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# Double-peaked dust impact electrical signatures partially explained

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# Outline

- Introduction
  - Interplanetary dust
  - Impact ionization
- What we found with RPW
  - New signals observed
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  - Surprising

# Introduction

# Solar system's dust cloud

- Dynamic
- Sources
  - Comets
  - Interstellar dust
- Sinks
  - P-R drag
  - Ejection

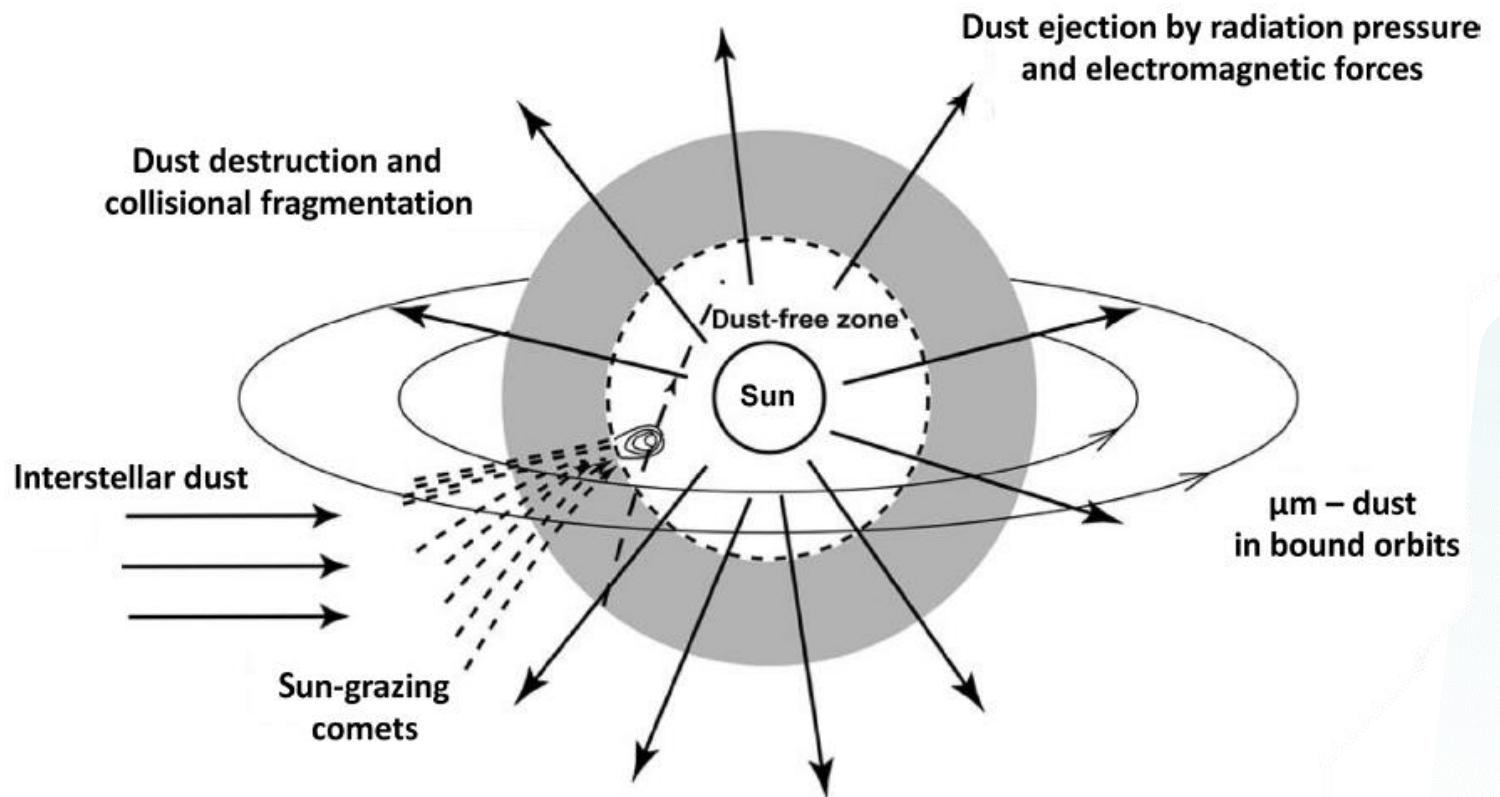


Fig. 1 from Mann et al. (2019)

# Hypervelocity collisions

Material strength  $\ll$  inertial stress

Melting steel:  $1 \frac{MJ}{kg} \Rightarrow 700m/s$

Burning coal:  $24 \frac{MJ}{kg} \Rightarrow 3,5km/s$

Ionizing Na:  $21 \frac{MJ}{kg} \Rightarrow 3,2km/s$

Ionizing H:  $0.55 \frac{GJ}{kg} \Rightarrow 18km/s$

Speeds in space

Earth's orbital speed  $\approx 30km/s$

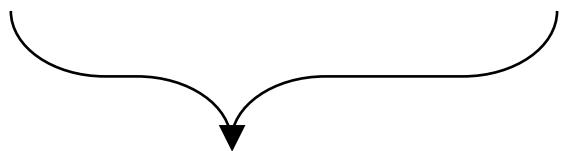
Sun relative to ISM  $\approx 25km/s$



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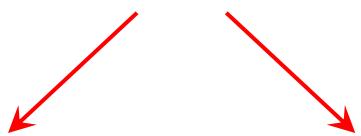
# Spacecraft's floating potential

$$0 = I_{SW}^+(\phi) - I_{SW}^-(\phi) + I_{ph}^-(\phi)$$



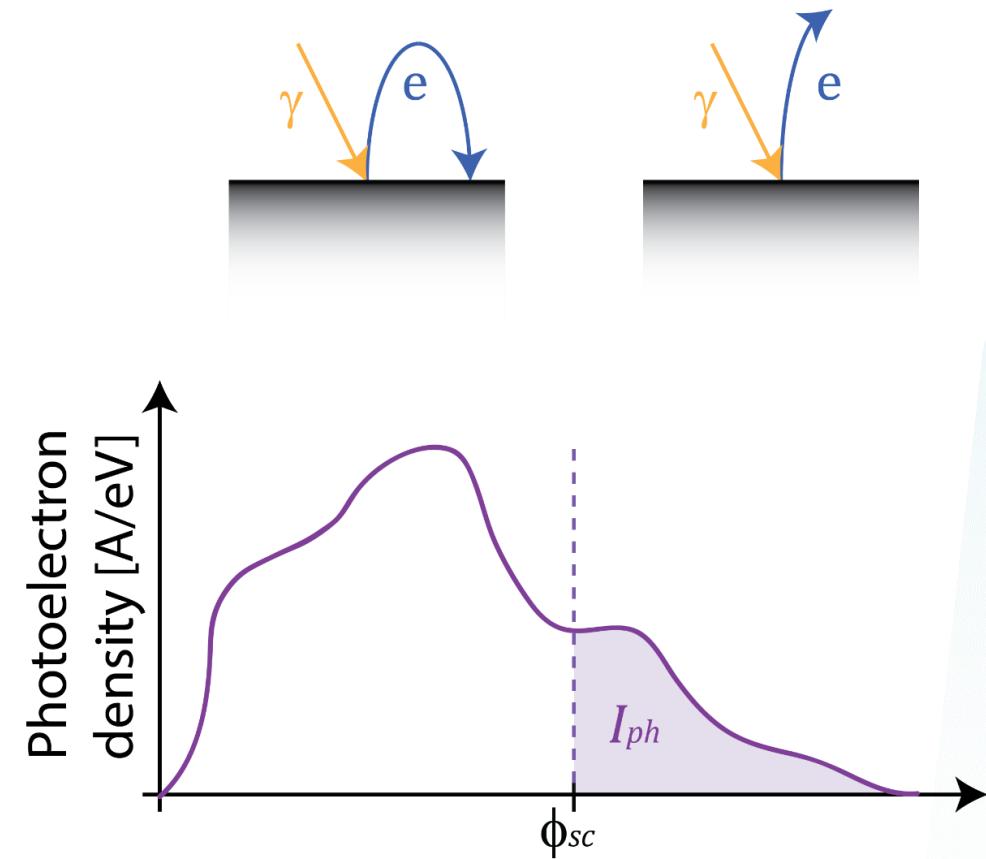
Solar wind << Photocurrent

$$\phi_{sc} > 0$$



Attraction  $\ominus$

$\oplus$  Repulsion

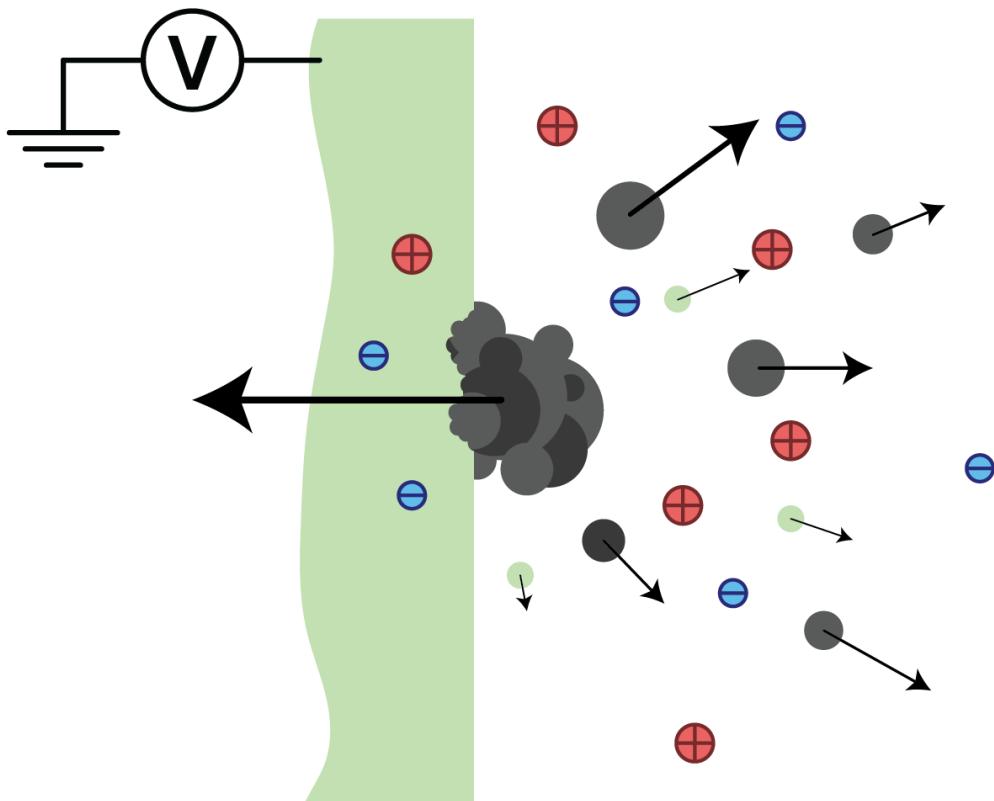


# Impact ionization

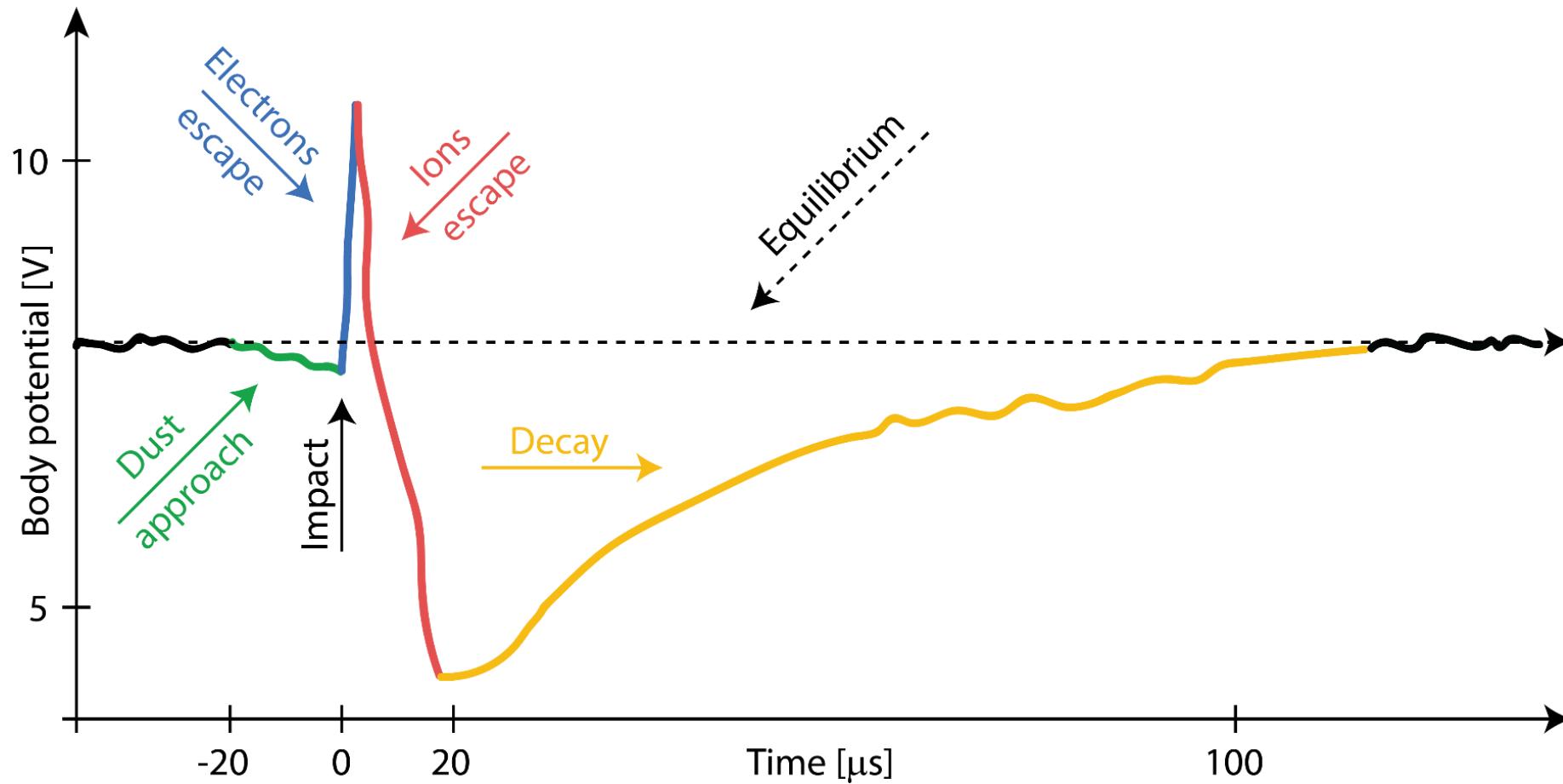
Impact cloud:

- Neutrals ○ ○
- Electrons Ⓛ
- Ions Ⓜ
- Partial thermalization

$$\nu_{electrons} \gg \nu_{ions}$$



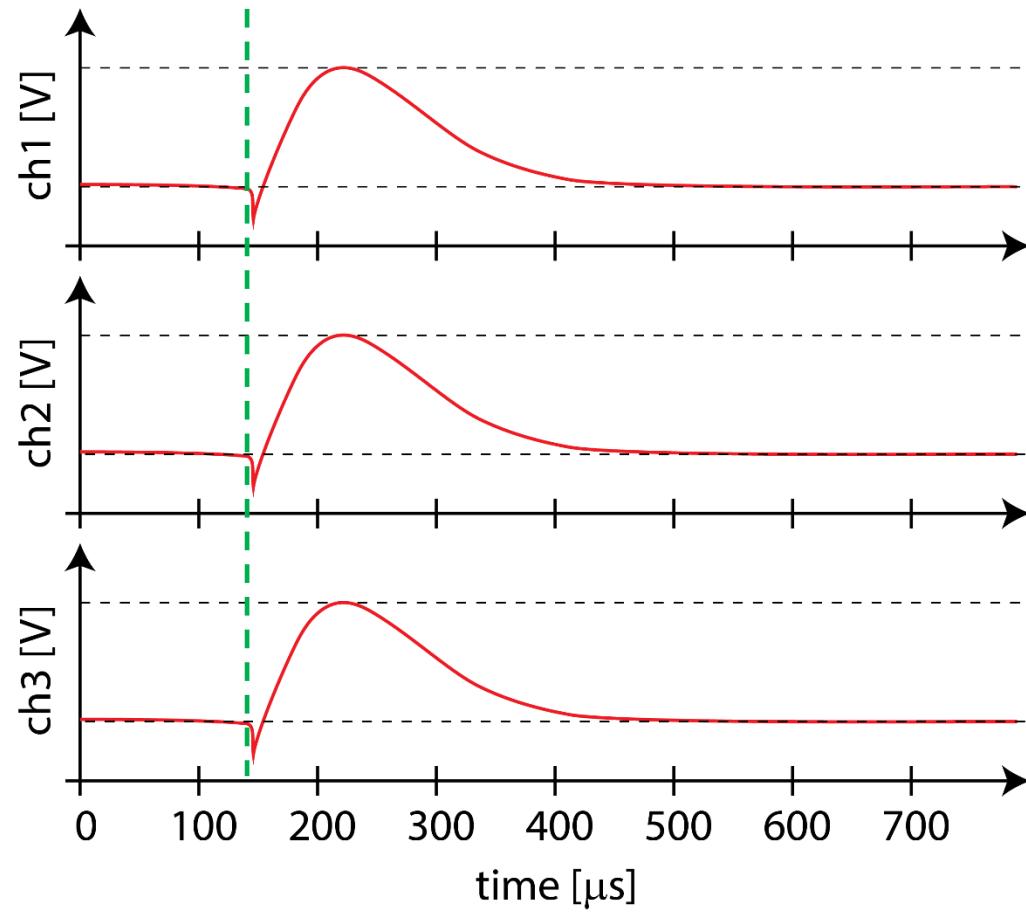
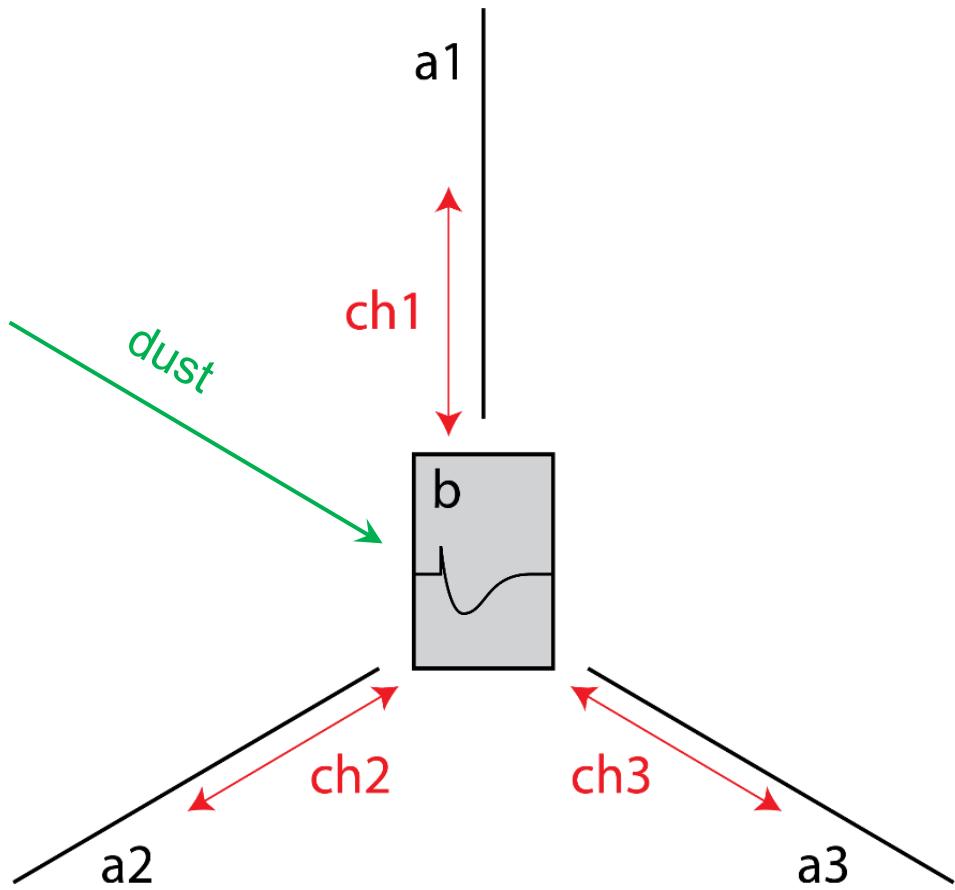
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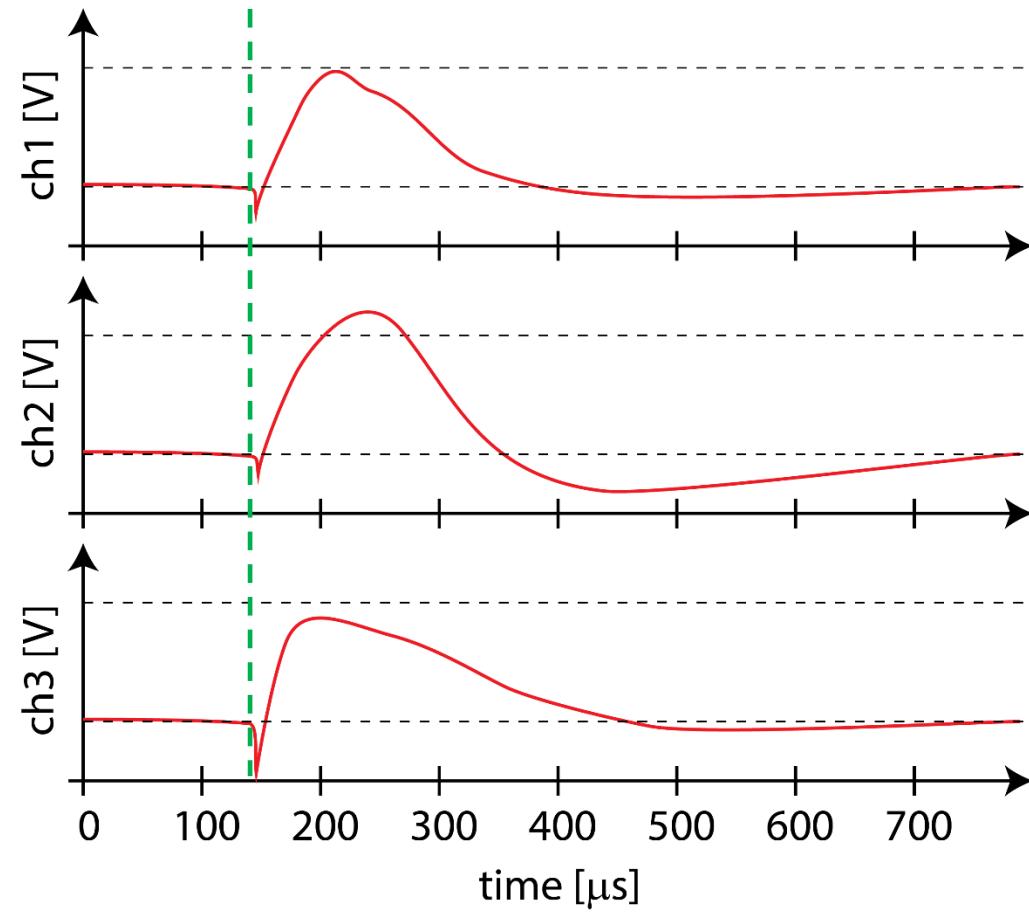
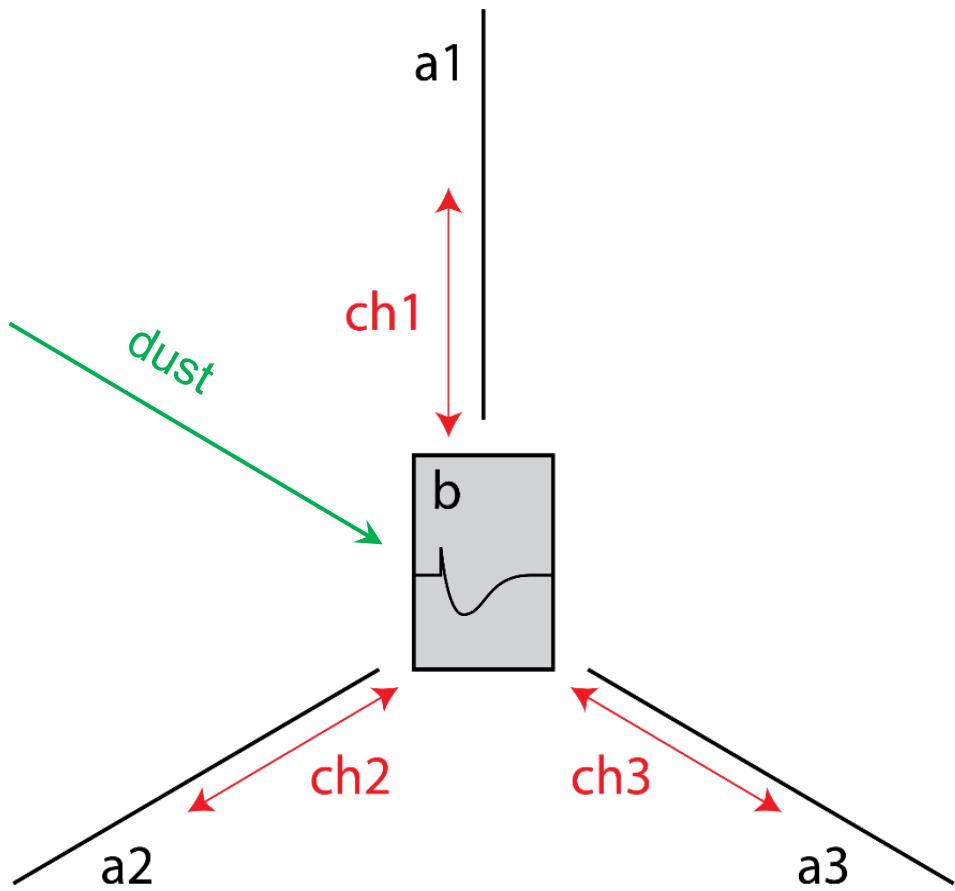
# What we found in RPW data

(solo\_L2\_rpw-tds-surv-tswf-e\_YYYYMMDD\_V0X.cdf)

# 3x monopole (ideal)

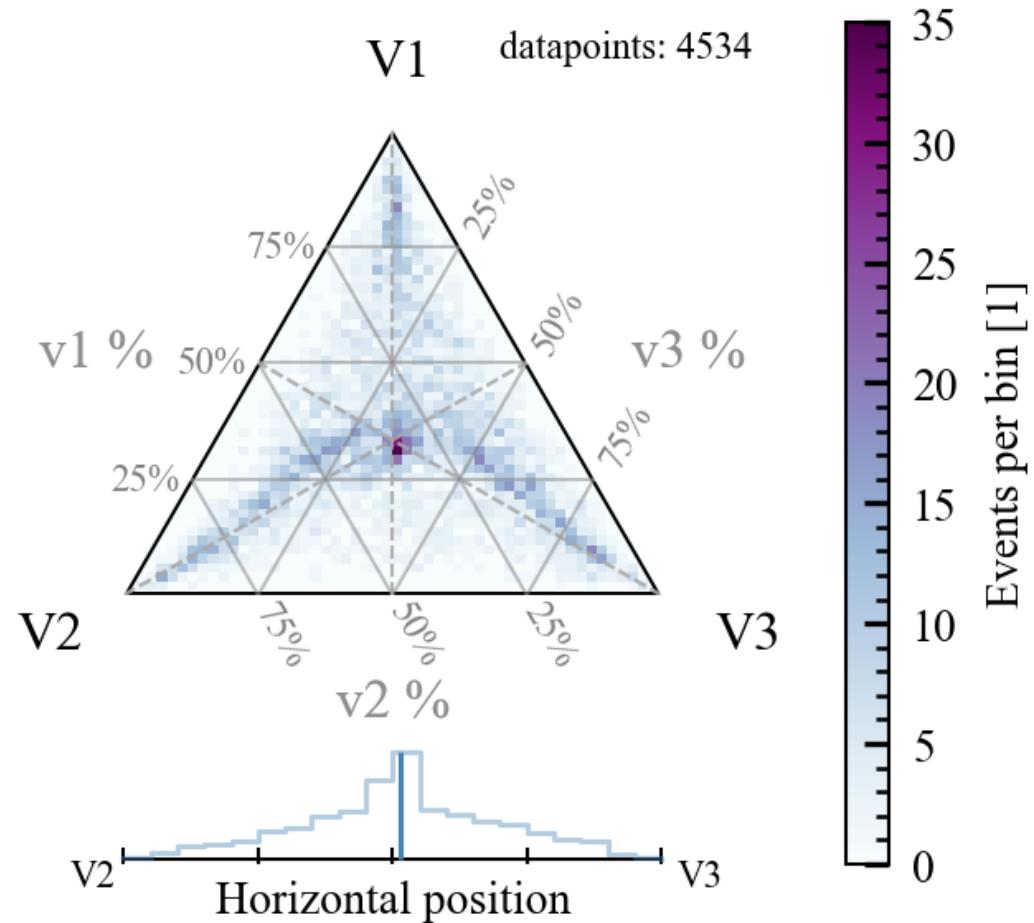


# 3x monopole (more realistic)



# Antennas compared

- Technically: monopoles reconstructed from XLD1
- Ternary plot of maxima:  
 $V1 + V2 + V3 = 100\%$
- 3 antennas show **different amplitudes**



# A very close look (1/6)

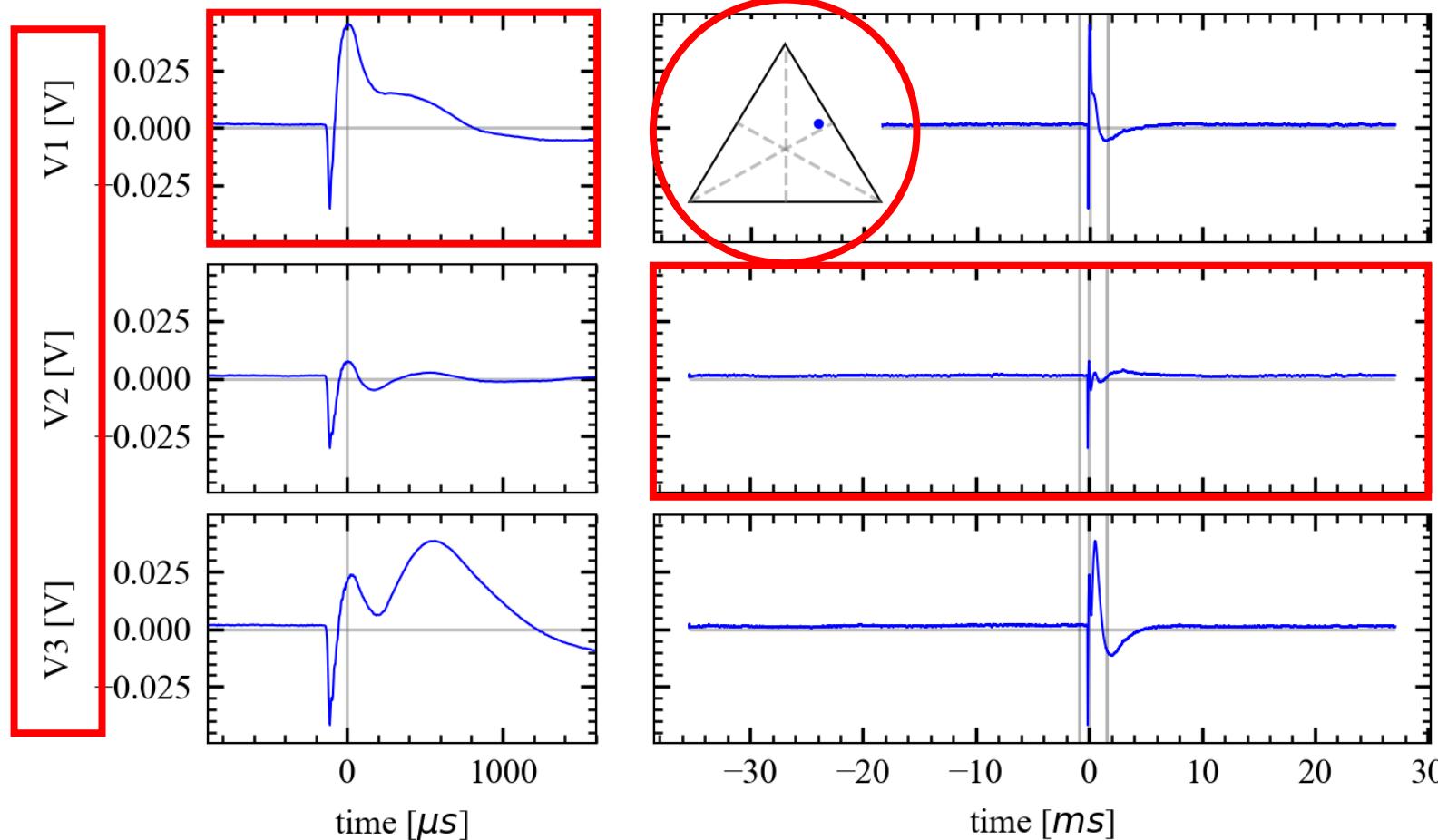
Point in the ternary plot

Zoomed in

3x monopoles

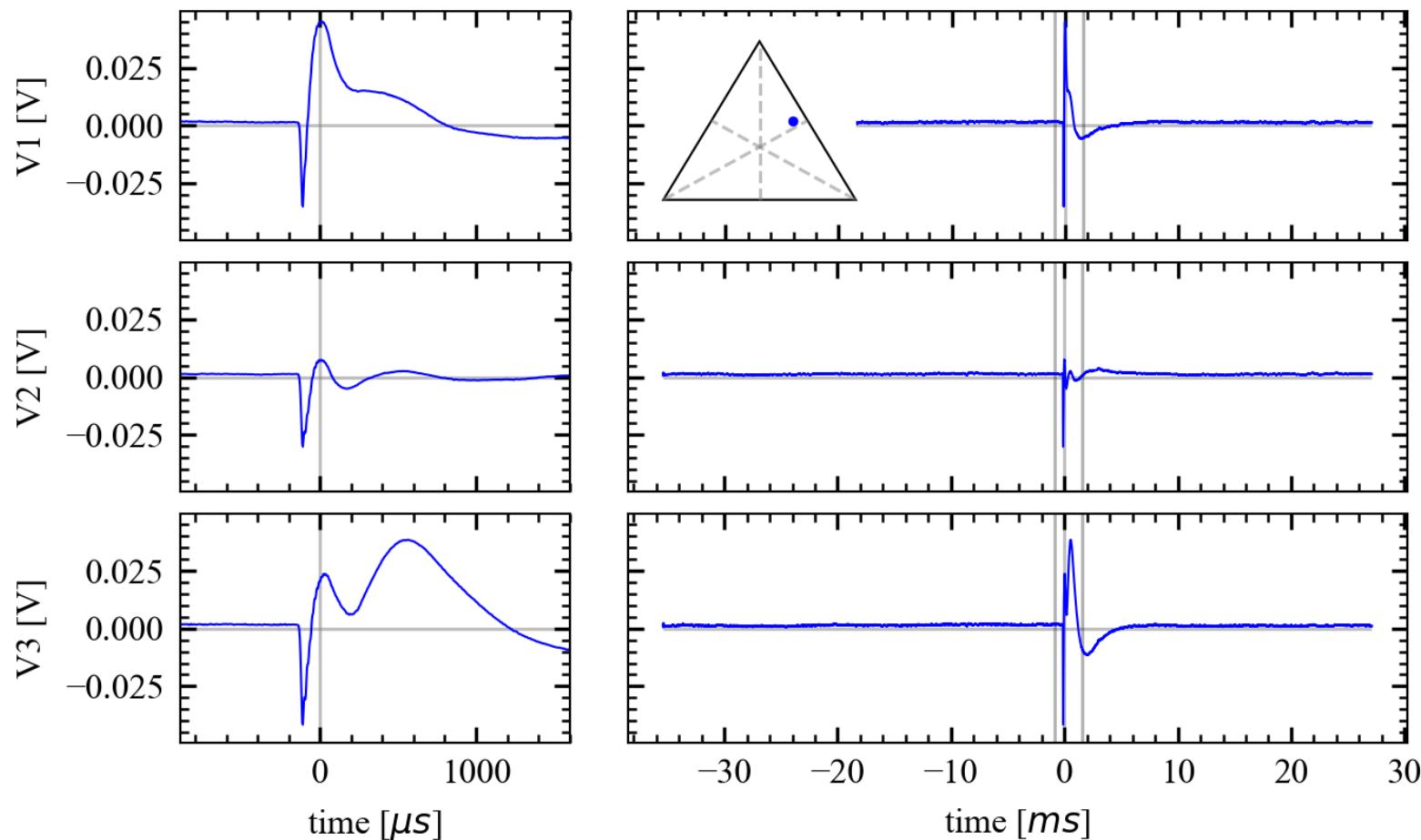
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The whole snapshot



