

Newsletter #2, 02 November 2017
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Last news from the front (Engineering status):

- Trim plate performance is very positive in the R band
- g band filter has been installed two days ago and calibration images have been taken
- Clouded out for the last two nights and forecast is not promising for the weekend

First Light Press release:

- It is currently planned for November 8th
- There will be a Press Release at Caltech and Partner institutions.
- An update with the relevant links will be sent closer to the day

Science Validation:

- Science validation will probably not start for another two weeks. We will update the date in the next newsletter.
- Currently, 21 science validation experiments have been proposed from across the collaboration (listed [here](#), if you cannot access the link see the section about the Wiki). Their time volume is only 50-60 hours, so if you would like to propose a science validation experiment it's not too late! (please contact Matthew Graham mjg@caltech.edu).
- The current planning is as follows:
 - The first week of science validation will be dedicated to start reference building, to obtain images across the sky.
 - The next weeks will be dedicated to science validation experiments.
 - The last week of science validation will be operated at the nominal survey cadence.
- To access data during science validation, please contact us ZTF.communication coordinators@gmail.com

ZTF URL shortener:

Mario Juric has set up a great tool for the collaboration! To use the url shortener, navigate to <http://zwicky.tf/shorten> (username: ztf password:16chips) and type in the URL you want shortened.

Examples of when to use:

- When Tweeting ZTF-related news or messages (and on microblogs and social networks in general)
- In talks, to provide a link to an ZTF-related resource that the audience can quickly write down (note: it's recommended that you present the original link in addition to the shortened one).

- On phone conferences, when having to communicate an address (it's easier to speak a 3-character code, rather than a long URL).
- In radio/TV interviews, when wanting to direct the audience to a web page with an address too complicated to remember or say.
- Any other place where they may come in useful.
- As an example see the shorter for the wiki page:
http://www.oir.caltech.edu/twiki_ptf/bin/view/ZTF/WebHome has been shorten to
<https://zwicky.tf/wiki>

News from specific working groups

Starting next week, we will request for news from each working group to be sent to us by Wednesday, so that we can include it in this paragraph.

Wiki Page:

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
- The Working group pages are all structured in the same way:
 - A section with contact informations and meeting times for newcomers
 - A section with the members of the group
 - A section with the uploaded minutes
 - A section with details on the project

Each WG is of course free to add any additional section to this list but please make sure you keep these, and that they are updated.

"The beginning is the most important part of the work" (Plato)

Have a great and productive week!

Thomas and Maayane