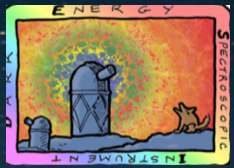


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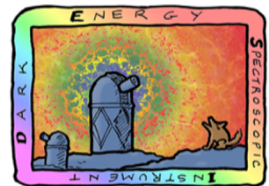


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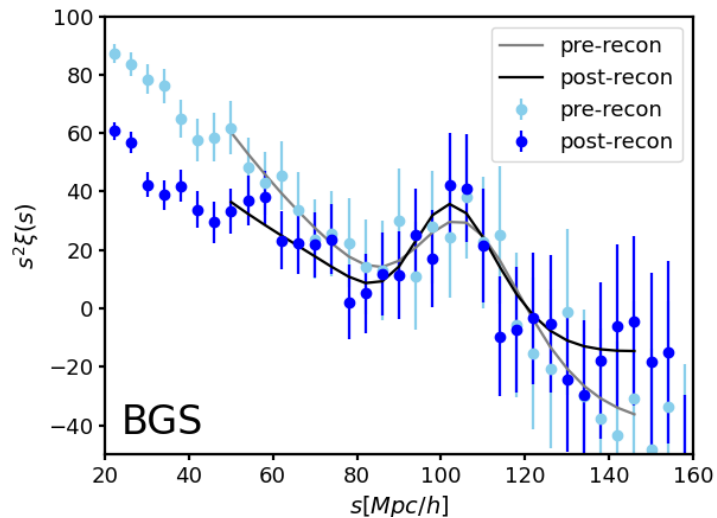
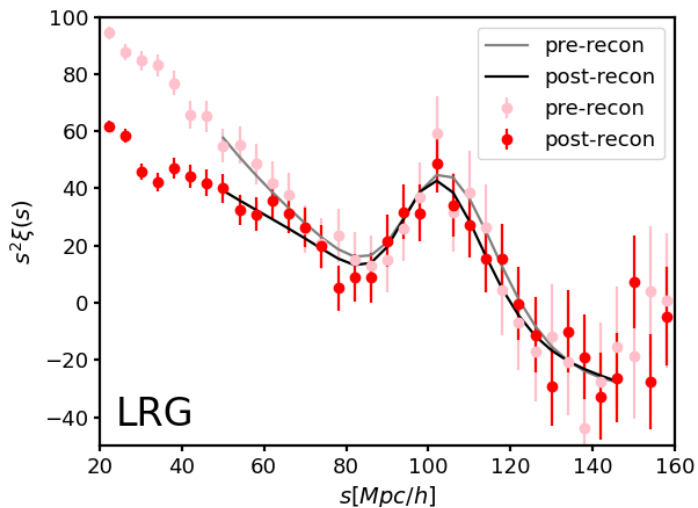
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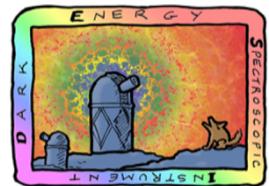


## KEY RESULTS

- ▶ **DESI-M2 LRG** →  $5\sigma$  BAO detection with 1.7% precision
- ▶ **DESI-M2 BGS** →  $3\sigma$  BAO detection with 2.6% precision

## MAIN MESSAGES

1. **Key milestone** → 2 months of DESI data  $\equiv$  BOSS DR12
2. Early validation of DESI spectroscopic pipeline and data management system + spectrograph quality control
3. DESI on target to achieve 0.29% precision BAO detection with Y5 LRG sample → set novel standards in cosmology



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# Outline



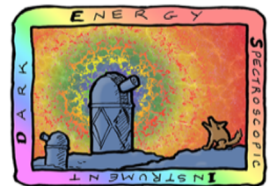
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2. DESI: A Powerful Stage-IV Instrument
3. **Early DESI Data: First BAO Detection**
  - Summary and Outlook

## PRIMARY REFERENCE

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# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

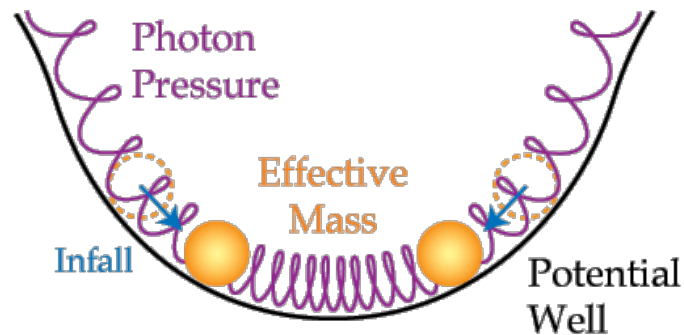
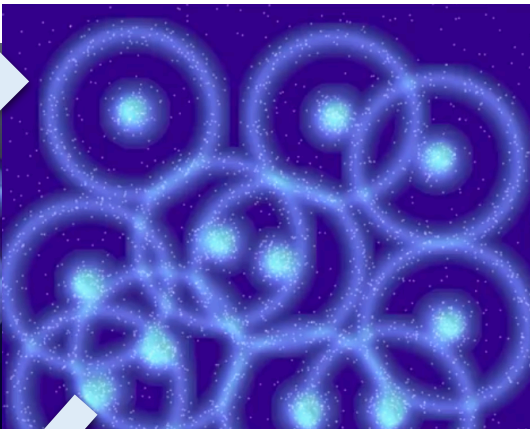
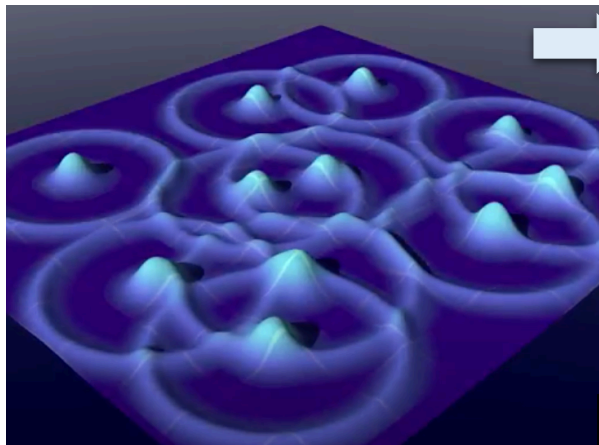
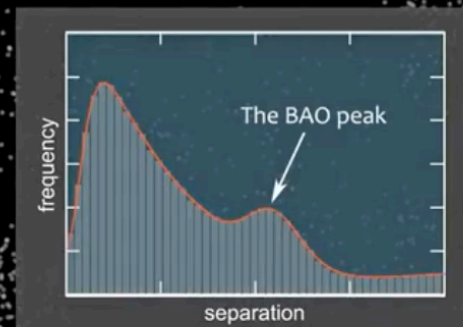
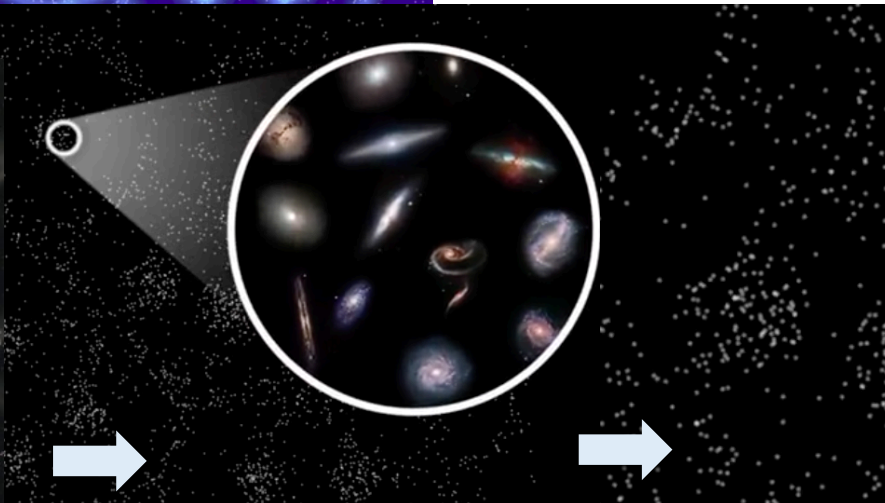
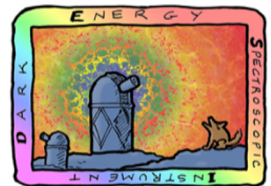


