



Comparing active detectors: ALTEA and DosTel

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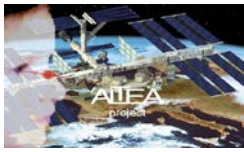
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 - SPEs
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- *Search Book*



Objectives of this study



Present a procedure to put results from different active detectors in a single datamatrix

- this talk will focus on **ALTEA** and **DOSTEL**

in particular:

- acquisition of a detailed knowledge of the hardware and of the detection strategies
- definition of the needed information that must be provided to make full use of the datasets
- development of software needed to take care of the different detection strategies



Exploit the combined ALTEA and DOSTEL measurements



Suggest how to proceed in the harmonization effort for active detectors

*The effort to provide knowledge of
what / where / when
active radiation measurements for human exploration have been taken
will also be mentioned*

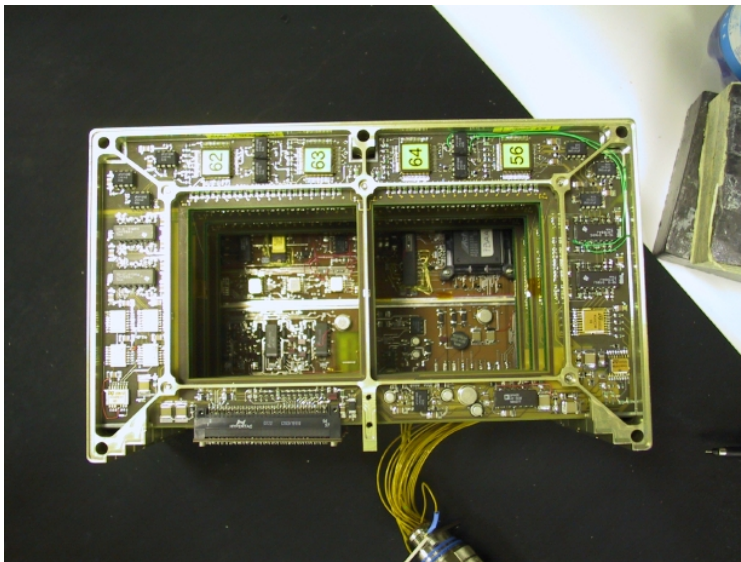


Hardware description: ALTEA



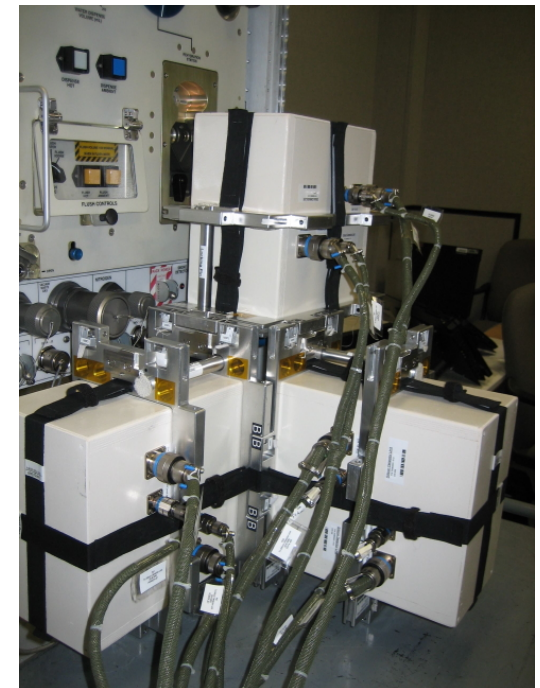
The ALTEA system is a set of **6** silicon striped active telescopes
Each telescope (Silicon Detector Unit or SDU) features 6 sensitive silicon planes, each striped in alternate directions 'X' and 'Y'. Each plane is $16 \times 8 \times 0.038 \text{ cm}^3$. The distance between the first and the fifth planes is 7 cm. Geometrical factor is $230 \text{ (cm}^2 \text{ s sr)}^{-1}$.

Each SDU is auto – triggered by ions passing through at least 5 planes
The read out electronics is set in such way ions are measured if they release
 $3 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m} \leq \text{LET}(\text{Si}) \leq 700 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$ (the lower cut leaves out most protons and He ions)



Open ALTEA SDU before mounting the silicon planes

*ALTEA Ground
model in the X Y Z
configuration
during astronauts
training in
JSC - NASA*

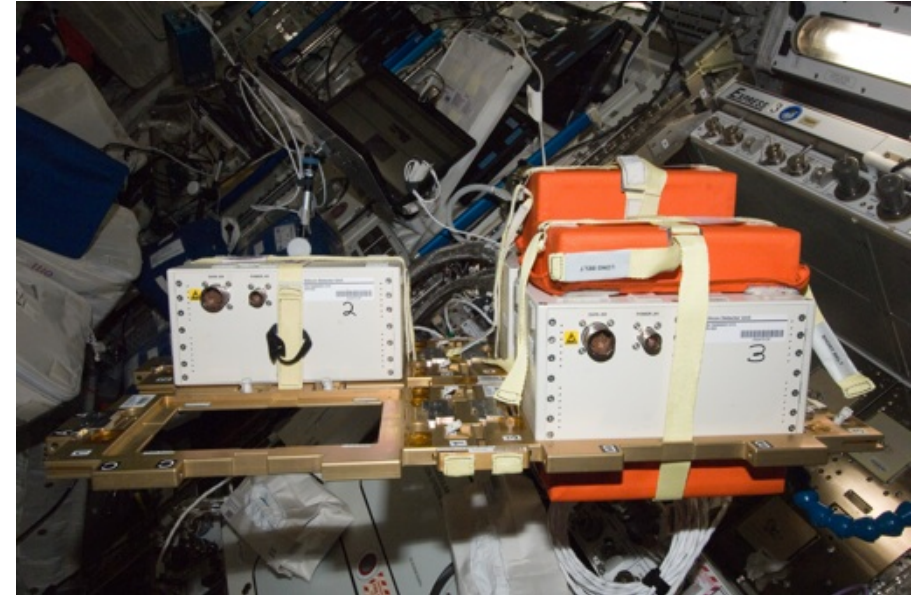




ALTEA: ALTEA shield/survey & shield/shield



ALTEA before deployment in the USLab



ALTEA before deployment in Columbus

ALTEA has been measuring radiation in the ISS from 2006 to 2012

(for a total of more then 3 y)

In this talk we will focus on the last 2 years of operation (ESA sponsored ALTEA-shield)

Year	Date	Total Duration (days)	Position Name	Position
2010	09/20 – 10/04	14	P1	Lab1S1
2010	10/15 – 11/30	40	P2	Lab102
2011	04/24 – 07/22	90	P3	Lab1P4
2011/2012	07/23/2011 – 06/07/2012	263	P4	Lab1S6
2012	06/08 – 09/30	114	P5	Columbus ER 3

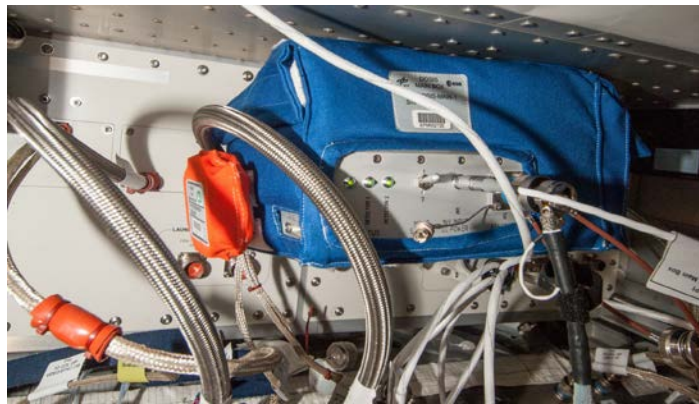


Hardware description: DOSTEL



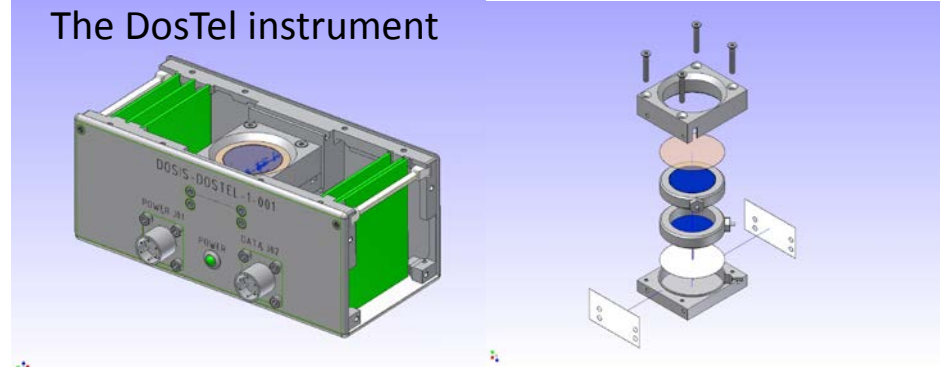
The DOSTEL system has been already described and is part of the DOSIS and DOSIS3D projects. It consists of 2 silicon active detectors (DOSTEL1 and DOSTEL2), looking in two perpendicular directions (X and Y) featuring 2 sensitive silicon round planes, each of 3 cm in diameter and 0.0354 cm thickness. The distance between two planes is 1.5 cm. Geometrical factor (for the single plane) is $2\pi A = 44 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$.

The read out electronics is designed to cover the LET range $0.08 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m} \leq \text{LET}(\text{Si}) \leq 440 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$.



DOSIS main box
(2 DosTel + DPDU)
Beneath the EPM rack in Columbus

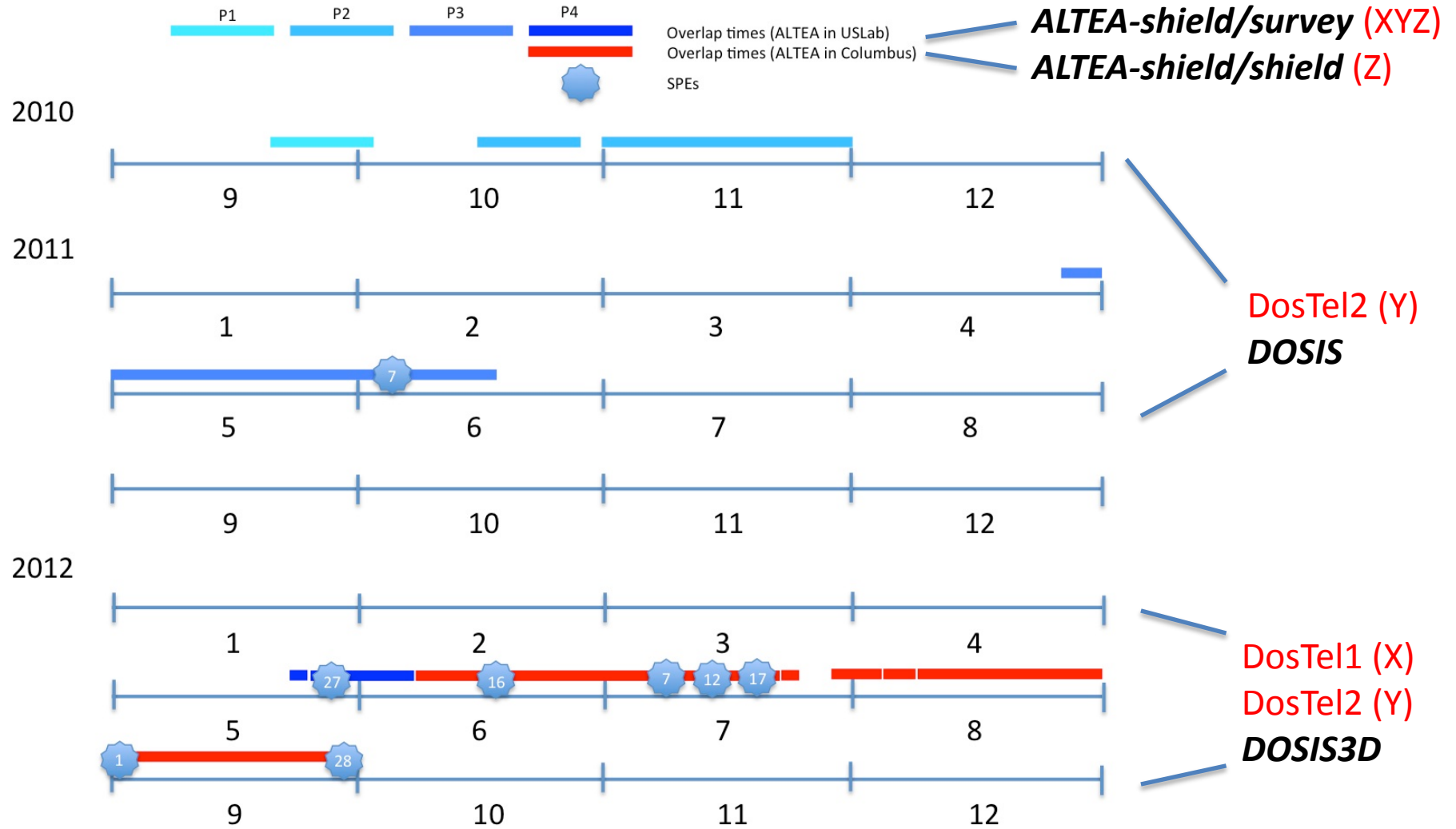
The DosTel instrument



Blow out view of the telescope



Site and times of measurements (overlaps)





