

The Dark Energy Survey (DES)

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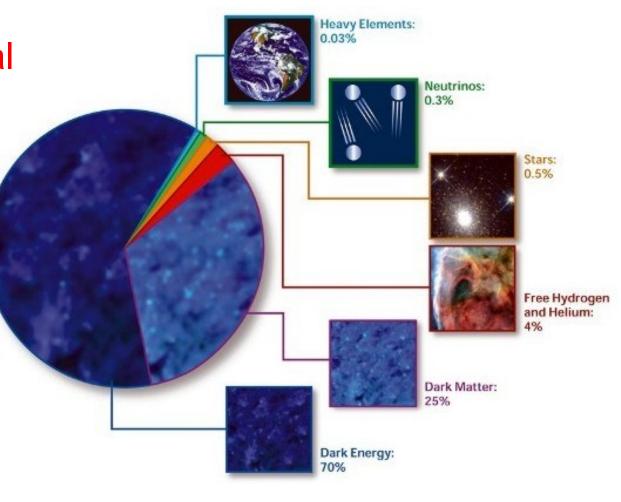
Dark Energy

DARK ENERGY SURVEY

What is the physical cause of cosmic acceleration?

Dark Energy or modification of General Relativity?

If Dark Energy, is it Λ (the vacuum) or something else?



Four Cosmological Probes

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Galaxy Clusters 100000 Clusters to z>1, SZ from SPT