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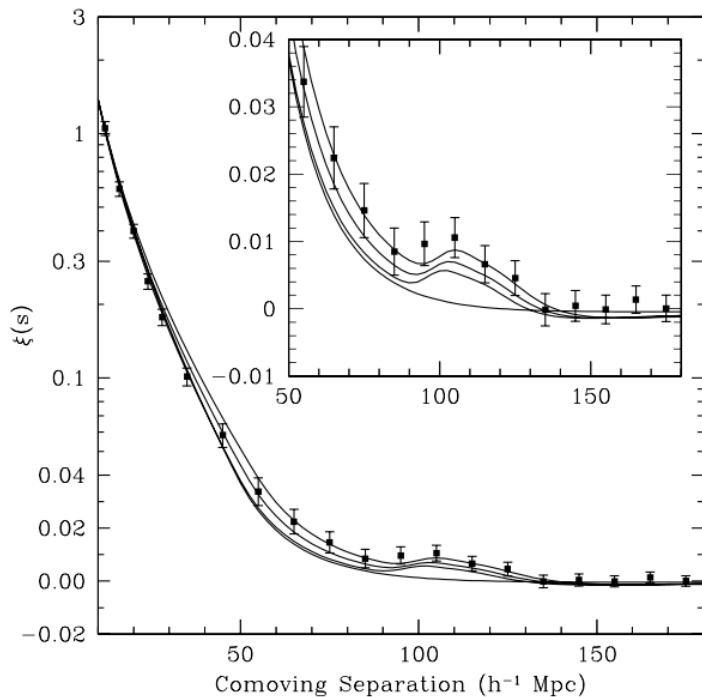
# BAO Detection: Basics

**2PCF**



$$dP = n[1 + \xi(r)]dV$$

$$dP = N[1 + \omega(\theta)]d\Omega$$



**Eisenstein et al. (2005)**

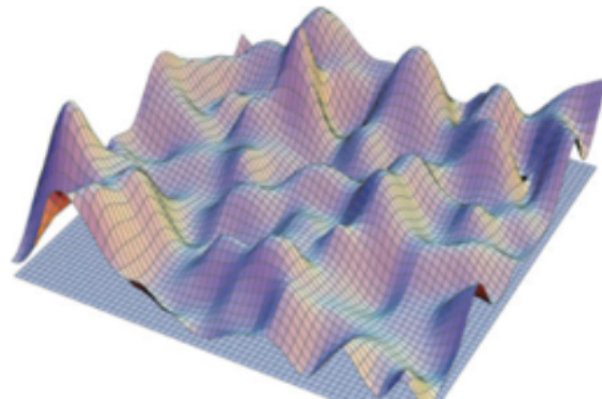
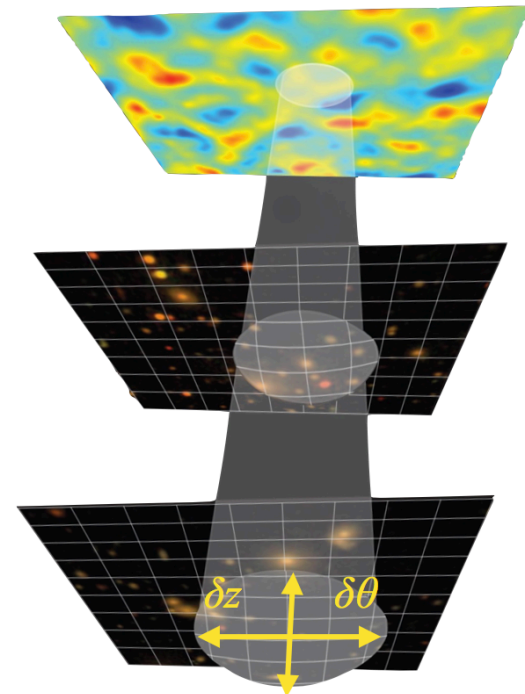


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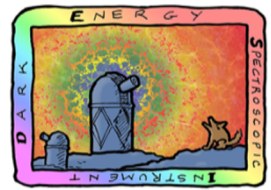


**AP Parameters**



$$\alpha_{\parallel} = \frac{H'(z_m) r'_d}{H(z_m) r_d}$$

$$\alpha_{\perp} = \frac{D_M(z_m) r'_d}{D'_M(z_m) r_d}$$



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# 'Traditional' LSS Tracers

LRGs



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ELGs



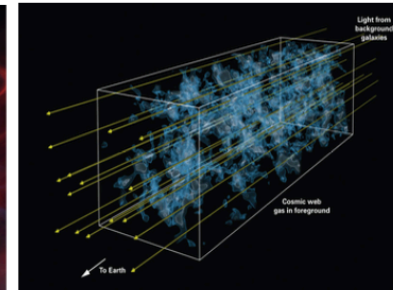
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QSOs



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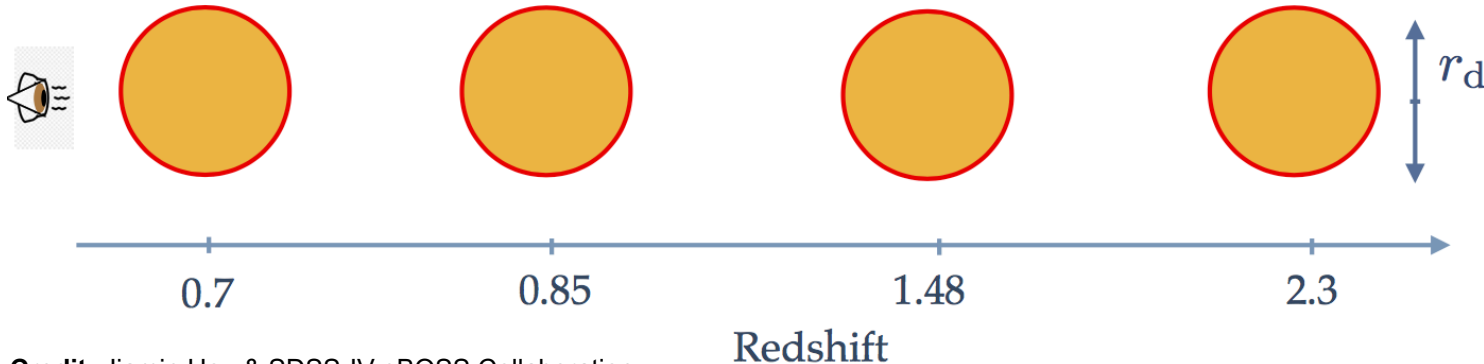
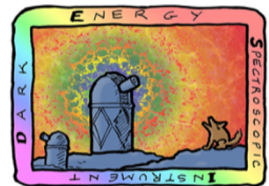


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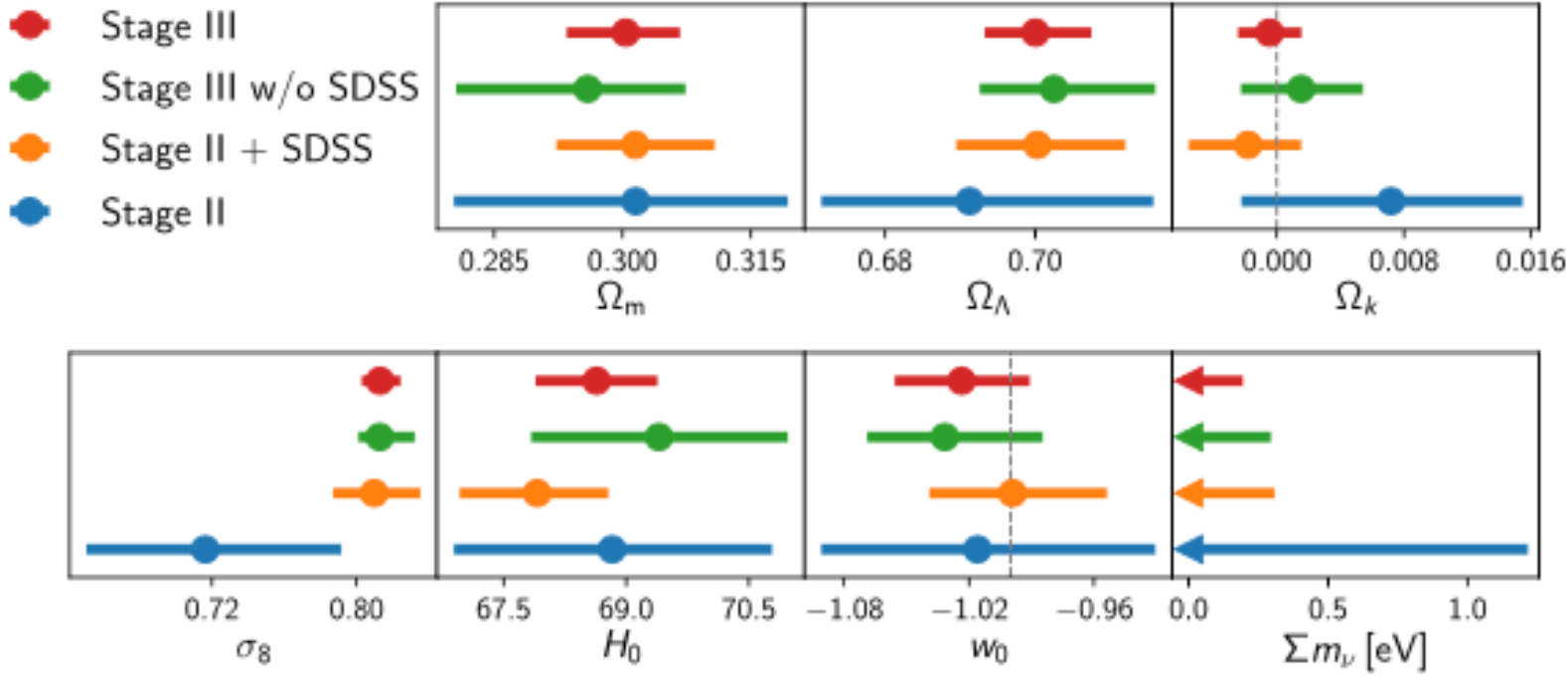
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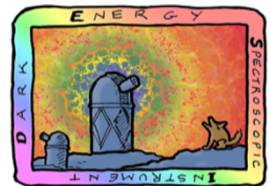
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# Cosmology from BAOs



