The Synergies between WFIRST and LSST (and Euclid)

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Outline

• Rapid tour of LSST
  - multi-color time-resolved faint sky map
  - 20 billion stars and 20 billion galaxies

• WFIRST-LSST-Euclid complementarity
  - 2,200 sq.deg. of three-way overlap
  - 7,000+ sq.deg. of LSST-Euclid overlap

• And what to do about it
  - cadence coordination
  - enabling matched-catalog-based analysis
  - joint pixel-level processing
LSST in one sentence:
An optical/near-IR survey of half the sky in ugrizy bands to $r \sim 27.5$ based on $\sim 1000$ visits over a 10-year period:

A catalog of 20 billion stars and 20 billion galaxies with exquisite photometry, astrometry and image quality.

LSST Science Themes

- Dark matter, dark energy, cosmology (spatial distribution of galaxies, gravitational lensing, supernovae, quasars)
- Time domain (cosmic explosions, variable stars)
- The Solar System structure (asteroids)
- The Milky Way structure (stars)

LSST Science Book: arXiv:0912.0201
Summarizes LSST hardware, software, and observing plans, science enabled by LSST, and educational and outreach opportunities
245 authors, 15 chapters, 600 pages
Basic idea behind LSST: a uniform sky survey

- 90% of time will be spent on a uniform survey: every 3-4 nights, the whole observable sky will be scanned twice per night
- after 10 years, half of the sky will be imaged about 1000 times (in 6 bandpasses, ugrizy): a digital color movie of the sky
- ~100 PB of data: about a billion 16 Mpix images, enabling measurements for 40 billion objects

LSST in one sentence:
An optical/near-IR survey of half the sky in ugrizy bands to r~27.5 (36 nJy) based on 825 visits over a 10-year period: deep wide fast.

Left: a 10-year simulation of LSST survey: the number of visits in the r band (Aitoff projection of eq. coordinates)
SDSS vs. LSST comparison: $LSST = \frac{d(SDSS)}{dt}$, $LSST = SuperSDSS$

7.5x7.5 arcmin, gri

7.5 arcmin is 1/4 of the full Moon's diameter

SDSS (r~22.5)

Deep Lens Survey (r~24.5)

20x20 arcsec; lensed SDSS quasar (SDSS J1332+0347, Morokuma et al. 2007)

Subaru, seeing 0.8 arcsec

Single-visit LSST depth ($10^{-6}$ area)

LSST: $x10^8$
SDSS
gri
3.5’x3.5’
r~22.5
HSC
gri
3.5’x3.5’
$r\sim27$

Thanks to Robert Lupton
Not just point source depth: faint surface brightness limit

**3x3 arcmin, gri**

SDSS

**MUSYC** $r \sim 26$

(almost) like LSST depth (but tiny area)

Gawiser et al
The field-of-view comparison: Gemini vs. LSST

Primary Mirror Diameter

Gemini South Telescope: 8 m

Field of View

LSST: 8.4 m

0.2 degrees

3.5 degrees

(Full moon is 0.5 degrees)
LSST camera

Modular design: 3200 Megapix = 189 x 16 Megapix CCD
9 CCDs share electronics: raft (=camera)
Problematic rafts can be replaced relatively easily
Galaxies:

- **Photometric redshifts:** random errors smaller than 0.02, bias below 0.003, fewer than 10% $>3\sigma$ outliers
- These photo-z requirements are one of the primary drivers for the photometric depth and accuracy of the main LSST survey (and the definition of filter complement)

![Diagram of wavelength vs. throughput for different filters](image)

Photo-z requirements correspond to $r \sim 27.5$ with the following per band time allocations:

- $u$: 8%; $g$: 10%
- $r$: 22%; $i$: 22%
- $z$: 19%; $y$: 19%

Consistent with other science themes (stars)
LSST From the User’s Perspective: A Data Stream, a Database, and a (small) Cloud

Nightly Alert Stream
- A stream of ~10 million time-domain events per night, detected and transmitted to event distribution networks within 60 seconds of observation.
- A catalog of orbits for ~6 million bodies in the Solar System.

Yearly Data Releases
- A catalog of ~37 billion objects (20B galaxies, 17B stars), ~7 trillion single-epoch detections (“sources”), and ~30 trillion forced sources, produced annually, accessible through online databases.
- Deep co-added images.

Community Services
- Services and computing resources at the Data Access Centers to enable user-specified custom processing and analysis.
- Software and APIs enabling development of analysis codes.

LSST Data Products: see http://ls.st/dpdd
LSST Construction Schedule

- First light with the commissioning camera: 2020
- First light with the main camera: late 2020
- Science commissioning: 2021
- The start of regular survey operations: 2022
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WFIRST:
2,200 sq.deg
$m_5 \sim 27$
$r_{1/2} \sim 0.12$ arcsec
2025-2031

Euclid:
15,000 sq.deg
$m_5 \sim 25$
$r_{1/2} \sim 0.13$ arcsec
2021-2027

LSST
18,000 sq.deg
$m_5 \sim 27$
$r_{1/2} \sim 0.4$ arcsec
2022-2032
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<th>WFIRST</th>
<th>Euclid</th>
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<td><strong>Start</strong></td>
<td>2022 (2020)</td>
<td>~2024</td>
<td>2021</td>
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<td><strong>Area</strong></td>
<td>18,000</td>
<td>2,300*</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>~south</td>
<td>Overlap LSST</td>
<td>Best</td>
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<td><strong>Time</strong></td>
<td>10 years</td>
<td>2 of 6 years</td>
<td>6 years</td>
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<td><strong>Passes</strong></td>
<td>Many</td>
<td>~5</td>
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<td><strong>Depth</strong></td>
<td>25-28 optical</td>
<td>27 NIR</td>
<td>24.5 optical and NIR</td>
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<td><strong>Bands</strong></td>
<td>ugrizy</td>
<td>4 NIR</td>
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<td>No</td>
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Jason Rhodes (NASA JPL/Caltech/Kavli IPMU), BNL, May 23, 2016
Sensitivities of LSST, WFIRST, and Euclid

