

The Dark Energy Survey (DES): Status and First Results

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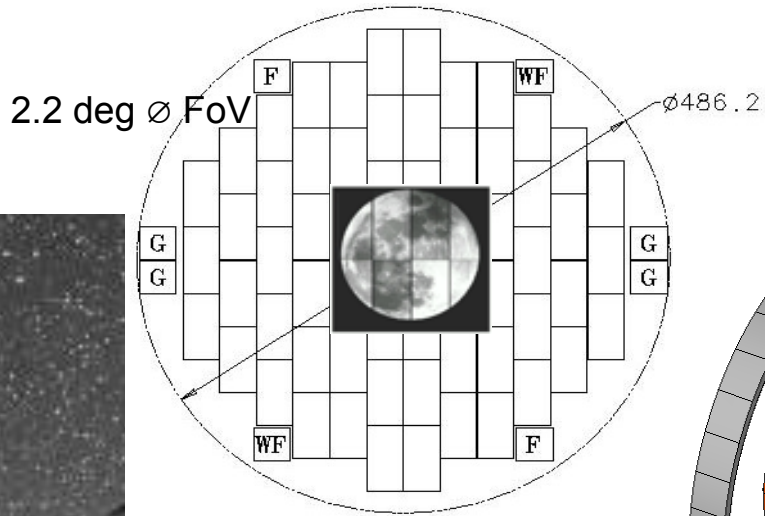
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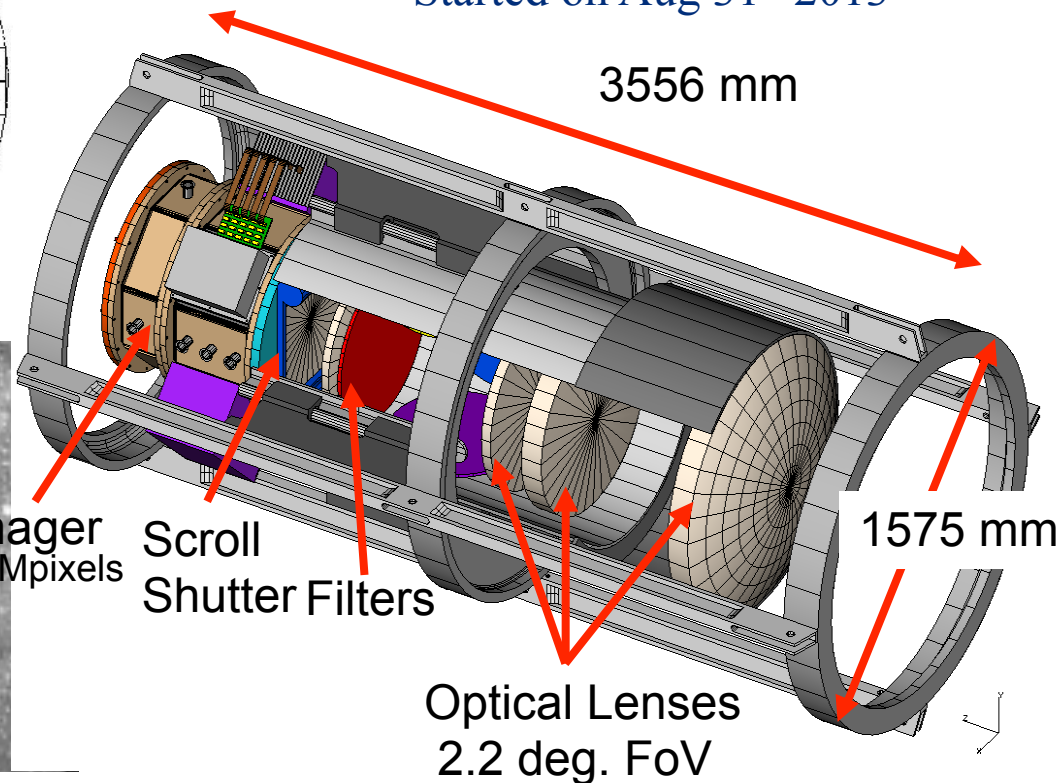
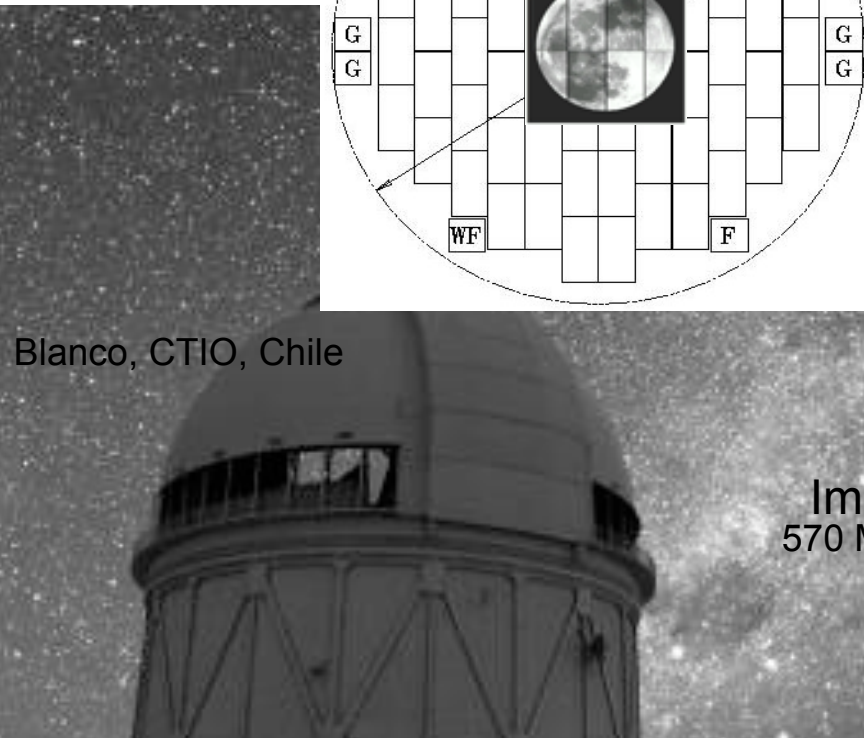
DES: Dark Energy Survey

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- 5000 deg² galaxy survey to $i_{AB} < 24$ in $grizY$. 300M galaxies up to $z < 1.4$. Also 4000 SNe.
- Involves groups in USA (led by FNAL), Spain, UK, Brazil, Germany, Switzerland.



- 525 nights in 5 years
- Started on Aug 31st 2013





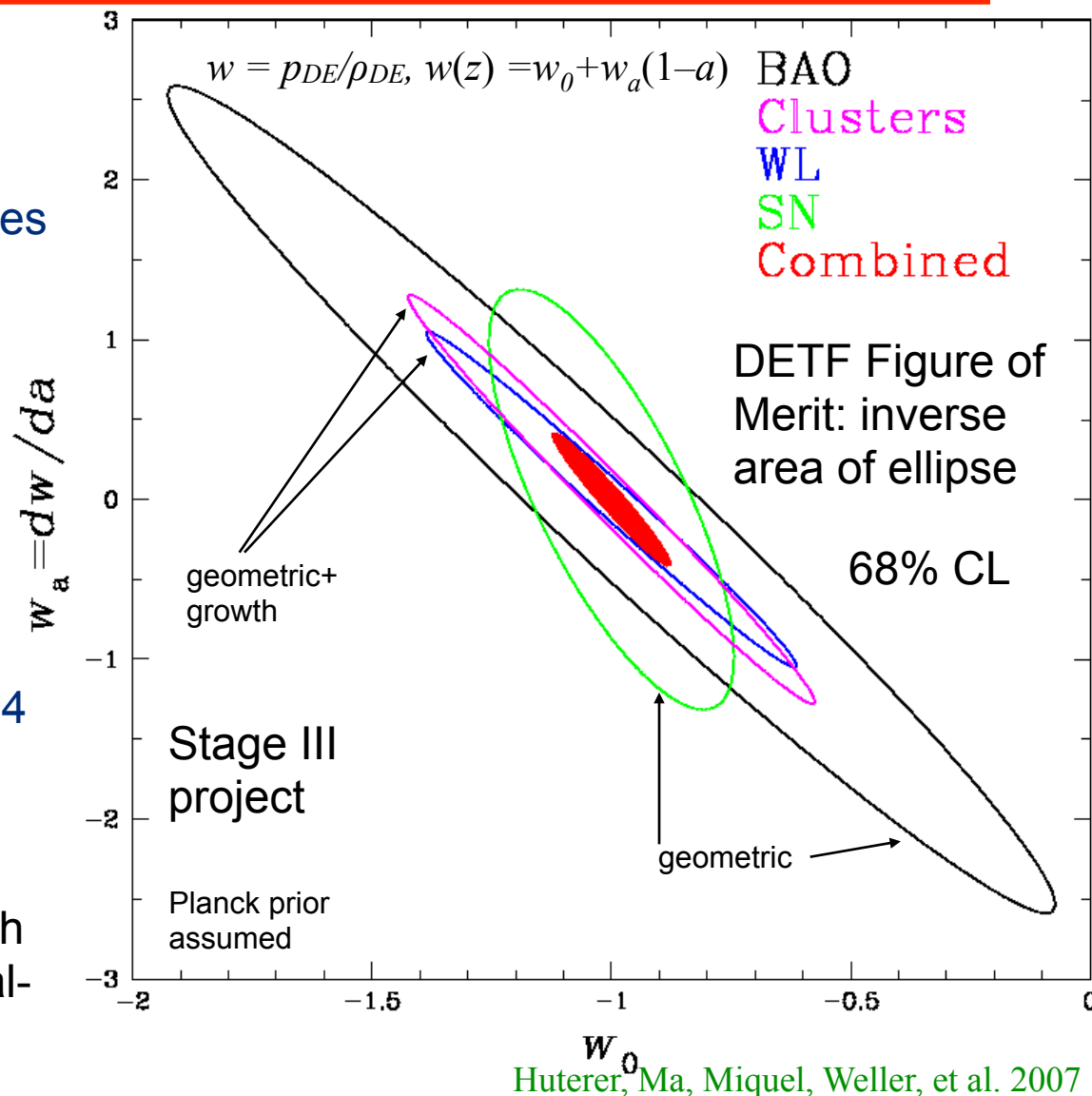
DES Science Program

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Four Probes of Dark Energy

- Galaxy cluster counting: $N(M,z)$
 - Measure redshifts and masses
 - ~10,000 clusters to $z > 1$ with $M > 2 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- Weak lensing (shear)
 - >200 million galaxies with shape measurements to $z > 1$
- Large-scale structure (LSS). Includes BAO
 - ~300 million galaxies to $z < 1.4$
- Supernovae
 - ~4000 type-Ia SNe to $z > 1$