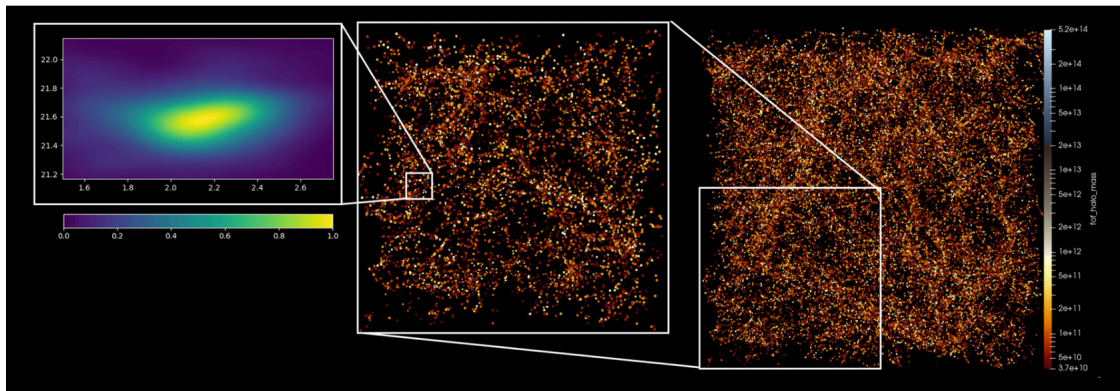
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# BAO Mock Challenges



## BASELINE SIMULATION

Outer Rim (Heitmann et al. 2019)

## HOD MODEL STYLES

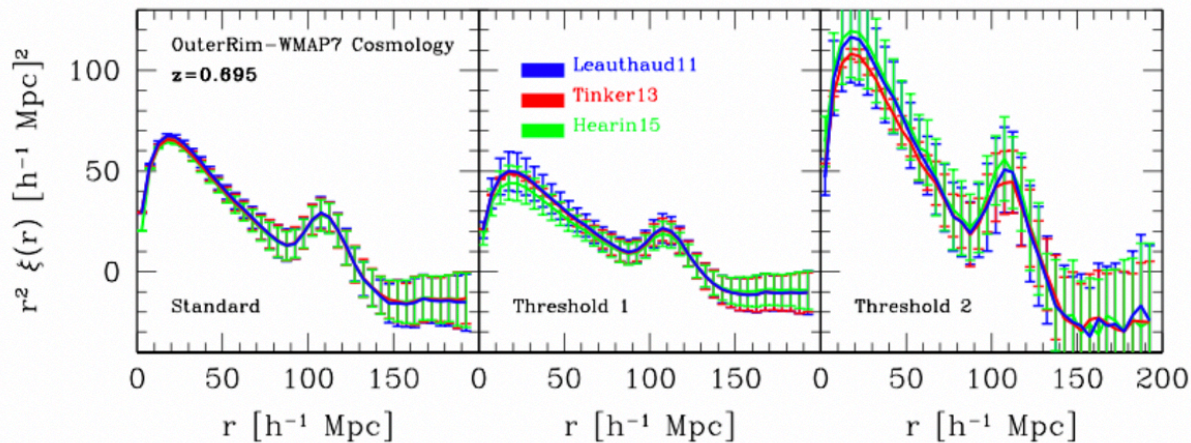
- Traditional HOD → Zheng07, Leauthaud11
- HOD with color/SFR → Tinker13
- Decorated HOD → Hearin15
- Customized HOD → Zheng07 with additions

## BAO Systematics

- Performance of BAO template
- Impact of Reference cosmology
- Effect on Non-Periodicity on BAO
- Impact of HODs on BAO

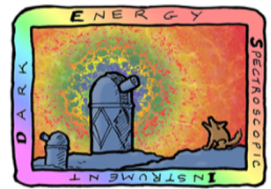
## RSD Systematics

- Optimal Range of scales
- Performance of RSD Modeling
- Impact of Reference cosmology
- Effect on Non-Periodicity on RSD Modeling
- Impact of HODs on RSD Modeling



G. Rossi, P.D. Choi, J. Moon, et al. (2021), MNRAS, 505, 377

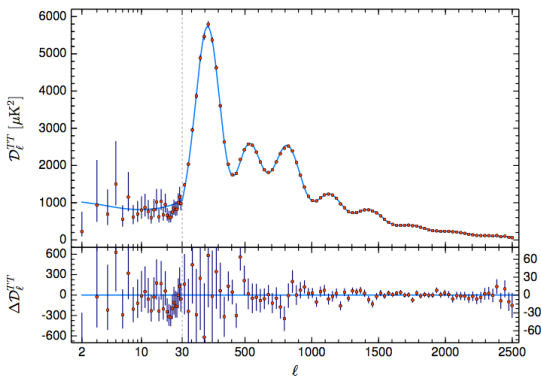
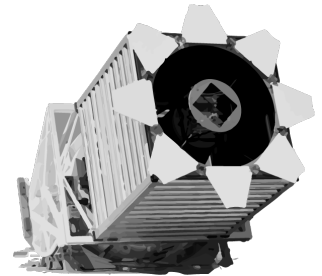
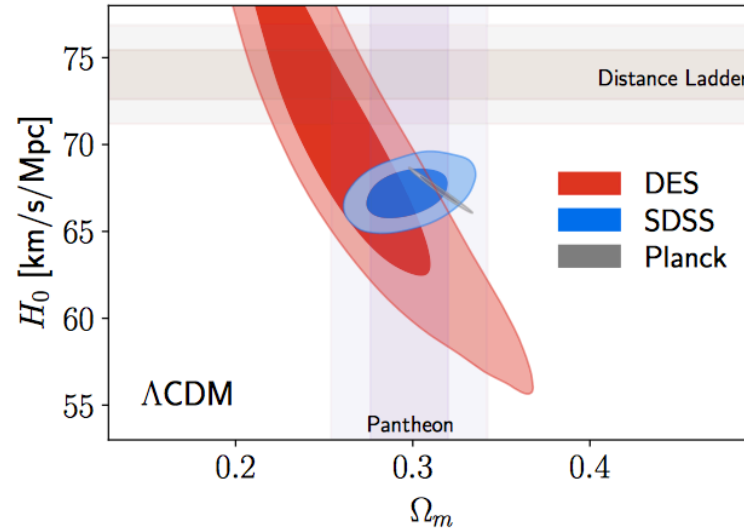
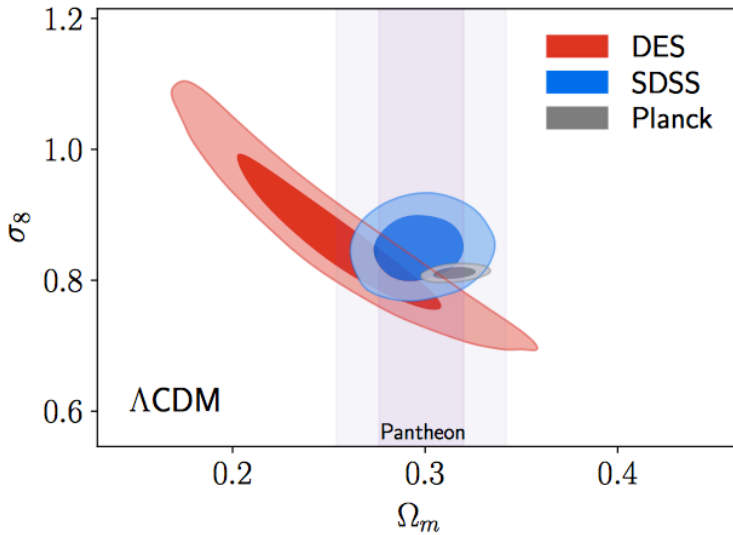




