

# Measurements campaign aboard the Amerigo Vespucci ship

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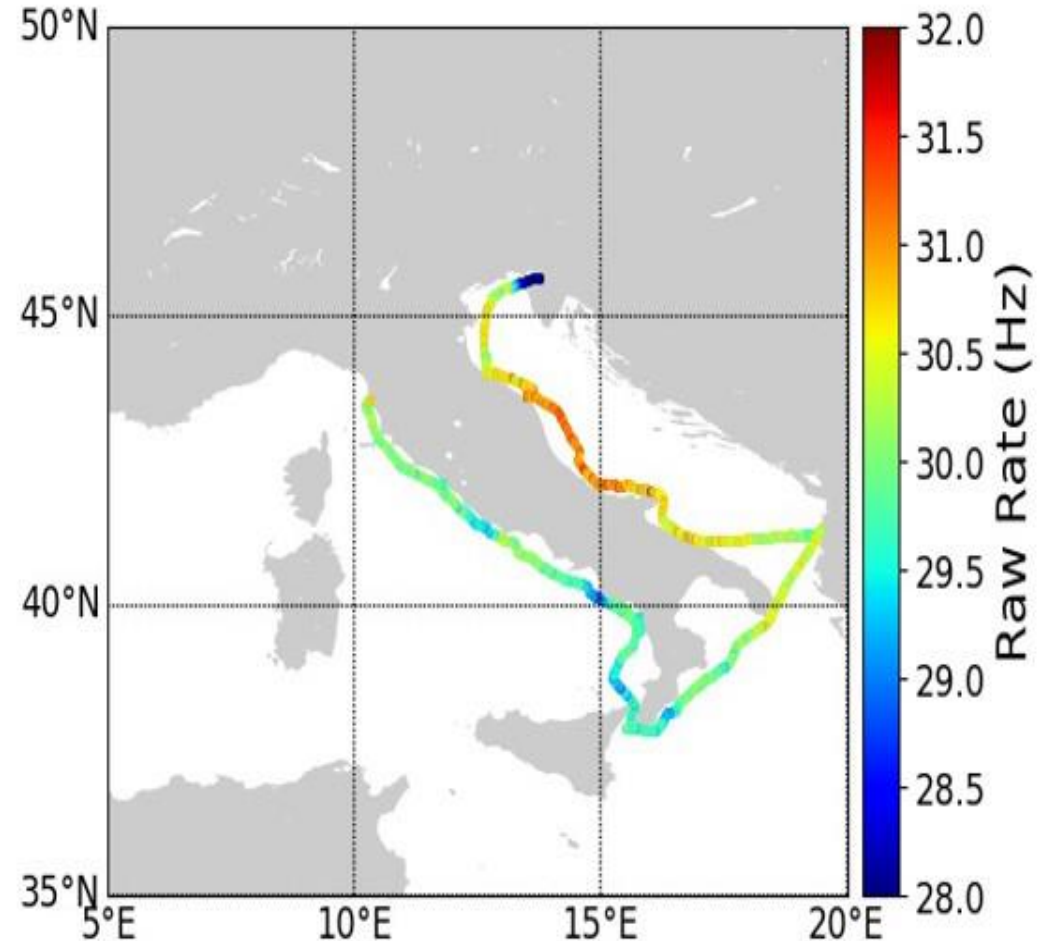
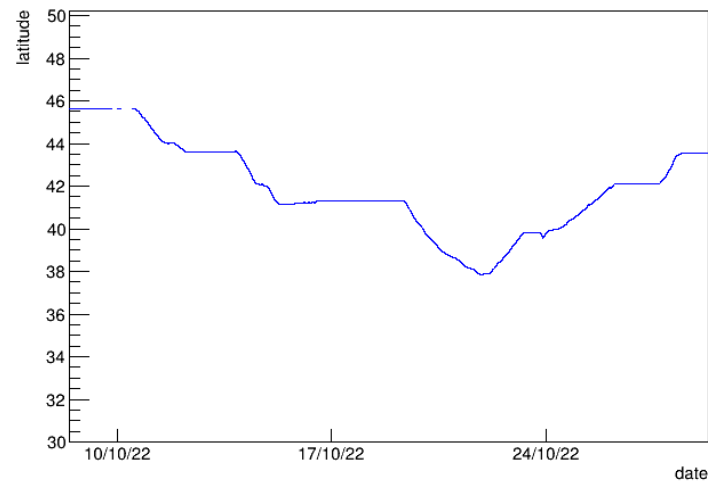
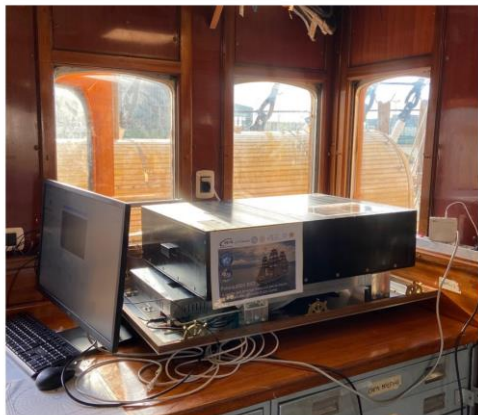
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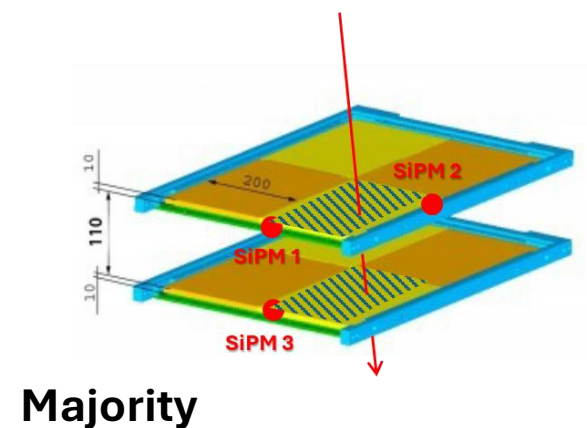
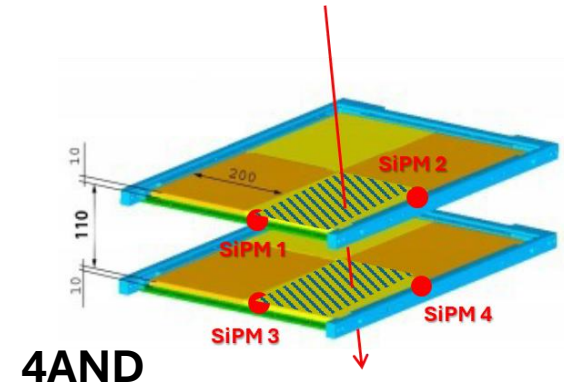
# The trip

