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Average Solar Wind

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Average Solar Wind

Properties at 1 A.U.

$$v = 400 \text{ km/s}$$

$$n = 5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$T_p = 10^5 \text{ K}$$

$$T_e = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ K}$$

$$B_0 = 5 \text{ nT} \quad \phi_p = A \tan(B_\theta/B_r) = \pi/4$$

$$C_A = B_0 / (4\pi n M)^{1/2} = 50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$C_i = (\tau k T_i / M)^{1/2} = 37 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$p_w = n M v^2 = 10^{-8} \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$$

$$p_i = n k T_i = 0.67 \times 10^{-10} \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$$

$$p_e = n k T_e = 1.33 \times 10^{-10} \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$$

$$p = p_i + p_e = 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$$

$$p_B = B_0^2 / 8\pi = 10^{-10} \text{ dyn cm}^{-2}$$

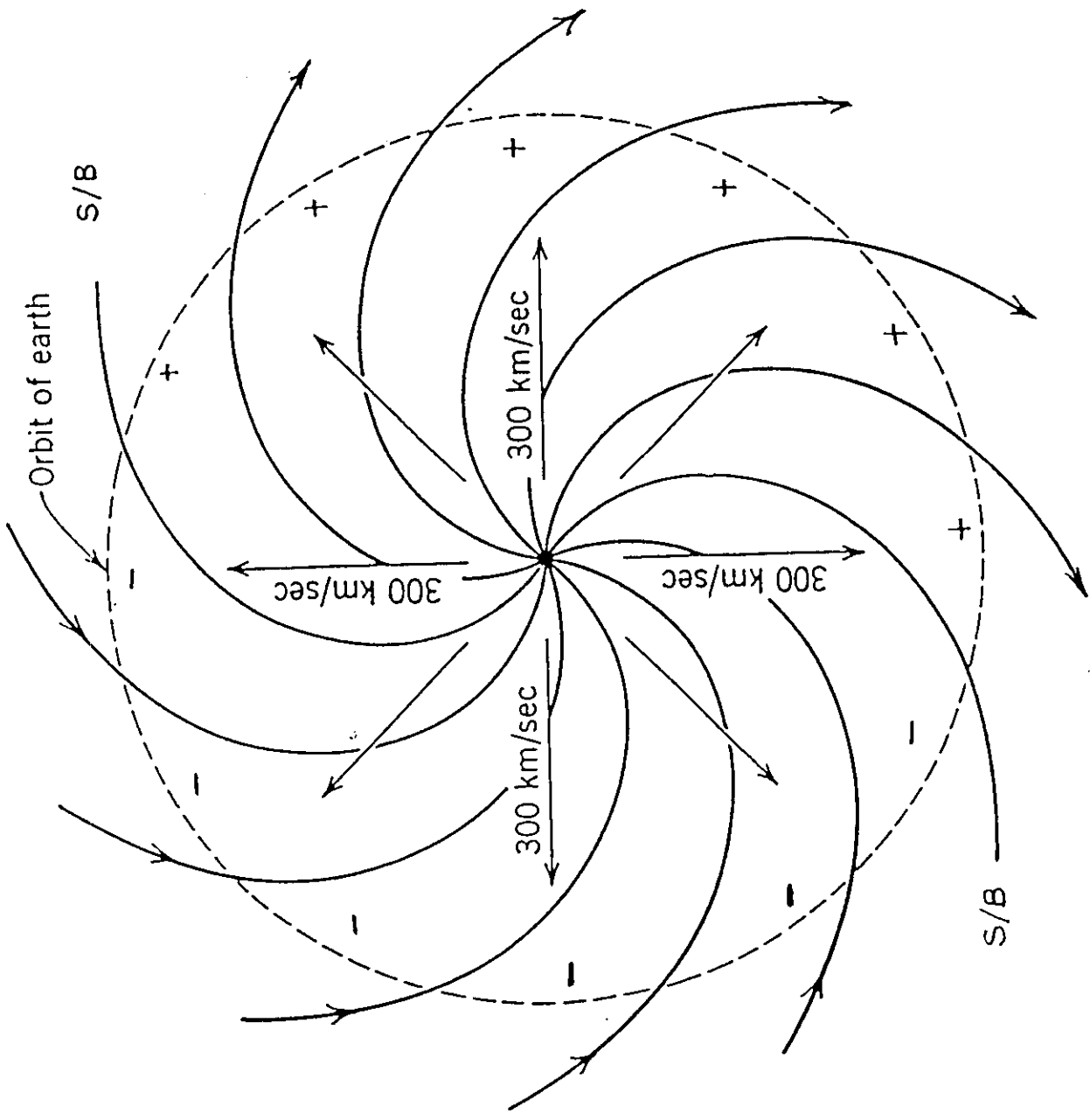
$$\beta = p / p_B = 2$$

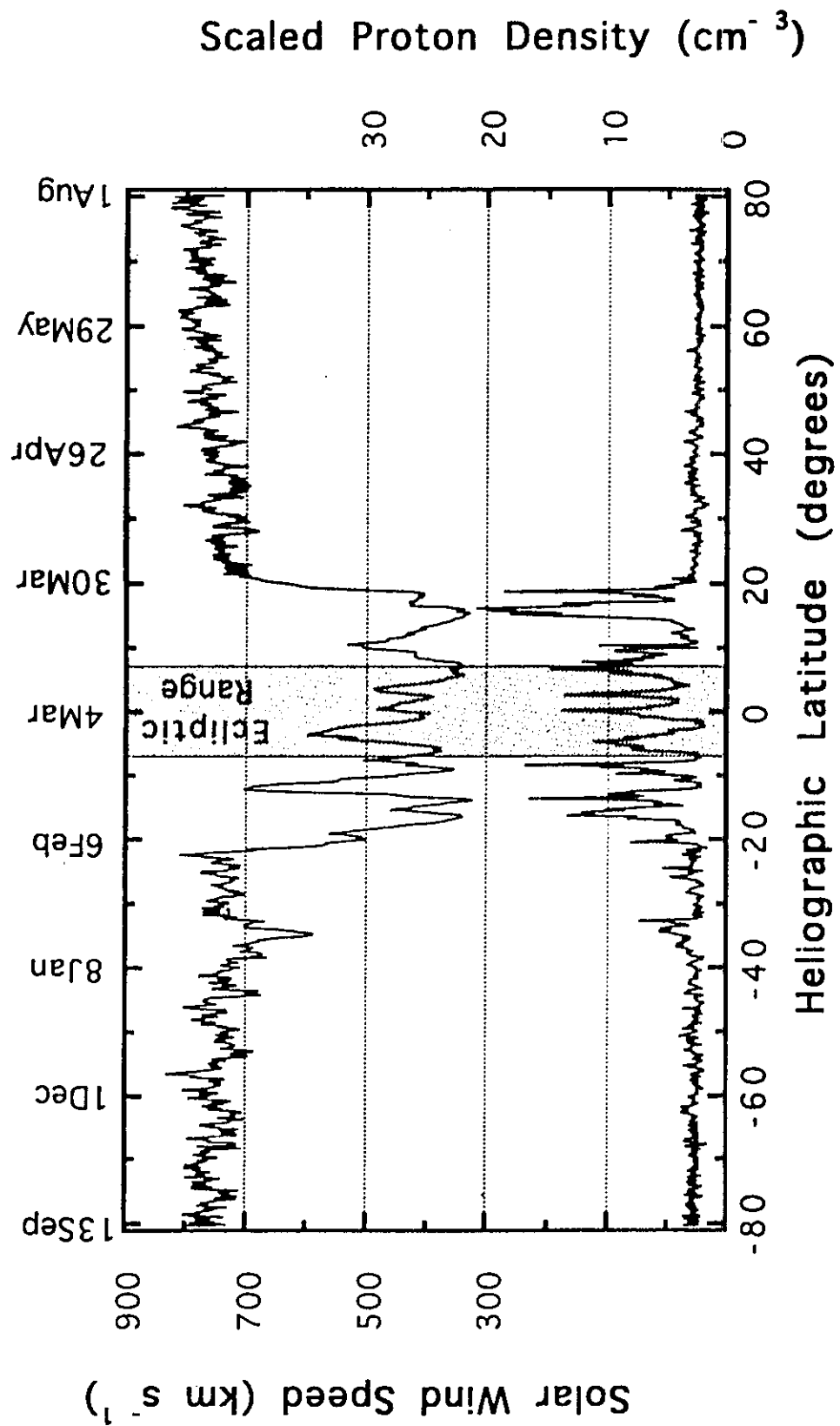
$$B^2 = B_0^2 + (SB)^2 = 2 B_0^2$$

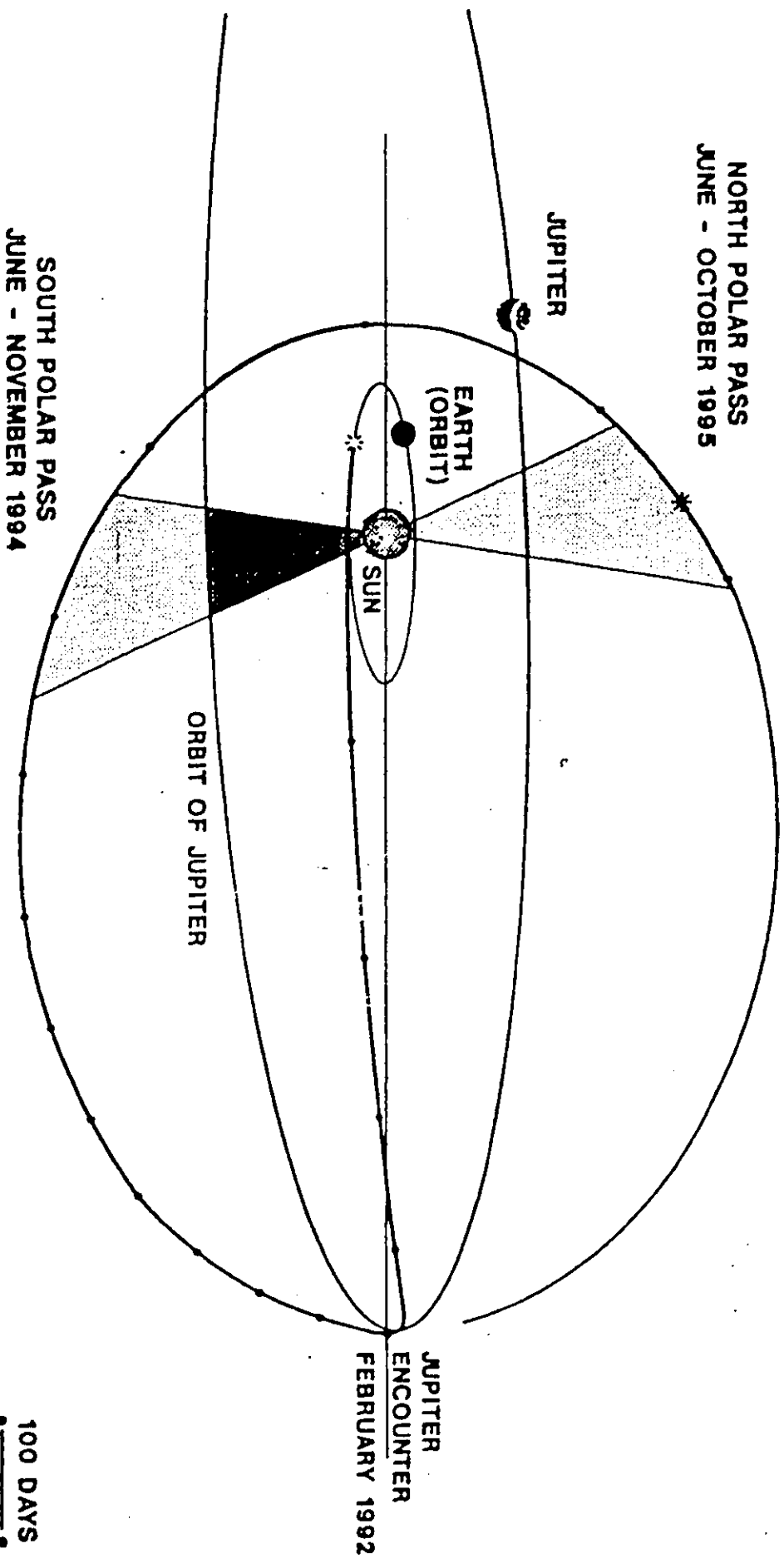
$$\beta_w \approx 1$$

HELIOSPHERIC CONSTITUENTS OF SOLAR OR INTERNAL ORIGIN

- Solar wind
 - Protons, electrons, heavy ions
- Magnetic fields
- Plasma waves
- Solar radio waves
- Solar energetic particles
- Solar x-rays
- Energetic particles accelerated inside the heliosphere
 - Energetic storm particles
 - Anomalous cosmic rays
- Dust



