

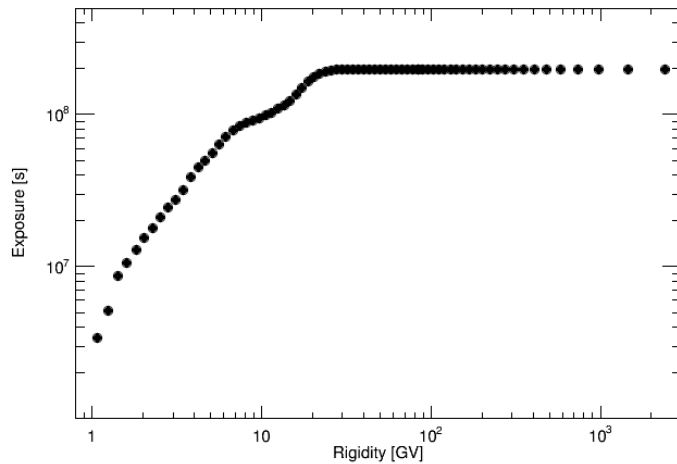
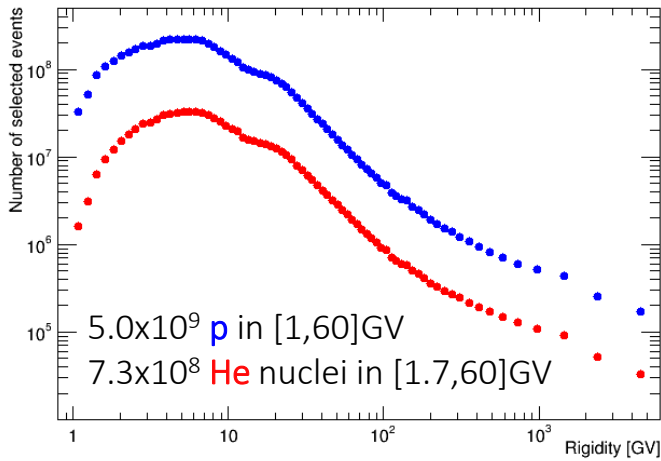
# Status update on proton and helium daily fluxes

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# Flux measurement

We are currently involved in the geomagnetic rigidity cut-off optimization (see *D. Grandi presentation*) and estimation of its systematic error.

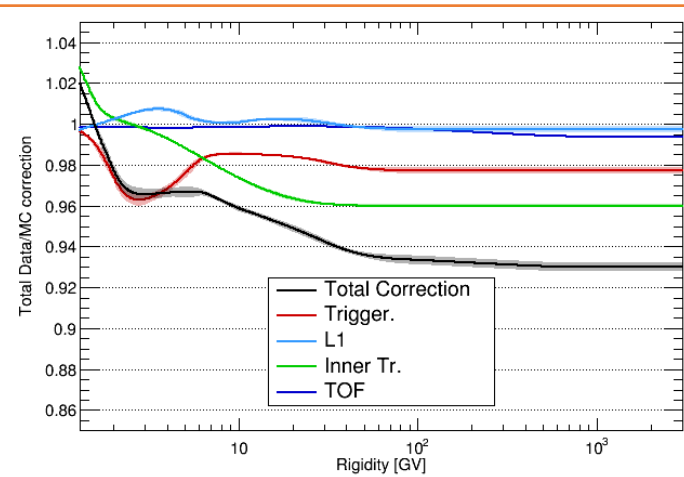
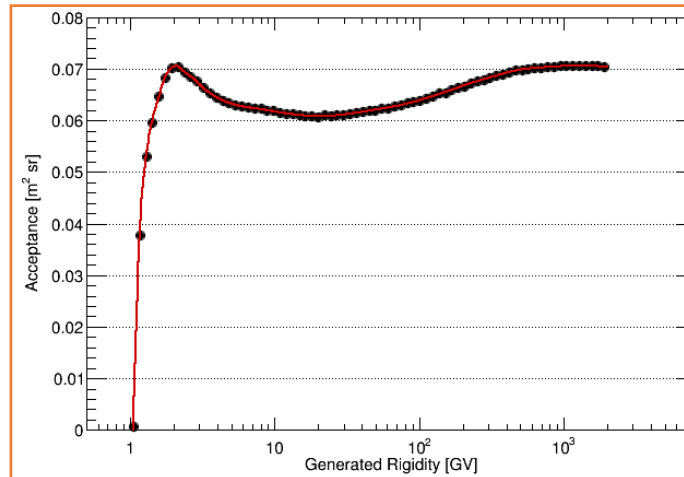
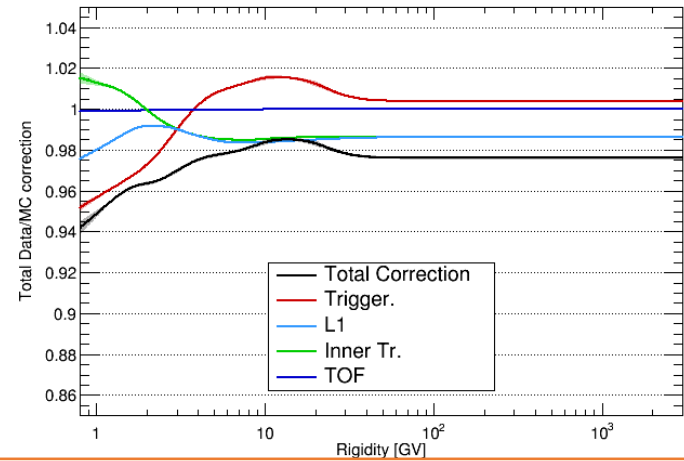
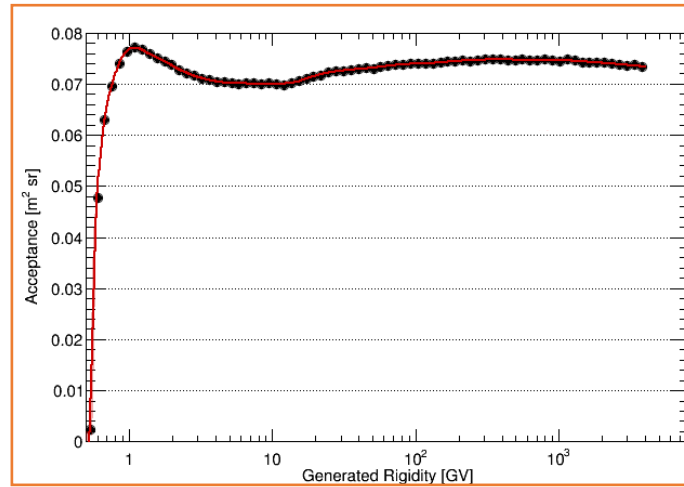


$$\Phi(R) = \frac{N(R)}{T(R) \Delta R A_{eff}(R) \delta(R)}$$

Proton

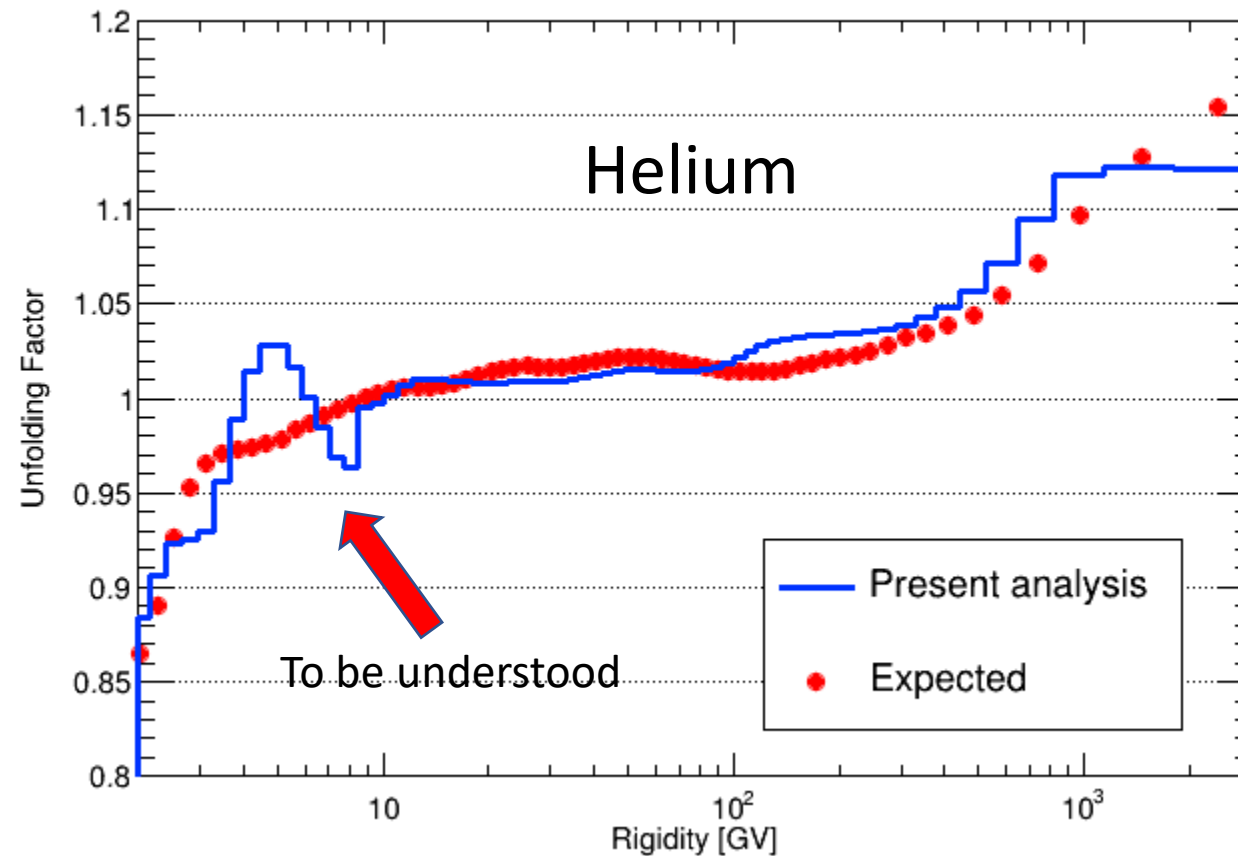
Helium

Inner Tracker + L1 geometry



# Full period: unfolding factor

Forward Unfolding: work in progress...

