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Calibration features in the TROPOMI L0-1b data processor

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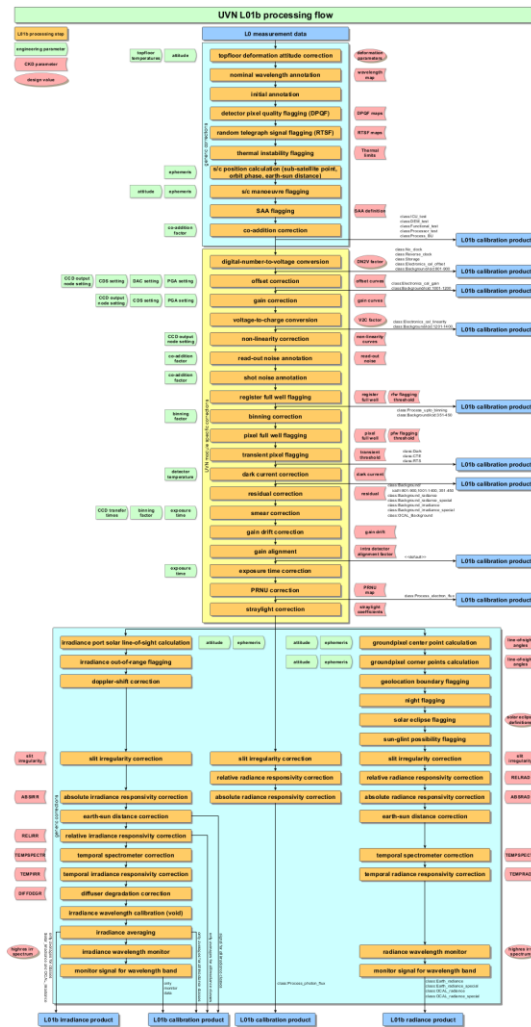
Calibration data vs. the L01b



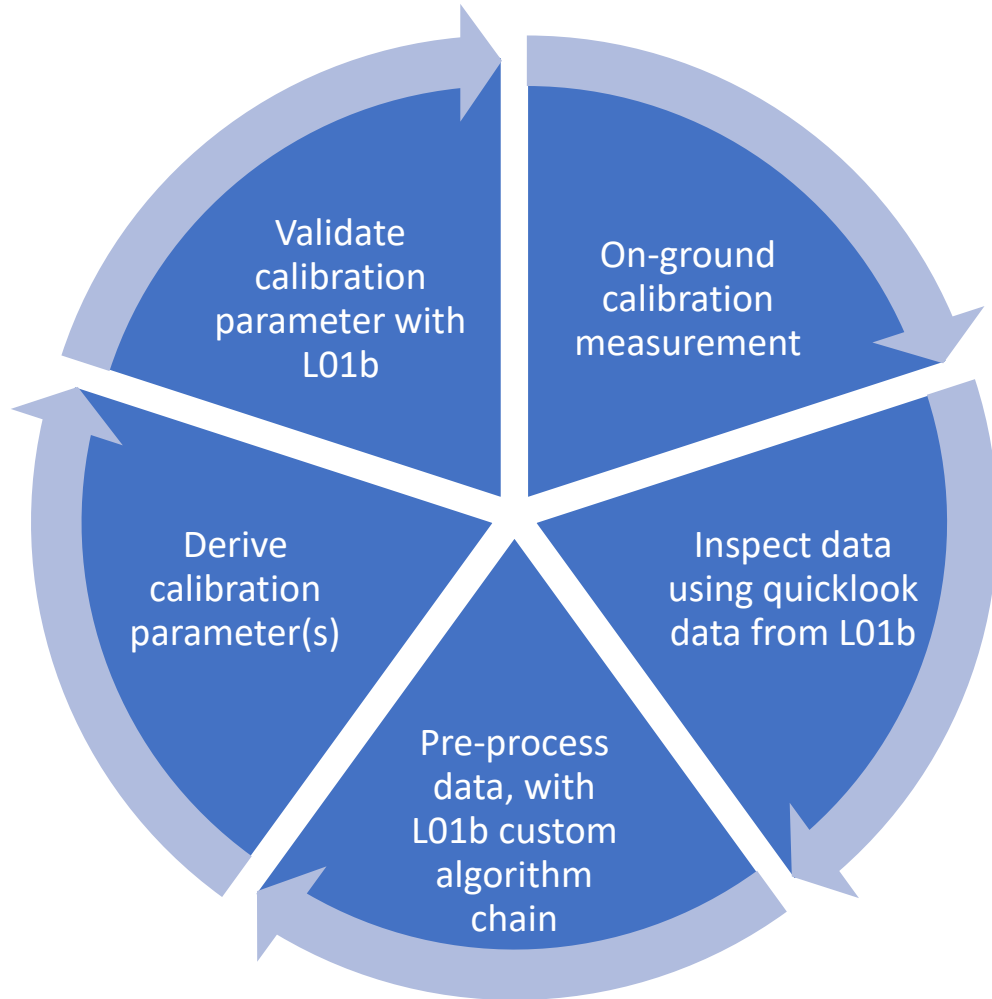
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- Many of the algorithms in the L0-1b use calibration key data (CKD) as input
- Quality of the calibration key data has direct impact on the quality of the L1b data
- Quality needs to be maintained throughout the mission, on-ground as well as in-flight
- Consistency between L01b and CKD crucial
- Calibration has been taken into account in the development of the L01b from the start



