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# New products for monitoring and forecasting space weather in South America: regional magnetic indices and GNSS vertical error map

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## Objectives:

To monitor the Earth's magnetic fields variations along the eastern portion of the American sector to provide a toll to:

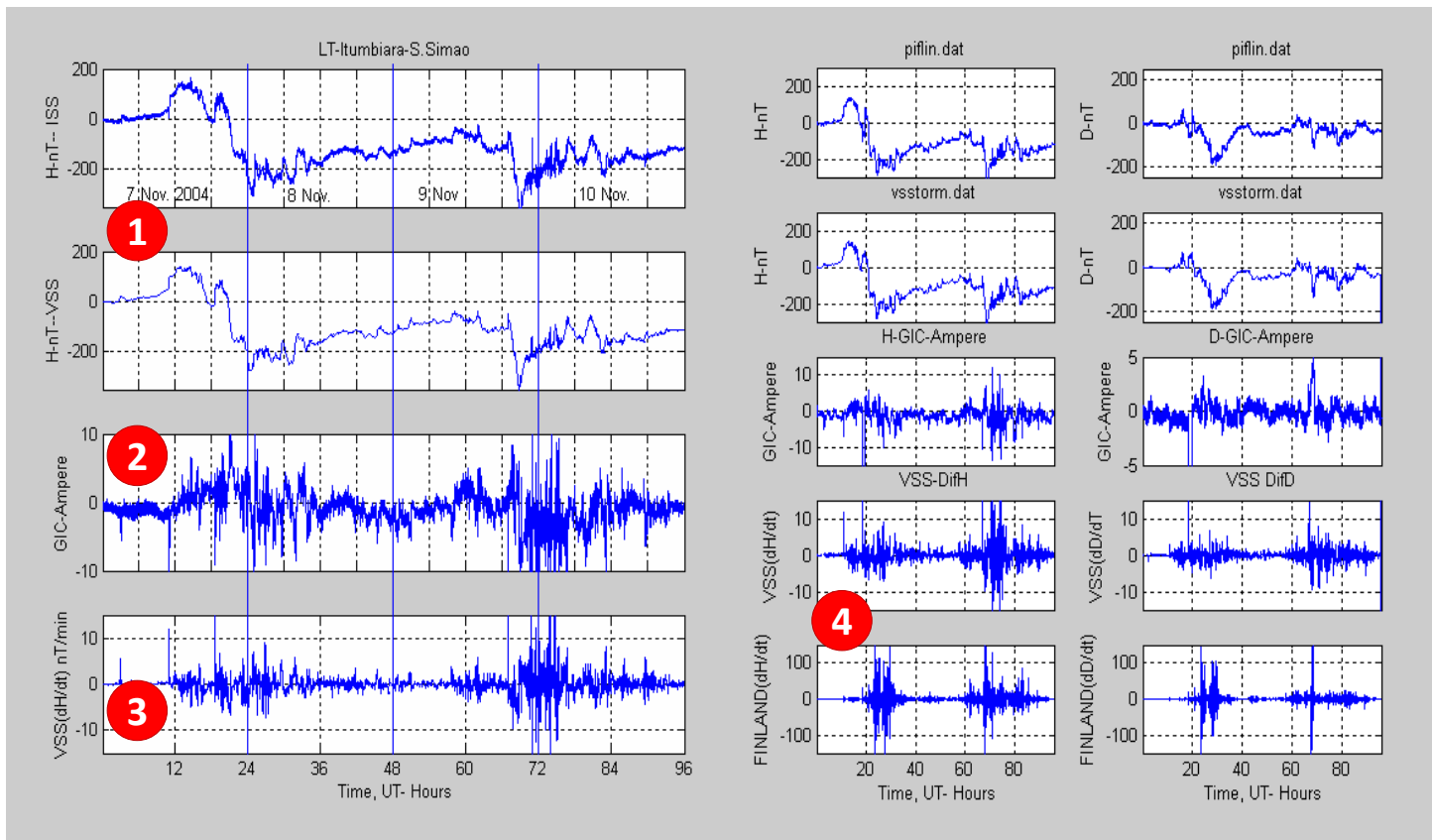
- a. **estimate** the electric fields at E and/or F regions heights;
- b. **provide** the ground induced effect of the EEJ (or CEJ);
- c. **provide** the time derivative of the field ( $dB/dt$ ); and
- d. **monitor** the disturbance level based on the stations K-index

To achieve all the above variable it is crucial to have all the **EMBRACE Magnetometer Network** measuring with the same accuracy the variations of components since is need to have difference between measurements from different stations

# GIC detected in Brazil

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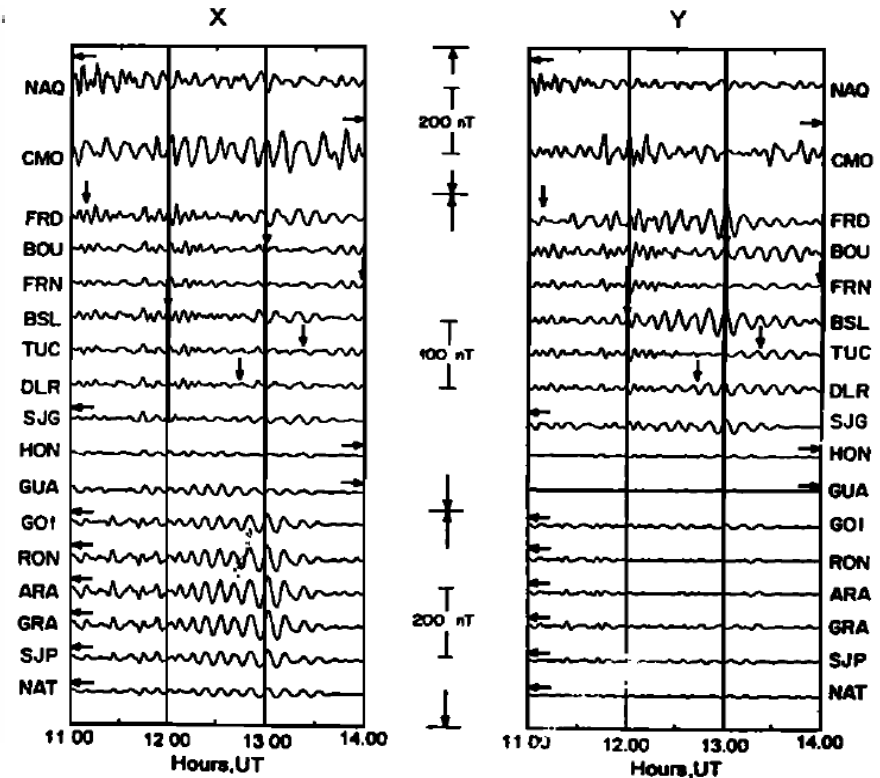
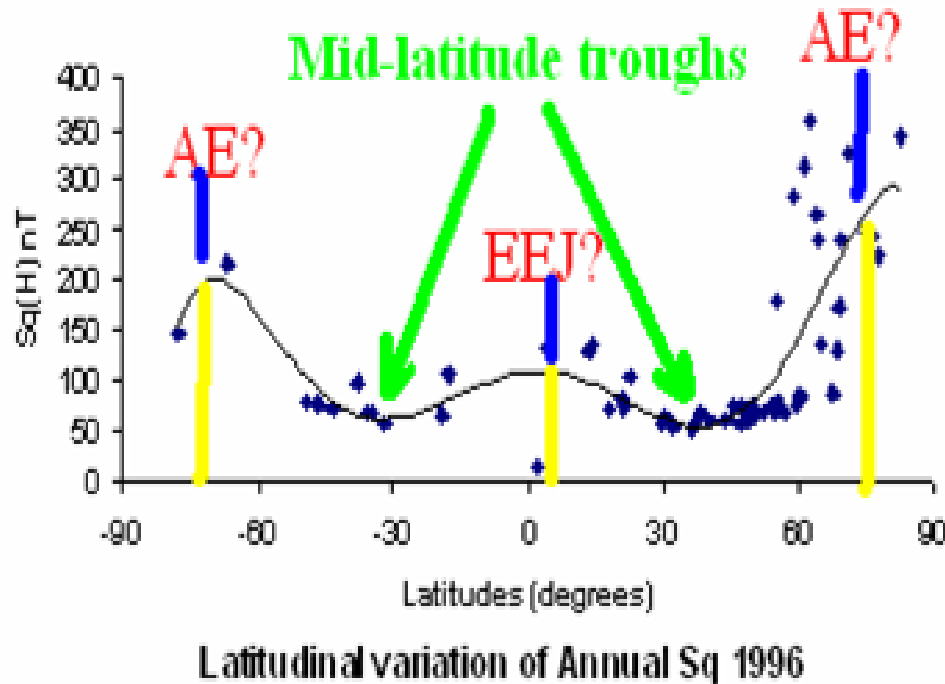
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1. Magnetic variations measured at the Vassouras Observatory (RJ) and in Finland (ISS)
2. GIC on the ground of the transformer of a Electric Power Company
3. dB/dt derivative in VSS, which shown similarities with the GIC at the amperimeter
4. dB/dt at VSS is one order of magnitude lower than that measured in the auroral region (Finland)

# Amplitude vs Latitude

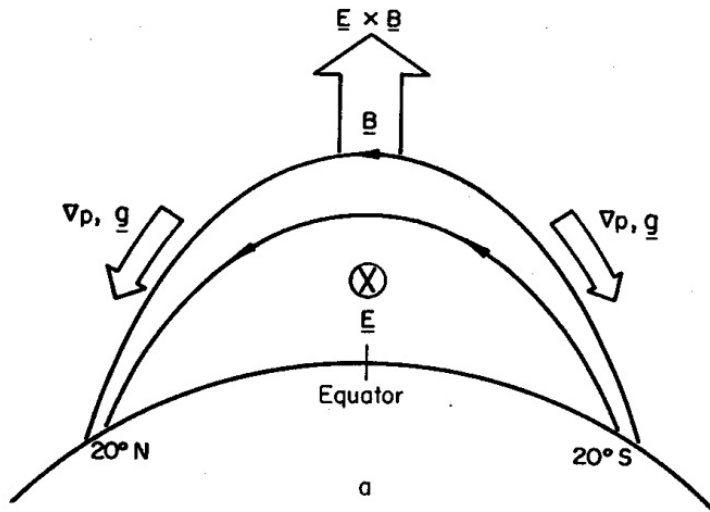
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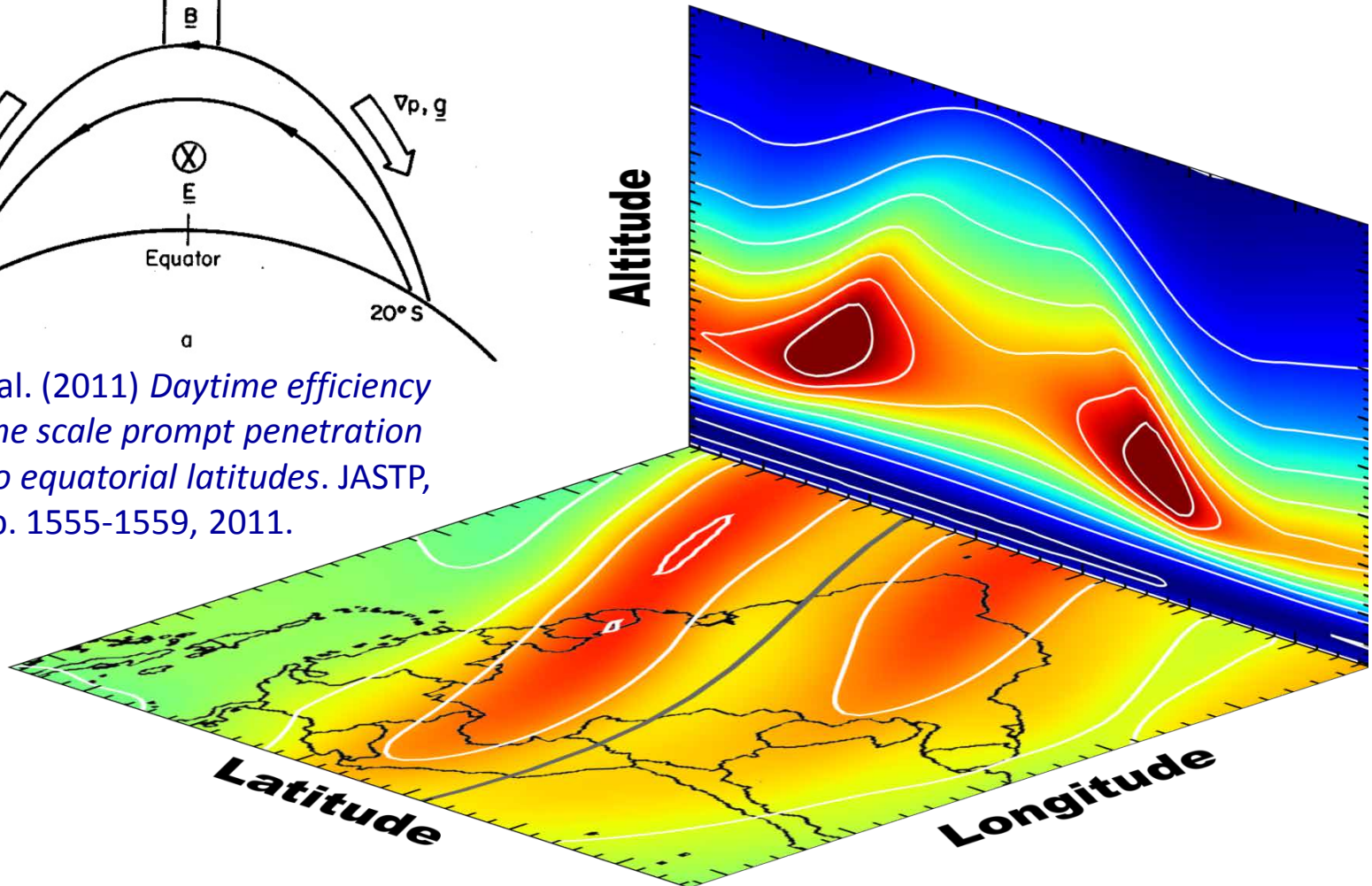
- a. Low magnetic latitudes = Lower amplitudes of the geomagnetic variations
- b. There is the well known diurnal amplification of the H component around the DIP equator



Courtesy:  
 Dr. Jonas Rodrigues de Souza



DENARDINI et al. (2011) *Daytime efficiency of different time scale prompt penetration electric fields to equatorial latitudes*. JASTP, v. 73, p. 1555-1559, 2011.

