



Princess Sirindhorn Neutron Monitor and Leader Fraction

Time delay histograms

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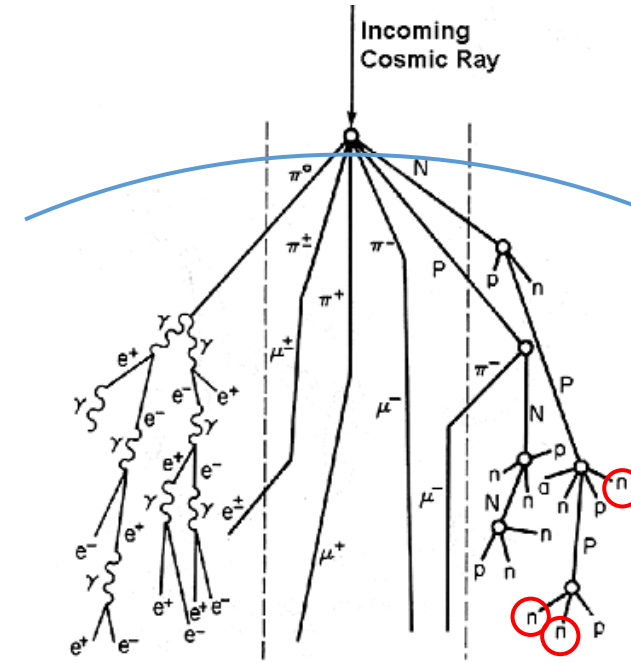
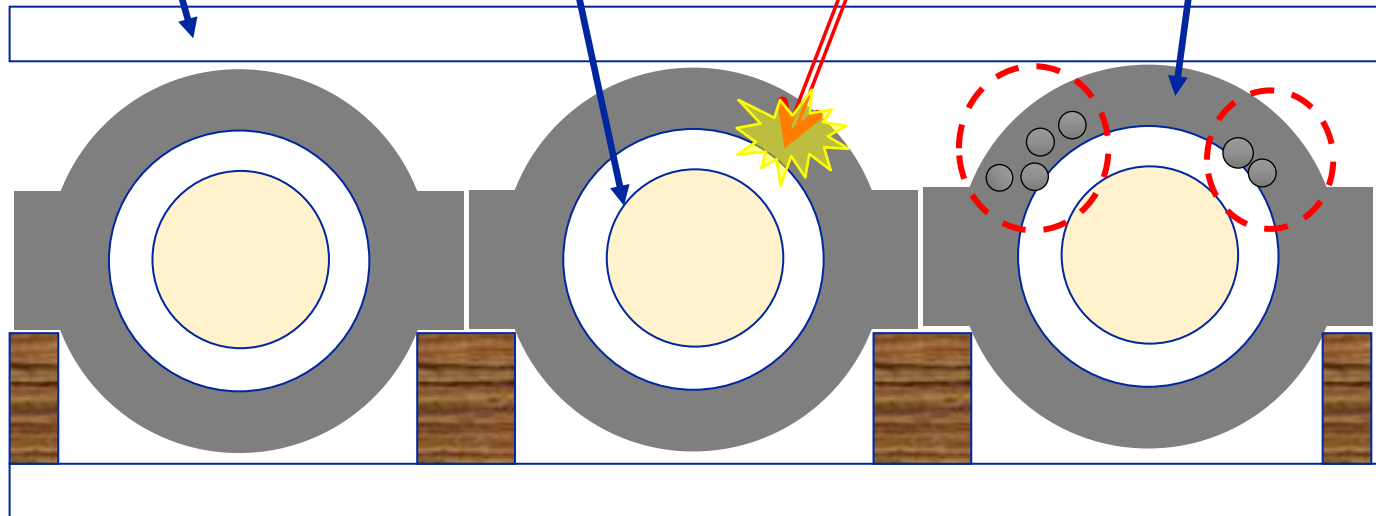
Neutron monitor

Polyethylene reflector

Neutron detector
($^{10}\text{BF}_3$ prop. counter)

Secondary particle
(usually a neutron)

Pb producer



More energetic primary
More energetic secondary



More neutrons in monitor

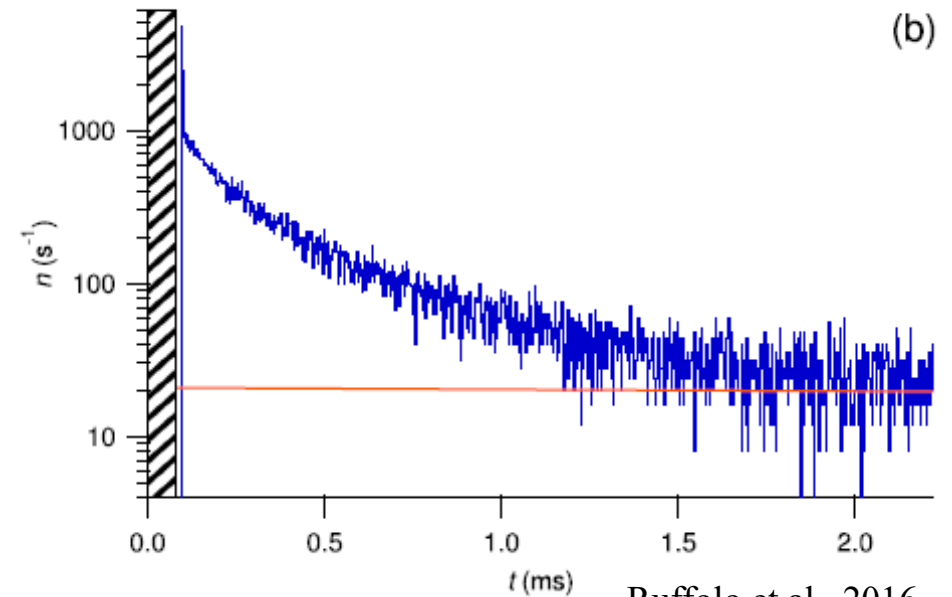
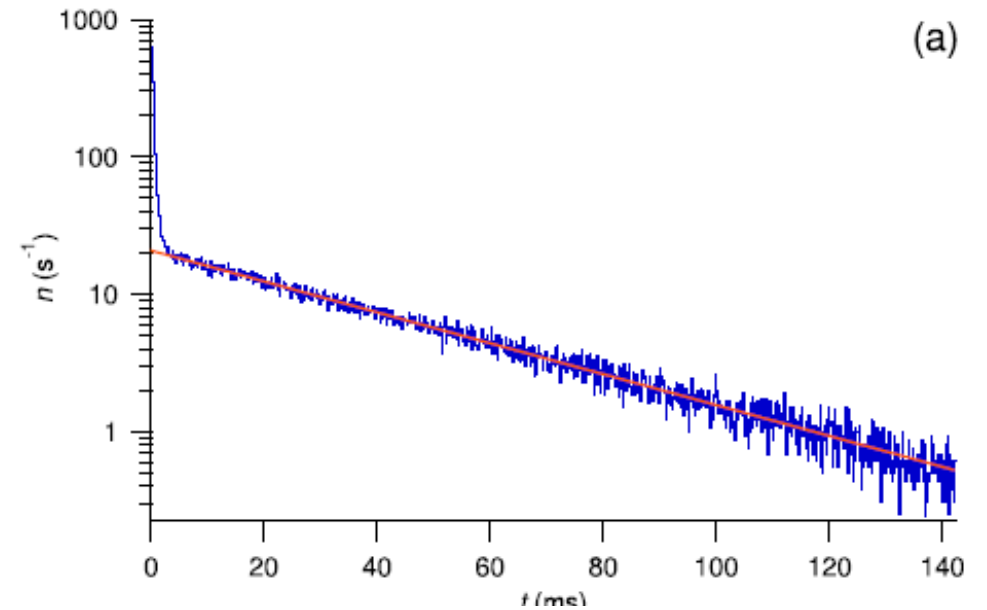


Higher multiplicity

Time-delay histograms

- Electronics record time delay, interval of time between one count to the next count.
- We statistically calculate the leader fraction from histograms of time delay, related to cosmic ray spectral index.
- Amplitude of exponential tail (red) indicates rate of “leaders” arriving by chance, not “following” in temporal association with preceding count.