L01b features:

- Generating quick-look output (NRT)
- Custom data processing
- Processing up-to specific (intermediate) processing level
- Processing of OGSE / MGSE / EGSE data
- Closed loop validation

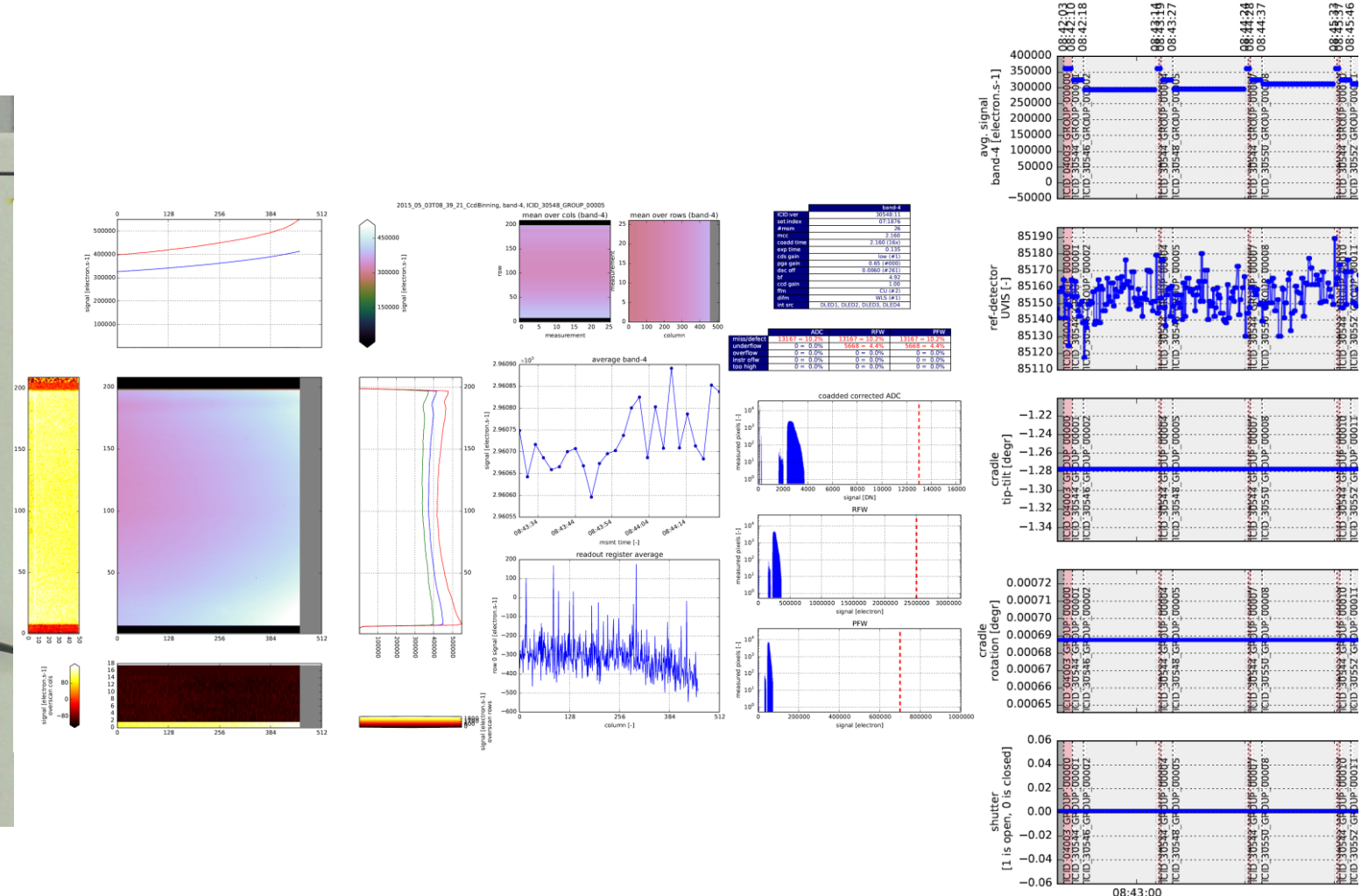
Use of L01b in on-ground calibration



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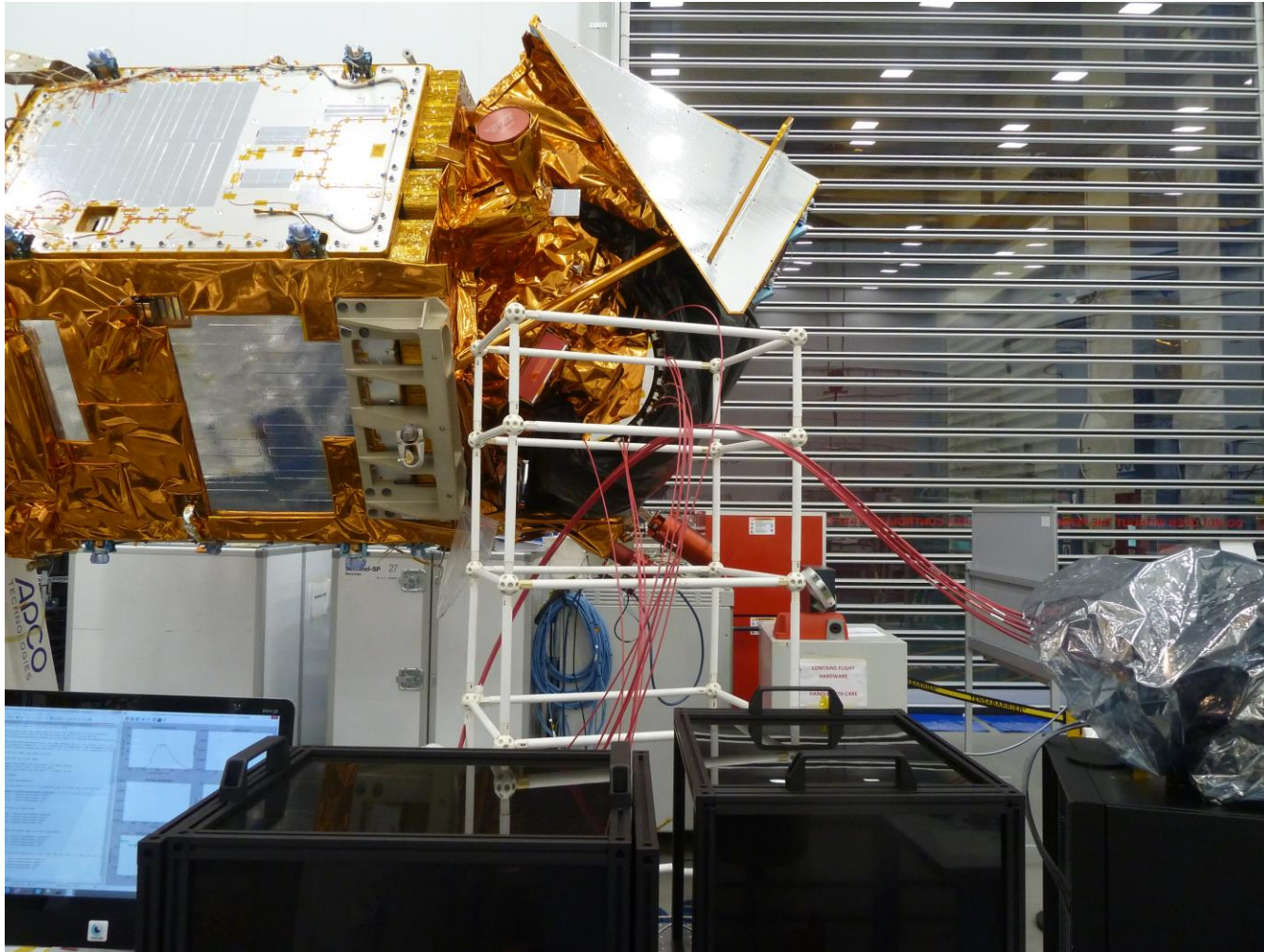
NIR-OOB-SL: Flexibility needed



