

The Euclid mission

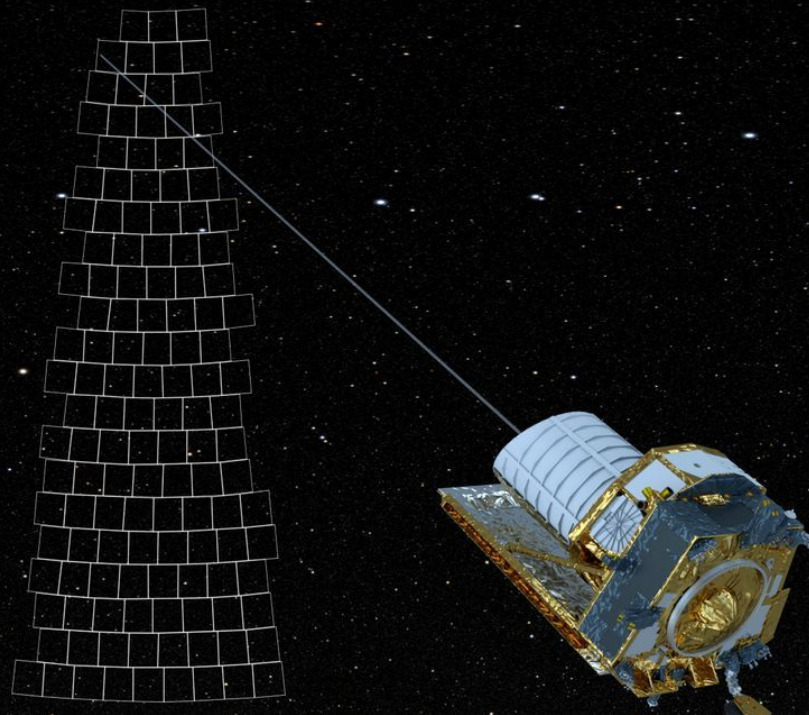
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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.13491>



Outline

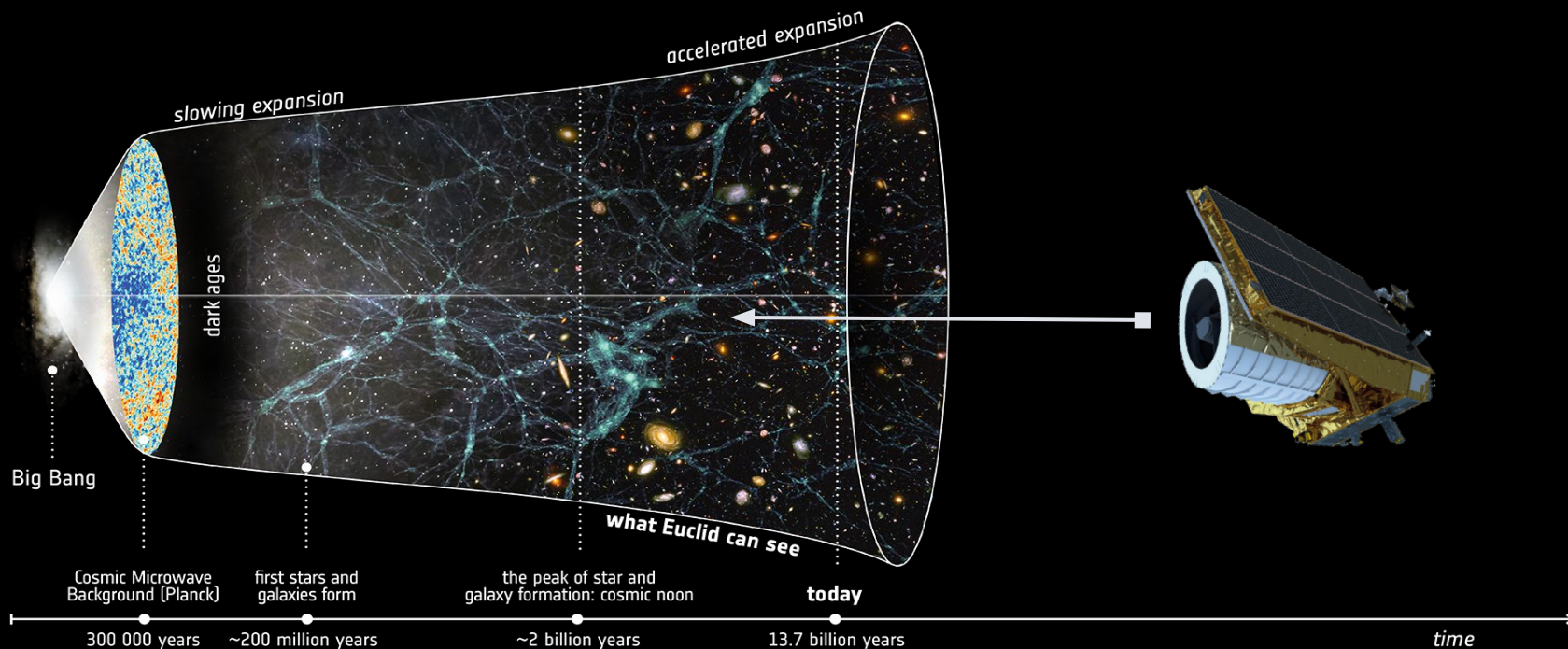
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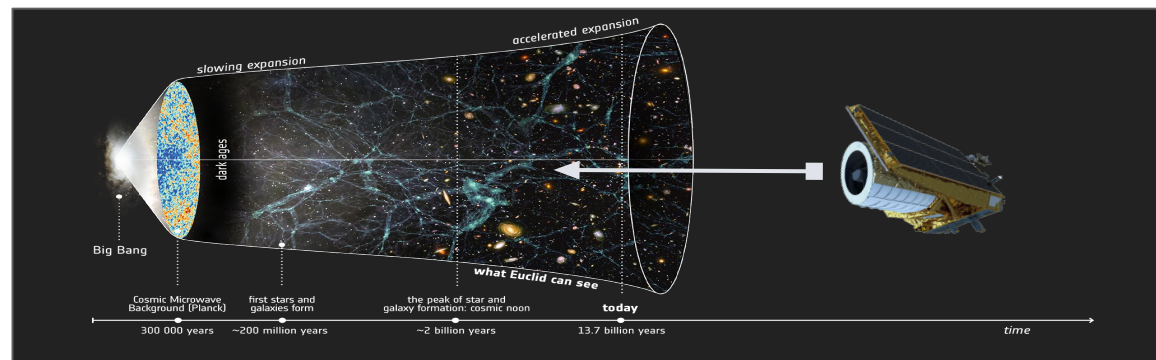
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Primary Science

Timeline of the Universe



Λ CDM model - parameters



H_0
Current
expansion rate

Ω_m
Matter density

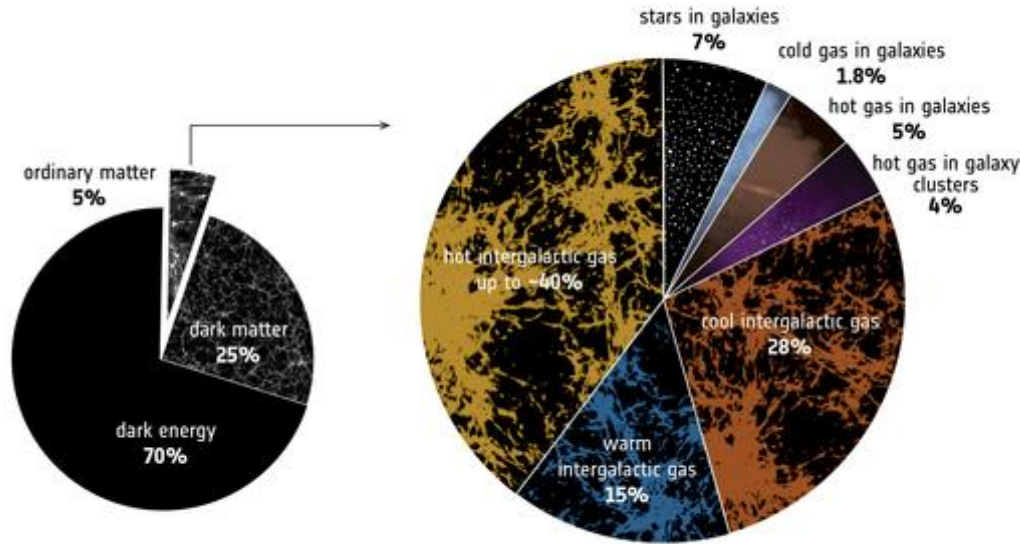
Ω_b
Baryon density

Ω_m
Dark Energy
density

σ_8
“Clumpiness”

