NOAA-20 ATMS PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

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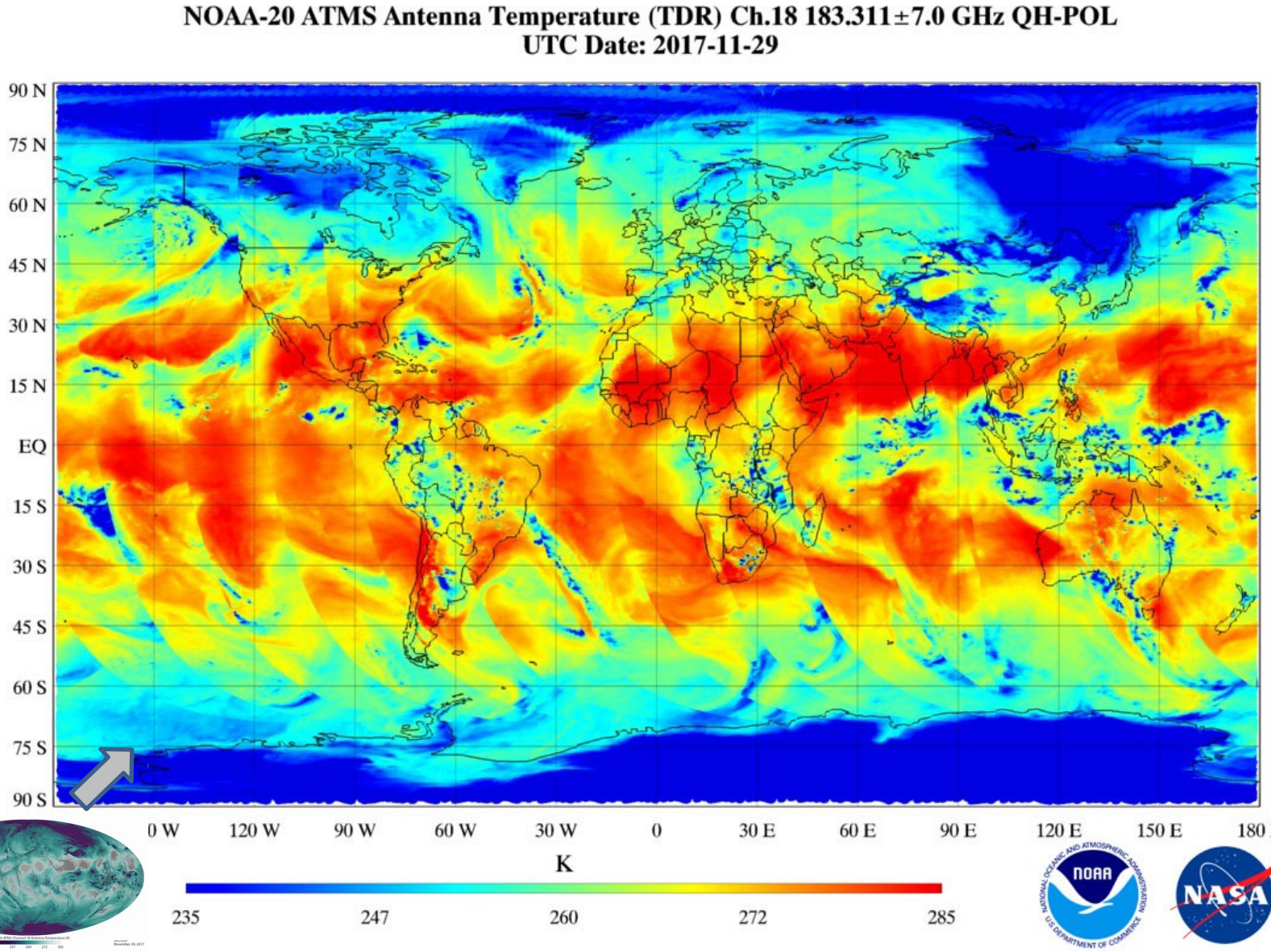

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ATMS Sensitivity (NEDT)

