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IASI FM2 on METOP A
Performances after 1.5 year in orbit

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- **First decontamination**

- **Stability of the instrument**

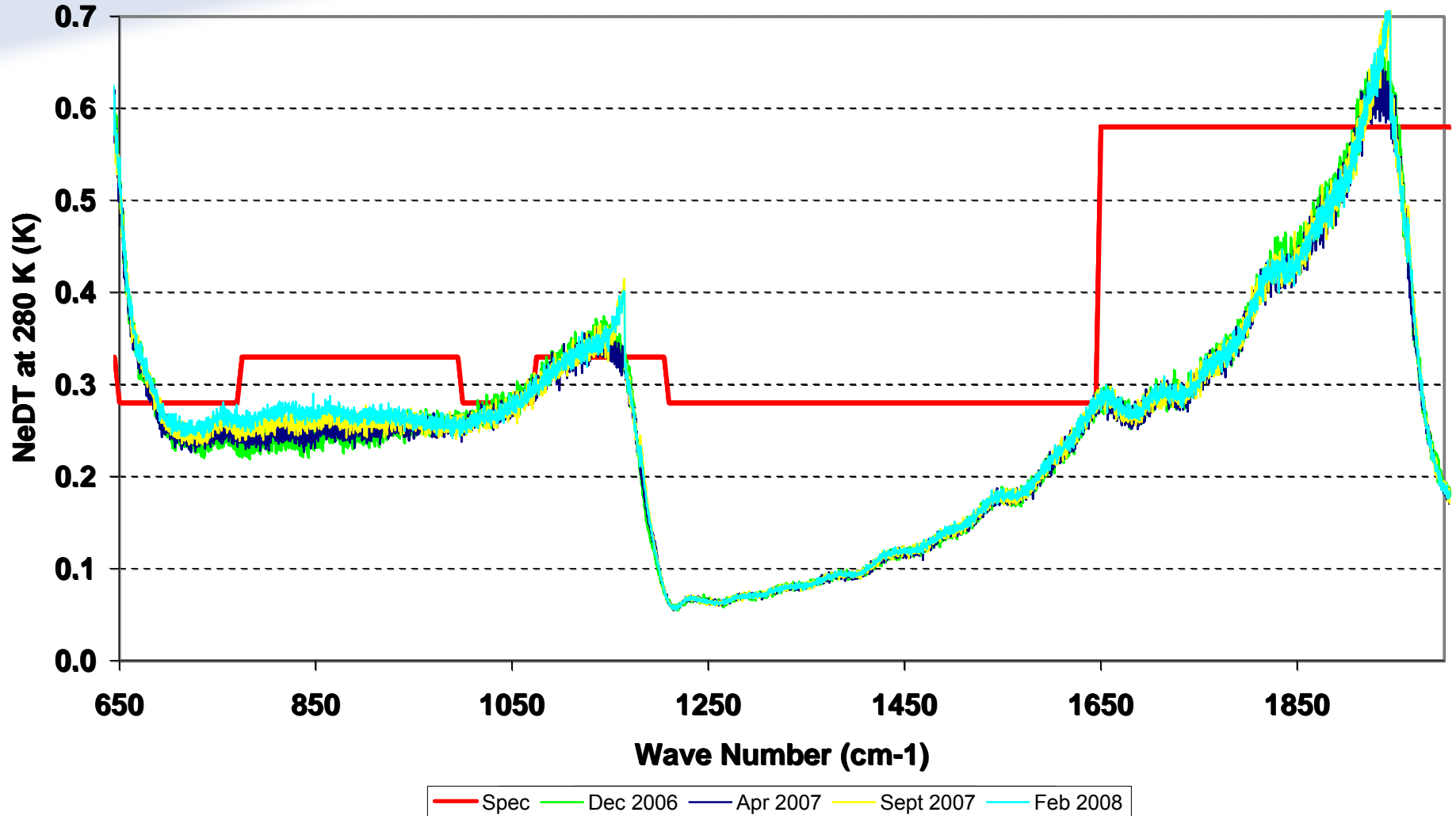
- **Spectra rejections**
 - ◆ **Day 2 improvements of processing**

- **Intercalibration IASI / AIRS**

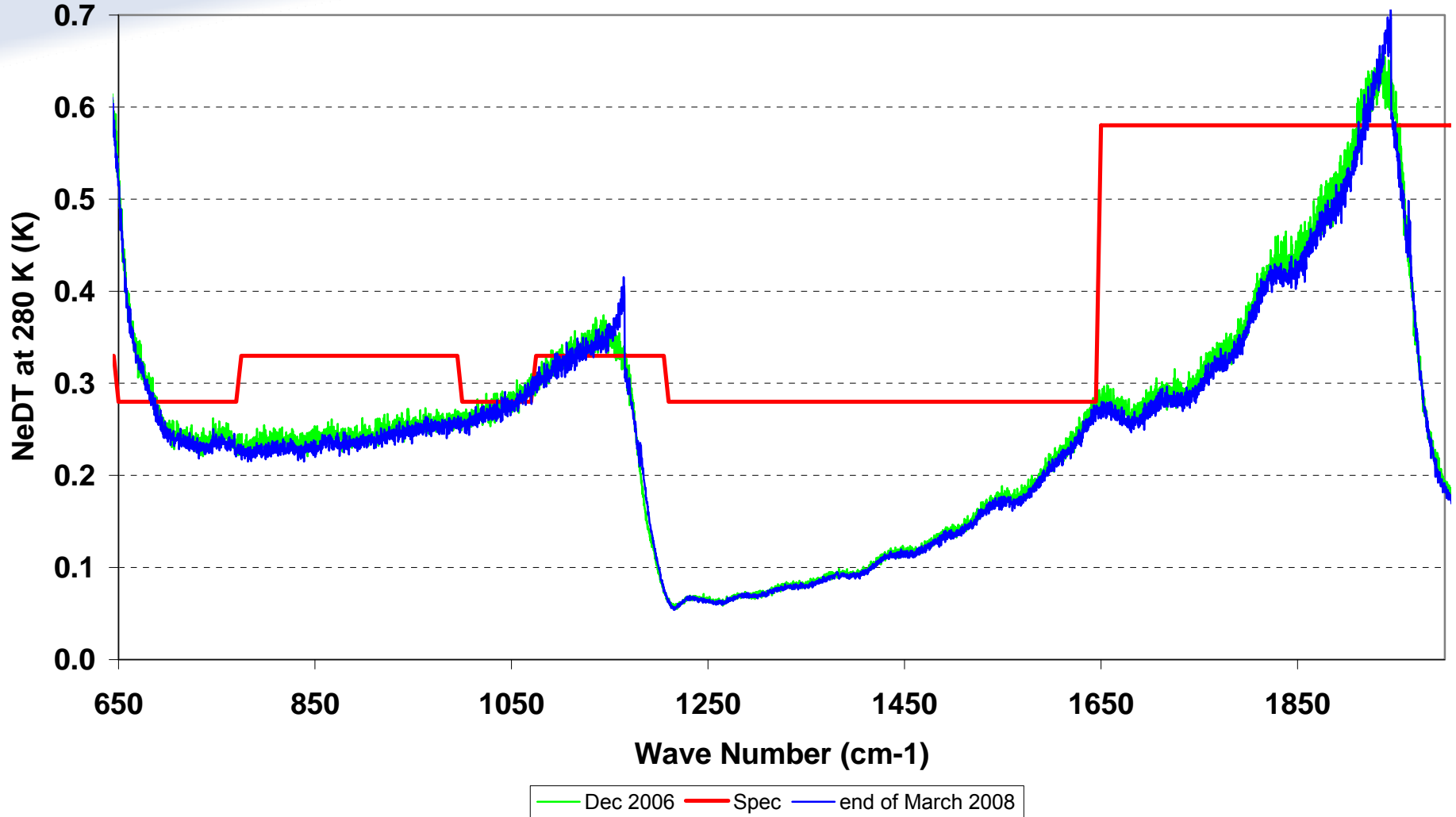
see IASI performances assessment at the 1st IASI Conference