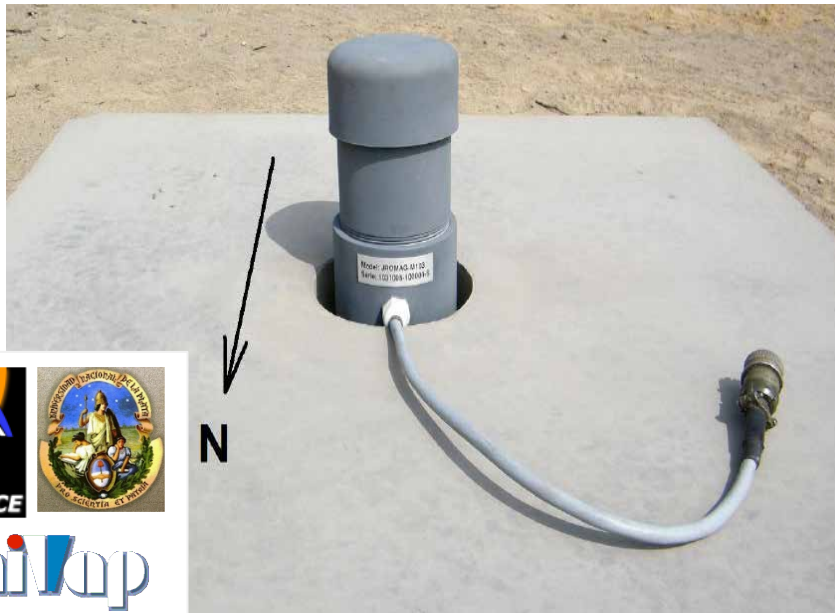


Transversal section of the ionospheric ionizations anomaly calculated by the SUPIM-INPE model.

# The Equipment



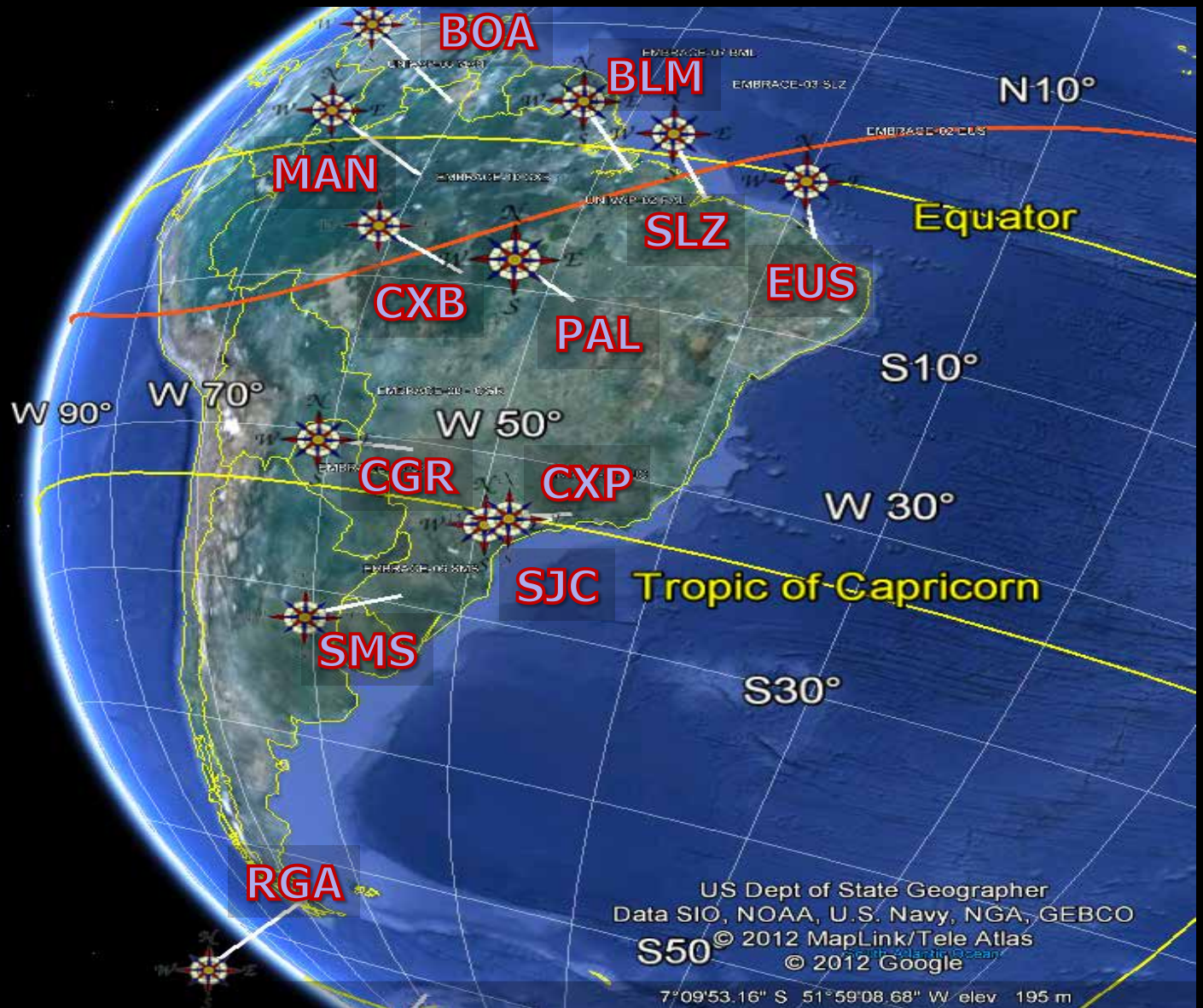
Measurement range	+/- 75000 nT
Dynamic range	+/- 250, 1000, 2500 nT
Resolution	0.1 nT
Accuracy	0.25%
Orthogonality	<0.5°
Offset at T=25 °C	<1 nT
Zero drift	<0.1 nT/C
Scaling temp. coeff.	+20 ppm/C, typ.
Supply voltages	+12 V
Current consumption	+220 mA



