

# Possibility of the Near Earth objects distance measurement with laser ranging device

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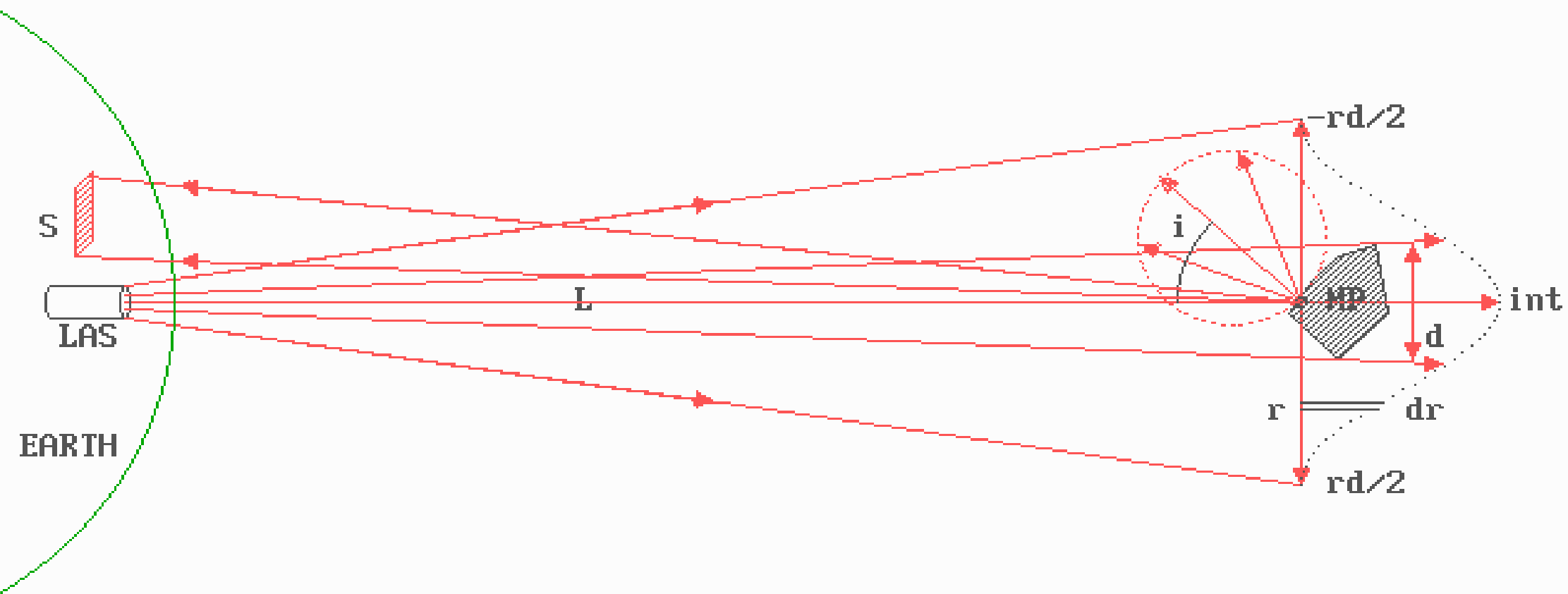


Fig. 1. Measurements of minor planets with laser ranging device

$$d_{la} = 2 \cdot L \cdot \operatorname{tg} r_d \quad (1)$$

where  $r_d$  is the diffraction, the angle radius  $r_d = 1.2197 \lambda/dt$

As the energy li diffraction image is irregular, the energy radiated in the direction of the minor planet  $E_{ep}$  can be calculated using formula:

$$E_{ep} = E_{las} \cdot c_{at} \cdot c_{op} \frac{\int_{r_d}^{d/2} I_i(r) \cdot r \cdot dr}{\int_0^{r_d} I_i(r) \cdot r \cdot dr} \quad (2)$$

$E_{las}$  – laser emanated energy;

$c_{at}$  – light transmissivity of the atmosphere;

$c_{op}$  – light transmissivity of the optical system;

$d$  – diameter of the minor planet

The surface of the minor planet is matted and its each element reflects the light in accordance with the Lambert Law. Area  $S$  on the Earth receives radiated energy  $E_e$ :

$$E_e = E_p \cdot c_{at} \cdot a \cdot \cos i \cdot S / \pi L \quad (3)$$

$i$  – mean surface normal angle turned in the direction of the Earth;  
 $a$  – reflection coefficient (albedo).

As  $E_e$  is very weak, the reflected energy can be described with the number of photons per unit of area  $n_f = E_e / E_{fot}$ , where  $E_{fot}$  – photon energy:

$$E_{fot} = h \cdot \nu \quad (4)$$

$h$  – Planck's constant ( $h = 6.622 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$ );  
 $\nu$  – frequency of light wavelength.

laser energ.= 10 J  
 laser wavelength= .694 mkm  
 laser beam divergence= .5819907 '' (2 r difr)  
 atmospher transmittance= .8  
 qantum effect.= 50 %  
 planets albedo= 10 % (black)

