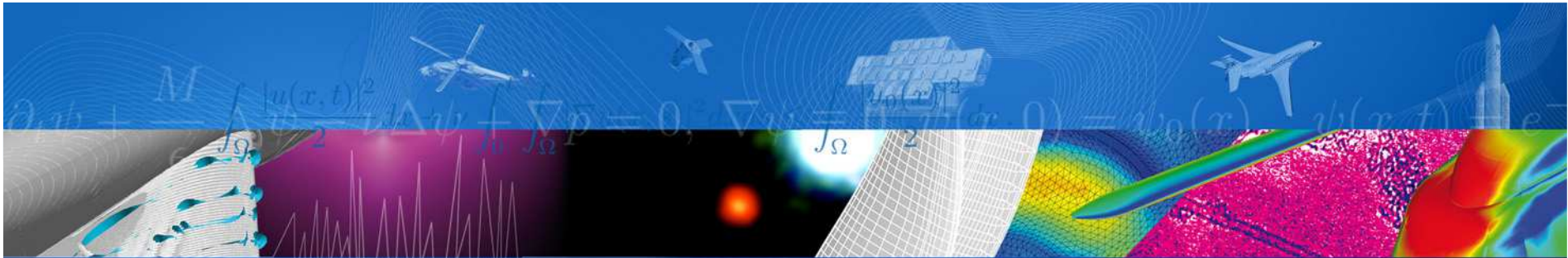


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Impact of the twangs on the GRACE data recovery

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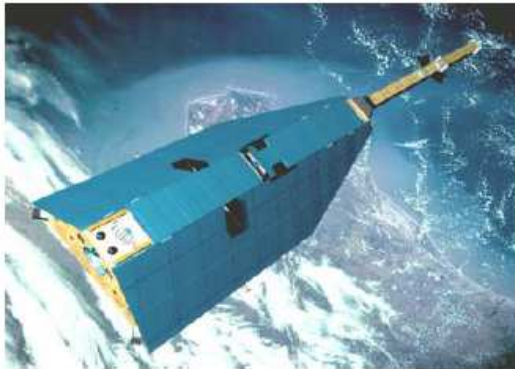


return on innovation

Acceleration disturbance on board Earth Gravity Field satellite missions

- Twang = sudden spike followed by an oscillating decay
- During last decade 3 Earth gravity field missions with ultra-sensitive electrostatic accelerometers on-board

CHAMP

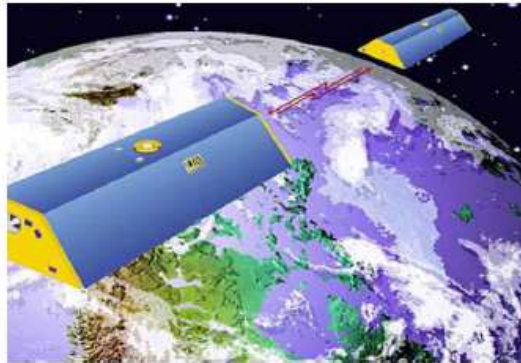


July 2000 - sept 2010

1 accelerometer

$10^{-9} \text{ ms}^{-2}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$

GRACE



march 2002 - (2017 ?)

2×1 accelerometer

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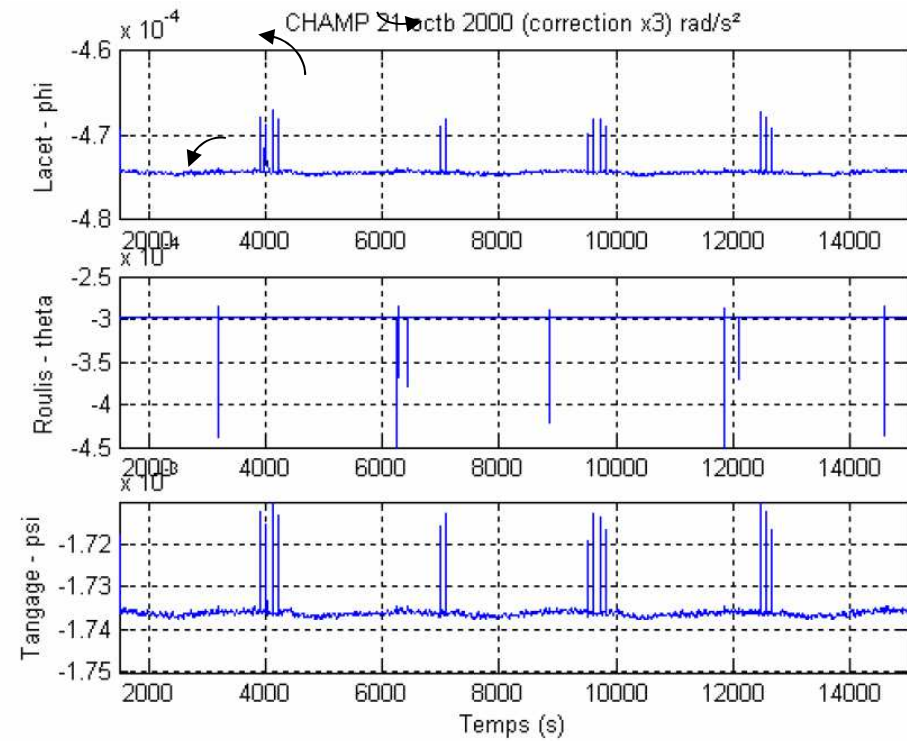
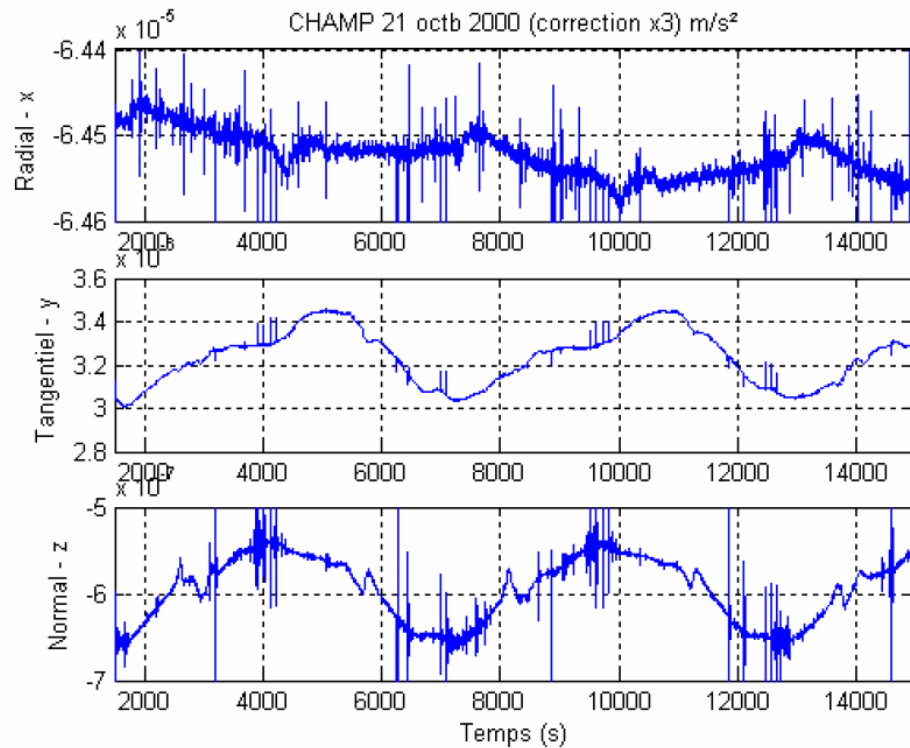
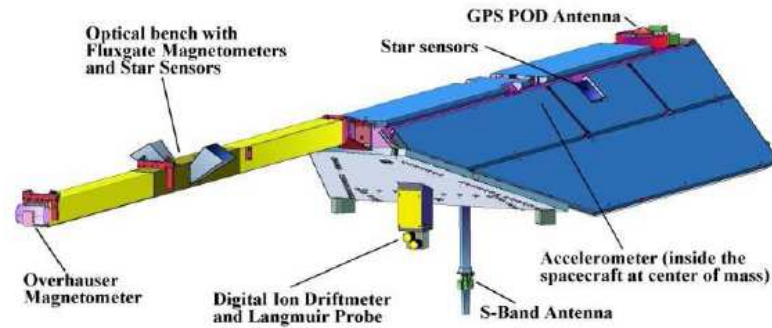
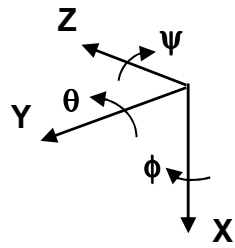


march 2009 – nov 2013

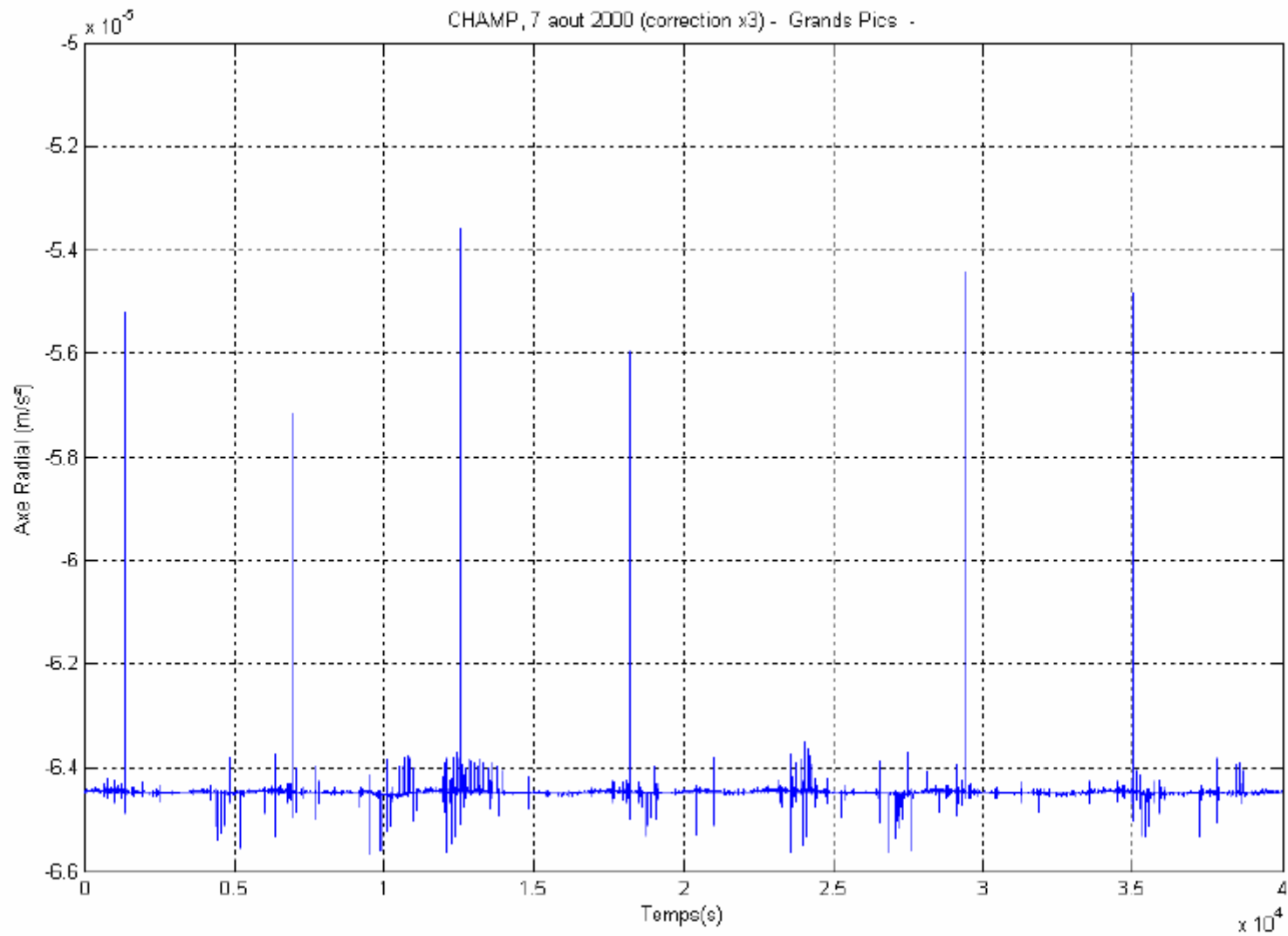
EGG = 6 accelerometers

$2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ ms}^{-2}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$