- 2022, 8 October: POLA-02 installation in Trieste
- 2022, 29 October: end of the trip in Livorno
- Latitude interval covered: 38° N-46° N
- Minor issues: direct sun light on the detector



# The data set

- Continuous readout (only a short interruption at the beginning)
- Data reduction → Rates evaluated in 1-minute steps (28699 values)
  - rate // rate majority condition + 1 single track
  - rate4c // rate requiring all 4 SiPMs fired + 1 single track
  - ratePair[16] // rate for each pair of plates (majority condition + 1 single track)
  - ratePair4c[16] // rate for each pair of plates (4AND condition + 1 single track)
- **4AND** condition (4 SiPMs fired + 1 single track): rate4c
  - $\text{rate4c} = \sum_{i=0}^{15} \text{ratePair4c}[i]$
- **Majority** condition (3 out of 4 SiPMs fired + 1 single track): rate
  - $\text{rate} = \sum_{i=0}^{15} \text{ratePair}[i]$
- Rates corrected for barometric effect and efficiency



# Update of the analysis

1. Selection criteria
2. Order of corrections
  - Barometric effect, efficiency → efficiency, barometric effect
3. Results compared to POLA-01 published data
  - [Eur. Phys. J. C \(2023\) 83:293](#)
4. Estimation of the normalization factor

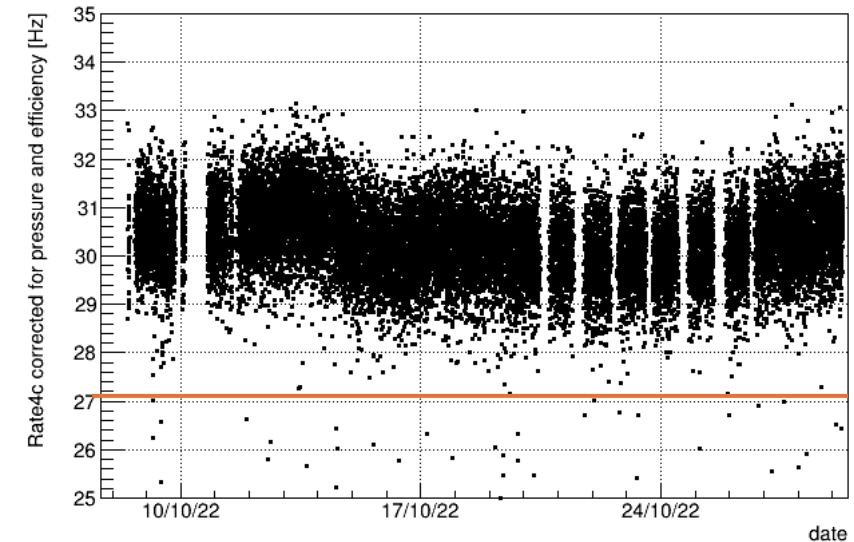
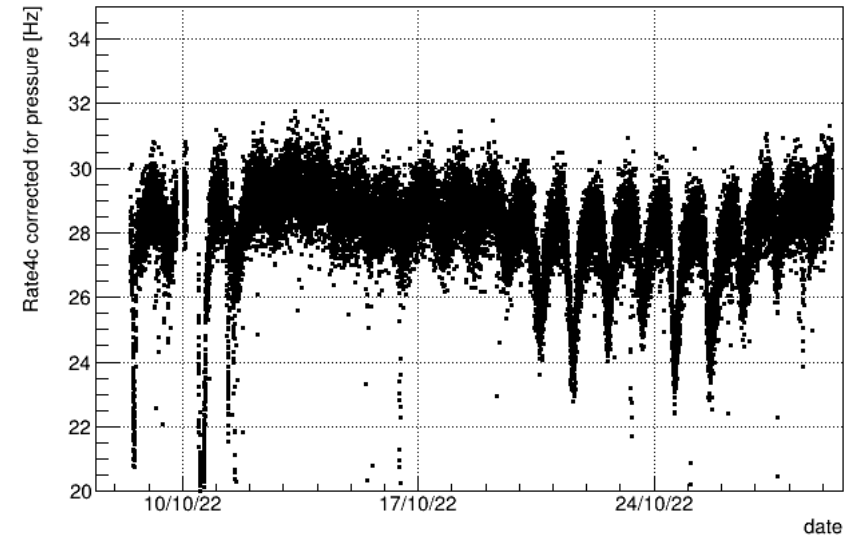
# 1. Selection criteria

