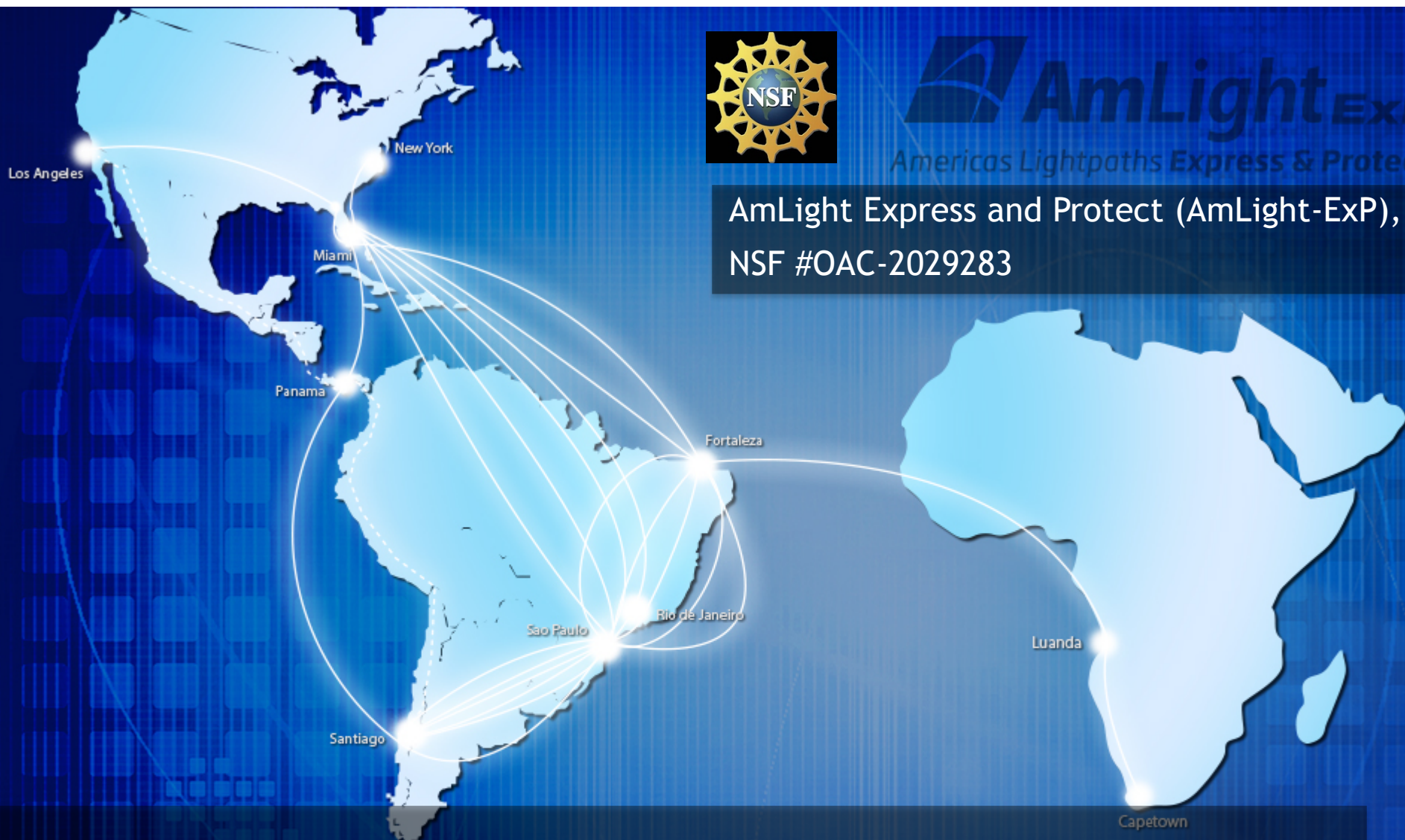




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***South American Astronomy Coordination
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Introduction to the SAACC
April 13-14, 2021***

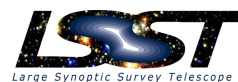
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About SAACC

- SAACC is the South American Astronomy Coordination Committee
- SAACC is in its 10th year!
- Jeff Kantor, of the Vera Rubin Observatory, is Chair of the SAACC
- SAACC is comprised of representatives from the various
 - Astronomy projects operating observatories in South America
 - The AmLight project, and operators of the research and education networks in South America and in the U.S.
- SAACC Goals
 - To provide input and advice to the AmLight Principal Investigator (Julio) on program and network needs
 - To serve as a venue for coordinating the network needs of astronomical projects and institutions
 - to improve their resource planning and implementation of operational connections between these distant facilities and users in the continental US

Partners

- AmLight interconnects the U.S. to key aggregation points in South and Central America, and Africa (Brazil, Chile, Panama, and Cape Town)
- New 5-year award from the U.S. National Science Foundation to FIU, USC-ISI and Vanderbilt University
- Cooperative and collaborative partnerships with REDNESP (fka ANSP), RNP, CLARA, REUNA, AURA, Vera Rubin Observatory, FLR, and Internet2



SAACC 2021 Participant Guide

- One-stop guide for all links and materials for the meeting
- If you did not receive a link to the Guide, please let us know in the Chat
- Presentation duration is 15 minutes + 5 minutes for Q&A
- During a presentation, please write your questions or comments into the Zoom Chat
- Agenda is also online at
 - <https://www.amlight.net/?p=4467>
 - Please be mindful of presentation time limits

Thank You!

- Program Committee:

- Jeff Kantor, Vasilka Chergarova, Heidi Morgan

- Special thanks to Vasilka for coordinating the logistics and many details

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THANK YOU

