DECam
The Dark Energy Survey Camera

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For more details on the science… ask me or wait for the Cosmology session on Saturday!
Instrument requirements

To achieve the required goal in terms of sensitivity, extension and volume in the allocated time-frame, the following requirements for the instrument are set:

• 3 square degree field of view.
• Detector QE in the 800-1000 nm must be > 65%.
• Max. 15 e- noise in the detector when read out in 17 s or less
The camera: DECam

- Hexapod
- Corrector Lenses
- Filters
- Shutter
- Mechanical Interface of DECam Project to the Blanco Focal plane (detector)
- CCD Readout
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- Lenses mounted into invar cells and inside barrel
- UCL leads the effort for lenses and cells; barrel to be done by Fermilab
Filters & shutter

- Filter changer with 8 ‘cartridges’.
- 5 are used for DES: the Sloan Digital Sky Survey griz system and the Y band.
- Filters are ~580 mm in diameter and ~15 mm thick and must be very uniform in light throughput.
- Shutter system is being developed by Bonn University. U. Michigan builds the filter changers.
Detectors must be cooled to temperatures O(173K) to minimize dark current.
Temperature must be stable throughout the focal plane and in time to ensure uniform performance.
A vacuum of O(1e-5 torr) is needed to avoid contaminant and water deposition on the CCD surface.
These conditions must be kept autonomously during the night and for extended (months) periods.
Many requirements to meet DES science objectives:

- Linearity (<1%), high dynamic range (1e4-1e5).
- Low dark current, low read noise (<15 e-/pixel).
- CTI < 1e-5
- QE ~0.7
- Charge diffusion & flatness.
- Cosmetic defects (<0.5%).
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• These are provided by LBNL (Holland et al.) using **thick, fully-depleted** designs.
• This ensures increased IR QE and low fringing, and are specially **suitable for high-redshift observations** in the z band.
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1st DES astronomical CCD image!
The CCD testing and characterization is currently using a modified version of NOAO’s Monsoon system. Each CCD:

- 2 video readout channels
- Also 15 clock inputs and 7 bias voltages.
- Temperature sensor.

3 types of boards:

- MCB (control); CB (clock board); ACQ (12-channel acquisition). Boards designed and built by Spain and Fermilab.

Modifications had to be done to fit 3 10-slot backplane crates to handle all CCDs.
Readout

CCD + packaging
Entire focal plane is read out in 17 seconds (250kpix/s)
Vacuum Interface Board (VIB):
- Directs signals from/to CCD
- Minimizes the size of the interface to the camera vessel.
Current developments

- CCD and optics fabrication well underway.
- Barrel and lenses finished by the end of the year.
- CCD testing taking place: 33% of science-grade CCDs have been selected.
- Electronics, crates about to begin production. To be finished by the end of the year.
- Construction of telescope simulator
- Data management challenges in fifth iteration now.
- First versions of SISPI (‘mountain-top software’) being tested on-site.
What the future holds for DES...

End of 2009: most of the elements are finalizing fabrication.

1st half 2010: last CCDs are selected.

During 2010: All camera elements are sent to FNAL to be integrated and tested in the telescope simulator.

Early 2011: Camera at CTIO: installation.

Summer 2011: Commissioning.

Fall 2011: Ready to go!
Assumptions:

Clusters:
$\sigma_8 = 0.75, \ z_{max} = 1.5$, WL mass calibration

BAO: $\ell_{max} = 300$
WL: $\ell_{max} = 1000$ (no bispectrum)

Statistical+photo-z systematic errors only

Spatial curvature, galaxy bias marginalized, Planck CMB prior

Factor 4.6 improvement over Stage II

\[ w(z) = w_0 + w_a (1-a) \]

68% CL

BAO
Clusters
WL
SN
Combined

DETF Figure of Merit: inverse area of ellipse

Stage II not included here

$w_a = \frac{dw}{da}$

geometric growth

geometric
Capacity for 8 filters.
Filter diameter: 620 mm.
Filter thickness: ~13 mm

Final Design is complete, final check of drawings in progress
Fabrication will begin soon

Shutter: Bonn University is the only vendor for large shutters and other customers are pleased – Mike Schubnell is in contact with Bonn and will obtain an updated cost and schedule estimate when we are ready to buy it (CD3b approval ~ Jan. 09)
Supernovae la

**Strategy: distance probe**
- Obtain light curves + calibrate: shape in different bands relates to luminosity.
- **Luminosity** + magnitude + redshift:

\[
\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{objects}} \frac{(\mu - 5 \log(d_L(z; \Omega_M, \Omega_{DE}, w))/10\, pc)^2}{\sigma^2}
\]

**DES:**
- Measure ~2000 SN photometrically, up to ~1.
- Large sample and improved z-band response
- 10% of the survey time will be devoted to SN search revisiting an area of 40 sq.deg.
- Photometric errors will be addressed w/ on-site measurements of photometry, spectroscopic follow-ups.

