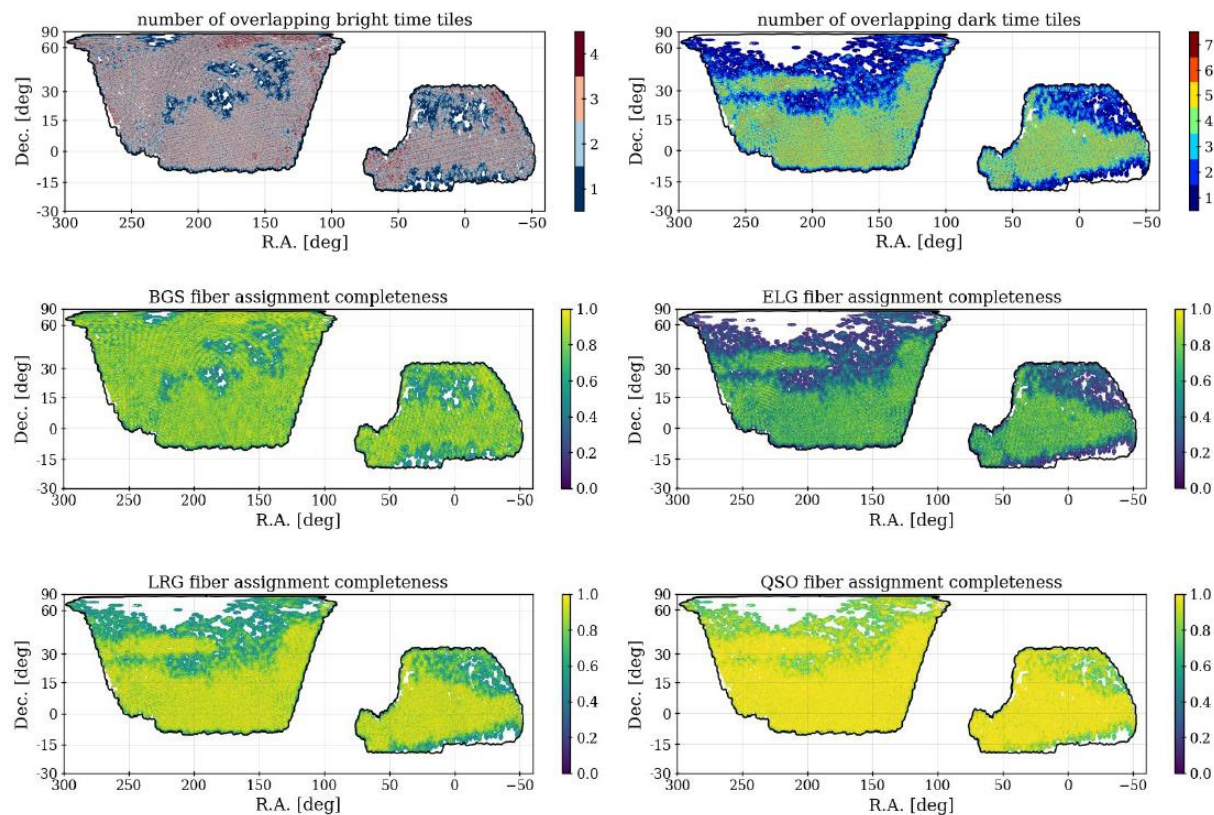


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DR2 Galaxy Sample



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DR2 Galaxy Sample

Tracer	No. of redshifts	Redshift range	z_{eff}	Area [deg ²]	V_{eff} (Gpc ³)
BGS	1,188,526	$0.1 < z < 0.4$	0.295	12,355	3.8
LRG1	1,052,151	$0.4 < z < 0.6$	0.510	10,031	4.9
LRG2	1,613,562	$0.6 < z < 0.8$	0.706	10,031	7.6
LRG3	1,802,770	$0.8 < z < 1.1$	0.922	10,031	9.8
ELG1	2,737,573	$0.8 < z < 1.1$	0.955	10,352	5.8
ELG2	3,797,271	$1.1 < z < 1.6$	1.321	10,352	2.7
QSO	1,461,588	$0.8 < z < 2.1$	1.484	11,181	2.7

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DESI is ahead of schedule!!

And this is achieved even with...

COVID shutdown (03/20-11/20)

Contreras fire shutdown (06/22-09/22)

Hackers attack in 2023

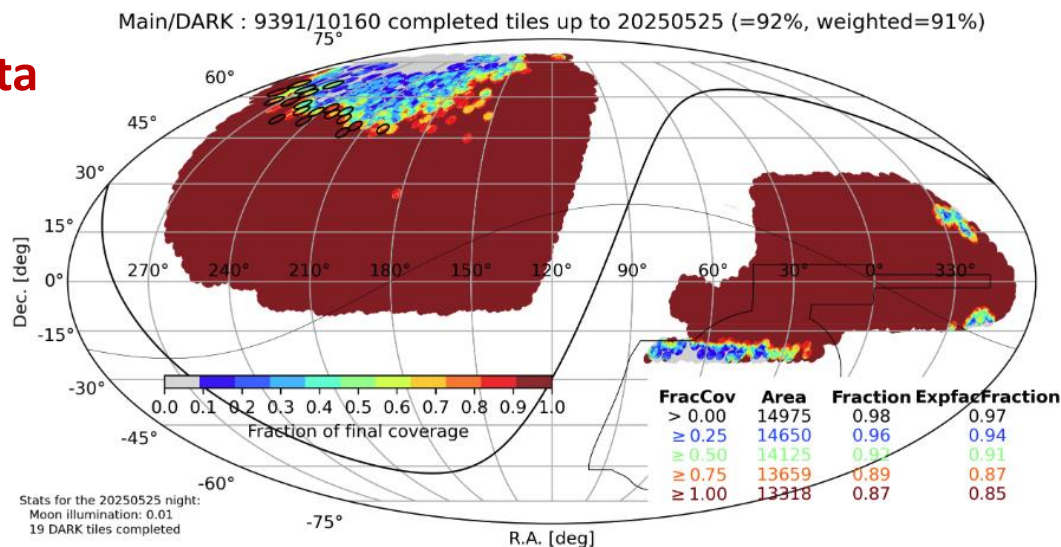
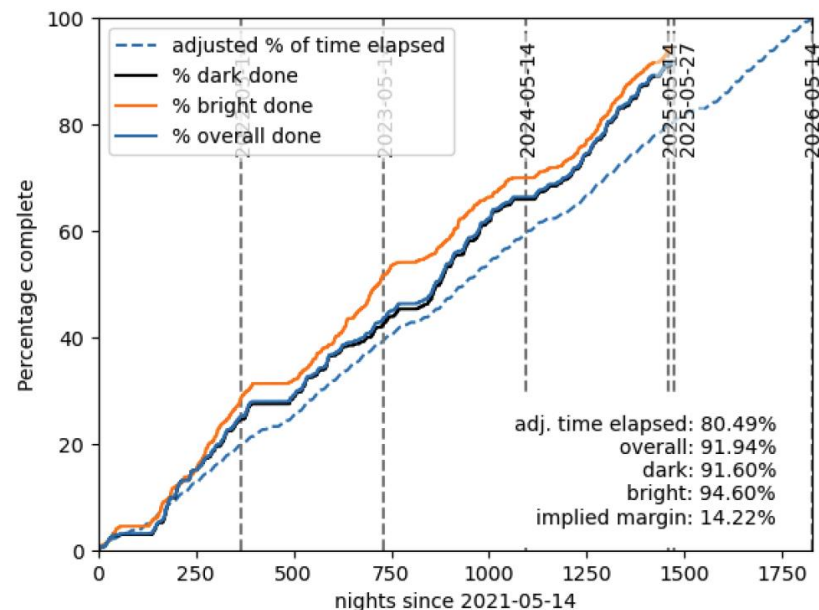
The survey is now more than 90% complete and will continue taking data for 2.5 additional years

Foreseen Data releases

DESI-Y1 (up to June'22) → DR1

DESI-Y3 (up to March'24) → DR2

DESI-Y5 (2026)



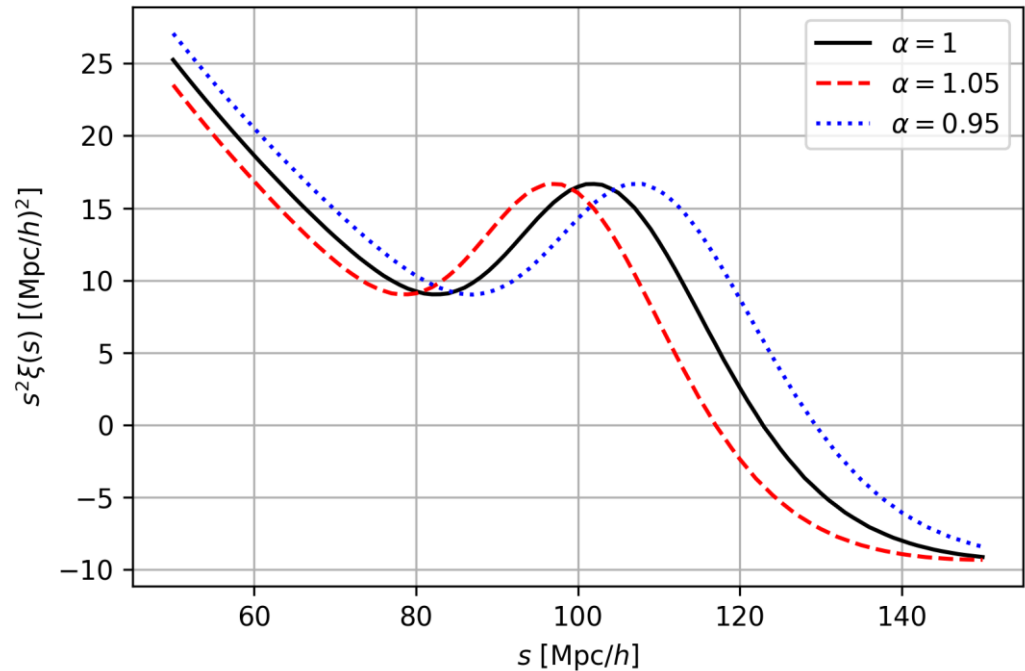
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How DESI measures BAO

The BAO feature appears as a **peak** in the **galaxy correlation function** or a series of **oscillations** in the **power spectrum**.

We measure the BAO scale by analyzing the clustering pattern of galaxies

Density field reconstruction helps recover the initial BAO signal by undoing the effects of nonlinear evolution, sharpening the BAO peak

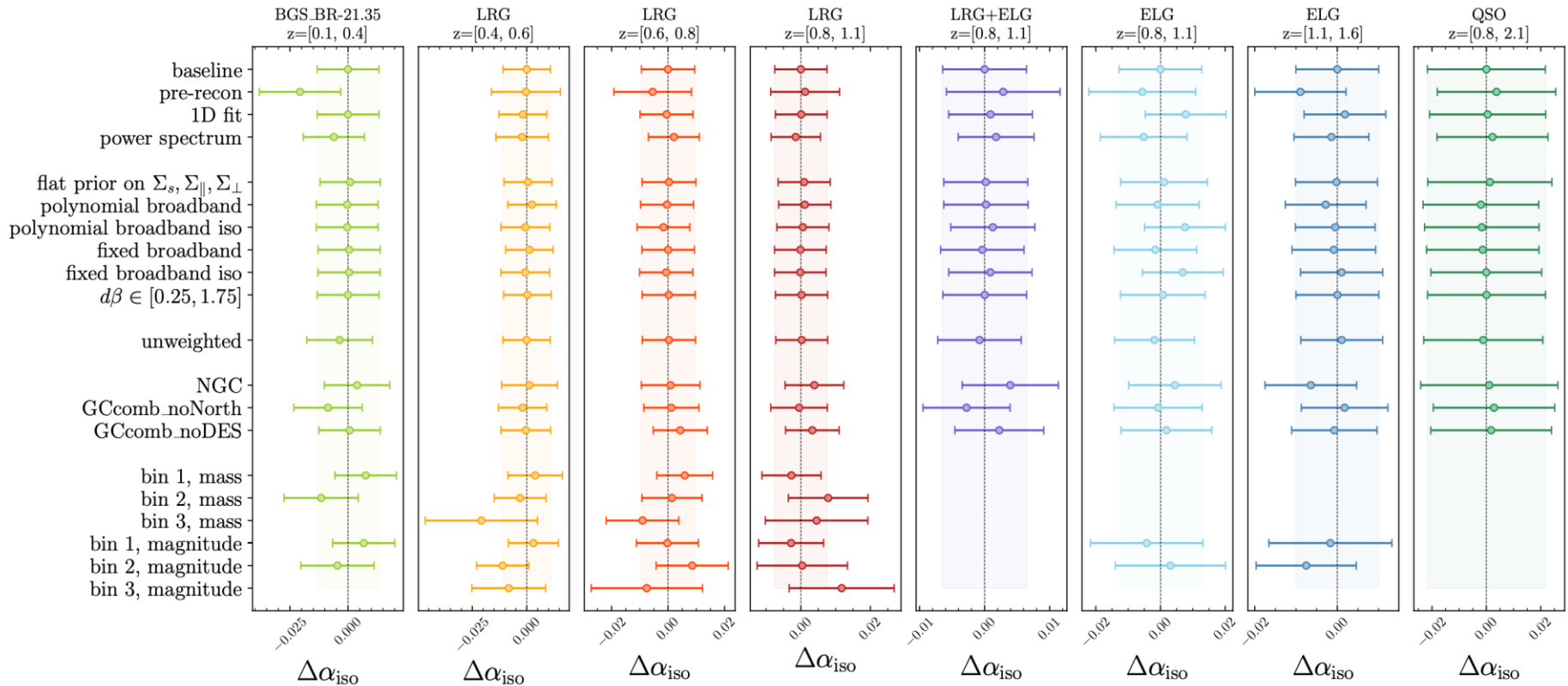


$$\alpha_{\text{iso}}(z) = \frac{D_V(z) r_s^{\text{fid}}(z_d)}{D_V^{\text{fid}}(z) r_s(z_d)}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{AP}}(z) = \frac{H(z)^{\text{fid}} D_A(z)^{\text{fid}}}{H(z) D_A(z)}$$

