

High Energy Astro-Particle Physics: An Experimental Perspective

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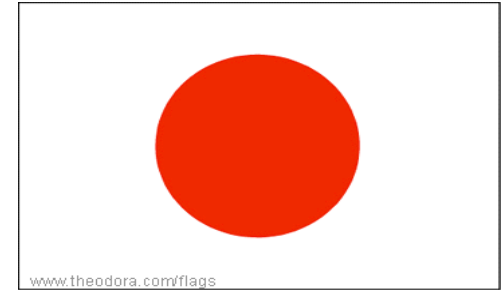
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GRAPES-3 Collaboration

(Gamma Ray Astronomy at Pev Energies Phase-3)
An India Japan Scientific Experiment
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Motivation

Almost every interesting object in sky producing E-M radiation (radio, optical γ -rays, X-rays) results from interaction of H.E charged particles with matter or radiation field

Understanding of any phenomena in H.E astrophysics requires production and acceleration of charged particles be understood

Charged particles	---->	engine
EM emission	---->	exhaust

Our galaxy contains 10^{11} stars, interstellar space is permeated with magnetic field, gas clouds, dust, MBR, CR

Energy density of these components are

1. Magnetic field $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$
2. K.E of Gas $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$
3. Cosmic rays $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$
4. Star light $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$
5. MBR $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$

there seem to be

CR play role



Equipartition of energy

Evolution of galaxy

Highest energy accelerator at FERMILAB $E = 10^{12} \text{ eV}$

In near future (2009) $E = 7 \times 10^{12} \text{ eV}$ CERN

Nature reaches $E = 10^{20} \text{ eV} \sim 14000 / \text{day}$ (Earth)

How does nature produce these particles?

How does it accelerate them?

- Cosmic rays are the highest energy particles present in nature
- Cosmic rays have been observed over an extraordinary range of energies

$10^8 - 10^{20}$ eV 12 order of magnitude

$E_{\text{C.R.}} < 10^{12}$ eV space based detectors

$E_{\text{C.R.}} > 10^{12}$ eV ground based detectors

- At lower energies C.R are mostly charged particles of various nuclei

P ~ 90%

He ~ 7-8%

C, N, O,..... Si, S,..... Fe,..... etc ~ 2-3%

e^-, γ $\leq \gamma \leq$ 1%

- CR are basically energetic charged particles with a good representation from the entire periodic table
- *Due to this huge energy range a variety of experimental techniques, are used to detect and measure them*

Cosmic rays discovered in 1912 by Victor Hess aboard hot air balloon using simple instruments. Set the explorer tradition for future experiment

Unlike most branches of physics, experiments are in well maintained and nicely equipped labs, most cosmic ray (CR) experiments are at diverse and remote sites around the earth and beyond

Geographic Location	Examples		Country
SEA LEVEL		KASKADE EAS AUGER EAS	GERMANY ARGENTINA
MOUNTAINS	2.2 km 4.3 km 3.0 km	GRAPES-3 AS γ MILAGRO	OOTY TIBET USA
UNDERGROUND	3 km 1 km	KGF EXPT SUPER-K	(closed) JAPAN
UNDERWATER	1 km 1 km	LAKE BAIKAL NESTOR	RUSSIA GREECE

Geographic Location
UNDER ICECAP

Examples
2.3 km ICE CUBE 1 km³

BALLOONS

35 km JACEE USA/JAPAN
35 km ISOMAX USA/GERMANY

SPACE

200 km AMS, SPACE SHUTTLE
10⁶ km ACE, NASA
> 100 AU VOYAGER MISSION

ACCELERATORS

L3 COSMICS CERN, TIFR

Early Experiments on Ships going round the Earth, on aircraft flying at High Altitudes etc.,

Prerequisite:

A Astro-Particle Physicist is adventurous,
won't mind venturing out beyond the safety
of Home Institution

Experimental Observations:

- (1) CR flux is constant in time
- (2) CR flux is isotropic

It is now established that in energy range $10^{14} - 10^{16}$ eV CR are produced within the galaxy (Milky way)

Galactic magnetic field in gas clouds in interstellar space has random orientations, which deflect CR particles completely randomizing their direction

CR motion $\longrightarrow$ Diffusion $\longrightarrow$ Isotropic flux with constant intensity

Larmor radius ~ 1 LYR 10^{15} eV at $3\mu\text{G}$

Magnetic trapping in galaxy

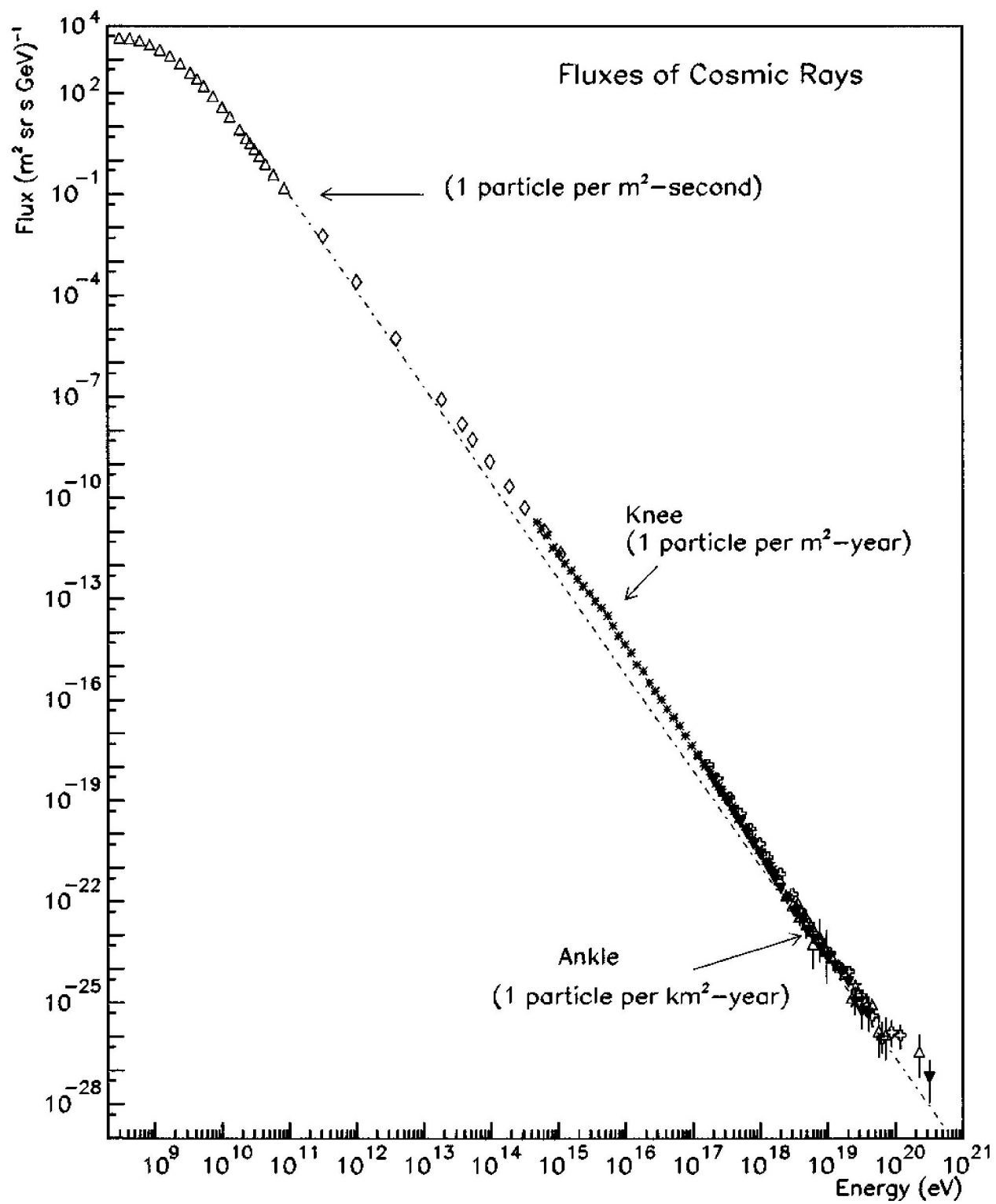
- CR flux isotropic constant
- Increases the flux in galaxy by increasing storage time – lifetime

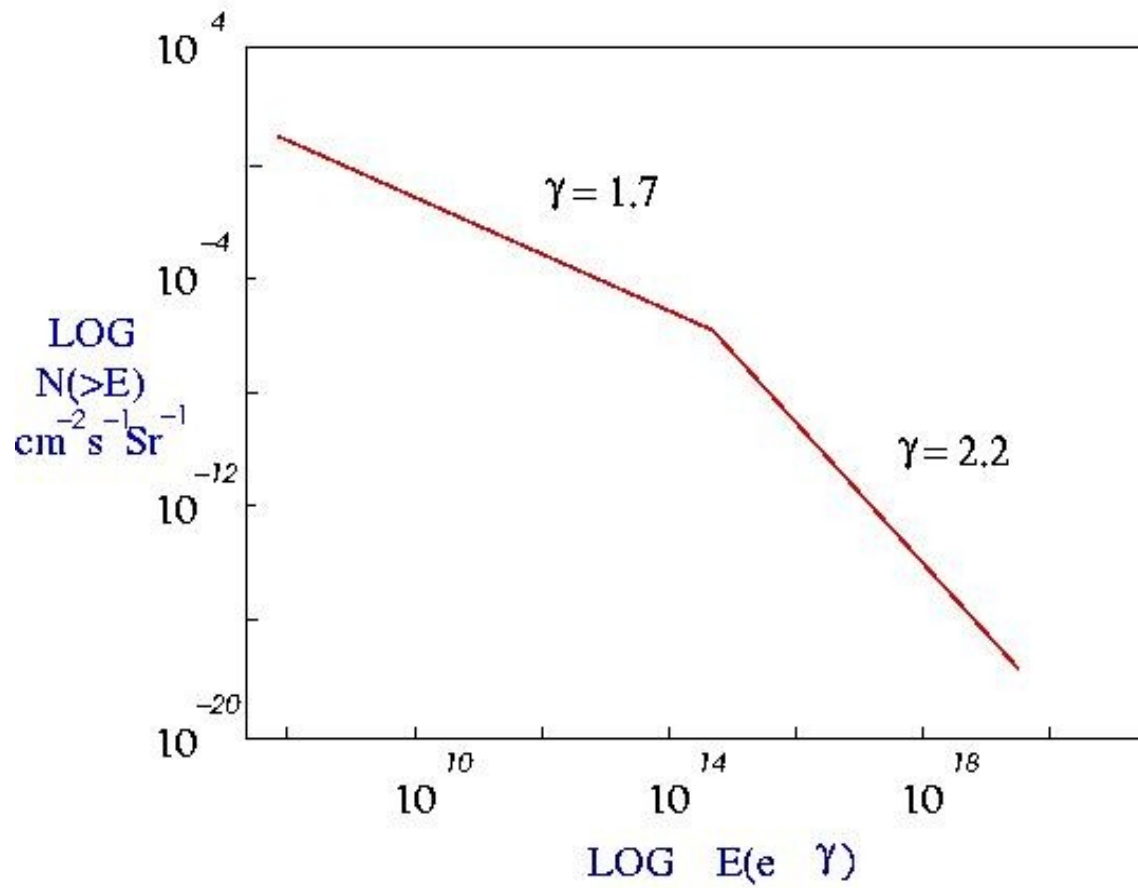
$$T \sim 10^7 - 10^8 \text{ yrs} \quad - \quad 10^5 \text{ yrs galactic size}$$

Trapping of CR in galaxy randomizes direction → direct identification of source difficult

But significant information on sources of CR and on medium of propagation is present in the

- (1) The energy spectrum of CR
- (2) Nuclear composition of CR
- (3) γ - ray flux in CR





Spectrum Very Steep $N(>E) = kE^{-\gamma}$ X 10 Energy % 50
Flux

At $\geq 10^{14}$ eV Flux = 1 particle m⁻² hr⁻¹

At $\geq 10^{15}$ eV = 1 particle m⁻² week⁻¹

At $\geq 10^{20}$ eV = 1 particle km⁻² century⁻¹

Objective: Universe at high energies

Acceleration, propagation of high energy particles,
Extreme conditions may require new physics ...

1. Acceleration in atmospheric electric field

Energy ~ 100 MeV Scale $\sim 10^5$ - 10^6 cm

2. Solar flares, Coronal Mass Ejections

Energy ~ 10 GeV Scale $\sim 10^{11}$ - 10^{13} cm

3. Galactic Cosmic Rays at “Knee”

Energy ~ 1 PeV Scale $\sim 10^{21}$ - 10^{23} cm

4. Diffuse multi-TeV γ -rays

Energy ~ 100 EeV Scale $\sim 10^{24}$ - 10^{26} cm

Top

100 gcm⁻²

200

300

400

500

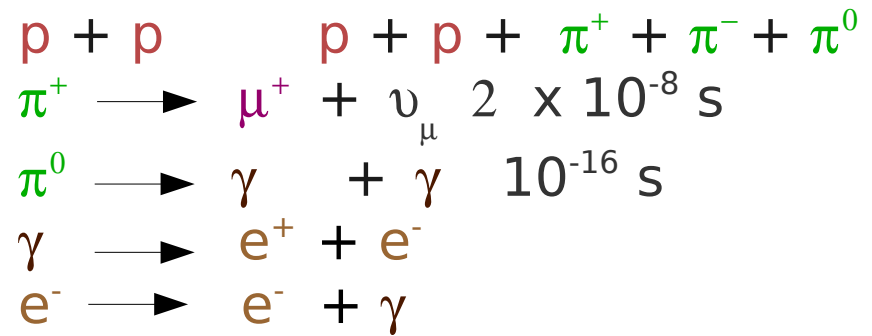
600

700

Ooty 800

900

Bombay 1000



Phenomenon of Extensive Air Shower
 Particles multiply and at lower altitudes
 one gets

1. Electrons, Positrons & Gamma rays
 called E-M component (90 %)
2. Muon (μ^+ , μ^-) called Muon or
 Penetrating Component (8 – 10 %)
3. Pions, Kaons etc called Hadronic
 Component (1 %)
4. Neutrinos ($\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$) largely pass
 through the Earth undetected

At $E = 10^{14}$ eV

At Mountain level (Ooty) ~ 20000 particles
 spread over an area of ~ 1000 m²

Detection and Measurement of Cosmic Rays:

HE particles produce a shower of electromagnetic (e^+ , e^- , γ) particles, muons (μ^+ , μ^-) and other particles.

Measurement of electron density and time (ns) in shower provides an estimate of energy and direction of primary particle.

Measurement of muon density in the shower provides information on the composition of primary particle. It also allows discrimination between γ and protons.

The muons are also sensitive to flux of solar energetic particles and be used to study solar and atmospheric phenomena.

GRAPES-3: A powerful tool for Astroparticle Physics.

Conventional array with highest density of detectors

Basic Detector Component:

400 - Plastic Scintillator detectors (1 m^2 area)

4000 - Proportional Counters ($6\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m}$)
deployed in four crossed layer configuration
as 1 GeV muon detector of area 560 m^2 .



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298 ft

Pointer 11°23'25.54" N 76°39'49.48" E elev 7223 ft

Streaming ||||| 100%

Eye alt 8167 ft

400 Plastic Scintillator detectors (1 m² area)
560 m² muon detector ($E_{\mu} = 1$ GeV)







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In-house technology for the Fabrication of Various Detector Components



Plastic Scintillator development:

Decay Time= 1.6 ns

Light Output = 85%

Bicron (54% anthracene)

Timing 25% faster

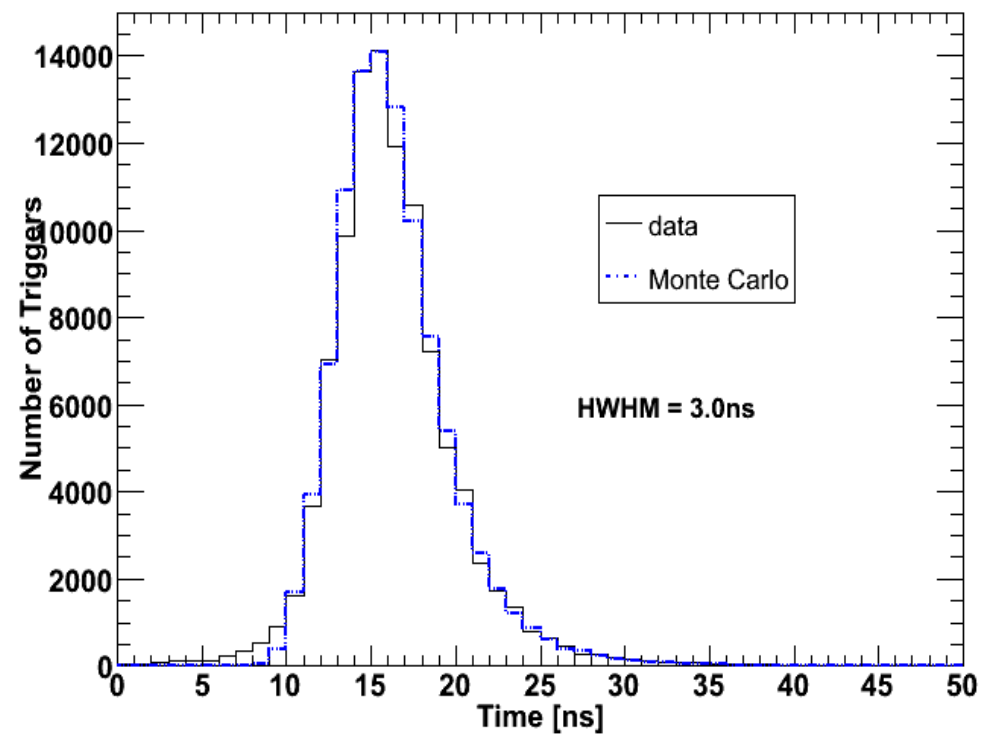
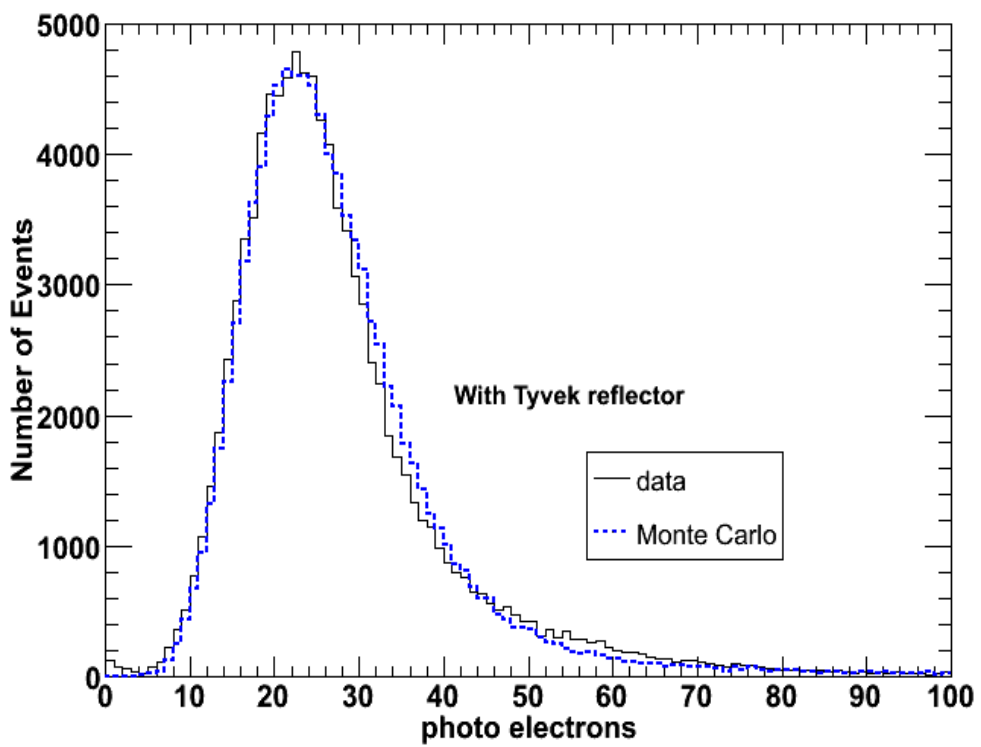
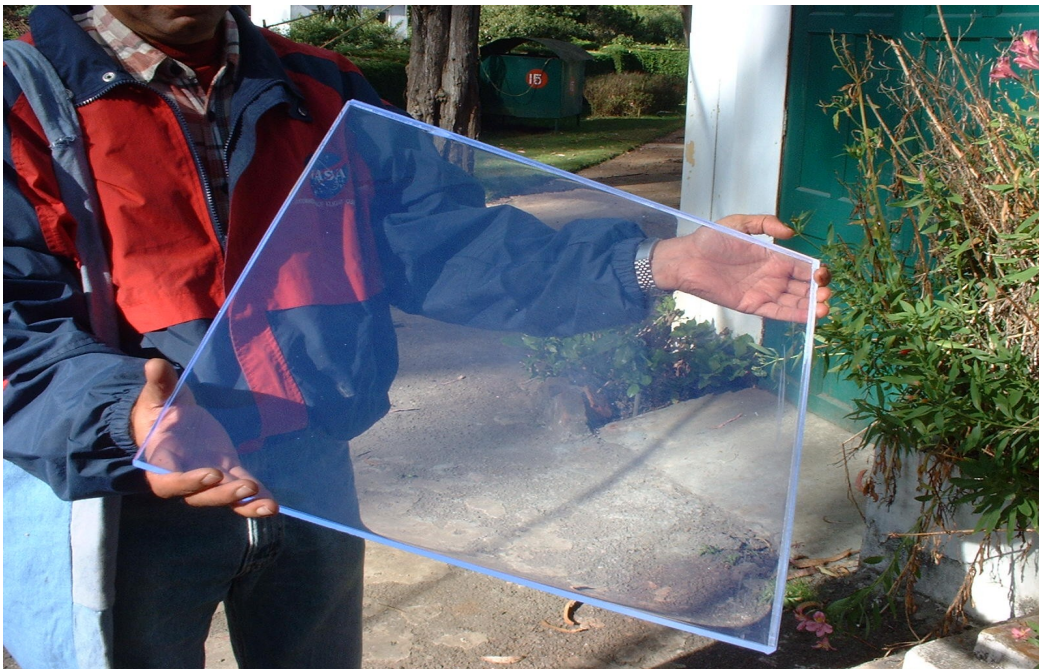
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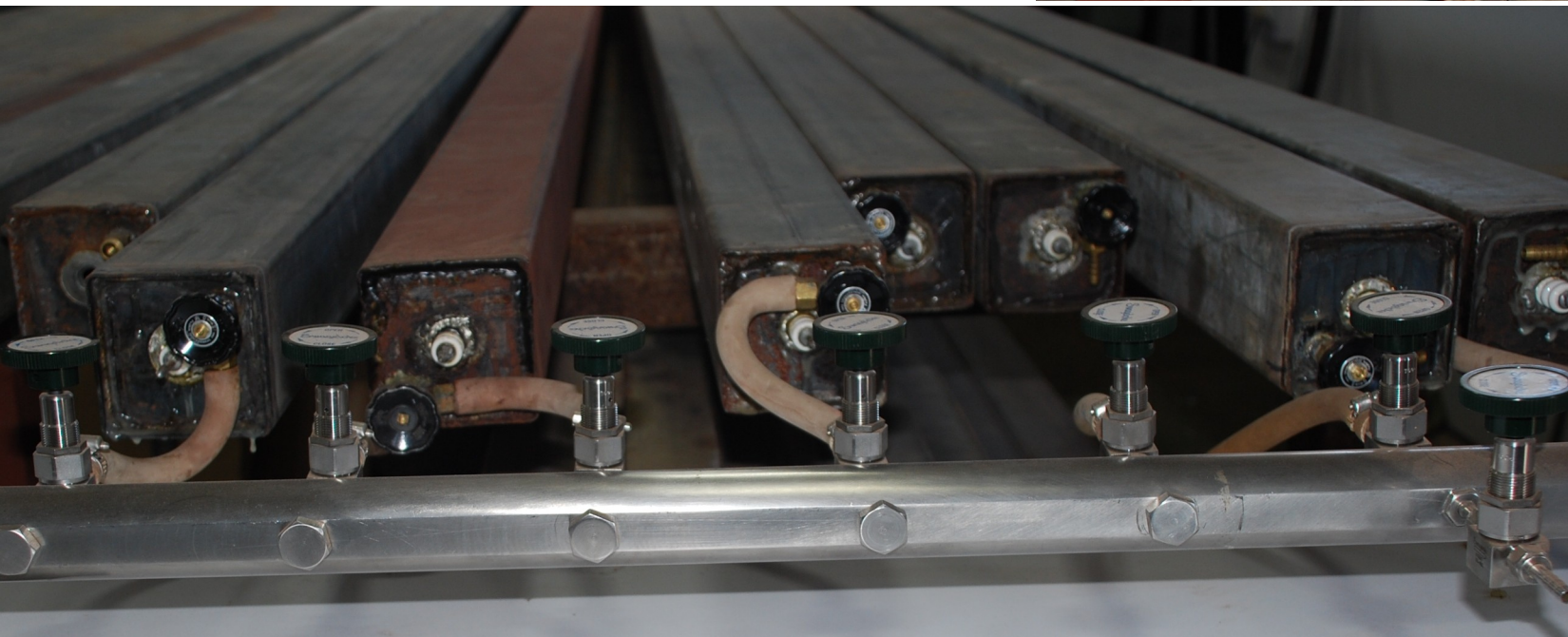
Cost ~10% of Bicron

