



# Welcome

Bob Blum / Phil Marshall



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# Agenda - Monday 7 August Plenary

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4:00 - 4:10 pm - Operations Director Welcome (Bob & Phil)

4:10 - 4:55 pm - Construction update

4:15 - 4:20 pm - Construction Director welcome (Zeljko)

4:20 - 4:40 pm - Construction updates (Victor)

4:40 - 4:45 pm - WDA and DEI update (Sandrine)

4:45 - 4:55 pm - Q&A

4:55 - 5:05 pm - Introduction Discovery Alliance (Beth)

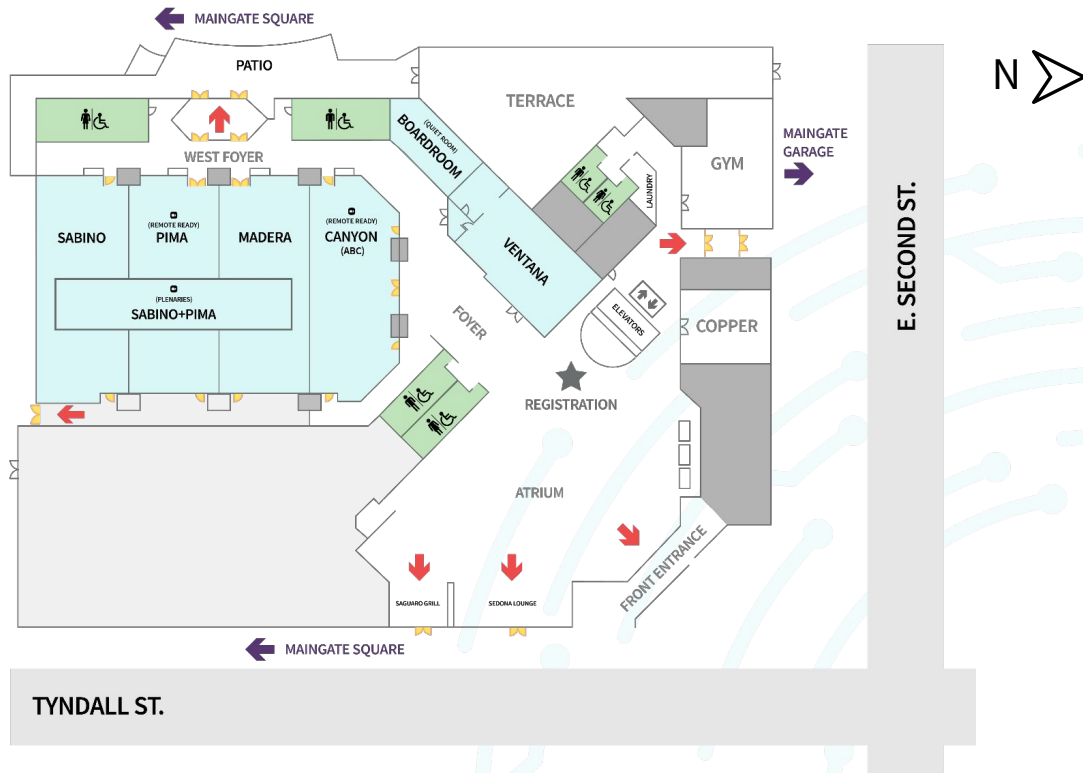
5:05 - 5:15 pm - Student poster pitches

5:15 - 5:30 pm - Logistics for the week ahead (Ranpal & Melissa)

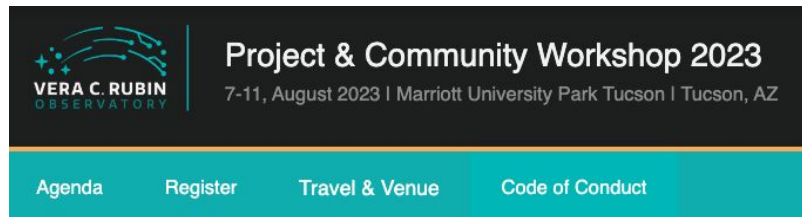
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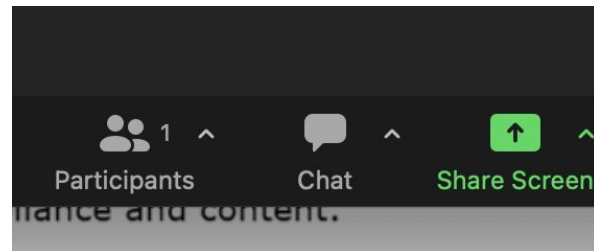


In-person participants should speak into the room microphone(s), or the chair should repeat all questions into the microphone, so that the virtual participants can hear what is said.



In the Rubin2023\_PCW Slack Space, all participants can use the session's channel for Q&A and discussion.

The channel name convention is, e.g.:  
#day1-mon-slot3a-intro-to-rubin

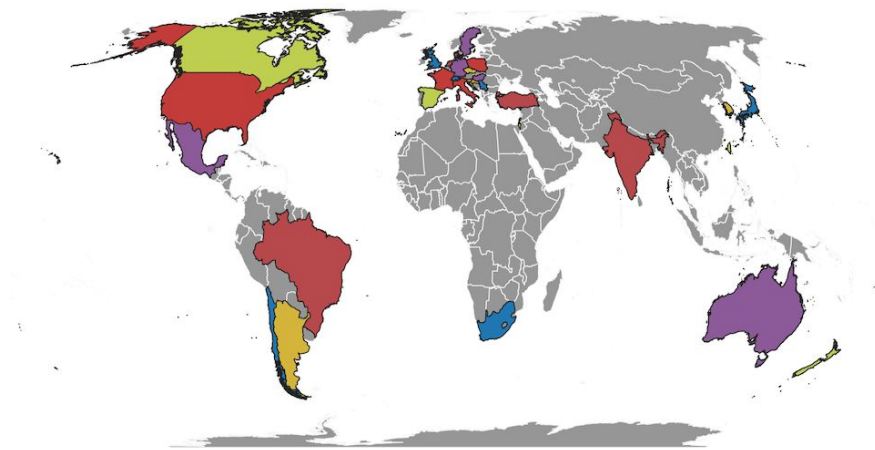


In Zoom, use the chat to:

- request to unmute to ask a question, or
- type your question so someone can speak it aloud.

The Zoom “raise hand” feature is generally harder for moderators to track, and is not preferred, but may be used at the discretion of the session chair.

## 13th PCW - Hosted by Operations for the first time



Map from Steve Margheim

~ 300 in-person participants

> 100 virtual participants

Contributions and Science

Collaborators on 6 continents

Meeting funded by

- NOIRLab
- Rubin Construction
- SLAC



# Thank you!

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# Construction Status

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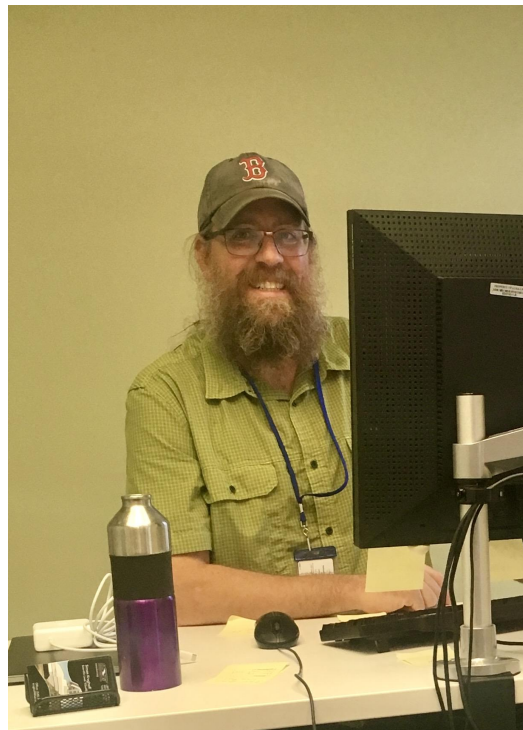
# It's great to see you all! Welcome!

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- the construction progress since the last PCW will be summarized by Victor in the next presentation, followed by WDA and DEI updates by Sandrine Thomas
- I will briefly summarize what is ahead for us and when we think we'll be done with the construction project (and transition into full operations phase, and then start LSST)

# Remembering Simon Krughoff

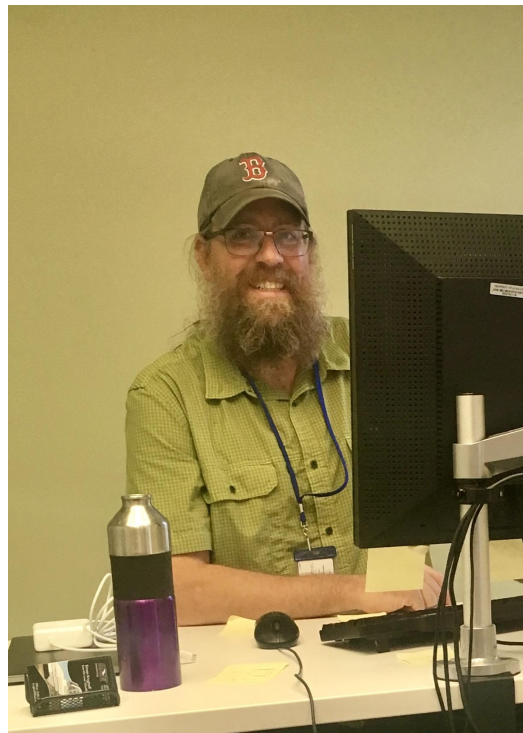
Before I continue, I would like to remind us that we lost our wonderful DM SQuARE team member from Tucson, Simon Krughoff, earlier this year.



