

AGA0414

Scheduling

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Caveats when using Staralt

Staralt accepts two or three columns (name, RA, Dec... where the first is not mandatory) separated by spaces.

A real observational astronomer is someone who:

1. Has had (at least) one observing proposal rejected (bonus point if the reason does not make sense for real)
2. Has had a bad observing night

A bad observing night is:

A night which is too good to keep the telescope closed but too bad to keep the telescope open.

Our targets

Name	RA	Dec	Time on target	Worst seeing	Worst lunar illumination	Cloud coverage
COSMOS	10 00 28.6	02 12 21	3 hours	0.8"	Dark (<12%)	Photometric
TPyx	09 04 41.51	-32 22 47.50	1 hour	1.5"	Gray (<88%)	Clear
alphaOri	05 55 10.31	07 24 25.43	1 hour	2"	Bright	Cloudy
omegaCen	13 26 47.28	-47 28 46.1	3 hours	0.8"	Gray (<88%)	Clear
M87	12 30 49.42	12 23 28.04	1 hour	1.5"	Gray (<88%)	Clear
etaCar	10 45 03.54	-59 41 04.05	2 hours	2"	Bright	Cloudy

Accepting worst sky conditions, does not mean that the science case is less compelling.

Today exercise: observe our targets from Paranal

We observe on three different nights:

- 12 January 2020
- 19 January 2020
- 26 January 2020

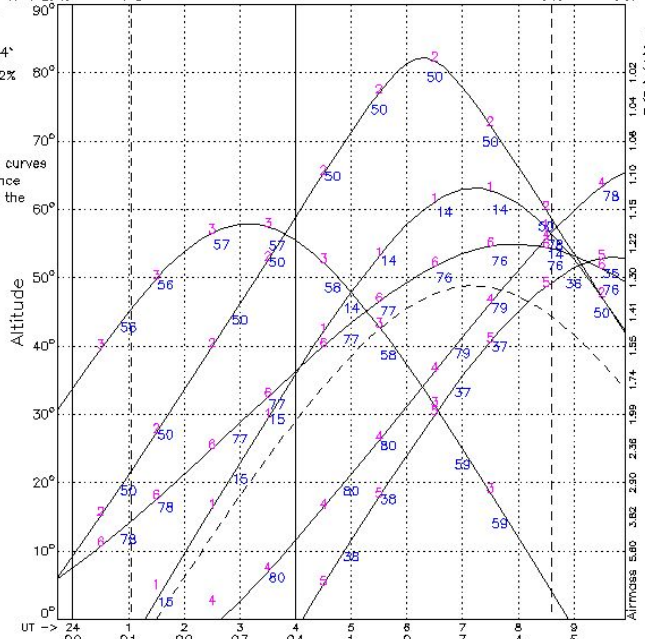
We will use Staralt and the weather monitor <http://www.eso.org/asm/ui/publicLog>

12 January 2020

Altitudes, Cerro Paranal Observatory 289.5972E -24.6253N, 2635 m above sea level

LST → S.set 1^h 2^m Twil 4^h 42^m 5^h 42^m 6^h 42^m 7^h 43^m 8^h 43^m 9^h 43^m 10^h 43^m Twil 8^h 36^m S.rise 9^h 55^m
 UT → 23^h 43^m Moon (dashed): 90°
 Coordinates: 9^h 54^m +16° 44'
 Illumination: 92%
 Quarter: 3

Numbers below curves are Moon distance (in degrees) at the corresponding times.