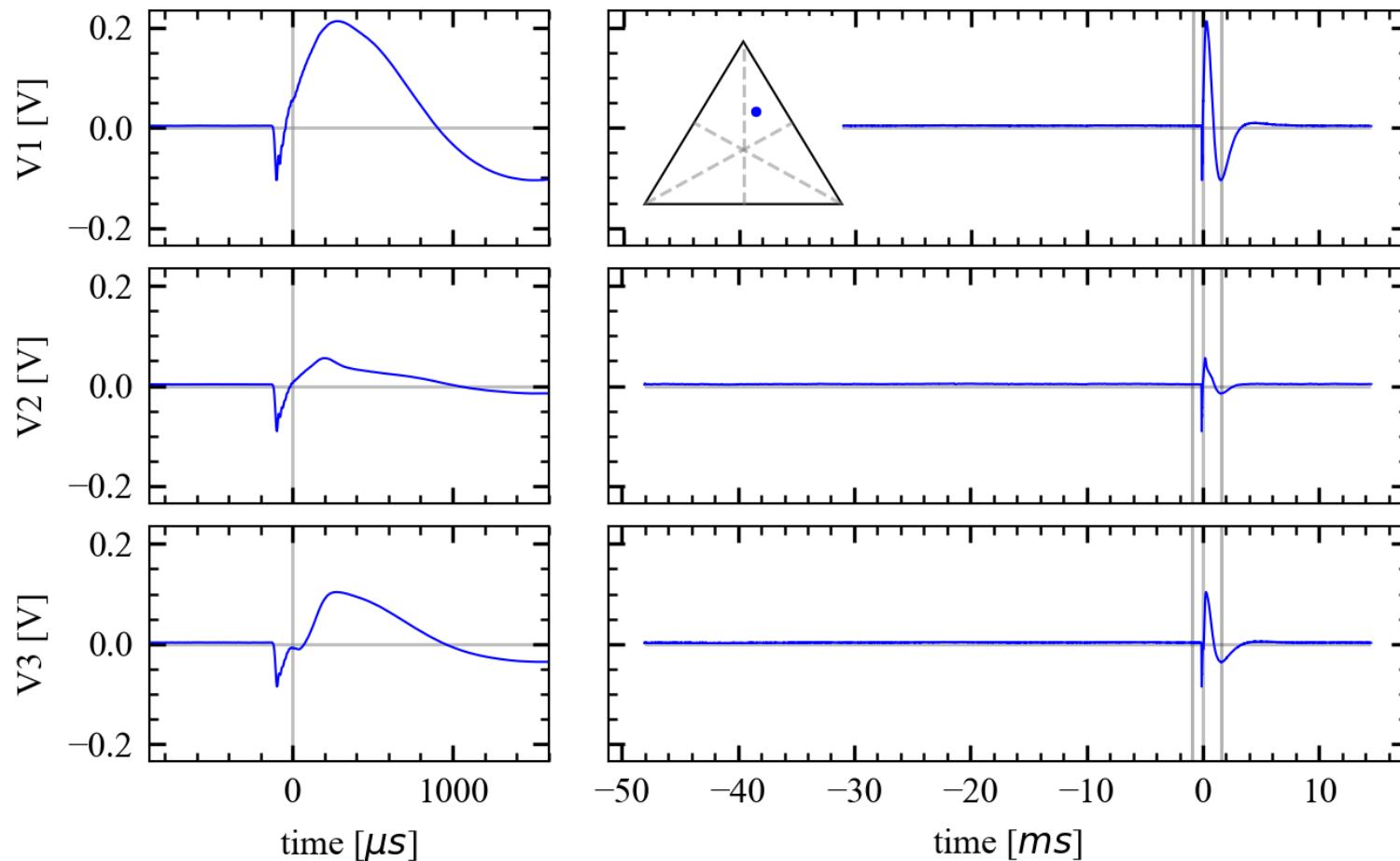
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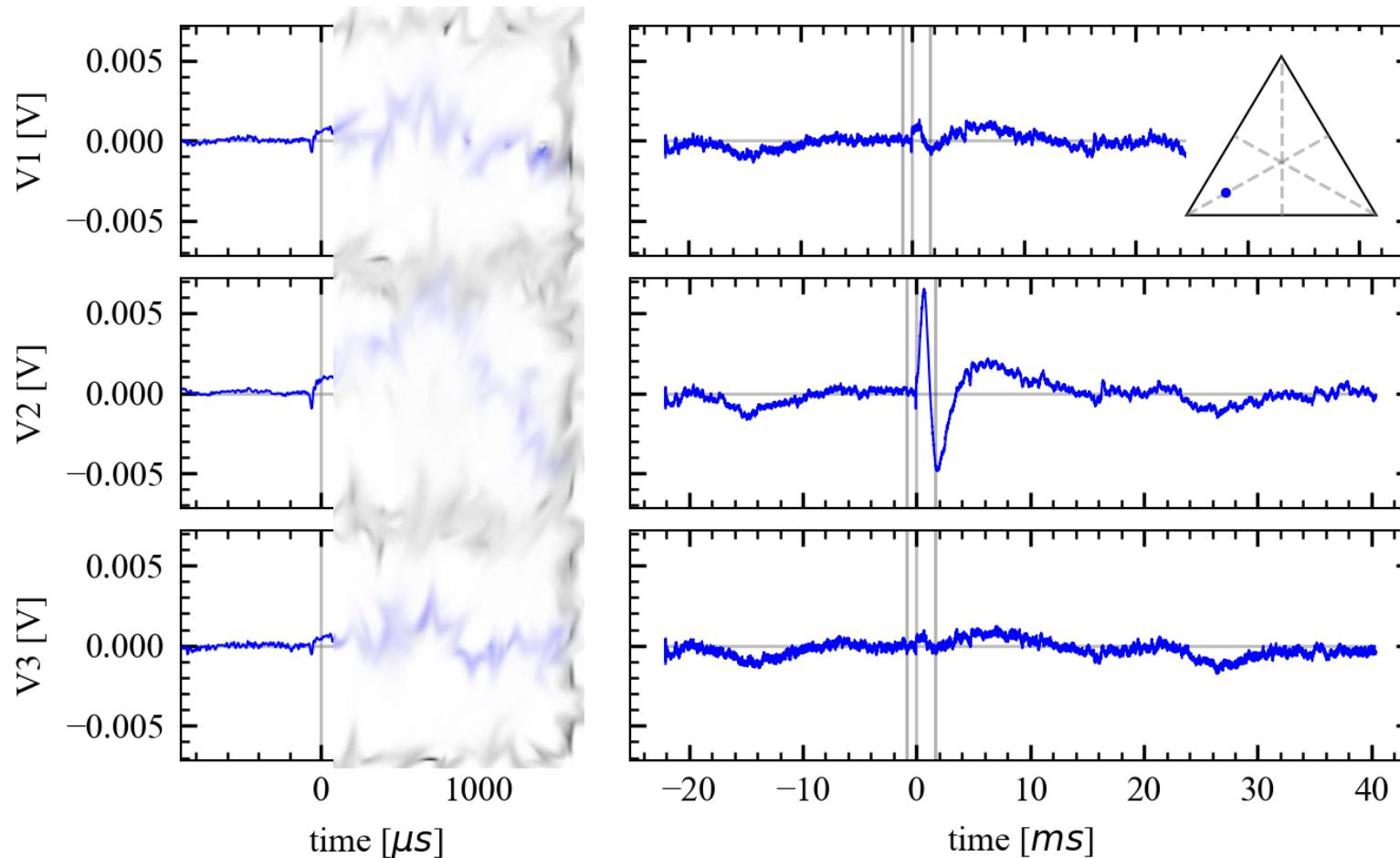
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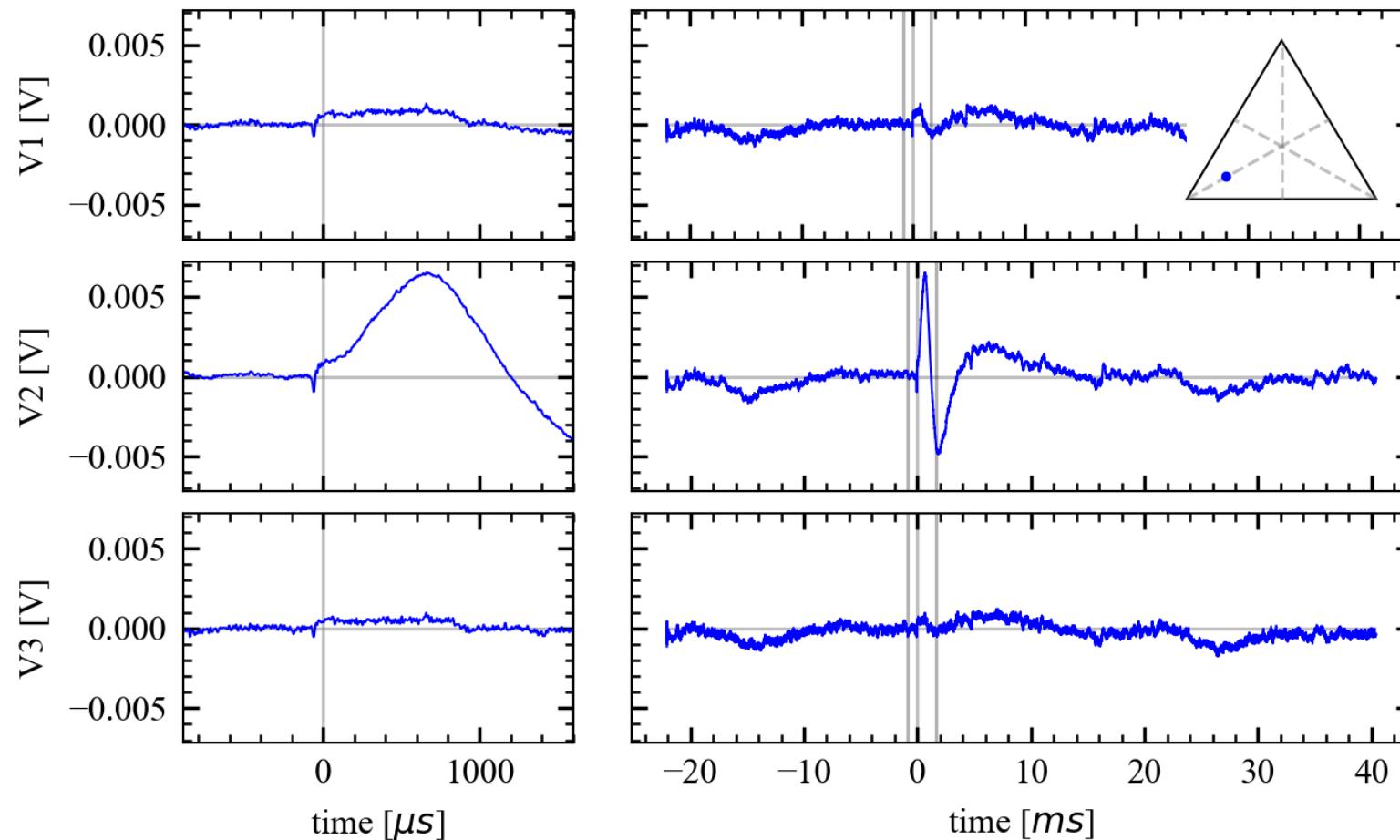
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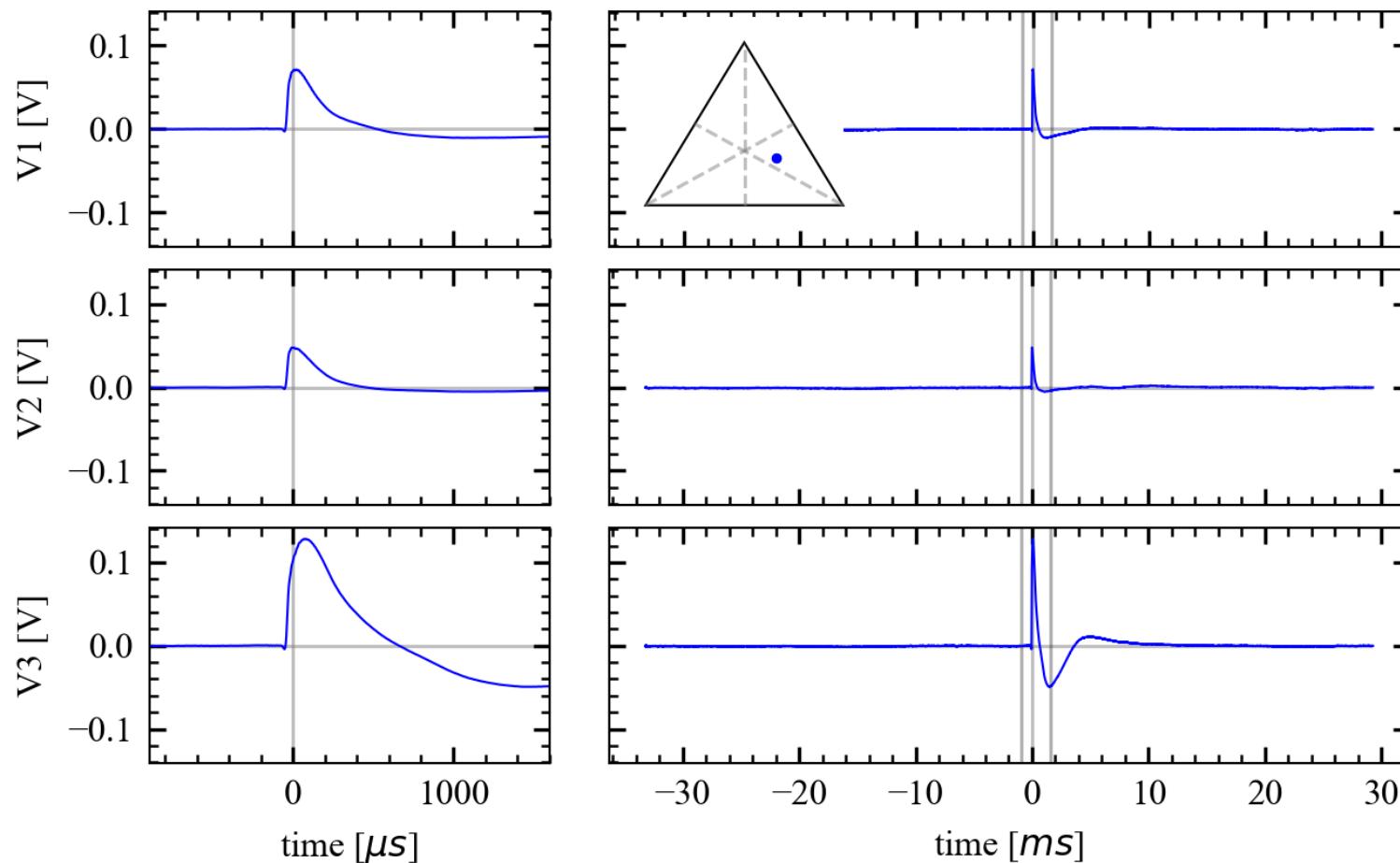
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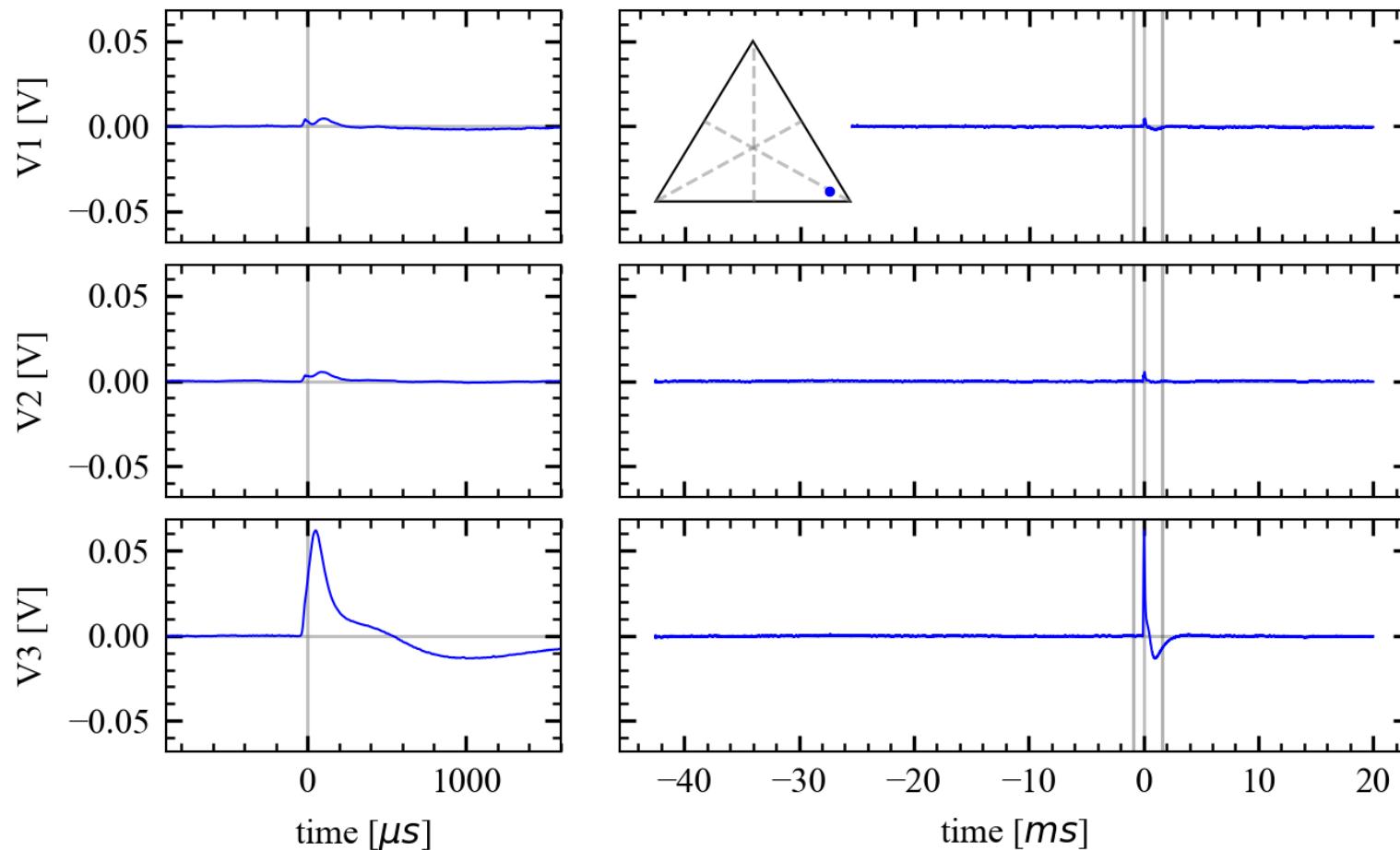
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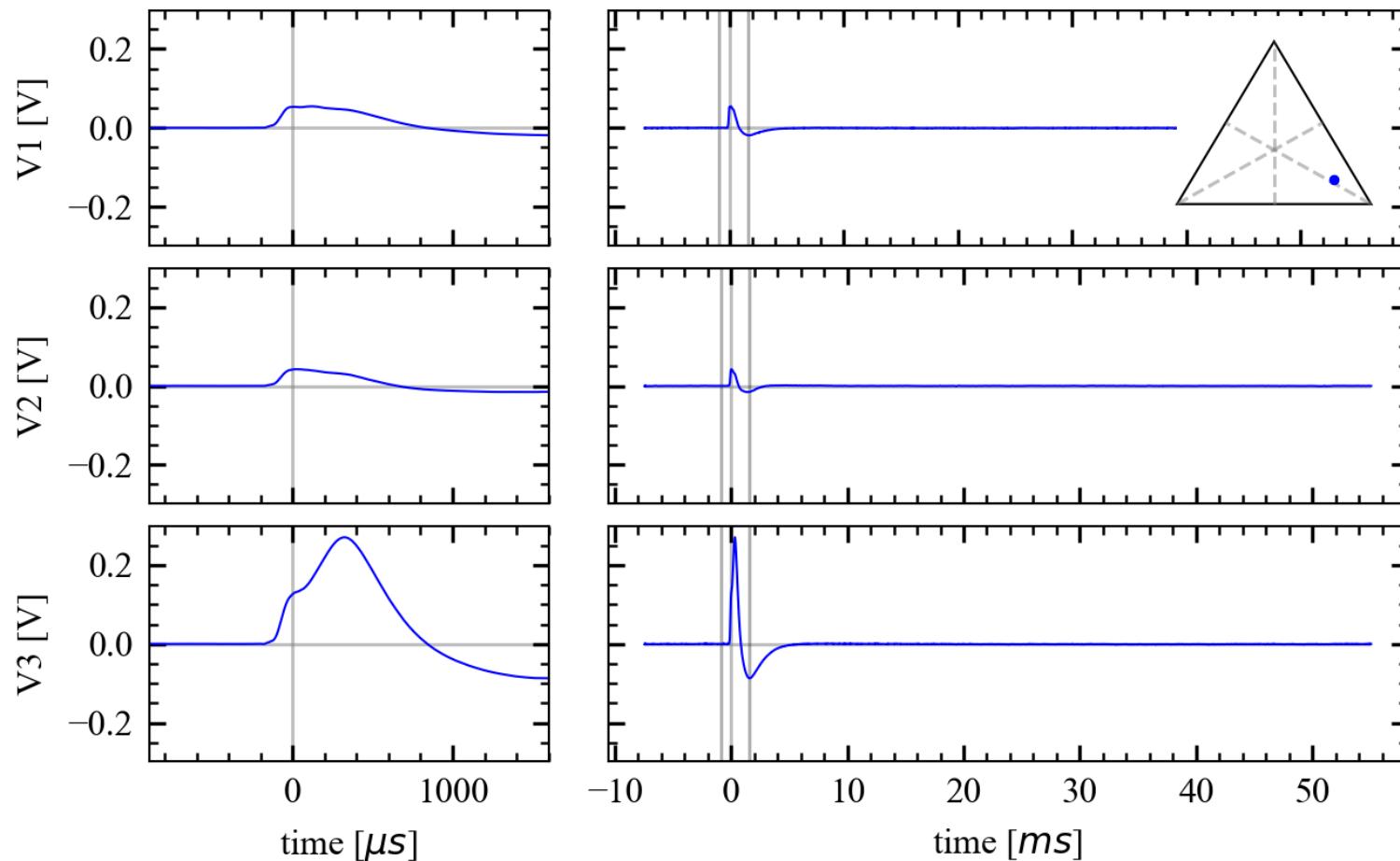
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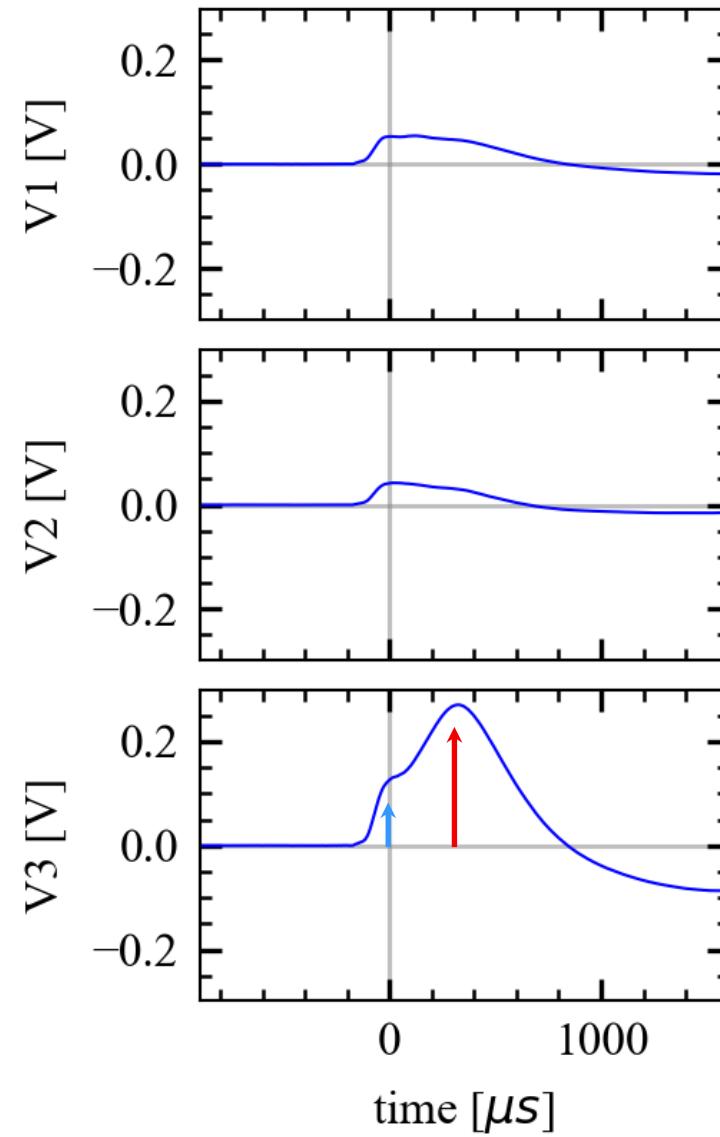
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# An observation