- <http://smsc.cnes.fr/IASI>

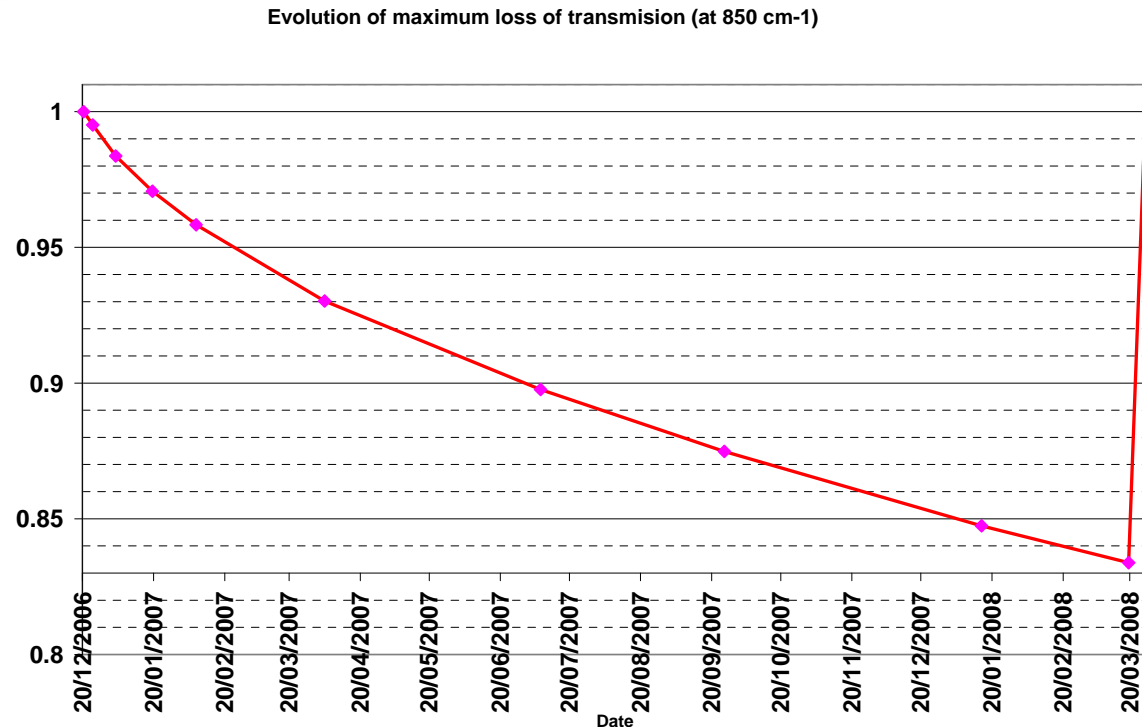
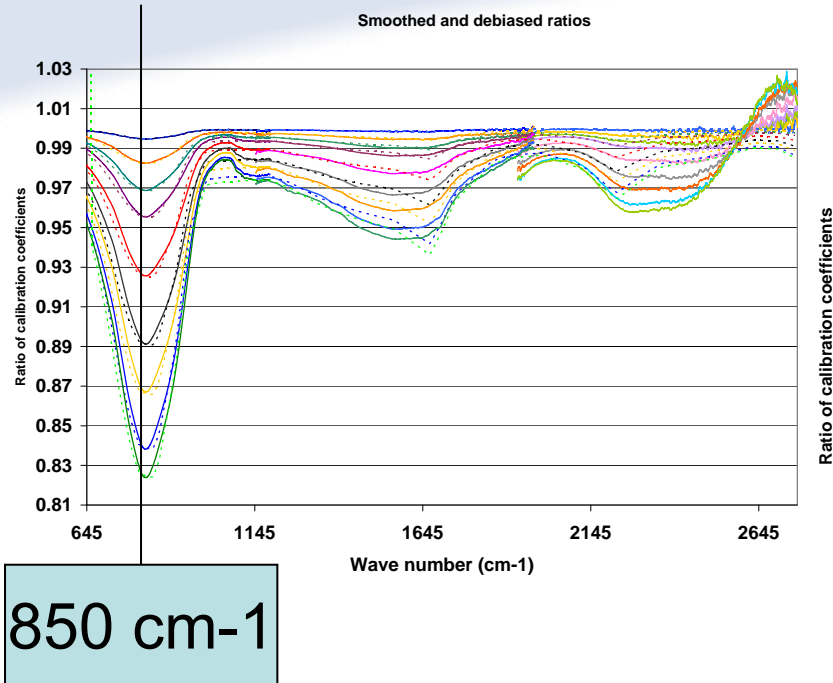
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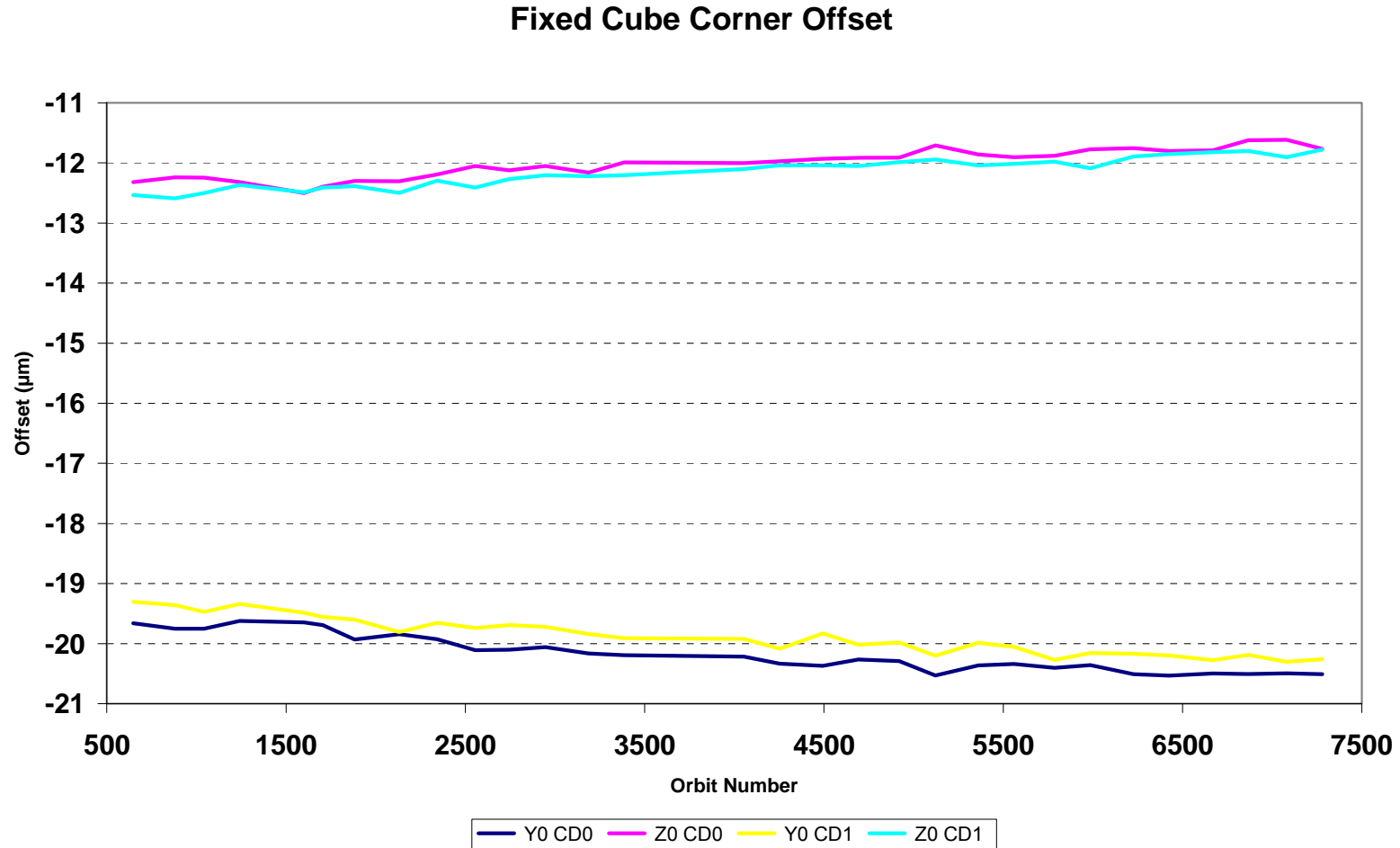
- **First IASI decontamination**
 - ◆ end of March 2008 (1.5 year after launch)
- **Successful**
 - ◆ recovery of the initial radiometric noise IASI
 - Initially measured beginning of December 2006