Weak Lensing Shape of 300M galaxies

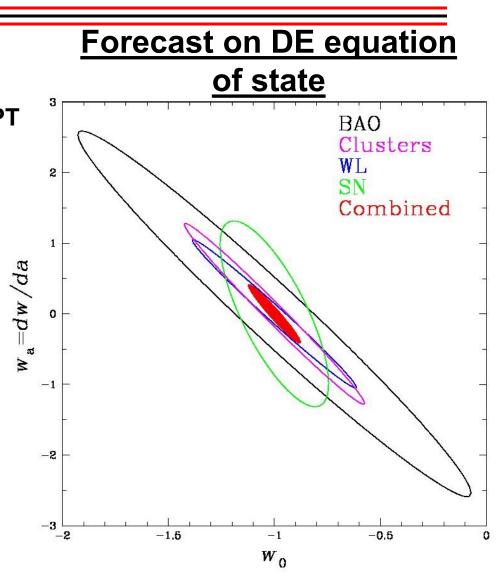
Large-Scale structure

300M galaxies to z~1.4 Angular BAO tomography

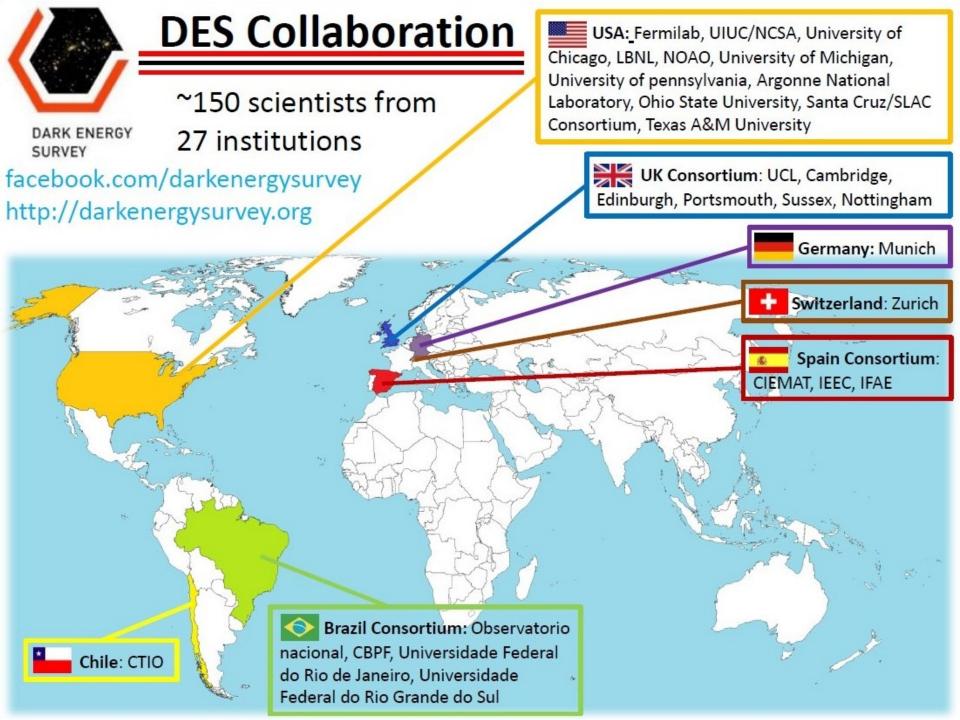
Supernovae

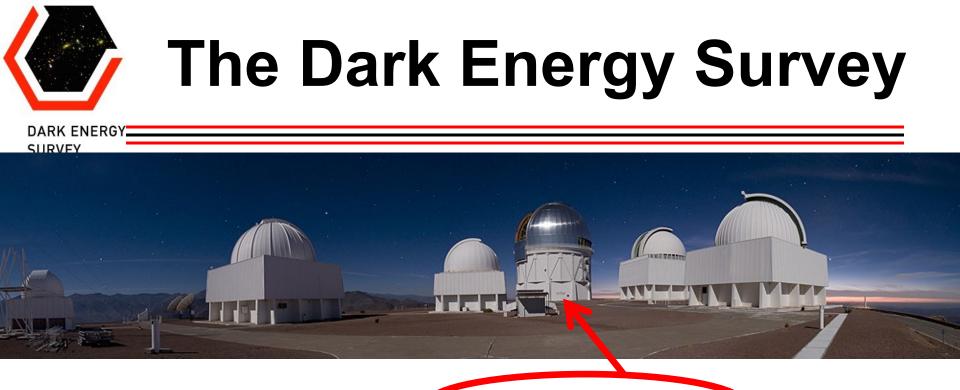
~4000 well-sampled SNIa to z~1

Plus QSOs, Strong Lensing, Milky Way, Galaxy Evolution

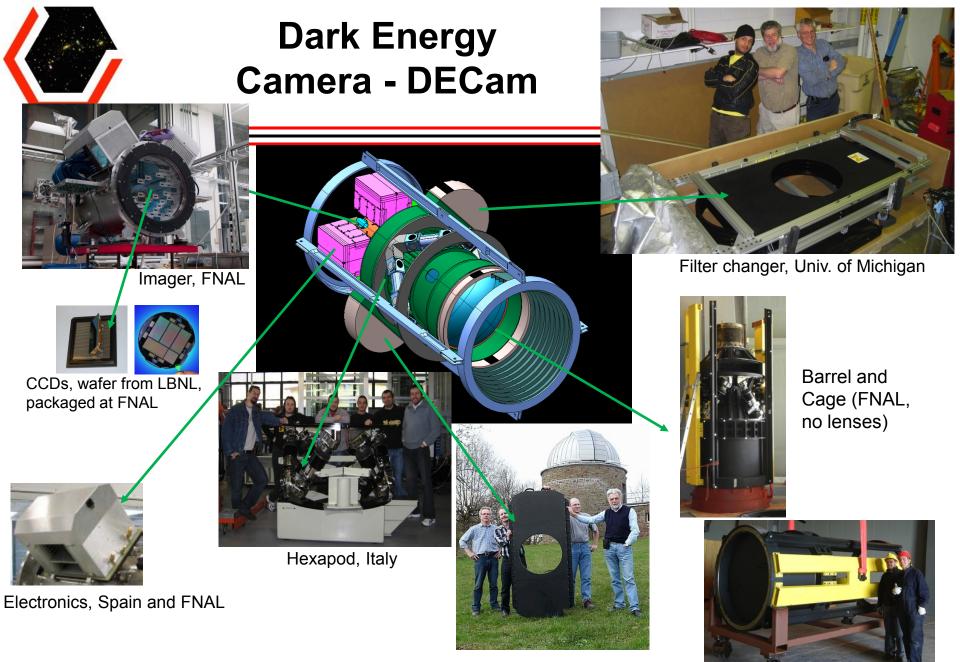


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- Optical/IR imaging survey with the Blanco 4m telescope at Cerro Tololo Inter-American Obervatory (CTIO) in Chile
