

Cosmologia Física

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Welcome

The course

Cosmology studies the global properties of the Universe using physics to describe/understand:

- the current state of the Universe,
- its past and future evolution,
- its structures and their large-scale spatial distributions

Two courses on physical cosmology in FCUL:

- **Cosmology I**: *Universo primordial* (homogenous universe, expansion, thermal history, general relativity, particle physics, field theory)

“Theoretical/Physical/Primordial Cosmology”

- **Cosmology II**: *Cosmologia Física* (homogeneous universe, inhomogeneous universe, structure formation, cosmological probes, general relativity, astrophysics, statistics)

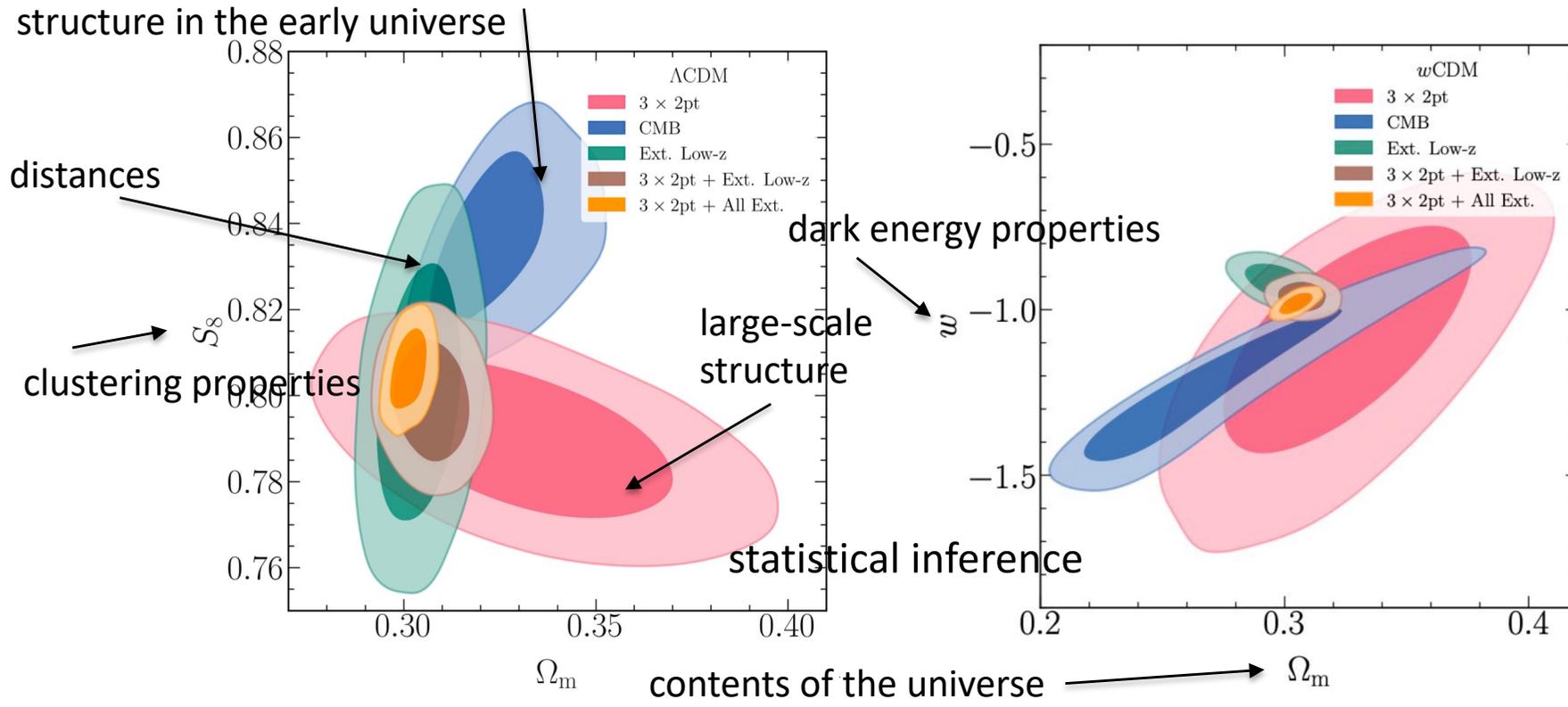
“Observational/Astrophysical/Statistical/Modern Cosmology”

