

# DRACONIDS AIRBORNE OBSERVATION CAMPAIGN

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# meteor airborne based observation campaign

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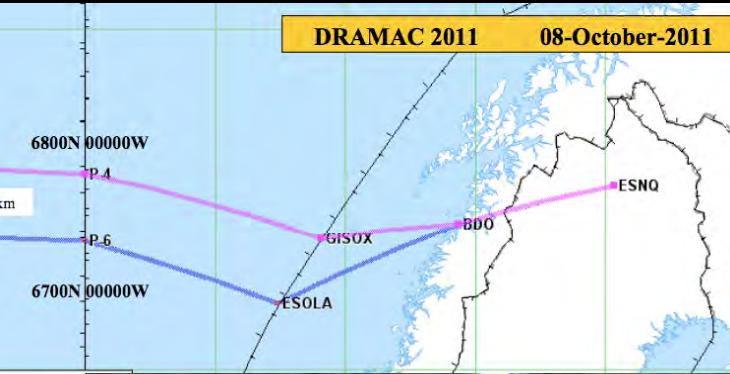
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18:50 UT



# E20

CE WATEC + grating



P. Jenniskens  
intensified camera  
+grating



SPOSH (ESA)

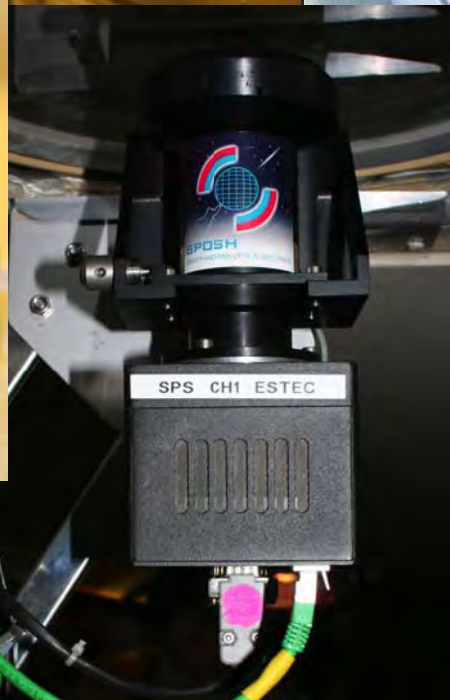


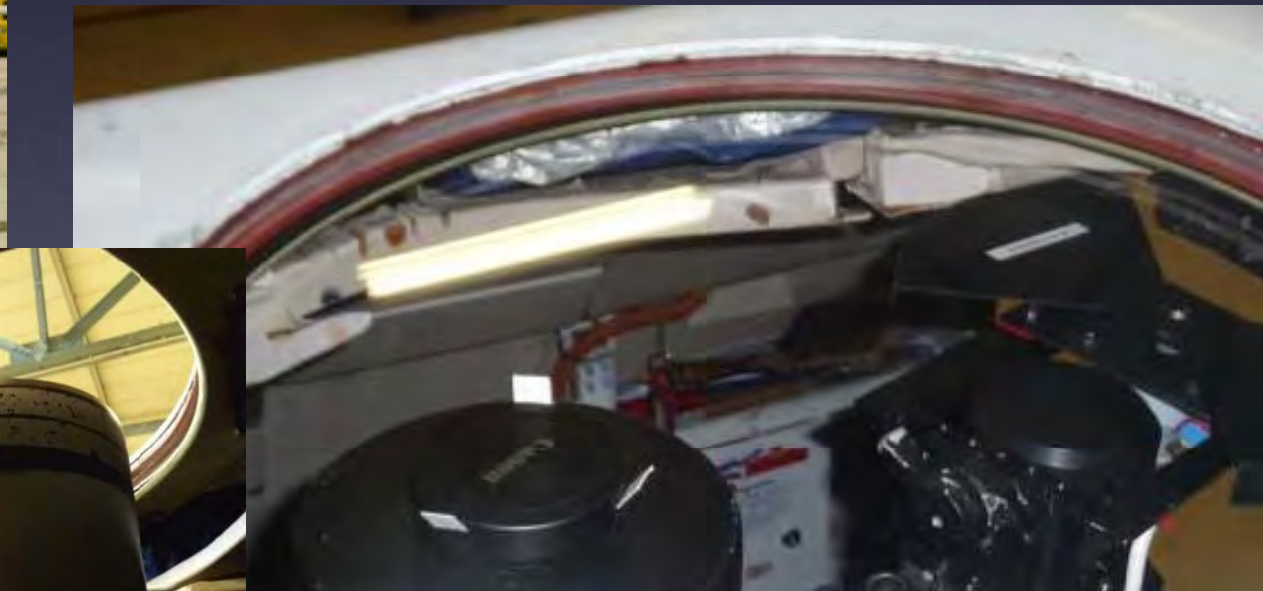
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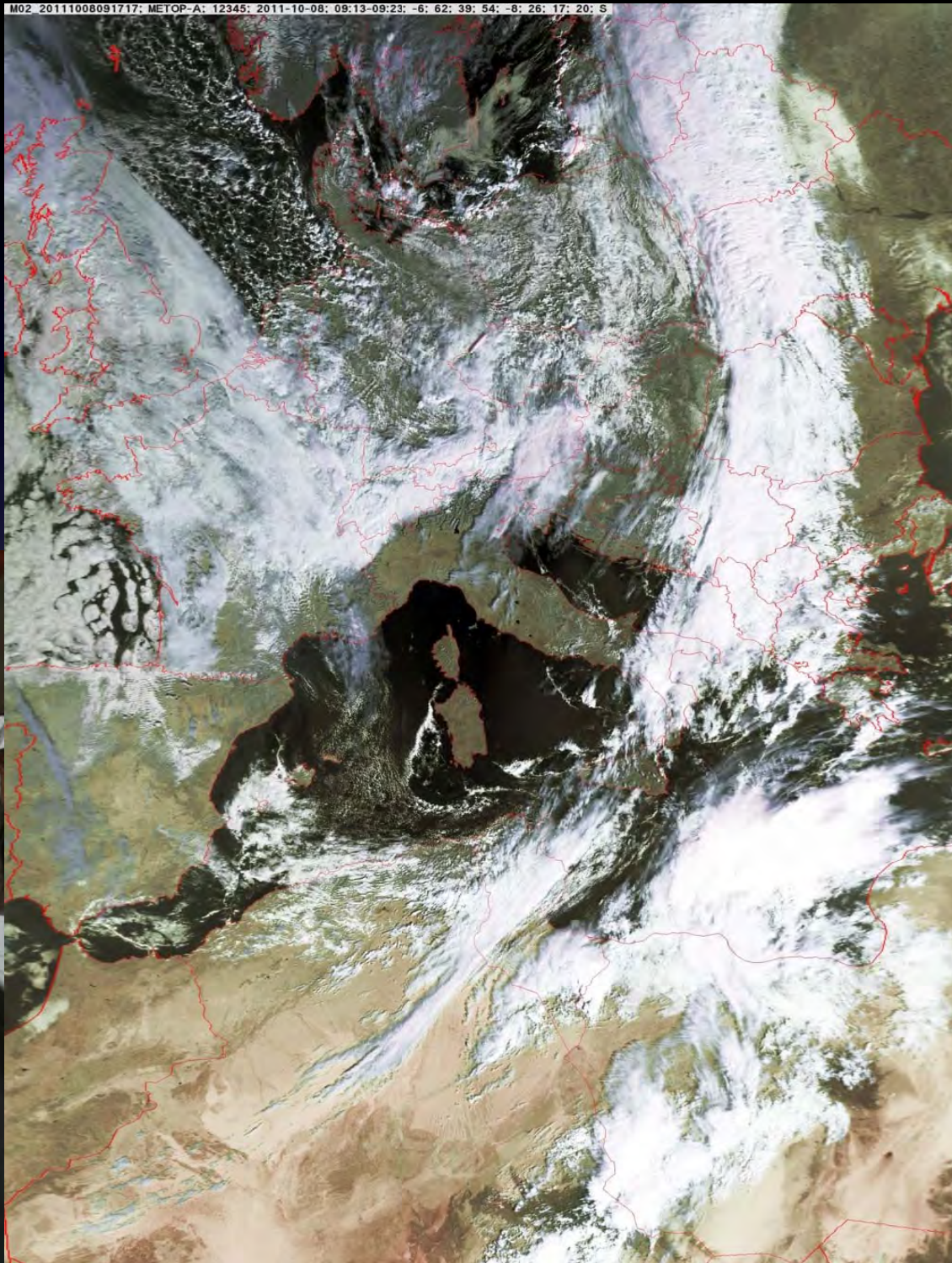