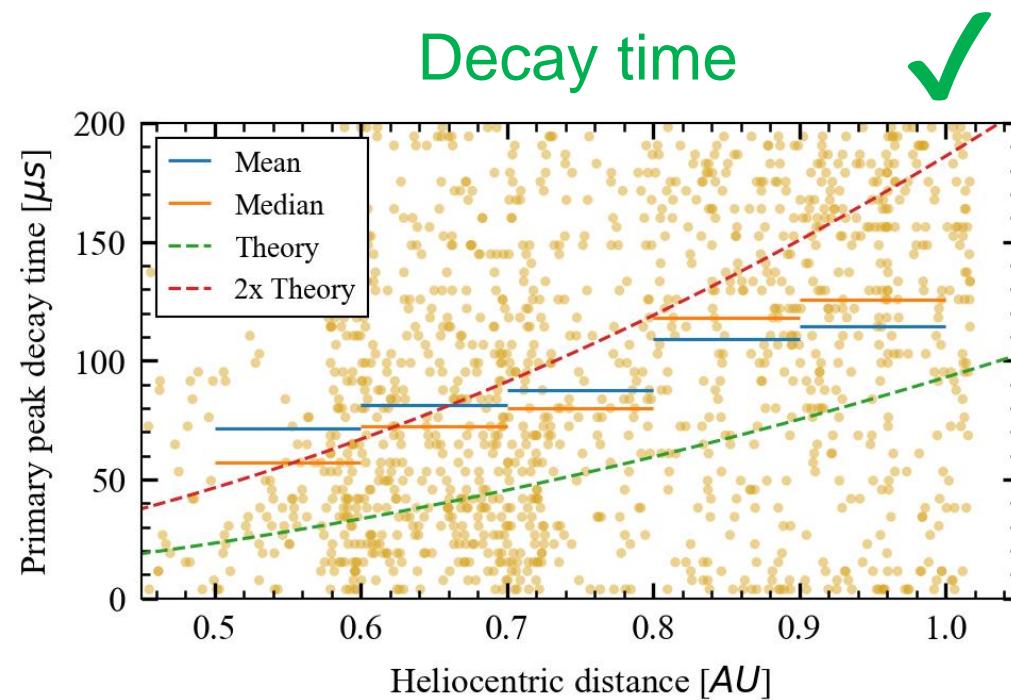
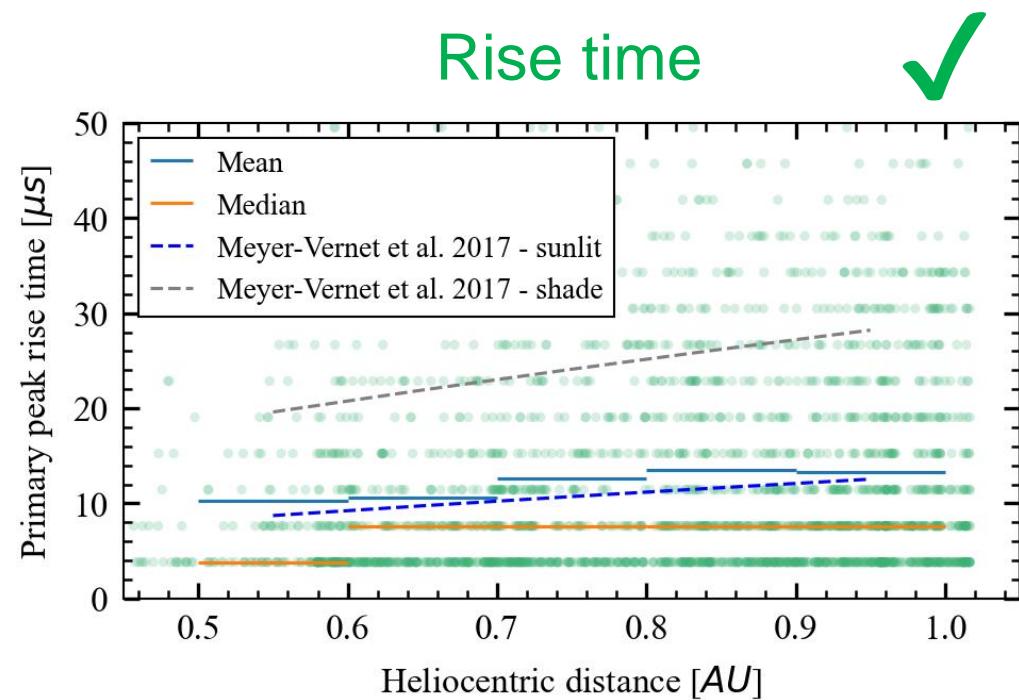
**2 peaks of the same polarity**

- **Primary** (first in time)
  - Consistent  $\Rightarrow$  body
  - Irregularities  $\pm 50\%$
- **Secondary** (second in time)
  - Inconsistent  $\Rightarrow$  antenna



# Primary peak

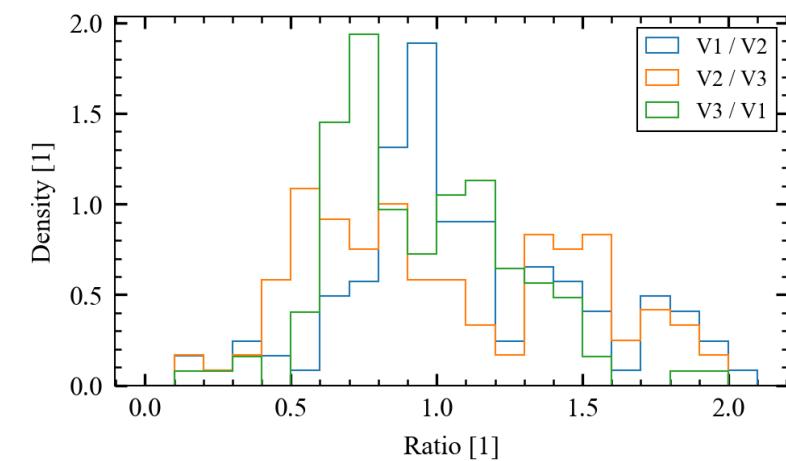
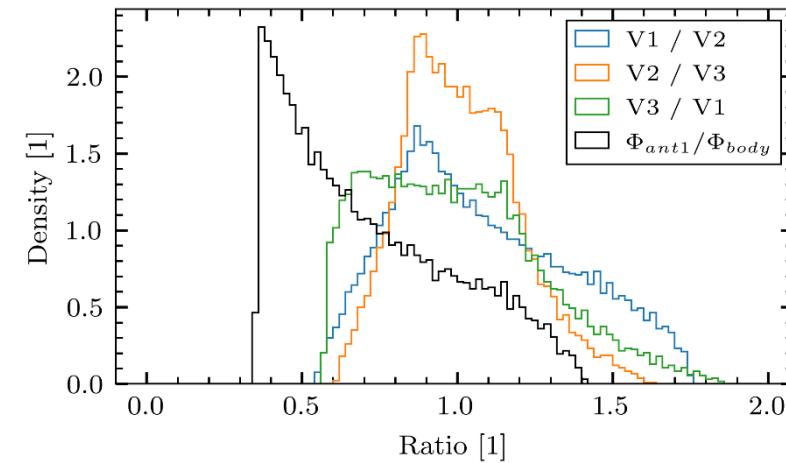
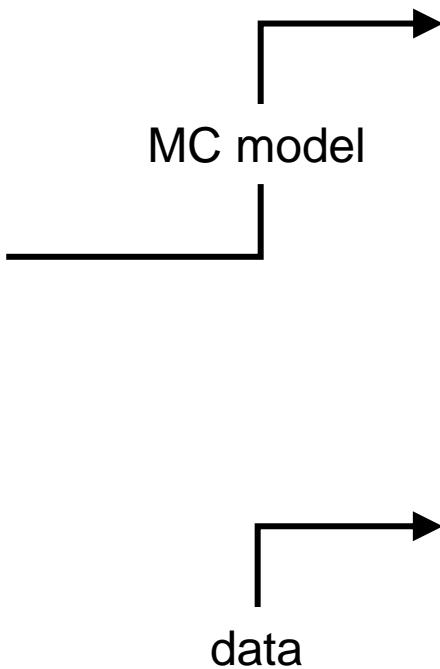
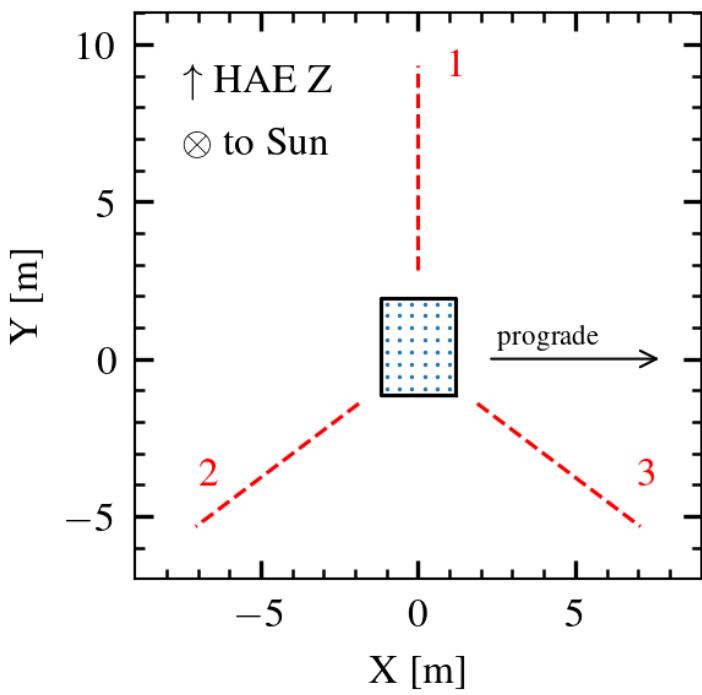
# Mean primary peak – understood!



Expected, understood!

# Asymmetry of the primary peak

Ion leftover: induction  
on the antennas



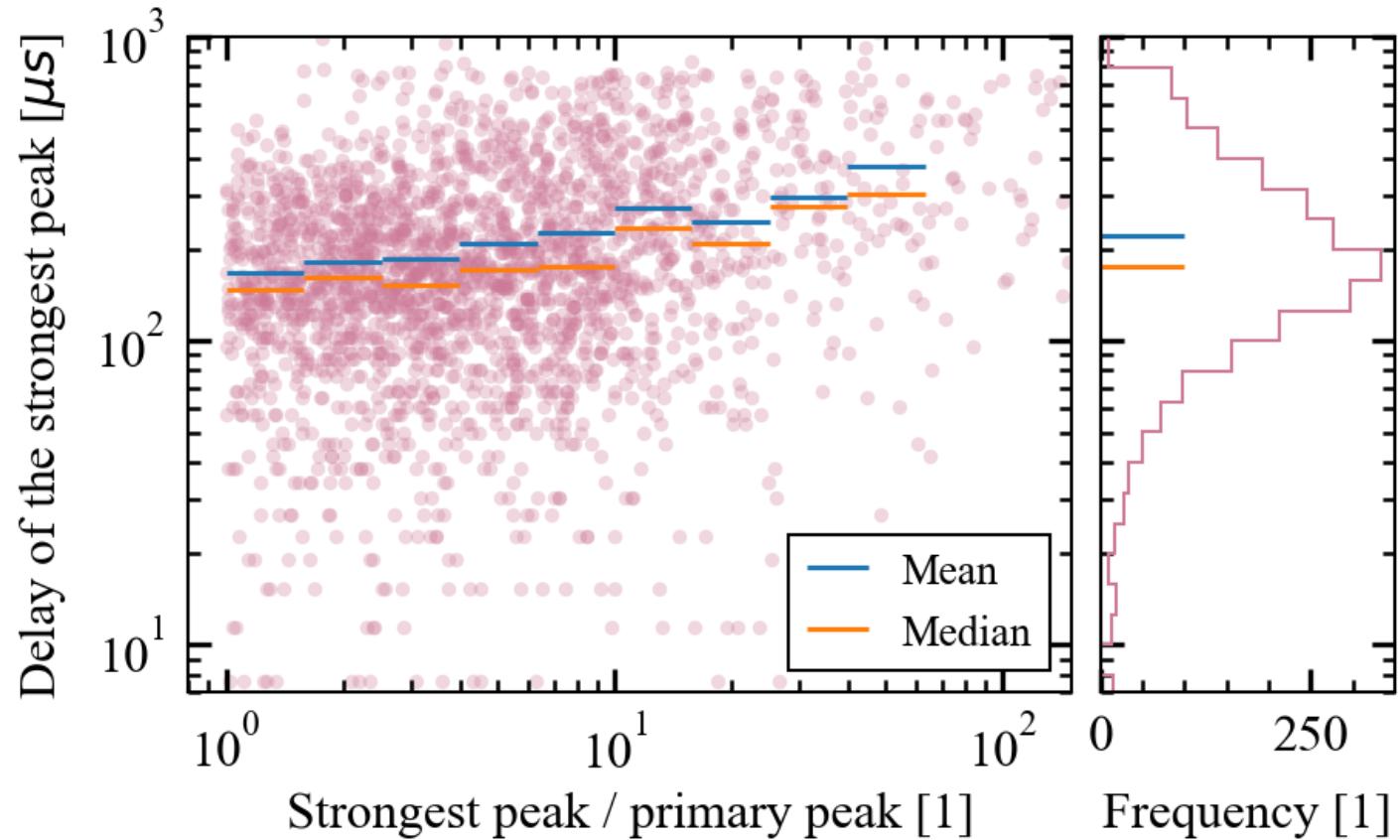
# Secondary peak

# Secondary peak's delay

100 – 300  $\mu s$

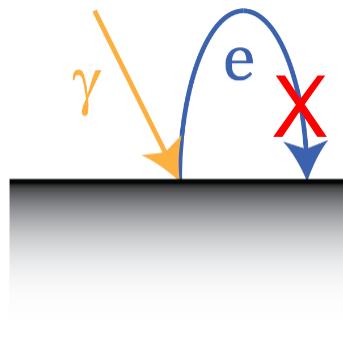
Ion motion  
timescale!

