



Results from the Radio Meteor Zoo for a few major meteor showers

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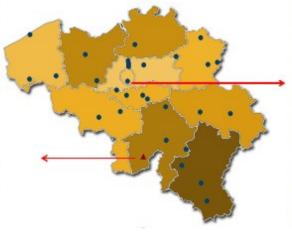


METRO meeting, BISA, November 16, 2017



BRAMS network

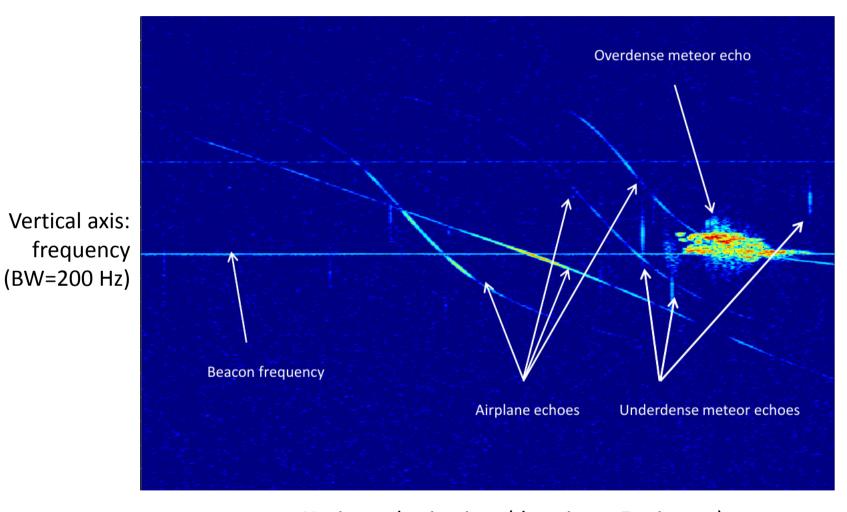






- One transmitter at Dourbes (left)
- Frequency: 49.970 MHz
- Power: 150 W
- 26 receiver stations in Belgium

