

Ultra Faint Meteor Observation using High Power Large Aperture Radar and Wide-field CMOS Camera

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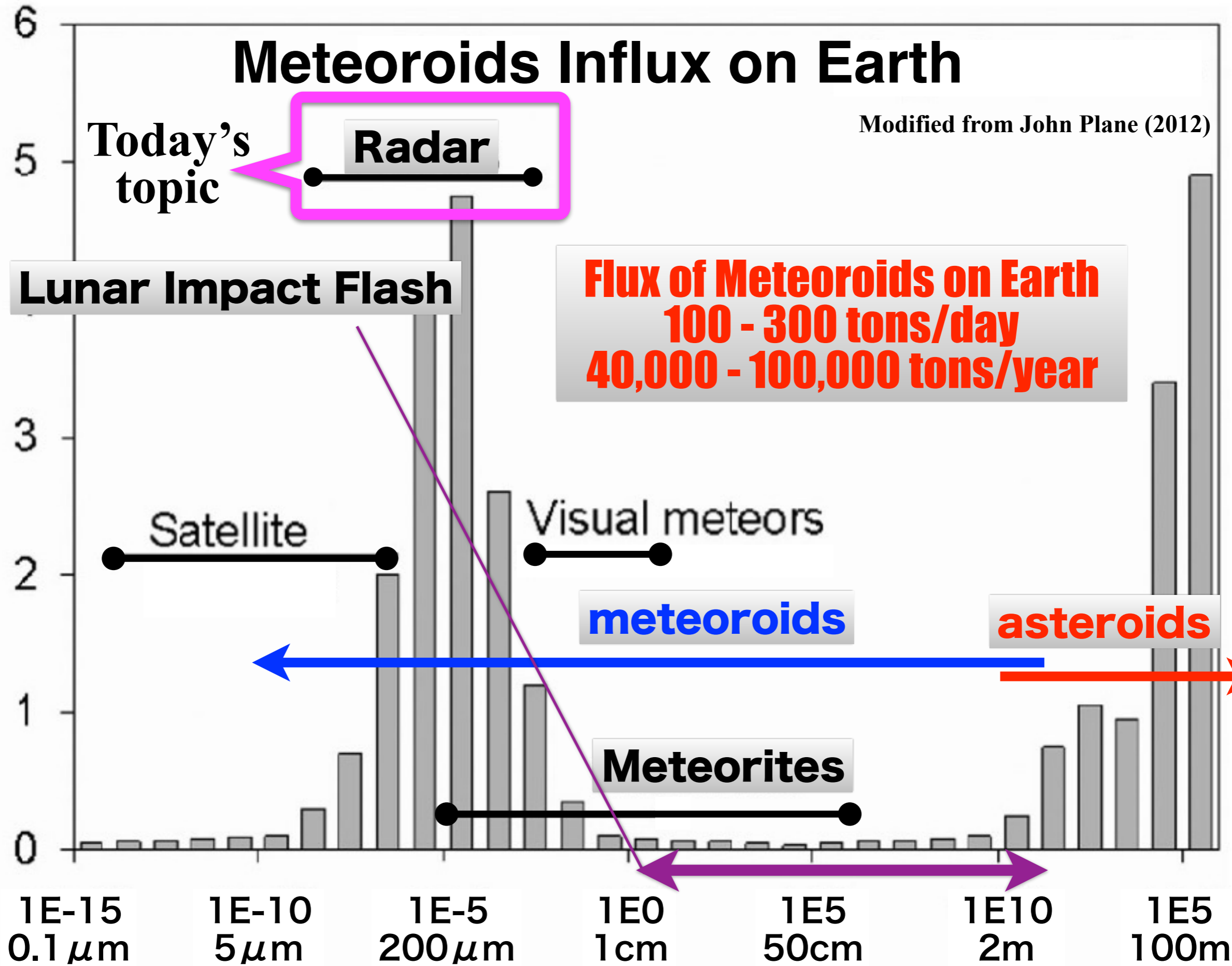
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Meteoroids Influx on Earth

Modified from John Plane (2012)

Mass Influx [10^6 kg/year]



Today's topic

Radar

Lunar Impact Flash

Flux of Meteoroids on Earth
100 - 300 tons/day
40,000 - 100,000 tons/year

Satellite

Visual meteors

meteoroids

asteroids

Meteorites

Mass[g] and Diameter of particle

assuming $\rho=2.0\text{g/cc}$

EQUULEUS

From Japan to EML2

EQUULEUS (EQUilibriUm Lunar-Earth point 6U Spacecraft) is a deep-space 6U spacecraft that will demonstrate low-energy trajectory control technologies by cruising to the Earth-Moon libration point 2.

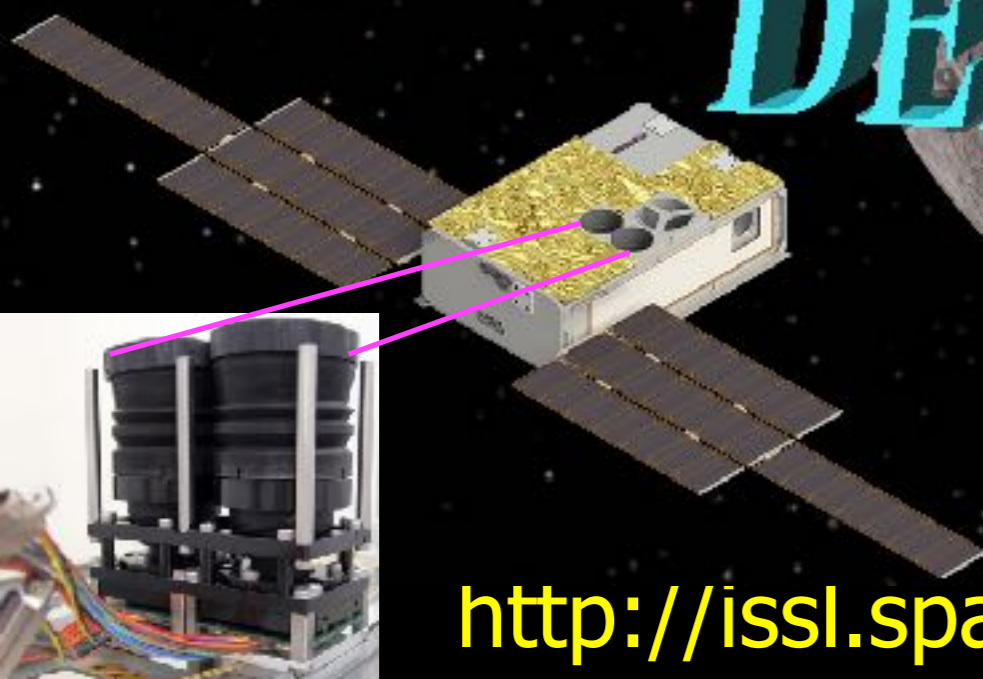


Lunar impact PHENOMENA IN 6U Spacecraft

See Poster; P1-21

Lunar Impact Flash and
Near-Earth Asteroid Observing Camera

DELPHINUS

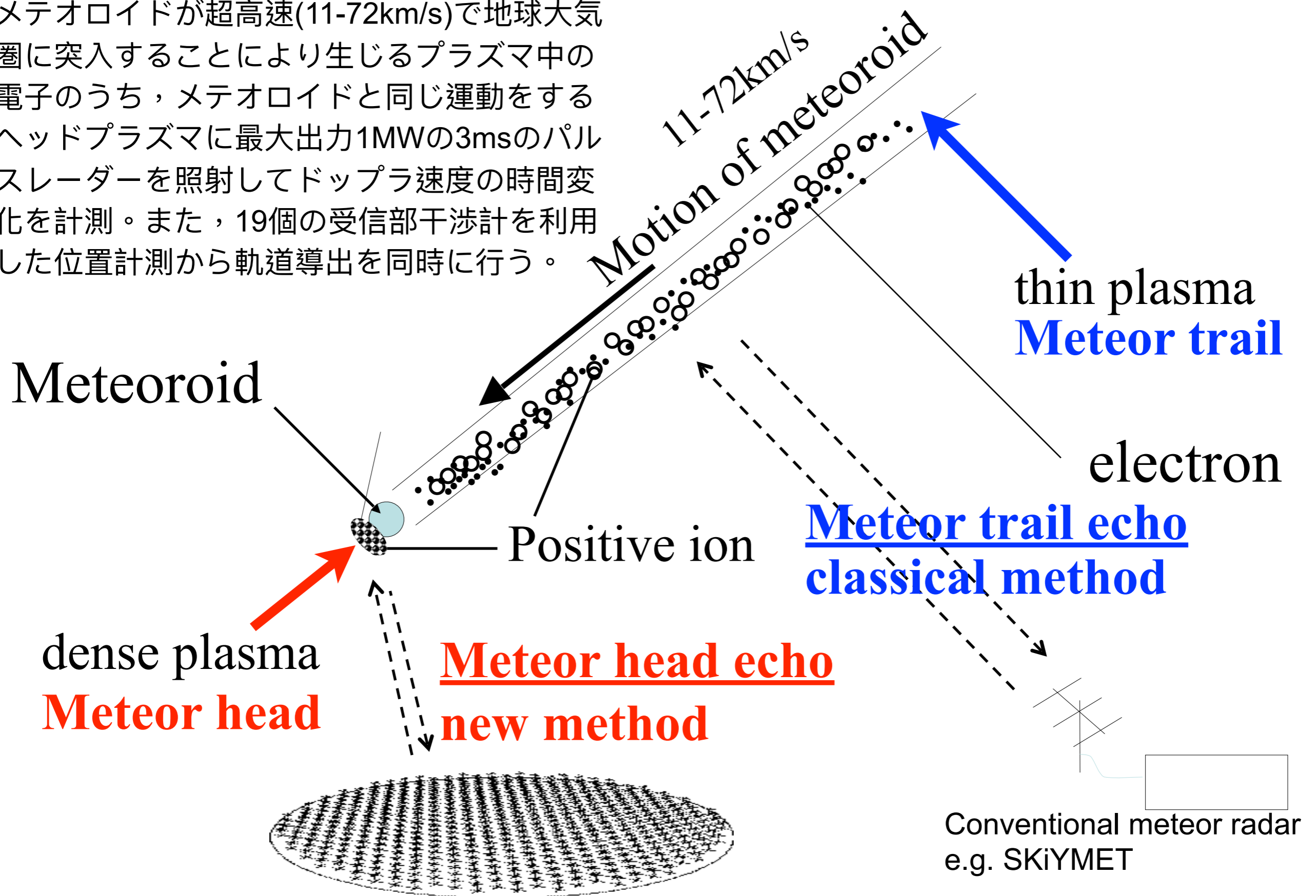


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<http://issl.space.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/equuleus/en/>

Meteor Head Echo and Meteor Trail Echoes

メテオロイドが超高速(11-72km/s)で地球大気圏に突入することにより生じるプラズマ中の電子のうち、メテオロイドと同じ運動をするヘッドプラズマに最大出力1MWの3msのパルスレーダーを照射してドップラ速度の時間変化を計測。また、19個の受信部干渉計を利用した位置計測から軌道導出を同時に行う。



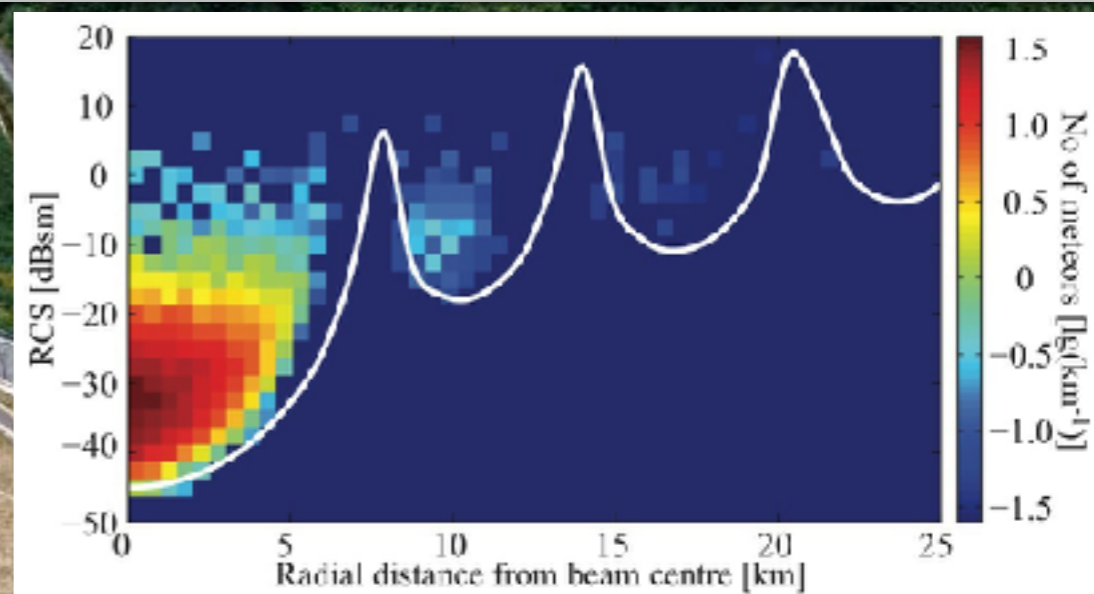
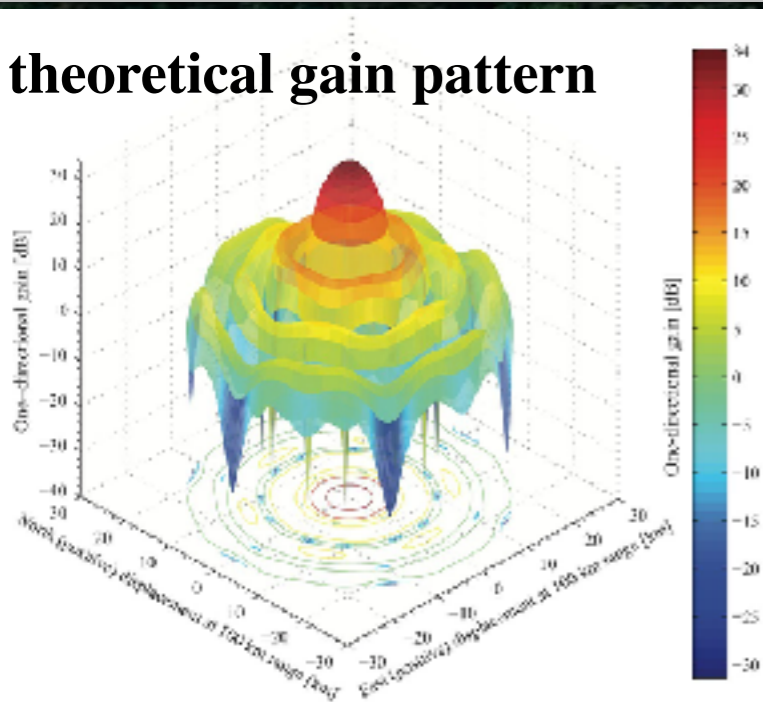
Kyoto University RISH MU Radar Middle and Upper Atmosphere Radar

Monostatic coherent pulse Doppler radar

VHF (46.5 MHz), 1MW peak power, 475 crossed Yagi antennas

Pulse length: 1-500 μ s, Antenna aperture: 8330m² (D=103m)

theoretical gain pattern



Observed number of meteors, normalized by beam area, versus RCS (Radar Cross Section) and radial distance from beam centre.

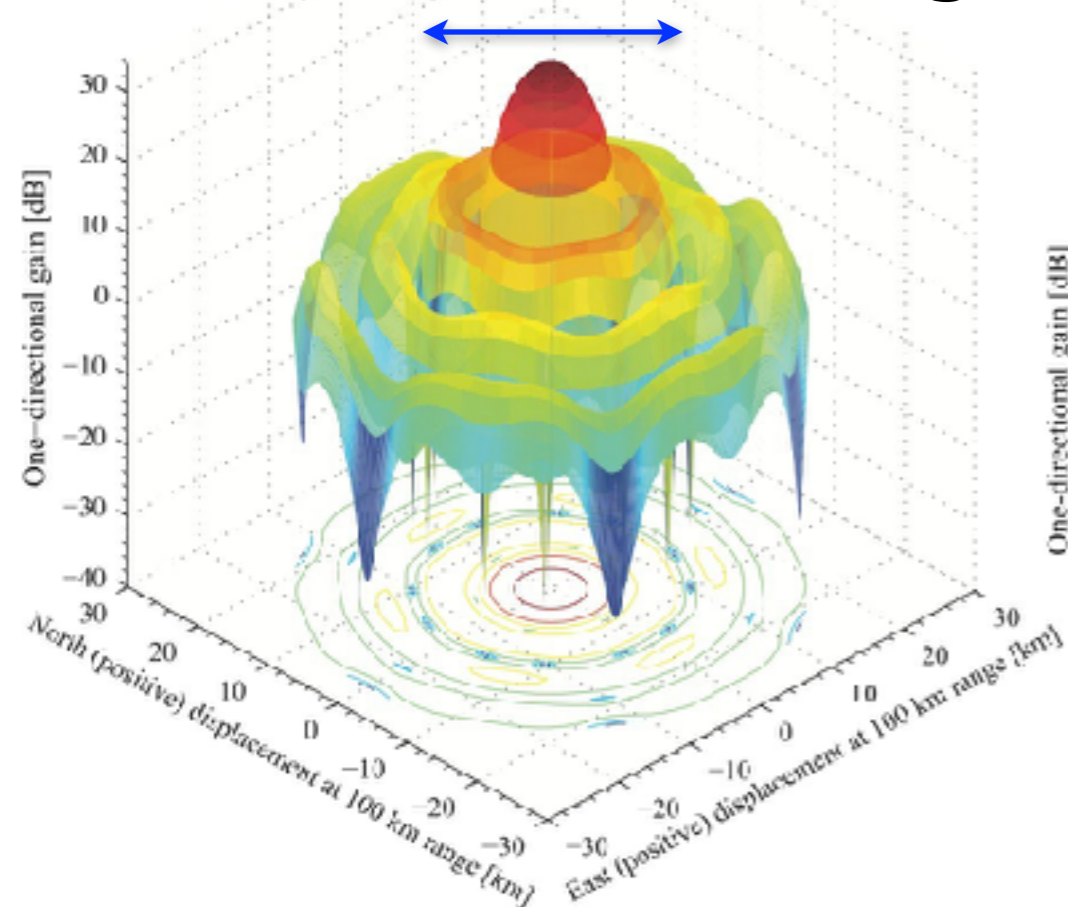
>180k meteoroids were detected during 2009-2016

average velocity error = 0.25 km/s
average perihelion distance = 0.003 AU
3,000 - 4,000 meteor head echoes / day

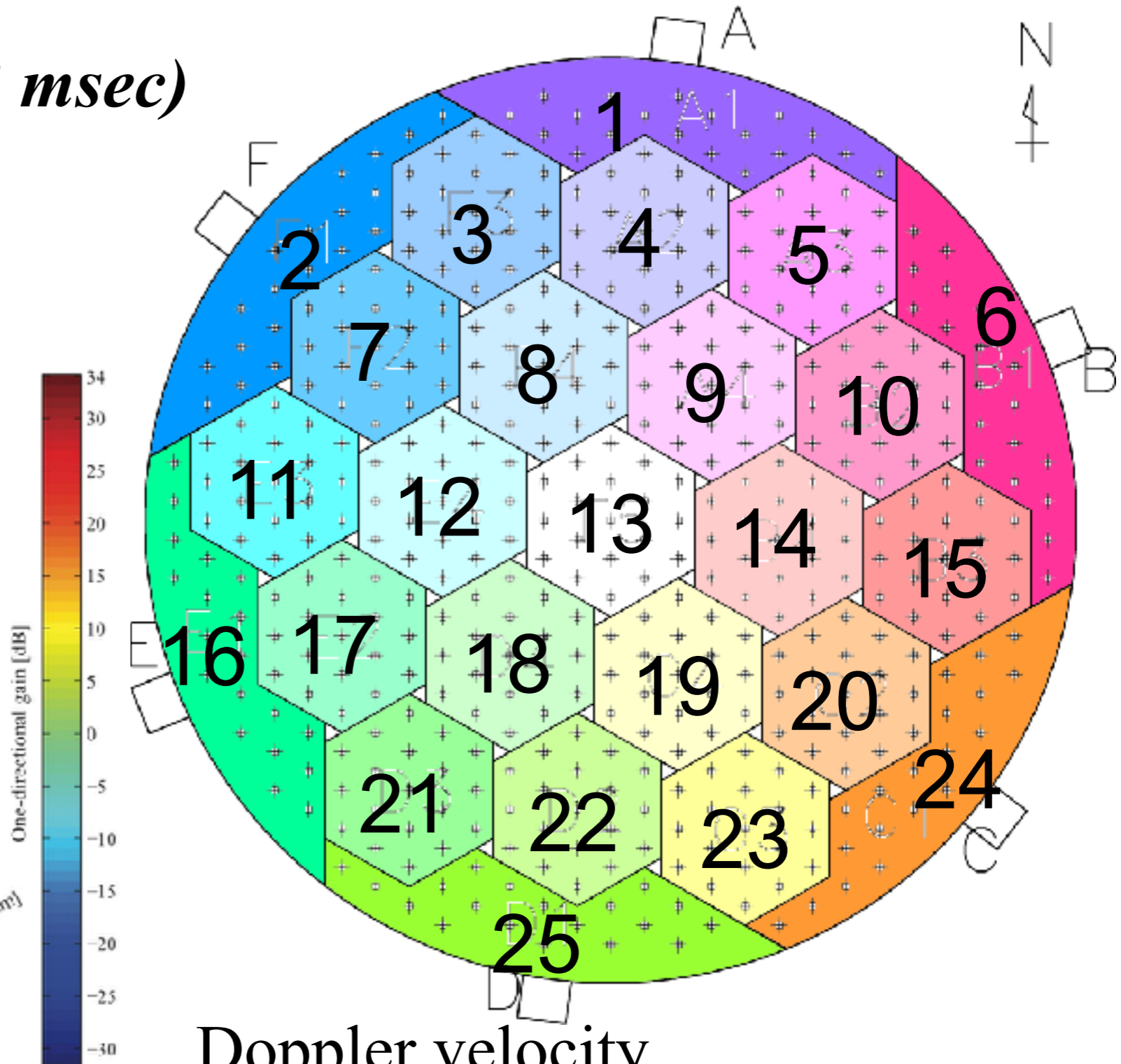
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- *Digital 25 channels*
- *332 times per second (3 msec)*
- *85 ranges every 3 msec*
- *Data rate ~20 GB/hour*

effective FOV ~5.5deg

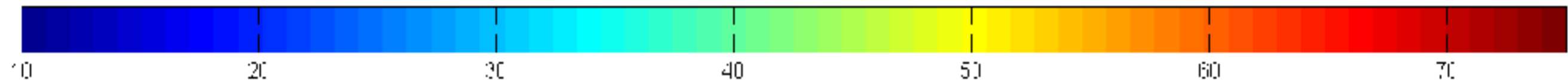
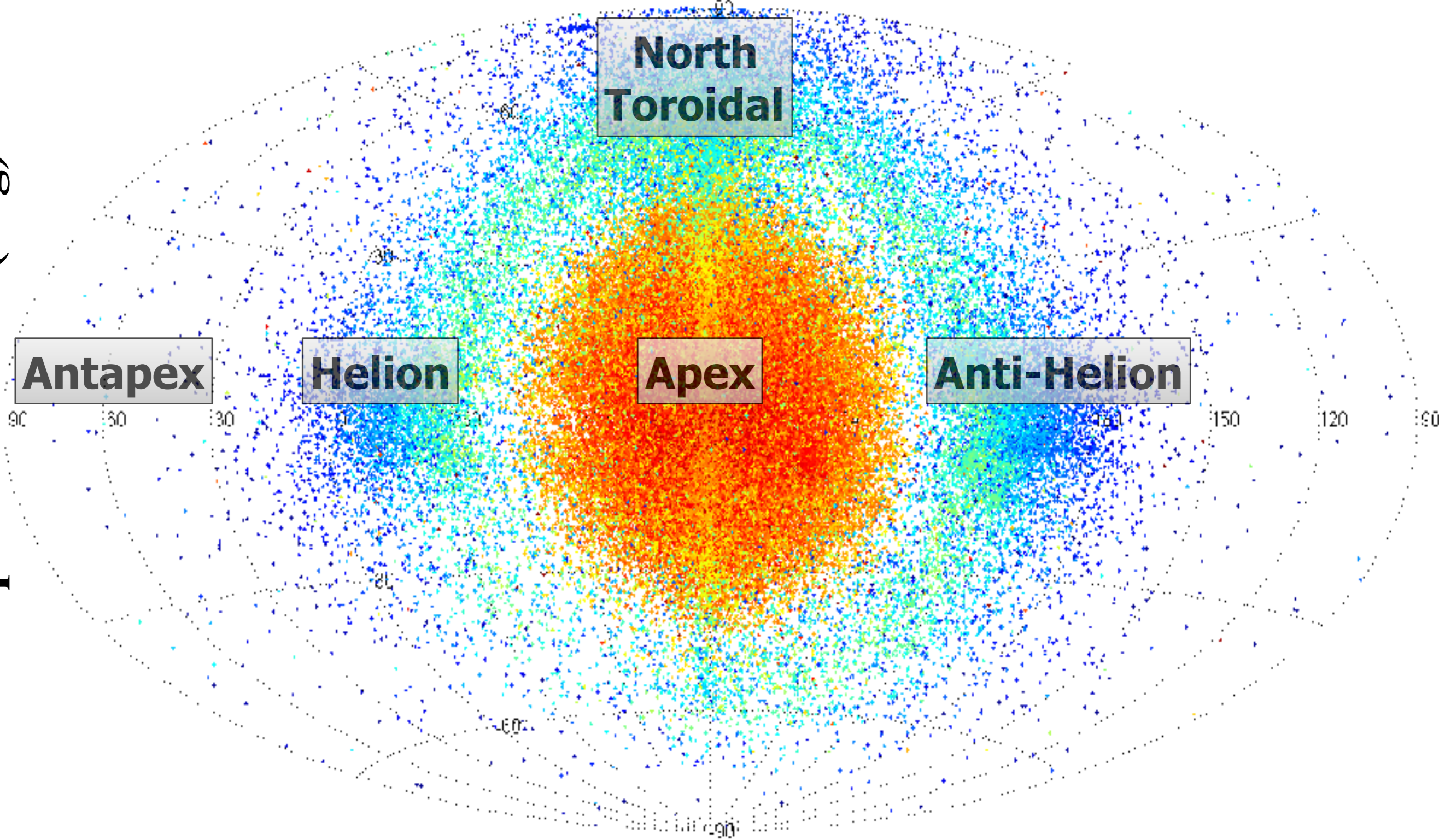


theoretical gain pattern



Doppler velocity
19 Interferometers

Ecliptic Latitude (deg)