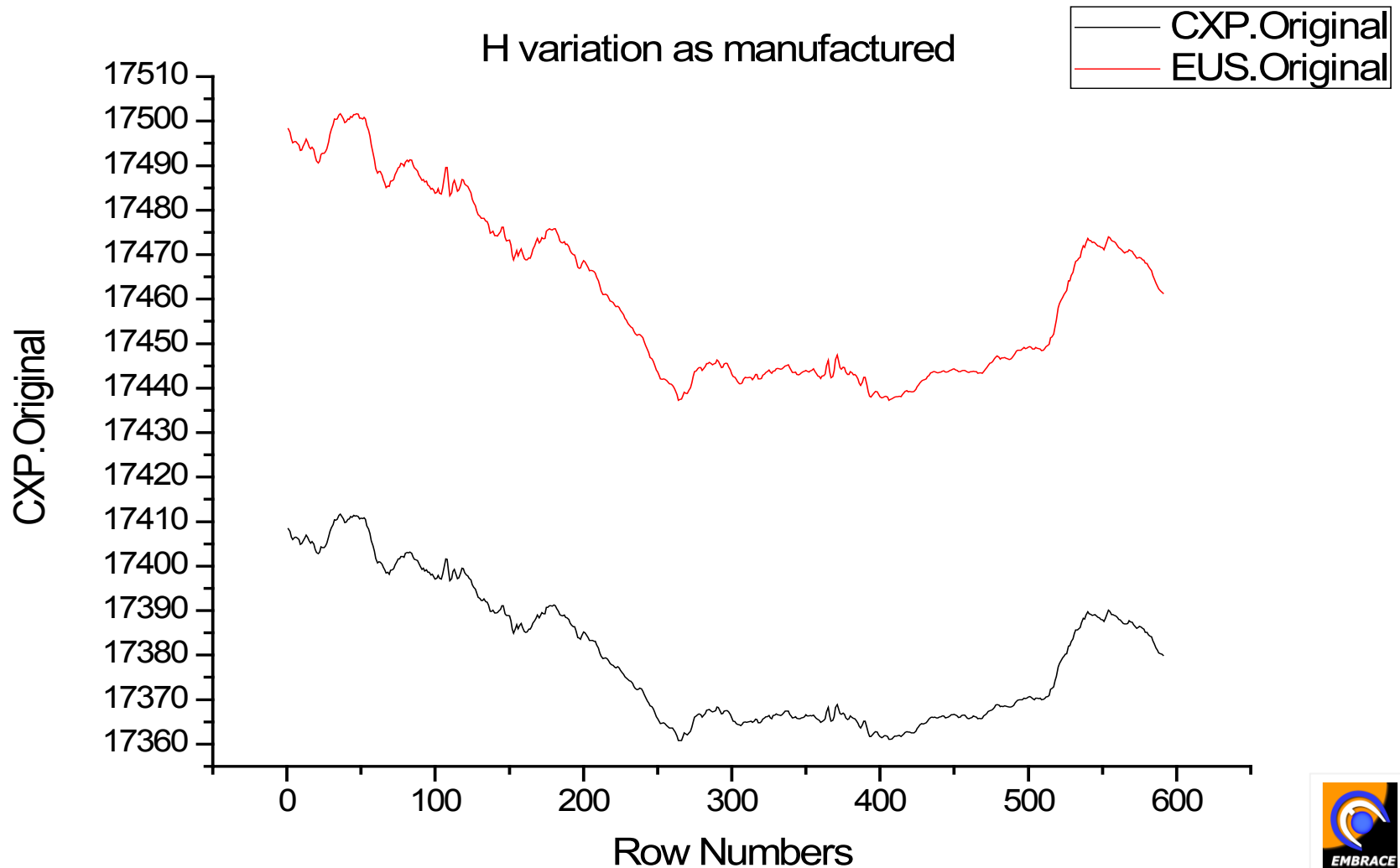




# The Network



# What we got is ...





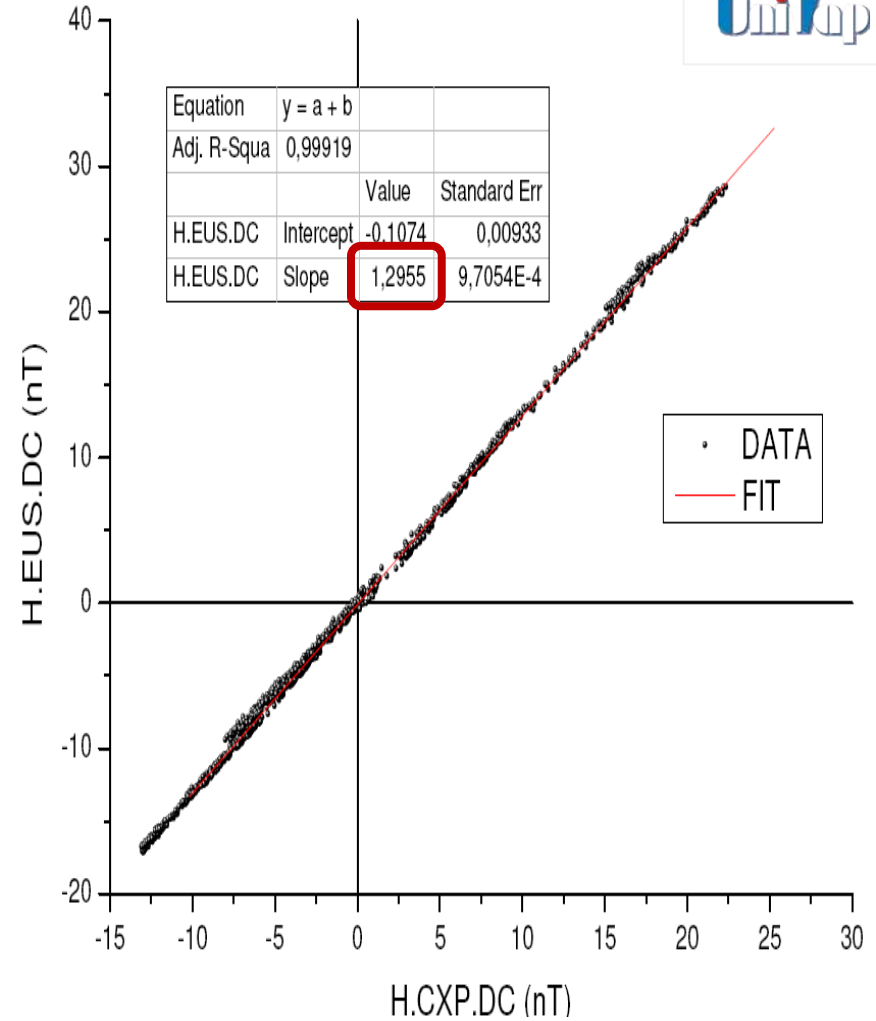
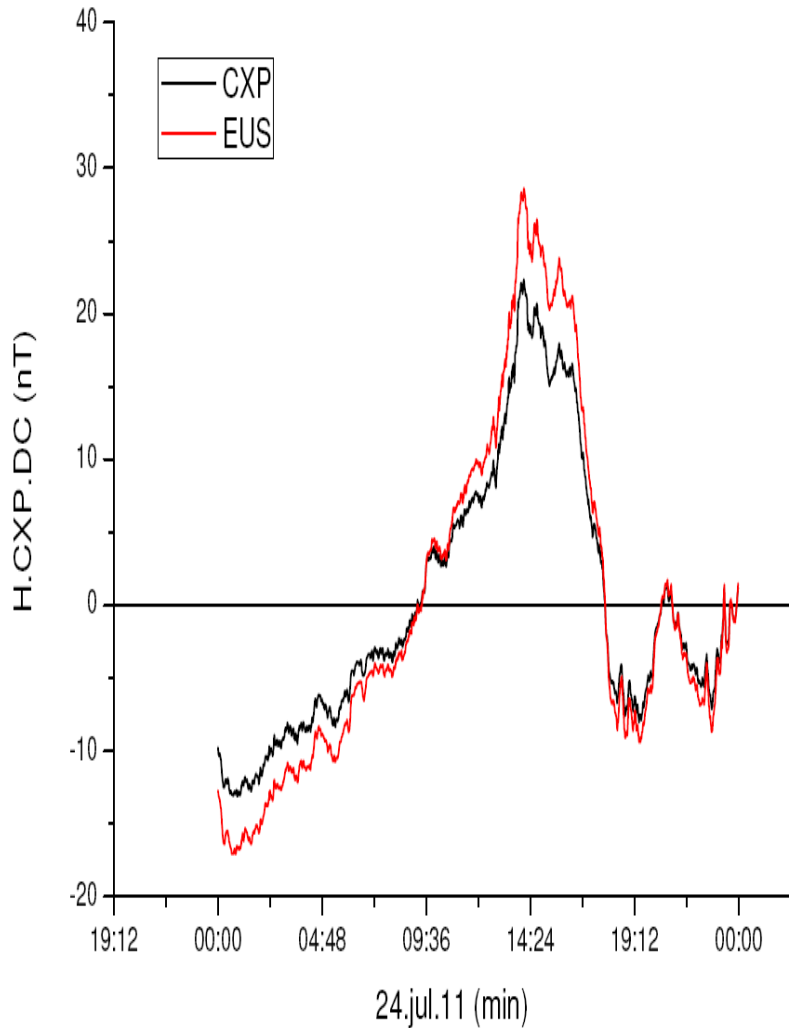
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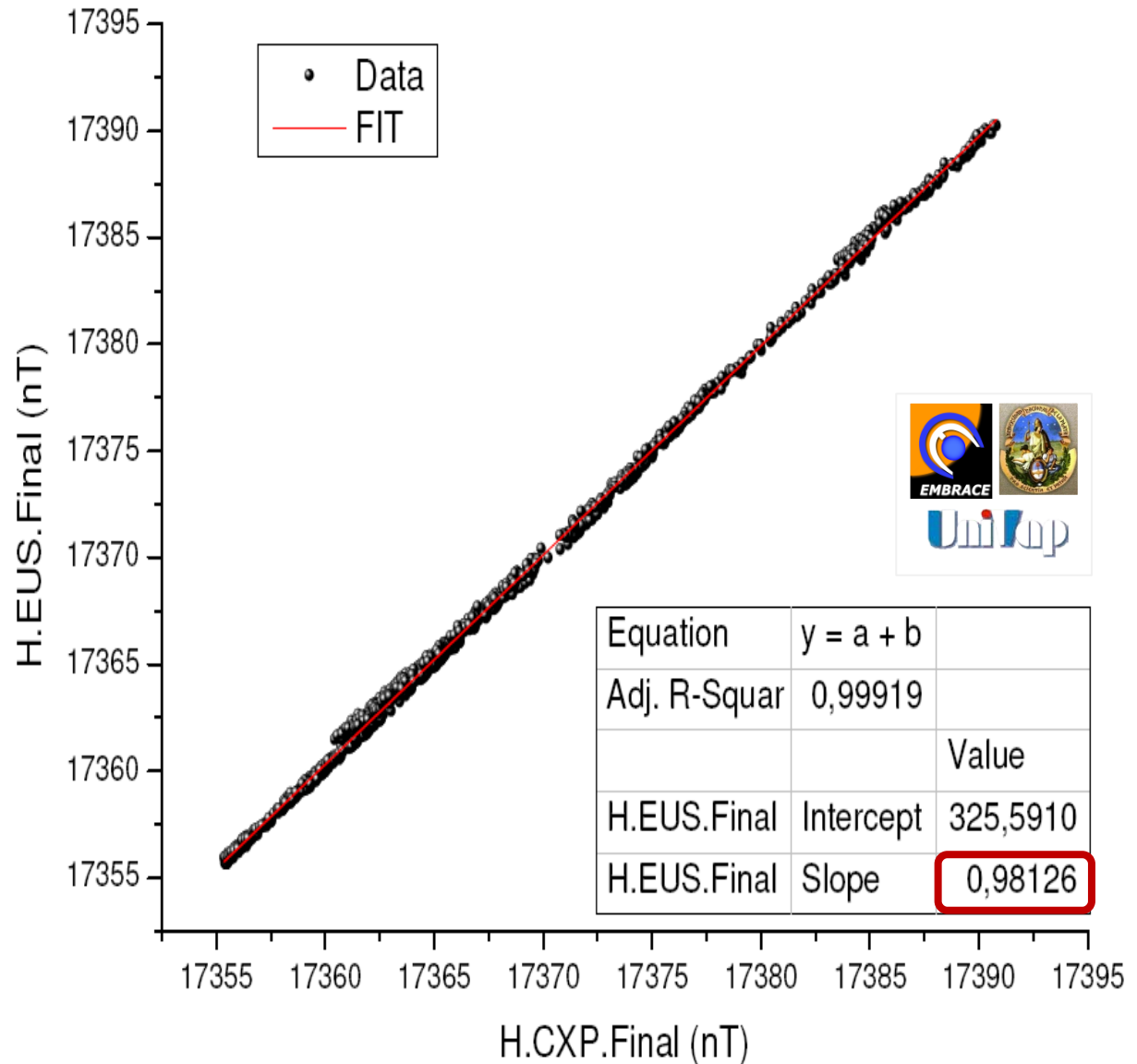
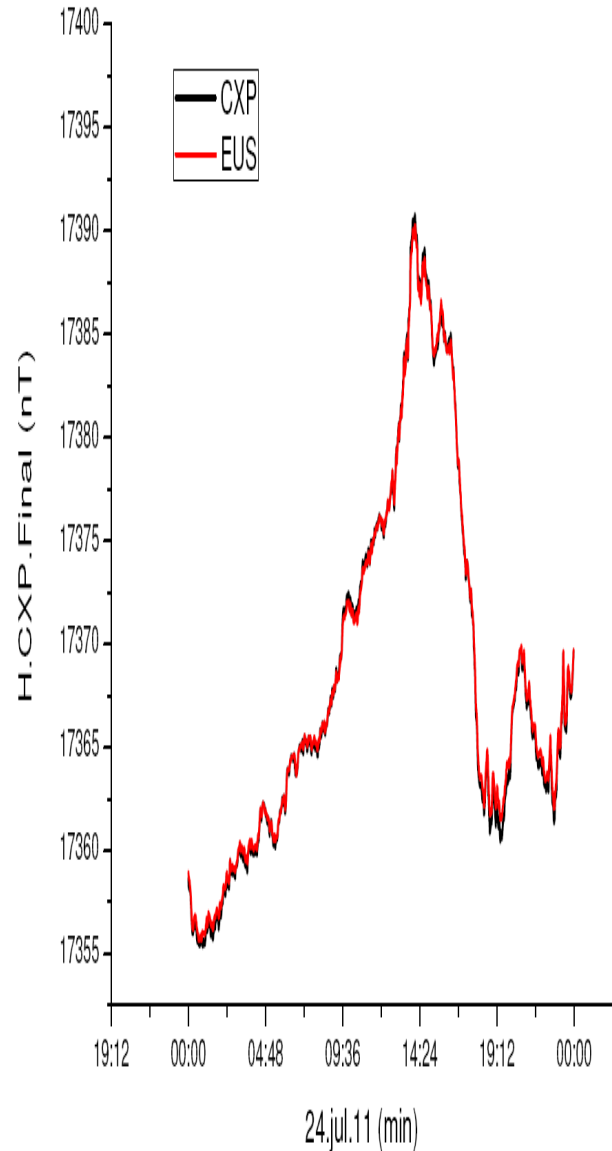
# How do we calibrate ?

## 5 Quietest Days in the Month (WDC @ Kyoto)

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# After Sensibility Adjustments



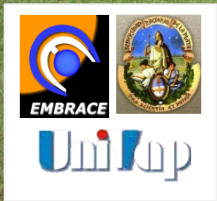




CXP



## EMBRACE-05 CXP





SLZ



## EMBRACE-03 SLZ





EUS



## EMBRACE-02 EUS





SJC



## UNIVAP-01 SJC



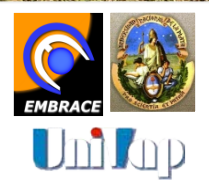




SMS



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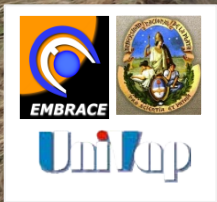




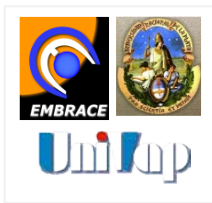
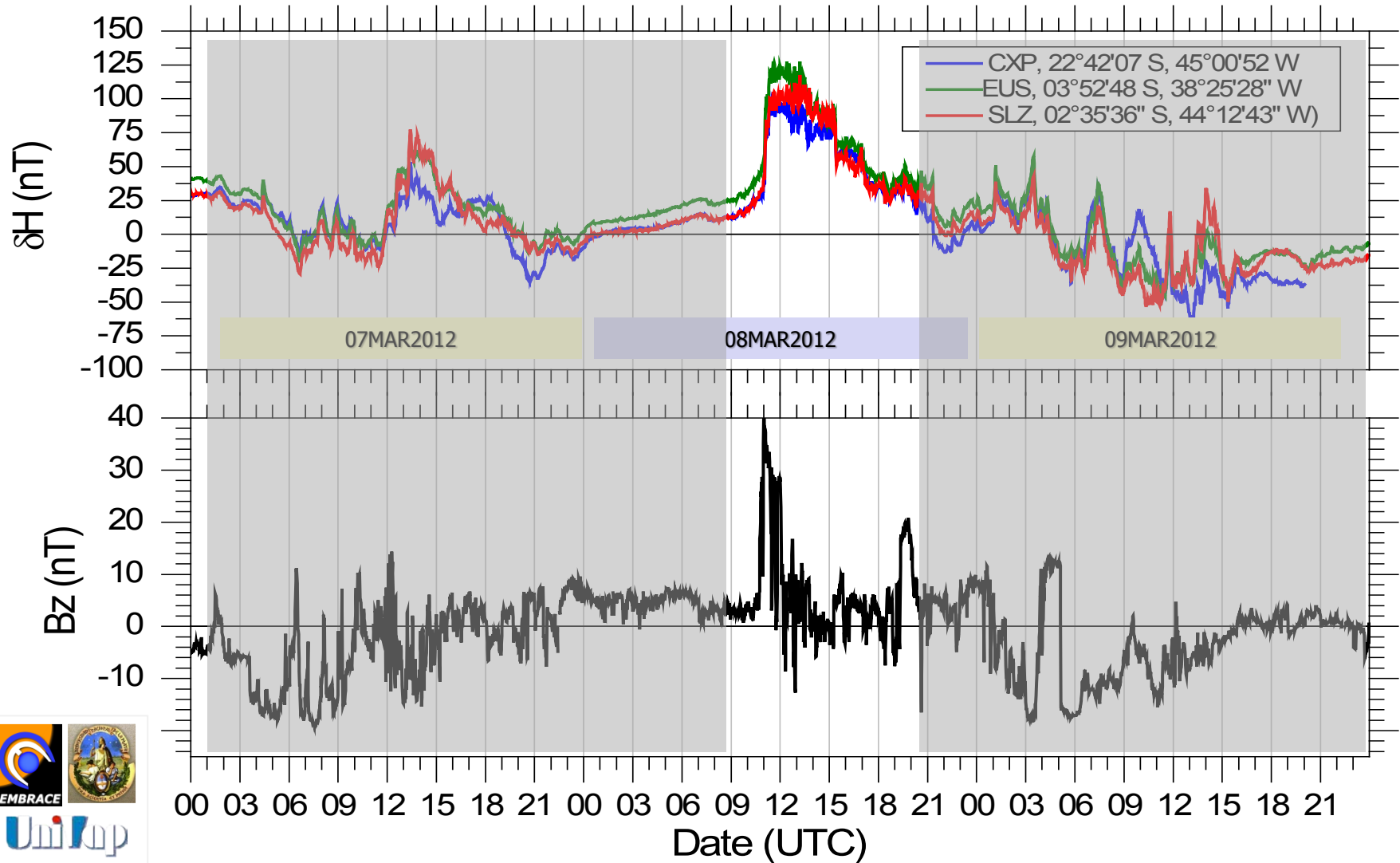
RGA



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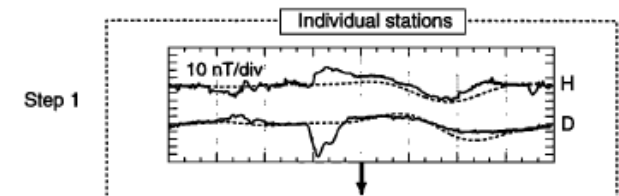
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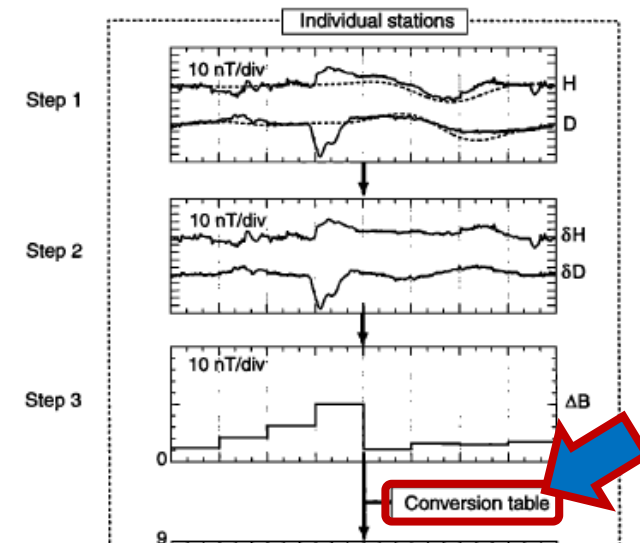
ACE Data is from NOAA / Space Weather Prediction Center



1. Define the regular part or QDC of the variations in the northward (H) and eastward (D) components of the magnetic field recorded at each station, as illustrated in the top panel. The solid lines indicate the 1-min data; the smooth dashed lines are the QDCs. In the literature the QDC is sometimes referred to as solar regular variation of the day,  $S_R$  [Mayaud, 1980], meaning regular variations that are fixed with respect to the direction of the Sun. The definition of the term "regular" is subjective, but in concept the regular part should not contain disturbances generated by storms or substorms. According to Mayaud [1967], there are established rules that should be followed in defining QDC [see also Menvielle et al., 1995].
2. Remove the QDC from the original records and define the residual time series  $\delta H$  and  $\delta D$ , as shown in the second panel.
3. Find the range (the difference between the maximum and minimum) of  $\delta H$  and  $\delta D$  in each of the 3-hour bins 0000-0300, .... 2100-2400 UT. Identify the larger of the  $\delta H$  and  $\delta D$  ranges (denoted  $\Delta B$ ). By definition,  $\Delta B$  is zero or positive.  $\Delta B$  represents the "raw" geomagnetic disturbance in the 3-hour bins, as illustrated in the third panel.



4. Convert  $\Delta B$  to the station K index using a conversion table, as illustrated in the fourth panel. The K index has 10 levels, 0 through 9. The K9 threshold refers to the limit of  $\Delta B$  above which K is 9. For other stations, the limits for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  level,  $K_n$ , can be defined by adjusting the K9 threshold according to the corrected geomagnetic latitude of the stations and dividing  $K_n$  for a reference station by the redefined K9 threshold.
5. Standardize the K index into  $K_s$  so that the occurrence distribution of the value of  $K_s$  is consistent among all the stations, as illustrated in the fifth panel. The  $K_s$  index, like the  $K_p$  index, is expressed in a scale of thirds (28 values): 0o, 0+, 1-, 1o, 1+, 2-, 2o, 2+ ..... 8o, 8+, 9-, 9o. For each station, separate tables are defined for different seasons for converting from K to  $K_s$ .
6. Obtain  $K_p$  by averaging  $K_s$  from all the stations as illustrated in the sixth panel.



