



# Early Science

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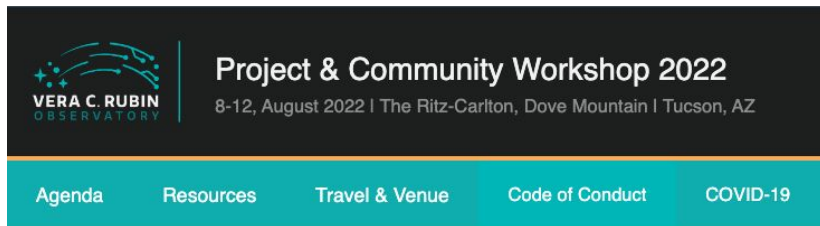
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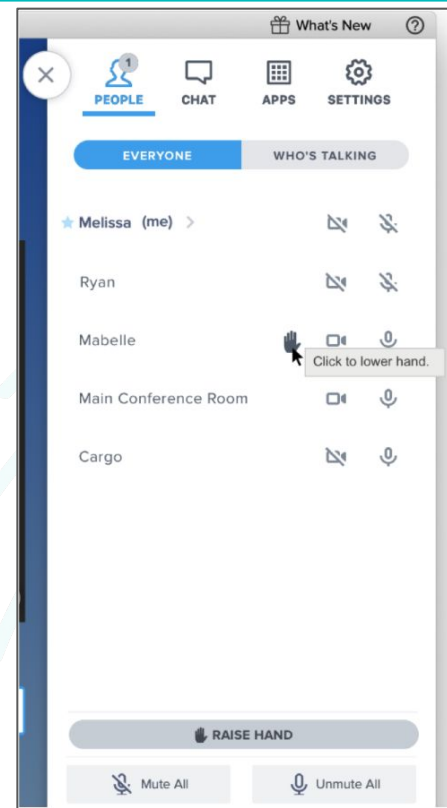


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or

use the BlueJeans chat functionality to ask questions or make comments.



# Session Format & Logistics

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Session Chairs: Bob Blum & Leanne Guy,

Slack Channel: [#day2-tue-slot4b-early-science](#)

Monitoring slack for questions: Phil Marshal (?)

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**Early Science is defined as any science enabled by Rubin for its community through and including the first data release, Data Release 1 (DR1)**

The Early Science Program is motivated by the desire to provide the community with science-ready data products up to DR1. Under nominal planning it includes:

- **Data Preview 1 (DP1):** based on ComCam data, Mar 2024–Jul 2024\*
- **Data Preview 2 (DP2):** based on LSSTCam data, Dec 2024 – Mar 2025\*
- **Data Release 1 (DR1):** based on the first 6 months of LSST data, Oct 2025 – Jan 2026\*
- **Alerts:** at reduced scale and fidelity, facilitated by commissioning templates and incremental template generation in Year 1<sup>‡</sup>

<sup>‡</sup> Due to the need for Data-Release-derived templates, Alert Production cannot run at full scale nor full fidelity during commissioning and year one.

\* Indicates a range of possible release dates for the data release based on project uncertainty

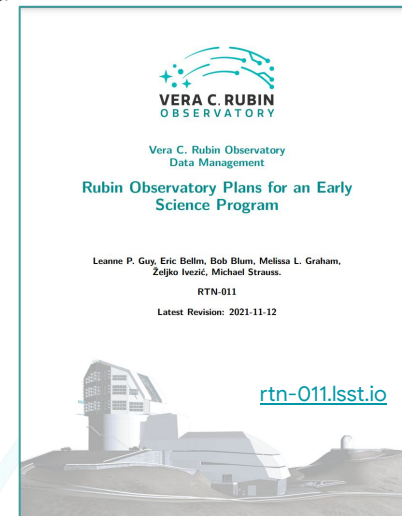
# RTN-011: Roadmap for Early Science

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[RTN-011: Plans for Early Science](#) is the guiding document for Early Science with Rubin. It is a living document that will evolve over the course of the pre-operations period.

- Provides the plans for a Early Science Program
- Outlines the strategy for obtaining observations during commissioning to enhance Early Science
- Describes plans to implement incremental template generation to augment alert production in the early phases of the survey.

Feedback from this session will be incorporated into RTN-011 and a new version issued by end August



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# Data Release Schedule and Contents

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Rubin Baseline Data Release Scenario		Jun 2021	Jun 2022	Mar 2024 - Jul 2024	Dec 2024 - Mar 2025	Oct 2025 - Jan 2026	Oct 2026 - Jan 2027	Nov 2027 - Jan 2028	Oct 2028 - Jan 2029
		DP0.1	DP0.2	DP1	DP2	DR1	DR2	DR3	DR4
Data Product		DC2 Simulated Sky Survey	Reproce- sed DC2 Survey	ComCam On-Sky Data	LSSTCam On-Sky Data	LSST First 6 Months Data	LSST Year 1 Data	LSST Year 2 Data	LSST Year 3 Data
Raw images		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP Processed Visit Images and Visit Catalogs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP Coadded Images		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP Object and ForcedSource Catalogs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP Difference Images and DIASources		□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP ForcedSource Catalogs including DIA outputs		□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP Processed Visit Images		□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP Difference Images		□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP Catalogs (DIASources, DIAObjects, DIAForcedSources)		□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP Alerts (Canned)		□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP Alerts (Live, Brokered)		□	□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PP SSP Catalogs		□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRP SSP Catalogs		□	□	□	□	✓	✓	✓	✓

