

# Mendocino College- Ukiah Latitude Observatory CAMS Project

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# Ukiah International Latitude Observatory

**1899-1982**

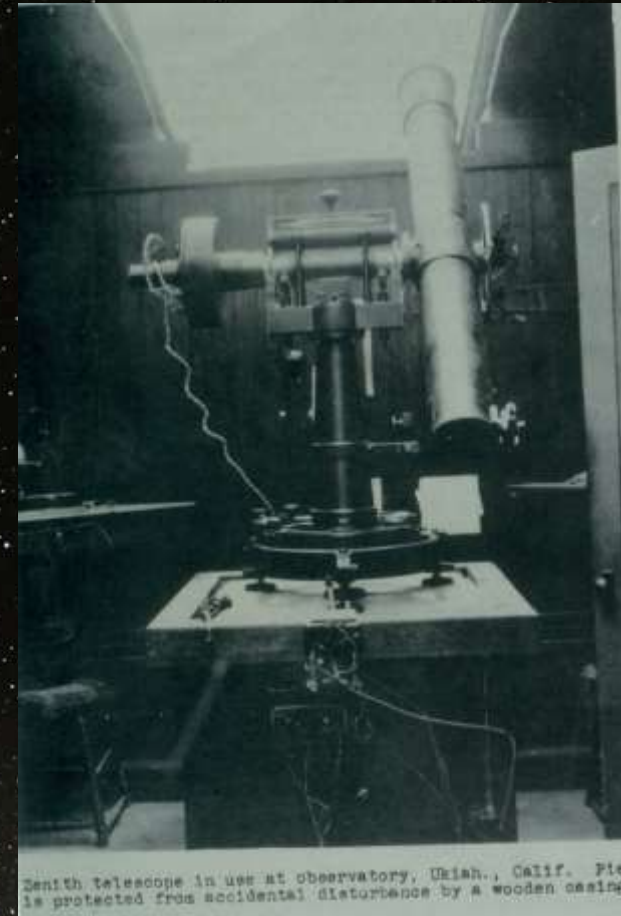
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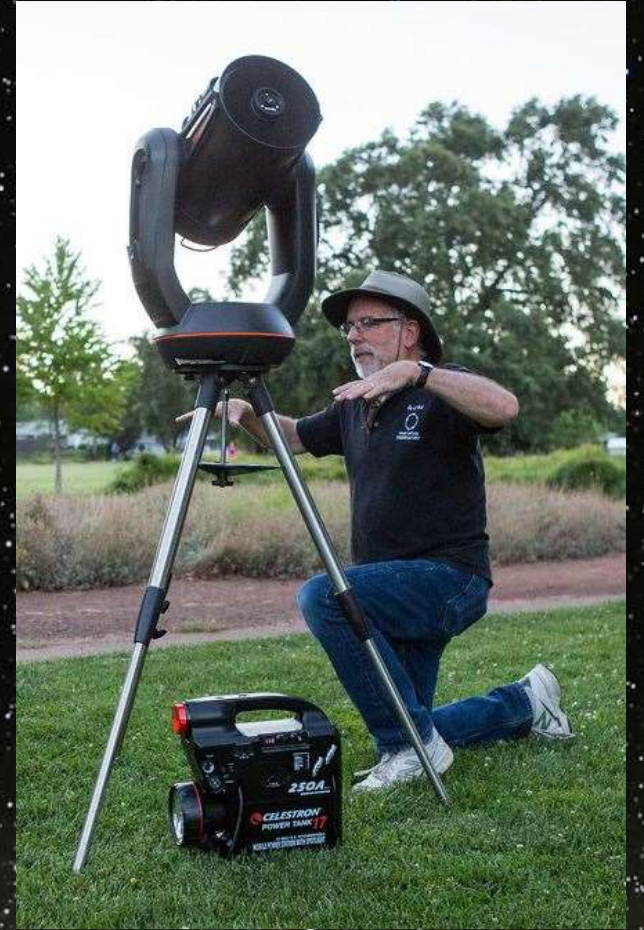


Zenith telescope in use at observatory, Ukiah., Calif. Pie  
is protected from accidental disturbance by a wooden casing

# Ukiah International Latitude Observatory

2014-Present

Observatory Park, City of  
Ukiah Parks and Recreation



# Mendocino County



# Original plan



➤ North County Campus  
Willits, CA  
39.4 N  
123.3 W



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➤ ~~North County Campus~~  
~~Willits, CA~~  
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# New configuration