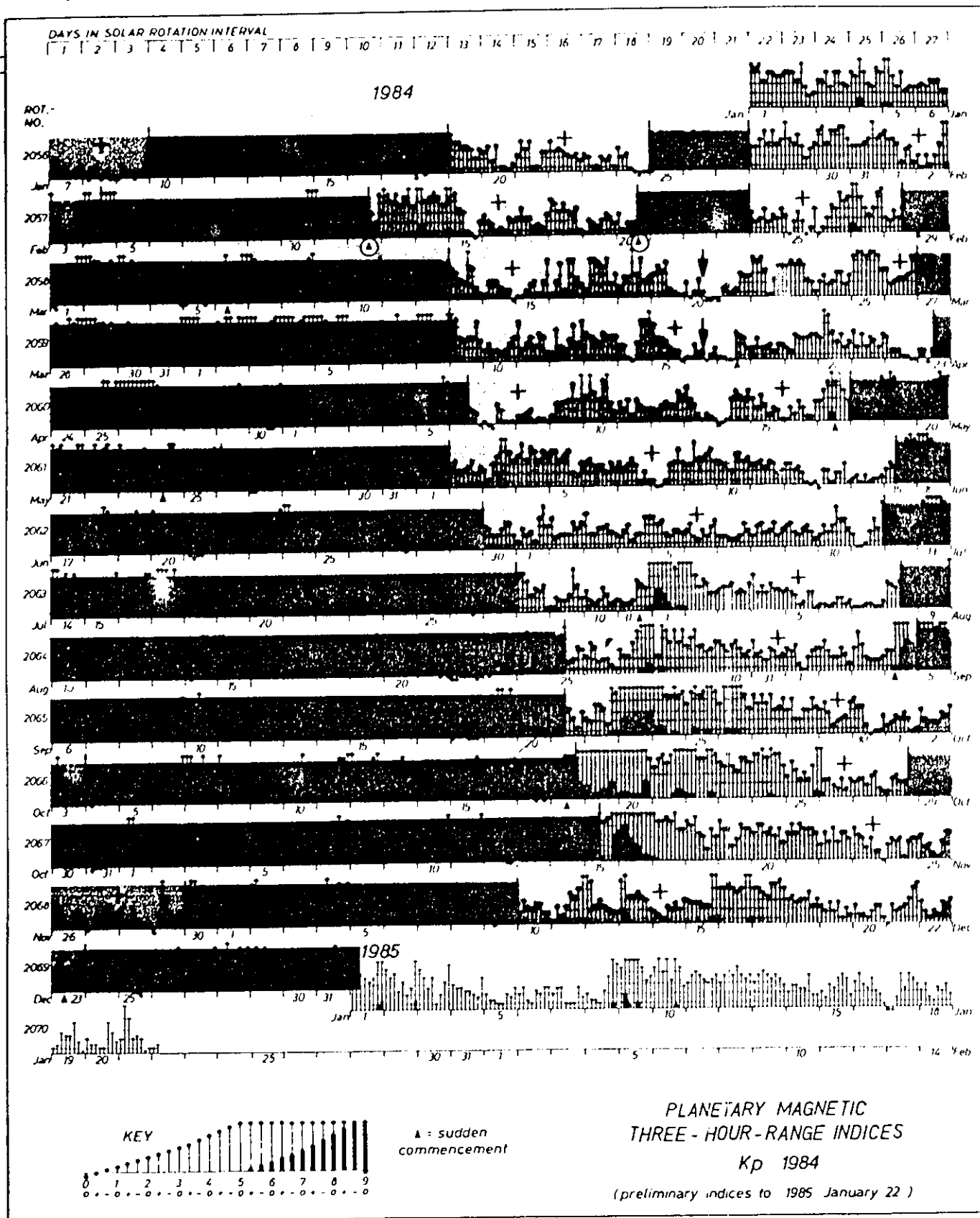


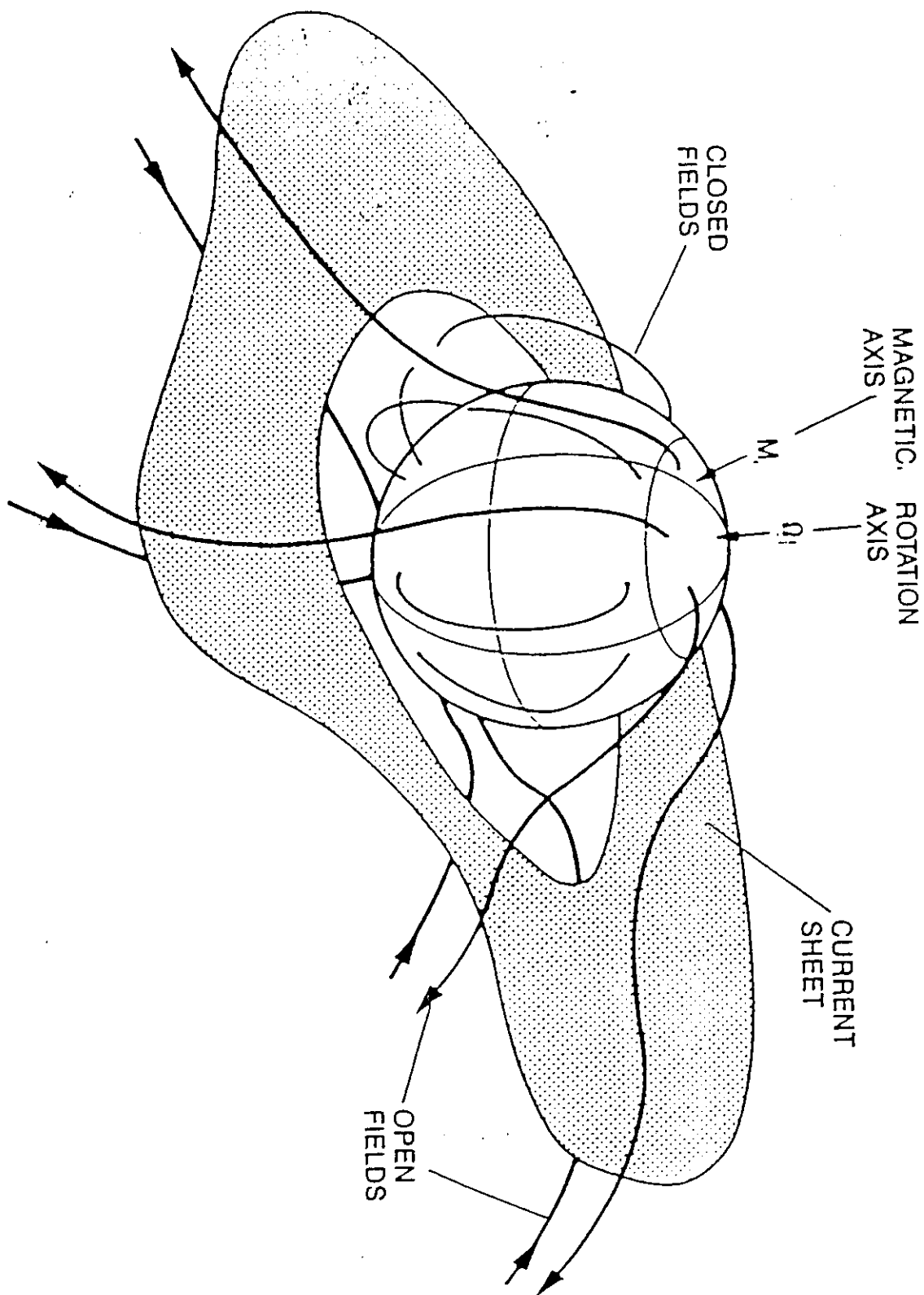


PLANETARY 3-HOUR-RANGE INDICES (Kp) BY 27-DAY SOLAR ROTATION INTERVAL