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# Science Verification View of Commissioning

ComCam		~3 months	~1 month	remove ComCam, install LSSTCam
Electro-optical Testing at Level 3	In-dome Engineering	On-sky Engineering	System Optimization	
biases, darks, flats	suite of in-dome calibration	pointing, AOS testing sky flats, dithering around bright stars, airmass scans	20-year LSST WFD equivalent depth, synthesizing LSSTCam FoV, prioritizing LSST DDF	
LSSTCam		~3 months	~1-2 months	~1-2 months
Electro-optical Testing at Level 3	In-dome Engineering	On-sky Engineering	System Optimization	Science Validation Survey(s)
biases, darks, flats	suite of in-dome calibration	pointing, AOS sky flats, dithering around bright stars, airmass scans	20-year LSST WFD equivalent depth in fields for extragalactic, Galactic, and Solar System science, ~100 deg <sup>2</sup> in multiple bands with dense temporal sampling	Menu includes increased coverage of LSST DDFs Pilot LSST WFD survey, ~1000 deg <sup>2</sup> in multiple bands to 1-2 year LSST equivalent depth Astrophysical targets / ToO
		→ <b>Early Science</b>		

\*\* from Science Verification and validation session



## Project Key Milestones

Project status : <https://www.lsst.org/about/project-status>

29-Sep-2022	TMA Contract Complete
30-Sep-2022	EPO Construction Finish
20-Mar-2023	COMP: Camera Pre-Ship Review at SLAC
28-Mar-2023	Dome Complete
17-May-2023	3-Mirror Optical System Ready for Testing
19-Jul-2023	Engineering First Light w/ComCam
05-Sep-2023	Camera Ready for Full System Al&T
14-Feb-2024	System First Light
11-Jun-2024	Test report: Final Pipelines Delivery
11-Jun-2024	Mini-Survey 2 Complete
18-Jun-2024	Operation Readiness Review Complete

## Operations Key Milestones

<b>2021-06-30</b>	Deliver Data Preview 0.1 (DP0.1) (L1-RO-0040)	
<b>2022-06-30</b>	Complete Delivery of Data Preview Zero (L1-RO-0050)	
<b>Mar 2024 - Jul 2024</b>	Complete Delivery of Data Preview One (DP1) (L1-RO-0060)	(= Optical testing on TMA complete + 6 months)
<b>Jun 2024 - Oct 2024</b>	("Survey"/"Full") Operations Begins (L1-RO-0100)	(= Operation Readiness Review Complete + 1 day)
<b>Jun 2024 - Nov 2024</b>	Survey Start (L1-RO-0110)	(= ("Survey"/"Full") Operations Begins + 1 months)
<b>Dec 2024 - Mar 2025</b>	Complete Delivery of Data Preview Two (DP2) (L1-RO-0070)	(= Mini-Survey 2 Complete + 6 months)
<b>Oct 2025 - Jan 2026</b>	Complete Delivery of Data Release One (DR1) (L1-RO-0120)	(= Survey Start + 12 months)

The success and nature of Early Science depends on what the state of the system following commissioning. We consider three scenarios to ensure Early Science:

- **Plan A:** Science Verification is completely successful, move quickly to start the LSST-WFD survey, process SV images into DP2, and prepare for DR1;
- **Plan B:** Early Science Observing (3-6 months) that is different to regular survey operations because on-sky time in Commissioning was reduced, leading to few science-ready data products before the LSST begins. DP2 and DR1 content and timing TBD, but we will aim to stay as close to the Plan A schedule as possible;
- **Plan C:** Further shakedown of operations procedures and data taking is required even though the Rubin System can capture and produce science-quality data. DP2 and DR1 content and timing TBD, but correspondingly delayed.

Each option (A, B, or C) will include alert processing and generation of some type.

# Early Science and the SCOC

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- SCOC aim to deliver their Phase 2 recommendations for the baseline cadence in Dec. 2022. See: [SCOC Handout](#) and [SCOC Information](#).
- The SCOC will continue to solicit input from the community on many aspects of the LSST cadence, including the Early Science observing strategy, see [SCOC v2.0 and 2.1 simulations review timeline](#)
- Considerations for Early Science:
  - **Plan A:** Start the survey with the baseline cadence and alert production based on commissioning templates and incrementally generated templates in year 1.
  - **Plan B/C:** Communicate to the SCOC what we need to do (for survey readiness) and work with the survey scheduling team and SCOC to 1) understand the relationship to the LSST cadence and 2) optimize early science.

