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Time variation of particle fluxes in the MeV range observed by CALET

CALETで観測されたMeV領域粒子 フラックスの時間変動

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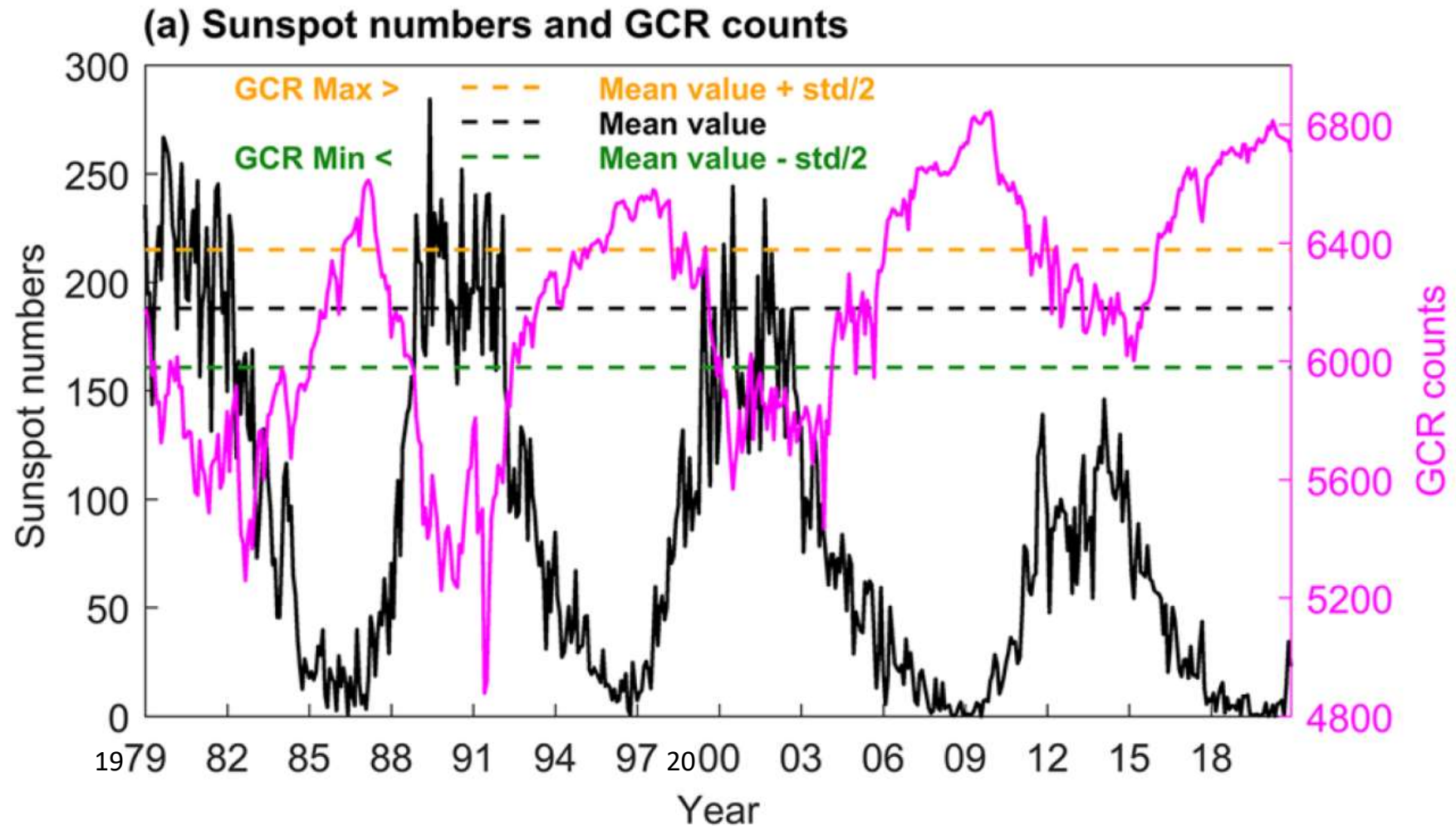
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Cosmic ray variation vs Sunspot numbers

Kumar et al., Scientific Reports 13, 3707 (2023)



Note: here “GCR” means neutron monitor counts (typically at ~3 GV)

Modulation of cosmic ray spectra (~ 1 GeV)

PAMELA (M. Martucci et al., ApJL 854 (2018) L2)

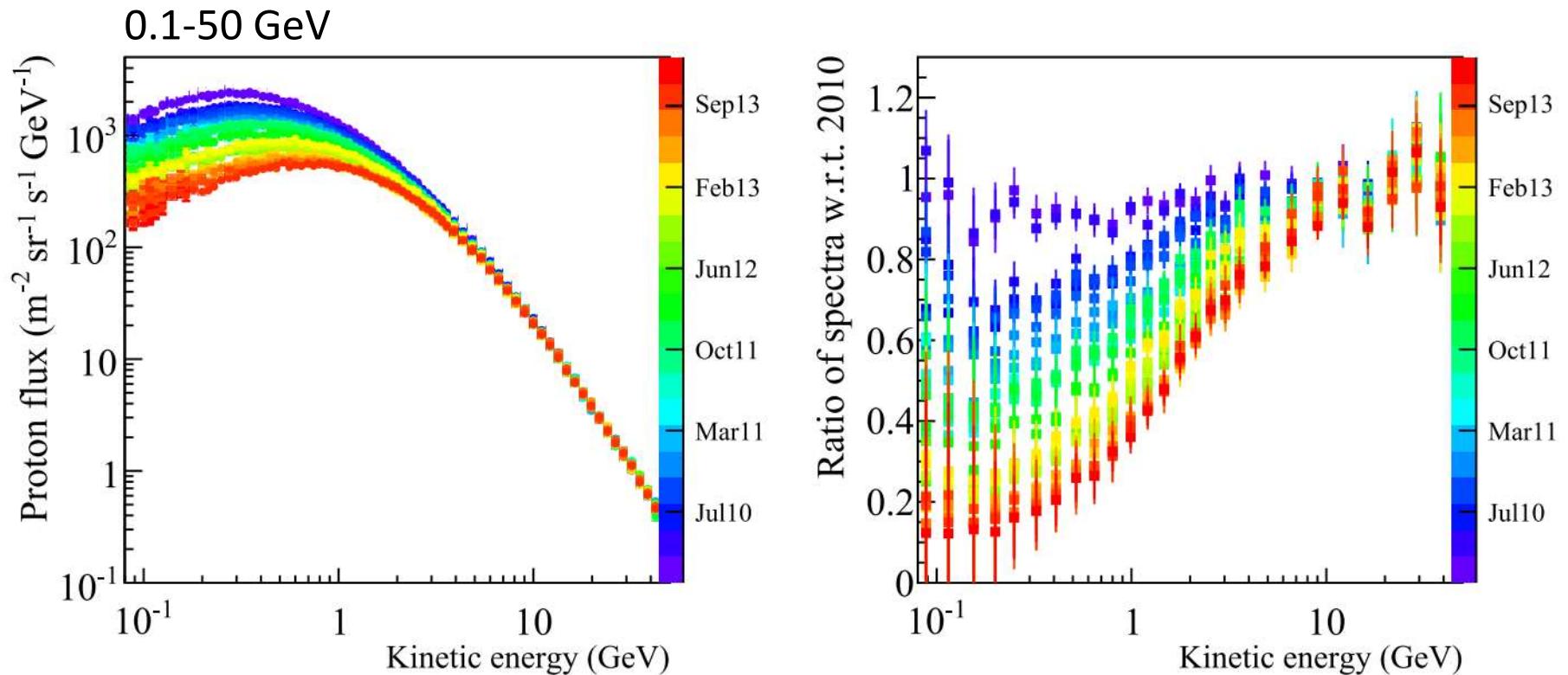


Figure 3. Left panel: the evolution of the proton spectra from the minimum to the maximum activity of solar cycle 24, from 2010 January (blue) to 2014 February (red). Right panel: the variation of the proton differential intensity with respect to the first proton spectrum of 2010.

