Cosmology and Fundamental Physics
Midterm Summary

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Scope of this talk (in 15 minutes or less…)

• 4 key science questions in the CFP report:
  – How did the universe begin?
  – Why is the universe accelerating?
  – What is dark matter?
  – What are the properties of neutrinos?

• Committee questions for CFP
  – How has the science landscape changed since NWNH? What have been the most important advances and discoveries?
  – Have we made progress with respect to the top science issues? What are the most important questions in your area now?
  – Have there been any technological advances that might enable rapid progress on particular topics?
  – What impact is the significantly smaller NSF/AST budget than was anticipated by NWNH having on this decade's science program?
  – Is there consensus that WFIRST will advance CFP science beyond the state of the art expected in the early 2020s?
  – How do WFIRST capabilities for dark energy characterization compare and contrast with those from DESI, LSST, and Euclid?
  – How will future CMB or neutrino experiments affect CFP science?
Conclusions, to start

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Progress in CMB measurements

- New regime of high precision spectra measurements to small scales
  - Plank 2015 cosmology consistent with WMAP ΛCDM with tighter constraints
  - First detection of cluster velocities from kinetic SZ (ACT+SDSS 2012)
  - First detection of CMB lensing (ACT 2011)
  - Boost in cluster science: Planck, SPT, ACT > 1000 thermal SZ clusters

- First detections of B-mode polarization

![Diagram of multipole vs. 1/C_{TT}(\ell) (\mu K)^2](image-url)

- Planck (2013)
- ACTPol (2014, ~650 hours)
- SPTPol (2013/14)
- BICEP2 (2014)
- Polarbear (2014)

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How did the universe begin?

- **Aims:**
  - Detect gravitational waves, and infer the inflationary energy scale.
  - Test the physics of inflation and distinguish among models.

- **Progress:** Planck, ACT and SPT T and E-mode polarization
  - Consistent with single field inflation, no detection of isocurvature modes/non-Gaussianity

- **Progress:** B-mode measurements
  - PolarBear and BICEP2 results
  - Highlight important dust foregrounds.
  - BICEP2 +Keck+ Planck yielded tighter constraints on $r$ upper bound.

Ade et al (Planck 2015 XIII)
How did the universe begin?

- **Next steps:** $\sigma(r) \sim 10^{-3}$ constraints
  - requires multiple frequencies needed to extract out backgrounds
  - Ground, e.g. CMB-S4, Space explorer-class e.g. Litebird, PIXIE, and ongoing balloon, e.g. Spider, to access higher frequencies than ground

- **Next steps:** $\sigma \sim 10^{-3}$ constraints on $n_s$ and running and non-Gaussianity $\sigma(f_{NL}) \sim 1$
  - requires mapping of the 3D $P(k)$.
  - DESI and Euclid and prospective spectroscopic missions e.g. SPHEREx

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**Diagram:**

- **Cosmic variance**
- **Effective Volume** $V_{eff} \sim (Gpc/h)^3$
- **Redshift, $z$**
- **Survey Examples**
  - **SPHEREx** ($f_{NL}$ PS sample)
  - **SPHEREx** (BS, Cosmo. sample)
  - **Euclid spectro.**
  - **DESI**
  - **WFIRST spectro.**

**Notes:**

- Wu et al (1402.4108)
- Dore et al (1412.4872)

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Why is the universe accelerating?

- **Aims:**
  - Use geometric tests to constrain the dark energy equation of state
  - Use the growth of structure to test GR on cosmic scales
  - Connect phenomenological constraints to underlying theories

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Baker et al (1107.0491)

Baker et al (1412.3455)
Why is the universe accelerating?

- Progress: Combined Planck, BOSS BAO and SDSS/SNLS SN yield constraints on $w$ consistent with $\Lambda$CDM.
- Progress: DES and HSC taking data and early science verification results

\[ w = -1.019^{+0.075}_{-0.080} \]

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Why is the universe accelerating?

- Next steps: Sub-percent precision on $w$ and few percent accuracy on growth rate exponent $\gamma$ or $G_{\text{mat}}/G_{\text{light}}$

\[
k^2\Psi = -4\pi G_{\text{matter}} a^2 \rho \Delta \quad k^2(\Psi + \Phi) = -8\pi G_{\text{light}} a^2 \rho \Delta,
\]

- To achieve: Future distinct and complementary surveys
  - Careful control of instrumental and astronomical systematics
  - Multiple projects and approaches (lensing, motions, positions): LSS surveys (DESI, LSST, Euclid, WFIRST and others) and CMB lensing
  - Techniques: SN1a, BAO, RSD, gravitational lensing.

