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Ultra-Fast temperature measurements in POST campaign. Data processing – issues and solutions

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aerosol
(CCN)



microphysics



temperature,
humidity,
liquid water,
turbulence,

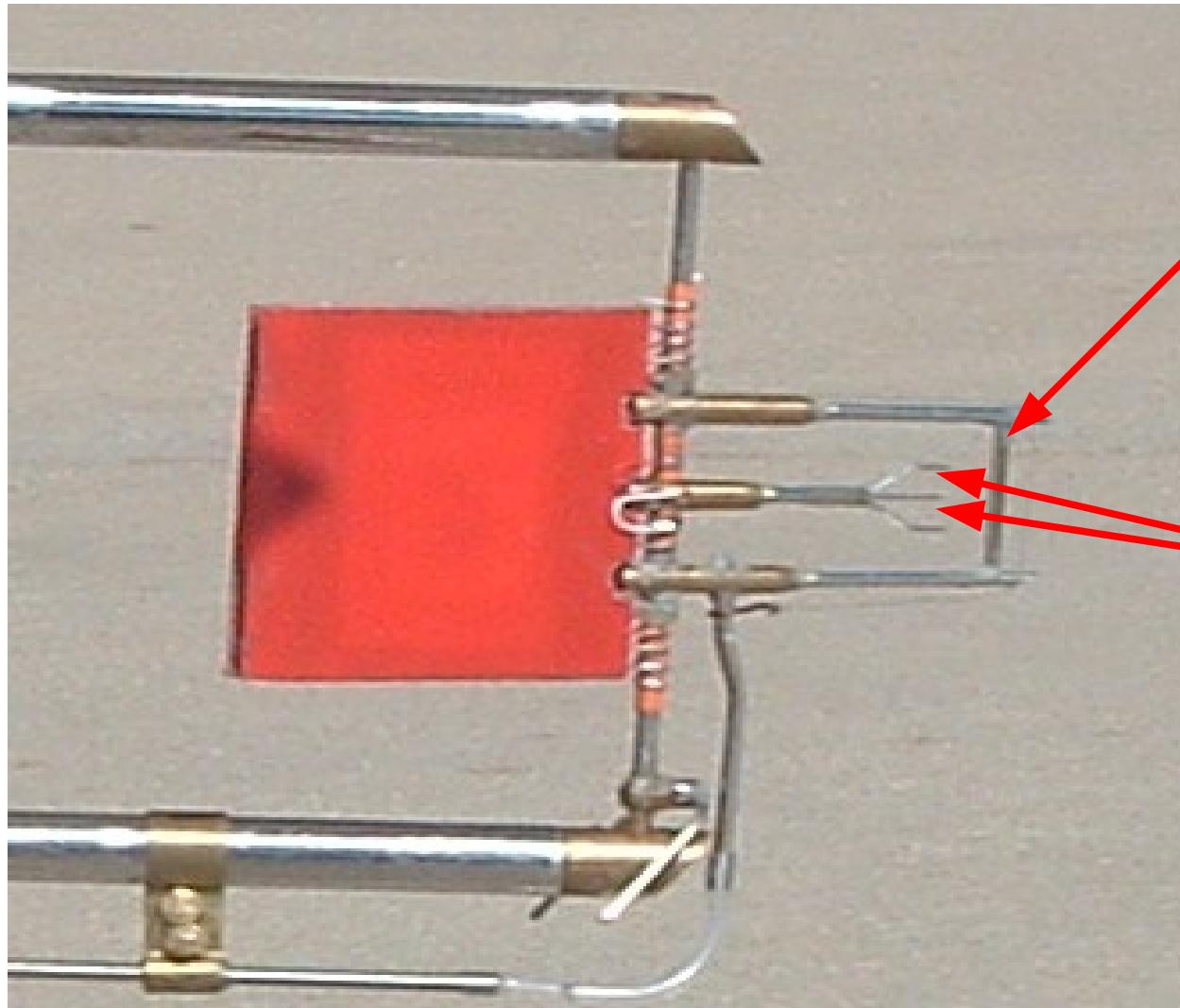
droplet counting







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protective rod

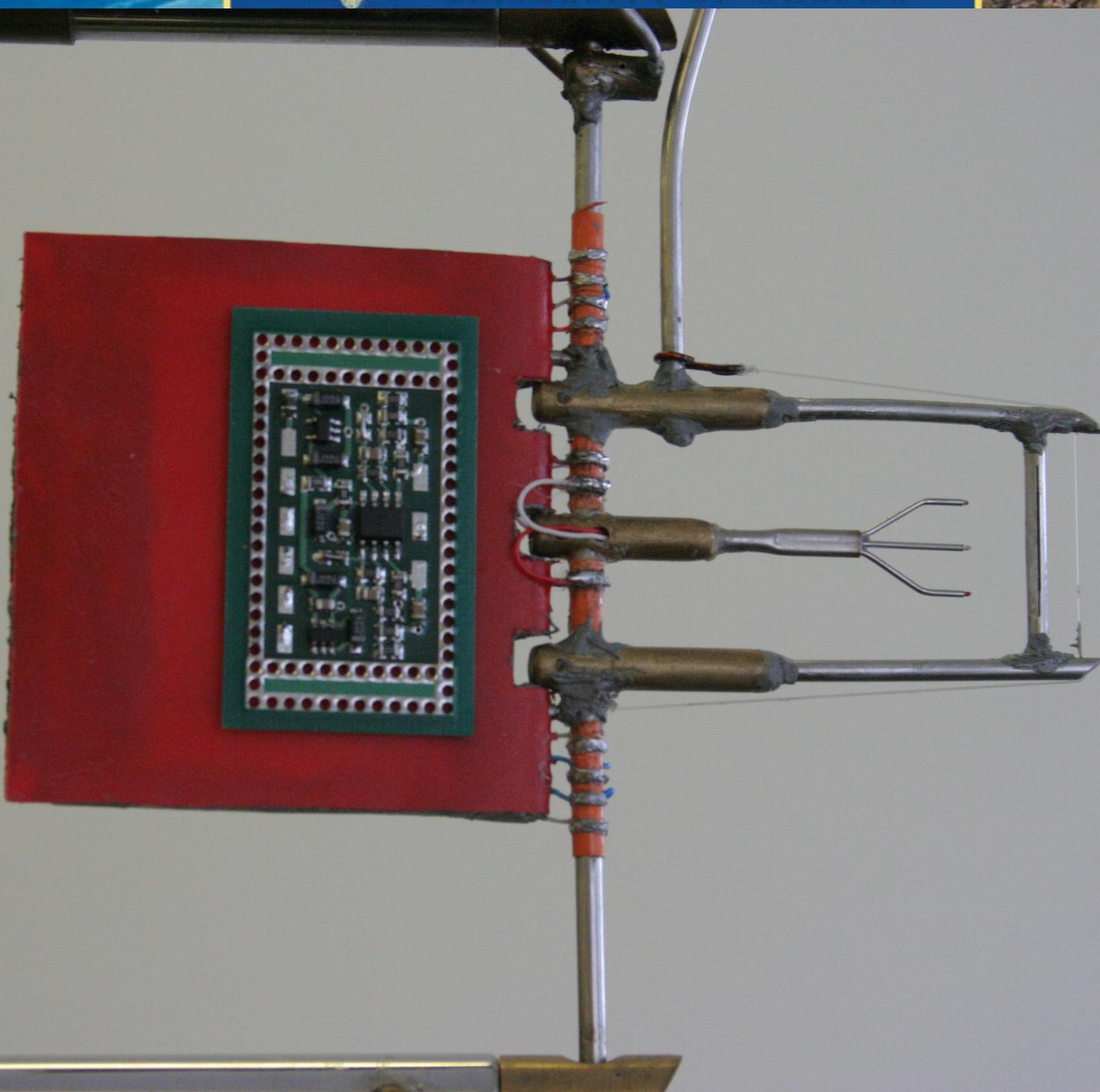
sensing wires



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UFT





Recorded at 20 kHz each, i.e. $\sim 360\ 000\ 000$ data points in each channel from one flight

Time signal

UFT-1

UFT-2

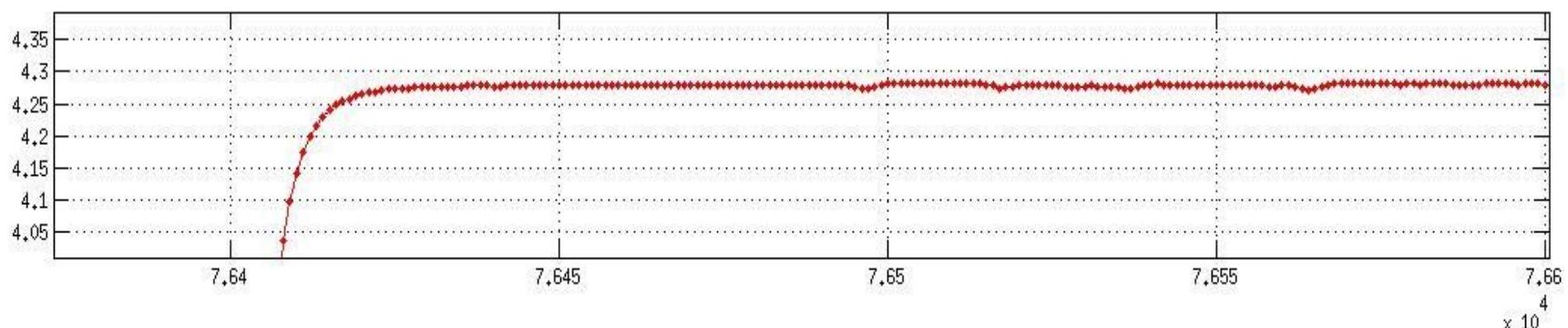
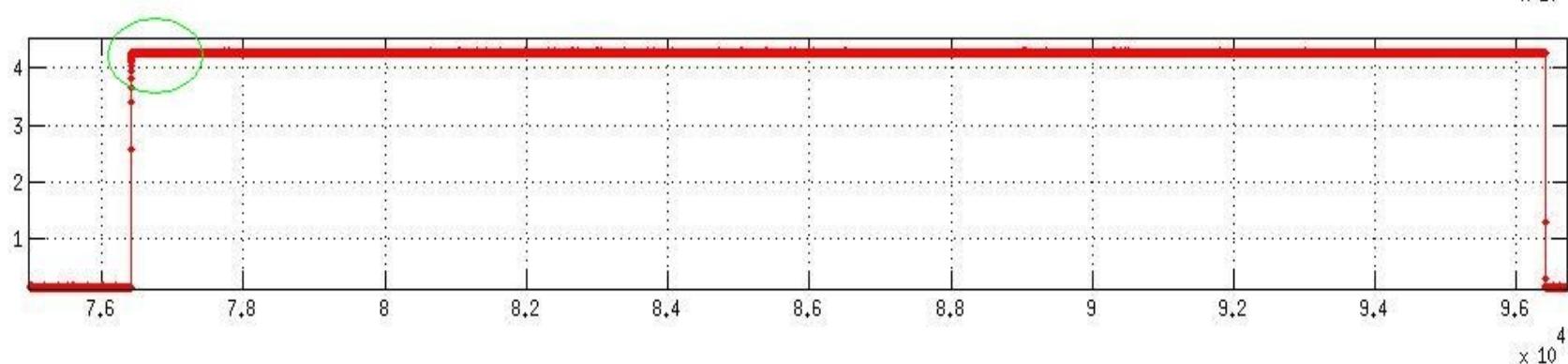
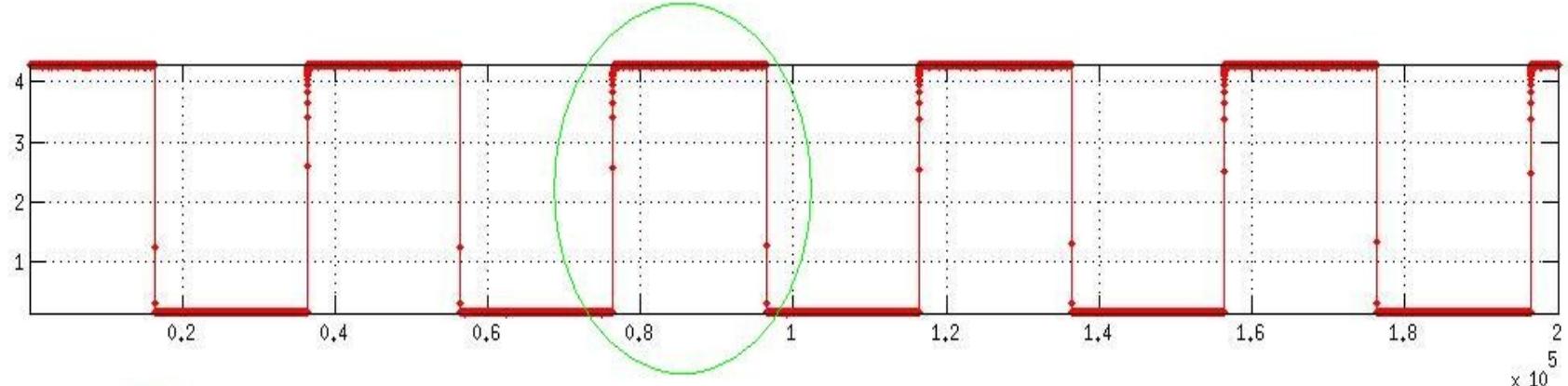
15 successful flights, 4 with very good data, 5 with good data, 6 acceptable data

