

# Systematic Range Error 2014-2015

Lots of things to do to  
achieve the 1 mm precision.

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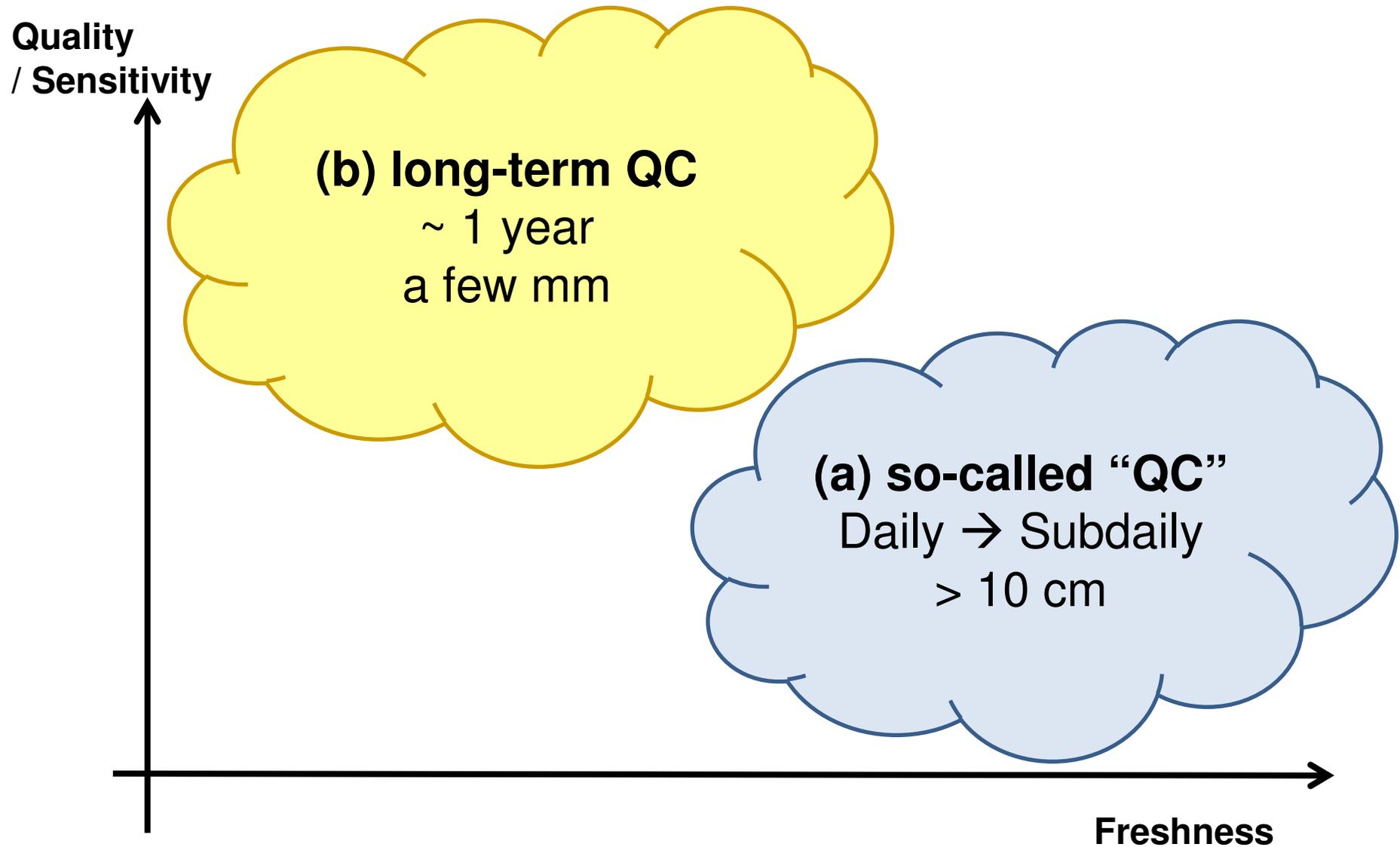
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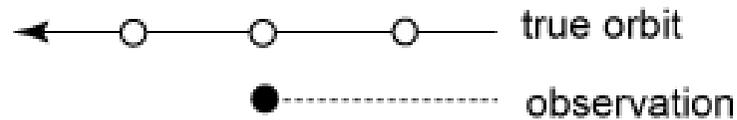
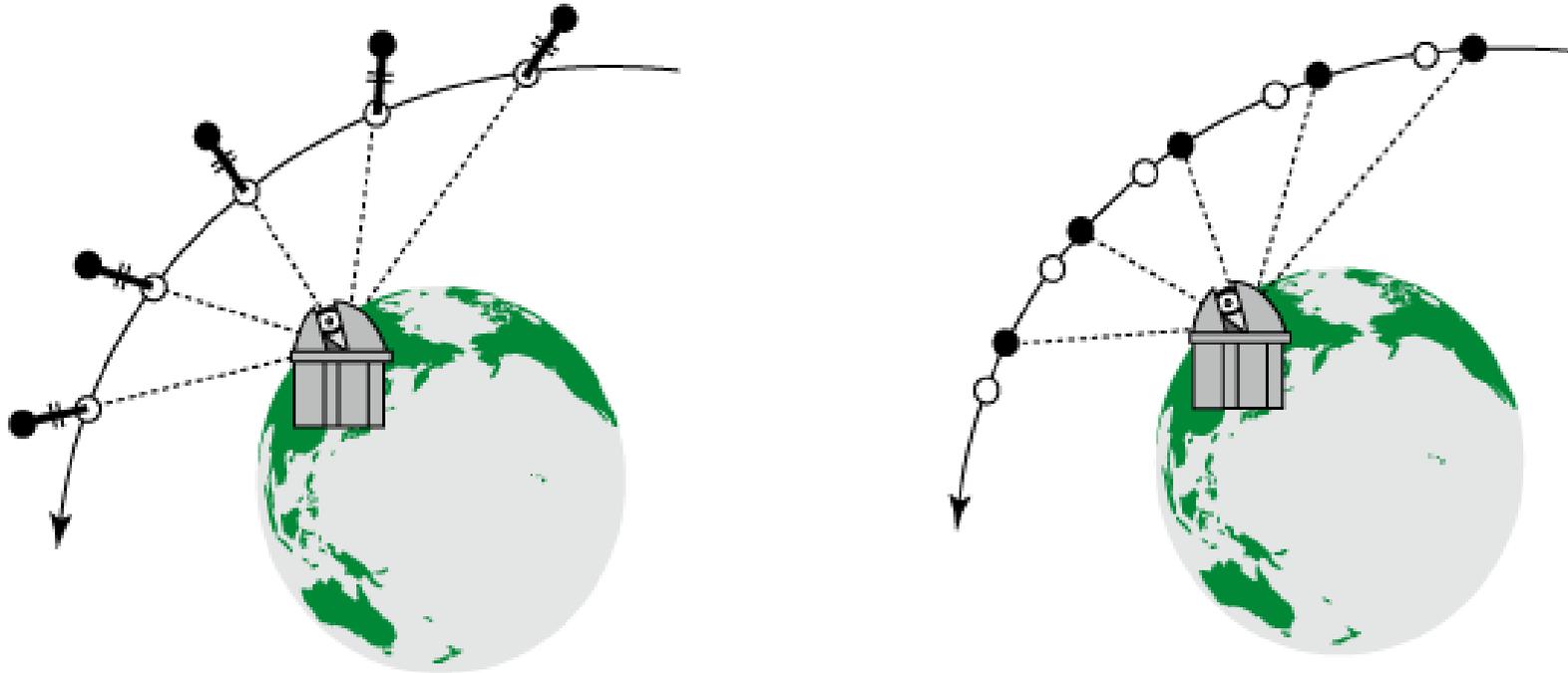


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# Quick QC and “Slow” QC



# Range Bias and Time Bias



# 7838 = SIMOSATO

#	sat	site	date	time	dur	rb	mm	err	tb	us	err	prec	bad	total
LAG2	7838		2015/10/02	13:25	49	-6	( 5 )	11.1	( 2.9 )	3	0	/	20	
AJI1	7838		2015/10/02	14:31	10	-30	( 10 )	7.5	( 4.0 )	4	0	/	22	
LARS	7838		2015/10/05	00:25	4	-3	( 12 )	11.0	( 5.3 )	3	0	/	11	
AJI1	7838		2015/10/06	12:54	7	19	( 12 )	-10.5	( 6.1 )	5	0	/	15	

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# Quick QC

## Quick feedback to the stations

Range bias and time bias per pass derived from post-fit residuals.

12 incidents reported via RapidServiceMail (operated at DGFI) in the last 1 year. 9 from HITU & 3 from DGFI.

1 false alarm sent from HITU to Wettzell: time bias mapped by Zimmerwald's.

Soon to use ITRF2014. Discontinuity expected.

## Visualization & Combination/Comparison

NERC, JCET, ASI: Web Tools

AIUB: Combined RB Report (← DGFI, MCC, HITU, SAO, JCET)

ILRS CB: Global Performance Card

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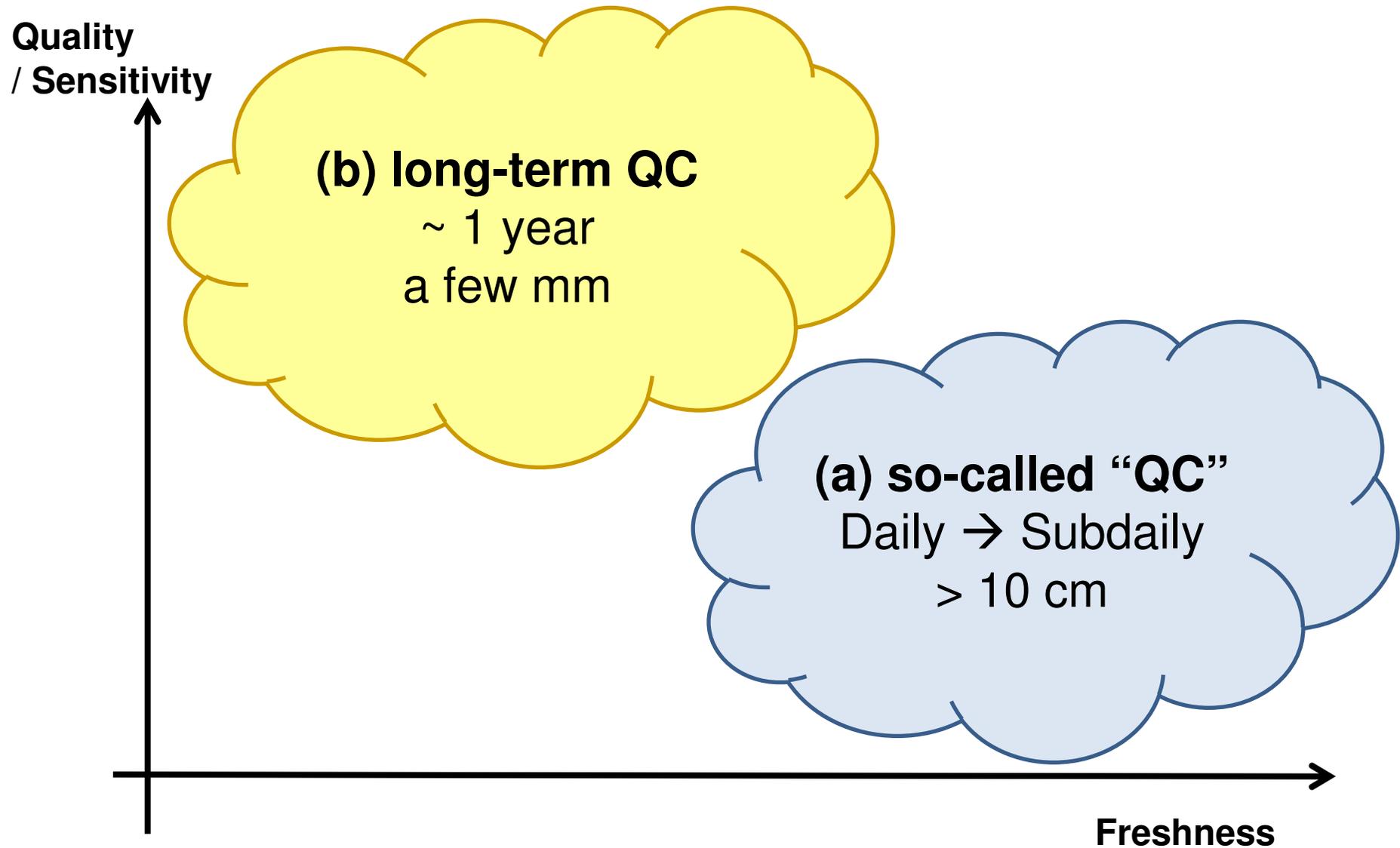
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# 7941 = MATERA
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GA01 7941 2015/10/03 09:03 111 4 ( 2 ) 24.8 ( 28.7 ) 1 0 / 11 5 966.5 293.9
STRL 7941 2015/10/03 10:16 7 -6 ( 6 ) 8.0 ( 1.2 ) 2 0 / 12 2 966.4 294.3
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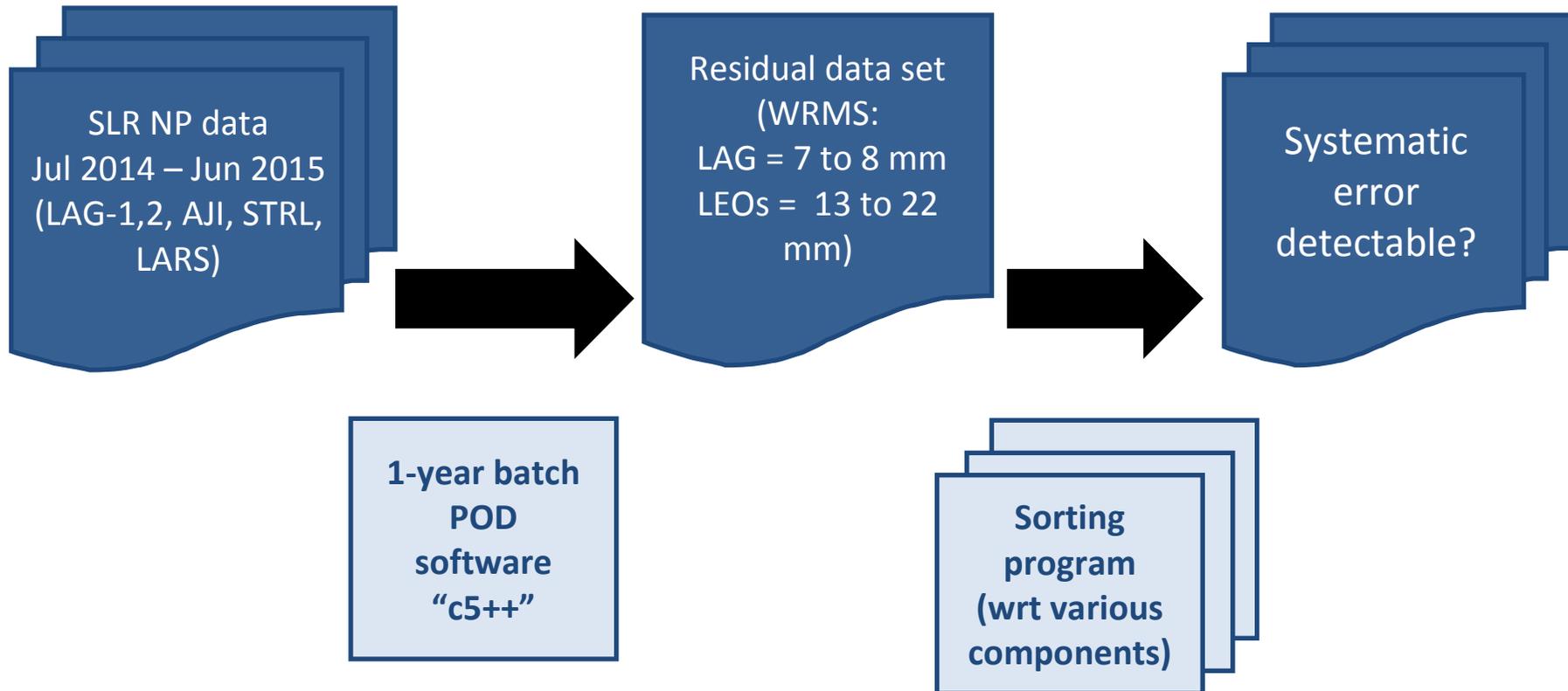
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# Quick QC and “Slow” QC



# “Slow QC” Procedure

Different from  
“Quick” QC



# POD Configuration

## Software “c5++”

- 5 satellites combined (LAGEOS 1+2, AJISAT, STRLETTE & LARES). One-year single batch.
- Orbit: 5-day arc for LAGEOS-1 and -2. 3-day arc for LEOs.
- Station-dependent CoM correction for LAG1+2 & AJI.
- Acceleration parameters: Gravity field 4x4 as 1-year common params, and 5 empirical params twice per arc.
- Station coordinates: all solved for with loose constraints. Velocity fixed to SLRF2008.
- Per-site atm loading (L Petrov's) applied.
- Range bias: solved for per station per satellite types (“LAG1+2”, “AJI”, “STRL”, “LARS”).

# “Slow” QC (@ HIT-U): Key parameters

**Test #1:**  
Single-shot returns per NP bin

**Test #2:**  
Single-shot RMS in a NP bin

**Test #3:**  
System delay (calibration)

**Test #4:**  
Time to the nearest  
calibration

**Test #5:**  
Range rate

**Test #6:**  
Month

**Test #7:**  
Day of week

**Test #8:**  
Local time

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**#1: Single-shot returns**

**#2: Single-shot RMS**

**#3: System delay**

**#4: Time to the nearest cal.**

**#5: Range rate**

**#6: Month**

**#7: Day of week**

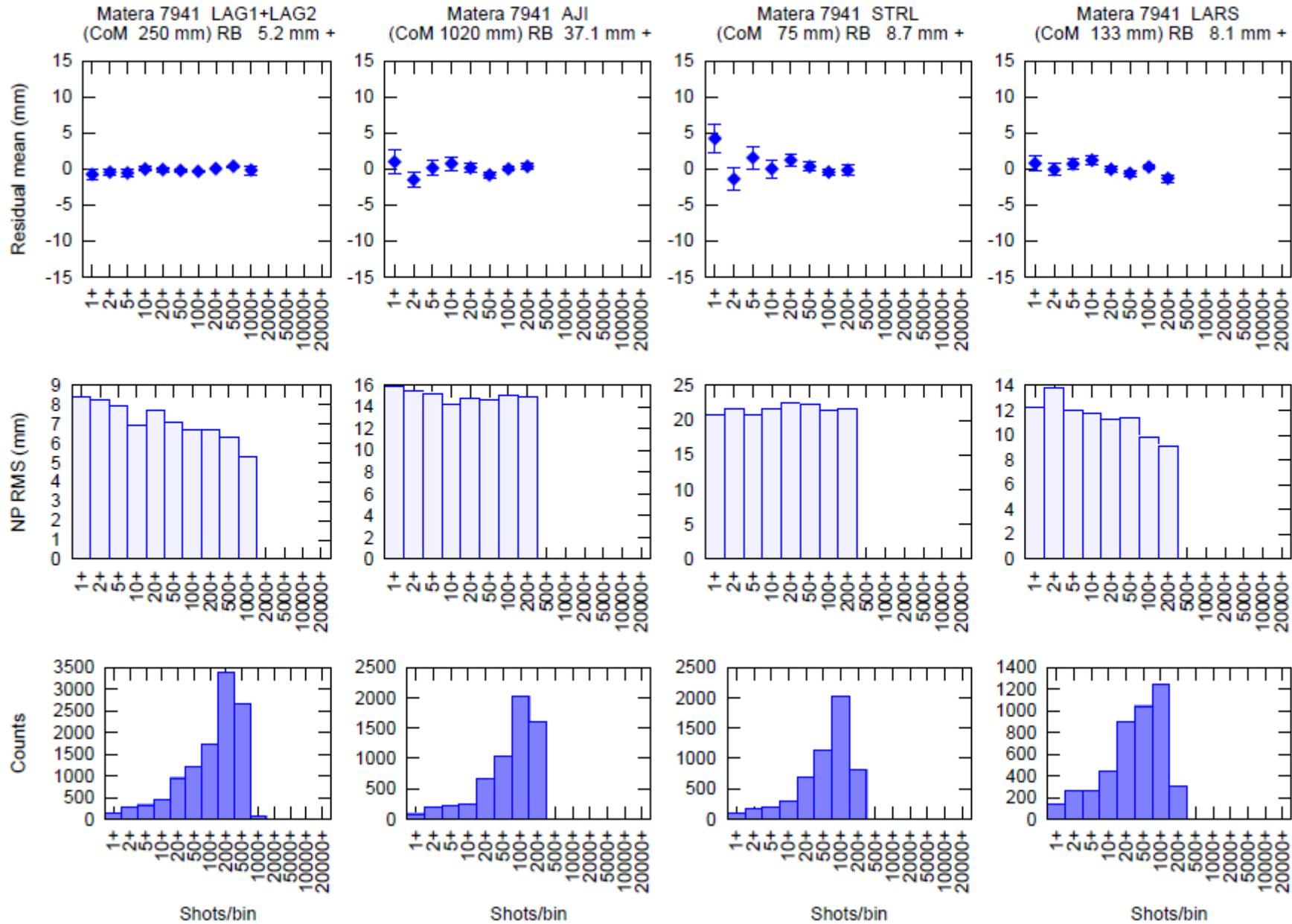
**#8: Local time**

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Greenbelt	7105	5756	1108	1602	8466	112001	10
Matera_MLRO	7941	3590	1456	3177	8223	41470	12
Herstmonceux	7840	3795	835	3016	7646	51367	7
Monument_Peak	7110	4975	906	1280	7161	92166	7
Zimmerwald_532	7810	3872	674	2411	6957	64433	8
Graz	7839	3550	609	2686	6845	66392	3
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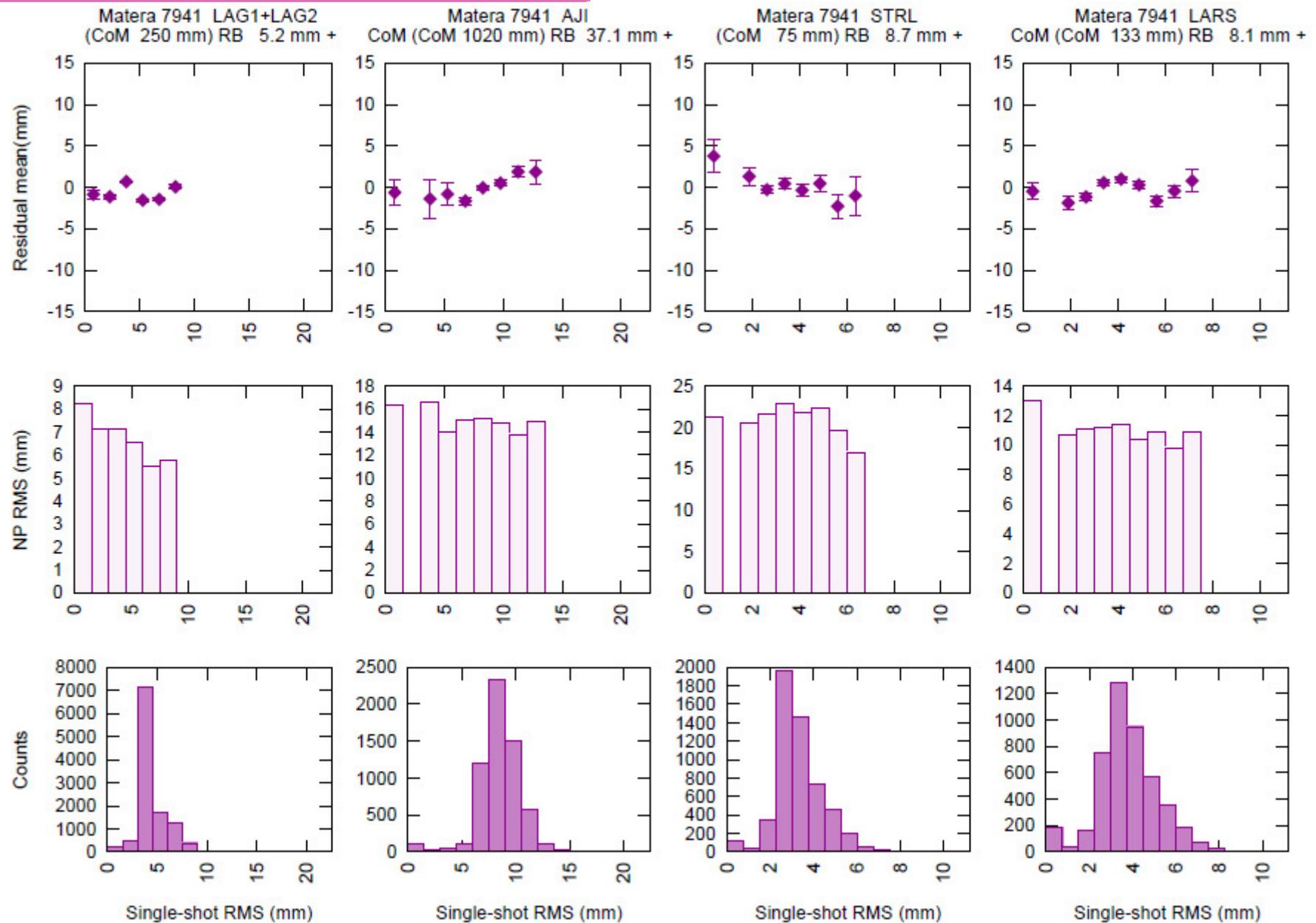
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# #1: Single-shot returns



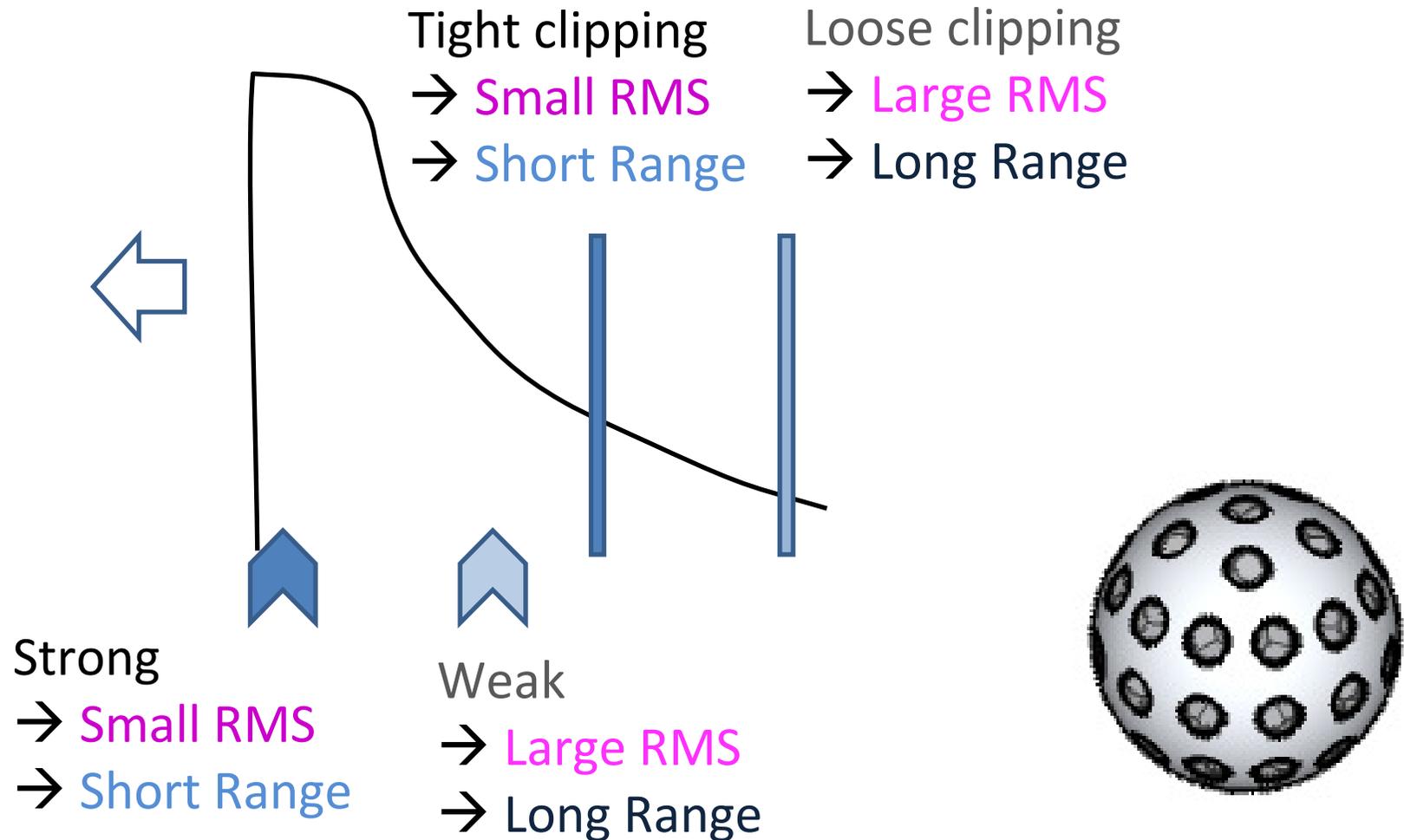
## #2: Single-shot RMS



**Test #1:**  
Single-shot returns per NP bin

**Test #2:**  
Single-shot RMS in a NP bin

**Detector time walk**  
**Target signature**  
**etc**



## Discussion

**Test #1:**

**Single-shot returns per NP bin**

**Test #2:**

**Single-shot RMS in a NP bin**

**Intensity-dependent error**

→ **Elevation-dependent error**

→ **Systematic error in station height & other  
params**

**Eliminate intensity-dependent (or clipping-  
dependent) variation**

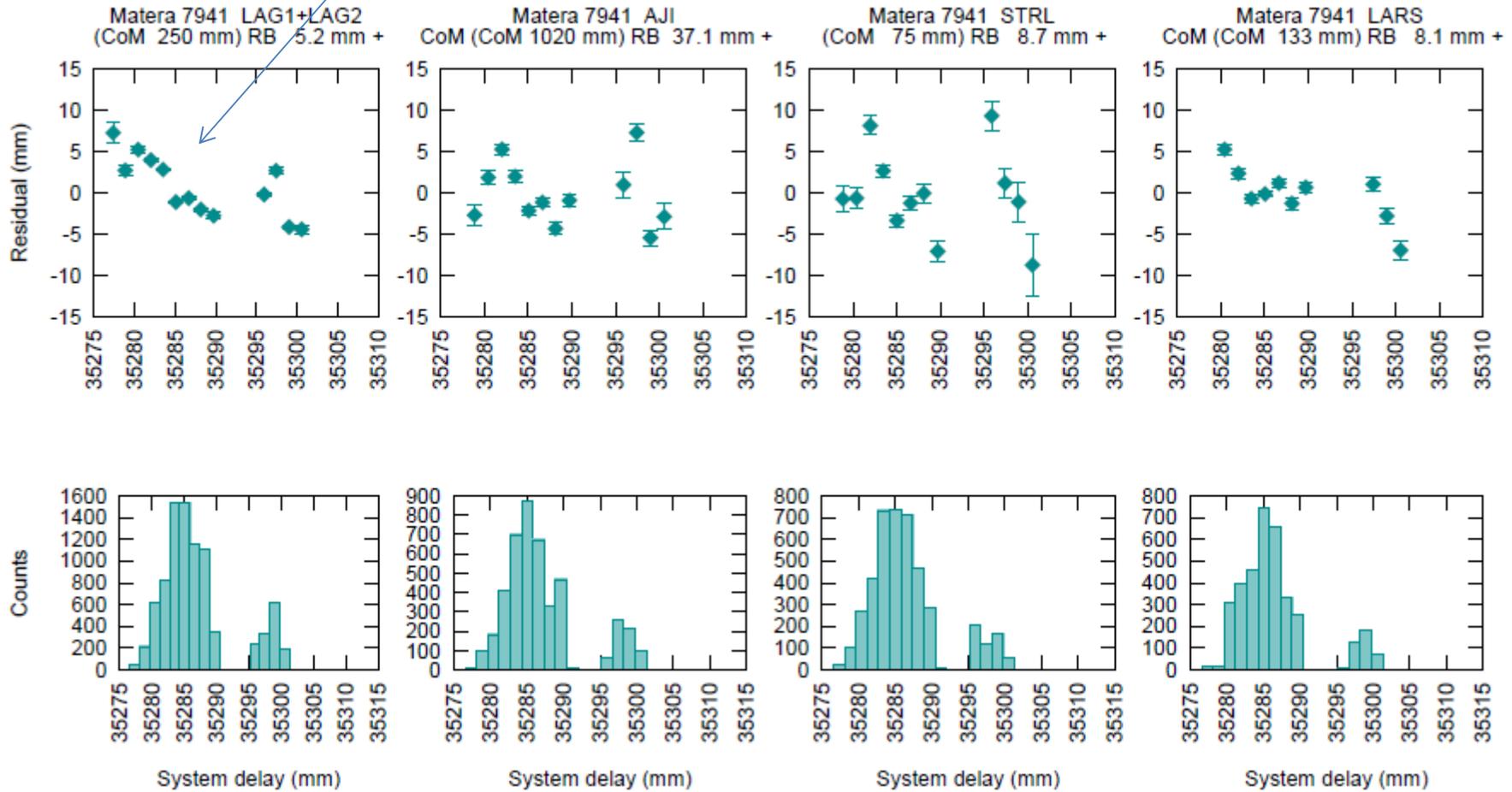
**Intensity robustness or intensity control.**

**Do not mix high & low energy returns, esp. SPAD)**

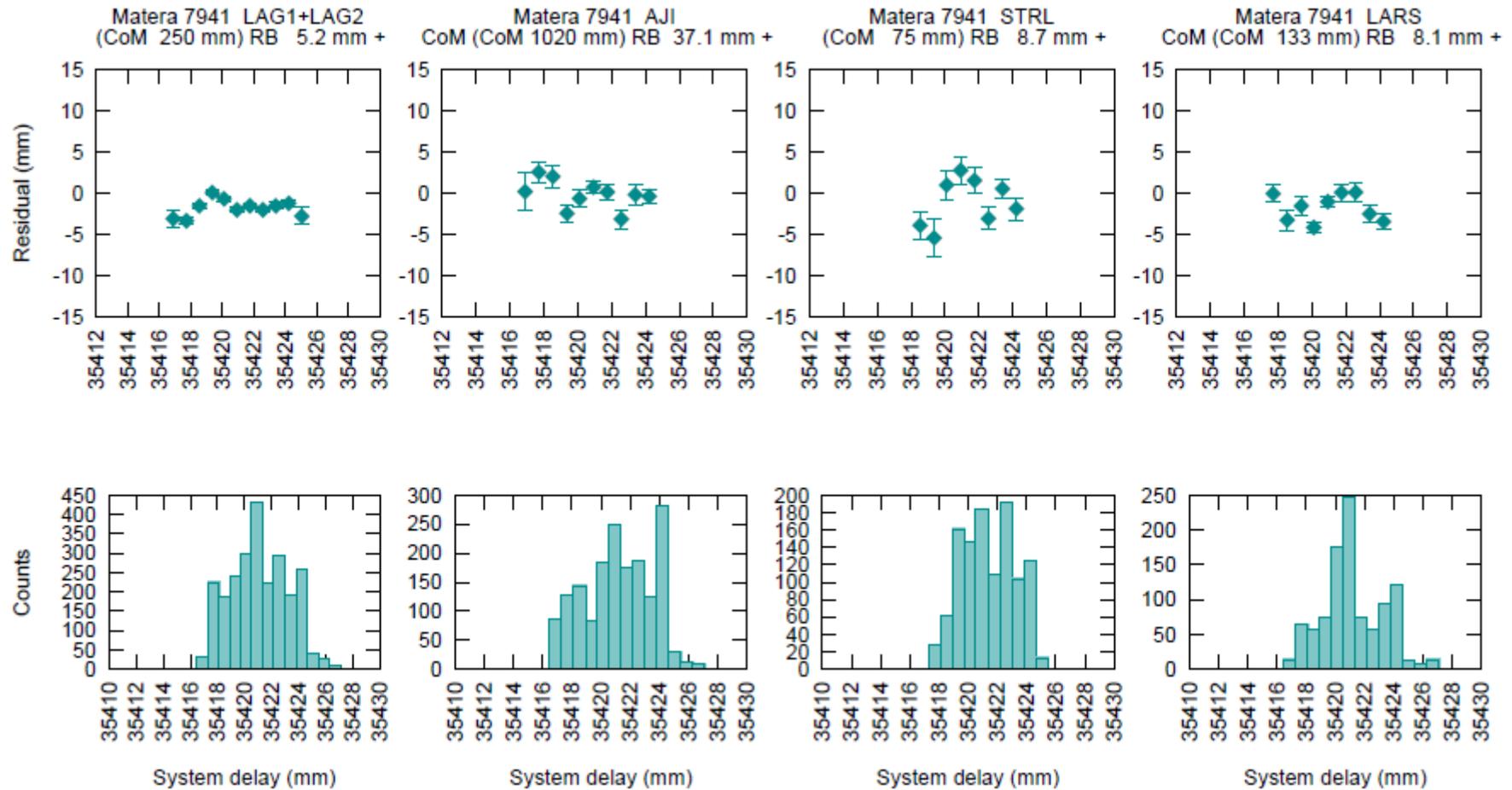


# Zoomed (1)

Negative 1:1 trend?



# Zoomed (2)



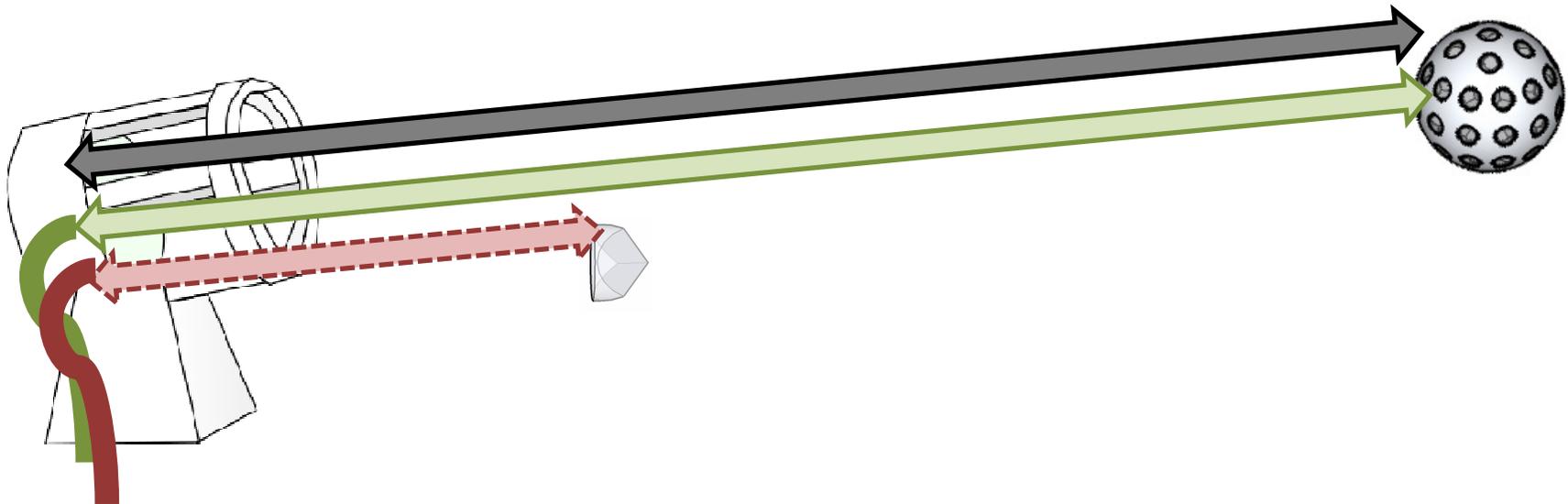
Test #3:  
System delay (calibration)

← Calibration variation real?

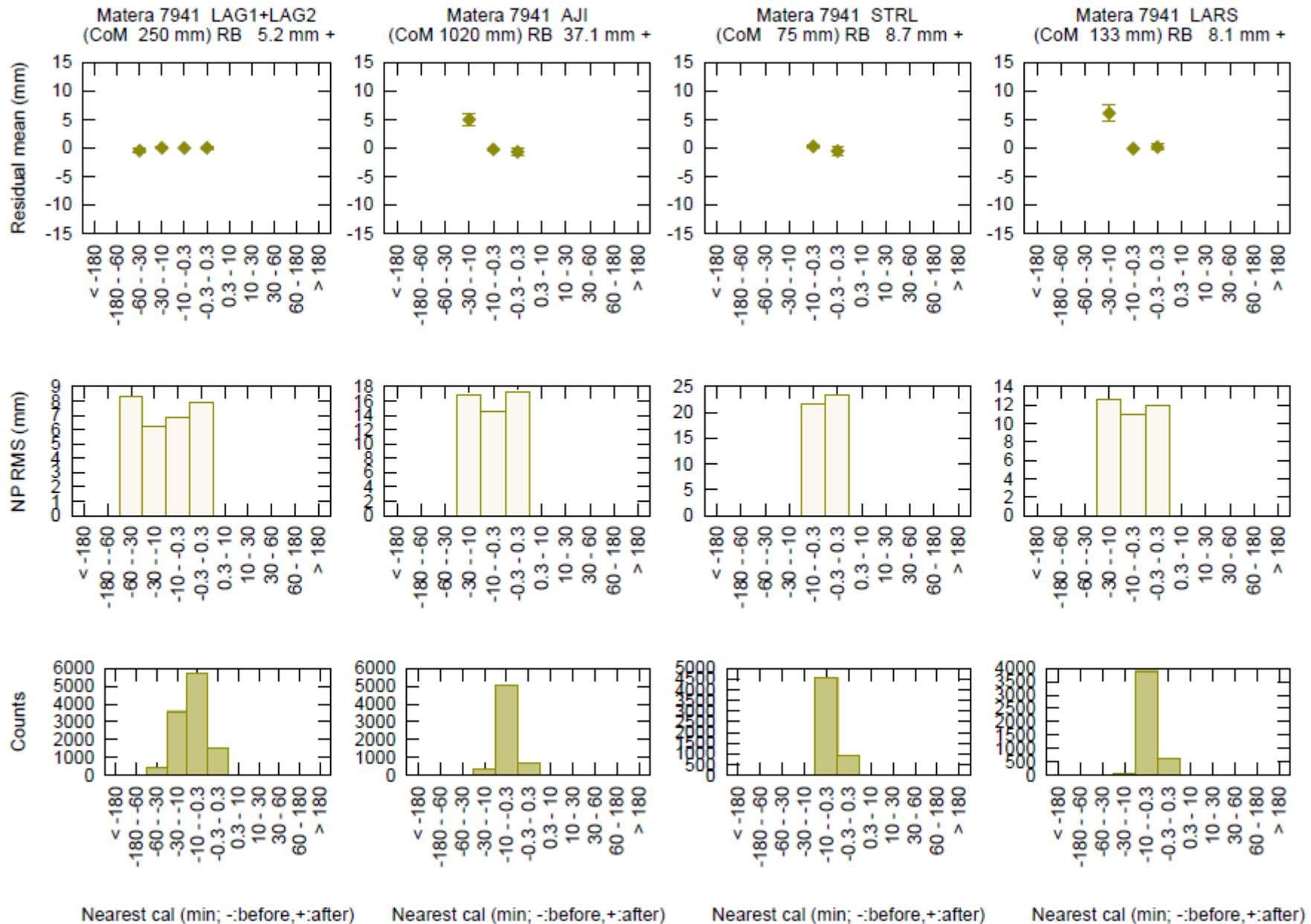
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+  $\rho$  TR-surveyed

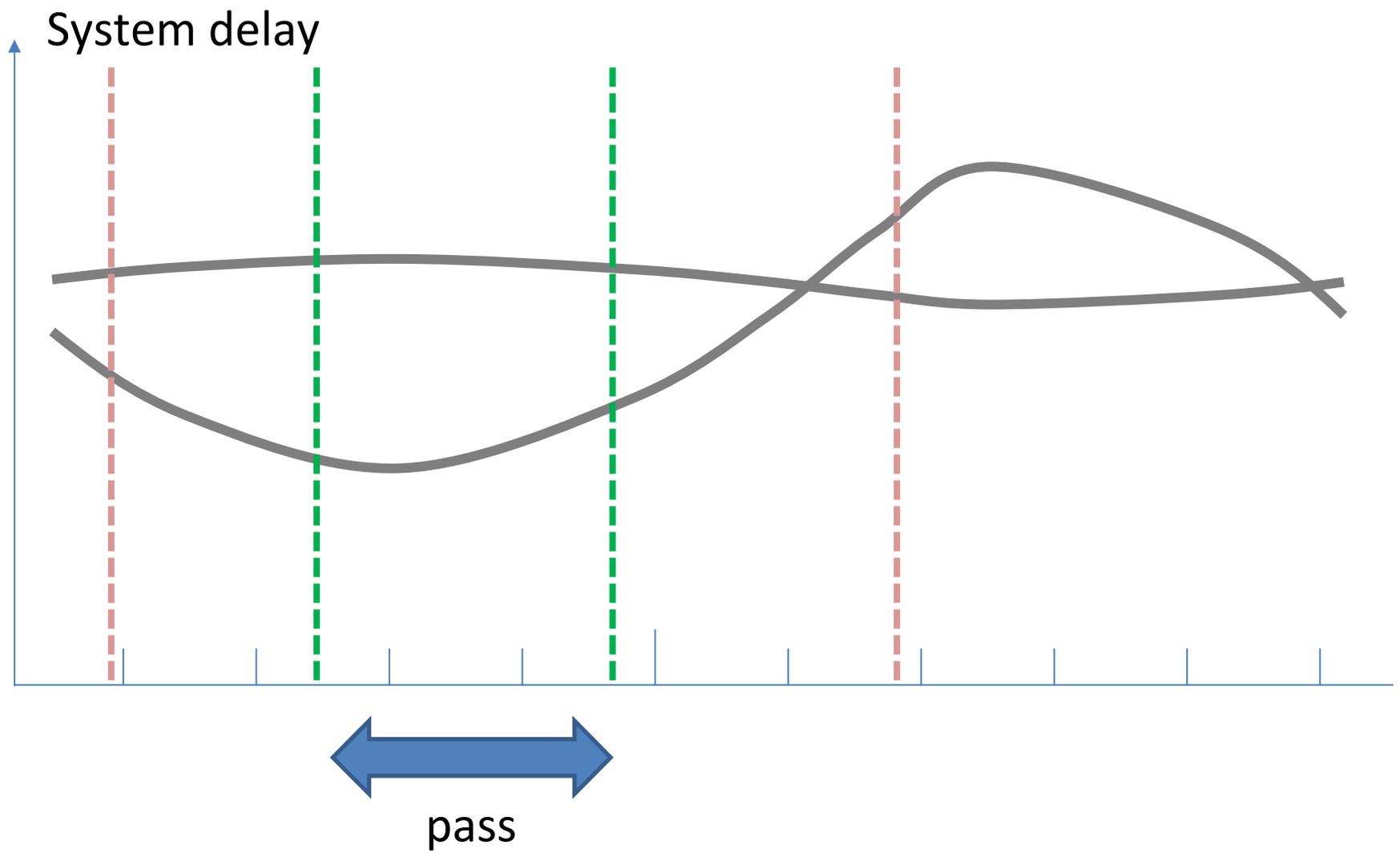


# #4: Time to the nearest cal.



**Test #4:**  
**Time to the nearest calibration**

← **Calibrated frequently enough?**



## Discussion

Test #3:  
System delay (calibration)

Test #4:  
Time to the nearest  
calibration

### How stable is your ground target ranging?

Minimise the variation.