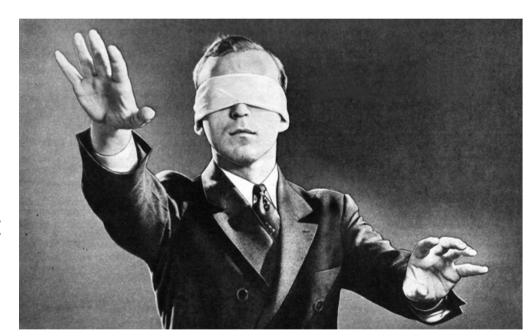
Spectrograms

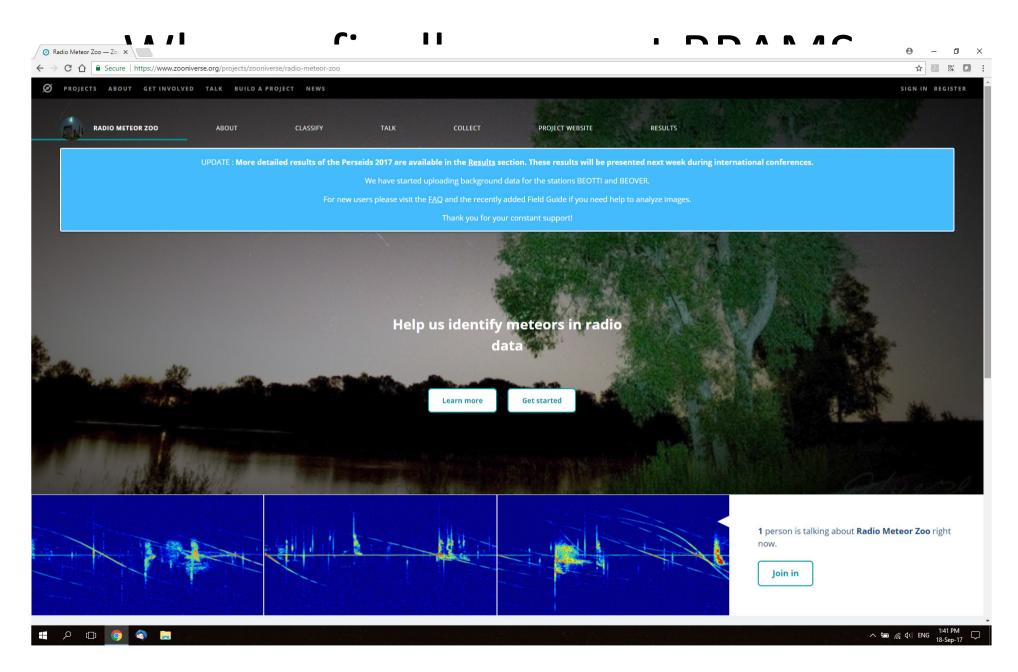


Horizontal axis: time (duration = 5 minutes)

Why you didn't see BRAMS meteor activity plots yet...

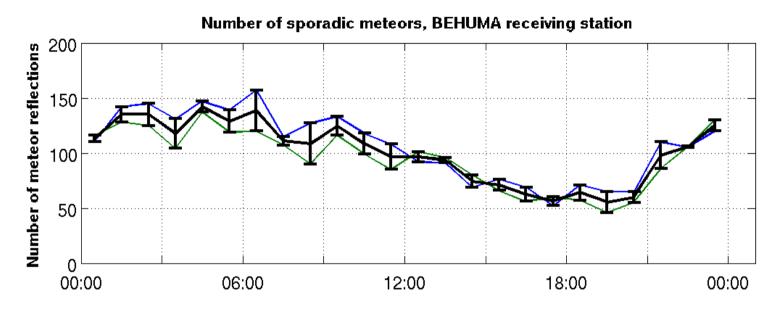
- One spectrogram every 5 minutes
- > 288 spectrograms per day
- Over a "spectrokilogram" for a few days of shower observations
- ➤ Too much to manually detect meteors in all spectrograms ourselves
- Automatic detection of meteors not yet up to the task

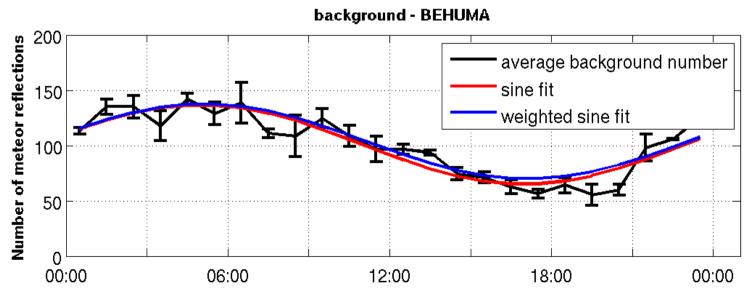




https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/zooniverse/radio-meteor-zoo

