



Physics 305- White Noise Analysis

# *Black Marble nighttime lights*

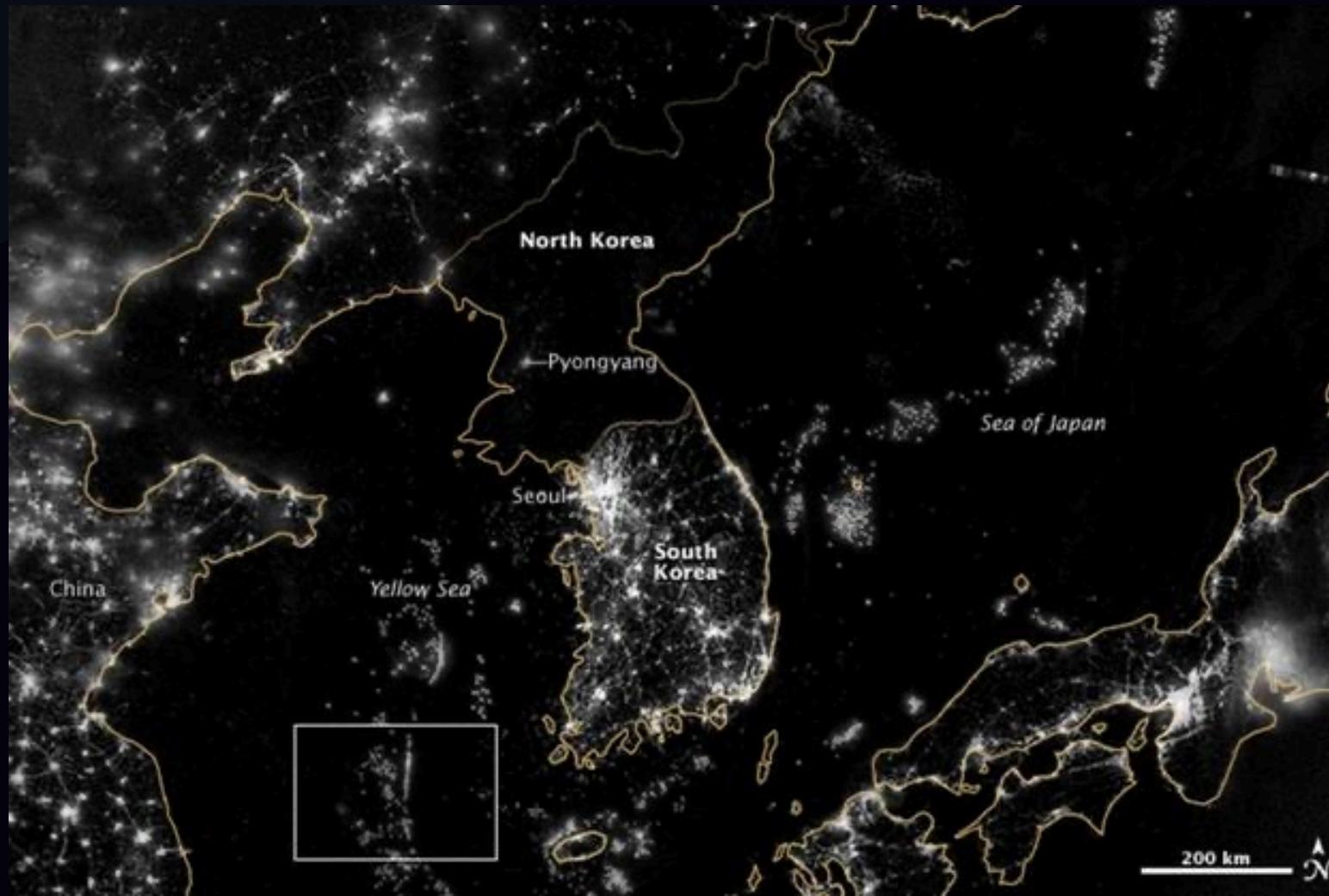
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# North/South Korea divide



NASA EARTH OBSERVATORY IMAGE BY JESSE ALLEN AND ROBERT SIMMON  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/north-korea-hermit-country-space-photos/3/>

# Berlin, Germany (2020)



<https://twitter.com/NorbertElekes/status/1325892921590210560/photo/1>

# Crisis in Syria (83% NTL reduction)

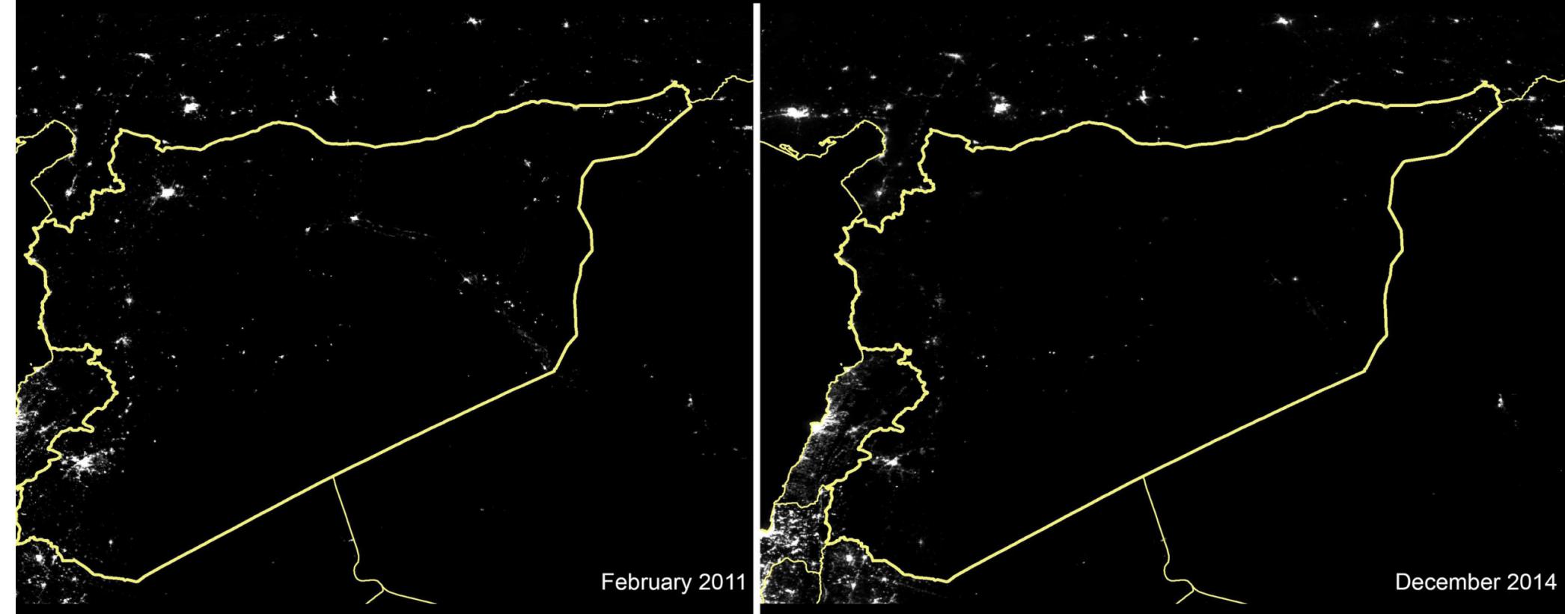


Photo: Satellite images showing night time light levels across Syria in February 2011 and December 2014 © #WithSyria and Wuhan University

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/03/syria-goes-dark-83-of-lights-out-after-four-years-of-crisis/>

# Puerto Rico after Maria

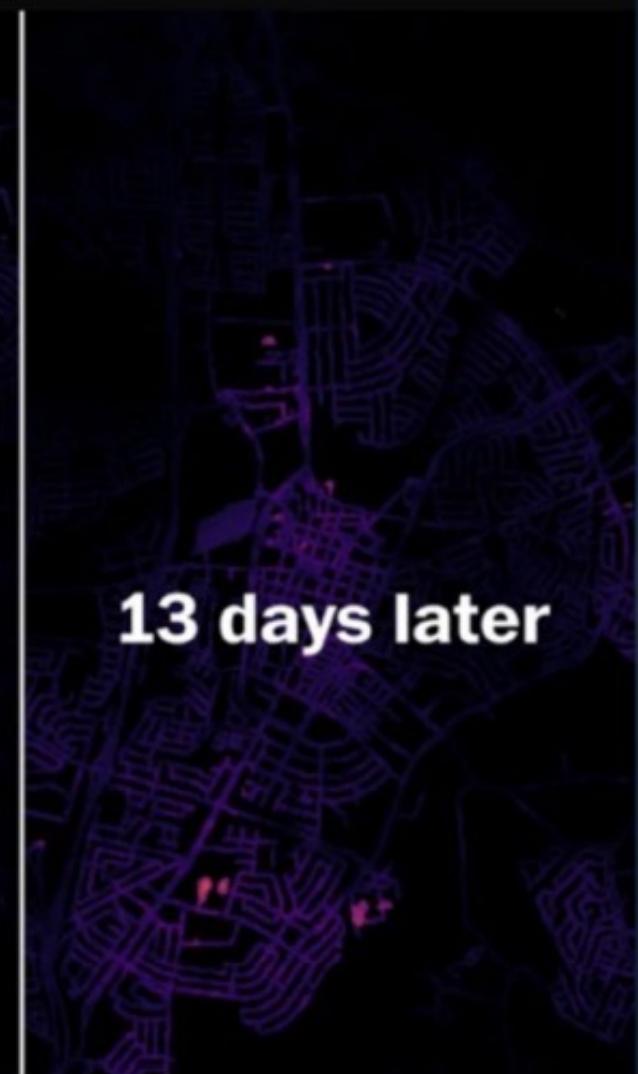


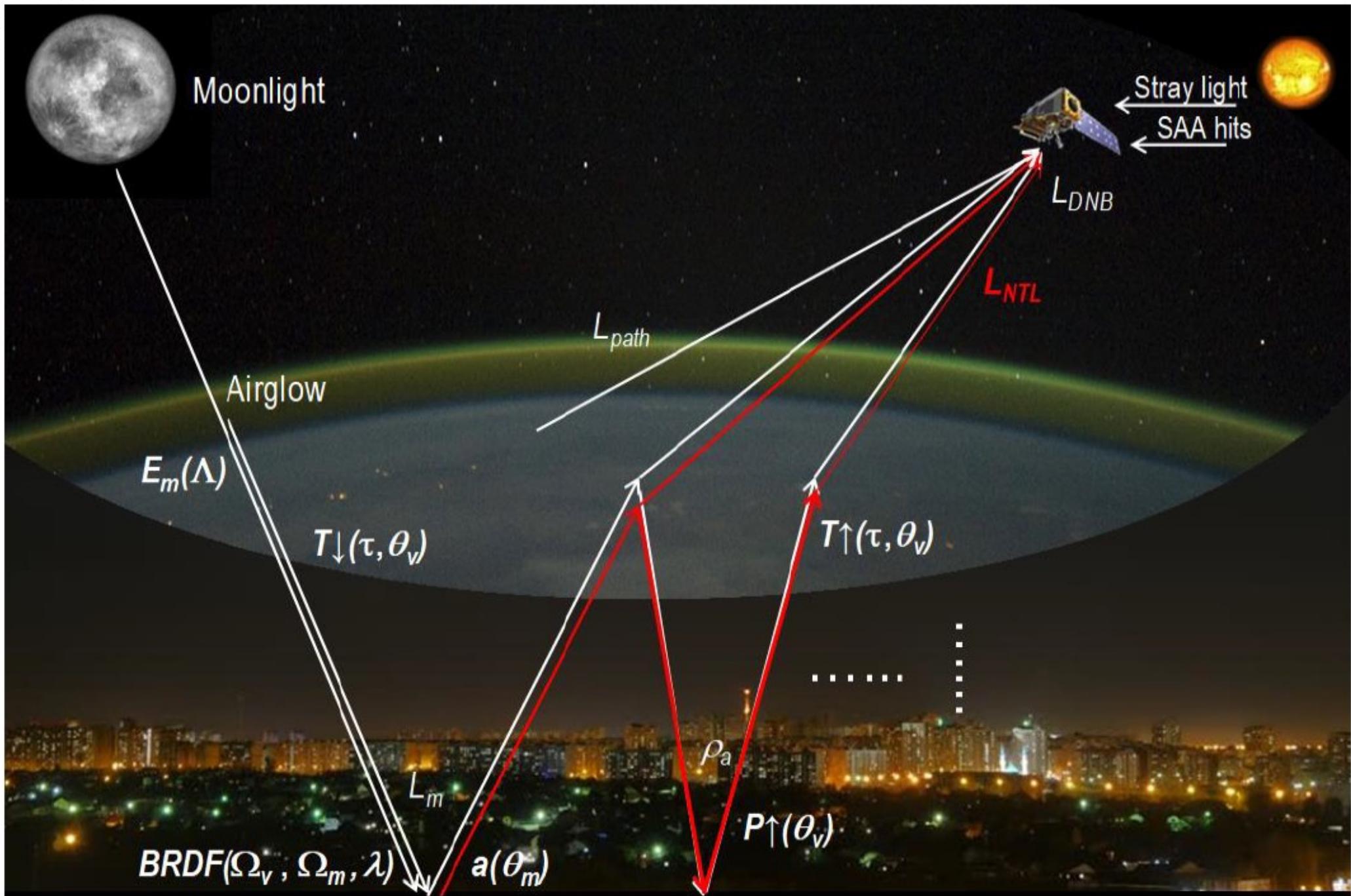
The Washington Post  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*



Caguas, Puerto Rico

8 days later

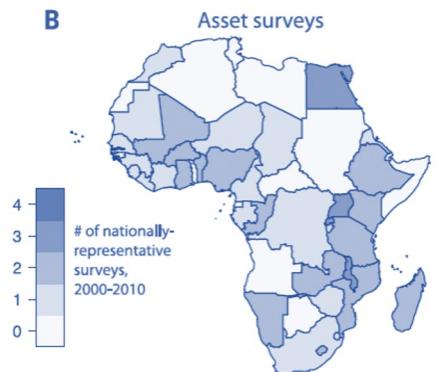
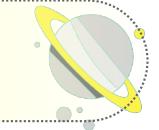




## Principles of nighttime lights |

Miguel O. Roman et al. NASA's Black Marble nighttime lights product suite.  
Remote Sensing of Environment, 210:113–143, 7 2018.

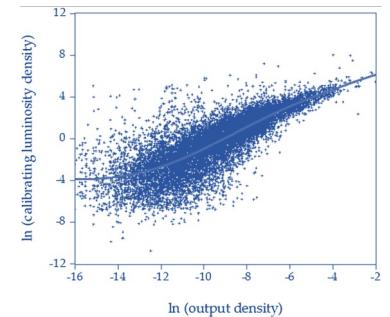
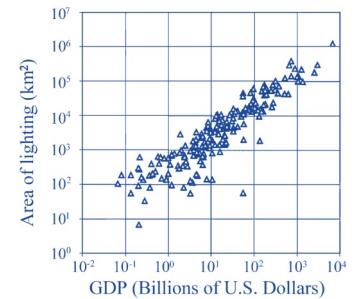
# Relevant studies using NTL

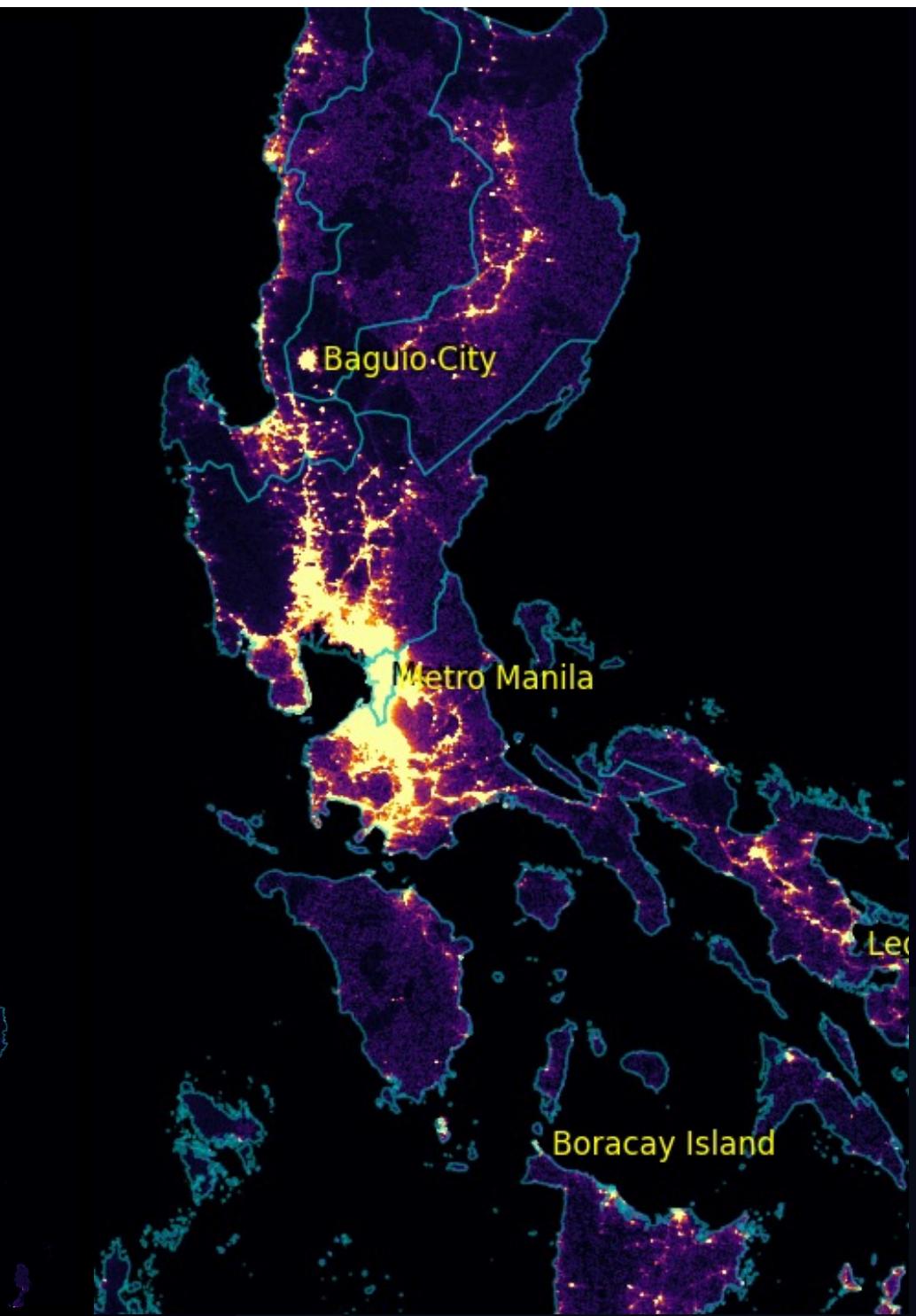
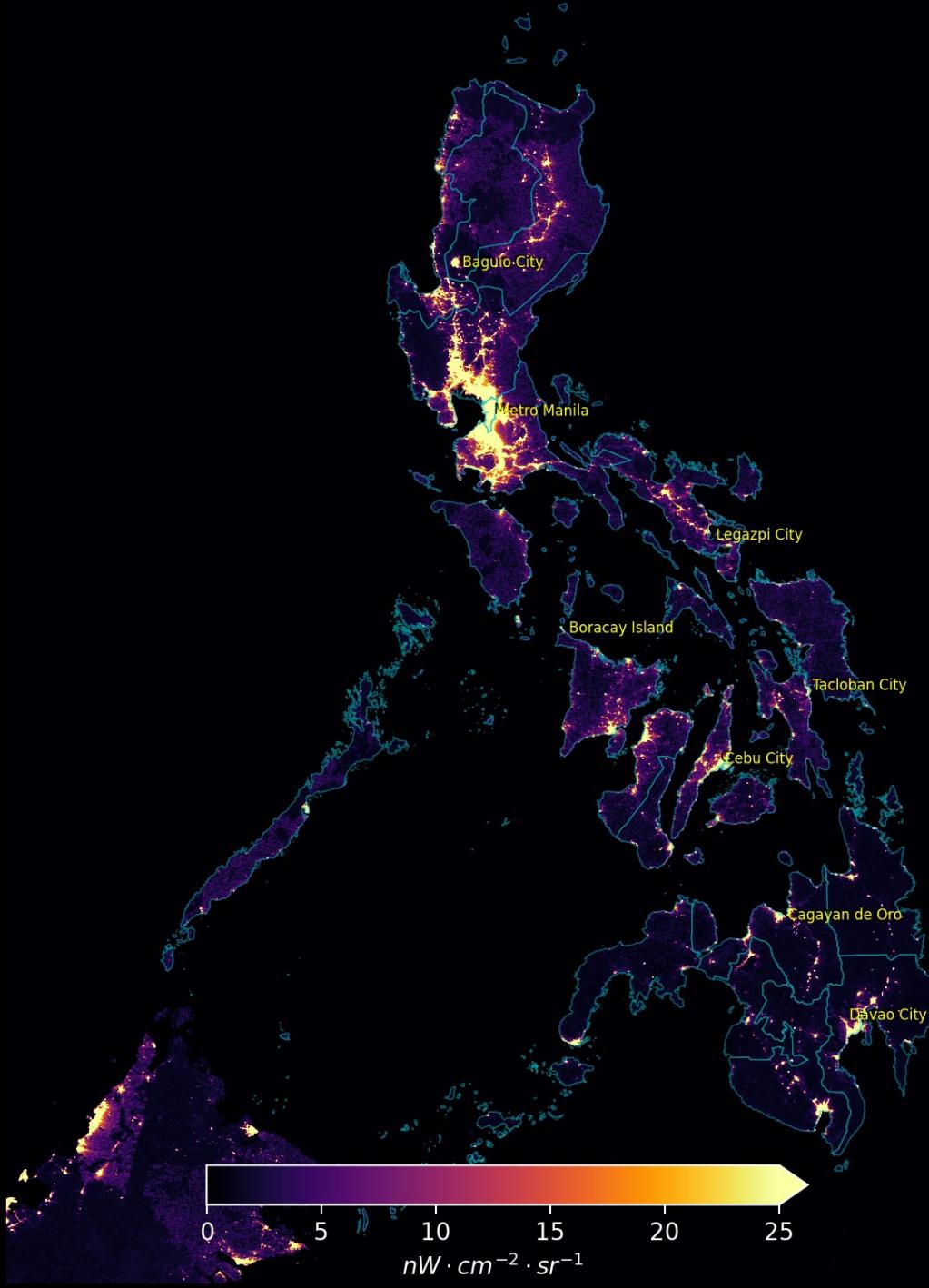


## Why use nighttime lights?

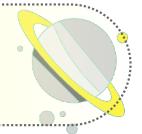
1. NTL provides **improved accessibility** to information difficult to obtain by other means.
2. NTL is **consistent**, has a wide geographic coverage and **high spatiotemporal resolution**.
3. NTL are especially useful for a variety of **socio-economic research and applications**.

- Neal Jean et al. **Combining satellite imagery and machine learning to predict poverty**. *Science*, 353:790–794, 2016.
- Isabelle Tingzon et al. **Mapping Poverty in the Philippines Using Machine Learning, Satellite Imagery, and Crowd-sourced Geospatial Information**. *The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences*, XLII:14–15, 2019.
- Xi Chen and William D. Nordhaus. **Using luminosity data as a proxy for economic statistics**. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 108:8589–8594, 2011.
- Christopher D Elvidge et al. **Night-time lights of the world: 1994–1995**. *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, 56(2):81–99, 2001.