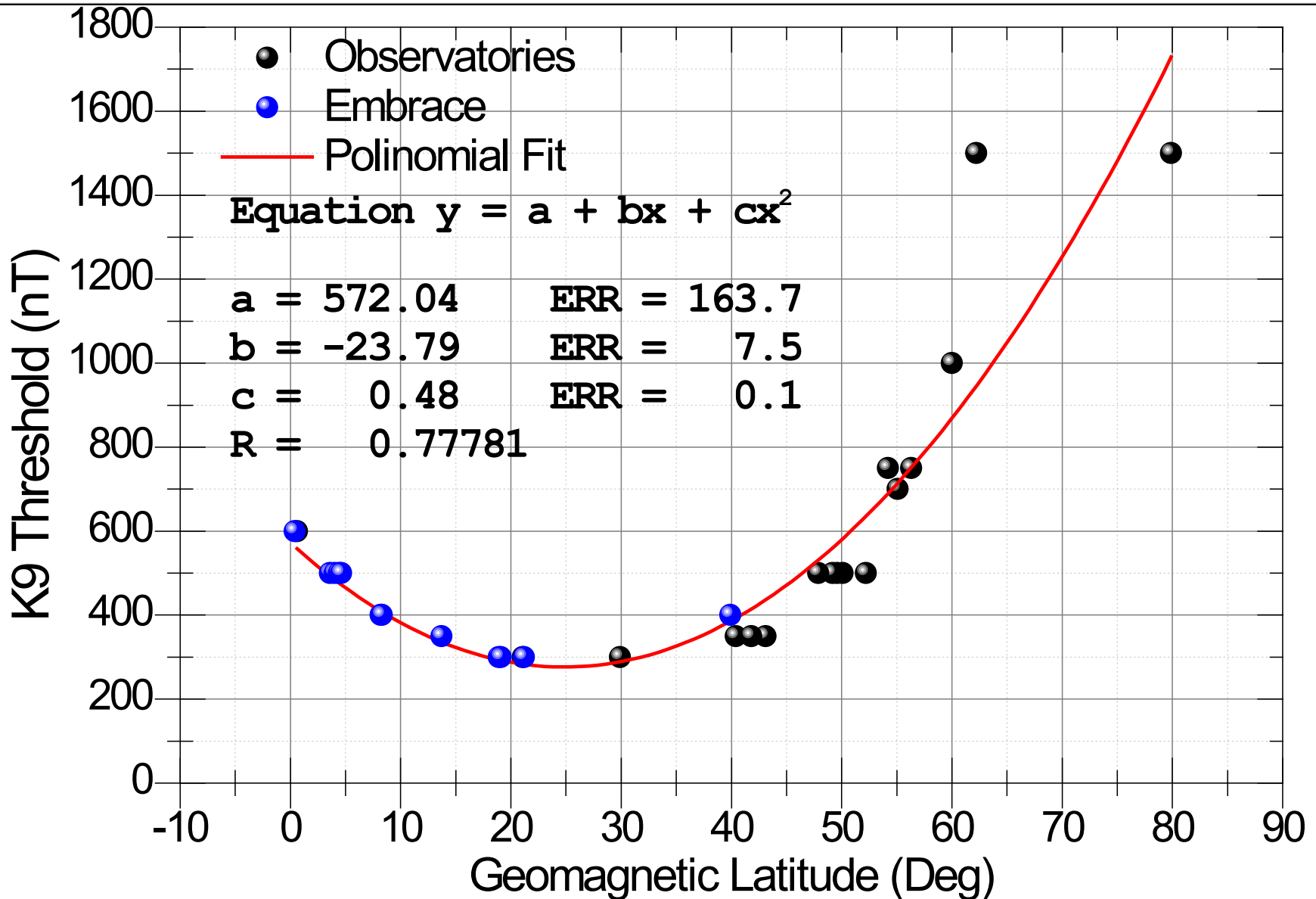
For the historical development and evaluation of various techniques for deriving the QDC, readers are referred to Mayaud [1980], Menvielle and Bertbelief [1991], and Menvielle et al. [1995].



# Conversion Table (observatories)

Observatory	IAGA Code	Country	Geographic		Geomag. Lat. (°)	Altitude (m)	DIP (°)	Limits of ranges for the corresponding K									
			Lat. (°)	Lon. (°)				0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Huancayo	HUA	PE	-12.05	284.66	-0.6	3313.0	-02.10	0	6	12	24	48	85	145	240	400	600
Honolulu	HON	US	21.32	201.94	21.1	4.0	39.14	0	3	6	12	24	40	70	120	200	300
San Juan	SJG	RQ	18.38	293.88	29.9	424.0	52.60	0	3	6	12	24	40	70	120	200	300
Tucson	TUC	US	32.25	249.17	40.4	946.0	59.84	0	4	8	16	30	50	85	140	230	350
Watheroo	WAT	AS	-30.32	115.88	-41.8	200	-64.49	0	4	8	16	30	50	85	140	230	350
Fresno	FRN	US	37.09	240.28	43.1	331.0	61.73	0	4	8	16	30	50	85	140	230	350
Hartland	HAD	UK	51.00	355.52	47.9	95.0	66.32	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500
Boulder	BOU	US	40.14	254.76	49.2	1682.0	67.45	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500
Fredericksburg	FRD	US	38.21	282.63	49.6	69.0	68.28	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500
Cheltenham	CLH	US	38.73	283.16	50.1	70.0	71.49	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500
Niemegk	NGK	GE	52.07	12.68	52.2	78.0	67.25	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500
Saint Johns	STJ	CA	47.59	307.32	54.2	100.0	68.60	0	7,5	15	30	60	105	180	300	500	750
Newport	NEW	US	48.26	242.88	55.1	770.0	71.49	0	7	14	28	56	98	168	280	462	700
Ottawa	OTT	CA	45.40	284.45	56.3	75.0	72.19	0	7,5	15	30	60	105	180	300	500	750
Sitka	SIT	US	57.05	224.67	60.0	24.0	74.57	0	10	20	40	80	140	240	400	660	1000
Meanook	MEA	CA	54.62	246.67	62.2	700.0	76.96	0	15	30	60	120	210	360	600	1000	1500
Godhavn	GDH	GL	69.24	306.48	79.9	69.0	81.77	0	15	30	60	120	210	360	600	1000	1500

# K9 Threshold (our stations)



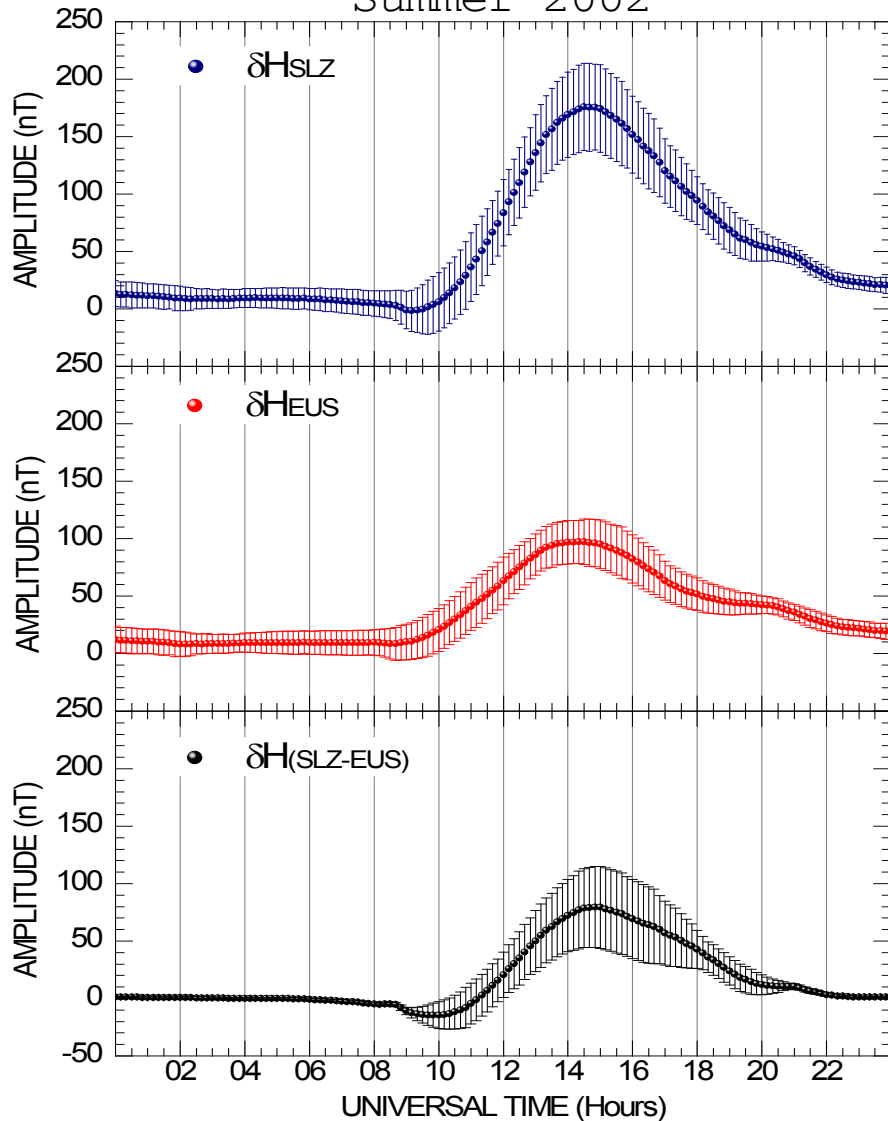
# Conversion Table (our stations)

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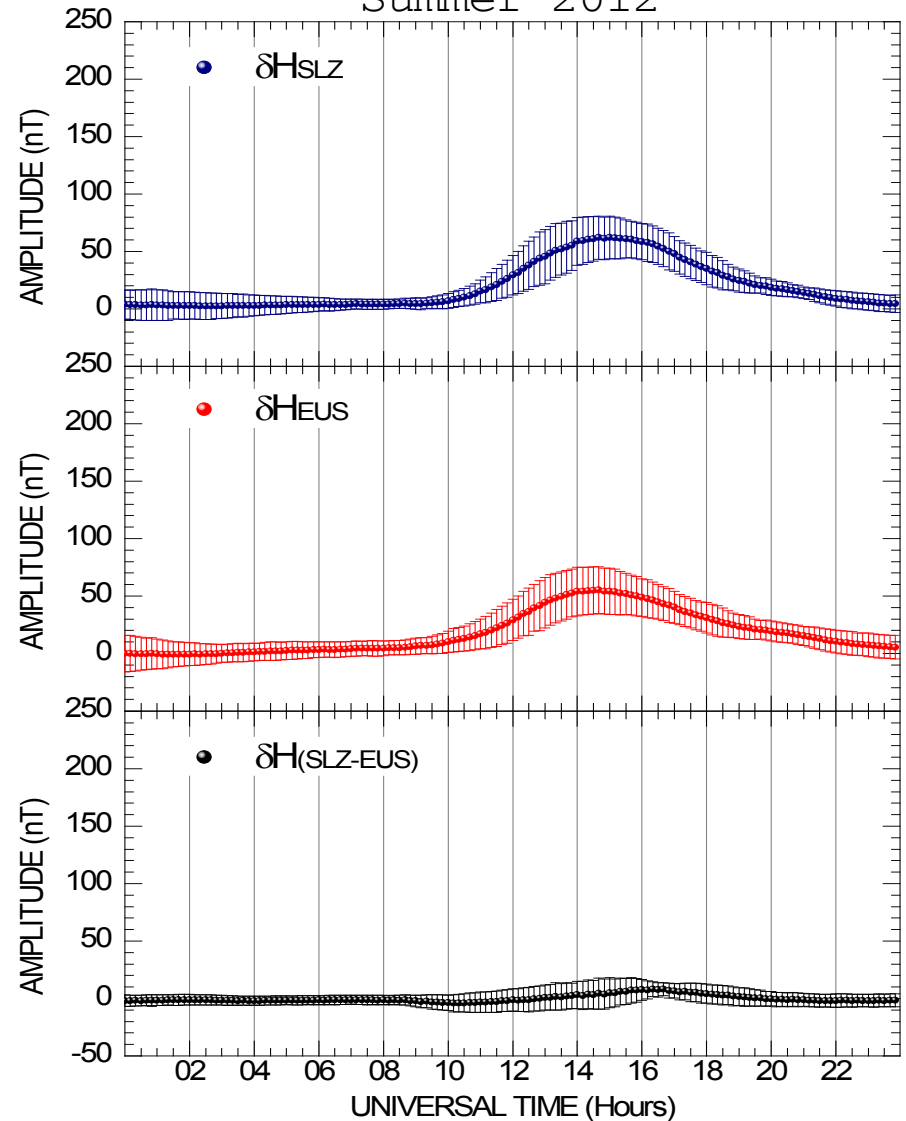
Magnetic Station	Geomag. Lat. (°)	DIP (°)	Limits of ranges for the corresponding K										R <sub>max</sub>
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Belém-PA	-00.4	-00.80	0	6	12	24	48	85	145	240	400	600	563
São Luís-MA	-03.6	-07.26	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500	493
Cachimbo-PA	-04.0	-07.99	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500	485
Manaus-AM	-04.4	08.75	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500	477
Boa Vista-RR	-04.6	-09.22	0	5	10	20	40	70	120	200	330	500	473
Eusébio-CE	-08.2	-16.51	0	4	8	16	32	56	96	160	265	400	409
Palmas-TO	-08.3	-16.52	0	4	8	16	32	56	96	160	265	400	408
C. Grande-MS	-13.7	-26.29	0	4	8	16	30	50	85	140	230	350	336
C. Paulista-SP	-18.9	-36.43	0	3	6	12	24	40	70	120	200	300	294
São J. Campos-SP	-19.1	-36.64	0	3	6	12	24	40	70	120	200	300	293
São Martinho-RS	-21.2	-36.48	0	3	6	12	24	40	70	120	200	300	283
Rio Grande-TF	-39.9	-50.03	0	4	8	16	32	56	96	160	265	400	387