The best case (Mt Stromlo) stays within 5 mm throughout the year.

[?] Only pre-cal data are recorded in CRD files for many stations.

### Understand why the measurement varies.

Is the variation true (i.e. common to satellite ranging)?

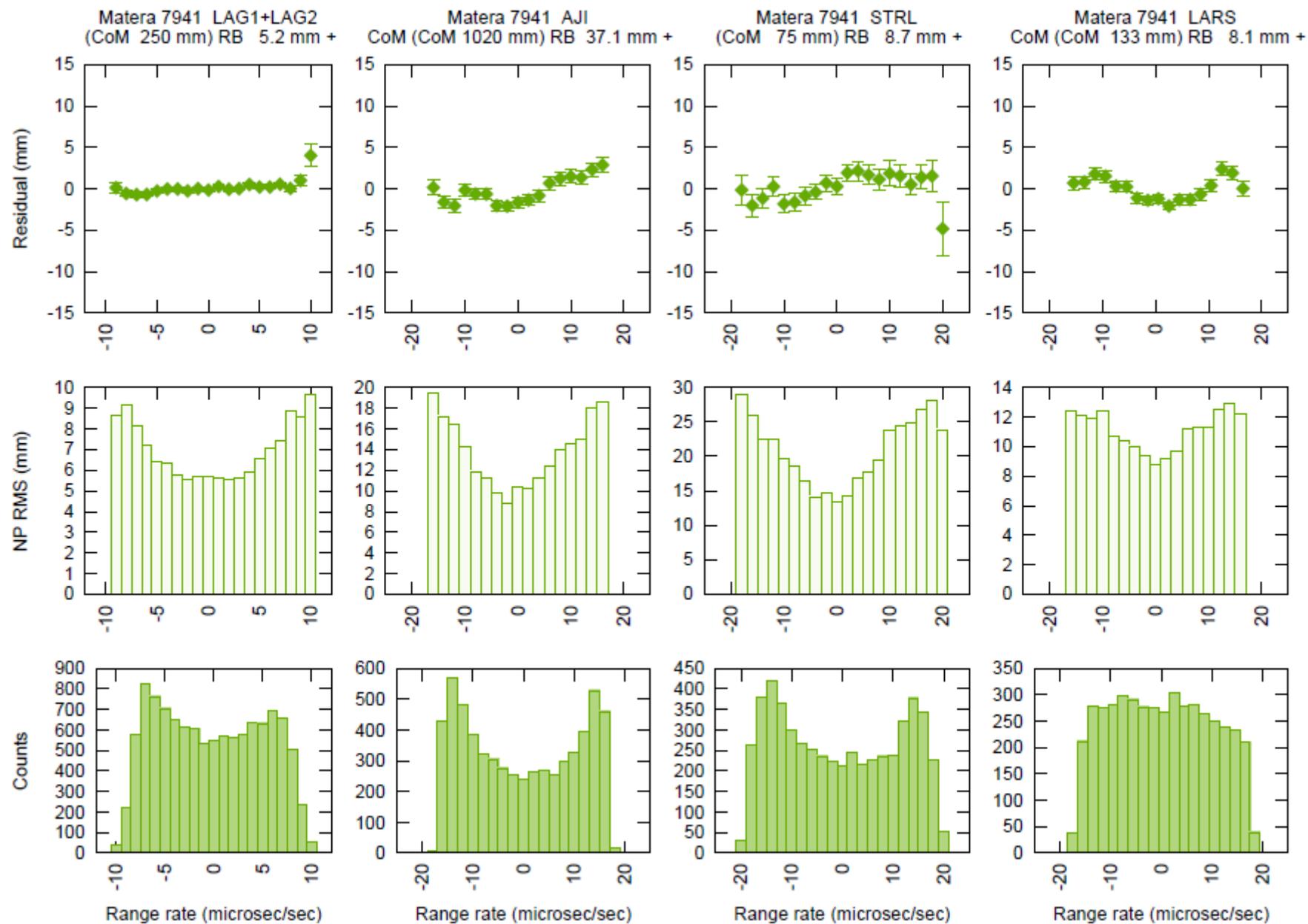
Do you apply an atm delay for ground target ranging  $> 3$  m? ( $n_{\text{atmosphere}} - 1$ )  $\sim 1.0003$ .

Do you apply a temp/pres-dependent atm delay for ground target ranging  $> 10$  m? ( $n_{\text{atmosphere}} - 1$ ) varies a lot.

### Possible false alarm

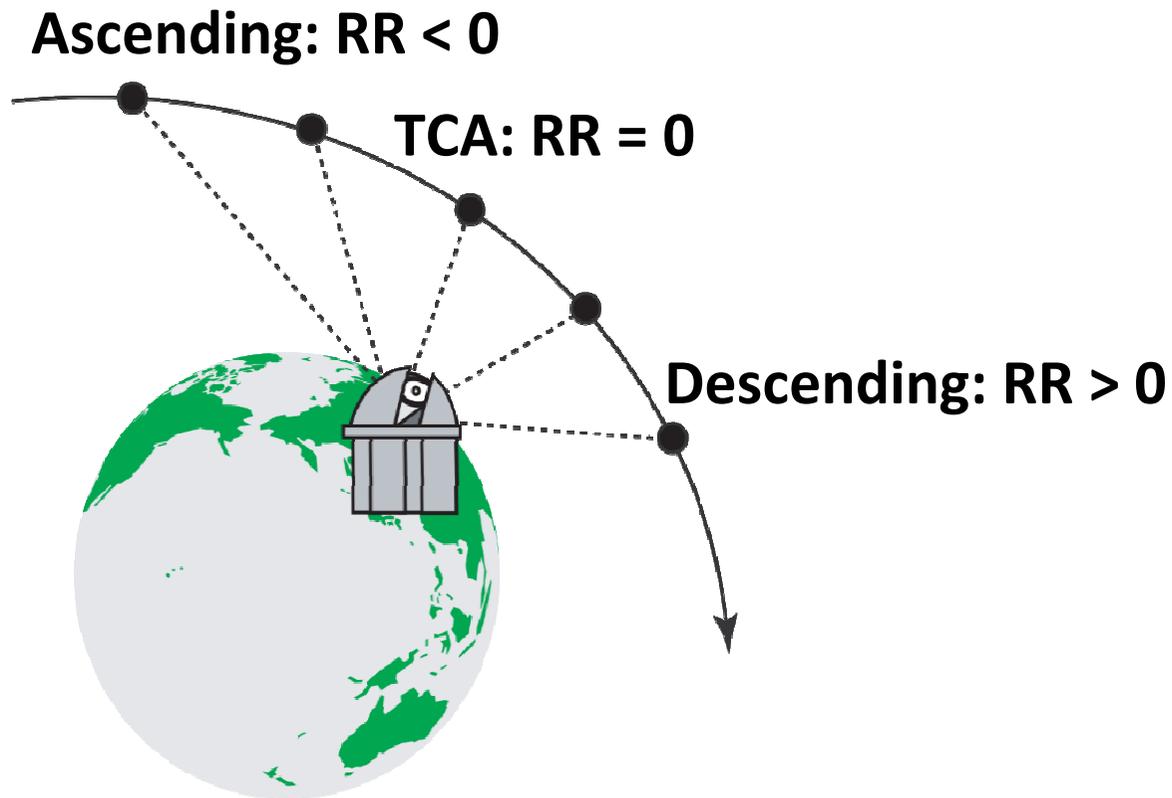
Correlated with long-term station coordinates variation.

# #5: Range rate



**Test #5:  
Range rate**

← Pass coverage. Time bias.



$$\Delta\rho = - RR \times \text{TimeBias}$$

## Discussion

### Test #5: Range rate

**Keep tracking to the horizon unless necessary**

SLR network is sparse → full pass coverage is ideal.

**Time bias?**

More sensitive than “quick” QC.

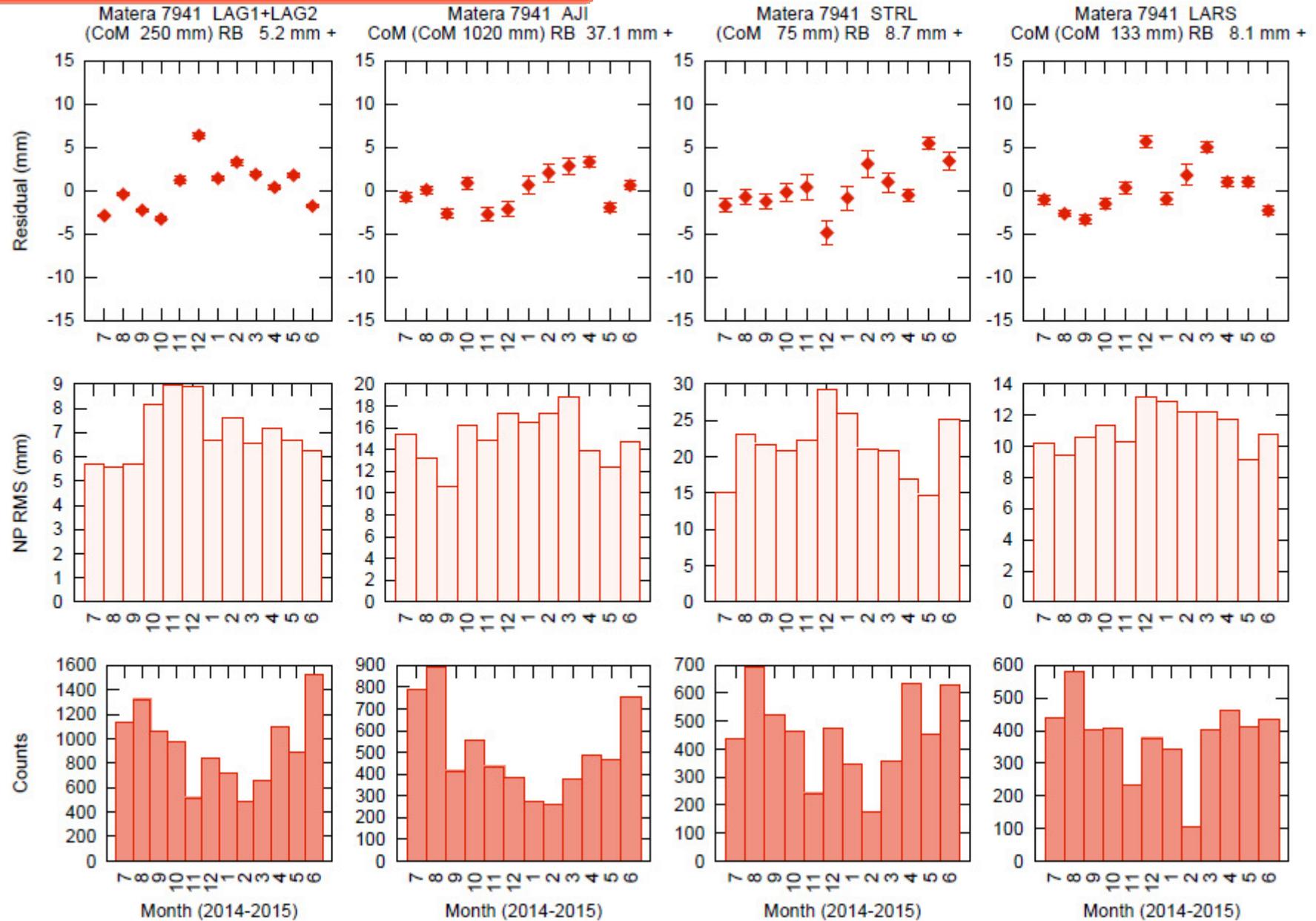
**Possible false alarm/caution**

Systematic (regional-dependent) variation remains esp in LEO.

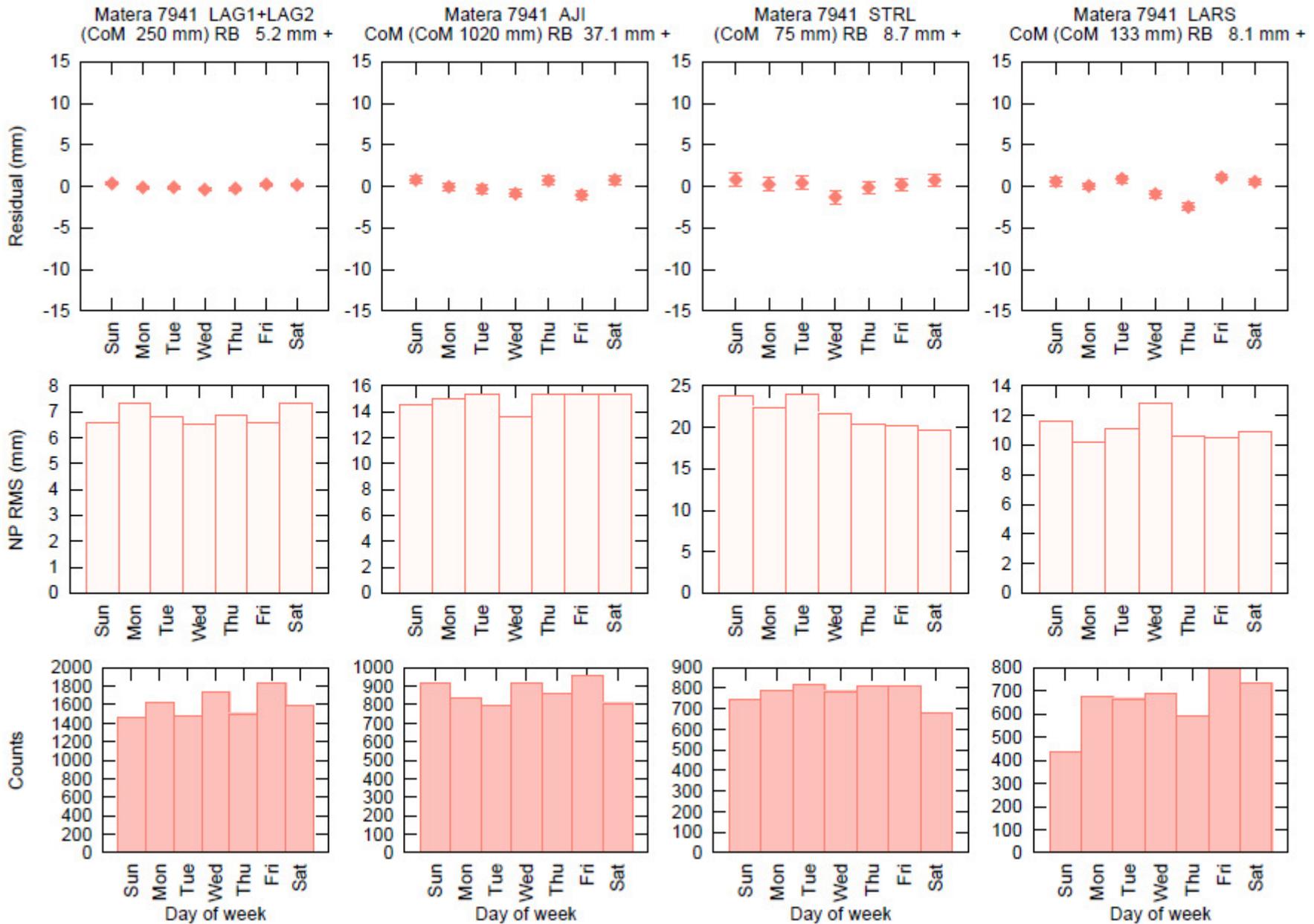
Easily affected by other station's time bias.

Time resolution is poor: one-year average.

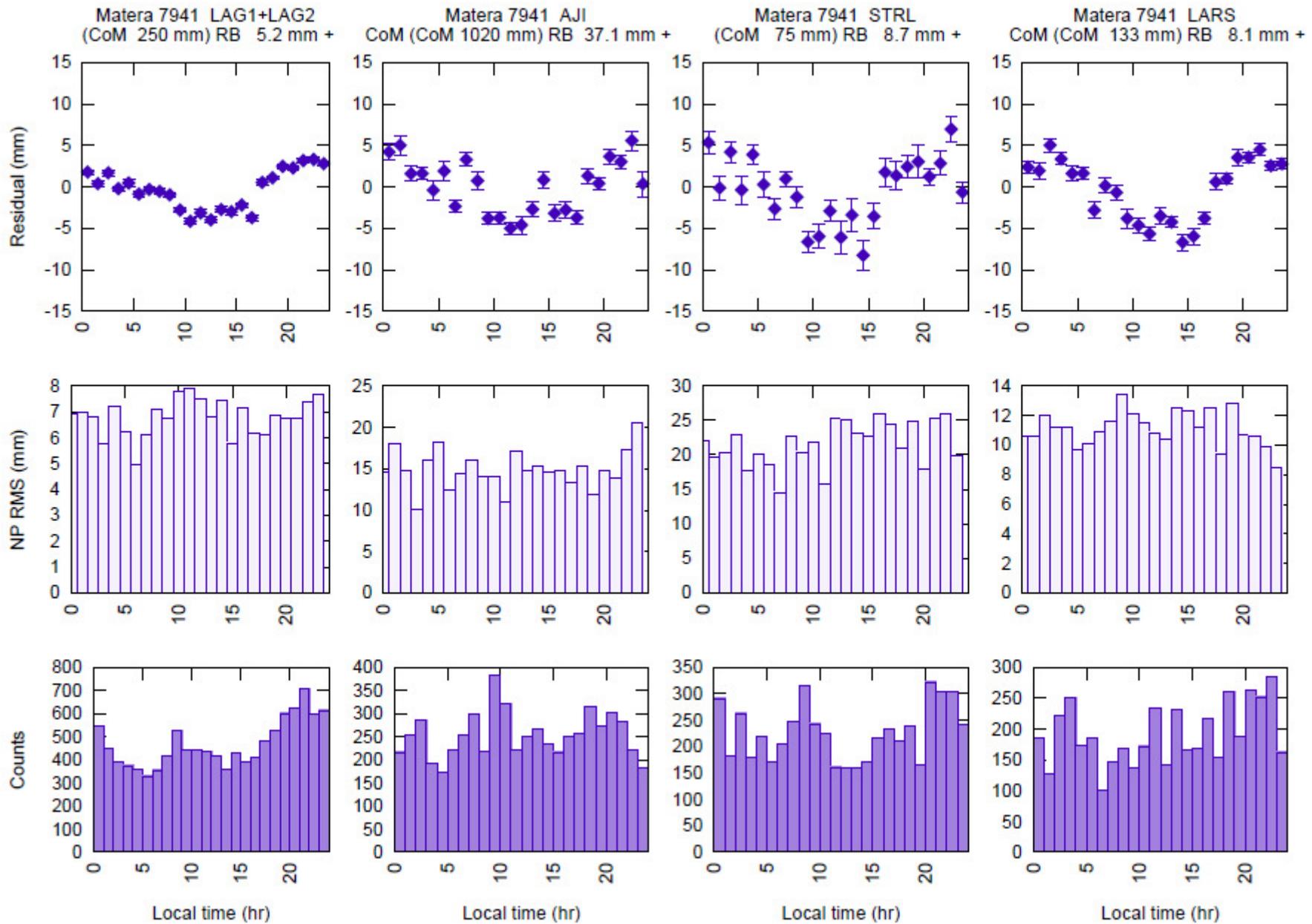
# #6: Month



# #7: Day of week



## #8: Local time



**Test #6:  
Month**

**Test #7:  
Day of week**

**Test #8:  
Local time**

**Long-term to short-term variation.  
Observers' shift, etc.  
Daytime/nighttime configuration.**

## Discussion

Test #6:  
Month

Test #7:  
Day of week

Test #8:  
Local time

**Long-term to short-term periodic variation**

**Quantity & Quality should be stable.**

**Day/Night bias?**

**Different ranging configuration (filter, detector, cal.)?**

**Possible false alarm**

**Correlated with long-term station coordinates variation.**

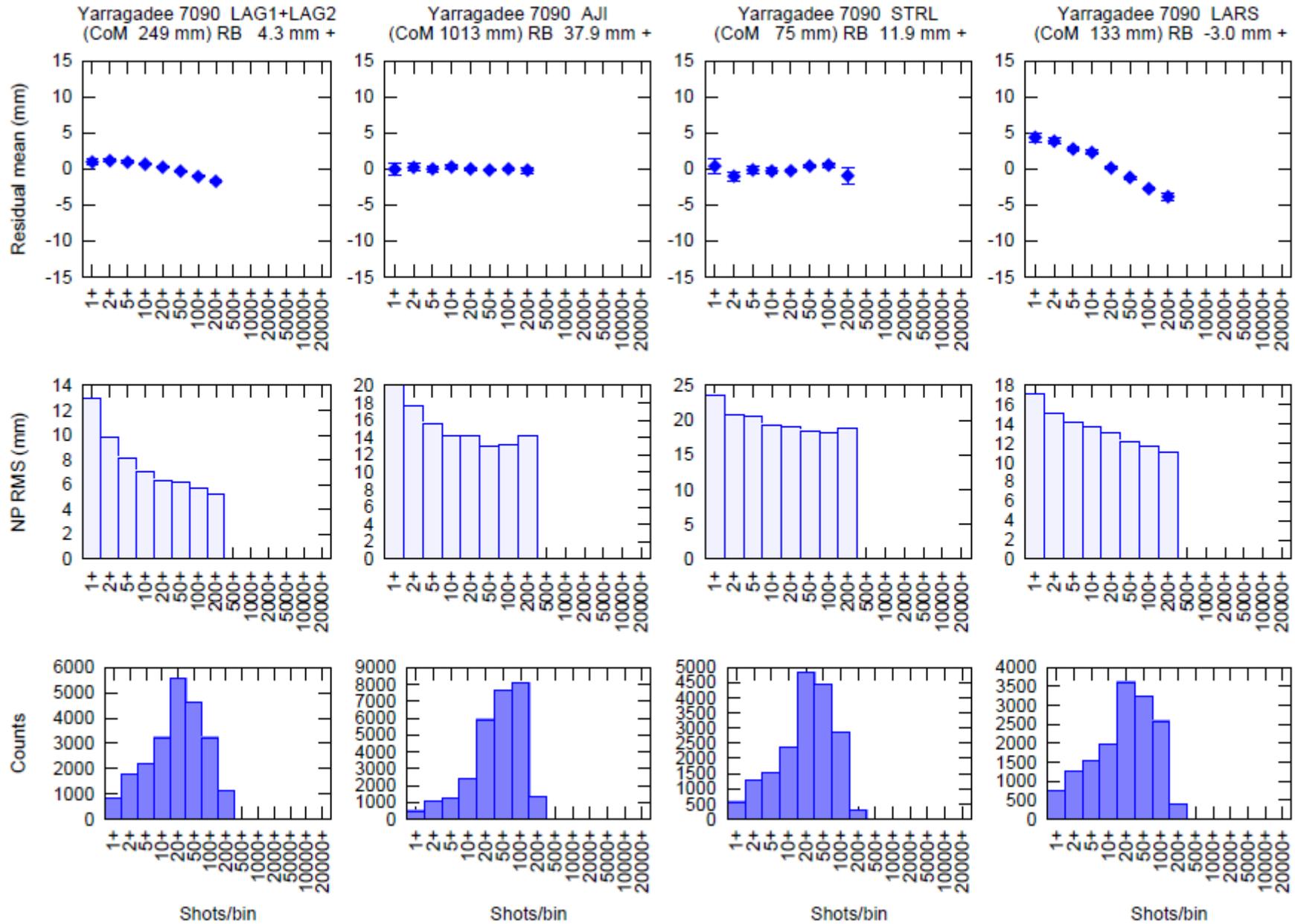
**Correlated with calibration variation.**

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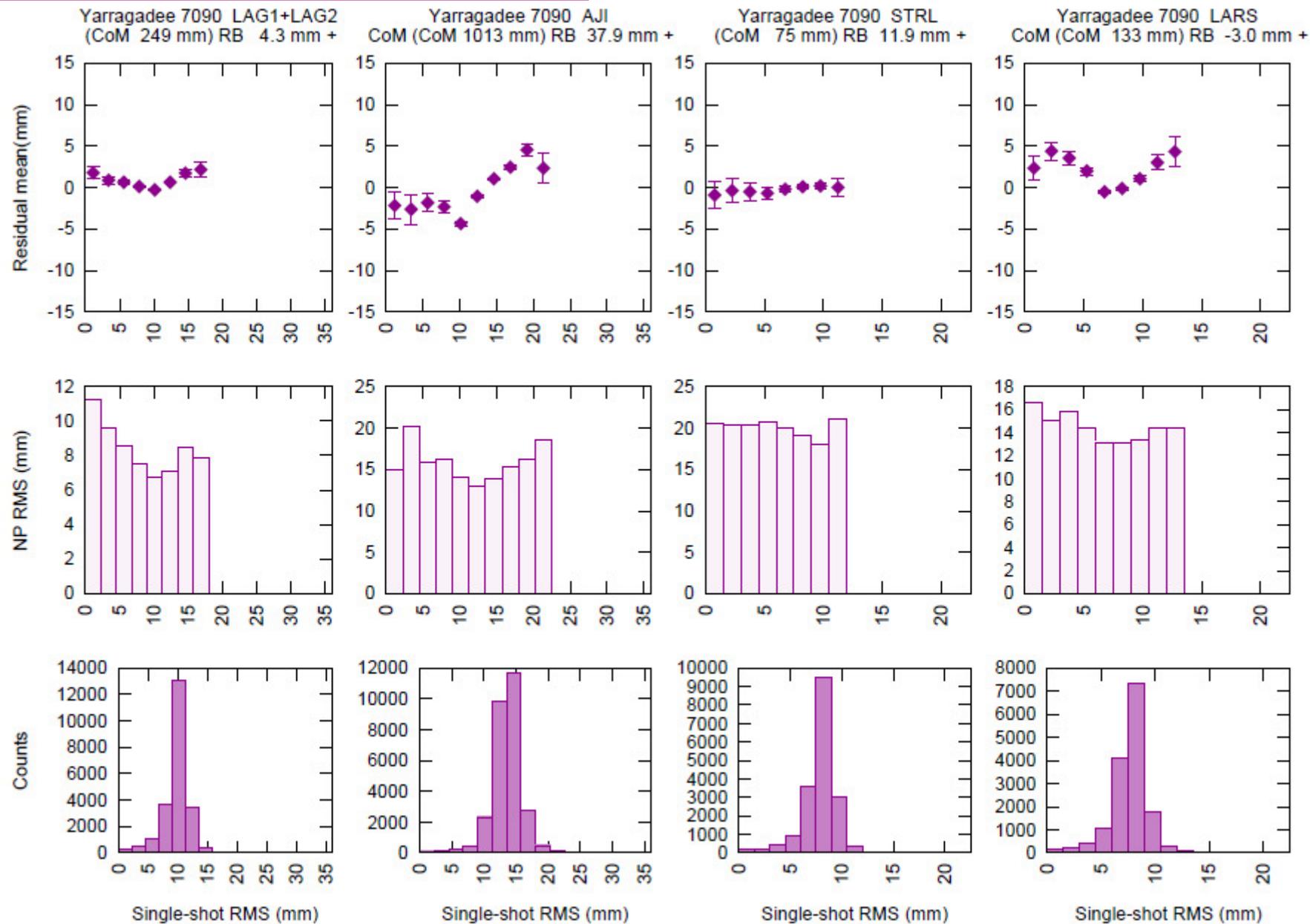
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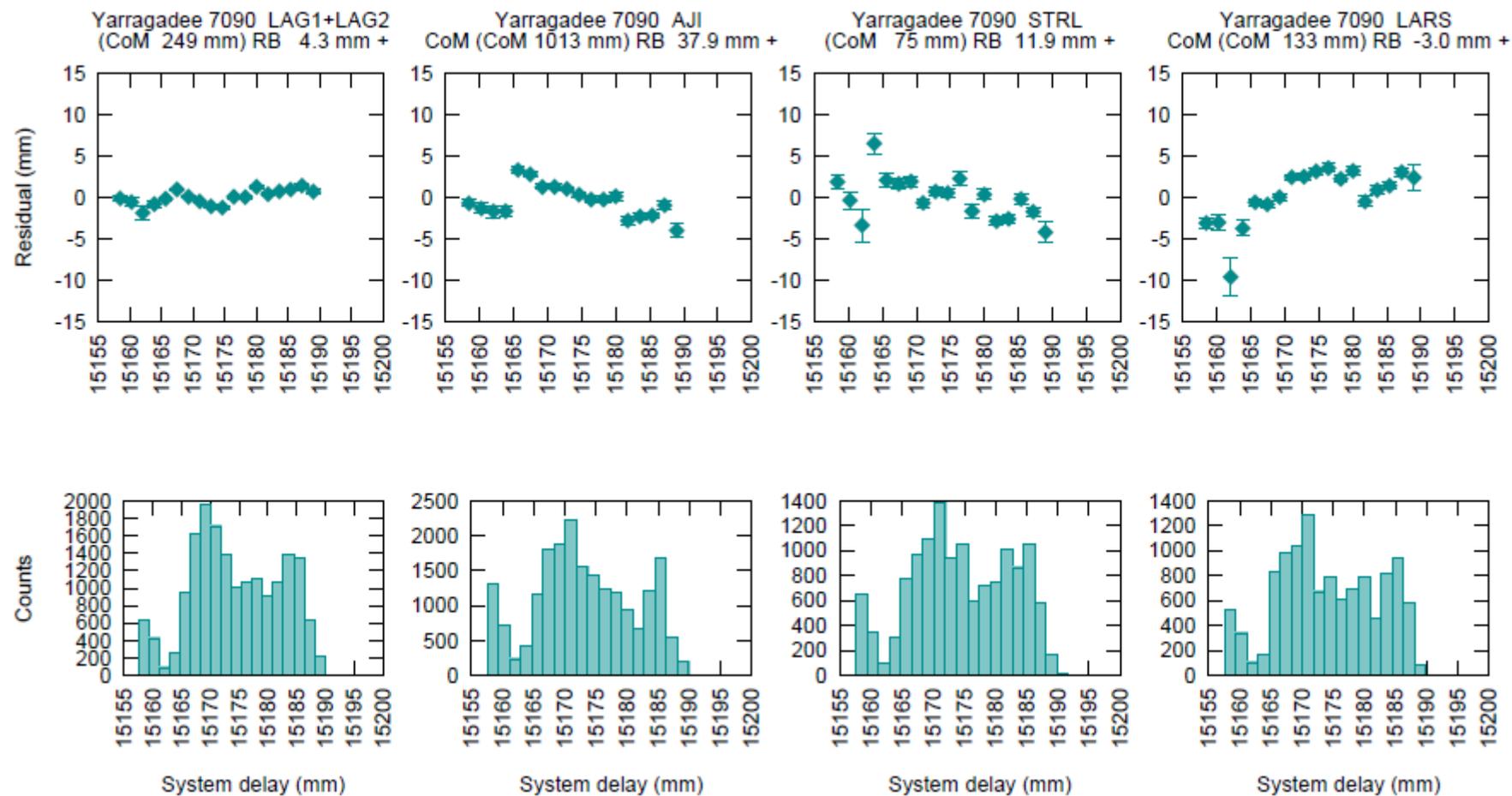
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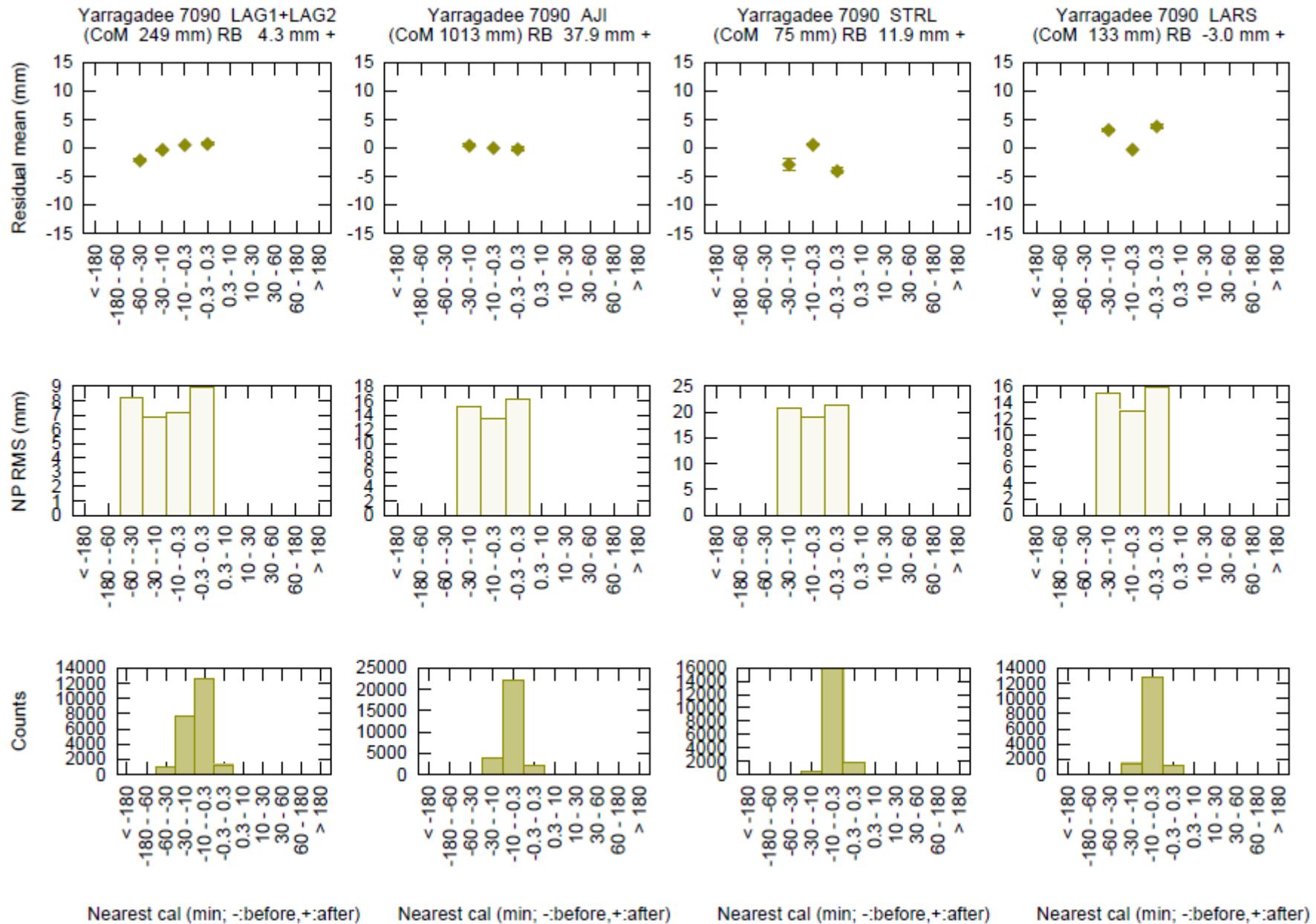
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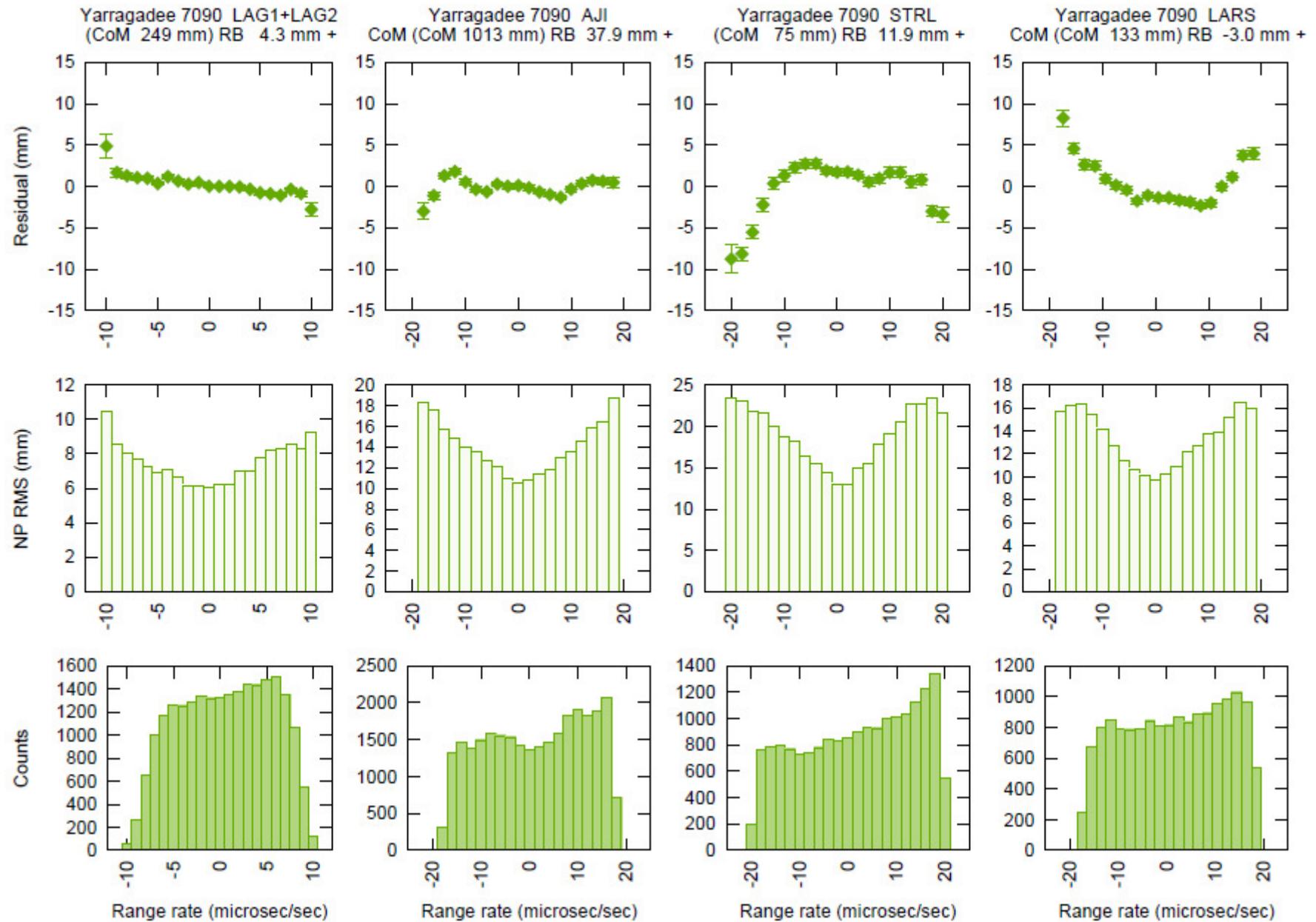
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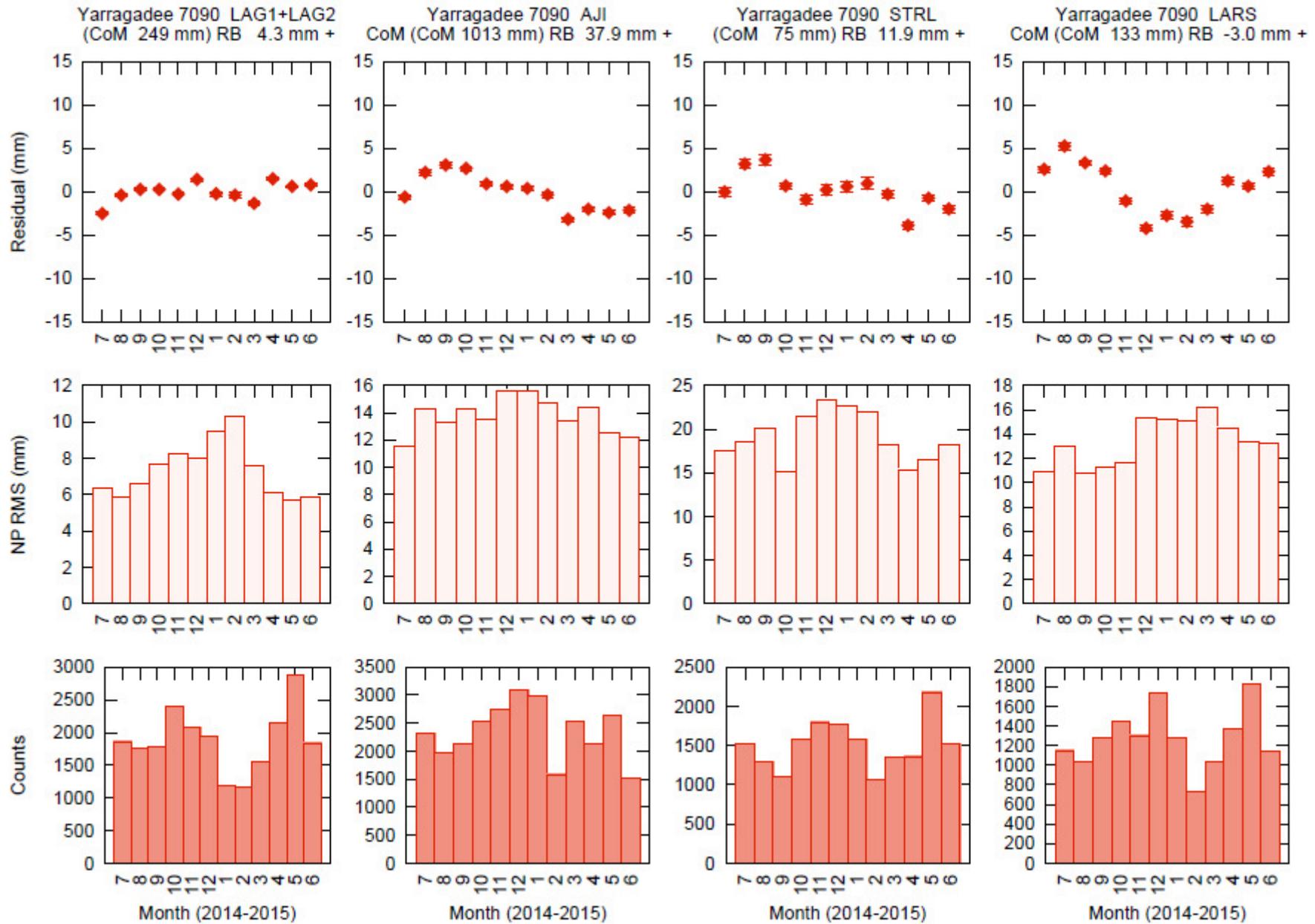
# #4: Time to the nearest cal.



