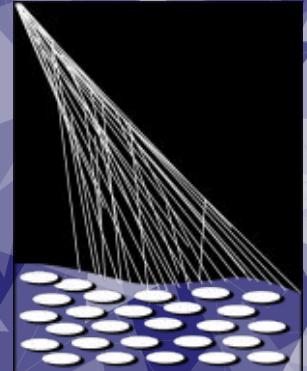


# Observation of the modulation of the galactic cosmic ray flux with solar cycles at the Pierre Auger Observatory.



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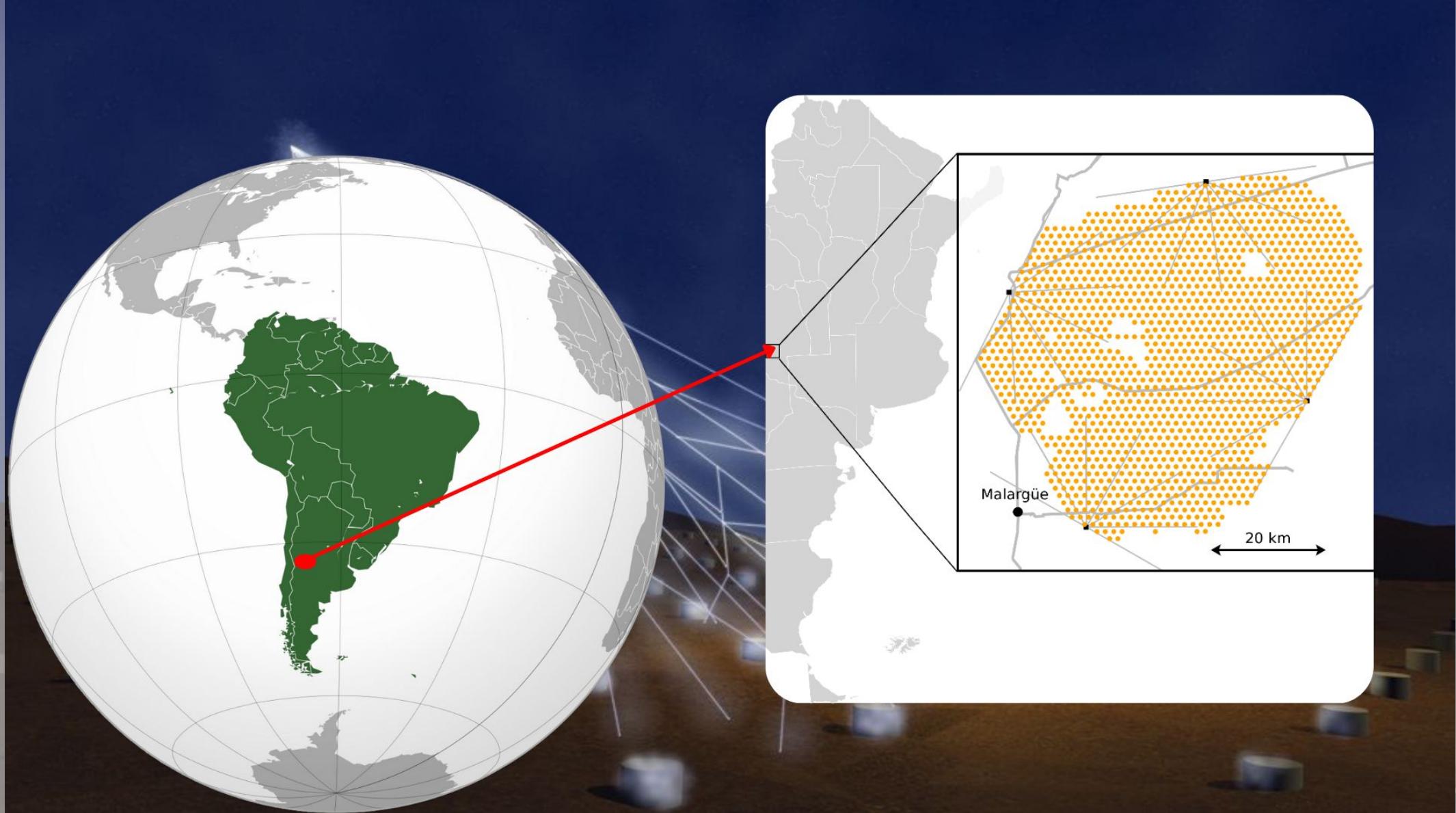


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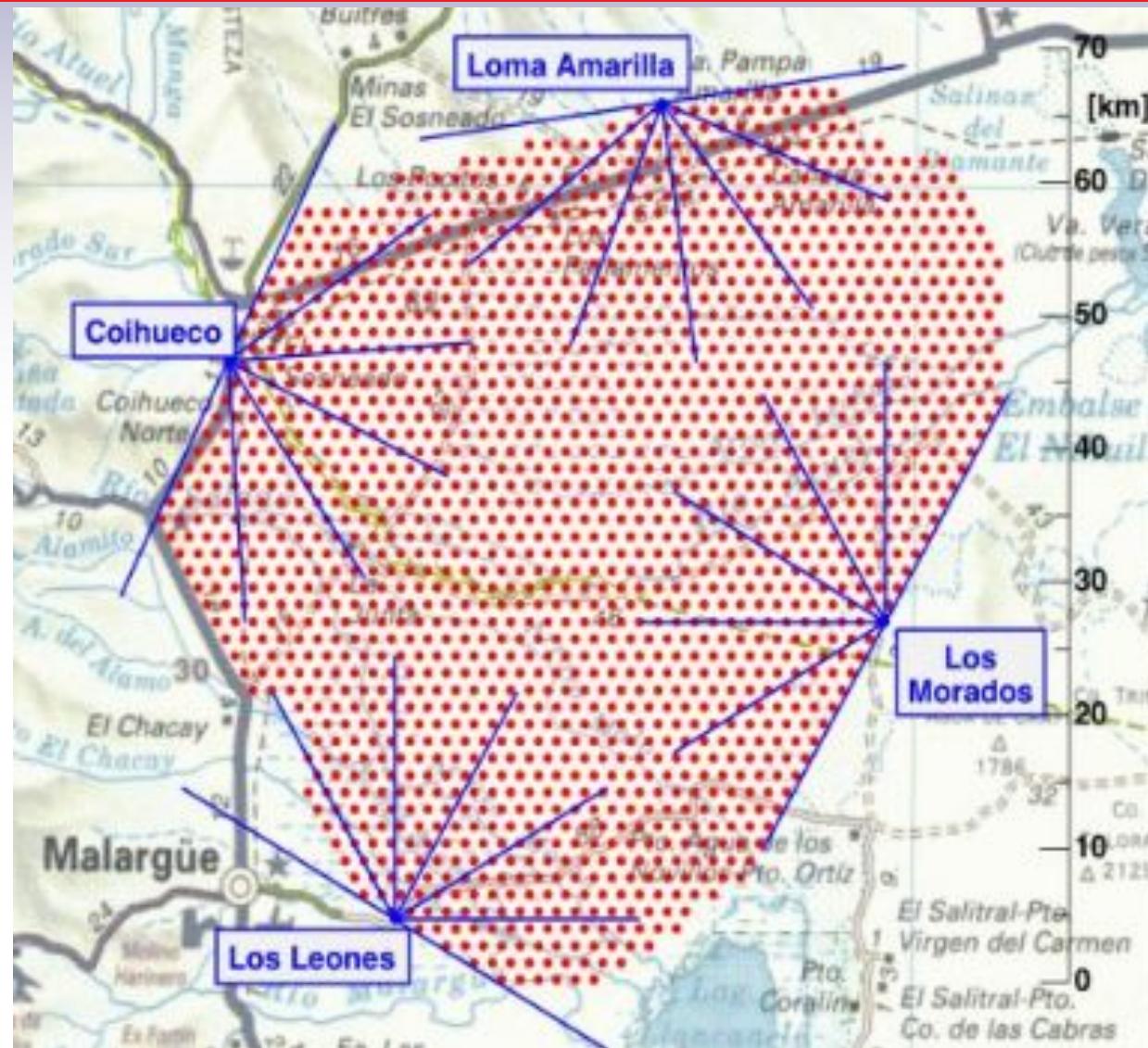
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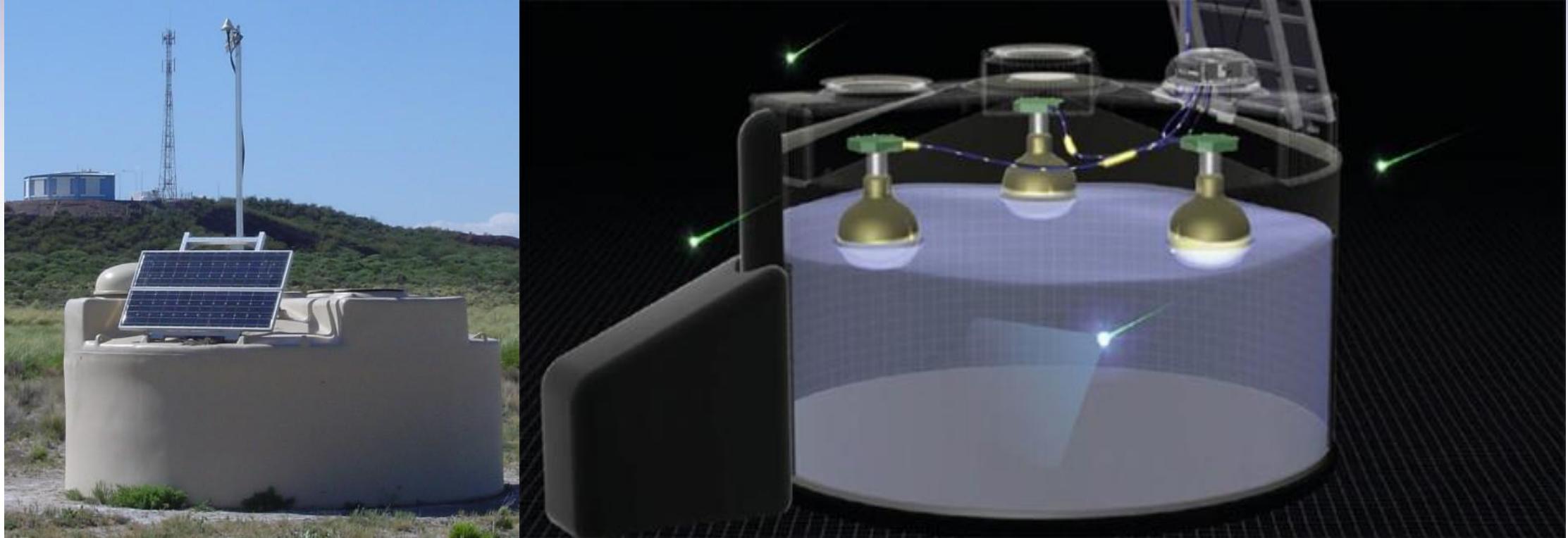
# The Observatory