- 5000 sq-deg (1/8 of the sky) in grizY bands (2500 sq-deg overlapping with SPT) + 30 sq-deg time-domain griz (SNe)
- 570 Mpx camera, with 3 sq-deg FoV, DECam
- Up to 24th magnitude (z~1.5)

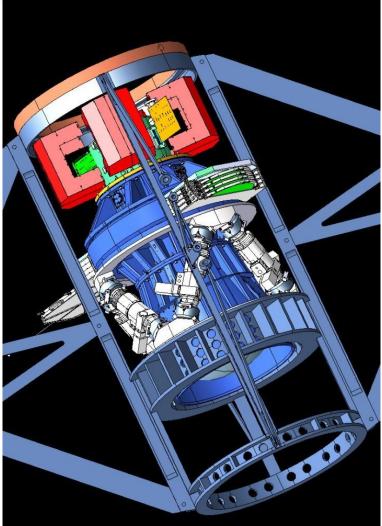


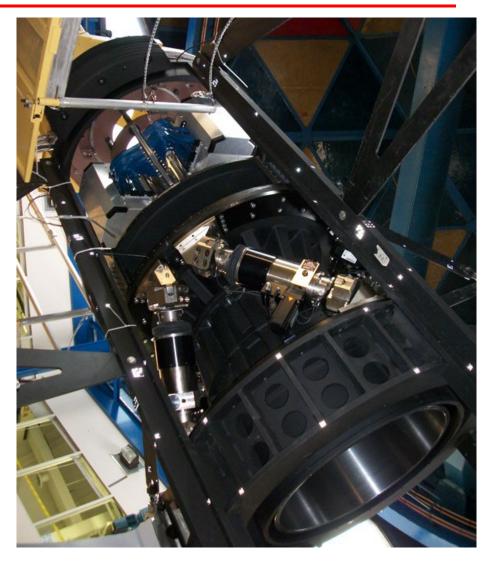
Shutter, Germany



DECam

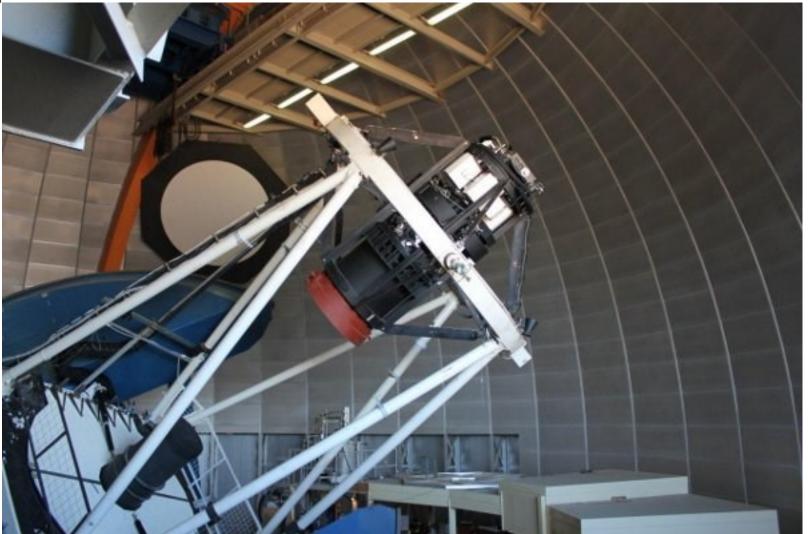
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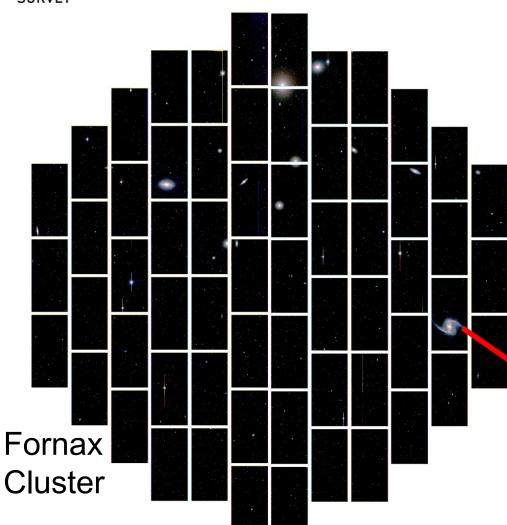