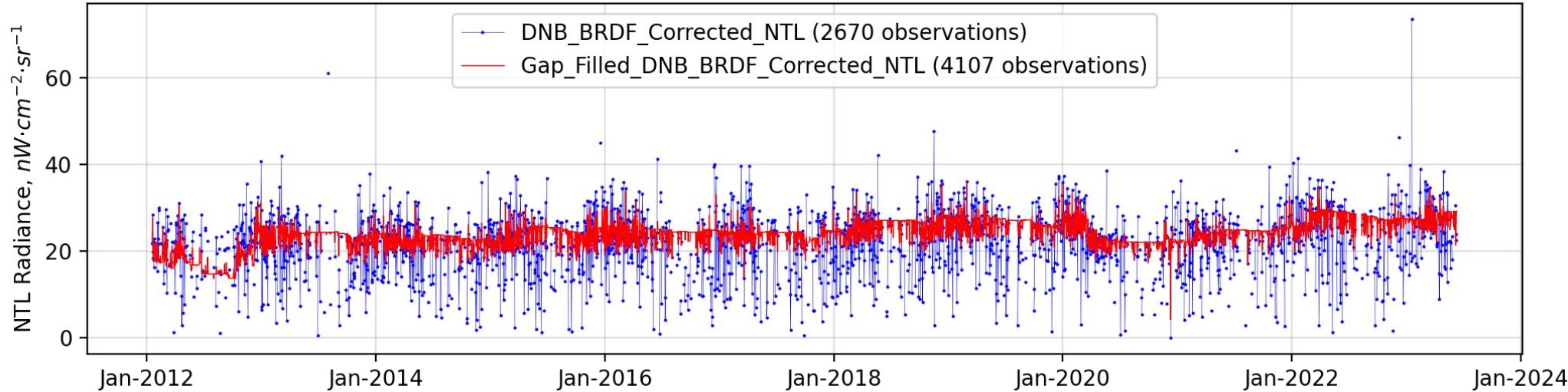




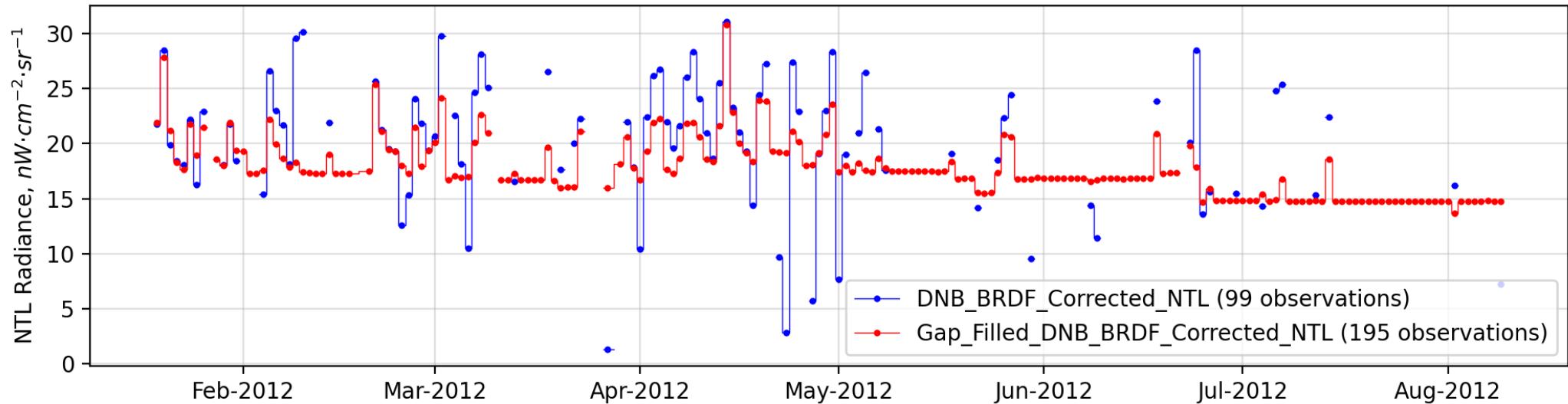
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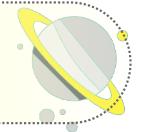
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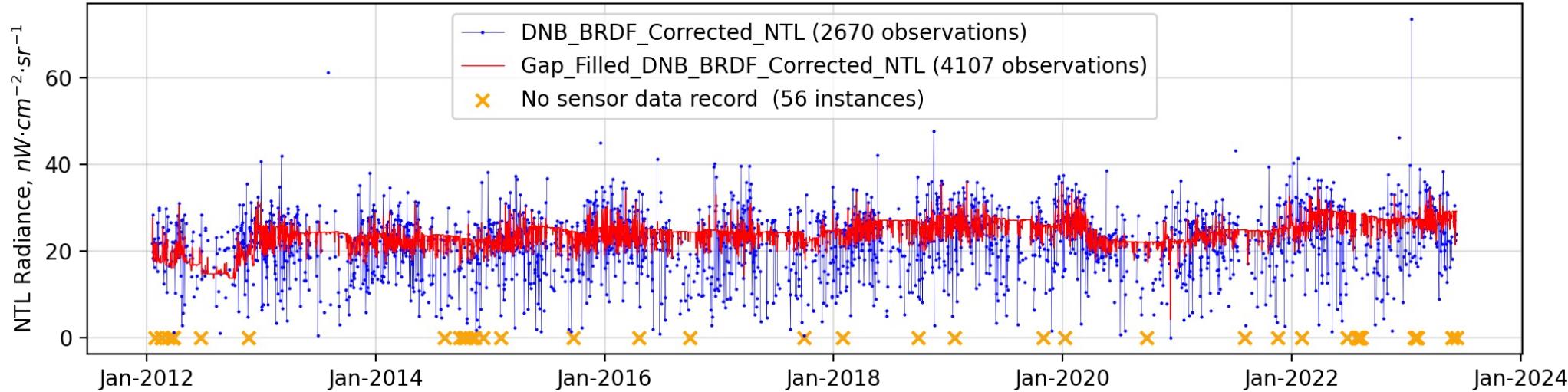
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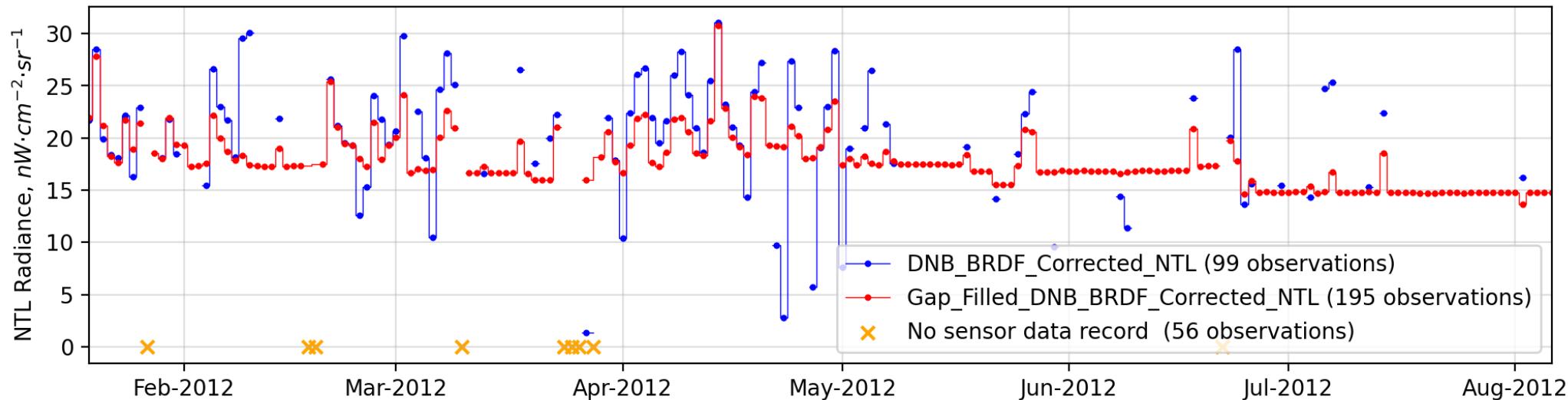
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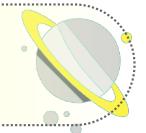
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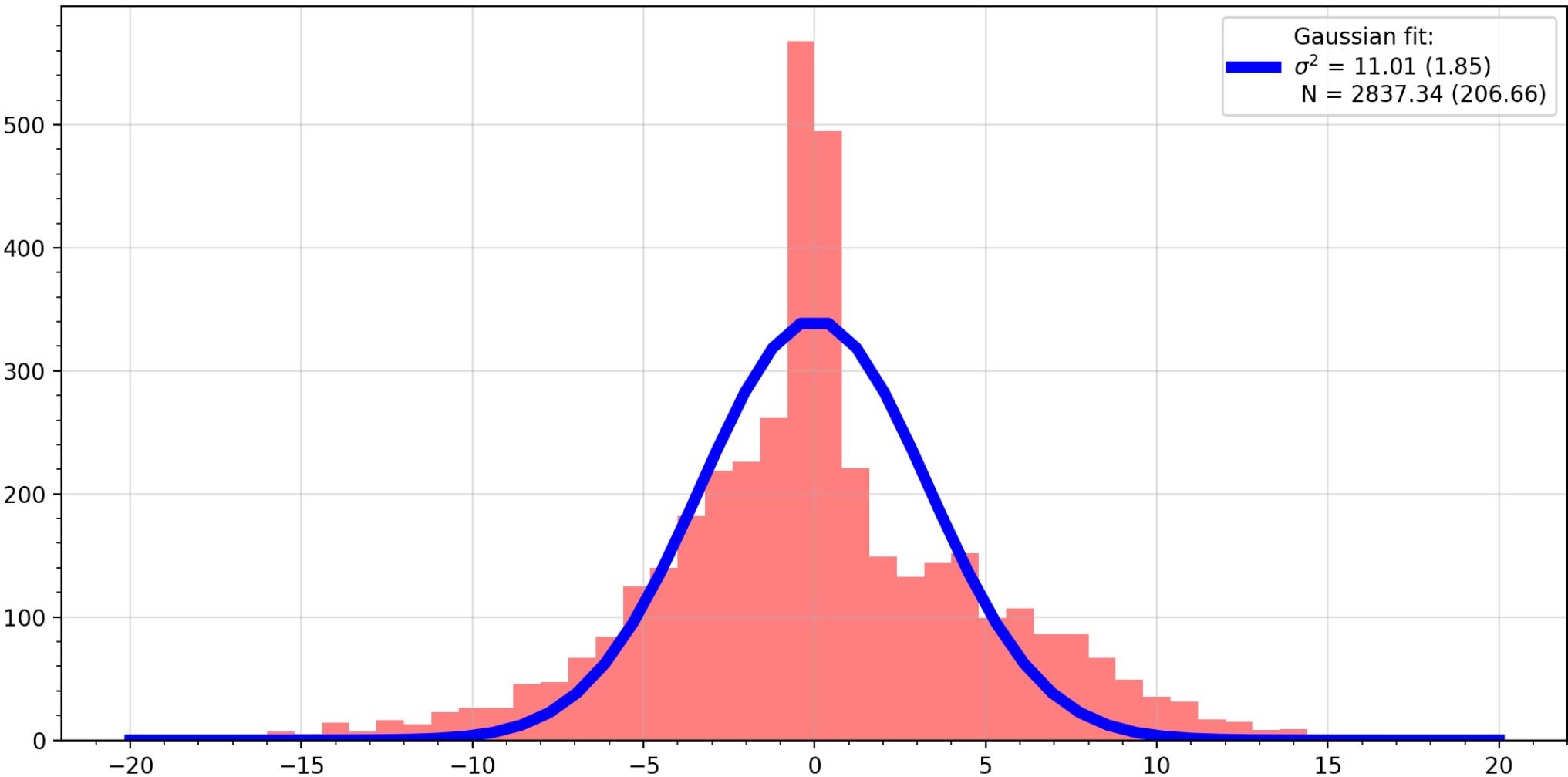
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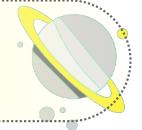
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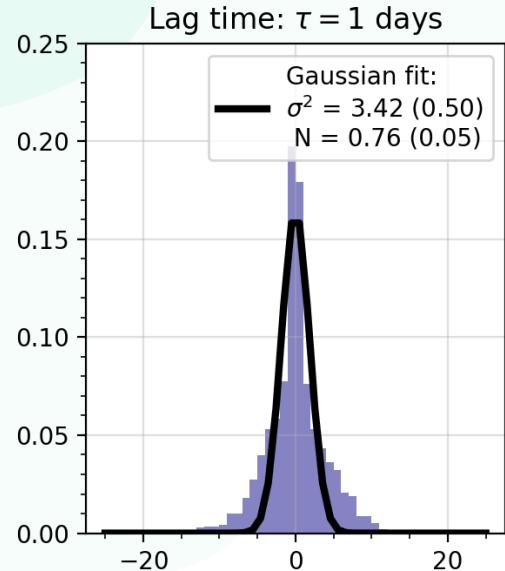
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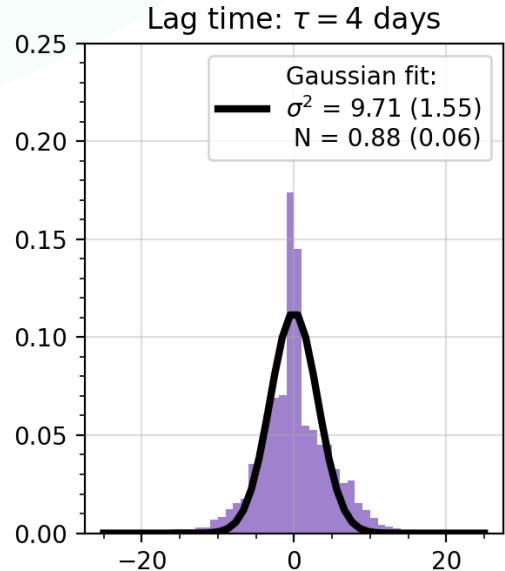
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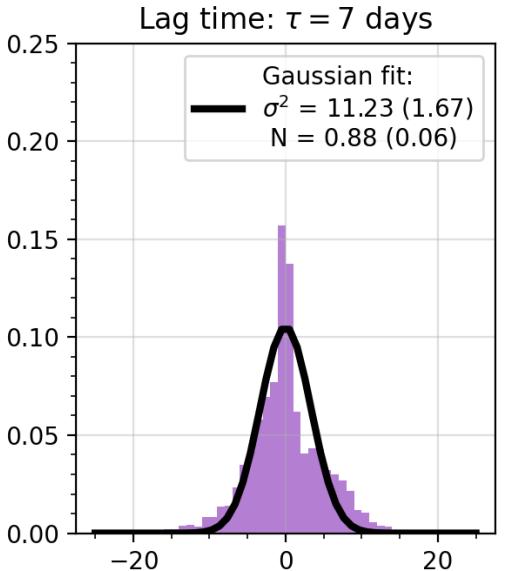
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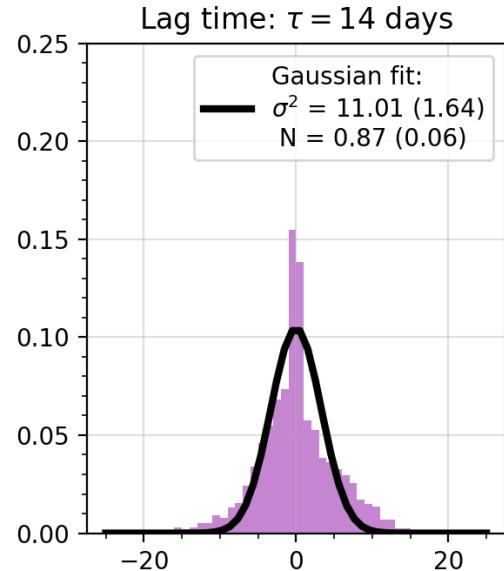
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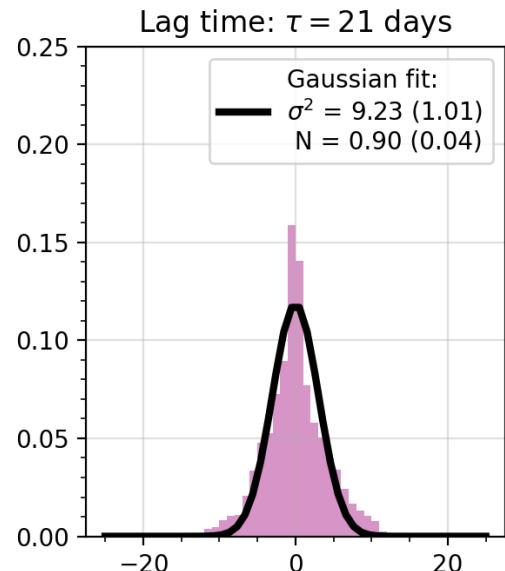
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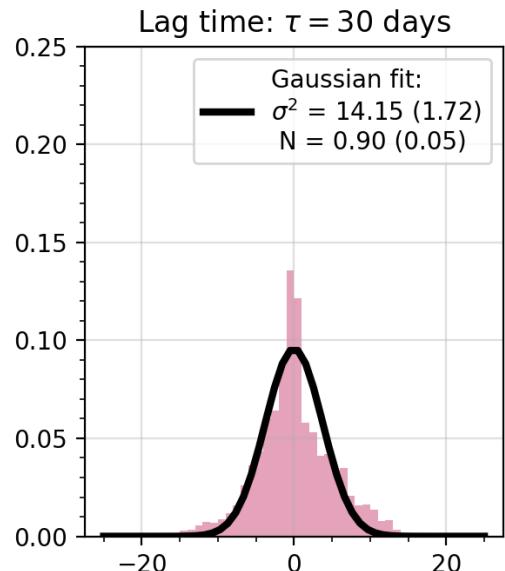
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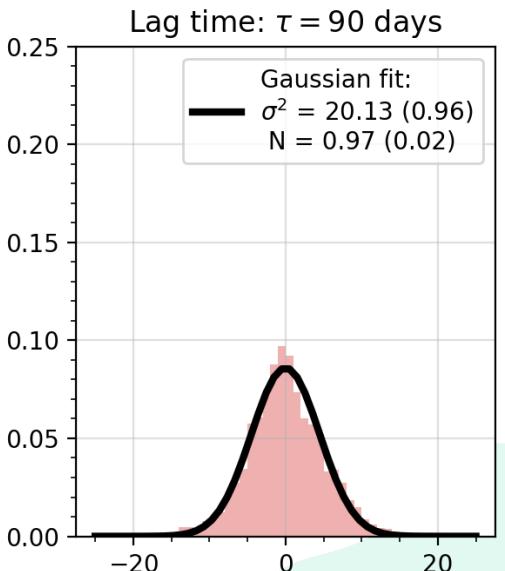
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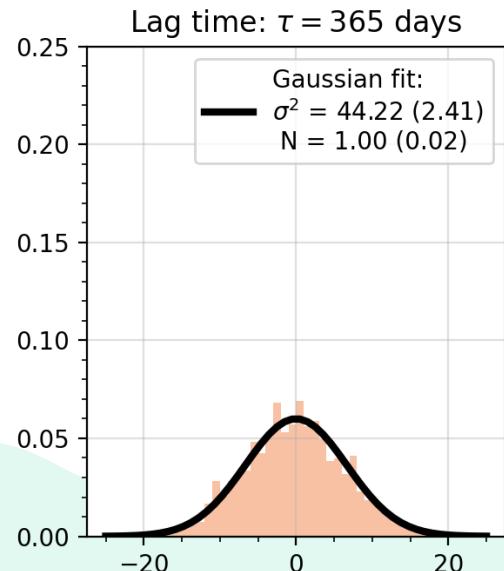
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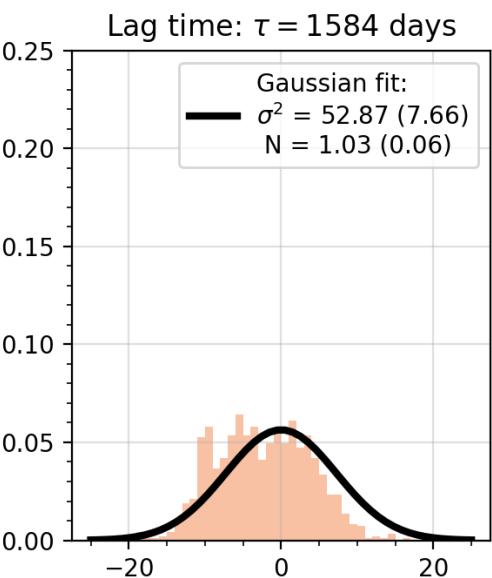
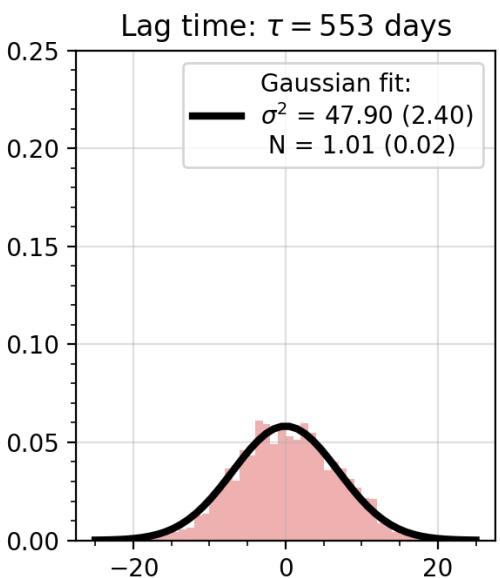
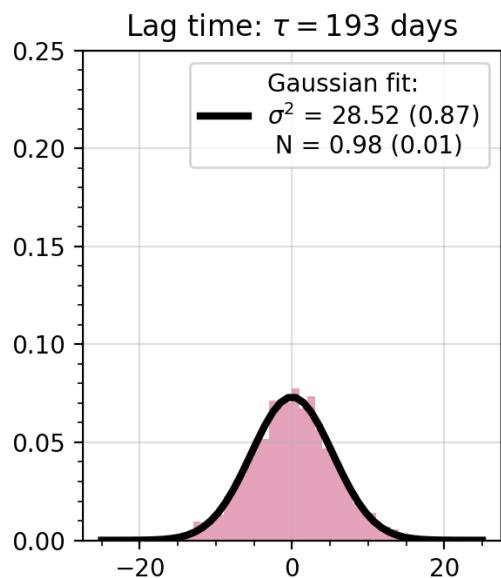
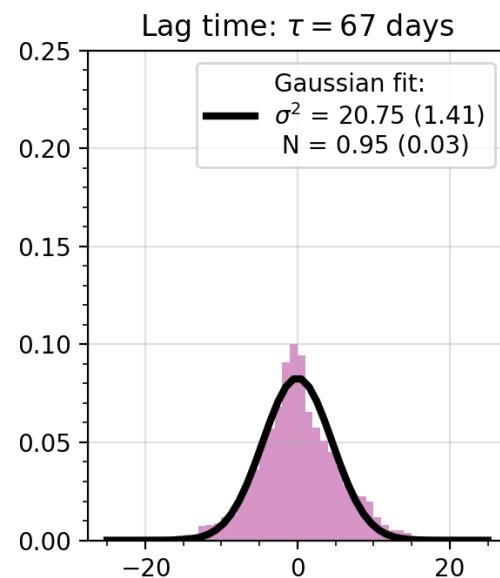
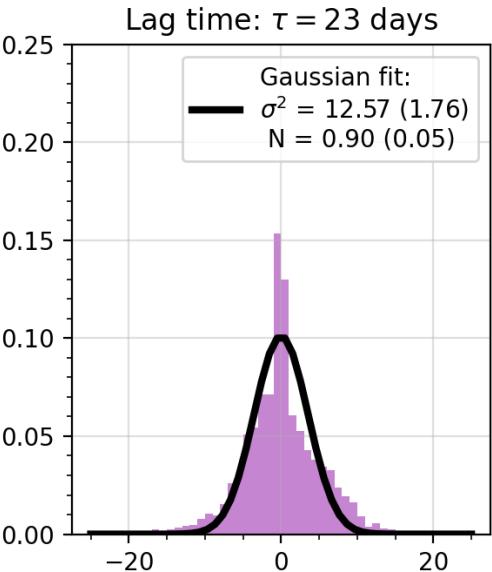
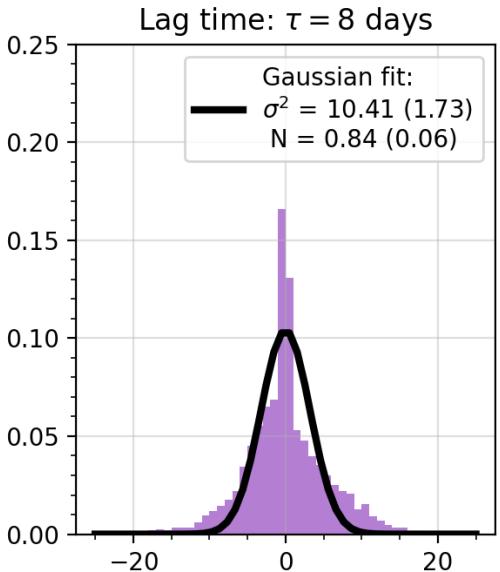
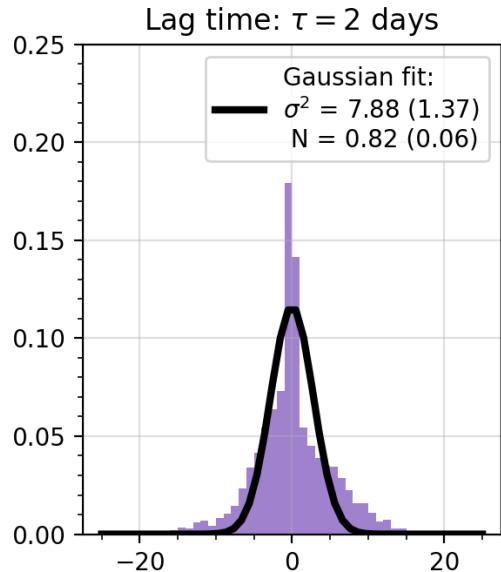
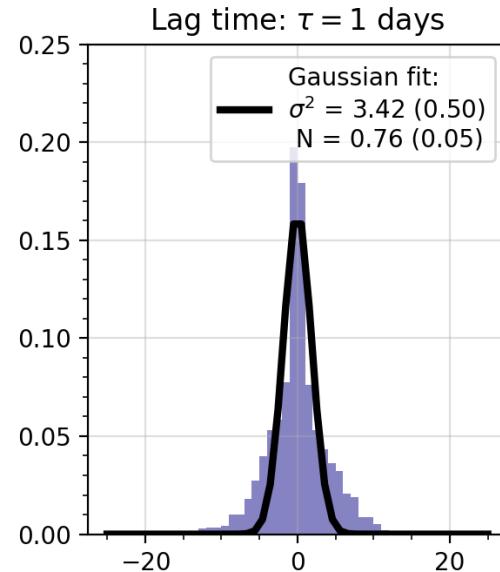
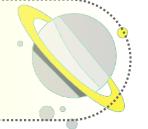
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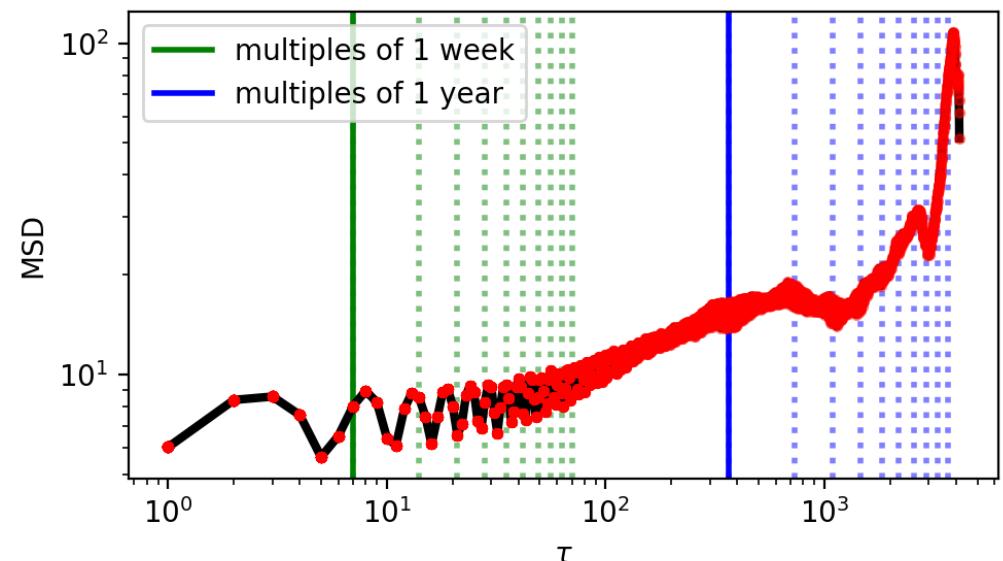
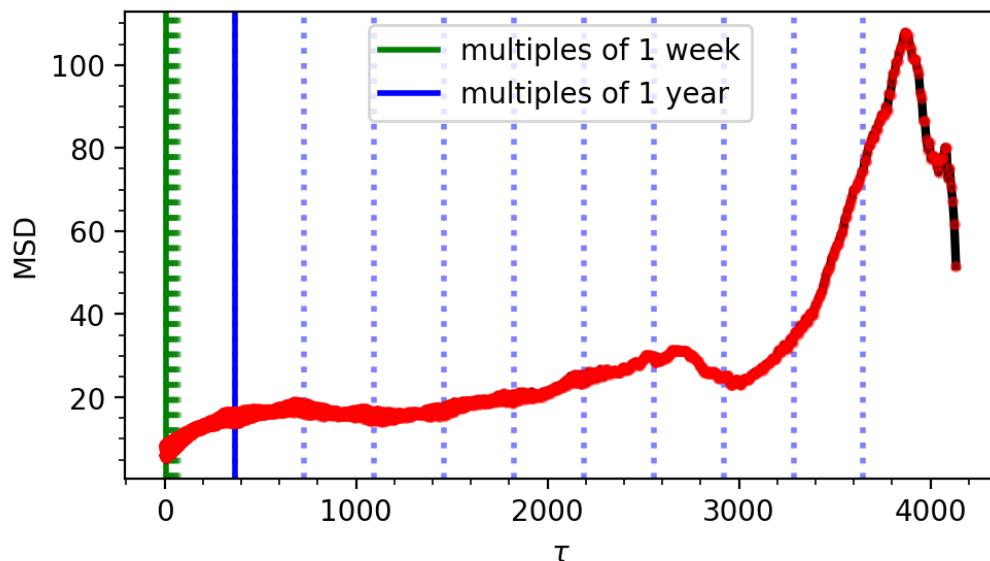
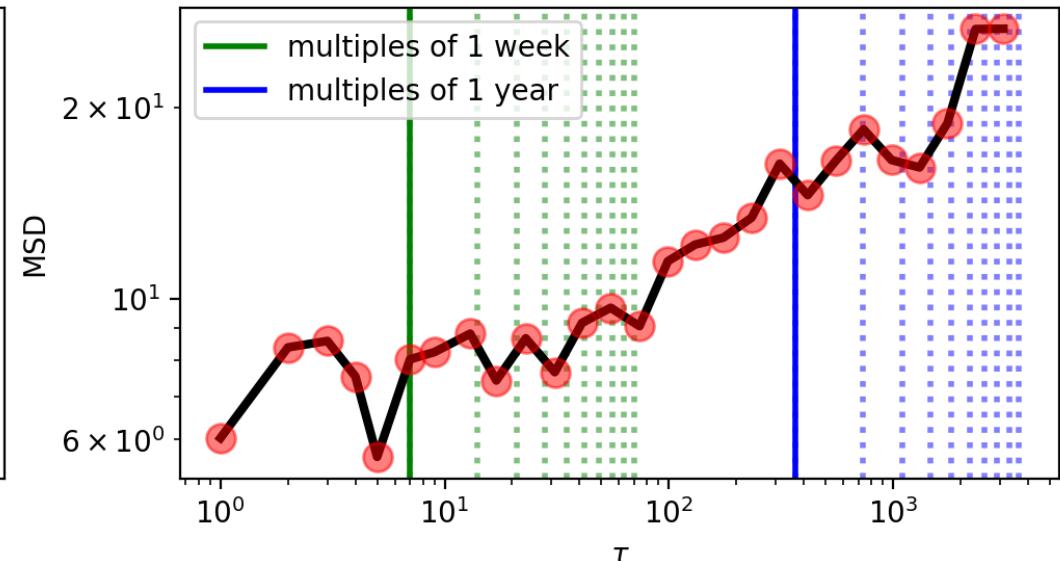
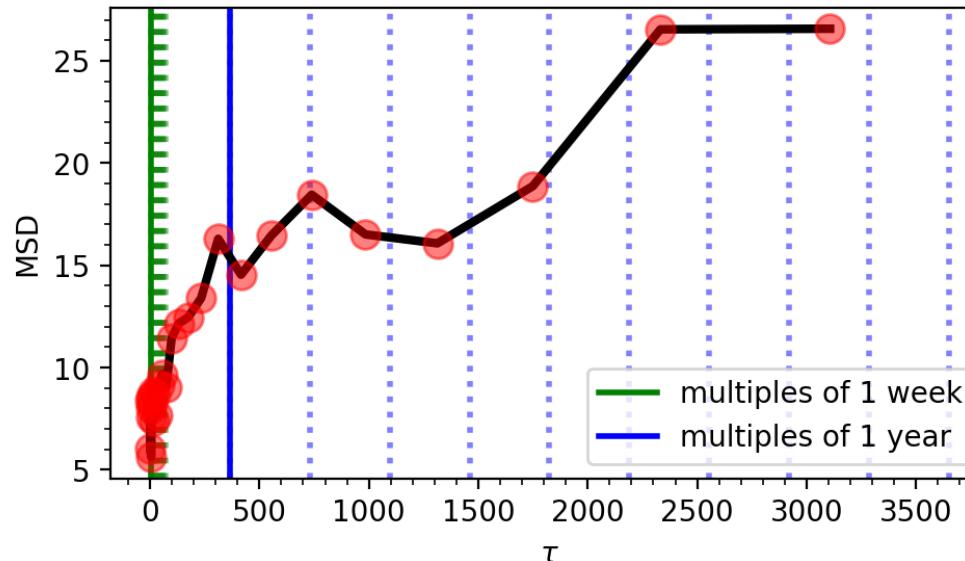
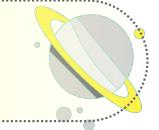
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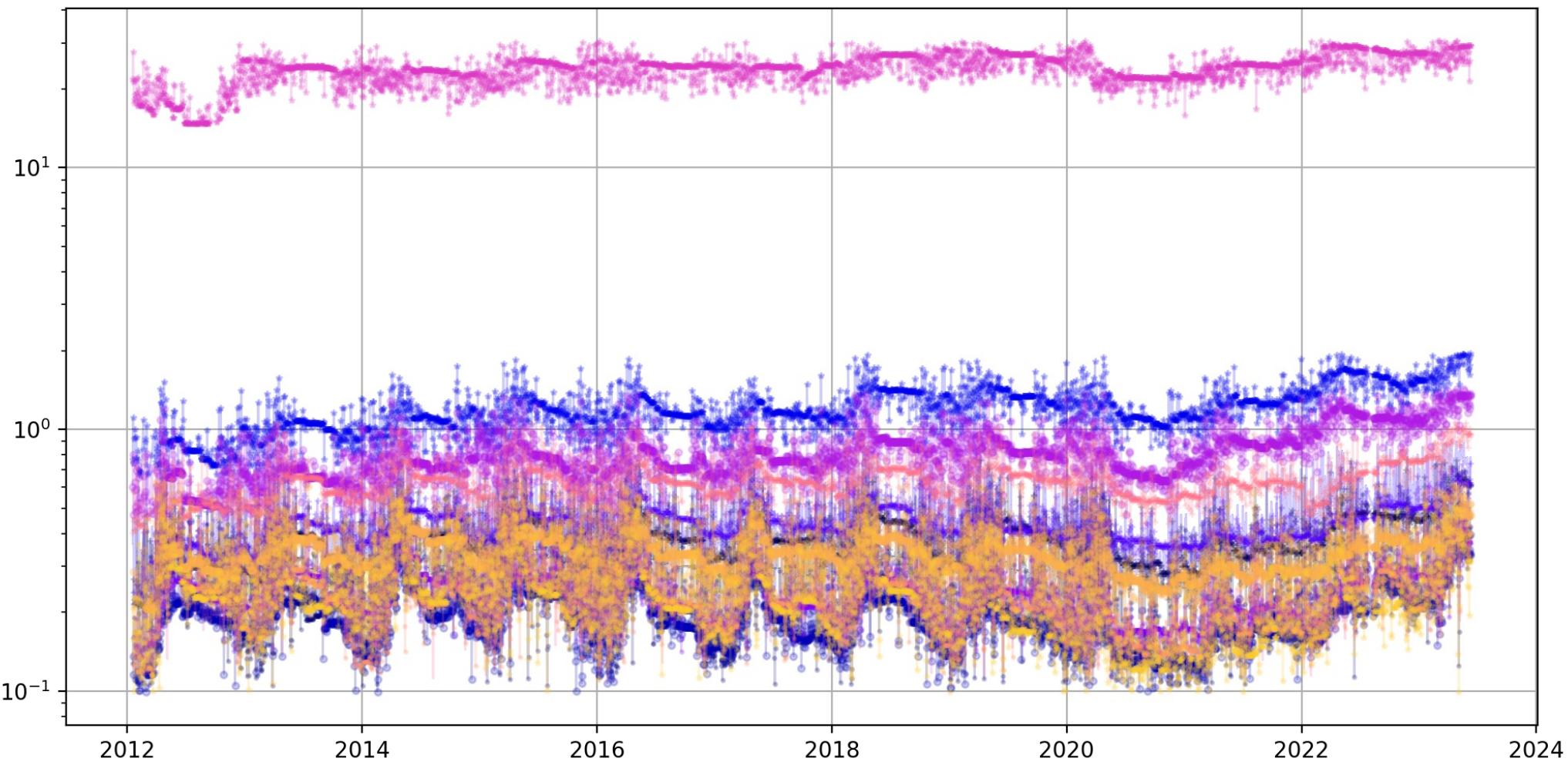
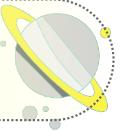
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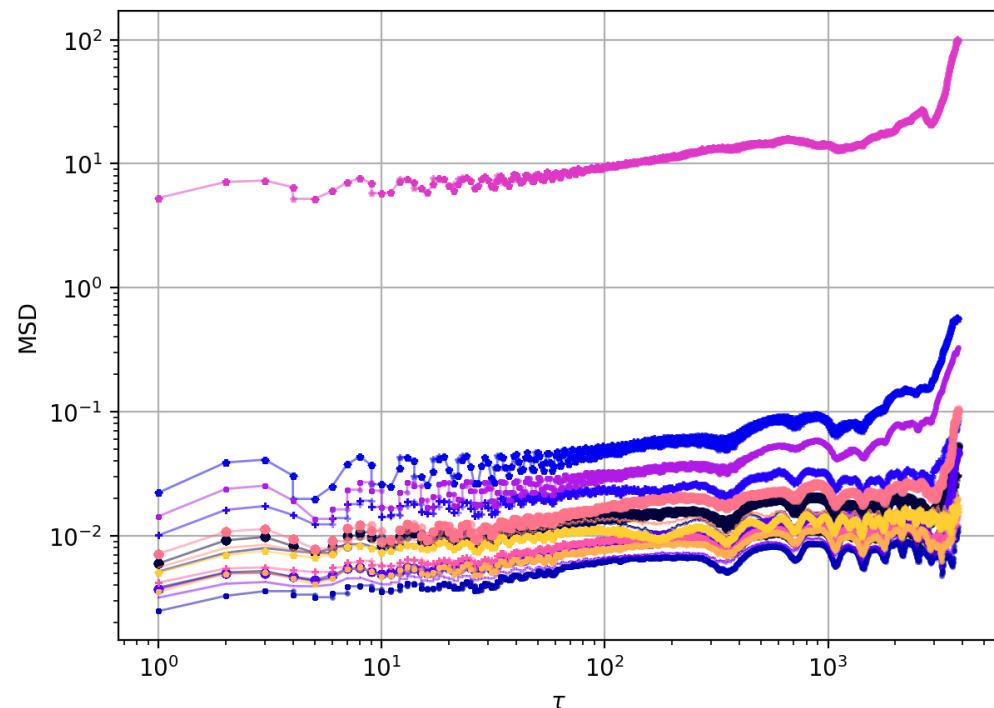
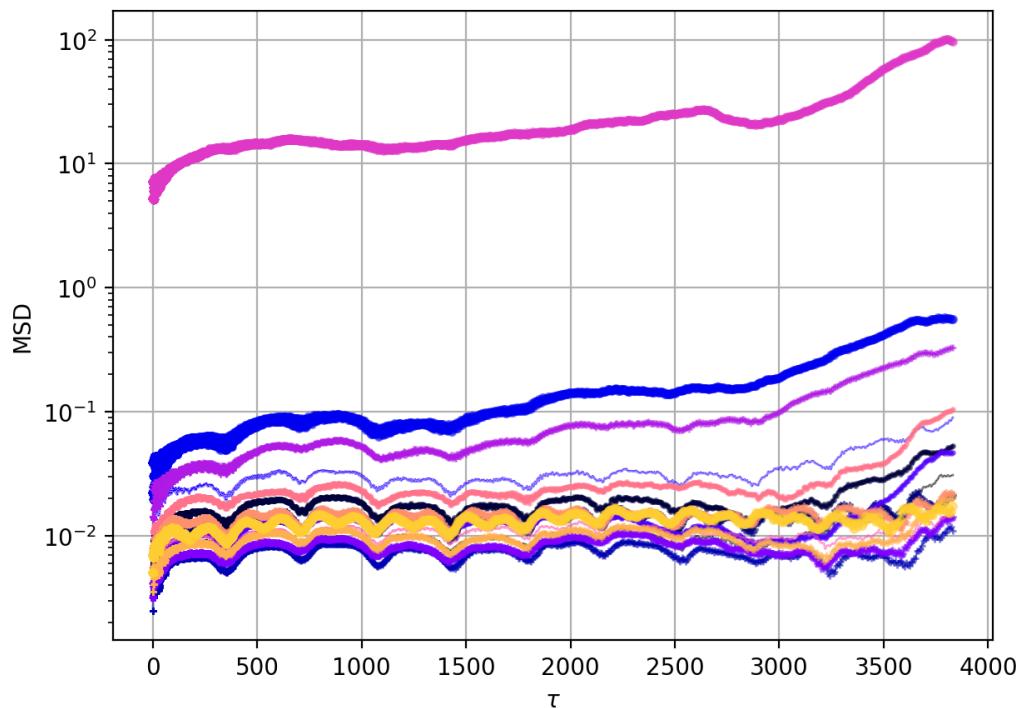
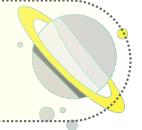
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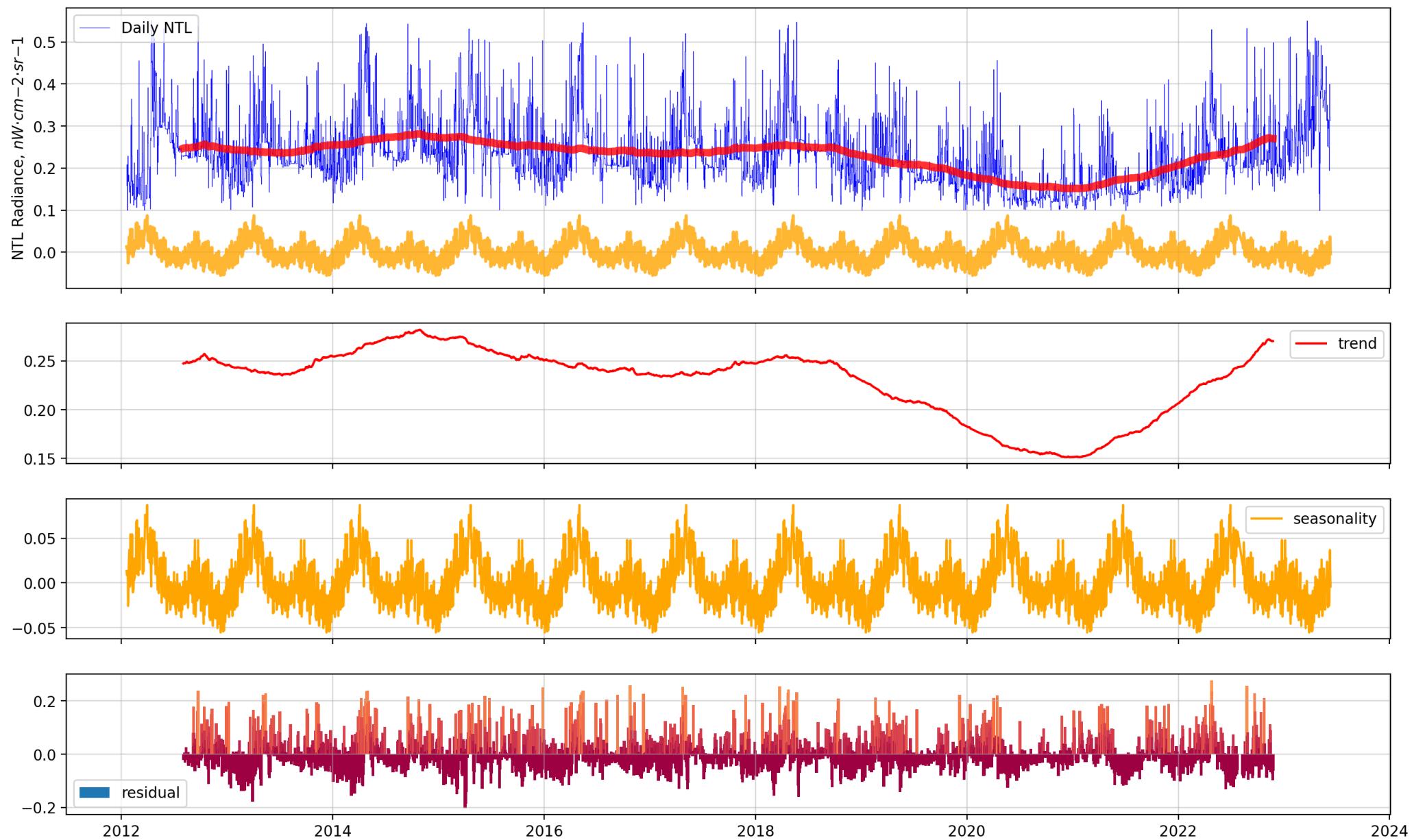
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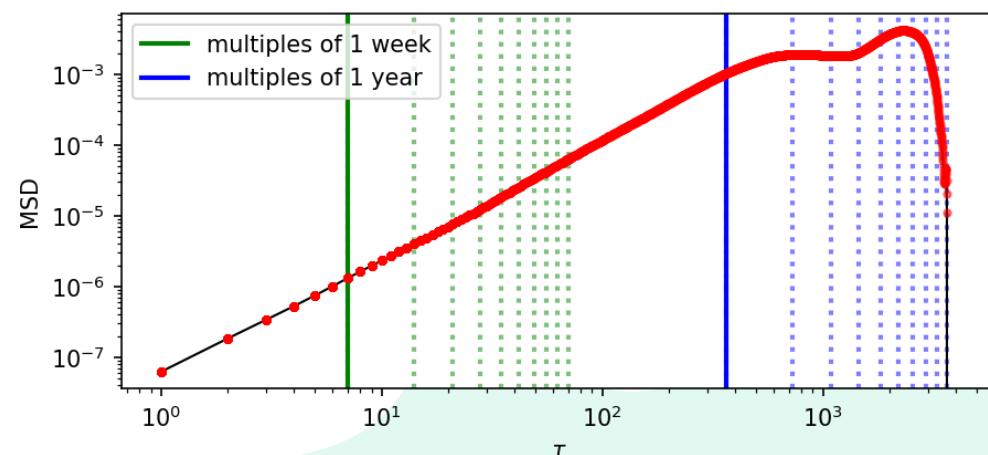