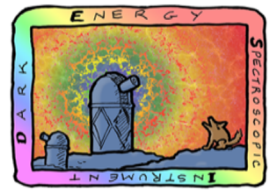
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# Consistency with BAO



*SDSS DR16 (eBOSS Collab. et al. 2021)*  
*PLANCK 2018 (Planck Coll. 2020 - VI)*



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# DESI: A Stage-IV Experiment



Focal Plane Assembly with 5000 Fiber Positioners

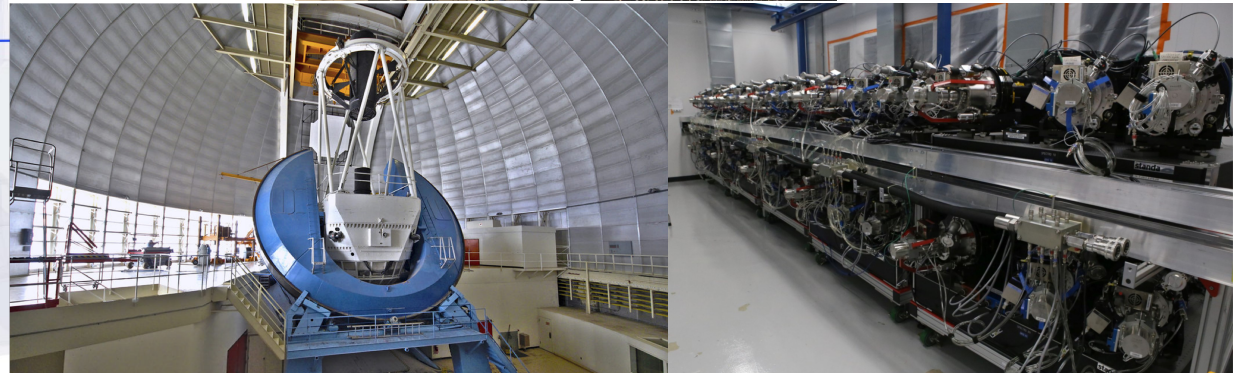
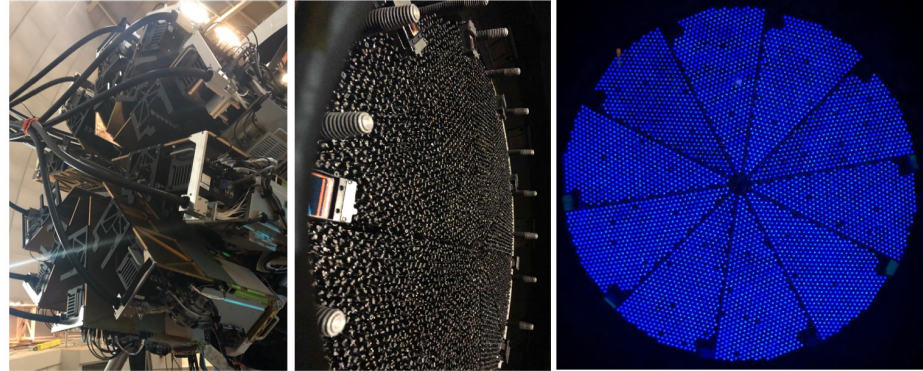
Calibration Lamp System

Top Ring, Vanes, and Cage

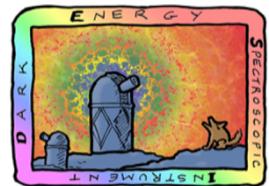
Six-lens, 8 sq. deg, Wide-Field Corrector on a Hexapod

Ten Thermally-Controlled, 3-Channel Spectrographs 360-980 nm

Ten, 50-m long Fiber Cables



DESI → only Stage-IV experiment currently taking data



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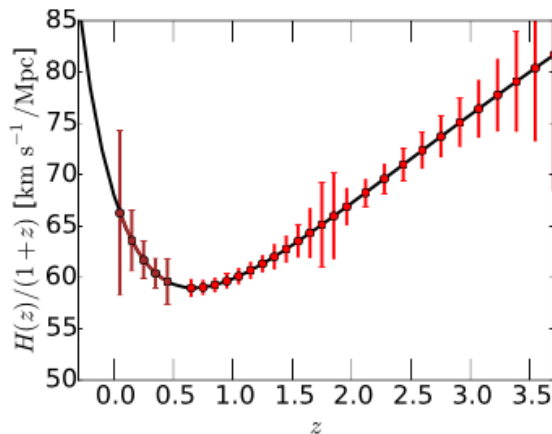
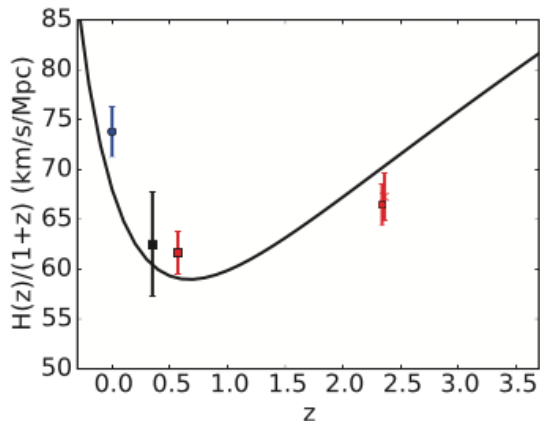
# DESI Science



## DESI PRIMARY SCIENCE TARGETS

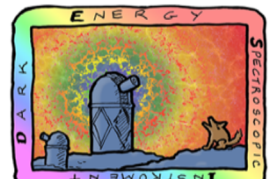
- **BAO, RSD, DE** → 1% level measurements of distance scale in 35 z-bins
- **Neutrino mass** →  $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.020$  eV
- **Modified gravity** → stringent bounds
- **PNG & Inflation** →  $\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) \sim 5$

## 26 APPROVED DESI SECONDARY PROGRAMS



**DESI Collaboration**  
*@Durham, July 2023*

**DESI** → order-of-mag improvement  
in volume surveyed & in # of galaxies  
over SDSS-IV eBOSS



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# DESI on Fire ...



June 29, 2022



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KPNO Mayall 4m



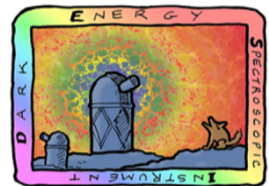
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## Contreras Fire Threatens DESI and Kitt Peak National Observatory



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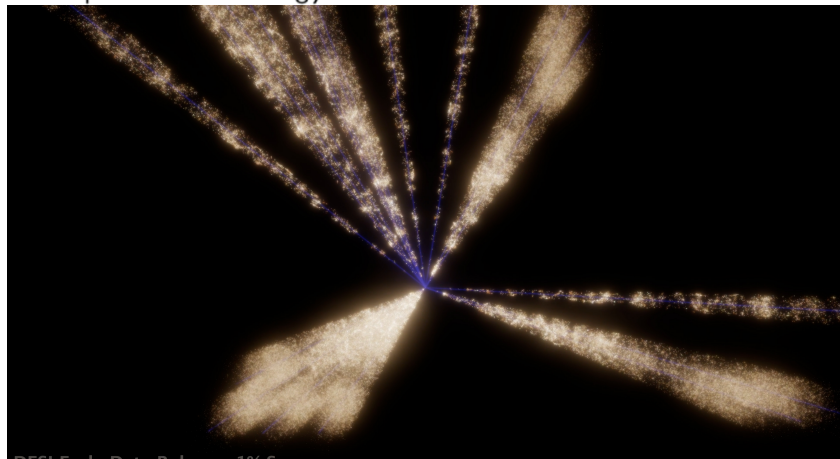




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# DESI EDR Public on June 13, 2023



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## DESI Early Data Release Holds Nearly Two Million Objects

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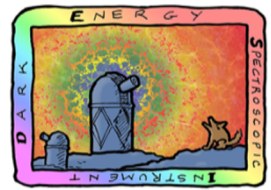
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### The Early Data Release of the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

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# DESI Early BAO Paper

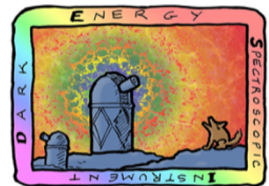


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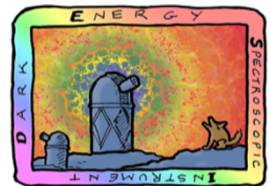
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# Rationale and Goals



