

First results on

video meteors





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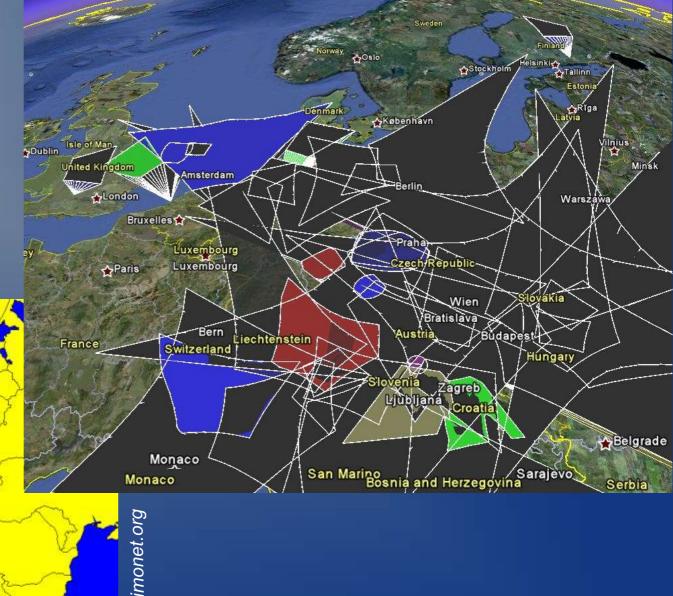
why video recording ?

> Continuous coverage (no food, sleep, rest, etc)

> Accurate determination of meteor characteristics

- position
- magnitude
- time
- speed
- > Large sample (good statistics)
- > Double or multi station observations (determination of: radiant, 3D position of meteor, trajectory, orbit)
- > Fireballs (determination of trajectory > meteorite recovery)
- > Technology advance = affordable solutions (~300-500 €)
 - sensitive CCTV cameras
 - mature software (UFO Capture, MetRec)

IMO's video network



Greece ??

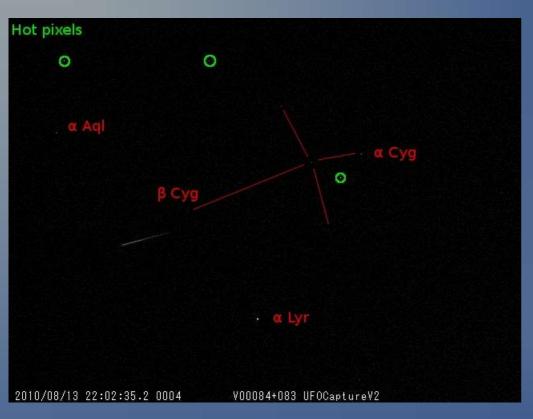
2-3 systems known to operate but ... - not permanent - outside IMO

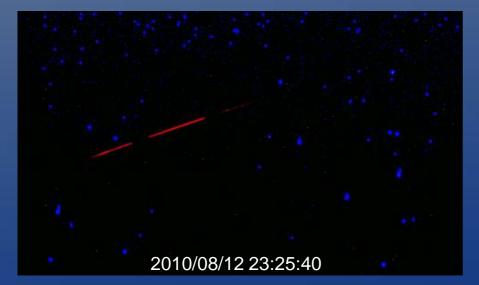


previous experience – DMK system

System: > DMK camera (DMK 21AF04.AS, Imaging Source) > CCTV f=2.8mm lens > UFO Capture v2 (trial)

results with DMK system







Results on Perseids 2010:

> 17 nights
> 28 meteors
> Im ~ 2-2.5 mag
> system works !

thinking of a new system

Software: UFO Capture or MetRec ?? Camera :

anything enough sensitive !

- purchase cost (~160 €)
- many parameters
- no connection with IMO
- post-processing analysis
- + easy installation
- + compatible with all
- hardware/software
- + analyzing tools
- + not meteor use only

- written for Matrox Meteor family video grabbers only
- compatible with DOS / Win XP
- runs under DOS commands
- + easy installation
- + automatic detection & characterization
- + custom made for meteors
- + post processing tools
- + connection with IMO

and the winner is ...

