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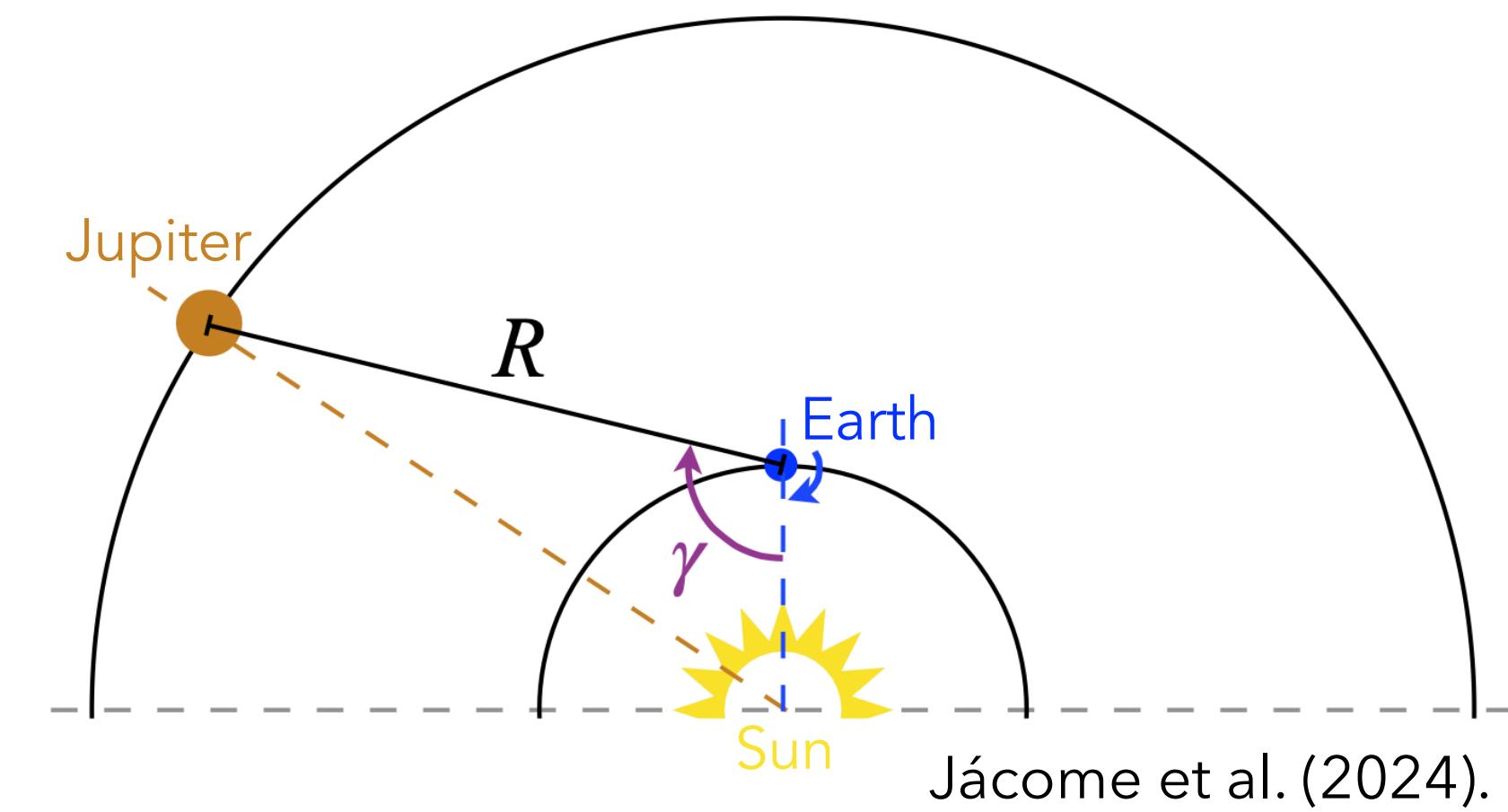
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### ABSTRACT

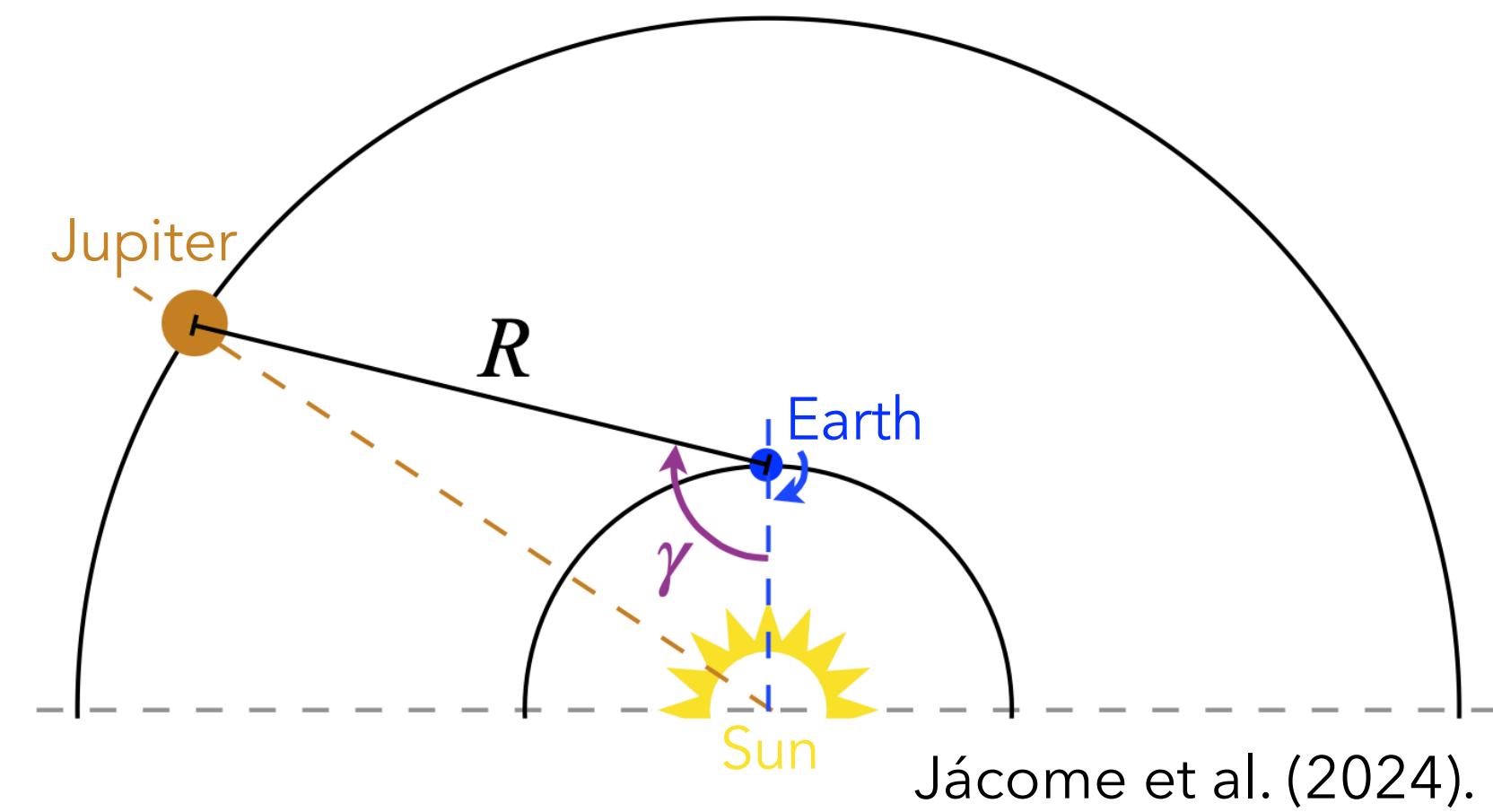
*Context.* The variation in the Jovicentric sub-latitude (declination,  $D_E$ ) of a radio observer of Jupiter has long been known to affect the observation of Jupiter's decametric (DAM) radio emissions due to these emissions' anisotropic nature (through cyclotron maser instability beaming cones centered on Jovian magnetic field lines). The effect of the  $D_E$  variation, however, is still not clearly understood. For ground-based observations of Jupiter, the  $D_E$  variation, from  $-4^\circ$  to  $+4^\circ$ , occurs concomitantly with the cyclic variation in the distance to Jupiter,  $R$ , and Jupiter's elongation angle,  $\gamma$ , which also affect the emission observation. Those covariant effects must be removed, then, for an analysis of the pure effect of  $D_E$ .

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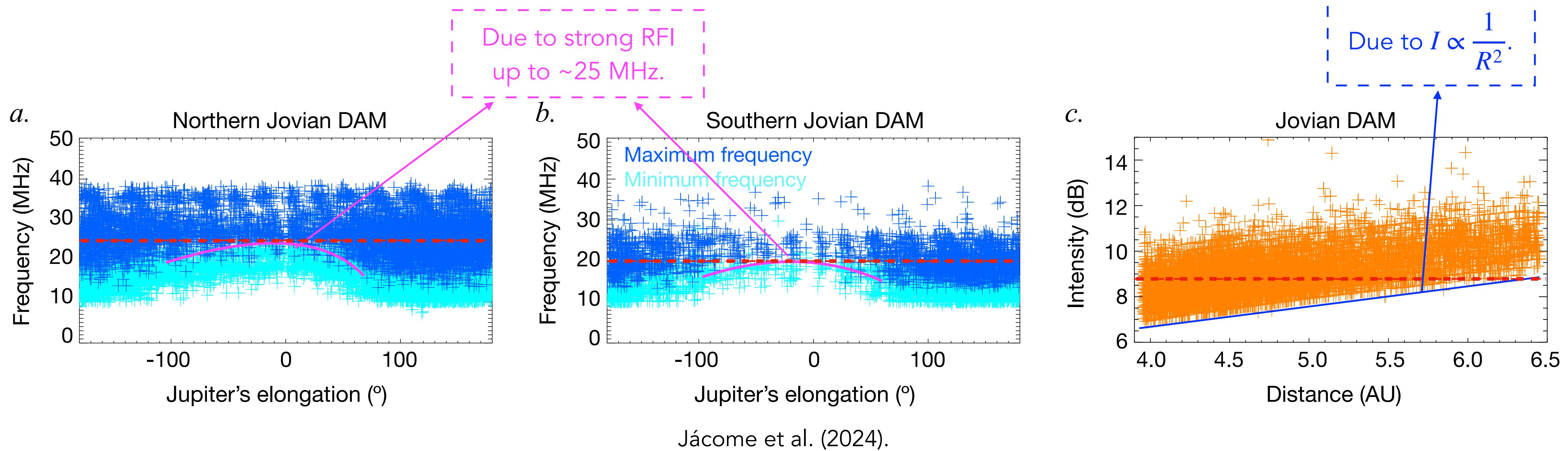


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- ▶ Intensity  $\propto 1/R^2$
- ▶  $\gamma \rightarrow 0^\circ$ : Jupiter is observed during daytime.
  - ▶ High ionospheric cutoff frequency ( $\sim 15$  MHz);
  - ▶ Strong RFI up to 25 MHz.