- status = 0
- pres > 800 && < 1100
- temp AND temp2 > 15 && < 40
- rate > 10
- (rate - rate4c)/rate < 0.1
- Efficiency[ipair] > 0.2
- **corrRate4c > 15 → corrRate4c > 27**
- **rate4c/corrRate4c > 0.95 → removed**

Total number of rejected measures:

8048/28699 (**28%**) → 4872/28699 (**17%**)

→ Statistical uncertainties reduced



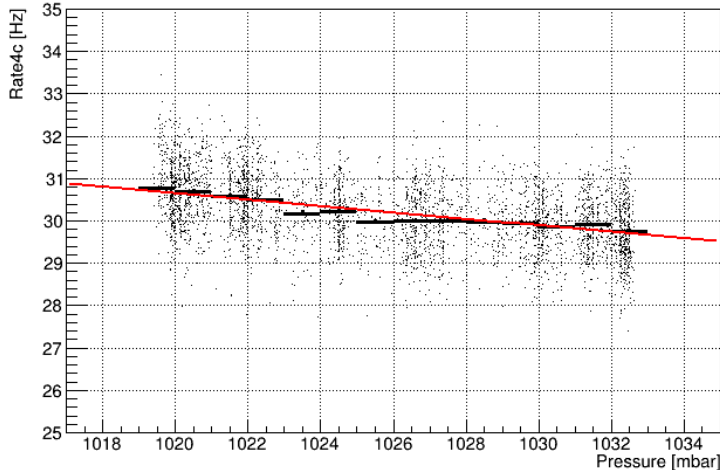
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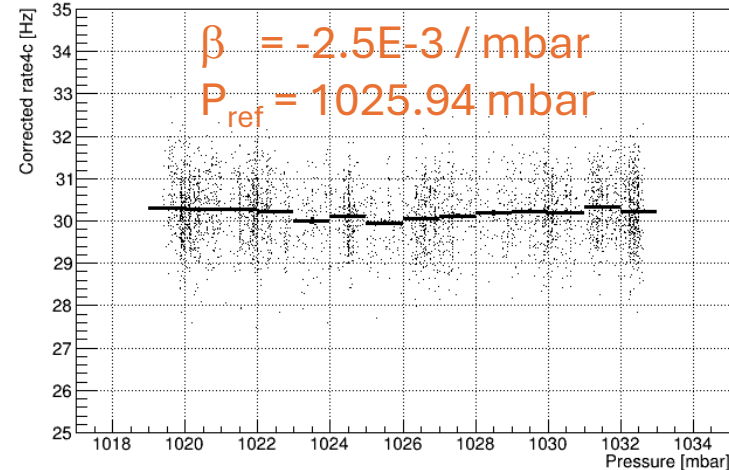
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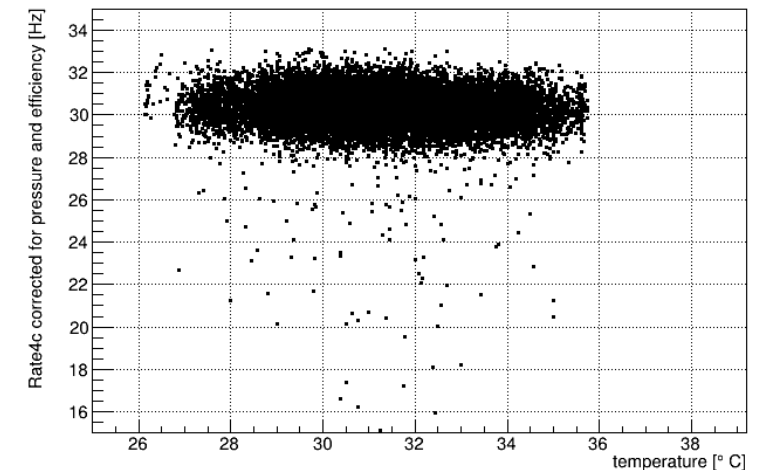
NOW: efficiency, barometric effect