- **Contamination rate**
 - ◆ Now 1/4 of the initial rate
 - ◆ No need for new decontamination before 2 years

- **Accurate determination**
 - ◆ Std < 0.2 μm

- **Stability over 16 months**
 - ◆ Small drift
 - ◆ 1 μm

- **Period of analysis**
 - ◆ 4th Dec 2006
 - ◆ 31th Mar 2008



■ Stability over 12 months

- ◆ Negligible drift
- ◆ Results provided at Anglet conference confirmed
 - Obtained at that time from 5.5 months of data

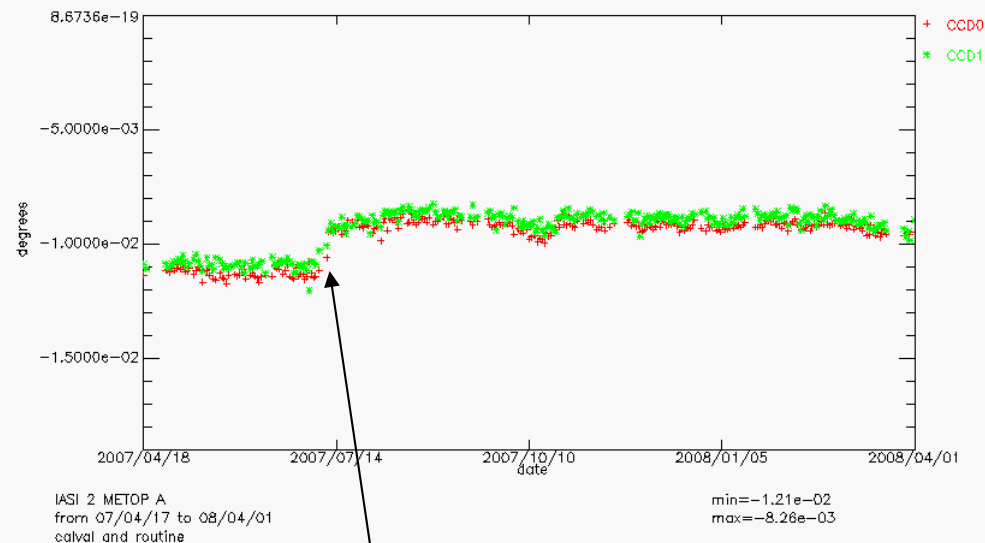
■ Period of analysis

- ◆ 16 th Apr 2007
- ◆ 1 th Mar 2008

