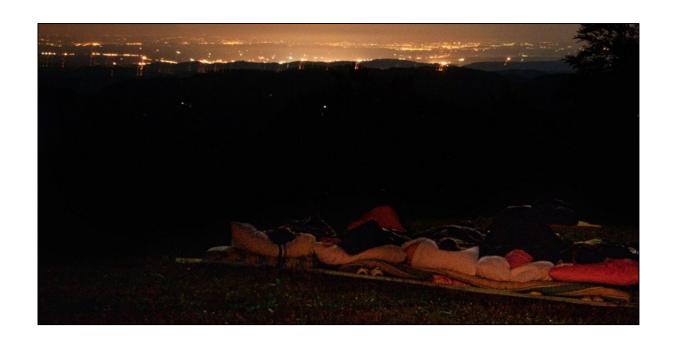
Visual observations of meteor showers



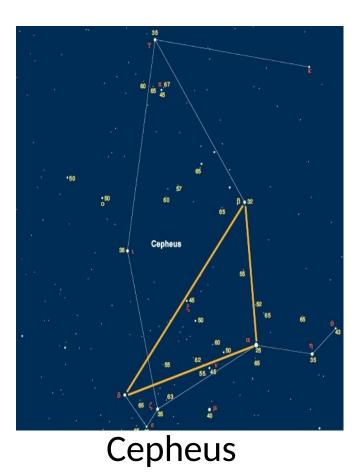
Preparations for observations

- Warm clothes
- Red lamp
- Small pen and small papers



Polygons

 "Patches of sky" used for assessment of individual threshold magnitude

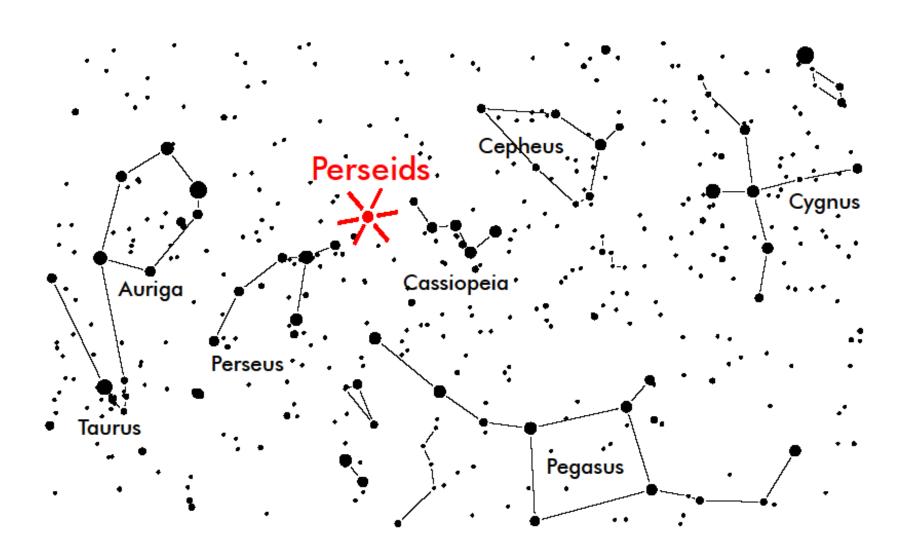


Corona Borealis - Boötes

Visibility assessment

- Threshold magnitude
- Eyesight
- Darkness adaptation
- Light pollution
- Cloudiness correction
- Moonlight

What is a radiant?



Meteor showers



active showers (PER, CAP, SDA...)



sporadic meteors

Meteor parameters:

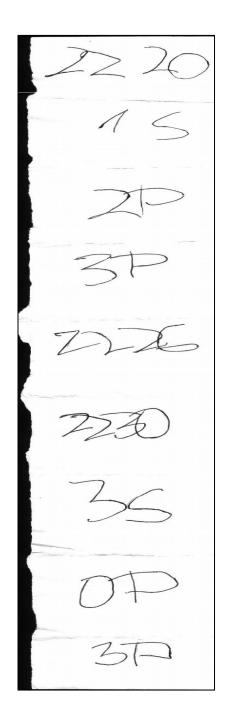
- Magnitude
- Shower affiliation

Time parameters:

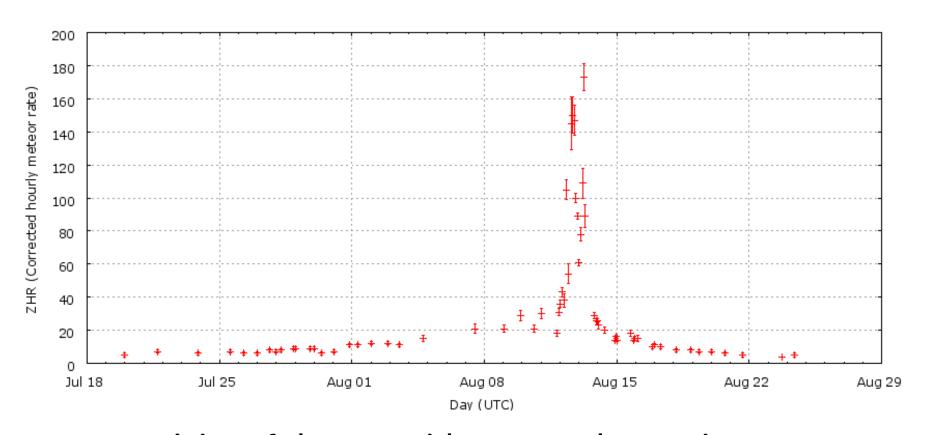
- Time markers
- Pauses during observations
- Effective time T_{eff}

"Countig" method

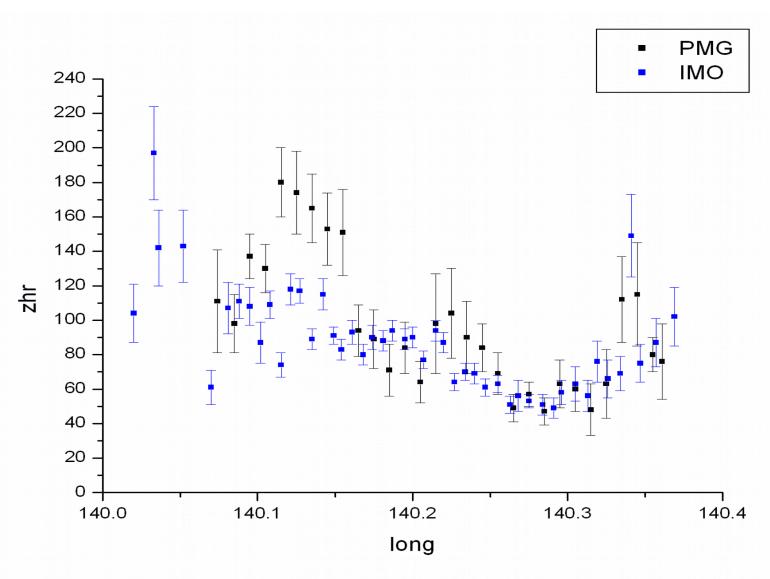
- Center of visual field
- Time markers
- Polygons
- Comparison with other stars (magnitude assessment)
- Shower affiliation



Results

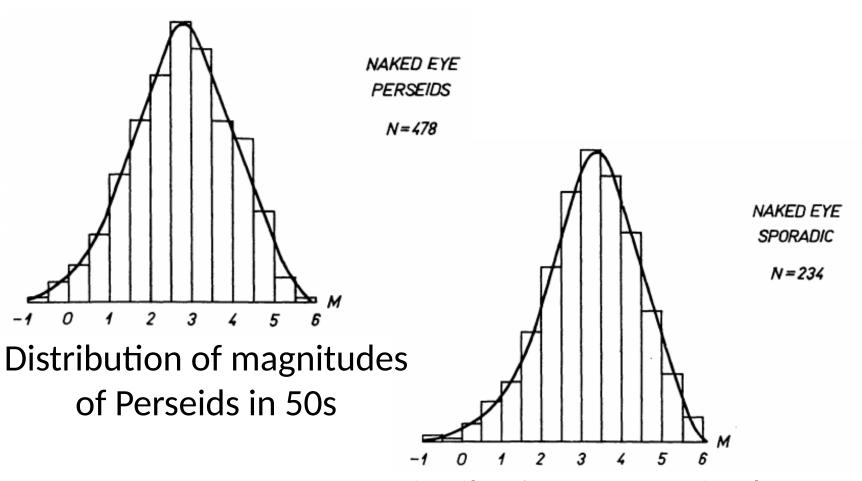


Activity of the Perseid meteor shower in 2009

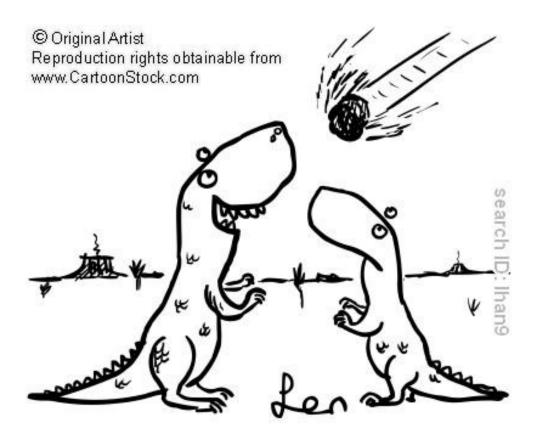


Activity of the Perseid meteor shower in 2009 during maximum

Magnitude distribution



Distribution of magnitudes of sporadic meteors in 50s



"Ooh, look! A shooting star. Make a wish."

Thank you for your attention!