



DARK ENERGY  
SPECTROSCOPIC  
INSTRUMENT

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# Cosmic Surveys at Fermilab: DES, DESI, high energy transients

Fermilab Summer Students workshop

August 2021

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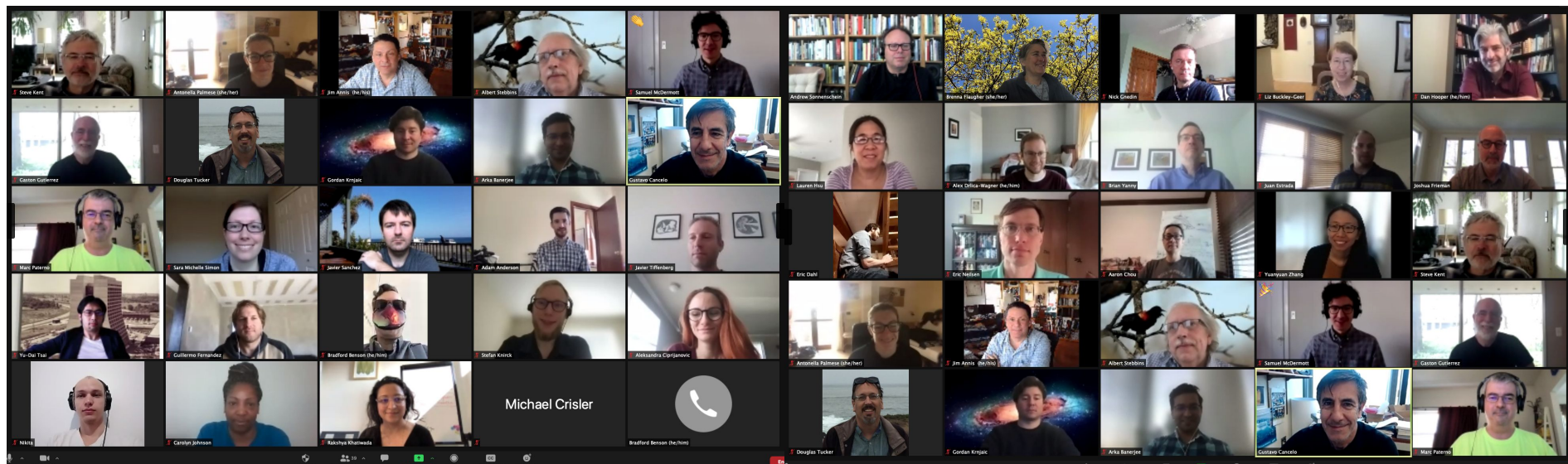


# Fermilab CPC

Cosmic Physics Center (CPC) includes several activities:

- Dark matter direct detection experiments
- Astroparticle Theory
- Cosmic Surveys
  - Growing effort on Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB): SPT, CMB-S4
  - Long-term involvement in optical sky surveys: SDSS, DES, DESI, Rubin LSST, LS4, DELVE

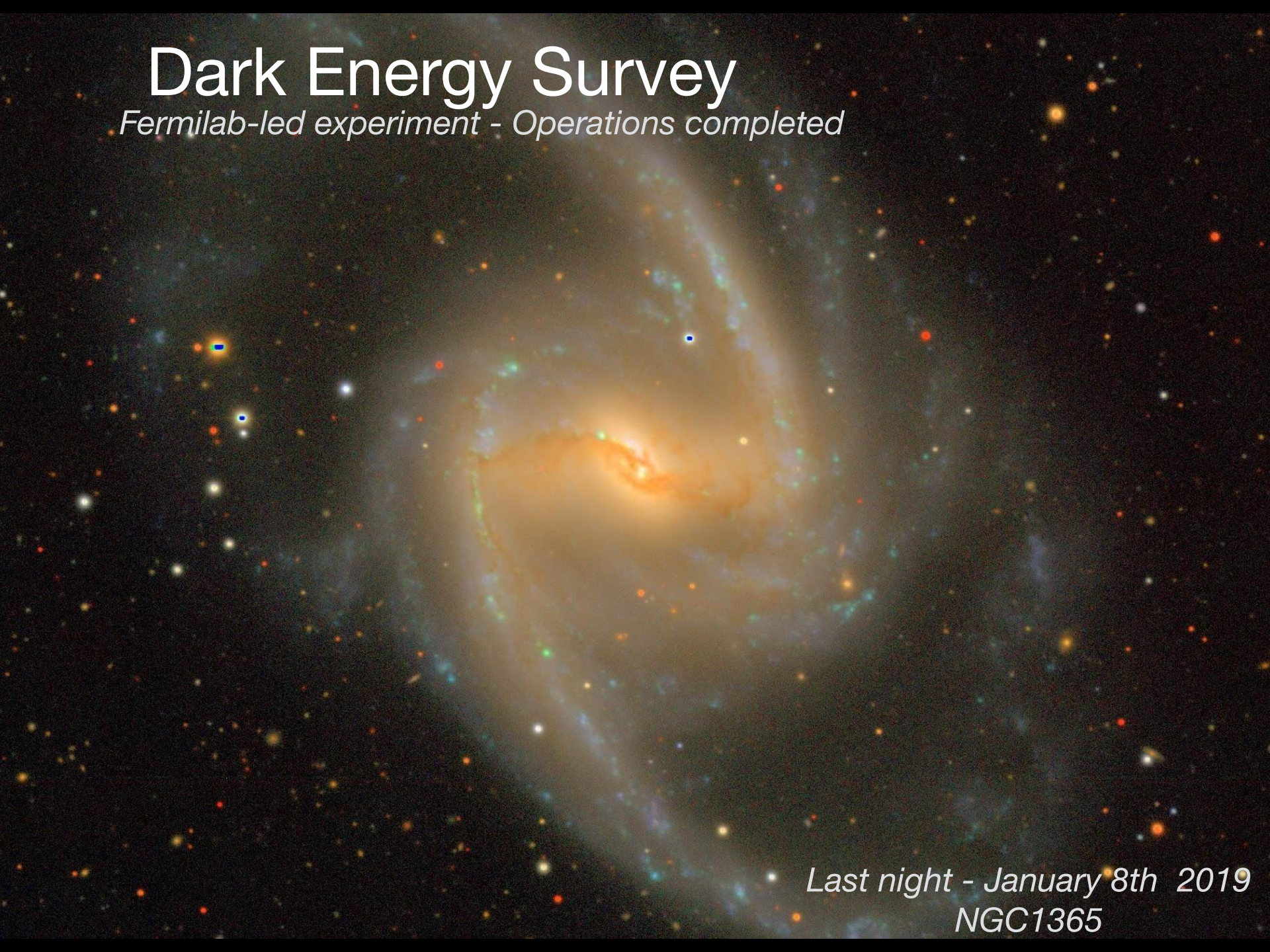
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# Dark Energy Survey

*Fermilab-led experiment - Operations completed*



*Last night - January 8th 2019*  
*NGC1365*



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# The Dark Energy Survey

~450 scientists from  
25 institutions in 7  
countries



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# Dark Energy Survey



## DECam

**3 sq deg FOV**, 570 Mpix optical CCD camera

**Built at Fermilab**

Blanco telescope (Chile)

## DES programs

Wide: 5000 sq deg (**1/8 of the sky & data for 300 Million galaxies**)

SNe: 30 sq deg ~every week

Neutrinos: followup of Icecube events

GW: followup of LIGO/Virgo events

DES-GW effort  
continues

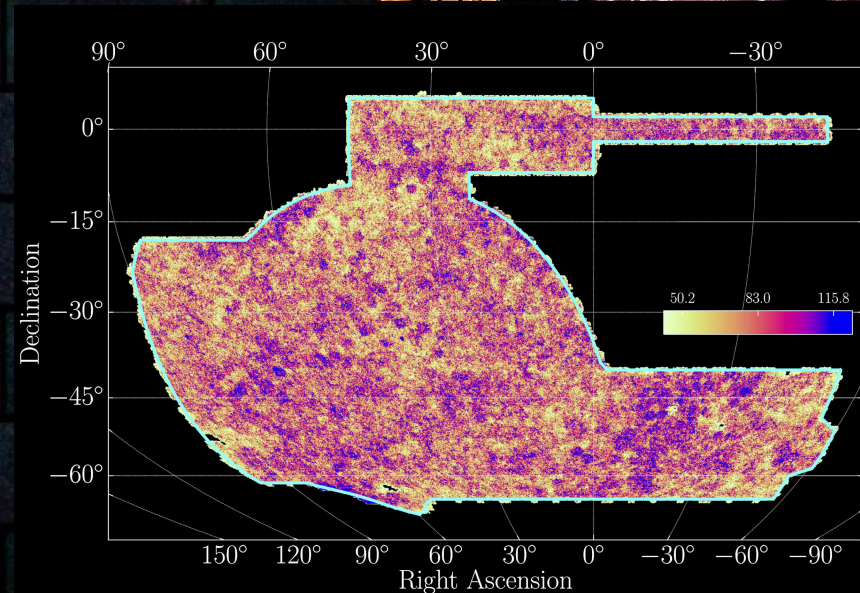
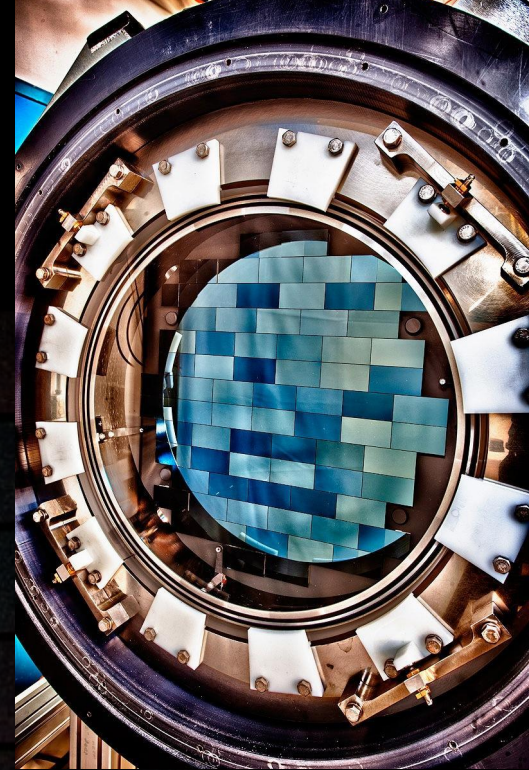
## Datasets

