

Operations Rehearsal #2 (preparations)

Current plan is to execute OPS Rehearsal #2 the week of July 27th

- pre-meeting July 27th (10am PST)
- rehearsal activities July 28-30
- [Confluence page being used by the OPS rehearsal is linked HERE.](#)

[Robert Gruendl](#) is leading this effort.

[LDM-643 \(Section 3\)](#) now has a first draft of a description for OPS rehearsal #2

Draft test plan for OR2 can be found at: <https://jira.lsstcorp.org/secure/Tests.jspa#/testPlan/LVV-P72>

The pre-operations team feel using AuxTel for this rehearsal would provide maximum end-to-end realism.

(Though Covid-19 may prevent that)

Personnel needed to execute the rehearsal - [Wil O'Mullane](#) [Chuck Claver](#) [Unknown User \(mbutler\)](#) with DM CAMS should identify staff for the rehearsal.

- SIT-Com: Tiago, Patrick - if AUXTel with LATISS these two should be on site in Chile - and Brian (possibly Michael Reuter for EFD)
- Data Production QA : Lauren , [Yusra AISayyad](#) since it looks like we will be defining procedures as we go, others ..
- Data Production Facility : Michelle B, Robert G ,
- TSSW: On call who [Andy Clements](#)

OPS rehearsal II discussion (2020 March 31; 15:00 Pacific; <https://bluejeans.com/206063043>)

Participants

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Agenda

- decide if we do it with simulations from the base or delay to summit reopening.
 - basically set a schedule
 - if we use LATISS agree ground rules with Patrick (not to interfere with engineering work)
 - ComCam?
- give some clarity on personnel involved and what role they play
- give some clarity on goals such as
 - which procedures we might develop
 - which requirements could potentially verify (Jeff Carlin)

Notes

Goals:

- Refer to [LDM-643](#).
- "Prepare for ComCam on the sky".
 - How will observing proceed?
 - How will changes be folded in?
 - How will processing be incorporated into the daily operations of the system?
- Inform e.g. our approach to change control: how do you change how the DAC is read out? How do you fall back to a previous system?
- Exercise whatever systems we have available, or use shims to make the rehearsal possible.
- However, the real aim is the interaction between the various teams (summit, Tucson, LDF); reality of hardware etc is not fundamental.
 - However, using hardware to make the rehearsal "hands-on" makes it more compelling.
 - Previous rehearsal was based on simulated data.

- This is a *commissioning* rehearsal, rather than preparation for a steady state operations scenario.
- Expect to plan a twist for mid-rehearsal; assume that everything runs smoothly on the first day.
 - Needs a “ringmaster” to make this happen.

Outstanding questions:

- Which instrument should we use to drive the rehearsal? Simulations, or AuxTel/LATISS, or ComCam?
 - In the near term, AuxTel will be in stasis; ~months before it is back online.
 - Probability ComCam will be running in La Serena at some level, but it's not clear what level of connectivity it will have.
 - Wil reckons “quite a bit”; it's in the data center.
 - A moving target in terms of availability.
 - Could be used to generate biases, darks, flats.
 - Could play fake images through the NCSA test stand. This obviously doesn't exercise ComCam hardware.
 - Can inject “interesting” images, but it takes some effort.
 - **Decision: target ComCam in the Recinto.**
 - Backup plan: use test stand at NCSA if ComCam is not available. Specifically, **the date takes priority over the hardware availability.**
- What compute hardware do we use?
 - The commissioning cluster should be available.
 - Also want to exercise batch compute as part of this exercise at NCSA.
- When do we feel we need to run this rehearsal?
 - Do we need to rethink ops rehearsals given our current situation? E.g. introducing more rehearsals in future, as things start coming back online.
 - Note there is a pre-ops milestone which may fold in to this rehearsal.
 - That milestone implies we want this done by the **end of June**.
 - Aiming for **May** gives enough time to get ComCam up and running, but likely the summit will still be closed so people will be available.
 - There is still some managerial work to be worked out to get ComCam going.
 - As above, **date takes precedence**, and we use the test stand if ComCam isn't available.
 - Some uncertainty about the availability of code to perform ingestion by May.
 - Note DMLT meeting, DES collaboration meeting in May.
 - **Decision: Doodle poll key individuals for three days in May.**
 - But can reconsider if ingestion is unavailable on that timescale.
- How long should the rehearsal last?
 - Three days last time; allows time for handovers, debriefs, etc.
 - **Decision: the duration will be at least three nights (four calendar days).**
 - If the exercise is run during the day using ComCam in Recinto, then the *equivalent* of three nights is fine.
- Who are the key personnel?
 - Chile: Kevin Reil, Brian Stalder (likely as observing scientist; alternatives are Sandrine Thomas, Chuck Claver, Kevin Reil, Tiago Ribeiro), Cristian Silva
 - Tucson: Michael Reuter, Patrick Ingraham (& Chuck as observer).
 - Execution staff / NCSA: Monika Adamow, JD Maloney, Robert Gruendl, Matt Kollross
 - SDQA: Lauren MacArthur, Jeff Carlin
 - Depends on exactly what pipelines get run, what high-level requirements can we test?
 - Pipelines support (on call): Merlin Fisher-Levine
 - Camera support (on call): Tony Johnson, Htut Khine Win, Steve
 - Director: Bob Blum
 - Several observers.

Next steps:

- [Robert Gruendl](#) & [Patrick Ingraham](#) to outline a plan, on this wiki page.
 - [Leanne Guy](#) & [Jeffrey Carlin](#) will turn that into a test plan.
- [John Swinbank](#) to make sure that Merlin knows that this is in the offing.
- [Michael Reuter](#) to give T&SS a heads-up.