**L = “leader fraction”
(inverse multiplicity)**



Ruffolo et al., 2016

Time-delay histograms

- We calculate the leader fraction from histograms of time delay.
- Time-delay is the interval of time between one count and the next count.
- For the chance coincidences only, at rate α

$$n(t) = \alpha e^{-\alpha(t-t_d)}$$

- Let $R(t)$ be the survival probability of no new counts in one counter tube over the time delay t .
- The dead time t_d is the time when electronics would not record time delays.
- R_n the survival probability that no new neutrons from nuclear interactions of the same cosmic ray arrive within time delay t . Then ..

$$n(t) = -\frac{dR}{dt} = \left(\alpha R_n - \frac{dR_n}{dt} \right) e^{\alpha(t-t_d)}$$

$R(t_d) = 1$ and at time $t > 5$ ms then ...

$$\frac{dR_n}{dt} = 0 \text{ and } R_n(\infty) = L$$

$$n(t) = \alpha L e^{-\alpha(t-t_d)}$$

We can fit the exponential tail of the distribution to measure L .

Ruffolo et al., 2016

Extraction of Leader Fraction

We use the fitting exponential tail parameters to calculate L .

$$L = \frac{1 - e^{-\alpha t_o}}{\alpha e^{\alpha t_d}}$$

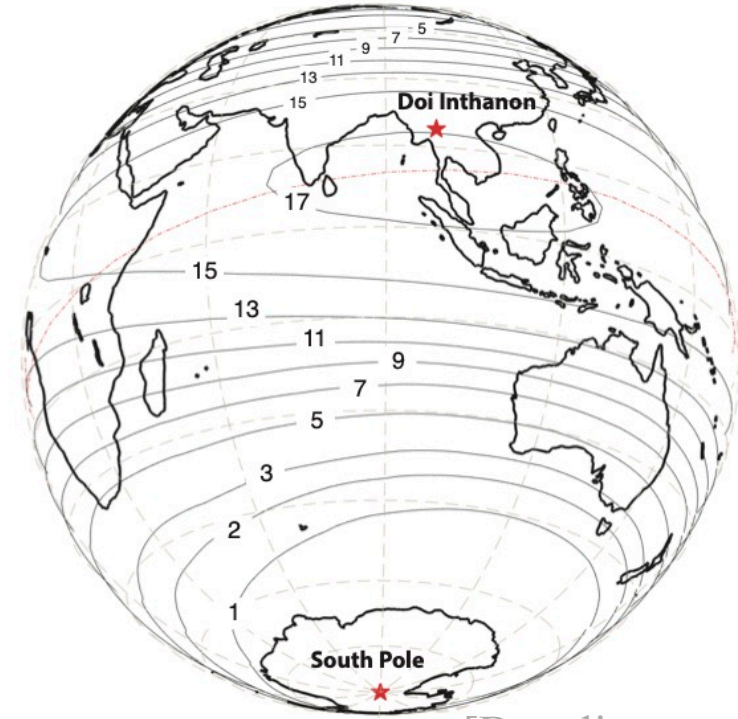
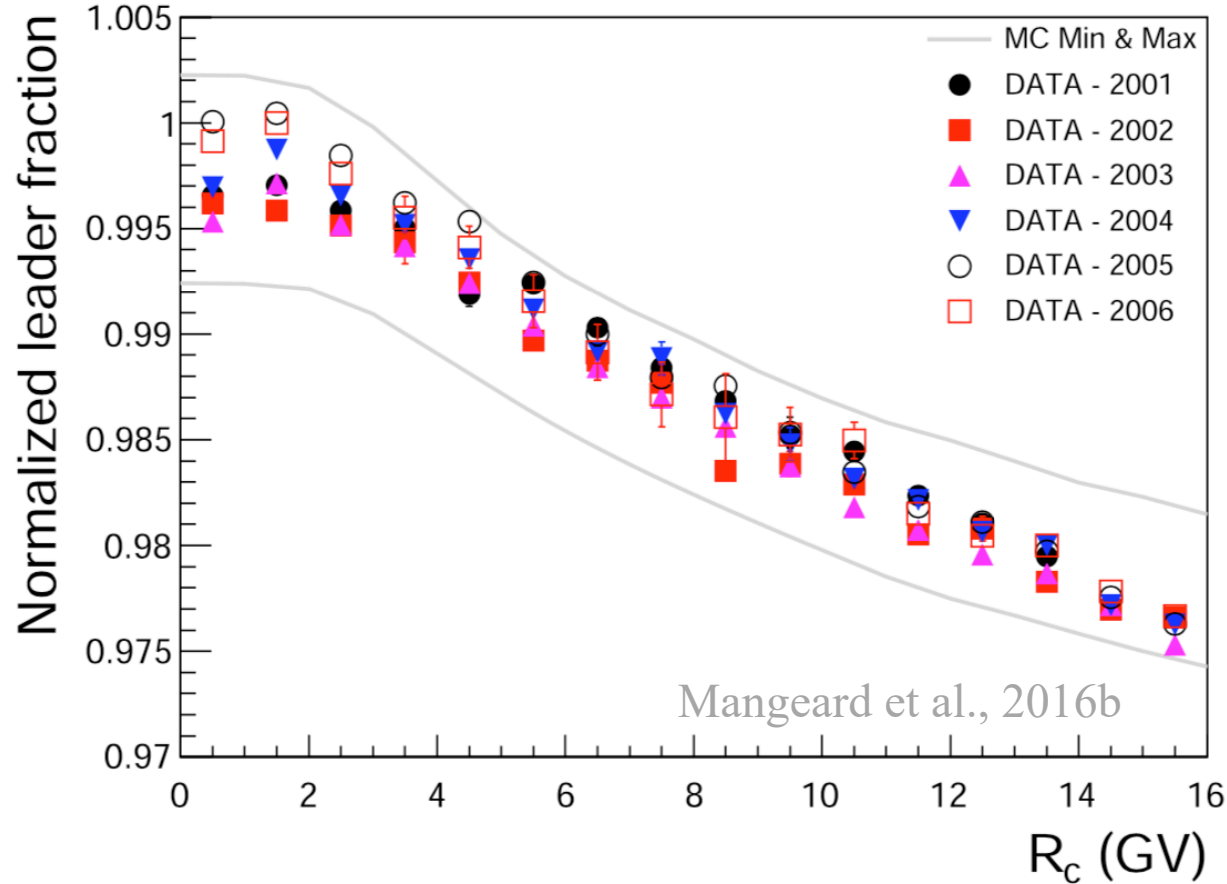
where $t_o = 142$ ms is when time delay was recorded modulo. This affected to the 600- and 700-series firmware.

For 800-series firmware, a count was excluded from the histogram when time delay was larger than t_o

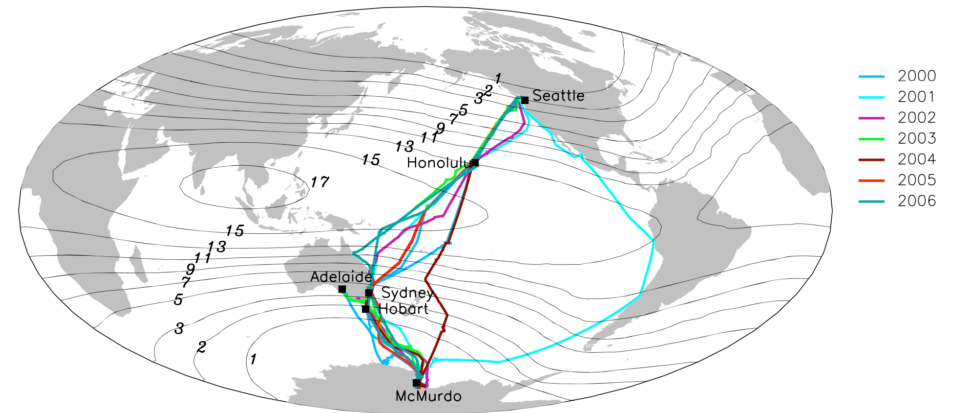
$$L = \frac{A}{\alpha e^{\alpha t_d}}$$

Leader fraction & cosmic ray spectrum ...

