

**Session 2 - status of astronomers mitigation actions**

# **Ground-Based DarkSky Protection and Orbital Pollution Mitigation at the Moquegua Astronomical Observatory (OAM) - IAU W73, Peru**



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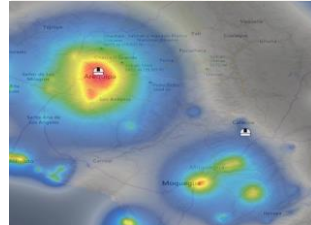
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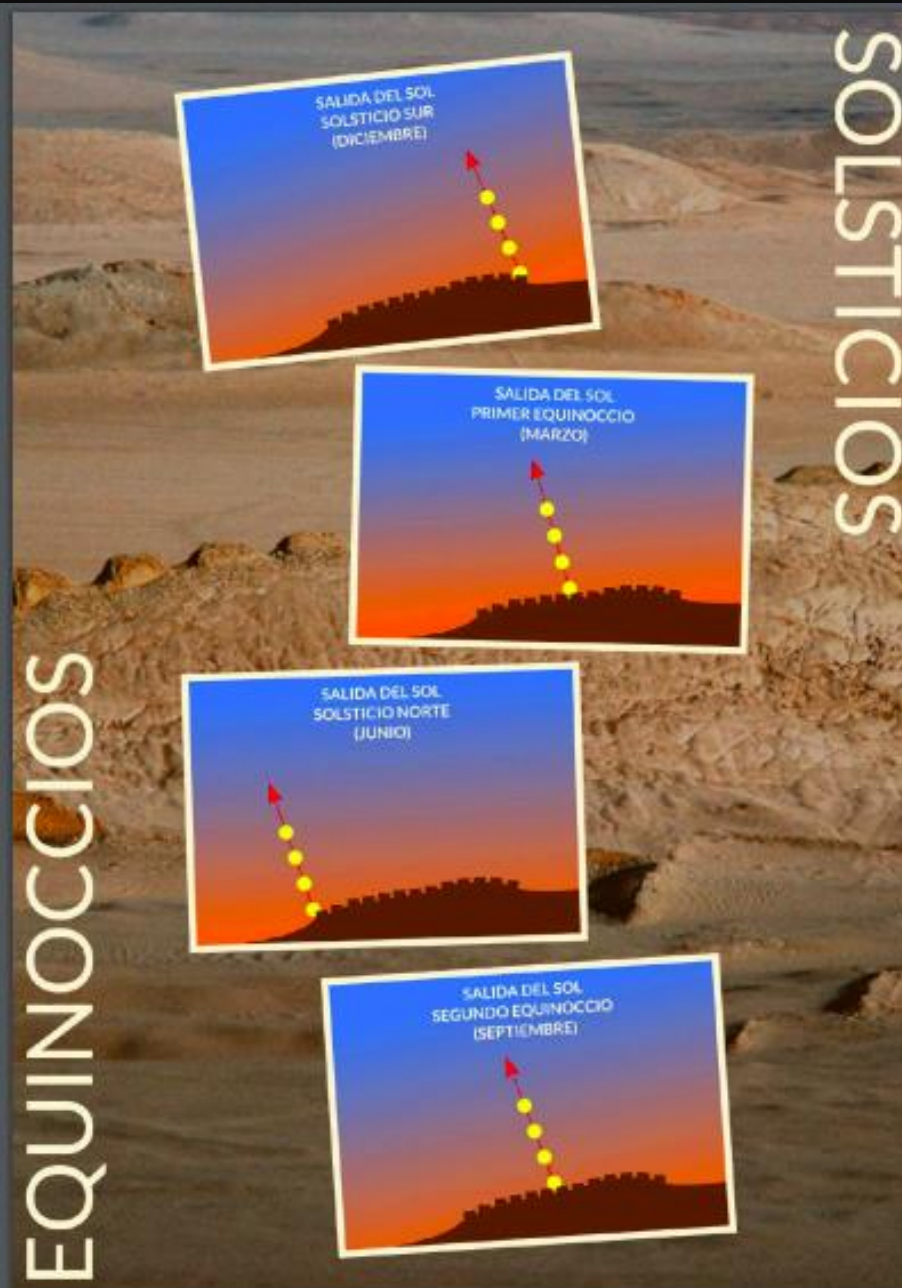
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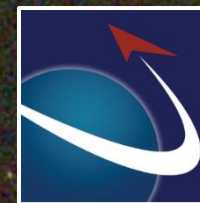
# 1.-Observatory Overview