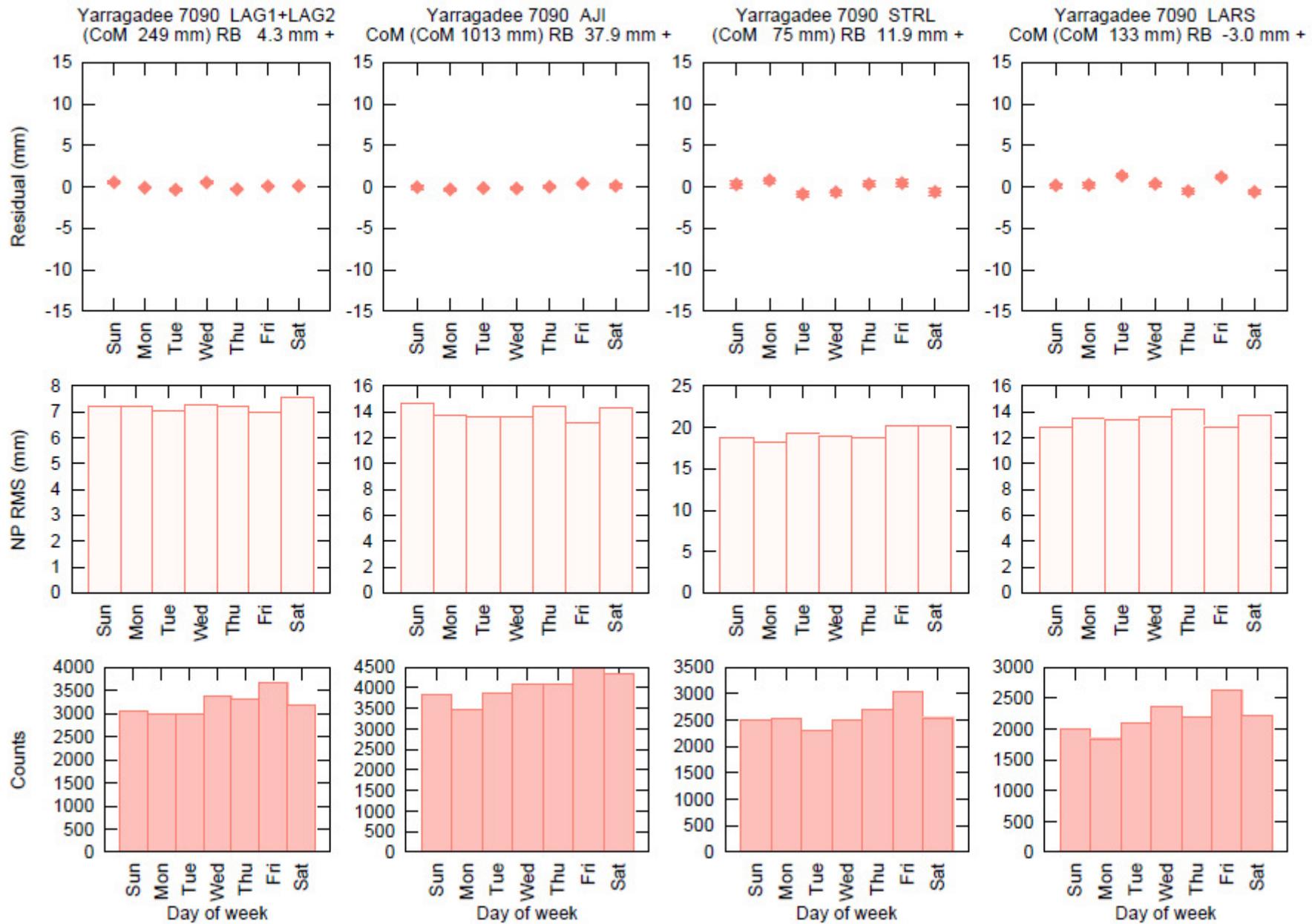
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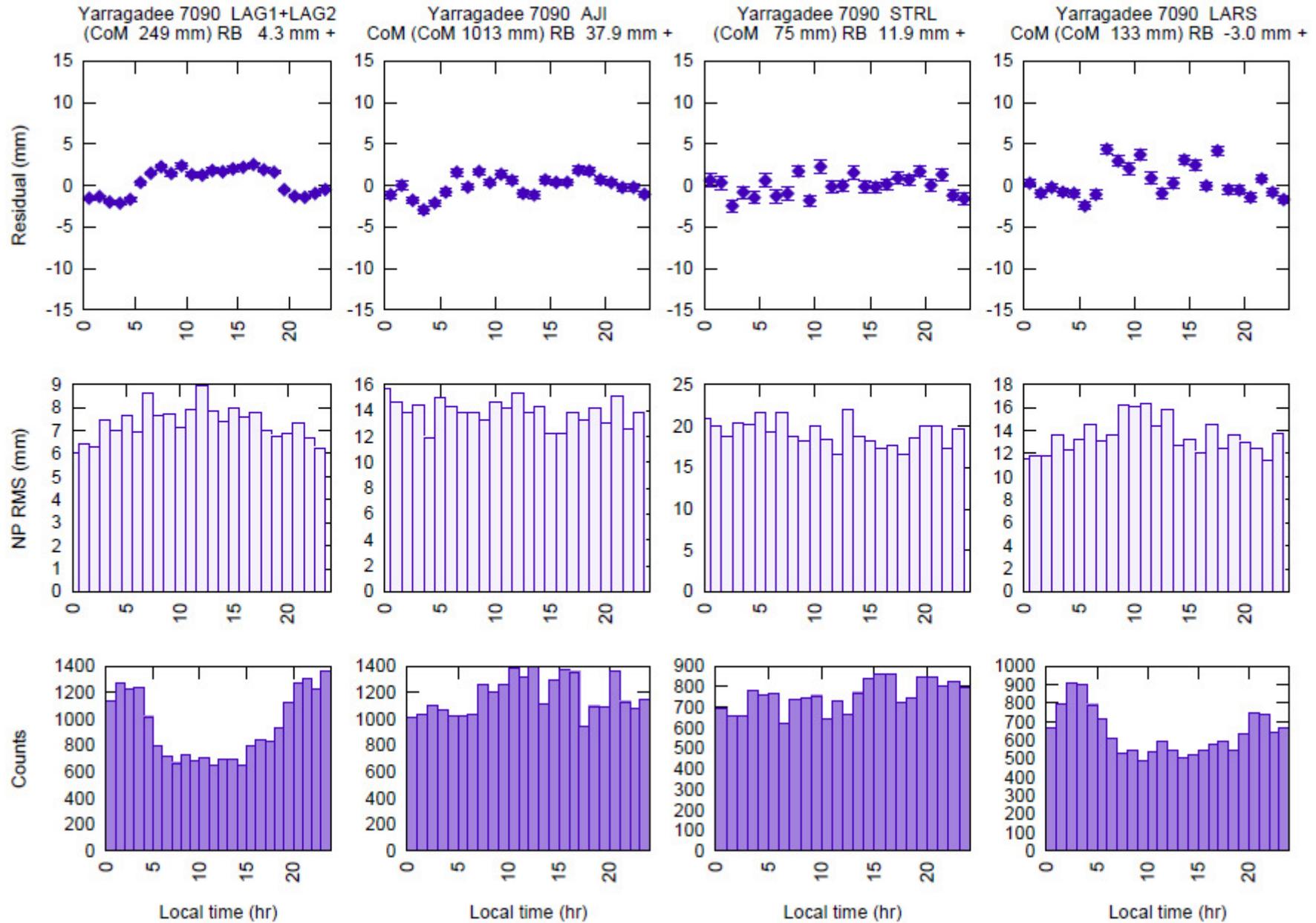
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# #7: Day of week

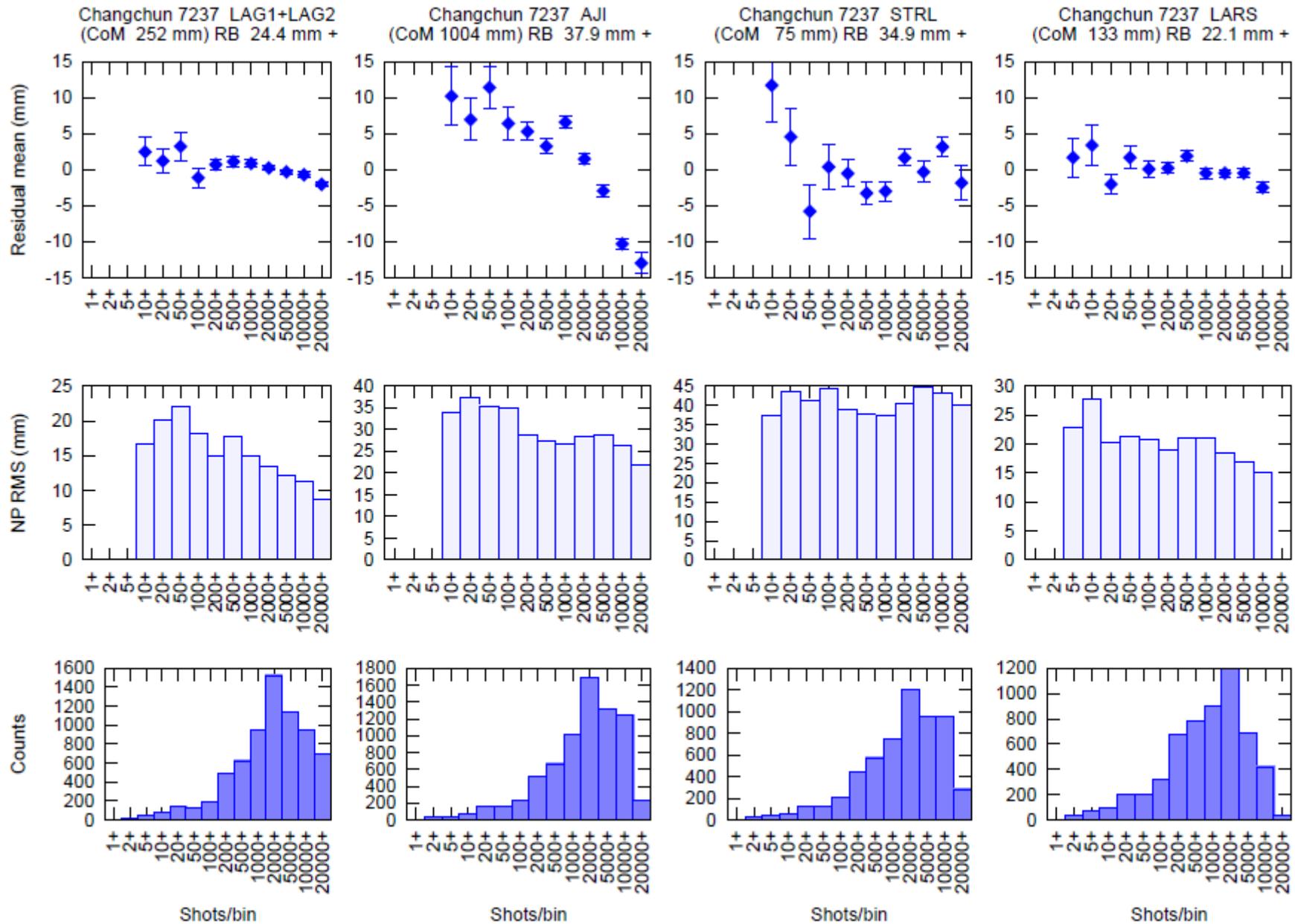


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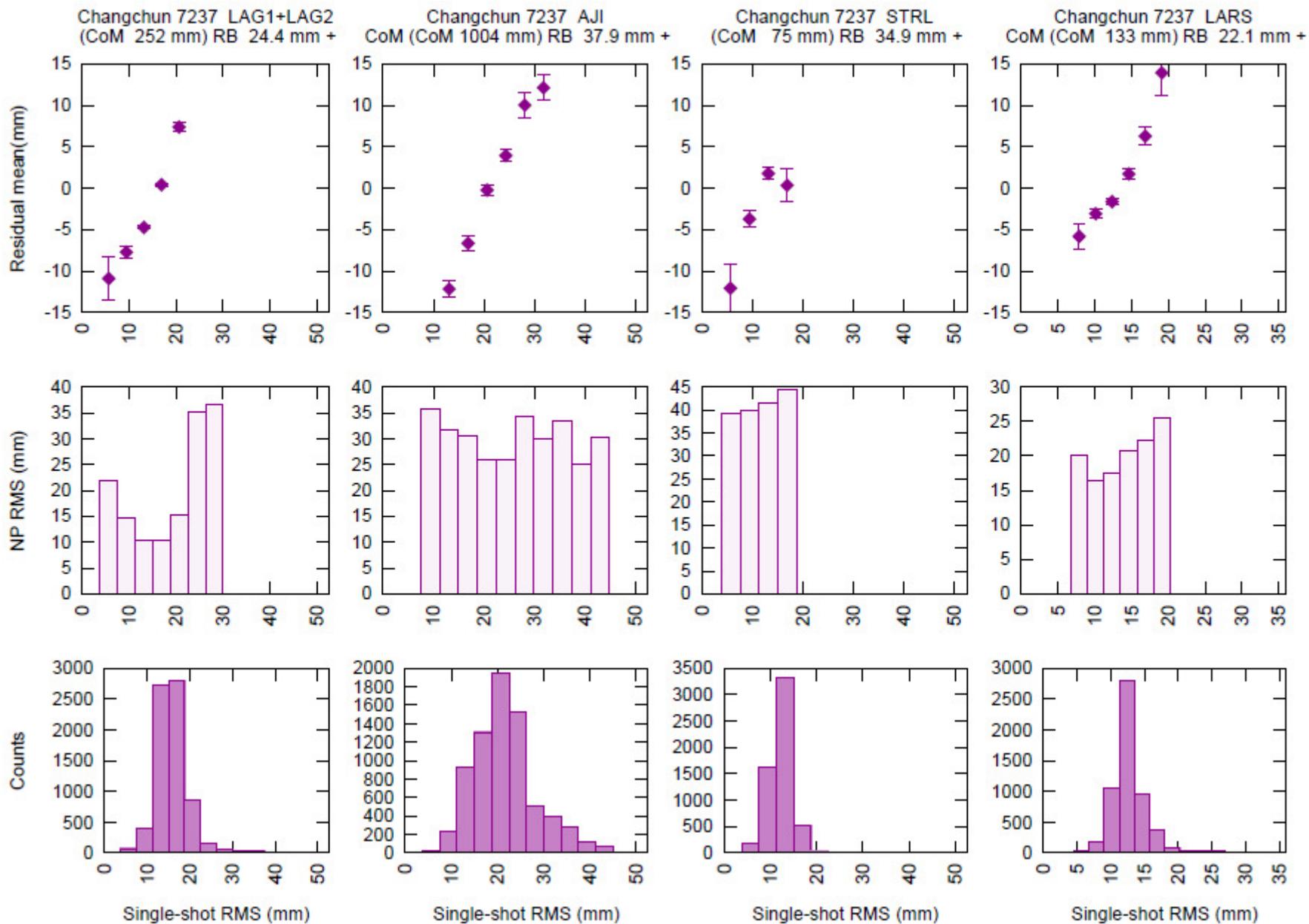


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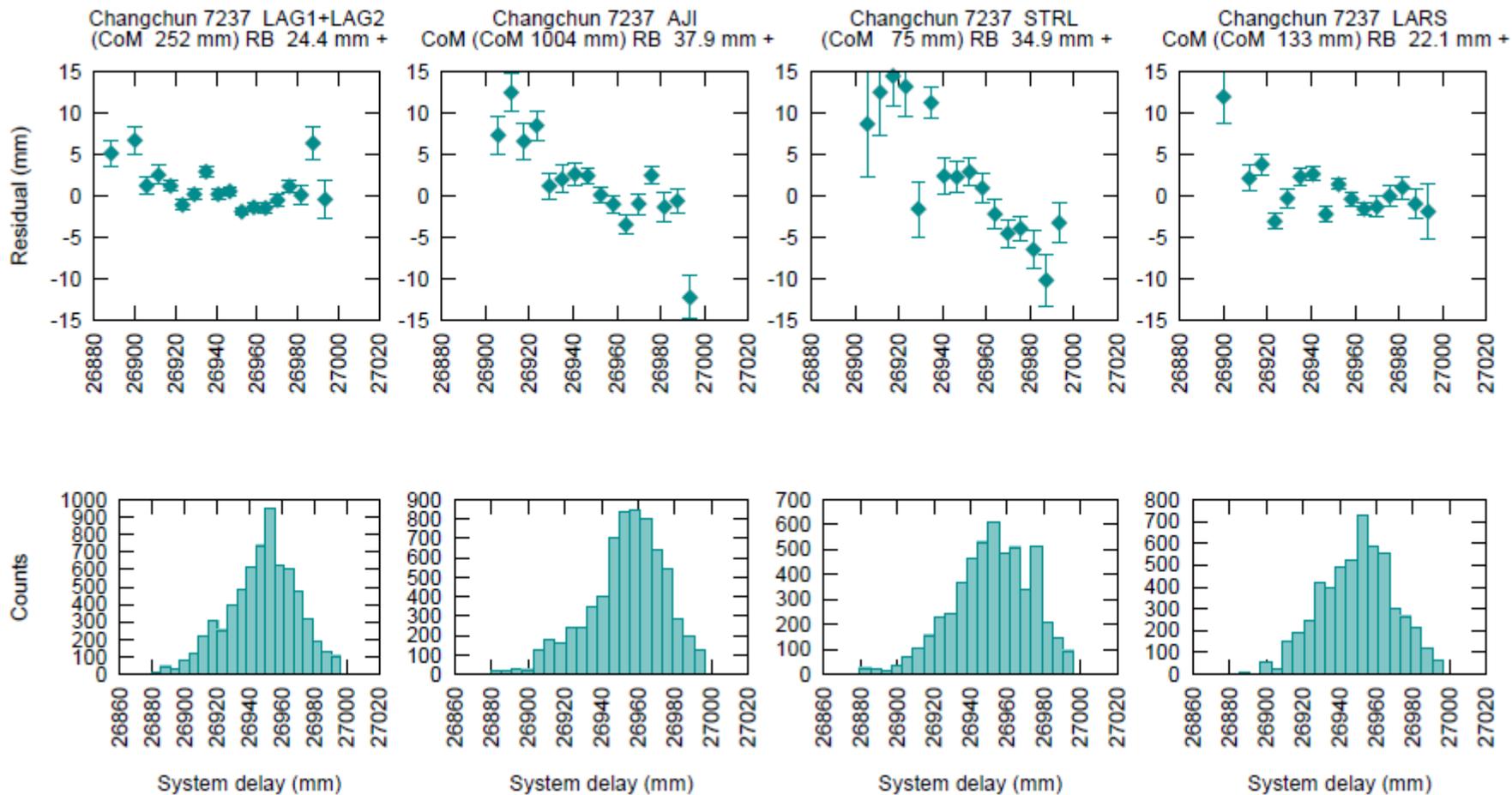
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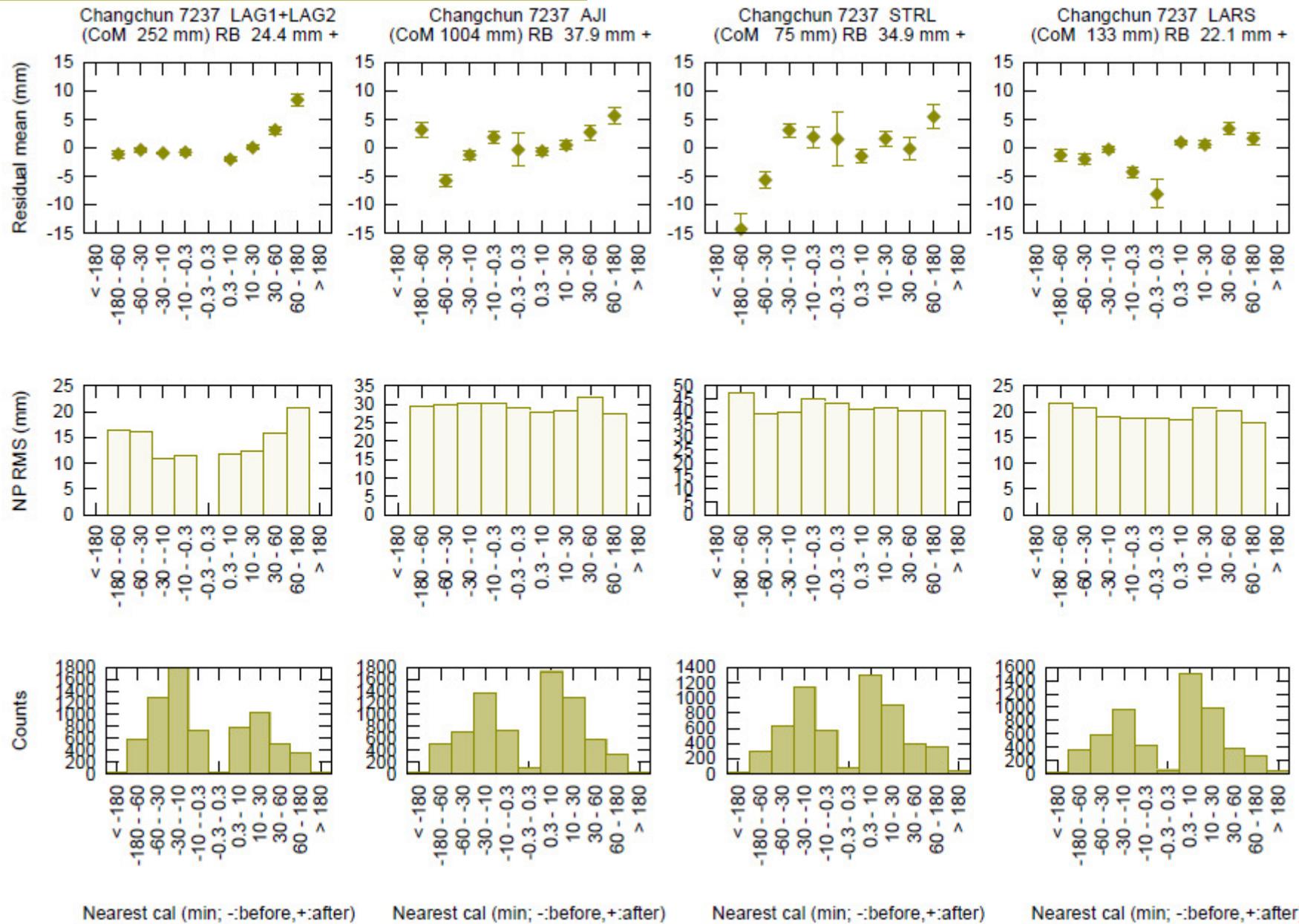
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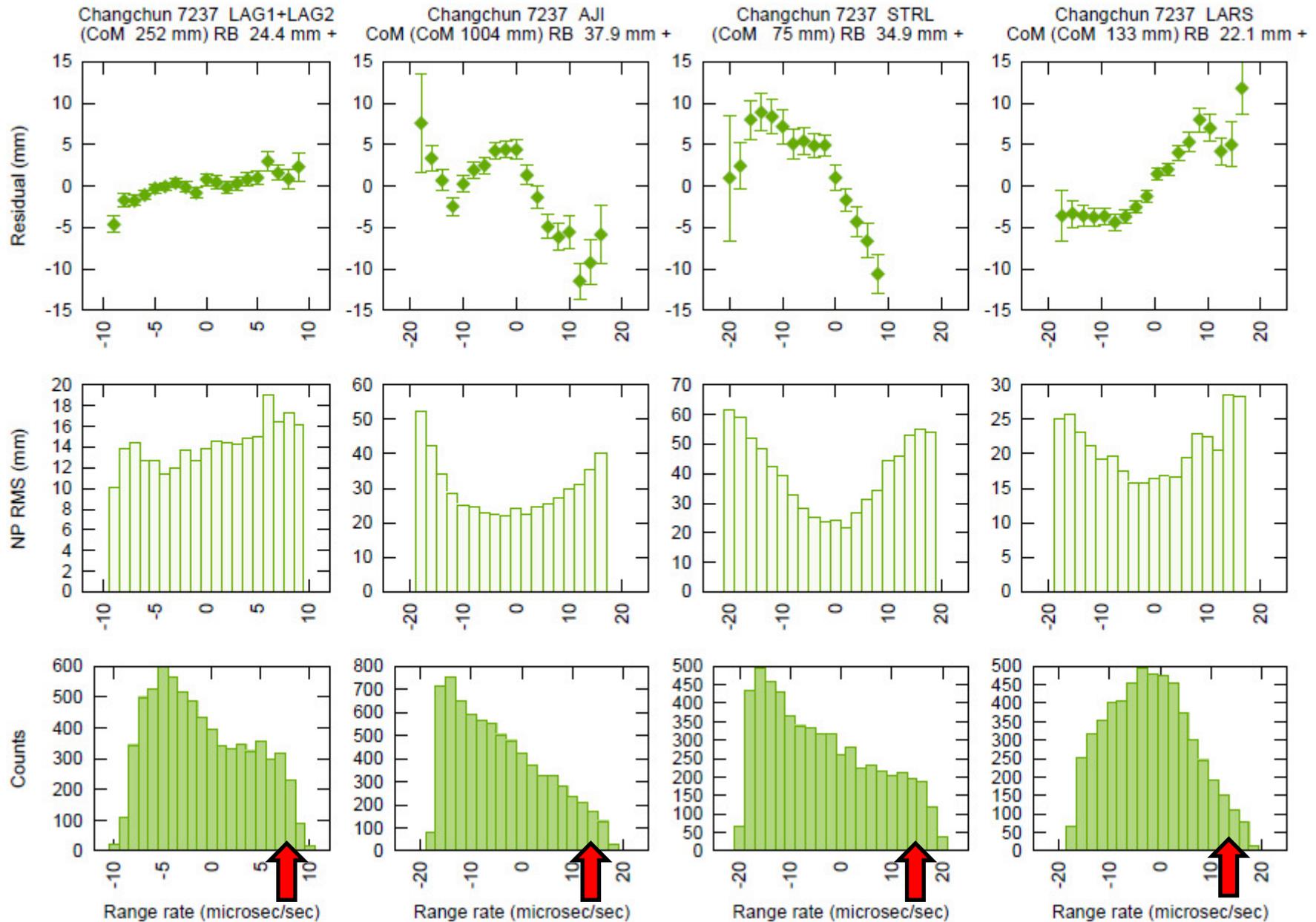
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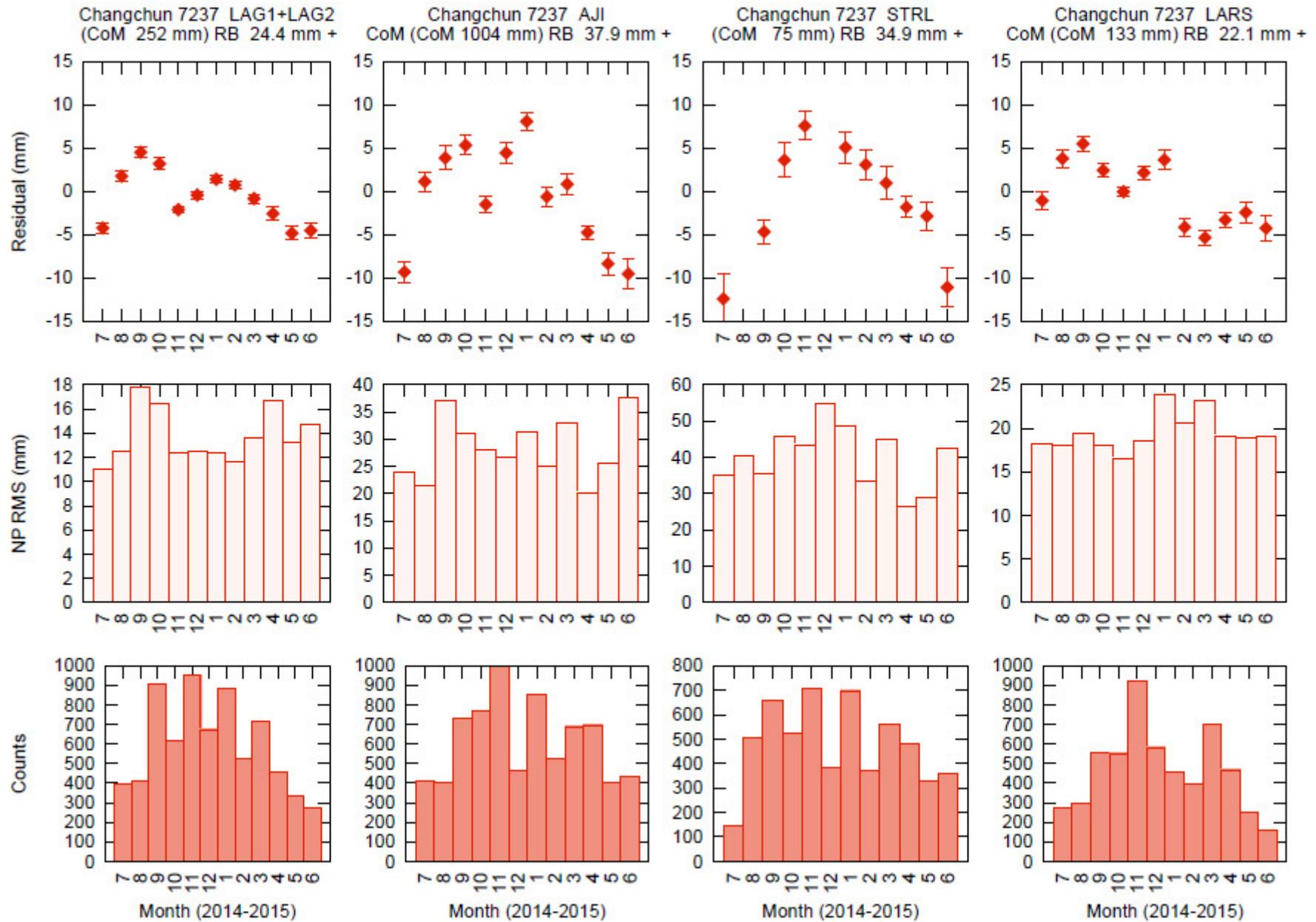
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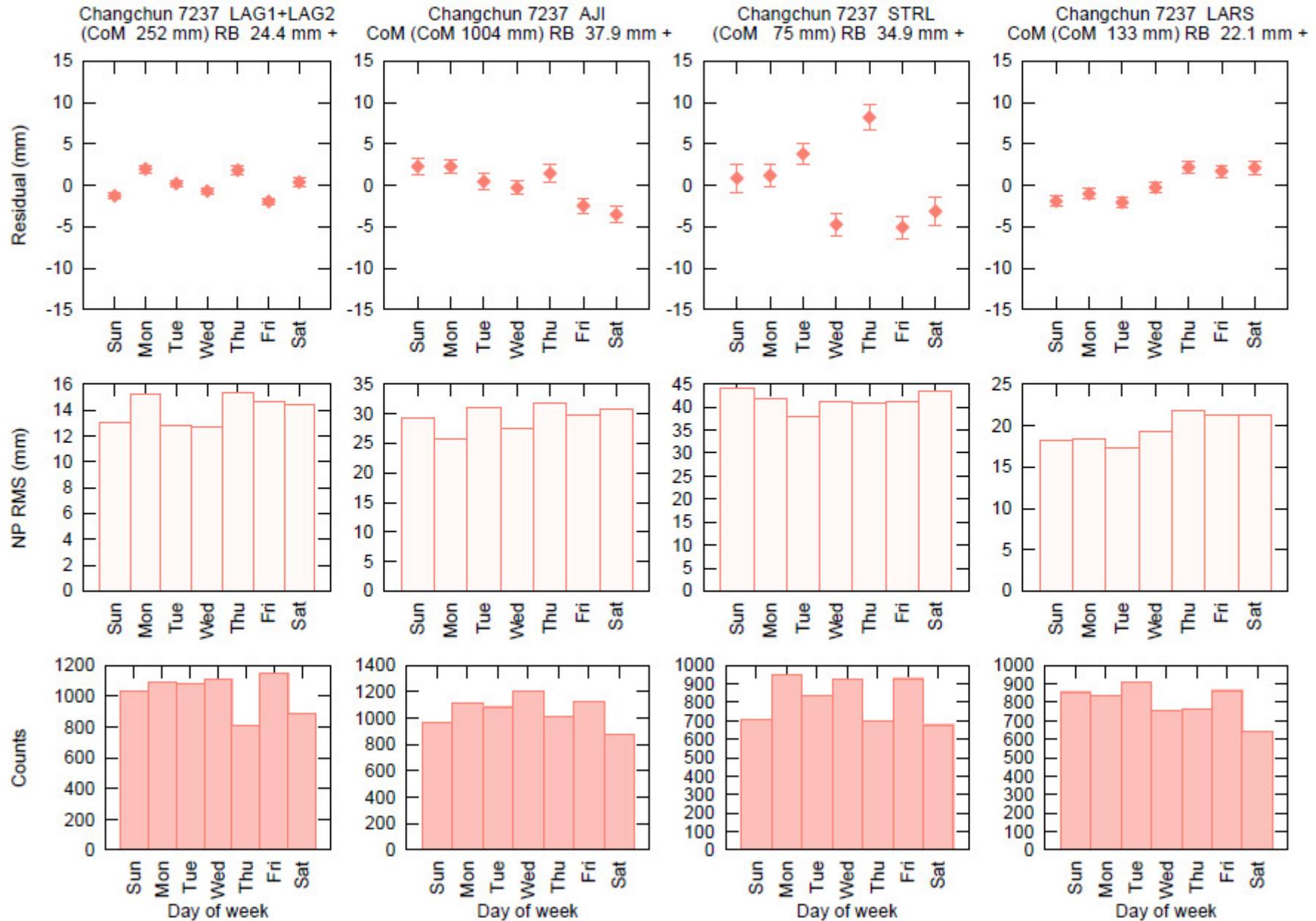
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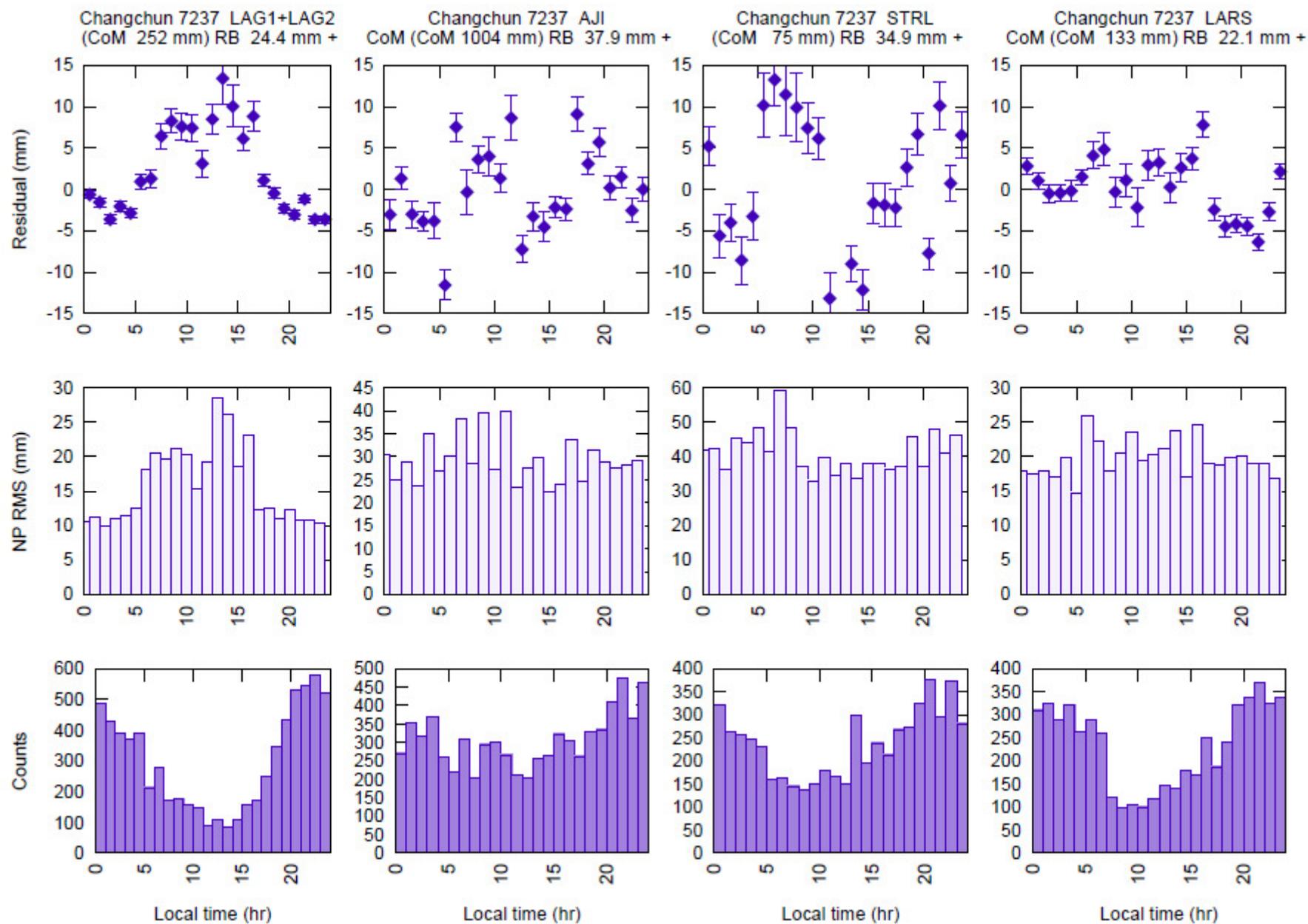
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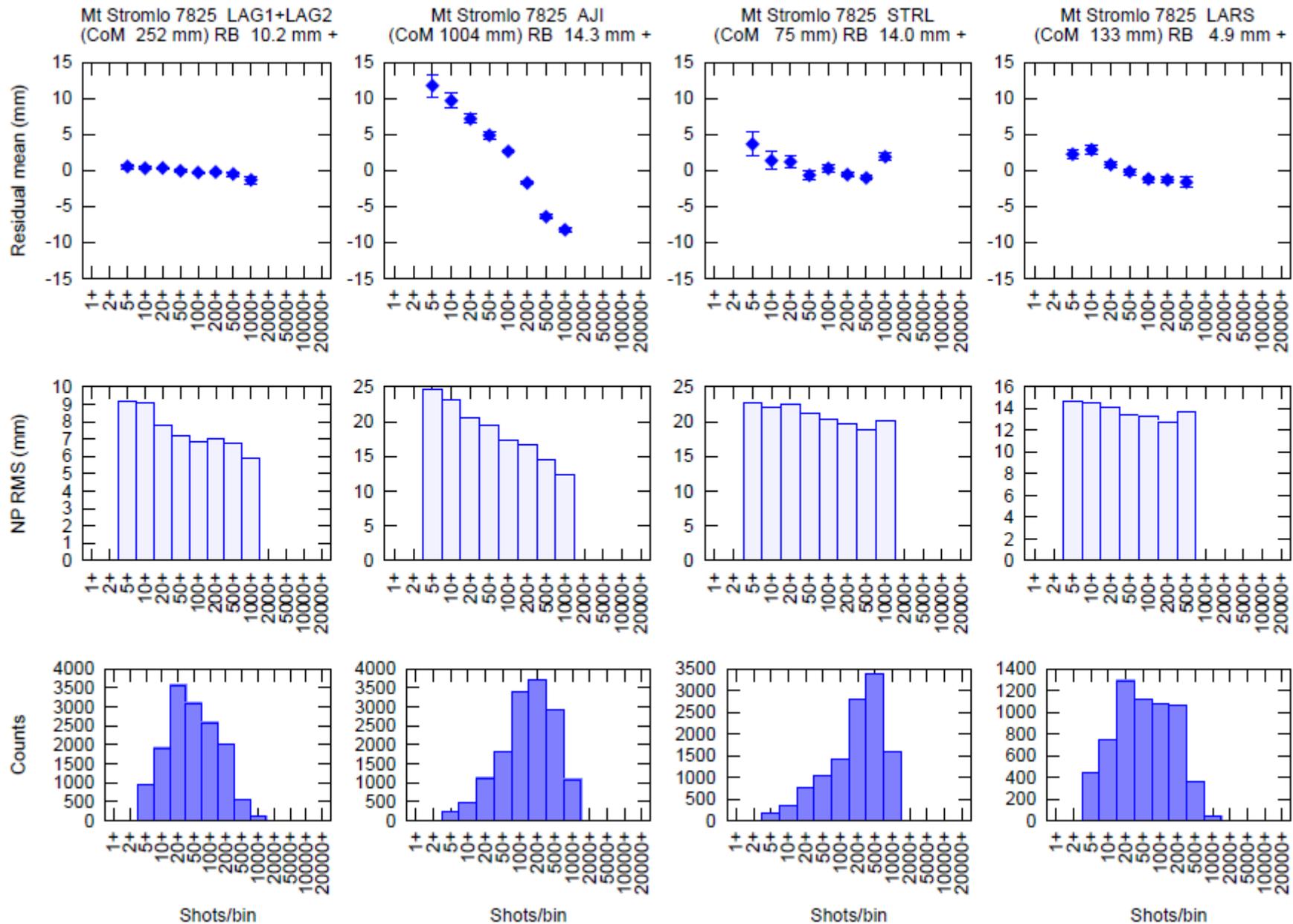


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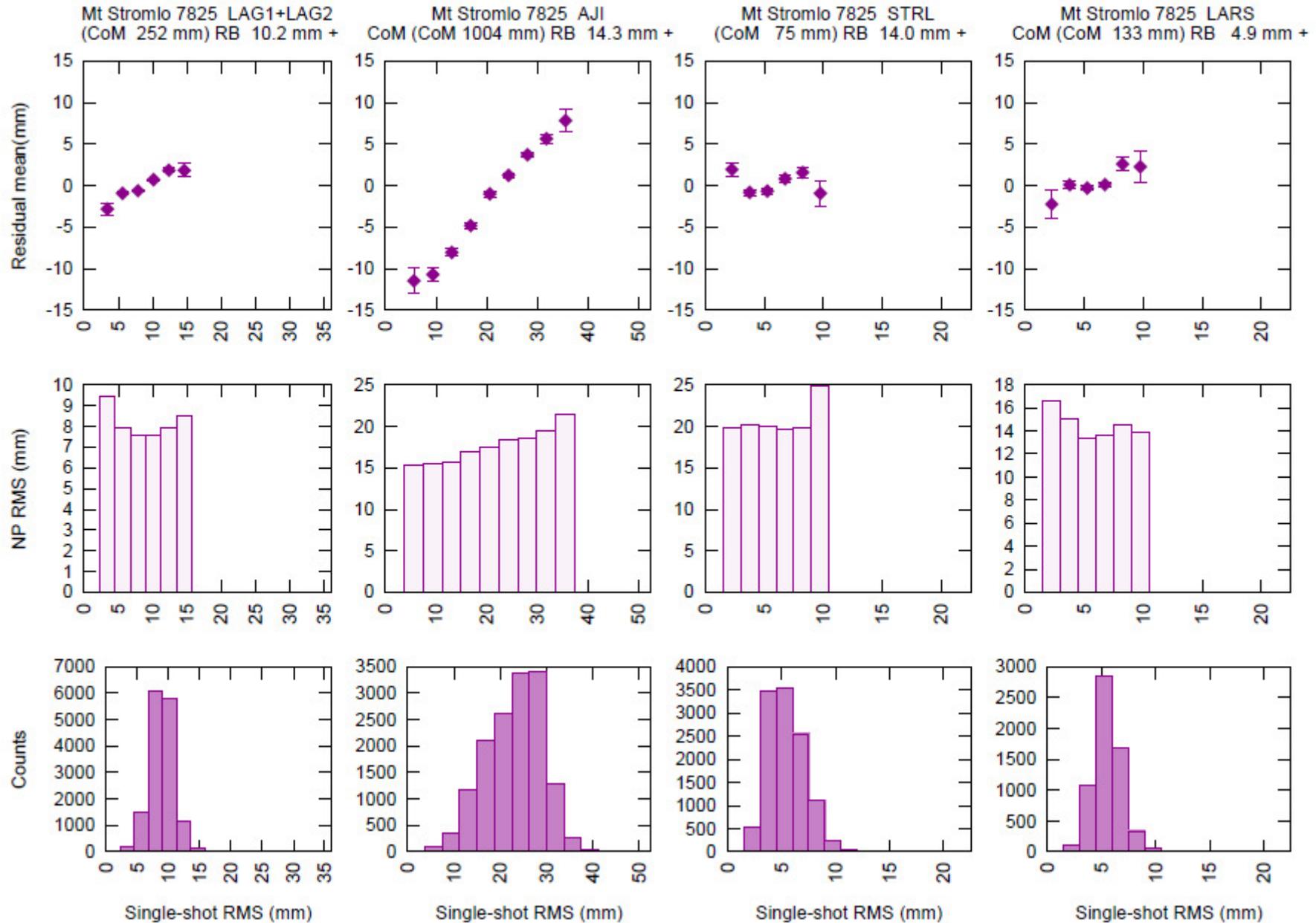


