



# INSTITUTE of RADIO ASTRONOMY of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IRA NASU)

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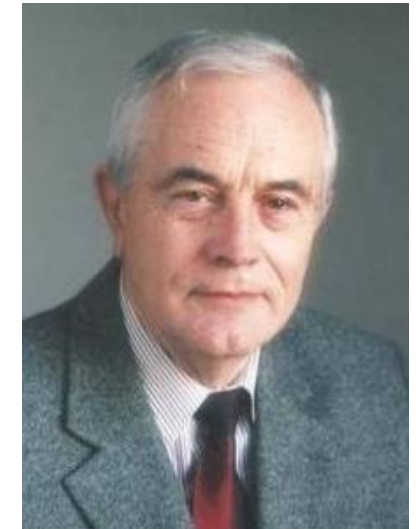
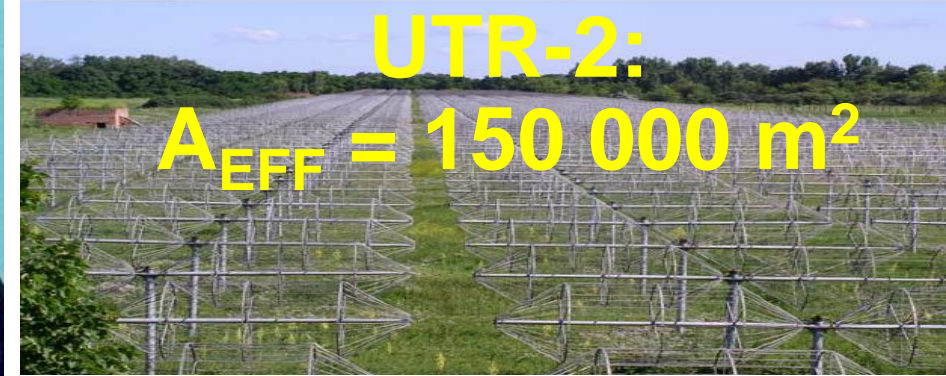


## IEEE MILESTONE

### Zenit Parabolic Reflector L-band Pulsed Radar, 1938

The 1938 Zenit radar test at the Laboratory of Electromagnetic Oscillations of the Ukrainian Institute of Physics and Technology was a major advance in the development of radar. Designed by Abram Slutskin, Alexander Usikov, and Semion Braude, microwave scientists and magnetron pioneers, Zenit established the practicality of combining the pulsed method and a shorter wave band for determining precisely all three coordinates of airborne targets.

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S. Braude (1911-2003)  
Transmitters, Radars  
Propagation of electro-  
magnetic waves  
Radio Astronomy

S. Braude founded Laboratory of Radio Astronomy within [Institute for Radio Physics and Electronics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine](#)

1970-1972 – **Ukrainian Radio Telescope UTR-2** was commissioning into operation. Construction of the system of interferometers URAN was started in 1974. In 1993 it includes 5 radio telescopes

**1980 – was founded Division of Radio Astronomy within IRE and**

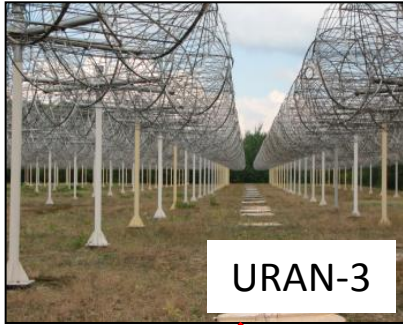
**1985 – L. Litvinenko and S. Braude founded Institute of Radio Astronomy on the base of Division of Radio Astronomy**

L. Litvinenko  
Director of IRA NASU 1985-2017  
Theory of diffraction  
Propagation, dispersion of  
electromagnetic waves, Radio  
Astronomy  
(from 2017 till now  
*Director Emeritus*)

# Scientific Structure of the Institute of Radio Astronomy NASU (> 250 employees and ~ 140 scientists )

- **Division of Low-frequency Radio Astronomy**
  - **Decameter Radio Astronomy**
  - **Astrophysics**
  - **Radio-astronomical equipment and methods of observations**
- **Space Radio Physics**
- **Millimeter-Wave Radio Astronomy**
- **Microwave Spectroscopy**
- **Theoretical Radio Physics**
- **Microwave Electronics**
- **Geospace Radio Physics**

