

Solar activity relations in energetic electron events measured by the MESSENGER mission



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Motivation

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Third science objective of Solar Orbiter:

How do solar eruptions produce energetic particle radiation that fills the heliosphere?

To investigate the acceleration of solar energetic particles sampling events closer to the acceleration site

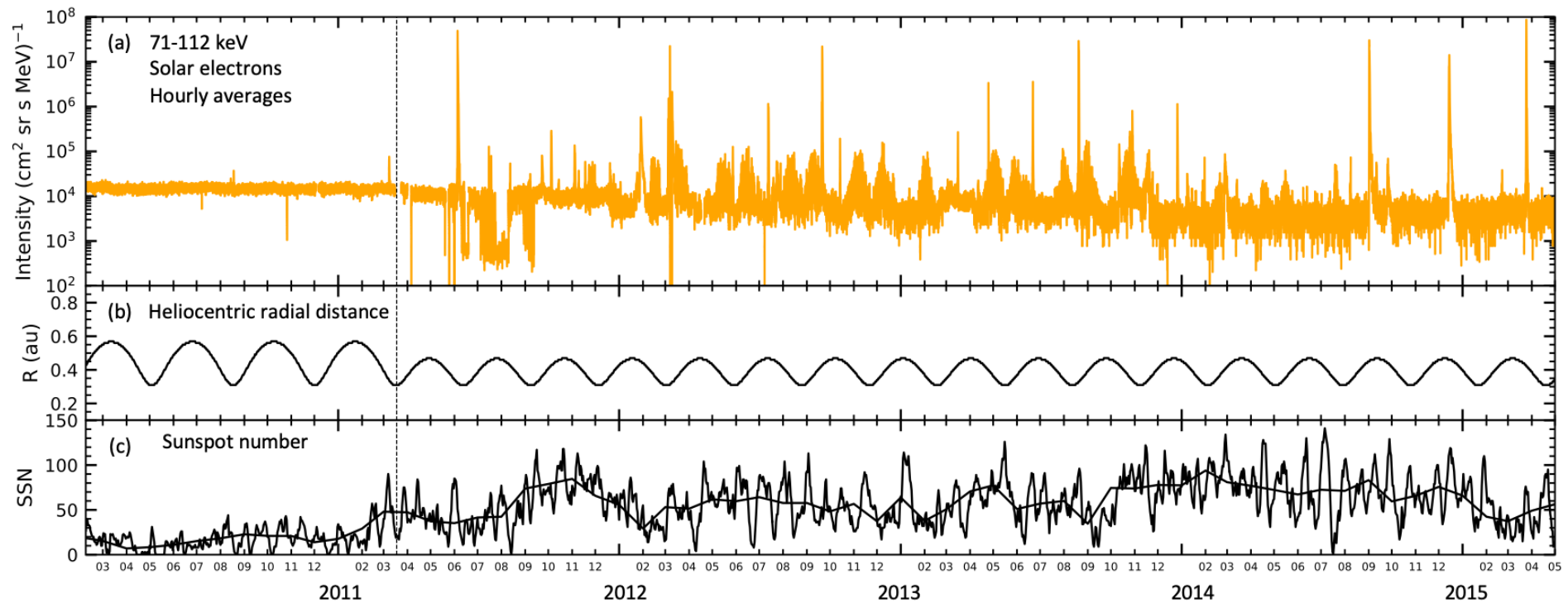
Outline

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- ✓ MESSENGER mission: electron events measured close to the acceleration site (near 0.4 au)
- ✓ Relations between solar energetic electron peak intensities and solar source parameters
- ✓ Conclusions

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solar energetic electron observations



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- Most of the rising, maximum, and early decay phase of solar cycle 24
- Heliocentric distance of MESSENGER: 0.31 to 0.47 au
- Solar energetic events observed as vertical spikes in this compressed timescale
- High background of MESSENGER/EPs instrument -> only strong events
- Anti-Sun pointing of MESSENGER-> lower limit of peak electron intensities