Rate4c corrected for efficiency VS pressure



Rate4c corrected for efficiency and barometric effect VS pressure



Rate4c corrected for efficiency and barometric effect VS temperature

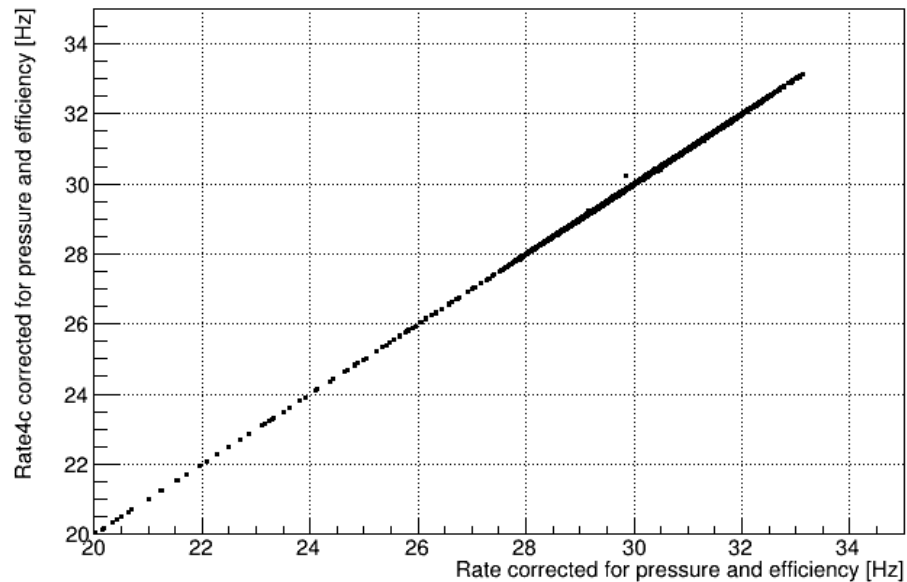
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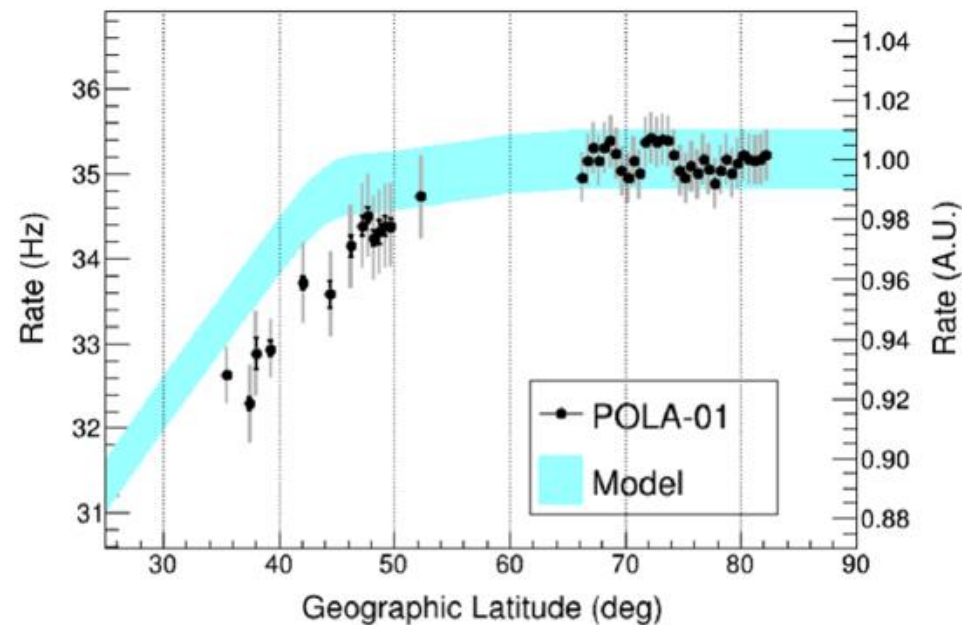


Rate4c VS Rate (both corrected for efficiency and barometric effect)

