

# Characterizing the Population of Near Earth Asteroids to be Discovered in Year One of LSST Operations

Ed Lu - Asteroid Institute

Joachim Moeyens, Mario Juric, Siegfried Eggl - DIRAC Institute  
Univ. of Washington



## LSST Will Discover ~9000 H<sub>25</sub> NEOs in Year 1

.....

- 108 NEOs with Earth MOID < Lunar distance (~twice per week)
- 156 NEOs which at some point have orbits consistent with MOID < R\_Earth
- ~25% of these take longer than 10 days to rule out MOID overlap with Earth

- Fast turnaround follow-up observations needed!
- Building cloud-based scalable astrodynamics platform (ADAM) for data analysis



# LSST First Year NEO Simulation Pipeline

## Observations

Simulated observations of H<25 Granvik NEOs including trailing losses, detection losses. Generated using JPL *ObjectsInField* and LSST *Survey Simulator Post Processor*.

## Linking

Idealized linker uses LSST discovery criterion 3 tracklets on 3 unique nights within 15 days.

## Orbit Determination

IOD and OD uses Bill Gray's *FindOrb* for each subsequent night of observations after discovery.

## Covariance Sampling

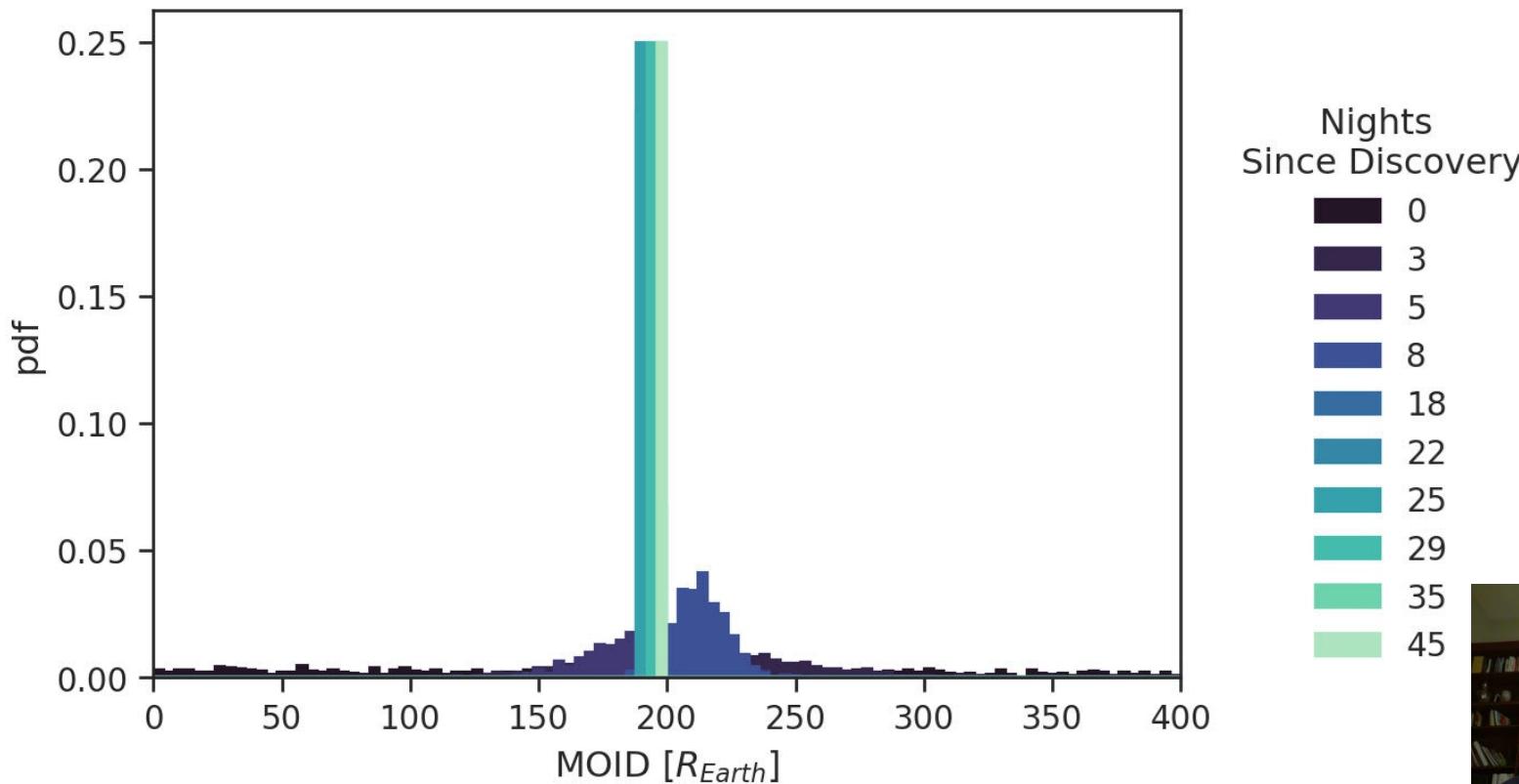
Variant orbits are selected from the Orbit Determination best fit and associated covariance matrices.