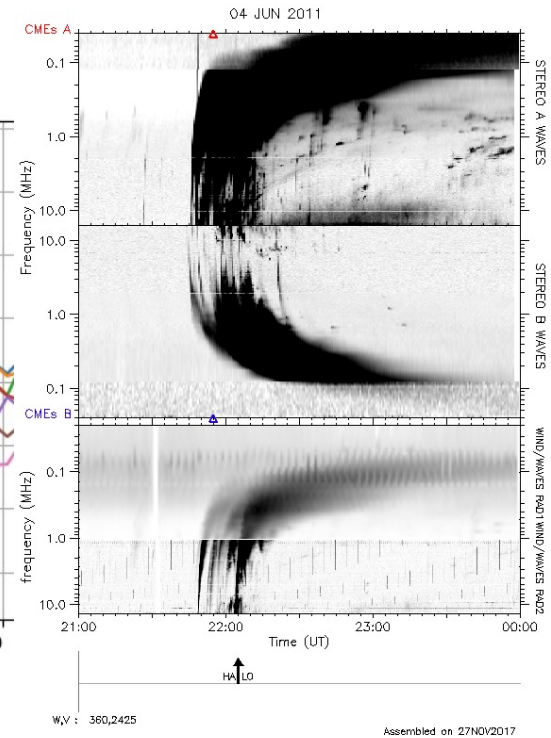
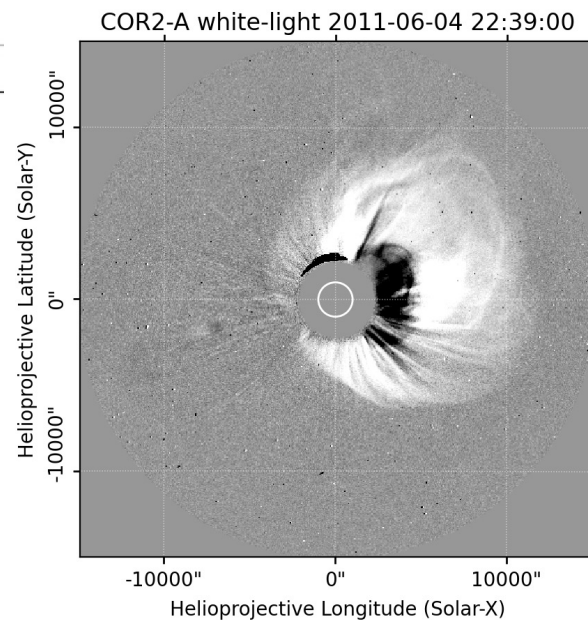
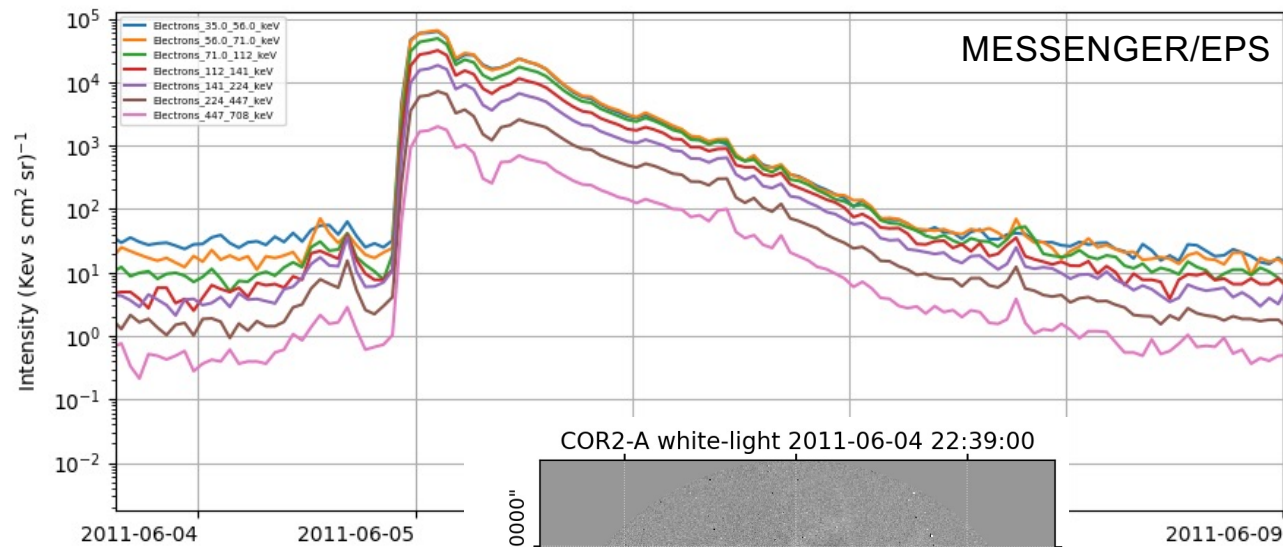
In **61** solar energetic electron (SEE) events we find that:

- **57** events are **CME** related, **56** of them accompanied by a CME-driven shock
- At least **44** events are **widespread**
- **37** events accompanied by **relativistic electron enhancements**