Probes are complementary in both systematic error and cosmological-parameter degeneracies





The DES Collaboration


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 [UIUC/NCSA](#) — The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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 [LBNL](#) — The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory


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 United Kingdom DES Collaboration

- [UCL](#) - University College London
- [Cambridge](#) - University of Cambridge
- [Edinburgh](#) - University of Edinburgh
- [Portsmouth](#) - University of Portsmouth
- [Sussex](#) - University of Sussex
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 Spain DES Collaboration

- [IEEC/CSIC](#) - Instituto de Ciencias del Espacio,
- [IFAE](#) - Institut de Fisica d'Altes Energies
- [CIEMAT](#) - Centro de Investigaciones Energeticas, Medioambientales y Tecnologicas

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- [ON](#) - Observatorio Nacional
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 [Pennsylvania](#) — The University of Pennsylvania

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 [OSU](#) — The Ohio State University


 Santa Cruz-SLAC-Stanford DES Consortium

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- [SLAC](#) - SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
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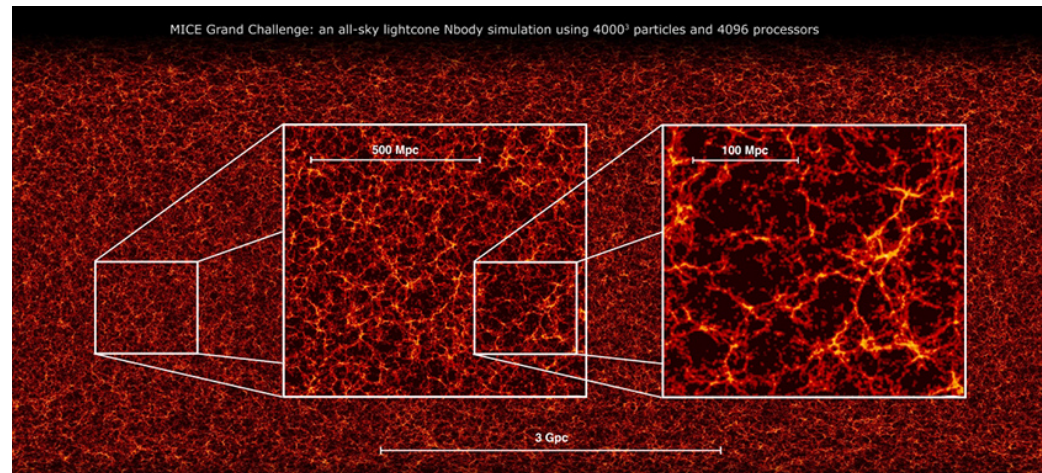
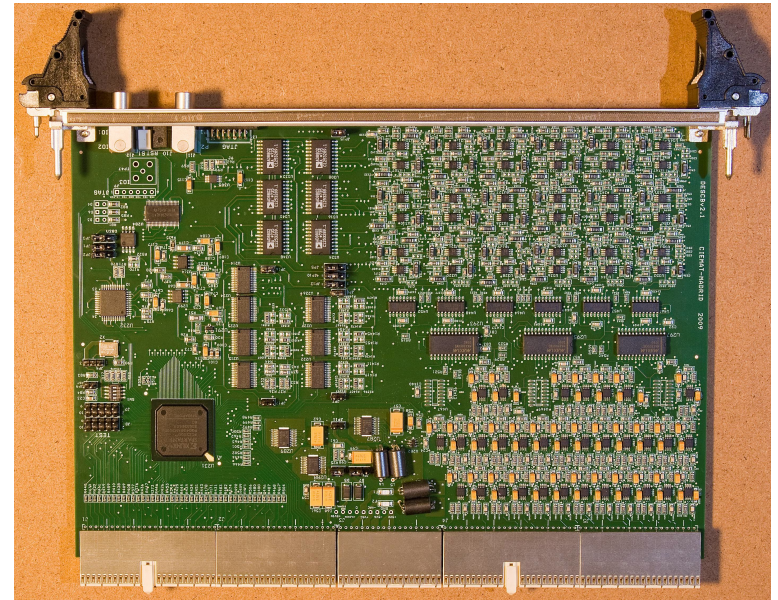
Doctoral Students



Main Spanish Contributions to DES

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- Electronics:
 - Design of the Clock & Bias Board (CIEMAT), Transition Board (IFAE / CIEMAT) and Master Control Board (IFAE)
 - Production, test and commissioning of the whole read-out electronics for DECam: 108 boards, finished in 2010 (IFAE / CIEMAT)
 - CCD characterization (CIEMAT / IFAE / ICE)
- Simulations:
 - Large-scale simulations of the universe (ICE)
 - Data management (IFAE / PIC)
 - Data quality checks (CIEMAT)





DES/Spain in DES Governance

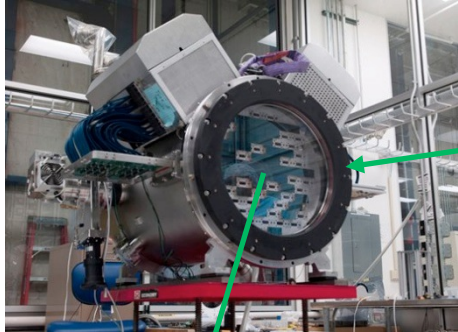
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- Two voting members in Management Committee (EG, RM)
- Science Working Group coordination:
 - Large-scale structure (including BAO) (EG)
 - Photo-z (FC)
- Publication board (RM)
- Membership committee (ES)
- Data Management users coordinator (IS)
- Speakers bureau (RM, Chair)
- Builders committee (EF)
- Publication policy committee (RM)
- Membership policy committee (ES)
- Search committee for new DES director (RM)
- Front-end electronics panel (ES, GM, MM (Chair))
- Organized three DES Collaboration meetings: 2006, 2010, 2013

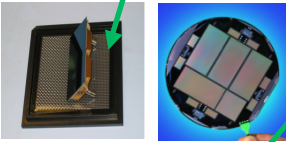


DECam Systems

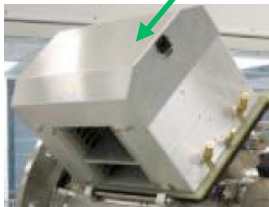
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Imager, FNAL



CCDs, wafers from LBL,
packaged at FNAL



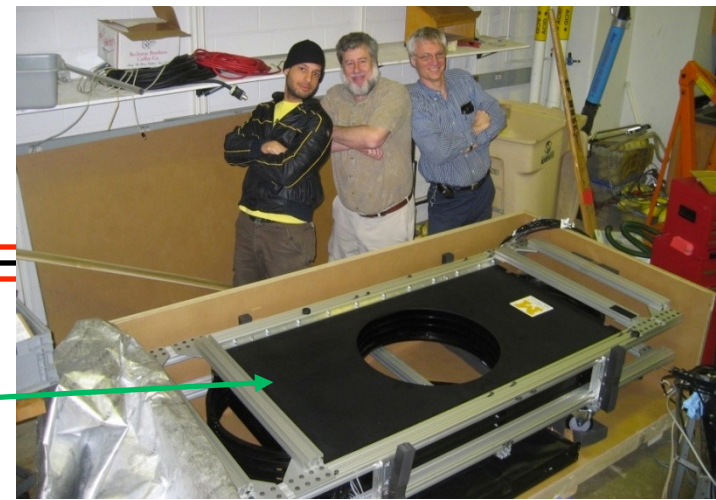
Electronics, Spain and FNAL



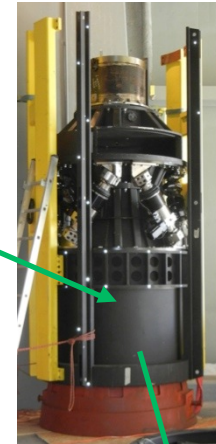
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Shutter, Germany



