

Opening a Window of Discovery  
on the Dynamic Universe

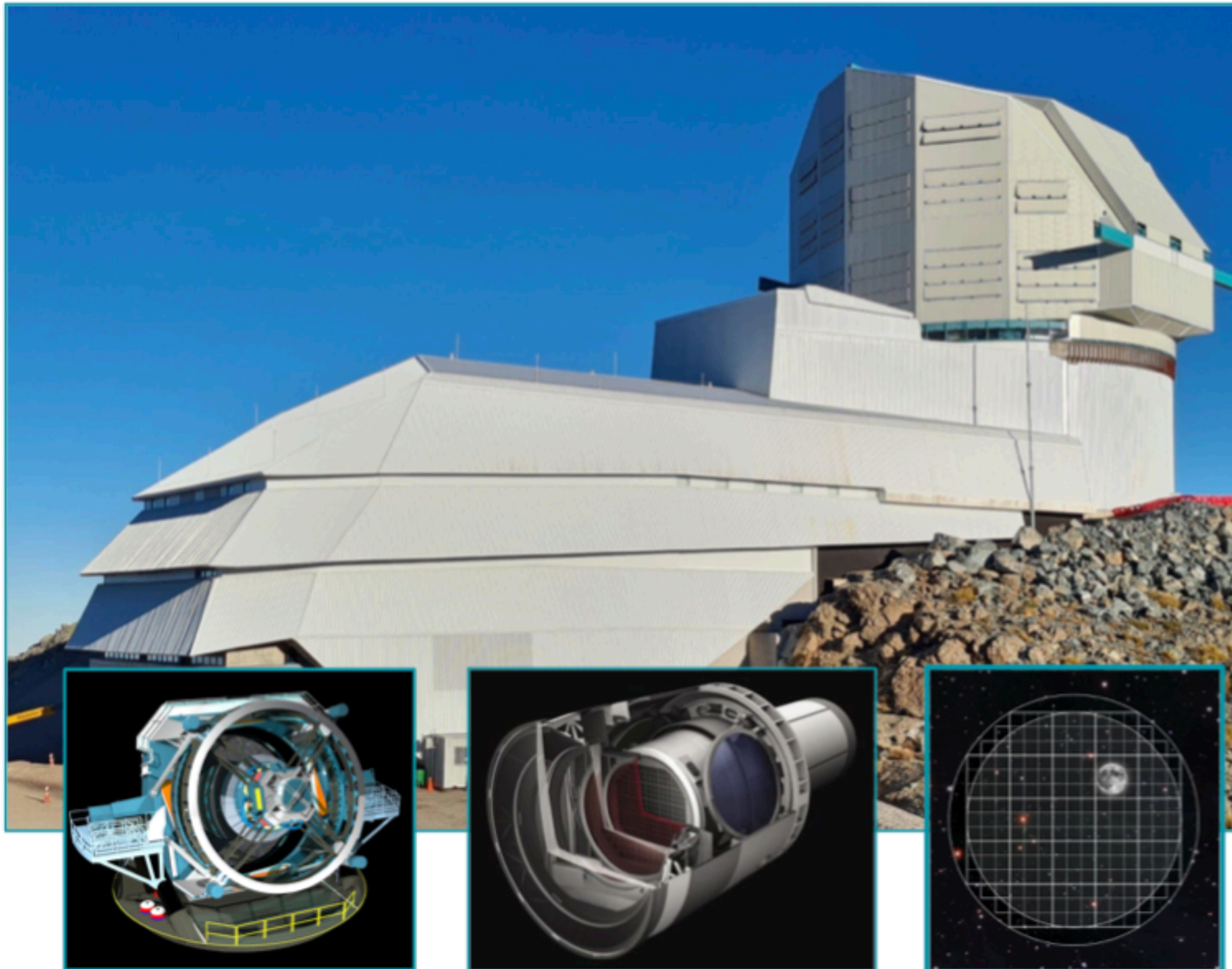
# Gravitational lensing with the Vera Rubin's Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) and LSST-MX

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# Vera C. Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)



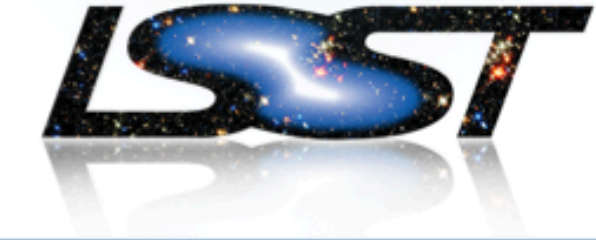
- Cerro Pachón, Chile.
- Finalizing construction.
- 8.4-m mirror
- 3200 Gigapixel camera
- 6 optical filters (320-1050 nm)
- 9.6 deg<sup>2</sup> of field-of-view (40 full Moons)



# Vera C. Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)



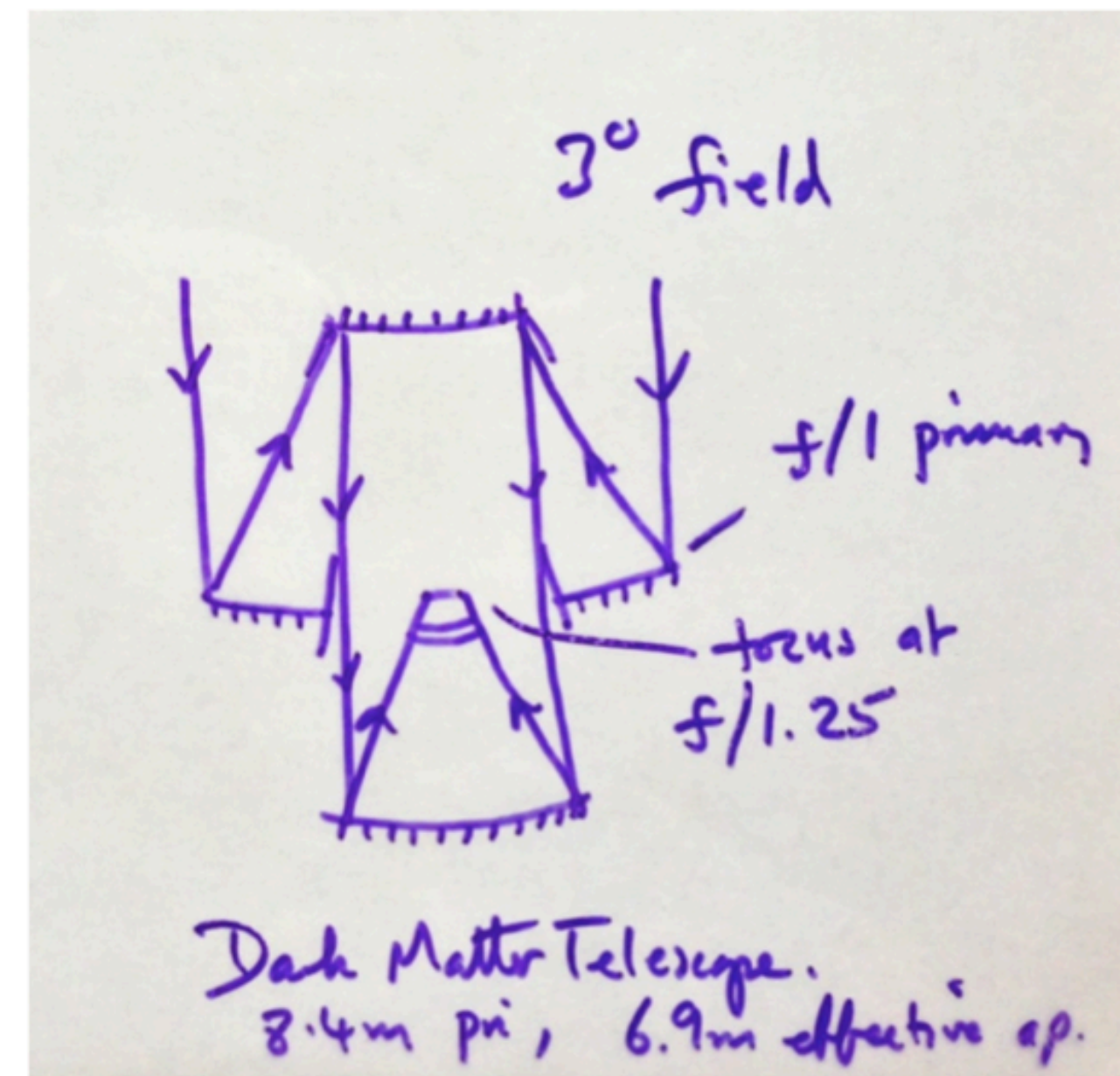
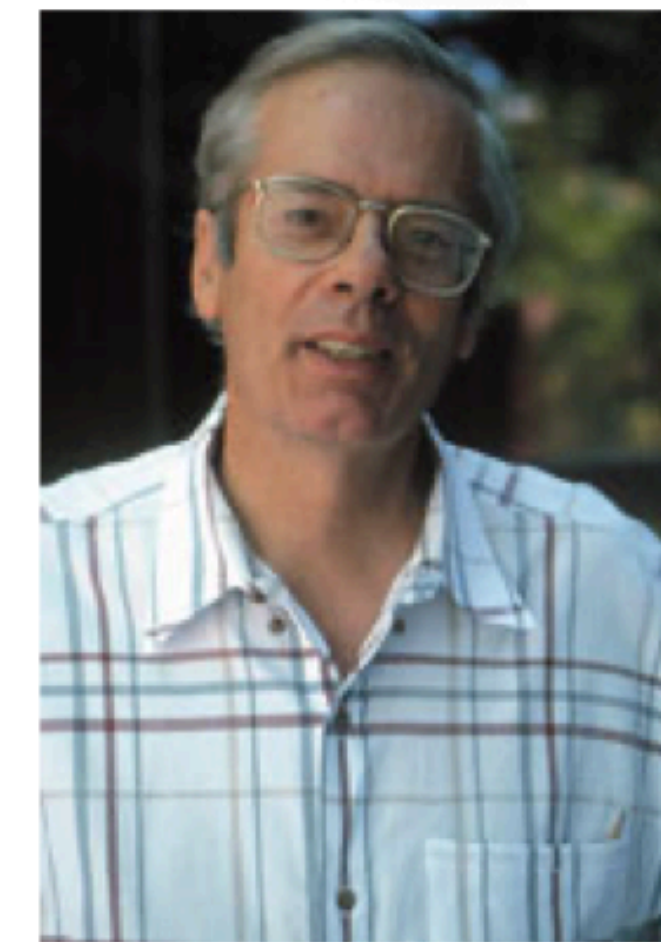
## The LSST dream started in mid 90's



Tony Tyson – UC Davis:  
Dreamed of an all sky  
survey to explore Dark  
Matter and the time  
domain



Roger Angel – U Arizona:  
Dreamed of an optical  
design for large wide-field  
telescope





# The Vera C. Rubin Observatory (Since 2019)

Survey of lots of objects in the sky over time and timelapse. Streaks conceptually represent connection of NOIRLab and SLAC through this partnership.

Teal colors connect to the physical observatory.