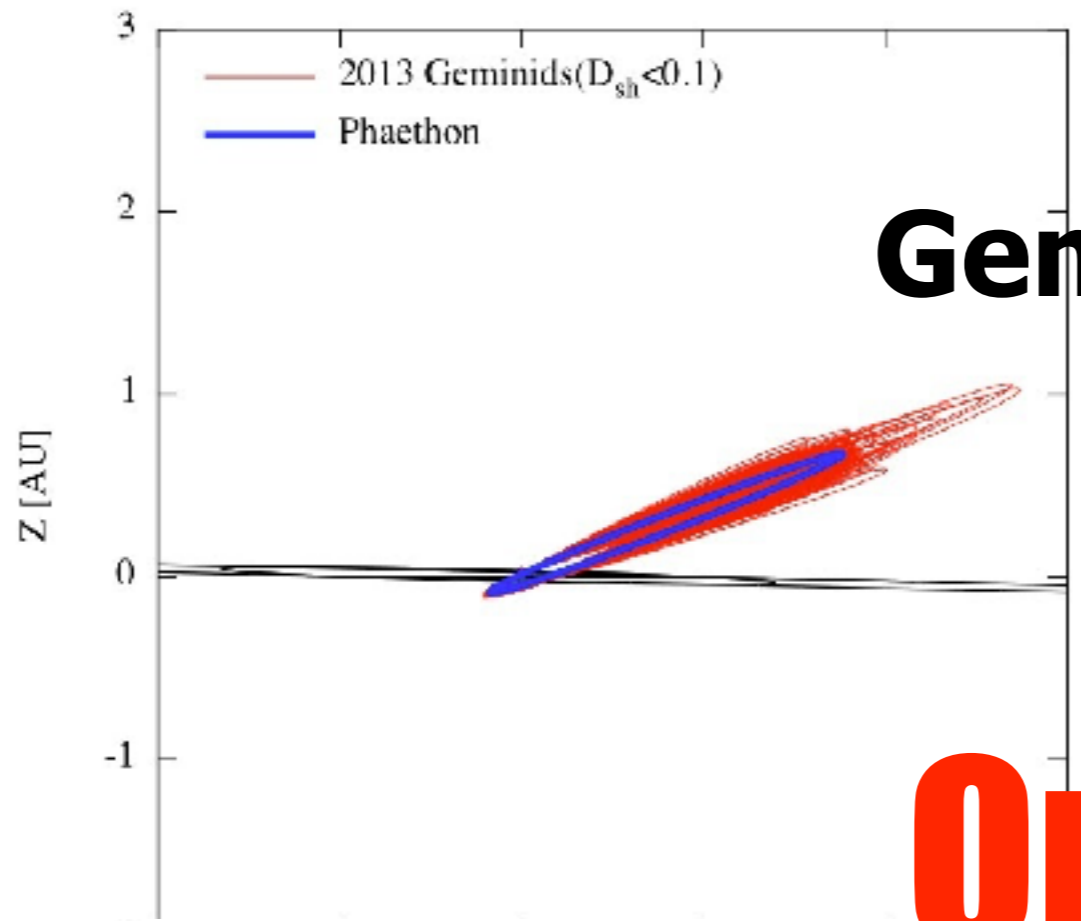


Geocentric velocity (km/s)

Kero+ (2010)

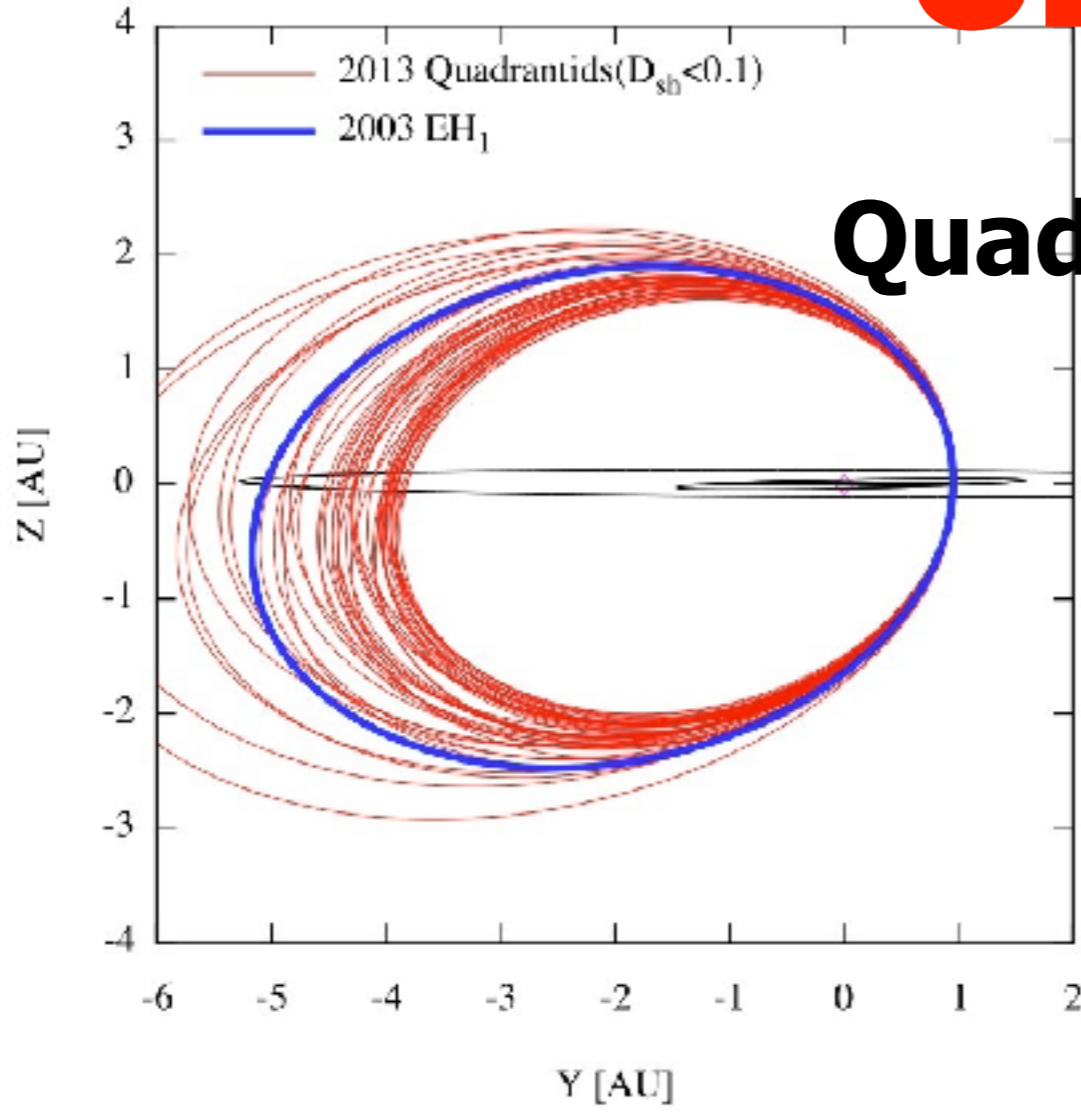
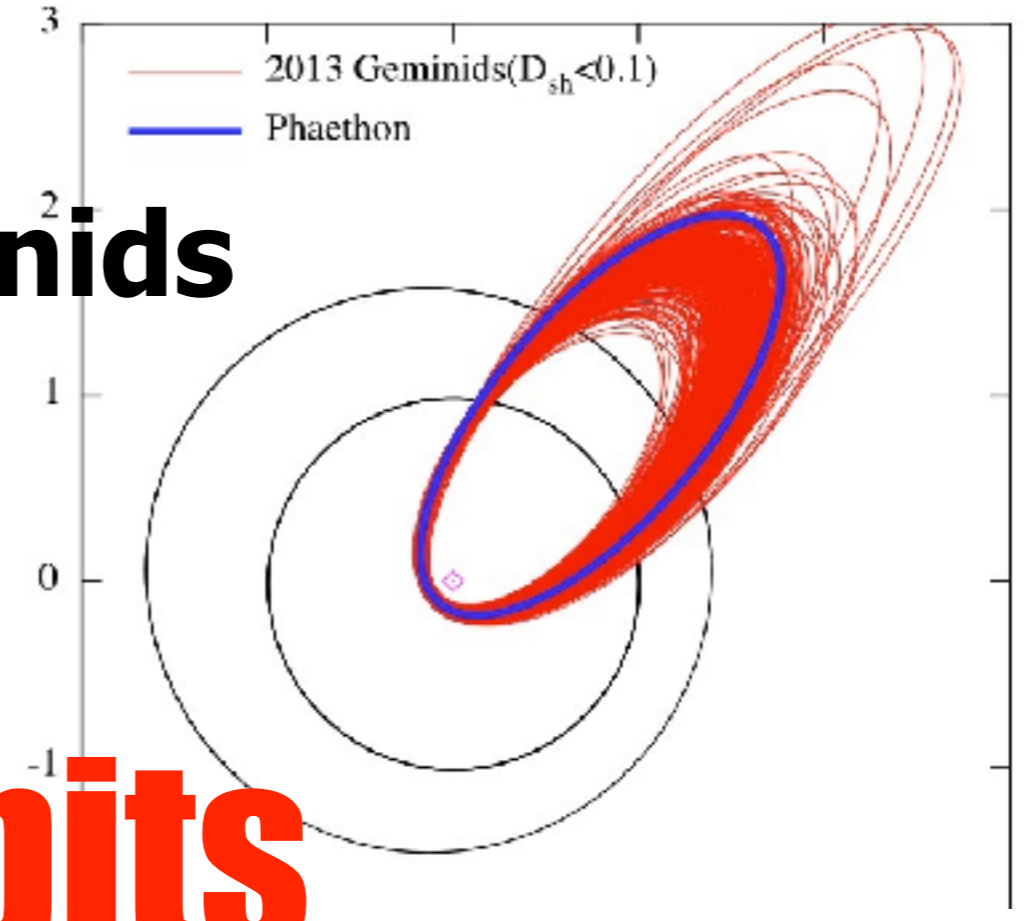
Abe, Kero, Nakamura+, in prep

Ecliptic Longitude from Earth apex (deg)

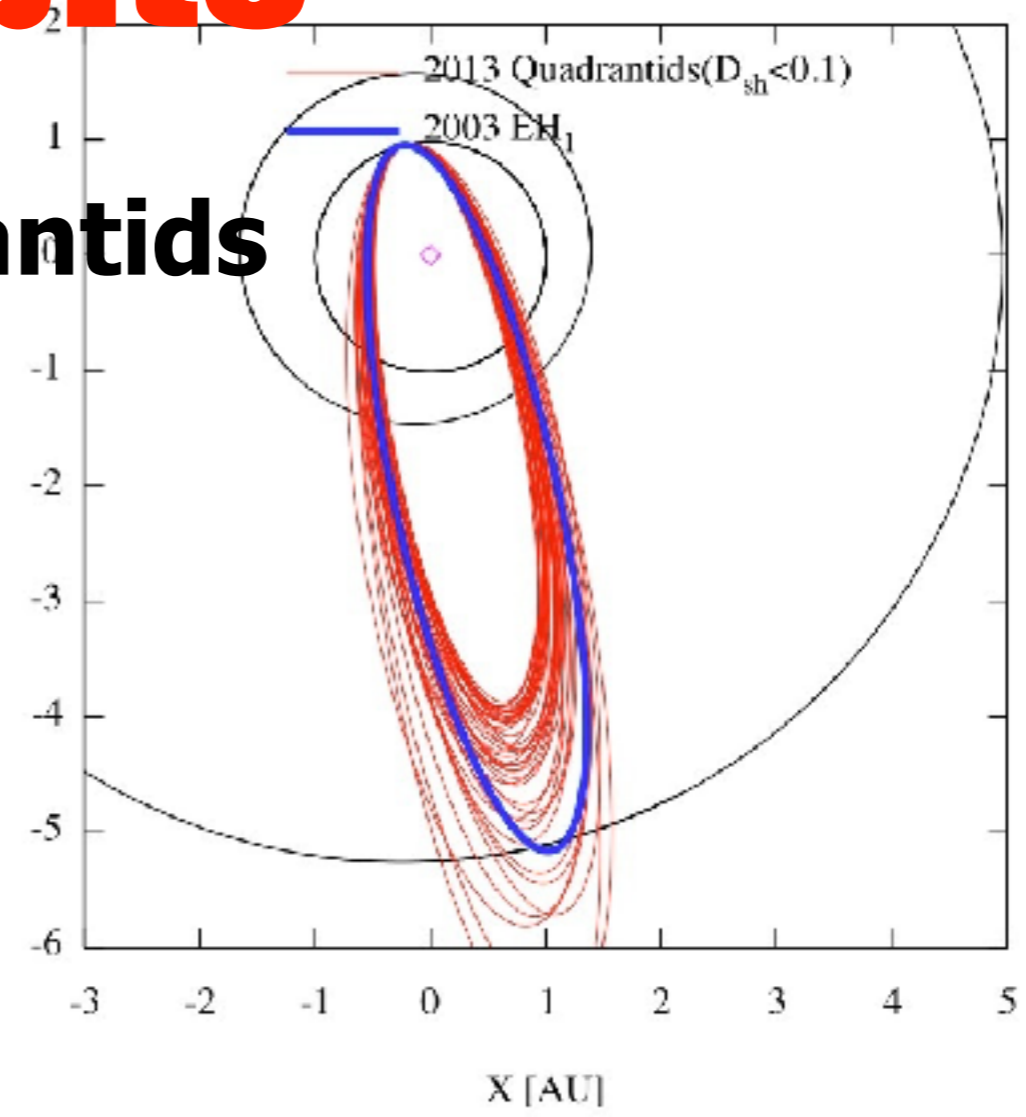


Geminids

Orbits



Quadrantids

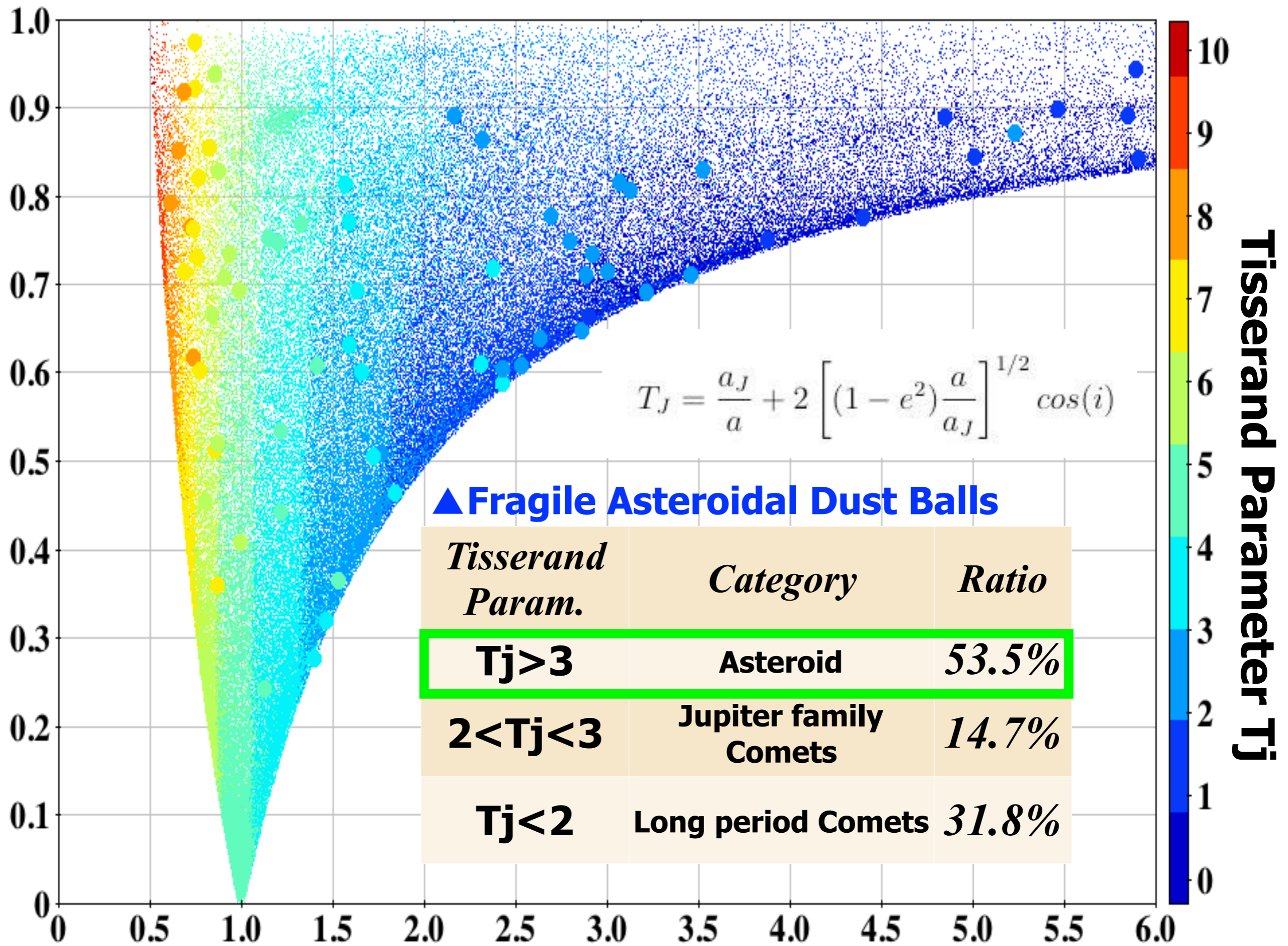


Comparison of Orbits between MU Radar and Optical Observations

Object	<i>Date</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>i</i>	ω	Ω	D_{sh}
	<i>UT</i>	au	—	°	°	°	—
Phaethon	-	1.27	0.89	22.2	322.1	265.2	-
1-radar	Dec/14	1.27	0.89	23.6	325.1	262.6	
1-opt	15:29	1.22	0.88	23.5	325.1	262.6	0.013
2-radar	Dec/13	1.20	0.89	24.1	325.8	261.7	
2-opt	18:49	1.39	0.91	23.2	325.8	261.7	0.030
3-radar	Dec/13	1.21	0.89	22.5	324.5	261.6	
3-opt	16:14	1.26	0.88	22.7	324.5	261.6	0.037
Geminids	2010	1.30	0.899	25.0	326.1	262.3	-

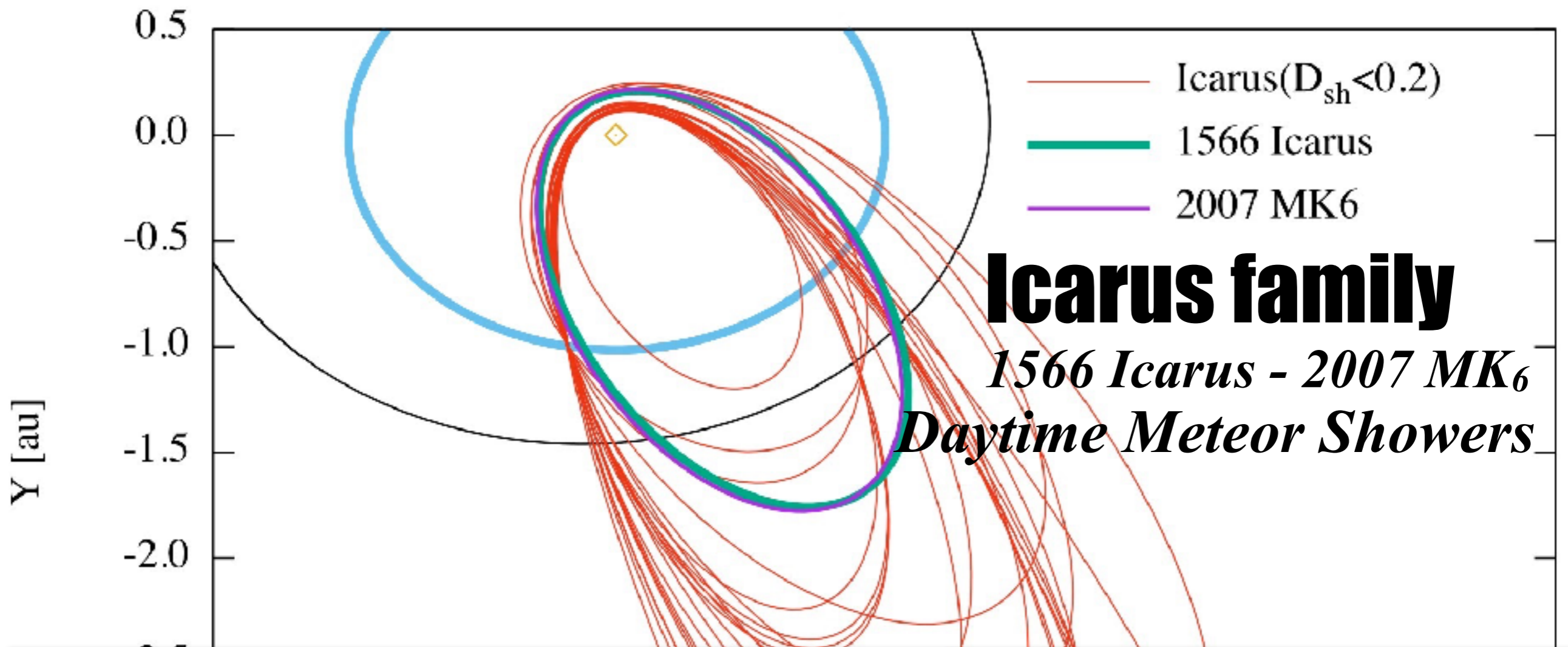
Orbital determination by Meteor Head-echo and optical observation is comparable.

