

# Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument and its extension

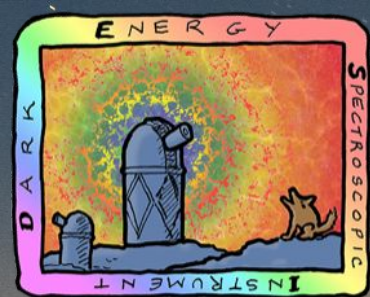
Latin American community participating in  
DESI

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**On behalf of many LATAM DESI members**



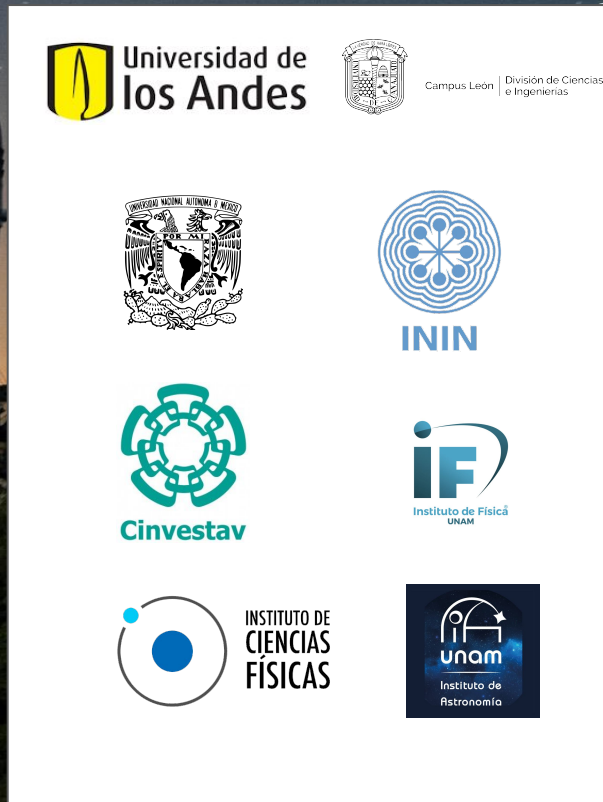


# DARK ENERGY SPECTROSCOPIC INSTRUMENT

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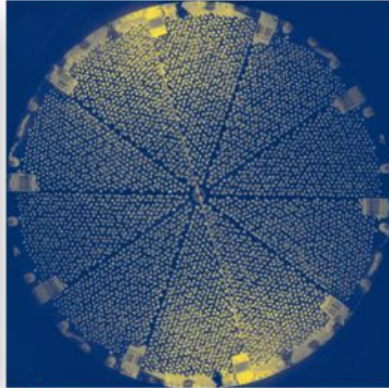
# Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

## Goals:

- Obtain the spectra of about 40 million galaxies and quasars during a 5 year survey.
- Measure the expansion of the Universe through cosmic history through the BAO and RSD techniques mainly.
- Investigate on Dark Energy and Dark Matter nature, as well as on neutrinos mass, modified gravity, etc.



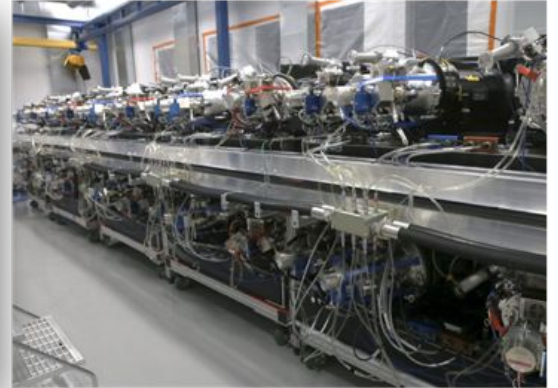
4-m Telescope at Mayall in  
Kitt Peak Arizona, USA