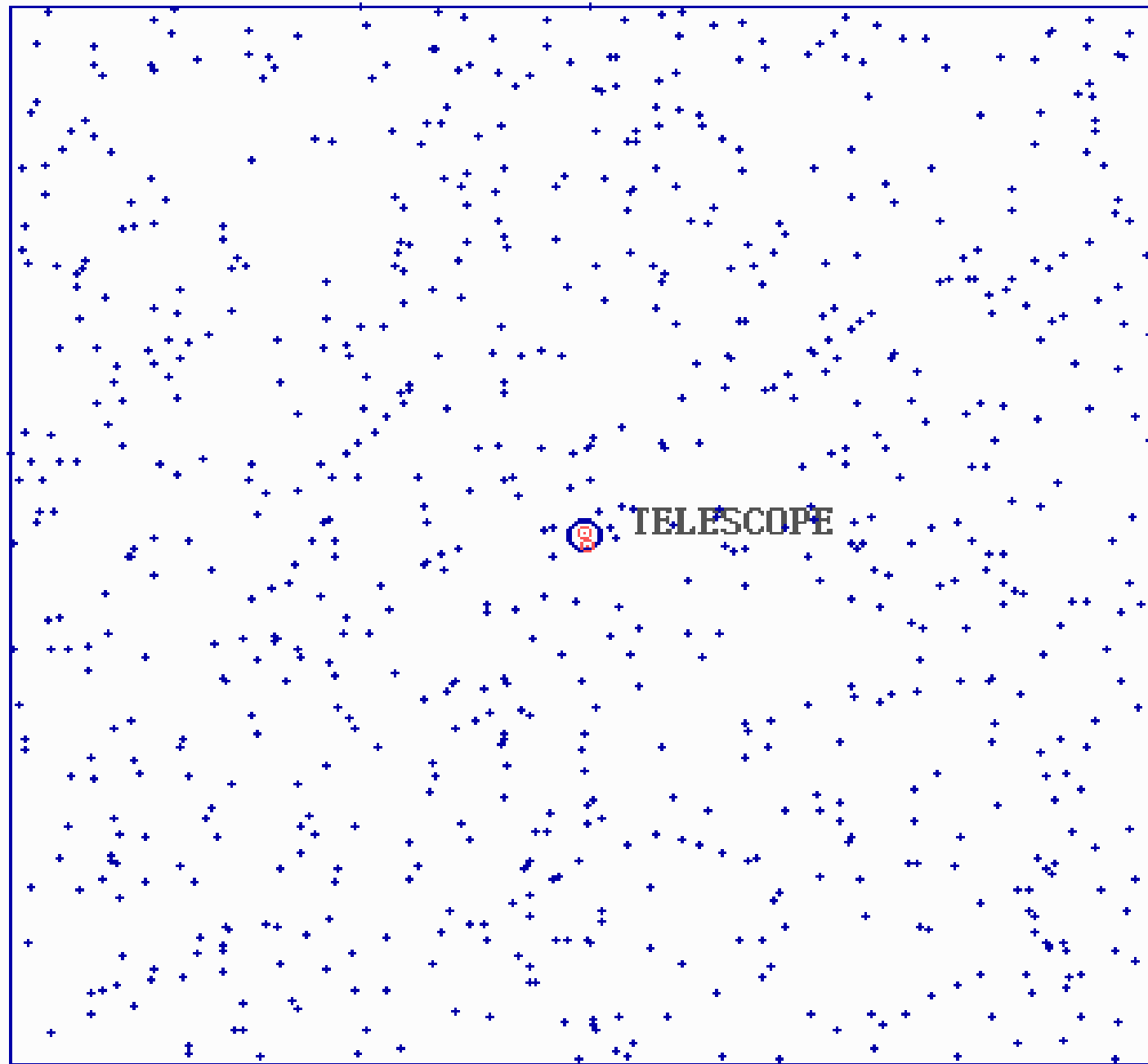
range km	minor planets diameter m				
	50	100	200	400	800
	reflected photons on 1 km <sup>2</sup>				
50000	1.953181E+7	6.593346E+7	1.413264E+8	1.583503E+8	1.631335E+8
100000	1275306	4882952	1.648337E+7	3.53316E+7	3.958758E+7
200000	80588	318826	1220738	4120841	8832901
400000	5052	20147	79706	305184	1030210
800000	316	1263	5036	19926	76296
1600000	19	79	315	1259	4981

Table 1. Reflected photons from minor planet.

Minor planet 2002 NY 40

L=400000 km

D=0.2 km



photons 79706 on  $1\text{km}^2$ , 11 laser shot, rec. photons 2, telescope 2.6 m  
Fig. 2. Photons rain on Earth surface

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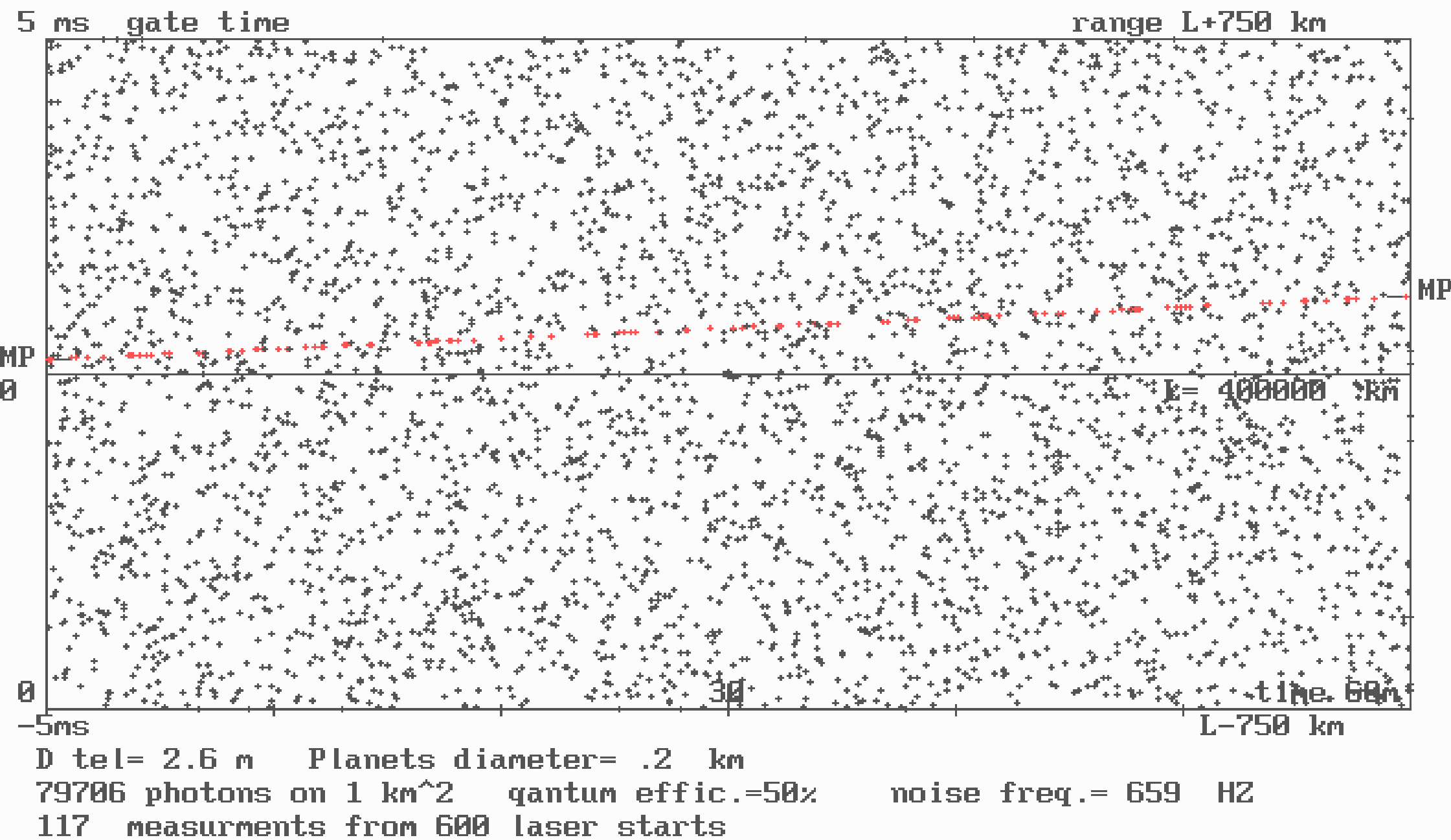


