

# Epsilons: we need more theories

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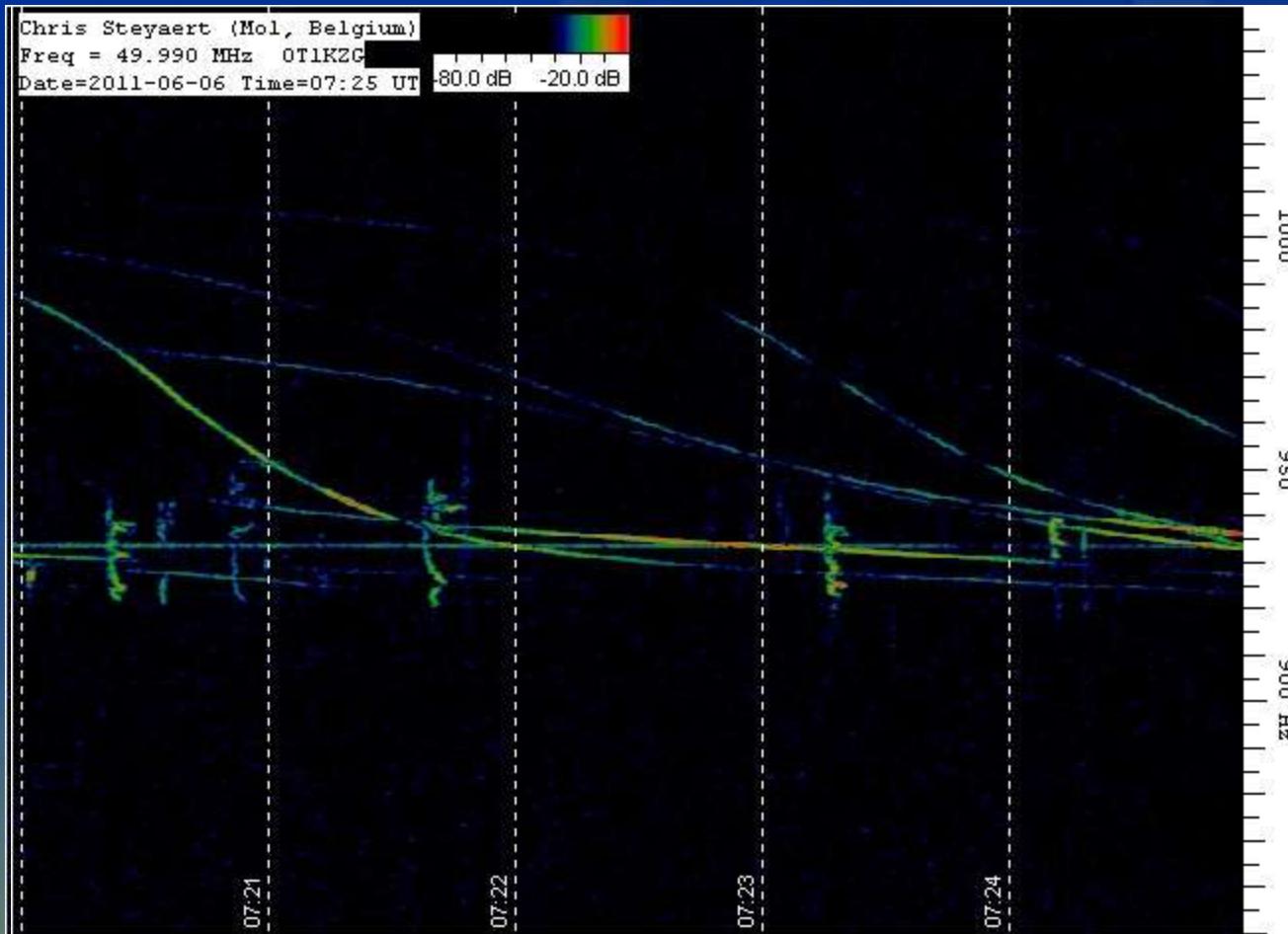
The conclusion is ...

Vee need morr' theorries !!

