Radiative transfer in refractive atmoshere

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1. Background
2. Refractive effects
3. Scintillations

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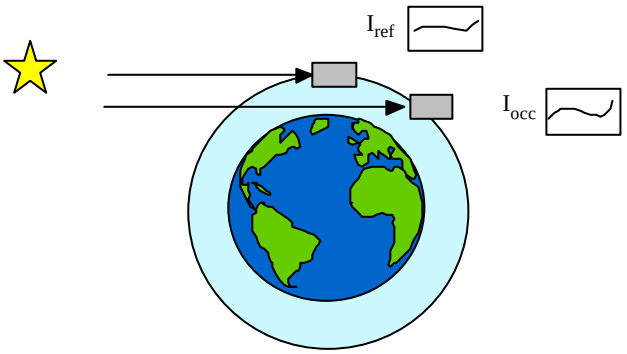
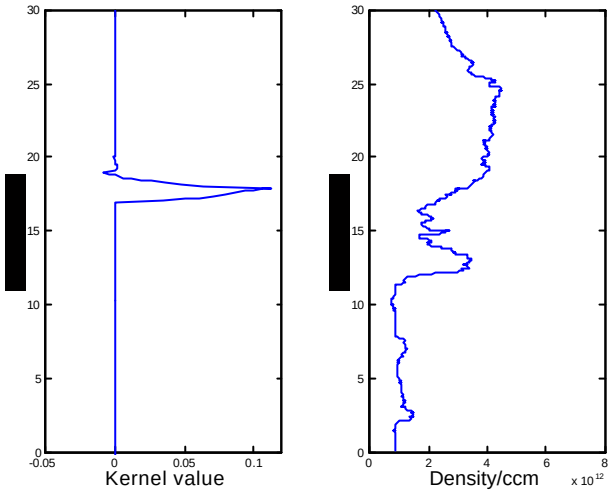
Global **O**zone **M**onitoring by **O**ccultations of **S**tars



$$T(\lambda) = \frac{I_{occ}(\lambda)}{I_{ref}(\lambda)}$$

Vertical resolution



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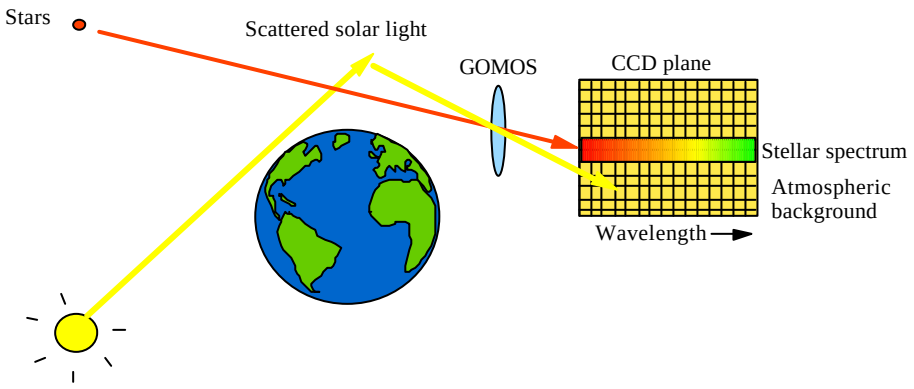
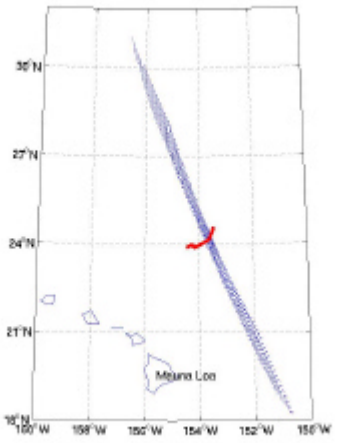
DAY AND NIGHT MEASUREMENTS