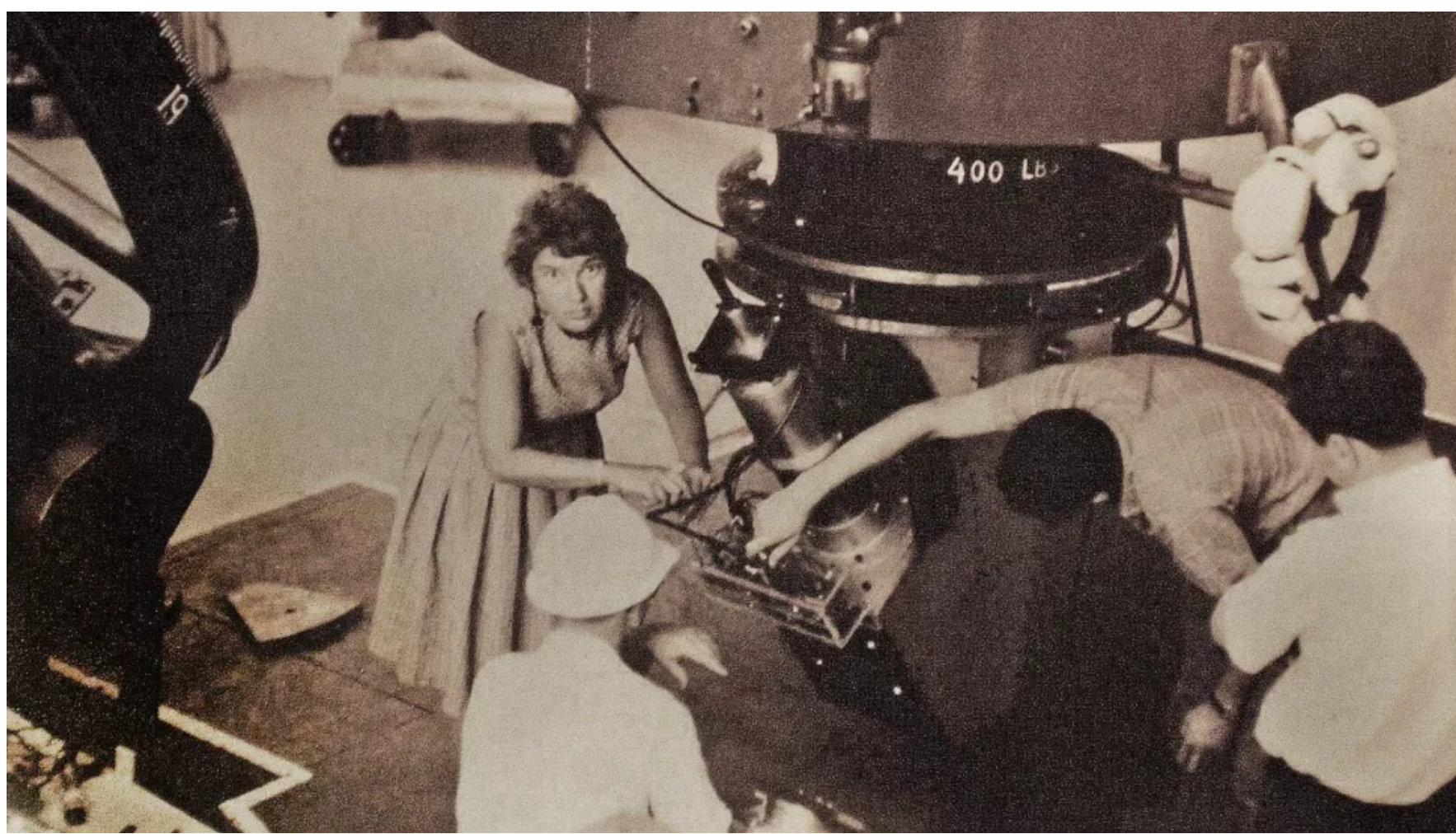
This represents community, ideas, discovery, astronomy - different types of objects. Varying sizes and shapes conveys inclusivity.

Big Data is an important part of Rubin Observatory. Straight lines with dots at the ends represent traces on digital electronic readout boards.

First national US Observatory to be named after a woman! The full name here celebrates this.

Teal colors connect to the physical observatory.

**VERA C. RUBIN**  
**OBSERVATORY**





# Observatory Construction Status



Rubin Observatory is  
nearing Completion!  
(on sky data later this year)

*Rubin Summit Facility  
shown with lift up and  
dome door open for  
Mirror install*



**Rubin is already taking images with the Commissioning Camera**





Rubin is well into Observatory Commissioning!  
(test data is streaming off the summit)





**2024**

Rubin Observatory,  
Cerro Pachon  
28 June 2022

~~LSST Camera ships from SLAC in California to Chile~~

~~Primary/tertiary mirror (M1M3) coated and installed~~

~~Secondary mirror (M2) installed~~

~~ComCam on sky~~

LSST Camera installed on telescope mount

**Early 2025**

System First Light and associated media splash

**Late 2025**

Legacy Survey of Space and Time begins



In the first 10 years of operation, the Vera C. Rubin Observatory will execute as its prime mission the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST)

## A “Wide-Fast-Deep” uniform optical/near-IR sky survey & color movie

- Entire visible sky, (18000 deg<sup>2</sup>) every 3 nights
- ~825 visits / pointing, ugrizy bands, r~27.5 (36 nJy),
- 20 billion galaxies, 17 billion stars

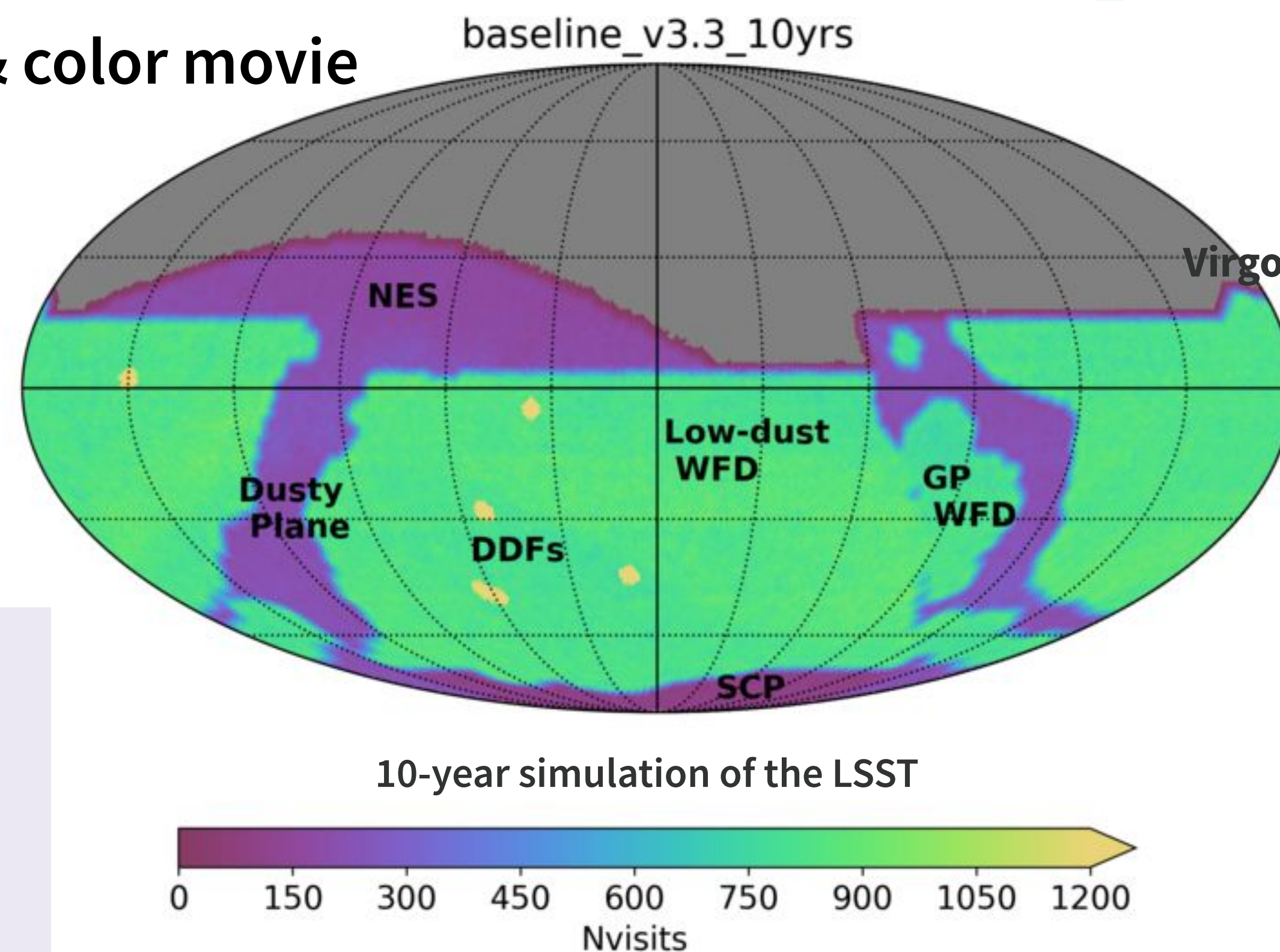
10 million alerts/night, 11 data releases over 10 yrs

### Raw Data

6.4 GB/exposure  
(compressed) | 20 TB/night |  
~5 PB per year

### Final 10-yr dataset

~6 million images | ~0.5 EB  
data products | 15 PB final  
catalog





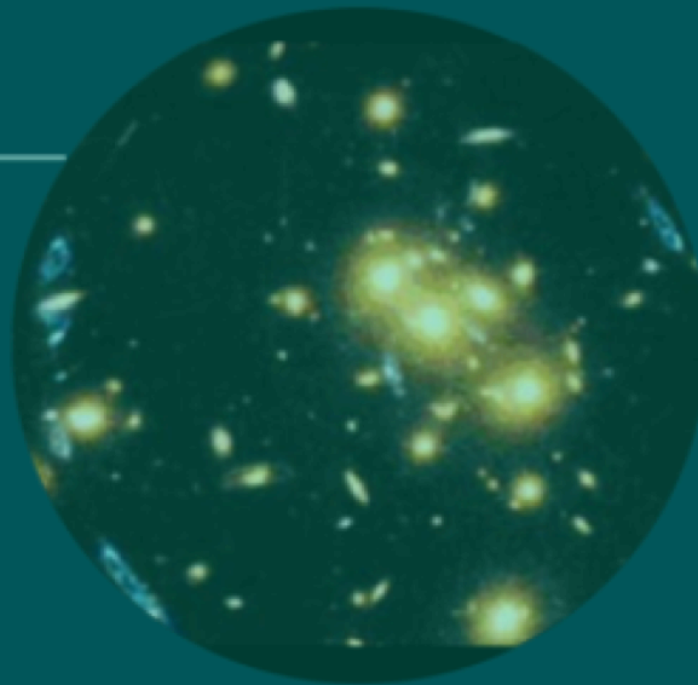
# LSST

## Main Science Drivers

Most relevant for this audience

### Dark Matter, Dark Energy

- Weak Lensing
- Baryon acoustic oscillations
- Supernovae, Quasars



### Cataloging the Solar System

- Potentially Hazardous Asteroids
- Near Earth Objects
- Object inventory of the Solar System



### Milky Way Structure & Formation

- Structure and evolutionary history
- Spatial maps of stellar characteristics
- Reach well into the halo



### Exploring the Transient sky

- Variable stars, Supernovae
- Fill in the variability phase-space
- Discovery of new classes of transients