- **First Early Data Quality Check**
  - DESI first 2 months (i.e., DESI-M2) unblinded for testing
  - Can we detect BAO with just 2 months of DESI observations?
  - Important milestone towards DESI Y1 & Y5 Key Science
- **Early DESI Pipeline Validation / Complex Instrument Tests**
- **Estimates for Expected Quality of Completed Survey**
  - DESI Y5 Fisher forecasts based on early DESI BAO results

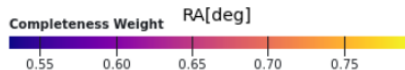
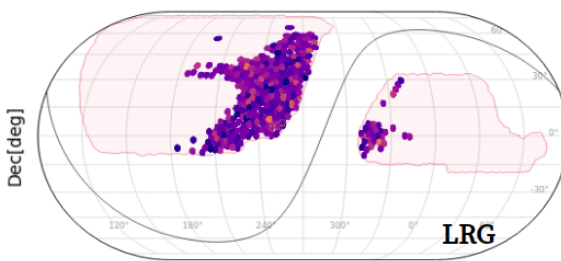
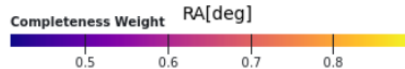
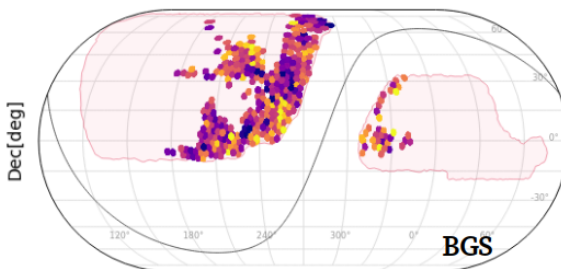
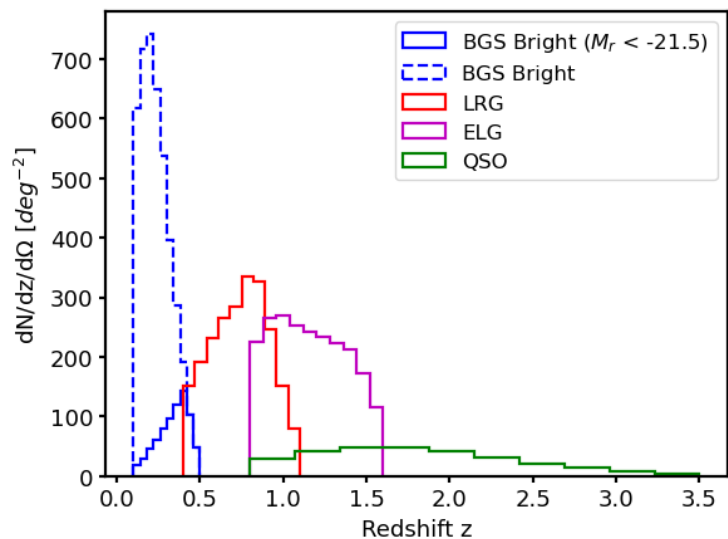


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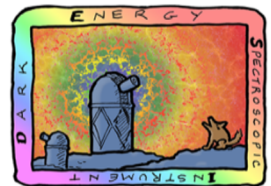
# Main Tracers: LRGs & BGS



- First 2 months of **main survey** observations => **DESI-M2** (May 14 - July 9, 2021)
- Mostly first pass tiles that do not overlap each other
- Quite incomplete, unblinded
- In *dark time* → QSO, LRG, ELG
- In *bright time* → BGS, MWS
- Focus on LRGs & BGS (most complete and enough # density)
- BGS flux-limited and sample variance limited to  $z < 0.5$
- BGS mag cut
- 4 types of weights → COMP, SYS, ZFAIL, FKP

Target	$N_{\text{North}}$	$N_{\text{South}}$	$N_{\text{Total}}$	$z$ range	Area [deg <sup>2</sup> ]	Completeness
BGS Bright	239492	390988	630480	0.1 - 0.5	3677	0.500
BGS Bright, $M_r < -21.5$	38472	71051	109523	0.1 - 0.5	3677	0.500
LRG	80651	180640	261291	0.4 - 1.1	1651	0.579
ELG	55383	117145	172528	0.8 - 1.6	976	0.297
QSO	70337	153453	223790	0.8 - 3.5	2906	0.778





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# Mock Catalogs



## Mocks used for →

- (1) Statistical tests of performance of BAO fits
- (2) Validation of covariances in terms of BAO fitting

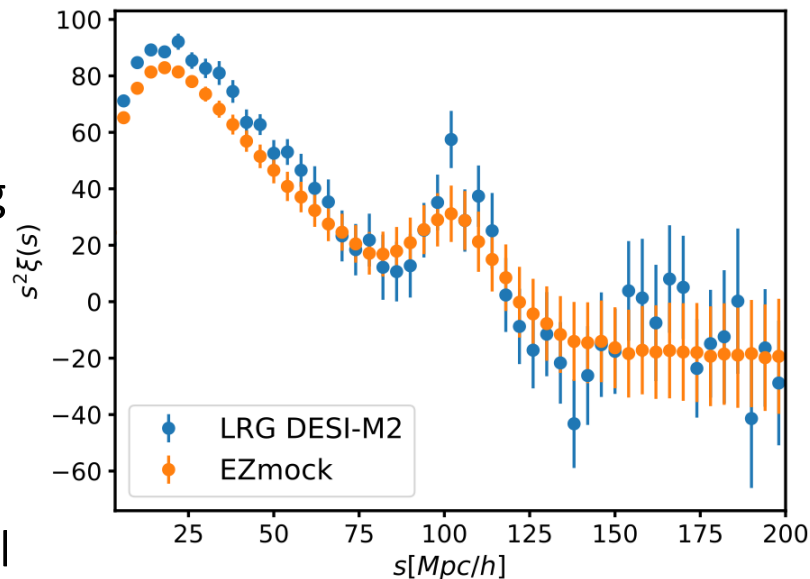
## Mock Types →

### (1) *AbacusSummit* Mocks

- *N*-body-based mocks (*Maksimova et al. 2021*)
- 25 cutsky realizations, 2Gpc/h + HOD + subsamp

### (2) *EZmocks*

- Extended Zel'dovich approximation (*Zhao et al. 2021*)
- 1000 realizations + HOD + subsamp



- **Survey realism** → sets of masks
- **Calibration** → 'One Percent Survey Data'

# Methodology



- **Template-based BAO fitting strategy**

- Anisotropic z-space CF with LS estimator (200 bins in angle)
- Only monopole (SN considerations) → Isotropic scale dilation parameter
- BOSS/eBOSS pipeline (*Xu et al. 2012; Ross et al. 2017*)  
for density field reconstruction and template fitting (4 fixed params)
- Advances necessary for exquisite precision for DESI Y1 & Y5
- Data fit → 5 parameters:  $\alpha$ , B & 3 nuisance parameters
- Best-fit  $\alpha$  by computing  $\chi^2$  goodness-of-fit indicator

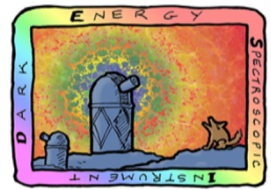
*Fitting range* : 50-150 Mpc/h & Bin size : 4 Mpc/h