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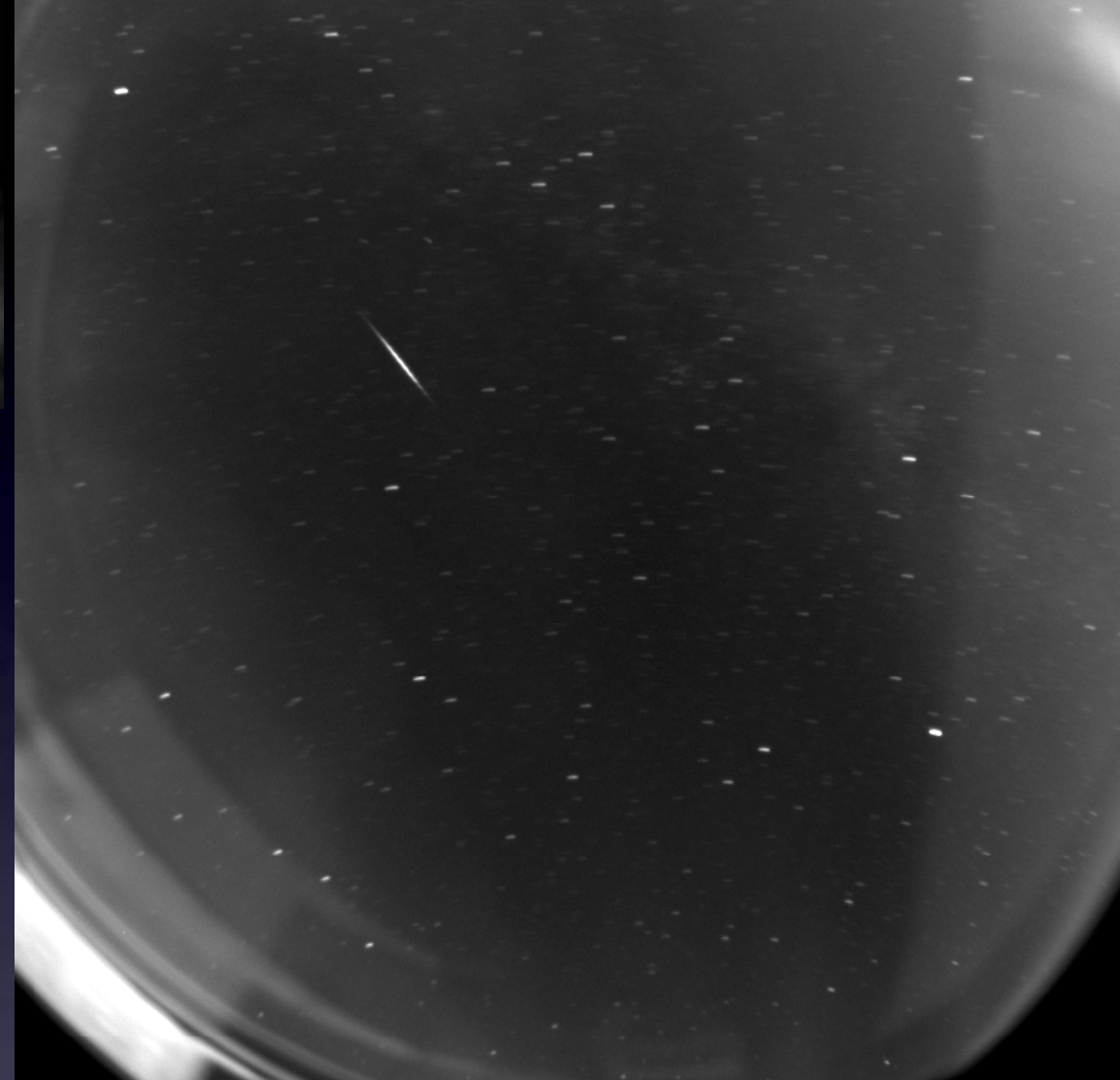
Koten  
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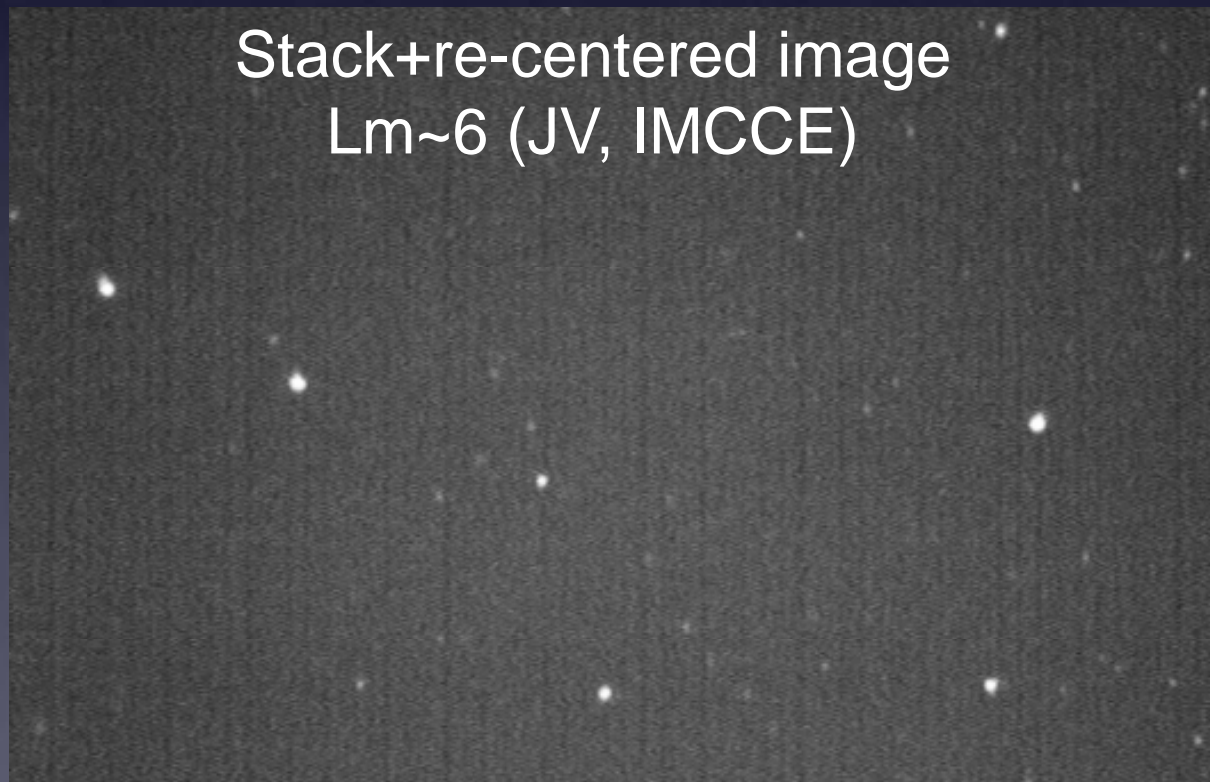
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Documentary in English  
available for free