→ **No difference between Rate and Rate4c**

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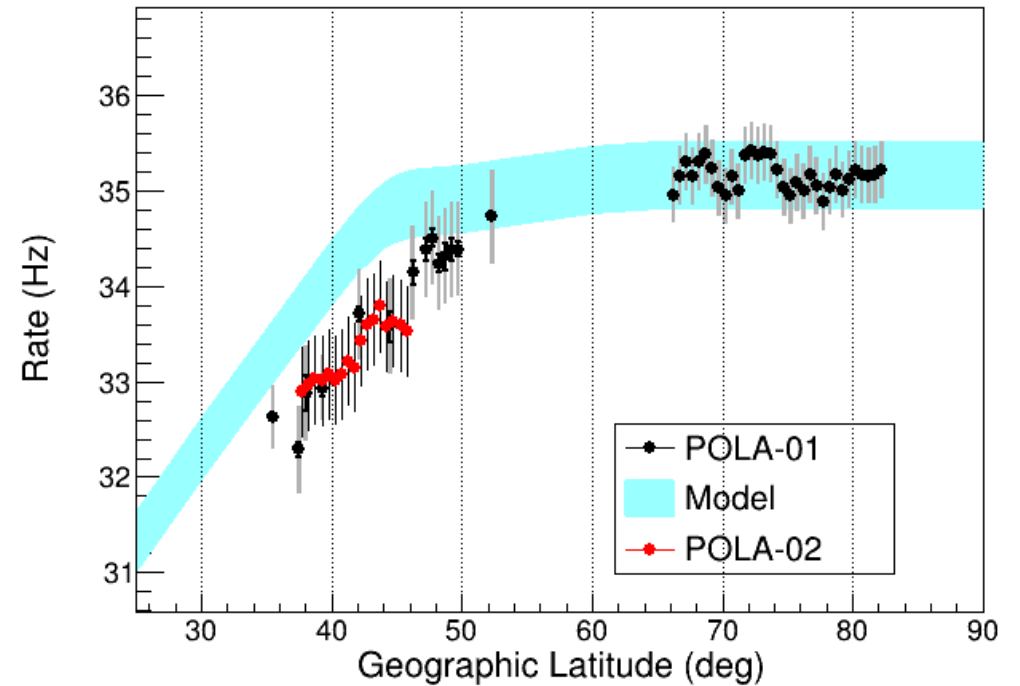
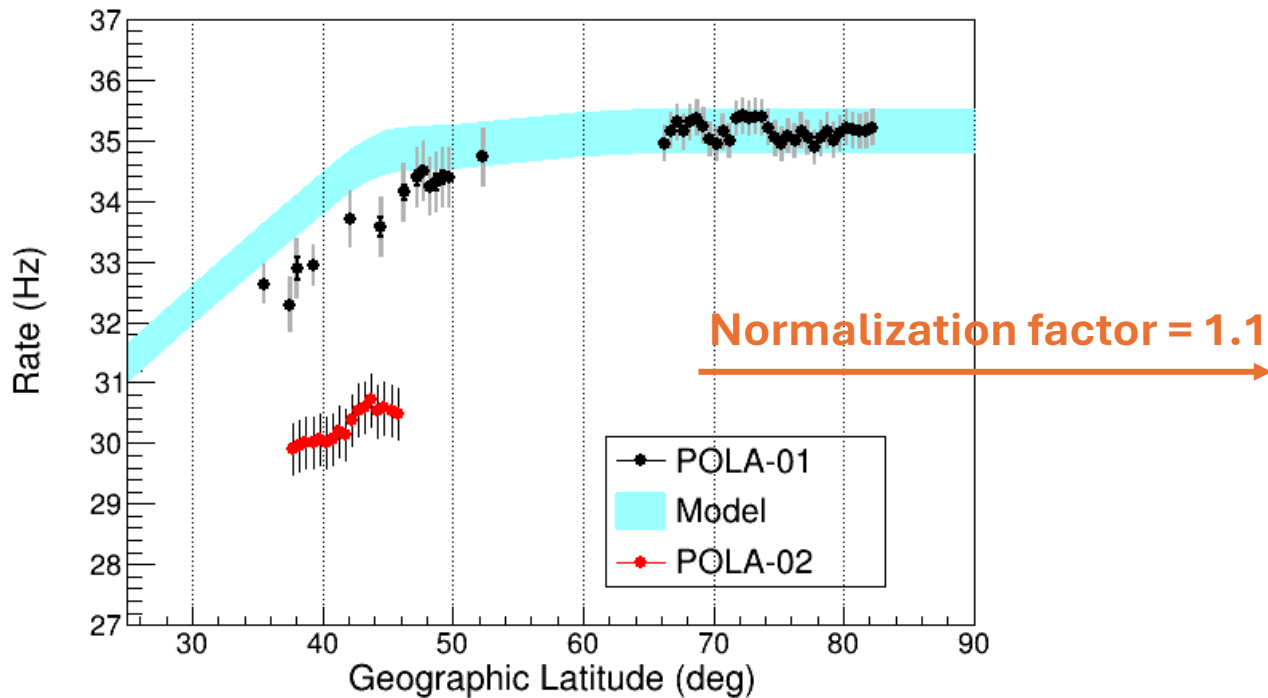
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Systematic error = 1.4% (to be checked)



