

The PAU Survey at the WHT

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The New Standard Model



Dark Energy Studies

- What is causing the acceleration of the expansion of the universe?
 - Einstein's cosmological constant Λ ?
 - Some new dynamical field ("quintessence," Higgs-like)?
 - Modifications to General Relativity?
- Dark energy effects can be studied in two main cosmological observables:
 - The history of the expansion rate of the universe: supernovae, weak lensing, baryon acoustic oscillations, cluster counting, etc.
 - The history of the rate of the growth of structure (galaxies) in the universe: weak lensing, large-scale structure, cluster counting, etc.
- For all probes other than SNe, large galaxy surveys are needed:
 - Spectroscopic: 3D (redshift), medium depth, low density, selection effects
 - Photometric: "2.5D" (photo-z), deeper, higher density, no selection effects

"Dark Energy"



DARK ENERGY SURVEY

- 5000 deg² galaxy survey in 5 bands. 300M galaxies up to z < 1.4. Also ~4000 SNe.
- Involves groups in USA, Spain, UK, Brazil, Germany, Switzerland.





DES Camera Installation

DARK ENERGY SURVEY



July 2012



May 2012

- First light expected by September 2012
- Survey starts in December 2012



DES Science Reach



Huterer, Ma, Miquel, Weller, et al.



DES Photo-z Precision

DARK ENERGY SURVEY

DES+VHS

 10σ Limiting Magnitudes

g 24.6 r 24.1 J 20.3 i 24.0 H 19.4 Z 23.8 Ks 18.3 Y 21.6 +2% photometric calibration

error added in quadrature

 $\sigma(z) \sim 0.05 \times (1+z)$



PAU = Physics of the Accelerating Universe

- ~45 particle physicists (theoreticians and experimentalists), astronomers, astrophysicists, cosmologists...
- Awarded in 2007 a Spanish Consolider-Ingenio 2010 project (€5M over 5 years). PI: Enrique Fernández (IFAE)
- Main goals:
 - Design, build and commission a large FoV CCD camera
 - Perform a galaxy survey with it
 - Understand dark energy from theory point of view
- Telescope not part of Consolider project

Main Deliverable

- Build a large FoV camera, equipped with a large number of narrow-band filters (~40). Use Consolider funds (€5M) for this purpose.
- Place the camera in a suitable telescope. At the time of the proposal:
 - Javalambre telescope (new project)
 - ING (Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes, UK+NL+ES) at La Palma
 - ESO telescopes in Chile
- In the summer of 2009 we started contacts with the WHT telescope (part of the ING). The ING board agreed to host PAU in June of 2010. MoU signed in February 2012.
- PAUCam will be a visiting instrument at the WHT, and will be available to the community when not used by PAU.

PAU@WHT

Among other things the MoU establishes that:

- PAUCam will be a visitor instrument also available for public use.
- We will station a support astronomer at La Palma integrated with the WHT personnel.
- We will also provide a public data-reduction pipeline.

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The PAU@WHT Project in a Nutshell

- New camera for WHT with 18 2k x 4k CCDs covering 1 deg \emptyset FoV.
- 42 100Å-wide filters covering 4300-8600 Å in 6 movable filter trays, which also include standard ugriZY filters.
- As a survey camera, PAUCam covers ~2 deg² per night in all filters.
- It can provide low-resolution (R ~ 50) spectra for >30000 galaxies, 5000 stars, 1000 quasars, 10 galaxy clusters, per night.
- Expected galaxy redshift resolution $\sigma(z) \sim 0.003 \times (1+z)$.
- Main science goal is dark energy, with two main probes:
 - Redshift-space distortions
 - Weak-lensing magnification
- For both probes, PAU's large galaxy density (compared to spectroscopic surveys) and high redshift accuracy (compared to broadband photometric surveys) combine to provide a competitive determination of the dark energy parameters.
- First light expected in early 2013.