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L01b features:

- Dedicated processing setup, for measurements in ambient
- Custom data processing
- Processing up-to specific (intermediate) processing level
- Generating quick-look output (NRT)
- Processing of OGSE / MGSE / EGSE data

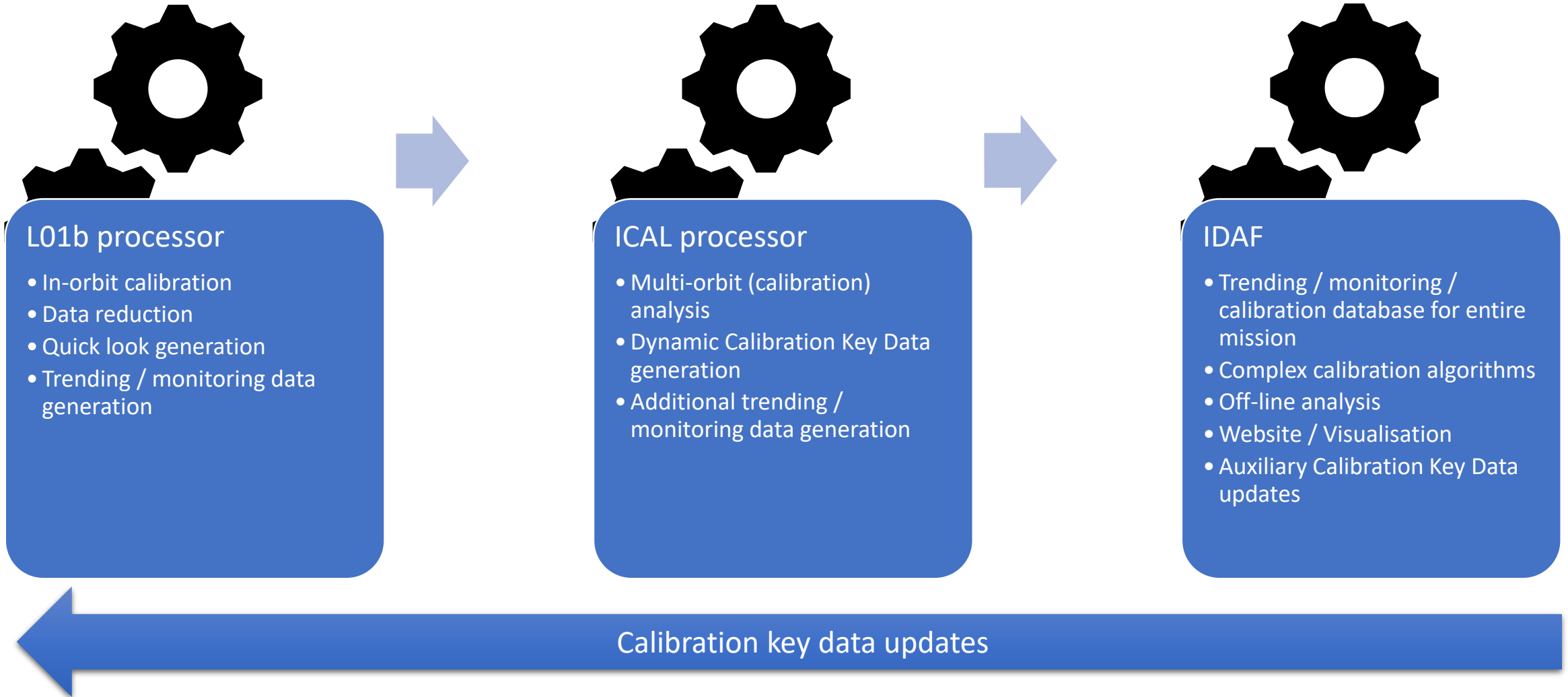
Use of L01b for in-flight calibration