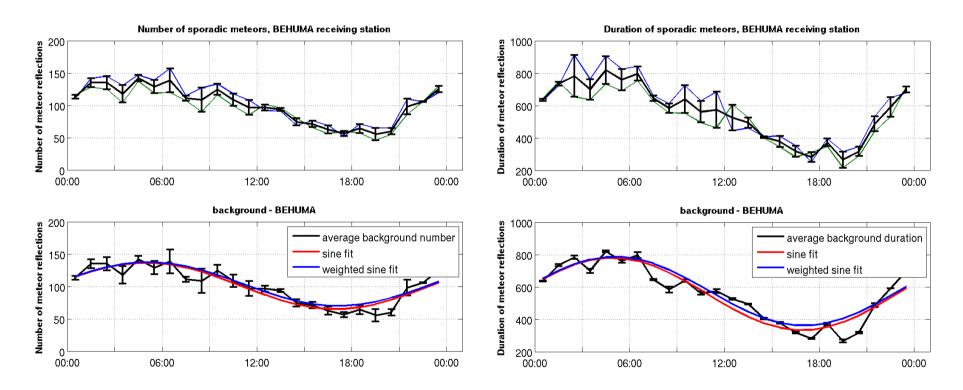
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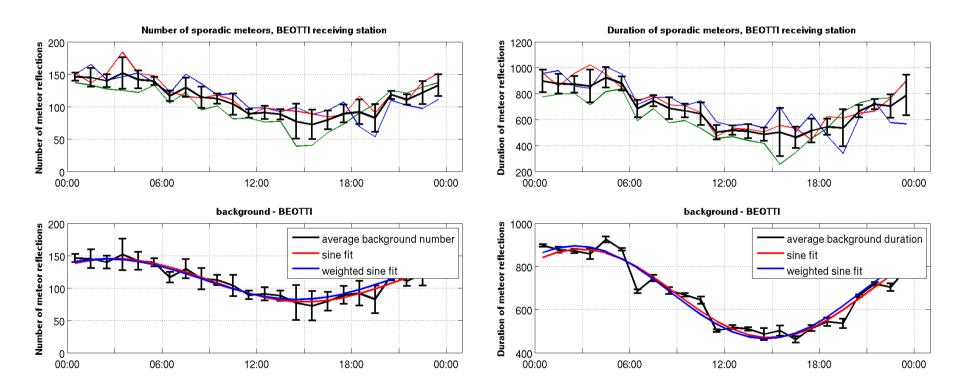
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Number of meteor reflections



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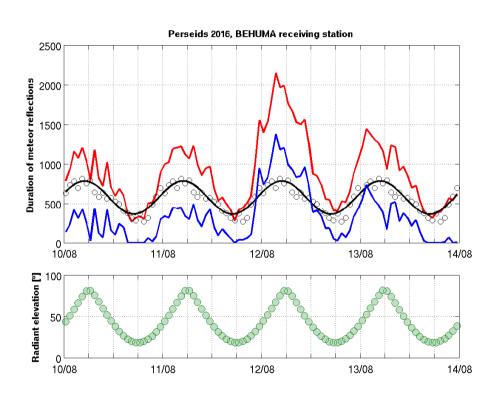
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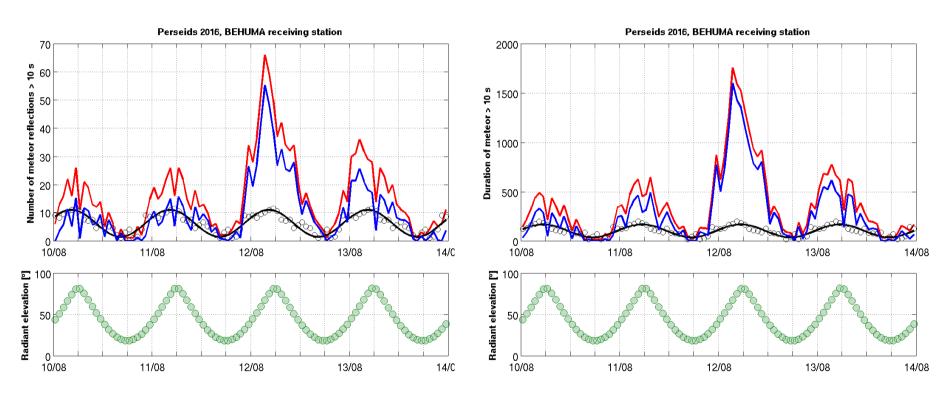
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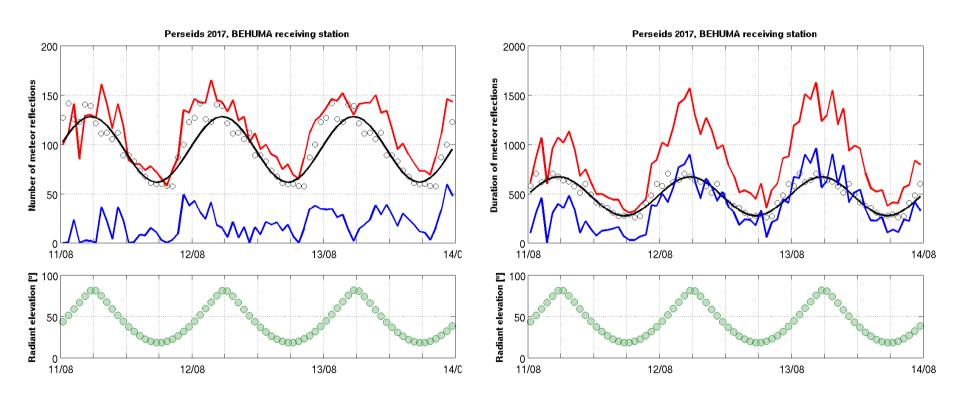
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Number of meteor reflections > 10 s