... from a ship-borne latitude surveys 2000 - 2007

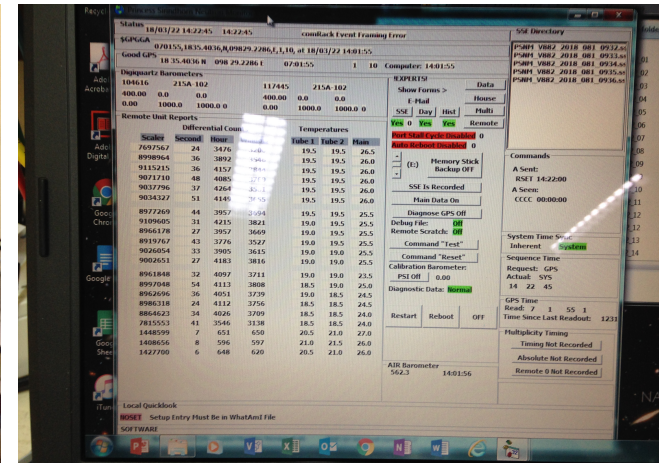
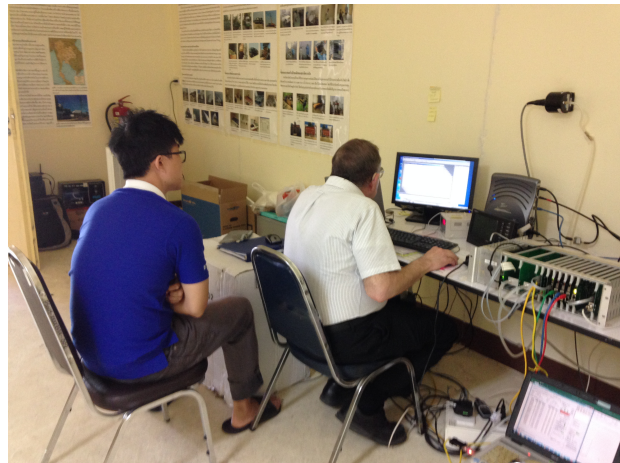


[Banglieng et al., 2020]



[Mangeard et al., 2016b]

Field trip Doi Inthanon March 19-23, 2018



Neutron Time-delay Observation at Doi Inthanon

Normalization period	Start date	End date	Cadence	Firmware series	Software Version
1a	2007 Dec 9	2009 Jun 28	Daily	600 (18)	-
1b	2009 Jun 29	2011 Jan 15	Hourly	600 (18)	-
2	2011 Jan 15	2014 Feb 8	Hourly	700 (18)	-
3	2014 Feb 8	2014 Jun 11	Hourly	700 (17)	-
4a	2014 Jun 11	2014 Dec 6	Daily	800 (18)	Before 8.46
4b	2014 Dec 7	2015 Mar 3	Hourly	800 (18)	8.46, 8.47
5	2015 Mar 3	2015 May 30	Hourly	800 (18)	8.50
6a	2015 May 31	2016 May 17	Hourly	600 (6), 800 (12)	8.50-8.82
6b	2016 May 18	2016 Jun 30	Hourly	600 (6), 800 (12)	8.82
7	2016 Jun 30	2017 Jun 12	Hourly	800 (18)	8.82
8	2017 Jun 12	2017 Aug 3	Hourly	600 (6), 700 (6), 800 (6)	8.91-8.93
9	2017 Aug 3	2018 Apr 19	Hourly	800 (18)	8.93 - 8.124