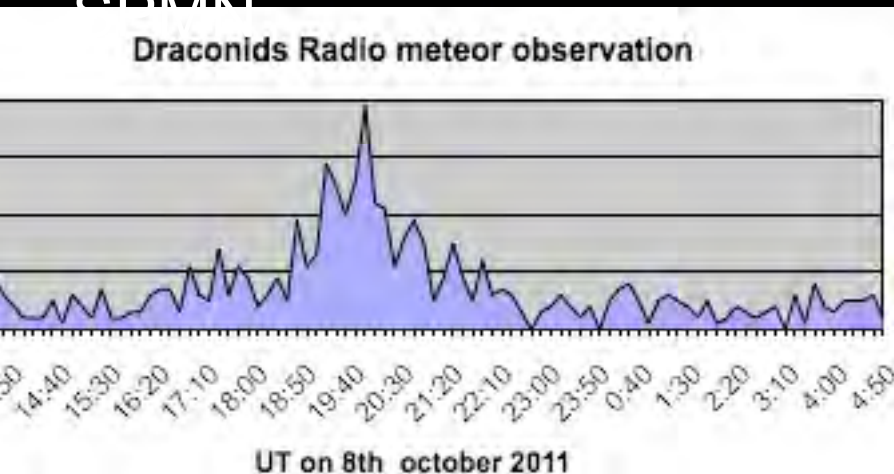


Stack+re-centered image  
Lm~6 (JV, IMCCE)



# A team effort

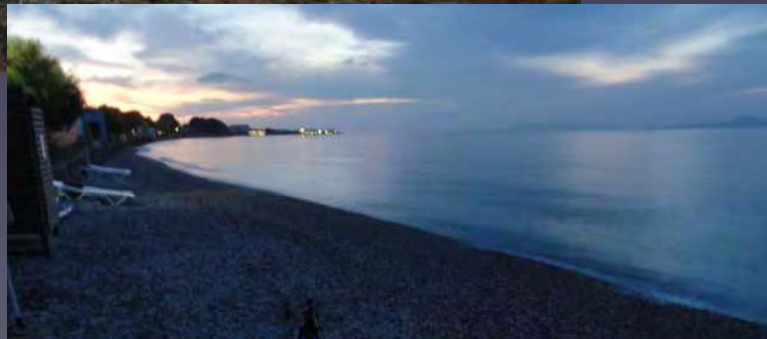
Rodríguez, Spain +  
CDMN



by (Uranoscope d'île de France)

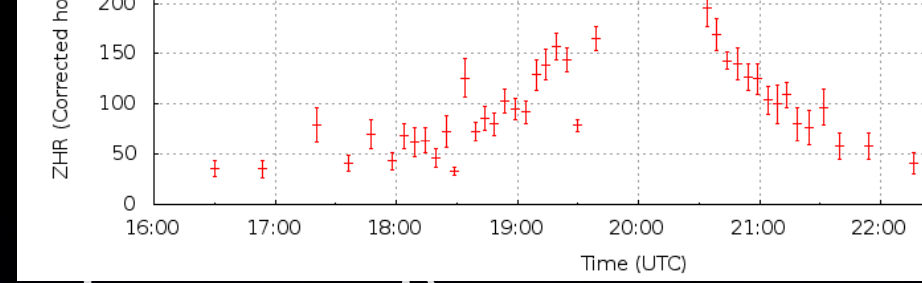


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# The Outburst



spected first peak at ~17 UT (still working on it)