# Ukraine. Constellation of radio telescopes



URAN-3



URAN-2



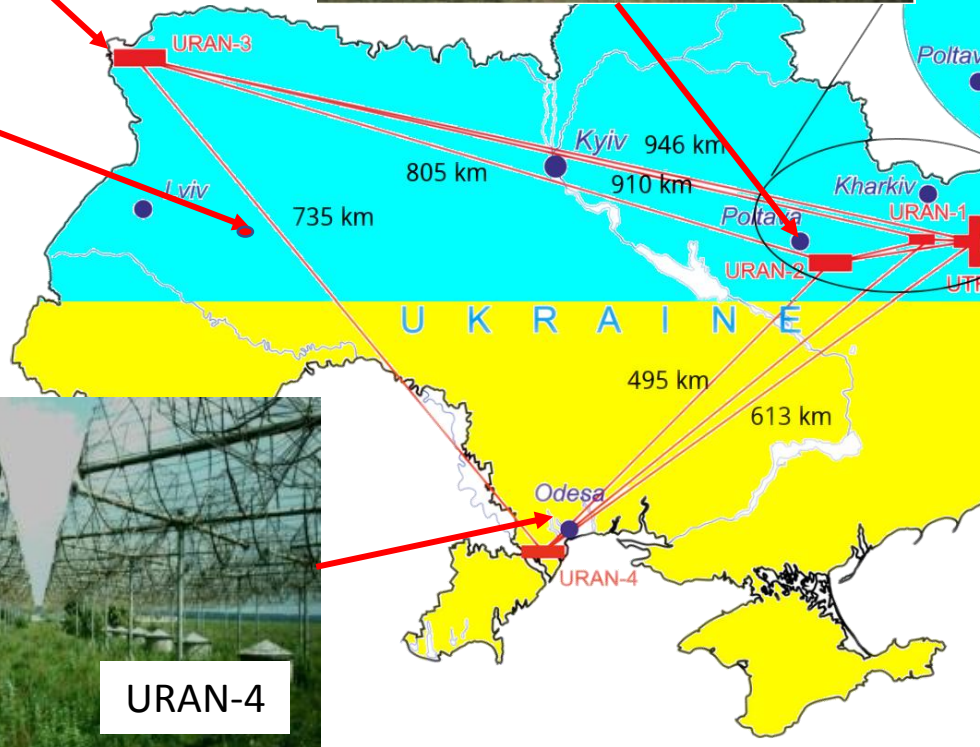
GURT



RT-32



URAN-1



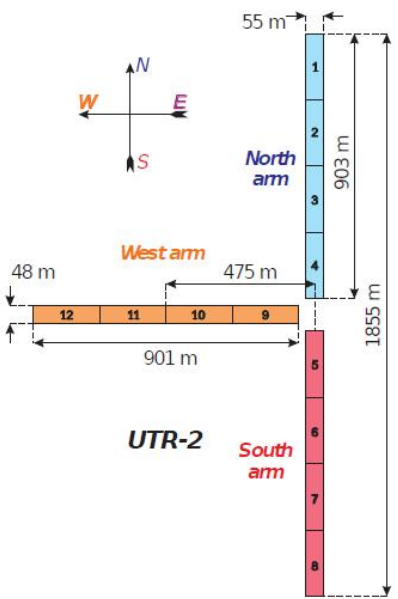
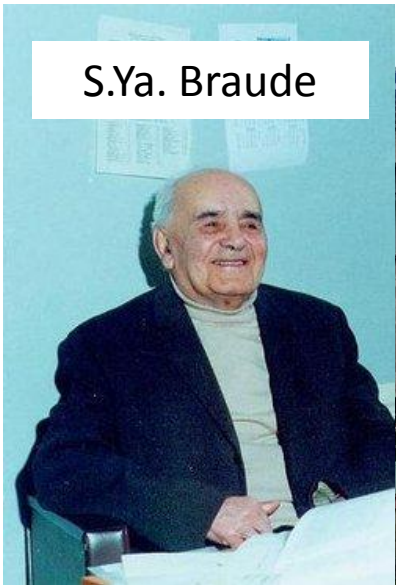
UTR-2



URAN-4

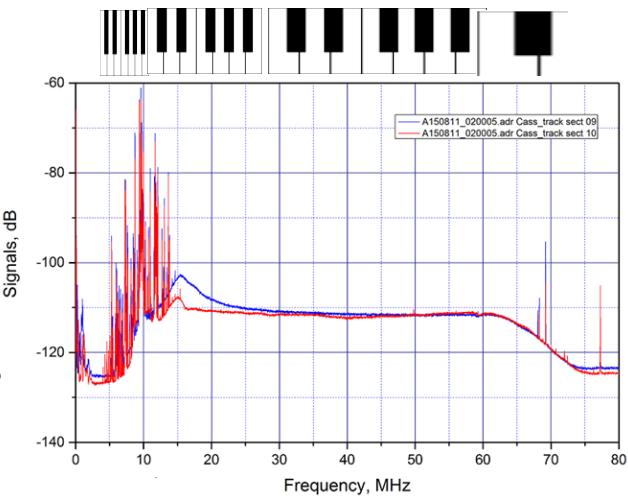
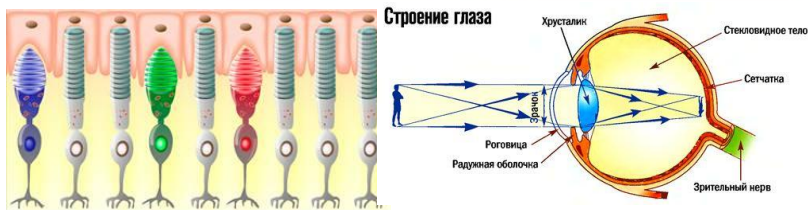
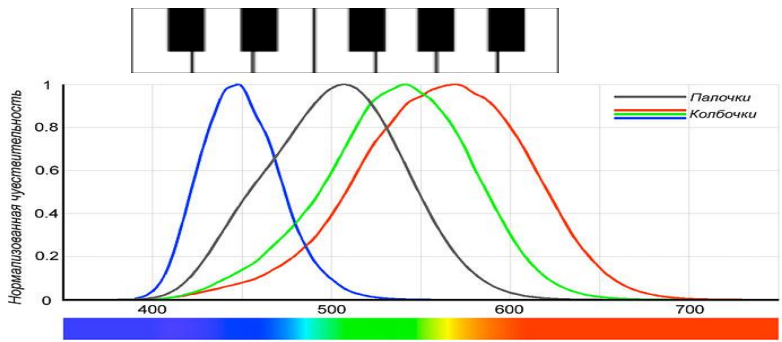
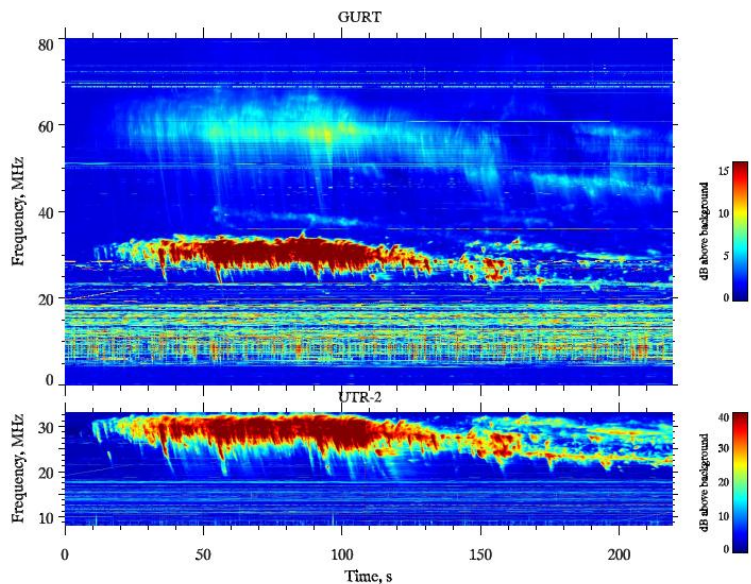