Plan Assuming ComCam available from Recinto/Base:

Prereq(s):

- ☐ ComCam functioning (cold with illumination sources)
- ☐ ComCam DAQ/Archiver produces appropriate headers
- ☐ CPP pipeline ready to process (bias, dark, flat?)
- ☐ Hexapod/Rotator simulators at a minimum (the more the better)

Rehearsal Outline/Script (repeat 3? times):

- Observations from ComCam:
 - bias sequence

- dark sequence
- flat sequence?
- Transfer and ingest to OODS (base) and DBB (NCSA)
- CPP pipelines (triggered by hand?)
- SDQA and inspection within LSP
- Meet and discuss

Variance/Challenges:

- initially, whatever might come up
- Perform standard visit with ingest, display image post-ISR
 - ISR quality is somewhat irrelevant
 - Pretend bias is bad and new one is needed
 - Recreate master bias at NCSA excluding image 4
 - Get it to summit network, ingested and re-display the image with proper bias
 - Take a new image and make sure it uses the new bias
- Simulate a normal commissioning characterization activity
 - Verify readout noise during slew is the same as when not in motion
 - Verify no pickup from motors etc
 - Check each elevation, azimuth and rotator axis independently
 - Analyze the data during the "day" at NCSA
- A list of standard commissioning "challenges" forcing on-the-fly actions will be compiled increasing in difficulty
 - Will not be shared with participants prior to starting the exercise
- Other daytime activities could include:
 - could attempt a DAQ upgrade w/ reversion (test change control/failover)
 - minor change in XML interface requiring re-deployment of a single component or two (not the entire system)

Potential Verification Elements: (Note these might not be true verification of system requirement but more tests that elements can be verified)

- Networking
 - [Jeff Kantor](#) asks if we might run a bit longer and test the backup network
- Data Acquisition, Archive, Ingest at ComCam Scale
- Data processing at ComCam Scale
- See also <https://jira.lsstcorp.org/secure/Tests.jspa#/testPlan/LVV-P72> — will be DMTR-231 (not yet published)

OPS rehearsal II discussion (2020 May 20)

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Run June 2-4 inclusive.

Meeting noon each day . (See also LDM-643)

Take data in the morning and talk about it at noon. Discuss next day.

Comcam is available ! Some data transfers - but not triggered from outside (aka OCS) - test stand directory structure - rsync no acknowledgement.

Chuck asks how it gets in platform - cron job. Newer system should use less cron jobs.

Image format - they can be ingested but can not read them (in same nublado instance) .. since TSSW is on old version of stack so the SAL aware nublado container cannot read images. Regular LSP should work. Felipe says they are all good.

✓ Robert Gruendl will check images in NCSA 22 May 2020

Weekly stack should be able to process the images. Headers are not same as CCS - need to check if there is any header info missing. Archiver generated files preferable but we may not get them. We can try camera generated files for now - no filter info in header, pretty much all other info is in the header.

✓ Merlin Fisher-Levine will check images if Robert Gruendl points him at data

Run calibration products generation and use those products on an image, not automatic, so perhaps generate them after each day?

Chuck suggests - Bias, Dark, Flats with illumination change - create master bias, dark, do ISR on flat images and produce master flat. Done manually for now but in ops its not necessarily automatic anyway.

Kevin or Petr can theoretically go in and change a lamp or such.

Success still looks like data arriving at NCSA and people looking at it.

✓ Robert Gruendl will provide a script and we will think about whether there is a blocker based on Archiver availability.

Proposed Outline/Script for OPS Rehearsal #2

Simulated Time	Rehearsal Time (PST)	Activity	Actor (s)	Description
Day 0	June 1, Noon	Pre-meeting	ALL	A hopefully quick session to make sure we have all our ducks in a row.
#Afternoon (DAY 1)	#Morning June 2			
	9am	Acquire afternoon calibration.	ObsOps	Simple Calibration Sequence: N? x bias, N? x flat, Dark sequence
		Calibrations Products Pipeline	USDF	
	11am	Examine Calibrations	SciOps	
	Noon	Afternoon Stand-up Operations Meeting.	ALL	
		Close Out previous night's report	SciOps	
		Reprocessing (if needed)	USDF	
		Select Configurations and Calibration	SciOps	
#Night				
#Afternoon (DAY 2)	#Morning June 3			

	9am	Acquire afternoon calibration.	ObsOps	Calibration Sequence (change illumination source) and repeat Day 1
		Calibrations Products Pipeline	USDF	
	11am	Examine Calibrations	SciOps	
	Noon	Afternoon Stand-up Operations Meeting.	ALL	
		Close Out previous night's report	SciOps	
		Reprocessing (if needed)	USDF	
		Select Configurations and Calibration	SciOps	
#Night				
#Afternoon (DAY 3)	#Morning June 4			
	9am	Acquire afternoon calibration.	ObsOps	Calibration Sequence: N x Bias, M x Flat (interrupt or change illumination during sequence) N x Flat (take good sequence) Dark Sequence
		Calibrations Products Pipeline	USDF	
	11am	Examine Calibrations	SciOps	
	Noon	Afternoon Stand-up Operations Meeting.	ALL	
		Close Out previous night's report	SciOps	
		Reprocessing (if needed)	USDF	
		Select Configurations and Calibration	SciOps	
#Night				
#Afternoon (DAY 4)	#Morning June 5			
		Network configuration change	Kantor	The purpose being to test fail-over routing
	10am	Acquire afternoon calibration.	ObsOps	One set of BIAS(?)
		Verify Data Arrival and Archiving	USDF	
		No Need for General Meeting		
	next week	Write Tech Note to Summarize/Discuss Rehearsal	All	All really refers to