# Remembering Simon Krughoff

**Andy Connolly** (Seattle, July 29, '23):

“Simon changed my path through my career but more than just that he was a wonderful person to work with; smart, funny, kind, caring. His work changed how we do astronomy today. He was also loved and admired and respected by those he worked with.”



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- **"a year from now":**  
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- **what happens after "first photon"?**
- **"formula 9+3+5" for activities after the LSSTCam arrives to the summit:**
  - 9 months to complete integration and get the first photon image
  - 3 month to fine-tune the system and reach "system first light"
  - 5 months for further commissioning, including 2 months for science validation surveys

Not including schedule uncertainty and contingency. See later slides.

# Current approximate forecasts:

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## If LSSTCam ships in November 2023, then:

- **"a year from now":** "first photon", Aug '24
- **"a year and a half from now":** early '25
  - DP1 - the first time Rubin data products, from System First Light, become available
- **"two years from now":** mid/late '25: the start of LSST
- **"two and a half years from now":** early '26:
  - DP2 - the first time scientifically exciting data products become available
- **"three years from now":** late '26
  - Data Release 1 - data products based on the first 6 months of LSST

These project phases/milestones will be discussed in much more detail during many sessions at this meeting.

# Current approximate forecasts:

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**These dates are only current forecasts, with at least “a few months” uncertainties**

We need to acknowledge that:

- there is an effect we could call "adiabatic schedule forecast expansion", which appears as we start executing planned activities; so far it's been at least 10%, and hopefully it will remain under 25-30%
- then there are unpredictable events, we could call them “non-gaussian effects”, or perhaps “departures from (thermo)-dynamical schedule equilibrium”...  
an example is a recent 2-month long stand down at SLAC due to an unpredictable event that insurance companies might call "an act of God"; in other words, it was totally outside our control...

**Because of this, our schedule forecasts are still uncertain to at least a few months.**

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**The schedule uncertainties will **significantly decrease** as we:**

- ship the LSSTCam from SLAC to the summit
- acquire “first photon” image
- achieve “system first light”
- execute “science validation surveys”...

## To summarize, we expect:

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**"a year from now"**: Rubin's "first photon" image

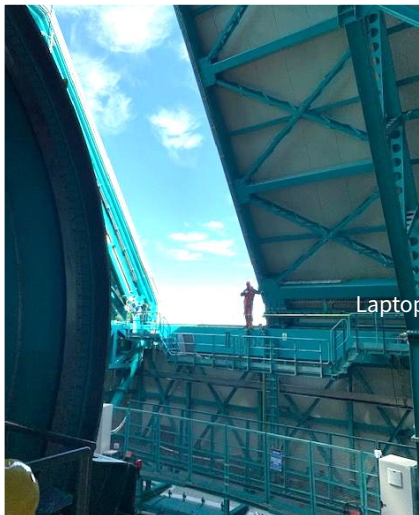
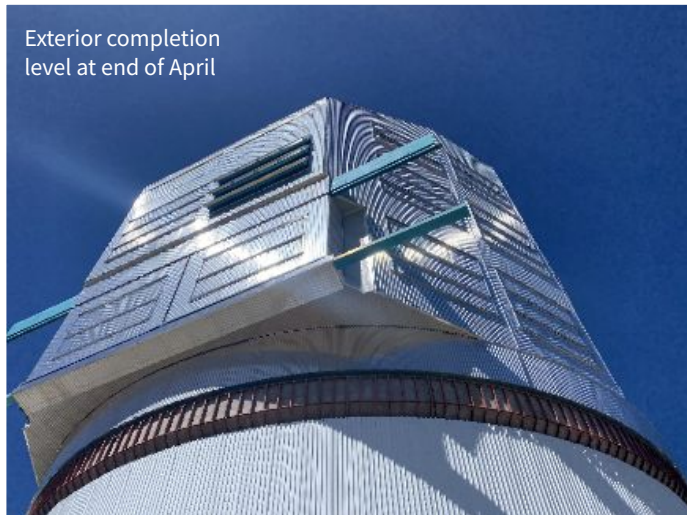
**"two years from now"**: the start of LSST scheduler-driven data taking

**"three years from now"**: LSST Data Release 1

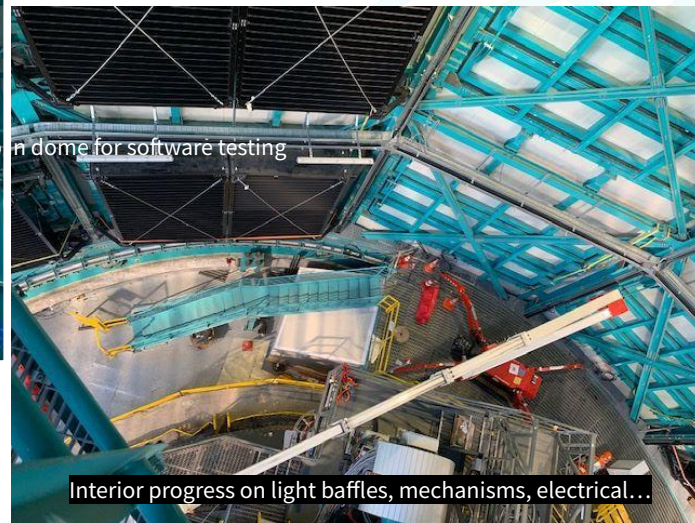


# Dome Progress

Exterior completion  
level at end of April



Laptop in dome for software testing



Interior progress on light baffles, mechanisms, electrical...



TMA substantial  
Completion!!

It's not done but  
Vendor released to  
Rubin with Punchlist.

Marks full switch to  
System Integration



# We live, learn, recover and move on

Refrigeration tubing is done! Pressure testing, flushing/cleaning, dry down leading to pathfinder startup.

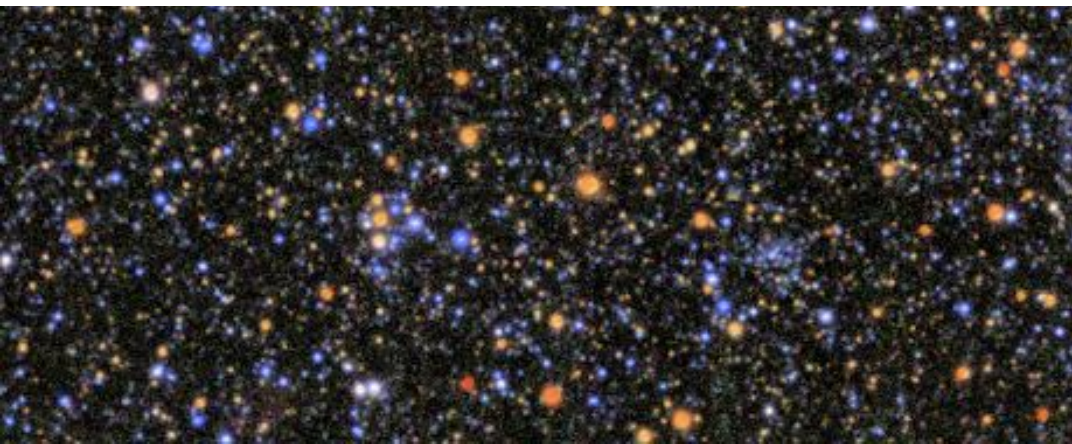
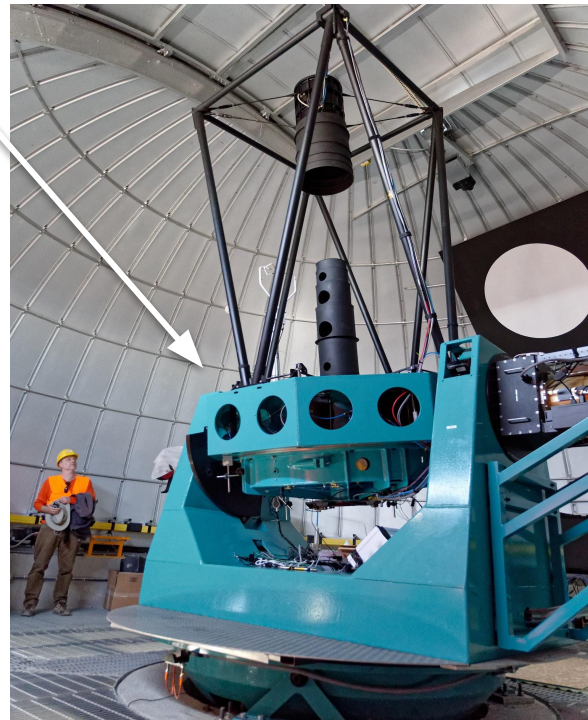
1100 KVA generator arrived and installation in progress – Electrical shutdown week of 5 June