Modulation of cosmic ray spectra (~ 100 MeV)

CSES-01/HEPD-01 (M. Martucci et al., ApJL 945 (2022) L39)

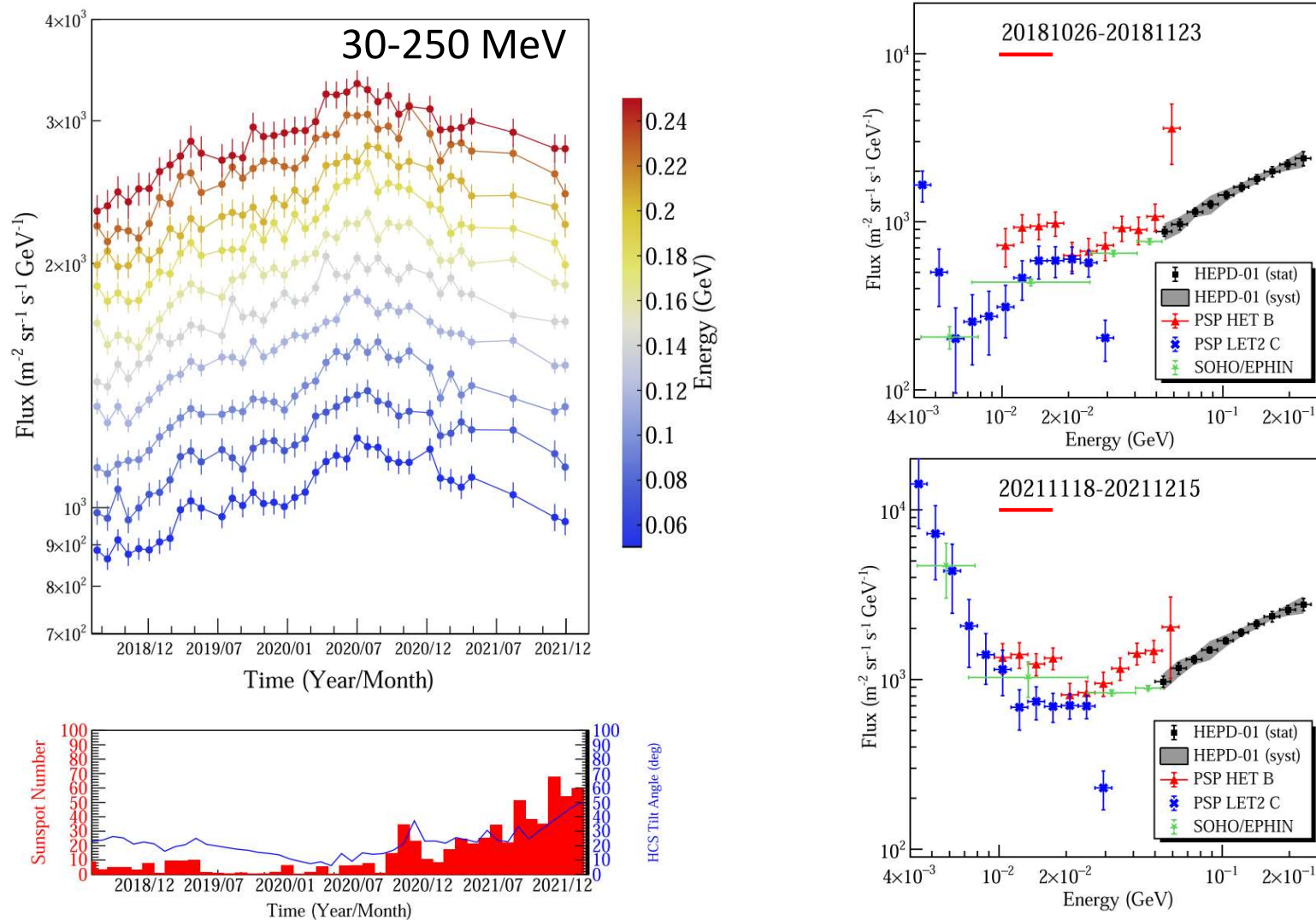
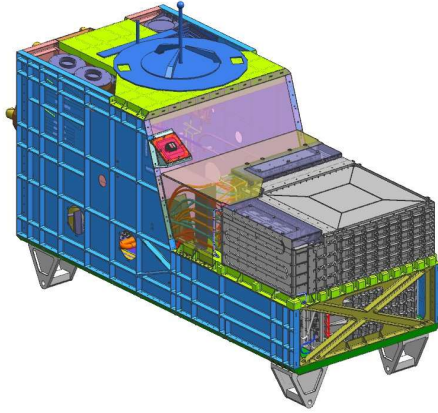


Figure 3. Time profile of GCR protons measured by HEPD-01 in 10 energy intervals (upper panel) between 2018 and 2022. Error bars take into account both statistical and systematic uncertainties. Sunspot number (red) and HCS tilt angle values (blue) as a function of time, in the same period (bottom panel).

CALET (CALorimetric Electron Telescope)



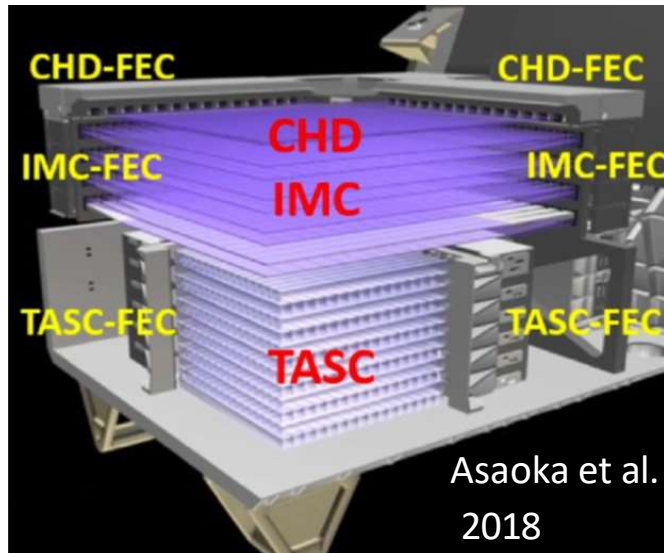
- In operation on the Japanese Experiment Module (JEM) 'Kibo'-Exposed Facility of the International Space Station since 2015
- Japan-USA-Italy collaboration

Calorimeter (CAL)

Electrons: 1 GeV - 20 TeV

Gamma rays: 1 GeV – 10 TeV

Protons and nuclei: 10 GeV – 1 PeV



CHD

- charge

IMC

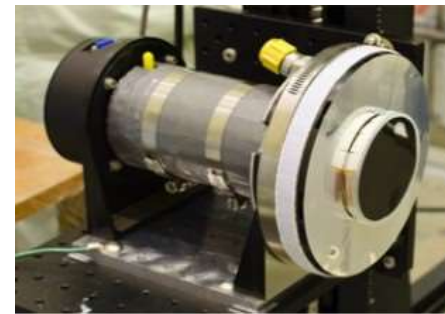
- tracking
- particle ID

TASC

- energy
- particle ID

CALET Gamma Ray Burst Monitor (CGBM)

• Hard X-ray Monitor (HXM)



7 - 1000 keV
LaBr₃(Ce) + PMT
(2 sets)

• Soft Gamma-ray Monitor (SGM)