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The Importance of Redshift Resolution

z-space, $\Delta z = 0.03(1+z)$ + peculiar velocities (DES)

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z-space, perfect resolution + peculiar velocities

Real space



The PAU Camera at WHT in Pictures





















William Herschel Telescope (WHT)

- Located in the ORM, La Palma
- Used by UK, Netherlands & Spain
- Highly oversubscribed
- High scientific output so far
- Diameter: 4.2 m
- Prime focus: 11.73 m
- Focal ratio: f/2.8
- FoV: 1 deg Ø, 40' unvignetted
- Scale: 17.58"/mm ⇔ 0.26"/pixel





PAUCam

PAUCam will be mounted at the prime focus of the WHT:

Strong limitation in weight: max. 235 kg



PAUCam

We appointed an External Review Panel for the design of the camera (193 pp. document), which convened in December 2010.

Members: D. Baade, O. Boulade, M. Riva, O. Iwert, R. Sharples, F. Zerbi. Also attended: M. Balcells (ING Director) and D. Cano (WHT chief engineer).

From the report:

The Board wishes to compliment the PAUCam team for the great amount of work done in the definition and preliminary study of the instrument, as well as in the assembly of a complete and comprehensive document such as the one the Board examined.

The Board wishes to underline the very well shaped and focussed Science Case for PAUCam presented in the document under scrutiny. The science objectives are indeed well defined and worthwhile. The Board is convinced that the Team has deep and active expertise at the engineering level for most of the areas related with this specific instrument design and construction.



Body of camera made of carbon fiber, shaped to minimize wall thickness

PAUCam Detectors

Hamamatsu new CCDs:

- 18 4k x 2k 15 µm pixels
- Excellent sensitivity across the entire wavelength range from 0.3 to over 1 μm.
- 20 delivered, being characterized at CIEMAT and IFAE





PAUCam Electronics

Monsoon architecture (NOAO)

- Same as used for DES (CIEMAT and IFAE)
- 3 clock and bias board
- 7 acquisition boards
- 3 master control boards
- 18 pre-amp & routing boards



PAUCam Filter System

- 42 narrow-band filters
- FWHM = 100 Å
- Spectral range: λ=4300-8600 Å
- Rectangular transmission profile
- 6 broad-band filtersugriZY (SDSS & DES)



PAUCam Filter System



PAUCam Filter Trays

- Efficiency: filters need to be very close to sensors to avoid vignetting
- More filters than CCDs → movable trays
- Jukebox-like system
- Movements in vacuum are technologically challenging



PAUCam Filter Trays



Cut-out showing filter-tray movable system

Status of PAUCam

Construction of the PAU camera is well under way:

- Mechanical, vacuum and cryogenic challenges solved. Camera body just built. Vacuum tests about to start.
- CCDs in hand, being characterized. Filters being ordered.
- Control system hardware in hand, software being written.

First protoype (summer 2011)



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In-house fabrication of camera mold in Al



Mold pieces



Complete mold



Mold covering



Camera body in carbon fiber



PAU Camera Construction

Cryogenics and vacuum tests on prototype



Aluminum mold of camera body

CCD test station



Camera body in carbon fiber





PAU Camera Construction

Many other elements of the camera are either ready or being fabricated. Examples:

- Optics (entrance window): study done by FRACTAL. Ordered.
- Shutter: design ready, contract will go out soon.
- Cryotigers: one received, first tests show excellent behavior.
- Assembly done in house. New clean room (a crucial infrastructure) is ready.

Lab Infrastructure for DES/PAU



3D metrology bench



Clean room class 10K, 1K, 100



CCD test station



Fully computerized machining tool (lathe)

PAUCam Control System



interface are already taking place.