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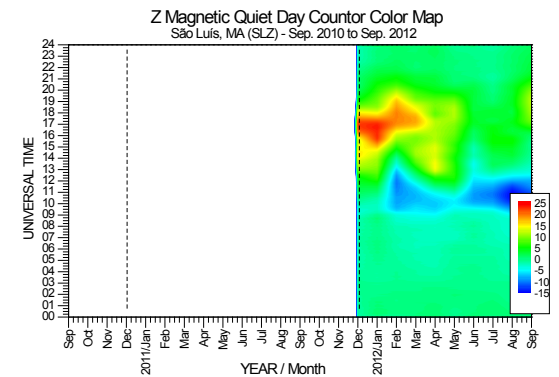
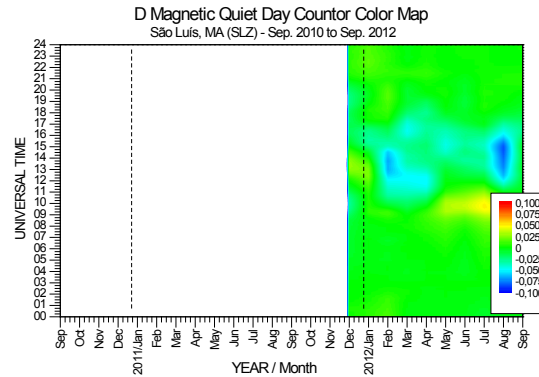
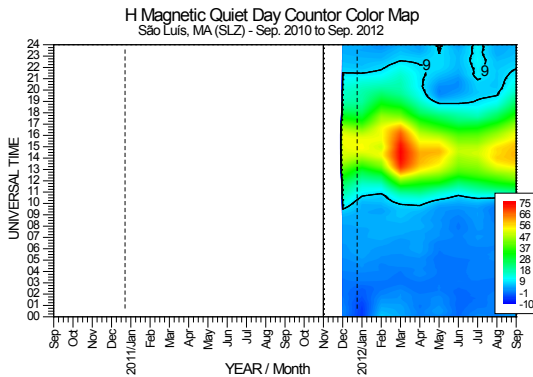
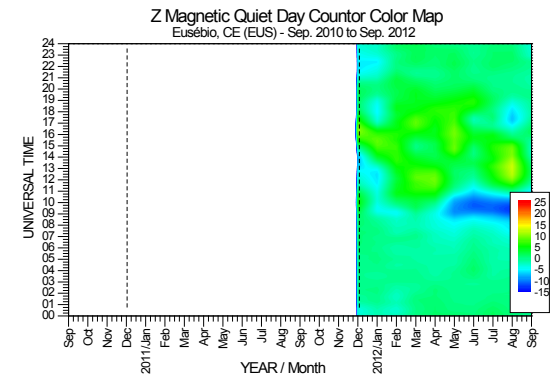
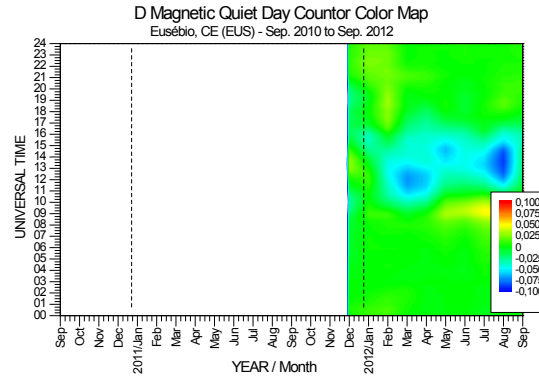
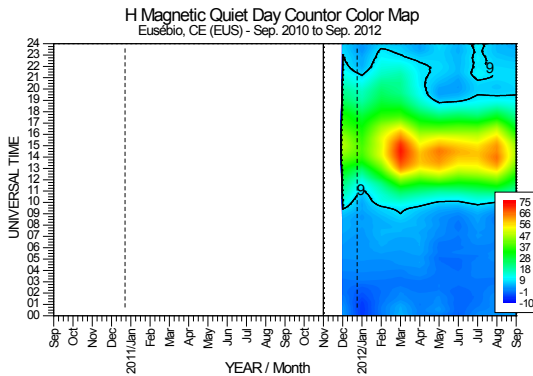
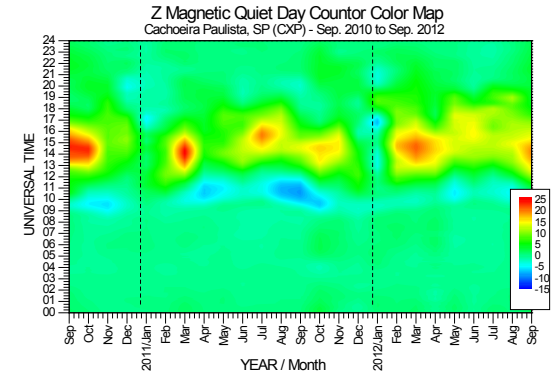
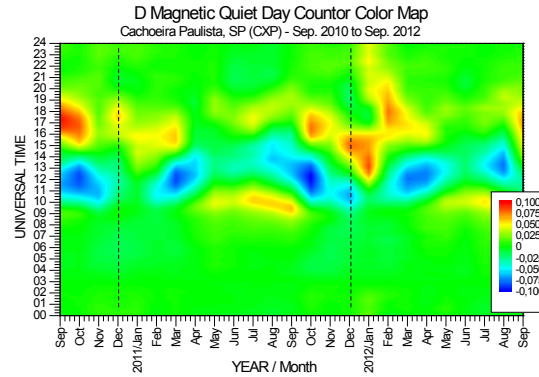
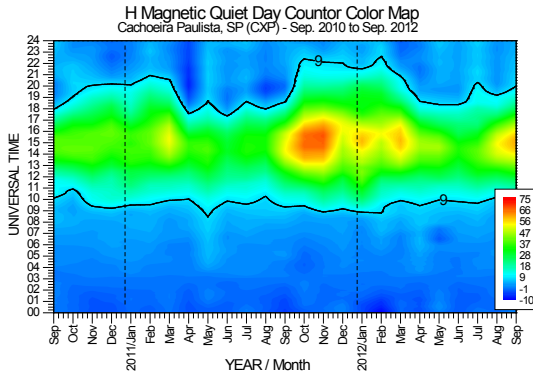
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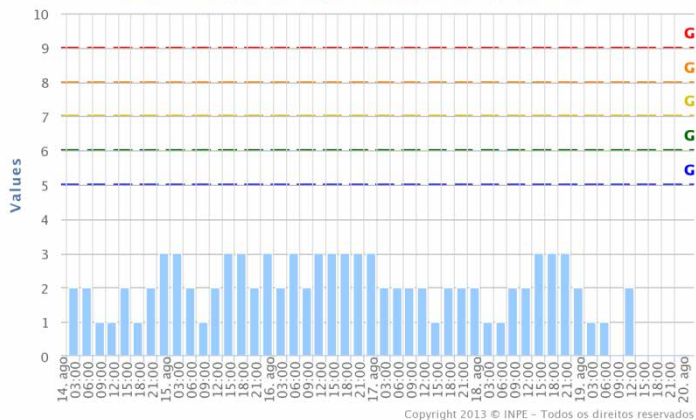
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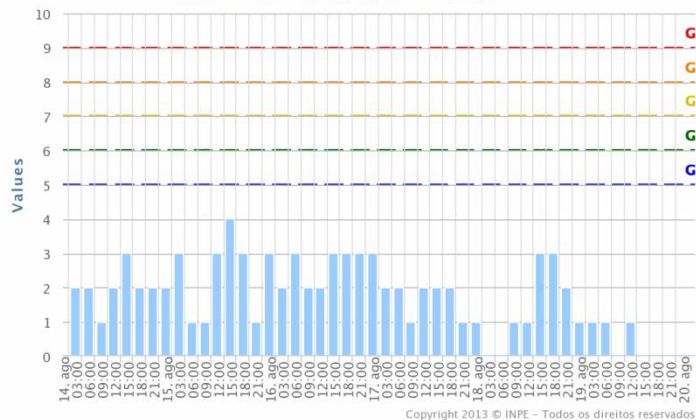


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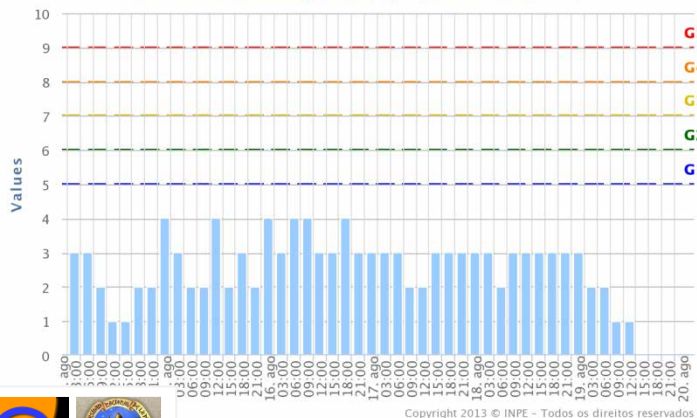
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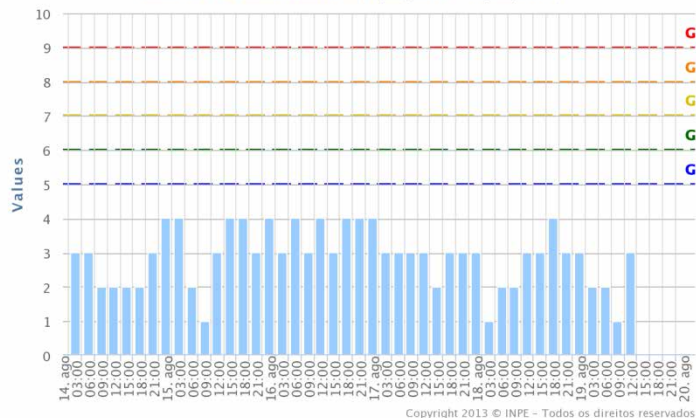
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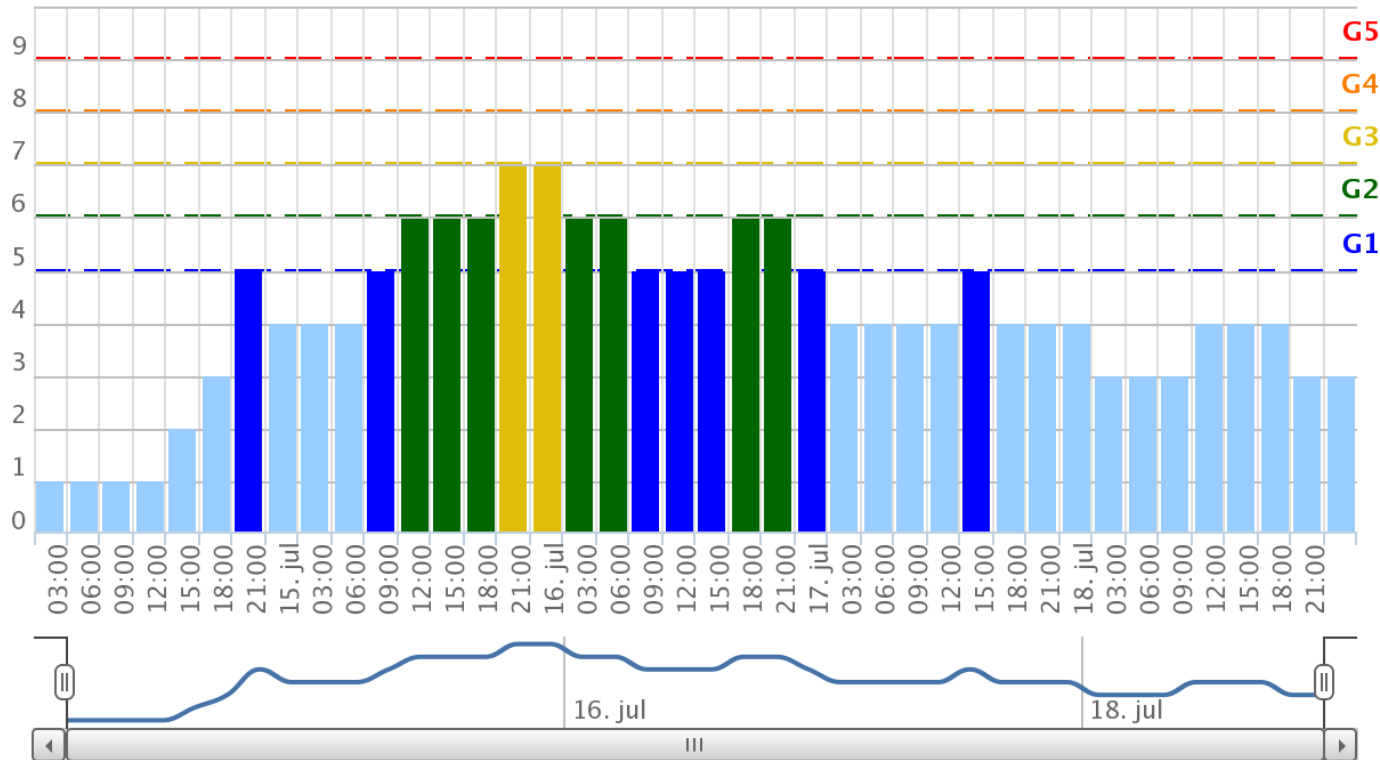
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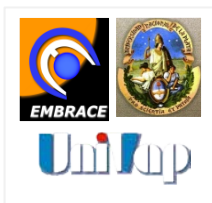