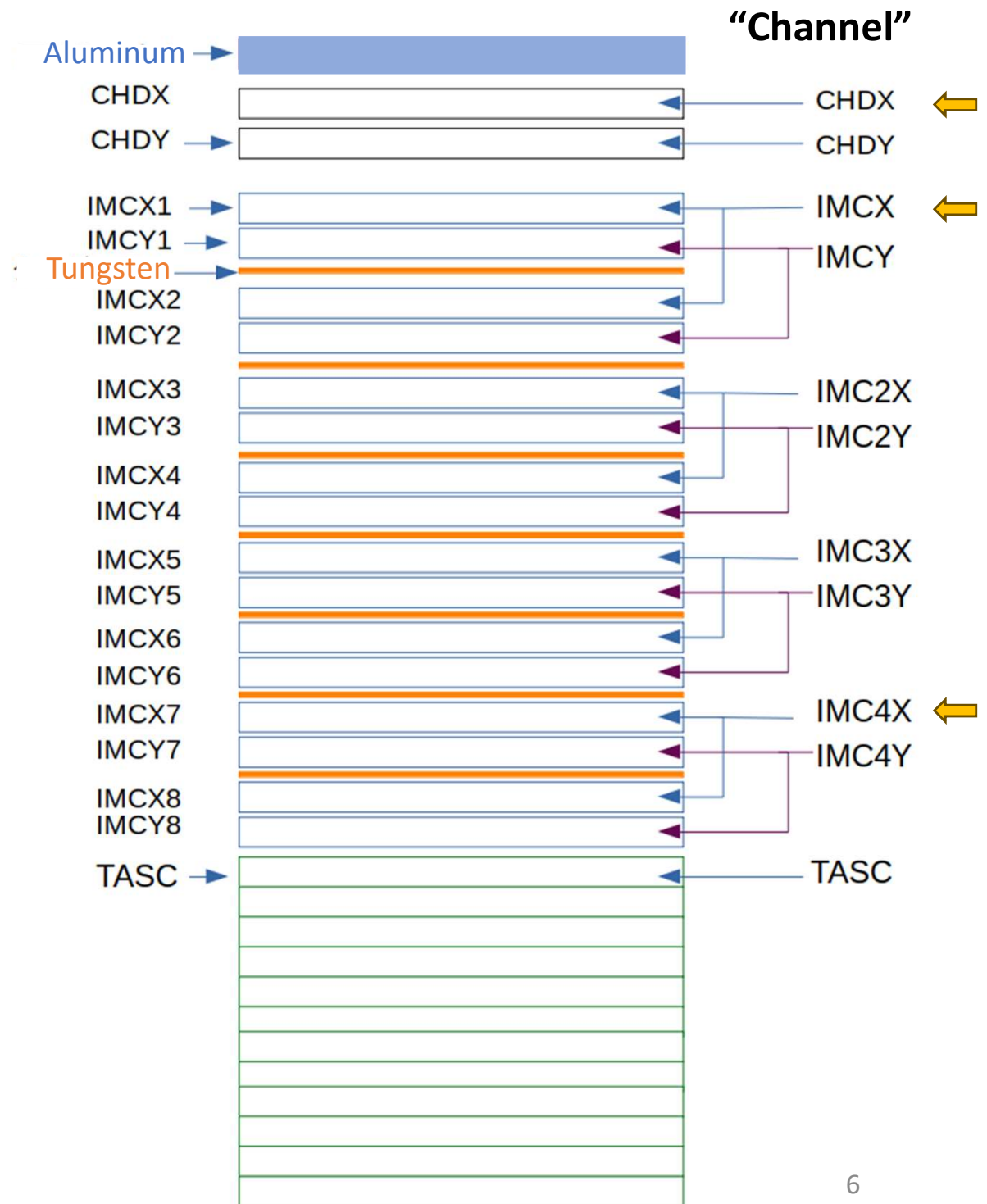
0.04 – 20 MeV
BGO + PMT
(1 set)

Profile of CAL and monitor channels

Scaler counts of each channel are transmitted via slow communication link and saved as housekeeping data.



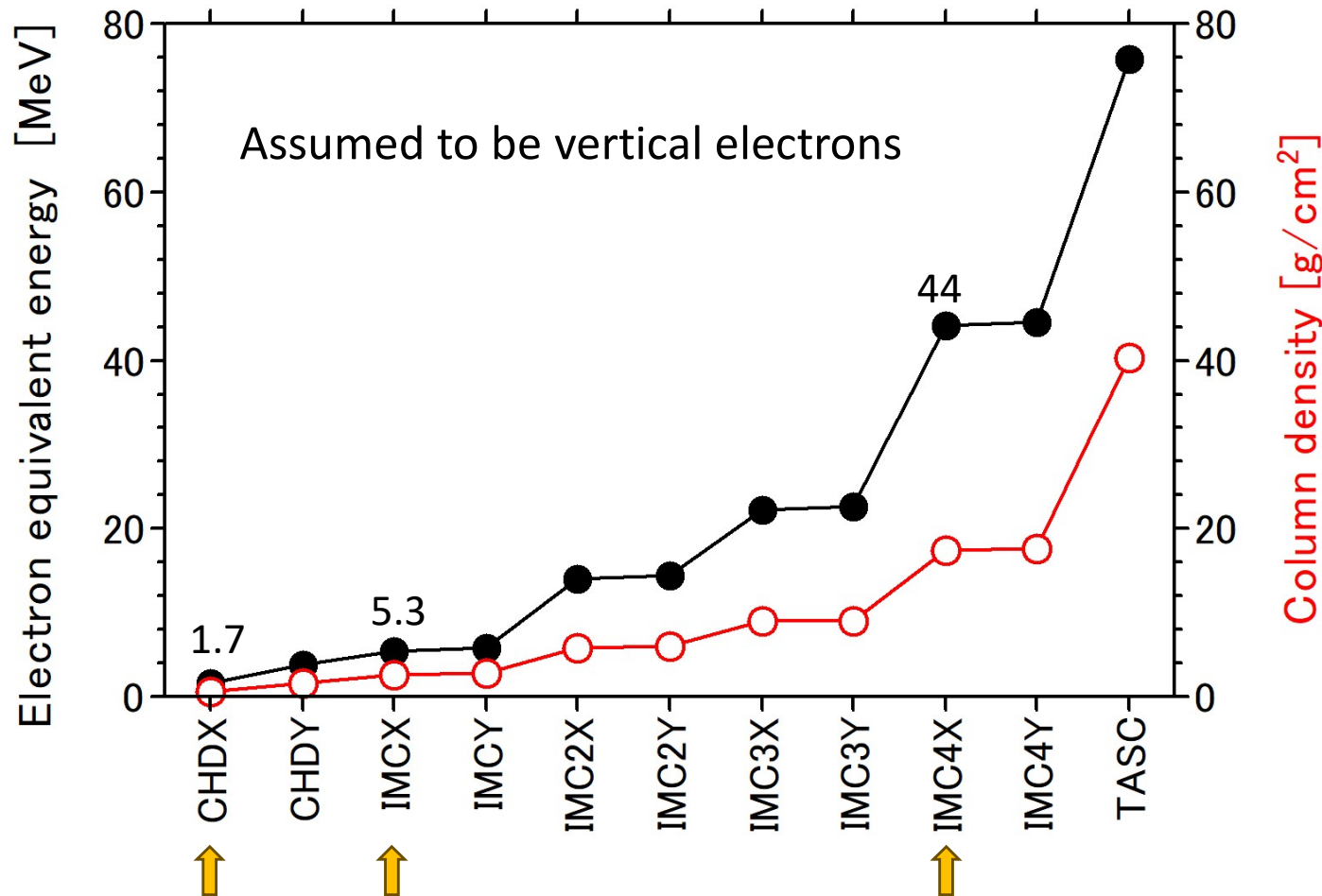
Particle counts above a few to several tens of MeV thresholds, assuming they are electrons.



Scaler channel energy thresholds

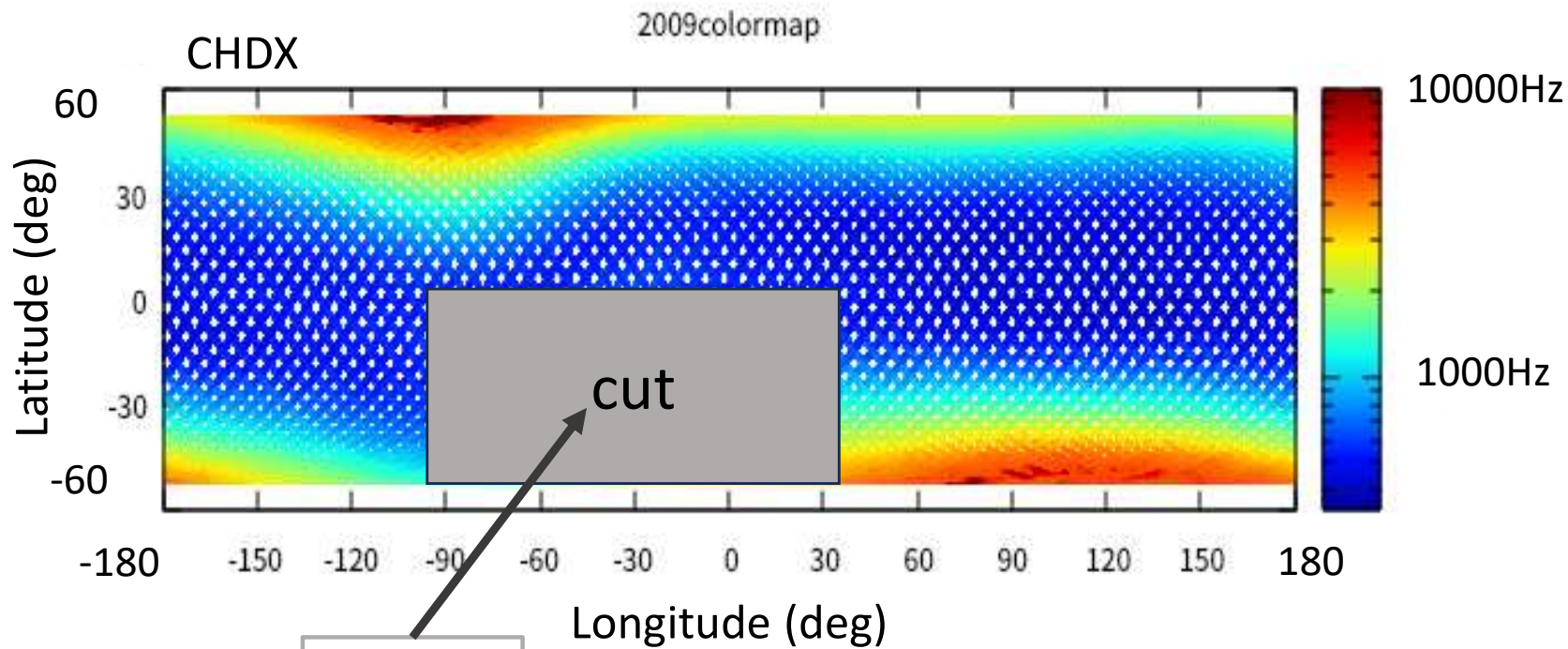
$$\text{Range } R = \int_0^R dx = \int_T^0 \frac{dx}{dT} dT$$