- set of fluorescence telescopes
- Cherenkov detector



# The surface detector

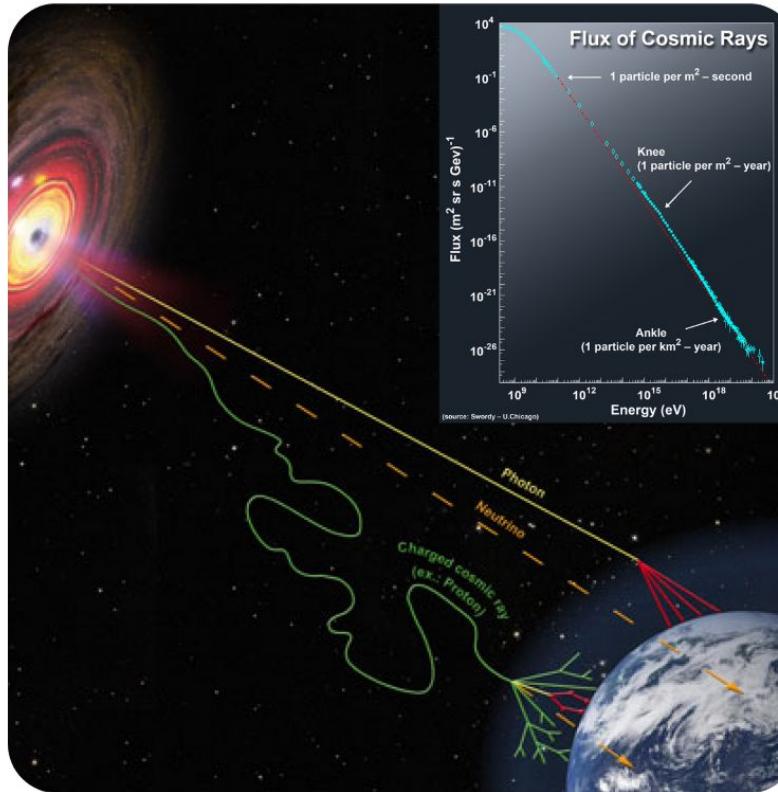


Left is the exterior of a WCD detector located at Pampa Amarilla. Right we see a representation of its interior: When the charged particle enters the water a Cherenkov light cone is produced, these photons are reflected by the detector walls and collected by the PMTs located symmetrically on the upper surface.



# Main purpose

It was designed for the measurement of high energy cosmic rays:



Two low-energy detection modes were subsequently implemented: *scaler* and *histogram* mode.



Gamma ray burst



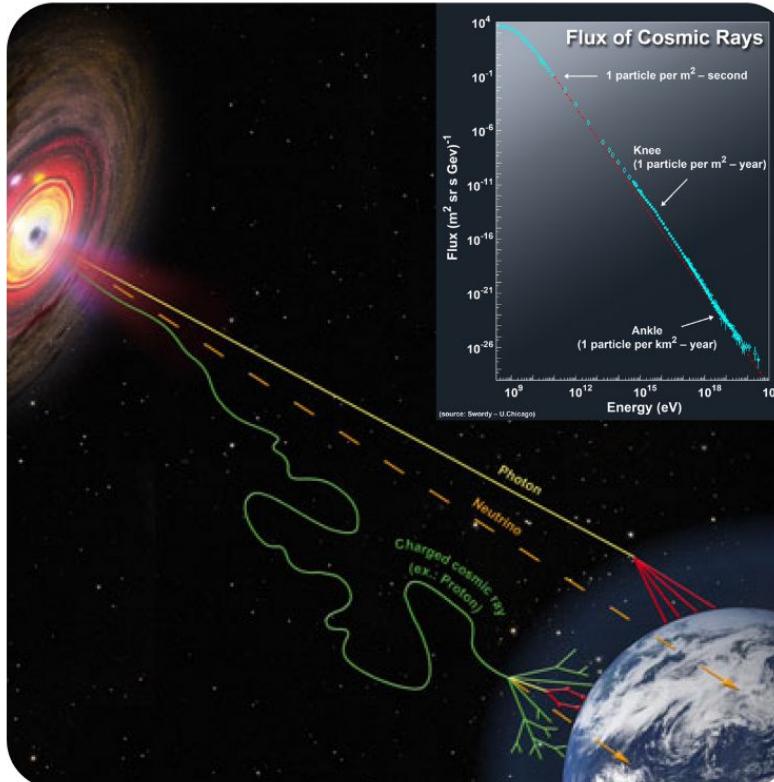
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Space weather