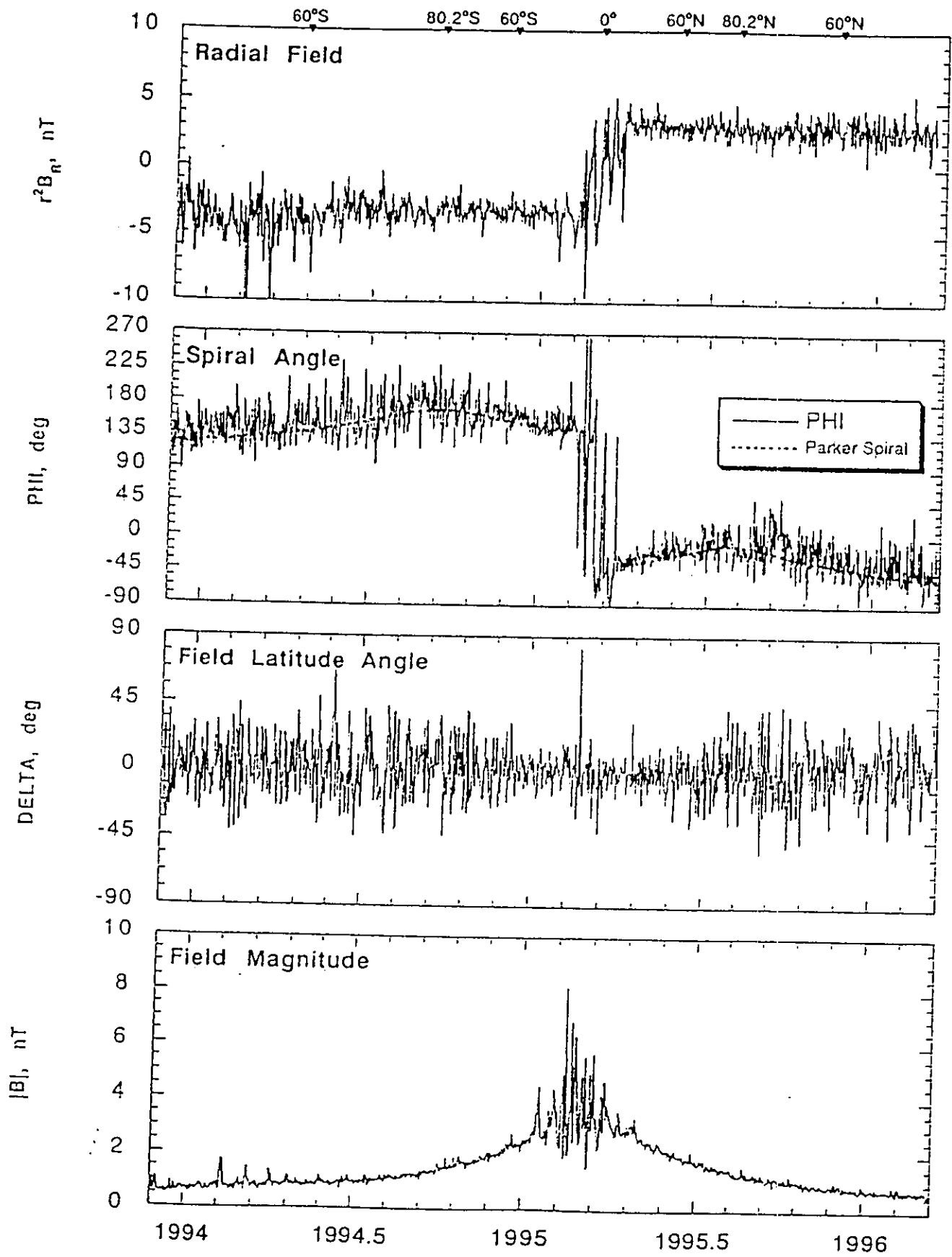
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Kp through December 31, 1984