**Year 1 (Y1)**: <2000 sq deg, not full depth

**Year 3 (Y3)**: Full area, not full depth (DR1,

<https://des.ncsa.illinois.edu/home> )

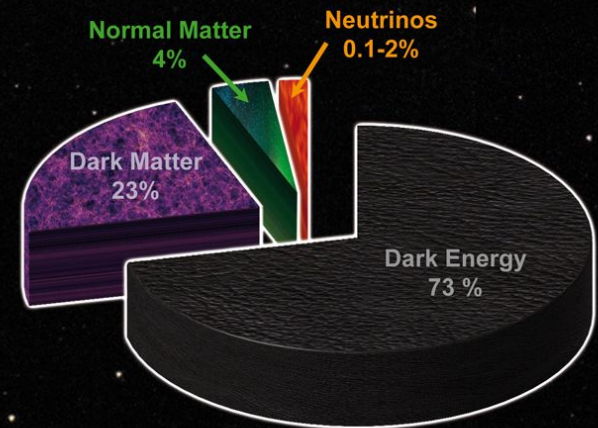
**Year 5 (Y5)**: DR2





# Dark Energy

- Makes up ~70% of the mass-energy of the Universe, causes the observed accelerated expansion
- DE equation of state parameter  $w$ :  
Pressure =  $w \cdot \text{density}$
- **Cosmological constant**  $\Lambda$ : energy density constant in time,  $w = -1$ .
- **Most successful cosmological model - flat  $\Lambda$ CDM** spatially flat expanding Universe governed by GR, where  $\Lambda$  and CDM (Cold Dark Matter) are the main components at times close to present. Works well with just 6 parameters!
- Dynamical DE (CPL):  $w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1-a)$



Content of the Universe



# How do you measure DE?

DE leaves 2 observable imprints:

## Geometry of the Universe

Increases distances and volumes

Supernovae (SNe) ★  
Standard candles

Gravitational wave (GW) ★  
Standard sirens

Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)  
Standard ruler

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

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Gravitational lensing

Galaxy clusters

See Jim's talk

★ Transients



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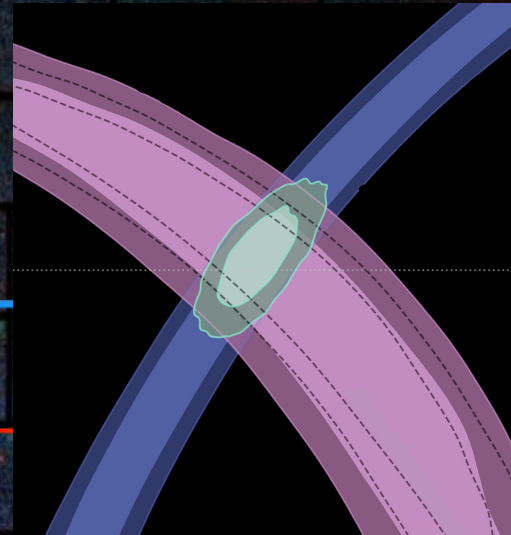
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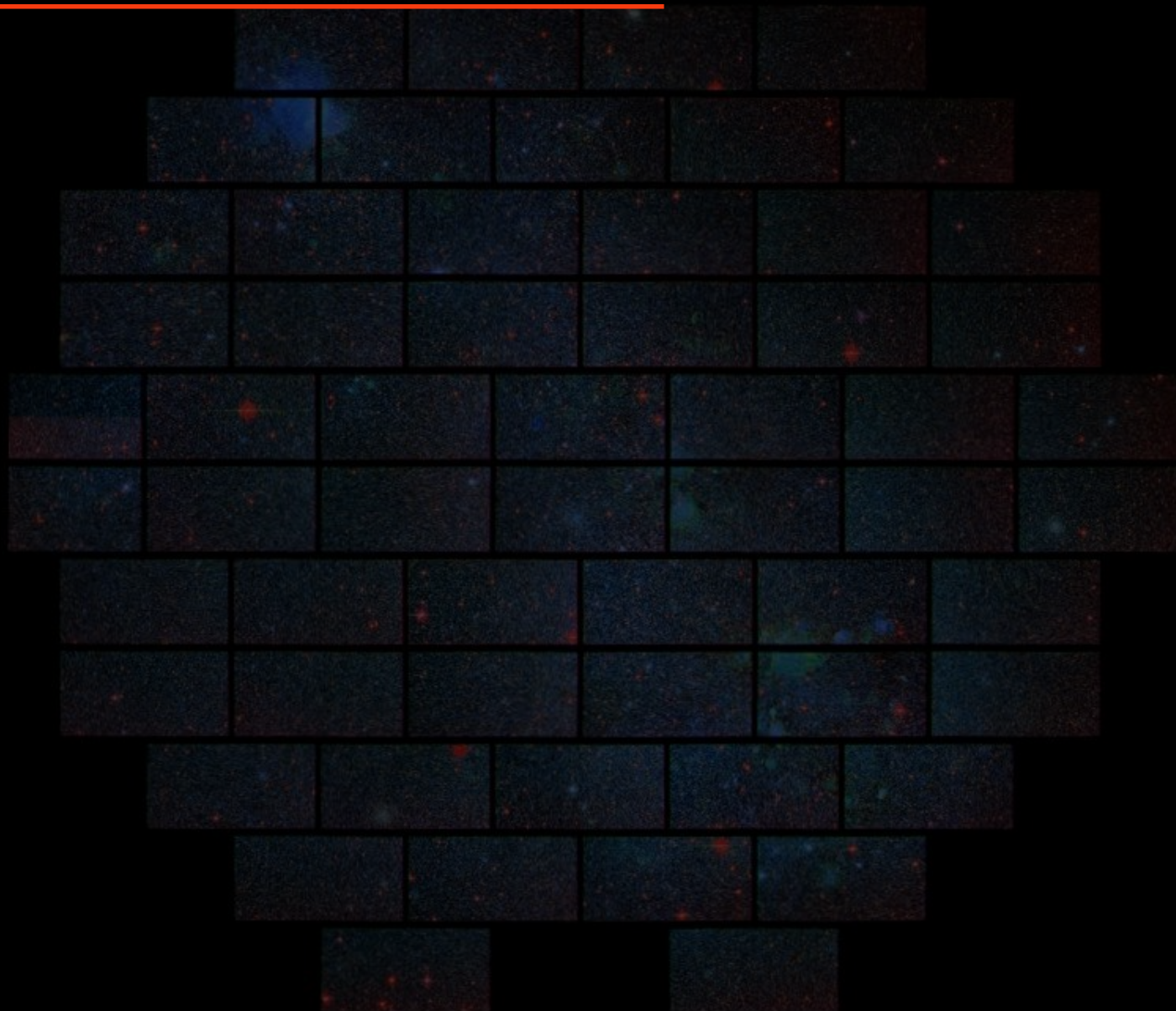