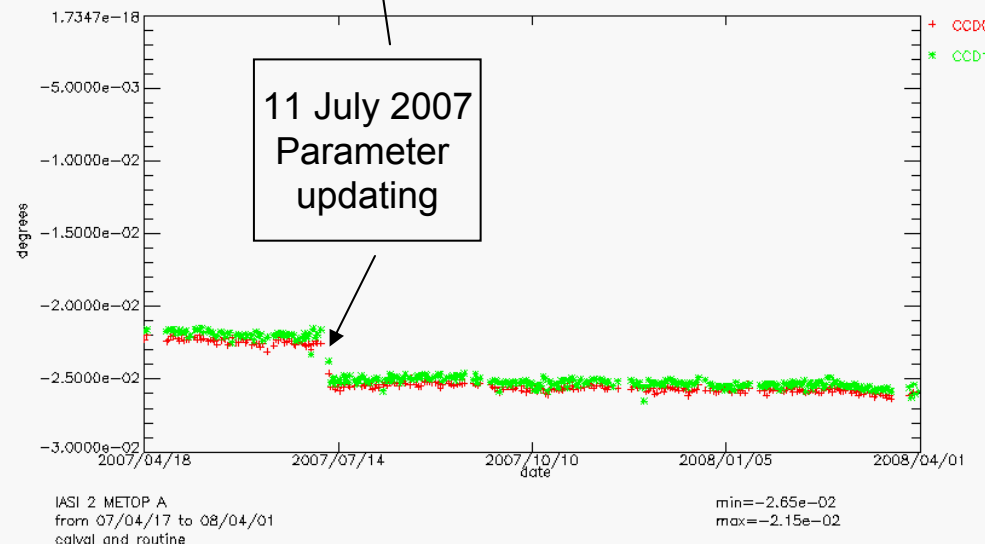
■ Small evolution 11 July 2007

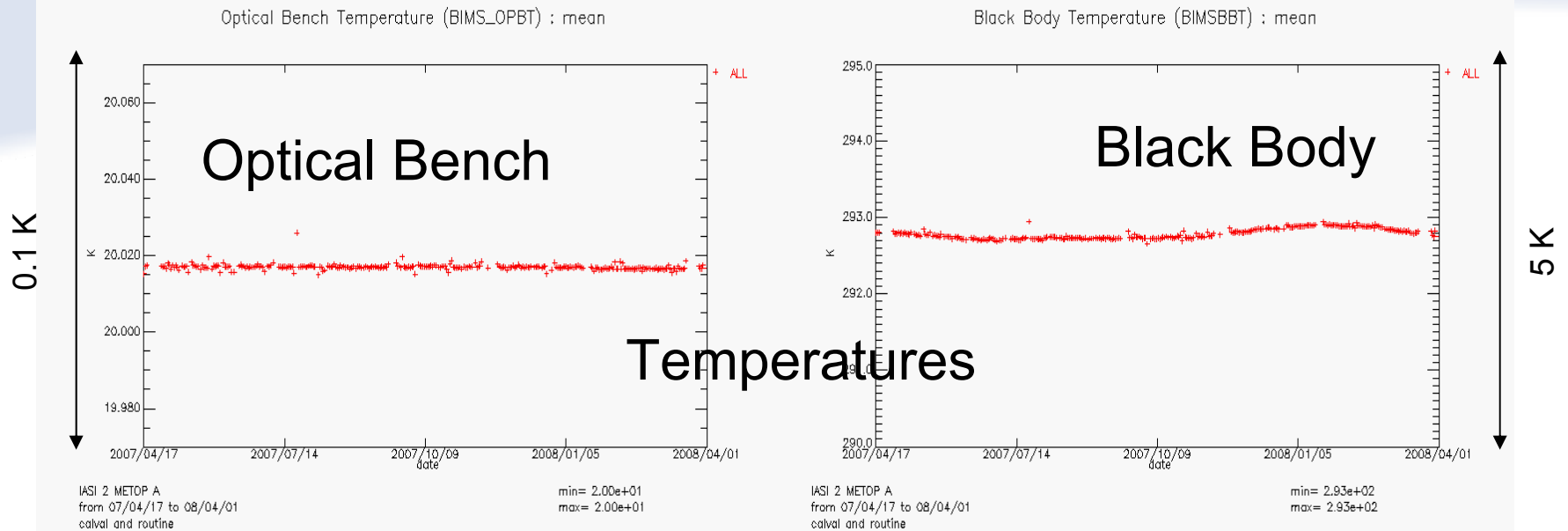
- ◆ Cause by parameter updating (spectral database)
- ◆ Amplitude 30 μ rad
- ◆ Equivalent to $\Delta v/v = 5 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Y Filtrd Coord. Of Interferometric Axis (GFaxAxeY) : mean



Z Filtrd Coord. Of Interferometric Axis (GFaxAxeZ) : mean





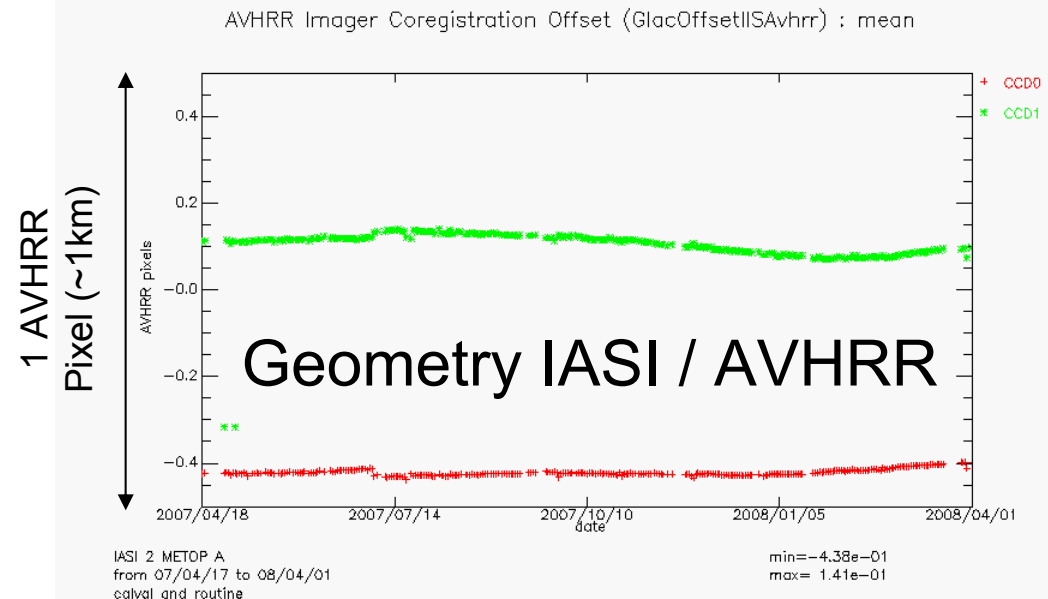
■ Long term evolution over 1 year

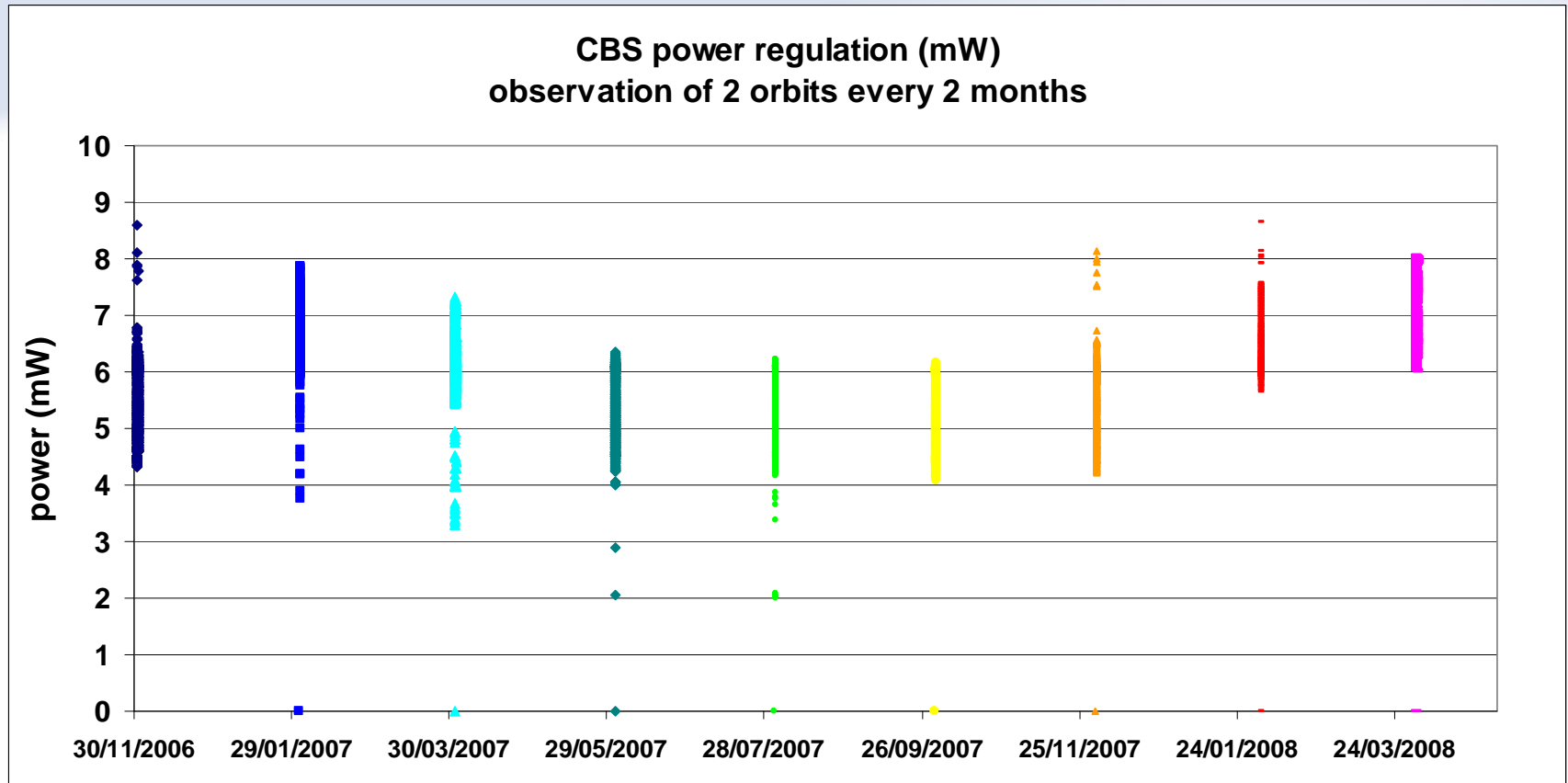
- ◆ 1 point per orbit
- ◆ average over 1 orbit