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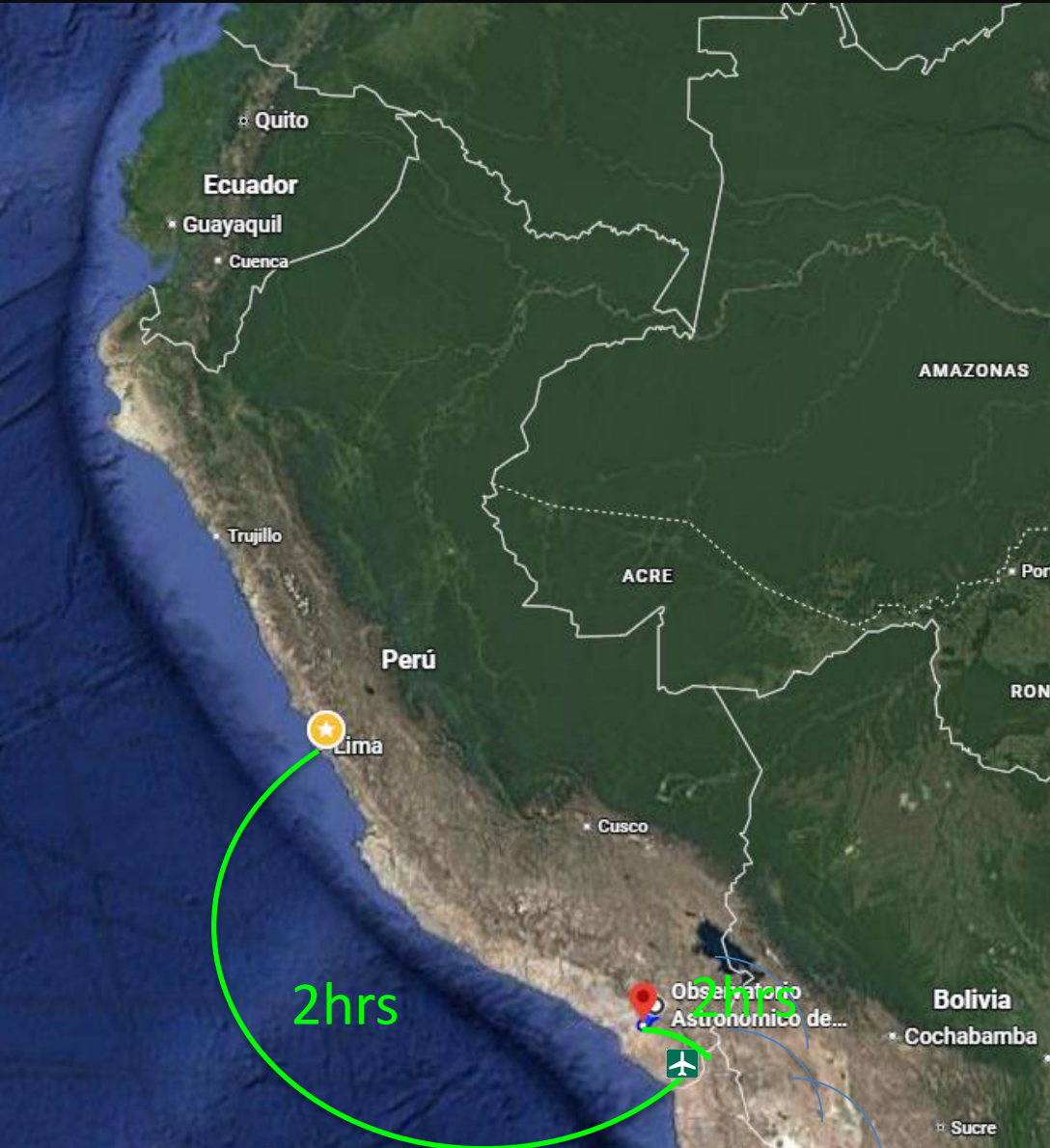
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# LOCATION







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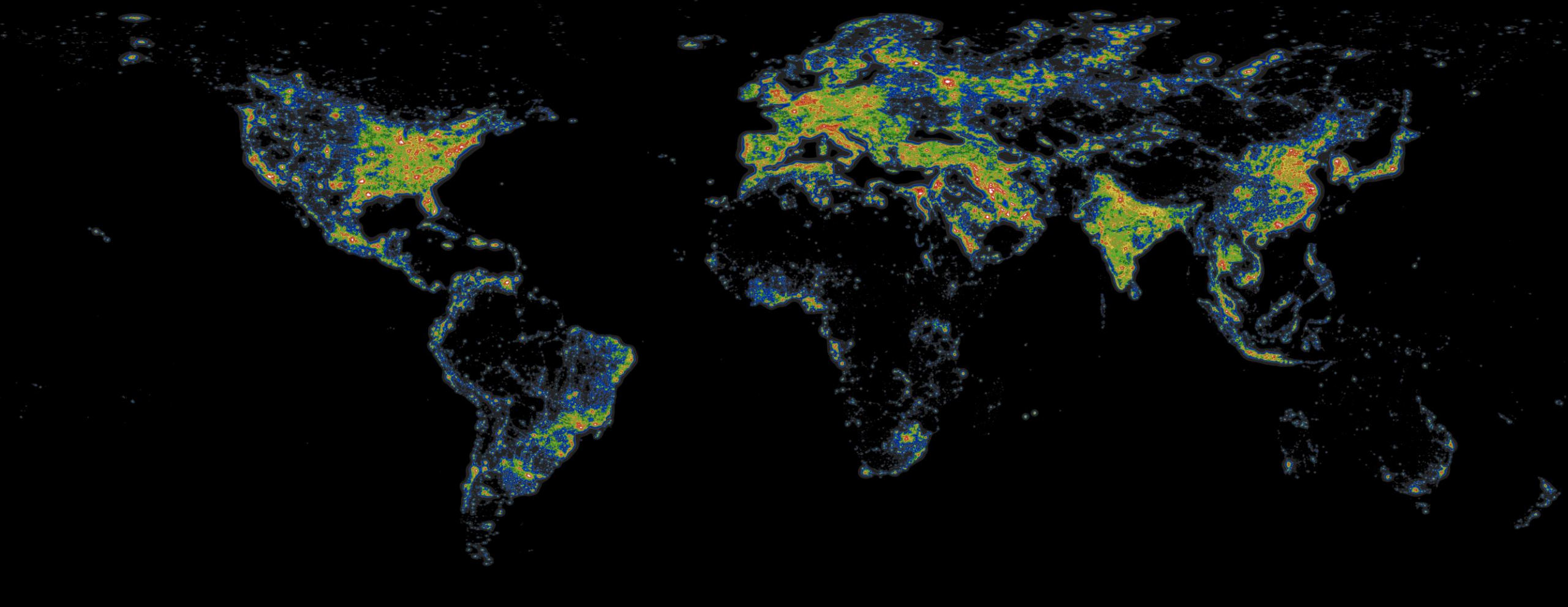