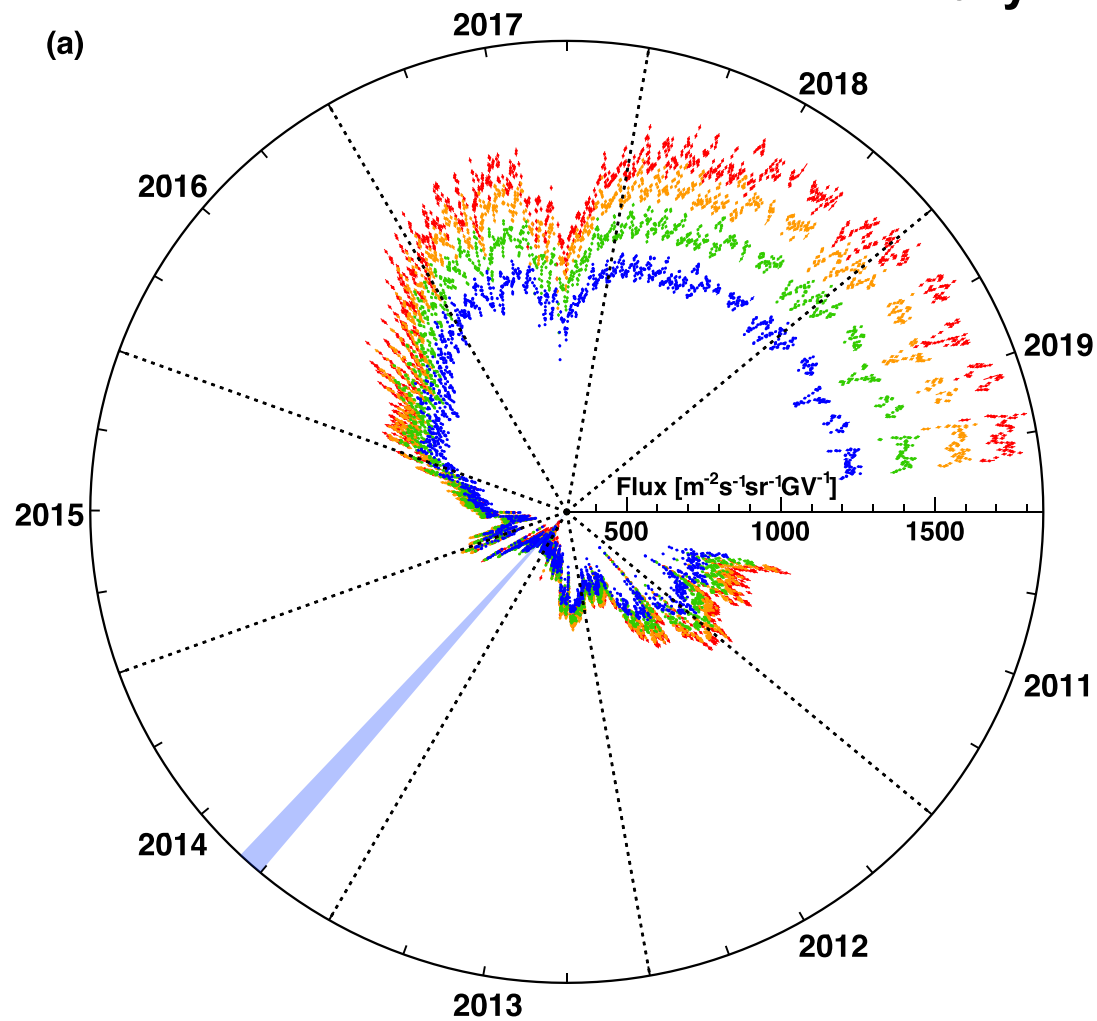


# Current status of proton and helium daily flux measurement

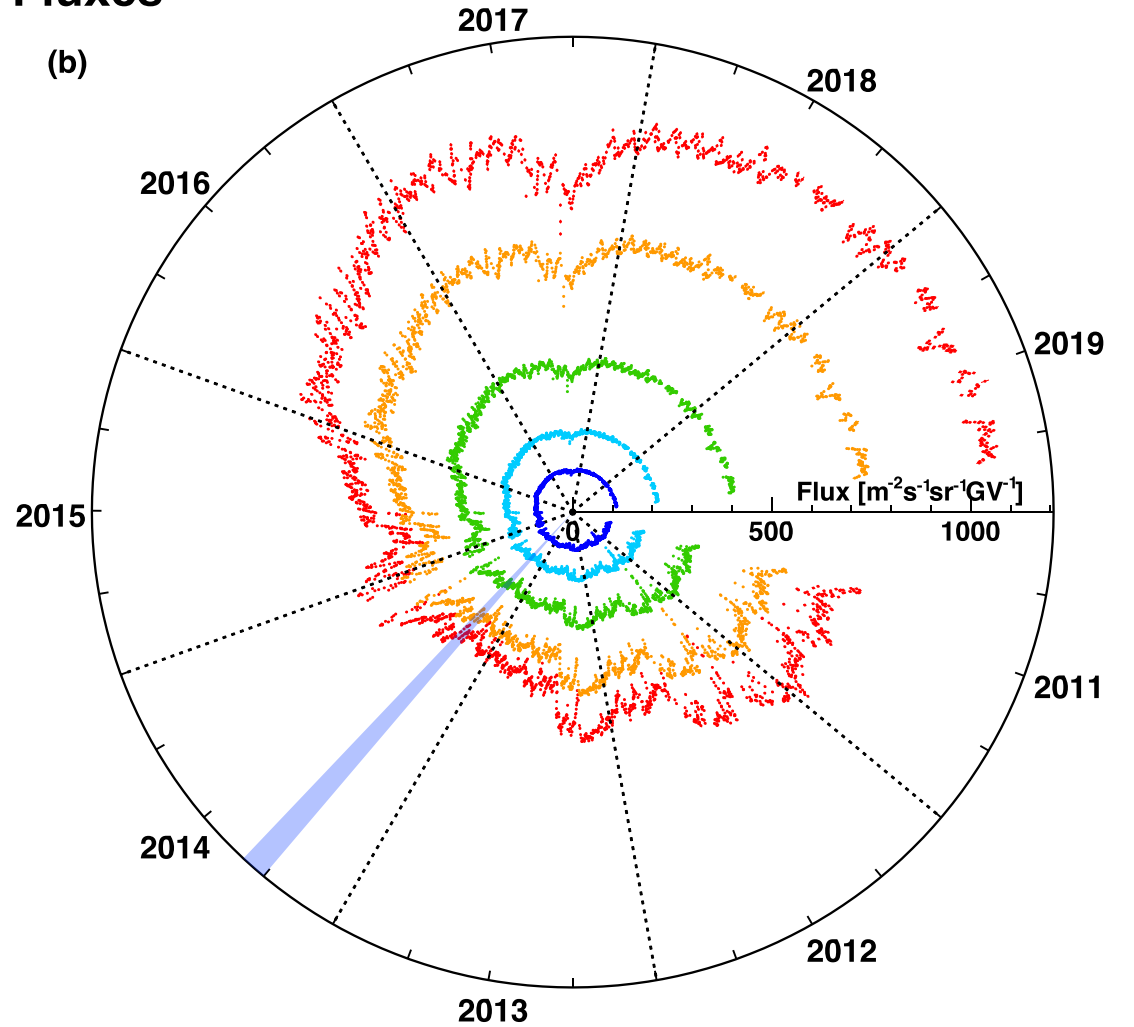
The groups currently working on this topic are MIT, University of Hawaii, MIB