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■ Reminder : orbital stability verified during Cal/Val



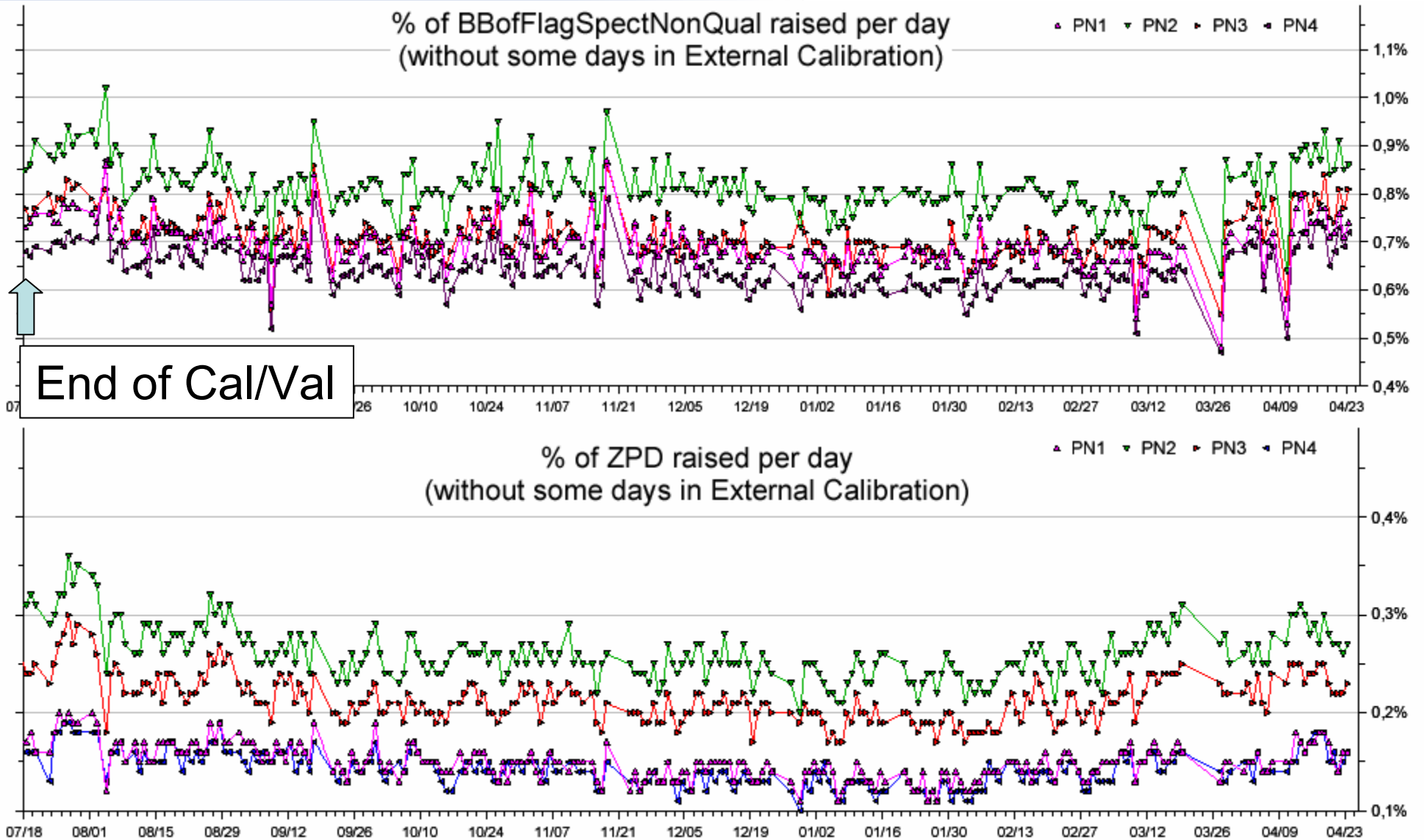


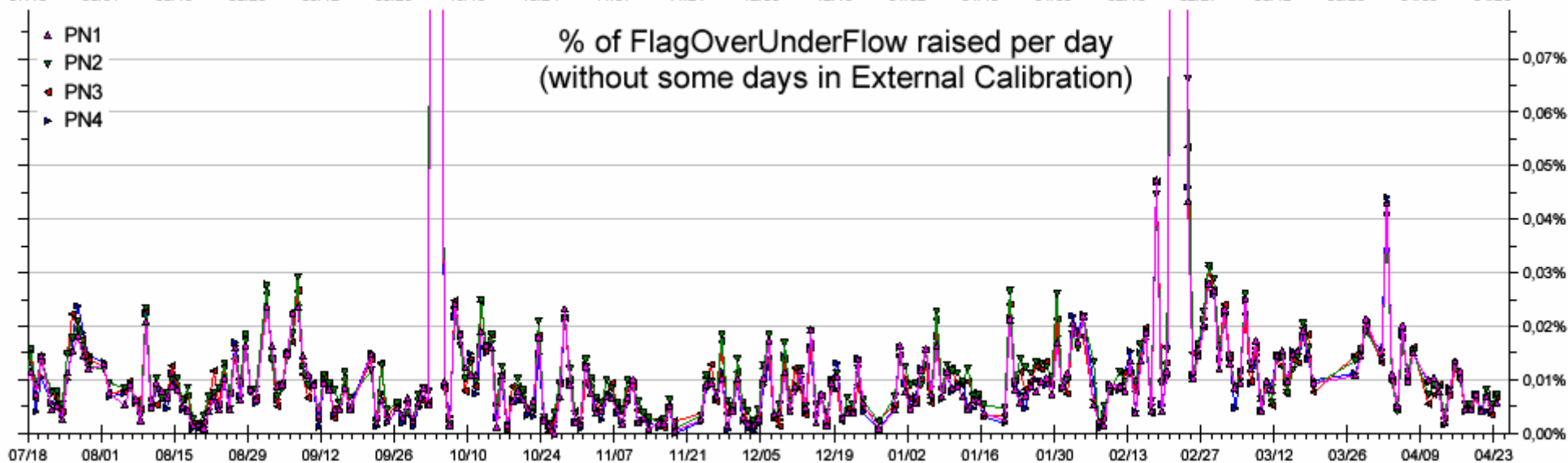
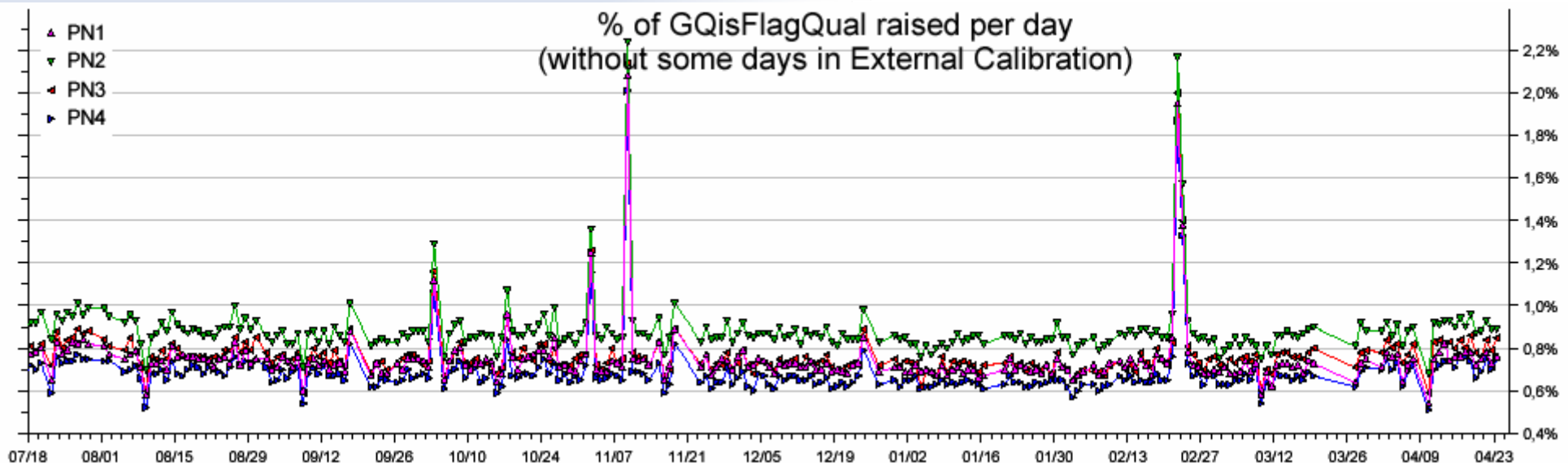
■ Stable on the long term