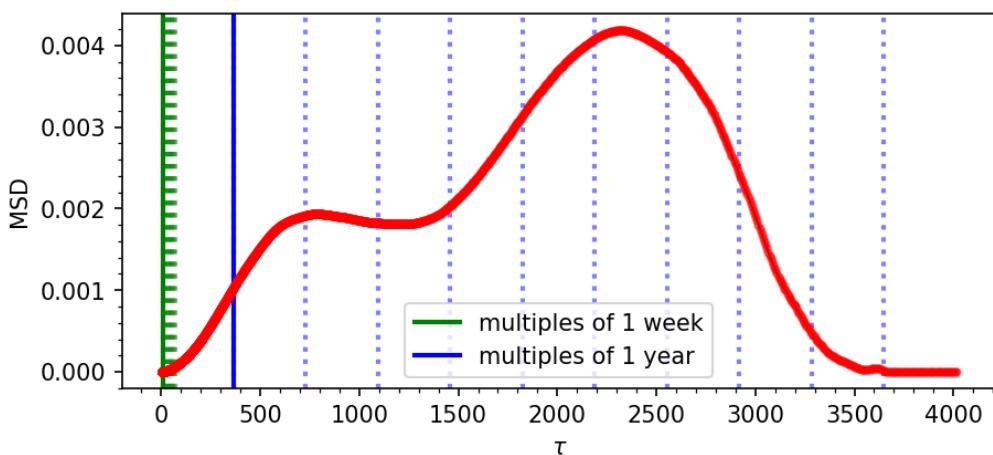
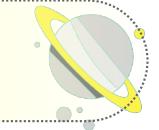
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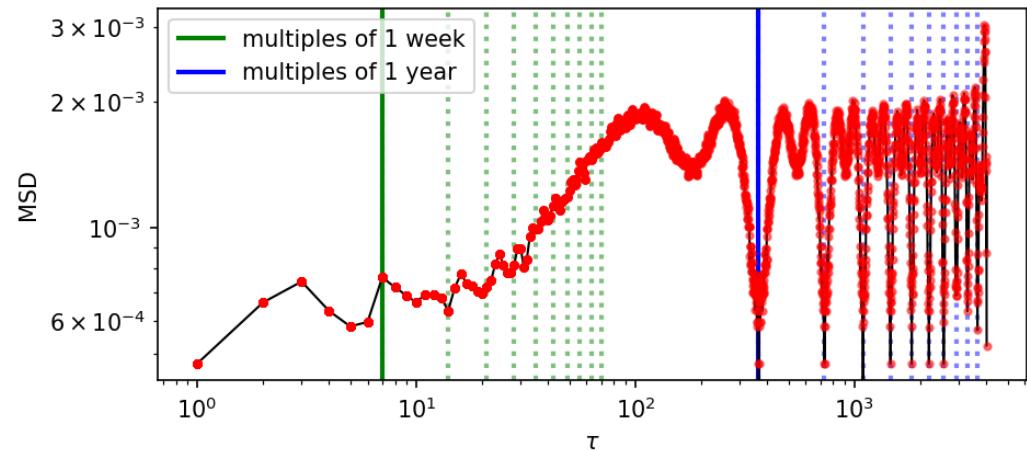
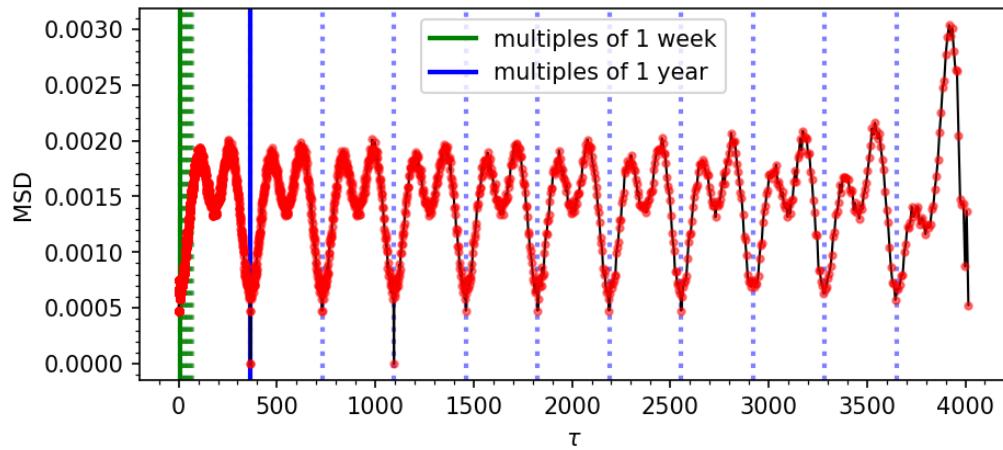
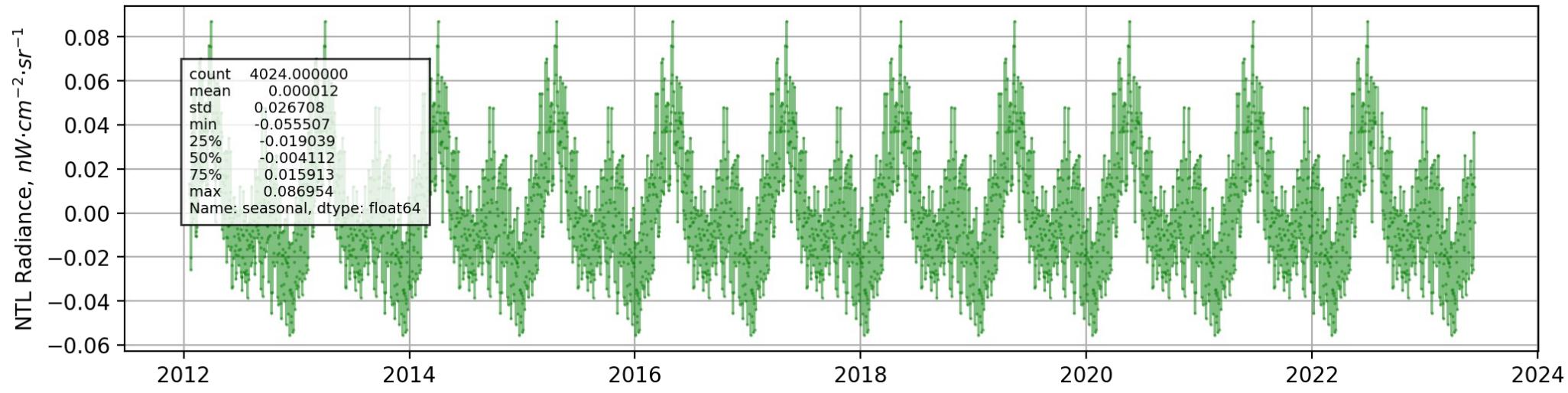
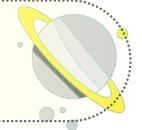
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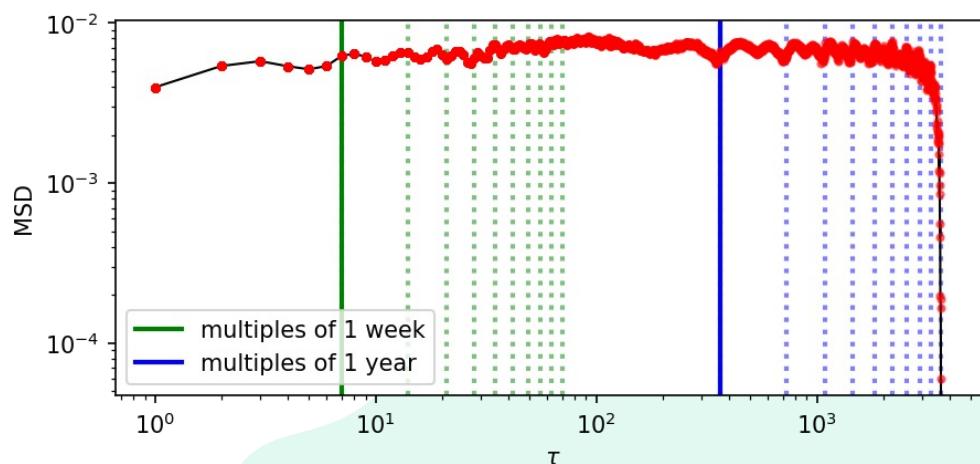
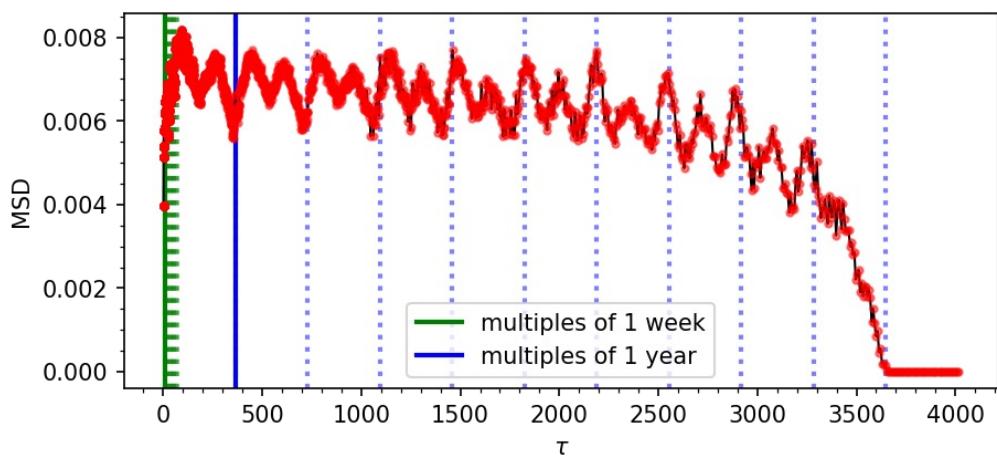
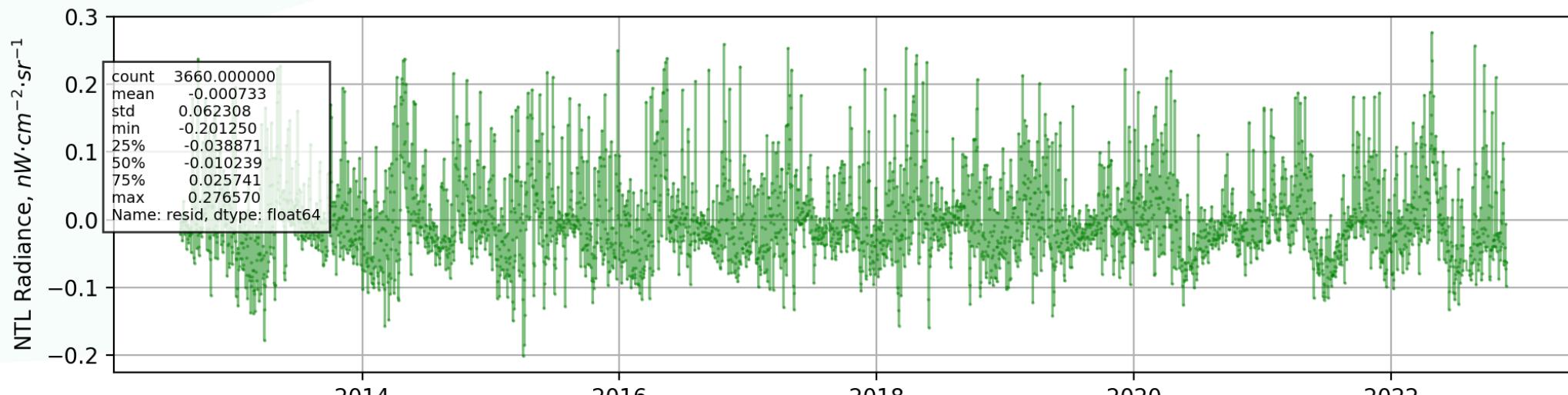
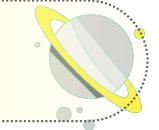
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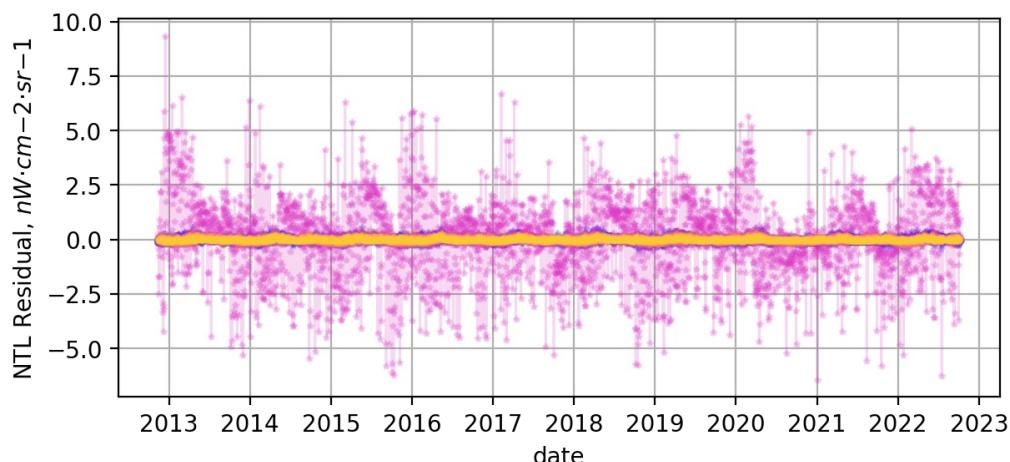
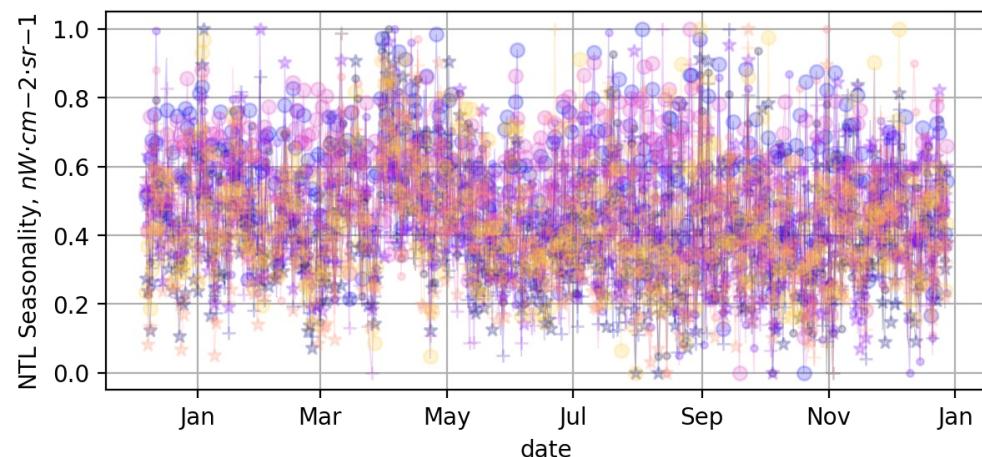
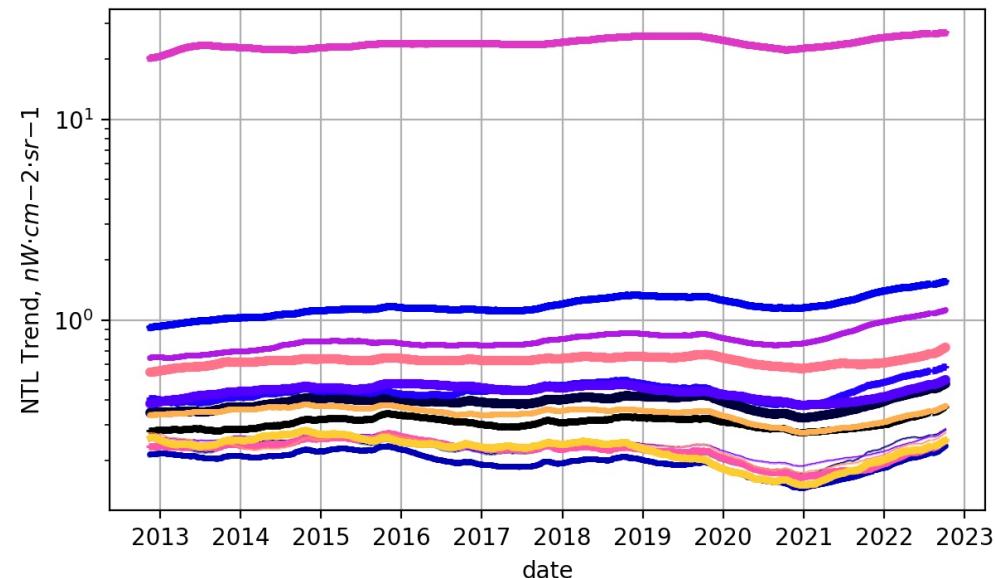
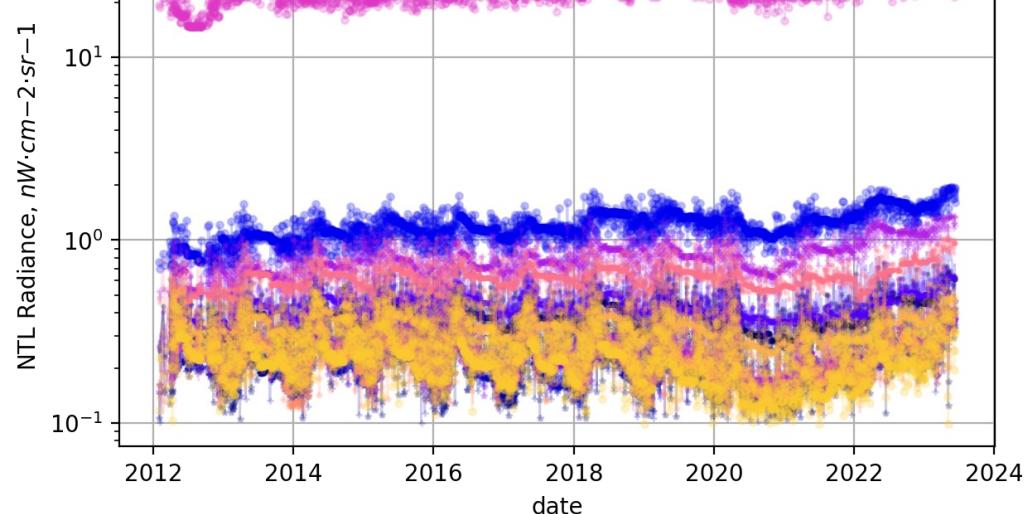
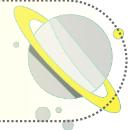
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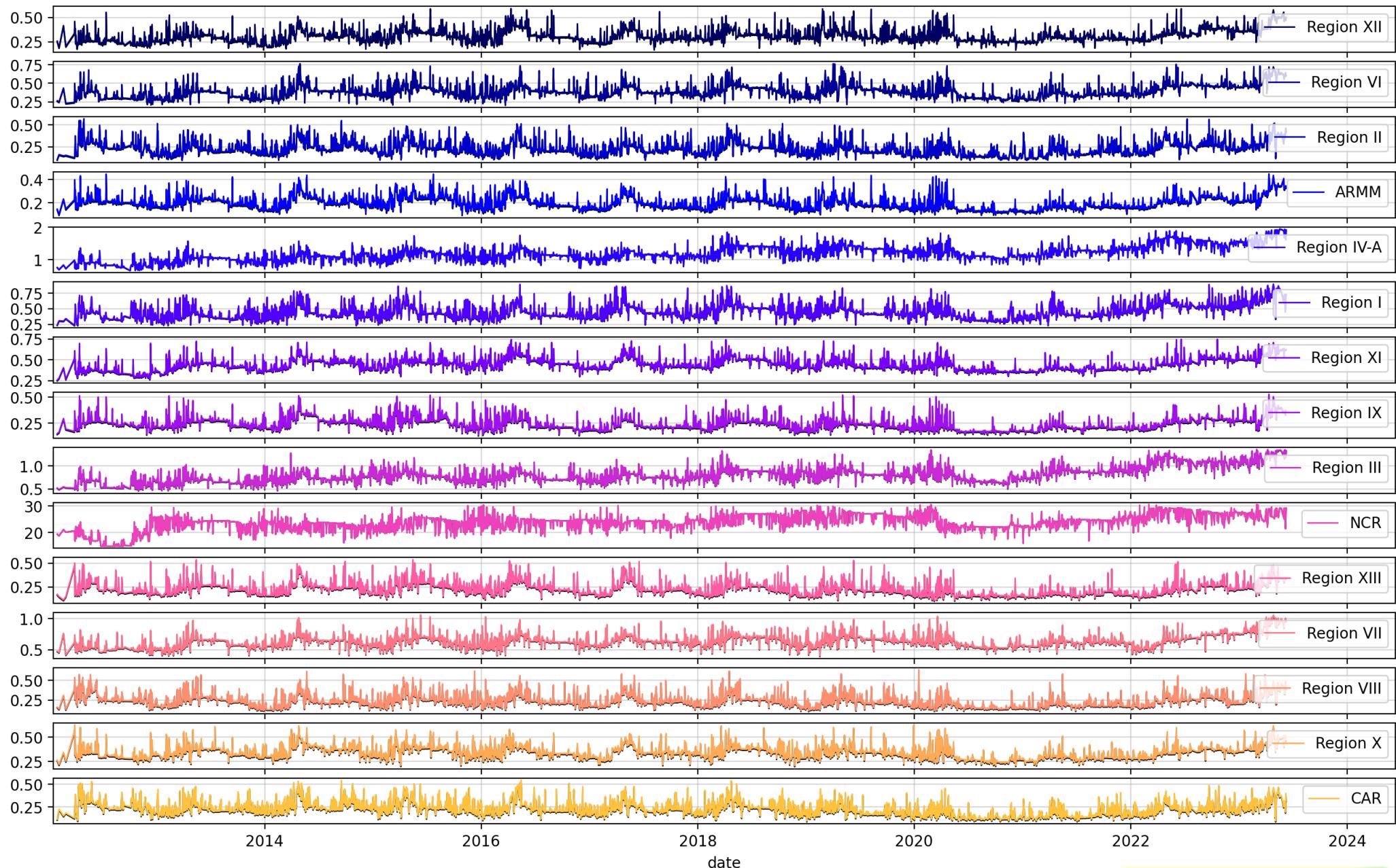
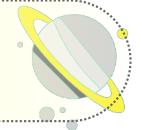
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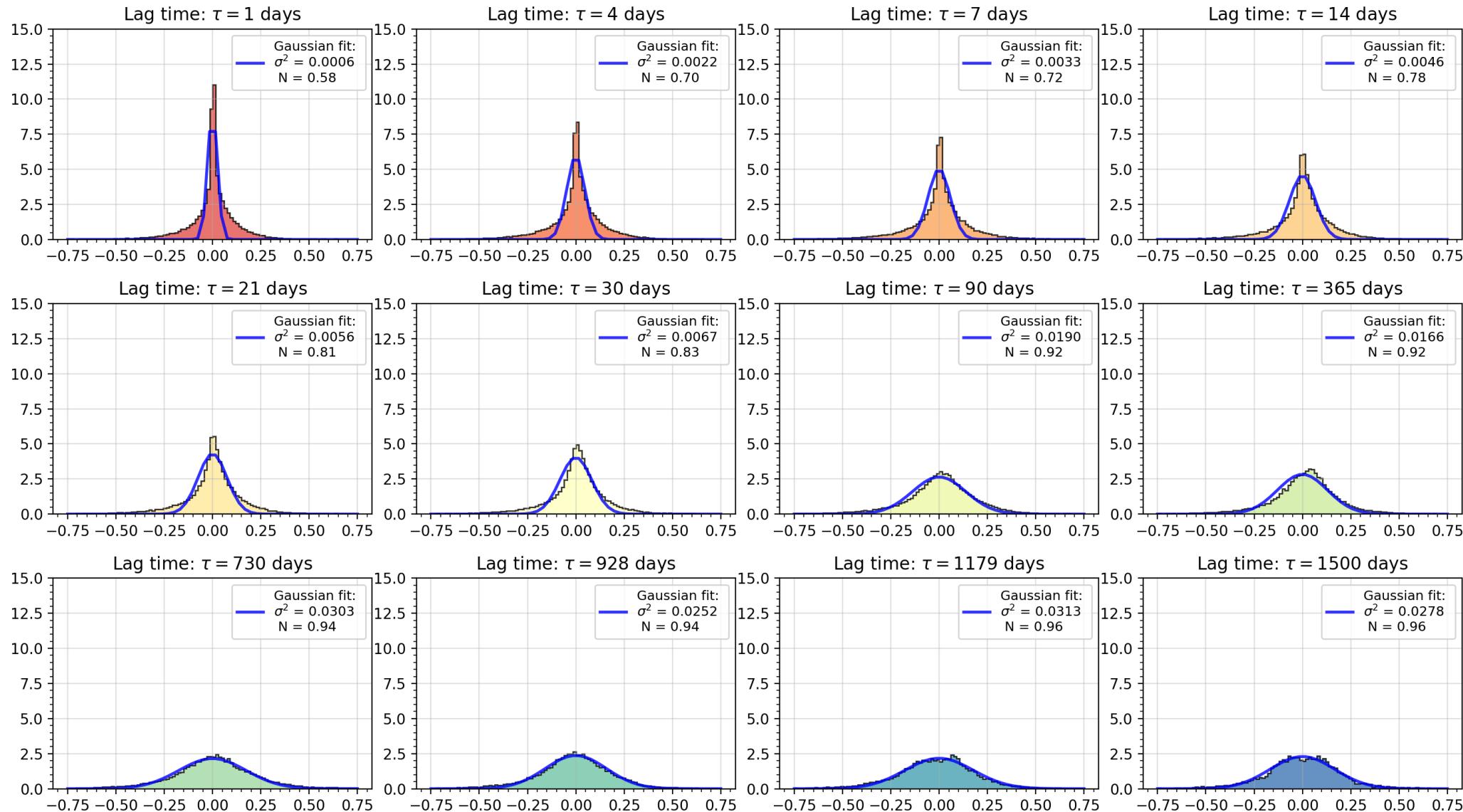
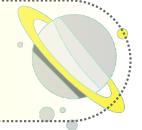
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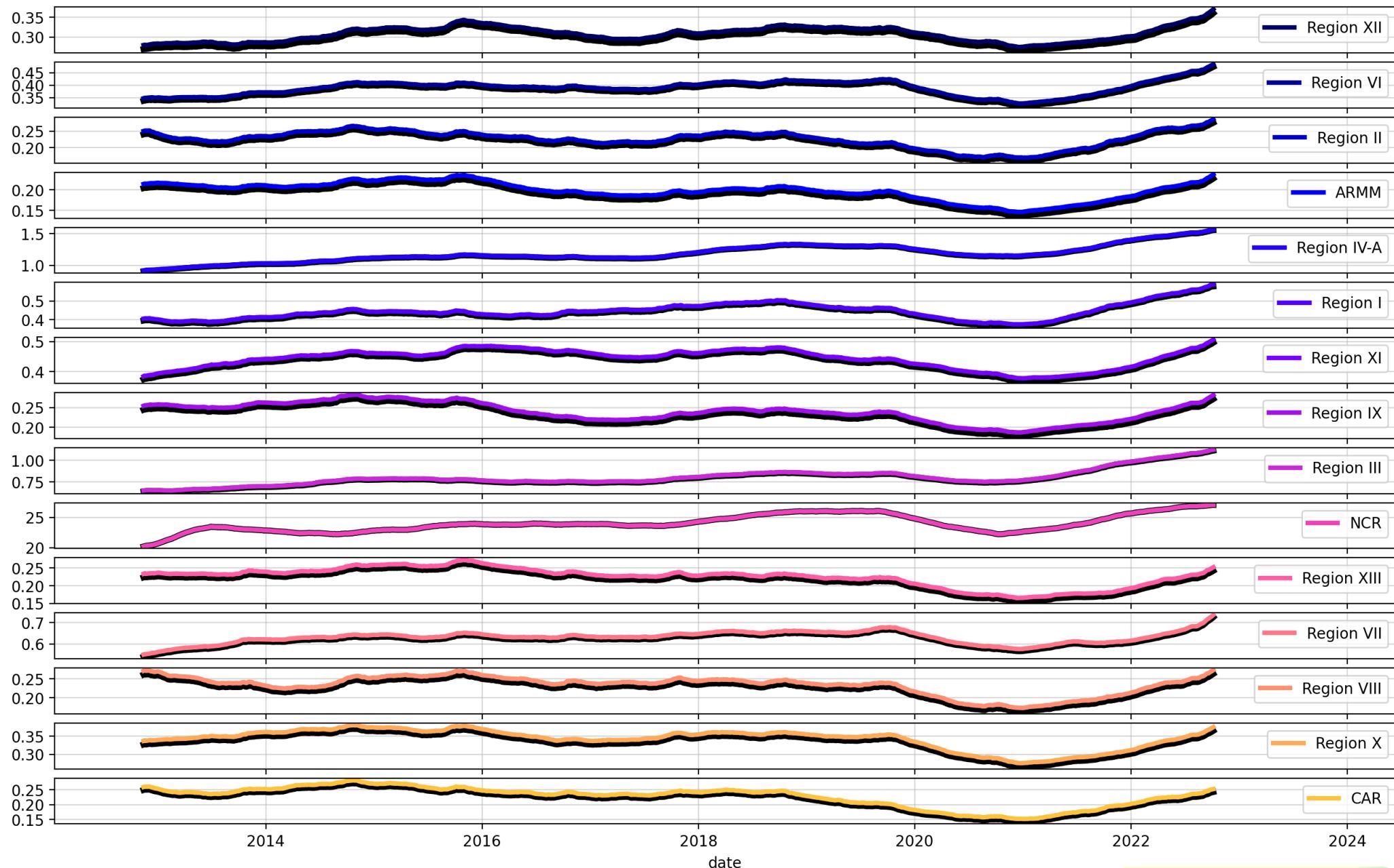
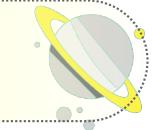
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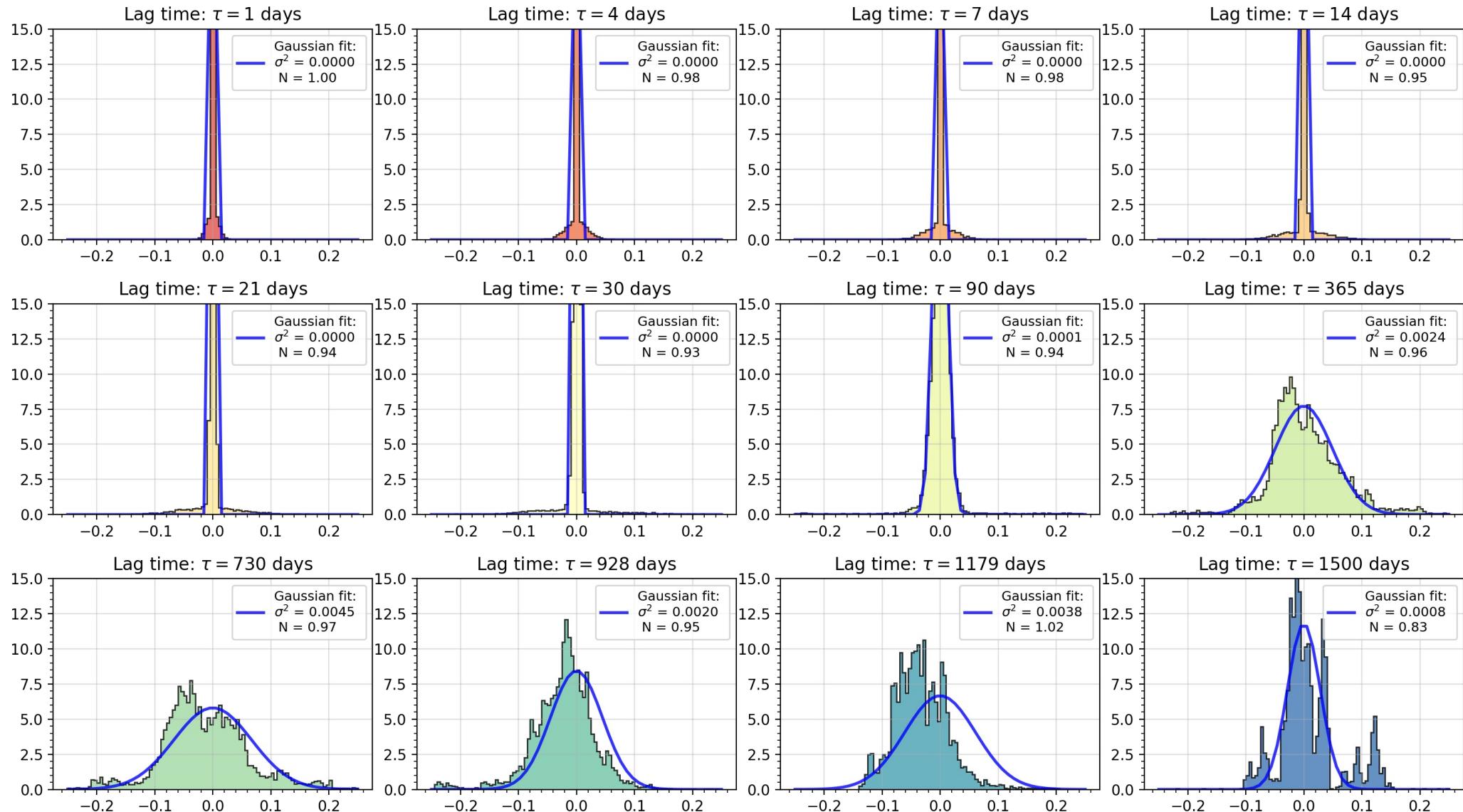
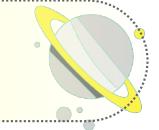
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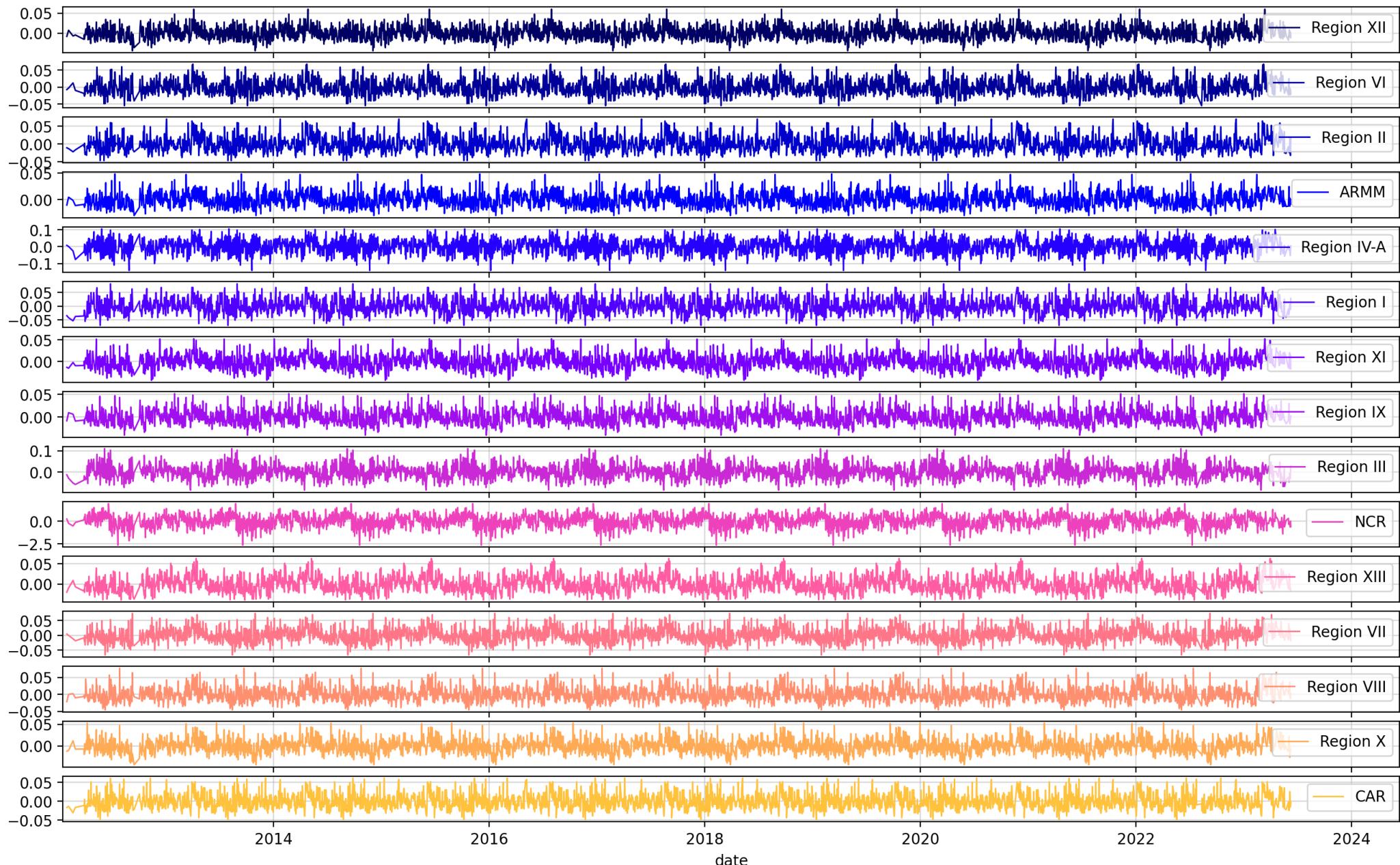
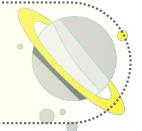
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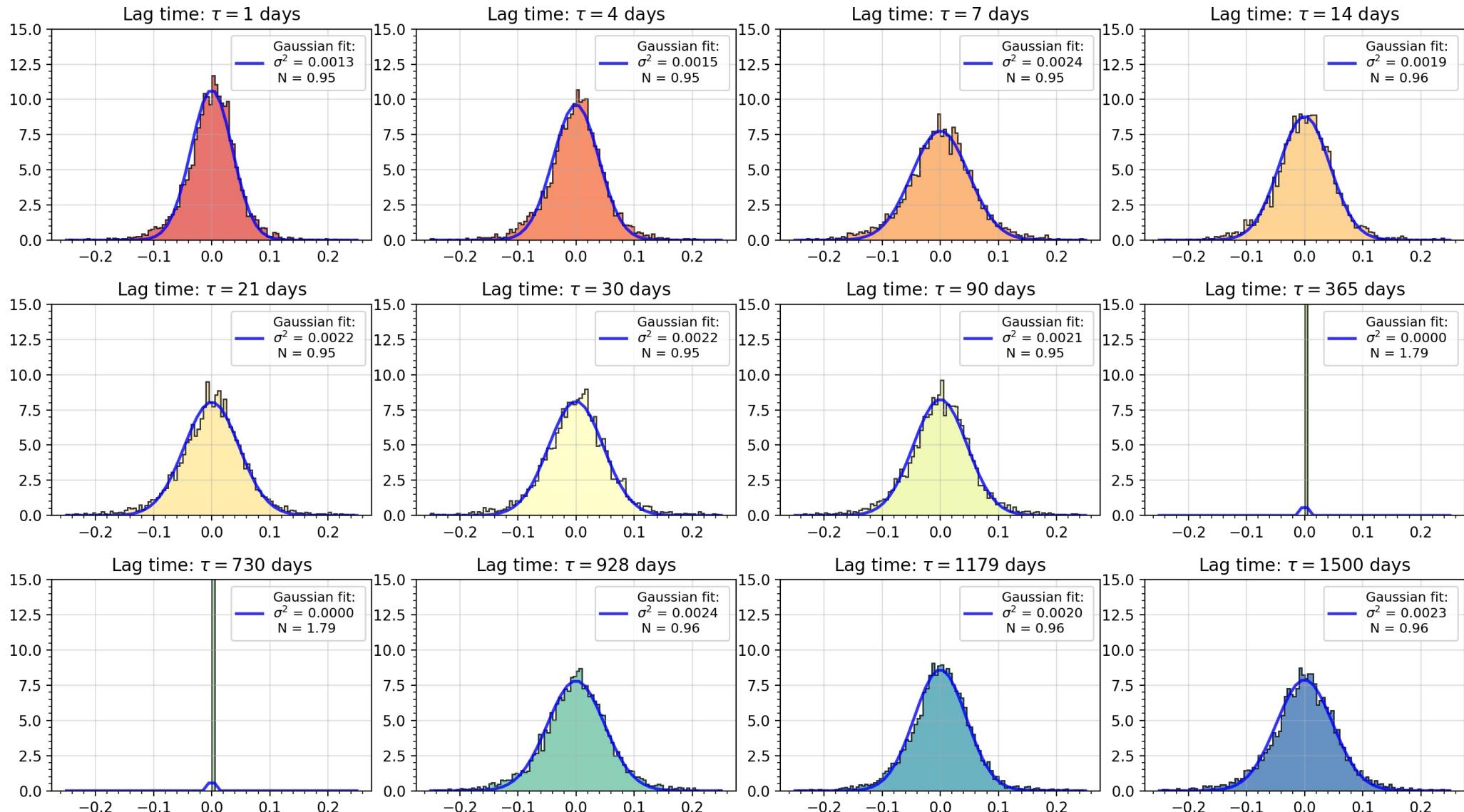
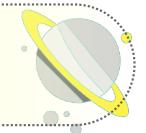
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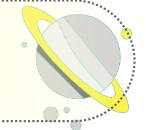
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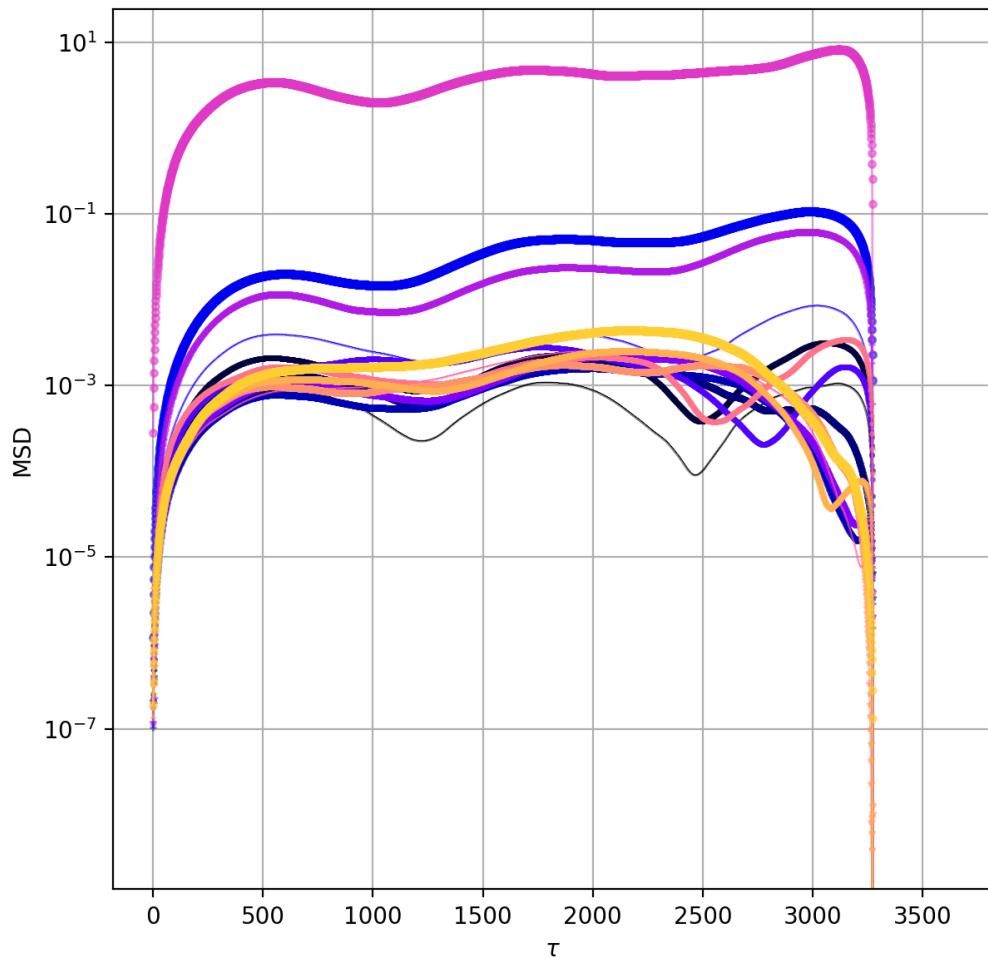
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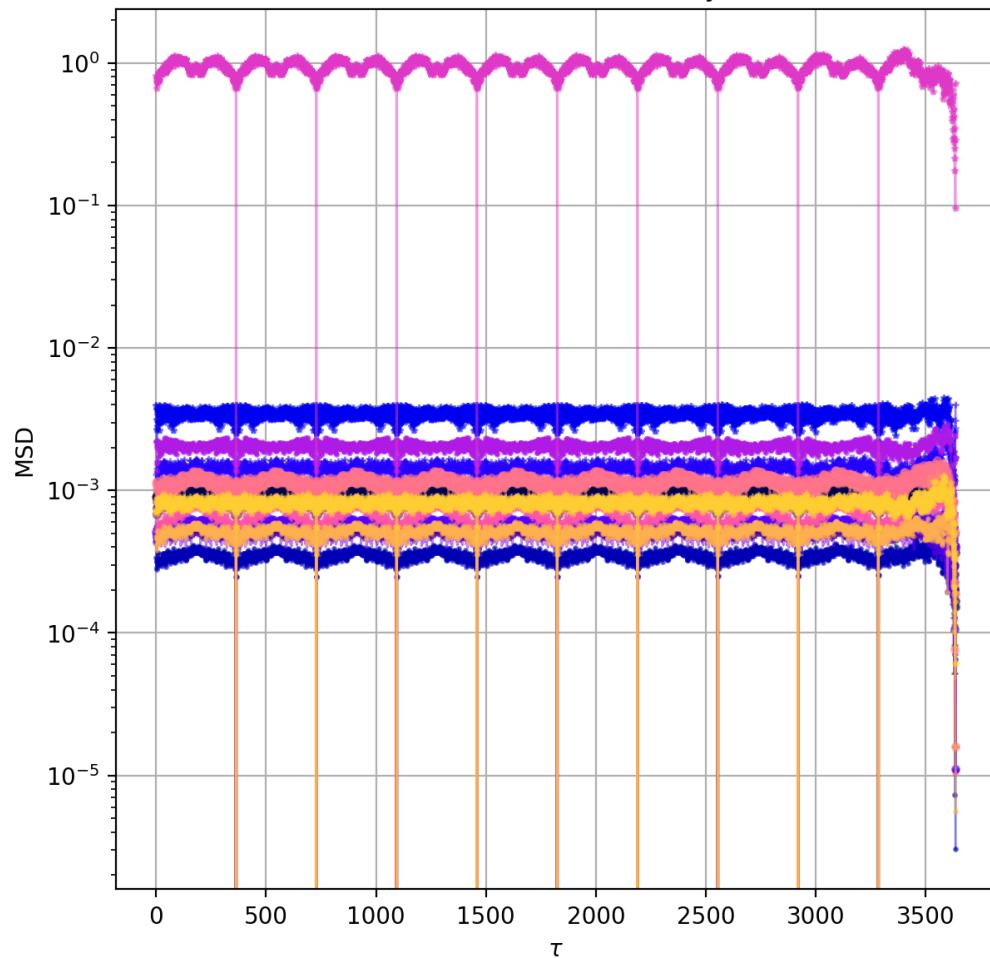
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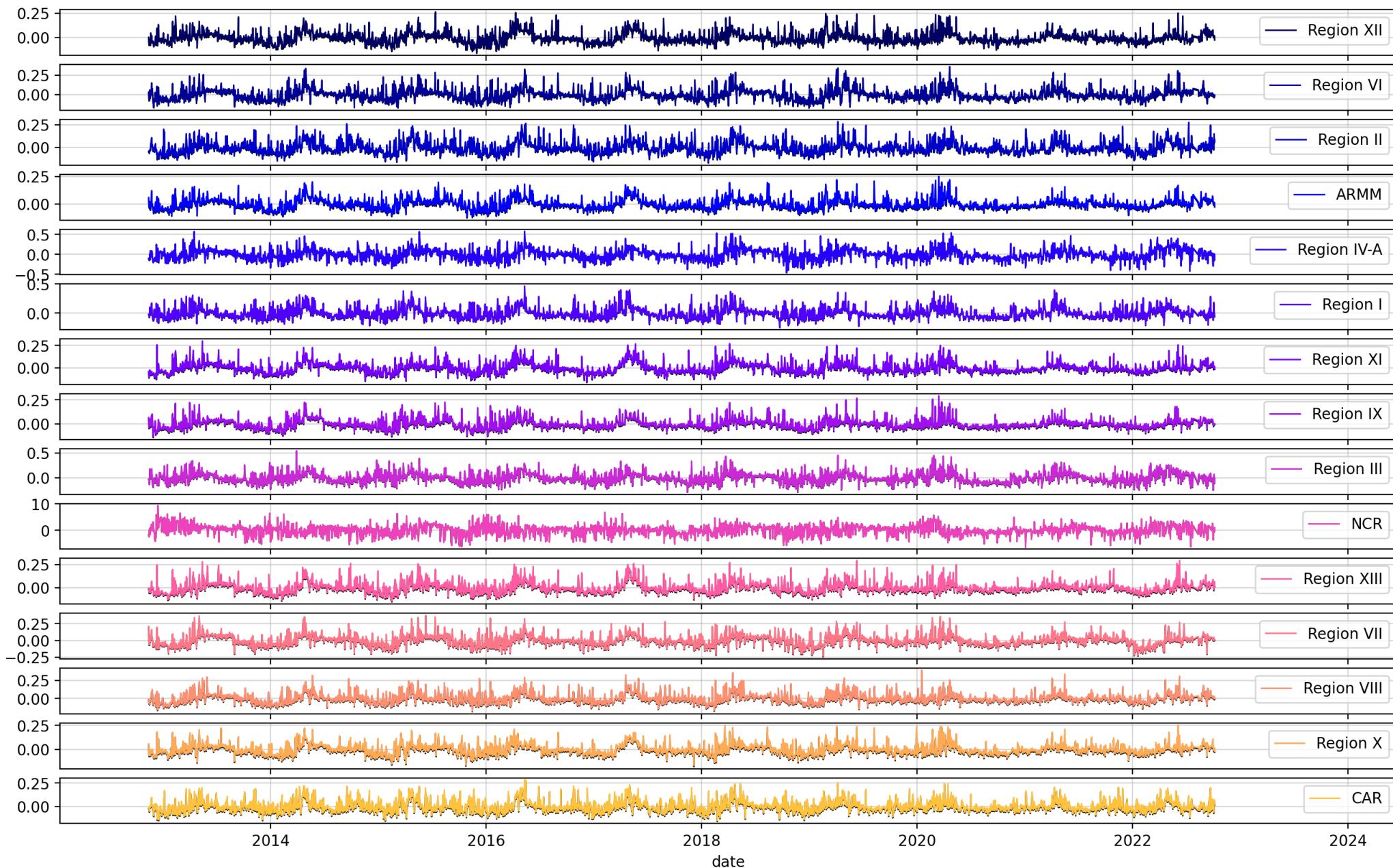
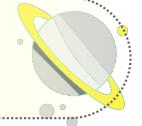
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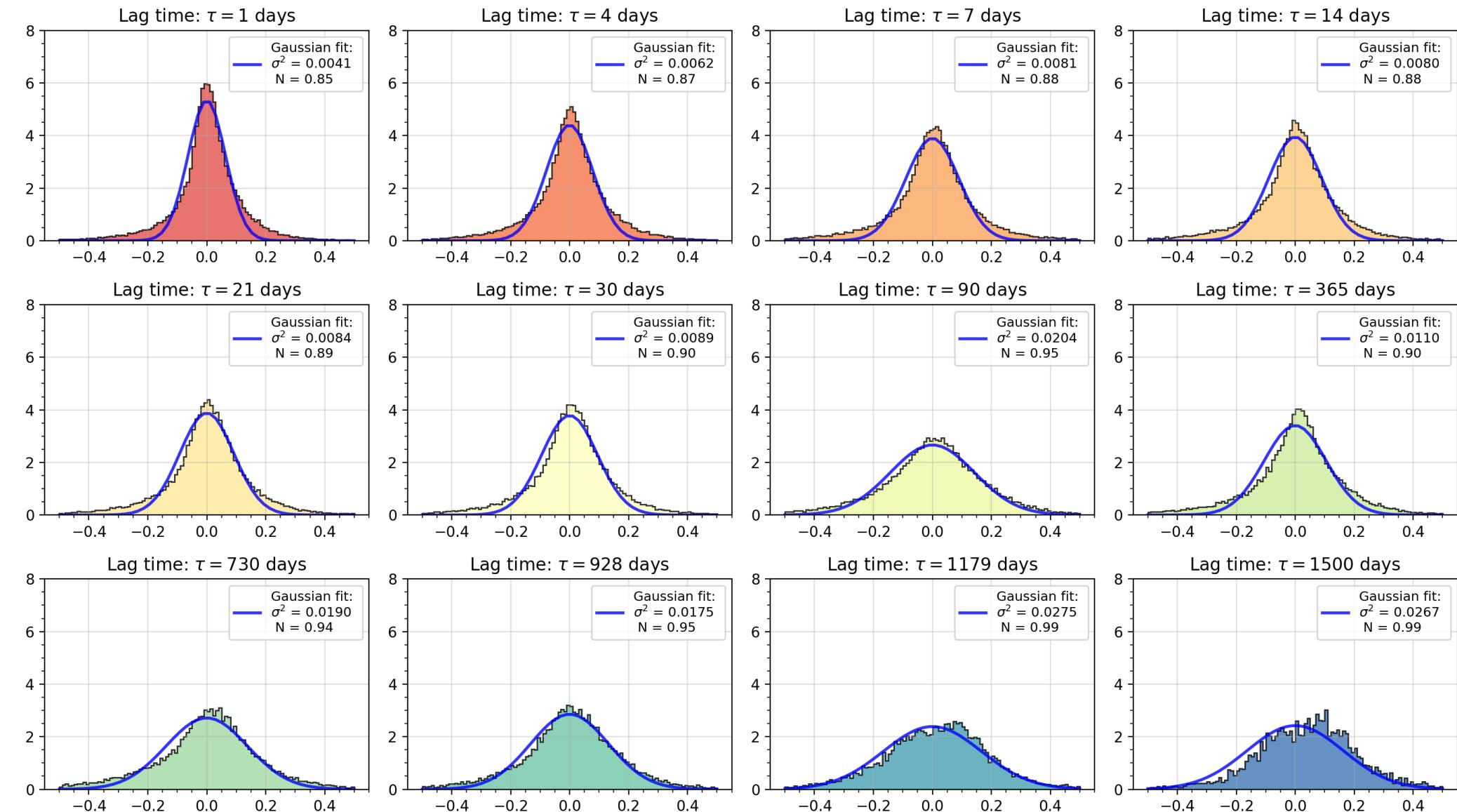
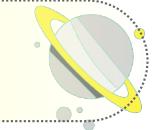
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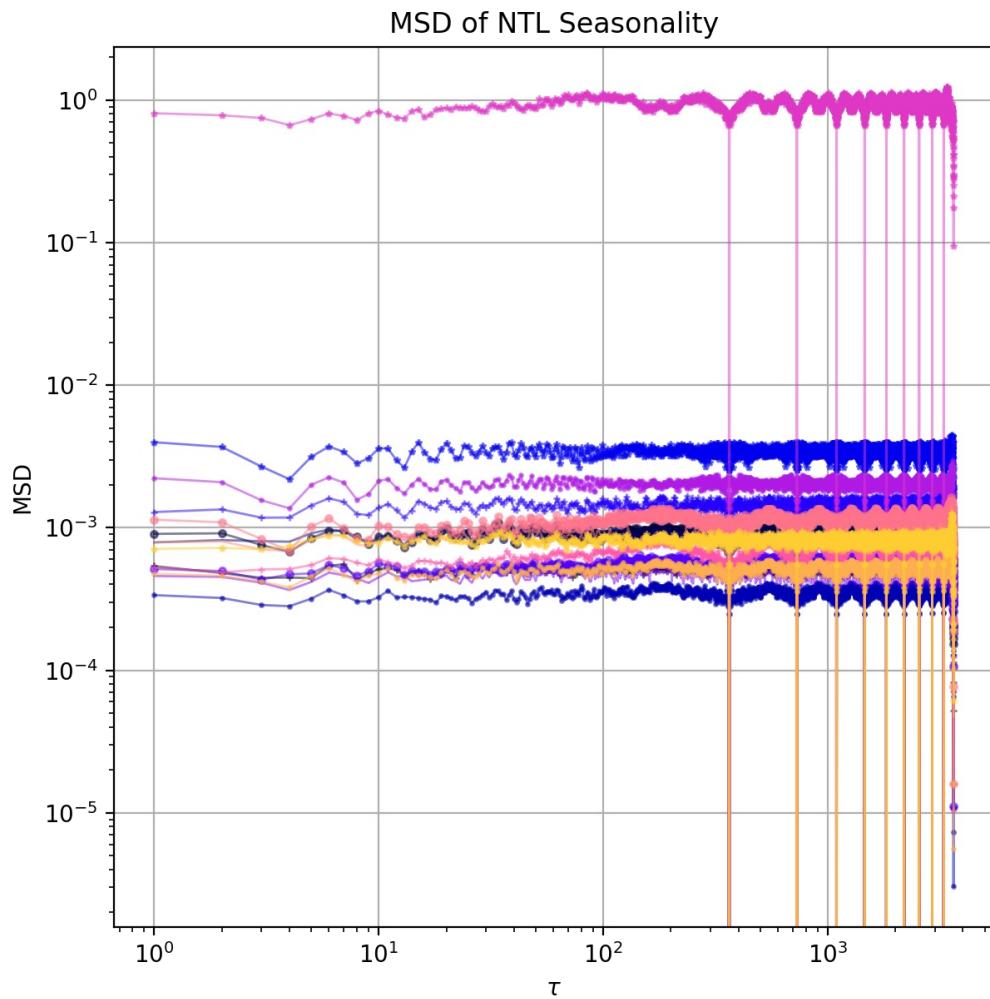
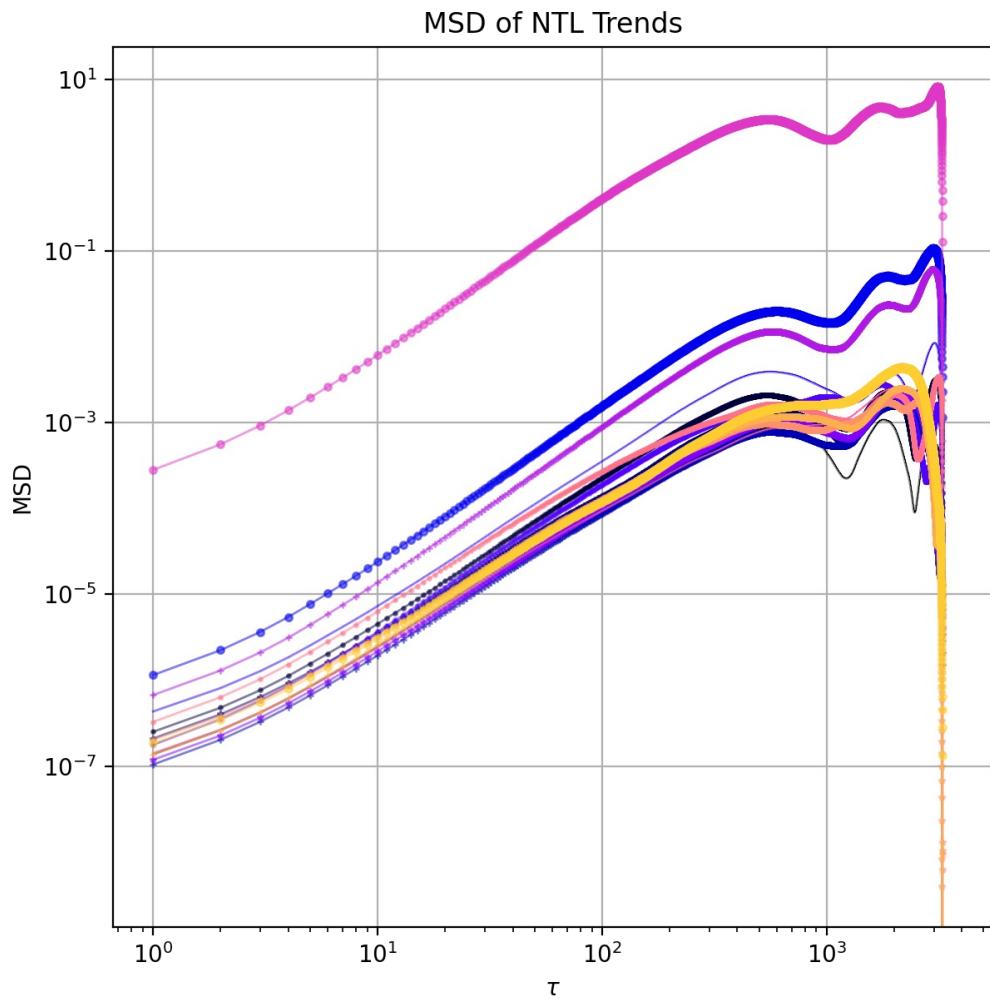
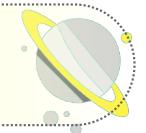
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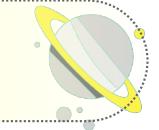
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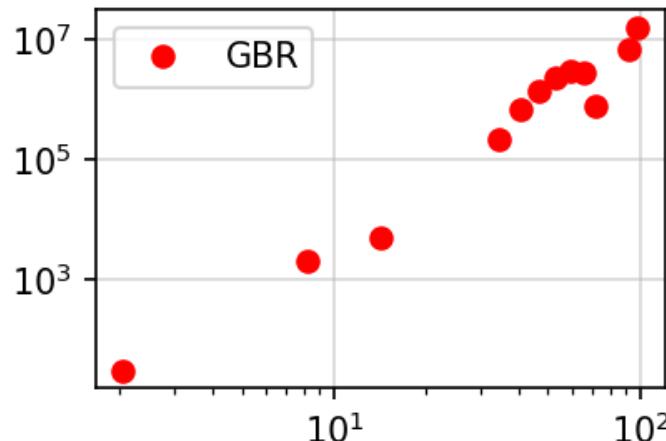