Нам надо больше теории



# Typical radio spectrogram



- Carrier
- underdense meteors
- Planes
- $\varepsilon$

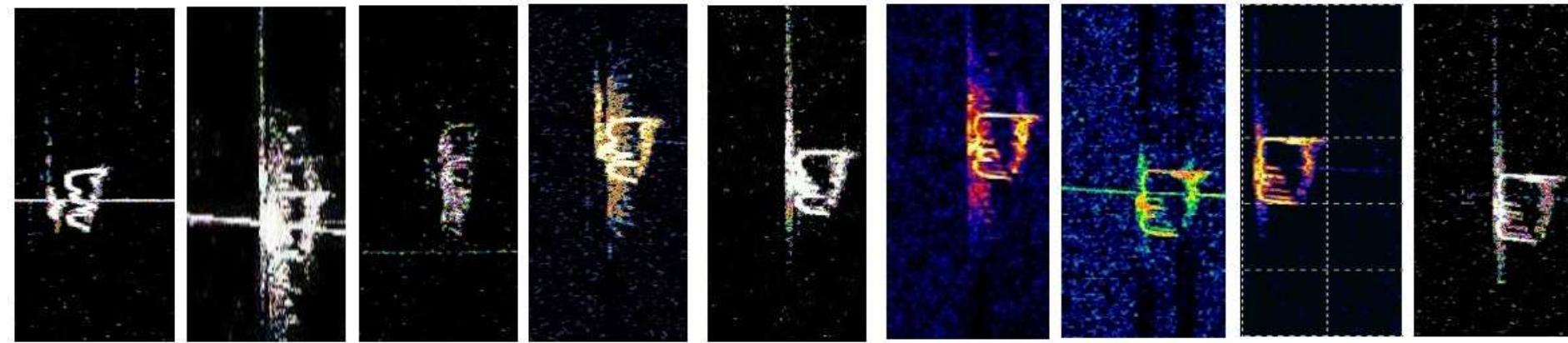
# Simultaneous observations

- VVS beacon observers



# Simultaneous epsilons

49.99 MHz - 200912050427



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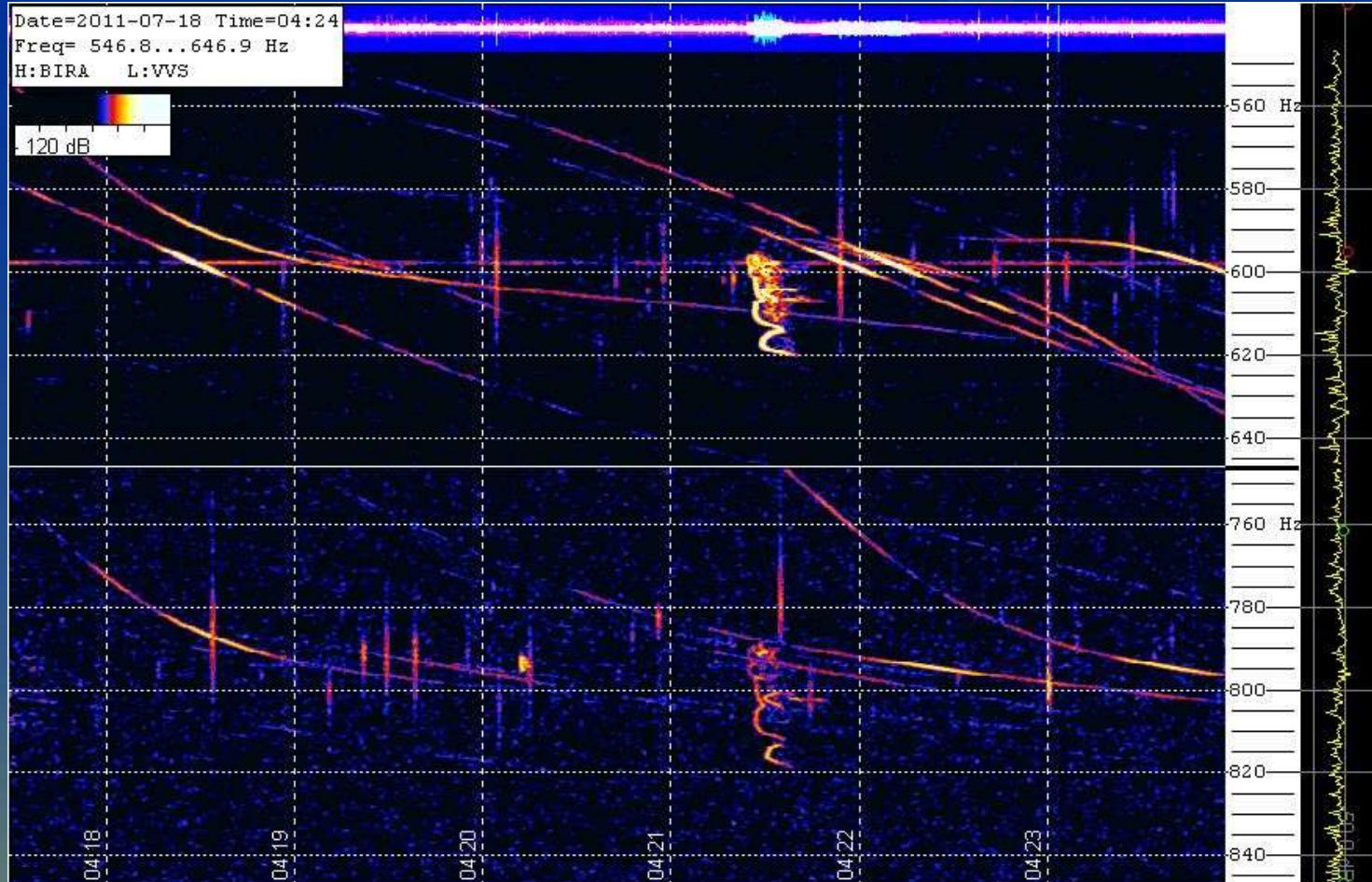
One transmitter, several receivers