Fig.3. Reflected laser pulses and noise from minor planet

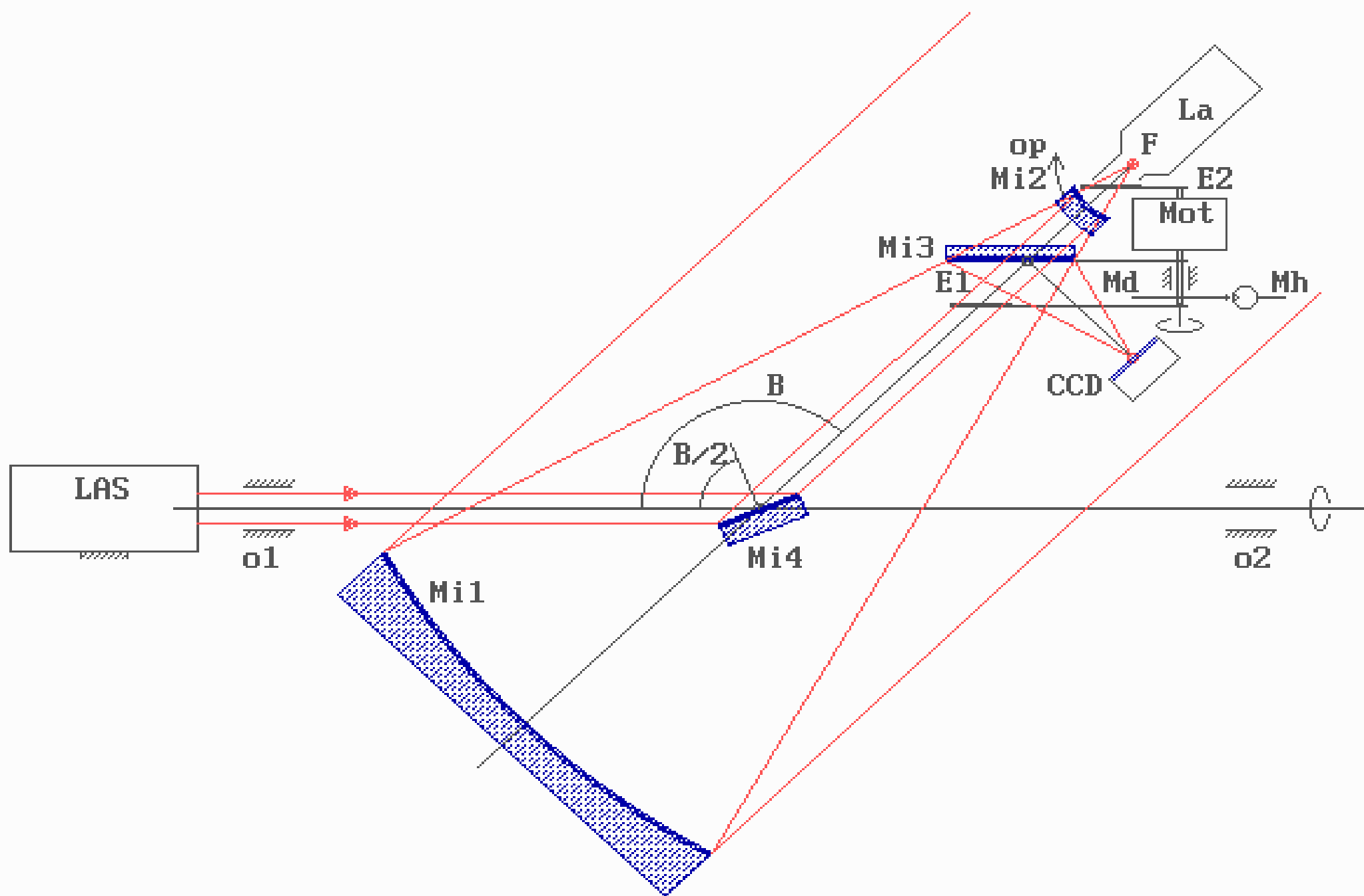


Fig. 4. The laser arrangement relative to the telescope