Eccentricity

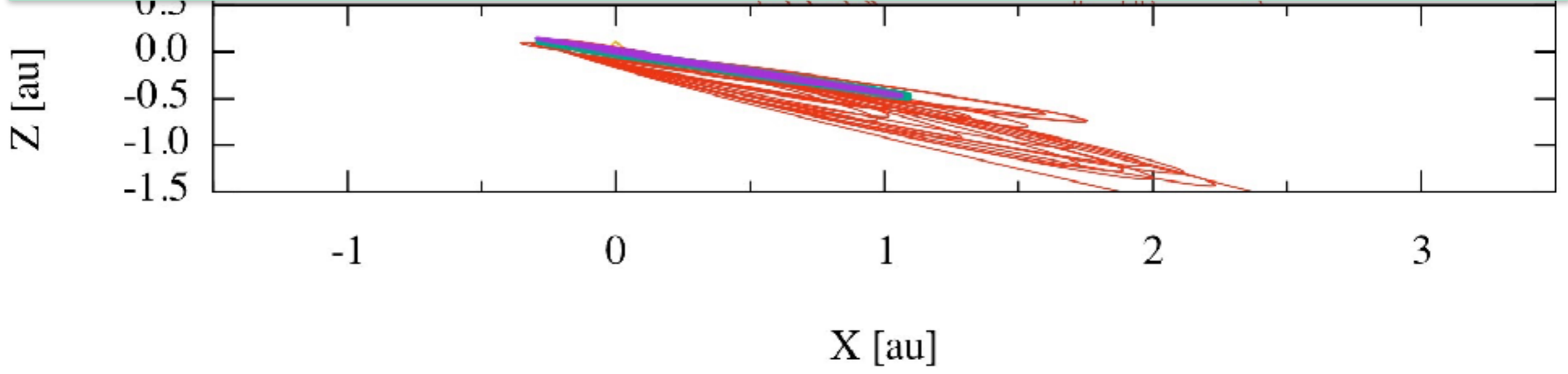


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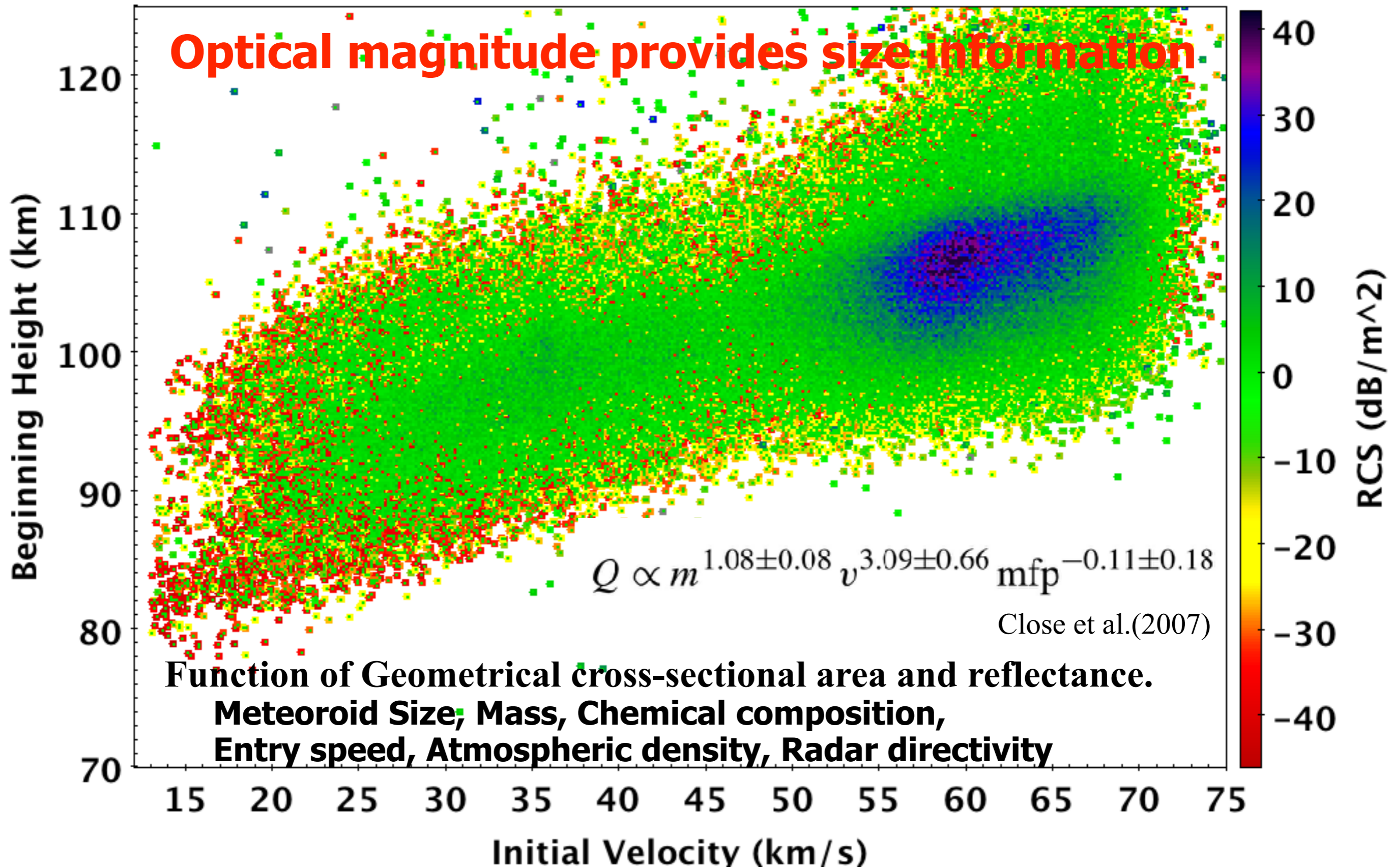
Semimajor Axis [AU]

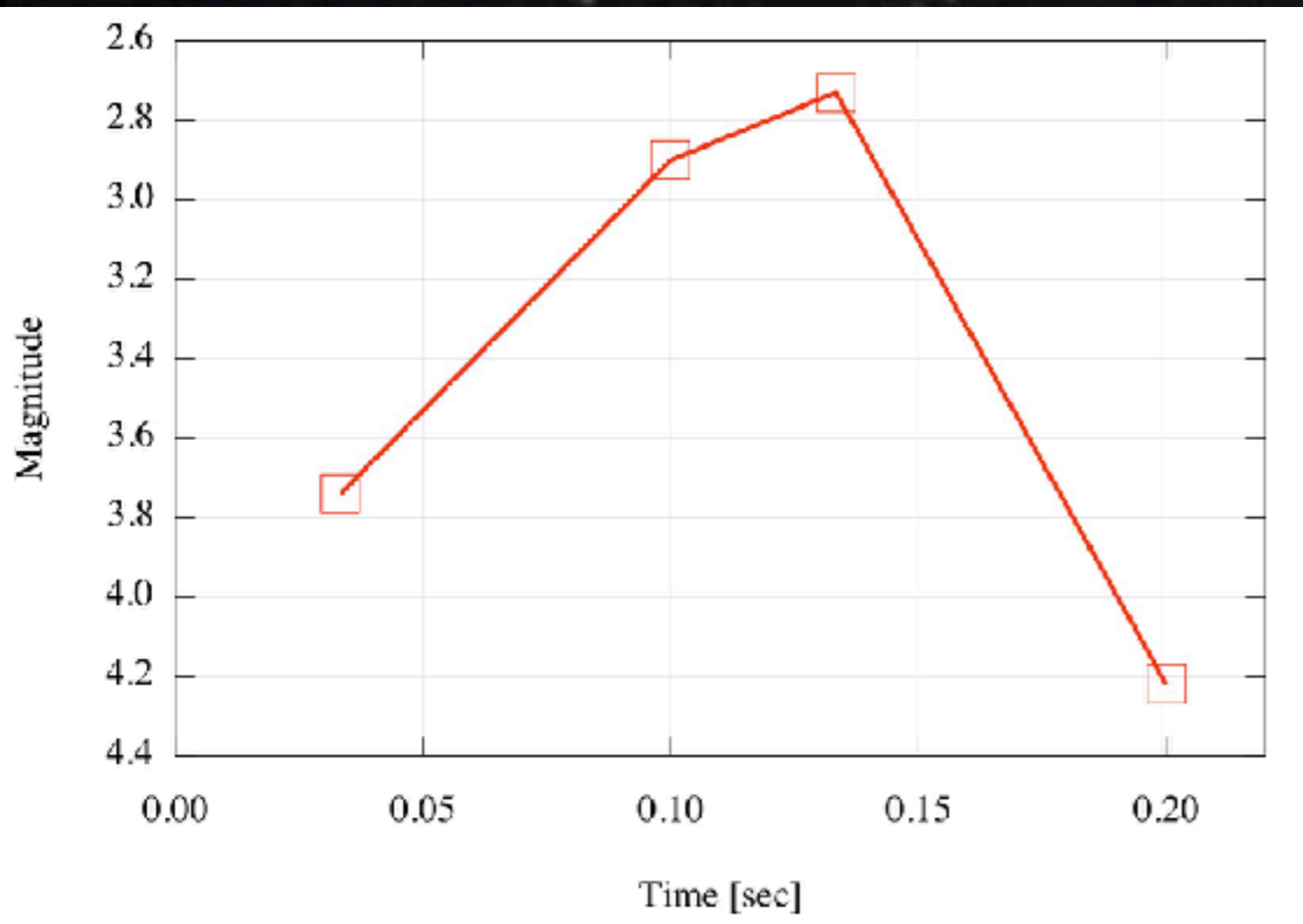


Poster P1-20; Sawai, Funabashi
Observations of Break-up Near-Earth Asteroid's Candidates
Icarus - 2007MK6 & Phaethon - 2005UD



RCS (Radar Cross Section) controversy





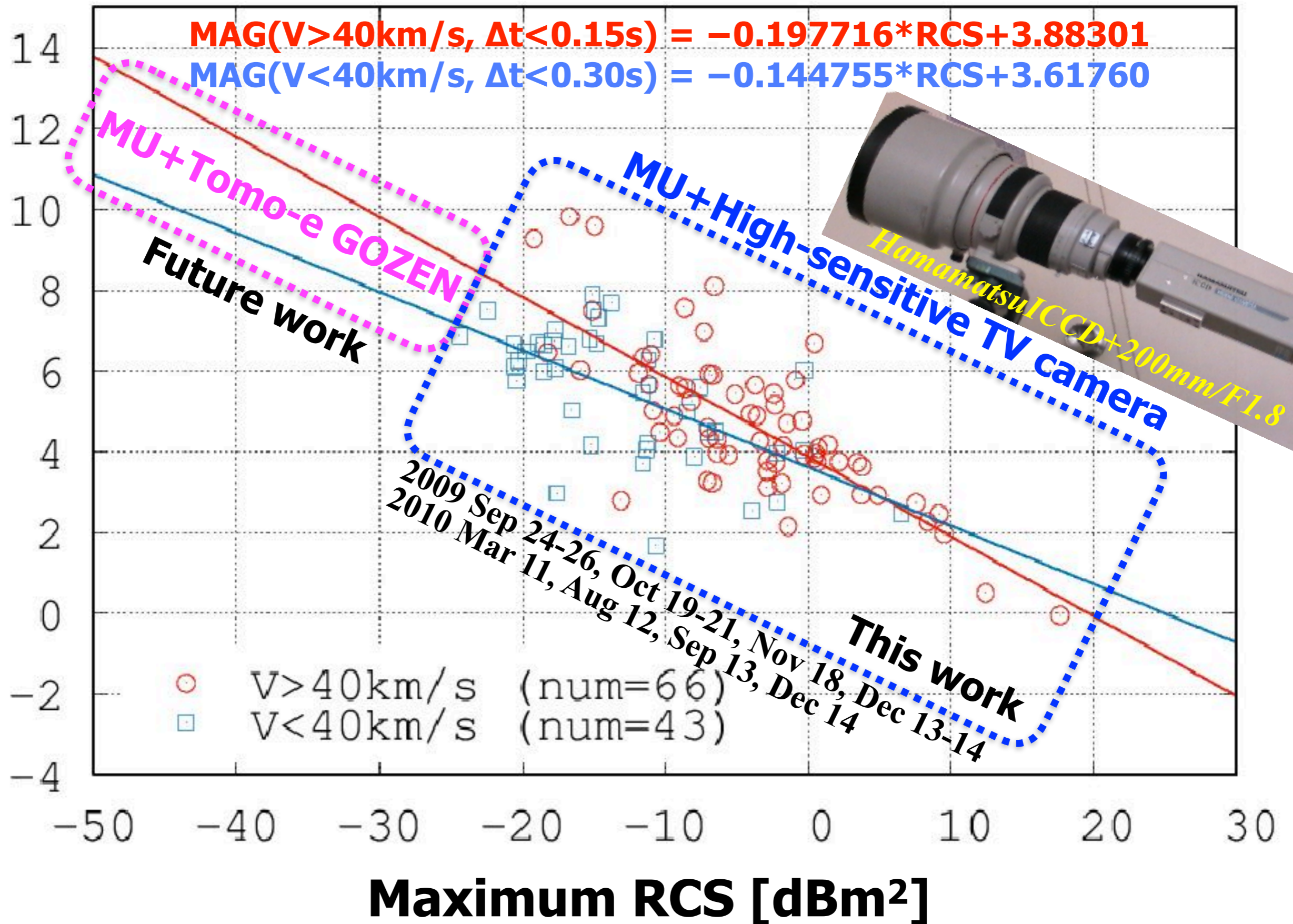
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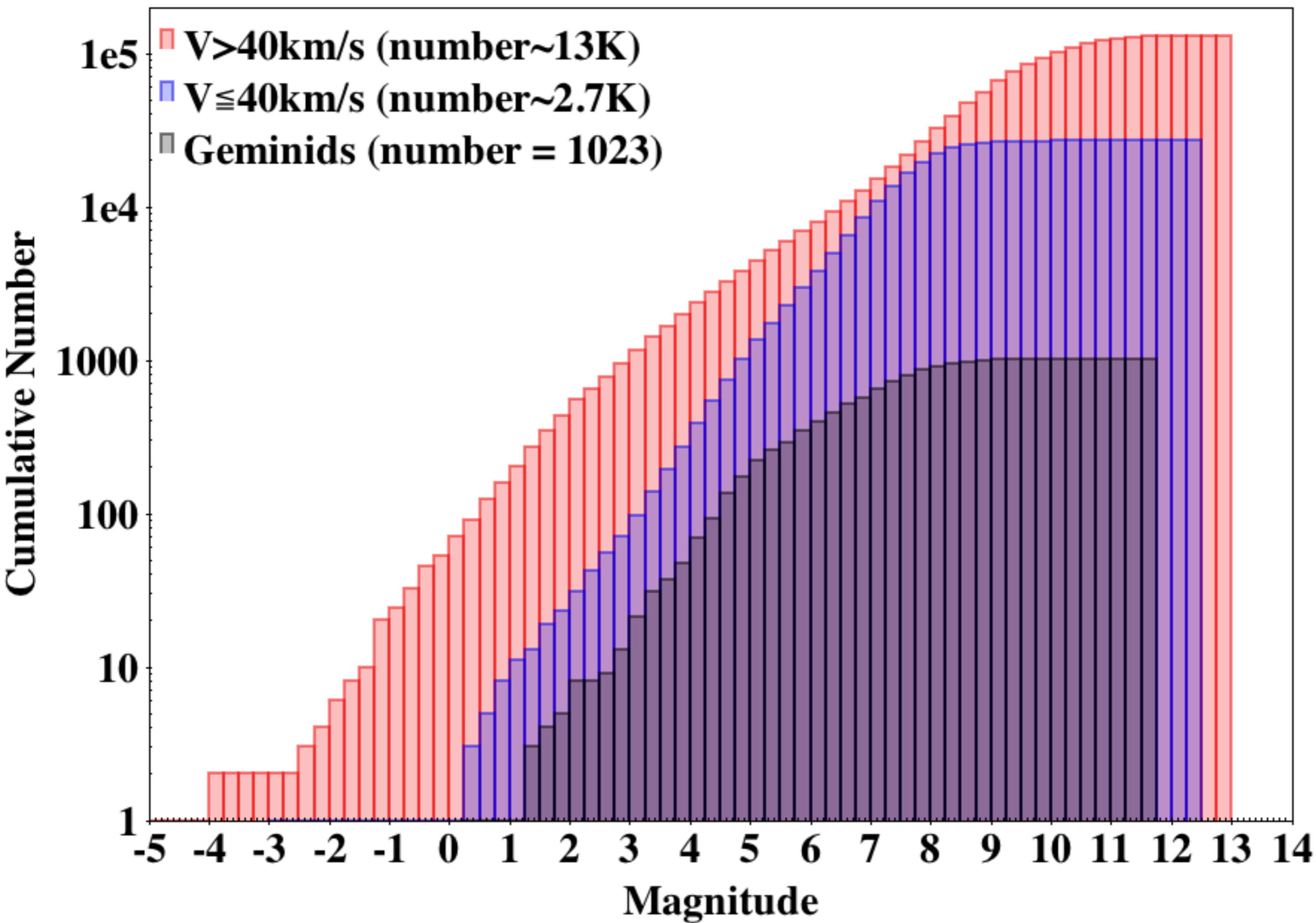
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Simultaneous observation with MU Head-echo and TV

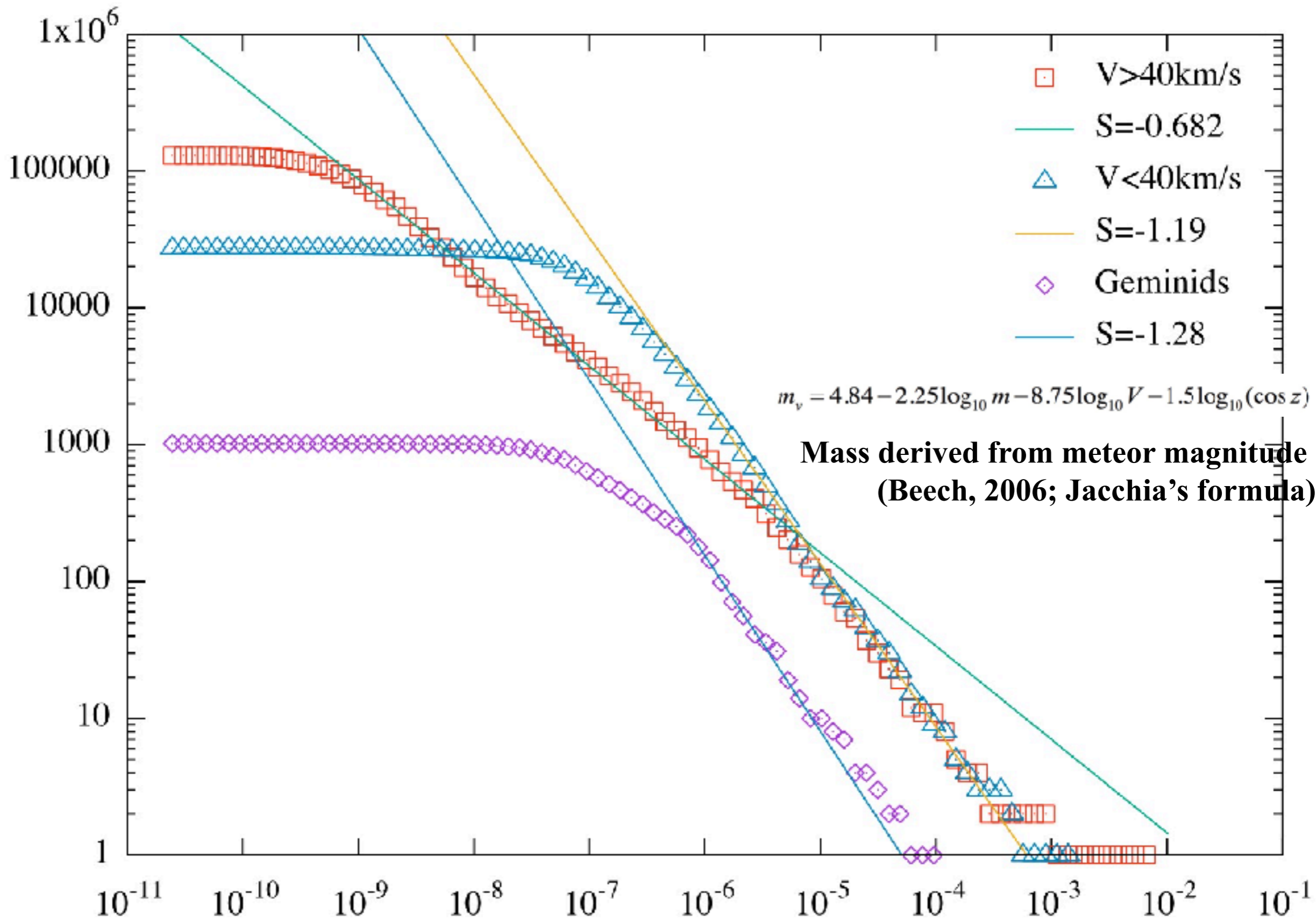
Visual magnitude as functions of RCS

Maximum visual magnitude





Cumulative Number



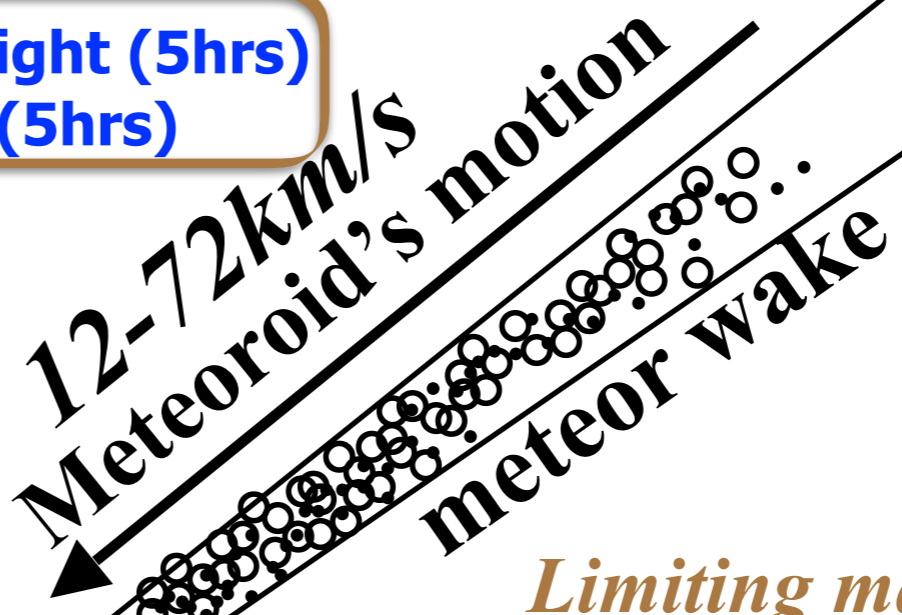
Mass [g]

~1000 orbits and size distribution per night (5hrs)
~100 spectroscopy with orbit per night (5hrs)

Collaboration for ultra-faint meteors

Meteoroid

Meteor head
Dense plasma



*Limiting magnitude for stars
~19 mag. (2Hz at V-band)*

332Hz
D=103m
FOV ~ Φ 4deg
46.5MHz, 1MW

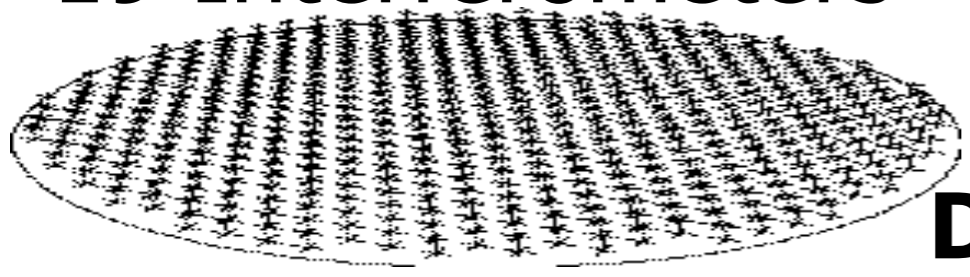
faint meteors ~13th mag.