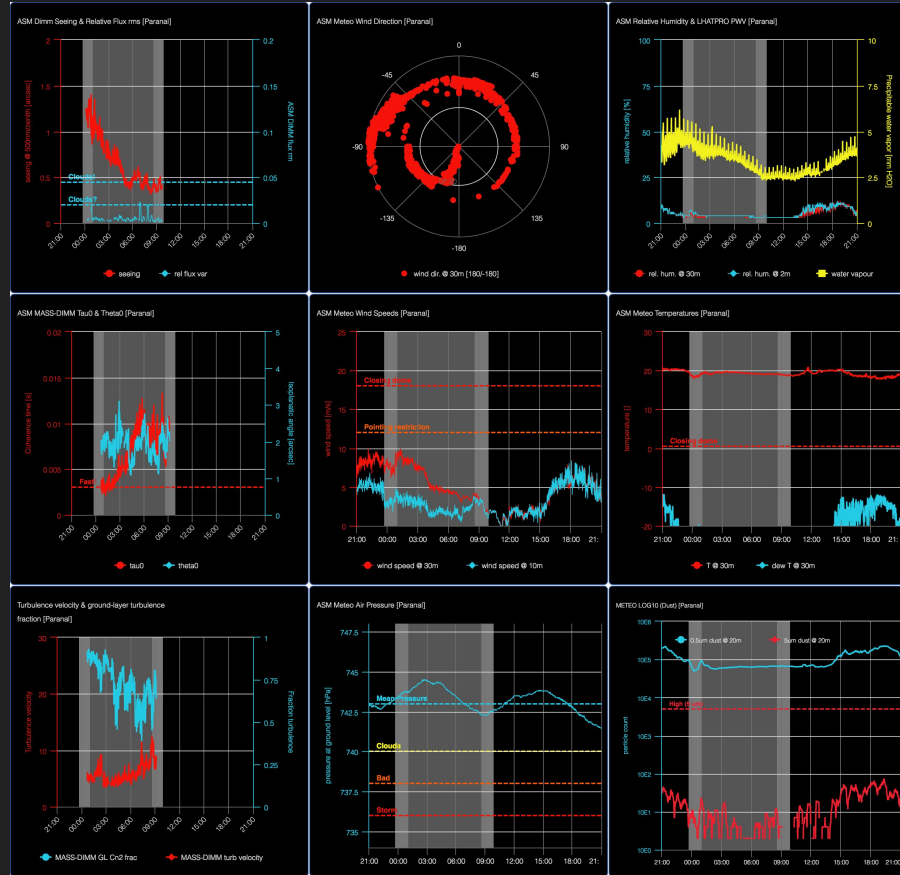


Mean Solar Zone Time, starting night 12 01 2020

Processed: 2020/03/23 at 19:48:46 UT. Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes, La Palma.

List of objects:

- 1 COSMOS 10^h 0^m + 2° 12'
- 2 TFXX 9^h 4^m - 32° 22'
- 3 alphaO 5^h 55^m + 7° 24'
- 4 omegaC 13^h 28^m - 47° 28'
- 5 M87 12^h 30^m + 12° 23'
- 6 etaCar 10^h 45^m - 59° 41'



12 January 2020

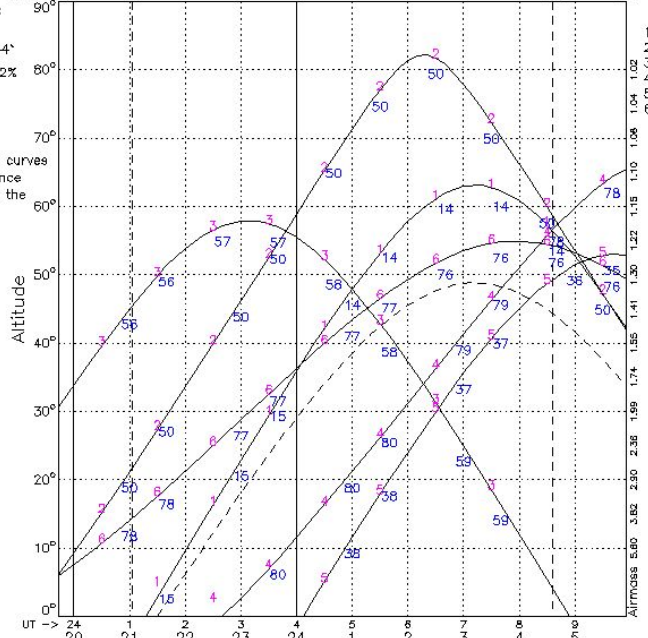
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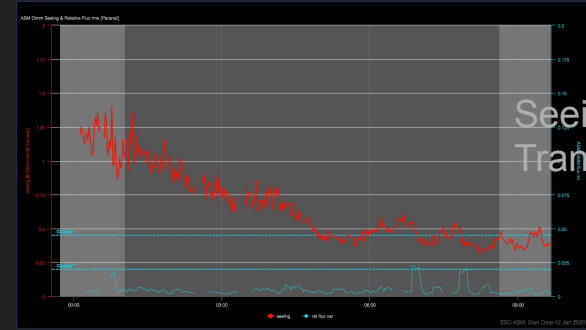
Moon (dashed): 90°
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 Illumination: 92%
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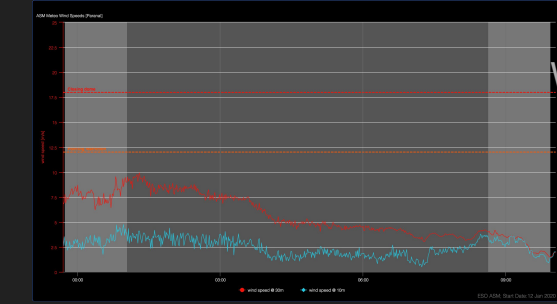
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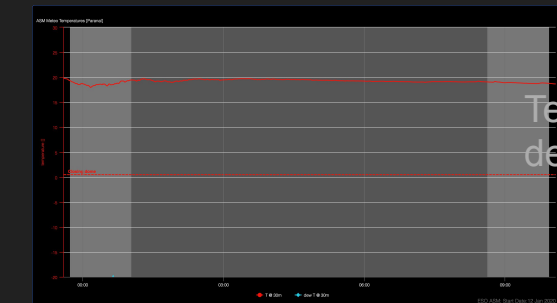
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Seeing and Transparency



