

# Light in Vienna

## Outdoor light power and top emitters



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# Goals

1. Measure energy content and related CO<sub>2</sub> emission of Vienna's light dome.
2. Distribution of the emission using the top 10 sources of a 10% sample of Vienna's street network.

# Method

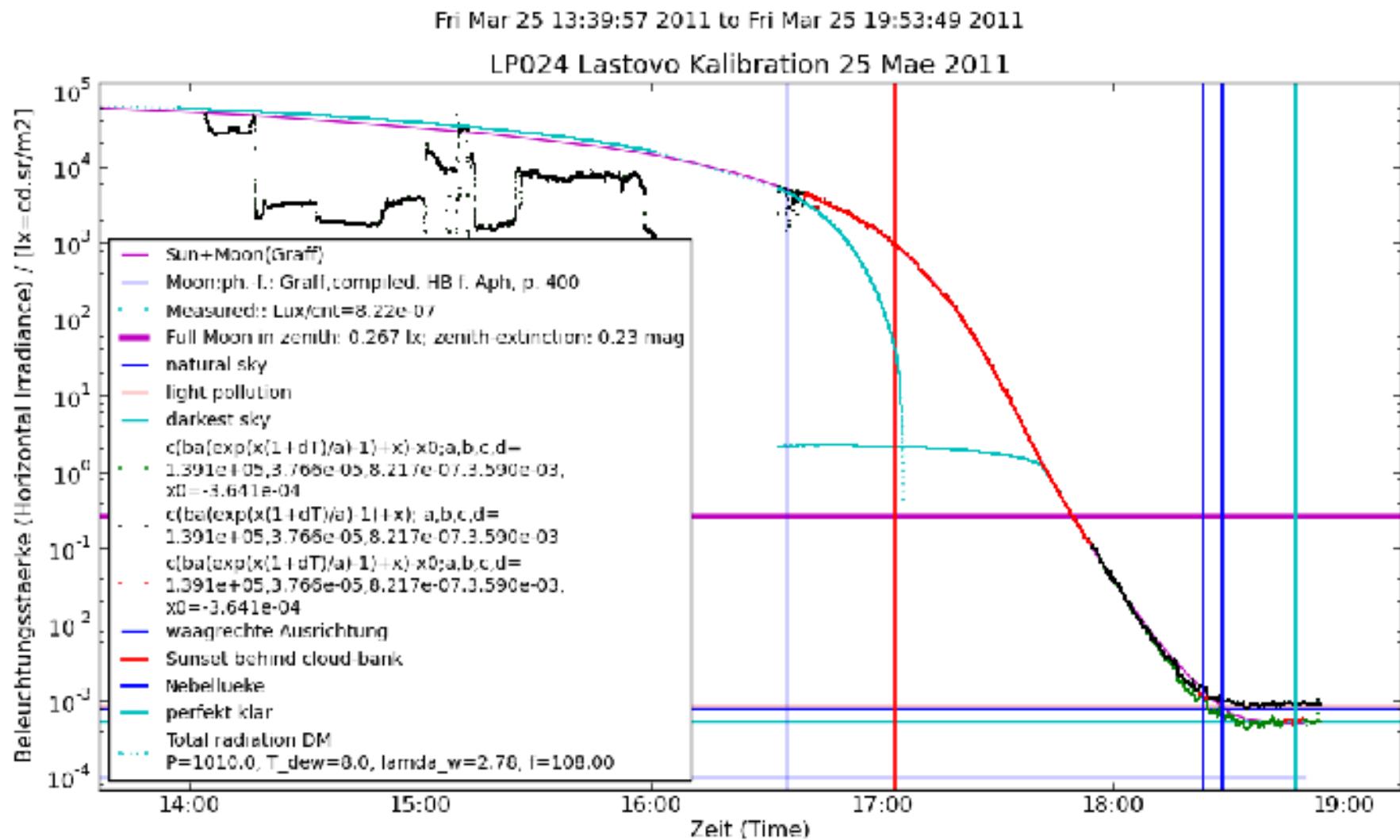
- Measure energy-flux densities [ $\text{W/m}^2$ ] with Lightmeters.
- Determine brightness with Luxmeters in standard distances.

# Primary calibration with Sunlight Island of Lastove, 25.3.

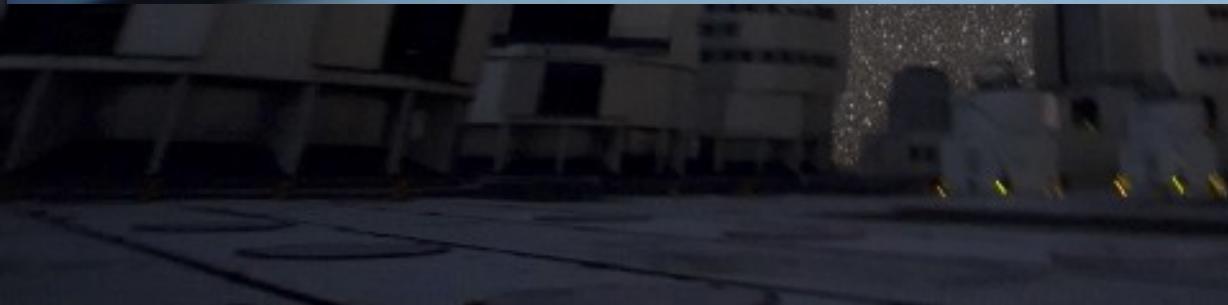
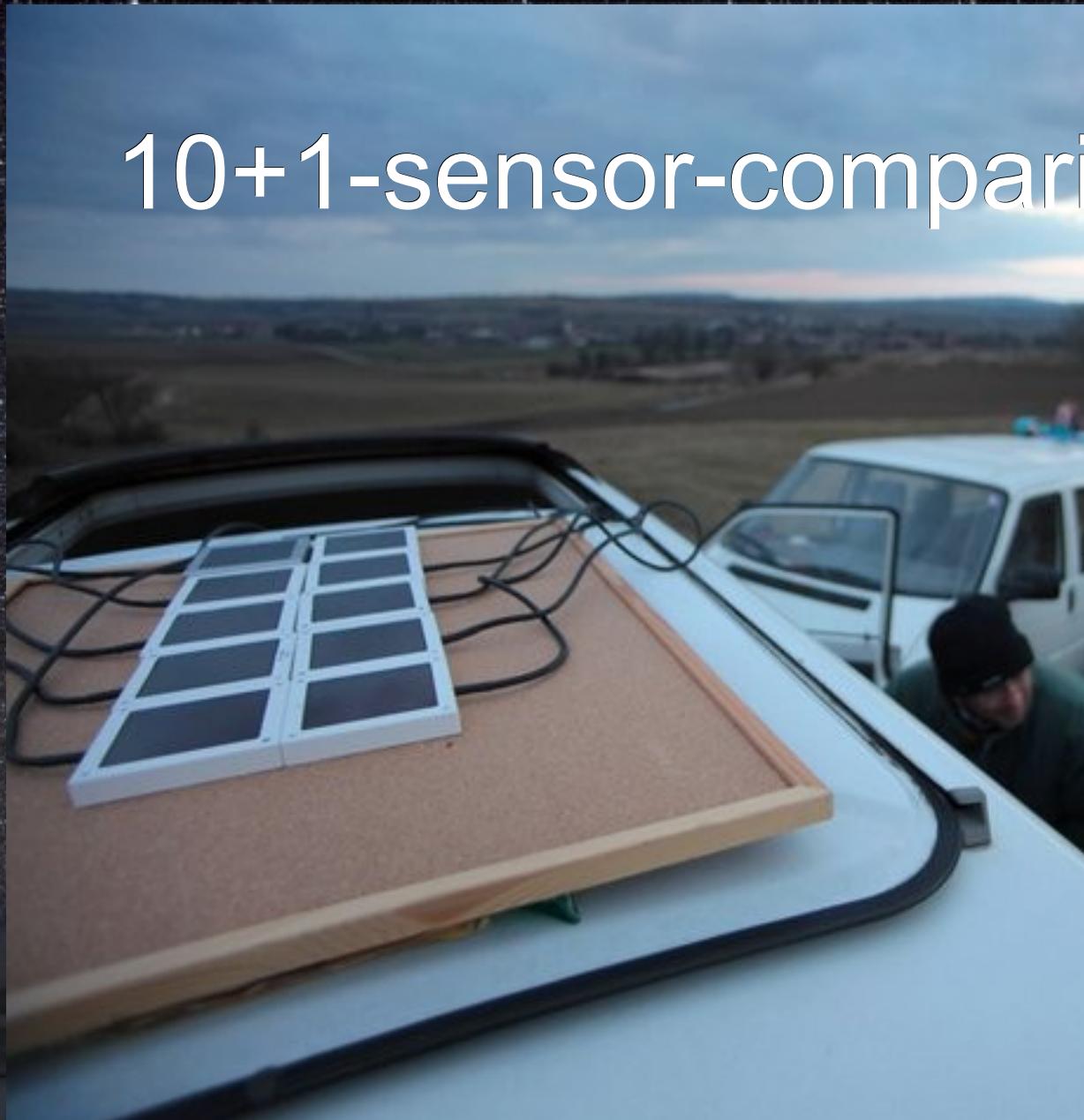
- Total radiation (energy flux density  $\text{W/m}^2$ )
- Solar constant + standard-atmo + twilight