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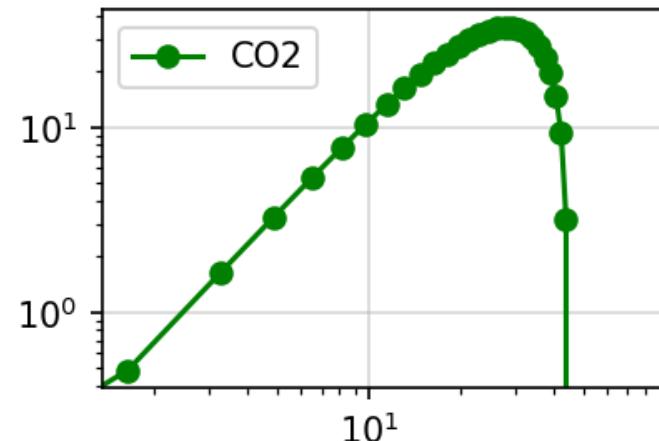


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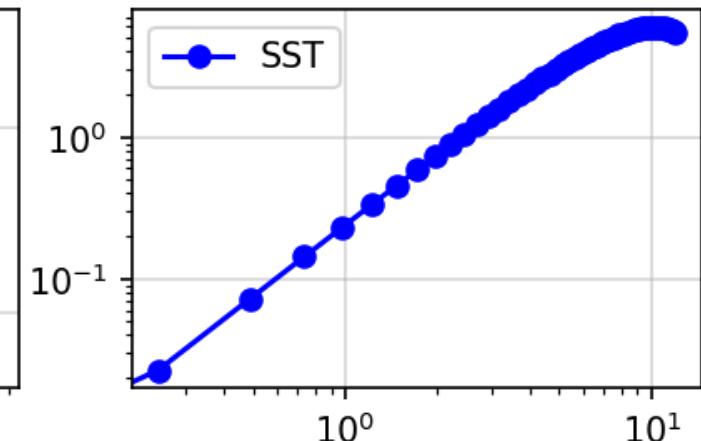
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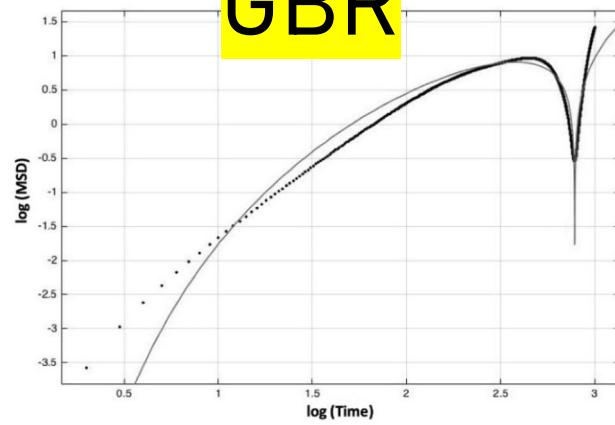
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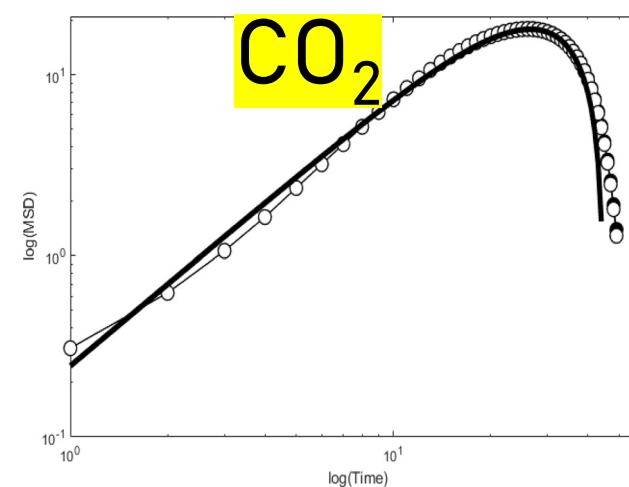
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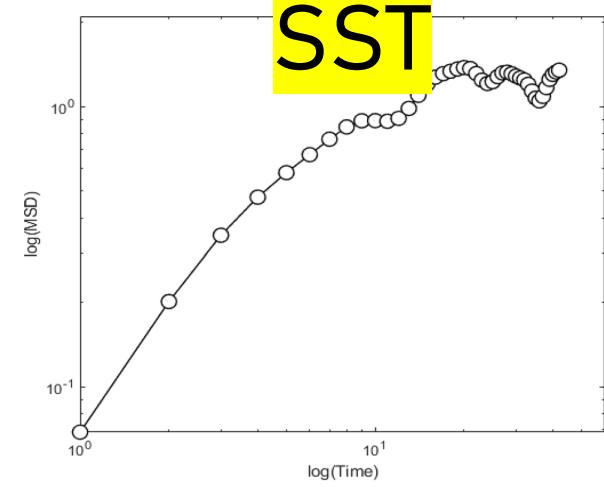
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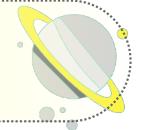
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# [MSD] Replicating Figures