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# SNe as standard candles



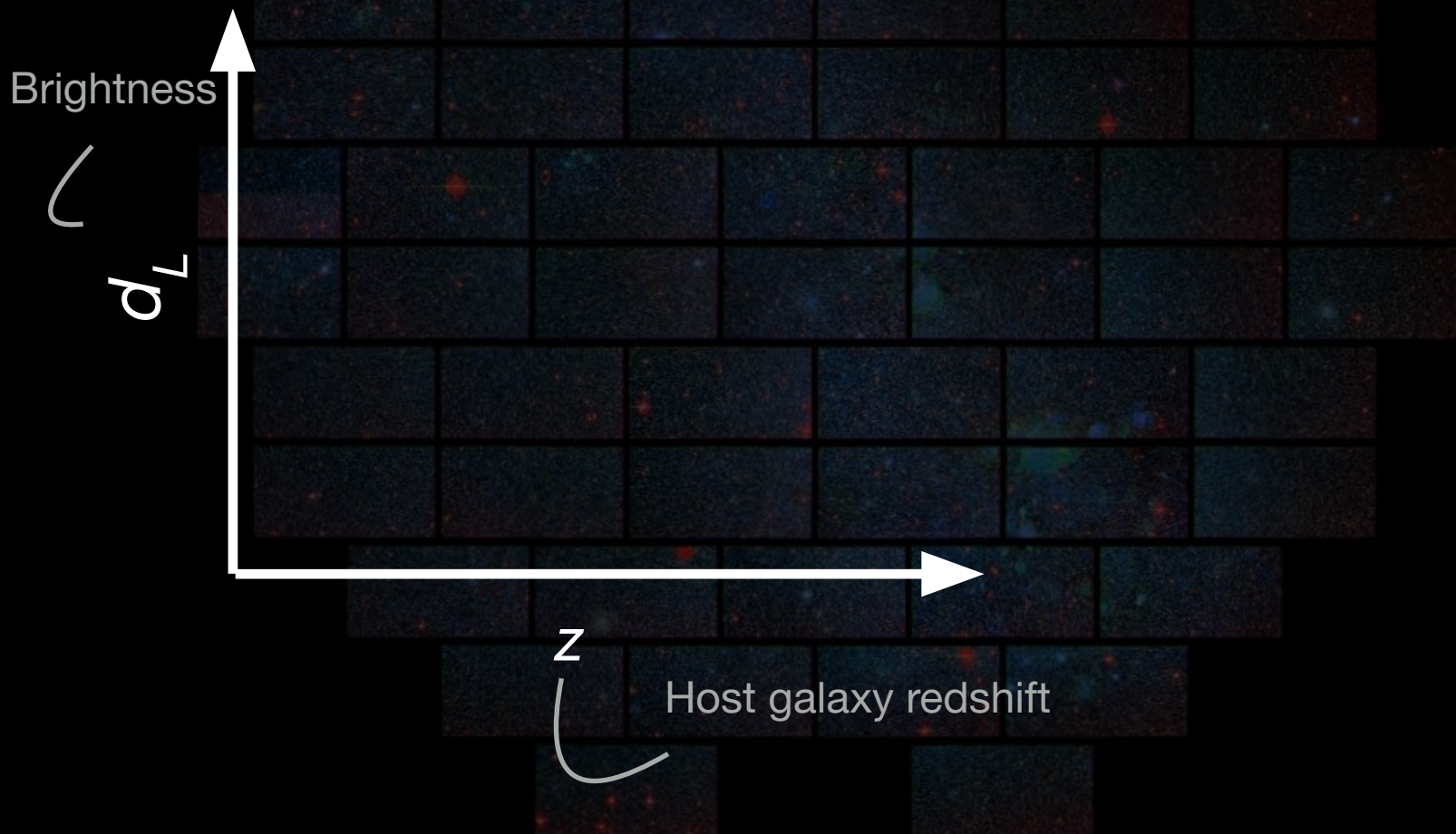


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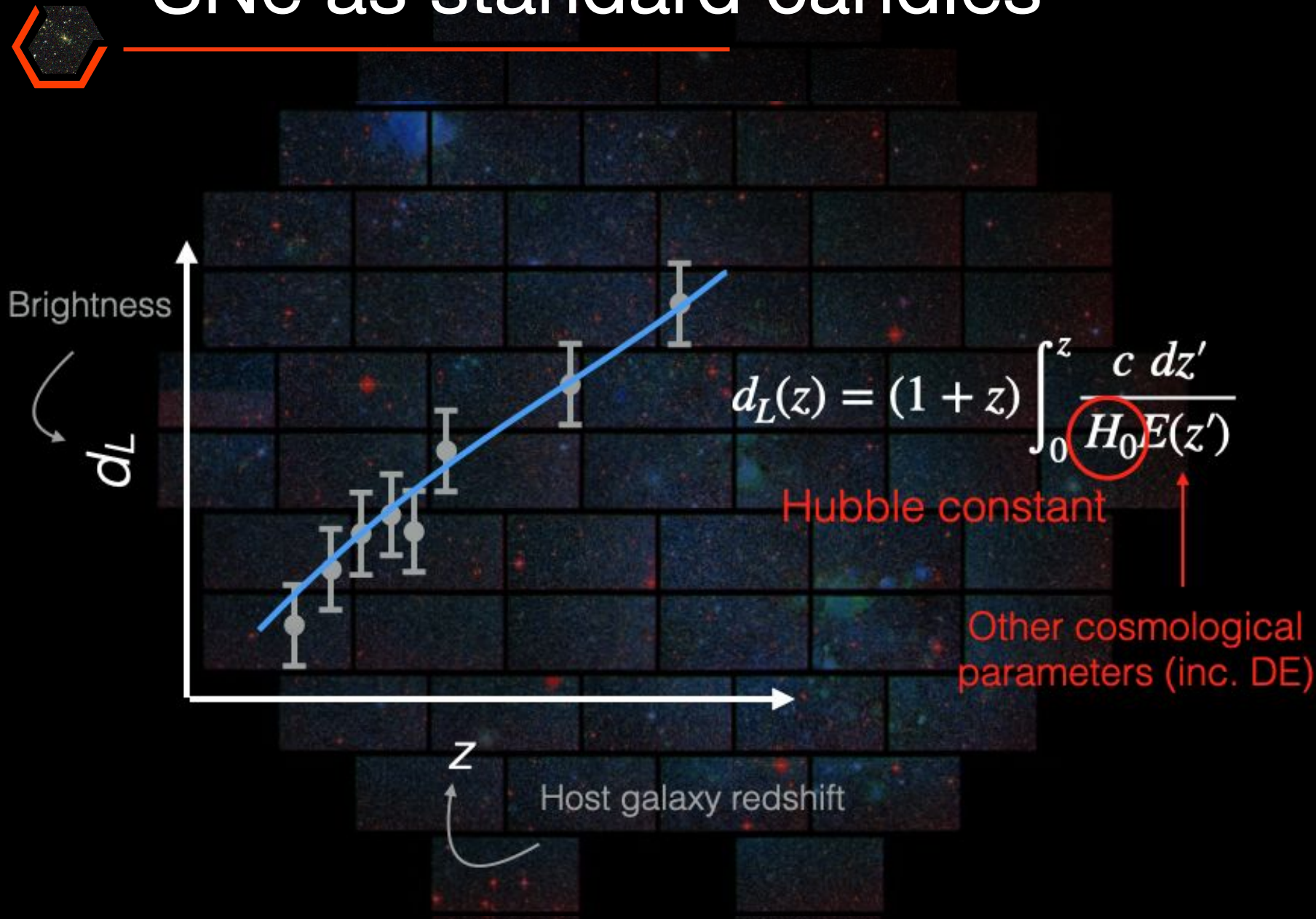


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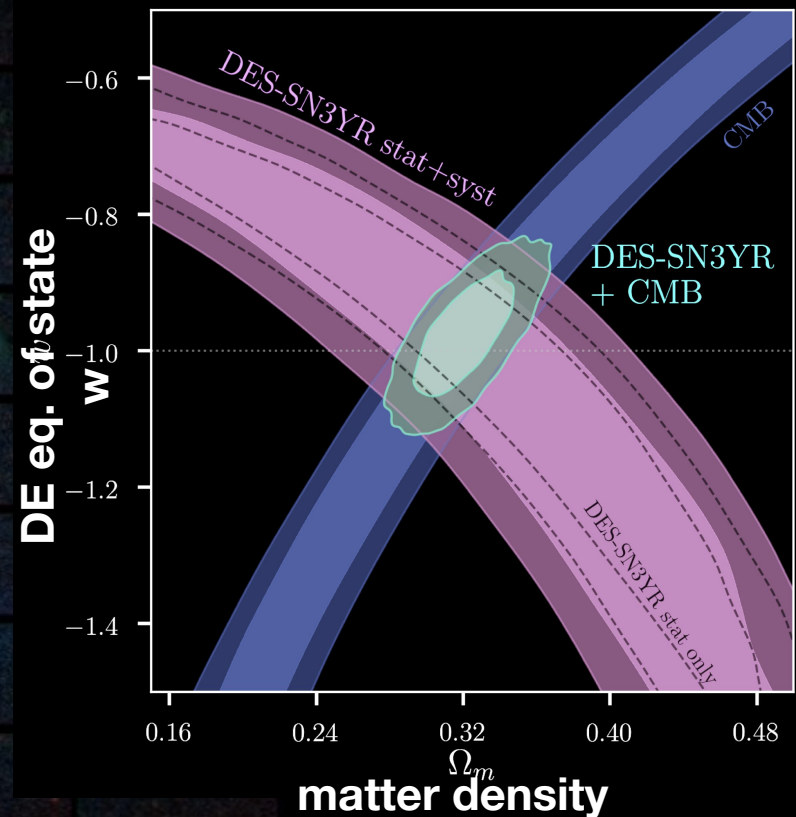




# First DES Supernovae results

DES 2019  
Brout+2019  
Hinton+2019  
Macaulay+2019  
....

- 207 DES Y3 spectroscopically confirmed SN
- ~10% of final DES sample
- Size <1/3 state-of-the-art combined SN sample,  $W$  constraints only 1.4x larger: excellent DES data quality
- Consistent with flat  $\Lambda$ CDM

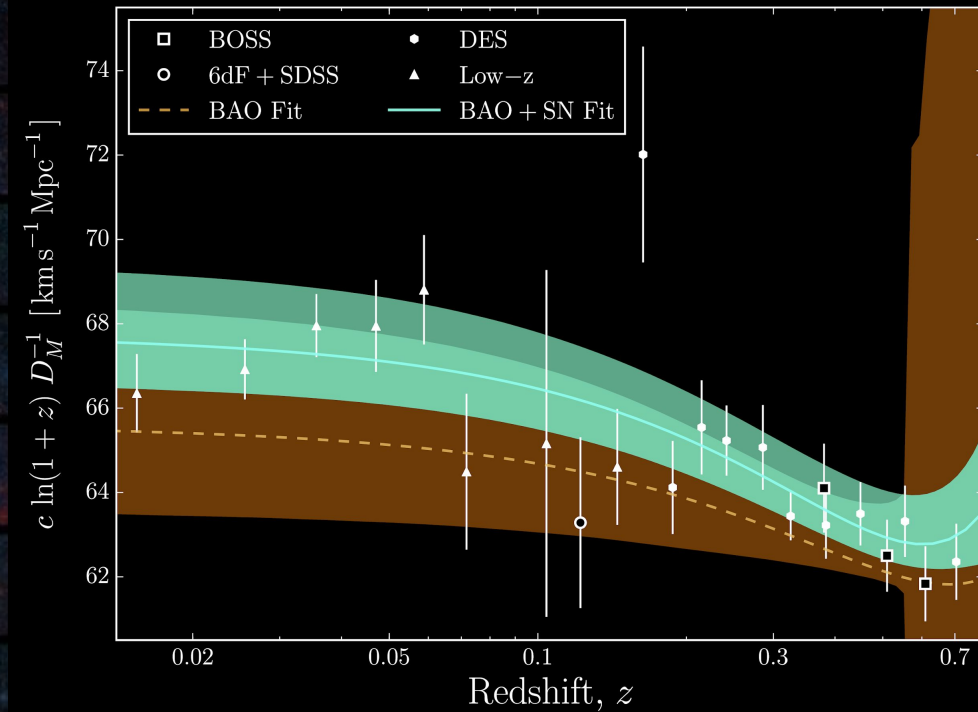






# First DES Supernovae results: $H_0$

- Need a “distance ladder”
- DESY3 + low- $z$  + BAO + Planck CMB prior on sound horizon
- Minimal assumptions about cosmological model
- Consistent with CMB measurements of  $H_0$