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L01b in-orbit calibration



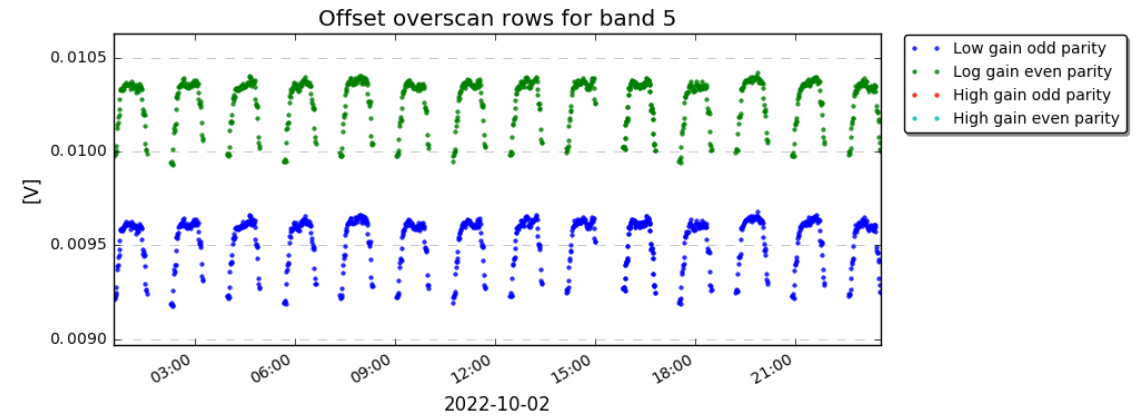
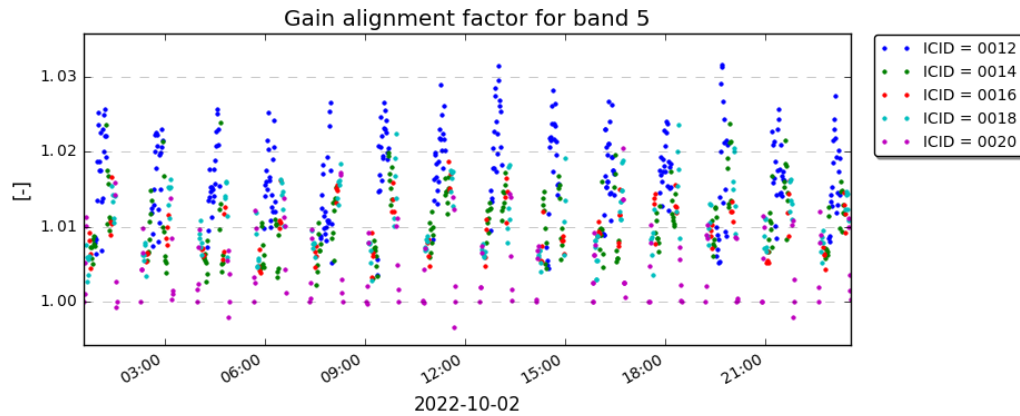
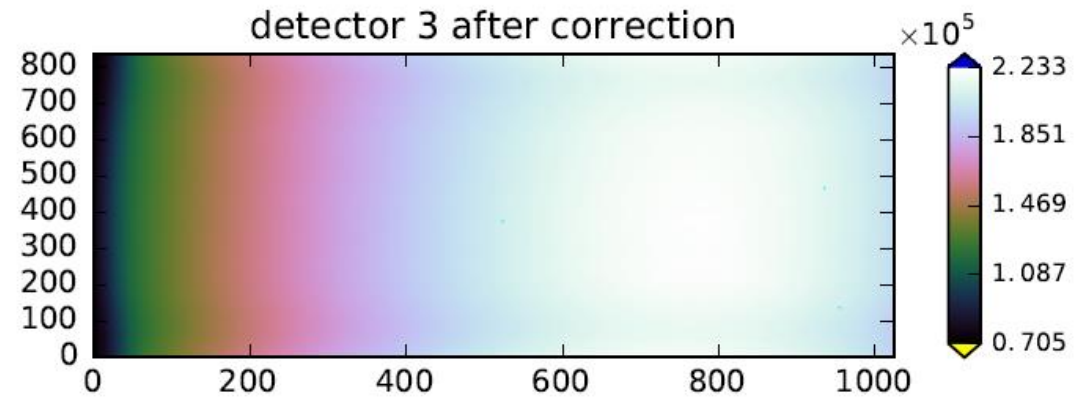
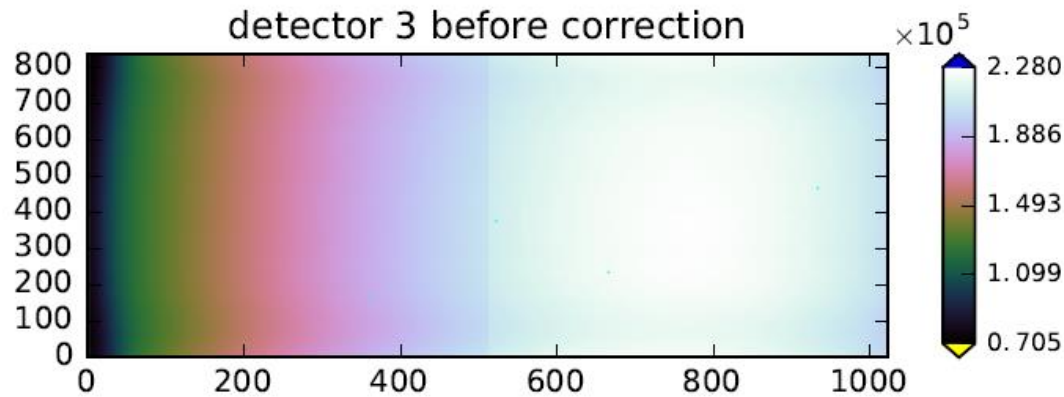
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Dynamic in-orbit calibration of UVN offset and UVN gain alignment