➤ My house





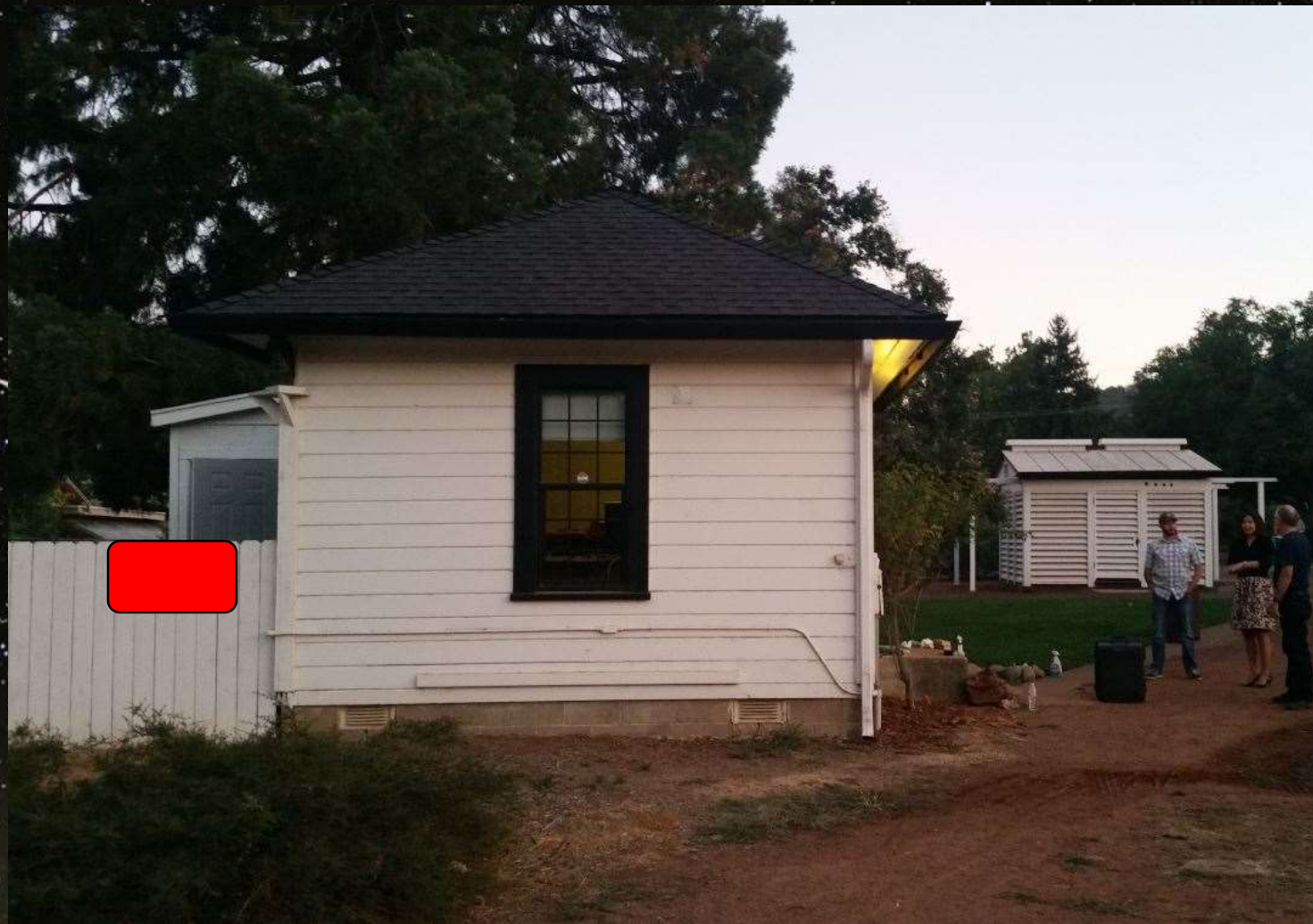
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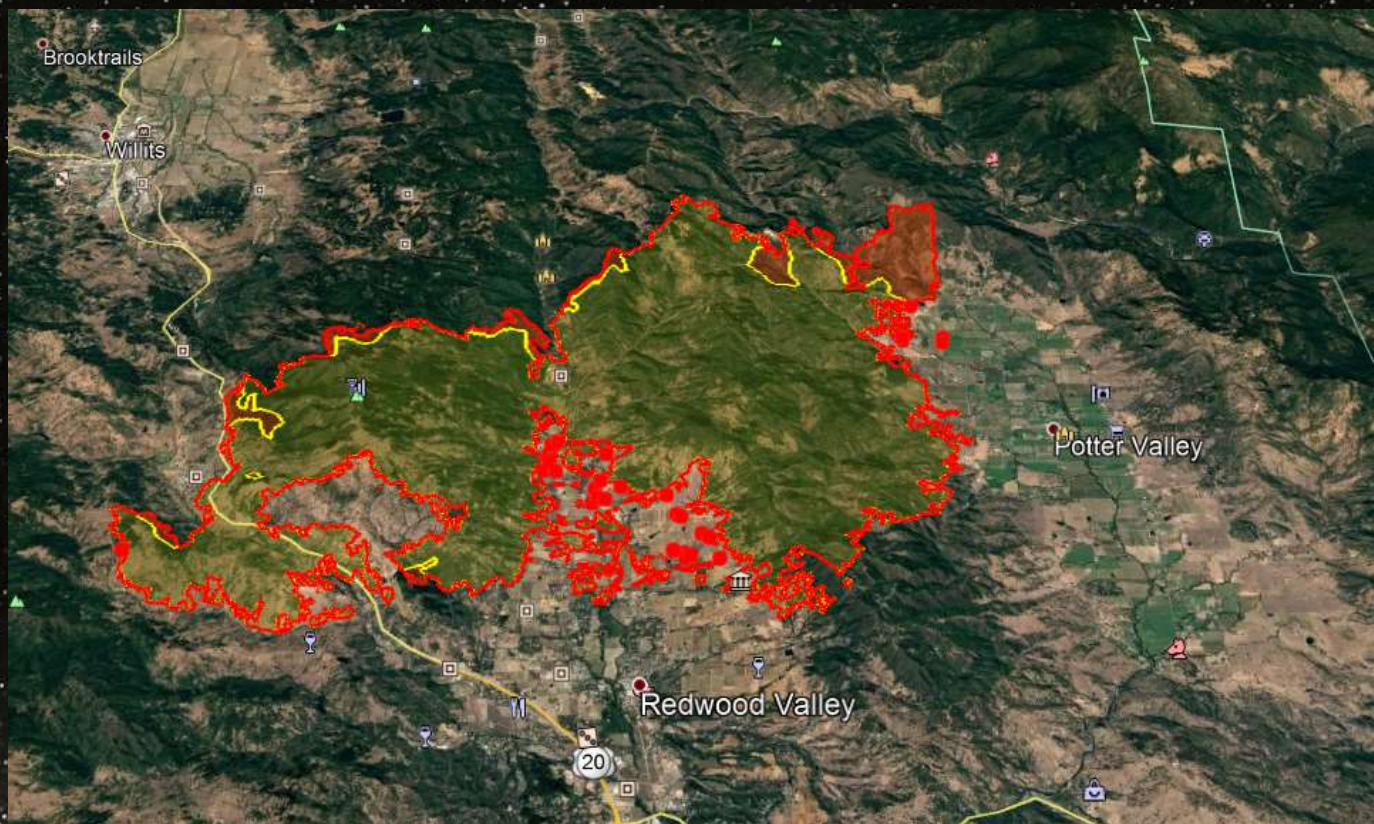
