COSMOLOGY WITH GALAXY CLUSTERS IN DES

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EVOLUTION OF LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE







NUMBER COUNTS







DARK ENERGY SURVEY



DEcam

3 deg² FOV 570 Mpix optical CCD camera

Facility instrument at CTIO Blanco 4-m telescope in Chile

First light: Sep 2012

DES

5000 sq deg grizY **24th mag**, 0.9'' seeing **525 nights:** 2013-2018 100,000 clusters up to z~l down to ~10^{13.5} M_{sun}















CLUSTER FINDING

VT cluster finder in 2+1D







CLUSTER LENSING







CLUSTER SELECTION FUNCTION





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CLUSTER MASS FUNCTION



By applying the VT cluster finder on mock catalogs, we can measure the selection function for our cluster catalog.

We apply that selection function back to the cluster number counts to obtain the mass function.





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CONCLUSIONS

With 100,000 detections, DES will have the largest sample of galaxy clusters ever used for Cosmology.

DES Science Verification data indicate that we are in the right path: recovering known clusters and finding new ones.

We will use DES clusters to shed light on dark energy with unprecedented precision.