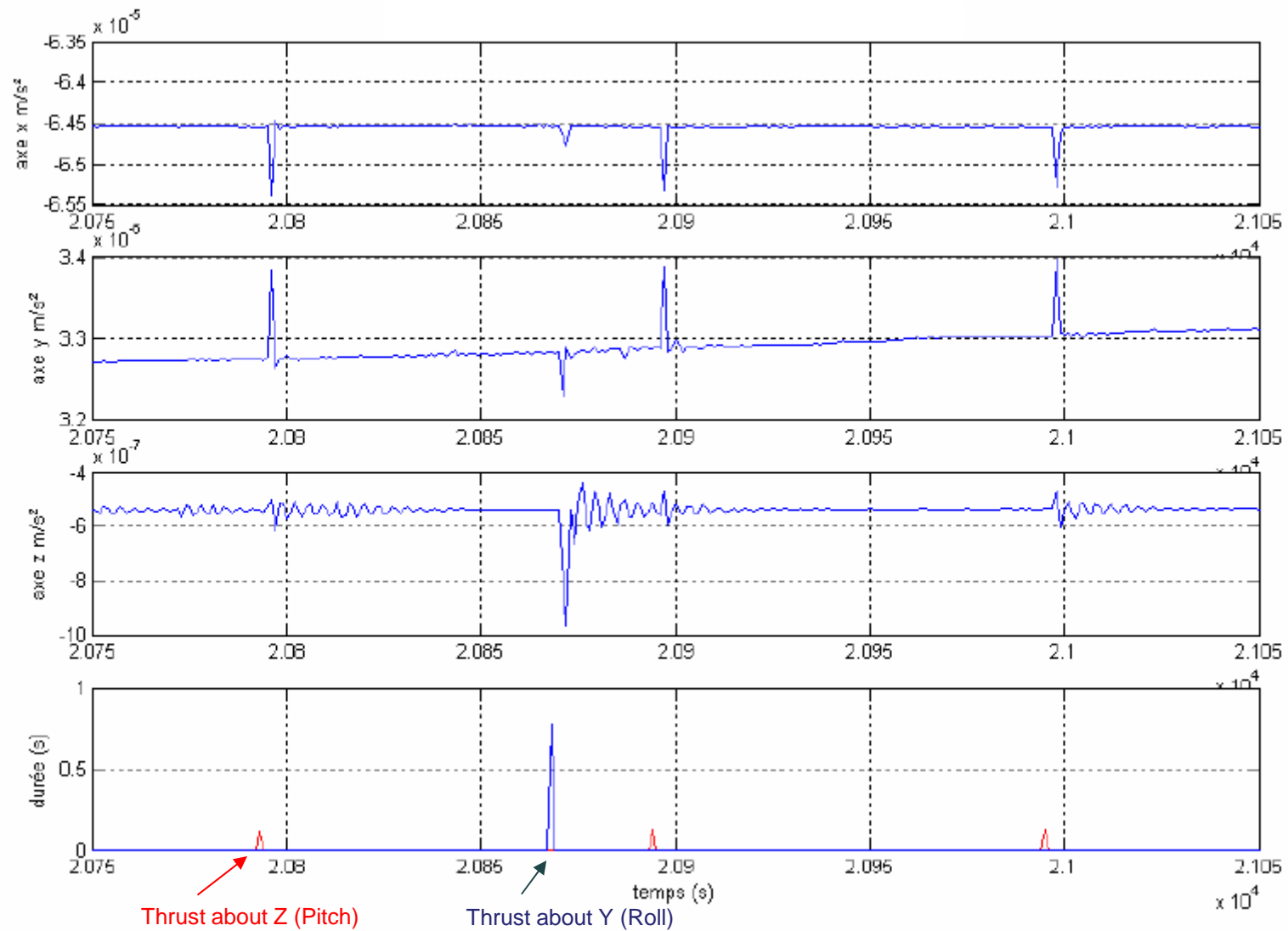
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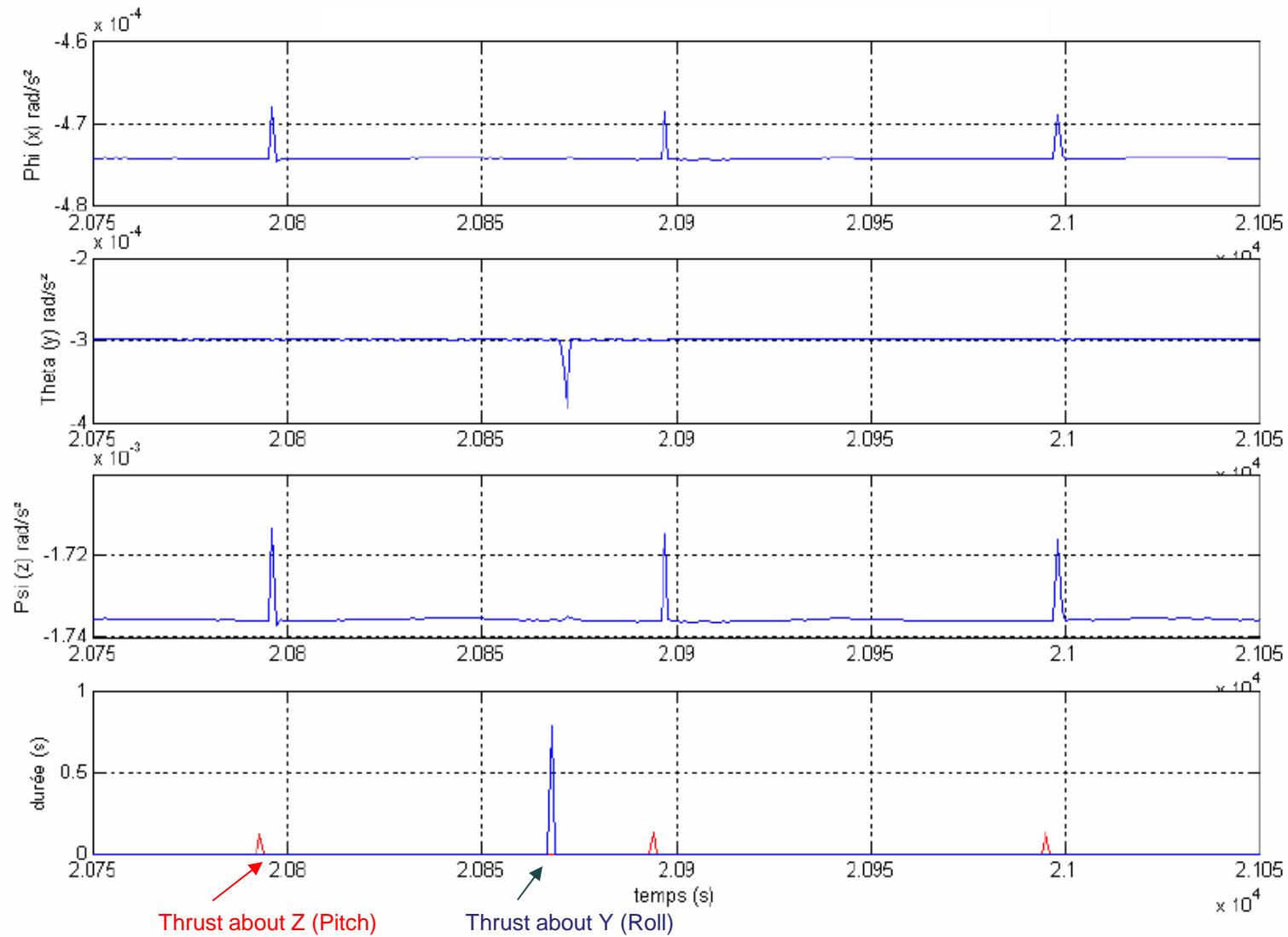
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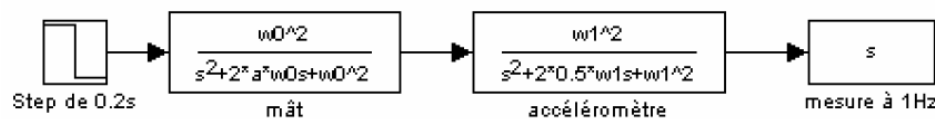
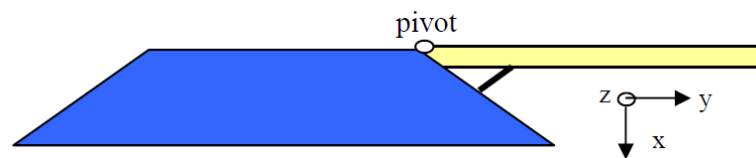
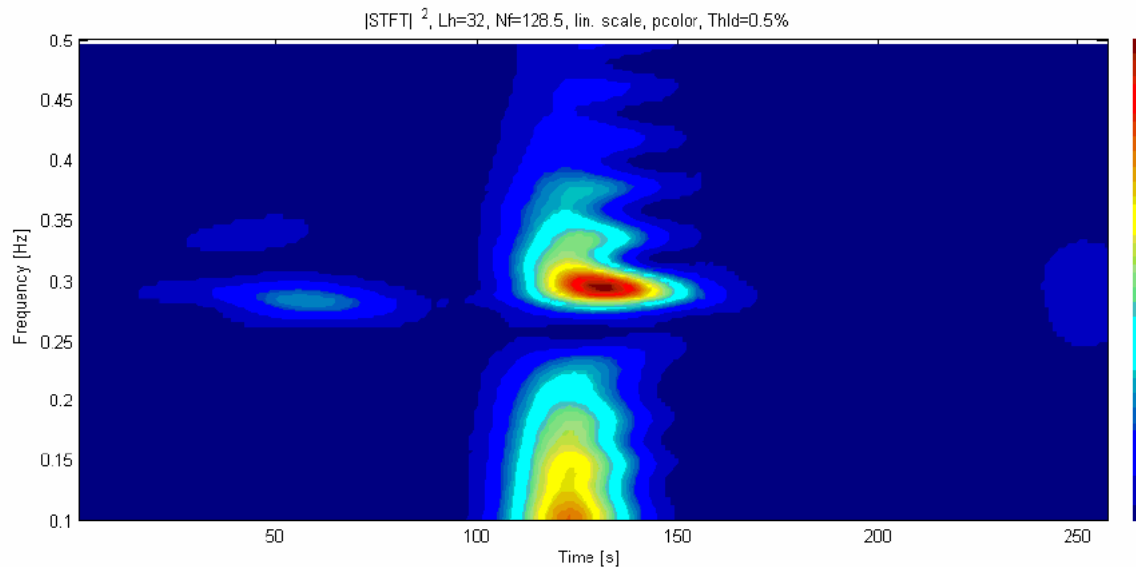
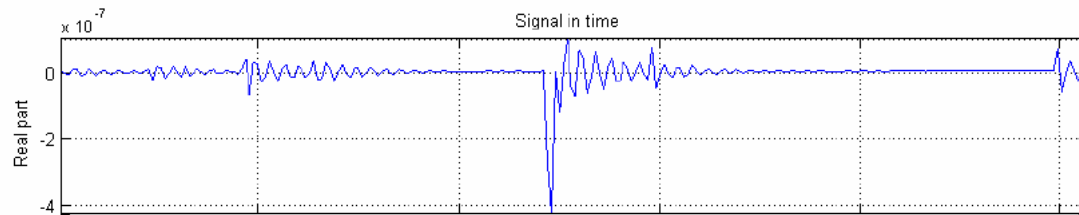
CHAMP Mission : Thruster activation spikes along linear acceleration axes



CHAMP Mission : Thruster activation spikes along angular acceleration axes



CHAMP Mission : Boom excitation twangs induced by thrusters



Measured oscillations

Frequency : 0,27 Hz

Damping : $\tau = 8$ s with $a = 9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ms}^{-2}$

Boom

Frequency : 27 Hz

Mass 20 kg

Damping : $\zeta = 0,01$ with $a = 4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ms}^{-2}$

$\rightarrow h = 2,5 \text{ kg/s}$

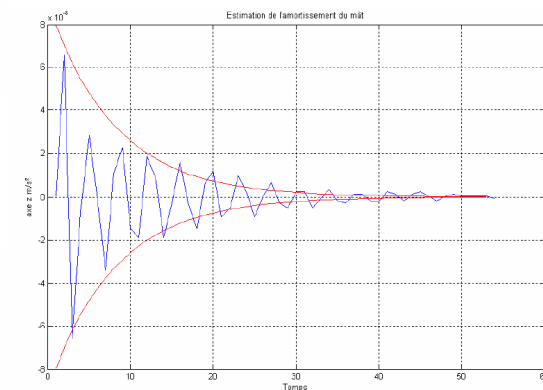
Accelerometer

Frequency : 1 Hz

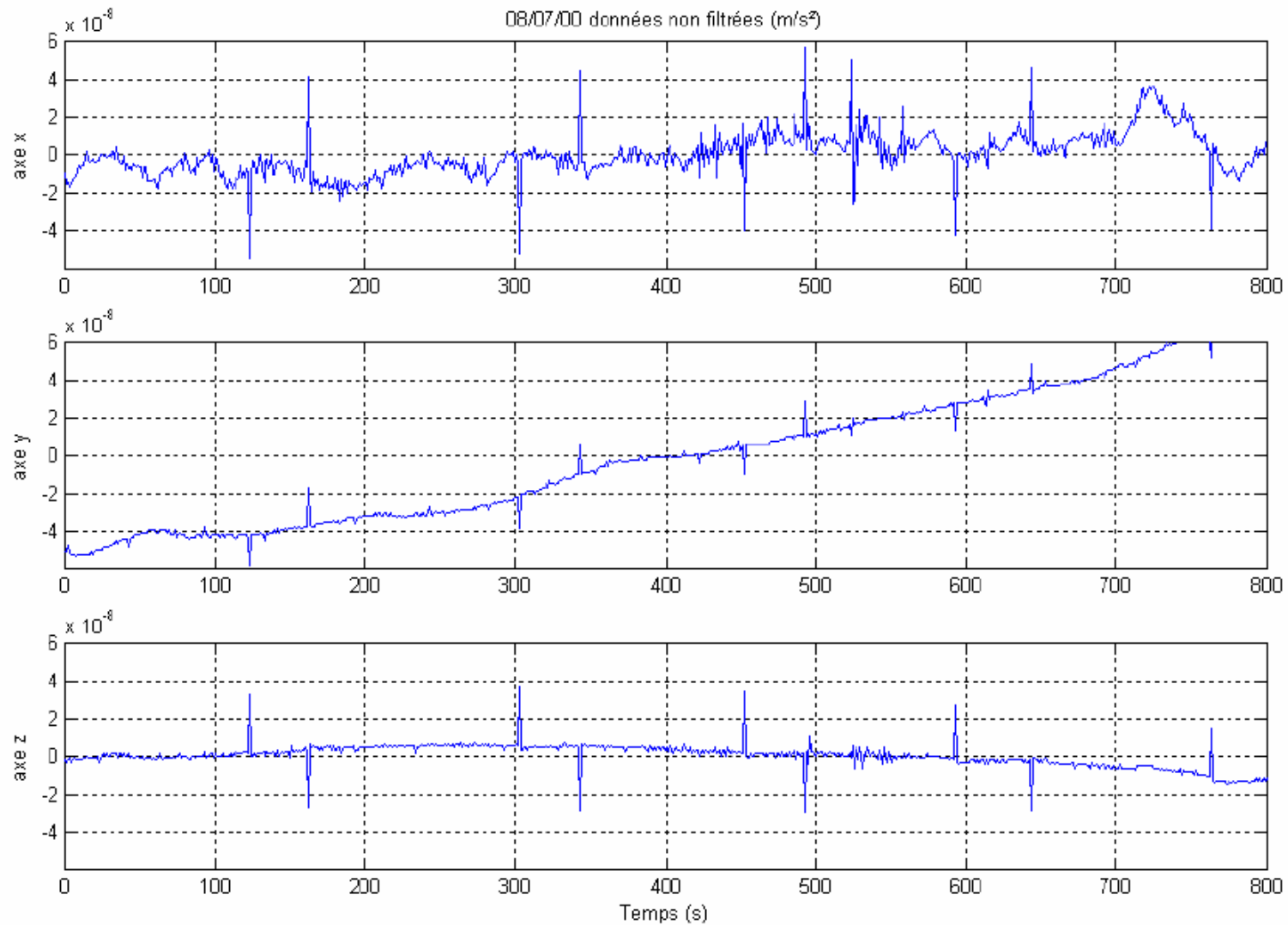
Damping : $\zeta = 0,5$



Aliasing between 1Hz acc. rate and 2,7Hz boom oscillation \rightarrow signal osc. at 0,27Hz



CHAMP Mission : Spikes induced by heaters activation at 10 Hz multiples



CHAMP Mission data: Detection and filtering of spikes and twangs

- Mean filtering method

Compute the mean m_0 and the standard deviation σ on a limited moving window

Detect the points out of the $[m_0 - 3\sigma, m_0 + 3\sigma]$ range

Replace these points by m_0

→ Very fast filtering but not very efficient, especially in case of multiple spikes in the chosen window

- Median filtering method

Same principle for the detection but the point value is replaced by the median value of the window instead of the mean