#	Date	Solar event		CA MESS (deg)	R MESS (au)	SEE event	
		I-III onset (UT ± 5 min)	Flare loc [class] (deg)			Imax_MESS (bg) 71 to 112 keV e (cm ² sr s MeV) ⁻¹	δ MESS (-)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
*1	2010/08/14	10:00 [†]	N17W052 [C4.4]	-67	0.31	2.5×10 ⁴ (1.6×10 ⁴)	-
*2	2010/08/18	05:35	N17W101 [C4.5]	-39	0.31	3.7×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ⁴)	-
*3	2011/03/07	19:55 [†]	N30W048 [M3.7]	168	0.34	7.5×10 ⁴ (1.6×10 ⁴)	-1.78±0.13 [†]
*4	2011/06/04	06:50	N16W144 [-]	-12	0.33	3.1×10 ⁴ (9.0×10 ³)	-2.26±1.14
*5	2011/06/04	21:50 [†]	N16W153 [-]	-5	0.33	4.9×10 ⁷ (2.0×10 ⁴)	-1.94±0.21 [†]
*6	2011/08/02	06:25 [†]	N15W015 [M1.4]	19	0.46	1.5×10 ³ (2.5×10 ²)	-
*7	2011/08/04	03:50	N19W036 [M9.3]	37	0.46	1.6×10 ³ (5.0×10 ²)	-
*8	2011/09/22	10:40	N09E089 [X1.4]	90	0.36	8.1×10 ⁴ (1.4×10 ⁴)	-1.97 ±0.36 [†]
*9	2011/10/04	12:30 [†]	N26E153 [-]	-14	0.42	2.9×10 ⁵ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.88±0.17 [†]
10	2011/10/14	11:00 [†]	N10E140 [-]	-23	0.47	2.3×10 ⁴ (1.2×10 ⁴)	-
*11	2011/11/03	22:15	N09E154 [-]	-74	0.44	1.4×10 ⁵ (9.0×10 ³)	-1.69±0.10 [†]
12	2011/11/09	13:10	N24E035 [M1.1]	34	0.42	3.6×10 ⁴ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.96±0.28 [†]
*13	2011/11/17	20:15 [†]	N18E120 [-]	-71	0.38	5.8×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-1.94±0.26 [†]
*14	2012/01/02	14:30	N08W104 [C2.4]	-34	0.43	2.1×10 ⁴ (8.1×10 ³)	-
*15	2012/01/23	03:40	N28W021 [M8.7]	-157	0.46	3.4×10 ⁴ (8.7×10 ³)	-1.78±0.36 [†]
*16	2012/01/27	18:15	N27W078 [X1.7]	-108	0.46	8.7×10 ⁴ (8.5×10 ³)	-1.70±0.19 [†]
*17	2012/03/04	11:05	N19E061 [M2.0]	-8	0.31	8.4×10 ⁴ (8.9×10 ³)	-2.41±1.29 [†]
*18	2012/03/05	03:35	N17E052 [X1.1]	-2	0.31	1.5×10 ⁶ (4.1×10 ⁴)	-1.98±0.20 [†]
*19	2012/03/07	00:20	N17E027 [X5.4]	13	0.31	2.2×10 ⁷ (1.9×10 ⁴)	-2.02±0.26 [†]
*20	2012/05/17	01:30	N11W076 [M5.1]	-76	0.35	8.7×10 ⁴ (2.0×10 ⁴)	-
*21	2012/05/26	20:40	N15W116 [-]	-75	0.31	1.9×10 ⁴ (4.0×10 ³)	-1.70±0.53
*22	2012/05/27	05:10 [†]	S10E054 [C3.1]	108	0.31	1.3×10 ⁵ (2.4×10 ⁴)	-2.56±0.96 [†]
*23	2012/07/12	15:45 [†]	S15W001 [X1.4]	4	0.46	1.1×10 ⁶ (5.5×10 ³)	-1.95±0.27 [†]
24	2012/07/17	14:00 [†]	S20W065 [C9.9]	59	0.46	1.6×10 ⁴ (2.8×10 ³)	-
25	2012/07/19	05:20	S13W088 [M7.7]	79	0.46	2.6×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-
*26	2012/07/23	02:10 [†]	S17W132 [-]	116	0.45	5.8×10 ⁴ (9.5×10 ³)	-1.90±0.18 [†]
27	2012/07/28	21:05	S25E055 [M6.1]	-82	0.44	5.4×10 ⁴ (4.7×10 ³)	-2.11±0.42 [†]
*28	2012/09/20	14:55	S15E155 [-]	-29	0.42	2.0×10 ⁶ (2.5×10 ⁴)	-1.91±0.21 [†]
*29	2012/10/14	00:35	N13E137 [-]	-58	0.46	1.9×10 ⁵ (4.0×10 ³)	-1.93±0.15 [†]
30	2013/03/16	05:45	S15W045 [C2.8]	-14	0.43	2.7×10 ⁵ (5.0×10 ⁴)	-1.92±0.45 [†]
*31	2013/04/11	07:00	N09E012 [M6.5]	-122	0.46	2.2×10 ⁴ (2.7×10 ³)	-
32	2013/04/24	21:40	N10W175 [-]	38	0.40	3.3×10 ⁶ (7.6×10 ³)	-2.22±0.16 [†]
*33	2013/05/13	15:55	N11E085 [X2.8]	67	0.31	2.4×10 ⁴ (6.3×10 ³)	-1.80±0.59
*34	2013/06/21	02:50 [†]	S16E073 [M2.9]	-67	0.46	5.5×10 ⁵ (4.7×10 ³)	-1.82±0.30 [†]
35	2013/08/19	01:20 [†]	N10W162 [-]	-13	0.32	4.0×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ⁴)	-
*36	2013/08/19	22:30	N08W178 [M3.3] [†]	-1	0.32	2.9×10 ⁷ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.99±0.25 [†]
*37	2013/10/11	07:10	N21E103 [M1.5]	-56	0.43	1.4×10 ⁵ (4.6×10 ³)	-1.92±0.08 [†]
*38	2013/10/25	08:00	S10E073 [X1.7]	-62	0.36	2.2×10 ⁵ (1.3×10 ⁴)	-1.85±0.16 [†]
*39	2013/10/25	15:00	S06E069 [X2.1]	-59	0.36	2.8×10 ⁵ (5.4×10 ⁴)	-1.89±0.18 [†]
*40	2013/10/28	15:10	S08E028 [M4.4]	-29	0.34	8.1×10 ⁵ (2.1×10 ⁴)	-1.97±0.06 [†]
*41	2013/11/19	10:25	S15W069 [X1.0]	-41	0.34	6.2×10 ⁴ (5.4×10 ⁴)	-1.93±0.31 [†]
*42	2013/11/30	05:10 [†]	N13W150 [-]	2	0.40	1.5×10 ⁴ (4.9×10 ³)	-
*43	2013/11/30	15:00 [†]	S15E146 [-]	65	0.40	1.6×10 ⁴ (8.2×10 ³)	-
*44	2013/12/26	03:05	S09E166 [-]	9	0.46	1.1×10 ⁶ (4.2×10 ³)	-2.02±0.38 [†]
*45	2014/01/07	18:05	S15W011 [X1.2]	145	0.43	3.2×10 ⁴ (6.1×10 ³)	-
*46	2014/01/28	00:30 [†]	S10E081 [C7.6]	-8	0.32	5.9×10 ³ (8.1×10 ²)	-
47	2014/01/28	05:25 [†]	S14E088 [C9.3]	-16	0.32	2.2×10 ⁴ (2.7×10 ³)	-2.02±1.02 [†]
48	2014/01/30	16:05	S13E058 [M6.6]	2	0.31	7.4×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-1.82±0.33 [†]
49	2014/02/20	07:50	S15W073 [M3.0]	34	0.37	1.3×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ³)	-
*50	2014/02/25	00:45	S12E082 [X4.9]	-137	0.40	5.5×10 ⁴ (1.2×10 ³)	-1.91±0.47 [†]
*51	2014/03/13	21:40 [†]	N15W140 [-]	44	0.46	2.3×10 ⁴ (3.8×10 ³)	-1.55±0.31
52	2014/08/08	16:15	S10W160 [-]	-41	0.33	7.3×10 ⁴ (6.2×10 ³)	-1.82±0.21 [†]
*53	2014/09/01	11:00	N14E127 [-]	-44	0.45	2.9×10 ⁷ (3.4×10 ³)	-1.81±0.03 [†]
54	2014/09/05	06:50	S14E069 [C6.8]	6	0.46	8.6×10 ⁴ (3.9×10 ⁴)	-2.06±0.65
55	2014/09/08	23:55	N12E029 [M4.5]	39	0.47	2.6×10 ⁴ (5.4×10 ³)	-
*56	2014/09/10	17:30	N14E002 [X1.6]	64	0.47	5.6×10 ⁴ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.77±0.16 [†]
*57	2014/09/24	20:45	N13E179 [-]	-139	0.44	5.3×10 ⁴ (4.7×10 ³)	-2.19±0.13 [†]
58	2014/12/13	14:05 [†]	S20W143 [-]	-75	0.46	7.8×10 ⁶ (3.4×10 ³)	-1.92±0.26 [†]
59	2015/02/21	09:30 [†]	S40W075 [B4.8]	-19	0.44	3.8×10 ⁴ (3.9×10 ³)	-
60	2015/03/24	08:30 [†]	S01W121 [-]	-31	0.43	1.2×10 ⁶ (1.3×10 ⁴)	-1.94±0.24 [†]
*61	2015/04/14	09:15 [†]	S15W100 [B9]	-119	0.32	1.5×10 ⁴ (4.5×10 ³)	-

