The LSST Contribution to a Temporal, Multi-Wavelength View of the Sky

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A Uniform Sky Survey

- 90% of time for a uniform survey: every 3-4 nights, the whole observable sky will be scanned
- Over 10 years, half of the sky will be imaged about 1000 times (ugrizy)
- About 100 PB of data, including a billion 16 Mpix images

- Optical catalogs
- Find optical counterparts, morphology, neighbors
- Rapidly alert on transients
- Ten-year histories
- Deep drilling fields

LSST Deep-Wide Survey



• Main survey: about 20,000 deg² to depth u: 26.5 g: 27.4 r: 27.5 i: 26.9 z: 26.1 y: 24.9

LSST Cadence



 Sample LSST schedule for entire 10-year survey, about 1000 visits per field



- Normal fields sampled over hours, days, years
- Deep-drill sampling on minutes to hours as well; feedback needed on cadence?

System Characteristics

- Large primary mirror to go faint and enable short exposures (30s)
- Agile telescope (5 sec for slew and settle)
- Large field of view to enable fast surveying
- Excellent image quality
- Camera with 3200 Mpix
- Sophisticated software (20 TB/night, 20 billion objects, 20 trillion measurements)



Calibration

- Dome projector
- Auxiliary telescope for atmospheric effects
- Self-cal solver tying together stars across the sky





Already Making an Impact...



El Penon: Mar 8, 2011

At 8:56:00 the first blast was detonated on the El Penon summit in preparation for the LSST...

LSST CCD, No Background



Stars



• LSST can "see" 10 times as far as SDSS over 2x the area • 10 billion stars, with timedomain information

"Dwarfs" and RRLy

- About 400,000 haloWDs, 10M total
- 200,000 L-dwarfs and 2400 T-dwarfs with 5σ proper motion and parallax
- RRLy out to 400 kpc, or 4 times the current distance limit





Galaxy Morphology

• Example: SDSS vs. MUSYC UVR images of z=0.1 galaxy revealing recent interaction

SDSS



Quasars and AGN

- About 10 million *quasars* will be discovered using variability, colors, and the lack of proper motions
- The sample will include Mi=-23 objects even at redshifts beyond 3
- Variability studies will be based on millions of light curves with 1000 observations over 10 yrs



Var-Selection in Stellar Locus



Difference Imaging



AGN in Host Galaxies



An Era of Surveys



X-Rays Complement Optical Var



Y. Choi et al. in prep.

Known spectroscopic
DR7 quasars in red; X-ray detections in black

Structure function slope
>= 0.1 in red; smaller
slopes in black

Growing Reach of Archives in X-Ray Time-Domain



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Redshift z

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 Δt , luminosity, redshift, M_{BH} space for serendipitous sources



X-Ray and BLR/NLR Connections?



Time-Domain, Multiwavelength

- There is a coming era of "survey convergence" that will map out the time domain in the optical and X-rays
- Where will we obtain the software expertise, network bandwidth, and processing resources to analyze large, multi-dimensional data sets?
- What physics underlies the X-ray (corona?) variation?
- How are X-ray emission and the NLR/BLR related?
- Do temporal properties evolve with redshift, host, or environment?
- How is optical emission related to M_{BH} , accretion rate, and other physics?
- Do luminous quasars and local Seyfert AGN vary similarly?
- Will new types of AGN be revealed by temporal selection and/or classification?