Correcting Systematic Uncertainties in Spectroscopic Large-Scale Structure Surveys

From the Precision Era towards the Accuracy Era of Cosmology with DESI

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Introduction to Cosmology:

From Alpha to Ω



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Intermezzo:

DESI Cosmology Results

April 2024: DESI DR1 BAO Results



Credits: Claire Lamman I DESI collaboration. Poster available on our RedBubble Store

March 2025: DESI DR2 BAO Results



DESI 2025 (DR2) BAO Results



DESI 2025 (DR2) BAO: w0wa plane



A new w0waCDM paradigm?



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From observations to LSS catalogue:

DESI End-to-end pipeline and systematics

Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

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DESI coyote "BaoBan"

See my blog post: <u>the-new-</u> <u>desi-</u> <u>ambassad</u> or-baoban

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DESI Focal Plane: 5000 eyes ...



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DESI photometric targets



Imaging survey

Zhou et al., <u>2208.08515</u>

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DESI target selection



Example: Stellar rejection Cut for LRGs

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DESI DR2 Footprint



Density fluctuations in targets -> Imaging systematics Density fluctuations in footprint -> Incompleteness systematics

Imaging systematics



Different Imaging campaigns across sky

Imaging systematics



DESI 2024 II

Need to correct for trends of target density with imaging properties with weights.

Incompleteness systematics

Non-uniform Footprint



Compute clustering with respect to <u>Random catalogue</u> with our clustering, but with same footprint and mean n(z) as data -> Window function
Incompleteness systematics





Pinon et al, <u>2406.04804</u>



Incompleteness systematics

Fiber collisions





Pinon et al, <u>2406.04804</u>









$\xi(s,\cos\theta)$





Summary Statistics

Two-point correlation function multipoles



From DESI DR2 Key Paper

BAO reconstruction



Padmanabhan et al., <u>1202.0090</u>

BAO Reconstruction



Shift galaxies along the line of sight



Blind BAO+RSD signal in a controlled way by applying:

- 1. geometrical BAO shift (expansion history)
- 2. density-dependent RSD shift (growth history)



DESI meeting, Berkeley, July 2019





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Catalog-level blinding on the bispectrum for DESI-like galaxy surveys

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Novell-Masot et al, <u>2407.12931</u>

Testing systematics for DESI BAO analysis

Isotropic Distance Scaling



Andrade et al., 2025

Anisotropic Distance Scaling



Andrade et al., 2025

Fiducial Cosmology assumption



Andrade et al., 2025

Outlook

- DESI DR2 BAO is just the start!
- Still some DESI DR1 analyses ongoing:
 - Systematic error from fiducial cosmology assumption both for
 - 1. ShapeFit analysis (BAO+RSD+Shape) -> A
 - 2. Full Modelling -> Ω
 - Cosmology from Higher order statistics (bispectrum)
- And full shape from DESI DR2 also coming soon!

What to expect from DR2 Full Shape

Preliminary Fisher Forecasts for P(k) + B(k) using the tripolar spherical harmonic bispectrum estimator by <u>Sugiyama, Saito, Beutler, Seo, 2019</u>



Summary and Conclusion

- Presented different types of systematics and their mitigation schemes:
 - Survey Related:
 - Spectroscopic systematics
 - Photometric systematics
 - Incompleteness systematics
 - -> none of these impacts BAO
 - Modeling Related:
 - Confirmation Bias (mitigated by Blinding)
 - Non-linear evolution (mitigated by BAO Reconstruction)
 - Theoretical modeling choices (almost zero)
 - Fiducial cosmology assumption (negligible, and redone using bestfit w0wa cosmology)
 - -> BAO analysis robust

Tensions within a model (Ω) are not as intriguing as tensions arising before assuming a model (A)

Backup Slides

DESI DR2 BAO + CMB + SN



From DESI DR2 Key Paper

DESI DR2 BAO: w0wa plane



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