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Newsletter #5, 17th of November 2017

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Last news from the front (Engineering status):
- Still some variability in image quality, lots of effort to make image quality more stable
- Speed noise optimization ongoing
- For more news from our fantastic engineers team, see pictures at the end of this newsletter!

Data Access Procedure:

We received a few requests which are all being processed.

Note that the following procedure is for all the commissioning data (i.e. including engineering and science validation):

1. All requests for data access should be sent to ztf.communication.coordinators@gmail.com with a specification of:
   a. which science validation experiment you are connected with or
   b. why you need data access if you are not connected to one.
2. If you are in charge of a science validation experiment, you have to write a queue file (see detailed procedure in the newsletter #3, contact ztf.communication.coordinators@gmail.com for any question)
3. In order to get access, you will need to register at the IRSA website. http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/account/uman/#id=register&josso_back_to=http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/account/signon/login.do . Note that access can only be granted to registered users.

The new system for accessing the data will become active on Friday, November the 17th.

More information will soon be updated on

http://www.oir.caltech.edu/twiki_ptf/bin/view/ZTF/ZTFcommissioningaccess

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

News from specific working groups:

- **SN and relativistic explosions:** We have started weekly calls on Wednesdays, 10am PST -- you can find meeting minutes on our Twiki page, which is also being populated with SWG members, projects, observing programs, and white paper ideas. If you would like to get involved, please join the mailing list and telecons, and write a few sentences about who you are and what you are interested in in the "Introduce yourself" Twiki section!
- **Animation for press release:** For the OKC's first light press release, Rahul Biswas prepared an animation showing how ZTF will scan the sky spanning a period of two nights: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5HR-SWx_-o (link to the code in the video description).
- More news from the engineering team!

"You want to have a good cake? Get two engineers to build it" (Allison Schroeder)

Have a great and productive week!

Thomas and Maayane