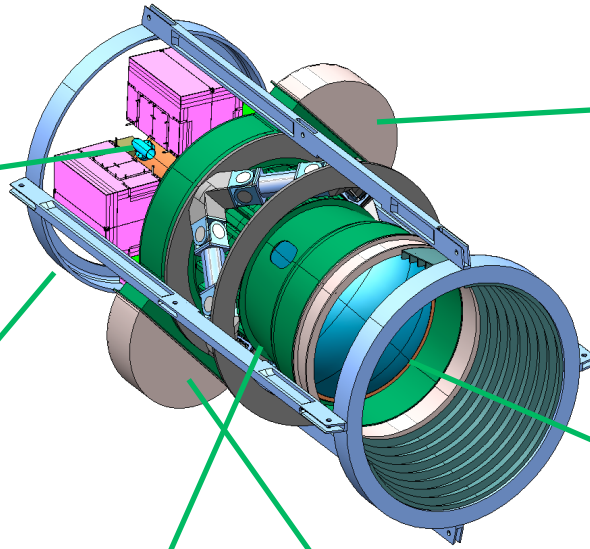
Filter changer, Univ. of Michigan



Barrel and
cage, FNAL



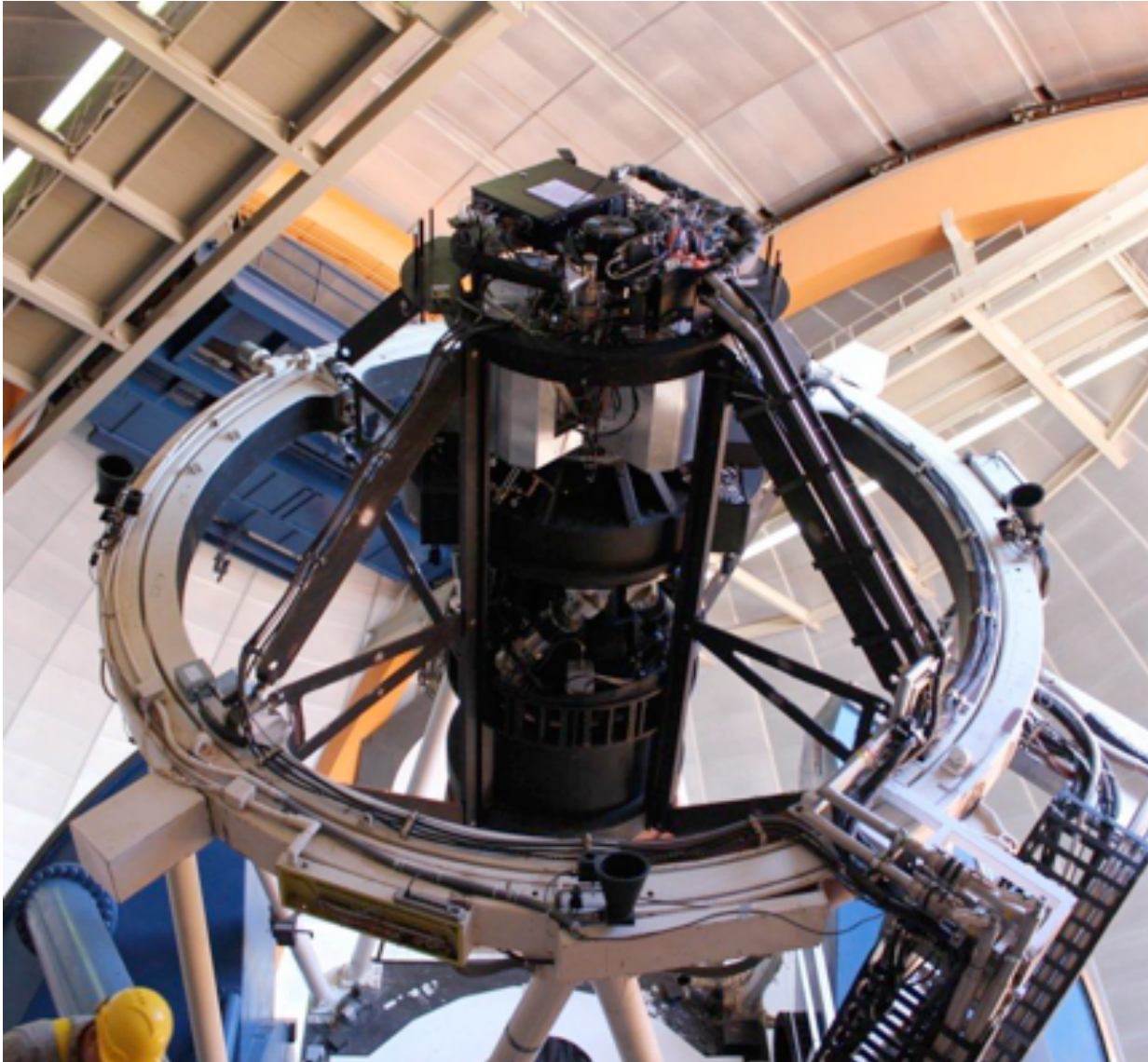
Lenses, UK





DECam on the Blanco (Sep '12)

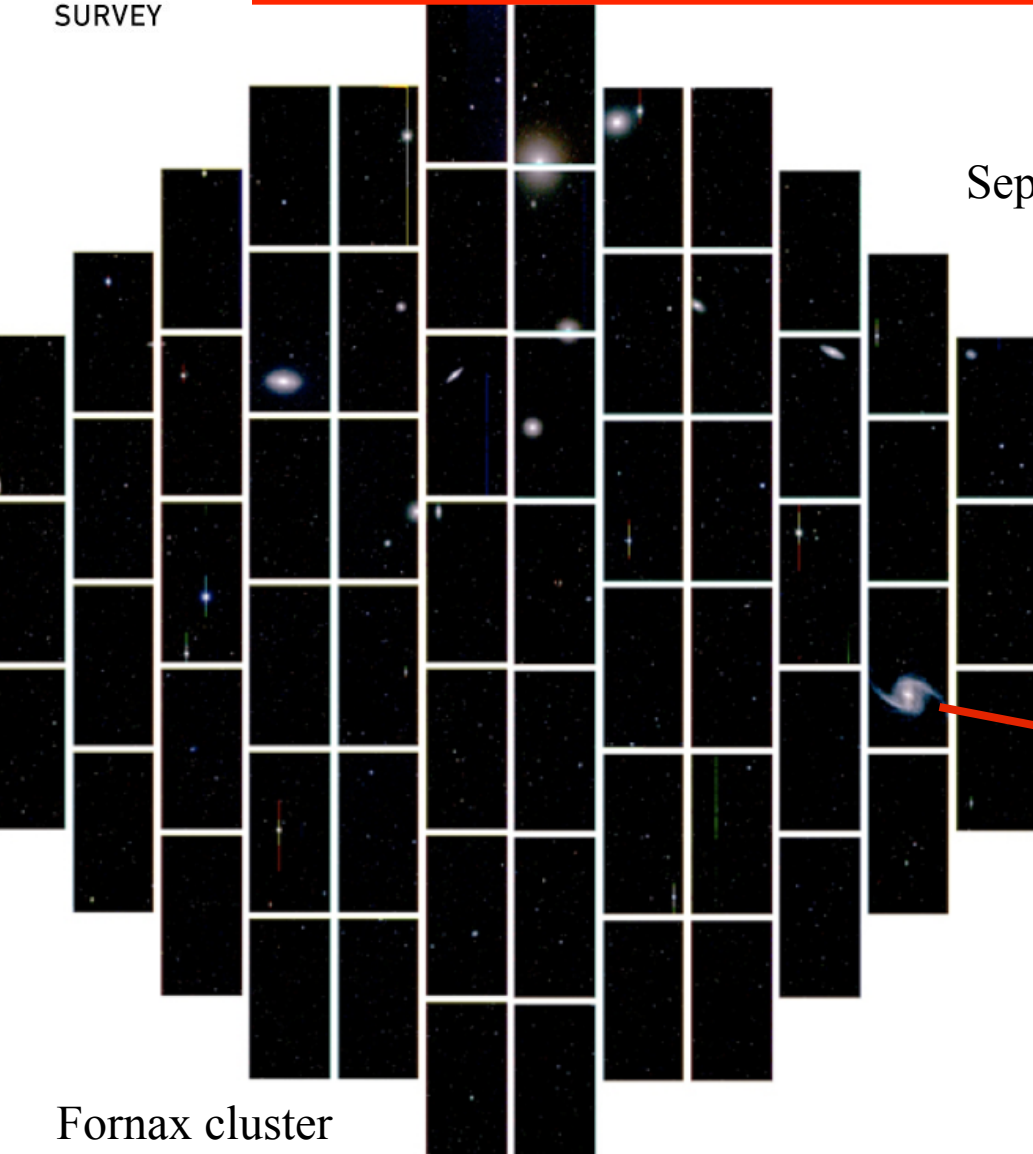
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First DECam Image

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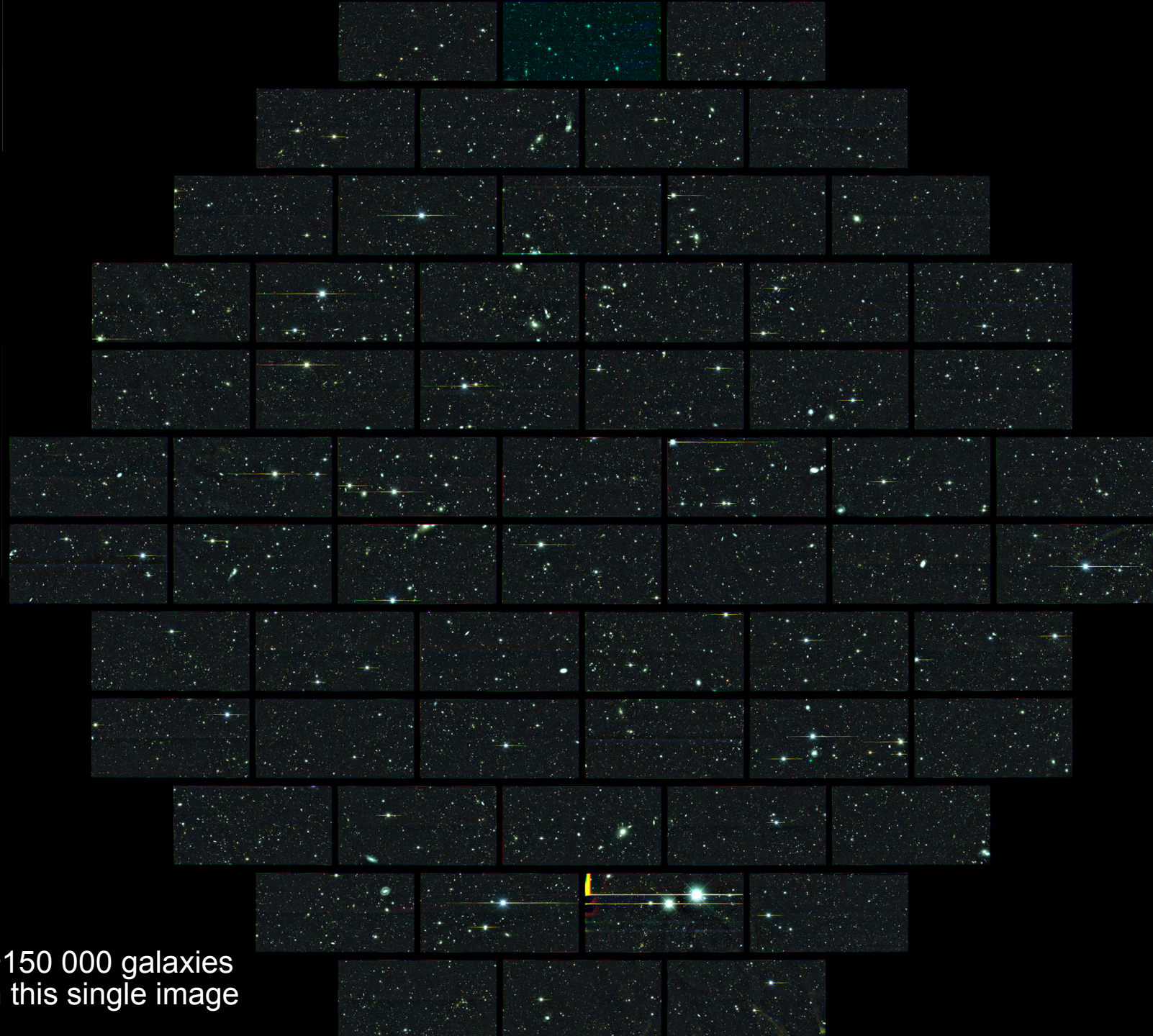