- ▶  $\gamma \rightarrow \pm 180^\circ$ : Jupiter is observed during nighttime.
  - ▶ Low ionospheric cutoff frequency ( $\sim 10$  MHz);
  - ▶ Weaker RFI.

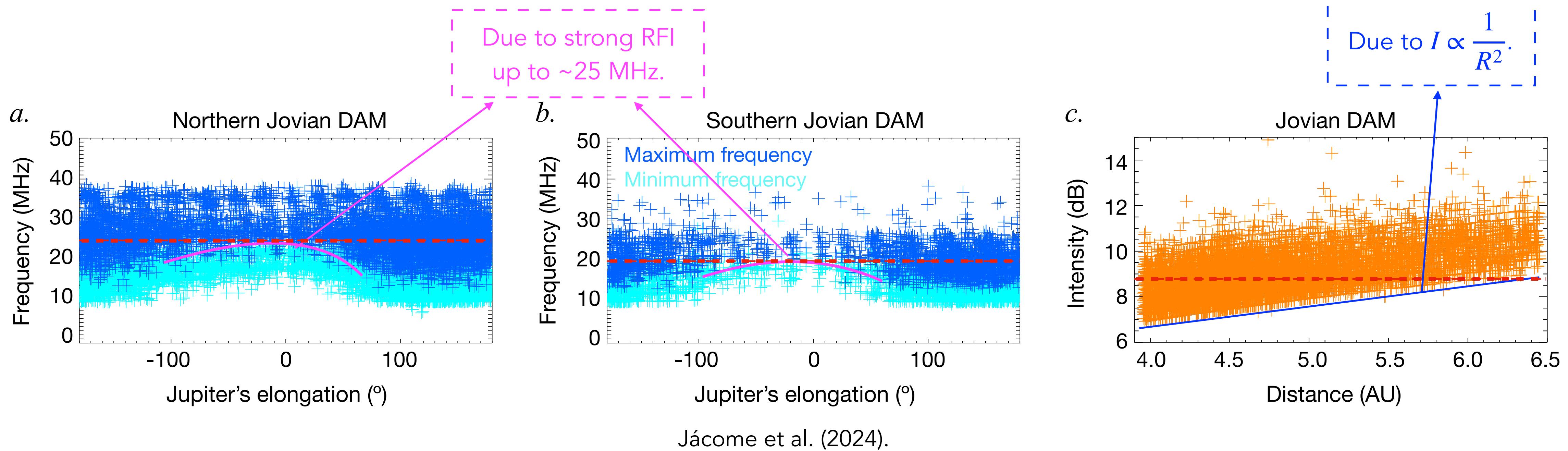


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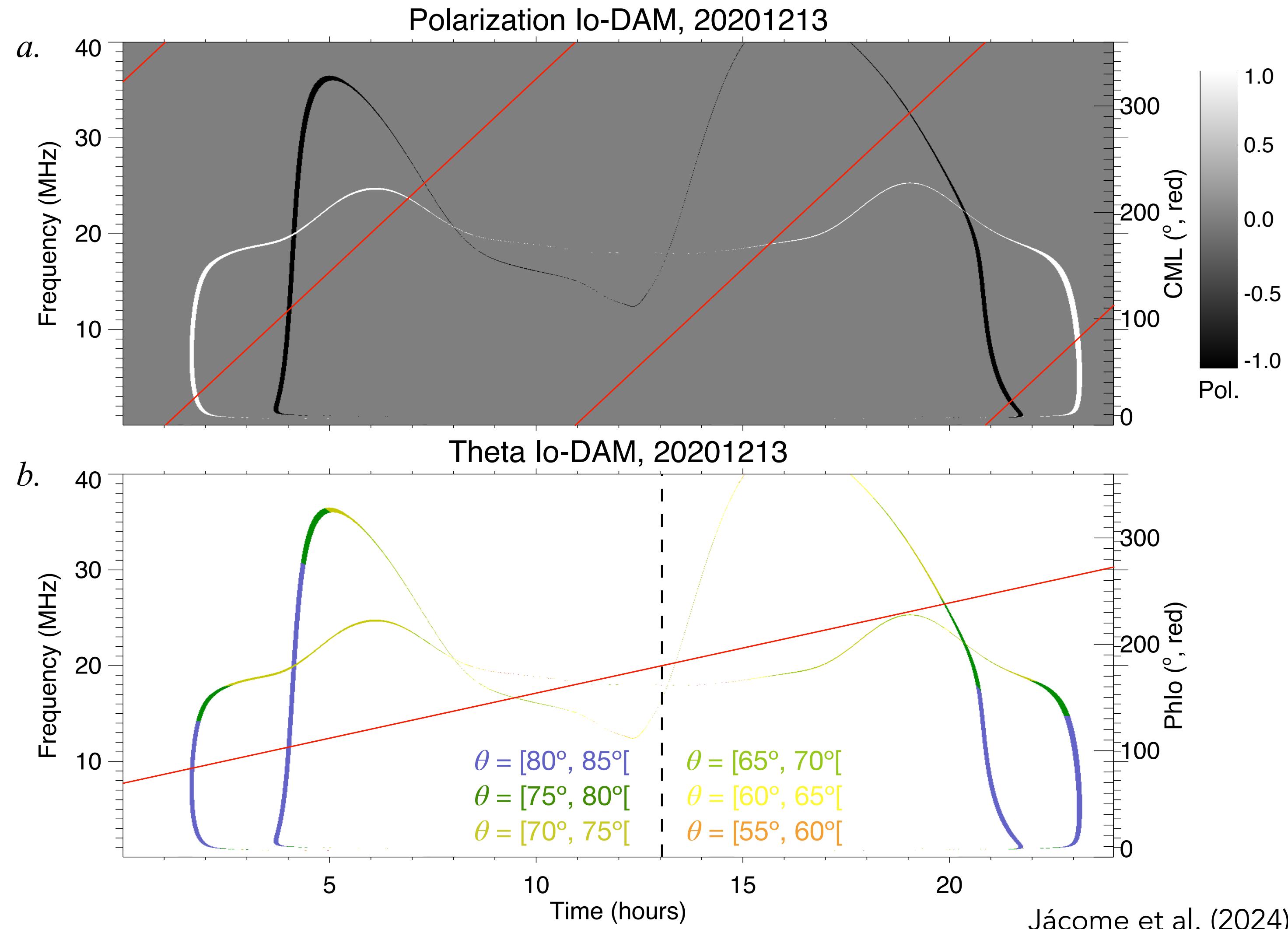
