

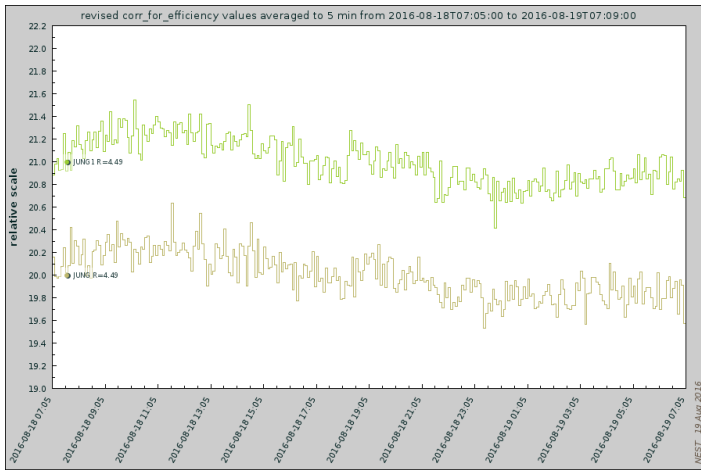
# GLE Analysis Based on NM Data

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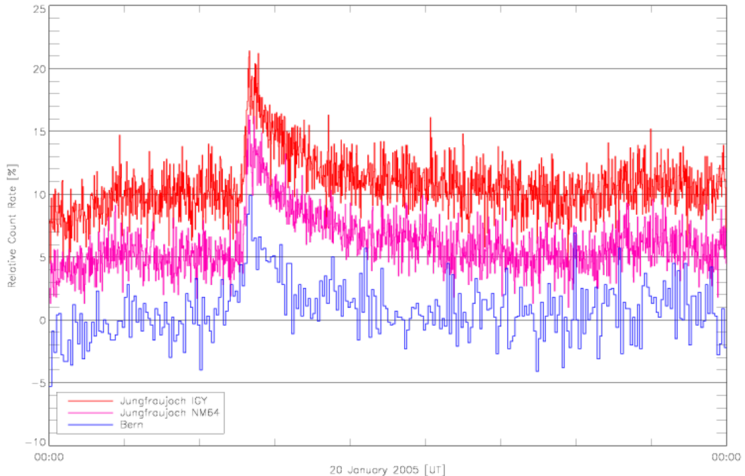
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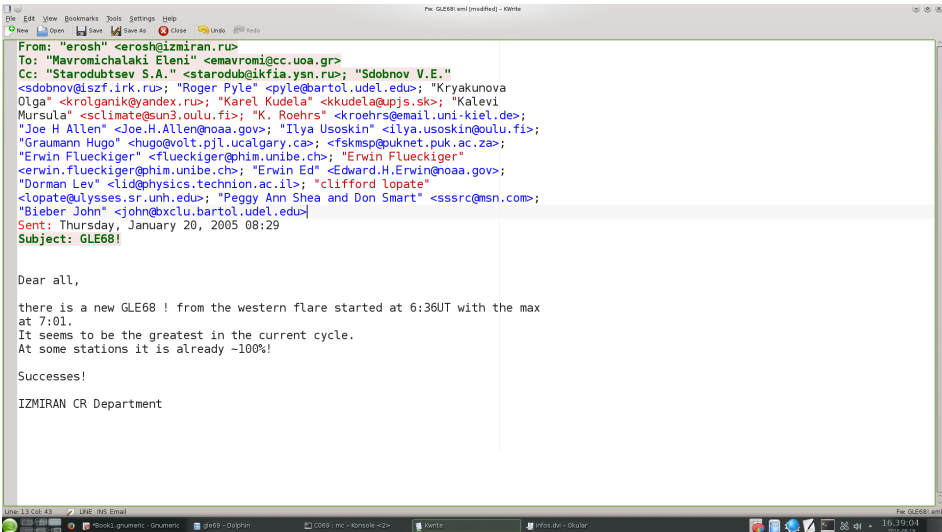
# Measurements by Swiss NMs



Plot made by NMDB application NEST

# Measurements by Swiss NMs on 20 January 2005





## Subject: GLE68!

Dear all,

there is a new GLE68 ! from the western flare started at 6:36UT with the max at 7:01.

It seems to be the greatest in the current cycle.

At some stations it is already ~100%!

Successes!