(T : kinetic Energy)



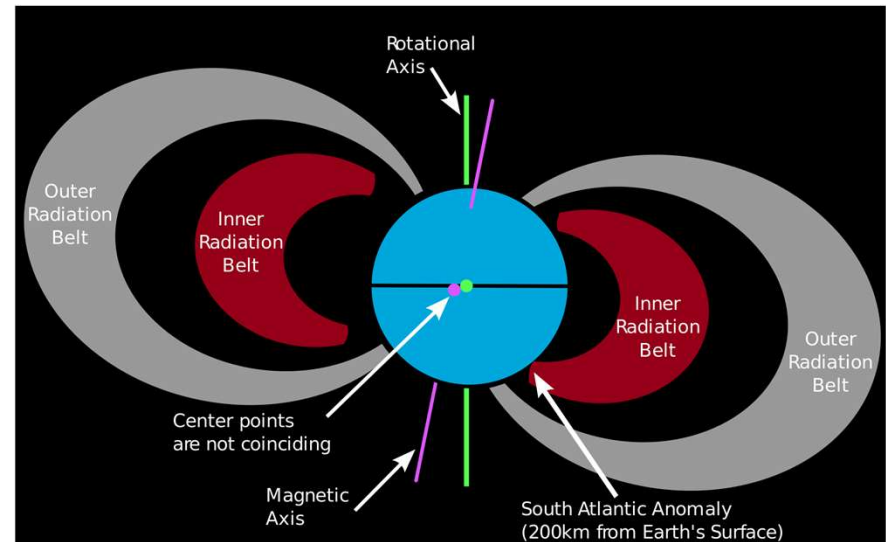
Note that deeper layers are affected by horizontally-incident particles, whose energies could be lower than those for vertical incidence.

Count rate map vs longitude - latitude

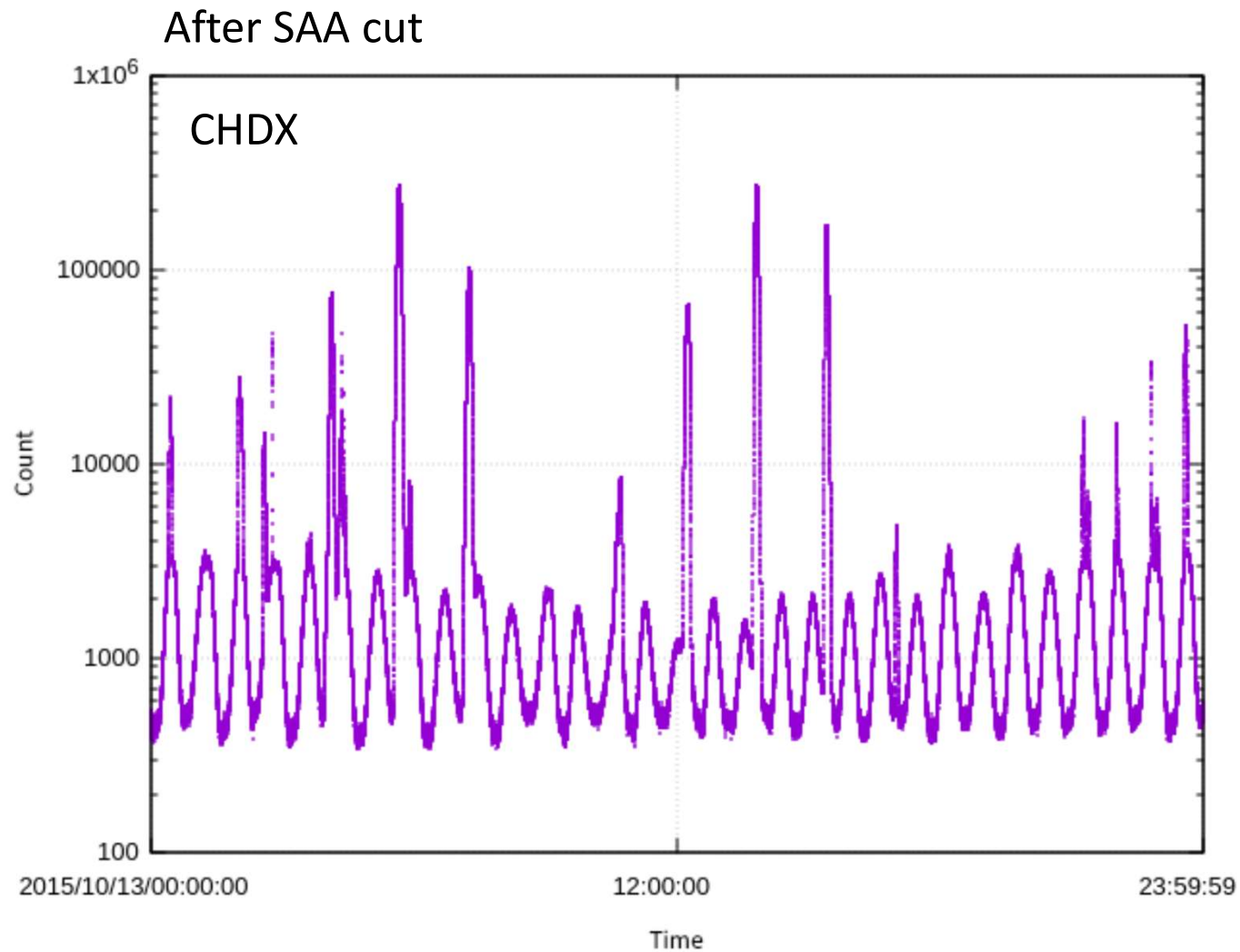


South Atlantic Anomaly

Cut region:
 $\text{Lat} < 5\text{N}$ & $-100 < \text{Lon} < 40$



Count rate variation (one day)



Orbital variation (~90 min. period) + peaks (REP)

Short-term variation (STV) cut

To study long-term variation, short-term variation (such as REPs) should be deleted.