Geolocation: short occultation



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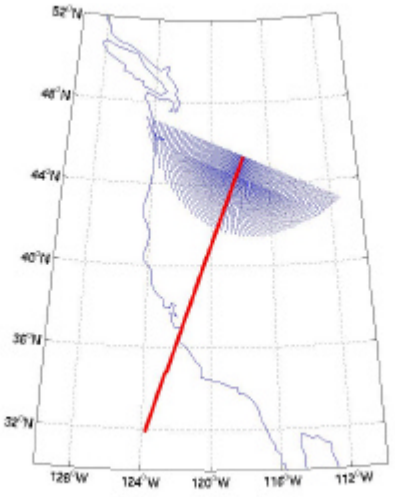
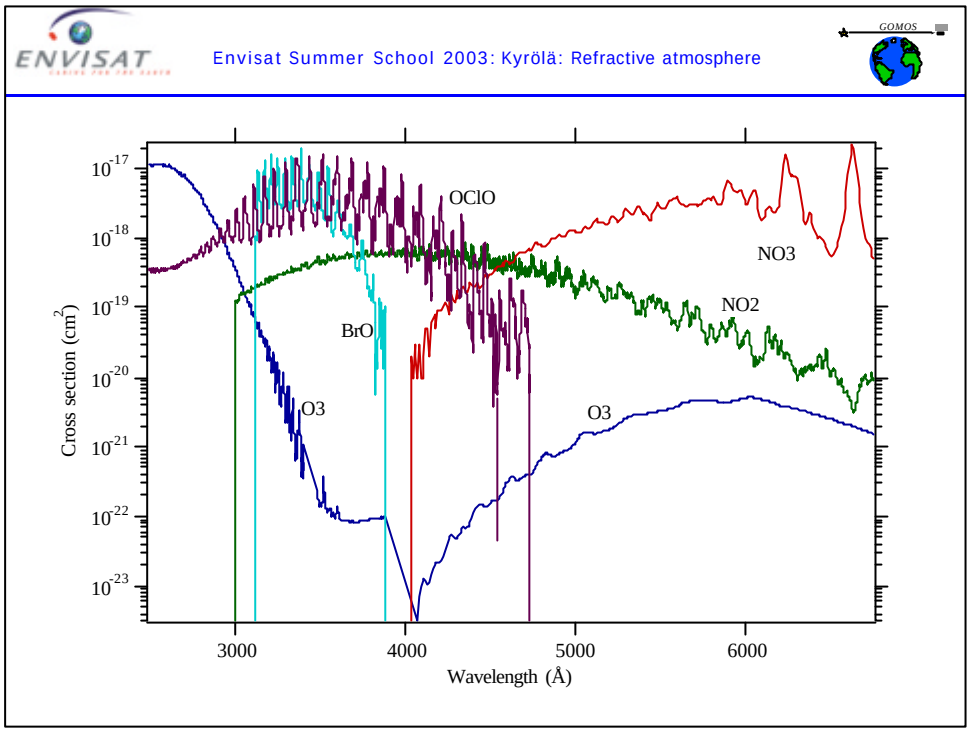
Geolocation: long occultation

