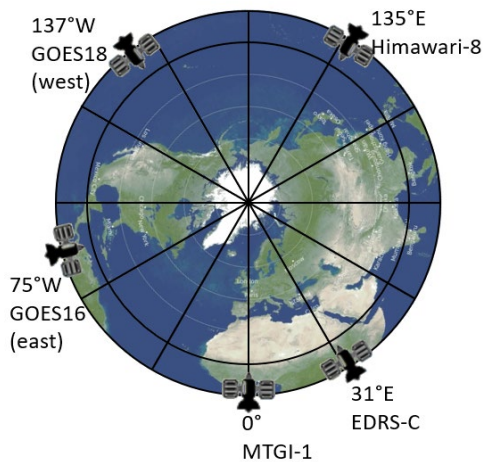




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Cross-calibration of ESA radiation monitors

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Outline

- ESA radiation Monitors under consideration
- Reference dataset and considerations
- Results accounting proton sensors
- Results accounting electron sensors (GSICS 2023-2024)
- Conclusions

Motivation: calibrate ESA monitors

- In-flight validation/calibration of ESA radiation monitors
- Creation of high-level data products (Level-2)



- GEO EDRS-C: 31 East
- LEO Sentinel-6
- GEO MTG1: 0 East
- GEO MTG-S1
- ERS-A Lunar Gateway
- ... + more to come



- GNSS GSAT-0207
- GNSS GSAT-0215

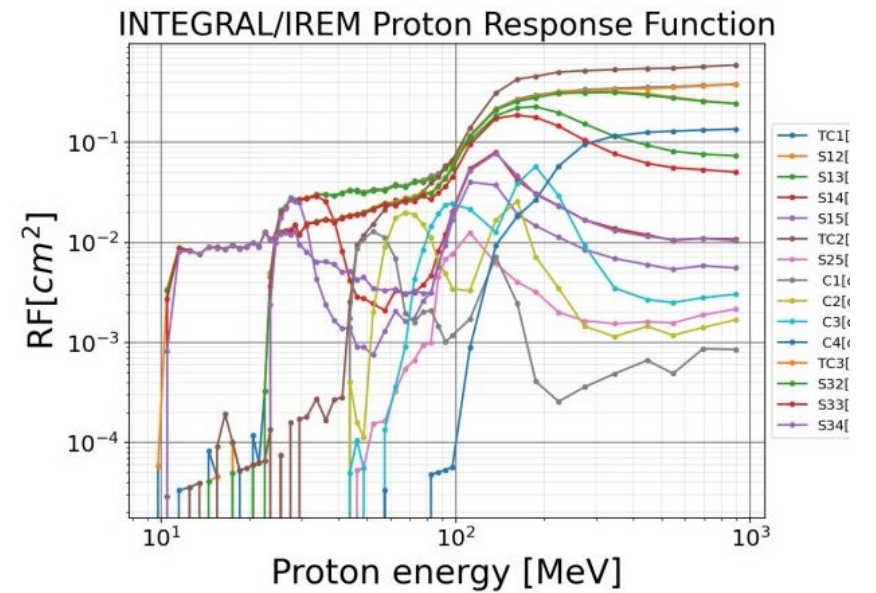
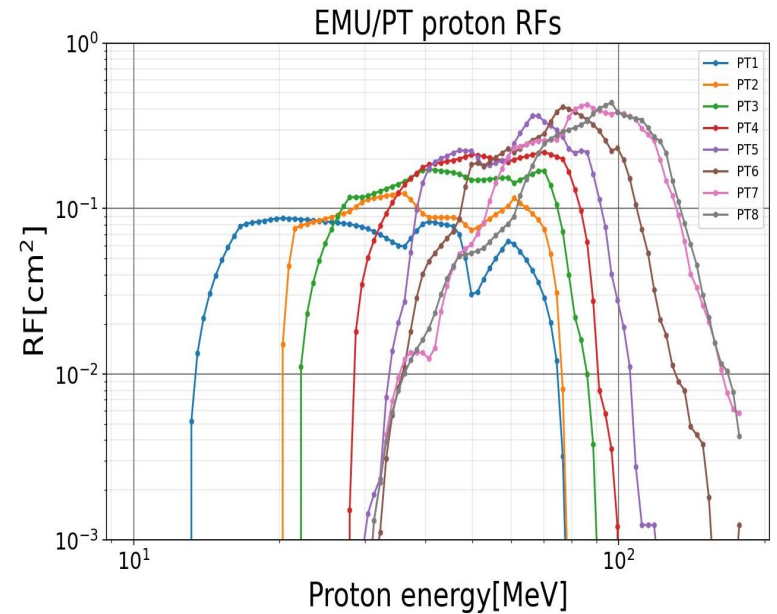
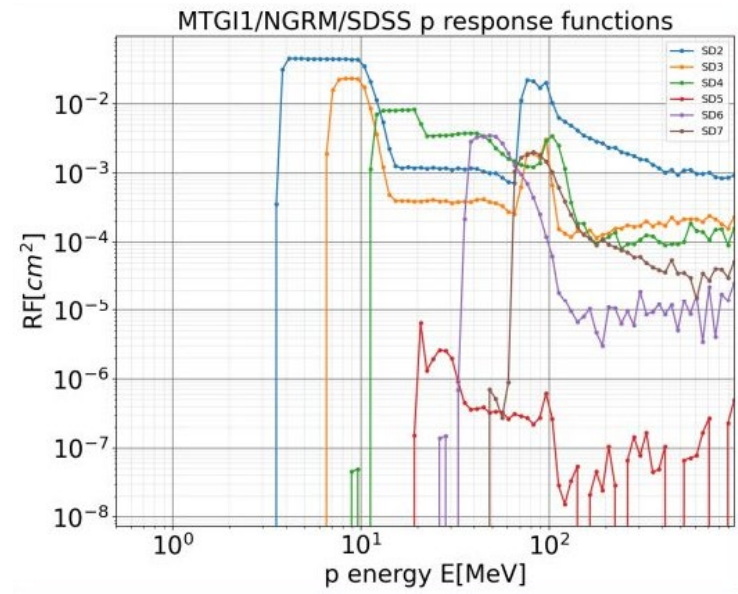
OBS: the sensors PT and SURF of GSAT/EMU and Himawari /SEDA are identical!



- HEO INTEGRAL
- LEO PROBA-1
- GNSS Giove-B
- + more



Radiation Monitors proton sensors/datasets



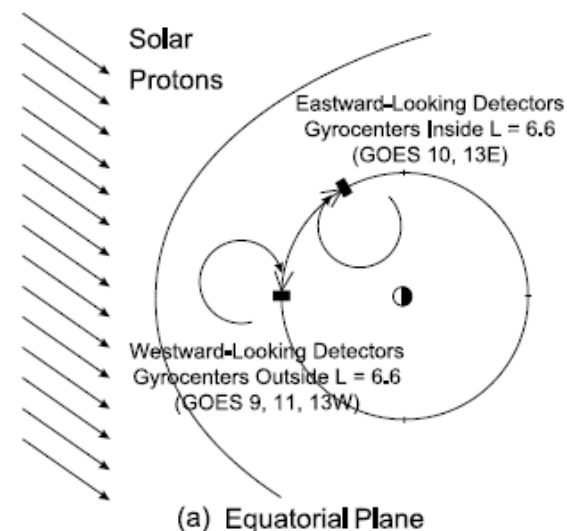
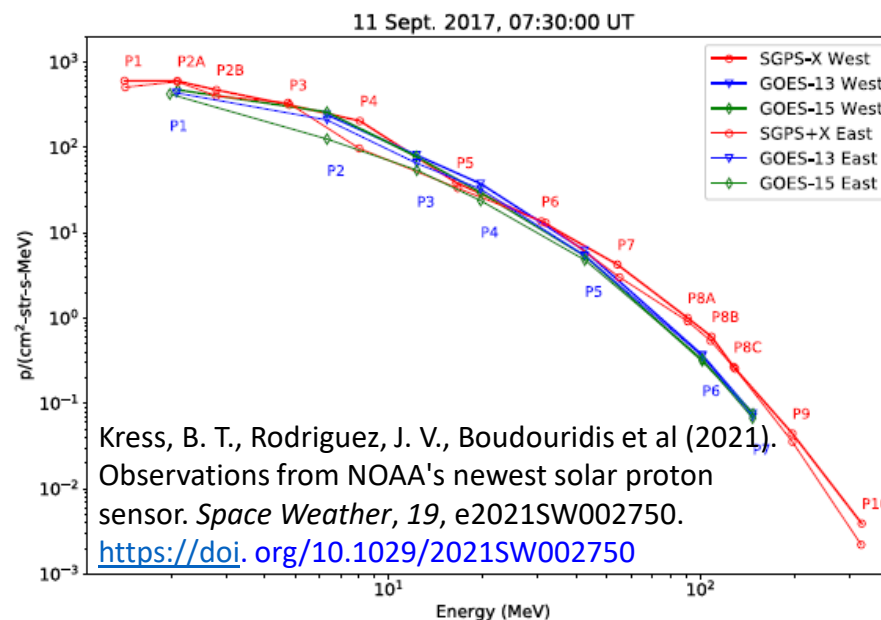
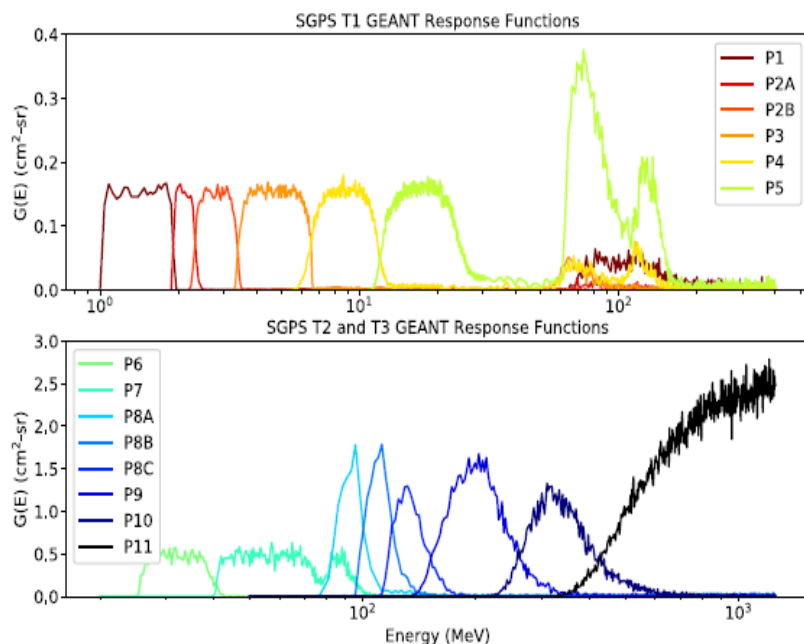
“Reference” dataset: GOES-18/SGPS Solar and Galactic Proton Sensor

We have performed a series of evaluation studies based on comparisons between actual count-rates during Solar Proton Flux Enhancements and count-rates derived using reference fluxes and monitors RFs

$$C_i = \sum_{q=p,e} \int_0^{\infty} f_q(E) RF_{i,q}(E) dE$$

J. V. Rodriguez, T. G. Onsager, J. E. Mazur,
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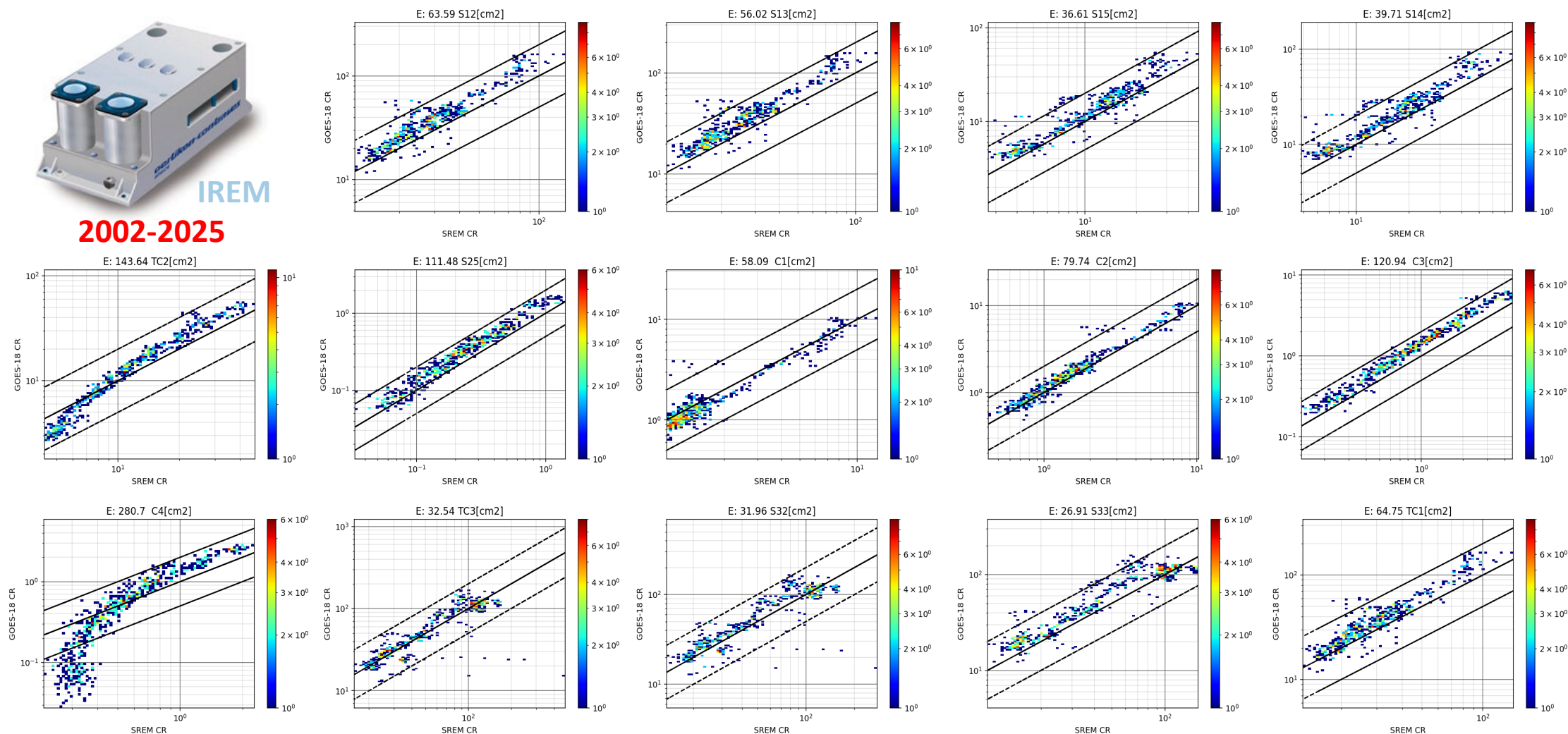
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INTEGRAL/IREM vs GOES-18/SGPS-WEST CRs

