



## Vera C. Rubin Observatory

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The **Vera C. Rubin Observatory**, an **astronomical facility in Chile (8,684 feet above sea level atop Cerro Pachón mountain)**, released its first test images, utilizing the **Simonyi Survey Telescope** as its primary instrument.

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- **About:** It is an **astronomical observatory** built to conduct the **most comprehensive survey** of the **southern hemisphere's night sky** through **continuous scanning**.
  - It is named in honor of **American astronomer Vera C. Rubin**, who was the first to provide **evidence for the existence of [dark matter](#)** in the **1970s**.
- **Uniqueness:** Its **Simonyi Survey Telescope** features a **wide field of view**, capable of capturing an area equivalent to **40 full Moons in a single shot**—vastly surpassing the [Hubble Space Telescope](#) (1%) and [James Webb Space Telescope](#) (75%) in coverage.
  - It houses the **world's largest digital camera** with **3,200 megapixels**, enabling it to **detect objects 100 million times dimmer** than those visible to the naked eye.
  - Additionally, it is the **fastest-slewing telescope**, able to **adjust its position in just five seconds**.
- **Purpose:** It will help explore the nature of [dark energy](#) (68%) and **dark matter (27%)**, which together make up **95% of the universe**, while visible matter forms just **5%**.
  - It is **aimed at addressing key astronomical questions**, including the **formation of the [Milky Way](#)**, existence of the **9th planet** in our solar System and **threat of an asteroid to Earth**.

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