# Decameter radio telescope UTR-2 - the largest telescope in the world. $A_{EFF} = 150000 \text{ m}^2$



## GURT – Giant Ukrainian Radio Telescope

Octave :  $f_{high} / f_{low} = 2$



GURT transfer function

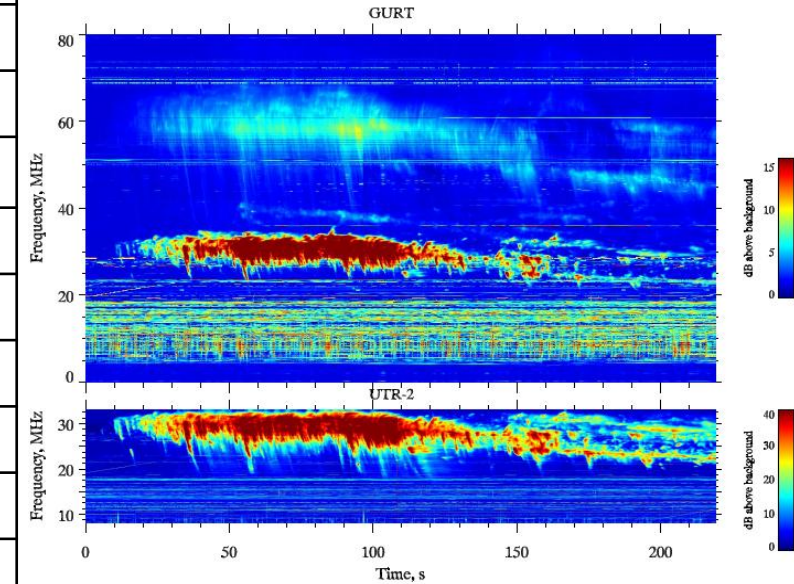
Fig. 10. Observations of a type II burst. UTR-2 frequency band  $8.25 \div 33 \text{ MHz}$  frequency and time resolution of  $4 \text{ kHz}$  and  $100 \text{ ms}$ , respectively. Recording was conducted on subarray GURT in the range  $8 \div 80 \text{ MHz}$  with the same time resolution and frequency resolution of  $20 \text{ kHz}$ . Start recording corresponds to  $07:11:15 \text{ UT}$ .

# Main topics for low-frequency radio astronomy...

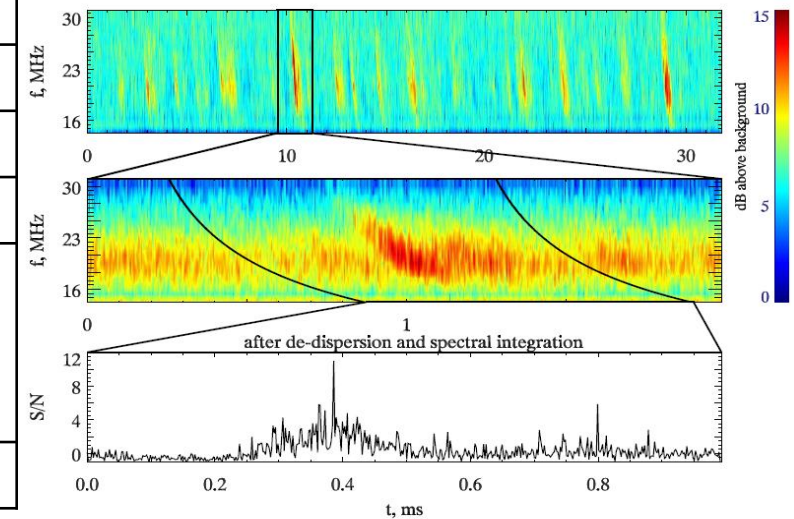


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|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| EARTH        | Ionosphere                  |                          |
|              | Magnetosphere               |                          |
|              | Cosmic ray air shower       |                          |
|              | Meteor events               |                          |
|              | Ground parameters           |                          |
| SOLAR SYSTEM | The Sun                     | quite active radar       |
|              | Jupiter                     |                          |
|              | Planets (Saturn): lightning |                          |
|              | Interplanetary medium       | scintillations           |
|              |                             | VLBI                     |
|              |                             | RRL                      |
|              | The Moon                    | occultation              |
|              |                             | radar                    |
|              |                             | Cosmic ray               |
|              |                             | Secondary radio emission |
| Comets       |                             |                          |

## Sun: type II burst

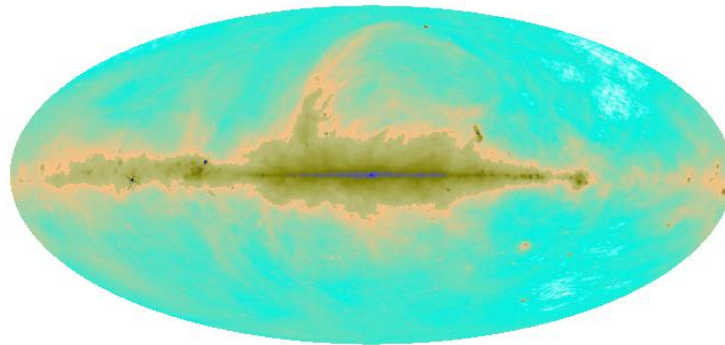
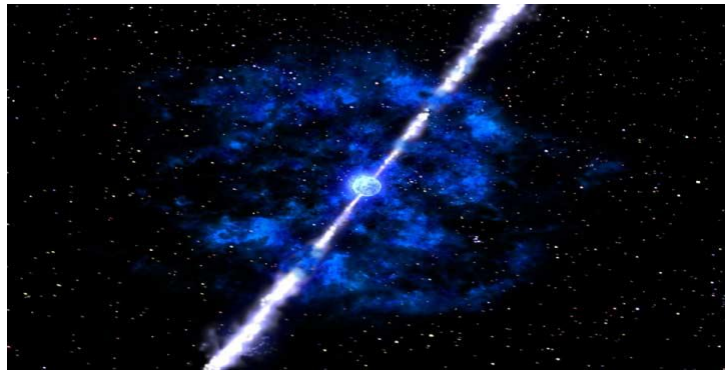