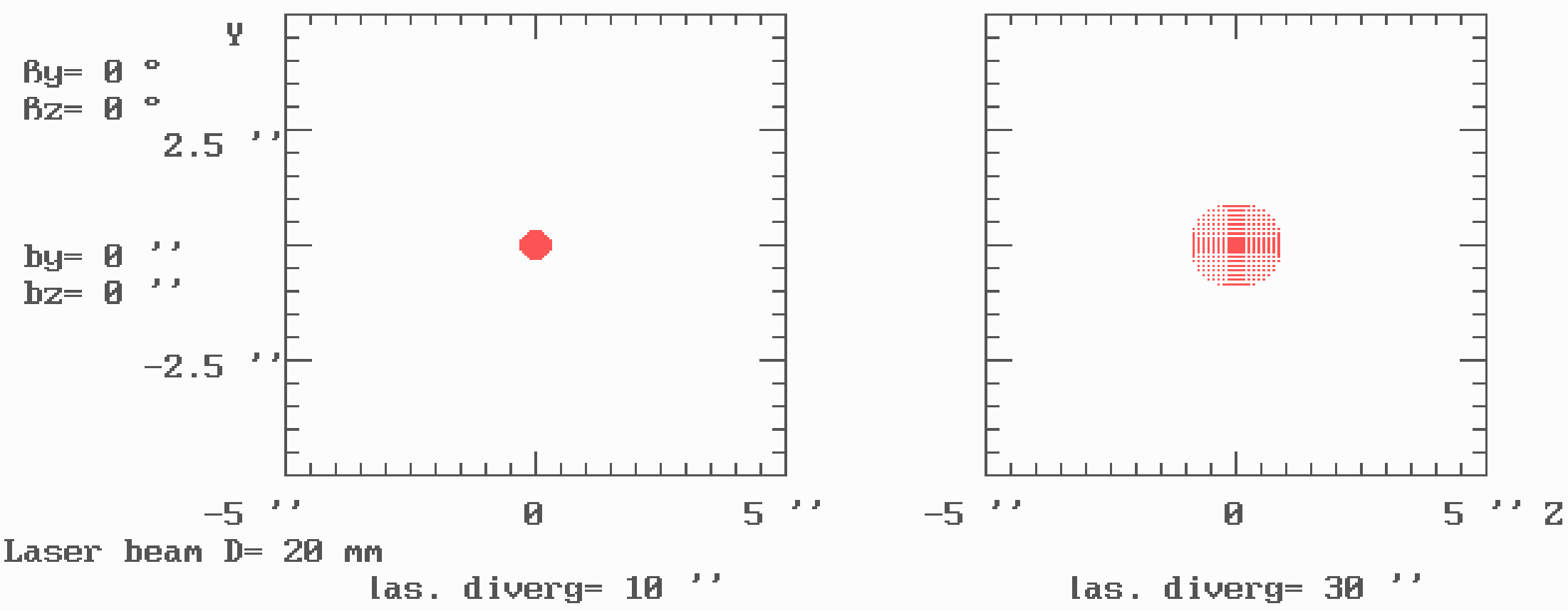


Fig. 6. Real laser energy distribution in the far zone

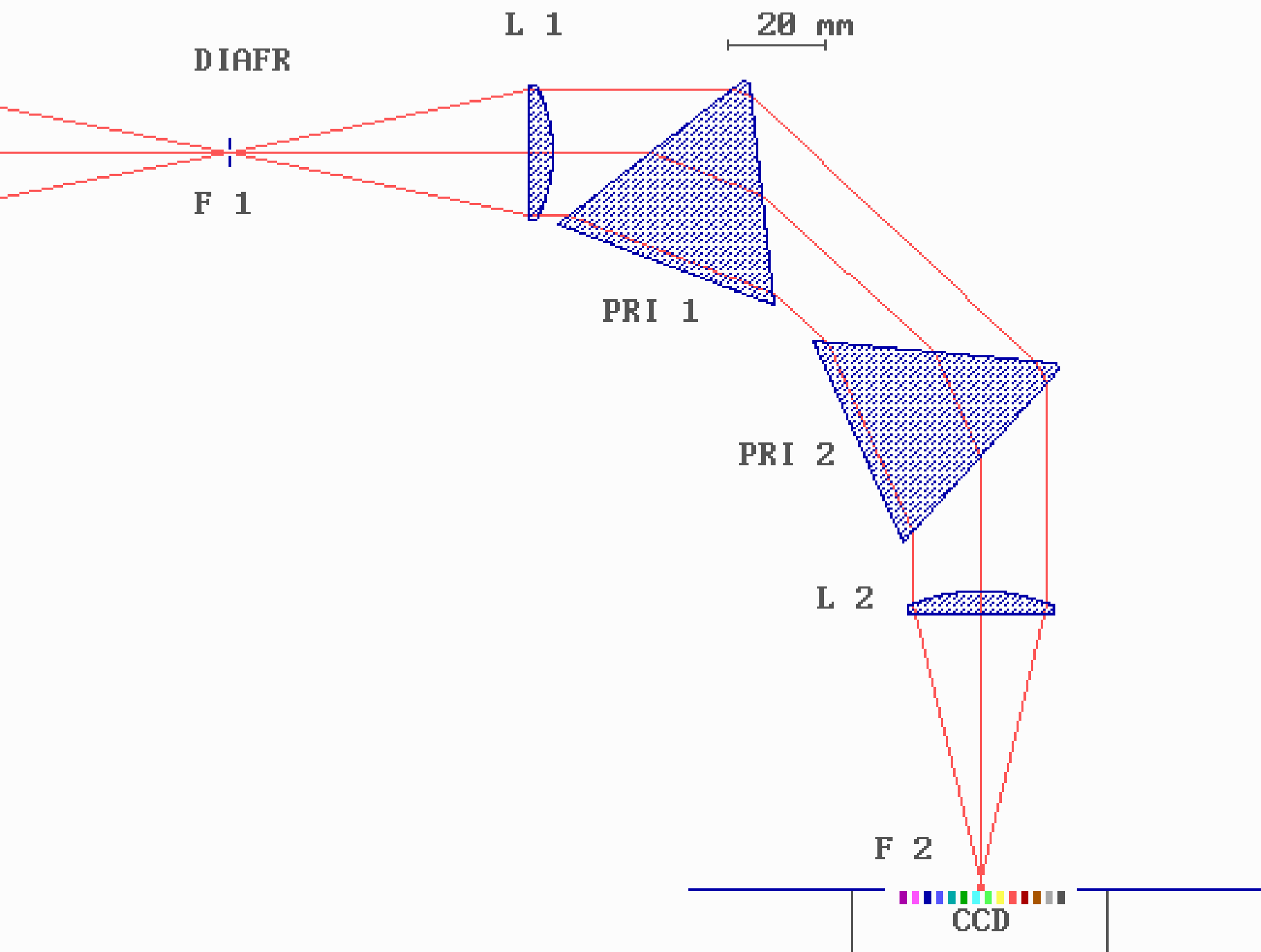