→ Need a narrow window and a steady signal

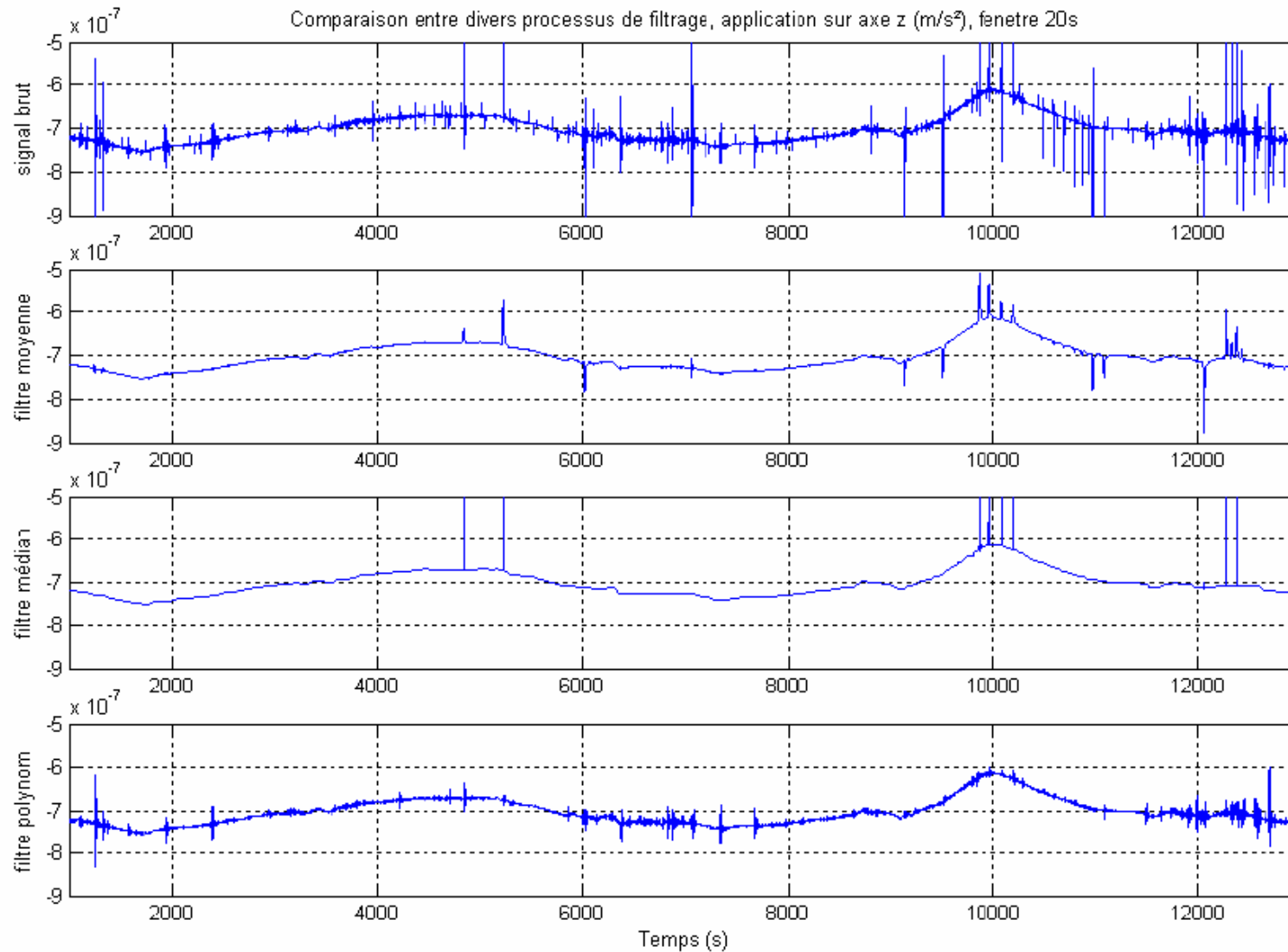
- Polynomial filtering method

In a moving window, the 3rd degree polynomial function fitting the signal is computed by a least squares method. The corresponding standard deviation σ is used for the selection with a 3σ criteria between the data in the window and the values taken by the polynomial function.

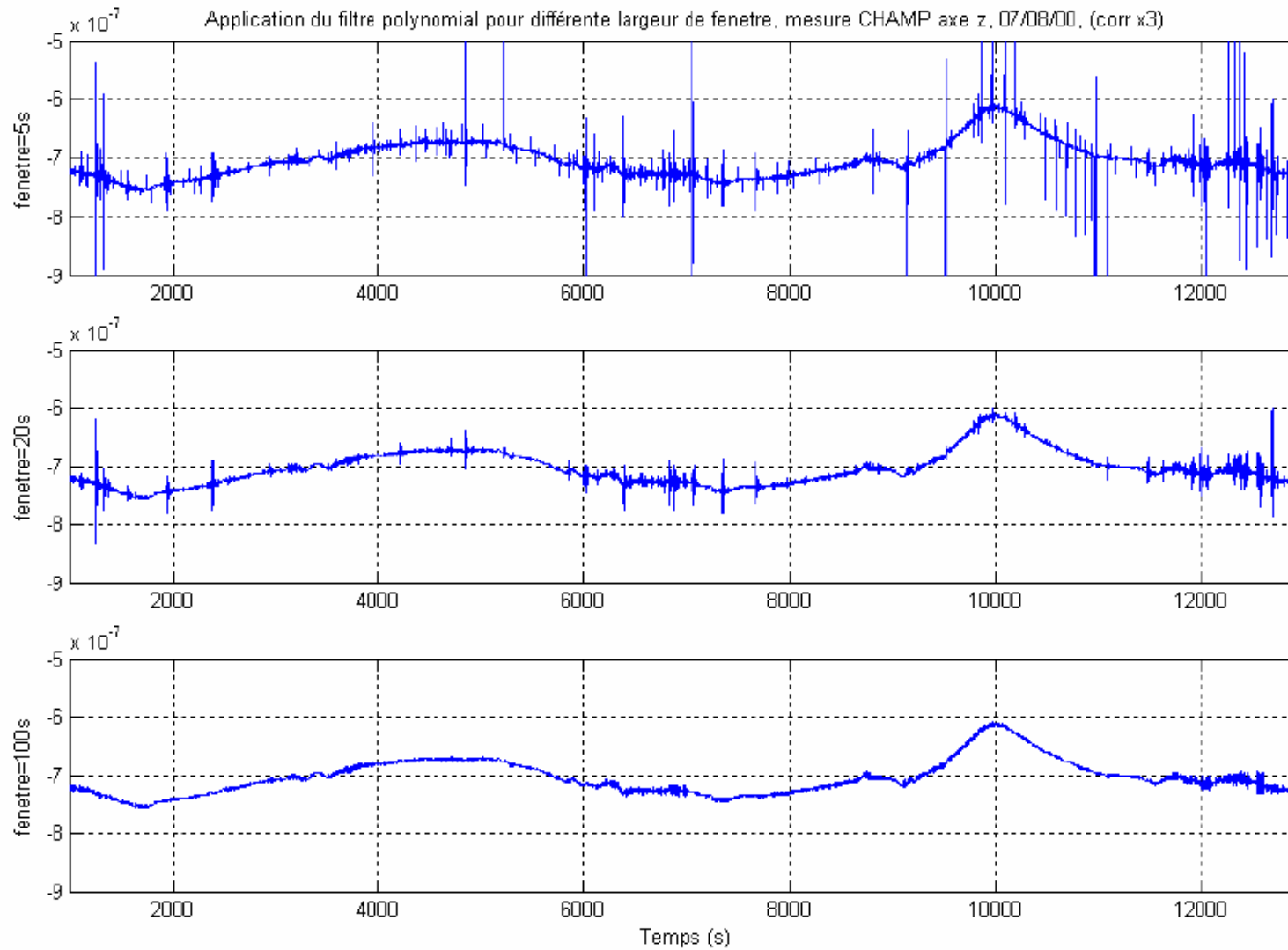
The selected points are removed and the polynomial function is computed a second time in order to provide a better correction,

An overlap (50%) of the moving window is arbitrary chosen.

CHAMP Mission data: Comparison between the filtering methods



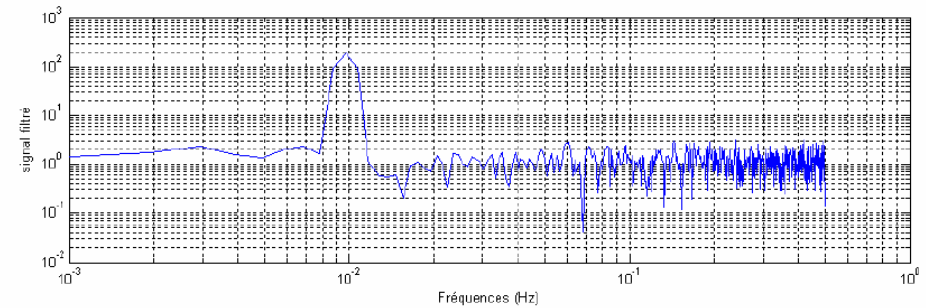
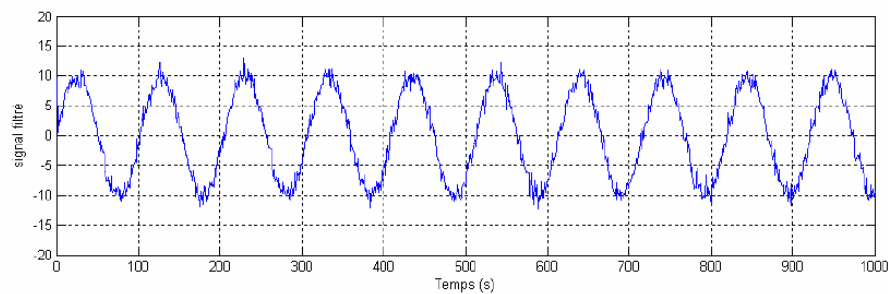
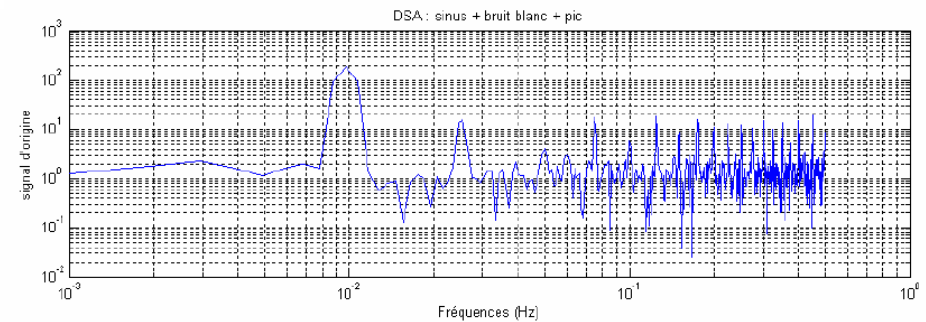
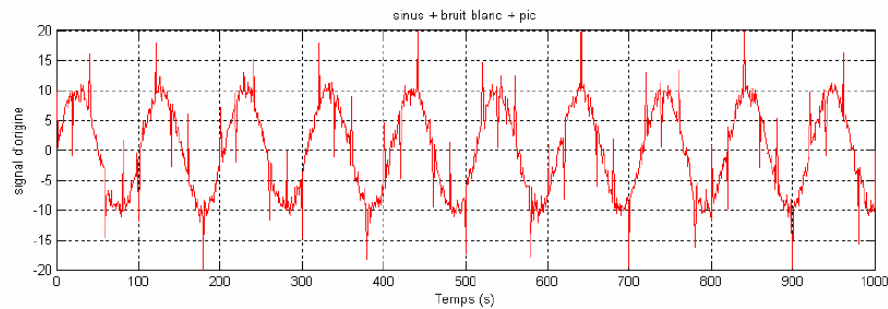
CHAMP Mission data : Polynomial method, impact of the window width



CHAMP Mission data : Polynomial method, impact on the noise

Test of the polynomial method on a signal composed of:

- sine at 0,01Hz, magnitude 5
- white noise, $\sigma = 1$
- heater spikes, magnitude + or - 10

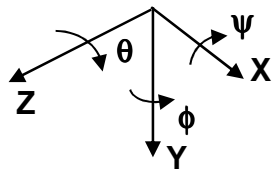
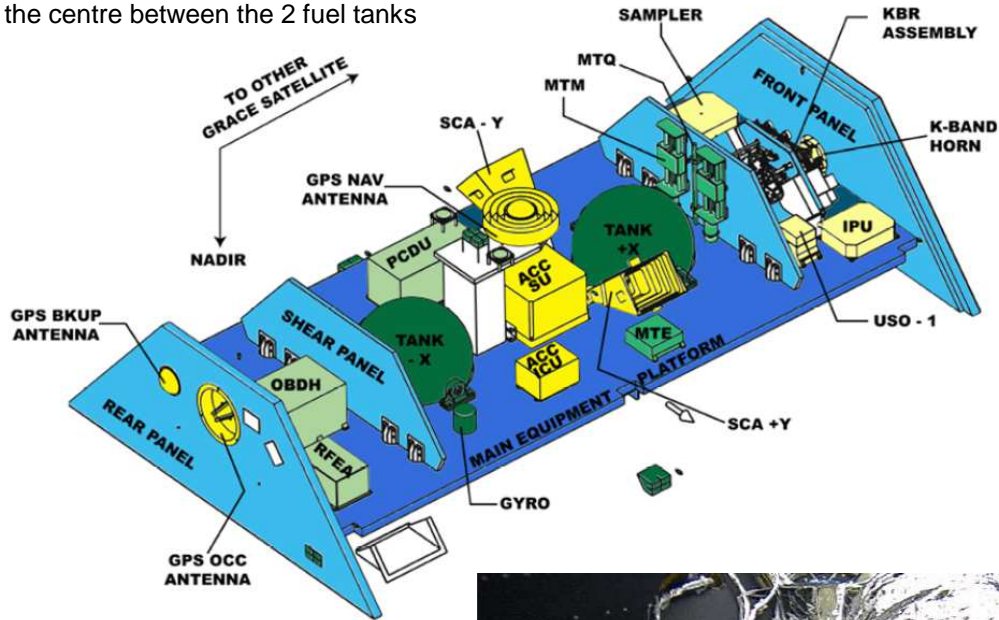