## 2.-DarkSky Protection

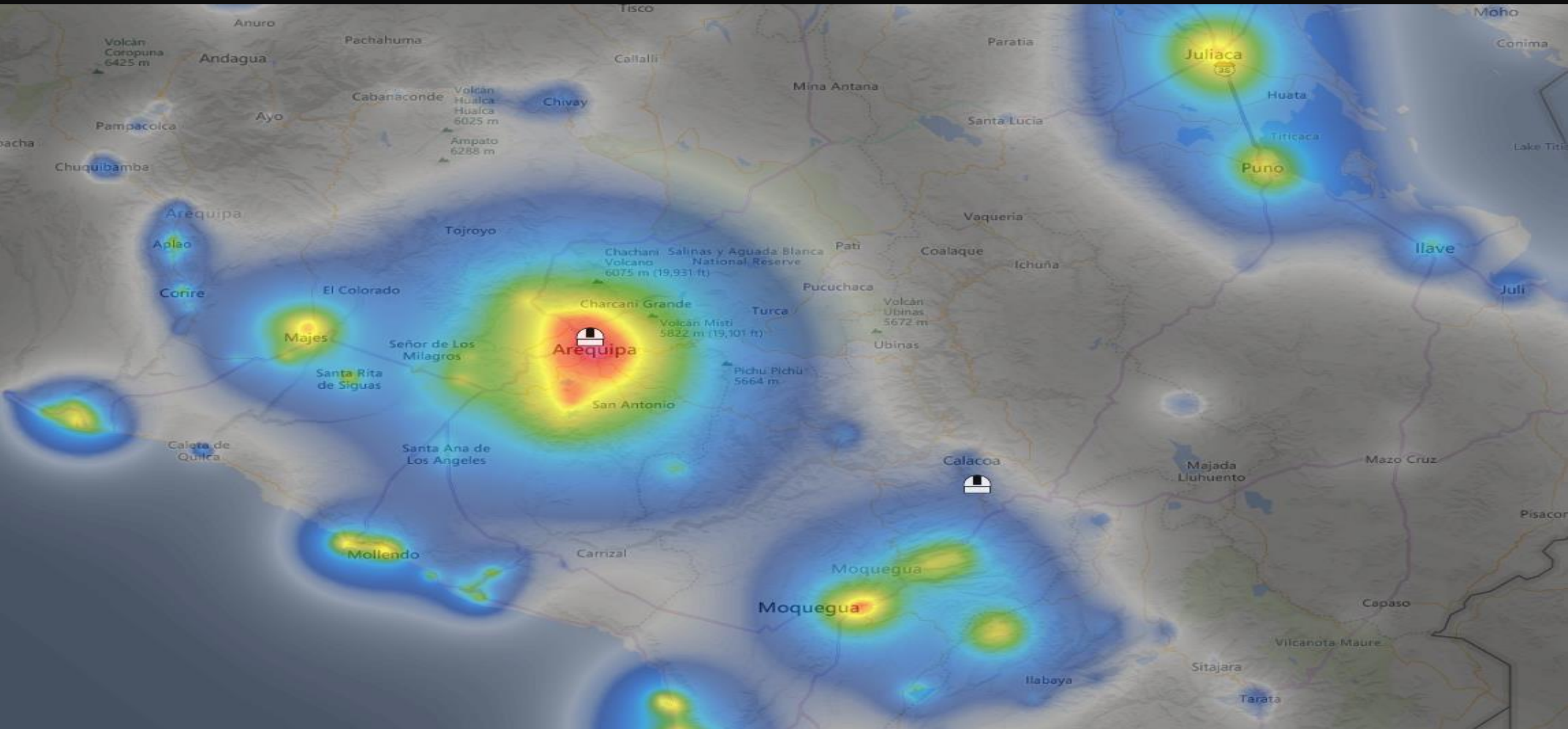


# Light Pollution Map





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## LOCATION

- Light pollution increase detected
- SQM monitoring system
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Ongoing work with local authorities (CONIDA signed an agreement focused on astrotourism and improving light-pollution policies, providing technical support).



## **3.-Telescope Capabilities**

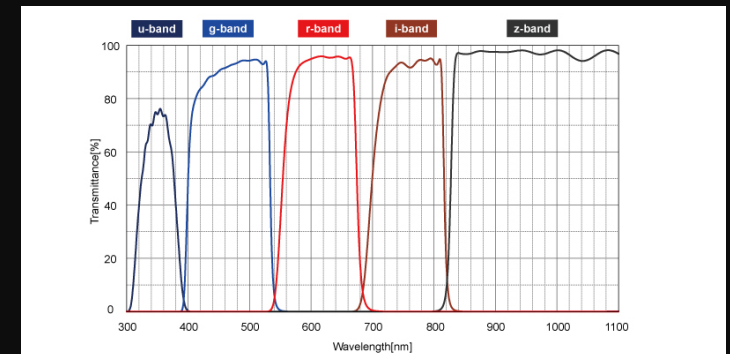


# T1M SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES

## MAIN FEATURES

Diameter	1000mm
Focal length	8000mm
Detector CCD	KAF-16803
Type of CCD	Front Illuminated
FOV CCD	15.7" x 15.7"
Pixels	4096 x 4096
Pixel Size	9 $\mu$ m
Pixel Scale	0.23"/pix

- T1M f/8  $\rightarrow$  high precision photometry
- Stellar occultations already demonstrated
- Useful for partial dips + faint stars  $\rightarrow$  better reconstructions