Max Size 100cmX100cm

Total > 2000

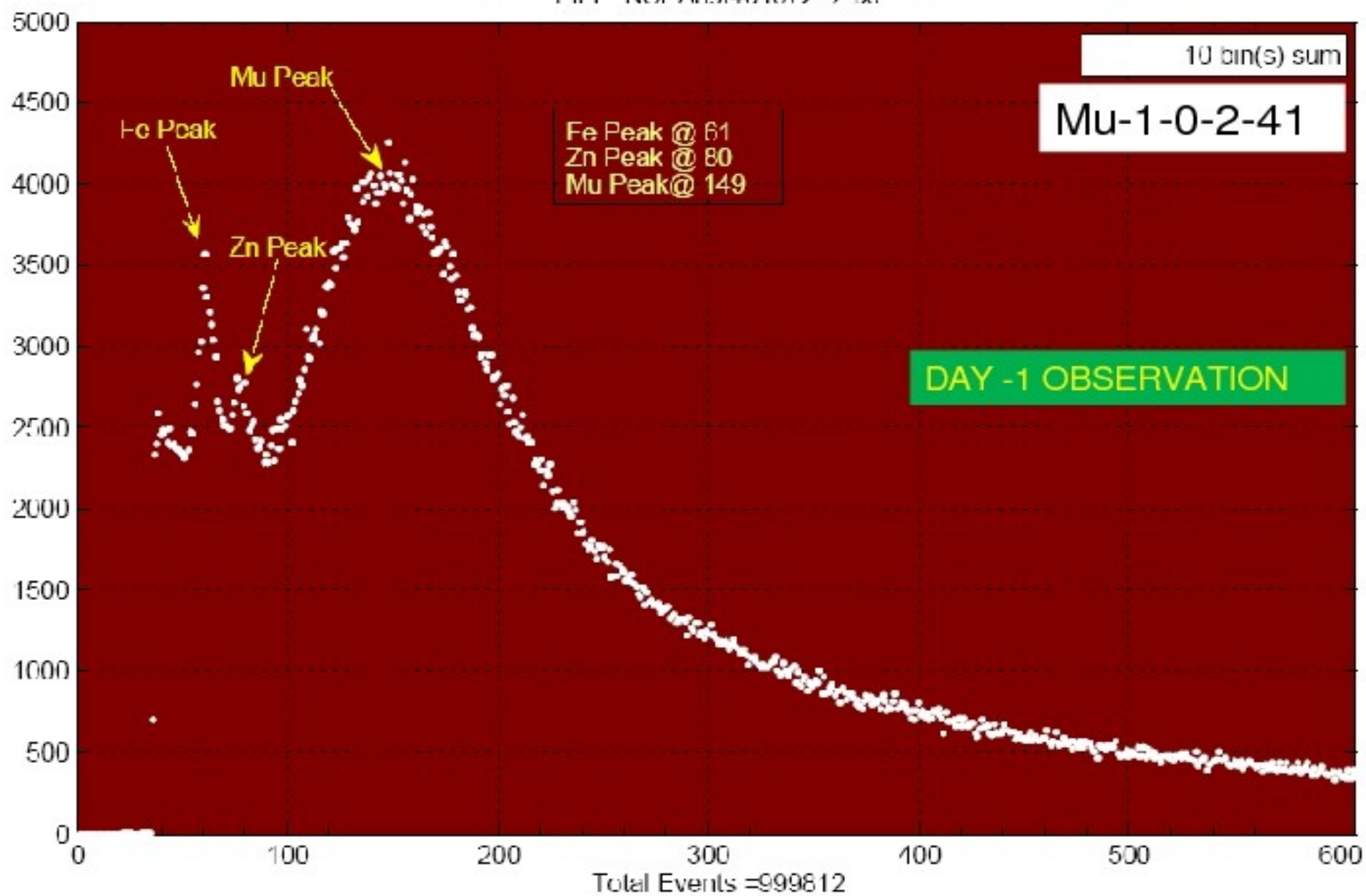
CERN, Osaka, IUAC Delhi, Bose, VECC, BARC etc.



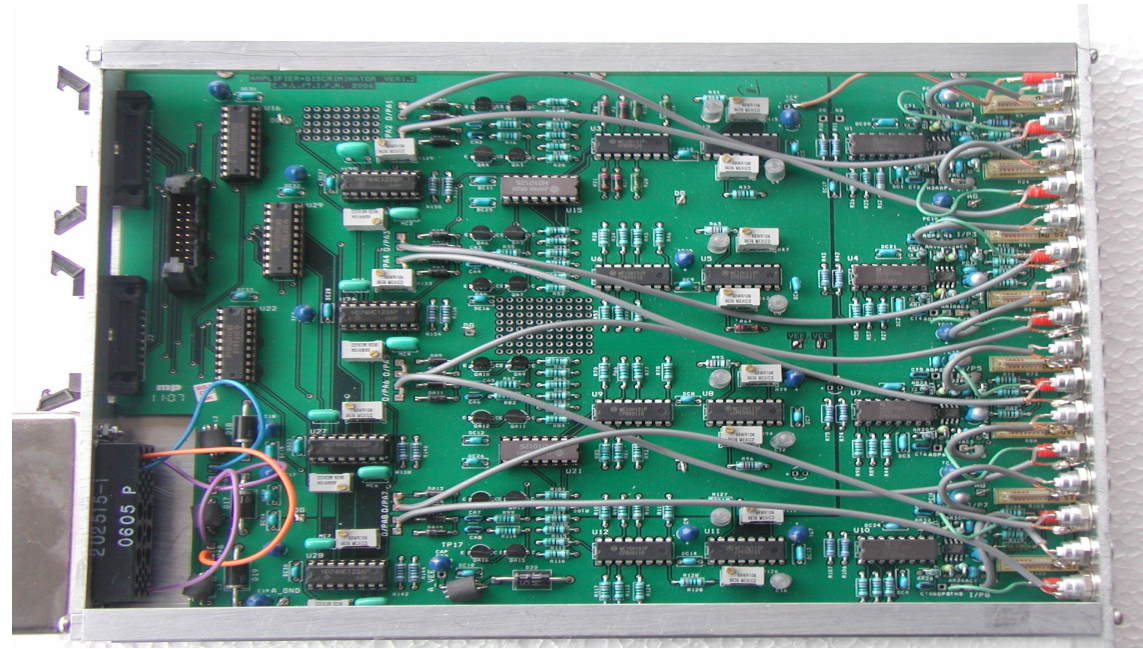
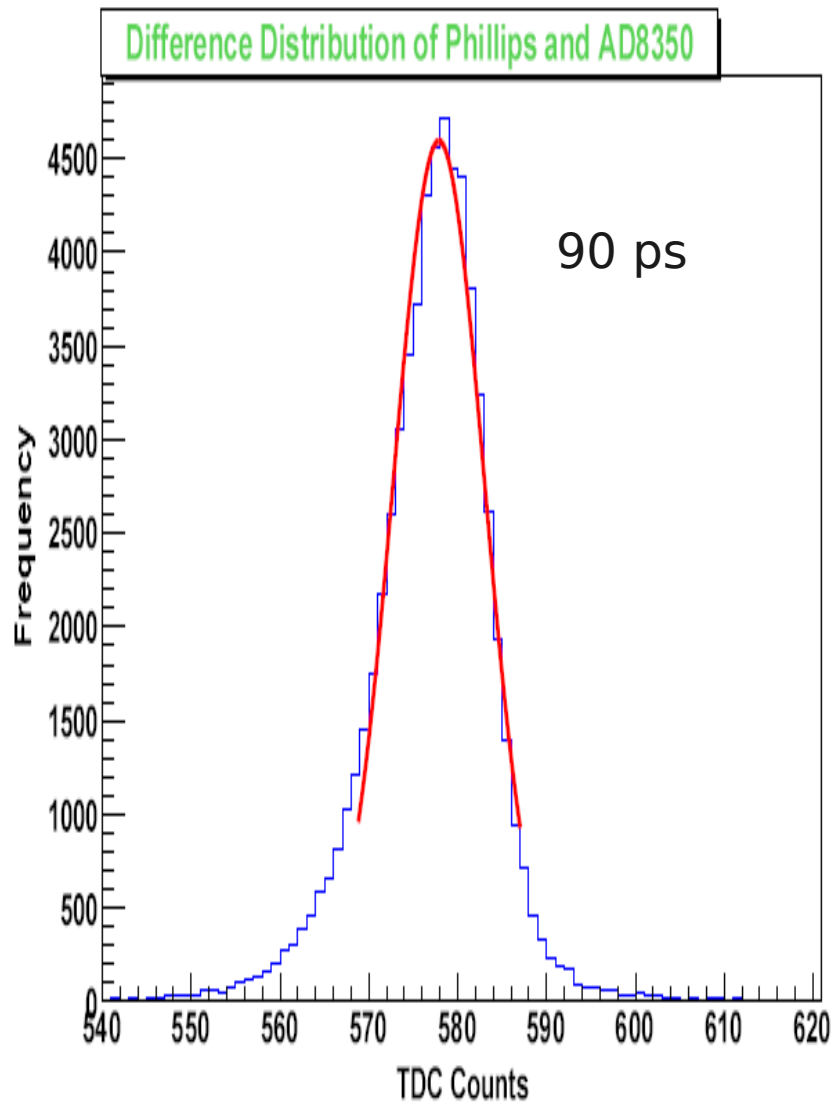


Proportional
Counter
Test Setup

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Amplifier-Discriminator response using muons



Performance of HPTDC (Stop Watch)

32 Channels

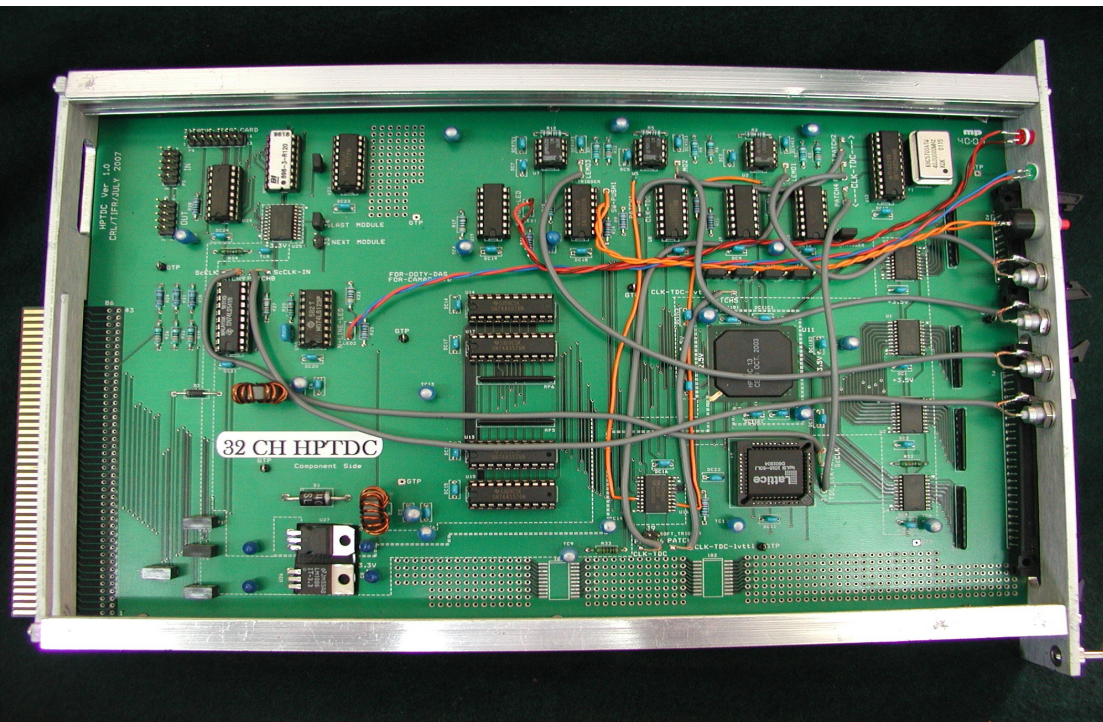
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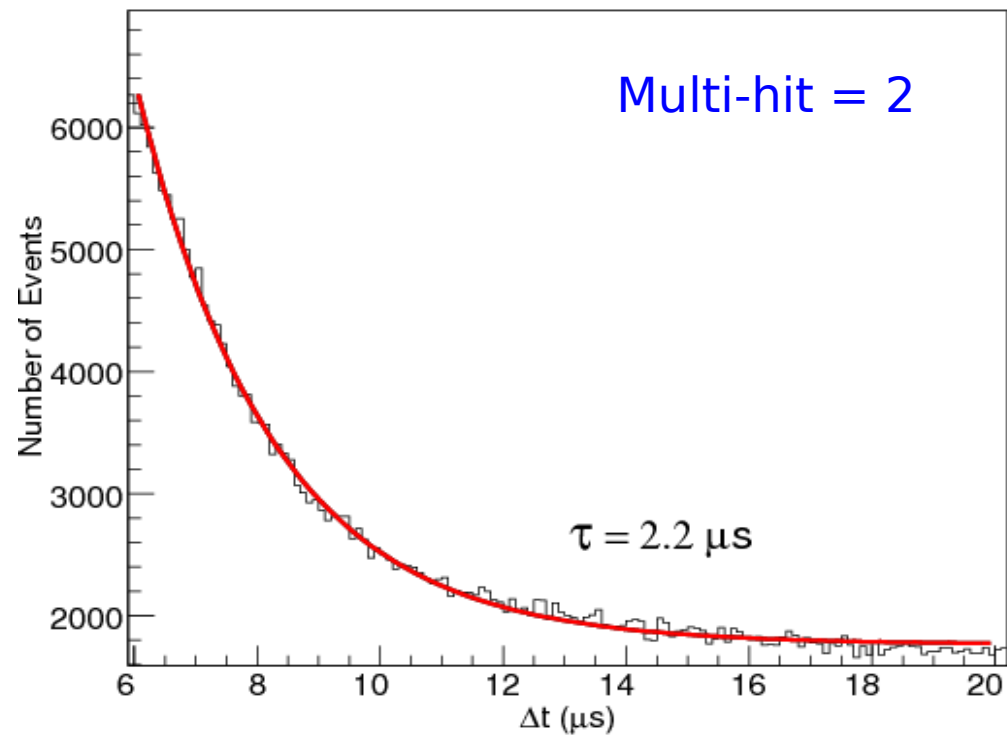
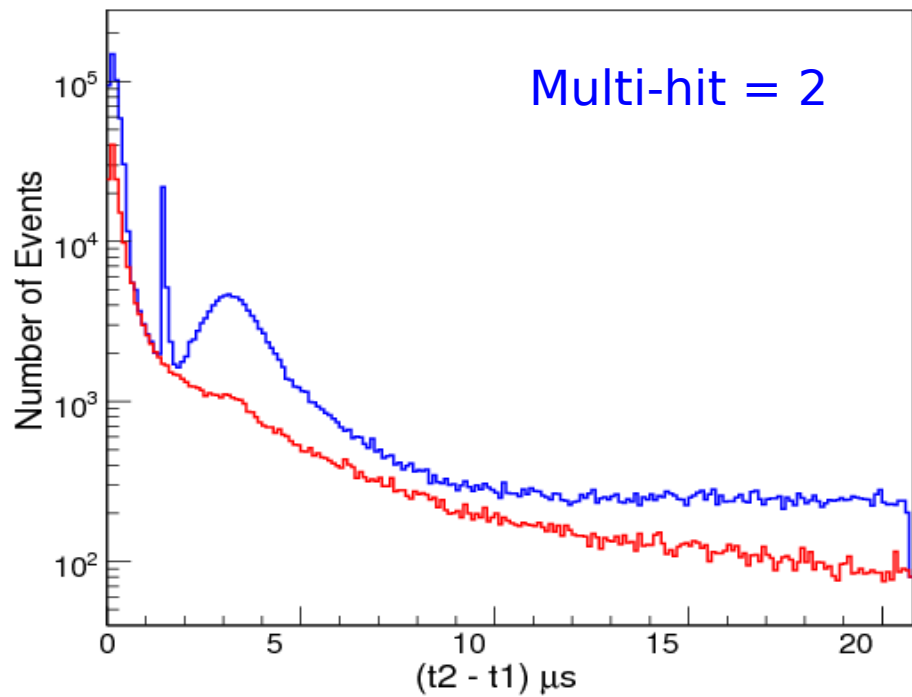
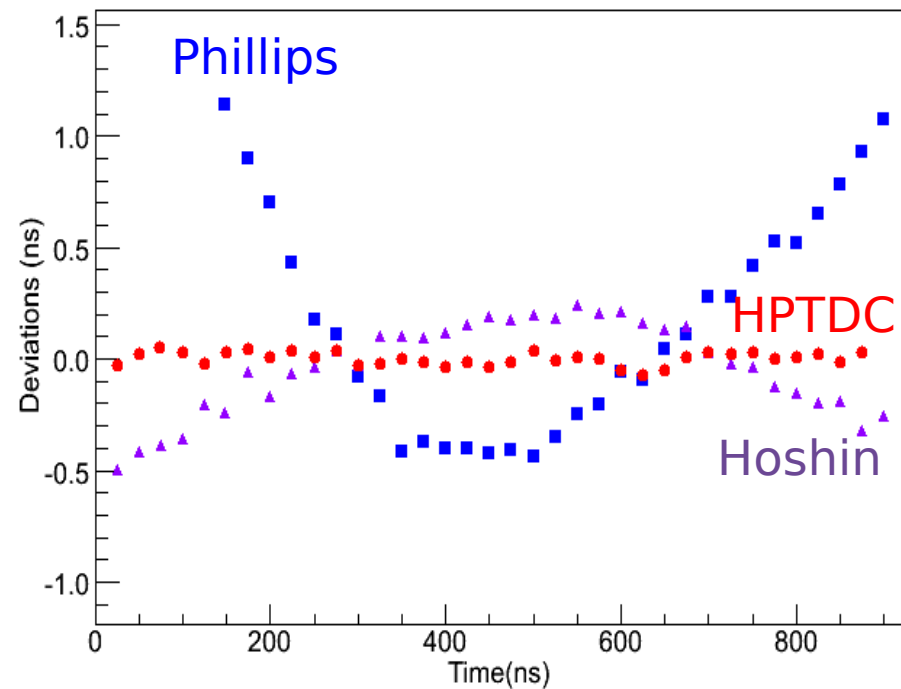
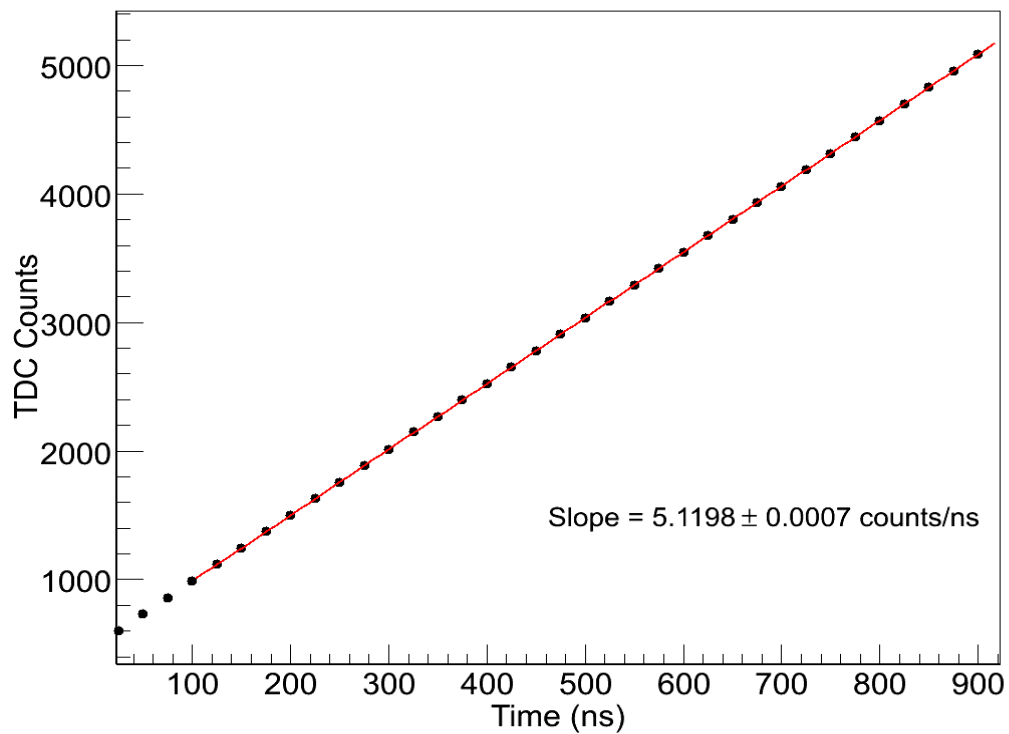
Multi-hit capability

Huge dynamic range (100 ps - 50 μ s)

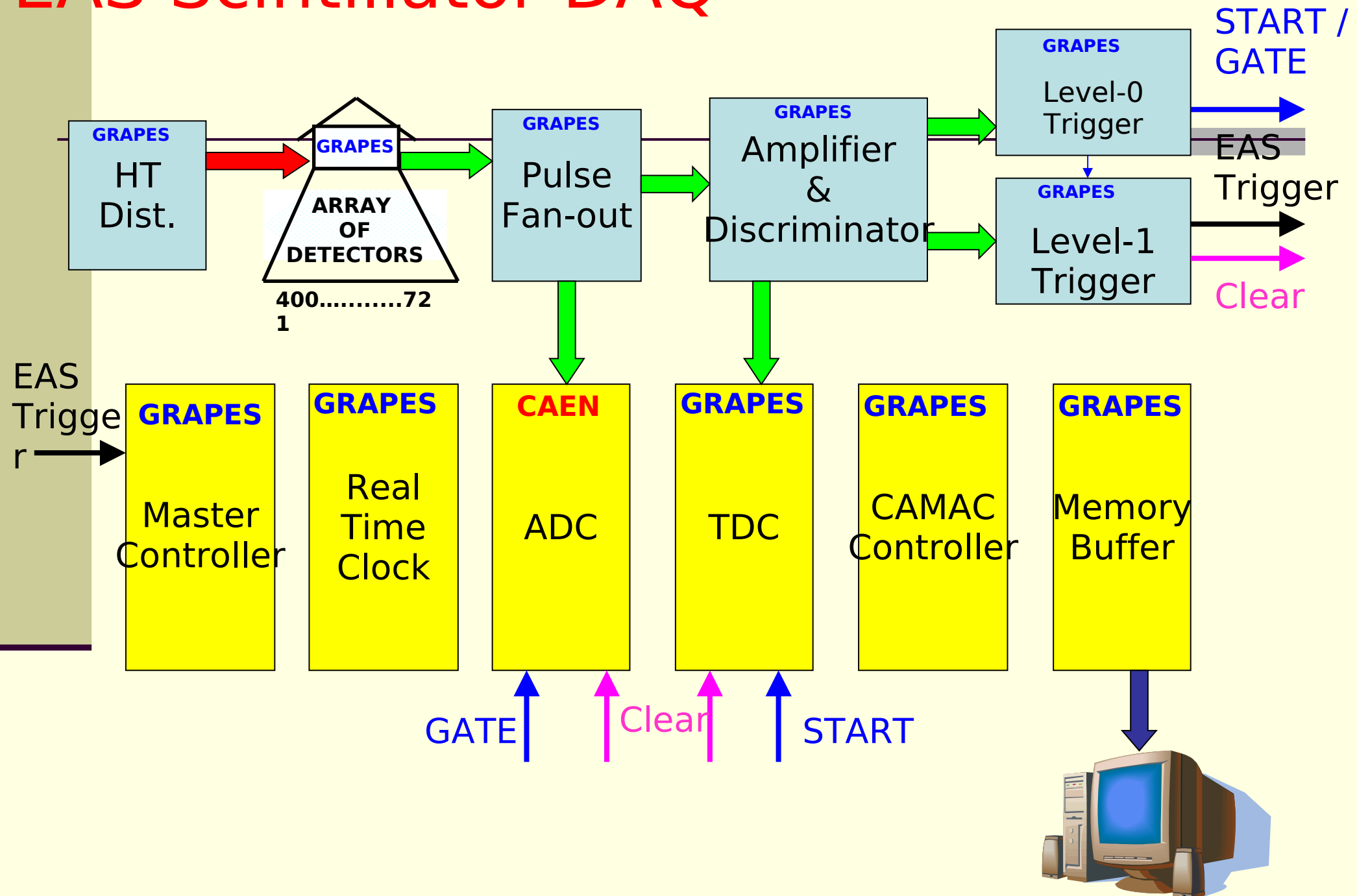
Trigger mode (avoids delay cables)

Requests: Atomic, Chemistry, Biology in TIFR, Oulu
Finland, IUAC Delhi, Bose Institute, BARC etc.