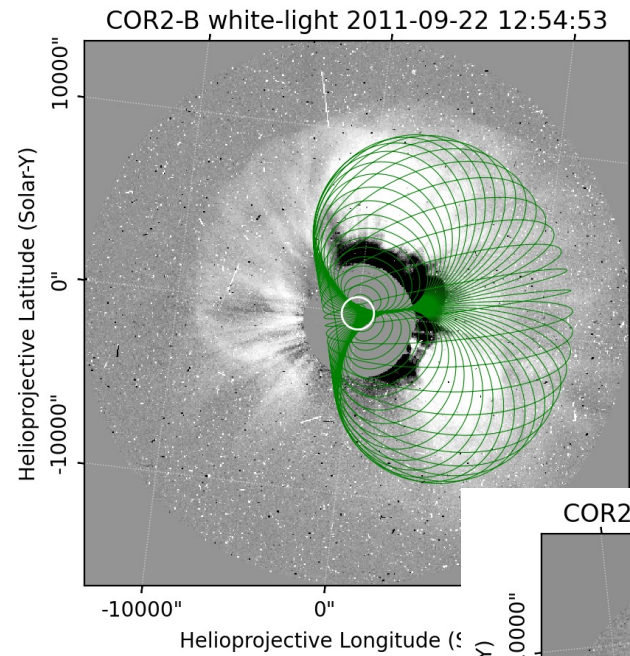
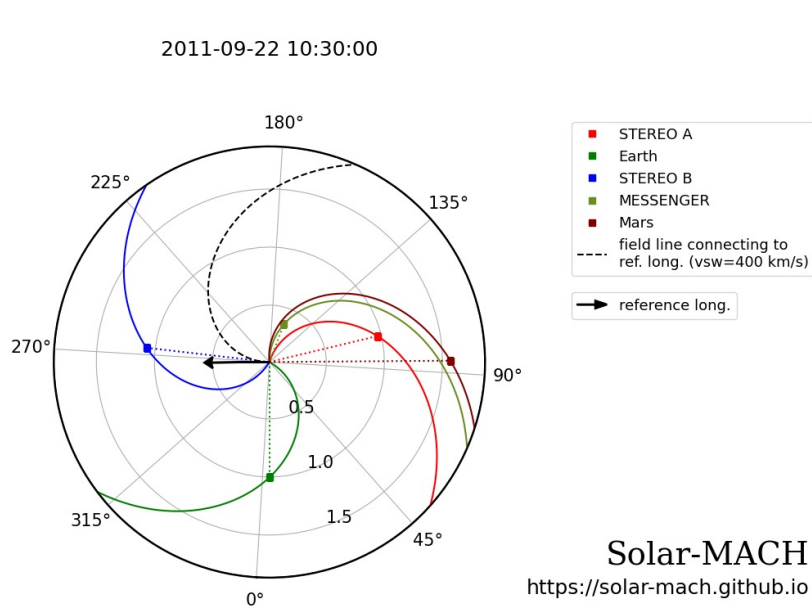
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Example: Solar energetic electron event on 2011 June 4



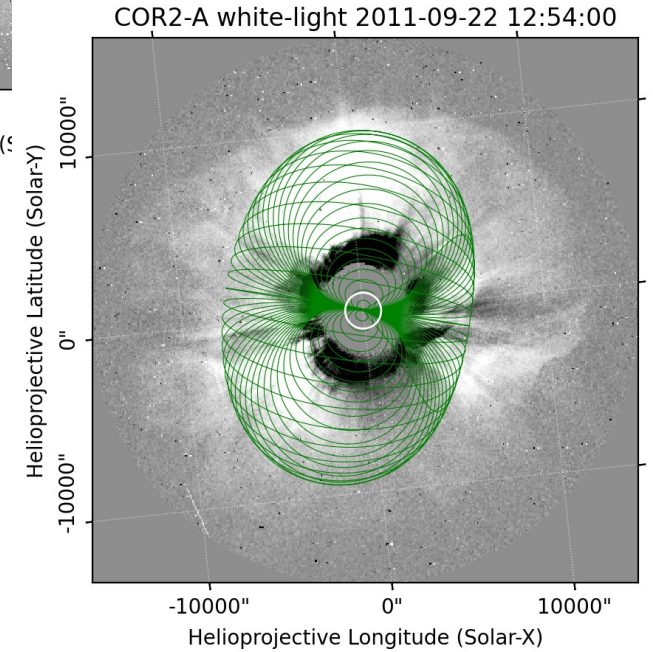
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Example: Solar energetic electron event on 2011 September 22