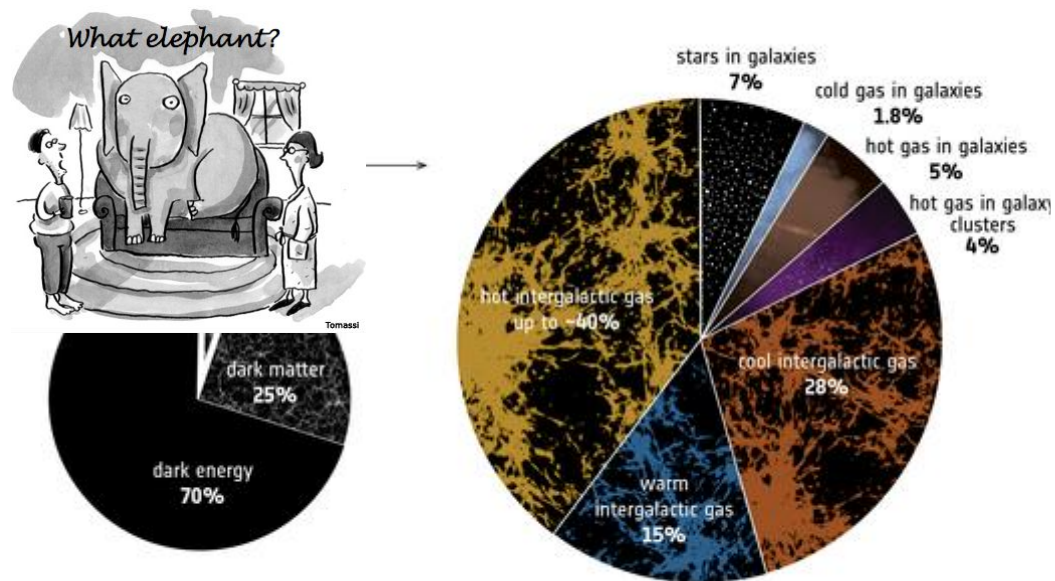
n_s
Scale index of
initial density
fluctuations

Λ CDM model - composition



Credit: ESA

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The nature of the main ingredients remain great mysteries

Our theories of **particle physics** and/or **gravity** are either **incomplete** or **incorrect**

Strategy: **Improve the precision** of the measurements to distinguish between different theoretical models

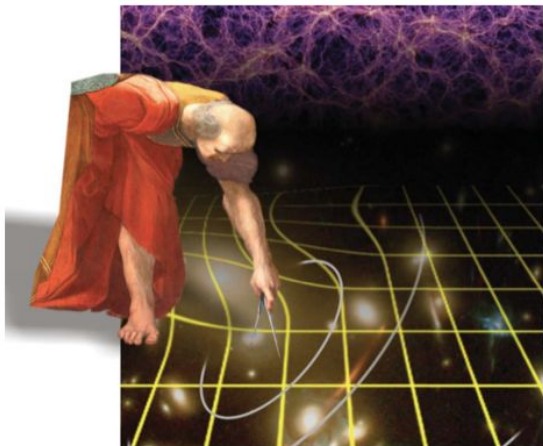
Main objectives



ESA/SRE(2011)12
July 2011

Euclid

Mapping the geometry
of the dark Universe



Definition Study Report

Dynamical nature of dark energy

Test gravity models

Explore the nature of the dark matter particle

Constraint the seeds of cosmic structure

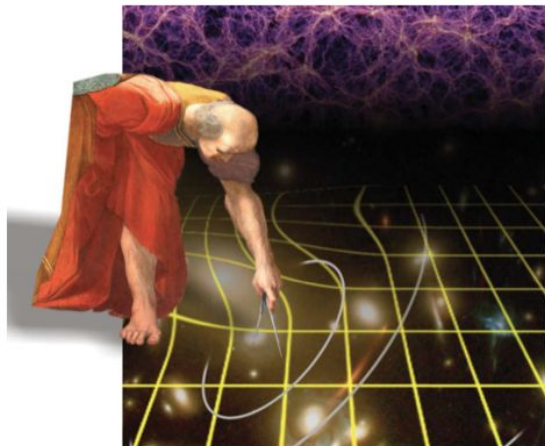
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Definition Study Report

Reach a dark energy FoM > 400 using only
Euclid primary probes

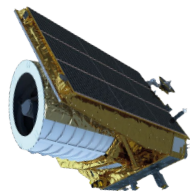
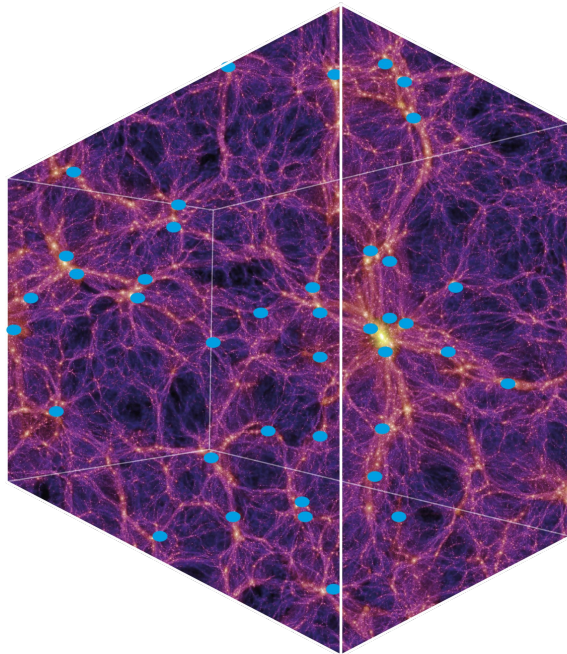
Measure the exponent of the growth factor with
 1σ precision < 0.02

Measure the sum of the neutrino masses with 1σ
precision < 0.03 eV

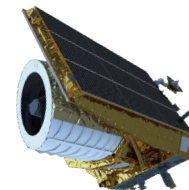
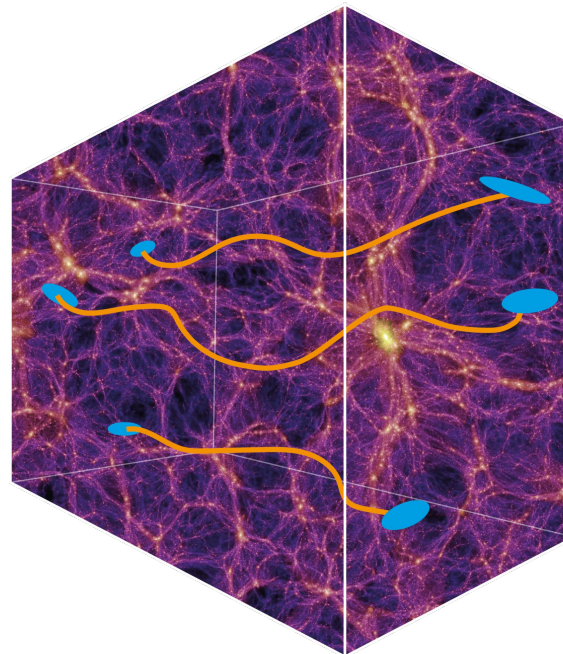
Constrain the spectral index and measure
non-Gaussianity of the initial conditions