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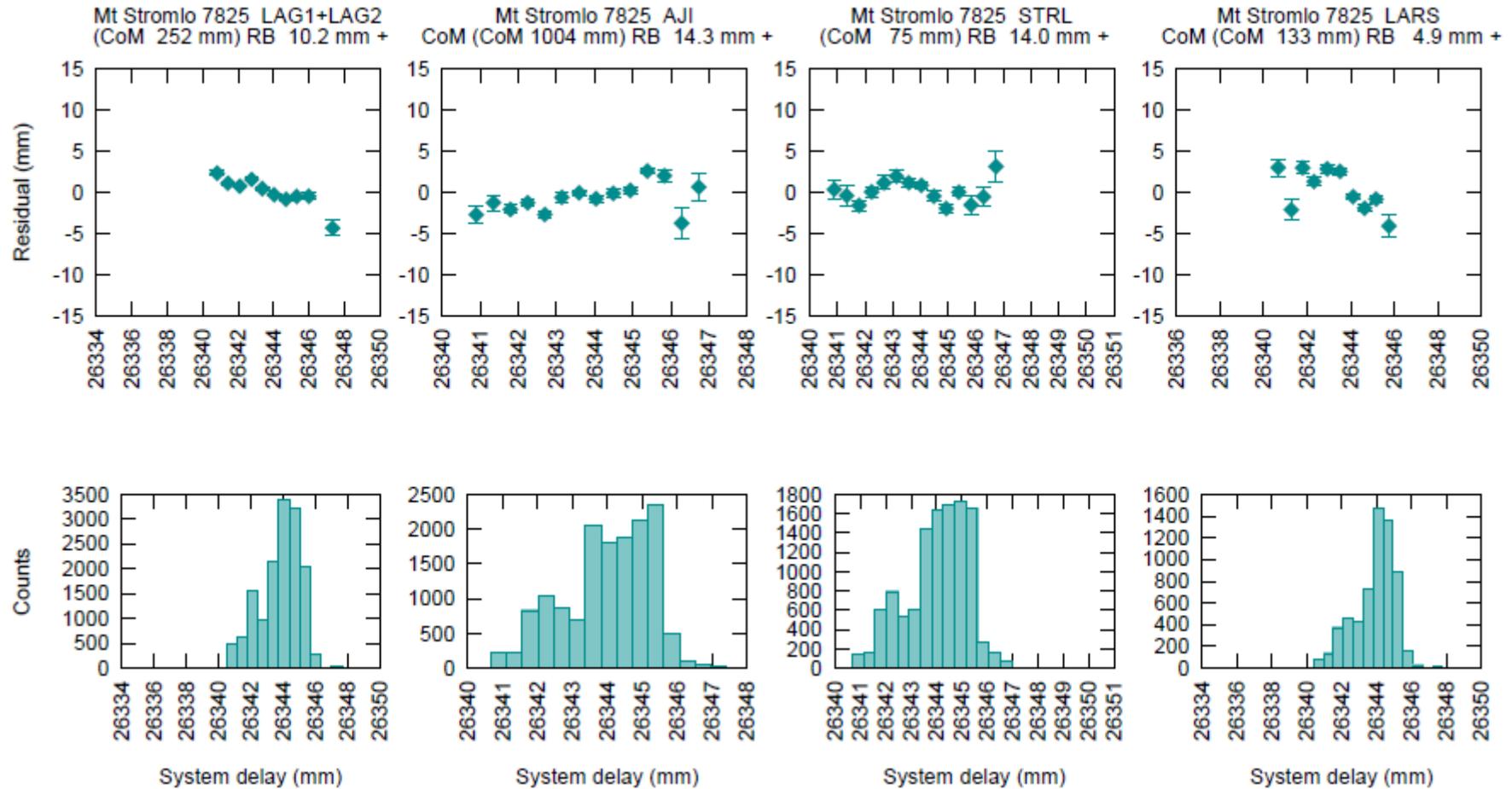
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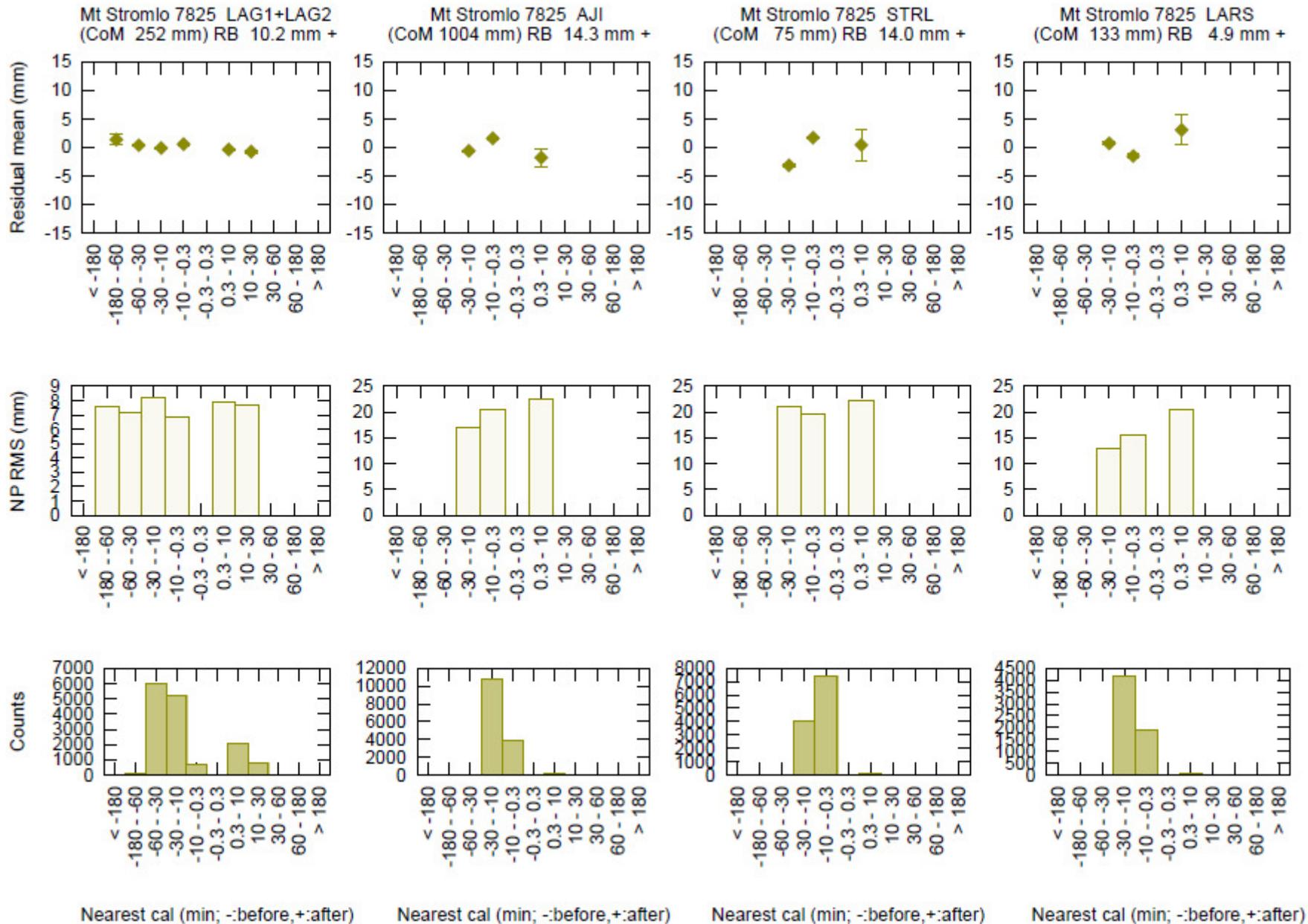
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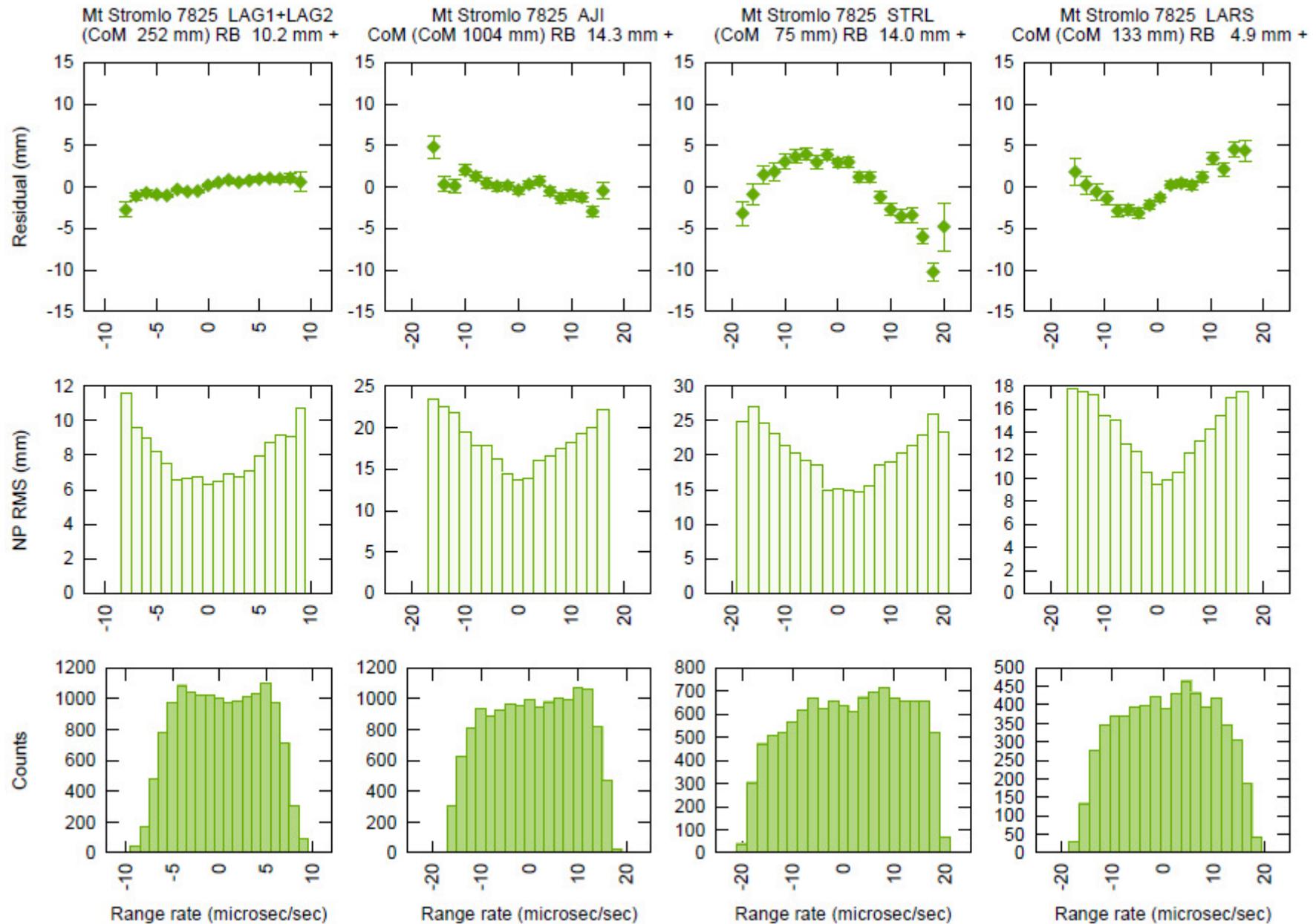
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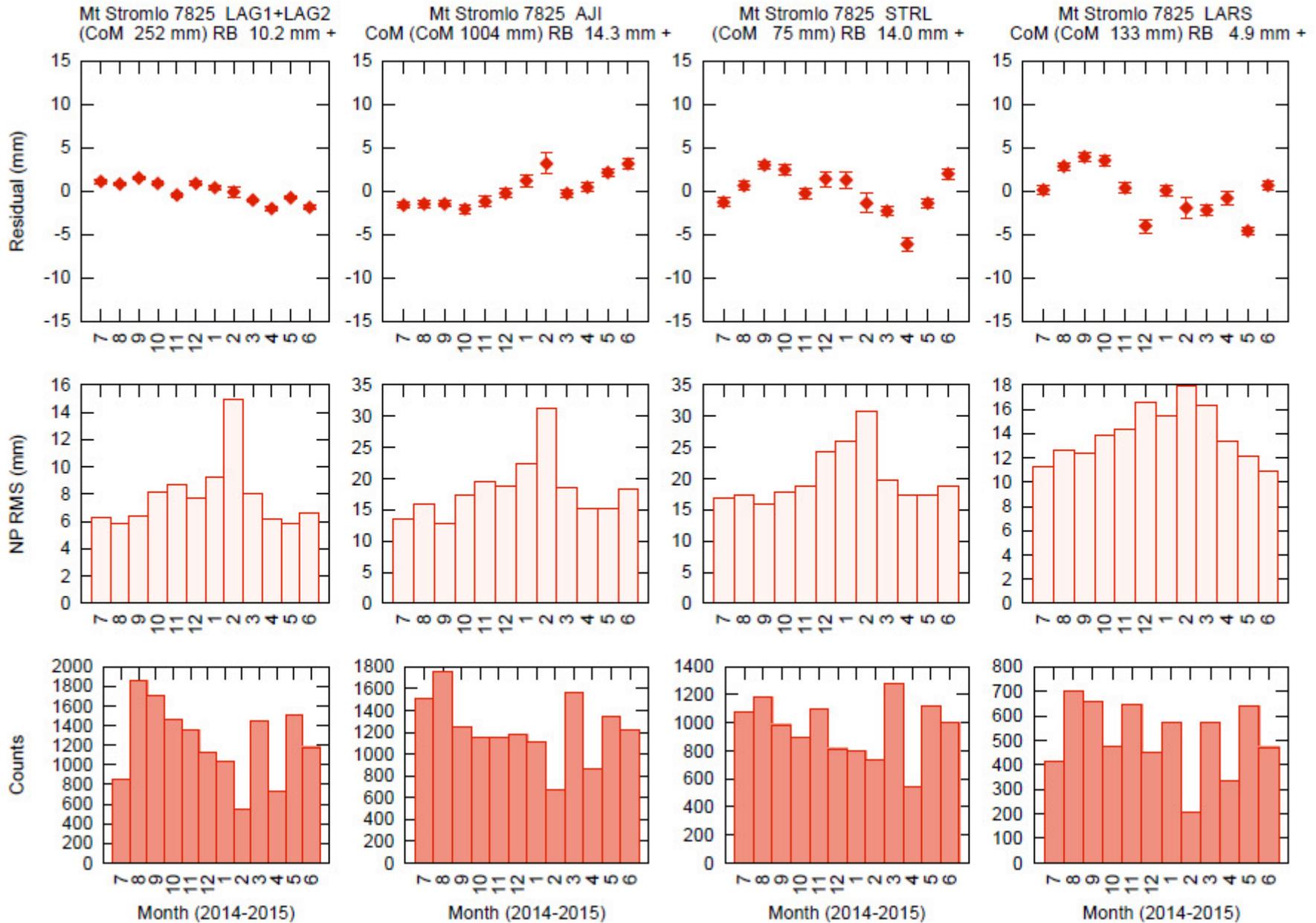
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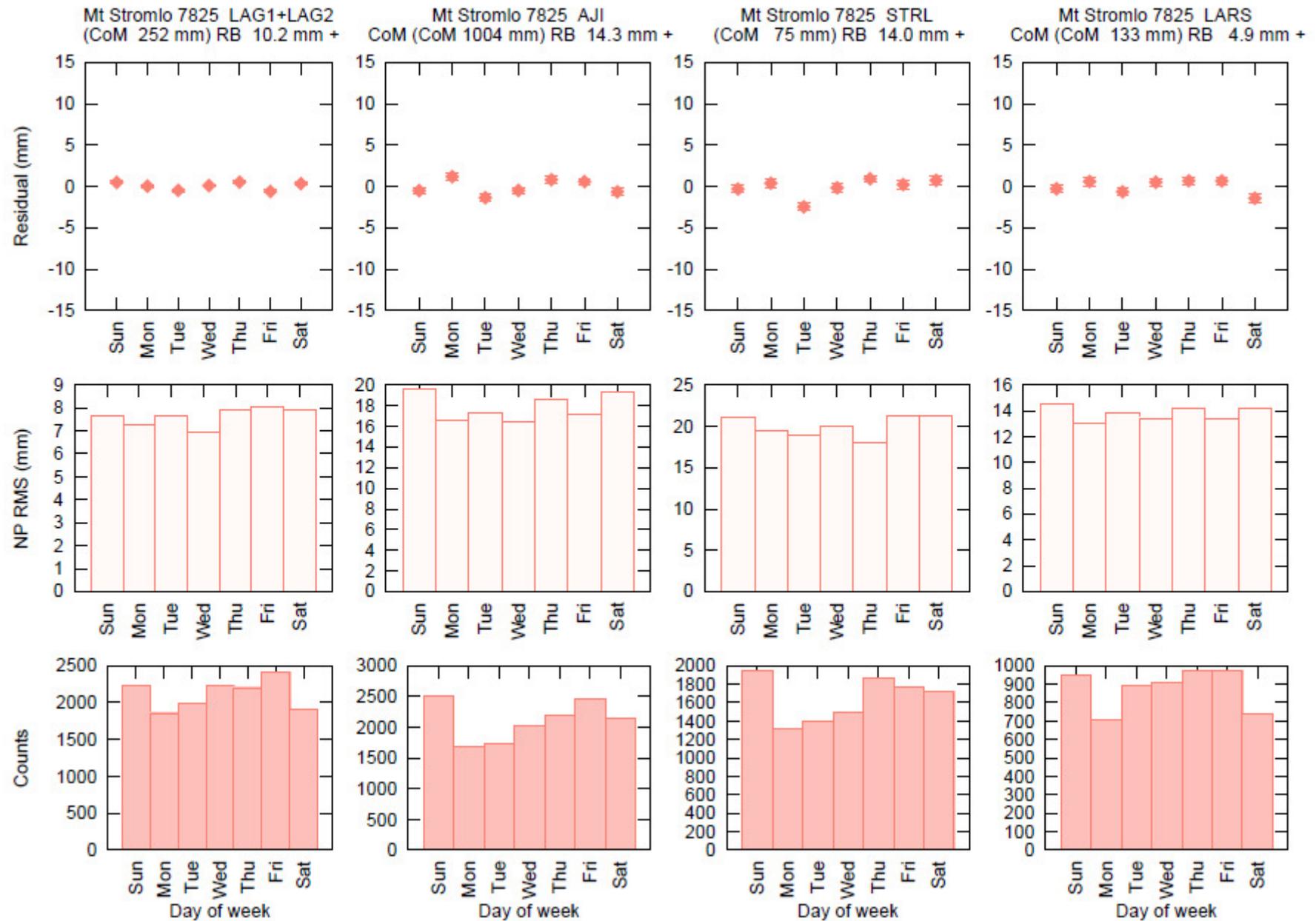
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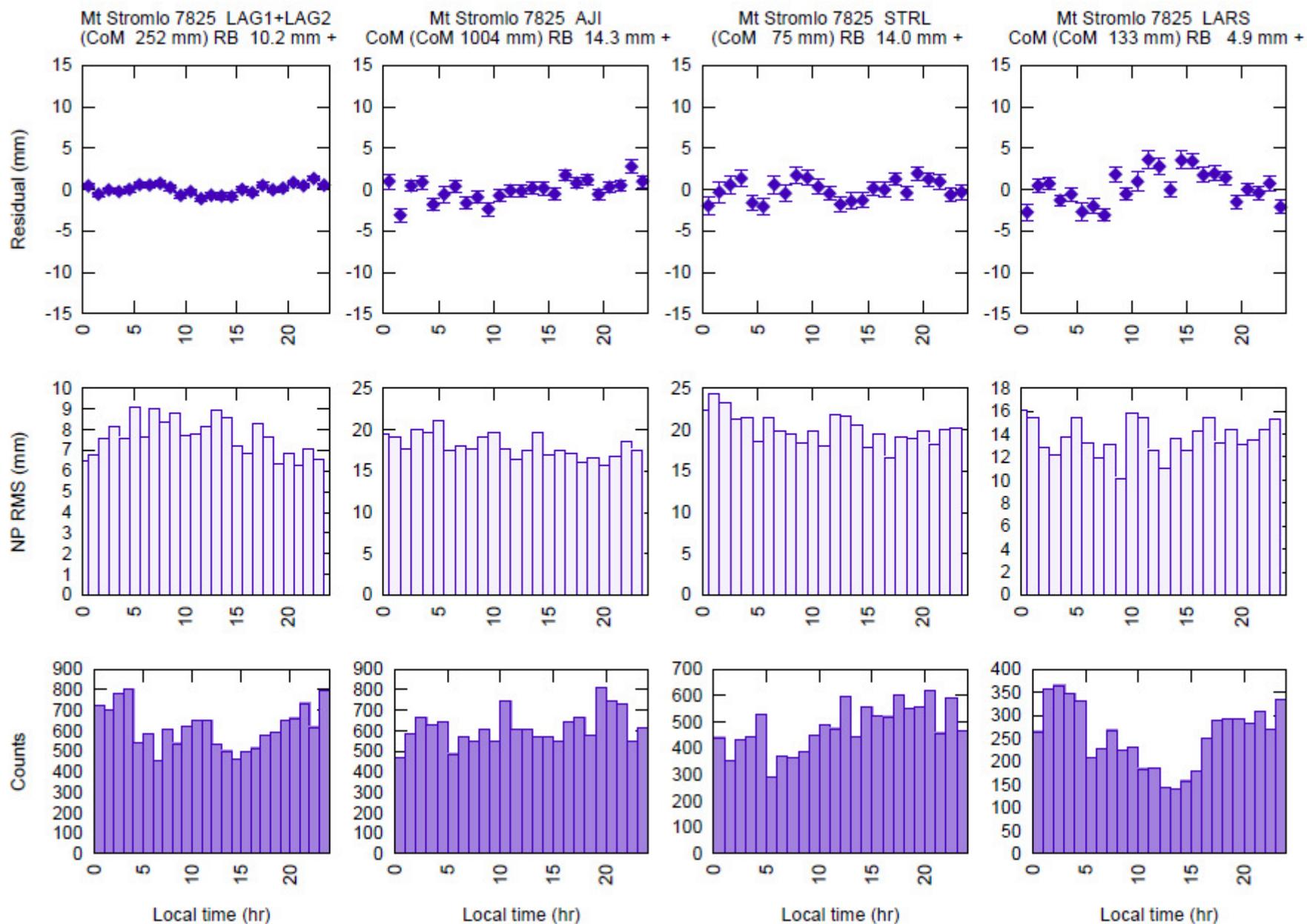
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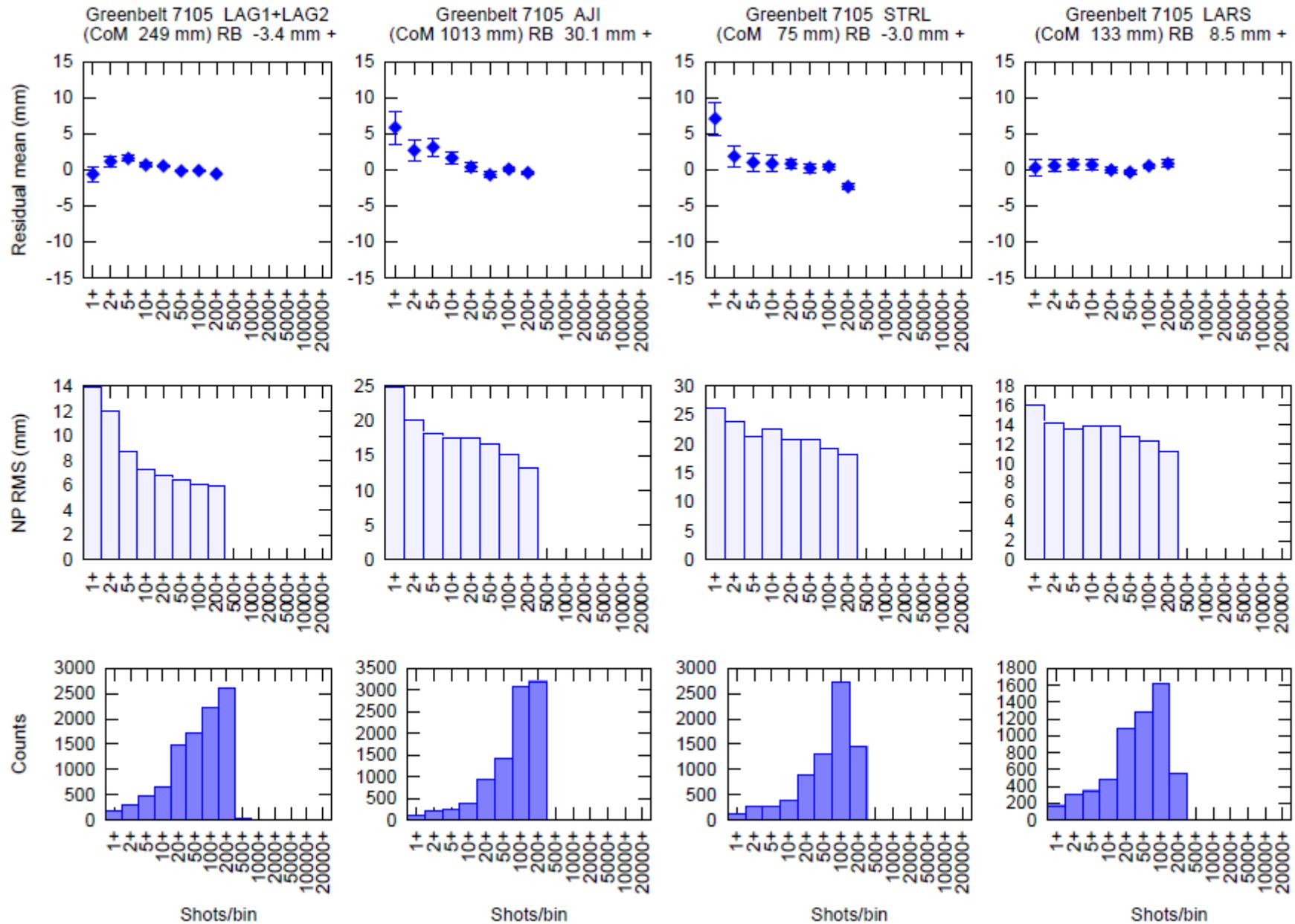


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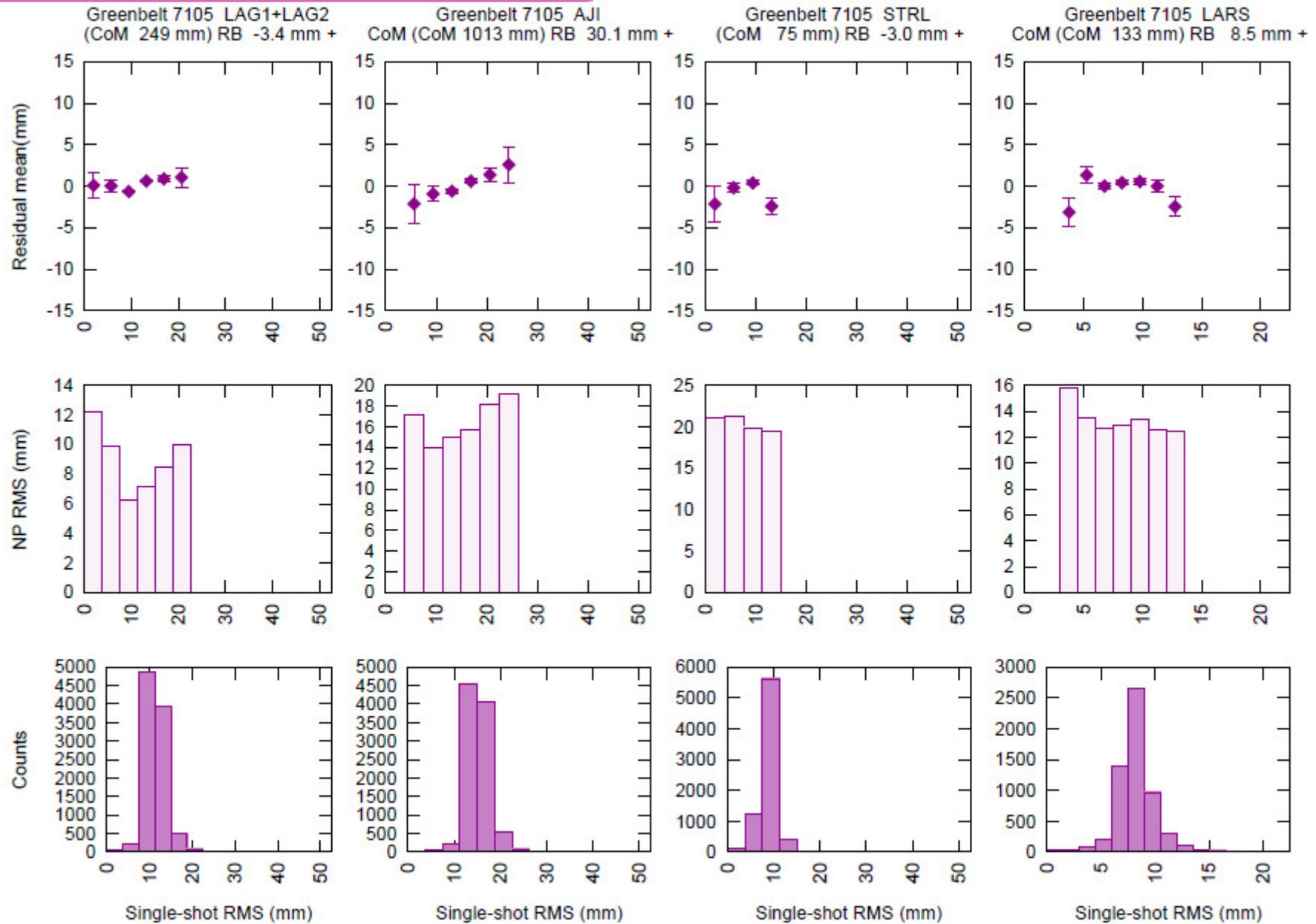


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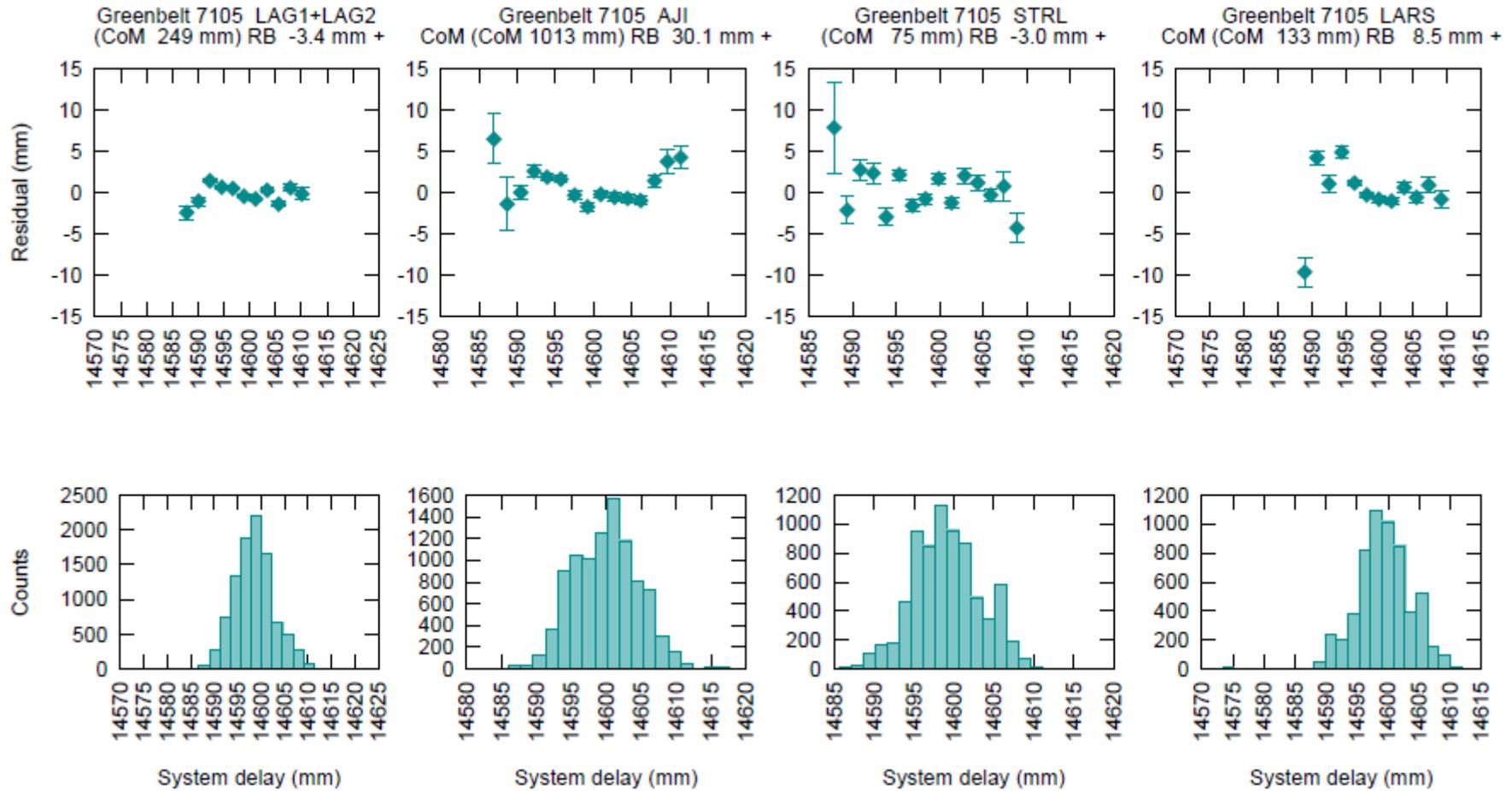
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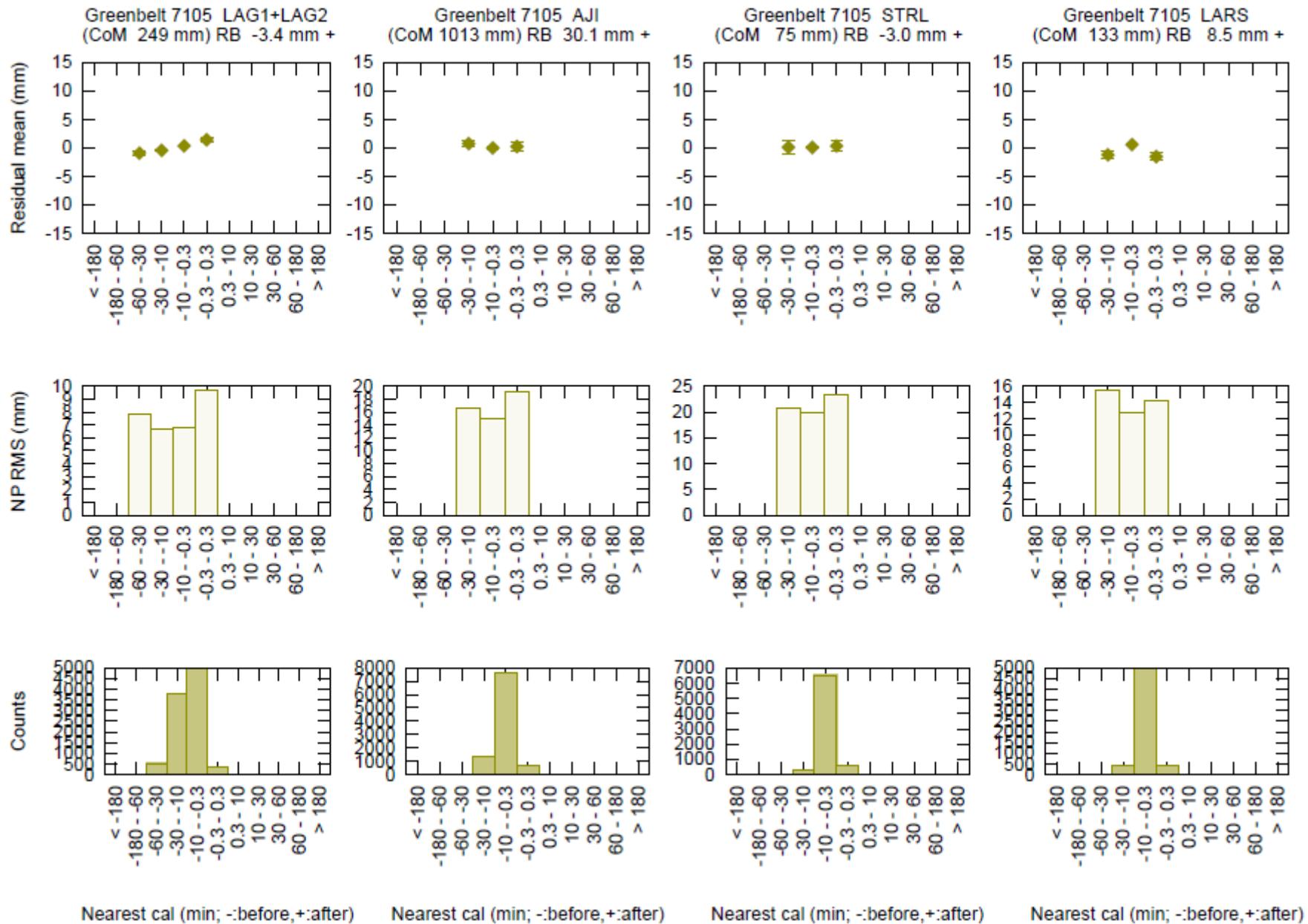
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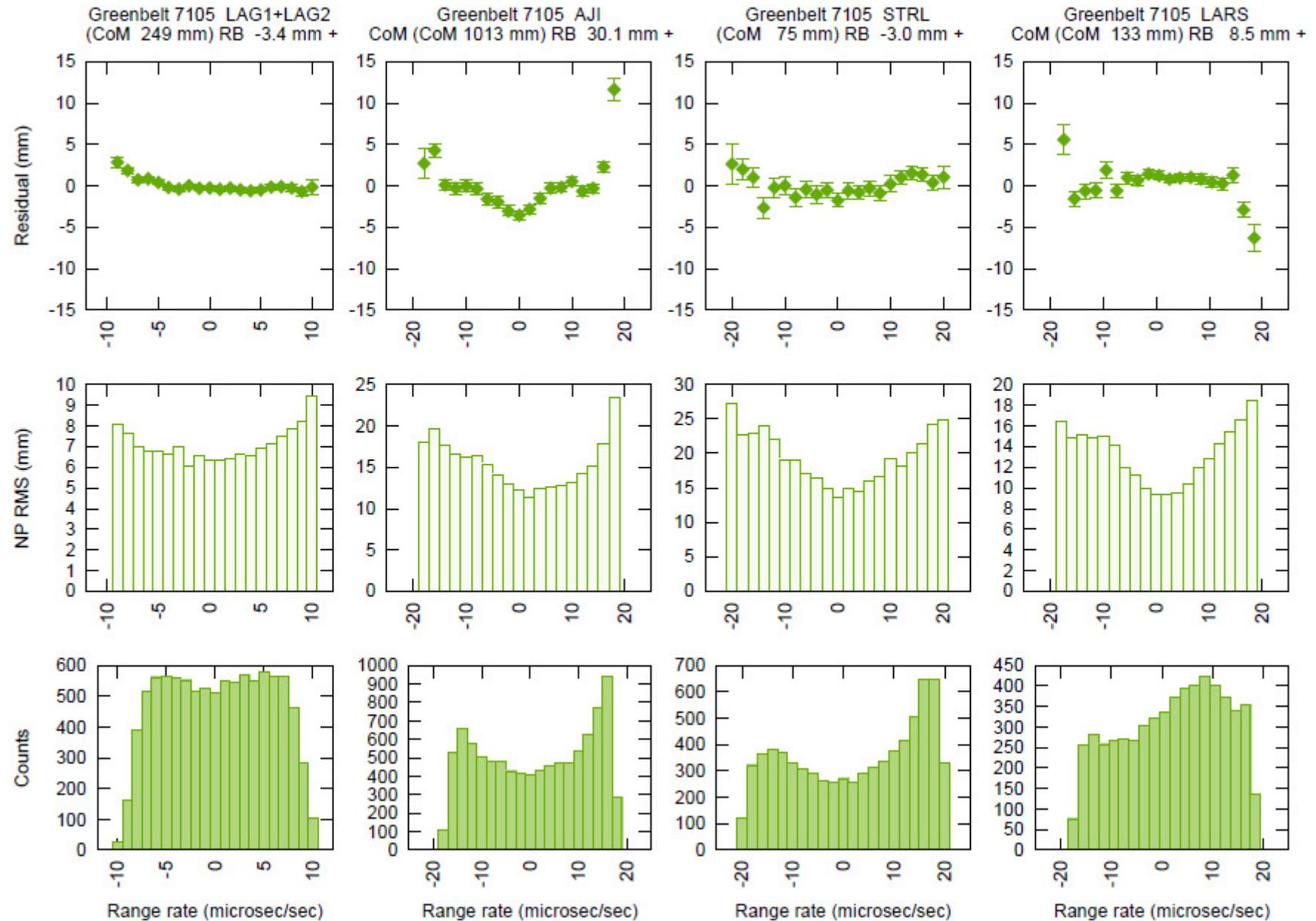
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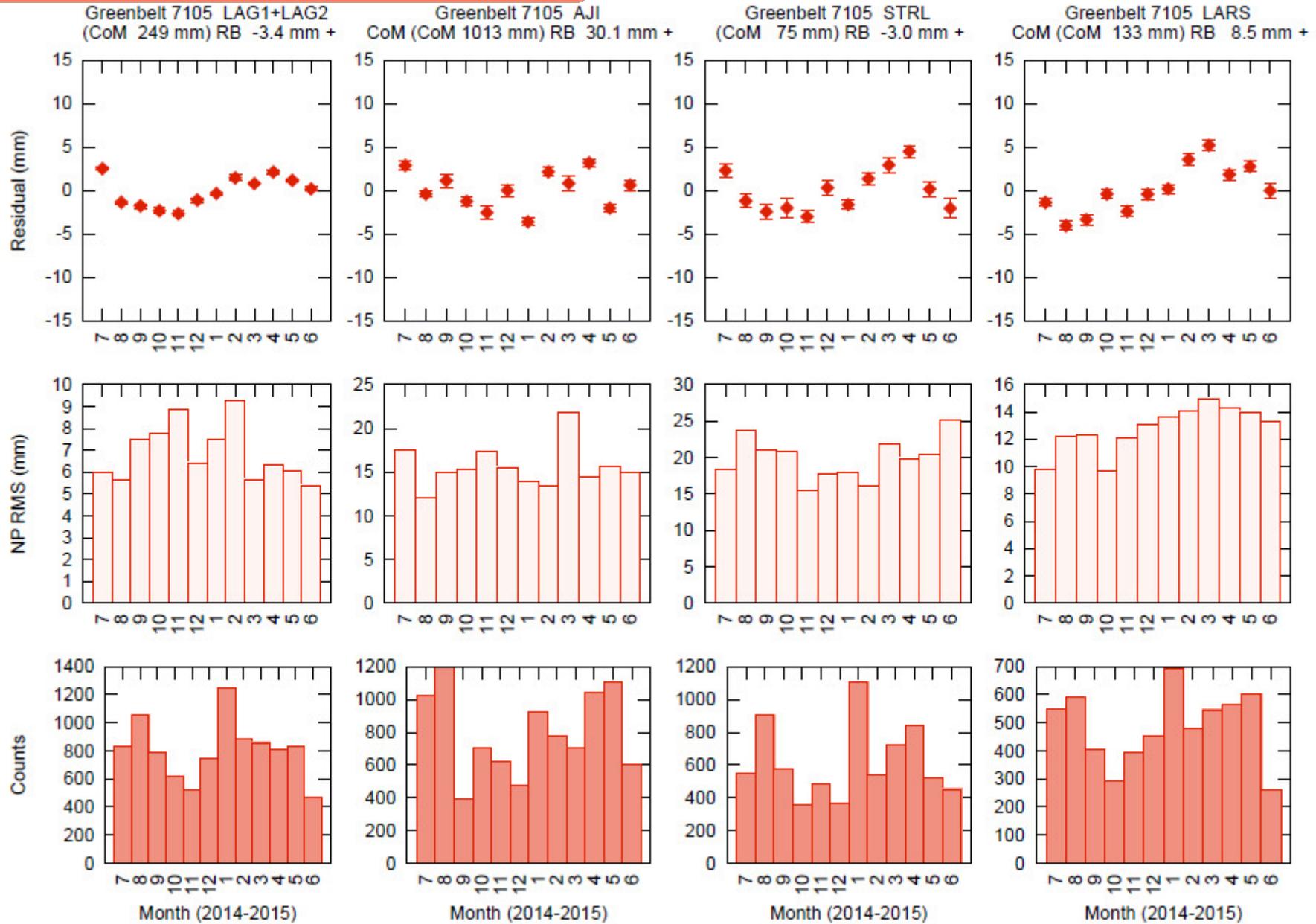
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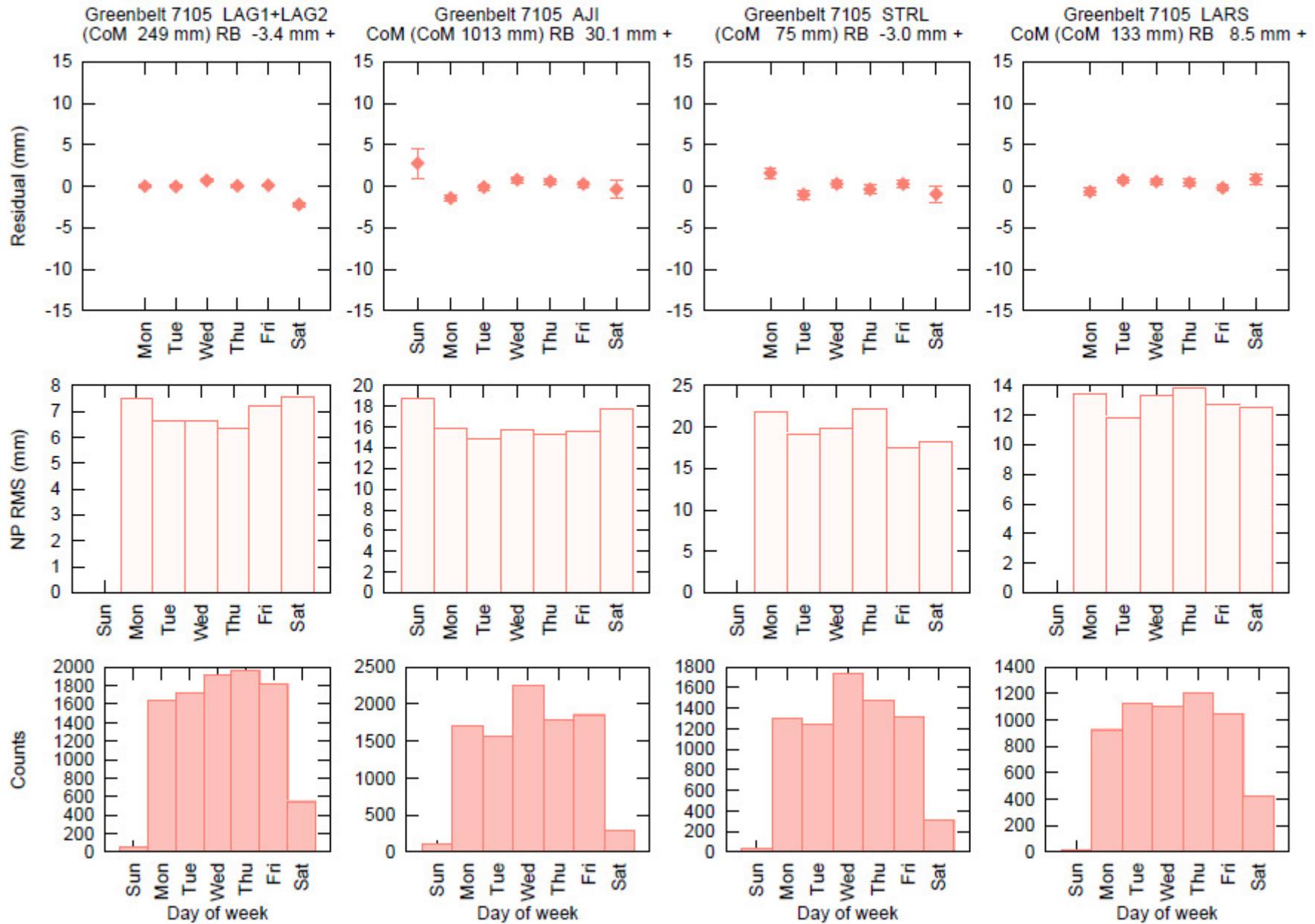
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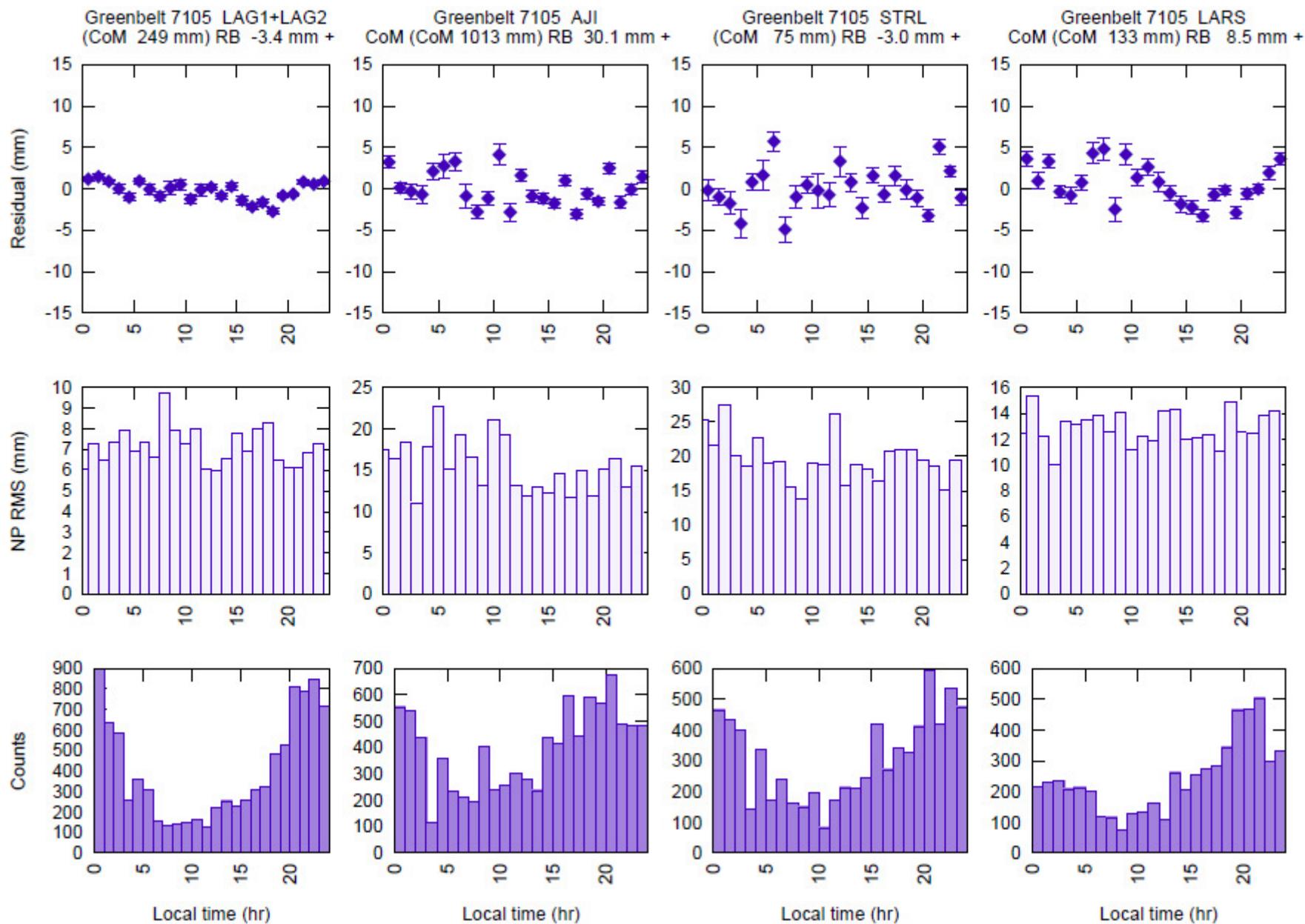
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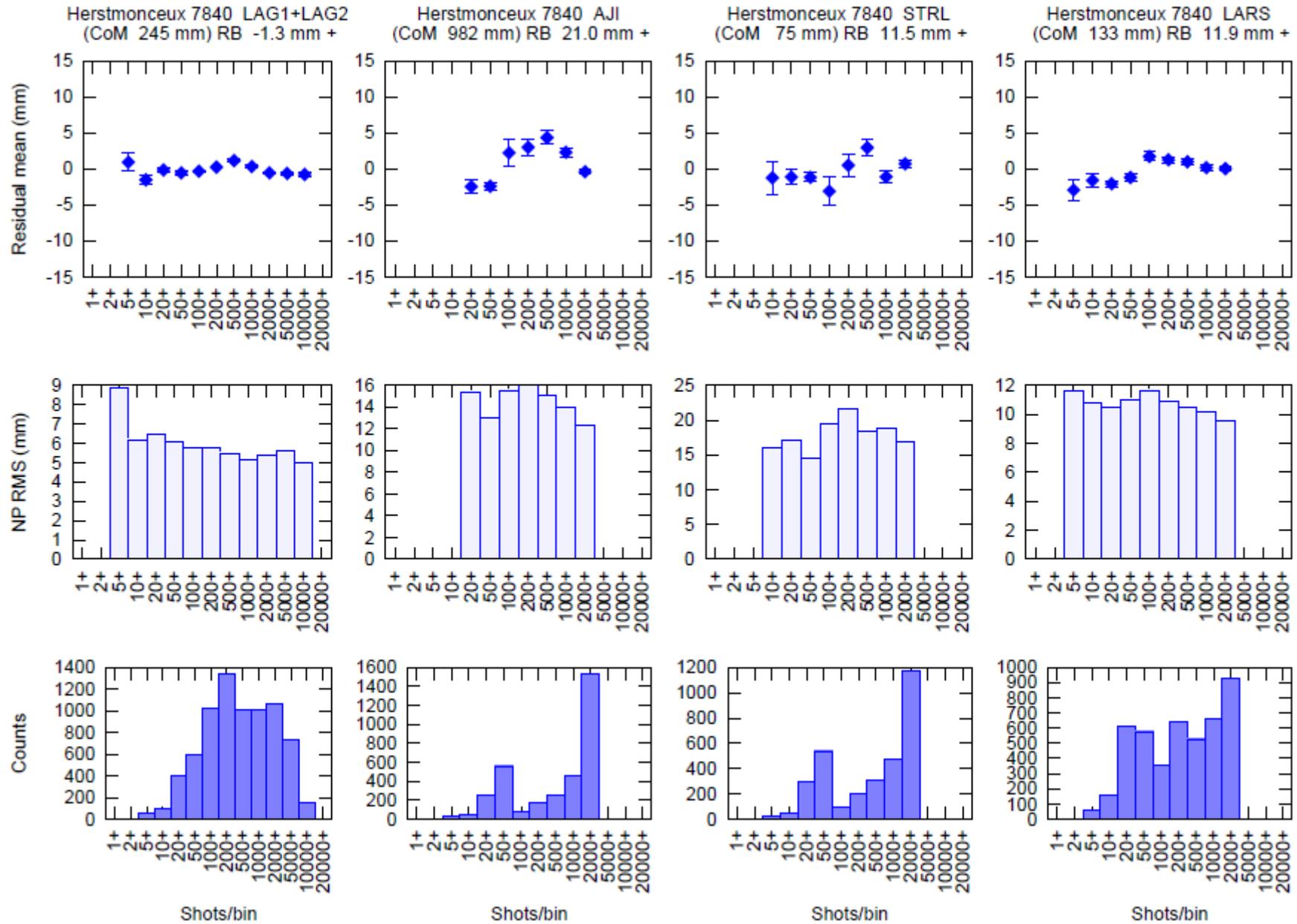