2Hz
D=1.05m
FOV ~ Φ 9deg
400-700nm

19 Interferometers

Height; 70-130km

Distance ~173km



MU Radar

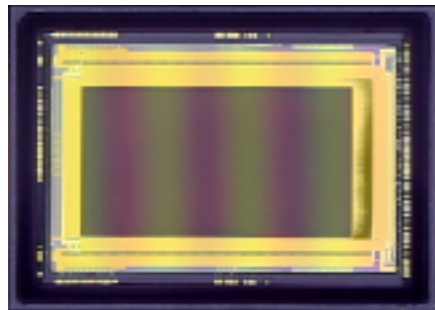
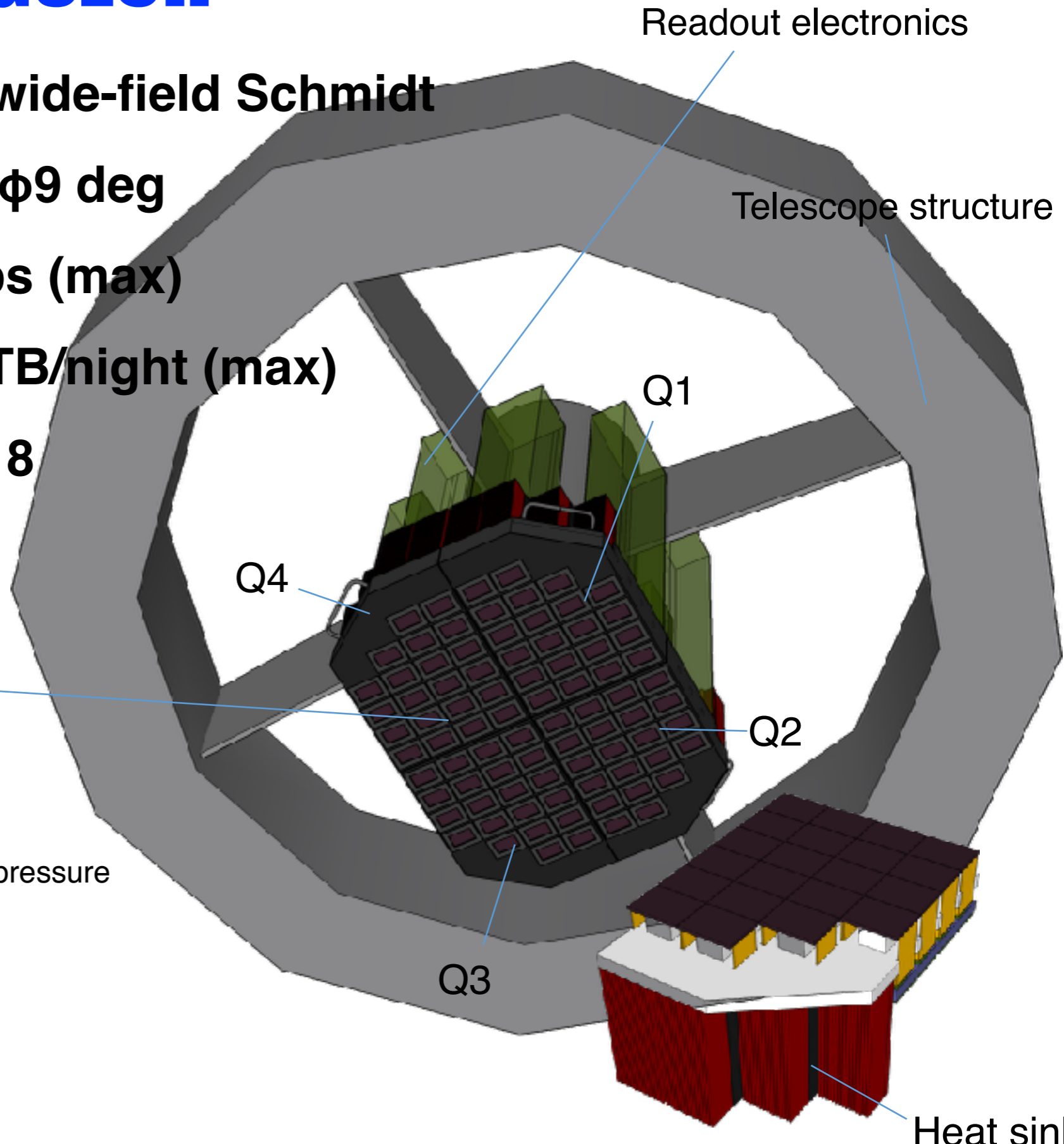
Schmidt telescope



the first astronomical wide-field CMOS camera the Tomo-e Gozen

Final model of Tomo-e Gozen

- Telescope Kiso 105-cm wide-field Schmidt
- Field of view 20 deg² in ϕ 9 deg
- Data acquisition rate 2 fps (max)
- Data production rate 30 TB/night (max)
- Commissioning Aug. 2018
- Operation 10 years



front-side CMOS w micro-lenses

Canon

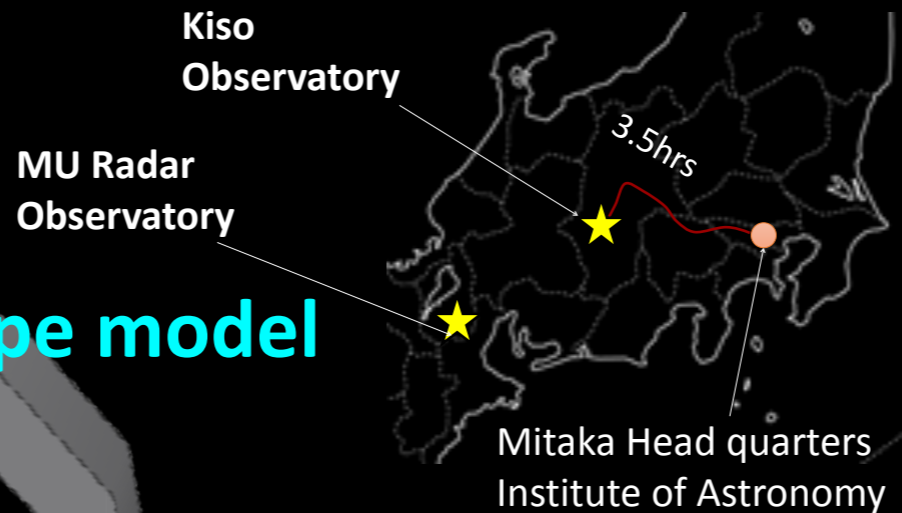
CMOS sensor x84
 Room temperature and ordinal atmospheric pressure
 Low noise

Sako et al. 2016, SPIE
 Ohsawa et al. 2016, SPIE



Kiso observatory, Institute of Astronomy, the University of Tokyo

8 chips of CMOS sensor

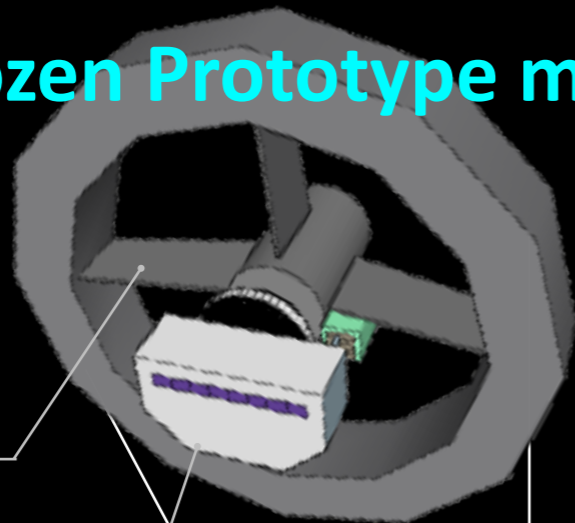


380 mm



590 mm

Tomo-e Gozen Prototype model



Spider structure of telescope

Tomo-e Gozen prototype model

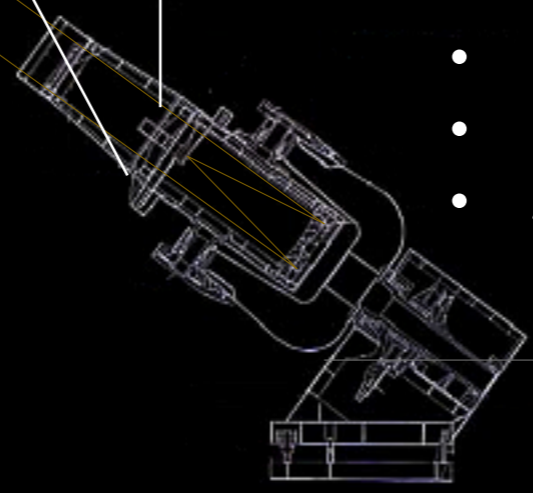


- Established in 1974
- Open use operation
- Dark sky, 1120-m altitude
- Accommodation, Cafeteria



Kiso 105cm Schmidt telescope

Sako et al. 2016, SPIE
Ohsawa et al. 2016, SPIE



Comparison of Field of Views

HSC/Subaru (8.2m) , 1.8 deg²,
 $A\Omega = 91$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ days

SC/Subaru (8.2m) , 0.3 deg²,
 $A\Omega = 16$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ days

ZTF (1.2m) , 47 deg² (2017-),
 $A\Omega = 40$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ days

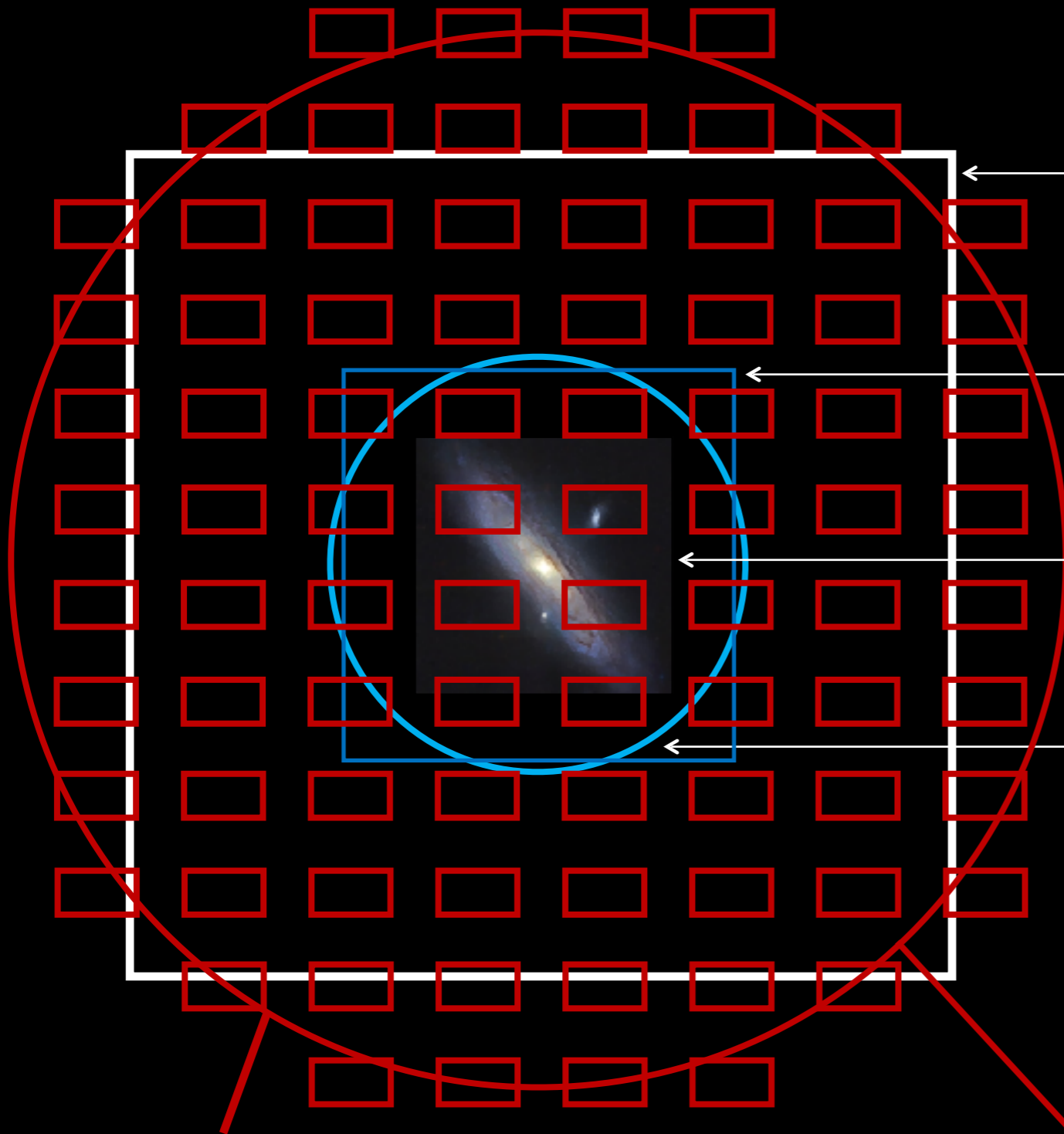
Pan-STARRS (1.8m), 9 deg², $A\Omega =$
15 , $\Delta\tau \sim$ days

KWFC (1.0m), 4.8 deg²,
 $A\Omega = 3.8$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ hours

LSST (8.4m), 9.6 deg² (2023-),
 $A\Omega = 320$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ hours

Tomo-e Gozen
20 deg² in ϕ 9 deg
 $A\Omega = 28$, $\Delta\tau \sim$ subsec
Mosaic CMOS sensors

FoV of KISO 1-m Schmidt telescope



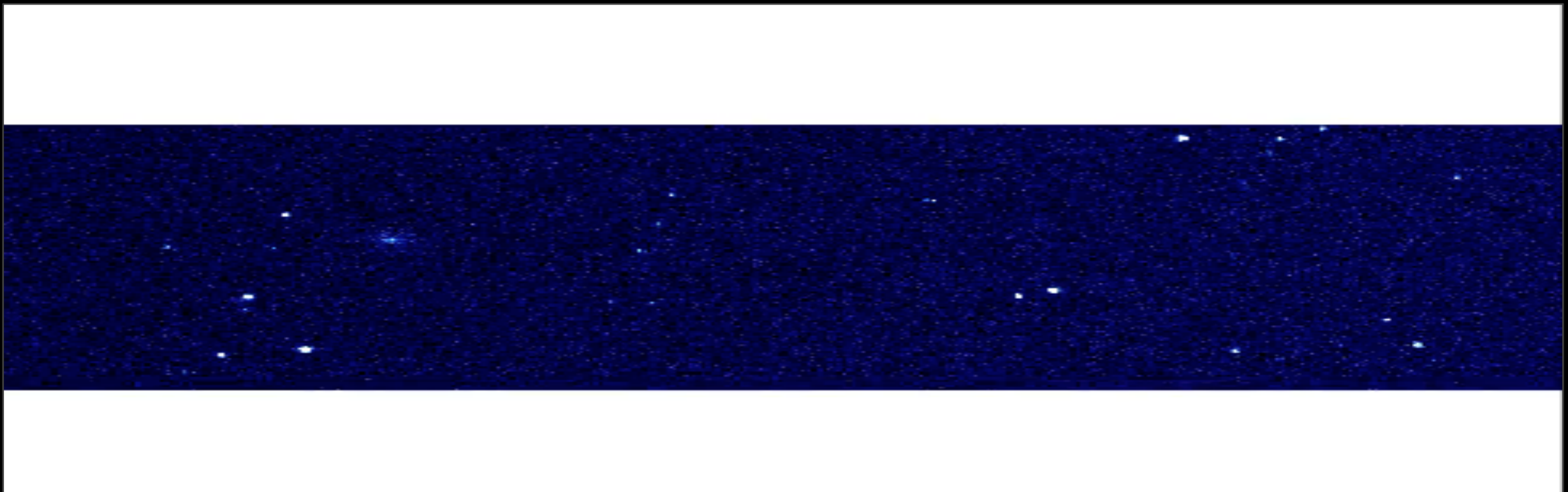
Data sample obtained by Tomo-e PM



First light image, h-x Per open star cluster
(1 chip, 5 sec exposure, FoV of 39.7' x 22.4')



High dynamic image of M42 Orion nebula
(1 chip, 0.5 sec/exposure x 5,018 frames)



Movie data (10 fps, partial readout, 1 chip)

Example of Faint meteors by Tomo-e GOZEN

Trail of faint meteor

- Faint meteors up to 13 - 14 mag detected. (World record).
- About 1,000 events of sporadic meteors detected in a night (World record).

Faint Meteors Imaging ~ 13 th magnitude

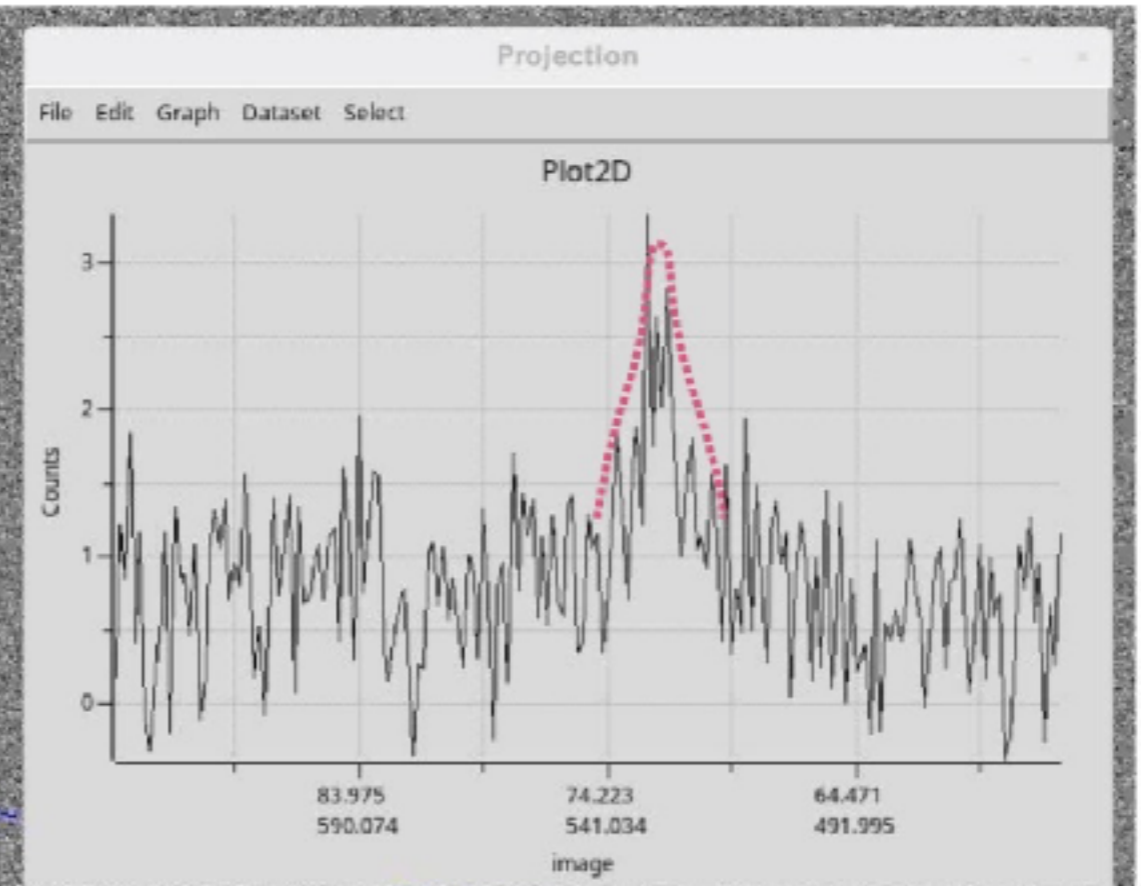
An Image containing **a faint meteor** (stellar sources are masked)