Two primary probes of the large scale structure

Galaxy clustering



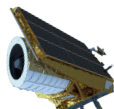
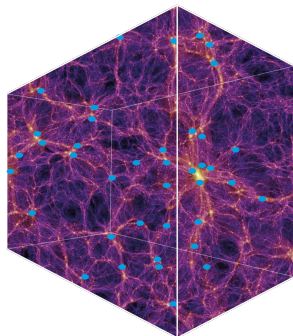
Cosmic shear



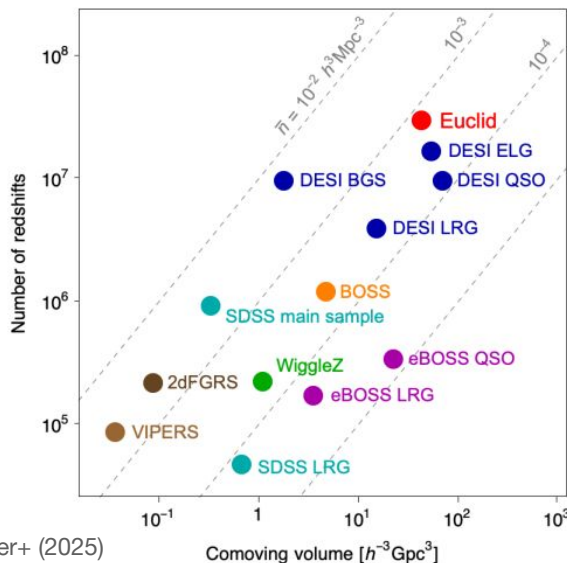
Credit: Springel+ (2005) (Background) ESA/ATG medialab (spacecraft)

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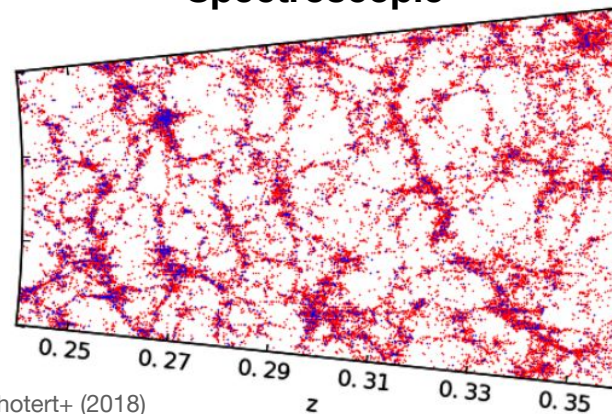


$$\sigma(z) < 0.001 (1 + z)$$



Credit: Mellier+ (2025)

Spectroscopic



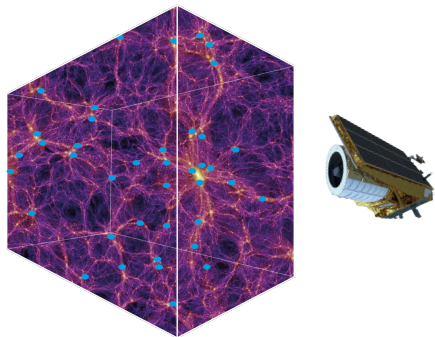
Sthotert+ (2018)

BAOs → expansion history → H_0 and $w(z)$

RSD → growth of structure → $f_g(z)$

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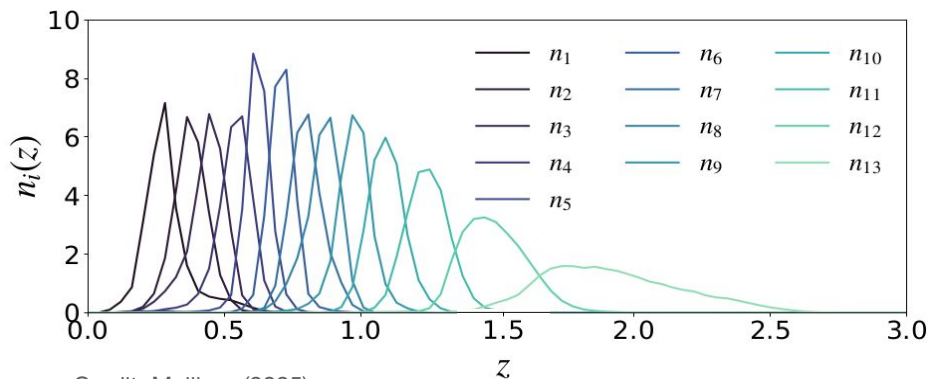
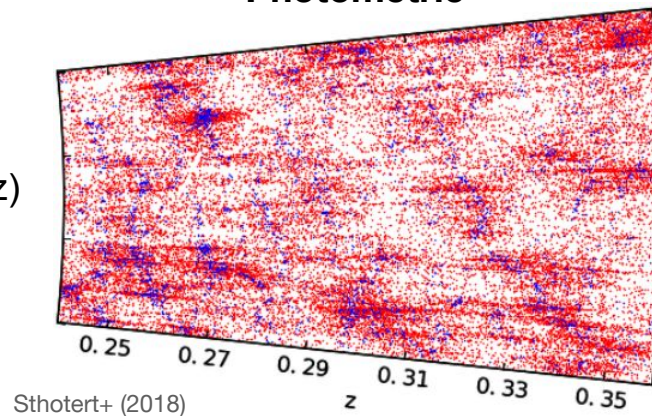


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2D angular distribution in tomographic bins

$$\sigma(z) < 0.05 (1 + z)$$

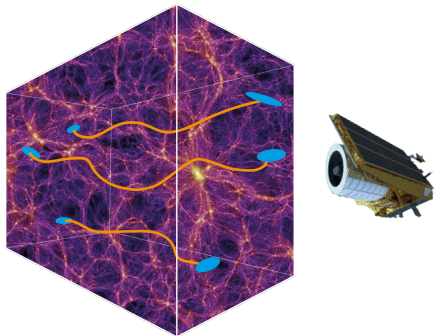
Photometric



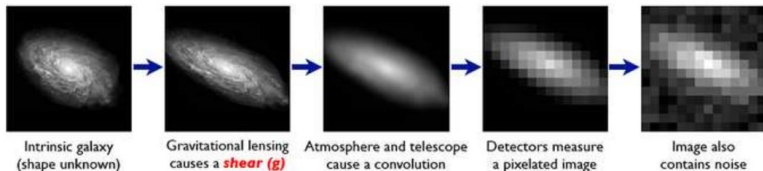
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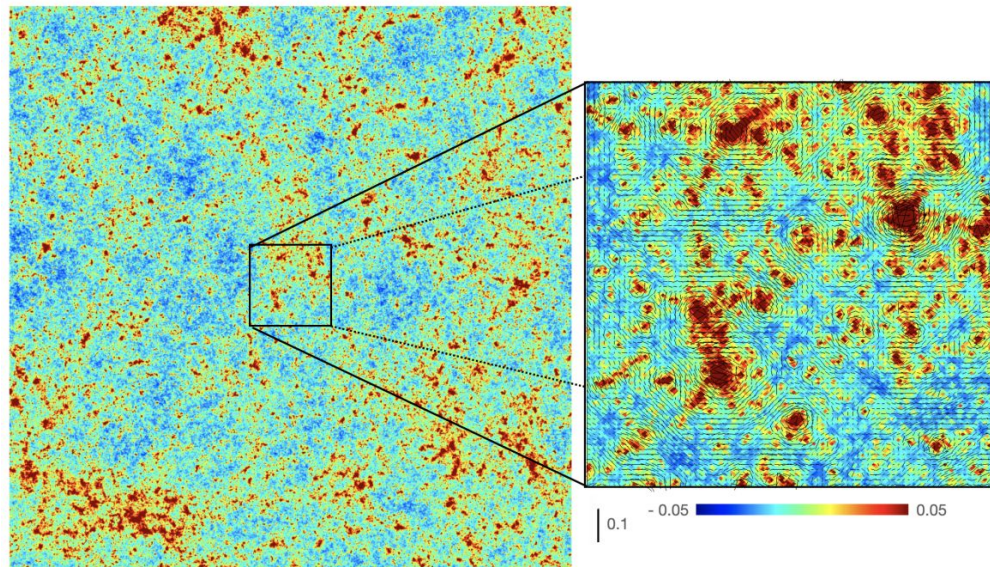