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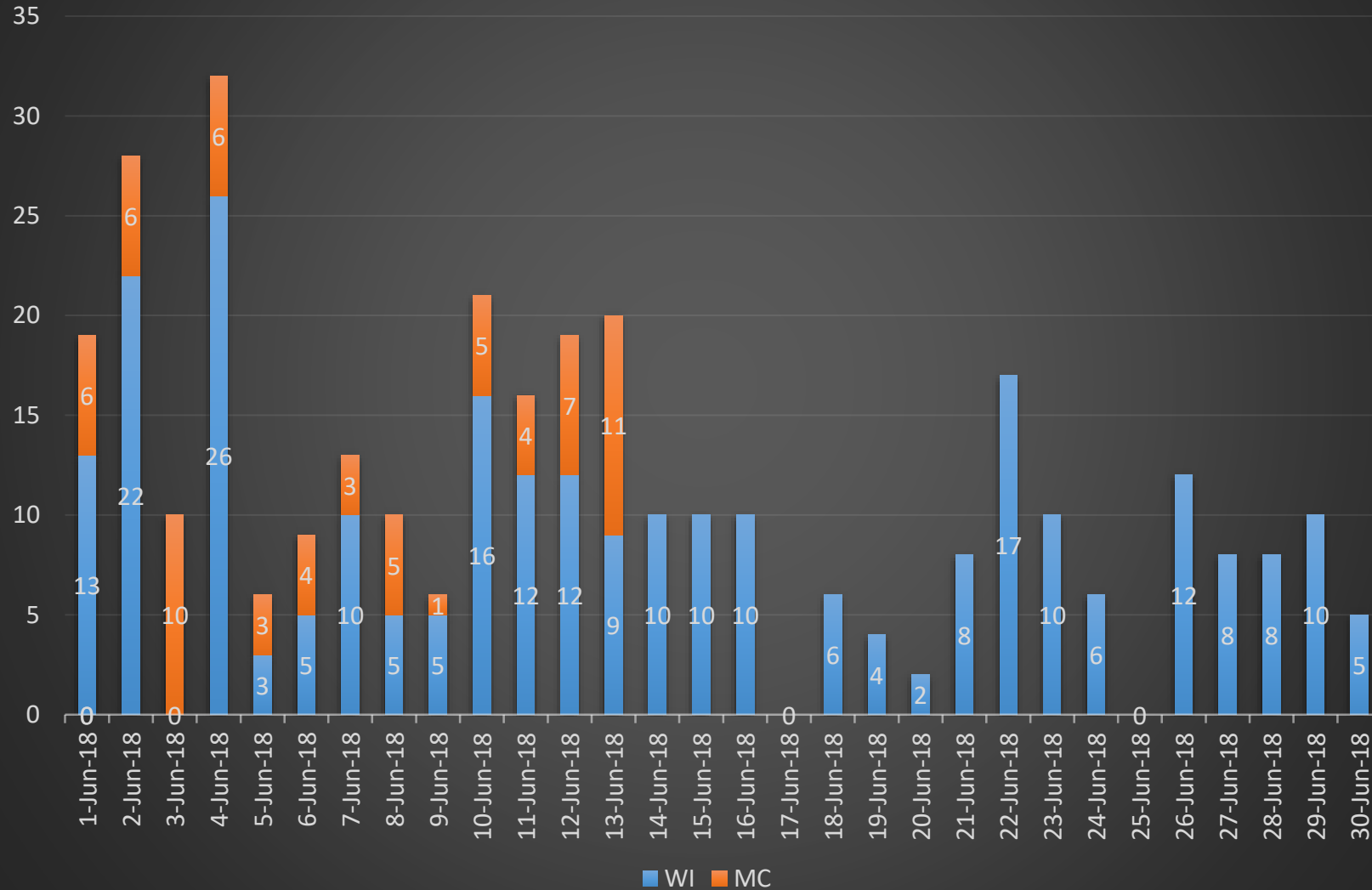
# New Gear (and workspace)