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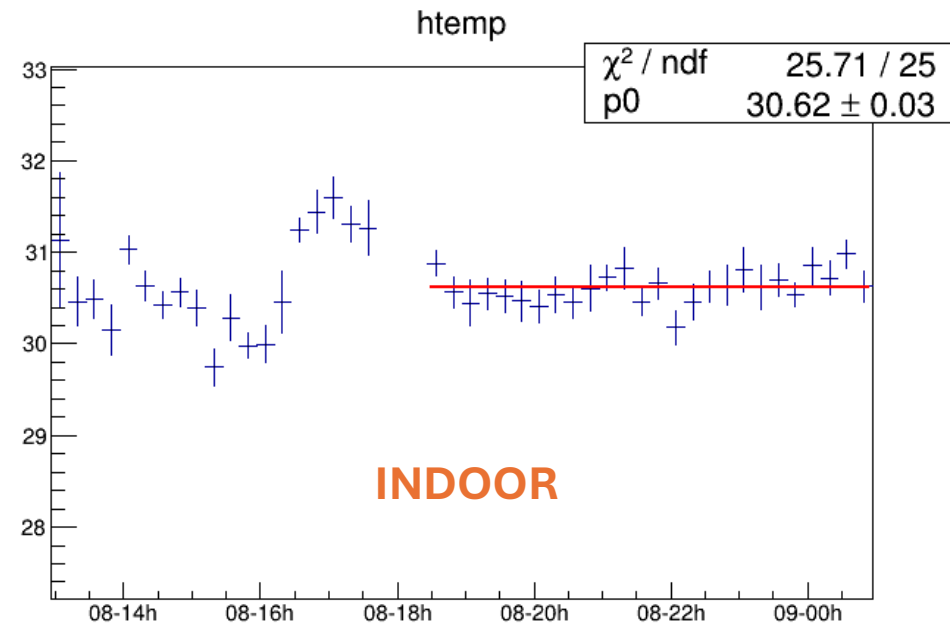
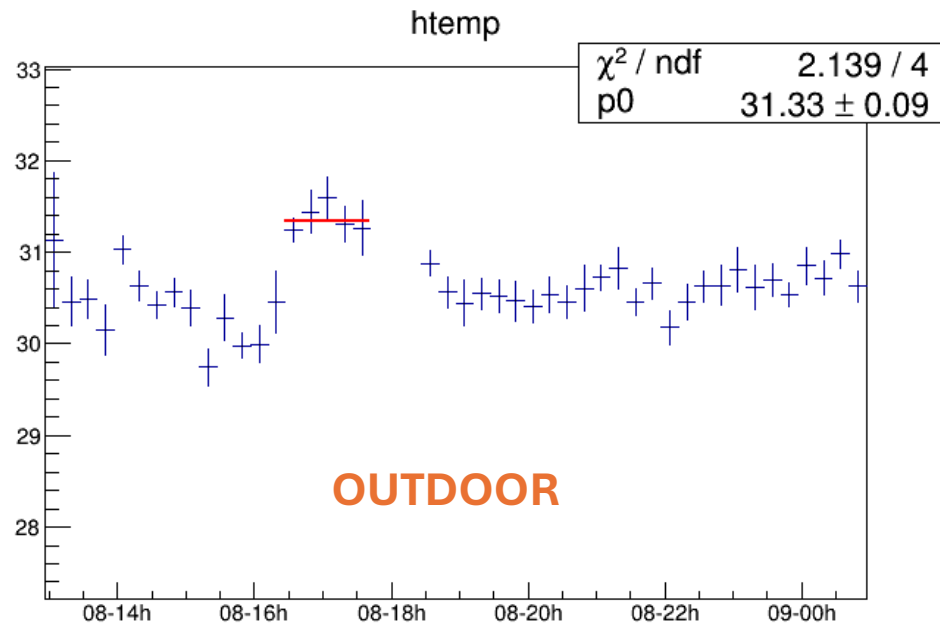
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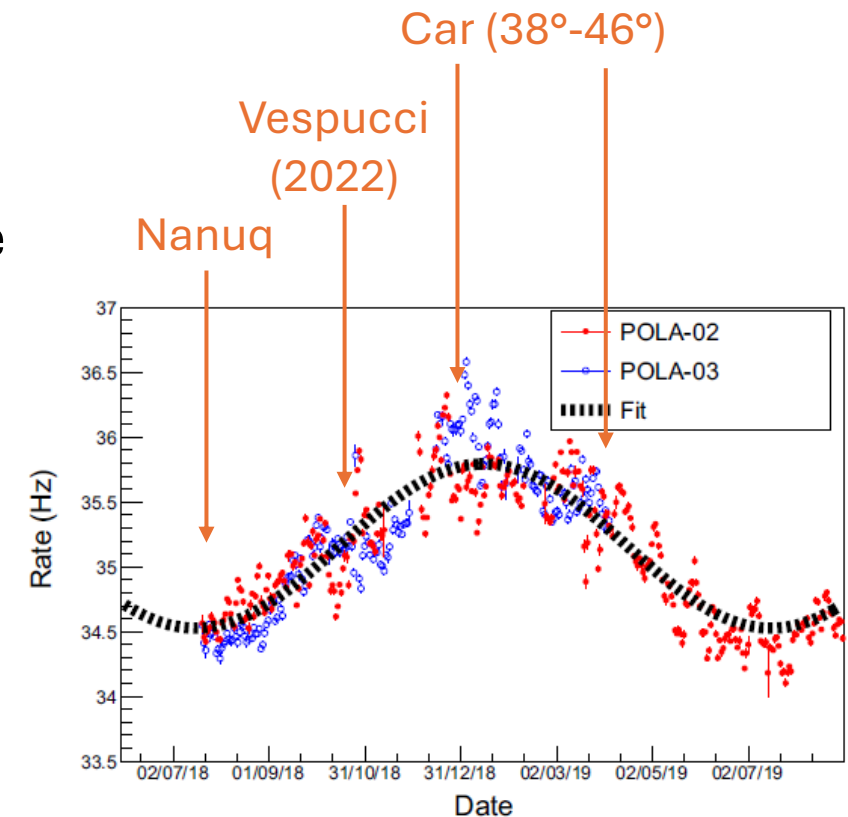
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- Solar cycle effect
- Average pressure