## Saturn's lightning

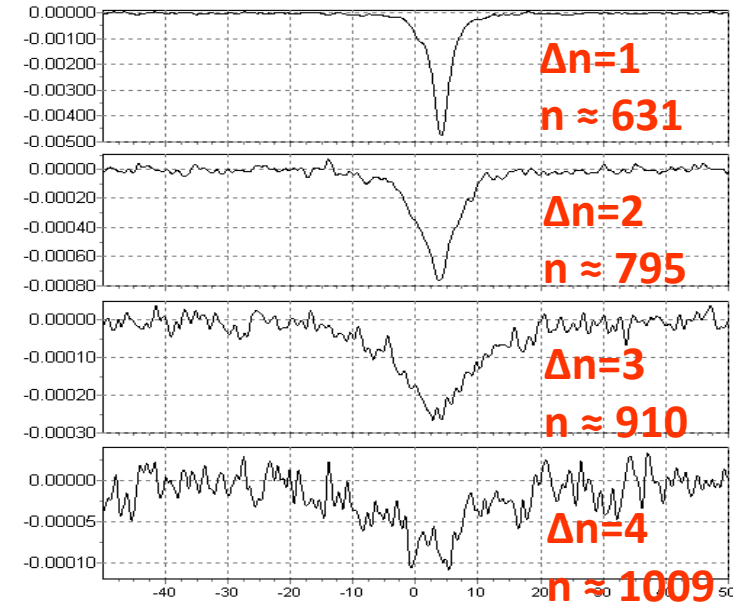


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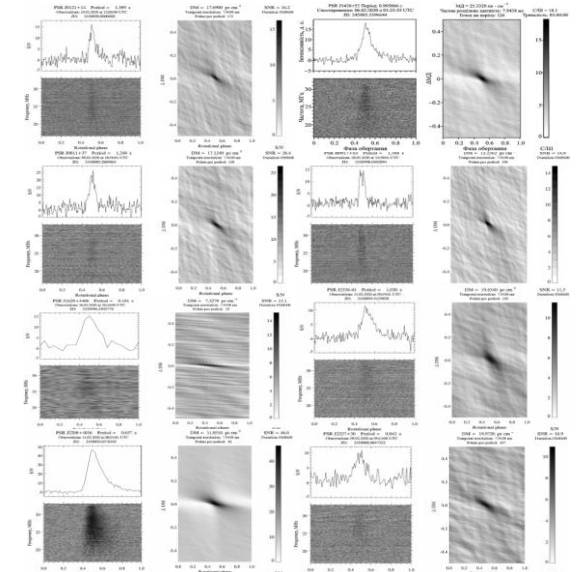
# The low-frequency radio recombination lines of Carbon



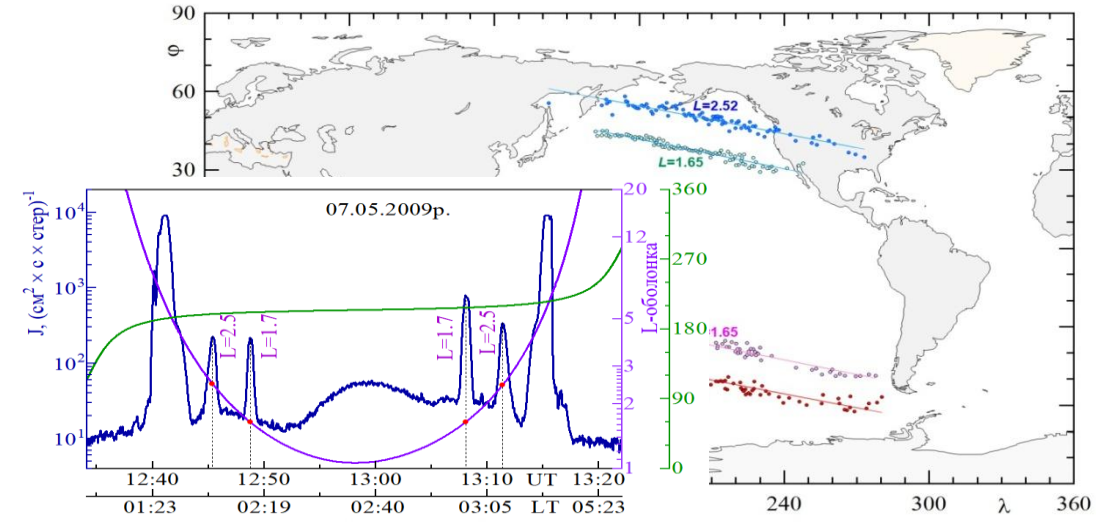
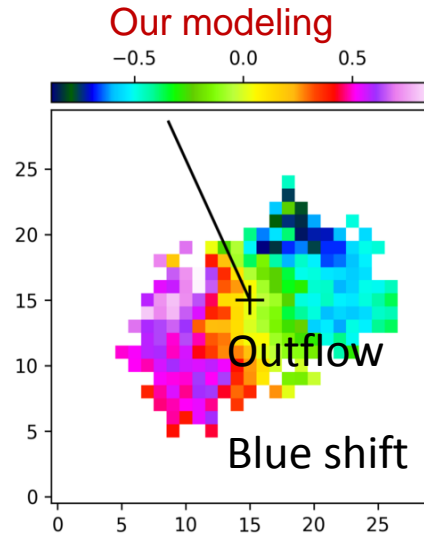
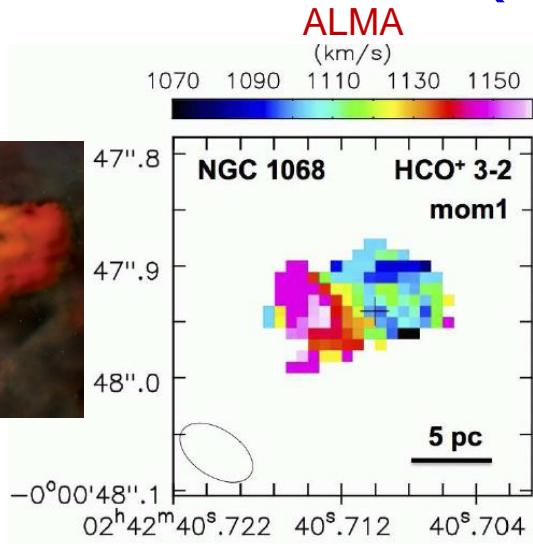
|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| GALAXY                | Pulsars                |
|                       | Active stars           |
|                       | Exoplanets             |
|                       | Transients             |
|                       | Non-thermal background |
|                       | Supernova remnants     |
| EXTRA GALAXIC OBJECTS | Galaxies               |
|                       | Radio galaxies         |
|                       | Quasars                |
|                       | Radio source catalogue |
|                       | Galactic cluster       |
|                       | Unidentified objects   |
| Transients            |                        |



