

DESI Project Overview

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DESI Scientific Experiment Goals

Using the DESI Instrument fabricated by the project...

- We will observe 14,000 deg² of the night sky
- Will study the distribution of ~ 35M distant galaxies (correlations between them)
- The DESI Science Goals echo the CD-0 and P5 recommendations: precision measurement of dark energy, while making important contributions to the physics of inflation and neutrinos
- The Science Requirements Document (SRD) flows these science goals to the instrument requirements
- We use a rigorous Systems Engineering approach to tie the science to the requirements for the experiment



CD-0 Mission Need Statement defines the DESI science goals

- Mission Need Statement:
 - 1. Determine as well as possible whether the accelerating expansion is consistent with a cosmological constant.
 - 2. Measure as well as possible any time evolution of the dark energy.
 - 3. Search for a possible failure of general relativity through comparison of the effect of dark energy on cosmic expansion with the effect of dark energy on the growth of cosmological structures like galaxies or galaxy clusters.
- Will use Baryon Acoustic Oscillation (BAO) & Redshift Space Distortion (RSD) techniques
- BAO gives us a ruler in the sky and enables us to measure the expansion of the Universe
- RSD allows us to measure the pull of gravity and check General Relativity





10 million brightest galaxies



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DESI is being installed at the Mayall 4-m Telescope at Kitt Peak, Arizona





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DESI Overview

- DESI is a Fiber-fed multiobject spectrograph. It uses robotic control to position a fiber optic strand onto the location of a known galaxy New field
- 5000 robotically positioned optical fibers on the focal plane
- New 8 sq.deg. FOV
- Ten 3-channel spectrographs
- Spectra of 35 million galaxies and quasars over 14,000 deg² in five years





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Hardware Elements: following the path of a photon



1.6 Spectrograph



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Top-end removal





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WBS 1.3 Corrector Mechanical Support System is complete (FNAL deliverable)

Cage and Ring being delivered to the Mayall telescope building Assembled to go on the top-end of the telescope







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WBS 1.4 Completed Production Petal with Guider, eight of ten are finished





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WBS 1.6 Spectrograph System

First of ten spectrographs delivered to Kitt Peak





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WBS 1.7 Instrument Control System is completed

- New control room constructed
- Mock Observing Run at Kitt Peak
- All deliverables received and accepted







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WBS 1.8 Data Systems is completed

WBS 1.8 Data Systems

- All deliverables received and accepted
- Spectroscopic data reduction pipeline
 - Refined algorithms using EM spectrograph data, e/BOSS data, pixel-level sims
 - Testing performance and scaling at NERSC, routinely processing ~1M spectra
- Data challenges at multiple levels of fidelity / completeness
 - Full 5 year survey operations simulations
 - Spectra simulations + calibrations + redshifts for ~5M spectra





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Transition to Operations Schedule

Activities for transitioning from design and fabrication of the instrument to reaching full science operations at the Mayall telescope





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Status on imaging



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Imaging Survey Progress

- DECam imaging in the SGC has largely been completed in 2018B.
 - Thanks to major support from NOAO!
- This retires a substantial survey risk, i.e., what to observe in the fall.
- There is time remaining until Feb 2019 to finish DECaLS and BASS, but we are well above the threshold of a viable survey.



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Pass

Pass 2

Pass 3

Status on imaging

- Robust data reduction through custom software *Tractor*
- All data made public via releases every six months
 - DR1 May 2015 DECaLS through DeC 2014 + WISE 1yr
 - ...
 - DR6 Feb 2018 BASS+MzLS through Jul 2017 + WISE 4yrs
 - DR7 Jul 2018 DECaLS through Mar 2018 + WISE 5yrs (final)
 - DR8 Jan 2019 DECaLS through Jun 2018 + BASS final + MzLS final
 - → Imaging for Survey Validation
 - DR9 Jun 2019 DECaLS final, BASS, MzL
 - → Final imaging data release for DESI TS
 - Superb public image viewer to inspect the data and link to catalogs
 - http://www.legacysurvey.org/viewer
- Overview paper of imaging surveys submitted to ApJ (*Dey et al., arXiv:1804.08657, 153 authors*)



Target selection

Galaxy type	Redshift	Bands	Targets	Exposures	Good z 's	Baseline
	range	used	$per deg^2$	$per deg^2$	$per deg^2$	sample
LRG	0.4 - 1.0	g,r,z,W1	480	610	430	6.0 M
ELG	0.6 - 1.6	$_{g,r,z}$	2400	1870	1220	(17.1 M)
QSO (tracers)	< 2.1	$g,\!r,\!z,\!W1,\!W2$	170	170	120	$1.7 \mathrm{M}$
QSO (Ly- α)	> 2.1	$g,\!r,\!z,\!W1,\!W2$	90	240	50	$0.7 \mathrm{M}$
Total in dark time			3140	2890	1820	$25.5 \mathrm{~M}$
BGS	0.05 - 0.4	r	800+	740	710	9.9 M
MWS	0.0	g,r (Gaia μ)	800 +	720	720	$10.1 {\rm M}$
Total in bright time			1600 +	1460	1430	20.0 M

- Design & evaluation of algorithms by target selection working group
- Implementation on imaging data on project (*desitarget* package)
- Status:
 - Algorithms are converging, LRG, QSO tracers & BGS reaching FDR goals
 - Currently on 2nd generation algorithms (machine-learning methods) for QSO Lyα (working) and ELGs (being optimized & tested via pilot surveys)
- The BGS is currently proposed to consist of a bright high priority sample to an rband magnitude limit r ~ 19.5, with a fainter low priority sample to r ~ 20.



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Target selection

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Target selection

Separate optimization for North and South

to best accommodate different depth & bands of photometric surveys

- Optimization retuned with each imaging data release
- Target selection code ~1 hr for all 35 M targets on NERSC



Target selection project lead: Adam Myers



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