=> Fits over 25 points using 5 param → 20 dof

$$\alpha = \frac{D_V(z) r_d^{\text{fid}}}{D_V^{\text{fid}}(z) r_d}$$

$$D_V(z) = \left[ cz(1+z)^2 H(z)^{-1} D_A^2(z) \right]^{1/3}$$

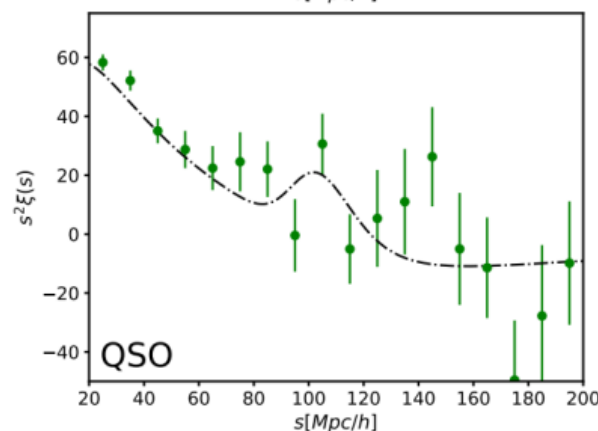
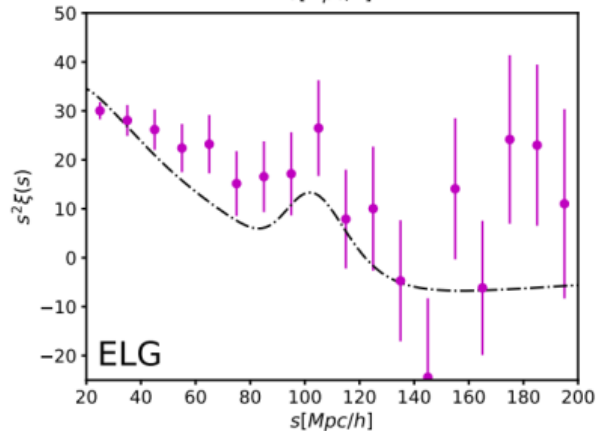
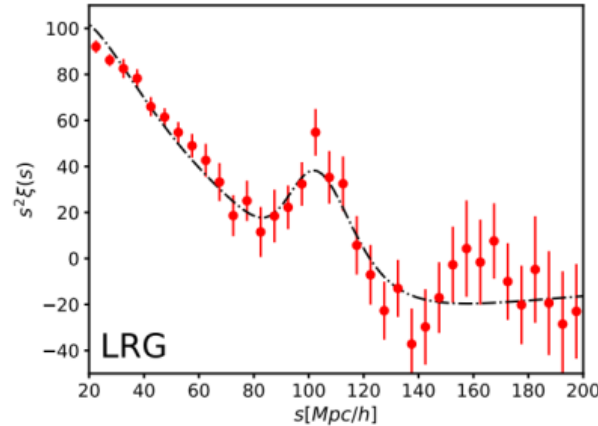
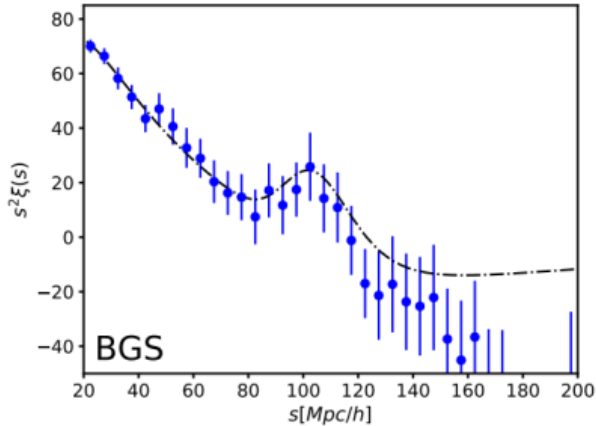
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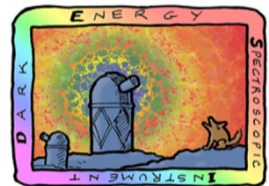
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# 2PCF Measurements



- *Dashed lines* → Damped linear theory
- No clear BAO peak in ELGs & QSOs
- BGS lower  $\xi(s)$  at large  $s$  → Bin-to-bin correlations,  $\xi(s)$  fitted up to  $\sim 150$  Mpc/h



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# Covariances



Name	Tracer	Notes
DESI-M2-EZ	LRG	Constructed from EZmock clustering
RascalC-EZ	LRG	RascalC calibrated on EZmock clustering
RascalC-LRG	LRG	RascalC calibrated on DESI-M2 LRG clustering
RascalC-BGS	BGS	RascalC calibrated on DESI-M2 BGS clustering

- o **RascalC Covariances**

- Semi-analytical, semi-empirical covariance

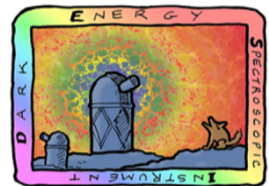
- (*Philcox et al. 2020; Rashkovetskyi et al. 2023*)

- Fast, flexible, precise → good agreement with mock-based cov

- Just need input 2PCF → analytical + internal approach

- Assume Gaussian & rescale shot-noise calibrated by data jackknife cov

- Random catalog for survey geometry

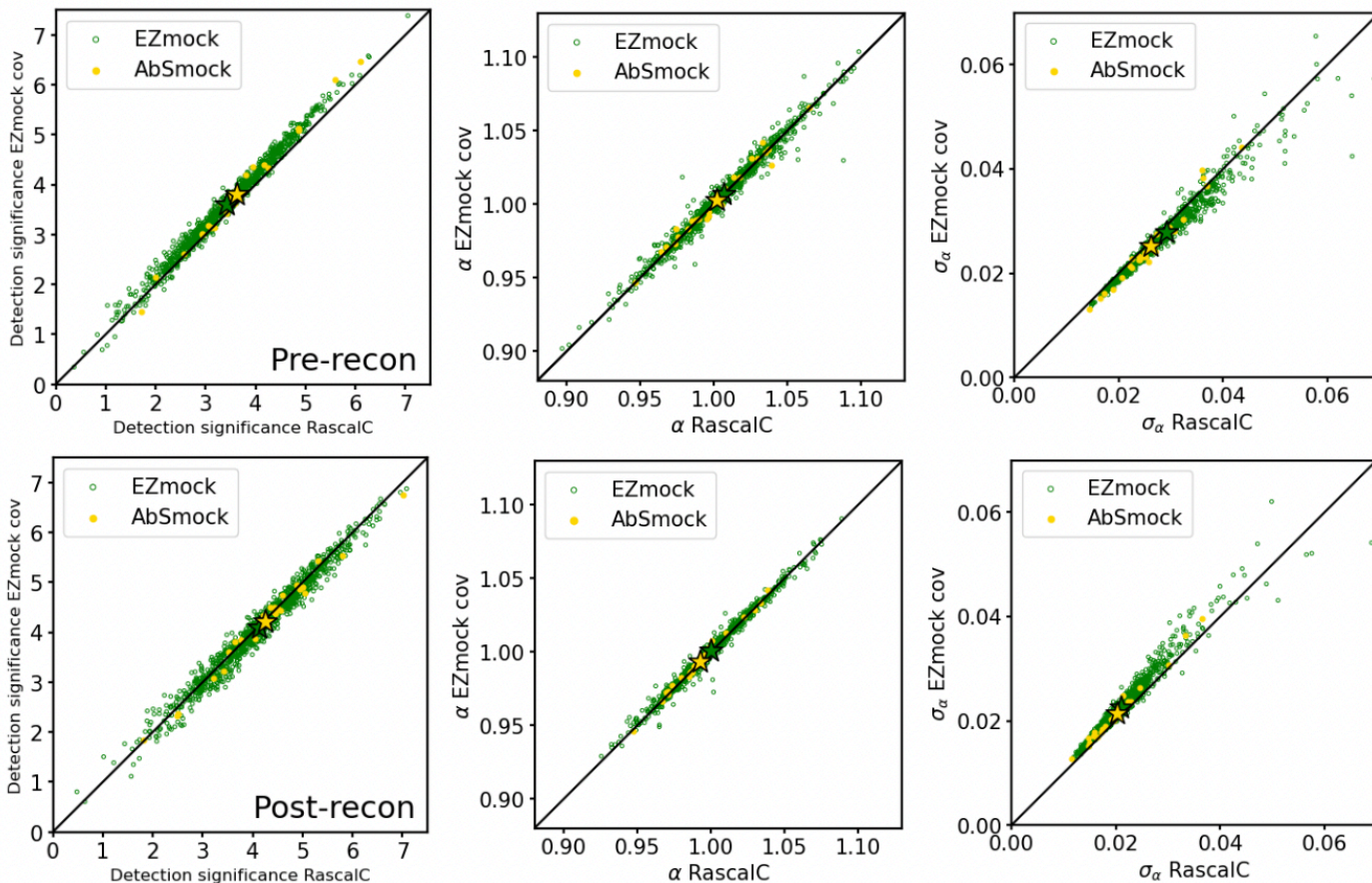


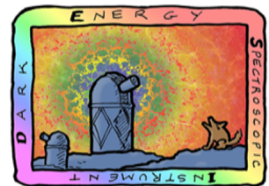
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# Validation of BAO Fitting Cov