Site and times of measurements (overlaps)



<i>n</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>ALTEA Site</i>	<i>Full days</i>	<i>For each Site</i>
1	20-Sep-2010 18:58:00	02-Oct-2010 03:25:00	P1	11	11
2	15-Oct-2010 17:32:00	25-Oct-2010 11:14:00	P2	09	
3	31-Oct-2010 12:33:00	30-Nov-2010 09:48:00	P2	29	38
4	24-Apr-2011 15:12:00	17-Jun-2011 14:54:46	P3	53	53
5	21-May-2012 11:28:54	23-May-2012 00:08:00	P4	01	
6	24-May-2012 00:00:00	08-Jun-2012 07:00:00	P4	14	15
7	08-Jun-2012 12:05:00	19-Jul-2012 04:07:00	P5	40	
8	20-Jul-2012 12:19:00	20-Jul-2012 18:11:00	P5	00	
9	27-Jul-2012 08:05:00	04-Aug-2012 03:58:00	P5	08	
10	04-Aug-2012 14:30:00	08-Aug-2012 23:59:00	P5	03	
11	09-Aug-2012 18:08:00	30-Sep-2012 14:35:00	P5	51	102

Tot: 219 full days

- Unfortunately no measurements at the same time / site / direction
- A test quite period chosen to be between Aug 10th 2012 and Aug 31st 2012:
 - No prominent solar activity
 - Both detectors in Columbus



Handling the detector properties



Major differences between the two systems:

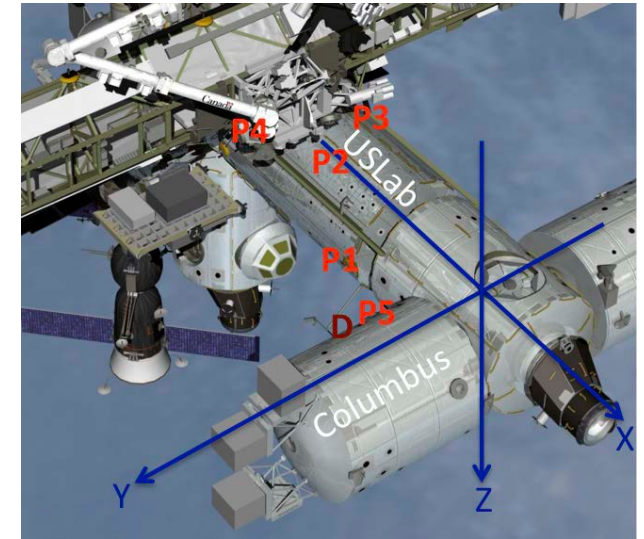
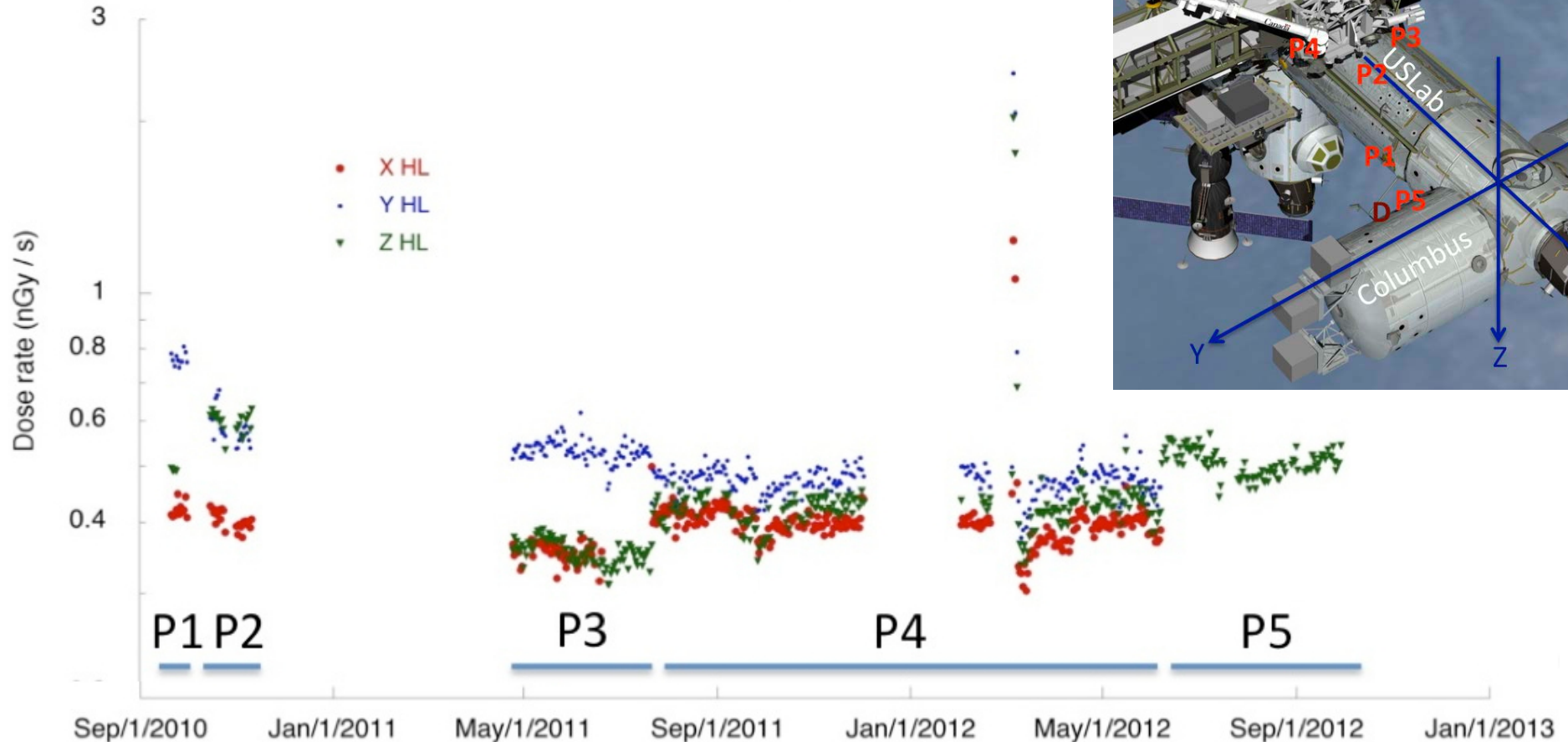
- dose are calculated straightforwardly for DOSTEL as $\Delta E / M$ while ALTEA, being a telescope, must first estimate the source of the measured radiation and therefore calculate the dose
- ALTEA has the ability of tracking each ion, via the striped silicon planes, so, for example, it can select single traces (rejecting showers and or unwanted noise) while for DOSTEL we can only calculate a mean path-length if using the telescope feature and can minimize the contribution of noise with a electronic acceptance threshold.
- The telescope auto – triggering features of ALTEA leaves out most of H and He ions, and also lighter secondary particles (such as e , π) that are instead measured by DOSTEL.



ALTEA: dose rate ($L > 3$, i.e. High Latitude, HL)



Many features can be appreciated in these 'raw' dose results



To compare results with those obtained with different instruments the ALTEA characteristics must be taken into account



Handling the detector characteristics



ALTEA calibration

- the dose rate D in ALTEA is calculated taking into account the geometrical issues via the geometrical factor GF :

$$D = \frac{4\pi}{h\rho GF} \sum_{k=1}^{N_0} E_k$$

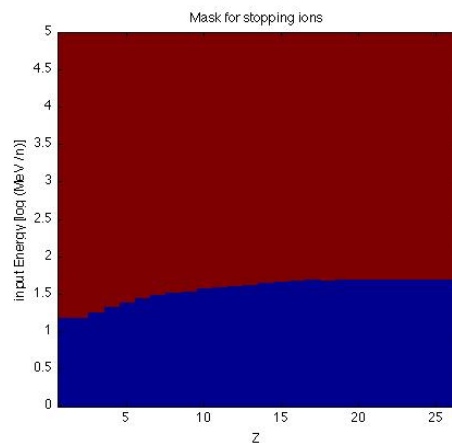
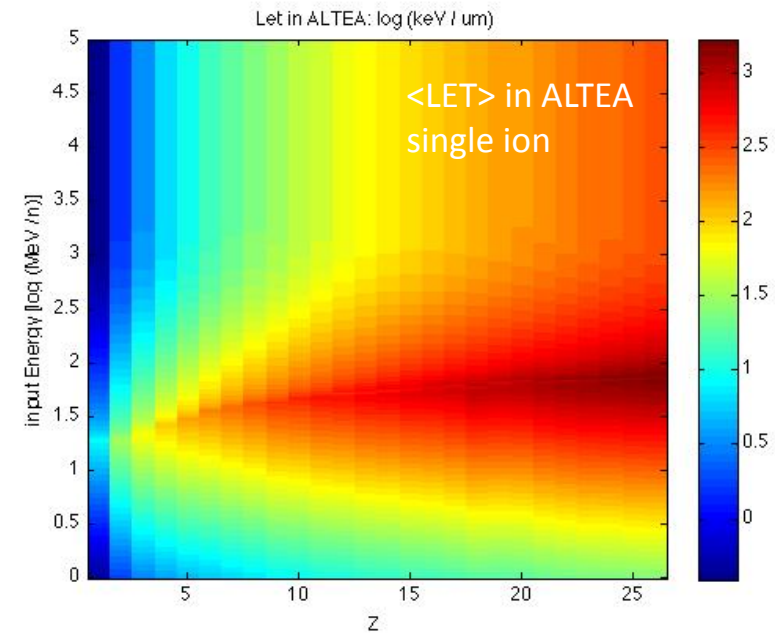
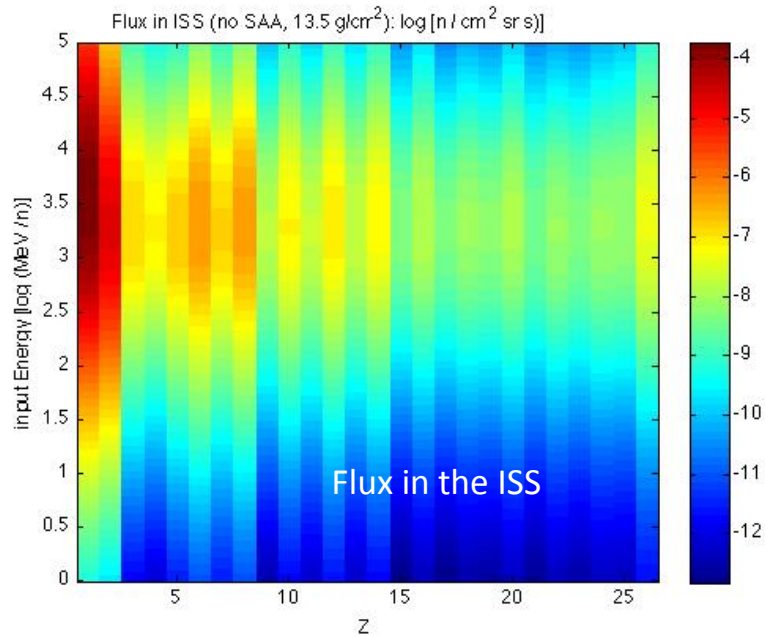
(h is the silicon thickness, ρ the water density, D is the dose rate, E_k the energy measured due to the k_{th} ion, and the sum is taken over the measured N_0 ions in the unit of time)

- trigger issues are taken into account by
 - providing a simulated spectra in the ISS, based on CREME (and on the DLR model)
 - providing a simulation of the ALTEA SDU, based on PHITS
 - calculating in each L shell the percentage of the total radiation missed by ALTEA.