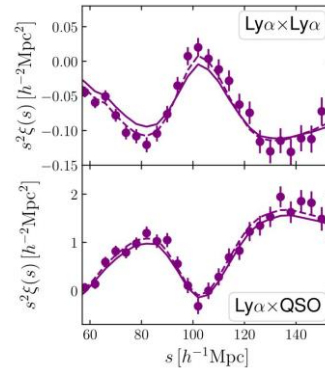
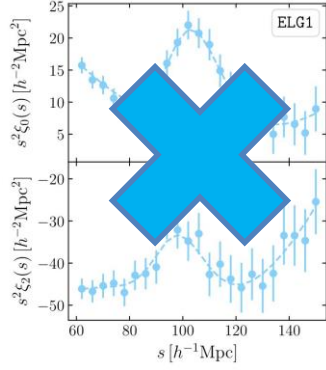
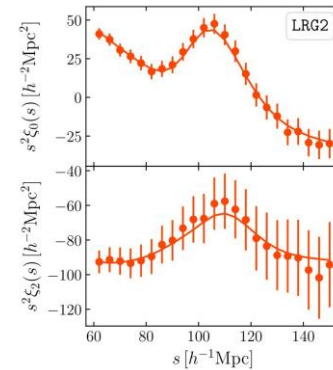
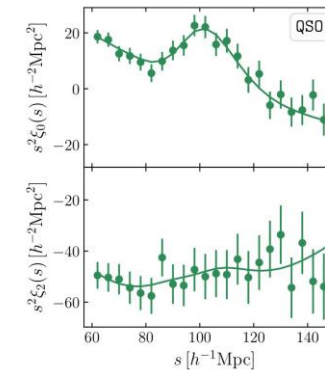
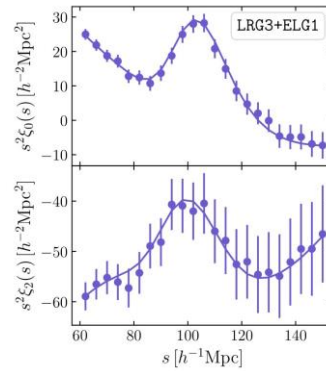
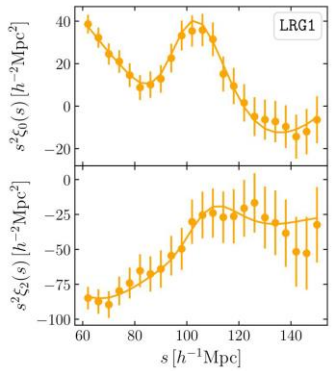
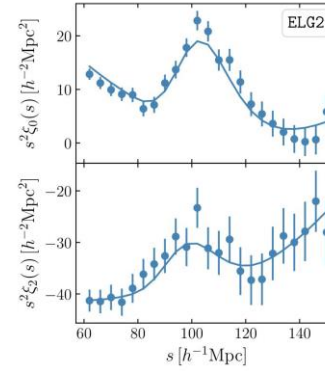
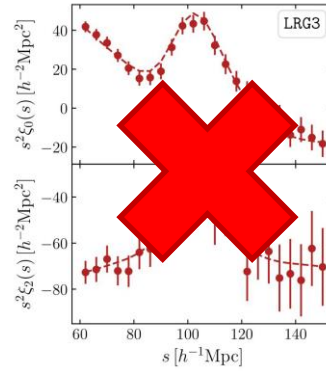
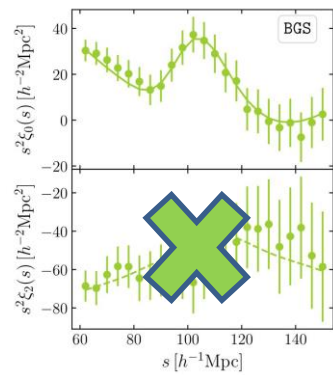
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BAO measurement is robust → Low systematic error



systematic error clearly below 1% (between 0.14% and 0.33%)

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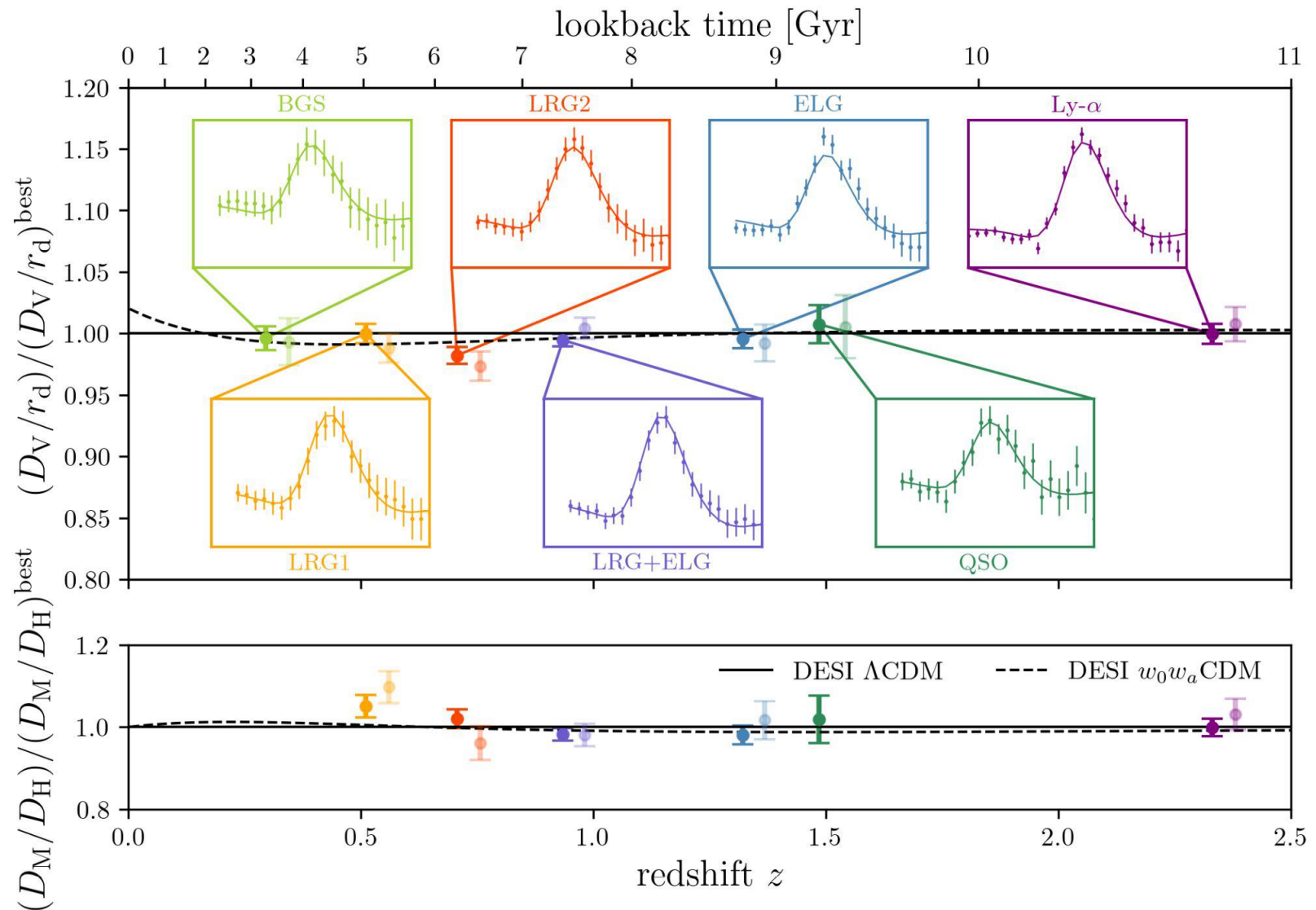


For BGS, only the isotropic fit is used (signal to noise is not enough for the LOS fit).

LRG3 and ELG1 are combined for the cosmology fit, given the tightest BAO measurement when combined

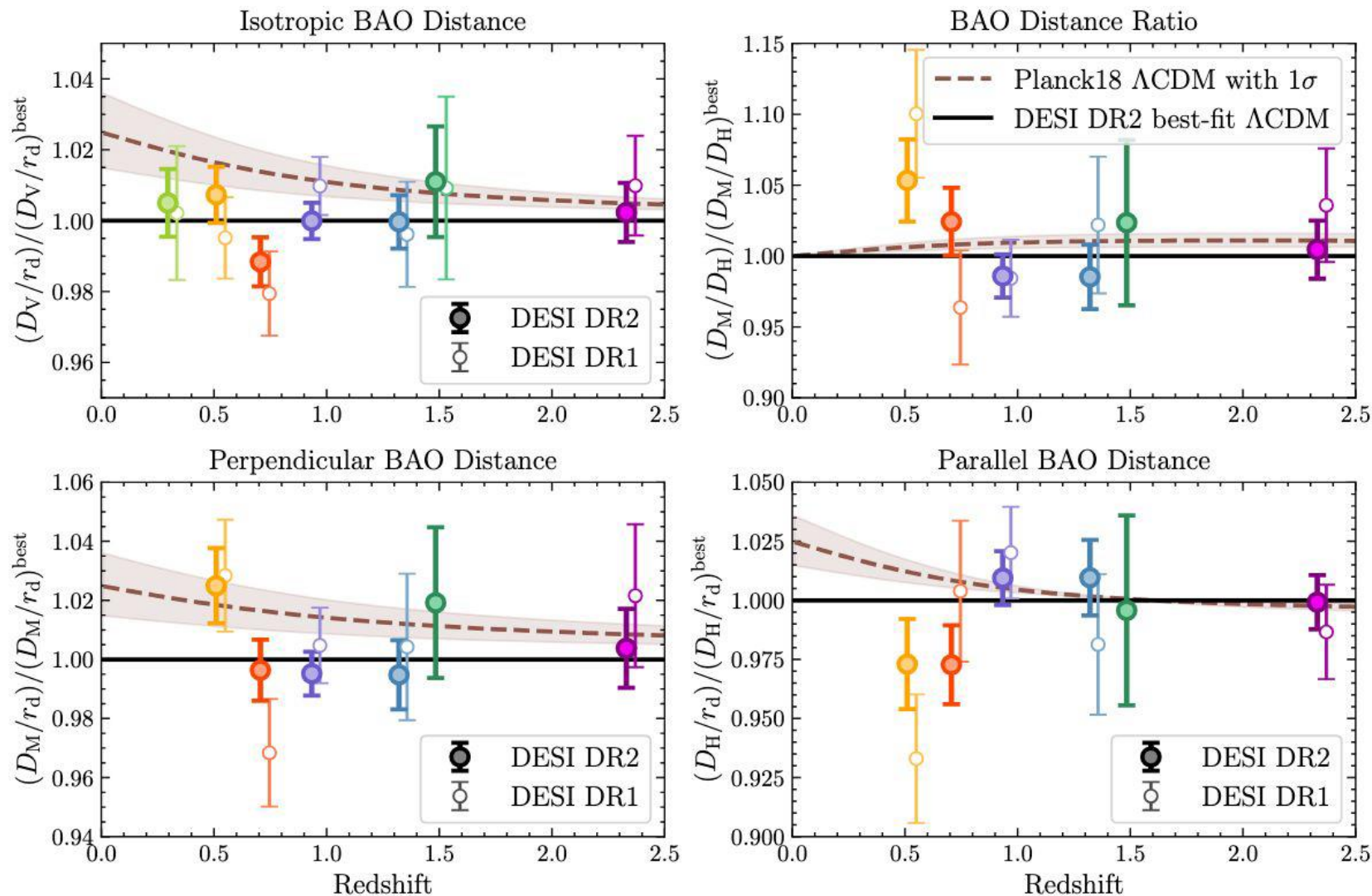
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DESI DR2 clustering measurements



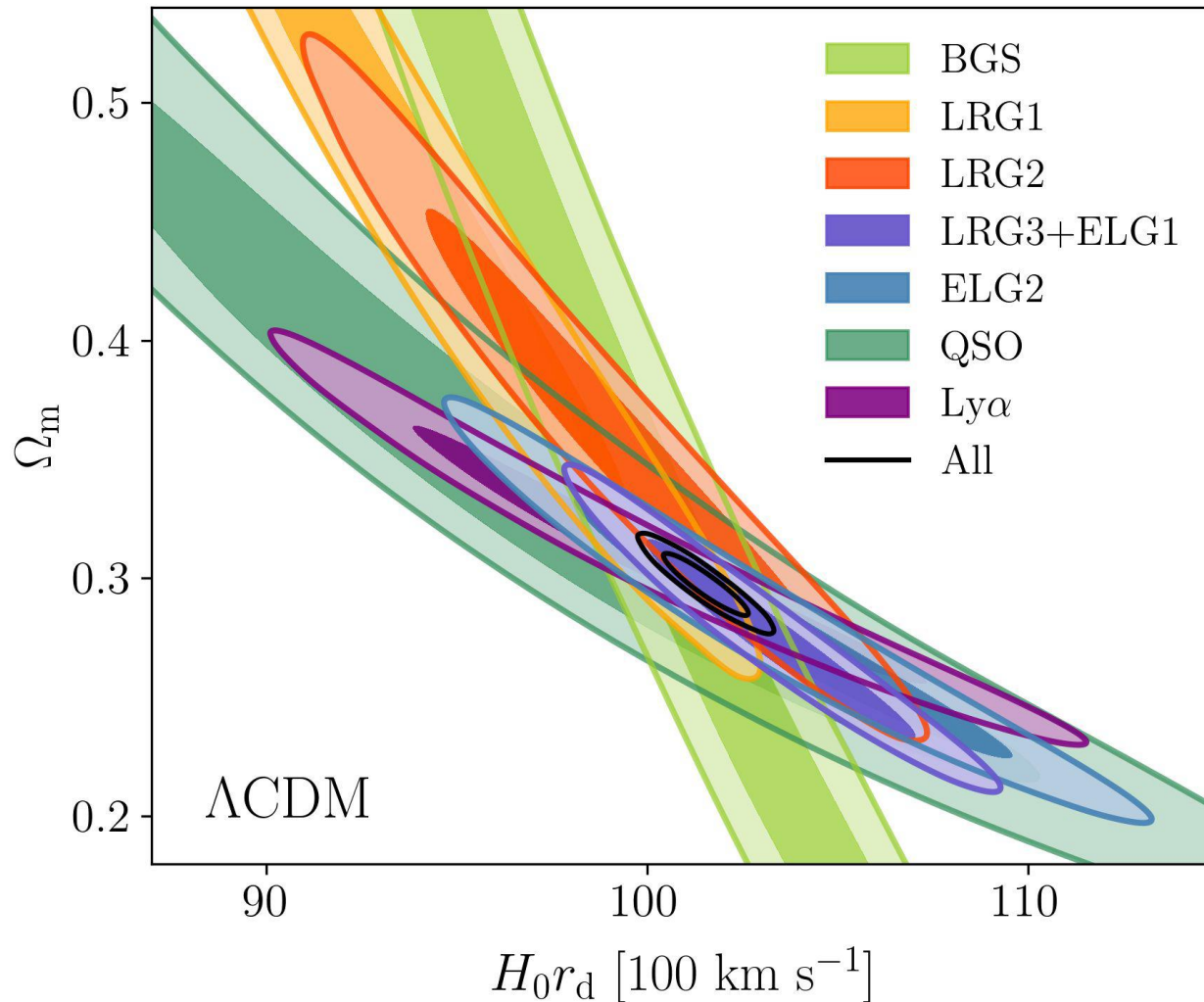
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BAO measurements