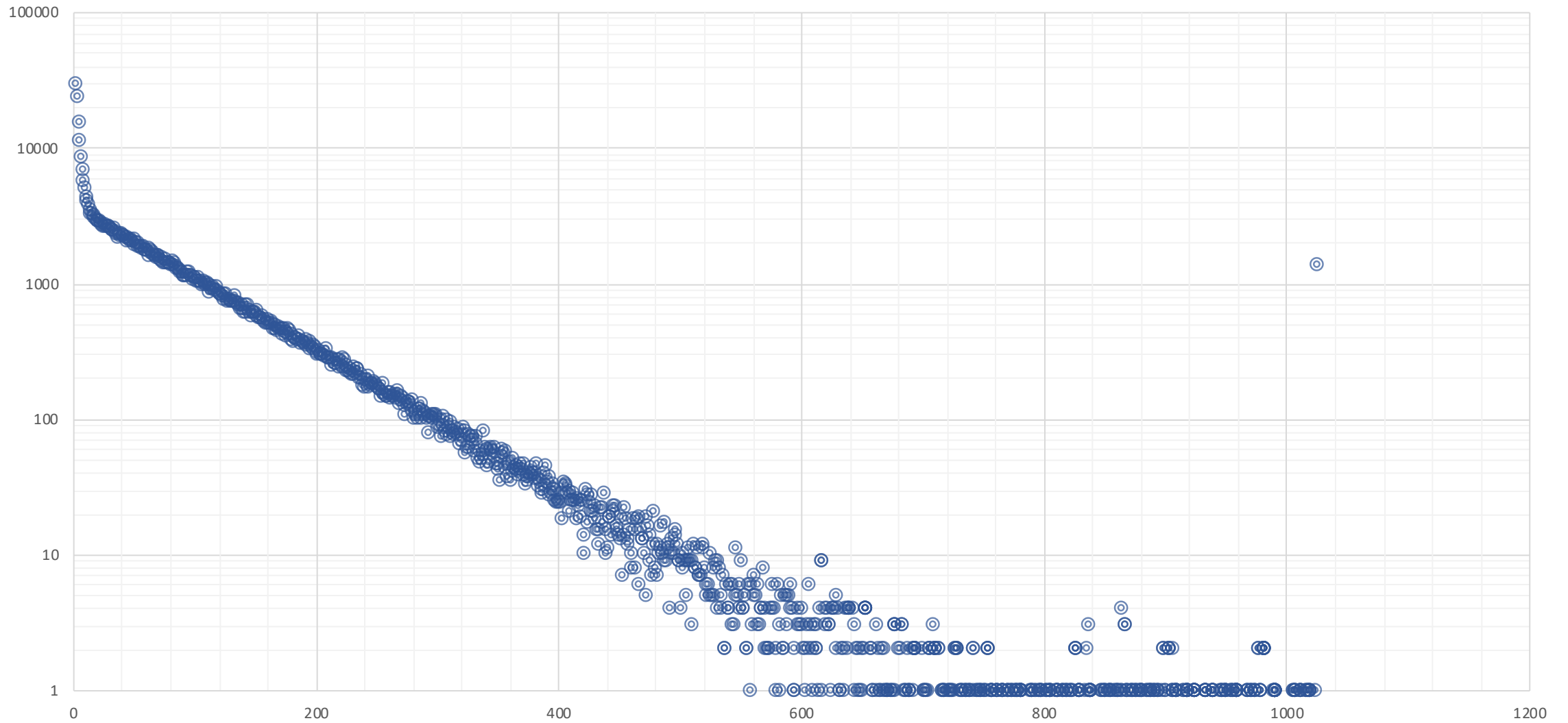
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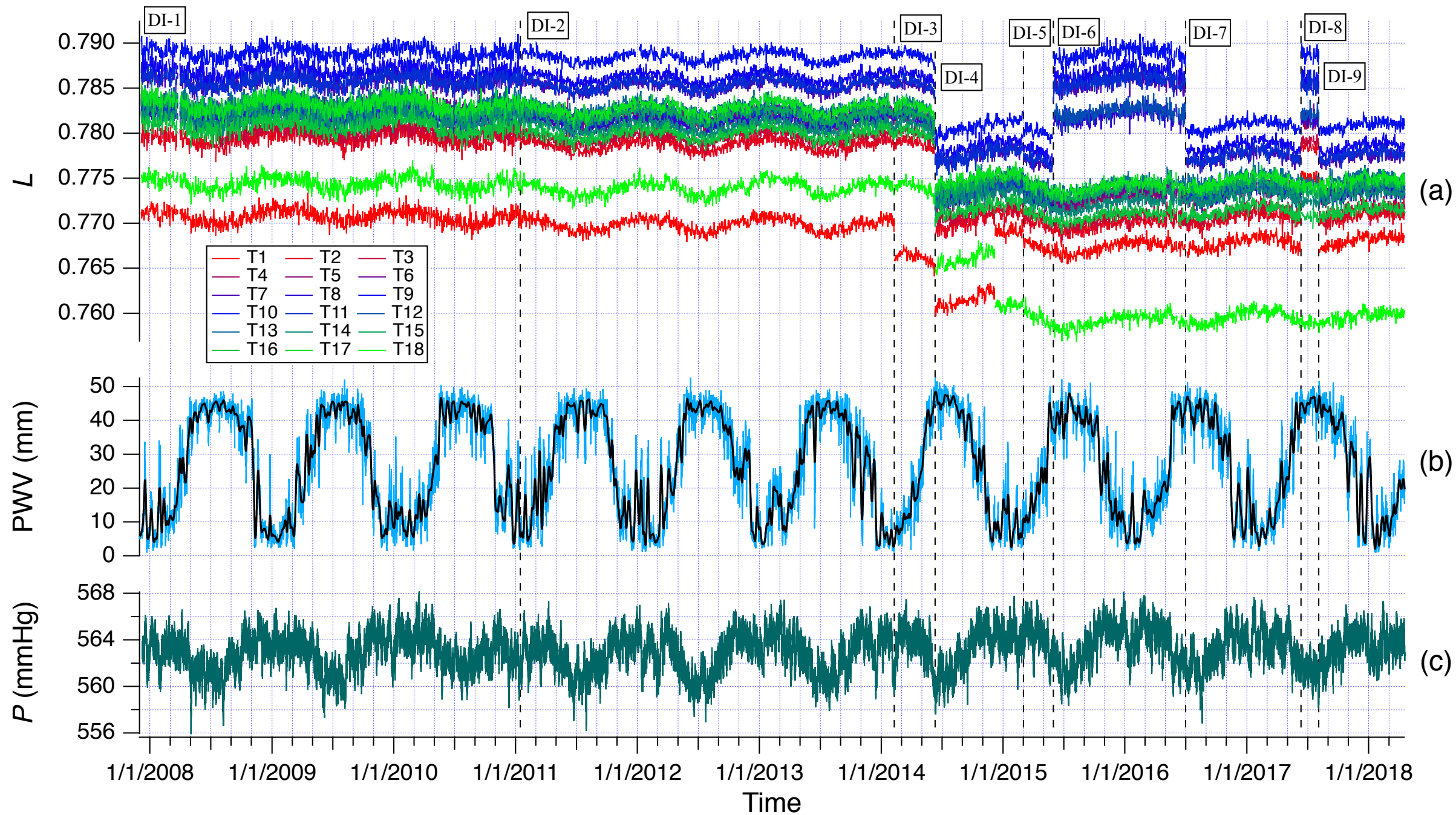
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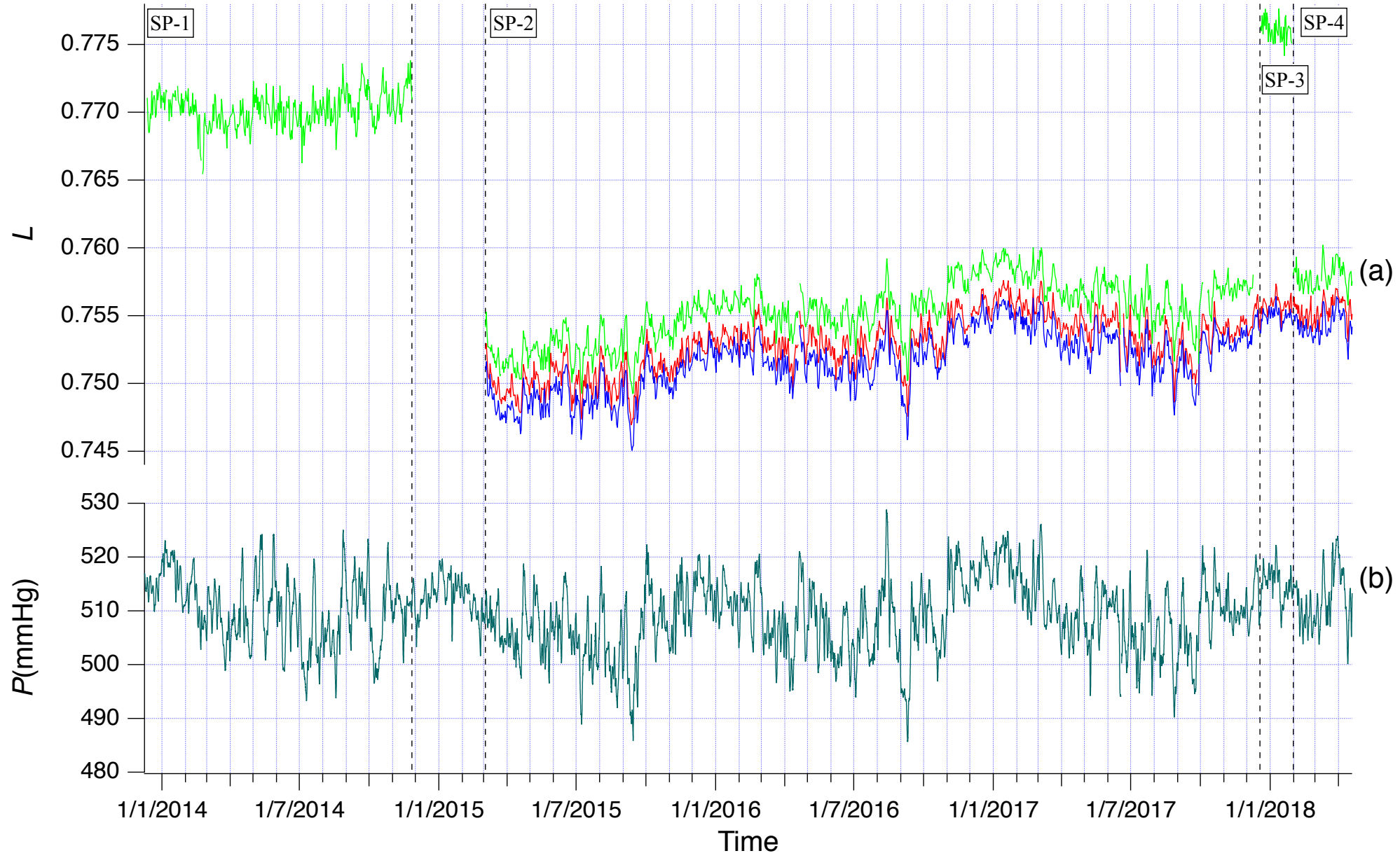
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Uncorrected leader fraction at PSNM, Thailand



