

An update on the cosmo-seismic correlations: an interplay of the geomagnetic and the solar wind of an external “third factor”?

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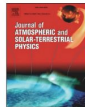
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Observation of large scale precursor correlations between cosmic rays and earthquakes with a periodicity similar to the solar cycle

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ABSTRACT

The search for correlations between secondary cosmic ray detection rates and seismic effects has long been a subject of investigation motivated by the hope of identifying a new precursor type that could feed a global early warning system against earthquakes. Here we show for the first time that the average variation of the cosmic ray detection rates correlates with the global seismic activity to be observed with a time lag of approximately two weeks, and that the significance of the effect varies with a periodicity resembling the undecadal solar cycle, with a shift in phase of around three years, exceeding 6σ at local maxima. The precursor characteristics of the observed correlations point to a pioneer perspective of an early warning system against earthquakes.

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Observation of cosmo-seismic correlations: discovery $> 6\sigma$!

“Astroparticle Physics Amateur”!

The data

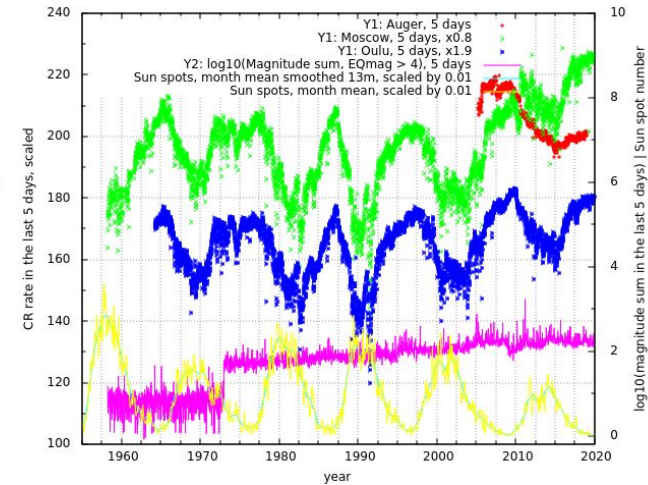
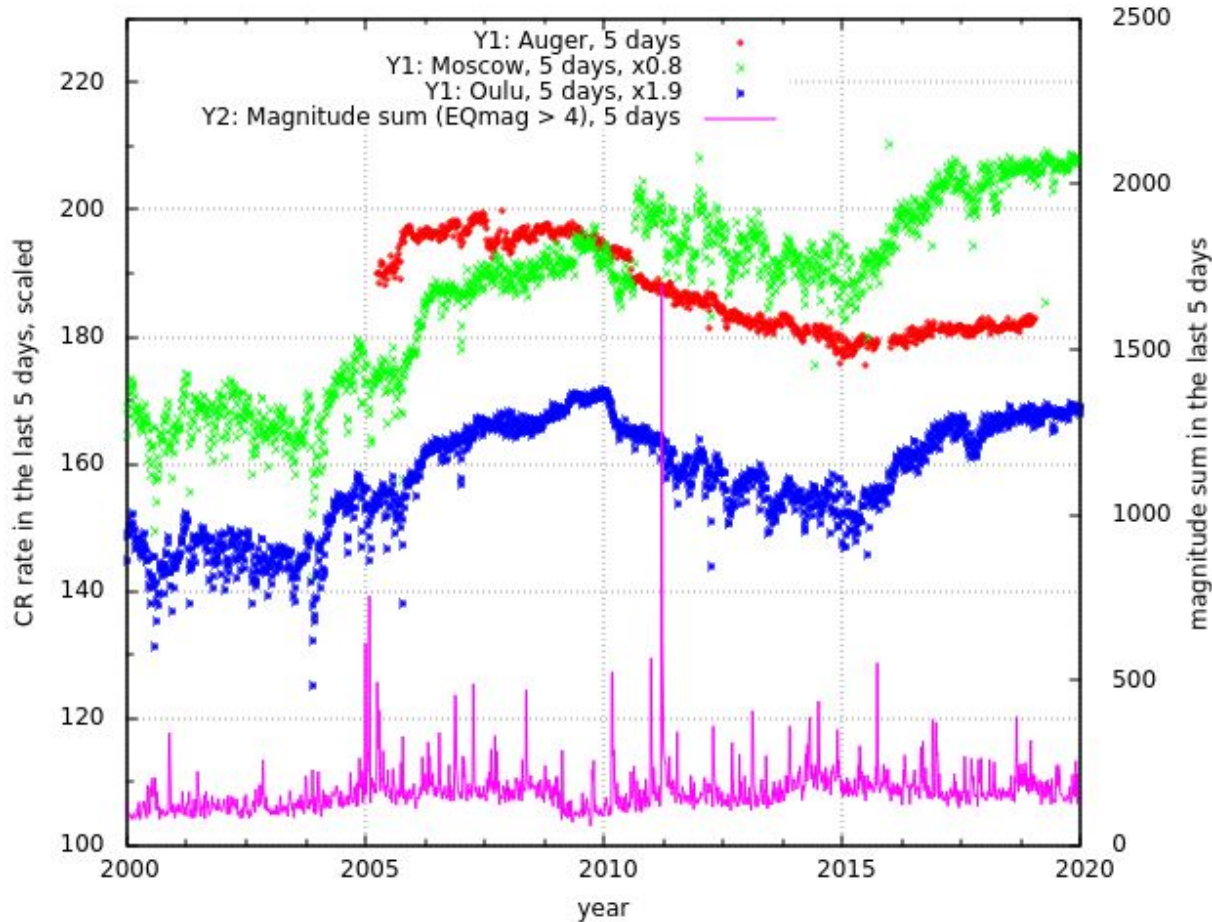
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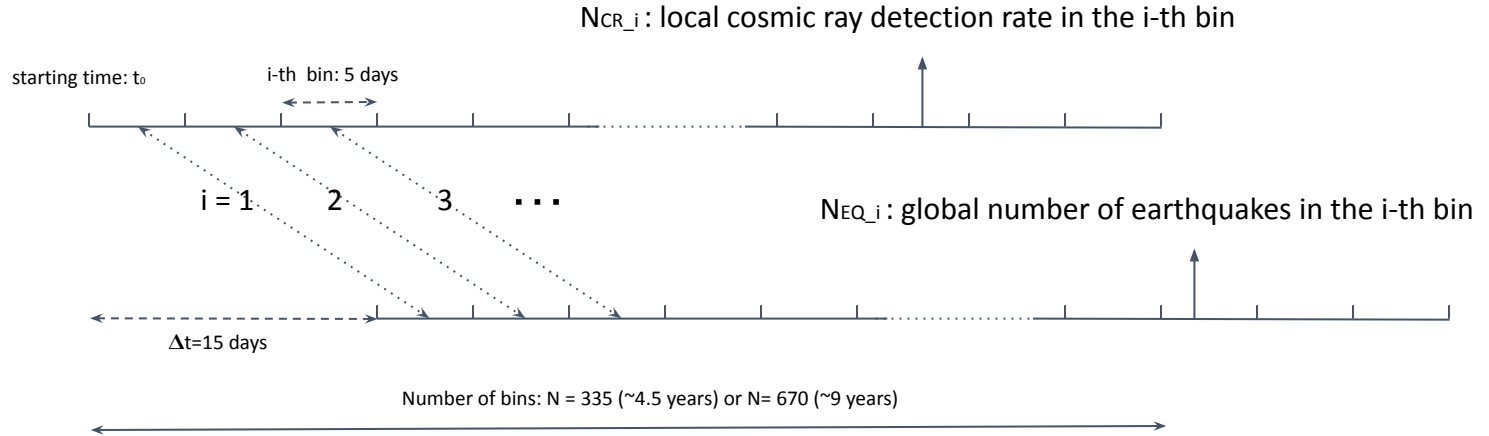


Checking for a correlation $|dN_{CR}|$ vs. $\Sigma \text{magnitude}_{EQ}$ using 5-day bins over ~ 4.5 yr windows

Dichotomic correlation

cosmic rays (CR):
 $dCR_i = |N_{CR_i} - N_{CR_{i-1}}|$

earthquakes (EQ): N_{EQ_i}



M_{CR} : median of the CR data

M_{EQ} : median of the EQ data

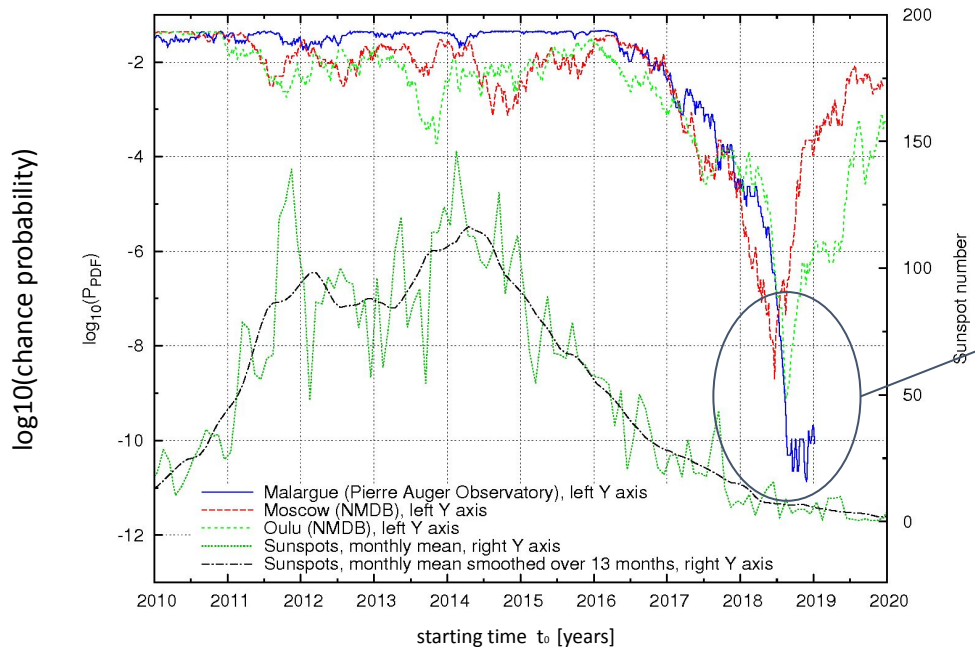
N_+ : $((dCR_i > M_{CR}) \text{ and } (N_{EQ_i} > M_{EQ}))$ or $((dCR_i < M_{CR}) \text{ and } (N_{EQ_i} < M_{EQ}))$

N_- : $((dCR_i > M_{CR}) \text{ and } (N_{EQ_i} < M_{EQ}))$ or $((dCR_i < M_{CR}) \text{ and } (N_{EQ_i} > M_{EQ}))$

Chance probability:

$$P_{PDF}(N_{+/-} = k) = \binom{n}{k} p_{+/-}^k (1 - p_{+/-})^{n-k}$$

Local cosmic dynamics vs. global seismicity: dependence on geographical location?



different cosmic ray sites see the **dichotomic** correlation effect differently? Need for more detectors?

analysis performed on “burning” data sample!

~6 σ significance of the effect in three technically independent CR data sets collected by the Moscow and Oulu NMDB stations, and by the Pierre Auger Observatory, compared to sunspot numbers. **Each point** illustrates the correlation effect during **the last ~4.5 years (335 five-day intervals)**. All the significance curves were obtained after fine tuning of the parameter t_0 performed by applying 20 small shifts in time between 0 and 5 days.

Cosmic ray variation **15 days before** the corresponding change in seismic activity!