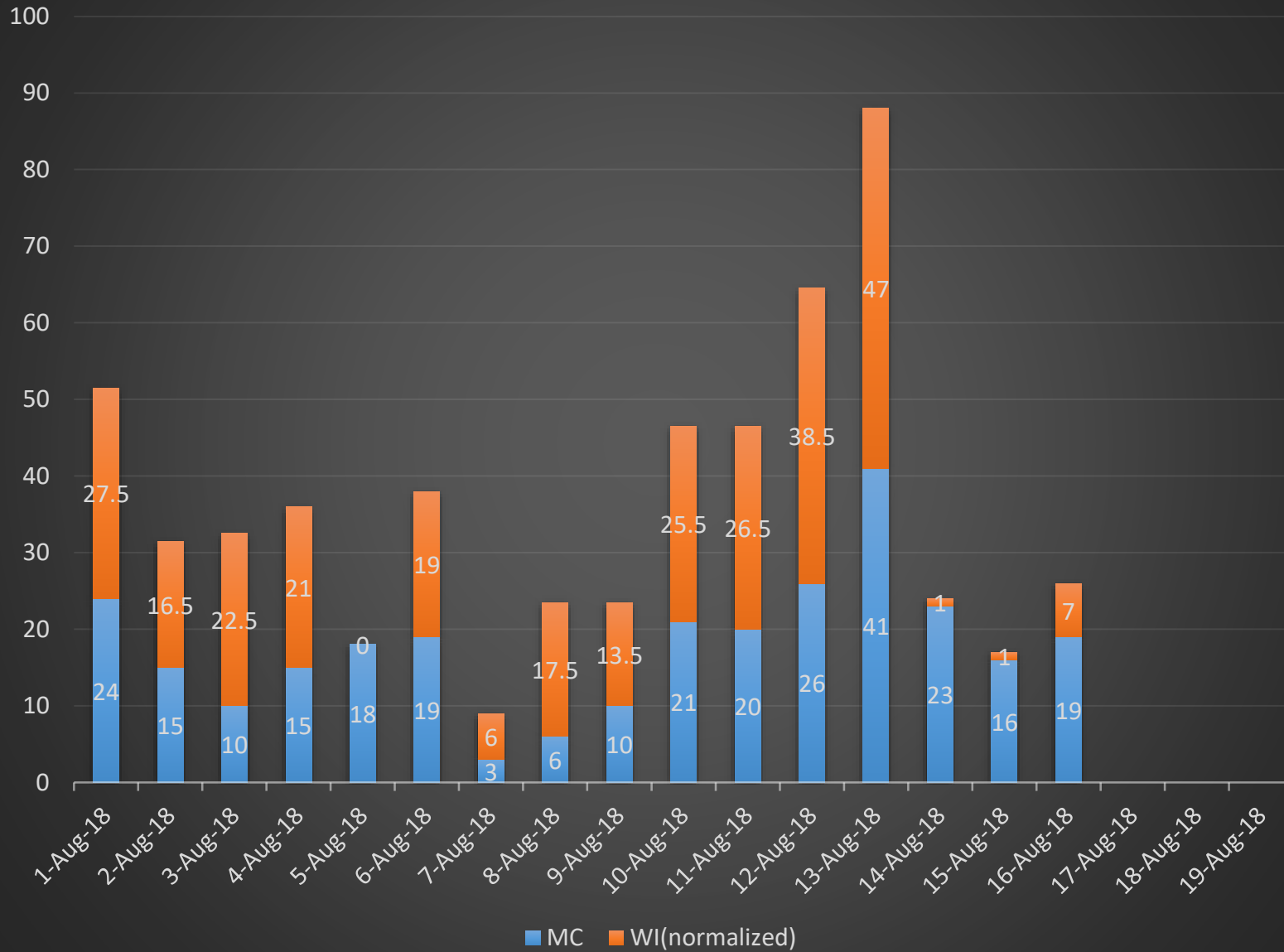
# First Light!