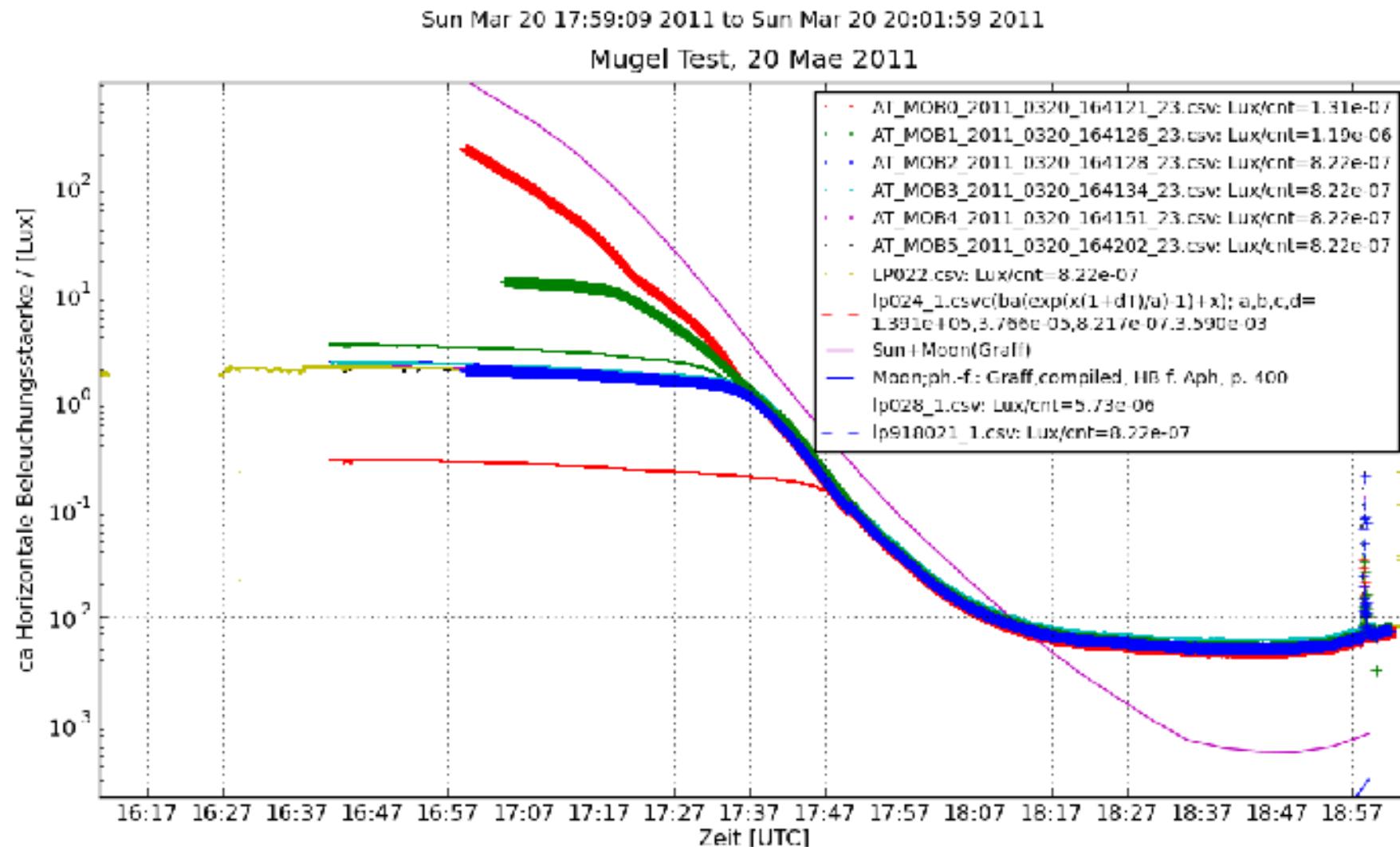
# Absolut calibration



# 10+1-sensor-comparison Großmugl



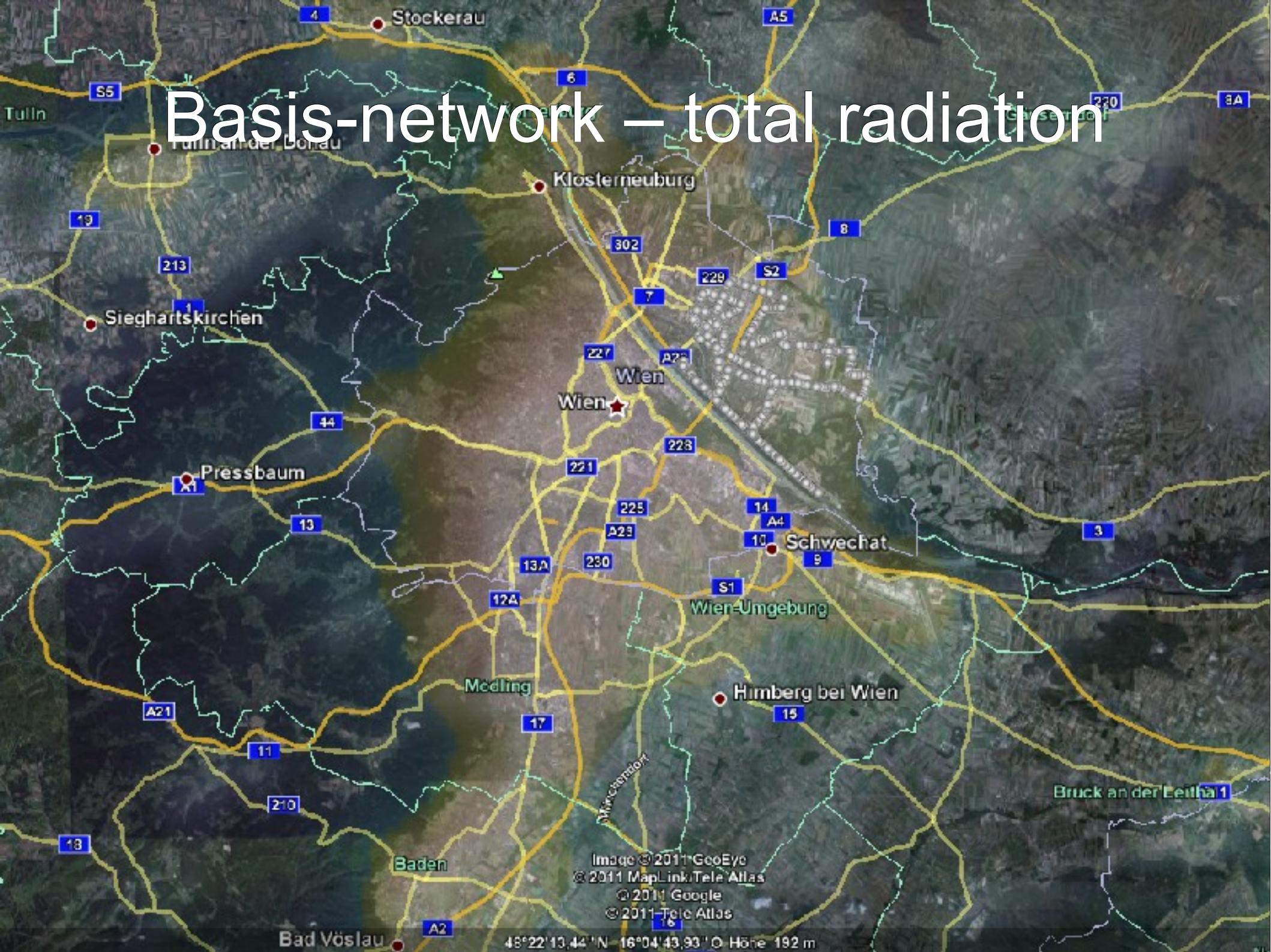
# Adjust to „solar“-standard



# Part 1: waste-light-volume Vienna



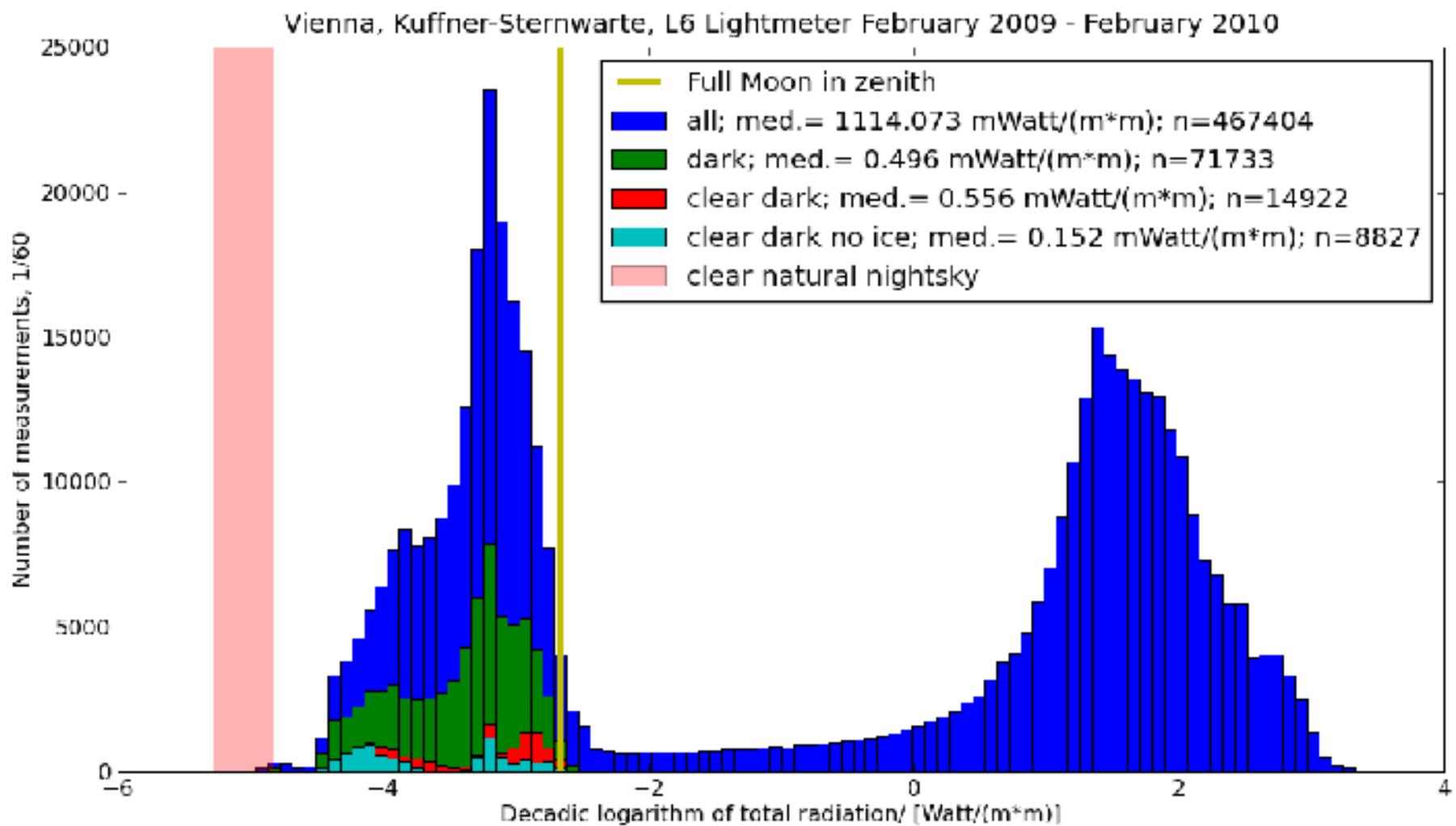