→ calculating calibration coefficients (function of L) for the flux and dose rate.
calibrating the time data using the previous coefficients.



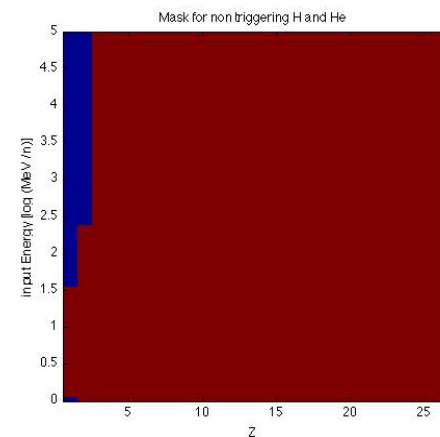
Handling the detector characteristics 2



Telescope triggering

Blue: NO

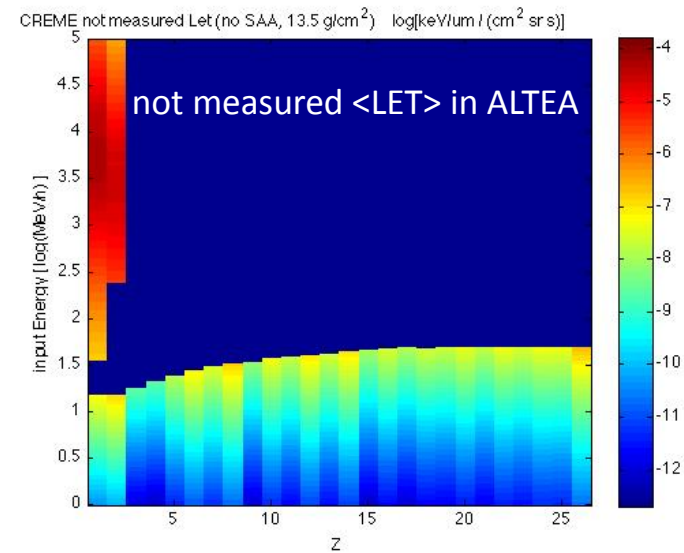
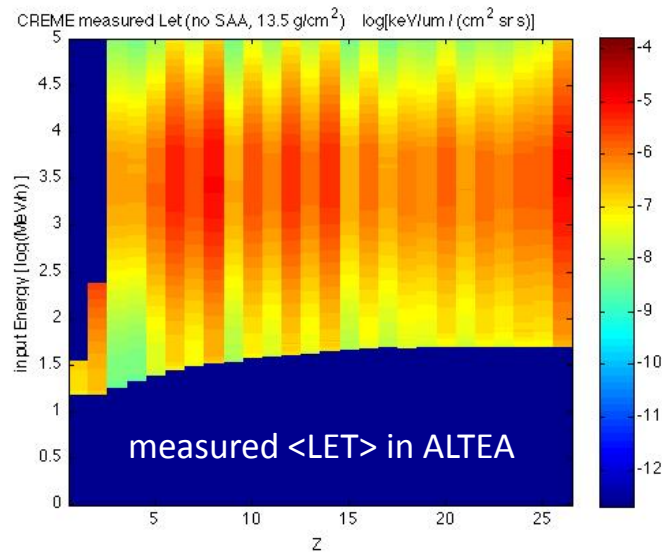
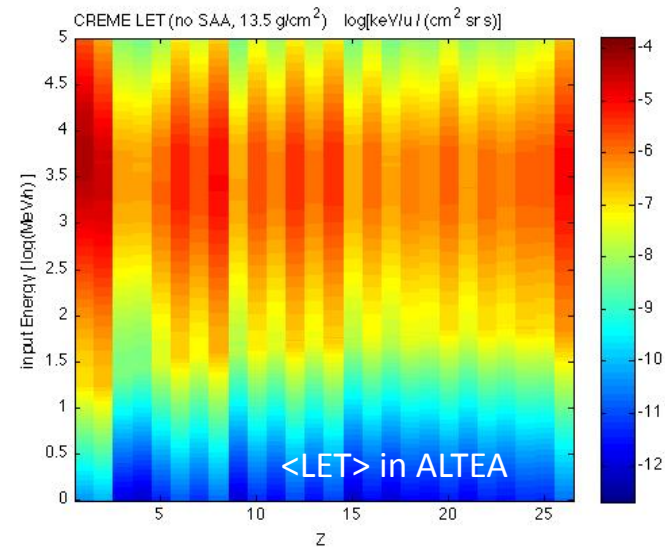
Brown: YES



Minimum released Energy

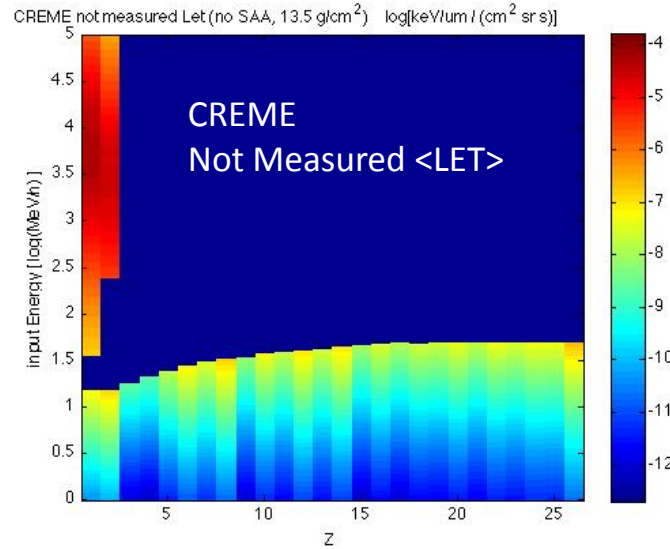
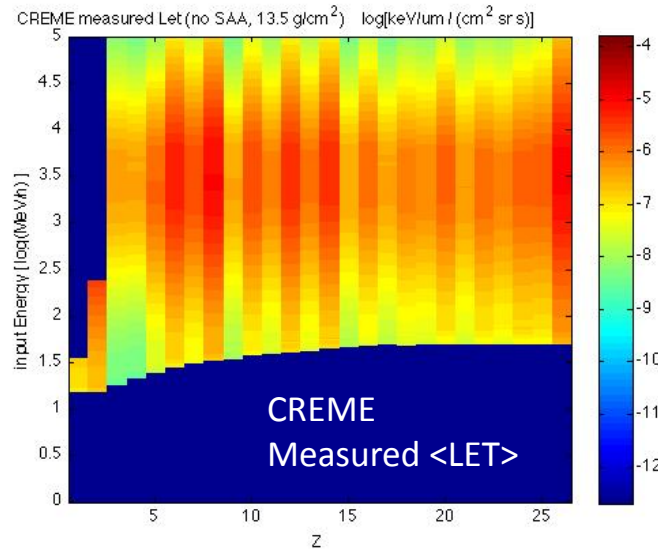


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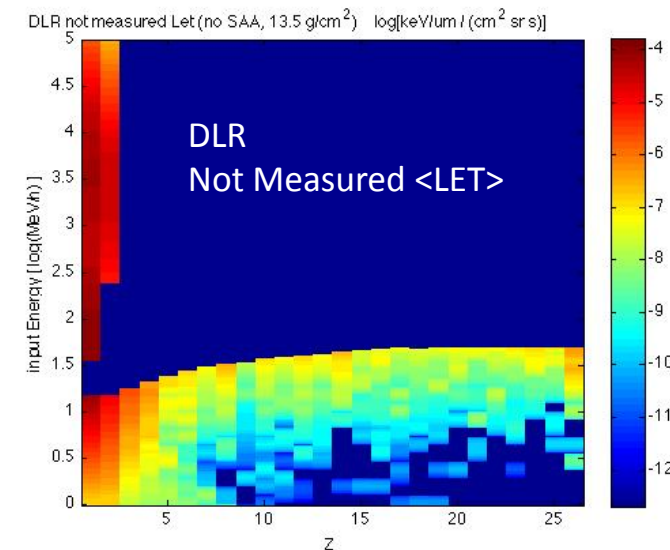
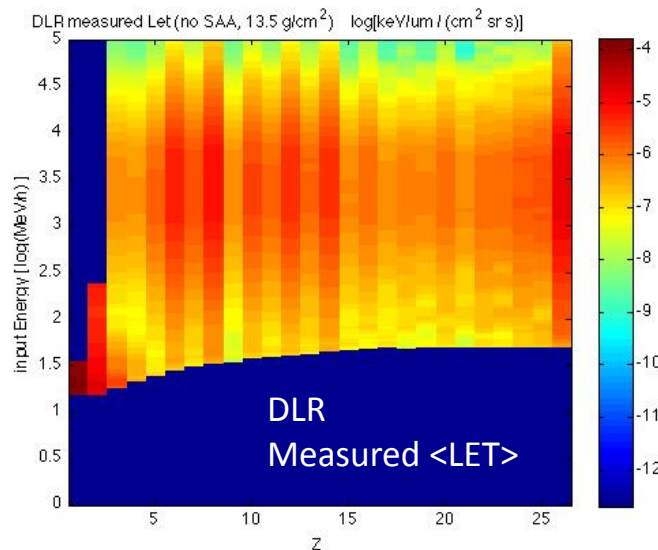
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Mean values over Z

CREME
1 / 2.3

DLR
1 / 2.7



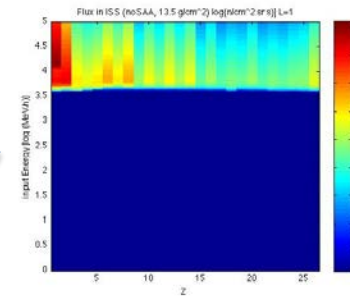
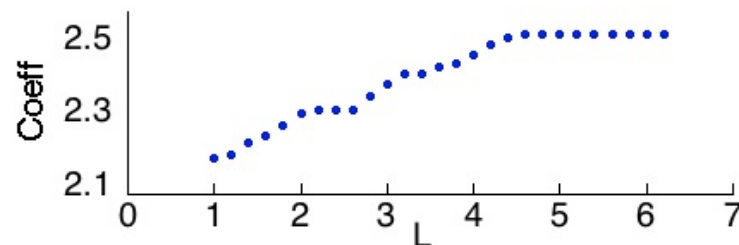
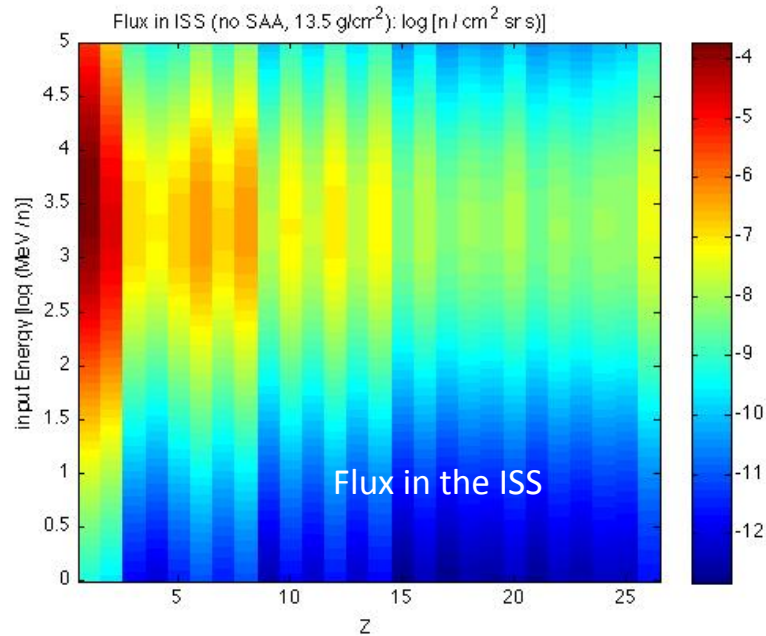
The following results use the CREME simulation. Similar work is in progress with DLR model