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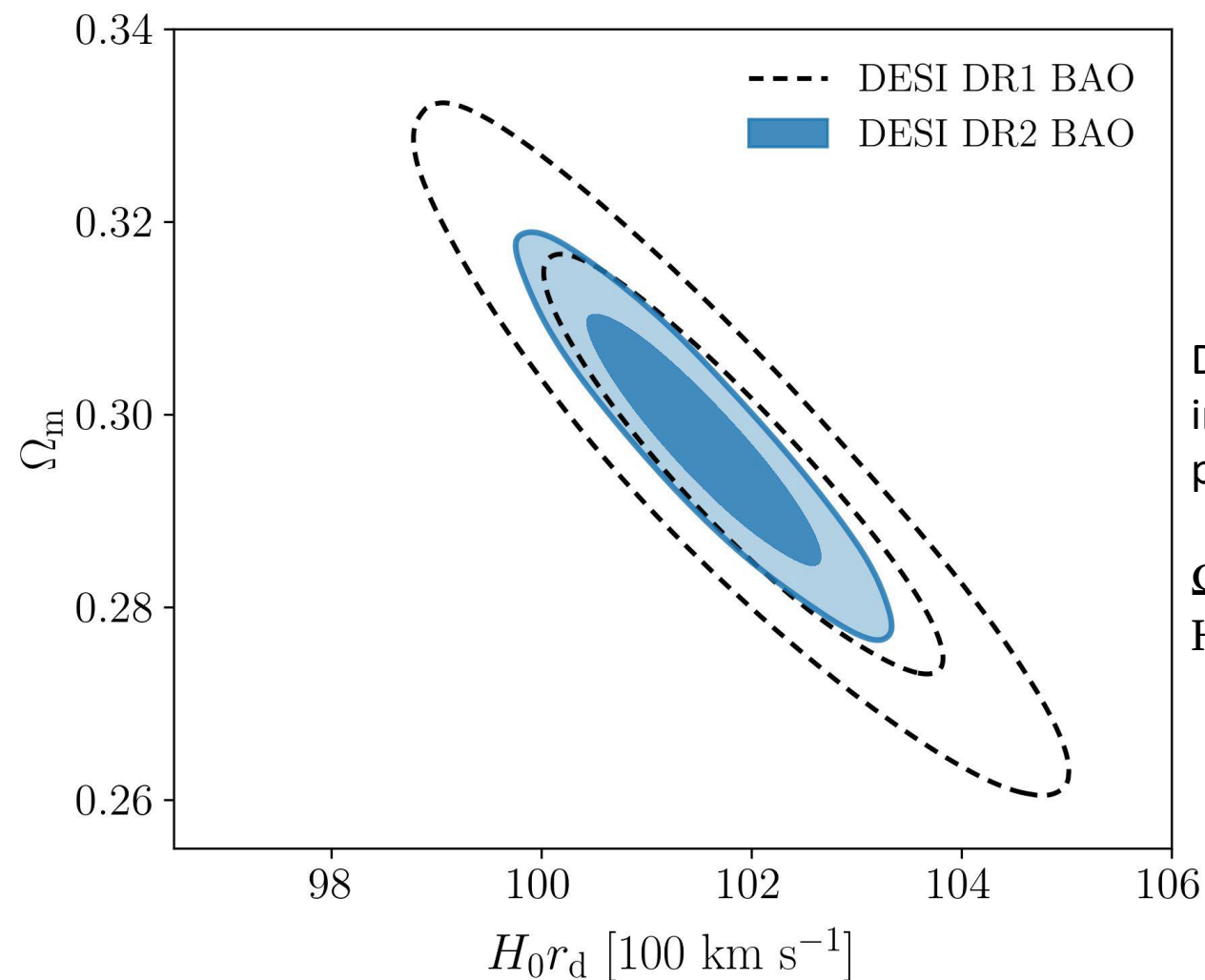
COSMOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER Λ CDM



Tracers give consistent results

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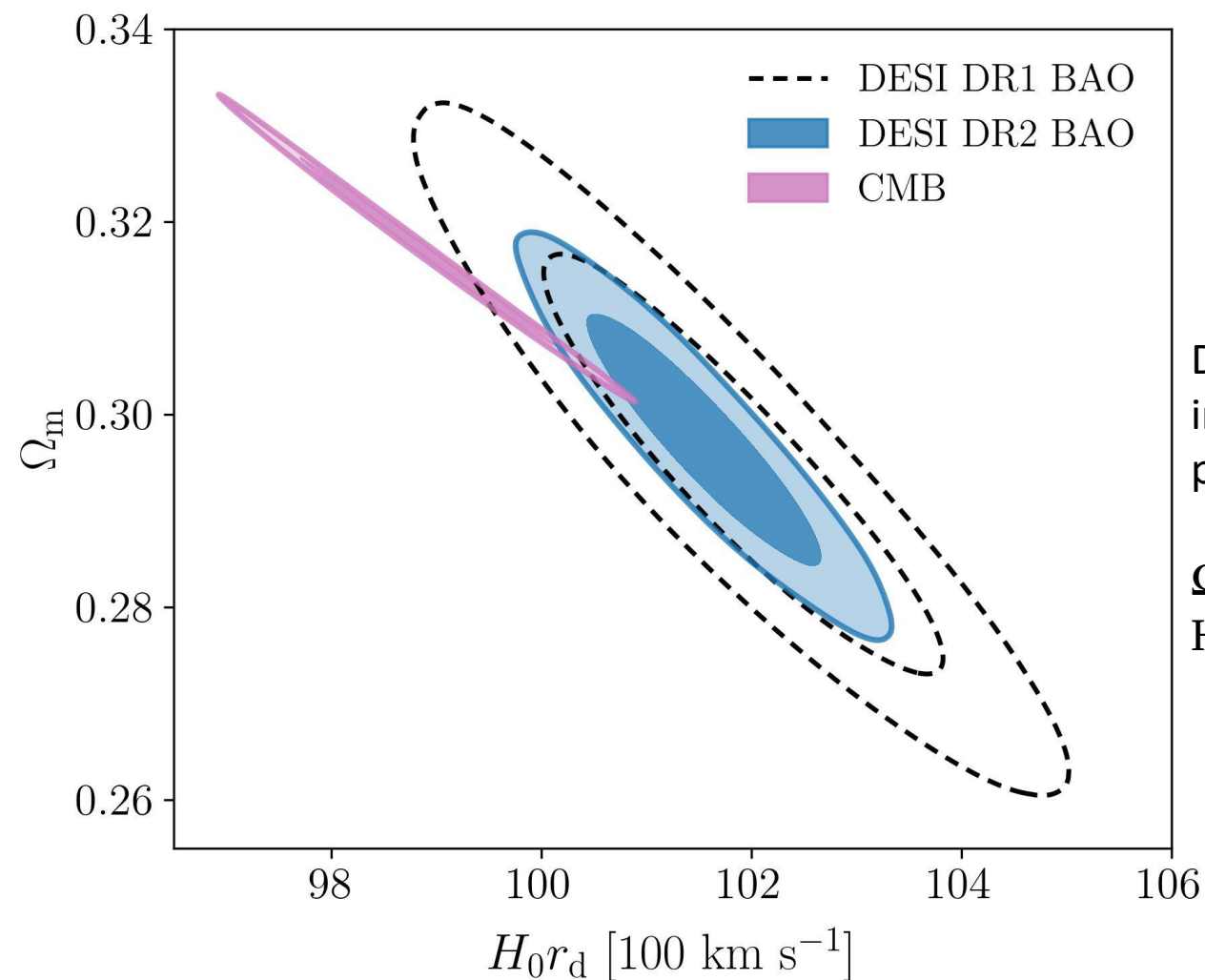


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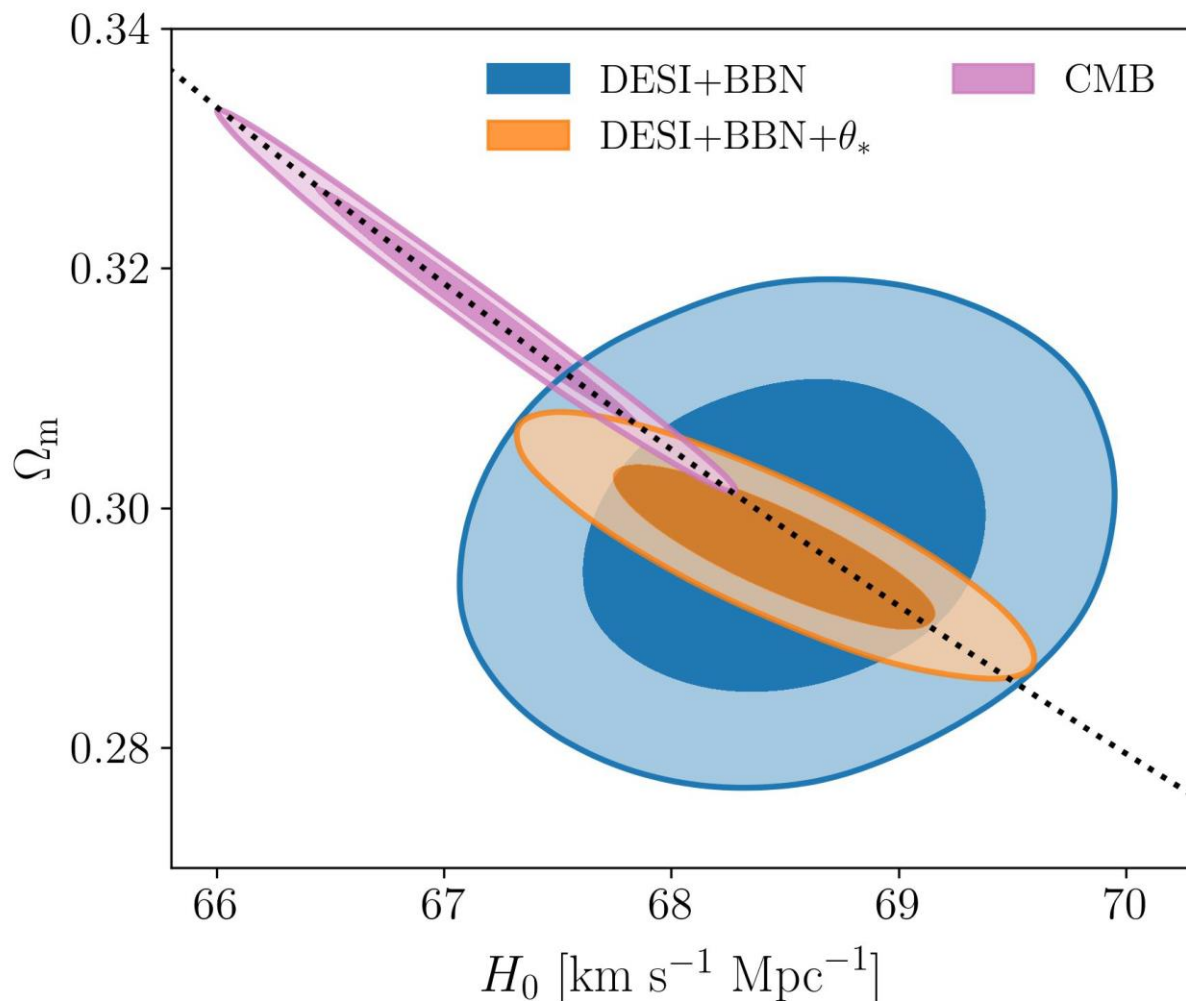


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Use BBN to calibrate BAO data and set constraints on H_0

DESI+BBN:

$$H_0 = (68.51 \pm 0.58) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

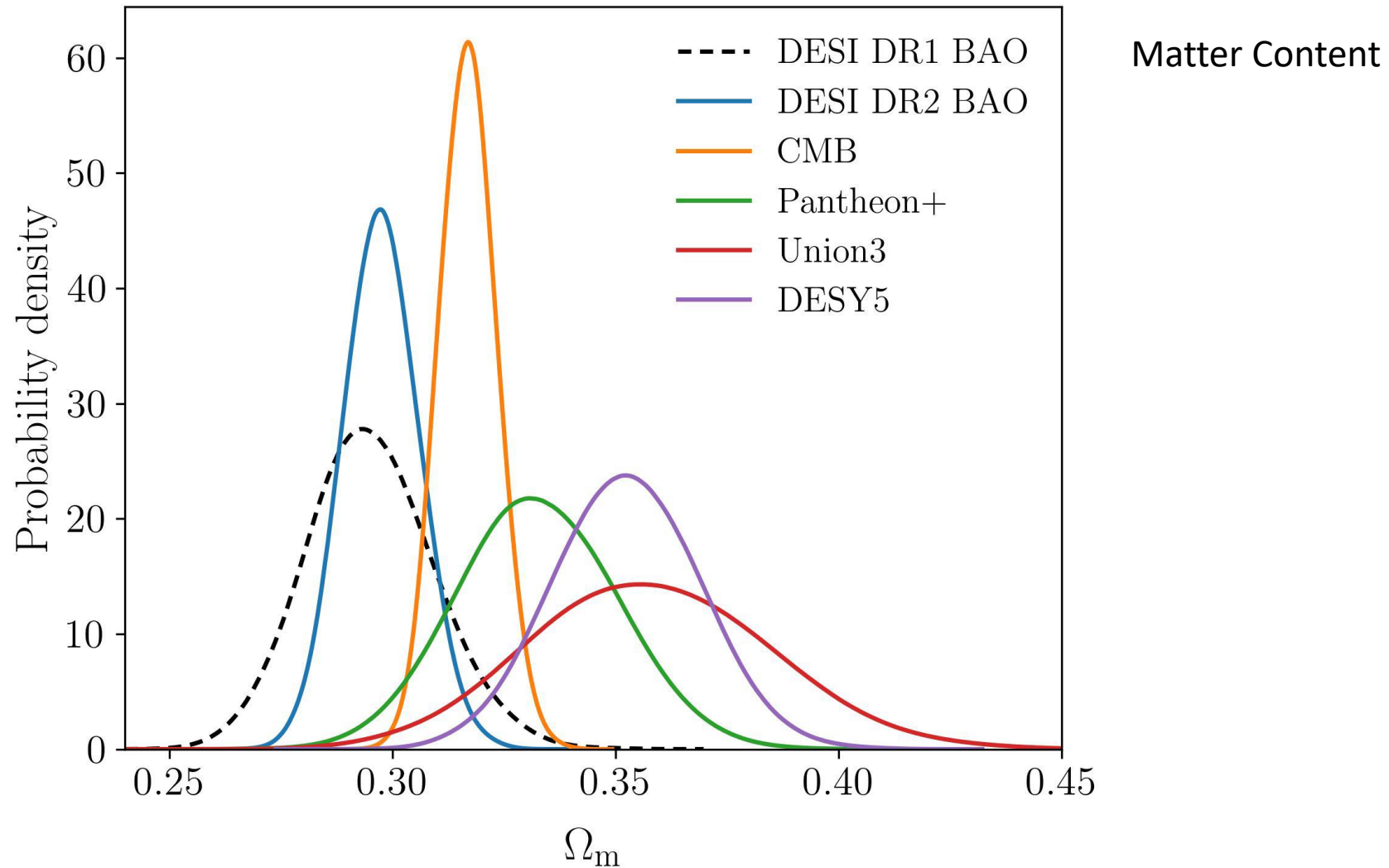
DESI+BBN+ θ_* :