EAS Scintillator DAQ



DATA RECORDED:

- 1) Arrival Time of Shower Particles at Each Detector
- 2) Number of Particles at Each Detector
- 3) Real Time of Shower
- 4) Number of Muon (>1 GeV) in 560 m^2 Detector

EAS Rate $\sim 30/\text{sec}$

We Record $\sim 15 \times 10^9 \text{ bytes/Day}$

Analysis: Since Shower is initiated by a single particle and since all secondary particles are relativistic entire shower travels down at the speed of light in the direction of primary

$$ct_i = lx_i + my_i + nz_i \quad c = \text{Velocity of Light}$$

(x_i, y_i, z_i) Coordinates of i th Detector

(l, m, n) Direction Cosines of EAS

Needs a minimum of 3 Detectors to find (l, m, n) consequently the direction in space (θ, ϕ) .

EAS have well Defined Density Distribution as a Function of Radial Distance in Shower Plane

$$\rho(r,s,N_e) = \frac{N_e}{R^2} \frac{\Gamma(4.5 - 5)}{2\pi \Gamma(s) \Gamma(4.5 - 2s)} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^{(s-2)} \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right)^{(s-4.5)}$$

It Actually Behaves as $r < 10^m$ n

$$\rho(r) \propto \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)^n \sim 1$$

Observed Densities at Each Detector is Fitted to Extract Parameters 'N_e', 's' etc.,

N_e = Total no of Charged Particles

s = Age of the Shower
Complications due to Large Fluctuations from Shower to Shower even for Identical Primaries

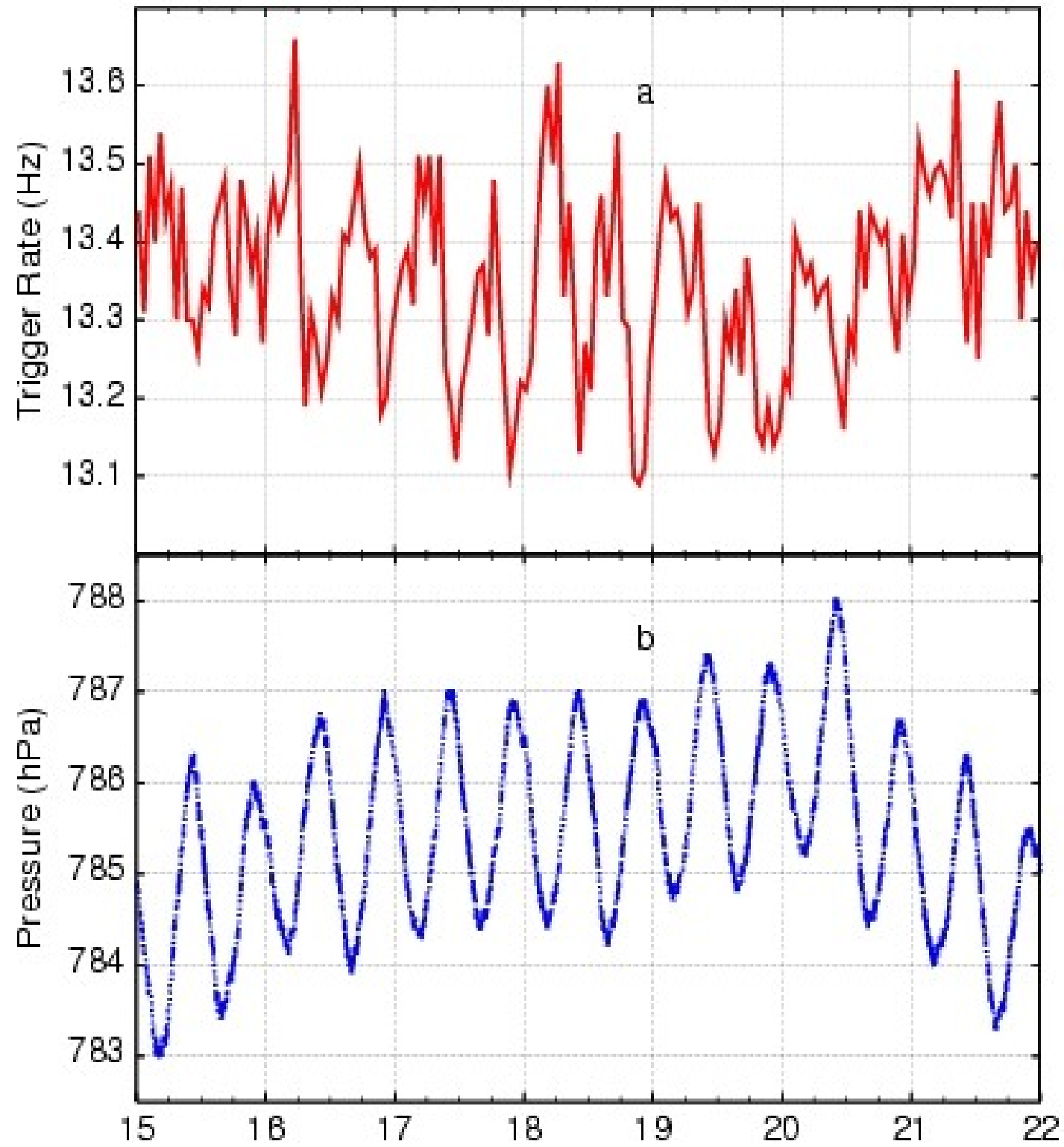
We have a major Data Processing Program to Analyze Individual Showers using Data

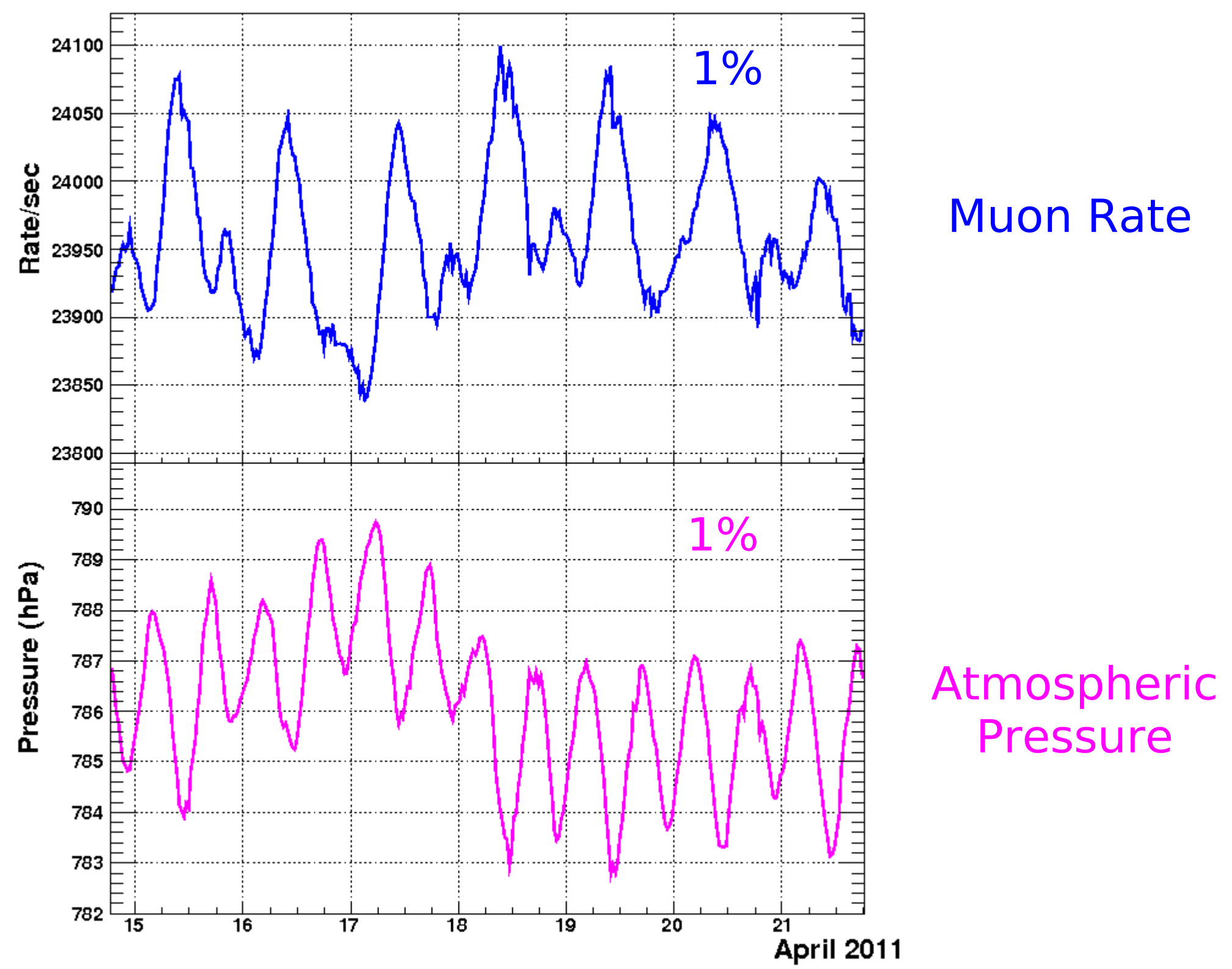
Finally $N_e, s, \theta, \phi, (x, y), t$
 3×10^6 /day 10^9 /yr

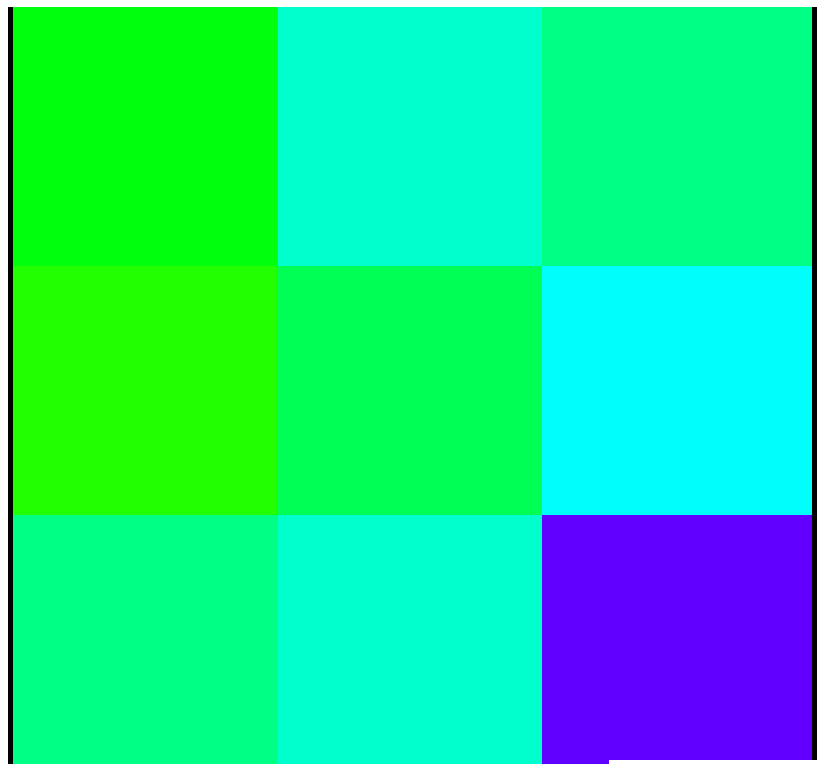
From $\sim >400$ Scintillators
 ~ 3712 Proportional Counters

GRAPES-3 Results

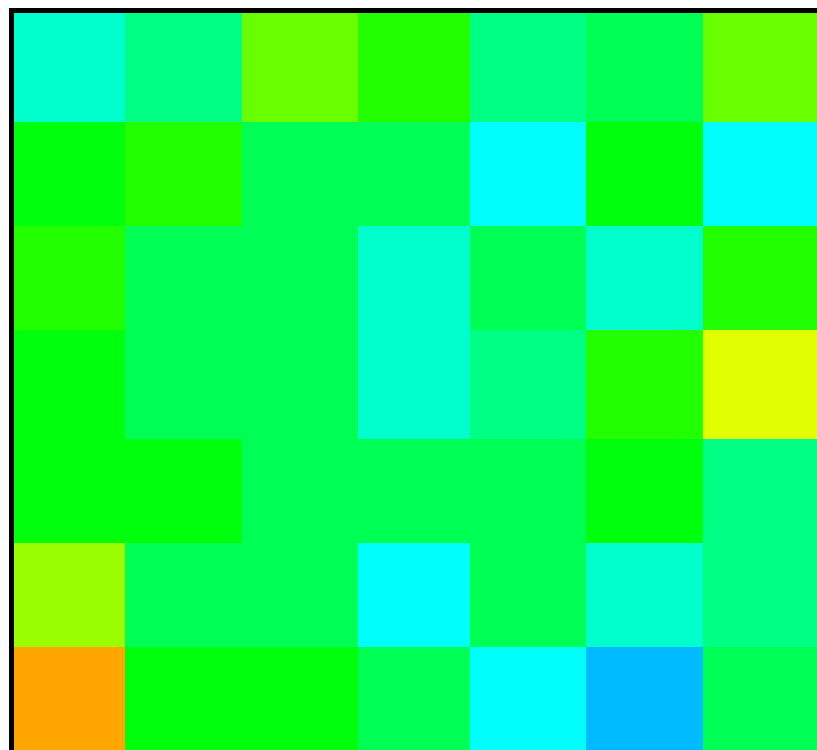




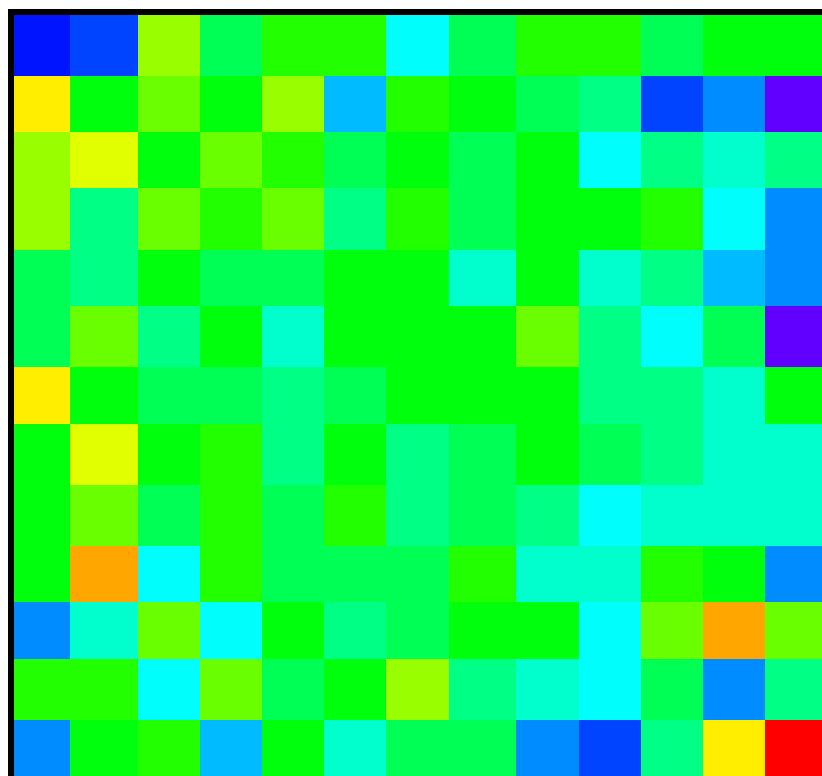




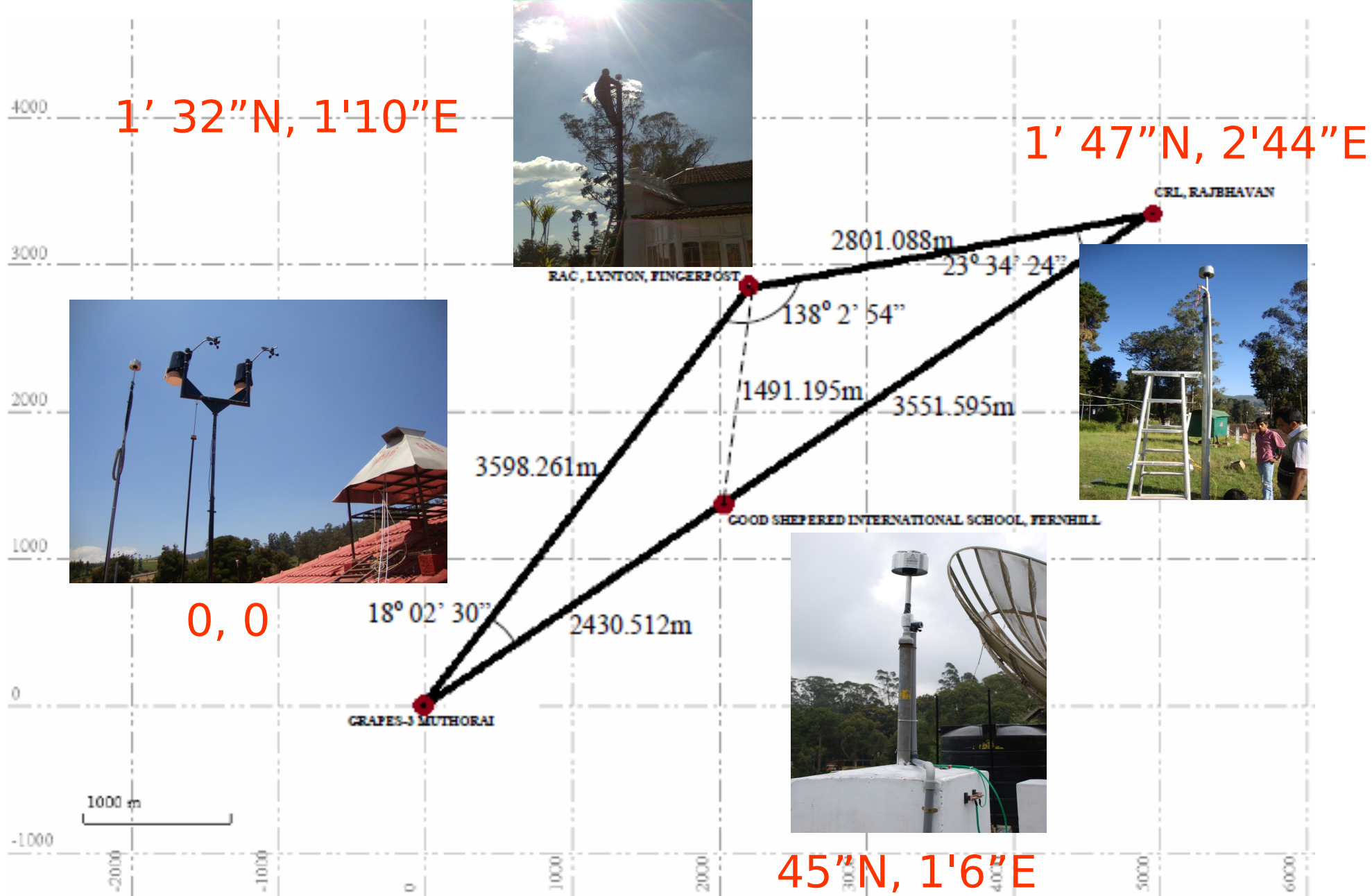
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49 (0.06)



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RAC, LYNTON, FINGERPOST

Anna Nagar

Ooty

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GOOD SHEPERD SCHOOL, FERNHILL