Galaxies: Intrinsic galaxy shapes to measured image:



Credit: Bridley+ (2009)

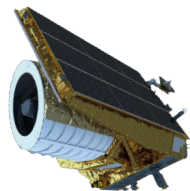
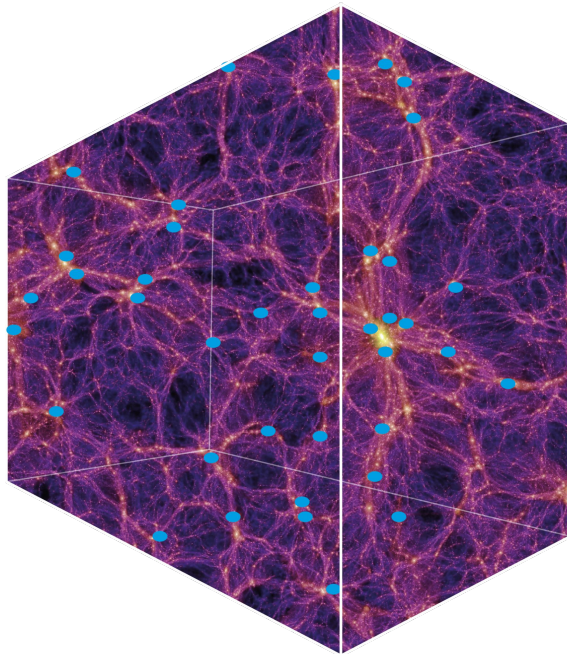
Galaxy shapes trace the L.O.S. mass distribution



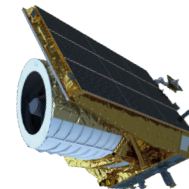
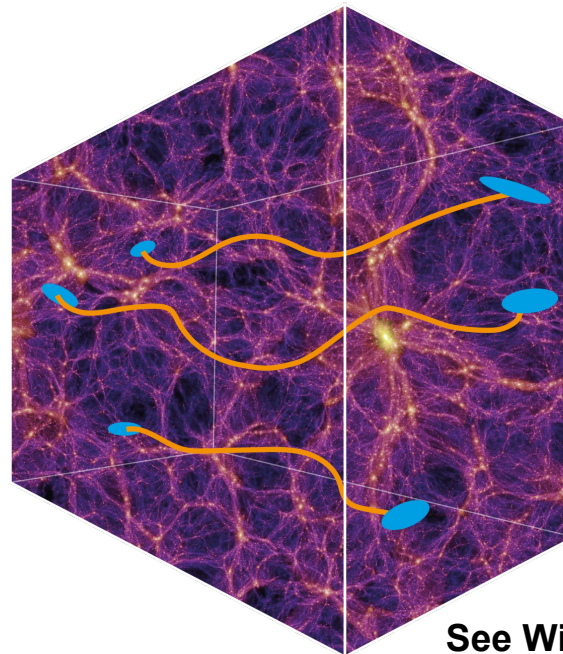
Credit: Castander, Fosalba+ (2025)

Two primary probes of the large scale structure

Measure galaxy positions



Measure galaxy shapes



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**See William d'Assignies
talk for further details!**

Spacecraft & Instruments

Spacecraft



4.7m tall
3.7m total diameter
1.2m diameter main mirror
2 tonnes



Sunshield

Solar
panels

Service
module

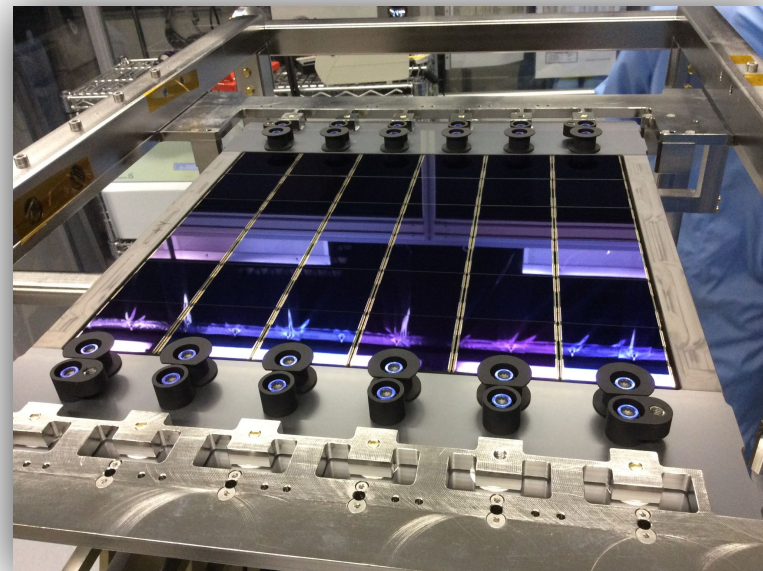
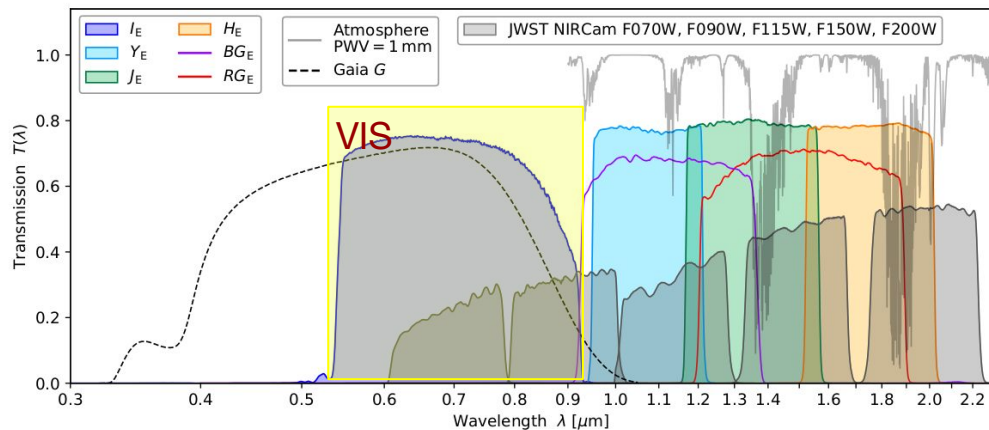
VIS and NISP



VIS

Design to measure galaxy shapes with high precision

- No moving parts
- One bandpass filter (covering r+i+z)
- 0.57 deg^2 and pixel size 0.1 arcsec