Relative  
amplitude -  
important?



# Pantellini effect for cylindrical antennas

Photoelectron return  
current blocked



Possible current towards  
the body? **Opinions?**

[1] Pantellini, F., Belheouane, S., Meyer-Vernet, N., & Zaslavsky, A. (2012). Nano dust impacts on spacecraft and boom antenna charging. *Astrophysics and Space Science*, 341, 309-314.

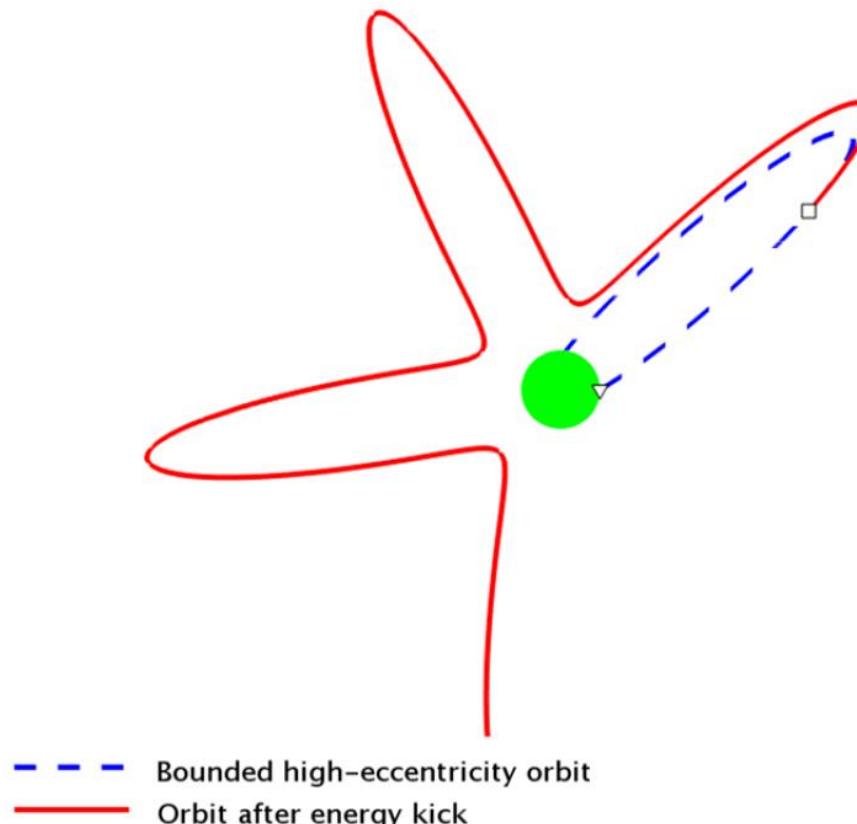


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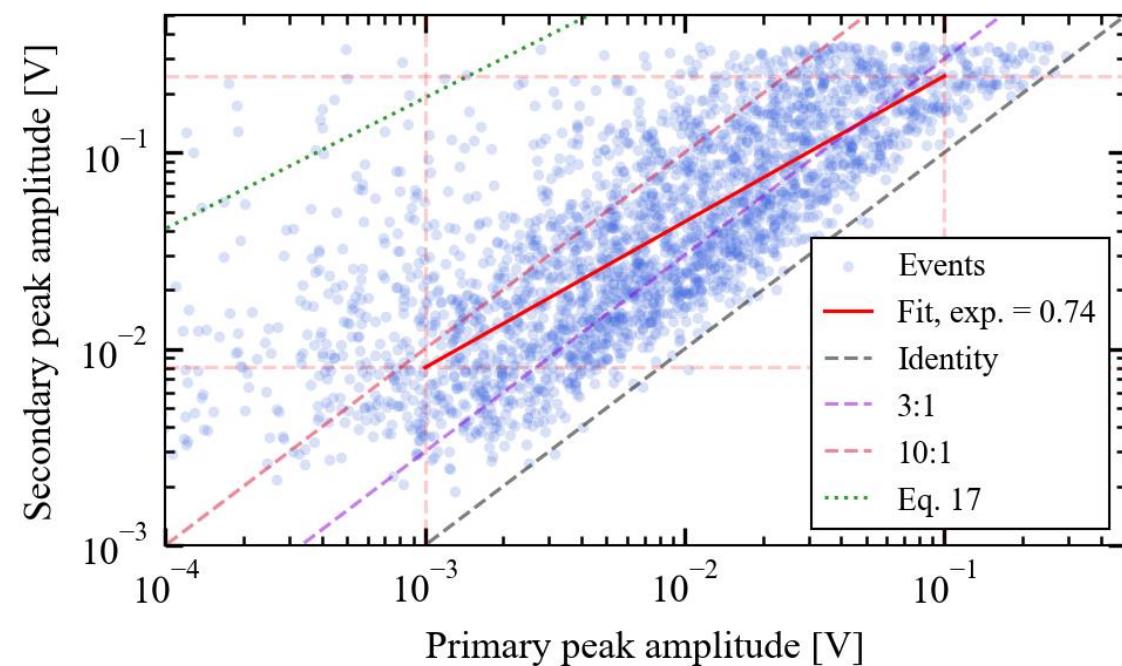
# Secondary amplitudes

Electrostatic induction  
can't explain

Additional amplification  
must be present!

Adapted Pantellini:

$$V_{sec} \propto V_{pri}^{\frac{2}{3}}$$



# Conclusions

1. We observed double-peaked dust impact signatures for the first time. Tricky to use MAPM data.
2. Primary peak is found consistent with expectations
3. Secondary peak is new!
  - Time-scale consistent with ion motion
  - Possibly explained with Pantellini process

Kočišák, S., Mann, I., Meyer-Vernet, N., Theodorsen, A., Vaverka, J., and Zaslavsky, A.:  
**Impact Ionization Double Peaks Analyzed in High Temporal Resolution on Solar Orbiter**,  
EGUsphere [preprint], <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2023-2067>, 2023.



# CNN dust classification – higher sampling rate

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We highly appreciate the nice data structure, even though we might complain time-to-time, we love the data.

# CNN classification

# TDS dust recognition performance

- Golb. average: 15 000 TDS triggers
  - 2 000 TDS dust -> 1 640 +, 360 -  
⇒ **82% spec.**
  - 13 000 TDS no-dust -> 918 +, 12 082 -  
⇒ **64% sens.**
- FEB-APR/2022: 17 842 TDS triggers
  - 712 TDS dust -> 420 +, 290 -  
⇒ **59% spec.**
  - 17 130 TDO no-dust -> 94 +, 17 036 -  
⇒ **82% sens.**

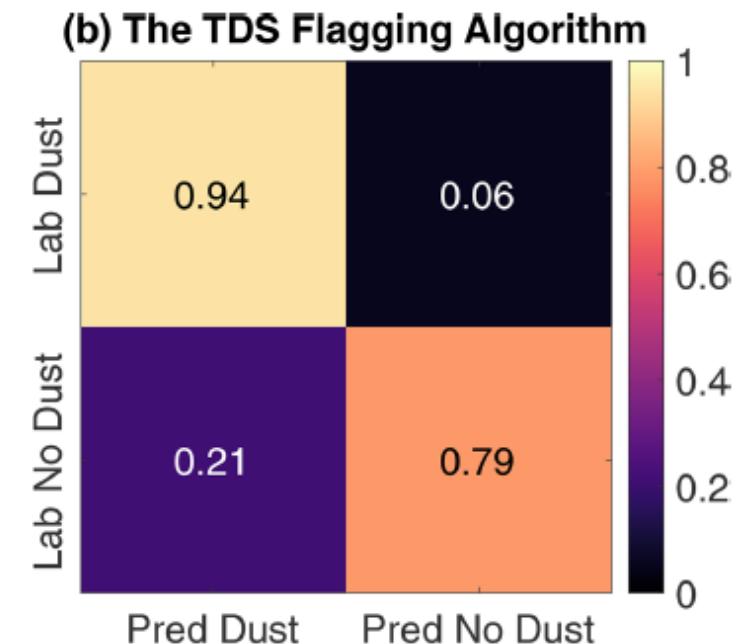
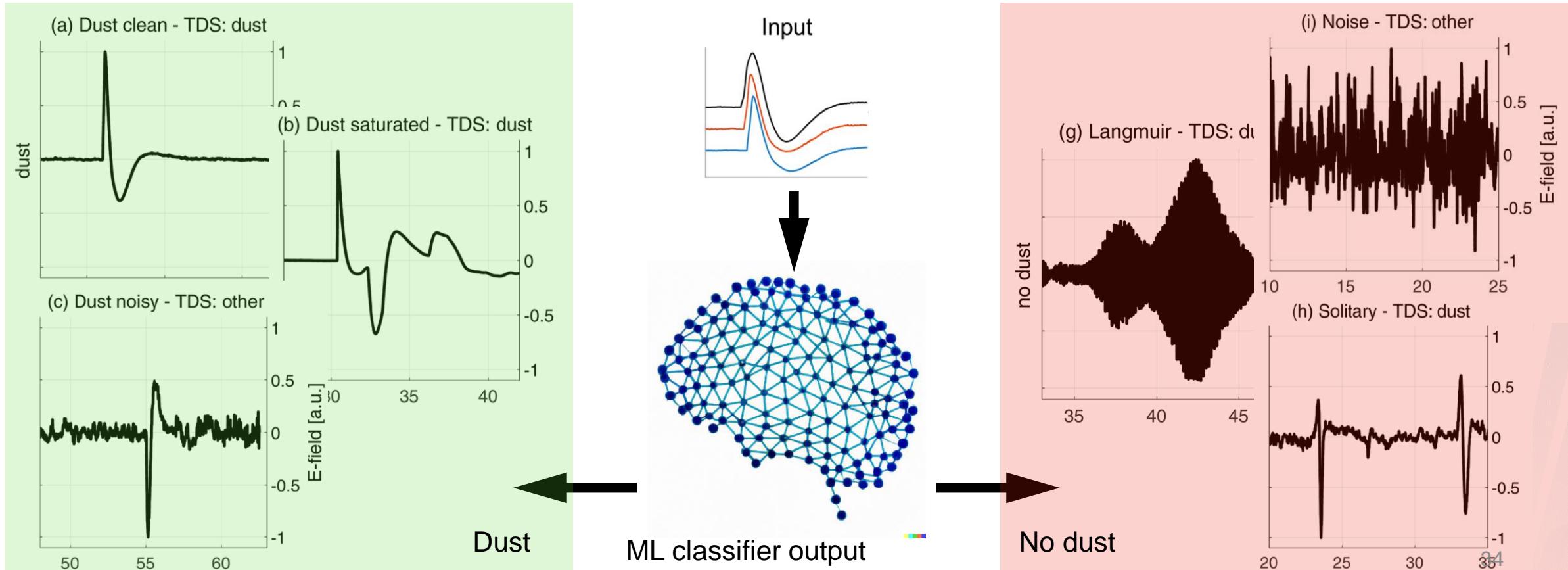


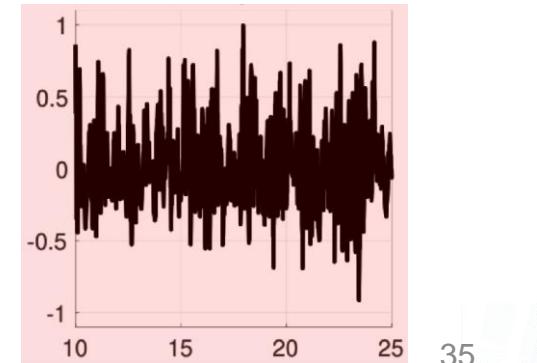
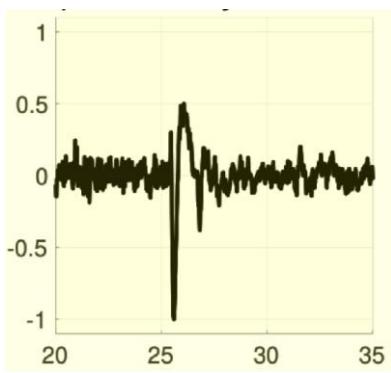
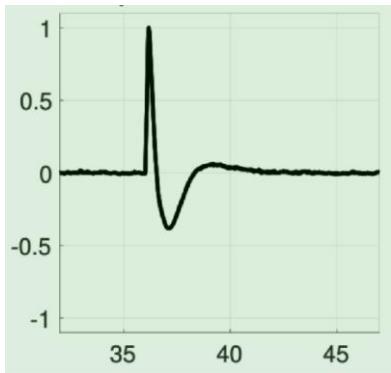
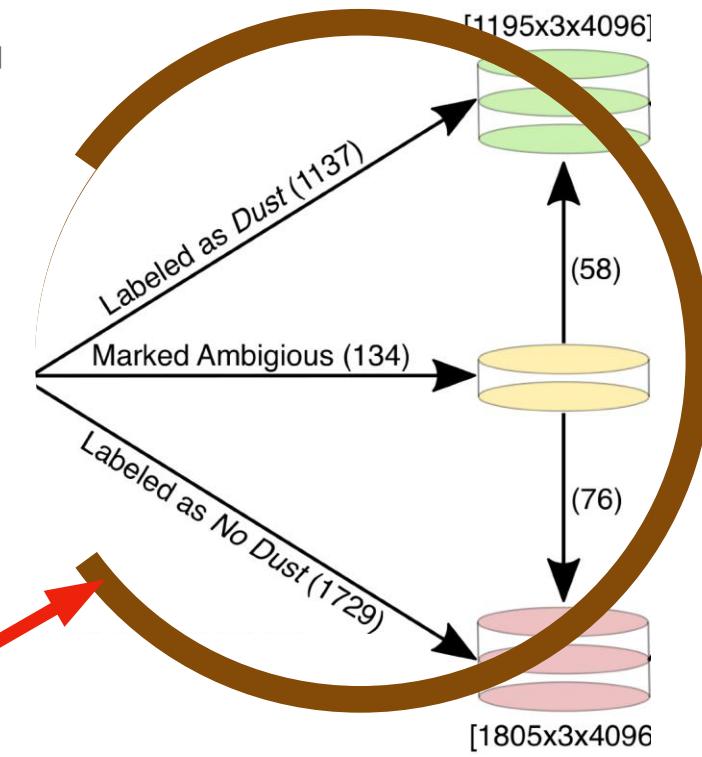
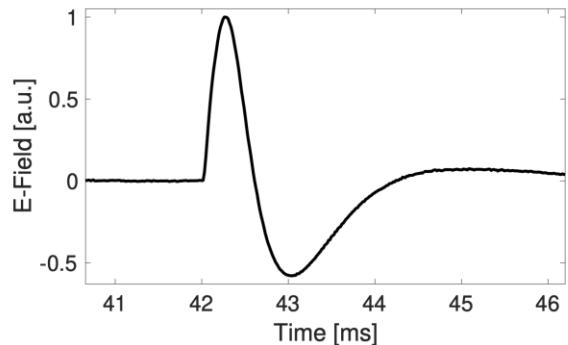
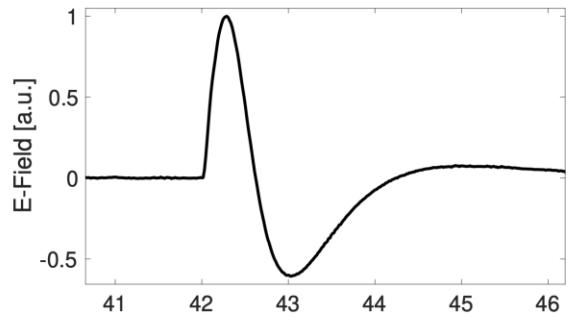
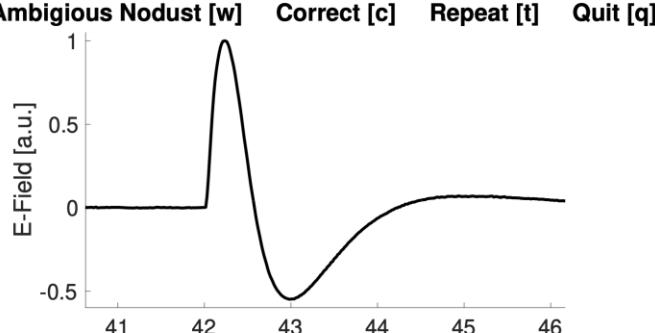
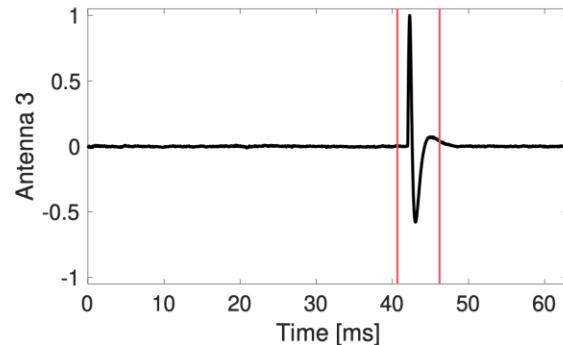
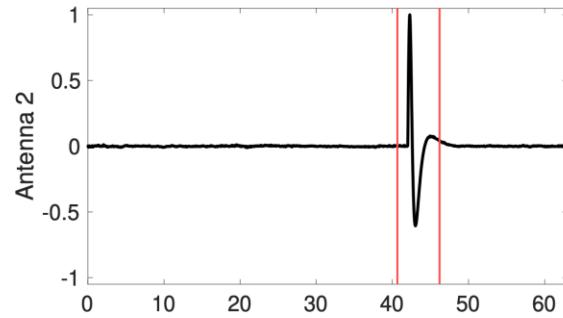
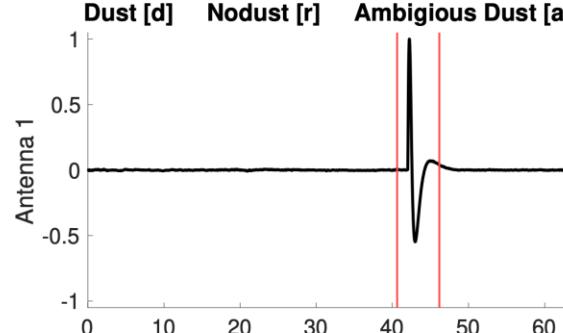
Fig. 10 from Kvammen et al. (2023)