Fig. 9. Spectrograph for receiving laser pulses

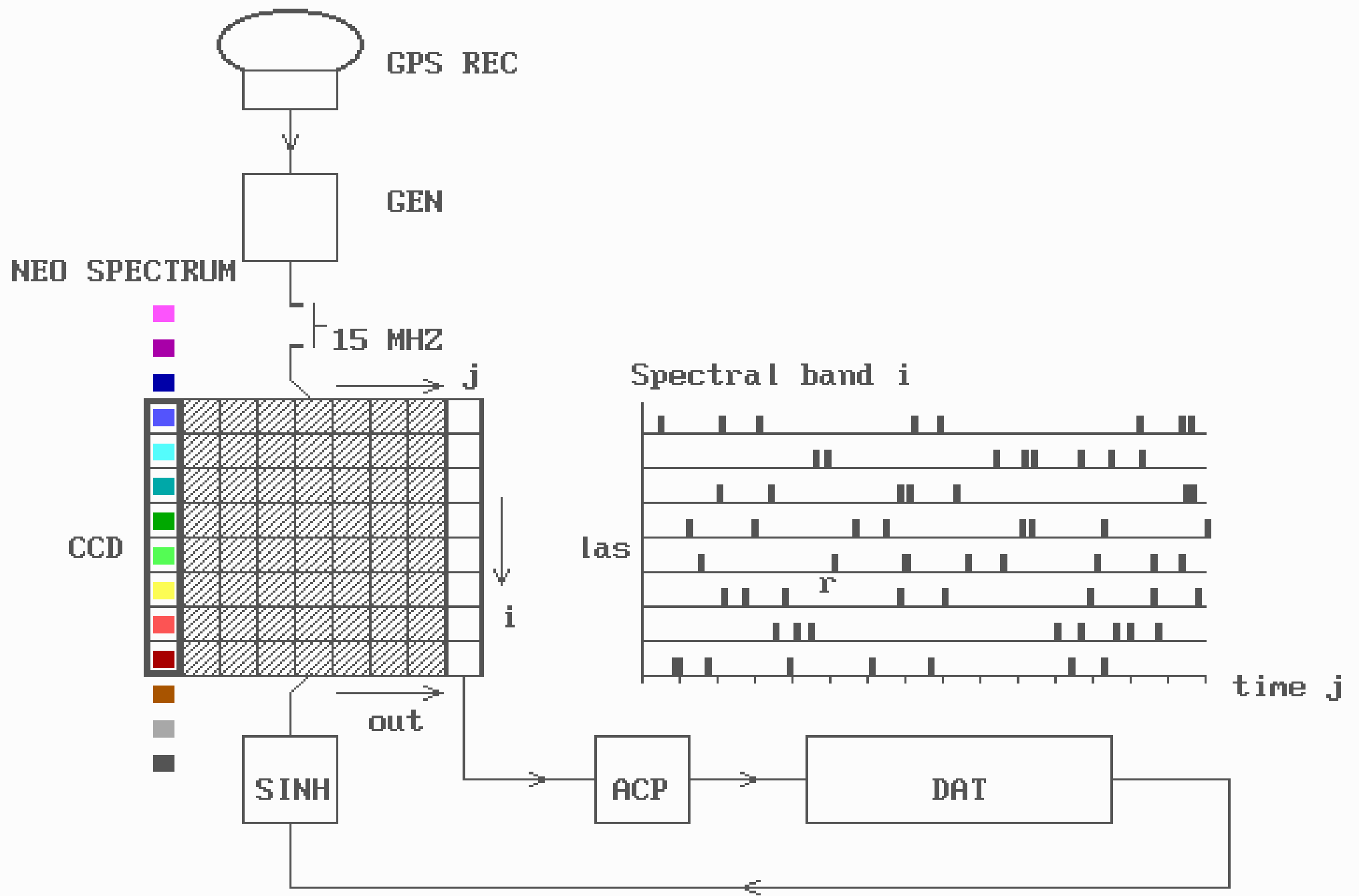
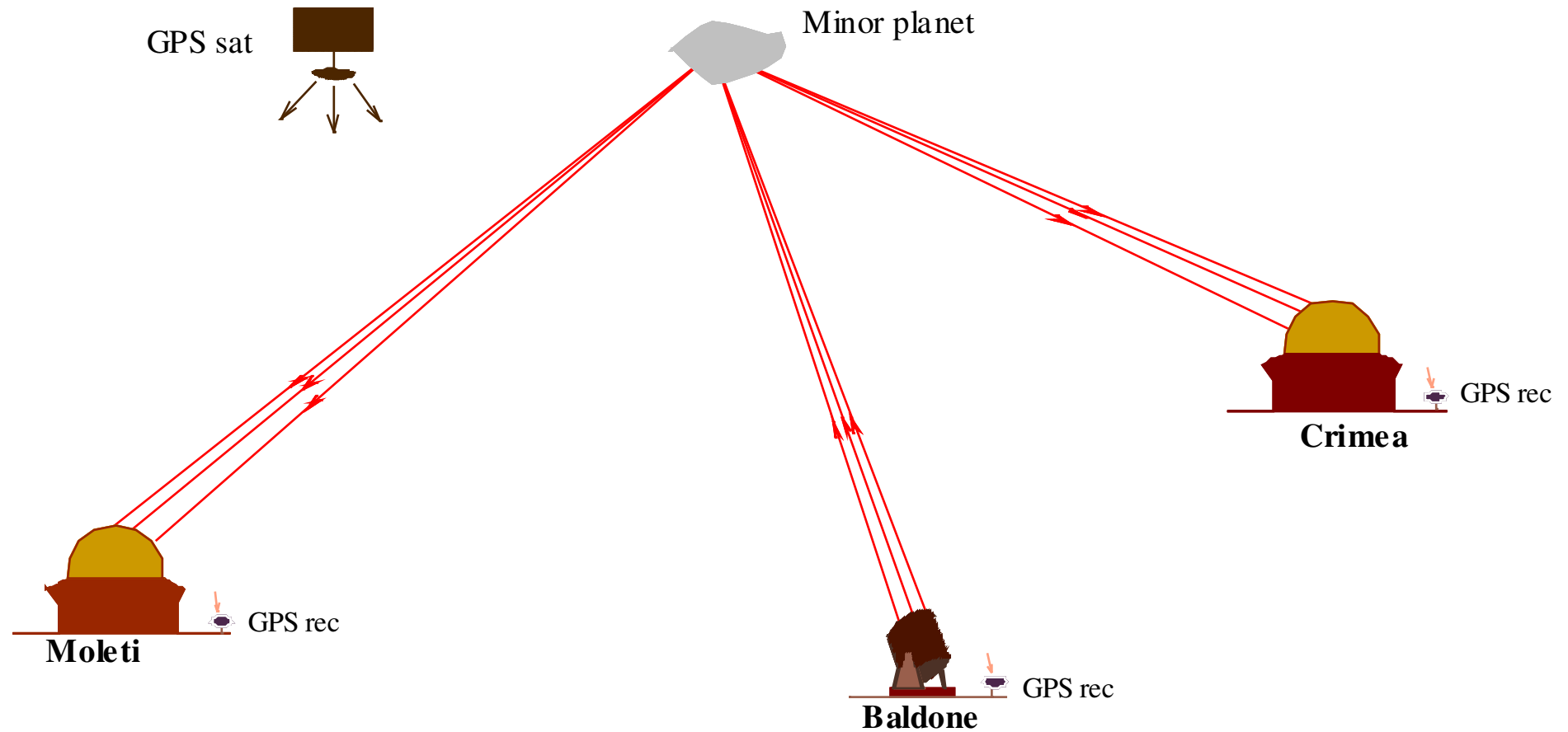