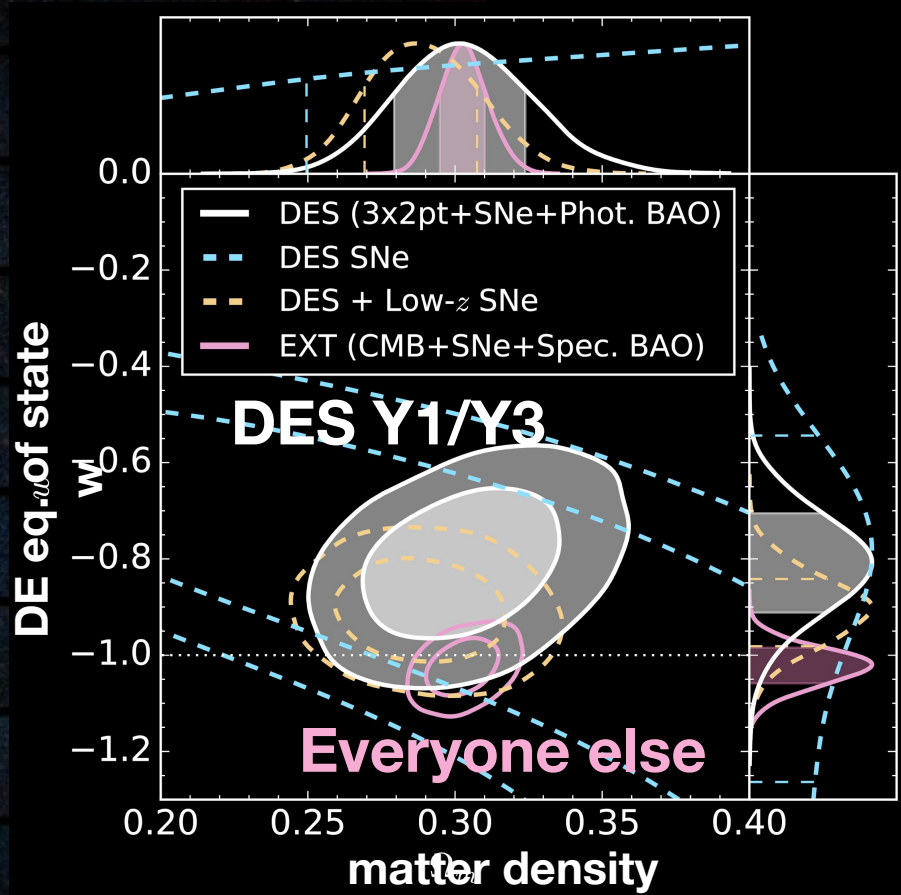


Macaulay+DES 2019 1811.02376

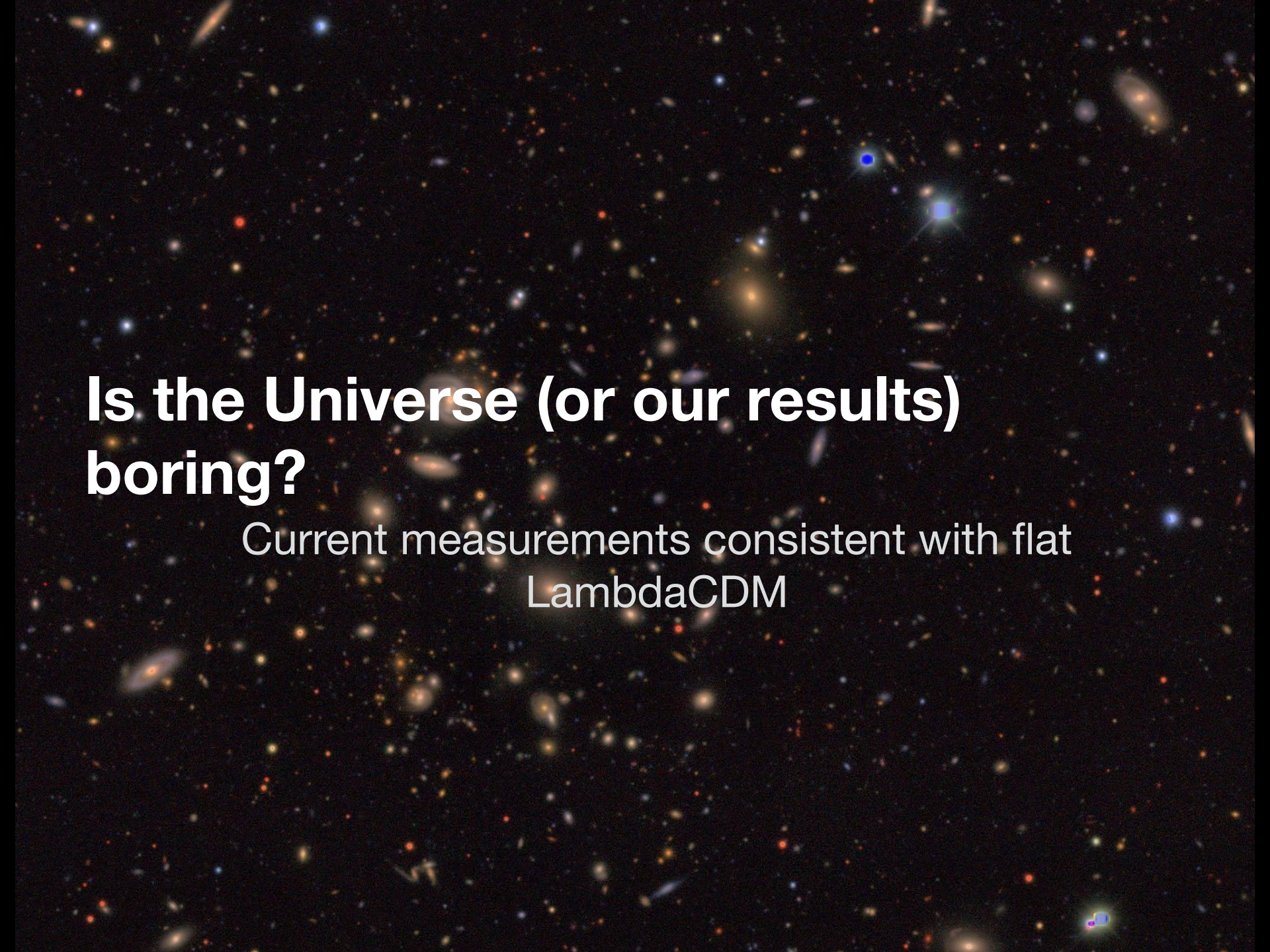


# DES Y1/Y3 combined probes

- DES Y1 3x2pt (weak lensing+clustering) & BAO + Y3 SNe
- Consistently validated analysis across all probes
- Probes from this single photometric experiment **rule out a Universe with no Dark Energy**







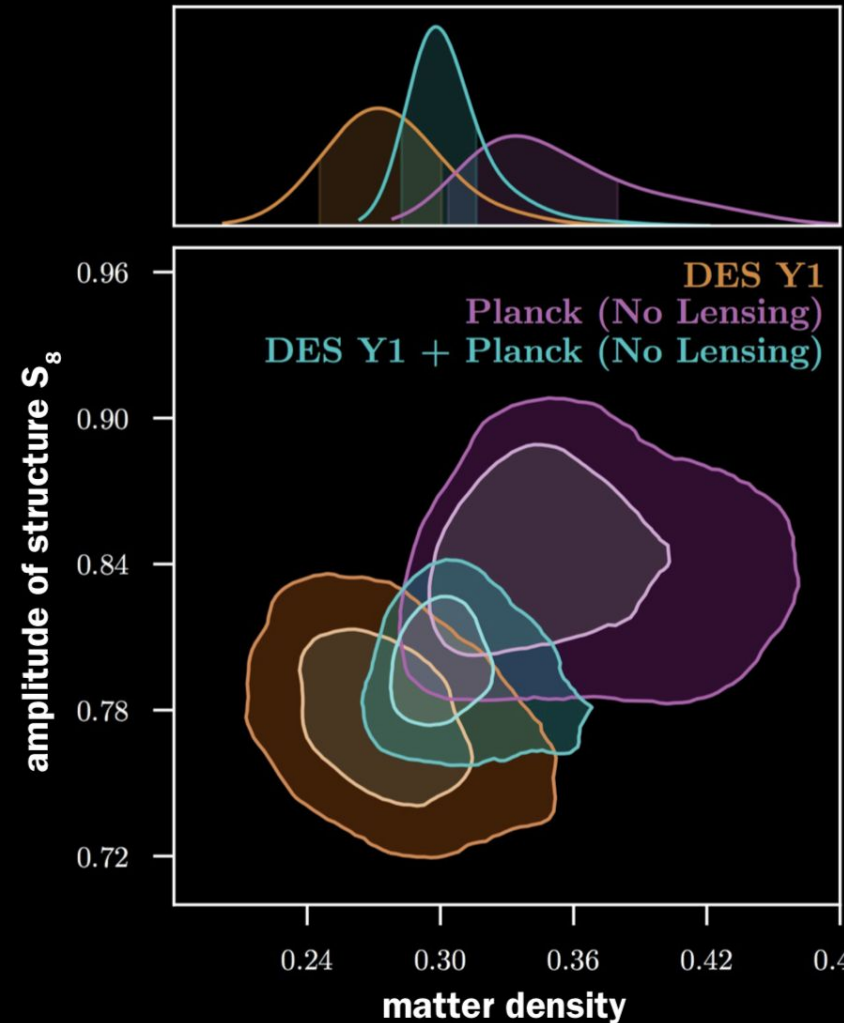
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# Game of tensions pt 1

- DES Y1 constraints on clustering amplitude and matter density
- **Mild visual tension:** Bayesian evidence shows consistency
- Worse for KiDS
- **Future DES measurements** will be able to confirm consistency or show tension