Sep 12, 2012

NGC 1365



Fornax cluster



~150 000 galaxies
in this single image

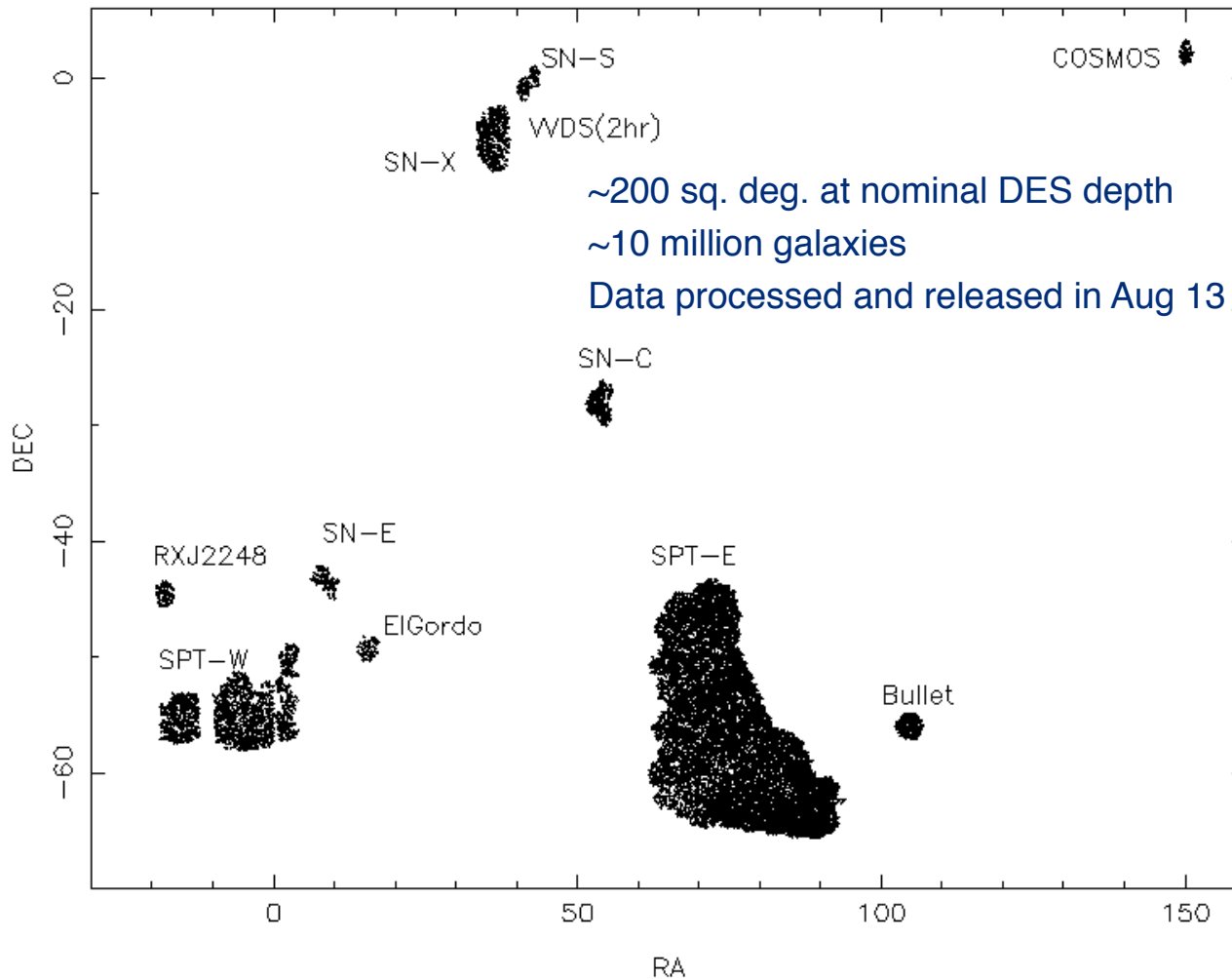




Science Verification (SV): Nov 12 - Feb 13

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SVA1 Footprint (SVA1_COADD) N=45396916

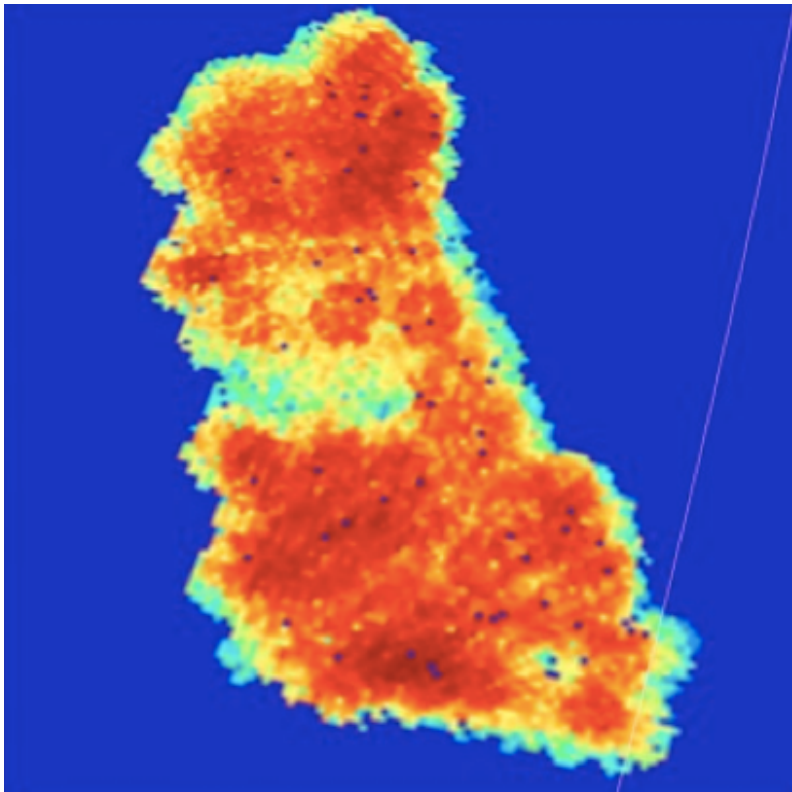




SV Data Analysis. Pre-requisites

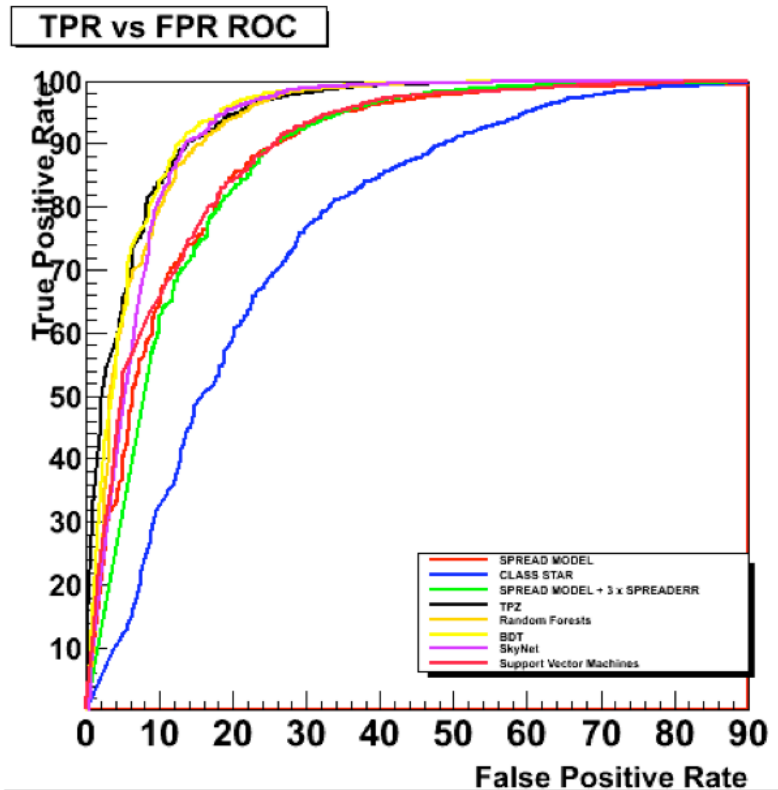
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Mask: knowledge of the depth of the survey at each point in the footprint



i-band mask for the SPT-E area

Star / galaxy separation:
main source of contamination



Eff. vs. bgnd. for several methods of s/g sep.

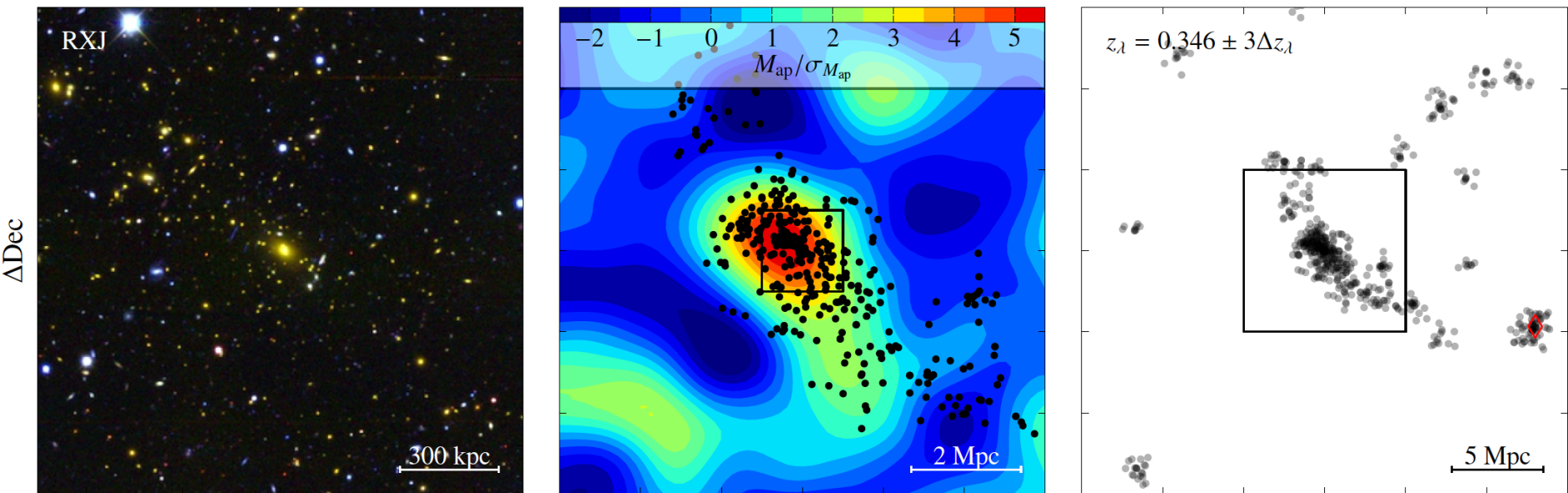
DES/Spain heavily involved in (or leading) these crucial efforts



First DES Paper Out on May 16th

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Table 4. Weak lensing masses M_{200c} in units of $10^{14}M_{\odot}$ (with a flat prior on c_{200c}), redMaPPer richness λ and redshift estimate z_{λ} , and their statistical errors (see [Section 3.2](#) and [Section 5.1](#) for details). The literature mass estimates are derived from weak lensing, galaxy dynamics (D) or optical richness (R).