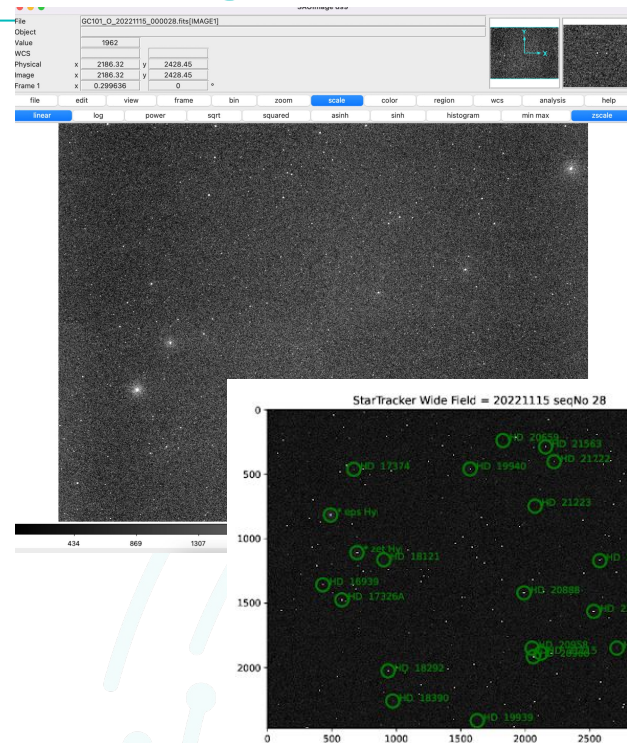
## 1.2 meter Auxiliary Telescope



AuxTel is back in operation and key for DM and System Commissioning



6'x5' gri coadd produced from ~30 overlapping visits with AuxTel in a dense stellar field around the Small Magellanic Cloud (Lauren MacArthur)



Night crew for first image. 4 Rubin staff and 3 in kind contributors (BNL, Duke, UCSC)