# Simultaneous observations



Two beacons

# Simultaneous epsilons



Two transmitters, one receiver (synchronised)

# Simultaneous epsilons



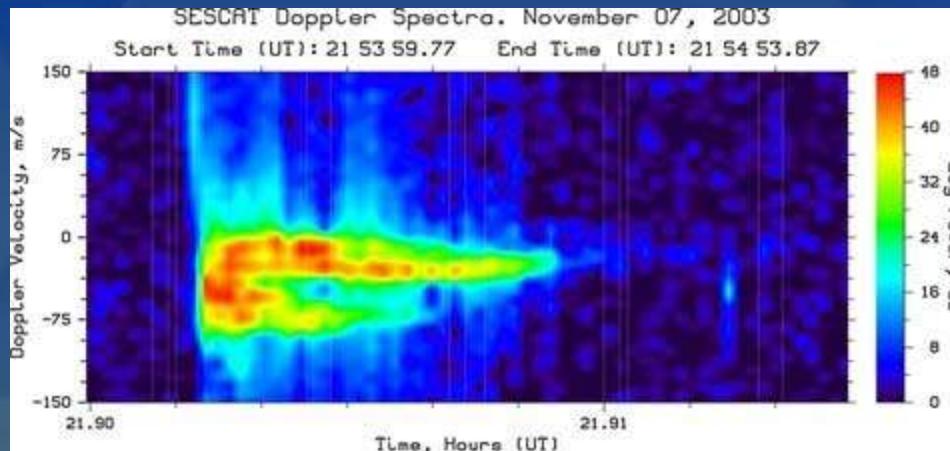
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# Small epsilons