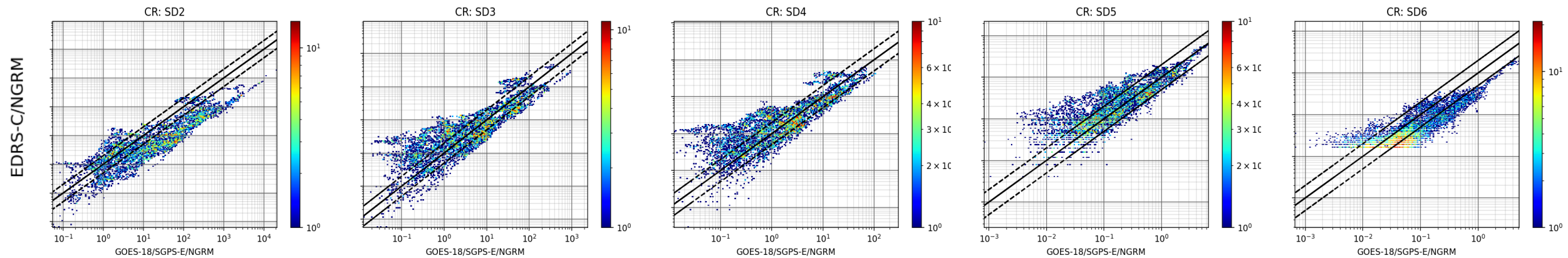
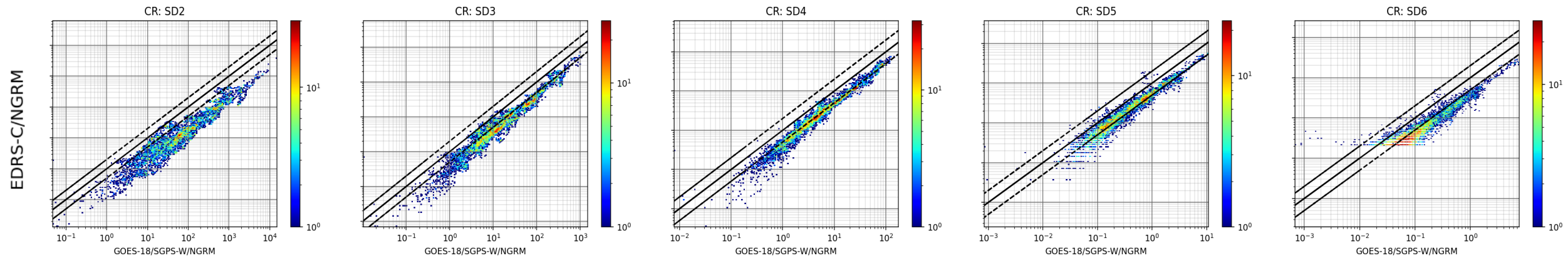


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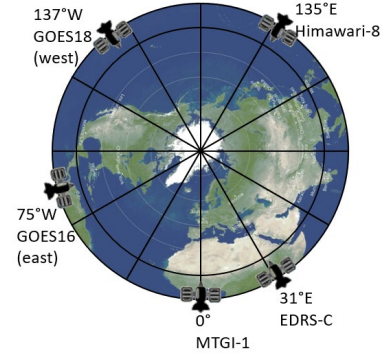
GEO EDRS-C/NGRM vs GOES-18/SGPS

GOES-18/SGPS-W/NGRM

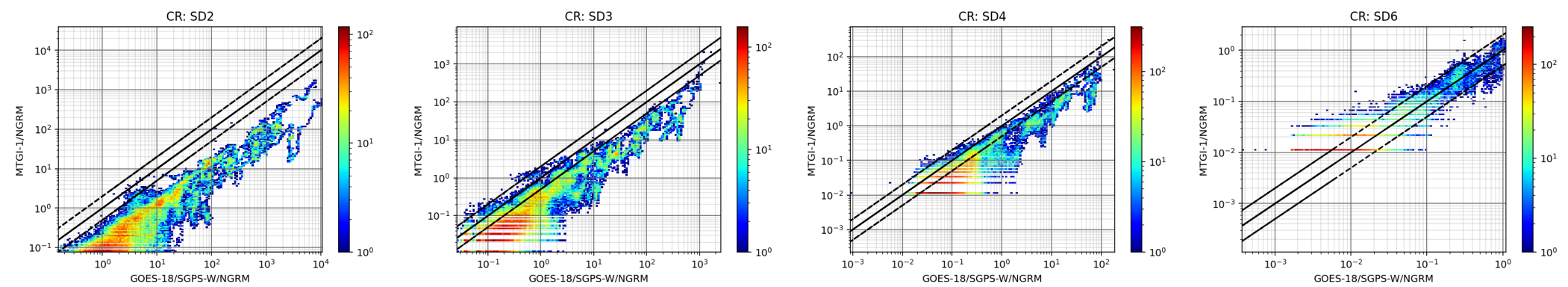
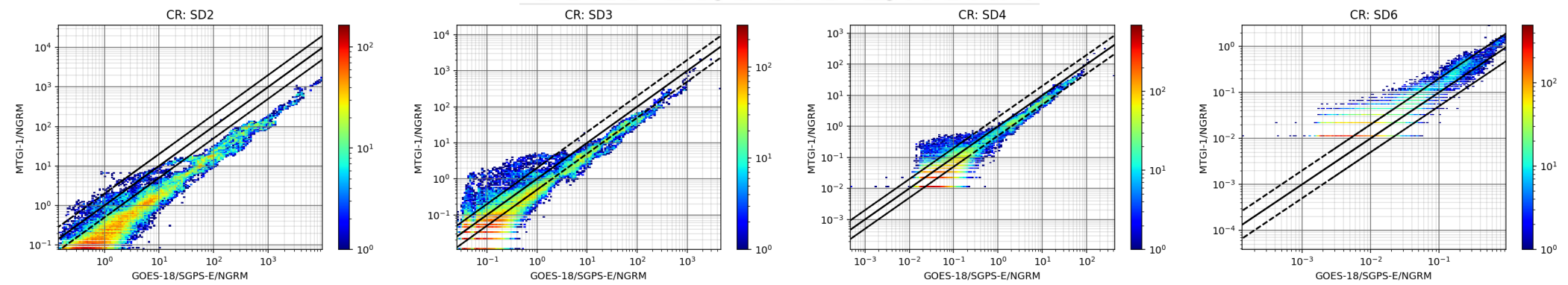


GOES-18/SGPS-E/NGRM

GEO MTGI-1/NGRM vs GOES-18/SGPS

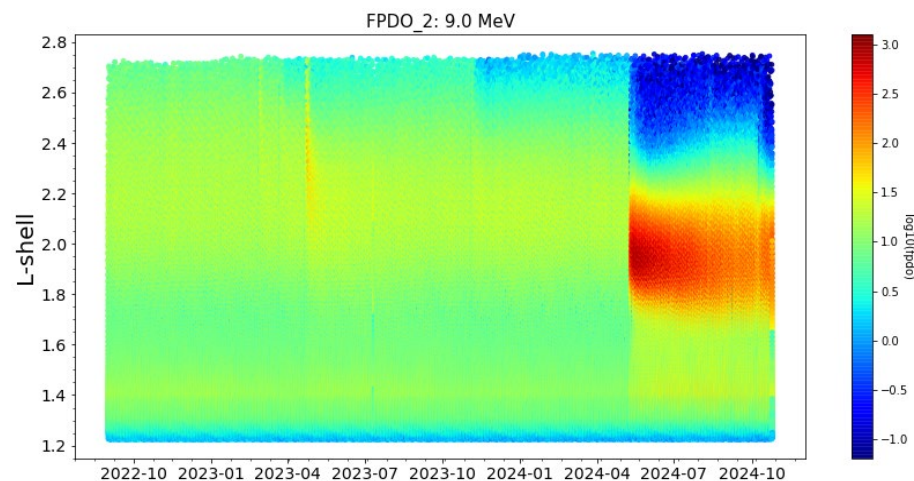


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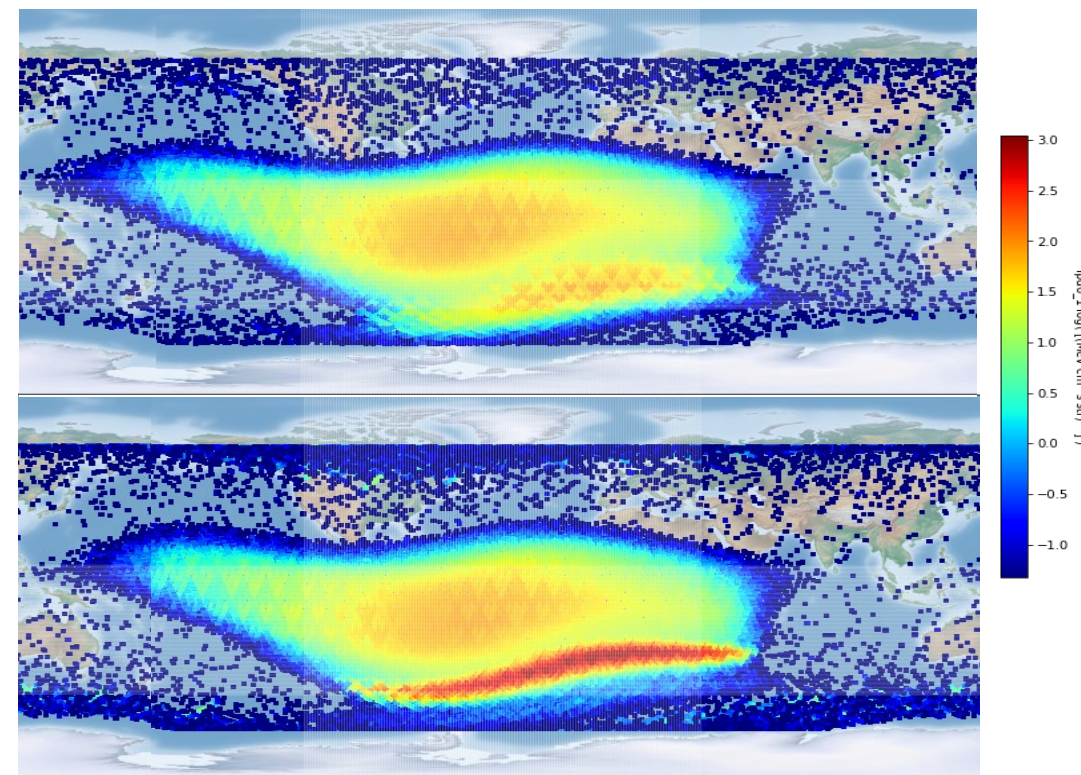


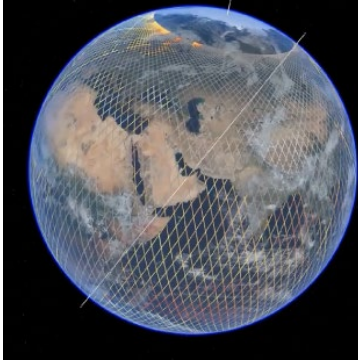
GOES-18/SGPS-W/NGRM

Sentinel-6/NGRM



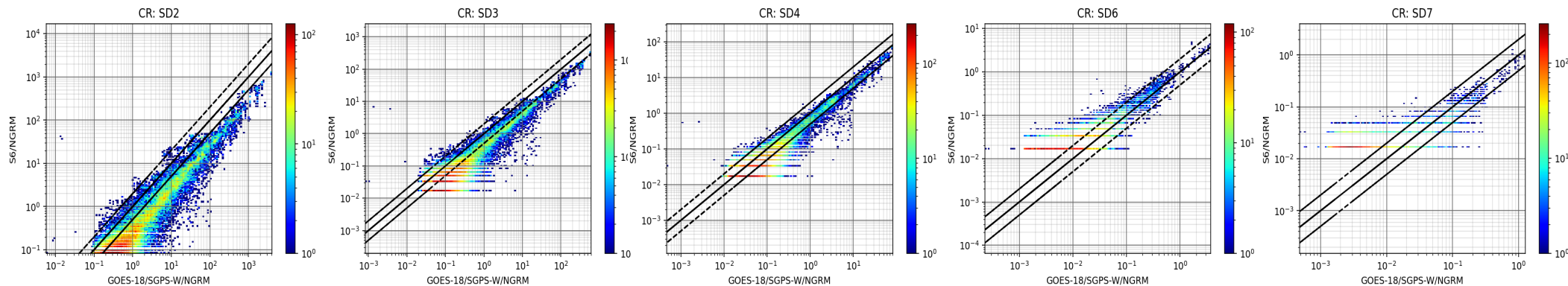
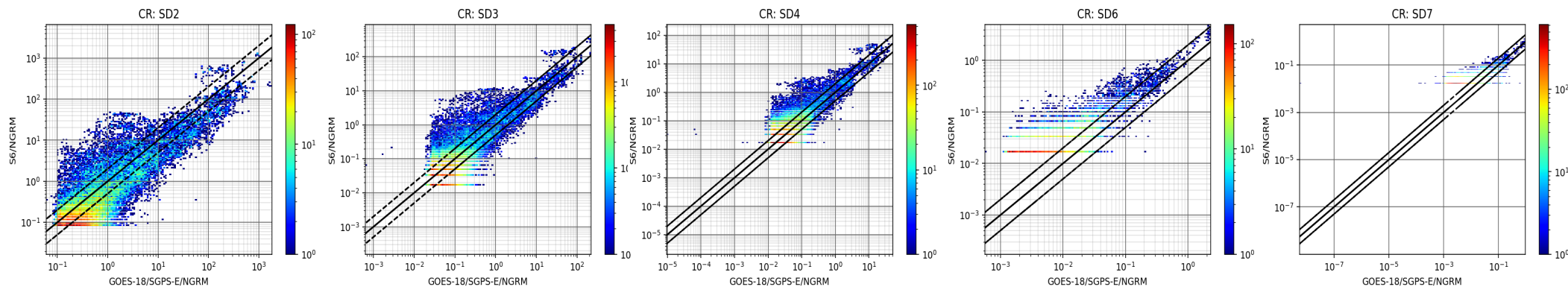
- non sun synchronous orbit
- Altitude: 1,336 km
- Inclination: 66.0°
- NGRM cadence: 15 sec
- Latency: 6 hours