# SVV team is supporting and planning

## CalcRhoStatistics

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class lsst.analysis.tools.actions.vector.CalcRhoStatistics("args", **kw)
```

Bases: [KeyedDataAction](#)

Calculate rho statistics

Rho statistics refer to a collection of correlation functions involving PSF ellipticity and size residuals. They quantify the contribution from PSF leakage due to errors in PSF modeling to the weak lensing shear correlation functions.

The exact definitions of rho statistics as defined in [1] are given below.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_1(\theta) &= \langle \delta e_{PSF}^*(x) \delta e_{PSF}(x + \theta) \rangle \\ \rho_2(\theta) &= \langle e_{PSF}^*(x) \delta e_{PSF}(x + \theta) \rangle \\ \rho_3(\theta) &= \left\langle \left( e_{PSF}^* \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x) \right) \left( e_{PSF} \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x + \theta) \right) \right\rangle \\ \rho_4(\theta) &= \left\langle \delta e_{PSF}^*(x) \left( e_{PSF} \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x + \theta) \right) \right\rangle \\ \rho_5(\theta) &= \left\langle e_{PSF}^*(x) \left( e_{PSF} \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x + \theta) \right) \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

In addition to these five, we also compute the auto-correlation function of the fractional size residuals and call it the  $\rho_5(\theta)$ , as referred to in Melchior et al. (2015) [2].

$$\rho_5(\theta) = \left\langle \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x) \frac{\delta T_{PSF}}{T_{PSF}}(x + \theta) \right\rangle$$

The definition of ellipticity used in [1] correspond to shear-type, which is typically smaller by a factor of 4 than using distortion-type.

### References

[1] [1,2]

Jarvis, M., Sheldon, E., Zuntz, J., Kacprzak, T., Bridle, S. L., et. al (2016). The DES Science Verification weak lensing shear catalogues MNRAS, 460, 2245–2281.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stw990>; <https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.05603>

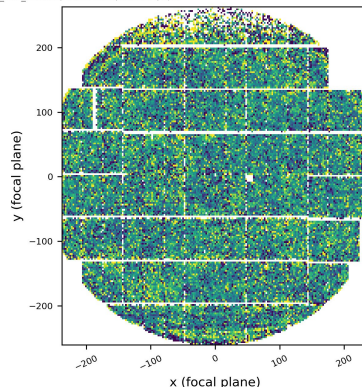
[2]

Melchior, P., et al (2015) Mass and galaxy distributions of four massive galaxy clusters from Dark Energy Survey Science Verification data MNRAS, 449, no. 3, pp. 219–2238.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stv398> <https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.4285>

### stellarPhotometricResiduals

HSC/runs/RC2/w\_2023\_11/DM-38360/20230405T215407Z  
PhotoCalib: None, Astrometry: None  
Table: isolated\_star\_sources, Tract: 9813, Bands: i, S/N: -



Median: 0.00  
 $\sigma_{mag}$ : 7.47  
 $\rho_{points}$ : 181247

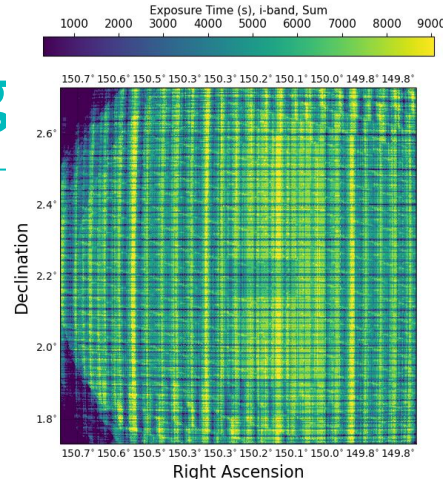


Metric dispatch to Sasquatch to allow time-series monitoring of performance and correlation studies with system telemetry

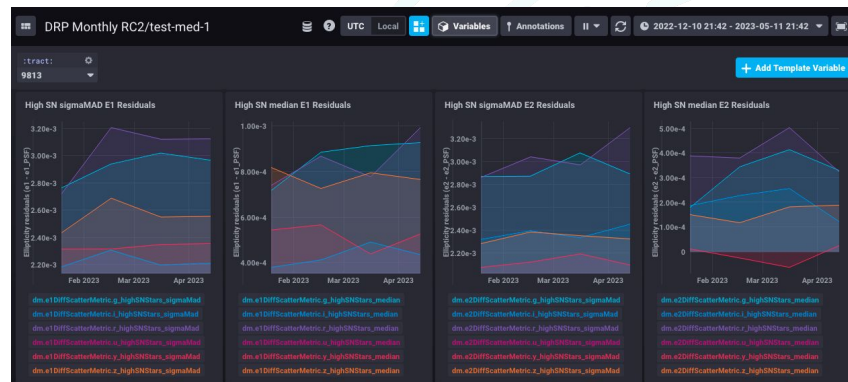
API documentation, conceptual overviews, “how to” guides, and tutorials

Ongoing  
[analysis tools](#)  
work to enable  
more developers to  
contribute

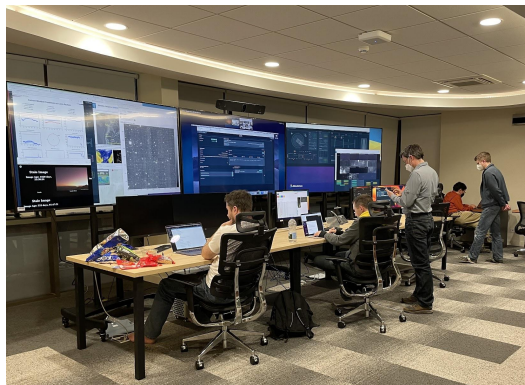
Visualizing  
performance in focal  
plane coordinates



Visualizing survey property maps  
at a range of spatial scales



# Data getting to USDF through DM pipelines and quickviews...

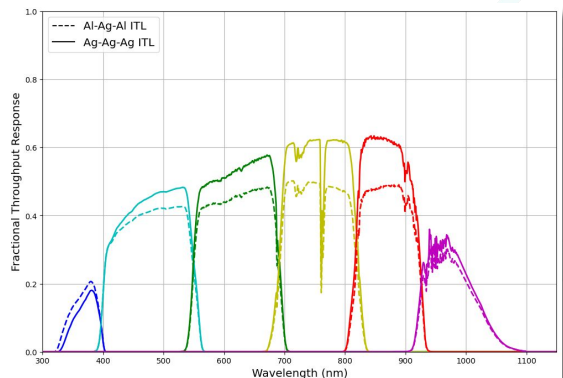
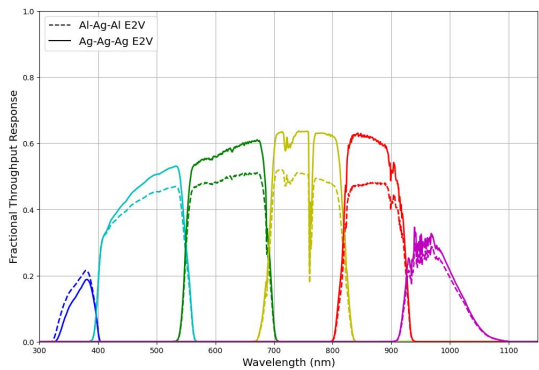
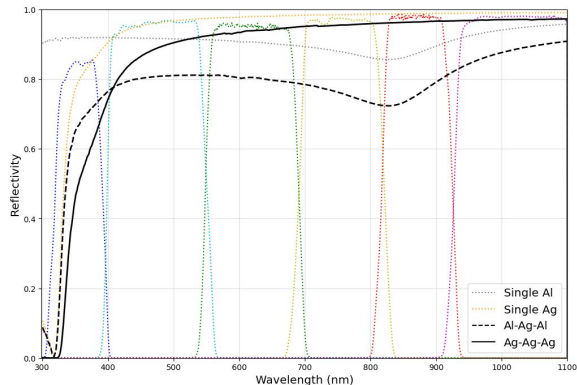




# M1M3 and M2 Coating Options: Triple Silver (3Ag) or Aluminum+Silver (Al-Ag-Al)

3Ag significantly higher throughput in  $g$ ,  $r$ ,  $i$ ,  $z$ ,  $y$ , lower in  $u$  but still good  
System optimization with as-built components, along with positive long-term coating stability studies.

**Project is now moving toward baselining 3Ag**

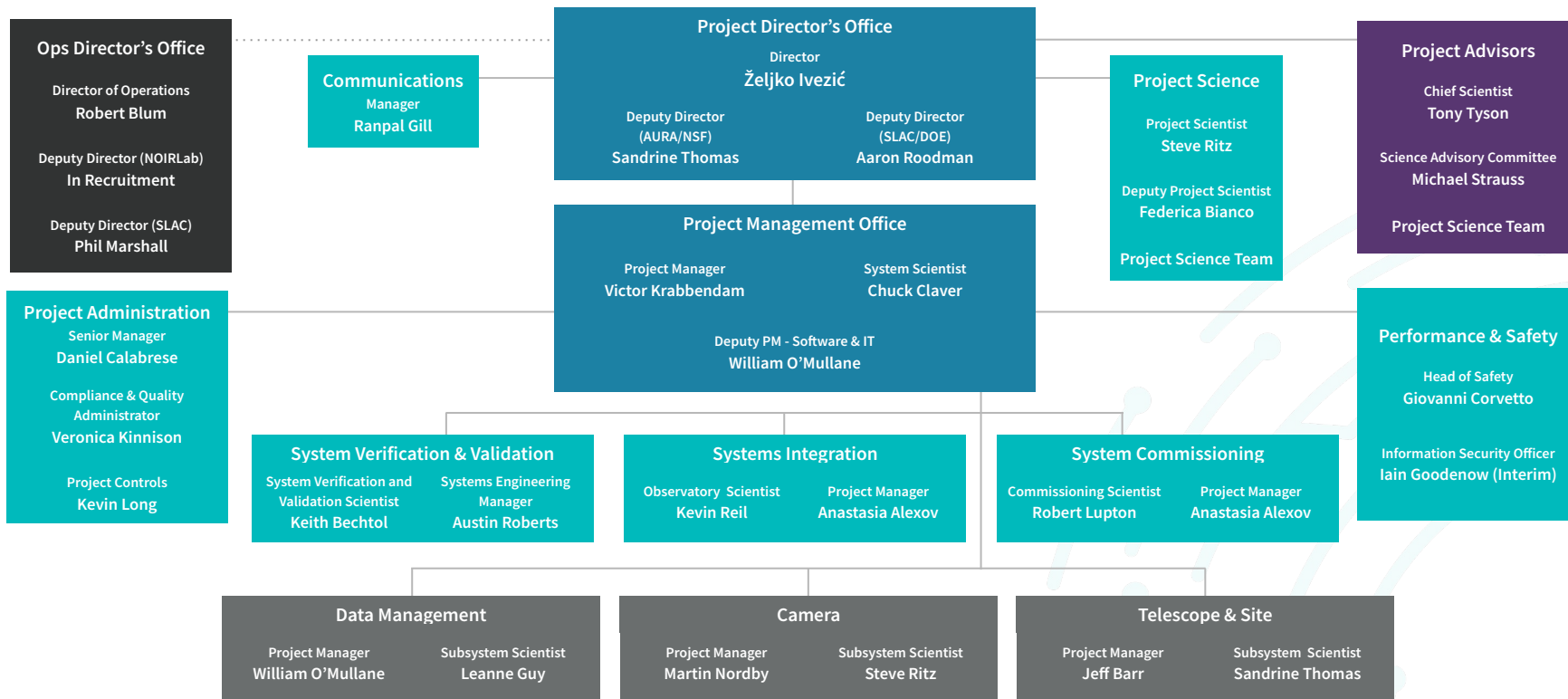


<1% changes  
in effective  
wavelengths

# Rubin Construction Org Chart

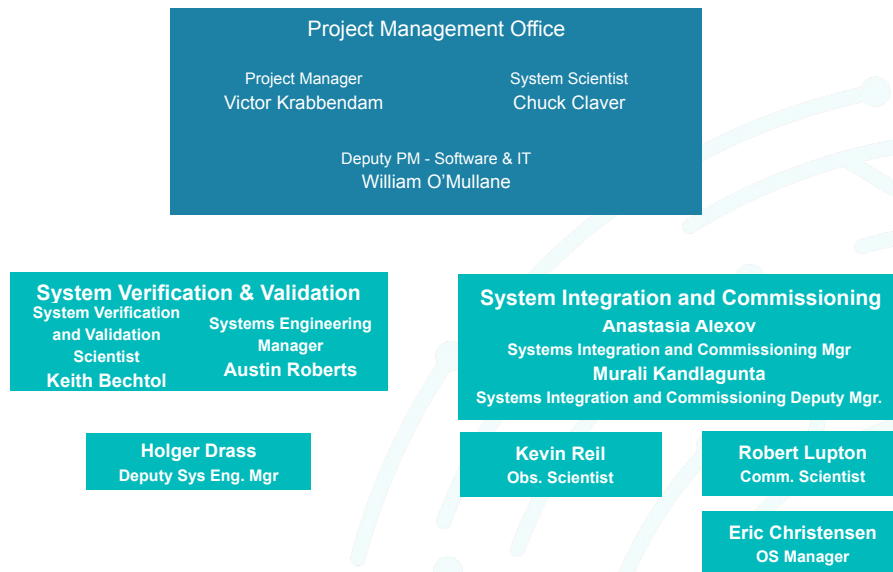
Updated 04/2023

- Project Office
- Advisory
- Project Support
- Sub-systems
- Rubin Operations



# PMO / V&V / SIT / Com Updates

- Wil O'Mullane has relocated to Chile
- Anastasia Alexov has relocated to Chile and will manage SIT & Com
- Murali Kandlagunta joined from SLAC to support as Deputy SIT-Com Manager
- Eric Christensen hired as OS Manager
- Holger Drass promoted as Deputy System Engineering Manager
- Not shown is the promotion of Sandra Romero as our Safety lead on the summit.



# Construction Summary

- Construction effort is going a bit longer than expected
- We are making progress, safely!
- We will succeed.
- Thank you all for your support, patience, encouragement and enthusiasm.

Other items looking forward:

- Transition to Operations
- Celebrations





# Building an Inclusive Rubin Ecosystem

## Efforts continues on different fronts

- Workplace Culture Advocates
- Data Previews: reaching out to underserved institutions
- Increase forums to discuss IDEAs issues at various projects-community meetings
- Safety

DEI embedded in Rubin LSST EPO program

- Education investigations designed with low barriers for use & extensively tested with underserved audiences
- Website designed for accessibility & optimized for mobile devices
- Strategic use of social media to reach audiences traditionally excluded from science