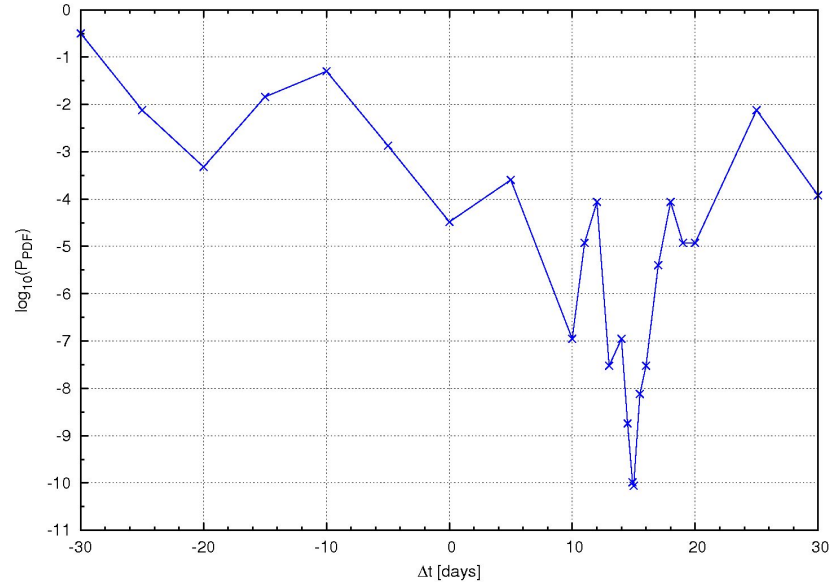
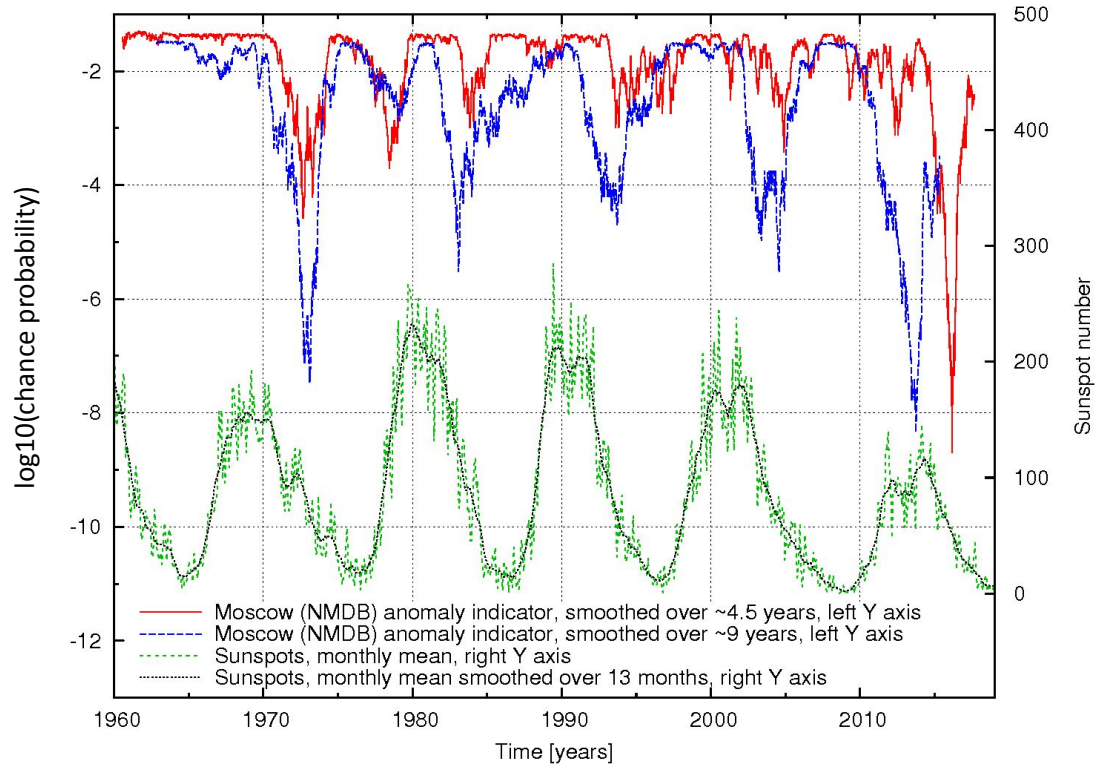


Fig. 3: The dependence of the significance of the *cosmo-seismic* correlations on the time shift t of the EQ data with respect to the Auger CR data, for the optimum free parameter set defined in Eq. 1. The positive or negative values of t correspond to the situations in which one compares the secondary cosmic ray data in a given time interval to the seismic data recorded in time intervals in the future or in the past, respectively.

Interpretation: Role of the Sun or....?

P. Homola et al., 2022: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.12310>



The anomaly indicator in the Moscow NMDB data set compared to the sunspot number. Each point on the correlation significance curves corresponds to the effect found over the smoothing window length of **~4.5 years (1675 days, in red)** and **~9 years (3350 days, in blue)**, with the curve points located at the centers of the windows.

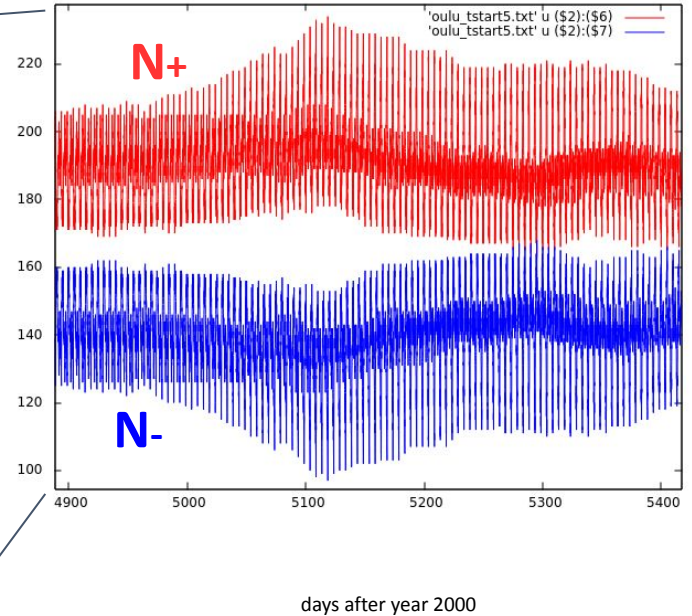
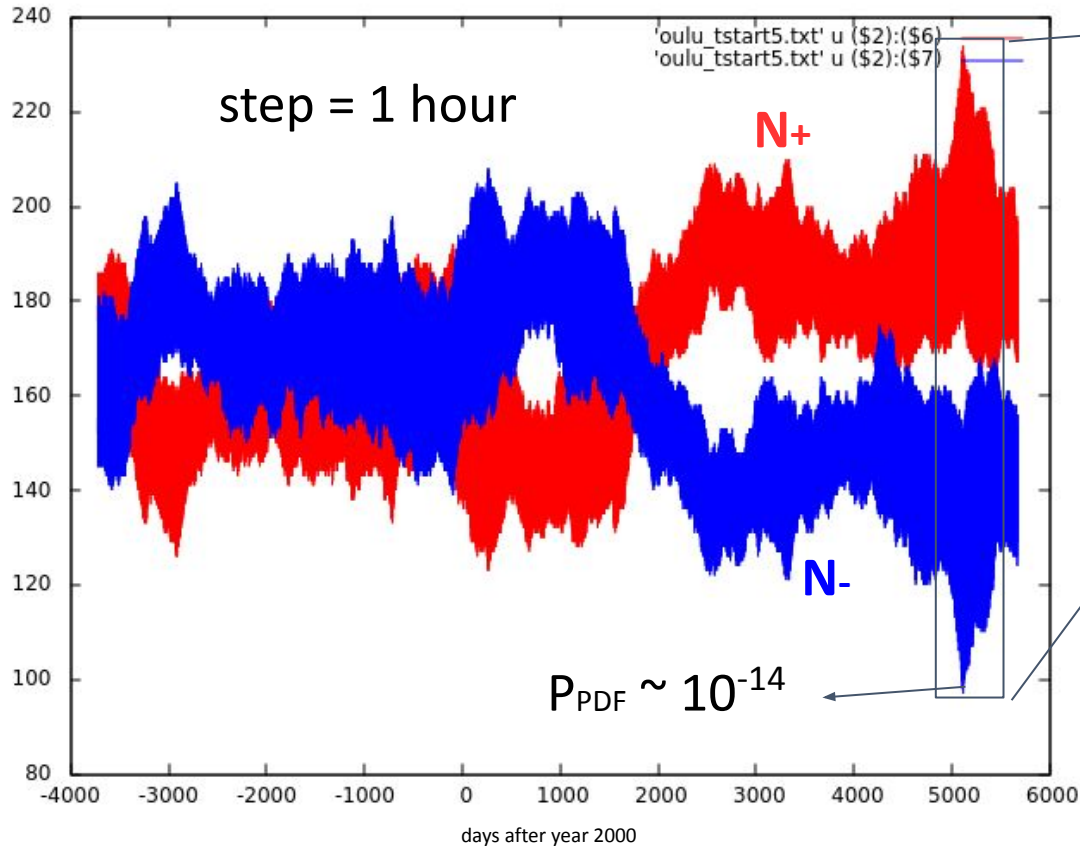
The key “peculiar” properties of the cosmo-seismic effect

1. to sensitivity -> common periodicities & specific signal shape
2. dominant 24 h periodicity in EQs varying in time -> new EQ mechanism, Sun engaged magnetically!
3. EQs and non-tidal role of the Moon -> implies “third factor” active gravitationally
4. sidereal day periodicity in both EQ and CR data varying in time -> external stream + sensitivity to local conditions (or variations of the “third factor”?)
5. hemispherical / semiday EQ differences: external impact?
6. a special EQ week of the year at ~mid November: a specific external arrival direction?
7. radiation precedes earthquakes: a slower than light “third factor” capable of inducing radiation?

-> **charged dark matter stream** as the leading (only?) candidate physic scenario?

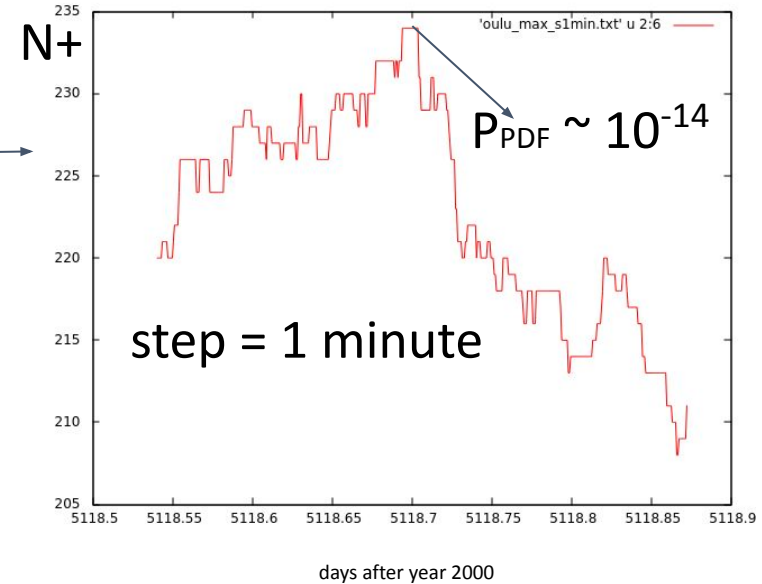
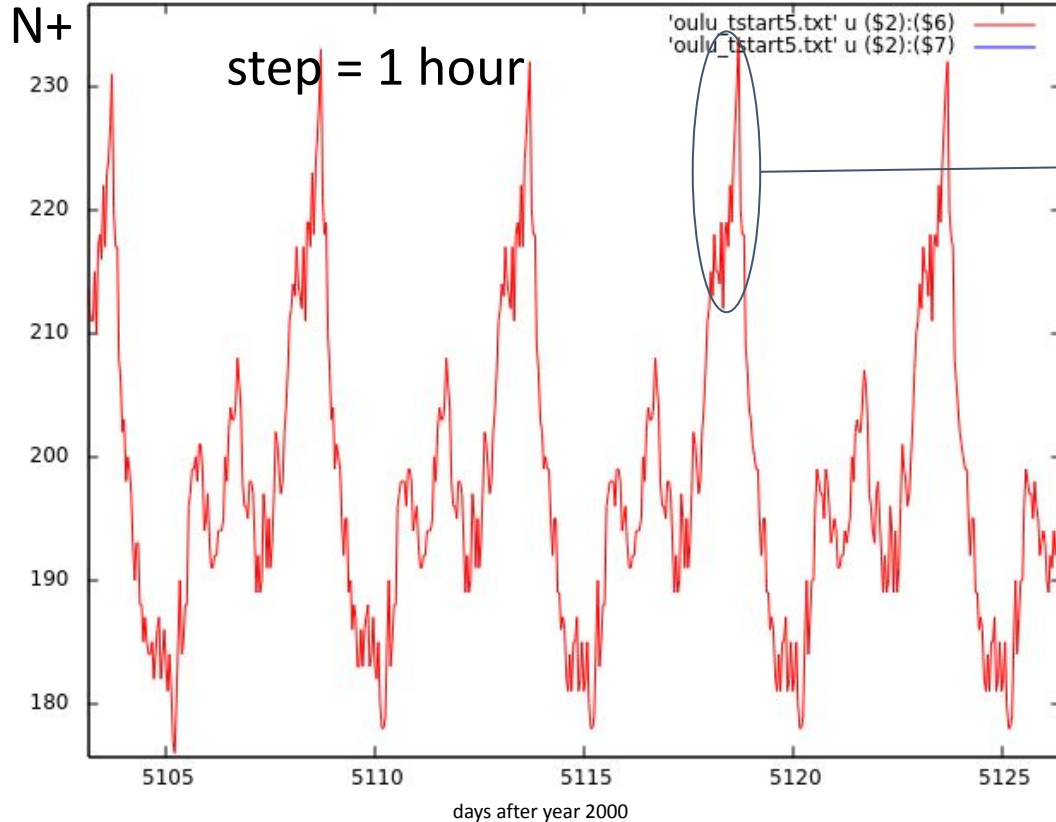
1. Sensitivity to very small t_0 shifts: a uniquely characteristic signal behind?