April 11, 2016

1514 events / 5 hours

15 meteors / 180 sec

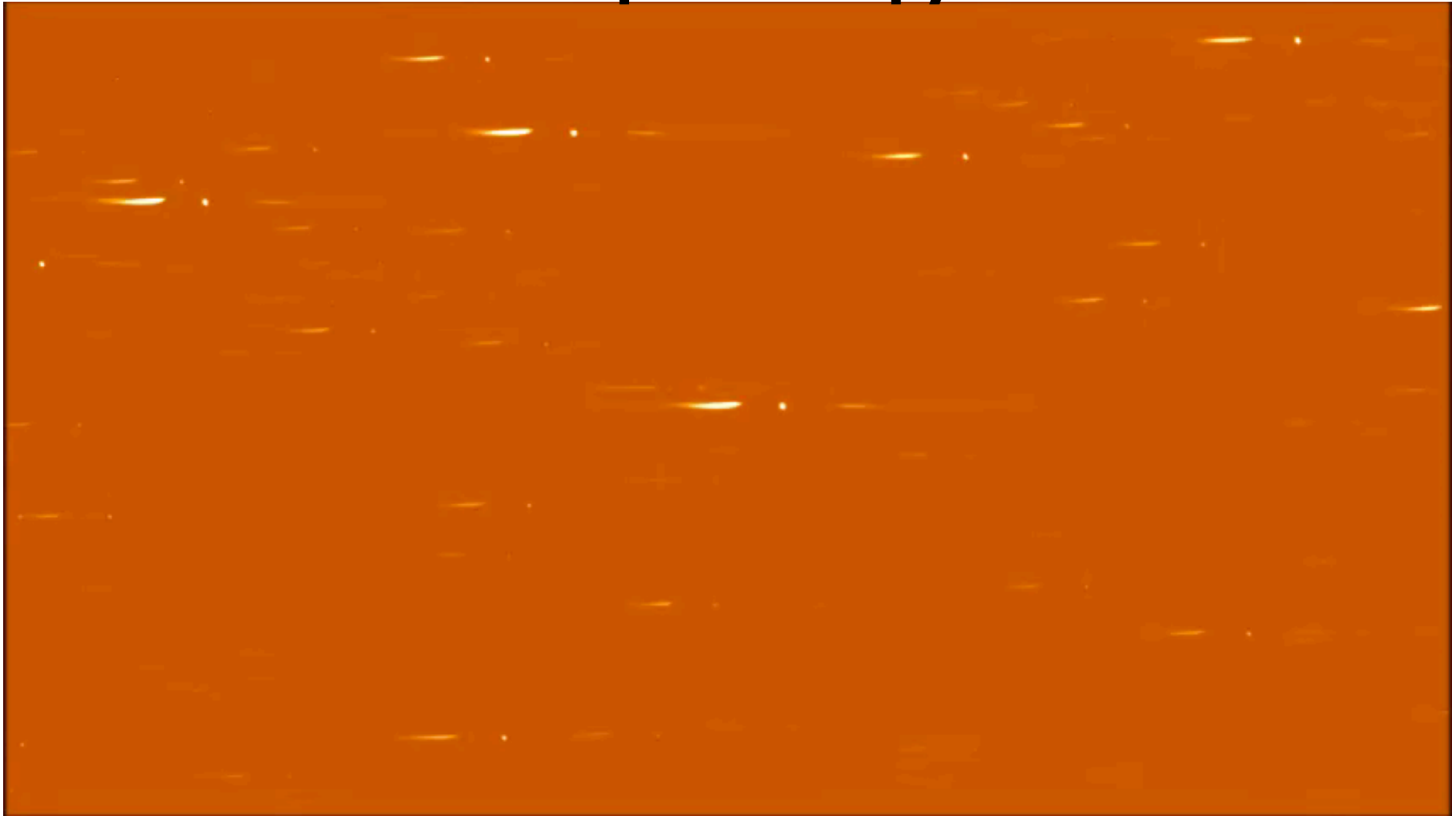
V Magnitude = 4.5 - 12.5



Detected Faint Meteors by Hough transform algorithm

Osawa, Sako, et al. (Univ. Tokyo)

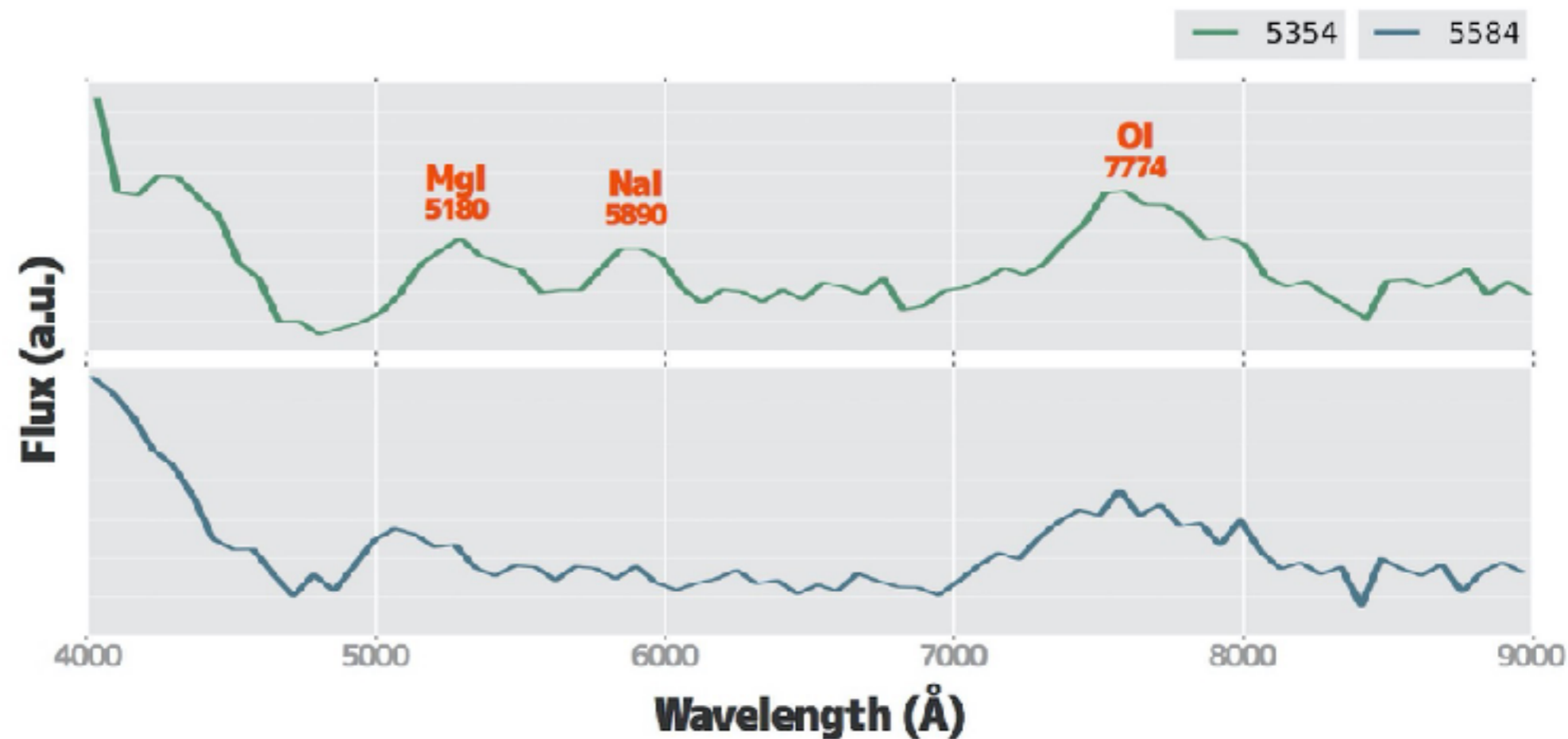
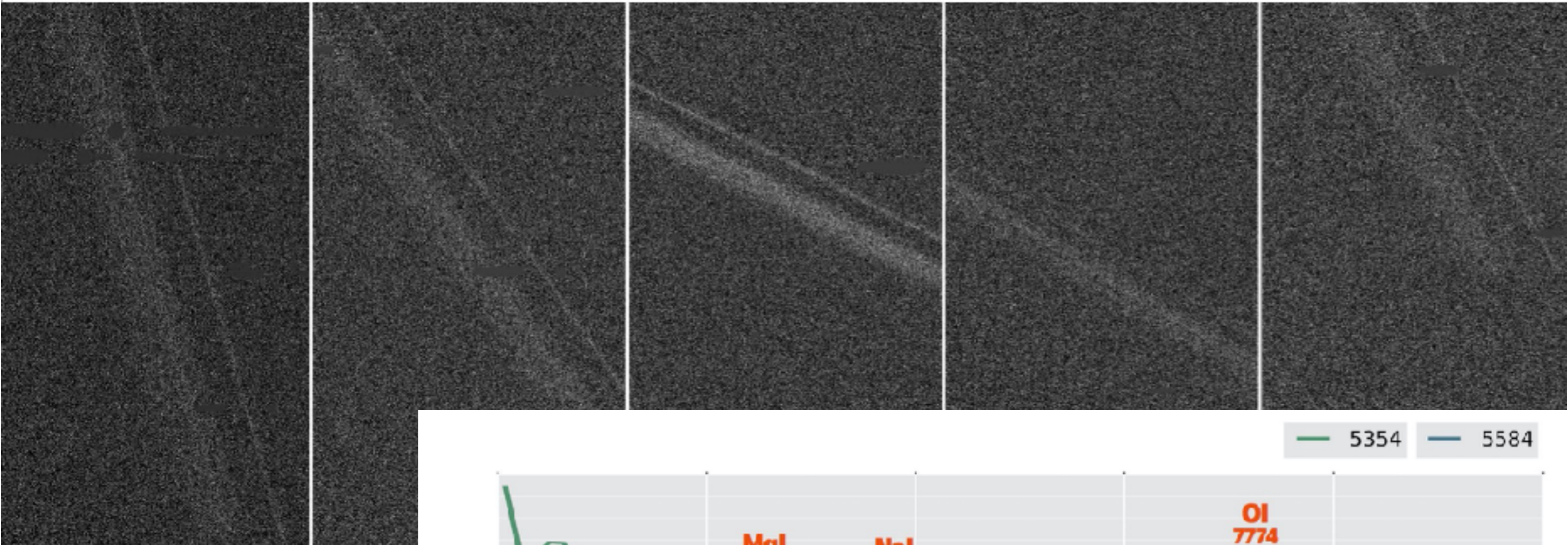
Movie data of Grism spectroscopy for faint meteors



~8-9th magnitude with $R=10$

Spectroscopy for Ultra-faint Meteors

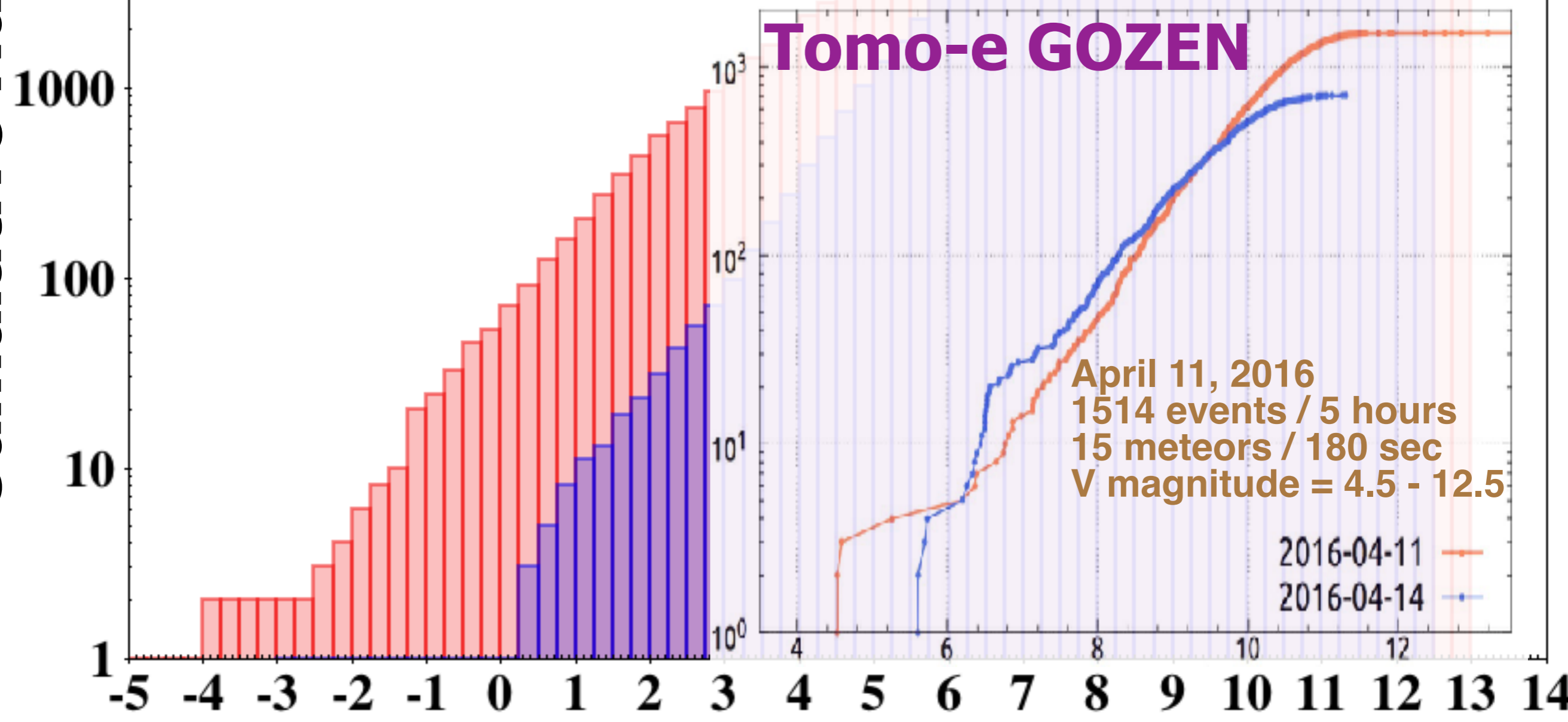
~8-9th magnitude with $R=10$



Cumulative Number

■ $V > 40 \text{ km/s}$ (number $\sim 13 \text{ K}$)
■ $V \leq 40 \text{ km/s}$ (number $\sim 2.7 \text{ K}$)

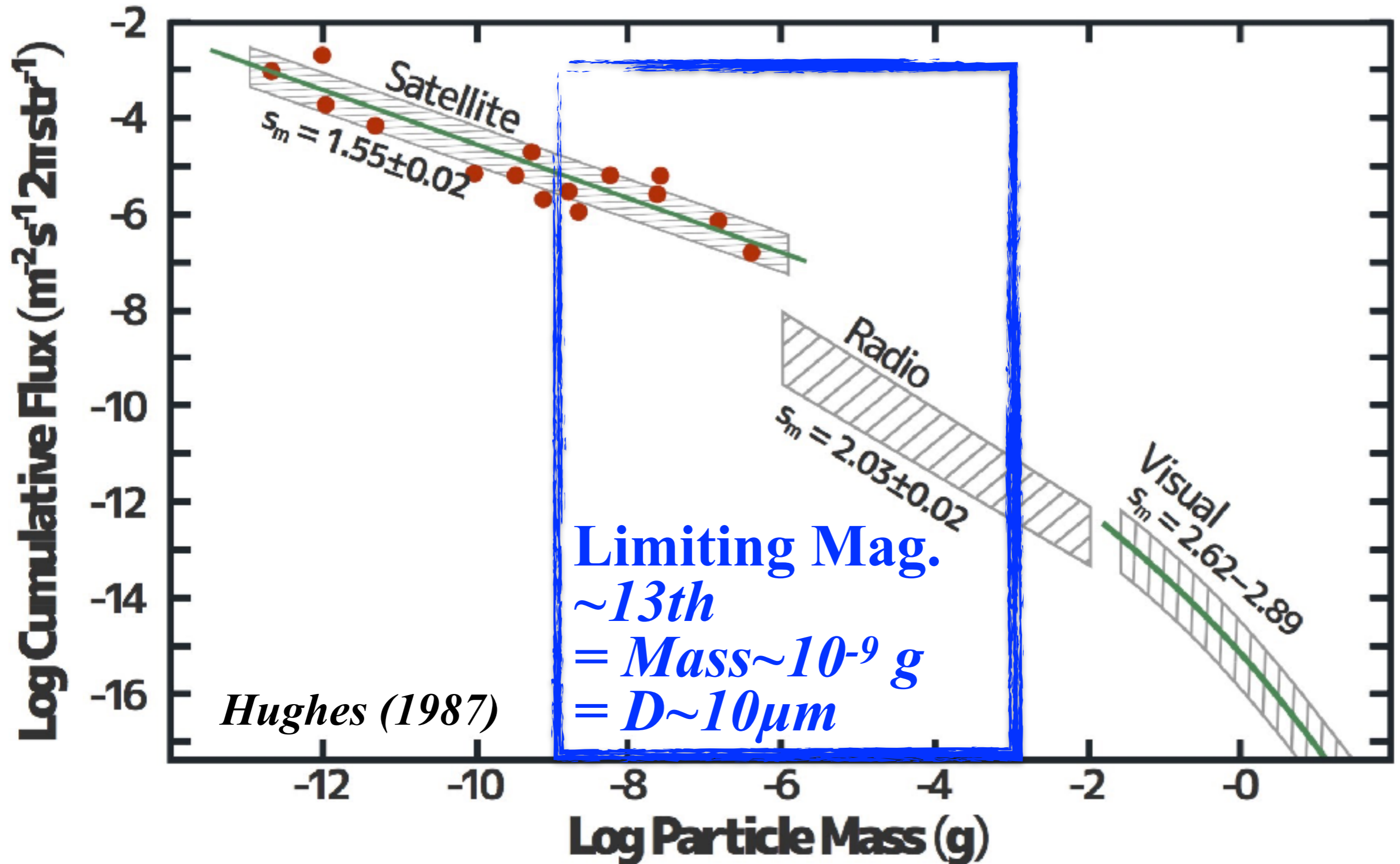
**Individual observations
by
Radar and Optical methods**



Magnitude

Sensitivity of MU Radar

Meter Head-echo & Tomo-e Observations



Summary

invisible Earth impactors are essential

New population “Fragile Dust Balls” was discovered.

D~100 μ m, V<20km, ~0.7%(biased) \rightarrow ~10% or more

Relationship btw RCS(Radar Cross Section) and Optical magnitude for faint meteors (~8th) was obtained.

Limiting Mag~13th = Mass~10⁻⁹ g = D~10 μ m

Simultaneous observation for ultra-faint meteors (~13th) using Radar and Optical Schmidt telescope is ready \rightarrow next winter

~1000 orbits and size distribution per night (in 5hrs)

~100 spectroscopy with orbit per night (in 5hrs)



STAR-ALE PROJECT

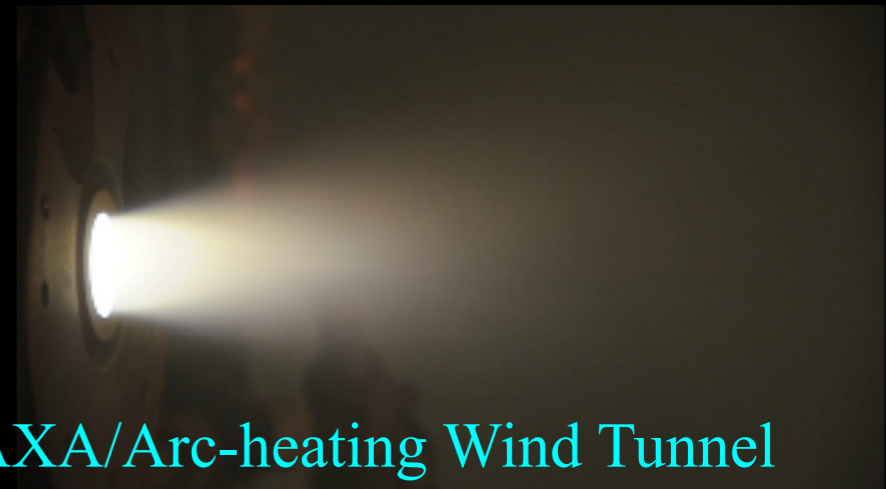
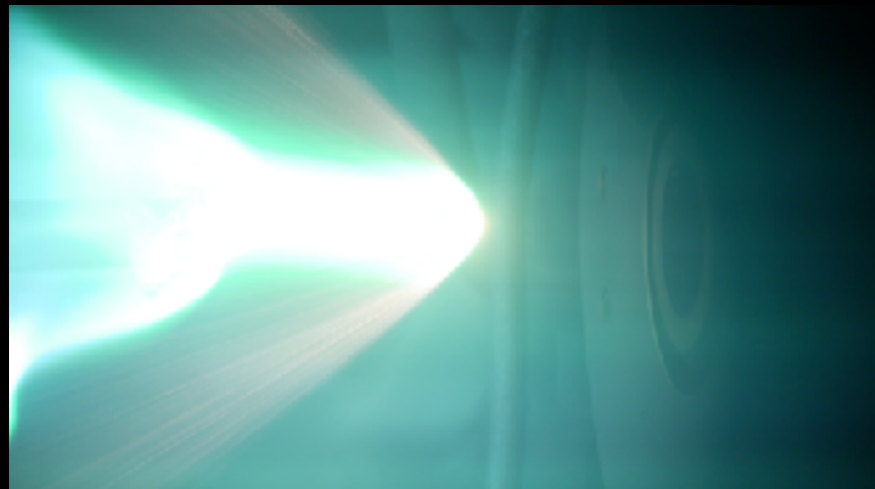
Artificial meteors for calibrating

Meteor observations by Radar and Optical

Thank You 謝謝

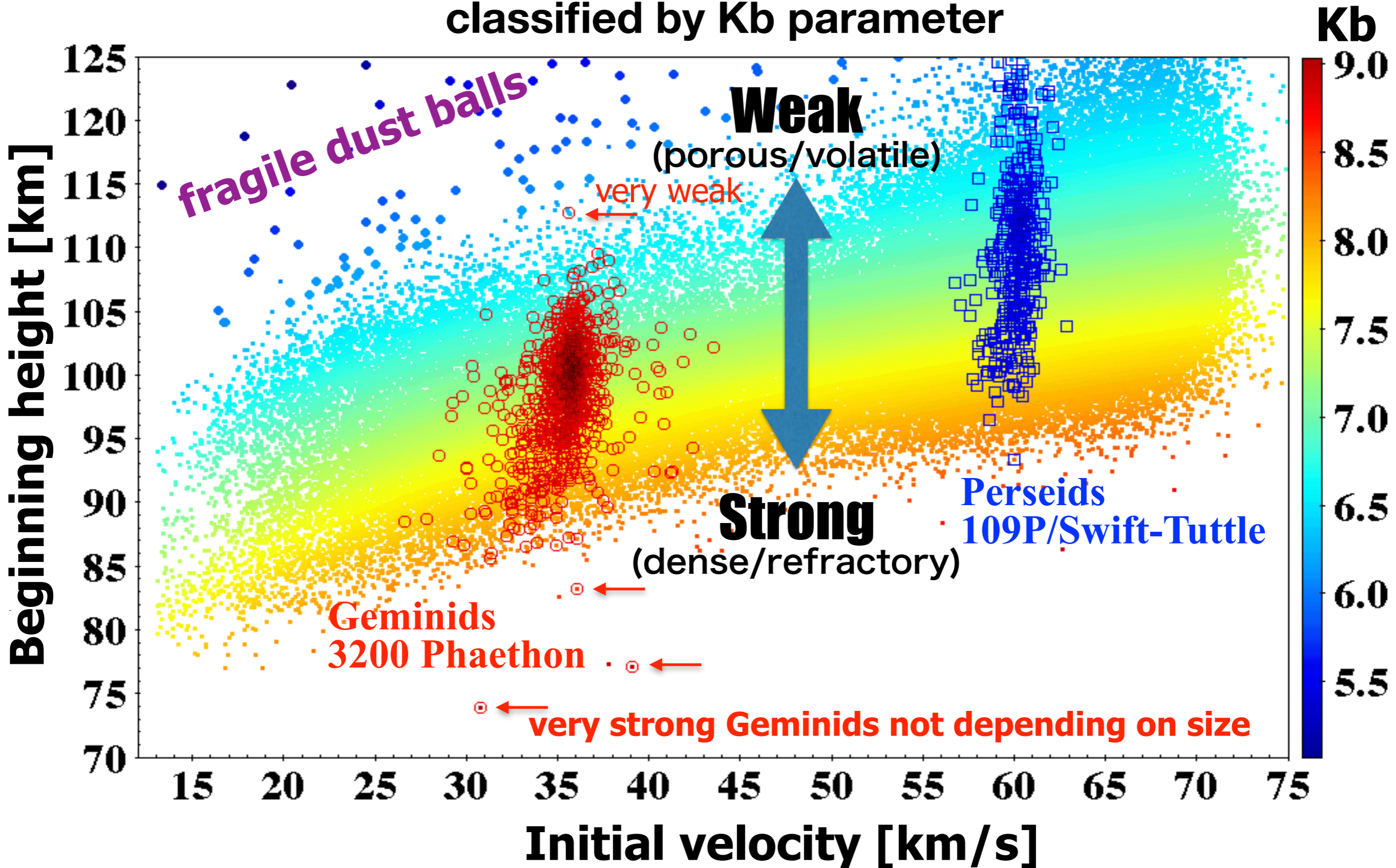
Artificial Meteors for Business & Science