$$H_0 = (68.45 \pm 0.47) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

4.5 σ tensión with SH0ES

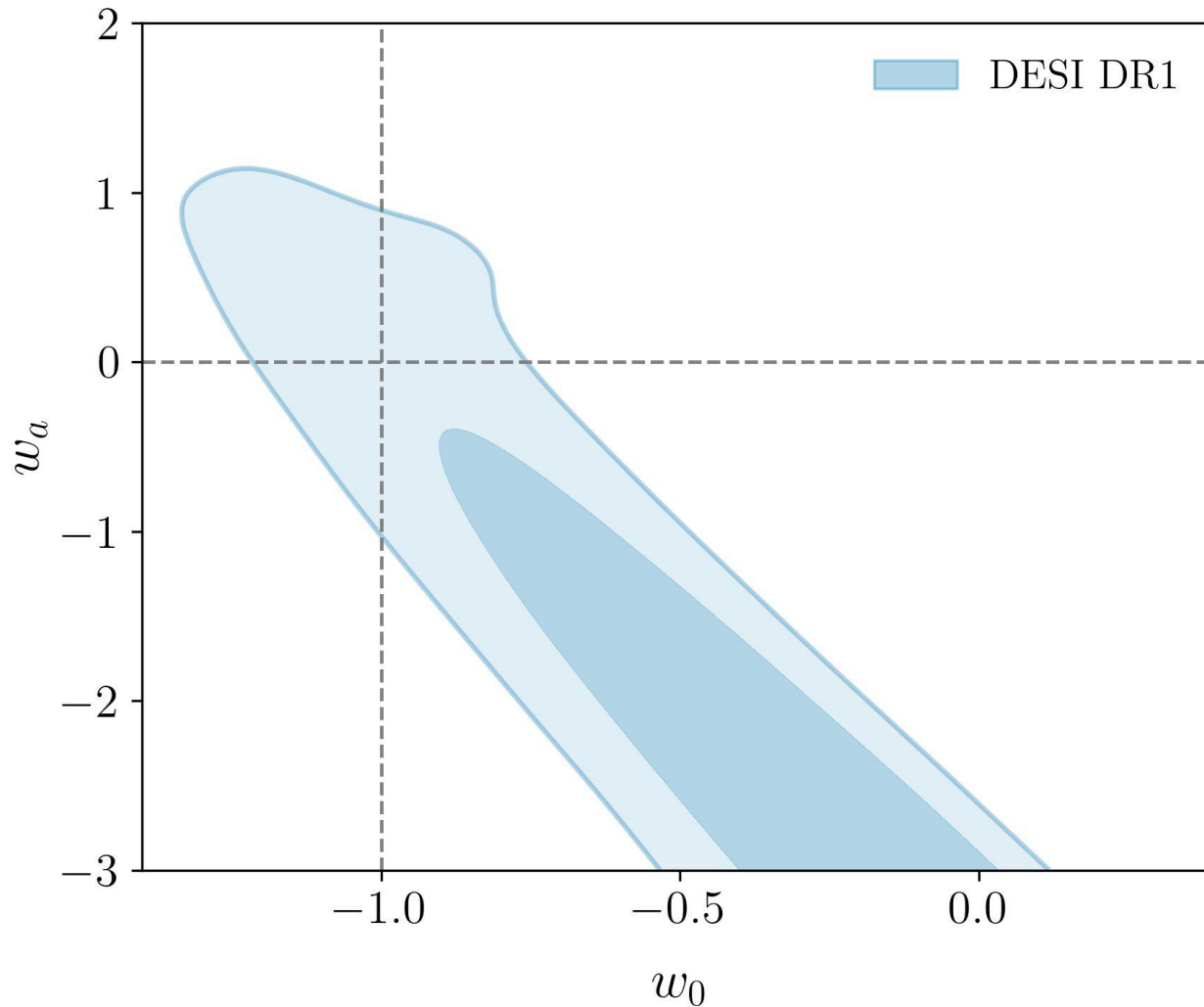
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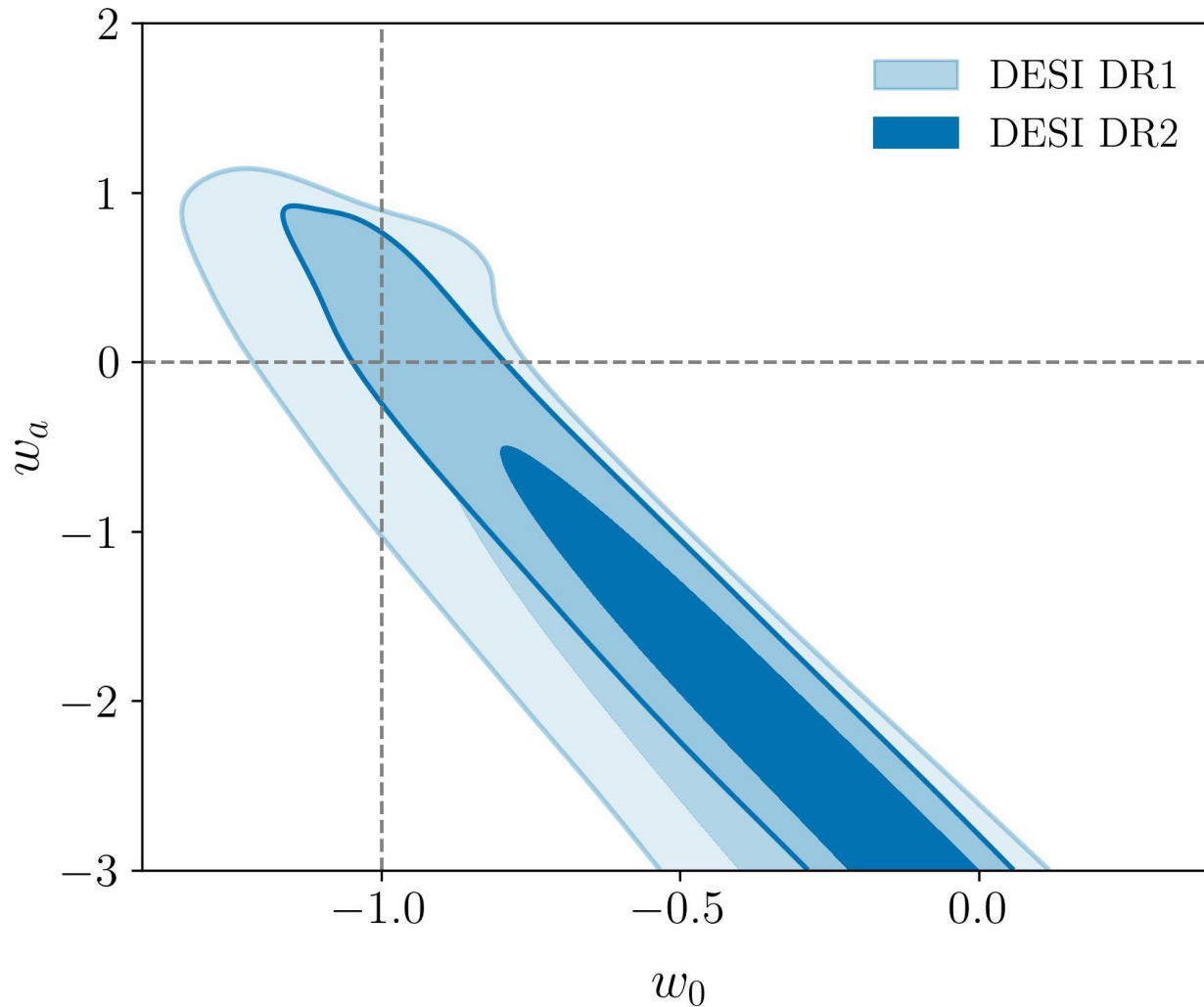


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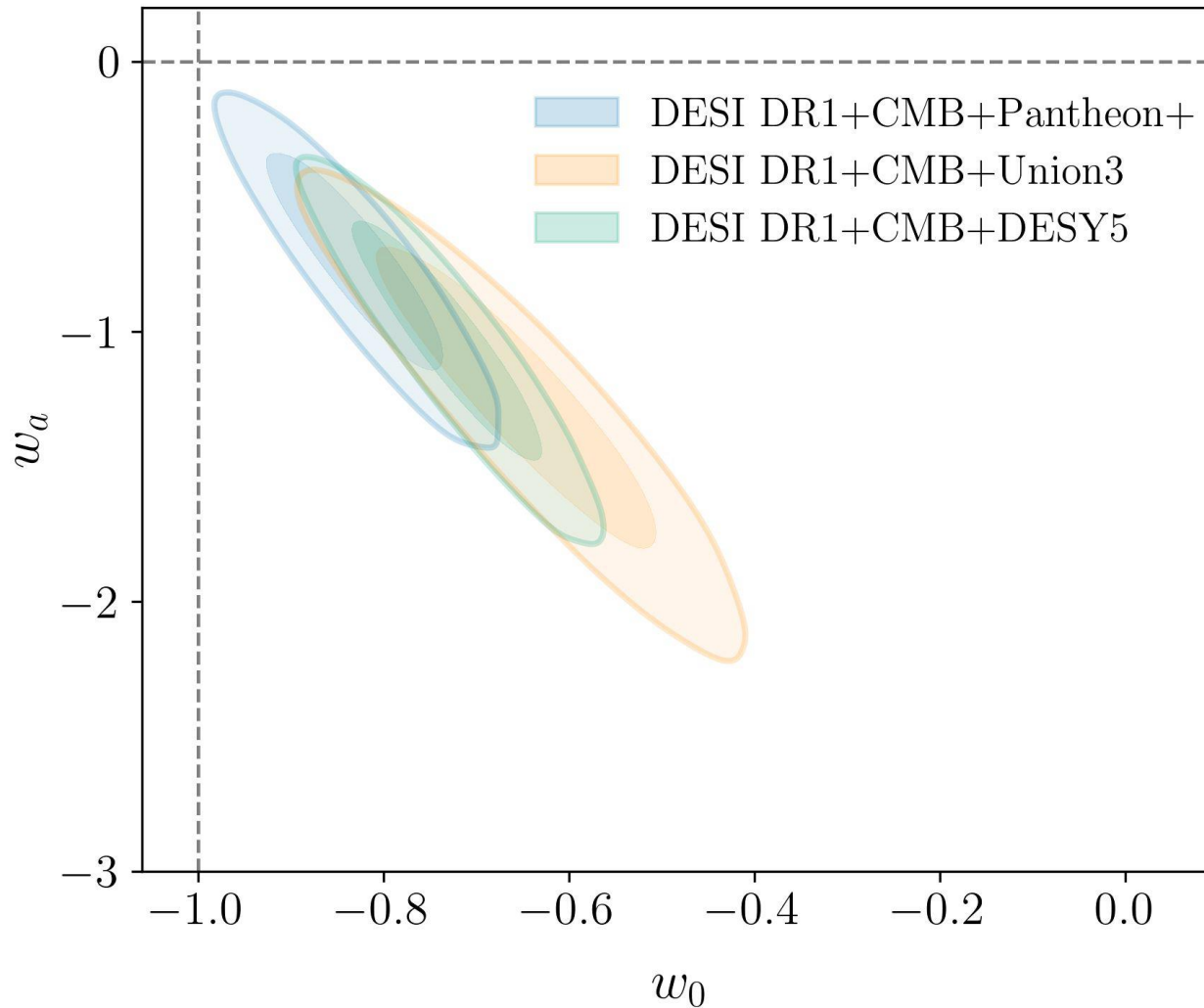