**To maximize the opportunities for Early Science, Rubin will incrementally generate templates during Commissioning and year 1 using the best images available and covering as much sky in as many filters as possible.**

- **Commissioning Data Templates:** Build templates, where possible, from all science-quality commissioning data before the start of year one, and use them to generate alerts during year one
- **Year One Data Templates:** Build templates progressively from data obtained during year one (e.g., on a weekly or monthly timescale), and use them to generate alerts during year one, either instead of, or in addition to using commissioning data to build templates.

See: [DMTN-107](#): Options for Alert Production in LSST Operations Year 1

# Incremental Template Generation

- DM has committed to constructing a system capable of building Image Differencing Templates outside of Data Release Processing:
  - **1.4.5 Template Coadds ID: DMS-REQ-0280 (Priority: 1b)**  
**Specification:** The DMS shall periodically create Template Images in each of the u,g,r,i,z,y passbands. Templates may be constructed as part of executing the Data Release Production payload, or by a separate execution of the Template Generation payload. Prior to their availability from Data Releases these coadds shall be created incrementally when sufficient data passing relevant quality criteria is available.
- To enable artifact rejection, templates in year 1 will be built with at least three images (five in subsequent years.)
- Templates are not necessarily built from the first N images that are collected,
- Once a template is produced for a sky position and filter it will not be replaced until the next Data Release to avoid repeated baseline changes.

- **Plan A:** A strategy for template generation in the early phases of the survey which balances a tradeoff between various factors such as smaller area with multiple filters vs a single filter over a large area, must be devised. It will not be possible to survey the whole sky in all filters and generate templates by the end of the commissioning period.
- **Plan B/C:** In addition to template generation, we will need to devise an observing strategy for Early Science Observing. Should this be the LSST cadence, the construction SV observing plan or something different?
- Different science drivers naturally lead to different prioritization strategies
  - Milky way science would prefer templates that cover the galactic plane,
  - Time domain science prefers templates in multiple bands vs. single band for a larger area.
  - SN, transient and variable star science prefer templates for all bands in the Deep Drilling Fields.

# Timeline for Early Science Decisions

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- Very dependent on commissioning
  - e.g. if a significant part of the Science Verification surveys were descoped or reduced due to lack of schedule contingency, that would likely put us into Plan B,
  - e.g if we got no Science Verification data at all, that would likely put us into Plan C.
- Will know a lot in a year and will check in every few months.
- Track the celebratory milestones page : [DMTN-232](#)



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# Questions and Answers



# Advance Question: What is Early Science

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## **What is early science defined as?**

- Any science enabled by Rubin for its community through and including the first data release, Data Release 1 (DR1)

## **Is this all of year 1 observing?**

- No, Early Science includes the first 6 months of LSST data, which will be released one year after the start of Operations as Data Release 1 (DR1)

## **Is this possible special observing surveys in the first six months?**

- Possibly, if we don't get the SV surveys done in the commissioning period (and are in Plan B or C as a result)

# Advance Question: Incremental Templates

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**[rtn-011.lsst.io](https://rtn-011.lsst.io)** states that plans have been revised to include the generation of incremental templates in year 1. Has the ability to create and handle incremental templates been incorporated into the Rubin codebase?

- No, not yet. The requirement to be able to build templates outside of Data Release Processing has been added to the Data Management Requirements.
- Functionality to coadd arbitrary input images does exist; what is needed is an algorithm for selecting those inputs, and some tooling to make this easy to do operationally.

**If not, what is the timeline for this work to be completed?**

- Start of the LSSTCam Science Verification surveys, ~mid 2024

# Advance Question: Timeline for decisions

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## **What is the current timeline for early science considerations/decisions?**

- Concrete plans for Early Science depend strongly on how we emerge from commissioning. We have defined a range of scenarios to cover all possible commissioning outcomes. We expect to be able to provide more details in about a year.

## **How does the SCOC recommendations on cadence and early science plans play into this?**

- We will work together with the SCOC to maximize Early Science while not doing something that would be problematic for the survey cadence.

# Backup Slides



# Early Science Data Products

## Prompt Data Products

**Alerts:** Alert packet containing: alertId, DIASource, DIAObject or SSOBJect, previous 12 months of detections, science/template/difference image cutouts

**Images:** Single visit images, difference images, template

**Catalogs:** DIASource, DIAObject, SSOBJect, ForcedSource.

## Prompt Products Database Timescale

The prompt products database, containing the prompt catalogs will be updated on a 24hr timescale.

## Static Science Data Products

DR data products from DP1 and 2 based on commissioning Science verification data, and DR1 based on the first 6 months of data.

### Definitions

**Source** = A detection in an image with SNR>5

**Object** = Sources associated by coordinate

**DIA** = Difference Image Analysis

**DIASource** = A detection in a difference image with SNR>5

**DIAObject** = DIASources associated by coordinate

**SSObject** = Solar System Object

**Template** = Transient-free image