- Need multiple surveys to:
  - Balance photometric speed (billions of galaxies) vs. spectroscopic precision and angular and spectral resolution (millions of galaxies)
  - Provide complementary tracers (LRGs, ELGs, Lya/QSOs, clusters), redshifts, scales and environs (cluster vs dwarf galaxies)
  - Leverage cross-correlations e.g. galaxy-CMB lensing, CMB-LSS kinetic SZ
  - Provide trade offs in survey area vs depth (repeat imaging, dithering, cadence and survey area overlap/configuration) for systematic control.
# Why is the universe accelerating?

- **Upcoming Surveys:** Different strengths & systematics

  Based on publicly available data

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<td>20,000 (S)</td>
<td>15,000 (N + S)</td>
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What is dark matter?

- CMB has established that there were two fluids: non-baryonic dark matter + baryon/photon fluid
- CMB galactic foreground generated interest as potential DM signature
- Aim: Detect dark matter, determine their mass and cross-section.
  - 3 Main Approaches to detect WIMPs and related candidates
  - Indirect detection: DM pair annihilation or decay in our galactic neighborhood into positrons, high-energy photons, neutrinos...
- Progress: No direct detections, but improvements on DM constraints

![Diagram of dark matter interactions: Annihilation, Scattering, Production](image)

Courtesy Jonathan Feng
What is dark matter?

Direct Detection

- Progress: since 2010, sensitivity improved by ~100 (for m ~ 100 GeV)
- Next steps: 2-3 orders of magnitude improvement expected by a suite of experiments world-wide
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Indirect Detection with positrons

- Progress: since 2010, electron and positron fluxes have been measured by AMS with remarkable precision, constrained up to ~400 GeV

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![Graph showing positron fraction vs energy](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

AMS (2014)

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Indirect Detection with photons

- Progress: since 2010, rapid improvements, Fermi-LAT now excludes WIMP masses up to ~100 GeV for certain annihilation channels

- Next steps: the Cerenkov Telescope Array (CTA), will extend reach to masses ~10 TeV; with dwindling U.S. support, this frontier is moving to Europe

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What are the properties of neutrinos?

- **Aims:** Determine the neutrino mass sum, hierarchy & relativistic species number
- **Progress:** Planck CMB + SDSS BAO sub-eV constraints on neutrino mass. $N_{\text{eff}}$ consistent with no extra relativistic species
What are the properties of neutrinos?

- Next steps: Order of magnitude improvement, to ~15-20 meV, constraints on $m_\nu$ to determine the mass hierarchy, and 1.5% on $N_{\text{eff}}$ to test Beyond-Standard-Model (BSM) physics

- Multiple probes (e.g. DESI BAO/RSD, LSST WL/galaxy, CMB-S4 lensing) promise 20meV constraints. In combination we might how to achieve 15meV complementary constraints from CMB-lensing and BAO.
Maintaining US leadership in survey science

• We want to ensure there is sufficient funding for the delivery of science to reap the return on the major US (NSF, DOE and NASA) investments in key astrophysical facilities in the coming decade.

• e.g. LSST Facility
  – Facility investment: NSF MREFC $473M, DOE MIE Camera $168M + $38 commissioning + Operations ~75% of $40M/year (2013 USD)
  – Facility produces “science-ready” Level 1 nightly alerts and Level 2 object catalogs. Science analysis wholly falls to the (international) community.
  – Broad recognition across the science collaborations at the LSST All-hands meeting that significant preparatory work is needed, in advance of first light, to deliver science from data.

• Low funding levels:
  – Creates challenges for peer-review process to prioritize preparatory work.
  – Needs funding models that encourage advance preparation. Common in HEP projects in DOE and NSF physics, newer in the astronomy community.
Maintaining US leadership in survey science

- An example: The LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration (DESC) has just completed a major planning exercise, the Science Roadmap*, to lay out the critical tasks, now through first light, to be ready to fully leverage LSST data for dark energy science.
  - An incremental, data-challenge led approach is to be used to build and validate the analysis pipeline infrastructure.
  - The work requires ~40-50 FTEs effort/year, now through first light.

*http://lsst-desc.org/sites/default/files/DESC_SRM_V1.pdf
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