130GB of binary data to process

Still some issues

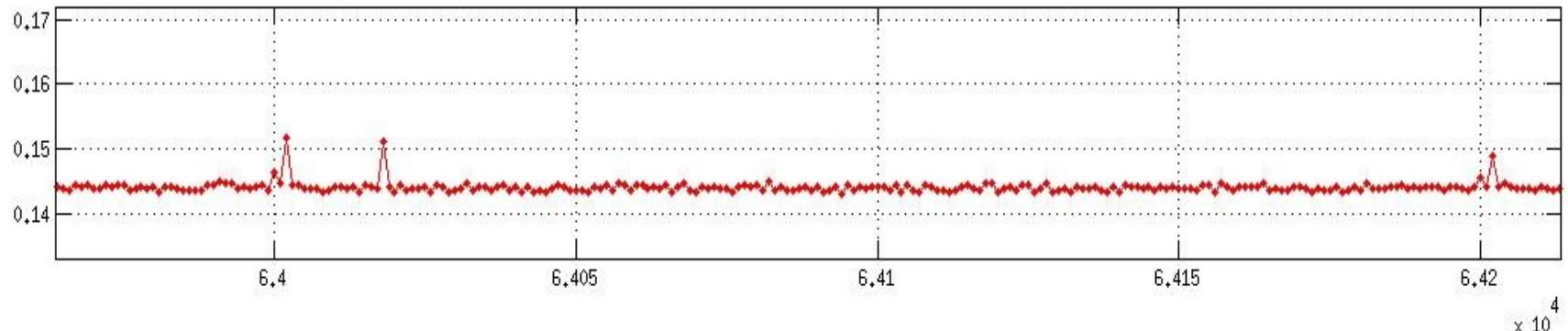
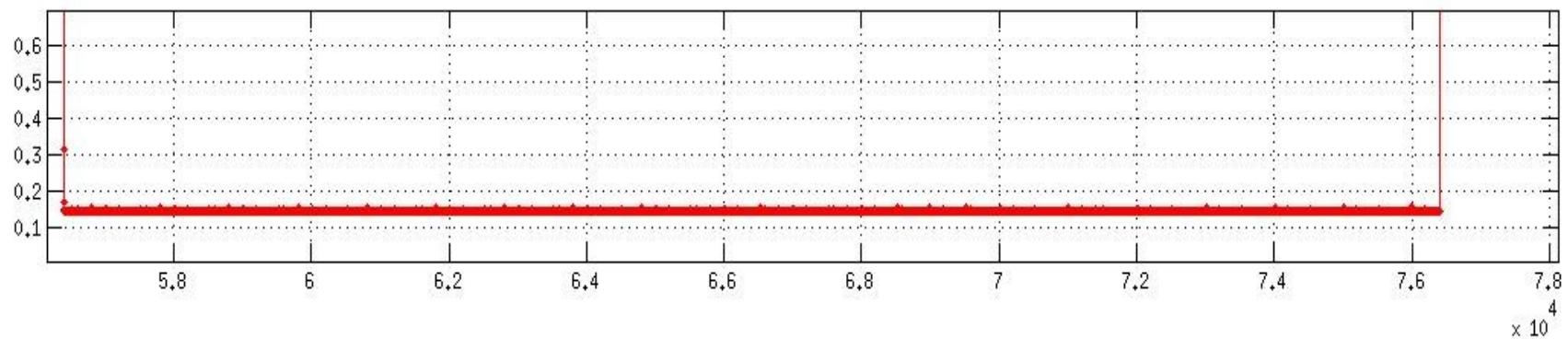
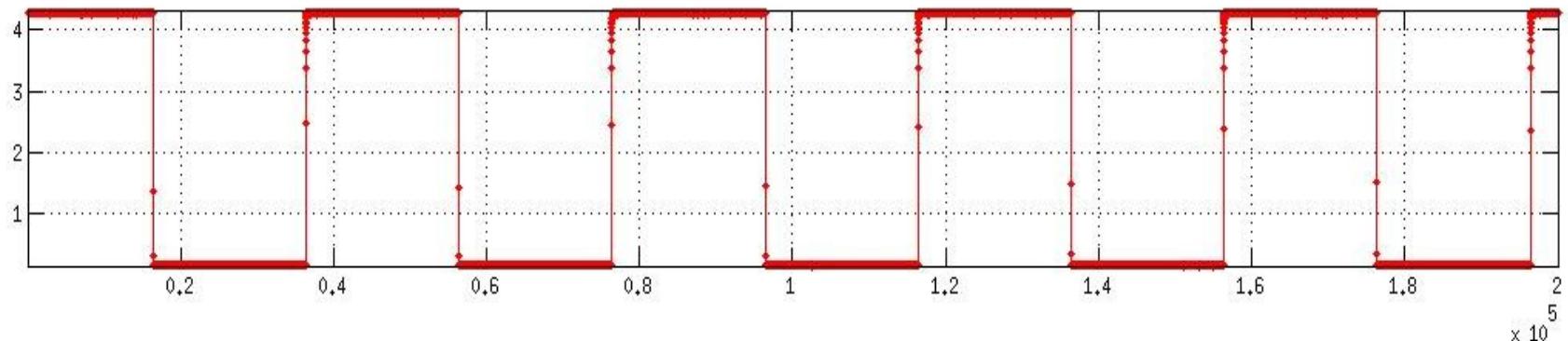


Time signal



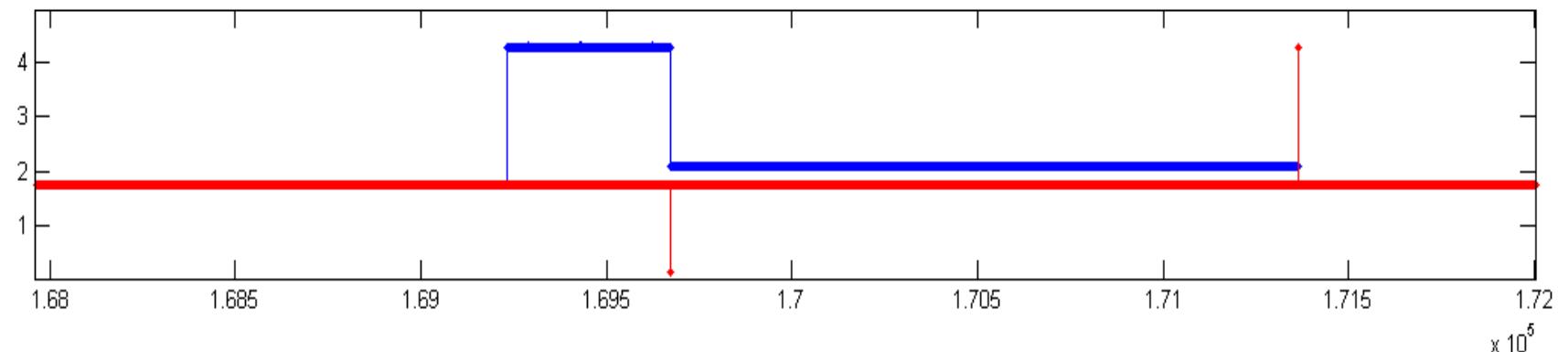
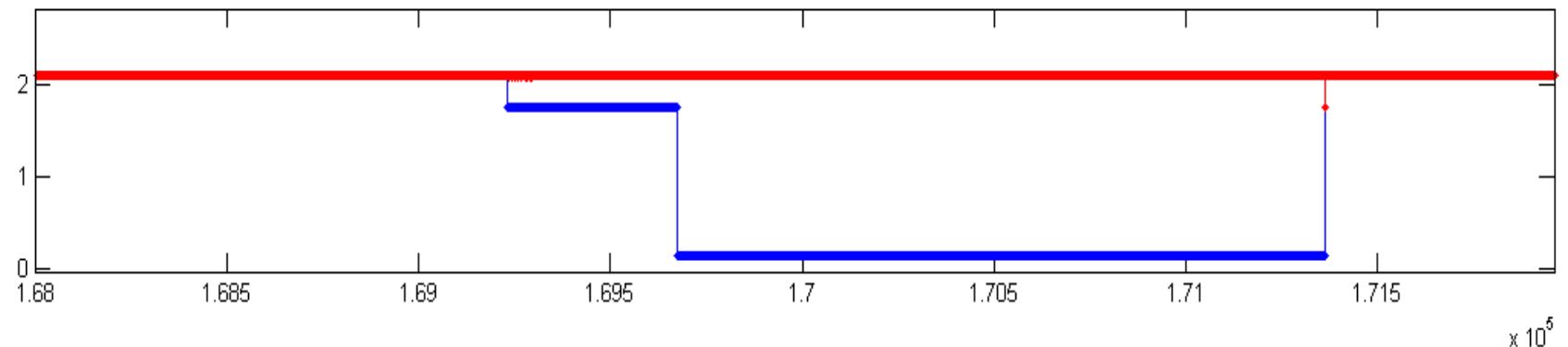
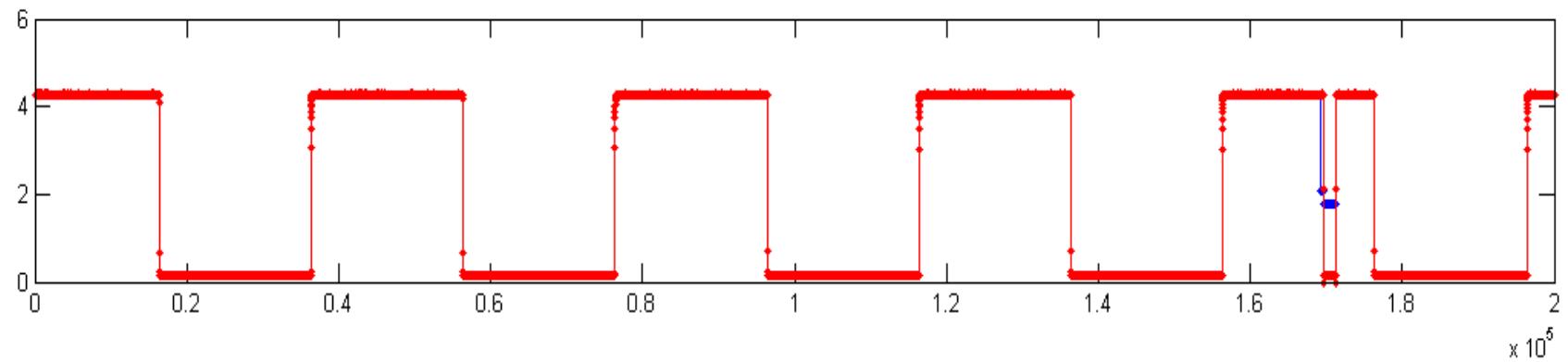