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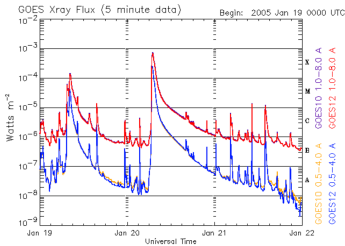
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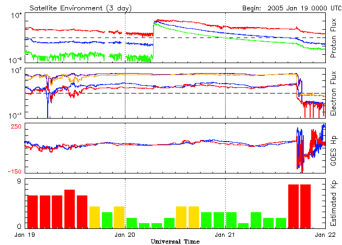
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# Measurements in space around 20 January 2005



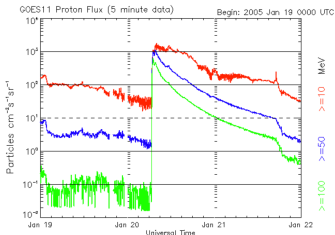
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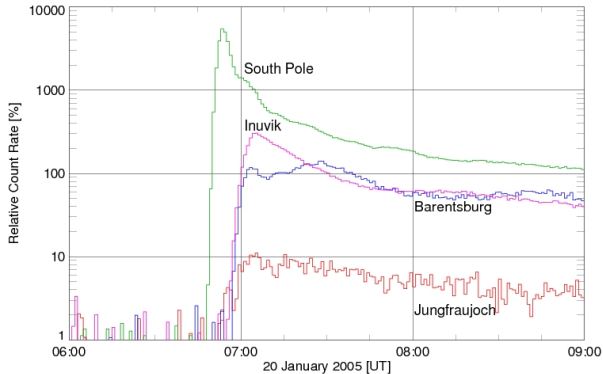
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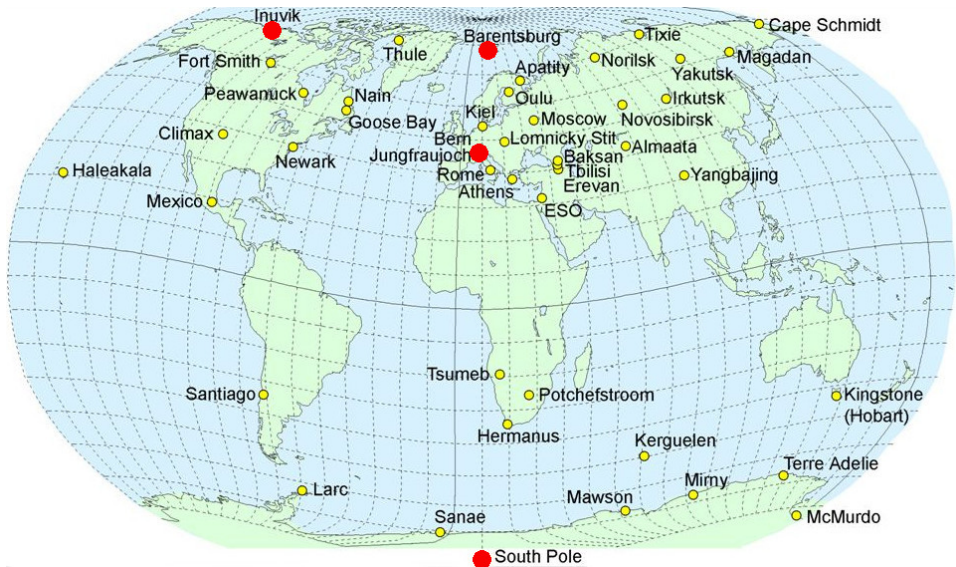
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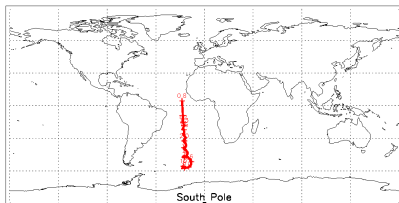
# NM data of worldwide network on 20 January 2005



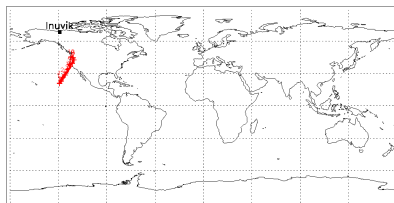
NM stations: Barentsburg, Inuvik, Jungfrauoch, South Pole



