

**Titan Halos**

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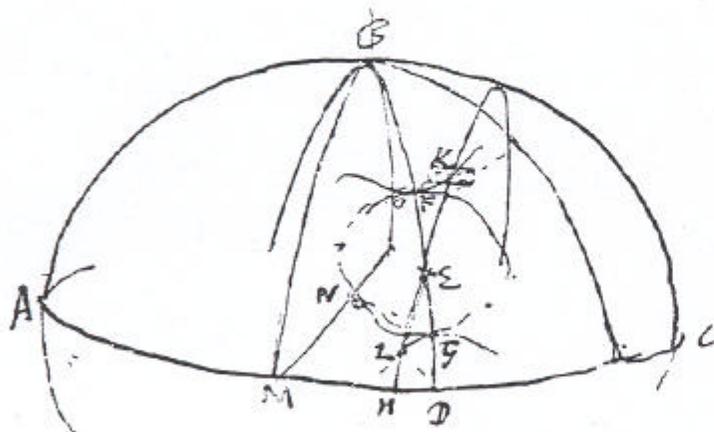
**or:**

*Titan halos and Huygens*



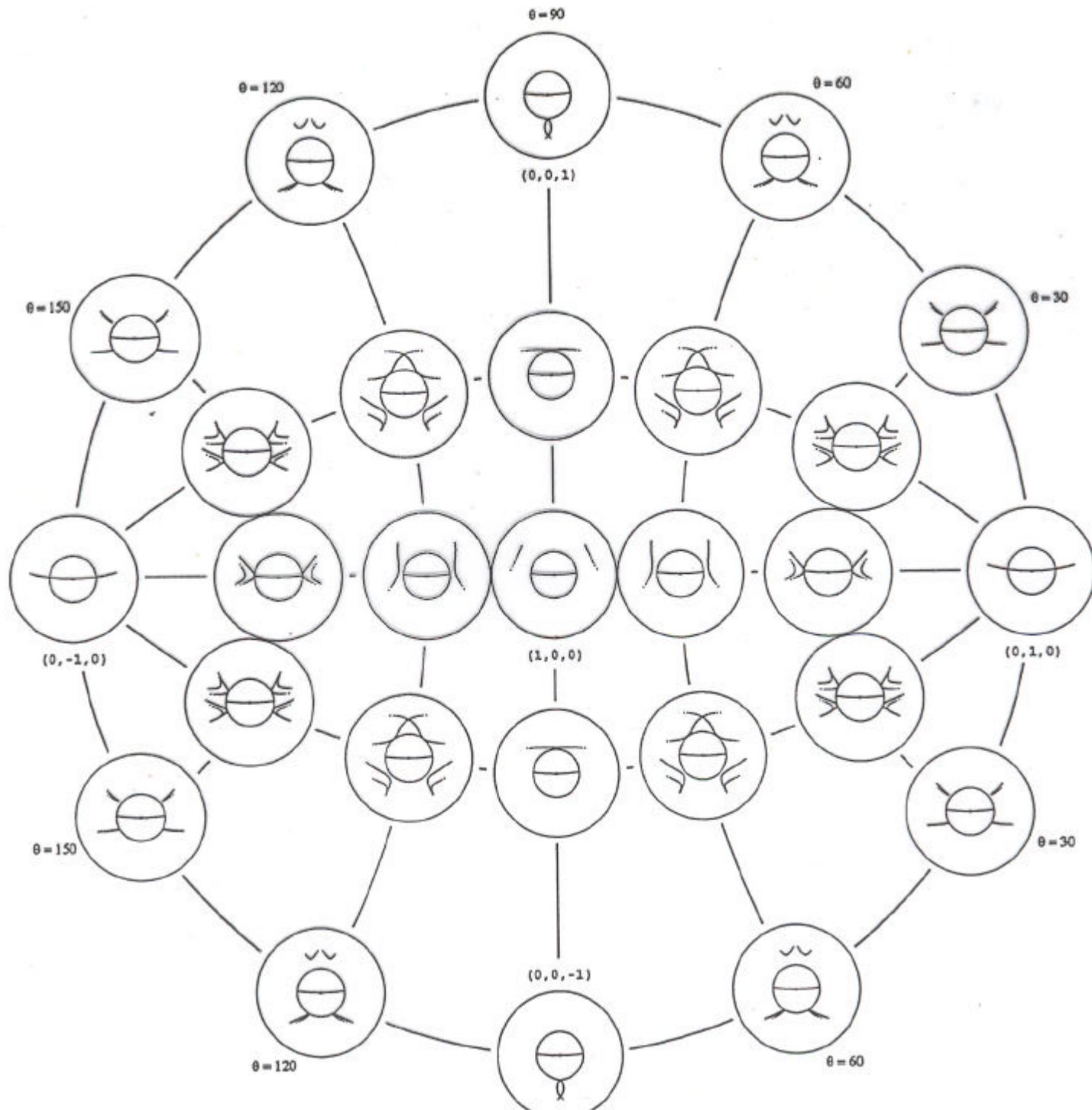


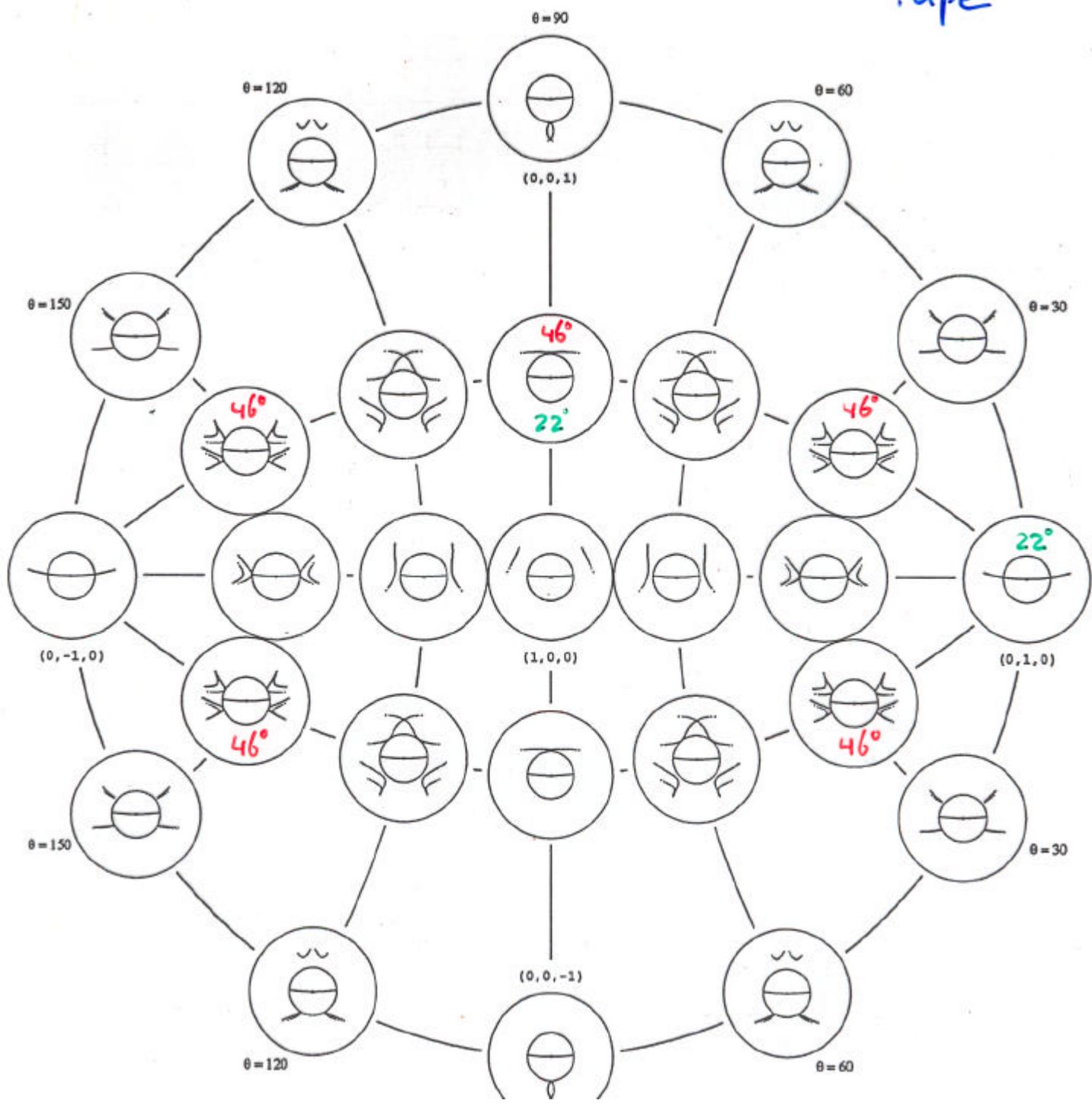
§ 40. De bogen die volgens ons onder aen de binnenste corona moeten komen, souden in 2 observatien van Hevelius te weten die van de 30 Mart. 1660 en in die van de 7 sonnen konnen gesien geweest hebben en sijn oock eenighsins altydt in dit laetste gesien, want hij seght dat in I een vestigium van een parelium wierdt gesien. Doch door defect van materie, dewelcke raro soo veer sich extendeert heeft dit maer een flaeuwe schijn geweest.