Window : 40 s

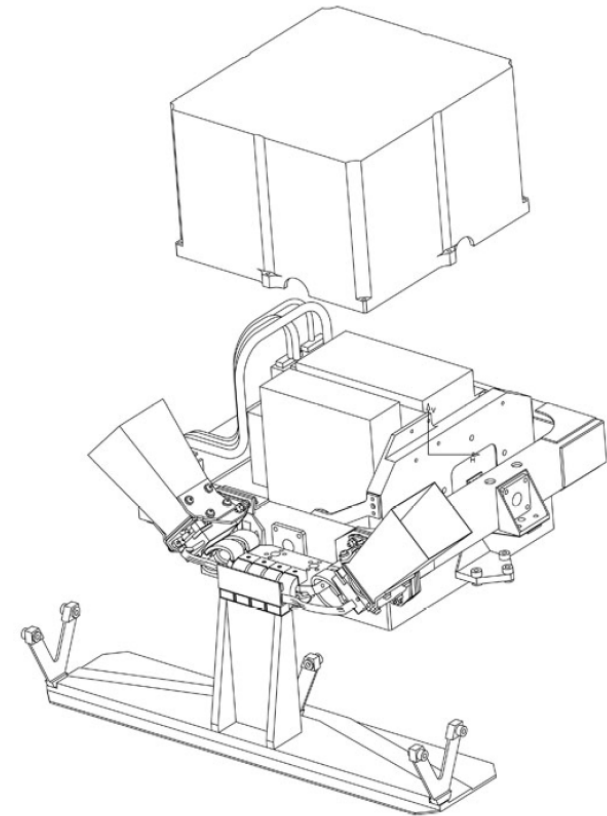
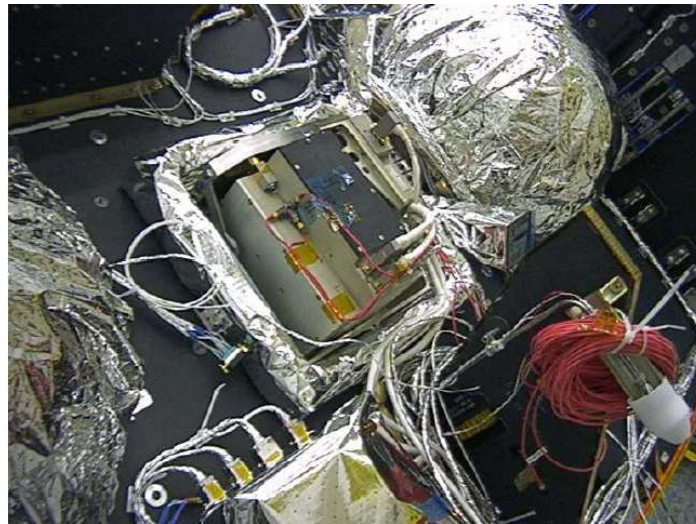
The heater spikes are removed and the signal and the noise are preserved

GRACE Mission : Accelerometer configuration inside the satellite

GRACE satellite layout with the accelerometer at the centre between the 2 fuel tanks

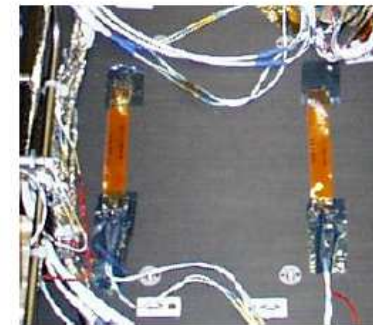
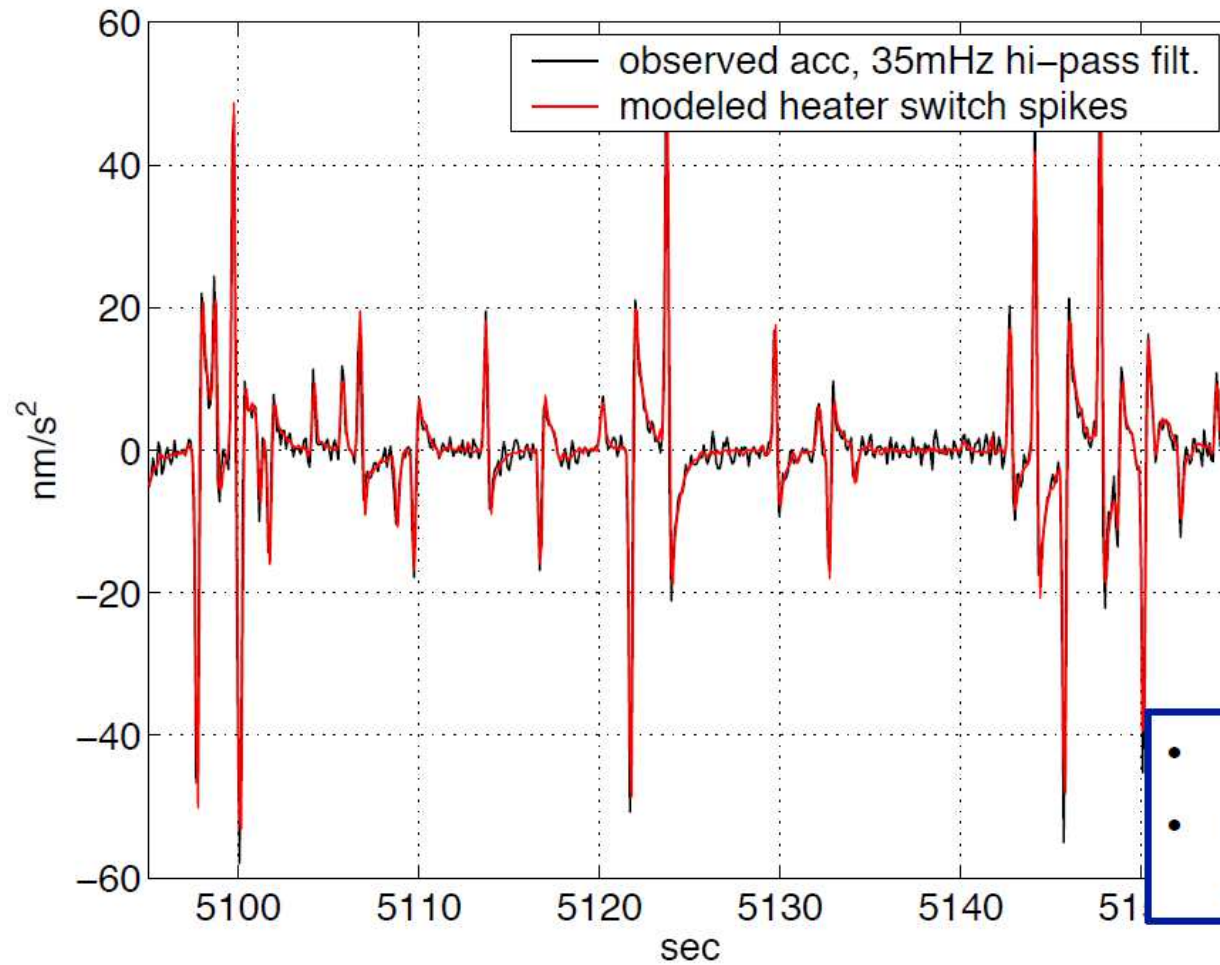


Accelerometer installed in the GRACE satellite with its baseplate toward the upper left corner (© ASD)



Accelerometer Sensor Unit mounted on the support frame with the star camera baffles

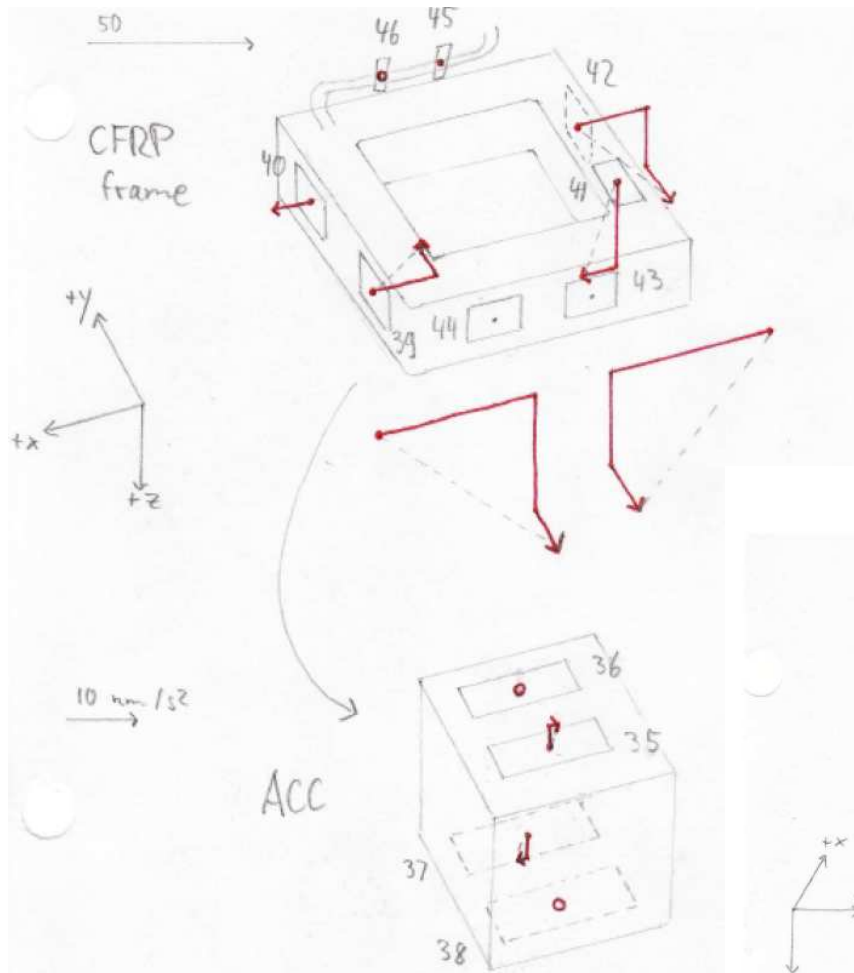
GRACE Mission : Heater switch spikes



GRACE heater foils

- < 0.5 sec duration
- symmetry due to *on* and *off* switches

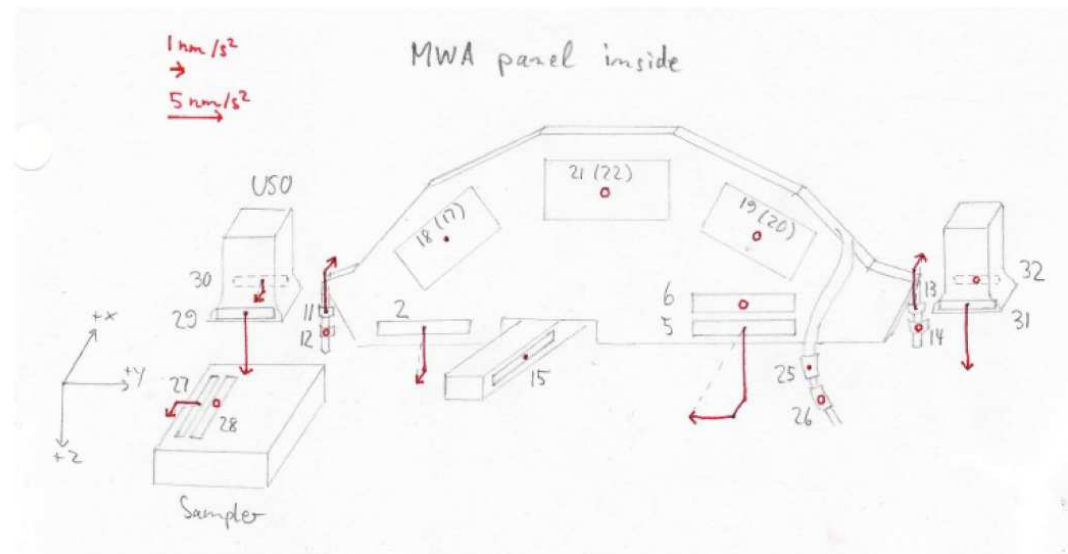
GRACE Mission heater configuration



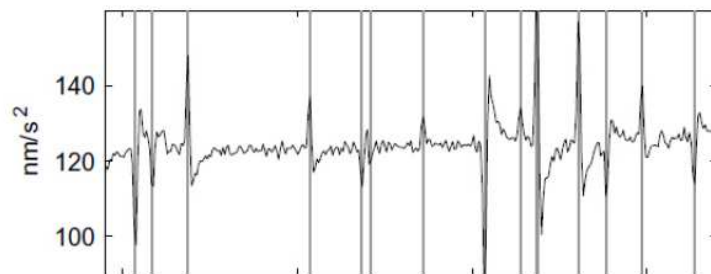
Around Accelerometer

Specific direction and magnitude for each heater element observed from 3 axes accelerometer

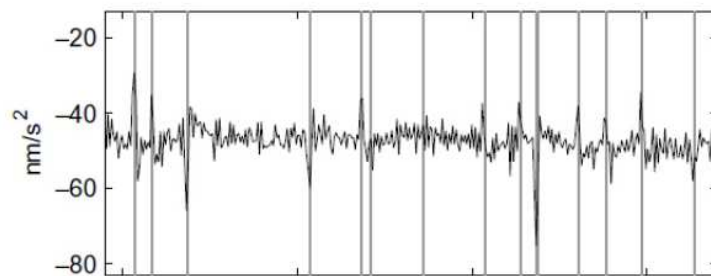
Around Micro Wave Assembly



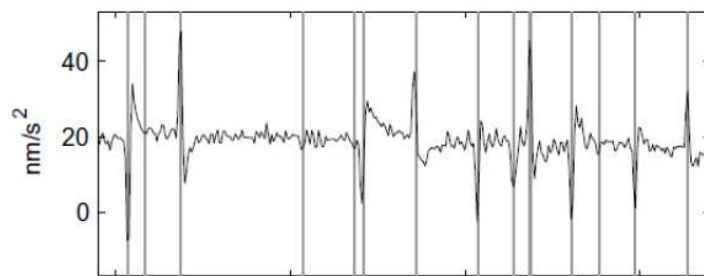
GRACE Mission : Heater signature



along track axis

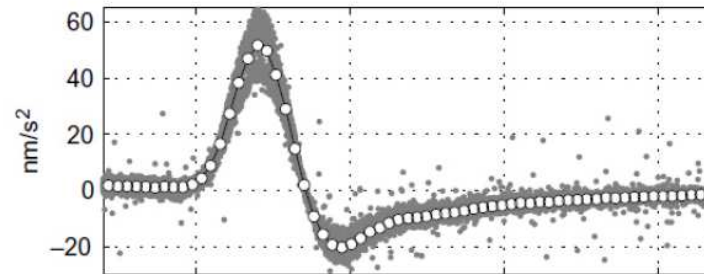


cross track axis

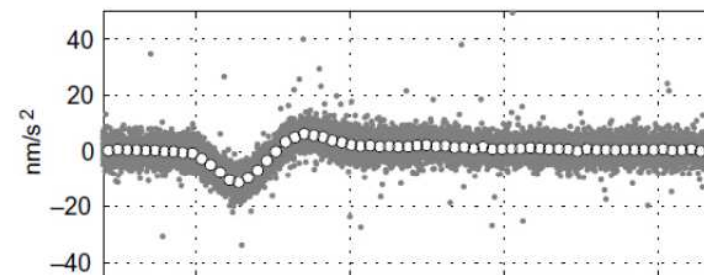


radial axis, sec

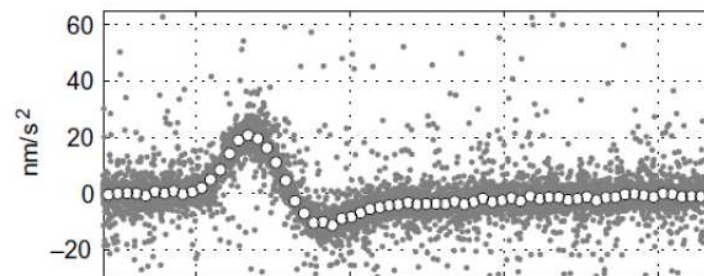
Superimposition of 1414 activations events of heater TUUA0113 on GRACE-A



along track axis



cross track axis



radial axis (seconds after heater activation)