- Citizen science infrastructure encourages IDEA initiatives from PIs

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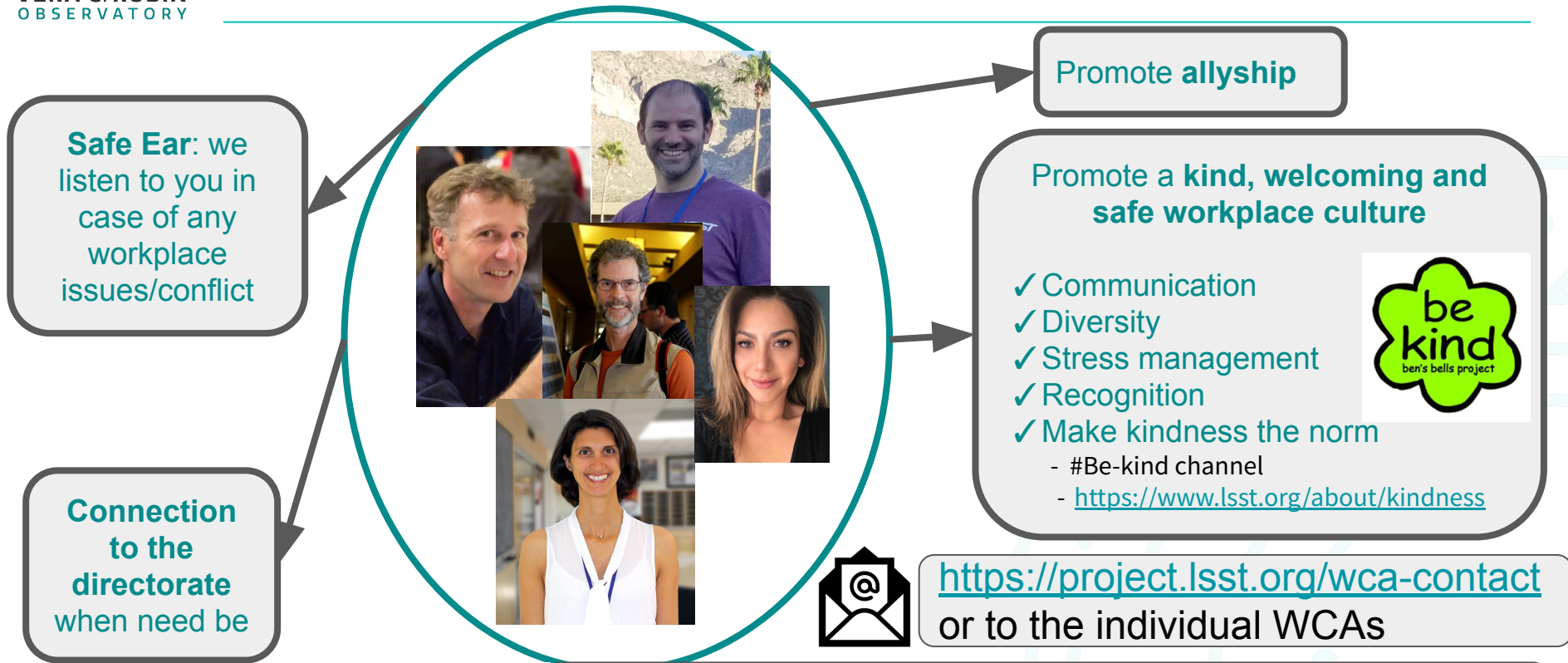
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### LSST Discovery Alliance

- Funding for Childcare Support to attend the PCW and LSST@Europe5
- Inclusive Collaboration call for proposals
- Expansion Partnership Program

- Science Collaboration DEI Council: Connected to the project and representant in AURA and SLAC institution diversity advocates.
- Science Collaboration Efforts (Clarkson, Bianco and others)
  - SCs DEI councils
  - Reaching Underserved Institutions
  - Multi-SC program “Preparing for Astrophysics with LSST”, PI Rachel Street

# How to connect: Workplace Culture Advocate



# How to connect?

## ***List of public slack channels available for discussions***

#inclusion →  
#rubin-be-kind  
#rubin-parents  
#lgbtqiaplus\_and\_allies\_in\_rubin  
#neurodiverse  
#rubin-scs-dei  
#desc-edu  
And most likely more... especially private ones.

Watch out for  
monthly  
announcement of  
topical discussions!

Create one and  
let people know!



Anonymous feedback and suggestions: <https://ls.st/rubinideas>

# SOCIAL BATTERY LAPEL PIN



## Available For Purchase Seek Out **Alysha Shugart**

Alysha will be here throughout the week, and at the following sessions:

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**“Allies across Rubin Support Session”**

Madera 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**“What’s your beef with the hiring process?”**

Madera 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Friday, August 11, 2023

**“Raising Awareness of Neurodiversity in the Rubin/LSST community”**

Sabino 9:00 - 10:30 am



**\$5**  
USD

## Payment Methods

**PayPal:** wolfchica2001@yahoo.com

**CashApp:** \$AlyshaShugart

**Cold Hard Cash**

# Sessions at PCW

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- Monday 11am-12:30pm: LGBTQIA+ social event session
- Tuesday 11am-12:30pm: Allies across Rubin support system
- Tuesday 4pm-5:30pm: Fatigue mitigation program
- Tuesday 4pm-5:30pm: Enter the Rubinverse: Unlocking discovery & building community with citizen science.
- Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm: What's your beef with the hiring process?
- Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm: Supporting Science at small and/or underserved institutions
- Wednesday 2pm-3:30pm: Career pathways for students
- **Wednesday 3:30pm-5pm: Unconference : “Discussion about Rubin values and code of conduct update” and any discussion you might want to have**
- Friday 9am-10:30am: Raising awareness of neurodiversity in the Rubin/LSST Community

# Discovery Alliance

## Beth Willman

# LSST Corporation is now LSST Discovery Alliance

<https://lsstdiscoveryalliance.org/>



**LSST**  
Discovery  
Alliance

# History



The LSST Corporation (LSSTC) was founded in 2003 as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 Arizona corporation to initiate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope project and to advance the science of astronomy and physics.

University of Arizona, Research Corporation, University of Washington, and NOAO (now NOIRLab) were the founding organizations.

# Today



Our goal is to maximize the impact of Rubin LSST through support from member institutions, grants from foundations, and donations from corporations and private donors. We are committed to changing how science is done, how it's funded, and who's at the table.

**What we do** - We facilitate resources and funding to help scientists study data of this unprecedented scale and complexity.

**How we do it** - We develop bold programs and funding opportunities that accelerate transformative breakthroughs in astrophysics through inclusion, scientific networks, and multi-disciplinary collaboration. We collaborate closely with Rubin Observatory and Science Collaborations.

Foundation Support: Schmidt Futures, Brinson, Heising-Simons, Templeton, Research Corp



**LSST**  
Discovery Alliance

<https://lsstdiscoveryalliance.org/>

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# Driving transformative discoveries in astrophysics

Credit: CTIO/NOIRLab/DOE/NSF/AURA

## A movie of the Universe is about to be made

Once the state-of-the-art [Vera C. Rubin Observatory](#) in Chile is completed in 2025, the [Legacy Survey of Space and Time](#) (Rubin LSST) will begin. The observatory and [camera](#) were designed to produce the widest, deepest, and most complete map of the Universe at incredible speed.



# Current Programs



- **Catalyst Fellowship** - This flagship program is a unique three- to four-year fellowship for post-doctoral researchers in both astrophysics *and* social sciences. (Director, J. Sokoloski - LSST-DA)
- **LINCC Frameworks Project** - This ambitious five-year program will develop advances in software infrastructure for the scientific community to help effectively analyze the enormous volume and complexity of Rubin LSST data. (PIs A. Connolly - UW, R. Mandelbaum - CMU, J. Sokoloski - LSST-DA)