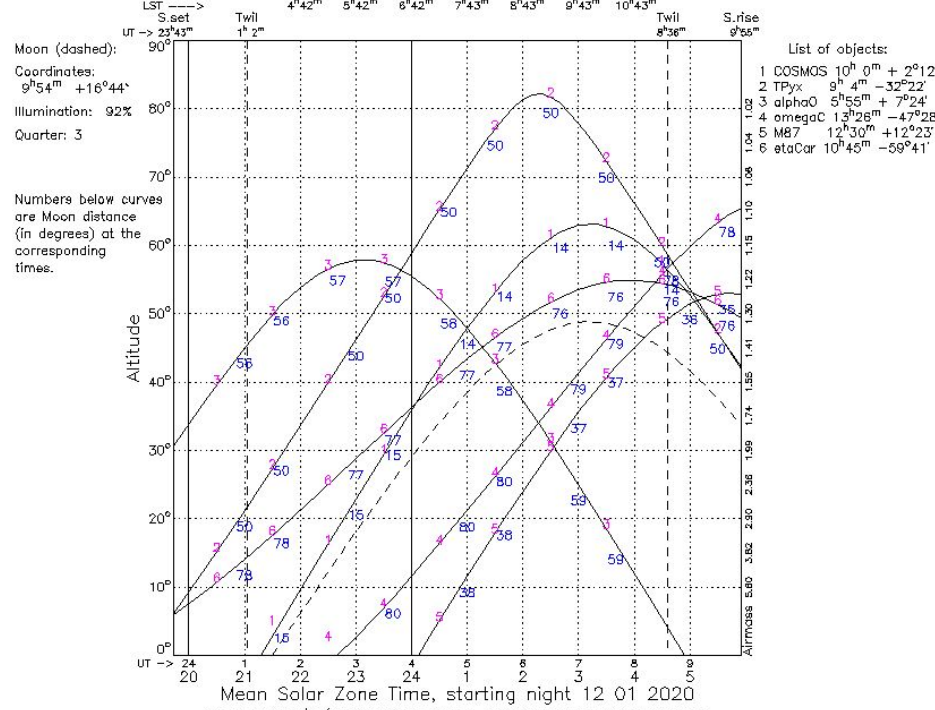
Wind speed



Temperature and dew-point

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Bright night

Only available targets: Betelgeuse and eta Carinae

19 January 2020

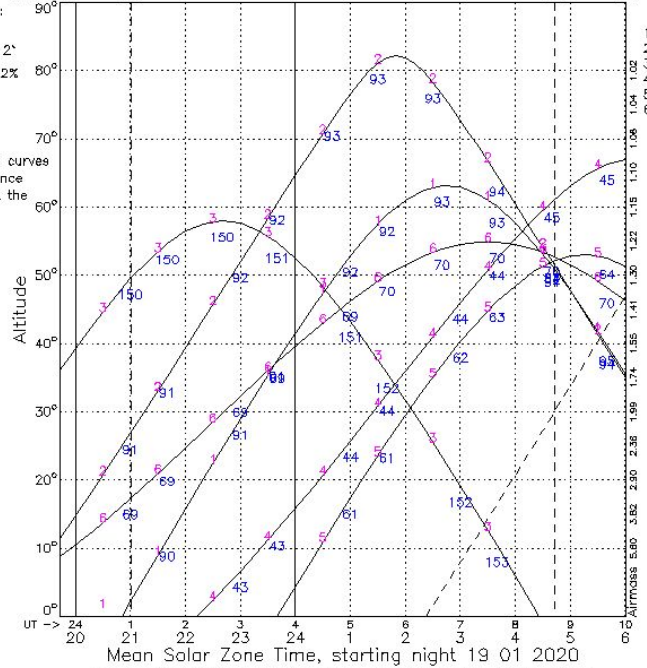
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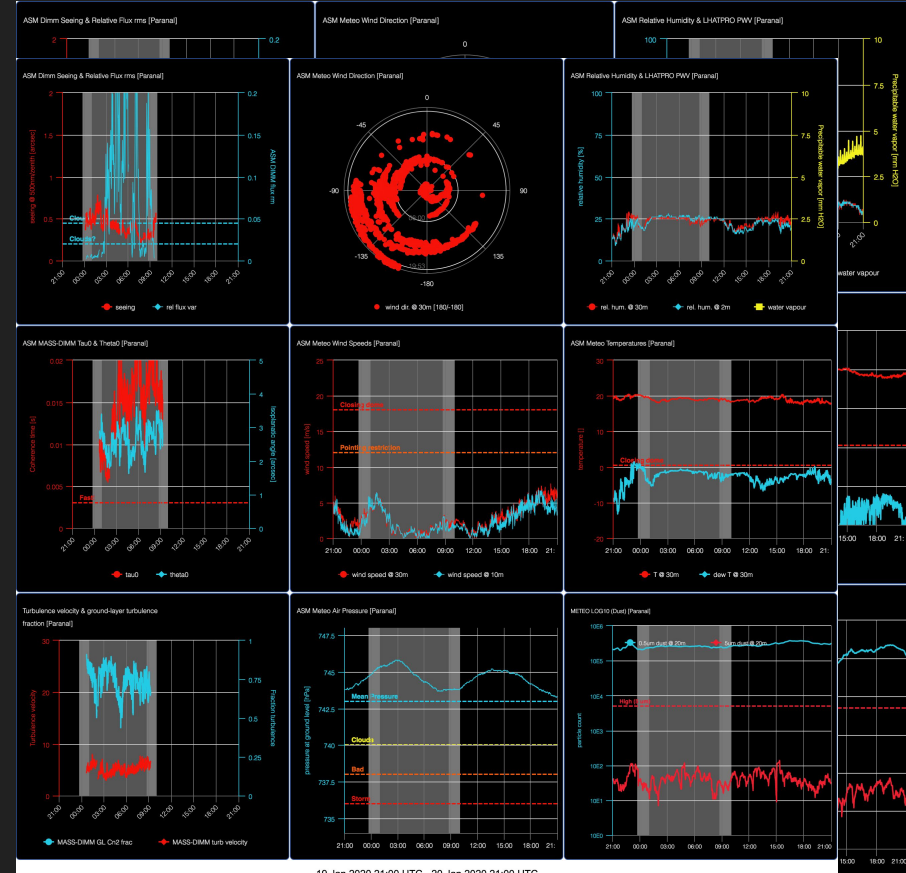
Moon (dashed): 90°
Coordinates: 16^h10^m -18° 2'
Illumination: 22%
Quarter: 4