Cut criteria:

$$R_5(t) > R_5(t - 5s) + 40$$

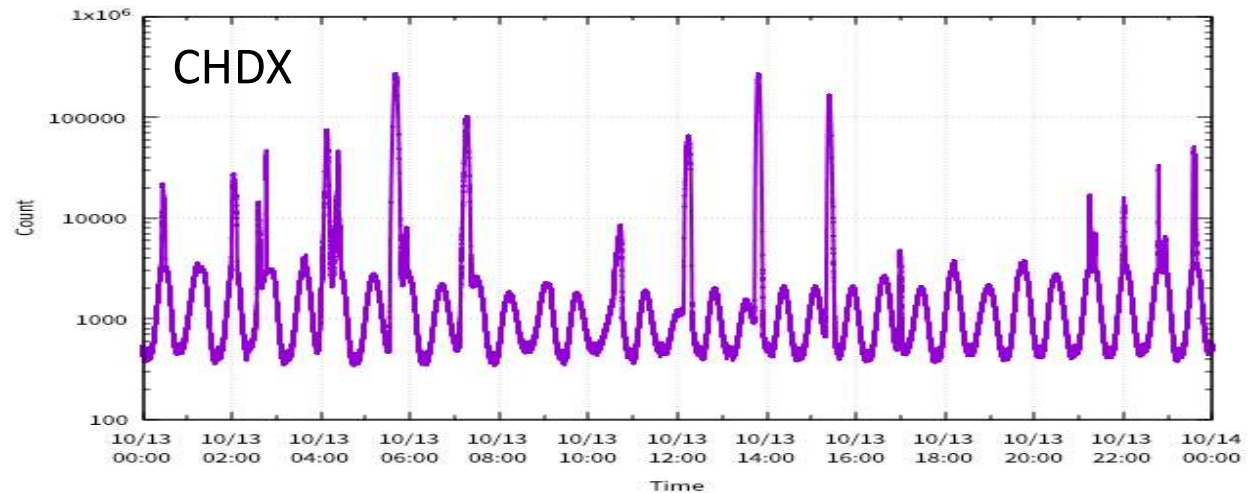
or

$$R_5(t) > R_5(t + 5s) + 40$$

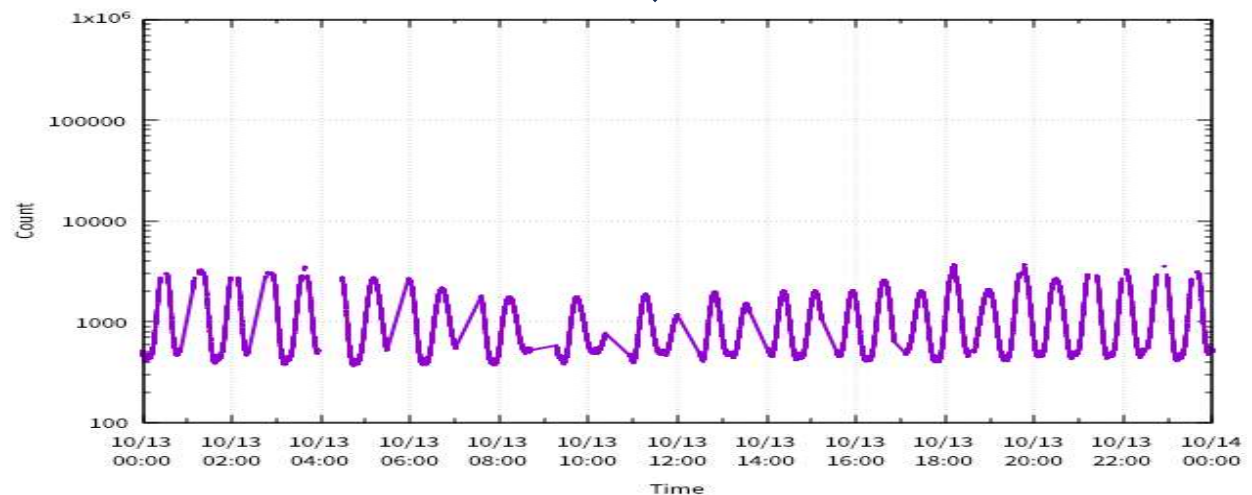
or

$$R_5(t) > 5000$$

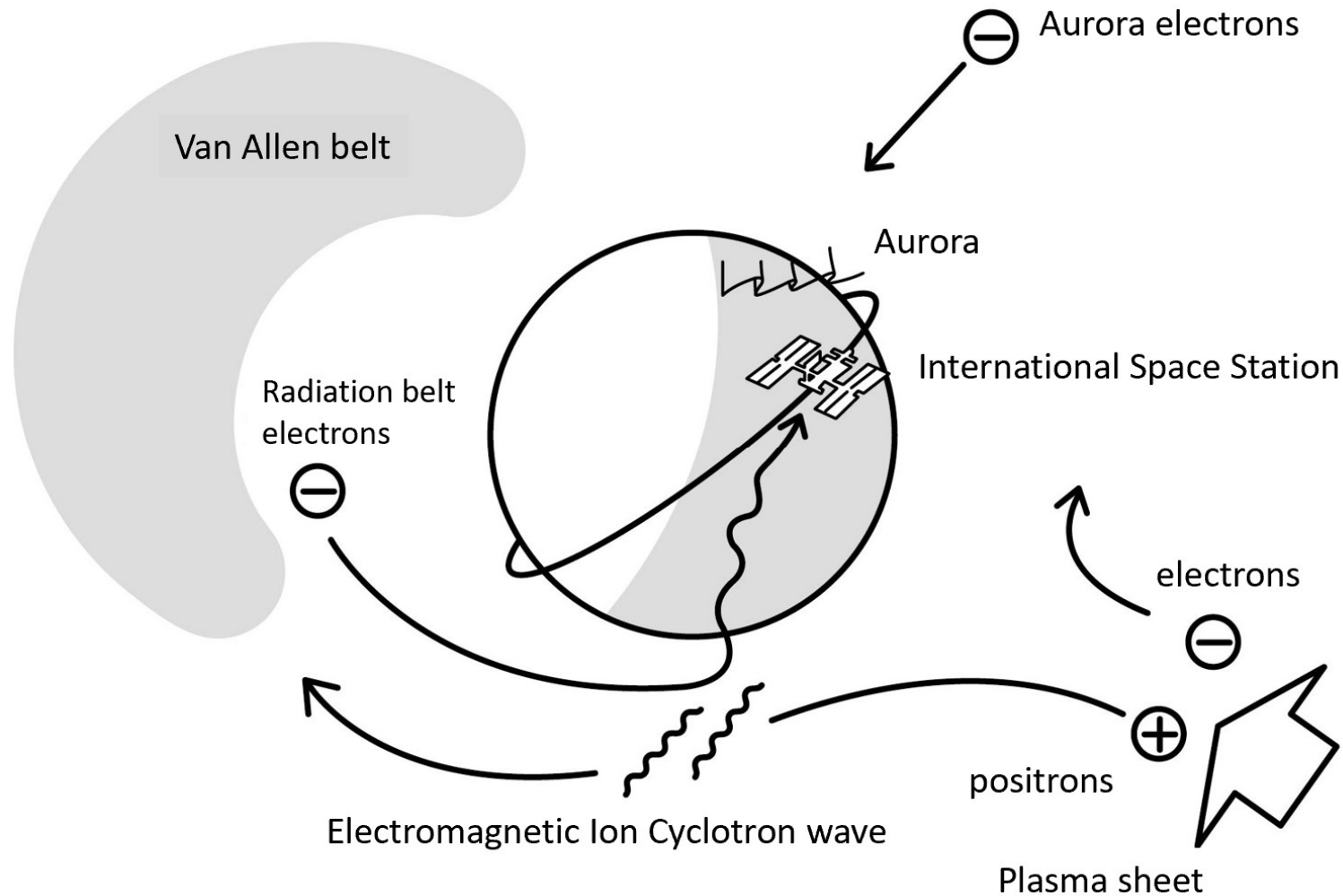
$R_5(t)$: running average of count rate (s^{-1}) within 5s