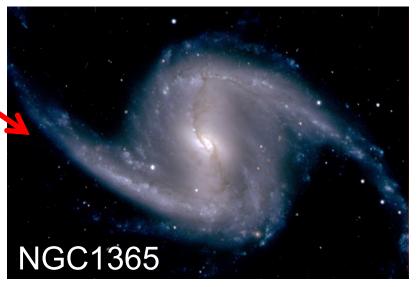
First Light: 12 september 2012

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Covered in 258 publications in 36 countries

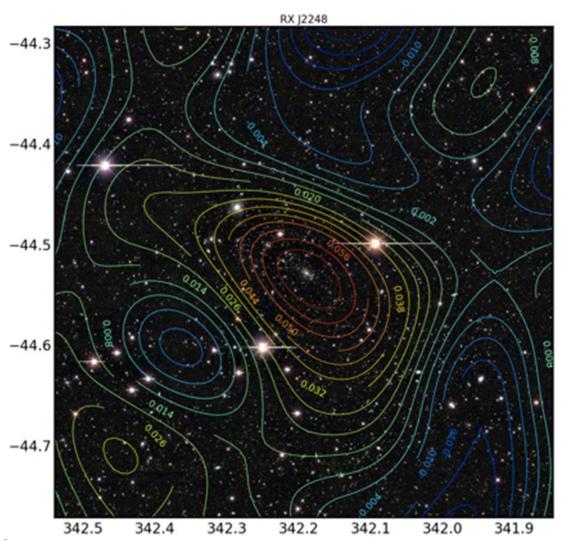
Science verification data up to february 2013 → Check data quality and verify the camera-telescope system





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Data from Science Verification



Cluster RXJ2238 at z=0.35

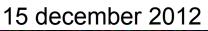
Preliminary cluster mass map from DES SV data



Data from Science Verification

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07 november 2012

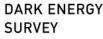




Type Ia supernovae at redshift 0.2 confirmed at AAO



Data from Science Verification: Galaxy Cluster Abell3151

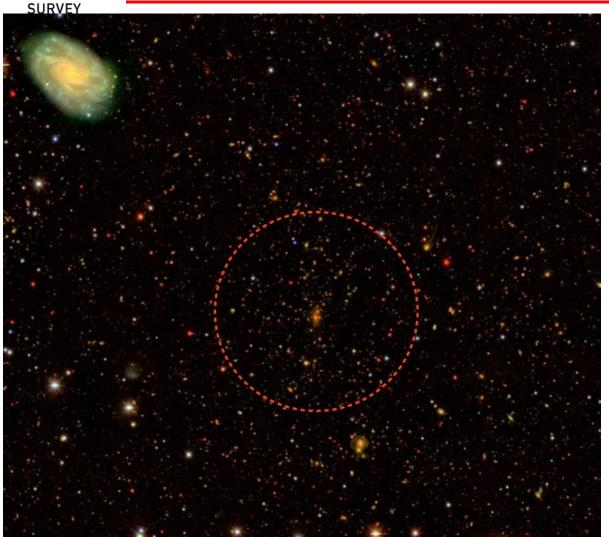






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Data from Science Verification: Galaxy Cluster SPT-CL J2332-5385



South Pole Telescope (SPT) detects galaxy clusters using the SZ effect in microwave band

DES follows up SPT clusters in optical band.