5000 fibers and robotic  
positioners in the focal plane

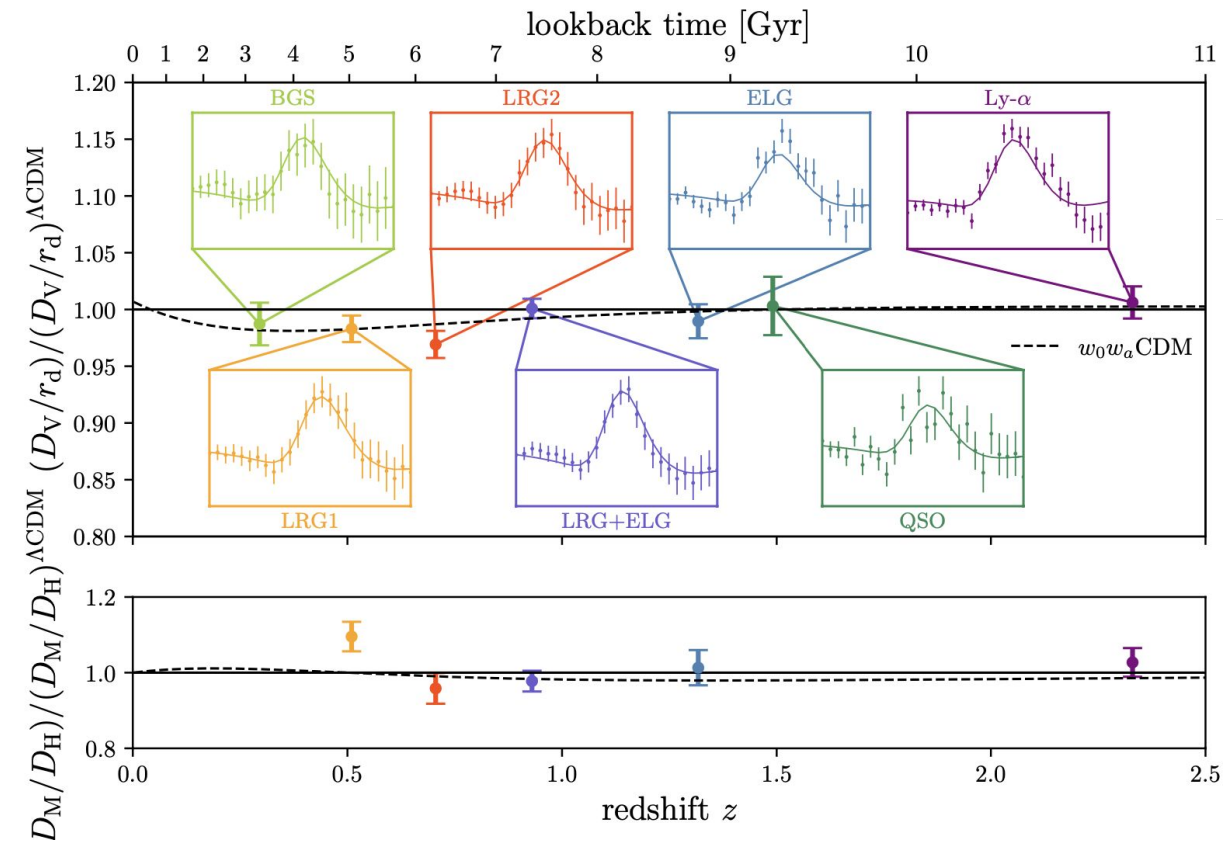


8 sq.deg. Field of View  
14,000 sq. deg coverage



10 Spectrographs: 360-980  
nm range

# DESI's First Cosmological Results



## A Tantalizing 'Hint' That Astronomers Got Dark Energy All Wrong

Scientists may have discovered a major flaw in their

**The New York Times**

**First Results from DESI Make the Most Precise Measurement of Our Expanding Universe**

- Berkeley Lab Press
- APS 2024, Rencontres de Moriond 2024
- Cosmology talks (Youtube), CONAHCyt
- entre otros...