# Professional reference

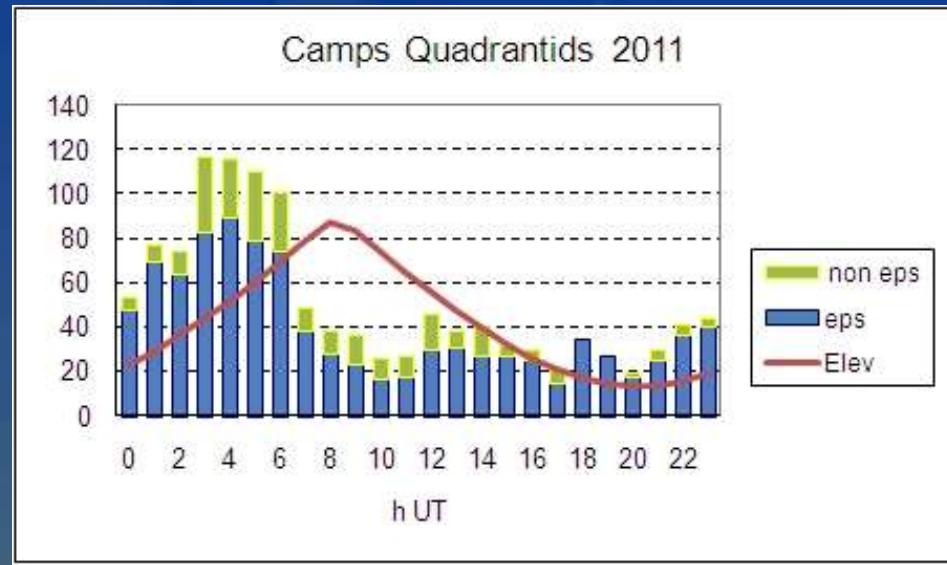
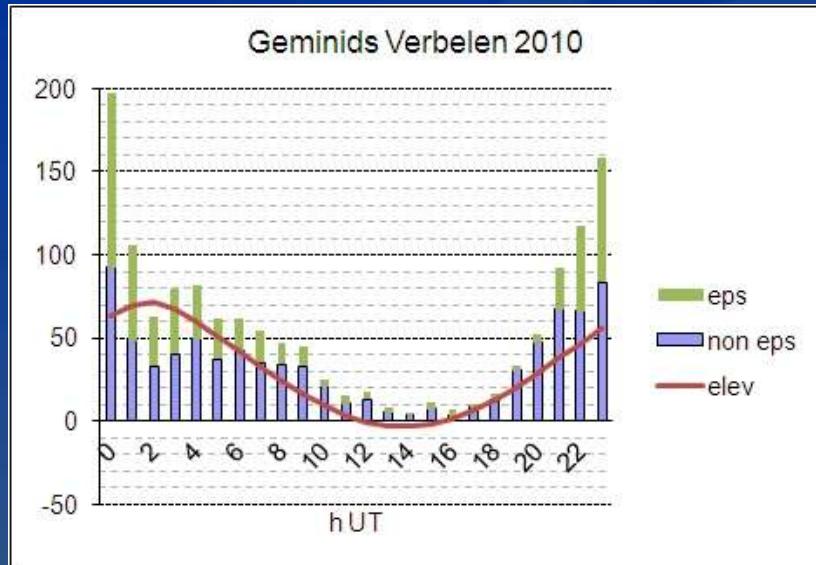
Long duration meteor echoes characterized by Doppler spectrum  
Bifurcation A. Bourdillon, C. Haldoupis, C. Hanuise, Y. Le Roux,  
and J. Menard March 2005



## 4. Discussion and Speculation

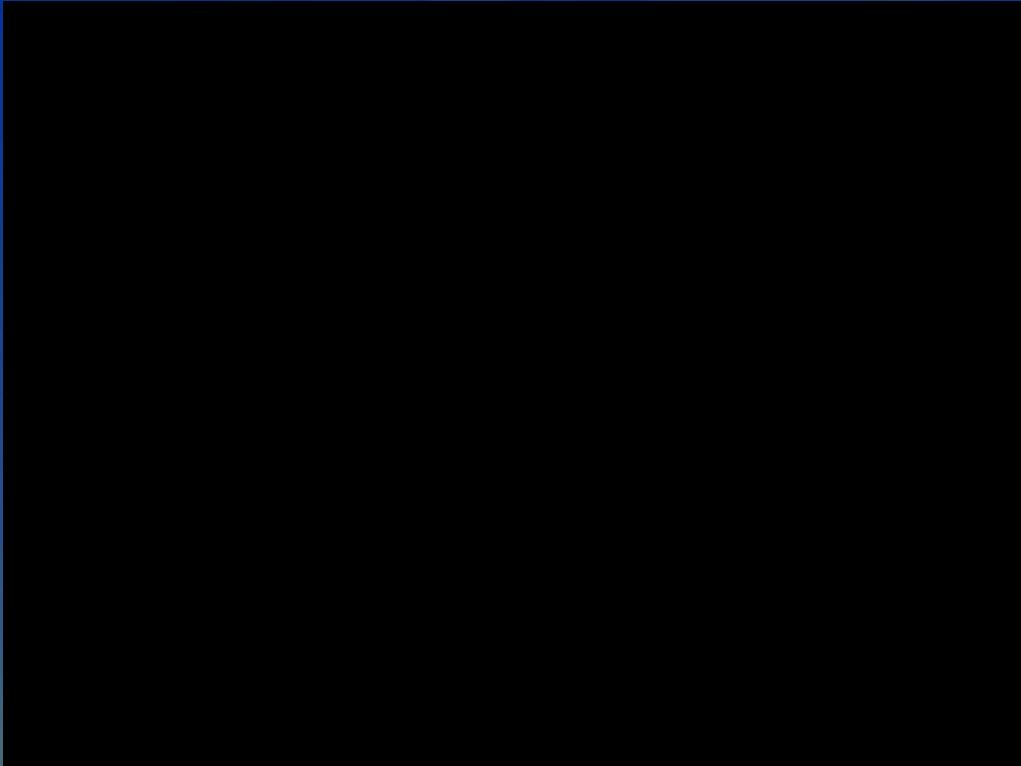
But why these fragmented meteor trails last so long? There is no easy answer to this question, as long duration meteors have remained a mystery for many years.