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1 COSMOS 10^h 0^m + 2^h 12'
2 TPyx 9^h 4^m - 32^h 22'
3 alphaO 5^h 55^m + 7^h 22'
4 omegaC 1^h 39^m - 4^h 28'
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6 etaCar 10^h 45^m - 59^h 41'

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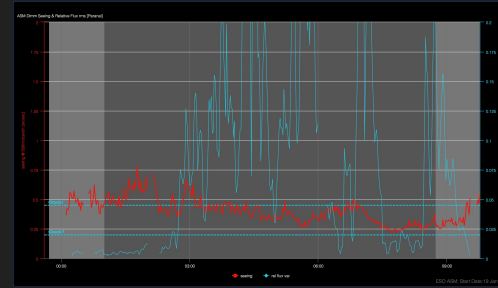
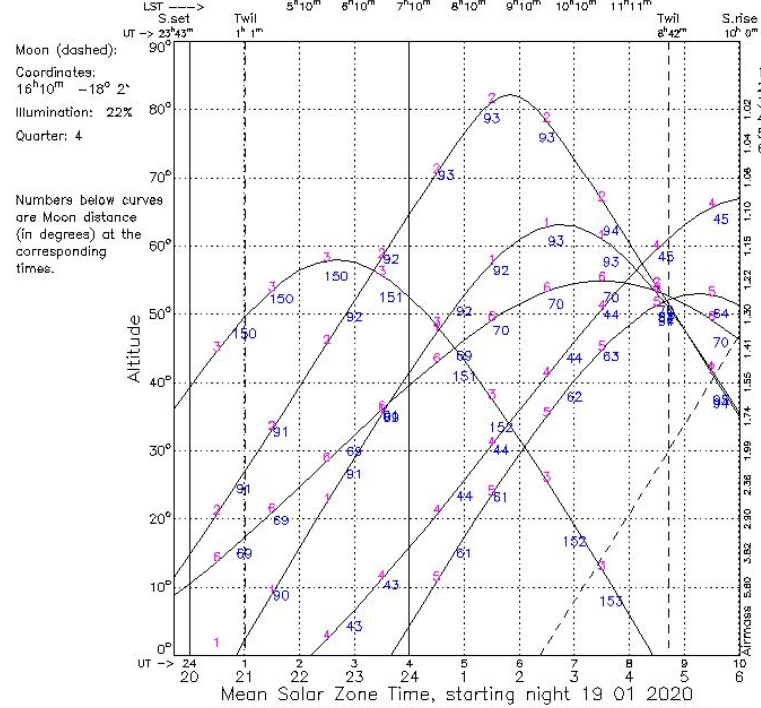
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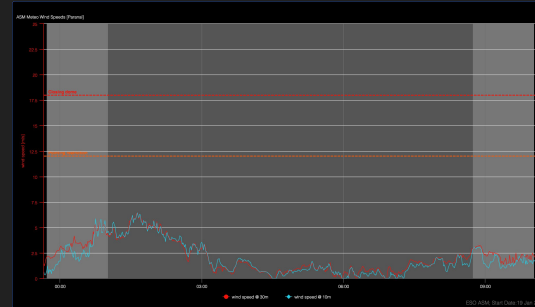
19 Jan 2020 21:00 UTC - 20 Jan 2020 21:00 UTC
Presets:Paranal|SUN 23:43-10:01|Twilight 01:00-08:44|LST 04:15-11:59|MOON 06:15-19:11|24%
Presets:Paranal|SUN 23:43-09:56|Twilight 01:02-08:37|LST 03:49-11:25|MOON 01:23-11:55|93%

19 January 2020

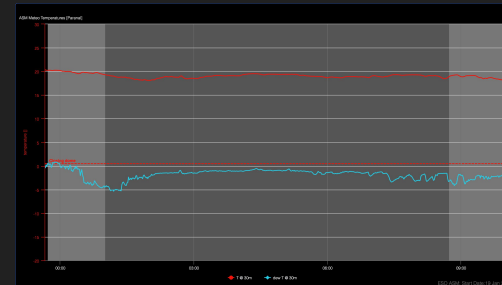
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Seeing and Transparency