Time signal - noise



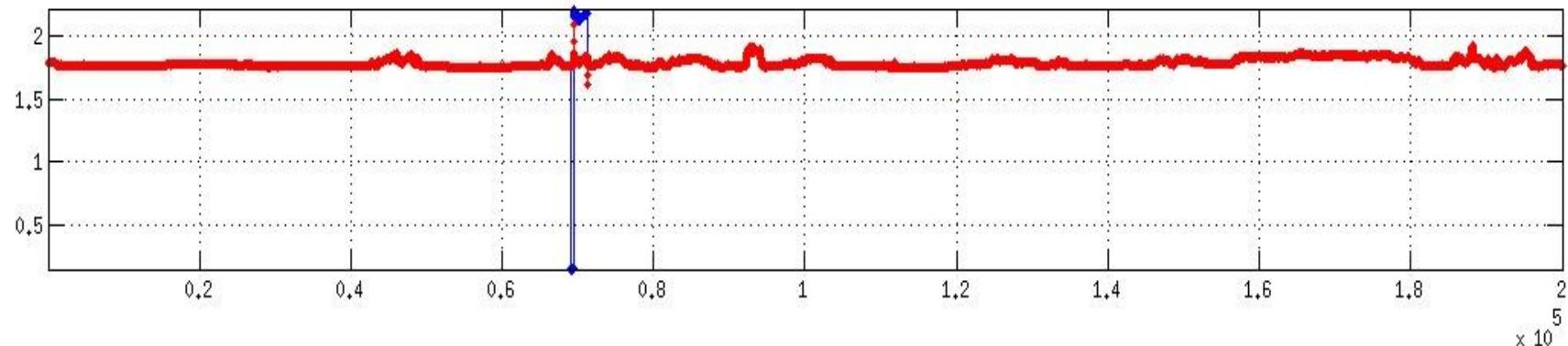
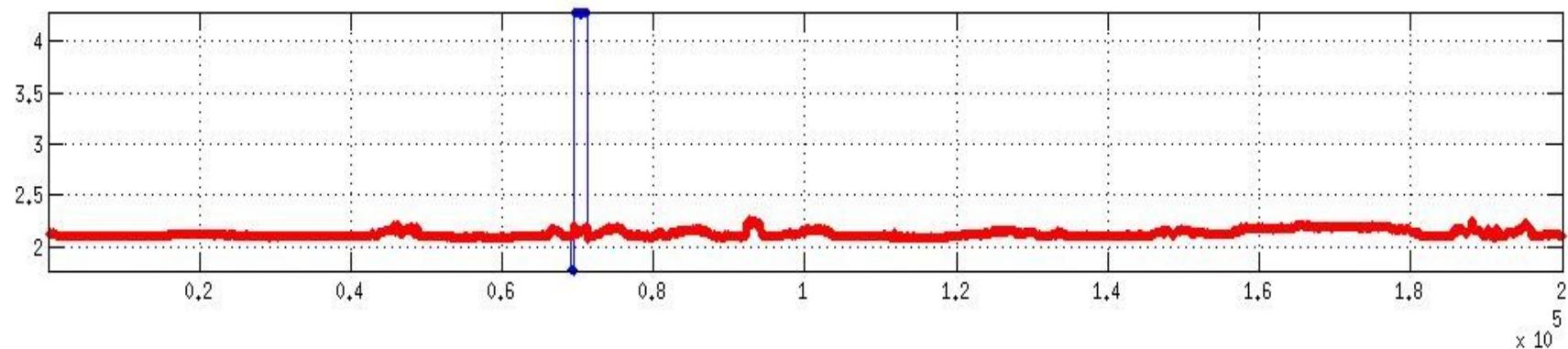
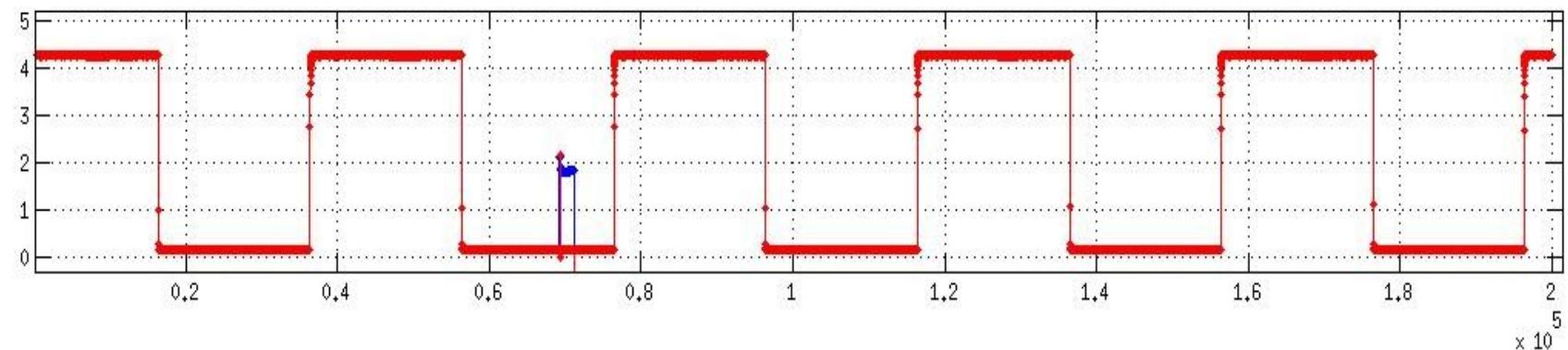


Channel switch problem



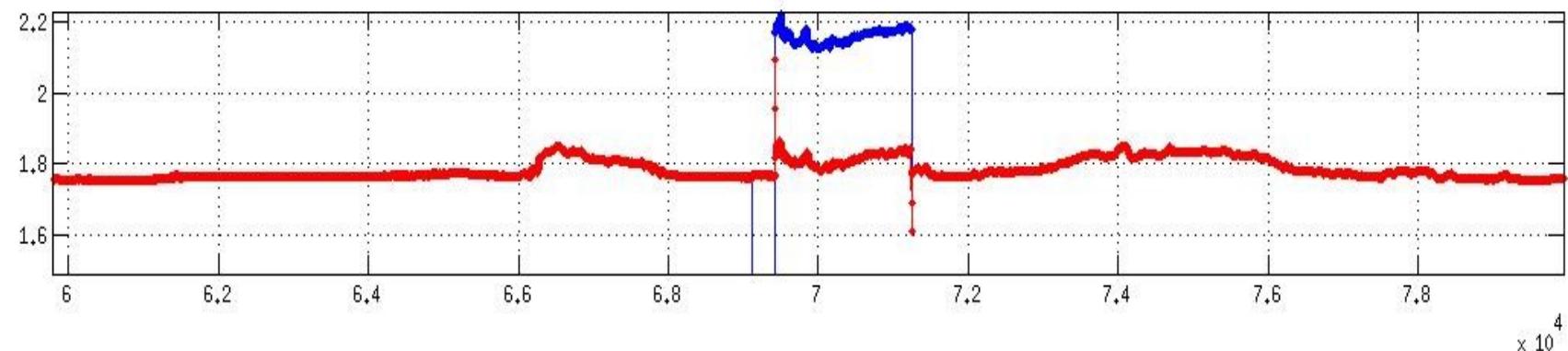
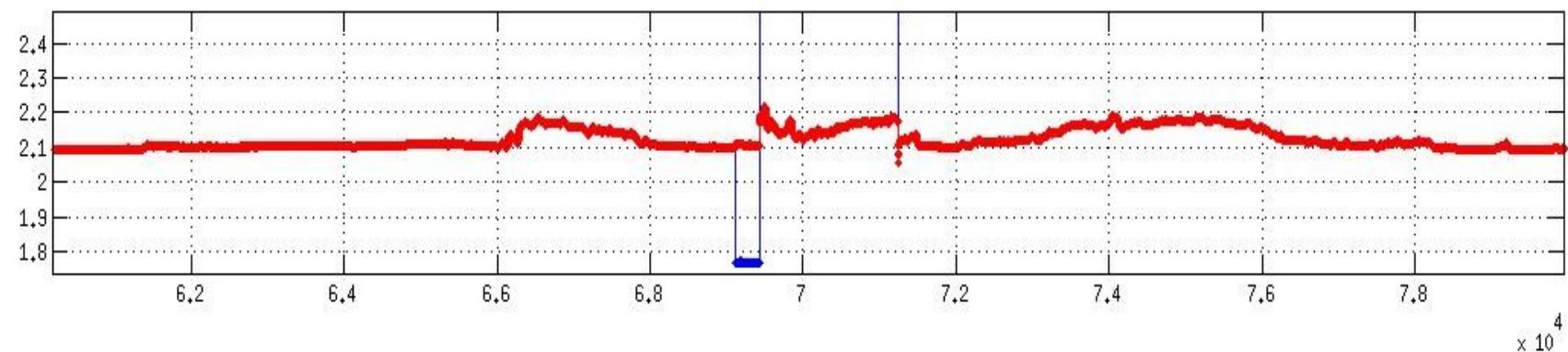
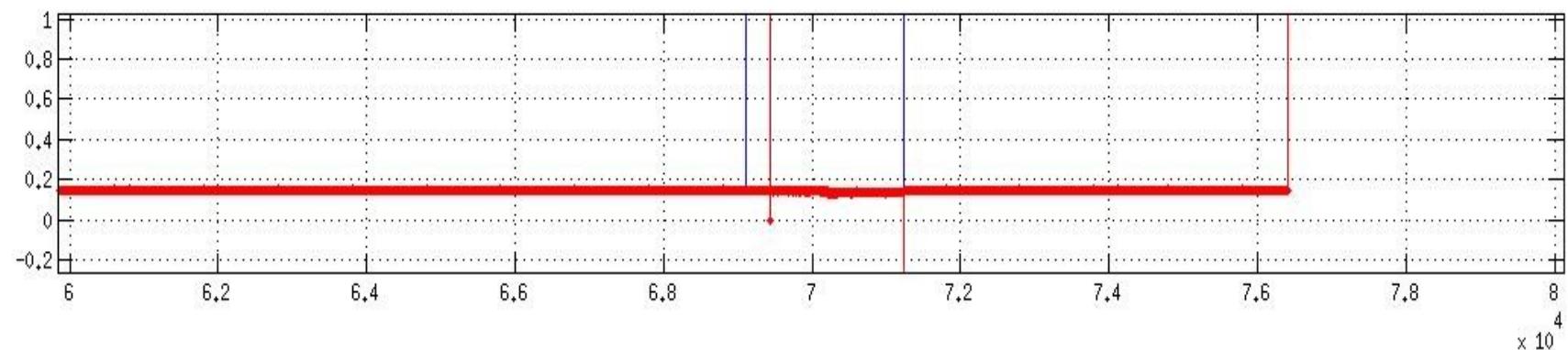