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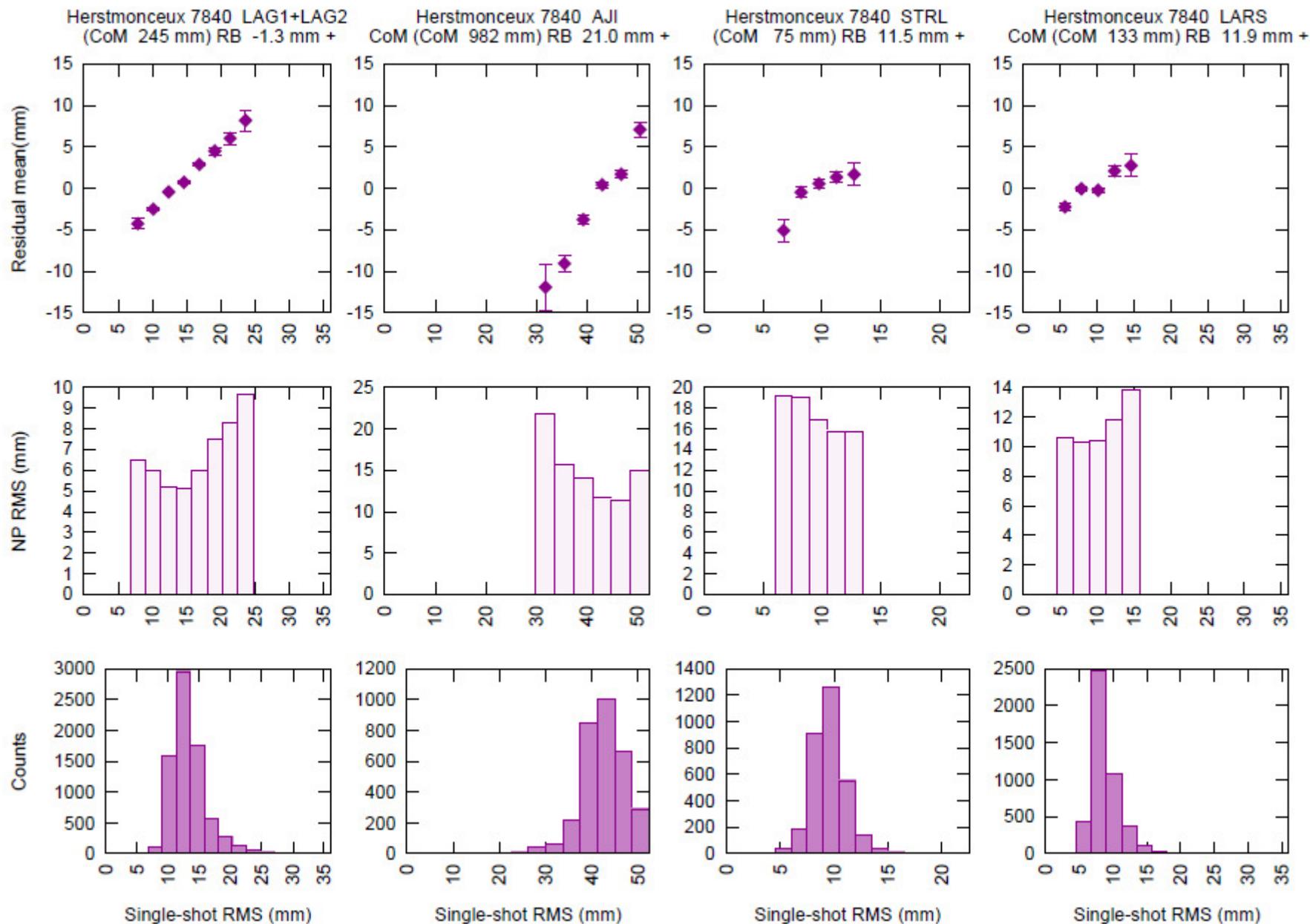


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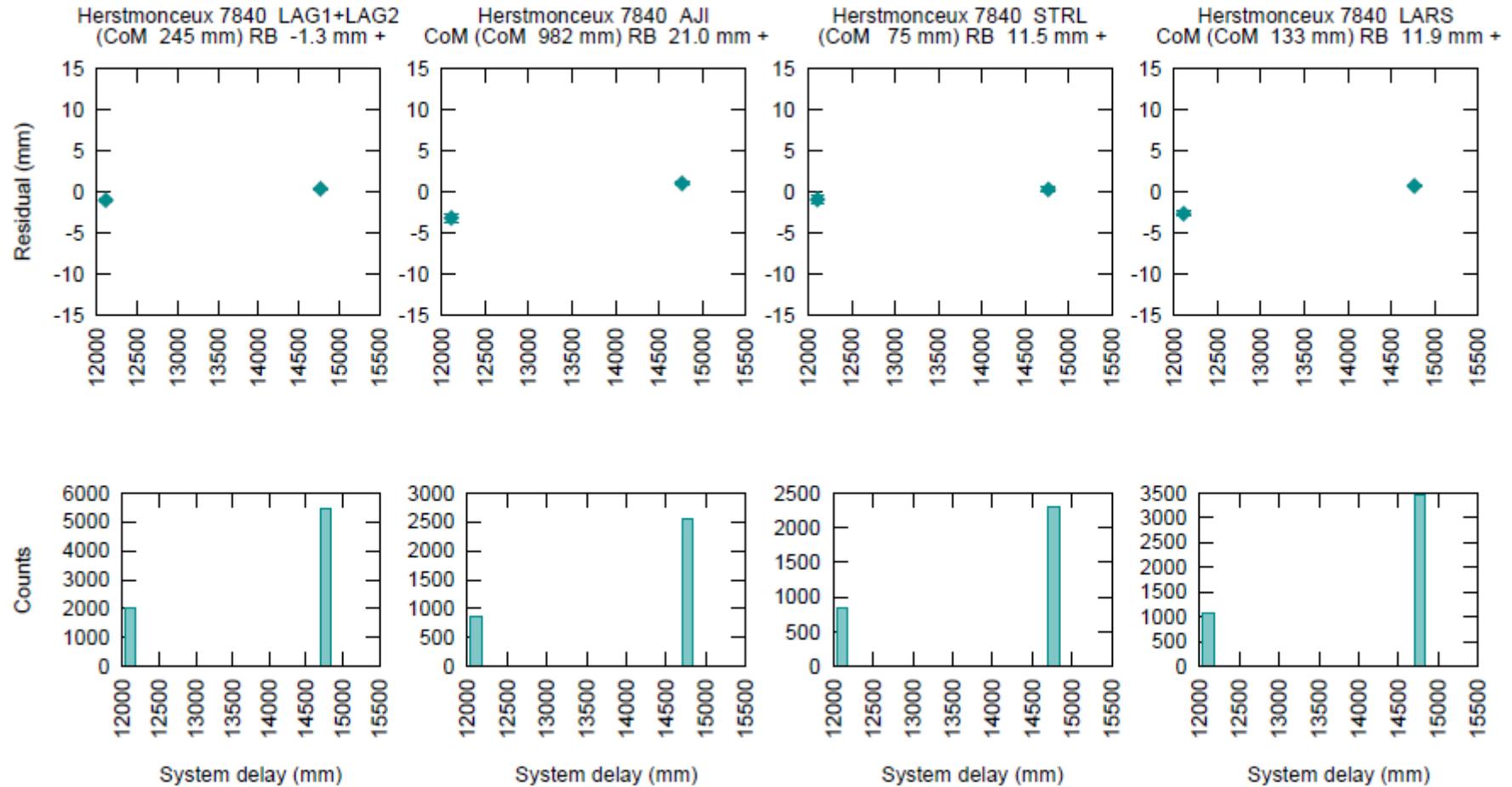
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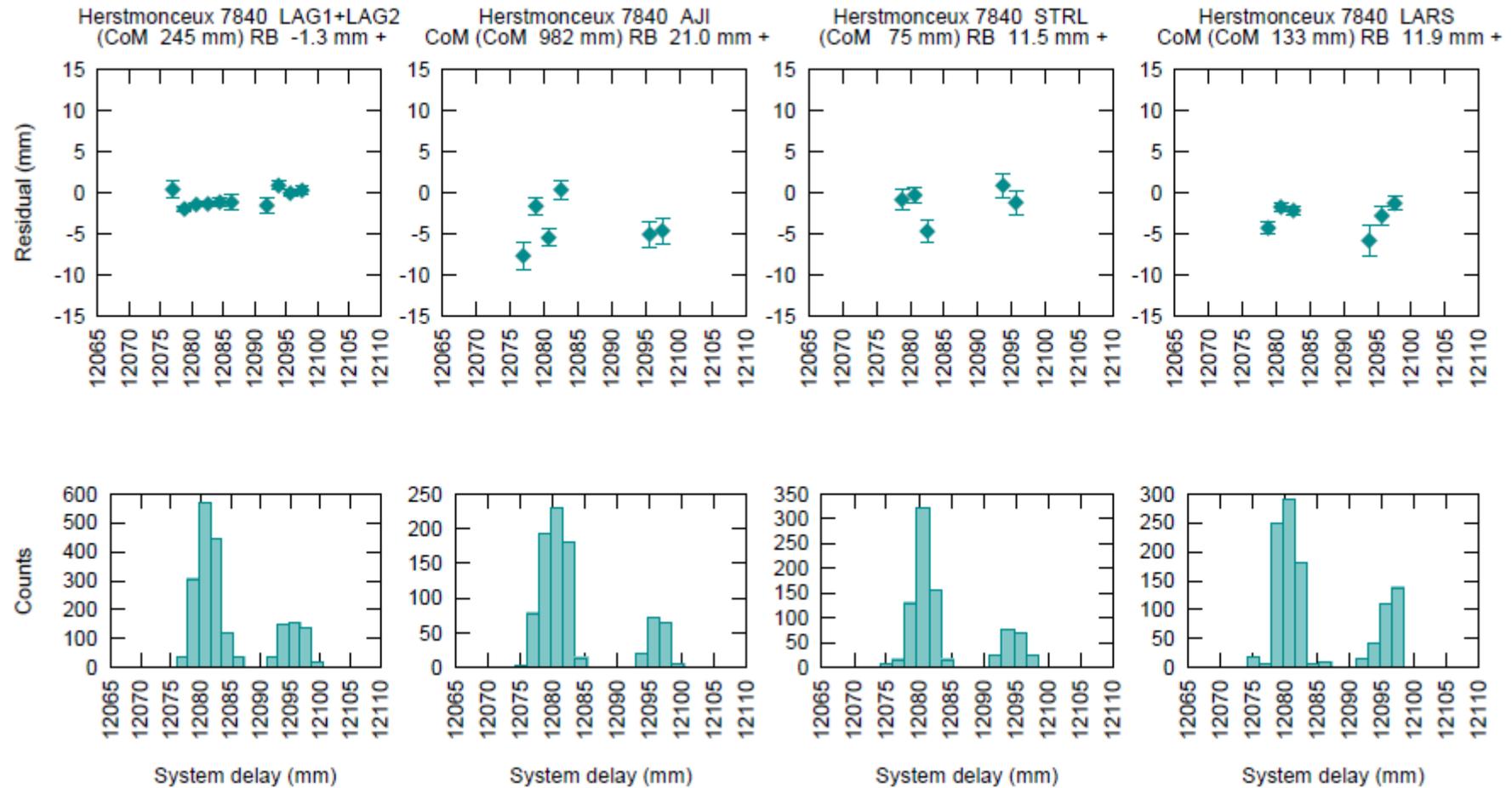
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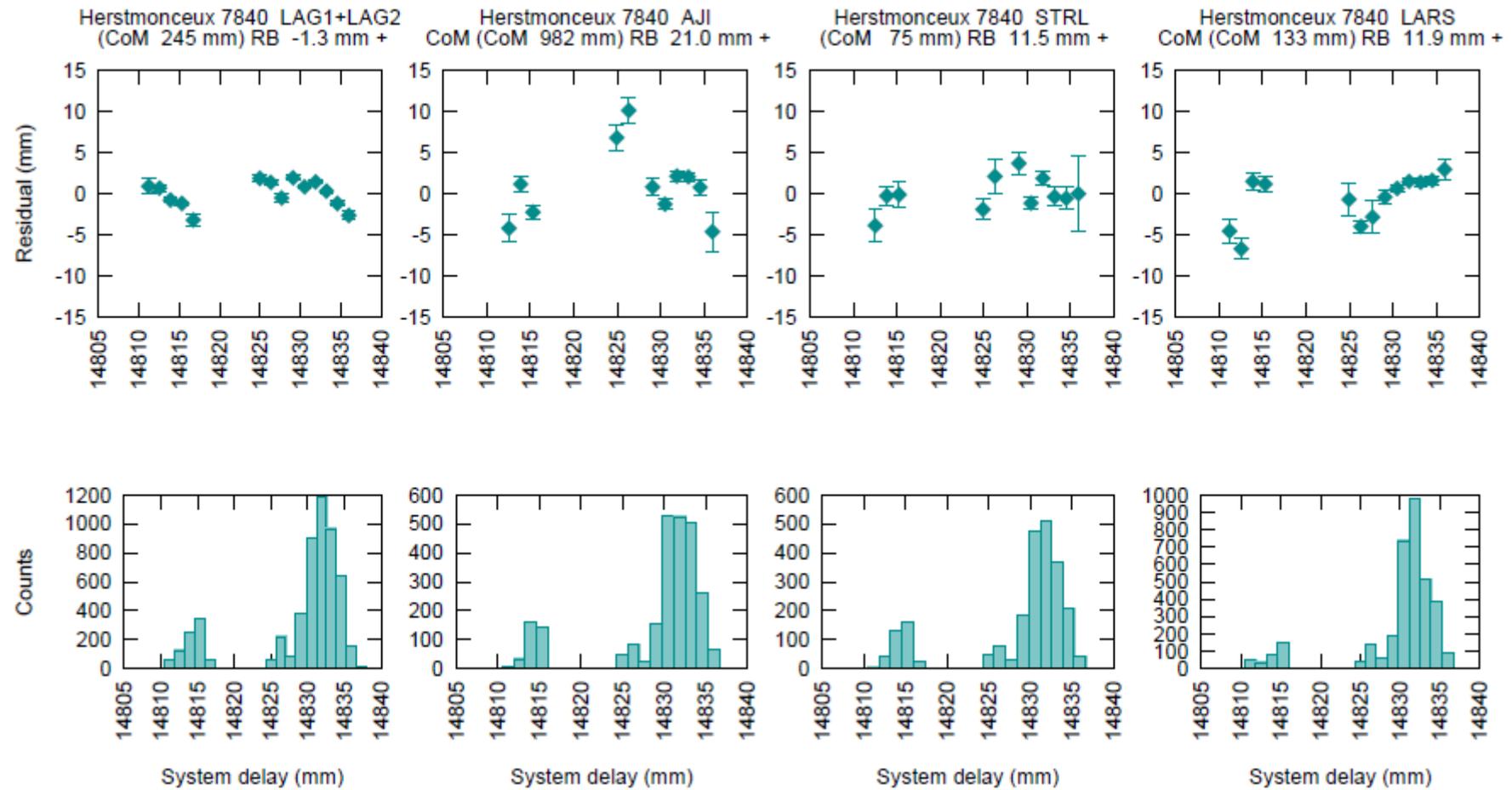
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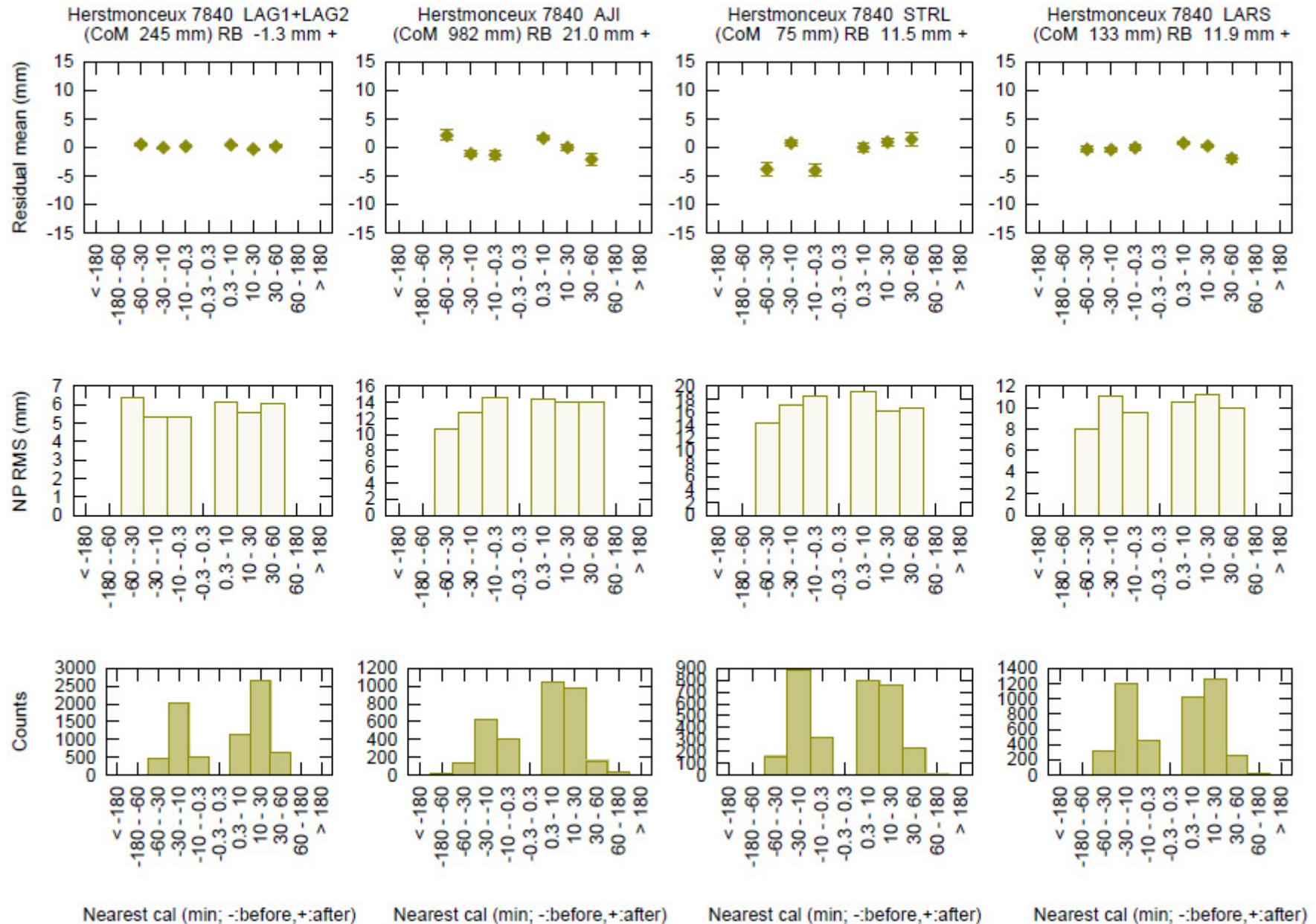
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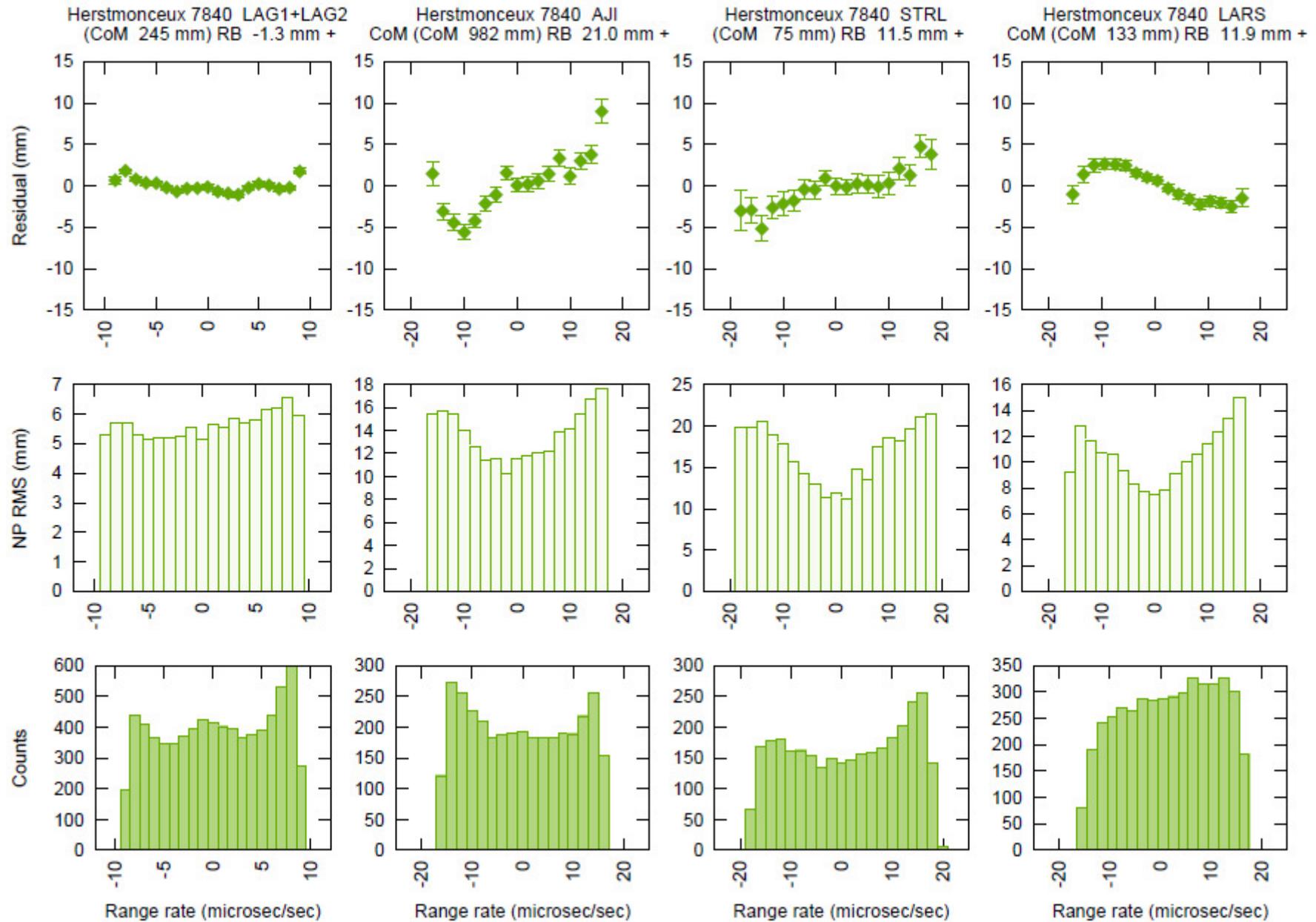
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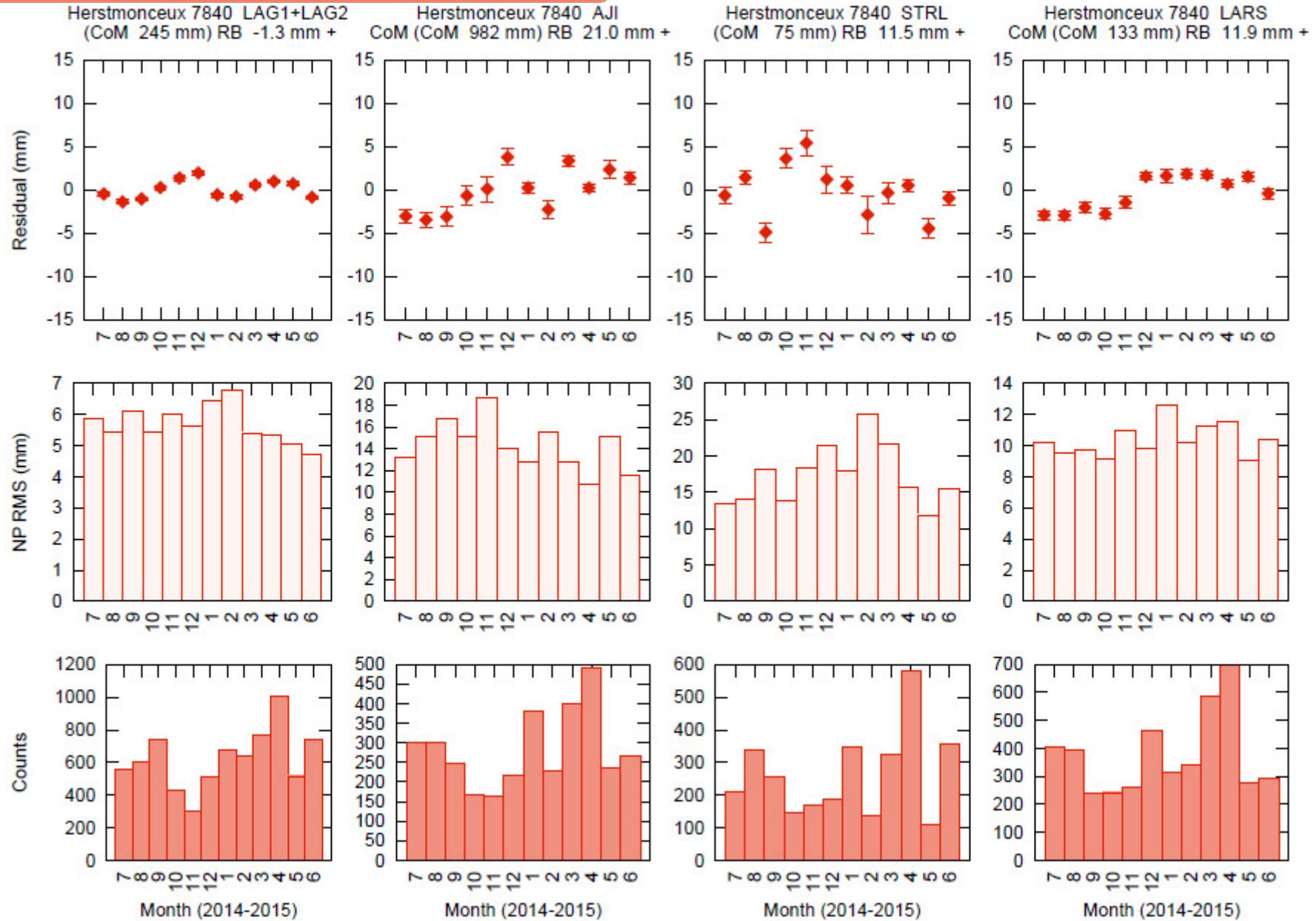
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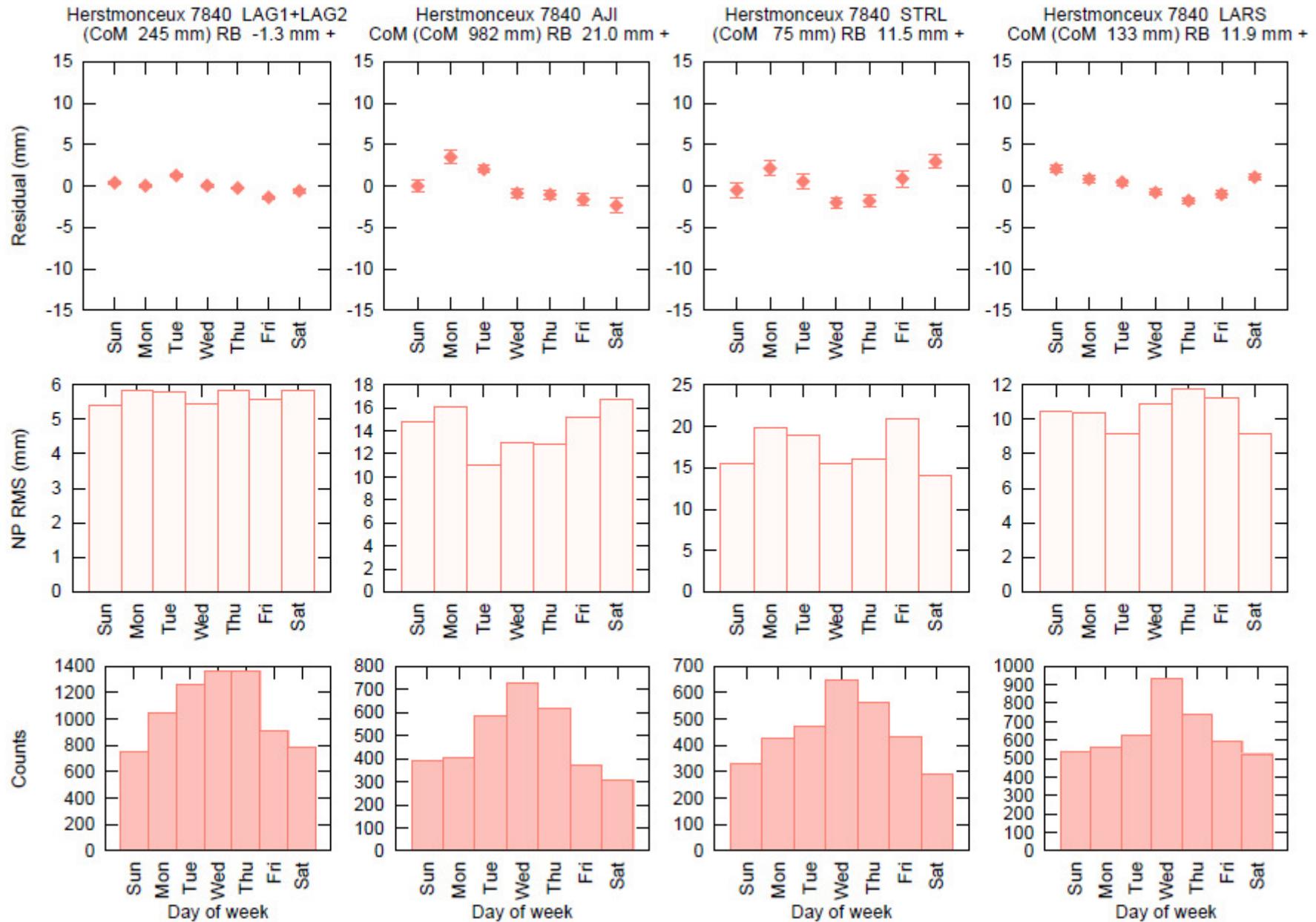
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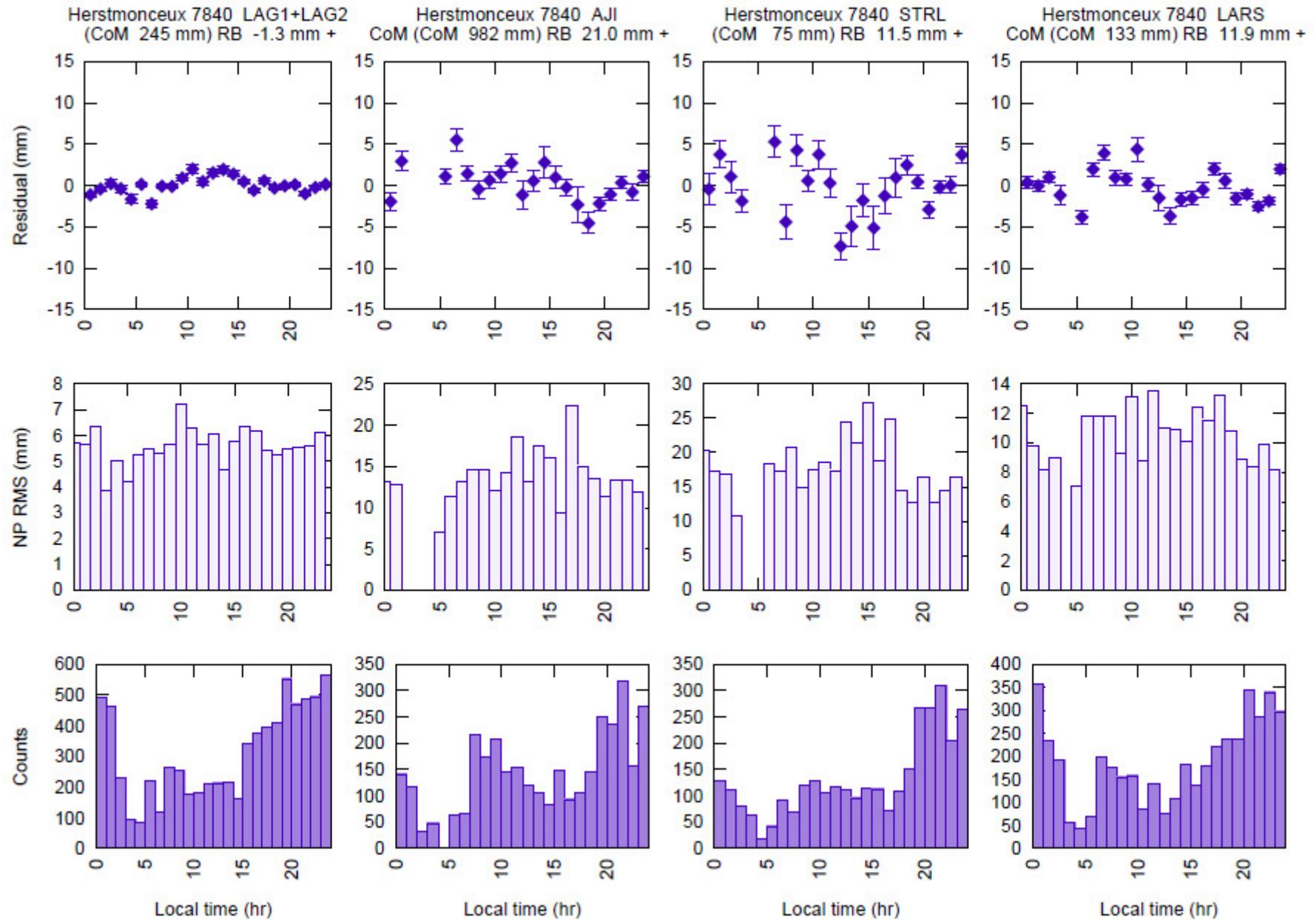
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# #7: Day of week