Sentinel 6/NGRM vs GOES-18/SGPS

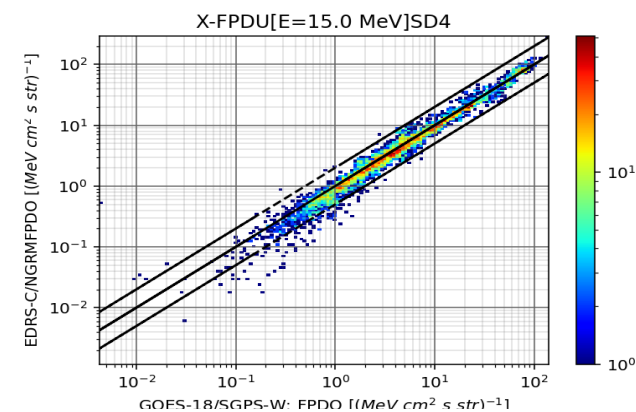
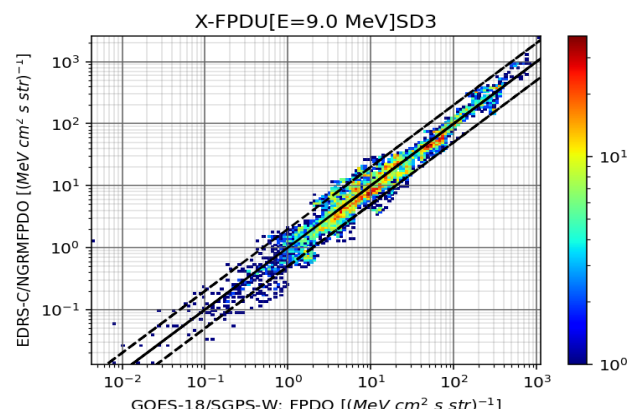
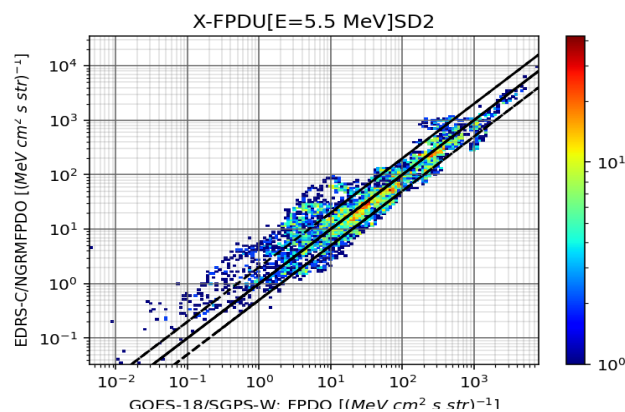
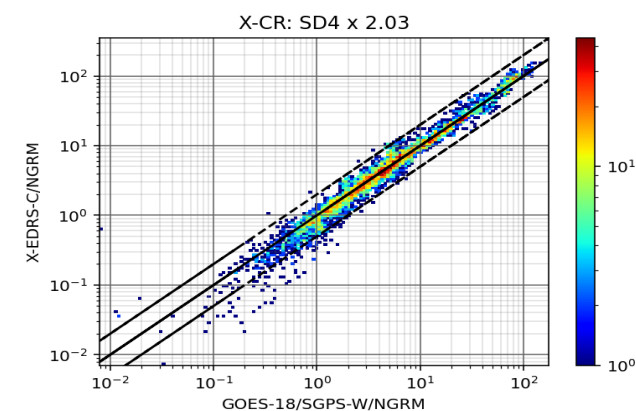
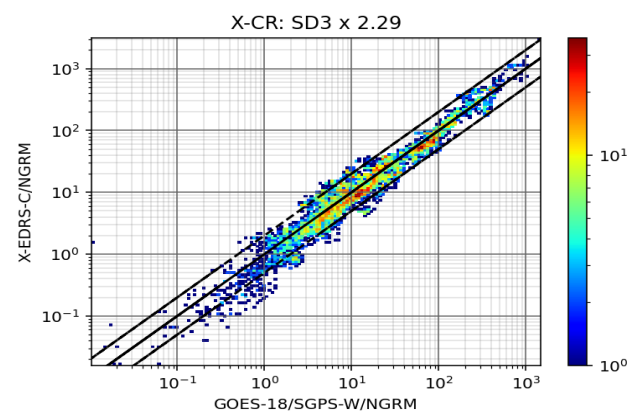
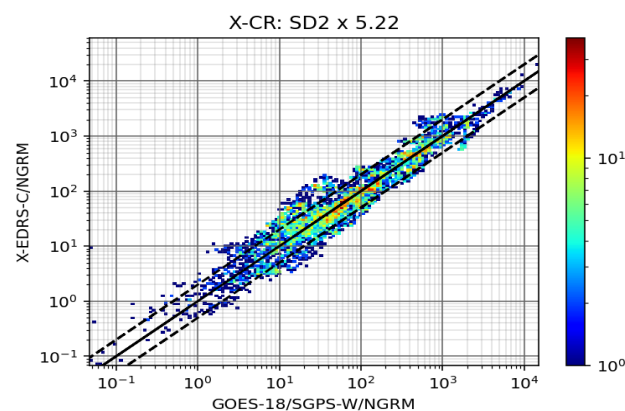
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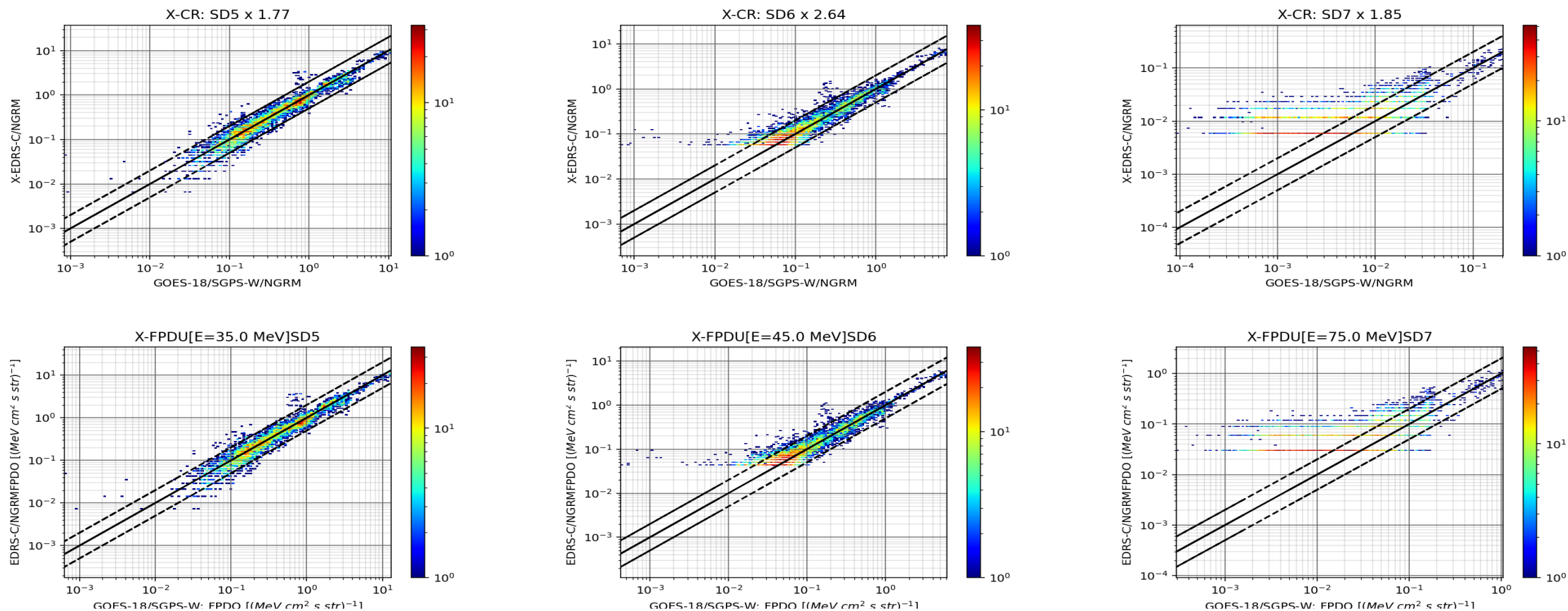
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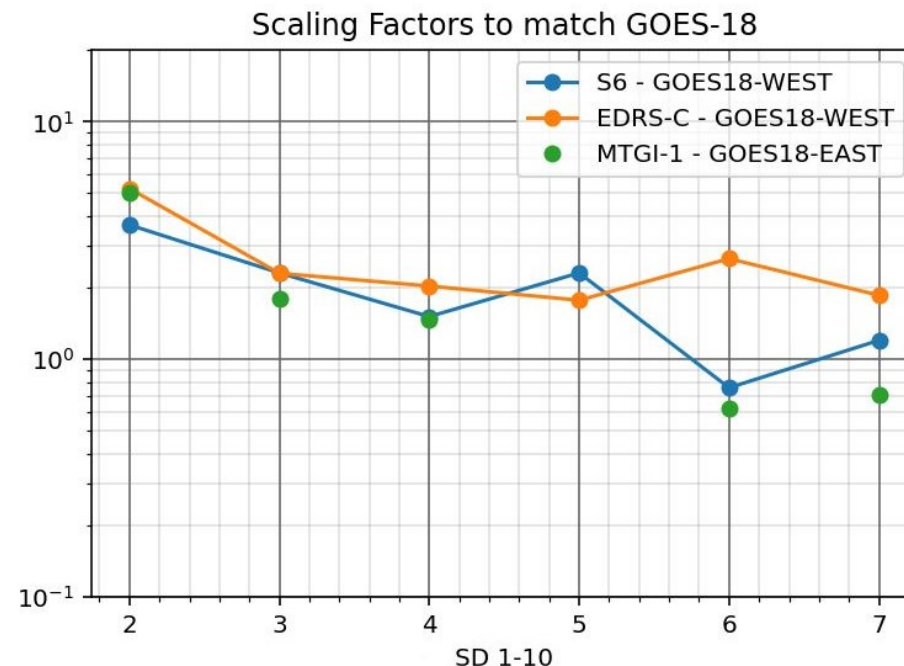
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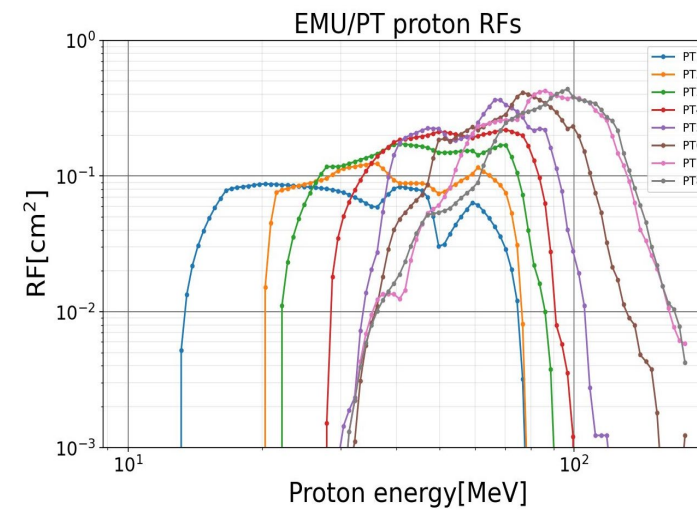
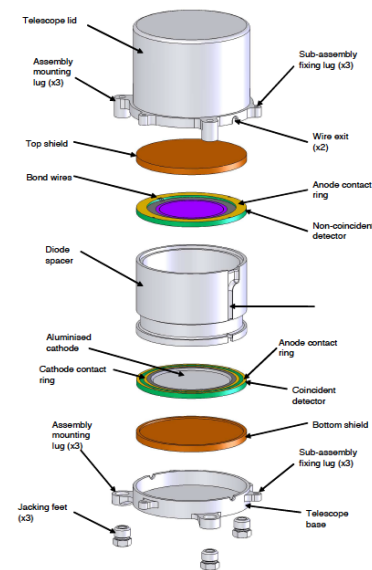
NGRM/SDSS: conclusions

- NGRM protons sensors on-board Sentinel-6 and EDRS-C can be cross-calibrated with west-looking GOES SGPS telescopes
- NGRM proton sensor on-board MTGI-1 can be cross-calibrated with EAST looking GOES SGPS telescopes
- MTGI-1 and EDRS-C NGRM units act as an EAST and WEST looking telescopes for East 0-31 degrees at GEO
- Cross-calibrated NGRM/BT fluxes agree with SGPS