# Statistical data



Epsilons at the time of high radiant elevation

# Ray tracing



POV-RAY [Persistence of Vision Raytracer](#)

cylinder

only part of trail contributes

# Upper atmosphere phenomena

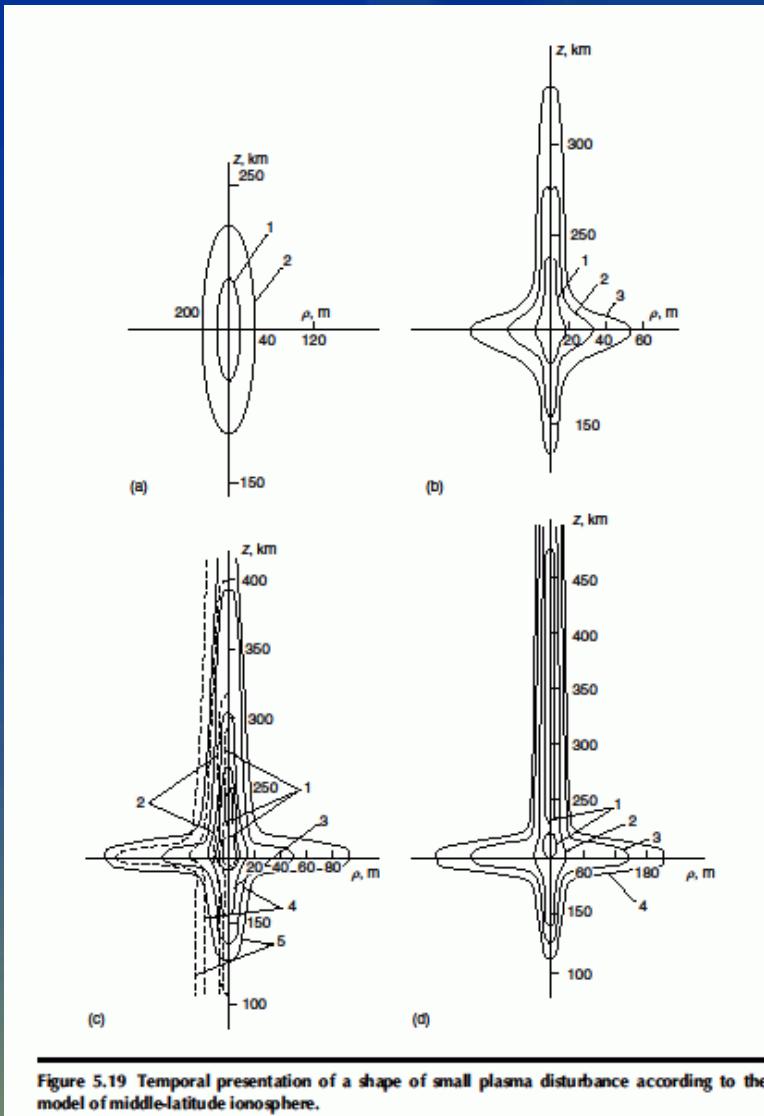
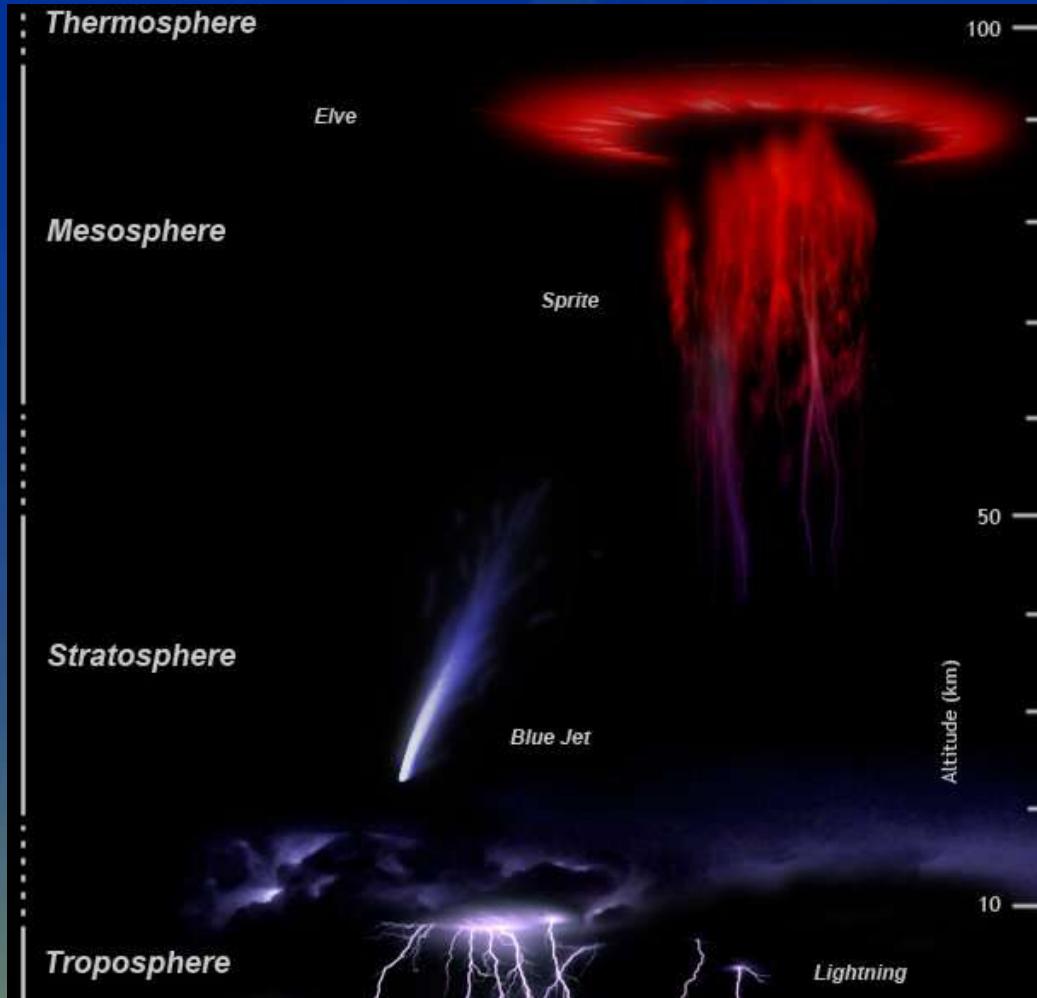