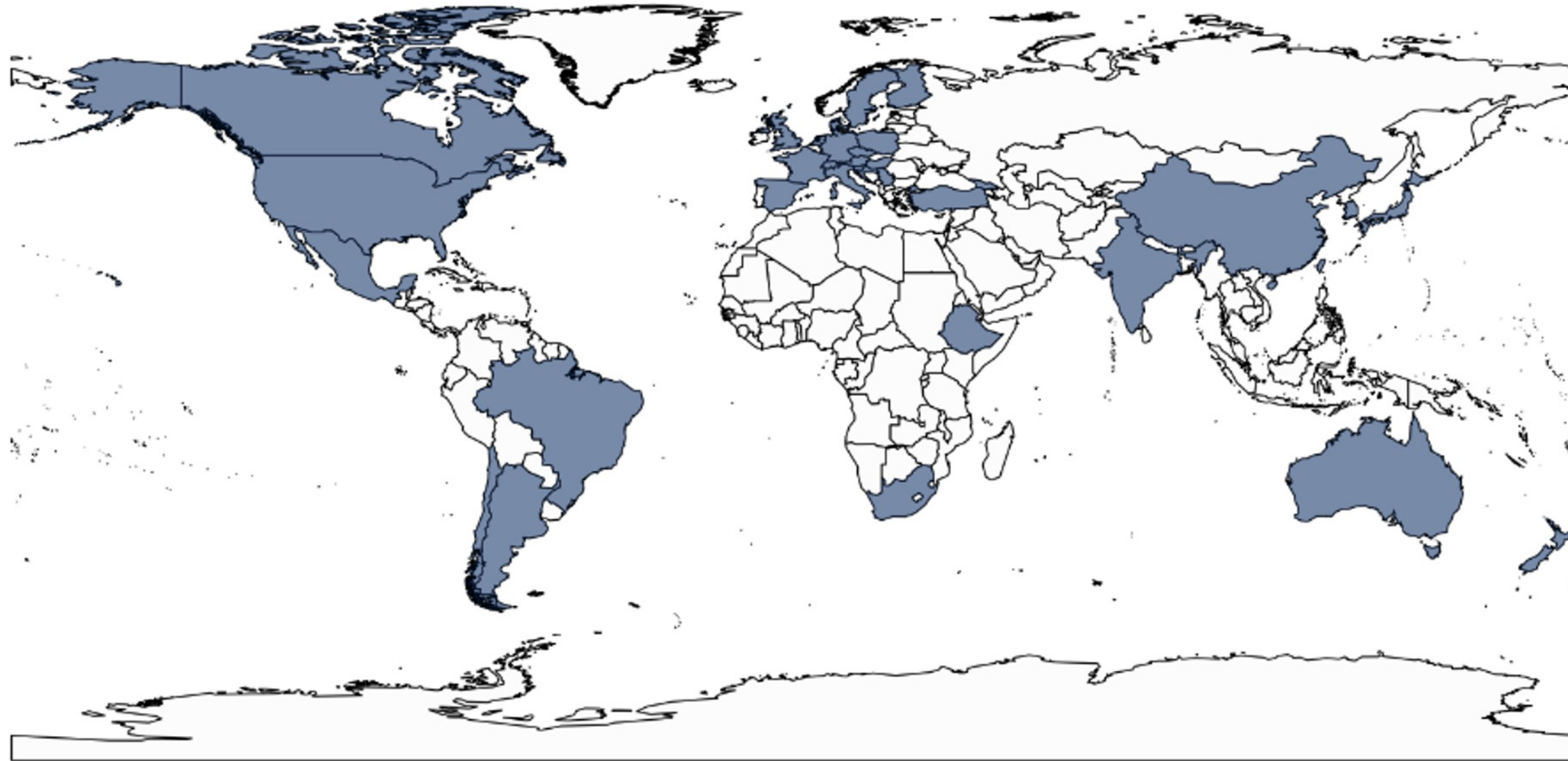




# The Science Collaborations

The Rubin Observatory Science Collaborations (SCs) is a federation of independent, worldwide communities of scientists, self-organized into groups based on research interests & expertise.

>2000 people, 2500 affiliations, 6 continents, 33 countries, 8 teams.



Science Collaborations Coordinator Will Clarkson [wiclarks@umich.edu](mailto:wiclarks@umich.edu)

For more information, including how to join: <https://lsstdiscoveryalliance.org/lsst-science-collaborations/>



**AGN**



**Dark Energy**



**Galaxies**



**Informatics & Statistics**



**Strong Lensing**



**Stars, Milky Way & Local Volume**



**Solar System**



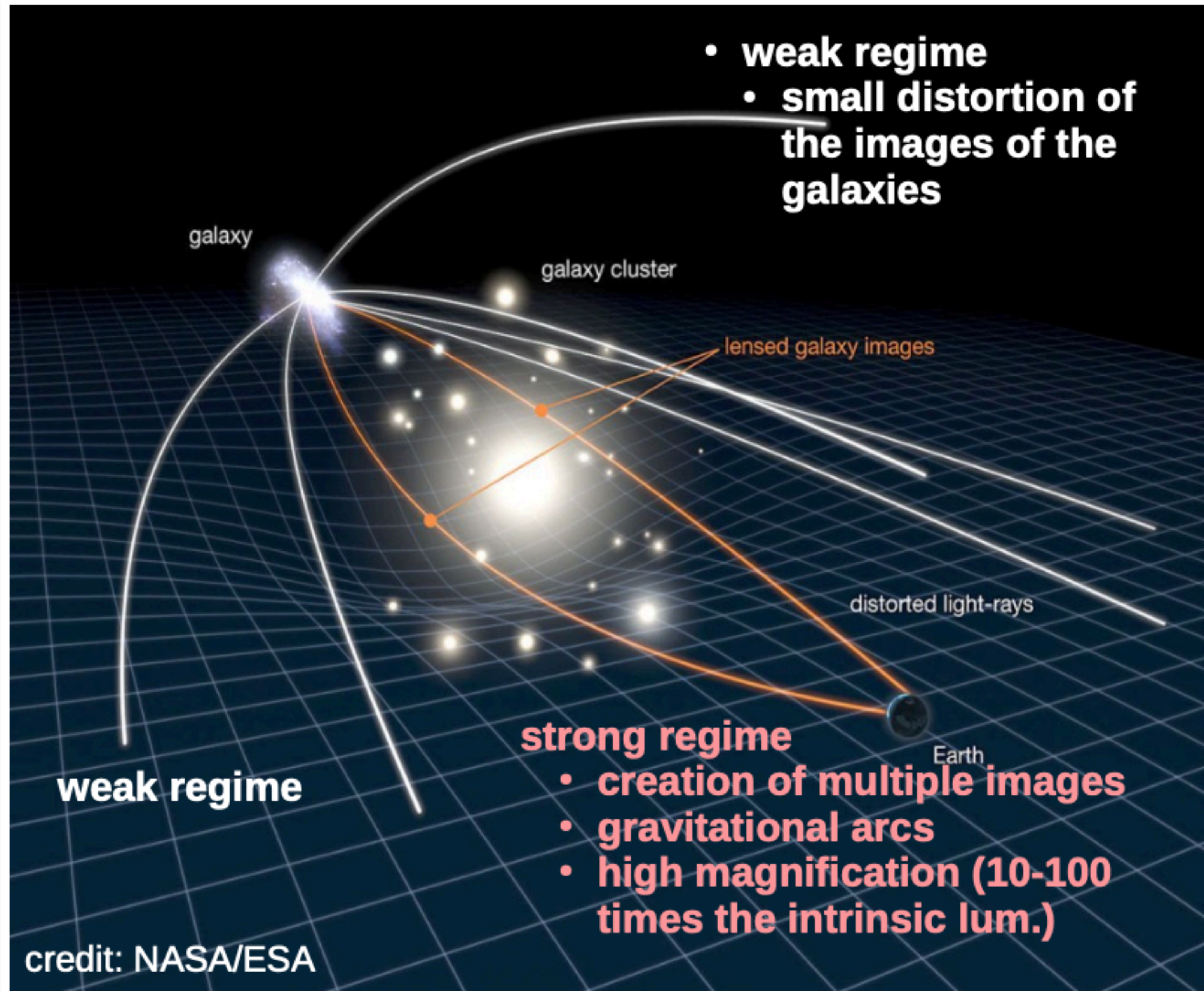
**Transients & Variable Stars**



# Gravitational Lensing



# Gravitational Lensing





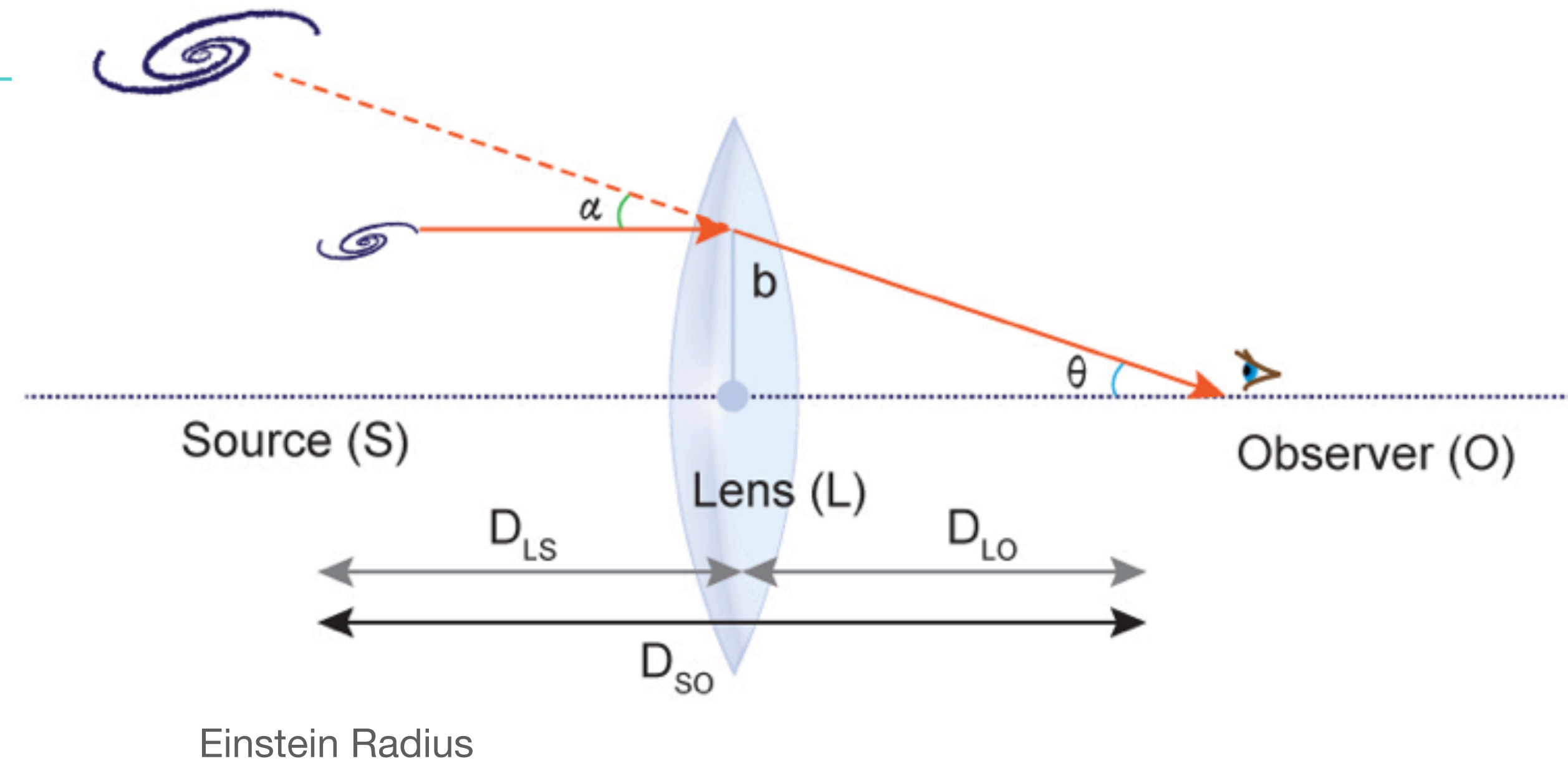
# Gravitational Lensing Theory

$$\vec{\beta}D_{OS} + \hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\theta})D_{LS} = \vec{\theta}D_{OS}$$

$$\hat{\vec{\alpha}} = \frac{4GM}{c^2} \frac{\vec{\xi}}{|\vec{\xi}|^2} \quad \text{For a point mass}$$

$$\hat{\vec{\alpha}}(\vec{\xi}) = \frac{4G}{c^2} \int d^2\xi' \underbrace{\int dz \rho(\vec{\xi}', z)}_{\equiv \Sigma(\vec{\xi}')} \frac{\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}'}{|\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi}'|^2}$$