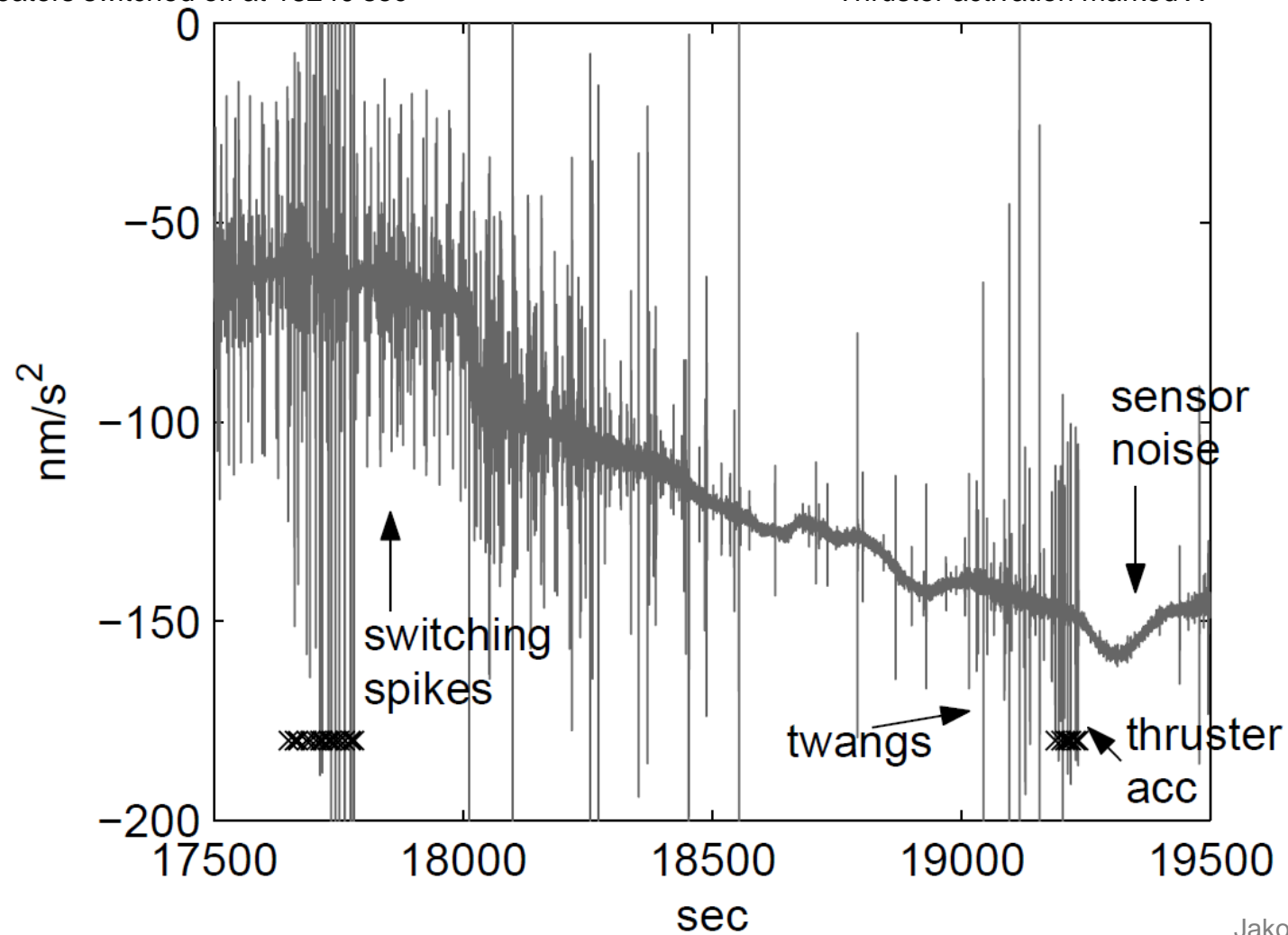
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GRACE Mission : heater free period

Along track acceleration – GRACE B on 2004/12/09

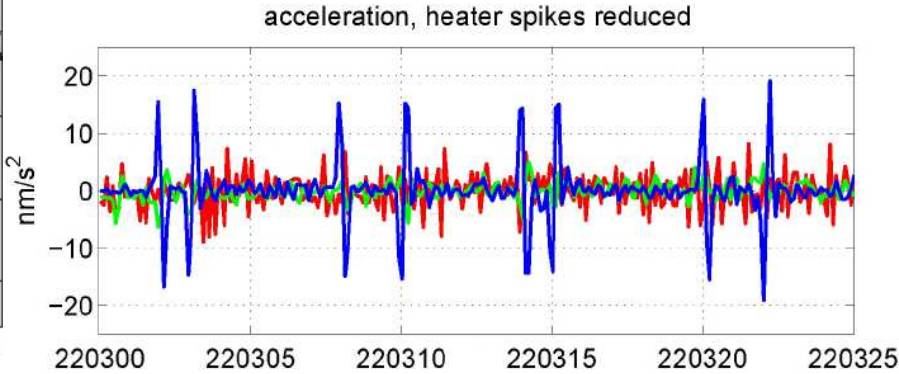
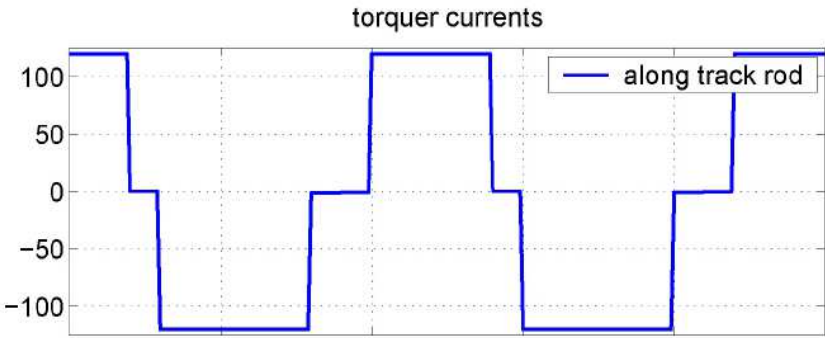
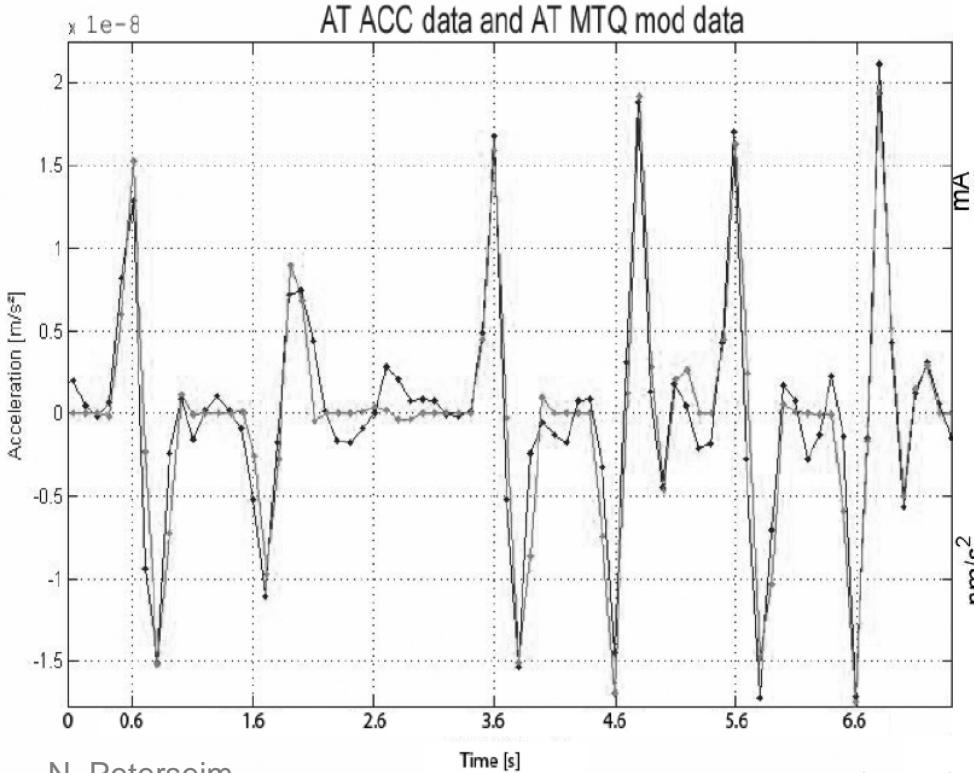
All heaters switched off at 18240 sec

Thruster activation marked X



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GRACE Mission : Spike correlated with Magneto Torquer current variation

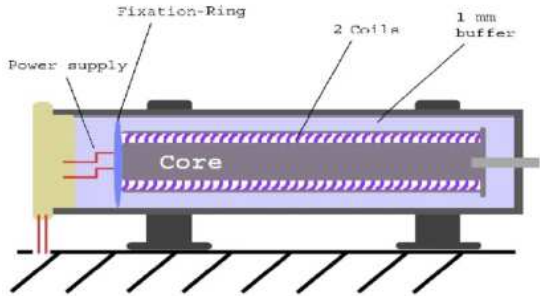


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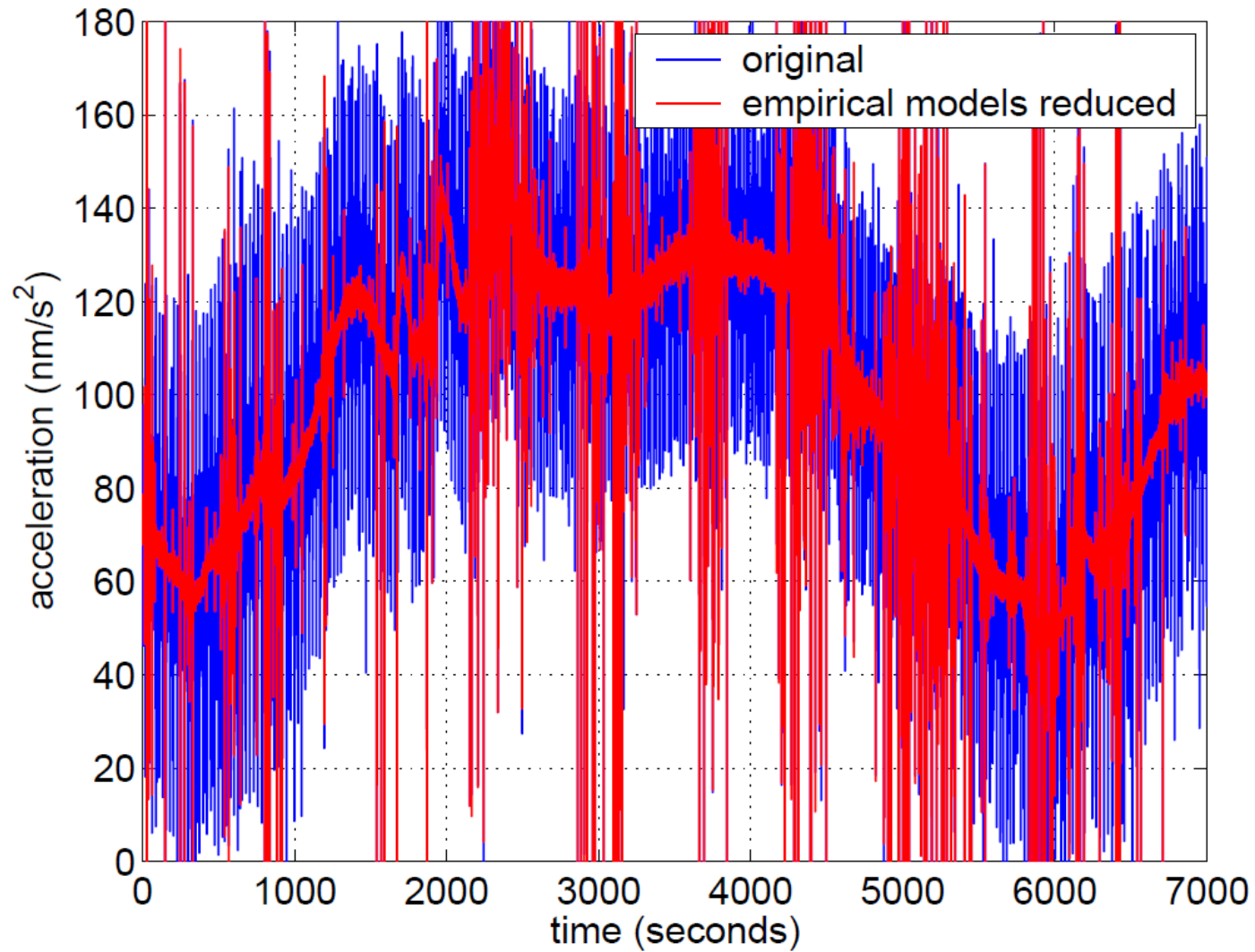
Duration < 0,5 s – Simultaneous with fast current changes