source

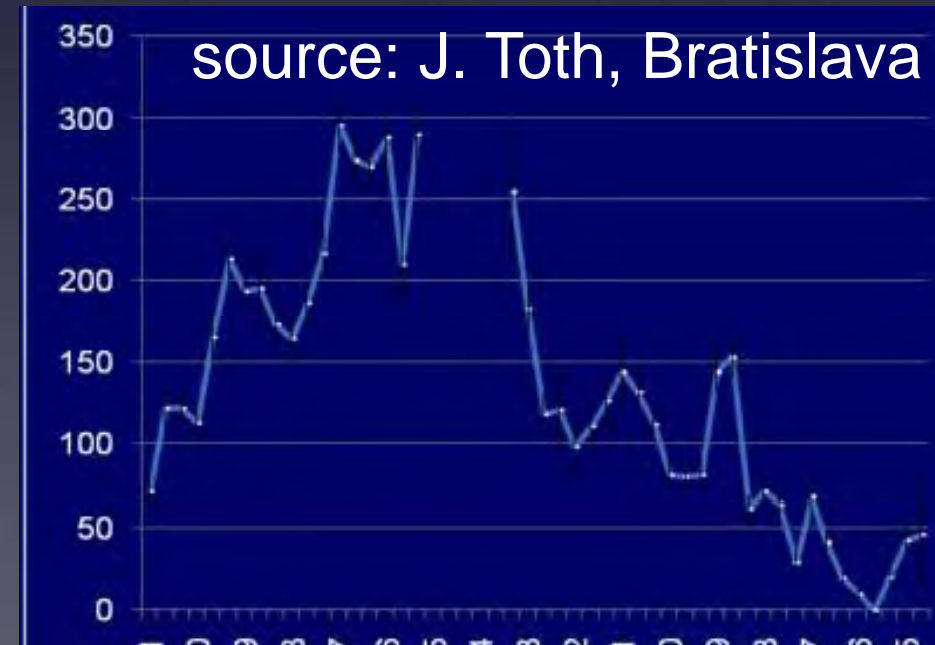
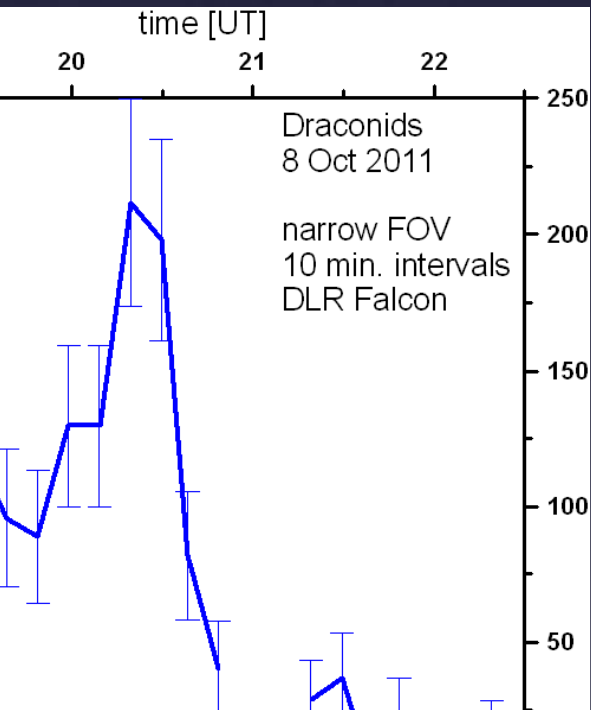
nd peak right on time!

R ~250-300/hr = 1/2 of what was expected => 1933 & 1946