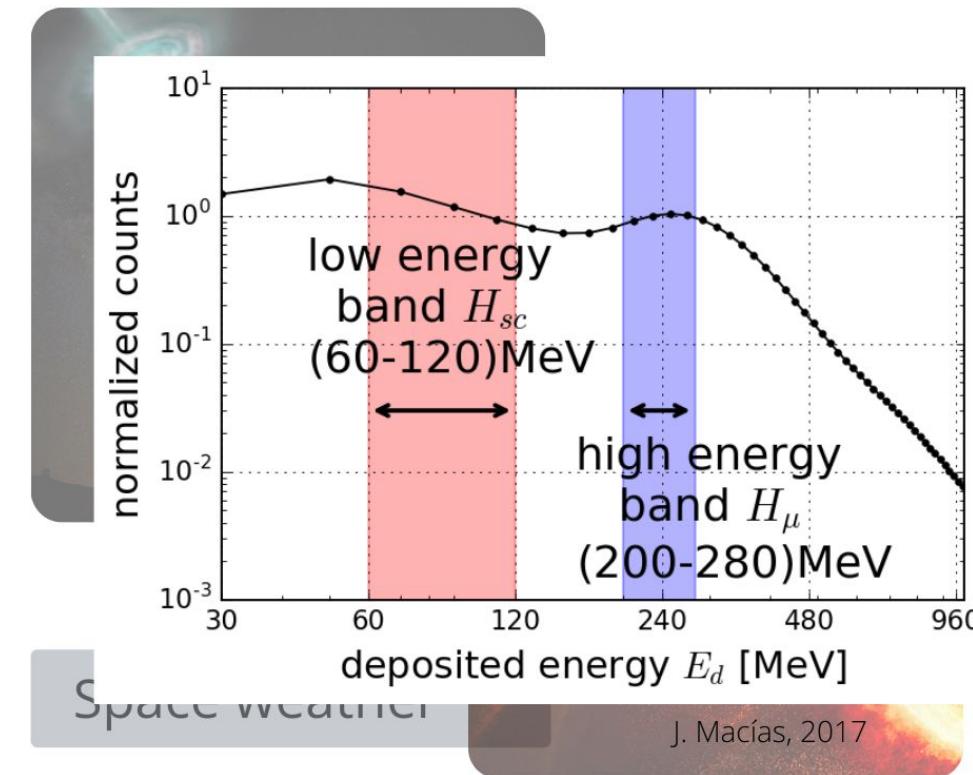
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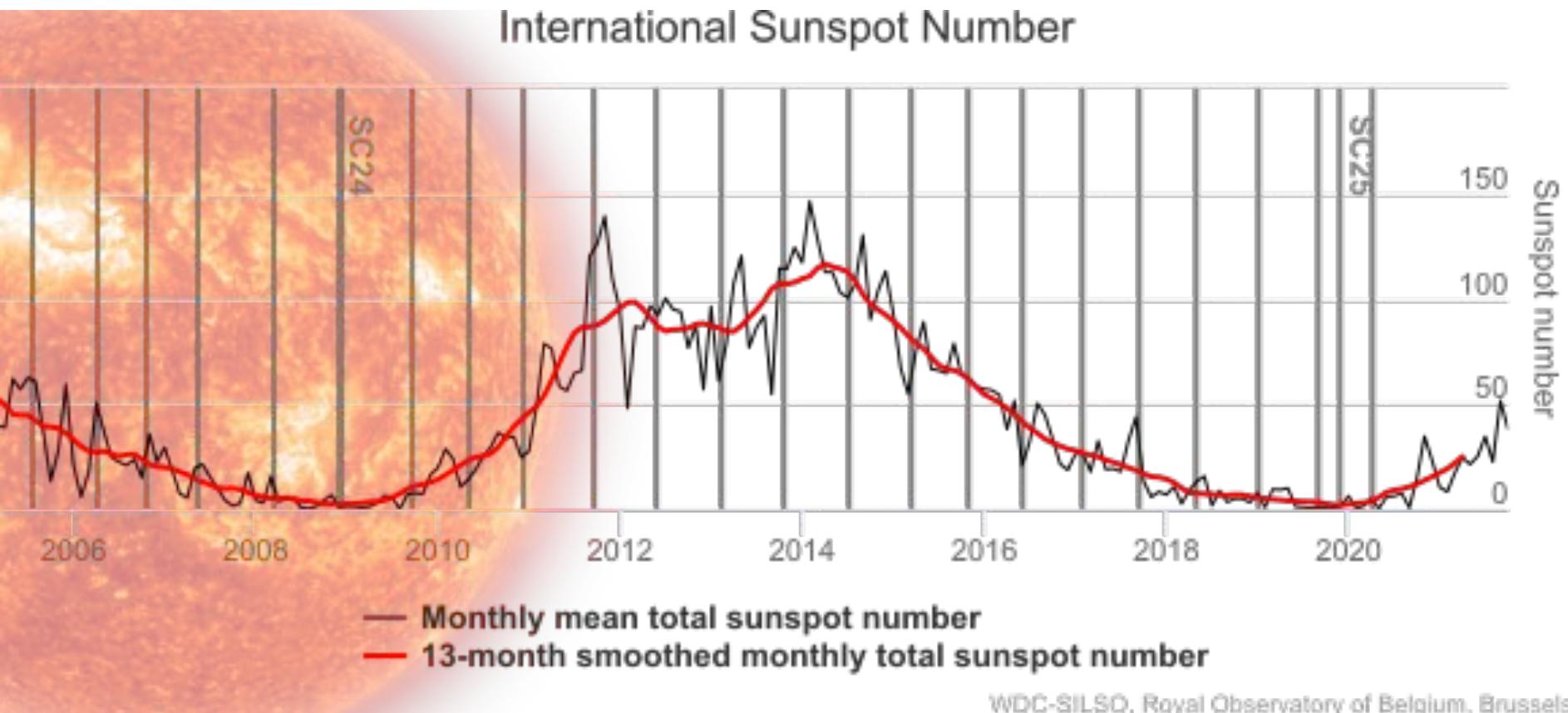
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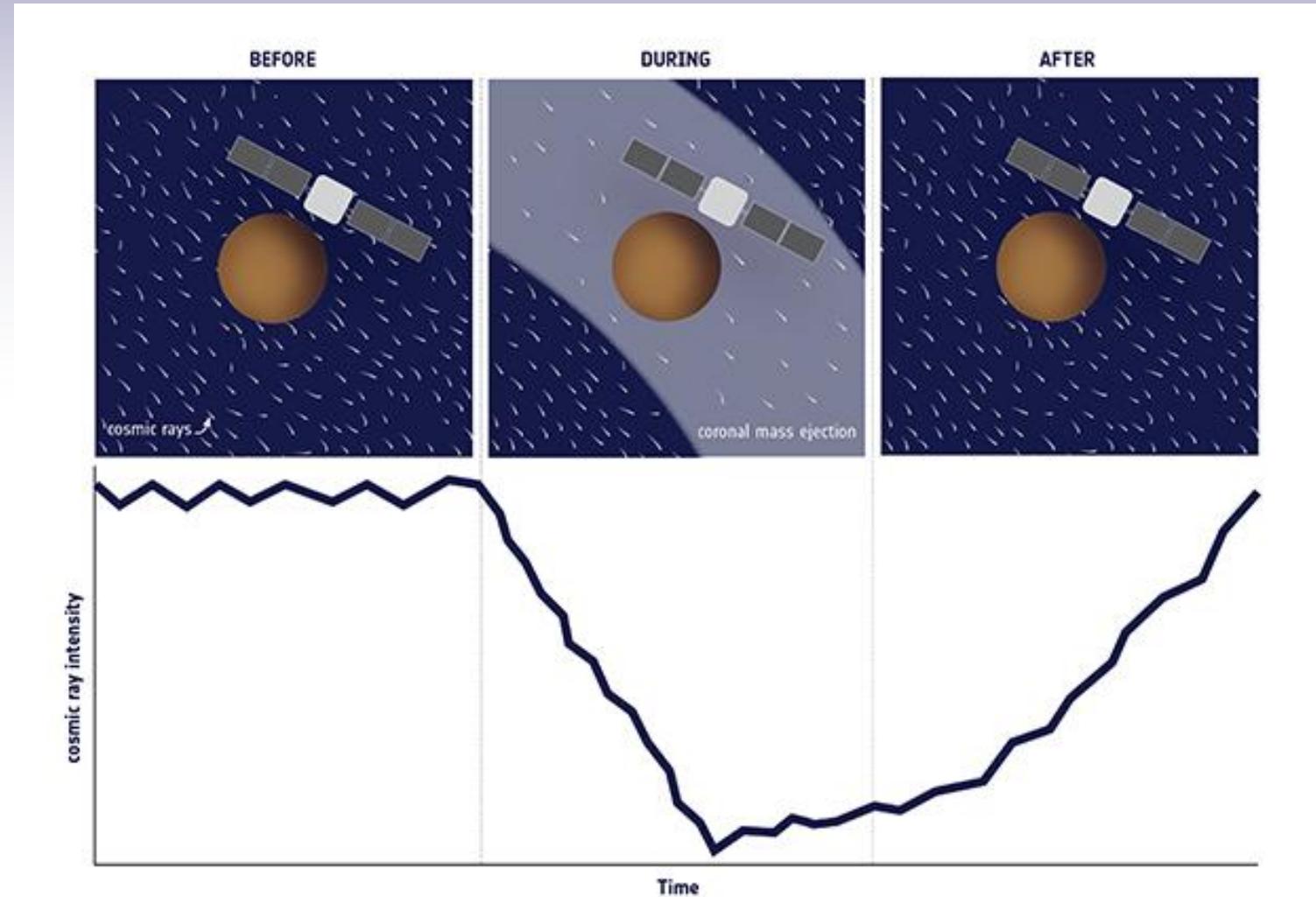
# Specific objective



What is the observatory's ability to measure short- and long-term solar activity?