For a mass distribution



$$\theta_E = \sqrt{\left(\frac{4GM}{c^2}\right) \left(\frac{D_{LS}}{D_{LO}D_{SO}}\right)}$$

For an extended mass distribution  
 $M = M(< \theta_E)$

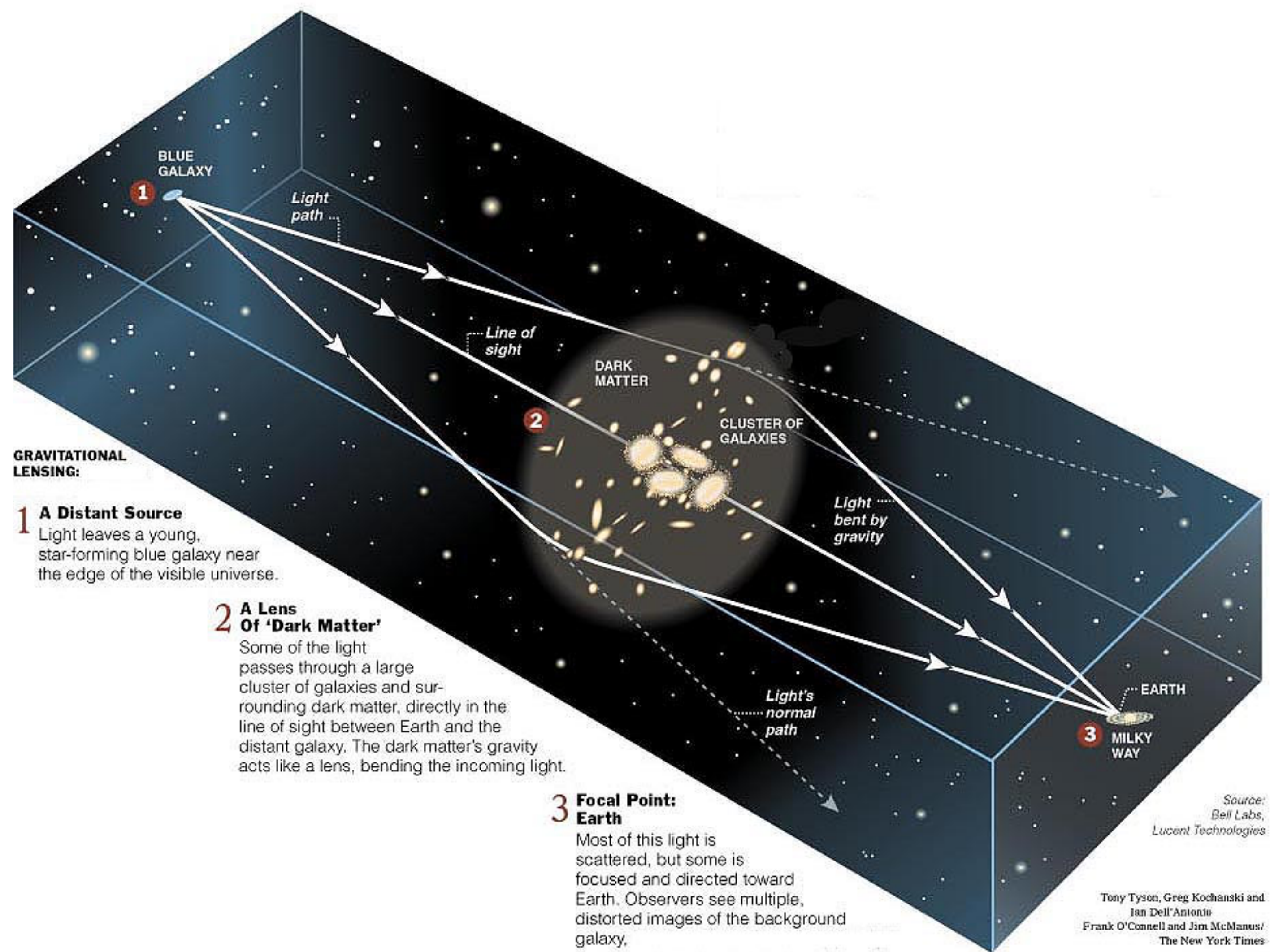
We can infer how much mass is present by measuring the Einstein Radius

$$M(< \theta_E) = 1.1 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} \left(\frac{\theta_E}{30''}\right)^2 \frac{D_{OL}D_{OS}}{\text{Gpc}D_{LS}}$$



# Lensing

## Cluster scales

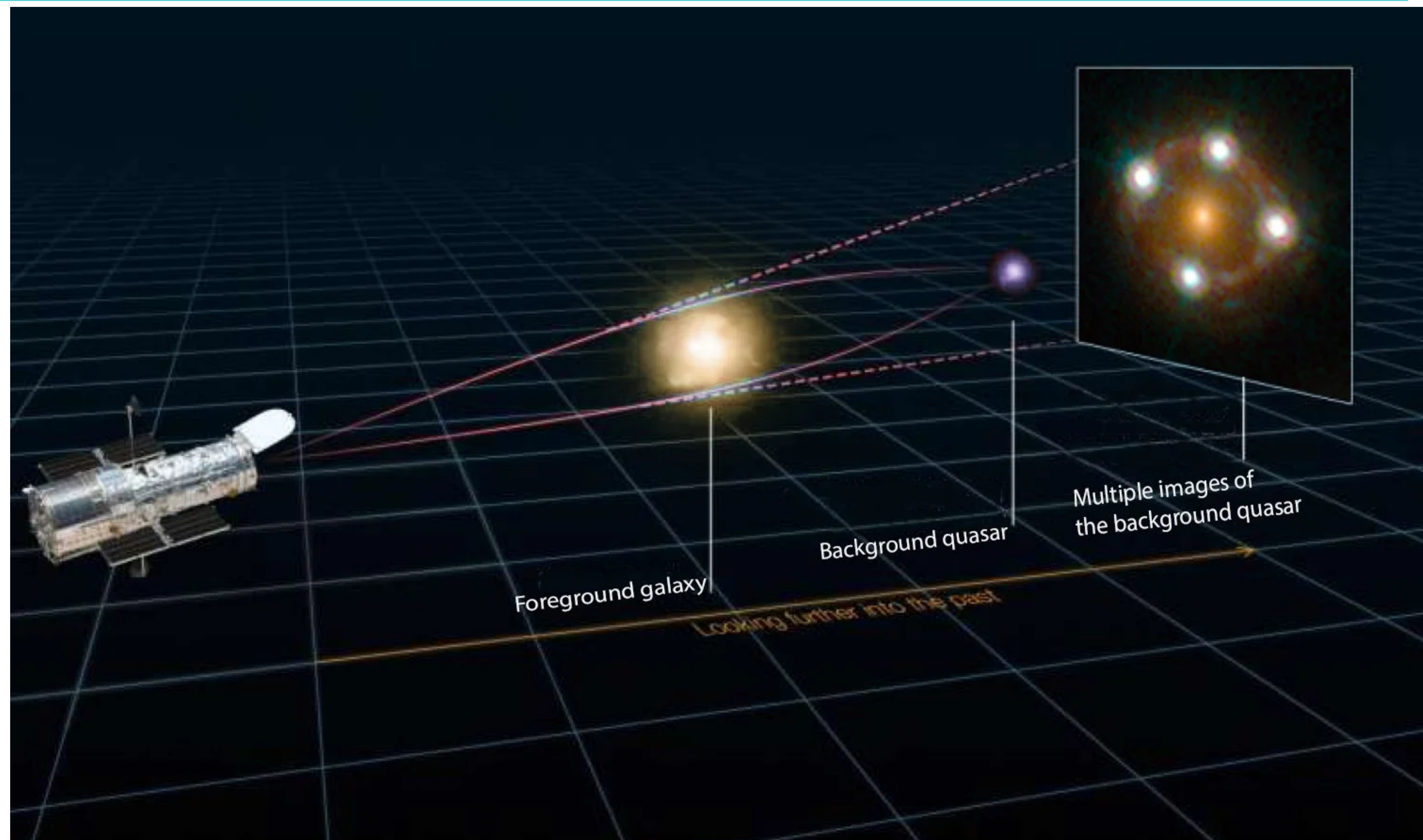




# Strong Lensing

## Galaxy Scales

Known lensed quasars  $\sim 10^2$ , we expect to find  $\sim 10^5$  in the next decade with LSST.



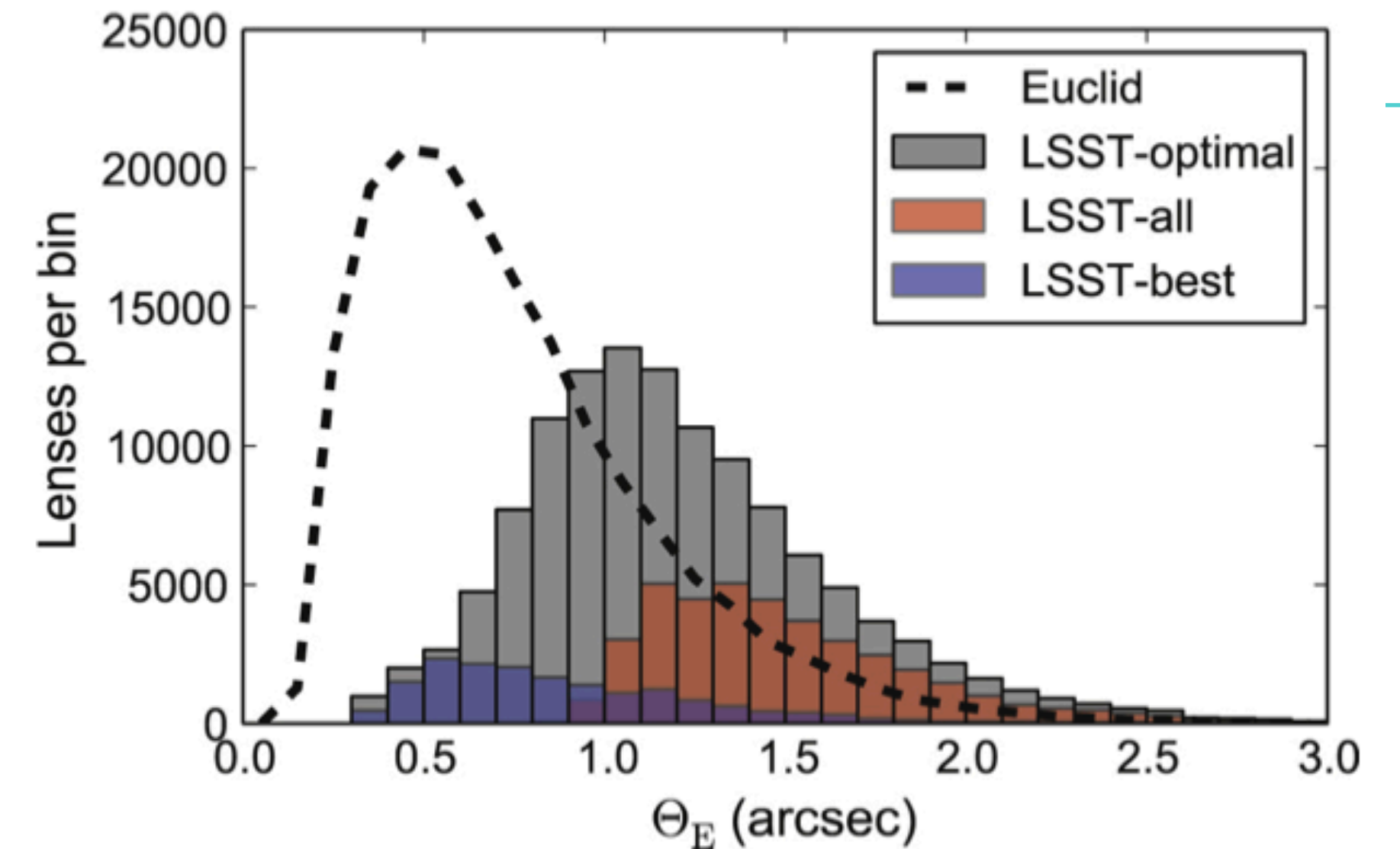


# LSST Strong Lensing Detection

**LSST will find more strong gravitational lensing events than any other survey before.**

Strong Lensing phenomena can provide information about:

- The total mass distribution of galaxies, groups and galaxy clusters.
- Dark Matter structure on sub galactic scales
- Constrain cosmological parameters, constrain dark energy.
- High redshift transients and host galaxies
- Place constraints in stellar mass functions.
- And many more...