- **Data Science Fellowship** - This innovative two-year training program develops diverse cohorts of astronomy students with the essential skills for science with large, complex datasets. (Director, A. Miller - Northwestern)

# Current Programs



- **Small Grants Program** - Periodic calls for small grants are designed to provide members with agile and timely support to prepare for Rubin LSST science.
- **Inclusive Collaboration Initiative** - This funded suite of programs incentivize inclusion through childcare support, best practices in inclusive collaboration, and institutional partnerships. **(Connect with Beth if you would like to attend a sponsored focus-group lunch on Thursday to discuss.)**
- **Summer Student Program** - A program for students at member institutions to attend the annual Rubin LSST meeting, present LSST-related research, and receive professional development. (Director, R. Oelkers - TAMU)

# Student Lightning Pitches (1/2)

## Ryan Oelkers

### LSST-DA Summer Student Program Director

**19 undergraduates** have been supported by the LSST Discovery Alliance to attend the 2023 Rubin Project & Community Workshop.

This morning, they enjoyed tours of the Richard F. Caris Mirror Lab and the NOIRLab machine shop.

Additionally, on Wednesday there is a breakout session dedicated to Career Pathways for students at **2PM in the Sabino room** – all are welcome to attend!

All of the 19 undergraduate students will present posters on their research projects related to Rubin / LSST right after today's plenary session and again after the Tuesday morning plenary.

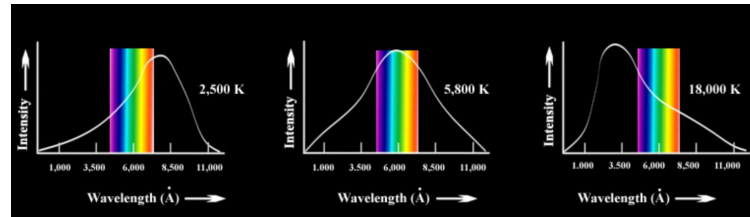
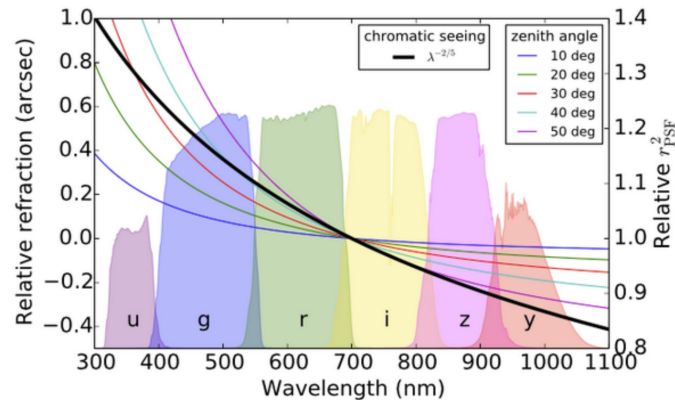
Today we'll hear a ~30-second "pitch" from the first half of the undergraduates and then you will have the opportunity to enjoy their posters and learn more about their research **from ~5:30pm to 6:00pm!**

# Zoryanna Alvarez | Cal-Bridge - Cal State SB / Stanford

**Advisors:** Pat Burchat, Sid Mau

**Research question:** I have been working on chromatic effects on the atmospheric point spread function (PSF) – in particular, measuring how PSF size is correlated with an object's color.

**Outcomes:** So far, I've looked at PSF size in r-band versus “g - i” color.



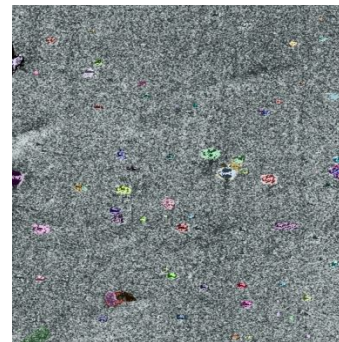
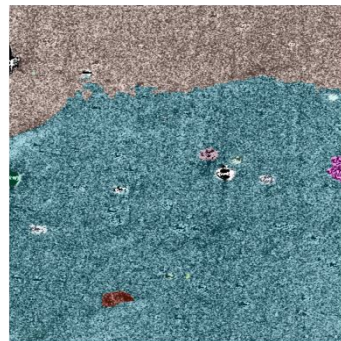
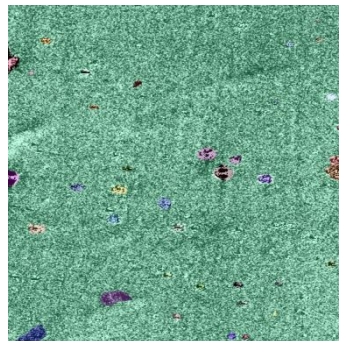
# Rodiat Ayinde | Lincoln University

## University of Delaware; FASTLab

**Advisor:** Federica Bianco

**Research question:** Can MetaAI's Segment Anything Model recognize light echoes?

**Outcomes:** Adjusting hyperparameters for the model did not lead to successful recognition of light echoes. Future work includes transfer learning with the final layers of SAM on a dataset of light echoes.

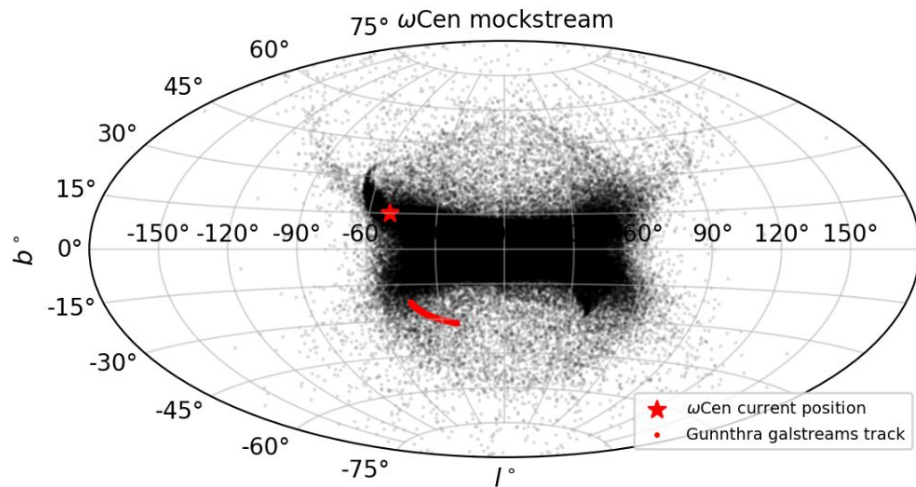


# Aiden Cloud (they/them) | Columbia University

**Advisor:** Kathryn V. Johnston

**Research question:** Is the stellar stream Gunnthrá part of the tidal debris of the globular cluster  $\omega$ Cen?

**Outcomes:** Gunnthrá is part of an extended structure of co-moving stars, likely of the same progenitor, and it is plausible that this progenitor is  $\omega$ Cen.



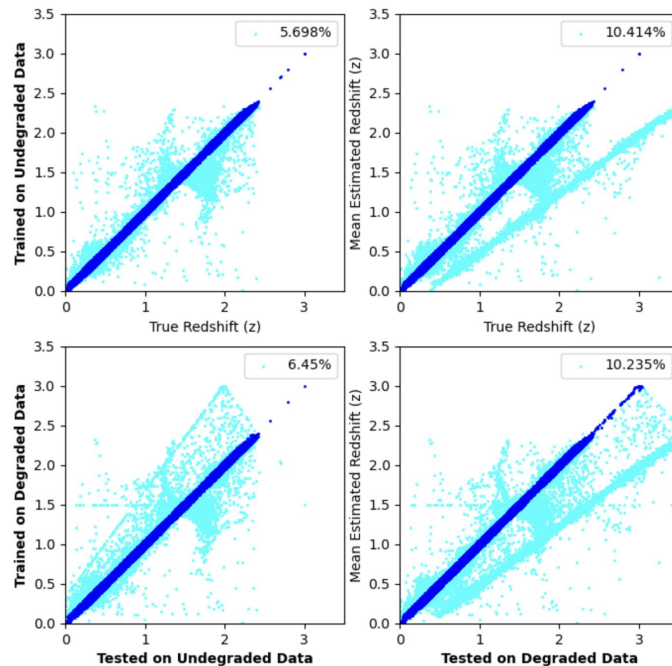
# Alice Crafford | Carnegie Mellon University

**Advisors:** Rachel Mandelbaum and Alex Malz

**Research question:** How do discrepancies between photo-z training and test sets affect the performance of photo-z estimators?

**Preliminary Outcomes:** Training set non-representativity and incompleteness, as well as decreased training set size, increase catastrophic outlier rates and worsen other performance metrics, quantified in detail in our RAIL pipeline.

Catastrophic Outlier Rates via Outlier Rejection in Line Confusion Degradation

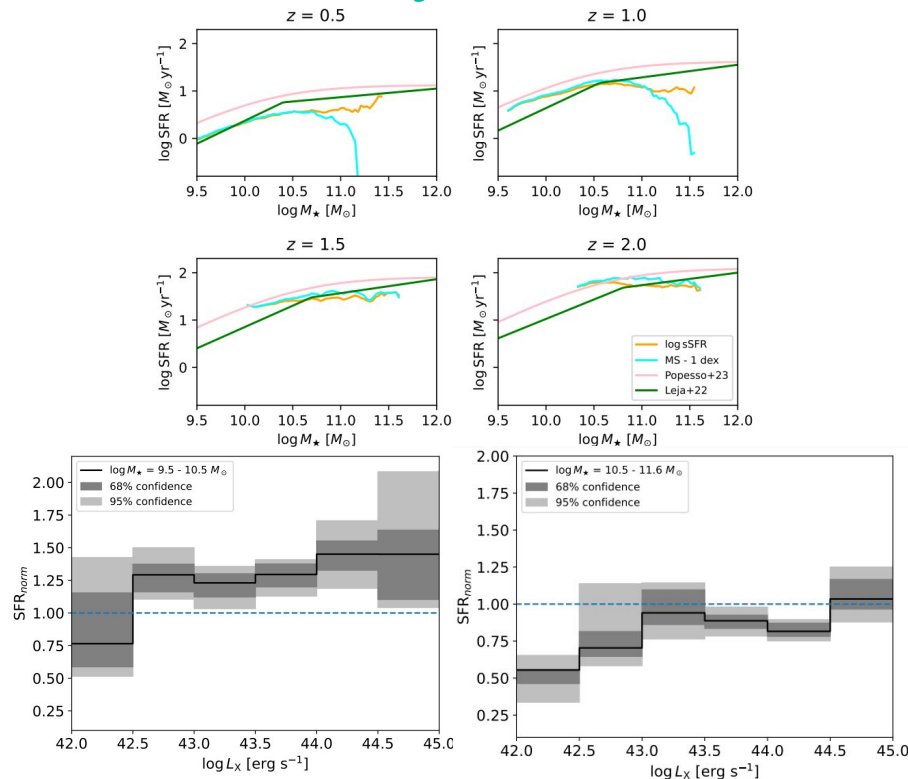


# Nathan Cristello | Penn State University

Advisor: Niel Brandt

**Research question:** Investigating the star formation rates of AGNs in three LSST Deep-Drilling Fields relative to the star-forming main sequence

**Outcomes:** The position of star-forming AGN host galaxies with respect to the main sequence depends both on  $L_X$  and  $M_*$ . The more-common, high- $M_*$  AGNs tend to lie on or below the main sequence, while less-massive AGNs generally lie above it.

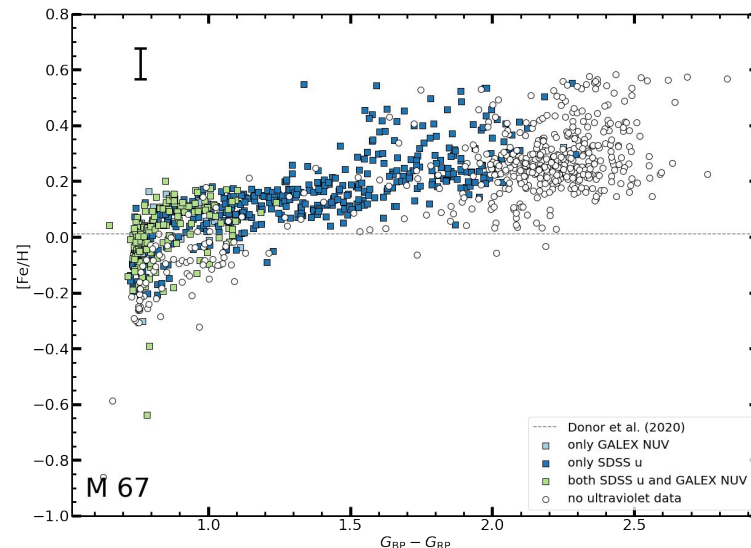


# Keyi Ding | Johns Hopkins University

**Advisor:** Kevin C. Schlafman

**Research question:** Accurate and Precise Photospheric Stellar Parameters from Rubin ugriz Photometry

**Outcomes:** Using main-sequence stars in open clusters, we show that isochrone fits to Gaia parallaxes, multiwavelength photometry, and reddening maps yield photospheric stellar parameters at least as precise as those produced by spectroscopic surveys.



# Andrew Eden | Florida Institute of Technology

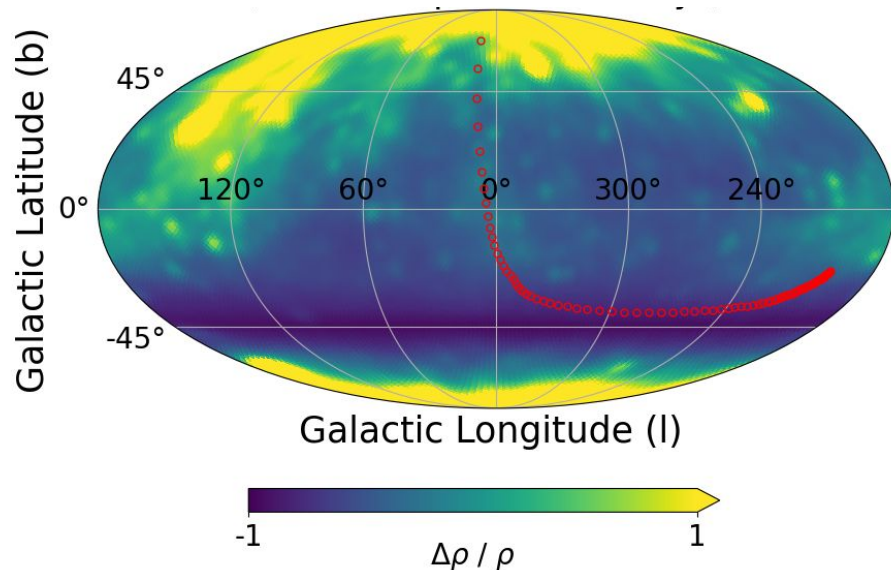
In collaboration with University of Pennsylvania

**Advisor:** Nico Garavito-Camargo

**Research question:** What is the density and morphology of the dark matter wake in the Milky Way stellar halo as seen by LSST?

**Outcomes:** Create mock catalogs of Milky Way stellar halos from simulations to inform us how the Vera Rubin Obs. will characterized the stellar wake induced by the LMC.

All-sky Mollweide projection map of FIRE simulation data with satellite orbit in red.