# Single Camera Detections (June)

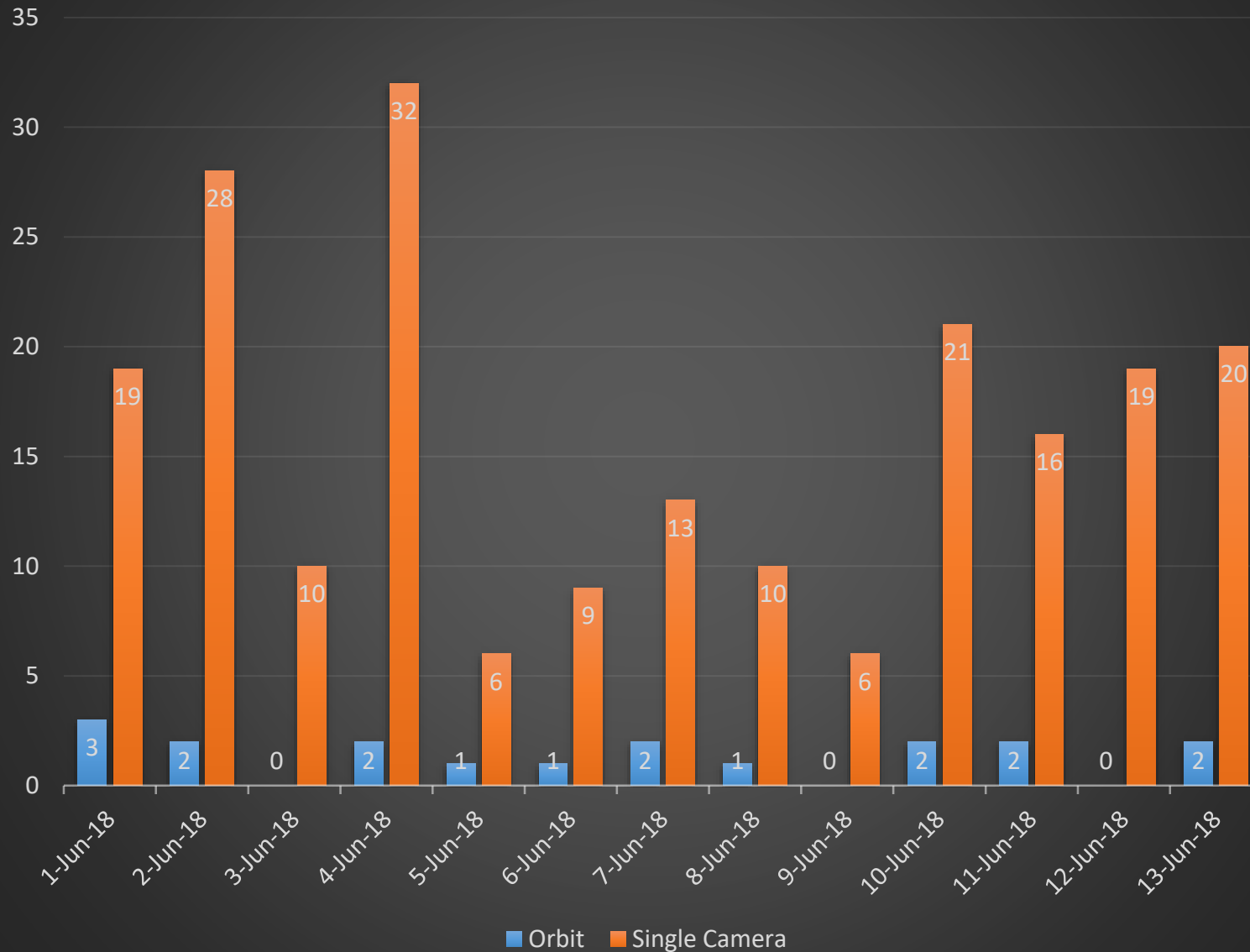