Star-ALE Co. Ltd.; <http://www.star-ale.com>



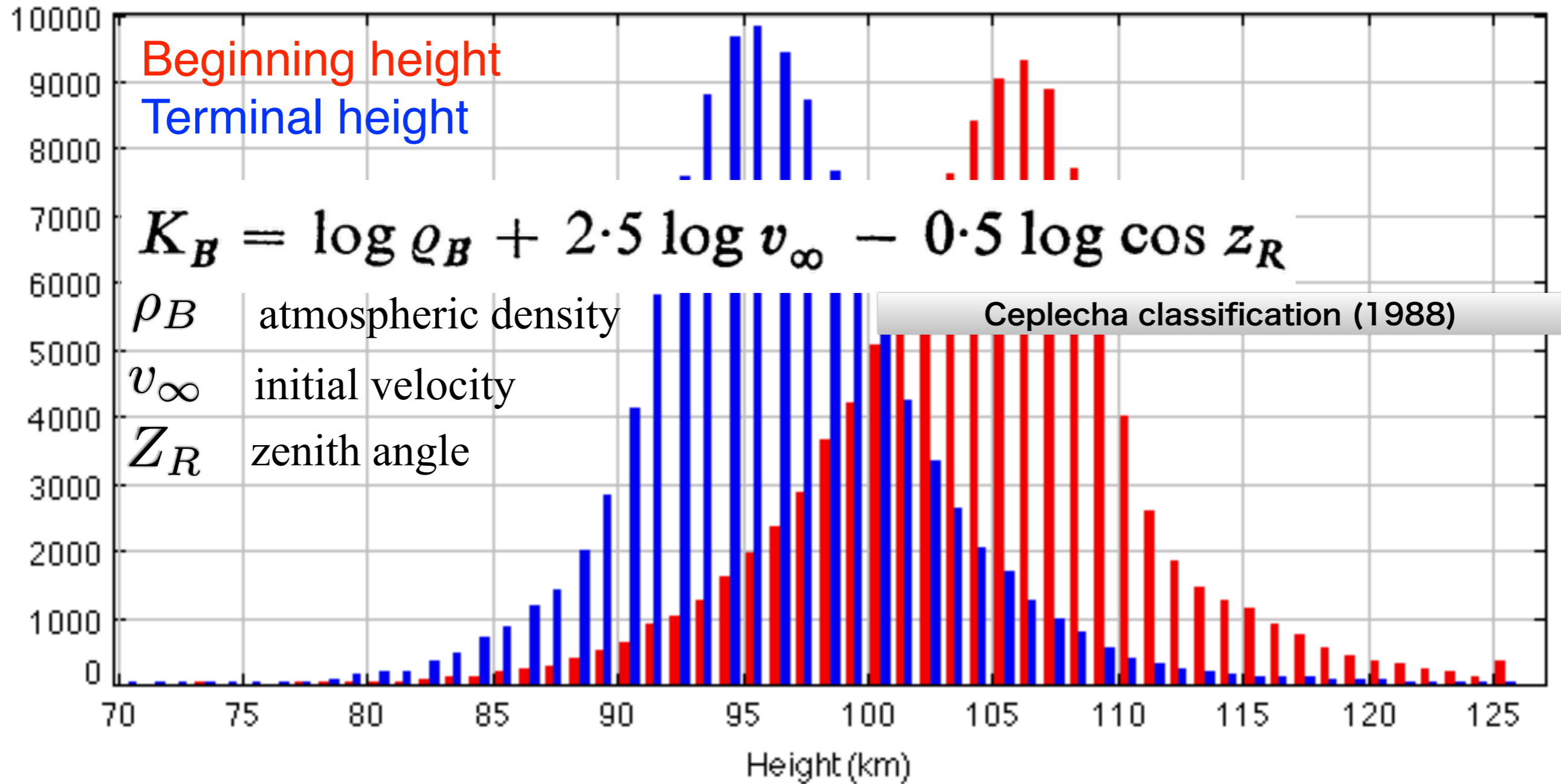
Meteor ablation tests using JAXA/Arc-heating Wind Tunnel

Strength of Meteoroids classified by Kb parameter



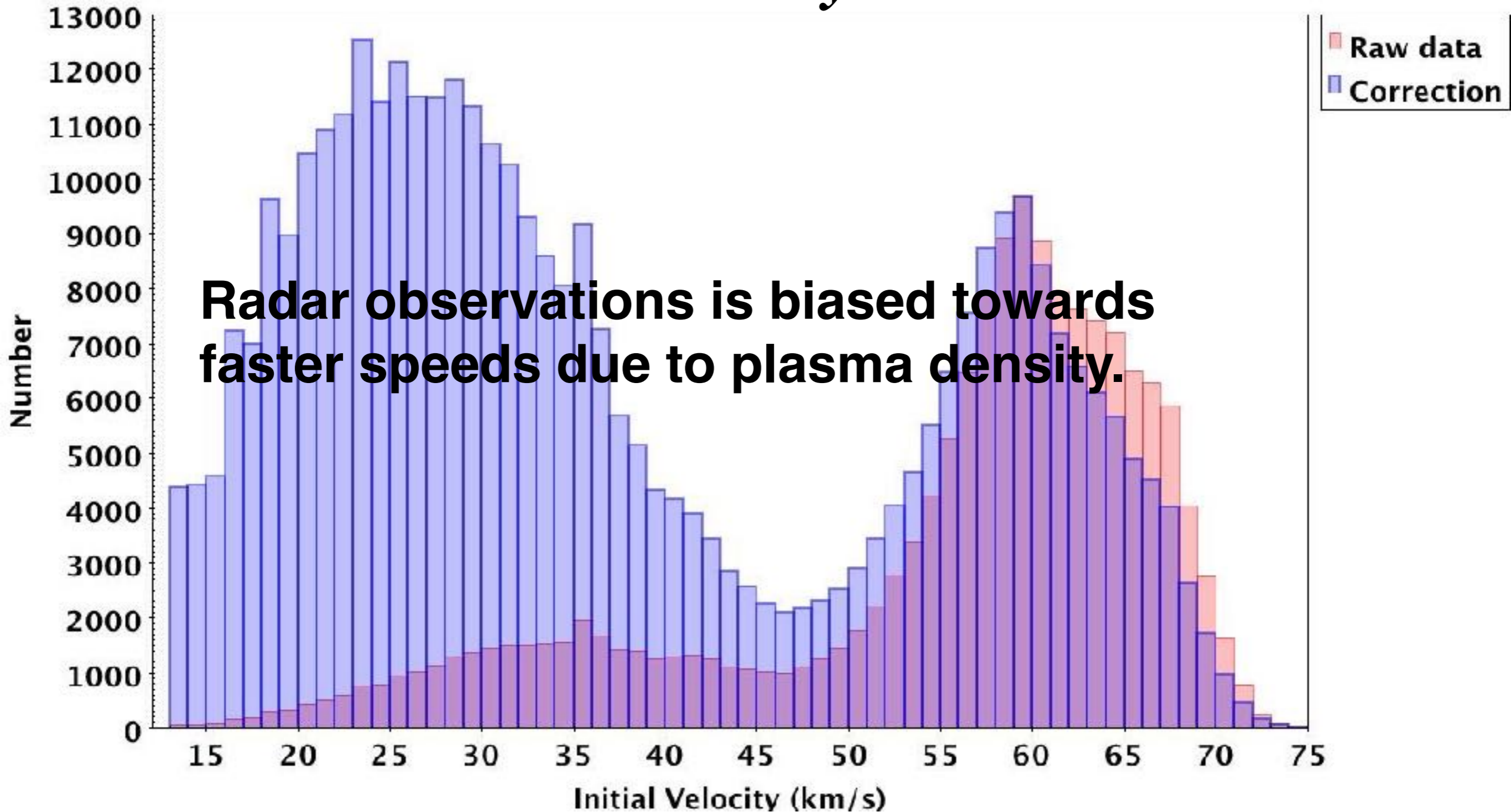
Height distributions of meteoroids by MU radar.

Entry angle, atmospheric density and beginning height reflect ablation process.

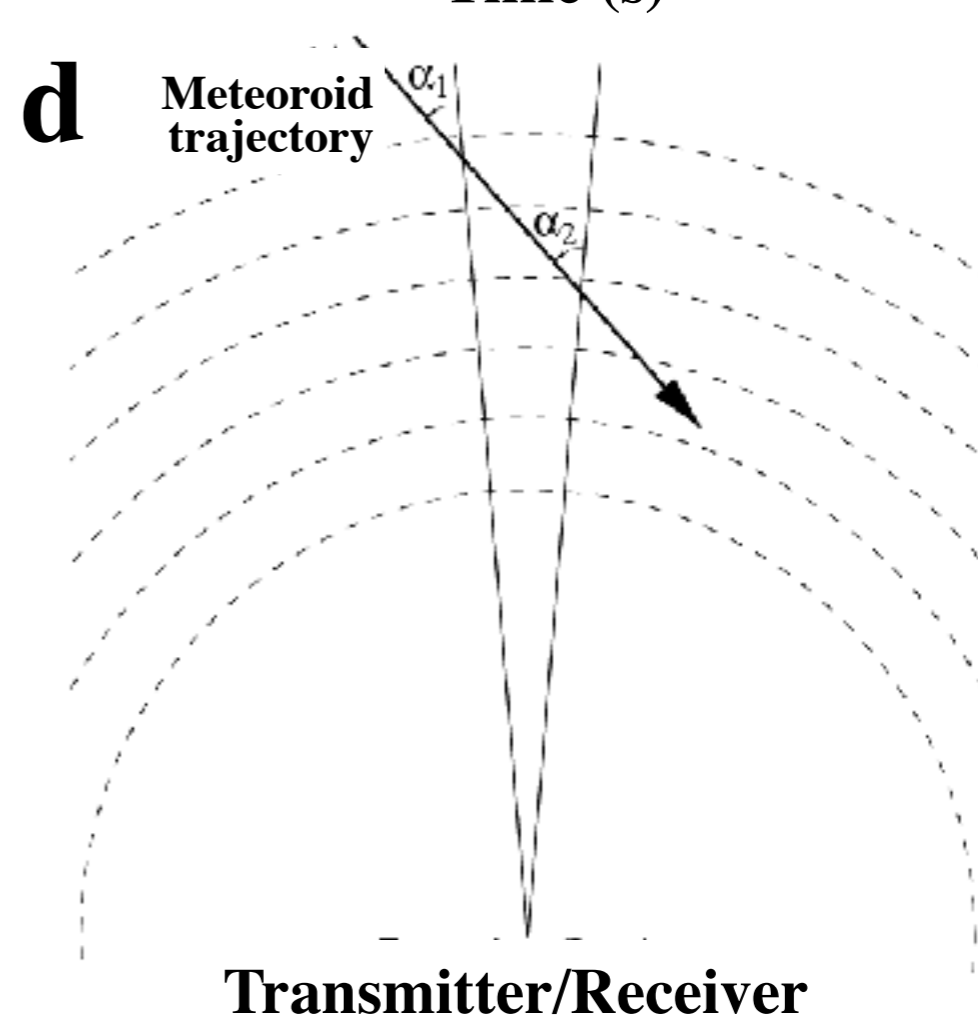
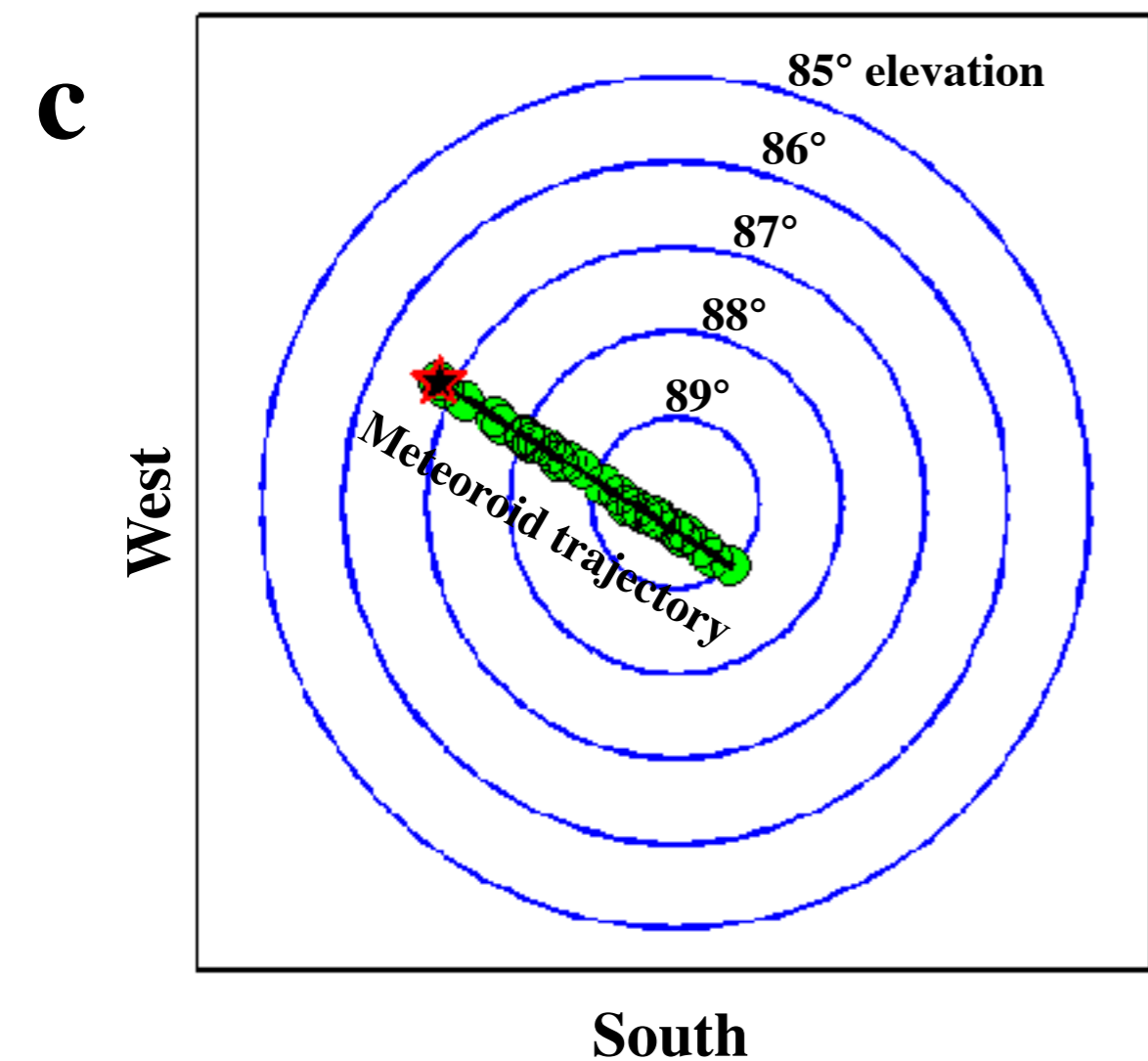
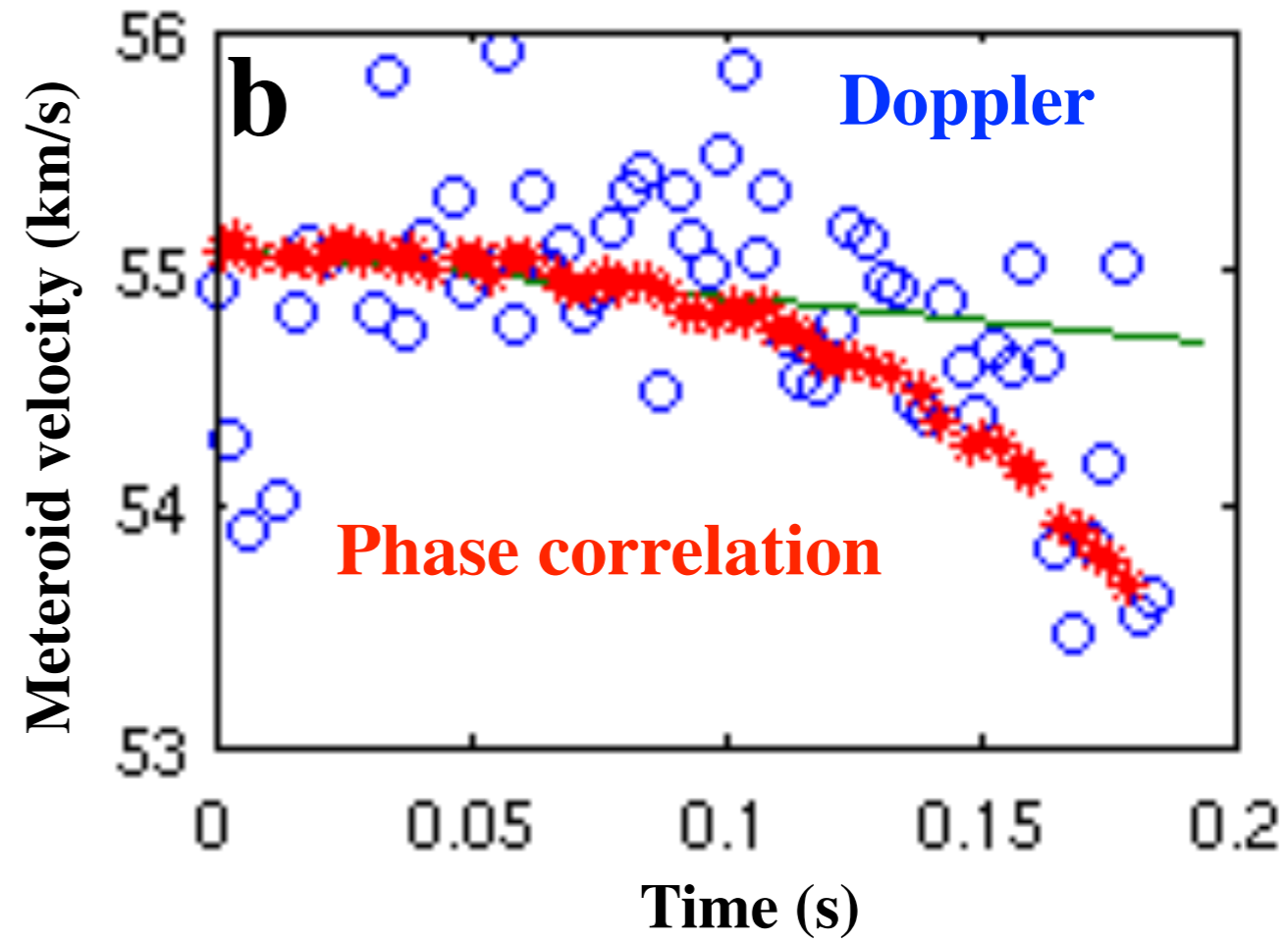
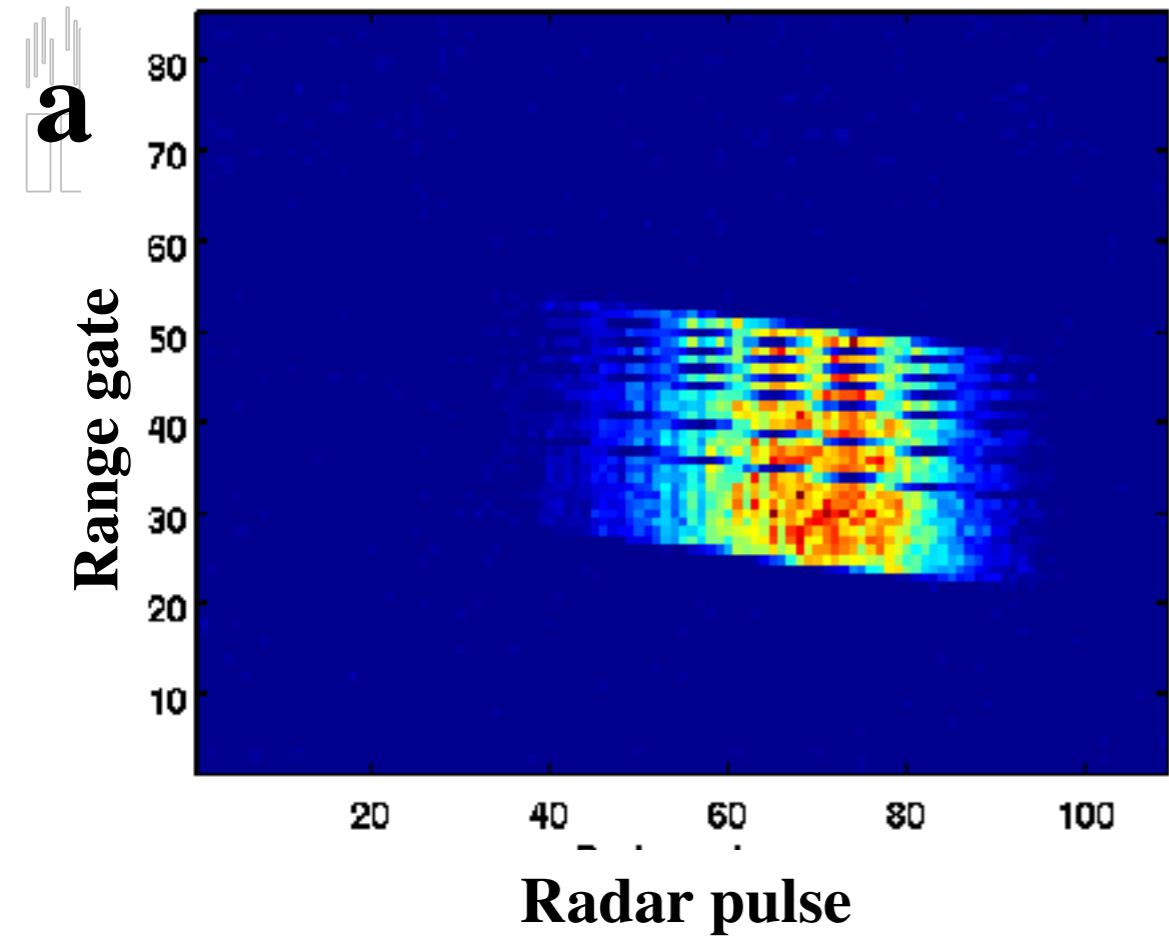


Height [km]

Velocity distribution *biased by v^3*



$v \sim 25 \text{ km/s}$ is dominant after de-biased.