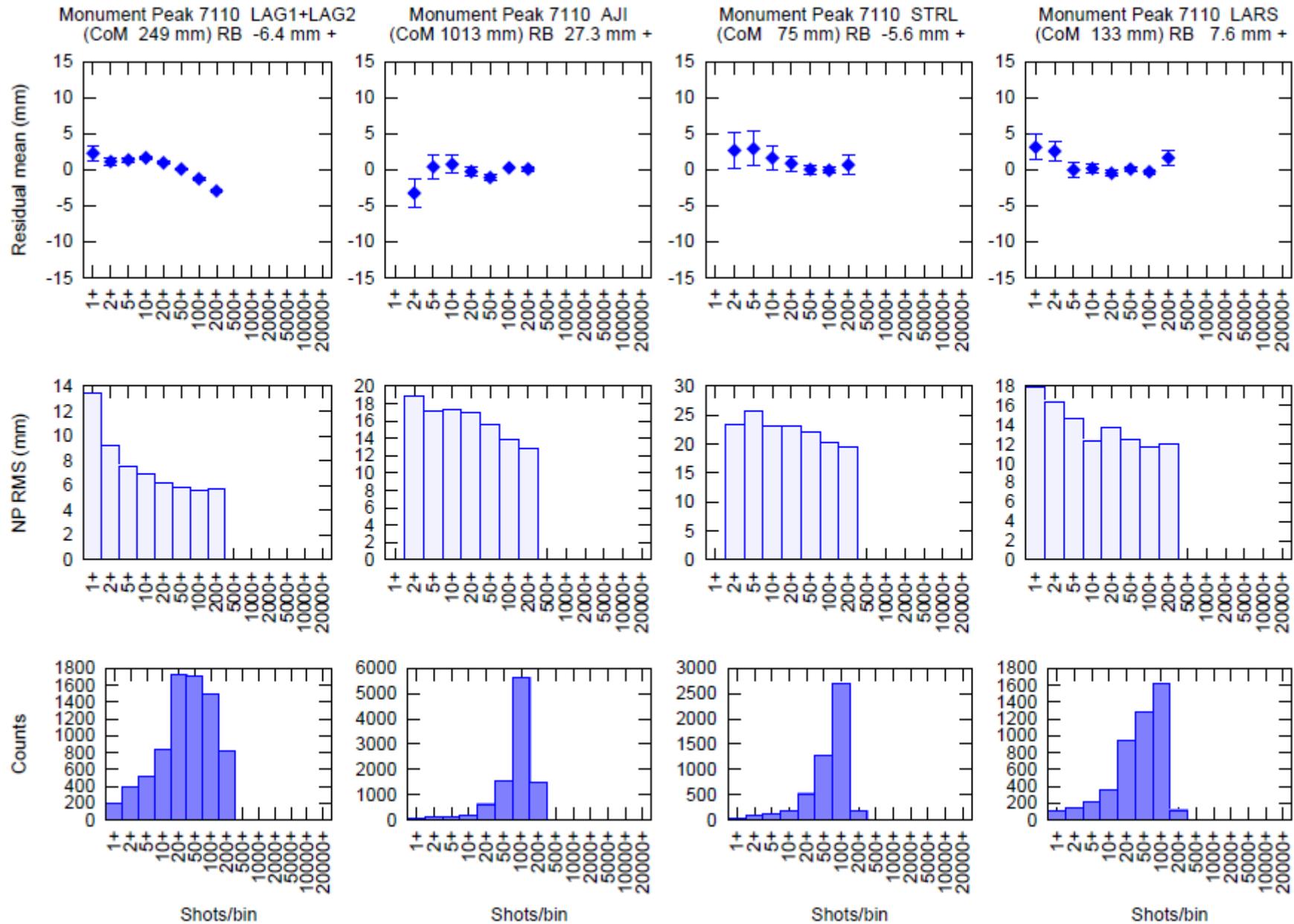


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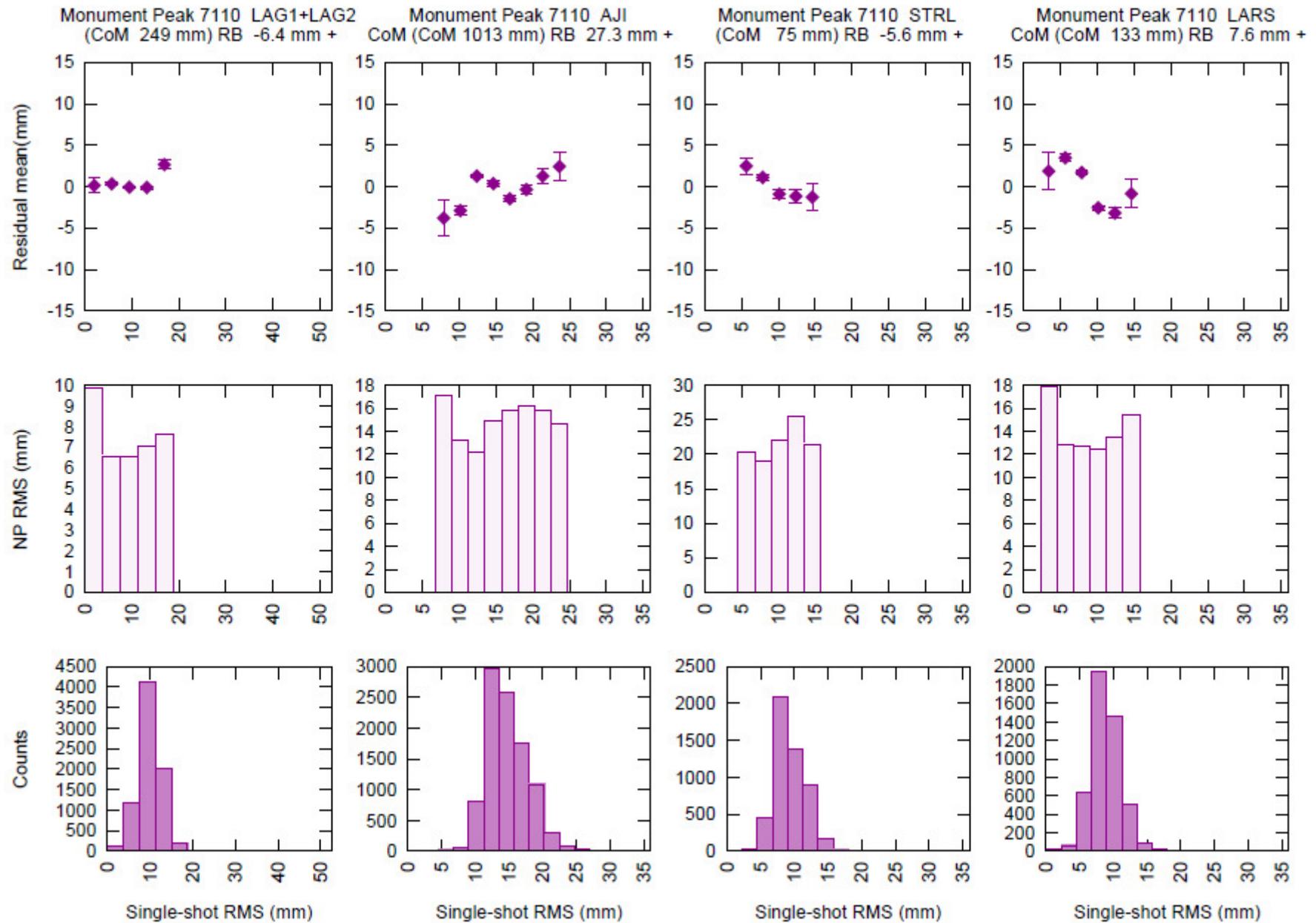


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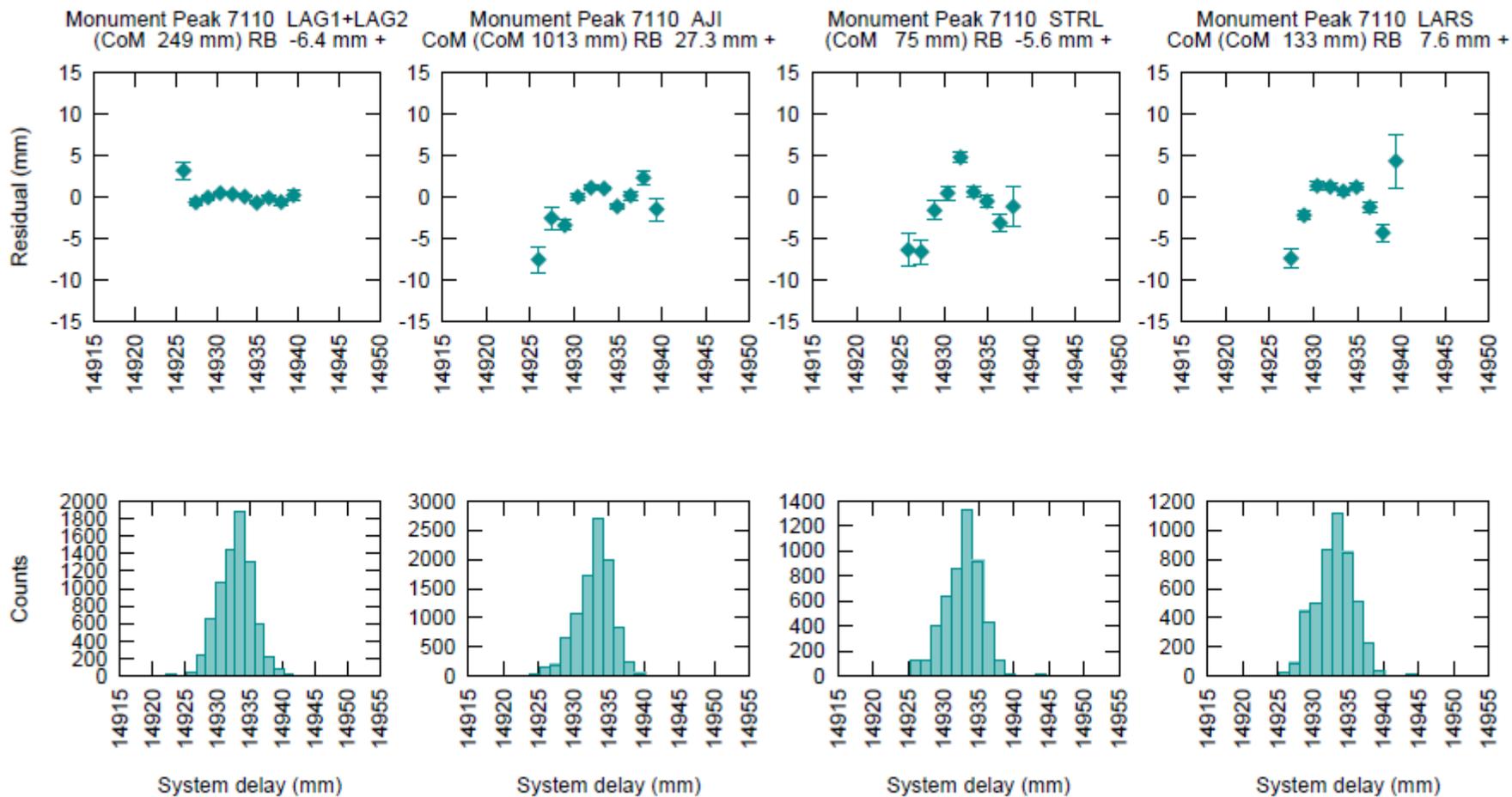
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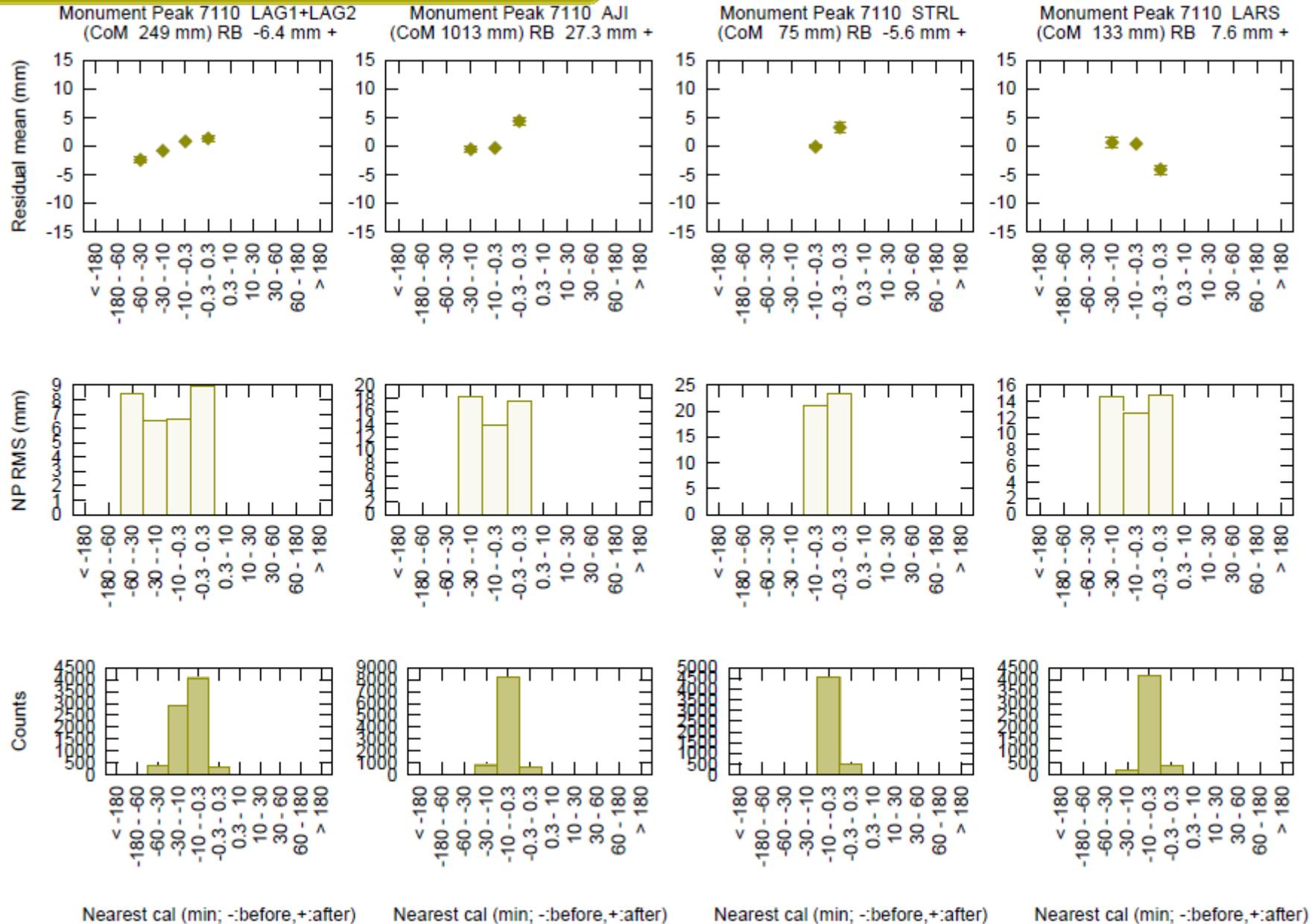
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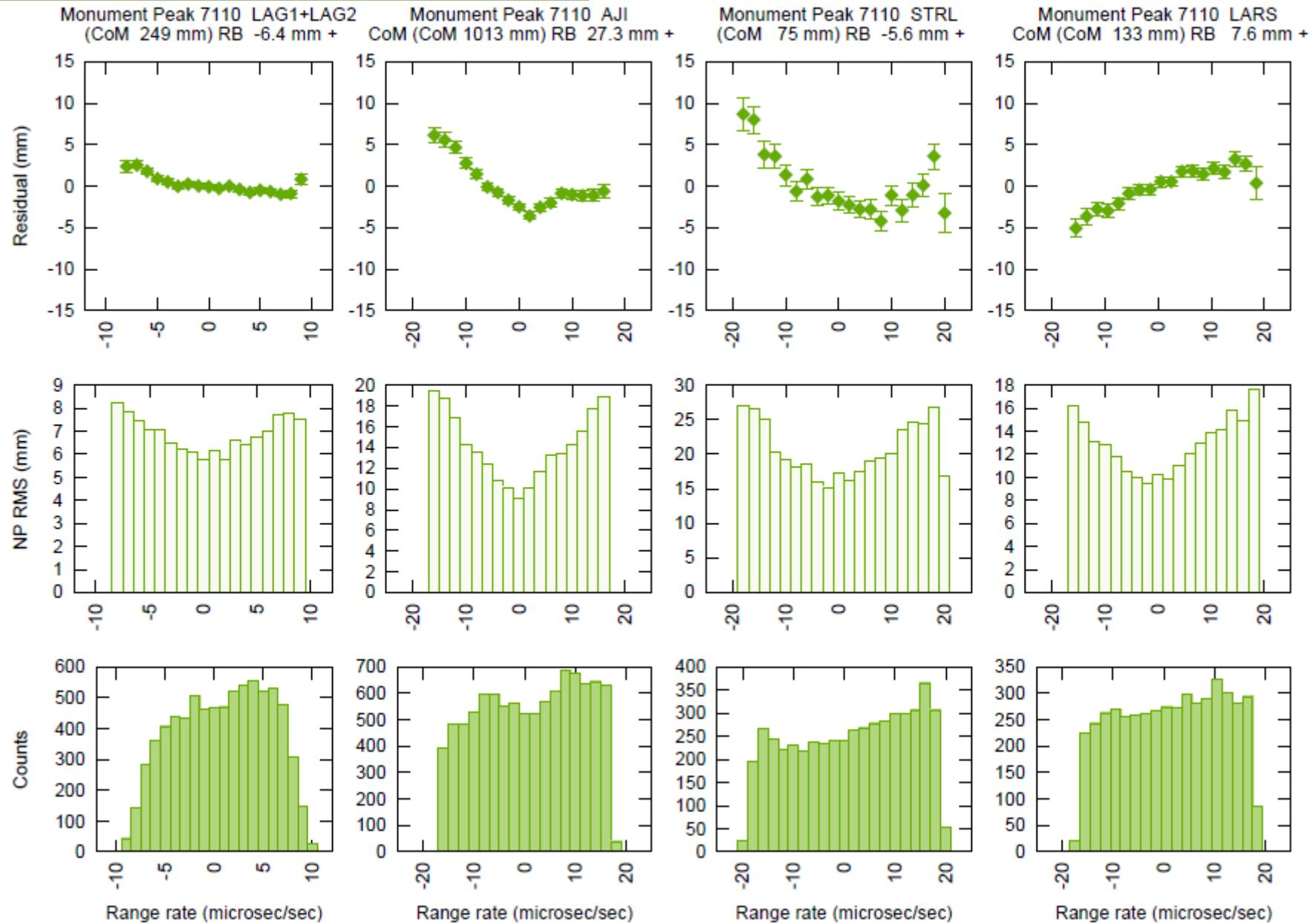
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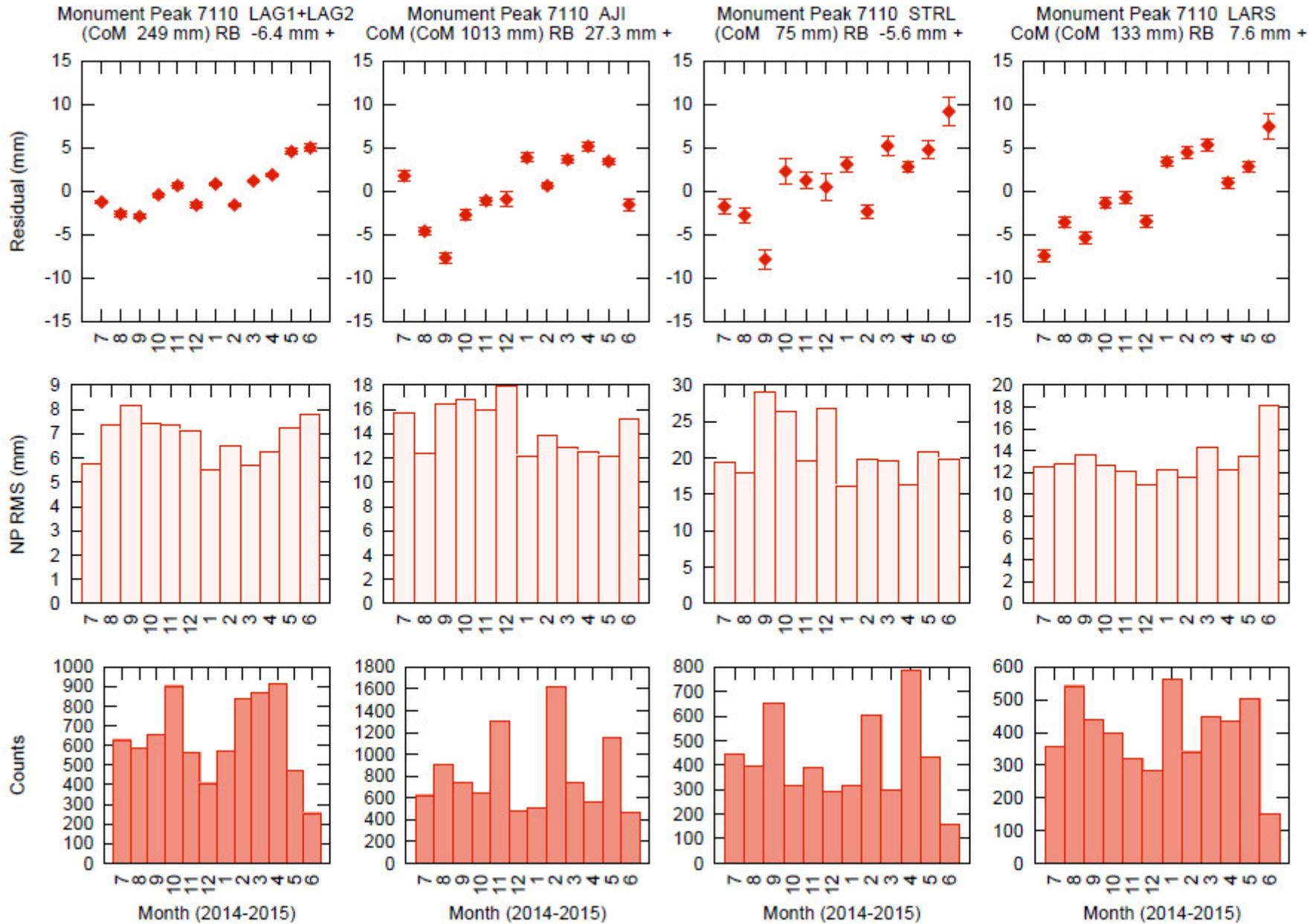
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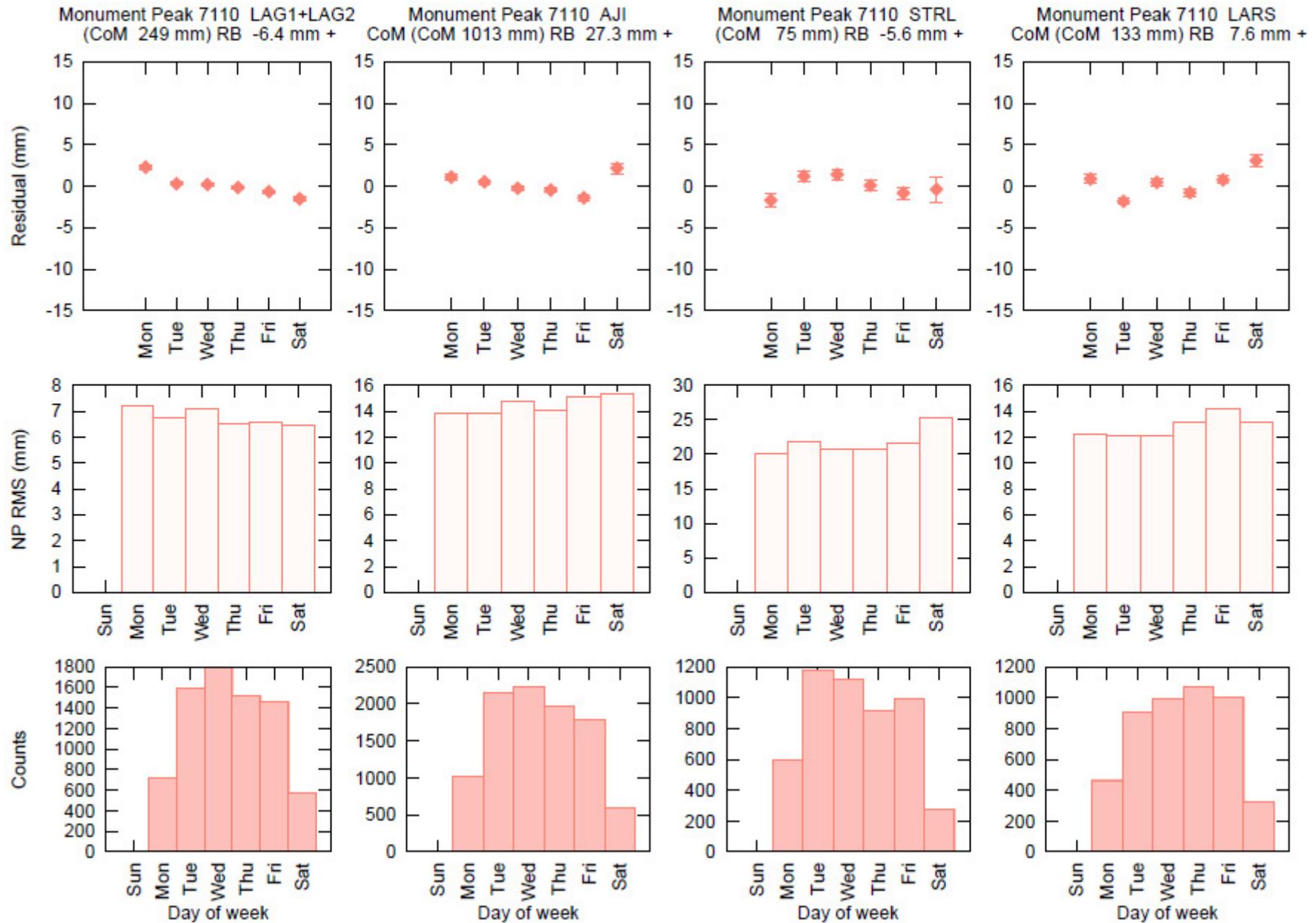
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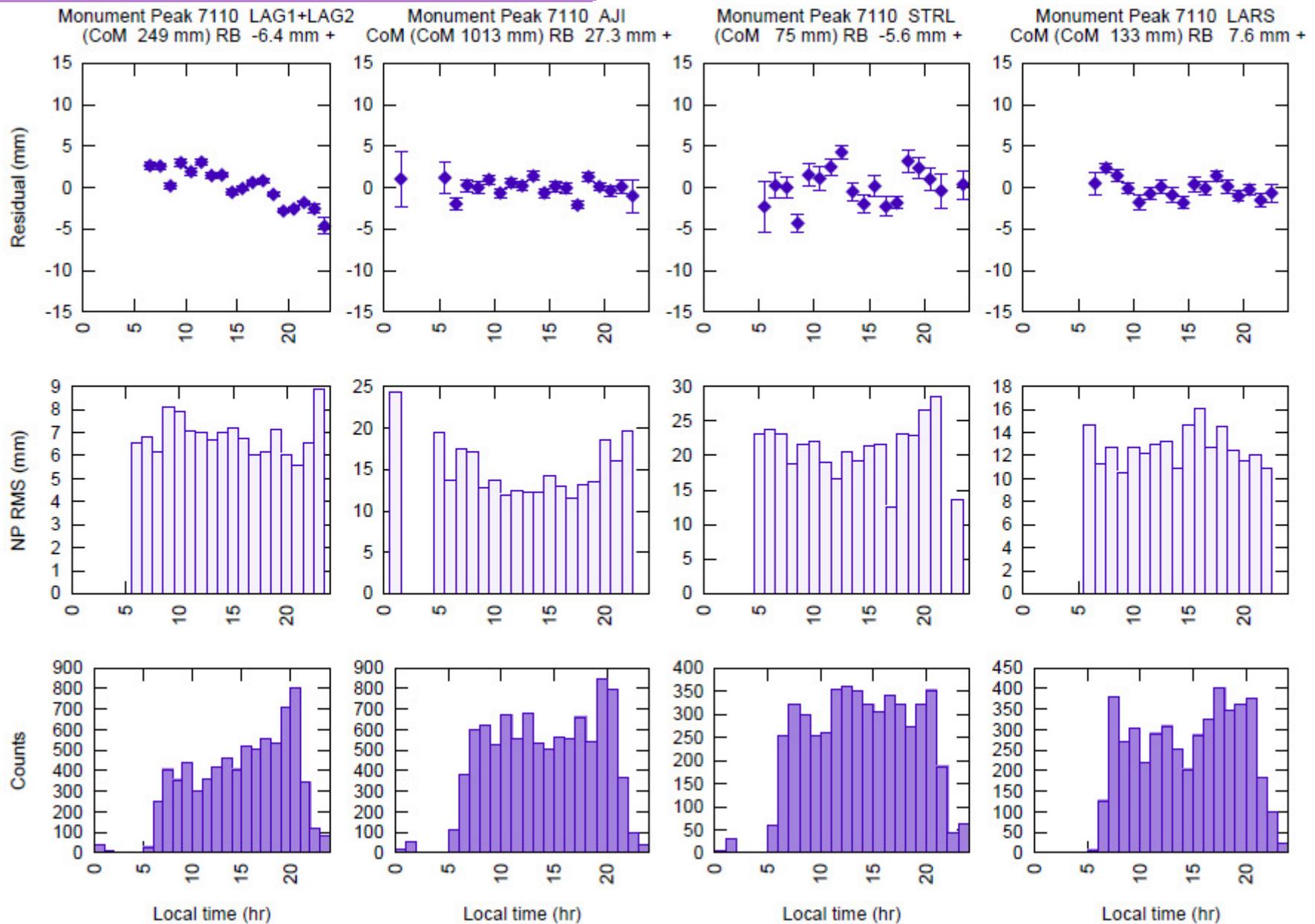
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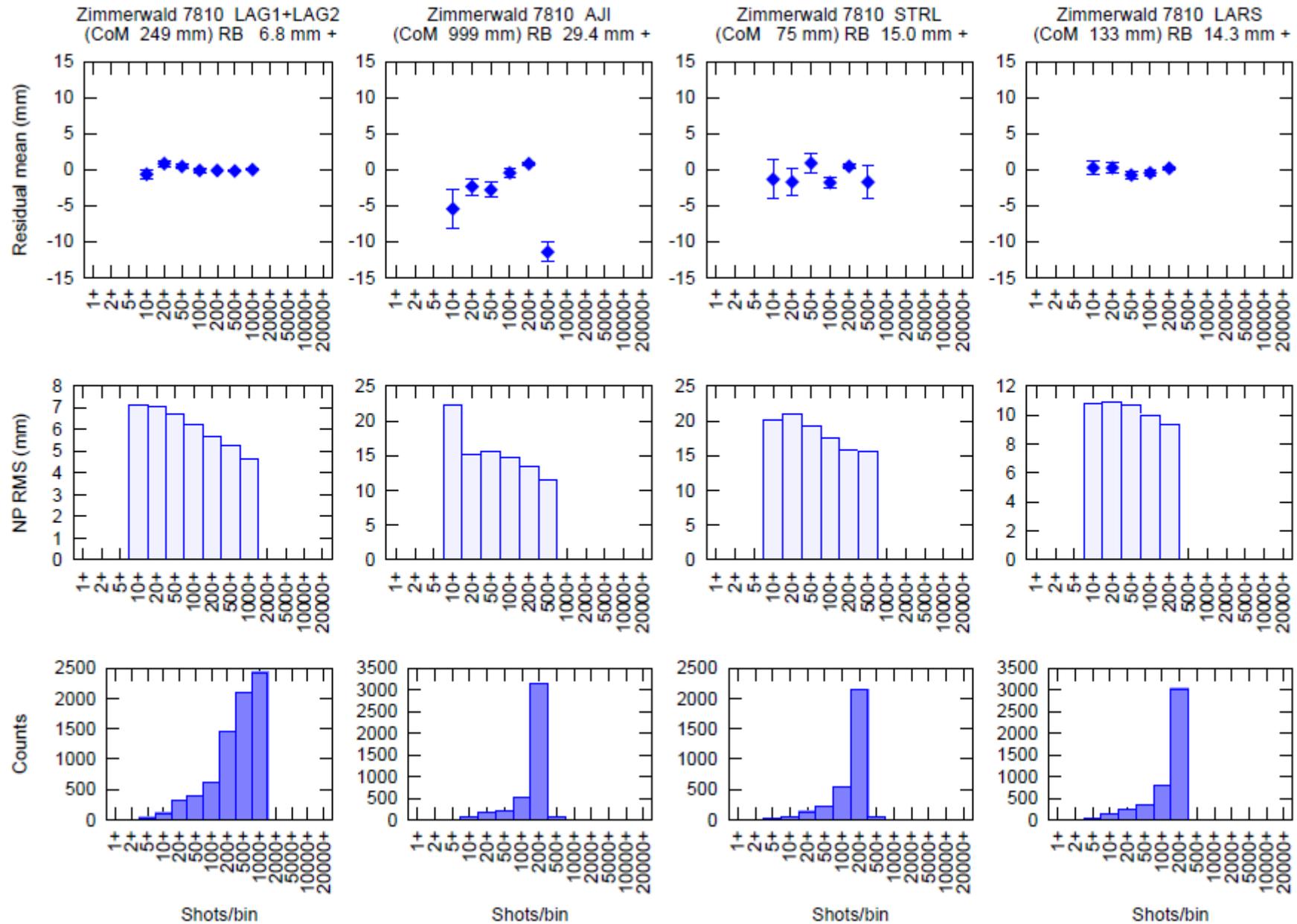


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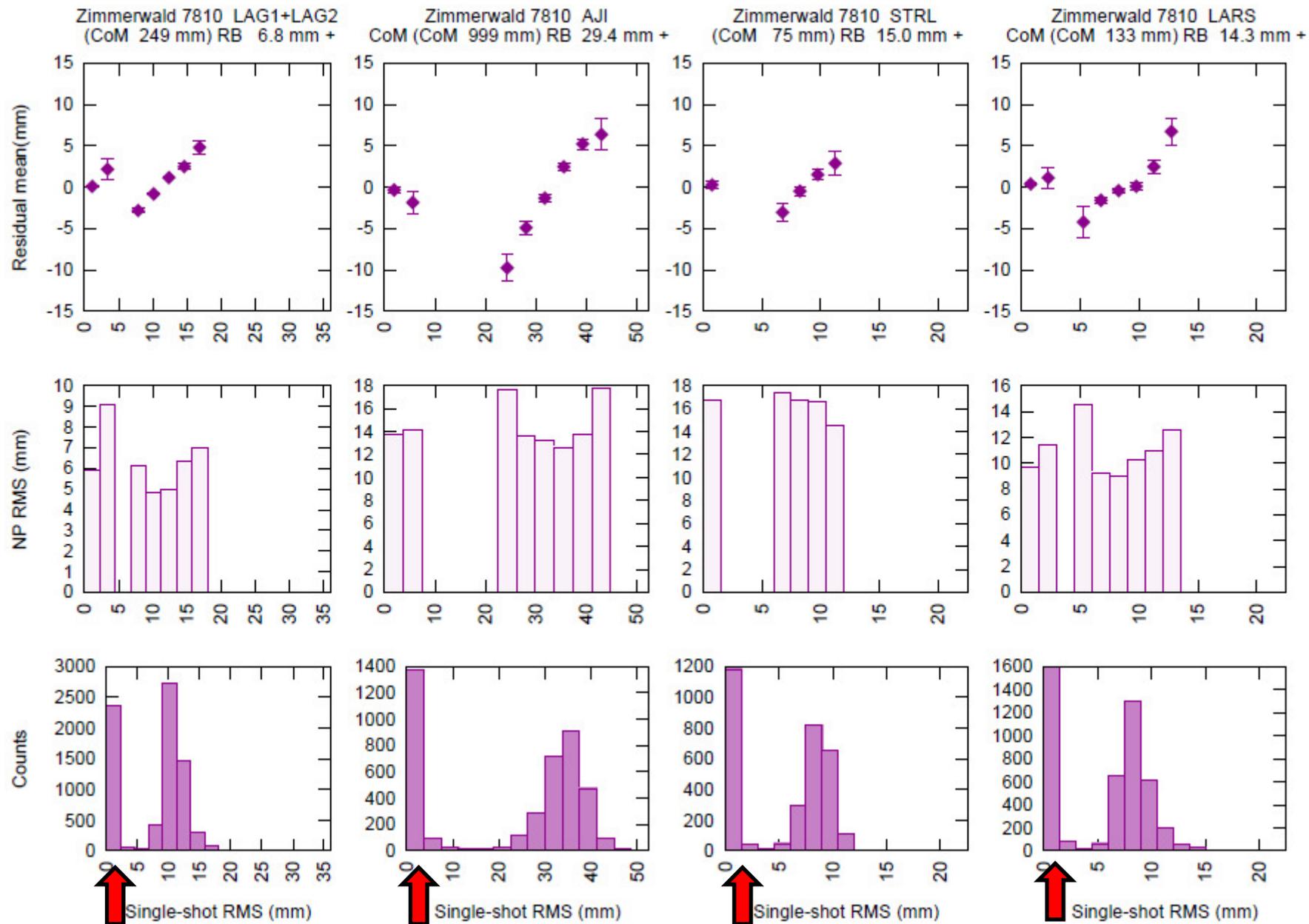