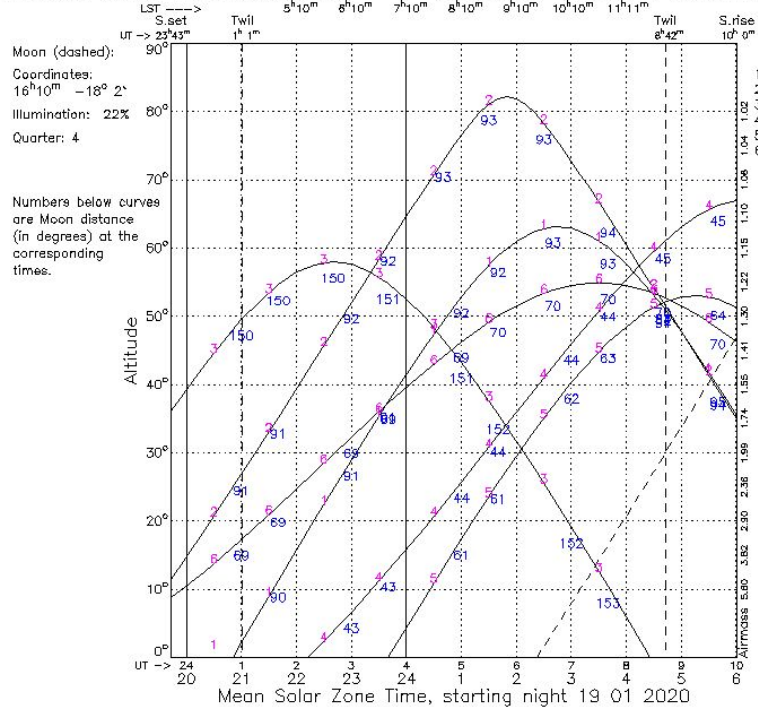
Wind speed



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Gray night

Stuck with Betelgeuse and eta Carinae because of clouds!