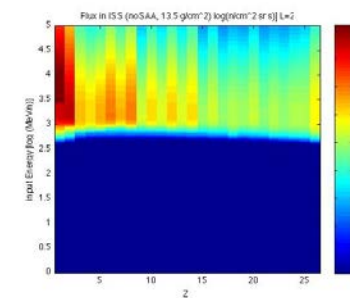
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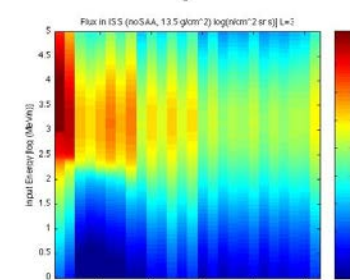
Constructing the L – dependent calibration coefficient



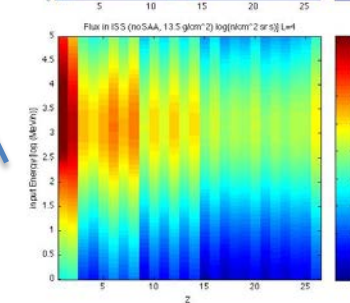
$L = 1.0 \pm 0.1$



$L = 2.0 \pm 0.1$



$L = 3.0 \pm 0.1$



$L = 4.0 \pm 0.1$



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DOSTEL calibration

- DOSTEL counting rate should be divided by the GF to obtain the flux (which is independent by the detector and assumes isotropy).
- The amount of energy released by showers (most likely due to the impact of radiation on close by hardware) in DosTel is considered and cannot be discriminated.
- Above a pre-set electronic threshold all signals are considered particles (noise is assumed negligible).



Common datamatrix



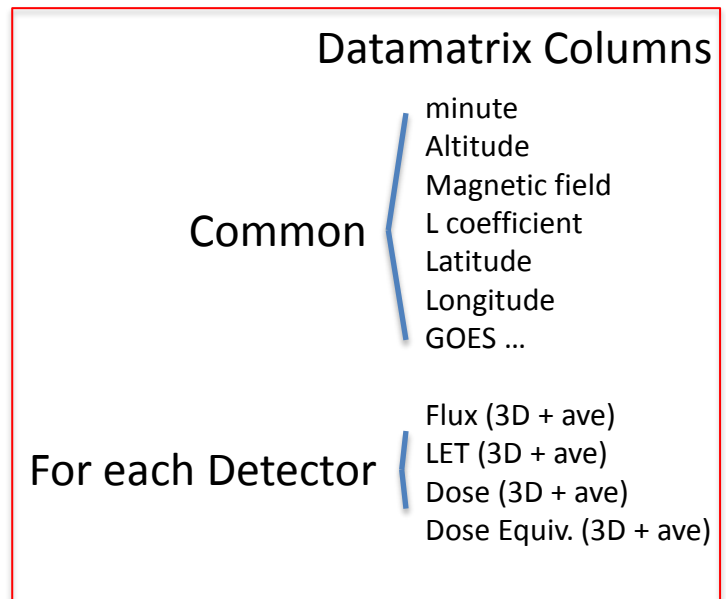
A common datamatrix allows to exploit together the calibrated data coming from the two detectors:

- data should be linked to the same time points: an interpolation is used (linear interpolation)

→ we used a 1 min – step time vector.

- a number of ancillary data is merged in the same dataset:

→ altitude
B
L (*McIlwain's coordinate*)
Latitude
Longitude

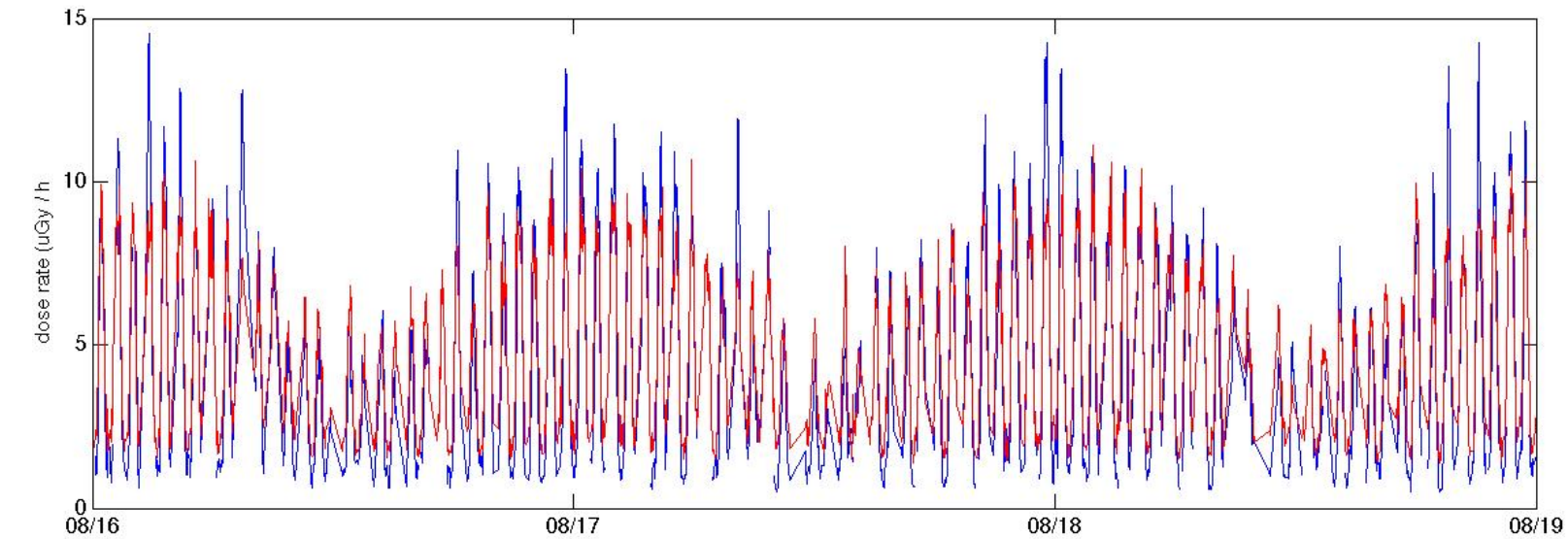


- complementary data (such as from GOES) should be, if possible, merged in the dataset

NOTE: in the following results only GCR data are shown, the SAA contribution is taken out:
GCR radiation at high L (low rigidity cut off) measured in LEO is mimicking deep space radiation



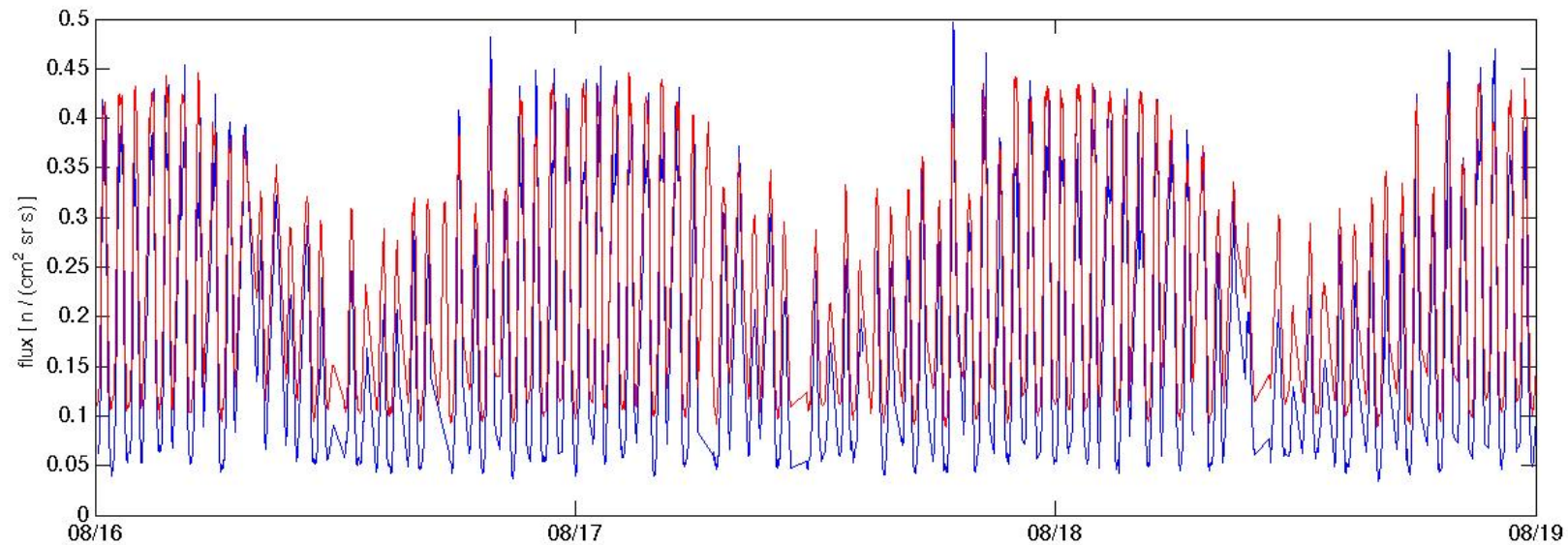
3 days in the test period



Dose rate

RED: DosTel2

BLUE: ALTEA



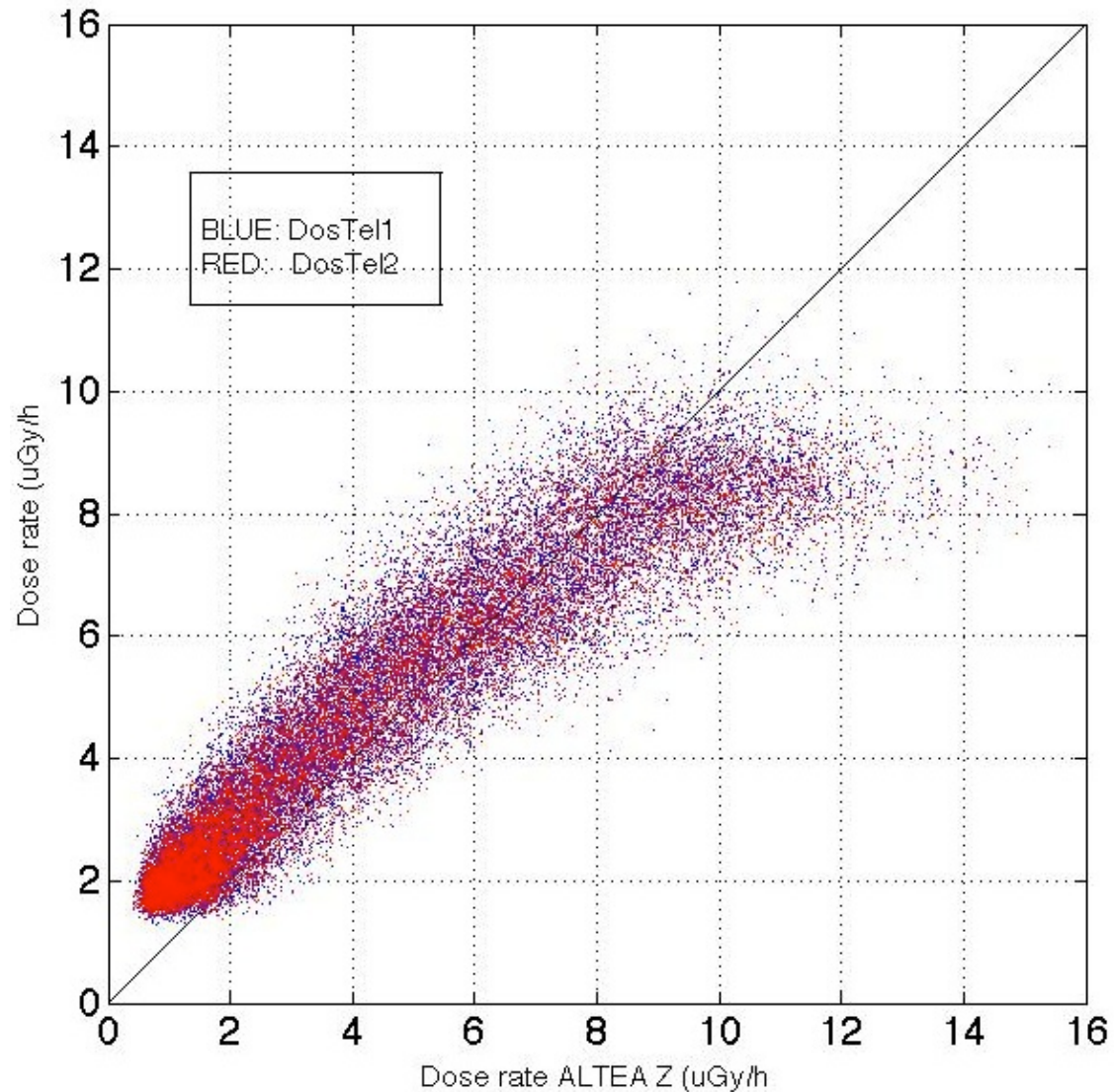
Flux



Comparison during test period



Aug 10th 2012 to Aug 31st 2012 – quiet sun (GCR)





Lessons ... to be learned



The agreement between ALTEA and DOSTEL data, after calibration, is remarkable.