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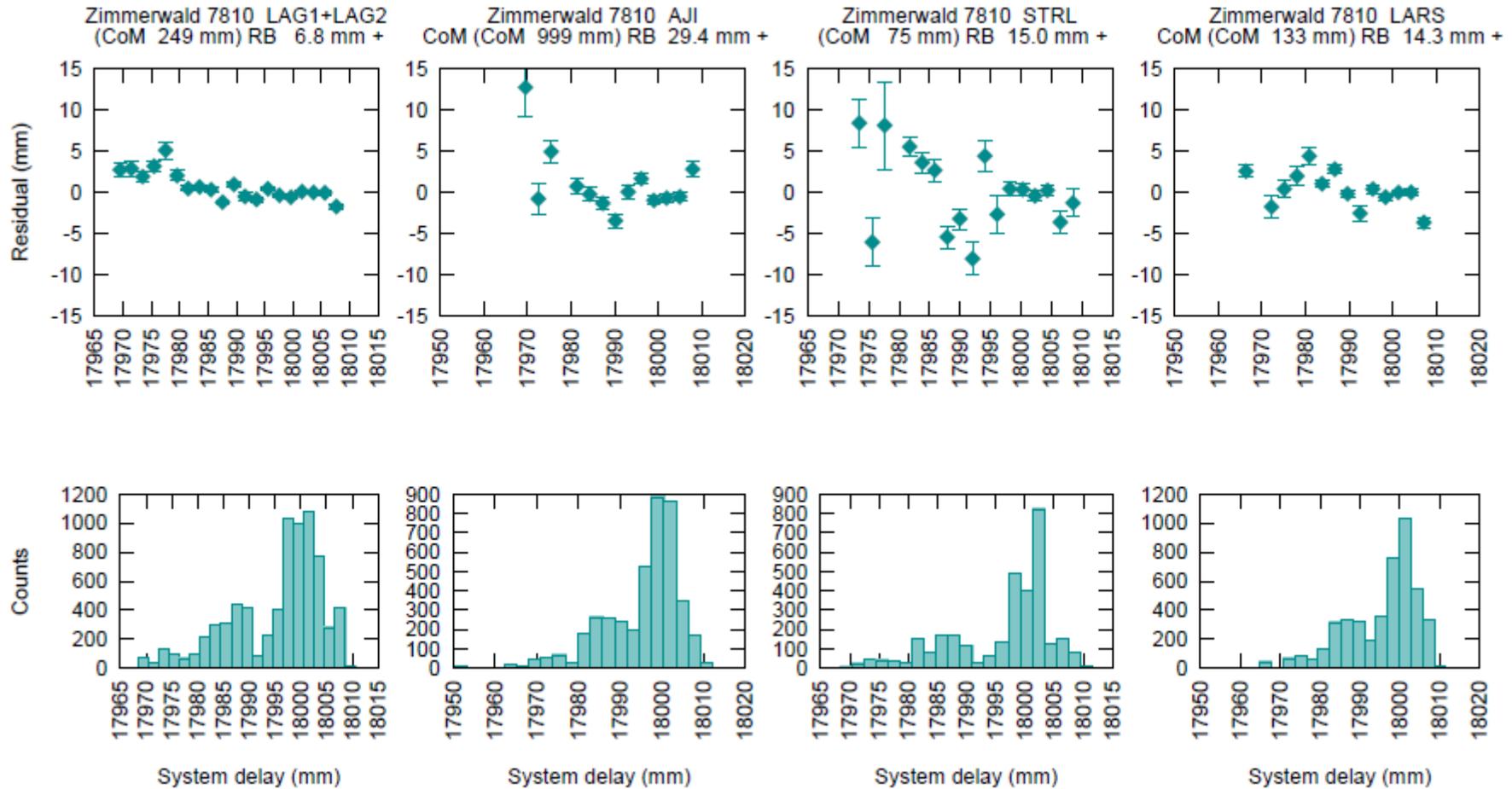
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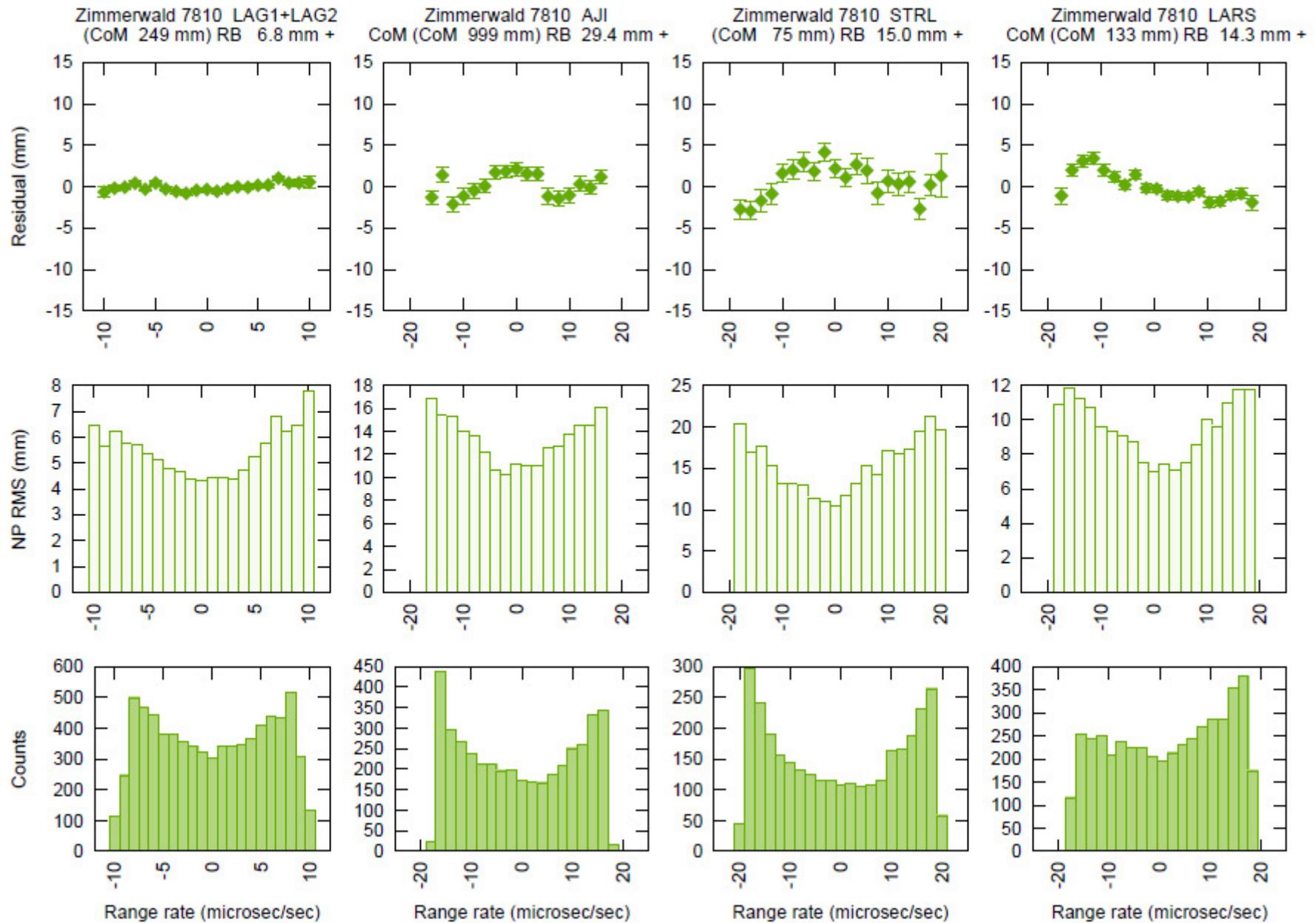
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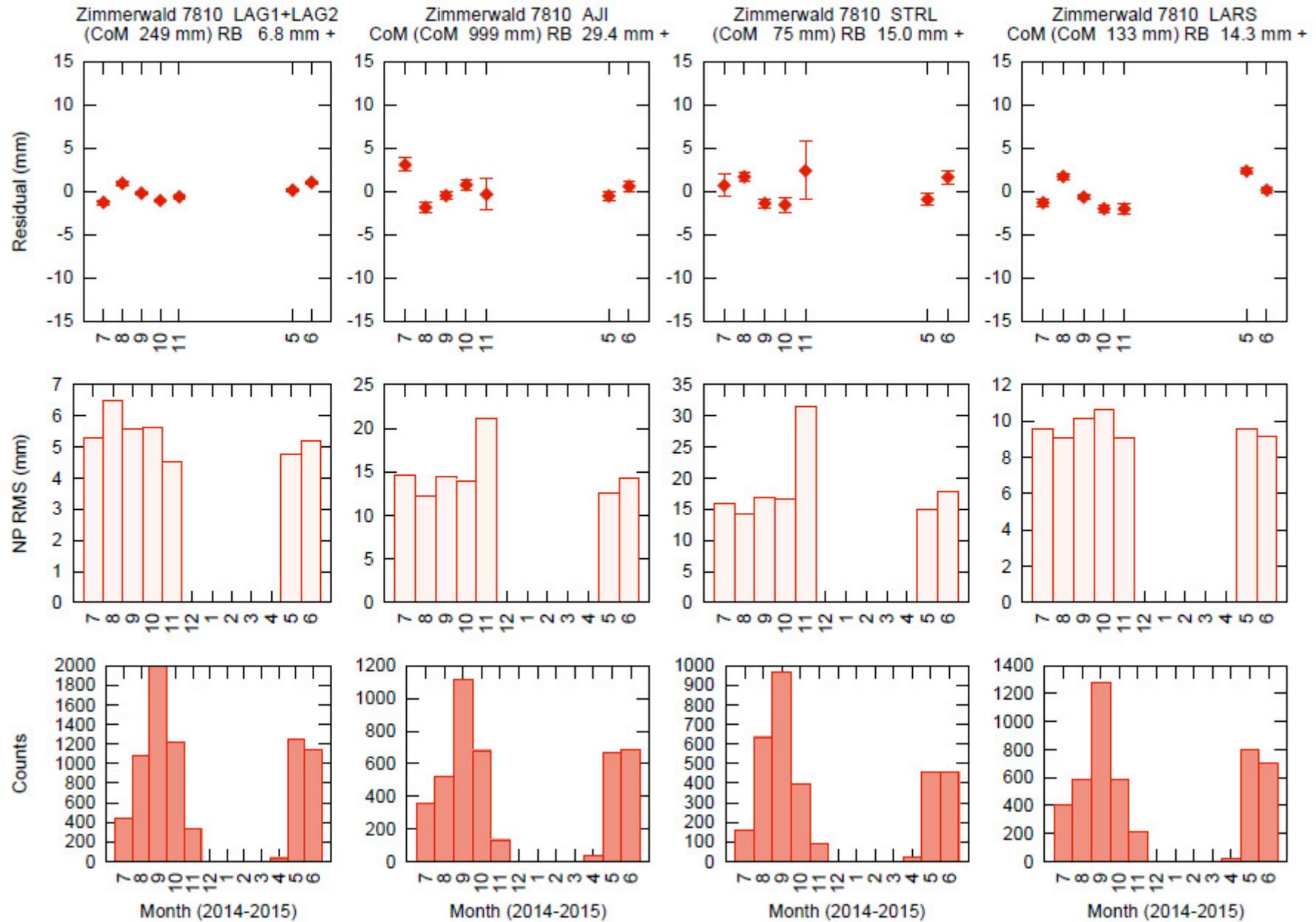
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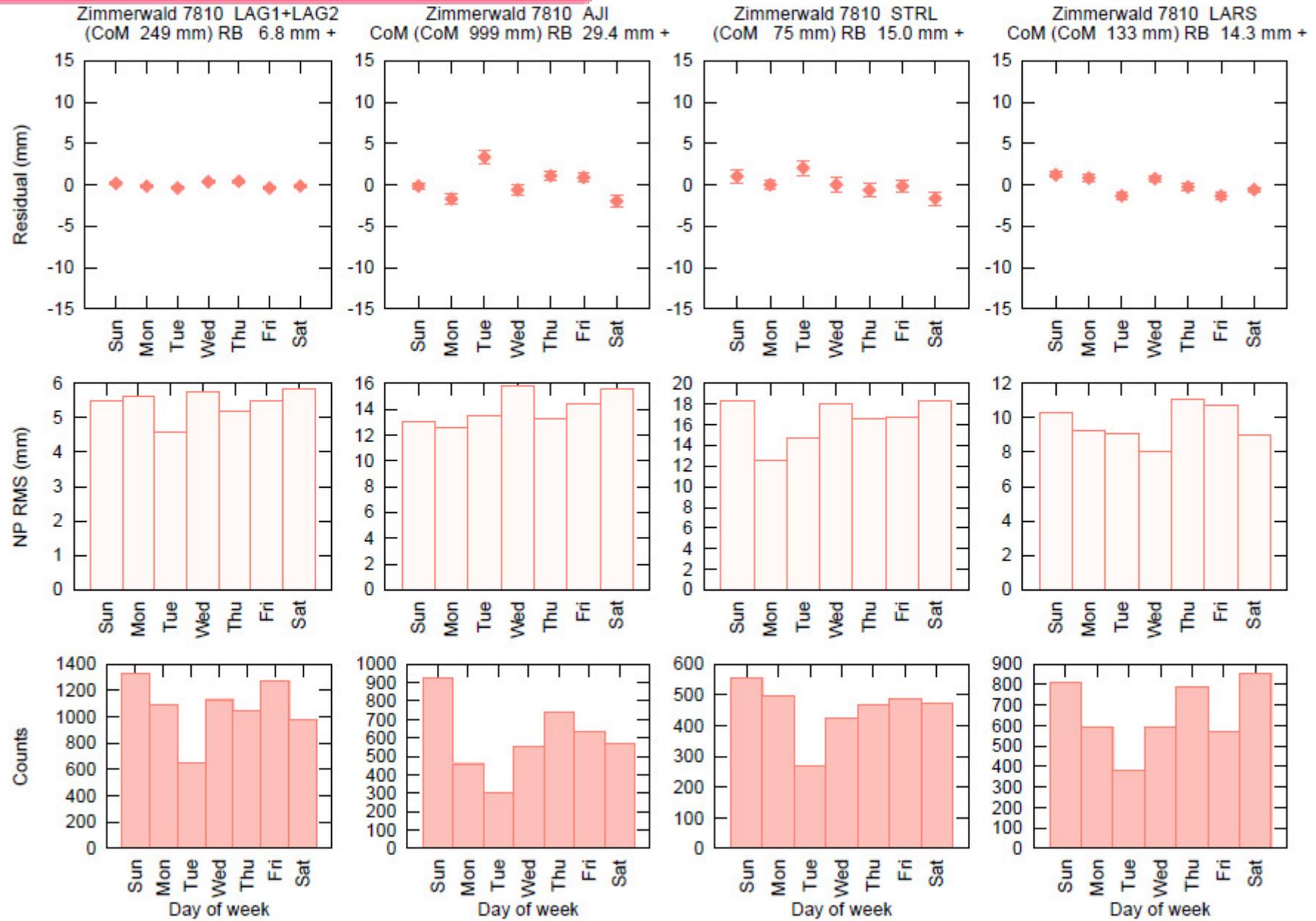
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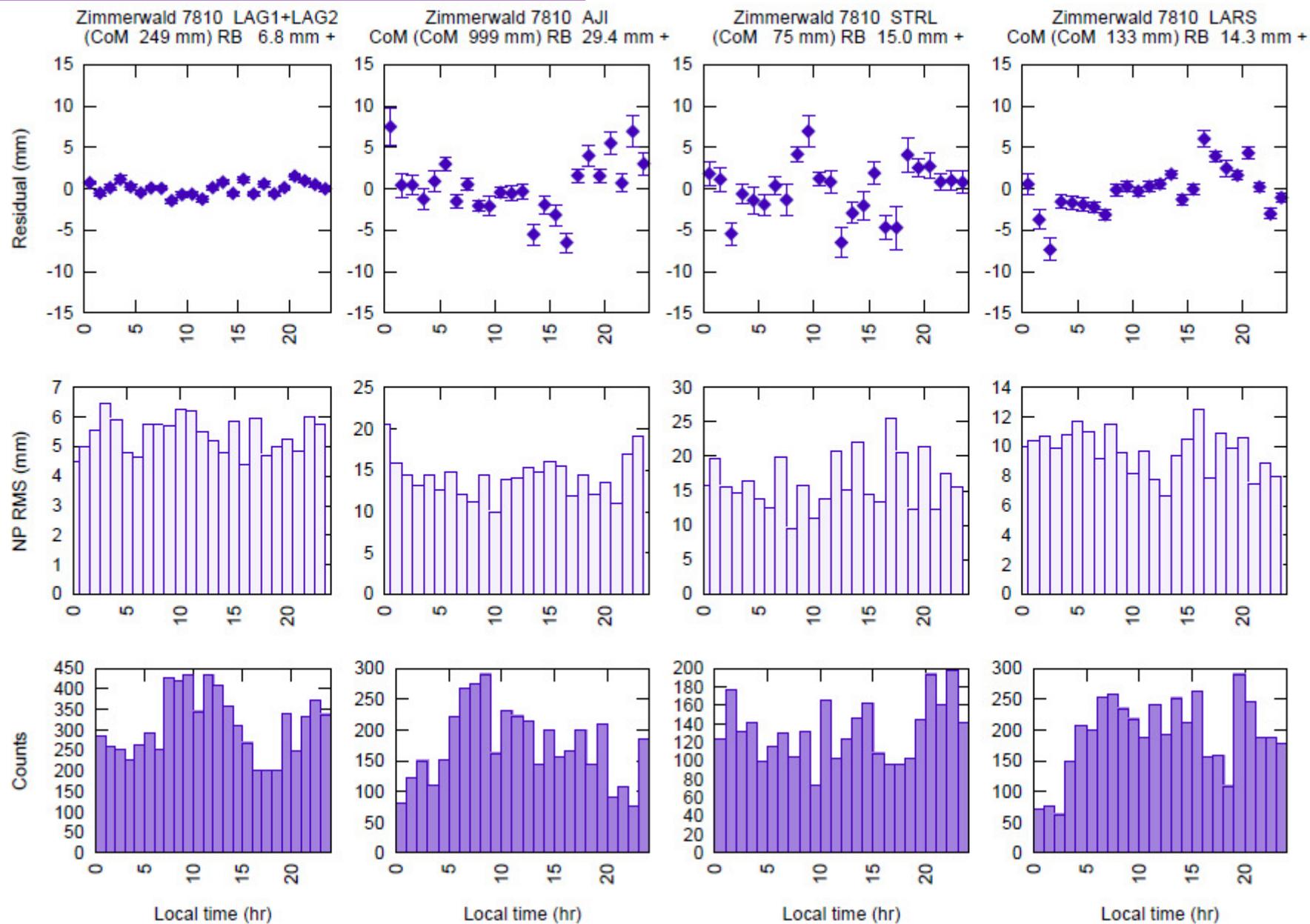
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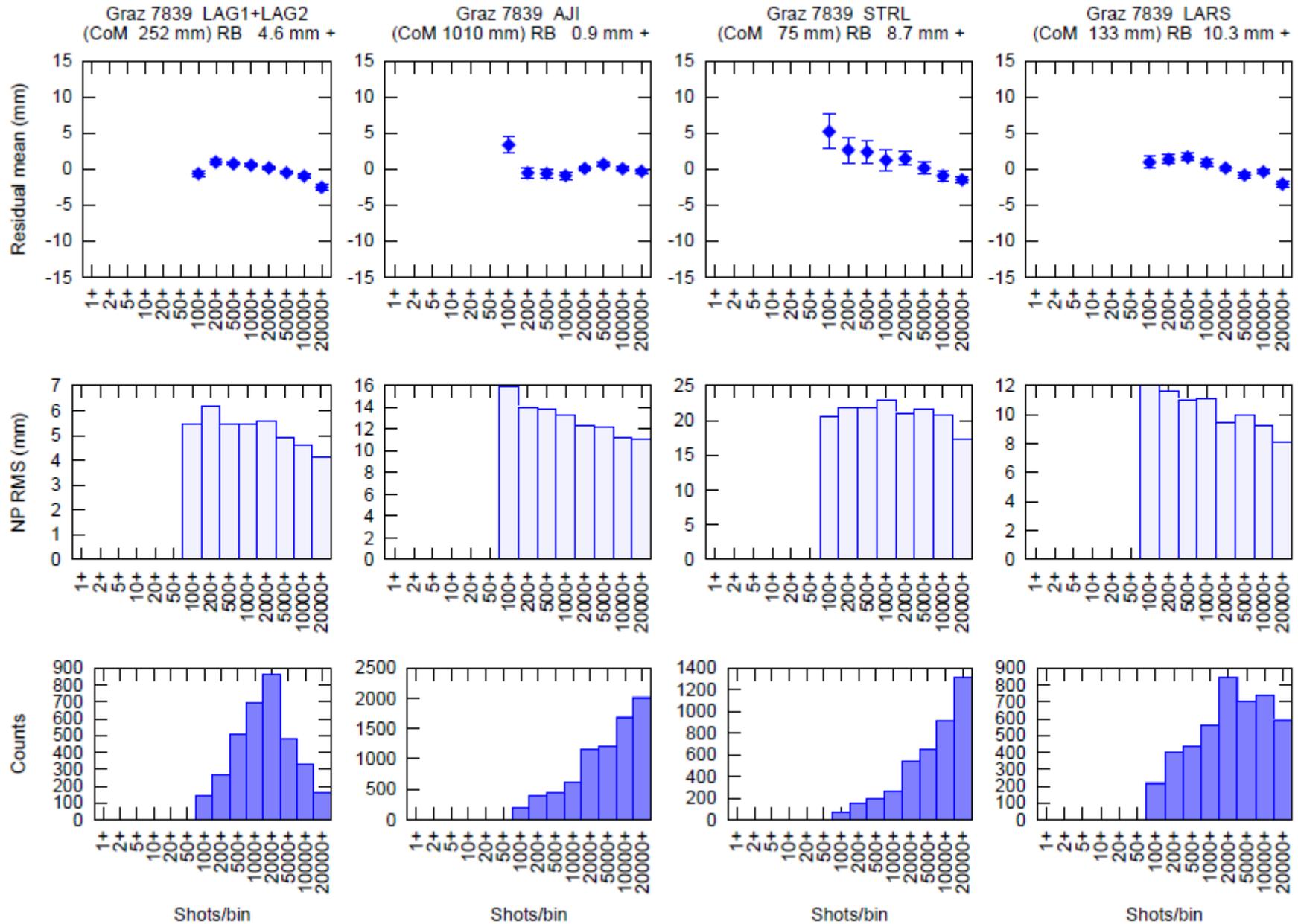


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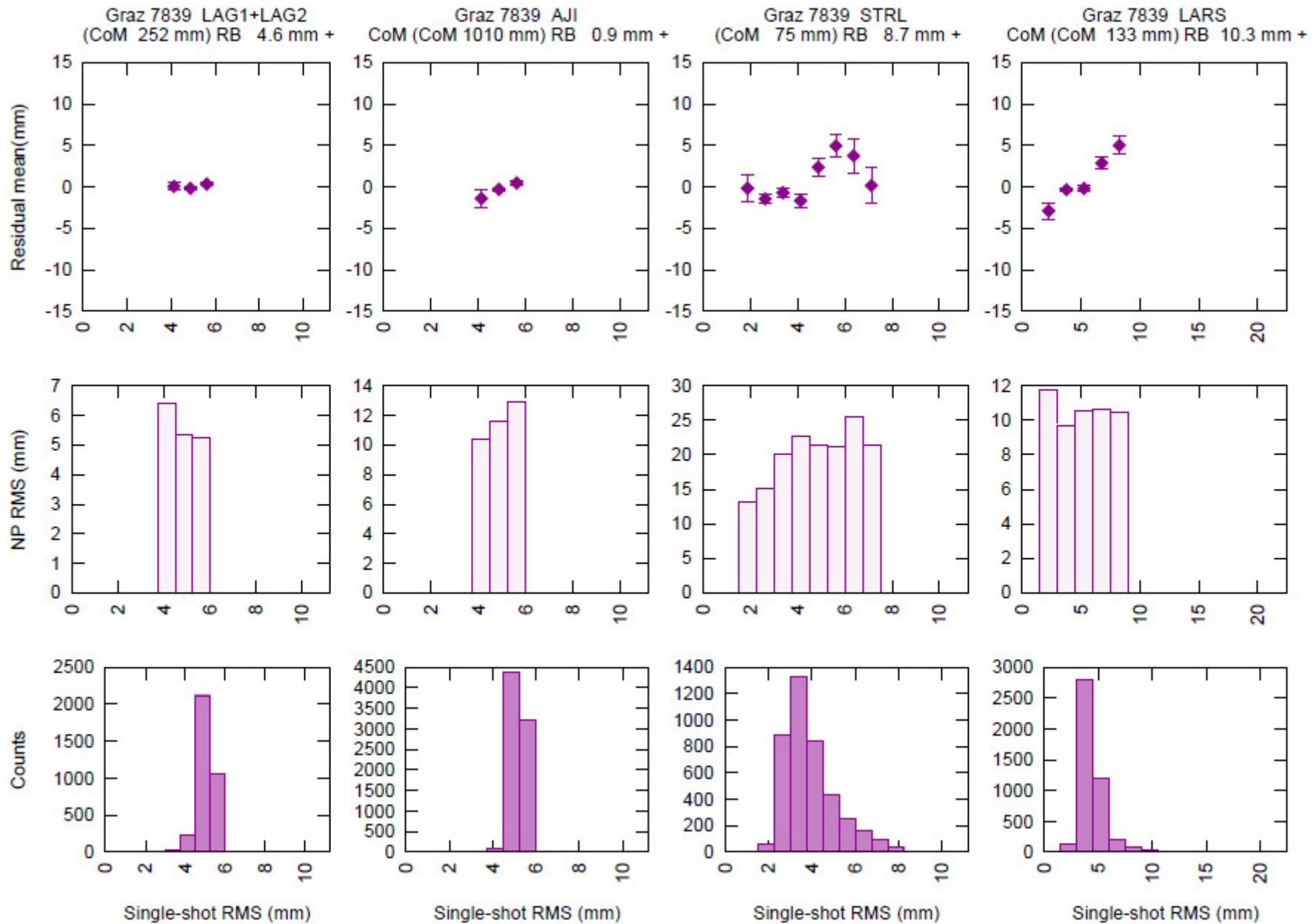


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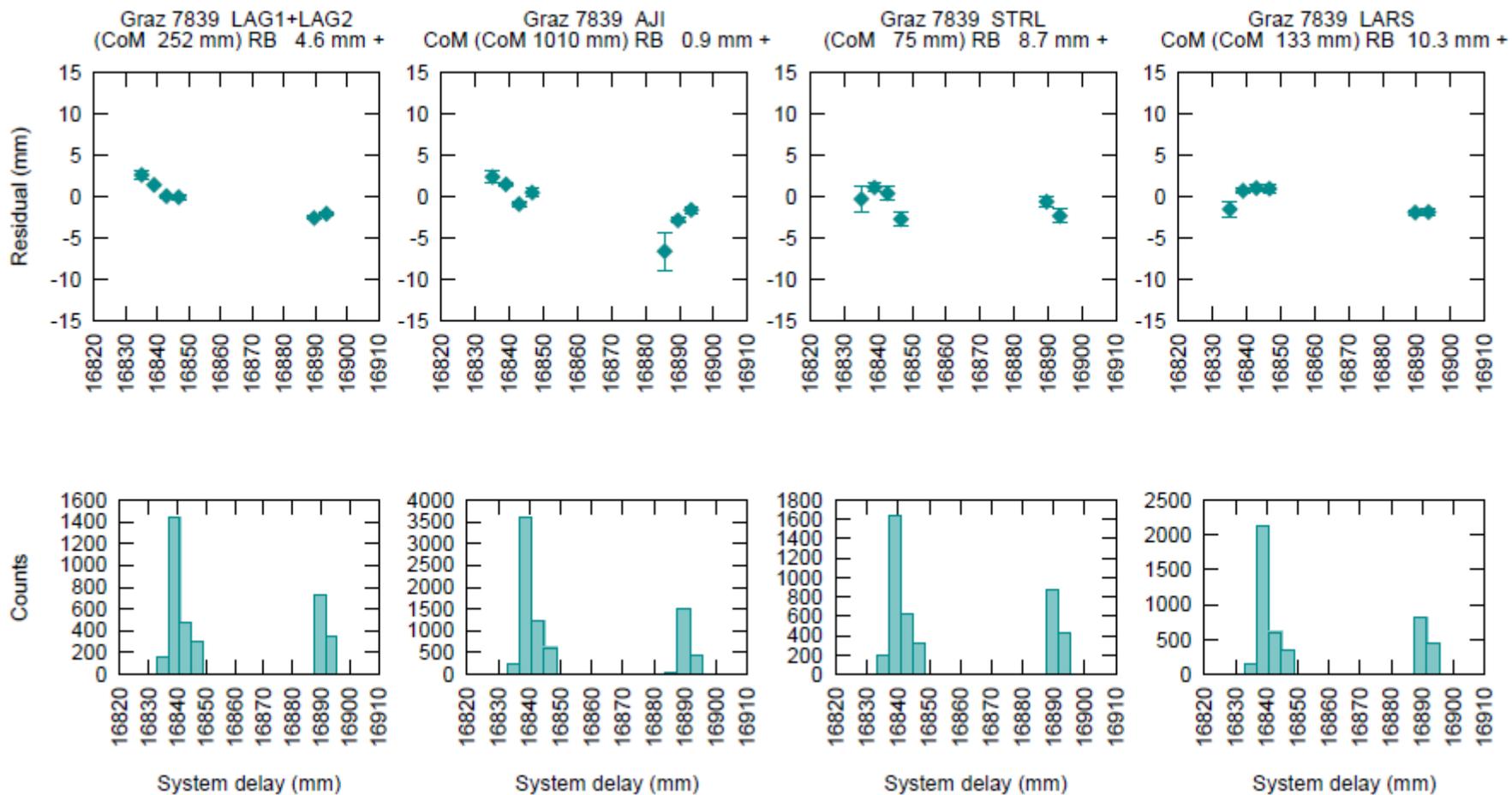
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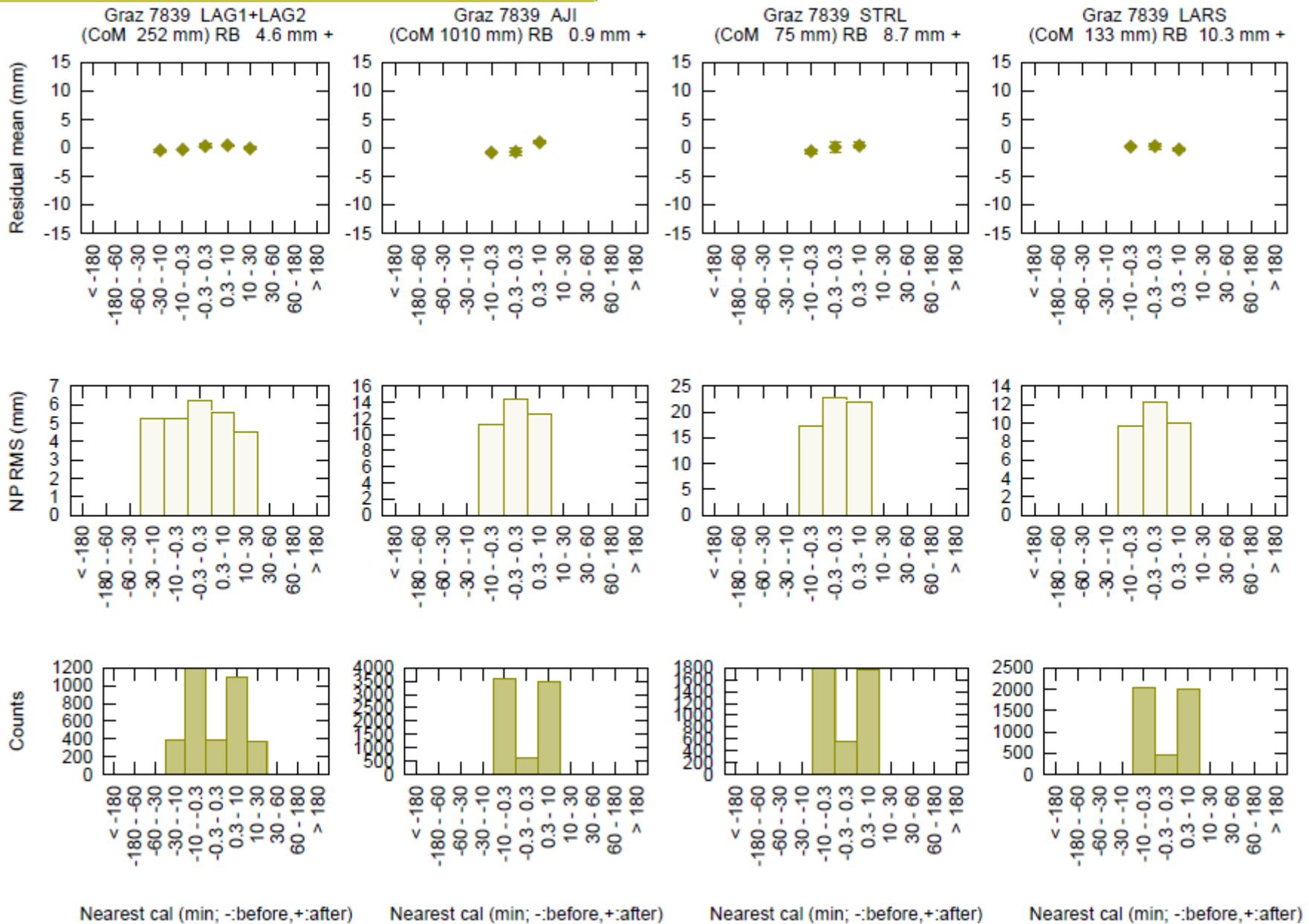
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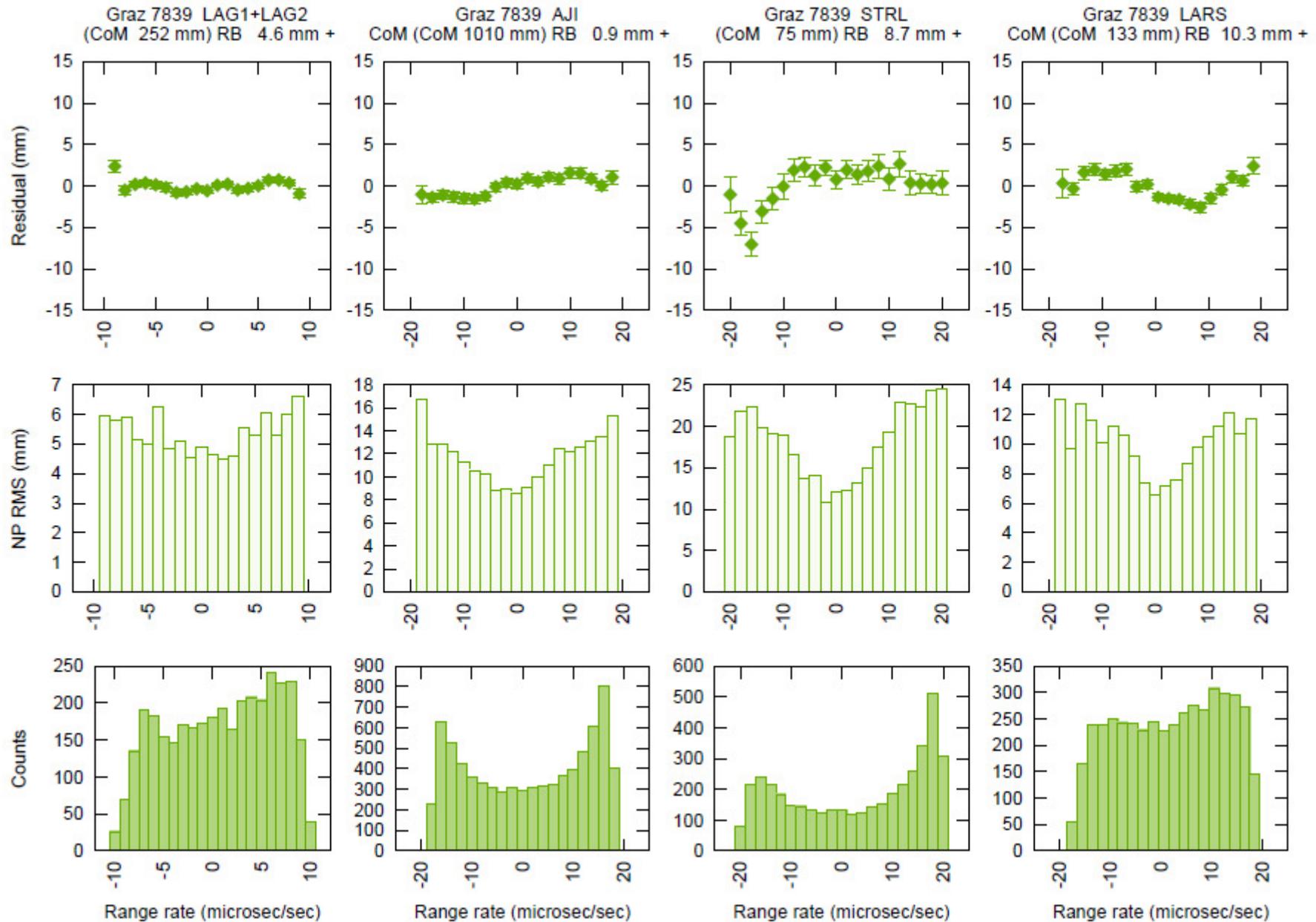
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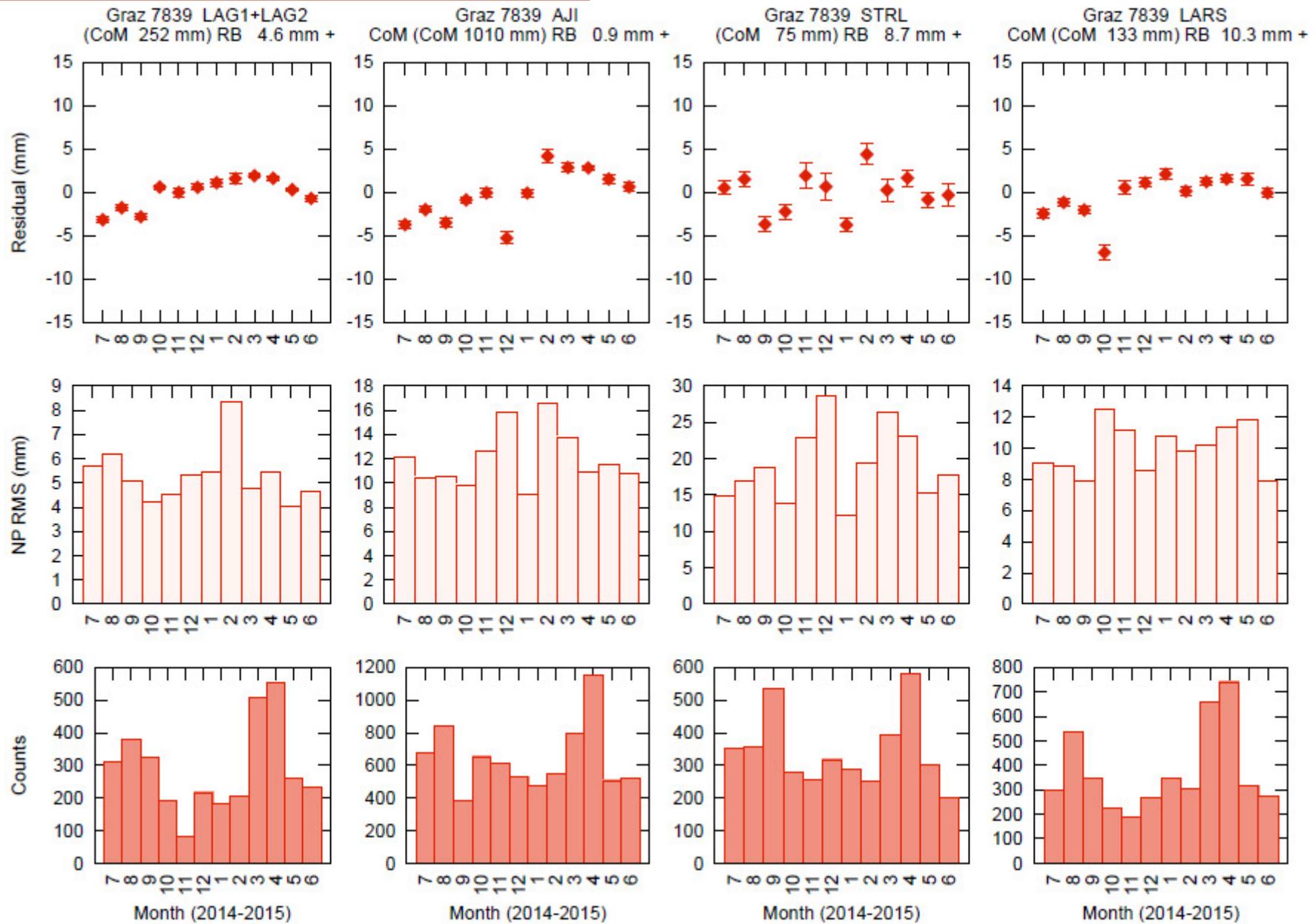
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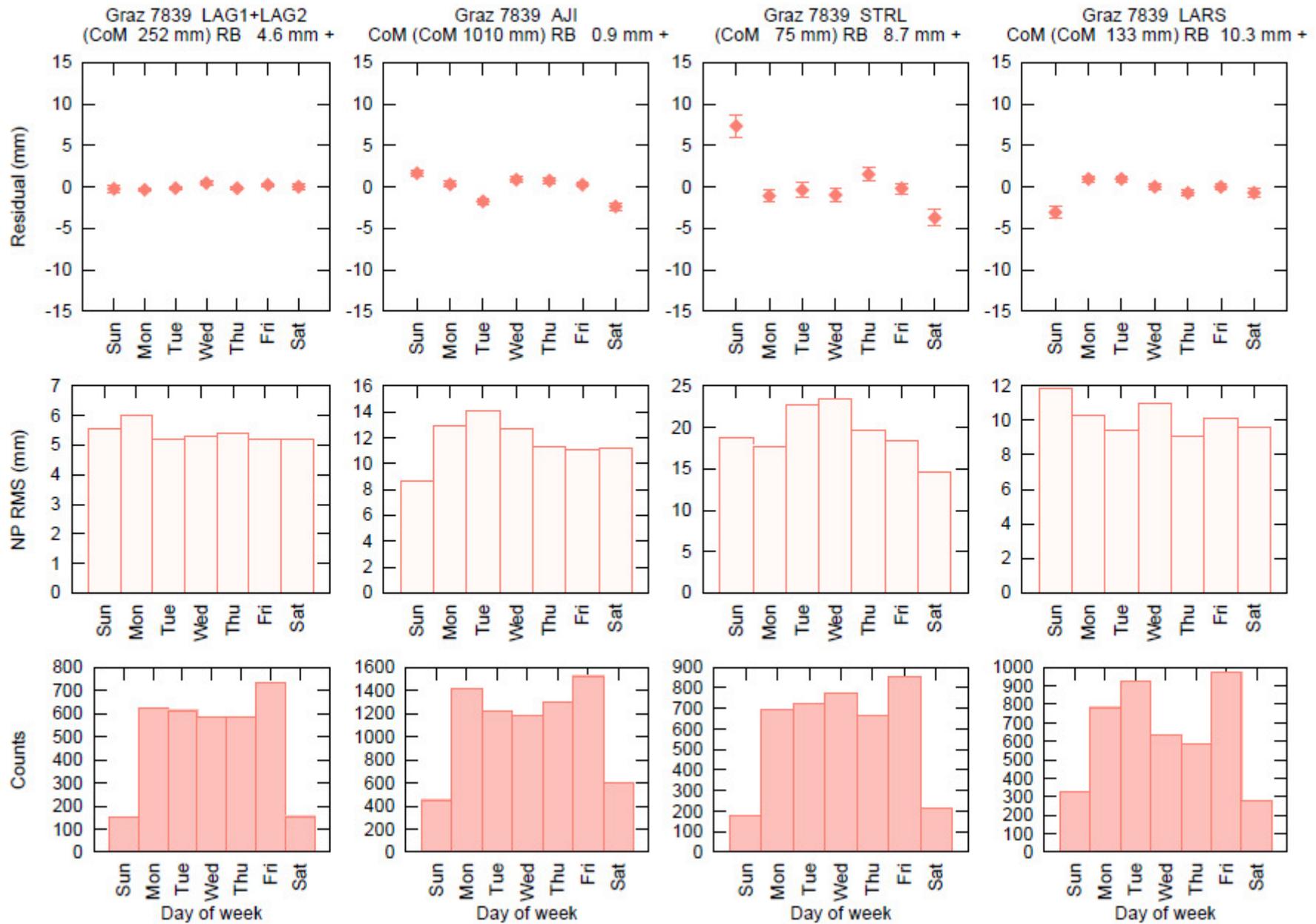
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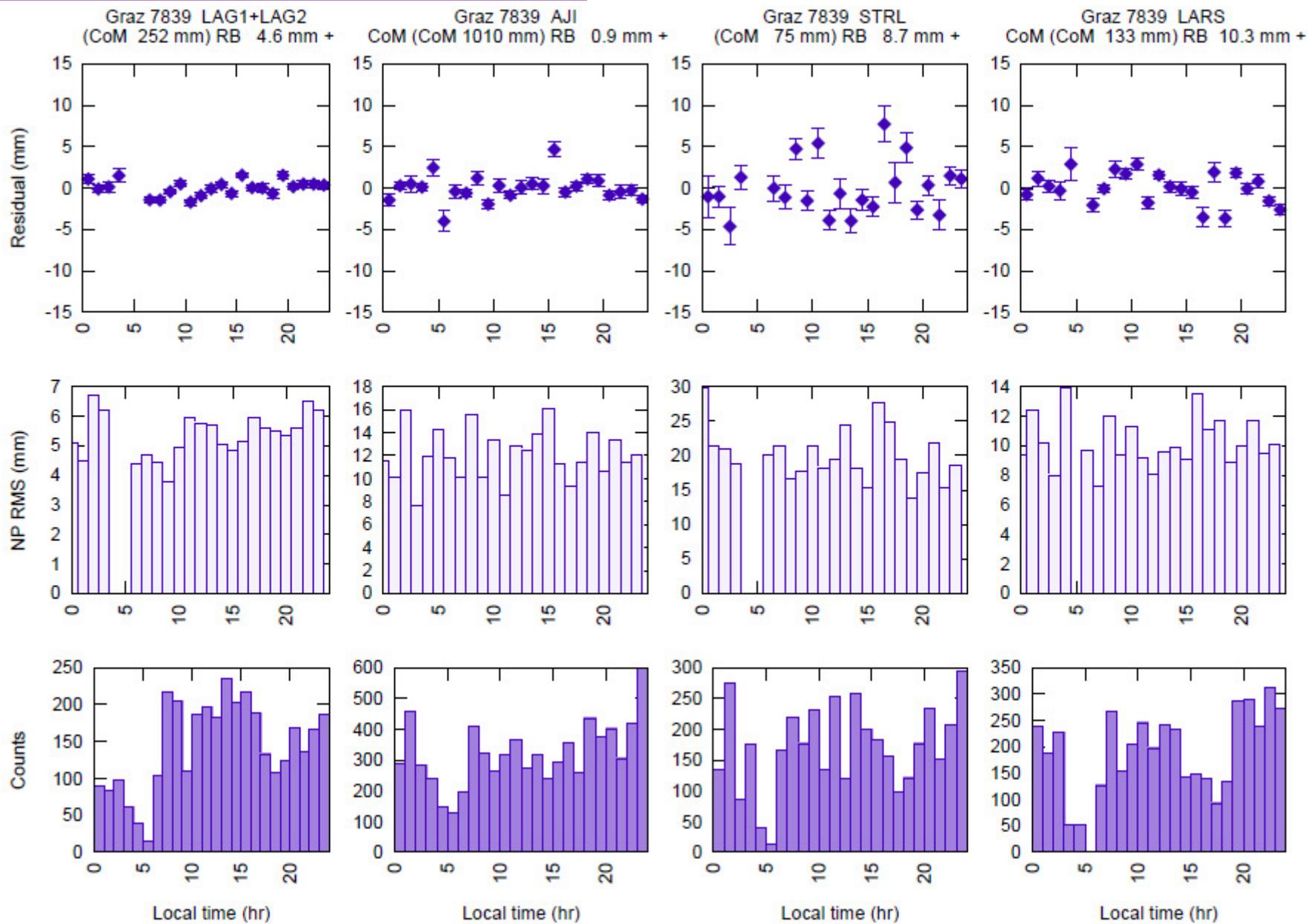
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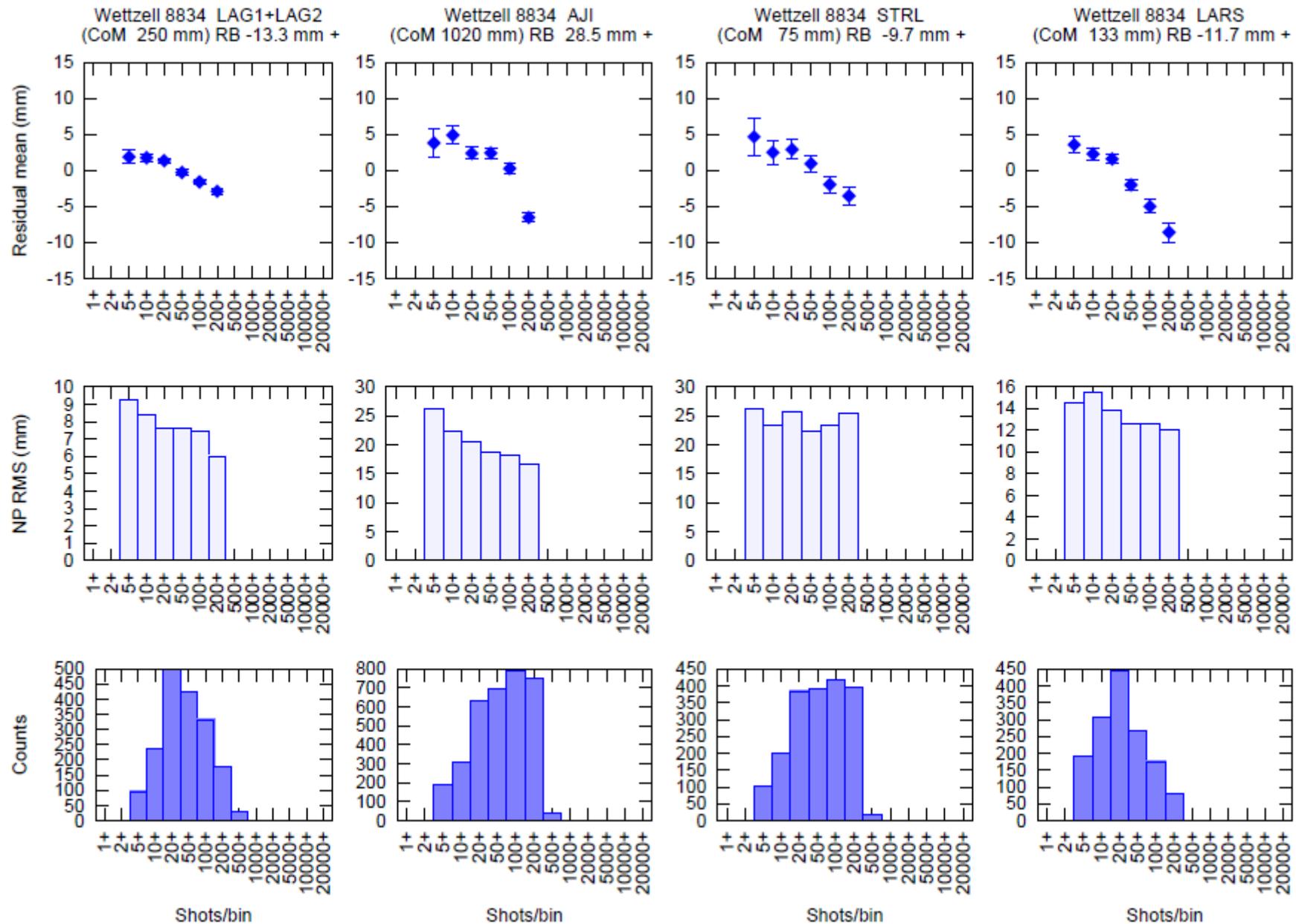


