

**Last news from the front (Engineering status):**

- The performance of the camera improves constantly
- The linearity of the CCDs has significantly improved
- Filter exchanger likely to be delivered early December

**First Light Press release:**

The press release has been postponed to:

- Date: **Tuesday, Nov 14**
- Time: **9 am PST**

**Science Validation:**

- Science validation is slowly starting.
- If you are in charge of a science validation experiment:
  - You need to select the precise ZTF fields to observe: the second tool at <http://yupana.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/ptf/tb/zoc?begin> will give you the list of field IDs that cover a particular region on the sky.
  - You need to create a queue file for the observations you want: the last tool at <http://yupana.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/ptf/tb/zoc?begin> will do this. Please use the following values:
    - Program ID = 0 (science validation is test)
    - Science program PI: The name of the person in charge of this experiment
    - Comment string: Any additional info you want to provide
  - Upload the queue file for your experiment to the subdirectory for your experiment in the ScienceValidation GitHub repository:  
<https://github.com/ZwickyTransientFacility/ScienceValidation/experiments/<SCV#>>  
<SCV#> is the id of your experiment in the ScienceValidation description document:  
<https://github.com/ZwickyTransientFacility/ScienceValidation/blob/master/ZTF%20Capability%20Validation.docx>

**Your experiment will be ran only if we have your queue file!**

For questions, please contact Matthew (mjpg@caltech.edu) or Thomas (tkupfer@caltech.edu)

- A new system to query the archive will become active on Monday. Information on how to access the science validation data will soon be distributed by IPAC.

**Twitter:**

- The ZTF account is now active! <https://twitter.com/ztfsurvey>

We will start 'tweeting' from the press release. Re-tweet @ztfsurvey!

**Reminders**

- To use the url shortener (e.g. during telecons, talks, in emails), navigate to <http://zwicky.tf/shorten> (username: ztf password:16chips) and type in the URL you want shortened.
- The Wiki page is already active! Check it out at <http://zwicky.tf/wiki>.
- To request access to the wiki page: please email us at [ZTF.communication coordinators@gmail.com](mailto:ZTF.communication coordinators@gmail.com)

### **News from specific working groups**

- **AGN and TDEs** :“The ZTFbh working group will begin regular telecons on Wednesdays at 2:30pm Eastern starting after Thanksgiving. We have started posting SWG members, observing programs, and thesis projects on the Twiki. We are conducting a Science Validation experiment with observations of SDSS Stripe 82”.
- **Stellar**: “The stellar working group holds weekly telecons and has prepared the queue files for the science validation is preparing the analysis the science validation data
- **M31**: “Sign up for the M31 working group if you are interested to join: <http://lists.astro.caltech.edu:88/mailman/listinfo/ztfm31>

*“It was a good start. But it was just a start” (John Nicks)*

Have a great and productive week!

Thomas and Maayane