**Systematics:** dust, evolution, calibration…
Cluster density

Strategy: structure probe

• Obtain number count of galaxy clusters per unit volume.
• counts + cluster mass + redshift:
\[ \frac{d^2N}{dzd\Omega} = \frac{c}{H(z)} D_A^2(1+z)^2 \int_0^\infty f(M,z) \frac{dn}{dM}(z) dM \]

DES:
• Measure ~20000 clusters up to z~1.3
• Identification using partnership with South Polar Telescope (using Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect).

Systematics: observable-mass relation, photometric redshift, completeness and purity of cluster sample…

\[ \Omega_m = 0.7, \ \sigma_8 = 0.9 \]
\[ \delta_z = 0.05 \]
\[ w = -1.0 \]
\[ w = -0.8 \]
\[ w = -0.6 \]
Weak lensing

**Strategy: structure probe**

- Statistical measurement of distortions of background objects created by foreground matter (shear). It means measuring shapes and redshifts.

- The evolution of the statistical pattern of the shear and cross-correlation of background-foreground shear are sensitive to expansion history.

**DES:**
- Shapes of ~3e8 galaxies.
- PSF < 0.9” FWHM

**Systematics:** photo-z’s, PSF anisotropy, shear calibration
Galaxy angular clustering

Strategy: distance probe

• Measure angular two-point correlation function of galaxies (of a certain type) in redshift shells.
• Theory predicts shapes of the power spectrum (integral of the 2pcf)
• Also, identify the first peak of the pre-recombination baryonic acoustic oscillations.

DES:
• Power spectrum of \(~3e8\) galaxies up to \(z\sim1.5\).
• Probe larger volume and redshift range than current state-of-the-art (SDSS)

Systematics: photo-z’s, galaxy-mass relationship (bias)
Imager Vessel and Heat Exchanger

Simple Tube Heat Exchanger
Copper braids attach to focal plate
Copper braids contain temperature feedback and trim heaters
Schematic LN2 Supply System at CTIO

- 200L Reservoir
- LN2 pump, 300 W Gifford McMahon
- GN2 condenser

Dec Axis Hose Wrap

Bypass valve to Pre-cool transfer lines

Transfer Line Length
- ~31 meters
- Pump to Polar axis
- ~34 meters
- Polar axis to Imager

Polar Axis Hose Wrap
• Mostly written in Python (some C code)

• Shared variables (publish and subscribe) used for communication between subsystems

• Python implementation of German's SML software

• ICS is Labview with Compact-Rio controller

• Prototypes exist, will be used in next few weeks at Fermilab for multi-crate readout

• Some testing at CTIO in June 09
Survey Planning

- Determination (simulation) of an efficient observing strategy
  - Optimize for excellent photometric calibrations

- Simulation of mock raw DECam survey images, including galaxies and stars, and instrumental effects
  - Used to optimize photo-z calibrations

- Produce simulated data to support the annual Data Challenges in the Data Management Project: Each year the simulations grow in complexity and size.

- DES “tiles” 5000 deg² of sky at a rate of 2 times per year in each of 4 filters, constraints on DE possible after two years
DECam Telescope Simulator

Provides platform for testing all components of DECam in all orientations also tests installation

Filter changer/shutter

Imager into the cage at the service platform

F/8 handling

Cage onto the telescope spiders
FE Electronics Packaging

- Each crate will contain two backplanes; one with 6 slots and one with 4 slots.
- A single 4-slot section would provide for readout the 4 guide CCDs.
- The remaining backplane sections will provide readout of up to 72 science and alignment CCDs.
- Active cooling will hold electronics temperature stable to within +/- 2°C. Crate is designed to radiate less than 20 Watts.