## Pulsars

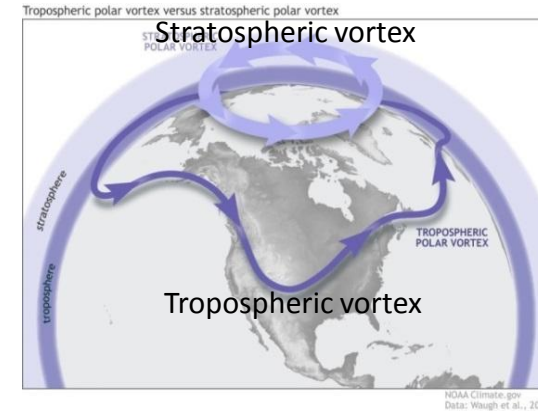
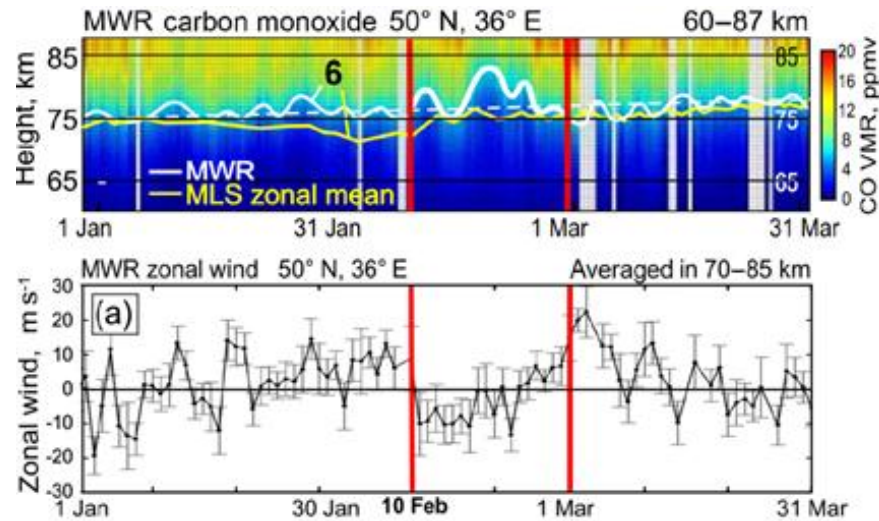
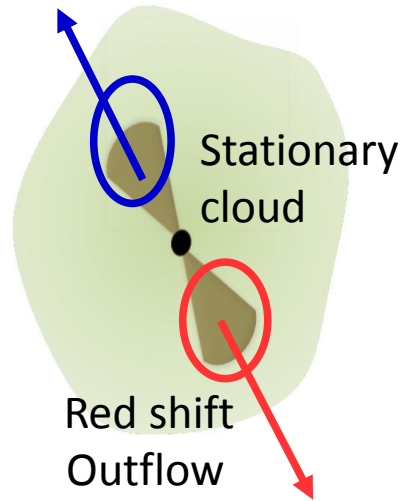
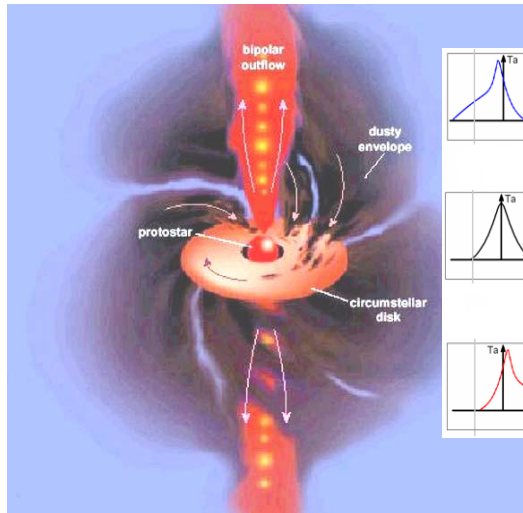


Astrophysics: active galactic nuclei, optics: gravitational lenses, satellites: radiation belts (new 3<sup>rd</sup>), spectroscopy: space molecules (new 4)...