# Giovanni Gollotti | University of Washington

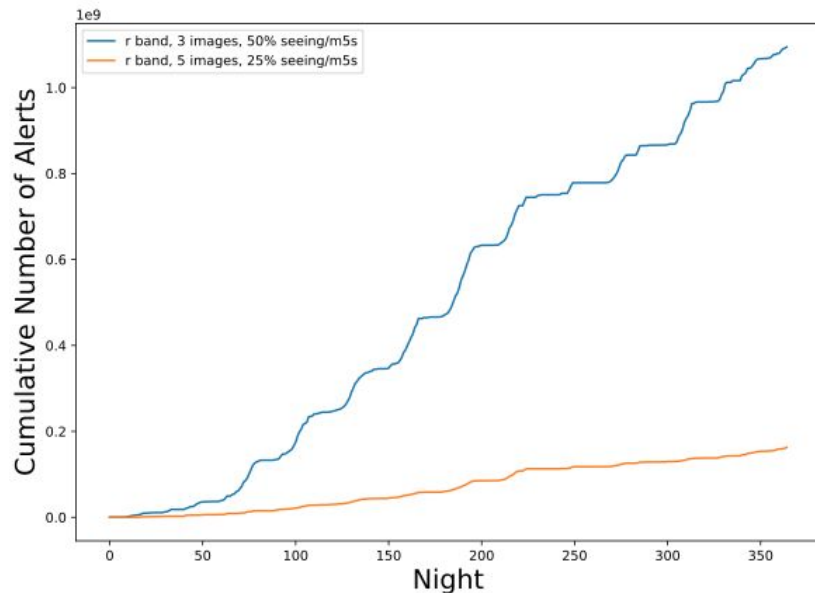
Advisor: Eric Bellm

Research question:

- What strategies are efficient at constructing coadded template images during LSST's first year of operation?
- How will the various strategies affect template generation timing and alert quantity?

Outcomes:

- Early template generation appears to produce the most alerts

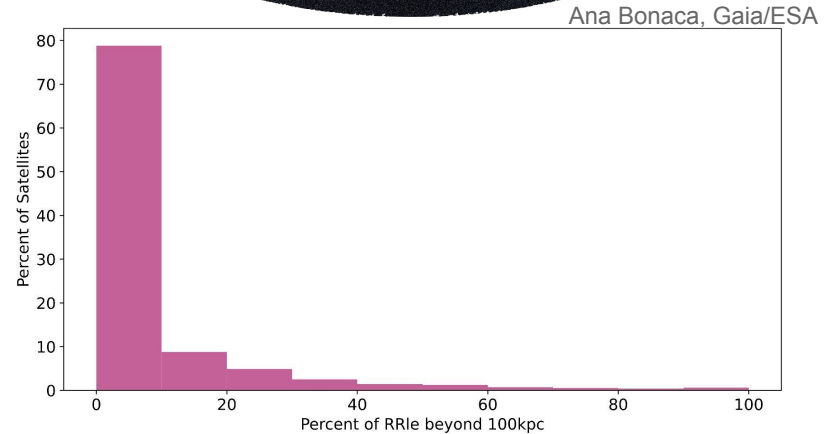
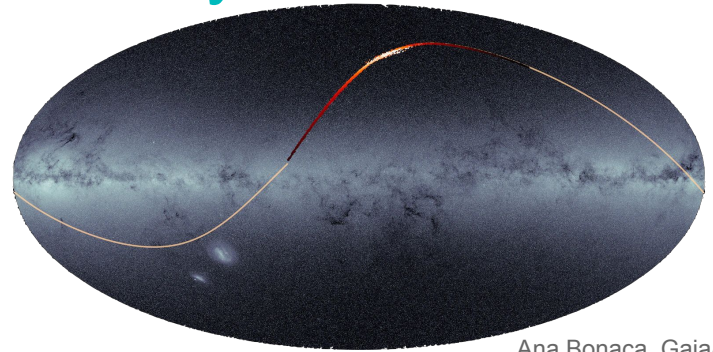


# David Gonzalez | Columbia University

**Advisor:** Kathryn V. Johnston with StreamTeamTNG

**Research question:** Is LSST Likely to help detect new stellar streams?

**Outcomes:** LSST is unlikely to observe completely new streams that haven't been identified yet, but has the potential to help identify newer members of existing streams.

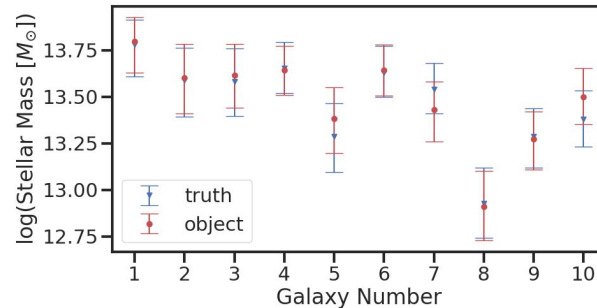
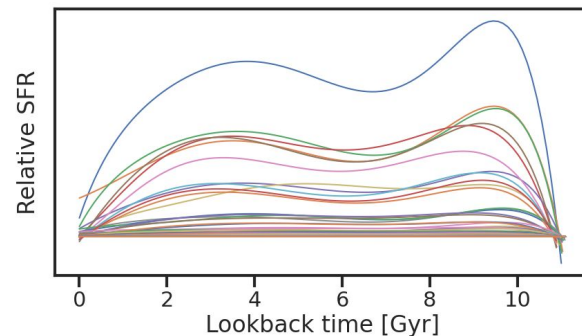


# Denvir Higgins | Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

**Advisor:** Dr. Louise Edwards

**Research question:** Characterizing star formation history of brightest cluster galaxies (BCGs) through their spectral energy distribution

**Outcomes:** The fluxes from the truth summary and object catalogs have slightly different posterior distributions in dense\_basis; however, both results are within the uncertainty of each data point (here, stellar mass).



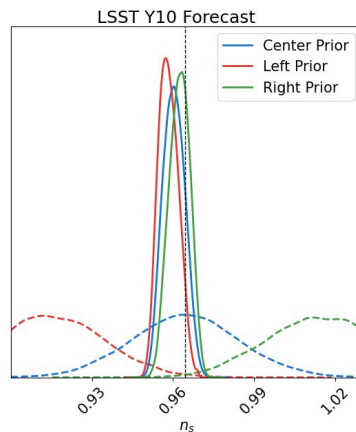
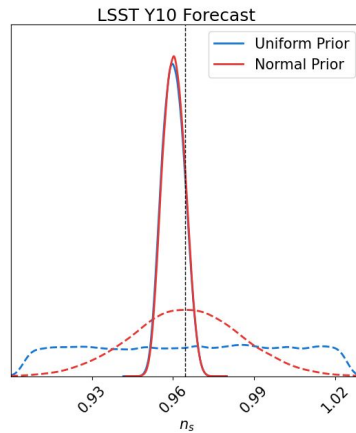
# Kevin Hong | UCLA

## SULI at SLAC Stanford

Advisor: Agnès Ferté

**Research question:** How does the prior on the scalar spectral index ( $n_s$ ) impact weak lensing measurements from LSST Y10? Will LSST Y10 be sensitive to  $n_s$ ?

**Outcomes:** MCMC chains with various priors show precise constraints on  $n_s$ . No difference can be seen between an informative Gaussian prior vs an uninformative flat prior. Normal priors shifted from the real value also shifts the posterior for  $n_s$ .



# Logistics for the week ahead

## Ranpal Gill, Stephanie Deppe, Melissa Graham



## Stay hydrated

- It's dry here, avoid dehydration by drinking water throughout the day. Signs of dehydration: thirst, loss of appetite, fatigue or weakness, headaches and dry mouth. Alcohol increases risk of dehydration



## Protect your skin

- Arizona sun can burn unprotected skin after only minutes of exposure. Apply adequate sunscreen and refresh it after exercising, swimming or sweating.



## Let wildlife be

- Arizona desert is full of wildlife that can be dangerous. Coyotes, javalinas, bobcats, rattlesnakes, deer and cougars are not uncommon. Most will try to avoid humans, but could attack if threatened.



## Monsoon safety

- Now is summer monsoon season, rain can fall in the mountains and cause **flash flooding** in canyons miles away. Be aware of the weather, not just in your immediate area, but in the distance as well. Stay out of narrow canyons and dry washes where flash floods can occur.
- Monsoon season often brings violent **thunderstorms**, and **lightning** can strike miles from a cloud. Keep an eye on the sky and watch for storms if you're going to be outside. Remember: if you can hear the thunder, you are not too far away to be struck by lightning.

All plenary sessions are in Pima/Sabino/Madera - accessible remotely

When not in plenary Pima/Sabino/Madera function as 3 separate rooms

Breakout sessions which are remotely accessible are those in:

- Pima
- Canyon ABC

Only logged in AND registered attendees can see Zoom links

# General Information

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- Tea and coffee available 8am - 5pm Monday - Thursday
- Coffee break - dietary/special items at registration desk
- Gender neutral bathroom - follow signs for fitness center
  - Apologies, Gentle Ben's doesn't have one
- Nursing room - 2nd floor - key card from registration desk

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- If you need flip charts, markers etc
  - IT needs/requests
  - Anything else!

Send a slack message on #pcw-help

# Rubin PCW BINGO

- Hosted by Education & Public Outreach
- Pick up a card at the registration desk
- Have fun marking off squares throughout the week
- Bring your completed card to the EPO Open House on Thurs at 4:00pm
- You'll be entered to win a prize!



# Introducing Rubin Cosmic Clips: Come talk to EPO about your work!

## WHO

You! Yes, you.

## WHAT

We're building a collection of videos of people talking about Rubin and its tech/science to use for building excitement over the coming ~18 months across social media and other digital products. **Come answer a few questions on camera for us!**

## WHEN & WHERE

Throughout PCW → keep an eye on #pcw-announcements  
During and after unconference sessions on Wednesday  
At the EPO open house → Thursday @4p in Ventana

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Stephanie Deppe on the LSSTC slack, the PCW 2023 slack, or at [stephanie.deppe@noirlab.edu](mailto:stephanie.deppe@noirlab.edu)

*How do you describe Rubin to your friends and family?*

*How do you explain what you do to your friends and family?*

*What excites you most about Rubin/LSST?*

*What big question do you hope Rubin will answer about your field? What will Rubin do that other facilities can't?*