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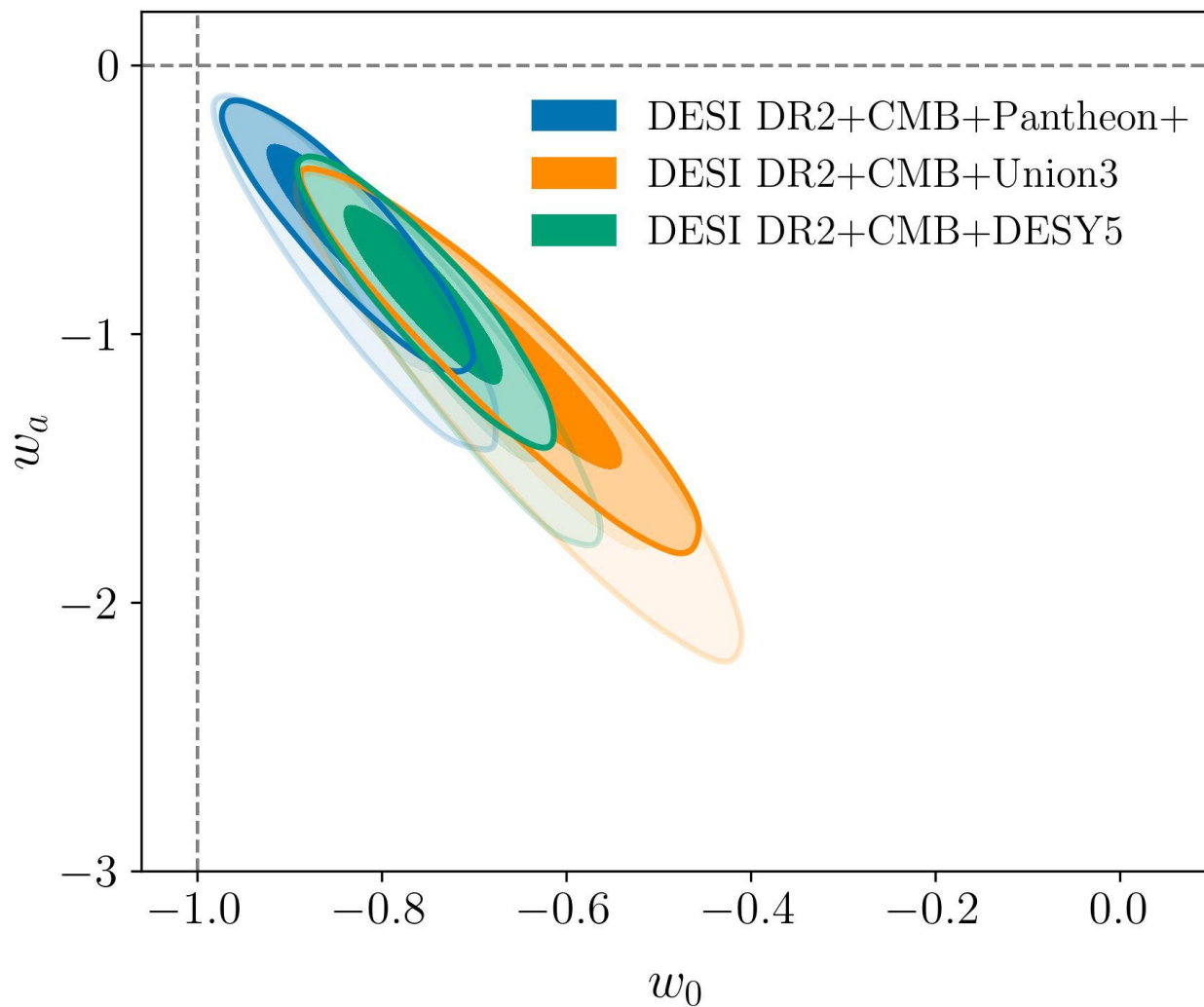


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Tensions have marginally increased by 0.3σ with respect to DESI DR1

Tension with cosmological constant, DESI+CMB+ :

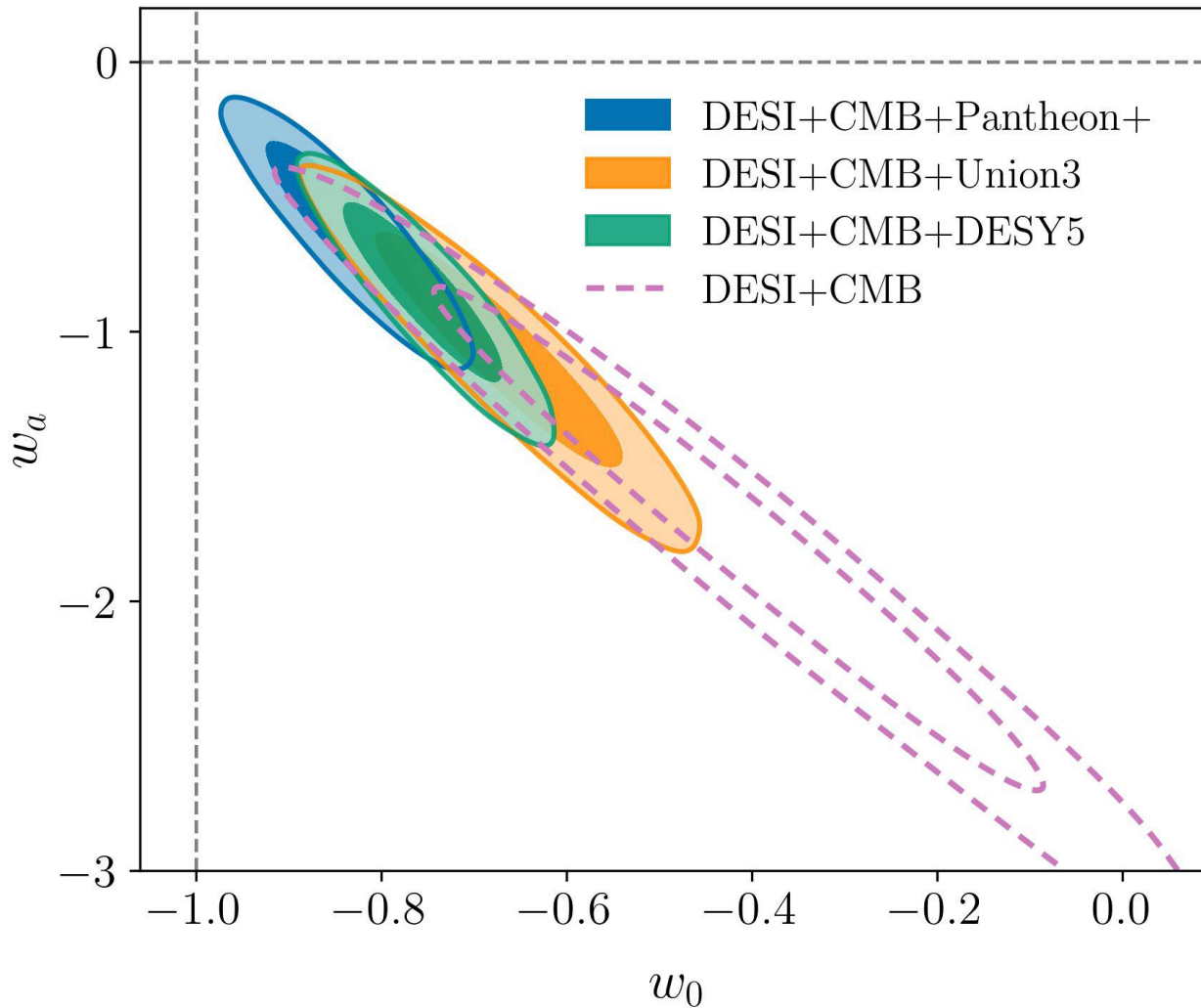
Pantheon+: 2.8σ

Union 3: 3.8σ

DES-Y5: 4.2σ

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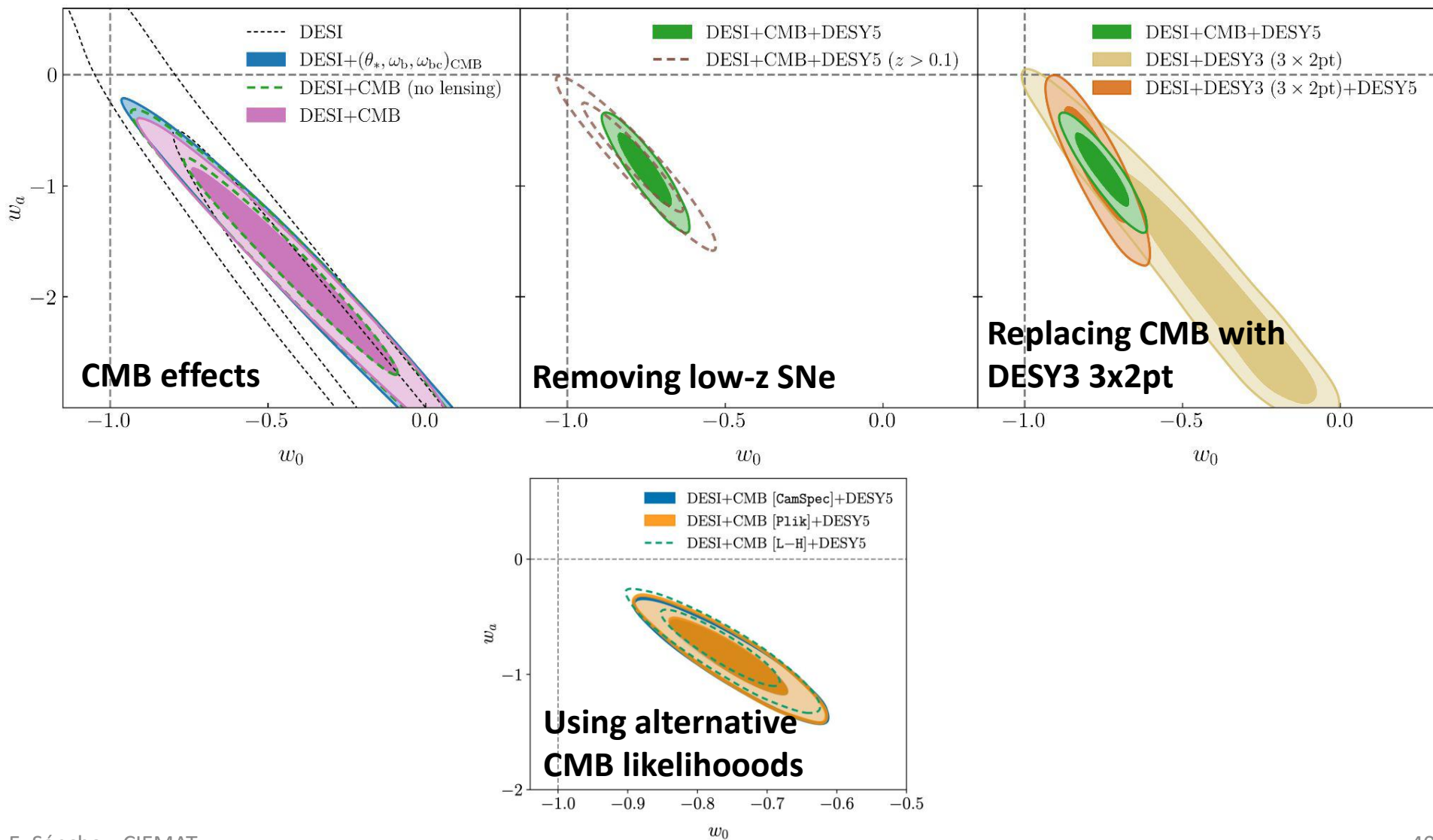
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DESI+CMB by itself is now showing a 3.1σ tension with Λ CDM

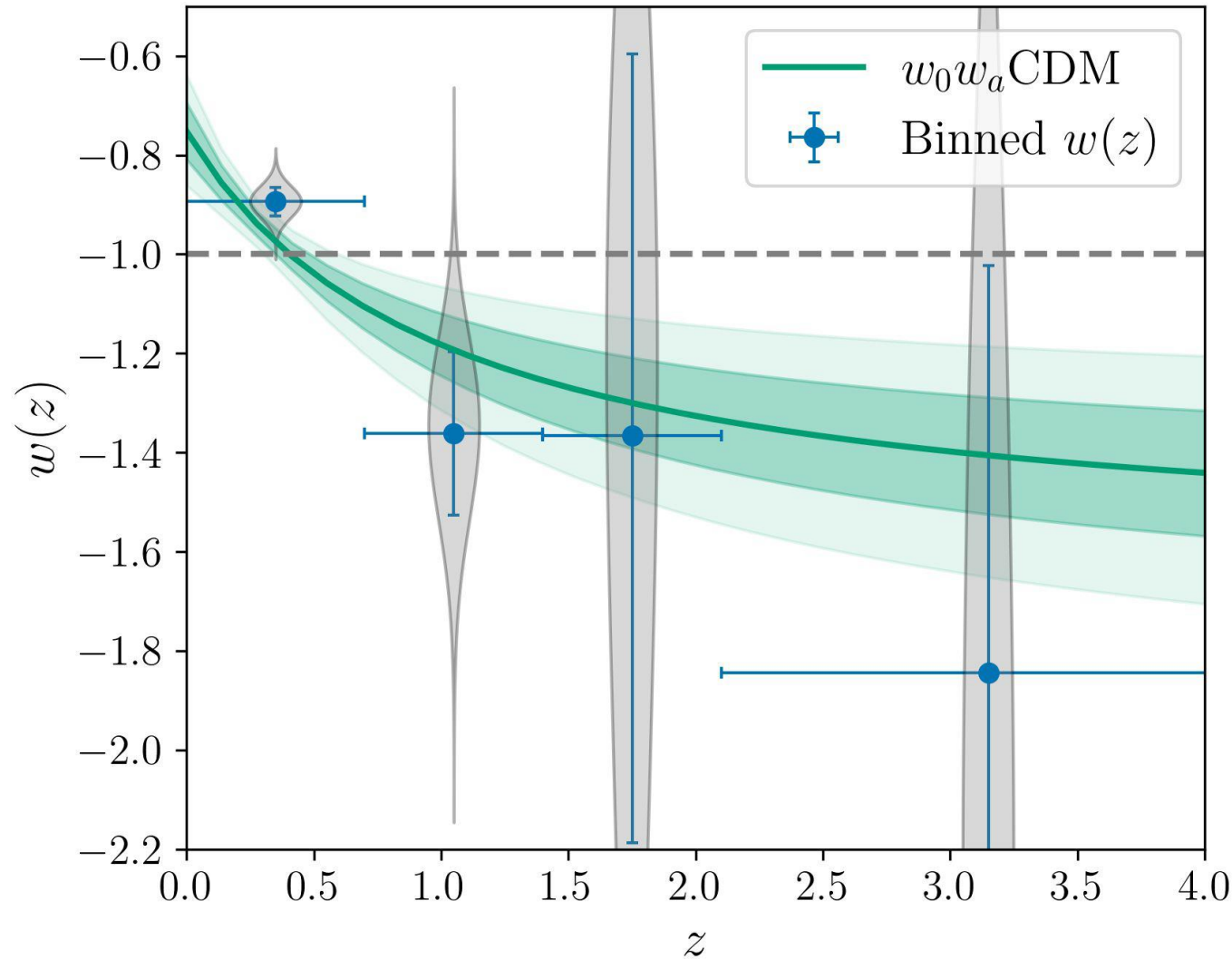
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Robustness of DARK ENERGY results



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Binning the DE EoS

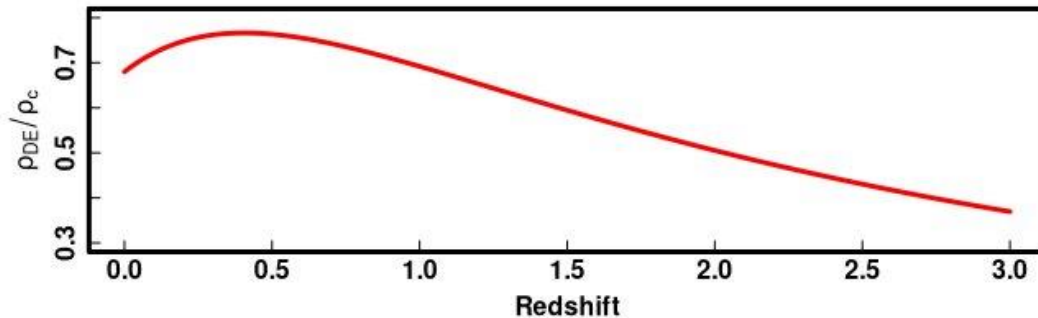


Consistent picture
between binning $w(z)$
and CPL!