# Daily proton flux: long term variation

## Daily Proton Fluxes

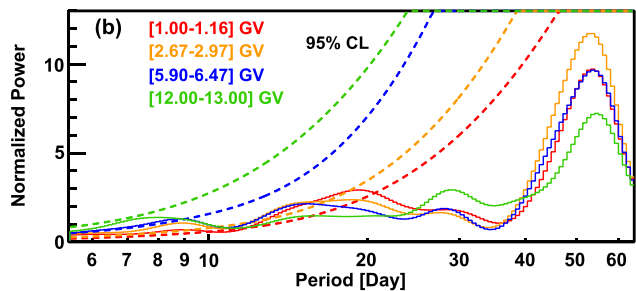
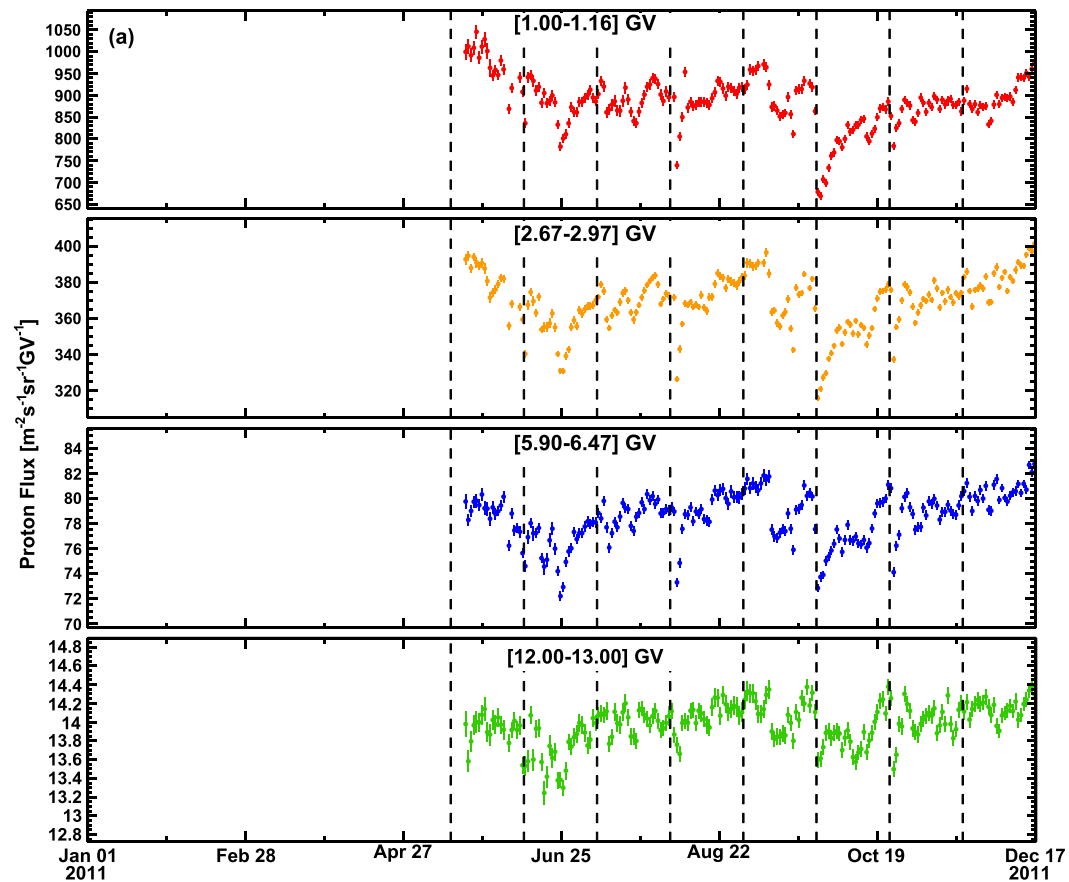


[1.00-1.16] GV [1.16-1.33] GV [1.33-1.51] GV [1.51-1.71] GV

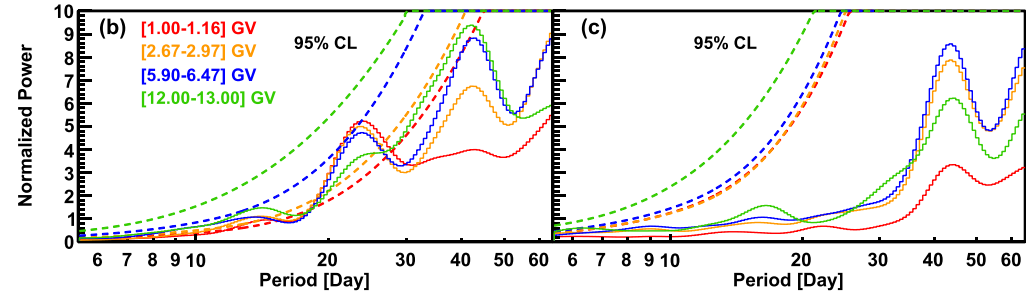
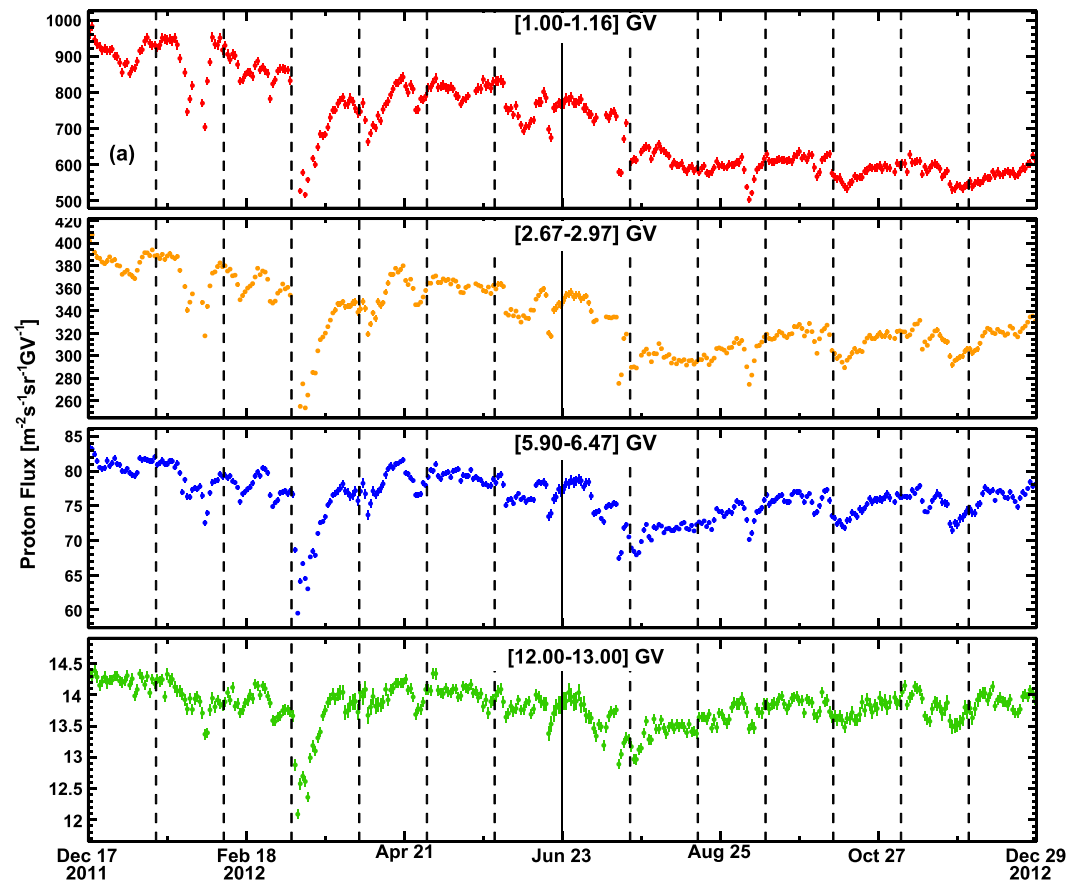