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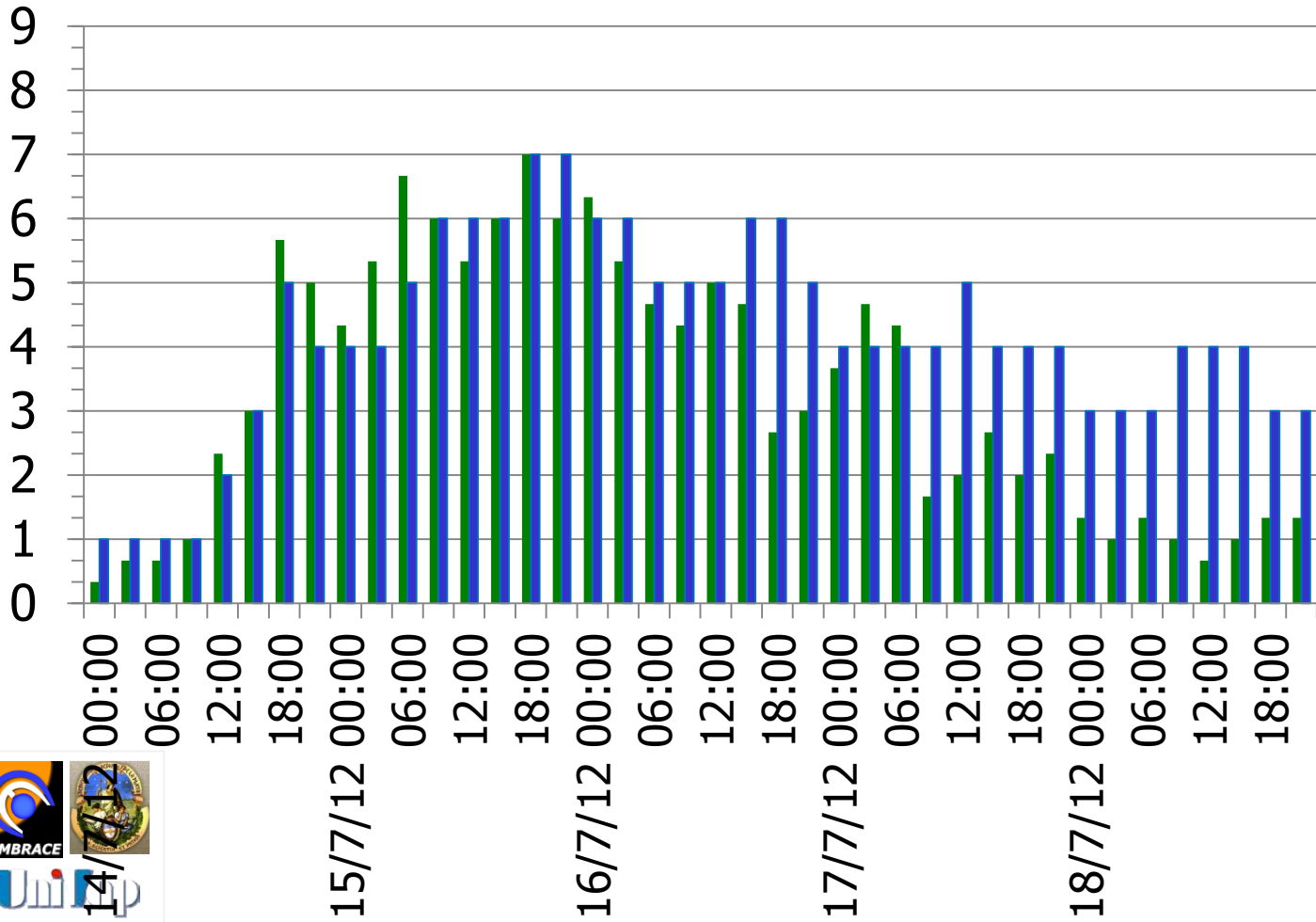
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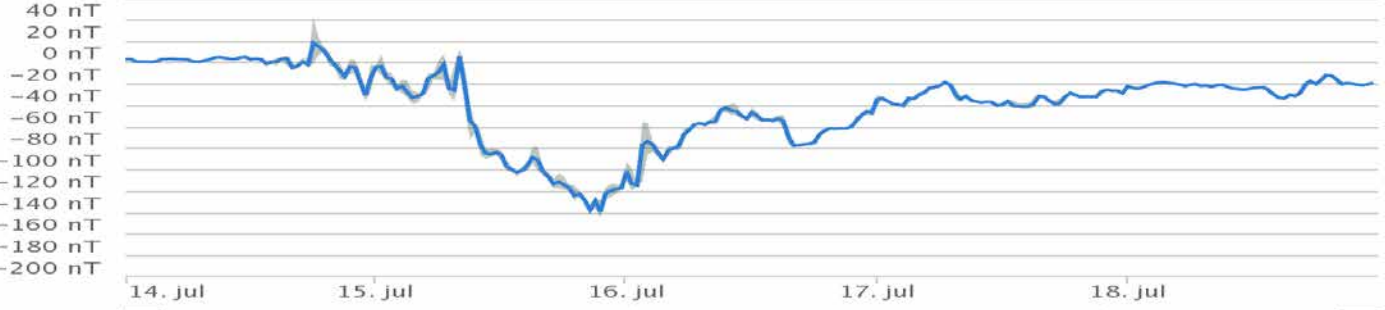
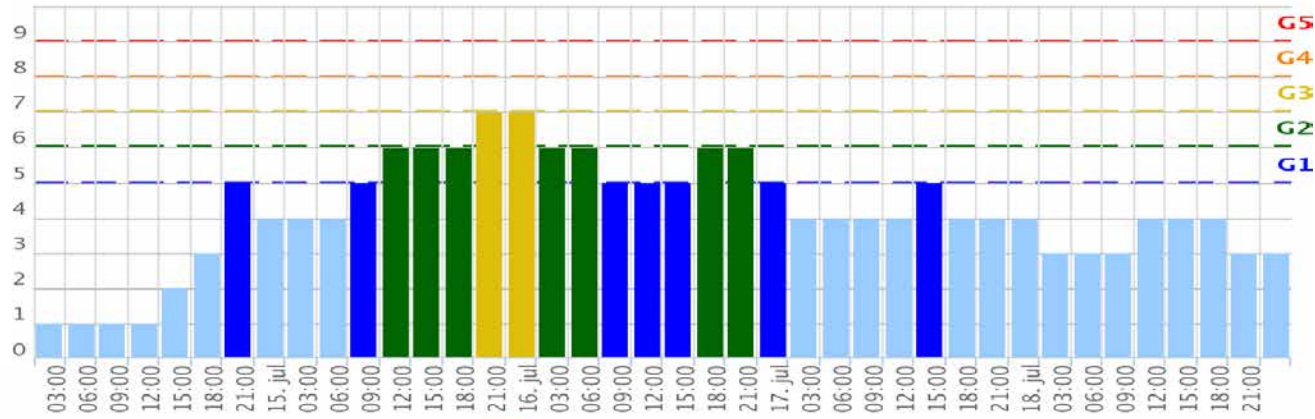
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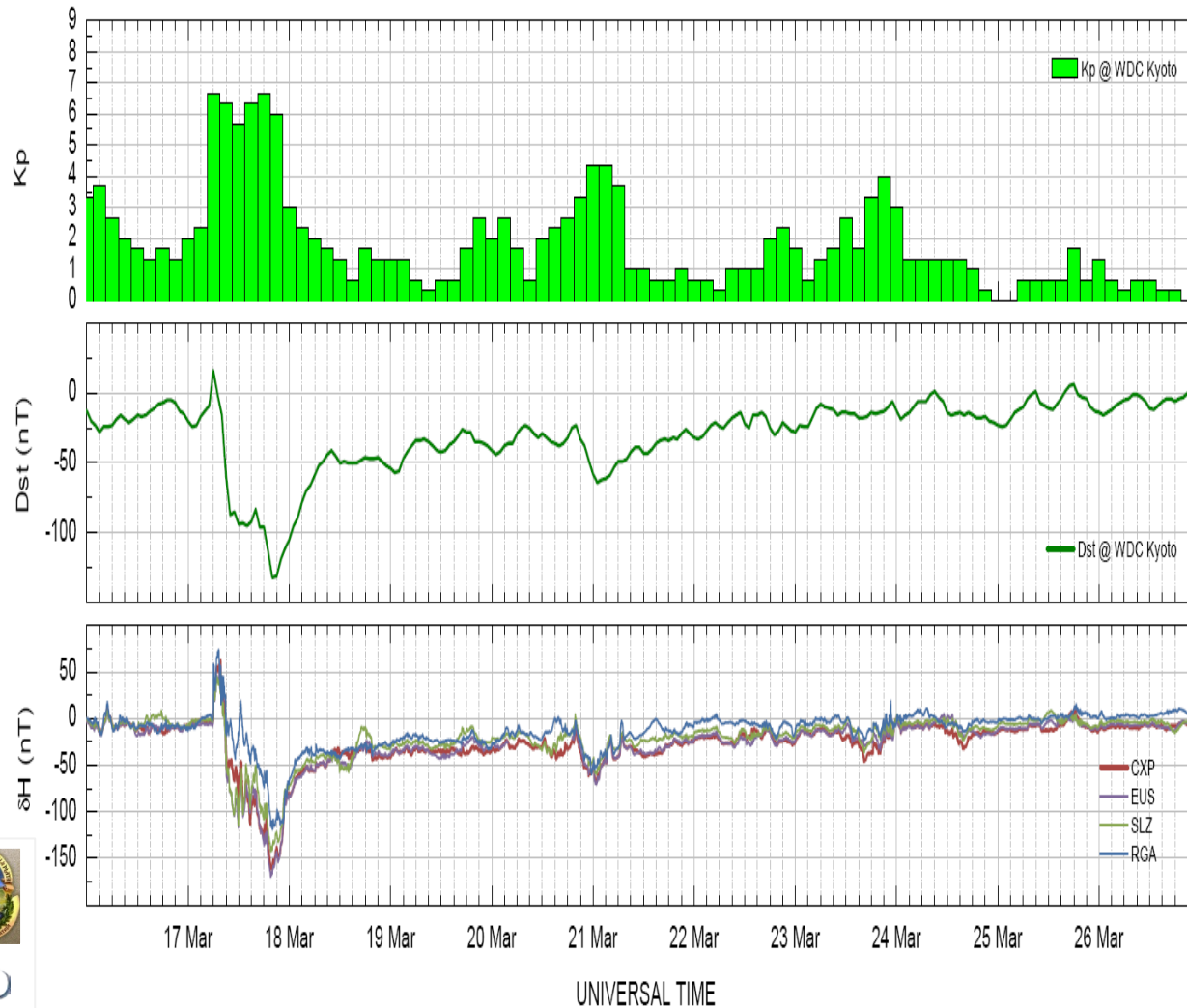
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## Objectives:

To monitor the ionized atmospheric environment over the South American to provide a toll to:

- a. **provide** a reliable GNSS data processor for the community
- b. **provide** the current TEC over the South America;
- c. **estimate** the vertical error [m] over the South America;
- d. **estimate** the horizontal error [m] over the South America; and

To achieve all the above variable it is crucial to have all the **EMBRACE Data System** fully duplicate in two or three different location around South America to assure redundancy and continuity.

# The GNSS Sensor Networks

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South Pacific Ocean



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# Phase delay in the ionosphere

$$d\Phi = \frac{40.3 * T_{EC}}{f^2} \text{ [m]}$$

$$1 \text{ TECU: } d\Phi \sim 0.2 \text{ m}$$

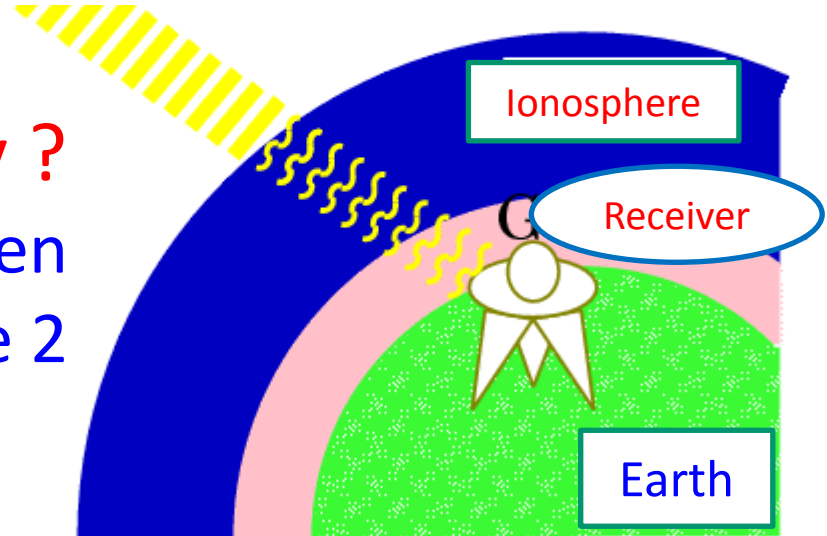
$d\Phi$  : Phase delay in [m]

TEC: TEC unit in  $10^{16}$  Electrons/m<sup>2</sup> col.

$f$  : Wave frequency in [cycles]

How to get the phase delay ?  
Using path difference between  
the wave 1 and wave 2

GPS



Using path difference between the wave 1 and wave 2

1. Using the Pseudo range (\*) difference from CODE

$$\text{TEC}_p = 9.52(P_2 - P_1) + A, \text{ [m]} \quad (\text{noisy but absolute})$$

,where  $P_{1,2}$  are pseudo distance of wave 1 and 2, A is instrumental factors.

2. Using a phase difference of carrier wave 1 and wave 2 and taking a factor of ambiguity  $B^*$

$$\text{TEC}_\phi = 9.52\{(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) - B^*\} + A, \text{ [m]}$$

,where  $\Phi_{1,2} = L1/f_{1,2}^* c$  in [m], where c: light velocity in [m]

(\*) Pseudo range **P**: (Code delay: Precise satellite orbit, Clocks of satellite and Ground-receiver)

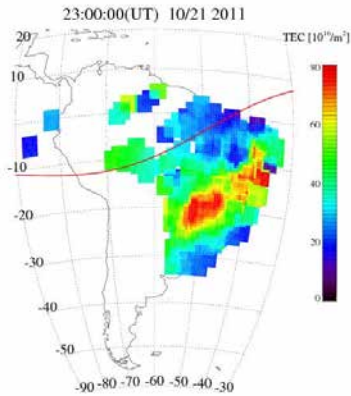
## BEGIN

- 1 GPS data in **RINEX** Format
- 2 Time series of CODE: **P1** and **P2** (Pseudorange in meters)
- 3 Time series of Phase values: **L1** and **L2** (wave numbers)
- 4 Difference of pseudorange:  $D_r = P_2 - P_1$  [m]
- 5 Difference of L1 and L2:  $D_p = (L_1/f_1 - L_2/f_2) * c$  (c is the speed of light)
- 6 Ambiguity:  $B = D_p - D_r$  for each time series
- 7  $B_{avg}$ : using > 1 hour of time series
- 8 Slant TEC:  $T_r = F * (D_p - B_{avg})$   $F = 9.52$
- 9 Instrumental Bias:  $B_i$  for each site/satellite
- 10 Absolute Slant TEC:  $T_a = T_r + B_i$
- 11 **Elevation angle**:  $\theta$  from Navigation data
- 12 Vertical TEC:  $T_{va} = S\theta * T_a$   $S\theta$ : geometrical factor

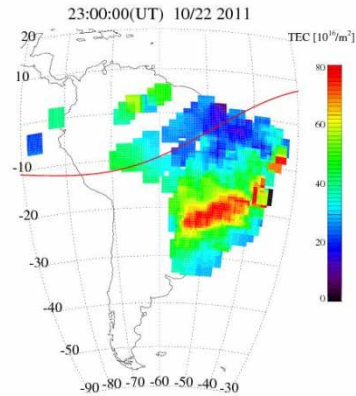
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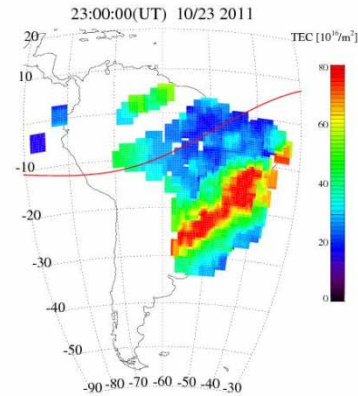
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 $\Sigma Kp = 8-$