# Basis-network – total radiation



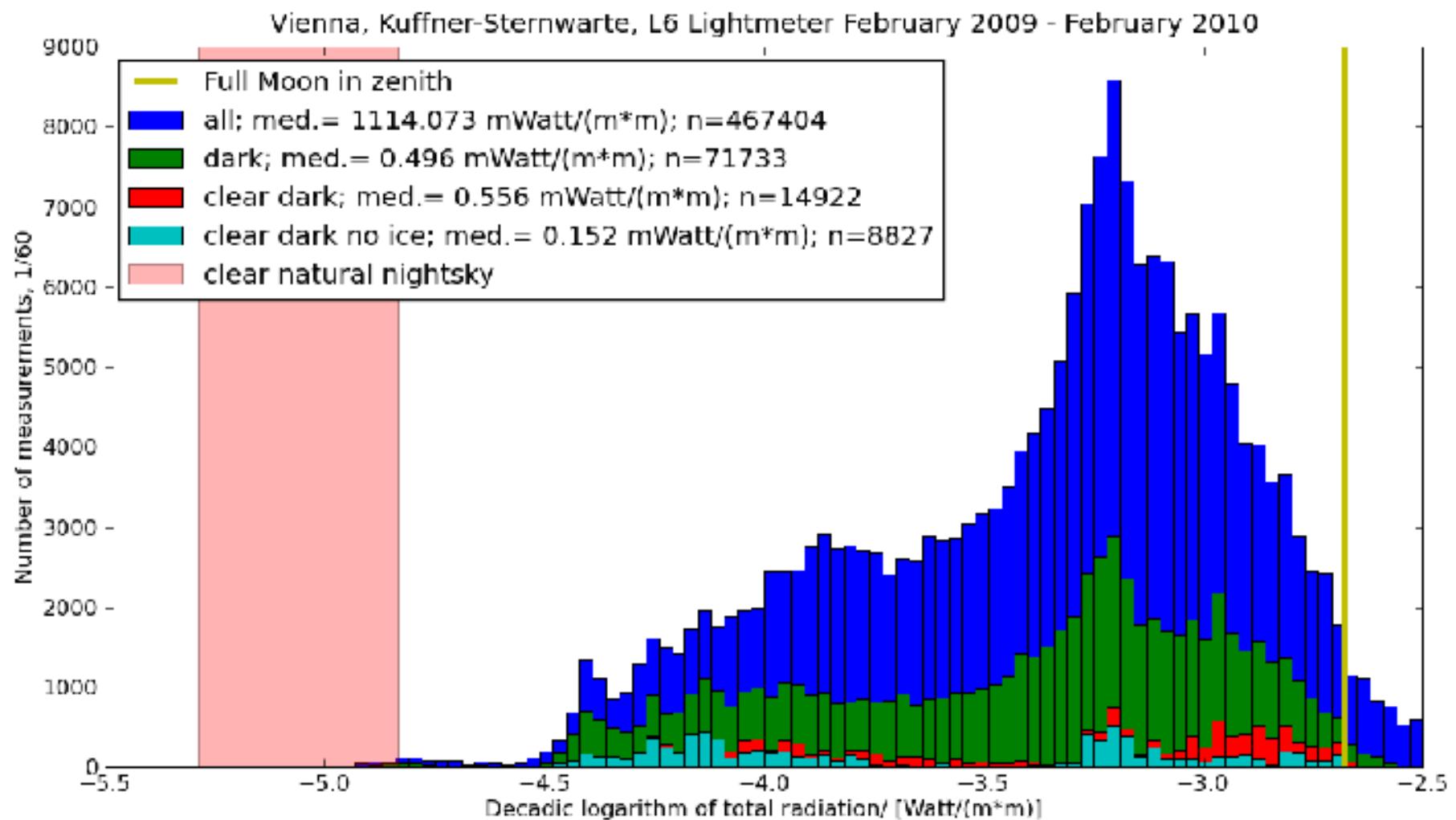
# Lightmeter stations



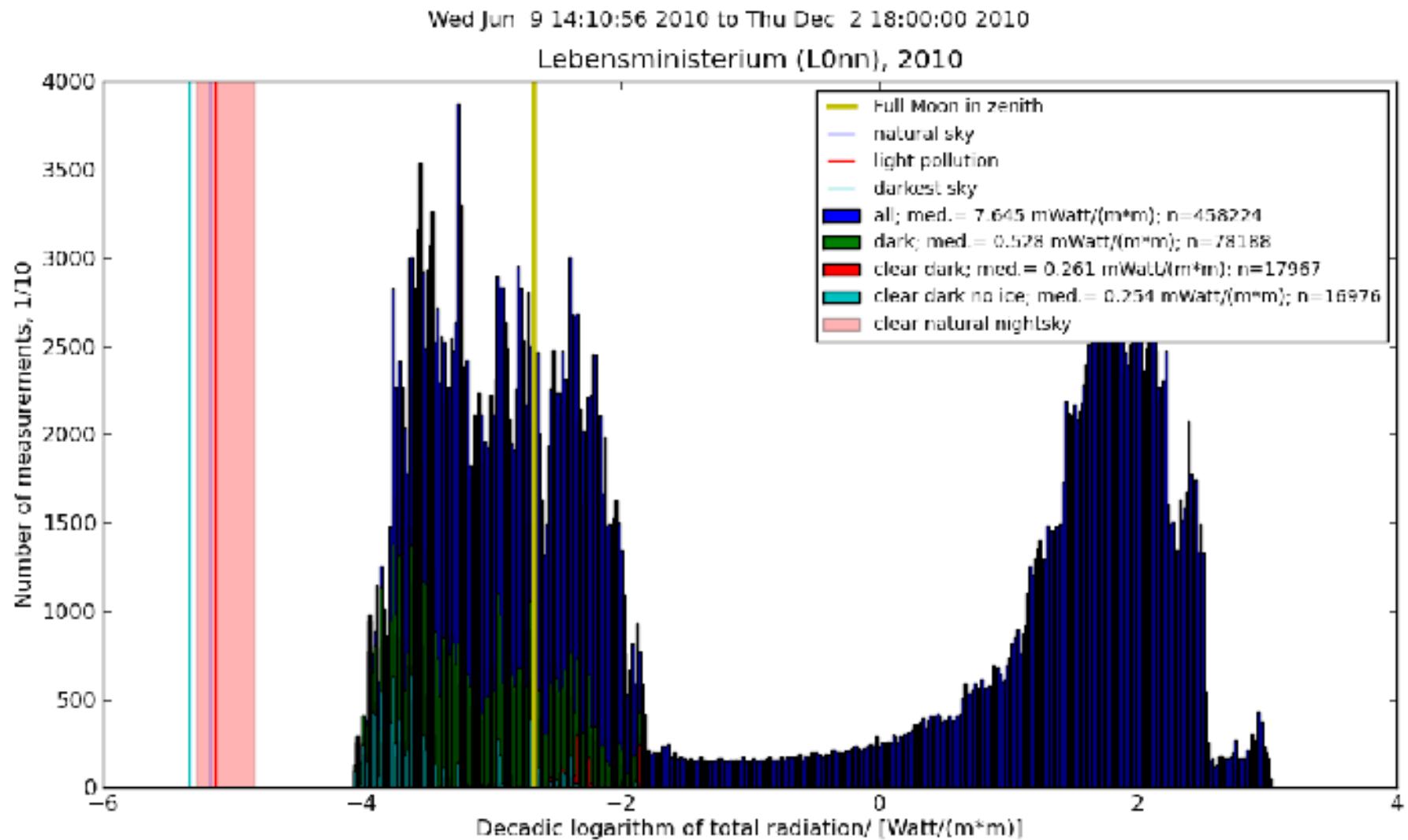
# Kuffner-Sternwarte 2009/2010



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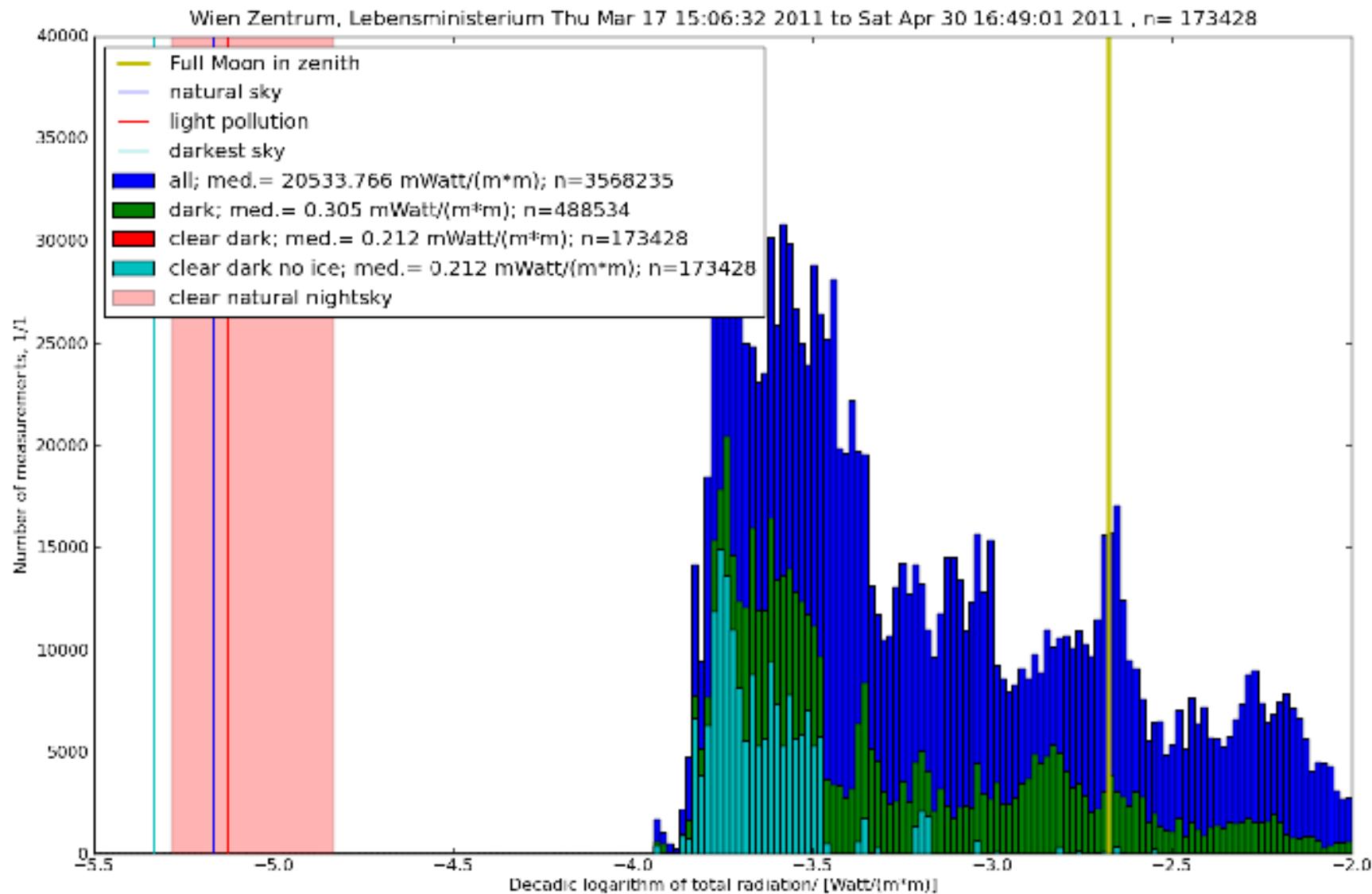