[1.71-1.92] GV [2.15-2.40] GV [2.97-3.29] GV [4.02-4.43] GV [5.37-5.90] GV

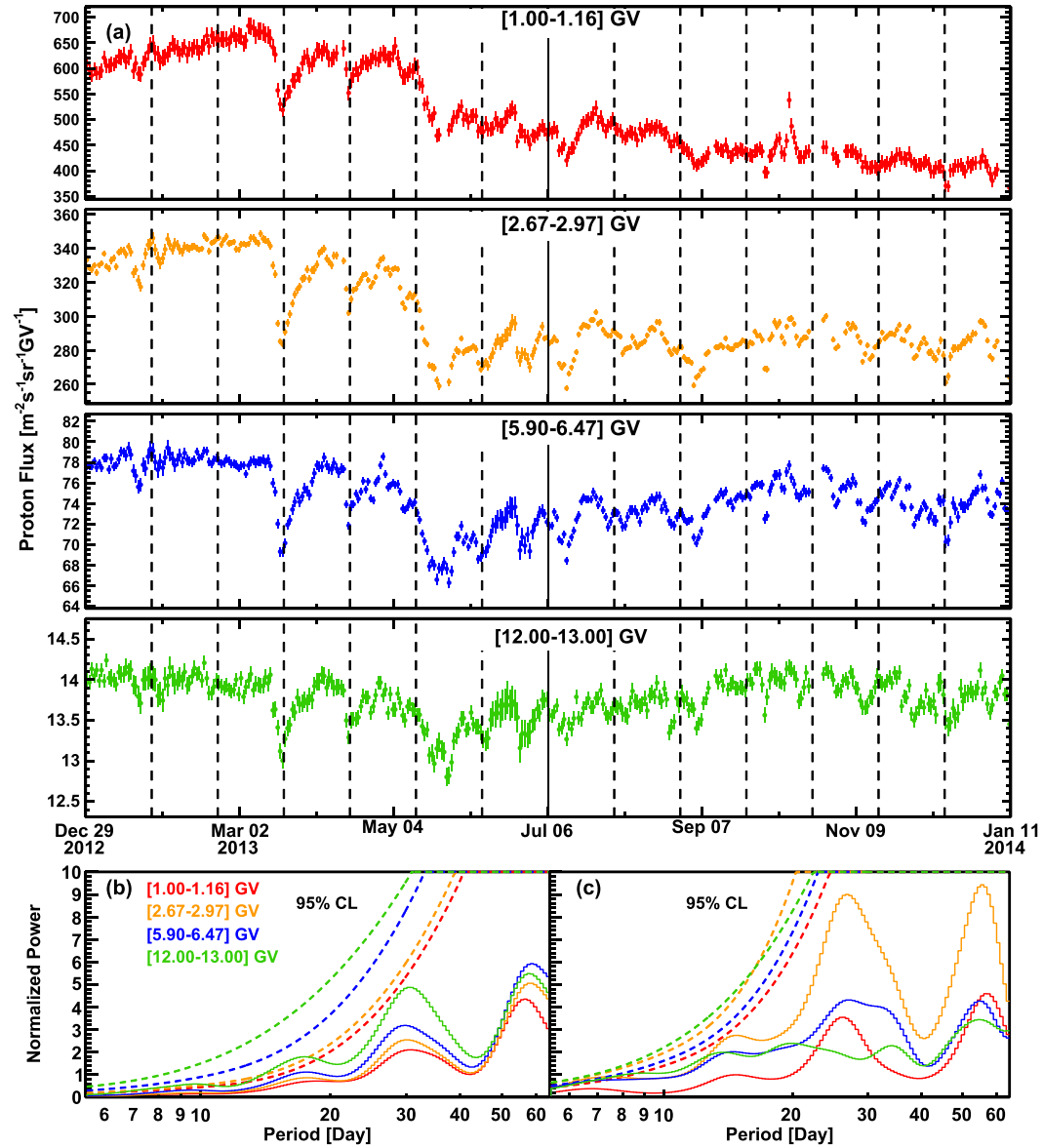
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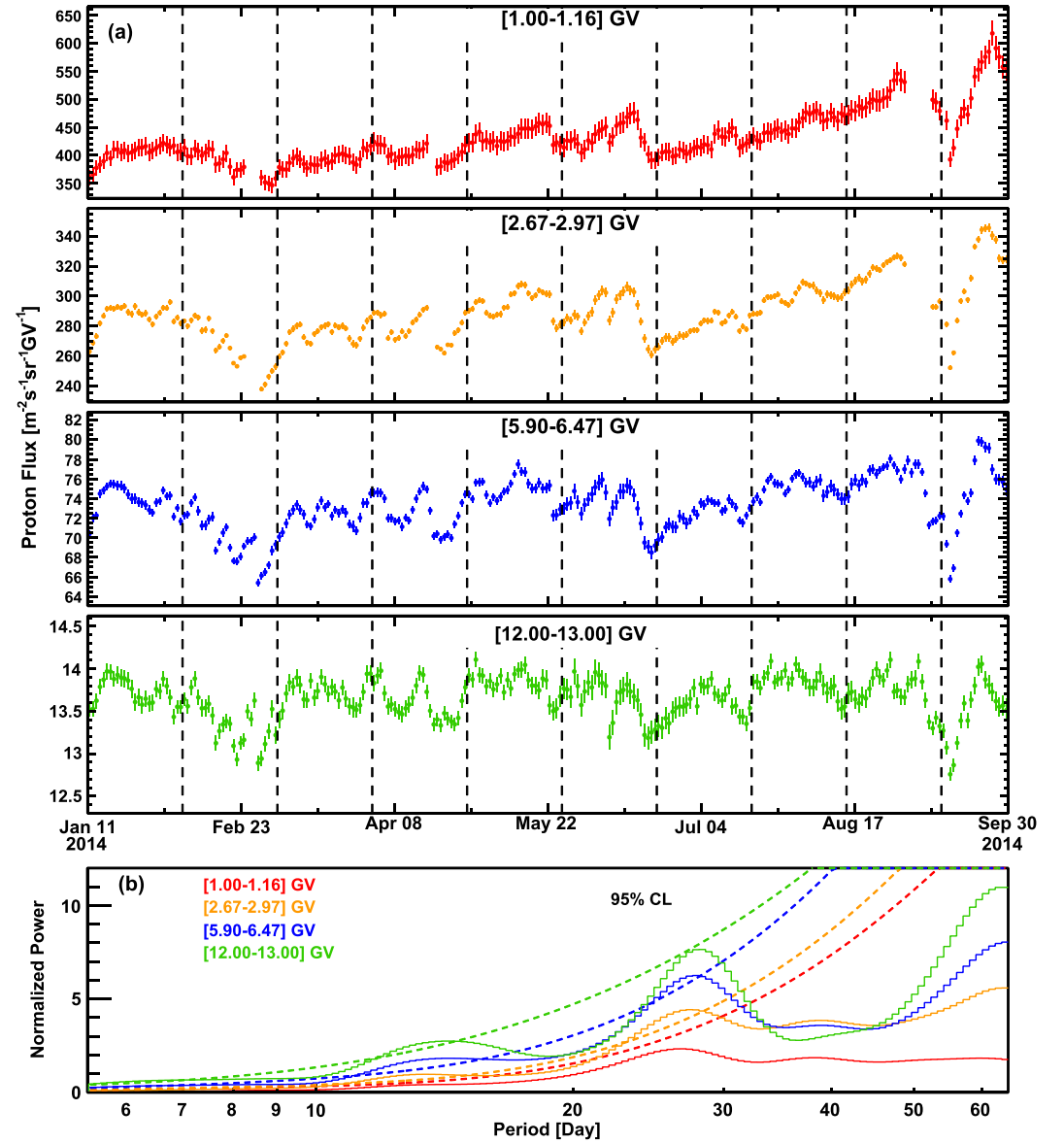
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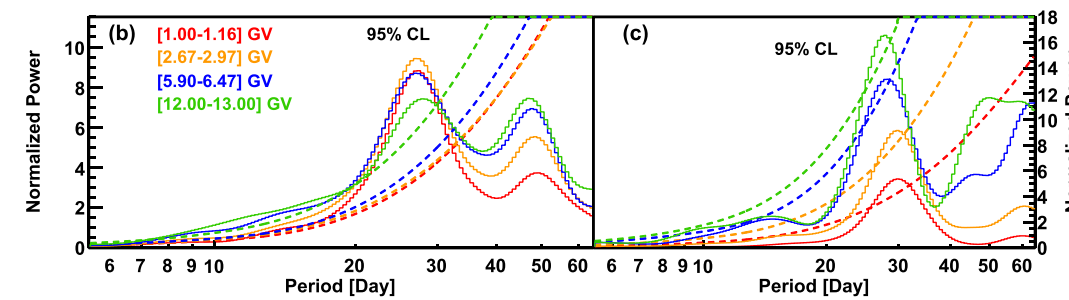
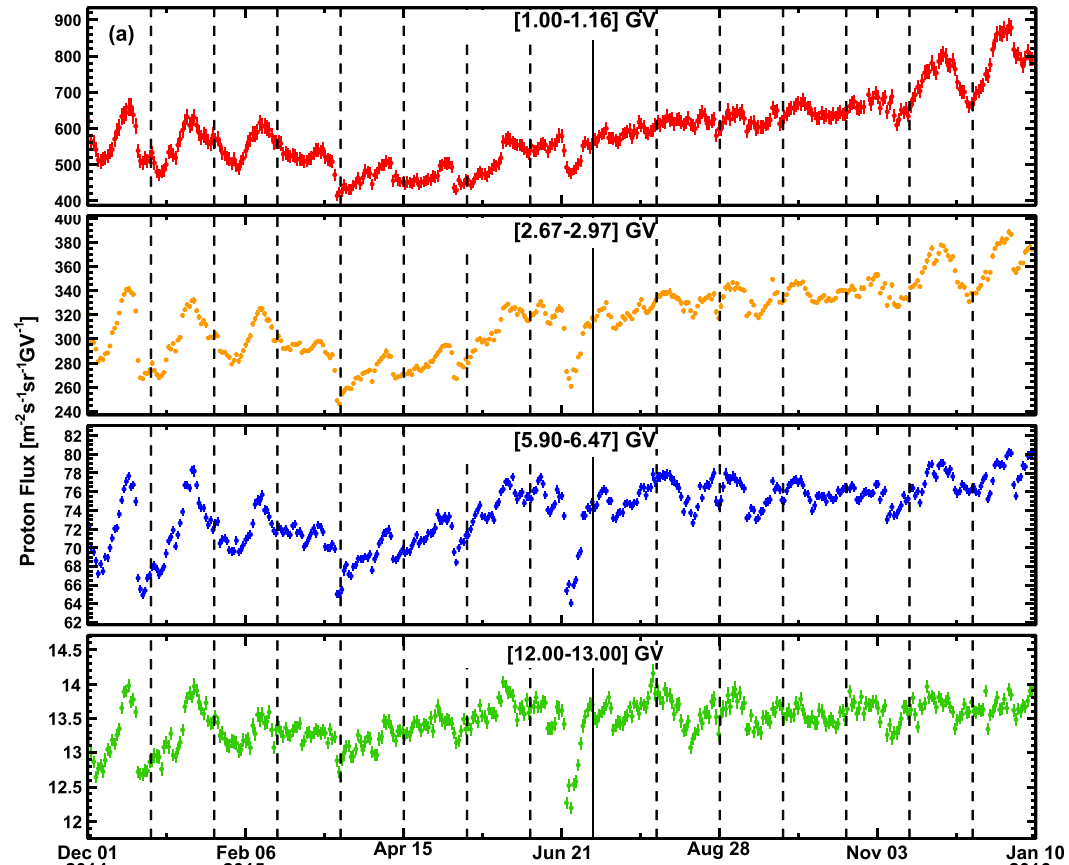
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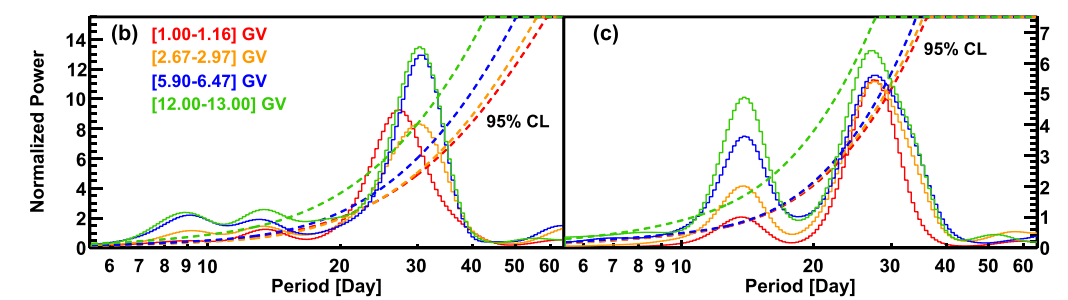
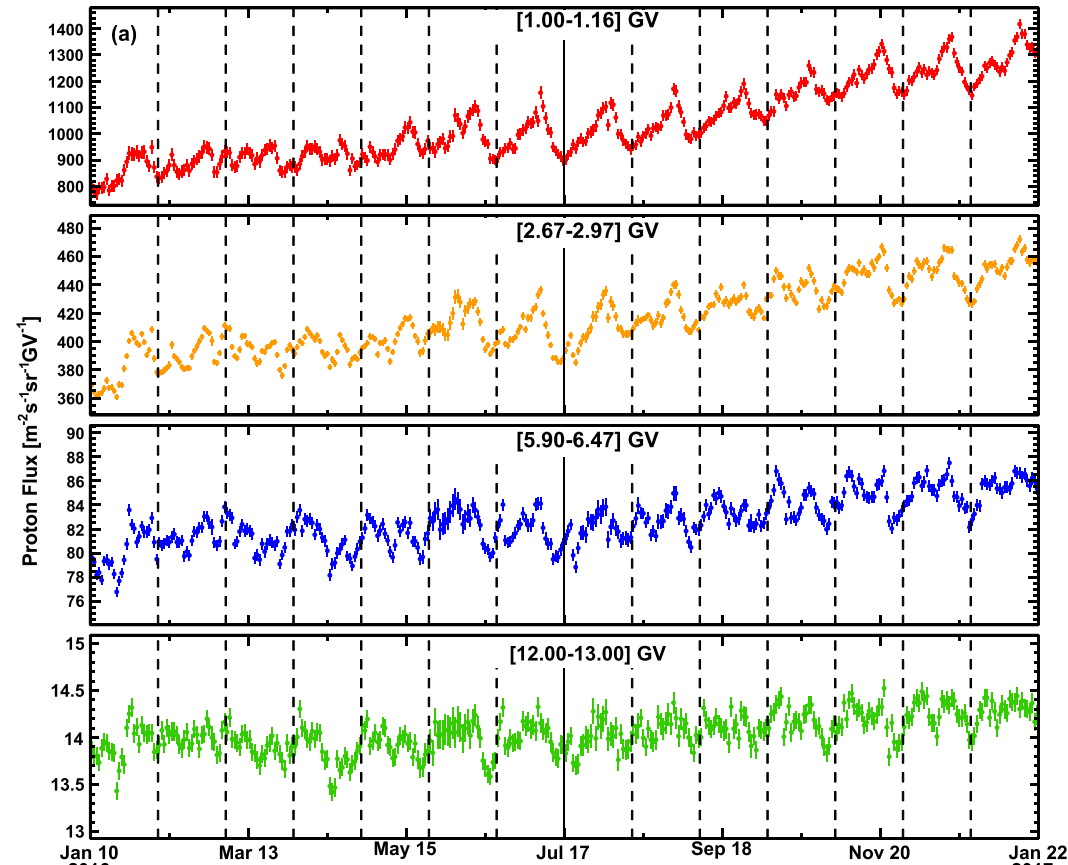
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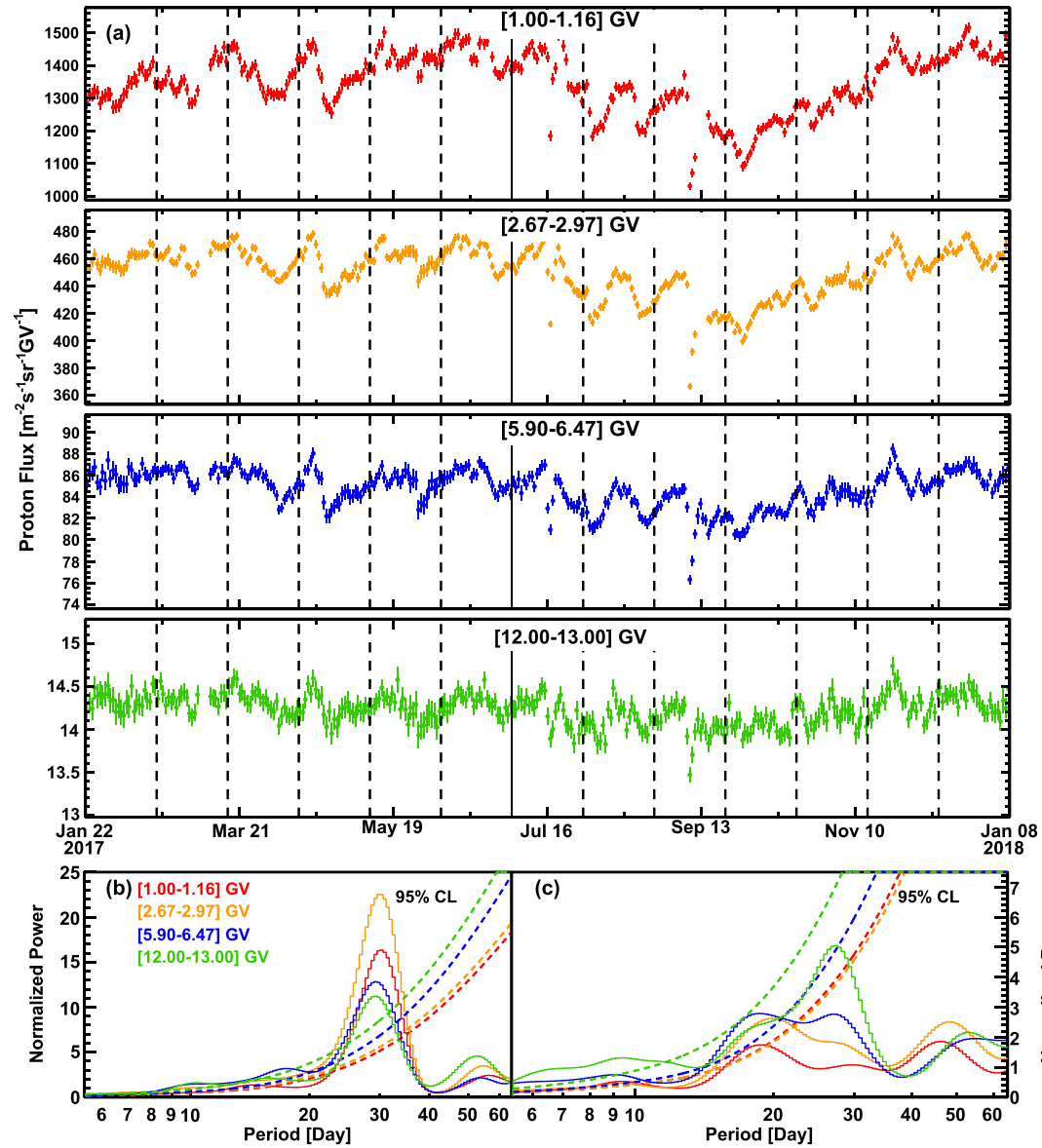