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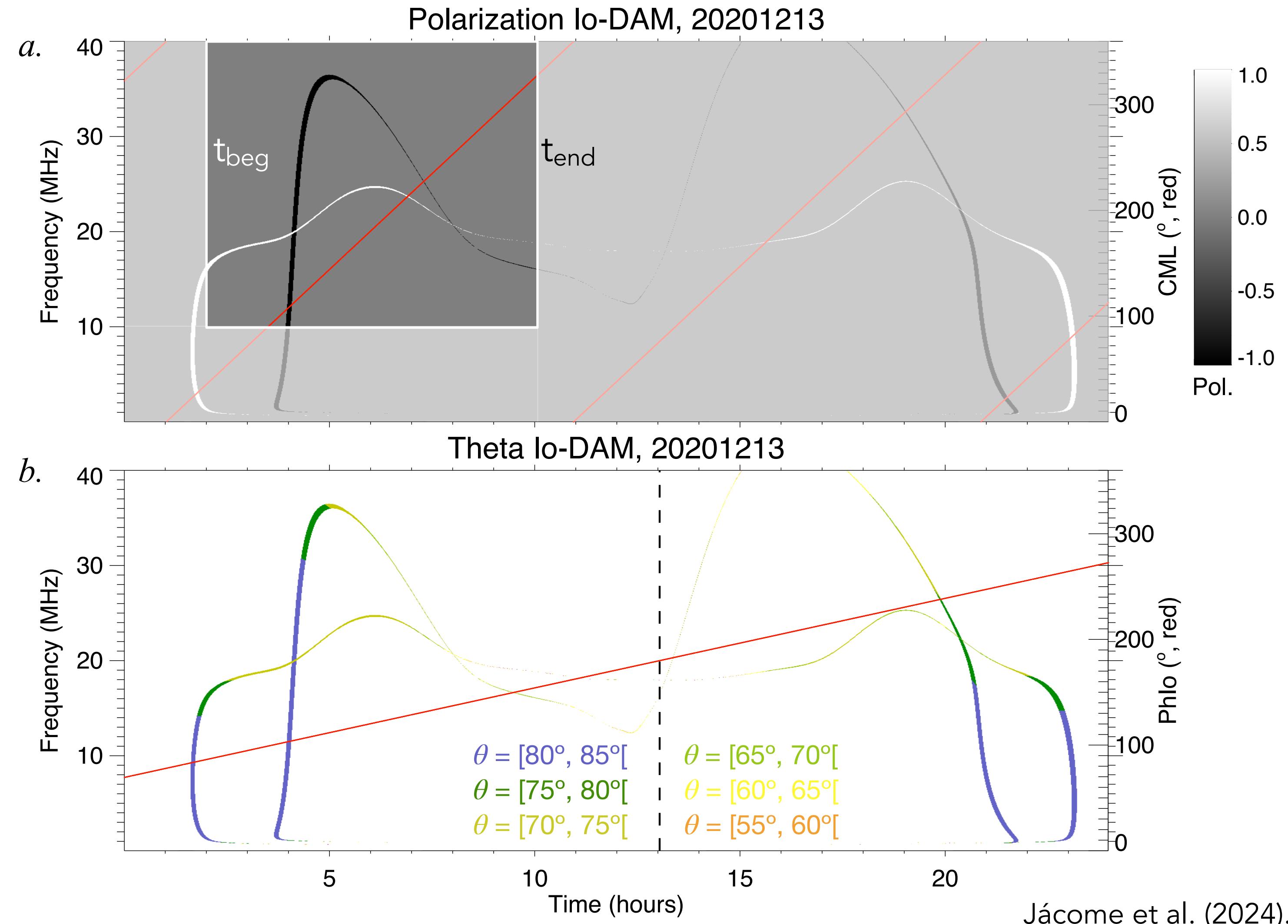
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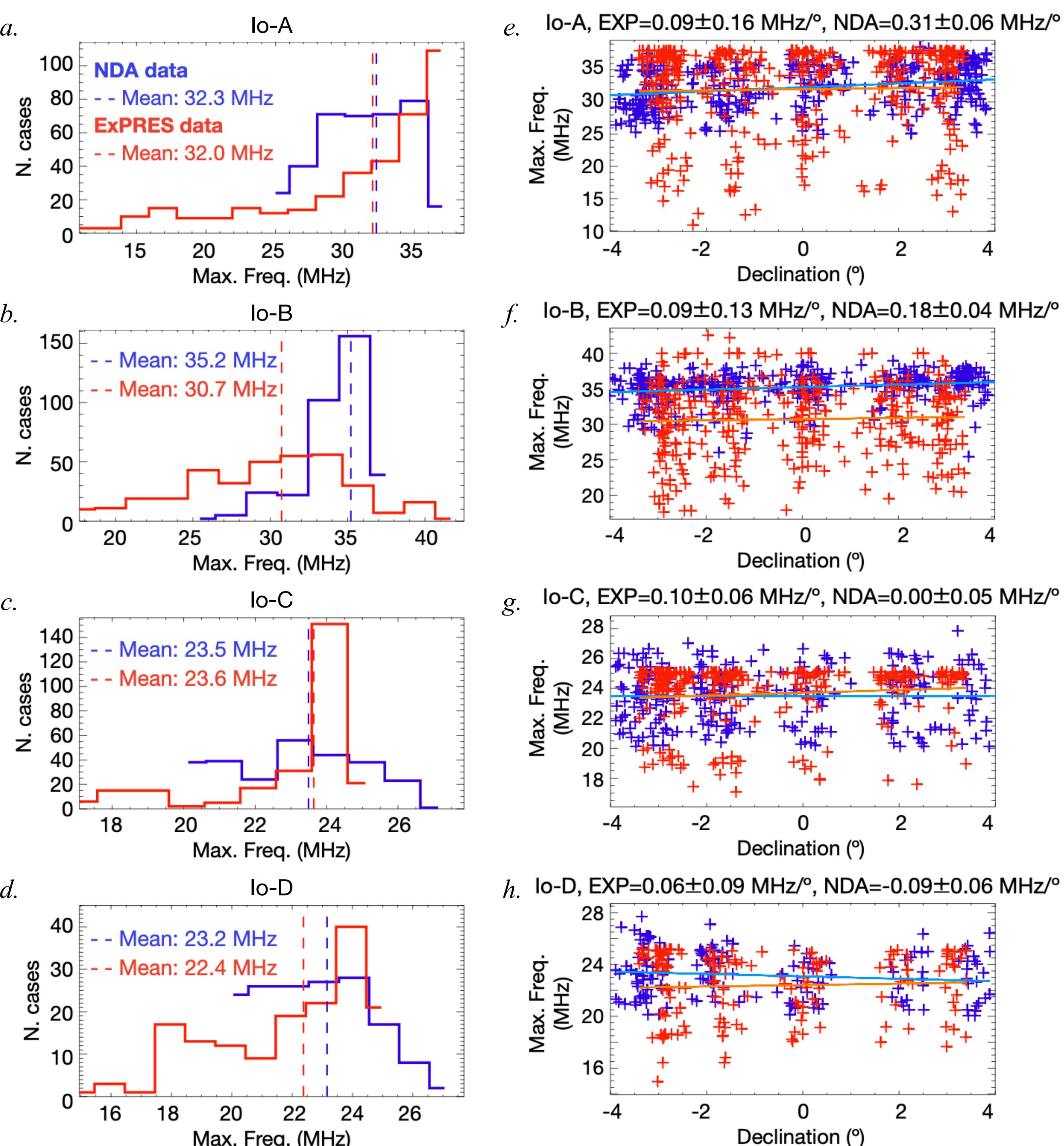
NDA vs. ExPRES emissions:

## Maximum Frequency

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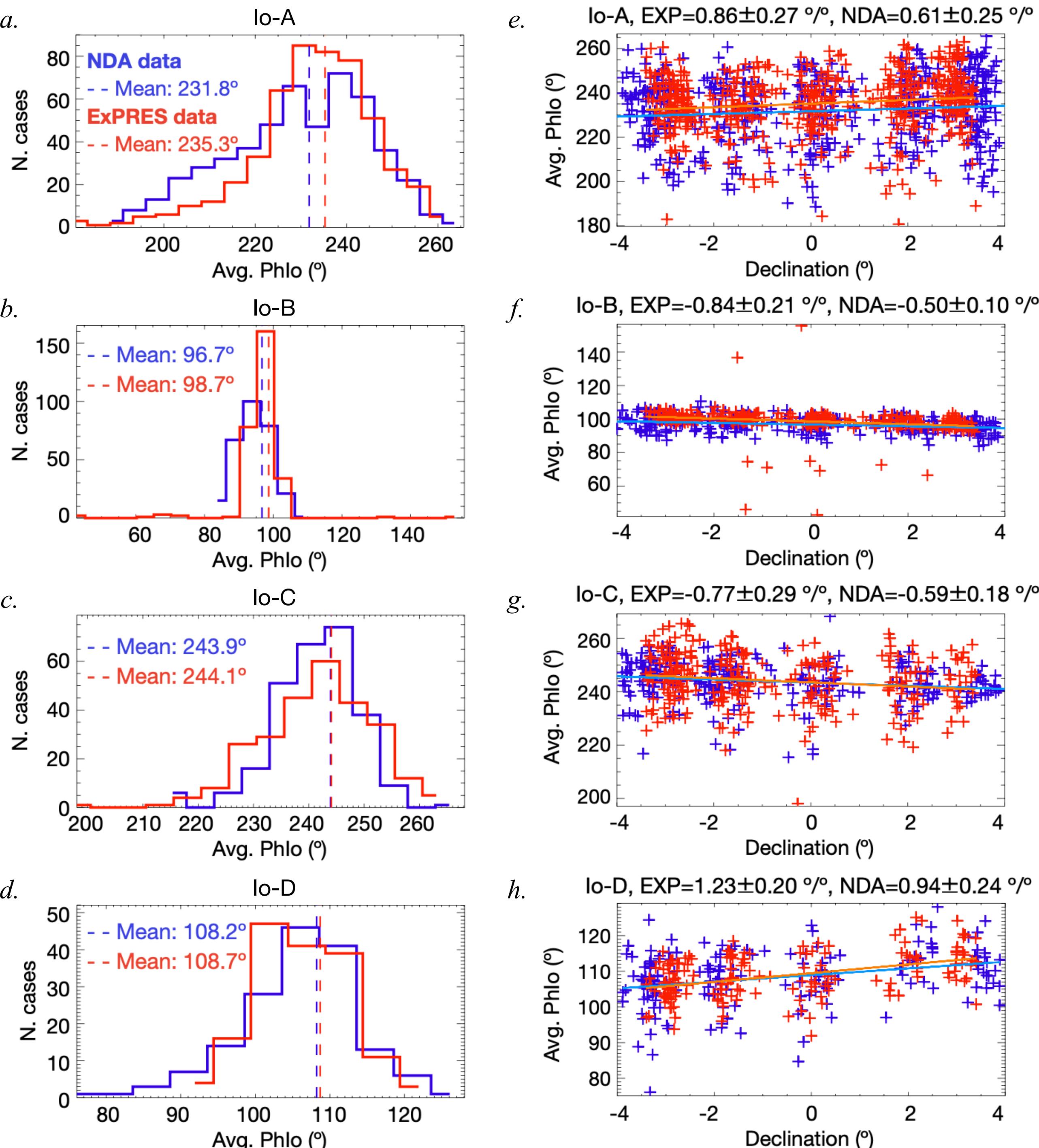


NDA vs. ExPRES emissions:  
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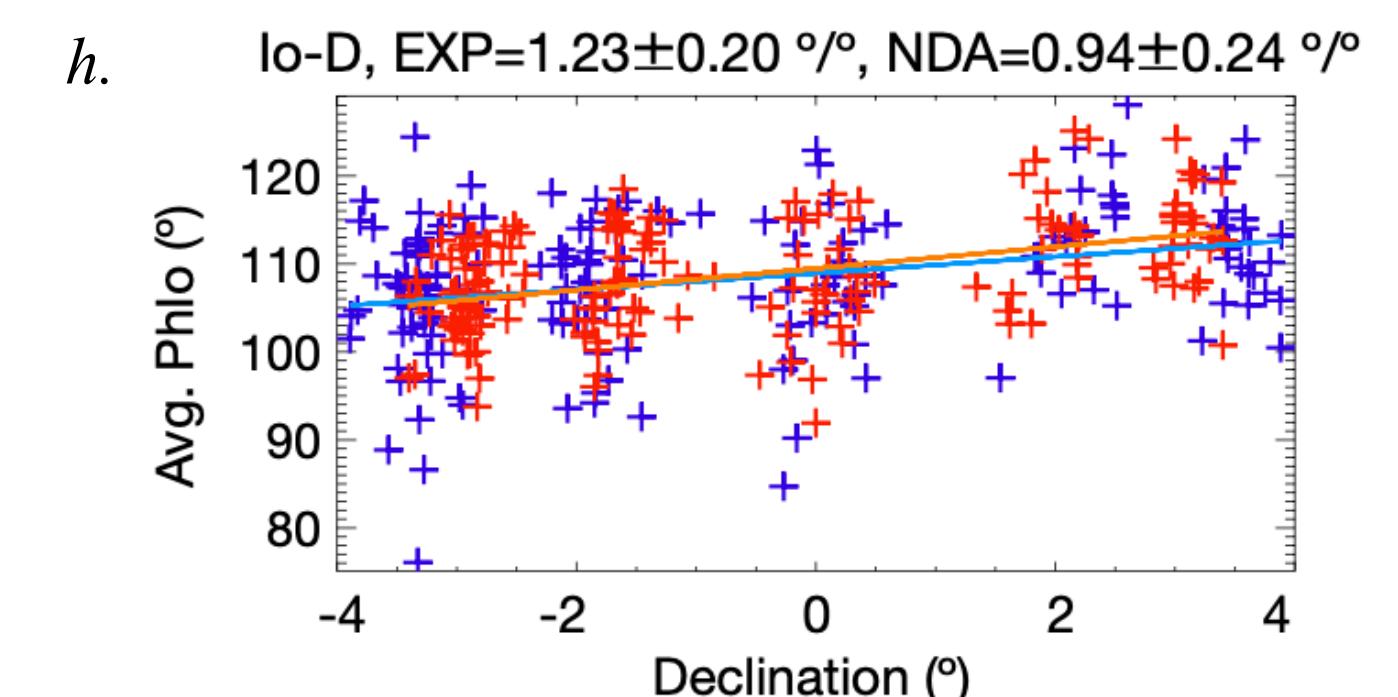
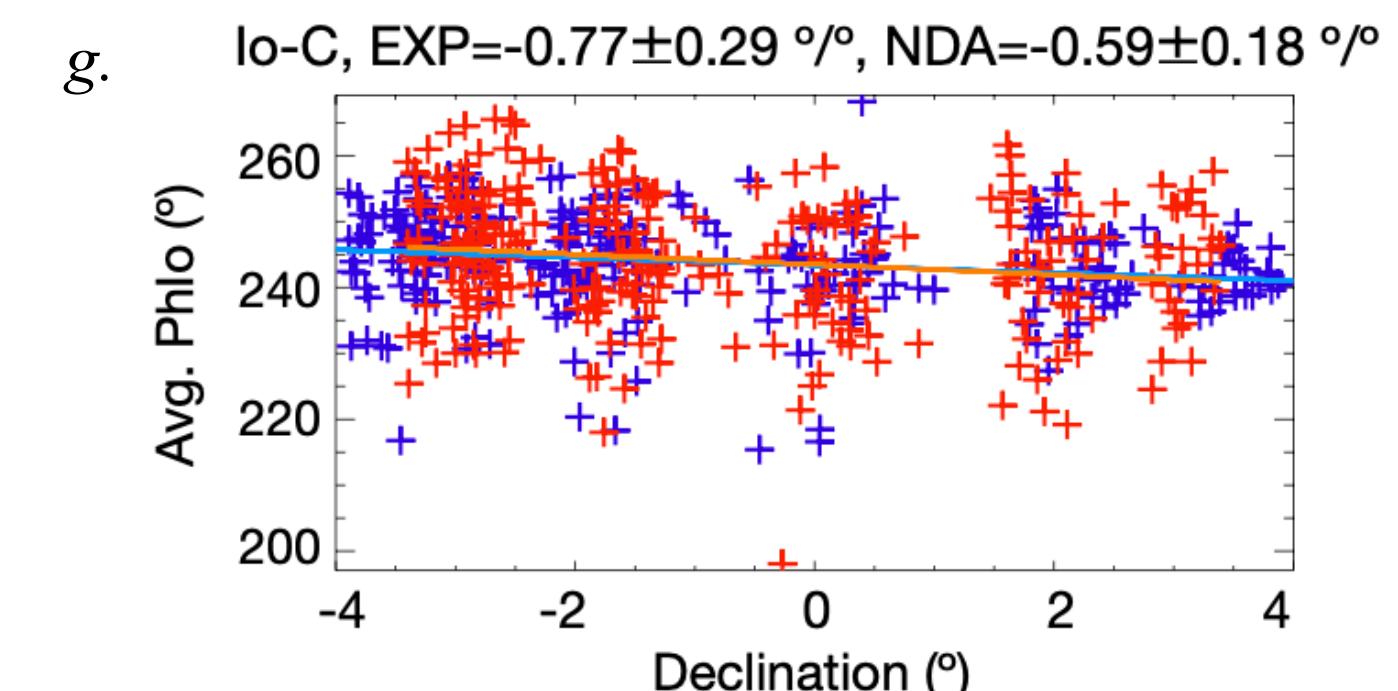
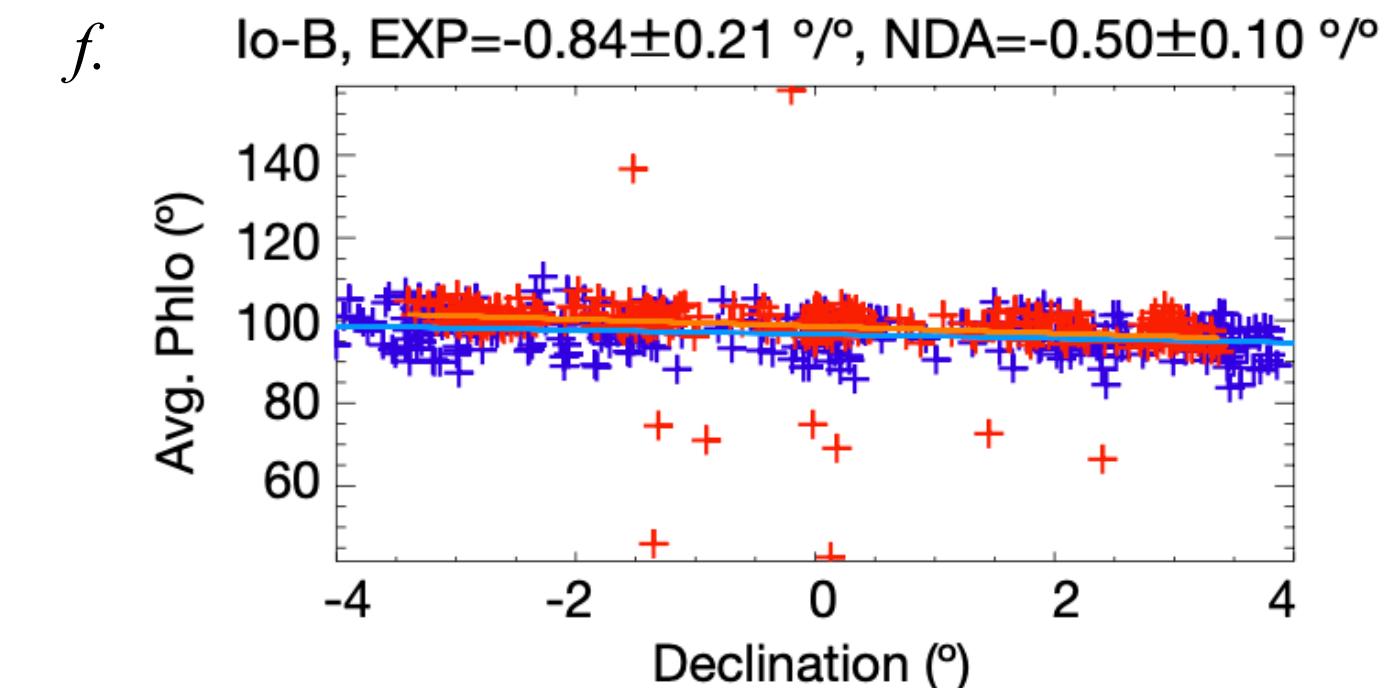