# Vienna centre 2010



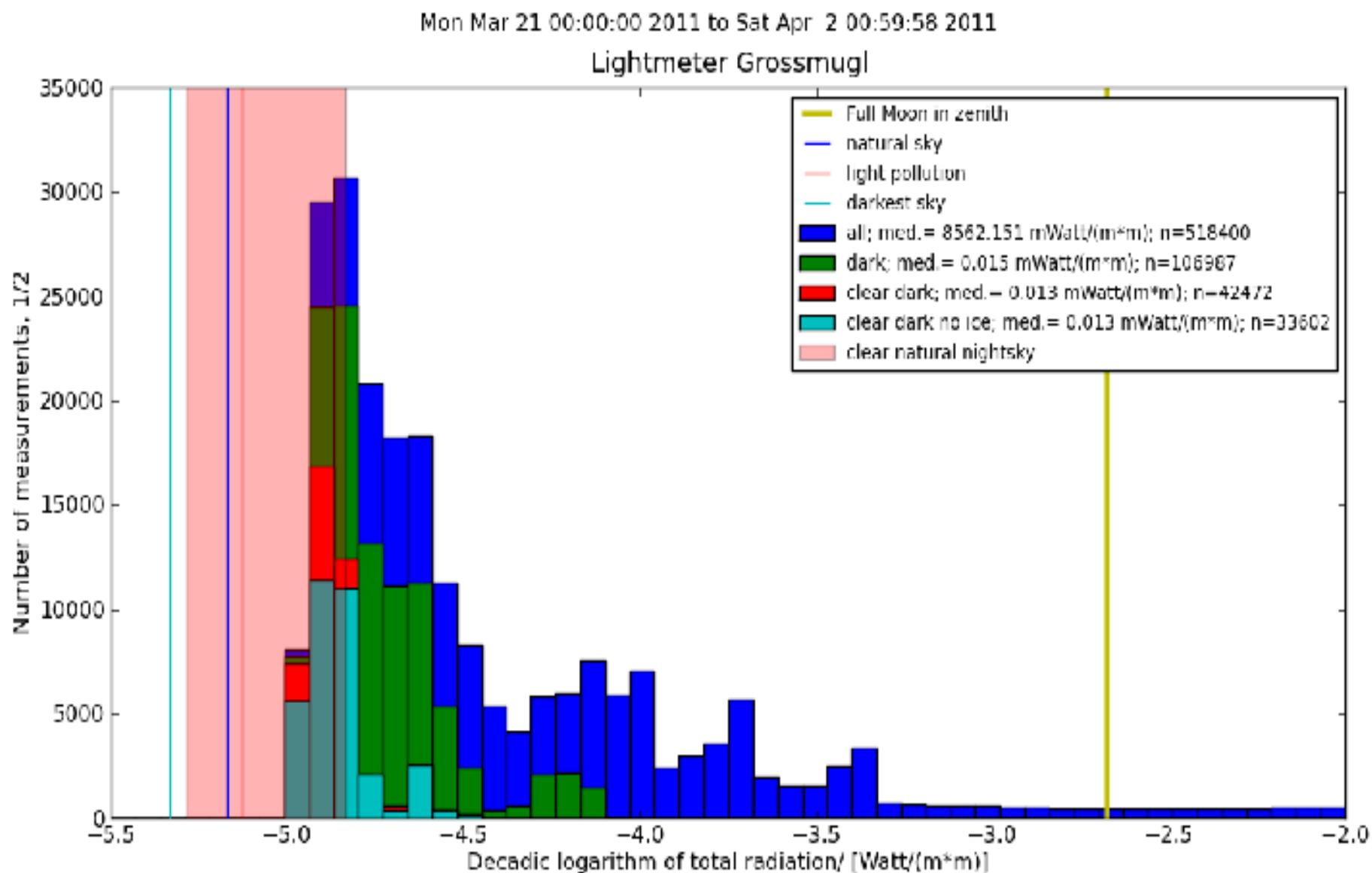
# Nightime total radiation

## Wien Zentrum März/April 2011



# Nightime total radiation

## Grossmugl March/April 2011



# Dark-time total-radiation-median moon-less astronomical night

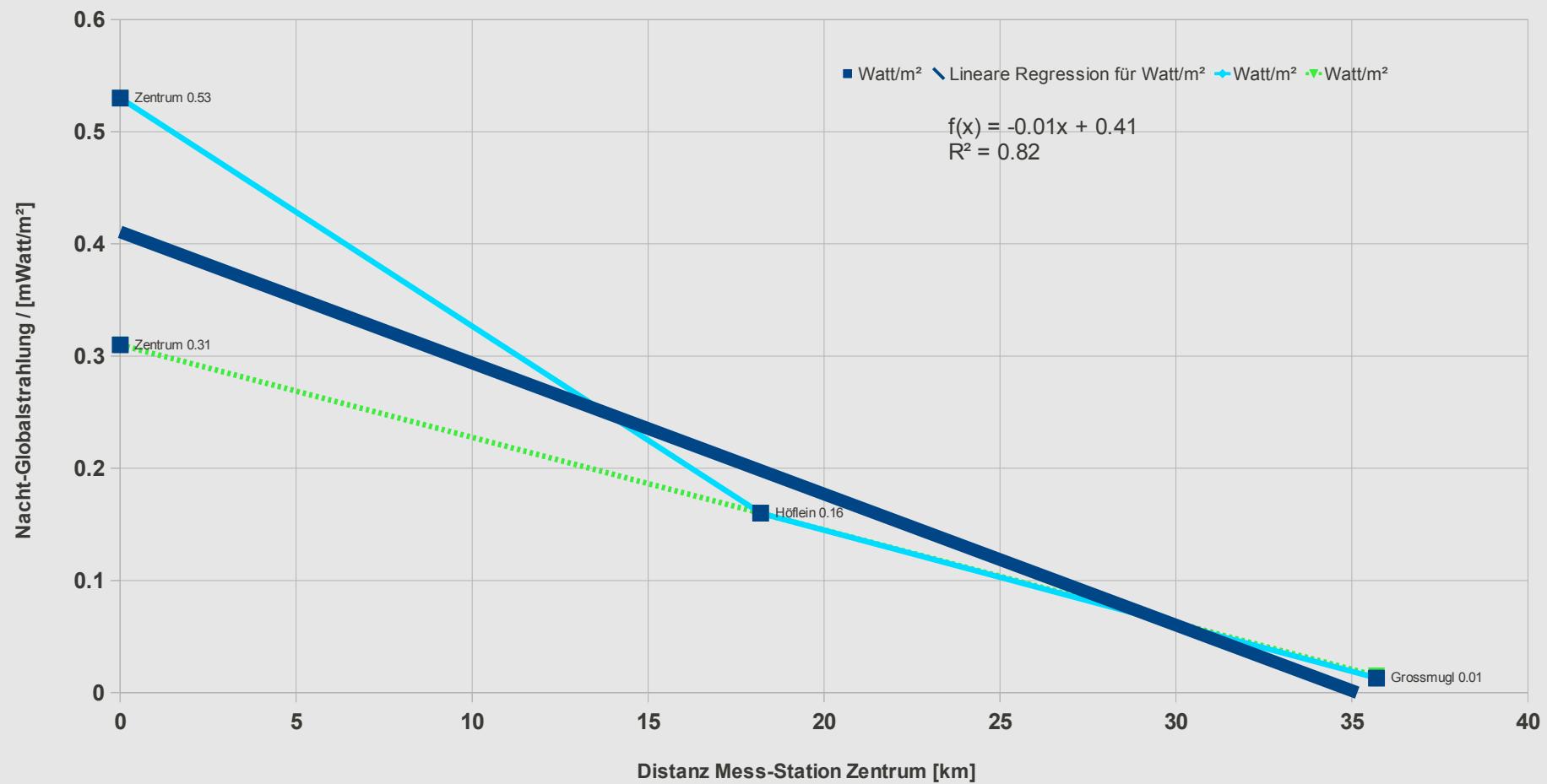
- Centre:            0,31 / 0,53 (winter)      mW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Hoflein:           0,16      mW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Grossmugl:       0,03      mW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Nightsky:        0,006     mW/m<sup>2</sup>