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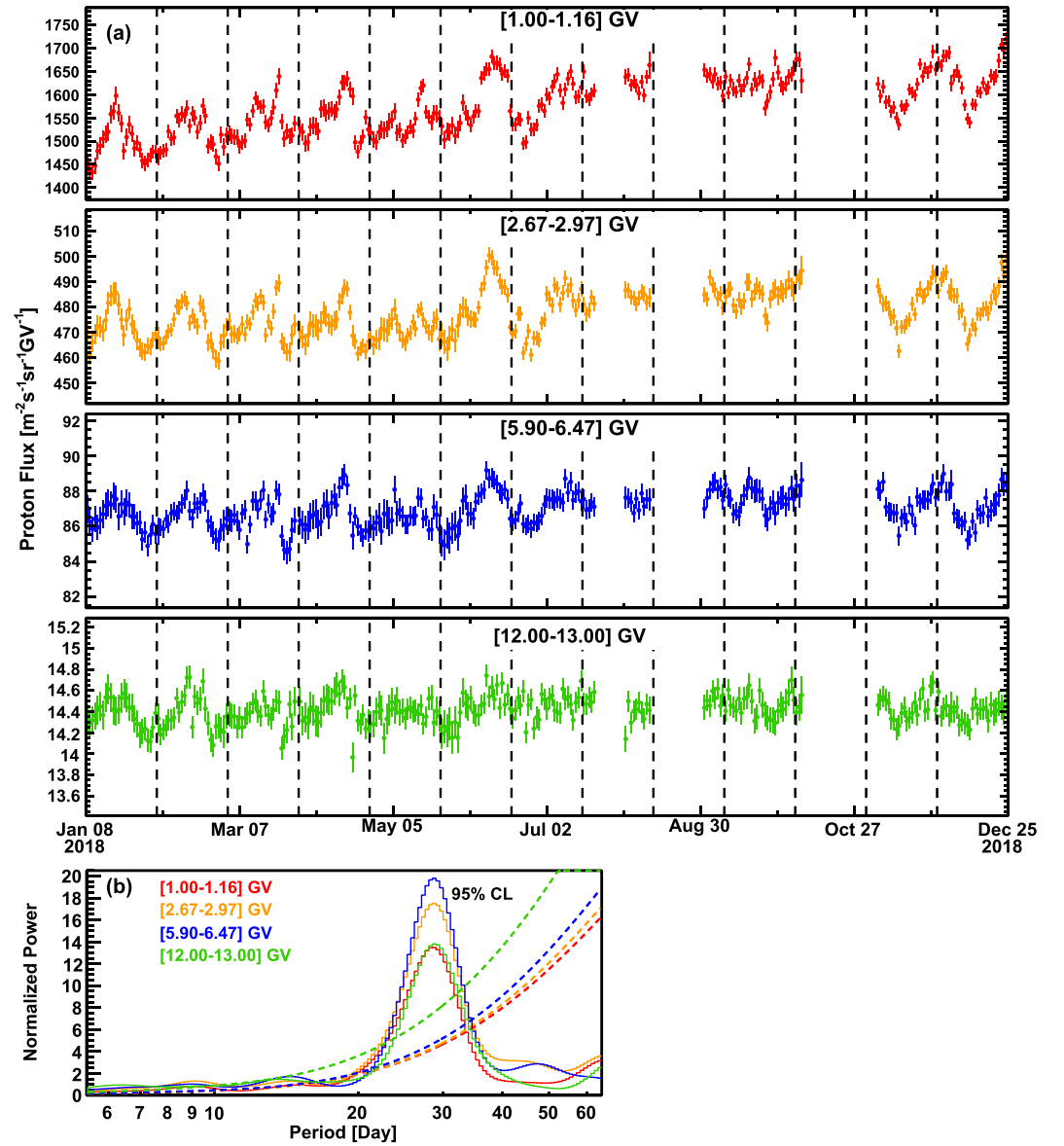