Elk Hill

Fern Hill

GRAPES-3, MUTHORAI

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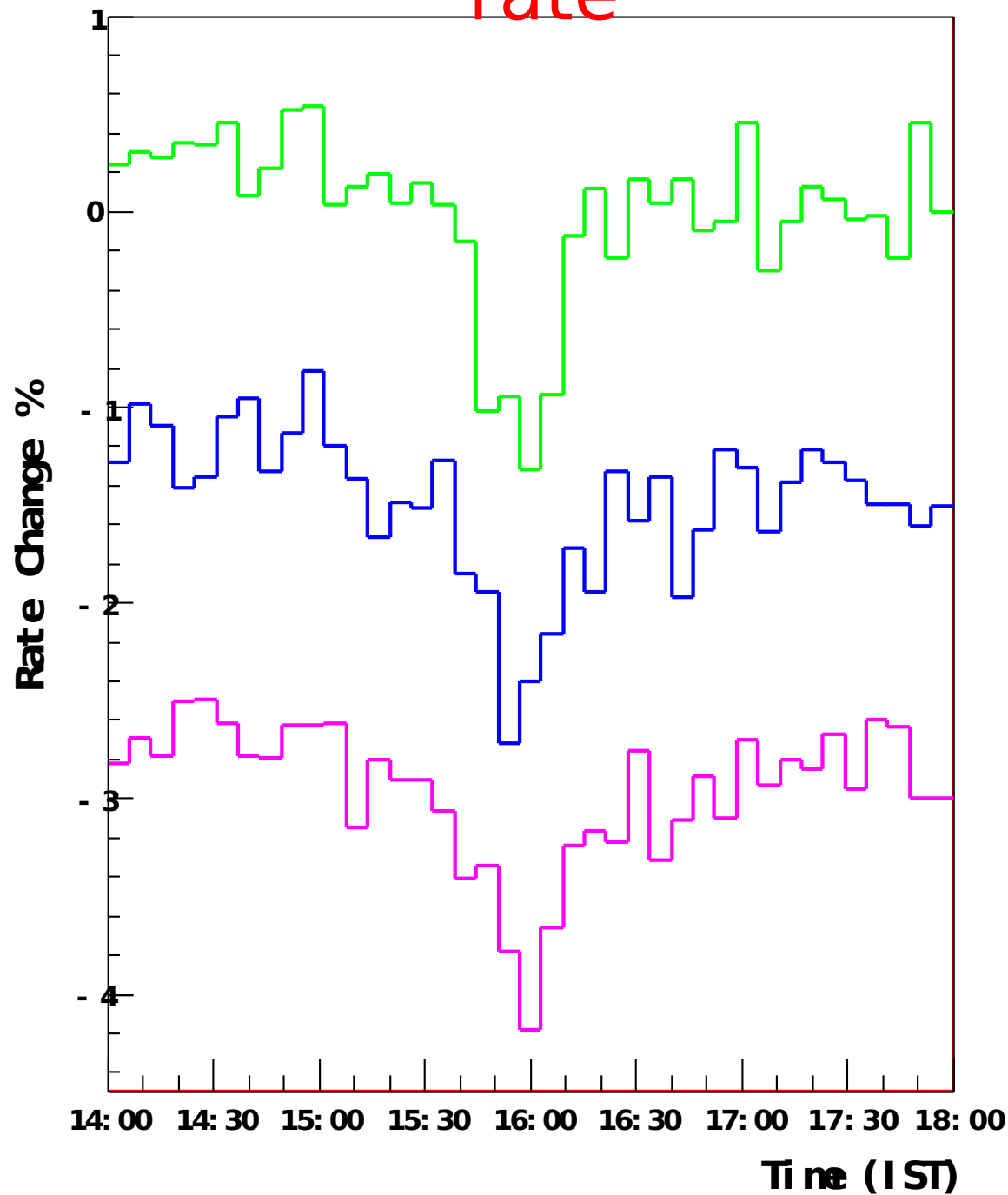
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Eye alt 8.55 km

% change in Muon rate

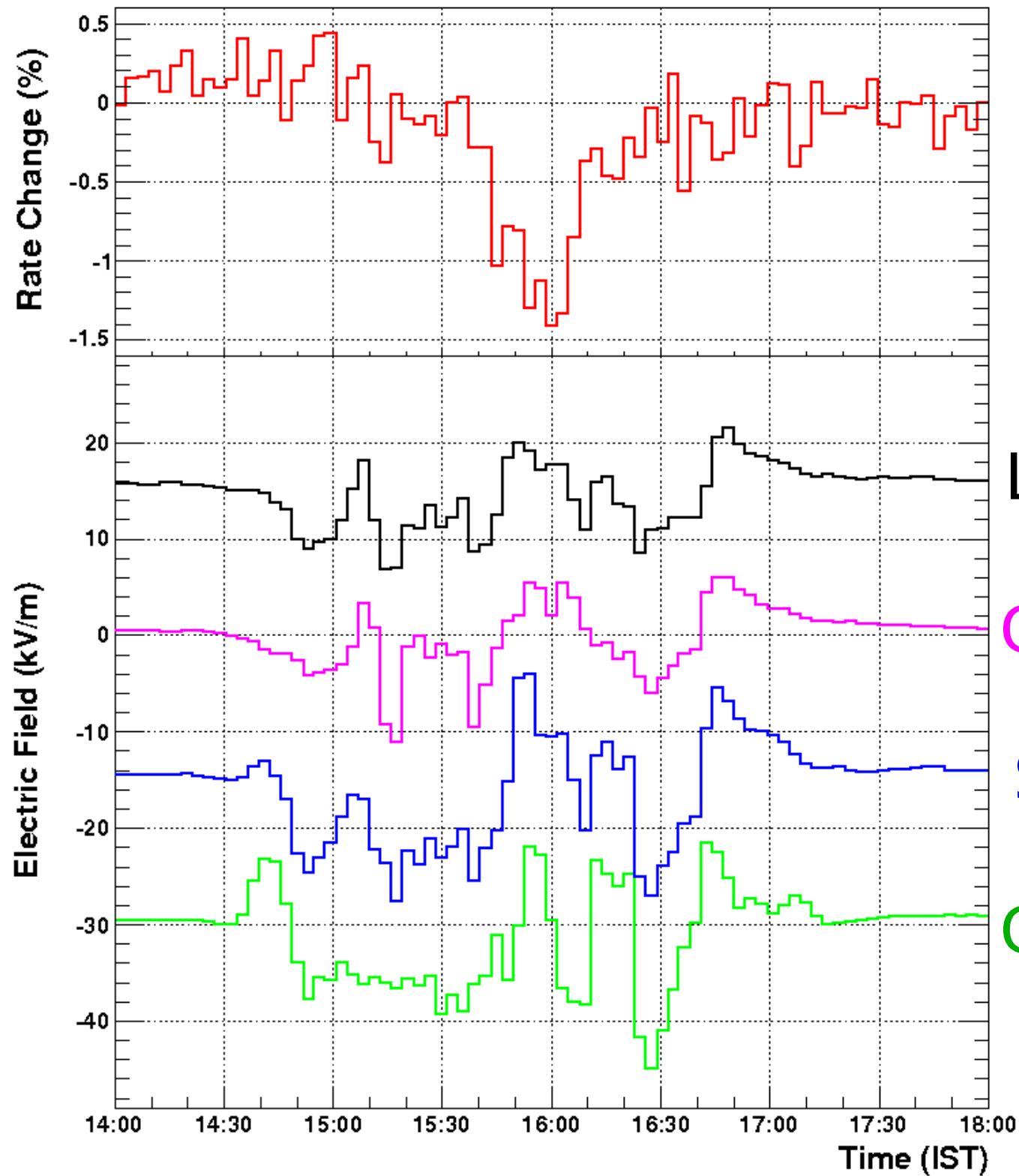


Mu-0

Mu-2

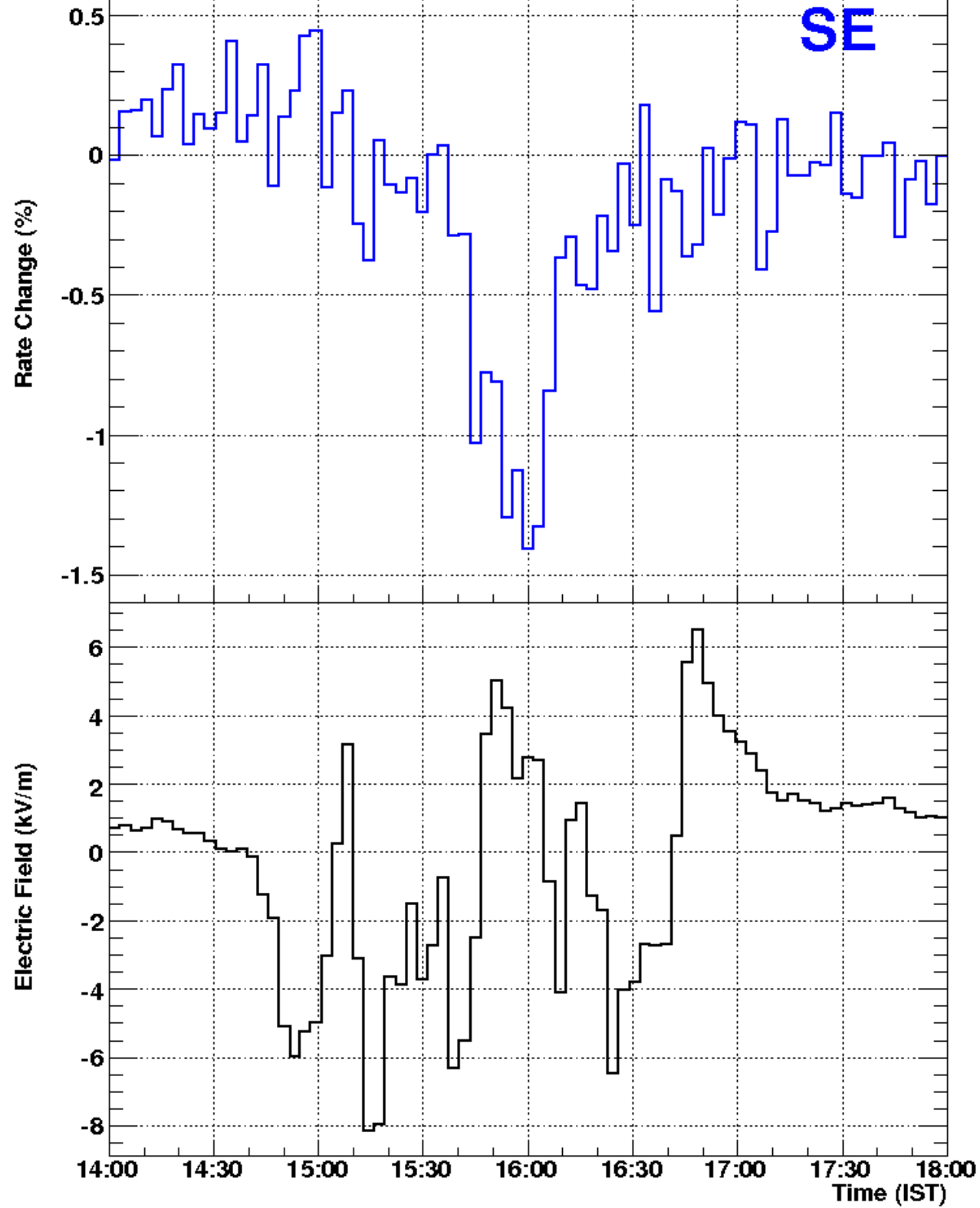
Mu-3

Mu-1 out of
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Muon rate
variation
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EFM data
-15 kV/m