# Single Camera Detections (August)

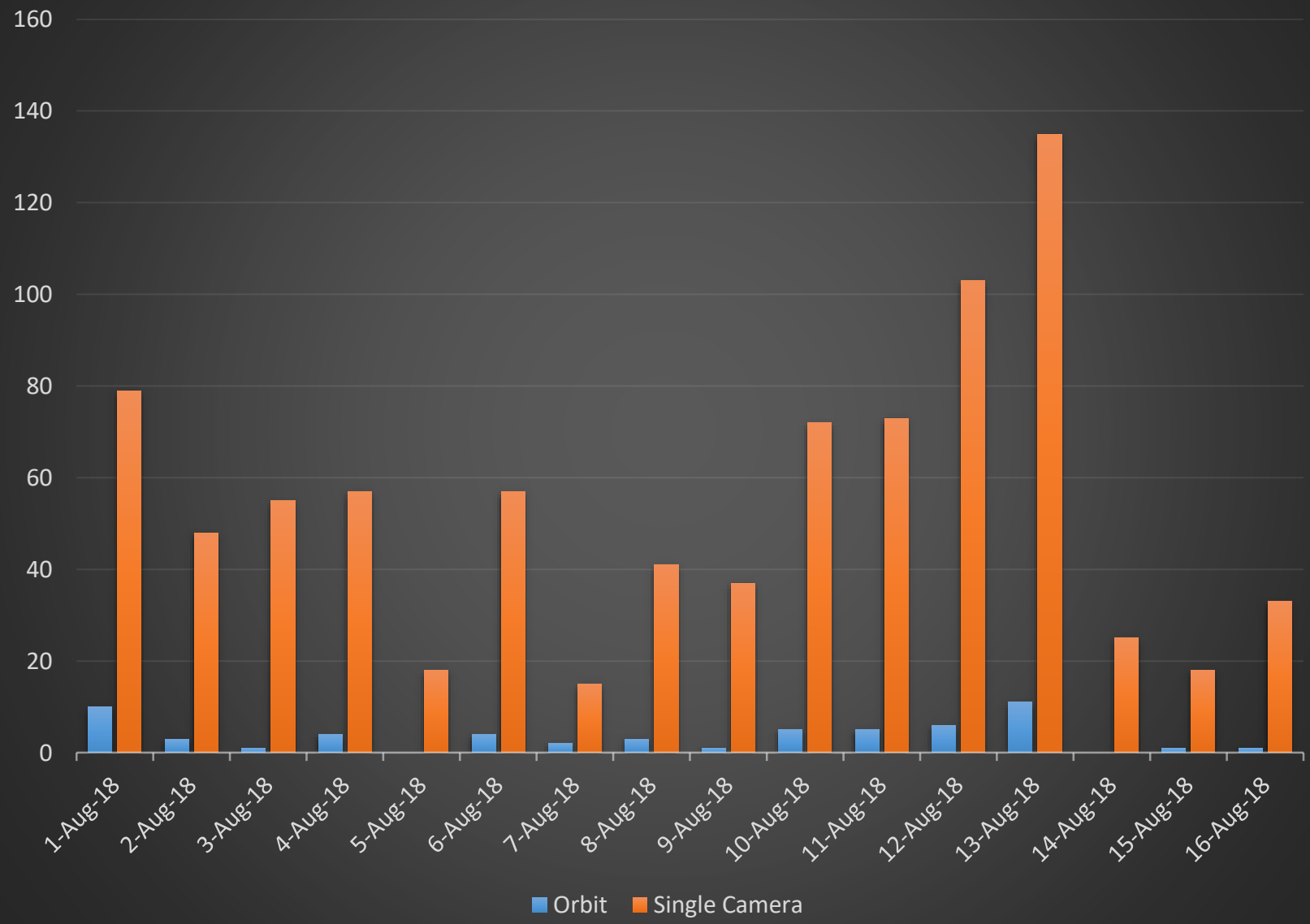