# T1M SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES

# PRO-AM

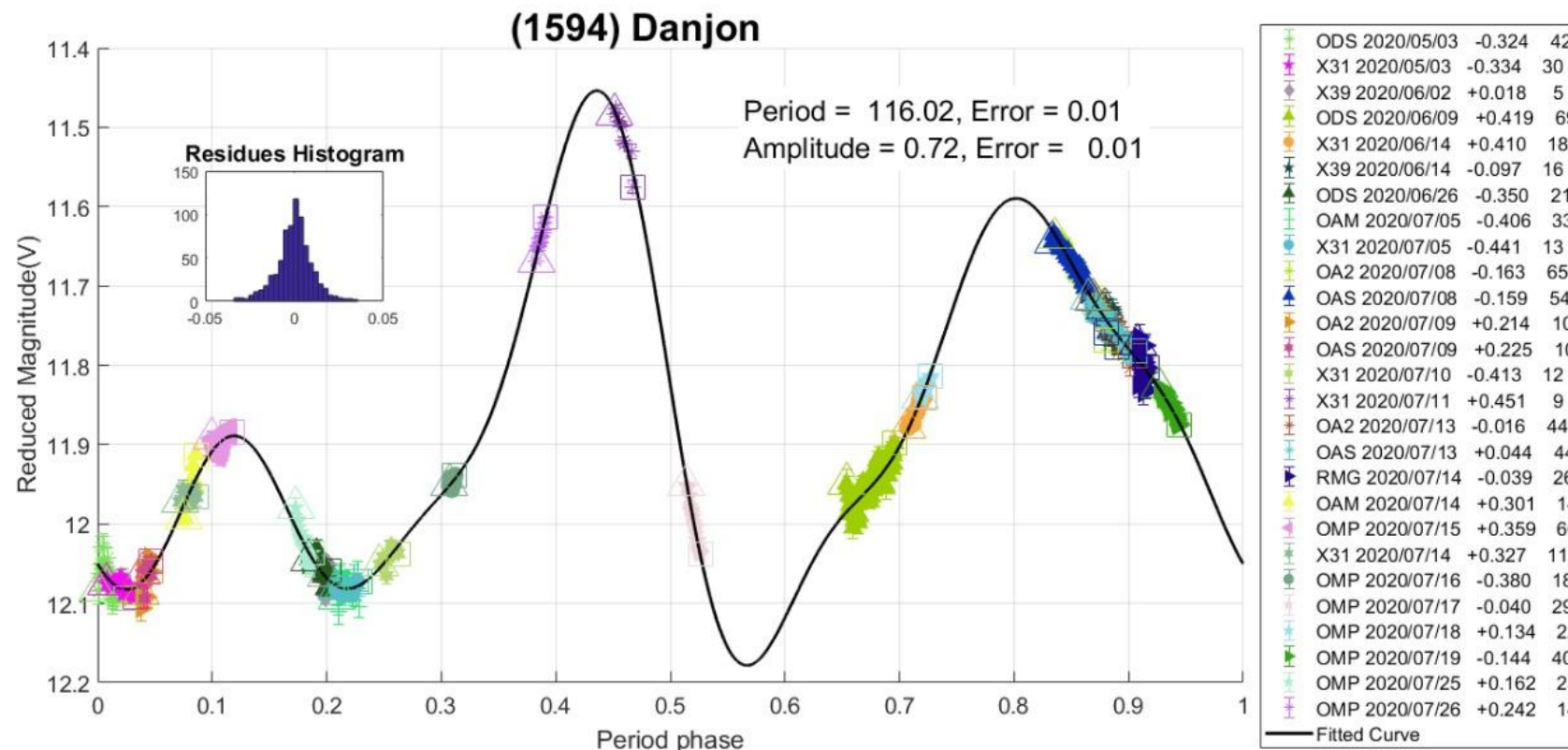
## OBSERVATORIOS GORA AL 09/03/2021

Estación Astrofísica Bosque Alegre (MPC 821)  
Observatorio Astronómico Córdoba (MPC 822)  
Observatorio Astronómico El Gato Gris (MPC I19)  
Observatorio Cruz del Sur (MPC I39)  
Observatorio de Sencelles (MPC K14)  
Observatorio Los Cabezones (MPC X12)  
Observatorio Orbis Tertius (MPC X14)  
Observatorio Galileo Galilei (MPC X31)  
Observatorio Antares (MPC X39)  
Observatorio Astronómico de Moquegua 1 (MPC W73)  
Observatorio AstroPilar (GORA APB)  
Observatorio Astronómico Calchaquí (GORA OAC)  
Observatorio de Aldo Mottino (GORA OAM)  
Observatorio Astronómico Aficionado Omega (GORA OAO)  
Observatorio Astro Pulver (GORA OAP)  
Observatorio de Ariel Stechina 1 (GORA OAS)  
Observatorio de Ariel Stechina 2 (GORA OA2)  
Observatorio Candela Celeste (GORA OCC)  
Observatorio de Damián Scotta 1 (GORA ODS)  
Observatorio de Damián Scotta 2 (GORA OD2)  
Observatorio Astronómico Giordano Bruno (GORA OGB)  
Observatorio Astronómico Vuelta por el Universo (GORA OMA)  
Observatorio Chopis (GORA OM1)  
Observatorio Astronómico de Moquegua 2 (GORA OM2)  
Observatorio Astronómico Municipal Reconquista (GORA OMR)  
Observatorio Punto Azul (GORA OPA)  
Observatorio de Sergio Babino (GORA OSB)  
Observatorio Astronómico Municipal de San Cristóbal (GORA OSC)  
Observatorio de Raúl Melia (GORA RMG)





# T1M SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES



(Colazob et al. 2020)