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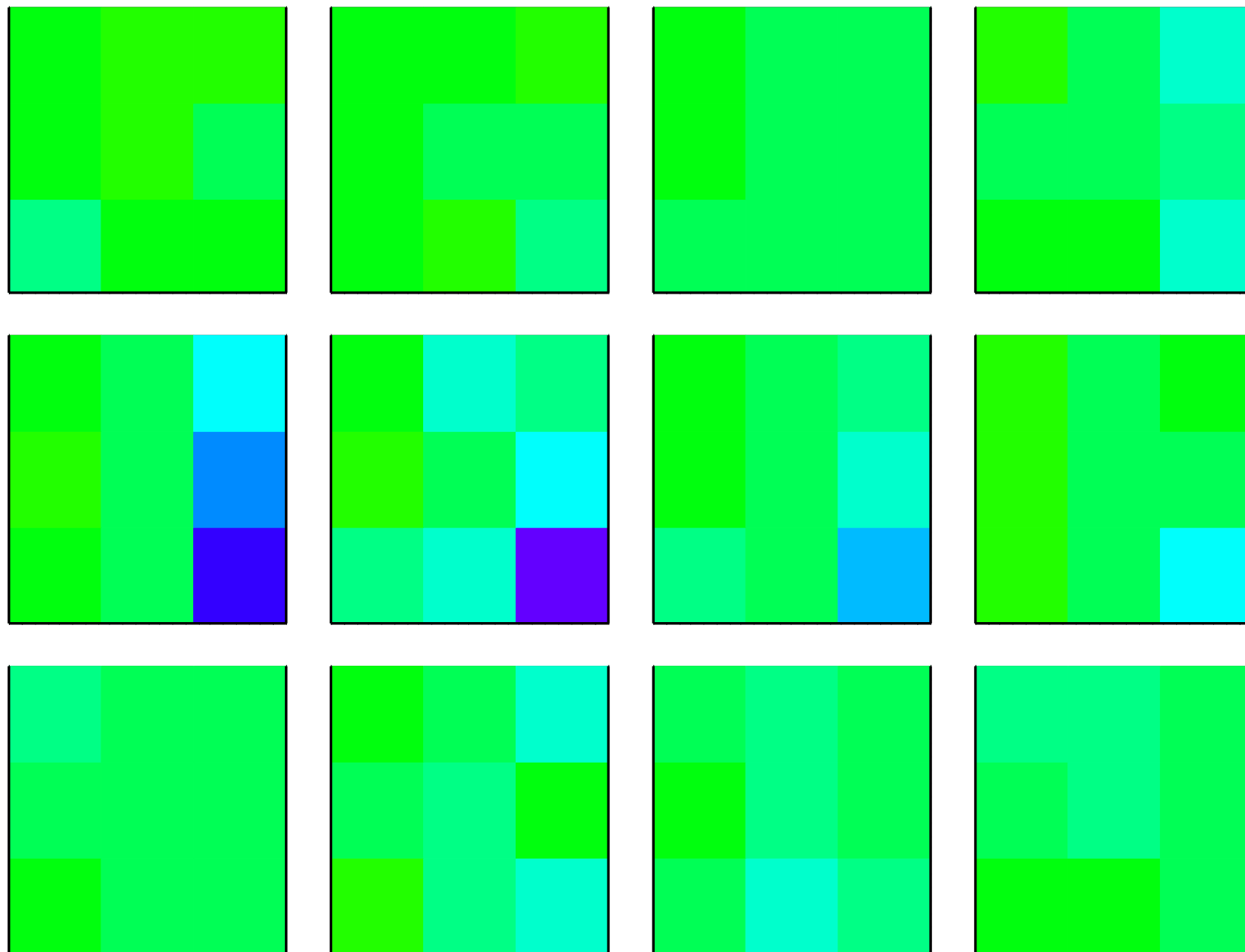
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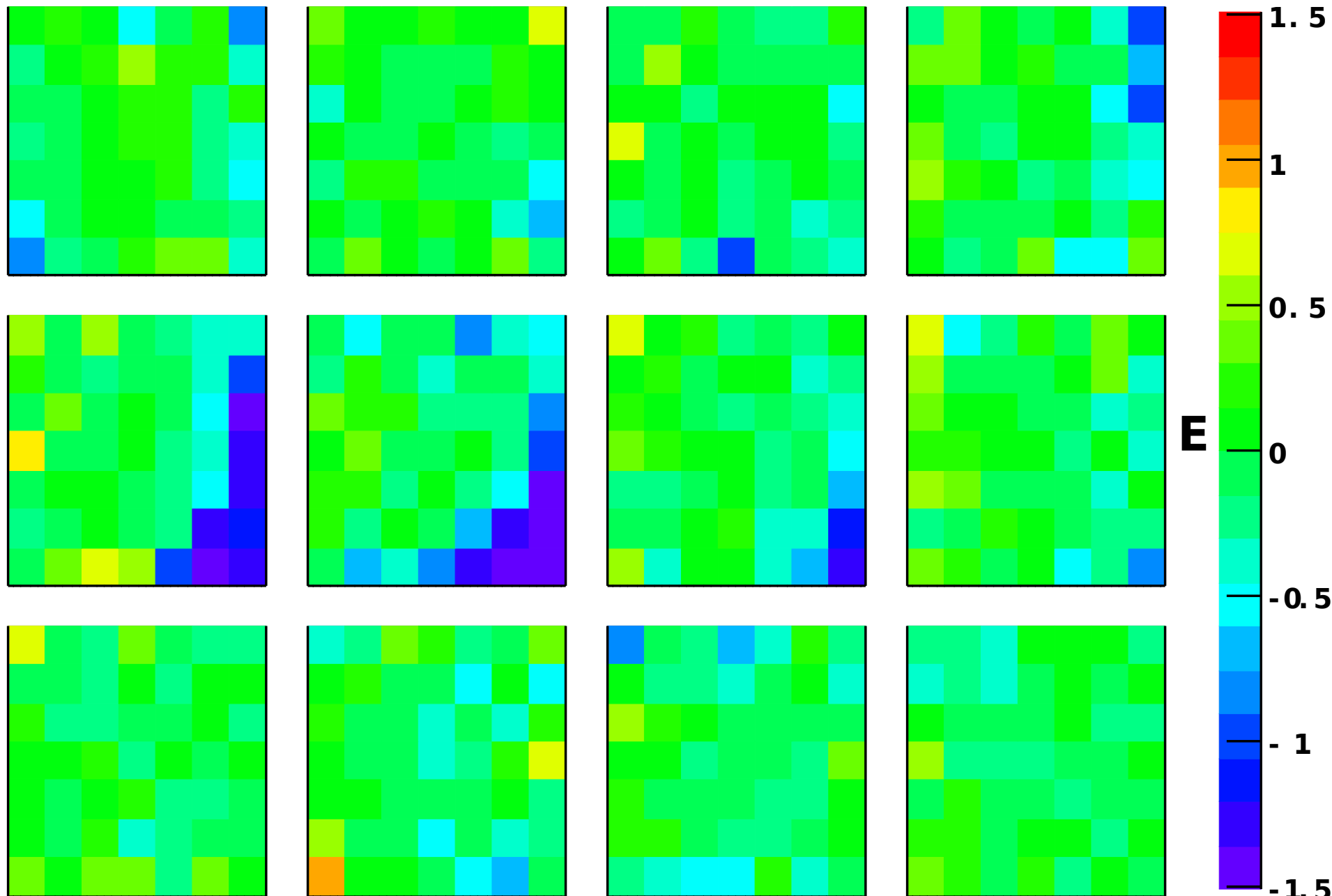
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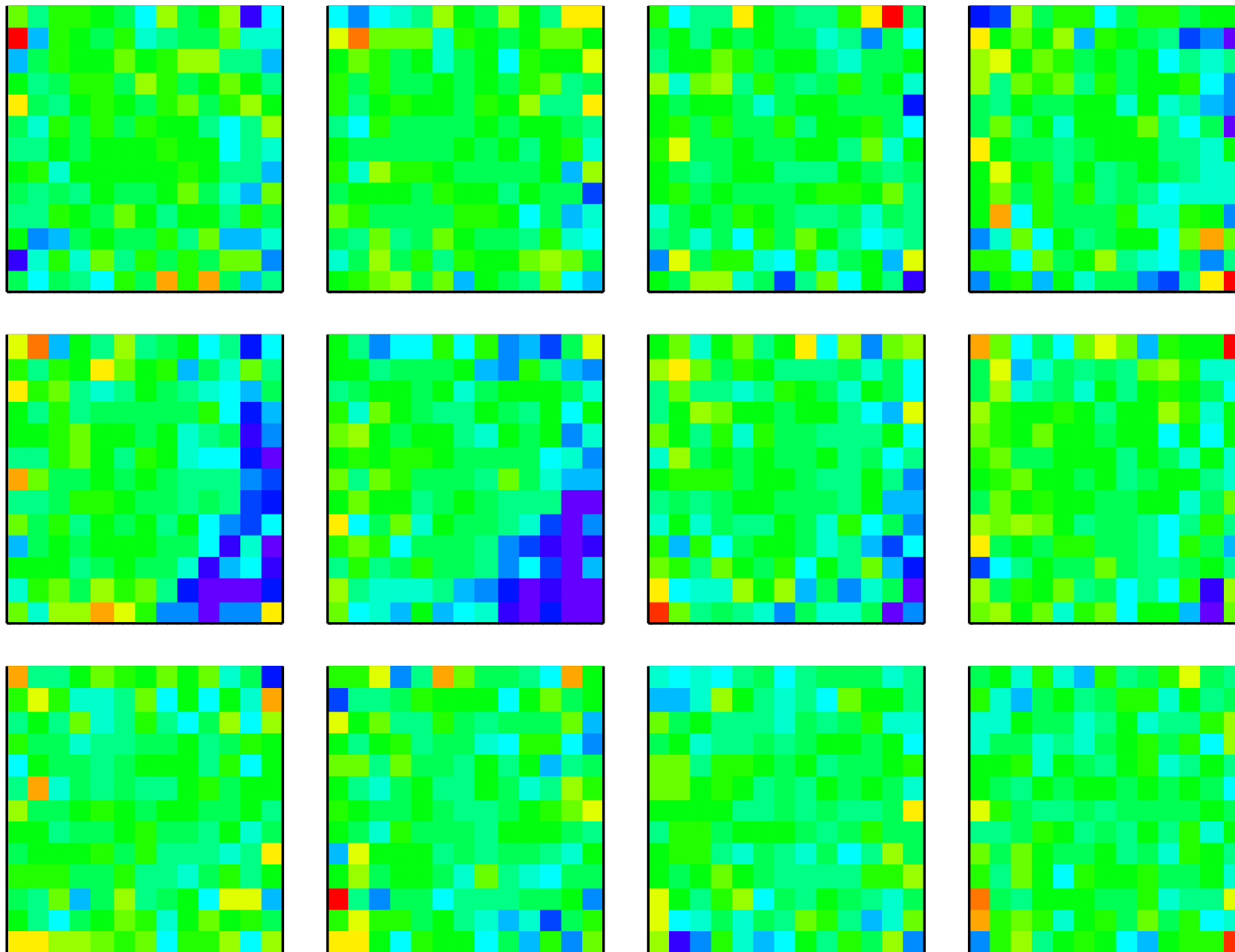
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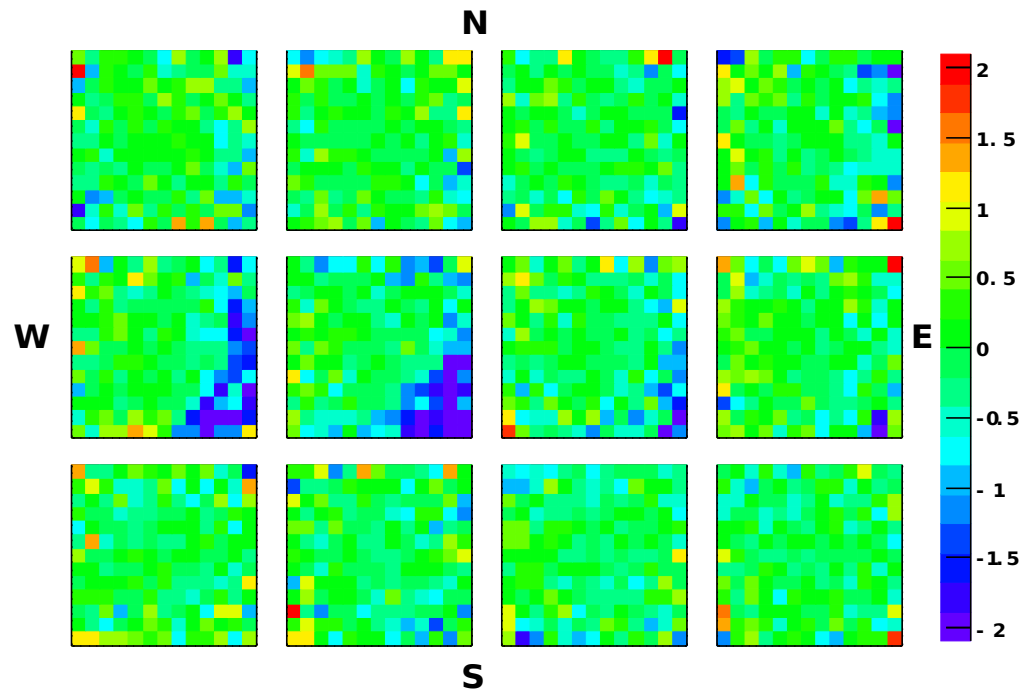
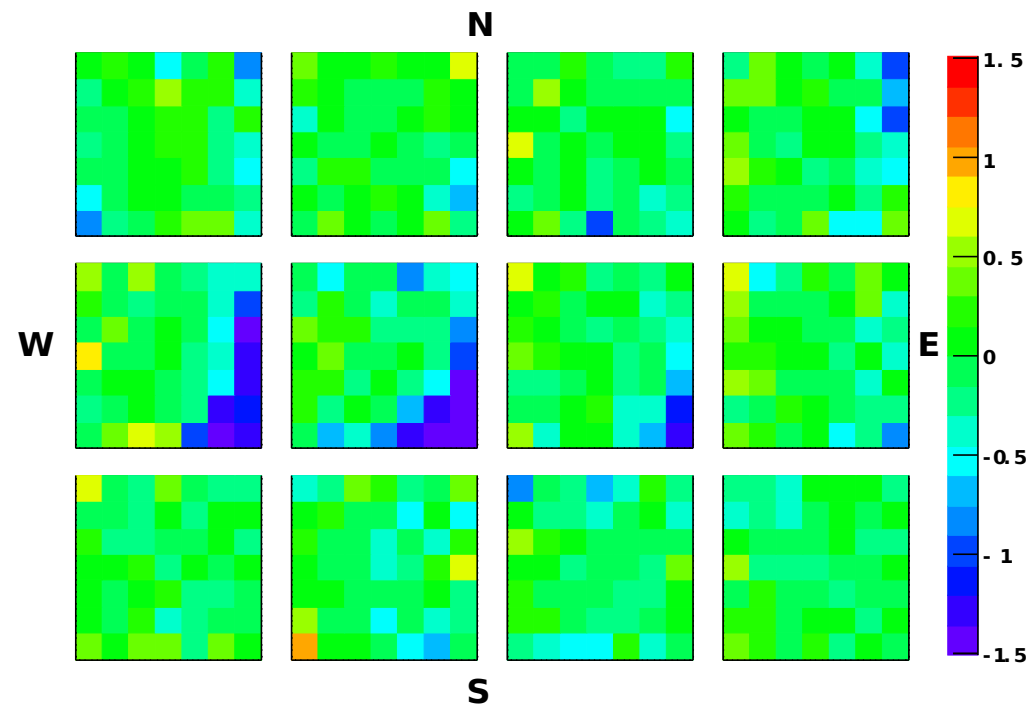
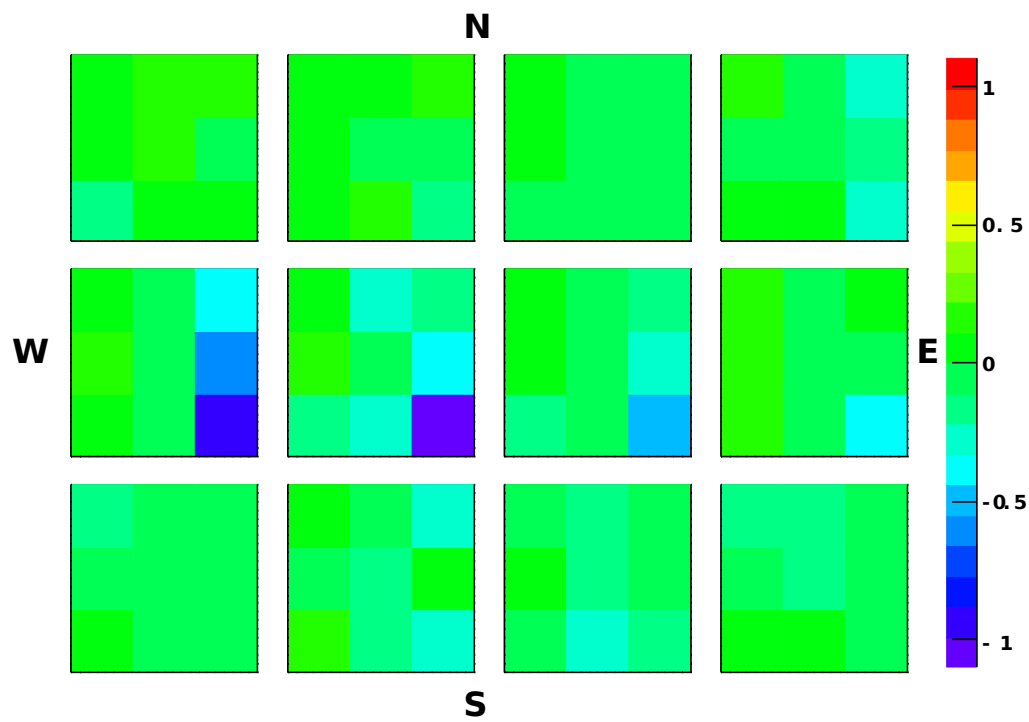
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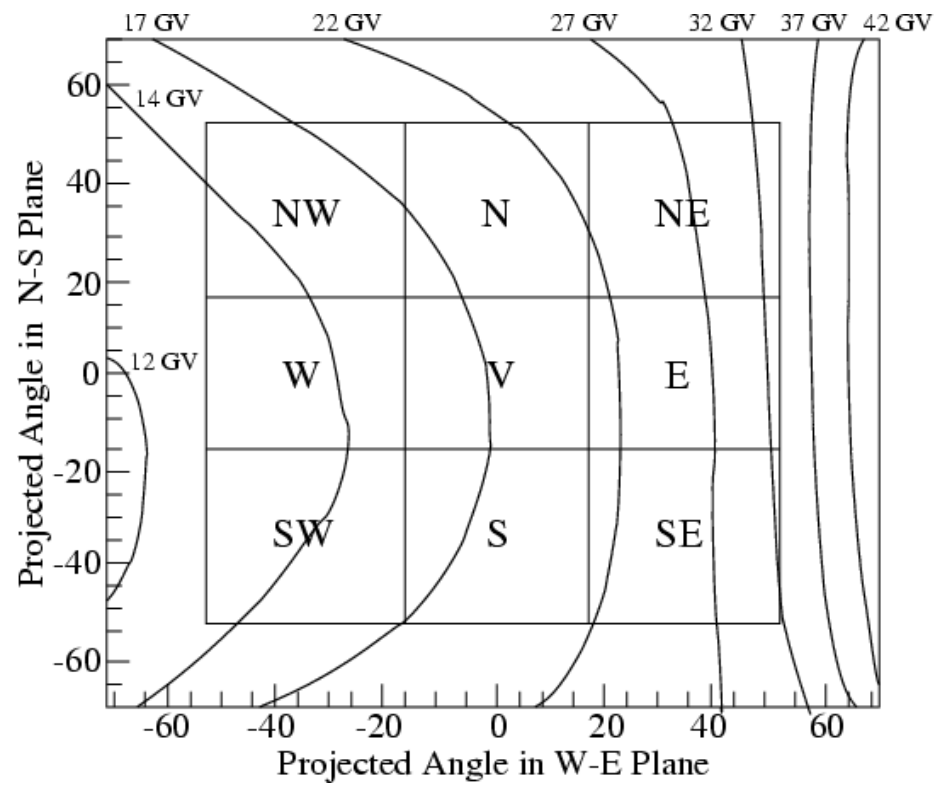
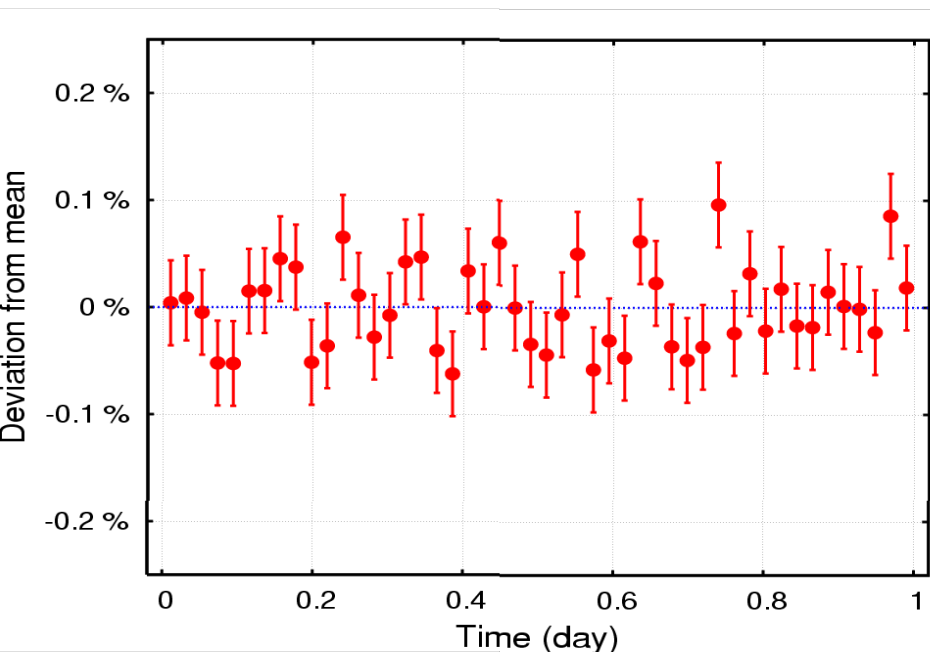
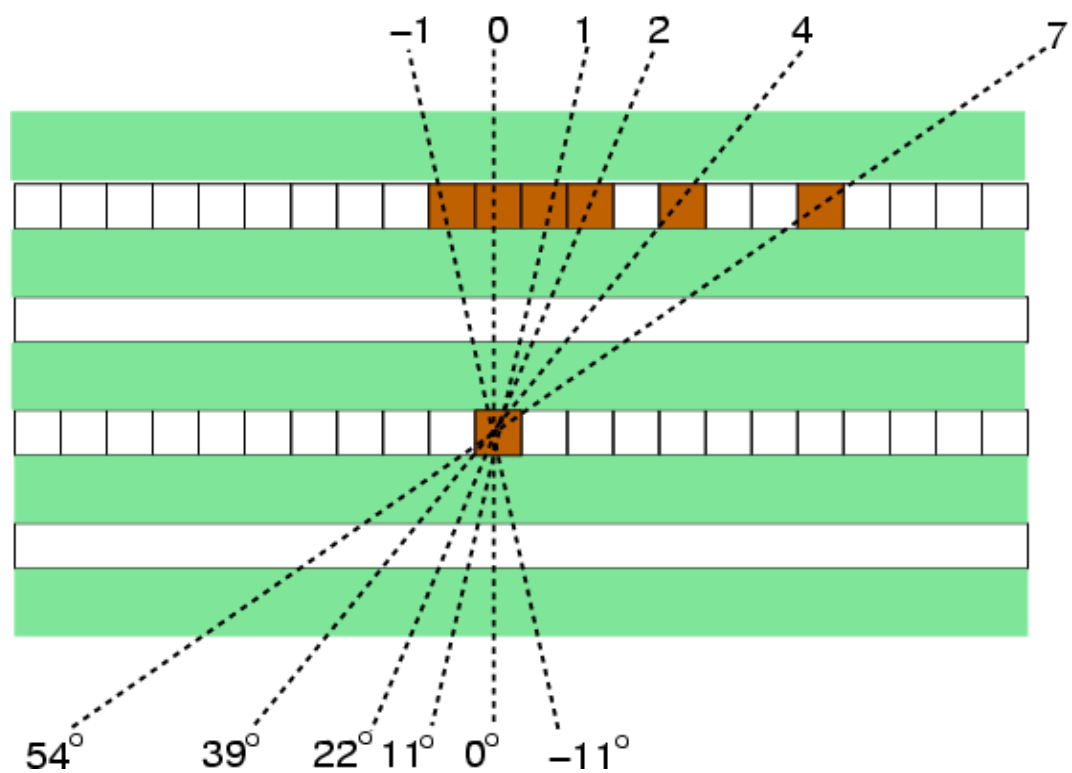
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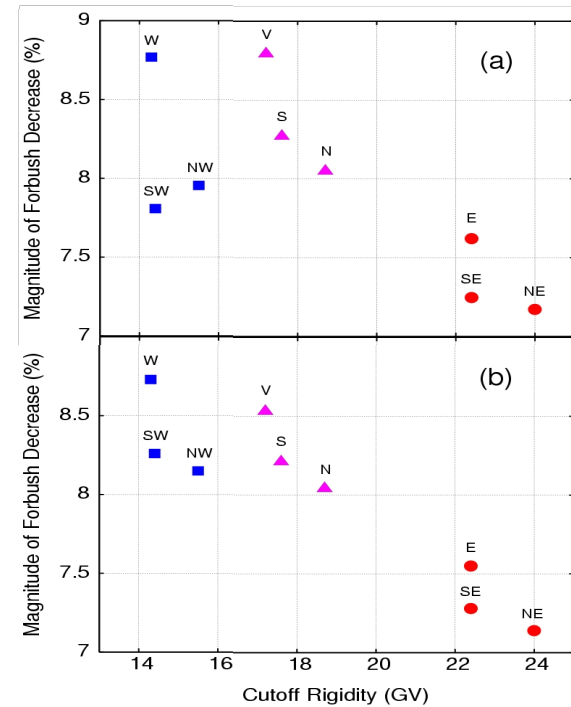
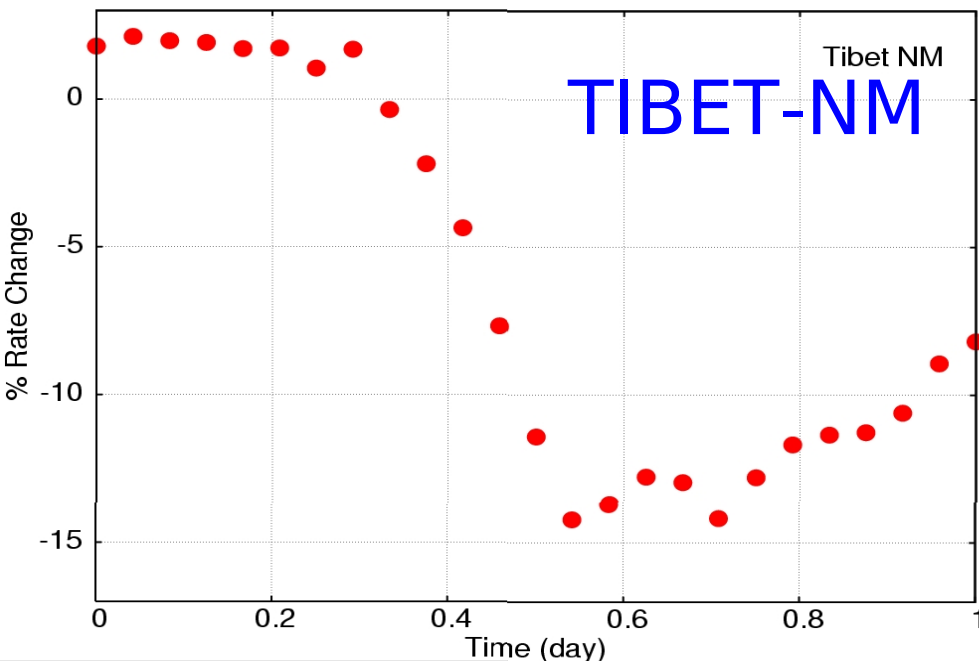
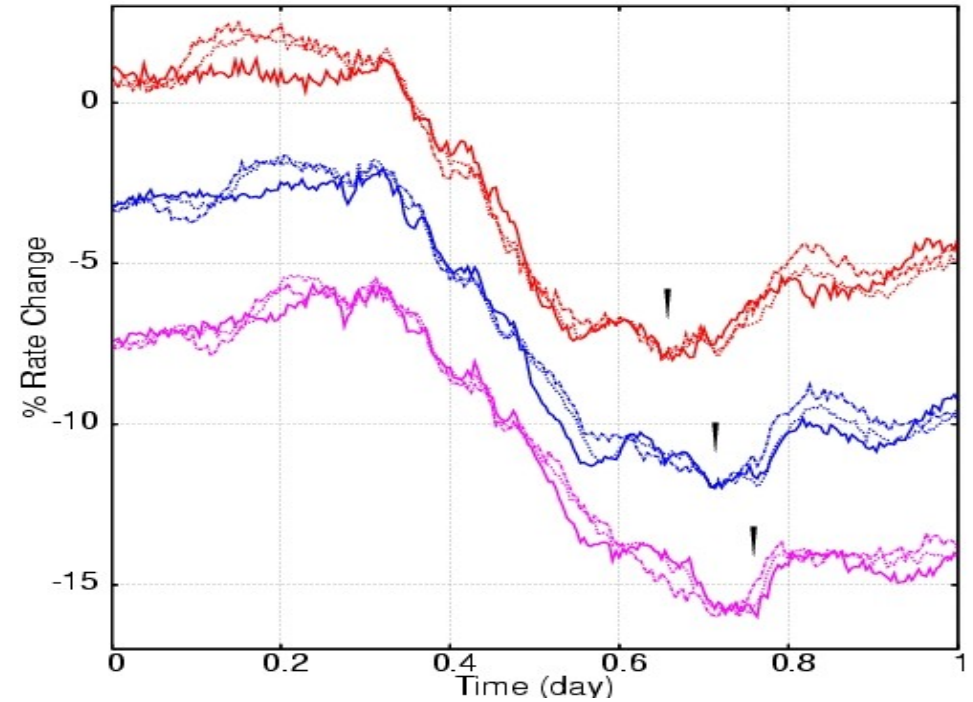
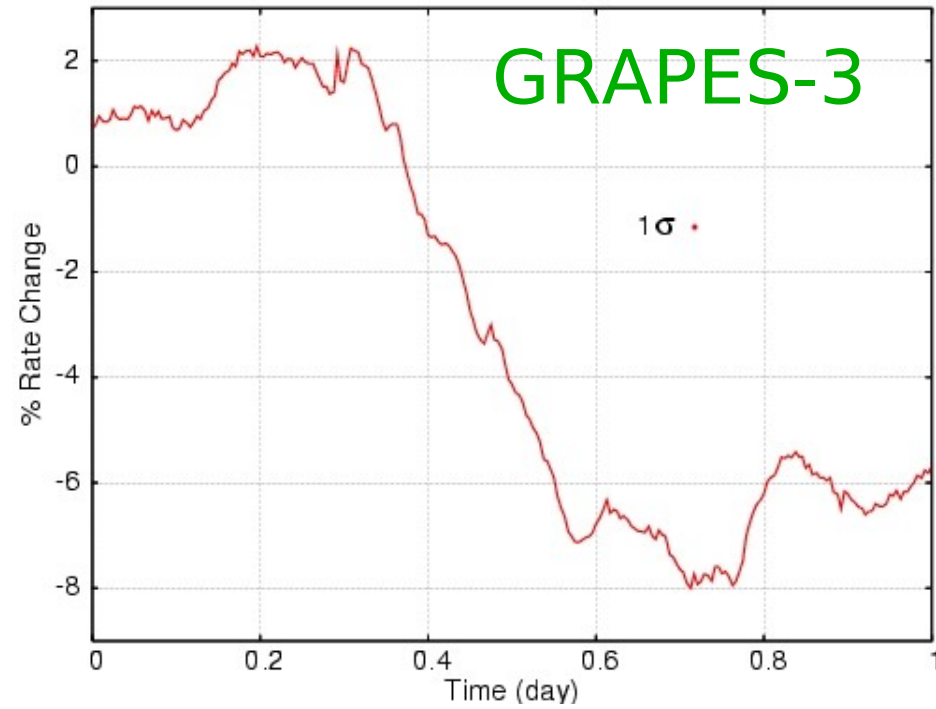




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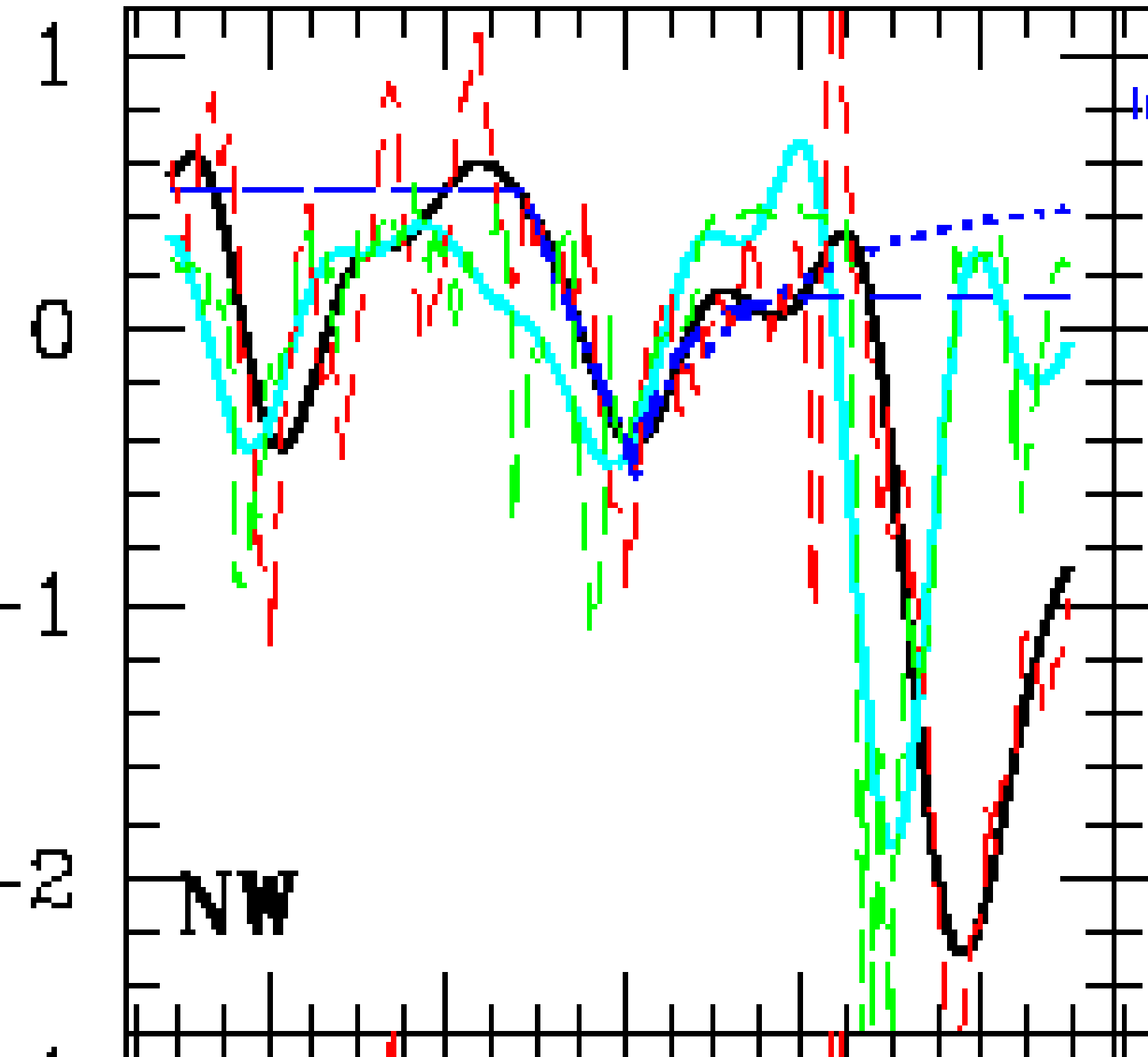