# Cut through the Vienna lightcone

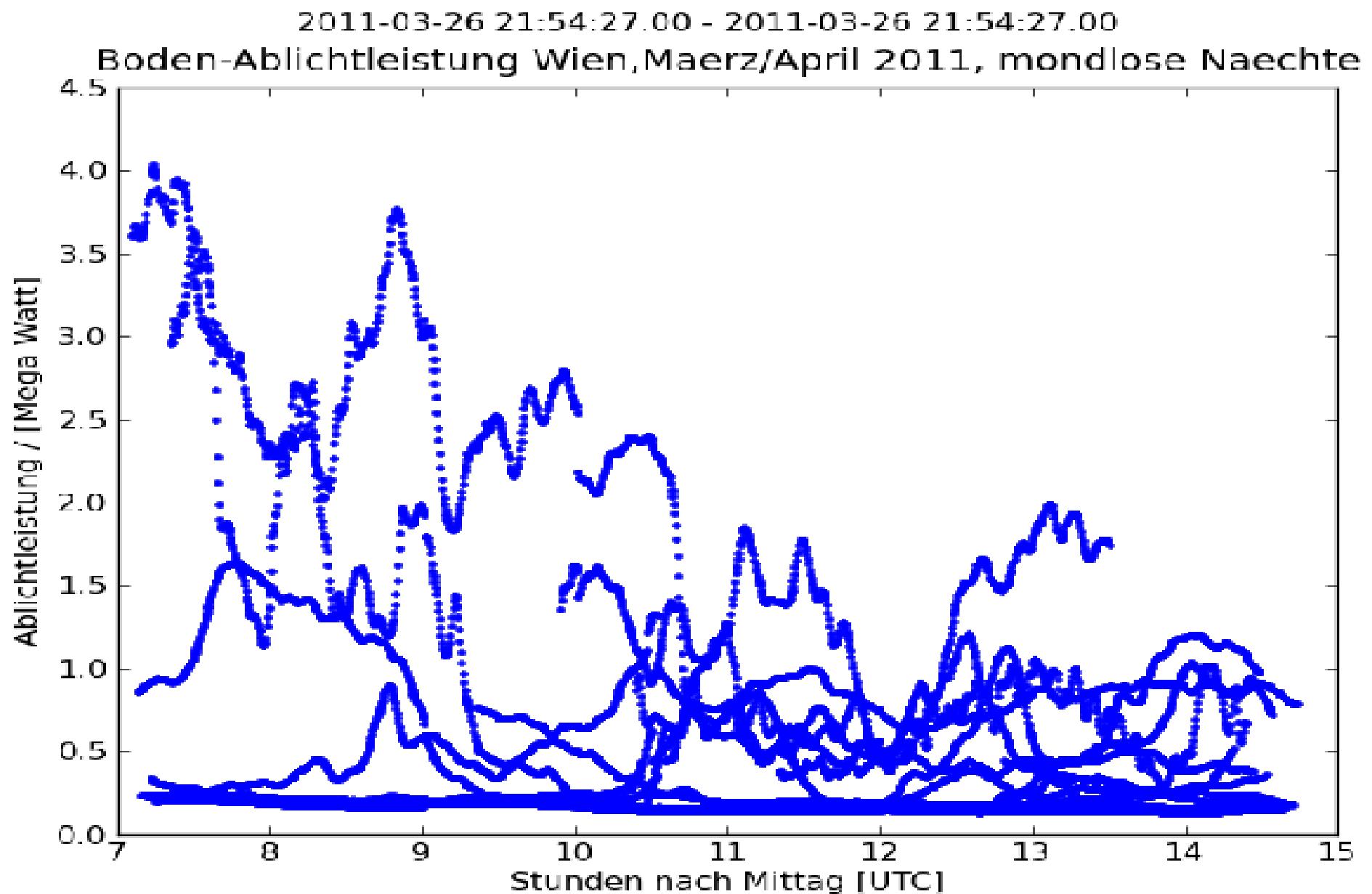


# Median-lightcone Vienna

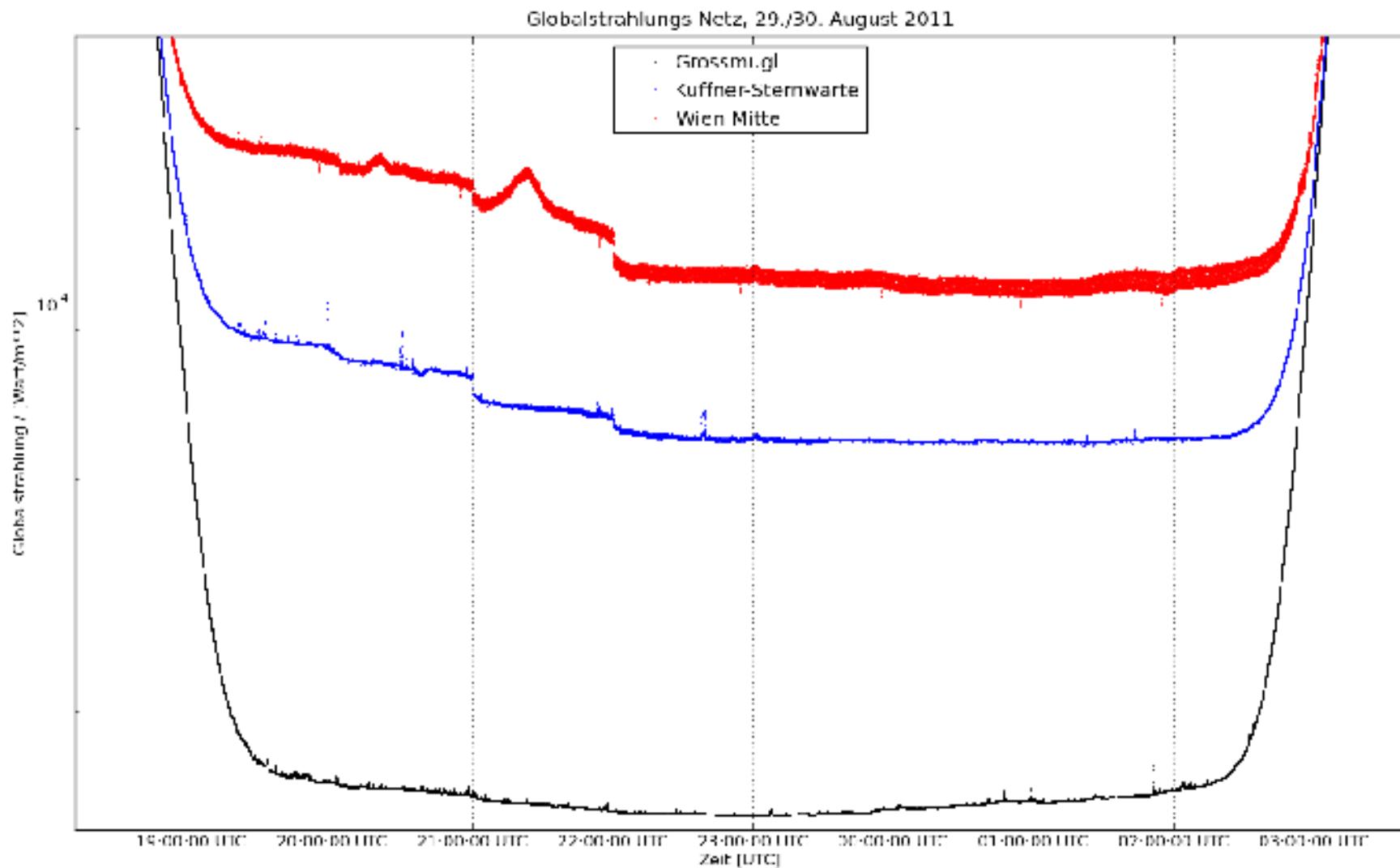
Lichtkegel Wien im Querschnitt



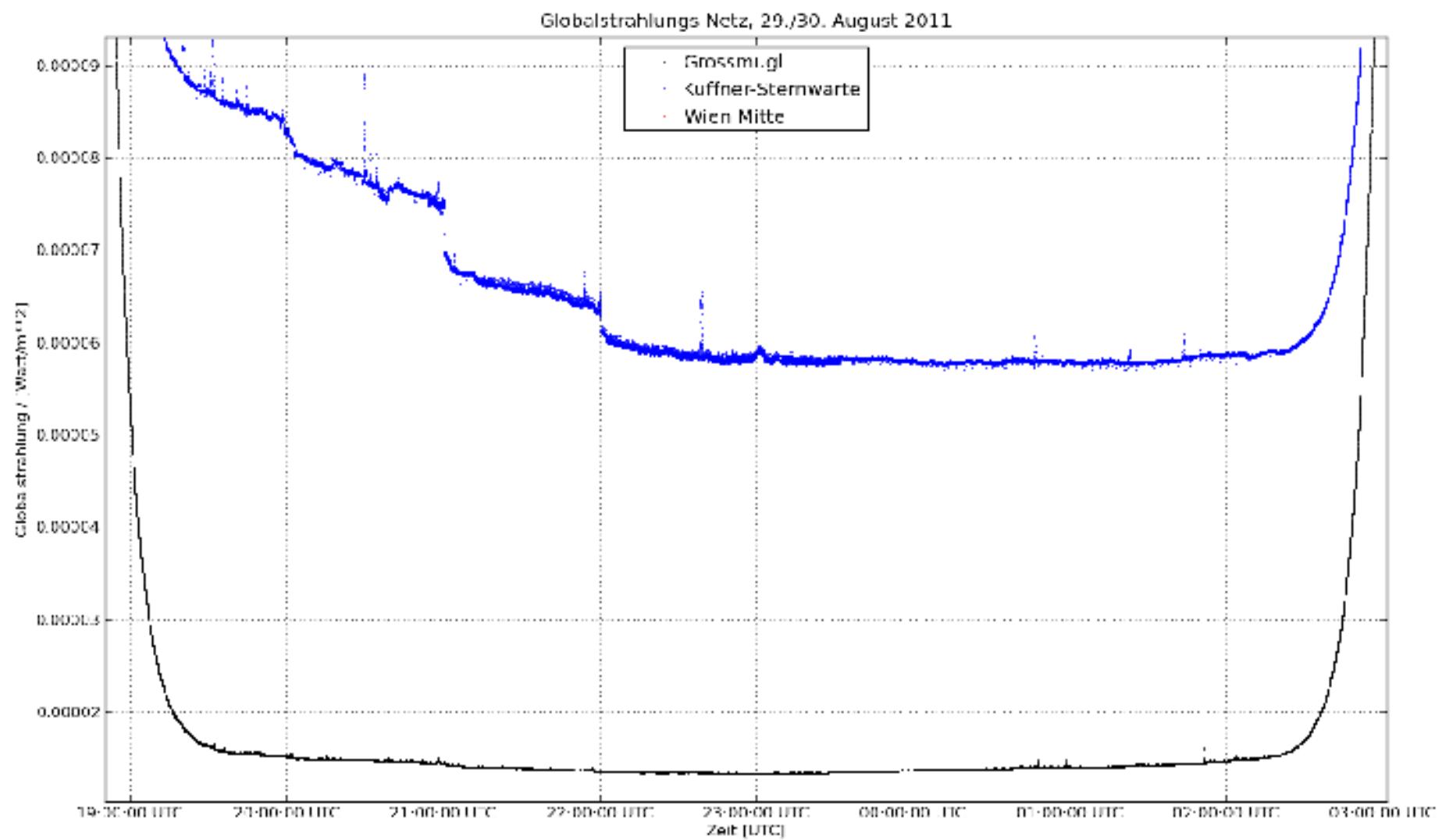
# Ground-waste-light power Vienna



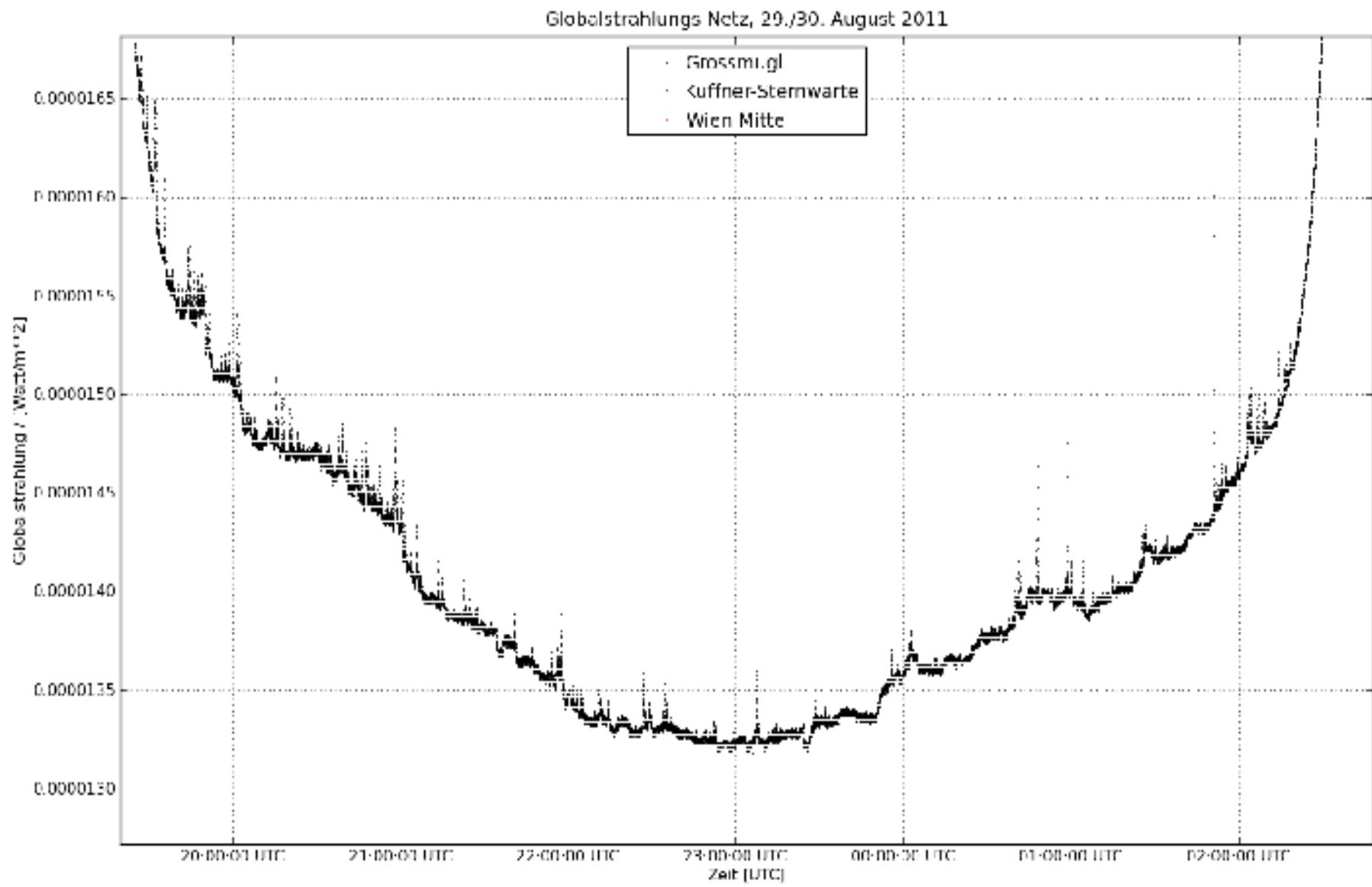
# Waste-light to light: Halbschaltung Wien-Zentrum / Kuffner / Grossmugl