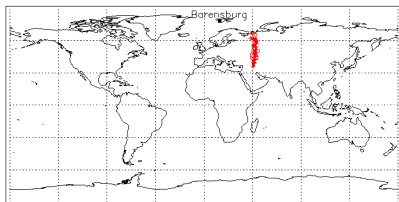
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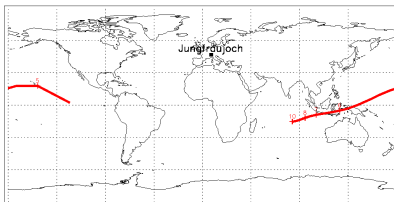
$R_c = 0.0$  GV



$R_c \approx 0.3$  GV

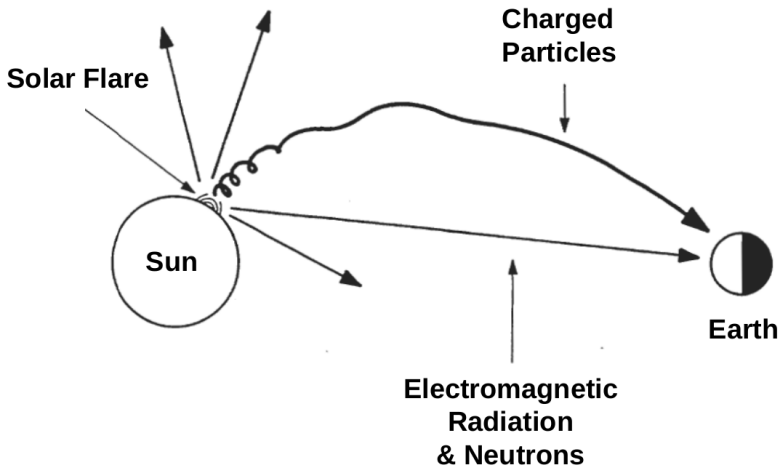


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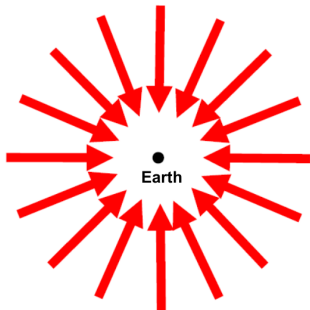
$R_c \approx 4.5$  GV

# Transport from the Sun to the Earth

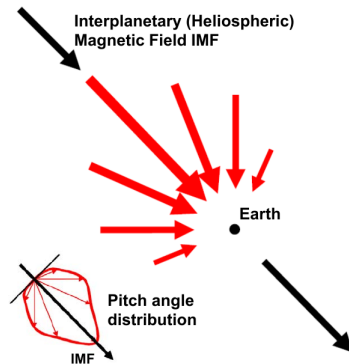


# SCR Anisotropy I

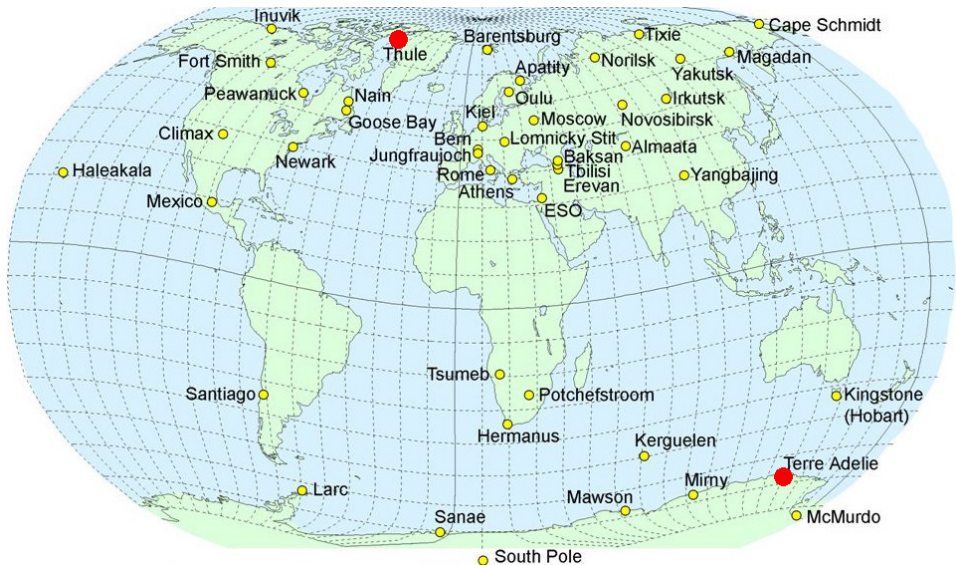
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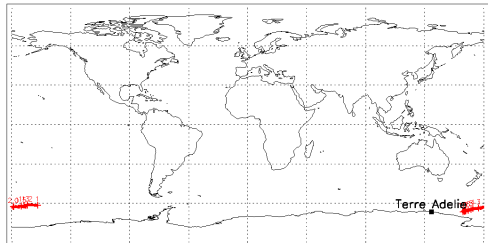
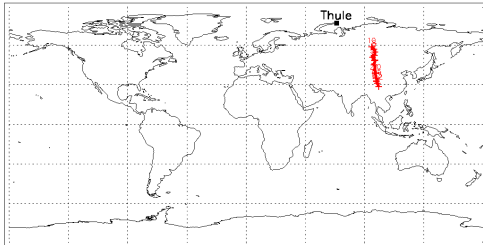
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# Anisotropy of SCR flux III