- ◆ Small seasonal effect, small orbital variation

■ Very good indicator that the temperature of the detectors will be kept low

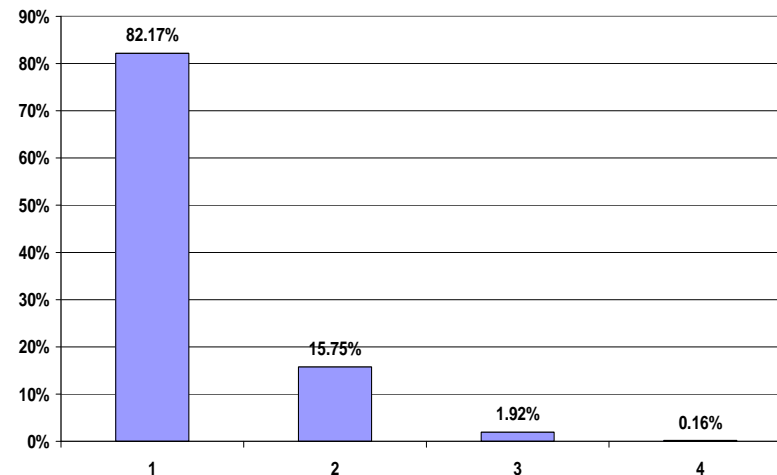
- ◆ Strong impact on the radiometric noise for long wavelength



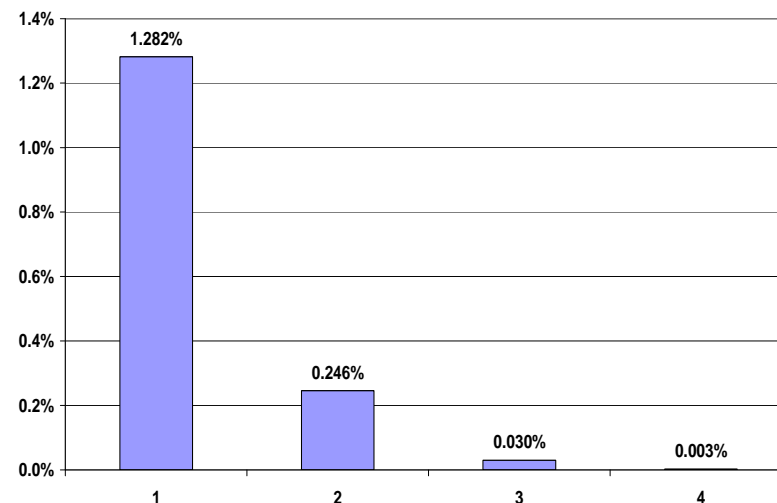


- **98.5 % of earth views (groups of 4 soundings) not affected by spikes**
- **Among the 1.5 % of earth views affected by spikes**
 - ◆ **E.g. over the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA)**
 - ◆ **82.2 % have more than 3 spectra available**
 - ◆ **97.9 % have more than 2 spectra available**
 - ◆ **99.8 % have more than 1 spectrum**
- **If the 4 IASI pixels of each Earth View are not assimilated**
 - ◆ **Dynamic selection of the selected sounding increase availability of the measurements**
- **On the long term**
 - ◆ **Proposal for Day 2 evolution of IASI processing**

Histogramme of the number of spikes per box 50 x 50 km² affected by at least 1 spike



Histogram of the number of spikes per scan

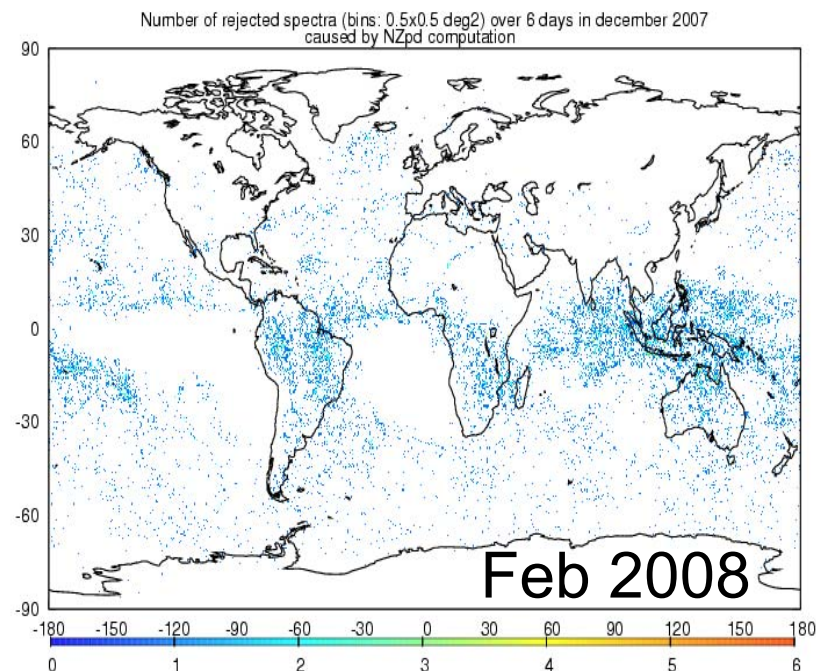
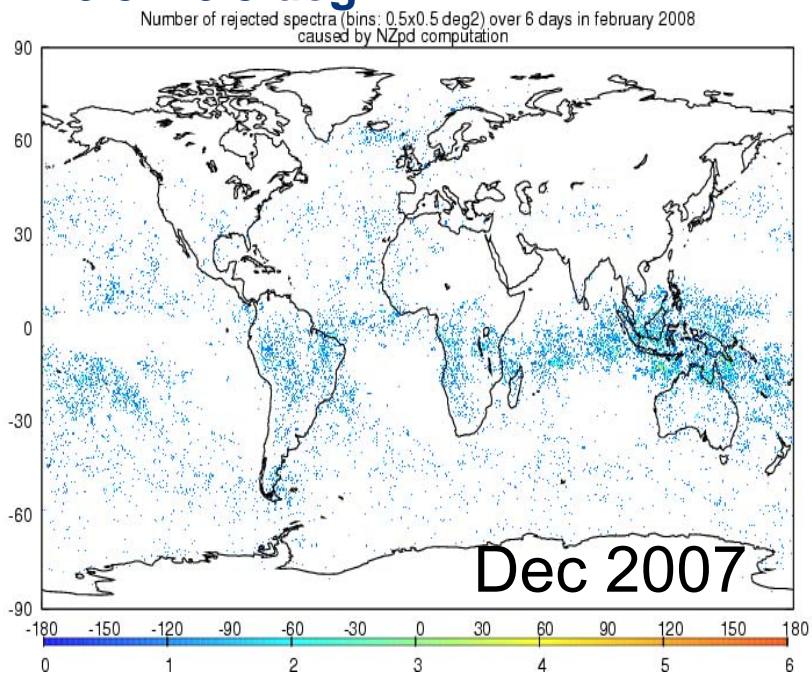