Sensitivity to very small to shifts



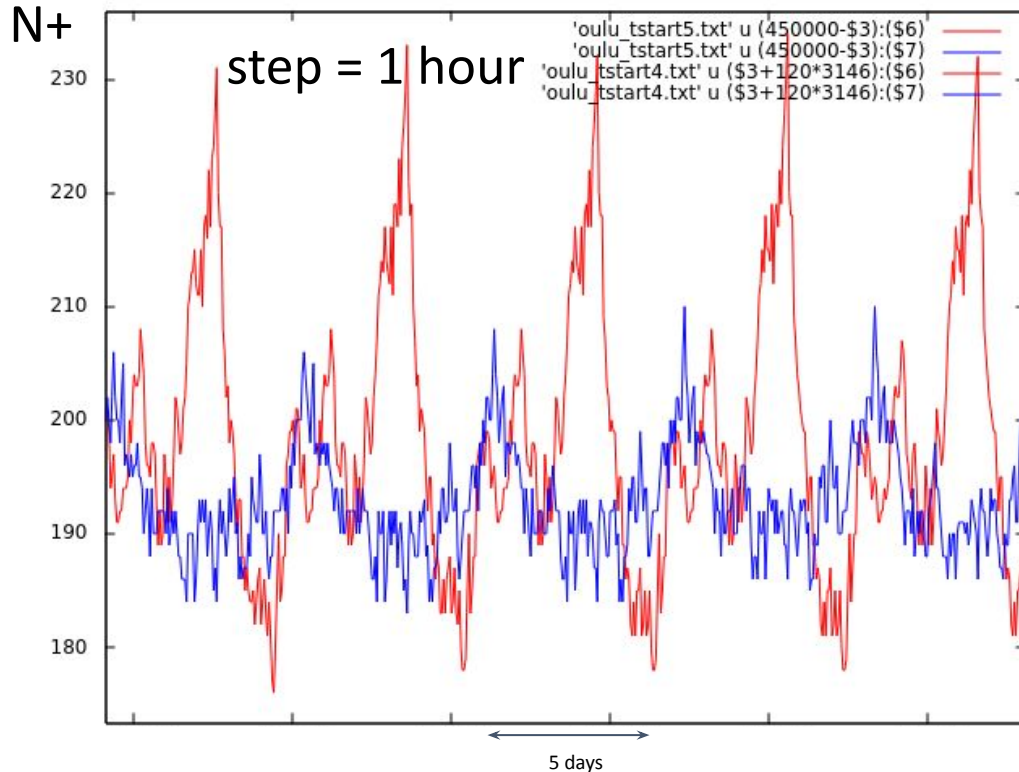
Oulu; CR data bins: 6hrs,
cosmo-seismic bin: $f \times 5$ days;
 $f=0.999915$

Sensitivity to very small to shifts



Oulu; CR data bins: 6hrs,
cosmo-seismic bin: $f \times 5$ days;
 $f=0.999915$
(similar for other sites and $f=1.0$)

Sensitivity to very small t_0 shifts



red: $t_0 \sim 2014$

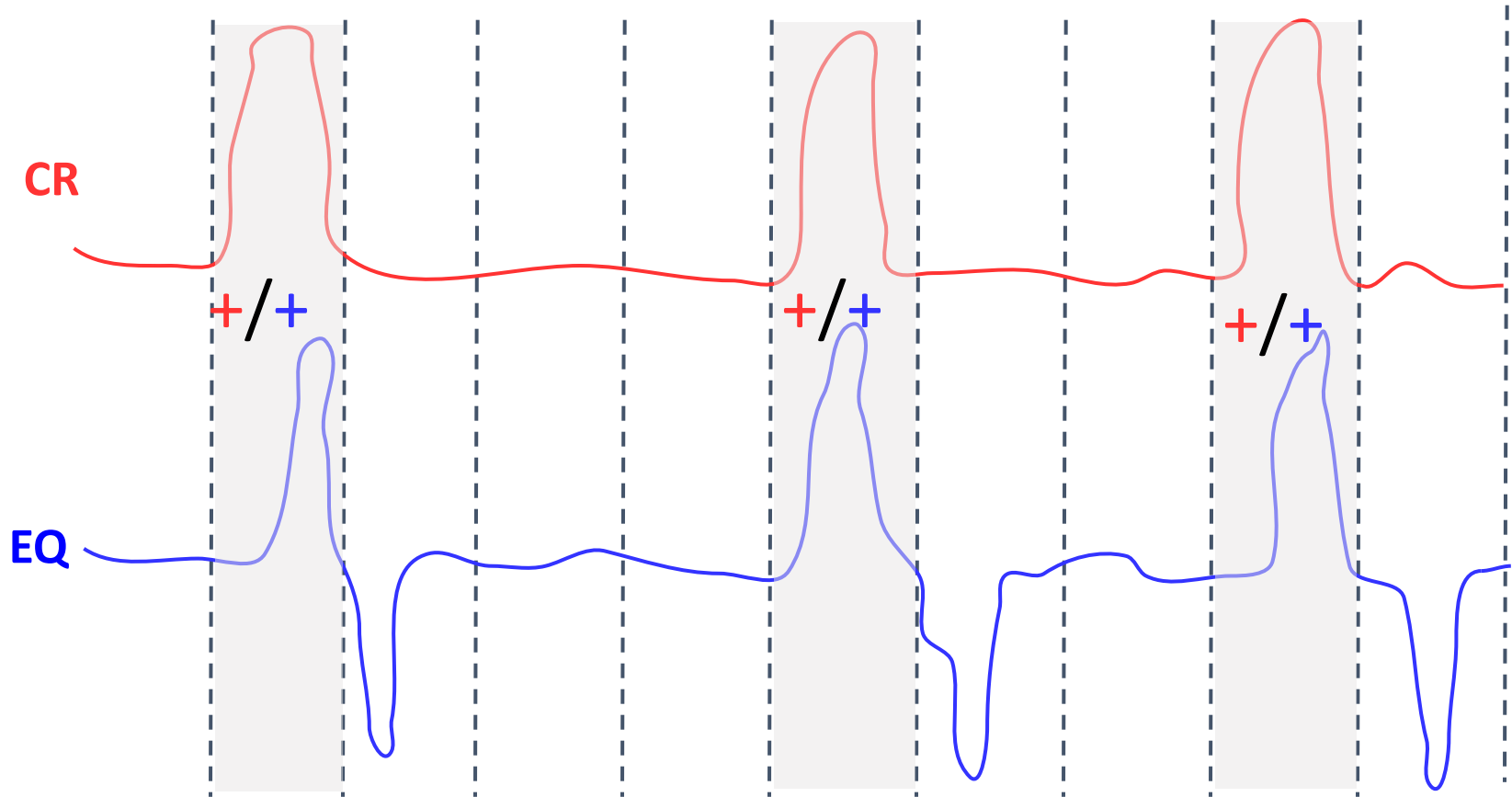
blue: $t_0 \sim 2006$

-> optimum t_0 evolves in time!

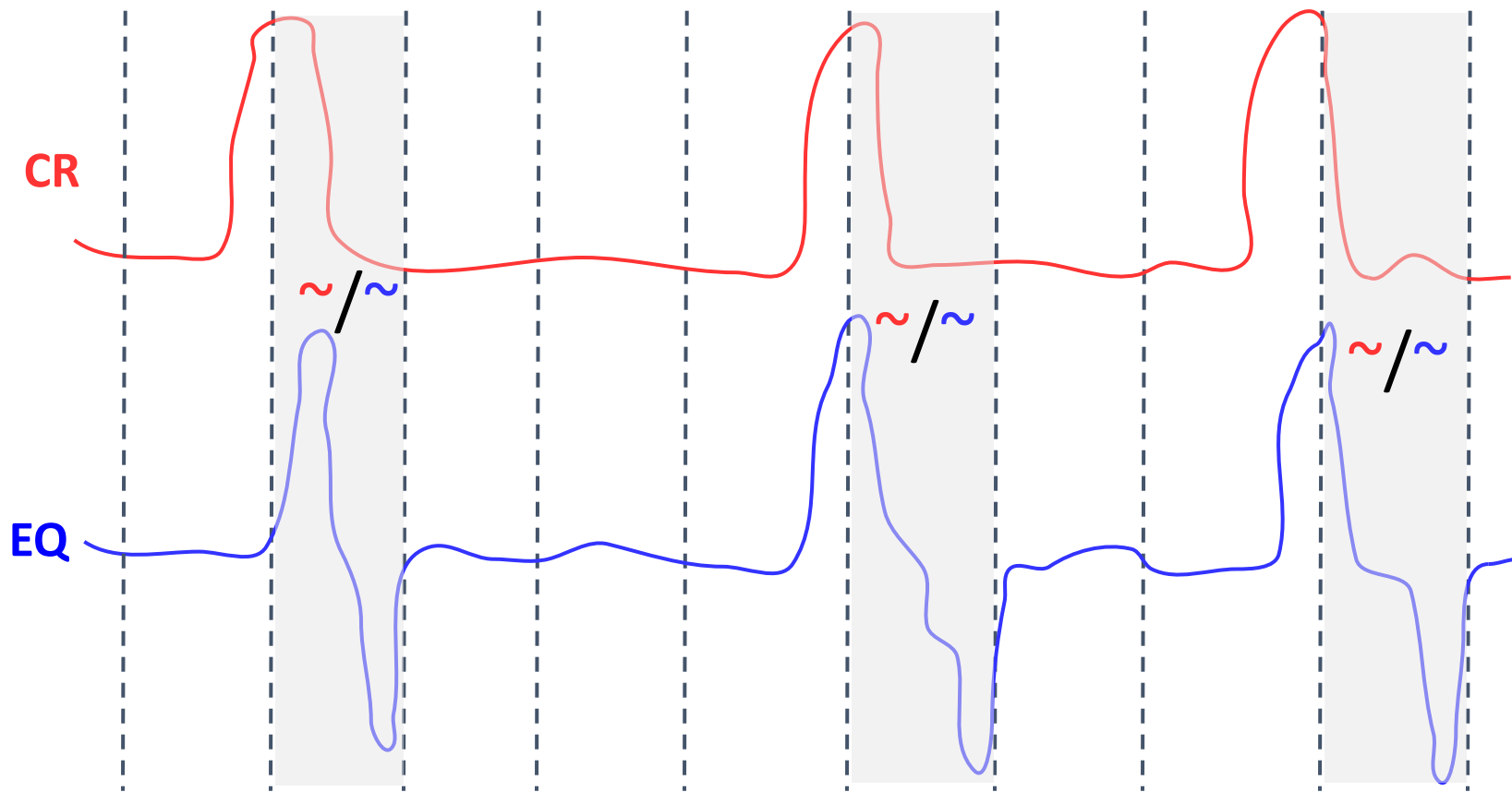
-> EQ data responsible for the
 t_0 fine tuning effect?