Uncorrected leader fraction at South Pole



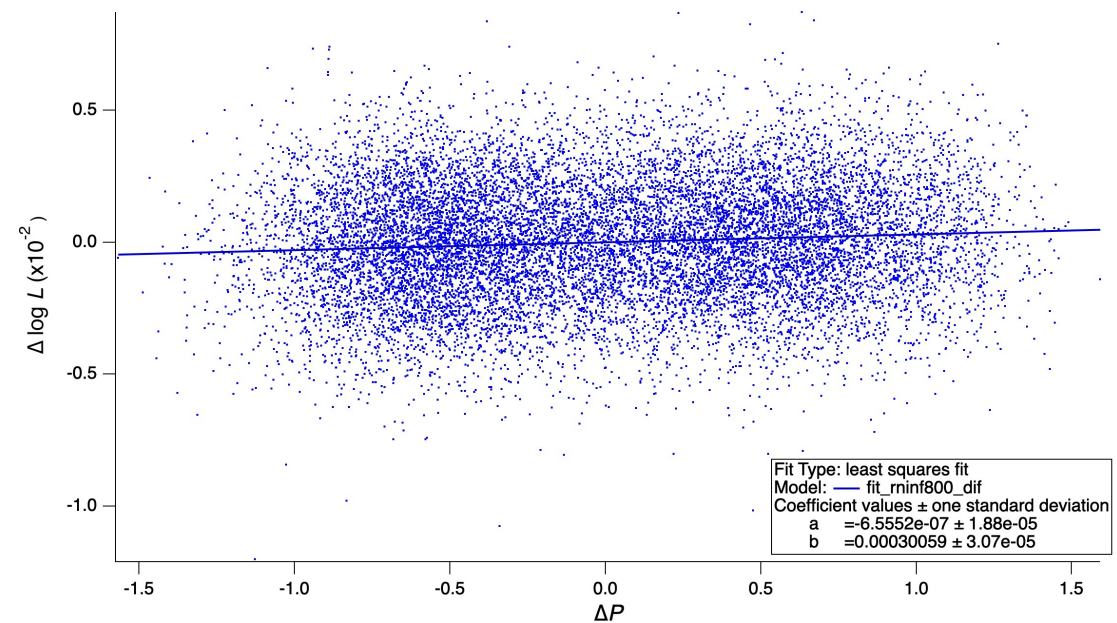
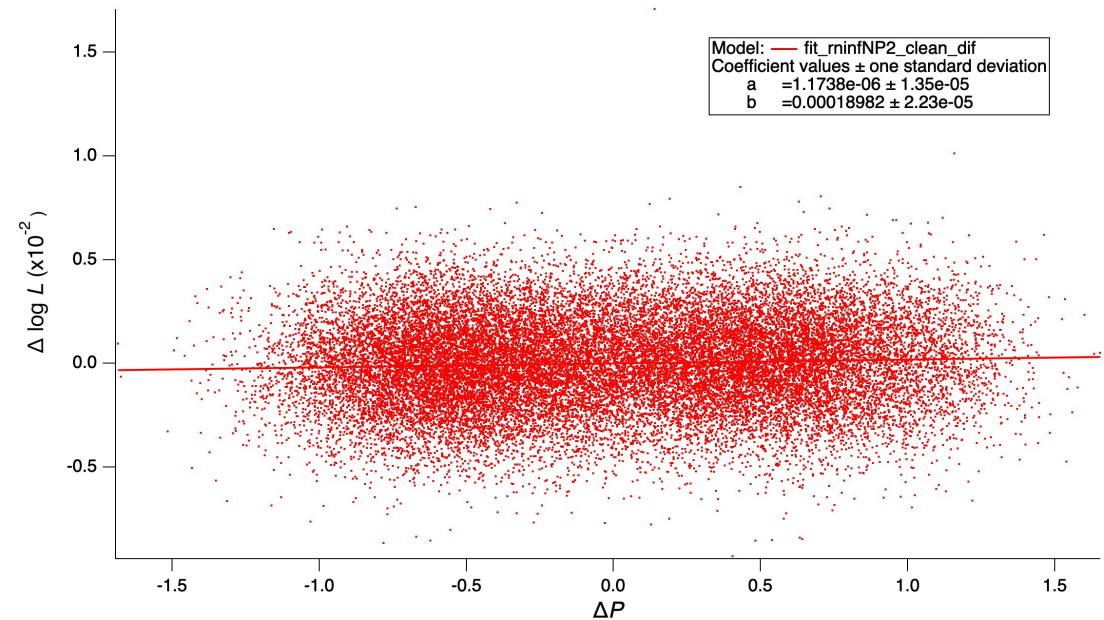
Atmospheric pressure correction

To remove the effect of the atmospheric depth, we fit vs. with a linear model.

The parameter b of that linear fit was defined as a coefficient of pressure correction.

$$L_{P_{\text{corr}}} = L_{U_{\text{ncorr}}} \exp[-b(P - P_0)]$$

$P_0=563$ mmHg is the reference pressure at Doi Inthanon.



Water vapor correction

Water vapor pressure: E_w

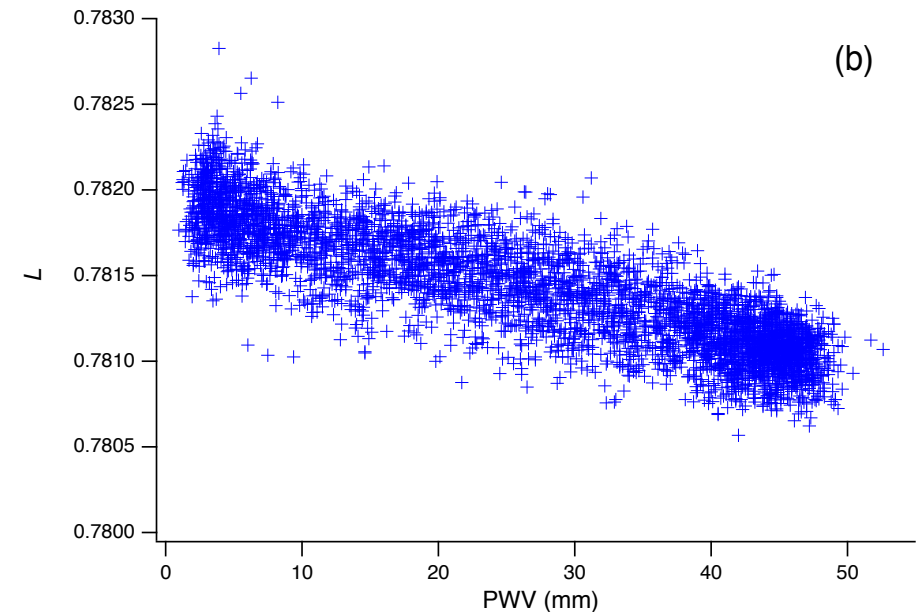
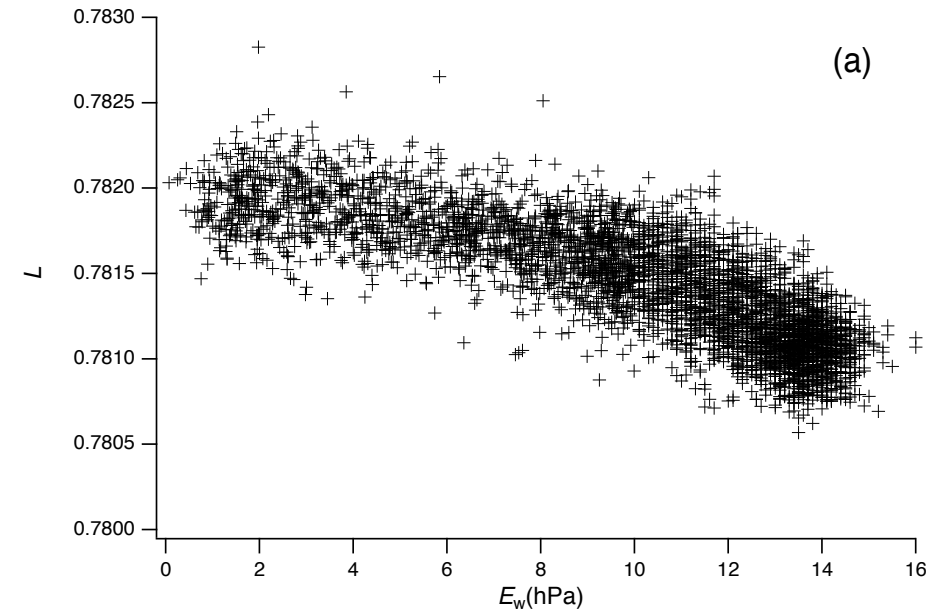
$$E_w = (6.113 \text{ hPa}) \frac{RH}{100} \exp\left(\frac{17.62T}{T + 243.12}\right)$$