Figure 5.19 Temporal presentation of a shape of small plasma disturbance according to the model of middle-latitude ionosphere.

Ionosphere and Applied  
Aspects of Radio  
Communication and Radar  
- N. Blaunstein, E.  
Plohotniuc (CRC, 2008)

$t = 0, 5, 40, 100 \text{ s}$

# Upper atmosphere phenomena

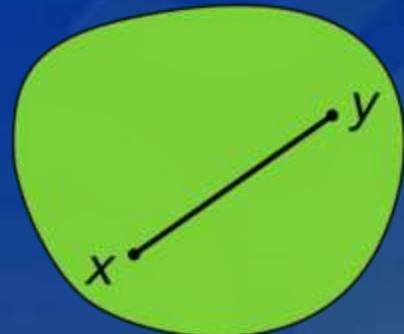


**ELVE** = **E**mission of **L**ight  
and **V**ery low-frequency  
perturbations from  
**E**lectromagnetic pulse  
sources

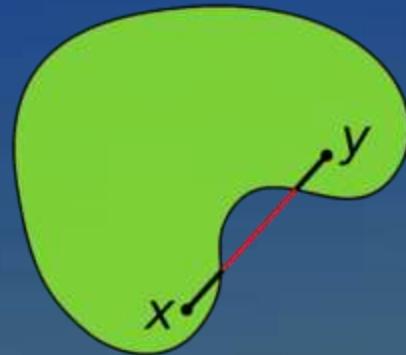
discovered 1989  
lasting ms to couple of s