<https://newscenter.lbl.gov/2024/04/04/desi-first-results-make-most-precise-measurement-of-expanding-universe/>

Image Credit: Arnaud de Mattia/DESI collaboration

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# DESI 2024

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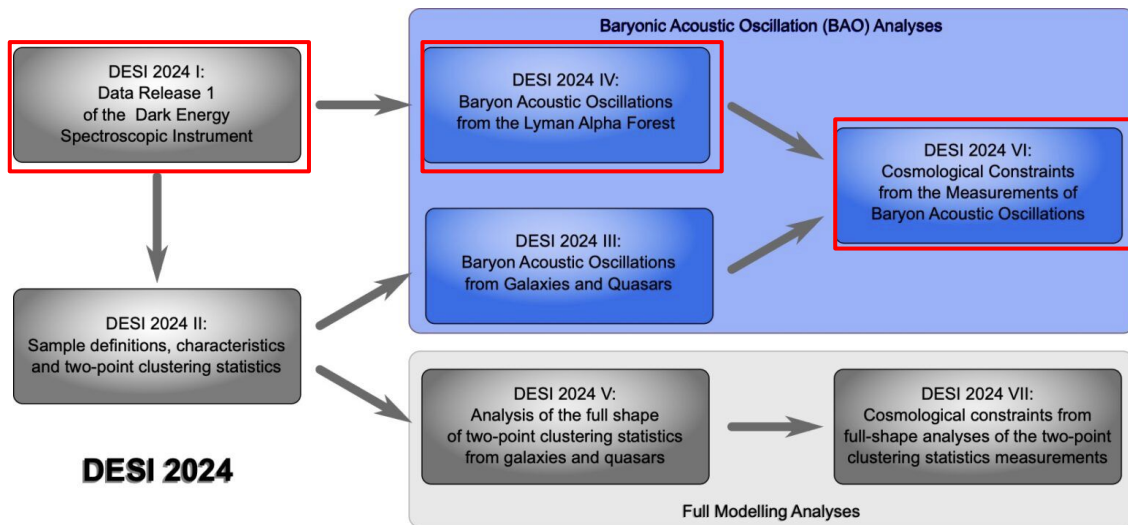


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DESI 2024 III: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations from Galaxies and Quasars	DESI 2024 IV: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations from the Lyman Alpha Forest
<p>Supporting paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Validation of semi-analytical, semi-empirical covariance matrices for 2PCF for early DESI data</li><li>• Baryon Acoustic Oscillation Theory and Modelling Systematics for the DESI 2024 results</li><li>• Optimal Reconstruction of Baryon Acoustic Oscillations for DESI 2024</li><li>• Semi-analytical covariance matrices for two-point correlation function for DESI 2024 data</li><li>• HOD-Dependent Systematics for Luminous Red Galaxies in the DESI 2024 BAO Analysis</li><li>• HOD-Dependent Systematics in Emission Line Galaxies for the DESI 2024 BAO analysis</li></ul>	<p>Supporting paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Lyman-<math>\alpha</math> forest catalog from the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument Early Data Release.</li><li>• 3D Correlations in the Lyman-<math>\alpha</math> Forest from Early DESI Data</li><li>• Broad Absorption Line Quasars in the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument Early Data Release</li><li>• Synthetic spectra for Lyman-<math>\alpha</math> forest analysis in the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument</li><li>• Impact of Systematic Redshift Errors on the Cross-correlation of the Lyman-<math>\alpha</math> Forest with Quasars at Small Scales Using DESI Early Data</li><li>• Characterization of contaminants in the Lyman-alpha forest auto-correlation with DESI</li><li>• Validation of the DESI 2024 Ly<math>\alpha</math> forest BAO analysis using synthetic datasets</li></ul>

+6 supporting articles on April 11th

Significant LATAM participation in many of these publications as well.



Non-exhaustive examples of papers with LATAM leading and/or really important contributions...

# LATAM role

México

Colombia

Members previously formed in LATAM institutions

# DESI-Mx

- Mexican participation present since 2011.
  - Axel de la Macorra and Jorge Cervantes main pioneers, both involved in DESI planning .
  - CONAHCYT signed MOU in 2015 to support mexican participation.
- Current participation involves 19 members at UNAM, 11 at UG, 3 at CINVESTAV and 1 at ININ.
  - 8 Full Participants: Alejandro Aviles (ICF-UNAM, former CONAHCYT researcher), Jorge L. Cervantes-Cota (ININ), Axel de la Macorra ( Mexico RPG contact, IF-UNAM), Tonatuih Matos (CINVESTAV), Gustavo Niz (DCI-UG), Luis Ureña (DCI-UG), Octavio Valenzuela (IA-UNAM), and Mariana Vargas-Magaña (IF-UNAM).
- One continuing participant application under revision: Alma González (UG, former CONAHCYT researcher)
- 26 Sponsored Members: 15 (IF/IA/ICF-UNAM), 8 (UG), 2 CINVESTAV.
- One external collaborator: Sebastien Fromenteau (ICF-UNAM)