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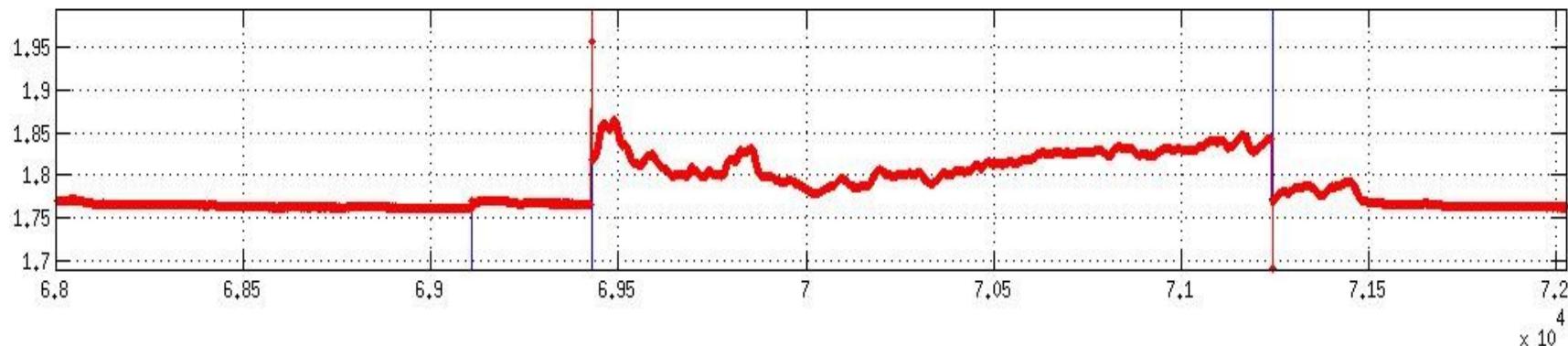
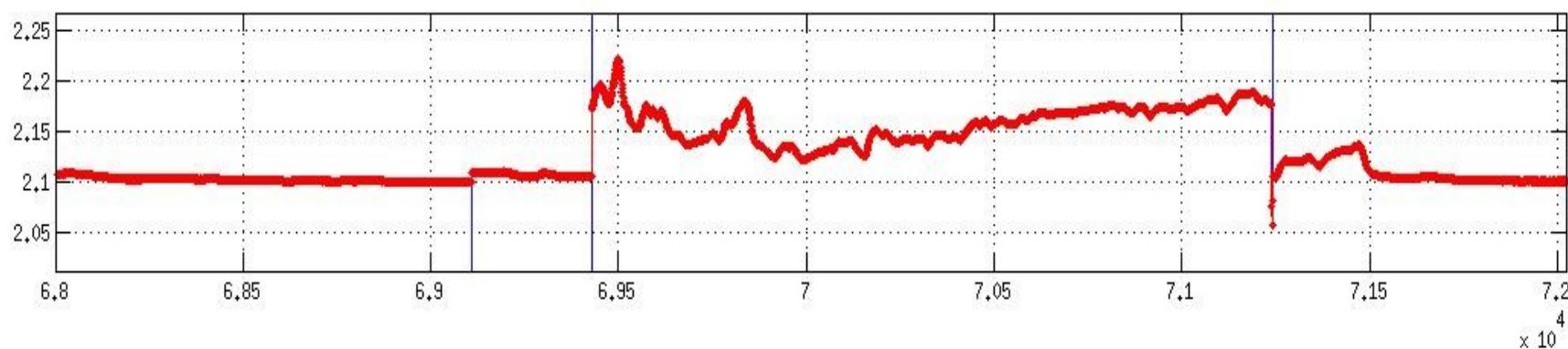
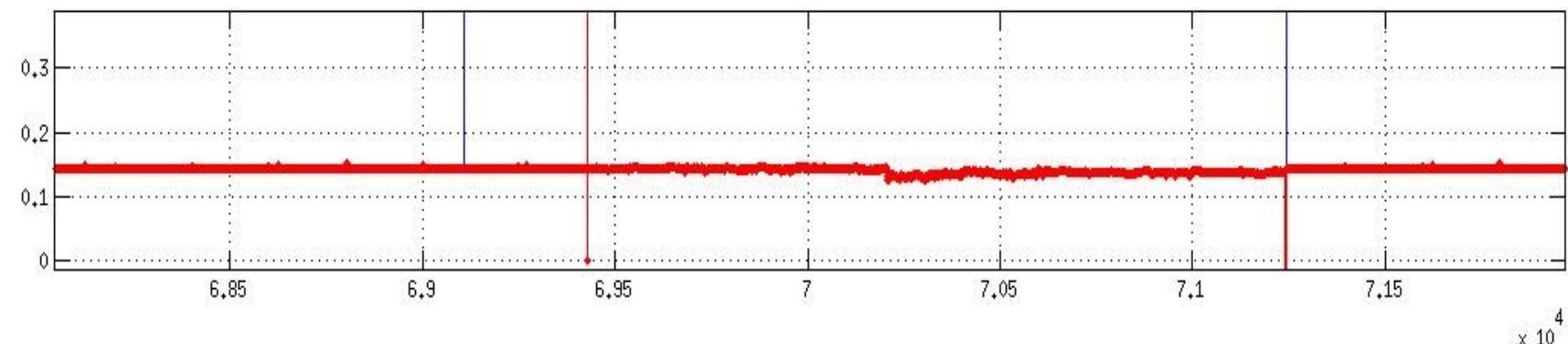


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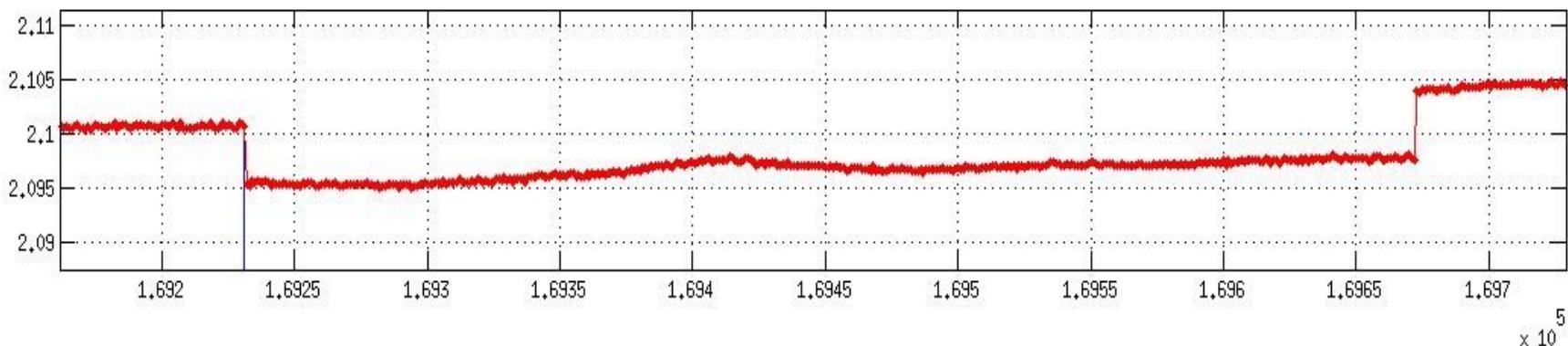
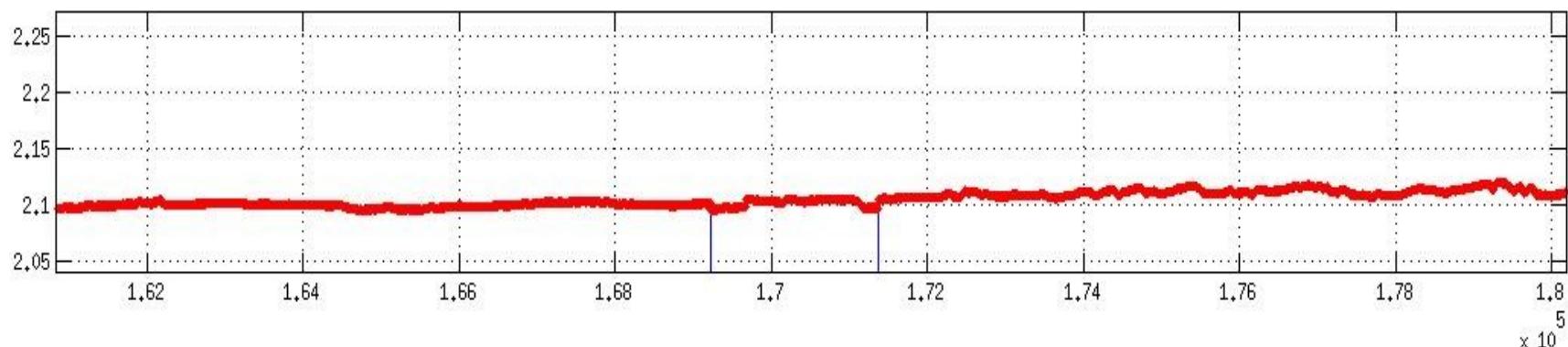
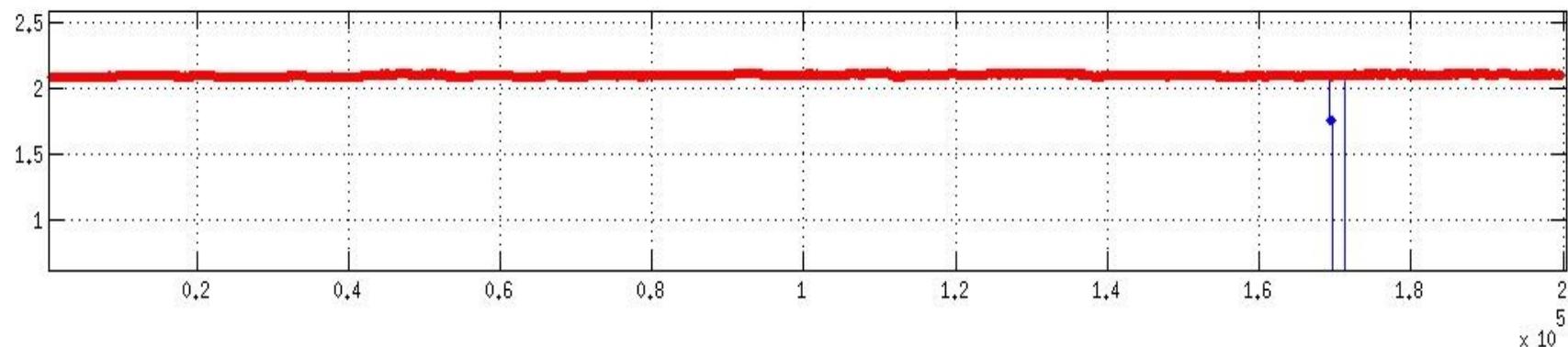


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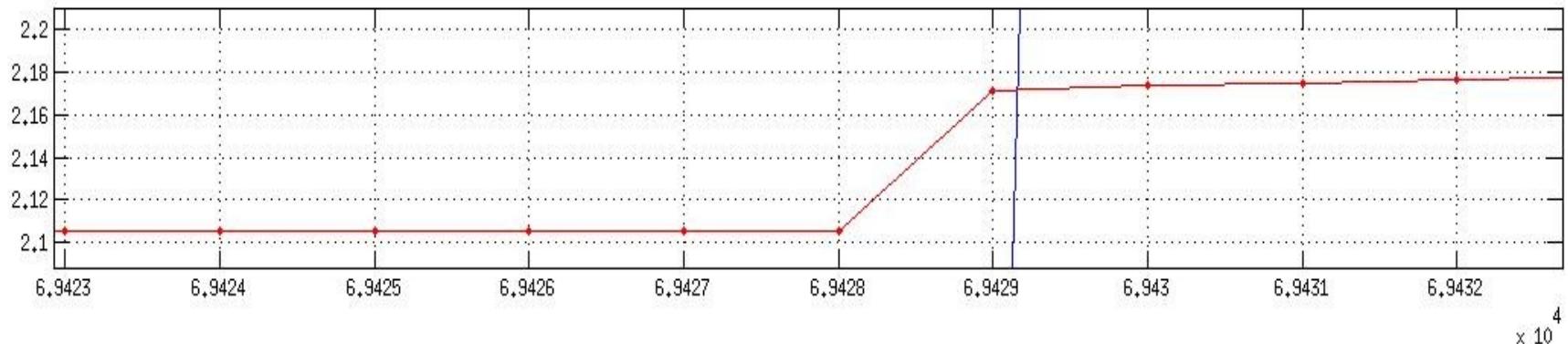
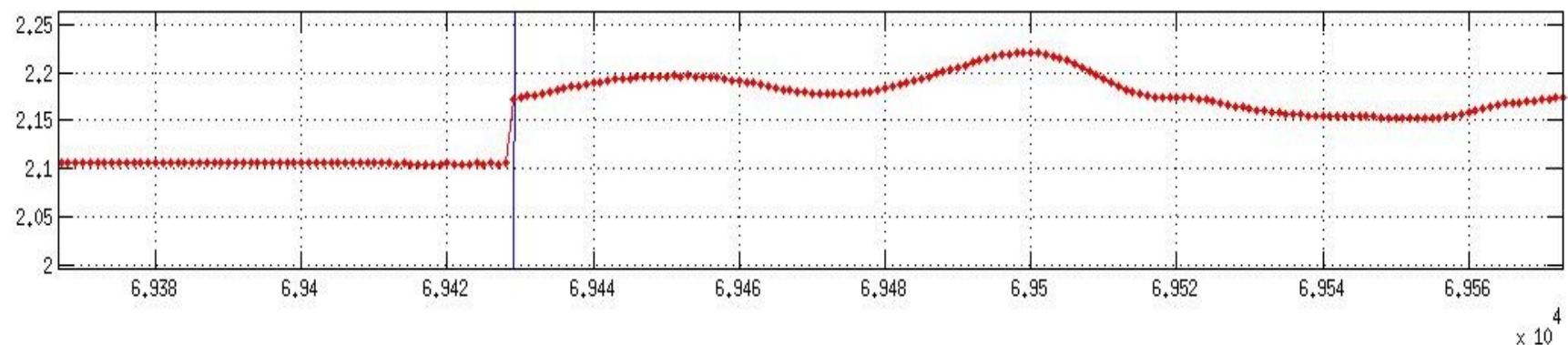
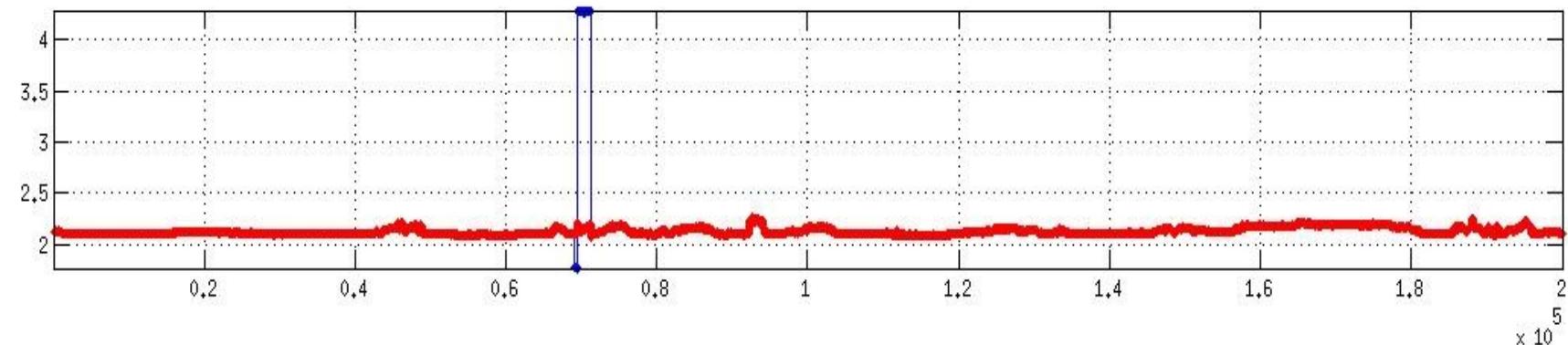