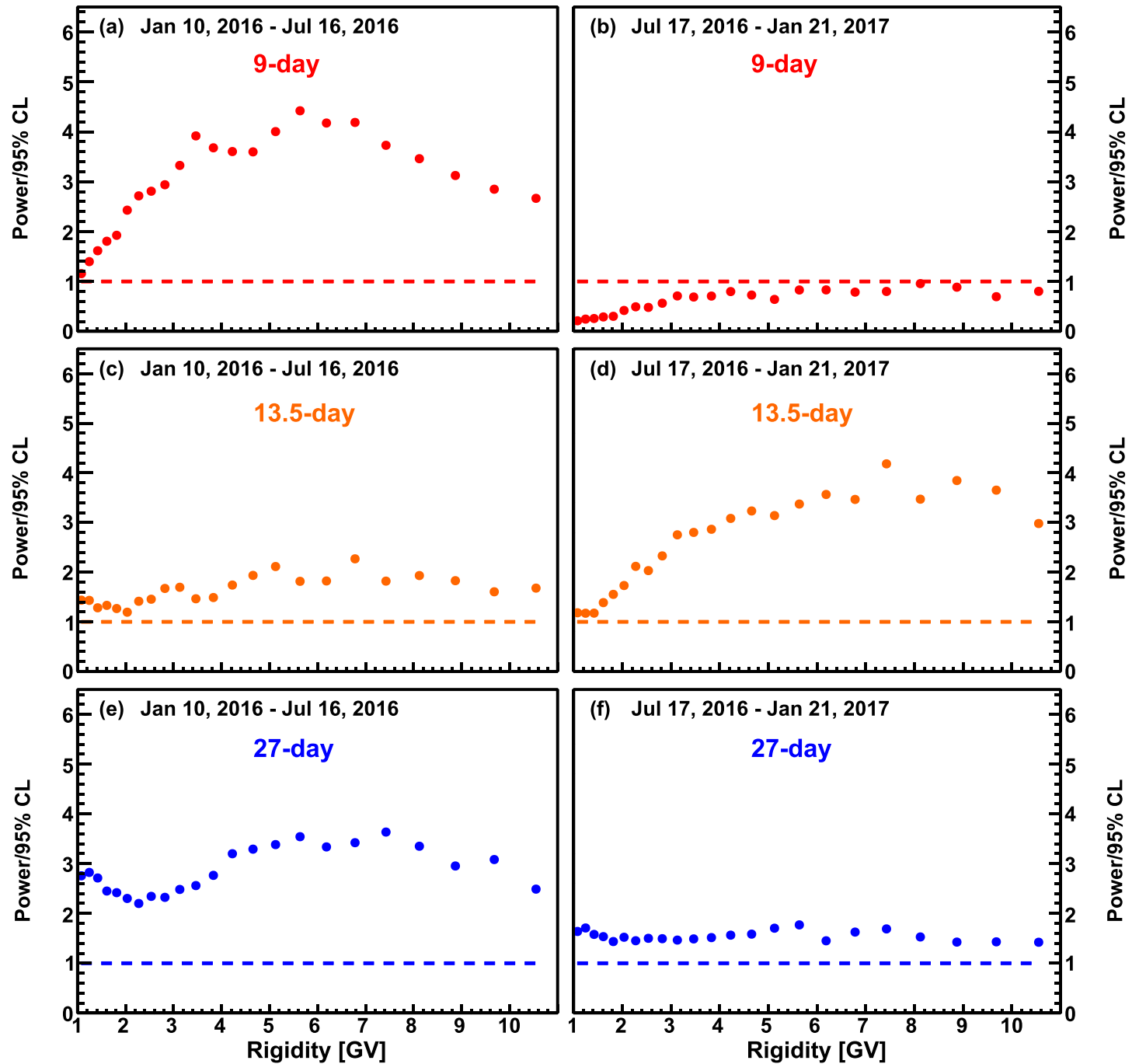
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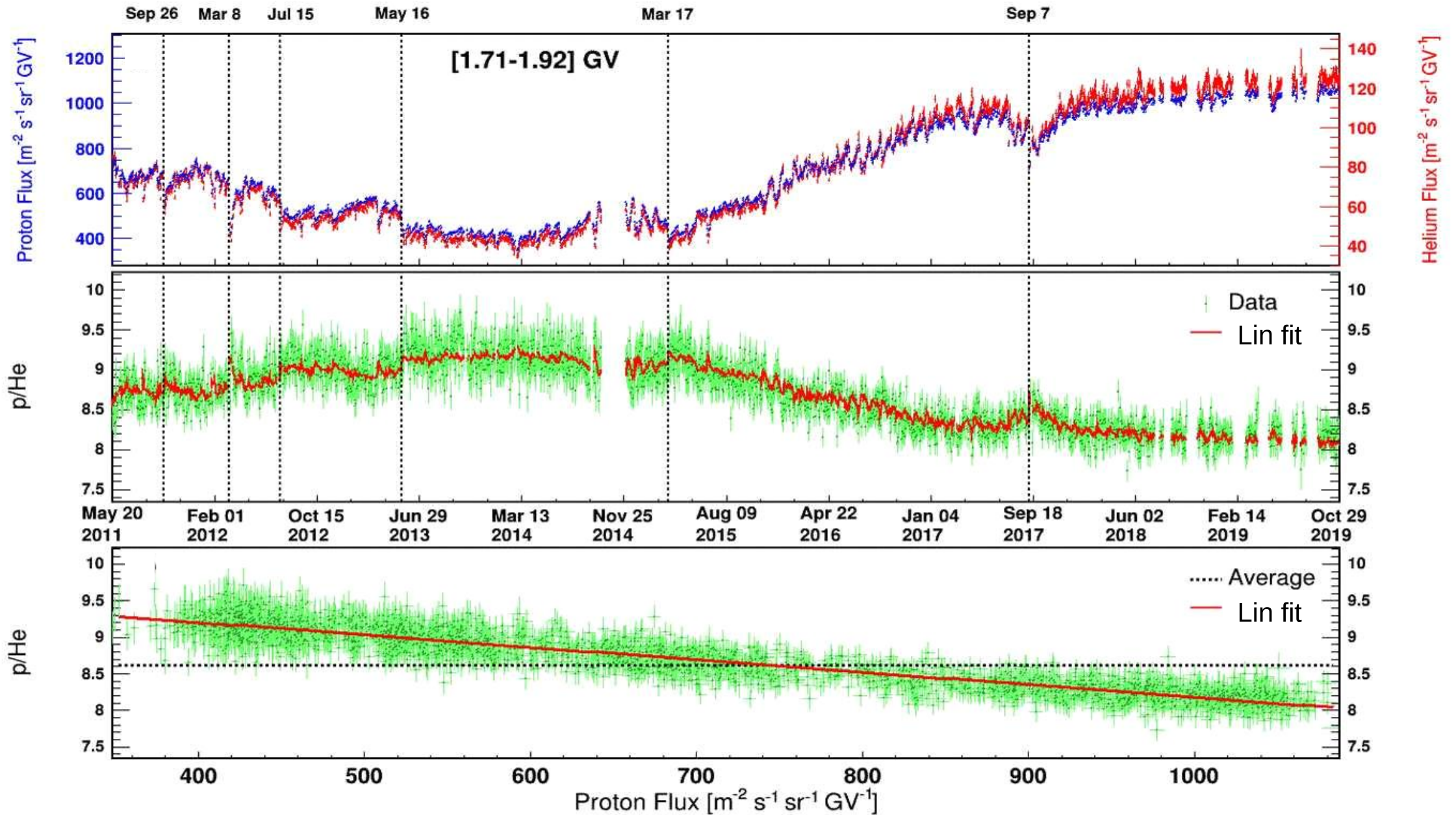
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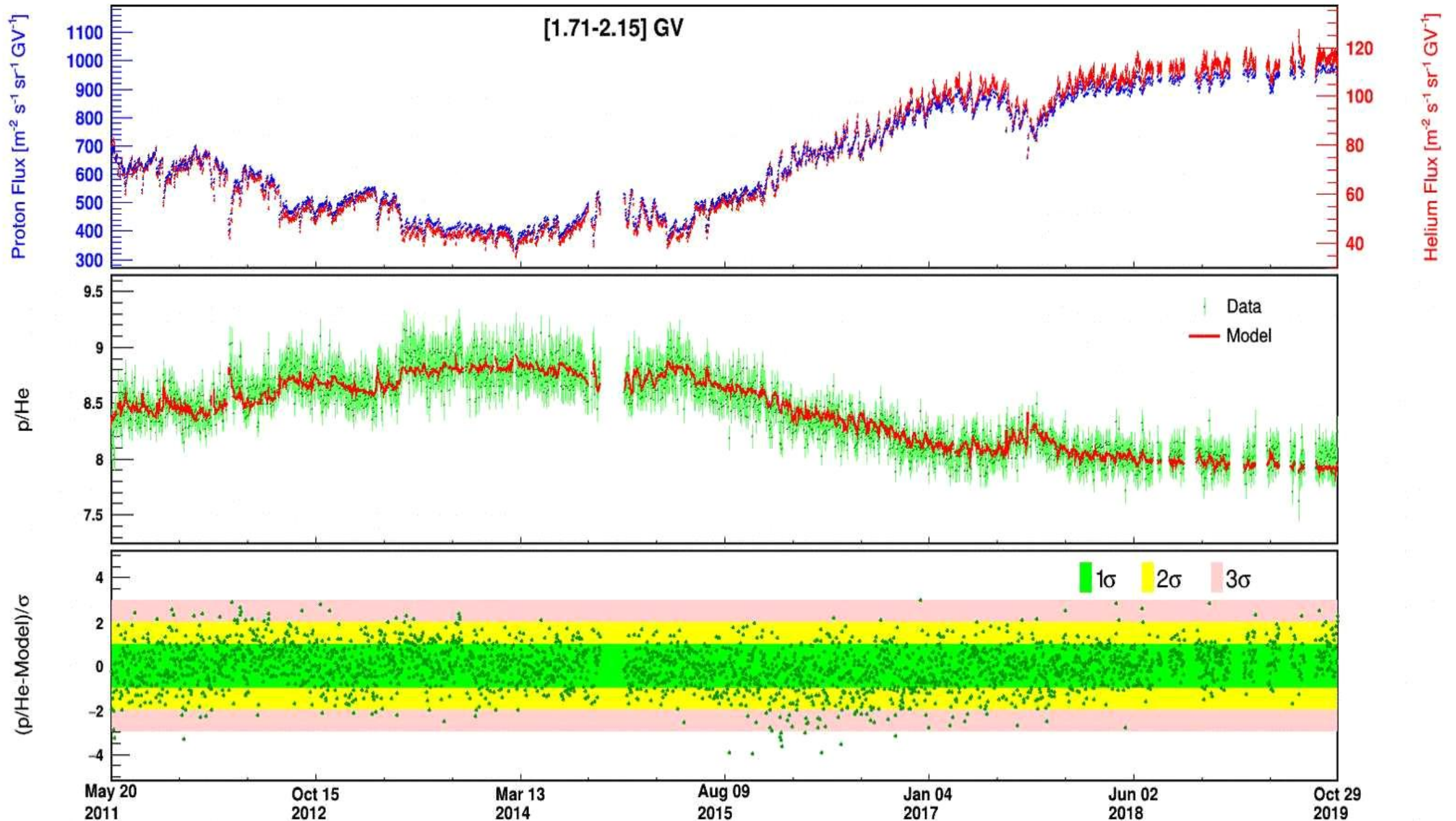
For the first time, rigidity dependence of 27-day, 13.5-day, and 9-day periodicities are measured up to tens of GV.