# Solar modulation of GCR

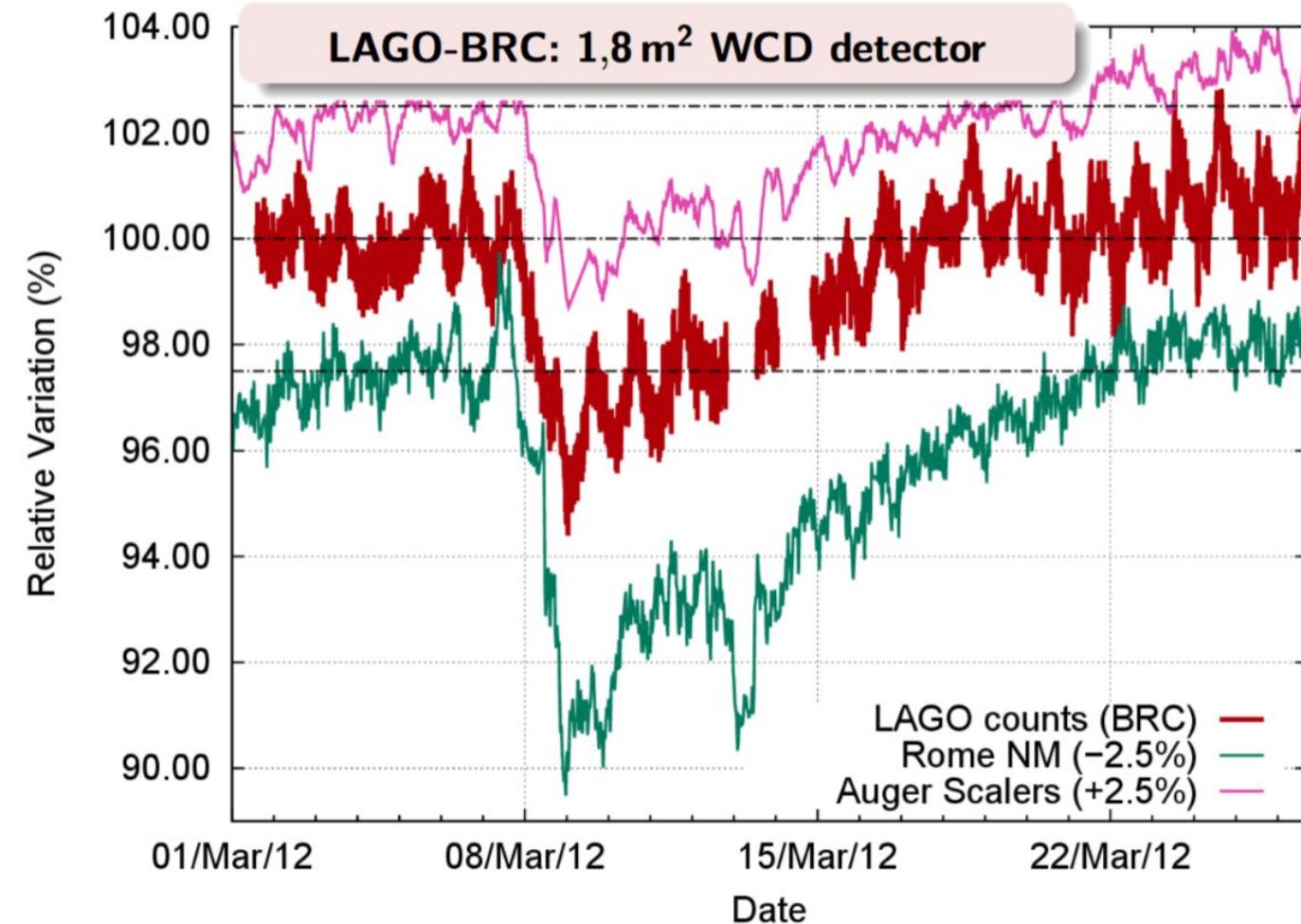


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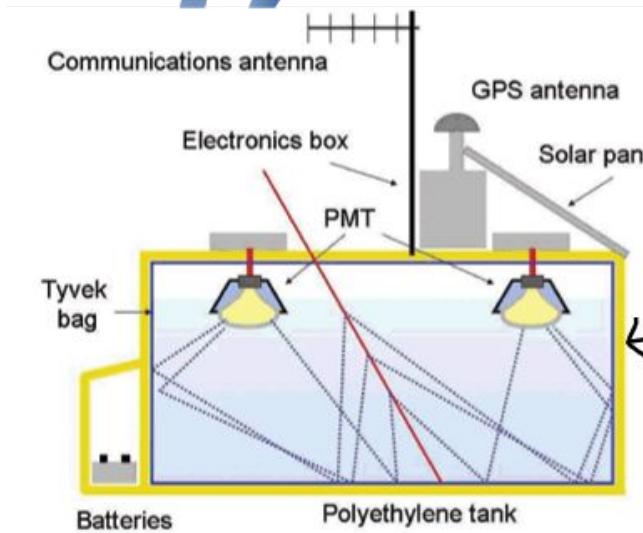
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08/March/2012: Forbush event ← single LAGO detector

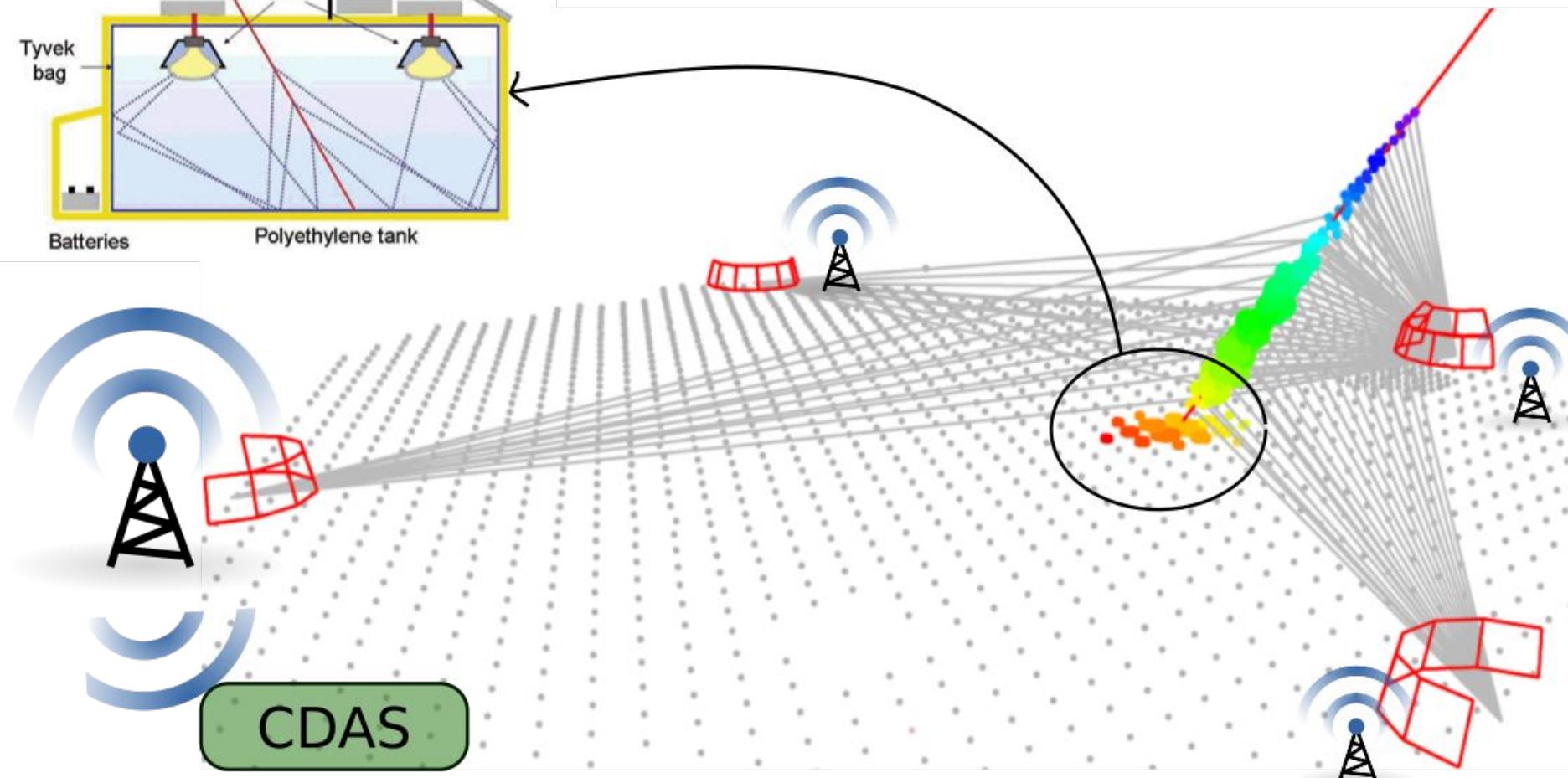




# Data treatment



Each surface detector sends their data to the nearest anthena





# Data treatment

Corrections on the single-station level

Loma Amarilla

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Data from stations with three well working PMTs