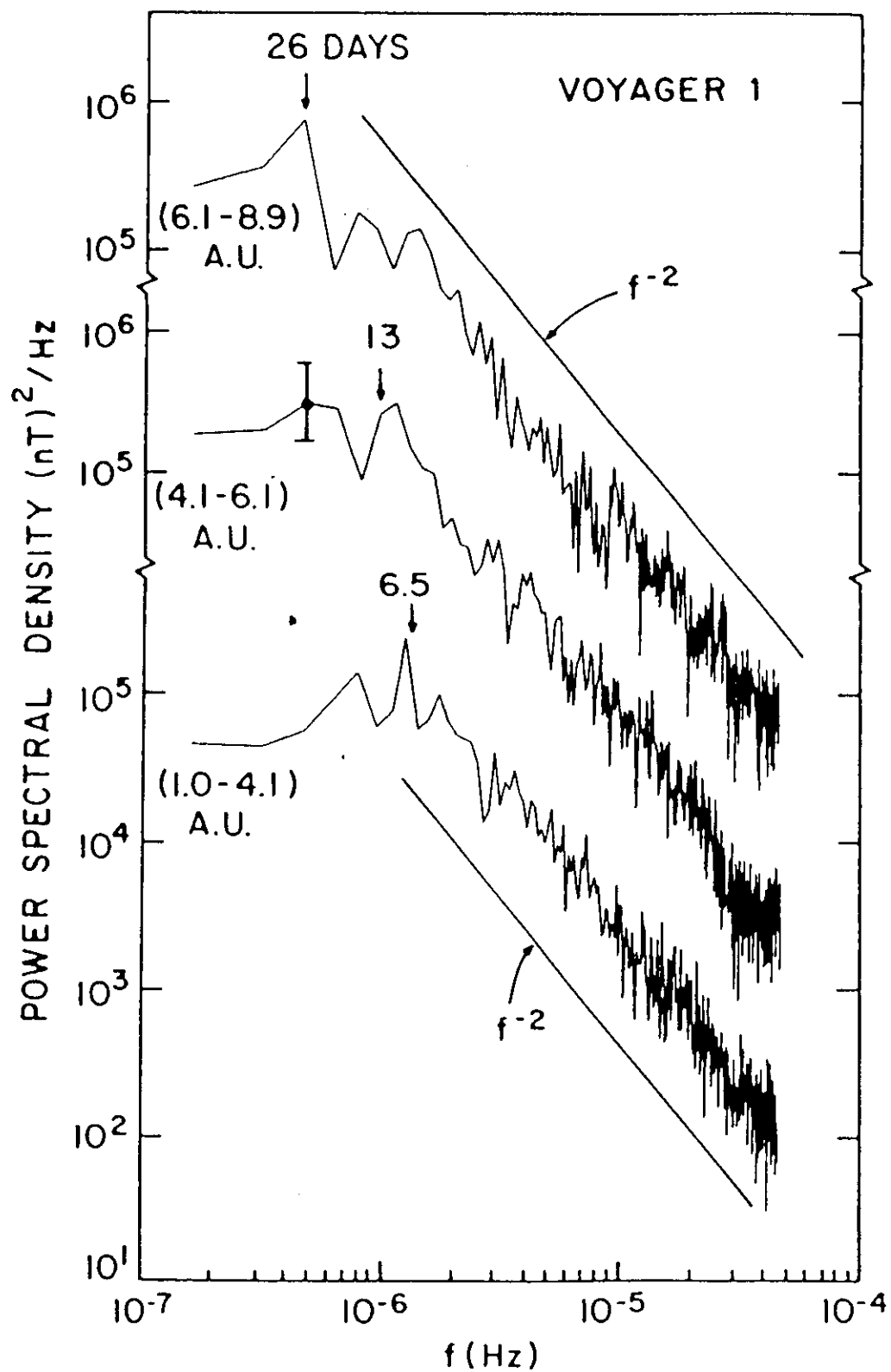




ULYSSES Pole-to-Pole (Magnetic Field)



MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH FLUCTUATIONS



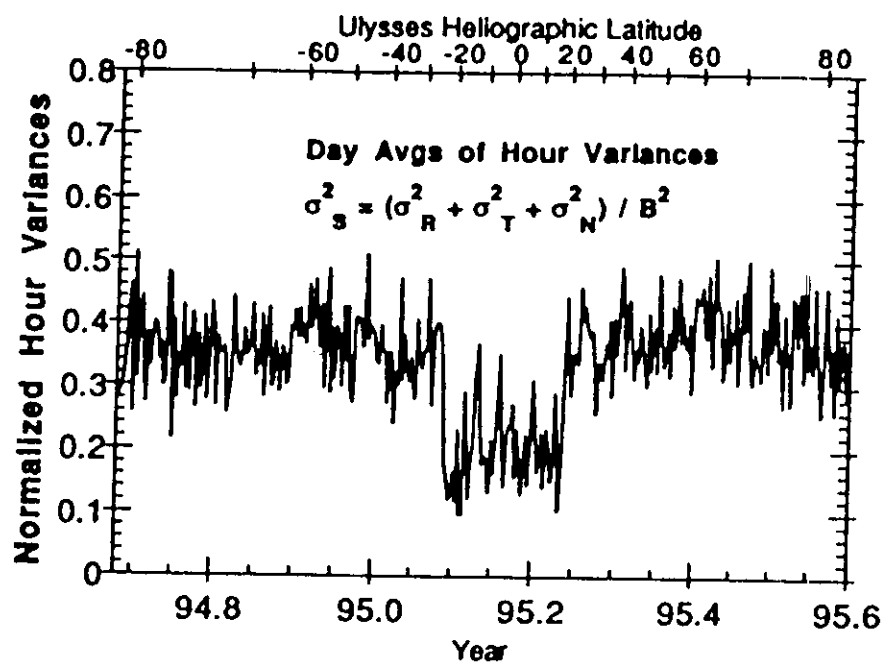


Figure 1

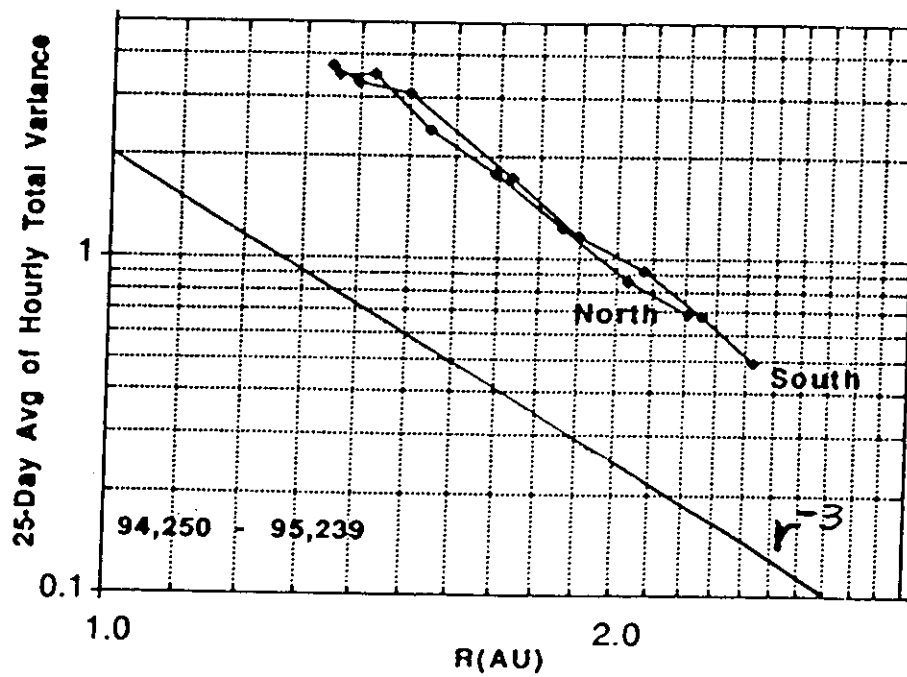
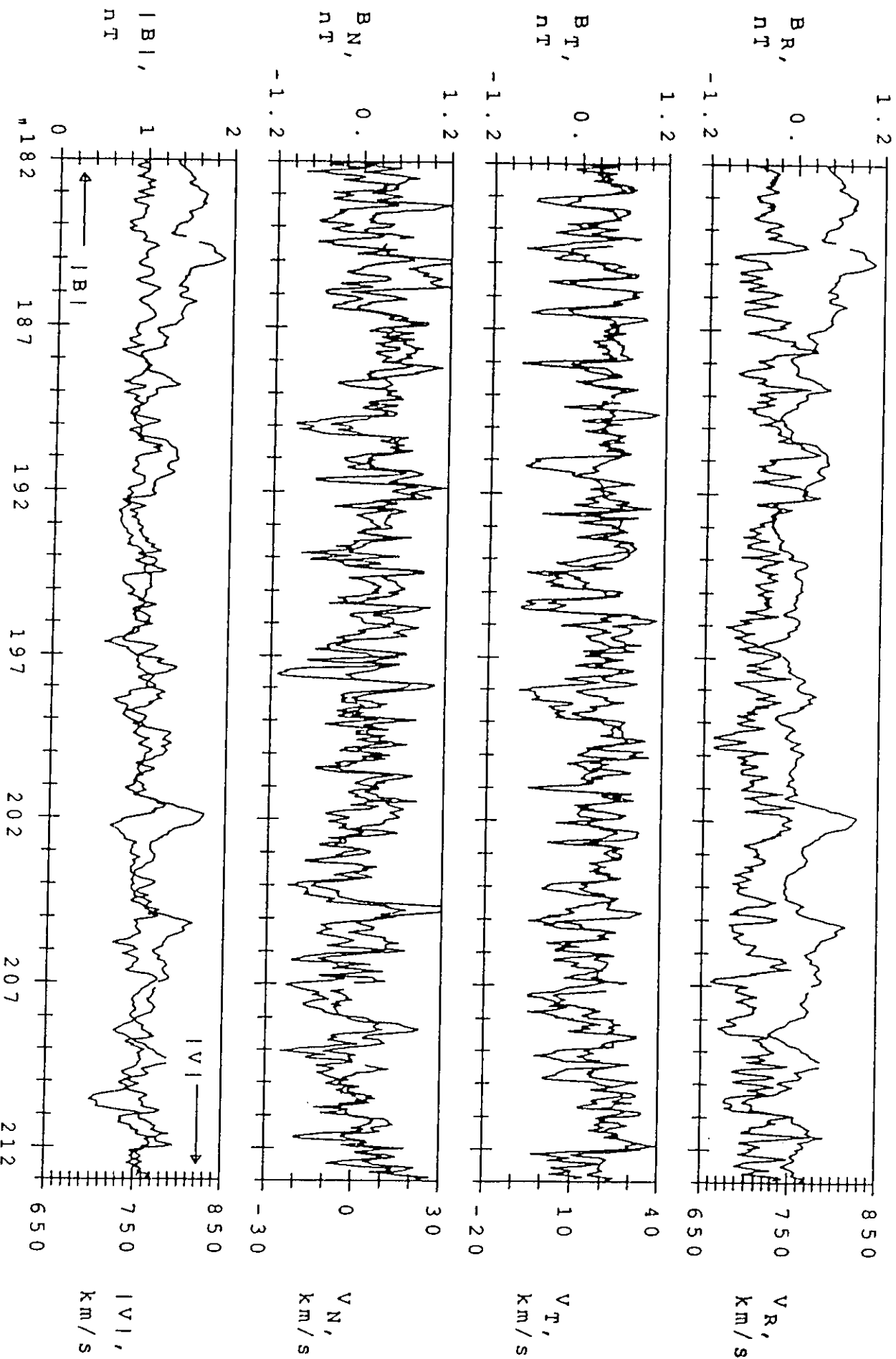


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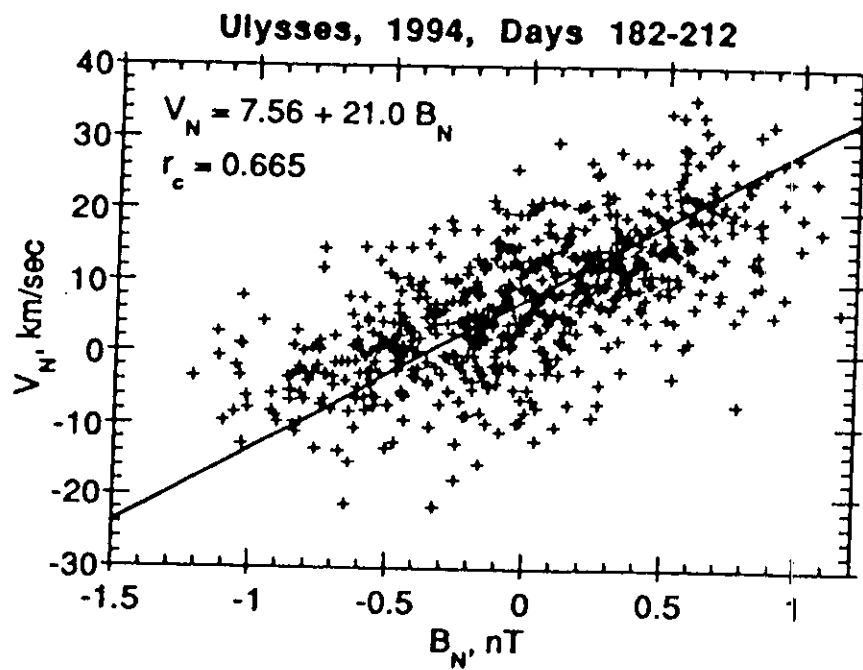