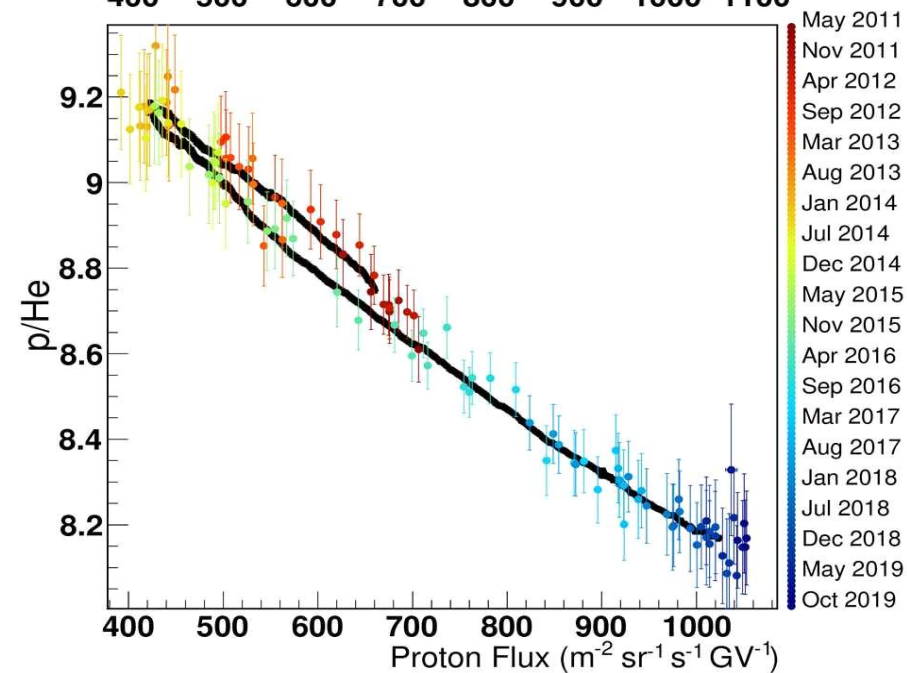
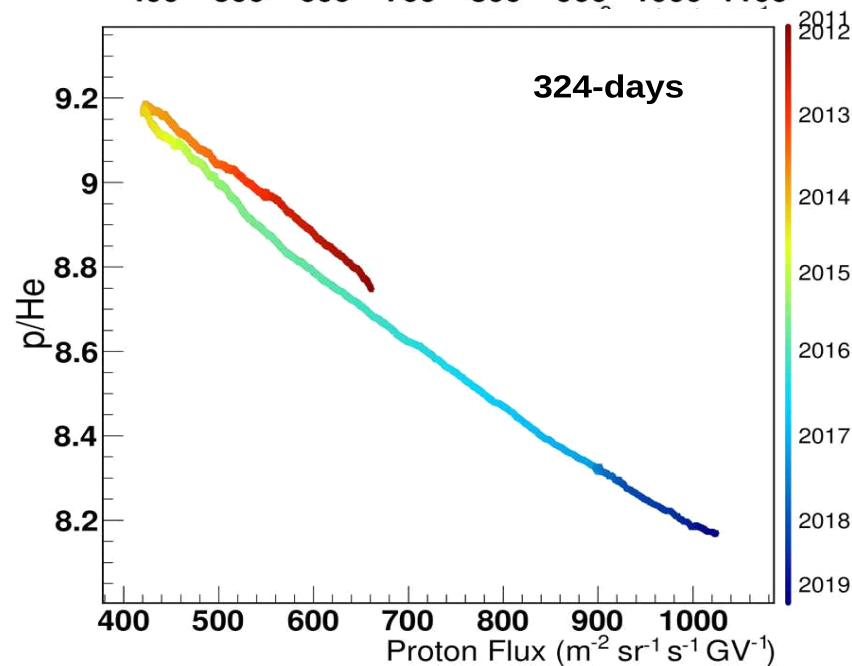
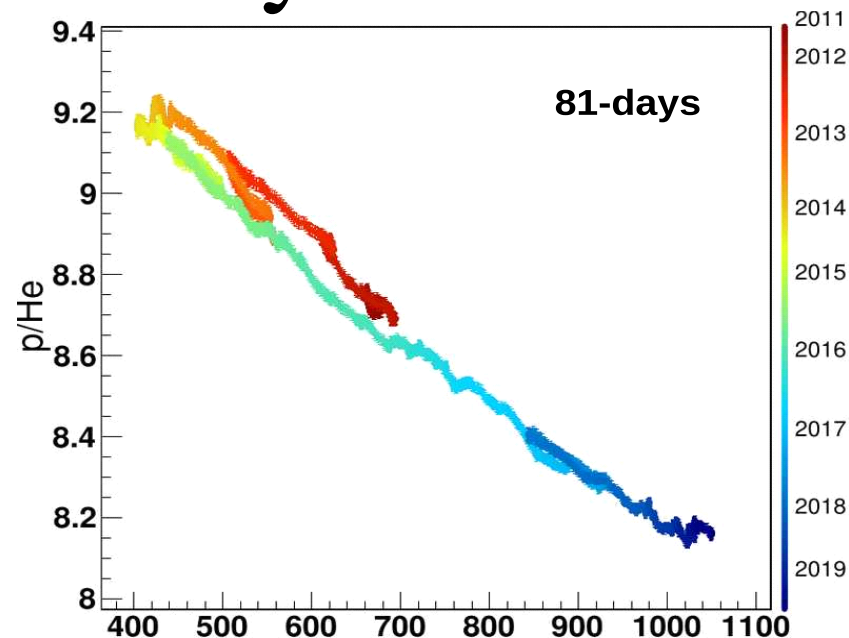
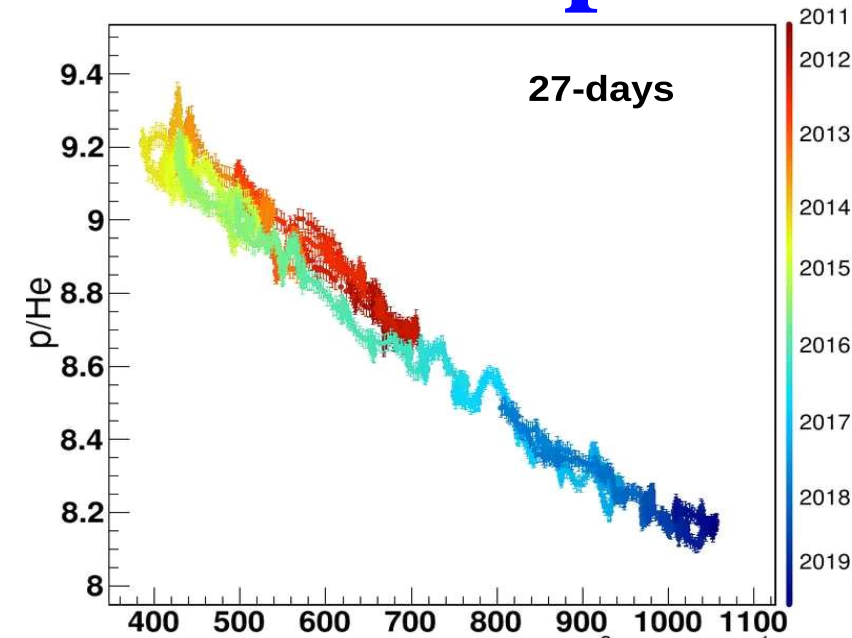
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[1.71-1.92]GV