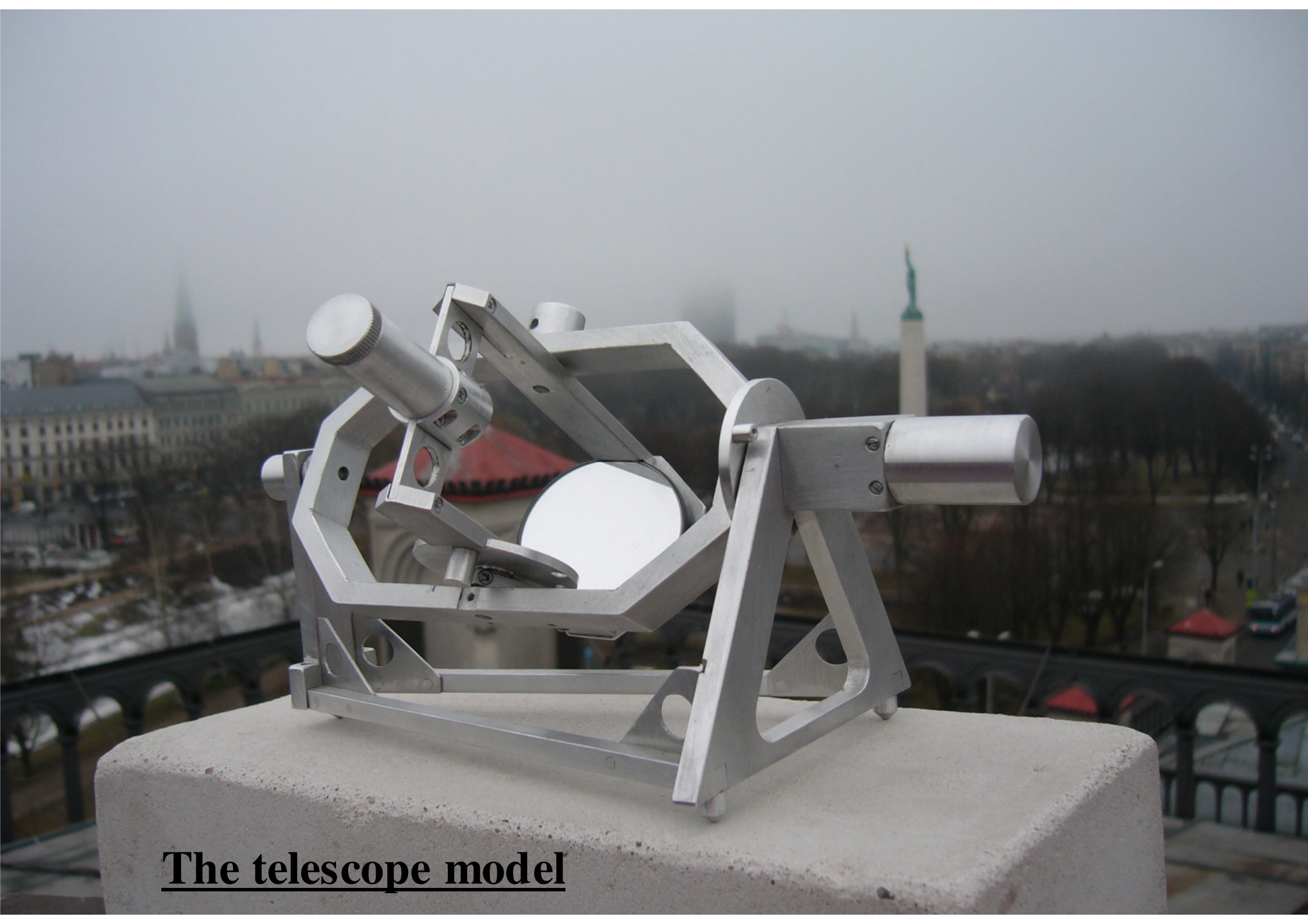
Fig. 11. Spectrograph for reflected pulses measurement