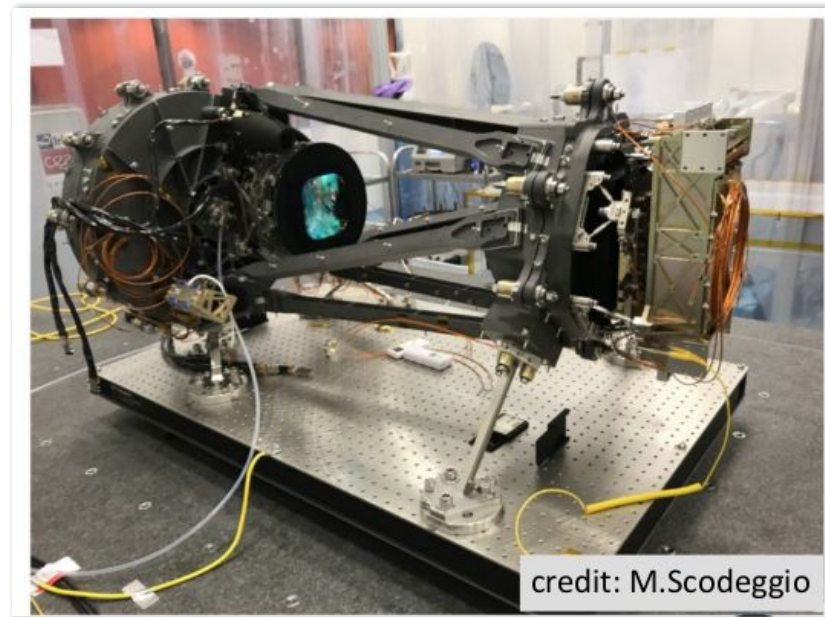
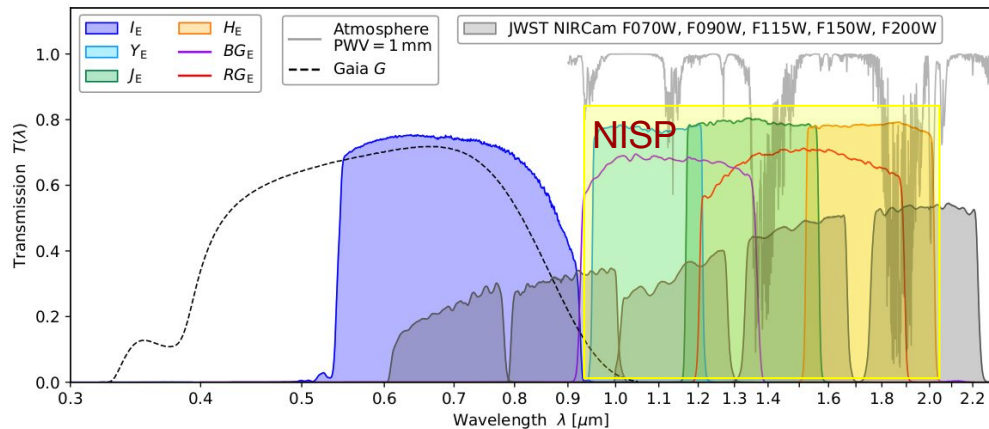


VIS focal plane array

NISP (Near Infrared Spectrometer and Photometer)

Design to measure galaxy LOS distances and velocities

- Imaging + Slitless spectroscopy
- 3 imaging bands (YJH) and 2 grism bandpasses
- 0.57 deg^2 and pixel size 0.3 arcsec



Simulated data

Flagship 2 Simulation



Simulation box: 3600
Mpc/h.

Particle mass = 10^9
 M_\odot/h

$$\Omega_m = 0.319$$

$$\Omega_b = 0.049$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\gamma = 0.681$$

$$A_s = 2.1 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$n_s = 0.96, h = 0.67$$

1.5×10^9 haloes

**Octant of the sky in the
light-cone up to redshift 3**

Performed using PKDGRAV3
(Potter & Staddel. 2016) at the
Piz Daint supercomputer at
the Swiss National
Supercomputing Centre

Credit: Jorge Carretero & Pau Tallada

Flagship 2 Simulation

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HOD and AM approach
calibrated to follow the
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3.4×10^9 galaxies

Includes several
properties:
position, velocities,
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redshifts and more...

Euclid Collaboration:
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Flagship 2 Simulation

Publicly available
by the end of the
month in
CosmoHub :)

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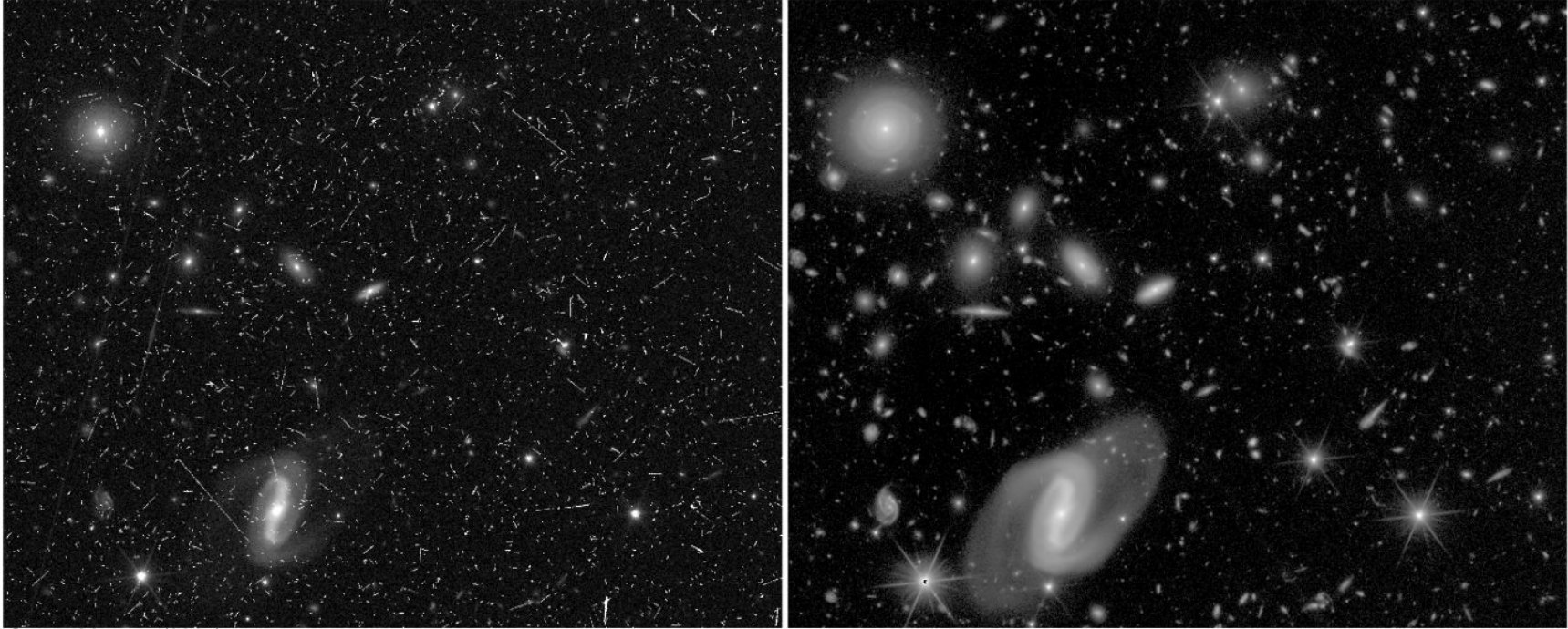
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VIS simulated view