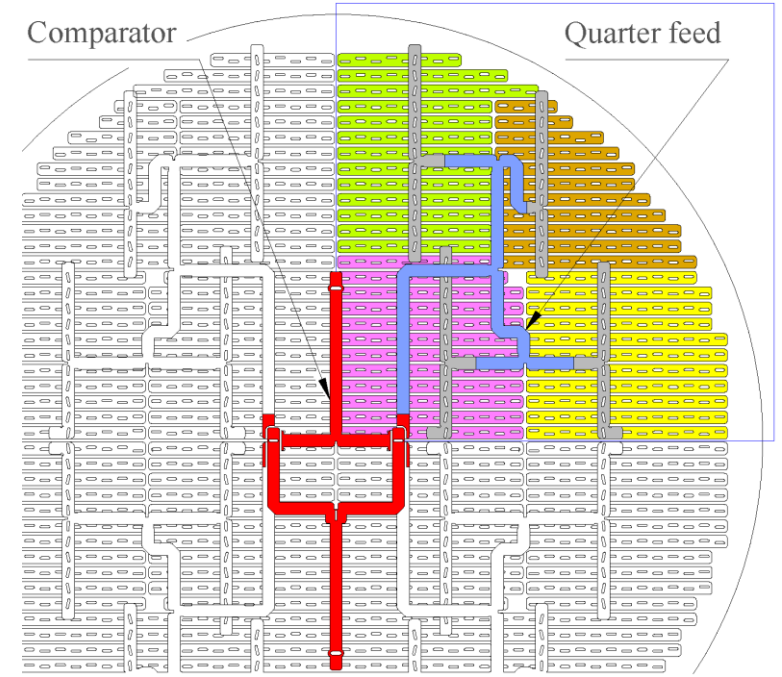
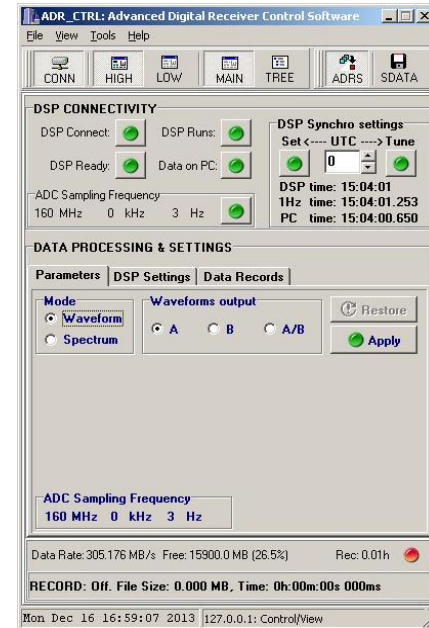
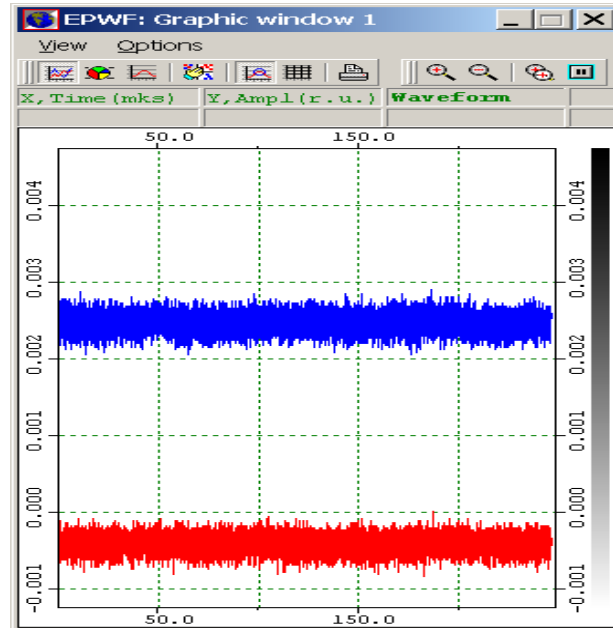
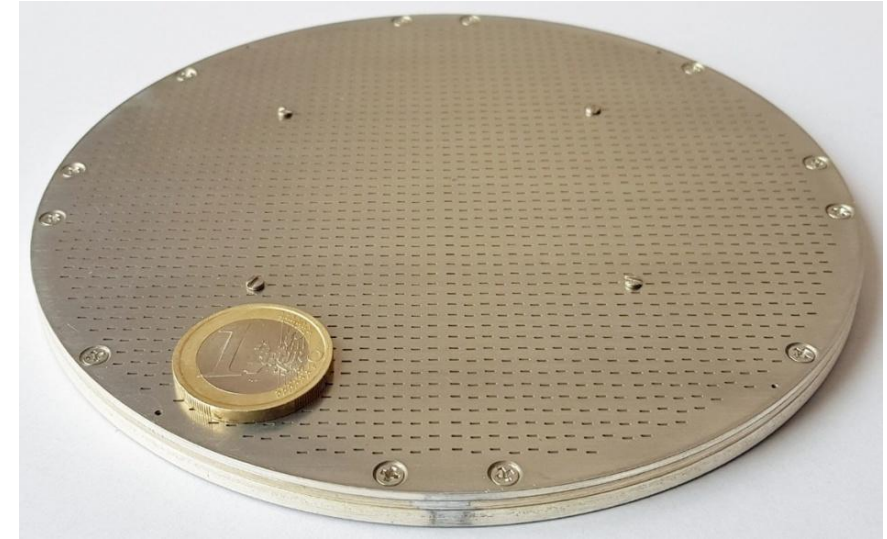
Imanishi et al., 2018

...star forming regions, galactic masers, upper atmosphere





# Meteorological radars, phased antenna arrays (supply and transfer of technologies to Rheinmetall Italia SpA), microwave receivers

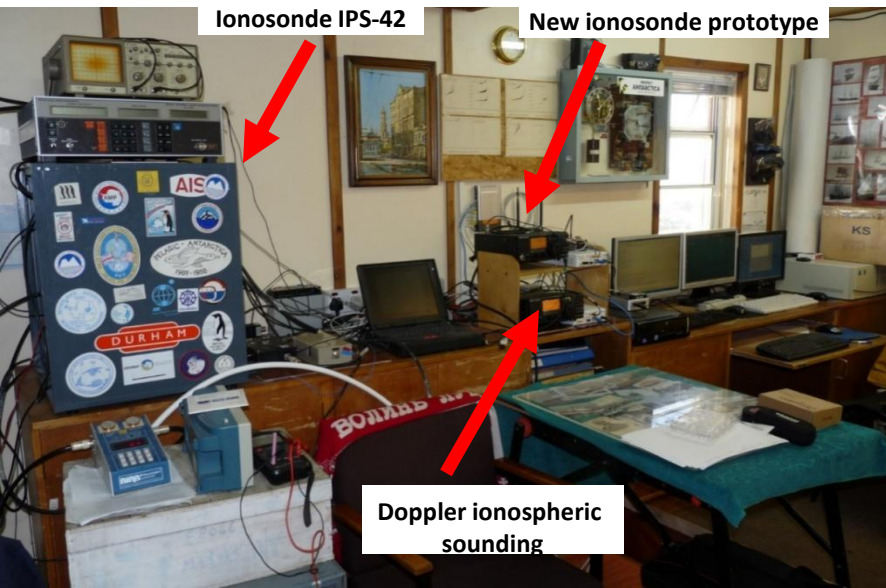
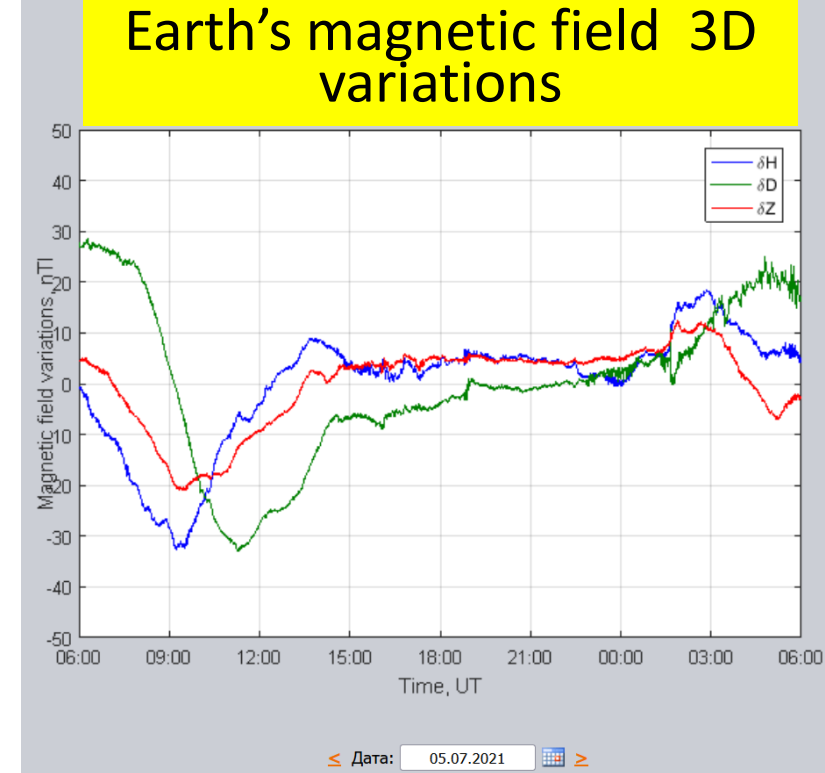