In-flight calibration chain



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Derivation of calibration key data for UVN detectors gain drift

L01b processor

Dedicated processing level

Data reduction (averaging)

ICAL processor

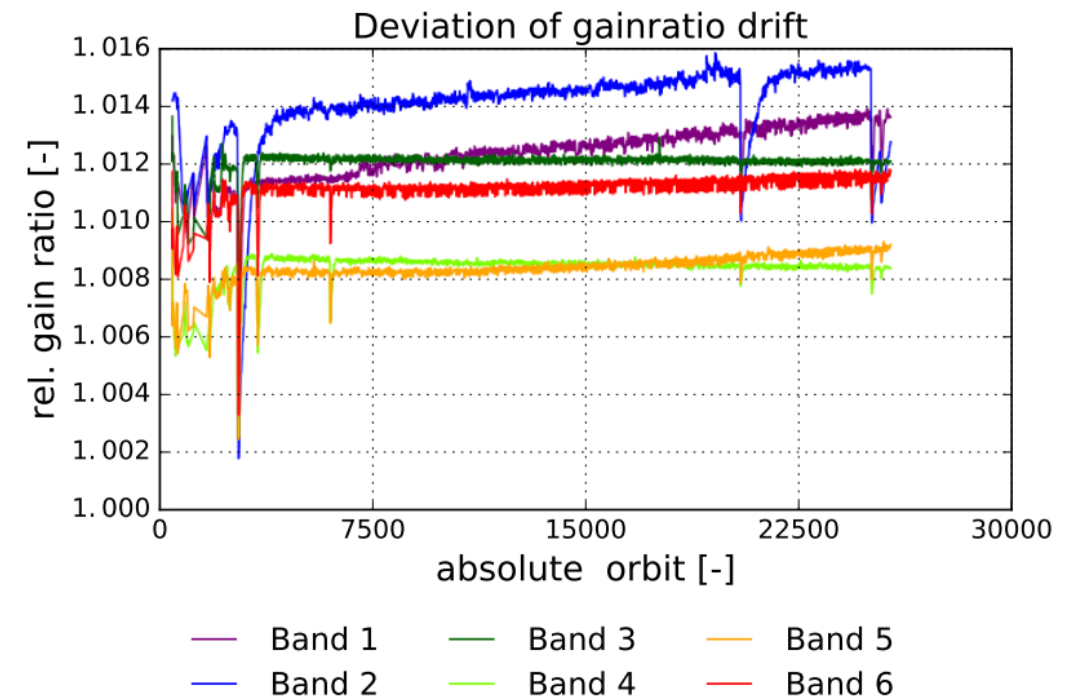
Combination of different gain measurements

Derivation of gain factor and gain drift for single orbit

IDAF

Off-line analysis to derive trend and CKD over the entire mission

Off-line report, QA check, and testing and integration with L01b processor



In-flight calibration reporting



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TROPOMI operations & instrument weekly report



Report W.2022.38

This weekly report covers the KNMI operation support facility (OSF) status as well as the TROPOMI instrument and L1b status for calendar week 38 of the year 2022. The series includes data from orbits 25561 to 25659. Only the status covering this time period is presented, for long term trending of the instrument status see the monthly reports. The purpose of these reports is to give a concise overview of the operational status and physical health of the payload. In case of anomalies or deviations issues will be raised by the responsible ESL or OSF through the defined procedures. More information on the status of TROPOMI and the monthly reports can be found at <http://mps.tropomi.eu>. Additional analysis for SWIR only can be found at www.sron.nl/tropomi-swir-monitoring.