- Small fraction of spectra not available because not computed by on-board processing

- ◆ Between 0.15 % (Pixel 1&4) and 0.3 % (Pixel 2)
- ◆ Stable over 9 months

- Geographic repartition

- ◆ 1 or 2 occurrences max per month per bin of $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ deg}^2$

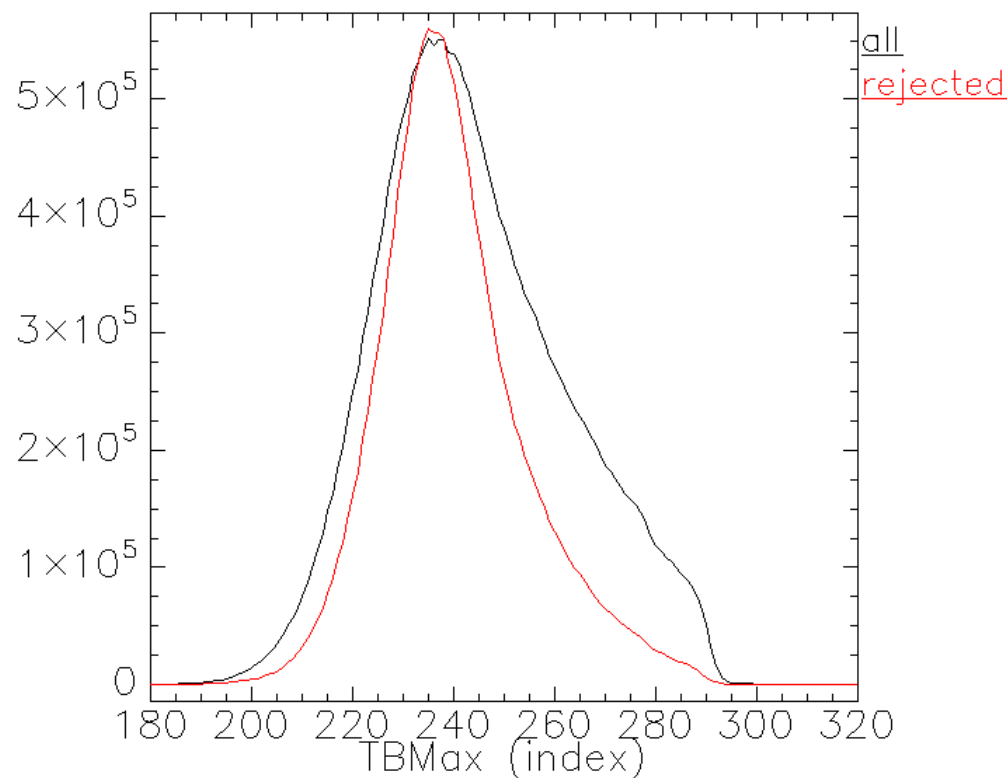


■ Brightness Temperatures from the IIS imager

- ◆ **Black curve : Histogram of BT in the vicinity of rejected spectra**
 - 1/4 of the IIS image
- ◆ **Red curve : Histogram of BT in the IASI footprint for rejected spectra**

■ Conclusion

- ◆ **Affected pixels : 0.3 %**
- ◆ **Histogram of rejected pixels**
FWHM = 25 K
- ◆ **Close shape of the 2 histograms**



- **Add more detailed information for the cause of rejected spectra**
 - ◆ Spike reason,
 - ◆ NZPD reason,
 - ◆ OverFlows,
 - ◆ Other

- **In case of a spike occurrence, provide B1 and B2 spectra when available**
 - ◆ With proper flagging

- **Add AVHRR L1B cloud mask information in the L1C product**

- **Add IIS image Brightness Temperature average and variance in L1C prod**
 - ◆ For easy spatially uniform scenes detection

- **Add minor modifications for improving (or easing) the monitoring of IASI performance by the TEC**
 - ◆ No impact on the L1C products

■ Method : for intercomparison at high spectral resolution

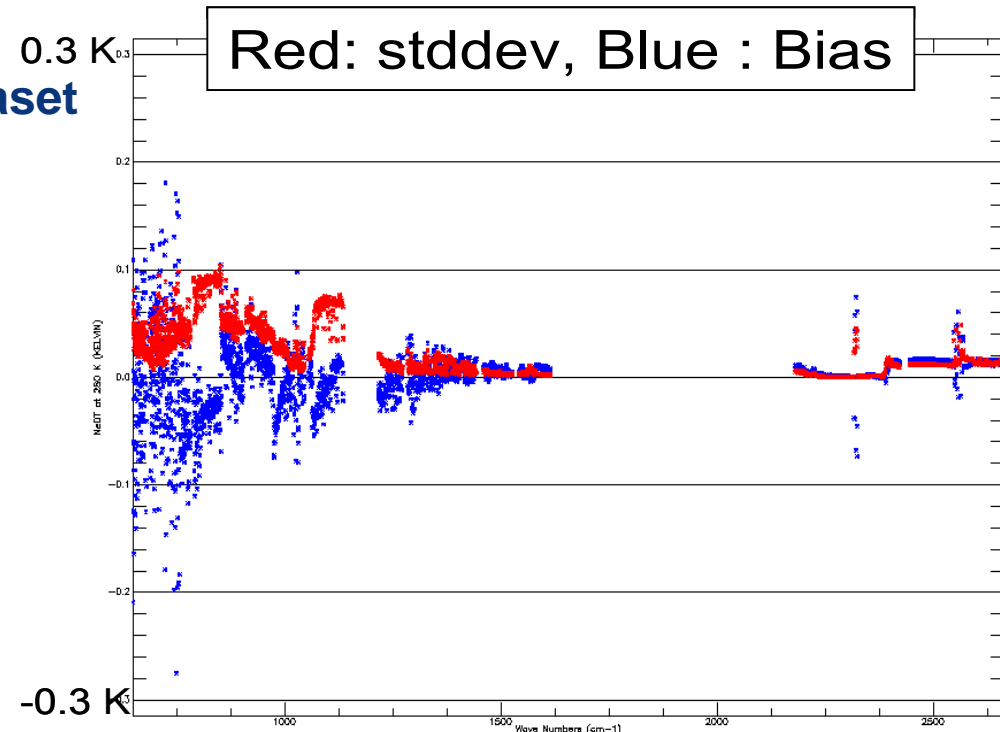
- ◆ Precompute TF of each AIRS Spectral Response Function $\rightarrow A_k, k=1..2378$
- ◆ IASI calibrated spectra (L1B or L1C TBC) \rightarrow interferogram I_0
- ◆ For each $k, S_k = TF^{-1}(I_0/A_f * A_k)$, ... AIRS like spectrum, interpolated at n_{uk}
 - $\rightarrow SAIRS_like(k)$
 - A_f is IASI apodisation function
(G if L1C spectrum, self-apodisation if L1B spectrum)