Nominal connection angle (CA) using 400 km/s solar wind speed

3D CME/CME-driven shock geometry and kinematics



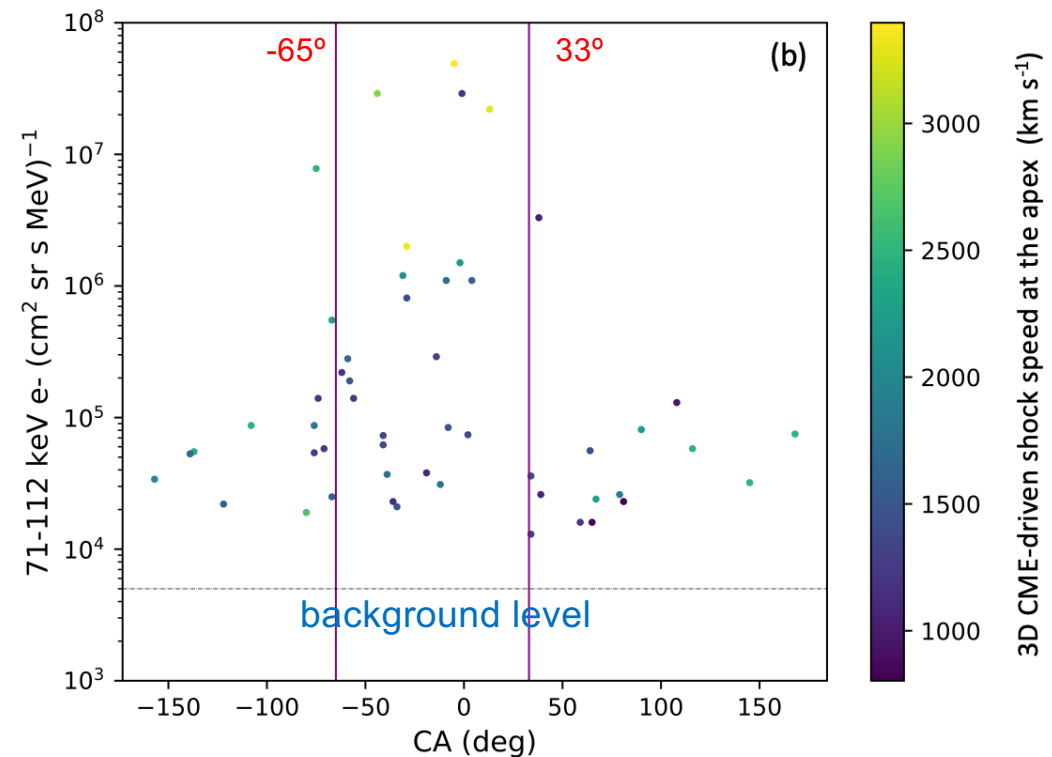
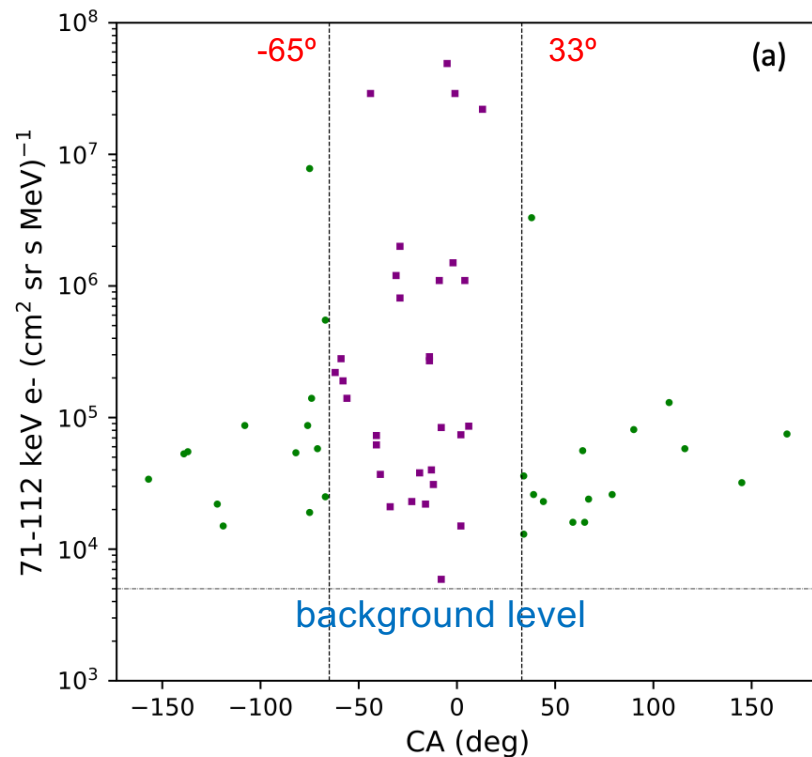
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Table A.1. Solar energetic electron events measured by MESSENGER.