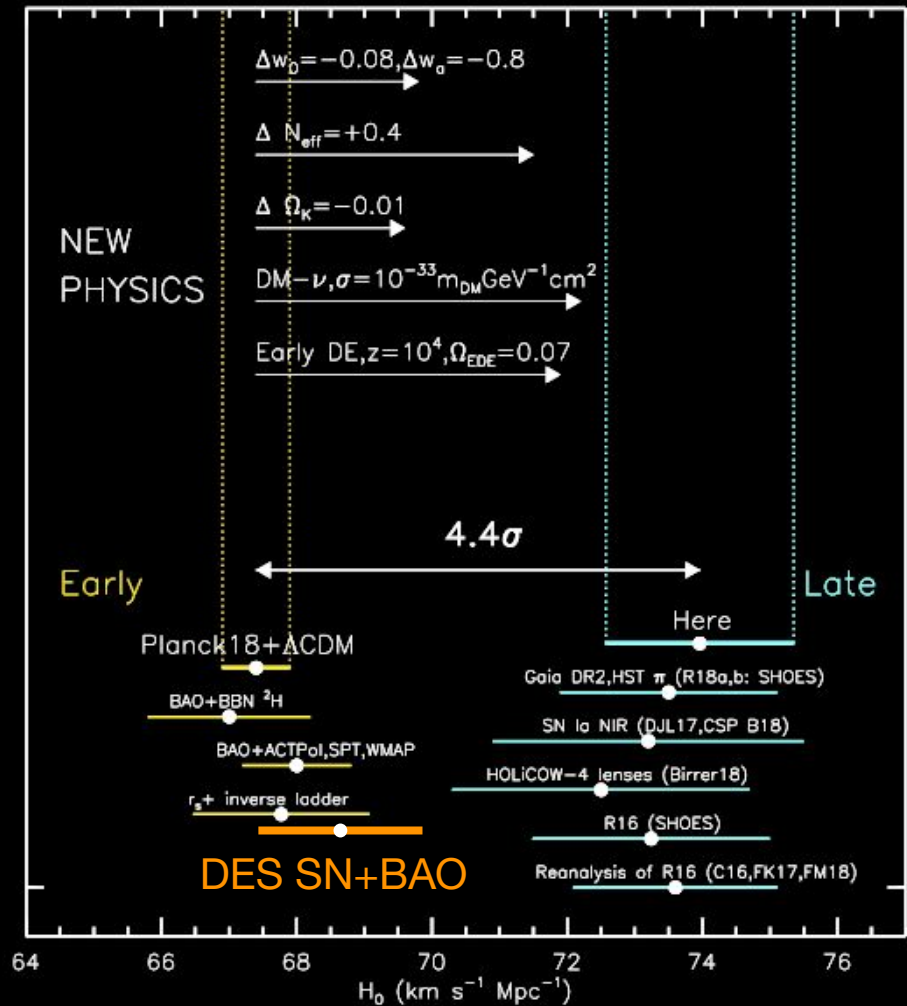




# Hubble constant tension



- **4.4 sigma discrepancy** between early and late time Universe measurements
- Systematics or new physics?





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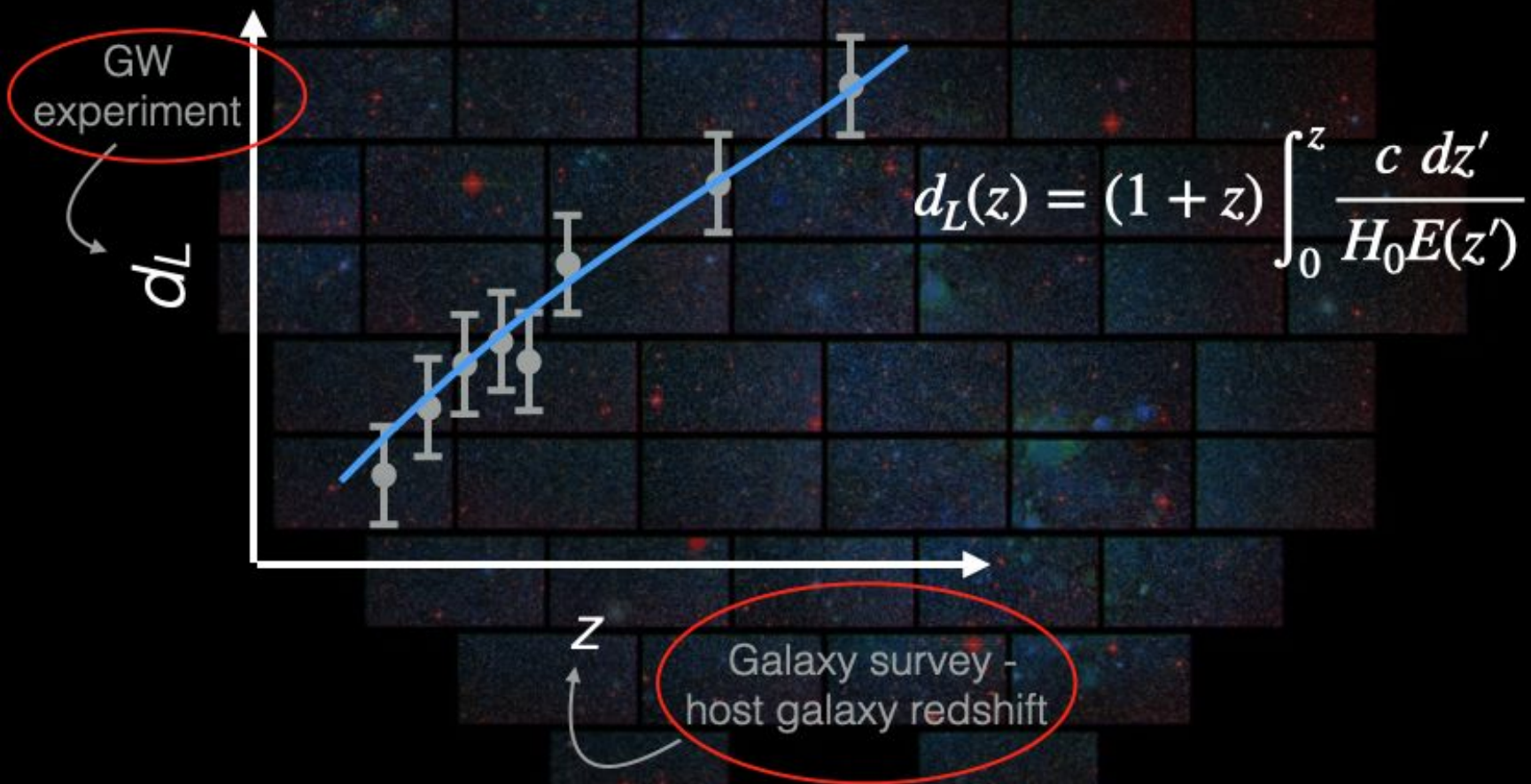
**Need more precise cosmological parameter  
measurements and new probes.**



# GW Standard sirens

- Similar to SN cosmology:

Self-calibrating: No distance ladder





# GW+EM standard siren methods

Unique host galaxy

GW170817  
DECam observation  
(0.5–1.5 days post merger)

kilonova



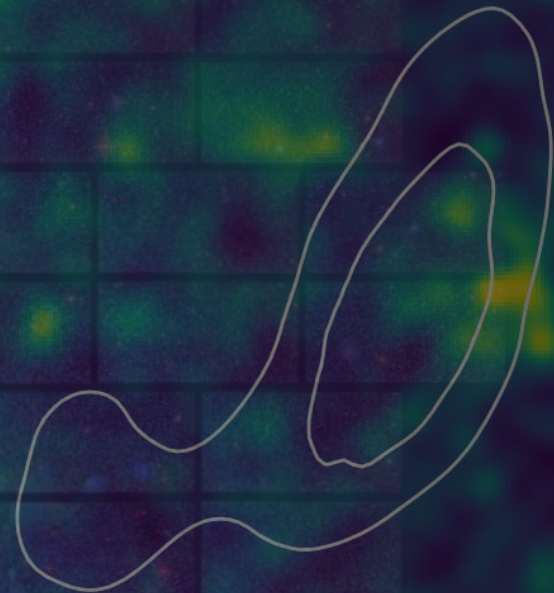
Soares-Santos+DES 2017



**Bright standard sirens**

No EM counterpart: potential host galaxies

DES galaxies



— LVC Skymap

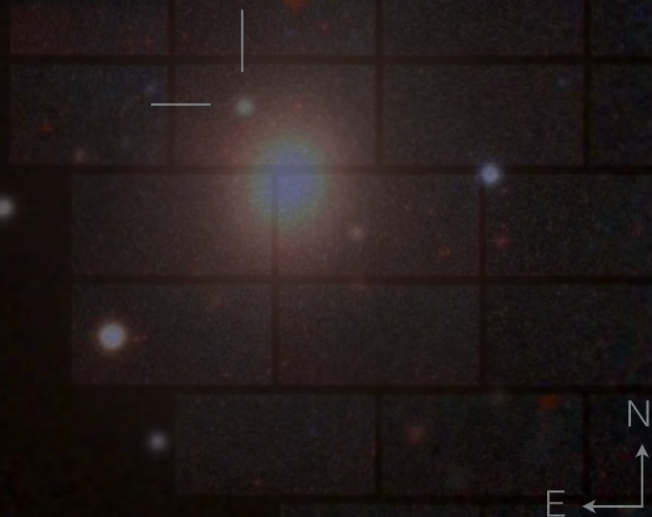
**Dark standard sirens / statistical method**



