

SIM Validation strategy

Simulators do not validate their own simulation

• How to validate simulations and do it systematically

Simulators provide both scientific data and data for validation purposes

Full validation tests set every change (code/input data)

Sim planner will enable the option to run validation simulation set (special input files and/or config options to be passed to the simulators)



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• Where to store the validation tests code

Specific OUSIM Validation code on euclidsim svn repo (tests/verify/)

Allowing complementary validation code from OUs/SOC to be stored under their code repository

• Who is running the validation tests

The owners of the validation tests code, during the validation phase (just after the sim production...)

• Where to store the validation results

Simulation release metadata in the EAS, if possible



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Code tests with special input/config

Create simulations with

basic mock catalogue, extract the objects and compare to the input catalogue.

Create simulation with only:

- zodiacal light from model (maps or analytical model), measure the mean flux and variance
- DGL from model (maps or analytical model), measure the mean flux and variance
- faint objects (unresolved), measure mean flux and variance
- cosmic rays, measure rate and intensity
- grid of stars with **ghosts** on noiseless images, measure flux and position of the ghosts
- background and diffused scattered light (diffuse zodiacal light)
- spatially homogeneous source and shutter effect, measure signal 2D surface across FPA
- Flat illuminated image and instrument vignetting mode

- grid of stars, measure the position shifts and shapes from undistorted projection and compare to the input model.