➔ The most evident discrepancy is shown at low values of L:
(low L – high rigidity cut off – low latitude – low counting rates)

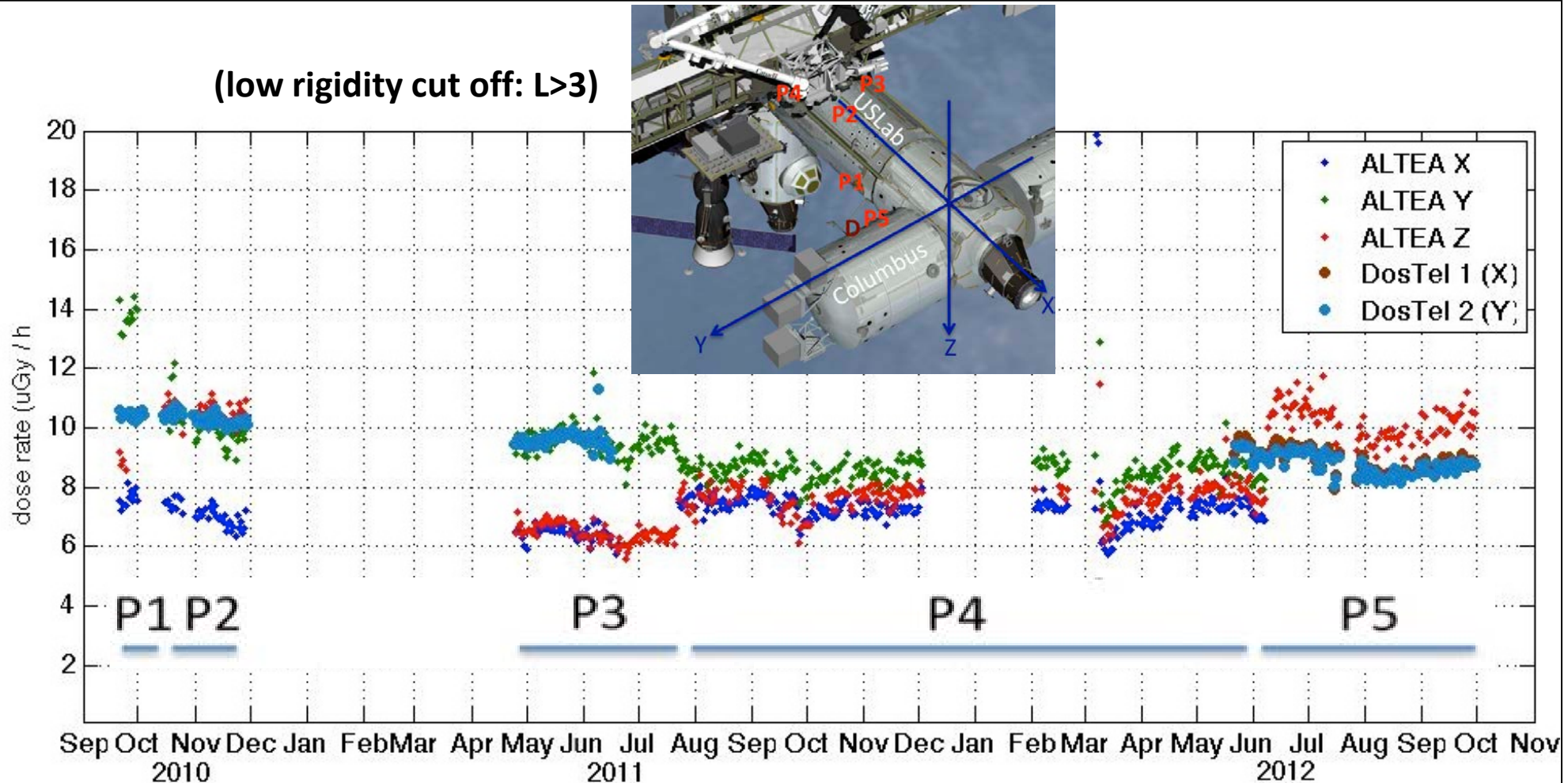
Possible causes (under investigation):

- Model used in the calibration to be improved (1st candidate: CREME transport function) ?
- Missing particles by ALTEA, non taken into account by the calibration (namely secondary e , π , ...) ?
- Multiple hits (showers) detected by DOSTEL (these are selected out by ALTEA) ?
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This disagreement, however, is not crucial for our aim today, concerning mostly high L values



Comparison (dose) over the full period ($L > 3$)



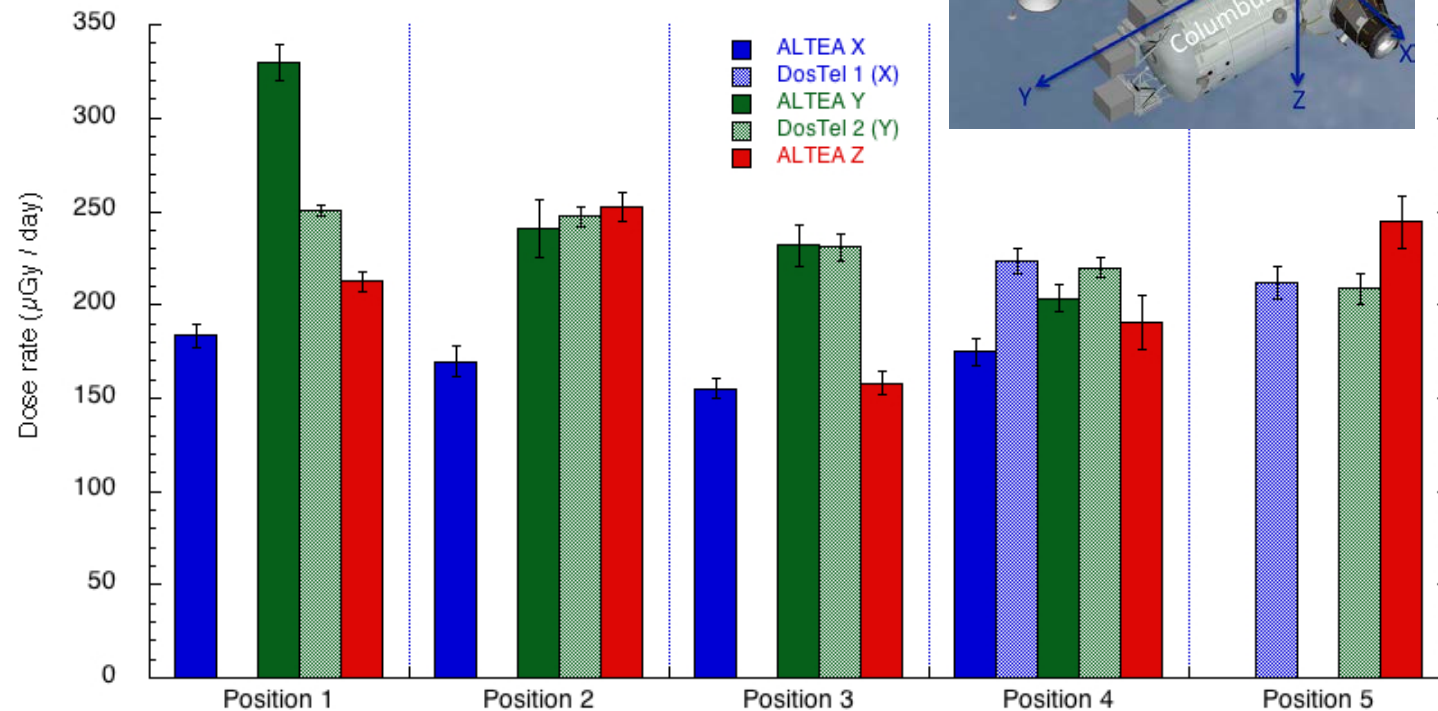
Note: P1 – P5 are the 5 measurement sites for ALTEA



Doses in GCR (low rigidity cut off: $L>3$)



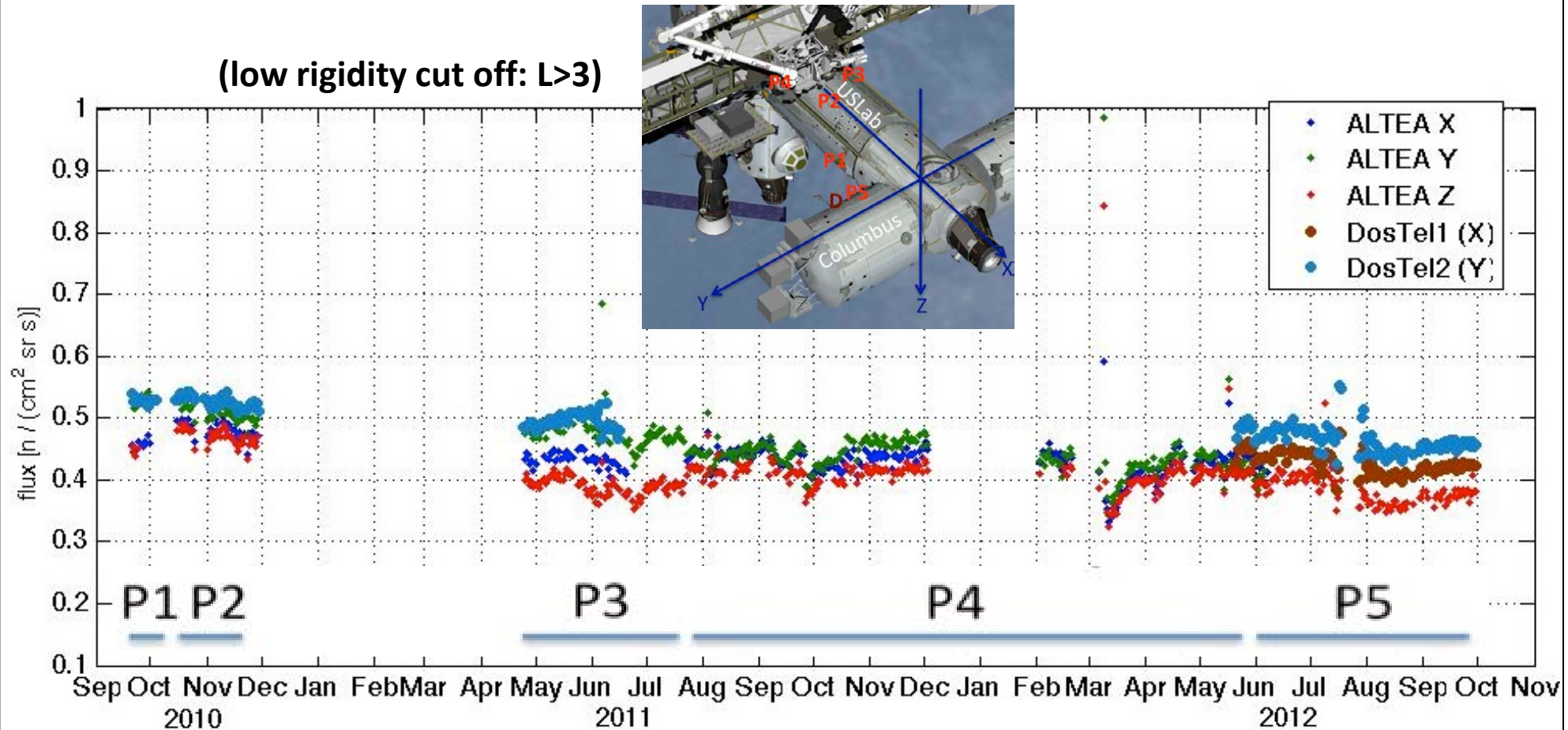
GCR($L>3$)