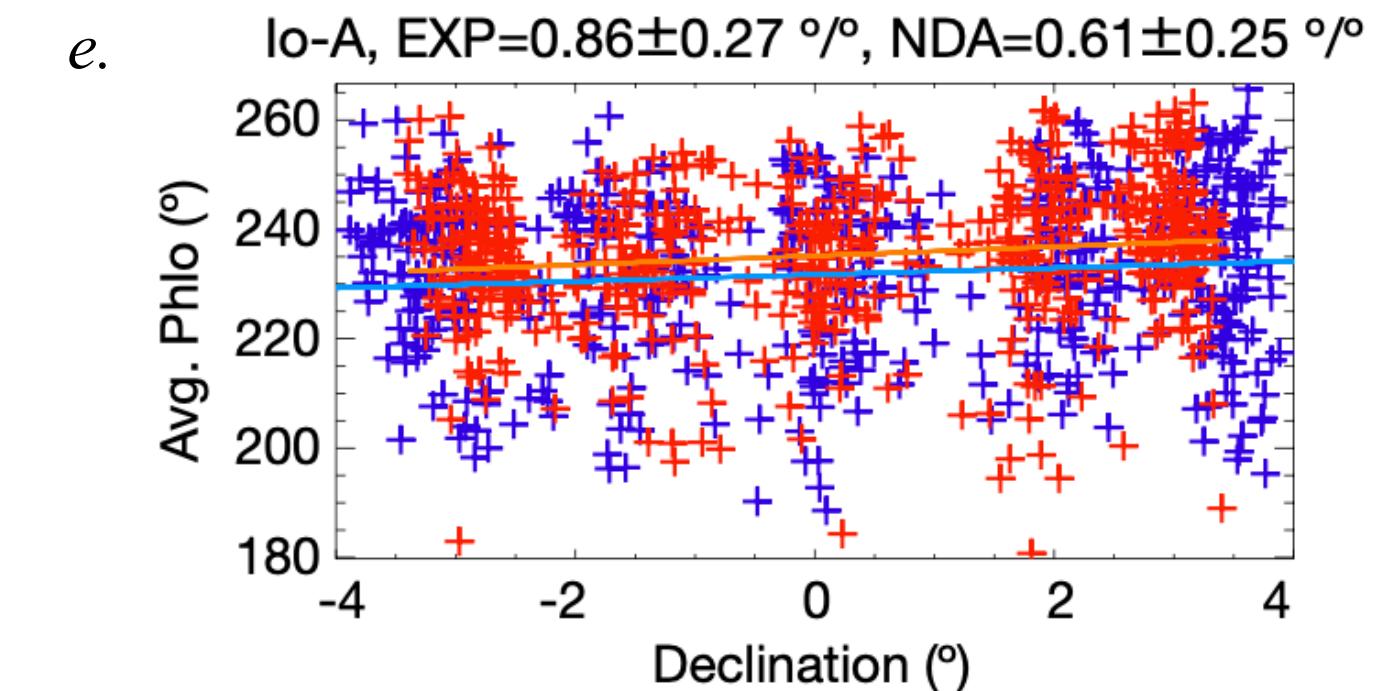
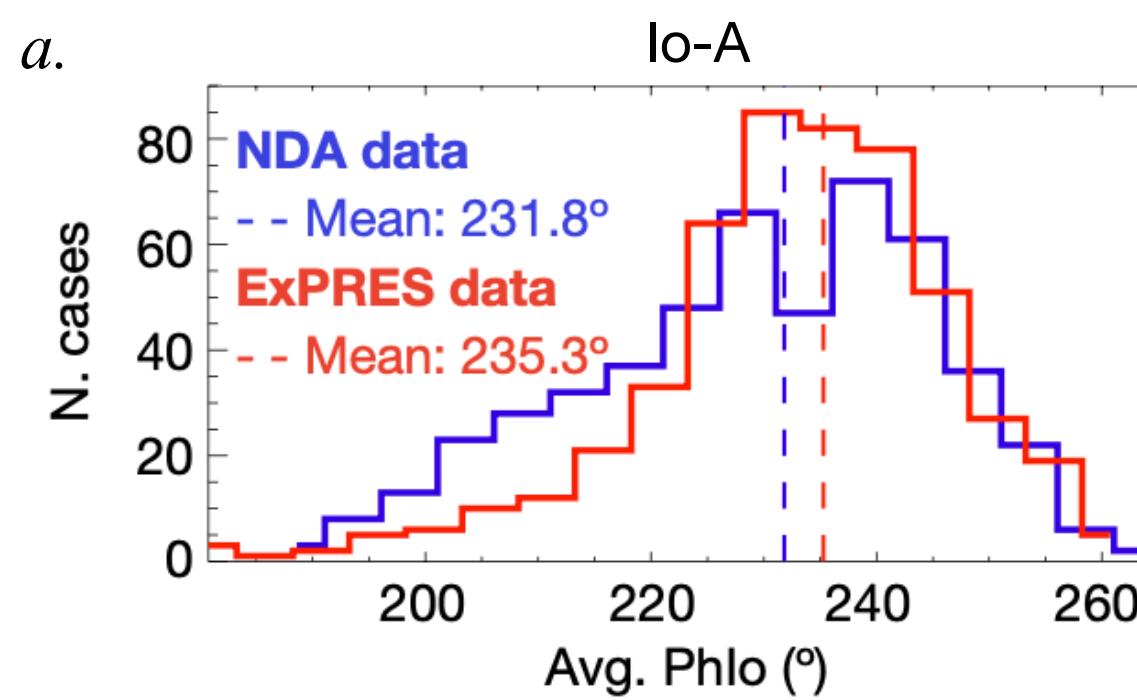


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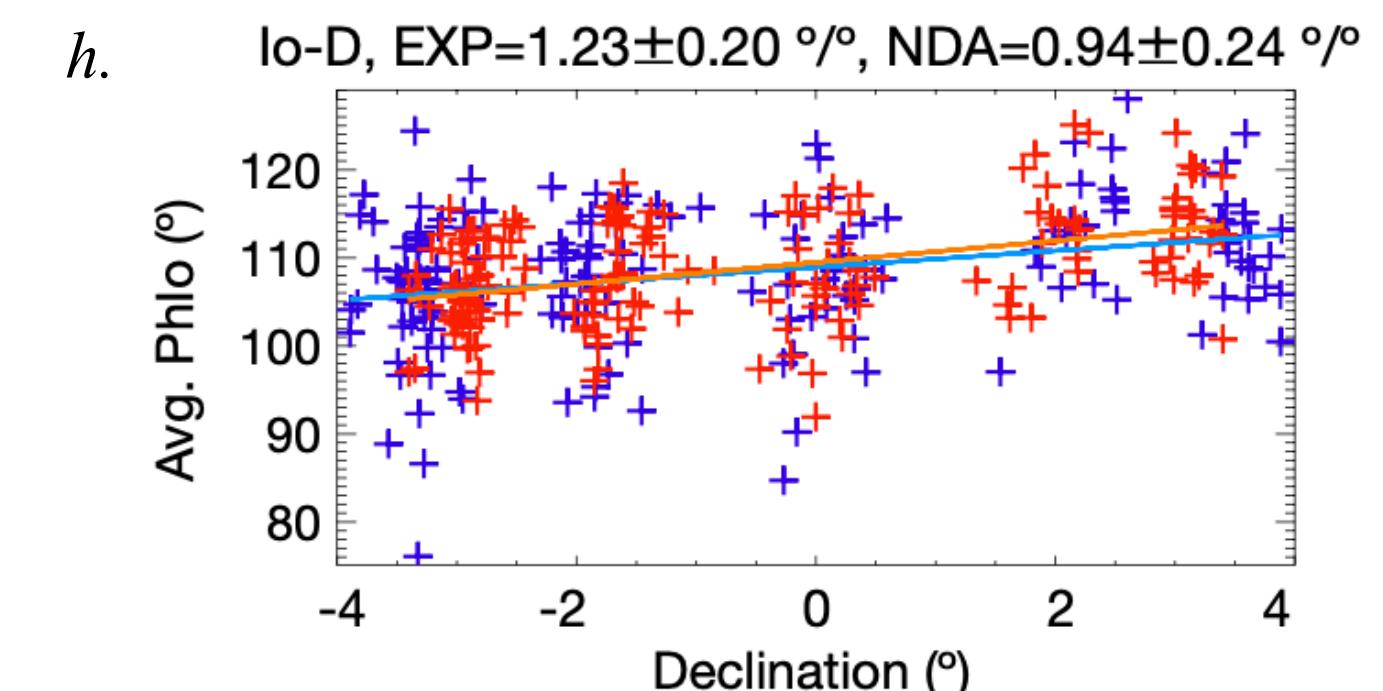
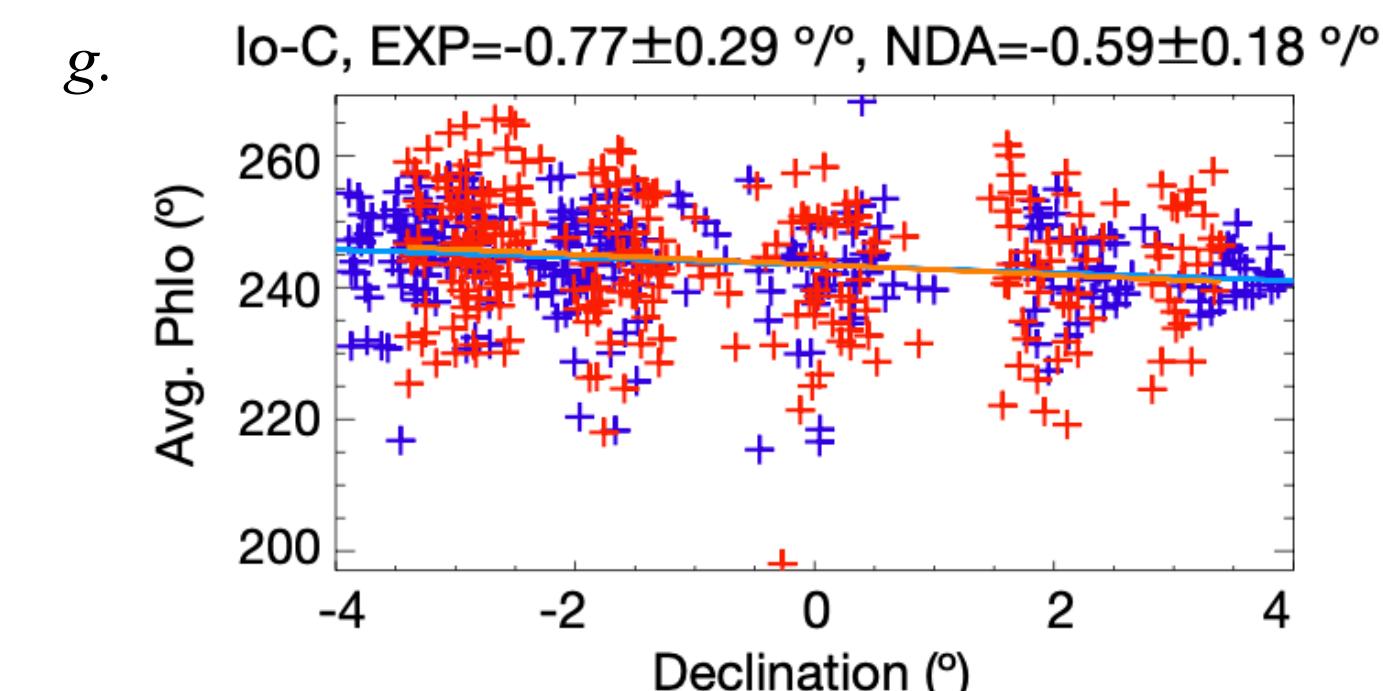
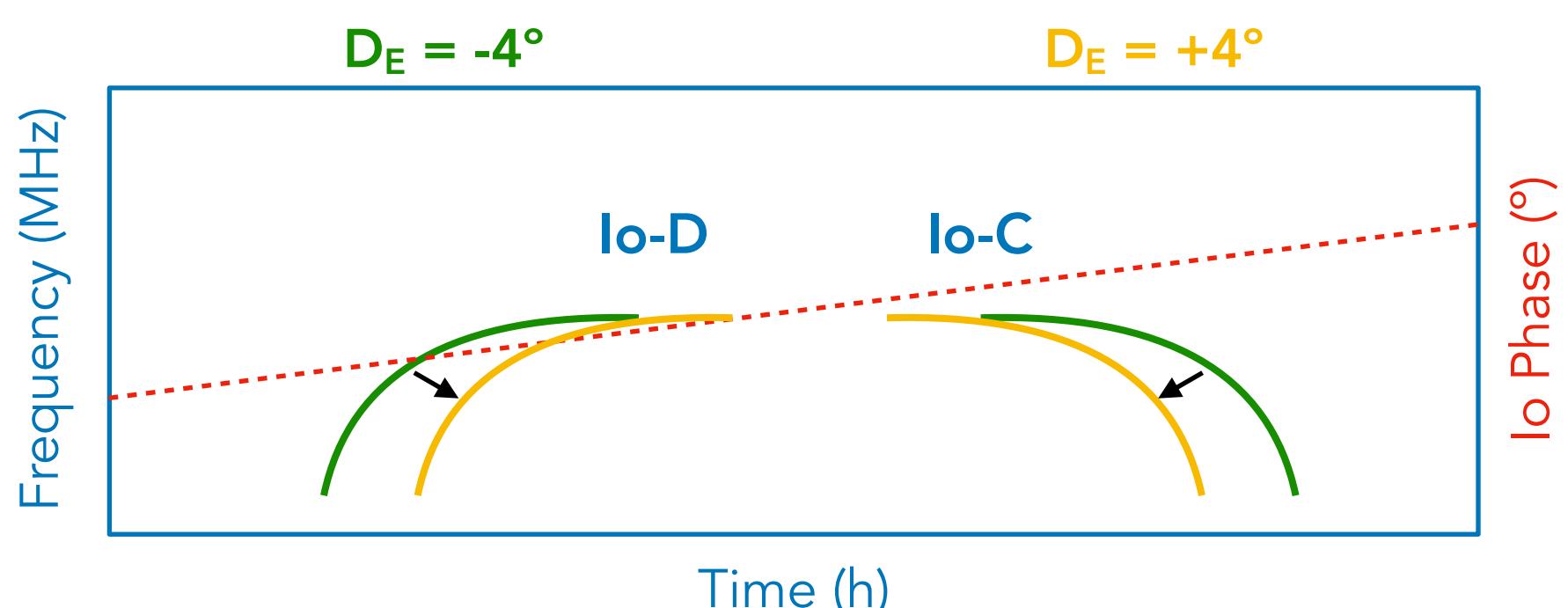