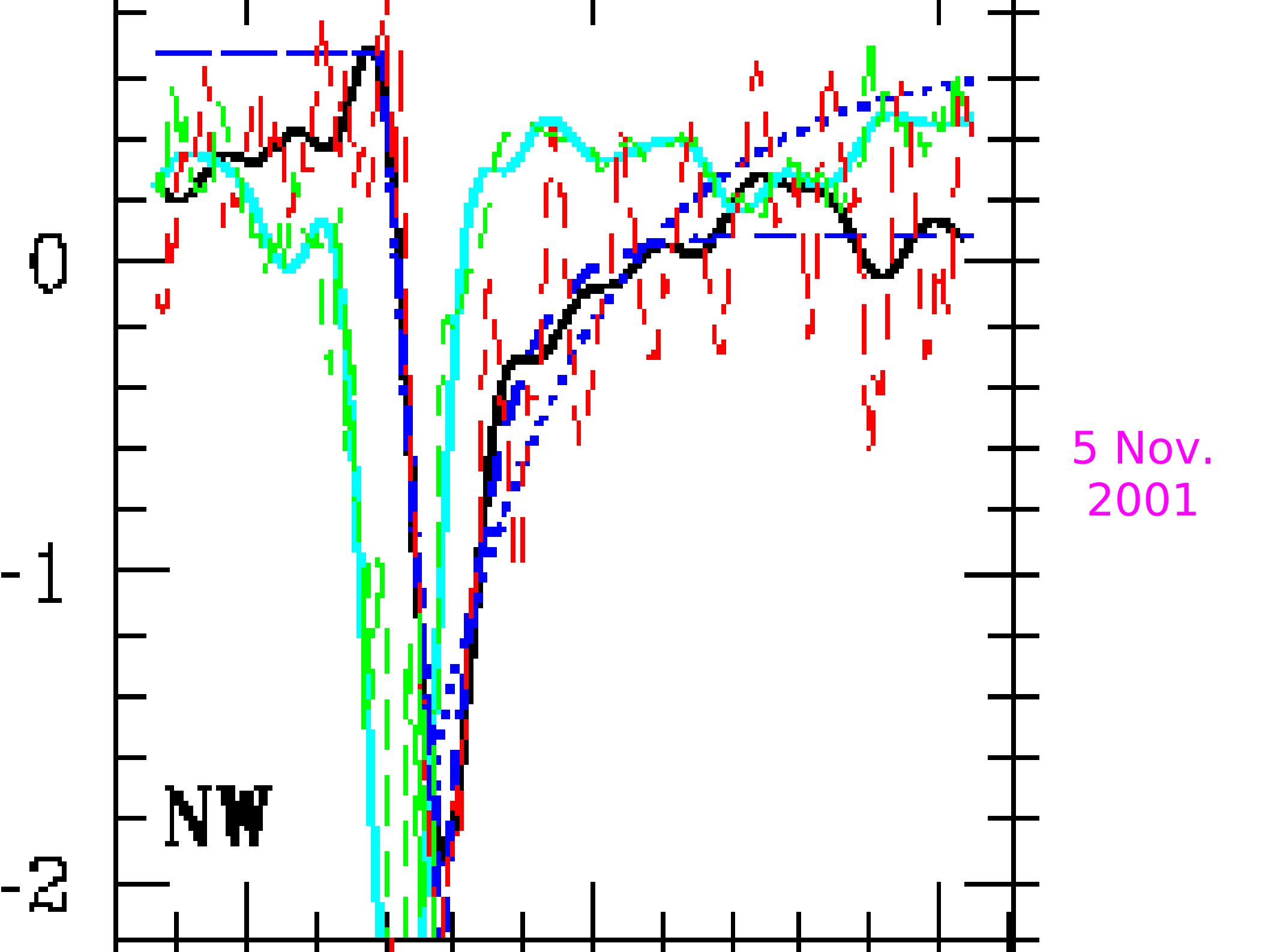
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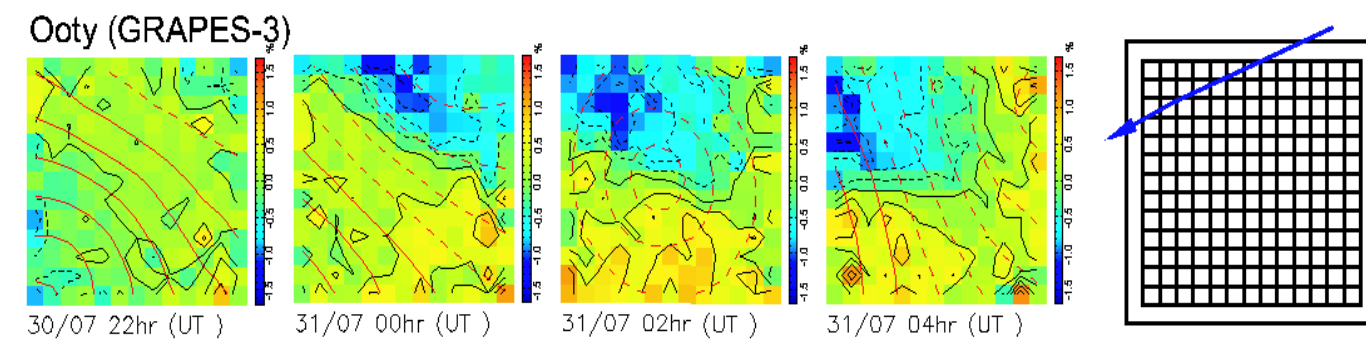
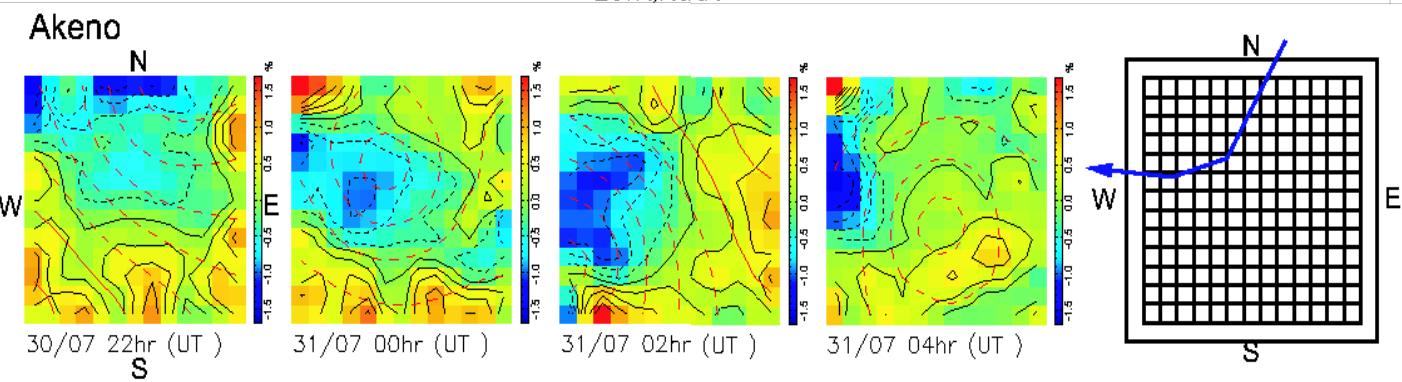
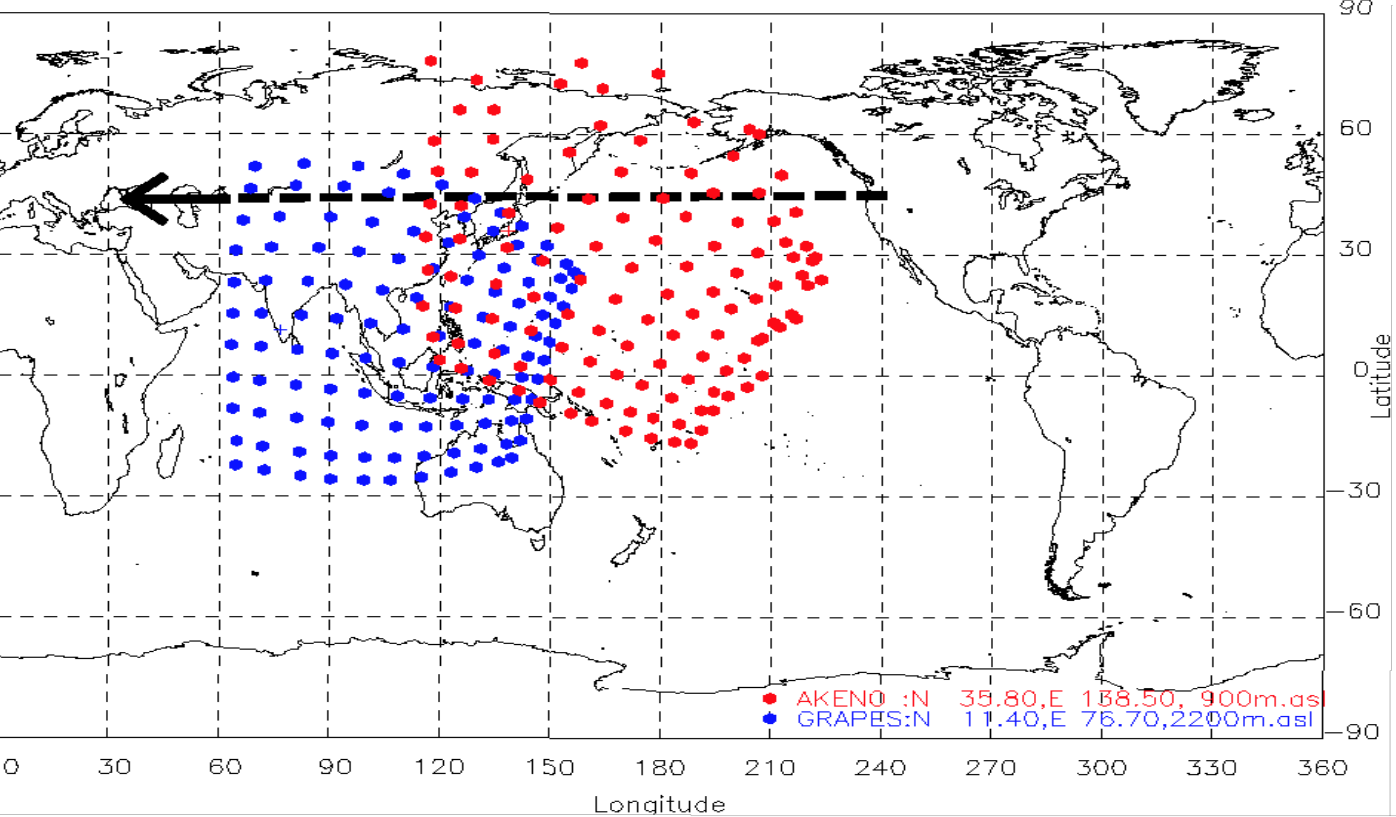


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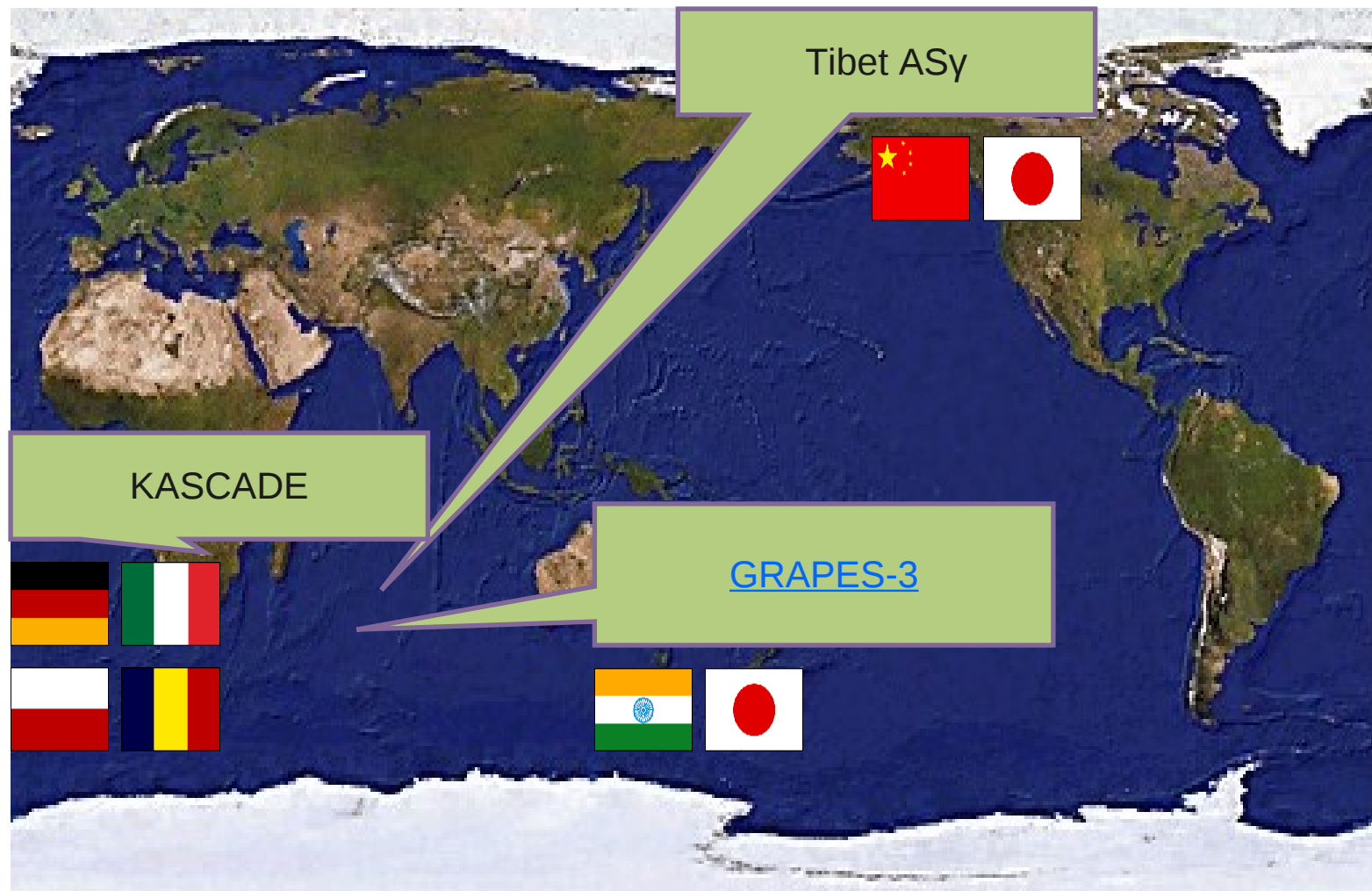
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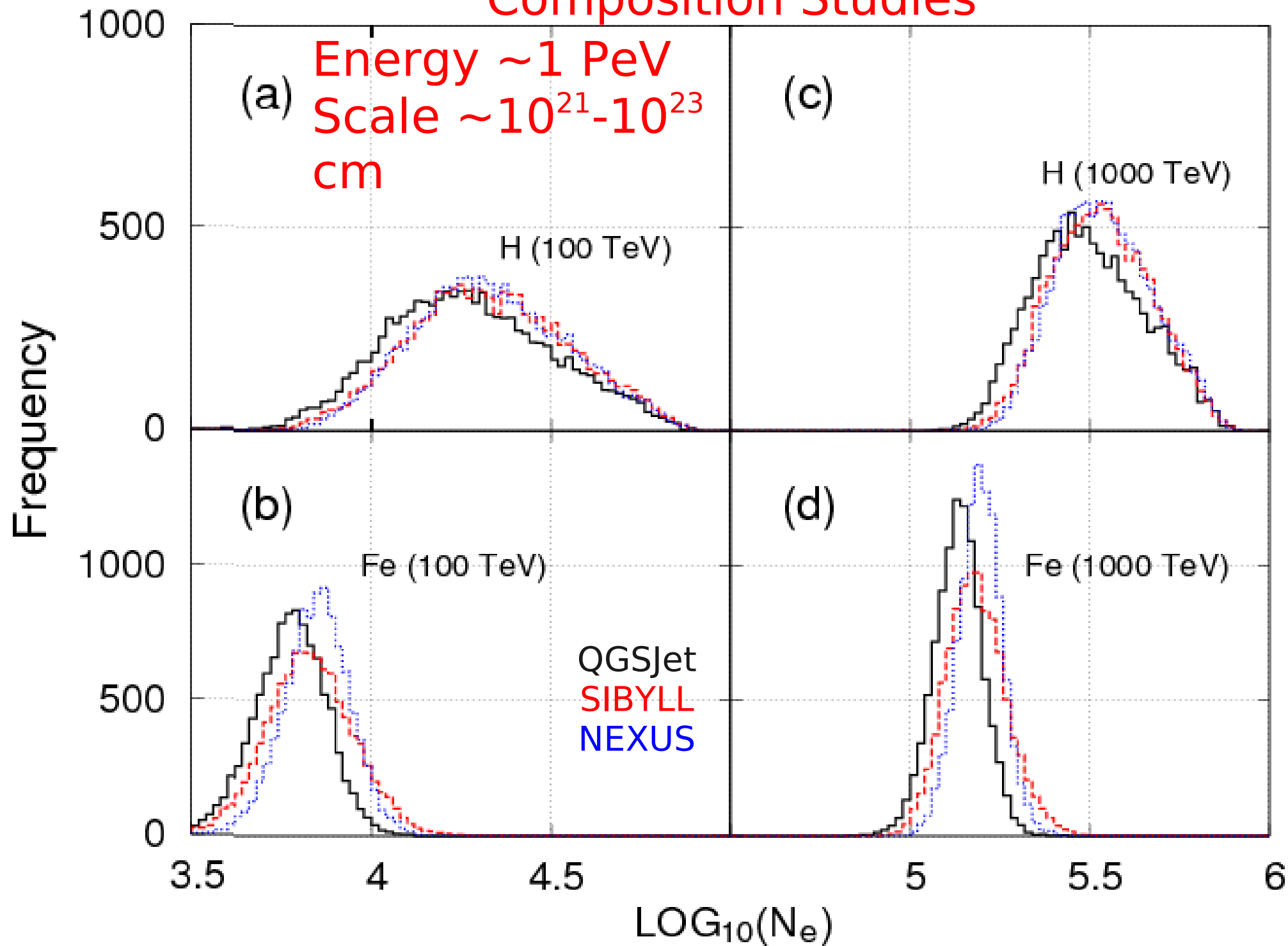


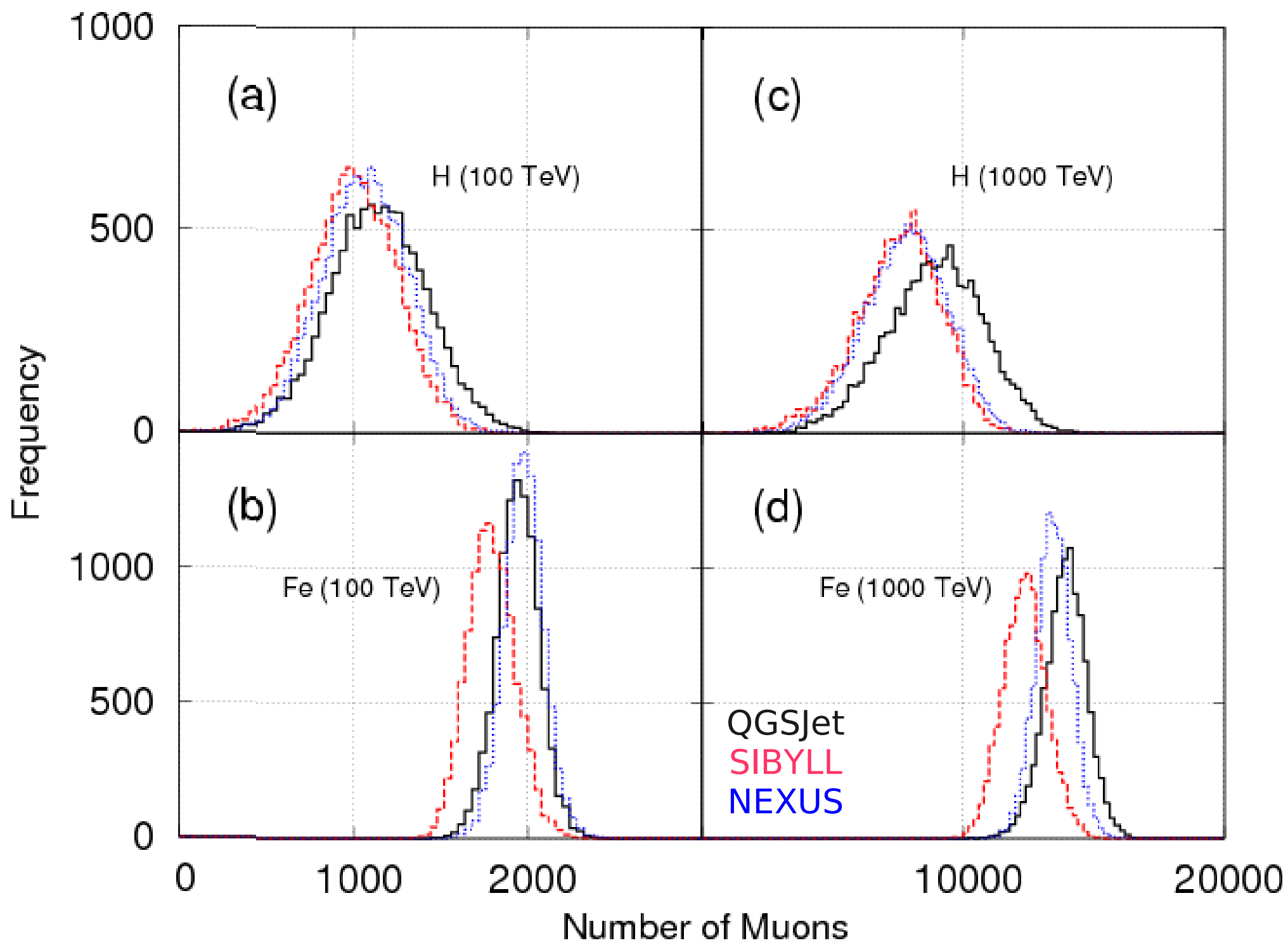
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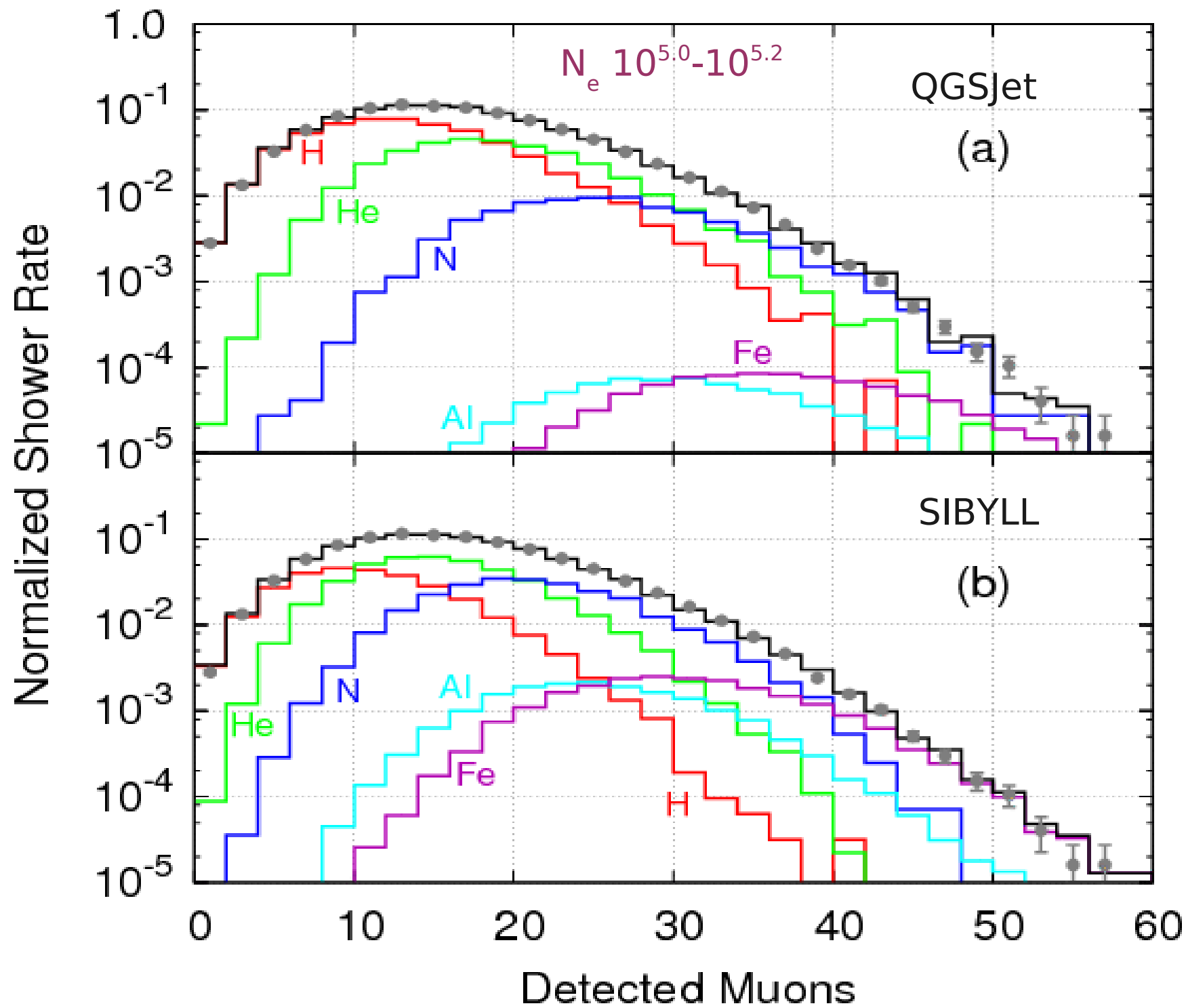