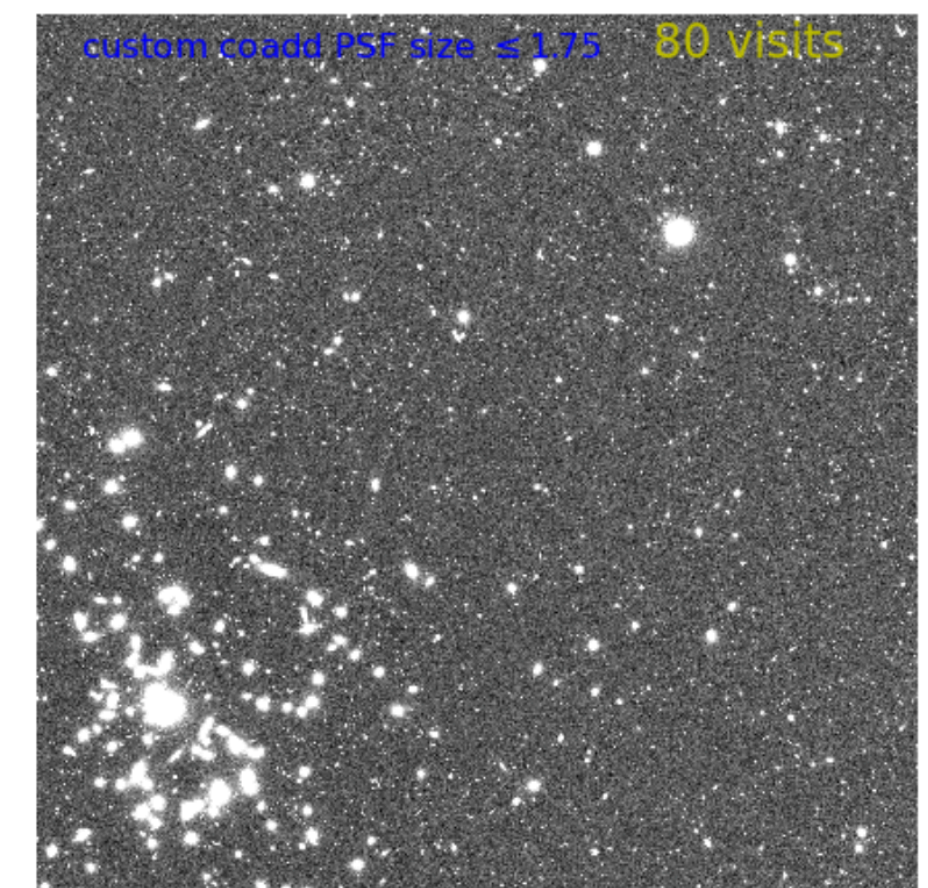
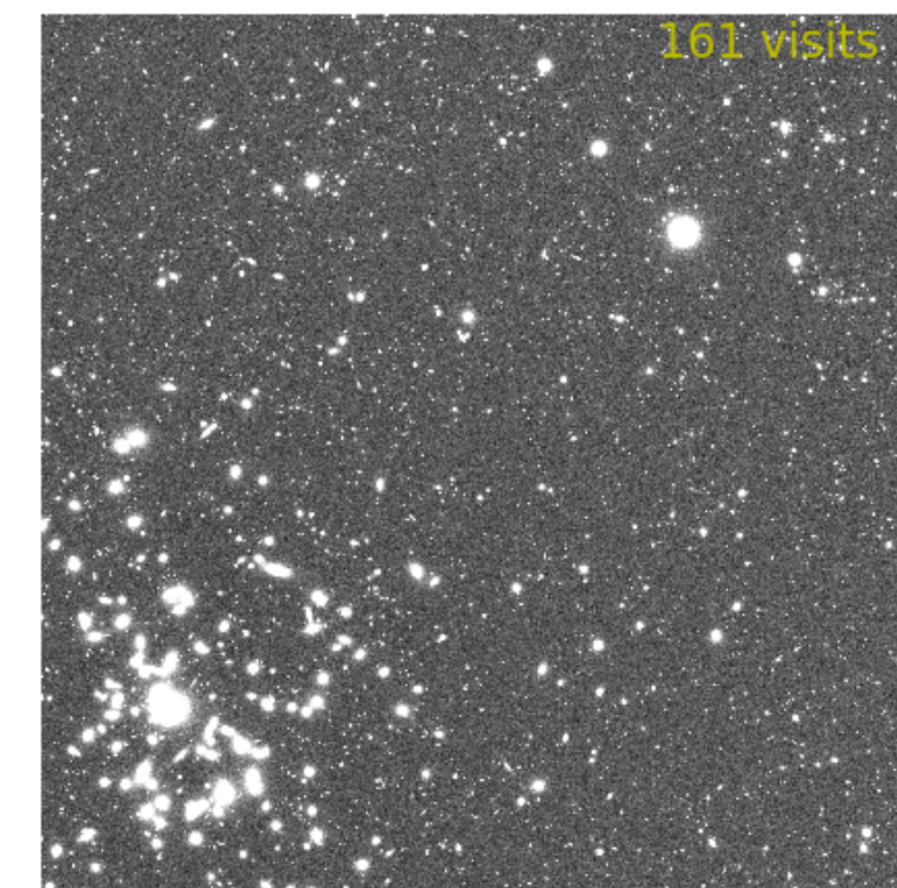
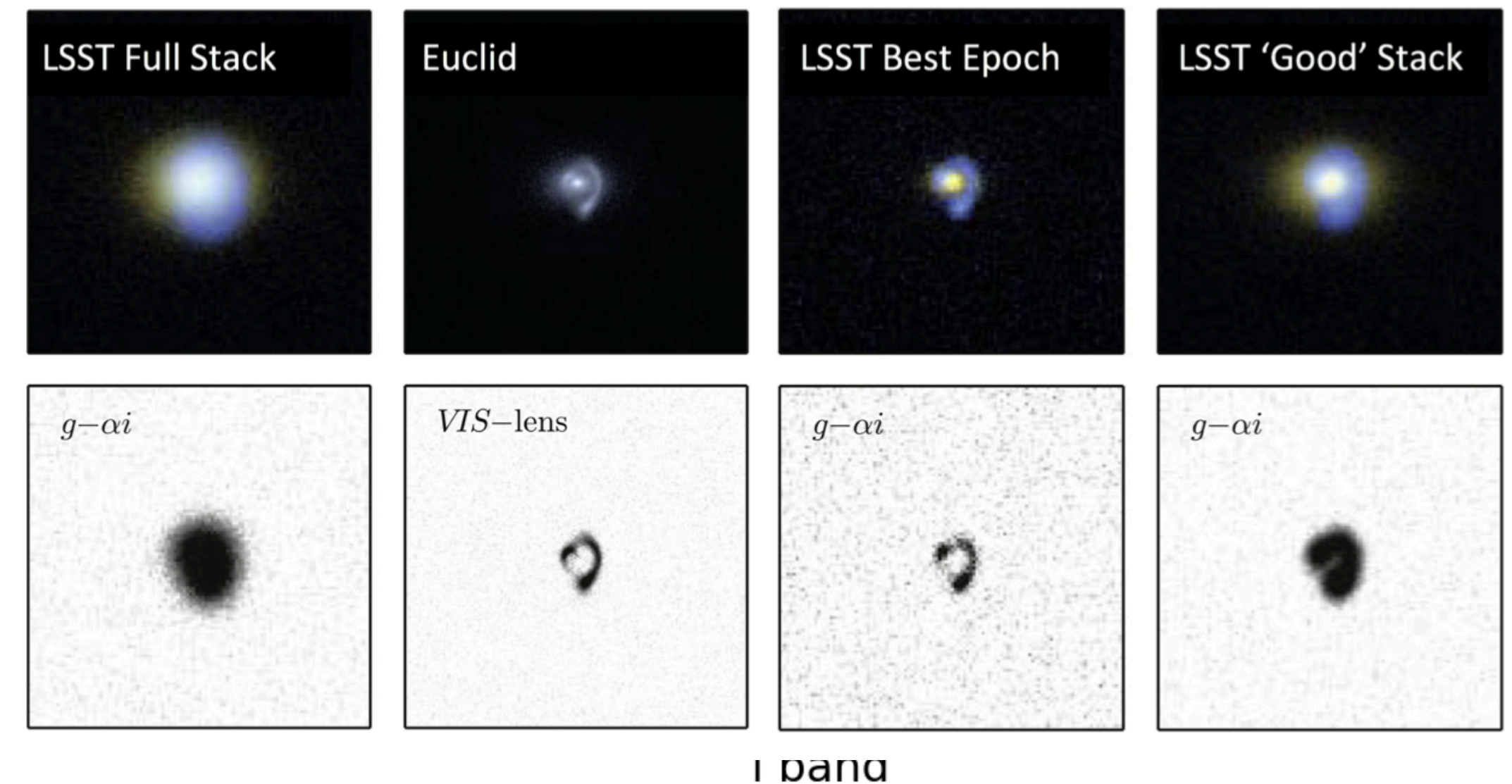




# Current project

## Optimal image quality for Lens Detection

- Understand how the PSF is constructed, PSF spatial variation, PSF behavior in the different filters.
- Create DP0 images (no lensing systems) with injected lens images, and custom coadds. i.e. different coadds based on quality selection.
- Test finding algorithms for different qualities of the images, Use simulated images to test how well we recover physical parameters (MsC and PhD students at UG)
- In summary: We are preparing for real data to come...





