

Document Outline

1. Executive Summary

- a. Distance probes can solve dark energy problem!
- b. Killer Plots (Kyle D. will identify people to provide probe uncertainties to make these plots for several eras: today, MS-DESI LSST, post)
 - i. Distinguishing power of fiducial models in $a(t)$
 - ii. w_0 - w_a (analog of Caldwell-Linder freezing-thawing plot)
 - iii. Other views in parameter space?
- c. Different probes combine to get distances
 - i. Complementarity & Systematics
- d. Reaffirm Rocky III - LSST, MS-DESI
- e. Amplify Rocky III recommendations not yet made into projects
- f. Things not mentioned in Rocky III: Post-MS-DESI and LSST era, projects and R&D

2. Discussion of each probe (mirrors format of executive summary), SN, BAO, Clusters, Strong lensing, Gravitational Wave Sirens, miscellany

- a. Executive summary - Take home message
- b. Strengths of probe, e.g. Stage IV, low-risk, etc
- c. Very brief review of probe status
- d. Things needed to make LSST, MS-DESI work
 - i. Pixel-level simulation

- ii. Cross-talk between LSST and MS-DESI
- e. Amplify Rocky III recommendations not made into project yet
 - i. SN examples
 - 1. Low-z SNe
 - 2. Fundamental flux calibration
 - ii. BAO
 - 1. Mission optimization theoretical questions, e.g. volume vs number density
 - 2. How to analyze the data?
 - 3. Simulation
- f. Things not mentioned in Rocky III but consideration is required
 - i. SNe
 - 1. Fundamental flux calibration
 - 2. Spectroscopy of LSST SNe
 - ii. BAO
 - 1. BOSS - MS-DESI bridge experiment
 - 2. 21 cm
- g. Post-LSST plan
 - i. What capabilities are needed? e.g. spectroscopic time series, restframe UV-NIR to $z=2$.
- h. Science projections (figure of merit)
- i. Rocky IV wish list, R&D, projects
 - i. Getting rid of the atmosphere:

OH-suppression, AO

ii. New detectors, e.g. impact of MKIDs, SiPM

3. Common Themes

a. Facilities

i. Pan-chromatic view requires new observatories

1. Antarctica, good seeing, low IR background

2. Space: WFIRST, X-ray, GRB -
Coordination of physics experiments on NASA missions

ii. Computing - Simulations, analysis, can push capabilities of HPC