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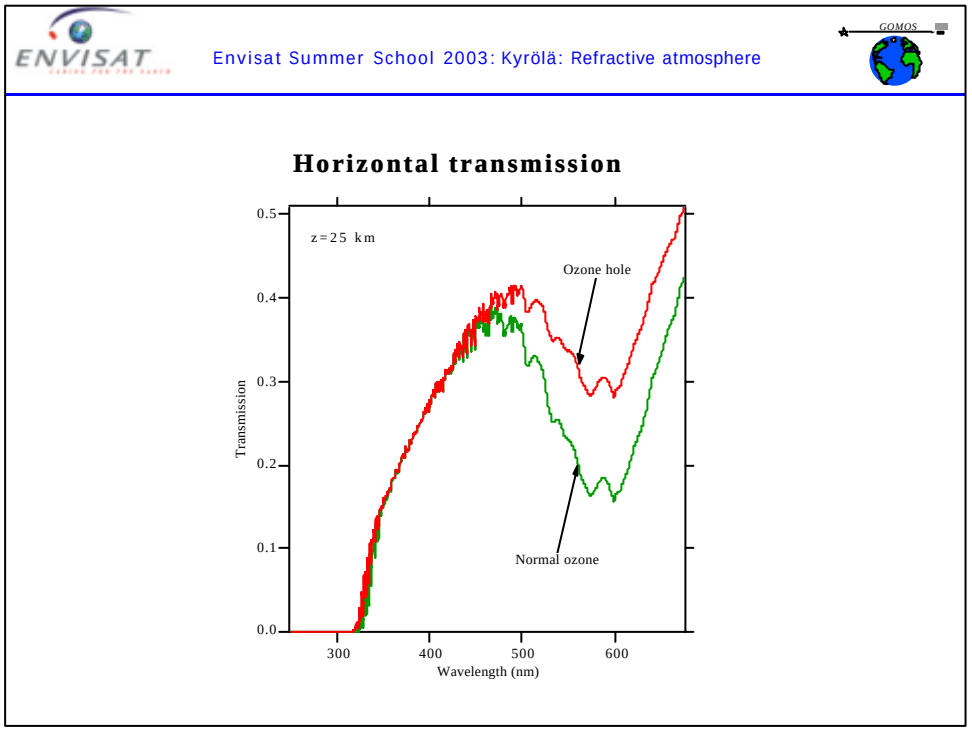
GOMOS
OClO
NO3
NO2
BrO
O3
O3
Cross section (cm2)
10-17
10-18
10-19
10-20
10-21
10-22
10-23
3000
4000
5000
6000
Wavelength (Å)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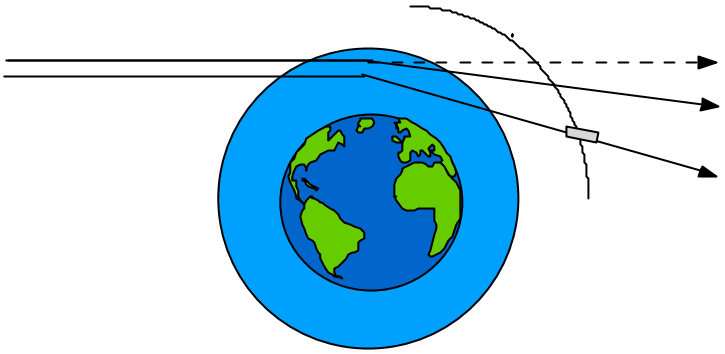
GOMOS
Horizontal transmission
z=25 km
Ozone hole
Normal ozone
Transmission
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
300
400
500
600
Wavelength (nm)

Measurement physics: refractive dilution



Increasing density gradient

→ differential refraction

→ intensity reduction

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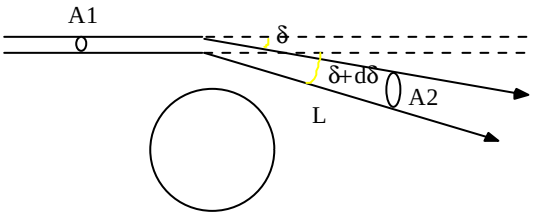
DILUTION TRANSMISSION

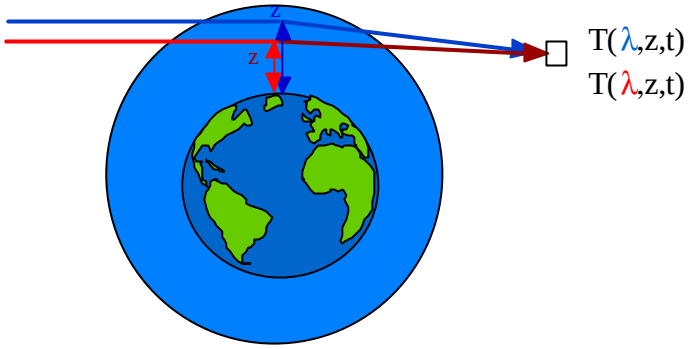
$$T_{dil}(\lambda,z)=\frac{A_1}{A_2}=\frac{1}{1+L\frac{d\delta}{dz}}$$

Here:

L= distance between the tangent point and the satellite
d= refraction angle
z=tangent height