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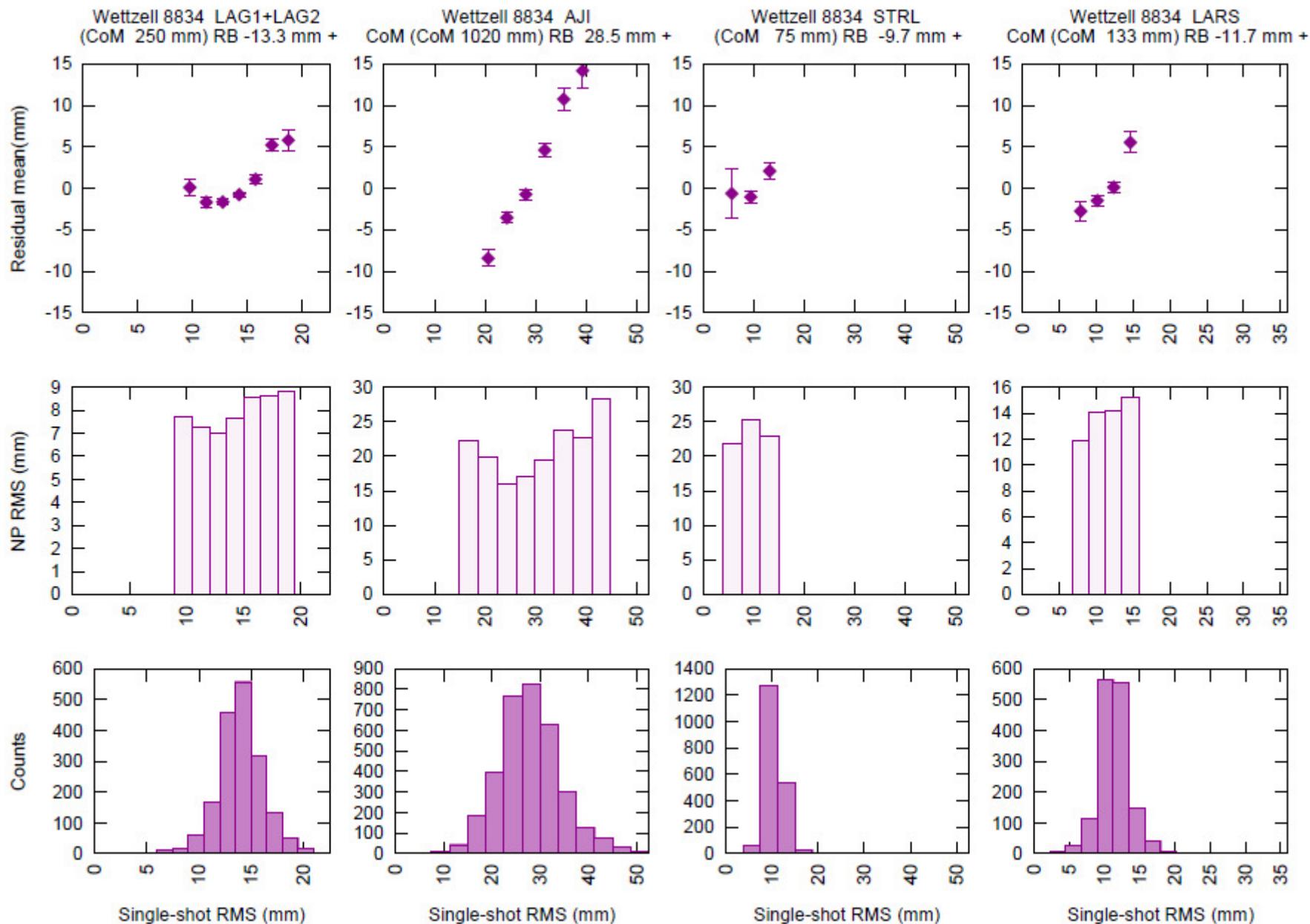


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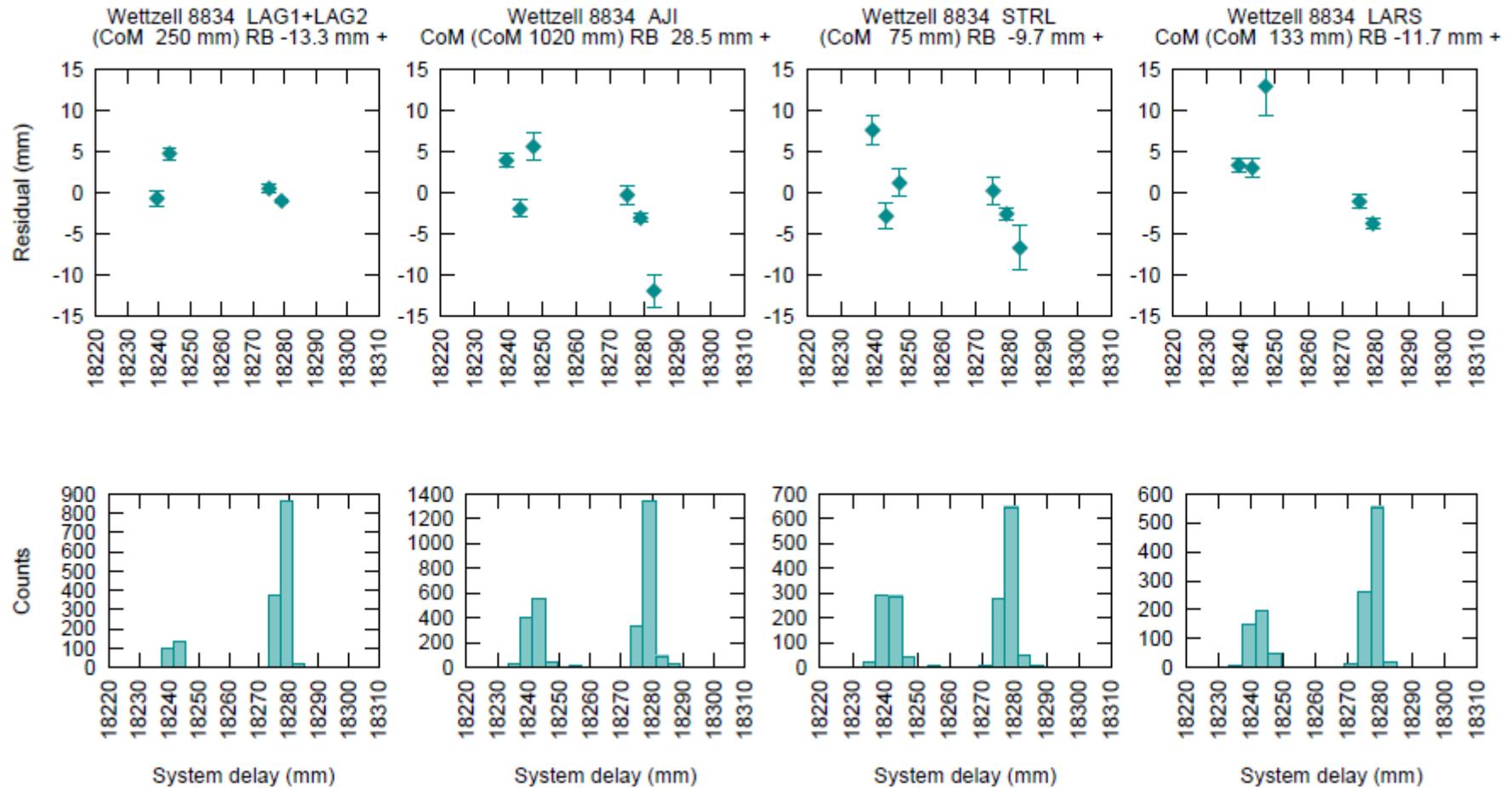
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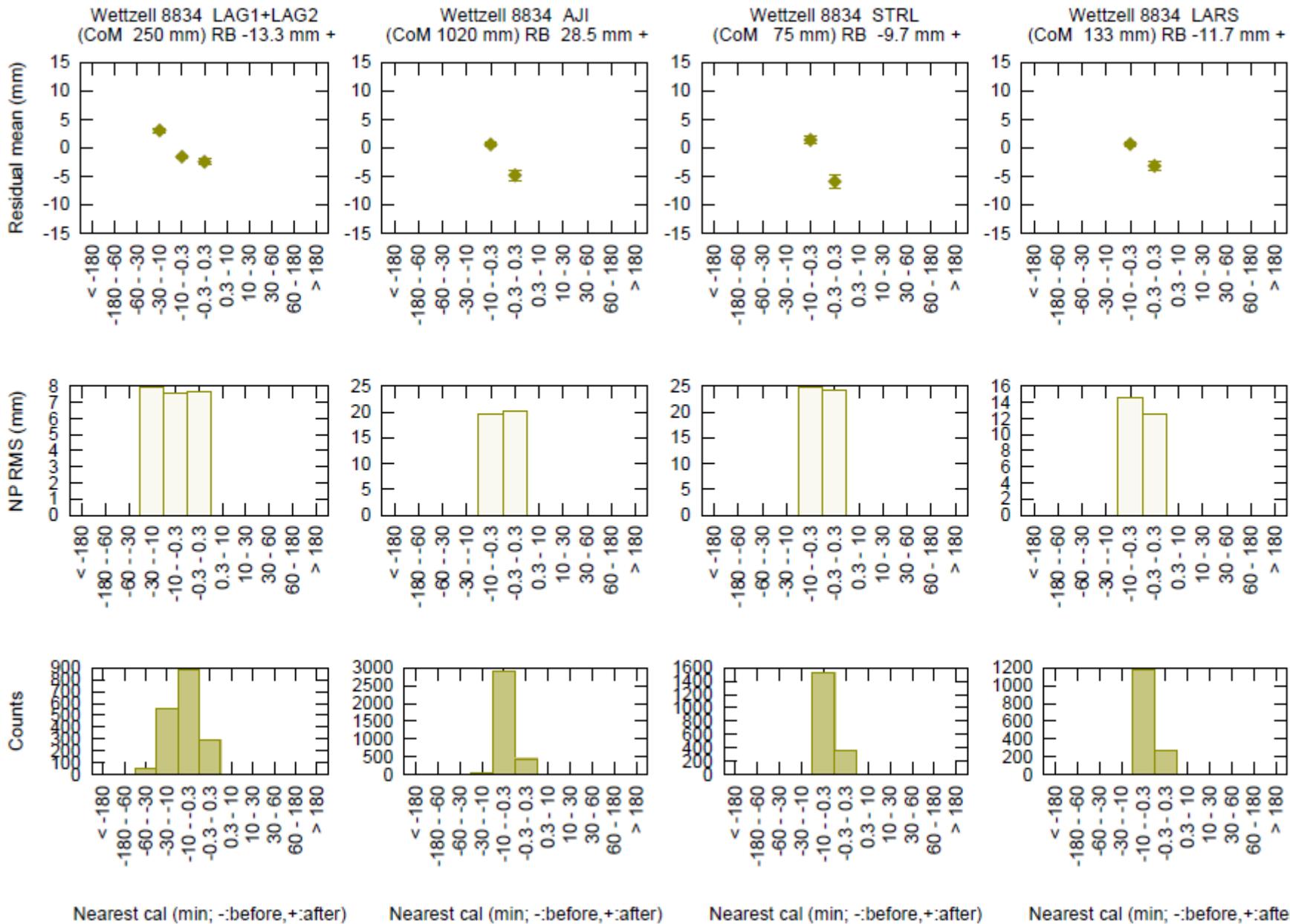
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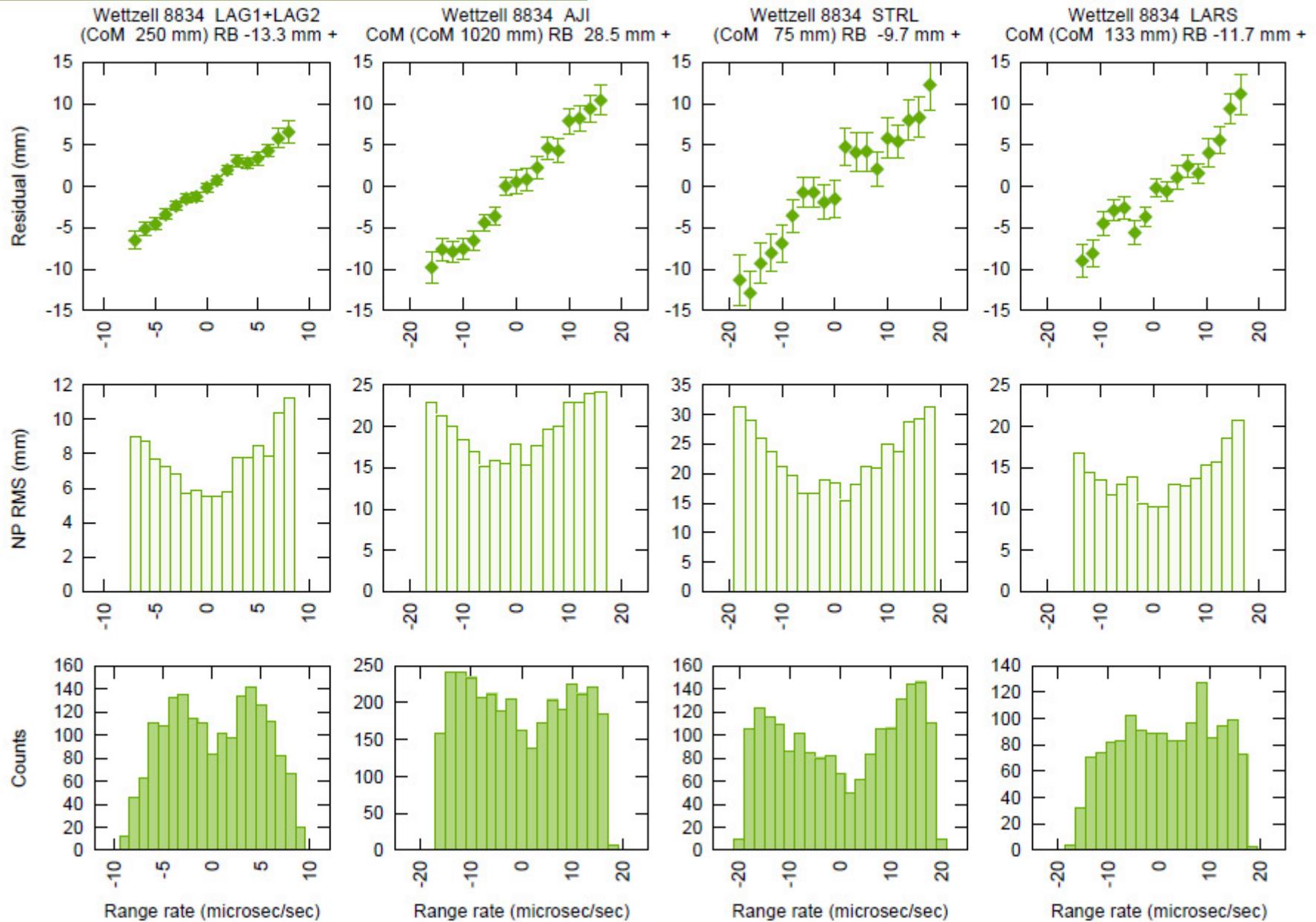
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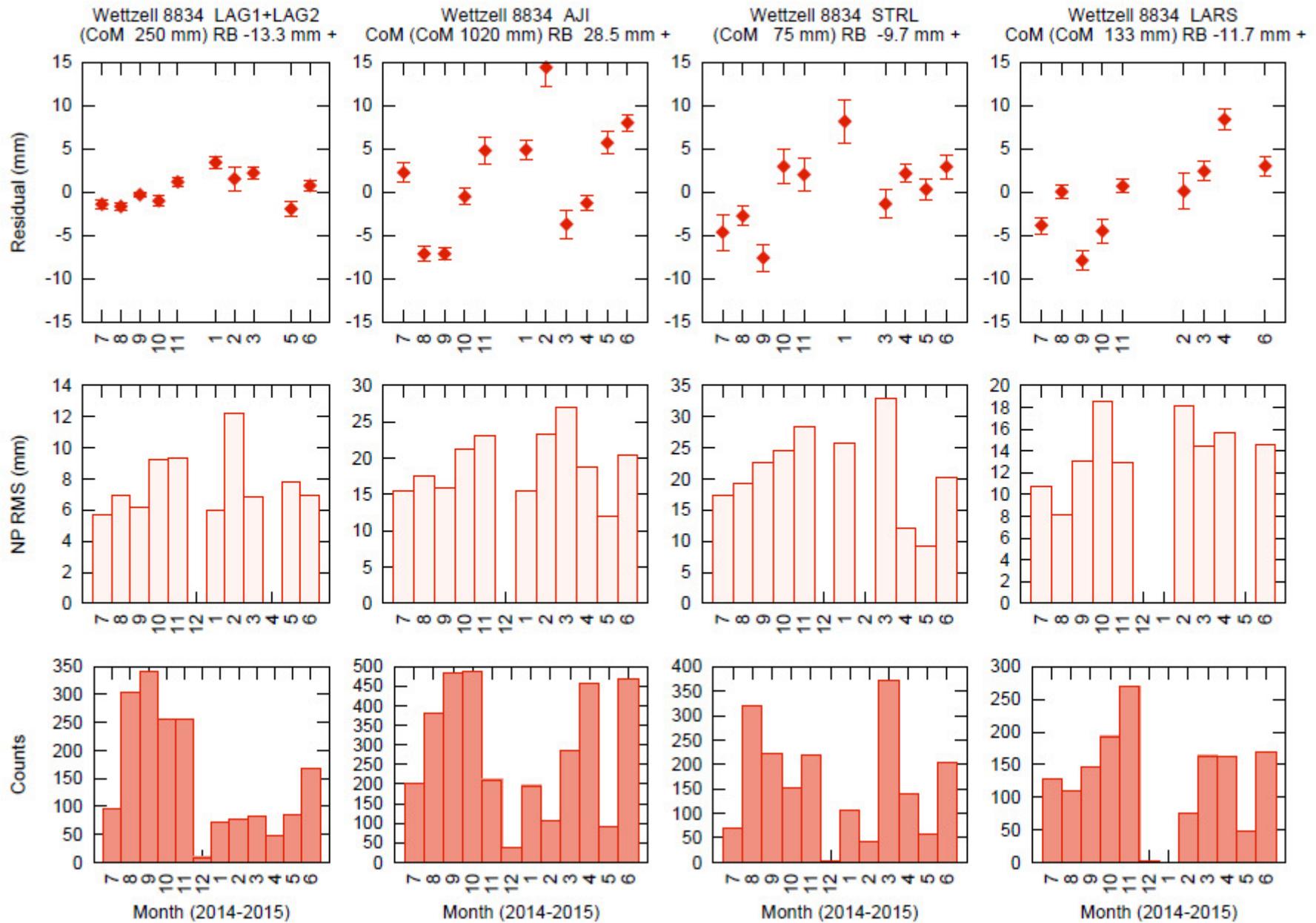
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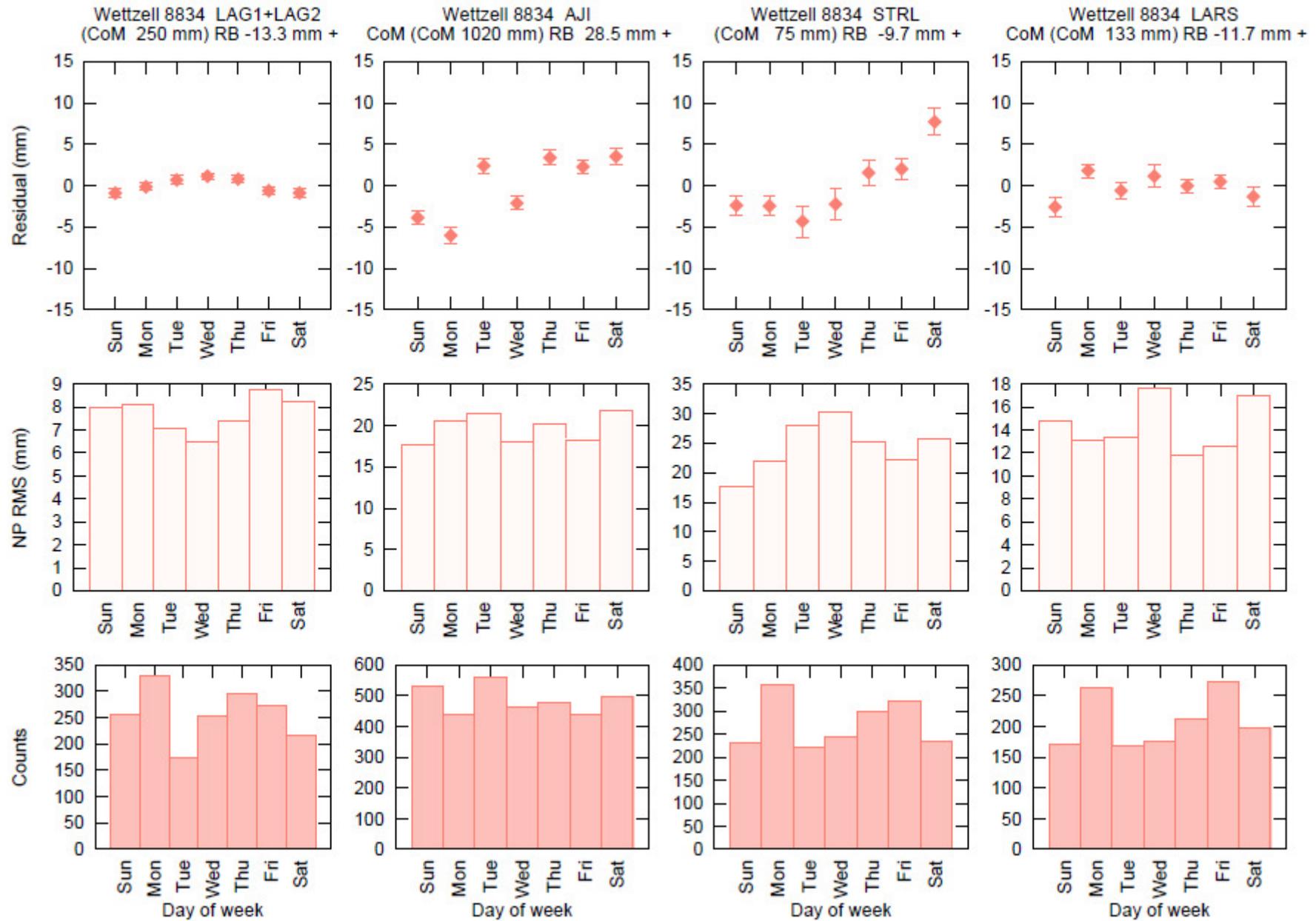
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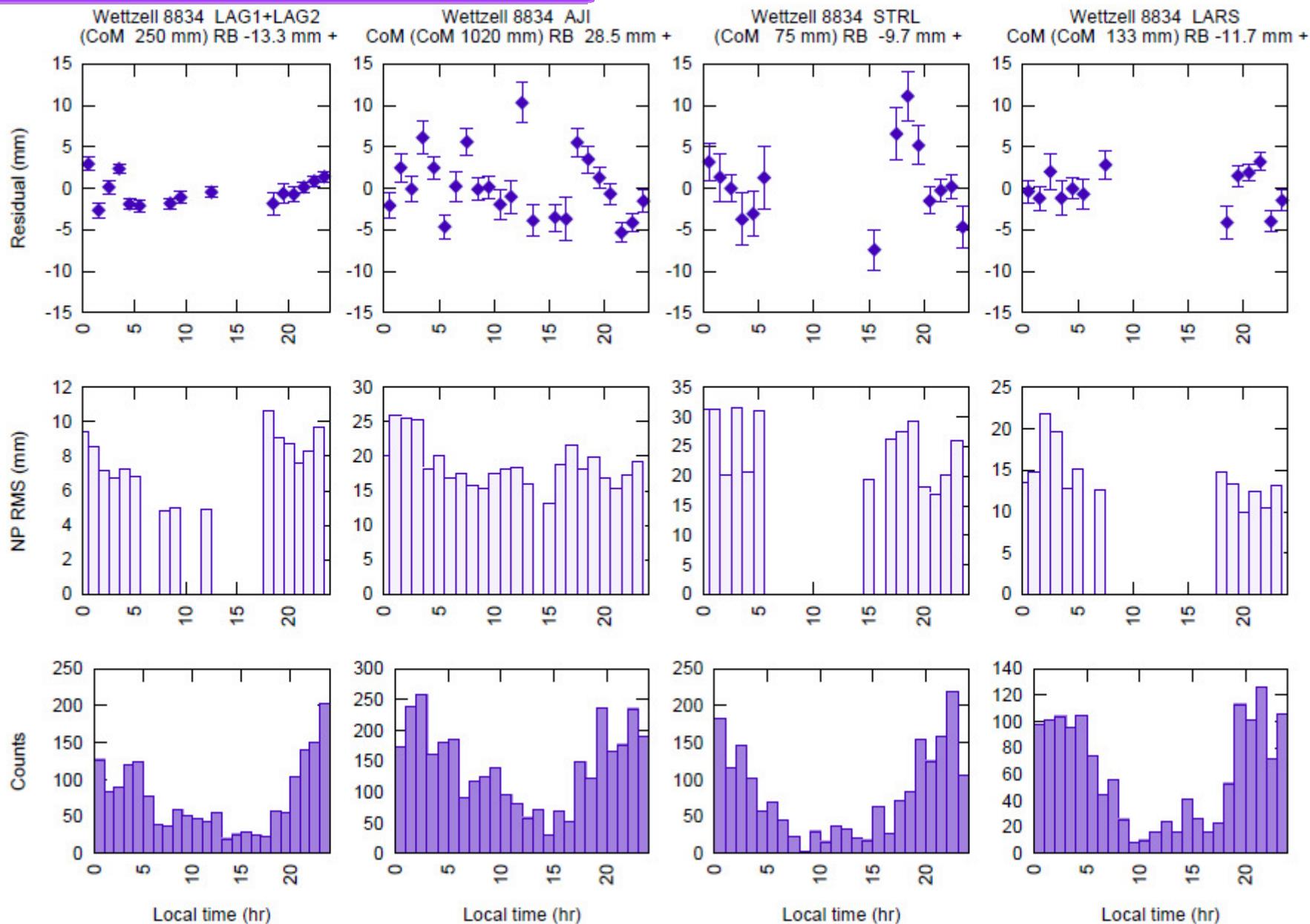
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# #7: Day of week



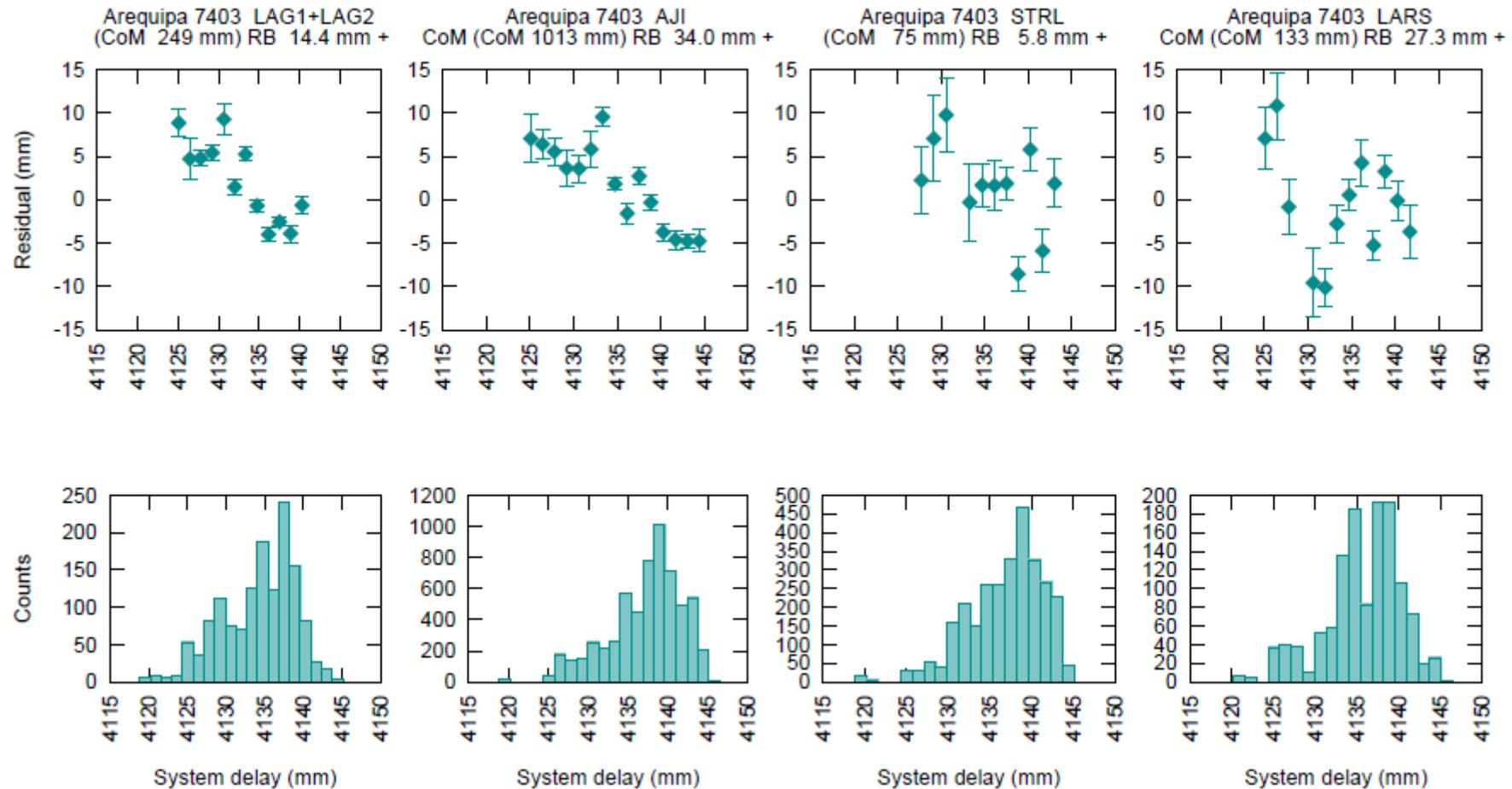
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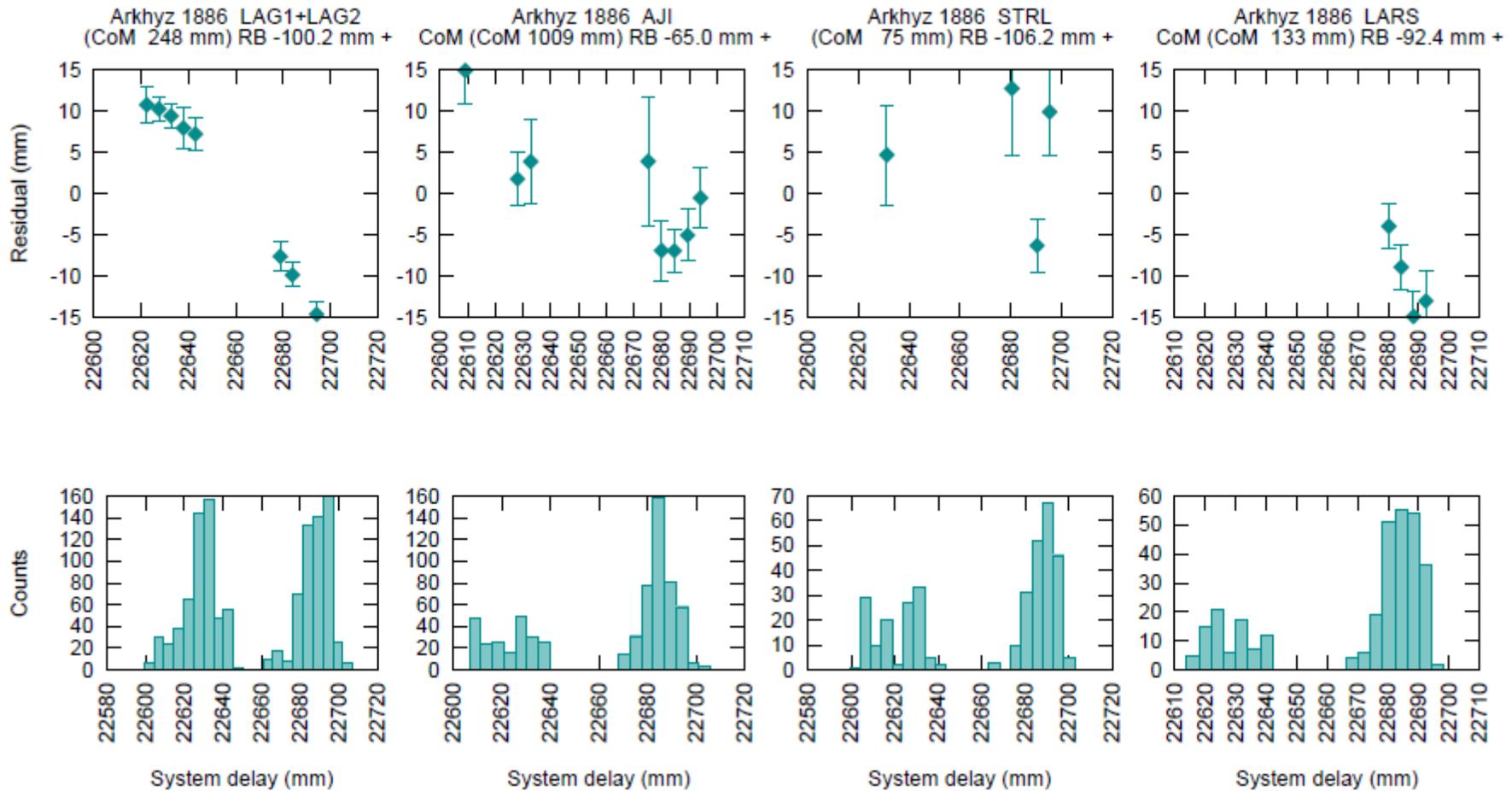


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Negative 1:1 trend  $\rightarrow$  Not calibrated properly

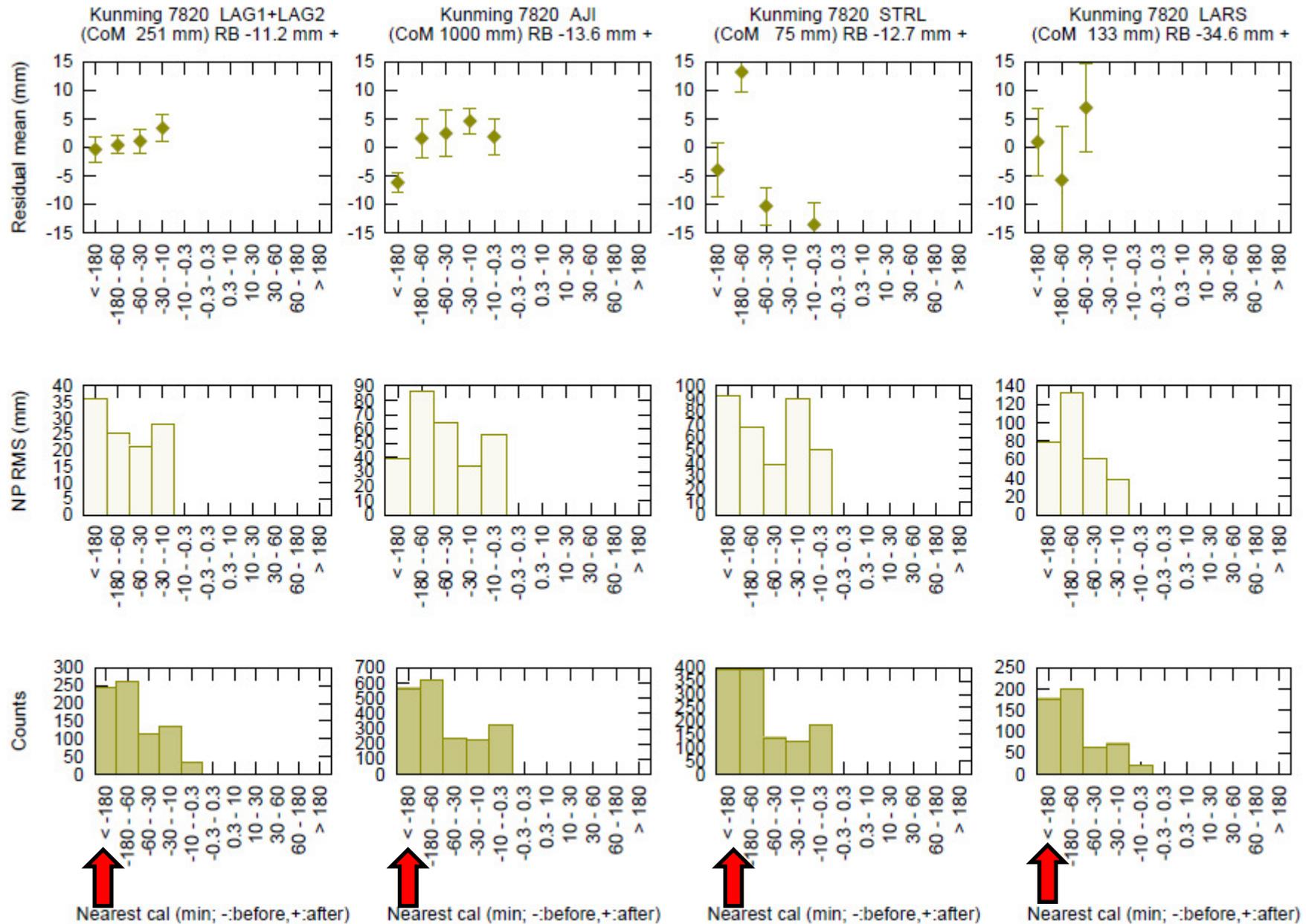


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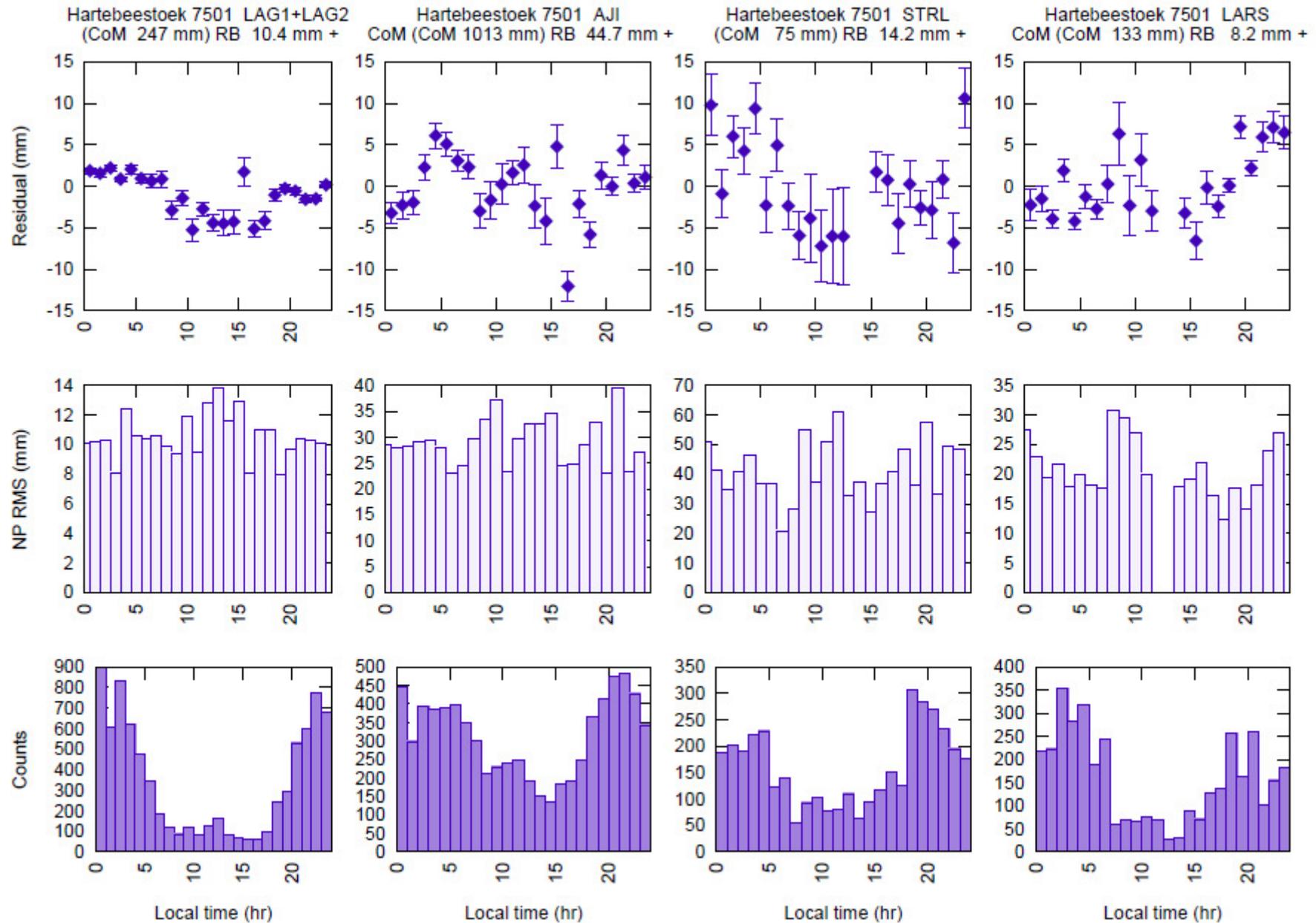


# #4: Time to the nearest cal.





## #8: Local time



# Summary & Discussion

## **Systematic trends seen in many stations**

**Understand your system's behaviour.**

**On-site test is essential.**

**Use this result just as a trigger.**

**(There is a risk of false alarm. ← POD is not perfect.)**

## **Station-Analyst interaction**

**Enjoy this session!**

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