ZARM Magneto Torquer

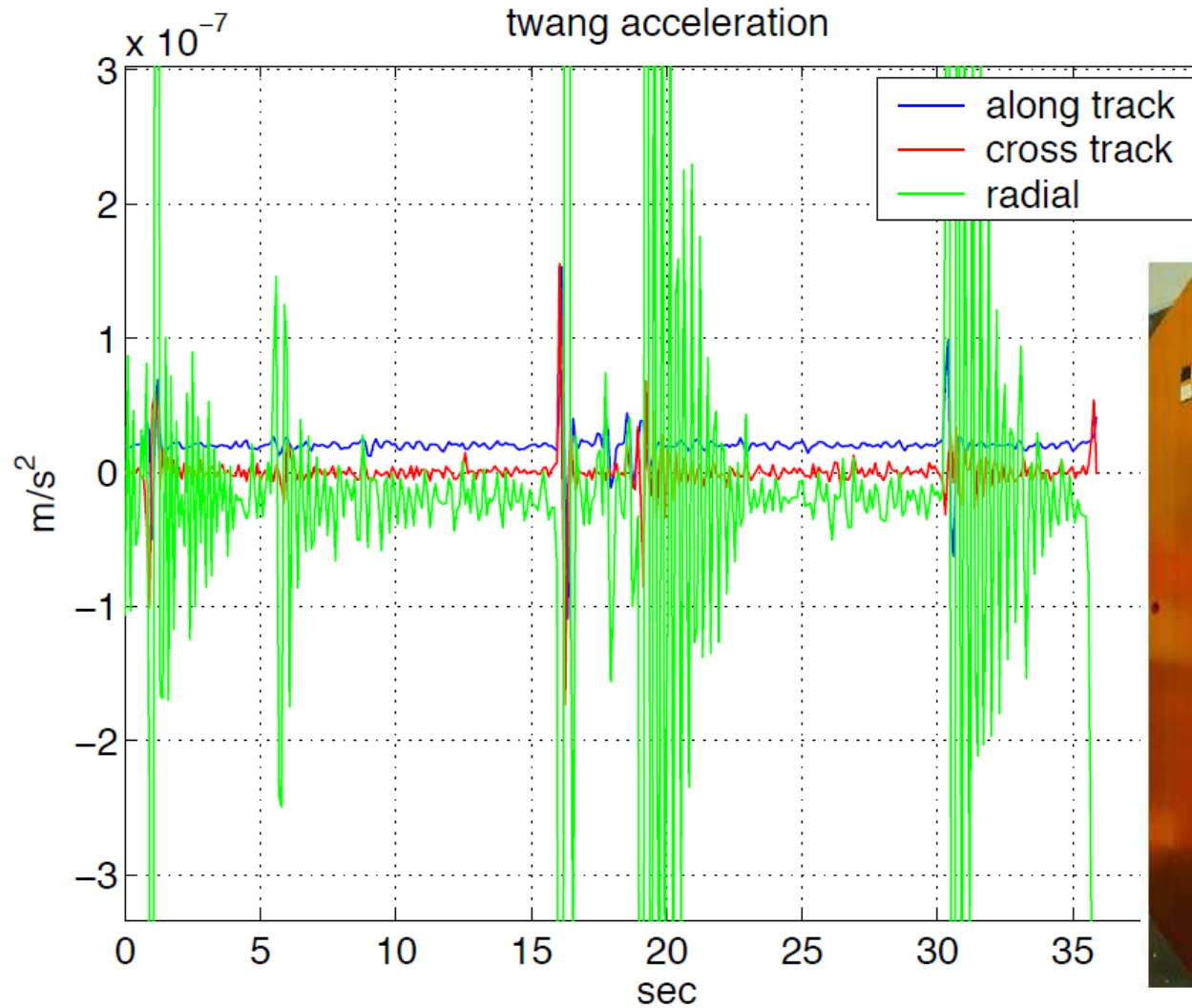


GRACE Mission : Modeling and reduction



After reduction of heater and magnetic perturbations, the twangs remain

GRACE Mission : Twangs along the radial direction

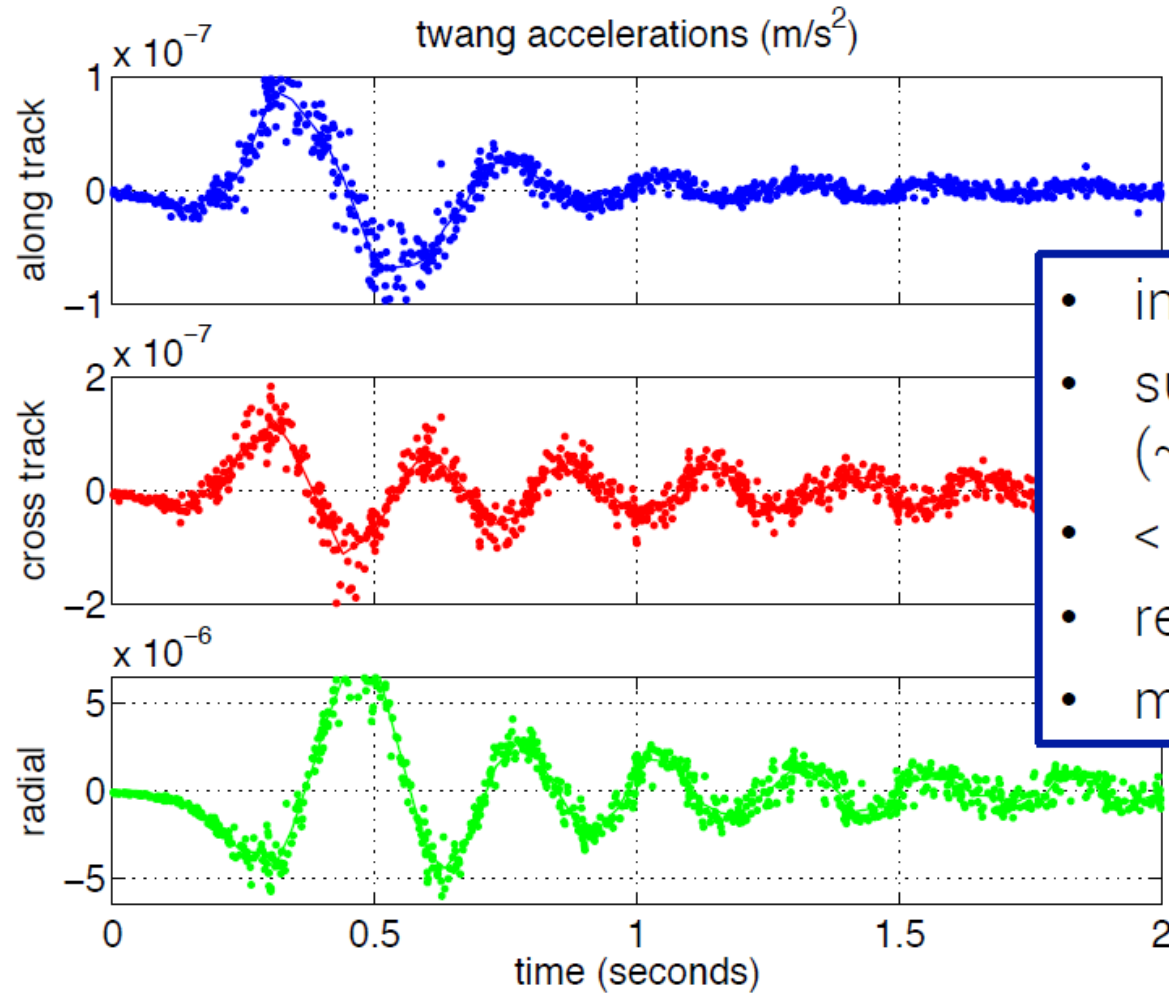


Radial insulation of GRACE satellite excited in Nadir illumination



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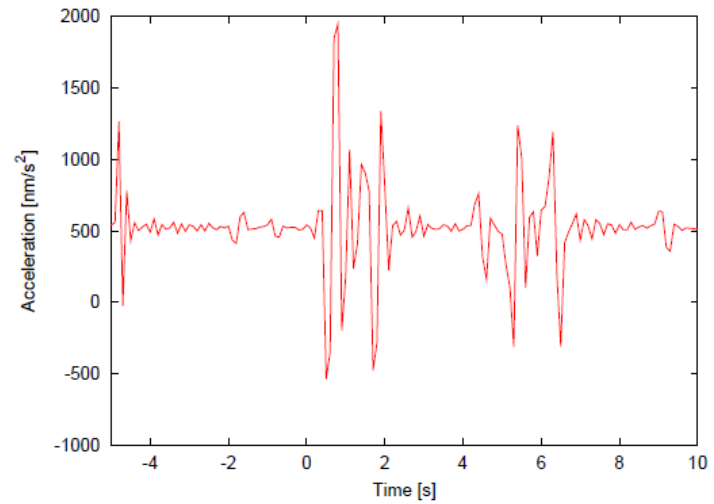
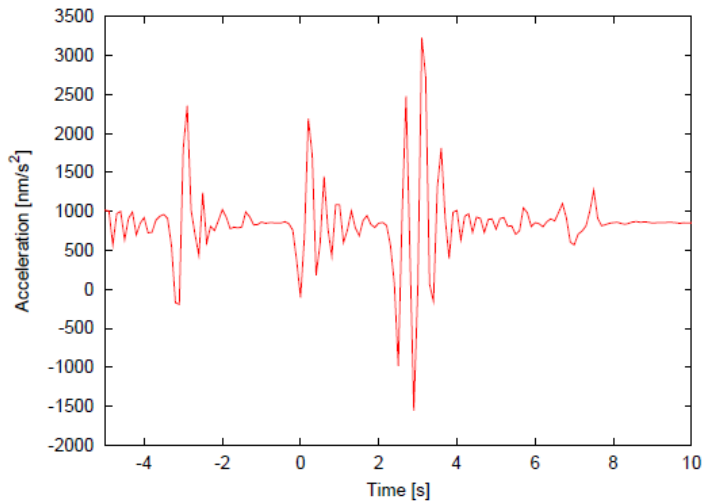
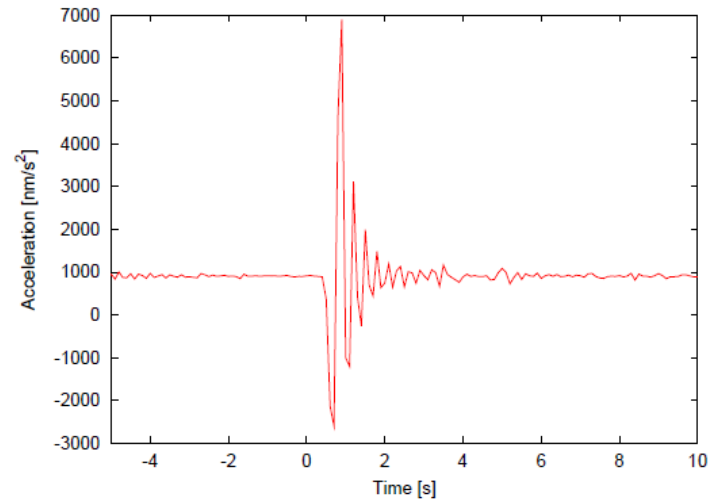
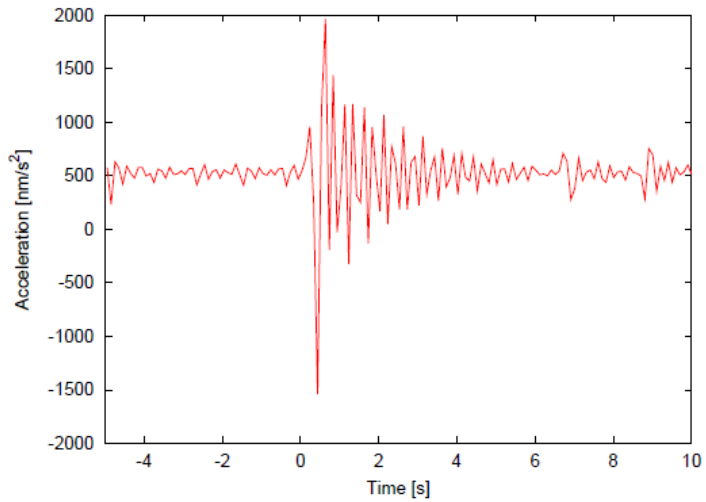
GRACE Mission : twang characteristics



- initial spike
- subsequent oscillation (~ 0.2 sec period)
- < 10 sec duration
- regular shape
- many sub-species

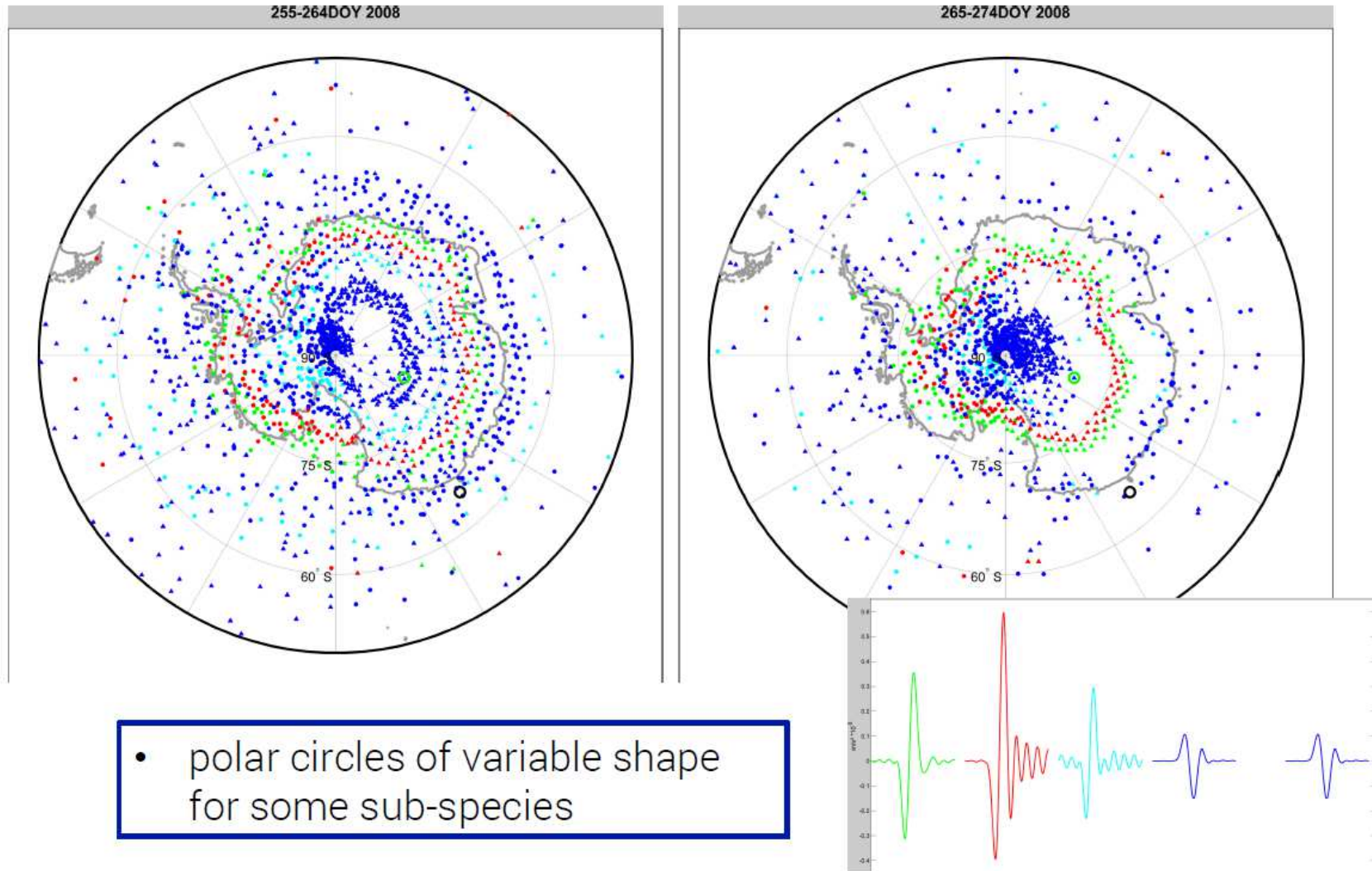
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GRACE Mission : Variety of identified twangs