Channel switch – data uncertain – lost?? - explanation



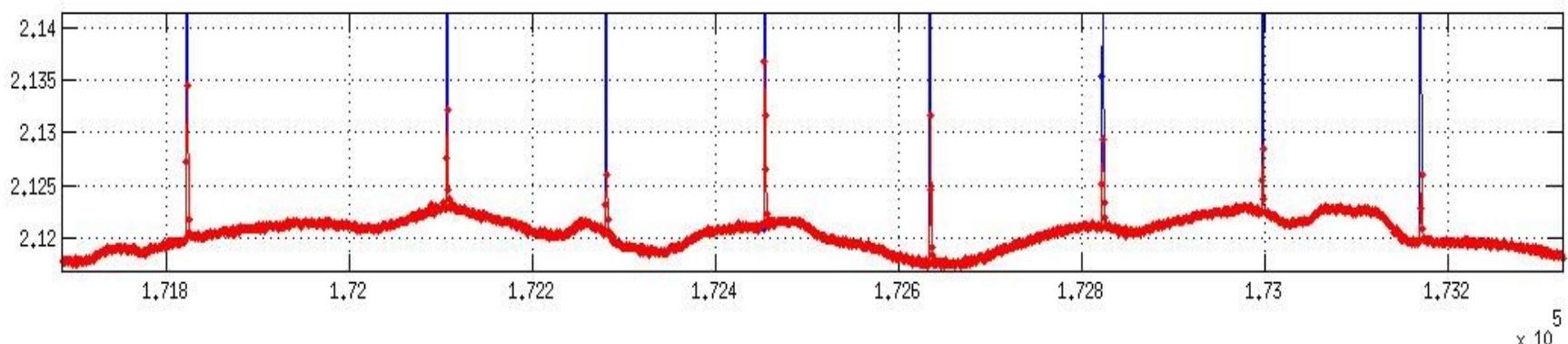
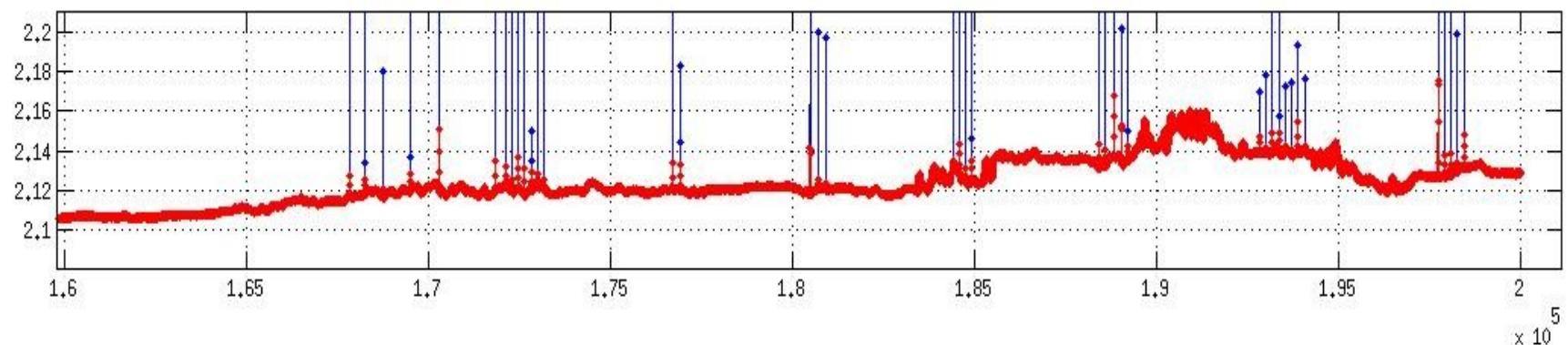
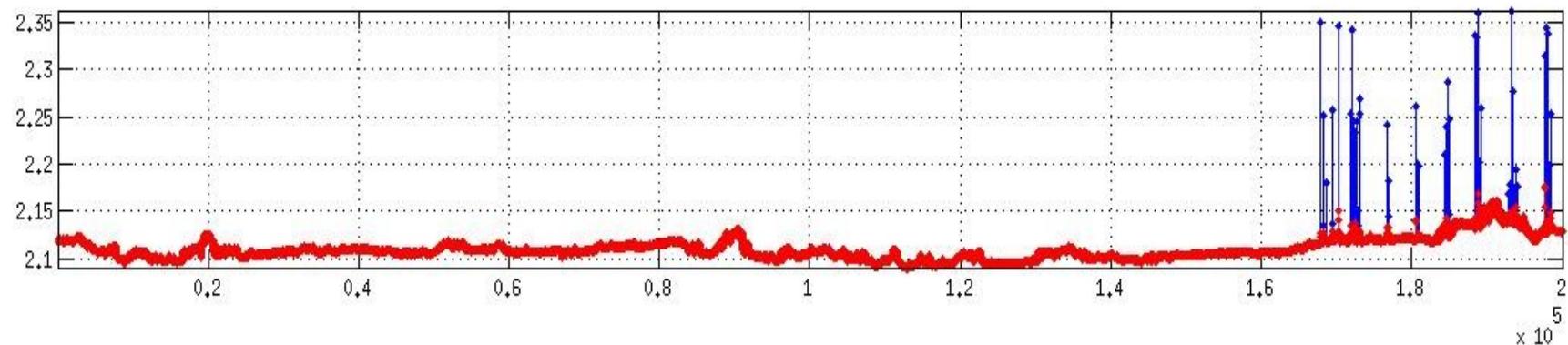


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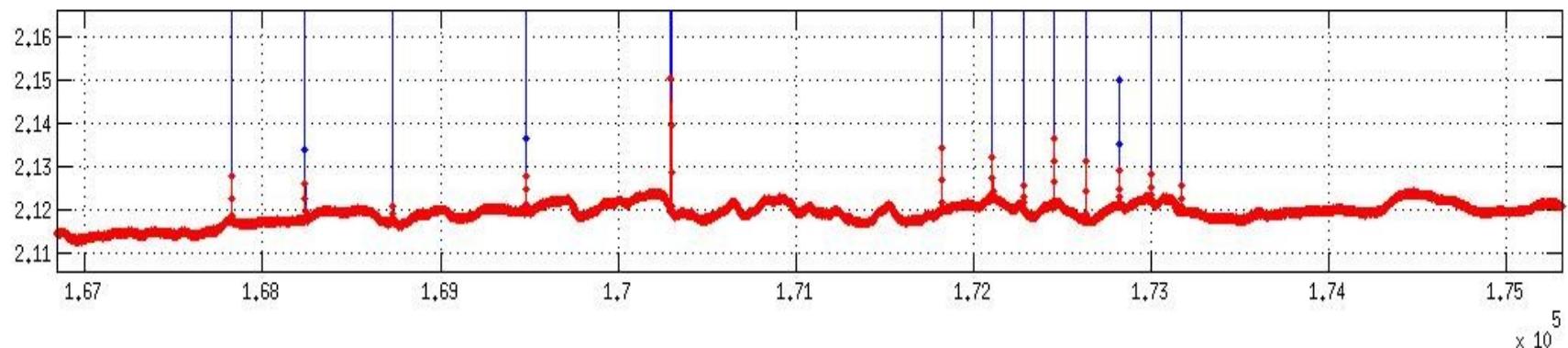
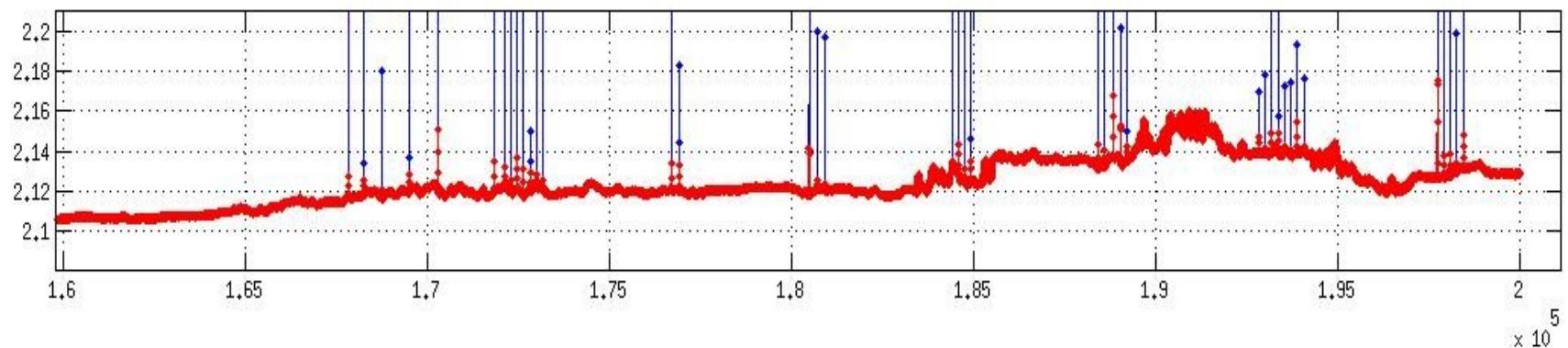
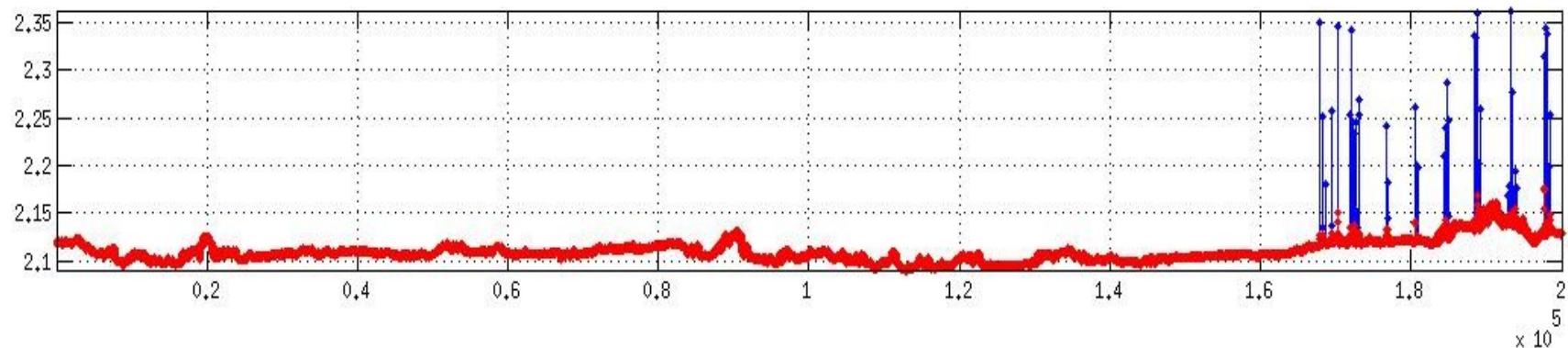