# More ray tracing

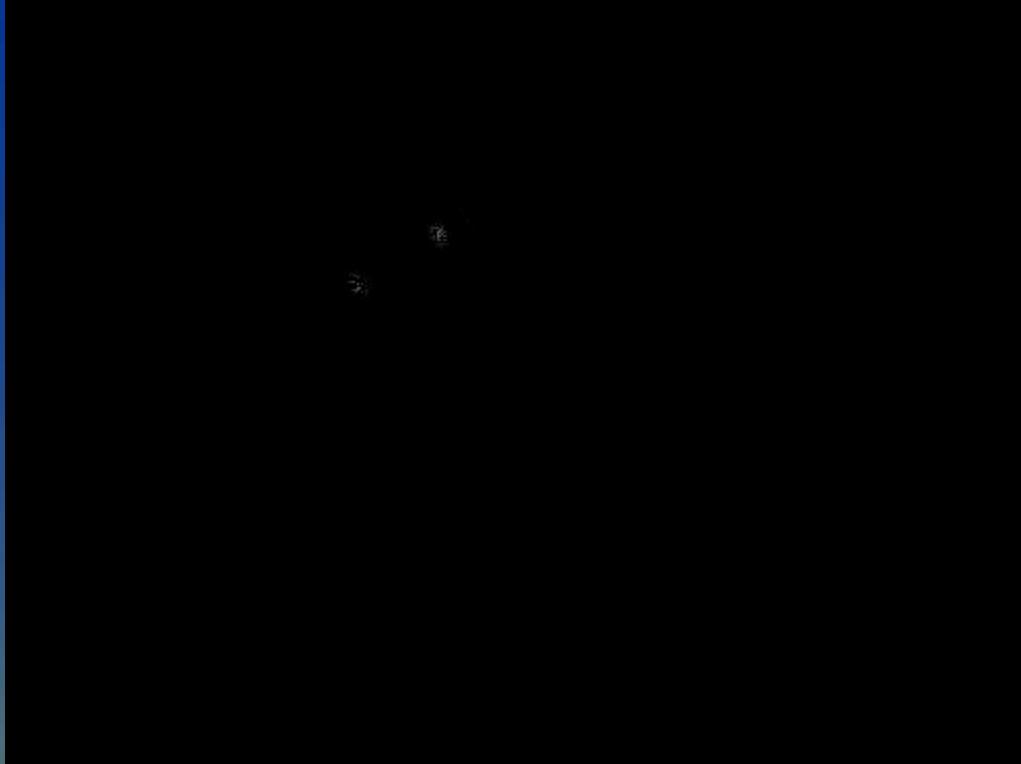
Convex



Concave

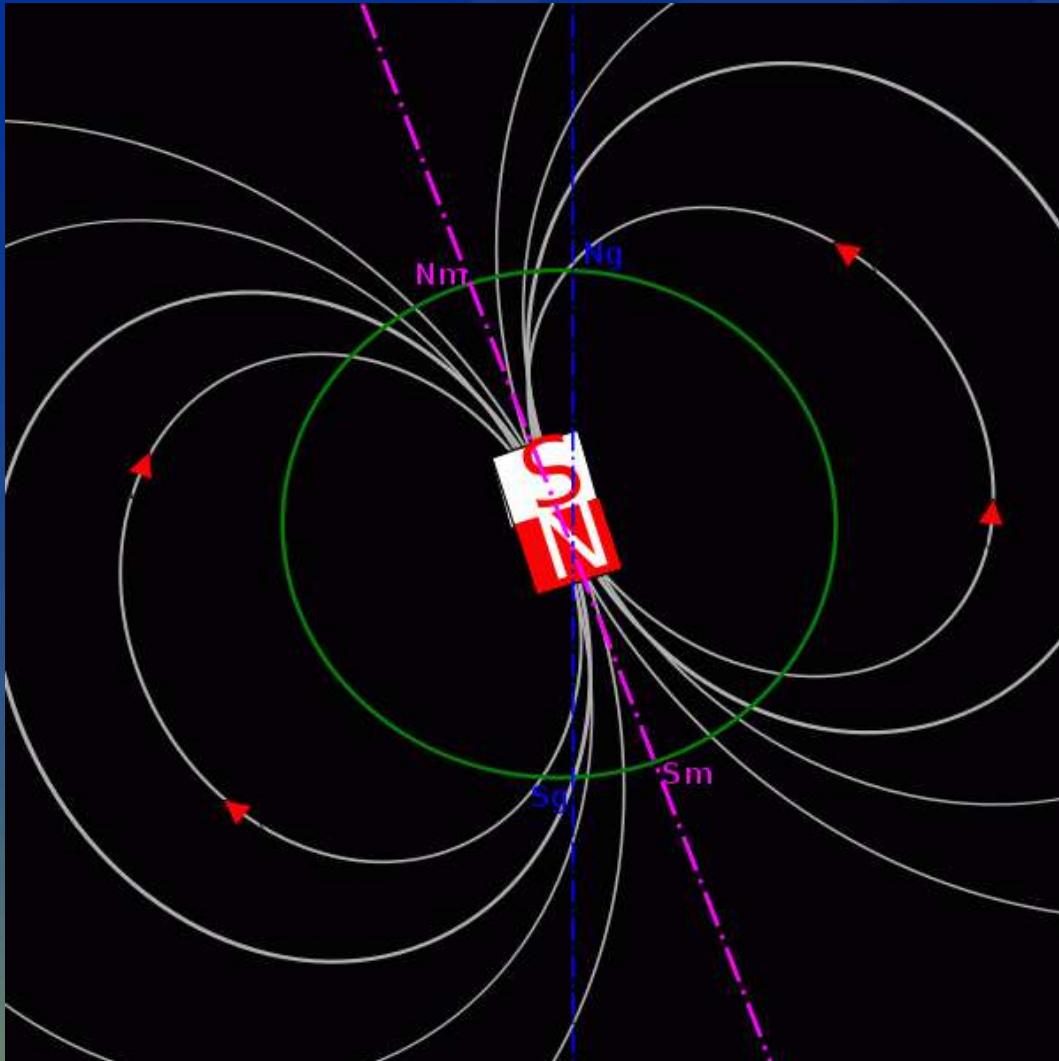


# More ray tracing



Torus: 4 reflection points

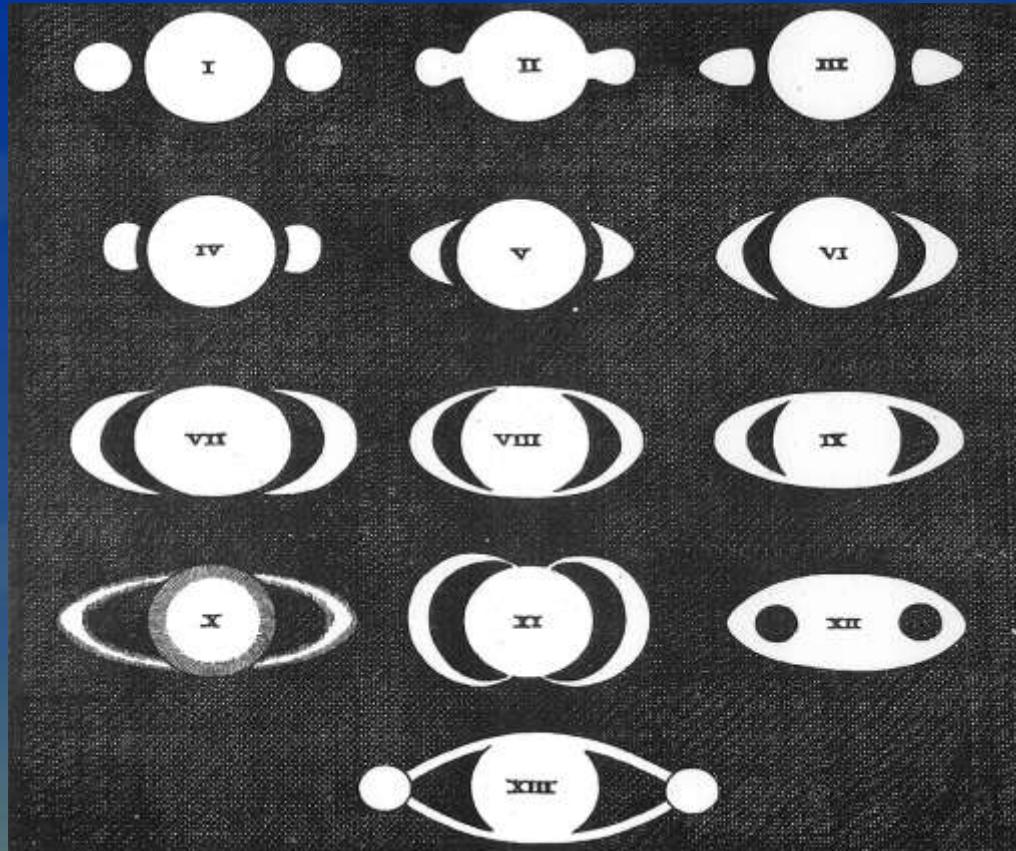
# Geomagnetism



Magnetic inclination 66 °  
(Western Europe)

Reflection duration  
enhancement when trail  
aligned with  $\mathbf{B}_0$

# Present status



Huygens' Saturn observations

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