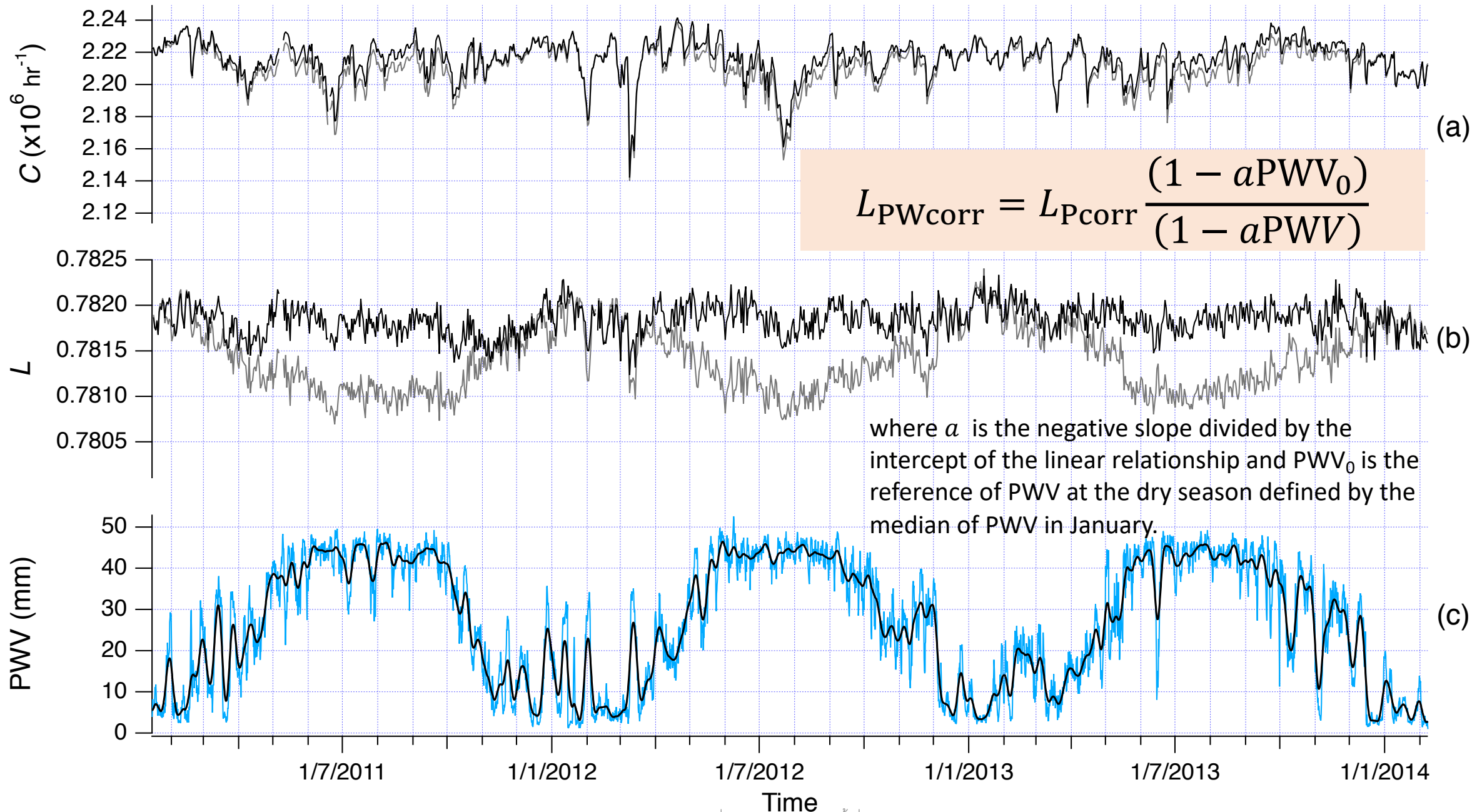
Precipitable water vapor: PWV

The vertical integral of the absolute vapor mass density which yields the column water per m^2

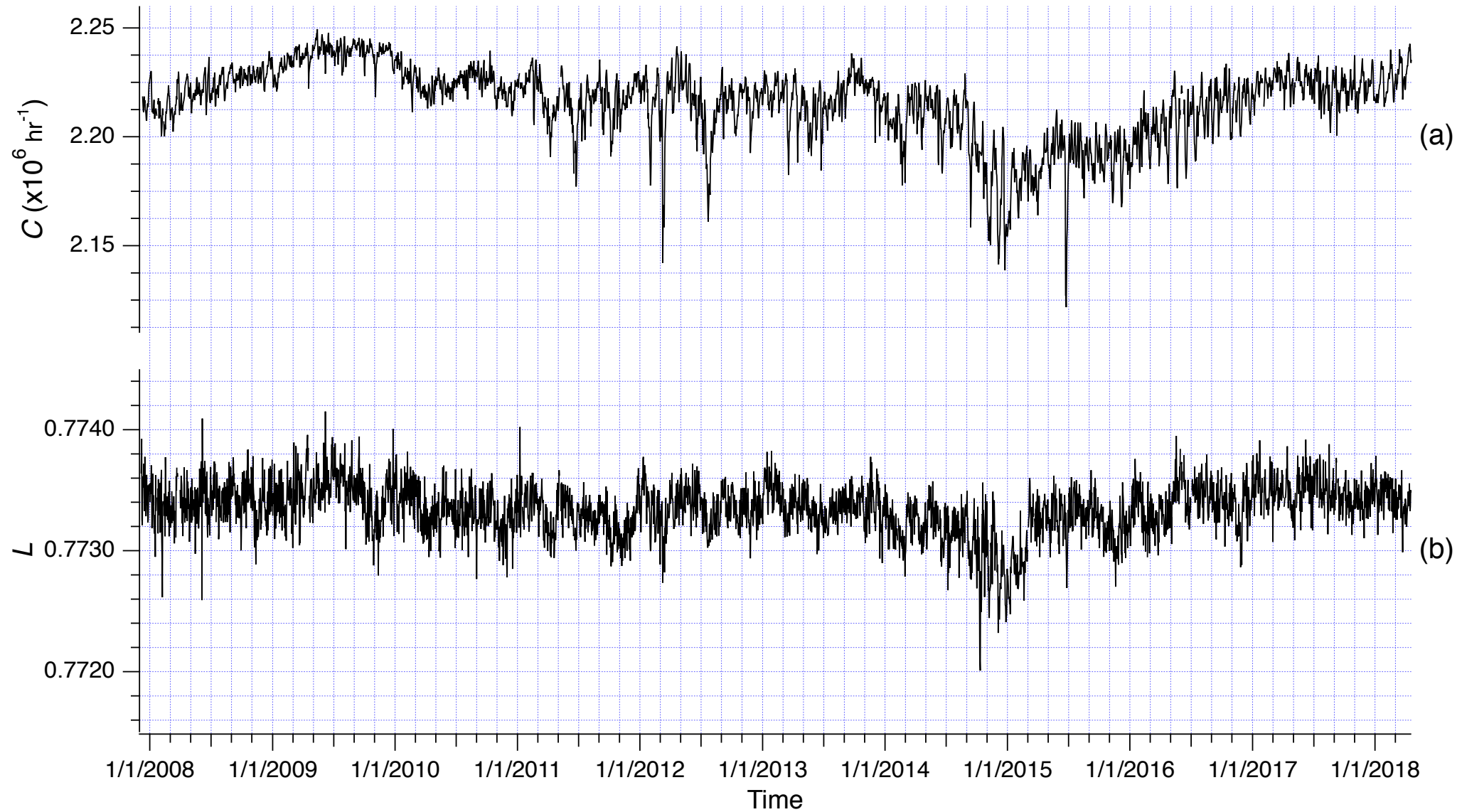
$$\text{IWV} = \int_0^P \frac{q}{g} dP \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{PWV} = \frac{\text{IWV}}{\rho_w}$$