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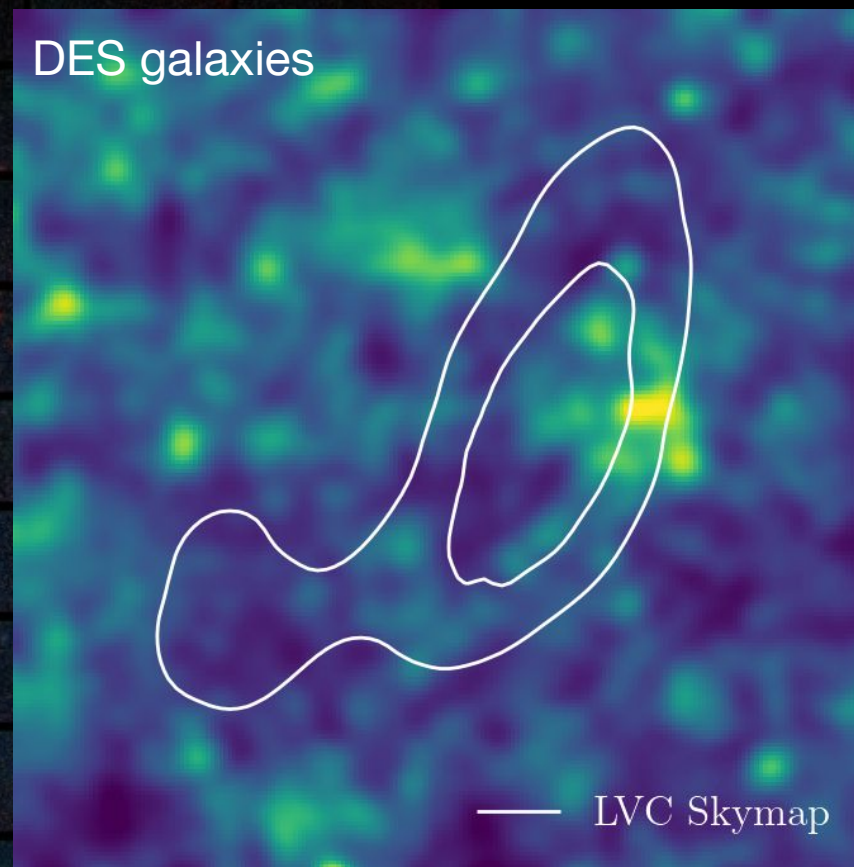
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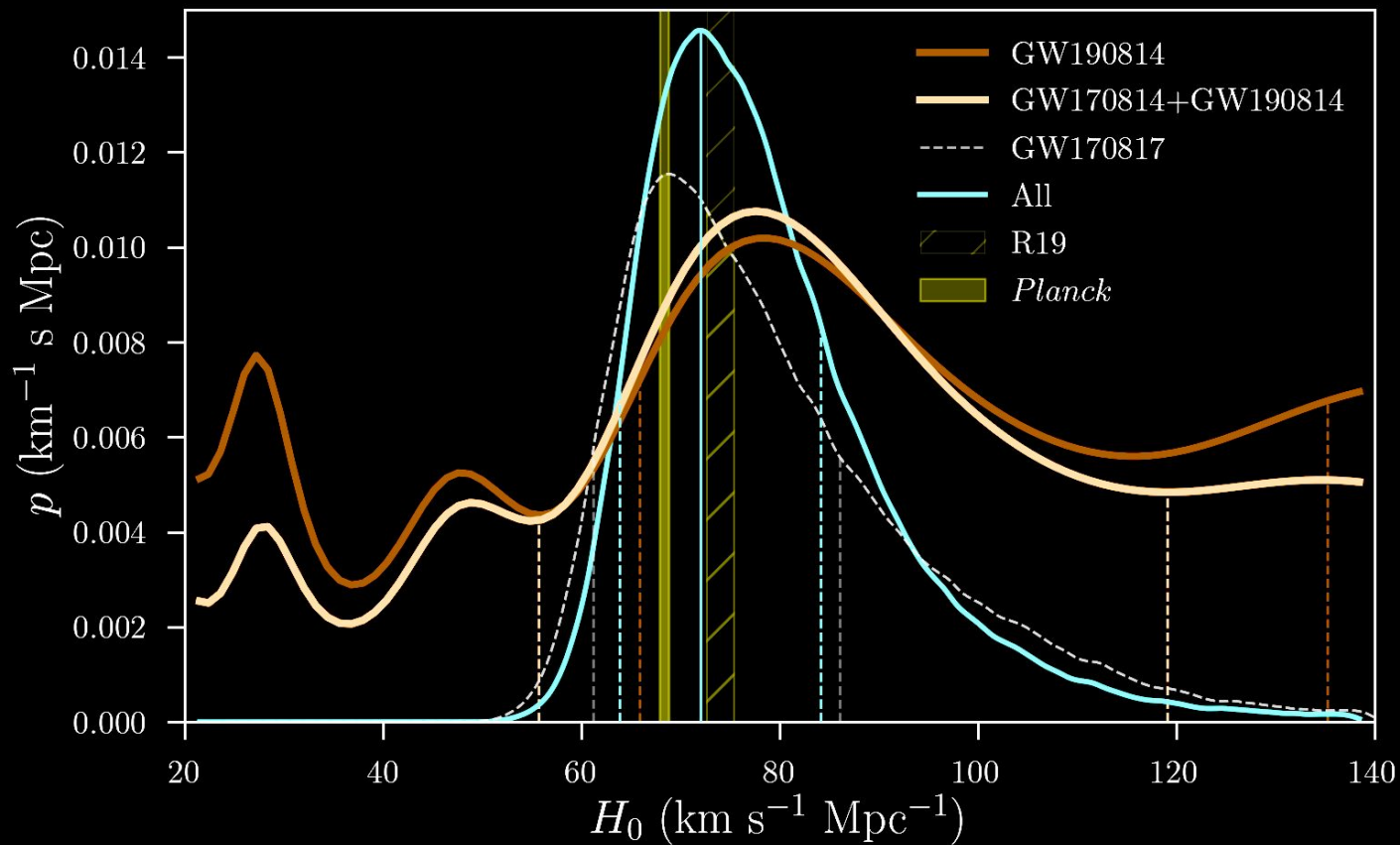
DES galaxies



**Dark standard sirens**



# DES standard sirens results



Palmese et al 2020

# DES at FNAL



**AI, Machine Learning:** Aleksandra Ciprijanovic, Alex Drlica-Wagner, Antonella Palmese, Brian Nord, Brian Yanny, Yuanyuan Zhang

**Data Management, Simulations and Validation:** Alex Drlica-Wagner, Brian Yanny, Doug Tucker, Nikolay Kuropatkin, Sahar Allam, William Wester

**Dark Matter, Milky Way:** Alex Drlica-Wagner, Eric Nielsen, Josh Frieman

**Transients (including gravitational waves and Supernovae):** Antonella Palmese, Jim Annis, Ken Herner, William Wester

**Galaxy Clusters:** Antonella Palmese, Huan Lin, Jim Annis, Marc Paterno, Tom Diehl, Yuanyuan Zhang,

**Galaxy evolution:** Alex Drlica-Wagner, Antonella Palmese, Yuanyuan Zhang

**Redshift:** Huan Lin

**Strong lensing:** Brian Nord, Liz Buckley-Geer, Huan Lin, Tom Diehl

**Weak lensing and large scale structures:** Brian Yanny, Javier Sanchez, Gaston R. Gutierrez, Ken Herner, Michael Wang

**Operations, instrument, observations:** Brenna Flaugher, Eric Nielsen, Josh Frieman, Steve Kent, Tom Diehl



# Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI): Telescope

Fiber-fed spectrograph at Kitt Peak (KP):

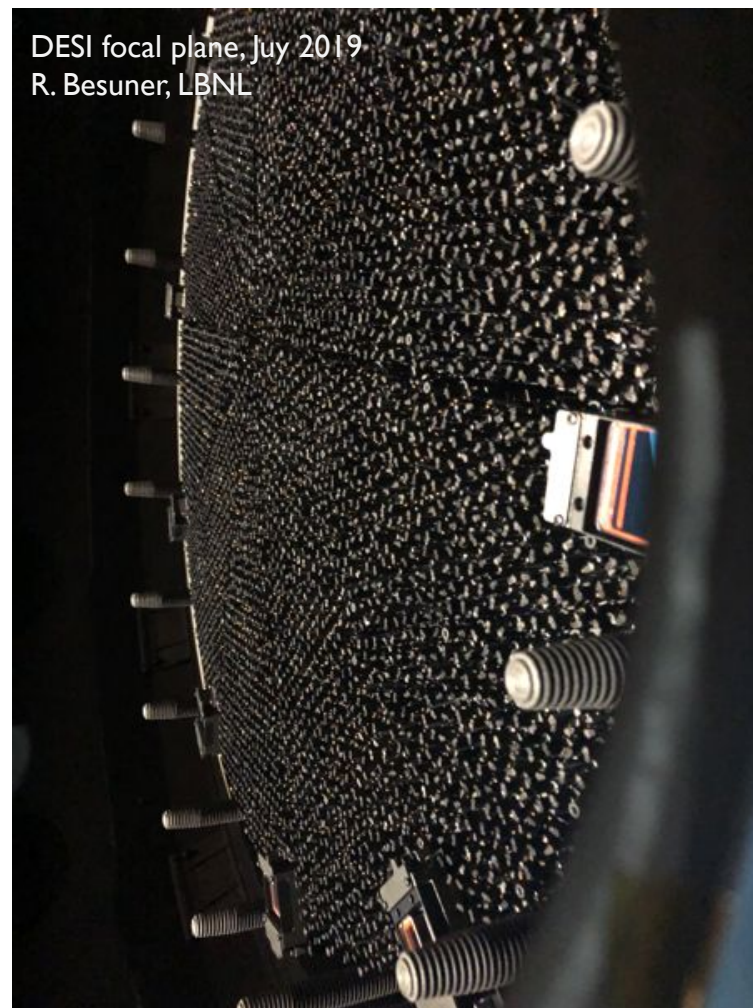
- 5,000 fibers
- Focal plane: 8 deg<sup>2</sup> field of view
- ~160-500 deg<sup>2</sup>/night.

2021 - 2025: ~30M galaxies and QSOs

to measure BAO and RSD to  $z \sim 3.5$ .