#	Date	Solar event I-III onset (UT ± 5 min)	Flare loc [class] (deg)	CME parameters			CA MESS (deg)	R MESS (au)	SEE event	
				speed (GCS) (km s ⁻¹)	width (deg)	Shock speed (3D) (km s ⁻¹)			I _{max} _MESS (bg) 71 to 112 keV e ⁻ (cm ² sr s MeV ⁻¹)	δ MESS (-)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
*1	2010/08/14	10:00 [†]	N17W052 [C4.4]	960	64	1631	-67	0.31	2.5×10 ⁴ (1.6×10 ⁴)	-
*2	2010/08/18	05:35	N17W101 [C4.5]	1634	57	1781	-39	0.31	3.7×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ⁴)	-
*3	2011/03/07	19:55 [†]	N30W048 [M3.7]	2250	51	2505	168	0.34	7.5×10 ⁴ (1.6×10 ⁴)	-1.78±0.13 [†]
*4	2011/06/04	06:50	N16W144 [-]	1086	106	1826	-12	0.33	3.1×10 ⁴ (9.0×10 ³)	-2.26±1.14
*5	2011/06/04	21:50 [†]	N16W153 [-]	2200	126	3397	-5	0.33	4.9×10 ⁷ (2.0×10 ⁴)	-1.94±0.21 [†]
*6	2011/08/02	06:25 [†]	N15W015 [M1.4]	807	90	1114	19	0.46	1.5×10 ³ (2.5×10 ²)	-
*7	2011/08/04	03:50	N19W036 [M9.3]	1125	88	2572	37	0.46	1.6×10 ³ (5.0×10 ²)	-
*8	2011/09/22	10:40	N09E089 [X1.4]	1300	81	2206	90	0.36	8.1×10 ⁴ (1.4×10 ⁴)	-1.97 ±0.36 [†]
*9	2011/10/04	12:30 [†]	N26E153 [-]	1358	77	1341	-14	0.42	2.9×10 ⁵ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.88±0.17 [†]
10	2011/10/14	11:00 [†]	N10E140 [-]	889	74	1166	-23	0.47	2.3×10 ⁴ (1.2×10 ⁴)	-
*11	2011/11/03	22:15	N09E154 [-]	890	76	1210	-74	0.44	1.4×10 ³ (9.0×10 ³)	-1.69±0.10 [†]
12	2011/11/09	13:10	N24E035 [M1.1]	1133	45	1446	34	0.42	3.6×10 ⁴ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.96±0.28 [†]
*13	2011/11/17	20:15 [†]	N18E120 [-]	948	106	1254	-71	0.38	5.8×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-1.94±0.26 [†]
*14	2012/01/02	14:30	N08W104 [C2.4]	1125	83	1443	-34	0.43	2.1×10 ⁴ (8.1×10 ³)	-
*15	2012/01/23	03:40	N28W021 [M8.7]	1775	91	2014	-157	0.46	3.4×10 ⁴ (8.7×10 ³)	-1.78±0.36 [†]
*16	2012/01/27	18:15	N27W078 [X1.7]	1750	70	2468	-108	0.46	8.7×10 ⁴ (8.5×10 ³)	-1.70±0.19 [†]
*17	2012/03/04	11:05	N19E061 [M2.0]	1588	46	1497	-8	0.31	8.4×10 ⁴ (8.9×10 ³)	-2.41±1.29 [†]
*18	2012/03/05	03:35	N17E052 [X1.1]	850	72	2231	-2	0.31	1.5×10 ⁶ (4.1×10 ⁴)	-1.98±0.20 [†]
*19	2012/03/07	00:20	N17E027 [X5.4]	2700	71	3303	13	0.31	2.2×10 ⁷ (1.9×10 ⁴)	-2.02±0.26 [†]
*20	2012/05/17	01:30	N11W076 [M5.1]	1458	75	1807	-76	0.35	8.7×10 ⁴ (2.0×10 ⁴)	-
*21	2012/05/26	20:40	N15W116 [-]	1850	55	2665	-75	0.31	1.9×10 ⁴ (4.0×10 ³)	-1.70±0.53
*22	2012/05/27	05:10 [†]	S10E054 [C3.1]	1052	78	958	108	0.31	1.3×10 ³ (2.4×10 ⁴)	-2.56±0.96 [†]
*23	2012/07/12	15:45 [†]	S15W001 [X1.4]	1393	75	1617	4	0.46	1.1×10 ⁶ (5.5×10 ³)	-1.95±0.27 [†]
24	2012/07/17	14:00 [†]	S20W065 [C9.9]	821	50	1245	59	0.46	1.6×10 ⁴ (2.8×10 ³)	-
25	2012/07/19	05:20	S13W088 [M7.7]	1500	71	1897	79	0.46	2.6×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-
*26	2012/07/23	02:10 [†]	S17W132 [-]	1900	116	2520	116	0.45	5.8×10 ⁴ (9.5×10 ³)	-1.90±0.18 [†]
27	2012/07/28	21:05	S25E055 [M6.1]	792	68	1255	-82	0.44	5.4×10 ⁴ (4.7×10 ³)	-2.11±0.42 [†]
*28	2012/09/20	14:55	S15E155 [-]	2600	54	3353	-29	0.42	2.0×10 ⁶ (2.5×10 ⁴)	-1.91±0.21 [†]
*29	2012/10/14	00:35	N13E137 [-]	1200	61	1502	-58	0.46	1.9×10 ³ (4.0×10 ³)	-1.93±0.15 [†]
30	2013/03/16	05:45	S15W045 [C2.8]	260	61	-	-14	0.43	2.7×10 ³ (5.0×10 ⁴)	-1.92±0.45 [†]
*31	2013/04/11	07:00	N09E012 [M6.5]	1350	130	1602	-122	0.46	2.2×10 ⁴ (2.7×10 ³)	-
32	2013/04/24	21:40	N10W175 [-]	560	73	1017	38	0.40	3.3×10 ⁶ (7.6×10 ³)	-2.22±0.16 [†]
*33	2013/05/13	15:55	N11E085 [X2.8]	2000	84	2308	67	0.31	2.4×10 ⁴ (6.3×10 ³)	-1.80±0.59
*34	2013/06/21	02:50 [†]	S16E073 [M2.9]	1428	60	2303	-67	0.46	5.5×10 ³ (4.7×10 ³)	-1.82±0.30 [†]
35	2013/08/19	01:20 [†]	N10W162 [-]	-	-	-	-13	0.32	4.0×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ⁴)	-
*36	2013/08/19	22:30	N08W178 [M3.3] [†]	1149	118	1192	-1	0.32	2.9×10 ⁷ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.99±0.25 [†]
*37	2013/10/11	07:10	N21E103 [M1.5]	875	160	1267	-56	0.43	1.4×10 ³ (4.6×10 ³)	-1.92±0.08 [†]
*38	2013/10/25	08:00	S10E073 [X1.7]	500	65	1188	-62	0.36	2.2×10 ⁵ (1.3×10 ⁴)	-1.85±0.16 [†]
*39	2013/10/25	15:00	S06E069 [X2.1]	1225	69	1686	-59	0.36	2.8×10 ³ (5.4×10 ⁴)	-1.89±0.18 [†]
*40	2013/10/28	15:10	S08E028 [M4.4]	1400	56	1393	-29	0.34	8.1×10 ³ (2.1×10 ⁴)	-1.97±0.06 [†]
*41	2013/11/19	10:25	S15W069 [X1.0]	1138	52	1361	-41	0.34	6.2×10 ⁴ (5.4×10 ⁴)	-1.93±0.31 [†]
*42	2013/11/30	05:10 [†]	N13W150 [-]	-	-	-	2	0.40	1.5×10 ⁴ (4.9×10 ³)	-
*43	2013/11/30	15:00 [†]	S15E146 [-]	830	48	830	65	0.40	1.6×10 ⁴ (8.2×10 ³)	-
*44	2013/12/26	03:05	S09E166 [-]	1738	47	1753	-9	0.46	1.1×10 ⁶ (4.2×10 ³)	-2.02±0.38 [†]
*45	2014/01/07	18:05	S15W011 [X1.2]	2190	61	2486	145	0.43	3.2×10 ⁴ (6.1×10 ³)	-
*46	2014/01/28	00:30 [†]	S10E081 [C7.6]	-	-	-	-8	0.32	5.9×10 ³ (8.1×10 ²)	-
47	2014/01/28	05:25 [†]	S14E088 [C9.3]	-	-	-	-16	0.32	2.2×10 ⁴ (2.7×10 ³)	-2.02±1.02 [†]
48	2014/01/30	16:05	S13E058 [M6.6]	1450	66	1367	2	0.31	7.4×10 ⁴ (7.1×10 ³)	-1.82±0.33 [†]
49	2014/02/20	07:50	S15W073 [M3.0]	1103	70	1328	34	0.37	1.3×10 ⁴ (1.5×10 ³)	-
*50	2014/02/25	00:45	S12E082 [X4.9]	2350	69	2431	-137	0.40	5.5×10 ⁴ (1.2×10 ³)	-1.91±0.47 [†]
*51	2014/03/13	21:40 [†]	N15W140 [-]	498	23	803	44	0.46	2.3×10 ⁴ (3.8×10 ³)	-1.55±0.31
52	2014/08/08	16:15	S10W160 [-]	1035	57	1352	-41	0.33	7.3×10 ⁴ (6.2×10 ³)	-1.82±0.21 [†]
*53	2014/09/01	11:00	N14E127 [-]	1842	77	2947	-44	0.45	2.9×10 ⁷ (3.4×10 ³)	-1.81±0.03 [†]
54	2014/09/05	06:50	S14E069 [C6.8]	565 [†]	56 [†]	NP	6	0.46	8.6×10 ⁴ (3.9×10 ⁴)	-2.06±0.65
55	2014/09/08	23:55	N12E029 [M4.5]	1120	36	1077	39	0.47	2.6×10 ⁴ (5.4×10 ³)	-
*56	2014/09/10	17:30	N14E002 [X1.6]	1580	74	1427	64	0.47	5.6×10 ⁴ (1.0×10 ⁴)	-1.77±0.16 [†]
*57	2014/09/24	20:45	N13E179 [-]	1516	76	1651	-139	0.44	5.3×10 ⁴ (4.7×10 ³)	-2.19±0.13 [†]
58	2014/12/13	14:05 [†]	S20W143 [-]	2036 [†]	92 [†]	2519 [†]	-75	0.46	7.8×10 ⁶ (3.4×10 ³)	-1.92±0.26 [†]
59	2015/02/21	09:30 [†]	S40W075 [B4.8]	884 [†]	65 [†]	1088 [†]	-19	0.44	3.8×10 ⁴ (3.9×10 ³)	-
60	2015/03/24	08:30 [†]	S01W121 [-]	1371 [†]	106 [†]	2102 [†]	-31	0.43	1.2×10 ⁶ (1.3×10 ⁴)	-1.94±0.24 [†]
*61	2015/04/14	09:15 [†]	S15W100 [B9]	484 [†]	31 [†]	NP	-119	0.32	1.5×10 ⁴ (4.5×10 ³)	-