# Project Objective and Methodology

- **Project Objective** — Develop a fully automated dust detection tool with a high ( $\geq 95\%$ ) accuracy
- **Methodology** — Classification using supervised machine learning techniques  
**Input:** Observed signal — **Output:** Binary label (Dust or No Dust)
- **Supervised learning** — Manually labeled observations are used to train and test the machine learning classifiers



# Manual labeling



# Code and data availability

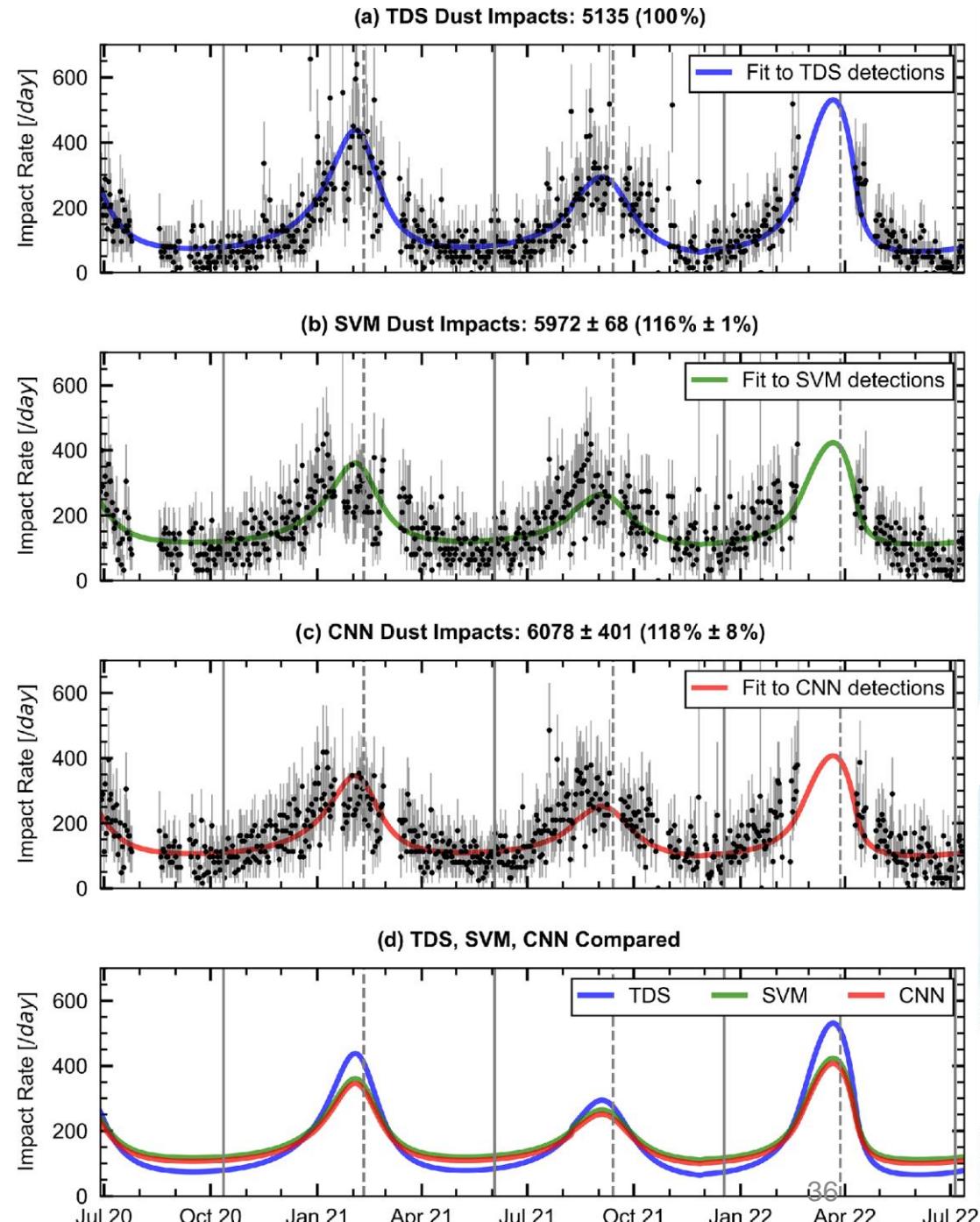
- **RPW data**— Solar Orbiter data are made available by LEISA Observatory at:  
[https://rpw.lesia.obspm.fr/roc/data/pub/solo/rpw/data/L2/tds\\_wfe/](https://rpw.lesia.obspm.fr/roc/data/pub/solo/rpw/data/L2/tds_wfe/)
- **Code, Training, Testing** — The trained classifiers, the code and manually labelled data sets are available at:  
[https://github.com/AndreasKvammen/ML\\_dust\\_detection](https://github.com/AndreasKvammen/ML_dust_detection) with included user instructions
- **Article** — For more details, see our article titled **Machine learning detection of dust impact signals observed by the Solar Orbiter**, published at Annales Geophysicae:  
<https://angeo.copernicus.org/articles/41/69/2023/>
- **Contact** — If you have trouble using these tools or other requests, please contact me at:  
[Andreas.kvammen@uit.no](mailto:Andreas.kvammen@uit.no)
- **References**

Mann, I., Nouzák, L., Vaverka, J., Antonsen, T., Fredriksen, Å., Issautier, K., ... & Zaslavsky, A. (2019, December). Dust observations with antenna measurements and its prospects for observations with Parker Solar Probe and Solar Orbiter. In *Annales Geophysicae* (Vol. 37, No. 6, pp. 1121-1140). Copernicus GmbH.

Zaslavsky, A., Mann, I., Soucek, J., Czechowski, A., Píša, D., Vaverka, J., ... & Vaivads, A. (2021). First dust measurements with the Solar Orbiter Radio and Plasma Wave instrument. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 656, A30.

Maksimovic, M., Bale, S. D., Chust, T., Khotyaintsev, Y., Krasnoselskikh, V., Kretzschmar, M., ... & Zouganelis, I. (2020). The solar orbiter radio and plasma waves (RPW) instrument. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 642, A12.

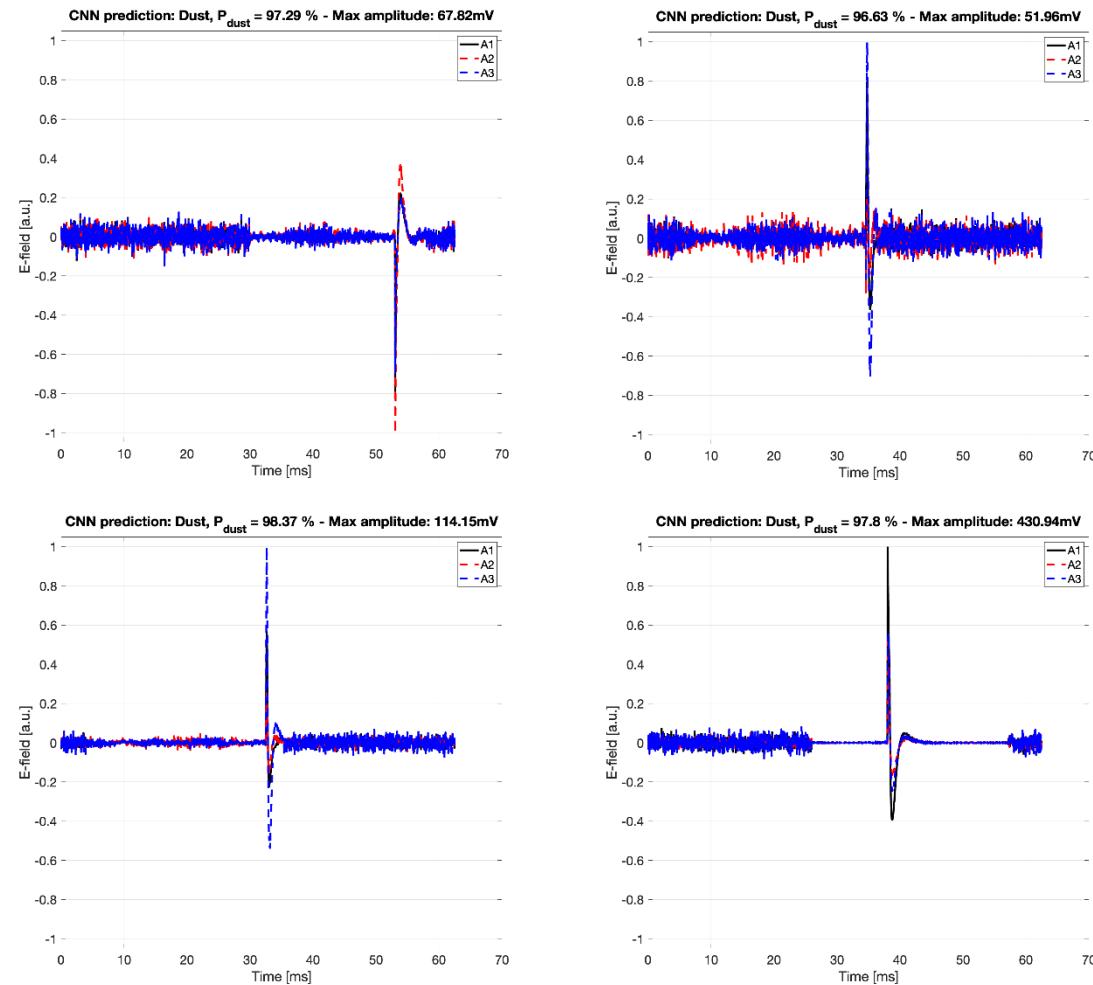
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# Higher sampling rate data

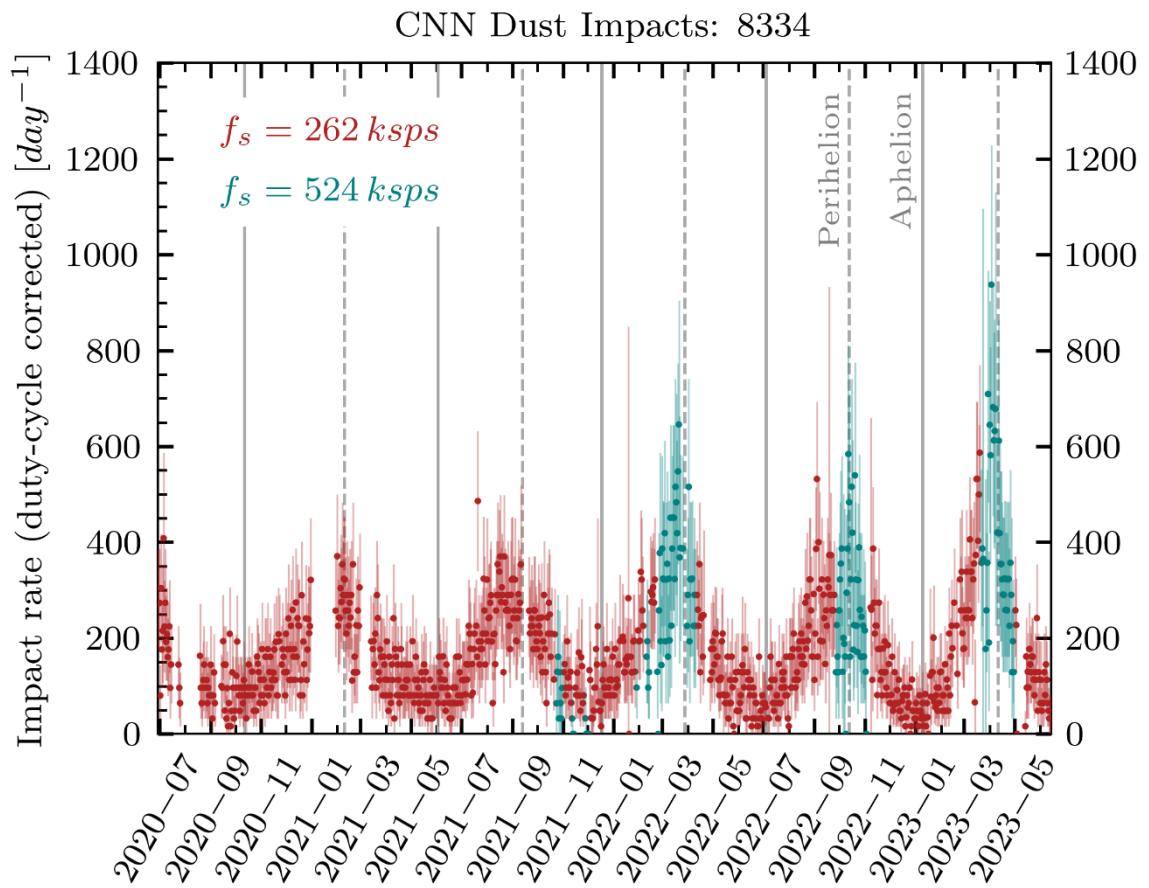
# Higher sampling rate inclusion

- Before 2/2022:
  - $f_s = 262 \text{ kspS}$
- After 2/2022 variable:
  - $f_s = 524 \text{ kspS}$ 
    - While  $R \lesssim 0.5AU$
- The detection algorithm trained on  $f_s = 262 \text{ kspS}$
- Padding + subsampling



# New observed flux

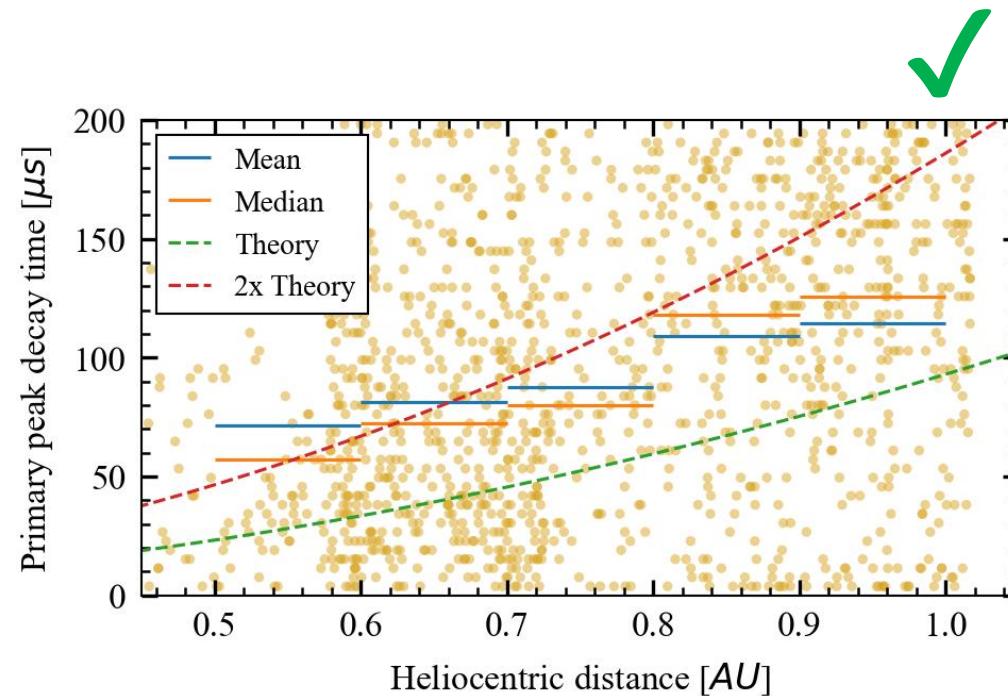
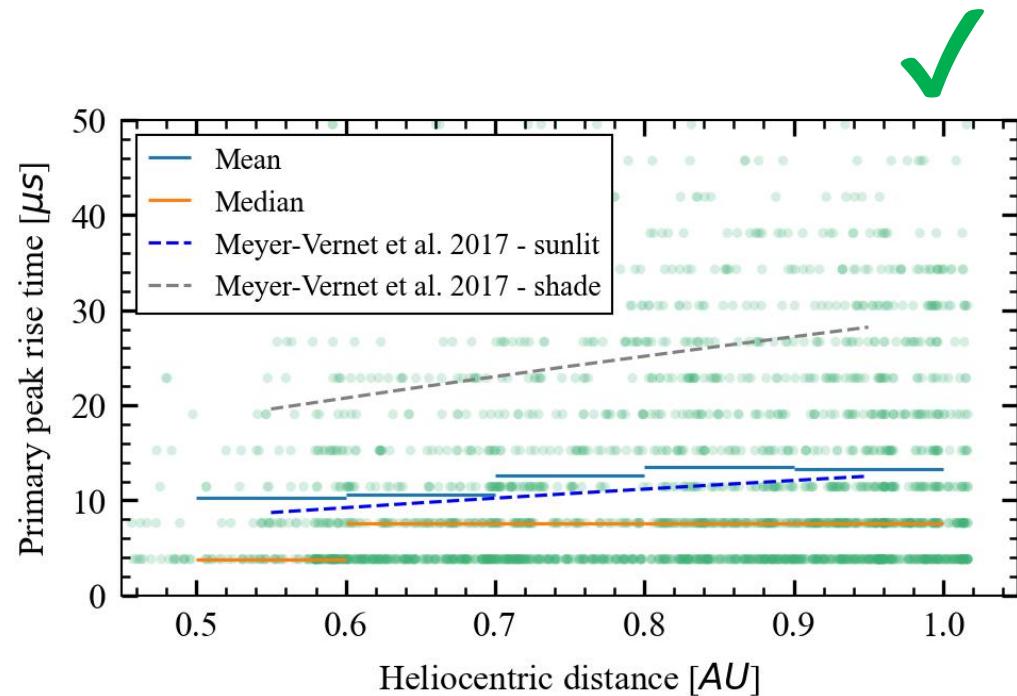
- The flux seems quite continuous
- We now have nearly 3 years, i.e. 8334 grains
- Possibility to make this an L3 product?



Thank you for your questions!