Oulu; CR data bins: 6hrs,
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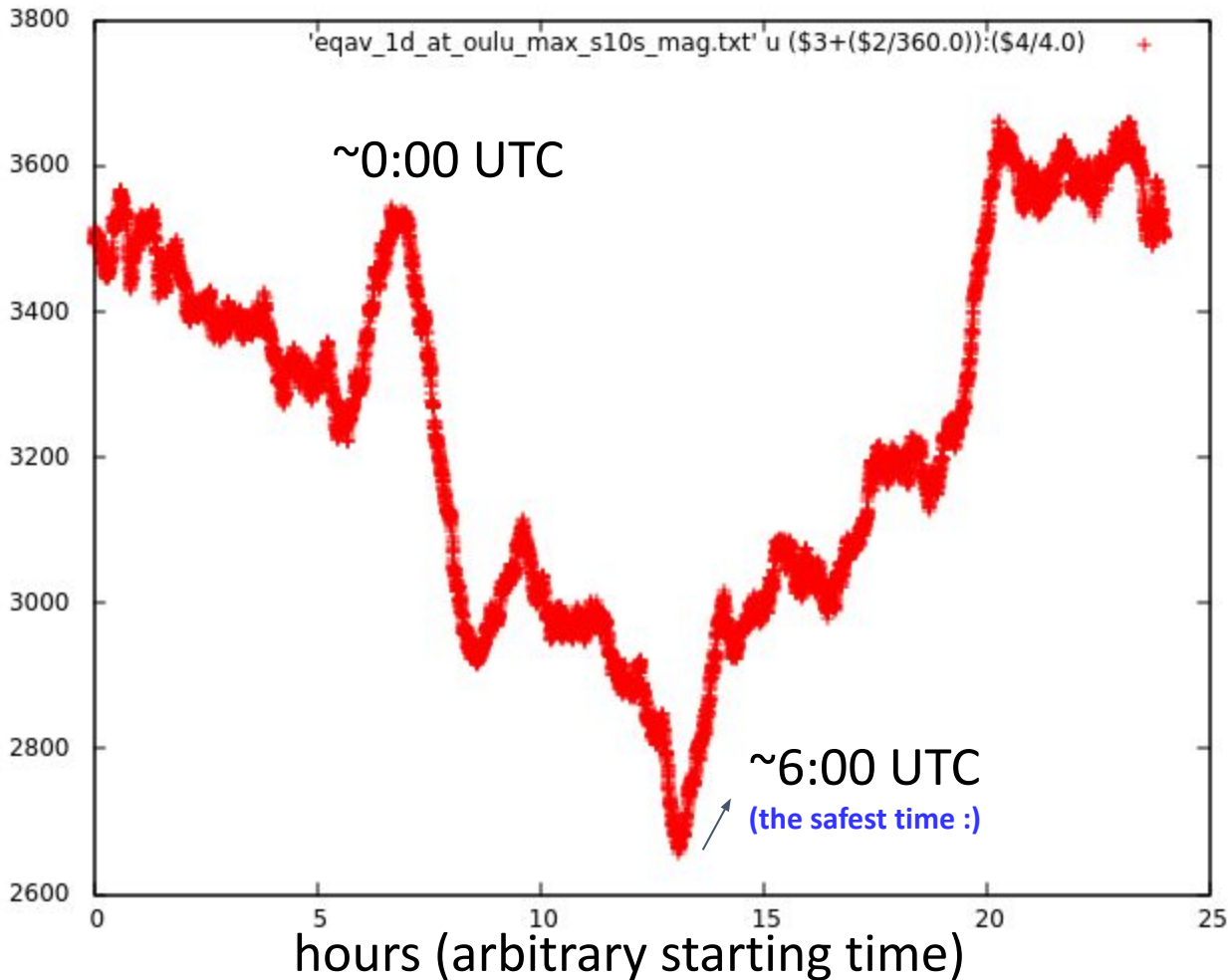
“clicks” @ many points with just a small t_0 shift?



“clicks” @ many points with just a small t_0 shift?



2. Dominant,
time-dependent 24
hour periodicity in the
EQ data: **new EQ
mechanism?**

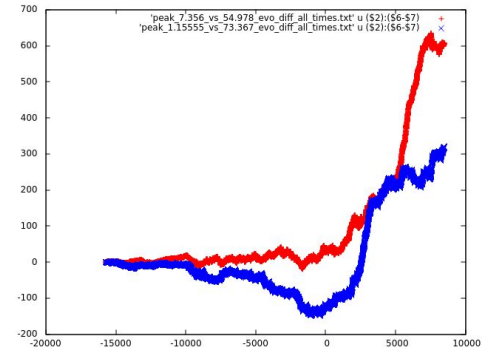
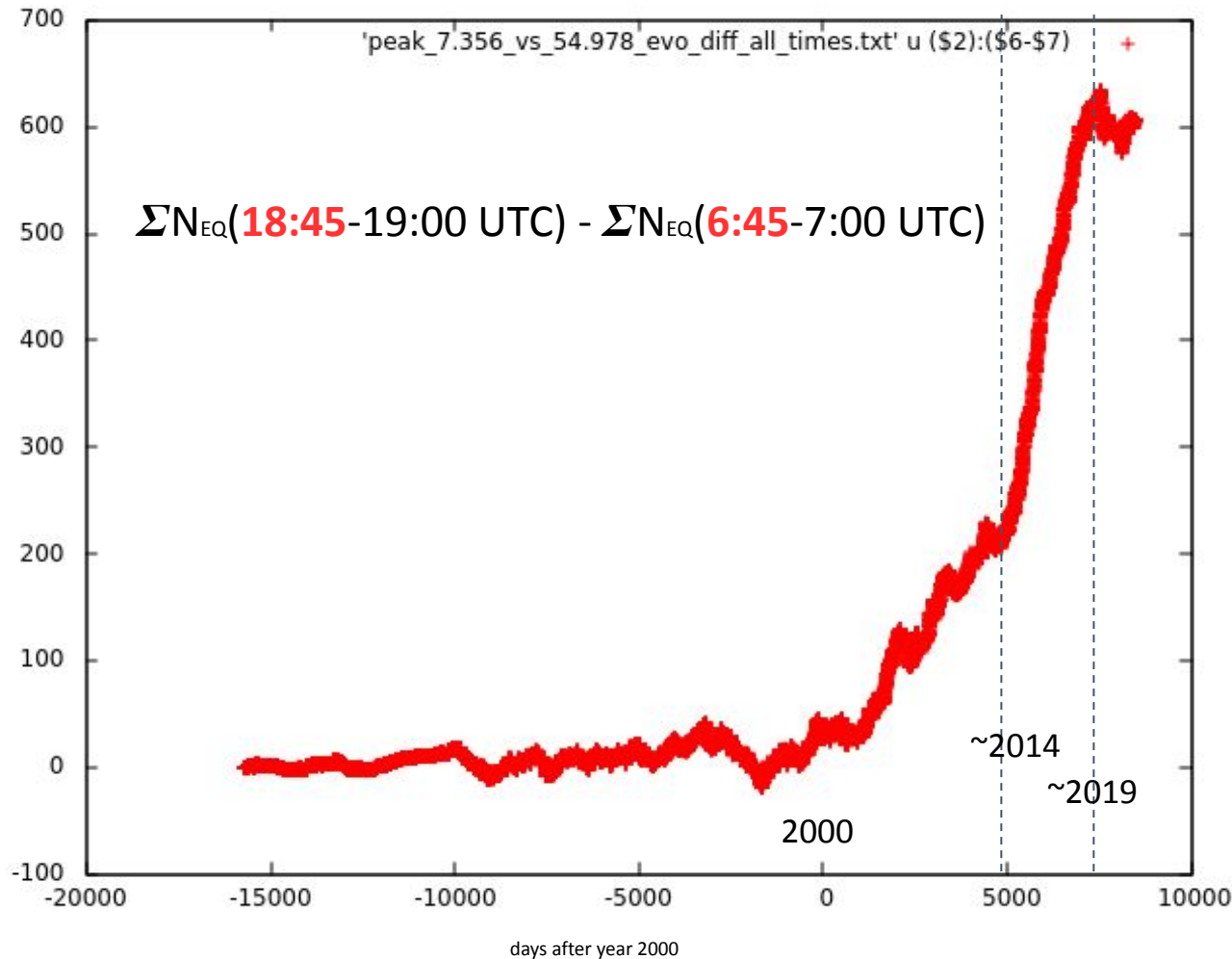


24 hour stacked N_{EQ}

- average 1 h bins
- 10 s sliding step
- ~2000 days since 2014
- **no or much weaker lunar day (24h 50 m) periodicity**

24 h periodicity -> **role of the Sun**

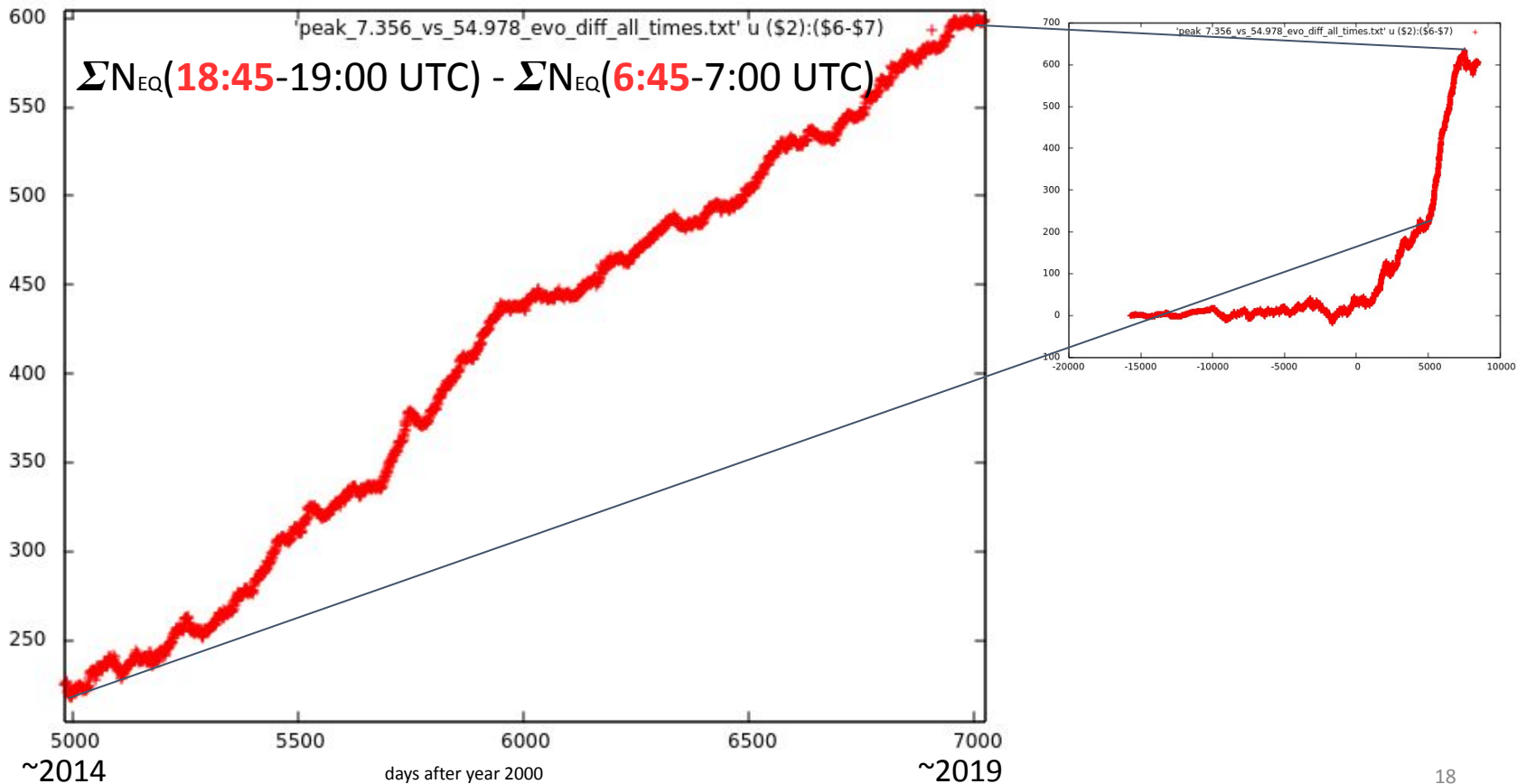
no lunar day periodicity
-> **“third factor”**
sensitive to magnetism