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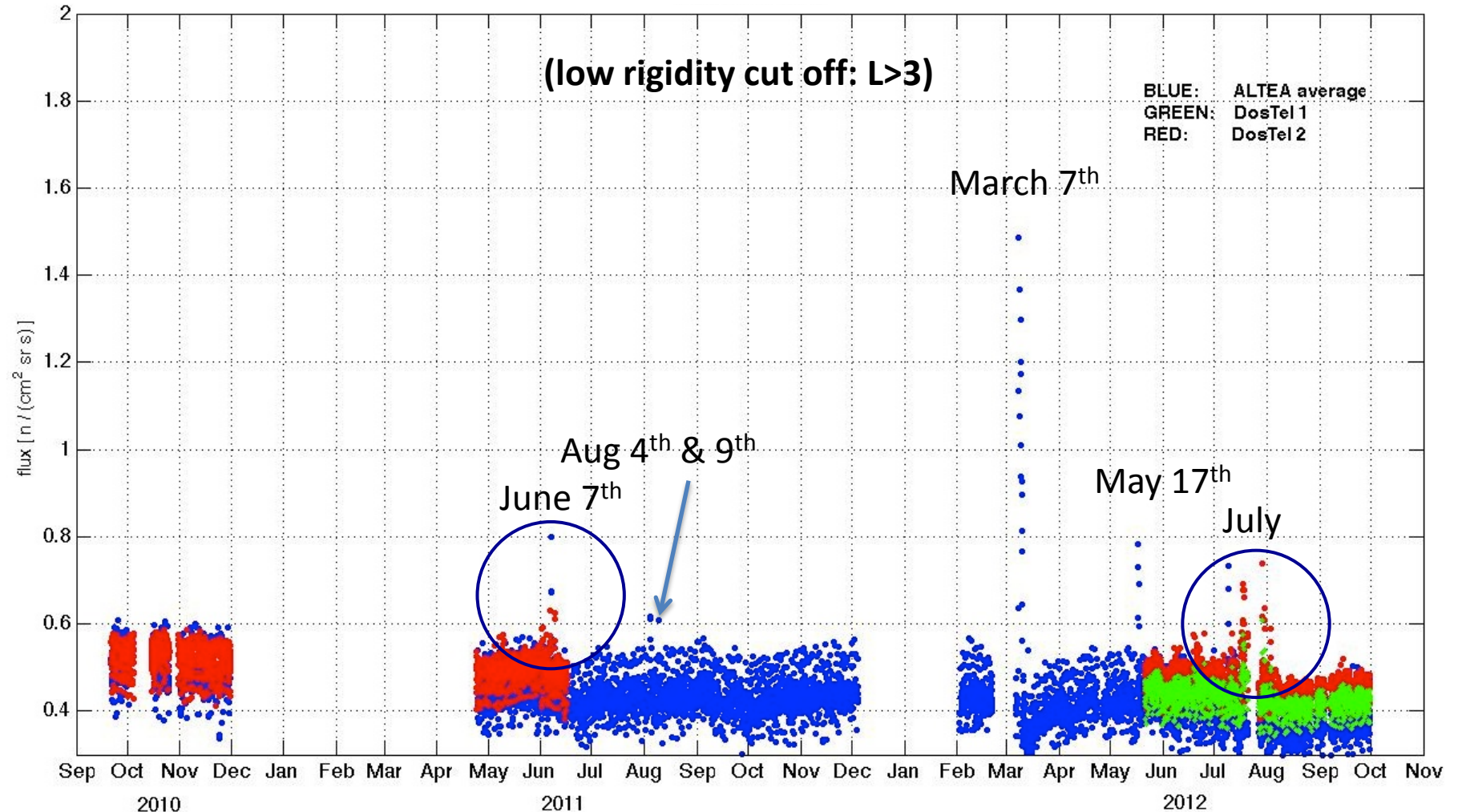
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Work in progress: search for SPEs



Note: each data point represents the 9-min average during high Latitude passages with $L > 3$

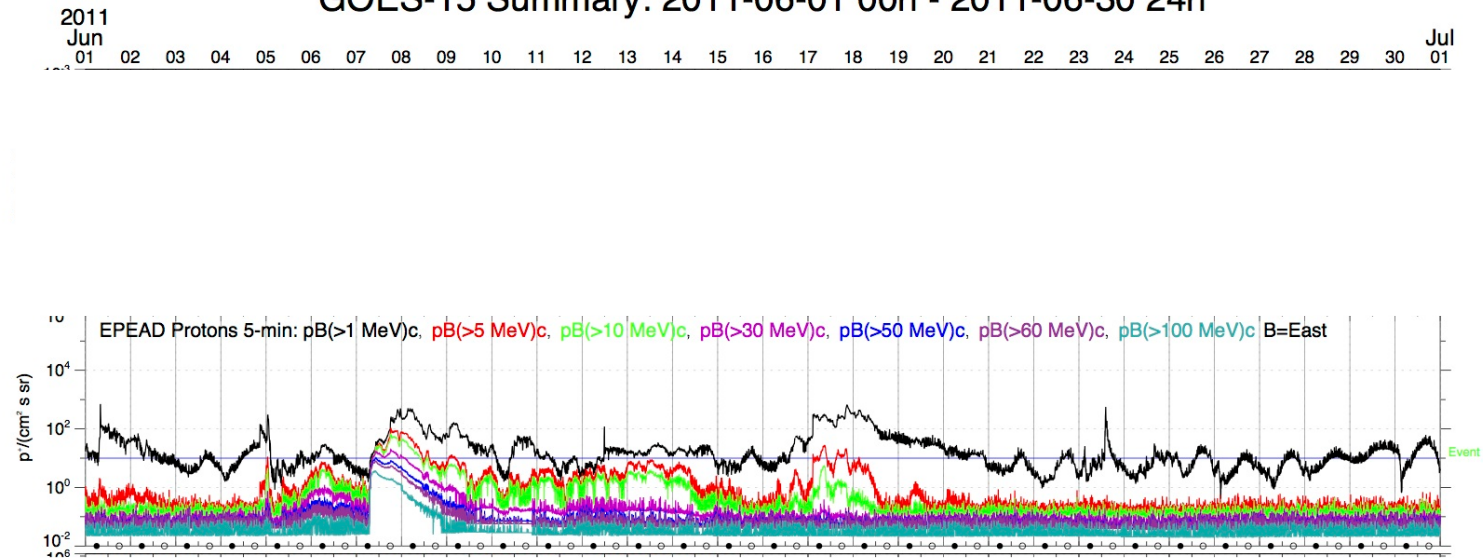




GOES Summary June 2011

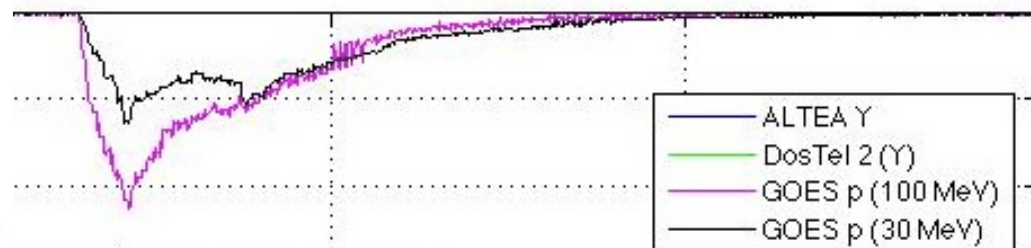
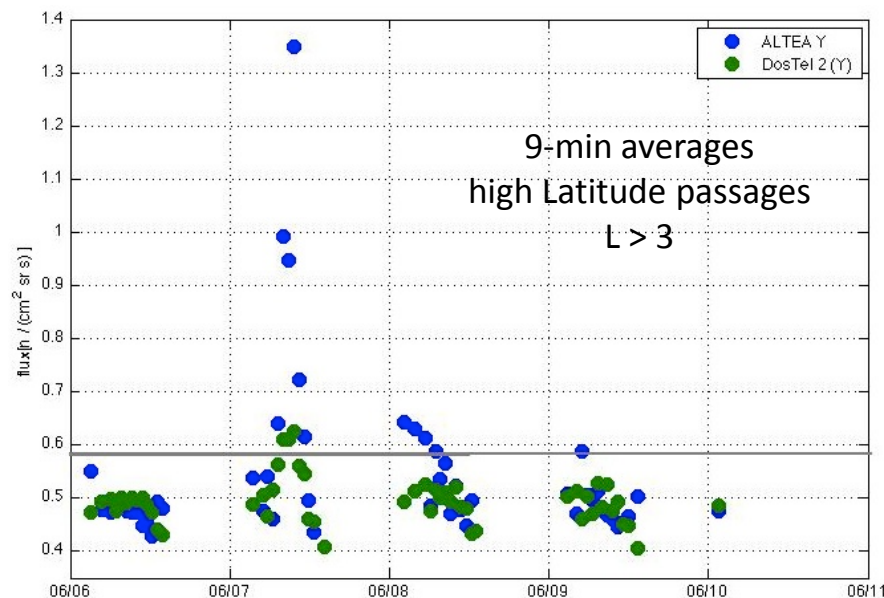


GOES-15 Summary: 2011-06-01 00h - 2011-06-30 24h





Solar Particle Event in June 2011

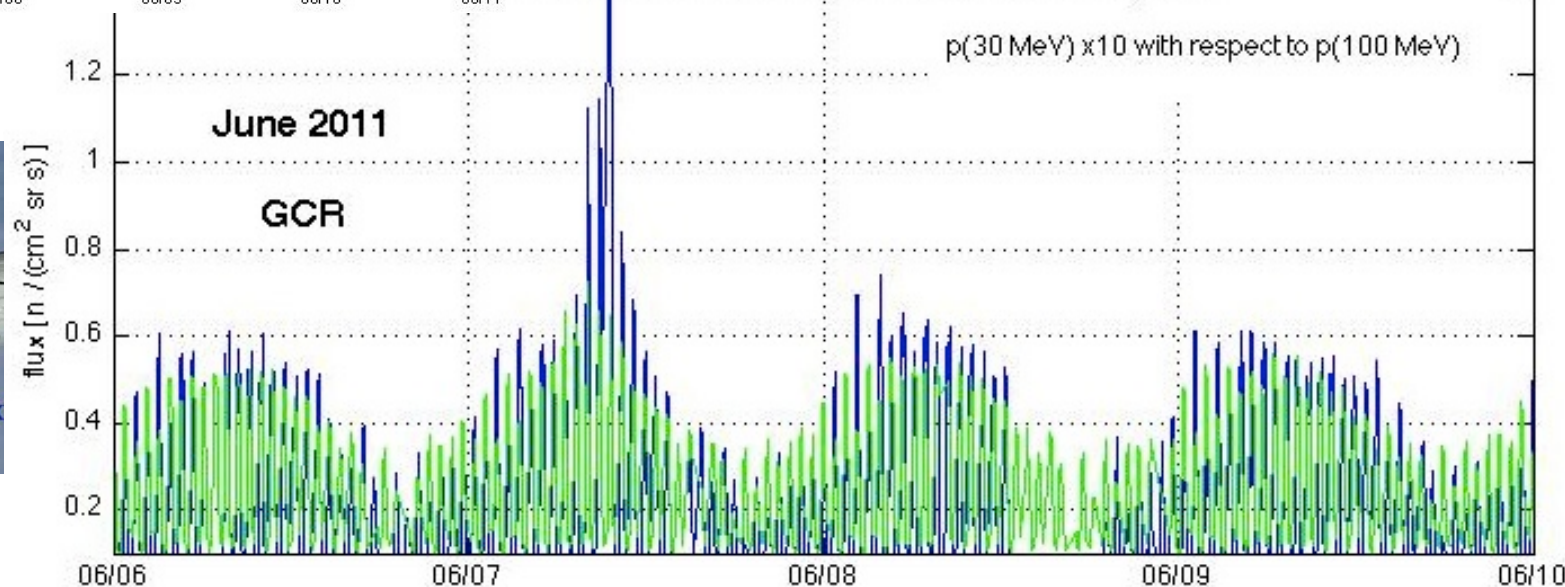
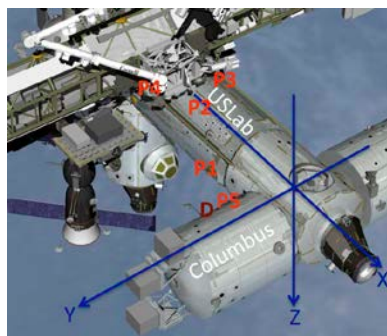