■ Validation

- ◆ Over 2000 spectra from the TIGR dataset

■ On-going activities

1. Intercomparison with GCC/GSICS results
2. Increase the number of comparison opportunities (generalization of the SNO concept)



- **After more than 17 months in orbit**
 - ◆ **IASI is performing very well**
 - all mission requirements are met
 - both instrument and processing
- **All performances very stable in the long term**
 - ◆ **Radiometry, spectral, geometry**
- **During the routine phase, IASI Technical Expertise Center (IASI TEC) located in CNES/Toulouse takes care of**
 - ◆ **In-depth Performance monitoring**
 - ◆ **Processing parameters updating**
- **In parallel with the operational monitoring performed by the EUMETSAT EPS/CGS teams**
 - ◆ **Near Real Time**
 - ◆ **Radiances monitoring (wrt Radiative Transfer)**

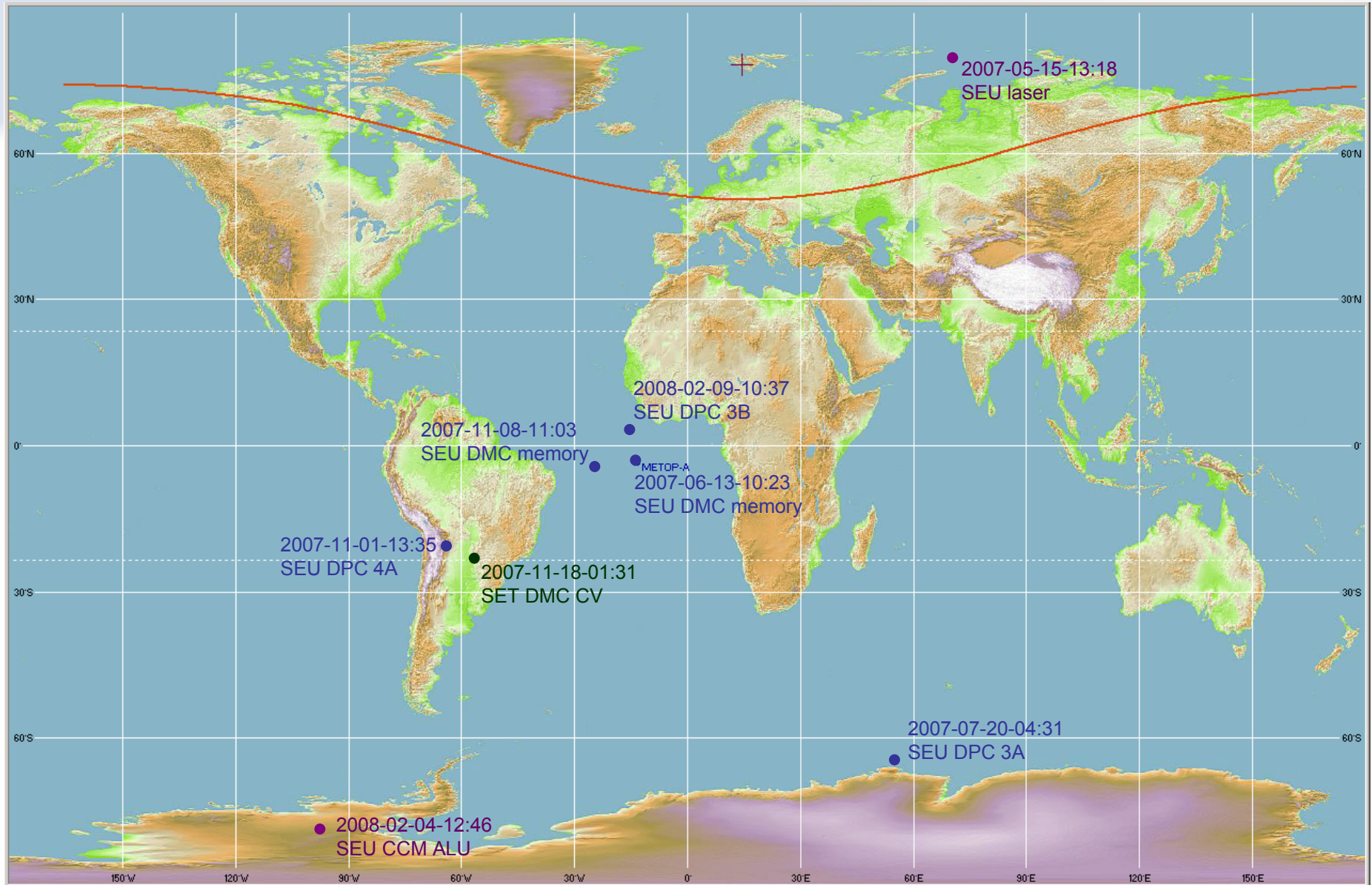
Spares

Date	Mission outage	Origine	Sub-system	Détails
15/05/2007	~ 1day 5h	SEU	LAS	Target LAS T° corruption, due to an SEU on CCE or LAS
13/06/2007	~ 1day 7h	SEU	DPS	DMC checksum error
20/07/2007	~ 1day 9h	SEU	DPS	DPC pixel 3A checksum error
01/11/2007	~ 10h	SEU	DPS	DPC pixel 4A checksum error
08/11/2007	~ 11h	SEU	DPS	DMC checksum error
18/11/2007	~ 4days 9h	SET	DPS	Communication error IMS-DPS with OOLs on DPS voltages due to an SET on DMC converter
04/02/2008	7h 50min	SEU	CCM	Overflow on ALU computation. Error disappear after reset which confirms SEU, probably on CCE RAM
09/02/2008	3h 45min	SEU	DPS	DPC pixel 3B checksum error
5 occurrences		SEU	OBDH	OBDH corruption zone OBDH (EDAC counter anomalie) without mission outage

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■ Proton or Heavy ion events caused IASI to go into safe mode (1 or 2)

* long outage due to detectors temperature stabilization after safe mode 2



% in each mode between 07/05/07 and 03/31/08			
Operational Modes	90 %	Normal OP	89%
		External Calibration	1%
Non Operational Modes	10 %	decontamination, IASI anomalies and platform anomalies	

- **EUMETSAT / CNES / ALCATEL Working group has proposed recommendations for diminishing impact of SEU anomalies (on-board)**
- **Before these recommendations are implemented**
 - ◆ **Strong involvement of the EUMETSAT and CNES operational teams to reduce the duration of unavailability periods**
 - ◆ **E.g. IASI decontamination implemented consecutively to a plate-form anomaly to save 2 days in non operational modes**