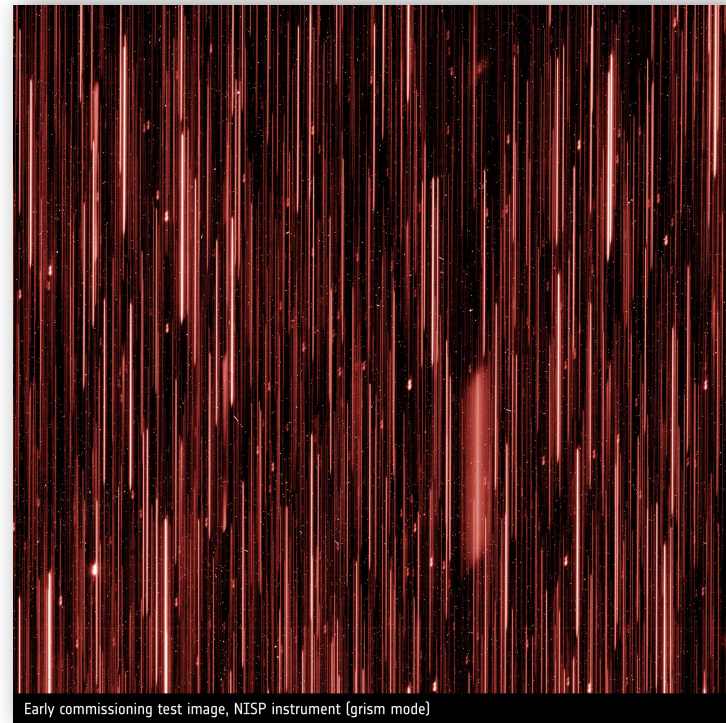


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NISP simulated images

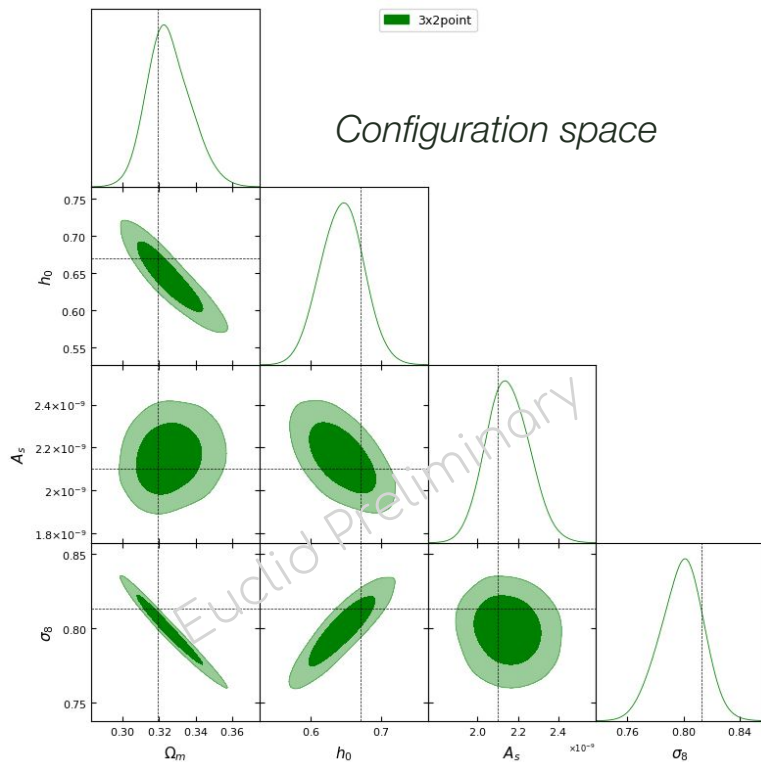


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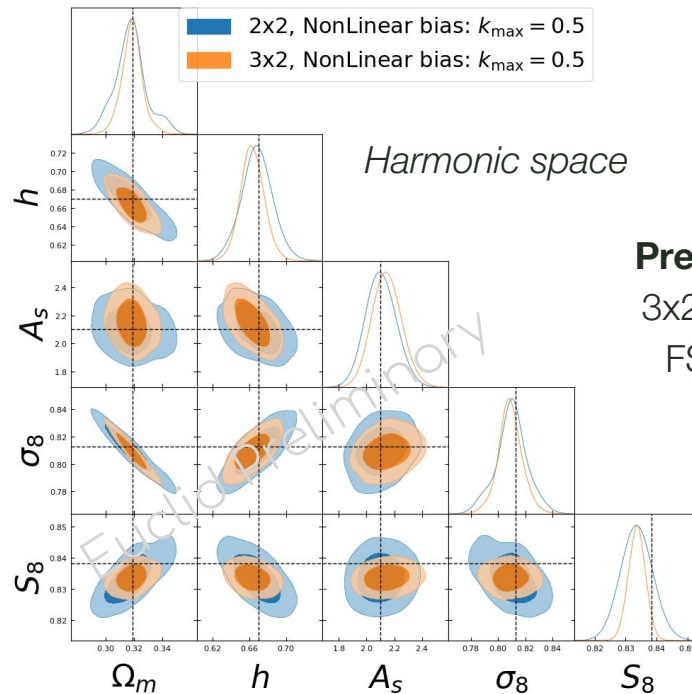


Early commissioning test image, NISP instrument (grism mode)

FS2 cosmological constraints



Credit: Zahra Baghkhani+ (in preparation)



Prediction for DR1:

3x2pt analysis using
 FS2 galaxy mock
 catalogue

Credit: Sylvain Gouyou-Beauchamps+ (in preparation)

Survey and releases

Launch

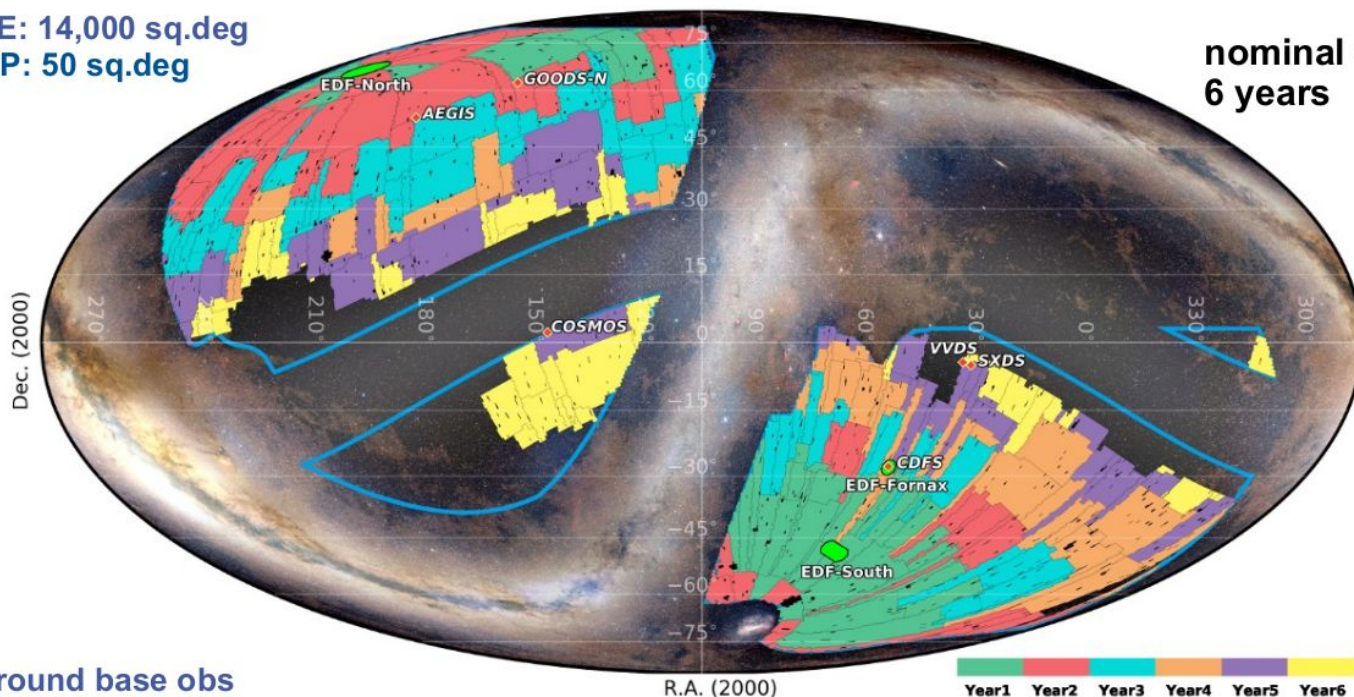


Euclid launched on a Falcon 9, SpaceX, on 1st July 2023, from Cape Canaveral. Credit: ESA