HEAT

Coihueco

SD-750

Los Morados

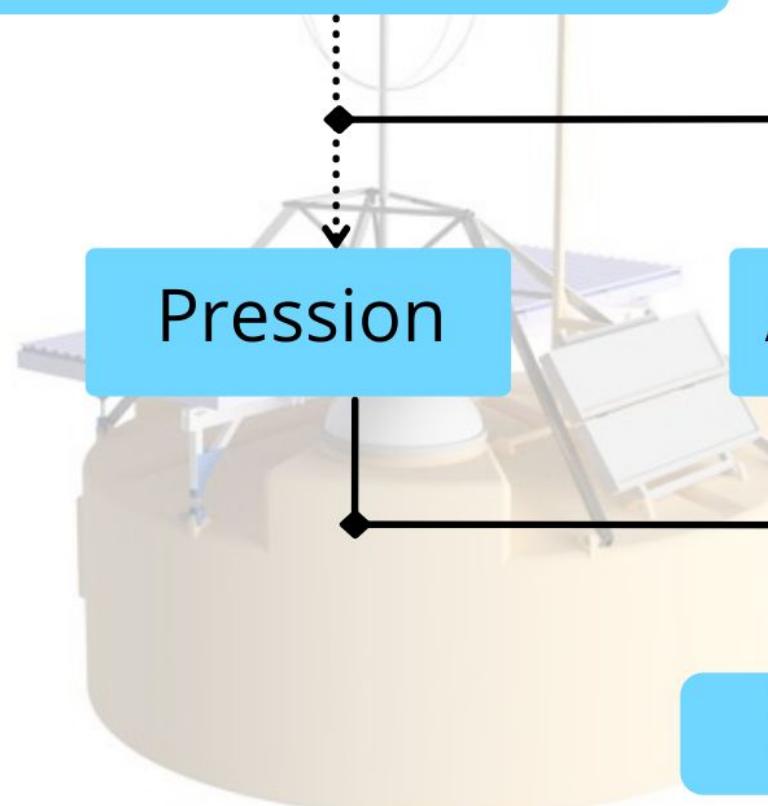
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Altitude