# A possible arrangement of transmitting and receiving telescopes for NEO distance measurements



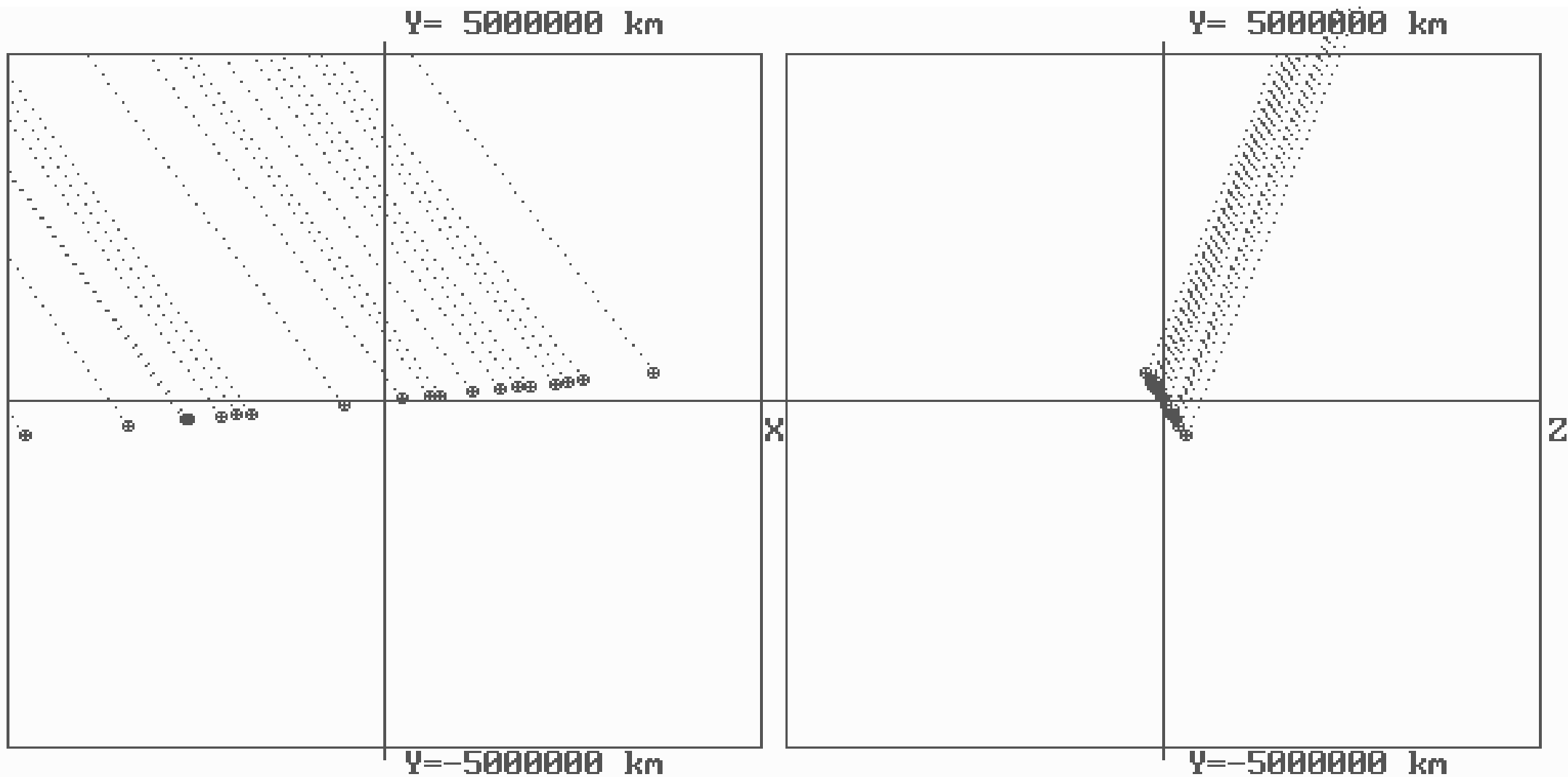
630 mm paraboloid mirror





**The telescope model**

# Forecasted trajectories of asteroid 500 days after observation



angular coordinates error= .5 ''