Summary

The summary of this reporting period is given below.
Reporting period: 2022-09-19 to 2022-09-25
Orbit range: 25561 to 25659

Parameter	Status
Nominal operations baseline	nominal
FDIR fault management	none
IDAF data processing status	normal
Detector thermal status	nominal
Payload thermal status	deviating
L1b pixel statistics	as expected

A table of contents of this report can be found [here](#).

Life limited items usage

The life limited items usage is given for the current reporting period. The budget for each item can be found in the monthly reports. When the usage values exceed reasonable limits based on experience with historic weekly reports, these are indicated in orange.

Life limited item	Usage	Unit
Folding mirror mechanism	47.0	cycles
Diffuser mechanism	79.0	cycles
White light source	0:03:54	hours
Common spectrometer LED	0:55:50	hours
Detector LEDs	5:29:46	hours
Spectral line sources total	0:11:15	hours

IDAF data processing status

The number of files ingested by the IDAF system at KNMI are shown below. The expected number of files is predicted by OSF based on the nominal operations baseline. Five types of files are ingested: the instrument engineering data files (ENG), the inflight calibration files for the UVN (ICM_UVN) and SWIR (ICM_SIR) module, the orbital event files (OEF) and the two-line-element ephemeris files (TLE). Numbers in orange have a small deviation from the expected baseline, while numbers in red deviate by more than 2%.

File type	Expected number	Processed number
ENG	99	99
ICM_UVN	99	99
ICM_SIR	99	99
OEF	7	7
TLE	7	7

missing orbit numbers: None

Executed orbit types

The orbit types that were executed during this week are listed below. When deviations from nominal operational baseline occur, the expected orbit type is coloured. Unexpected orbit types and orbits for which data is present but the orbit type cannot be determined are shown in orange. Missing orbits are shown in red. Note that a calendar day can have either 14 or 15 orbits.

Start time UTC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2022-09-19 01:00:12	01	D2	W11	01	01	D3	01	01	01	D4	01	01	D1	W6	
2022-09-20 00:41:04	01	01	D2	W12	F3	01	D3	01	F4	01	D4	01	01	01	
2022-09-21 00:21:55	W1	01	01	D2	W7	01	01	D3	W13	01	01	D4	M3	01	
2022-09-22 00:02:46	01	W2	01	01	D2	W8	01	01	D3	W14	F7	01	D4	01	01
2022-09-23 01:25:07	01	W3	01	01	D2	W9	01	01	D3	W15	01	01	D4	01	
2022-09-24 01:05:58	01	01	W4	01	01	D2	W10	01	01	D3	W16	01	01	D4	
2022-09-25 00:46:50	M4	01	D1	W5	01	01	D2	W11	01	01	D3	01	01	01	

On-board fault management

There are instrument housekeeping parameters that are monitored by on-board fault management. A red limit violations triggers an FDIR and the instrument will go into safe mode and no further measurements are executed. For red limit violations the parameter, the UTC start and stop time of the occurrence is given below. In case of a yellow limit violation a warning is sent to FDS, but the measurements continue. Yellow limit violations can occur multiple times, the total number of events is given in the table. The table also lists if it is an upper (U) or lower (L) limit violation. If no violations have occurred during the reporting period, the table is empty.

Parameter	Red limit violations		Yellow limit violations	
	Start time	Stop time	U/L	# of events
no violations				

IDAF Daily and weekly reports summarize the main instrument performance and calibration parameters and are the basis for further analysis

Conclusions



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- Integration of calibration functionality, the use of the L01b processor during on-ground and in-flight calibration, and great teamwork have resulted in high quality Level 1B data products from day 1 of the mission
- Continuous monitoring, trending and data analysis have allowed to further improve Level 1B data quality, and to correct for temporal variations in instrument performance / behaviour.
- The ongoing calibration activities by the dedicated L1B and calibration team will ensure high quality data for hopefully many years of mission still to come.



Post-launch event 13 October 2017