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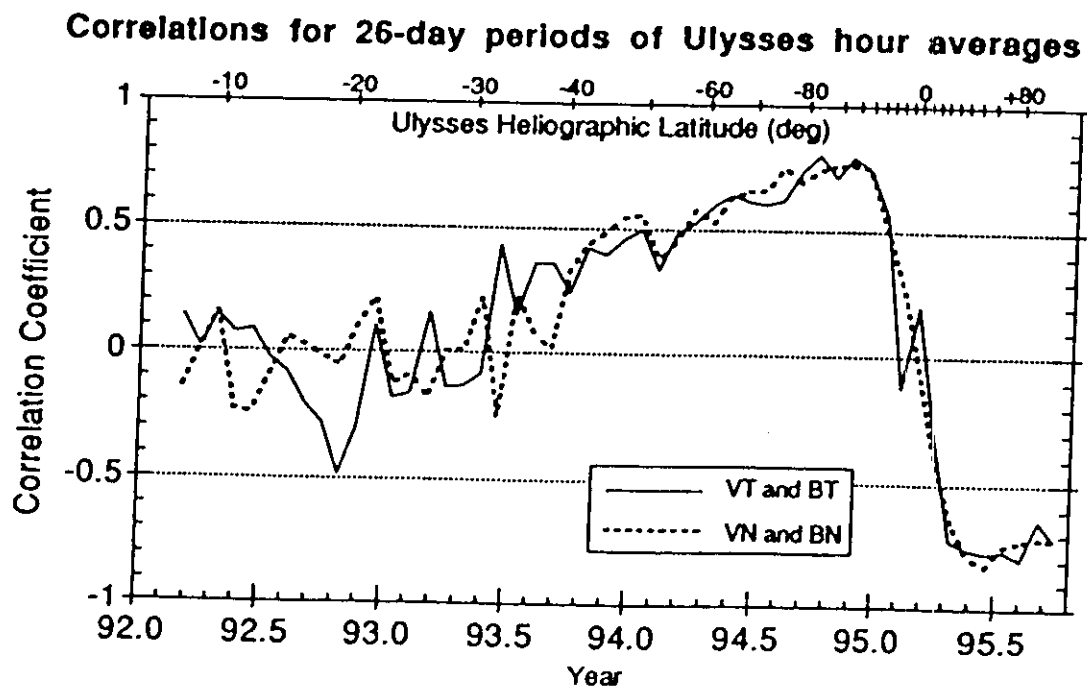
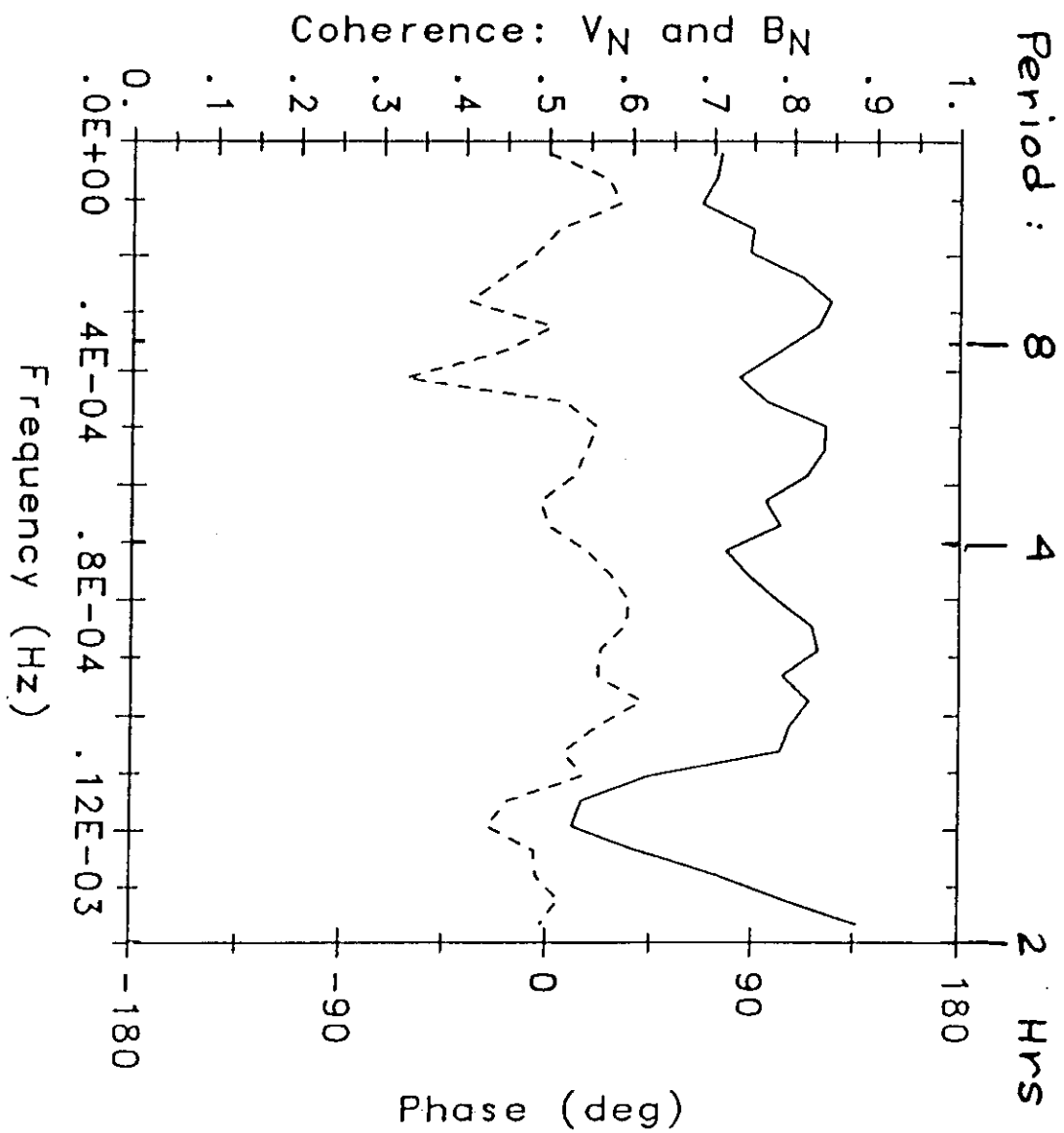