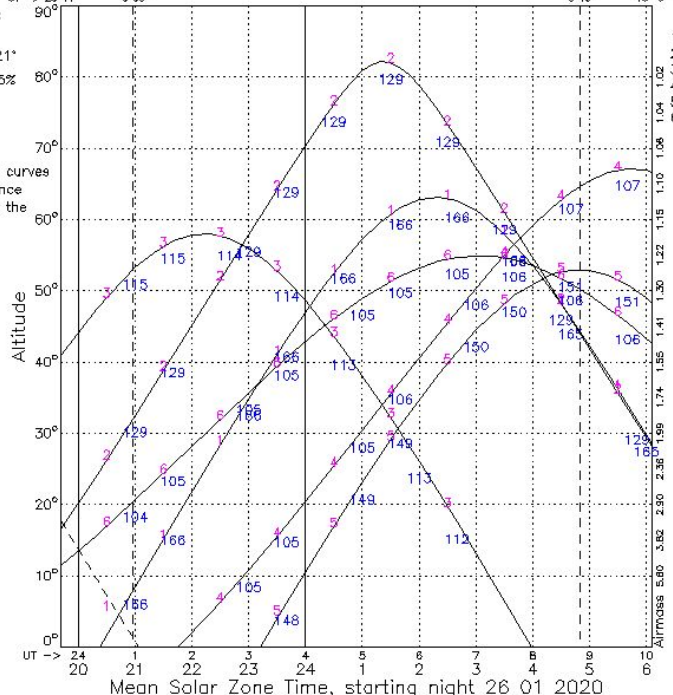
26 January 2020

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 UT → 23^h41^m 0^h58^m

Moon (dashed): 90°
 Coordinates: 22^h27^m -14°21'
 Illumination: 5%
 Quarter: 1

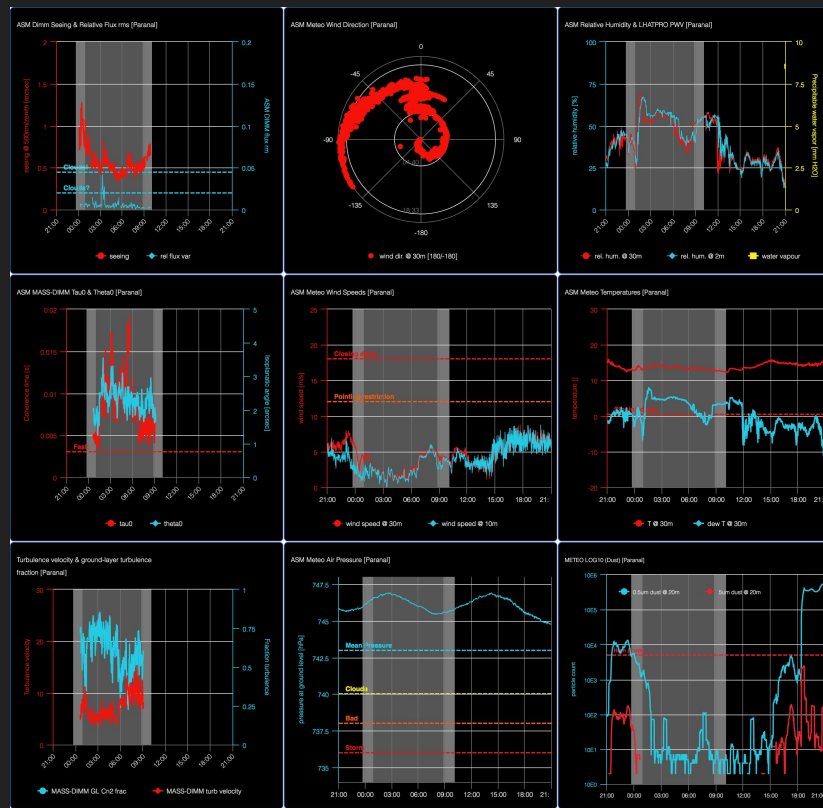
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- 3 alpha0 5^h 55^m + 7° 24'
- 4 omegaC 13^h 28^m - 47° 28'
- 5 M87 12^h 30^m + 12° 23'
- 6 etaCar 10^h 45^m - 59° 41'

Processed: 2020/03/23 at 20:21:28 UT, Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes, La Palma.