Observatory	Telescope	Camera
Estación Astrofísica Bosque Alegre	Newtonian (1540 mm; f/4.9)	CCD APOGEE Alta U9
Observatorio El Gato Gris	SCT (355 mm; f/10.6)	CCD SBIG STP-8300M
Observatorio Cruz del Sur	Newtonian (200 mm; f/4.0)	CMOS QHY-174
Observatorio Orbis Tertius	Newtonian (200 mm; f/5.0)	CCD QHY6 Mono
Observatorio de Senecelles	SCT (254 mm; f/4.3)	CCD SBIG ST-70ME
Observatorio Galileo Galilei	SCT ap (405 mm; f/8.0)	CCD SBIG STP-8300M
Observatorio Antares	Newtonian (250 mm; f/5.0)	CCD QHY9 Mono
Observatorio AstroPilar	ODK (250 mm; f/6.8)	CCD FLI-8300M
Observatorio de Aldo Mottino	Newtonian (250 mm; f/4.7)	CCD SBIG STP-8300M
Observatorio Astro Pulver	SCT (203 mm; f/10.3)	CMOS QHY5 LIT M
Observatorio de Ariel Stechins 1	Newtonian (254 mm; f/4.7)	CCD SBIG STP-402
Observatorio de Ariel Stechins 2	Newtonian (305 mm; f/5.0)	CMOS QHY 174M
Observatorio de Damián Scotta	Newtonian (300 mm; f/4.0)	CCD SBIG ST-402 XME
Observatorio Astronómico de Moquegua	SCT APH (1000 mm; f/8)	CCD FLI ProLine 16803
Observatorio Municipal Reconquista	Newtonian (254 mm; f/4)	CMOS QHY 174M
Observatorio de Raúl Melia	SCT (200 mm; f/10.0)	CCD Meade DS1 Pro II
Observatorio Uraniborg	SCT (280 mm; f/6.3)	CCD ATIK 414ex
Observatorio Masaripego	SCT (200 mm; f/7.6)	CCD ATIK 314S
Observatorio Nuevos Horizontes	SCT (235 mm; f/6.3)	CCD Atik 3.14 L Plus
Observatorio Montcabrer	SCT (300 mm; f/9.2)	CCD Moravian G4-9000
Blue Mountains Observatory	SCT Edge (355 mm; f/7.5)	CCD SBIG STP-8300M

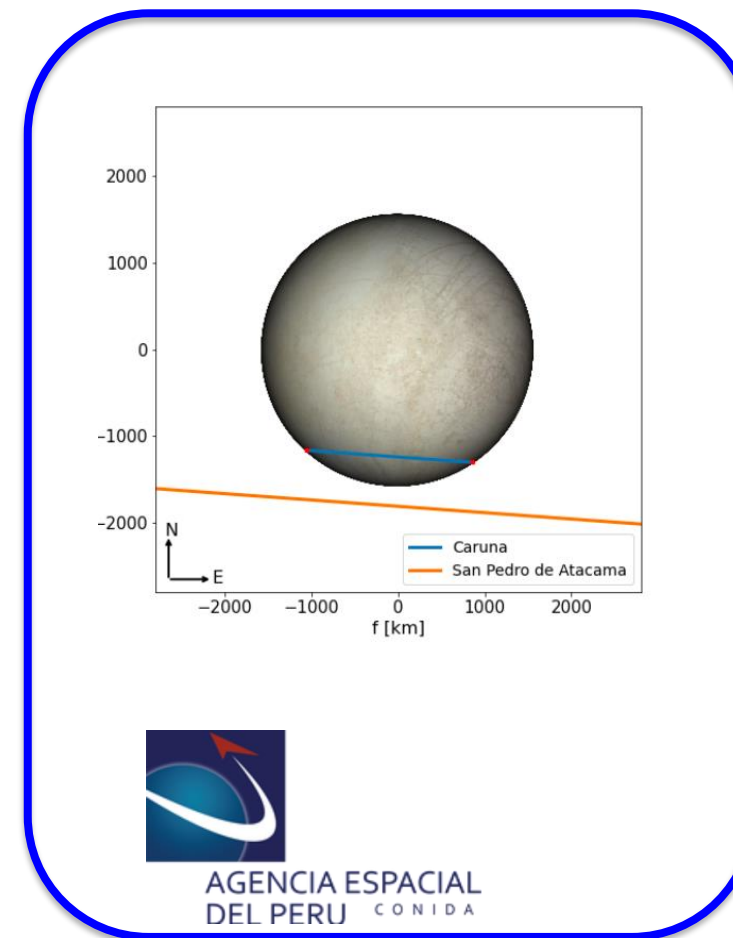
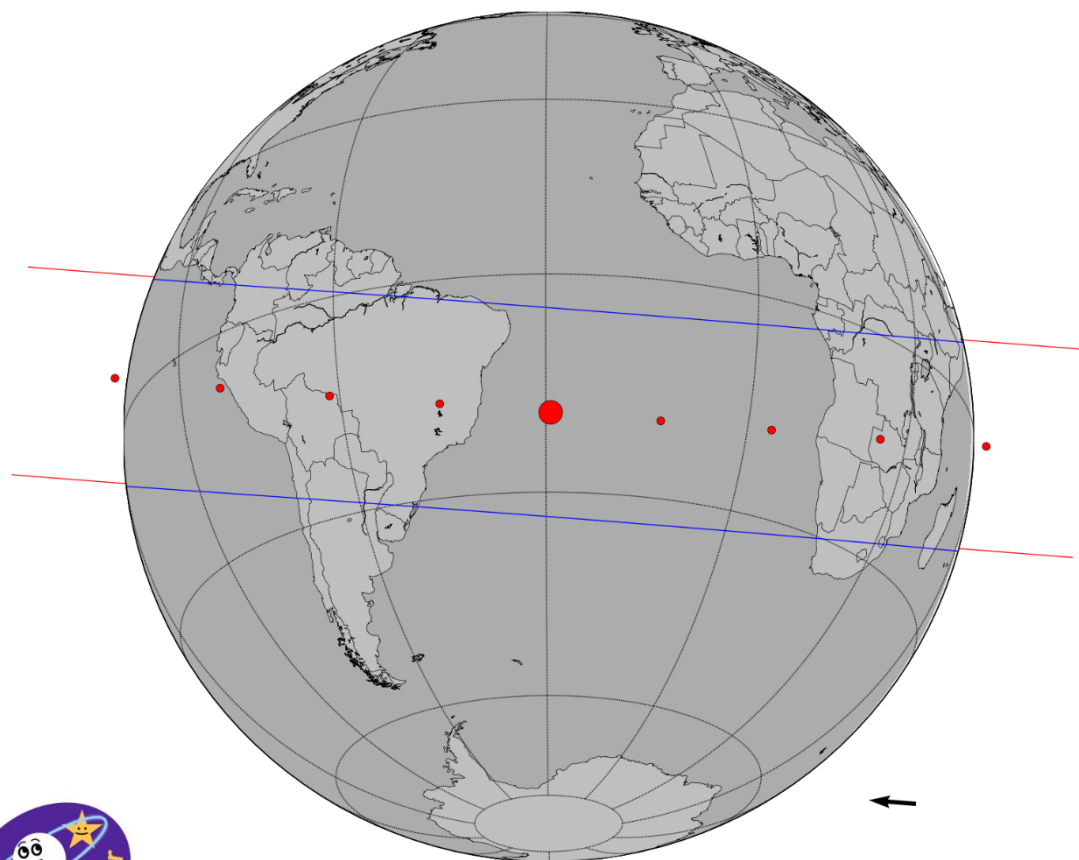
Table I. List of observatories and equipment.