where $q = \frac{E_w}{p}$

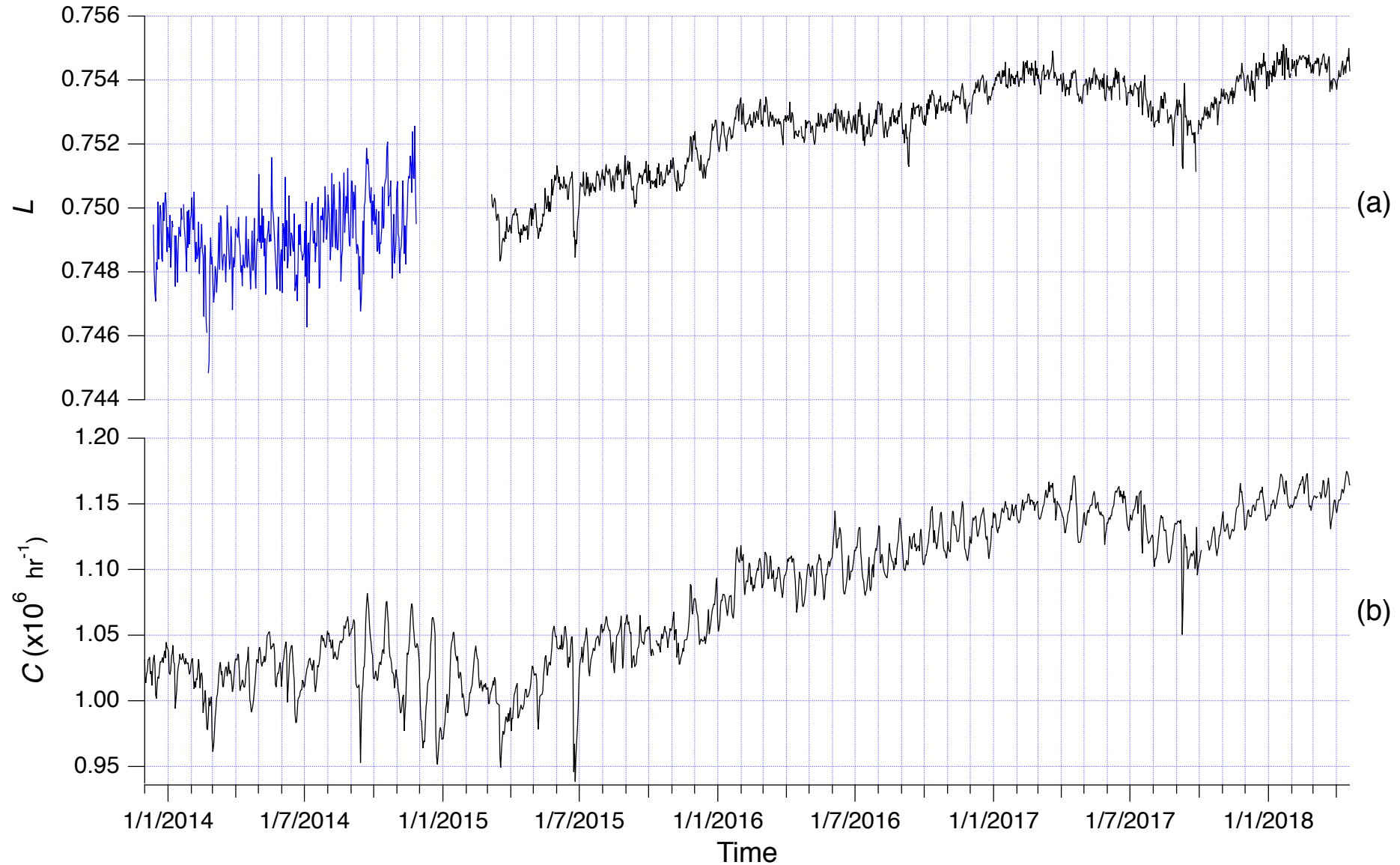




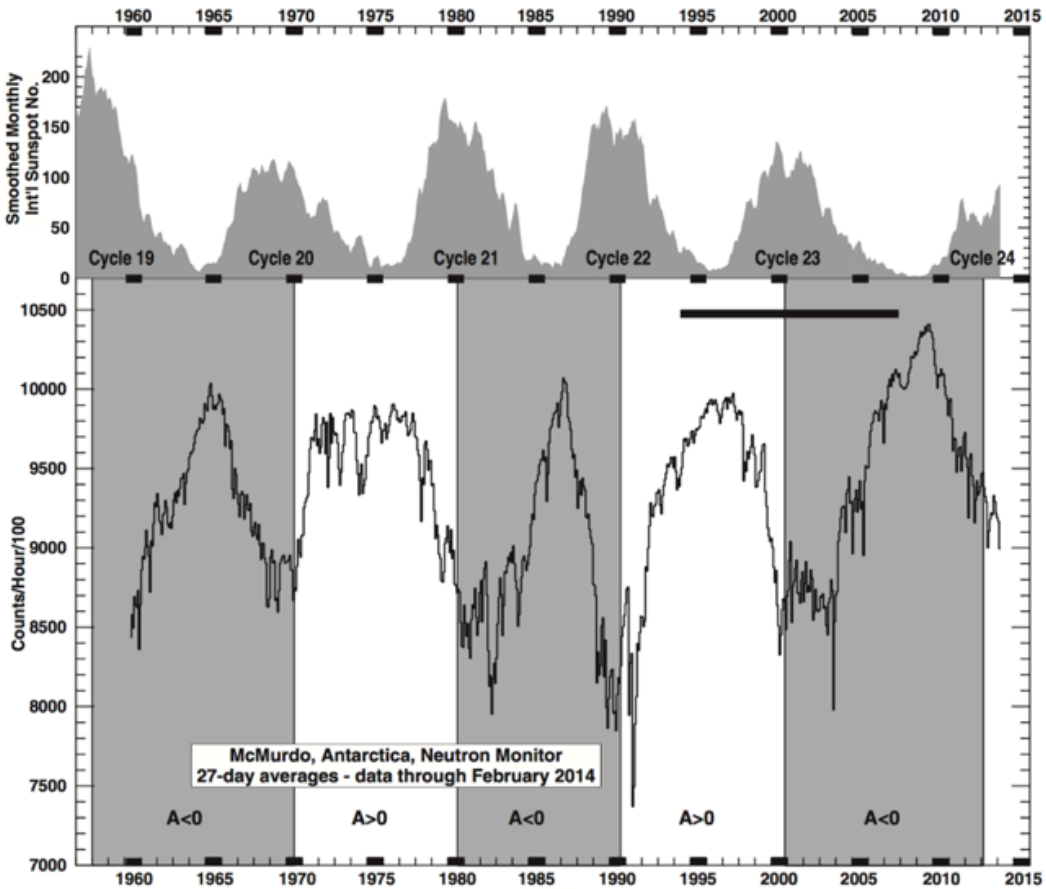
Leader fraction L and count rate C at Doi Inthanon