GSAT/EMU/PT

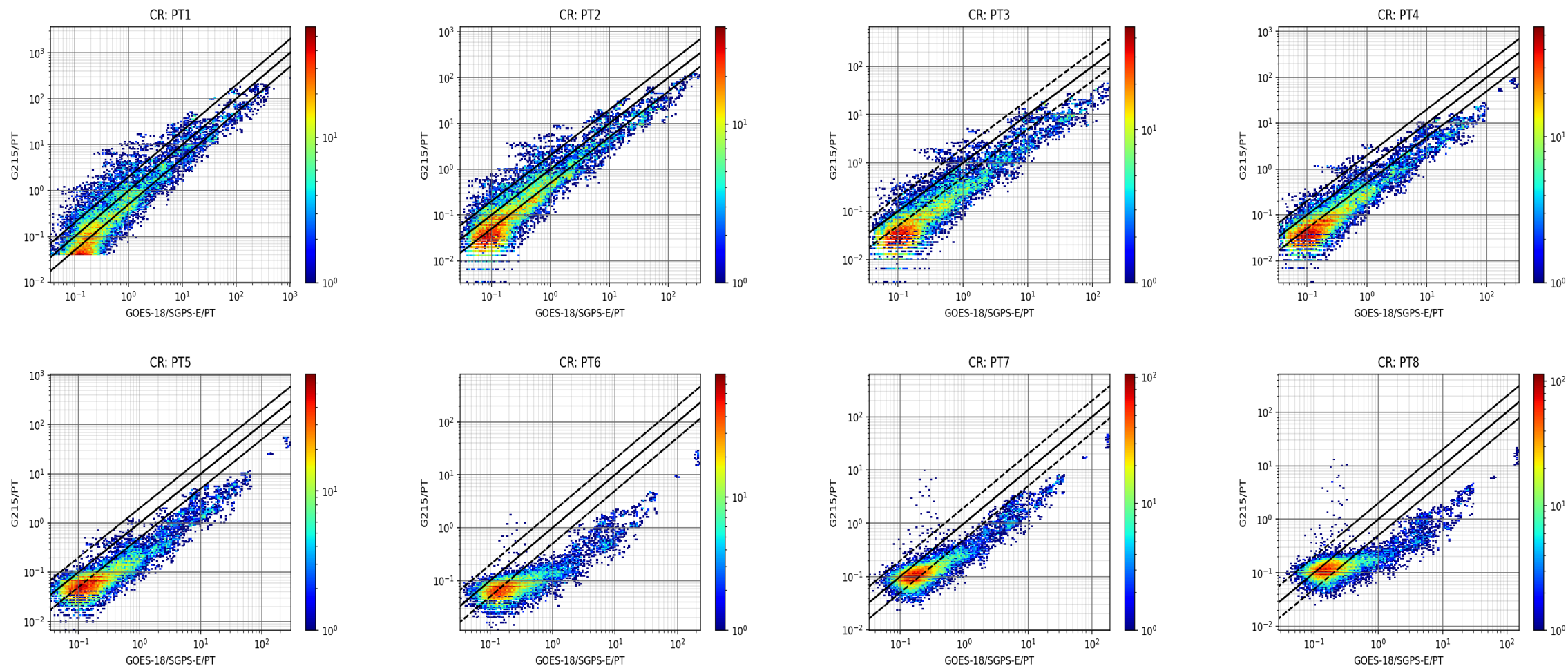
- 8 Proton telescopes



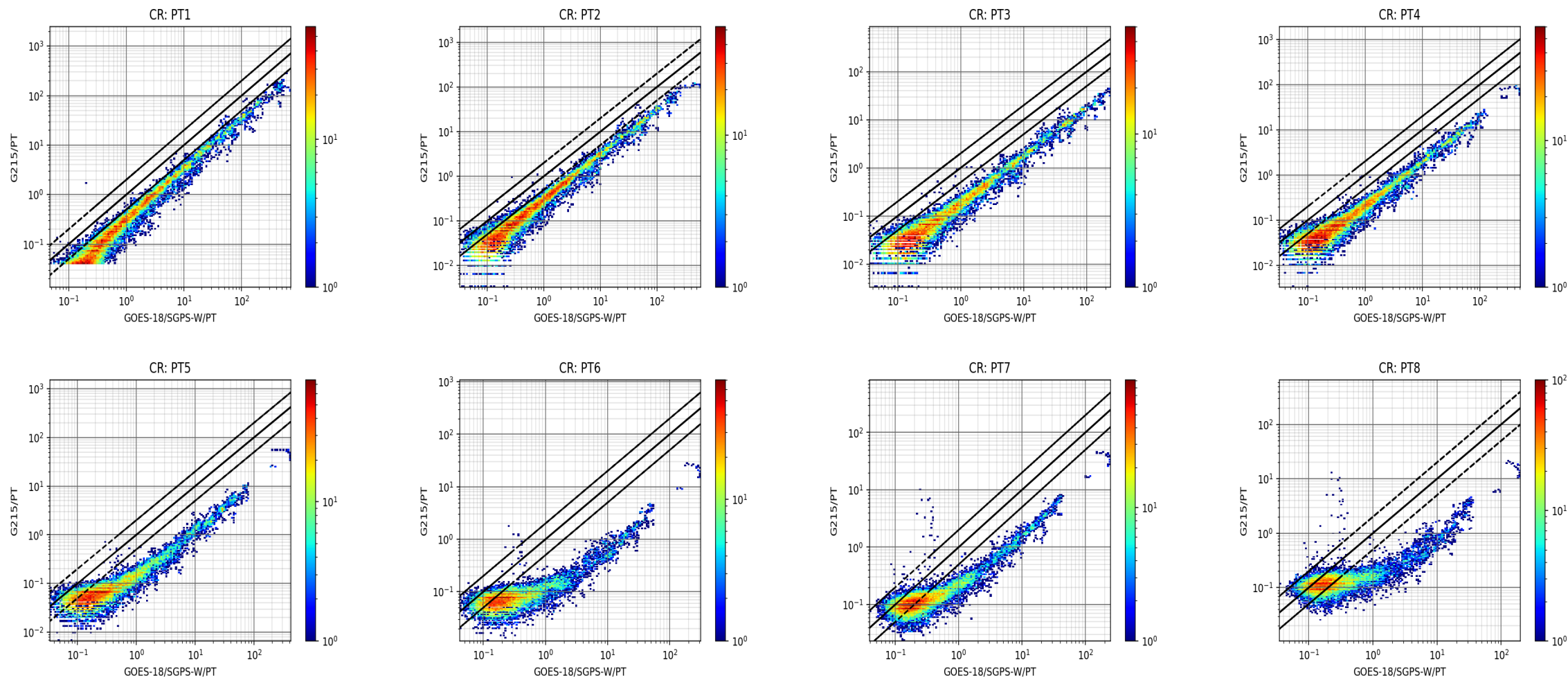
- Limited validations of GSAT207/PT were performed in the past
- L1 products were derived just at the end of the last SC: 1-2 SPEs available at that time

PT	E_{BT} [MeV]
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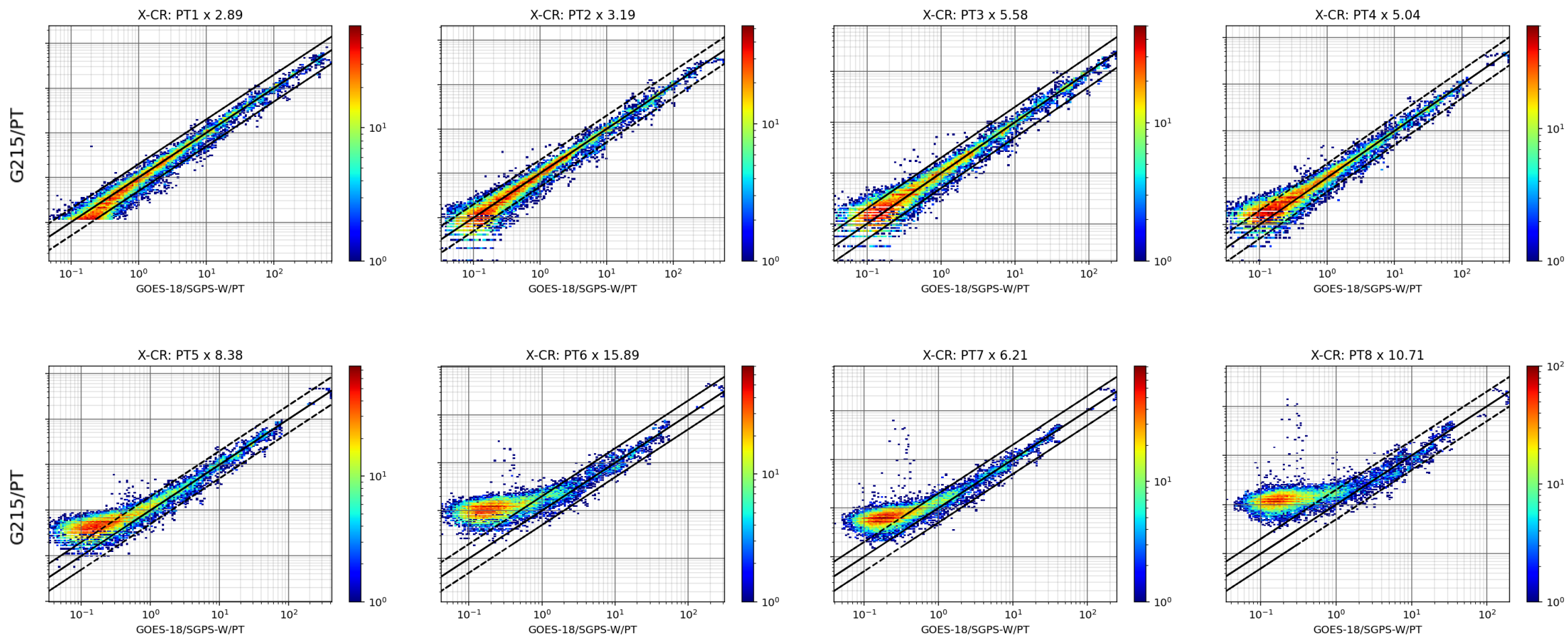
GSAT215/EMU/PT vs GOES-18/SGPS-EAST CRs



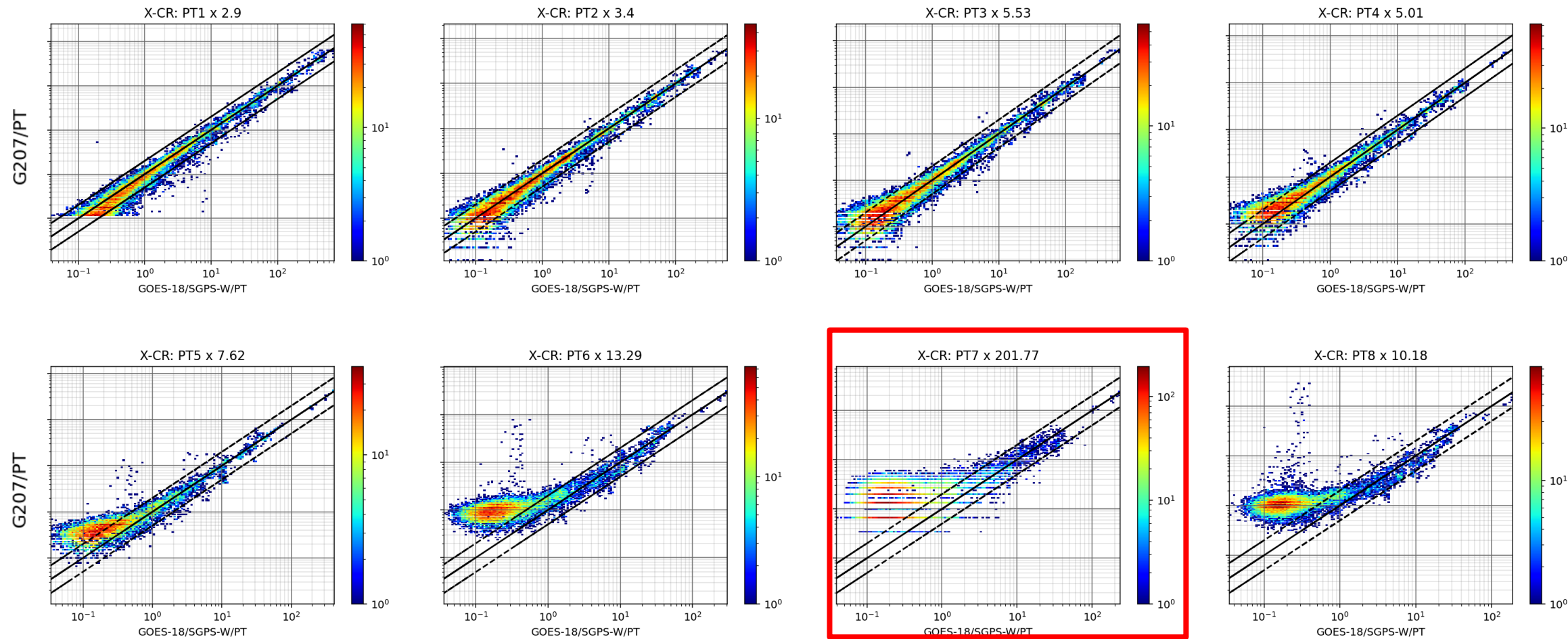
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X-GSAT215/PT vs GOES-18/SGPS-WEST CRs