26 Jan 2020 21:00 UTC - 27 Jan 2020 21:00 UTC
 Presets:Paranal(SUN 23:41-10:07|Twilight 00:57-08:50|LST 04:39-12:34|MOON 12:23-01:11|4%)

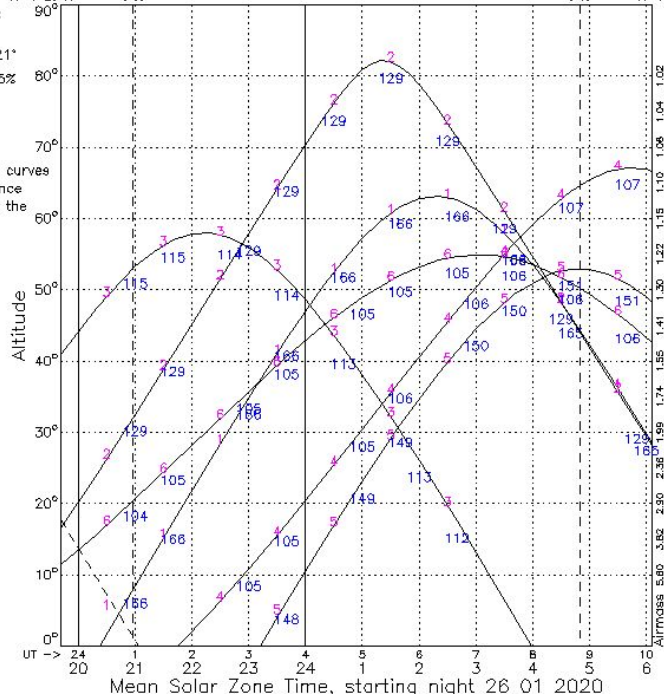
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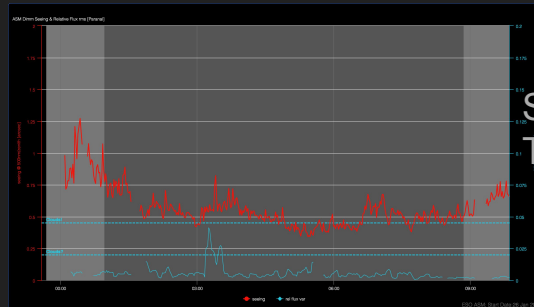
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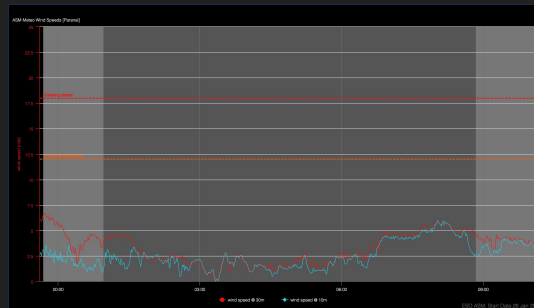
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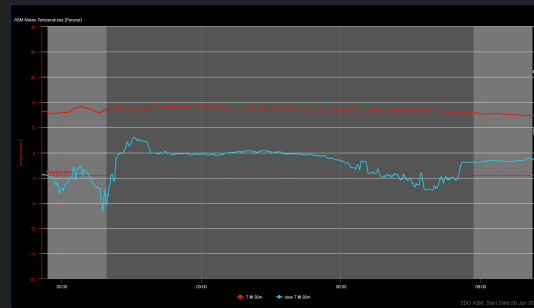
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Seeing and Transparency