Table 1 List of the locations where POLA-01 took data

Location	Period (day/month/year)	Latitude (°)	Altitude (m)
<i>CERN (Geneva)</i>	26/06/18–28/06/18	46.23	441
<i>Nanuq</i>	21/07/18–05/09/18	66.82	0
<i>Vigna di Valle</i>	27/11/18	42.1	153
<i>Cosenza</i>	04/12/18–05/12/18	39.3	222
<i>Cefalù</i>	06/12/18	38.0	0
<i>Catania</i>	31/01/19	37.5	158
<i>Lampedusa*</i>	07/03/19–08/03/19	35.5	10
<i>Bologna</i>	08/04/19	44.5	81
<i>Bologna-Hannover</i>	10/04/19	44.6–51.0	200–700
<i>Hannover-Frankfurt</i>	11/04/19	52.3	60
<i>Frankfurt-Geneva</i>	12/04/19	50.0–46.0	100–500



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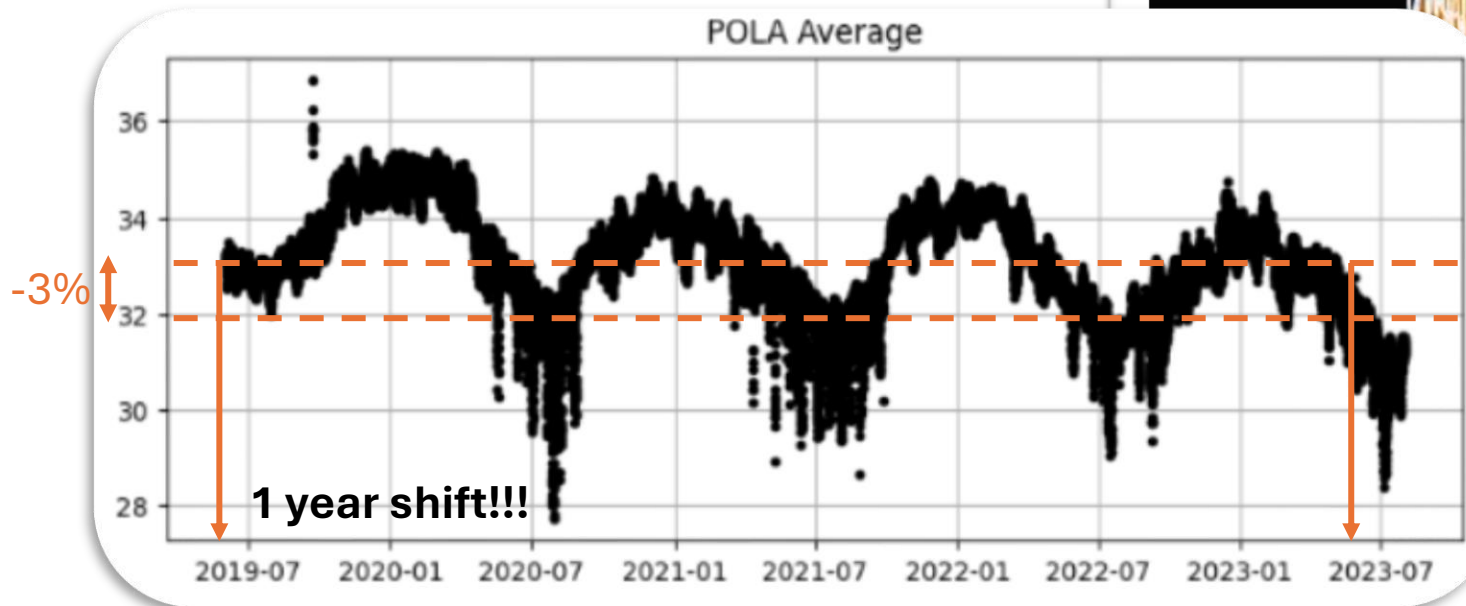
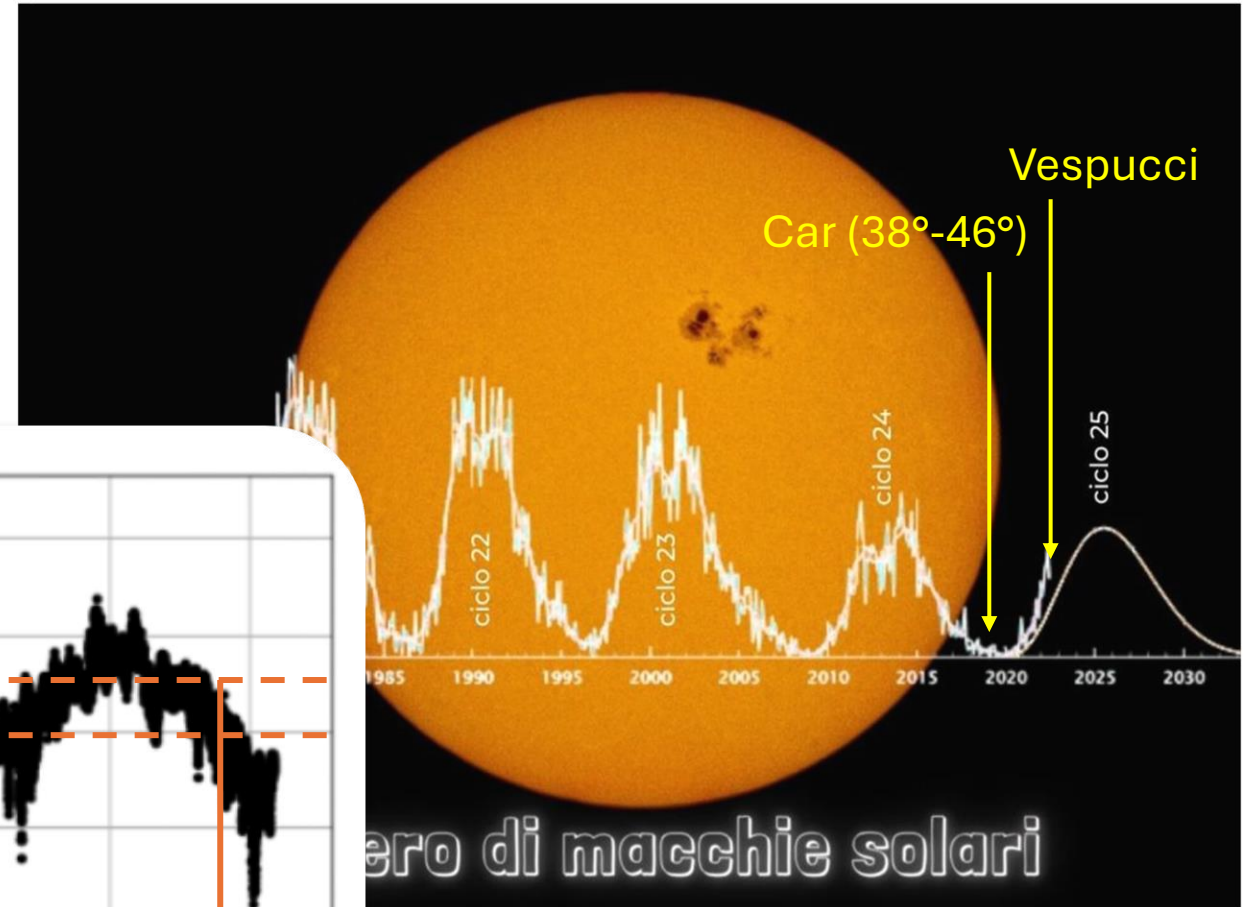
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- **Average pressure**