Area-over-peak

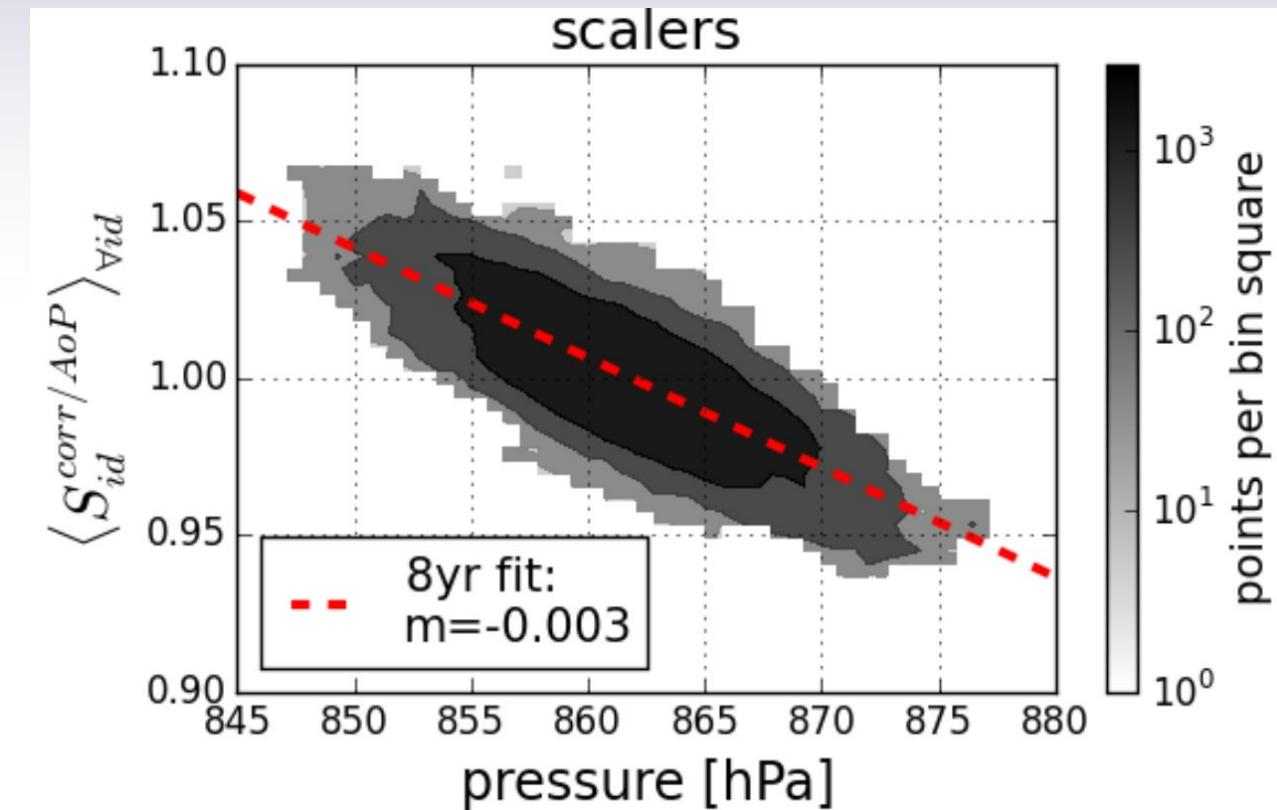
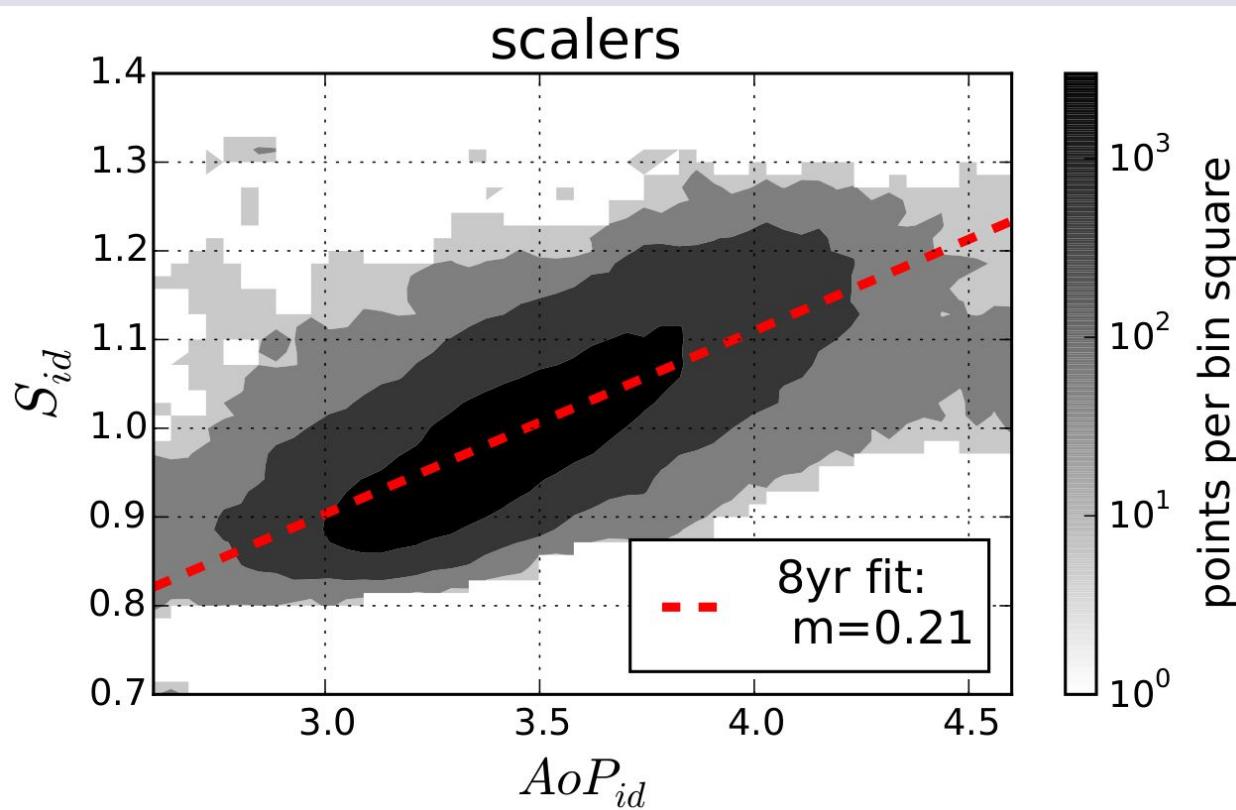
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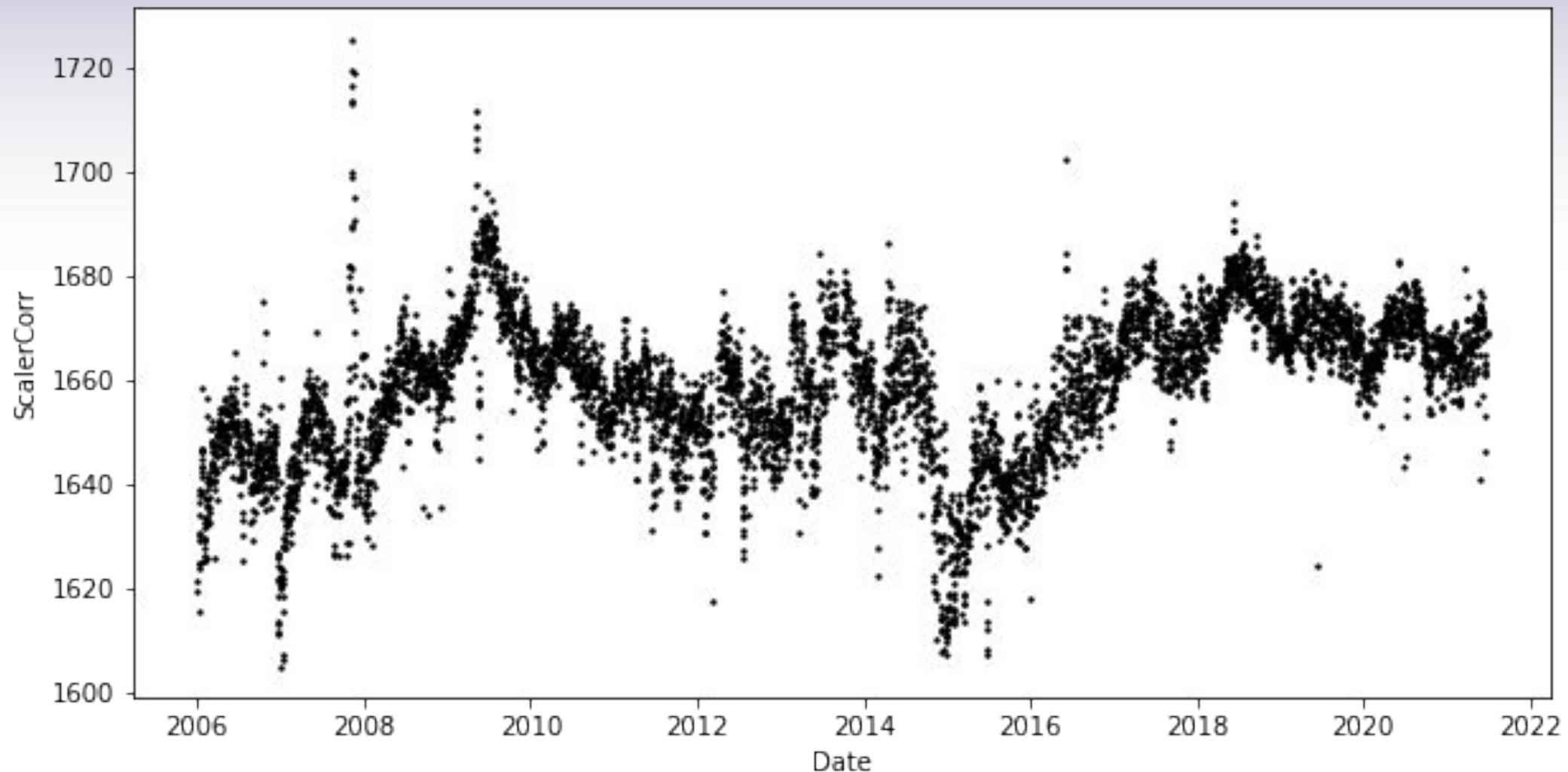


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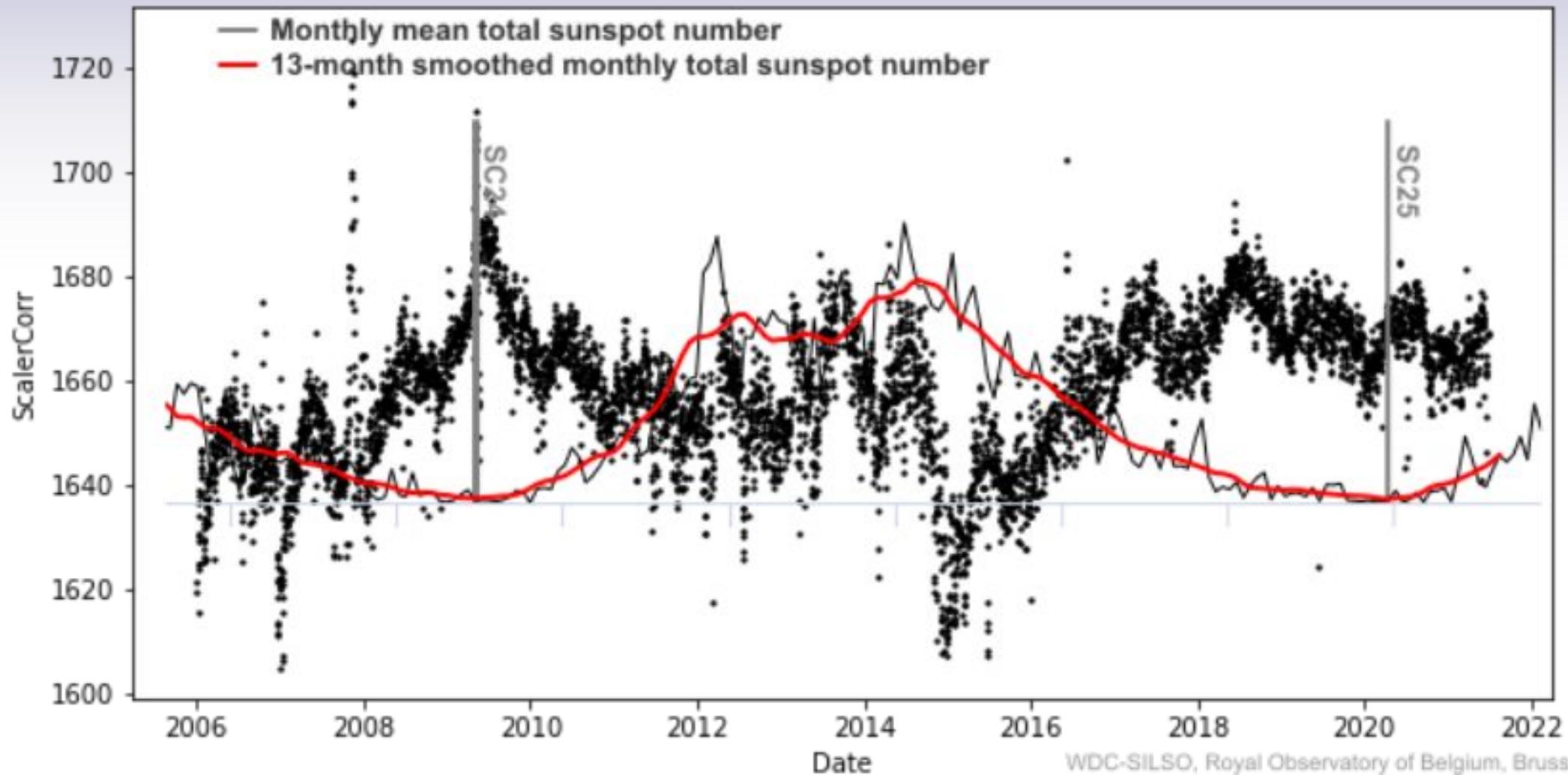