Note:

GOES: arbitrary units

$p(30 \text{ MeV}) \times 10$ with respect to $p(100 \text{ MeV})$

ALTEA in P3



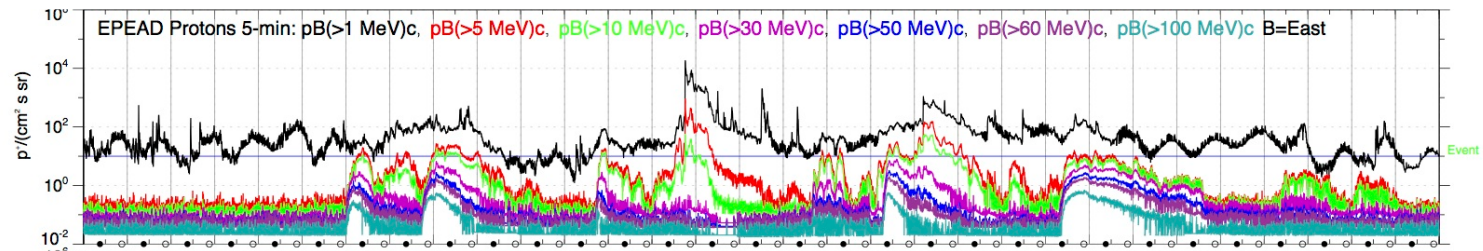


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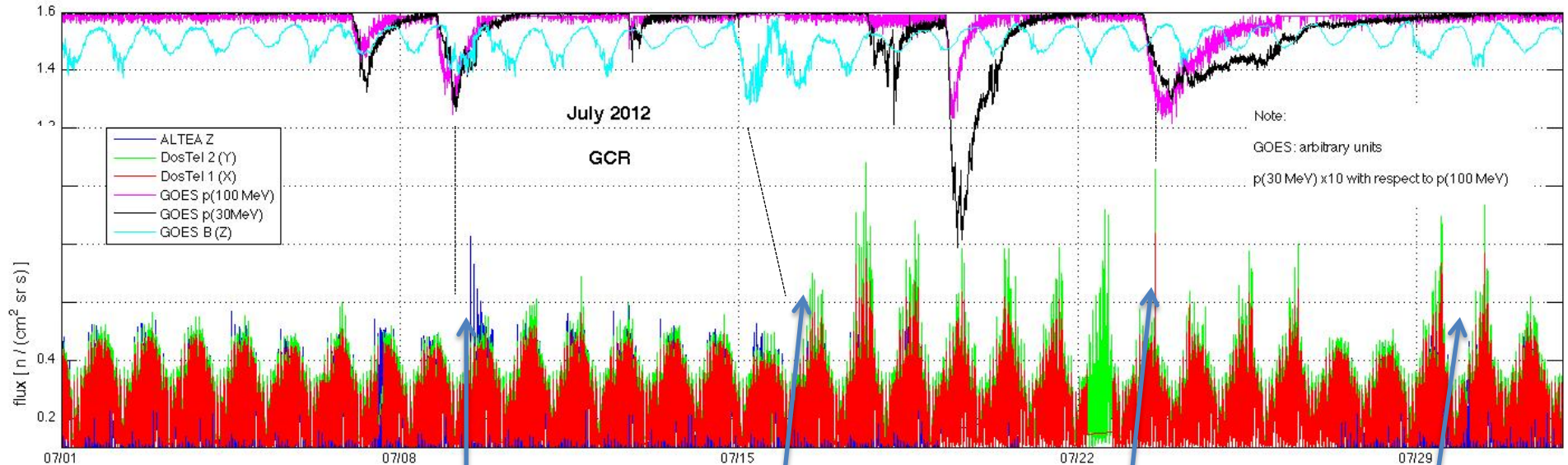
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2012
Jul
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01

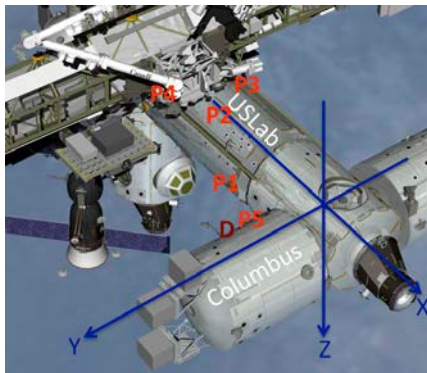




Solar Events in July 2012



ALTEA in P5 (only Z)



*ALTEA measures SPE
when gets in high L
regions
No DosTel response*

*DosTel measures
magnetic Z event (?)
No ALTEA response
(note: ALTEA measures 'Z'
particles)*

*A single orbit
DosTel response to SPE
ALTEA was off*

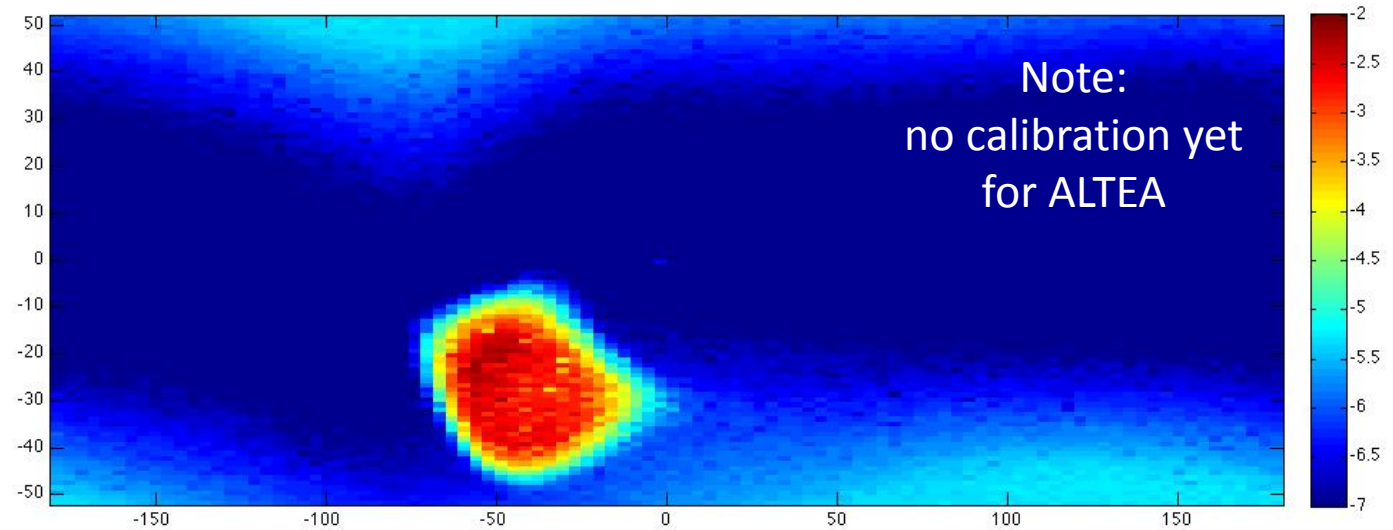
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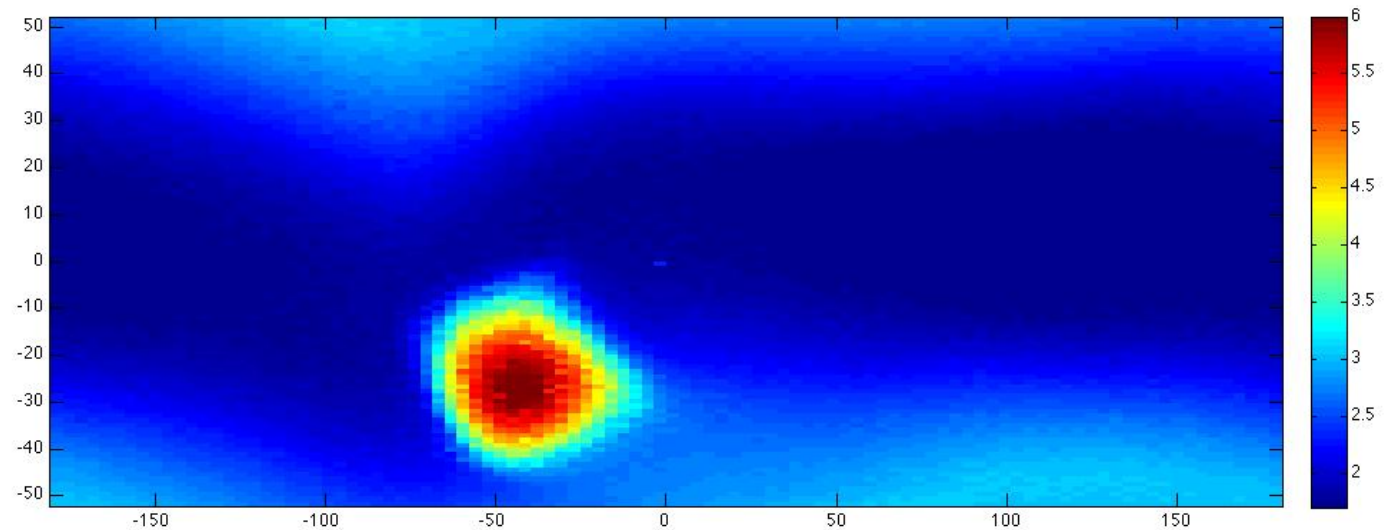
Work in progress: SAA 1