Measurement physics: chromatic refraction



Different colors-different tangent altitudes

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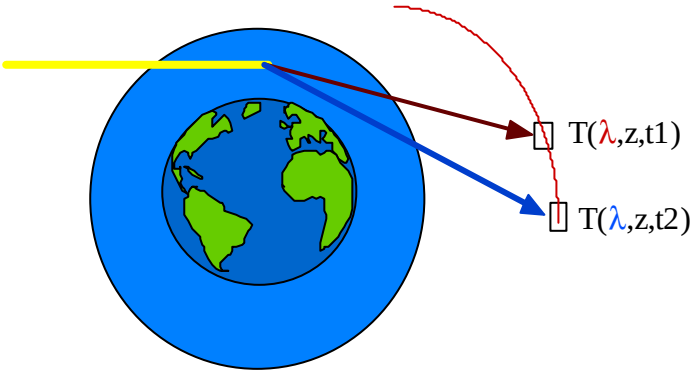
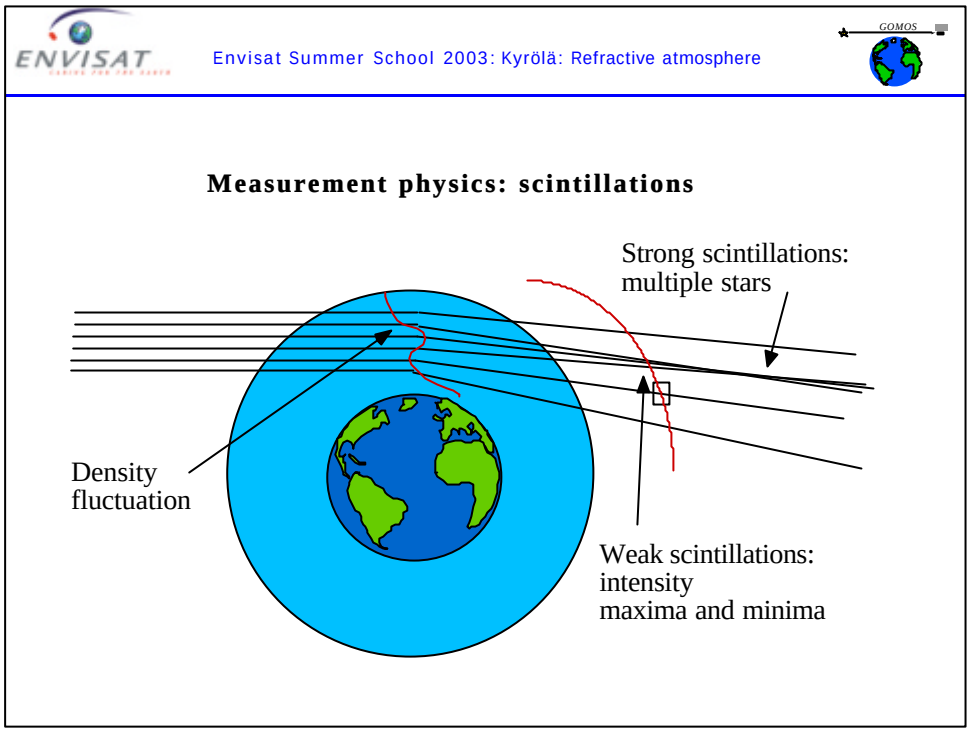
Measurement physics: chromatic time delay



Different colors-different refraction angles-different times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GOMOS
Measurement physics: scintillations
Strong scintillations:
multiple stars
Density
fluctuation
Weak scintillations:
intensity
maxima and minima

Stellar occultation instrument
UVISI
on MSX-spacecraft

UVISI by APL of Johns Hopkins University

Several hundred occultations since 1996

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MSX movie
(not included
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Photometer time series
(movies not included
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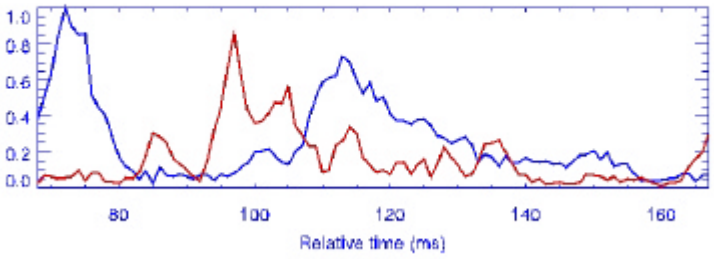

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