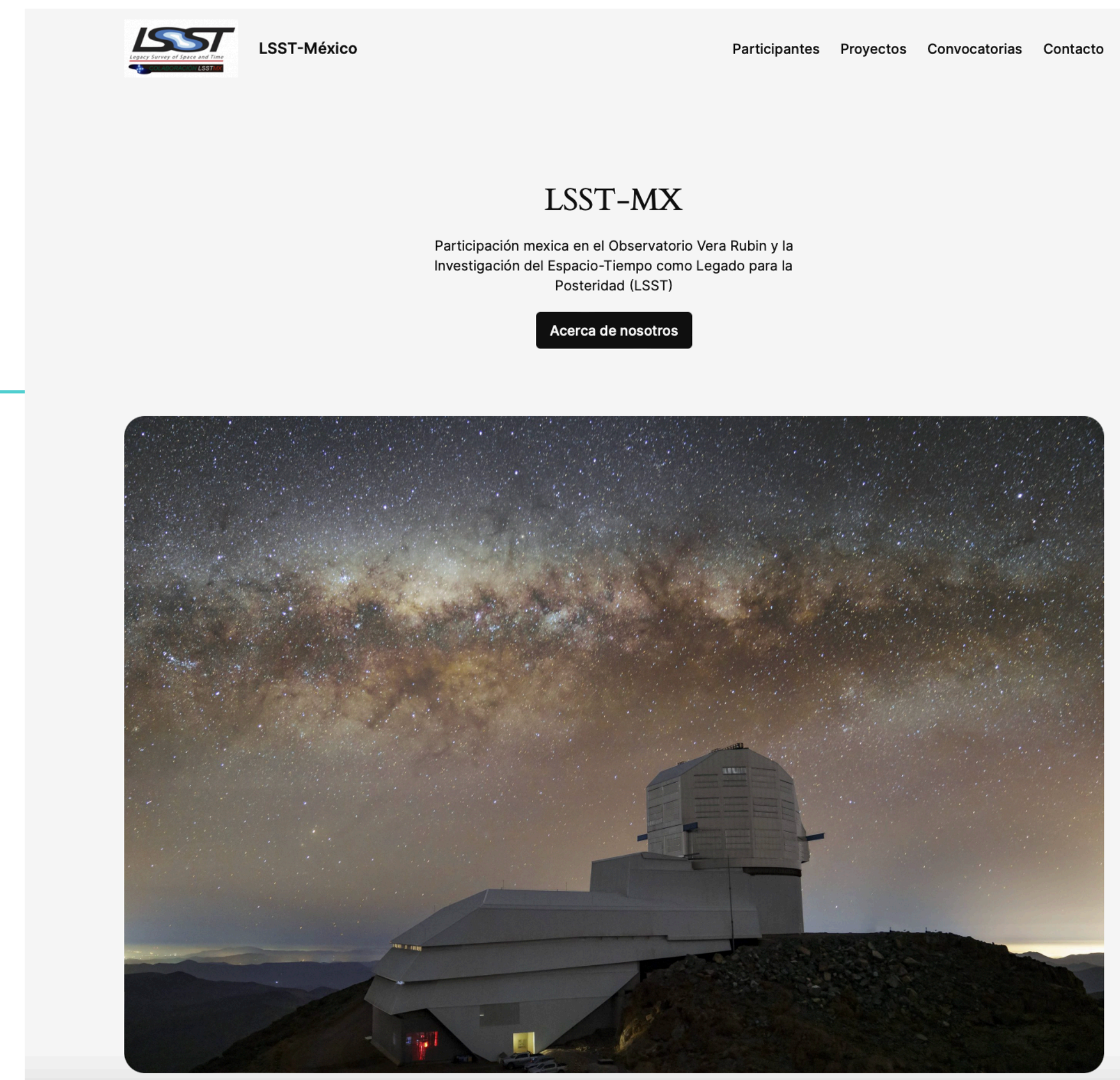
# Mexican Participation



# LSST-MX

## A bumped road

- 2015-2016 Fronteras de la ciencia Call (unsuccessful)
  - \$200, 000.00 USD per License (1PI, 4 JA)
- 2017 Internal call at UG (unsuccessful)
  - \$400, 000.00 USD per License
- Fall 2019 Letter of intent for joint proposal by UG-UNAM for in-kind contributions.
- Fall 2020 Formal proposal lead by UG+UNAM for **in-kind** contributions. ~20 Researchers involved, 5 institutions. **(Plan for success!)**
- Spring 2021 Proposal accepted by LSST
- Fall 2021 Start of the contributions work plans and deliveries.
- Spring 2022 Almost all contributions started.
- 2024: +50 Researchers, including students from different levels and institutions, and contributions are ongoing.



Students and postdocs can join at any time.  
Full Time researchers and lecturers can join  
through an annual call  
<https://fisica.ugto.mx/~lsstmx/>



# LSST-MX

## “in-kind” contribution

**Lead institutions : UNAM and UG**

**Proposal leads:**

**Alma González (UG)**

**Octavio Valenzuela (IAUNAM)**

Full participant list in <https://www.lsst.org/scientists/international-drh-list>

**Project Manager: Luis Ureña López (UG)**

### **Project Leads**

**Directed software development to SLSC: Alma González (UG)**

**Directed software development to DESC: Josue De Santiago (CINVESTAV) (See Josue’s talks next to mine)**

**Non-Directed software development to DESC: Alejandro Aviles Cervantes (ICF-UNAM)**

**Directed software development to SMWLV: María de los Angeles Pérez-Villegas (IA-Ensenada—UNAM)**

**Non-Directed software development to SMWLV: Jose Antonio Vázquez-Mata (IA-**



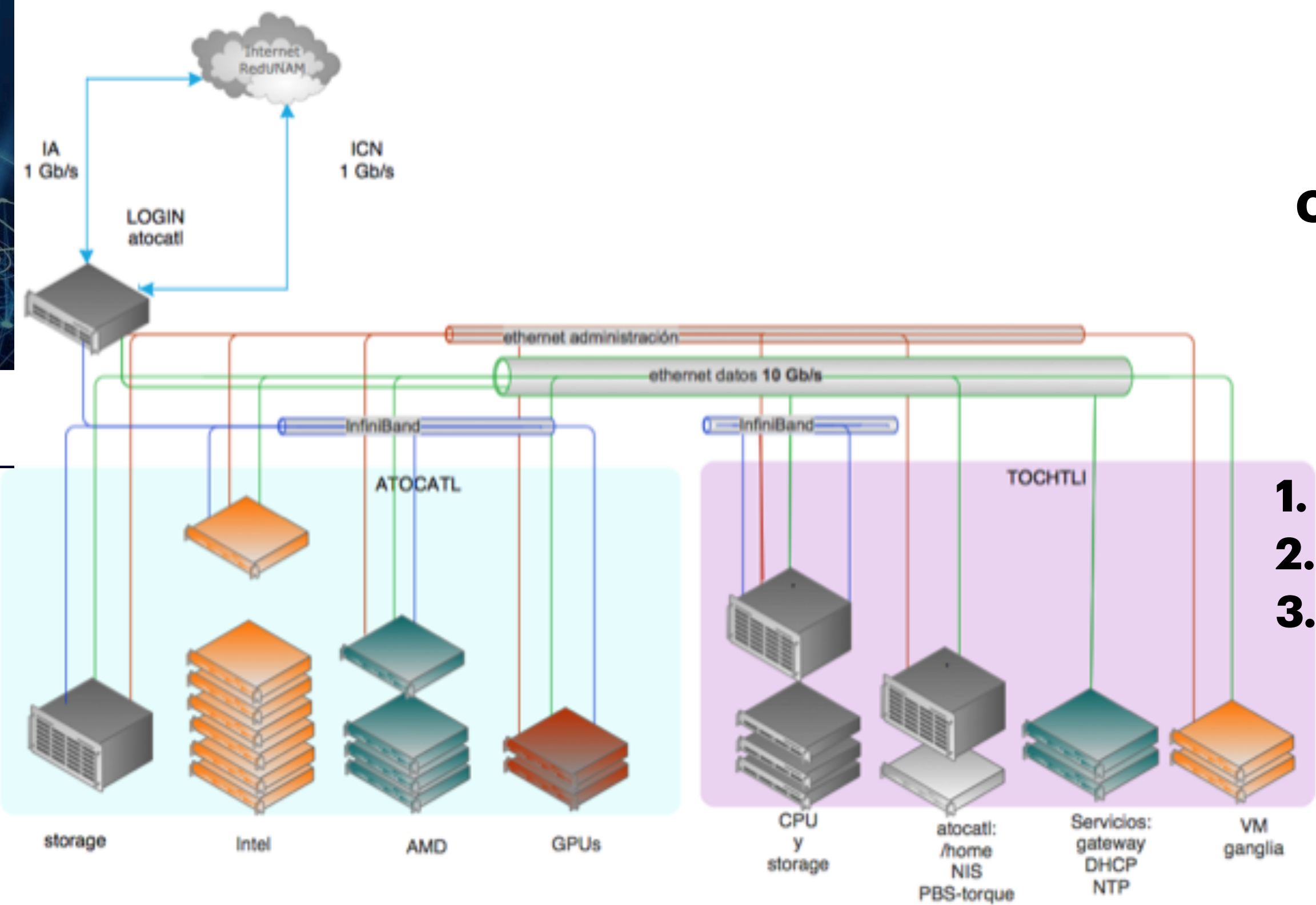
# LITE IDAC LSS-TMX

Octavio Valenzuela (CL)  
Institutions: IA, ICN, UNAM



[www.lamod.unam.mx](http://www.lamod.unam.mx)

2000 cores  
6 Petabytes  
10 Gbps connectivity



**IDAC LSSTMX**  
**1.6 Petabytes**  
**200 cores**

**Catalogs/Tables 10<sup>9</sup>**  
**raws**  
**200 Columns**  
**PostgreSQL**

1. **Object Catalogues**
2. **Derived Products**
3. **Coadded Images**



# LSST Science Collaborations

Mexican participation in 4 of them



+ service through the International Data Access Center



# If you are in Mexico City this November 9th

## Visit our thematic tent at Noche de las estrellas

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58. Ver(a) el Universo con Rubin



Ofreceremos una gran variedad de actividades para dar a conocer al Observatorio Vera Rubin, la ciencia que se realizará con él, y la participación de la comunidad mexicana dentro de esta importante colaboración internacional.

Coordinador: Luis Alberto Martínez Medina

Instituto de Astronomía, UNAM

Actividades para público en general



**More on LSST and data access**



# LSST data products

The LSST Data Products are organised into three main categories:

A stream of ~10 million time-domain events per night, detected and transmitted to event distribution networks with 60 seconds of observation.

A catalog of orbits for ~6 million bodies in the Solar System

*Previously "Level 1" data products*

Prompt

A catalog of ~37 billion objects (20B galaxies, 17B stars), ~7 trillion observations ("sources"), and ~30 trillion measurements ("forced sources"), produced annually, accessible through online databases.

Reduced single-epoch, deep co-added images.

*Previously "Level 2" data products*

Data  
Release

User-produced added-value data products e.g deep KBO/NEO catalogs, variable star classifications, shear maps, etc ...

Enabled by services and computing resources at the Data Access Centers and via the LSST Science Platform

*Previously "Level 3" data products*

User  
Generated



# LSST Data Previews

- DP0: Simulated LSST-like data products available through the Rubin Science Platforms (RSP)
  - Data from the DESC Data Challenge 2. Contains extragalactic and galactic objects, and some time-domain objects such as Type Ia supernovae, AGN, and variable stars, but does not contain Solar System objects. See **The LSST DESC DC2 Simulated Sky Survey** (arXiv:2010.05926)
  - DP0.1 data processed with current Rubin Pipeline
  - DP0.2 data processed with Rubin Pipeline by March 31 2022. 900 Delegates
  - DP0.3 is out: Solar System simulated object catalog.
- DP1: Subset of commissioning Images
- DP2: Full commissioning images
- DR1: Survey images from first year
- All data served in a format such as the future LSST data releases through the SRP



- Documentation and tutorials are publicly available, but most of such can only be run through the RSP.