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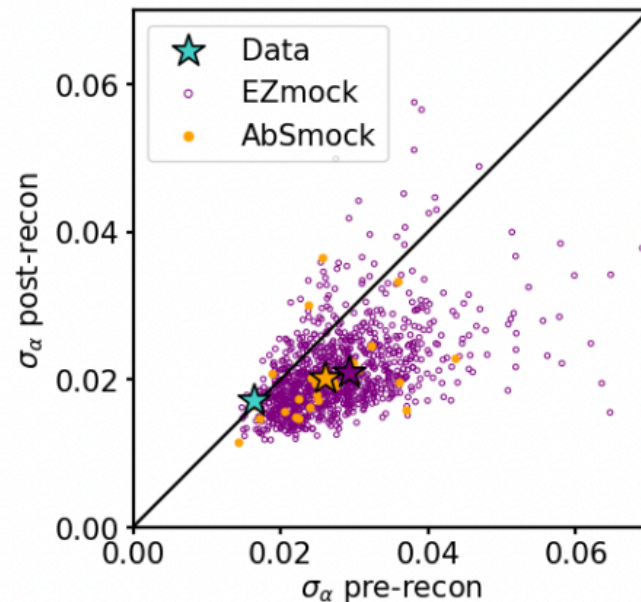
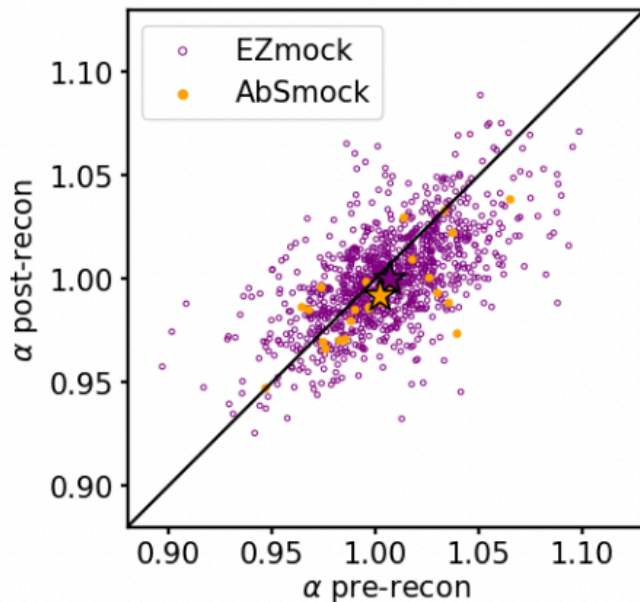
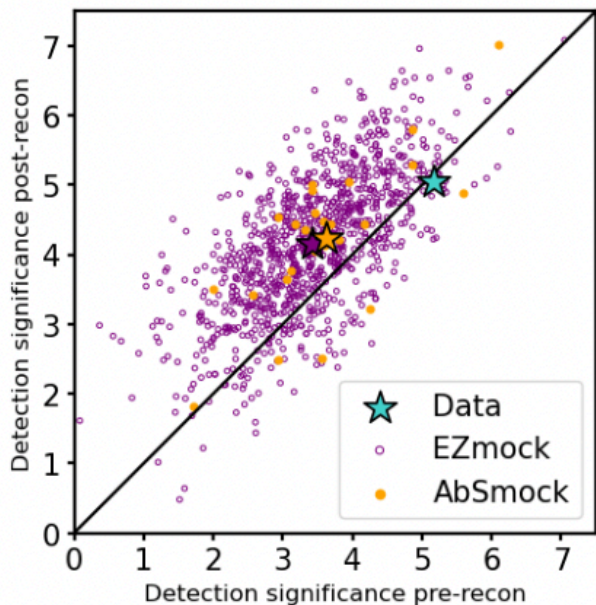
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# BAO Reconstruction Efficiency

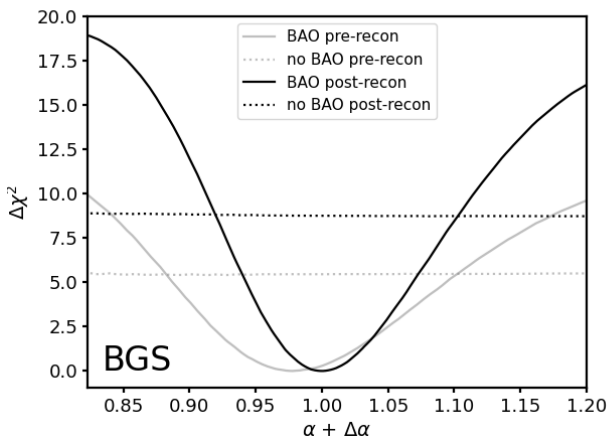
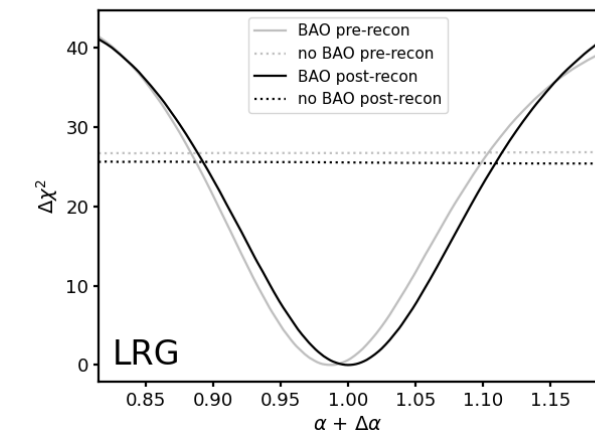
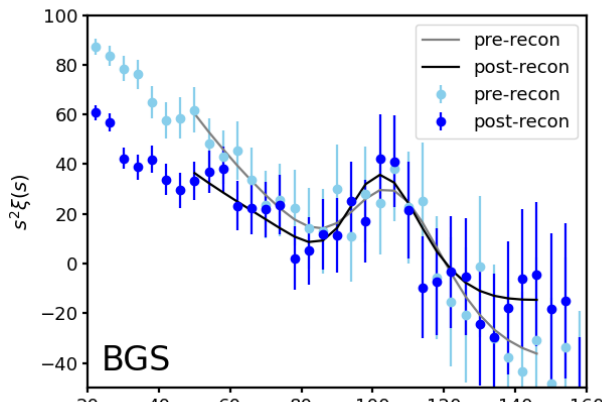
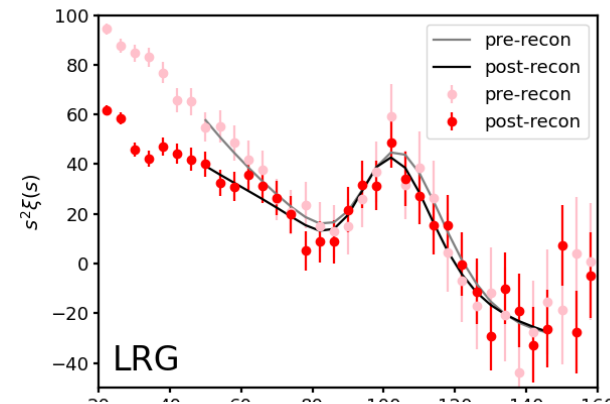


*IterativeFFTReconstruction algorithm (Burden et al. 2015)*



Fits  $\rightarrow$  adopting *RascalC-EZ covs*

# BAO Detection: Main Results



**LRGs  $\rightarrow \sim 5\sigma$  with 1.7% precision**

(BOSS DR9 1.6%, DR12 1.0%,  $0.43 < z < 0.7$ )

**BGS  $\rightarrow \sim 3\sigma$  with 2.6% precision**

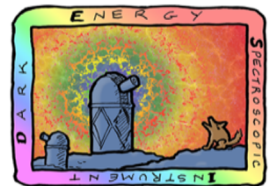
(BOSS DR12 1.7%,  $0.15 < z < 0.43$ )

Shifted  $\alpha$  values by  $\Delta\alpha$

$\rightarrow \min\Delta\chi^2$  of post-recon LRG is at unity

$\rightarrow$  Mag of shift  $< 1\sigma \rightarrow$  fid. cosmology consistency

Sample	Reconstruction	BAO Detection Significance	$\alpha + \Delta\alpha$	$\min(\chi^2)/\text{dof}$
DESI-M2 LRG	Pre-recon	5.170	$0.987 \pm 0.016$	15.619 / 20
	Post-recon	5.050	$1.000 \pm 0.017$	13.463 / 20
DESI-M2 BGS	Pre-recon	2.337	$0.980 \pm 0.040$	13.172 / 20
	Post-recon	2.963	$1.001 \pm 0.026$	16.724 / 20