- **LSST** (10 yr, S Hemisphere, AM 1.2)
- **WFIRST** (2227 deg² ref zodi)
- **Euclid** (15k deg², β=45°)

Labels indicate PSF half light radius in units of milliarcsec:
- **VIS** (130)
- **Y** (390)
- **J** (390)
- **H** (390)
- **F184** (140)

5σ pt src threshold (AB mag):
- **LSST**
- **WFIRST**
- **Euclid**

2.5 mag

λ (μm):
- 0.4
- 0.6
- 0.8
- 1.0
- 1.2
- 1.6
- 2.0
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<td>Starts, duration</td>
<td>~2018, 5 yr</td>
<td>2020, 10yr</td>
<td>2020 Q2, 6.25yr</td>
<td>~2025, 5-6 yr</td>
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<td>Area (deg$^2$)</td>
<td>14,000 (N)</td>
<td>20,000 (S)</td>
<td>15,000 (N + S)</td>
<td>2,400 (S)</td>
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<td>FoV (deg$^2$)</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>0.53</td>
<td>0.281</td>
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<td>Diameter (m)</td>
<td>4 (less 1.8+)</td>
<td>6.7</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<td>LRGs+ELGs</td>
<td>z~0.6-1.7 (20-30m), QSOs/Lya 1.9&lt;z&lt;4 (1m)</td>
<td>ELGs· z~0.7-2.1 (~20m)</td>
<td>ELGs: z =1-2 (20m), 2–3 (2m)</td>
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**Photometric**

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<td>Galaxies (per sq arcmin)</td>
<td>~30 over 6 bands (ugrizy)</td>
<td>~30-35, in one broad optical + IR band</td>
<td>68, in 3 bands into near IR</td>
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**SN1a**

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<th>10$^4$-10$^5$ SN1a/yr</th>
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<td>z = 0.–0.7 photometric</td>
<td>z = 0.1–1.7 IFU spectroscopy</td>
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Rachel Bean, BNL, May 2016

**LSST estimates for the galaxy count density:**
- 55 / sq. arcmin for the total count to i < 25.3 ("gold sample")
- 40 / sq. arcmin (+20%) for the WL sample
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Figure 4.3.1: LSST survey areas (boxes) and the Euclid wide survey (yellow) with its exclusion zones (blue: galactic plane + ecliptic plane + reddening). We indicate the number of square degrees from the LSST surveys that overlap the Euclid wide survey along the relevant photometric bands. The points of interest indicated on this equatorial coordinate projection centered on the south galactic cap are: North&South Ecliptic&Galactic Poles (NEP/SEP/NGP/SGP), the Galactic Center (GC), the Magellanic Clouds (LMC/SMC), and the Andromeda galaxy (M31).
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**How to best utilize these overlapping samples?**
- see white paper “The Whole is Greater than the Sum of the Parts: Optimizing the Joint Science Return from LSST, Euclid and WFIRST” by Jain et al. (2015, arXiv:150107897)
- upcoming white paper “Scientific Synergy between LSST and Euclid” by Rhodes et al. (LSST DESC, in prep.)
- "Enabling Cosmological Resonances Between WFIRST and LSST” workshop, Sep 13-15, 2016, the KISS center, Caltech
Synergies between WFIRST, LSST and Euclid:

- photometric calibration
- shear calibration (additive and multiplicative biases)
- photo-z improvements (spec. & due to extended wavelength range)
- non-cosmological benefits from extended wavelength range
- high-resolution space data for deblending and crowded fields
- spectroscopy from Euclid and WIFRST, time domain from LSST
- cross-calibration of systematics ("The whole is greater than the sum…")

Sources of systematics:

- blending
- chromatic PSFs
- imperfect galaxy models
- astrophysical systematics (intrinsic alignments, evolution)
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These needs differ greatly in urgency, complexity and uniqueness.
Most are outside the current scope of all three projects.

Political and other issues are being addressed by Euclid/DESC/LSST discussions and a Tri-Agency/Tri-Project group in the US.
Joint Pixel Level Processing Between LSST, Euclid, and WFIRST

* Cooperation with Euclid requires special consideration, because, at present, most Euclid Consortium members will not have access to LSST data, and most Americans will not have access to Euclid data during the proprietary periods.

* Draft agreements between the Euclid Consortium, the LSST Project, and the LSST DESC have been generated on both sides of the Atlantic, but, to date, none has been found acceptable to all sides.

* We are now reforming a Euclid/LSST discussion group to try to work this, first by cooperatively developing the science case, and then an implementation plan.

* But this process will be drawn out, and we do not expect an agreement on a very short timescale.
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   - not super urgent, but should be accomplished on time scales of a few years at most for maximum effects

2) joint pixel-level processing
   - it would help with deblending, galaxy photometry, sky subtraction…
   - not super urgent, but if postponed for too long, there may be missed opportunities in data processing systems
   - we should start planning and designing essentially now, even if the “construction” will commence a few years later
   - an important consideration here is human resources (institutional knowledge, retaining talent)
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