# Halbschaltung Kuffner-Sternwarte / Grossmugl



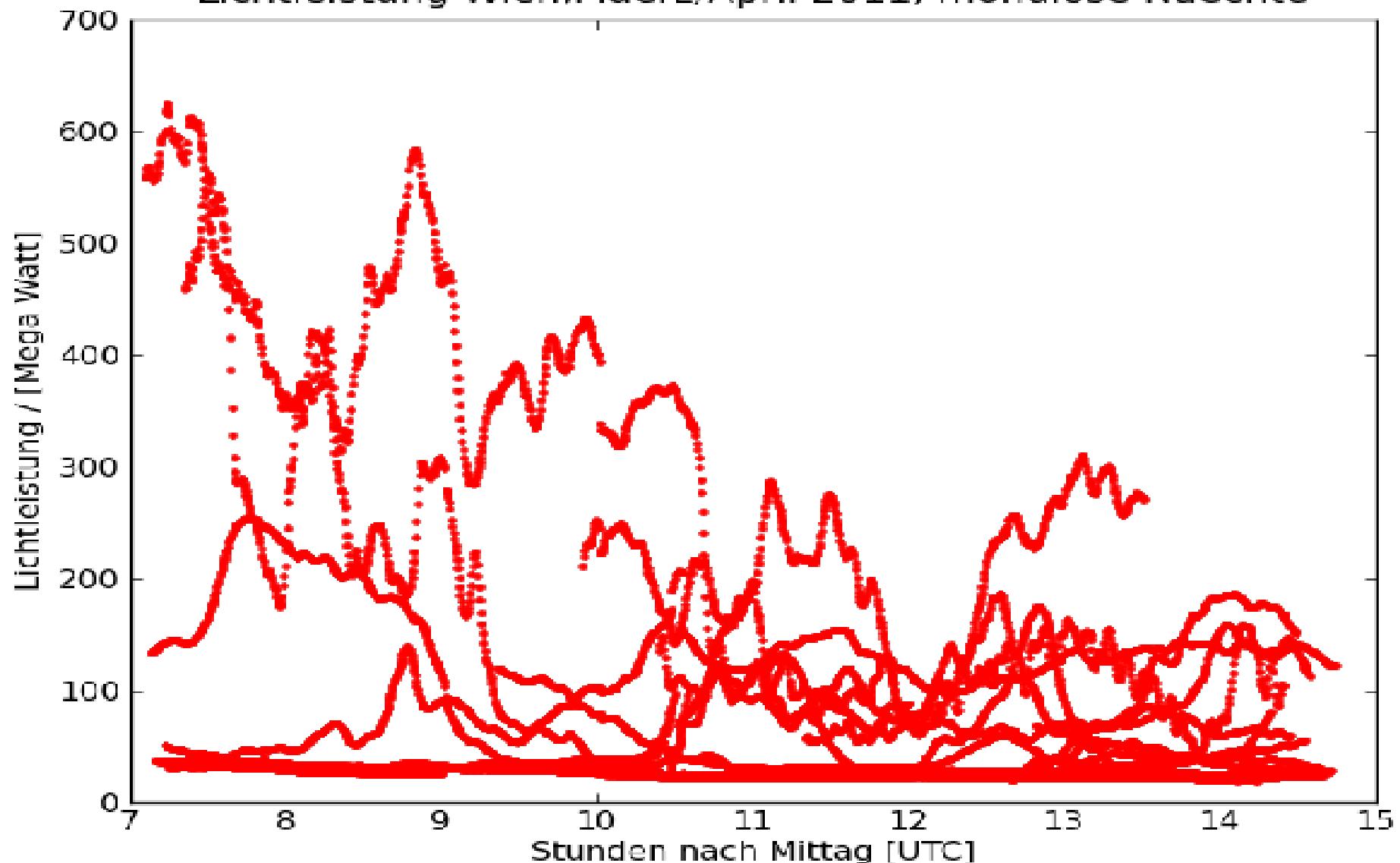
# Wiener Halbschaltung @ Grossmugl



# Outdoor-lightpower Vienna

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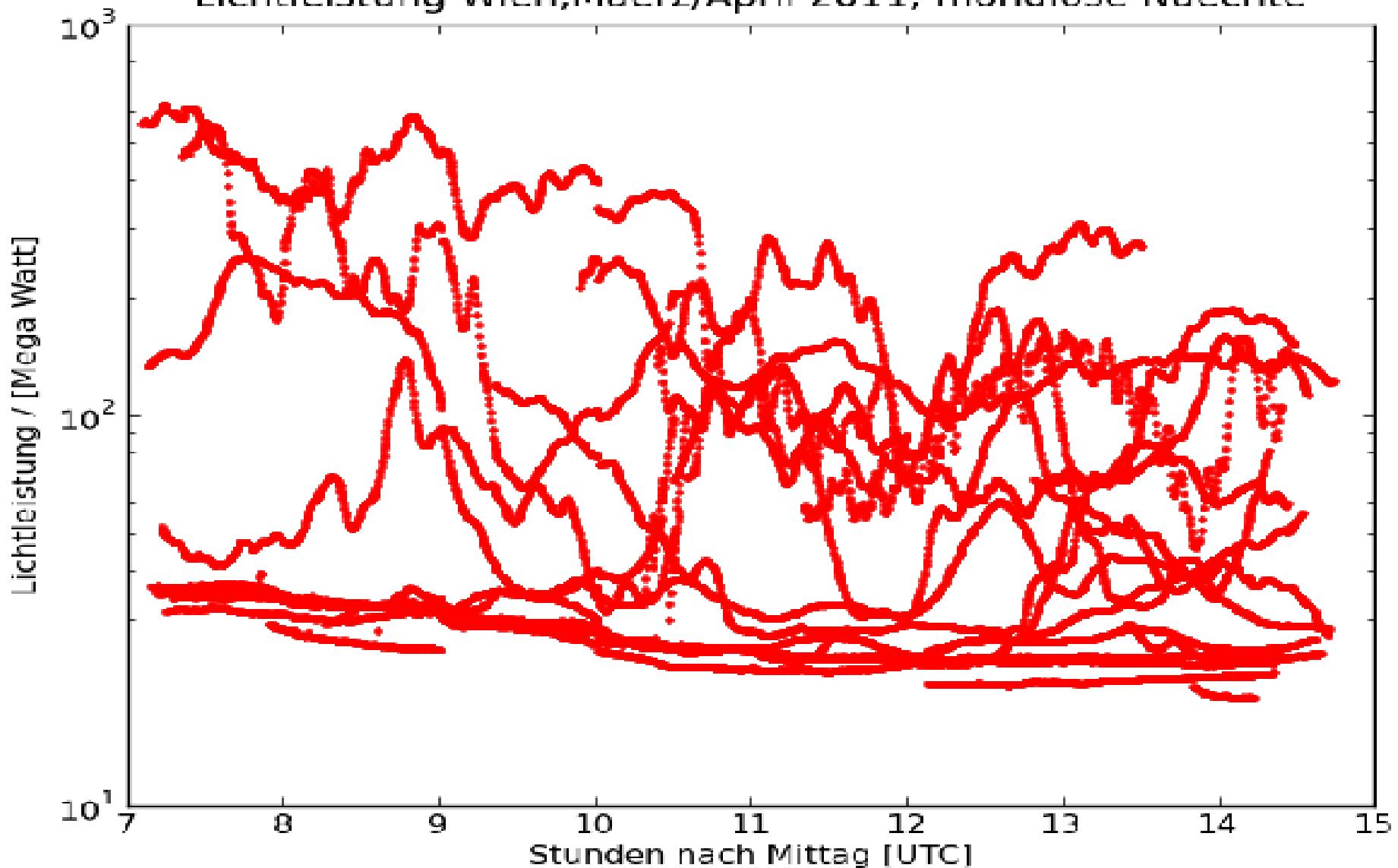
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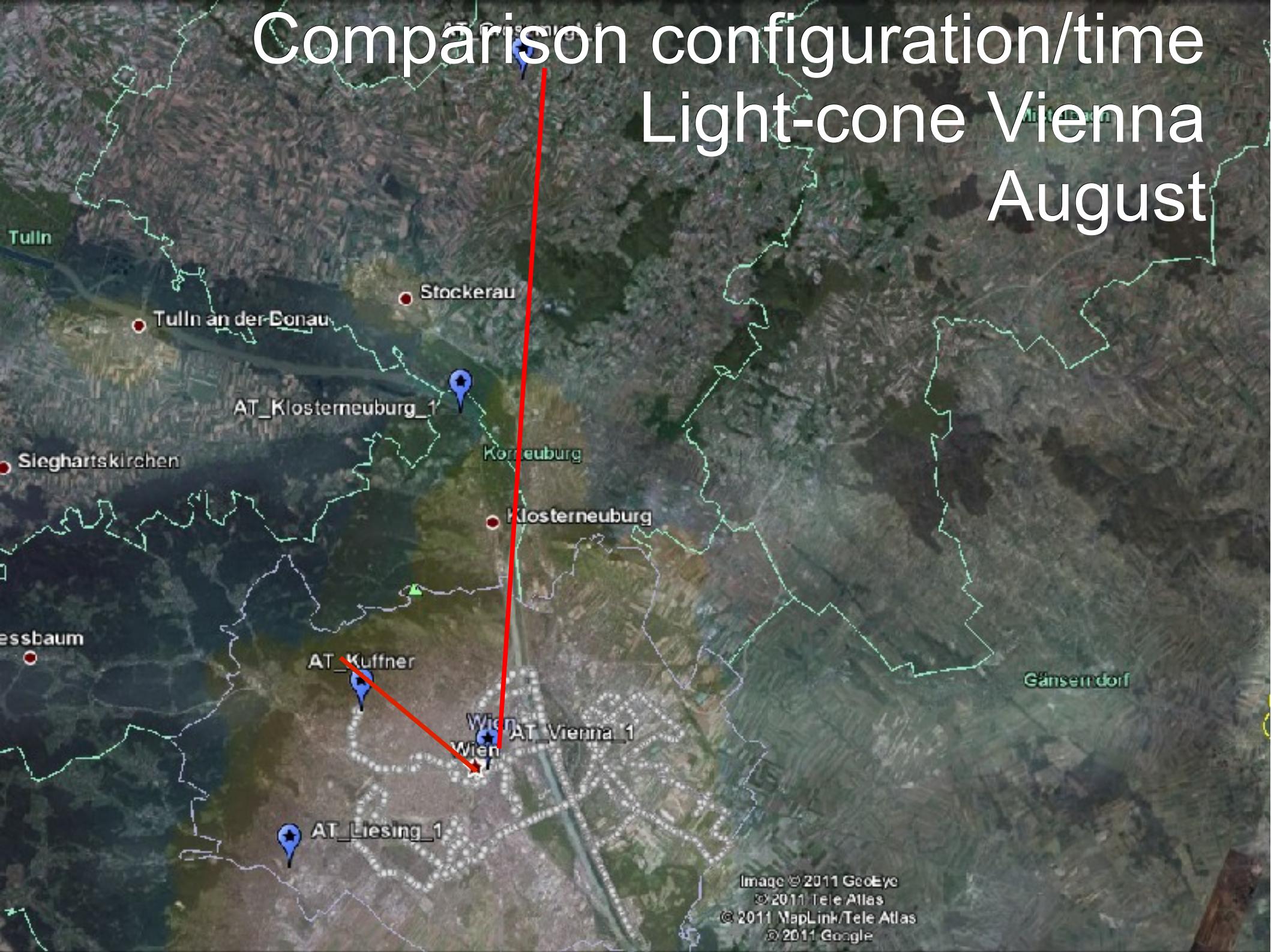
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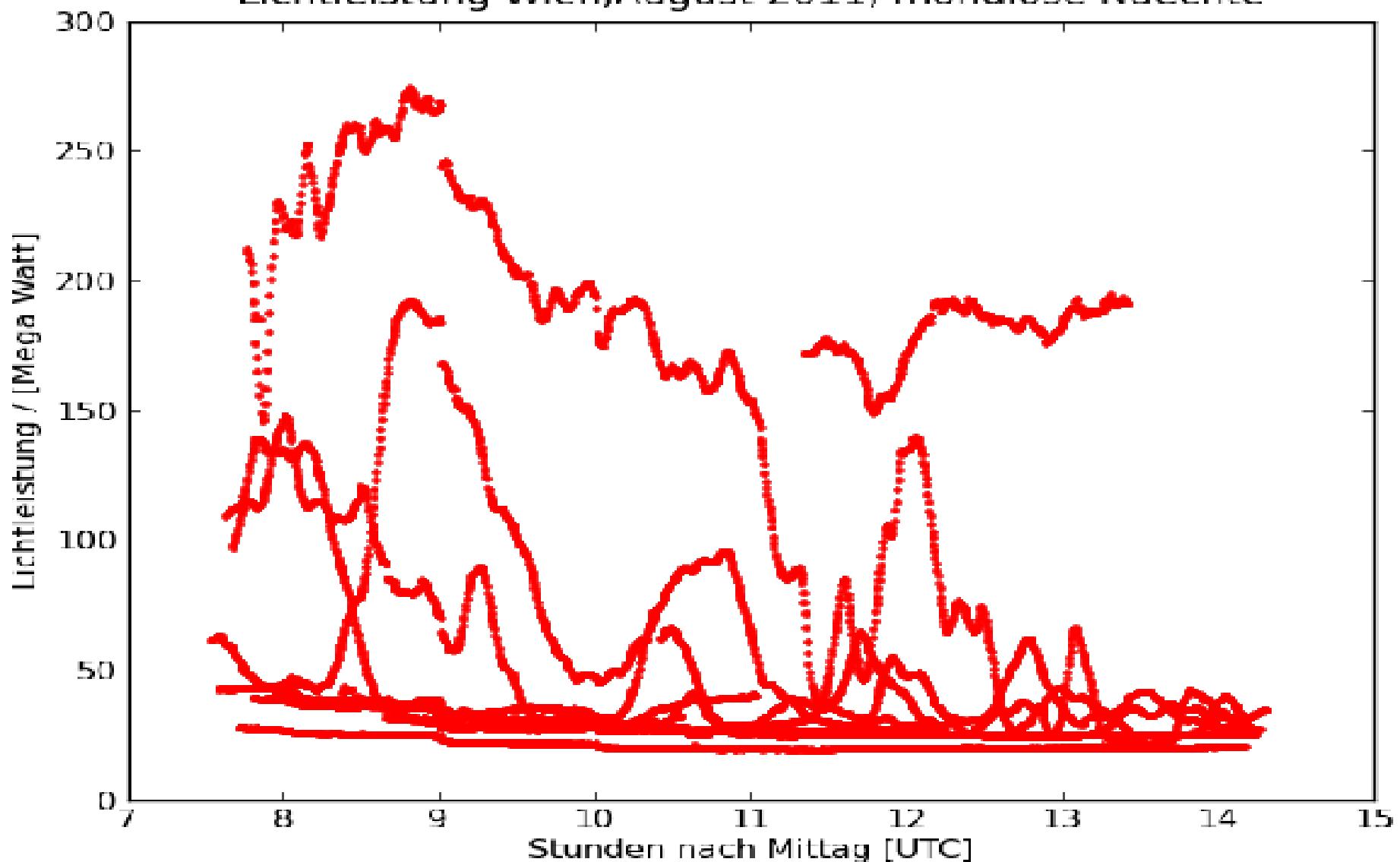
# Comparison configuration/time Light-cone Vienna August



# Outdoor-lightpower Vienna

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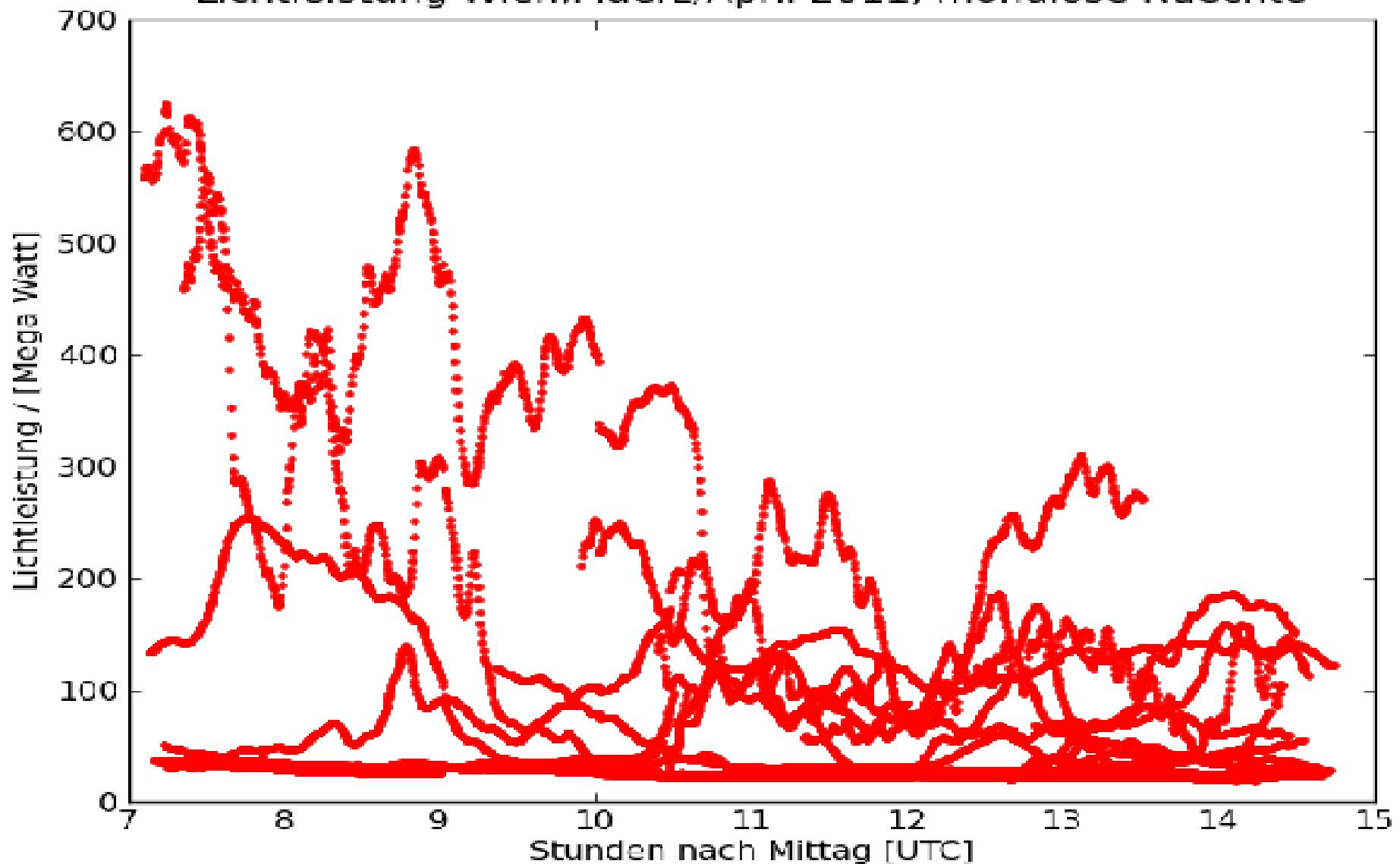
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# Lightdome Vienna - Energy and CO<sub>2</sub>

30 MW ~ annually 100 000 t<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>

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# Part II: Light-mapping Vienna

- Light aquisition with car-measurements;
- 10% of road-network = 300 km (384 done);
- Determine peak-values and their locations;
- On-site doc:
  - controll measurements with luxmeters;
  - imaging;
  - description.