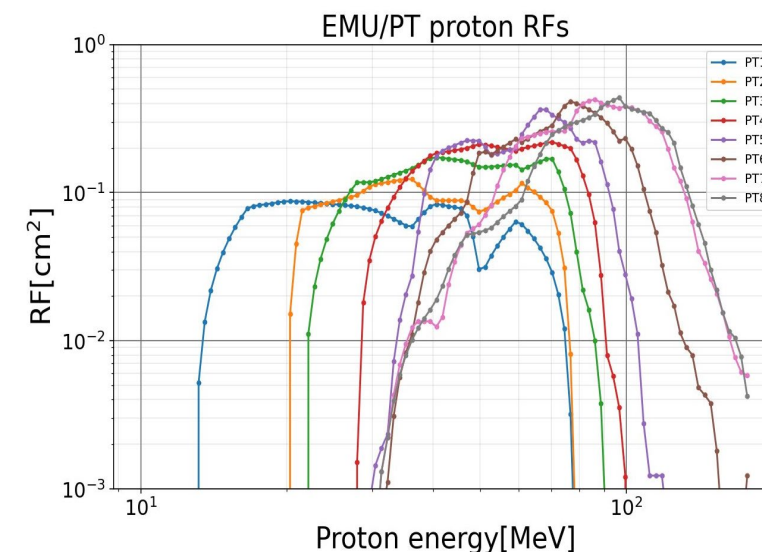


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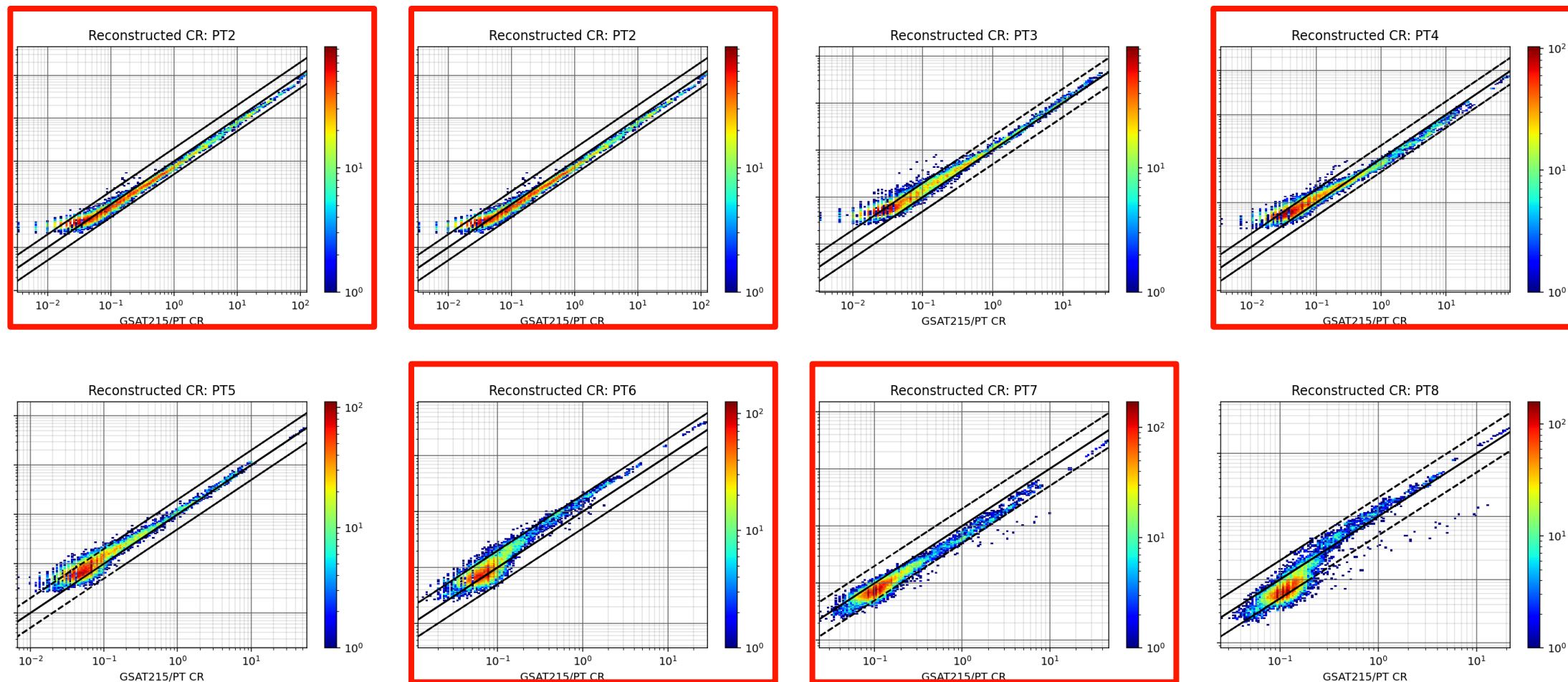


Cross-calibrated EMU/PT proton fluxes

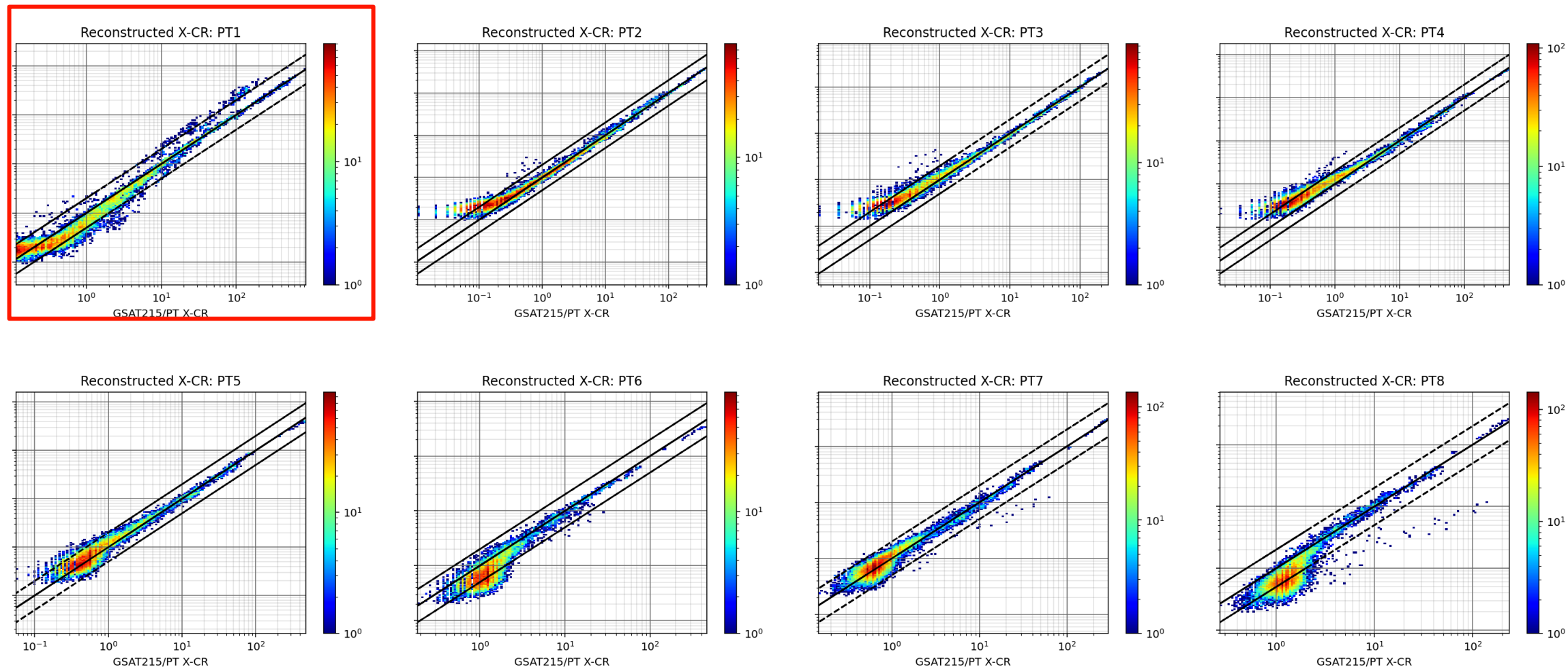
- Use cross-calibrated count-rates
- Consider the Ellison-Ramaty function:
$$J(E) = J_0 E^{-\gamma} e^{(-E/E_r)}$$
- Seek for J_0 , γ , E_r values that reconstruct optimally the (cross-calibrated) count-rates
- ~~Treat background values~~
- Evaluate data reconstruction
- Compare with “reference” fluxes



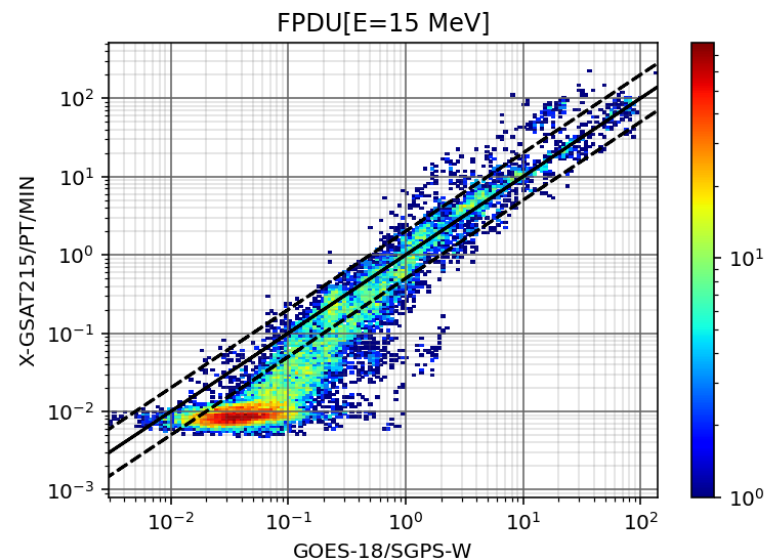
Reconstruction of GSAT215/PT **raw** CRs



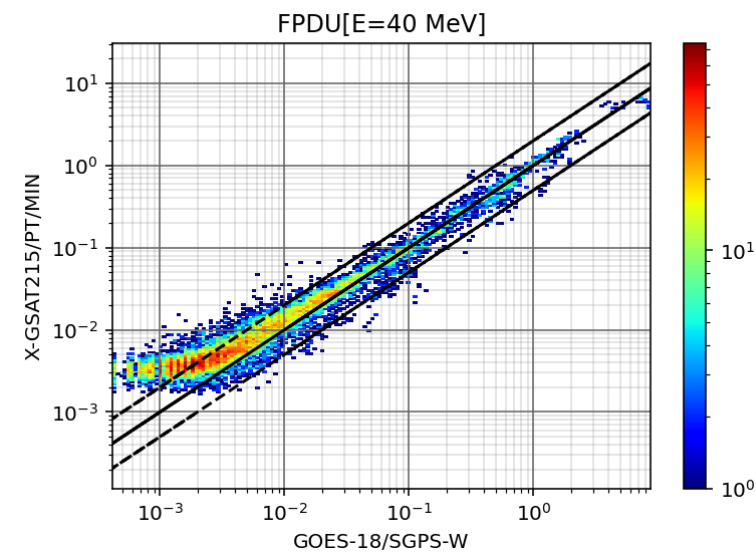
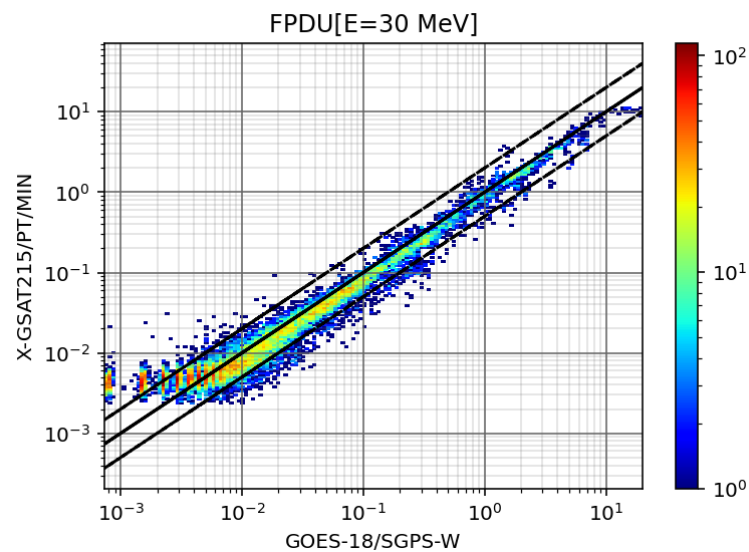
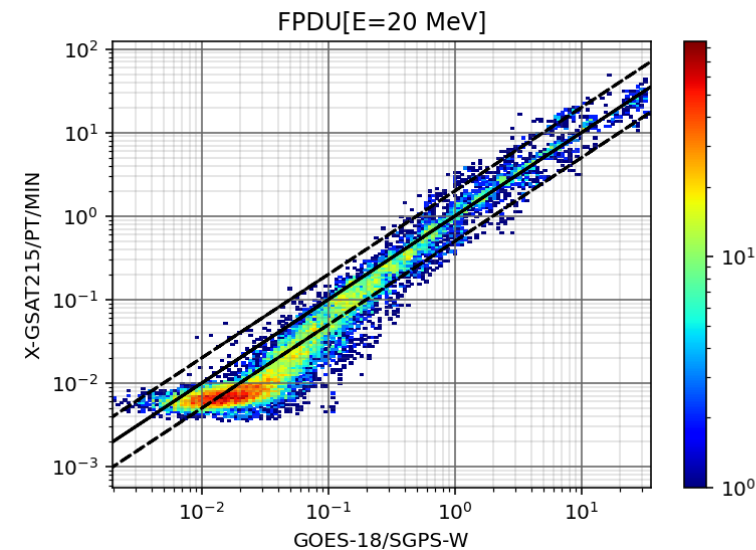
Reconstruction of GSAT215/PT X-CRs



