

All the Stars Are Spinning

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— They're Spinning Around in Heaven Above



Credit: F. Char/ESO

Stars appear to trail through the night sky above ESO's Very Large Telescope (VLT) array on Cerro Paranal in Chile. Farid Char, a student at Chile's Universidad Católica del Norte, created the image from 450 individual 20-second exposures taken over 2-1/2 hours, creating the dotted star trails that appear to circle the southern celestial pole. The Unit Telescopes also seem to whirl as they rotate to observe different subjects. Even a shooting star passes by, seen as a small trail above the Auxiliary Telescope in the bottom left of the image.

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