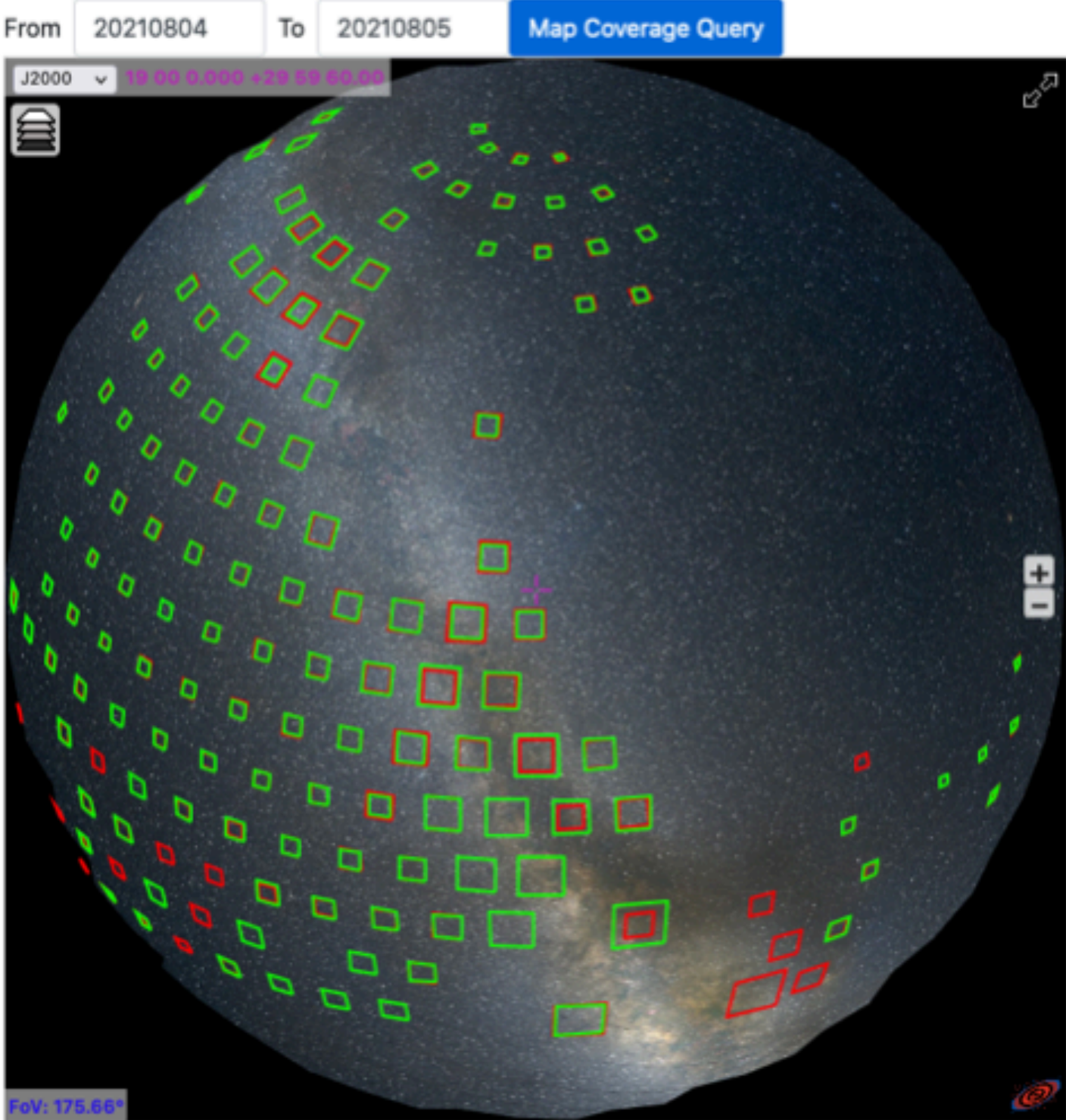
A screenshot of the Rubin Science Platform website. The header features the VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY logo and navigation links: Portal, Notebooks, APIs, Documentation, Support, and Community. A "Log in" link is in the top right. The main section is titled "Rubin Science Platform" and contains three white cards: "Portal" (Discover data in the browser), "Notebooks" (Process and analyze LSST data with Jupyter notebooks in the cloud), and "APIs" (Learn how to programmatically access data with Virtual Observatory interfaces). Each card has an illustration and a "Learn more" link. The background is a dark space image with the Milky Way. The footer includes an "Acceptable use policy" link, a paragraph about the observatory's mission, and logos for NSF, NOIRLab, AURA, SLAC, and the U.S. Department of Energy.



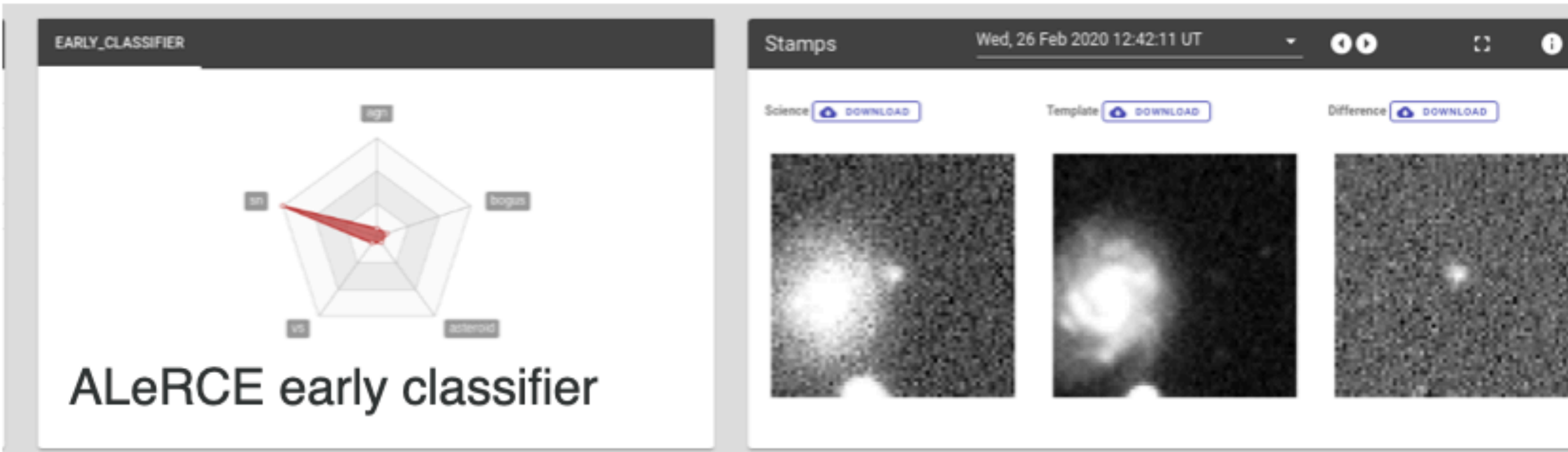
# Get familiar with the brokers and prepare for LSST

## ZTF coverage

Each ZTF field shows the number of alerts found between the specified dates. The area of each square is proportional to the number of alerts, with red for r-filter and green for g-filter. The special date "today" means the current UTC date.



ZTF fields and number of candidates. To sort, click the column headings.



## Lasair coverage viewer

## ANTARES Slack watchlists

**ANTARES** APP 10:20 PM  
Hit on watch list [Legacy ANTARES Watch List \(Slack Channel: UMK0RA2Q2\)](#):  
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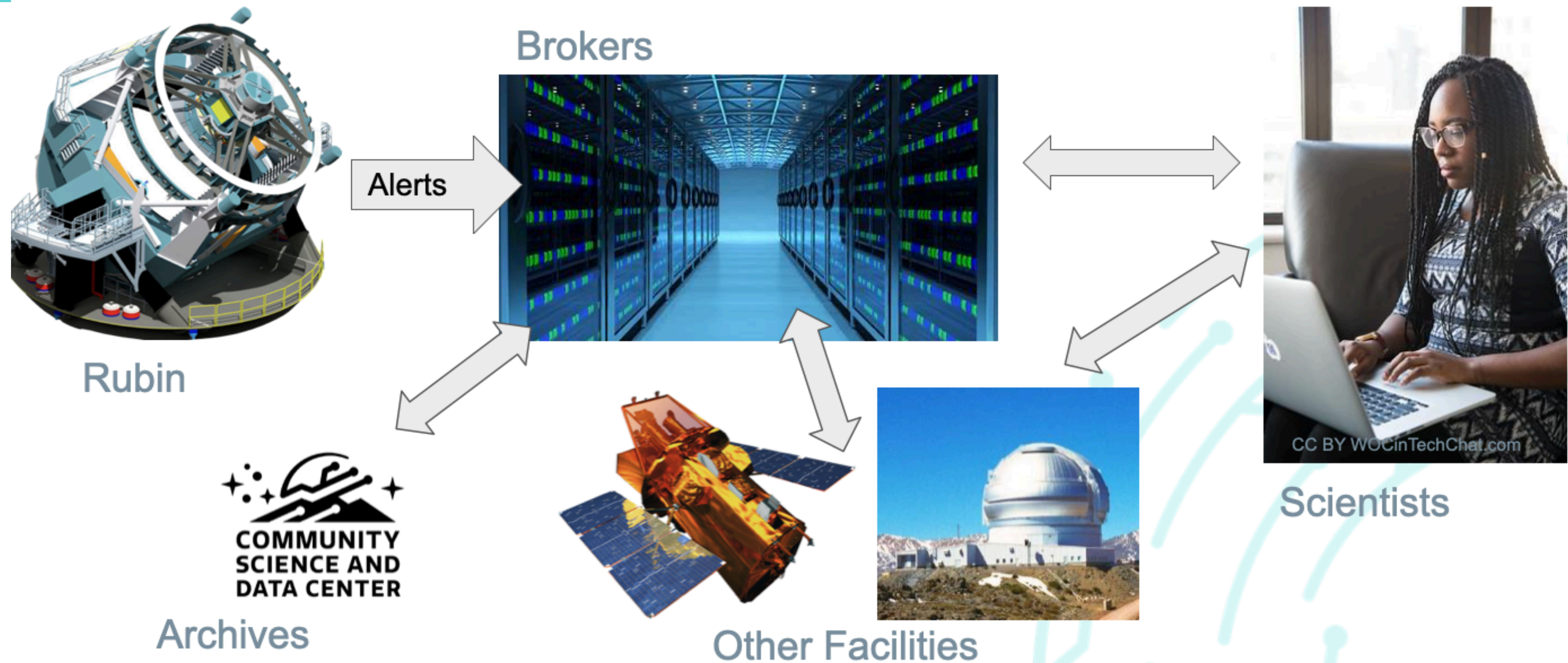
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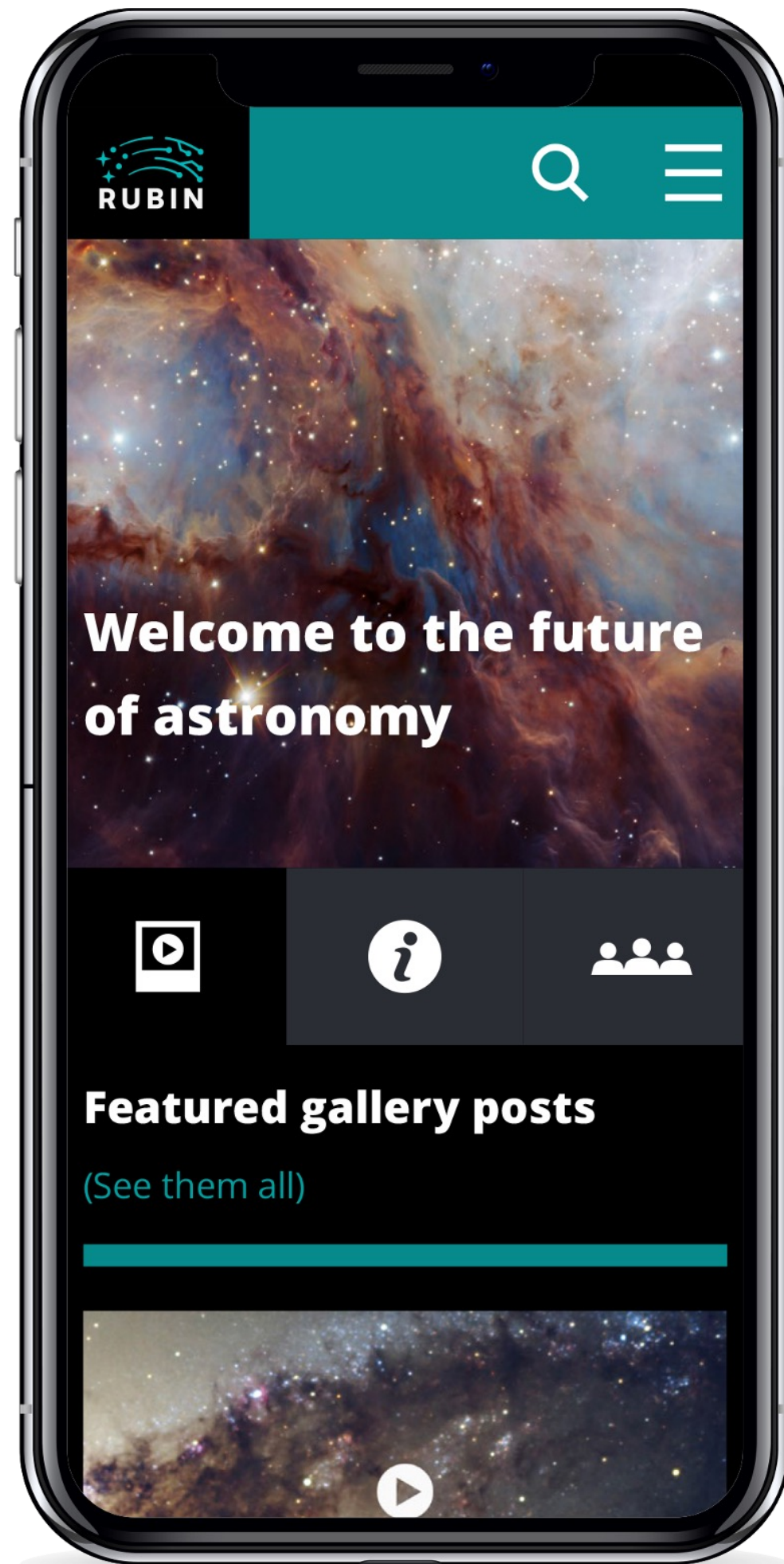
# Alert brokers