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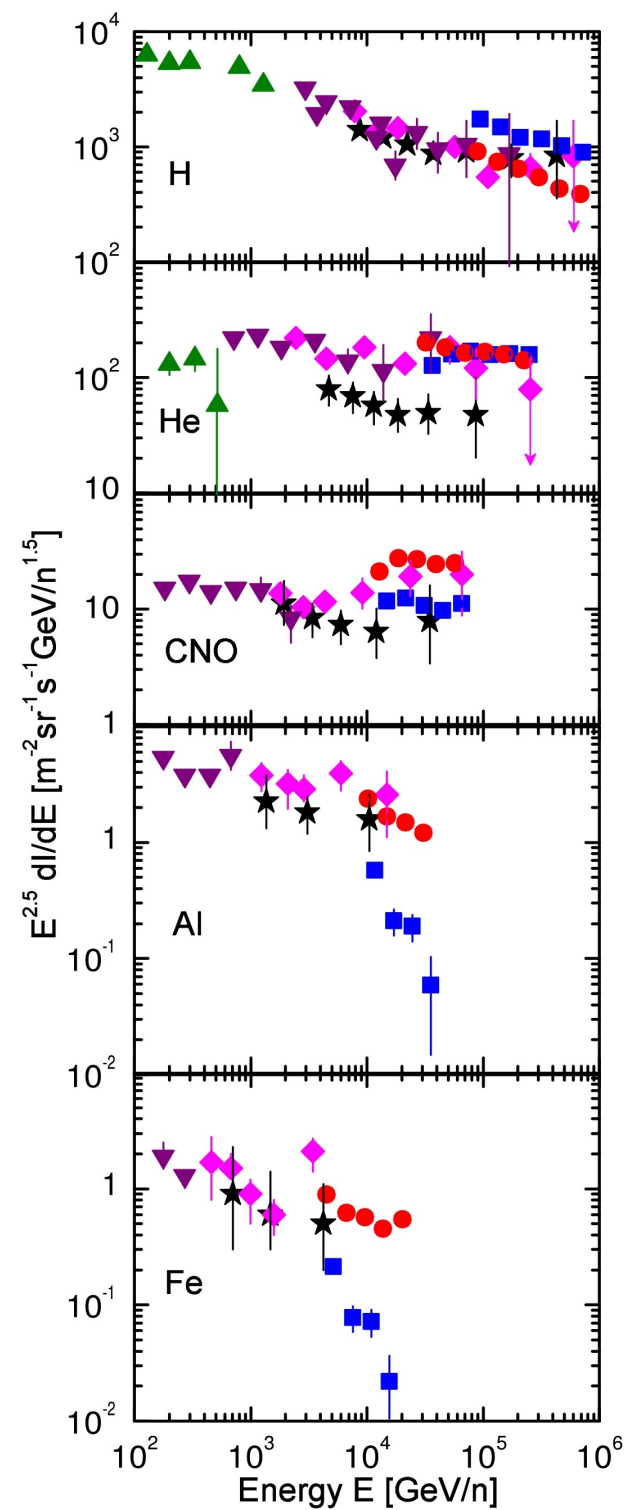
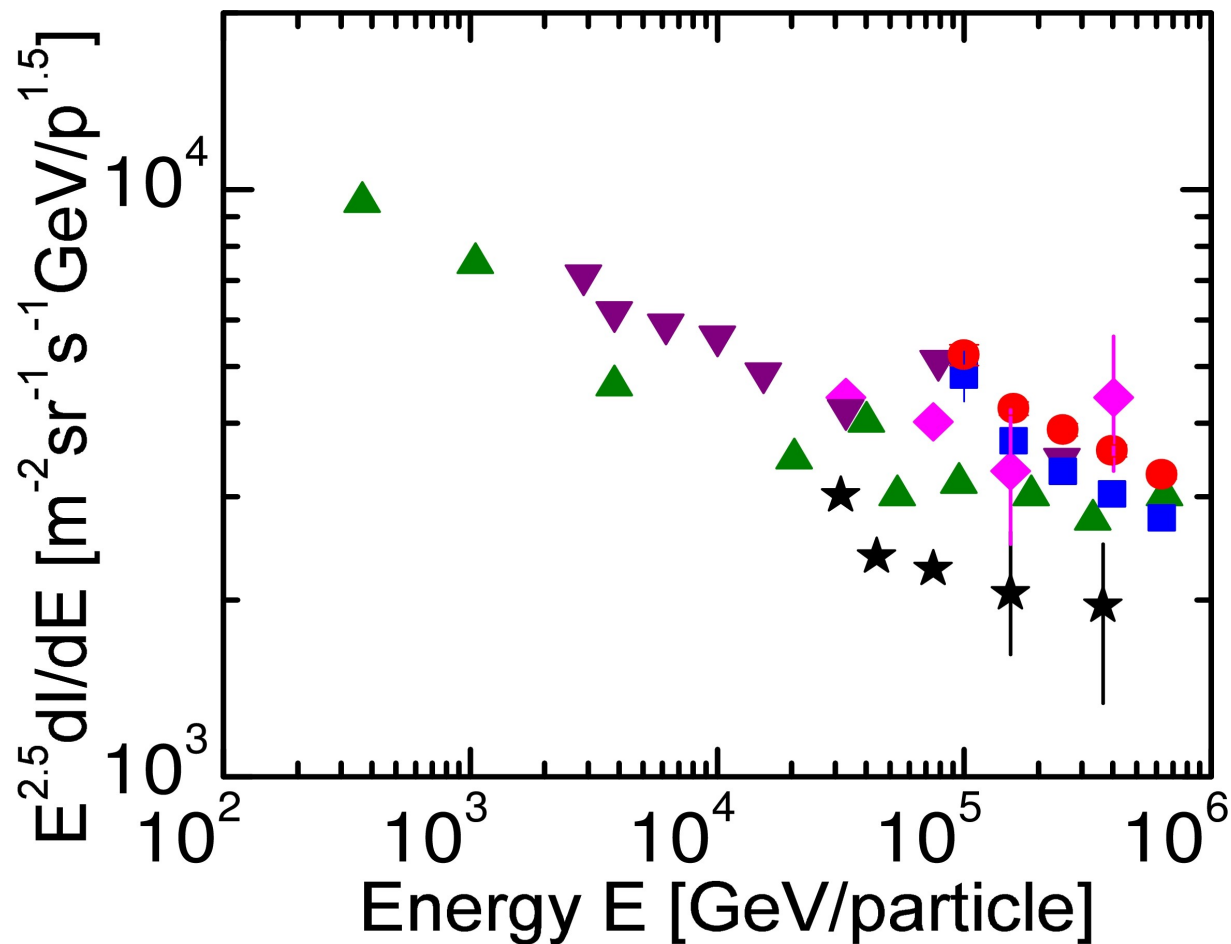
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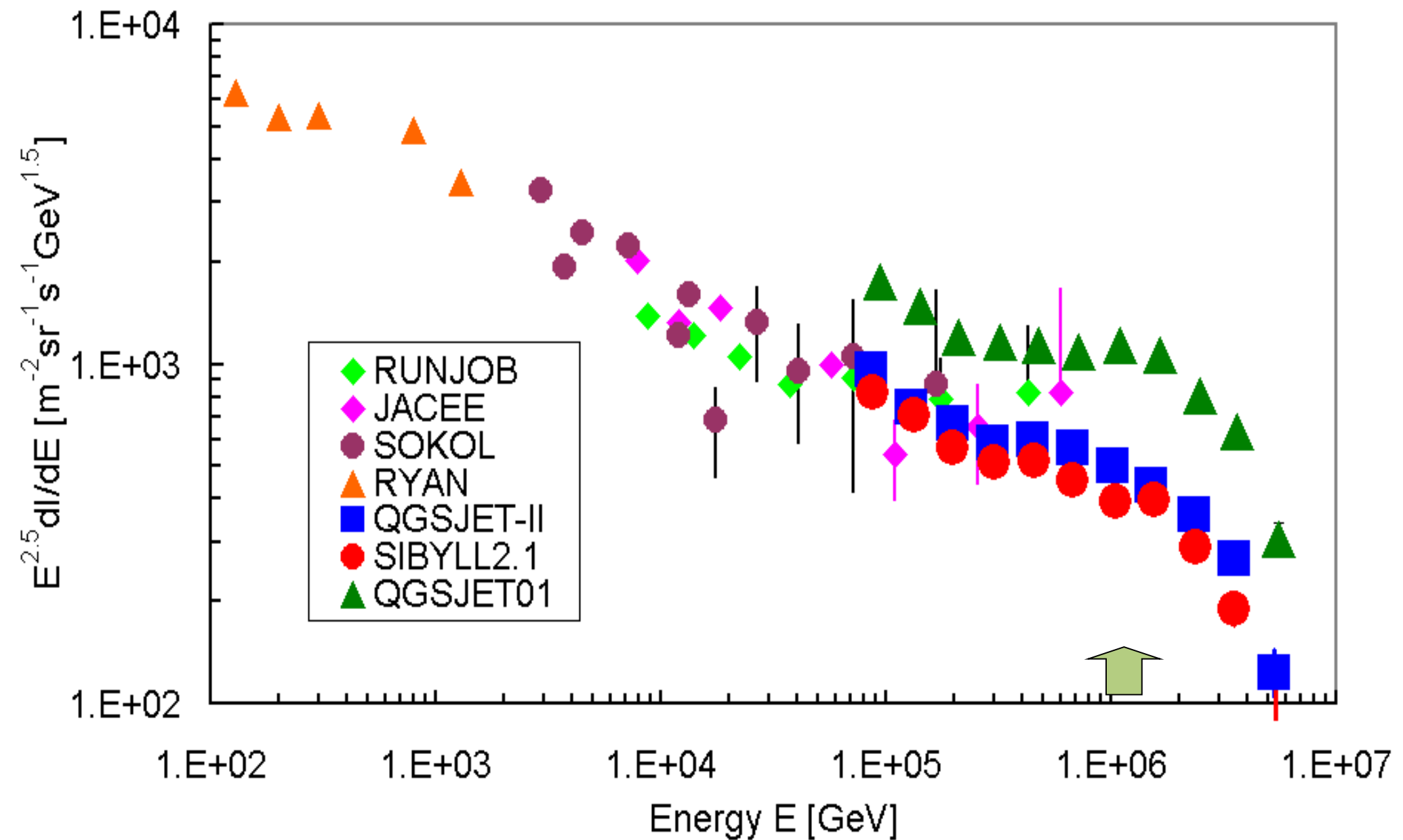






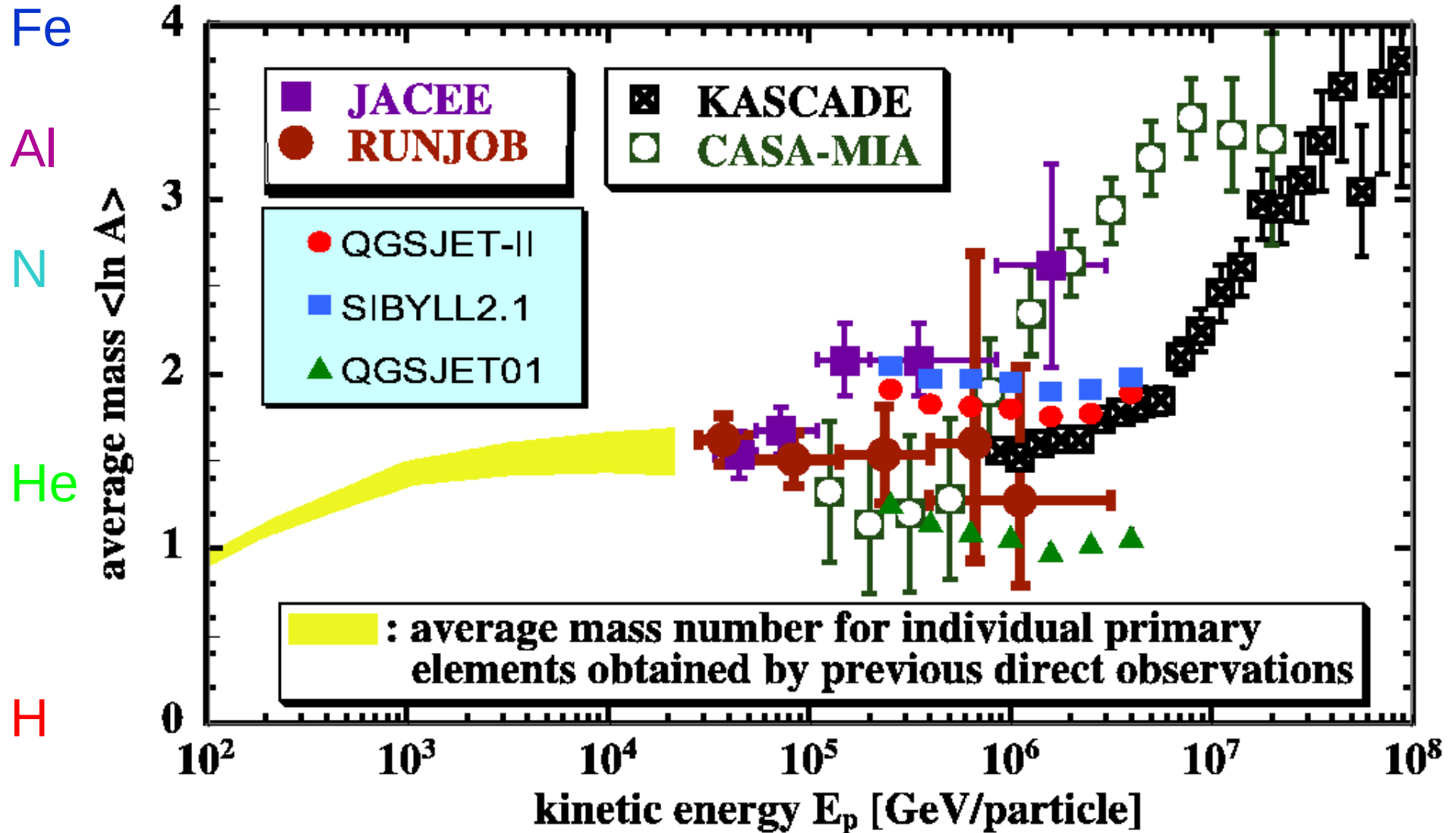
All particle energy spectrum





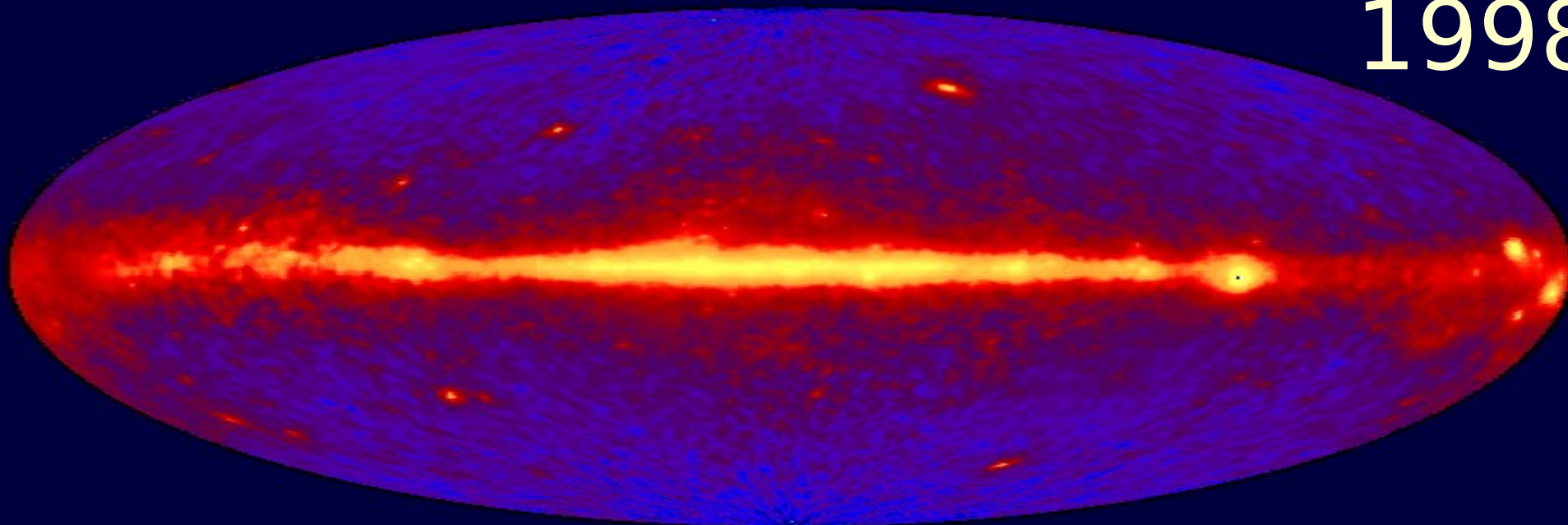
Comparison with direct measurements is possible

Mean Mass Number



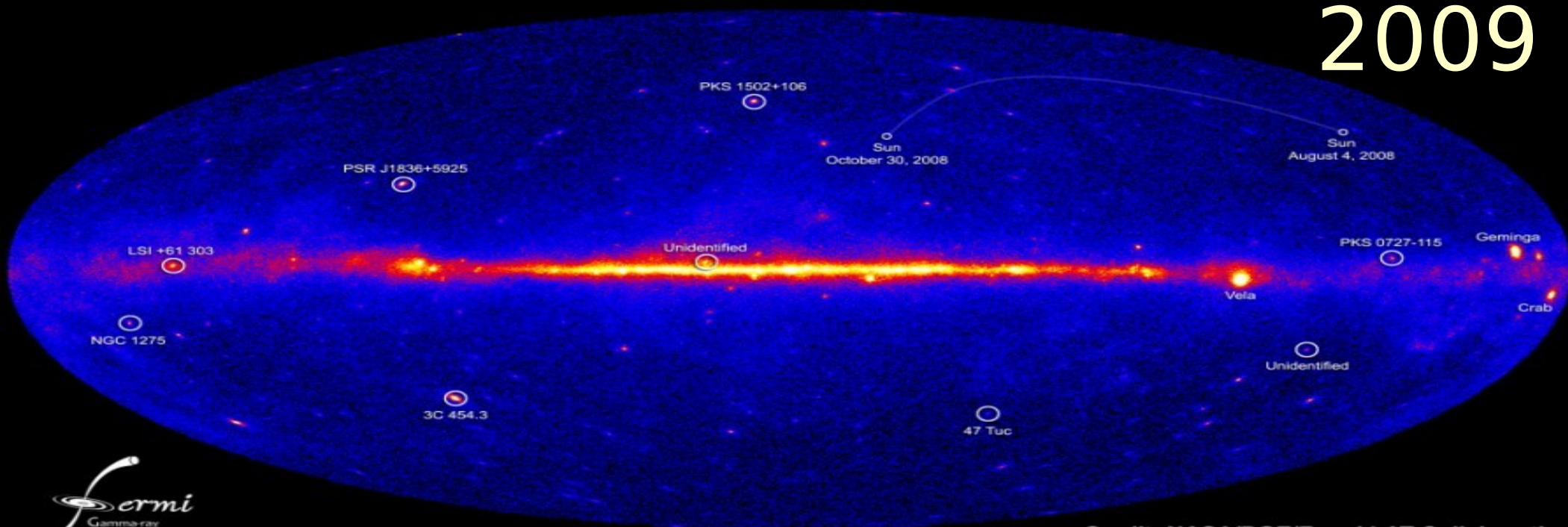
Lower threshold enables data to compare with direct measurements.