[Fig. 27.]<sup>1)</sup>

§ 41. Porro figuras arcuum prædictas inveniendi ratio est hujusmodi. In sphaera aliqua ABC [Fig. 27] describatur polo B circulus maximus ADC qui horizontem referat. deinde verticalis per solem transiens BD, posito nempe solem esse in E, ita ut arcus DE sit tot partium quot erat in observatone altitudo solis. Si igitur arcum inversum qui minorem coronam tangit invenire velimus, soo neemt de bogen EF, EG in de verticalis BED ieder van  $22\frac{1}{2}$  gr.<sup>2)</sup> soo sijn de punten F

en G het opperste en onderste deel der corona, ende te gelyck de middelste punten der inverse bogen die wij soecken. On nu d'andere punten daer van te vinden die





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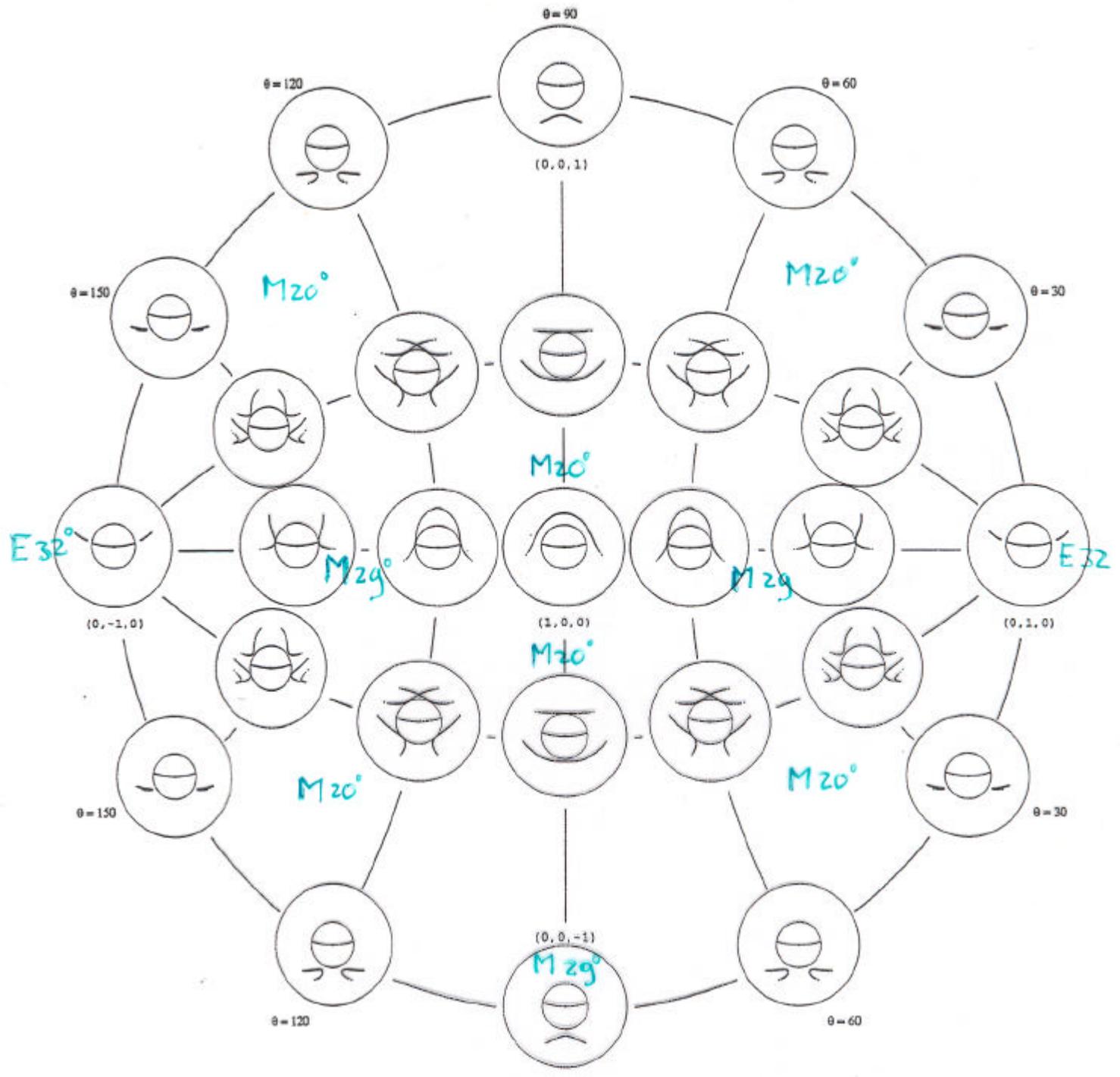