## Rubin's real time science



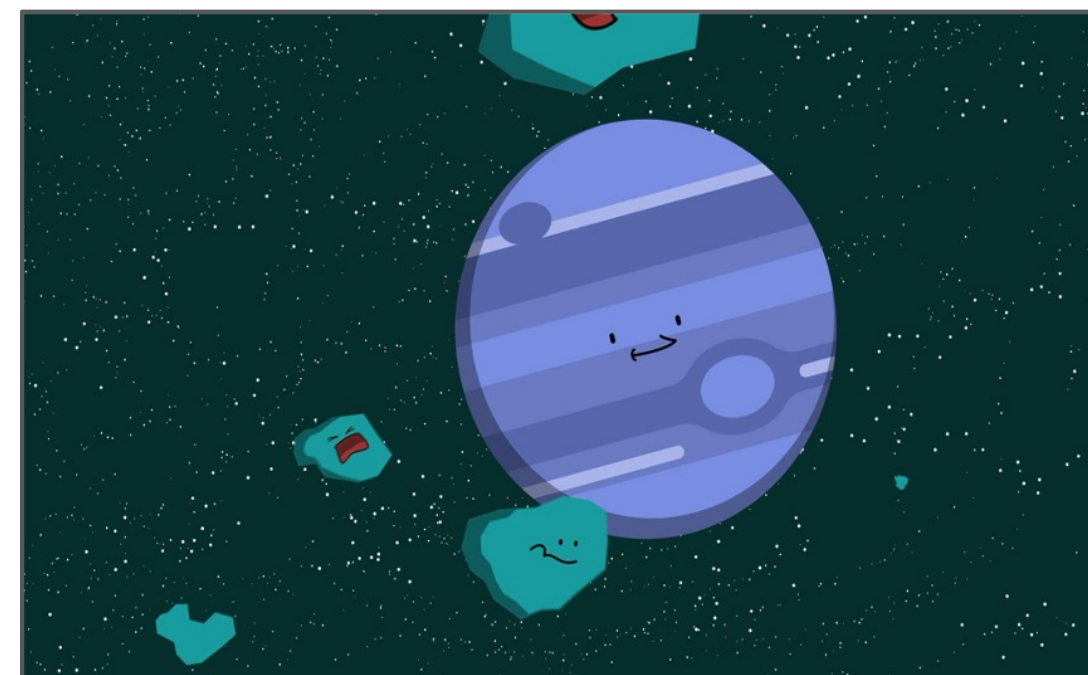
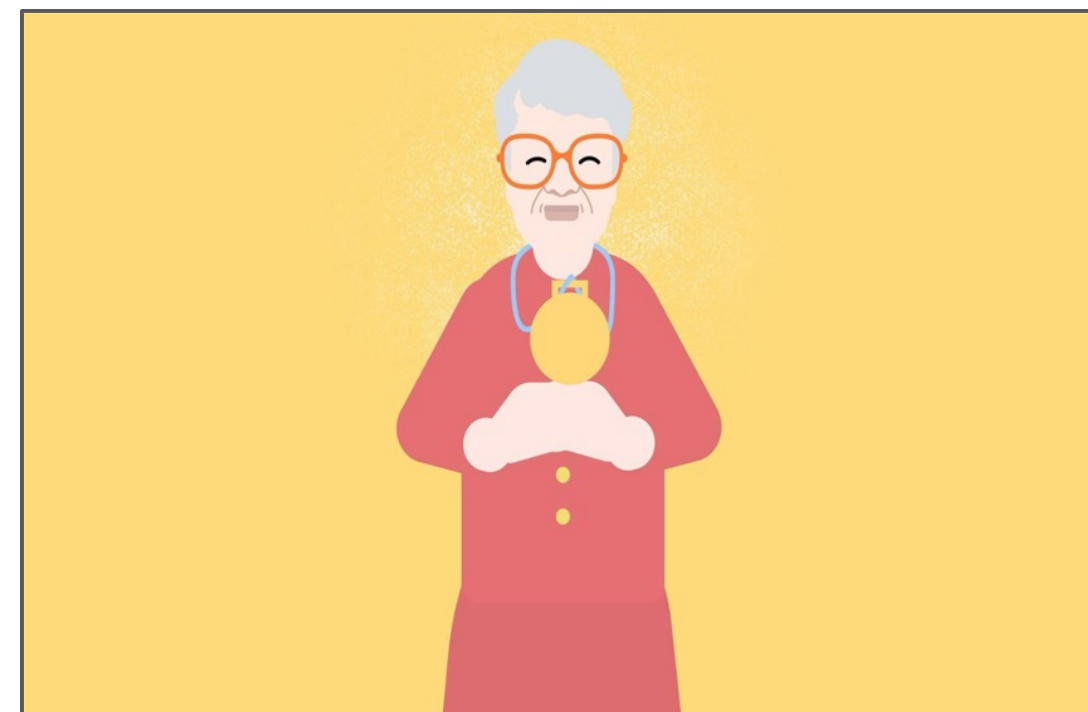


# EPO Program is active in Operations!



Website live: [rubinobservatory.org](https://rubinobservatory.org)

Animated videos on YouTube, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

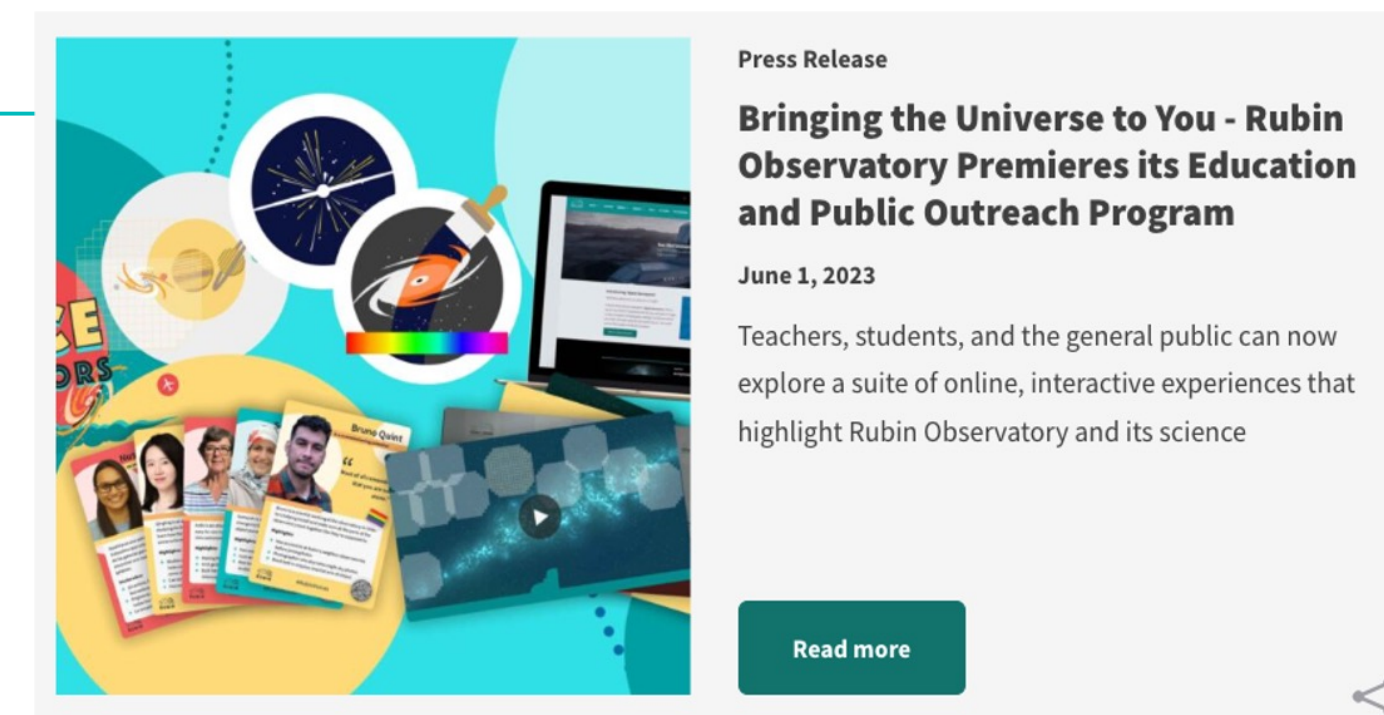










Try for a high score at [spacesurveyors.app](https://spacesurveyors.app)



# Education & Public Outreach

- New content regularly posted to [News](#), [Events](#), [Rubin Voices](#), and [Education](#) sections
- Final version of new [Coloring the Universe](#) formal education investigation released
- Ongoing external evaluation website/social media focus groups assessing reach/audience and measuring learning/engagement
- In 2023, social media accounts published over 1000 posts, reaching over half a million users and growing
- Increasing cadence of [science releases](#) to build momentum towards first light







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# Rubin and LSST: Perspectives and challenges

## For UG and the other participant institutions

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- Consolidate our current participation
- Continue to grow the initial seed group into a great Mexican community that gets the most out of LSST data.
- Transfer the *know how* to other non-participant institutions/researchers, so that LSST data continues to be deployed once its public (LSST has a 2 year proprietary data policy).
- Learn about DM and DE through Gravitational Lensing
- Take advantage of the LSST EPO (Education and Public Outreach) huge effort and make accessible in León, Guanajuato.

• If you are interested in joining talk to us ([gonzalez.alma@fisica.ugto.mx](mailto:gonzalez.alma@fisica.ugto.mx))



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# THANKS