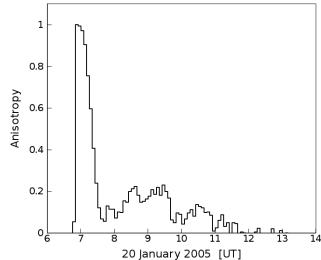
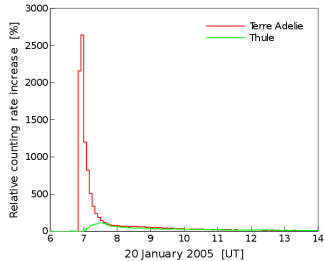
# Anisotropy of SCR flux IV

$$A(t) = \frac{\Delta N_1(t) - \Delta N_2(t)}{\Delta N_1(t) + \Delta N_2(t)}$$

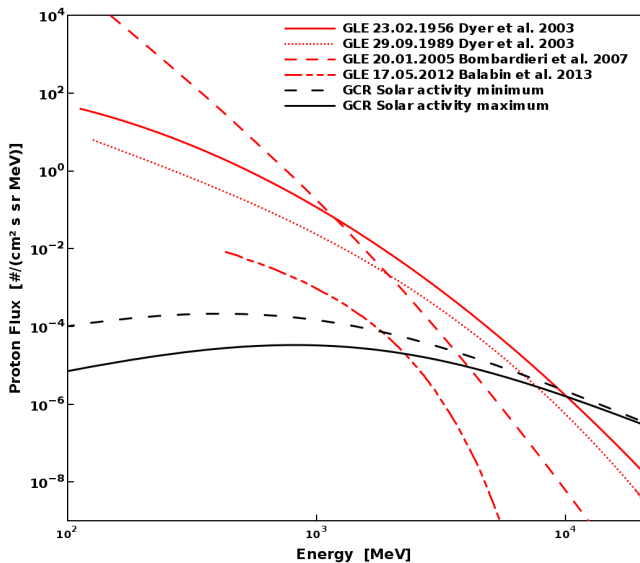
where

$\Delta N_1(t)$  Relative count rate increase of NM station 1 at time  $t$

$\Delta N_2(t)$  Relative count rate increase of NM station 2 at time  $t$

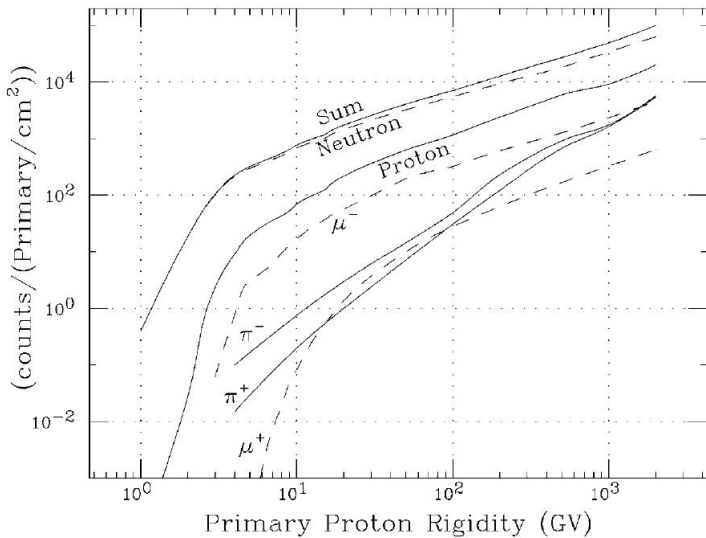


# SCR spectrum



## NM yield function

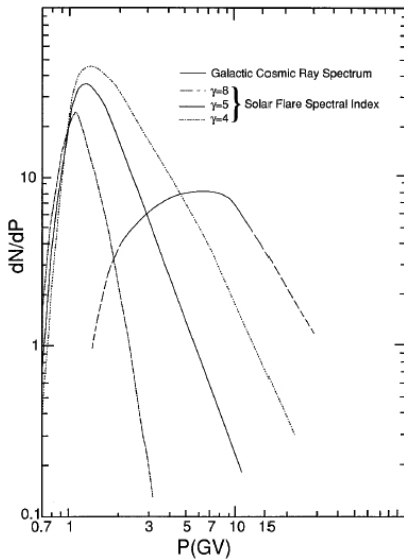
NM-64 Vertical Primary Yield Function



## Count rate of a NM station

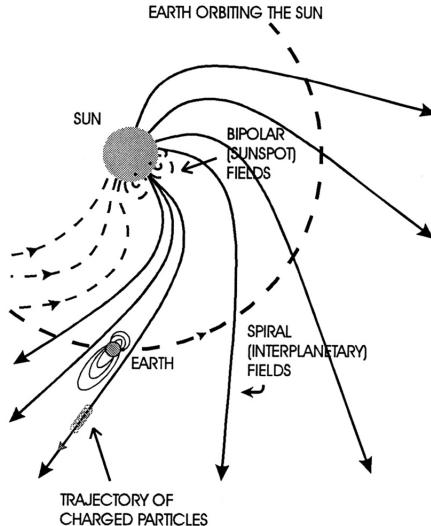
$$N(t) = A \cdot \int_{P_c}^{\infty} S(P, z) \cdot J(P, t) \, dP$$

## NM response



$$I(R) = A \cdot R^{-\gamma}$$

# Incident direction of SCR particles into geomagnetosphere





## Differential rigidity spectrum

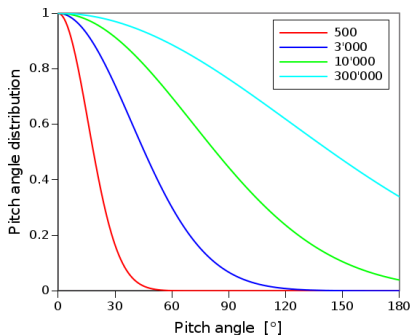
$$I(R, t) = A(t) \cdot R[\text{GV}]^{-(\gamma(t) + \Delta\gamma(t) \cdot (R - 1.0))}$$

where

$A(t)$  is given in  $[\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{GV}^{-1}]$  and

$R$  in  $[\text{GV}]$

# Pitch angle distribution



$$F(\vartheta) = e^{-\frac{\vartheta^2}{F_{par}}}$$

where

$\vartheta$  pitch angle in [°]

$F_{par}$  parameter describing  
the pitch angle distribution

## NM count rate change during GLE

$$\Delta N(t) = \sum_{R_c}^{\infty} S(R) \cdot I(R, t) \cdot F(\delta(R), t) \cdot \Delta R$$

where

$R_c$	effective vertical cutoff rigidity
$S(R)$	yield function
$I(R, t)$	solar particle intensity
$F(\delta(R), t)$	pitch angle distribution of solar particles
$\delta(R)$	angular distance between direction of vertically incident particles at the NM and direction of IMF near Earth

## Determination of SCR characteristics based on NM data

By comparing the calculated,  $\Delta N^{mod}$ , and the measured,  $\Delta N^{meas}$ , of selected NM stations the solar cosmic ray characteristics (spectrum, direction of anisotropy, and pitch angle distribution) can be determined by a trial and error procedure:

$$\sum_i \left( \Delta N_i^{mod} - \Delta N_i^{meas} \right)^2 = \text{minimal}$$