Spikes - typical



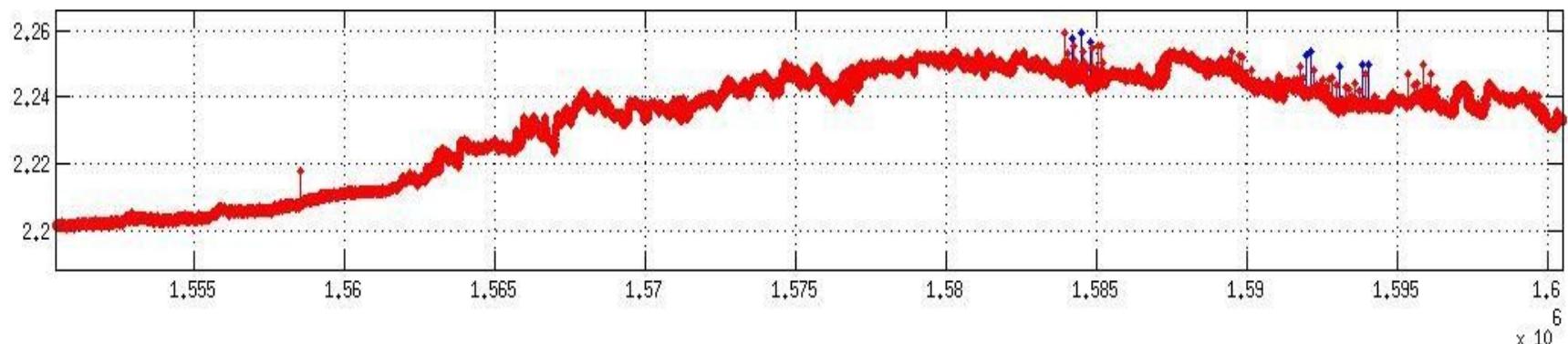
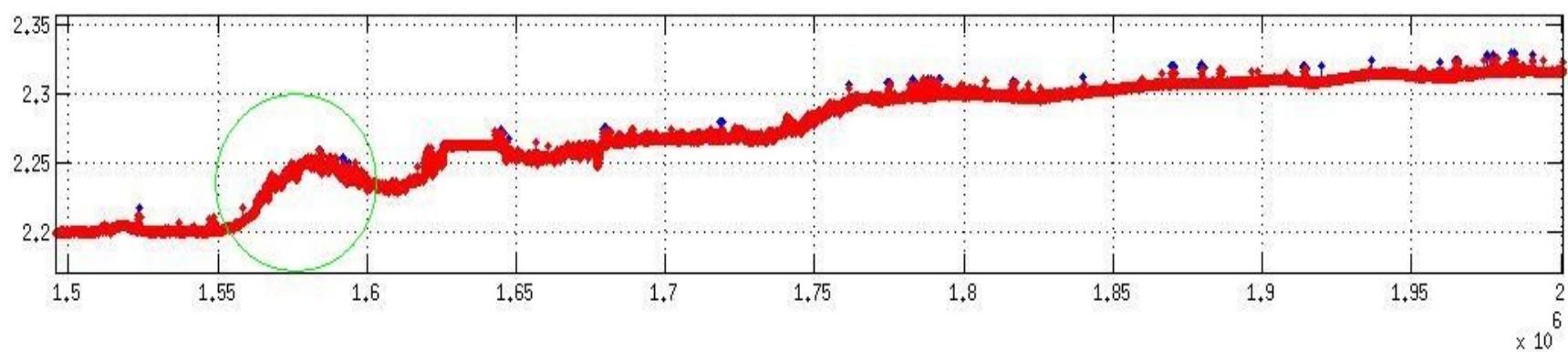
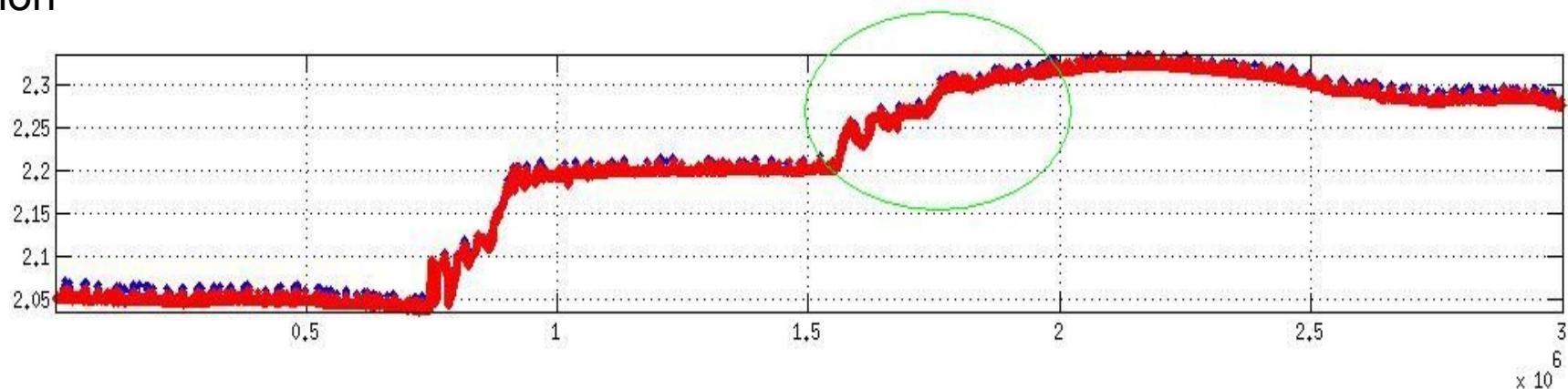


Spikes -in groups



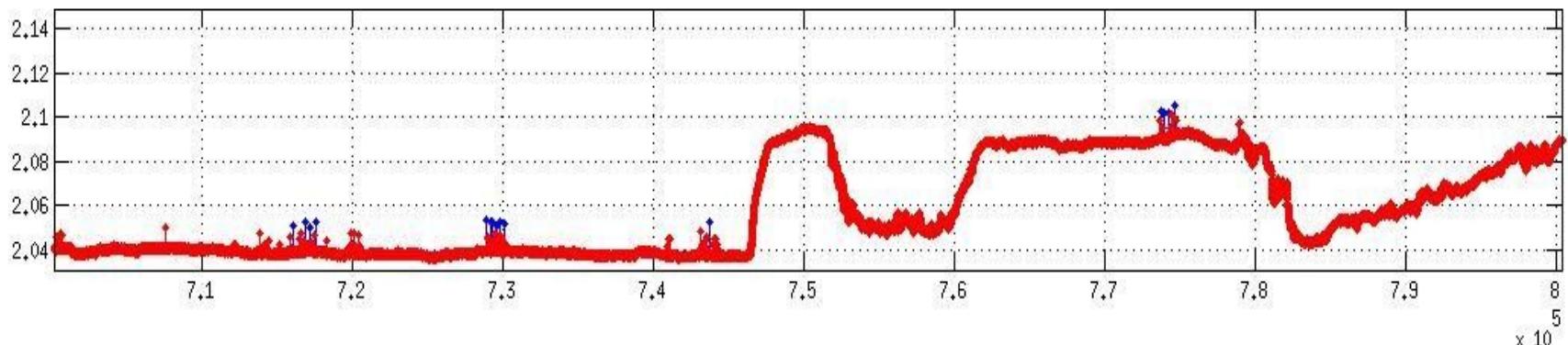
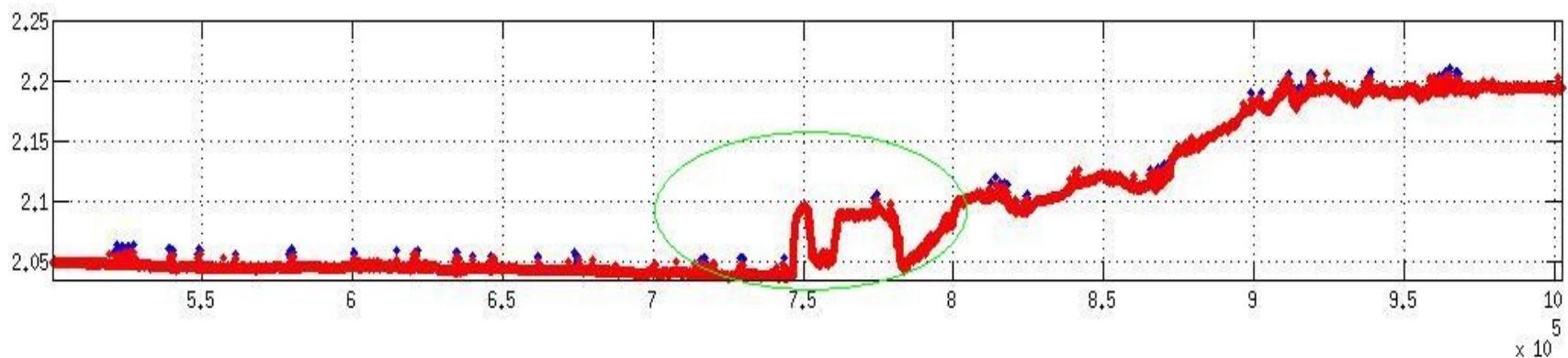
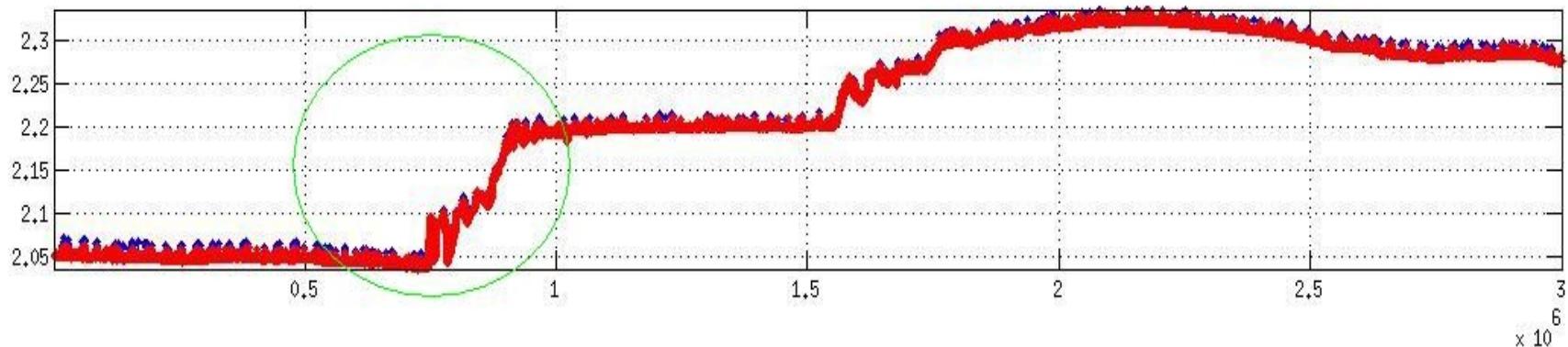