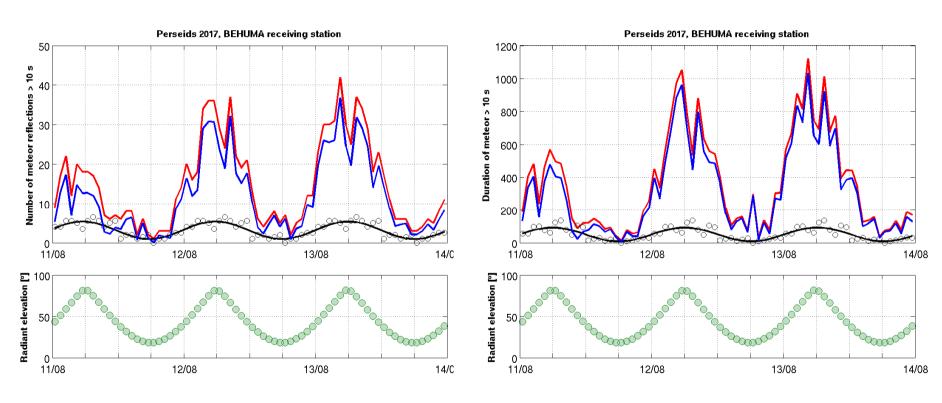
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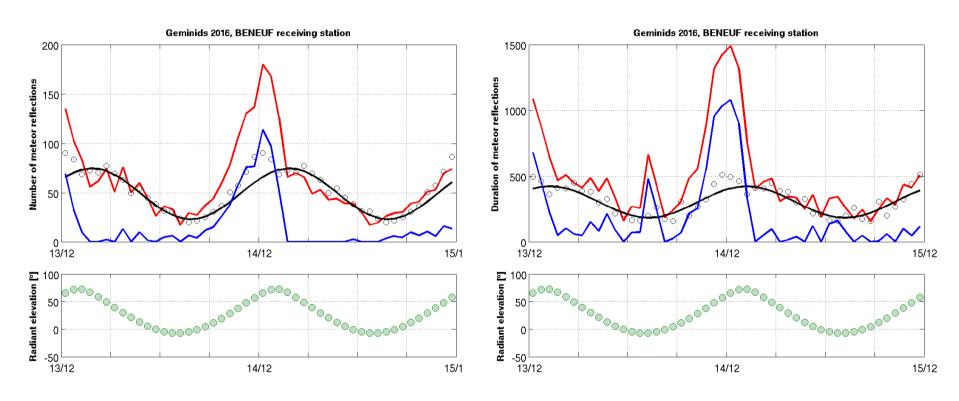
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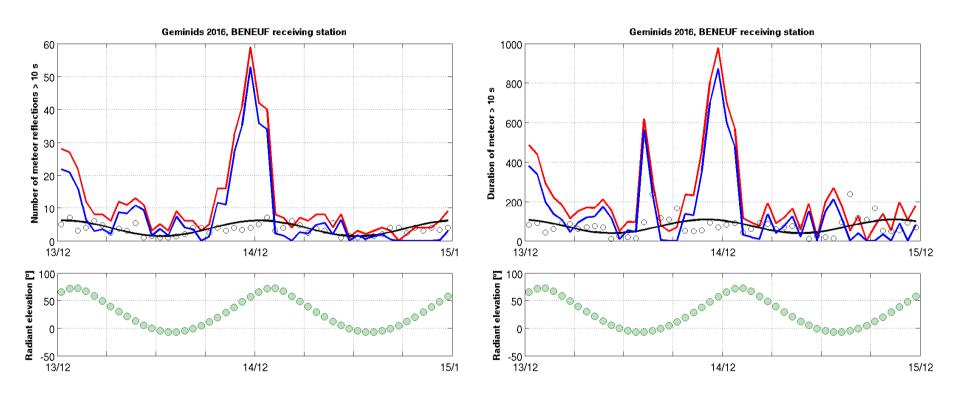
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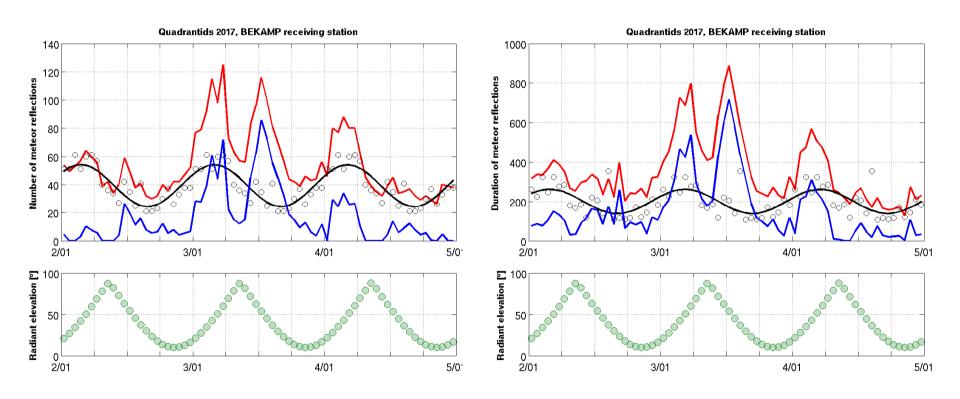
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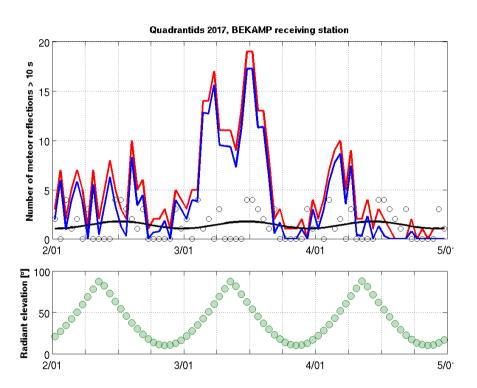
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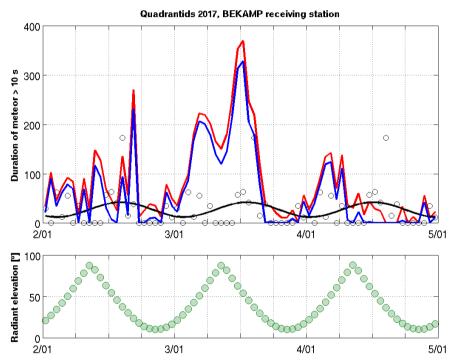
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Conclusions

- The BRAMS team has established a consistent method to estimate the sporadic background and subtract it from the total activity to obtain shower activity.
- Most showers are overwhelmed by the many faint sporadic meteors. Showers stand out better when considering only long duration reflections.
- The resulting shower rates have to be corrected for the sensitivity of the setup (Observability Function), which is highly dependent on radiant-setup geometry and antenna gains.

Near future

Observability Function code expected to be ready spring 2018

Hold tight for updates in 2018!