Time	Temperature (K)	Event
	The Quantum Gravity Era	
1×10^{-43} s (Planck time)	1×10^{32}	quantum limit of general relativity
	The Inflation Era	
1×10^{-35} s	1×10^{28}	grand unification symmetry breaking
1×10^{-34} s	1×10^{27}	start of inflation
1×10^{-32} s	1×10^{27}	start of reheating and end of inflation
1×10^{-11} s	3×10^{15}	ew unification symmetry breaking
	The Quark-Lepton Era	
1×10^{-5} s	2×10^{12}	formation of hadrons from quarks
0.1 s	3×10^{10}	neutrinos decouple
1 s	1×10^{10}	neutron to proton ratio freezes out
10 s	5×10^9	electron positron annihilation
	The Radiation Era	
3 min	1×10^9	nucleosynthesis begins
30 min	4×10^8	nucleosynthesis ends
2000 anos	6×10^4 ($z \approx 10^4$)	matter-radiation equivalence
	The Matter Era	
10 mil anos (the plasma epoch)	1×10^4	matter is fully ionized
300 mil anos	3.5×10^3	electrons and protons recombine
400 mil anos	3.0×10^3 ($z \approx 1100$)	photon decoupling (last scattering surface)
400 milhoes de anos	($z \approx 15$)	first bound structures form formation of intergalactic medium first dark halos of galaxies first stars (first heavy elements) clusters filaments and voids
	The Dark Energy Era	
13.6 mil milhoes de anos	2.726	today

Primordial Universe

Physical Cosmology

The goal of this course is to understand what goes into plots like these:



Dark Energy Survey Year 6 Results: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2601.14559>

Properties of observable astrophysical quantities that allow us to evaluate cosmological models → cosmological probes

For this, we need to study:

The Homogeneous Universe: *the zeroth order Universe, or the background geometry, dynamics, age, **distances, cosmological parameters,** contents of the Universe (dark matter, dark energy, radiation, baryonic matter)*

The Inhomogeneous Universe: *the first order Universe, or linear structure formation the density contrast random fields and its statistical properties correlation functions and power spectra, Newtonian structure formation, structure formation in GR, for dark and baryonic matter, non-linear structure*

The Inhomogeneous Universe: *the second order Universe, or non-linear structure formation*
spherical collapse, mass function

Testing the Homogeneous Universe: *cosmological probes of geometry*
standard candles (Supernovae), standard rulers (Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations)

Testing the Inhomogeneous Universe: *cosmological probes of structure*
weak gravitational lensing (cosmic shear), galaxy clustering, CMB anisotropies

Statistical inference
Fisher matrix, MCMC

Classes

Thursday 11h30-13h30 C8.2.04

Friday 14h30-15h30 C8.2.04

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TP – examples, quiz, codes, papers

Evaluation

Homework: series of exercises (60-70%)

Presentation: of a topic chosen from a list to be given (for example to go in greater depth into a topic from the course) (30-40%)

Communication: Fénix page and email

Links to lecture notes, homework, and other courses material are given in this page:

<https://fenix.ciencias.ulisboa.pt/courses/cfis-1973404328527846/lecture-notes>

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Bibliography

I. Tereno - Lecture notes (slides)

D. Baumann - *Cosmology* (2022) – Ch. 2 (Hom. Univ), 5/6 (Inh. Univ), 7 (CMB)

Y. Wang - *Dark Energy* (2010) - Ch. 4 (SNIa), 5 (GC, BAO), 6 (WL), 7 (Clusters)

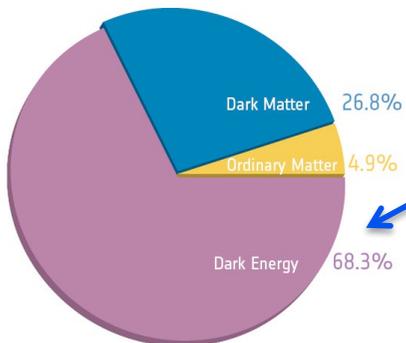
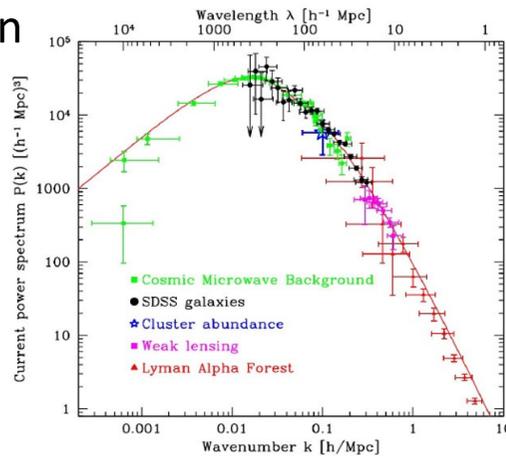
S. Dodelson and F. Schmidt - *Modern Cosmology* 2nd ed. (2021) – Ch 14 (Inference)
the full book gives a detailed coverage of the inhomogeneous Universe and the theoretical aspects of observational cosmology (in general it has a more advanced level)