Cluster name	M_{200c}	λ	z_{λ}	Literature value M_{200c}
RXC J2248.7-4431	$17.6^{+4.5}_{-4.0}$	203 ± 5	0.346 ± 0.004	$22.8^{+6.6}_{-4.7}$ (Gruen et al. 2013b), 20.3 ± 6.7 (Umetsu et al. 2014), 16.6 ± 1.7 (Merten et al. 2014)
1E 0657-56	$14.2^{+10.0}_{-6.1}$	277 ± 6	0.304 ± 0.004	17.5 (Clowe et al. 2004) ⁱ , 12.4 (Barrena et al. 2002 , D)
SCSO J233227-535827	$10.0^{+3.7}_{-3.4}$	77 ± 4	0.391 ± 0.008	$11.2^{+3.0}_{-2.7}$ (Gruen et al. 2013a), $4.9 \pm 3.3 \pm 1.4$ (High et al. 2010 , R)
Abell 3261	$8.6^{+8.6}_{-3.9}$	71 ± 3	0.216 ± 0.003	—

ⁱ We converted the measured r_{200c} from [Clowe et al. \(2004\)](#), which lacks an error estimate, to M_{200c} using the critical density in our adopted cosmology.

This paper proves that DES can measure galaxy shapes, even in the Science Verification preliminary data set.

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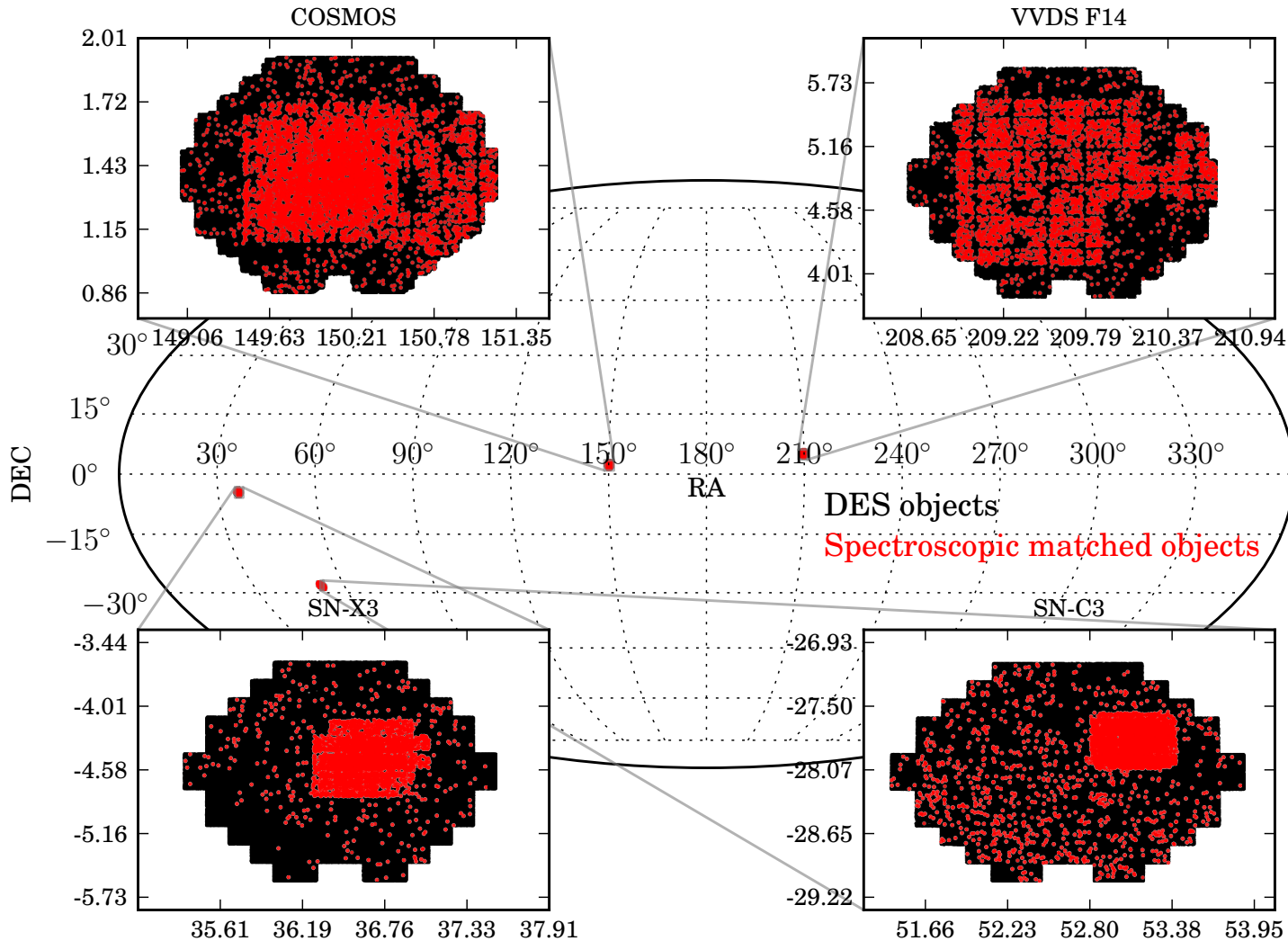
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Photo-z Calibration Fields in DES SV

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Photometry:

grizY

$18 < i_{AB} < 24$

$0 < g-r < 2$

$0 < r-i < 2$

Spectroscopy:

$0.01 < z < 1.4$

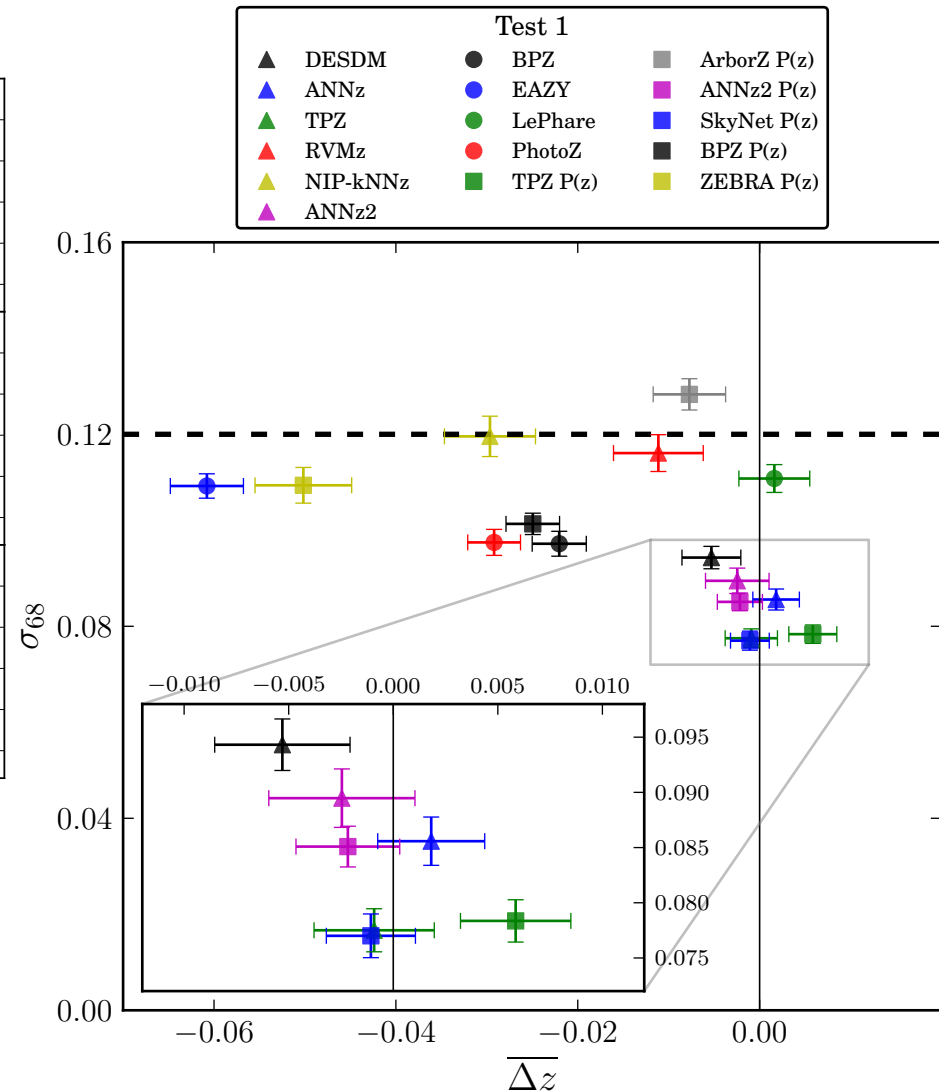
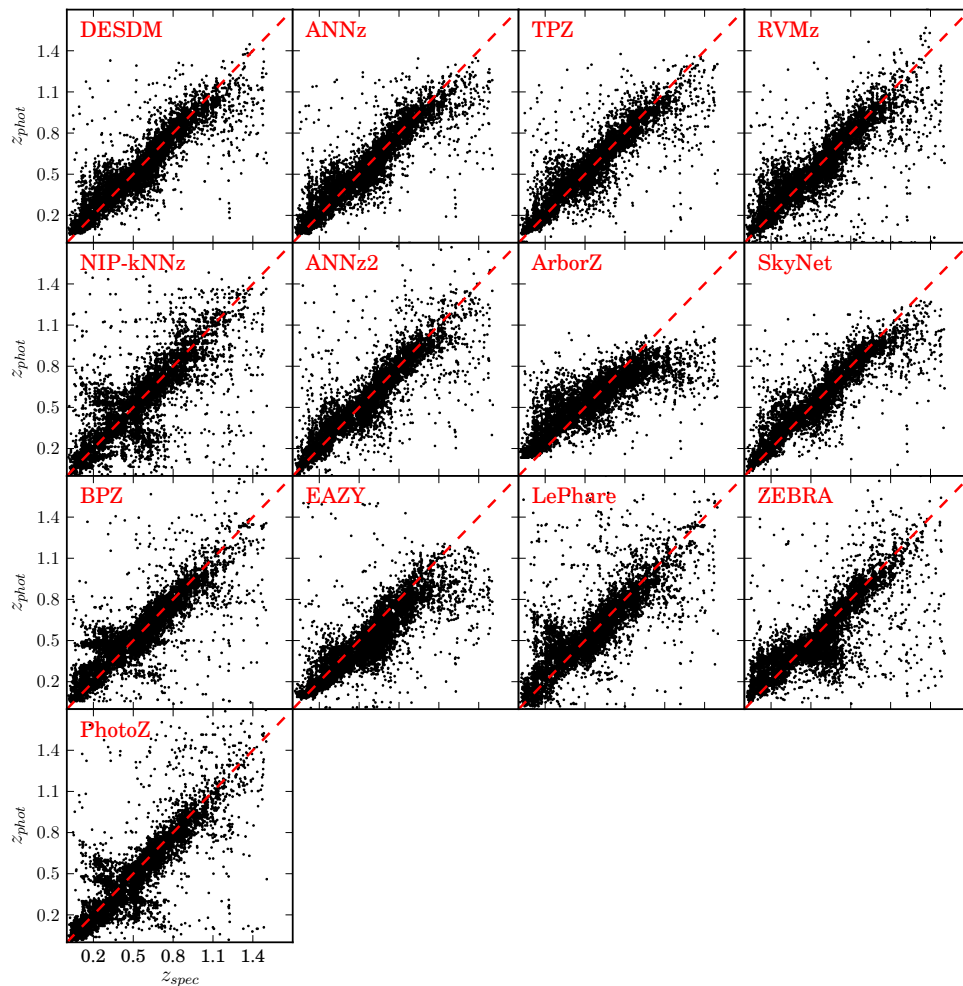
$3 \leq z_flag < 5$