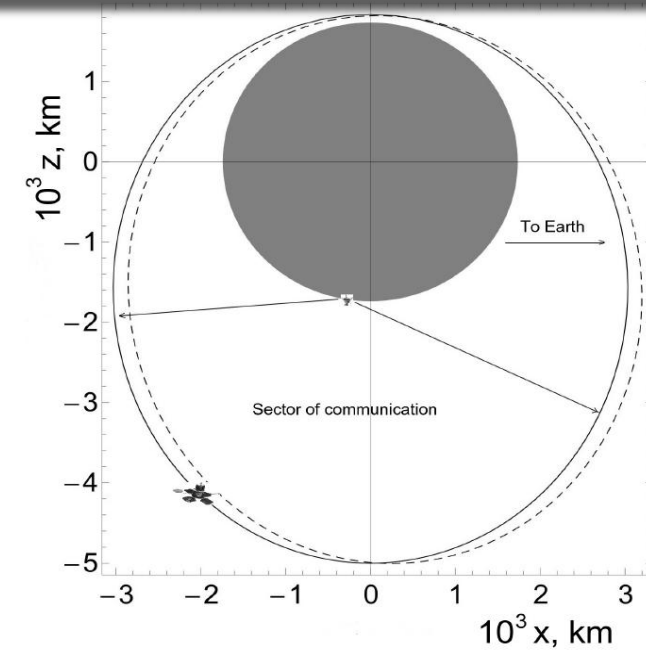
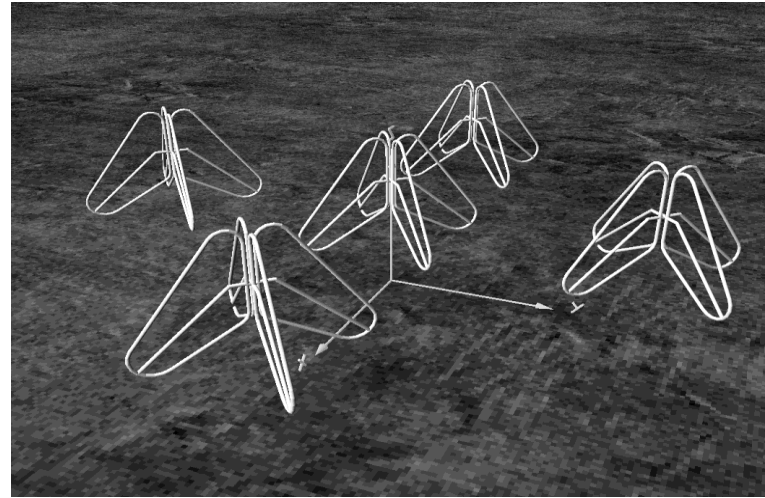
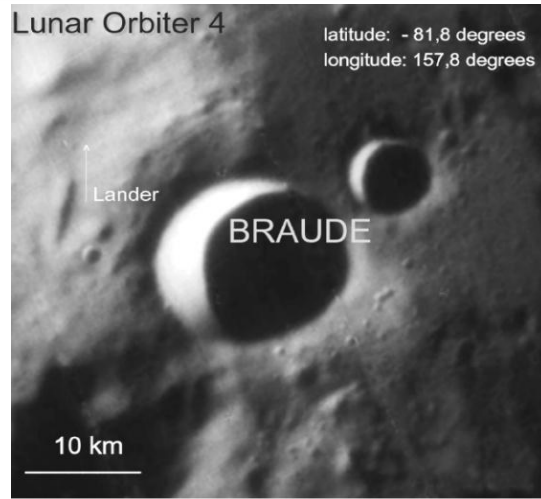
# Propagation of radio waves, radio physics of geocosm, global thunderstorm activity, Earth's magnetic field

- Receiving VLF complex
- Meteoromagnetic station
- HF Doppler Receiver
- GPS/TECU receiver
- Muon monitor
- Solar photometer

Research laboratories: "Earth's electromagnetic environment" (Kharkiv region), Svalbard Island (Arctic), Vernadsky Ukrainian Antarctic Station (Antarctica)