# Preliminary results: 15 year corrected data



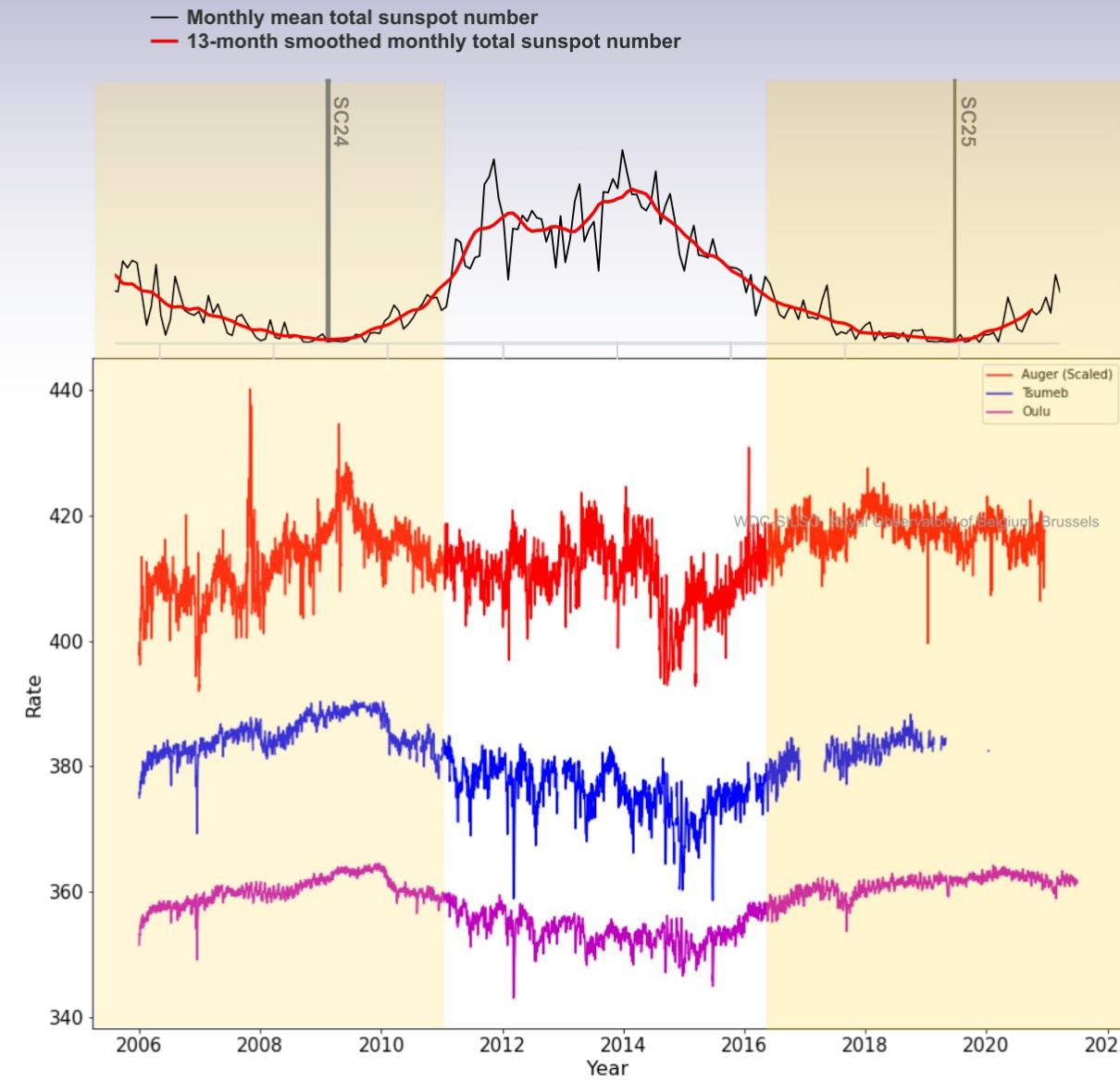


# Preliminary results: Sunspots comparison



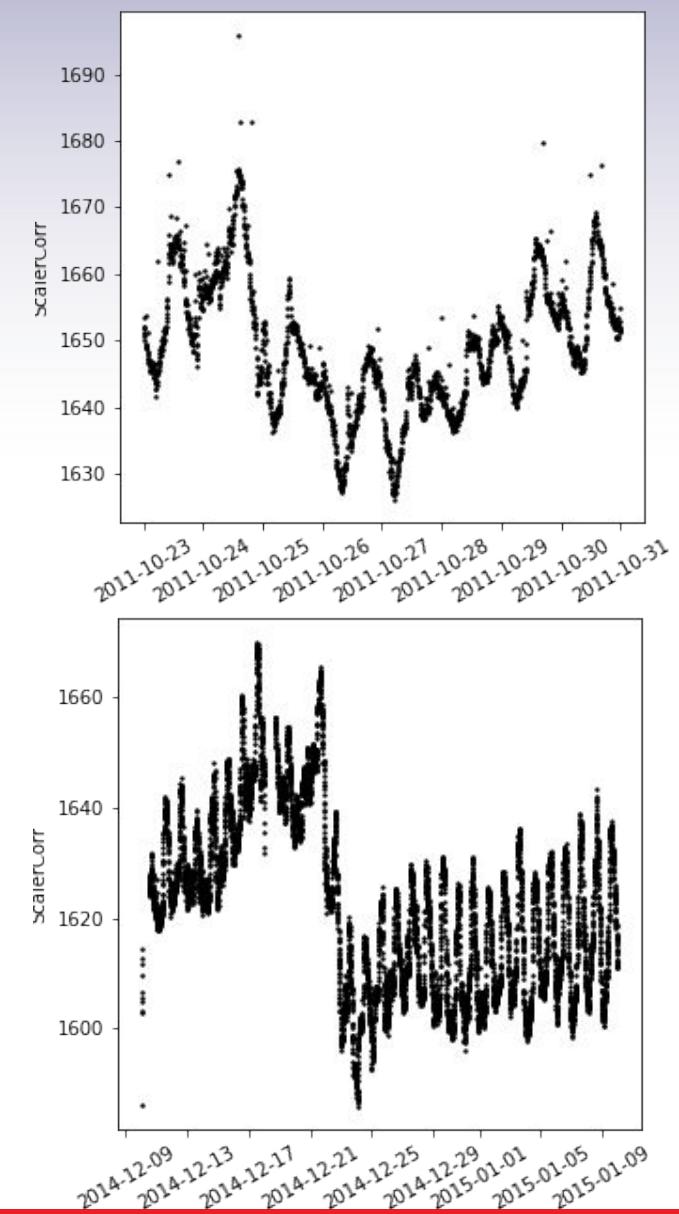
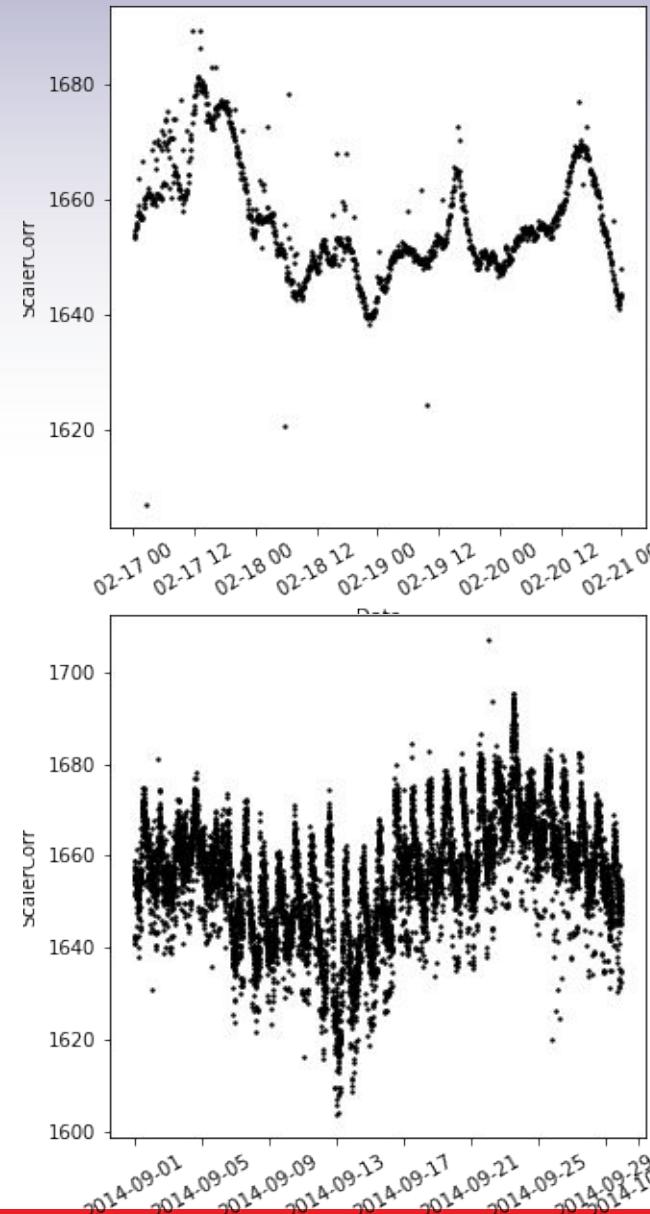
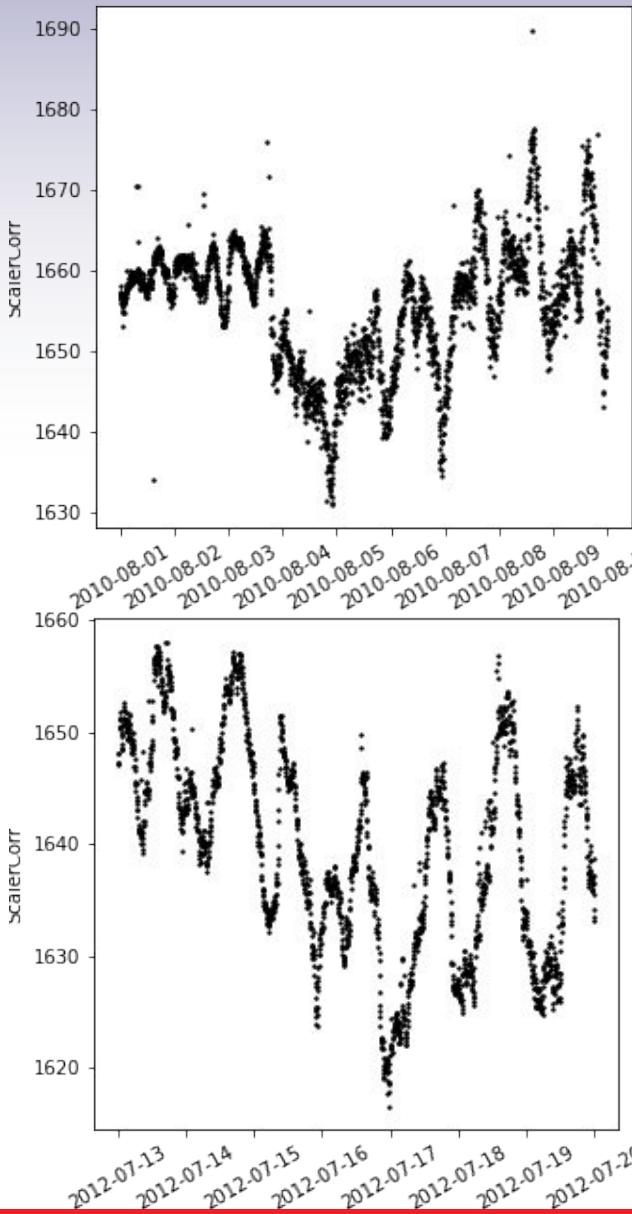


# Preliminary results: Neutron monitor comparison



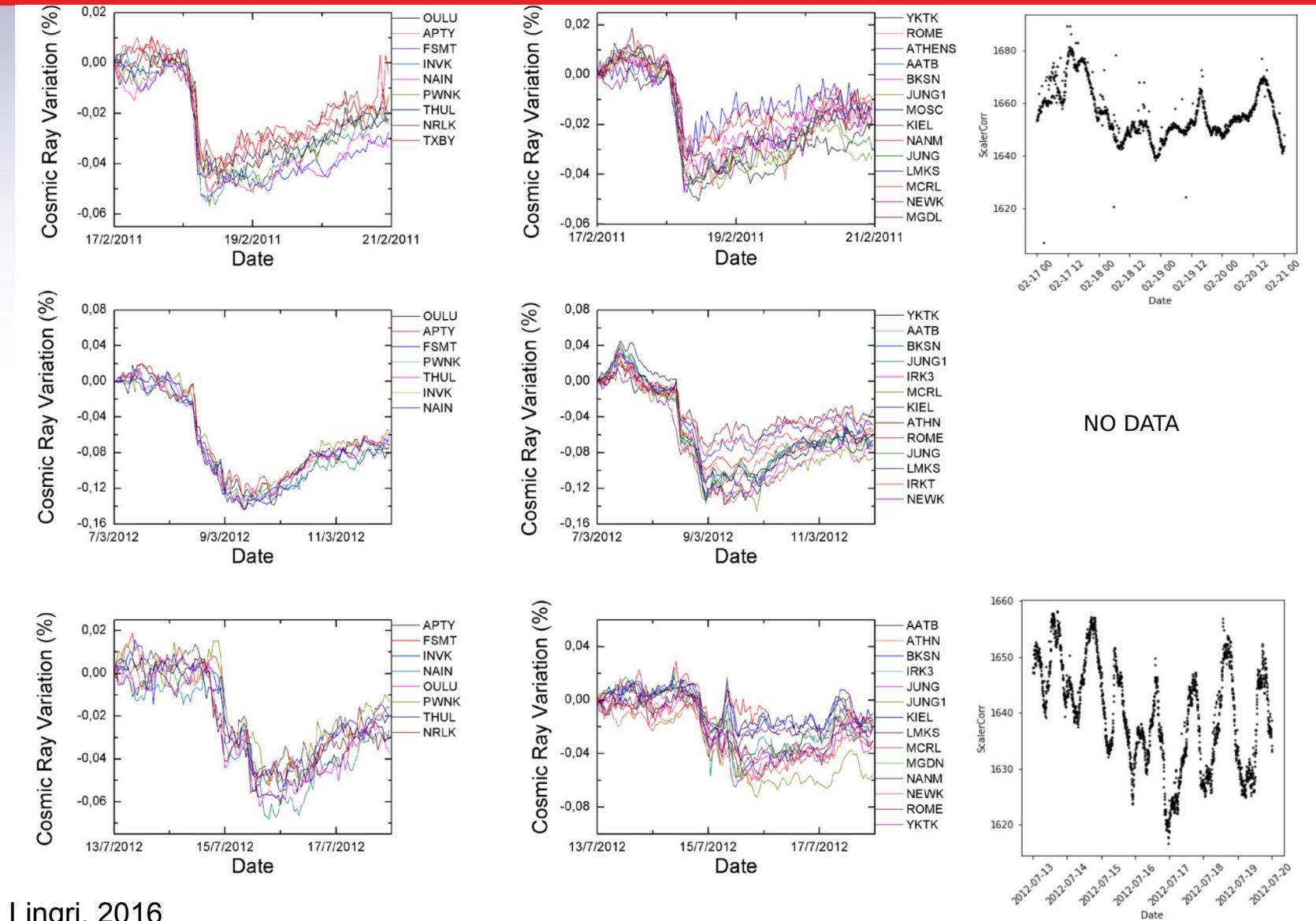


# Preliminary results: Short term





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# Conclusions

- The observatory is capable of measuring long-term solar activity.
- It is necessary to study much better the attenuation of the rate in the period of maximum solar activity.
- A thorough review of the characteristics of the data in this time period is needed.



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# Preliminary results: Temperature correlation