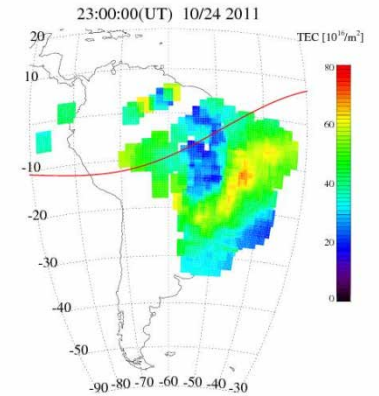
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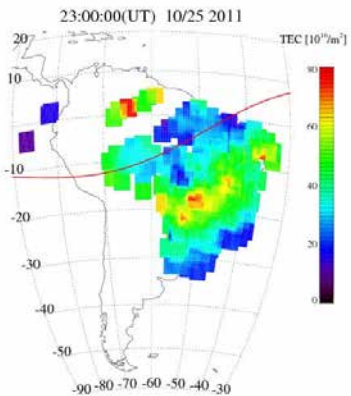
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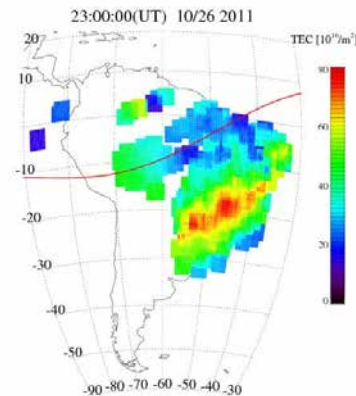
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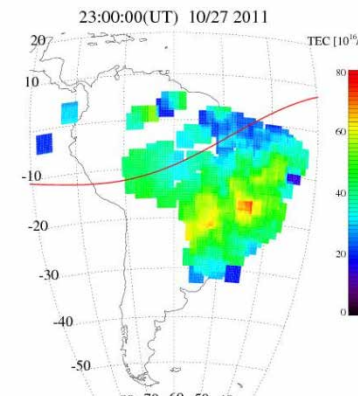
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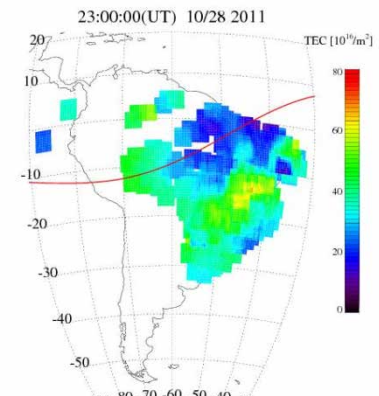
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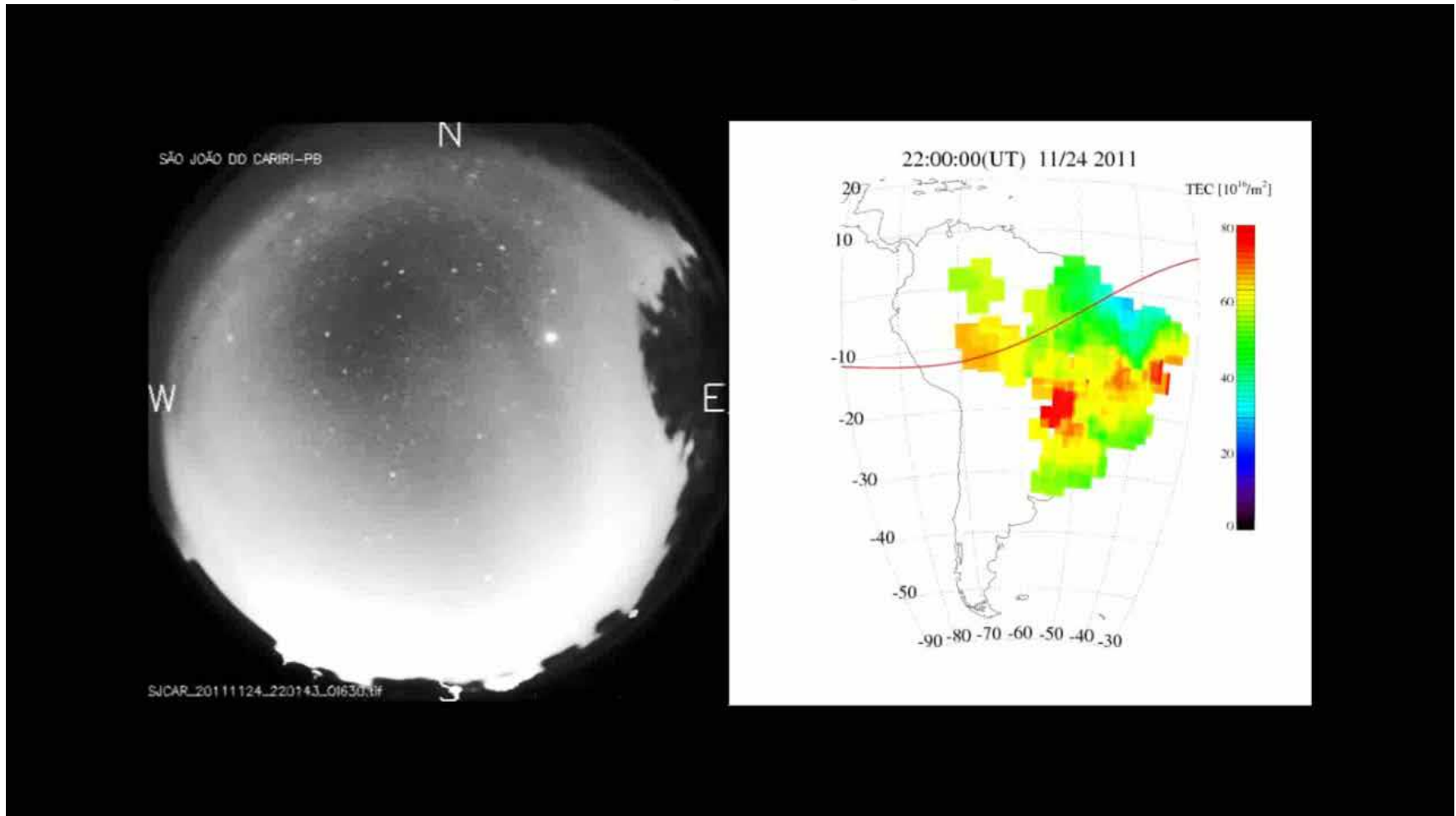
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Daily variability of evening EIA between October 21 and 28, 2011 at 23:00 UT (8:00 PM at 45W)



## Simultaneous Observation of the bubble by TECMAP and IMAGE (Cariri, PB - Brazil) from 22:00 to 01:30 UT (3.5 hours) on Nov. 24-25, 2011



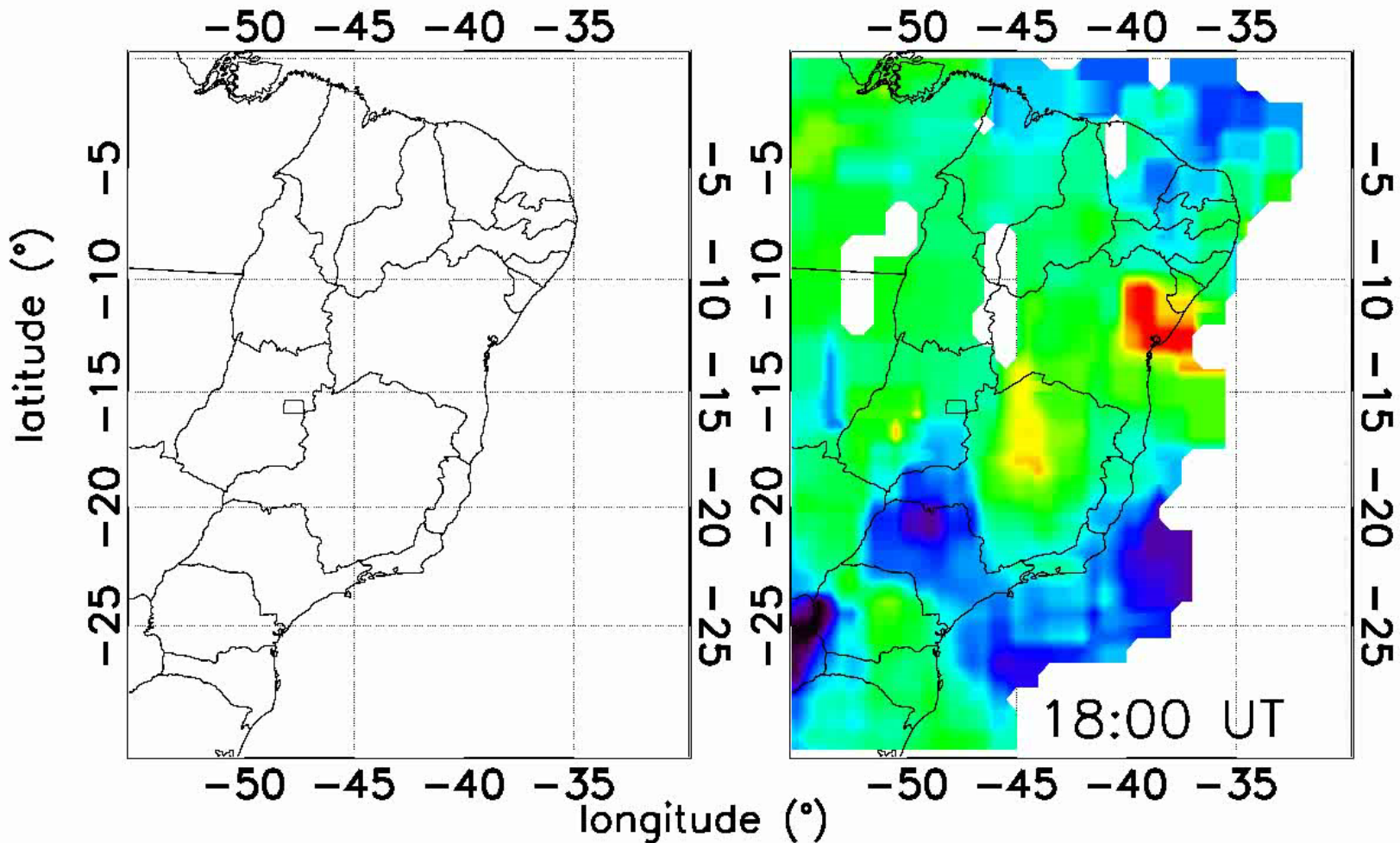
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Flatfield Image + TEC Map on Nov. 24-25, 2011 - Start: 18:00 to 07:50 UT

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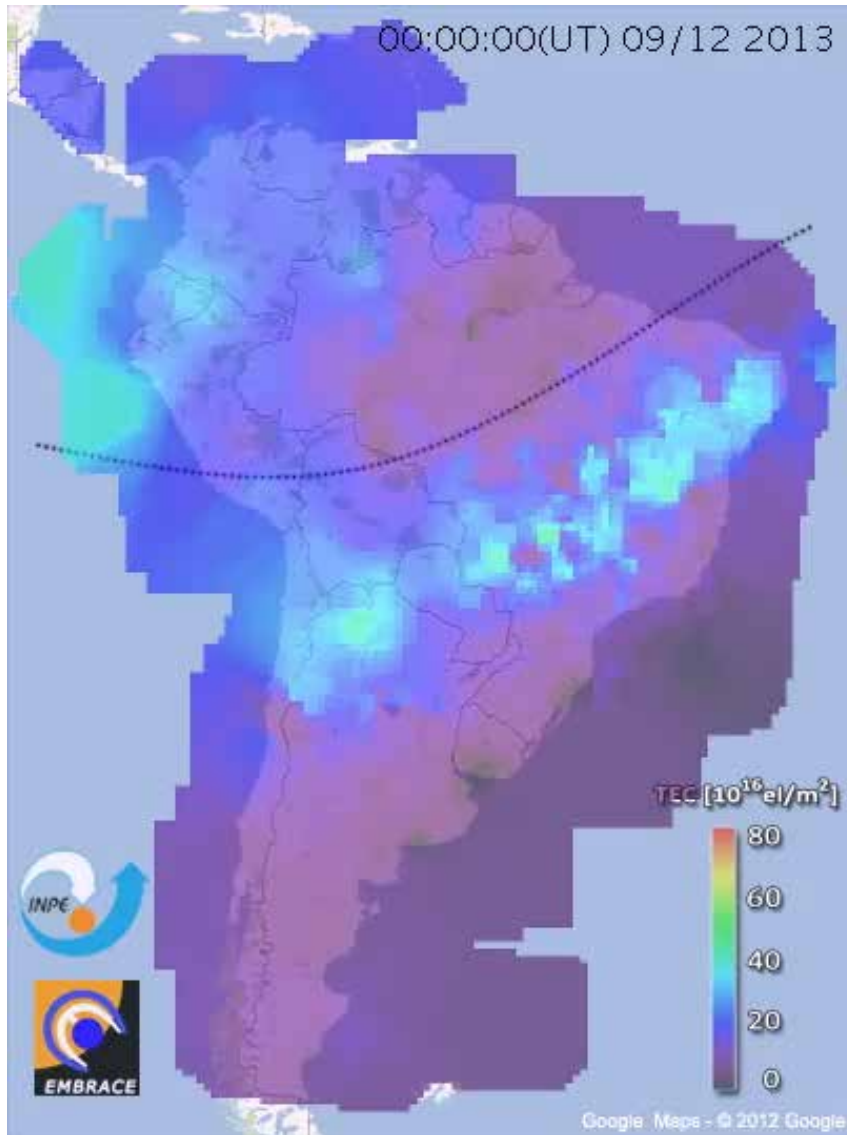
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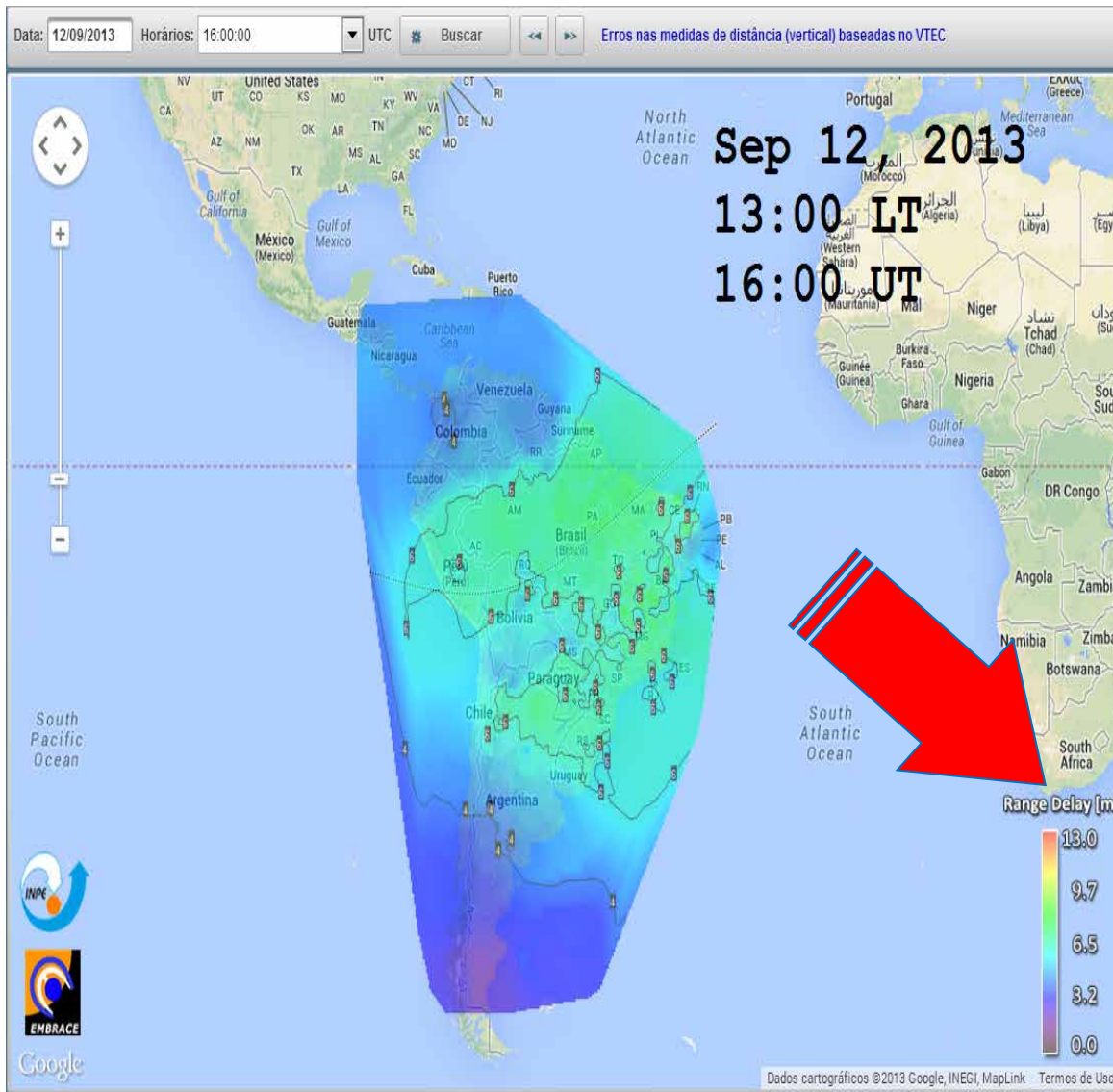
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# TEC Map over South America