## MOID Calculation

The MOID is calculated for each variant orbit on each night with observations.

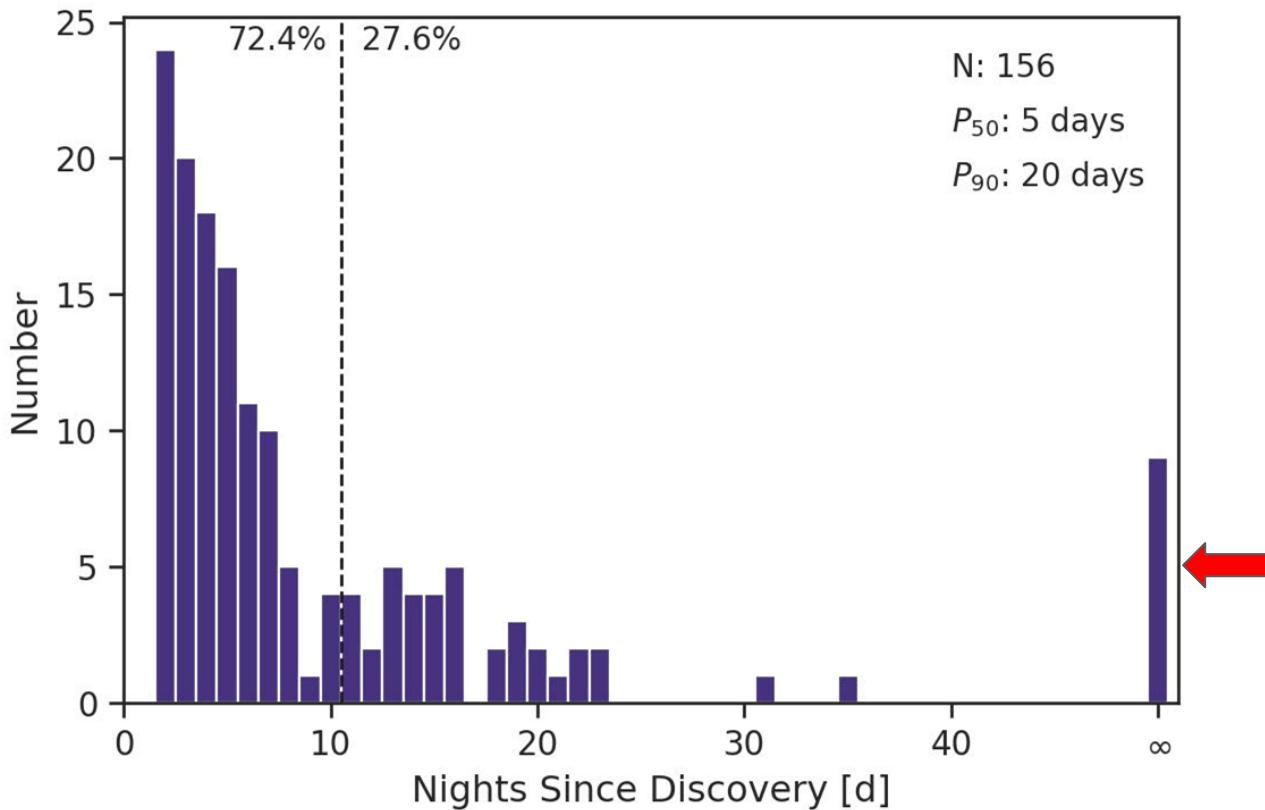


## MOID distribution evolution for one example asteroid



## Many Objects Will Have MOID<R\_Earth for Some Period of Time

## Time for 3-sigma MOID to leave Earth overlap region



## Follow-up observat



## LSST Will Discover ~9000 H<sub>25</sub> NEOs in Year 1

.....

- 108 NEOs with Earth MOID < Lunar distance (~twice per week)
- 156 NEOs which at some point have orbits consistent with MOID < R\_Earth
- ~25% of these take longer than 10 days to rule out MOID overlap with Earth

- Fast turnaround follow-up observations needed!
- Building cloud-based scalable astrodynamics platform (ADAM) for data analysis