■  $MSD = \frac{\Gamma(\mu) \cdot \cos(\nu T/2) \cdot J_{\mu-\frac{1}{2}}(\nu T/2)}{\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot T^{\frac{1}{2}-\mu} \cdot \nu^{\mu-\frac{1}{2}}}$

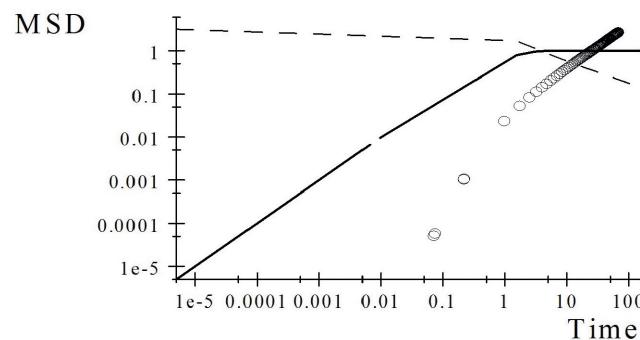
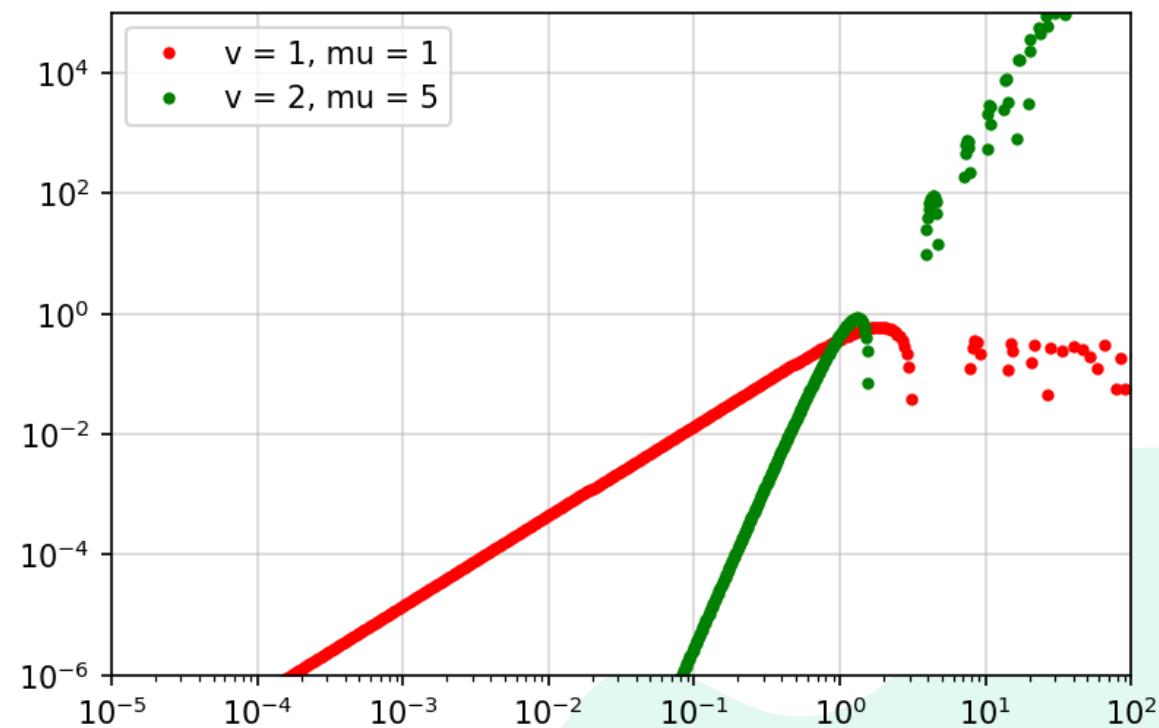
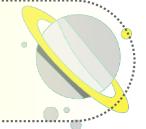


Fig. 5.3. Log-log graph of  $MSD_{eB}$  versus time for  $\mu = 1$ ,  $\nu = 1$  (solid line);  $\mu = 1$ ,  $\nu = 1/2$  (dashed line); and  $\mu = 5$ ,  $\nu = 2$  (circle).

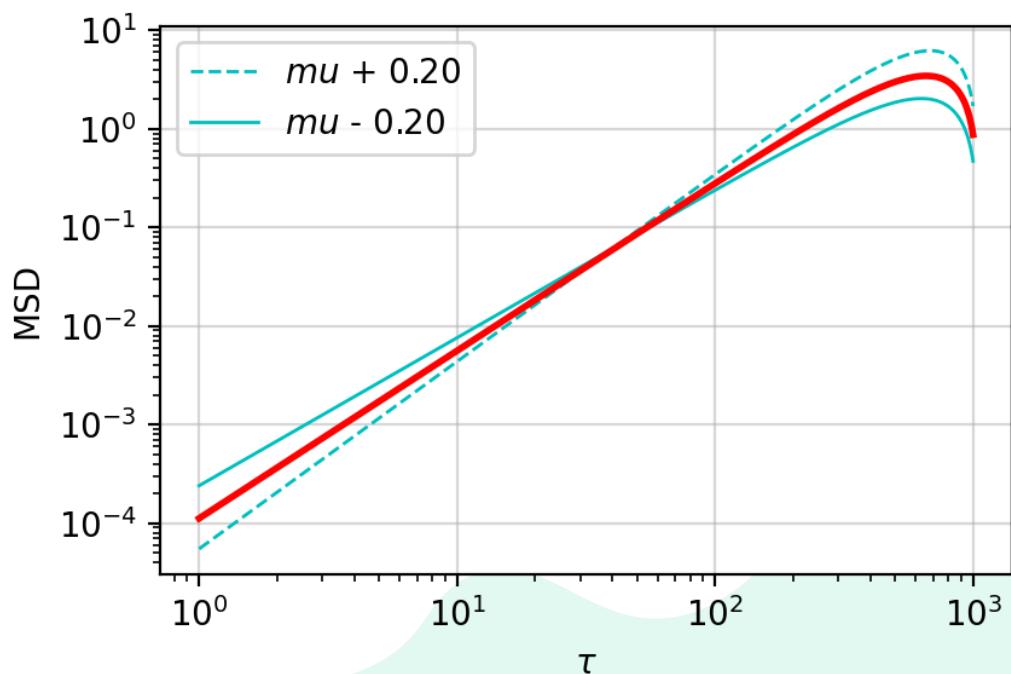
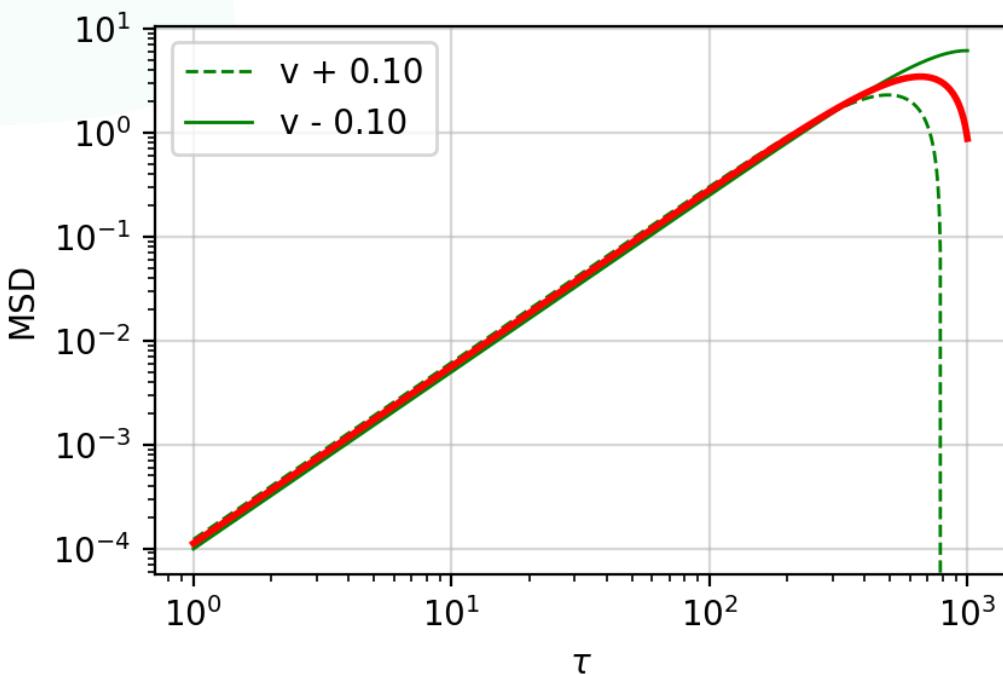


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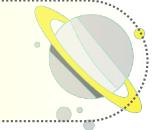


$$x(T) = x_0 + \int_0^T (T-t)^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} t^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} \sqrt{\cos(\nu t)} dB(t)$$

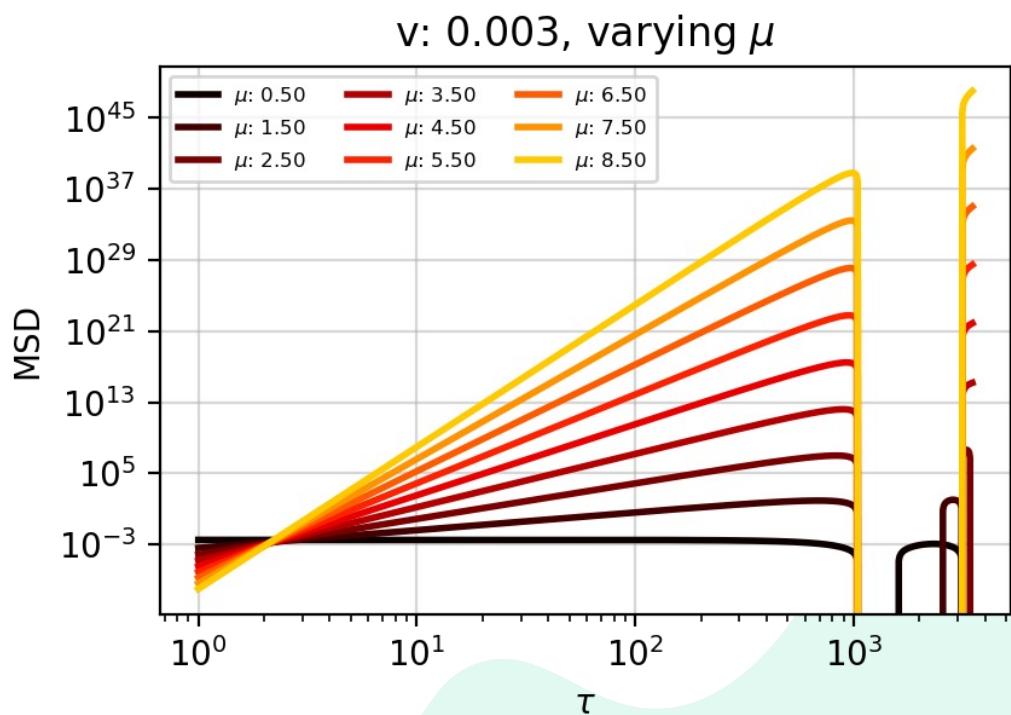
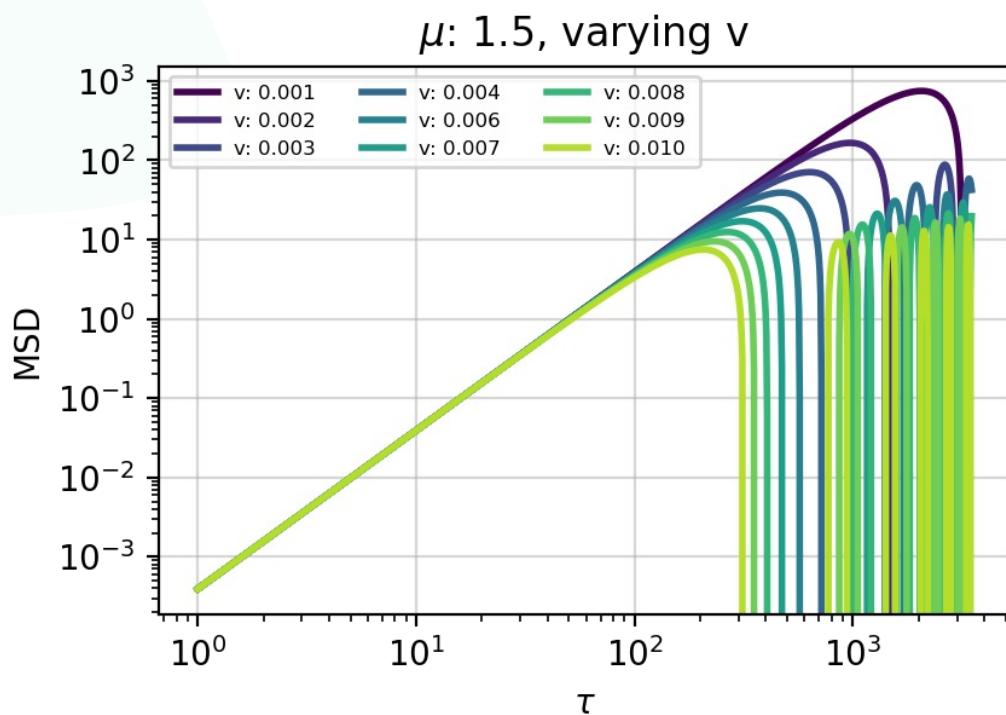
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# [MSD] Parameter Variations

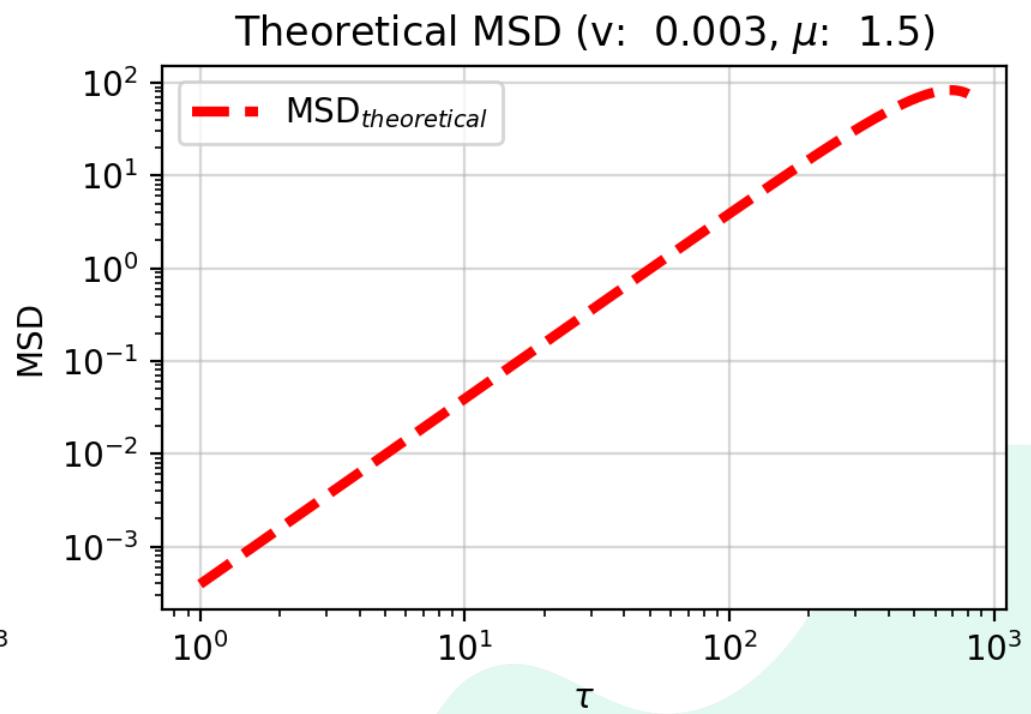
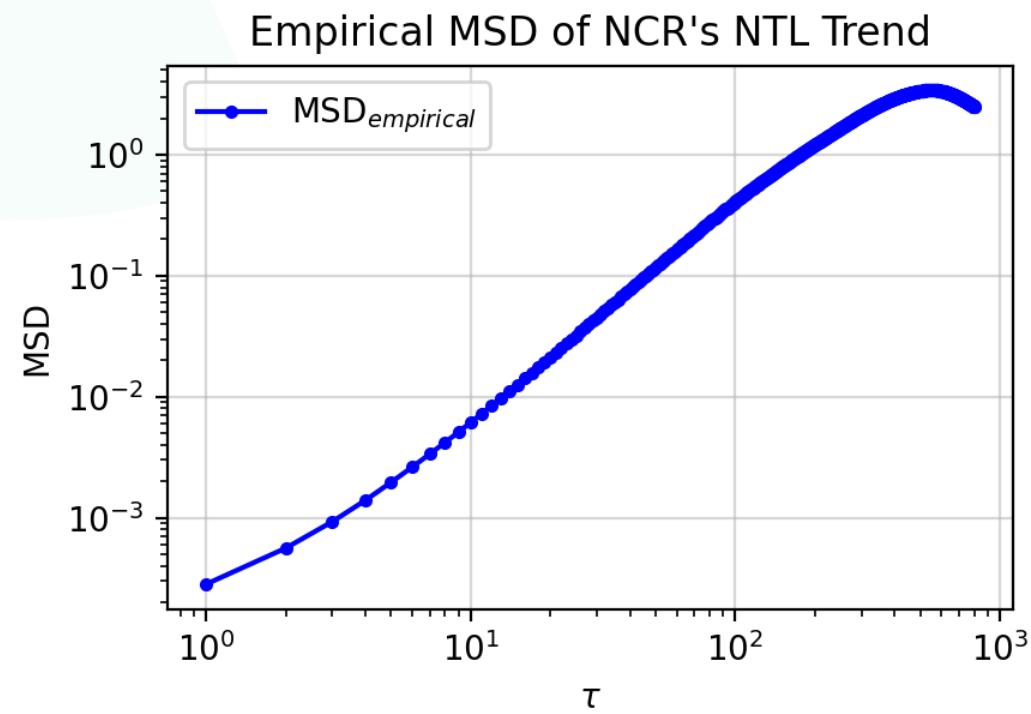


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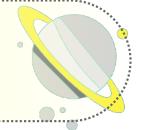


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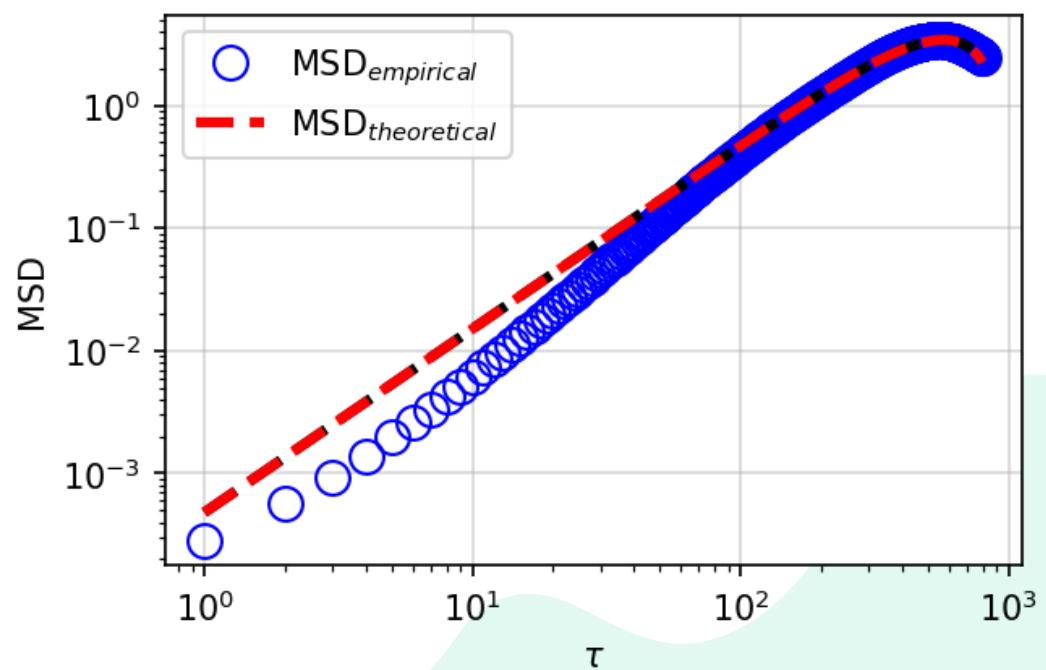
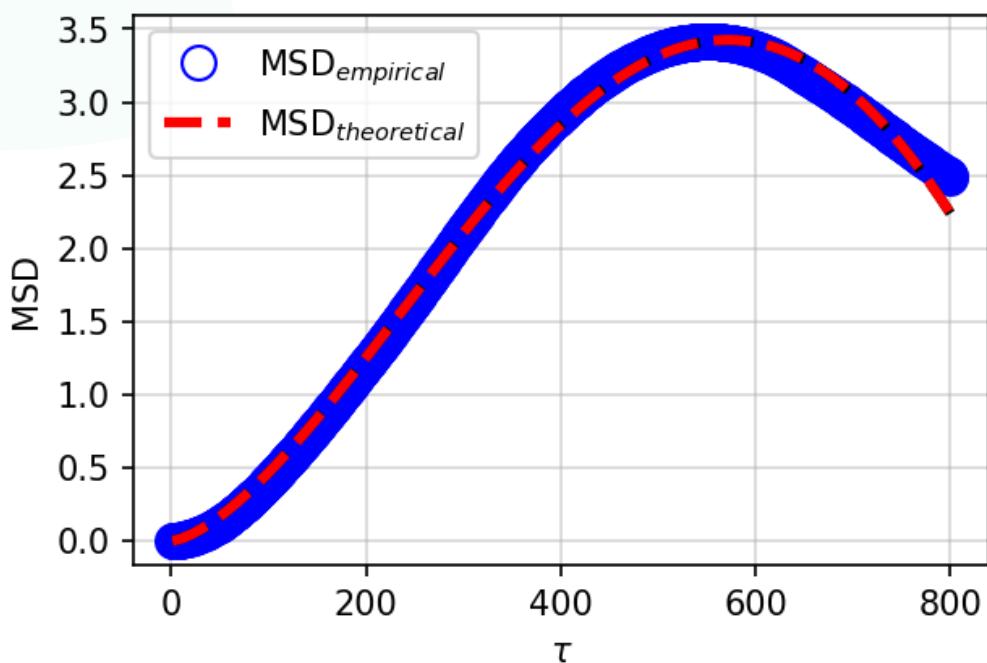


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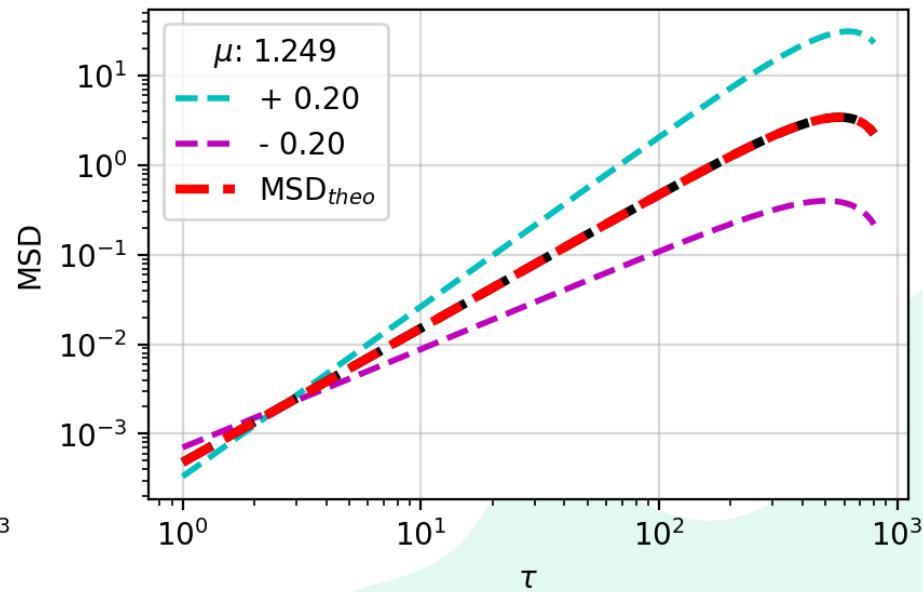
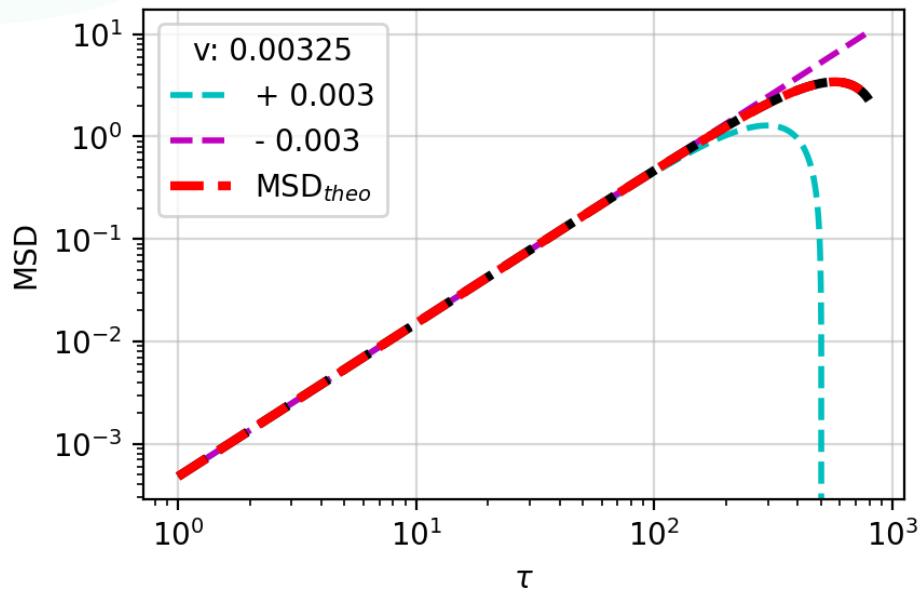
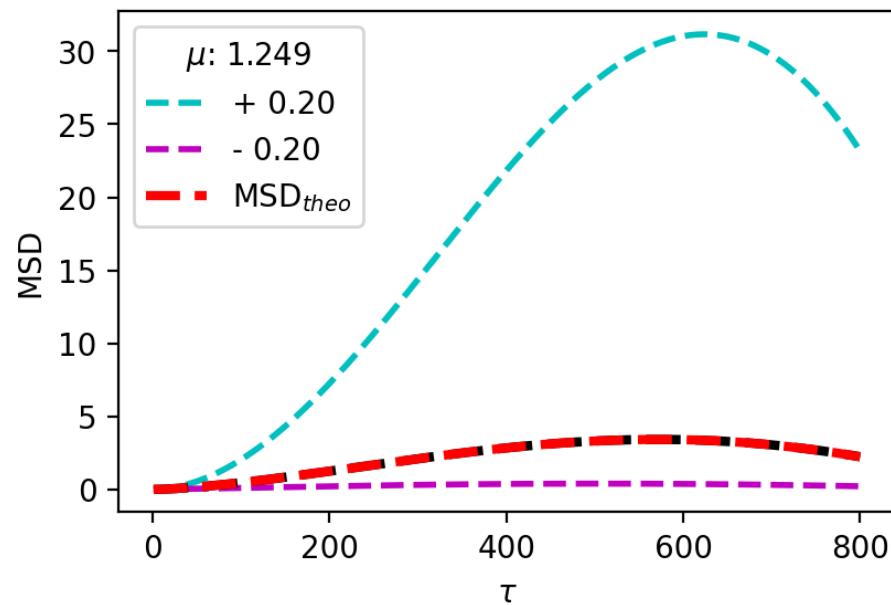
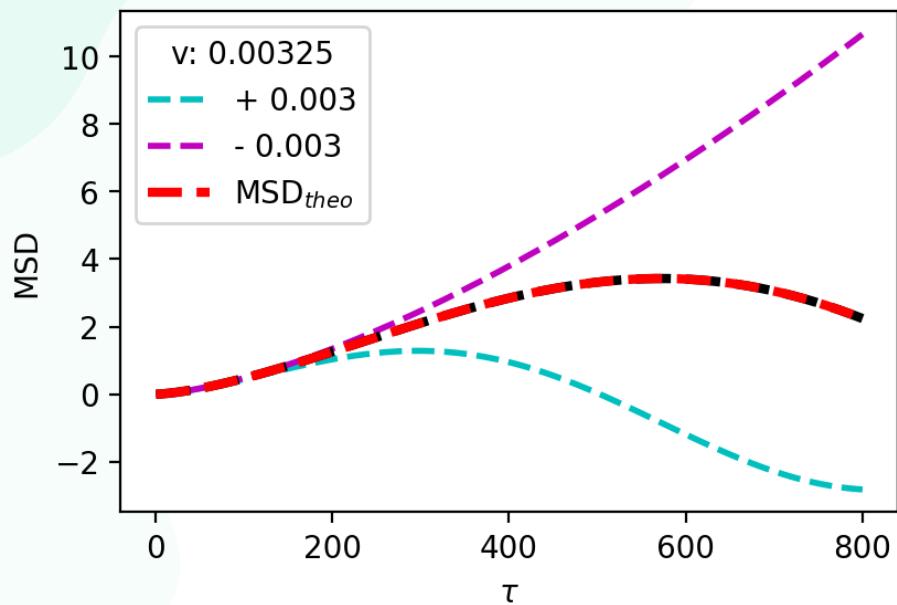
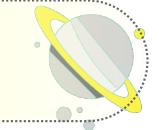