The average is done every  
N days with a sliding  
window of 1 day.

p/He vs. p-flux **hysteresis  
cycle** is evident when  
averaging data in time.

# Daily flux papers

## 1. Daily proton flux

- Focused on the time and rigidity dependence of short-term (less than a month) periodicities.
- *AMS unique contribution*: first measurement of rigidity dependence of periodicities up to tens of GV.

## 2. Daily helium flux

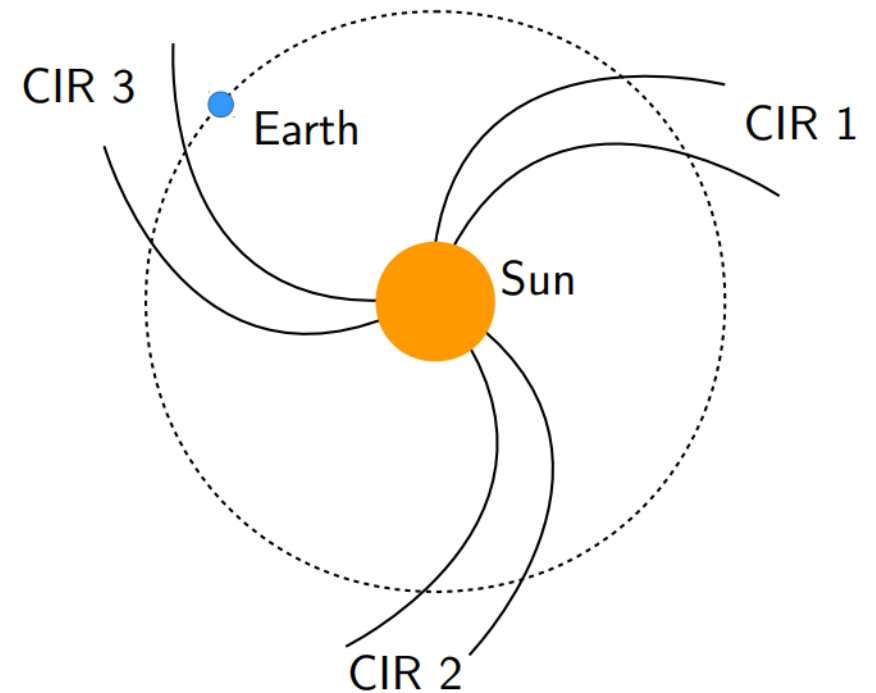
- Focused on the differences in heliospheric propagation between p & He for both short-term and long-term scales.
- *AMS unique contribution*: first measurement of both p & He above 1.7 GV for an extended period of time.

# 1. Daily proton paper

Recurrent variations with a period of 27 days and shorter periods (e.g. 13.5 and 9 days) are related to the passage of Corotating Interaction Regions originated from one or more (equatorial) **Coronal Holes** on the surface of the Sun.

The origin of the periodicities can be understood with **solar wind data** and Sun images.

- AMS measures **the rigidity dependence of the periodicities**, providing previously unavailable data for modelers to investigate the effect of CIRs at different energies and different times.



## 2. Daily helium paper

- **Long term** behaviour of solar modulation is related to **global** properties of the heliosphere, related to the magnetic field and solar wind configuration in the whole heliosphere;
- **Short term** behaviour of the solar modulation is related to the magnetic field and solar wind configuration in **local** (close to Earth) solar wind structures, like coronal mass ejections and corotating interaction regions.
- p/He flux ratio behaviour at different time scale can be used to probe the difference between **global** and **local** processes.



# Summary

- MIB analysis efforts for daily p&He fluxes:
  - Implementation of the forward unfolding correction is on-going
  - Geomagnetic rigidity cut-off optimization and estimation of its systematic error

Proton and helium fluxes show fine structures related to the solar activity:

- Structures with measured periodicity of 27-, 13.5- and 9-days are clearly seen during the descending phase to solar minimum. These structures show features varying with rigidity and time.
  - **Daily proton flux paper (currently discussed at 14:00 o'clock meetings):**
- Below 7 GV the p/He flux ratio has a long-term variation and multiple short-term structures in coincidence with periods of strong flux suppression were observed.
  - **Daily helium flux paper:**