*What do you think is the coolest part of Rubin?*

# Daily Poster Session

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## Monday

@5:30pm - Discovery Alliance supported undergraduate students

## Tuesday

@10:30am onwards - Discovery Alliance supported undergraduate students

## Wednesday

@10:30am onwards - contributed posters

## Thursday

@10:30am onwards - contributed posters

## Group photo - 5:30 (before heading to Gentle Ben's)

- In-person - hotel atrium
- Virtual - upload <https://ls.st/psa>
- **Wear your T-shirt!**



## Reception at Gentle Ben's - indoor and outdoor space

- Mingle and snack
- Adult beverages at your own cost



## UNCONFERENCE

Write down your ideas – Popular topics will get chosen for larger rooms at the unconference.

Idea

Vote

**Add your ideas for discussion topics to the board using the provided sticky notes & markers.**

Idea

Vote

**Vote for topics by Wednesday at lunch time. Topics will be assigned rooms by number of votes, by the end of Wed lunch.**

Idea

Vote

**Participate in any session of interest!**  
**No chairs are assigned. Consider volunteering to facilitate, take notes, or make a slide for the Friday summaries plenary.**

# Thursday - Keynote speakers

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## **An Introduction to the LSST Camera: Status & Performance**

**Aaron Roodman, Camera Program Lead, Rubin Construction Deputy Director, DESC**

In this talk I'll review the basic design of the LSST Camera, the largest digital camera ever built, with particular attention to some of its unique features and how they enable the LSST survey. The Camera's assembly is now complete and it is undergoing a final round of testing at SLAC prior to shipment to Chile later this fall. Recent and current work on the Camera will be described and I'll summarize results from the laboratory electro-optical testing program.



## **Supporting Scientific Excellence & Those Who Animate It**

**Dara Norman, NOIRLab's CSDC Deputy Director**

The Astro2020 Decadal Survey report, 'Pathways to Discovery in Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 2020s', was groundbreaking in its attention to addressing concerns of data access and the astro workforce in support of scientific excellence.

In this talk, I will discuss how many in the Rubin ecosystem and leadership are addressing these Decadal Survey recommendations. I will also highlight resources being developed to further promote best practices in collaborative research.

# Chair & Presenter Responsibilities

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## Reminder that session chairs and their speakers should:

- Session agendas should already be posted to the session pages.
- Upload slides to the session webpage in advance.
- Remote-ready rooms – use the computer already hooked up to projector & Zoom.
  - Remote-ready rooms are Pima and Canyon ABC.
  - Ensure connection is working for virtual participants and monitor Zoom chat.
- Other rooms – bring your own laptop and video dongle, test in advance.
- Keep speakers to time (5 min / 1 min warnings).
- Slack chat – monitor the session's channel for questions for the speakers.
- Ask for help in the rubin2023pcw Slack space **#help** channel.
- Take notes and fill in the slide for your session for the Friday plenary.
  - Edit link to Friday slide deck: [ls.st/zt4](https://ls.st/zt4).

# Patches & Shirts



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# Travel and Transportation - Erin Carlson



## Desk Availability this Week

**Monday:** after lunch - 4pm

**Wednesday:** after lunch - 4pm

**Thursday:** 8am - 4pm

**Slack:** #ecarlson

**Whatsapp & Text:** +1 520 490 9831

# Organizing Committee



# Enjoy the week!

# Rubin Research Bytes (RRB)

This year the RRBs are *virtual and asynchronous* contributions about your Rubin-related work or research, posted in the Rubin Community Forum.

no deadline

no live virtual session

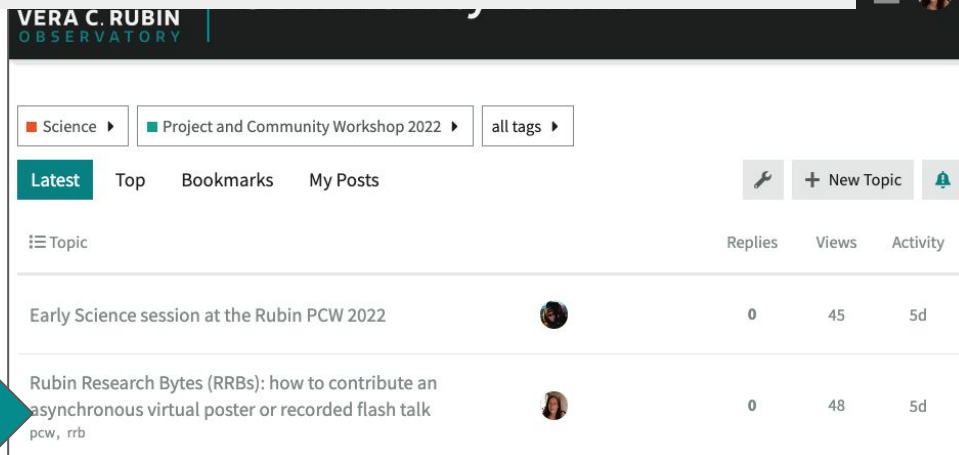
anyone may contribute

all may view the RRBs at any time

*Contributions could be a pre-recorded flash talk, a poster PDF, a slide deck, or a blog-post style Topic posted in the Community Form. Up to you!*

Find **instructions** and contributed RRBs from PCW attendees in the Rubin Community Forum:

[community.lsst.org/c/sci/pcw-2023](https://community.lsst.org/c/sci/pcw-2023)



The screenshot shows the Rubin Community Forum interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY' and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for 'Science' and 'Project and Community Workshop 2022', along with 'all tags'. The main content area displays a list of topics. The first topic is 'Early Science session at the Rubin PCW 2022' with 0 replies, 45 views, and posted 5 days ago. The second topic is 'Rubin Research Bytes (RRBs): how to contribute an asynchronous virtual poster or recorded flash talk' with 0 replies, 48 views, and posted 5 days ago. A green arrow points to the second topic with the word 'instructions'.

Topic	Replies	Views	Activity
Early Science session at the Rubin PCW 2022	0	45	5d
Rubin Research Bytes (RRBs): how to contribute an asynchronous virtual poster or recorded flash talk	0	48	5d