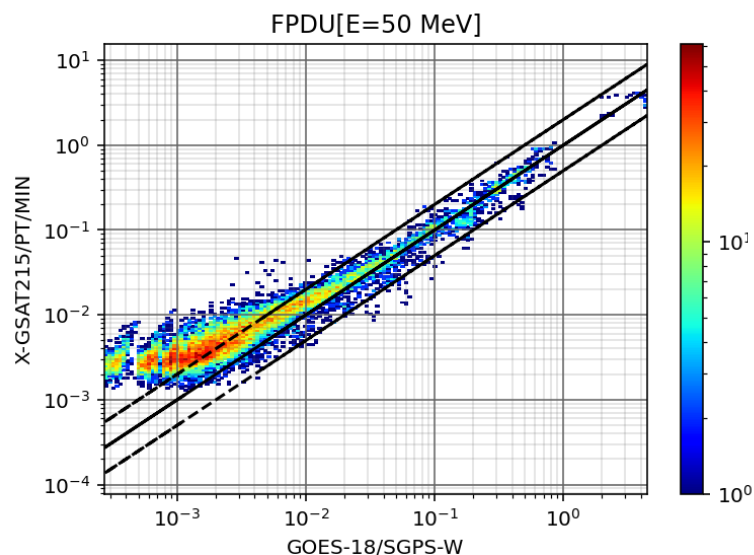
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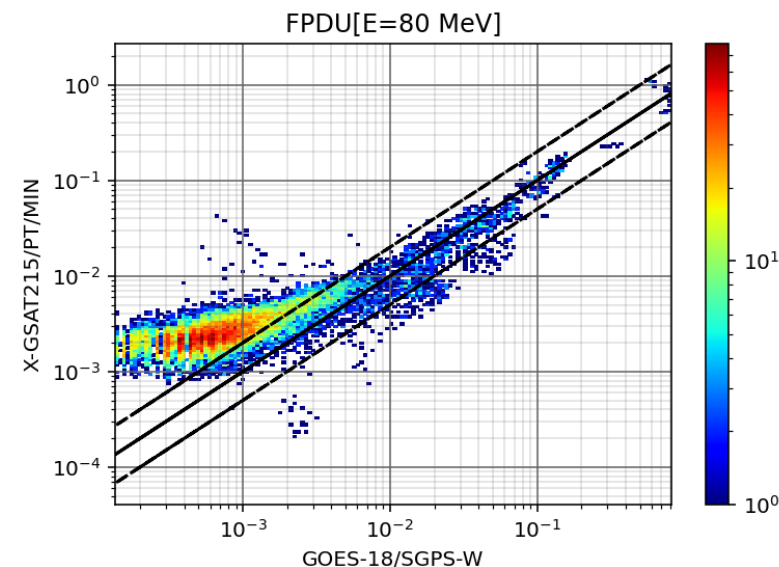
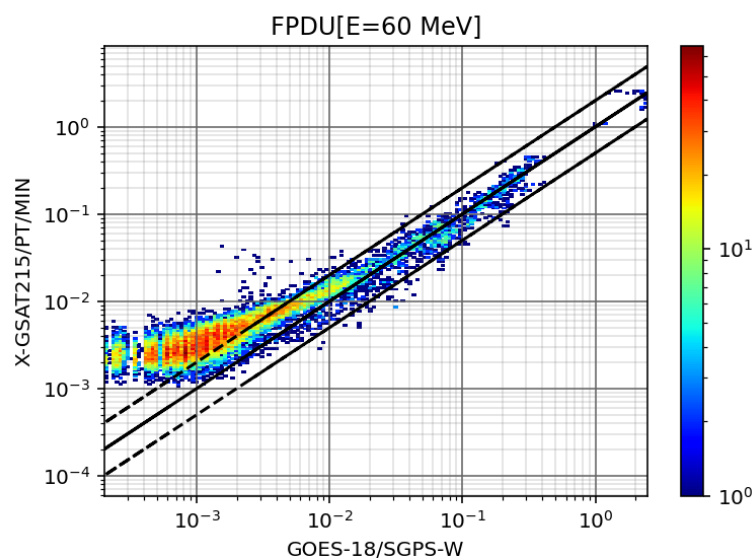
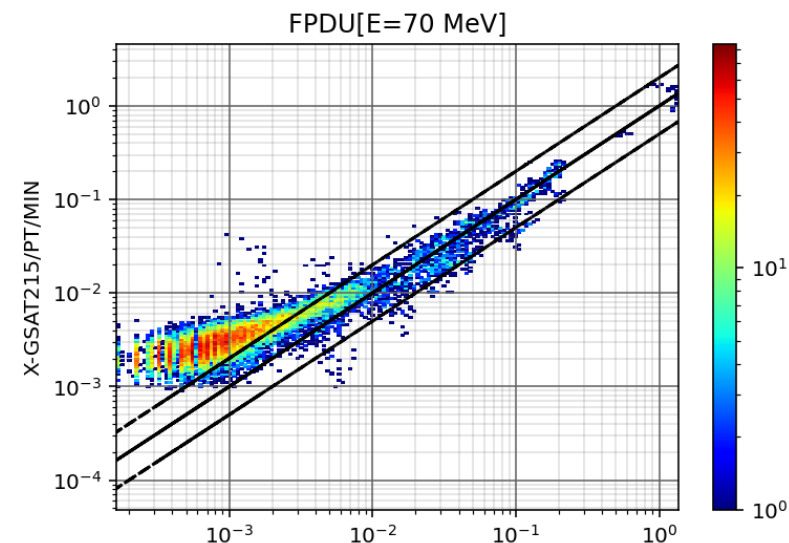
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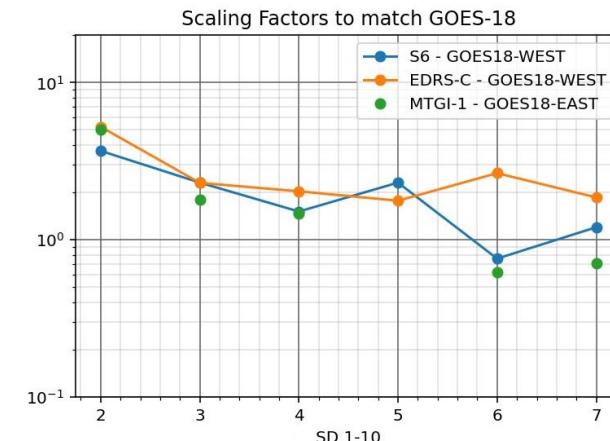


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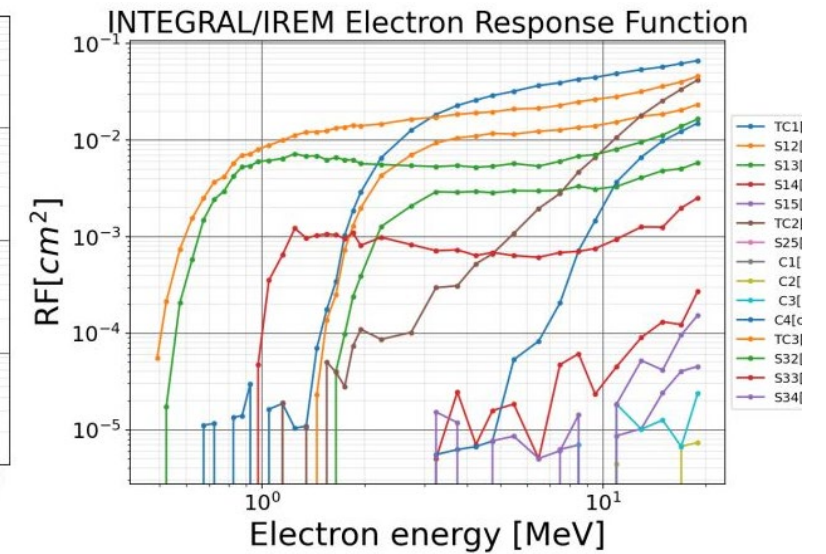
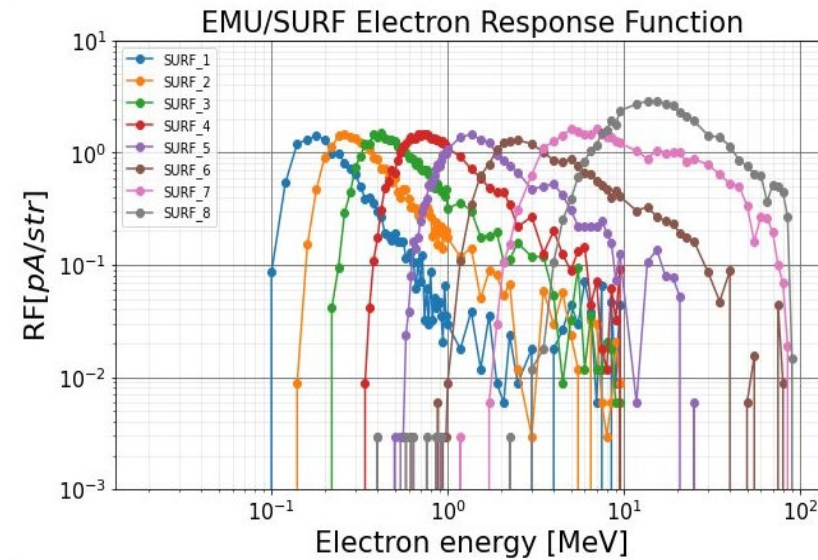
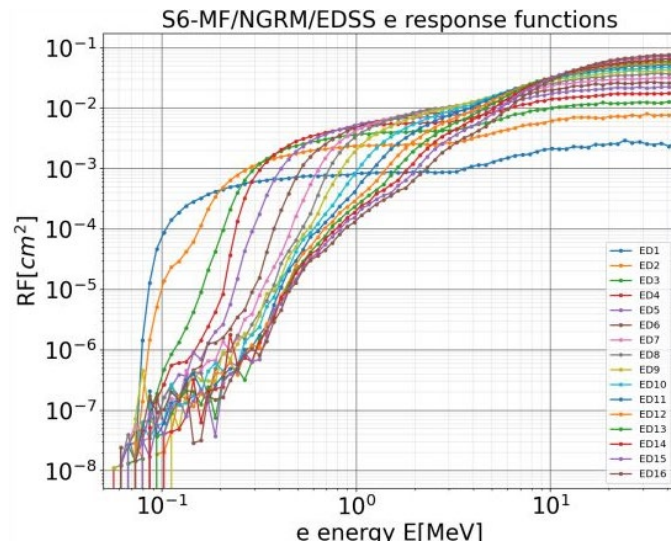


Conclusions

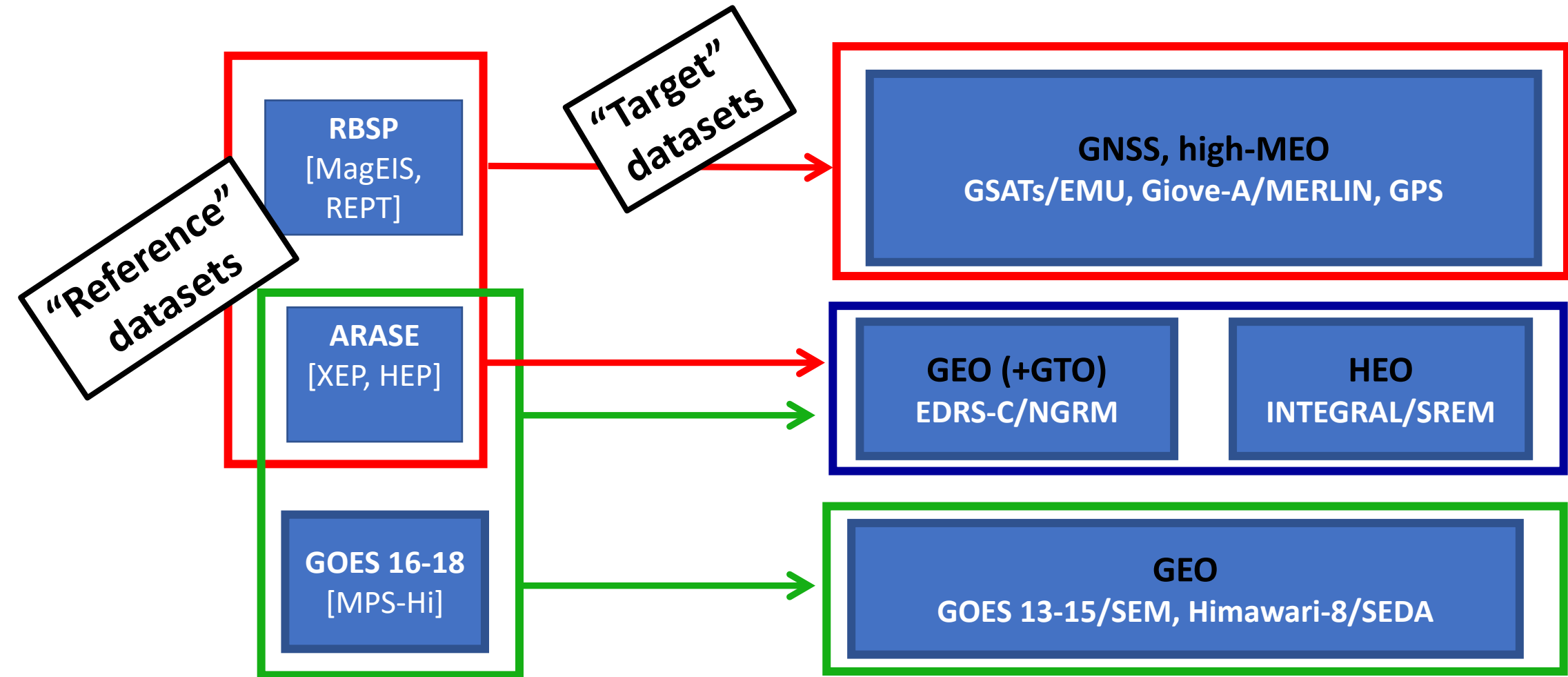
- A reference proton dataset for the current solar cycle should be identified!
- EAST-WEST effect should be considered during SPE calibrations
- The actual response of the proton sensors of NGRM and EMU units present differences with respect to “reference” datasets
 - Cross-calibrations introduce considerable adjustments for EMU proton telescopes.
- Bow-Tie analysis/multiplication factor works “sufficiently well” for NGRM, but not so well for EMU/PT proton fluxes: new approaches are needed
- Lessons from/to Himawari-8-9/SEDA proton telescopes can be useful!
- Inter-consistency among different GOES NOAA (e.g. EPS to SGPS) datasets can be verified indirectly using INTEGRAL/IREM 23+ years data and response functions.
- **GSICS 2024-2025: The electron sensors of NGRM and EMU units are well-characterized**
 - **Cross-calibrations with selected “reference datasets” introduce small adjustments**