Number	Name	289y/mm/dd	Phase	$L_{max}$	$B_{max}$	Period(h)	P.E.	Amp.	A.E.	Grp
57	Hemioyne	07/13-09/02	11.7,17.2	258	16	26.12	0.01	0.24	0.01	MB-0
188	Henippe	02/28-06/04	*17.0,17.9	269	-8	11.98	0.07	0.15	0.01	MB-0
191	Kelga	07/25-09/08	13.7,19.9	270	11	17.59	0.01	0.50	0.01	MB-0
236	Honoris	03/21-04/21	*9.8,1.6	269	3	12.34	0.01	0.10	0.01	MB-0
261	Prymo	06/19-07/30	18.9,25.6	235	2	8.00	0.01	0.37	0.02	FLOR
270	Anahita	04/29-05/26	*9.4,6.0	236	-1	15.07	0.01	0.32	0.01	FLOR
469	Argentina	04/21-07/26	*8.7,20.4	227	-14	8.79	0.01	0.11	0.01	MB-0
530	Turandot	08/11-09/15	6.5,18.5	307	-1	15.94	0.01	0.17	0.01	MB-0
584	Semiramis	04/11-06/03	11.3,20.1	177	-12	5.07	0.03	0.24	0.05	MB-1
921	Jovita	05/19-07/03	6.2,19.7	229	11	15.57	0.01	0.13	0.01	MB-0
936	Huniquende	09/09-09/24	*4.1,2.7	389	-3	8.63	0.01	0.29	0.01	TMR
994	Orthild	03/19-05/02	*15.8,5.8	219	-11	5.95	0.01	0.11	0.01	MB-1
1157	Arabia	08/15-08/23	1.9,4.8	320	-3	11.55	0.02	0.41	0.03	MB-0
1180	Rita	07/09-09/20	2.1,14.7	304	-6	28.78	0.01	0.09	0.01	HIL
1269	Rolandia	04/03-06/14	*2.1,15.1	199	3	39.81	0.01	0.08	0.01	HIL
1594	Danjon	05/03-07/26	*10.9,30.3	242	0	116.02	0.01	0.72	0.01	MB-1
3519	Ambiorix	07/11-09/21	*9.0,27.9	305	-1	5.78	0.03	0.29	0.05	MB-1
52768	1998 OR2	05/08-05/17	36.9,33.3	236	-20	4.01	0.02	0.19	0.03	NEA

Table II. Observing circumstances and results. The phase angle is given for the first and last date. If preceded by an asterisk, the phase angle reached an extremum during the period.  $L_{max}$  and  $B_{max}$  are the approximate phase angle bisector longitude/latitude at mid-date range (see Harris et al., 1984). Grp is the asteroid family/group (Warner et al., 2009). FLOR: Flora; HIL: Hilda; MB-0: main-belt innerouter; NEA: Near-Earth Asteroid; TMR: Themis.