Euclid Survey

WIDE: 14,000 sq.deg
DEEP: 50 sq.deg

nominal survey:
6 years

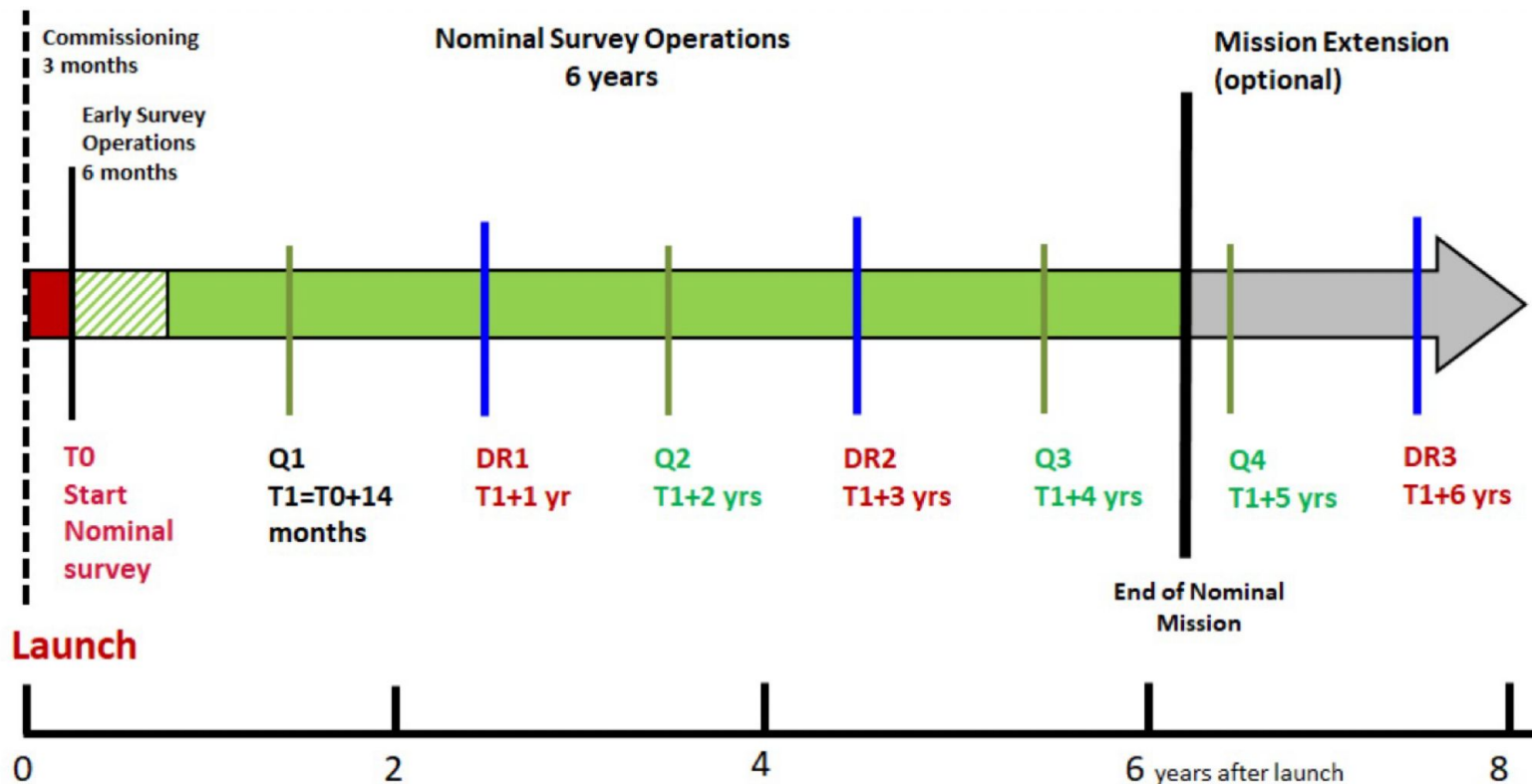


Ground base obs
DES, UNIONS, LSST

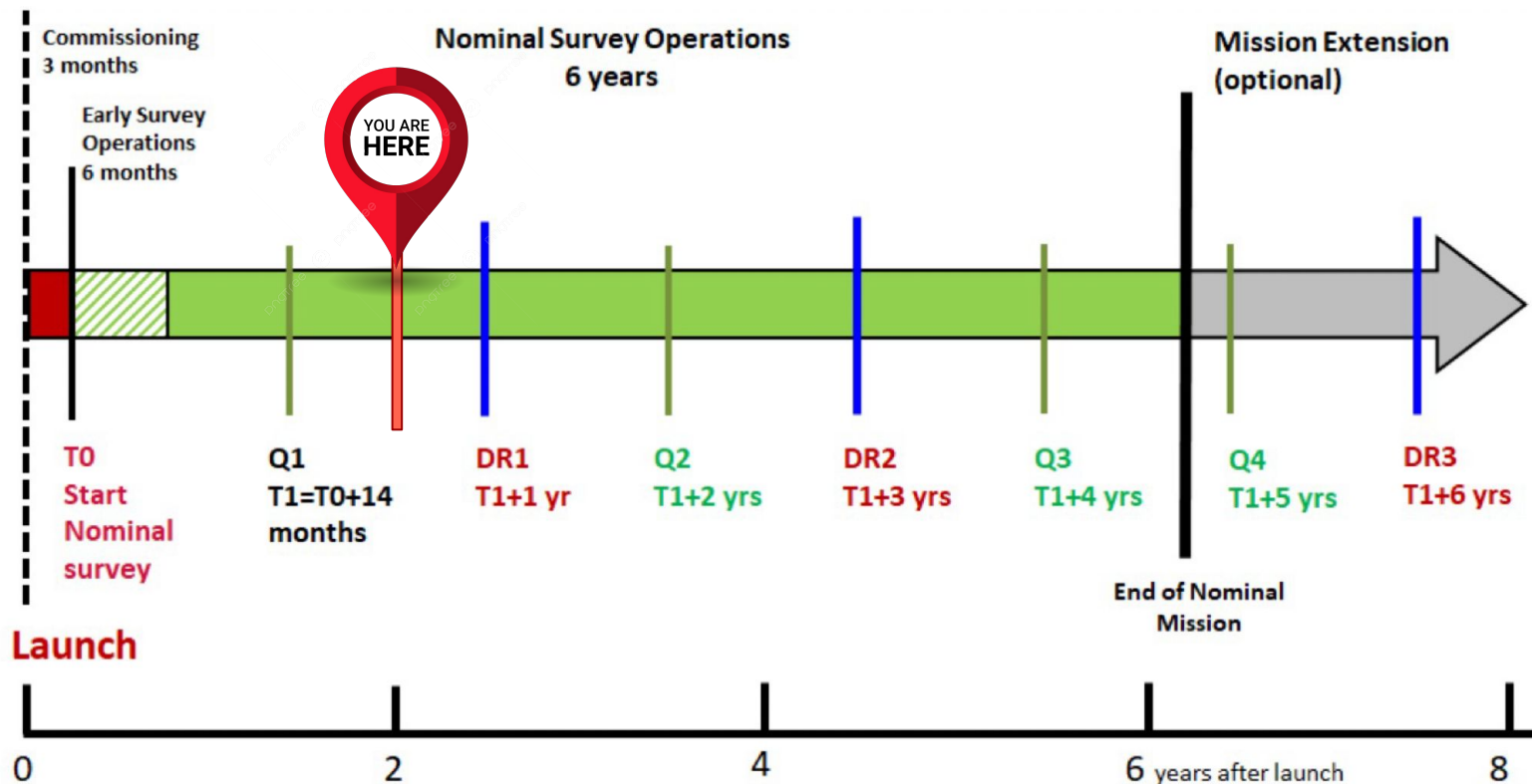
Year1 Year2 Year3 Year4 Year5 Year6

DES — to — UNIONS / LSST

Data releases



Data releases



First data (Q1)