**DESI Sponsored members from Mexican institutions:** Jesús Antonio Astorga (CINVESTAV), Sergio Felipe Beltran (UG), Brenda Izamar Tapia Benavides (IF-UNAM), Alvaro Callejas Tavera (IIMAS-UNAM), Rodrigo de la Cruz (UG), Miguel Enriquez Vargas (ICF-UNAM), Diego Gonzalez (DCI-UG), Hiram K. Herrera-Alcantar (DCI-UG), Jose Lozano (IF-UNAM), Flor de María Lozano-Rodríguez (DCI-UG), Jennifer Meneses Rizo (IF-UNAM), Gerardo Morales-Navarrete (IF-UNAM/ININ), Andrea Muñoz-Gutiérrez (IA-UNAM), Claudio Nahmad Arcaraz (IF-UNAM), Hernan Enrique Noriega (ICF-UNAM/IF-UNAM), Erick Paniagua (IF-UNAM), Gustavo Perez-Sanchez (DCI-UG), Holman Daniel Quintero Salazar (DCI-UG), Sadi Ramírez Solano (IF-UNAM), Hugo Rivera (IF-UNAM), Fanny Arlin Rodríguez Martínez (IF-UNAM), Johnatan Osvaldo Román-Herrera (DCI-UG), Zenaida Berenice Sánchez Méndez (IA-UNAM), Jose Arturo Trelles Hernandez (IA-UNAM), Jose Antonio Vázquez (IA-UNAM).

# DESI-Mx Main science interests and contributions.

- **Galaxy BAO and RSD measurements:** Mainly\*\* at IF and ICF at UNAM have contributed to efforts in,
  - Mock catalogs and challenges
  - BAO and Full-shape DESI pipelines
  - Analysis of systematics.
- **Lyman-alpha measurements:** Mainly\*\* at UG have contributed to efforts regarding,
  - Measurement of 3D correlation functions and P1D statistics.
  - Creation of realistic datasets.
- **Cosmological interpretation of measurements:** within LCDM model and non-LCDM models –both for alternative DE and DM models (IF, ININ, CINVESTAV, UG) --
- **Other topics:**
  - Galaxy clustering full shape modelling and other compression techniques
  - Higher order statistics in galaxies and Lyman-alpha
  - Measurements of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and neutrino masses
  - Milky Way Survey: Mocks and DM substructure
  - LSST-DESI synergies

\*\* There has been some collaboration among mexican and LATAM, in general, participants.



# DESI-Mx

## Contributions to infrastructure and operations.

- Voting member of DESI Institutional Board since its foundation: Axel de la Macorra<sup>B</sup> for México Regional Participation Group (RPG)
- Non-voting member of Institutional Board: Gustavo Niz<sup>B</sup> for UG
- Chair of Publication Board: Gustavo Niz<sup>B</sup>( 2021-to date)
- Chair of Meetings committee: Mariana Vargas-Magaña<sup>B</sup> (2020-2023)
- Chair of ECS committee: Andrea Muñoz<sup>B</sup>
- Co-chair of Lya-WG (2018-2021), Lya Y1 KP co-lead and member of science committee (2018-early 2024): Alma González<sup>B</sup>
- Members of meetings committee: Axel de la Macorra and Jorge Cervantes.
- Members of publication board: Alejandro Aviles, Mariana Vargas-Magaña
- Members of outreach committee: Alma González.
- Recurrent support for observation shifts.

<sup>B</sup>:This and other “service” work has granted **Builder** status to 3 full participants and 2 sponsored members (1 PhD female member).

# Colombia



- 1 Full participant: Dr. Jaime Forero-Romero (UNIANDES)
- Present since 2012, highly involved in DESI planning.
- Non-voting member of the Institutional Board
- DESI Builder
- Current sponsored Members: Miguel Perdomo
- Continuing participant: John Suárez-Pérez (moving to a teaching position to the TEC de Monterrey Guadalajara–Mexico–, got PhD at Uniandes).
- Former sponsored postdocs: David Sierra-Porta, Luz Angela Garcia.