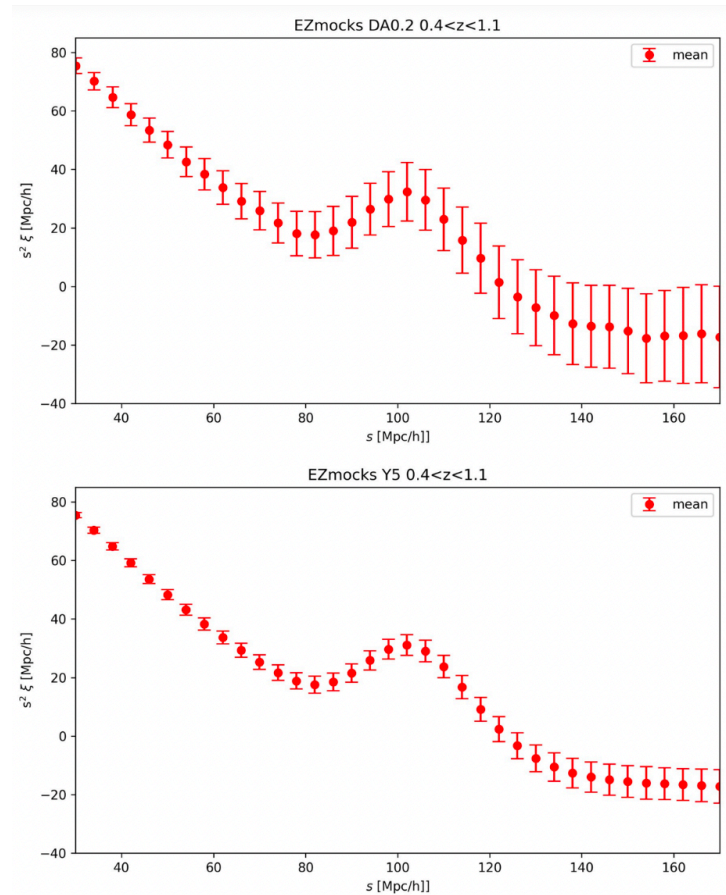
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# Fisher Forecasts: DESI-M2 LRG



- Fisher on LRG isotropic BAO scale
- Post-recon EZmock DESI-M2 LRG cov + Post-recon Ezmock cov Y5 + Best-fit monopole for DESI-M2
- Factor of **~5.8** improvement for full survey → **~0.29%** BAO precision expected for Y5 LRG sample over  $0.4 < z < 1.1$







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# Outreach & Promoting DESI

## Cosmology Talks - Youtube

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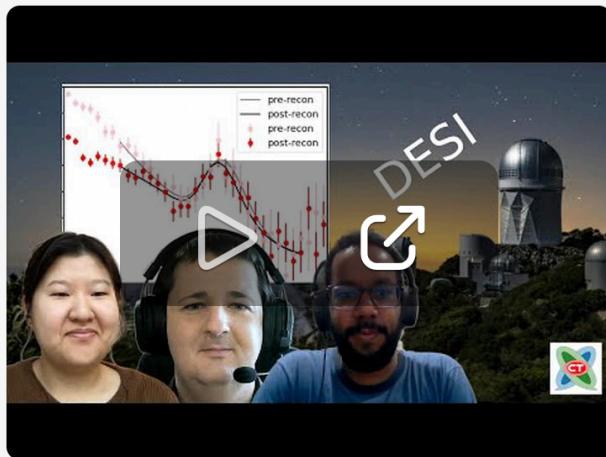
### First Detection of the BAO Signal from Early DESI Data

Tue. April 18, 1:42 p.m. – 1:54 p.m. GMT-5  
Marquette V - 2nd Floor

We present the detection of the baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) signal using unblinded data collected during the initial two months of operations of the Stage-IV ground-based Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI). From 261,291 Luminous Red Galaxies spanning redshifts  $0.4 < z < 1.1$  and 1651 sq. deg. with a 57.9% completeness, we report a  $5\sigma$  level BAO detection at a precision of 1.7%. Using 630,480 Bright Galaxy Sample over  $0.1 < z < 0.5$ , 3677 sq. deg. with 50.0% completeness, we also detect the BAO feature at  $3\sigma$  significance with a 2.6% precision. These are an important milestone which confirms the choice of the survey design, quality performance of the complex robotically-actuated, fiber-fed DESI spectrograph, validates the spectroscopic pipeline and data management system. Based on these first promising results, we forecast that DESI is on target to achieve a high-significance BAO detection at a sub-percent accuracy with the completed 5-year survey data, meeting the Level 1 science requirements on BAO measurement precision. This will set novel standards in cosmology, and confirm DESI as one of the most competitive Stage-IV BAO experiments for large-scale spectroscopic surveys for the remainder of this decade.

### Presented By

- Michael Rashkovetskyi (Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian)



### Actual DESI Results! - BAO with BOSS Precision after just two months (Moon, Valcin & Saulder)

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Jeongin Moon, David Valcin and Christoph Saulder tell us about the first cosmologically relevant results from DESI (The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument). Specifically, they are presenting the first detection of the BAO (Baryon Acoustic Oscillations) from DESI.

With a "first detection" one would expect something mediocre, but even this result, using only two months of DESI data, has similar precision to the final BOSS data after years of operation. This is a very exciting time for cosmology as we wait for the full one year DESI results and cosmological constraints.

Jeongin, David and Christoph talk us through the galaxy subsets DESI will use (and which they have used in this analysis) as well as the statistical significance of the BAO detection and modelling required to quantify this.

With this detection they are able to also provide a forecast for the one year and five year results that is actually data driven, based on what they've actually seen so far (rather than just optimistic modelling). The forecast for the five year measurement looks exquisite.

## Cosmology from Home - Online conference

C. Saulder J. Moon D. Valcin M. Rashkovetskyi | First Detection of BAO Signal from Early DESI Data

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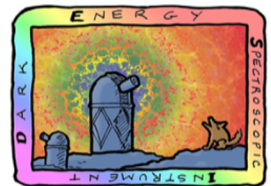
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Speakers: Christoph Saulder, Jeongin Moon, David Valcin & Michael Rashkovetskyi

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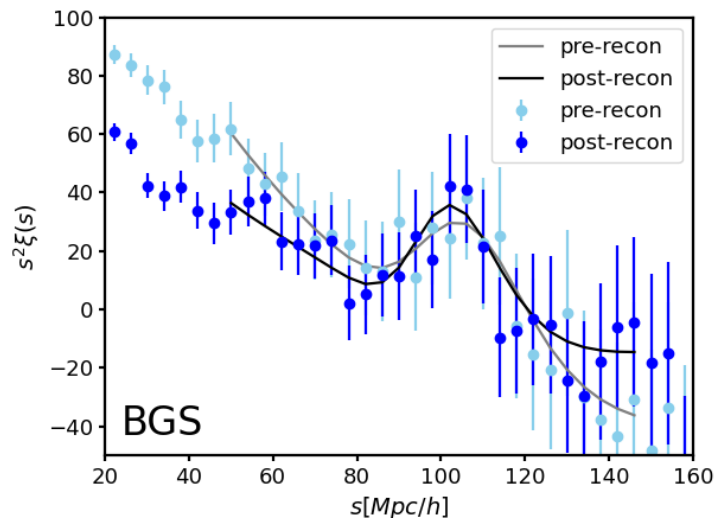
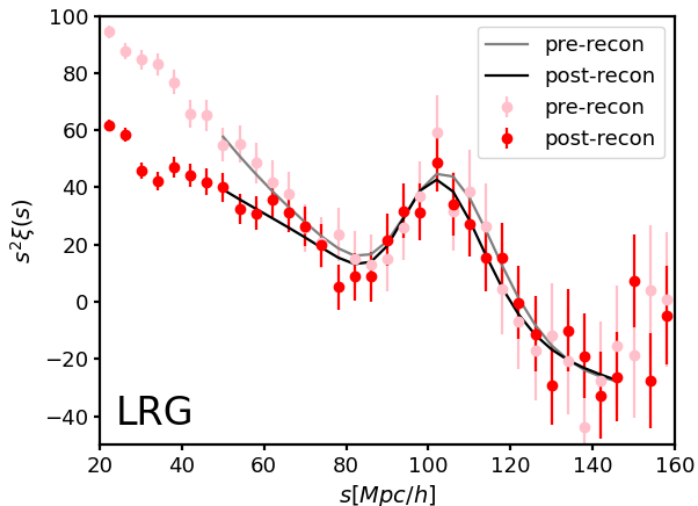
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# Summary, Contributions, Impact

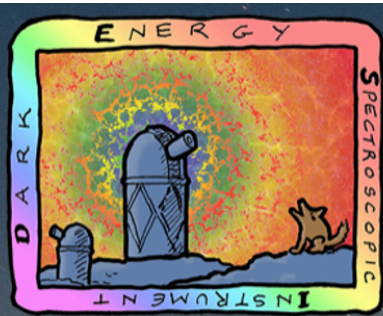


## KEY RESULTS

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- ▶ **DESI-M2 BGS** →  $3\sigma$  BAO detection with 2.6% precision

## MAIN MESSAGES

1. **Key milestone** → 2 months of DESI data  $\equiv$  BOSS DR12
2. Early validation of DESI spectroscopic pipeline and data management system + spectrograph quality control
3. DESI on target to achieve 0.29% precision BAO detection with Y5 LRG sample → set novel standards in cosmology



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