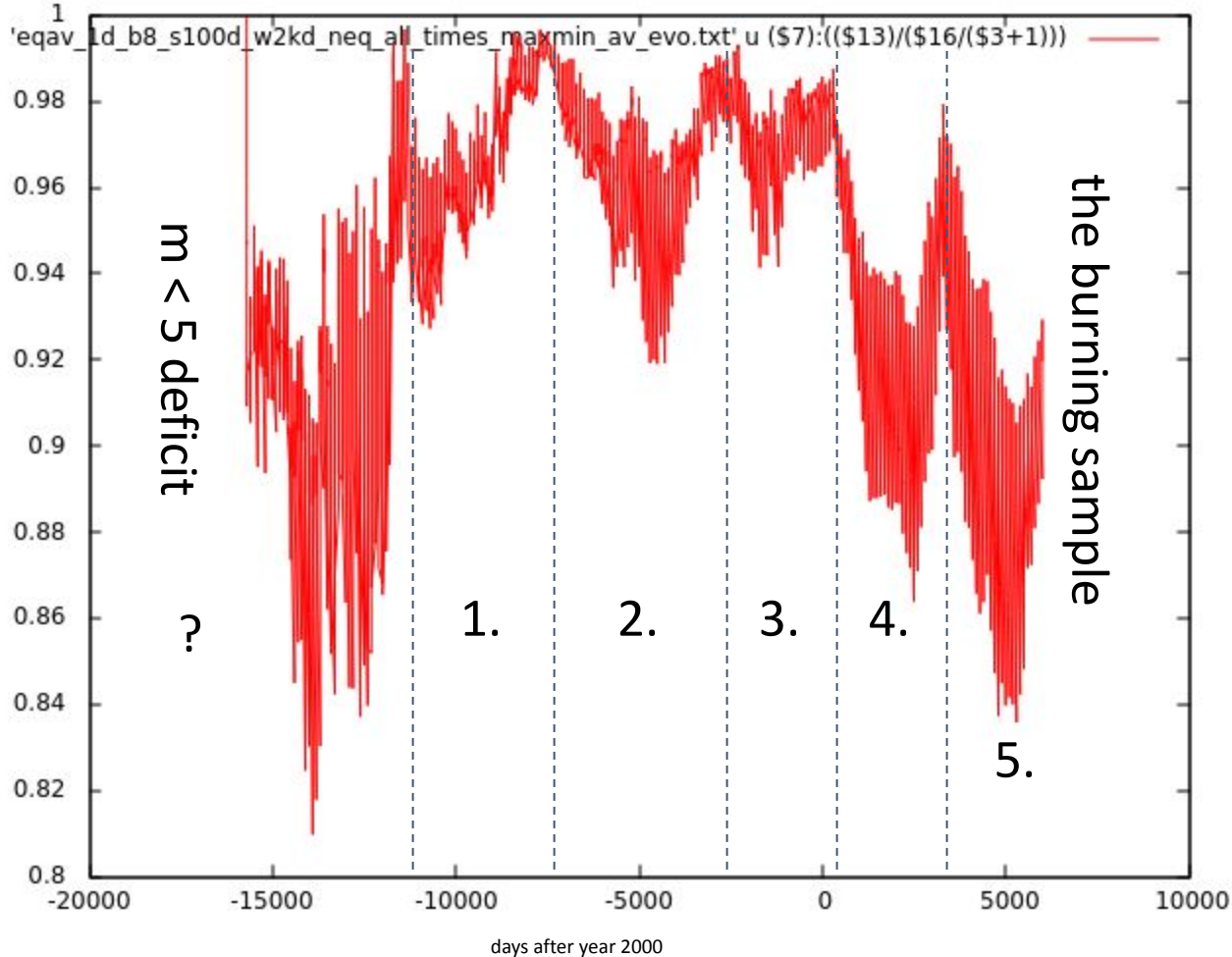
-> **“dramatic” 5 years**
of increasing daily asymmetry
for special time bins

-> **different bins: different
time evolution & “dramatic”
time**

~ uniform daily N_{EQ} asymmetry increase during the “dramatic” time



minimum average N_{EQ} in 3 hours / daily average N_{EQ}



24 hour asymmetry of N_{EQ} evolves with time!

average 3 h bins.

averaged over time window of:

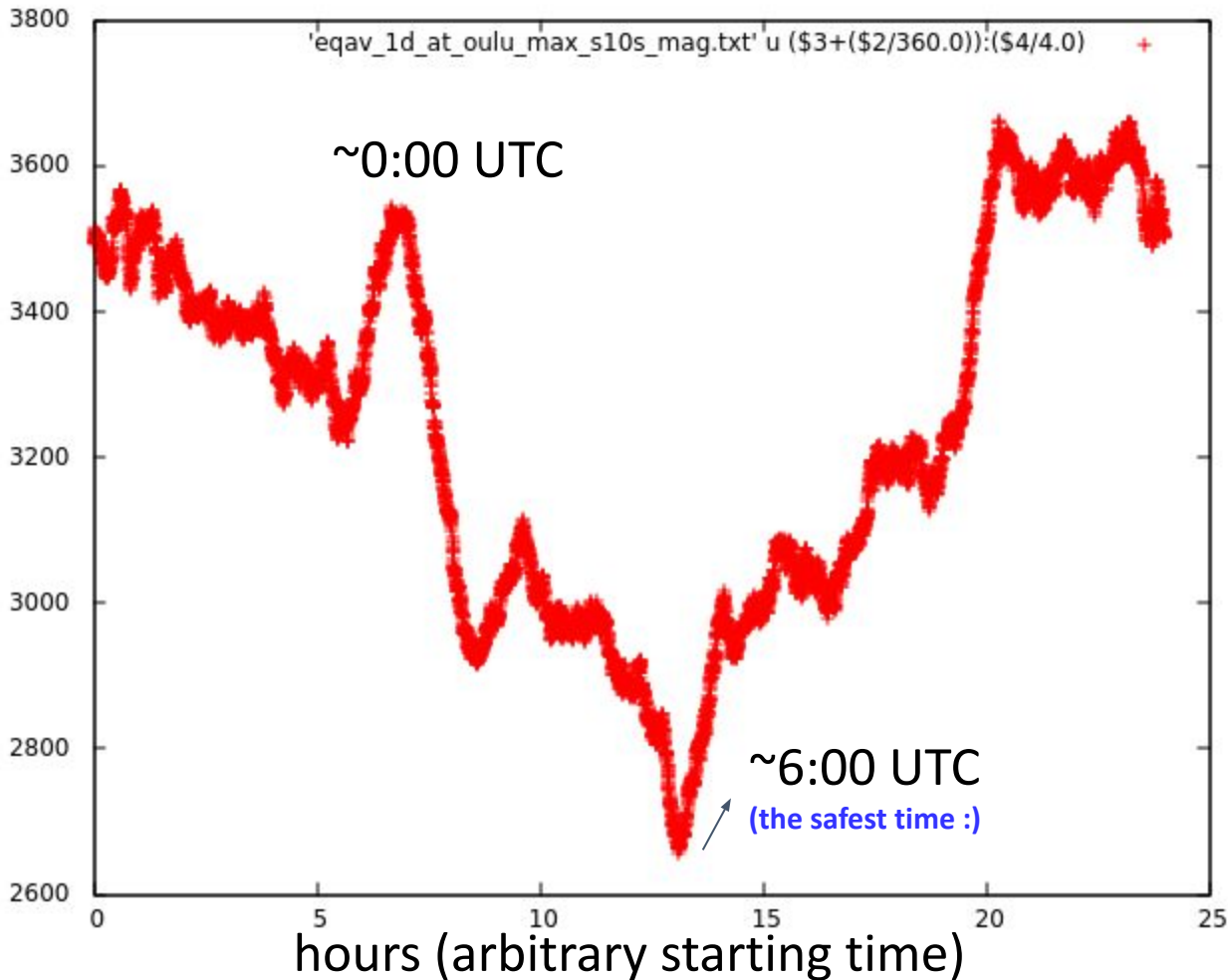
~2000 days

sliding step: 100 days

-> **different “eras” of 24h asymmetry?**

-> like Fig 4 (cosmo-seismic article)

-> **variations of the “third factor” or its sensitivity to magnetism**

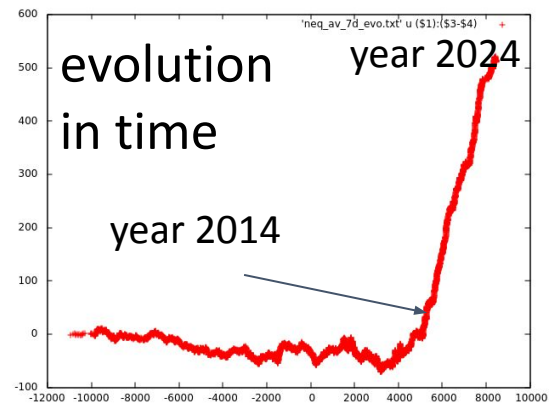
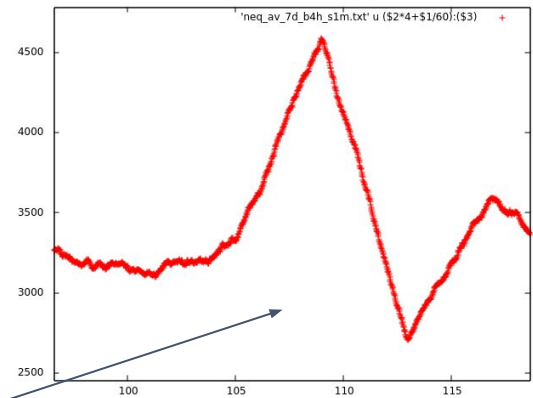
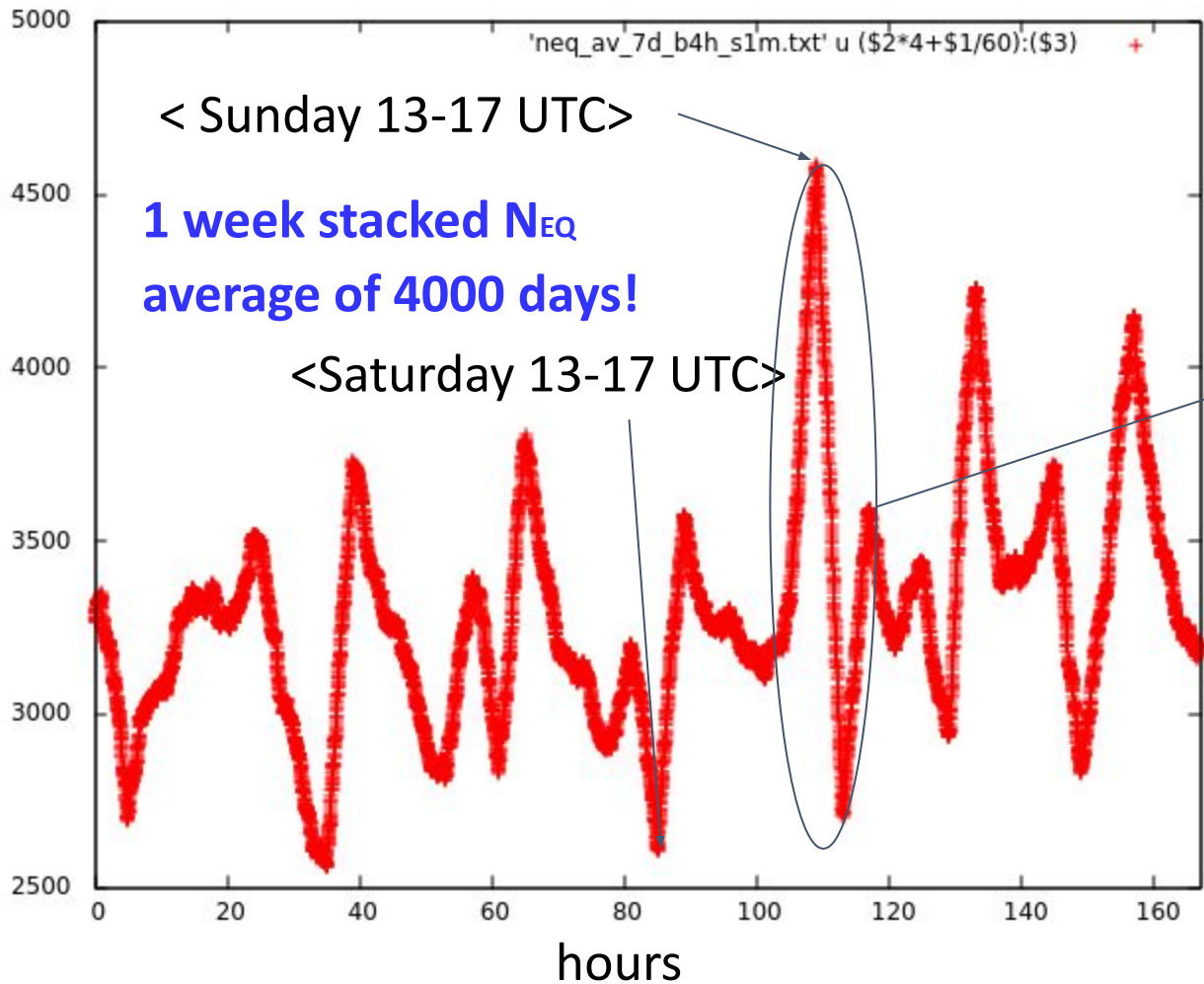