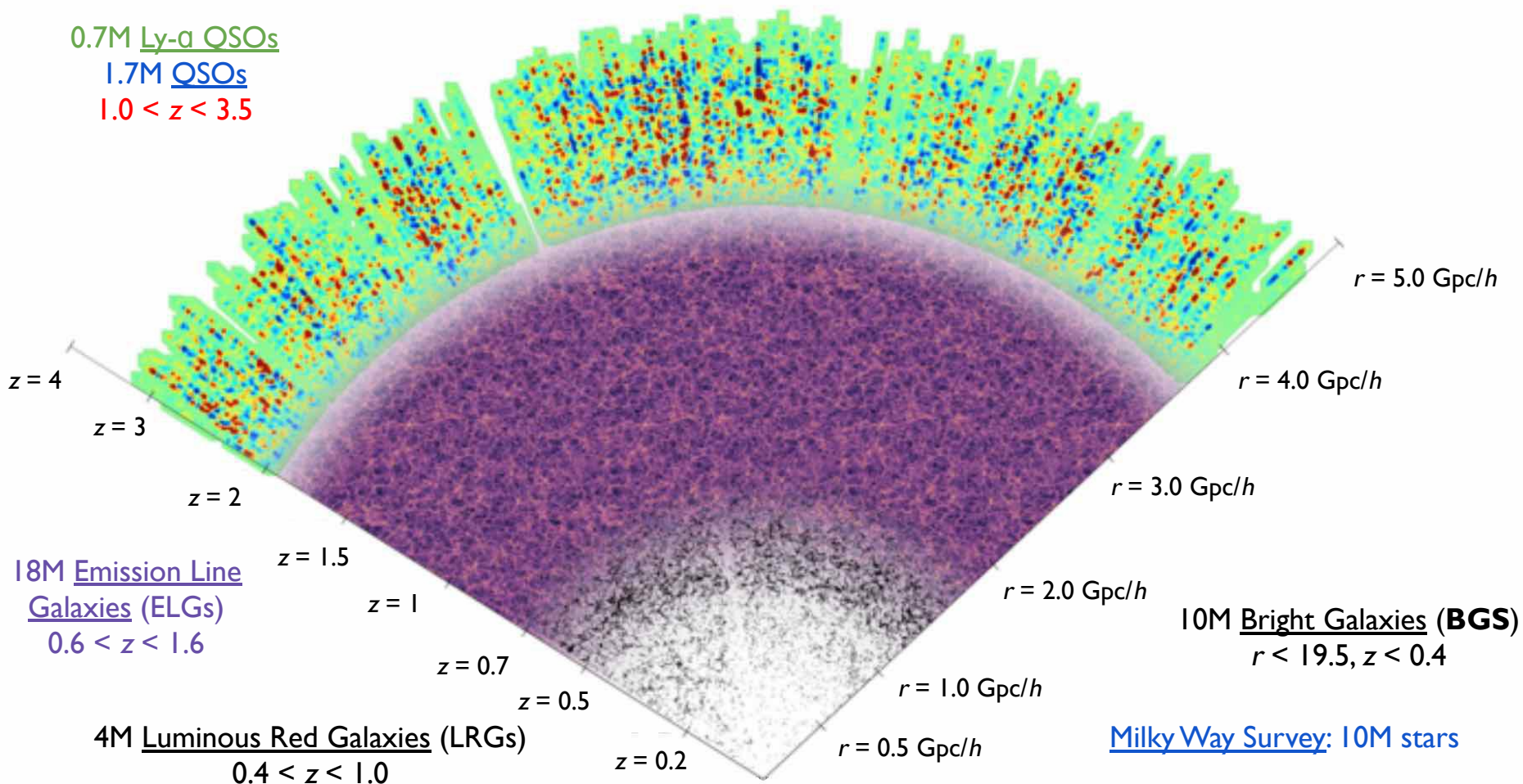
Science Verification - done

Year 1 operations - began May 2021



DESI focal plane, July 2019  
R. Besuner, LBNL

# Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI): Survey



**Dark Time**

**Bright Time**



# DESI at FNAL



Early involvement of FNAL in DESI (**Juan Estrada, Gaston Gutierrez,...**)

**Steve Kent** - Platemaker (code that puts positioner fibers onto targets)

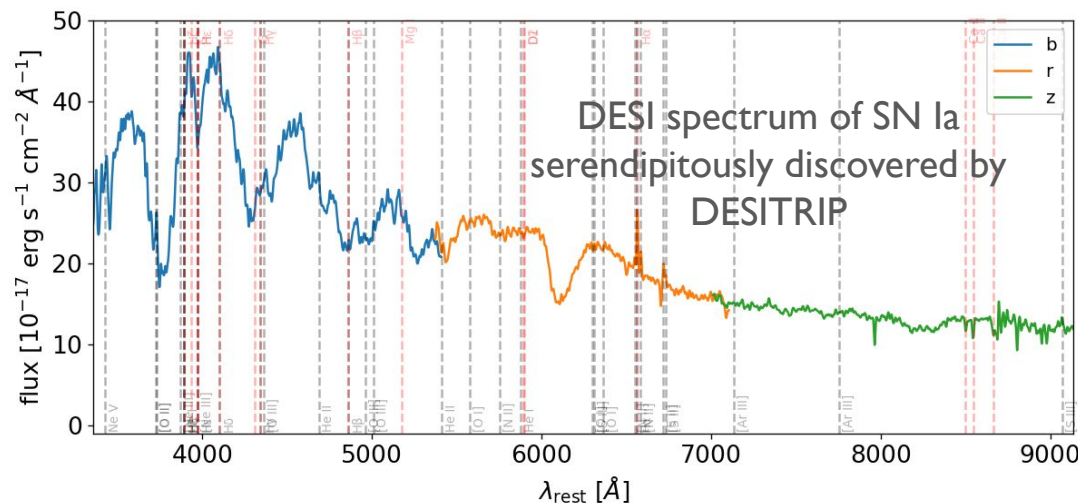
**Elizabeth Buckley-Geer** - Lead Observer. Support of the online database and web tools. Working on improvements for the Membership Database. Supporting DESI PubDB.

**Antonella** - Continuing Time Domain WG co-chair. Ombudsperson.

- CNN classification of DESI spectra
- Follow up of external transients and Multi-messenger (archival GW+ high energy neutrinos)
- External telescope proposals: DECam shadowing (AP co-PI)

**Lily Eshani** (UChicago summer intern)

- Thousands of candidates identified from few months of SV+Year I, dozens confirmed by imaging



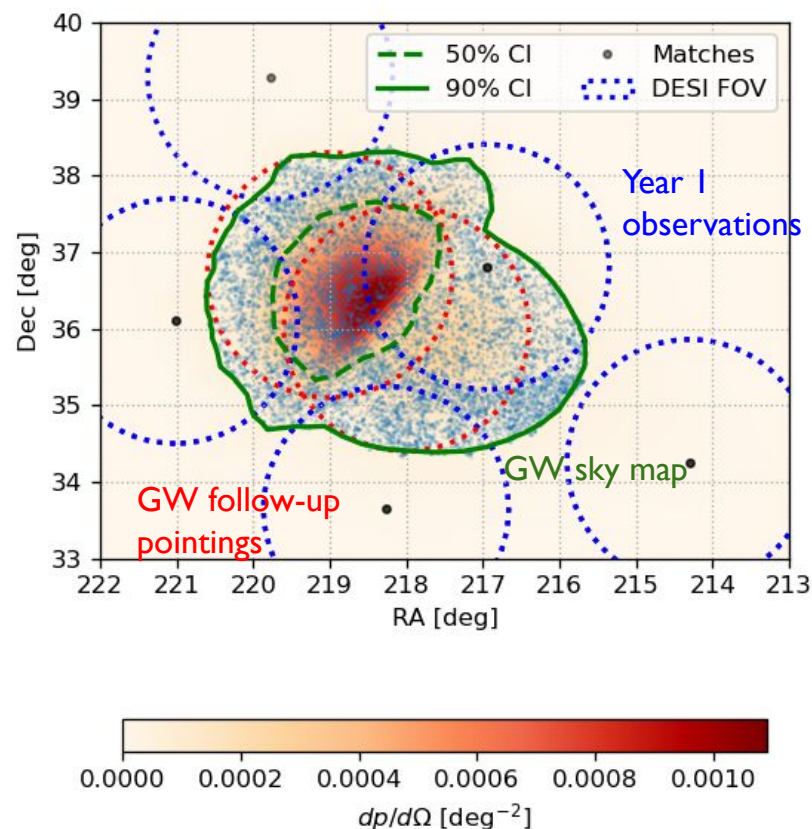


# GW Follow-up and standard sirens

## Archival GW190412 follow-up successfully performed:

- Pull active transients from other surveys
- Compare galaxy targets in GW skymap with existing observations
  - ~40% of BGS targets already observed

Perform **dark siren analysis** and understand **binary black hole formation** mechanisms