Correction





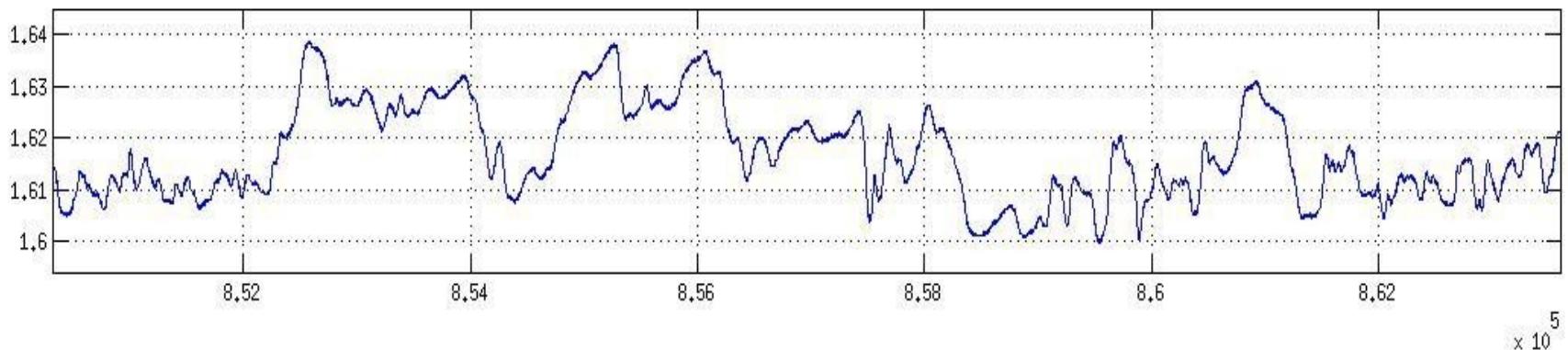
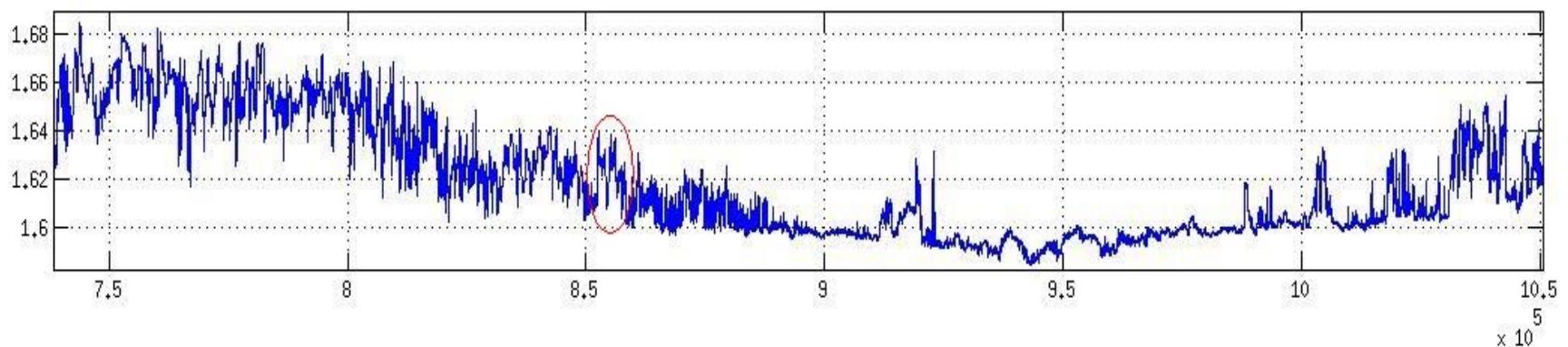
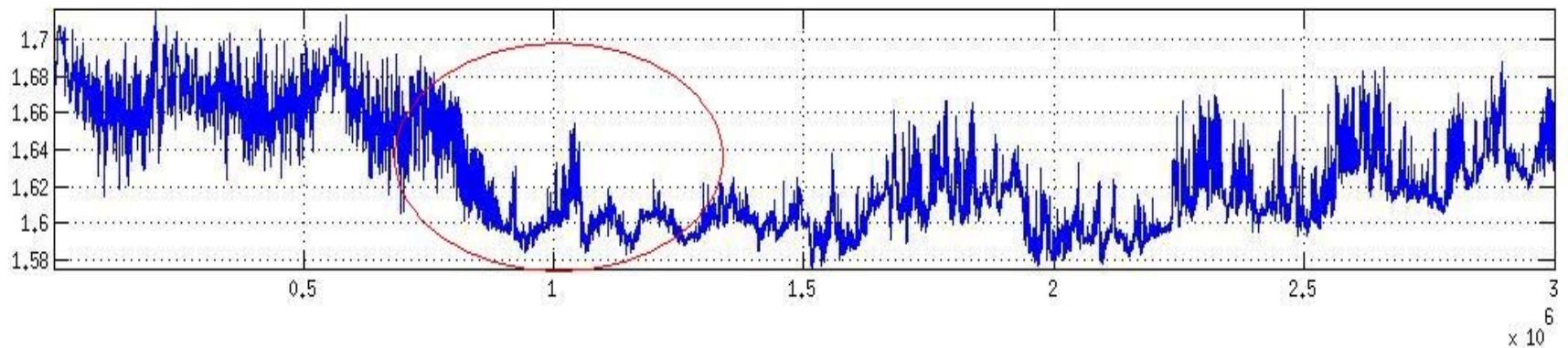
Correction- typical variability.



Flight date	Binary size	Conversion to Matlab	Channels quality	Priority	Channel jump problem	Spikes (DMU)	Data lost	Overall quality	Time mark localization	Averaging	Temperature correction
2008-07-16	8,69GB	done	T1-poor T2-poor	low	moderate	many, filtered	Some, localized	2	yes		
2008-07-17	8,96GB	done	T1-poor T2-poor	low	moderate	many, filtered	Some, localized/f	2	yes		
2008-07-18	7,75GB	done	T1-poor T2-broken	low	moderate	many, filtered	Few, localized	1	yes		
2008-07-28	7,89GB	done	T1-good T2-drift	high	high	sporadic, filtered	Few, localized	3	yes		
2008-07-29	9,16GB	done	T1-good T2-good	high	moderate	In groups, filtered	Some, localized,f	4	yes		
2008-07-30	9,05GB	done	T1-good T2-drift	high	moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Some, localized	3	yes		
2008-08-01	9,47GB	done	T2-good T2-drift	top	moderate	Rare, filtered	Some, localized	3	yes		
2008-08-02	9,19GB	done	T1-good T2-good	High	Moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Few, localized	4	yes		
2008-08-04	9,35GB	done	T1-good T2-poor	High	Moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Some, localized	3	yes		
2008-08-06	8,68GB	done	T1-good T2-goos	High	Low	Sporadic, filtered	Some, localized	4	yes		
2008-08-08	8,90GB	done	T1-good T2-good	High	Moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Some, localized	4	yes		
2008-08-09	8,86GB	done	T1-problem T2-good	low	moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Few, problem	2	yes		
2008-08-12	8,26GB	done	T1-good T2-good	Top	low	In gropus, filtered	Few, localized	4	yes		
2008-08-13	8,54GB	done	T1-poor T2-poor	low	moderate	Sporadic, filtered	Some, localized	2			
2008-08-15	8,16GB	done	T1-moderate	high	moderate	In gropups, filtered	Some, localized	3	yes		



Extreme variability – to be verified.





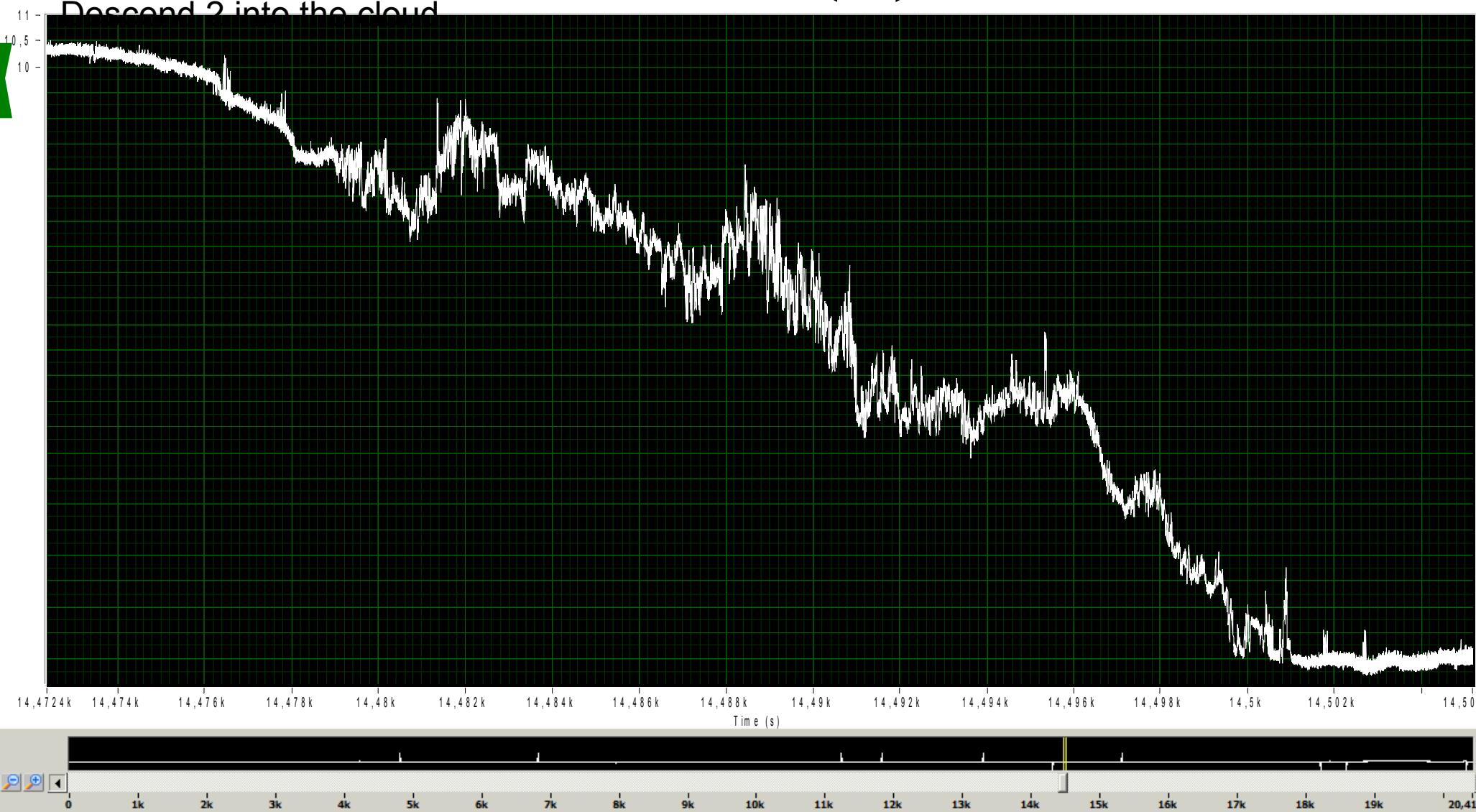
POST, 2008-08-02, TOF09, example of the UFT record.