1998

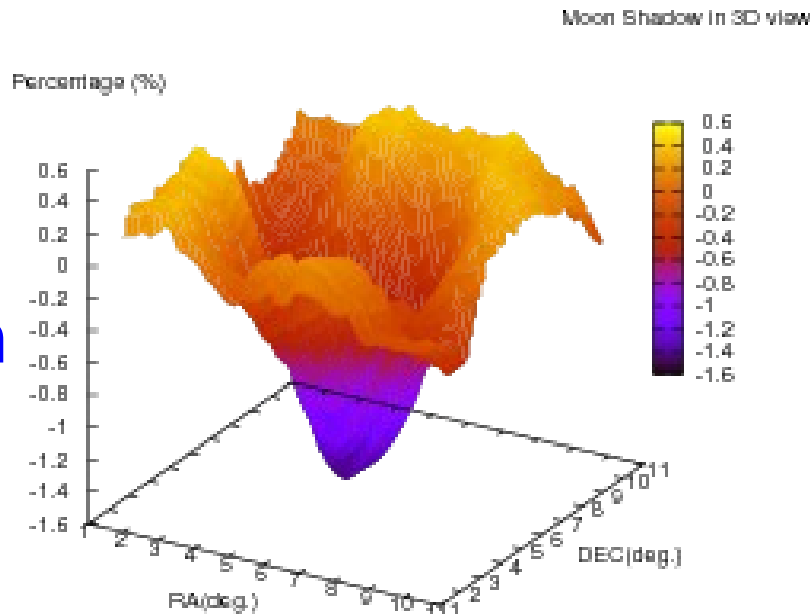


NASA's Fermi telescope reveals best-ever view of the gamma-ray sky

2009

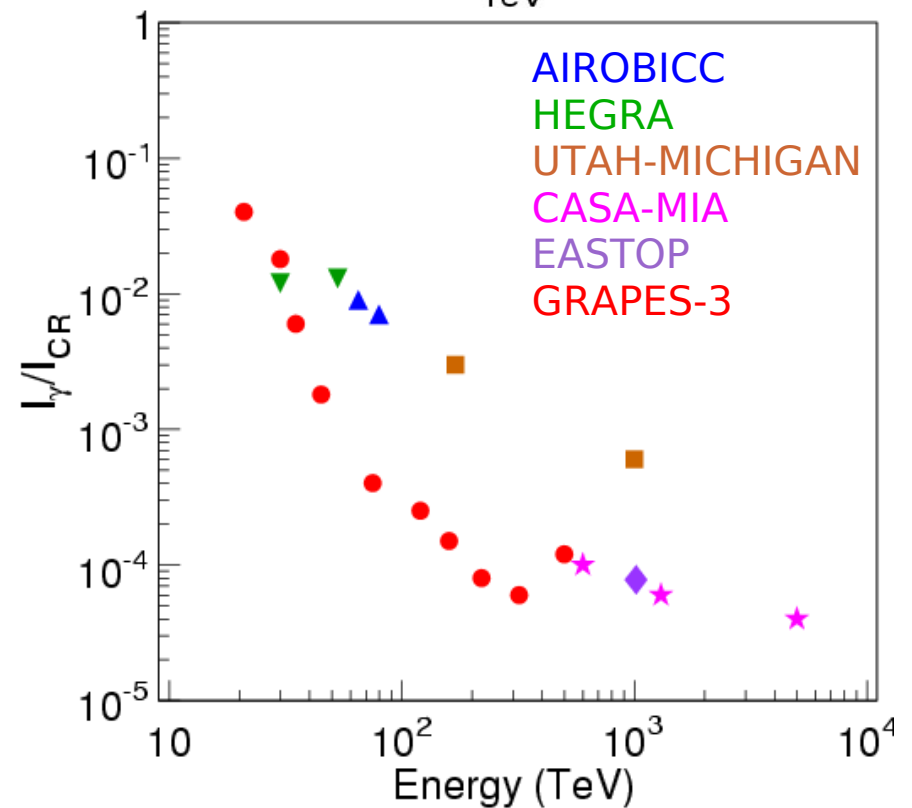
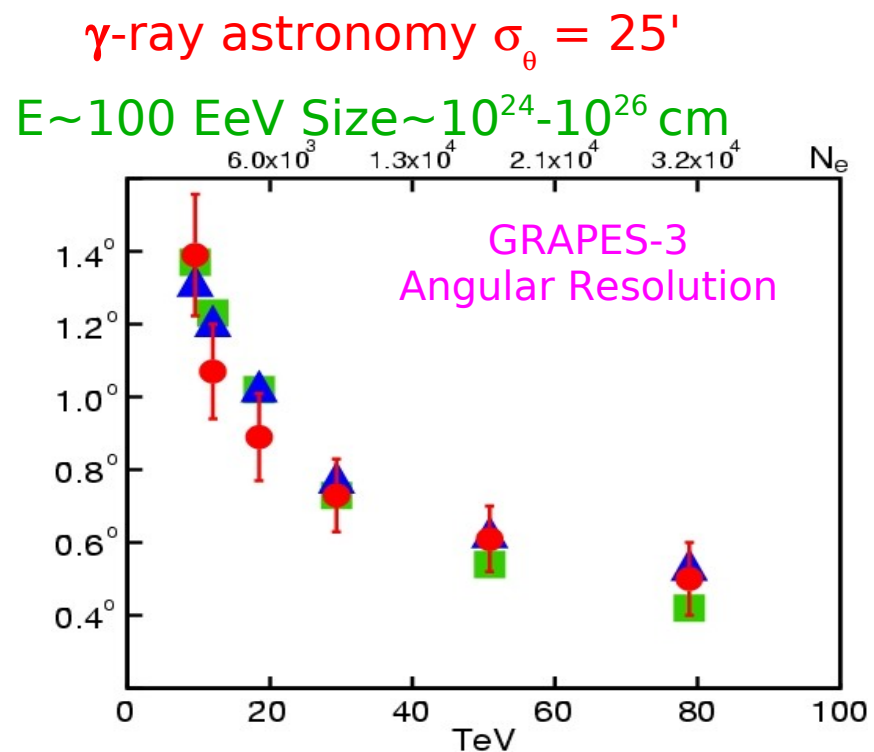
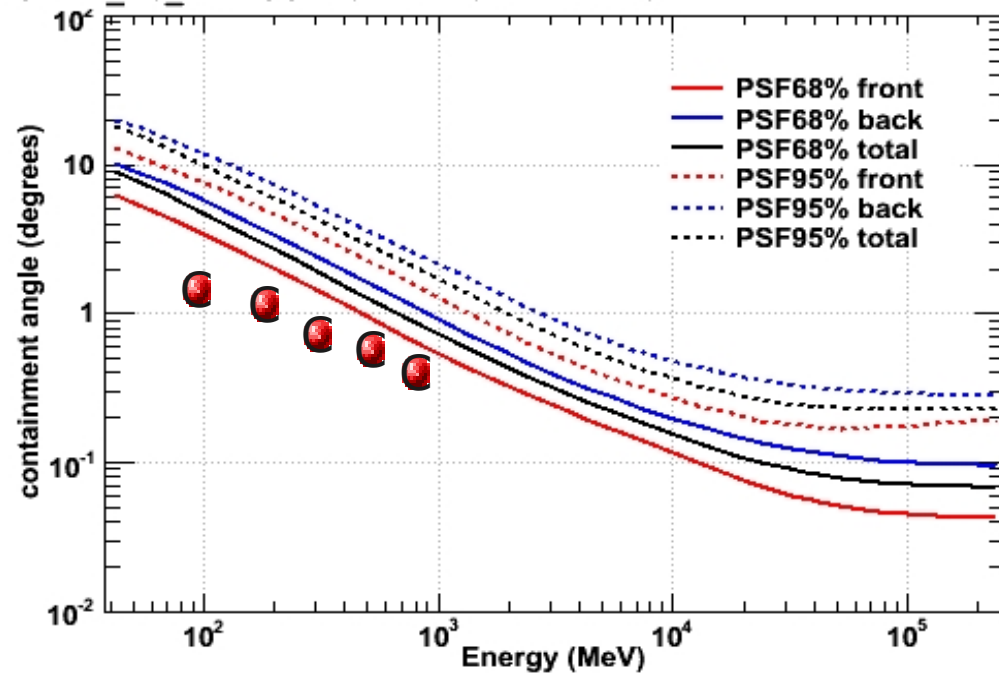


Moon Shadow



Moon

PSF P6_V3_DIFFUSE for normal incidence



Future Expansion Plans

Electric field and γ -ray measurements along with correlated study of muon variation

Double muon detector 560 ---> 1120 m²

Imaging Cerenkov telescope

Expansion to ~ 0.25 km²

Neutron monitors for solar studies

Thanks



Backup Slides

MILESTONES:

DST-DAE Vision 2020 meeting accorded highest priority to the GRAPES-3 experiment., 7-8 April 2006

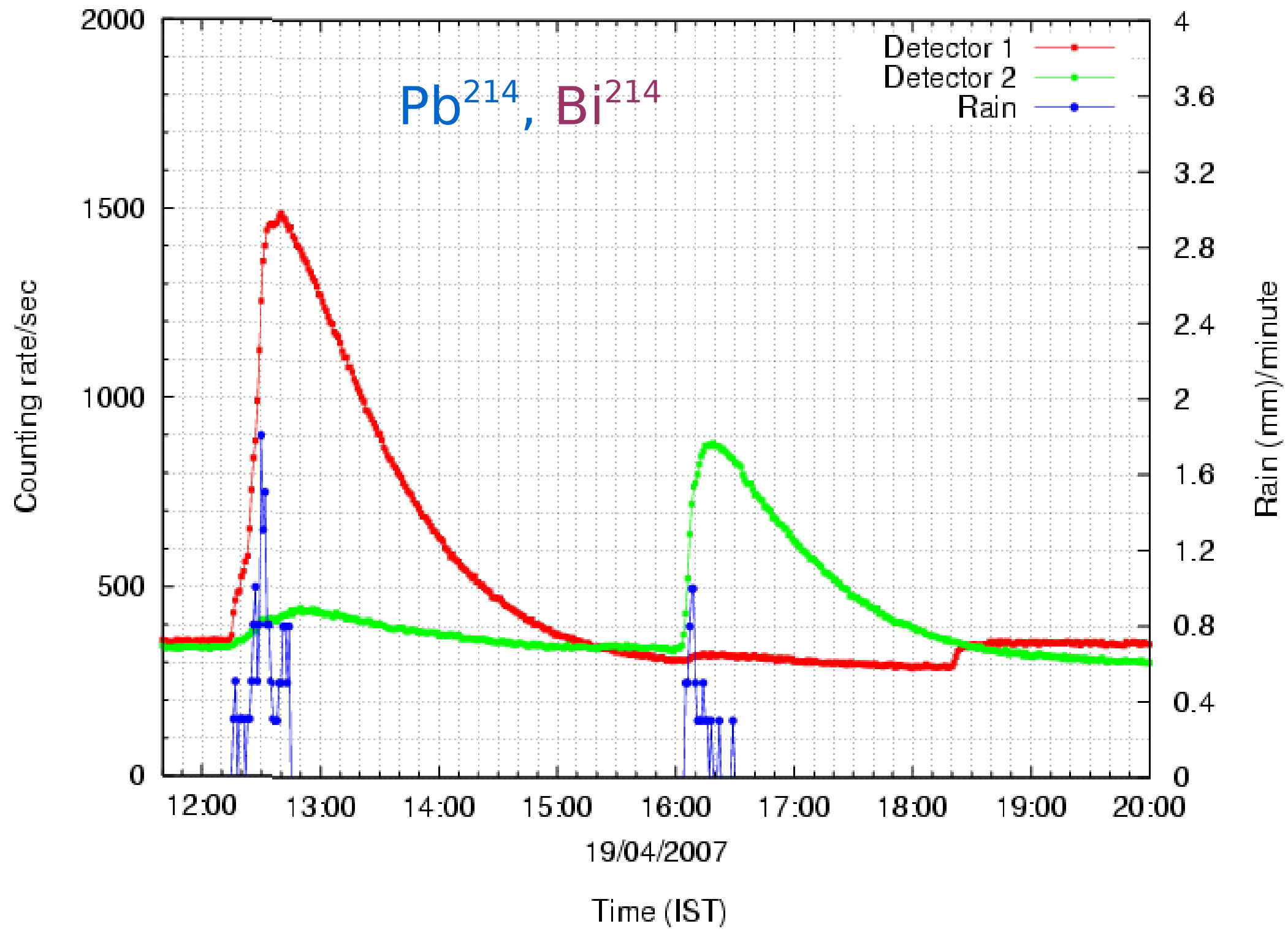
GRAPES-3 activity to be utilized as a nucleating centre for astroparticle physics., Panel Report, 19 December 2006

Future activity at Ooty will offer a basis for a national facility in this area of science., DHEP Review Report, 17 January 2008

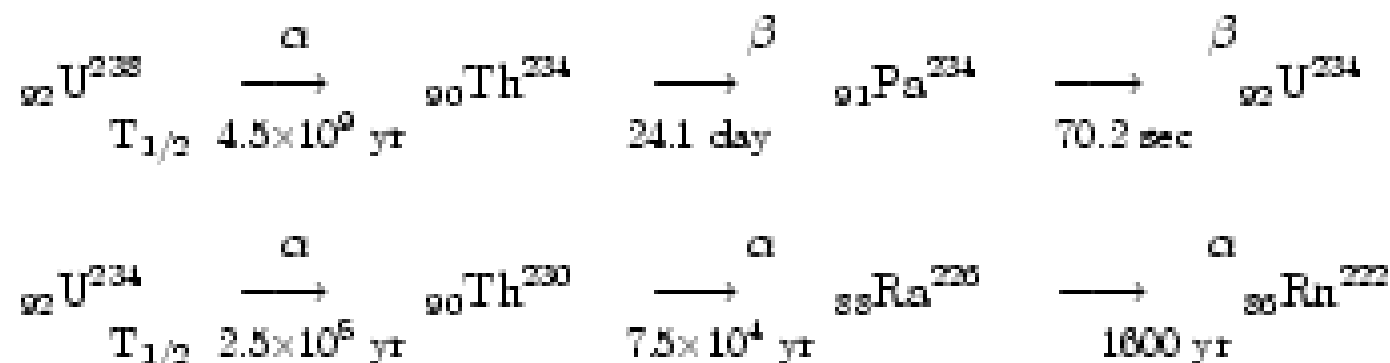
With enhanced resources in manpower and funding would allow success on all three fronts, namely, science, R&D, training and education

GRAPES-3 Publications during 2005-2010:

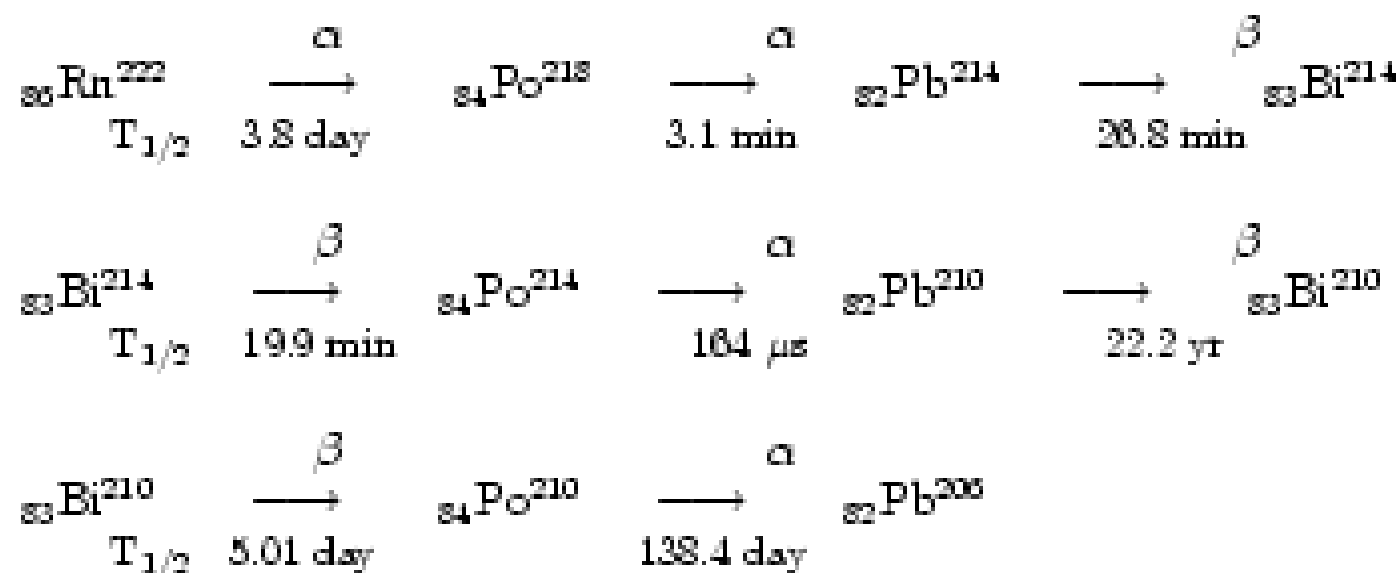
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- (10) P.K. Nayak et al. Astropart. Phys. **32** 286-293 (2010)
- (11) S.K. Gupta et al. Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. **196** 153-156 (2009)
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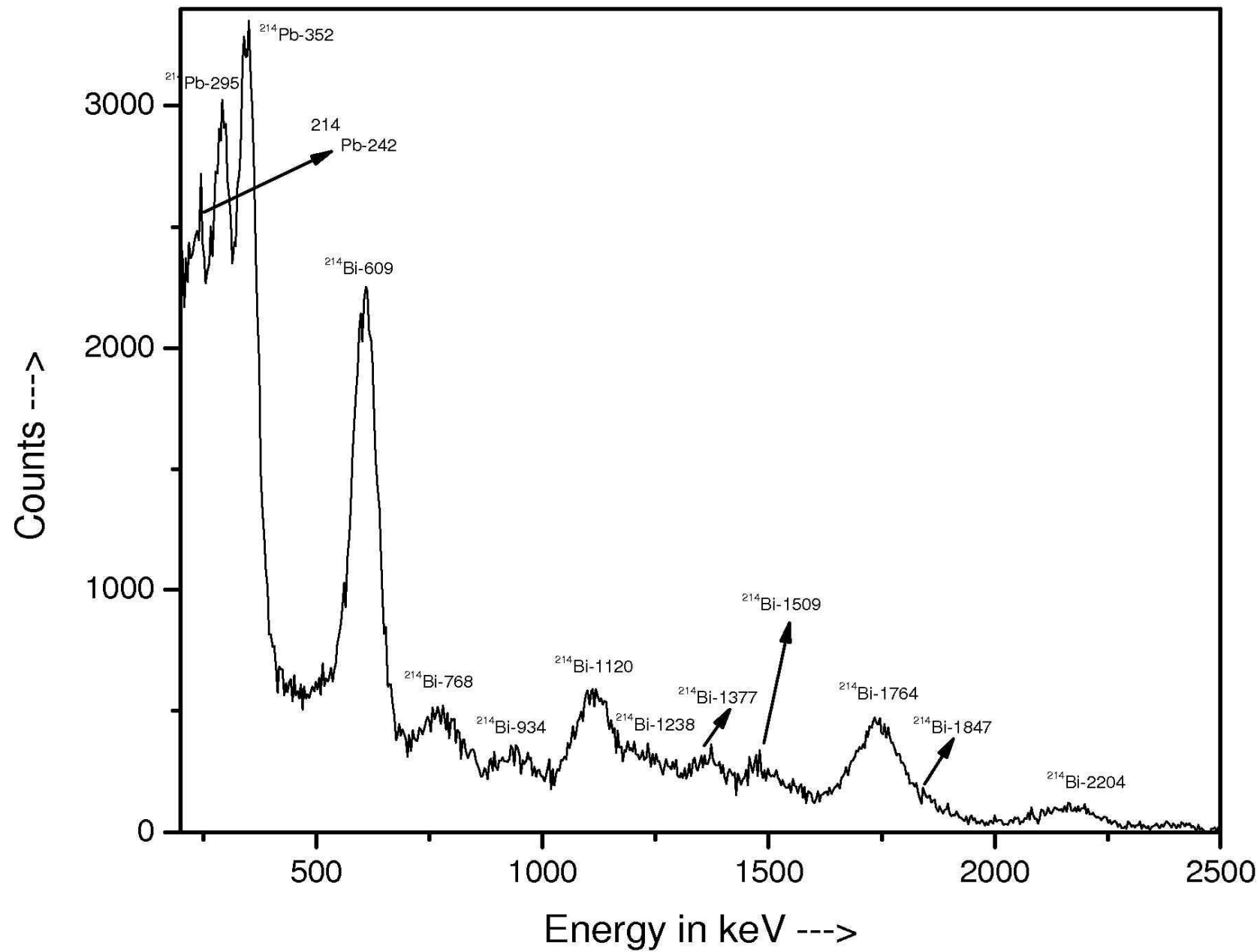


The main, naturally occurring radioactive nuclei is U^{238} which is present in the soil in very very small concentration ~ 1 part in 10^9 . The decay chain of U^{238} results in production of other radioactive nuclei as shown below,



Daughter product of U^{238} is Rn^{222} a gas, that escapes from the soil into the atmosphere where it mixes in the air due to its half-life of 3.82 days, before decaying into Po^{218} . The decay chain of Rn^{222} is schematically shown below. Radon daughter products are heavy metals are precipitated along with rain-fall. The radon daughter nuclei Pb^{214} ($T_{1/2}=26.8$ minutes) and Bi^{214} ($T_{1/2}=19.9$ minutes) are the two most important radioactive nuclei,





Acceleration of Cosmic Rays:

Charged particles can only be accelerated in presence of an electric field

Two classes of Mechanism

1) Betatron Acceleration:

Particles are accelerated in homogeneous magnetic field which is increasing with time

$$P_{\perp}^2 / B = \text{constant} \quad P_{\perp}^2 \propto B \quad (\text{Adiabatic constant})$$

If particles leave before field decreases $\rightarrow$ Net Acceleration

2) FERMI Acceleration:

Acceleration in collision with magnetic clouds collisions with moving magnetic gas clouds

$$\Delta E \sim u/c E \quad u = \text{velocity of cloud}$$

Gain if approaching 1st order

Loss if receding

Not Very Efficient

Fermi Acceleration 2nd order or Stochastic Acceleration:

In collisions with randomly moving magnetic field clouds there is 'net' statistical acceleration due to greater probability of 'head-on' collisions than 'overtaking'/'passing' collisions and energy gained

$$\equiv \Delta E = u^2/c^2 E \quad u \ll c \quad \Delta E_{2nd} \ll \Delta E_{1st}$$

C.R particles are continuously accelerated in interstellar medium Rate of change of Energy $dE/dt = \alpha E$

Probability of a particle with age $t, t+dt$

$$dW = 1/T e^{-t/T} dt \quad T = \text{mean age in cloud}$$

$$N(E)dE = k E^{-(1+1/\alpha T)}$$

$$N(E) dE = k E^{-\gamma} \quad \gamma = (1 + 1/\alpha T)$$

Power Law Spectrum

In Interstellar Space Energy Gain ~ 10

Sites of C.R. Acceleration

- 1) Supernova Shocks from explosion and in remnants provide sites suitable for acceleration of C.R

$$E \sim 10^{16} - 10^{17} \text{ eV}$$

By repeated crossing of shock front. Stochastic Acceleration is possible

$$\text{S.N. Rate of Energy Release} \sim 10^{41} - 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\text{C.R Rate of Energy Pumped in Galaxy} \sim 10^{40} - 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$$

- 2) Acceleration in compact objects such as Pulsars, X-Ray Binaries etc

$$\text{Electric Fields} \sim V \times B \sim 10^{16} \text{ v/m}$$

$$\text{C.R Energies} \sim 10^{17} \text{ eV possible}$$

Summary talk: The experimental situation

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**Weihai: 14th ISVHECRI, 22 August
2006**

My conclusions

- **Tibet data are statistically limited (177 events in 3 years) and require an understanding of emulsion chambers**
- **GRAPES data should be analyzed using KASCADE methods of deconvolution**
- **KASCADE group should show their results along with direct measurements. These are not 'perfect' right now but better data will come and they may 'guide the thought'. The KASCADE data are not perfect either!**
- **What will the conclusion on composition be:
KASCADE and GRAPES or Tibet?**

Do we need hadronic interaction models to find out?

What is going on at the knee (~ 3 PeV)?

- **Very detailed observations:**

KASCADE, GRAPES and Tibet Array

N_e, N_μ

EAS + Emulsion Chambers

- Close to where there are accelerator measurements
- Close to where there are direct data

Surely we should have a clear result by now

- but unfortunately 'NO'