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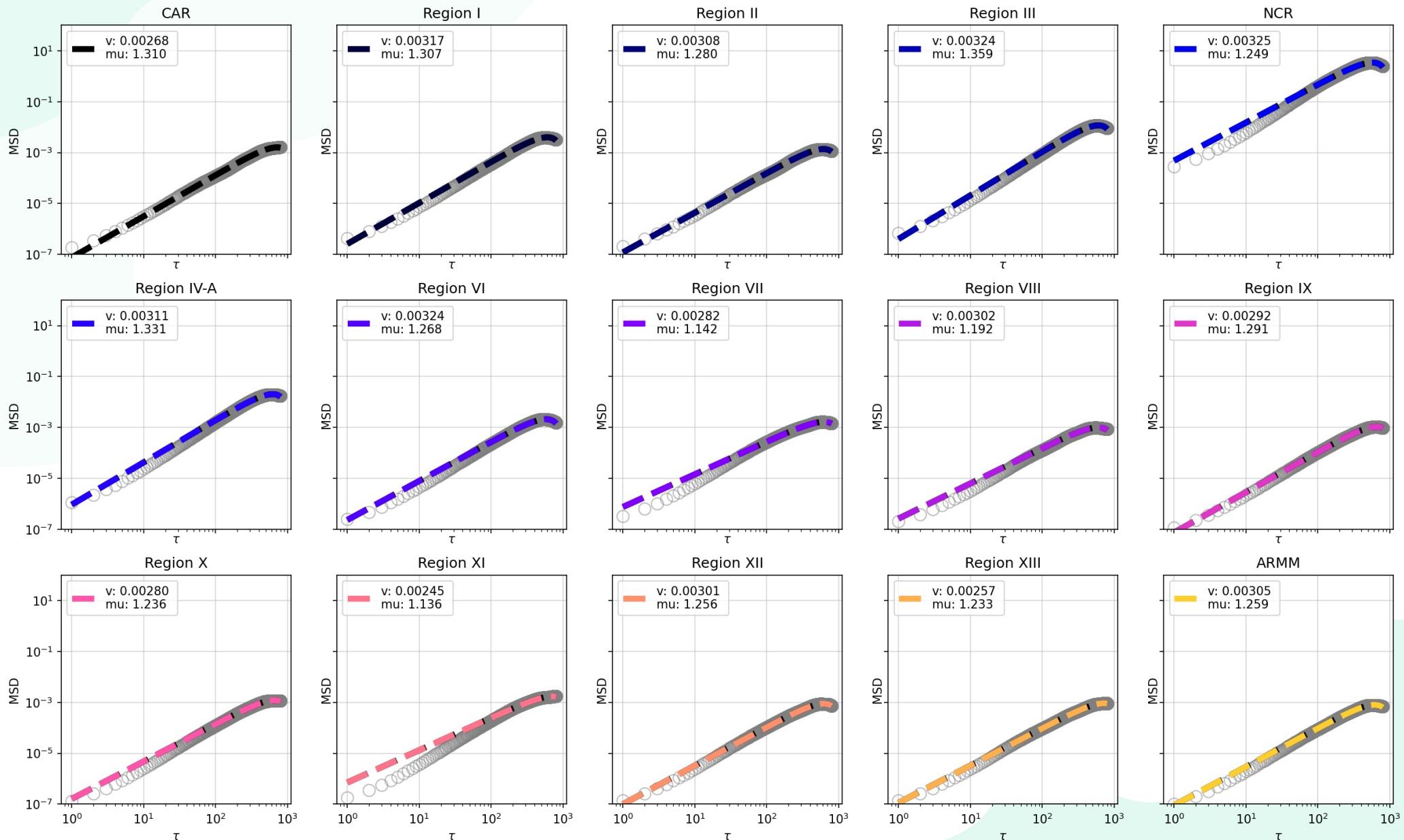
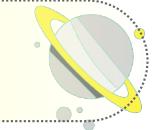
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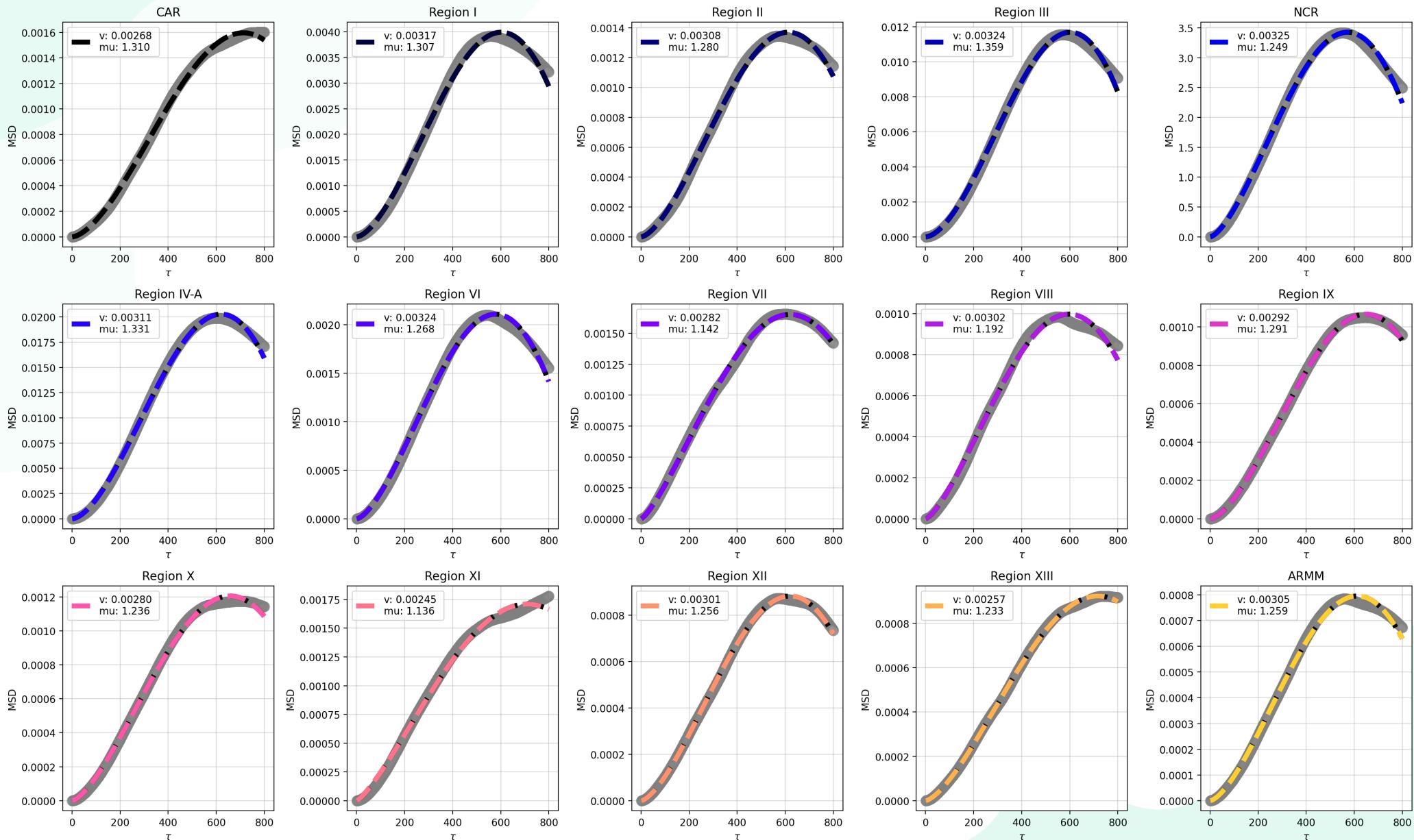
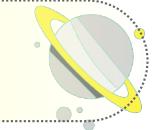
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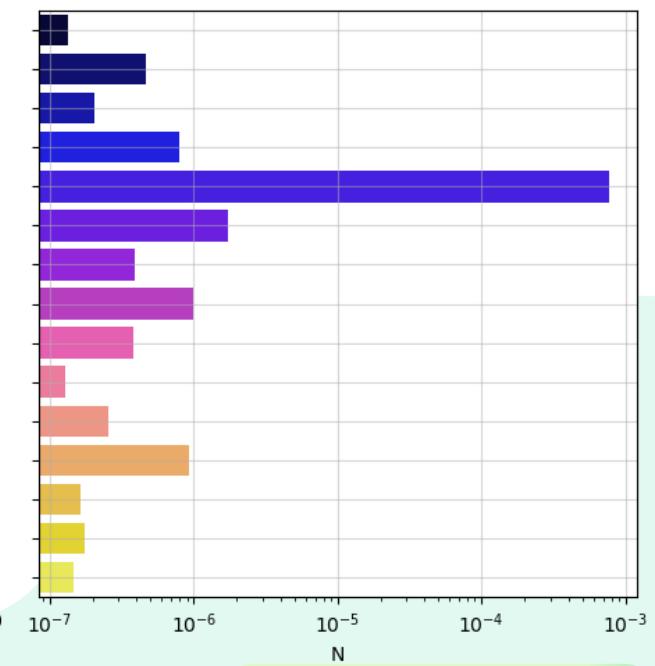
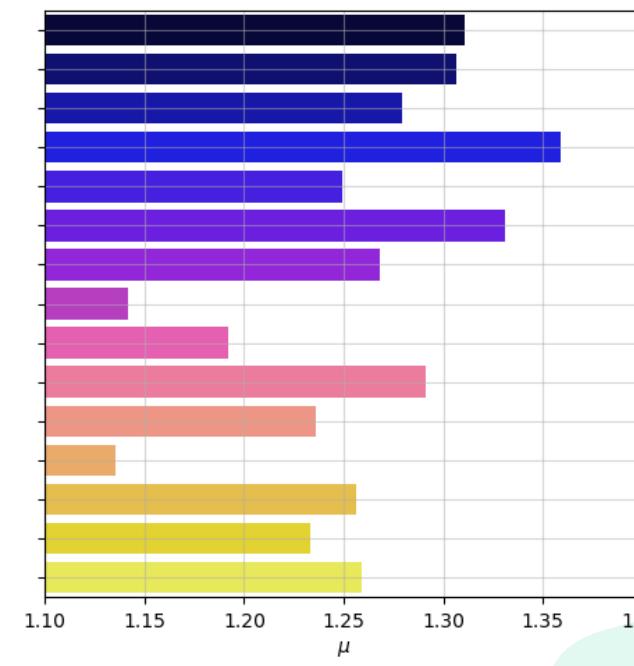
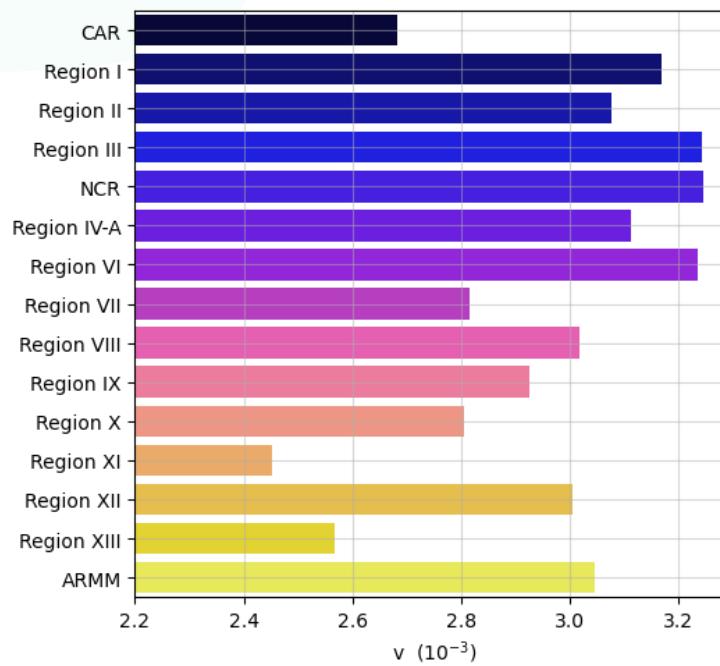
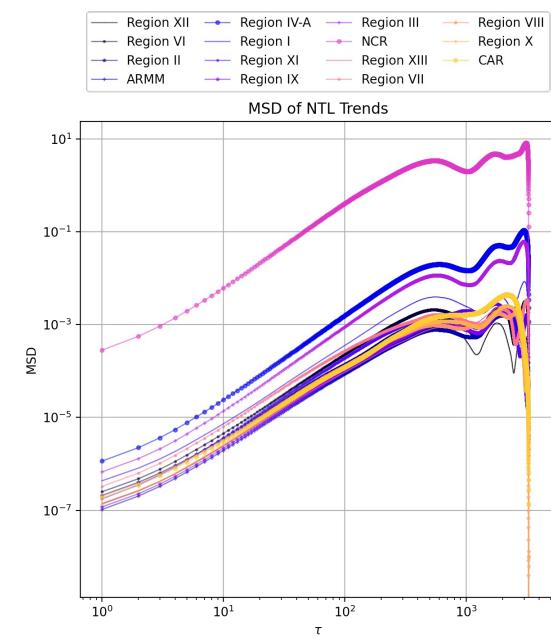
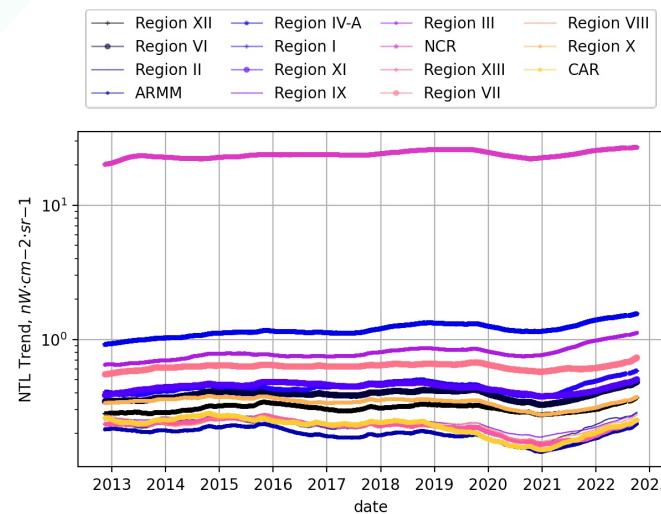
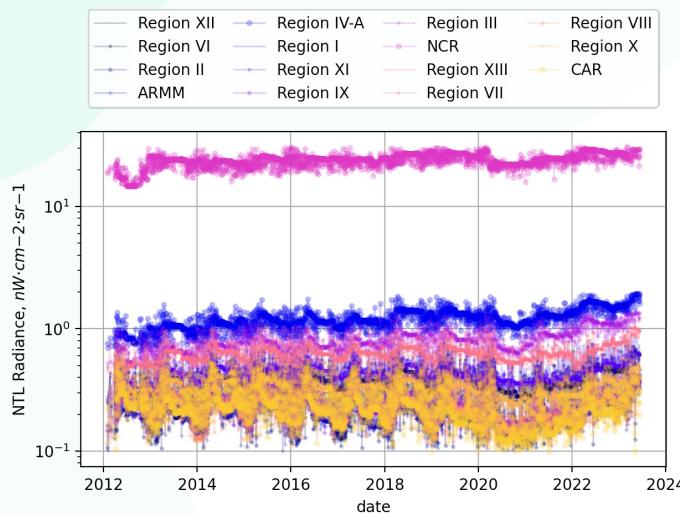
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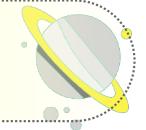
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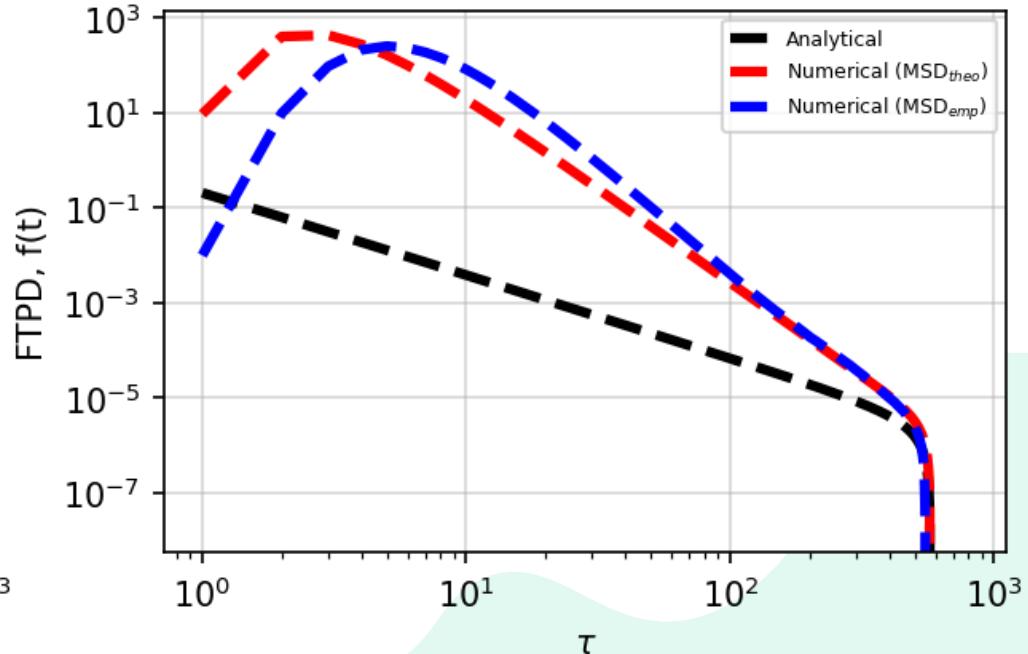
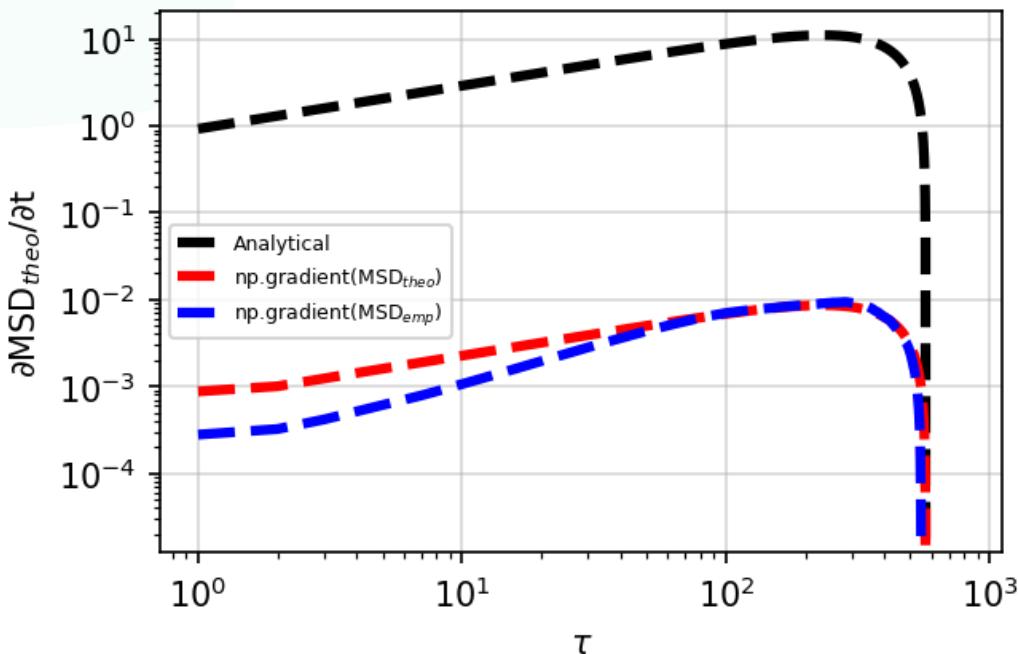


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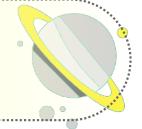


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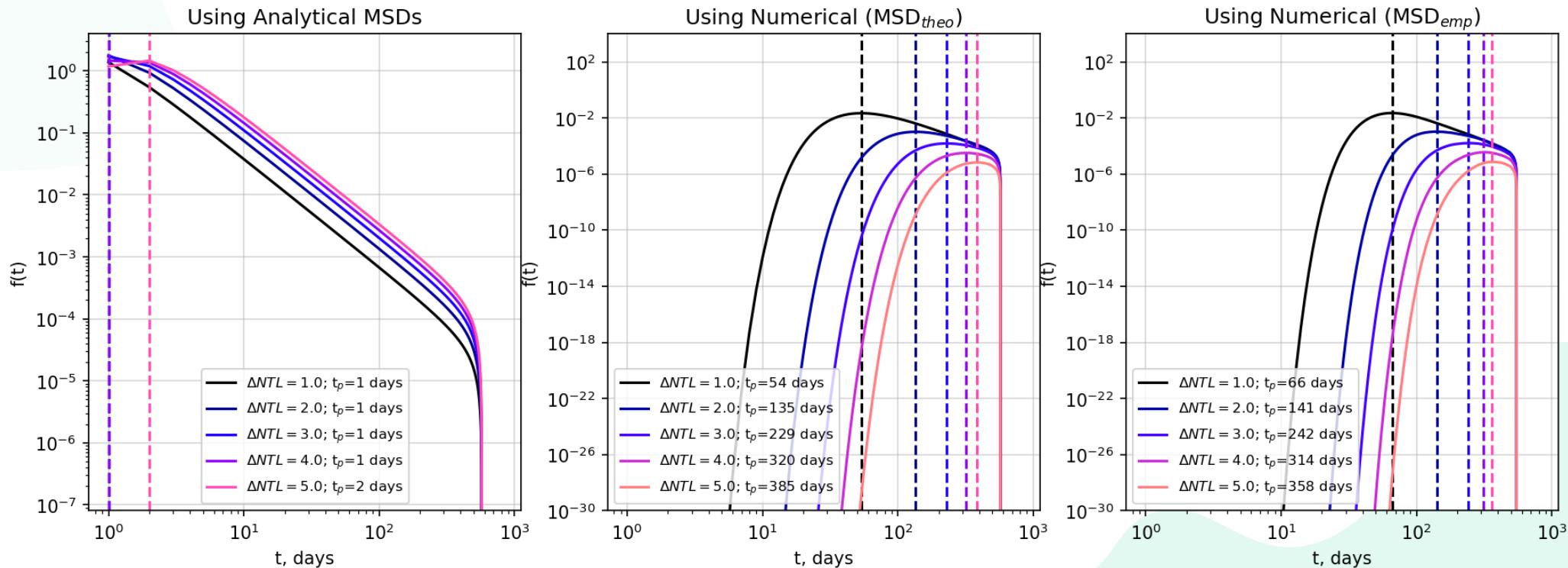


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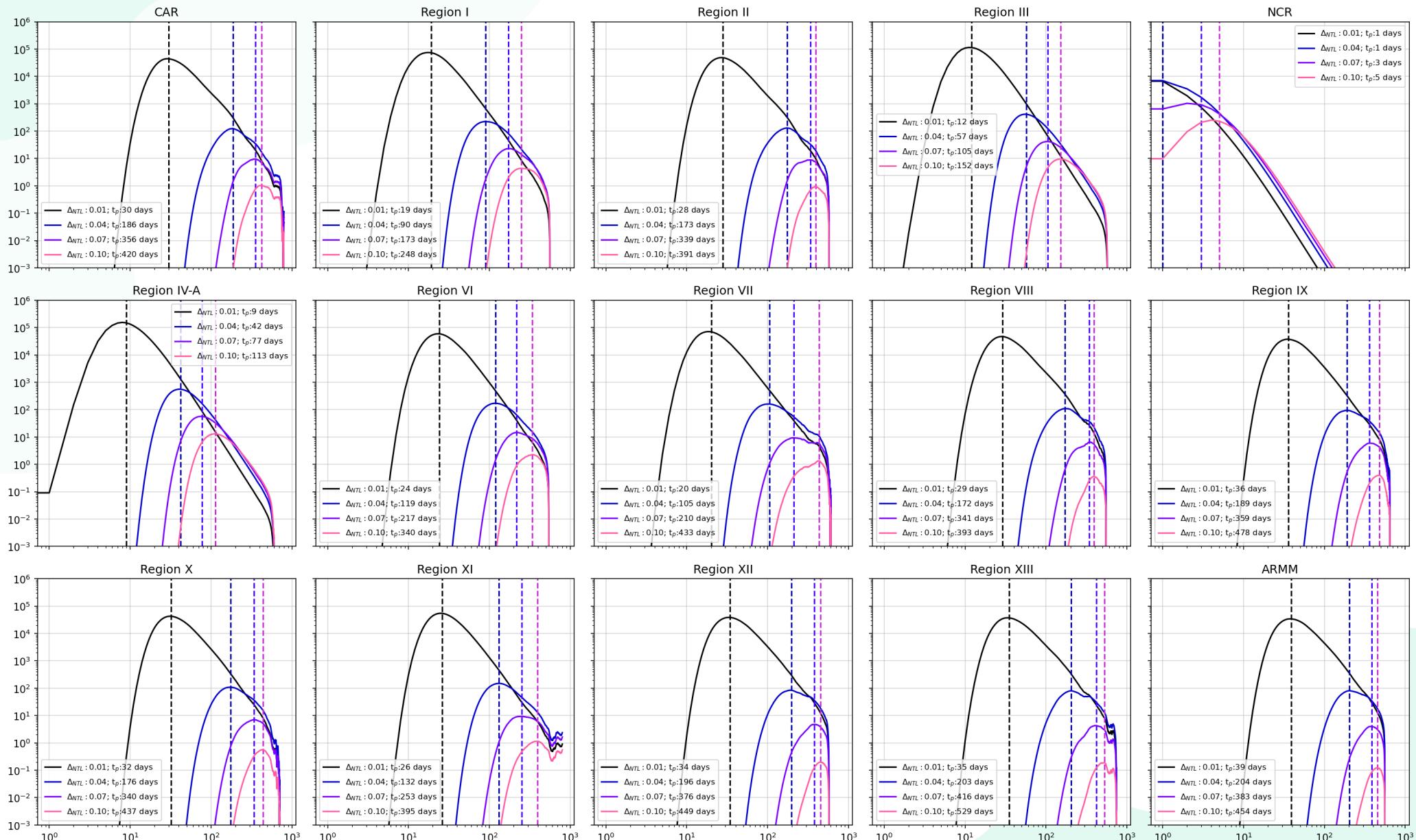
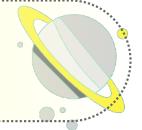


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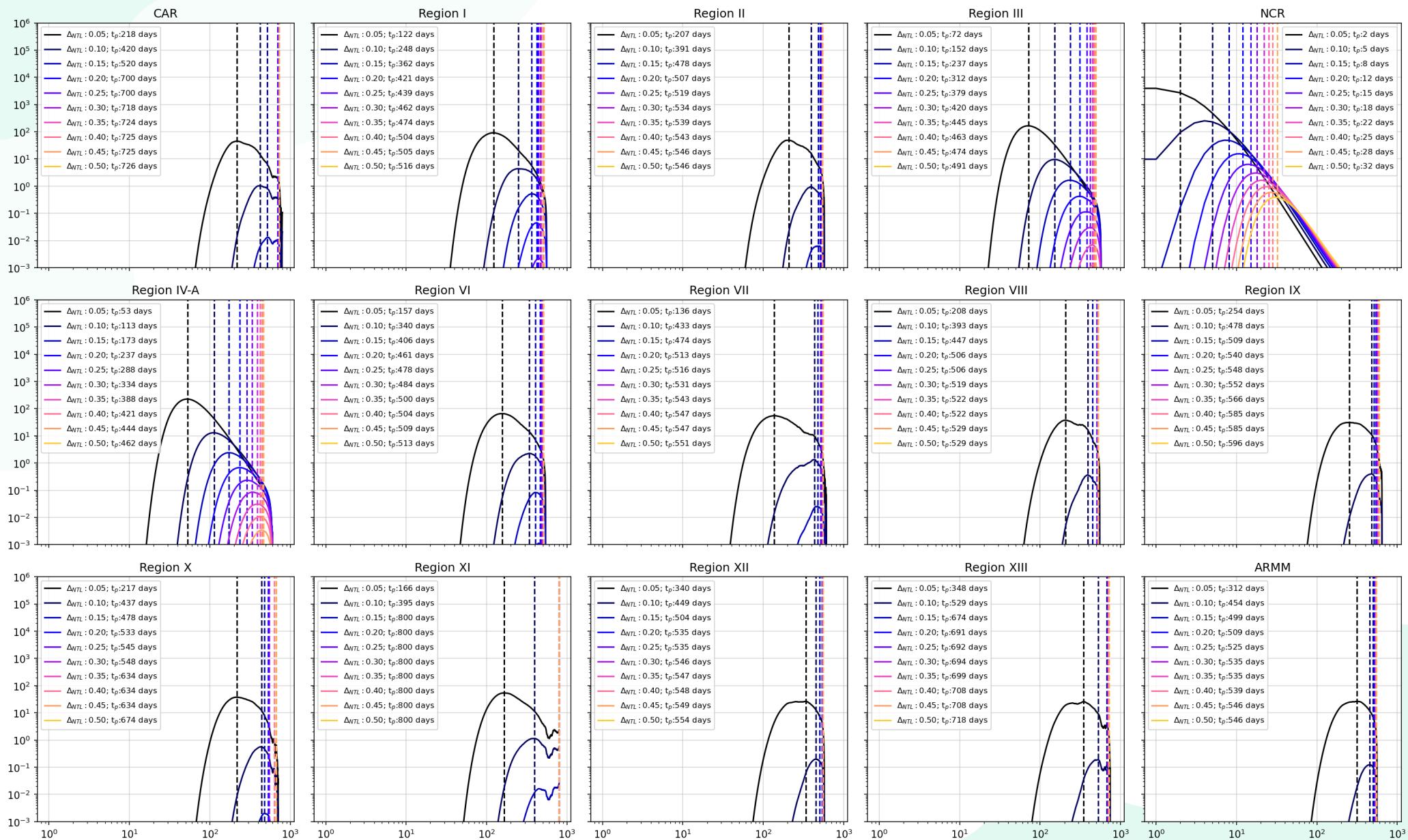
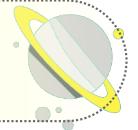
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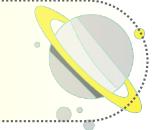
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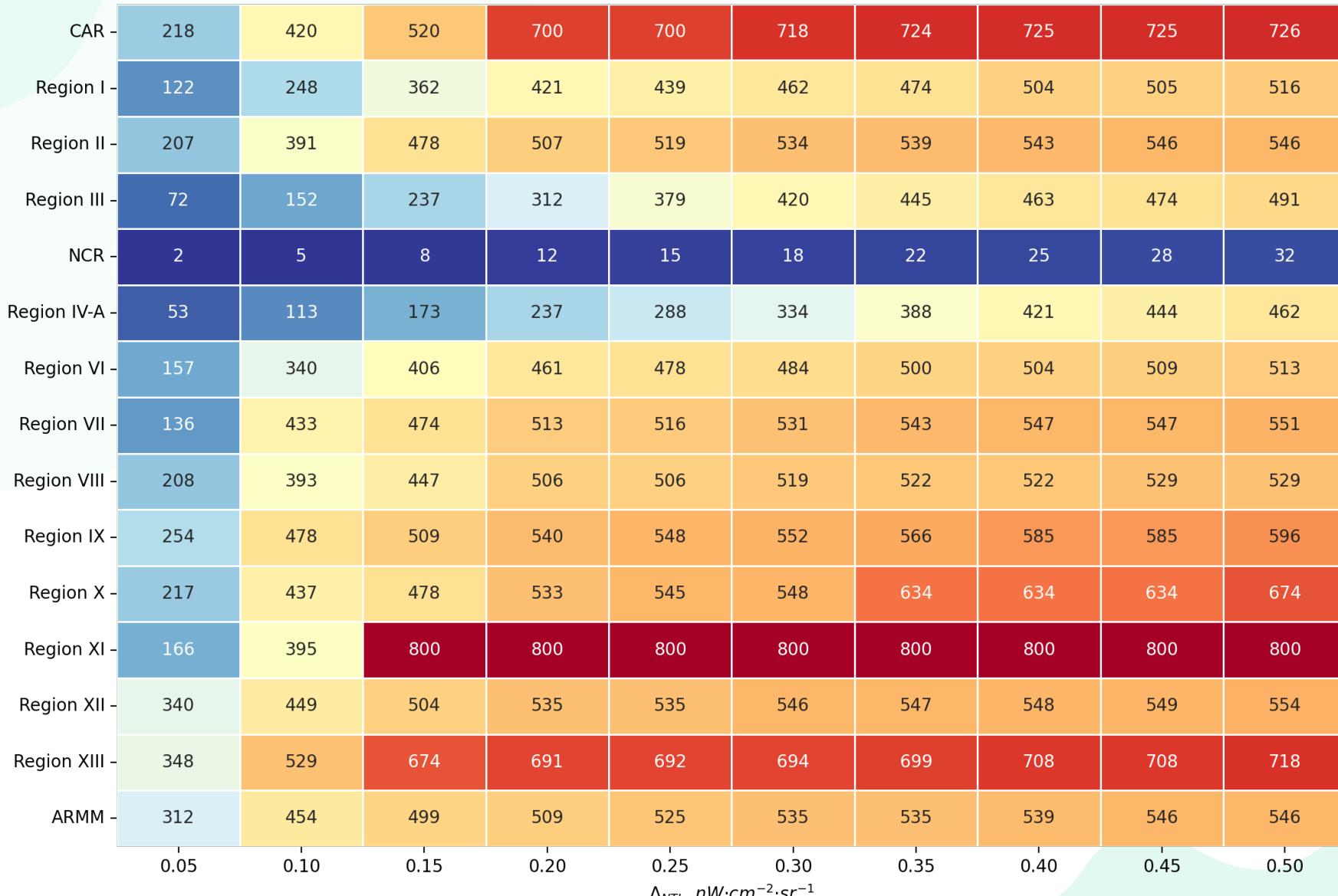
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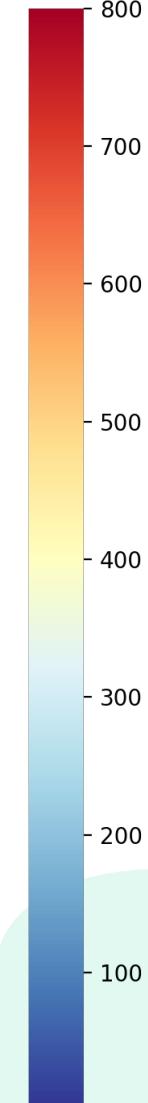
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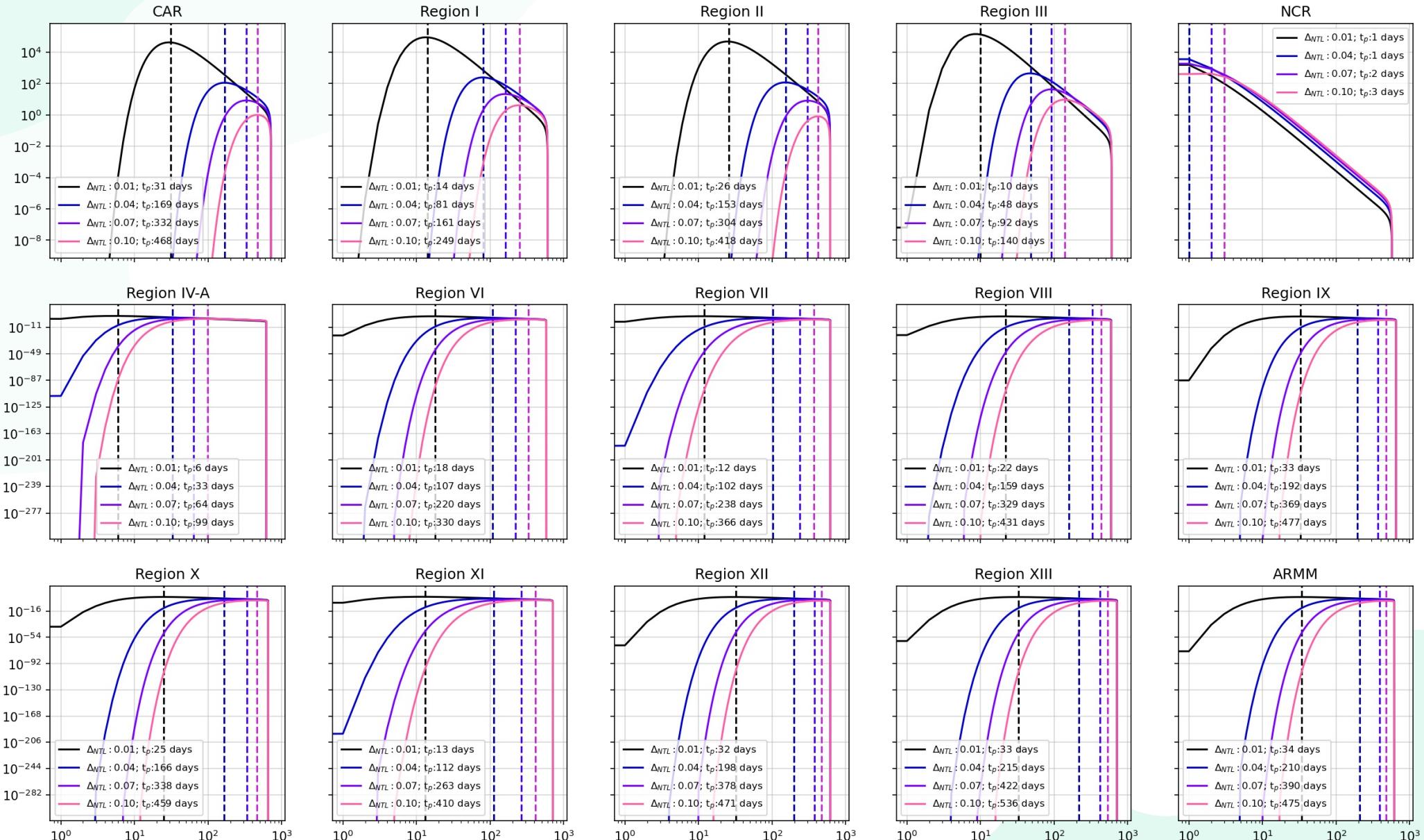
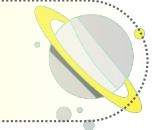
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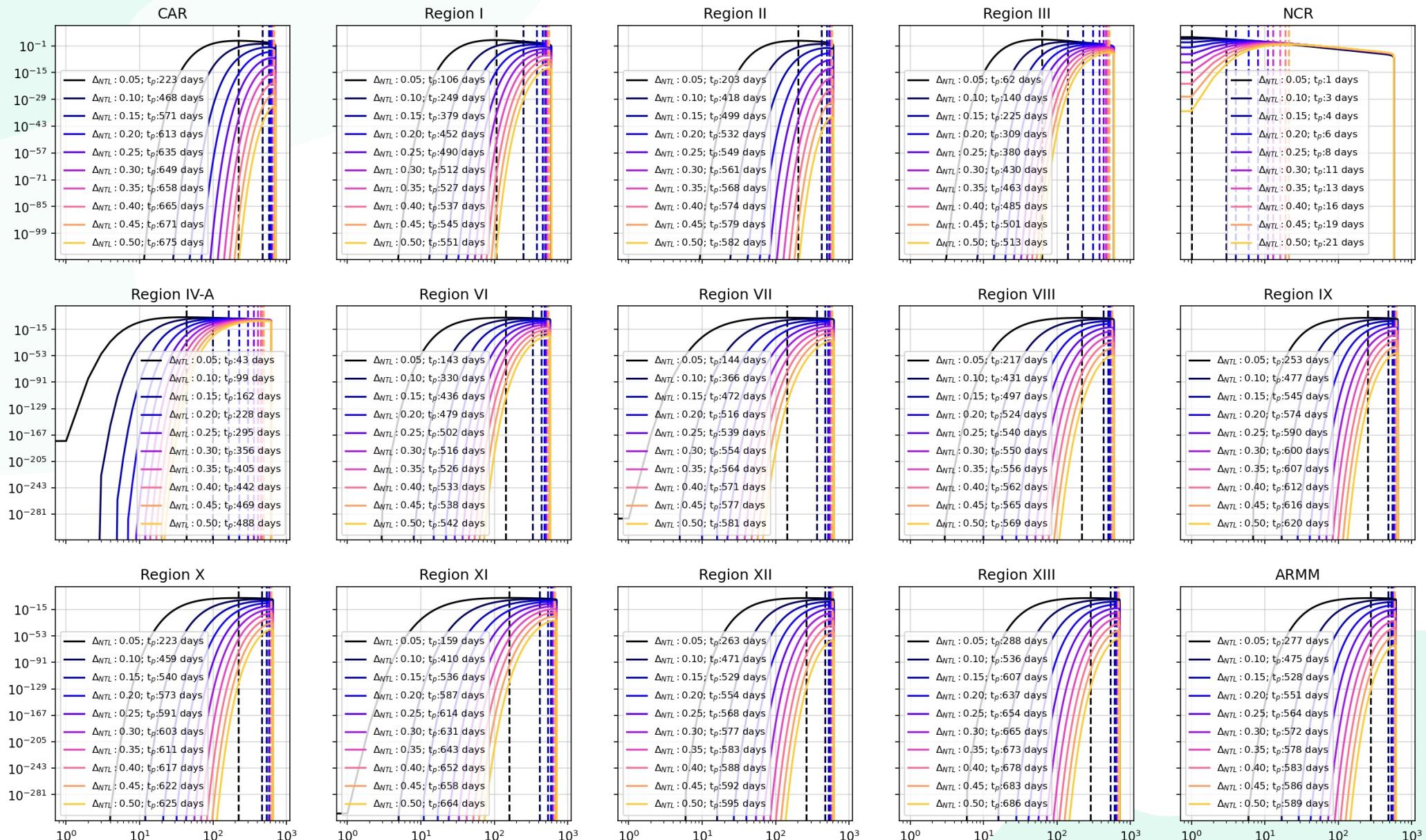
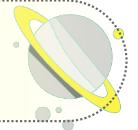
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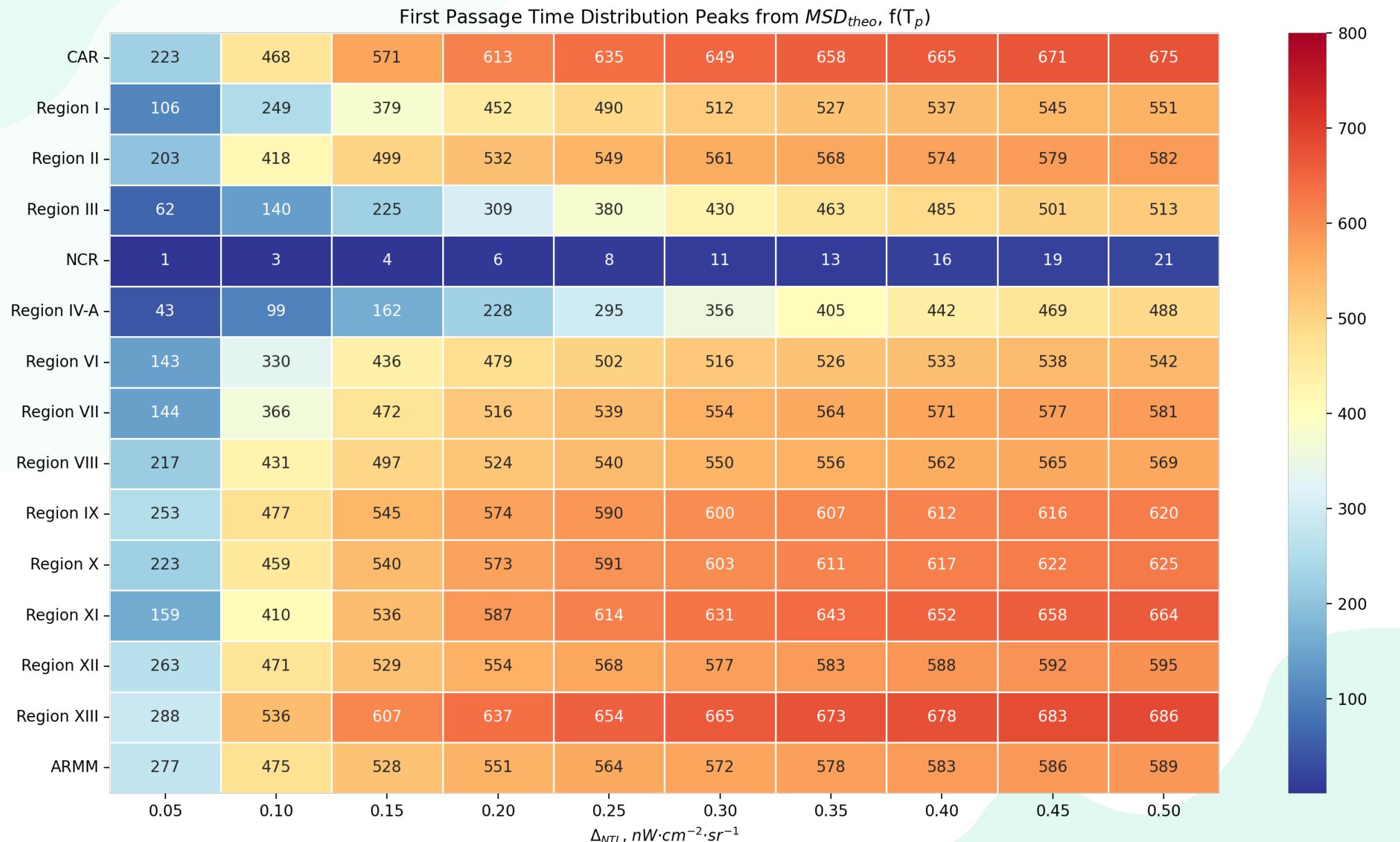
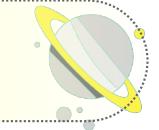
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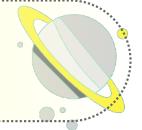
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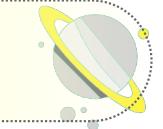