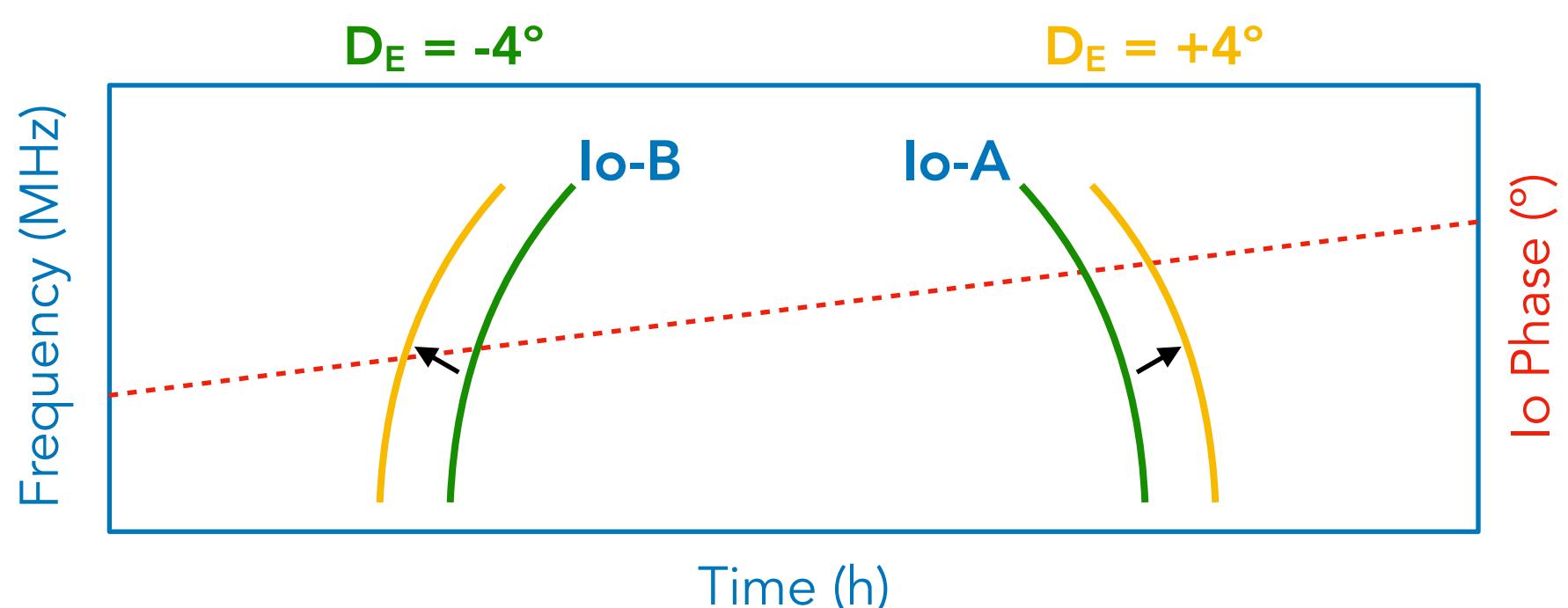
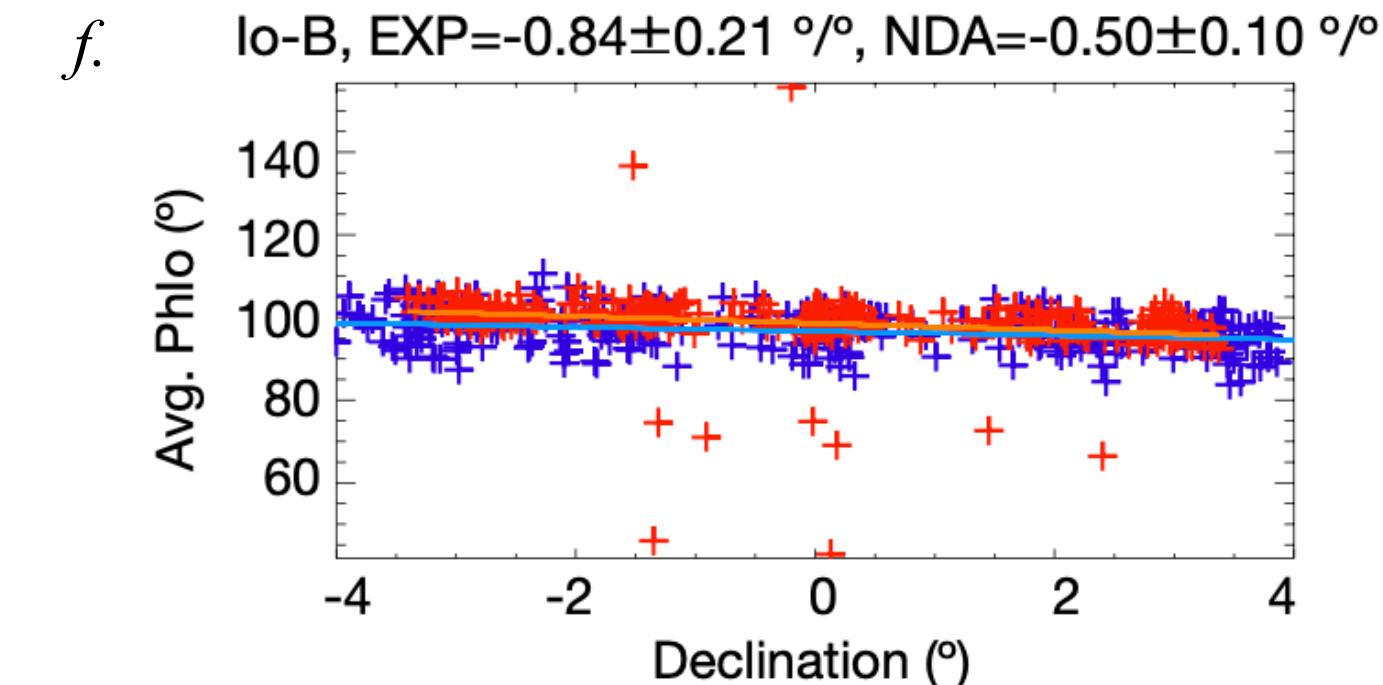
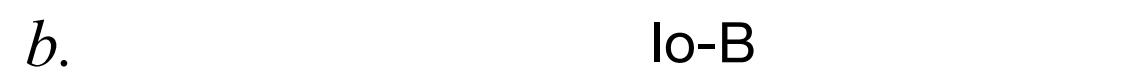
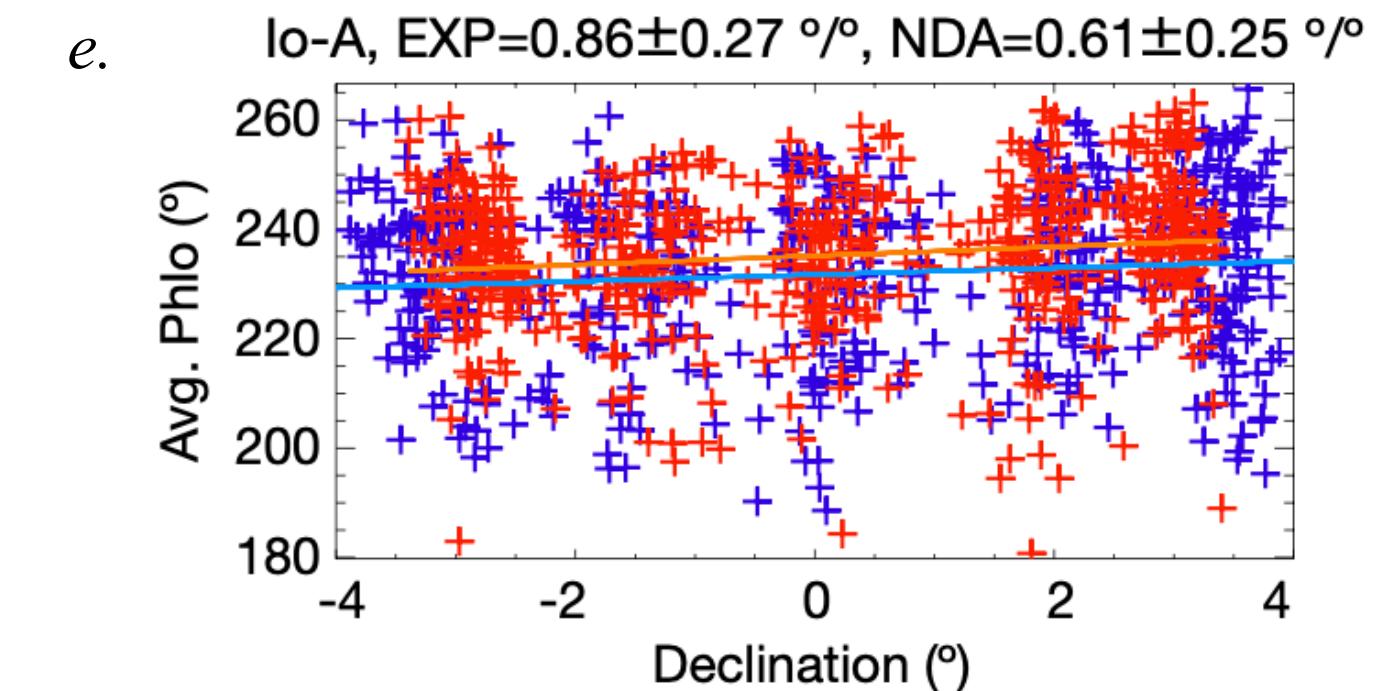
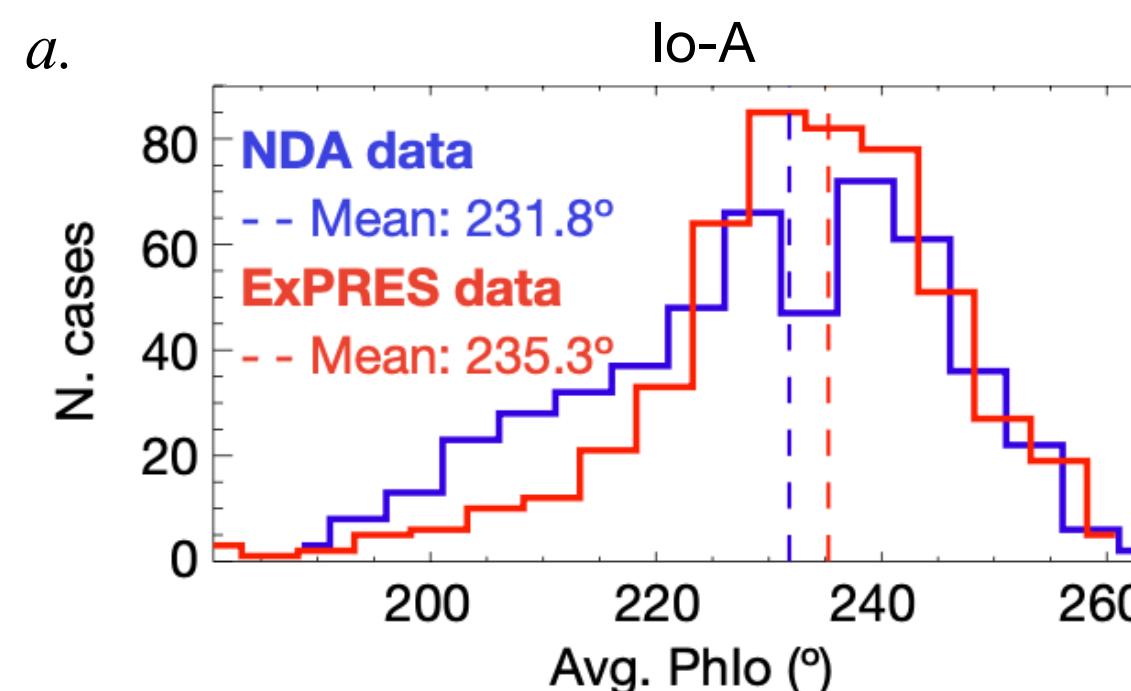


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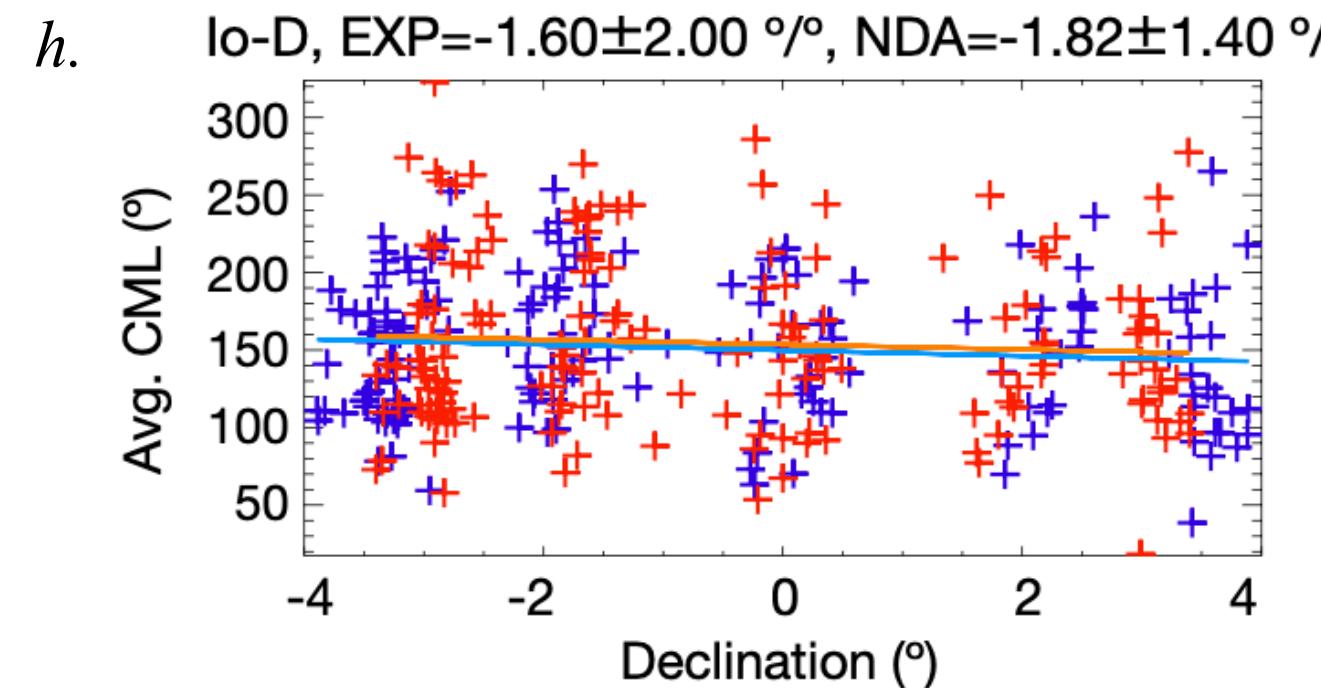