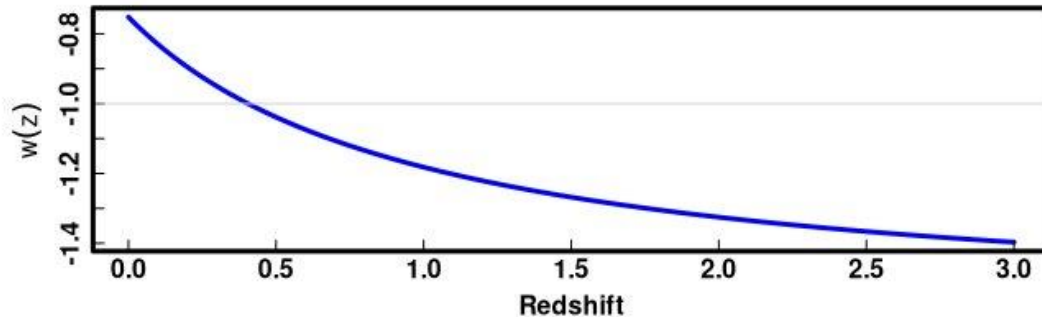
Phantom crossing at
 $z \sim 0.5$

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Properties of the Dark Energy



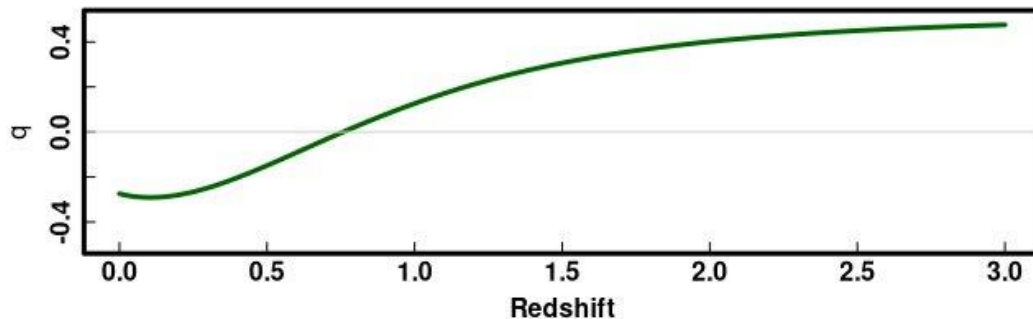
With the measured w_0 and w_a , the dark energy crosses the phantom divide at $z \sim 0.5$



$$w_0 = -0.752 \pm 0.057$$

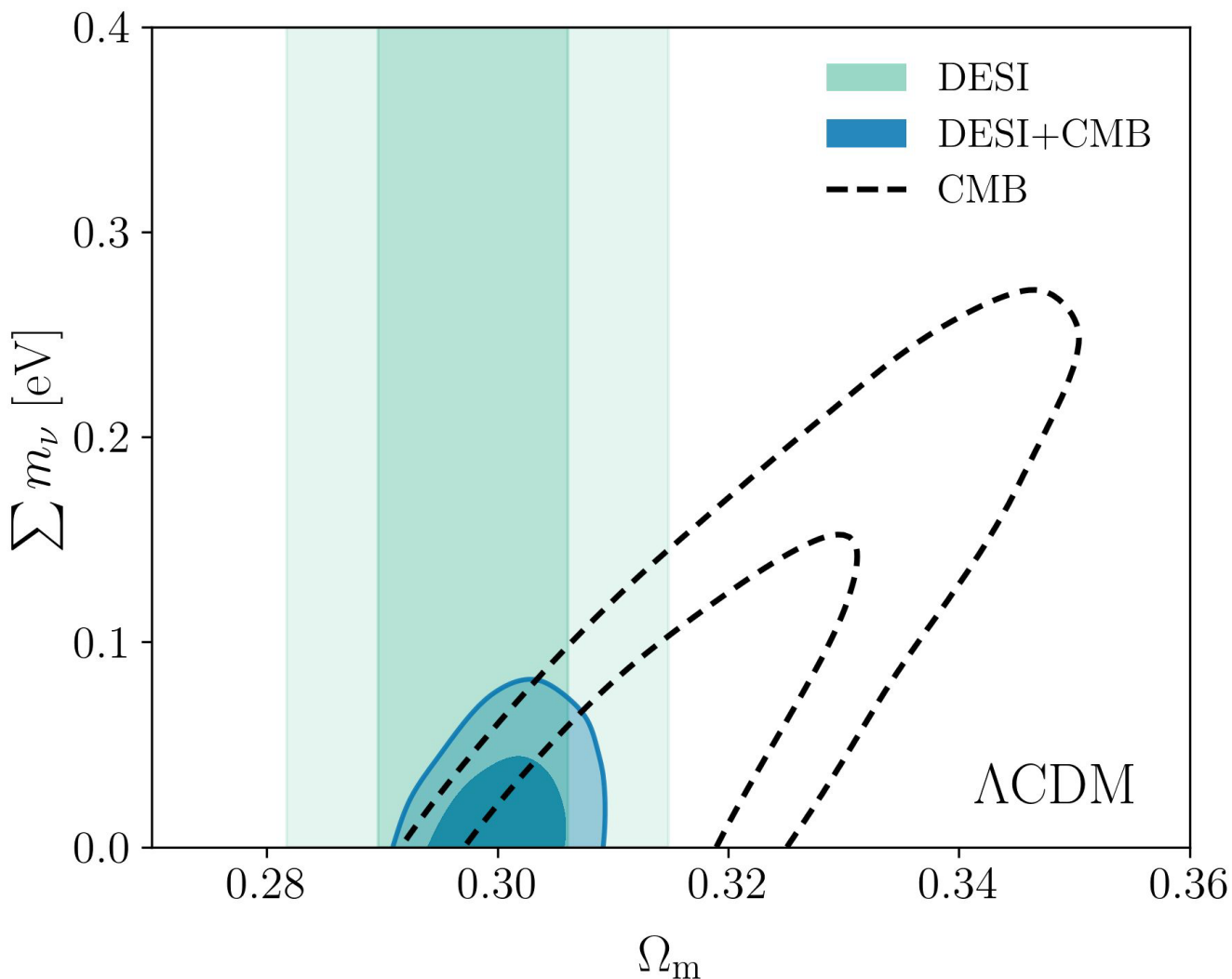
$$w_a = -0.86^{+0.23}_{-0.20}$$

DESI+CMB+DESY5



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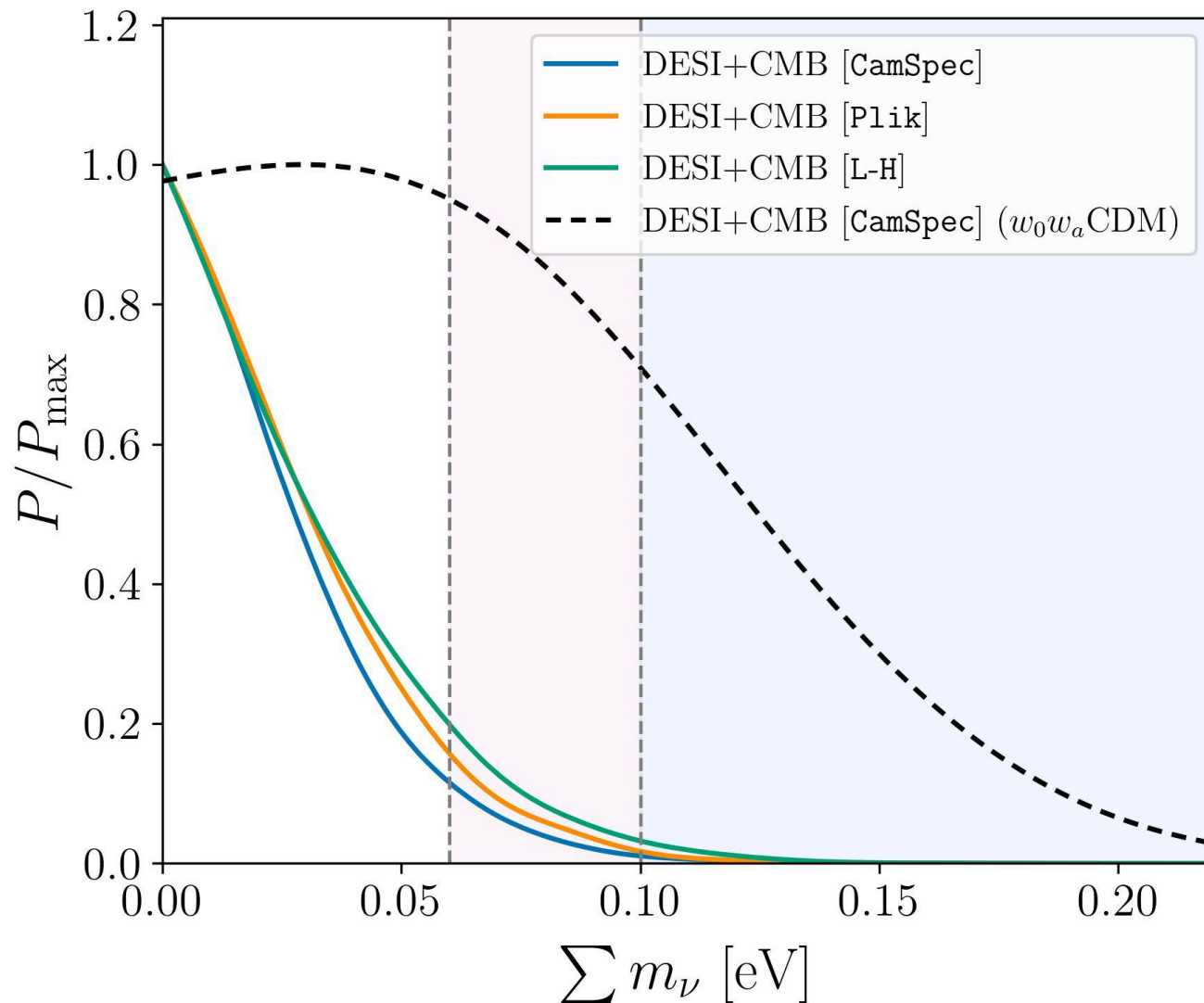
Neutrinos



Matter content
disagreement implies
very low neutrino
mass

DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument)

Neutrinos



DESI+CMB:

Λ CDM:

$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.0642$ eV (95%)

$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.0774$ eV (95%,
using L-H)

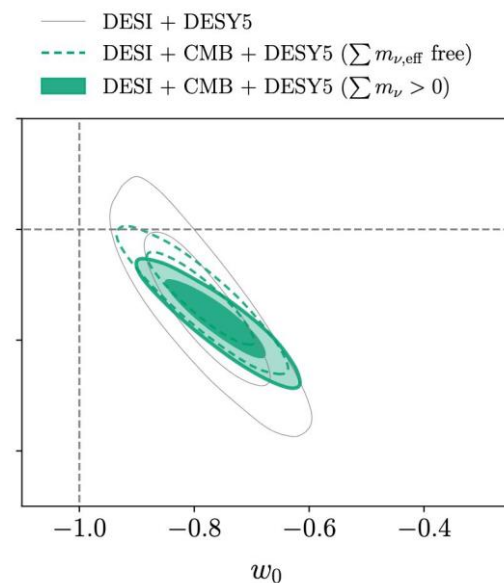
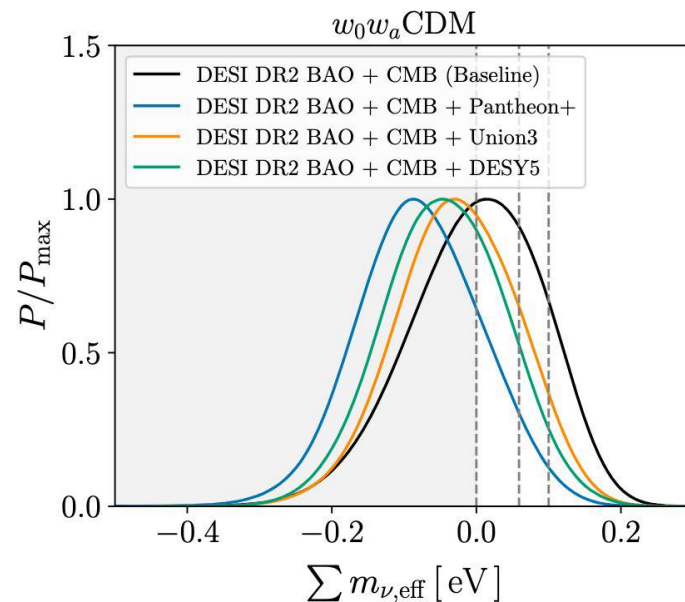
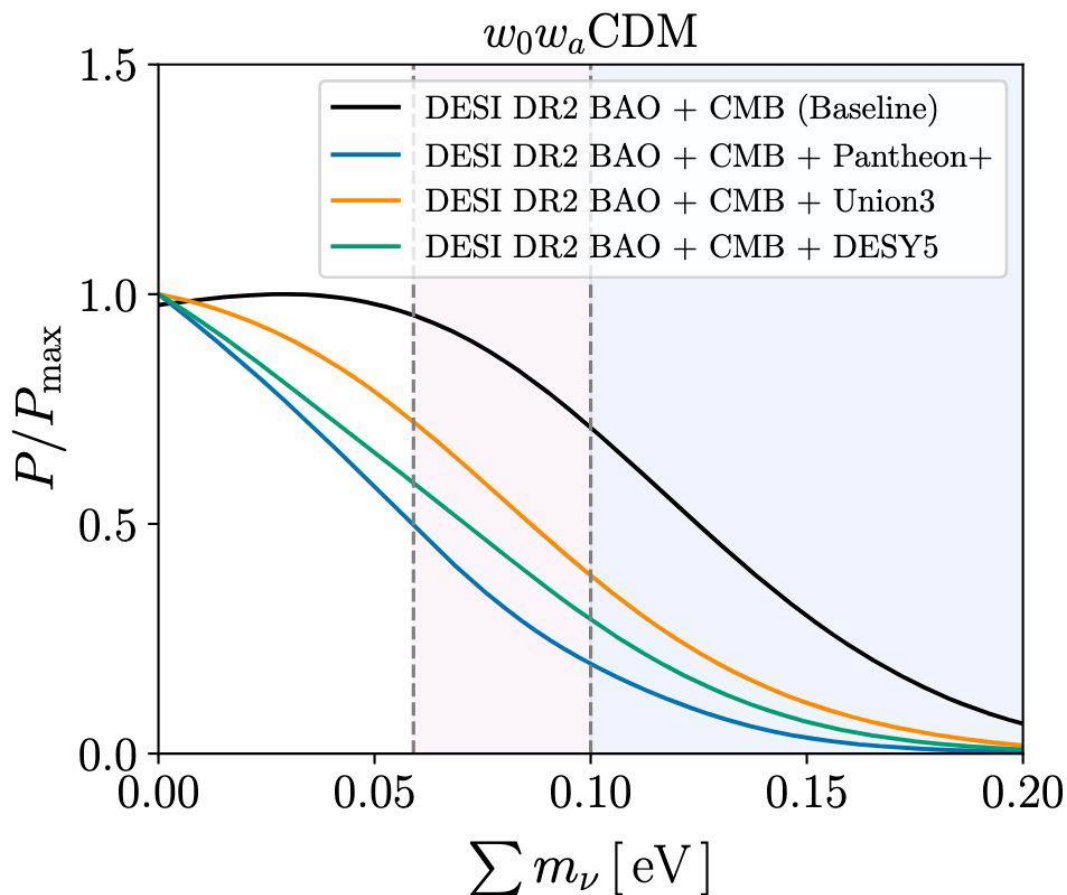
$w_0 w_a$ CDM:

