

Alert Production Status & Plans

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The logo for the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST). It features the letters 'LSST' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'S' is filled with a blue-to-white gradient, giving it a three-dimensional, glowing appearance. The letters are outlined in white.

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope

Review of F19 promises

- **Solar system processing**

- RFC-620, describing new solar system processing plan, submitted but not yet approved.

- Successful evaluation of HeliLinC (Holman et al., 2018); will use this instead of classic MOPS algorithm.

- **Image differencing**

- Successful sprint; great example of cross-team cooperation (thanks, Yusra).
- Spawned some significant improvements to the false positive rate.
- Hope to build on this momentum, with more cross-team work.

Review of F19 promises

- **Astrometry improvements**

- Another cross-team sprint. Two parts: taking account of distortion when building the initial WCS, then taking advantage of that in the fitter.
- All the pieces are in place, but we're not using the new fitter yet, and haven't really shown how well this works.

- **Exposure upgrades**

- Aim to make it possible to extend Exposure in Python.
- Lots of progress in making ExposureInfo more flexible, so that arbitrary types can be attached to Exposures; DMTN-120.
- Currently stymied by persistence.

Review of F19 promises

- **Stack-produced DECam calibration products**
 - Not done; possibly S20A.
- **Gen 3 porting**
 - Starting ~this week!
- **Science Data Model**
 - ... see talk by Yusra yesterday



Also in F19

- Plugin system for calculating DIAObject properties.
- Writing up how Differential Chromatic Refraction mitigation interacts with template generation & the scheduler; see DMTN-121.
- Gaia DR2 reference catalog.
- Metrics Measurement Framework for extracting metrics from pipeline execution and forwarding them to SQuaSH.

Plans for S20 /1

- **Solar System Processing**

- *Siegfried, Mario, Joachim.*

- Pushing the RFC-620 system through change control & starting implementation.

- Algorithm development for orbit-visit cross matching in support of precovery, etc.

- **Image Differencing**

- *Gabor, Ian.*

- Short-term: addressing identified/known issues with the image differencing code.

- Longer-term: theoretical improvements to image differencing, ie updated approach to convolution ([PIPE-34](#)); expect this to be carried out with input/guidance from Jim & Robert (& other DRP team members, as applicable).

Plans for S20 /2

- **Astrometry Improvements**

- *Chris.*

- Finish the work from the last cycle; get the new fitter up and running, and quantify to what extent this work has addressed outstanding issues.

- **Exposure Upgrades**

- *Krzysztof.*

- (Possibly in contention with Gen 3 work).

- Presumably doing something about persistence, per DMTN-120; looking for input/ownership from Jim to make this useful.

Plans for S20 /3

- **Regular ap_pipe processing & QA monitoring**
 - *Meredith, Eric.*
 - Manual, monthly, reprocessing of HiTS dataset & QA analysis of the result.
 - Add HSC dataset.
 - If time allows, fold in DECam calibration product generation.
- **Alert Distribution System**
 - *Eric, John S*
 - Simulated alert stream; working with Darko Jevremović & team (Belgrade).
 - Discussing signed alert packets with Arch team *as I write.*

Plans for S20 /4

- **Gen 3 porting**
 - *Everybody.*
 - Starting this week; continues until ap_pipe is done.
- **Middleware development**
 - *John P. Others?*
 - Spoke about this on Tuesday; a good chance we can make John available as needed. Modulo...
- **Jointcal**
 - *John P.*
 - Fix bugs identified in HSC release processing. Gen 3 porting (as above).
 - No new algorithmic development(?)

Plans for S20 /5

- **Source association for AP**
 - *Chris.*
 - Compute more DIAObject properties (parallax, proper motion, etc).
 - Potential to look at smarter association algorithms.