Teaser images released in November 2023



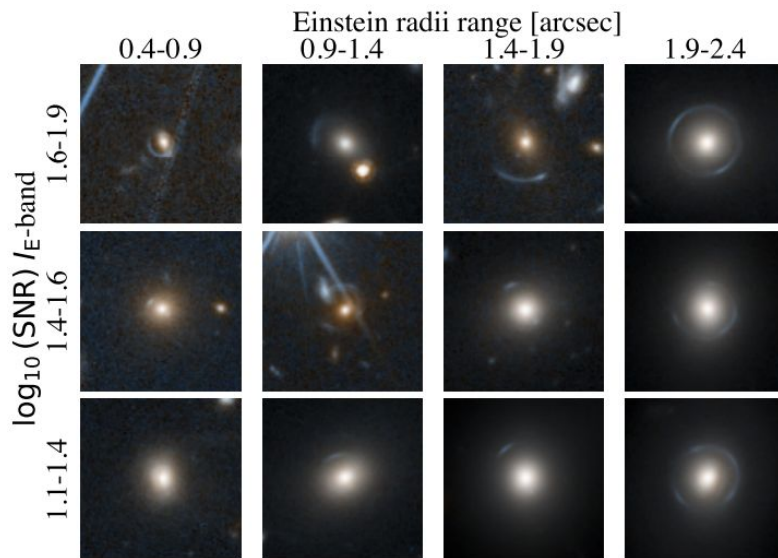
This is a single Hubble pointing at the same scale.

Euclid's individual images are big!

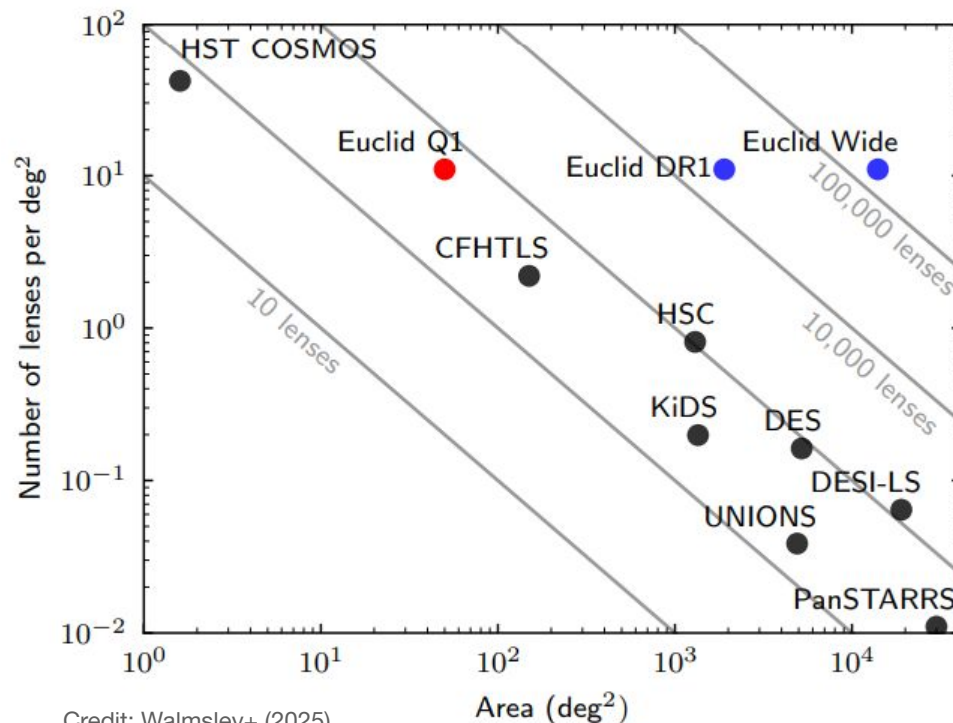


Strong lenses in Q1

497 galaxy-galaxy strong lenses catalogue

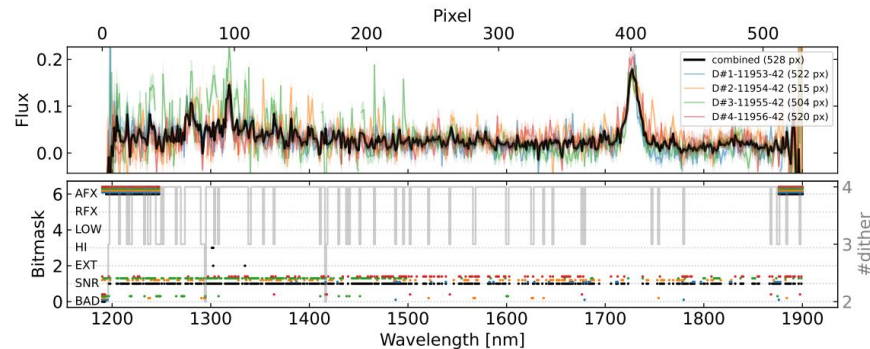
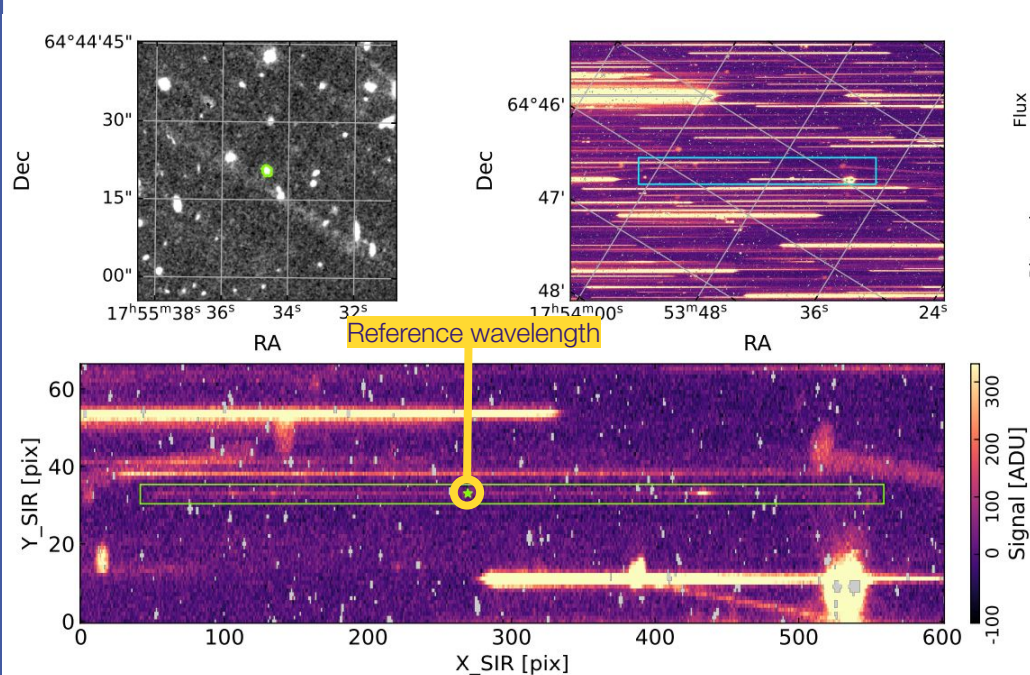


Credit: Rojas+ (2025)



Credit: Walmsley+ (2025)

Spectroscopic from Q1



Galaxy at $z = 1.63$

Spectra obtained by the combination of four single-dither extracted spectra

Credit: Copin+ (2025)

Summary

Thanks on behalf of the Euclid consortium

More than 3120 registered scientists

15 European countries + USA + Canada + Japon



Euclid Consortium meeting in Leiden, March 2025

Summary

Euclid launched on July 1st 2023, operates from L2, and is currently surveying 10 deg² per day

Euclid aims to unveil the nature of Dark Matter and Dark Energy by using weak gravitational lensing and galaxy clustering

The goal is to map one third of the sky (14000 deg²), first data release after one year of operations (2000 deg², end 2026)

By designing a space-based instrument for probing the dark Universe, Euclid is offering amazing new insights into the bright Universe