

VDFS Milestones

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**Scheduled Date
(relation to others)**

<i>in italics: VDF milestones</i> in normal: external event milestones	
<i>Deliver VDFSv1(WFCAM) system – tested with dummy data</i>	31 Dec 03 - done
	2004
<i>Documentation released for PDR of VDFSv4(ESO deliverables)</i>	end Mar 04 (PDR –1m)
<i>Preliminary Design Review of VDFSv4(ESO deliverables)</i>	end Apr 04 PDR
<i>Documentation released for PDR of VDFSv4(UK) Pipeline & Science Archive</i>	end May 04 (UKPDR-1m)
WFCAM arrives at UKIRT	Jun 04
<i>Preliminary Design Review of VDFSv4(UK) Pipeline & Science Archive</i>	end Jun 04 UKPDR
Start of WFCAM camera commissioning	~Jun 15 04
<i>VDFS commissioning team in Hawaii (4 weeks)</i>	Jul 15- Aug15 04
<i>Start VDFSv1(WFCAM) <u>Pipeline (Hawaii)</u> Commissioning testing with real data</i>	Jul 15 04
Estimated date WFCAM on sky data available in UK	~Aug 01 04
<i>Start VDFSv1(WFCAM) <u>Pipeline (UK)</u> Commissioning testing with real data</i>	Aug 02 04 Pip
<i>Start VDFSv1(WFCAM) <u>Science Archive</u> Commissioning testing with real data</i>	Aug 16 04 SA (pipe+2w)
<i>End VDFSv1(WFCAM) Commissioning end to end testing with real data</i>	Sep 03 04 (SA+2w)
<i>WFCAM DFS Operations under VDFSv1(WFCAM) Start</i>	Sep 06 04
<i>Documentation released for FDR of VDFSv4(ESO deliverables)</i>	end Sep 04 (FDR – 1m)
VDFS e-science round 1 funding ends	Oct 04
<i>Final Design Review of VDFSv4(ESO deliverables)</i>	end Oct 04 FDR (PAE–15m)
<i>Deliver VDFS-v2(WFCAM) Pipeline & Science Archive</i>	31 Dec 04
Astrogrid tools released	31 Dec 04

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	2005
<i>WFCAM DFS Operations under VDFSv2(WFCAM) Start</i>	03 Jan 05
<i>Documentation released for FDR of VDFSv4(UK) Pipeline & Science Archive</i>	end Jan 05 (FDR-1m)
<i>Final Design Review of VDFSv4(UK) Pipeline & Science Archive</i>	end Feb 05 UKFDR(UKPDR+8m)
<i>Deliver VDFS-v4 (ESO deliverables) for 'European Instrument Integration' Data Reduction procedures v0.9, Data Interface Dictionary v0.5, Template Signatures v0.9, Instrument Description & Calibration Database v0.5</i>	24 Oct 05 (PAE-3 m)
Camera All-up tests at RAL	21 No05-21 Ja06
<i>Deliver VDFS-v3 (WFCAM) Pipeline & Science Archive (no further development – just maintenance)</i>	31 Dec 05
	2006
<i>WFCAM DFS Operations under VDFSv3(WFCAM) Start</i>	02 Jan 06
Camera Preliminary Acceptance Europe review	23-24 Jan 06 PAE
<i>Deliver VDFS-v4 (ESO deliverables) post 'European Instrument Integration'/PAE Calibration Data v0.5</i>	07 Feb 06 (PAE +2w)
Camera check out in Chile	16 Feb-15 Mar 06
<i>VDFS-v4(ESO deliverables) Exposure Time Calculator v1.0 to ESO</i>	1 Jul 06 (CFP-2m)
Target date for VISTA Facility delivery to ESO	16 Aug 06
1 st Call for Proposals for VISTA - use in period 79 (Apr-Sep 07)	1 Sep 06 CFP
VISTA telescope ready for camera	28 Sep 06
Camera integration to telescope	29 Sep-19 Oct 06
Proposals close for using VISTA in Period 79 (Apr-Sep 07)	1 Oct 2006
Period 78 observing starts (VISTA Public surveys only)	1 Oct 2006
Camera on sky commissioning in Chile	20 Oct-28 Dec 06
<i>VDFS-v4(ESO deliverables) Data Interface Dictionary v0.9 to ESO</i>	01 Nov 06
<i>VDFS commissioning team in Chile (6 weeks)</i>	15 No06-28 De06
Estimated date Camera on sky data available in UK	~20 Nov 06
<i>Start VDFS-v4 (UK) Pipeline Commissioning on real data</i>	~21 Nov 06
<i>Start VDFS-v4 (UK) Science Archive Commissioning on real data</i>	~03 Dec 06 (pipe +2w)

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	2007
Camera commissioning Review	01-03 Jan 07
<i>VDFS-v4(ESO deliverables) Exposure Time Calculator v1.1 to ESO</i>	04 Jan 07
<i>VDFS-v4 (ESO deliverable) Final Deliveries (5 items). ESO deliverables project terminated.</i>	31 Jan 07 (Com +4w)
<i>Complete VDFS-v4 (UK) Pipeline and Science Archive End-to-End Commissioning</i>	31 Jan 07
<i>Start VDFS-v4 (UK) Science Operations</i>	01 Feb 07
2nd call for Proposals (CFP) for VISTA use in Period 80 (Oct 07 –Mar 08)	01 Mar 07
VDFS e-science round 2 funding ends	31 Mar 07
Closing date for VISTA proposals in Period 80 (Oct07-Mar08)	01 Apr 07
1 st (Period 79) VISTA proposals carried out	01 Apr 07
2nd (Period 80) VISTA proposals carried out	01 Oct 07
	2008
<i>VDFS-v5(UK) Pipeline & Science Archive released (no further development – just maintenance)</i>	31 Jan 08
<i>VDFSv5(UK) Routine Operations Start</i>	01 Feb 08
3rd (Period 81) VISTA proposals carried out	01 Apr 08
4th (Period 82) VISTA proposals carried out	01 Oct 08