System:

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> Watec 902 H2 Ultimate (0.0001 lx F1.4 / 0.000033 lx F0.8) > Panasonic 12mm, f/0.8 > MetRec

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preliminary numbers

Test period (8 nights):

Total obs time:44.8 hTotal obs meteors:205

Total shower members:48 (~24 %)

PER = 6

Observations during 19 Aug - 3 Sep AUR max @ 1Sep

meteors captured









future plans

- Accomplish full operational status
- -> Build necessary housing for permanent use
- -> Take advantage of the Draconids 2011 !!



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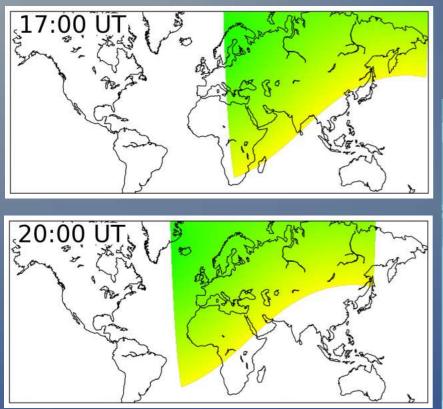
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Aims:

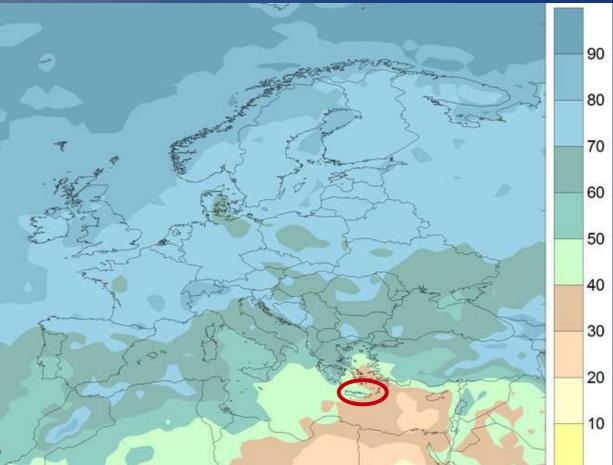
> acquire double/multiple station obs

- > acquire VLF obs
- > test new methods
- > acquire visual data

the case of Greece - Crete

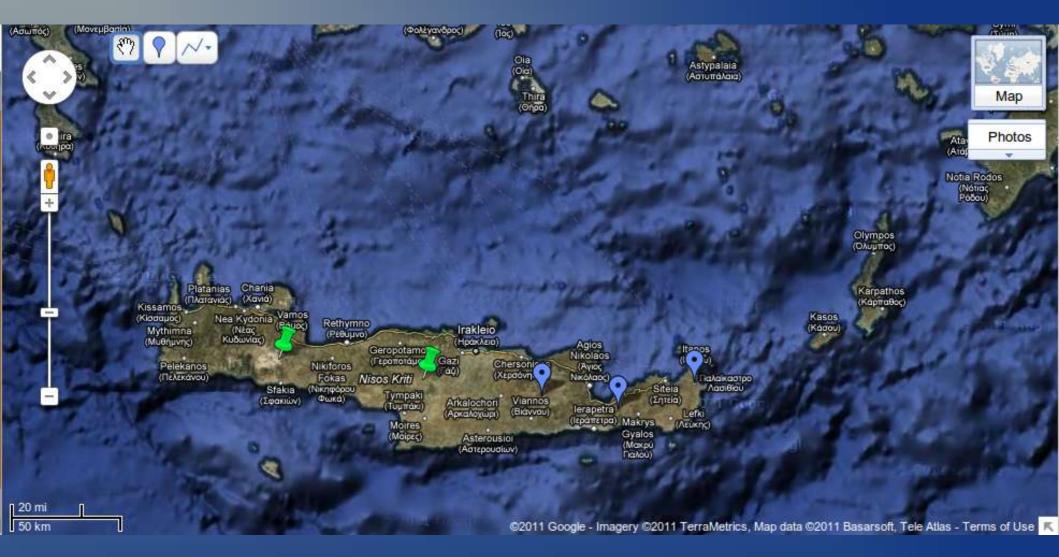


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possible stations





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