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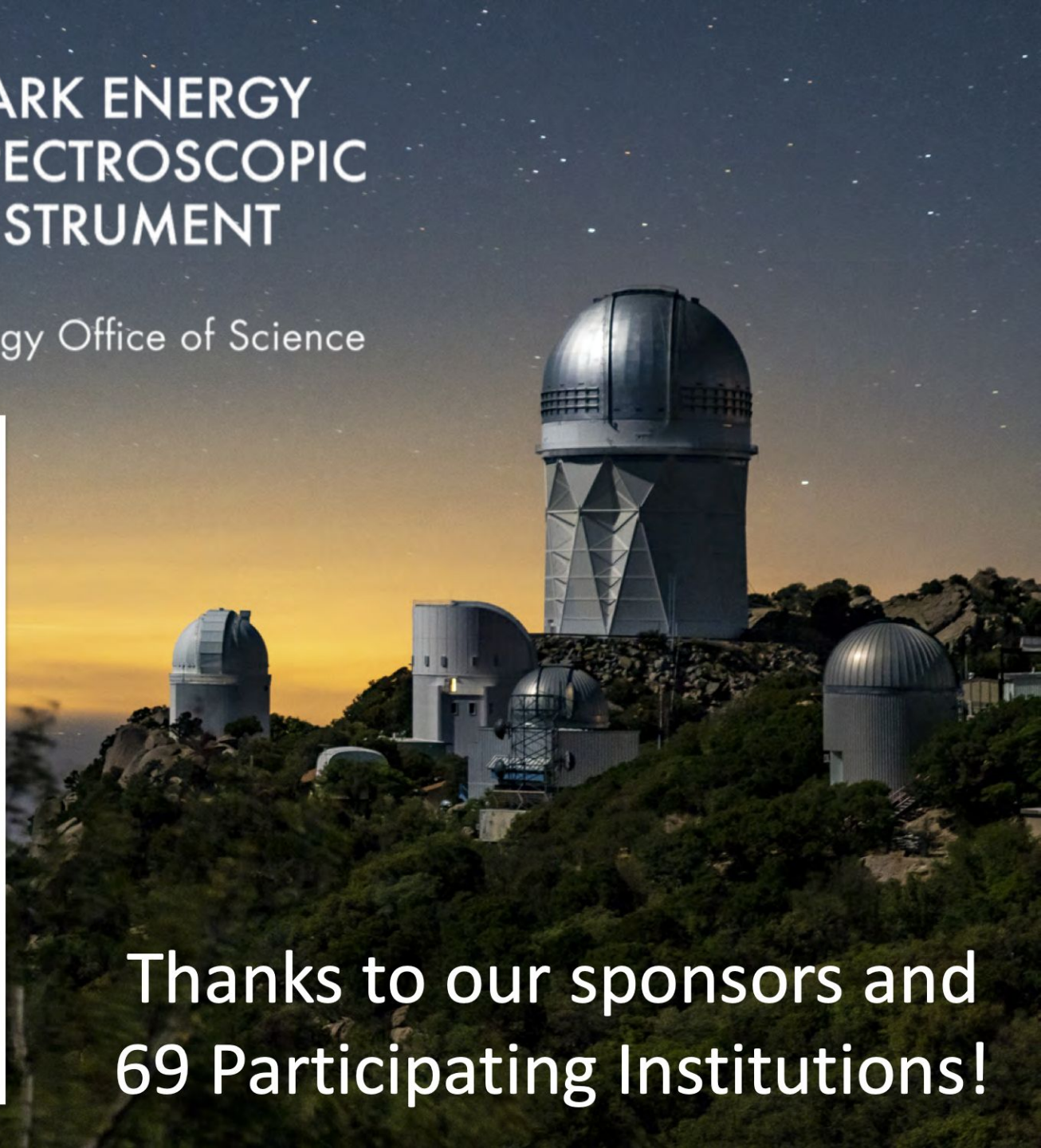
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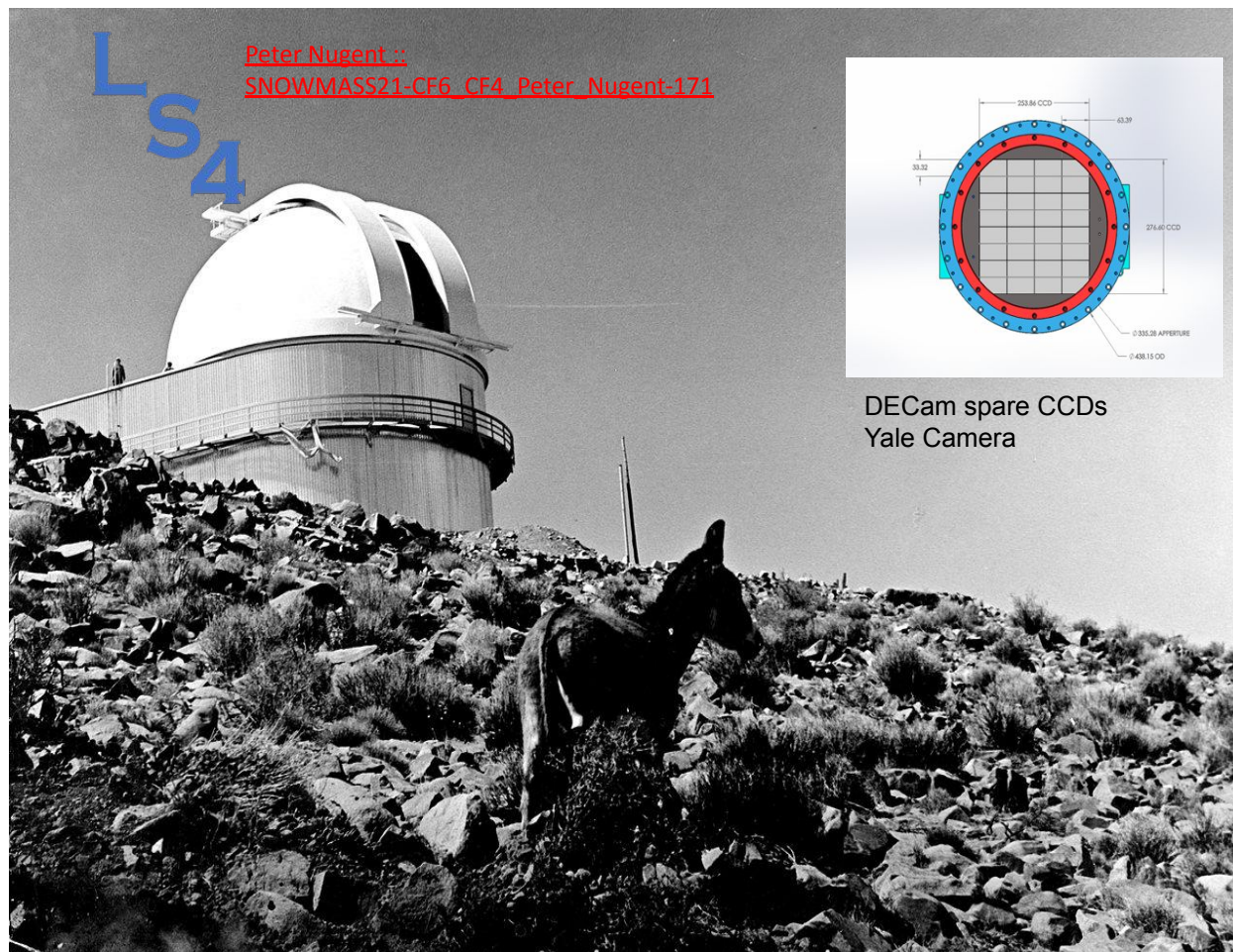


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# La Silla Schmidt Survey (LS4)

Slide from P. Nugent (PI)



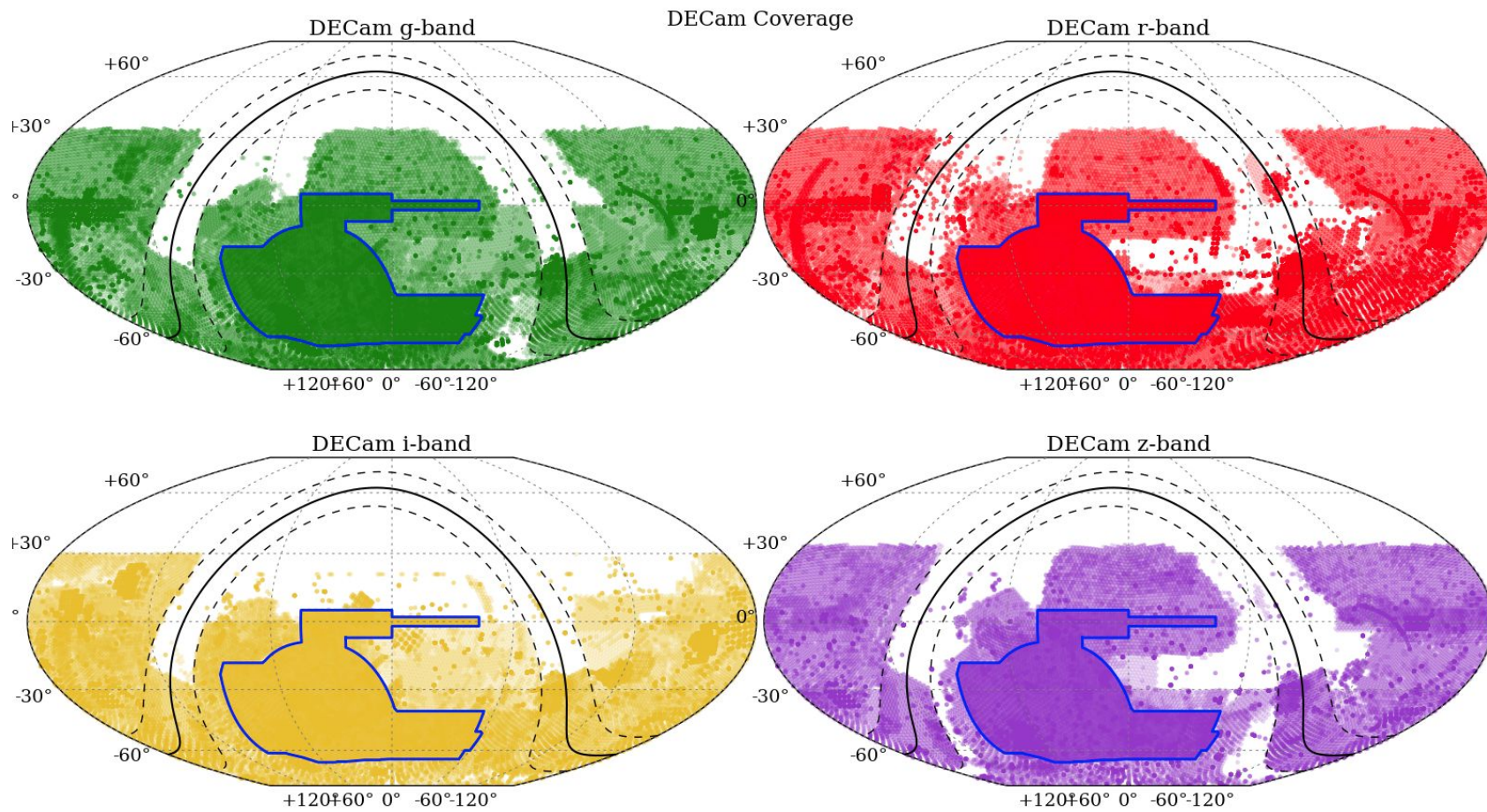
Recycling Fermilab's DECam leftover CCDs to build a new camera. CCDs currently being tested at Fermilab, will be sent to Yale to build the camera. To be mounted on existing telescope.

Quick facts:

- **20 sq. deg. fov**
- **2 fixed filters (g+z)**
- 45s exp; 15s read+slew
- g-band: 21.0+/- 0.5
- z-band: 20.0
- **2k-4k sq.deg./night**
- **90% Survey mode**
- **10% MMA ToO's**
- **Real-time public data**
- **First light summer 2022**



# DECam Local Volume Survey





# DELVE

(<https://delve-survey.github.io>)



126 nights of DECam time to complete contiguous coverage in g,r,i,z

International collaboration with ~80 members

First Data Release in January

FNAL Members:

- Drlica-Wagner (PI)
- Kuropatkin
- Neilsen
- Sánchez
- Tucker
- Yanny

- [Mau et al. \(2020\)](#) - Two Ultra-faint Milky Way Stellar Systems Discovered in Early Data from the DECam Local Volume Exploration Survey
- [Cerny et al. \(2021\)](#) - Discovery of an Ultra-Faint Stellar System near the Magellanic Clouds with the DECam Local Volume Exploration Survey
- [Drlica-Wagner et al. \(2021\)](#) - The DECam Local Volume Exploration Survey: Overview and First Data Release
- [Ferguson et al. \(2021\)](#) - DELVE-ing into the Jet: a thin stellar stream on a retrograde orbit at 30 kpc

# Summary



- Dark energy and cosmology
- Current experiments at Fermilab: DES, DESI, LS4, DELVE
- Some of the DES and DELVE recent results - stay tuned for Y3/Y5 DES results and DESI results!
- Activities where students can get involved:
  - Searches for optical counterparts to gravitational waves
  - Cosmology (GW, galaxy clustering, galaxy clusters - see next talk)
  - AI applications
  - Search for transients in all surveys, study of their properties, use for cosmology
  - Stellar systems in our own Milky Way
- There are a lot of activities I have not covered in this talk:
  - Strong gravitational lensing
  - Search for ultra-diffuse galaxies: how did they form and what are their properties?
  - Dark matter constraints from local Universe observations
  - Galaxy evolution: galaxy properties, their evolution over cosmic time
  - Photometric redshifts techniques
  - Instrumentation
  - Infrastructure work, software development, observing...
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**Thank you!**