about 15600 gal



13 Photo-z Algorithms Have Been Tried

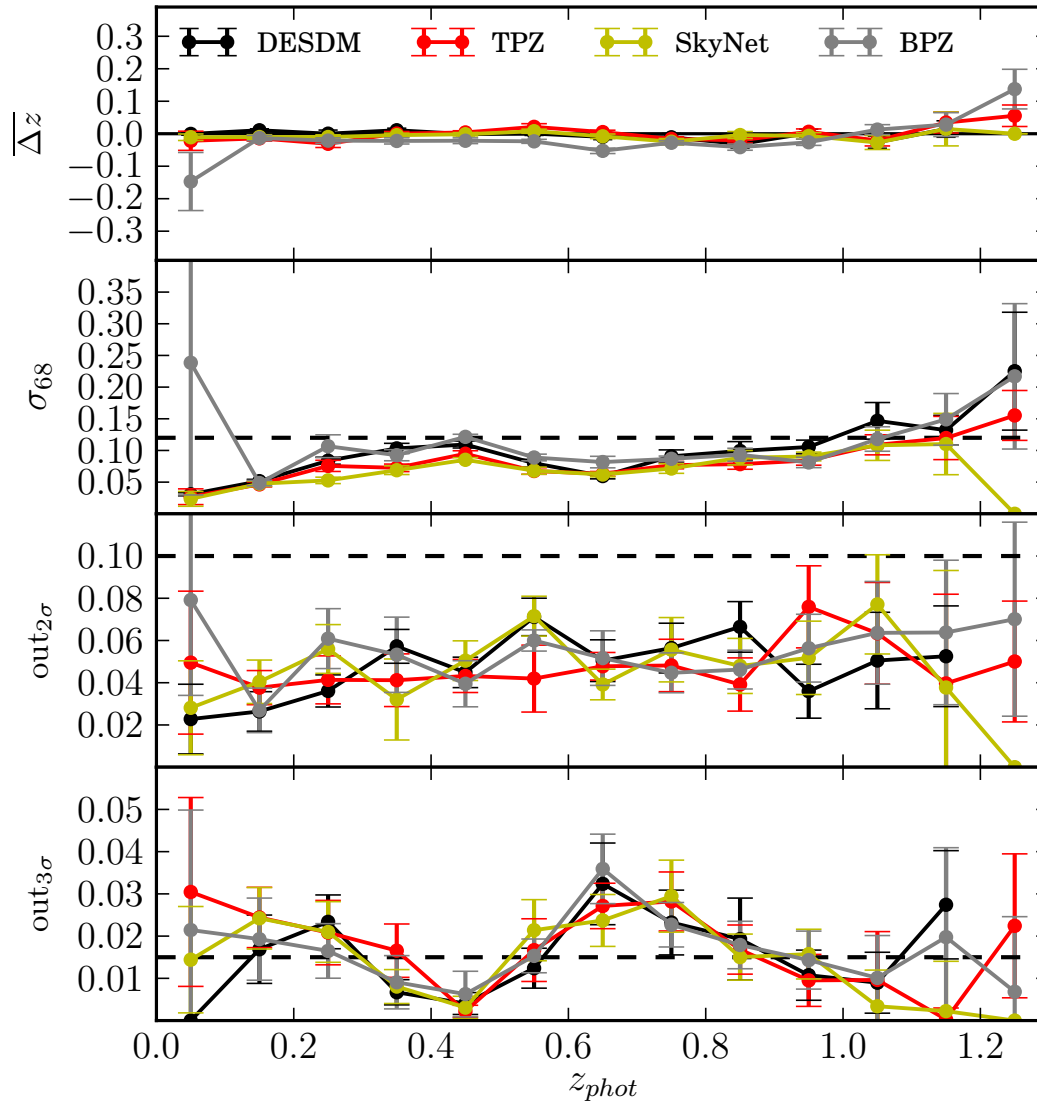
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Four Algorithms Studied in More Detail

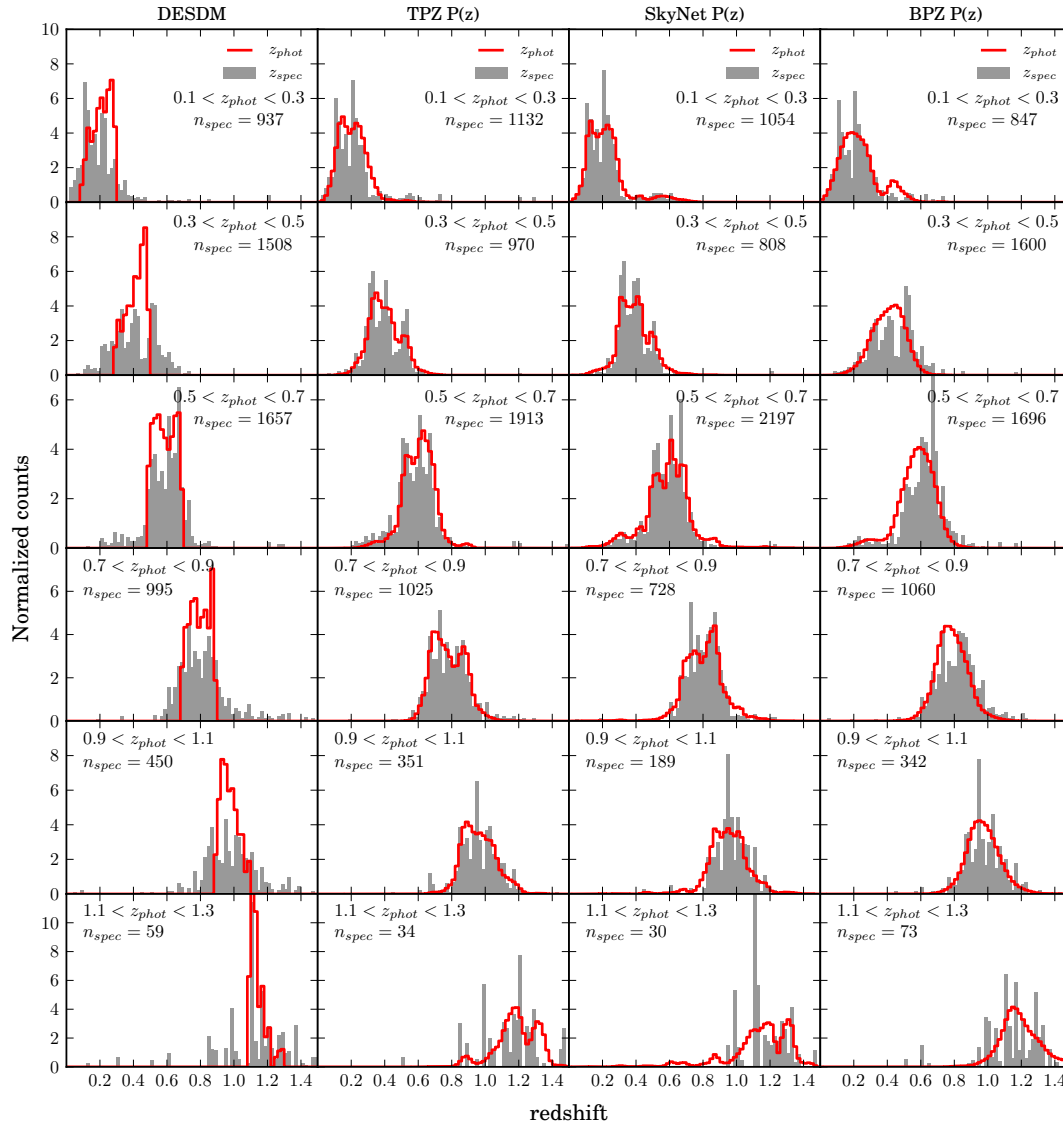
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Calibrated True $N(z)$ in Photo-z Bins