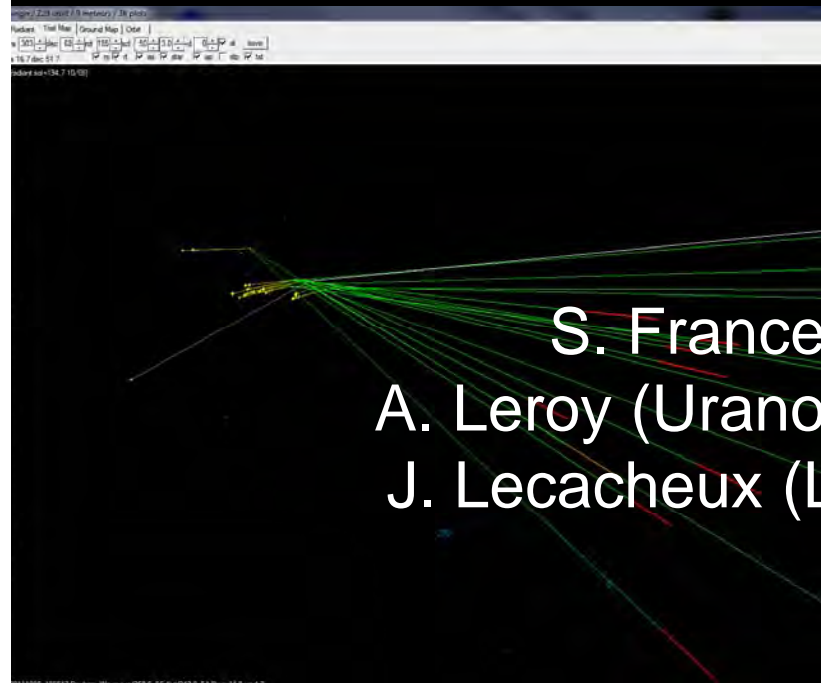
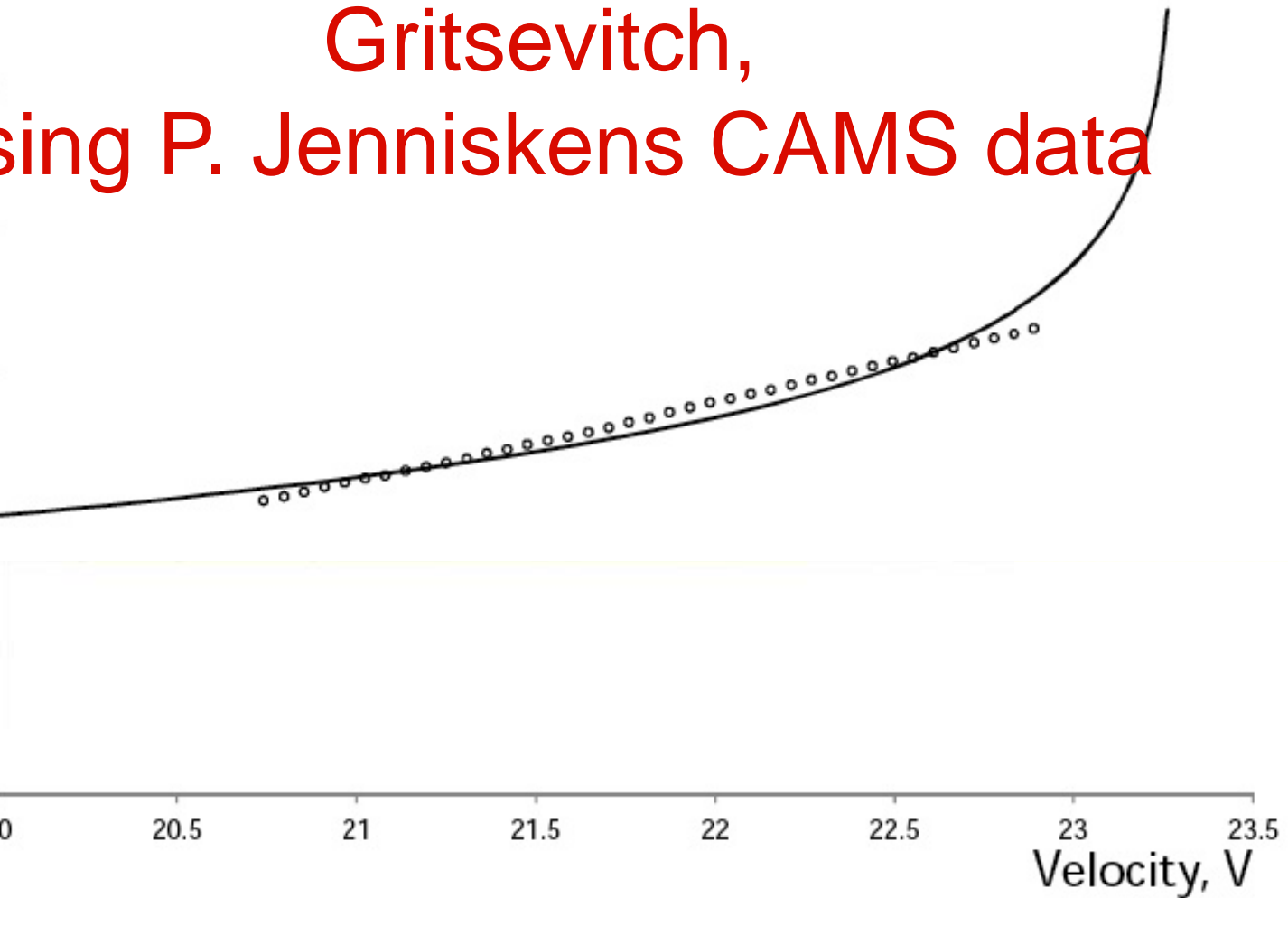
ports 50% off because of no reduction method (?)