# *Colombian participation has focused in building software infrastructure*

- **Data systems:** Build, test and document the software infrastructure supporting DESI. Mainly fiber assignment and target selection. (J.E Forero-Romero)
- **Survey Operations:** Support the daily operations of the instrument. Continuous vetting of the spectroscopic reductions. (J.E. Forero-Romero)
- **Survey Design:** Develop software to design and validate the survey design (J.E. Forero-Romero)
- **DESI Bright Galaxy Survey (BGS):** Design and validation of the Bright Galaxy Survey (D. Sierra-Puerta)
- **Lyman-alpha measurements:** Creation of realistic datasets (L. A. Garcia)
- **DESI outliers:** Developing Machine Learning techniques to finding outliers in the data as support for the science working groups (J.F. Suarez-Perez)
- Recurrent support for observation shifts.

## Other DESI participants.

1. Uendert Andrade (Posdoc University of Michigan, got PhD at Observatório National, Brazil)
2. Benjamin Camacho (PhD at U. Barcelona, got BSc at IF-UNAM)
3. Cristhian Garcia-Quintero (PhD at UT Dallas, got BSc at UAS-Mexico)
4. Hiram Herrera-Alcantar (Moving as posdoc to CEA France, got PhD at DCI-UG)
5. Miguel de Icaza Lizaola (Posdoc at KASI, got MsC at IA-UNAM/IF-UNAM),
6. Leonel Medina Varela (PhD at UT Dallas, got BSc at UAS-Mexico)
7. Alejandro Pérez Fernández (PhD at Max Planck Institute for extraterrestrial Physics, got MsC at IF-UNAM)
8. Enrique Paillas (Posdoc U. Waterloo, got PhD at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile)
9. Bernardita Ried Guachalla (PhD Stanford University, got MSc U. de Chile).

Mostly graduate students and postdocs, that obtained their PhD, MsC, etc, degree at a LATAM institutions and now are elsewhere...



# Retired DESI members from LATAM

- México: 17 (1 Full Participant, 16 Sponsored)
- Colombia (UNIANDES): 3 (Sponsored)
- Brazil (LineA): 11 (2 Full Participant, 9 Sponsored)

Reasons for retirement includes changes of institution, research interests, or career path.

We know of at least couple of examples of past DESI LATAM members that have transitioned from academia to data science workforce.



# Outreach efforts



DESI High

launch binder Anacondas.org 2020-09-02-225237

¡Bienvenido a DESI High! 🇪🇺 Has encontrado cuadernos de introducción al Instrumento Espectroscópico de Energía Oscura (DESI, Dark Energy spectroscopic Instrument). Están diseñados para estudiantes de secundaria-preparatoria, y son amablemente hospedados por [Binder](#). Aquí puedes unirme a nosotros y realizar tus propios experimentos con datos de DESI, recién extraídos del telescopio 📡. Para una excelente introducción al proyecto DESI comienza con este [video](#), visita nuestro [sitio web](#) y síguenos en [Twitter](#).

Next event: October 2024, Chihuahua for the CNF

## DESI webpages in spanish and portuguese



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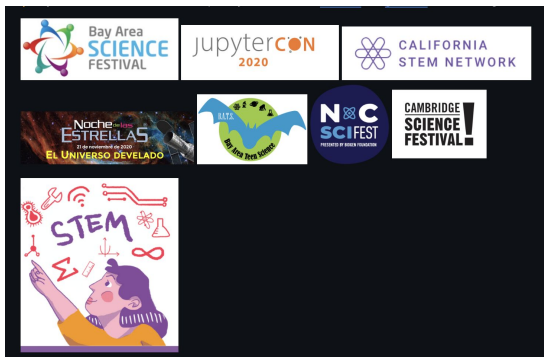
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# DESI Goals and Timeline

Five target classes

40 million redshifts

in 5 years

DESI (2021-2026)