Electron sensors/datasets

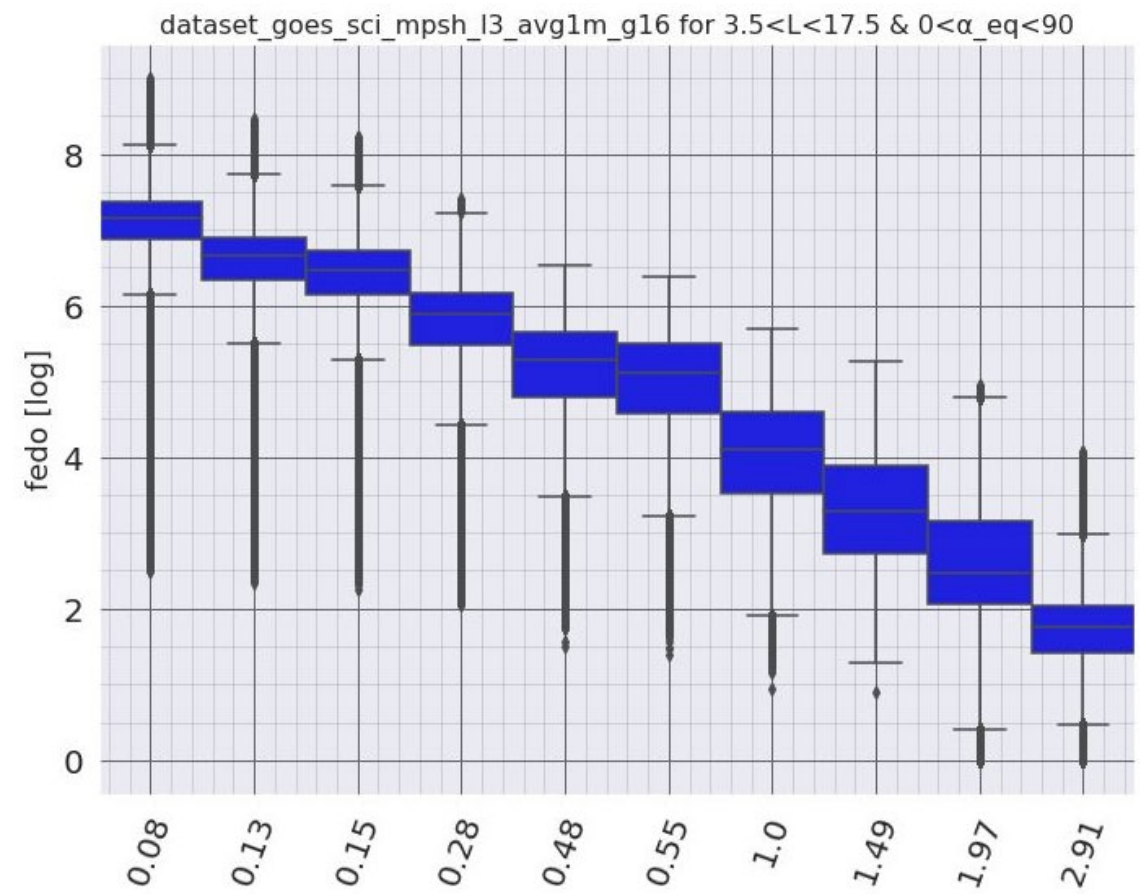
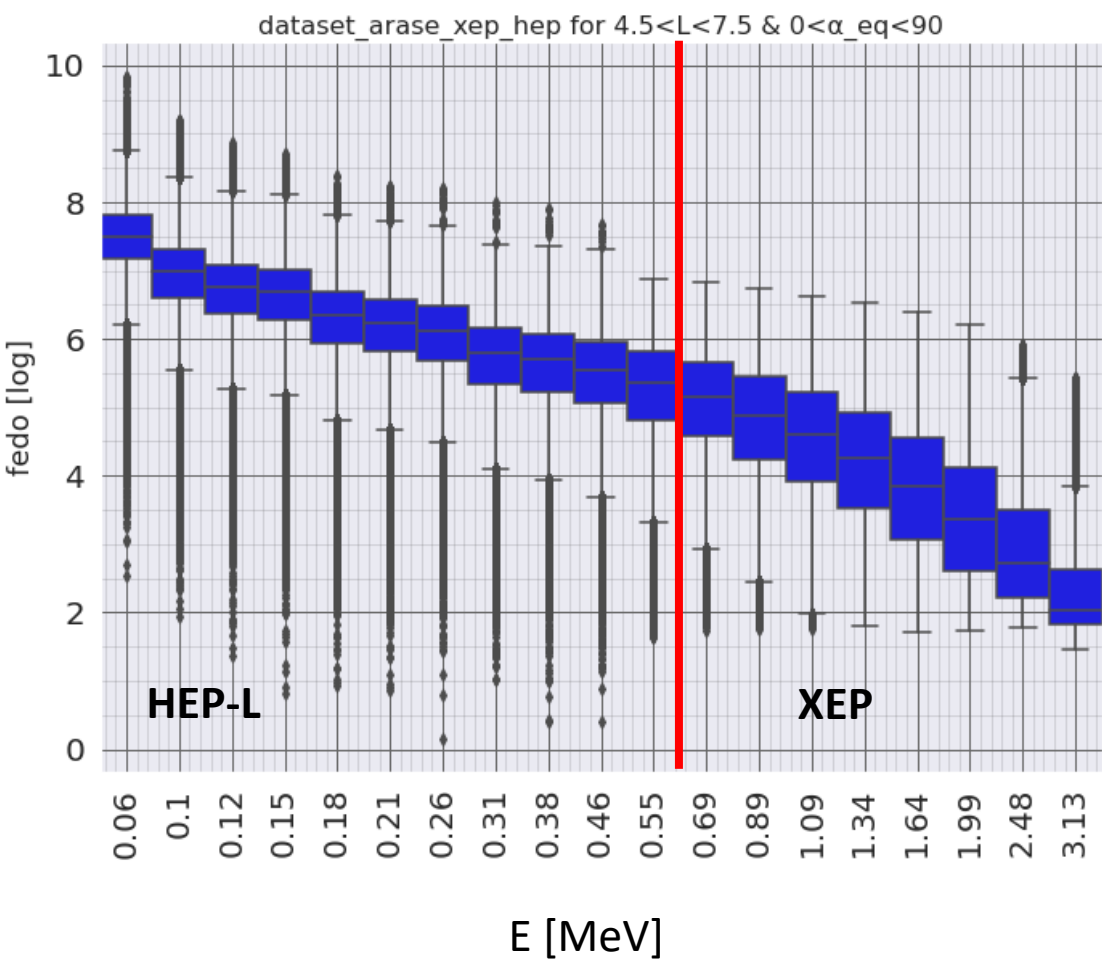


Inter-calibration of electron datasets: a roadmap



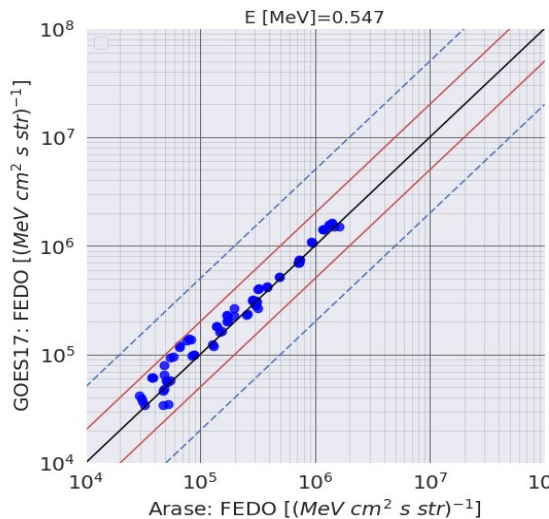
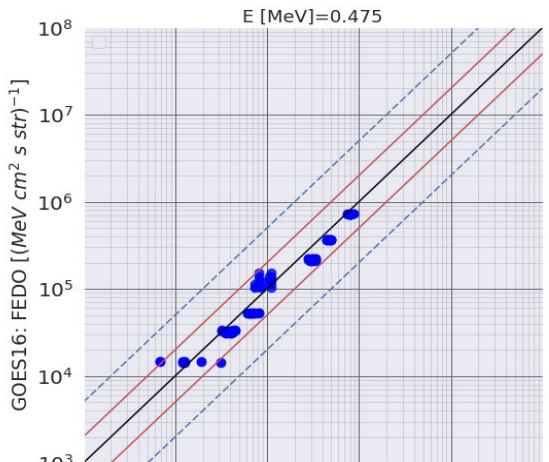
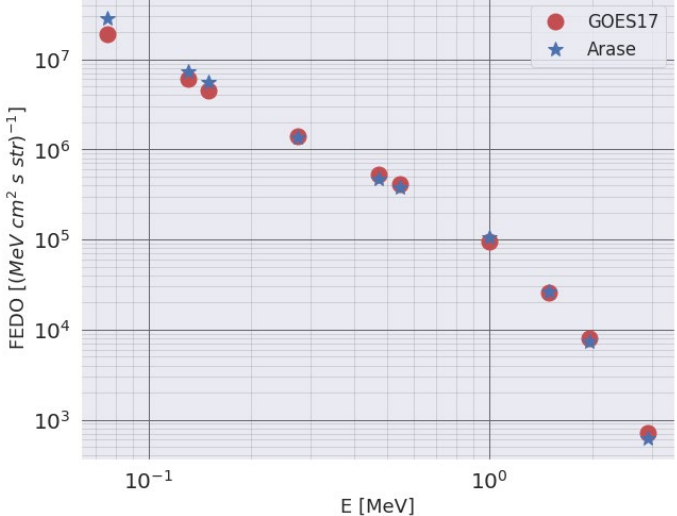
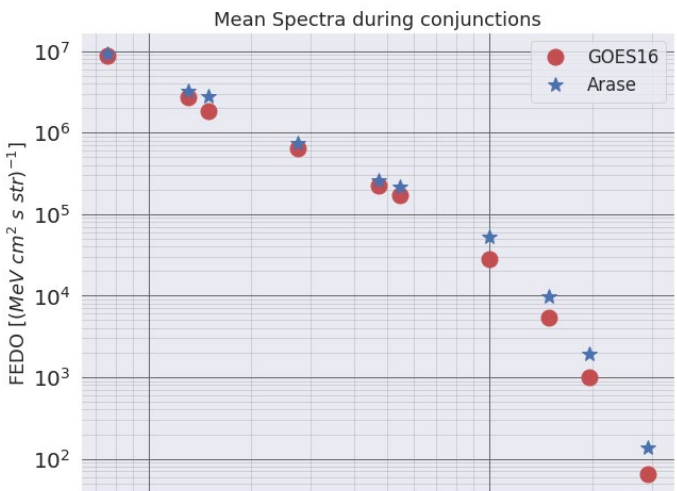
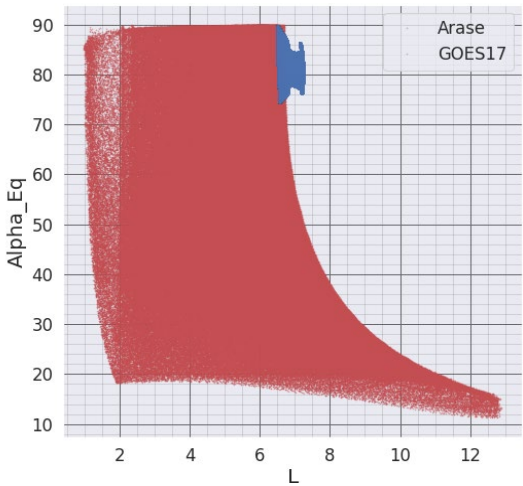
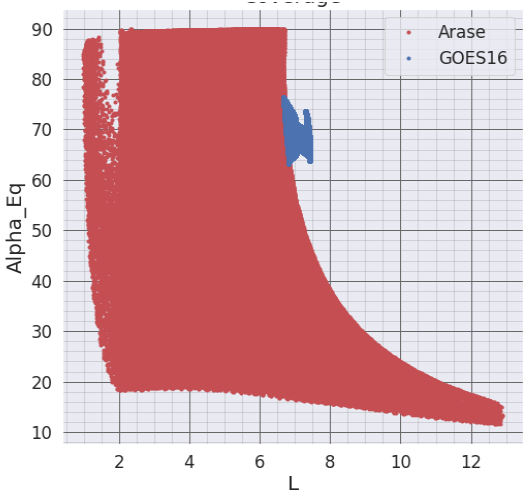


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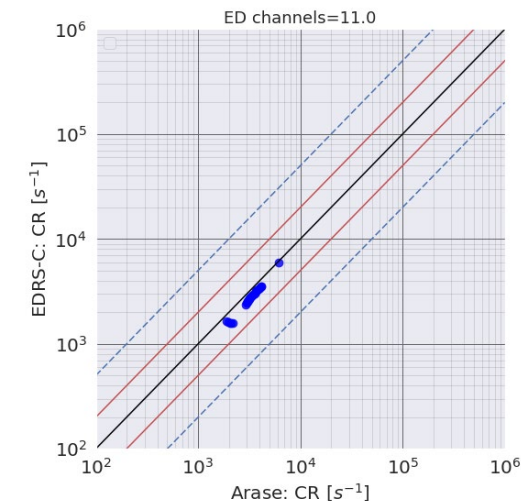
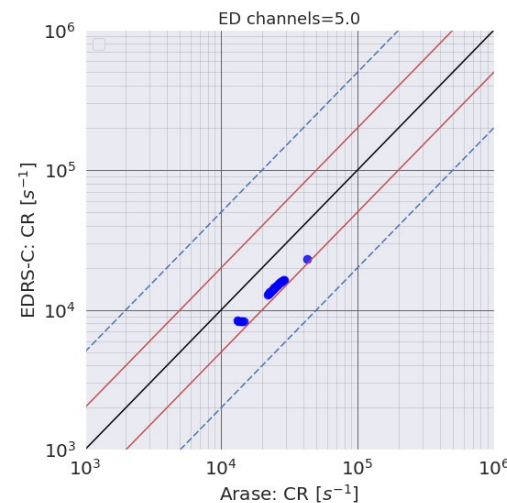
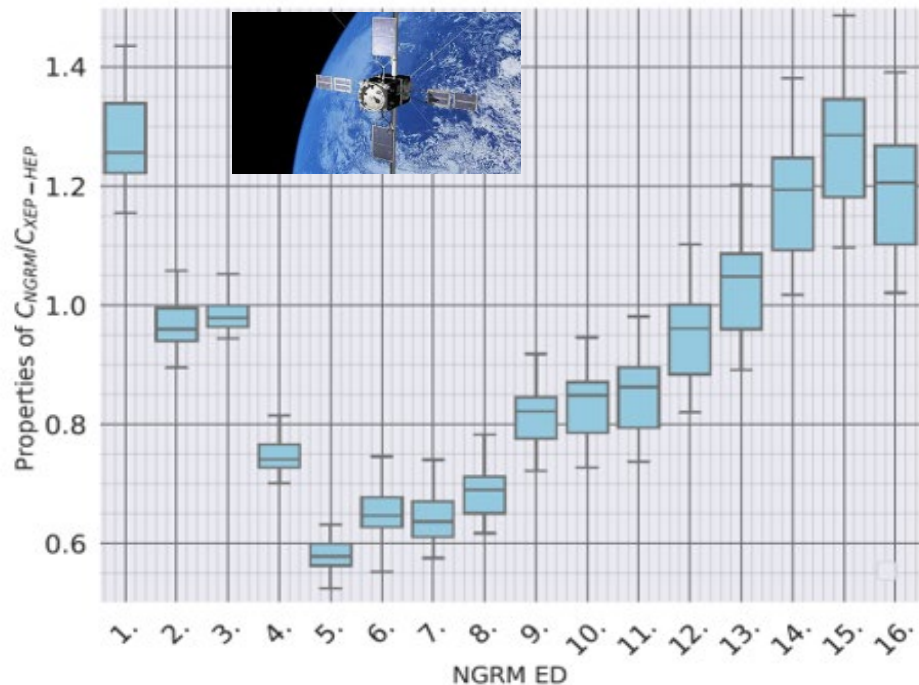
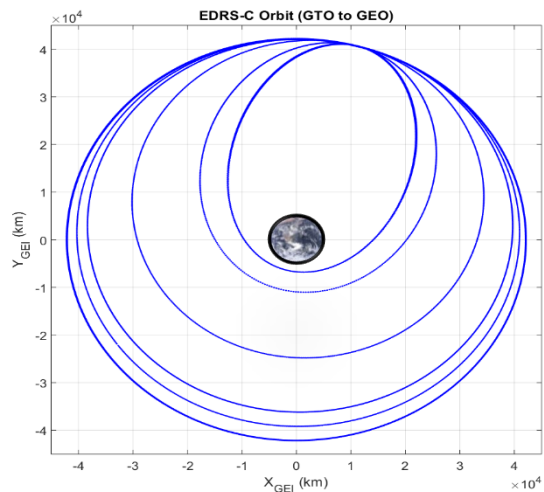
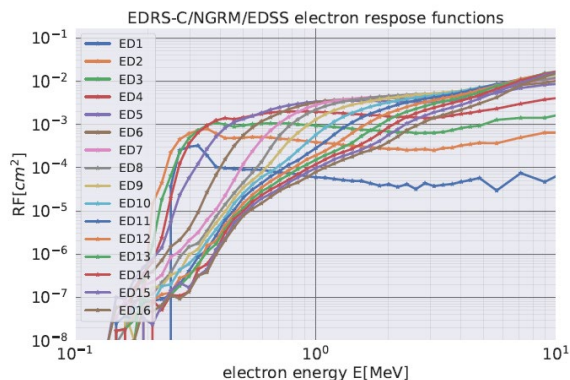
GOES 16-17/MPS-Hi vs Arase/HEP-XEP