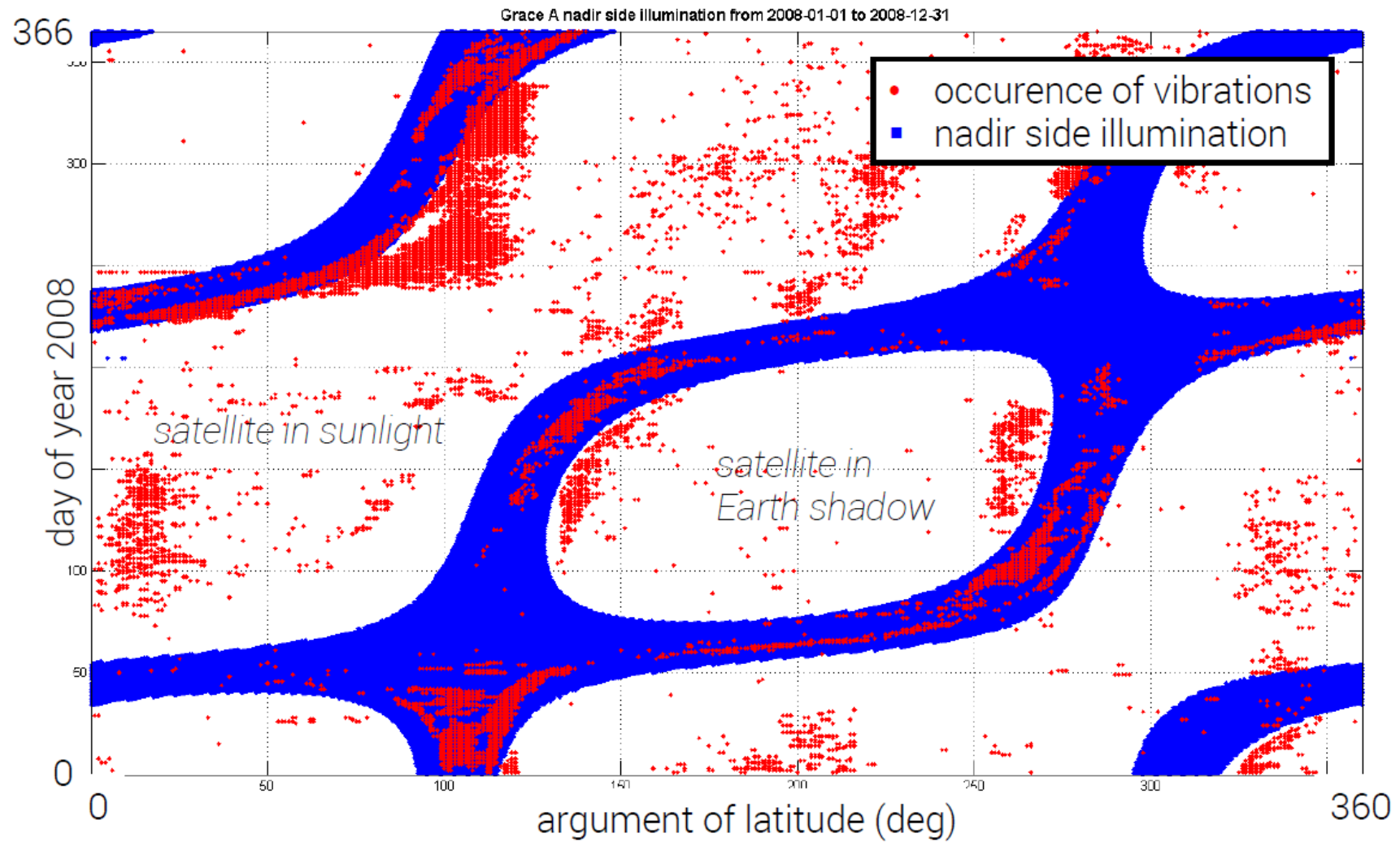
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CHAMP Mission : twang distribution around South Pole



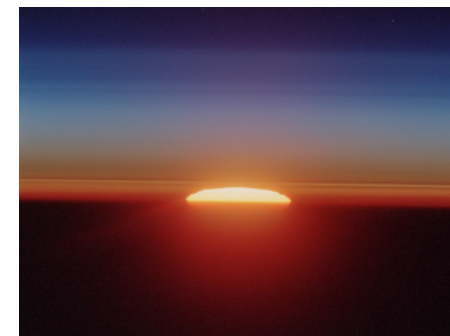
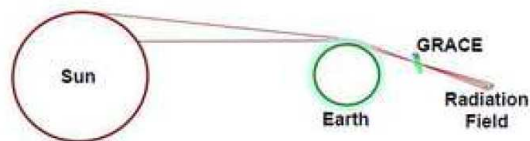
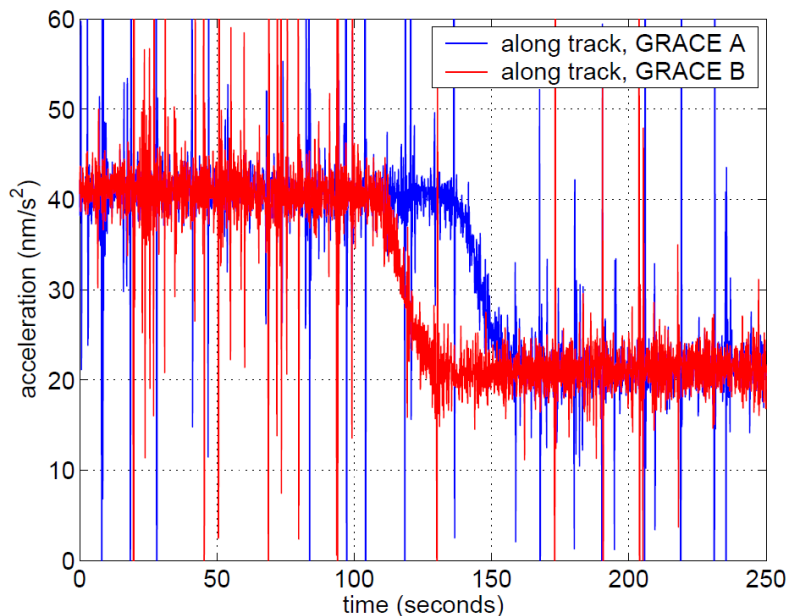
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CHAMP Mission : twang distribution wrt nadir side illumination

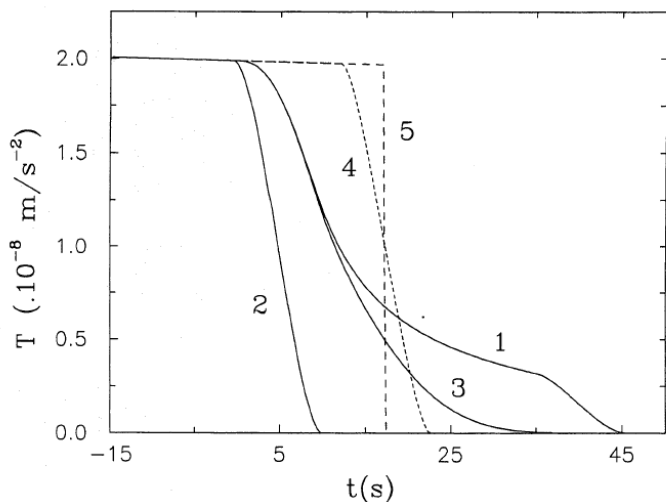


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GRACE Mission : Penumbra transition



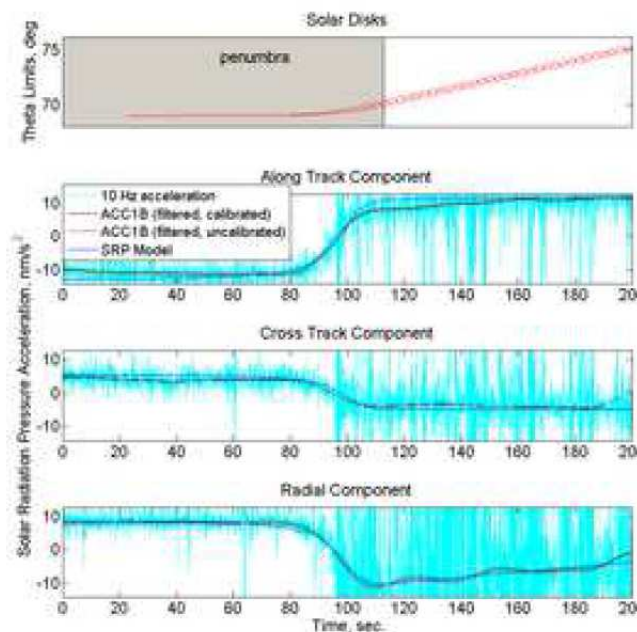
Solar radiation pressure acceleration during shadow exit, GRACE-B on 2008/01/02



Solar radiation pressure perturbation for low orbit satellite (MACEK)

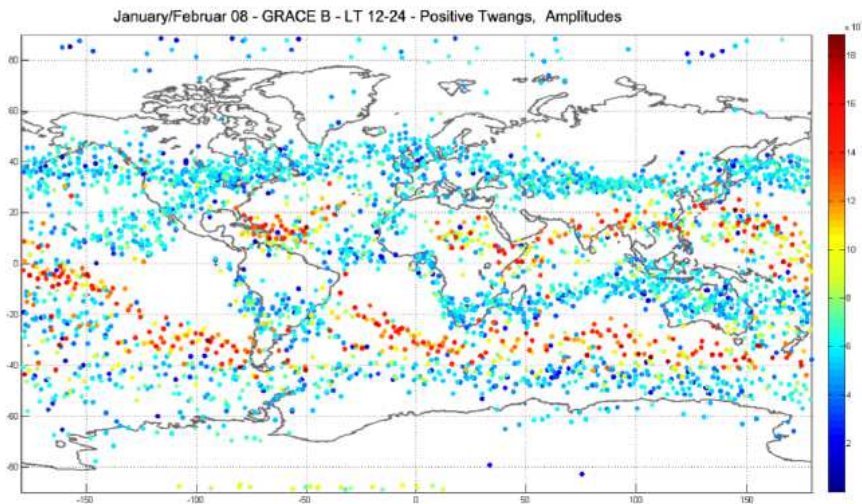
- 1- refraction only
- 2- altitude correction case
- 3- constant absorption model
- 4- atmosphereless Earth
- 5- step approximation

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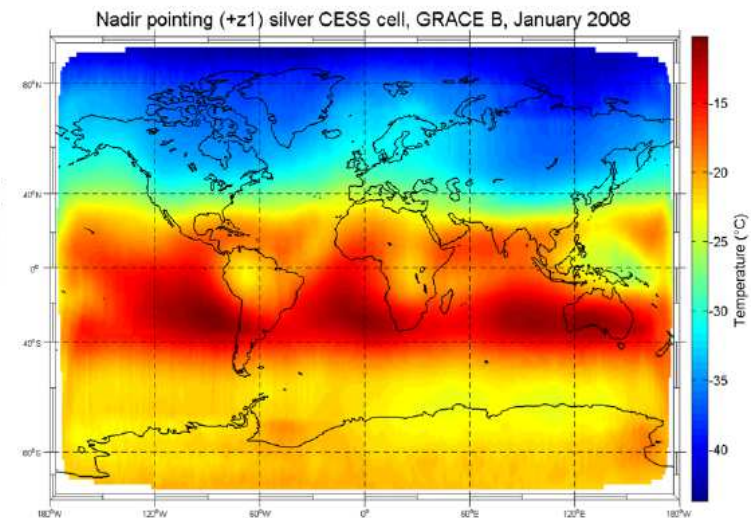


GRACE Mission : Twang distribution wrt Earth albedo

twang distribution, Jan/Feb 2008

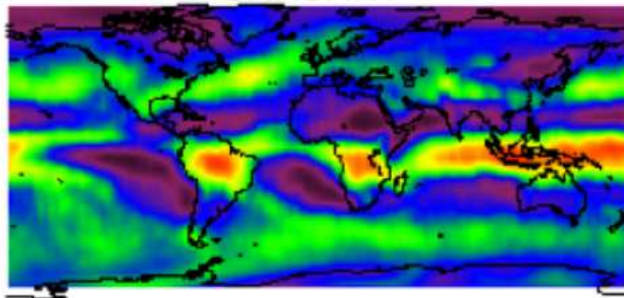


nadir side temperature, Jan 2008

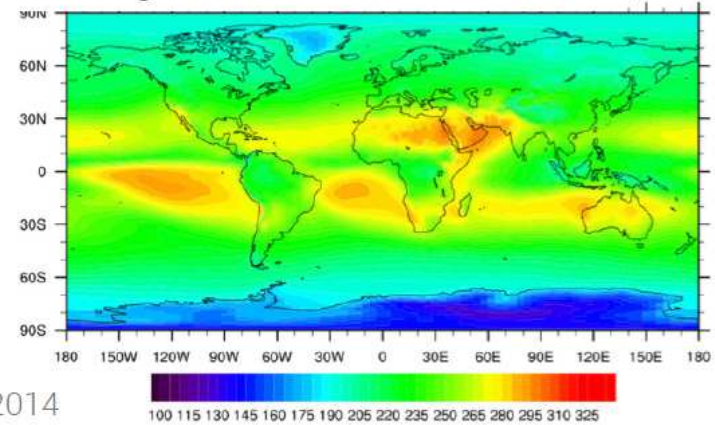


average cloud cover

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multi-year average Earth infrared radiation (W m⁻²)



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GOCE Mission : Beam-out like and clank-like events



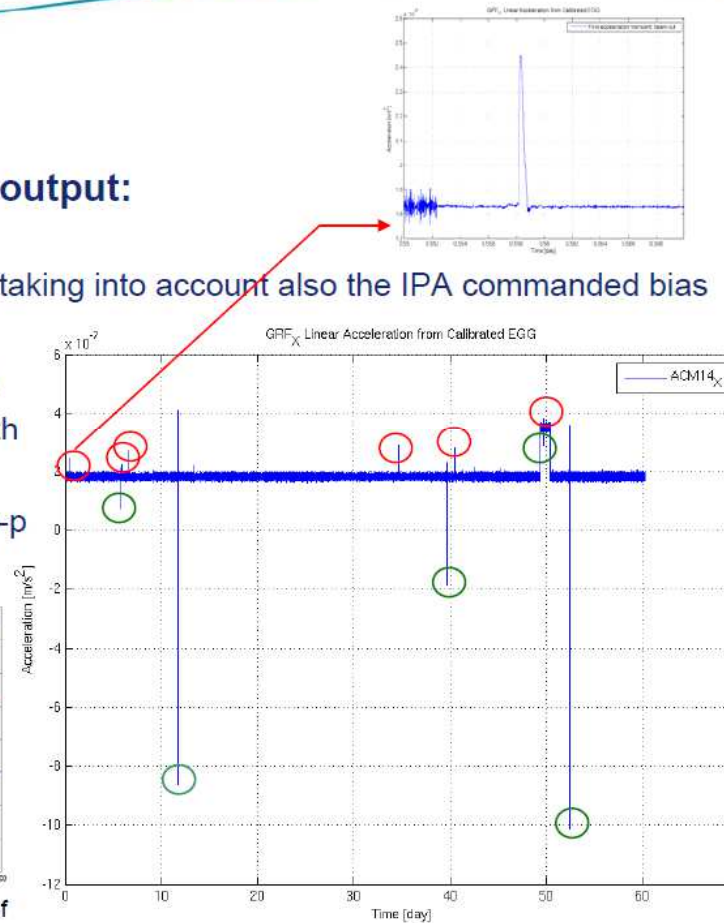
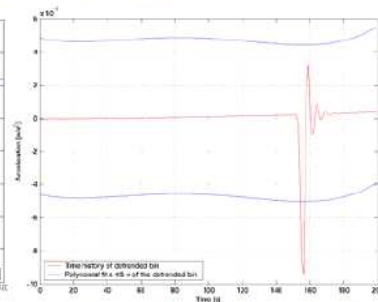
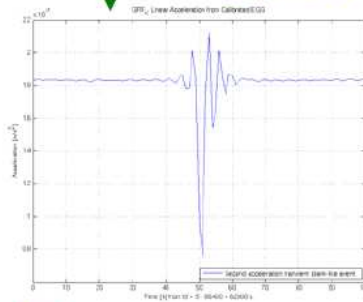
Action status from IFTR1 – analysis of clanks