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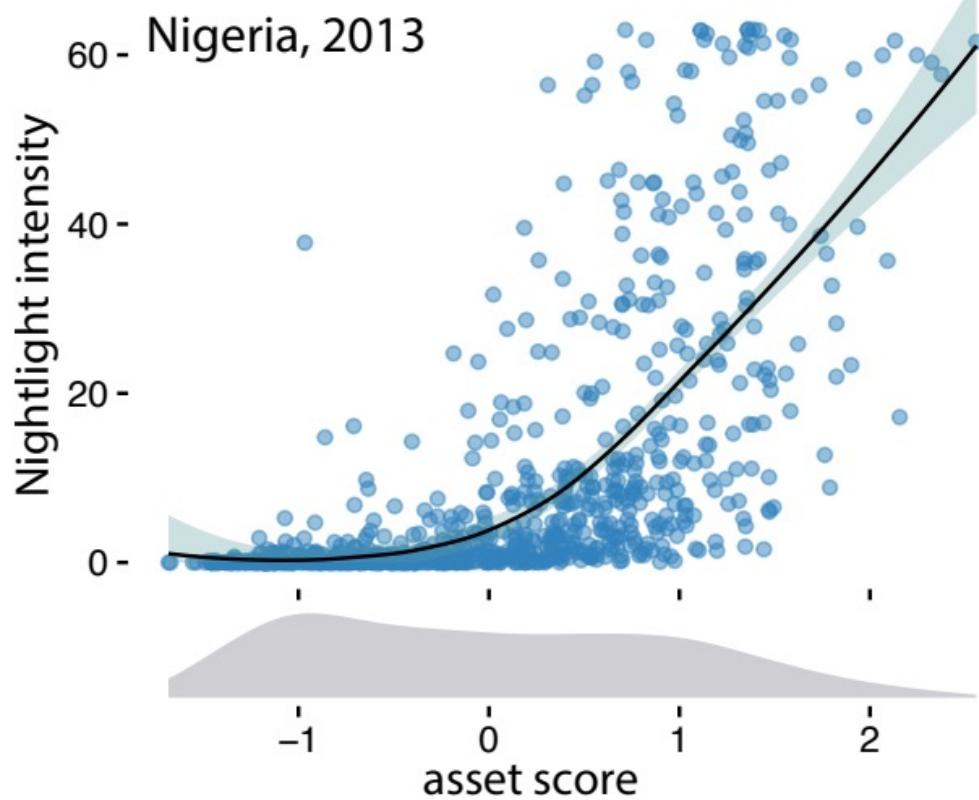
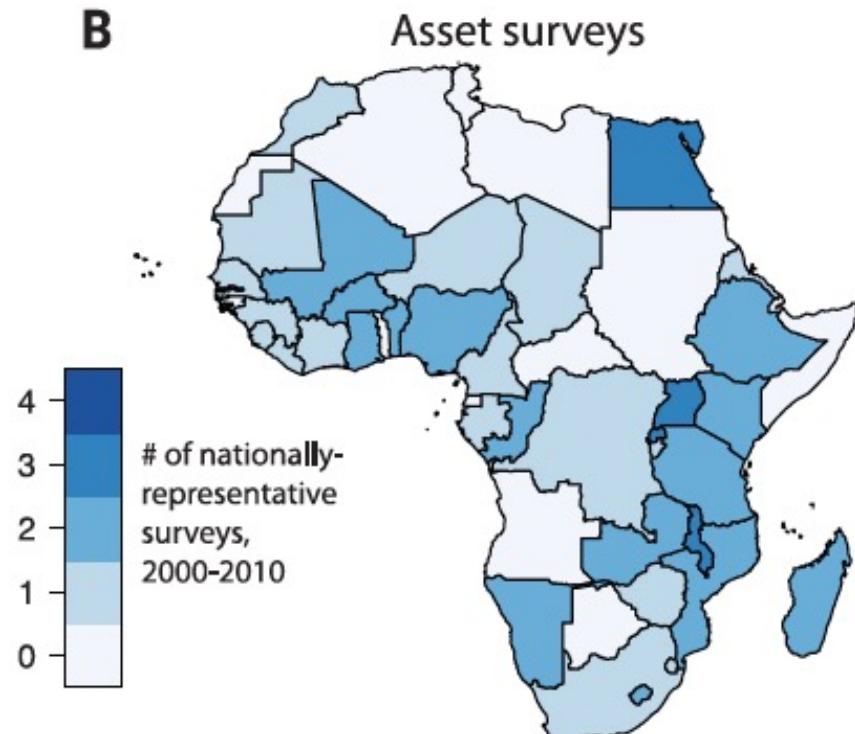


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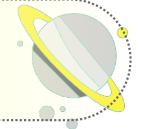


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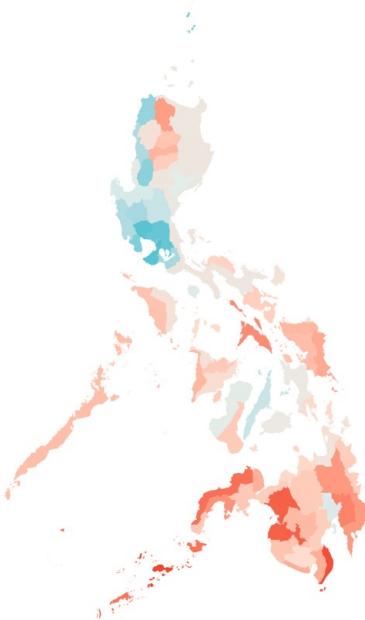
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Least wealthy Most wealthy

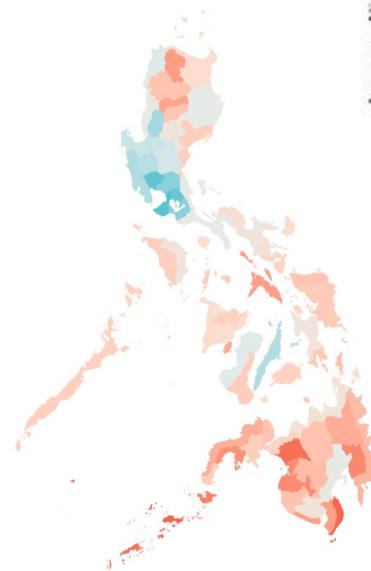


**Actual Wealth**

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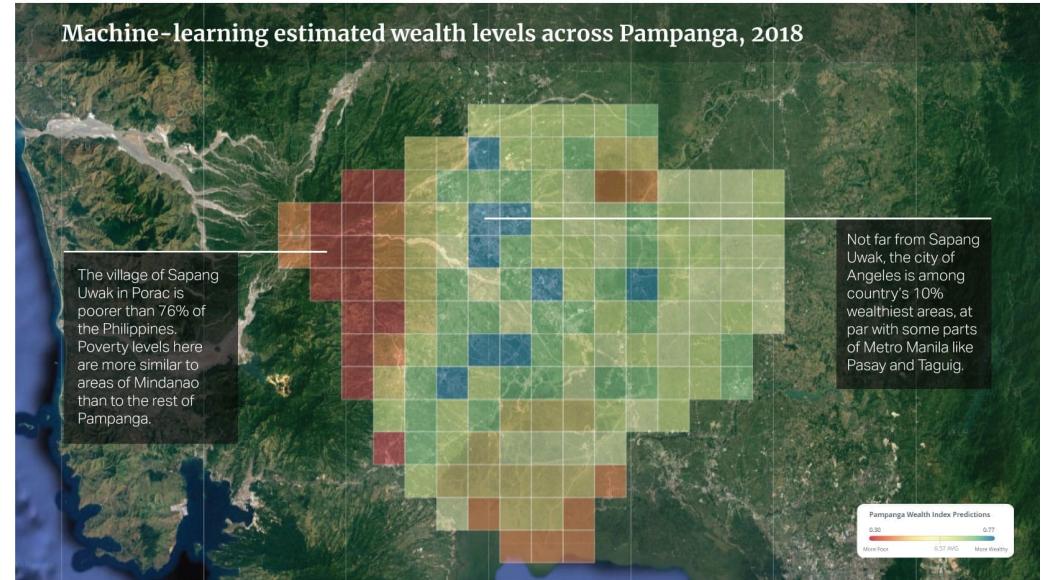
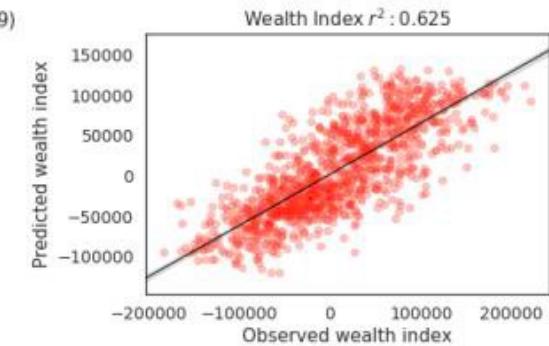
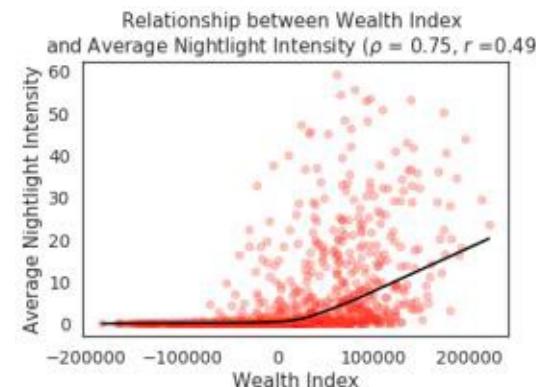


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**Estimated Wealth**

using a machine learning model trained on  
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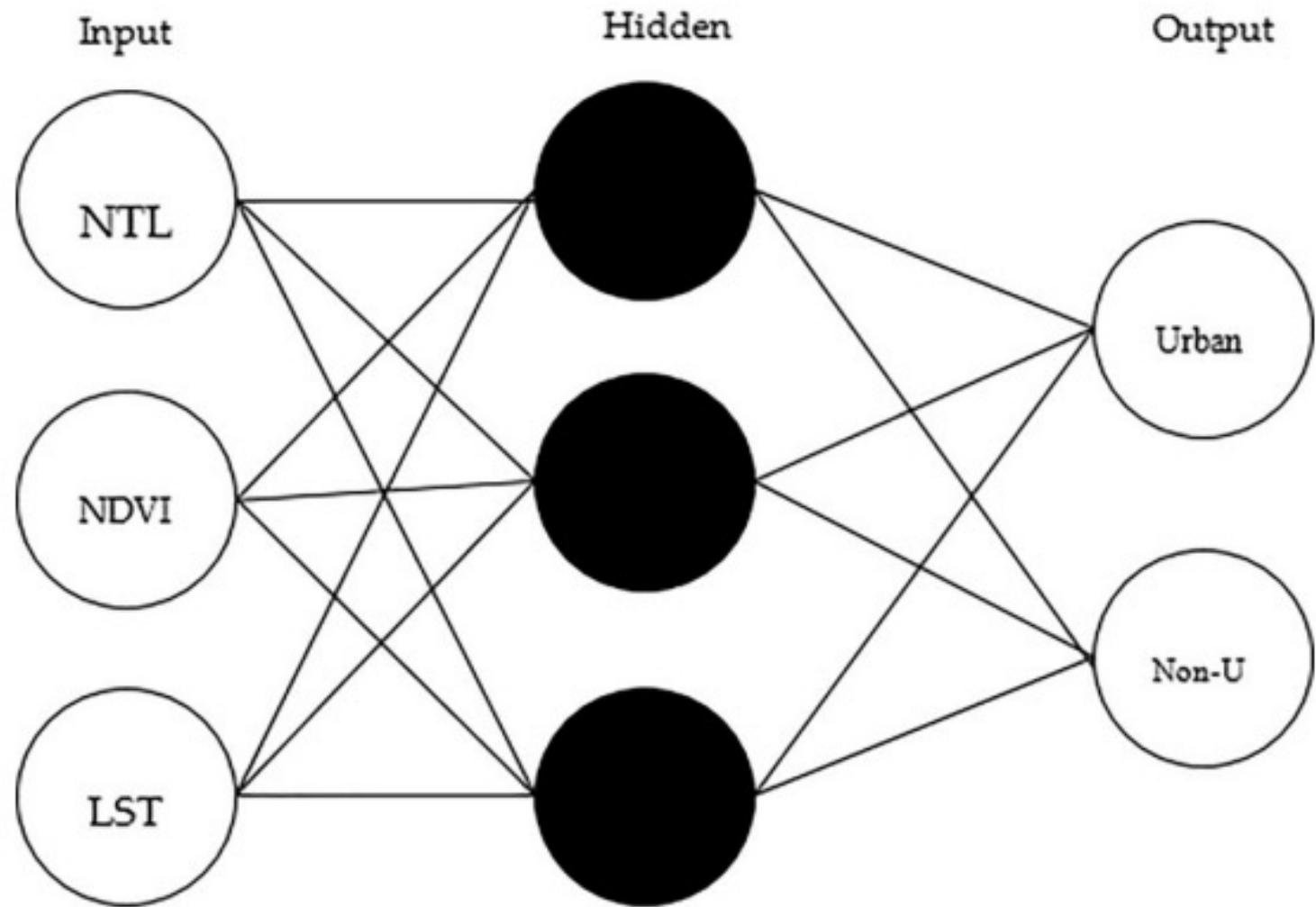
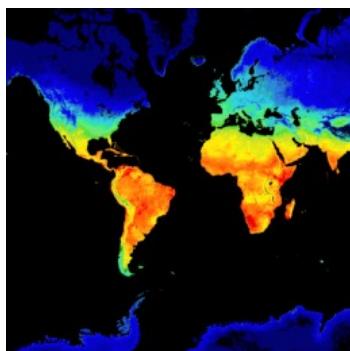
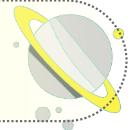
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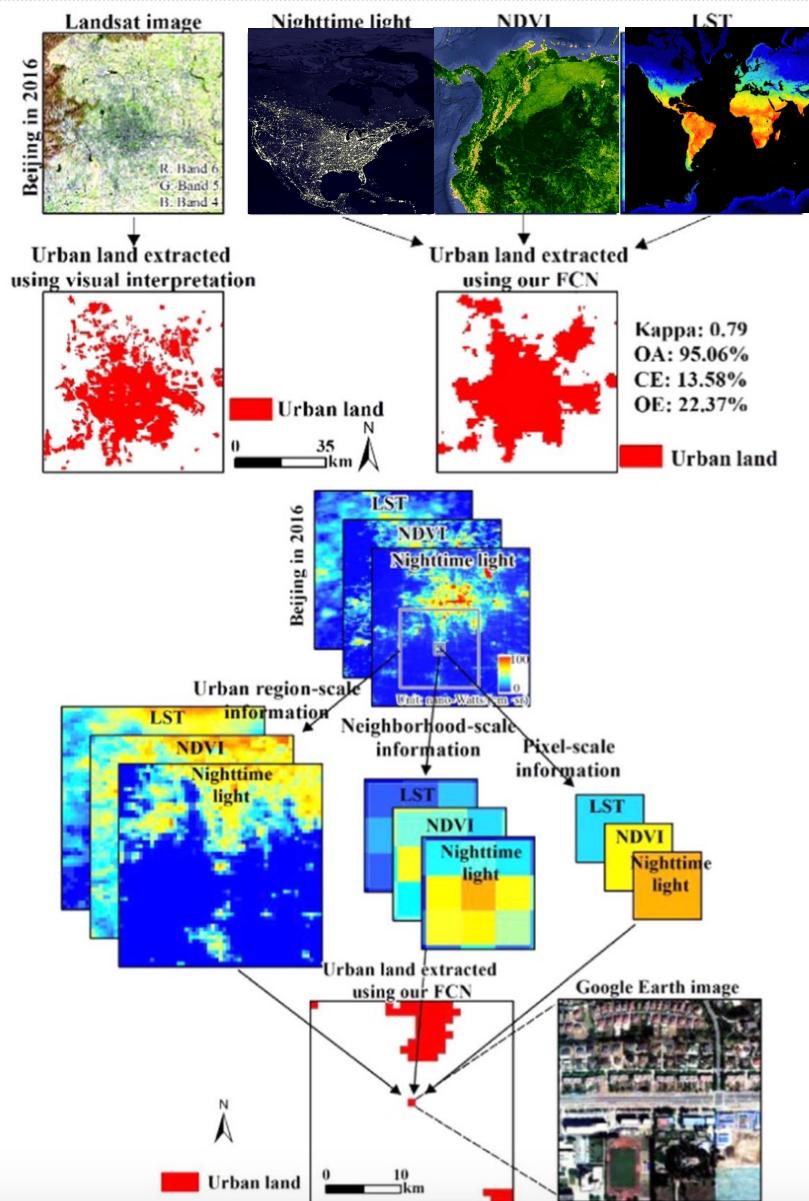
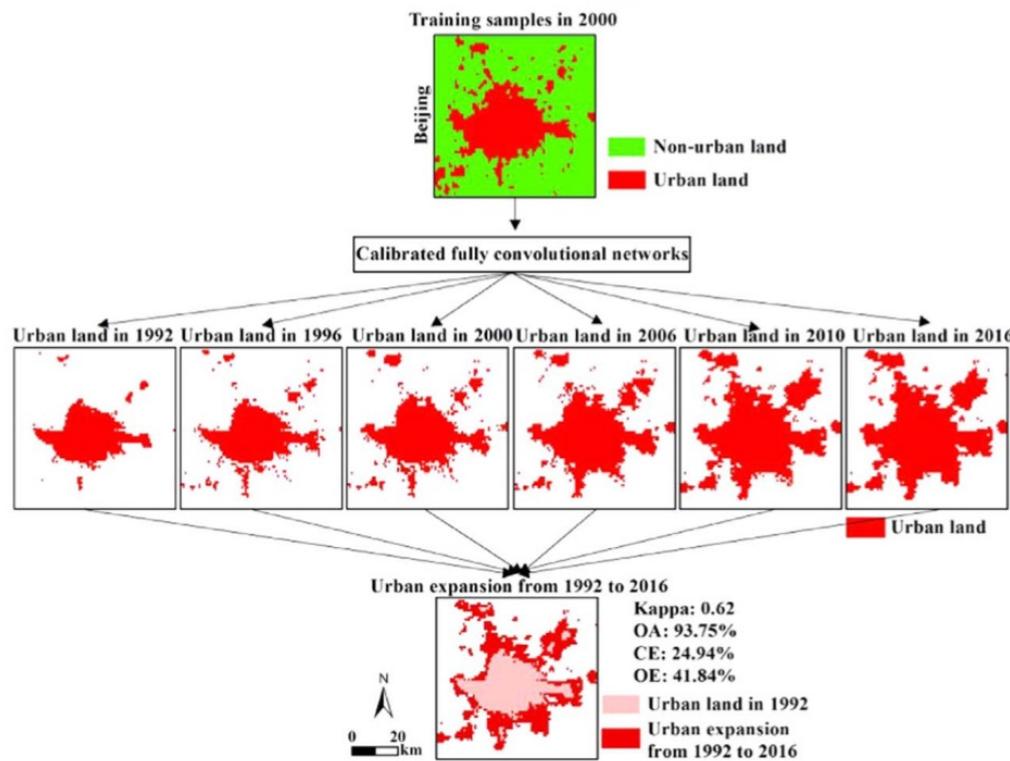
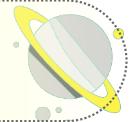
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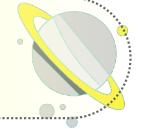
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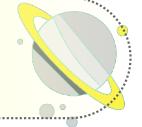


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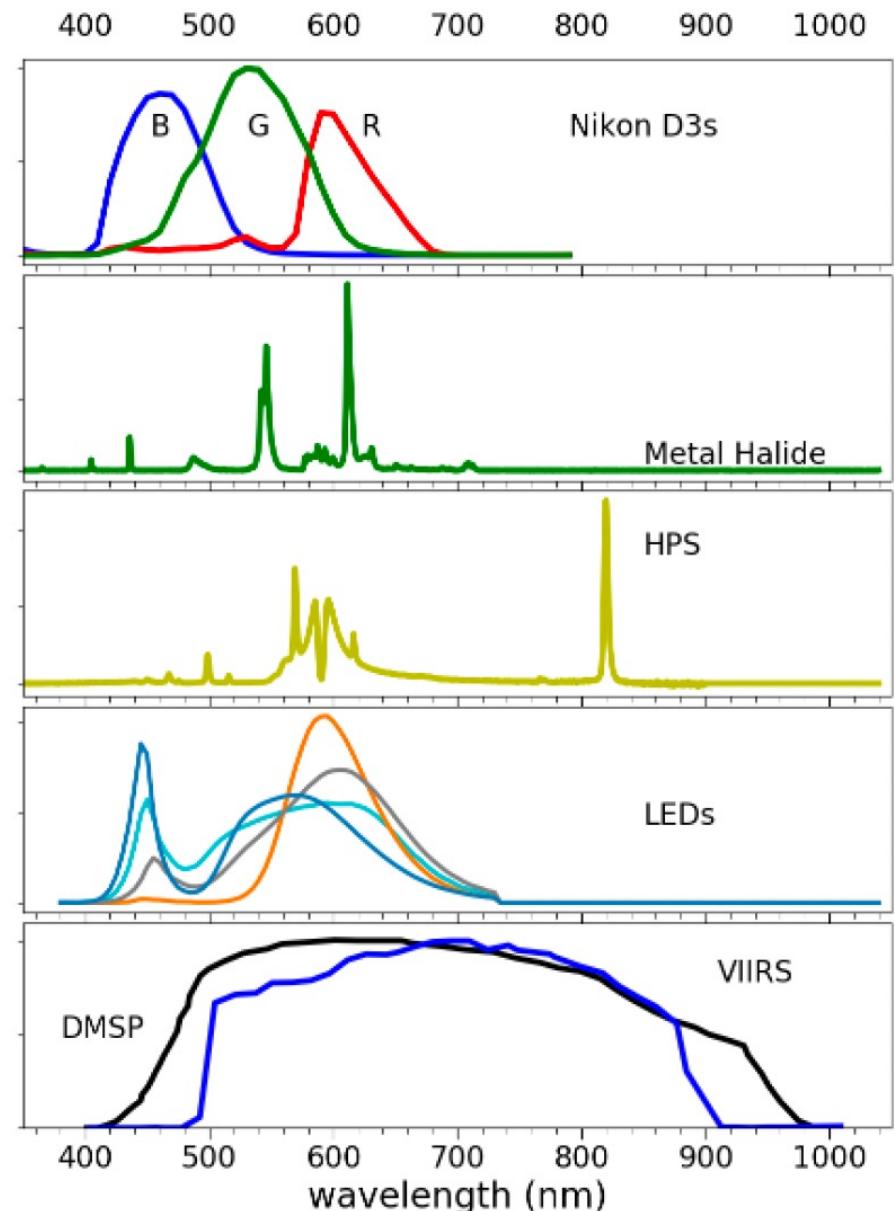


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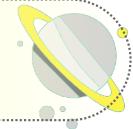
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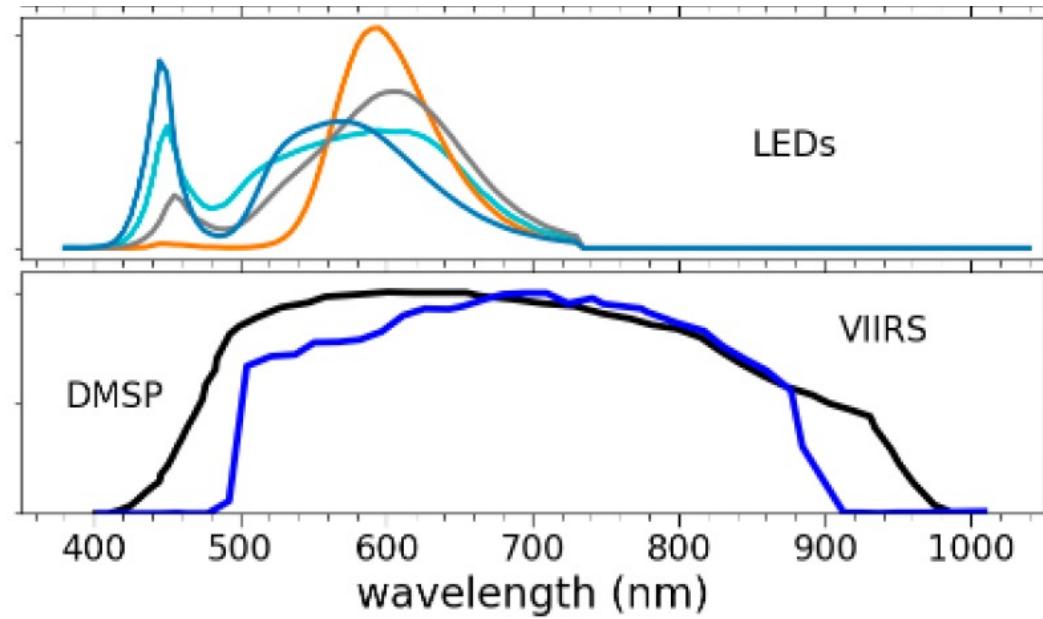
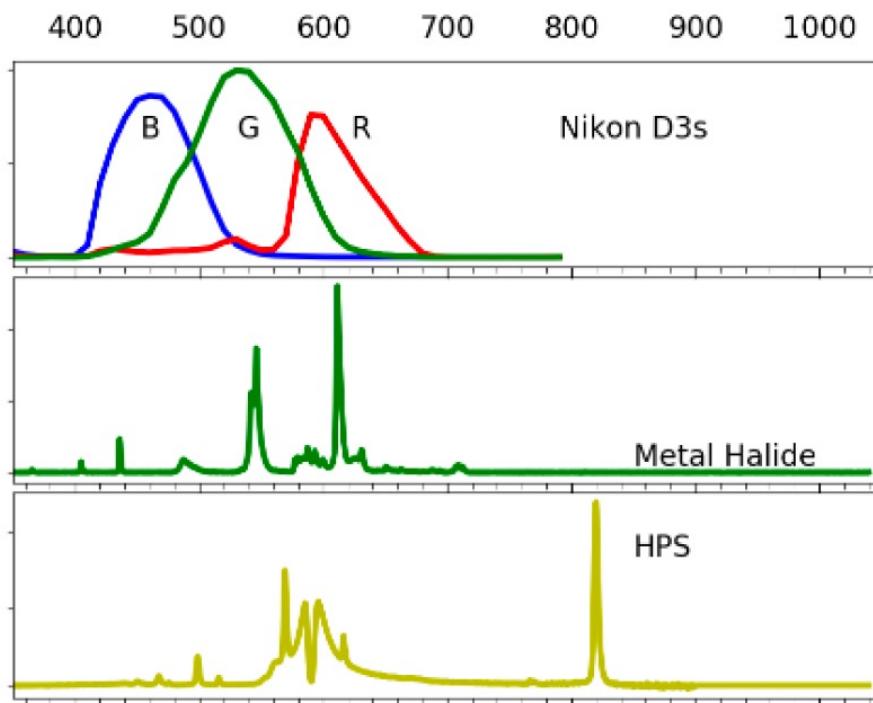
- Nikon D3s Cameras used by the astronauts at the ISS
- Metal Halide lamp, popular on architectural lights
- High pressure sodium (HPS) light, popular until 2014 on street lighting
- LEDs of 5000K (blue), 4000K (cyan), 2700K (grey), and PC-Amber (amber), popular on street lighting
- Representative spectral response of DMSP/OLS(black) and Suomi-NPP/VIIRS/DNB(blue)