# Backup

# Mean primary peak – understood!



$$\tau_{rise} \approx \left( \frac{3Q}{2\pi e n v_E^2 v_e} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Expected, understood!

$$\tau_{RC} \approx \frac{C_{sc} k_B T_{ph}}{e^2 n_e v_e S_{sc}}$$

# Adapted Pantellini effect

$$V_{sec} \propto Q_{ant} \propto j_{ph} w L_{submerged} \tau$$

$$L_{submerged} \propto \left( \frac{V_{pr}}{n_{sw}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\tau \propto \frac{L_{submerged}}{v_{ion}}$$

$$V_{sec} \propto \frac{j_{ph} w}{v_{ion}} \left( \frac{V_{pr}}{n_{sw}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$V_{sec} = \frac{\Gamma}{C_{ant}} Q_{ant}$$

$$Q_{ant} = \int_0^\tau j_{ph} w L(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{2} j_{ph} w L_{sub} \tau$$

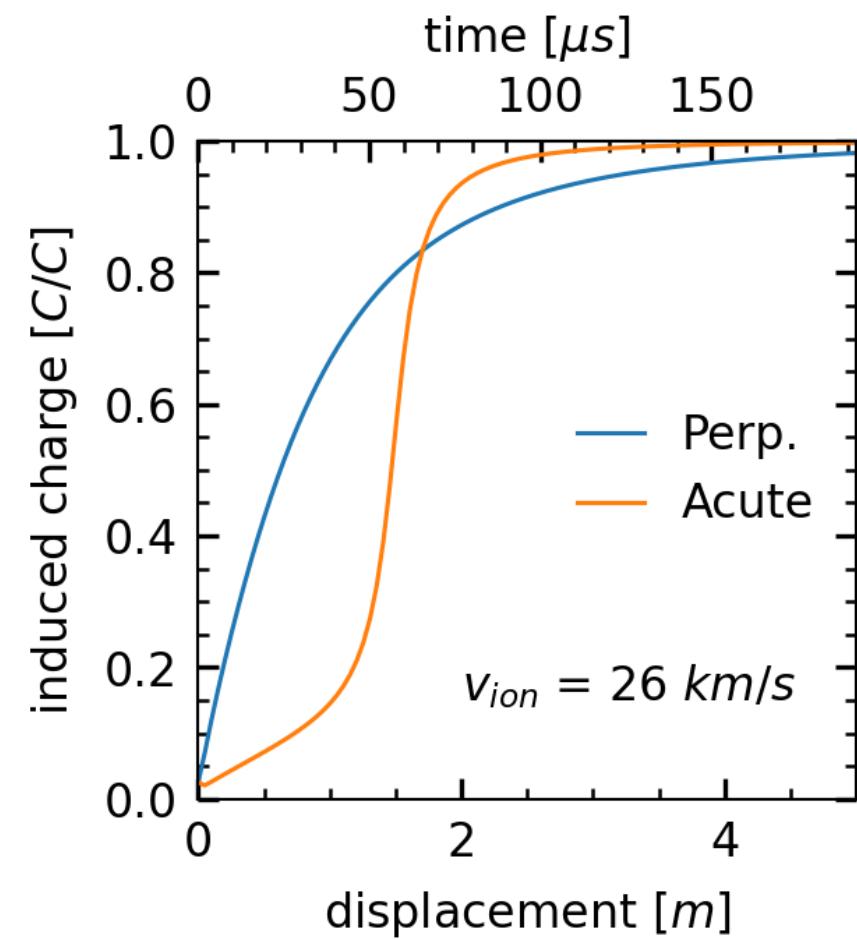
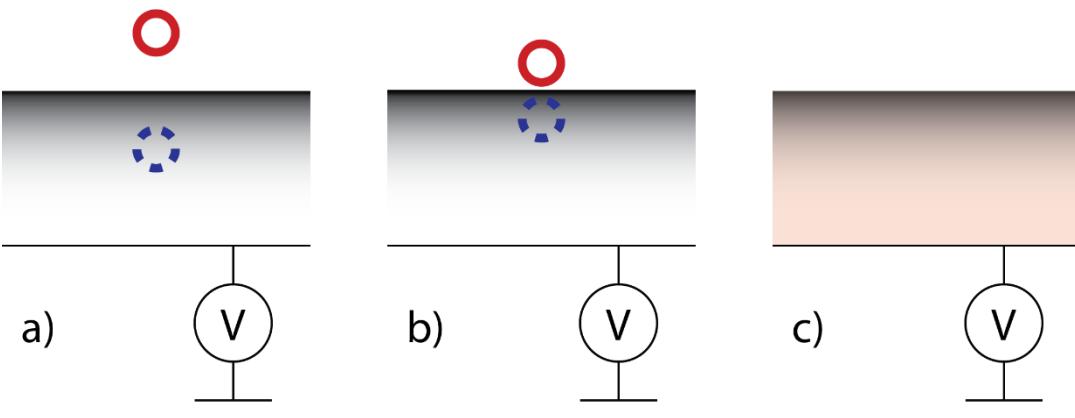
$$n_{cloud} = \frac{3Q}{4\pi e L_{sub}^3} \Rightarrow L_{sub} = \left( \frac{3Q}{4\pi e n_{sw}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{L_{max}}{v_{ion}}$$

$$V_{sec} \approx \frac{\Gamma^{\frac{1}{3}} j_{ph} w}{2 C_{ant} v_{ion}} \left( \frac{3 V_{pr} C_{sc}}{4\pi e n_{sw}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

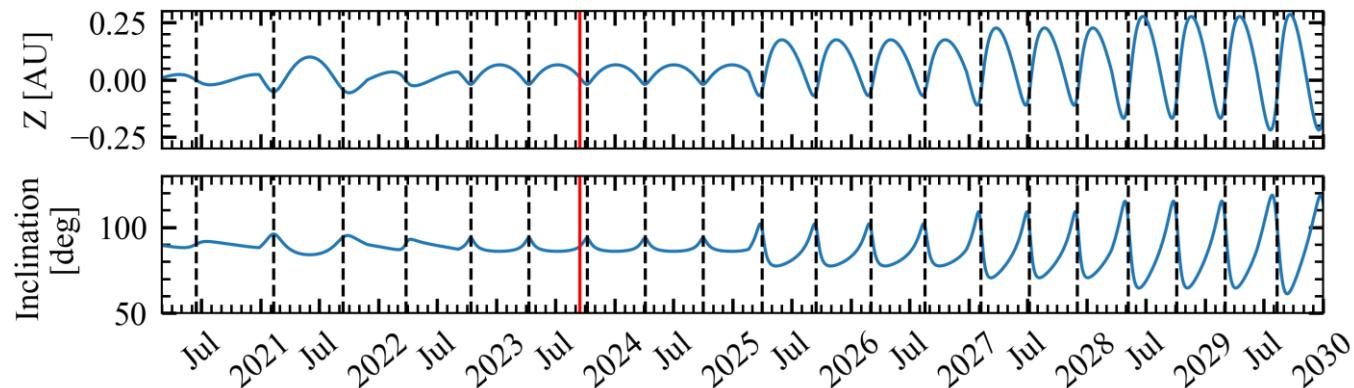
# The image charge

- No difference between „close“ and „touching“
- We only see the change once the charge gets far

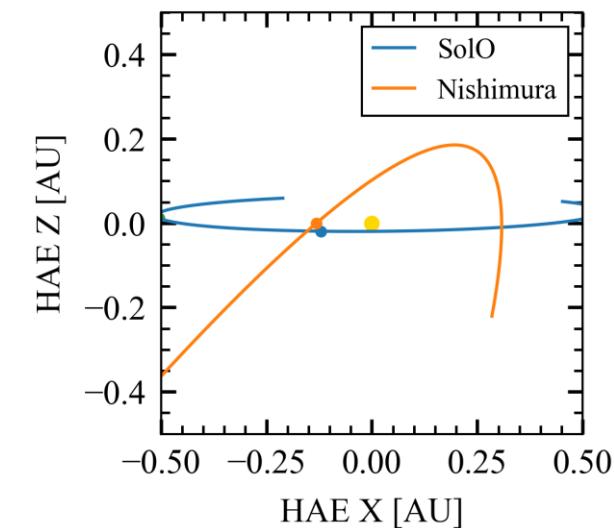
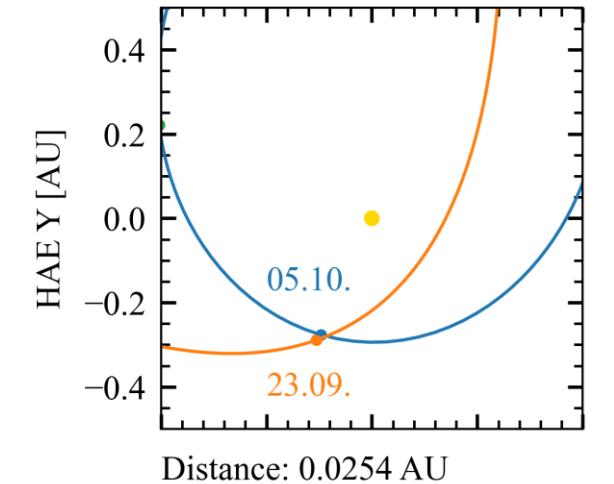
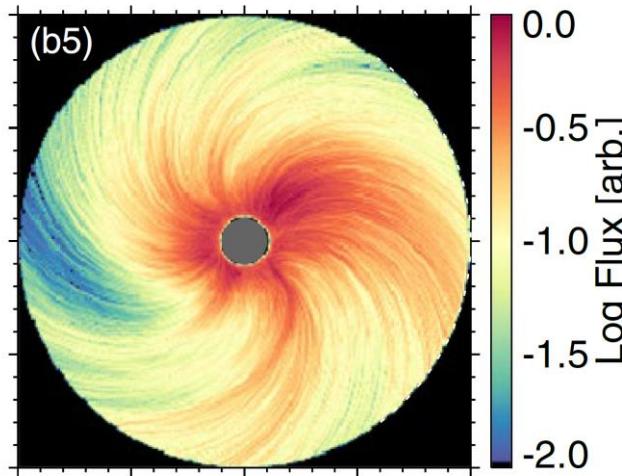


# Outlook

- Nanodust
- Comet nishimura
- Inclination



20 nm @ solar max.,  
Fig. 3 from Poppe & Lee (2022)