# Drives

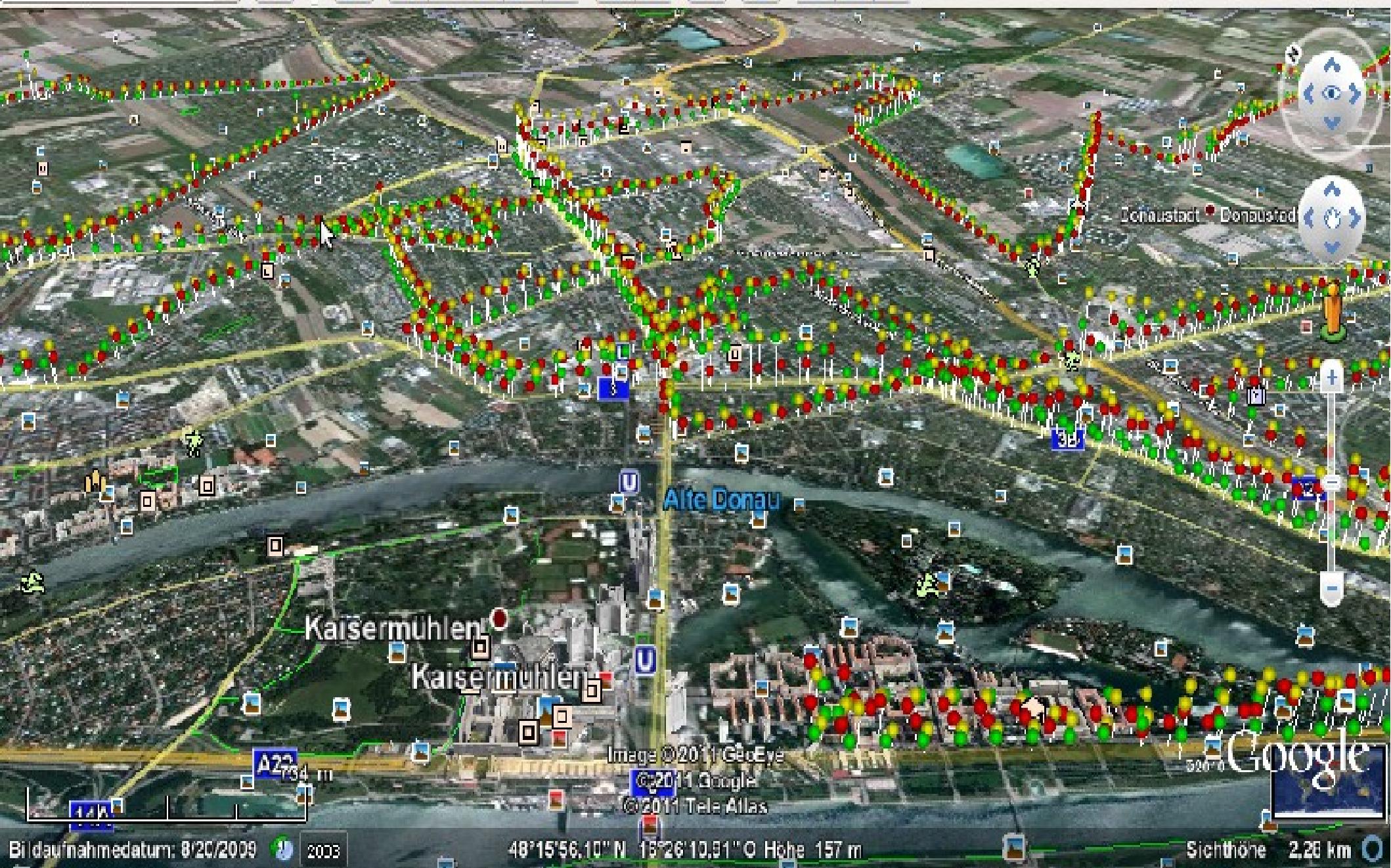
- Lightmeter in three directions,
  - up
  - right
  - left
- rate 10 Hz ~ resolution 3m (30-50 km/h)
- 2 cars: ca 50km per night, 23h-2h
- GPS-position (ca 20-150m)
- HDTV video forward dir. (source identification)

Google Earth

Distanz Beobachten Ansicht Tools Hilfe/Überlegen ETC

Lake Tekapo

# Beispiel: 28.März / 72,9km / 22. Bez.



Bildaufnahmedatum: 8/20/2009 2003

48°15'56,10" N 15°26'10,91" O Höhe 157 m

Sichtlinie 2,20 km

Datei Einfügen Einstellungen Dokumente Hilfe



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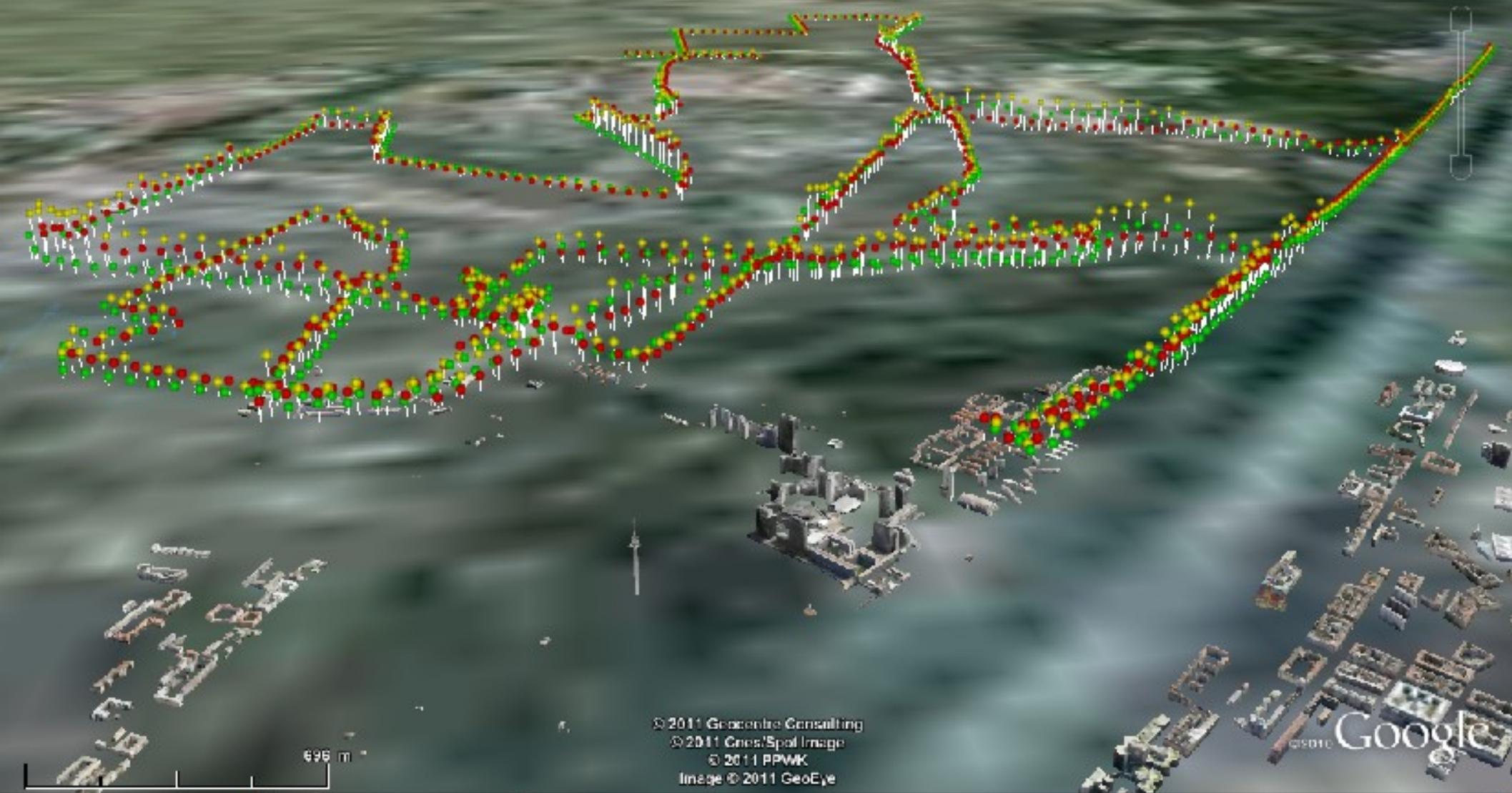
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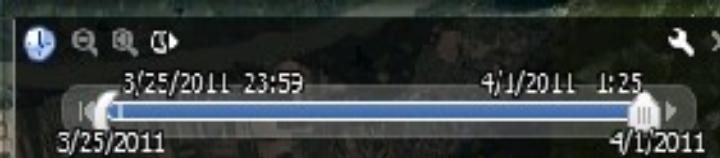
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# Determine light-peaks

- |O,R,L|;
- R (right Lightmeter) – no approaching traffic, less „stronglight“ (tunnel, underpass, highways);
- sort peaks;
- Appr. 200 candidates: video check;
- Top 10 after exclusion of traffic, reflections, tunnels.