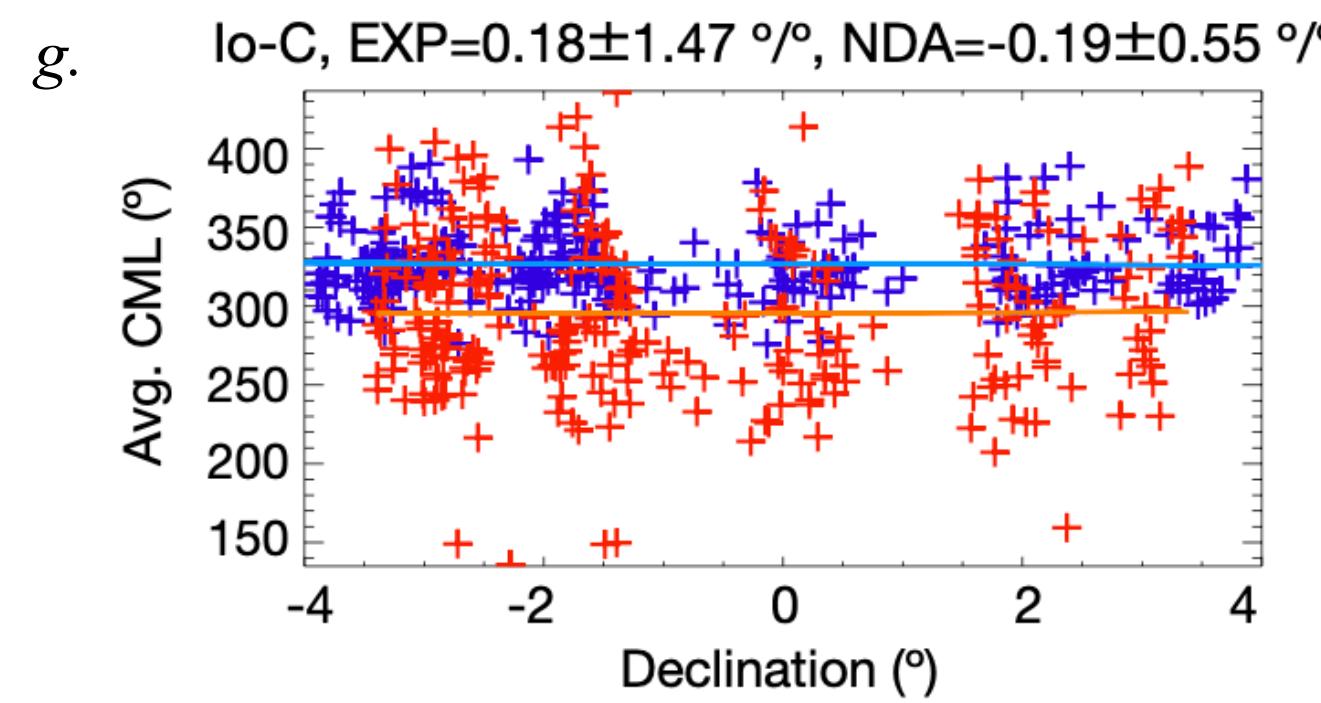
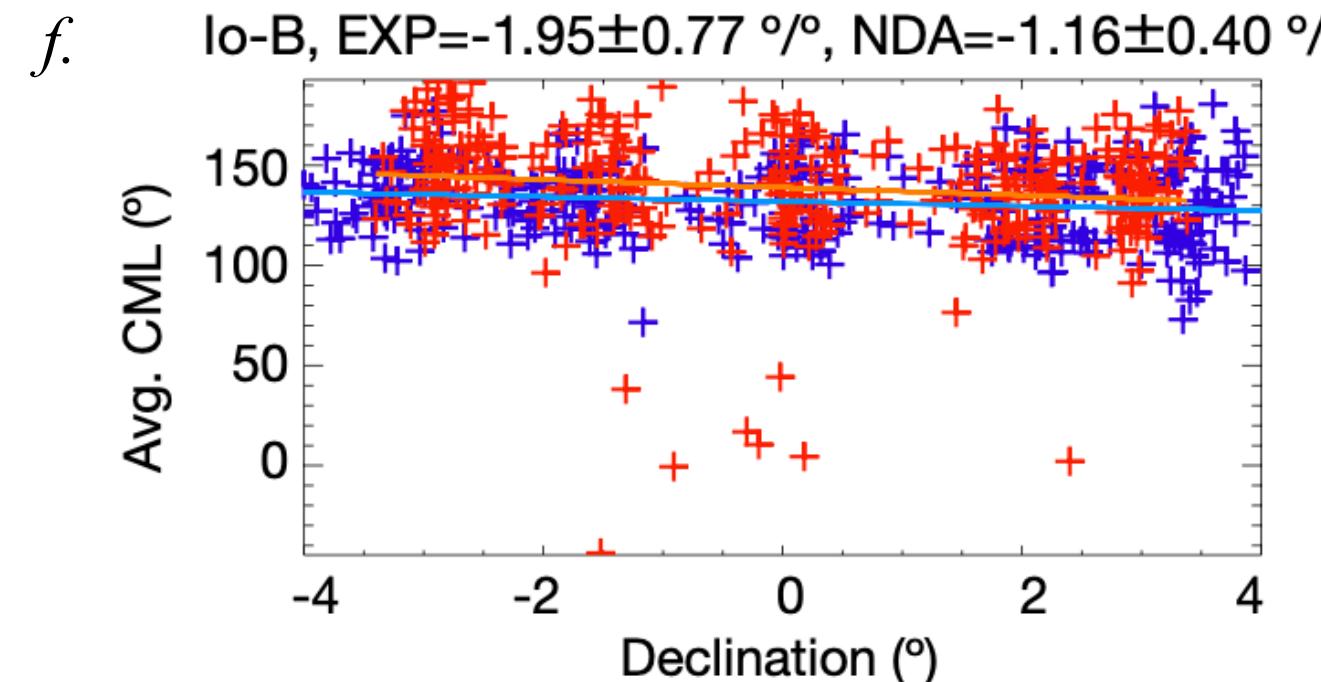
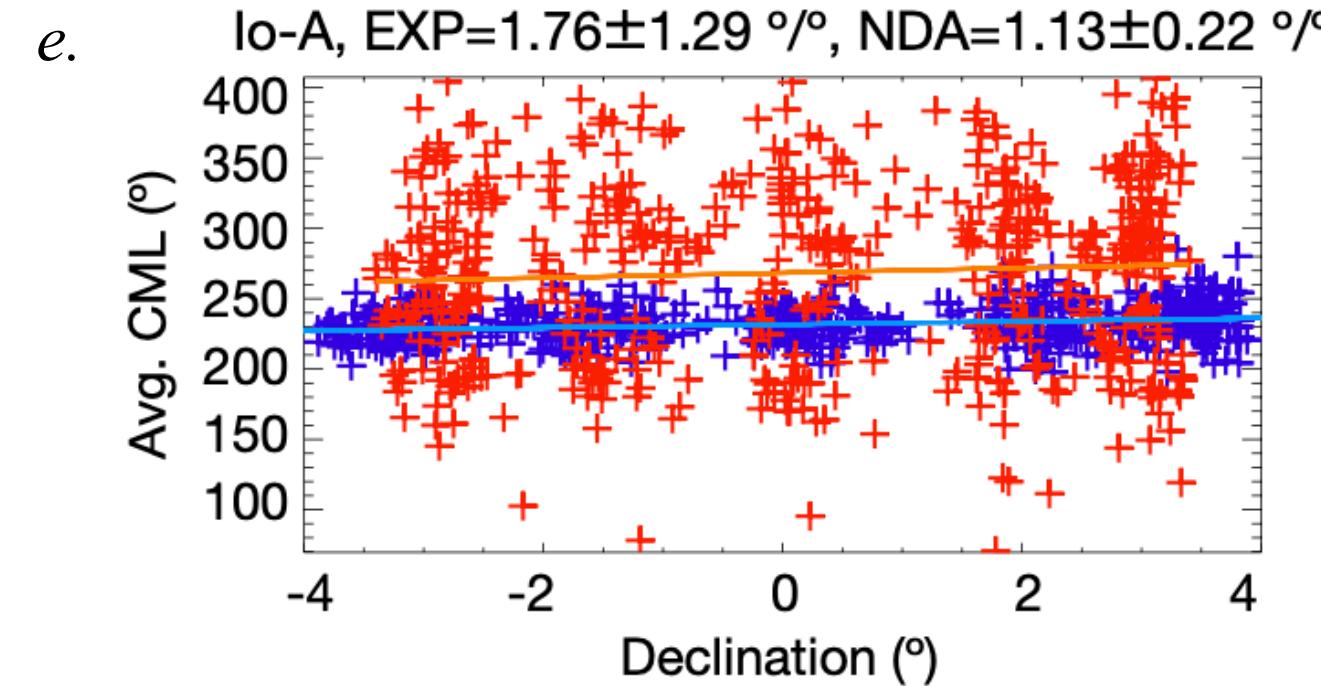
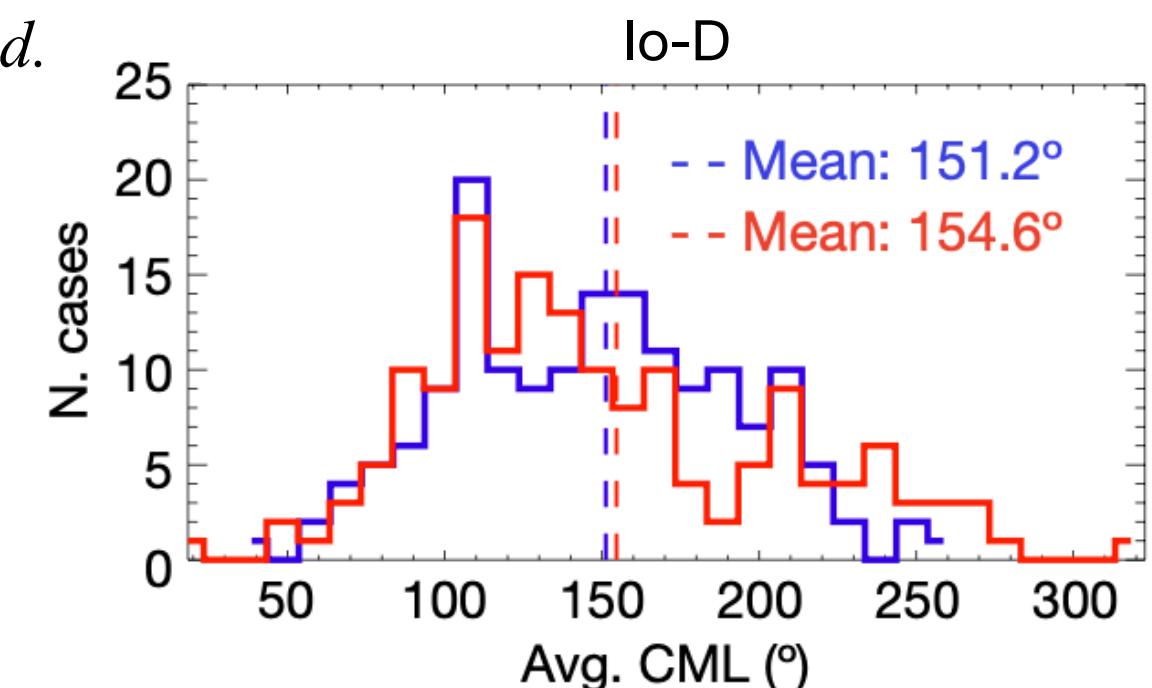
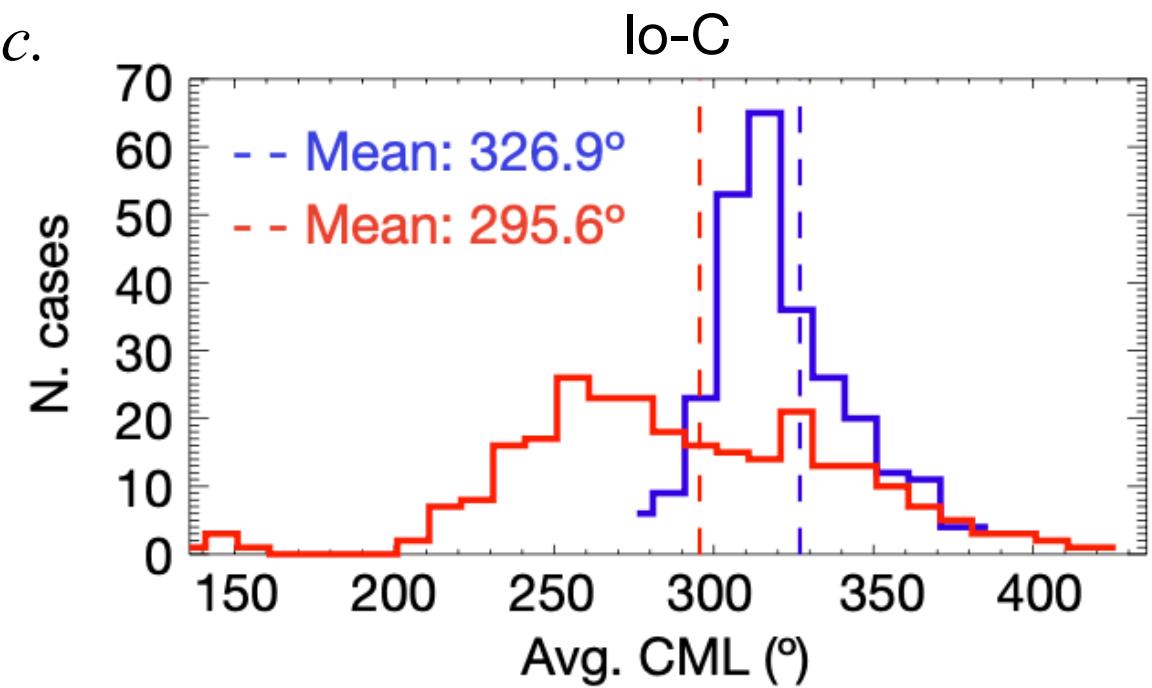
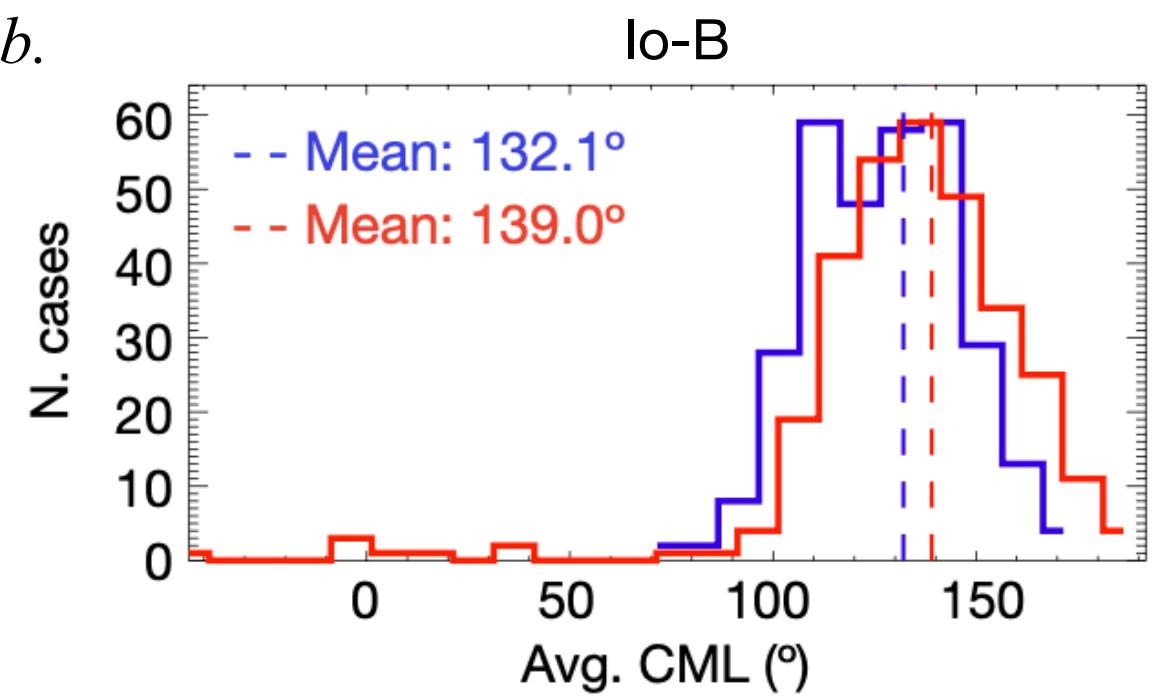