Statistical analysis on clanks

Spikes identified by using science output:

- ❑ 5 clank-like events (green circles)
- ❑ 6 beam-out like events (red circles), taking into account also the IPA commanded bias

- ❑ 1st transient is a beam-out like event
- ❑ 2nd transient is a clank-like event, with p-p amplitude $1.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}^2$
- ❑ last event (clank-like) with largest p-p amplitude $1.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}^2$



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Clank model used in Annex C1 of GO-RP-AI-0037 I3

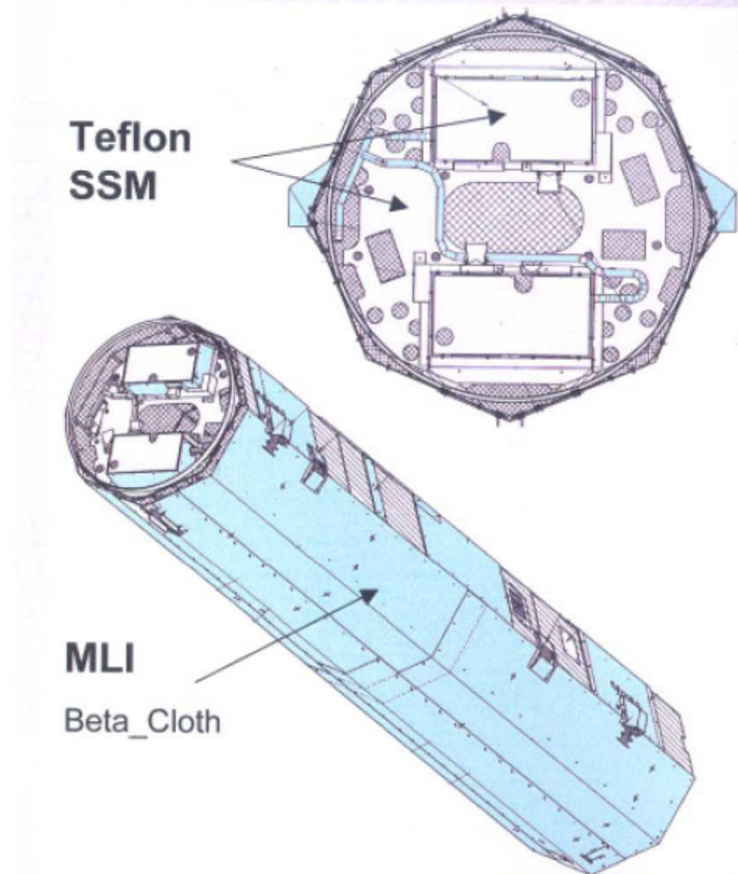
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GOCE Mission : Thermal control of the satellite



4.4.2 TCS Characteristics #1



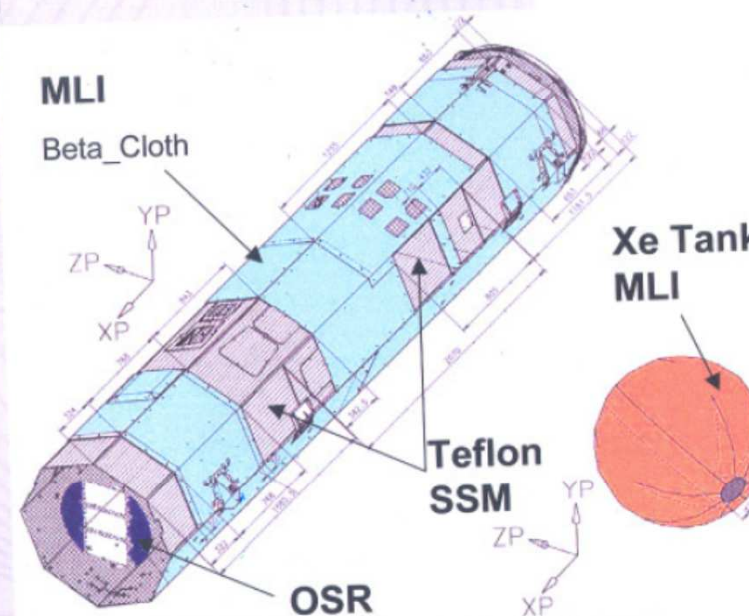
- Satellite Body insulated by 30-layered MLI. Beta-cloth as outermost layer
- Test showed that this surface is micro-vibration free
- Radiator surfaces coated by Teflon SSM foil, ITO coated
- OSRs used for radiators oriented in RAM direction

GOCE Mission : Thermal control of the satellite



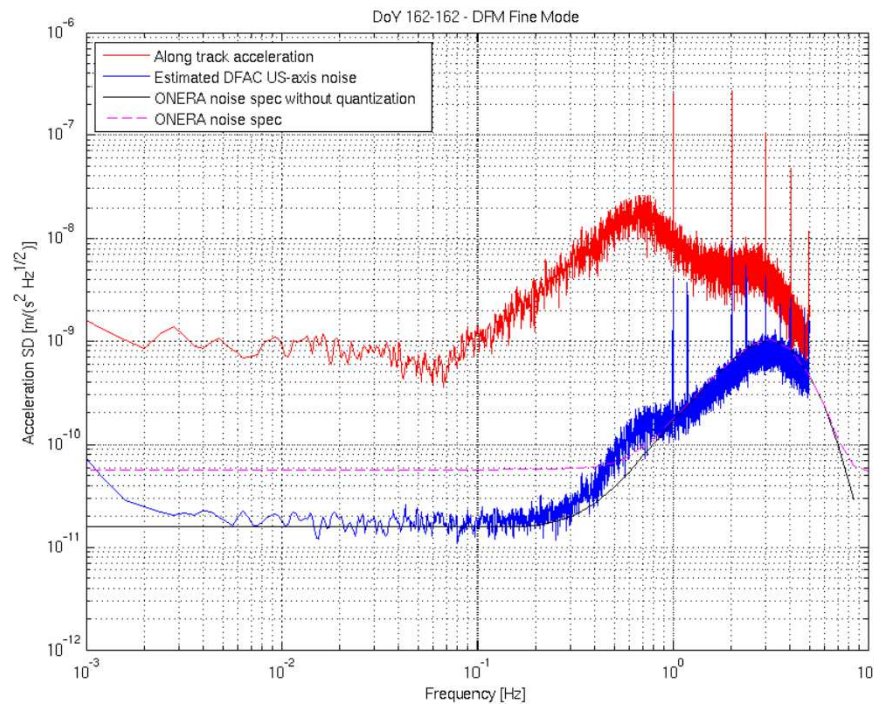
4.4.2 TCS Characteristics #2

- Electrical heater system for heating of:
 - Xenon tank and pipework
 - Unit temperature control
 - EGG I/F heaters; high stability and small gradients
 - S/A wings
- Heater Control Concept:
 - 48 nominal/ 48 redundant heater lines.
 - Majority voted temperature sensors
 - 128 thermistors and 64 PT1000

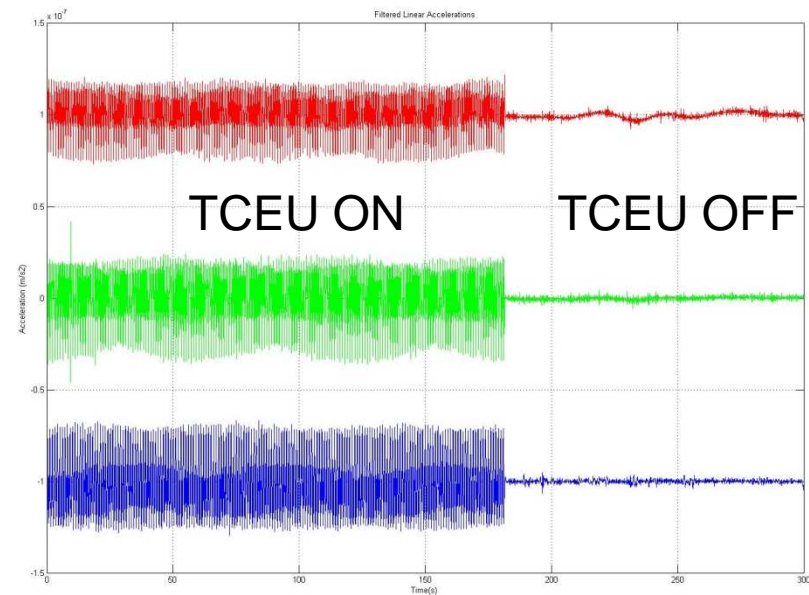


GOCE Mission : Spectral lines at 1 Hz in DFAC

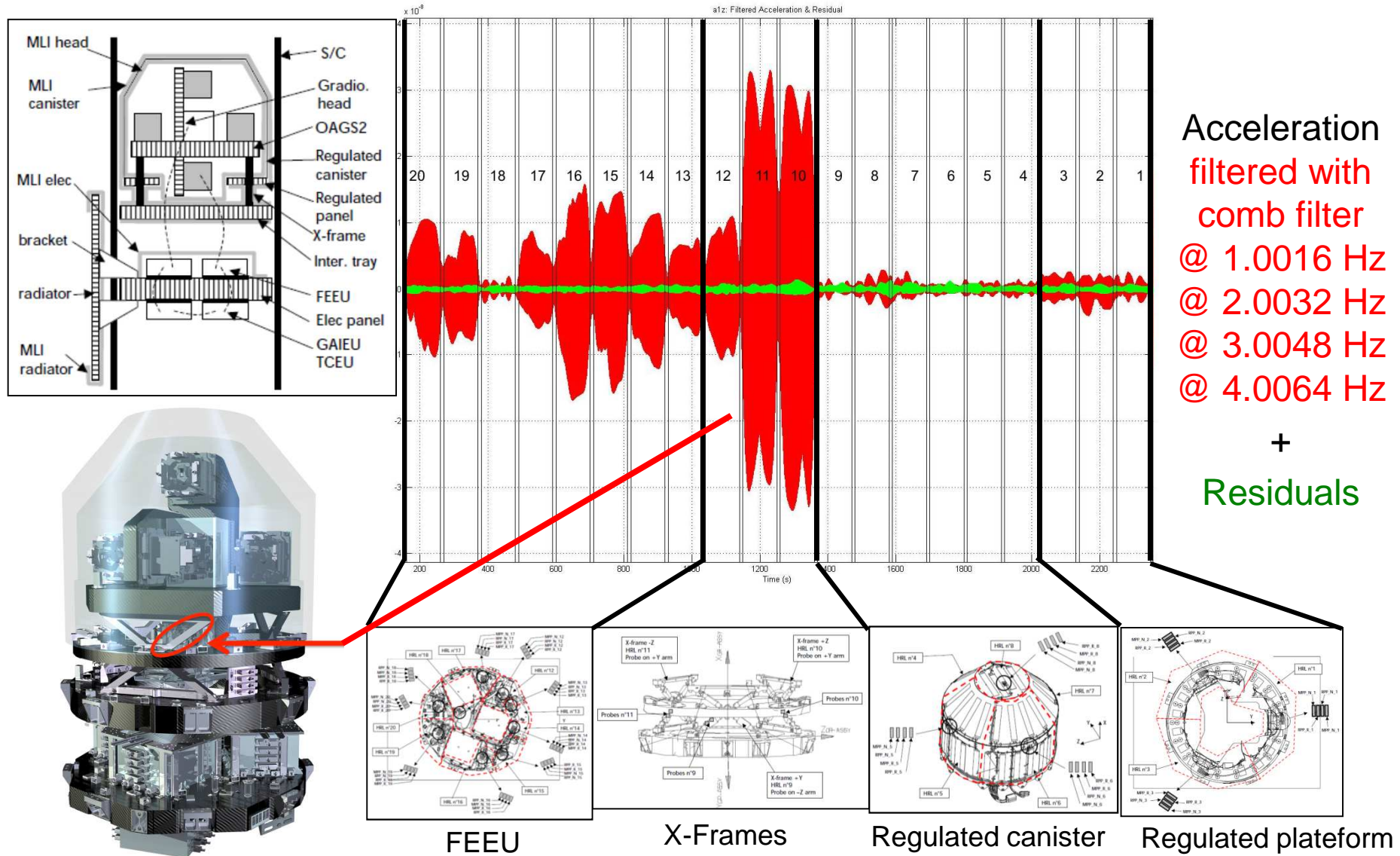
Spectral lines in DFAC outputs
@ ~1 Hz and multiples

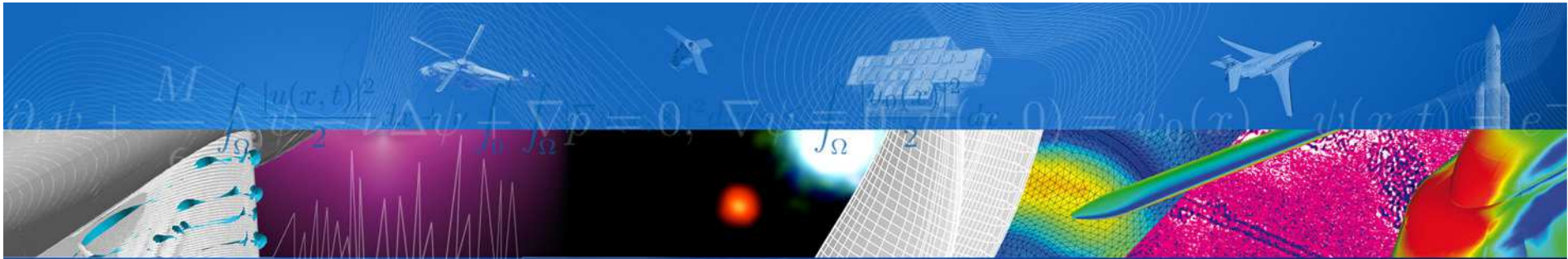


Due to thermal control regulator
Heaters on/off with duty cycle
based on period of 0.9984 s (1.0016 Hz)



GOCE Mission : Effect of thermal lines on accelerometer outputs





Thank you for your attention

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