Mapping the Cosmic Expansion History with DESI

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Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

- Designed for precision dark energy from z = 0 \rightarrow 3
- First Stage 4 experiment
- Nominal Survey: $2021 \rightarrow 2026$
- 5000-robot army \rightarrow 5000 fibers \rightarrow 10 spectrographs
- 5000 spectra every ~ 15 min







DESI is creating a 3D Map of the Universe



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Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO) → standard ruler



 $D_M(z)$ and H(z) encode expansion history of the Universe

BAO scaling parameters

OR



Isotropic BAO scale

$$lpha_{iso}=(lpha_{\perp}^2lpha_{||})^{1/3}$$
 and $lpha_{AP}=rac{D_H/D_M}{[D_H/D_M]_{fid}}$



anisotropy of BAO (Alcock-Paczynski effect)



Validation with mocks



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Variations in the analysis



- Tests with same data set (purple, green, orange, blue): BAO shifts < ¹/₃ stat (gray band)
- Tests with varying data sets (red): BAO shifts consistent with statistical fluctuations



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A blinded analysis from end-to-end

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Analysis fully developed with mocks and blinded data

Validation tests defined in advance

Unblinded in December 2023



Unblinding the DESI DR1 Ly α BAO

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$$lpha_{\parallel} = 0.989 \pm 0.020$$

 $lpha_{\perp} = 1.013 \pm 0.024$

Blinding of transverse BAO was quite extreme!



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DESI BAO measurements





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Hubble Constant

• In flat \land CDM: BAO $\rightarrow \Omega_m, H_0 r_d$

$$r_d
ightarrow (\Omega_m h^2, \Omega_b h^2)$$

- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) $ightarrow \Omega_b h^2$
- CMB (no lensing) CMB -CMB -CMB -CMB -CMB -SDSS: BAO+BBN -DESI: BAO + BBN -DESI: BAO + θ_* + BBN -CCHP: TRGB -SH0ES: Cepheids - 66 68 70 72 74 H_0 [km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹]
- DESI + BBN: $H_0 = 68.53 \pm 0.8 ~{
 m km/s/Mpc}$





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SPECTROSCOPIC Dark Energy Equation of State



Cosmology from DESI BAO



2.5 σ , 3.5 σ , 3.9 σ deviations from Λ



Conclusions

- DESI Year 1 BAO constrains expansion history from z=0
 ightarrow 3
- Analysis fully developed on blinded data and included thorough validation process.
- Mostly consistent with CMB, previous BAO data, and flat ACDM.
- Except, we find hints of evolving dark energy!
- Full-shape results from Year 1 coming this fall.
- This is just the beginning! We finished collecting Year 3 data in March 2024.



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$^{\circ}$ Consistency with other probes





Varying EoS
$$w(a) = w_0 + (1-a)w_a$$
 (CPL)

