$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.163$ eV (95%)

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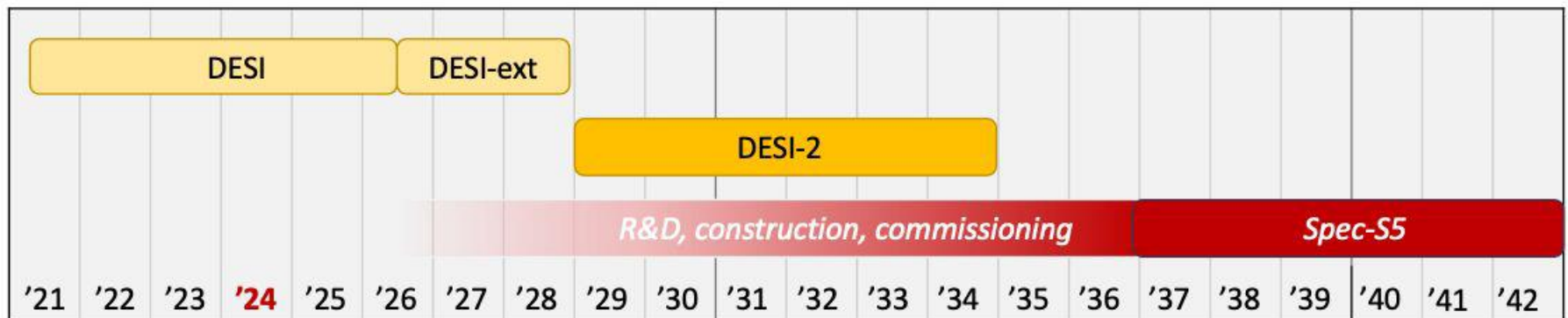
DESI+CMB+SNe



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The Future

- **DESI (primarily $z < 1.5$)**
 - Five year survey + 2.5 year extension aimed at Dark Energy with BAO and RSD
 - Many more DR2 results on the horizon, including full shape analysis, then DR3, ...
- **DESI-II (primarily $z > 2$)**
 - Focused on $z > 2$. Aim for a six year survey with some instrument upgrades
 - Early dark energy and growth of structure in the matter-dominated regime
 - Synergies with other Cosmic Frontier experiments (Rubin, CMB S-4)
- **Spec-S5 (Spectroscopic Stage 5, where DESI is 'Stage 4')**
 - New facility or facilities and new instrumentation



COSMOLOGY FROM DES **BAO AND SUPERNOVAE**

DES (Dark Energy Survey)



Optical/IR imaging survey with the Blanco 4m telescope at Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory(CTIO) in Chile

5000 sq-deg (1/8 of the sky) in grizY
+ 30 sq-deg time-domain griz (SNe)

Up to $i_{AB} \sim 24$ th magnitude at 10σ ($z \sim 1.5$)

570 Mpx camera with 3 sq-deg FoV, DECam

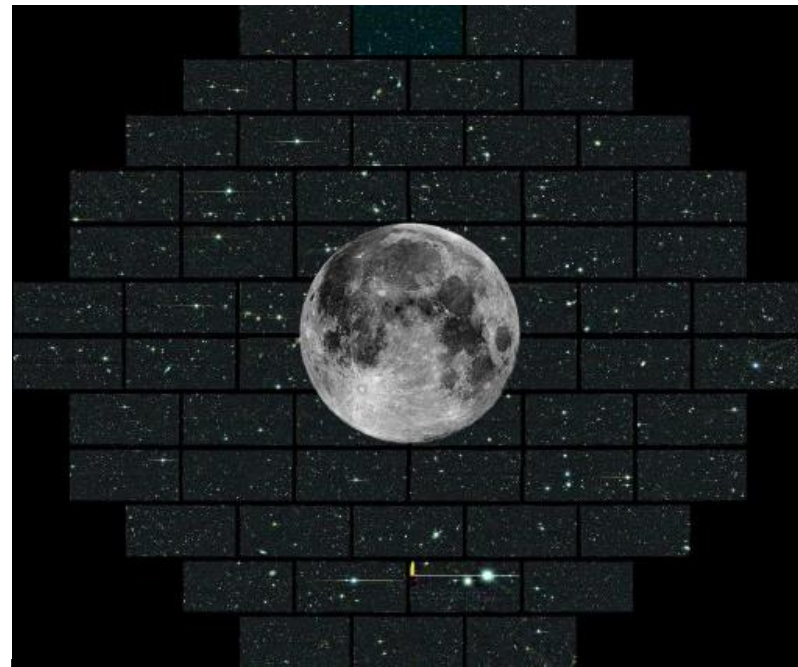
DES (Dark Energy Survey)

Camera installed on Blanco since 2012

**Took data from 2013 to 2019
Currently in the final phase of
scientific data. Full final results this
year.**



NGC 1365 (the Great Barred Spiral Galaxy) is a barred spiral galaxy about 56 million light-years away in the constellation Fornax. (DECam, DES Collaboration)



DES (Dark Energy Survey)



 **USA:** Fermilab, UIUC/NCSA, University of Chicago, LBNL, NOAO, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Argonne National Laboratory, Ohio State University, Santa Cruz/SLAC Consortium, Texas A&M University, CTIO (in Chile)

~500 scientists from
25 institutions
darkenergysurvey.org

 **UK Consortium:** UCL, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Portsmouth, Sussex, Nottingham

 **Germany:** Munich

 **Switzerland:** Zurich

 **Spain Consortium:**
CIEMAT, ICE, IFAE

 **OzDES:** CAASTRO, AAO, ANU, Queensland, Swinburne

 **Brazil Consortium:**
Observatorio nacional, CBPF, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

DES (Dark Energy Survey)

4 Probes of Dark Energy

Galaxy Clusters (dist & struct)

Tens of thousands of clusters to $z \sim 1$

Synergy with SPT, VHS

Weak Lensing (dist & struct)

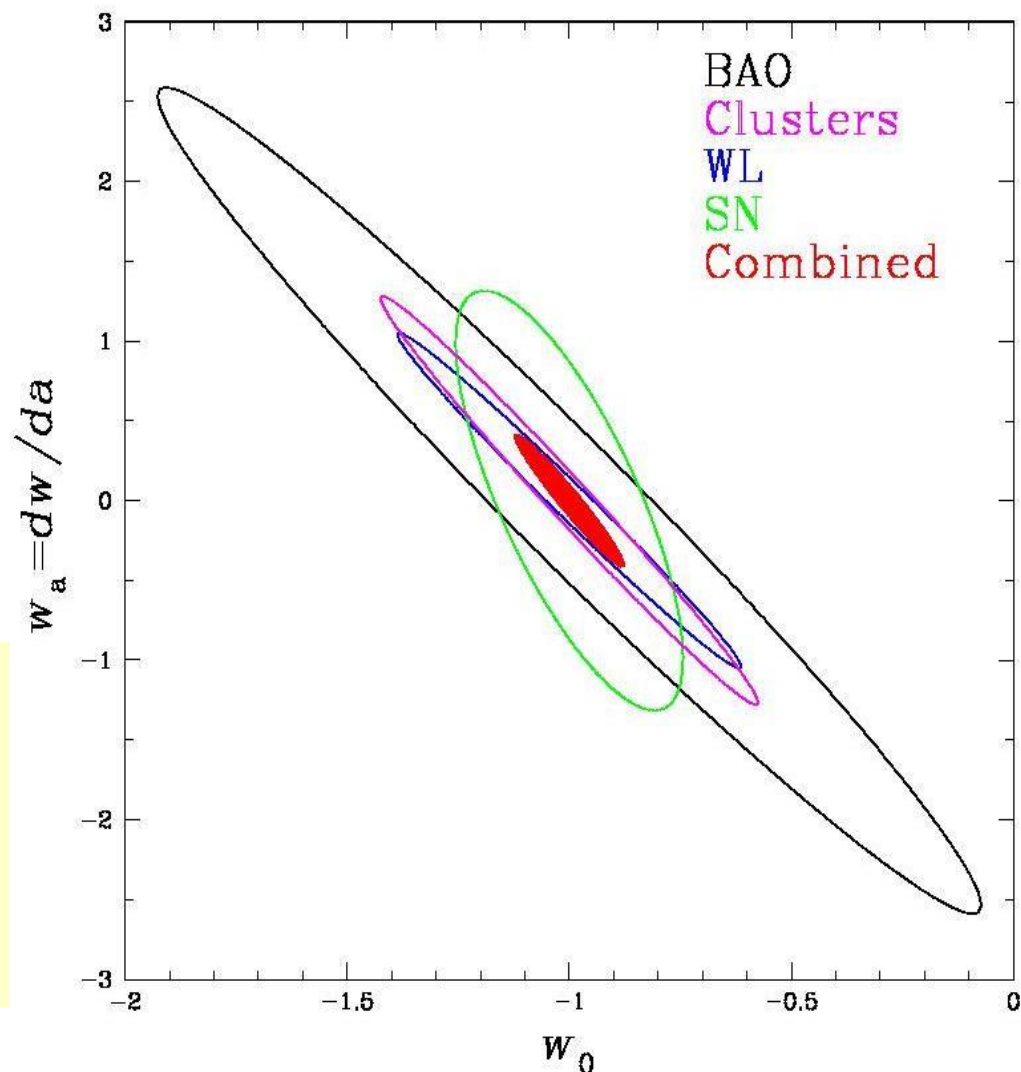
Shape and magnification measurements
of 200 million galaxies

Galaxy Clustering (struct) and its Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (dist)

300 million galaxies to $z \sim 1.4$

Supernovae (dist)

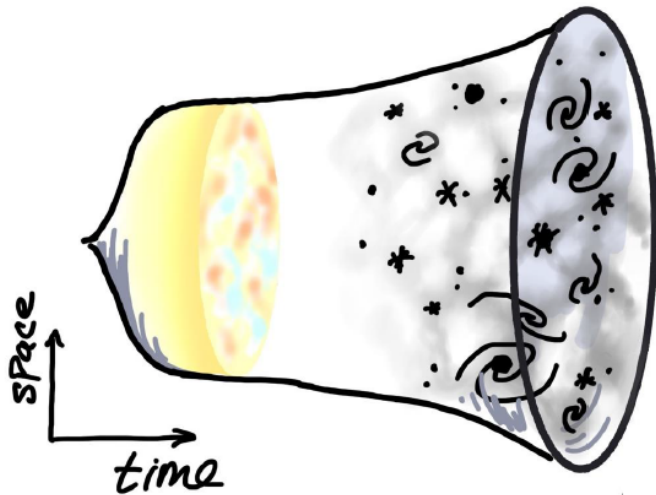
3500 well-sampled SNe Ia to $z \sim 1$



DES (Dark Energy Survey)

We probe physics with the Dark Energy Survey by observing:

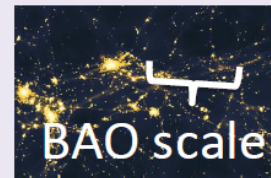
Background expansion



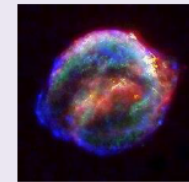
Structure growth

Focus of this talk!