Leader fraction L and count rate C at South Pole

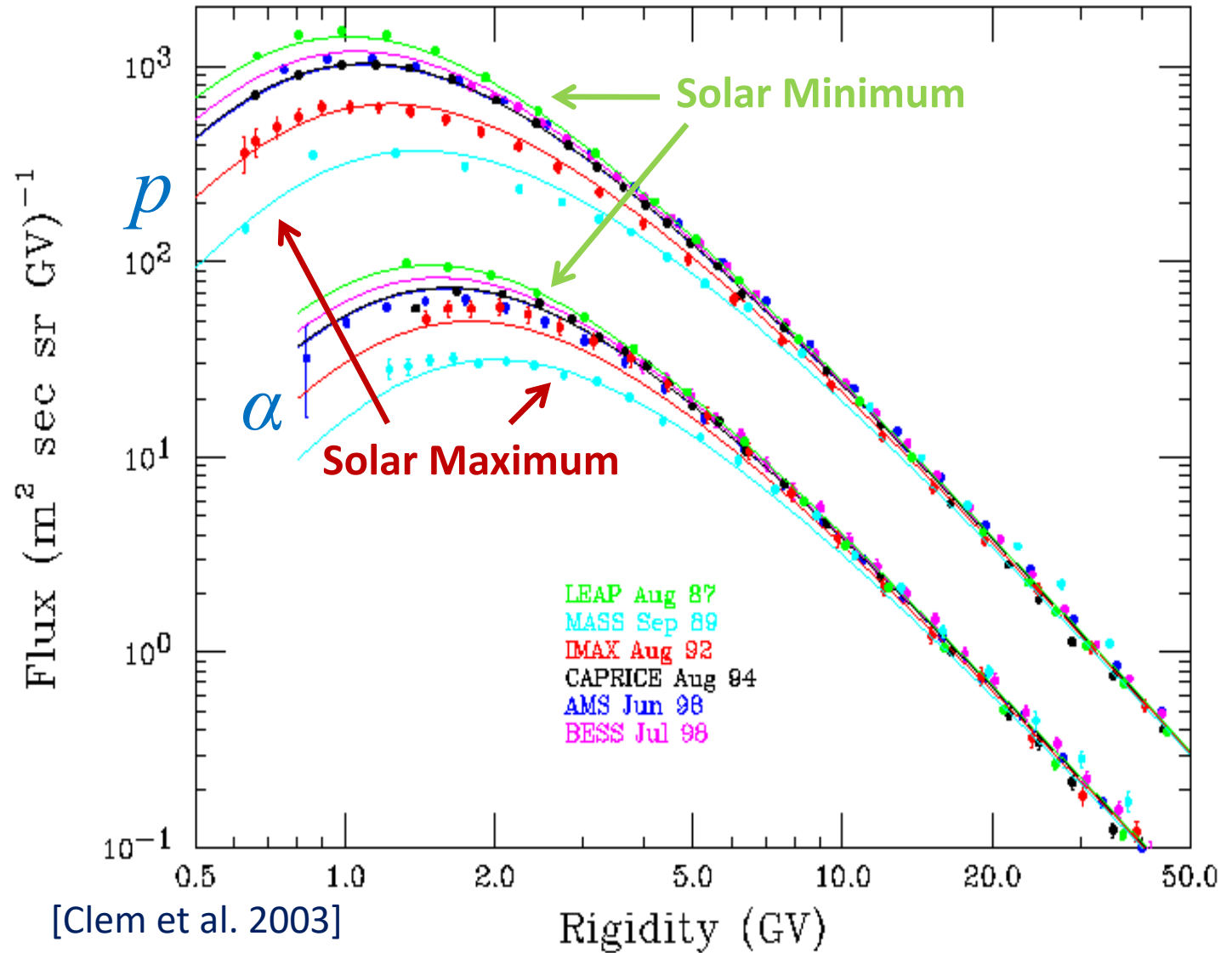


Solar modulation

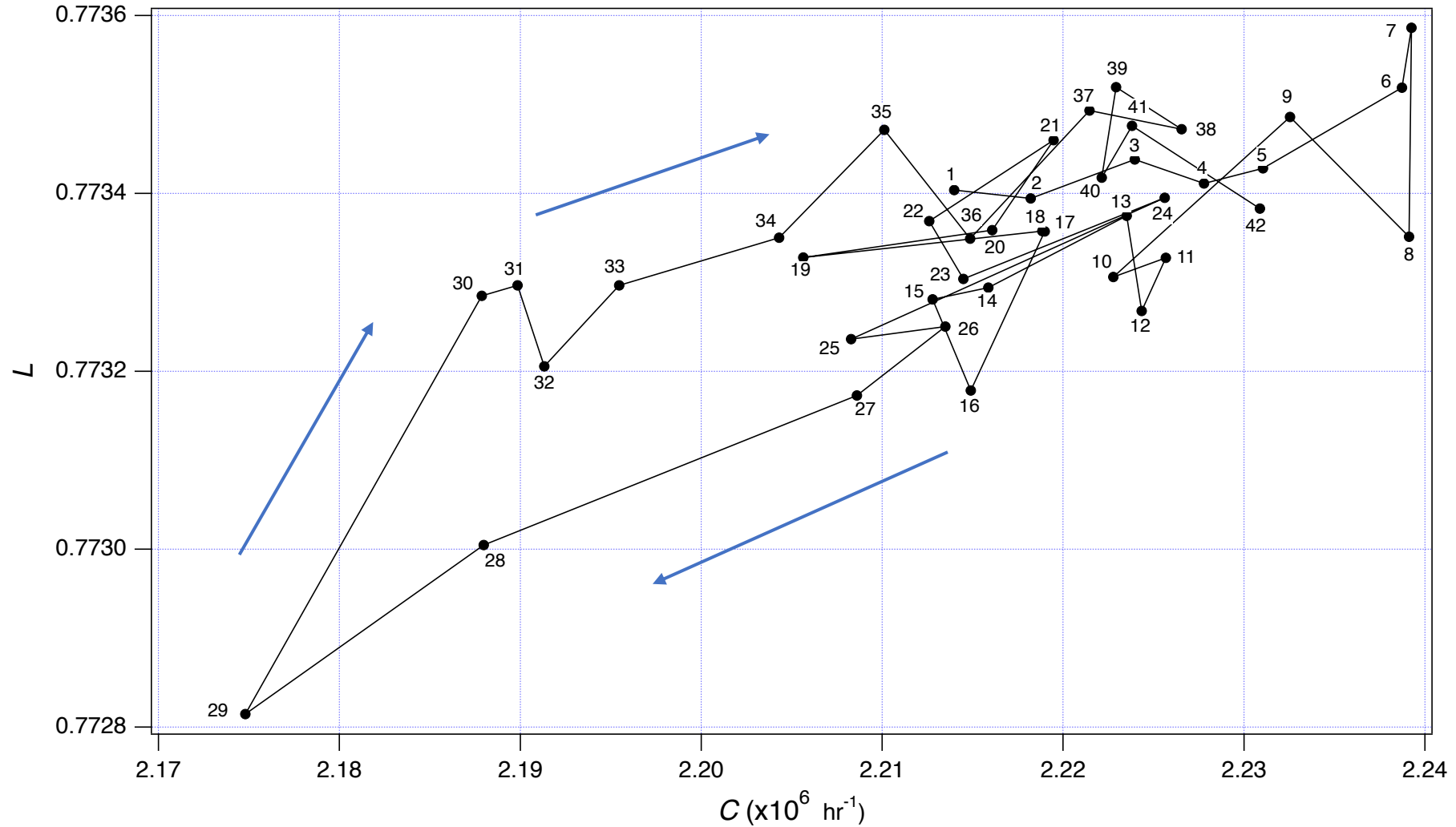


[Nuntiyakul et al., 2014]

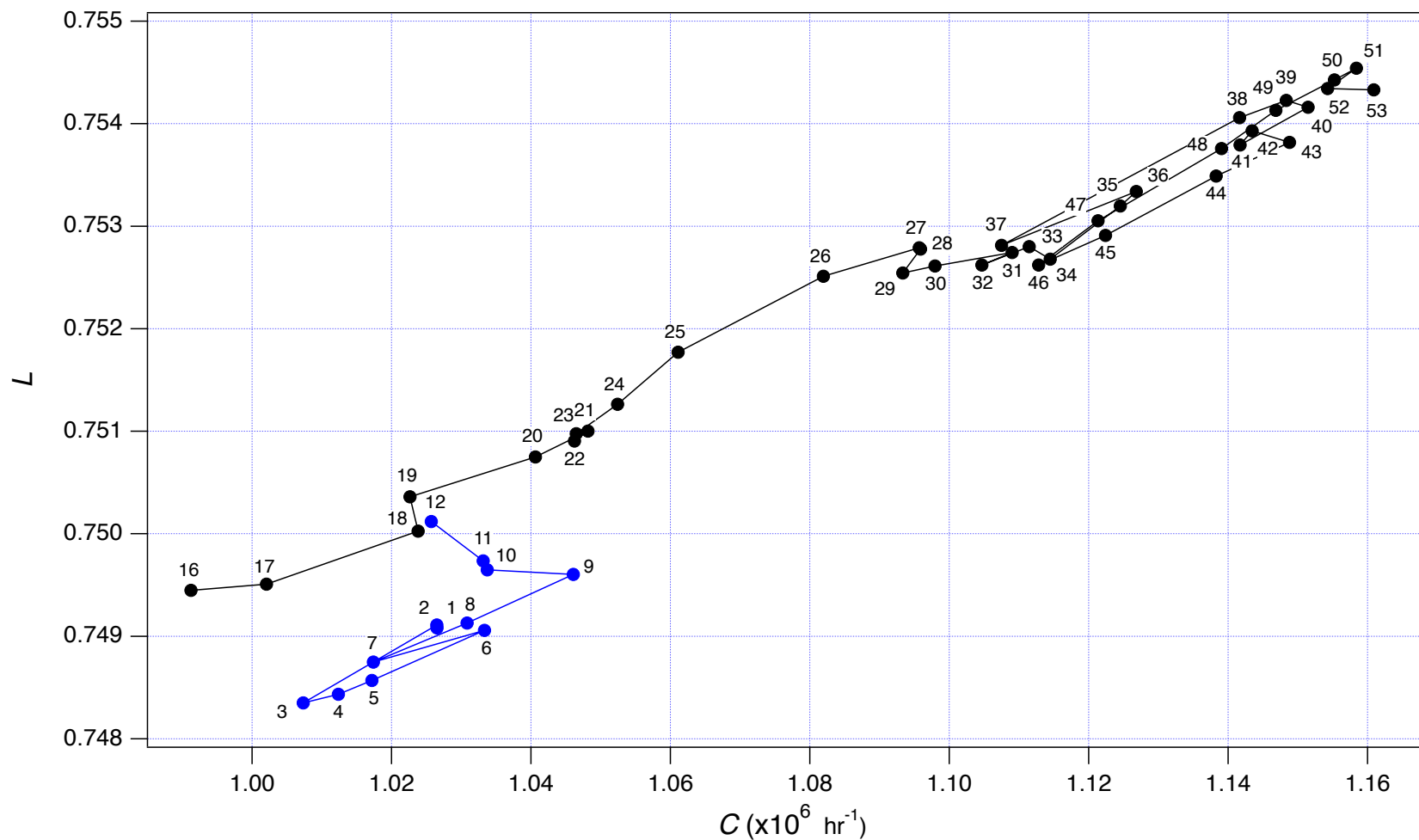
The energy (or rigidity) spectrum of galactic cosmic rays varies with the solar cycle.



Three month averages of L vs. C , PSNM



Monthly averages of L vs. C , South Pole NM



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