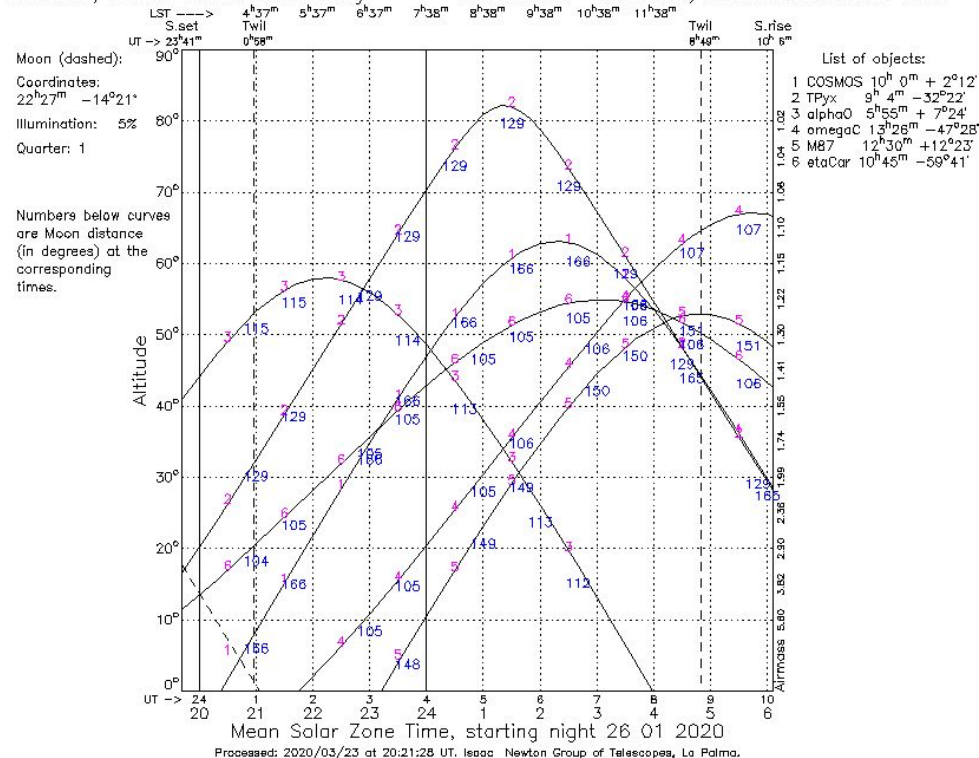
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Dark night with good seeing and transparency

1h on alpha Orionis

1 h on T Pyxidis

3 h on COSMOS

3 h on omega Cen (it's very good night)

Exercise

You try.

Same targets. Same constraints.

Night of 27 January 2020

<http://www.eso.org/asm/ui/publicLog?name=Paranal&startDate=2020-01-27T21:00:00.000Z&hoursInterval=24>