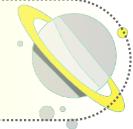
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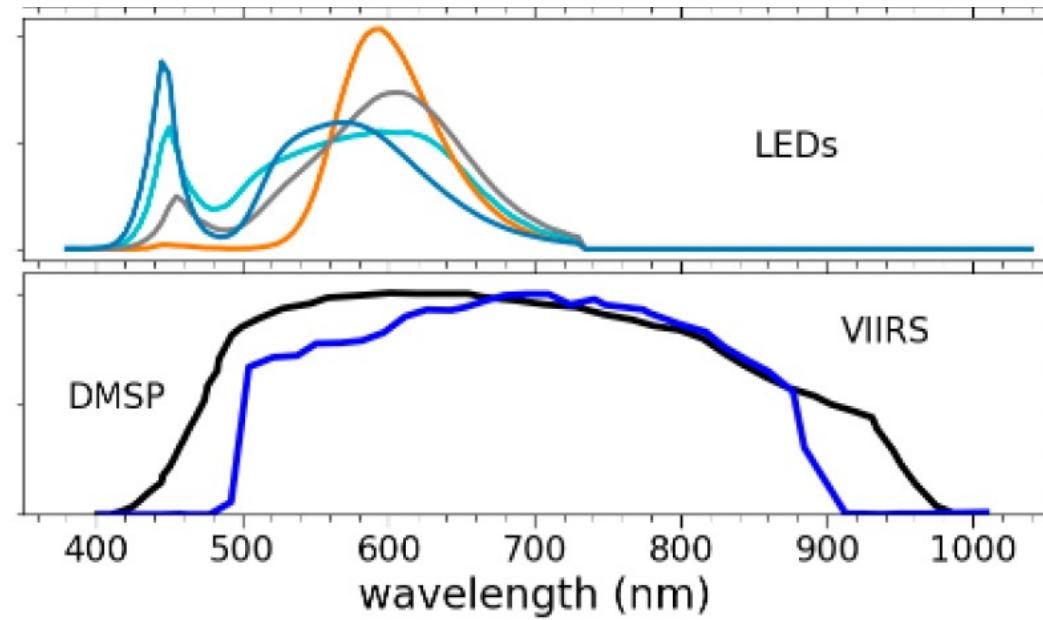
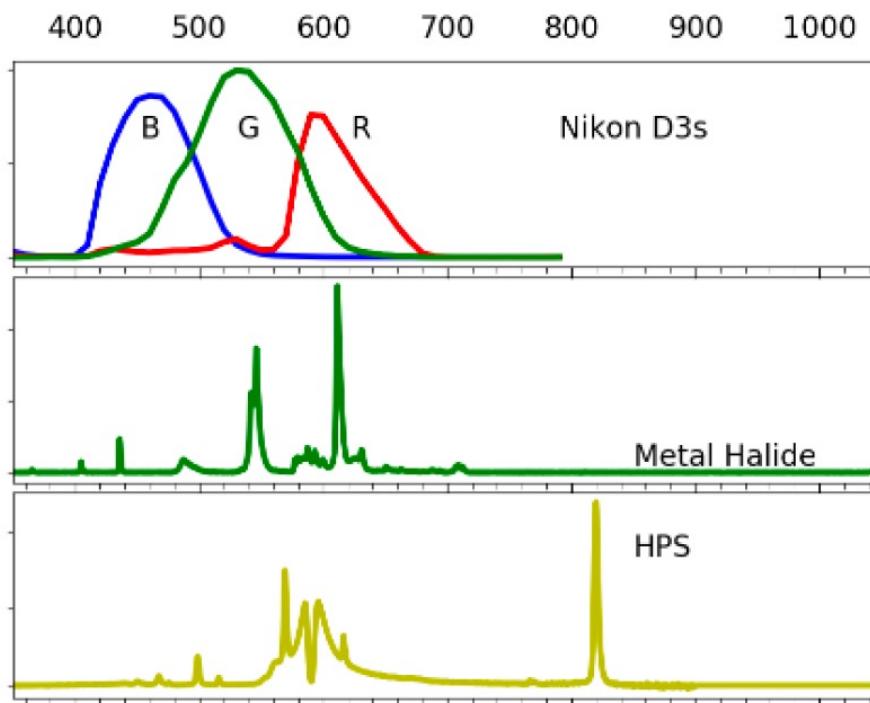
1. NTL sensors are panchromatic. Though the bandwidths have been broad, they have also been insensitive to the blue part of the visible spectrum (380 to 450 nm);



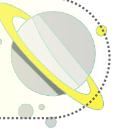
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2. Outdoor lighting is transitioning from low-pressure sodium (narrow spectrum) to LED lamps (broad-white spectrum), essentially increasing the blue-light emissions.



# Challenges of Spectral Shift



From a biological perspective:

3. ALAN has been found to affect individual physiology and behavior (including that of humans) to community structure and ecosystem function. For example, **melatonin suppression** is particularly sensitive to those at blue wavelengths.

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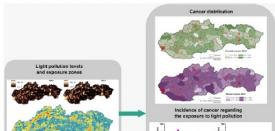
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Light pollution is a global environmental issue that affects photosensitive organisms.
- Long-term exposure to light pollution can be a risk factor for breast cancer.
- Breast cancer incidence in Slovakia showed a positive relation with light pollution.
- Prostate cancer did not relate to light pollution.

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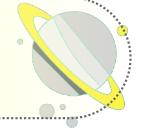


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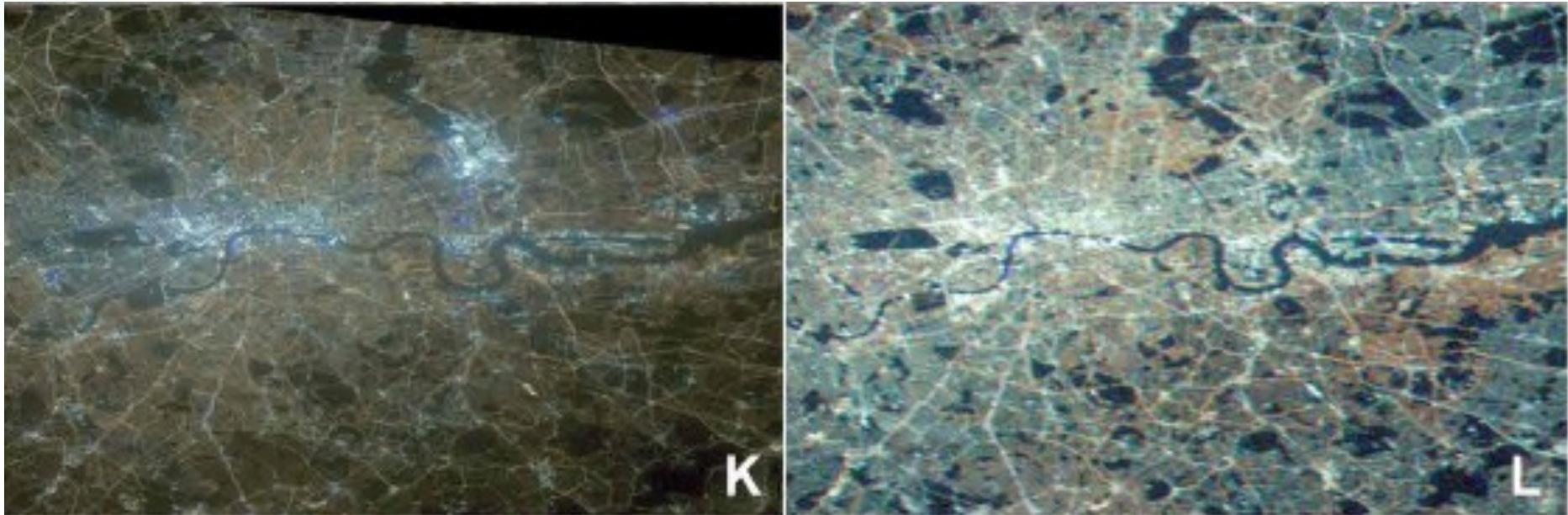
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# Rebound effect (Jevon's Paradox)

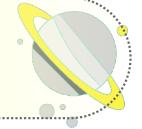


- Low cost and high-power efficiency of LED have driven increased demand for lighting, and hence, any efficiency gains have been counteracted by increased consumption of light.

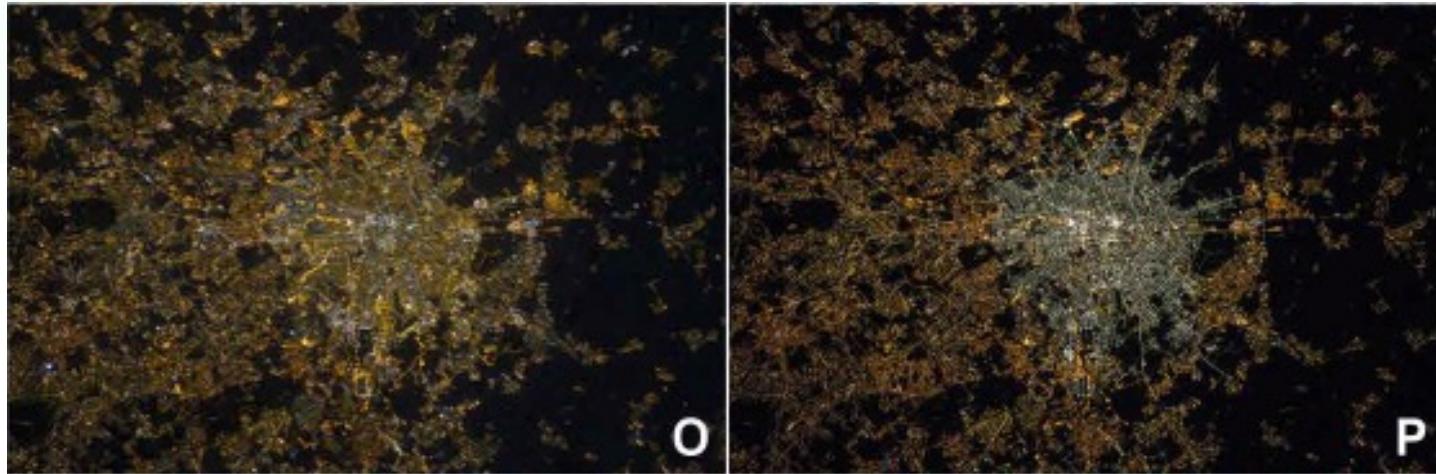
London, UK: 51% conversion to LED by 2019



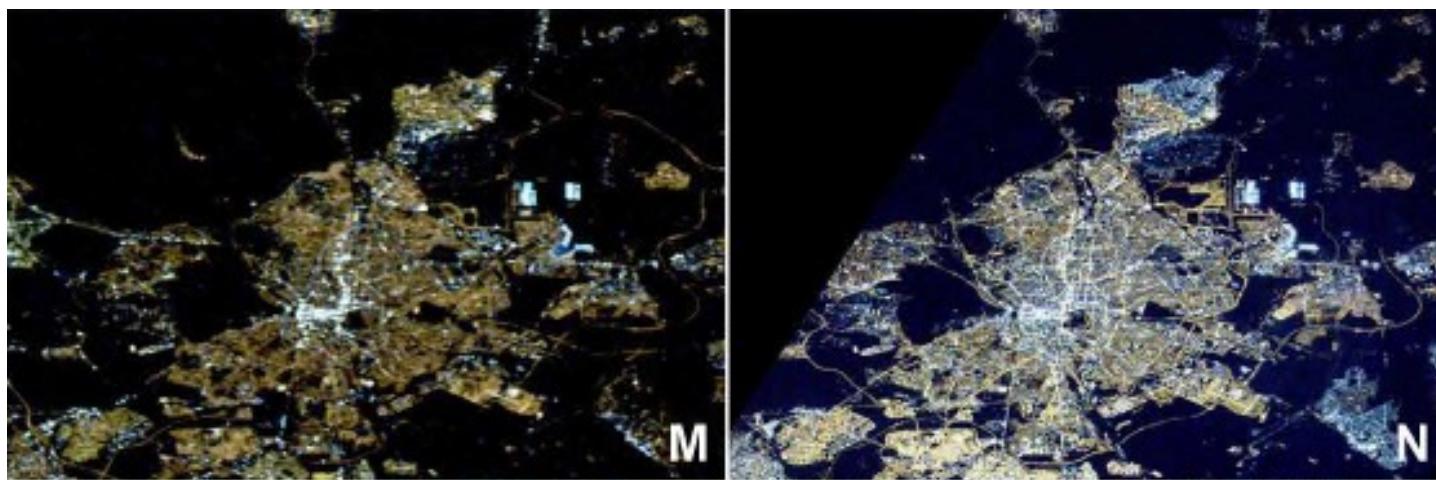
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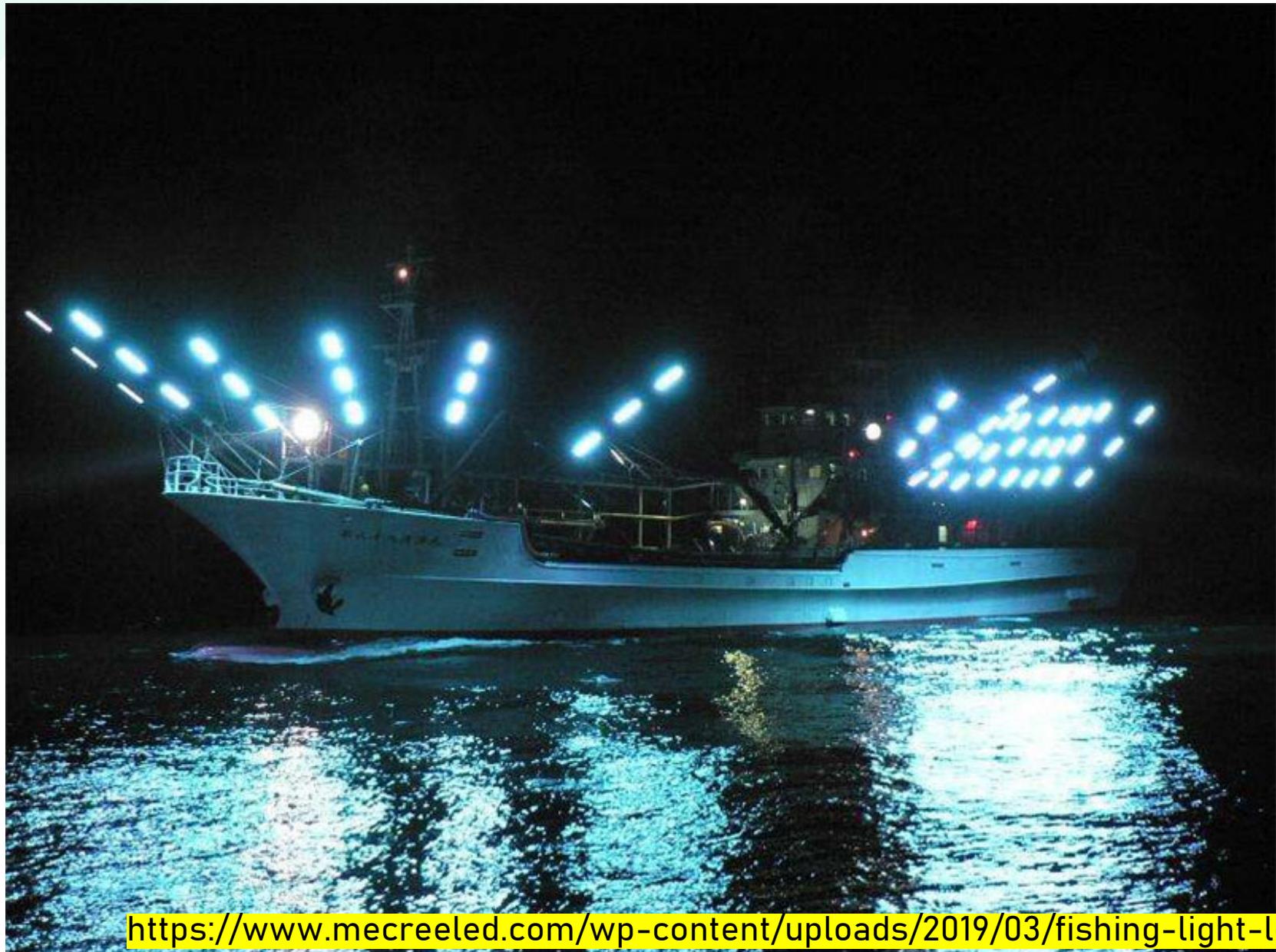
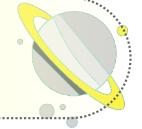
- Milan, Italy: first total conversion to white LED (2012 vs 2015)



- Madrid, Spain: 56% conversion to LED (2012 vs 2017)

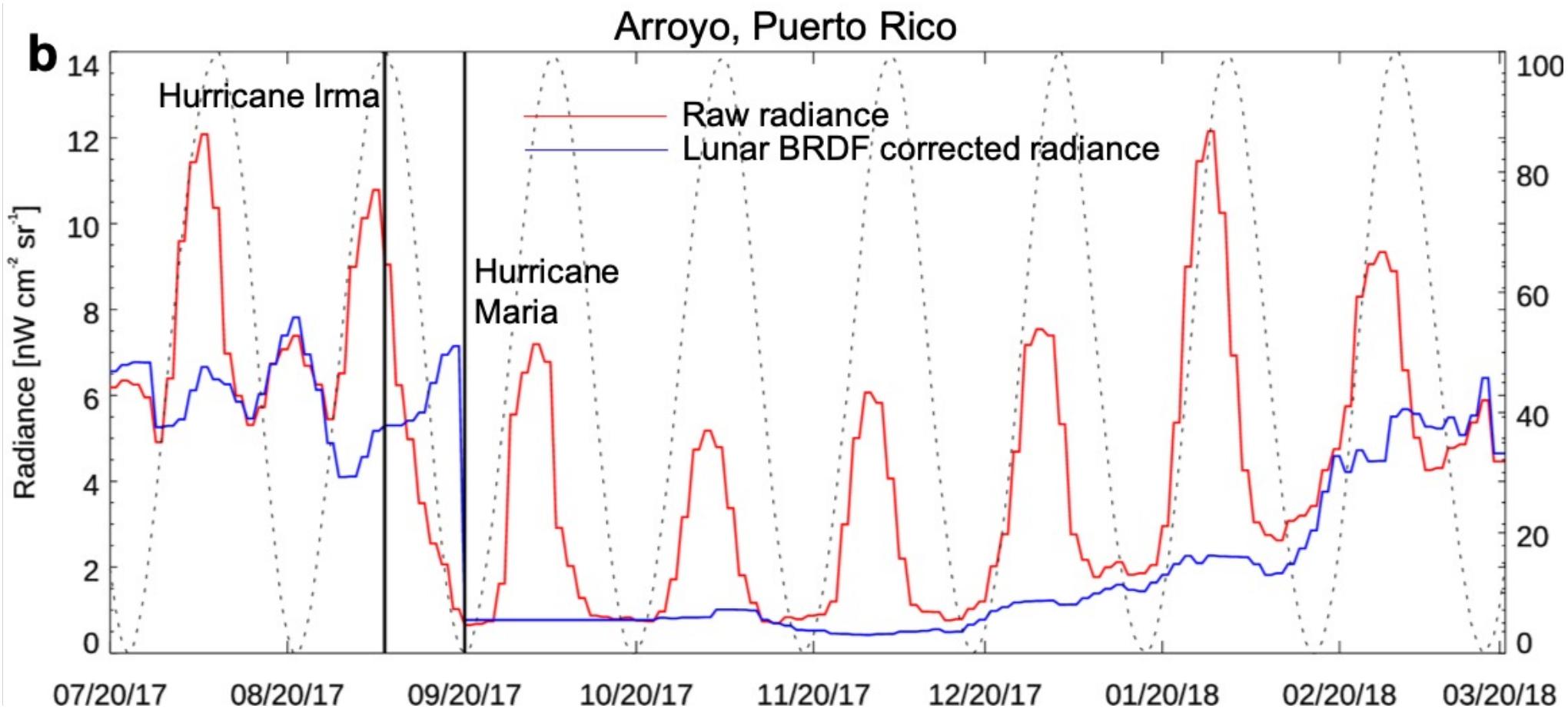
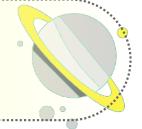


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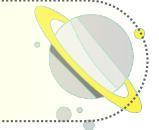


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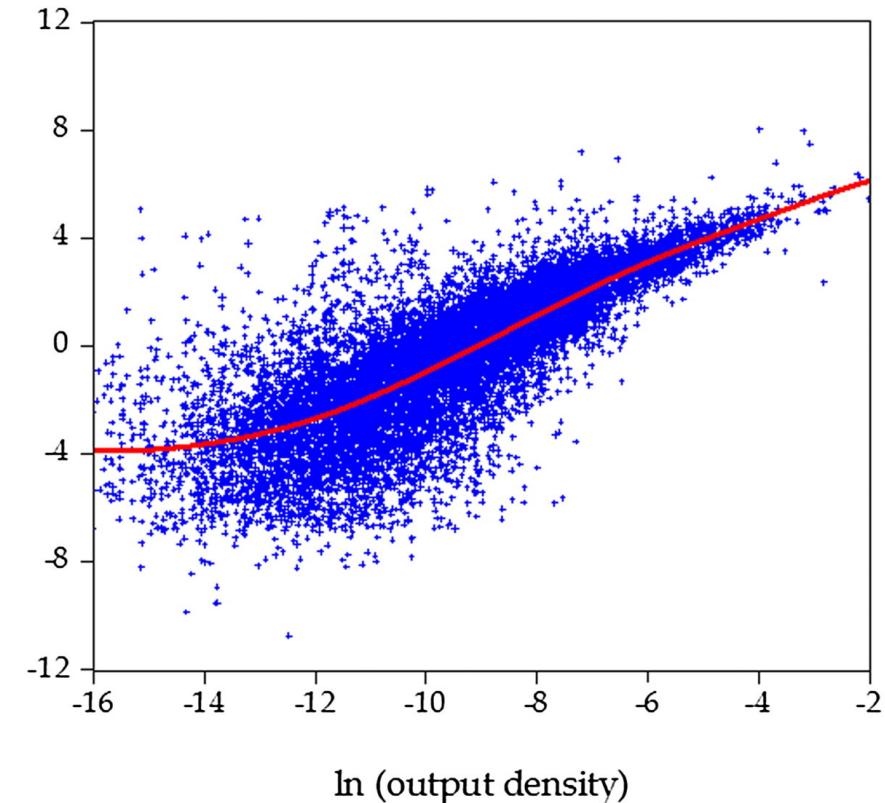
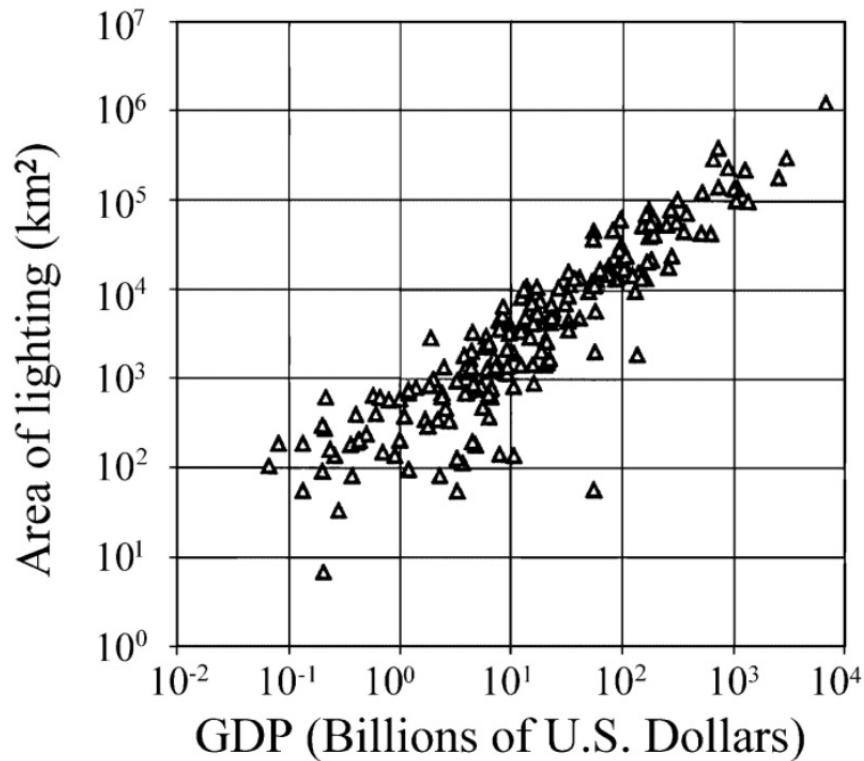


# NTL and Economy



## Lit Area at night vs GDP of 200 countries

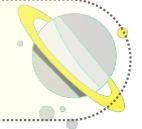
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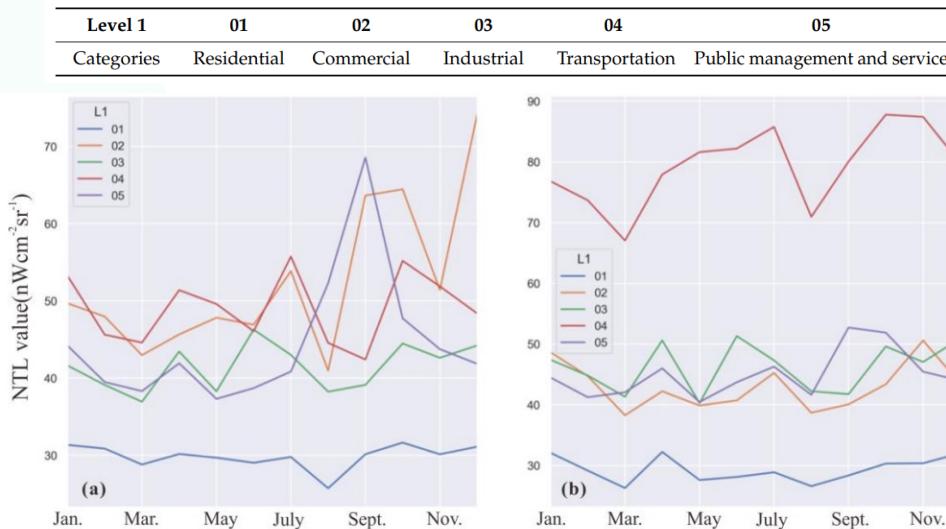
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# NTL and Land Use



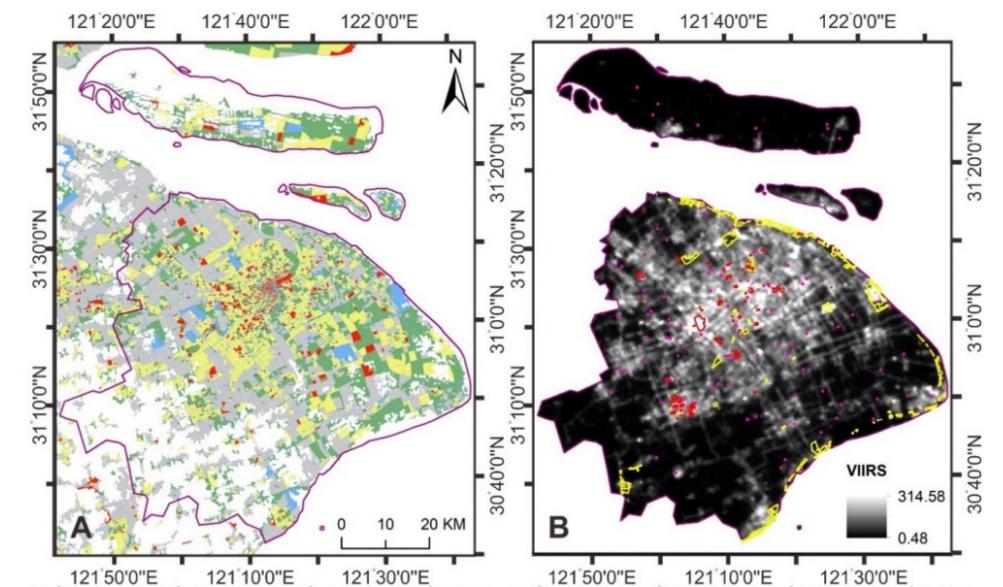
- Can we combine NTL with other data?
- What comprises NTL and by how much?
- Are there more granular NTL data?

**Table 2.** Essential urban land use classification schemes-Level 1.



**Figure S1.** Temporal profile of original parcels (a) and refined parcels (b). Each line is plotted according to the temporal average nighttime light values of a certain type. 01 to 05 represents residential, commercial, industrial, transportation and public service land use types as Table 2 shows. L1 represents the Level 1 classification in EULUC-China.

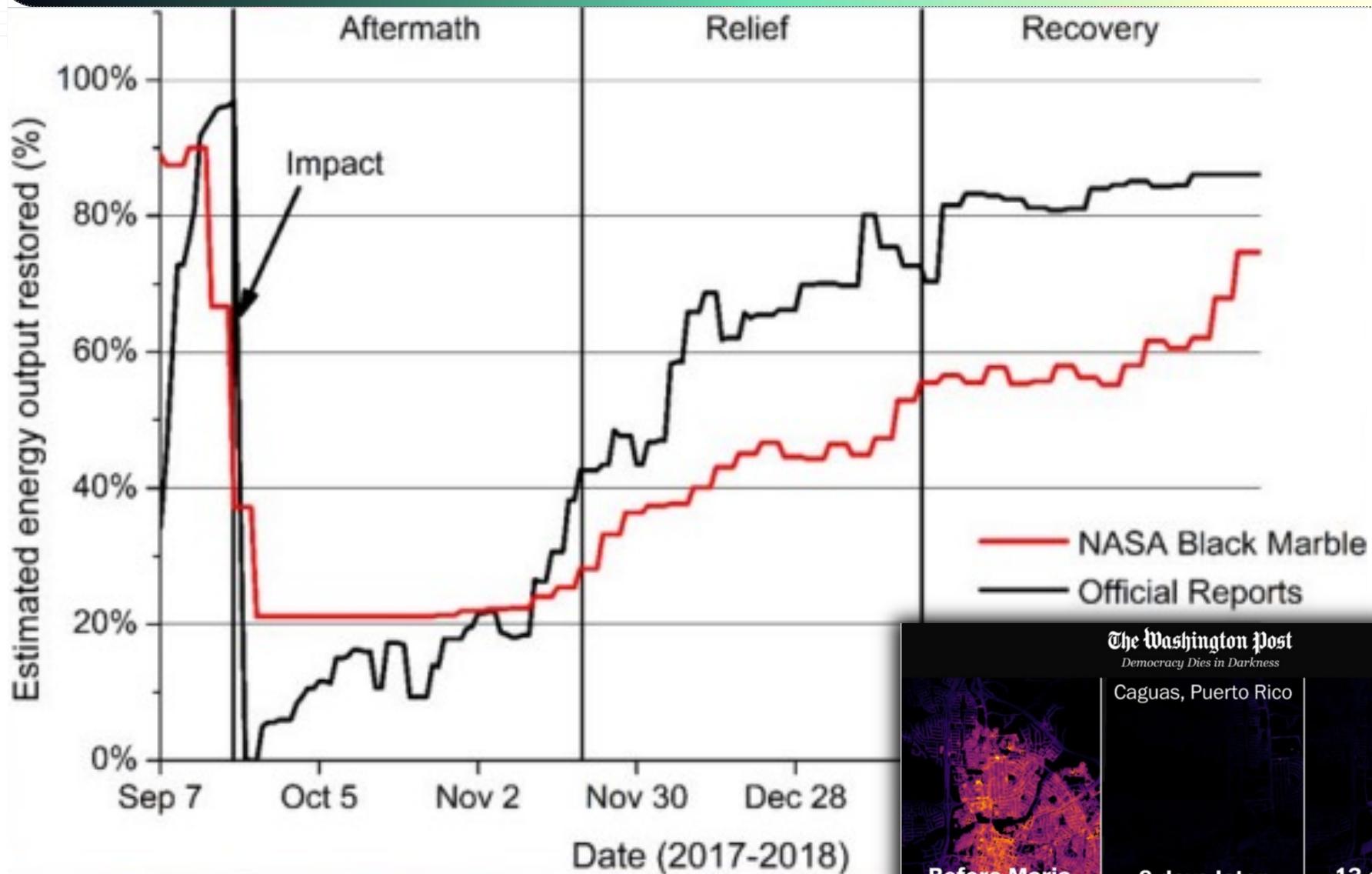
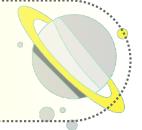
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# NTL and Disasters



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