3 million QSOs

$L\alpha$   $z > 2.1$

Tracers  $0.9 < z < 2.1$

16 million ELGs

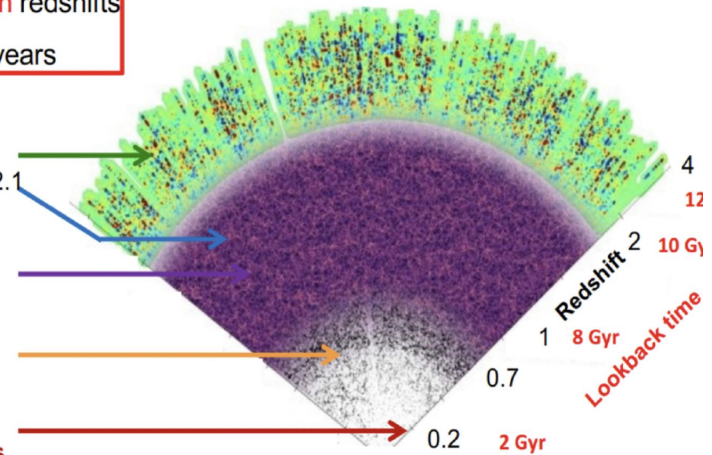
$0.6 < z < 1.6$

8 million LRGs

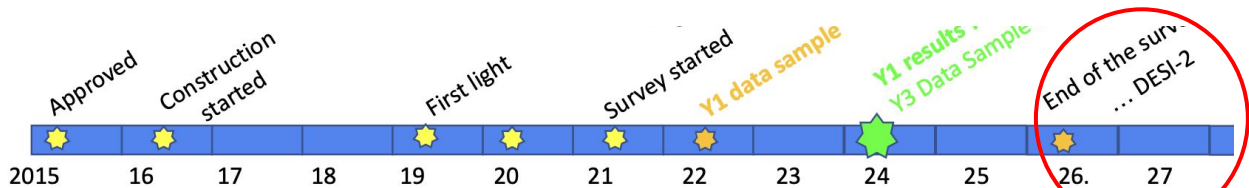
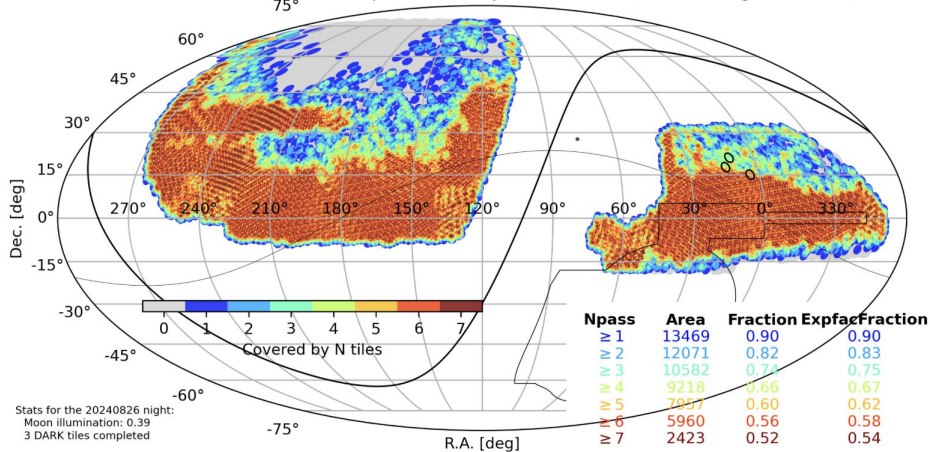
$0.4 < z < 1.0$

13.5 million  
Brightest galaxies

$0.0 < z < 0.4$



Main/DARK : 7083/9929 completed tiles up to 20240826 (=71%, weighted=73%)





