



Ilustración del Dr. Hubert Airy de sus propios
fortification spectra.

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Definición: La primera descripción del fenómeno la hizo el médico británico Hubert Airy (1854), que padecía migraña: «...at its height it seemed like a fortified town with bastions all round it, these bastions being coloured most gorgeously... All the interior of the fortification, so as to speak was boiling and rolling about in a most wonderful manner as if it was some thick liquid all alive.» [<http://www.upstate.edu/neurology/haas/hpmiaus.htm>]

«*tei.chop.sia* [Gr. teichos wall + -opsia] the sensation of a luminous appearance before the eyes, with a zigzag, wall-like outline; it may be a migraine aura. Called also fortification spectrum, flittering scotoma and scintillating scotoma.» [Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. 29ª ed. Filadelfia: W.B. Saunders Co., 2000]

«[spectrum] **fortification s.**, a form of migraine aura characterized by scintillating or zigzag bands of colored light forming the edge of an area of teichopsia. Called also fortification figures.» [Ibidem]

«[scotoma] **scintillating s.**, teichopsia.» [Ibidem]

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