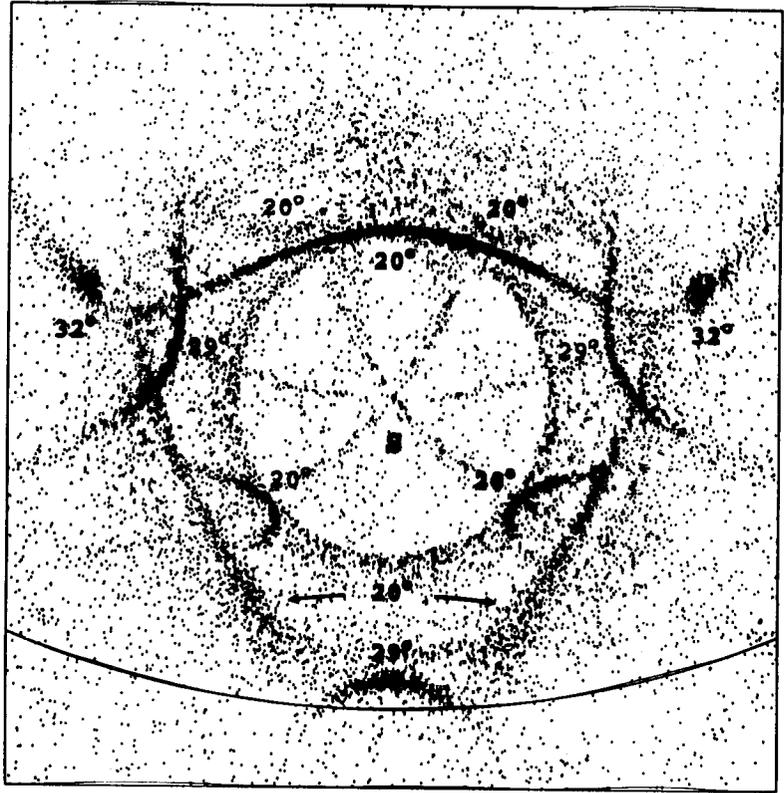


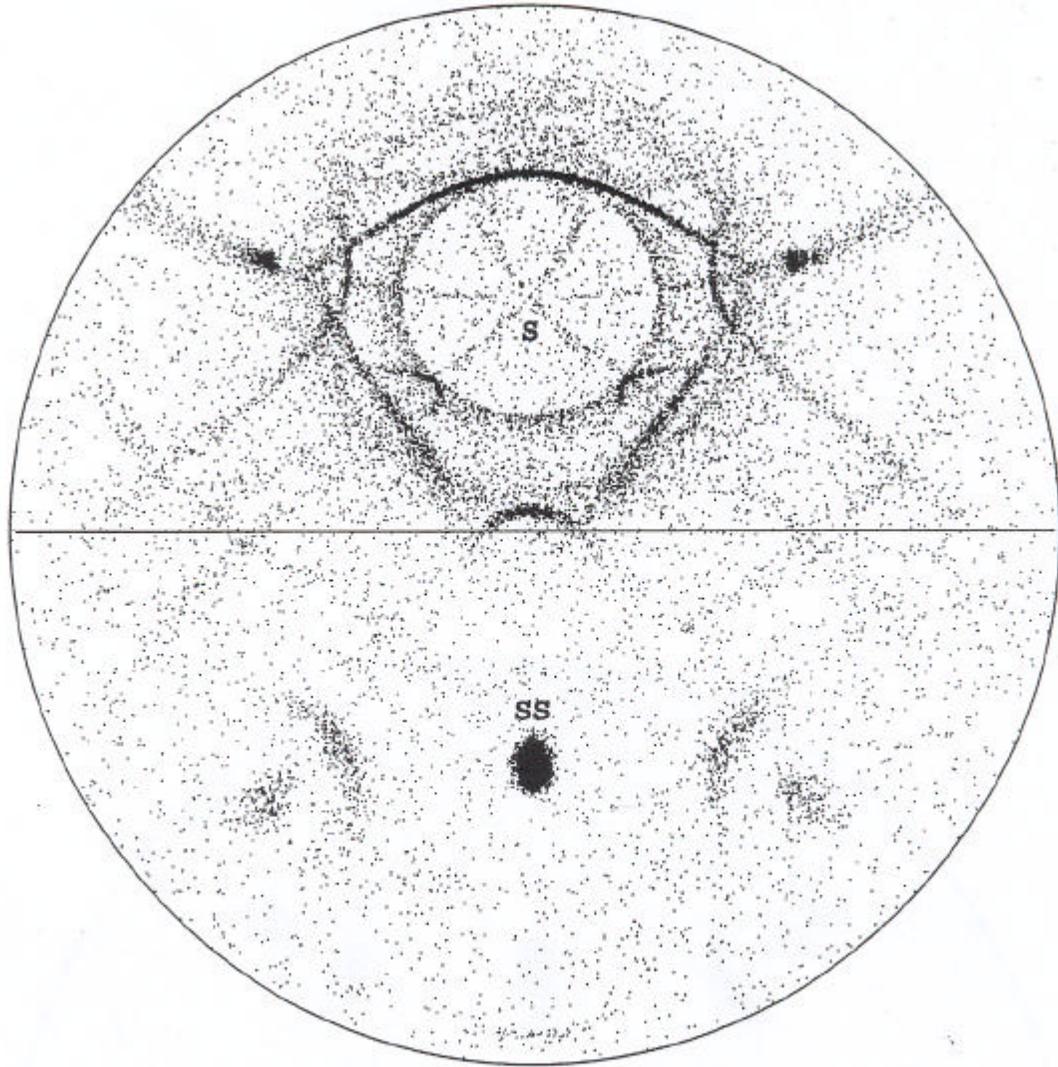


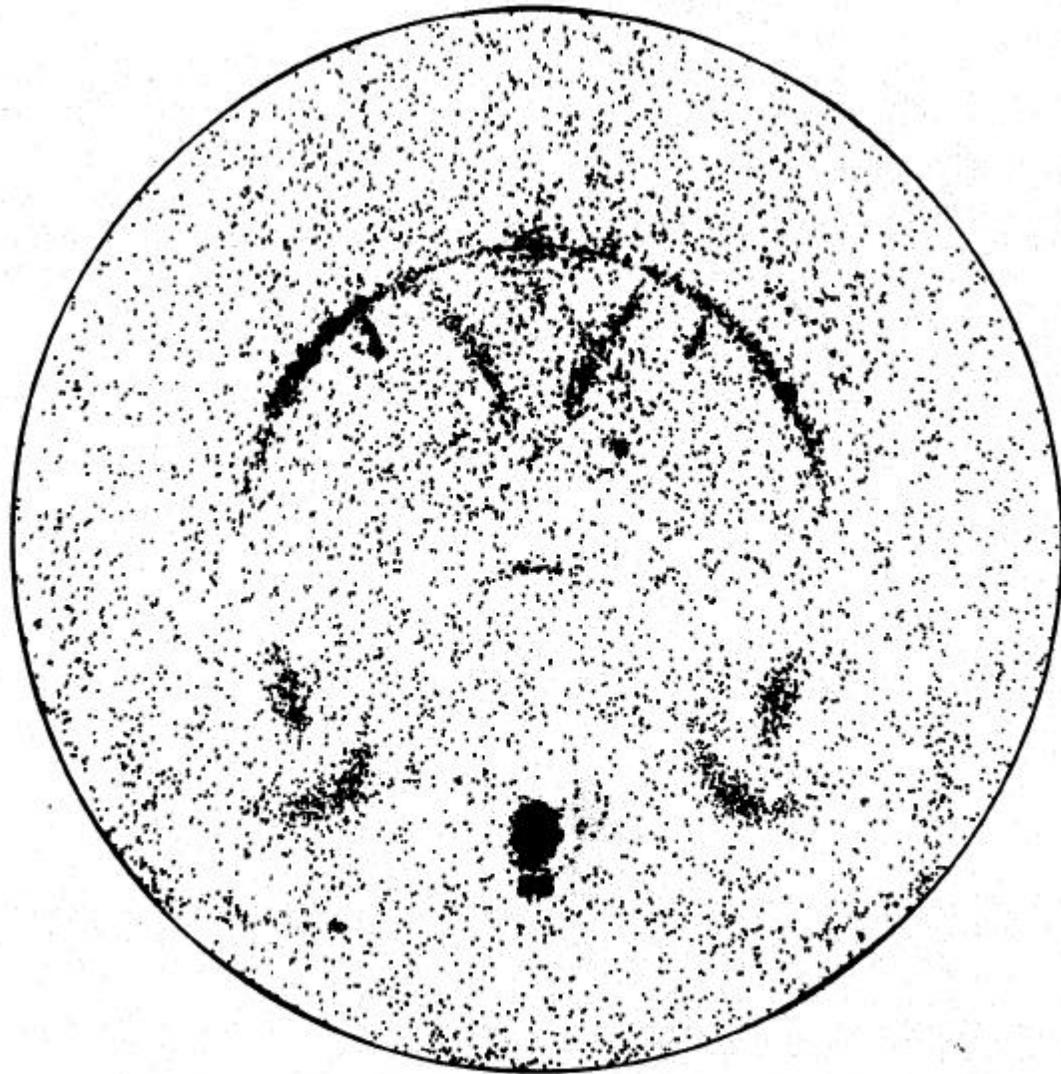
## POTENTIAL TITAN HALOS

|                | <u>crystal class</u> | <u>refr. index</u> | <u>habit</u>    | <u>halo angles</u>  |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <u>methane</u> | cubic                | 1.32               | cubes           | 48°                 |
|                |                      |                    | octahedrons     | 29°                 |
|                |                      |                    | square pyramids | 20°, 29°            |
|                |                      |                    | cubeoctahedrons | All [20°, 29°, 48°] |
| -----          |                      |                    |                 |                     |
| <u>ethane</u>  | hexagonal            | 1.44               | like ice        | 32°                 |









**Huygens:**  
*discovery of*

**Titan**  
**(1655)**

**Halos**  
**(1663)**

**Huygens Probe:**  
*discovery of*

**Titan halos?! (2005)**

## **Outcomes 14 January:**

### **1. Titan Halos!**

*- Go for crystal shapes*

### **2. Titan Halos?**

*- No transparent crystals exist*

*- They are there, but Titan weather did not cooperate*

*Bad luck – next time better!*