# Space mission Braude-M



## "Braude-M" : Big Radio Astronomy Universe, DEMonstration from the Moon

### Highlights:

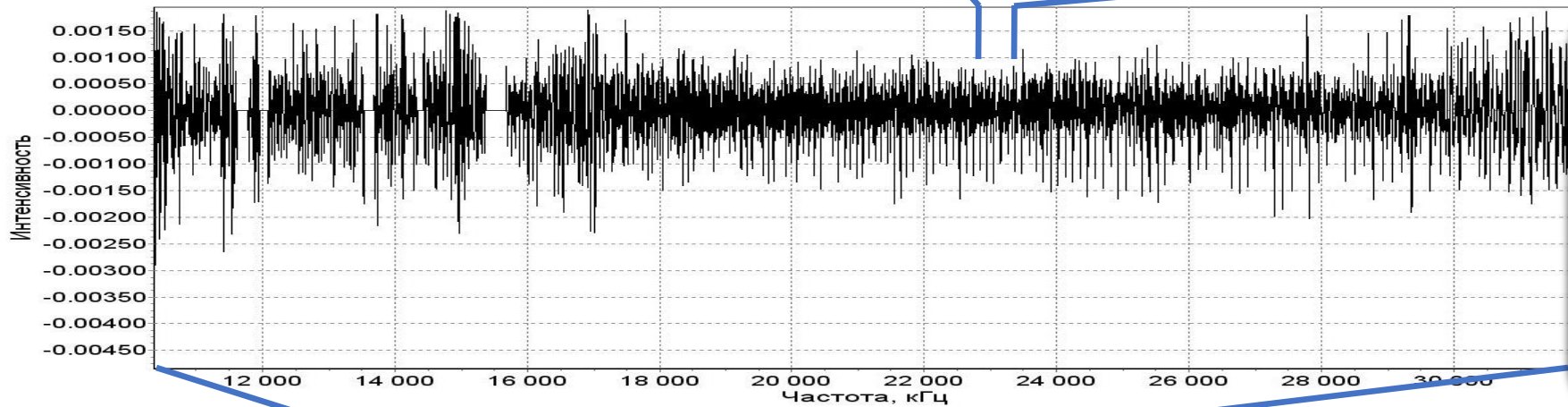
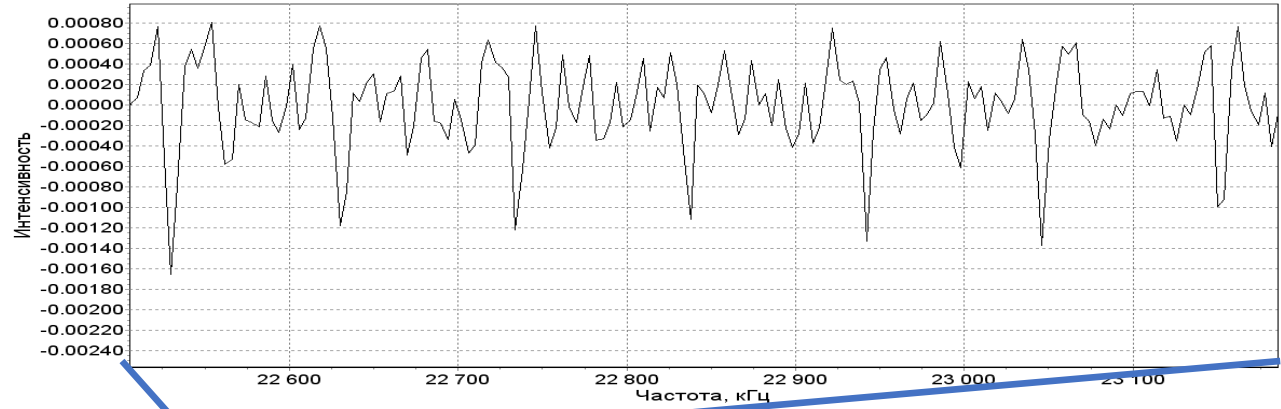
- The mission includes a lander with radio astronomy antennas located on the lunar farside
- Low-frequency antennas shielded by Moon from Earth radio interference allow unique observations
- A relay orbiter uses a 5-hour polar orbit with pericenter near the north pole at a height of 100 km
- The orbiter is equipped with a 3-mm radar for surface mapping with 100-m resolution
- The orbiter payload also includes an IR spectrometer to study OH/H<sub>2</sub>O compounds in regolith

**One of the main task: RRL at low frequencies, high-z red-shifted HI line, Dark Ages;**

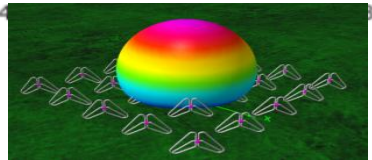
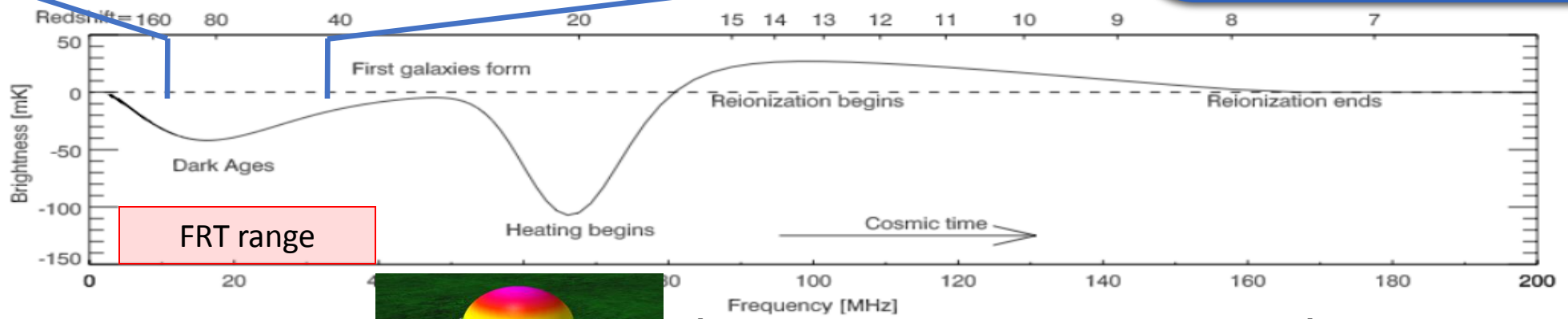
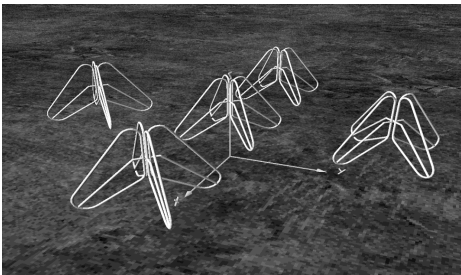
# Radio recombination lines.

Dark Ages:

HI,  $z \sim 100$



UTR-2.  
Direction - Cas A. In the range  
10.5 - 31 MHz there are  
Carbon RRL C854 $\alpha$  ... C596 $\alpha$ .  
Integration time - 55 min.  
With ~100 h int. time  
->  $dT/T \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-6}$



[Liu, Pritchard, Tegmark & Loeb arXiv:1211.3743v3]

# Instead of conclusion:

A twofold mission to the Moon: objectives and payloads

Decision Letter - Revise: 13 February 2018

Mr Johnson

Special Issue Managing Guest Editor (**Acta Astronautica**)

-Reviewer 3:

“Many of the pioneering steps...”

- This proposal carefully stepped through the MANY genuinely interesting scientific questions that can be addressed by
- 1) getting away from the Earth’s ionosphere, and
- 2) getting away from the Earth’s RFI.

Many of the pioneering steps have been taken by this group:

- both on the technical side with electrically **short, active antennas** working in a regime of Galactic background dominance,
- in being pioneers for many of the most interesting scientific questions, **including RRLs,**
- and **emission from solar system bodies.**
- “So I really like this paper a lot, **it is based on LOTS of experience!**”
- “The **key** is to get in **contact with other groups** that are pushing similar missions, and to **work together**. You have a very strong background in technology and REAL science at low frequencies, so you can be a real asset to other groups that have much less REAL experience.”



**Thank you for your attention!**