# The sample

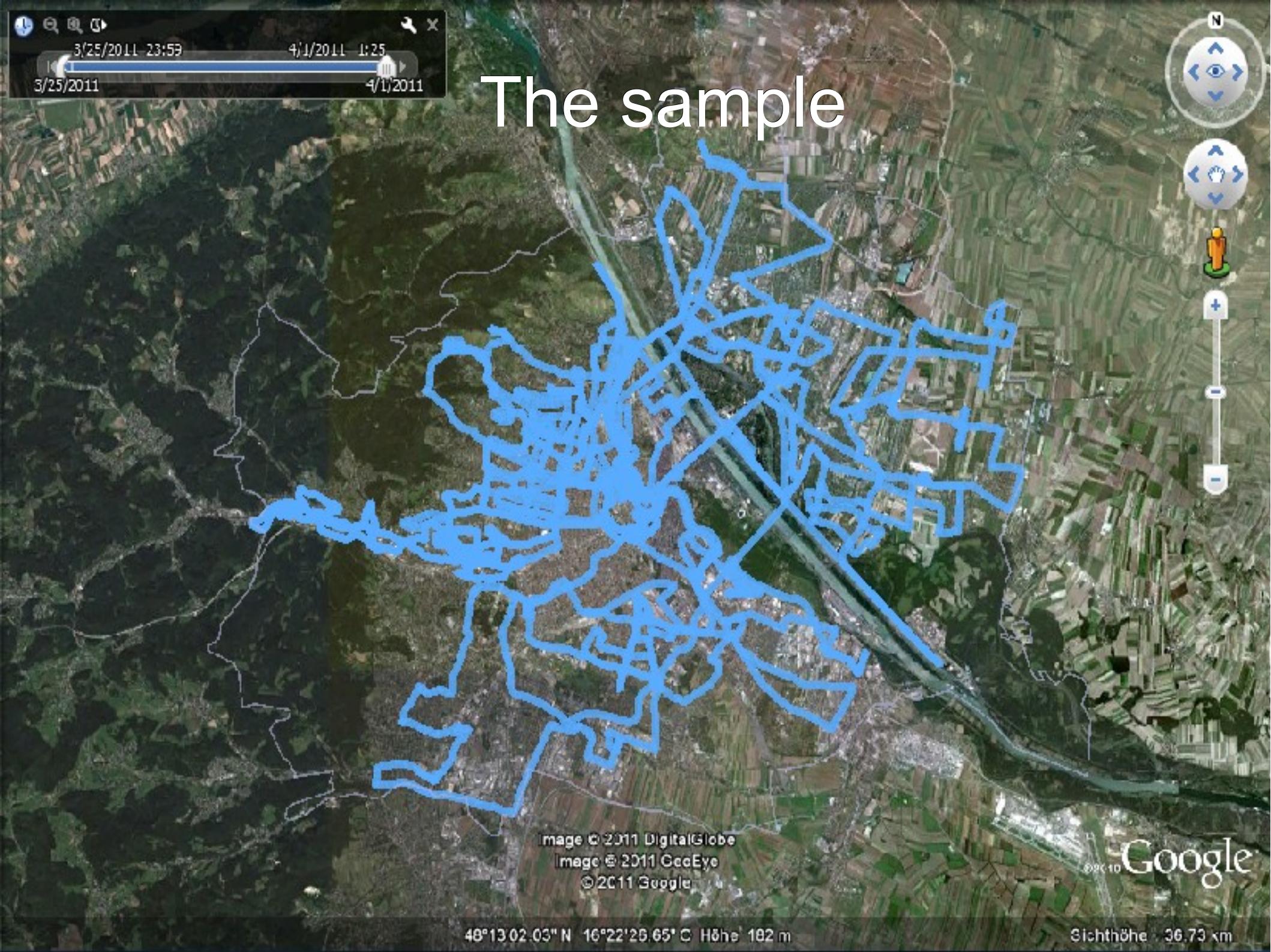
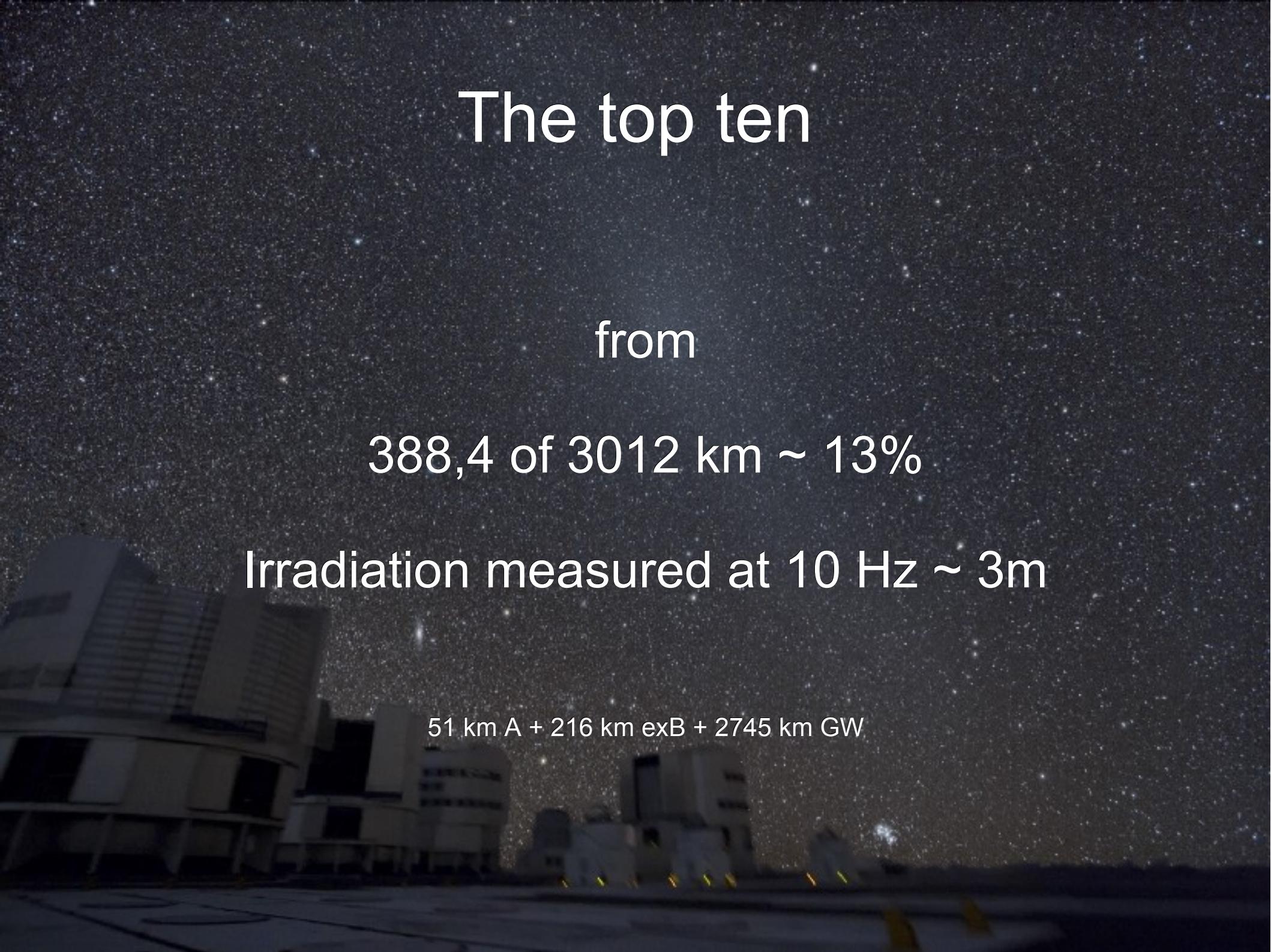


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48°13'02.03"N 16°22'26.65"E Höhe 182 m

Sichthöhe 36.73 km



# The top ten

from

388,4 of 3012 km ~ 13%

Irradiation measured at 10 Hz ~ 3m

51 km A + 216 km exB + 2745 km GW

# Conclusions

- Total outdoor light power > 30 MW
  - > 2% of Viennas electricity consumption
- Lightdome:  
    Public : other 3:7
- Light sources from 400 km sample:  
    Public : other > 7:3
- Difference light-dome - light-sources:
  - Efficient public lighting – yes
  - Highways ?
  - Significant part „direct“ into the dome ?

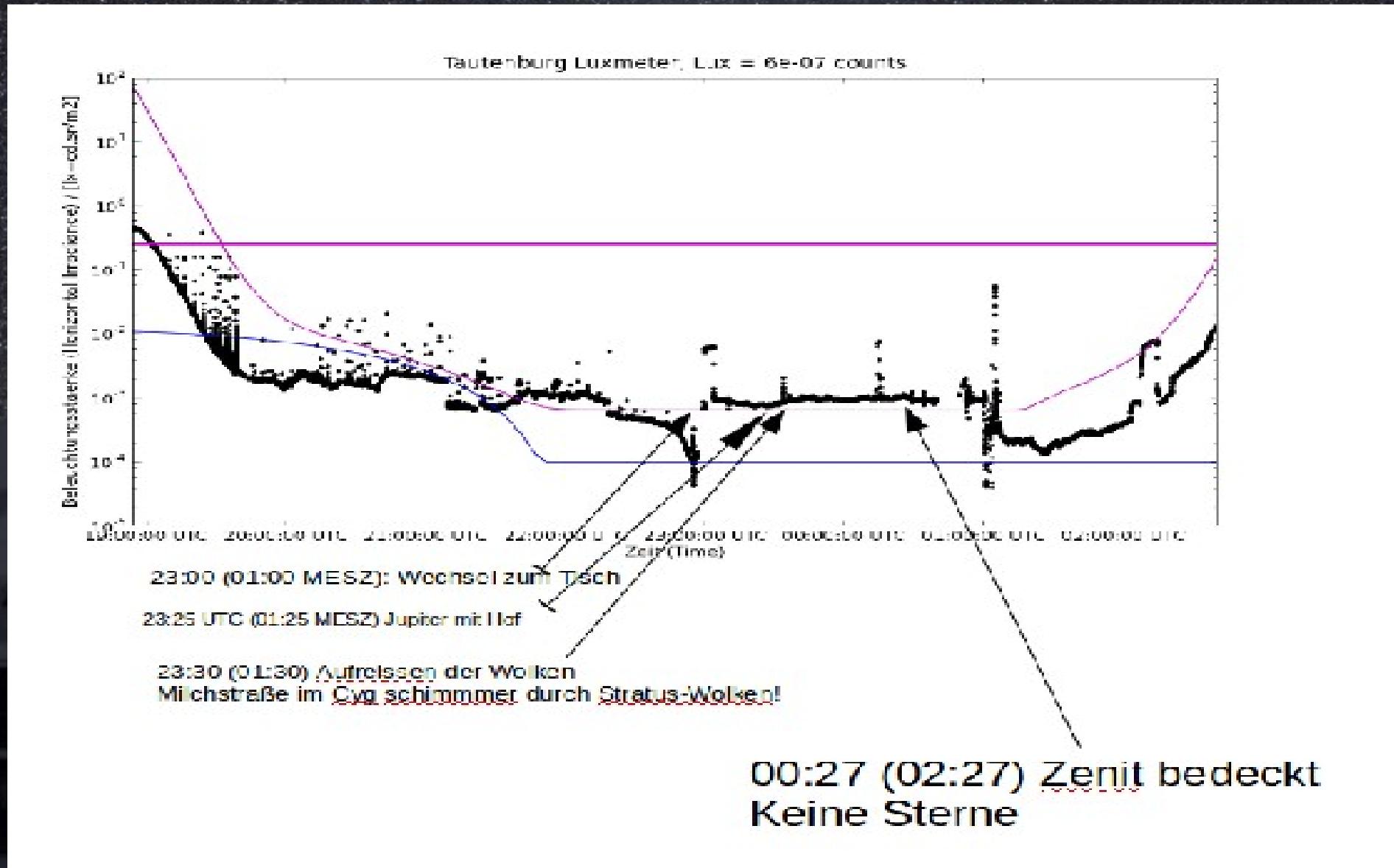
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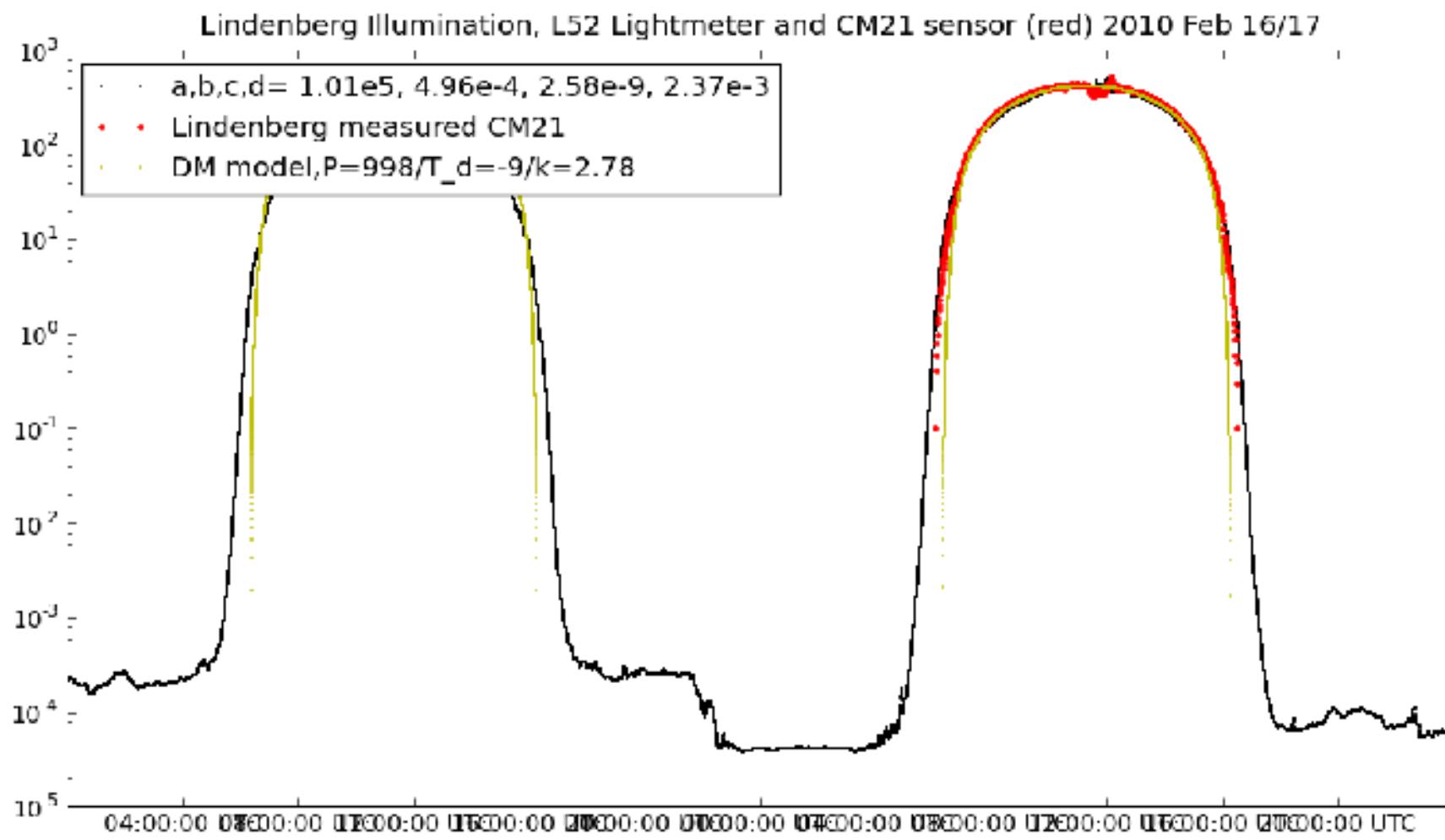


# When brighter is better

## Life is not always sunshine ...



# Check with total-rad. measurements



# Check with total-rad. measurements At your local weather station!