SPT-CL J2332-5385



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Data from Science Verification: Strong Lensing Arcs

RXJ 2248 **DES - Fermilab coadd**



DECam installation and commissioning went smoothly

Science Verification observations have been completed and are being analysed. We hope to have scientific results this year Instrument performed very well Telescope performance improved substantially DES system has been exercised, tested and improved



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Electronics:

- Design of the Clock & Bias (CIEMAT), Transition (IFAE/CIEMAT) and Master Control (IFAE) Boards
- Production and commissioning of the whole read-out electronics for the camera: 108 boards, finished in fall 2010 (IFAE/CIEMAT)
- CCD characterization (CIEMAT/IFAE/IEEC/CSIC)
- Simulations, data quality and software:
 - Large scale simulations of the universe (IEEC/CSIC)
 - Data management (PIC, IEEC/CSIC, IFAE)
 - Data quality checks and data reduction (CIEMAT, IEEC/CSIC)
 - Guiding (IEEC/CSIC)



Science Working Groups:

- Large scale structure (IEEC/CSIC, CIEMAT, IFT)
- Weak Lensing (IEEC/CSIC, IFAE, CIEMAT)
- Photo-z (IEEC/CSIC, IFAE)
- Theory and Combined Probes (IEEC/CSIC, IFT)
- Supernovae (IFAE)

Scientific topics we are working on:

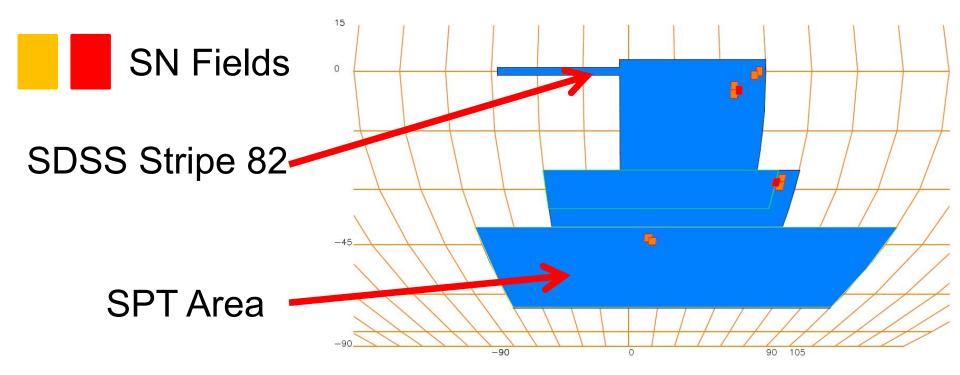
Photoz calibration, BAO and RSD with photometric surveys, all sky weak lensing maps, magnification and galaxy bias from crosscorrelations, cross-correlation LSS-CMB, modeling errors and covariance matrices for LSS and WL, star-galaxy separation and photometric characterization, production of mock galaxy catalogs, fast computation of correlations, theoretical forecasts...

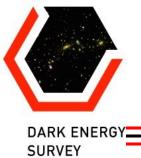


- Two voting members in Management Committee (EG, RM)
- Two members in Science Committee (EG, FC)
- Science Working Group coordination:
 - Large-scale structure (including BAO) (EG)
 - Photo-z (FC)
- Speakers bureau, Chair (RM)
- Publication board (RM, ex-officio)
- Membership committee (ES)
- Data Management users coordinator (IS)
- Builders committee (EF, RM)
- Publication policy committee (RM)
- Membership policy committee (ES)
- Search committee for new DES director (RM)
- Front-end electronics panel (ES, GM, LC, FC, MM (Chair)) Sánchez (CIEMAT) CosmoRENATA, Valencia (2013)



Science Verification: September 2012 – February 2012 Survey Start: September 2013 Survey Complete: February 2018 (525 nights in 5 years)





Concluding Remarks

DES Science Verification observations completed Instrument performing well Telescope preformance improved substantially

DES SV data products being analysed

Around 200 sq-degrees data taken Plans for first science papers based on SV data for this year

Plan to start survey operations in September Survey from 2013 to 2018 to complete 5000 sq-deg