Vertical axis – temperature fluctuations [K];

Horizontal axis – time in seconds from the beginning of the record (k-kilo), TAS~50m/s

↔ 2s - 100m

Descend 2 into the cloud



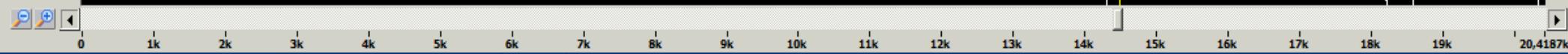
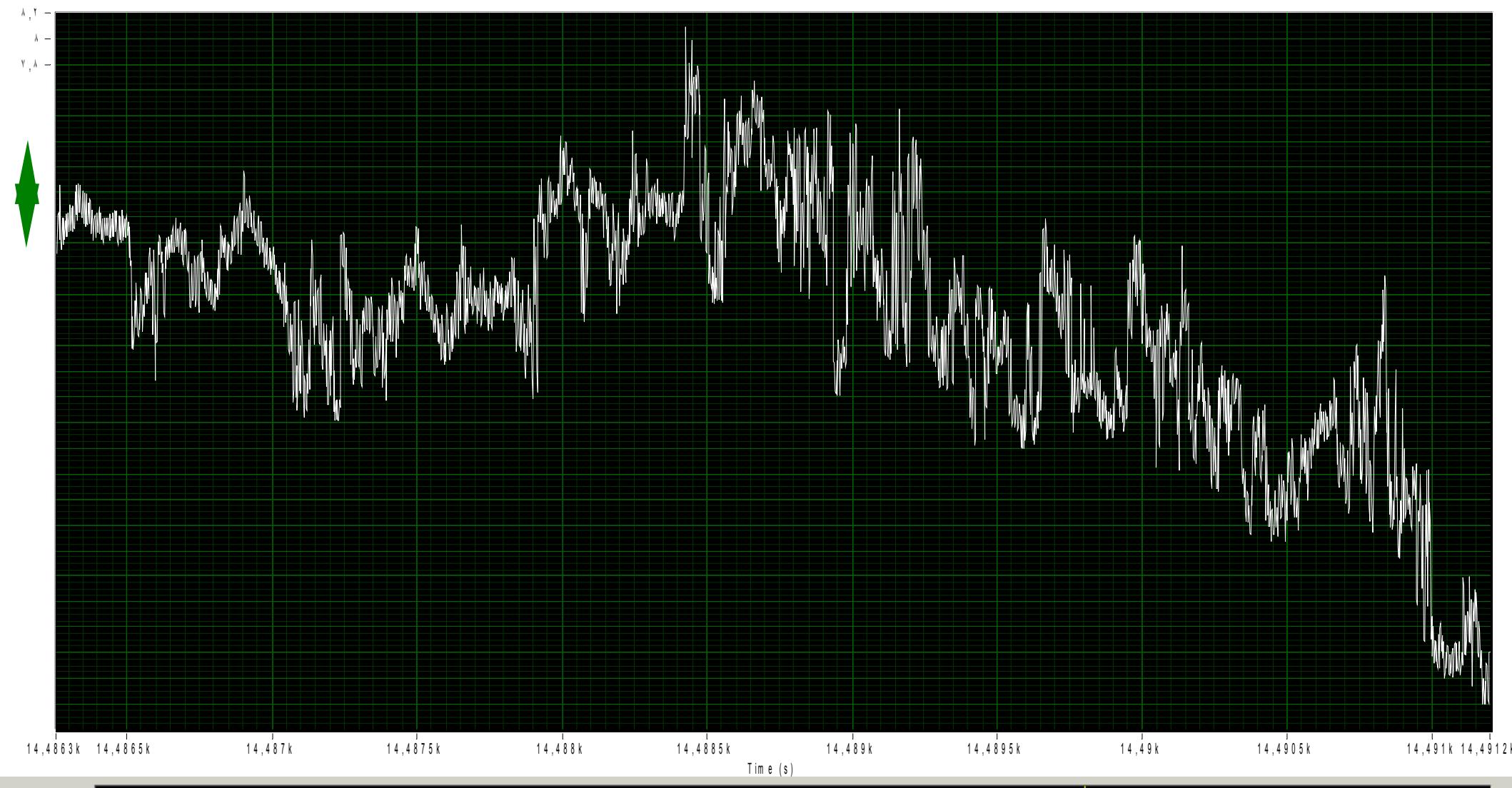


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Descend 2, blowup A1

0.5s - 25m



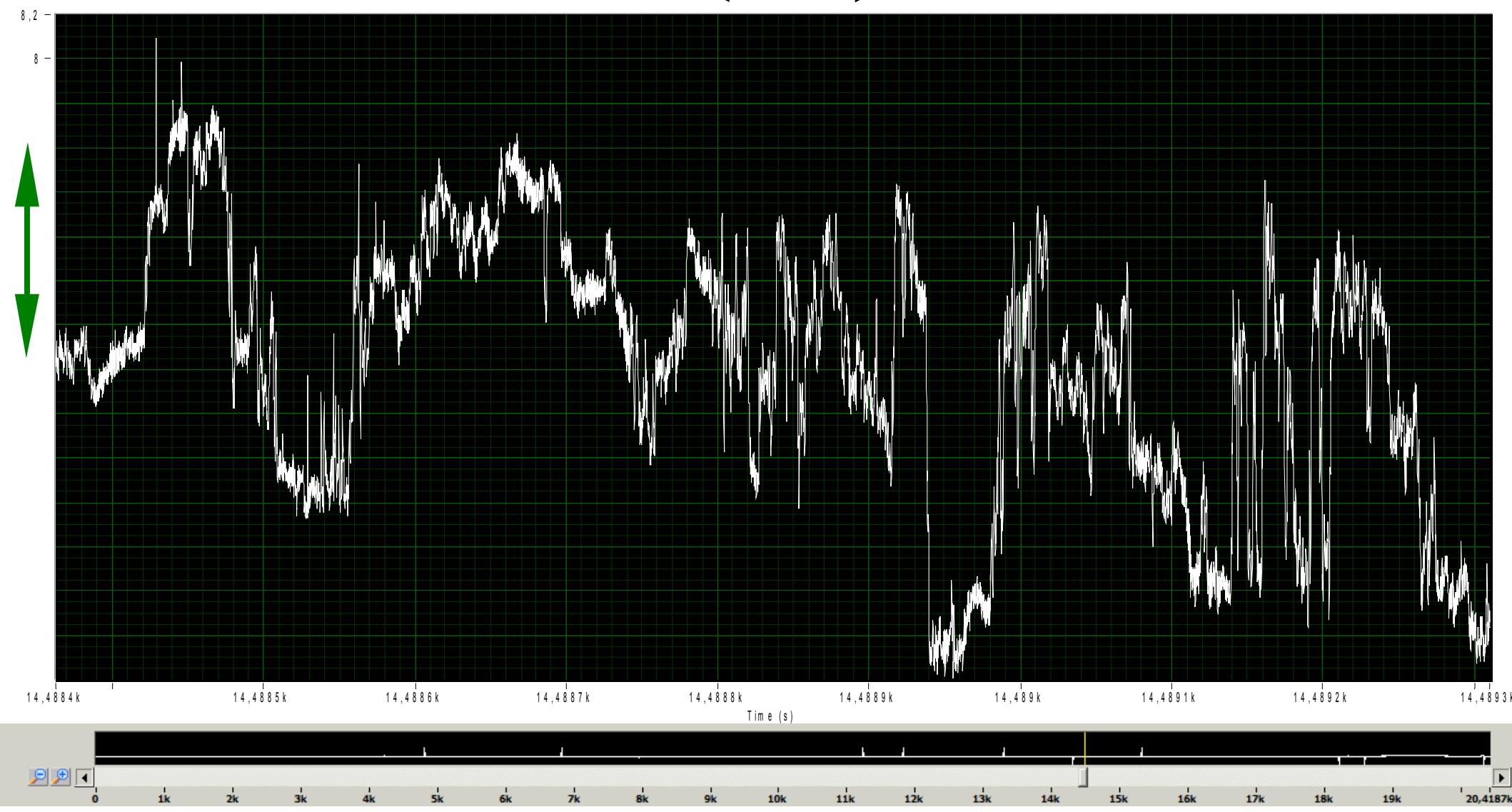


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Descend 2, blowup A2

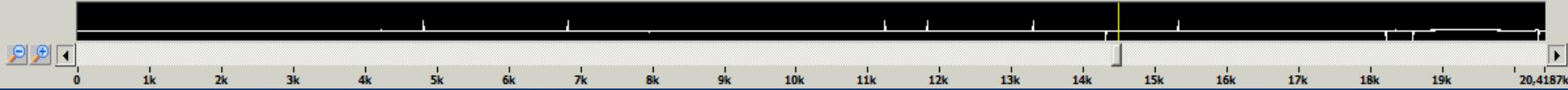
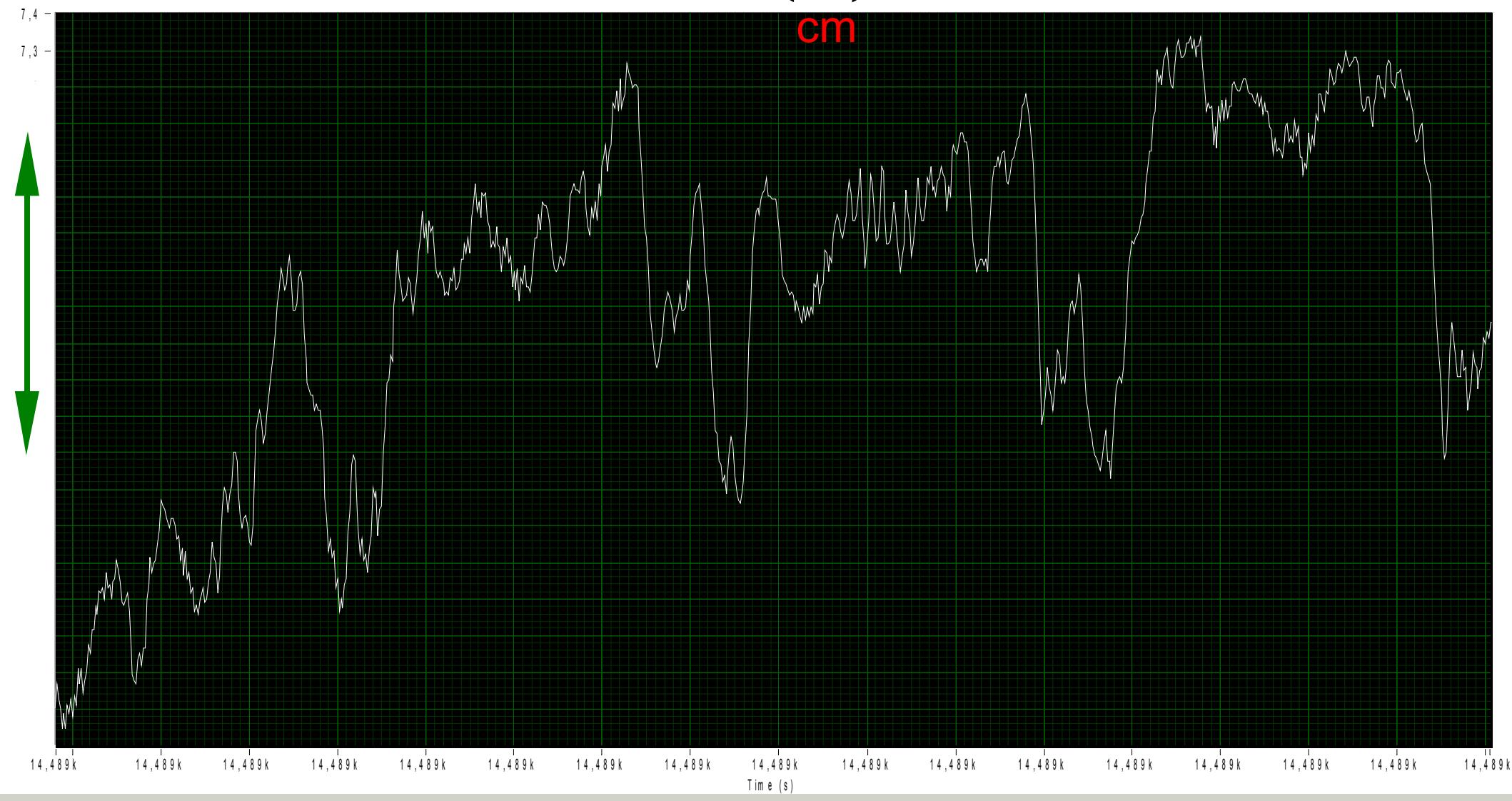
0.1s - 5m





Descend 2, blowup A3

5ms ~ 25
cm





Further investigation

Temperature and LWC

- structures of dry filaments in EIL – active turbulence or still remnants?
- identification of regions of active mixing – maximum gradients of T?
- characterization of fluctuations of temperature and LWC in regions of sizes of 100m, 20m, 5m for the purpose of verification with LES

Turbulence/mixing

Estimates of enstrophy – rotational and irrotational regions;

TKE at the cloud top;

Filaments, characteristic size – related to TKE on scales of ~100m or not??? for the purpose of homogeneous/inhomogeneous mixing parameterization

Entrainment/cloud holes

Calculations of buoyancy (density, temperature density) – small and large-scale buoyancy fluctuations.

Relative role of evaporative cooling /radiative effects.