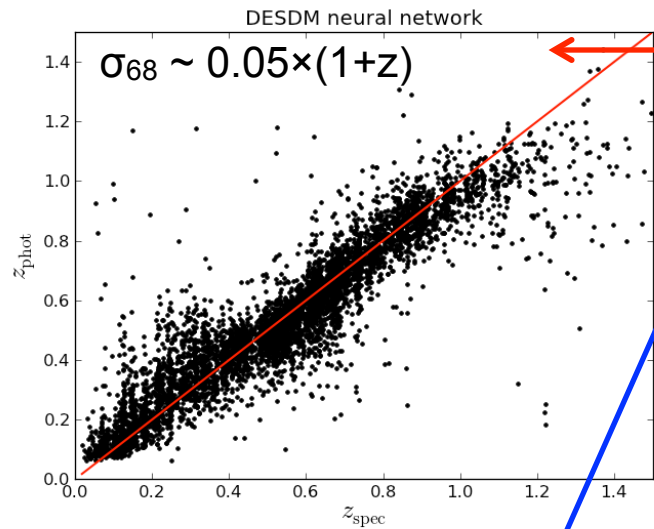
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Example: DESDM Artificial Neural Net

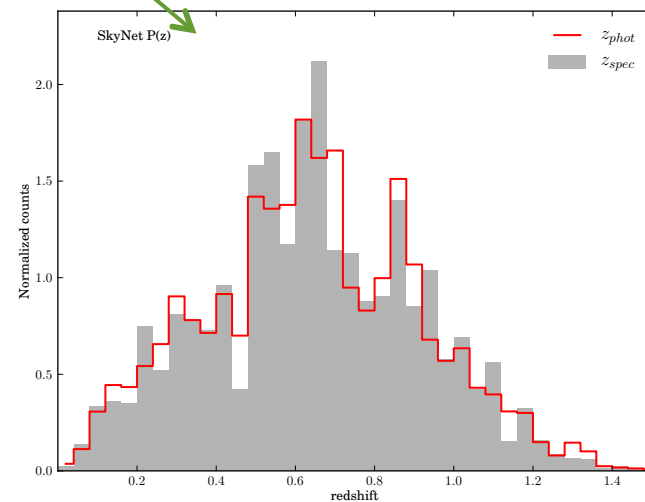
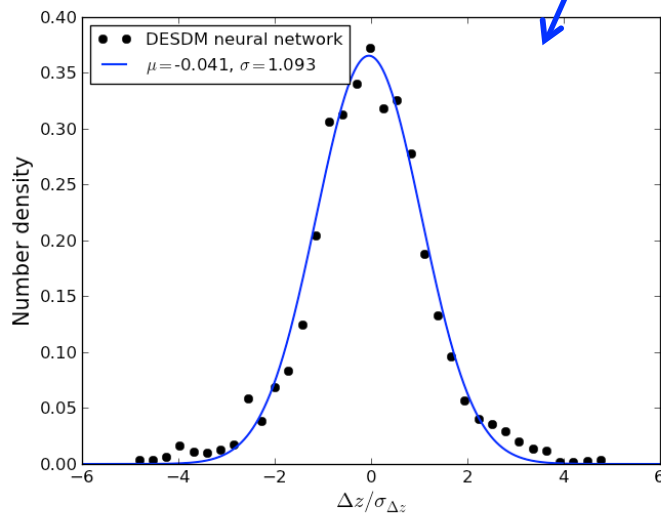
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- Photo-z vs. spectroscopic z

- Pull distribution:
(photo-z - spec z) / $\sigma(\text{photo-z})$

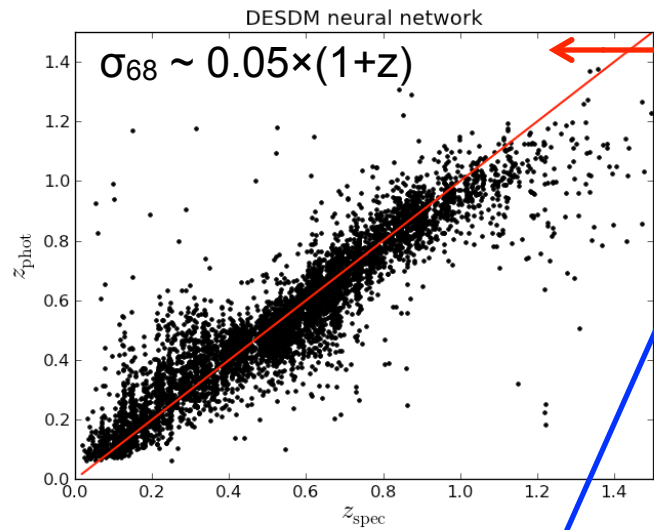
- Photo-z distribution compared to spectroscopic z distribution





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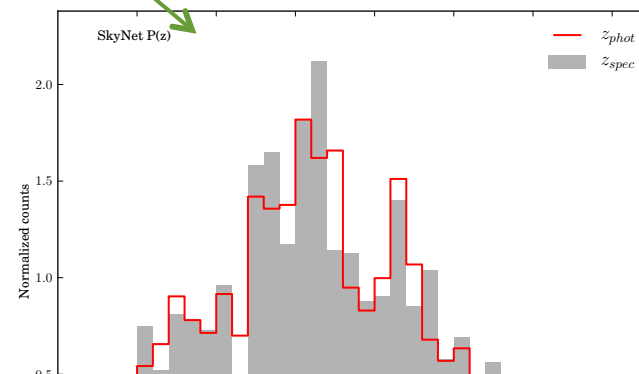
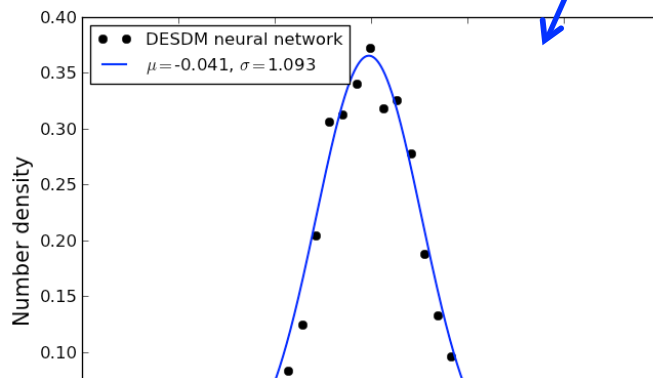
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This paper proves that DES can measure colors, even in the Science Verification preliminary data set.



Other SV Analyses in the Pipeline

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Galaxy Clustering and validation against CFHTLS

DES SV Galaxies cross-correlated with CMB lensing

SPT-SZE signature of DES SV RedMaPPer clusters

Joint Optical and Near Infrared Photometry from DES and VHS

Galaxy Populations within SPT Selected Clusters

DES/XCS: X-ray properties of galaxy clusters in DES SV

The Dark Energy Survey SV Shear Catalogue: Pipeline and tests

Calibrated Ultra Fast Image Simulations for the Dark Energy Survey

DES13S2cmm: The first Super-luminous Supernova from DES

The Dark Energy Survey Supernova Survey: Search Strategy and Algorithm

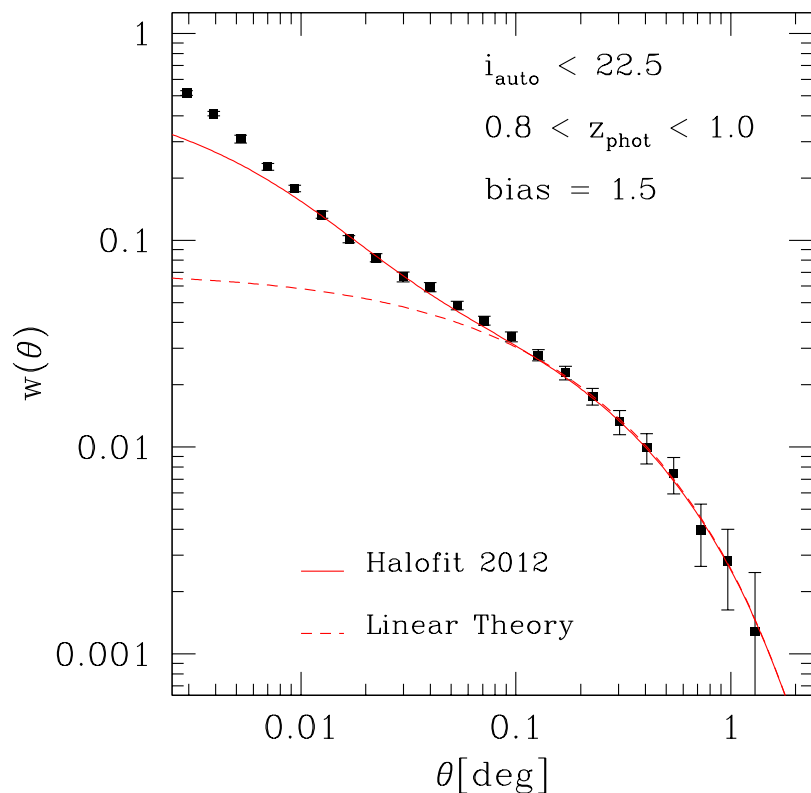
Wide-Field Mass Mapping with the DES SVA1 data