24 hour stacked N_{EQ}

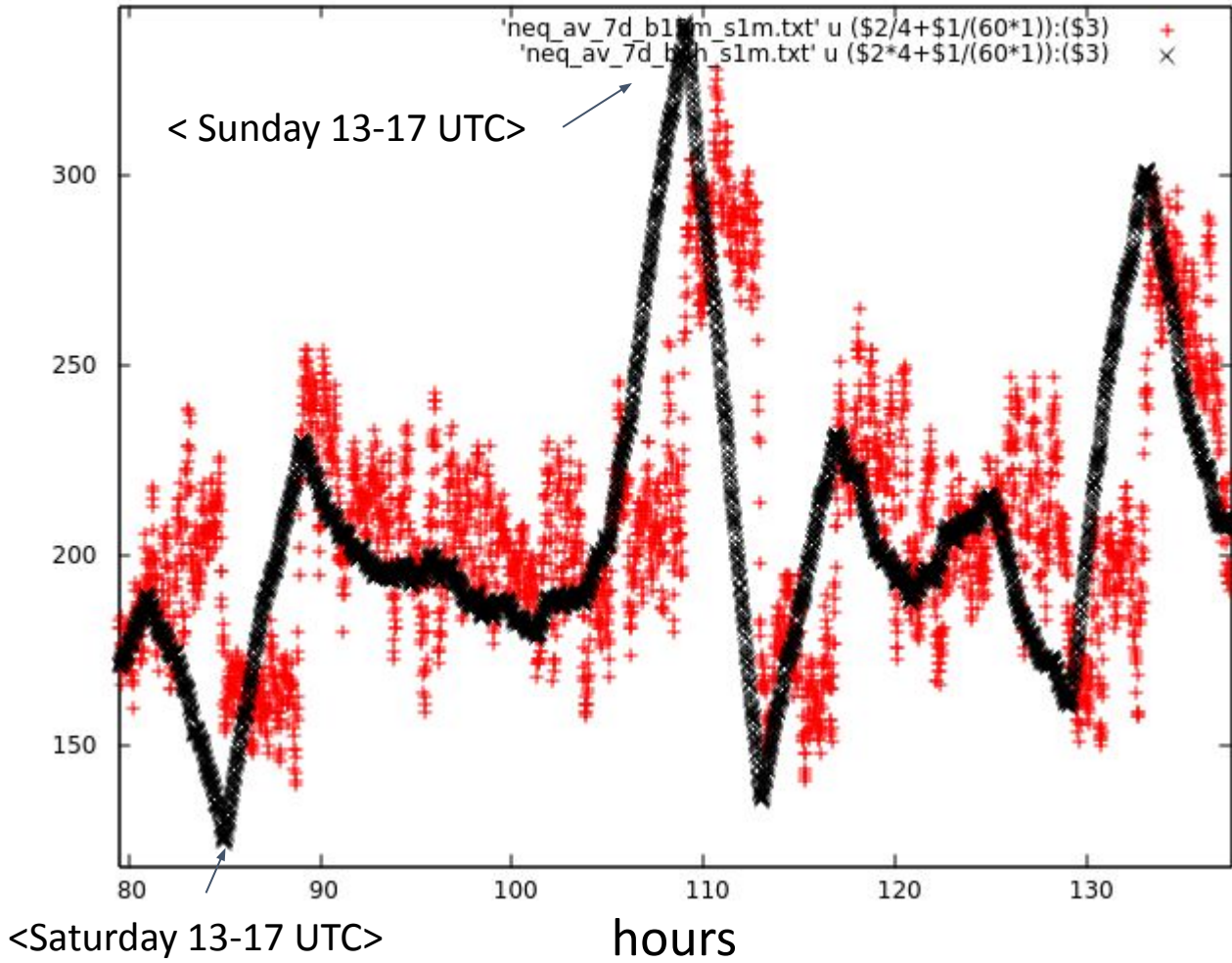
- average 1 h bins
- 10 s sliding step
- ~2000 days since 2014
- **no or much weaker lunar day (24h 50 m) periodicity**

24 h periodicity -> **role of the Sun**

no lunar day periodicity
-> **“third factor”**
sensitive to magnetism



- average 4 h bins
- 60 s sliding step
- 4000 days since 2014



average 4h (black)

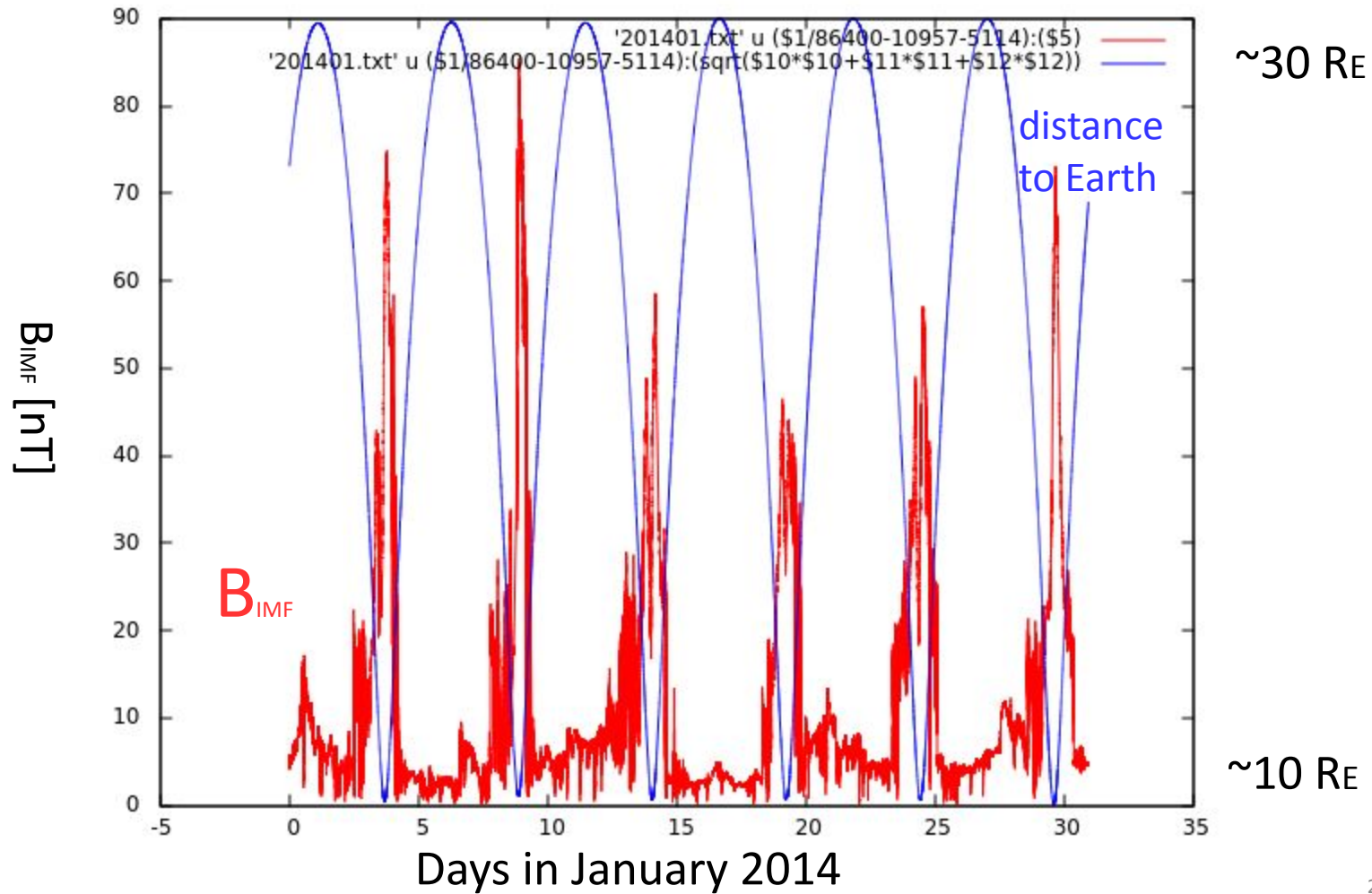
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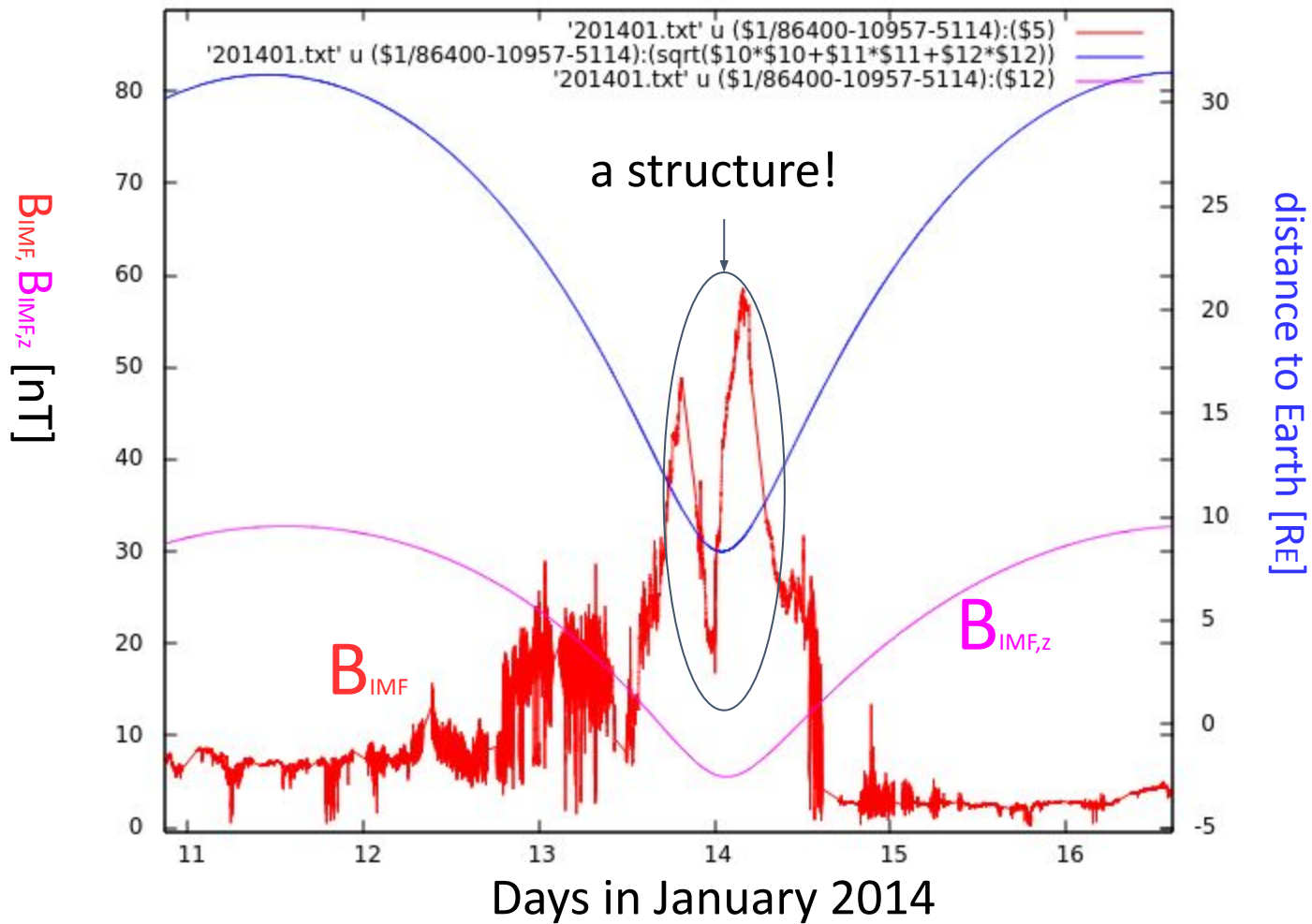
average 15 minutes
(red)