ass sorting: maximum activity of bright meteors earlier than c

etors



# deceleration rate by M. Gritsevitch, using P. Jenniskens CAMS data



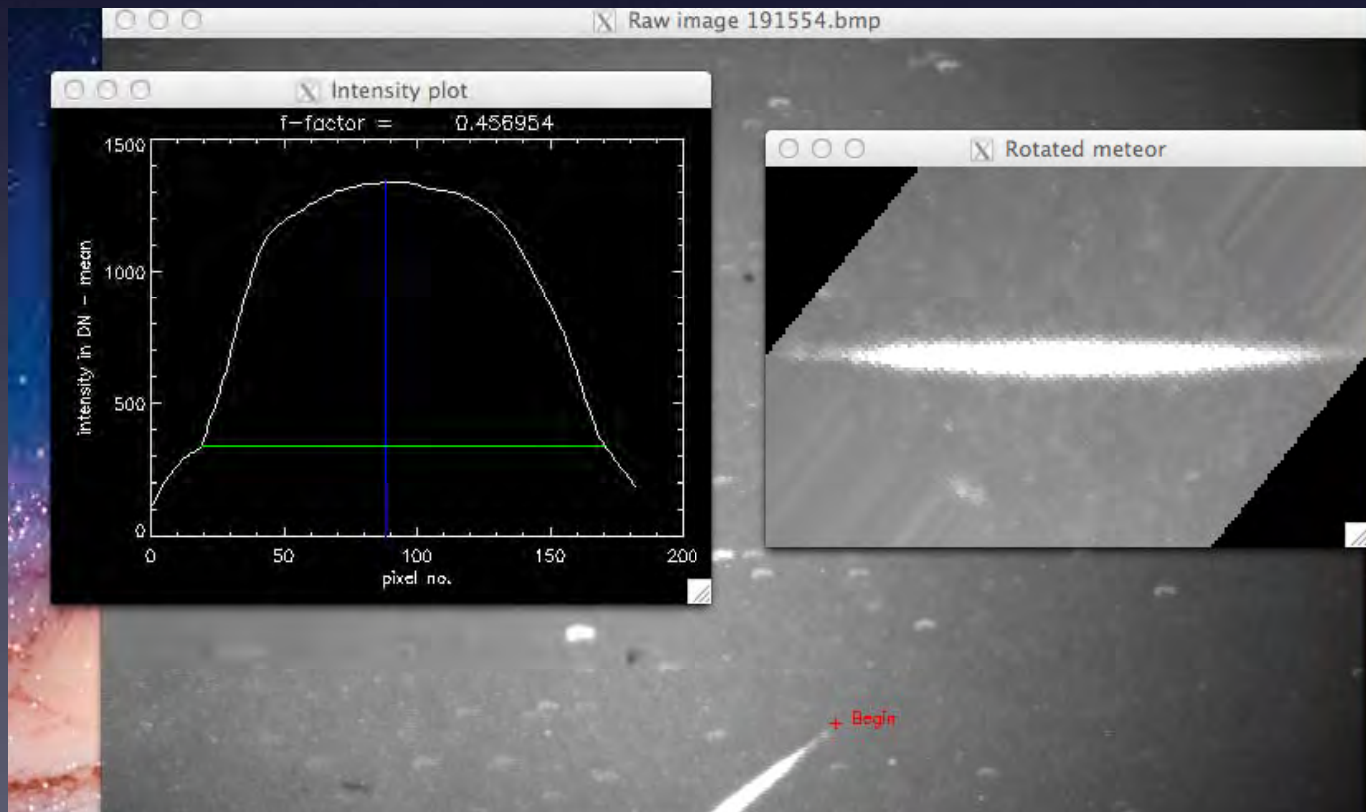
FIRE+DLR plane data  
all under analysis (by P.  
Koten & J. Vaubaillon)