MESSENGER list
completed with the
3D reconstruction of
CMEs and CME-driven
shocks

e- peak intensity versus flare location



- The sample is truncated (high background level of the MESSENGER/EPS instrument)

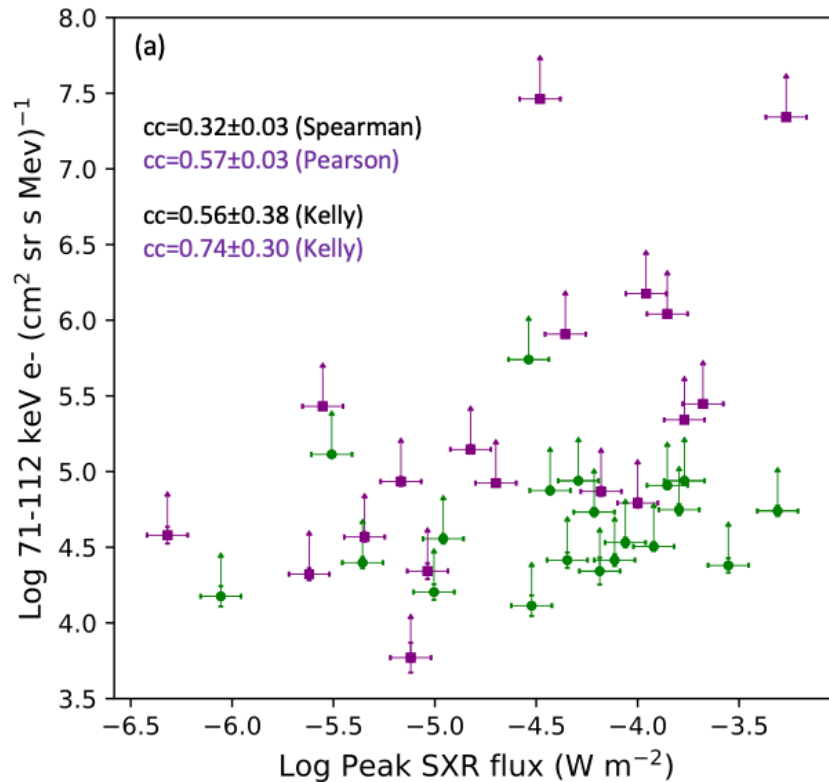


Asymmetry in the SEE events showing the largest intensities->
 Centroid and sigma by Lario et al. 2013 are used for defining well-connected events->
 $-65^\circ < CA < 33^\circ$

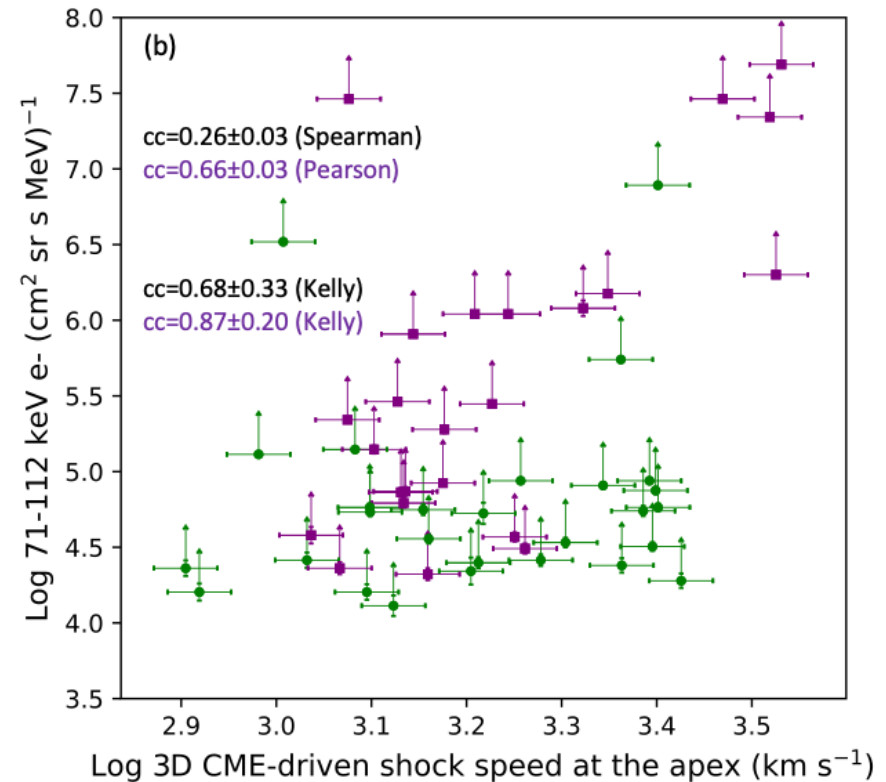
Relations between e⁻ peak intensity and solar source parameters