Anti-Helion(180°)



Earth

**Apex
(90°)**



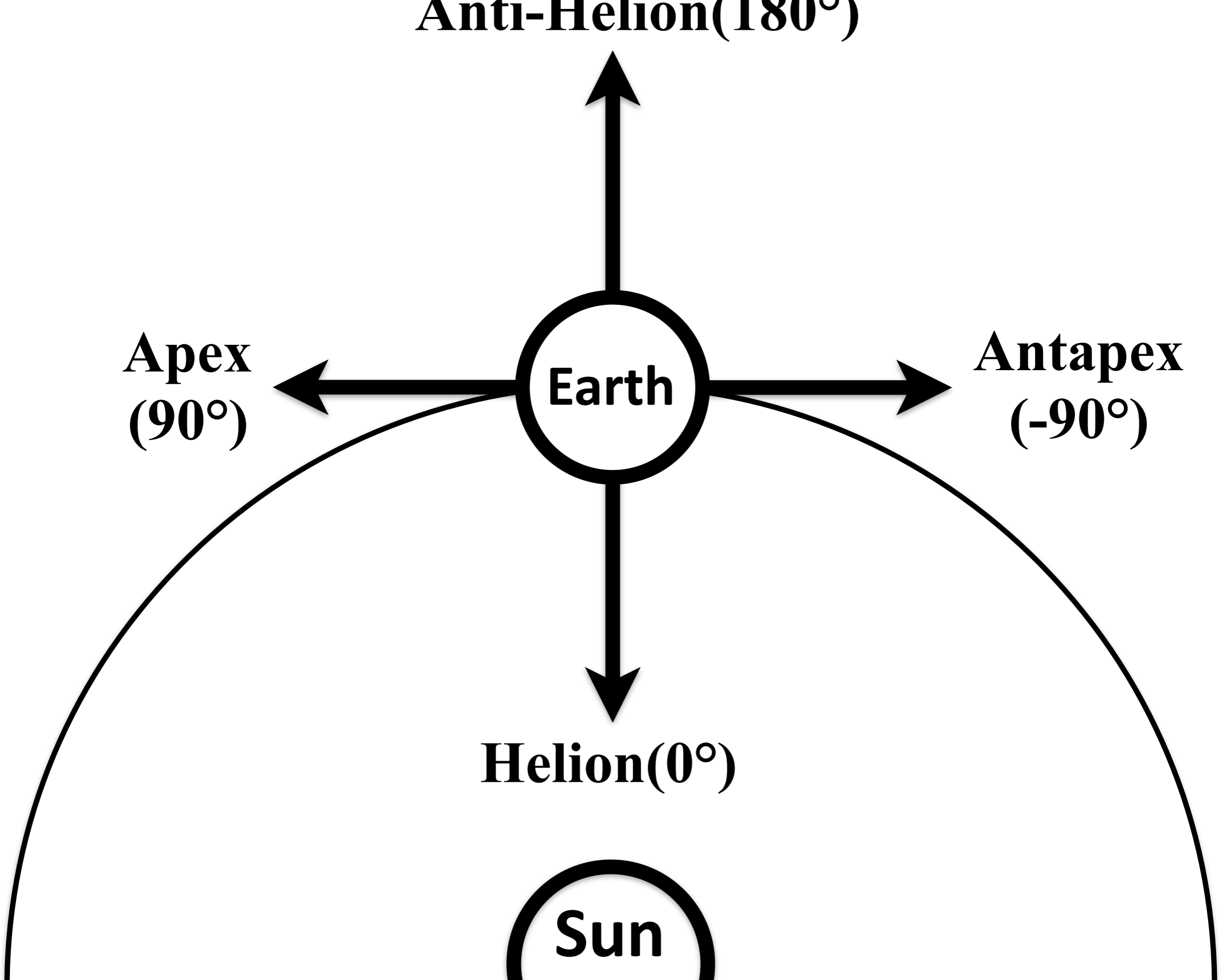
**Antapex
(-90°)**



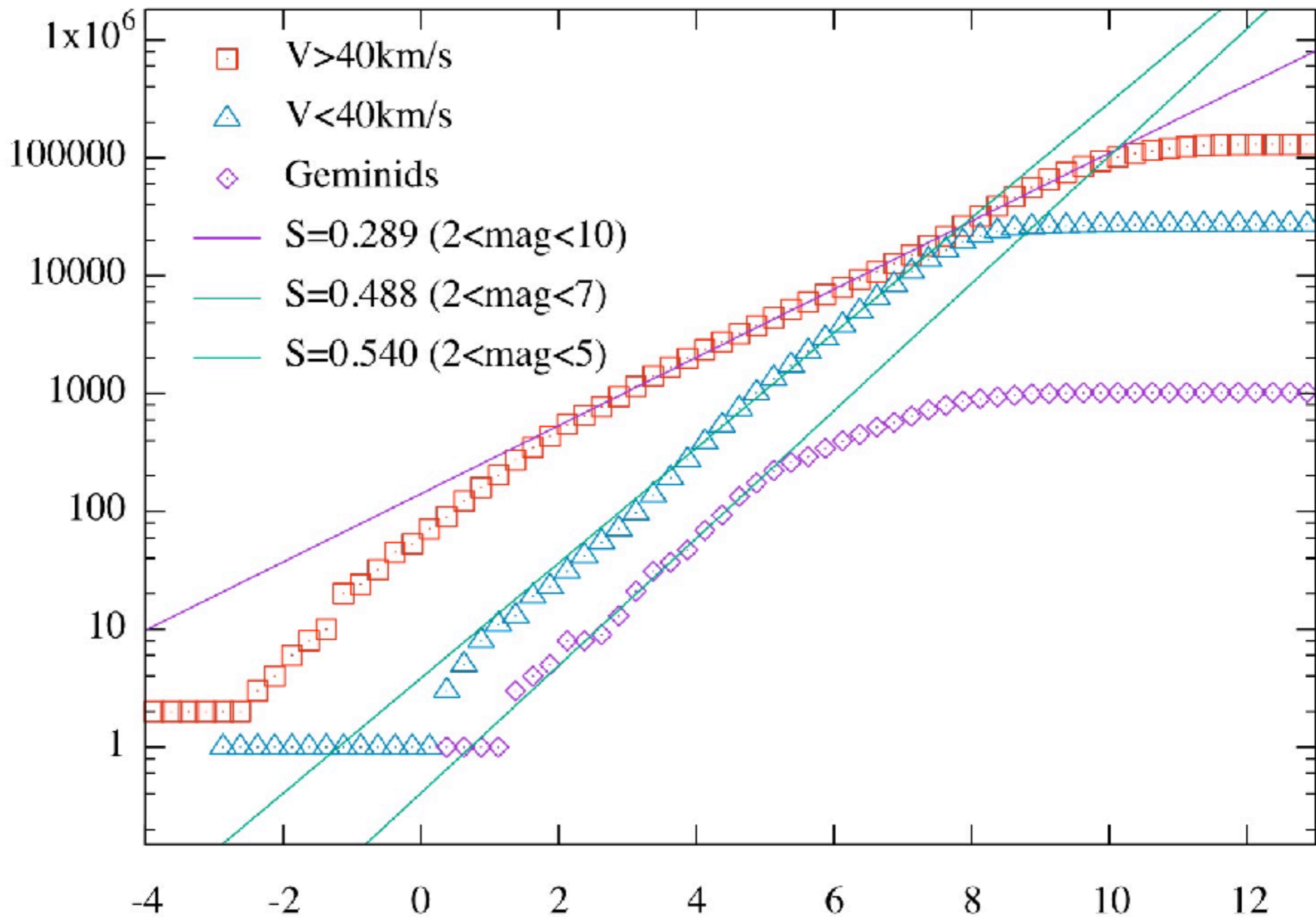
Helion(0°)



Sun

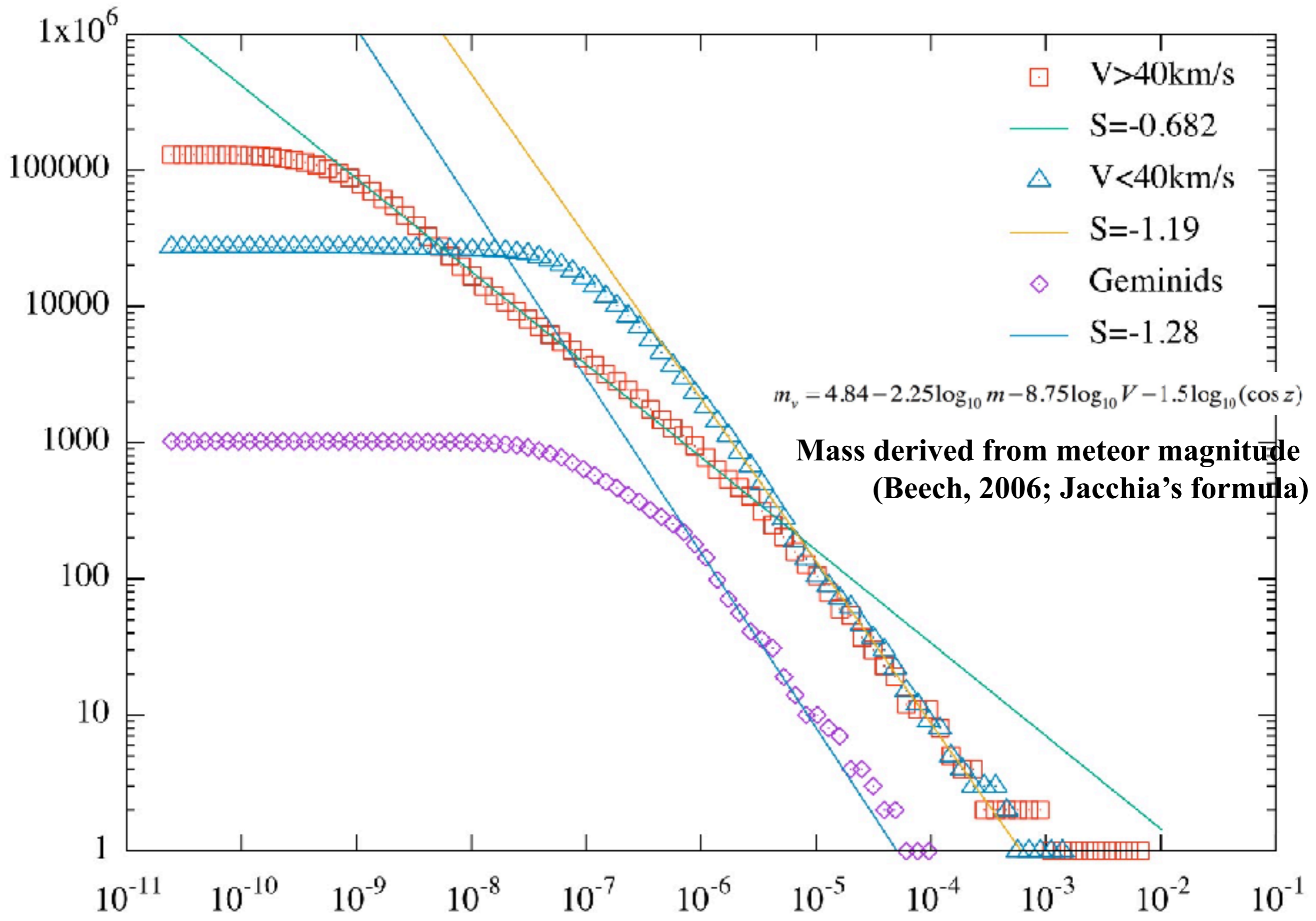


Cumulative Number



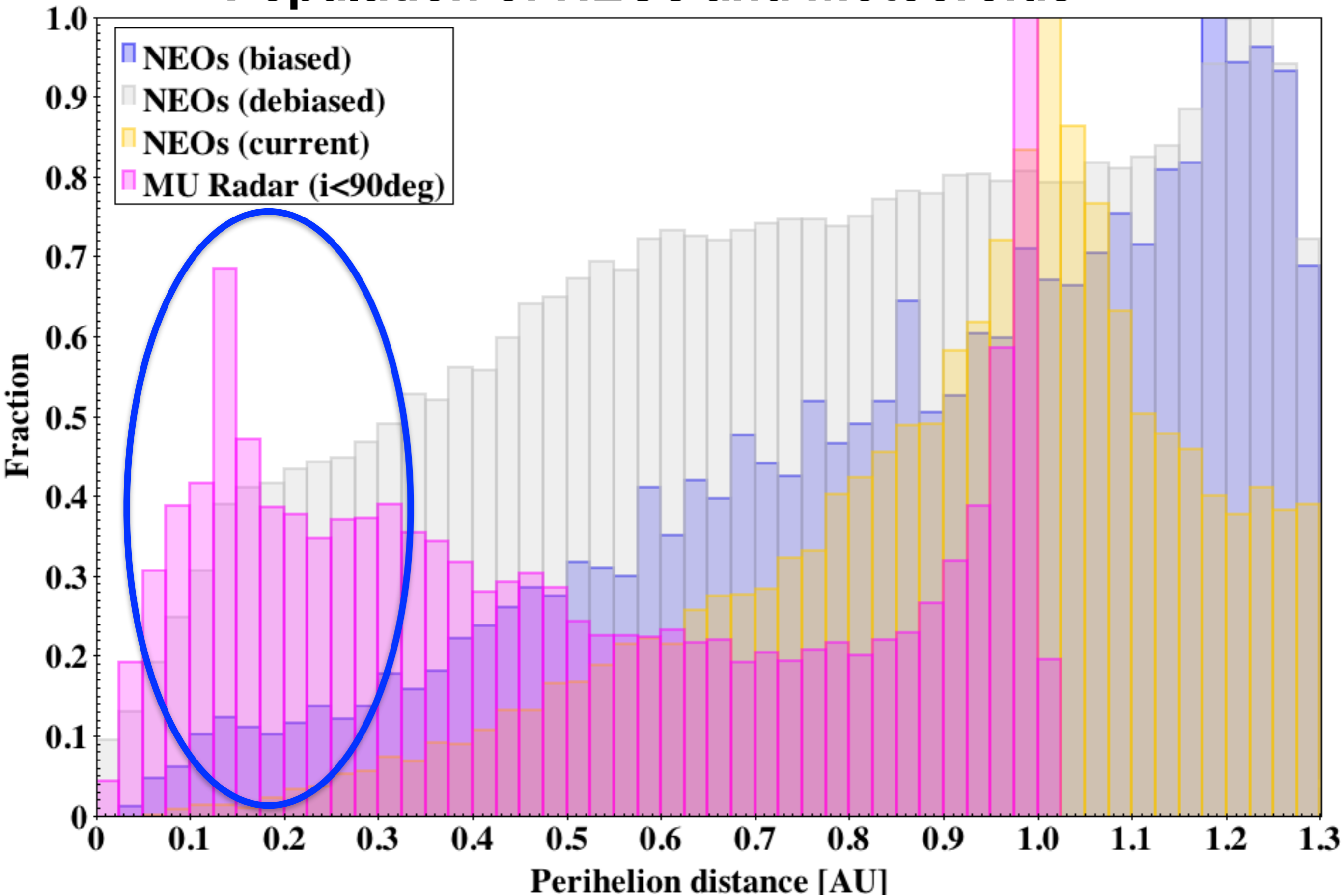
Magnitude

Cumulative Number



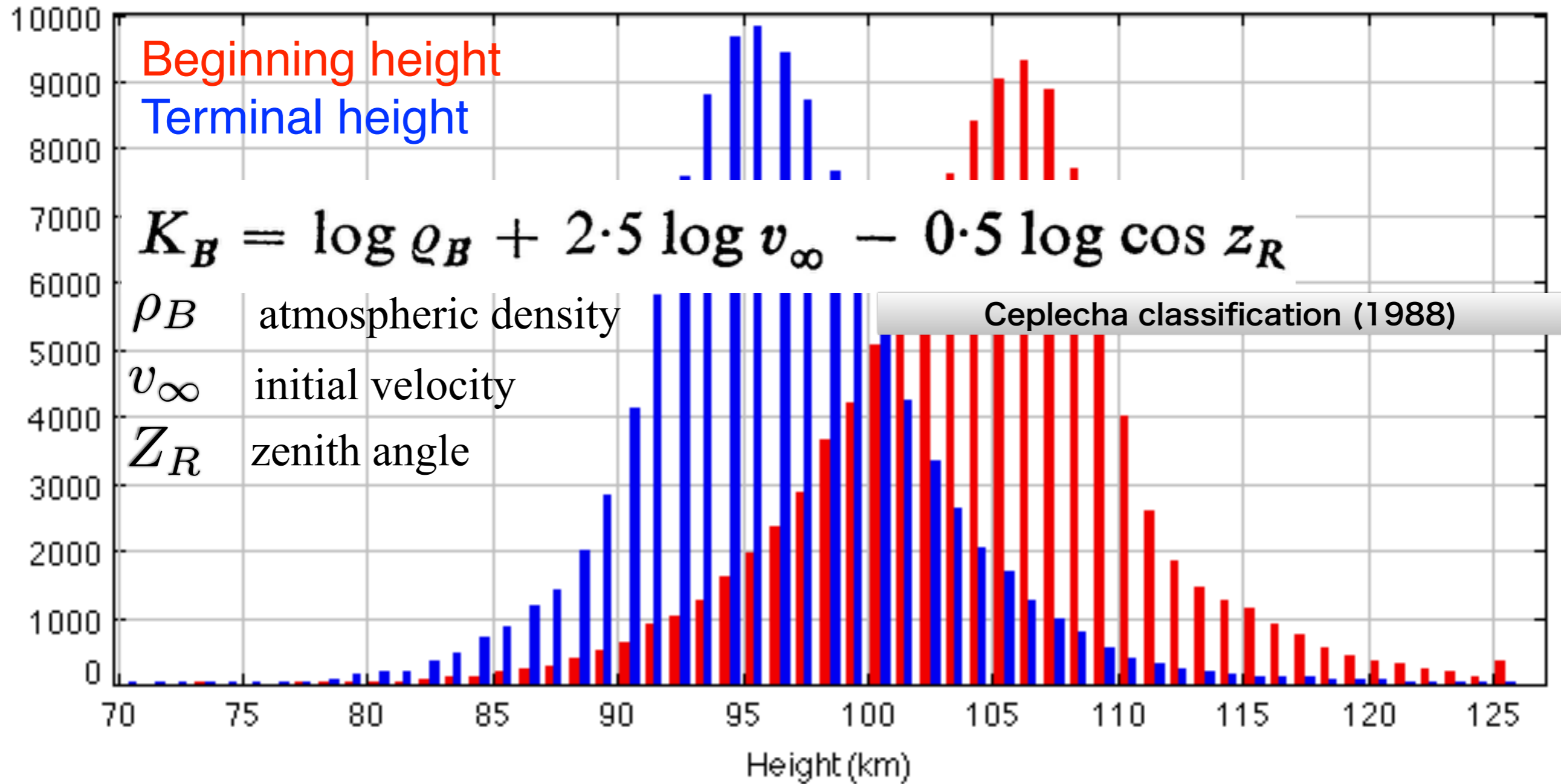
Mass [g]

Population of NEOs and Meteoroids



Height distributions of meteoroids by MU radar.

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Height [km]

Ceplecha classification

Ceplecha classification (1988)

$$K_B = \log \varrho_B + 2.5 \log v_\infty - 0.5 \log \cos z_R$$

“asteroidal meteors”:

$$\text{ (“ast”) : } 8.00 \leq K_B$$

$$\text{group A: } 7.30 \leq K_B < 8.00$$

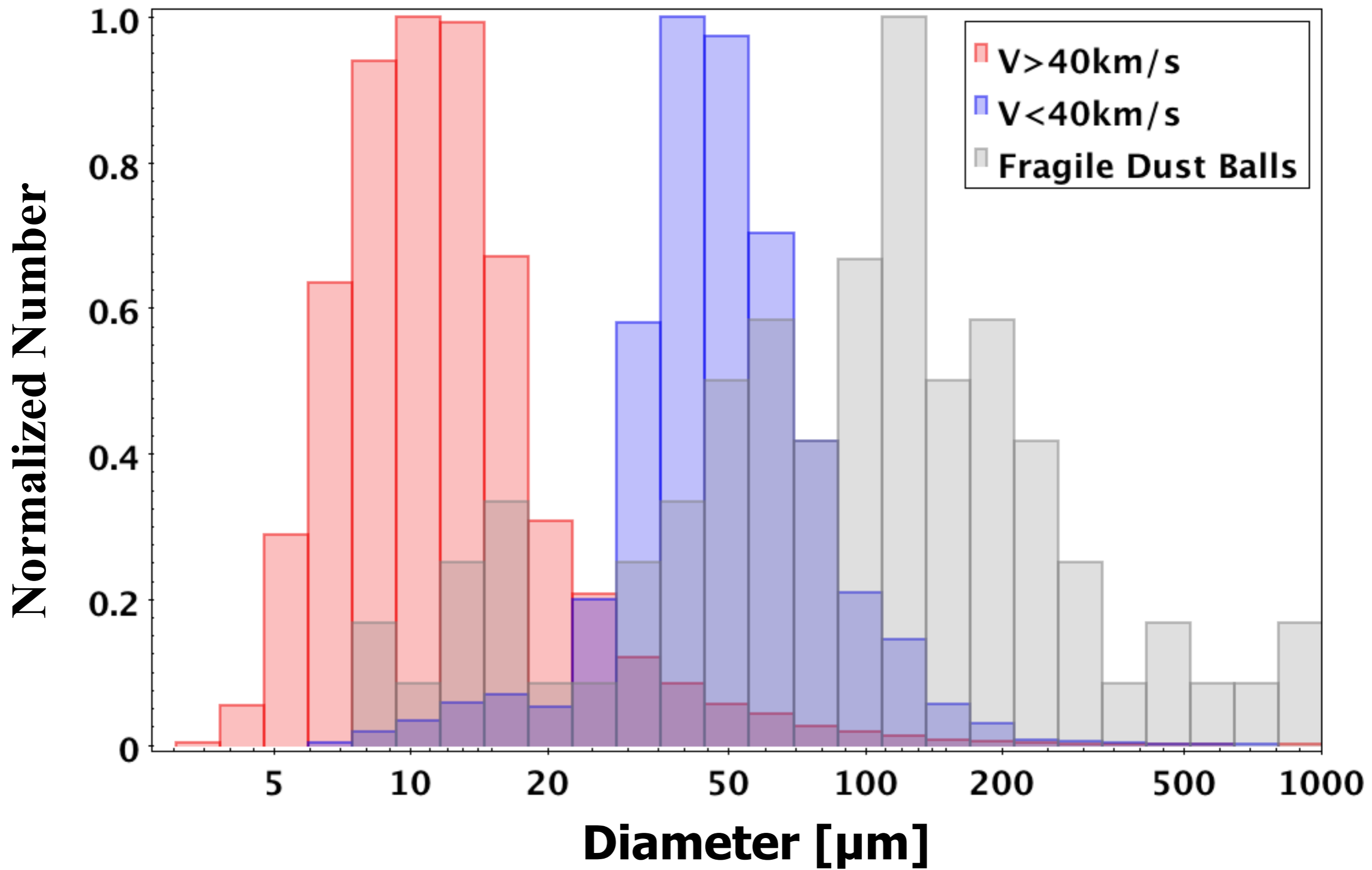
$$\text{group B: } 7.10 \leq K_B < 7.30 ; q \leq 0.30 \text{ A.U.}$$

$$\text{group C1: } 6.60 \leq K_B < 7.10 ; a < 5 \text{ A. U. ;} \\ i \leq 35^\circ$$