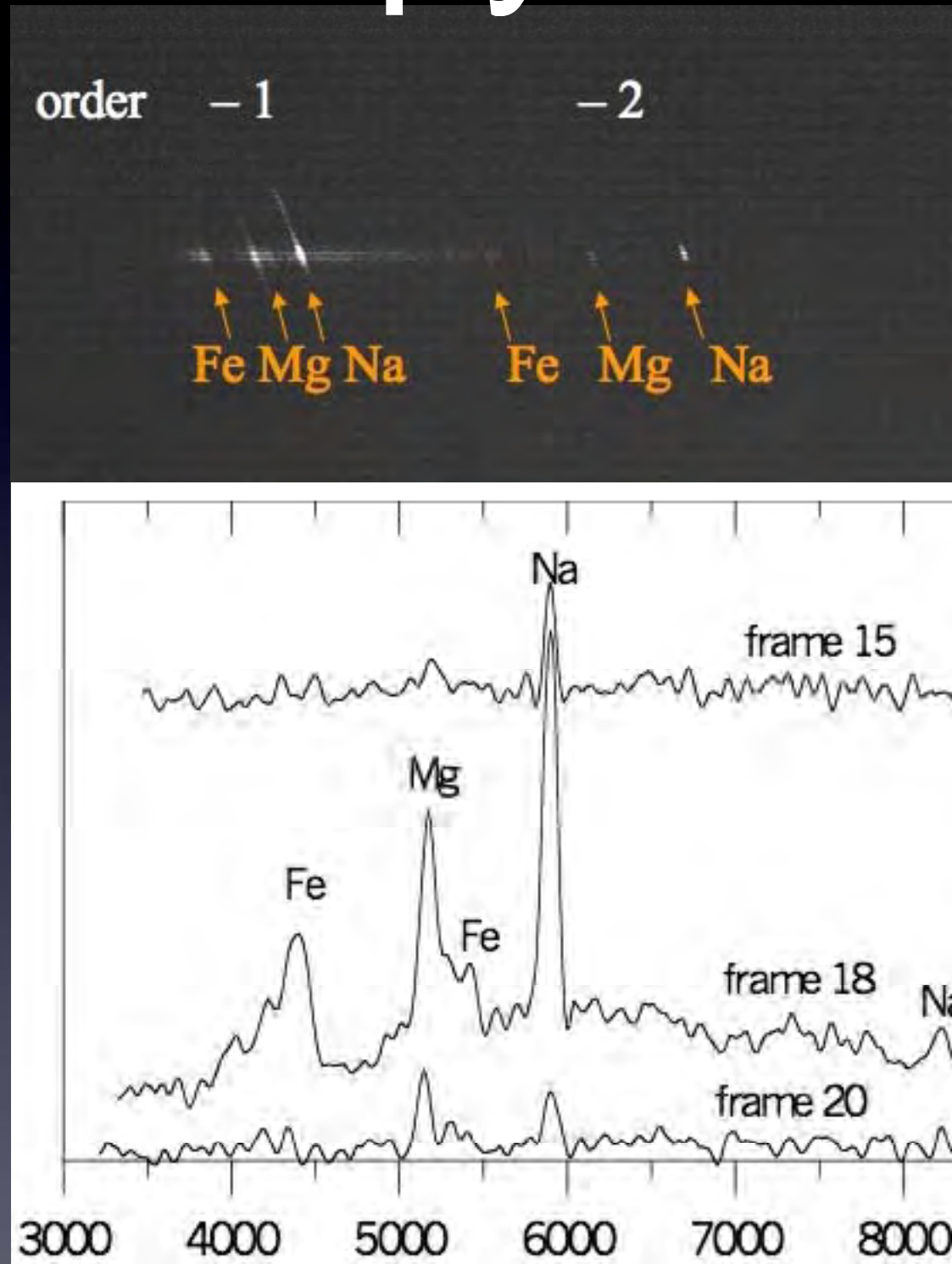
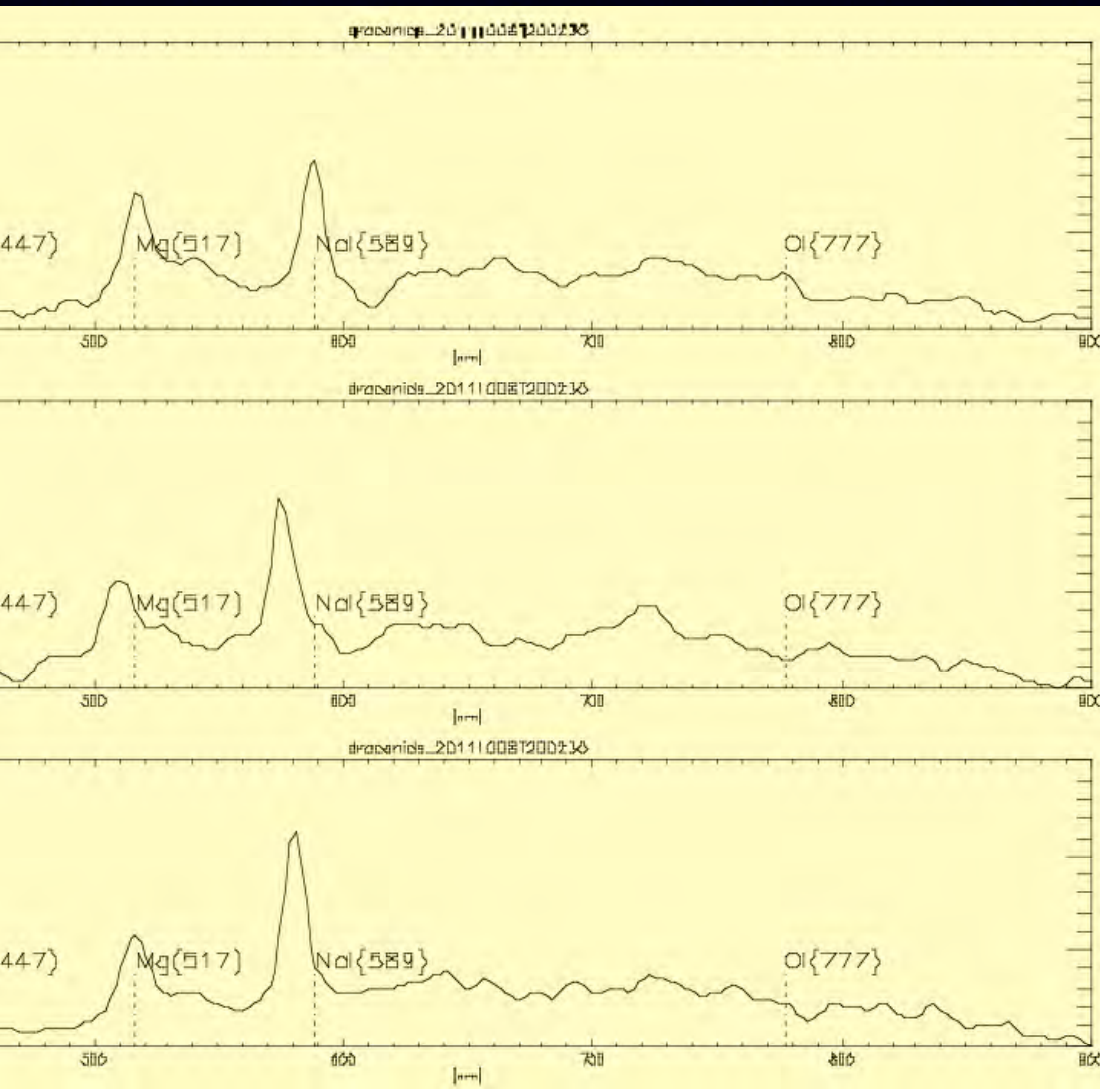
# Light curve analysis

(D. Koschny, ESA)

- F-number does not look especially low
- Flat light curves observed by many cameras



# Spectroscopy



What are we doing?

(1)

1st European airborne meteor observation campaign

Excellent collaboration! Exchange of cameras  
team work along with ground

Wanna fly? Bring a camera!

SAFIRE/EUFAR: 2 very different approaches

Flight change MAY be changed 2 days prior to  
flight

# our/my biggest

Flight plan has to be optimized one year ahead  
nightmare to fly in that country, because need  
authorizations

Russian bureaucracy to bug 6 months in  
advance even if they don't reply

Write procedure and FOLLOW procedure (to  
avoid to forget to press the "record" button)

No heat in cabin, no matter what! => noise

coordinate spectra and orbit camera

# Still TODO list

- get orbits (90% done)
- get deceleration
- exploit IR data
- exploit light curve
- challenge: auto-detection of meteors in a moving plane!!!
- 1st peak to confirm



# Conclusion

1st European airborne meteor  
observation campaign + ground based  
collaboration

2011 Draconids showed up right on  
time!

ZHR~250 => revise past storm report?

Fragile cometary dust?

Documentary available for free at



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