# T1M SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES

Object	Diam	Tmax	dots <>	ra_off_obj_de	ra_of_star_de
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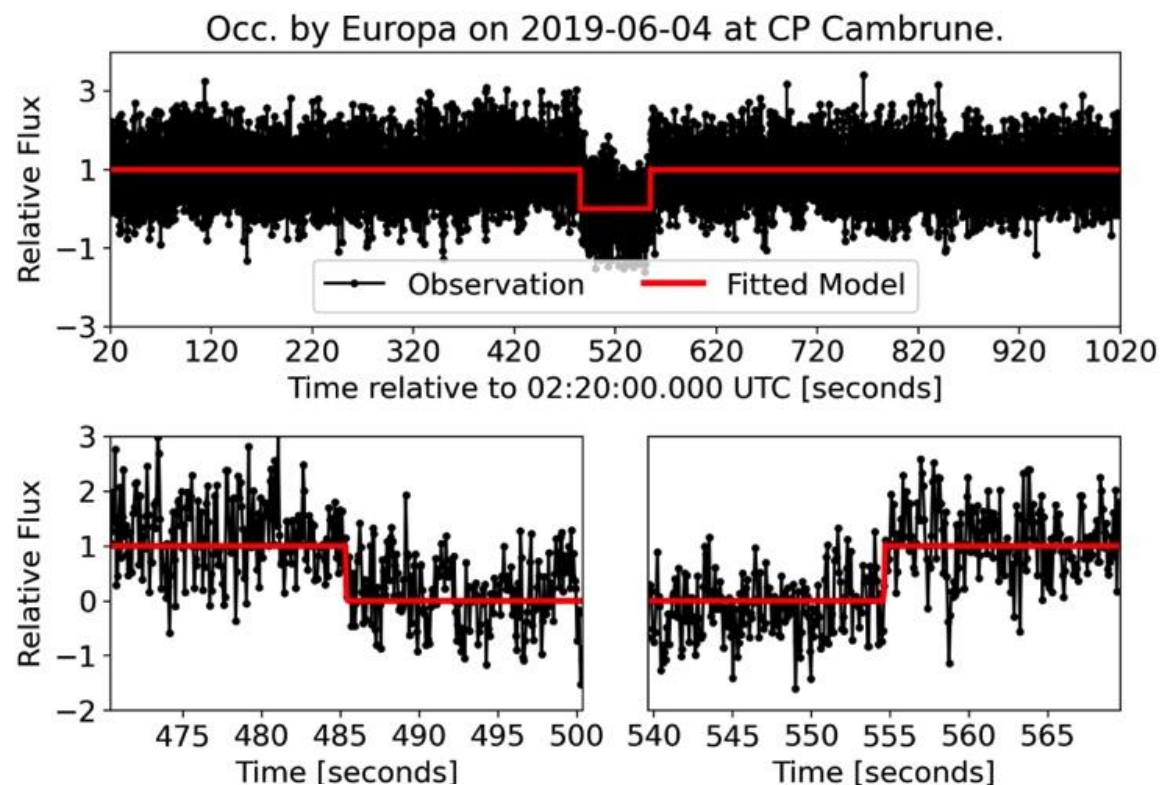


h:m:s UT	ra_dec_J2000_candidate	C/A	P/A	vel	Delta	G*	long
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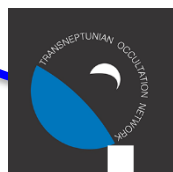
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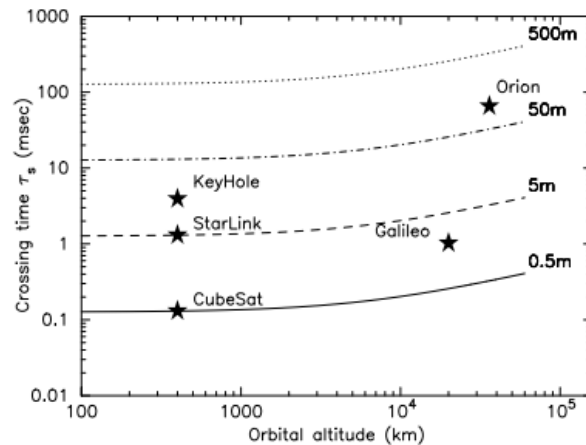
## **4.-Mitigation Through Observations**



# STELLAR OCCULTATION AS MITIGATION

**Table 1.** Overview of orbital altitudes ( $h$ ), sizes ( $R_s$ ), angular diameters ( $\theta_s$ ), speeds ( $v_s$ ), and crossing times ( $\tau_s$ ) of satellite categories.

Orbit/class	$h$ (km)	$R_s$ (m)	$\theta_s$ (")	$v_s$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\tau_s$ (ms)
LEO 'CubeSat'	400	0.5	0.5	7.67	0.13
LEO 'Starlink'	400	5	5.2	7.67	1.30
LEO 'KeyHole'	400	15	15.5	7.67	3.91
GPS 'Galileo'	20 000	2	0.04	3.89	1.02
GEO 'Orion'	36 000	100	1.14	3.06	65.2



**Fig. 1.** Shadow crossing time as a function of orbital altitude of a satellite around Earth, for various satellite sizes. Indicated are representative classes of satellites in LEO, MEO, and GEO orbits.

Why occultations matter:

- Size/shape estimation
- Attitude changes
- LEO/GEO potential
- Wide-field telescope increases event probability

Groot, P. J. (2022)