# DESI extension science drivers

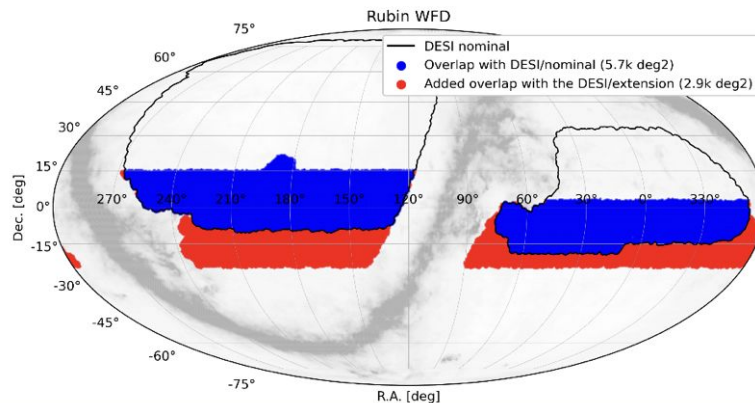
- To pin down the nature of dark energy and unravel the fundamental physics driving cosmic acceleration.
- To enhance DESI's ability to discriminate between  $\Lambda$ CDM and models with time-evolving dark energy equations of state.
- To maximize synergies with other cosmological probes, including weak lensing, CMB lensing, and galaxy-galaxy lensing.
- Nominal DESI is going very well, we are ahead of schedule

# DESI extension current plans

- Extend operations by 2.5 years, from June 2026 to December 2028.
- Expand the survey footprint from 14,000 deg<sup>2</sup> to 17,000 deg<sup>2</sup>.
- Add two more dark time passes and one more bright time pass to the existing survey strategy.
- Increase the LRG target density by 50% using a new selection of bluer galaxies.
- Improve the fiber assignment efficiency for ELGs from 69% to 82%.

# DESI extension expectations

- Increase the total number of spectroscopically confirmed galaxies and quasars from 39 million to more than 63 million.
- Improve the inverse variance of the BAO measurements by 22% across all redshifts.
- Increase the overlap with the Rubin Observatory footprint by 50%.
- Increase the overlap with CMB experiments, such as the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT), the Simons Observatory (SO) and CMB-S4 footprint by 50%.
- Achieve a 35% increase in the Dark Energy Task Force Figure of Merit from the BAO and CMB measurements.
- We are still assessing the impact on  $L_{\gamma}$  science.



Possible overlap of DESI extension with Rubin.  
Credit: DESI collaboration

# Expected Challenges from the DESI Extension

- Maintaining instrument performance over the extended period.
- Ensuring consistent data quality at higher air mass observations.
- Managing the increased data volume and computational requirements.
- The extension will require approximately \$30 million in additional funding over 2.5 years, for:
  - Extended operations of the instrument and telescope
  - Data processing and analysis
  - Personnel costs

For the LATAM community:

- No additional cost beyond the initial buy-in but we'll need continuous funding for maintaining the active participation we have so far.
- We need more good junior members, personnel power in general, to continue leading projects.



# How to increase LATAM impact on DESI\*\*

- Bring back/retain talent to LATAM: continuing participant status applies for many of them: you get a great researcher with a DESI participation as bonus...
- New buy ins; maybe not a priority but it would be desirable.
  - It's expensive (~\$250K USD/PI for DESI-I, see [DESI bylaws](#)) but it might be a good time to join given the DESI extension.
  - Continuing participants can get a discount...
- Foster DESI external collaborations on key topics for LATAM communities.
- Fund mobility: even though we have strong groups at home, we need Juniors to go abroad to interchange knowledge, face international “competition”, make their work and capabilities visible, etc., in order to make even more meaningful contributions.
- Transfer of knowledge: prepare non-DESI participant for use of public data.
- Outreach programs to showcase astronomy, data science, IA, etc. etc. Make the society aware of big discoveries, and even bigger yet to come...

\*\*This is the corresponding authors opinion and might not reflect the full DESI-MX, nor the DESI, views on the topic.

# Conclusion

It is especially important that we maintain the momentum generated by the LATAM community in the current DESI collaboration, and let our countries benefit from the transfer of knowledge and technology that the DESI extension will generate.

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## Colombia

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- Programa de investigadores postdoctorales, Departamento de Física,
- Universidad de los Andes.
- Vicerrectoría de Investigación y Creación, Universidad de los Andes.

## Mexico

- CONAHCYT individual grants
- Dirección de Apoyo al posgrado y la Investigación, UG individual grants (DAIP-UG-Mexico).
- PAPIIT-DGAPA-UNAM individual grants (UNAM-Mexico)
- Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados (Cinvestav, Mexico)