Data Management System

PAUdm Working Packages









PAUCam Simulations





PAU Survey Strategy

- Use 8 central CCDs to define the survey footprint, use the other CCDs to increase S/N.
- Each central CCDs covers the whole survey area twice.
- 6 filters trays with 8 central filters (7 NB + 1 BB).
- Broad bands reach ~1.4 magnitudes deeper than narrow bands.
- Detect objects in the broad bands, and then get flux in the narrow bands.
- Push to low signal to noise.
- Surveying capability: sample 2 deg² / night to i_{AB} < 22.7 mag in all NBs and i_{AB} < 24.1 in all BBs → >30000 galaxies / night
- Exposure times depend on tray: ~100 s for bluest, ~250 s for reddest.
- No selection effects.

Limiting Magnitudes (5σ)



PAU Science

- Survey strategy produces two samples:
 - "Spectroscopic" sample: excellent photo-z's with NB filters to i_{AB} < 22.7
 - "Photometric" sample: medium photo-z's with BB filters to $i_{AB} < 24.1$
- Science case depends on amount of time available
- Current science case, assuming 100 nights (200 deg²):
 - Use bright sample for redshift-space distortions (typical of spectroscopic surveys)
 - Use faint sample for weak lensing magnification and/or shear (typical of imaging surveys)
 - Exploit the gains of cross-correlating both samples on the same area

Gaztañaga et al. 2012, MNRAS 422 2904 (astro-ph/1109.4852)



Photo-z Performance (Bright sample: iAB < 22.5)





Photo-z Performance (Faint sample: 22.5 < i_{AB} < 24)





1.0

z(true)

1.5

2.0

0.5

PAU's Primary Science Drivers (I)

- Redshift-space distortions (RSD):
 - Peculiar velocities of galaxies trace the matter density fields.
 - Anisotropies in the galaxy 2-point correlation function measure the growth of structure at a given redshift: probe of dark energy.
 - Relevant scales are ~10 Mpc/h, well matched to PAU's z precision.





PAU's Primary Science Drivers (II)

- Lensing magnification (MAG):
 - Gravitational lensing affects the measured galaxy number density.
 - Main observable is the cross-correlation between galaxies in different redshift bins as a function of angular separation.
 - Very precise photo-z's allow PAUCam to perform cross-correlations between well-defined narrow redshift bins.

- Combination of RSD and MAG includes:
 - 3D galaxy clustering, which is degenerate with galaxy bias.
 - Weak lensing magnification, which is unbiased.
 - Redshift-space distortions, which also measure bias, and growth.
 - Probes dark energy through both growth of structure and geometry.



Credit: NASA, ESA, Z. Levay and A. Field (STScI)

Observed by Hubble

PAU Survey Science Reach

- The combination of RSD and MAG in the same data set is very powerful in breaking degeneracies between cosmological parameters → a unique advantage of PAU.
- Figures of merit with free Ω_m , Ω_{DE} , h, σ_8 , Ω_b , w₀, w_a, γ , n_s, 4 bias parameters.



E. Gaztañaga, M. Eriksen, M. Crocce, F. Castander, P. Fosalba, P. Martí, R. Miquel, A. Cabré, MNRAS 422 (2012) 2904

Other Science

- Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- Large Scale Structure
- Galaxy clusters
- Galaxy evolution
- Quasars and the Lyα forest
- Multiply imaged gravitational lenses
- High redshift galaxies
- Low surface brightness galaxies
- Intergalactic dust
- Halo stars
- Local group stars
- Brown dwarfs and cool stars
- Exoplanets
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<u>Summary</u>

- Construction of PAUCam is well under way.
 - Mechanical, vacuum and cryogenic challenges solved. Camera body in carbon fiber just received, being tested.
 - CCDs in hand, being characterized. Filters being ordered this month.
 - Control system hardware in hand, software being written.
- Data management system designed, being written.
- An MoU with ING was signed earlier this year.
 - MoU contemplates ample time allocation for the survey (for a price...).
- Compelling science case based on complementarity of spectroscopic and imaging characteristics.
- Everything is on schedule to have first light in early 2013. The survey will start soon thereafter. The PAU camera at WHT will be the most powerful imaging instrument at El Roque.