$$\text{group C2: } 6.60 \leq K_B < 7.10 ; a \geq 5 \text{ A. U.}$$

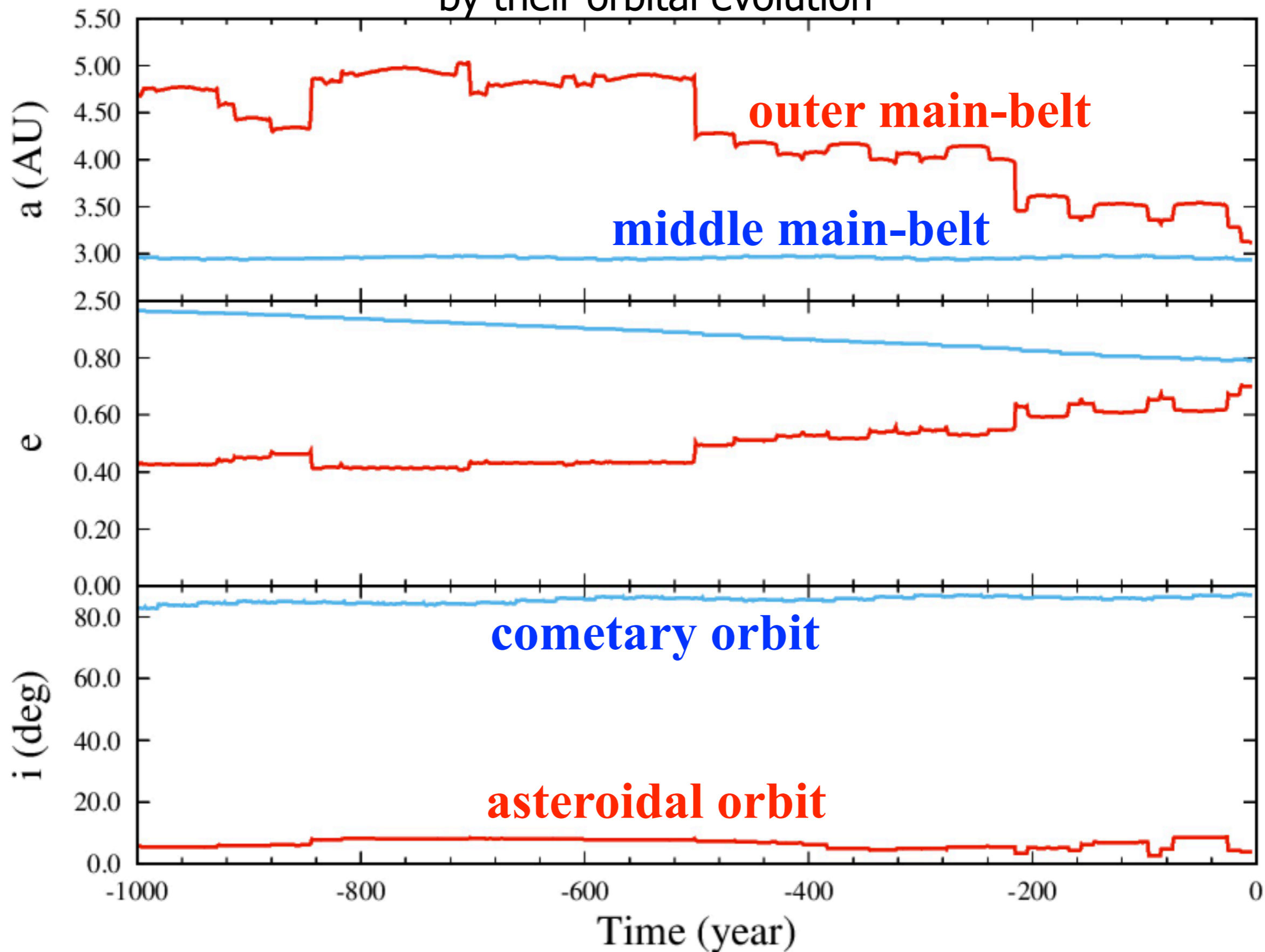
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$$\text{group D: } K_B < 6.60$$

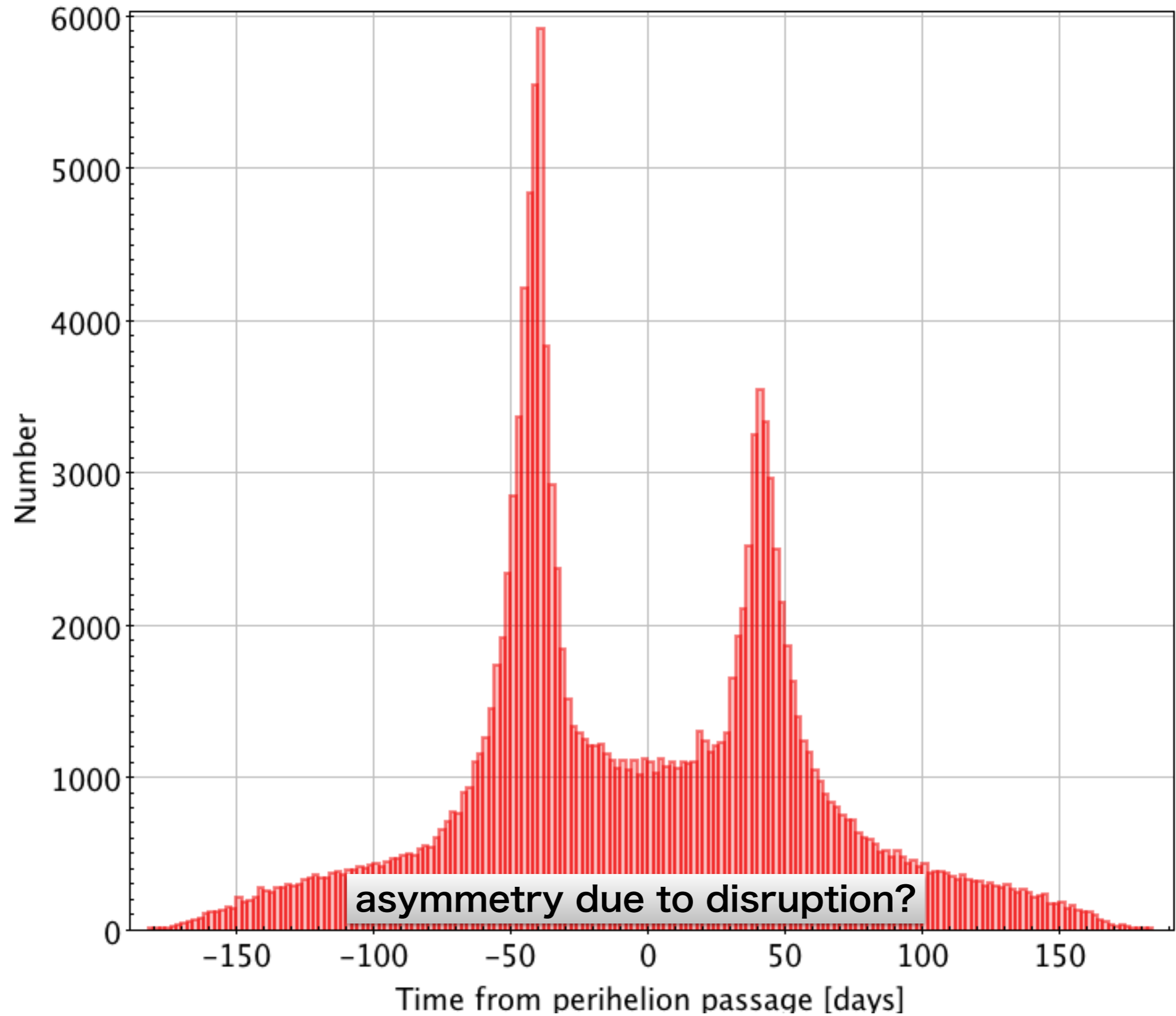


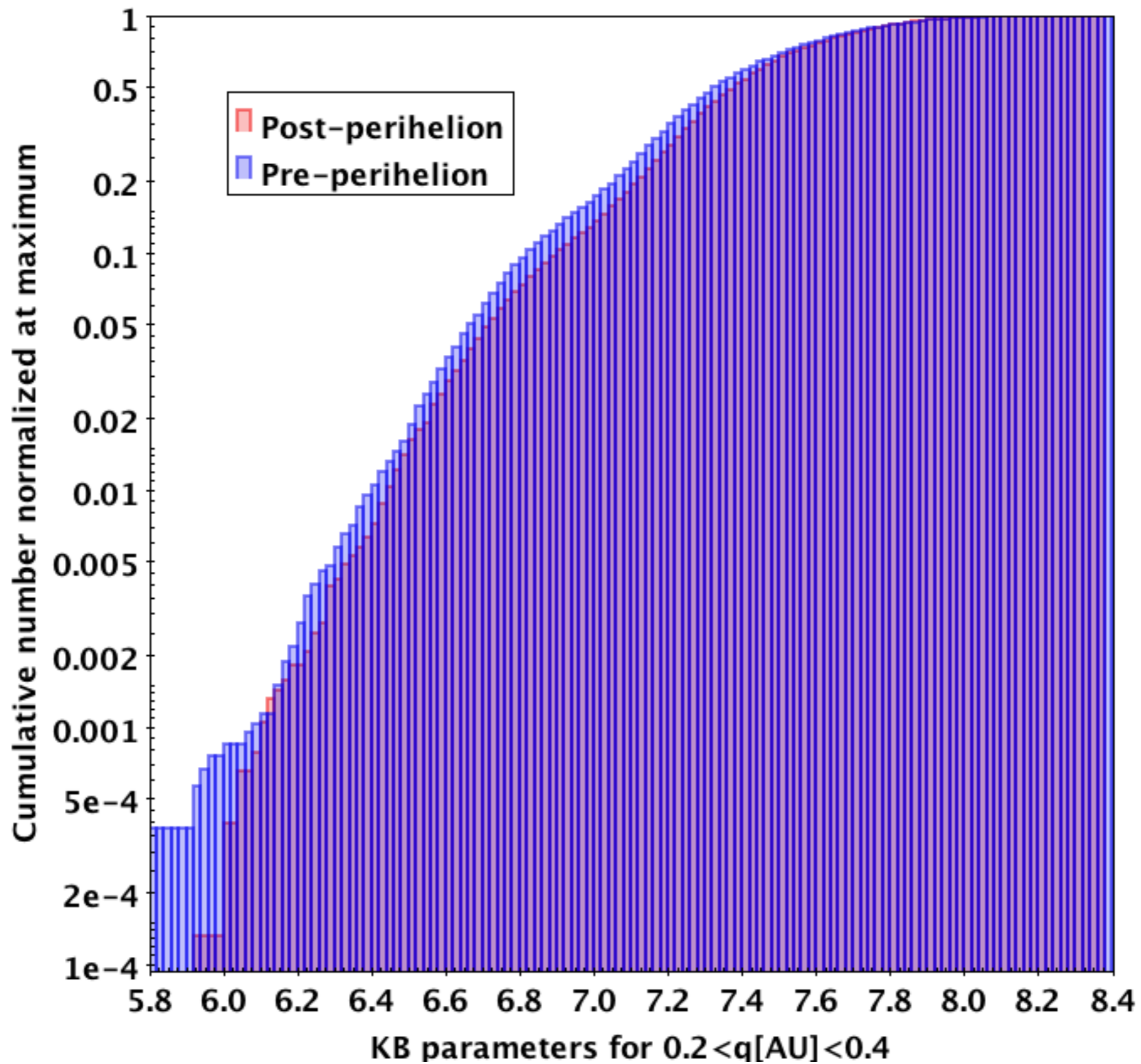
Possible Origin of Fragile Dust Balls

by their orbital evolution

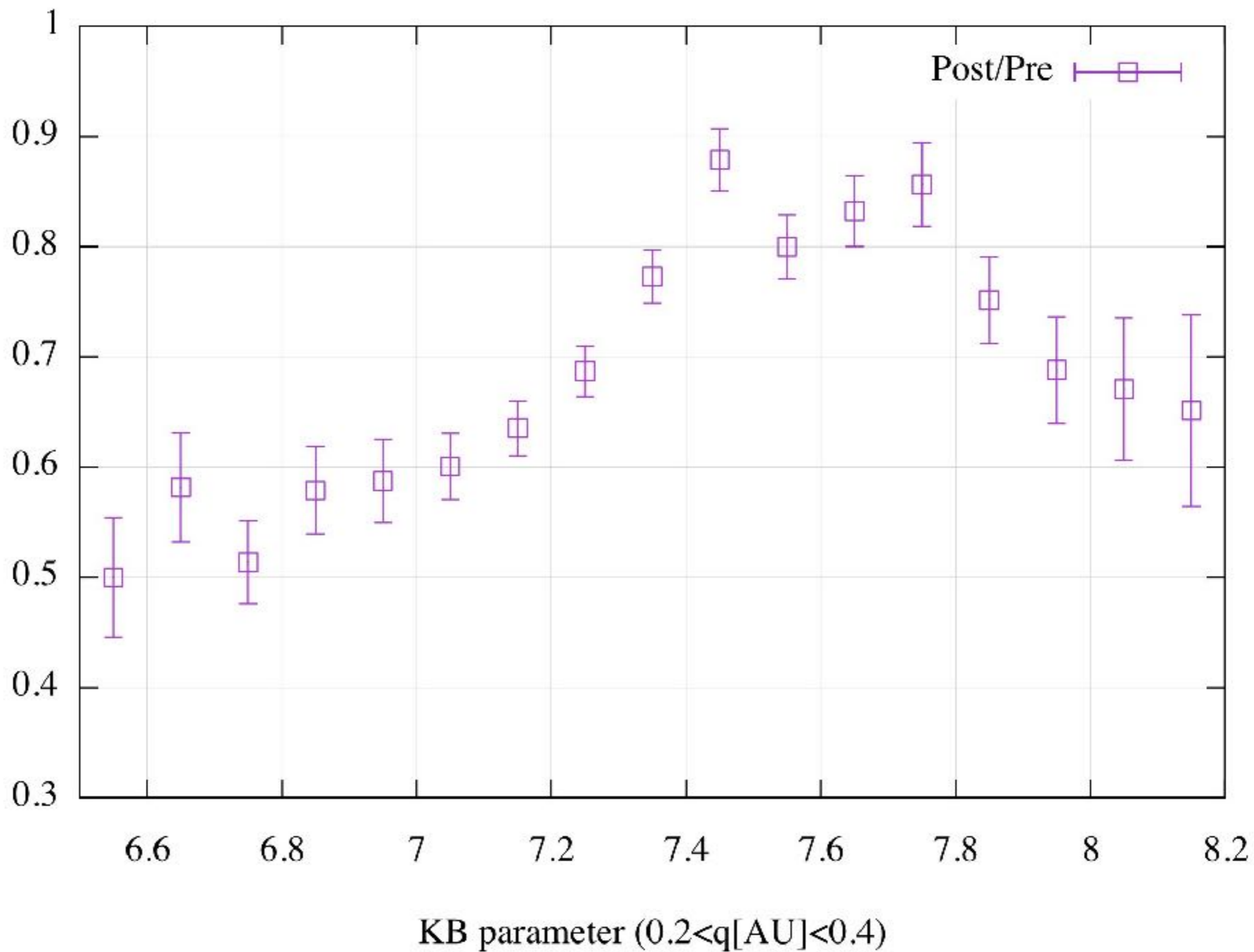


Pre & Post Perihelion of Meteoroid Dusts by MU Radar





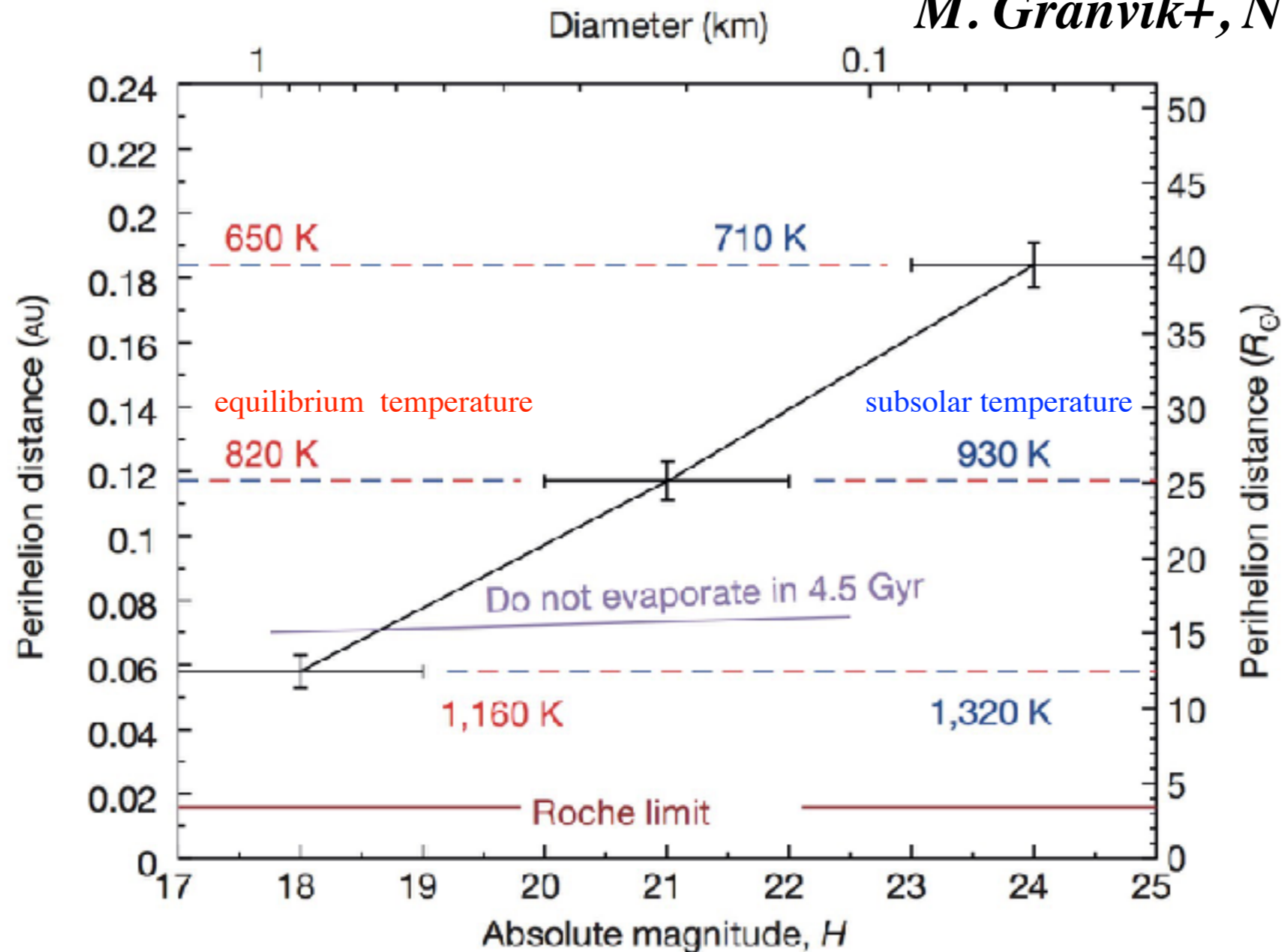
Number of Post/Pre perihelion meteoroids



NEOs' Super-catastrophic breakup

Average disruption distance as a function of absolute magnitude and an asteroid's physical size

M. Granvik+, Nature (2016)

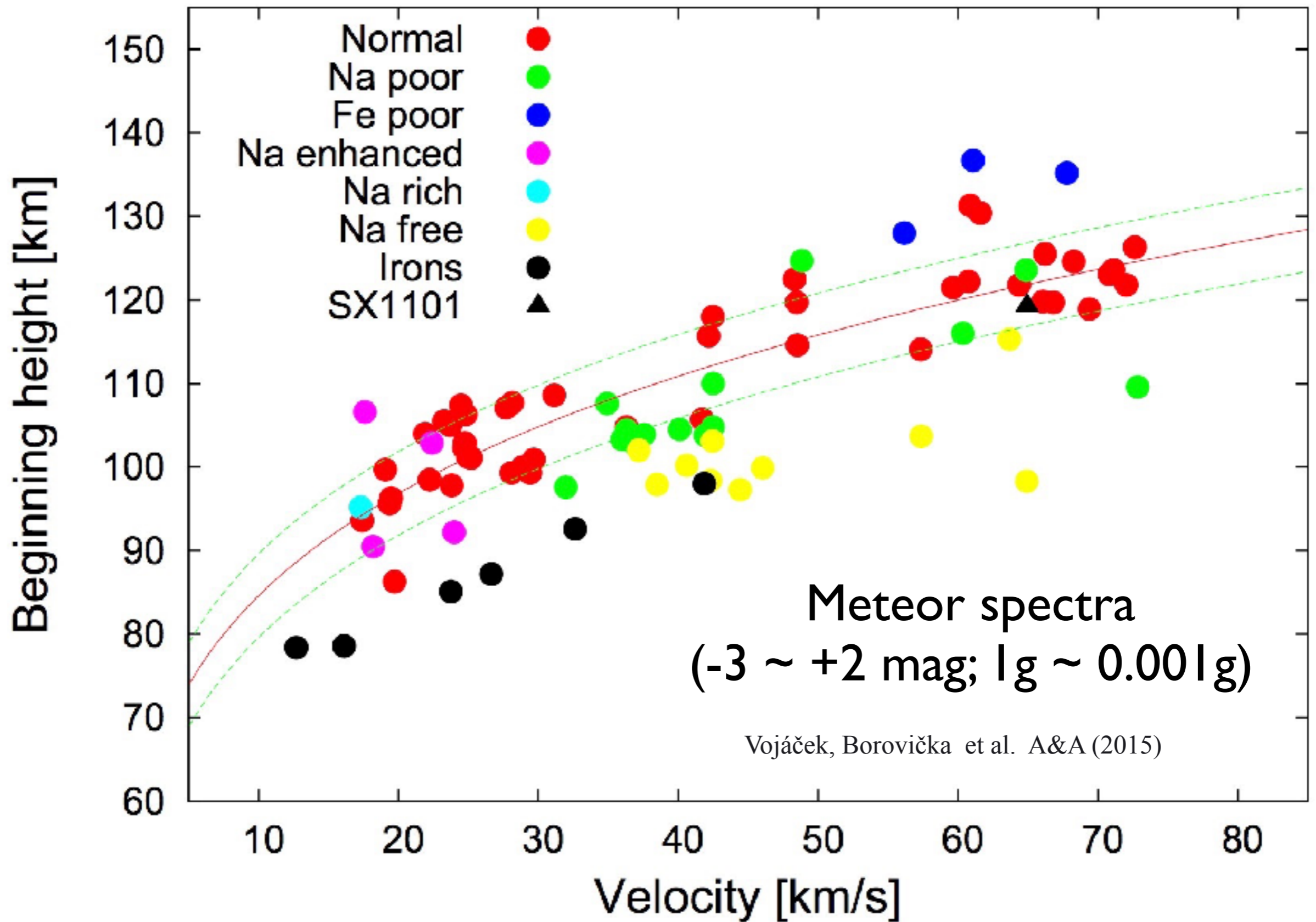


Majority of NEOs are S/Q-type

90% of Meteorites are Q-type.

More than 300 NEOs ($D < 100\text{m}$); 80%; C/D/X-type, 20%; S/Q-type

Moskovitz et al. MANOS (Mission Accessible Near-Earth Object Survey)



MANOS (Mission Accessible Near-Earth Object Survey) による約250個のNEOタイプを見ると、直径が100m以下のNEOでは、C/D/Xタイプ小惑星が約80%、S/Qタイプ小惑星が約20%

Icarus - 2007MK₆ orbital & spectrum similarity