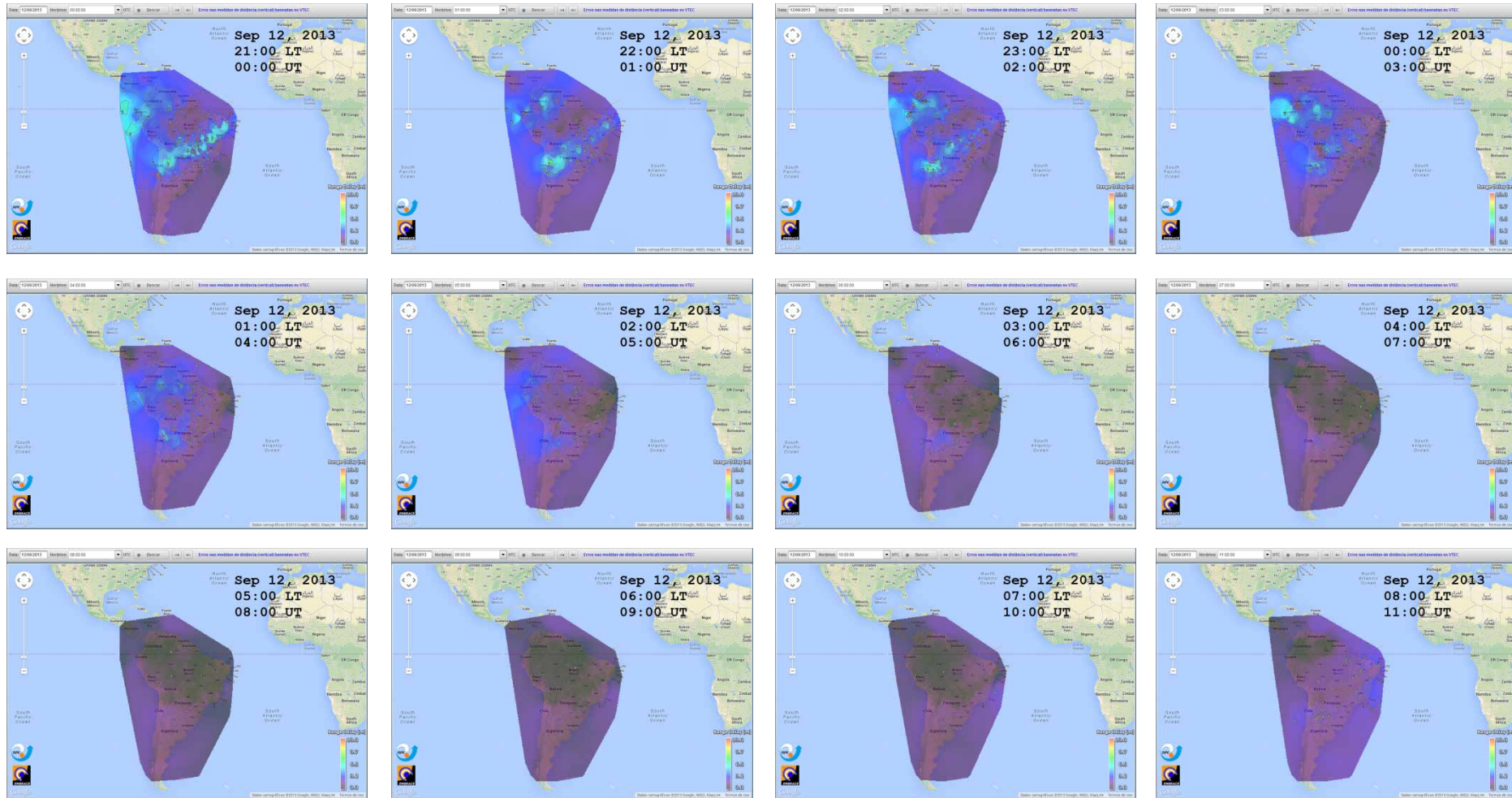




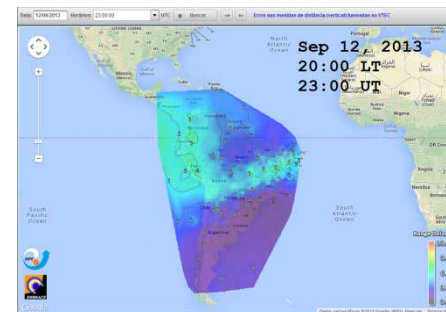
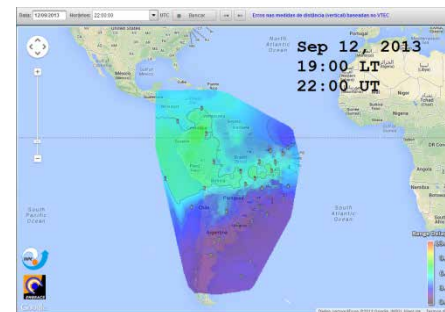
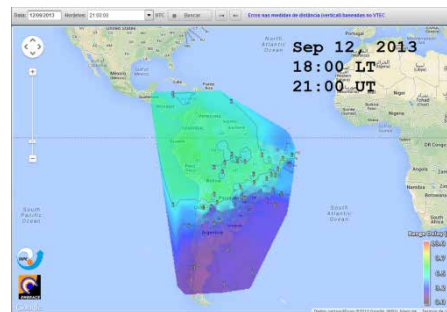
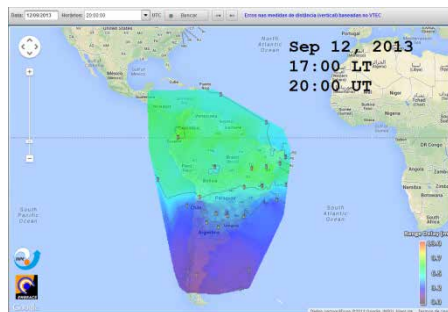
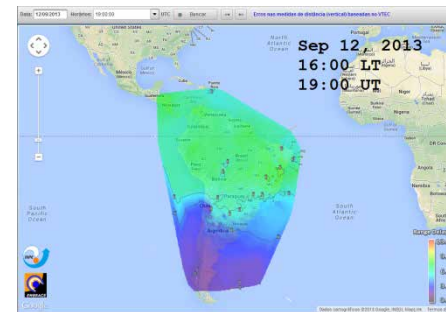
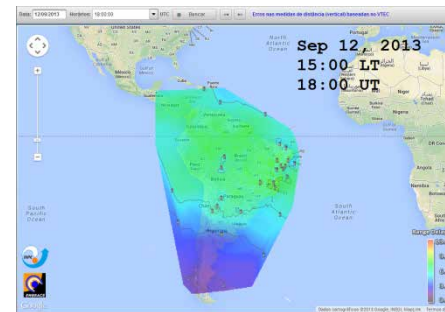
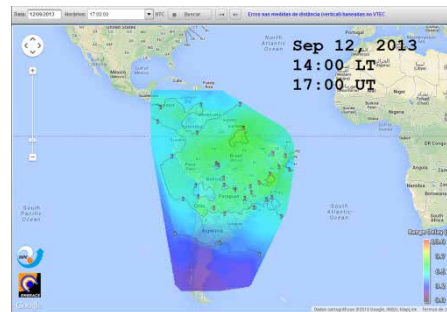
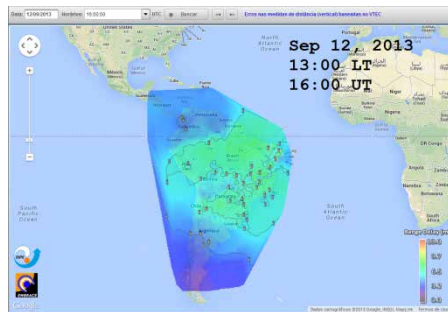
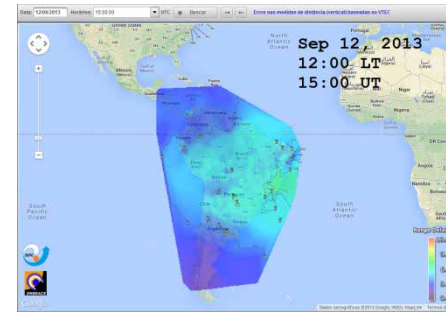
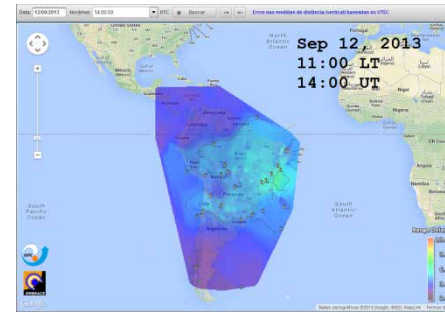
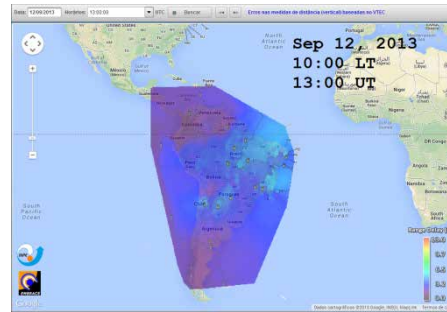
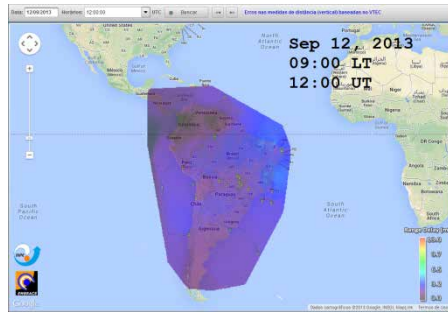
# From TEC Map to Error Map



## Vertical error map on Sep. 12, 2013 - Start: 00:00 to 11:00 UT



## Vertical error map on Sep. 12, 2013 - Start: 12:00 to 23:00 UT



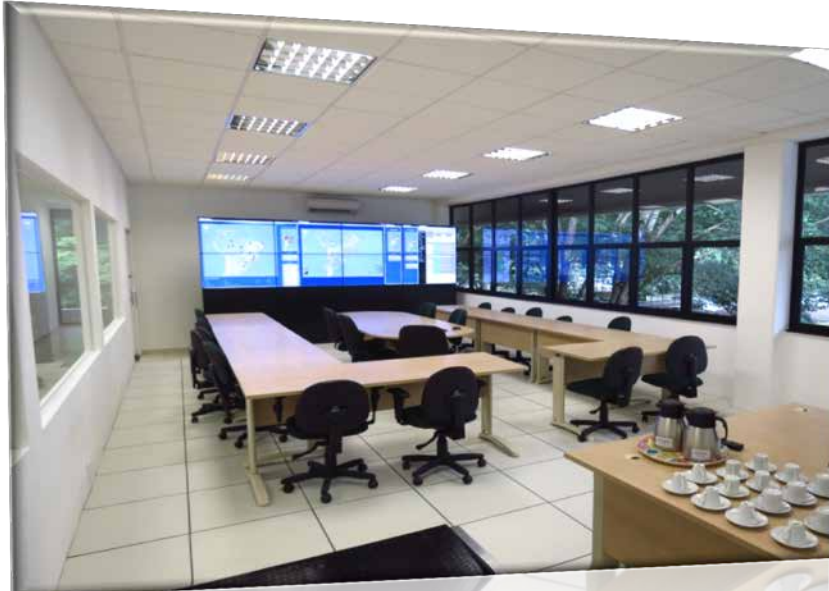




# Where it is processed ?



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## ➔ MAGNETIC INFORMATION

- ➔ We have 6 magnetic stations providing quality data
- ➔ Another is to be installed this year and 3 others in the next semester
- ➔ 4 other magnetic sensors are to be bought this December
- ➔ We already have Ksa, a Dst proxy and GIC proxy (not shown here)
- ➔ Graphs are available online **FREE** and data is coming online soon

## ➔ GNSS ERROR INFORMATION

- ➔ We collect data from 4 GNSS networks in South America
- ➔ Access to another dedicated network is under negotiation right now
- ➔ We are producing an TEC map covering South America every 10 min., with 10 minutes delay for Brazil and up to 12 hours for South America
- ➔ Data are being transformed in vertical error on the fly and the GNSS Vertical Error Map over South America is also produced every 10 min.
- ➔ There is work in progress to increase spatial resolution, by including GLONASS and GALILEO systems in the TEC Map and by increasing the ground receiver sites in the equatorial region (Amazon area)

## ➔ BOTTOM-LINE

- ➔ All the information is **free of charge and open to the whole world.**
- ➔ All that we ask is to put the proper credit in the acknowledgement of the papers and presentations



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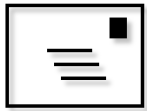
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