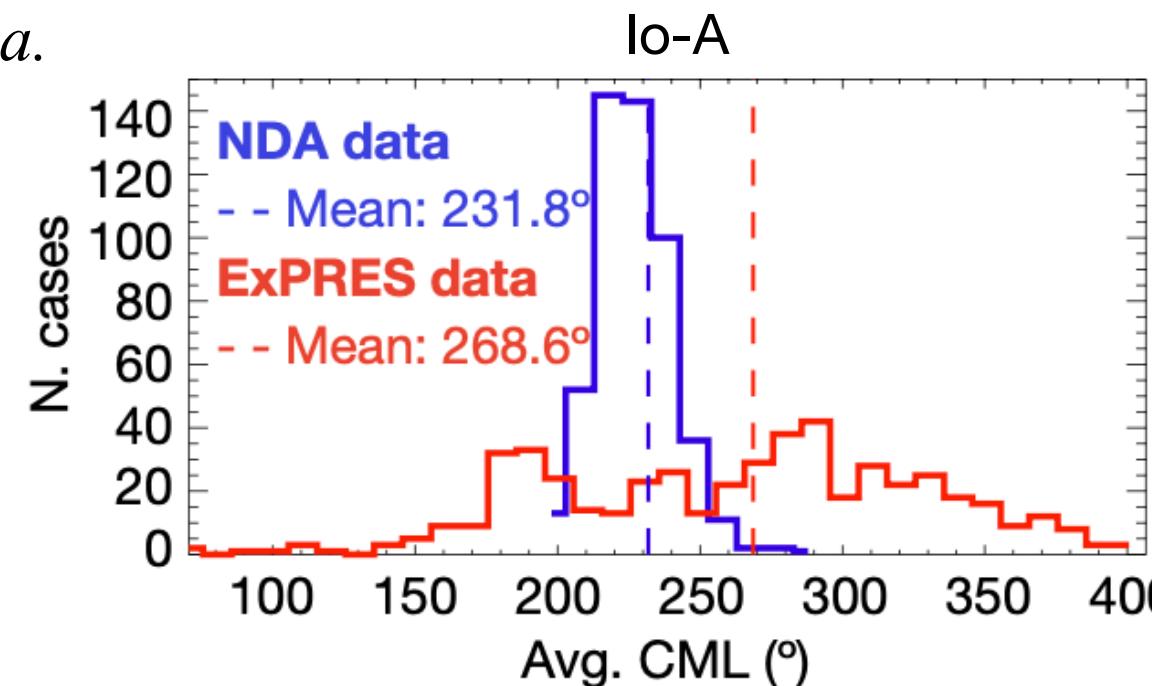


NDA vs. ExPRES emissions:  
**Average Longitude**

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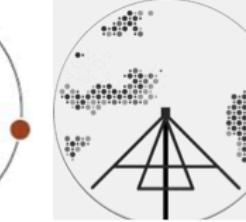
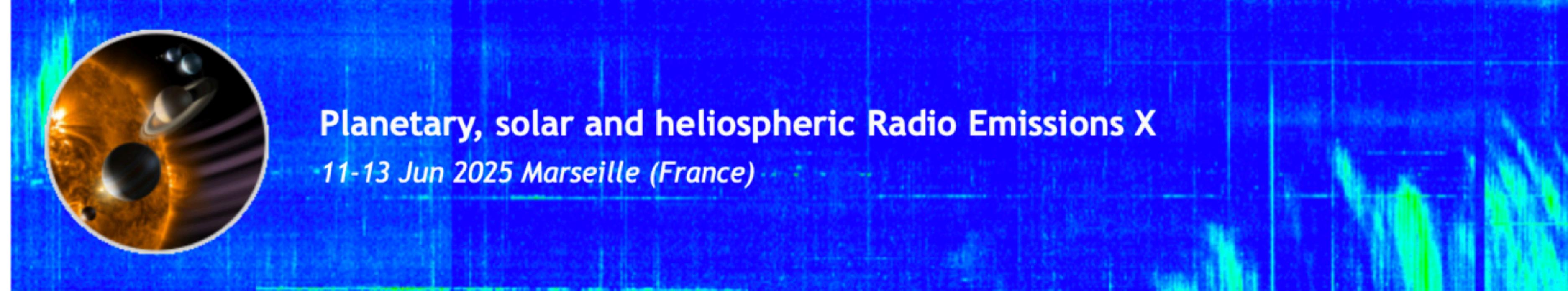
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