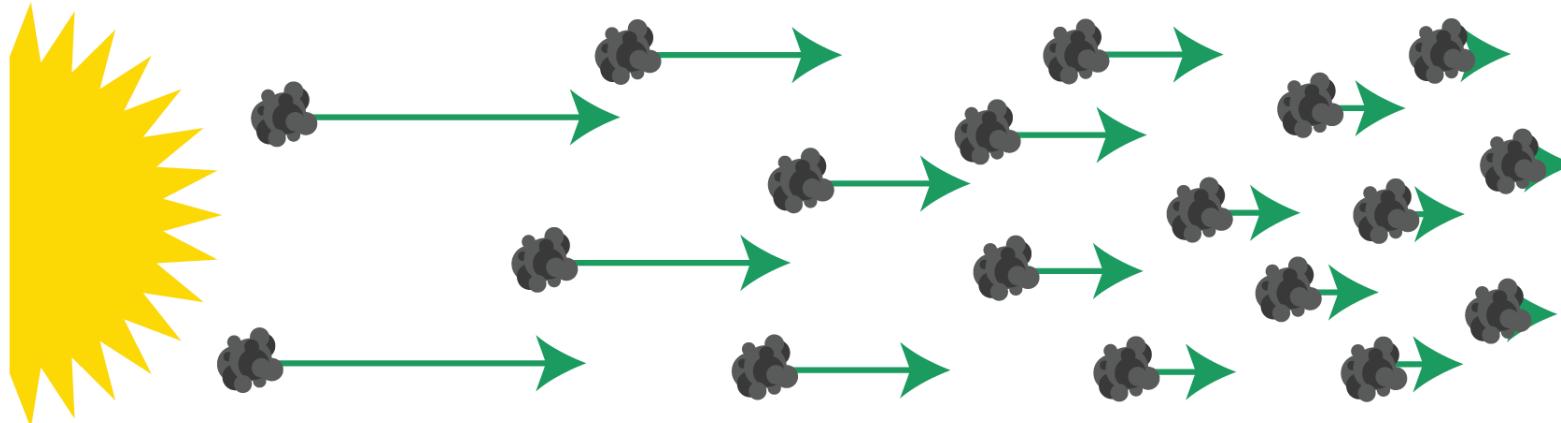


# Spatial distribution

Solar attraction



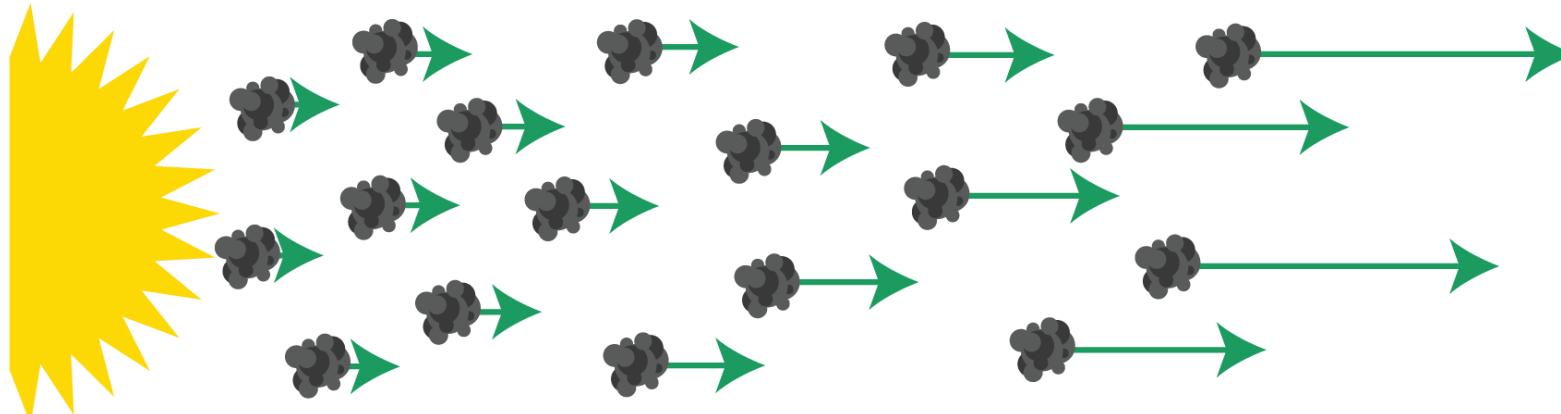
Accumulation



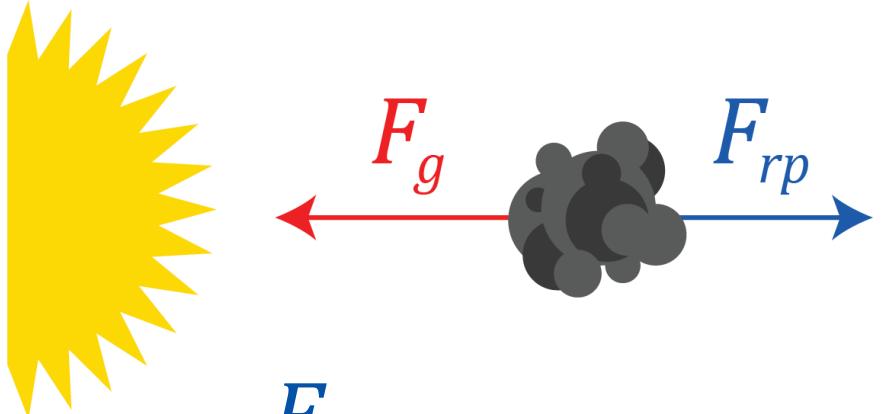
Solar repulsion



Depletion

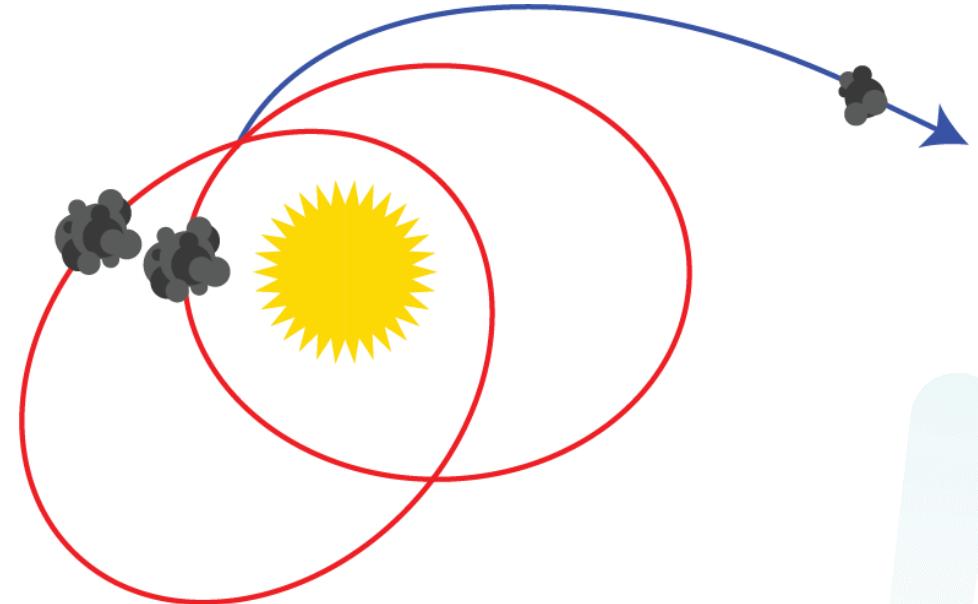


# $\beta$ -meteoroids



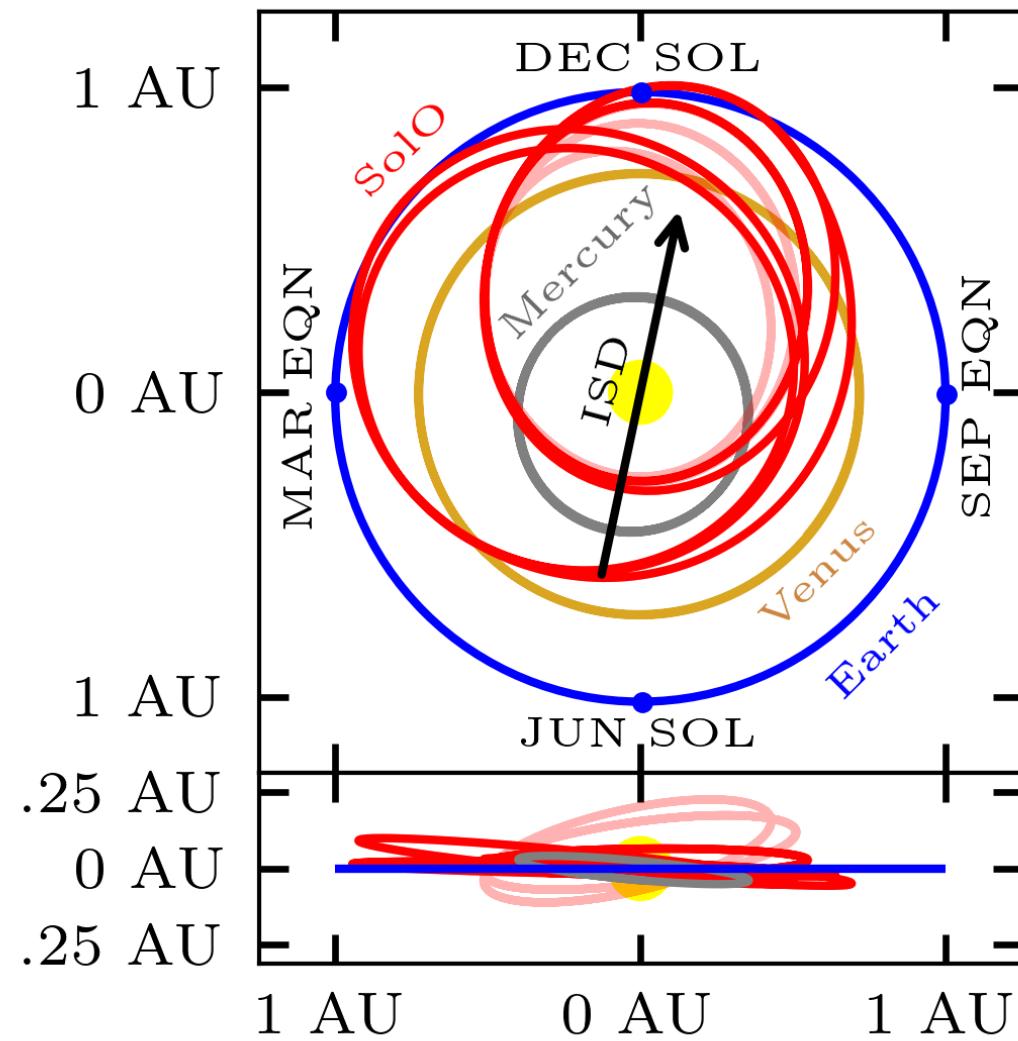
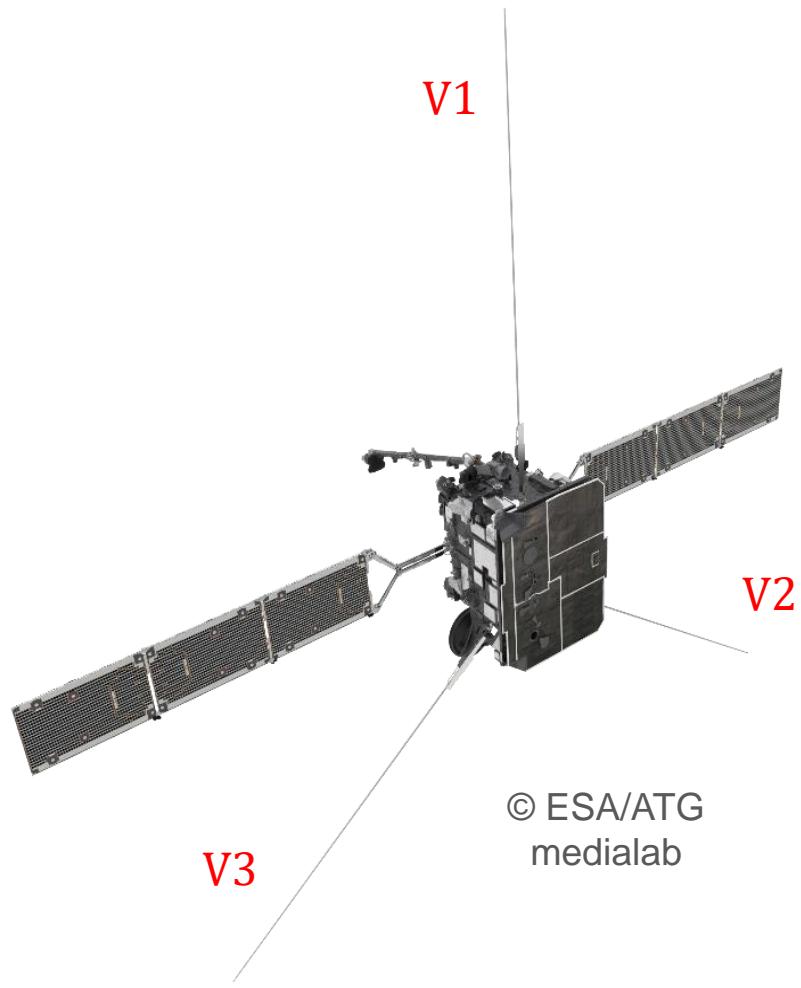
$$\frac{F_{rp}}{F_g} = \beta \neq f(r)$$

$$F_{effective} = (1 - \beta) \cdot F_g$$



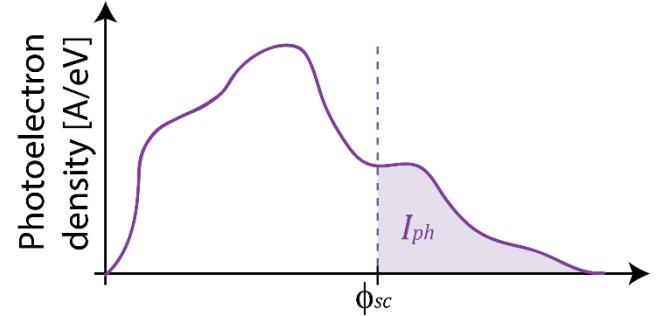
$$v_{escape} = f(\beta)$$

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# RC decay

$$RC_{sc} = C_{sc} \left( \frac{dI}{d\phi_{sc}} \right)^{-1} \approx C_{sc} \left( \frac{dI_{ph}}{d\phi_{sc}} \right)^{-1} \# \phi_{sc}$$



Assuming Boltzmann distribution:

$$\frac{dI_{ph}}{d\phi_{sc}} \Big|_{\phi_{sc}} = \frac{eI_{ph}(\phi_{sc})}{k_B T_{ph}} =^* \frac{eI_e(\phi_{sc})}{k_B T_{ph}}$$

$$I_{ph}^-(\phi_{sc}) \approx I_{SW}^-(\phi_{sc})$$

$$\tau_{sc} = RC_{sc} \approx \frac{C_{sc} k_B T_{ph}}{e^2 n_{SW}^- S v_{th}^-}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C_{sc} \approx 350 \text{ pF} \\ k_B T_{ph} \approx E(\lambda_{UV}) - W \approx 3 \text{ eV} \end{array} \right\} \tau_{sc} \approx 50 \mu\text{s}$$

# Spacecraft currents at $\phi = 0$

$$I_{tot} = I_{SW}^+ - I_{SW}^- + I_{ph}^- + I_{se}$$

$$\textcolor{brown}{S} \approx 30m^2; \textcolor{brown}{S}_{front} \approx 6m^2$$

$$I_{SW}^+ \approx e \textcolor{green}{n}_{SW}^+ (\textcolor{brown}{S}_{front} \textcolor{violet}{v}_{SW} + \textcolor{brown}{S} v_{th}^+)$$

$$n_{SW}^+ \approx n_{SW}^- \approx 10cm^{-3} \approx 10^7 m^{-3}$$

$$I_{SW}^- \approx e \textcolor{green}{n}_{SW}^- (\textcolor{brown}{S}_{front} \textcolor{violet}{v}_{SW} + \textcolor{brown}{S} v_{th}^-)$$

$$\textcolor{violet}{v}_{SW} \approx 400 \text{ km/s}$$

$$I_{ph}^- \approx e \phi_{ph}^{UV} \textcolor{brown}{S}_{front} \textcolor{violet}{Y}$$

$$v_{th}^+ \approx 15 \text{ km/s}$$

$$v_{th}^- \approx 600 \text{ km/s}$$

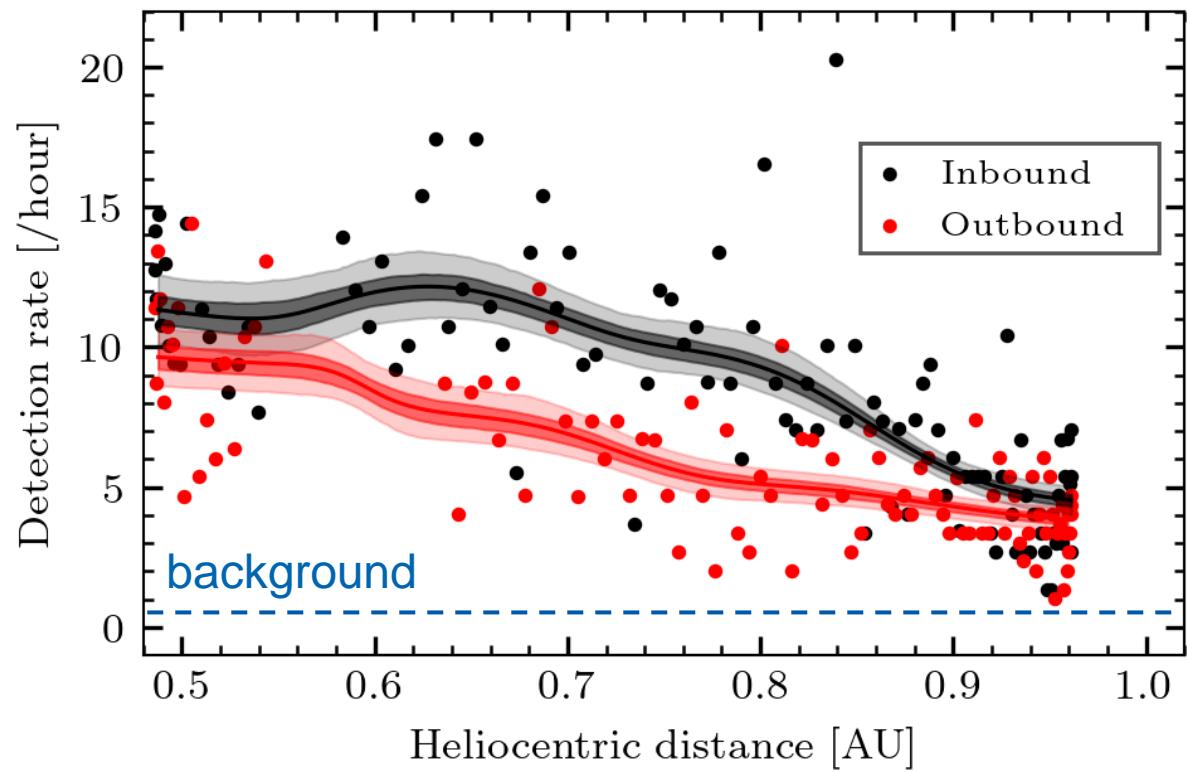
$$v_{\oplus} \approx 30 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\phi_{ph}^{UV} \approx 4 \cdot 10^{14} m^{-2}s^{-1}$$

$$\textcolor{violet}{Y} \approx 1$$

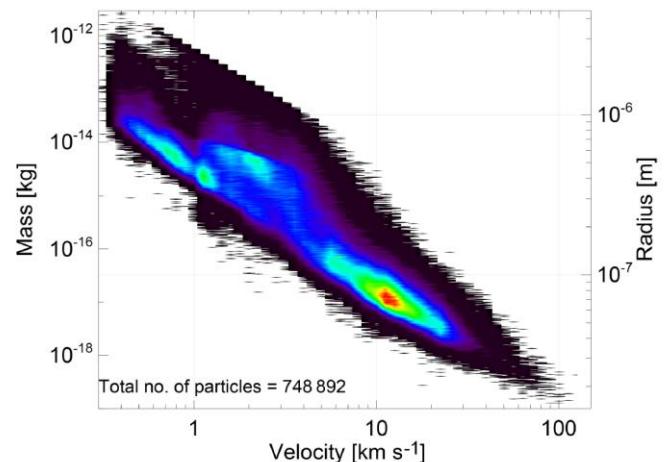
# Detection rate – inbound and outbound

- Hypothesis: dust is moving outward
  - $R \sim v_{rel} = |v_{Solo} - v_{dust}|$
- Non-parametric regression
  - Bootstrap
- Background?

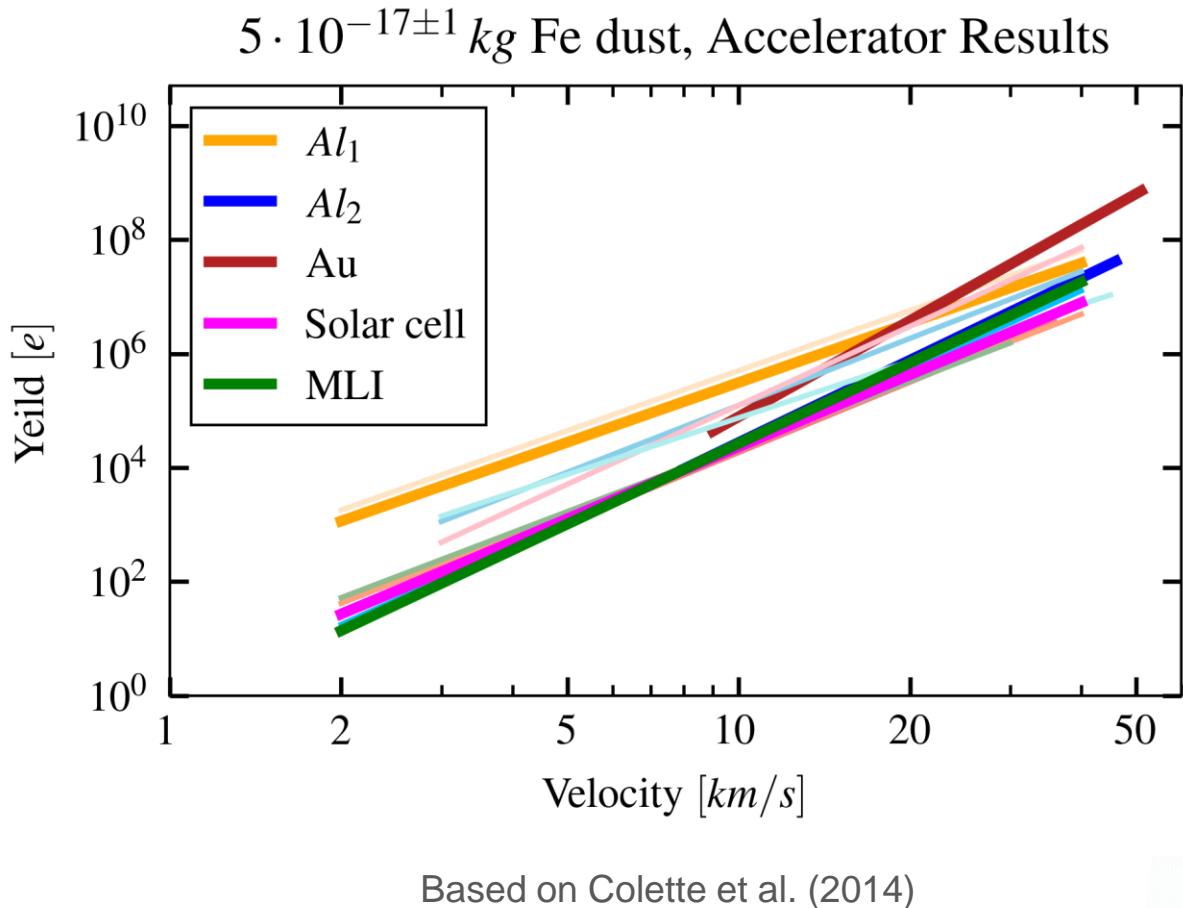


# Charge yield

- $Q \propto m v^4$ 
  - Ionization degree  $\nearrow v$
- Need to measure charge
- Hard to separate  $m; v$



from Mann et al. (2019)



# Spacecraft floating potential

PLASMA CASE (AU)	Earth	Venus	Mercury	Aph	Mercury	Peri	SO peri	SP+ 1st	Peri	0,11 UA	SP+ Sci ops	0,067 UA	SP+ Last	Peri
	1	0,72	0,46	0,3	0,25	0,162	0,11	0,093	0,067	0,044				
<b>CURRENTS on SC (A)</b>														
Thermal electrons net	-2,55E-05	-4,98E-05	-1,30E-04	-2,68E-04	-4,76E-04	-9,39E-04	-2,63E-03	-3,78E-03	-6,41E-03	-2,46E-02				
Ions net	1,52E-06	3,08E-06	8,05E-06	2,07E-05	2,93E-05	6,61E-05	1,73E-04	2,37E-04	4,00E-04	1,56E-03				
<b>Photoelectrons</b>														
Collected	-7,89E-05	-1,53E-04	-3,73E-04	-9,00E-04	-1,25E-03	-3,16E-03	-7,01E-03	-9,89E-03	-1,96E-02	-4,52E-02				
Emitted	1,01E-04	1,94E-04	4,75E-04	1,12E-03	1,61E-03	3,83E-03	8,31E-03	1,16E-02	2,24E-02	5,19E-02				
Net	2,17E-05	4,05E-05	1,02E-04	2,17E-04	3,54E-04	6,75E-04	1,30E-03	1,73E-03	2,77E-03	6,75E-03				
<b>2nd electrons</b>														
Collected	-1,19E-05	-2,59E-05	-8,18E-05	-2,11E-04	-3,89E-04	-1,07E-03	-3,16E-03	-5,01E-03	-8,71E-03	-4,62E-02				
Emitted	1,41E-05	3,18E-05	1,02E-04	2,40E-04	4,82E-04	1,26E-03	4,24E-03	6,74E-03	1,29E-02	6,14E-02				
Net	2,27E-06	5,97E-06	1,99E-05	2,86E-05	9,26E-05	1,87E-04	1,08E-03	1,73E-03	4,15E-03	1,52E-02				
<b>All populations</b>														
Collected	-1,15E-04	-2,26E-04	-5,77E-04	-1,36E-03	-2,09E-03	-5,10E-03	-1,26E-02	-1,84E-02	-3,43E-02	-1,14E-01				
Emitted	1,15E-04	2,26E-04	5,77E-04	1,36E-03	2,09E-03	5,08E-03	1,25E-02	1,84E-02	3,53E-02	1,13E-01				
Net	-3,60E-09	-1,75E-07	1,31E-07	-1,55E-06	-2,46E-07	-1,02E-05	-8,67E-05	-7,72E-05	9,09E-04	-1,07E-03				
<b>Recollection (%)</b>														
Photoelectrons	78,44	79,11	78,54	80,59	77,99	82,38	84,39	85,08	87,61	86,99				
2nd electrons	83,97	81,24	80,40	88,09	80,79	85,07	74,59	74,34	67,74	75,24				
<b>POTENTIALS</b>														
Spacecraft (V)	13,53	13,89	13,39	7,91	6,29	5,21	1,22	-0,69	-4,26	-16,23				
Ram min position (m)	NA	NA	NA	3,02	1,66	0,99	0,56	0,44	0,37	0,23				
Wake min position (m)	NA	NA	NA	3,41	2,93	2,16	1,65	1,52	1,13	0,84				
Ram min value (V)	NA	NA	NA	-0,23	-1,13	-2,84	-7,23	-8,88	-13,13	-25,42				
Wake min value (V)	NA	NA	NA	-0,47	-1,07	-3	-7,06	-9,39	-14,01	-31,3				
<b>Potential barriers for secondaries (V)</b>														
Ram	13,53	13,89	13,39	-8,14	-7,42	-8,05	-8,45	-8,19	-8,87	-9,19				
Wake	13,53	13,89	13,39	-8,38	-7,36	-8,21	-8,28	-8,70	-9,75	-15,07				
<b>OTHER VALUES</b>														
Rate 2nd-emission/the-coll	-0,56	-0,64	-0,78	-0,90	-1,01	-1,34	-1,61	-1,78	-2,00	-2,50				
Coll-The/Coll-ALL (%)	22,21	22,01	22,51	19,70	22,78	18,42	20,85	20,48	18,68	21,49				
Coll-2nd/Coll-ALL (%)	10,35	11,44	14,17	15,55	18,62	20,95	25,02	27,17	25,36	40,40				
Coll-photo/Coll-ALL (%)	68,77	67,91	64,71	66,27	60,00	61,92	55,50	53,63	57,13	39,48				

from Guillemant et al. (2013)