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delta_mlt_max	24
L_lims	[1, 10]
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kp_days	2
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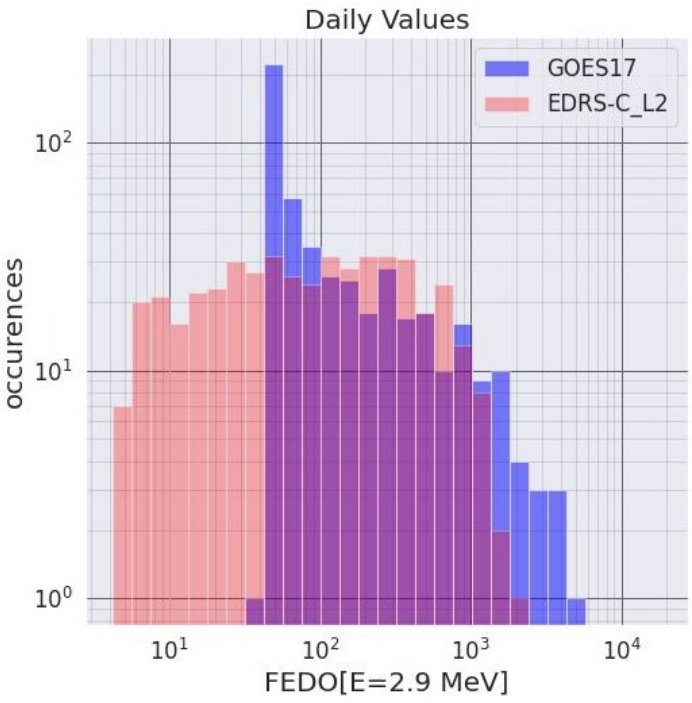
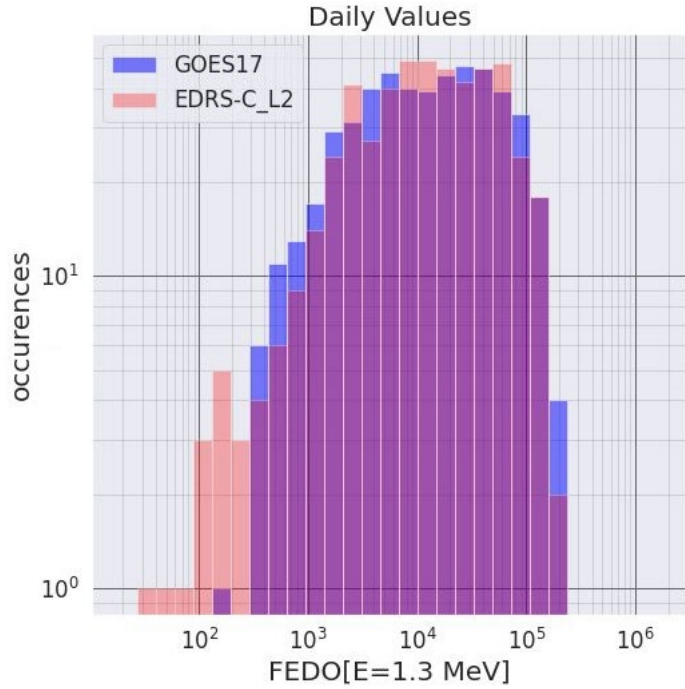
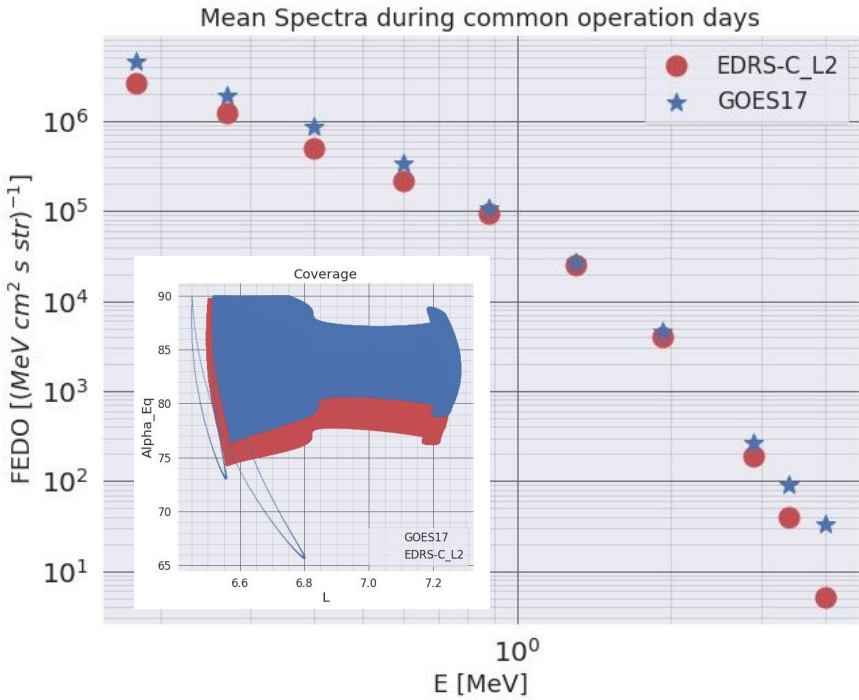


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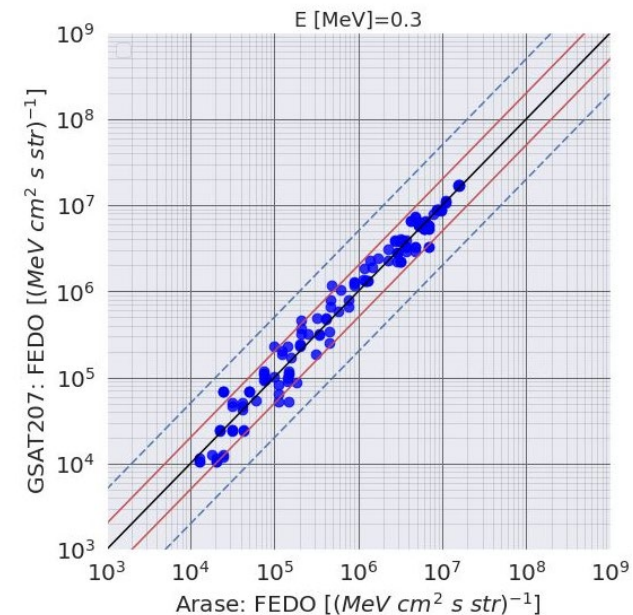
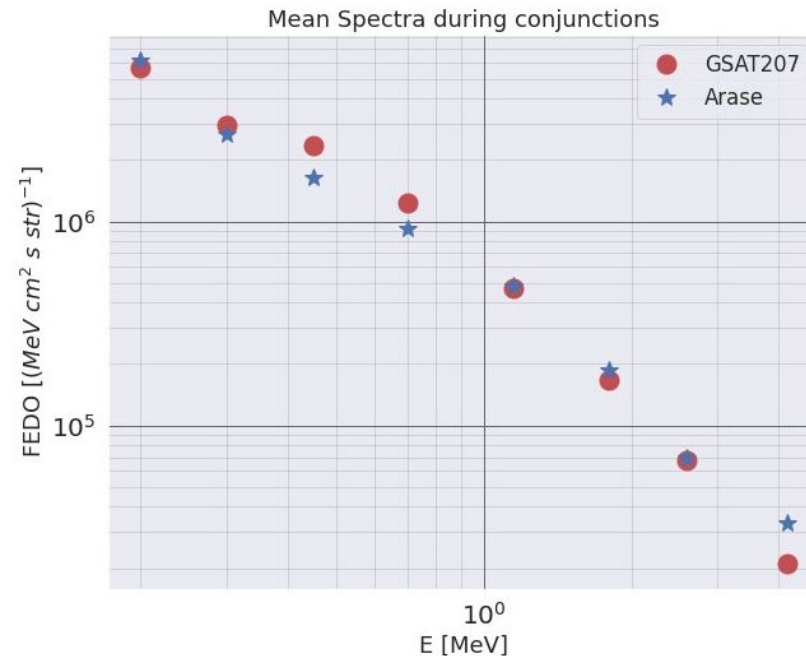
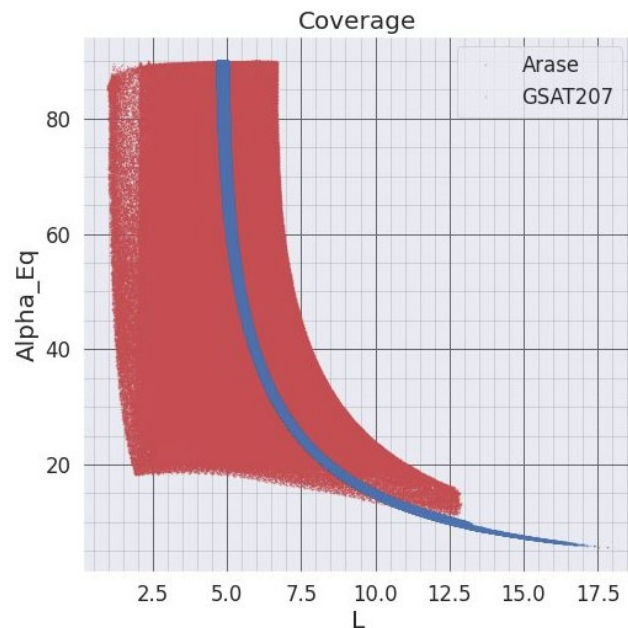


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EDRS-C/NGRM L2 vs 17/MPSH



GSAT207/EMU L1 vs ARASE



type_orbit	HEO
cad	5
cad_times	3
delta_l_max	0.1
delta_alpha_eq_max	5
delta_mlt_max	24
L_lims	[4.0, 7.0]
alpha_eq_lims	[85, 90]

Inter-Calibration “System”

- UNILIB library: IGRF model & Olson-Pfitzer 1977
- Conjunction conditions
 - HEO:
 - $\delta(t)$, $\delta(MLT)$, $\delta(L^*)$, $\delta(\alpha_{eq})$, $\alpha_{eq} \sim 90$
 - $MLT = [3, 9]$ or $[15, 21]$, $Kp < 2$ for 2 days, $\alpha_{eq} \sim 90$
 - GEO-GEO
 - $\delta(t)$ or $\delta(MLT)$, $\delta(L^*)$, $\delta(\alpha_{eq})$, $\alpha_{eq} \sim 90$
 - long term averages
- Identify conjunctions: quick search algorithm
 - Derive measurements with:
 - same integration period
 - Identical time-stamps

Panel on Radiation Belt Environment Modeling (PRBEM)

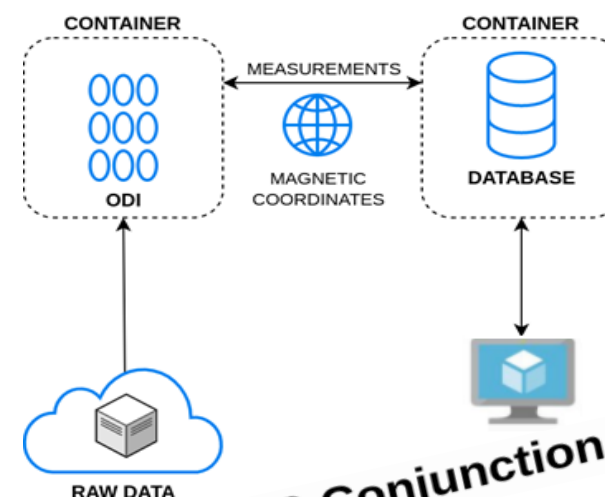
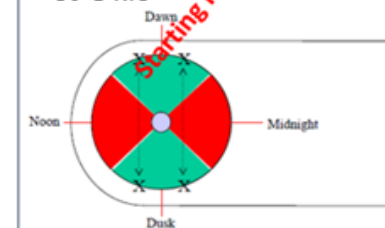
Data analysis procedure



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Conjunction Conditions

- $L^* < 6$ & $\Delta L^* < 0.1$
- $\delta(B/Beq) < 0.1$ and $B/Beq \sim 1$
- $4(16) < MLT < 8(20)$,
- $Kp < 2$ for the last 2 days
- $\delta t < 3$ hrs



SPARC Conjunction Tool

Inter-Calibration “System”

- Evaluate determined conjunctions/Update conditions
- On-the-fly calculation of the “reference data product”
 - Interpolation/integration to target flux energies
 - Construction of sensor measurements (count-rates/charging currents) provided RF availability
- Define scaling factors
 - $R = \text{median}(J_B / J_A)$: J_A and J_B denote the series of joint observations by the satellites of the reference A and the target B
 - $SF_{\text{fit}} = sf \mid \min(\text{MSE})$ (lin/log)
 - Rescale: $J'_B = J_B / R$, or by $J'_B = J_B / SF_{\text{fit}}$
 - $D\ln j = [(1/n)(\sum (\ln(J'_B / J_A))^2)]^{0.5}$ (random error of series)