37 events (all), 18 events (-65° ≤ CA ≤ +33°)



52 events (all), 24 events (-65° ≤ CA ≤ +33°)

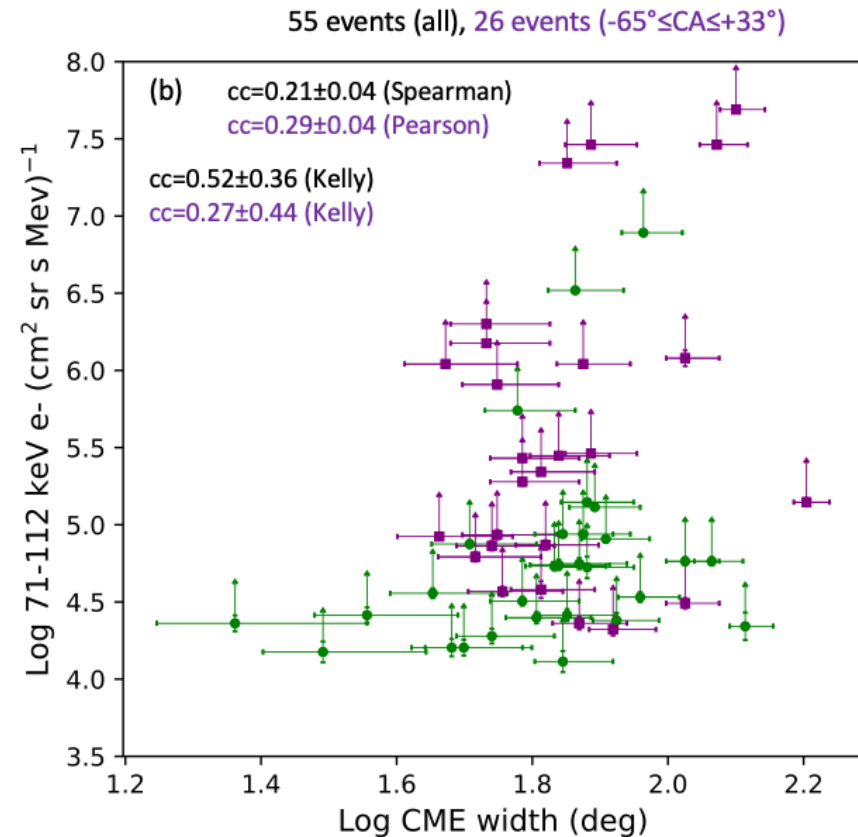
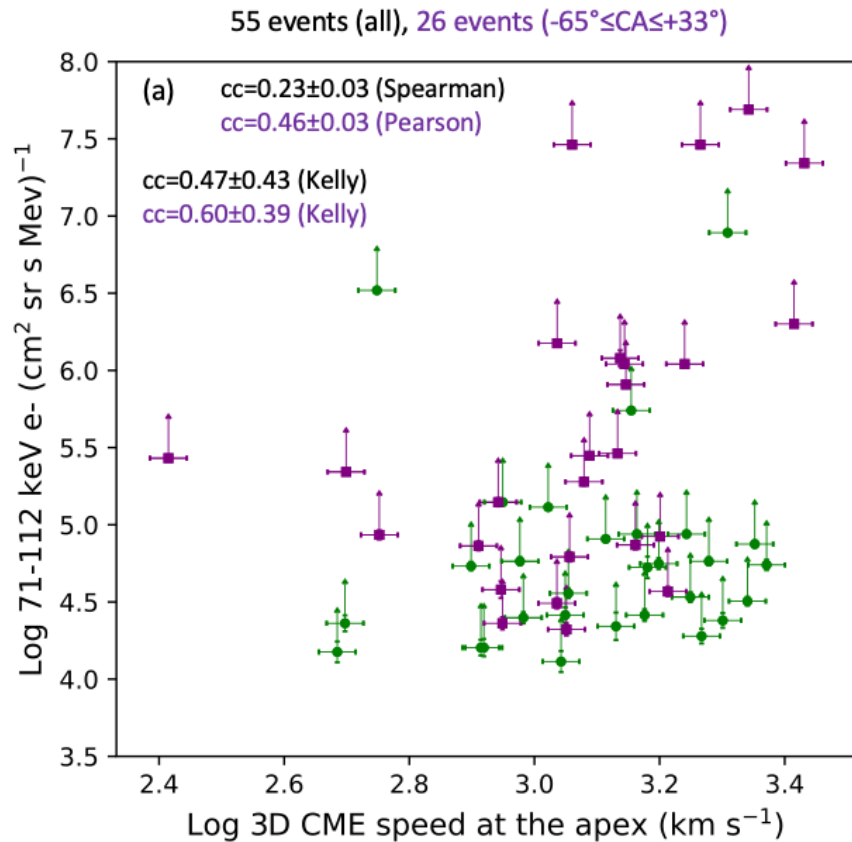


- Spearman, Pearson, and Kelly correlation methods used
- Corrected for the lower limit of peak intensity values measured by MESSENGER



Similar correlations (within uncertainties) between the SEE peak intensities and the flare or shock parameters

Relations between e⁻ peak intensity and solar source parameters





The correlation of the peak electron intensity with the maximum speed of the 3D CME-driven shock at the apex is stronger and also more significant than that with the CME speed at the apex



The 3D CME geometry plays a moderate role in the acceleration of particles

Conclusions

- ✓  Both flare and shock-related processes may contribute to the acceleration of near relativistic electrons in large SEE events, in agreement with previous studies based on near 1 au data
- ✓  The maximum speed of the CME-driven shock is a better parameter to investigate particle-acceleration-related mechanisms than the average CME speed, as suggested by the stronger correlation with the SEE peak intensities

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