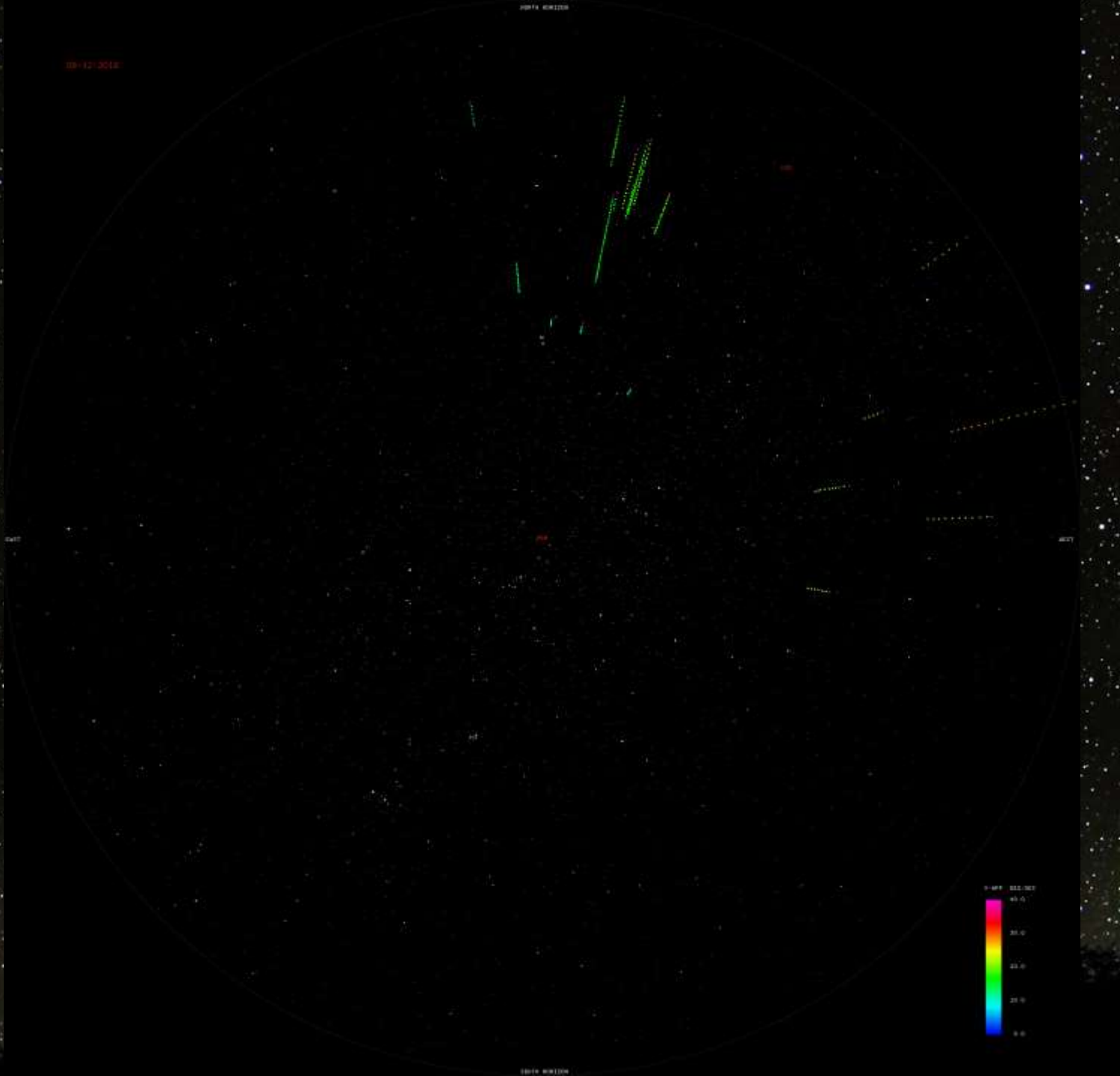
## Calculated Orbits (June)