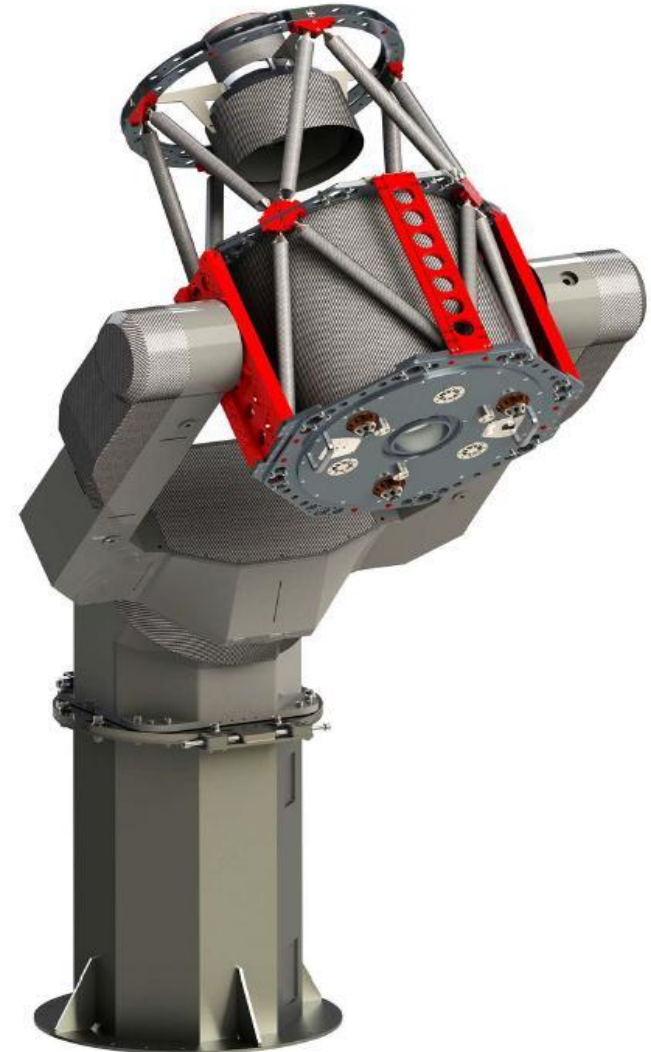
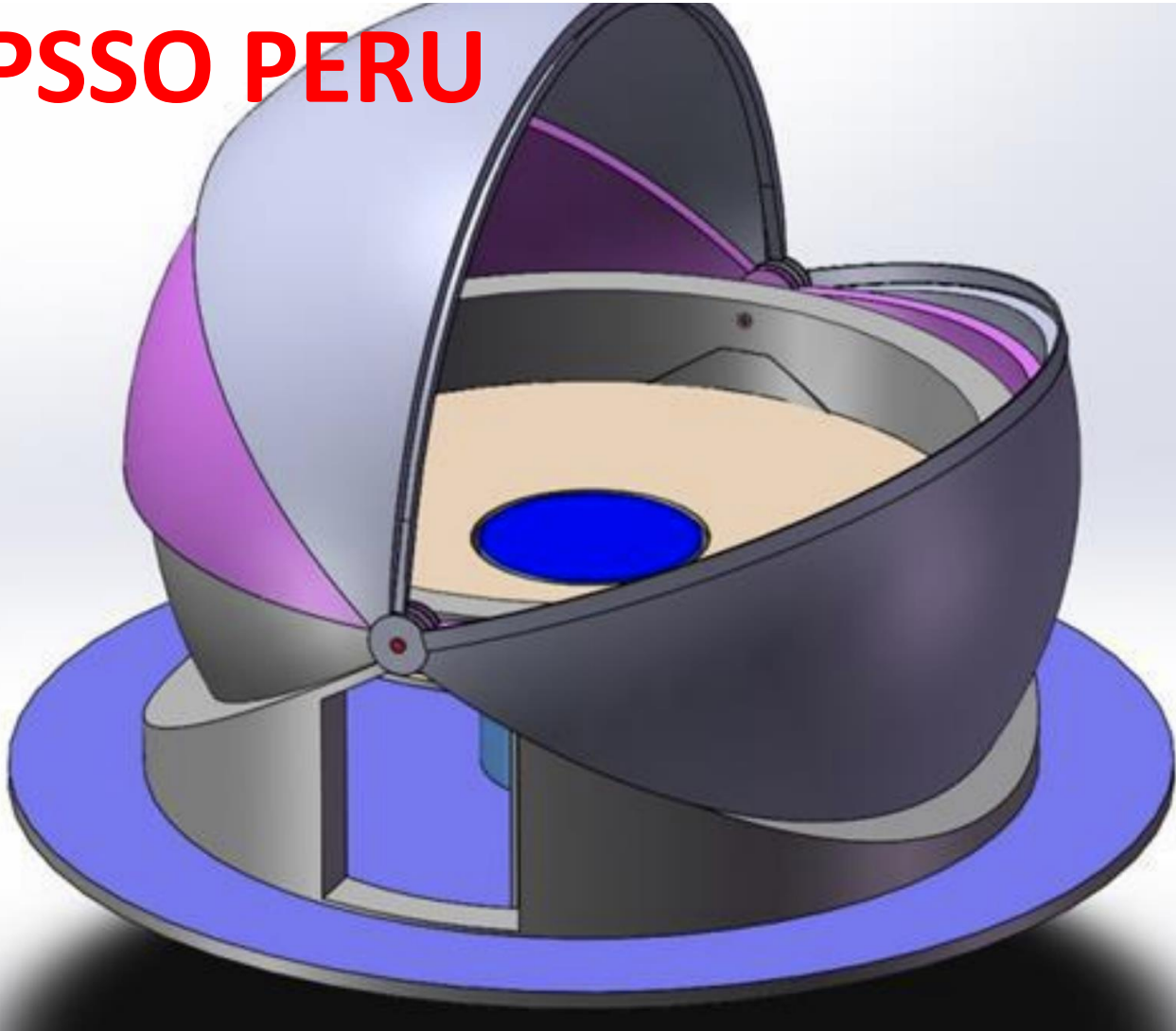


## **4.-Combined Strategy & Outlook**



## COMBINED ESTRATEGY

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## TWO-TELESCOPE STRATEGY

- APSSO (60 cm): rapid detection, high cadence
- T1M (1 m): detailed follow-up
- Complementarity = stronger scientific + mitigation output
- Occultations + light curves (RSOs) = actionable SSA data





## CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Reopening = new capability for Peru and global community
- DarkSky (ongoing).
- Technical request for occultation-mode with APSSO
- Main mitigation (try observe satellite occultation + RSO photometry)
- OAM positioned to support international SSA networks





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