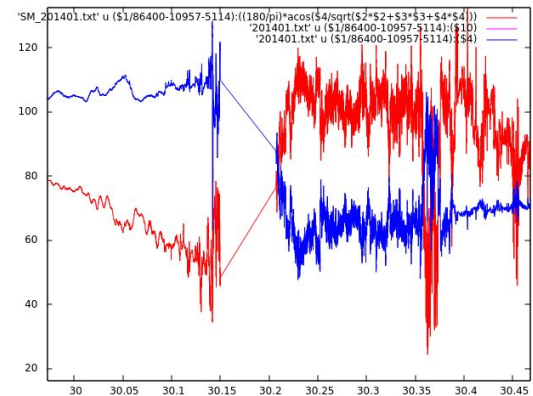
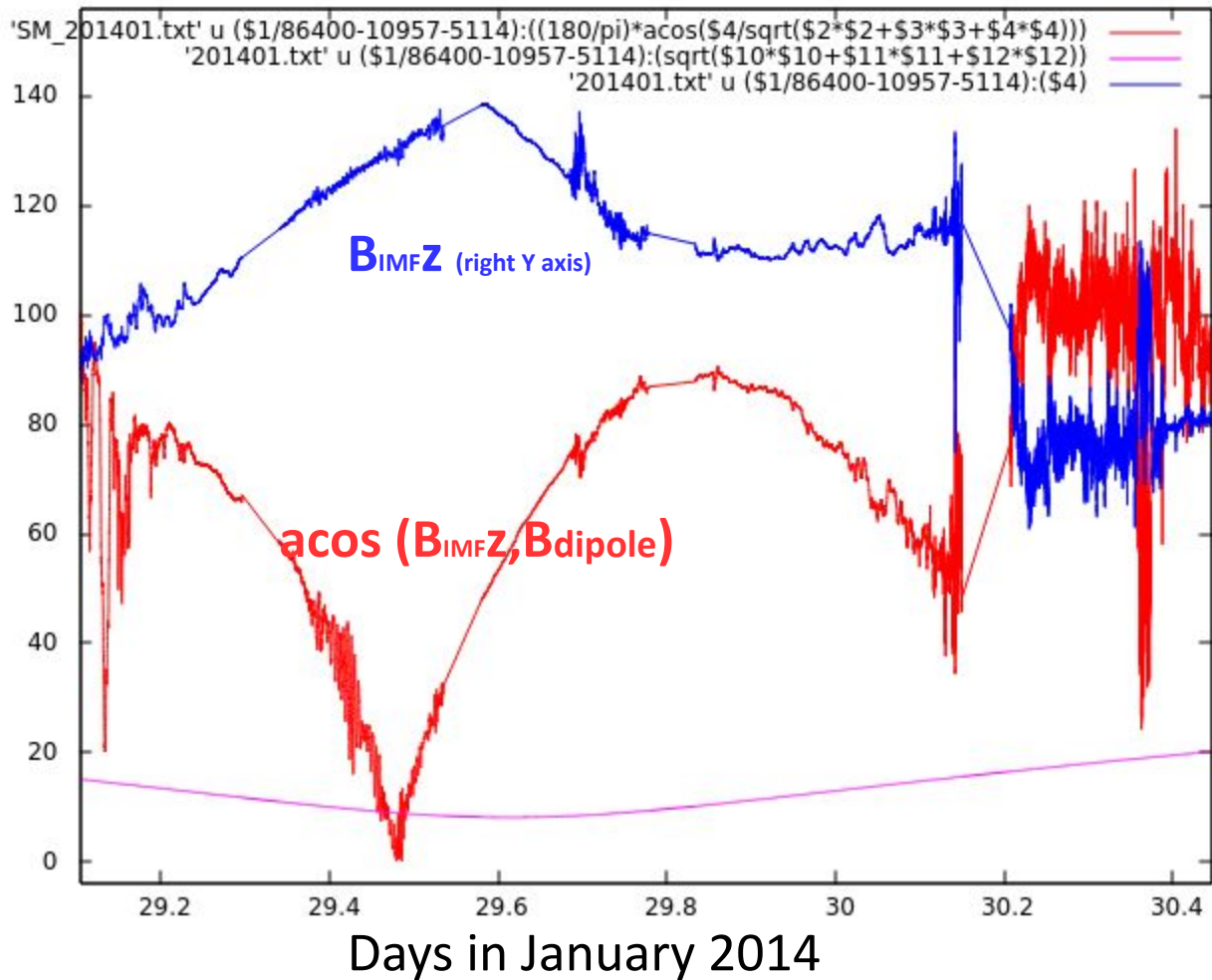


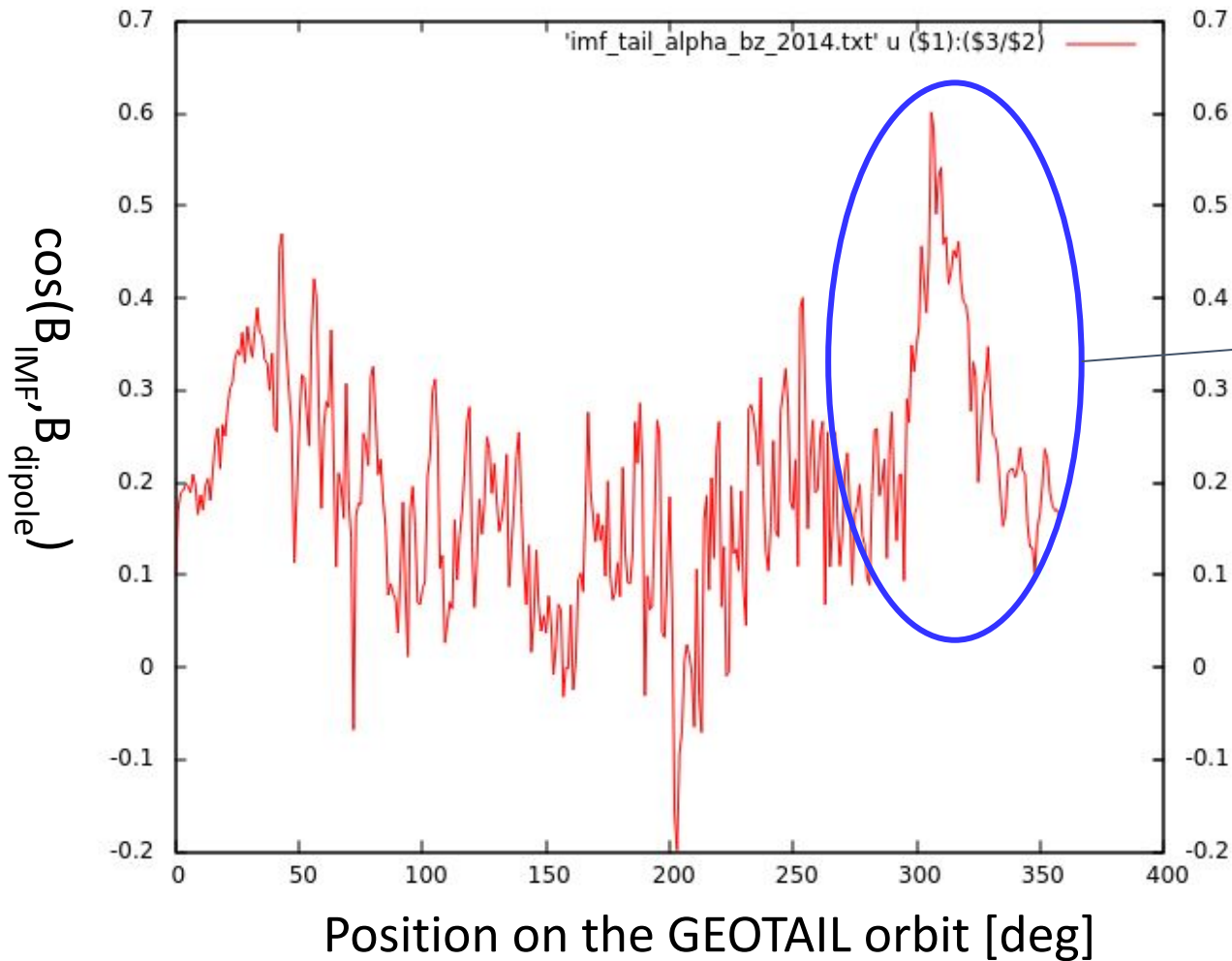
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a daily feature
in the relation
of the
Interplanetary
Magnetic
Field (IMF)
and the Earth
dipole axis

(credit to Sławomir Stuglik for data formatting)

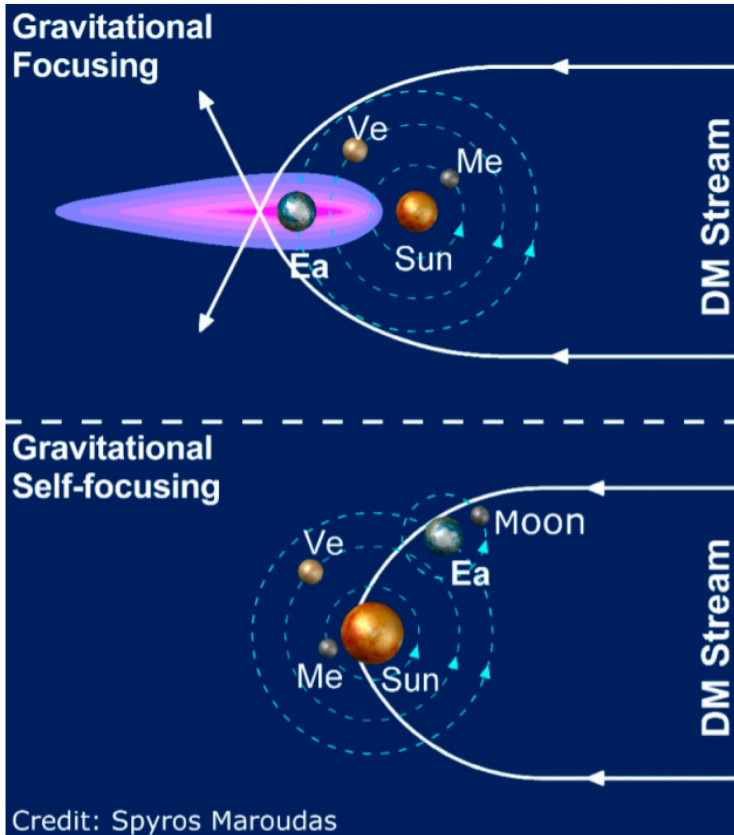
Literature Support

- DM streams + focusing ~orders of magnitude
- super-heavy charged dark matter
- 24h Japan: “new EQ mechanism”, 2018
- spaceweather @ Radon (credit Brian)
- books: heliospheric current sheet, rotation of the Sun

Interpretation: role of the Sun, or ... Dark Matter stream?