↓ STV Cut

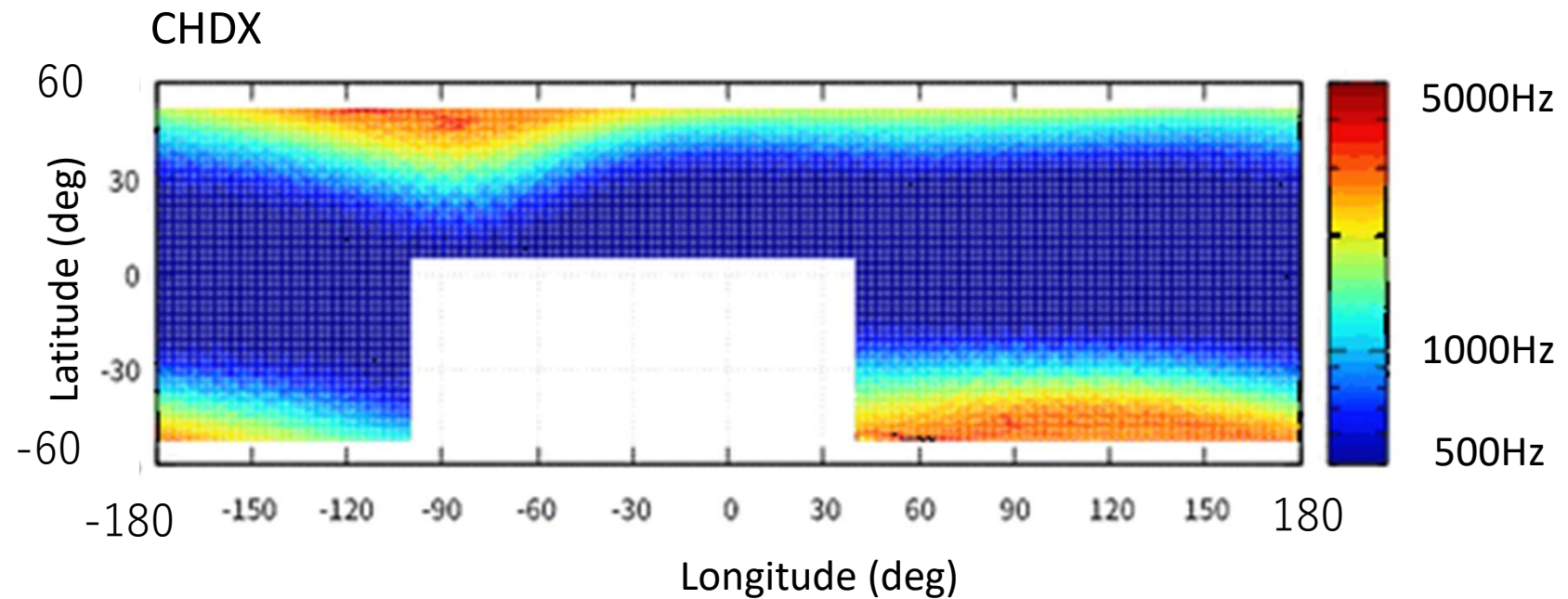


Relativistic Electron Precipitation (REP)



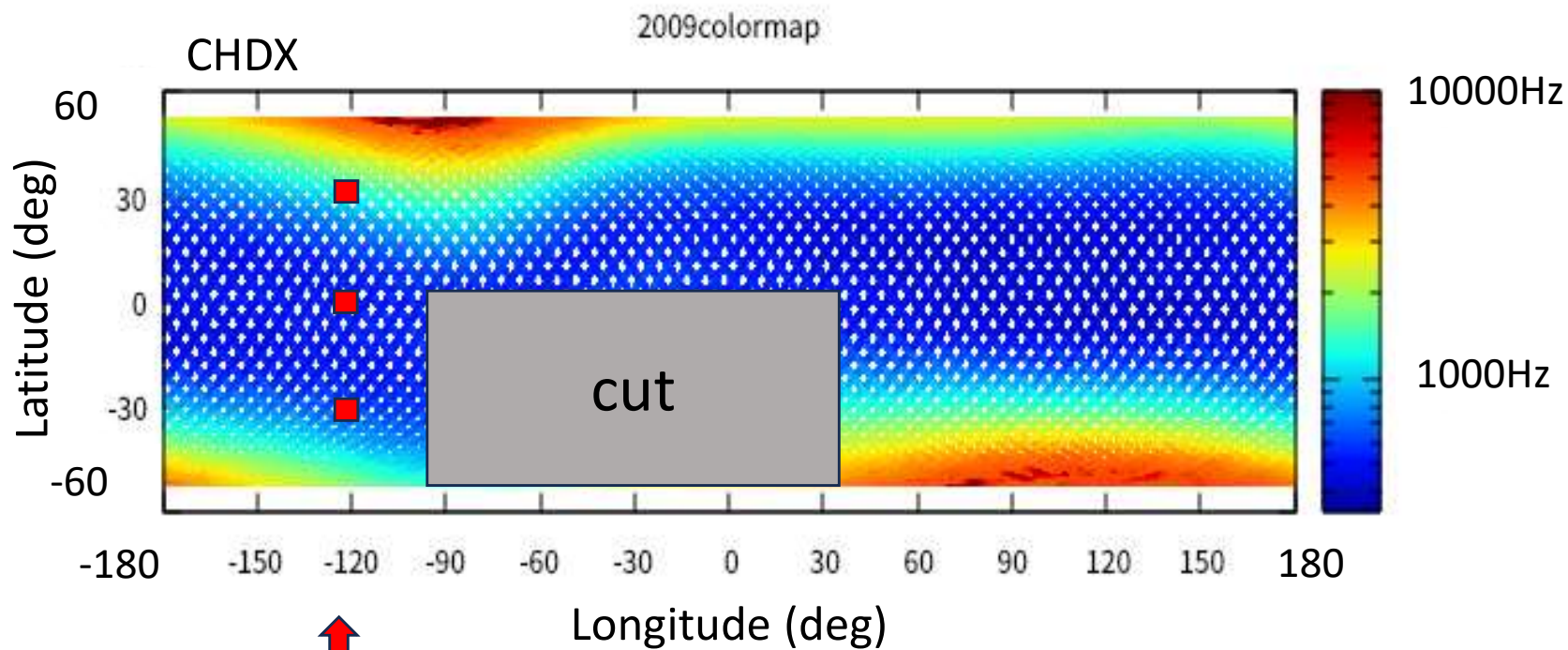
Yearly variation of count rate map (CHDX: 1.7 MeV)

2015



Count rates in the polar region are increasing toward 2020.

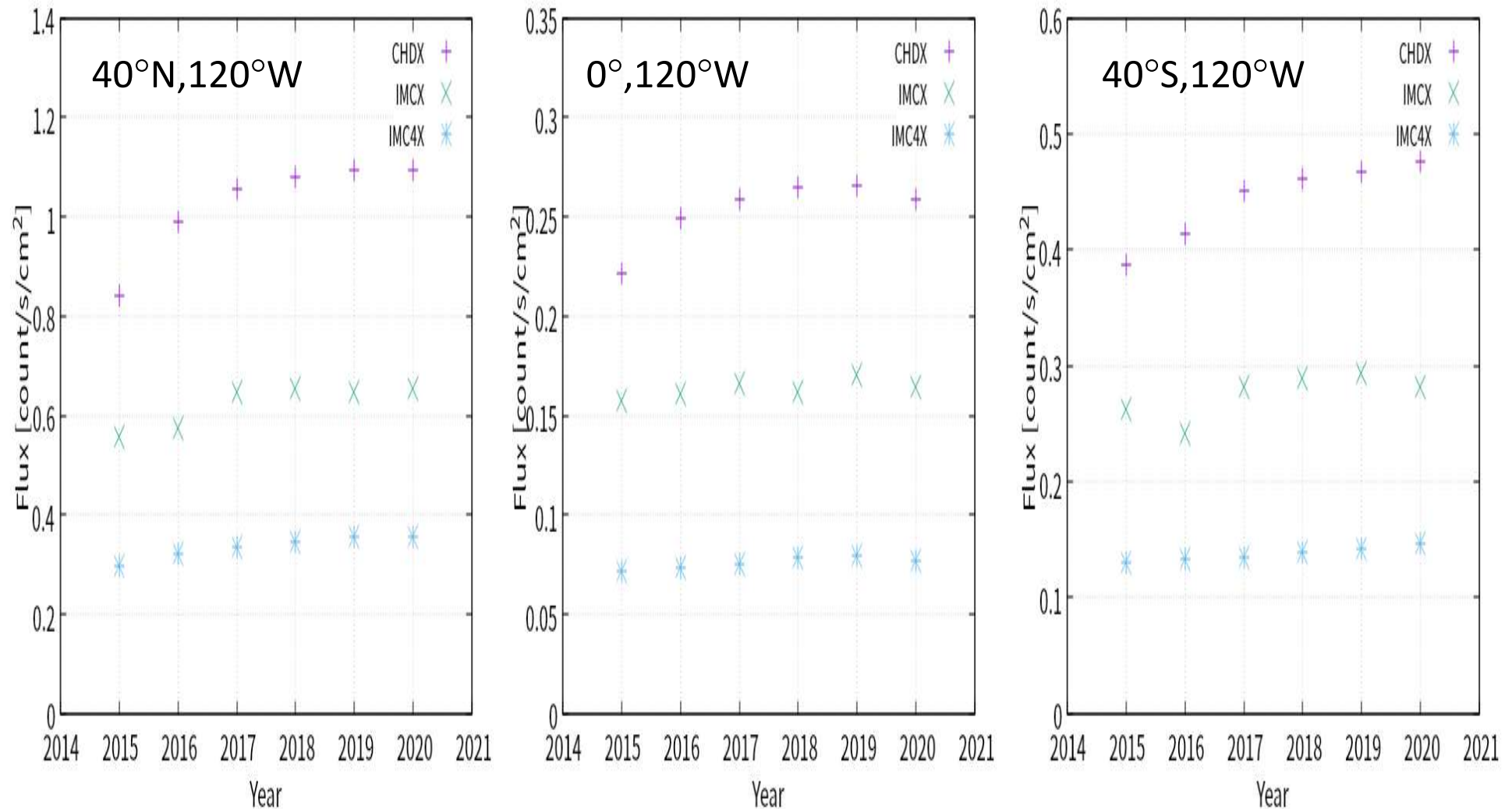
Count rate map vs longitude - latitude



3 points are studied
as typical examples:

- $40^{\circ}\text{N}, 120^{\circ}\text{W}$
- $0^{\circ}, 120^{\circ}\text{W}$
- $40^{\circ}\text{S}, 120^{\circ}\text{W}$

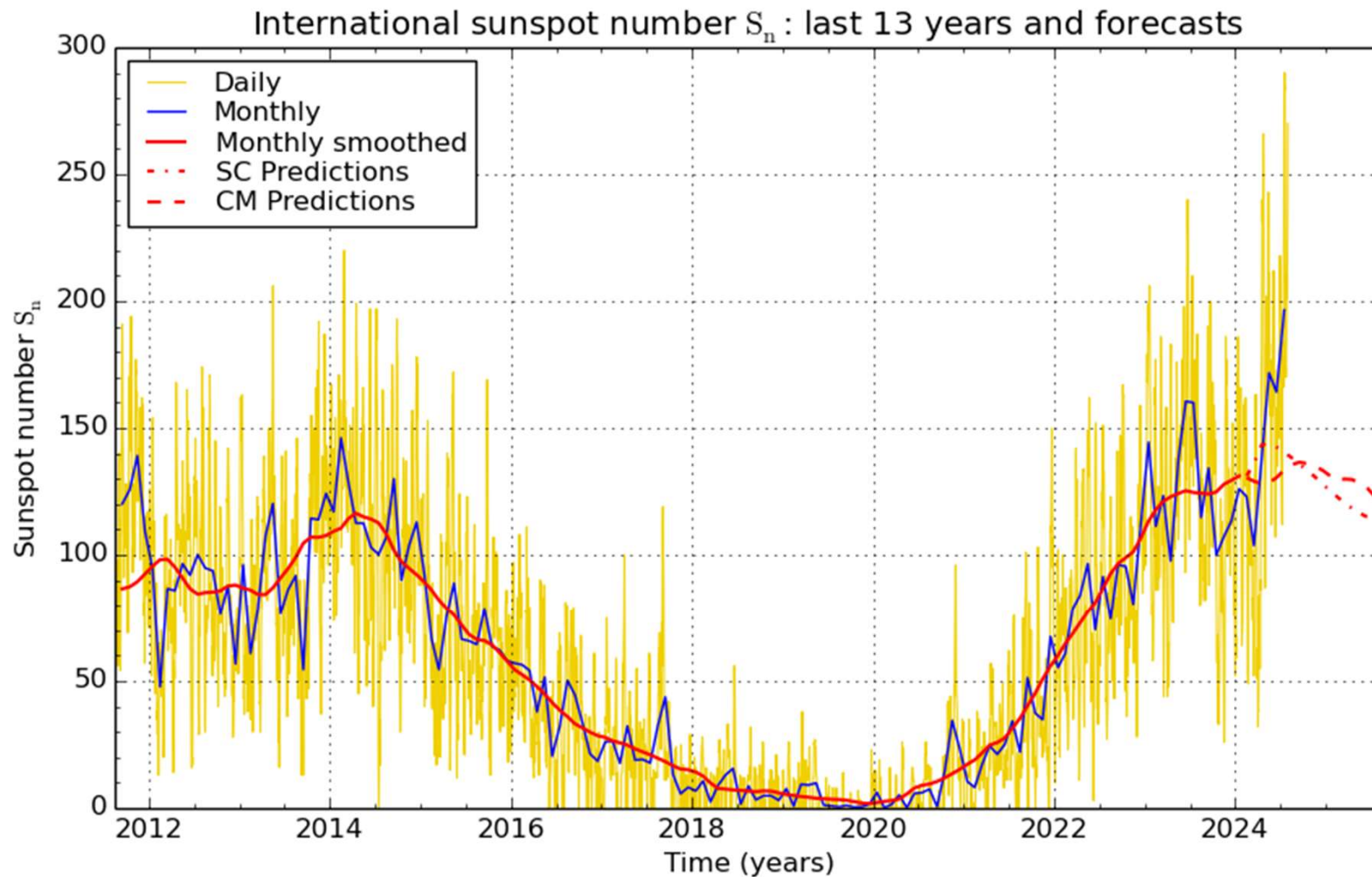
Yearly variation for some points



CHDX: >1.7 MeV IMCX: >5.3 MeV IMC4X: >44 MeV

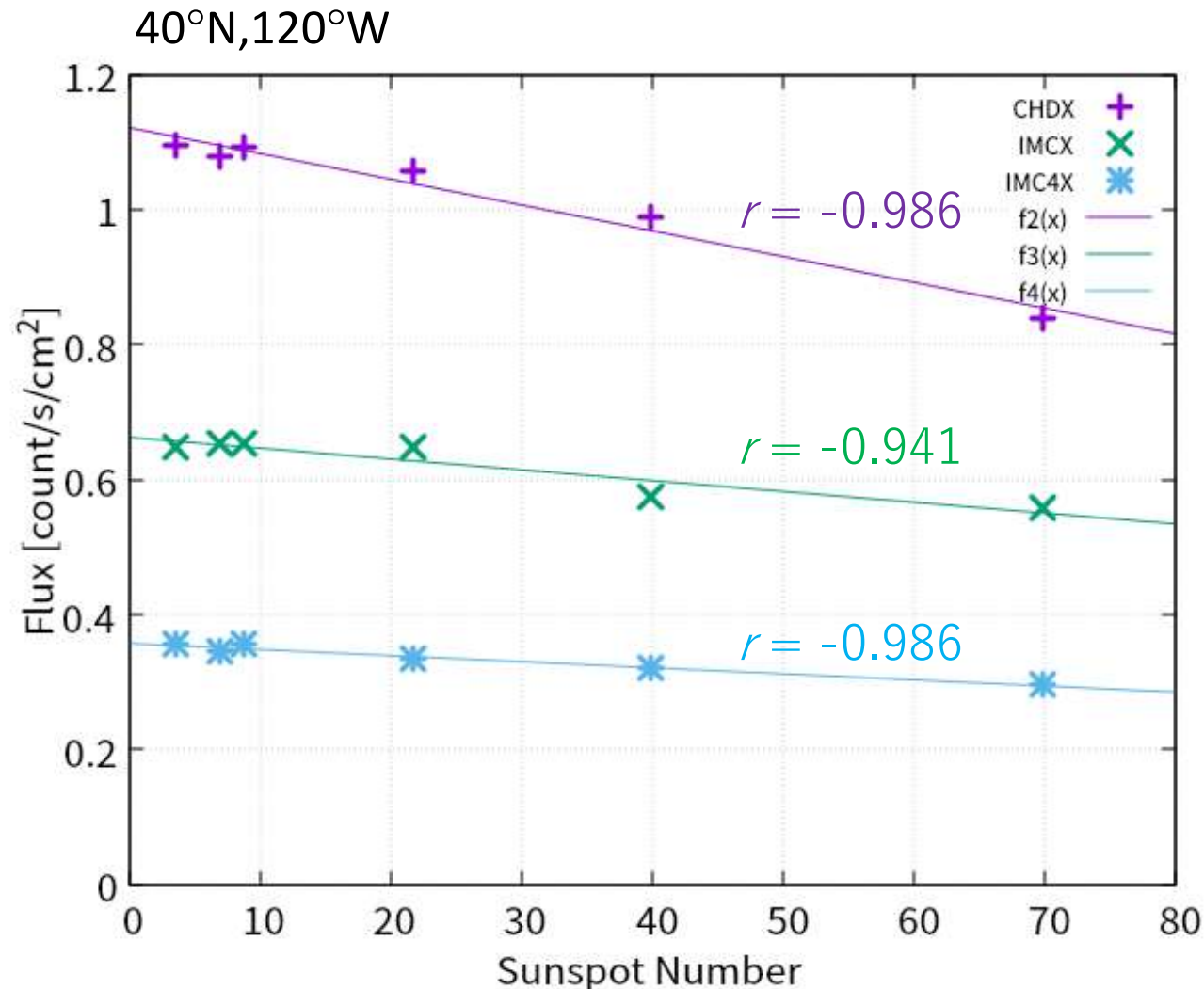
Sunspot number

<https://www.sidc.be/SILSO/dayssnplot>



SILSO graphics (<http://sidc.be/silso>) Royal Observatory of Belgium 2024 August 1

Correlation with sunspot numbers?