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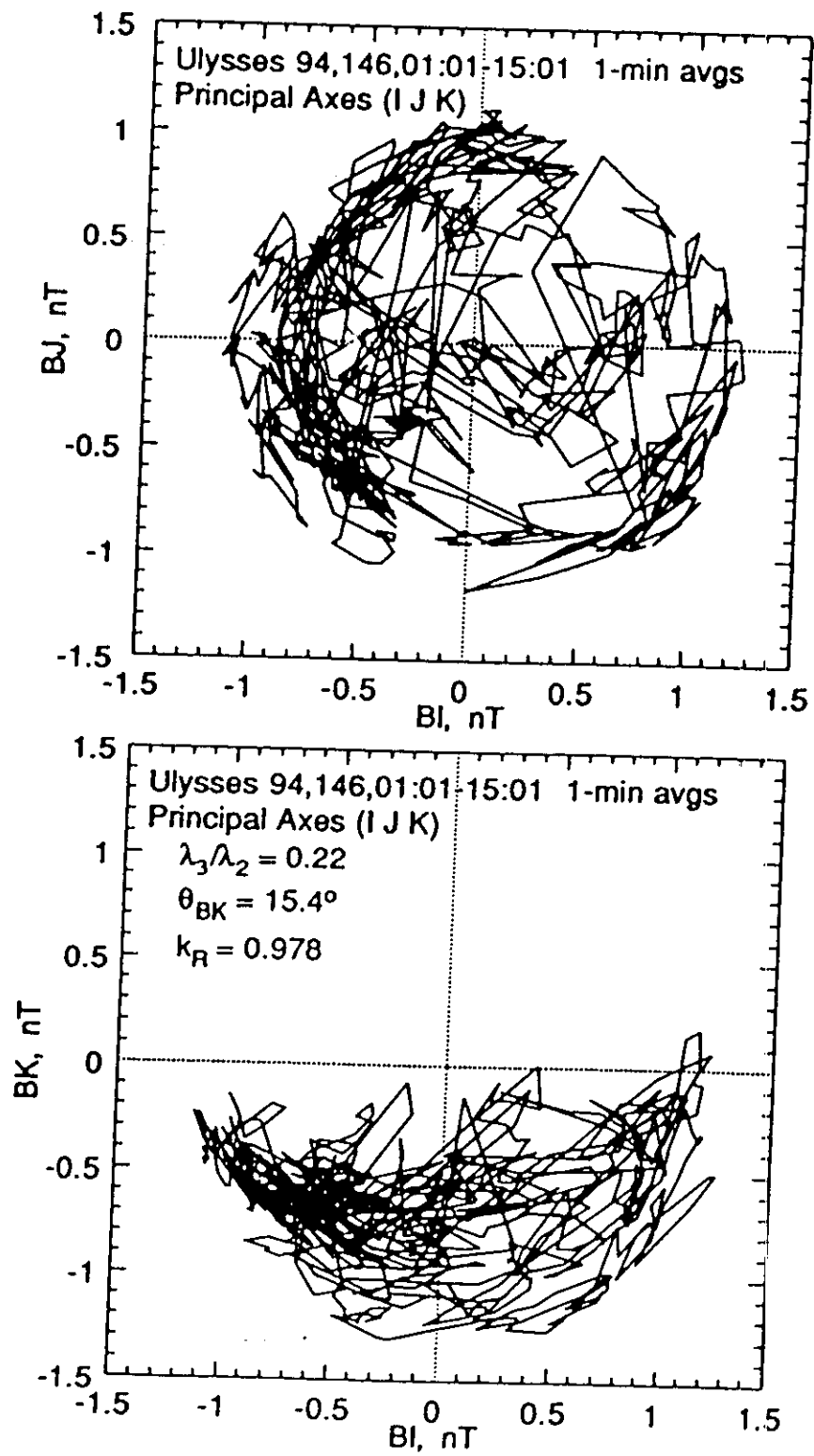


Figure 5

In presence of a pressure
anisotropy

$$\frac{\delta \vec{V}}{\delta \vec{B}} = \pm (4\pi nM)^{-1/2} \eta^2$$

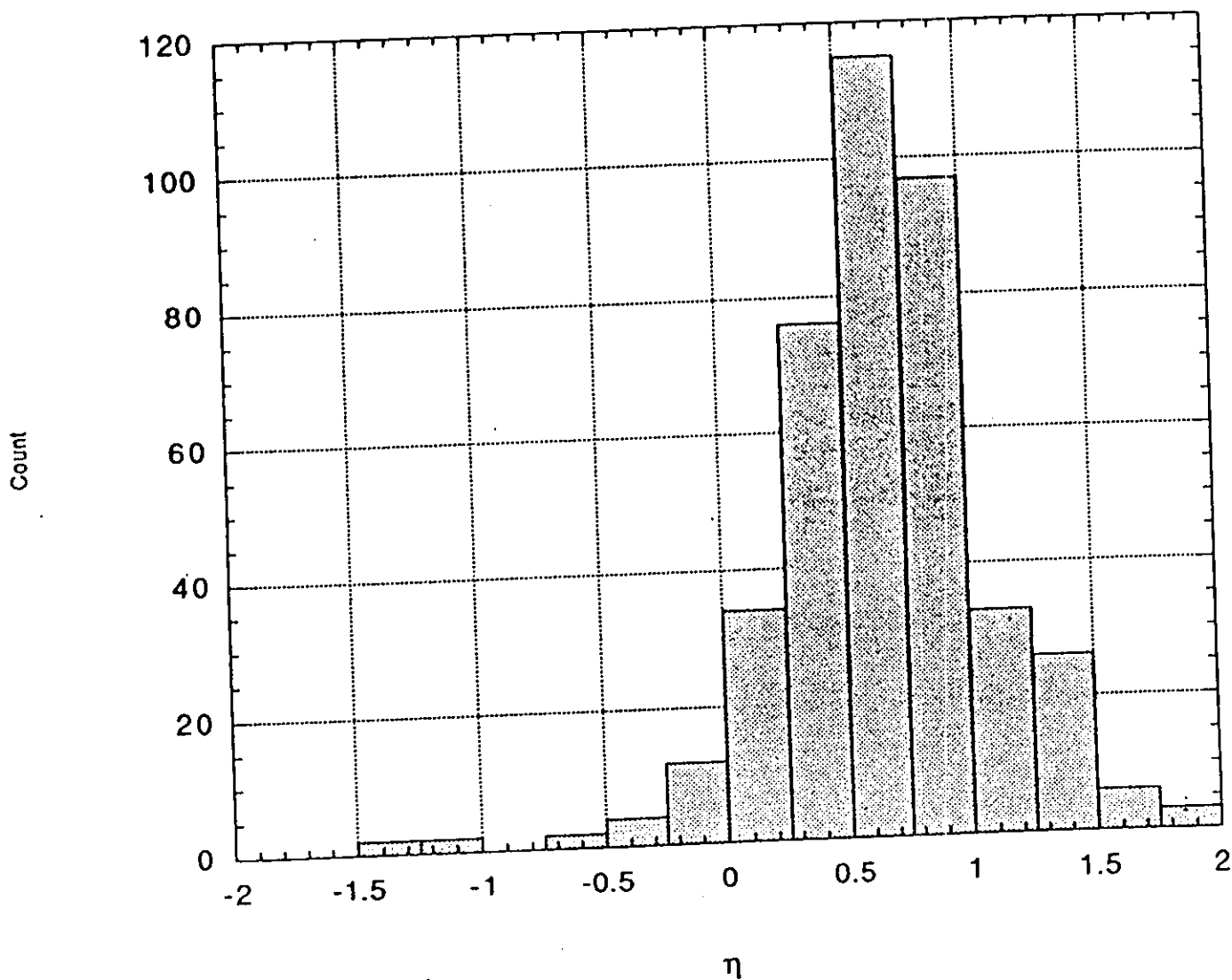
$$\text{where } \eta = 1 - \frac{p_{\parallel} - p_{\perp}}{B^2/4\pi}$$

$$\eta \geq 0 \text{ or } \frac{p_{\parallel} - p_{\perp}}{B^2/4\pi} > 1$$

implies Firehose instability

□ η

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$$N = 424$$

$$\langle \eta \rangle = 0.71$$

$$\sigma = 0.71$$

$$\sigma/\sqrt{N} = .03$$

$$\hat{\eta} = 0.68$$

(median)