Galaxy clustering



Supernovae



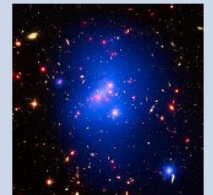
Galaxy clustering



Weak lensing



Galaxy clusters



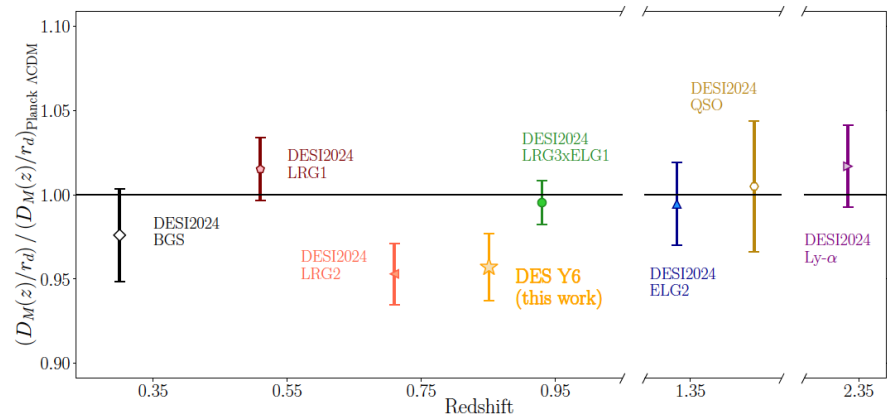
Results about the growth of structure with the full DES sample will be published later this year

And more! Milky Way structure, galaxy evolution, QSOs, strong lensing, GW follow-up, solar system objects (TNO, comets)

DES (Dark Energy Survey)

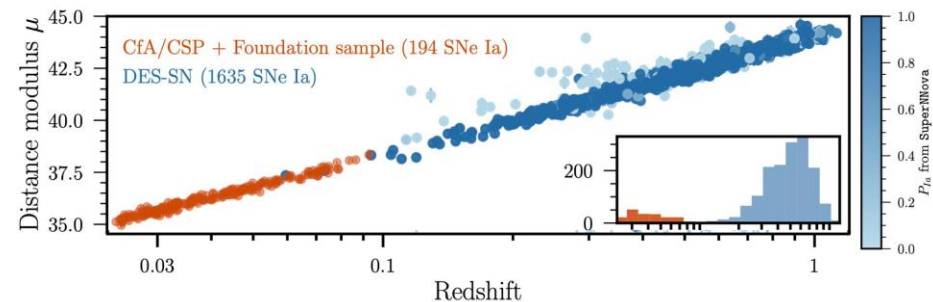
Using DES project galaxy clustering, we measured the BAO scale was measured to 2.1% accuracy

4.3% and 2.1σ below Planck Λ CDM



DES SNe is the largest and deepest supernova sample ever compiled from a single telescope

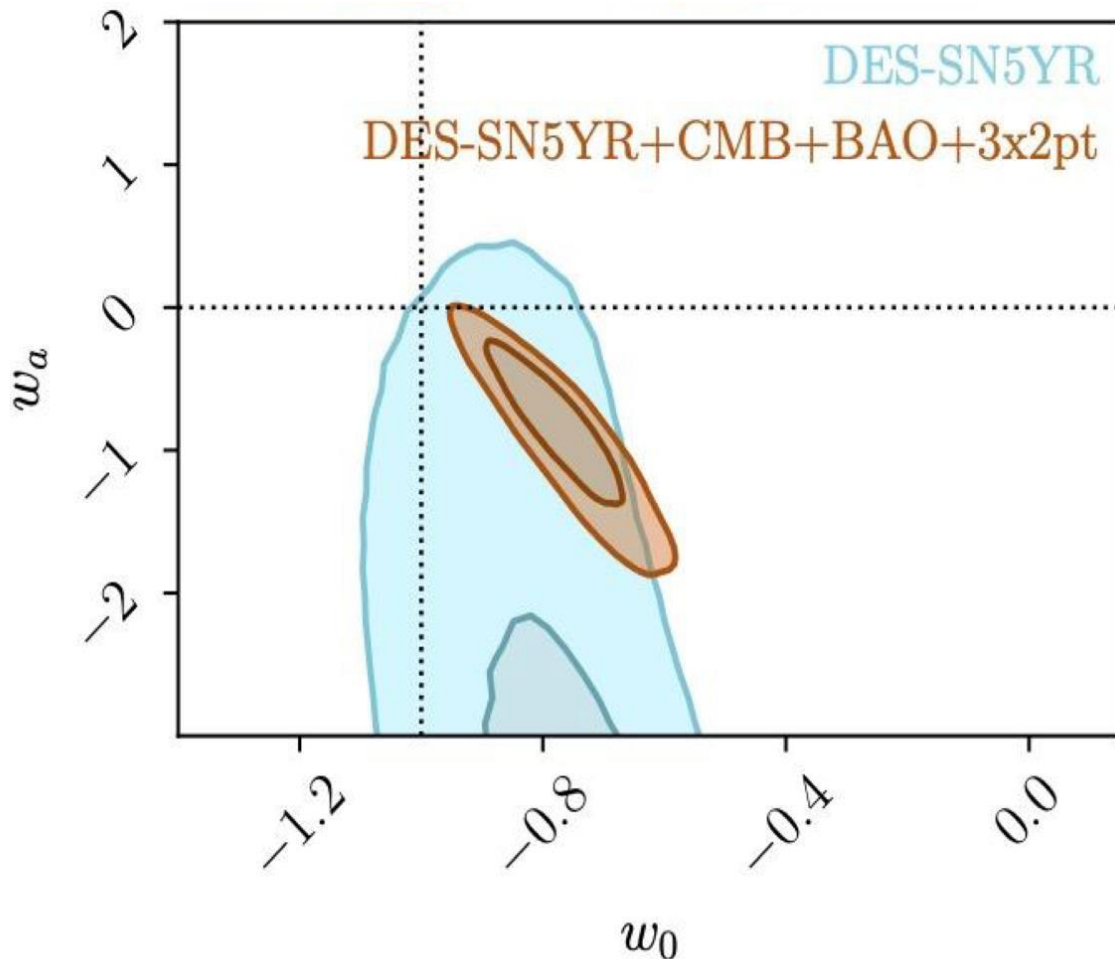
1635 SN 1a photometrically classified
Combined with 194 SN 1a at low redshift from other projects



These are the final results from DES for cosmological probes about the expansion history of the Universe

DES (Dark Energy Survey)

Combining both probes...



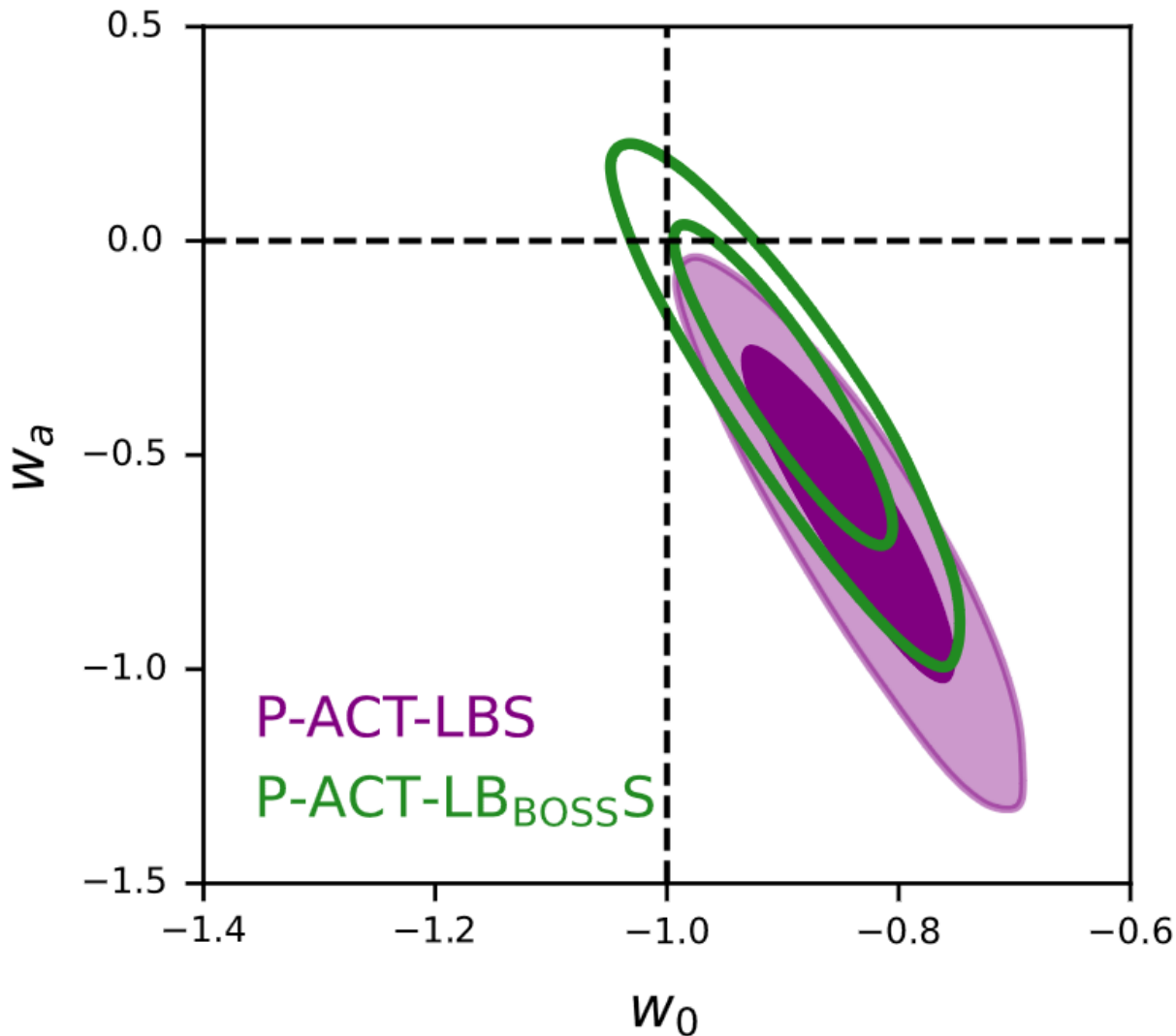
When combining DES BAO with DES SNe and the CMB, we find a parameter shift of 3.2σ away from Λ CDM

Similar but lower significance than DESI results

ADDITIONAL DATA: ACT

ACT (Atacama Cosmology Telescope)

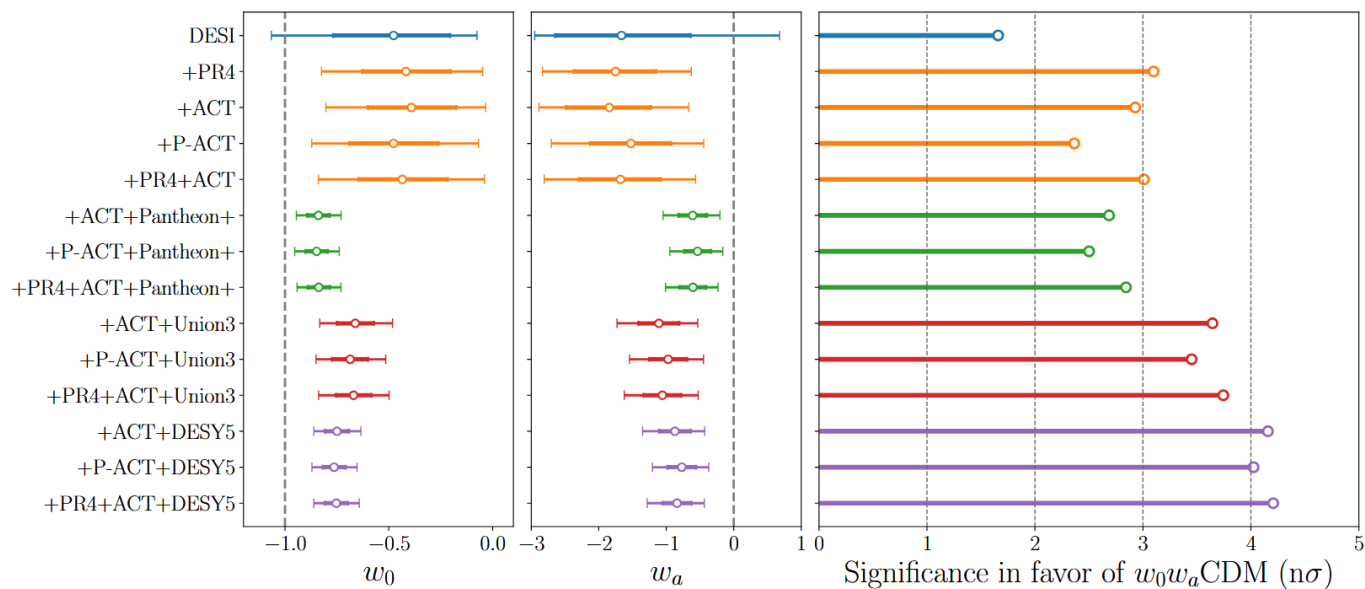
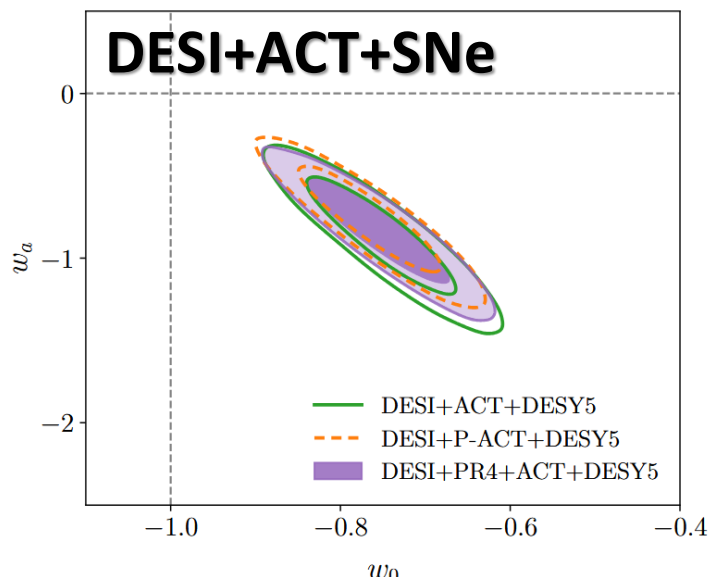
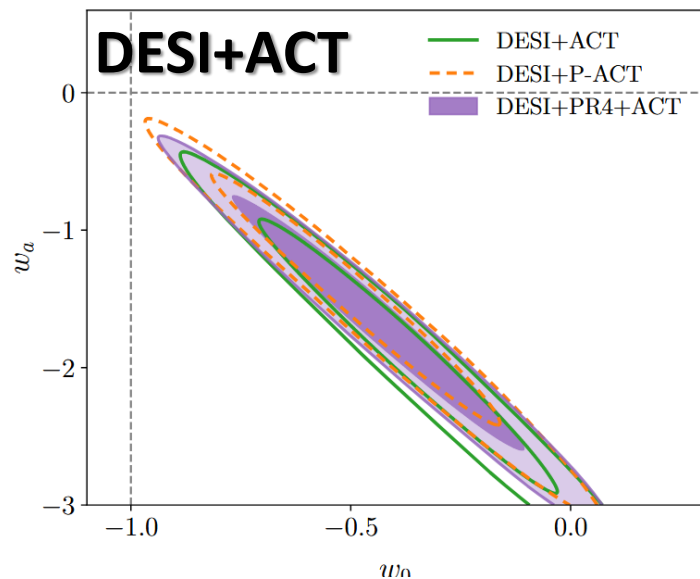
Just to make more noise...



P-ACT-LBS: Planck + ACT
+ Planck Lensing + DESI
Y1 BAO + Pantheon+ SN

B_{BOSS} uses BOSS BAO
instead of DESI-Y1 BAO

DESI + ACT



CONCLUSIONS

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- New measurement of BAO from DESI with 14 million galaxies
- Precision well below 1% at all redshifts
- DESI DR2 is fully consistent with DESI DR1
 - *DESI+CMB+SNe prefer w_0w_a over Λ CDM more than DR1*
 - *DESI BAO+CMB prefer dynamical dark energy at 3.1σ*
 - *DESI BAO+CMB+SN prefer dynamical dark energy at 2.8σ – 4.2σ*
- *$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.064$ eV in Λ CDM , $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.16$ eV in w_0w_a CDM*
- More and better data are coming
- Final DES results about expansión history are compatible with DESI. Final DES results on growth of structure coming this year as well.
- ACT is also finding compatible results
- If this is correct, it would be the most important discovery since DE itself