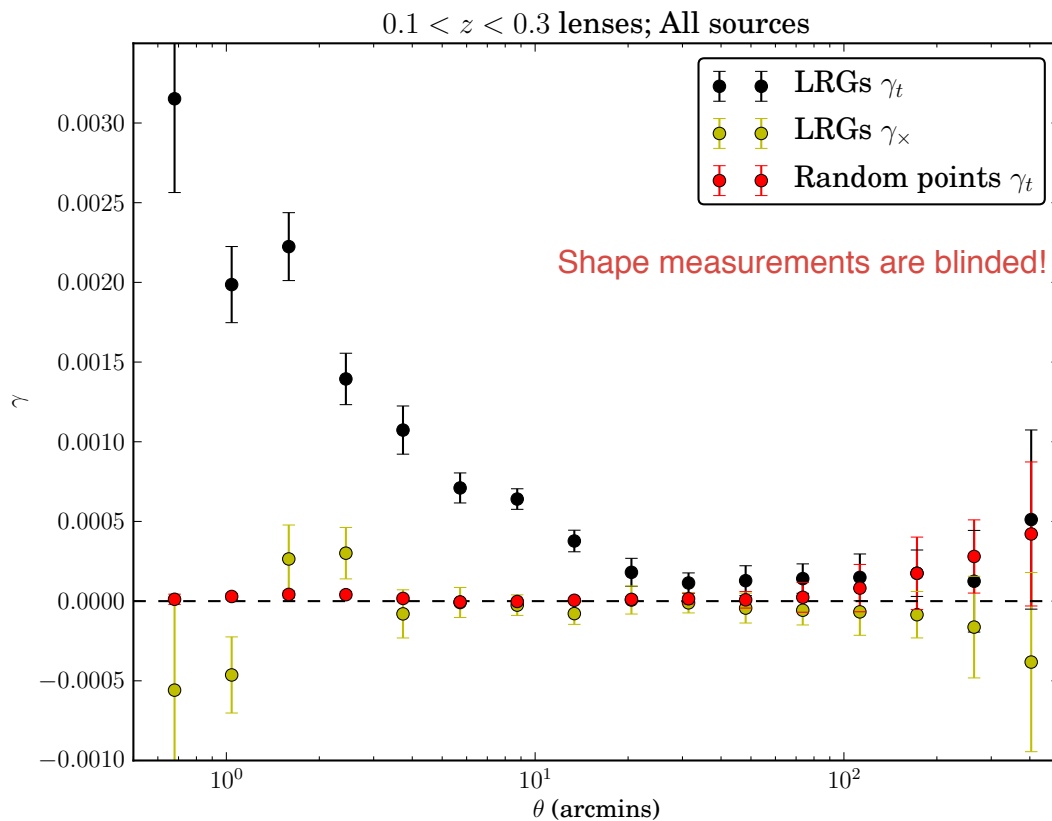
SV Data Analyses

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LSS: Galaxy-galaxy correlations



Weak lensing: Galaxy-shear correlations

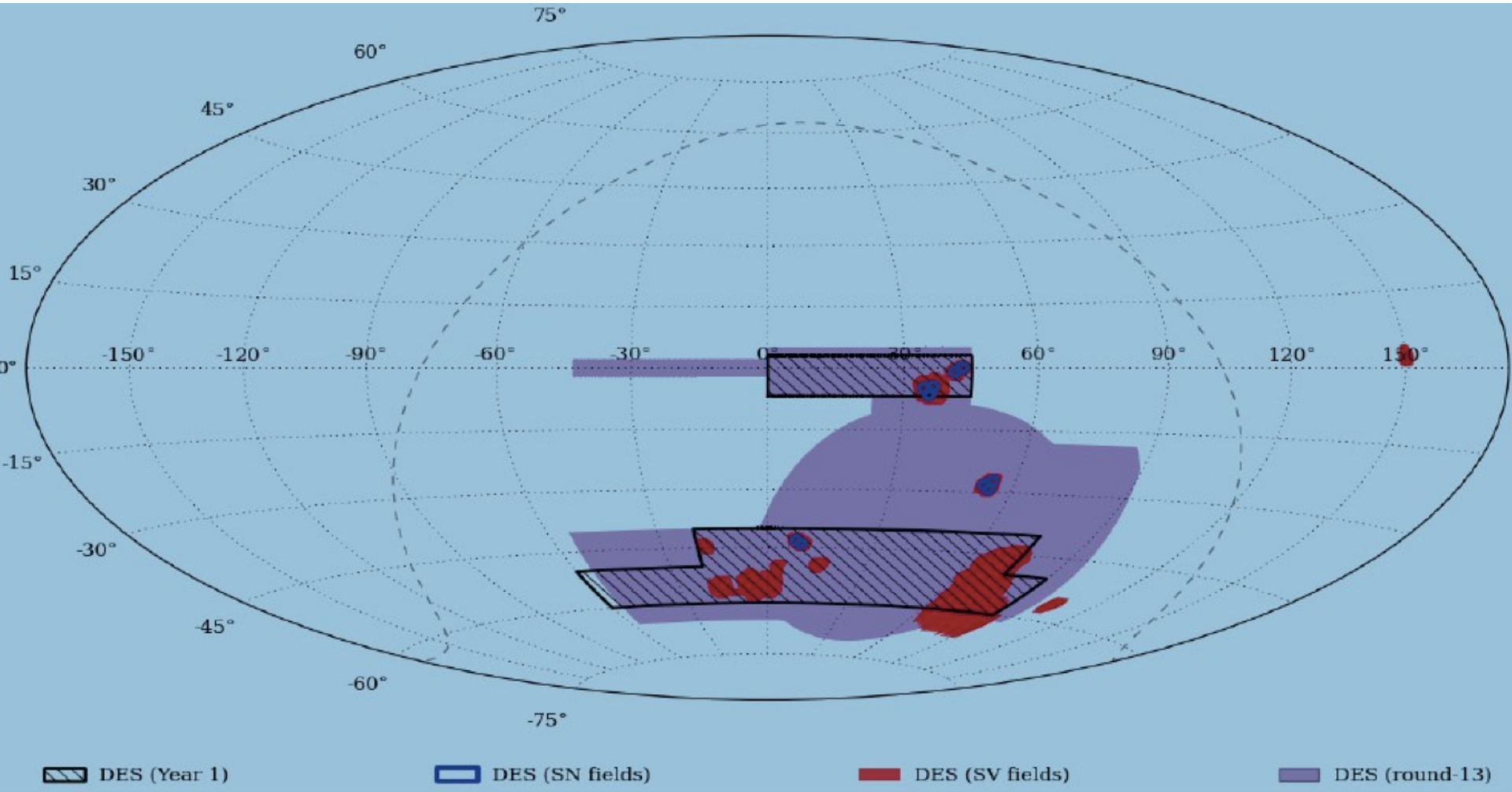


Analyses on LSS and on WL+LSS combination in DES-SV are led by DES/Spain scientists



Year 1 of 5 (Sep '13 - Feb '14)

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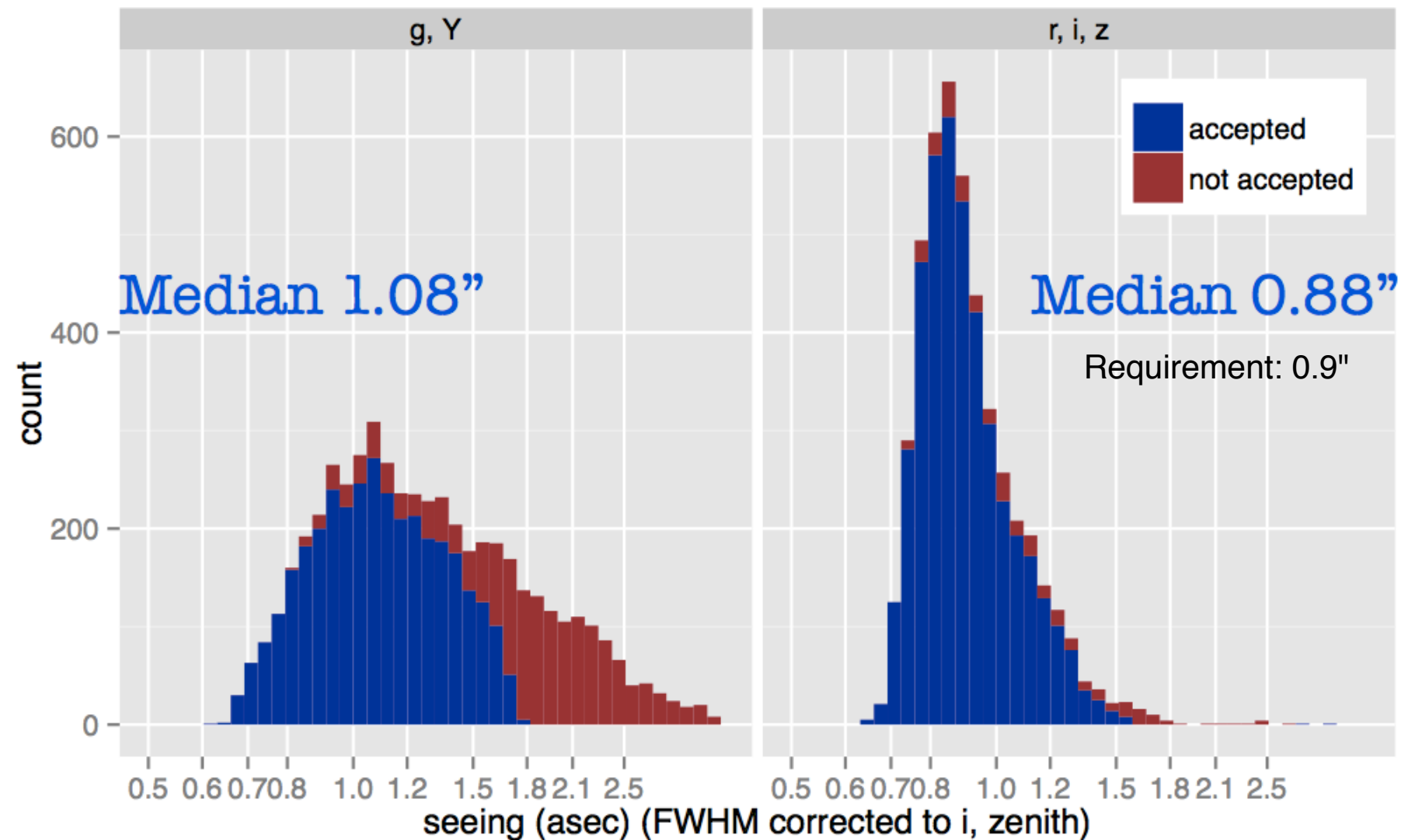


2000+ sq. deg., 4 tilings grizY + SN fields Data being processed



PSF FWHM for Y1 Data

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Summary

- DES successfully started data taking in Nov. 2012, with a Science Verification (SV) period.
- Science Verification data have enough quality to do first science with them.
- DES/Spain leading in several areas of SV analysis: calibration, photo-zs, galaxy-galaxy correlations, galaxy-galaxy lensing.
- Very fruitful collaboration between DES/Spain institutions: CIEMAT / ICE (IEEC-CSIC) / IFAE / UAM.
- DES survey started in Aug. 2013, will last till Feb. 2018.
- Looking forward to analyses with Year 1 data sample and beyond.