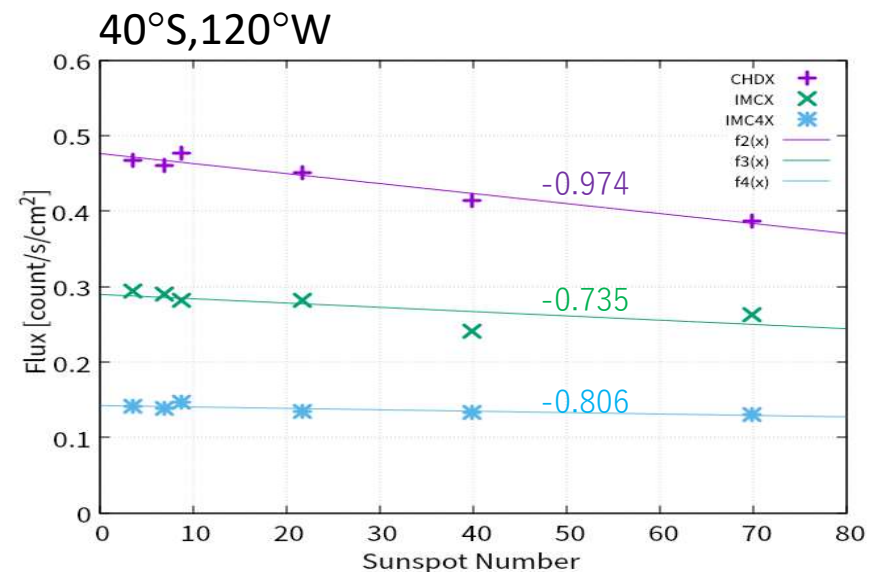
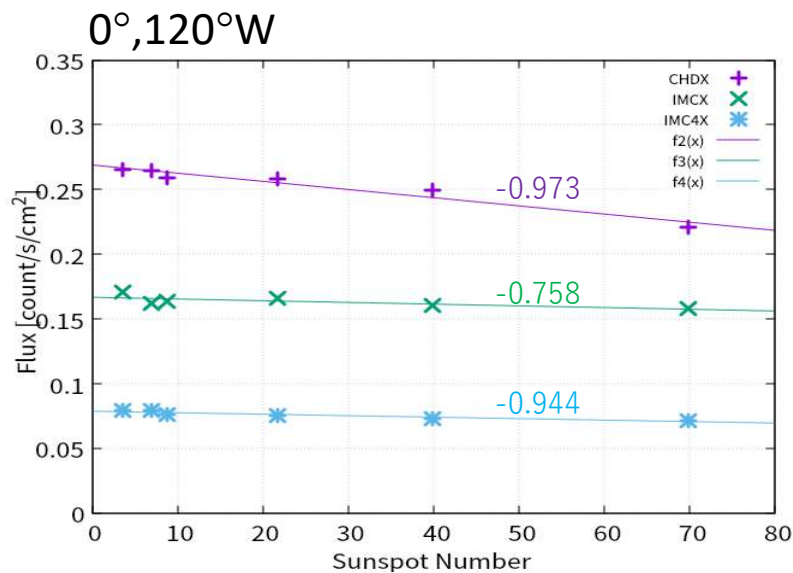


CHDX: 1.7 MeV IMCX: 5.3 MeV IMC4X: 44 MeV

Anti

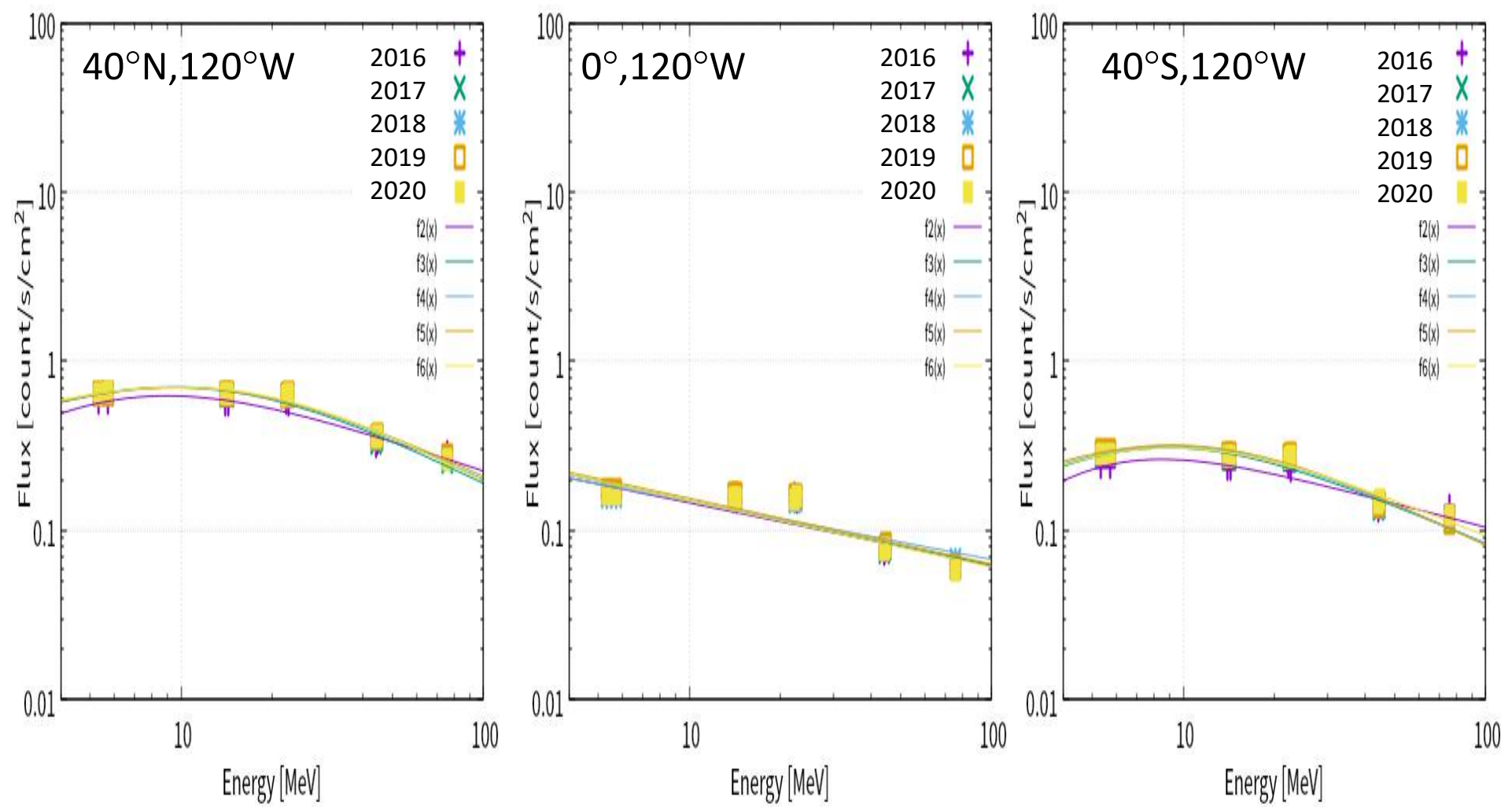
Correlation with sunspot numbers

Location	Correlation coefficient		
	CHDX (>1.7 MeV)	IMCX (>5.3 MeV)	IMC4X (>44 MeV)
40°N, 120°W	-0.986	-0.941	-0.986
0°, 120°W	-0.973	-0.758	-0.944
40°S, 120°W	-0.974	-0.735	-0.806



Flux variations for each layers

Fits just to guide eyes: $f(x) = a \left(\frac{x^d}{x^d + c} \right) \times x^{-b}$



Now assuming vertical injection: *Acceptance corrections to be applied...*

Summary

- Counting rates of CALET layers are analyzed in the 2015-2020 period to monitor cosmic-ray fluxes in the MeV region.
- SAA and REP events are removed to observe long-term behavior of the fluxes.
- Corrected counting rates show yearly variation.
- Yearly average of counting rates in the MeV region are closely anticorrelated with sunspot numbers.