K. Zioutas et al., 2021

Phys. Sci. Forum 2021, 2(1), 10; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ECU2021-09313>



PH: **(SH)DM overdensities:**

-> periodic (yearly?) CR variations?

-> delayed gravitational shocks?

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Gravitational focusing effects on streaming dark matter as a new detection concept

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Cosmological simulations for cold dark matter (DM) indicate that a large number of streams might exist in our Galaxy. The present work incorporates gravitational focusing (GF) effects on streaming DM constituents by the Sun and the Earth preceding their encounter with Earth bound detectors. For streaming DM, the GF gives rise to spatiotemporal flux enhancements of orders of magnitude above the nominal DM density. Remarkably, due to Earth's rotation the derived flux enhancements appear as transient signals lasting about 10 seconds repeating daily for days or weeks. This work presents a novel opportunity for DM signal detection and identification, and the present simulation can be applied to any kind of invisible matter entering the solar system.

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“For **streaming dark matter**, the **gravitational focusing** gives rise to spatiotemporal **flux enhancements of orders of magnitude** above the nominal DM density. Remarkably, due to Earth's rotation the derived flux enhancements appear as transient signals lasting about 10 seconds repeating daily for days or weeks.”

Planck mass charged gravitino dark matter

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Following up on our earlier work predicting fractionally charged supermassive gravitinos, we explain their potential relevance as novel candidates for dark matter and discuss possible signatures and ways to detect them.

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High Energy Physics - Experiment

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Evidence of Space weather in Radon Decay

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The Electron, Proton and Alpha Monitor, EPAM, located at the L1 Position approximately 1-million miles from the earth in the direction of the sun, was designed to detect fluctuations in solar output through counting the numbers of various particles hitting the detector. The EPAM detector is part of an early warning system that can alert the earth to coronal mass ejection events that can damage our electronic grids and satellite equipment. EPAM gives a real-time estimate of changes in the local solar magnetic field directed towards the earth, recorded in the fluctuations of solar particles being ejected. This paper presents an analysis of fluctuations in data taken by the Geological Survey of Israel, GSI, compared to the changes in detected numbers of protons as seen by EPAM. Surprisingly, the GSI and EPAM detectors show an unexpected correlation between the variation in count rate detected by the GSI detectors and an increased numbers of protons seen at EPAM; well above statistical significance of 5-sigma, indicating a non-random connection between the data sets. The statistically significant overlap between data taken by these two detectors, subject to very different conditions, may hint at a Primakoff mechanism whereby exotic particles, e.g. galactic Dark Matter, couple through magnetic fields to both photons and even nuclei. This work builds on an earlier paper on the observations of Radon decay and their implications for particle physics.

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spaceweather (solar cycle) 1 million km above Earth

What is most fascinating and unexpected in this analysis,

the EPAM proton count rate data shows a **strong correlation** with the count rate for gammas emitted from a chain **decay process of 222 Rn**, as seen by the GSI instruments.

radon (earthquake precursor) @ Earth

2018

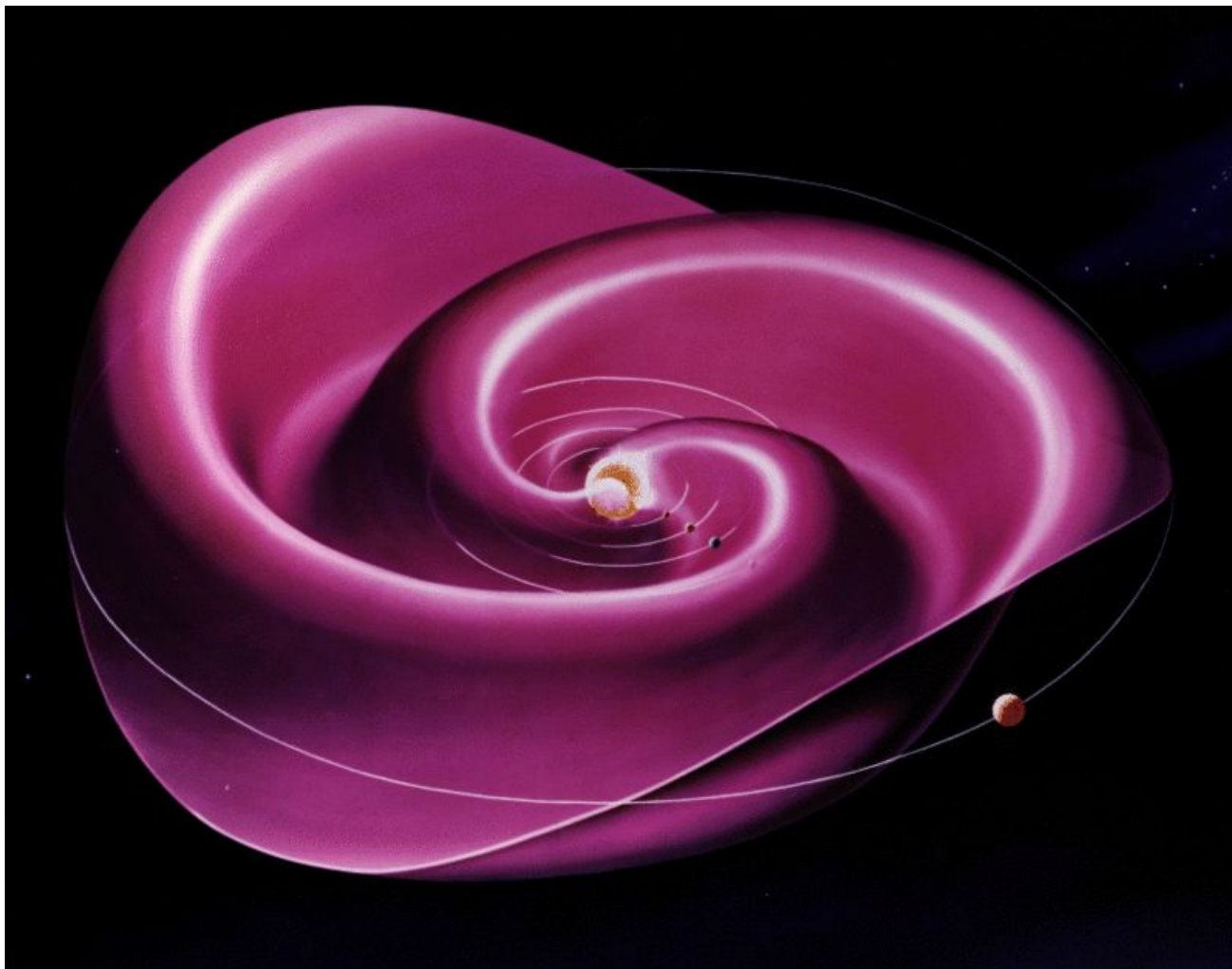
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Evidence for diurnal periodicity of earthquakes from midnight to daybreak

Jinlai Hao, Jinhai Zhang* and Zhenxing Yao

<https://doi.org/10.1093/nsr/nwy117>

“Our work suggests that the earthquakes have a **dominant diurnal period**, at least from midnight to daybreak, which could be helpful to opening a **new window to explore the physical mechanism of earthquakes.**”



Heliospheric Current Sheet (- like?)
behavior?

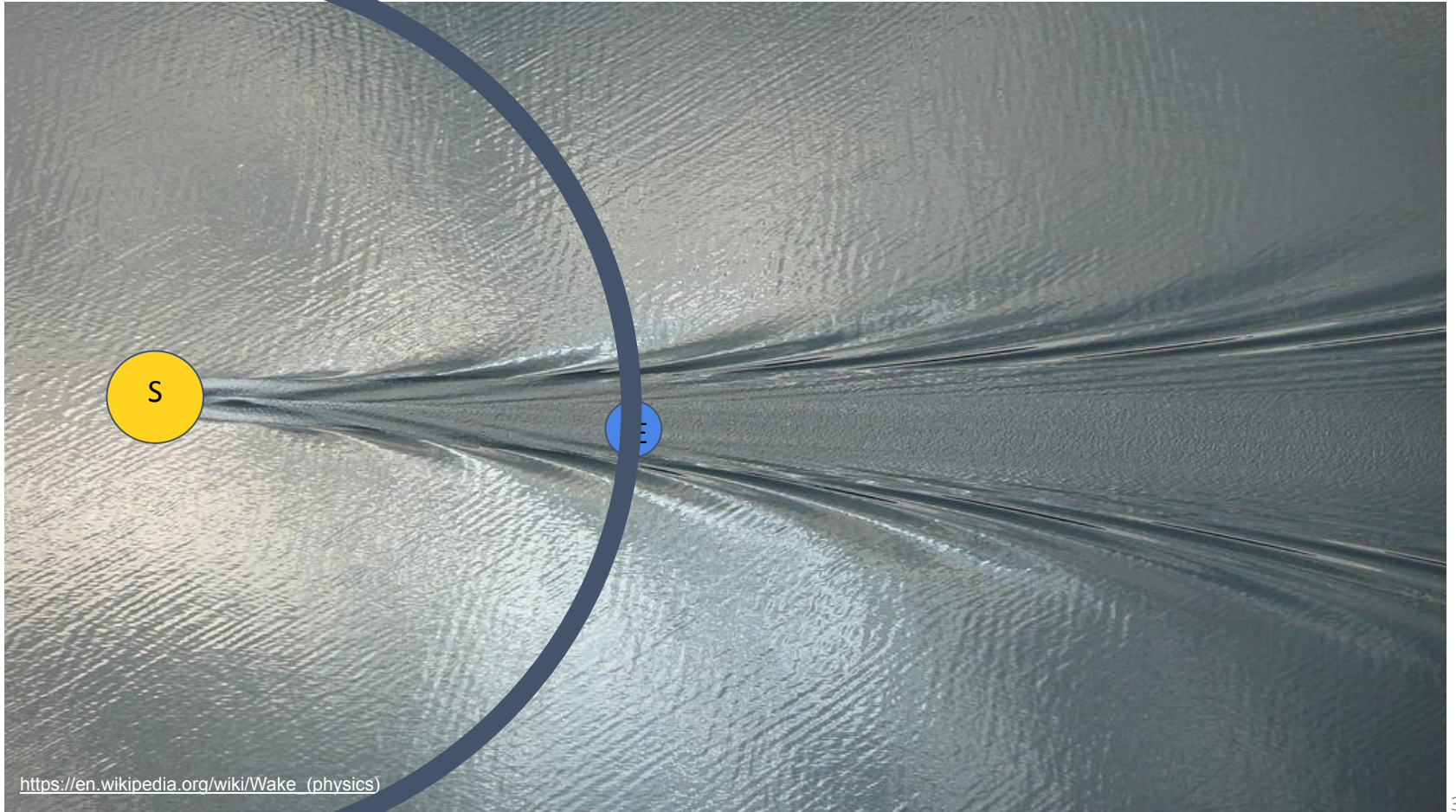
~10000 km thickness

~heavier particles
required?

~periodicities close to
27 days, $\frac{1}{2} \times 27$ days.

~opposite directions
possible if both
positive and negative
charges involved?

... or Dark Fluid -> dark wake(s)?



Observable charged dark matter stream around?

- foundations of physics!
- predicting some earthquakes by monitoring cosmic ray sources moving within the Solar System!
- revisiting climate change models by considering the new external factor!