ALTEA, flux

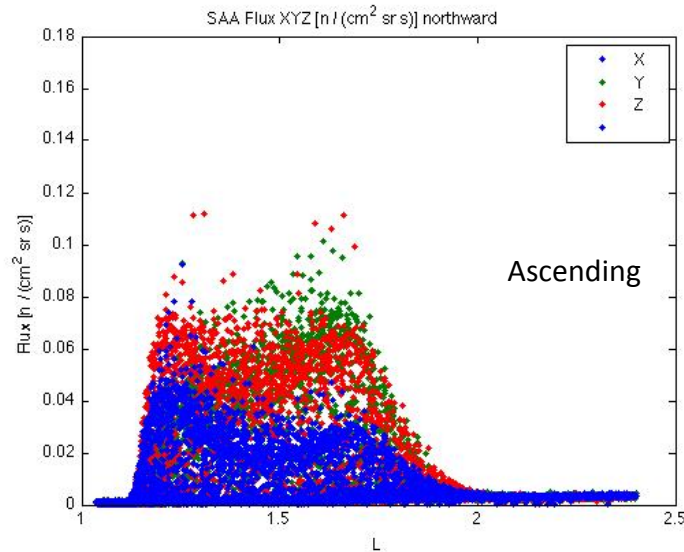
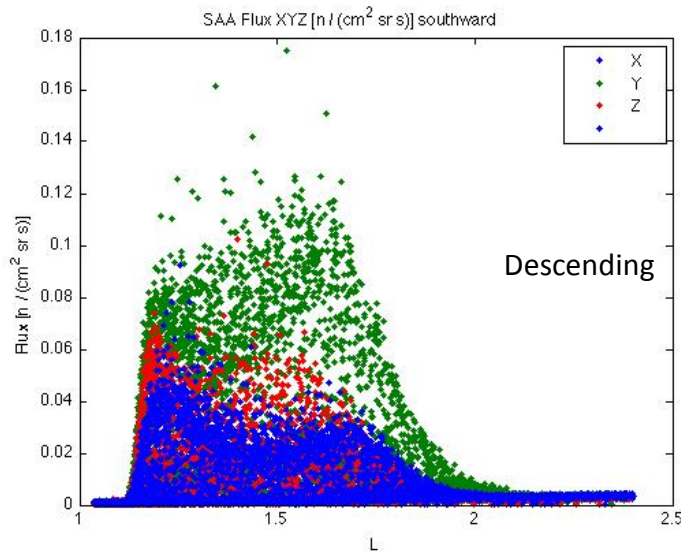
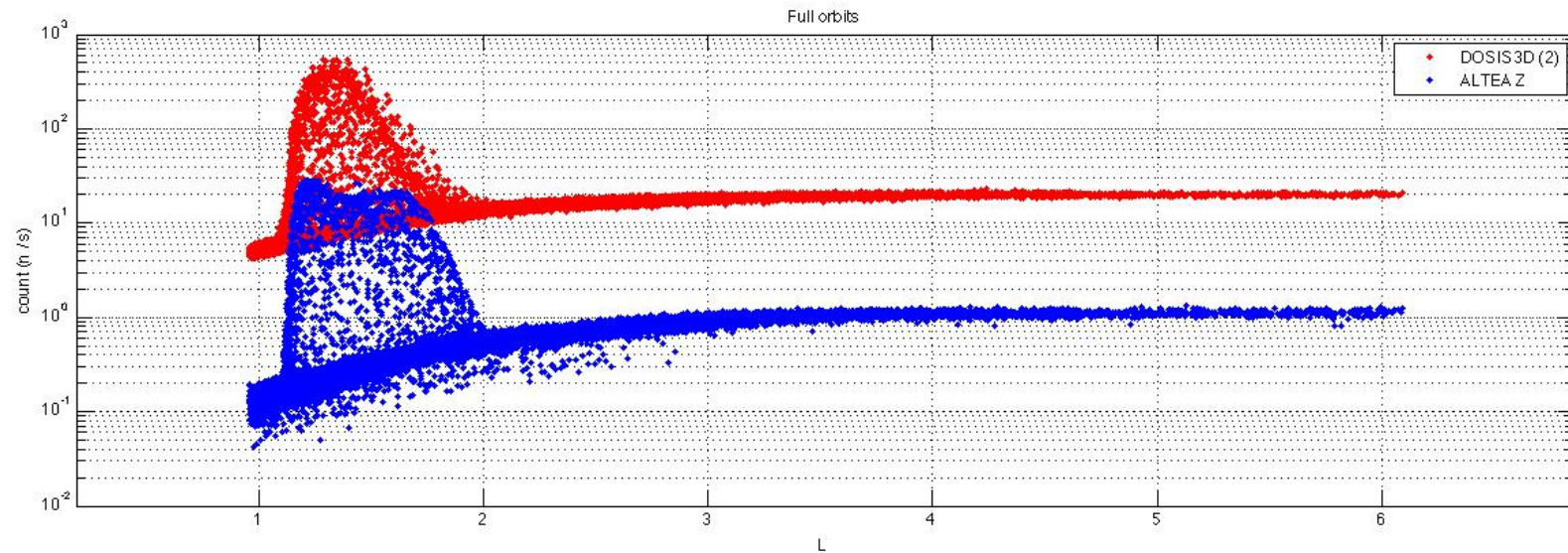


DosTel, count rate





Work in progress: SAA 2



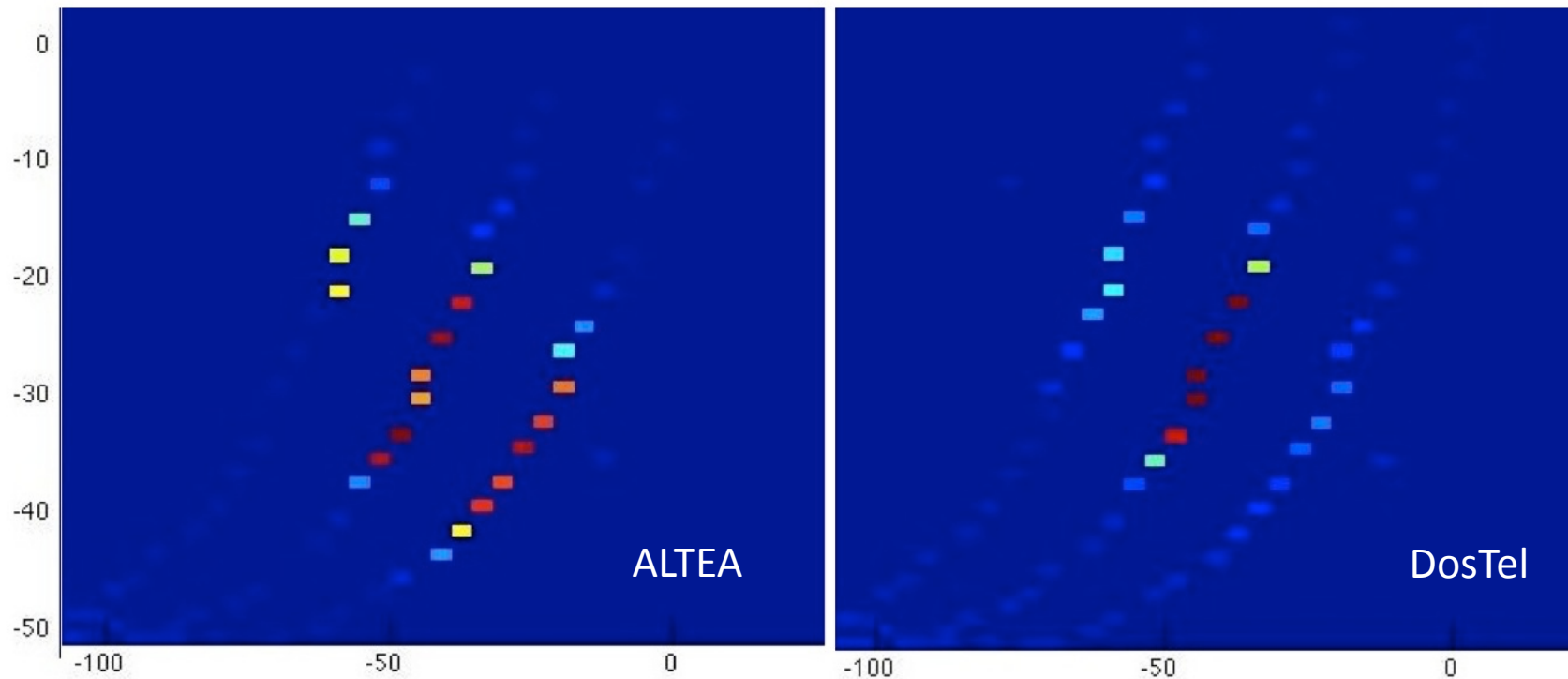
Note the double peak from ALTEA



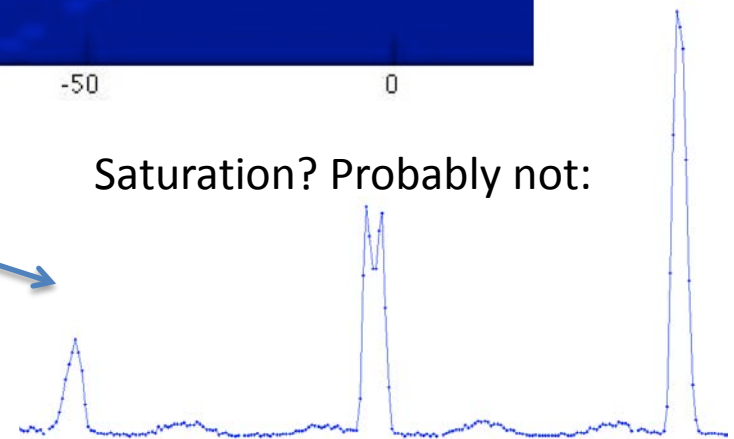
Work in progress: SAA 3



A triple passage measured by ALTEA (z) and DosTel (y)



Saturation? Probably not:





Work in progress: Search Book 1



ISS

Modulus	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
USLab	Liulin-E094																
USLab	ALTEA																
Columbus	R3DE																
Columbus	DOSTEL-1																
Columbus	DOSTEL-2																
Columbus	ALTEA																
Russ Seg	Liulin-ISS																
Pirs	Liulin-5																
Zvezda	R-16																
Zvezda	DB-8																
Zvezda	R3DR																
MRM1	Liulin-5																

LEO Satellites

Satellite	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Foton-M2	R3D-B2																
Foton-M3	Liulin-Phot																
Foton-M3	R3D-B3																
Foton-M4	RD3-B3																
Bion-M1	RD3-B3																
Resurs-DK1	PAMELA																

Moon Satellites

Satellite	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Chandrayaan	RADOM																
LRO	CRaTER																

Mars Satellites

Satellite	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Odyssey	MARIE																

Mars cruise

System	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Curiosity	MSL-RAD																

Mars surface

System	detector	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Curiosity	MSL-RAD																



Work in progress: Search Book 2



ISS

2009

Modulus	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
USLab	Liulin-E094												
USLab	ALTEA						1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Columbus	R3DE									3			
Columbus	DOSTEL-1							18					
Columbus	DOSTEL-2							18					
Columbus	ALTEA												
Russ Seg	Liulin-JSS												
Pirs	Liulin-5		17	...			...	...	25	...		18	28
Zvezda	R-16												
Zvezda	DB-8												
Zvezda	R3DR			11									
MRM1	Liulin-5												

LEO Satellites

Satellite	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foton-M2	R3D-B2												
Foton-M3	Liulin-Phot												
Foton-M3	R3D-B3												
Foton-M4	RD3-B3												
Bion-M1	RD3-B3												
Resurs-DK1	PAMELA									10			

Moon Satellites

Satellite	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chandrayaan	RADOM									29			
LRO	CRATER									15			

Mars Satellites

Satellite	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Odyssey	MARIE												

Mars Cruise

System	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Curiosity	MSL-RAD												

Mars Surface

System	detector	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Curiosity	MSL-RAD												



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DETECTOR NAME

ALTEA

Sensor Material

Silicon

Detector kind

Telescope

Sensor shape and number (if telescope)

Rectangular, 6

Sensor Dimensions

16 cm x 8 cm, thickness = 380 μm

Distances between consecutive sensors (if telescope)

3.75 mm, 33.75 mm, 3.75 mm, 33.75 mm, 3.75 mm

Geometrical factor

GF(telescope 1-5) = 230 $\text{cm}^2 \text{sr}$

LET acceptance

3 $\text{keV}/\mu\text{m} \leq \text{LET}(\text{Si}) \leq 700 \text{ keV}/\mu\text{m}$

Energy Deposition Range

Maximum rate

700 s^{-1}

NOTES

The detector system is made of 6 identical telescopes

The 6 telescopes can be deployed in different configurations

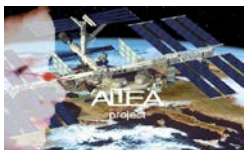
Power unit and digital acquisition unit are in a separate enclosure



Summary and take home messages



- A step by step procedure to merge measurements has been suggested
- Indications about the information needed to go along with the dataset has been provided
(*Note: the original dataset should always be provided too*)
- The importance of the ancillary data (Alt, Lon, Lat, L, B) has been underlined
- The importance of complementary data (GOES ...) has been showed
- Measurements must be merged with knowledge of detailed shielding (CAD of the ISS + information about mass movements)
- Need to perform whenever possible coupled measurements with different devices (same time / site / direction) to have a precise off line comparison and cross correlation
- With all these, survey of the ISS is possible with multiple instruments
- Interesting inputs for the study of the influence of Solar Events in a Spacecraft have been provided, several issues still open
- SAA studies just began, not understood double peak in ALTEA.
- Search Book for active detectors in progress, please send in infos. Passive ... ?



Thank you for your attention