

Commissioning Science Data Quality Analysis Tools, Methods and Procedures

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ABSTRACT

The Vera C. Rubin Observatory will conduct a 10-year survey of the night sky visible from Chile to address many questions at the frontier of astrophysics and cosmology research. The survey will collect many petabytes of image data, which will be processed to generate a diverse set of derived data products, each with stringent set of requirements flowed down from science drivers. Meanwhile, the observatory itself is a collection of complex subsystems that must function together to deliver high-quality scientific images. We describe here the systems engineering approach adopted by the Rubin Observatory construction project used to verify each step of the system integration, and to monitor the system performance over time. We focus on the application of these tools to science verification and validation during commissioning.

This paper has potential overlap / connections with several other Construction Papers, including the Alert Production (PSTN-038) and Data Release Production (PSTN-039) science verification papers based on commissioning data, as well as several of the Data Management papers, such as “LSST Data Management Quality Assurance and Reliability Engineering” (PSTN-023) and “LSST Data Management System Verification and Validation” (PSTN-024). In order to distinguish this paper from the others, the current draft outline takes more of a systems engineering approach, and focuses on technical aspects over scientific aspects. The two commissioning science verification papers are intended for a science user audience interested in the high-level science performance and data products of the as-built Rubin Observatory, and it is envisioned that those papers will focus on results, rather than methods. Meanwhile, based on current draft outlines, it seems that the Data Management papers are focusing on the testing methodologies and tools used when developing the science pipelines and Data Management system, with less emphasis on the commissioning and overall system integration specifically. Therefore, this paper would provide an overview of the systems engineering approach adopted by the project, using the science performance as a specific example of the application. It does not appear that the other construction papers cover this topic. One intended audience is the LSST Operations Team that would likely use much of the tooling to monitor system performance over time, and to help evaluate the science quality of data releases.

- Paragraph to introduce the LSST, emphasizing the size/richness/complexity of the dataset, multiple data processing steps, and stringent requirements on systematic uncertainty
- Paragraph to describe how the science drivers translate to high-level requirements on scientific performance of the survey and flow-down to observatory specifications, written for a systems engineering audience
- During commissioning, both the datasets and science pipelines are evolving rapidly, and we need a verification framework that will be functional at survey scale
- Paragraph to briefly describe the verification and validation framework used for commissioning
- Pointers to other relevant Rubin Observatory construction papers for context

2. VERIFICATION ARCHITECTURE AND TOOLS FOR SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND COMMISSIONING

(Austin, Gabriele)

- Integrated modeling approach
- Description of verification architecture, including concepts of Verification Elements, Test Plans, Test Cases, etc.
- Description of verification tooling, e.g., MagicDraw, Syndeia, and JIRA
- Description of verification workflow
- Description of visualization and status tooling

3. APPLICATION TO SCIENCE VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION FOR COMMISSIONING

(Keith, Andy, Jeff, Simon)

- Examples to illustrate use of verification architecture described above
- Description of science verification analysis framework used in commissioning
- Example results showing summary of verification status during commissioning

4. DISCUSSION

- Brief summary of the utility / effectiveness of the verification framework used in commissioning
- We intend to use this framework during LSST Operations, with the following suggestions for improvement
- We hope that these strategies might be useful for future projects

APPENDIX

Initial paper list added here for reference.

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B. ACRONYMS

Acronym	Description
ADS	Astrophysics Data System
DAQ	Data Acquisition System
DM	Data Management
EPO	Education and Public Outreach
LPM	LSST Project Management (Document Handle)
LSE	LSST Systems Engineering (Document Handle)
LSST	Legacy Survey of Space and Time (formerly Large Synoptic Survey Telescope)
LaTeX	(Leslie) Lamport TeX (document markup language and document preparation system)
NEO	Near-Earth Object
OpSim	Operations Simulation
PSTN	Project Science Technical Note
TBD	To Be Defined (Determined)