The teacher

Cosmological gravitational lensing: the deflection of (galaxy) light in the Universe can be observed → discover the dark matter structures in the Universe and also other properties of the Universe (dark energy, behavior of gravity on large scales)



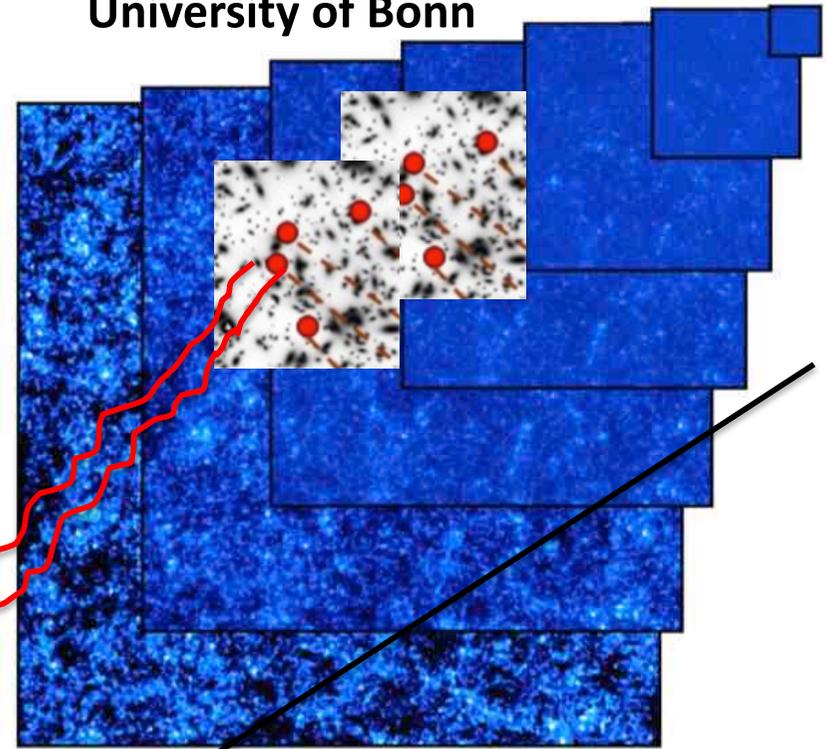
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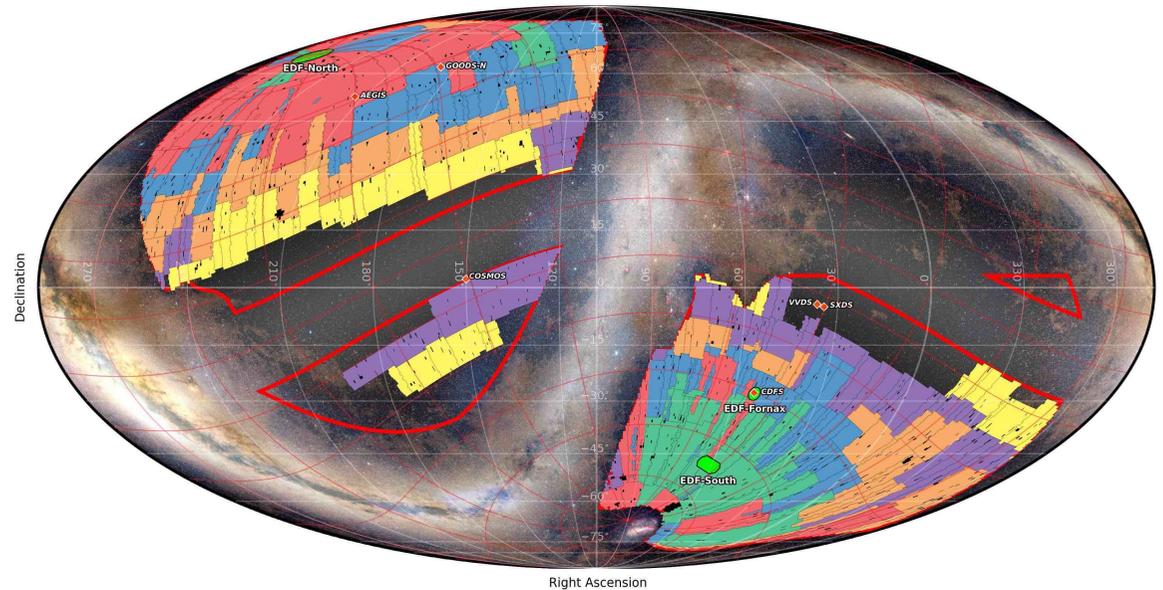
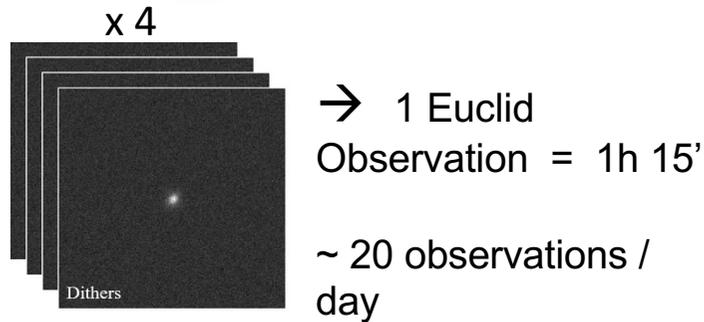
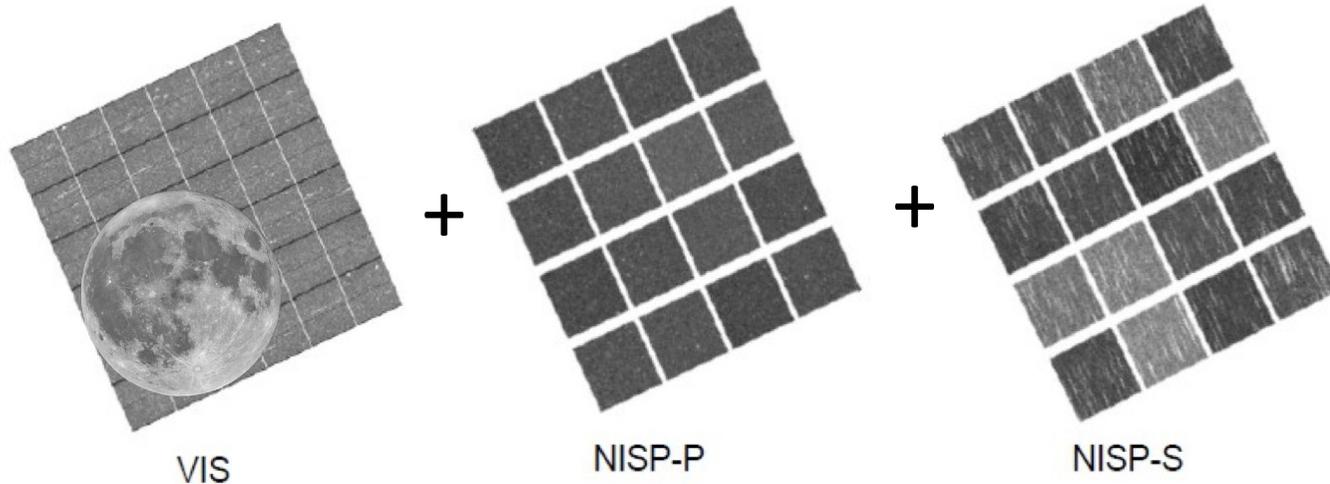
time

Euclid space mission

a sequence of 50 000 observations over the sky during 6 years – started on 14/02/2024

to measure weak lensing on $\sim 10^9$ galaxies and redshift (the 3D positions) of $\sim 10^7$ galaxies

To get enough statistics to probe the large-scale structure of the Universe and its evolution \rightarrow dark energy and gravity



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RSD 2026a ECTile realization of the Euclid Wide Survey : 13,133 deg² over 6 years in 411 patches

Euclid Region of Interest : 16 Kdeg² core science compliant with 690 blinding spots skipped [black, 154 deg² over the RSD]

Euclid Deep Field (EDF, 3 fields from north to south : 20+10+23 deg²)

Euclid deep auxiliary field (6 fields : 6.5 deg² in total)

Euclid Wide Survey chronology (2.2Kdeg²/yr)

Year1 Year2 Year3 Year4 Year5 Year6

Background Image: Euclid Consortium / Planck Collaboration / A. Mellinger