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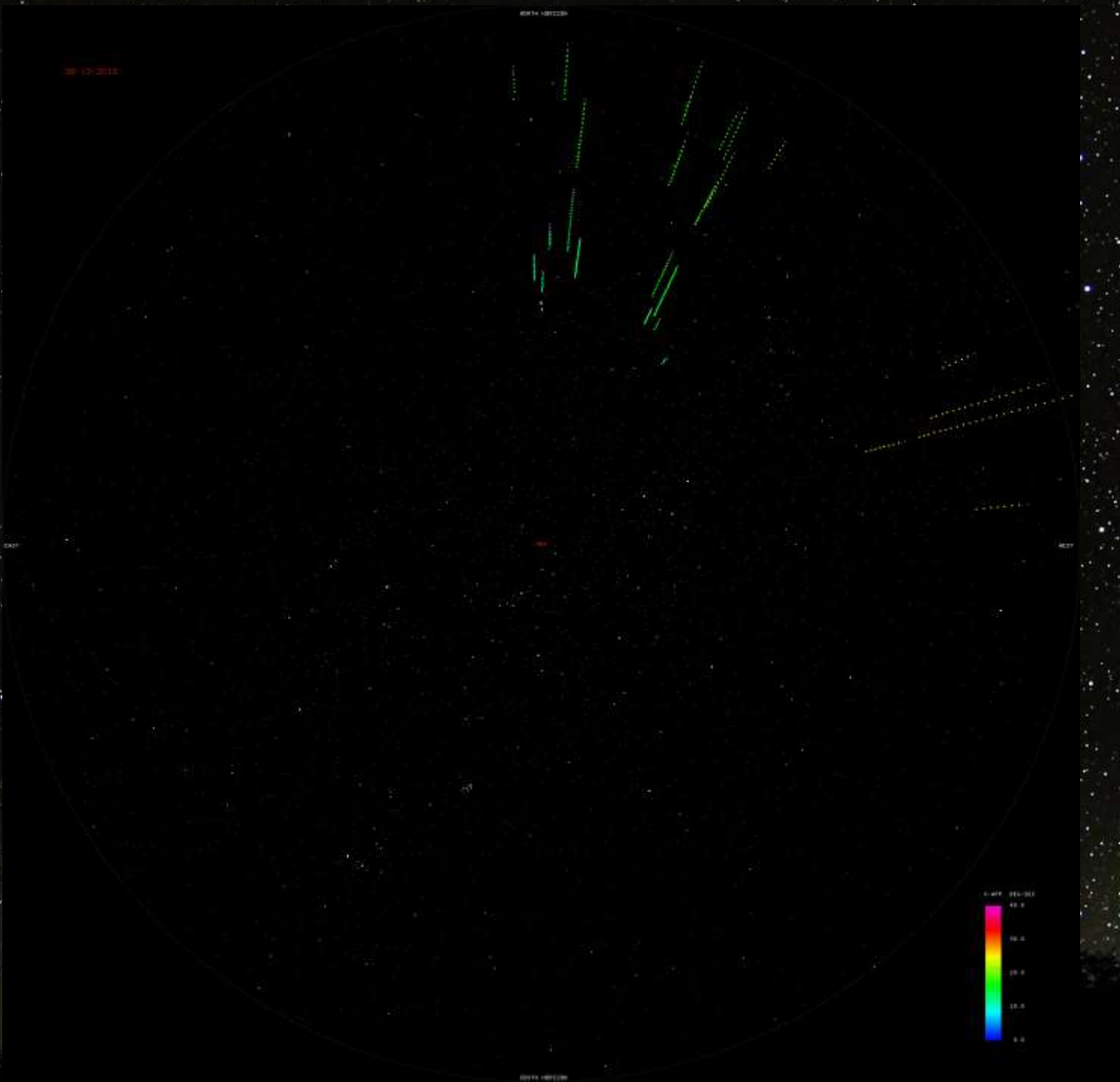


# Perseids Aug 12






# Perseids Aug 13



# Current Projects




Meteor Shower Survey

**CAMS**

Search a date:

*Pick a date: camera table below interactive sphere.*


ALL	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Florida	Maryland	N. Calif.			
Past Data		BeNeLux	Brazil	Japan	Nw Zeal.	S. Africa	U.A.E.		



CAMS Northern California website

**GLOBAL METEOR SHOWER ACTIVITY**

**Site useage:** Requires HTML5 compatible browser. Place cursor in "Pick a date" window. From pop-up calendar, select a past date for which data are available from one of the CAMS meteor shower video surveillance networks.



**Explanation:** The celestial sphere shows stars in black and meteors in colors (showers: **red** = fast, **blue** = slow) or **white** (non-showers). Showers are assigned according to the [CAMS Shower Lookup Table \(10 Mb\)](#) described in this [publication](#). New showers will show up as groupings of white dots. Each dot is the direction from which a meteor approached (called the "radiant"), displayed in sun-centered ecliptic coordinates. Rotate sphere with cursor. Hover to get the IAU stream number. Click to bring up a new window to see that shower in space.

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# Possible New Expansion



➤ Point Arena Field Station

38.9 N

123.7 W



# Thanks Everybody!

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- IMO
- You