**POLA-01: 1011.88 mbar**

**POLA-02: 1025.94 mbar**

**$\beta = -2.5E-3$  /mbar**

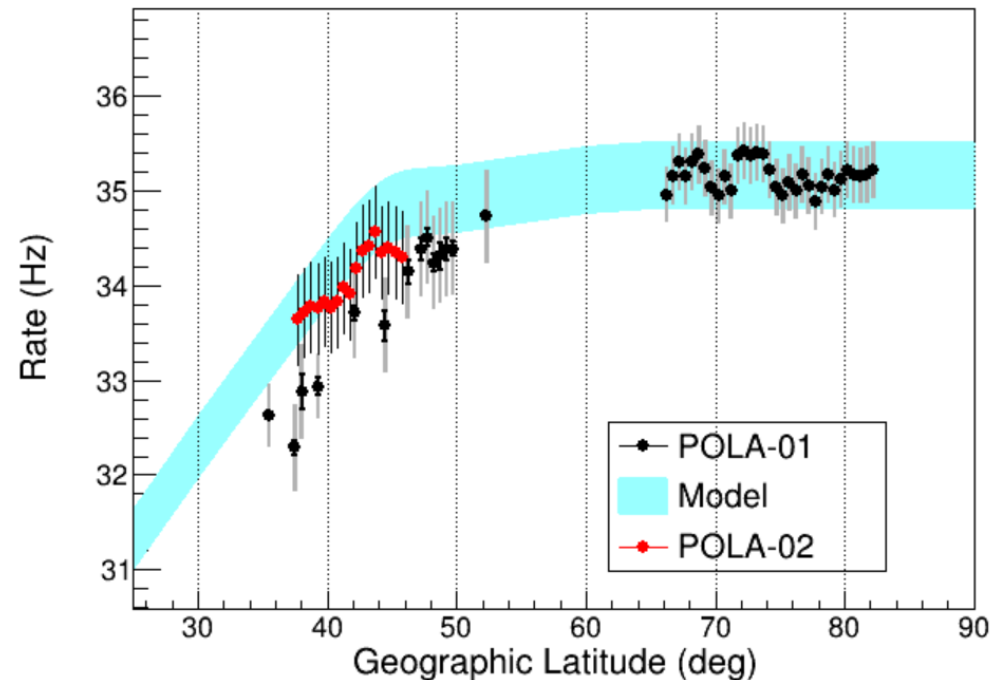
**$\rightarrow \beta \times \Delta P = + 3.5\%$**

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- Average pressure  $\rightarrow \sim +3.5\%$

**Tot. 12.5%**



# Conclusions

- POLA-02 data in agreement (if normalization factor = 1.1), within uncertainties, with POLA-01 published results
- Almost all contributions to the normalization factor can be estimated

## **Next steps:**

- Investigate POLA-02 rate at highest latitudes (plateau)
- Evaluate systematic uncertainties for POLA-02 data
- Plot rate VS vertical geomagnetic cutoff (Fig. 9 in Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83:293)