no range measurements

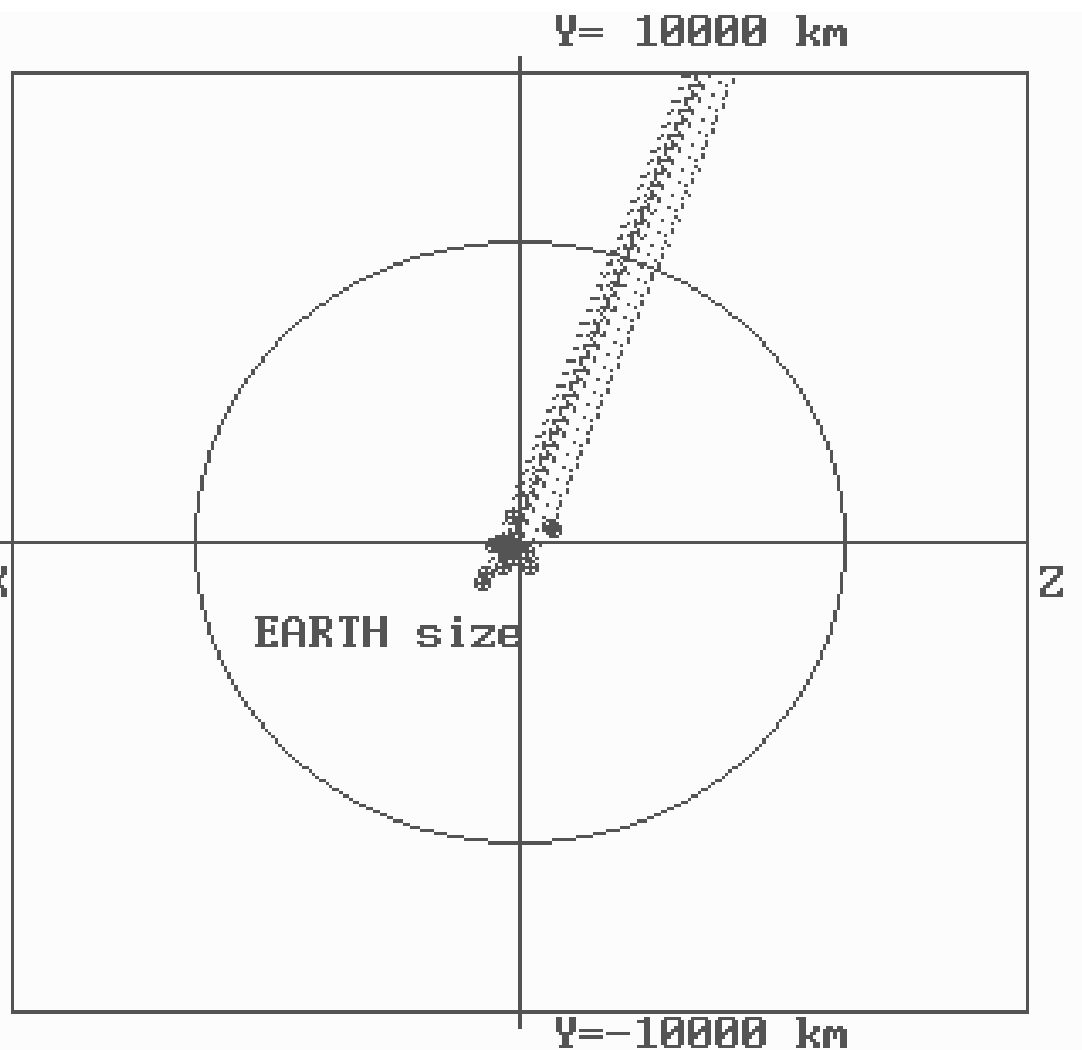
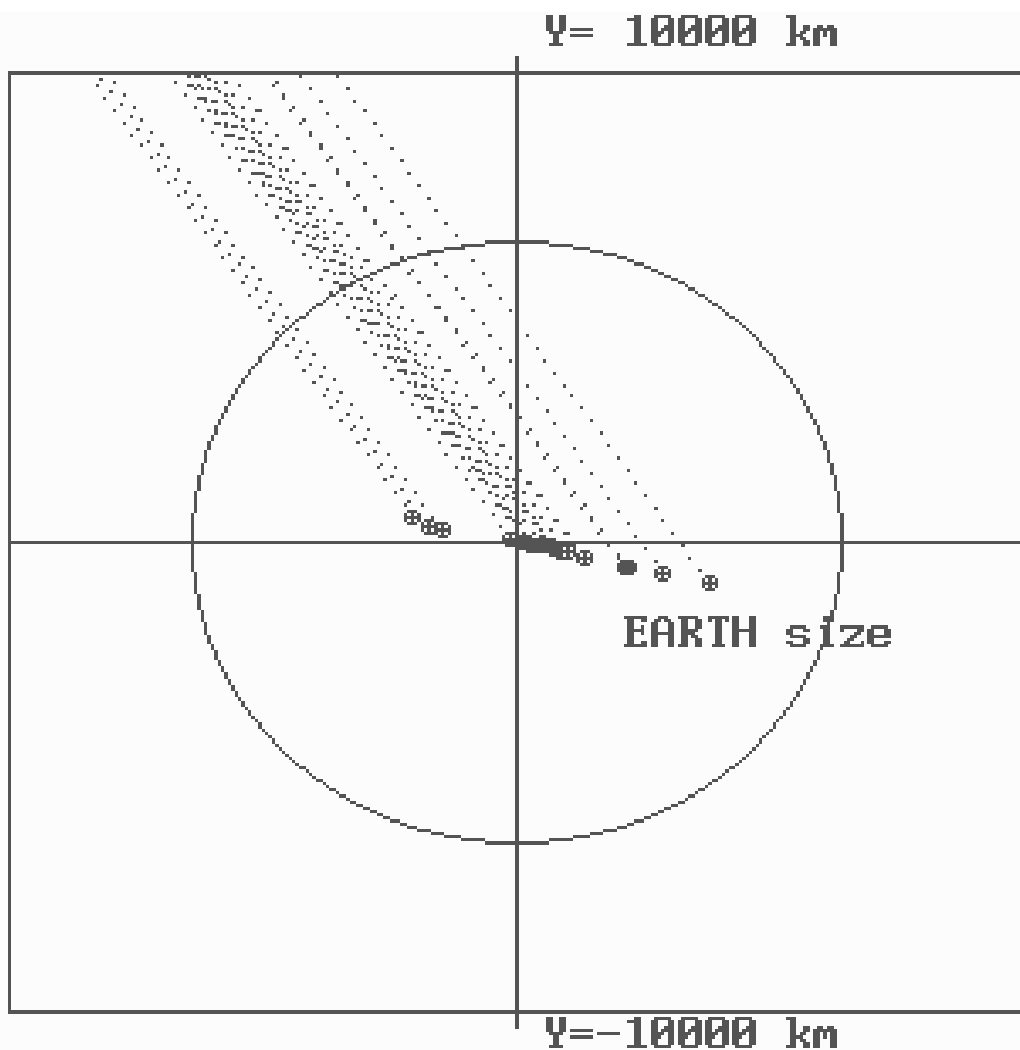
no velocity measurements

Planets rectangular coordinates error after 500 days

eps X= 2612101 km

eps Y= 280573.3 km

eps Z= 164294.8 km



angular coordinates error= .5 ''

range measurments error= 10 m

no velocity measurments

Planets rectangular coordinates error after 500 days

eps X= 1596.051 km

eps Y= 366.4737 km

eps Z= 385.6769 km



This project can be carried out in co-operation with other astronomers of the Baltic States. Its implementation would enable scientists to improve significantly the orbital elements of the minor planets that present danger to the Earth and to forecast their motion in the future.



**Thank You  
for attention**