Comparison of J1 Pre-Launch, NOAA-20 on-orbit, SNPP on-orbit

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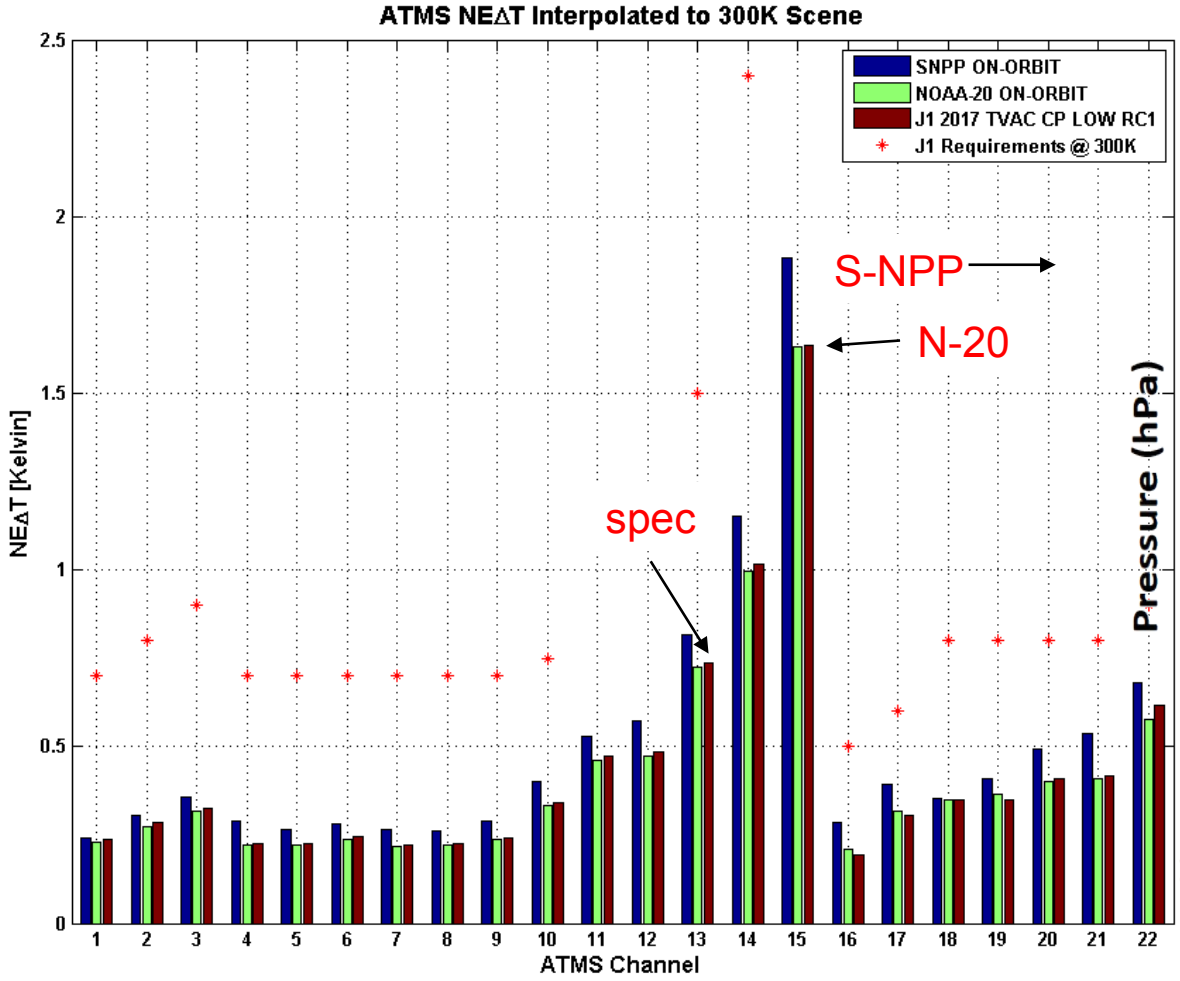

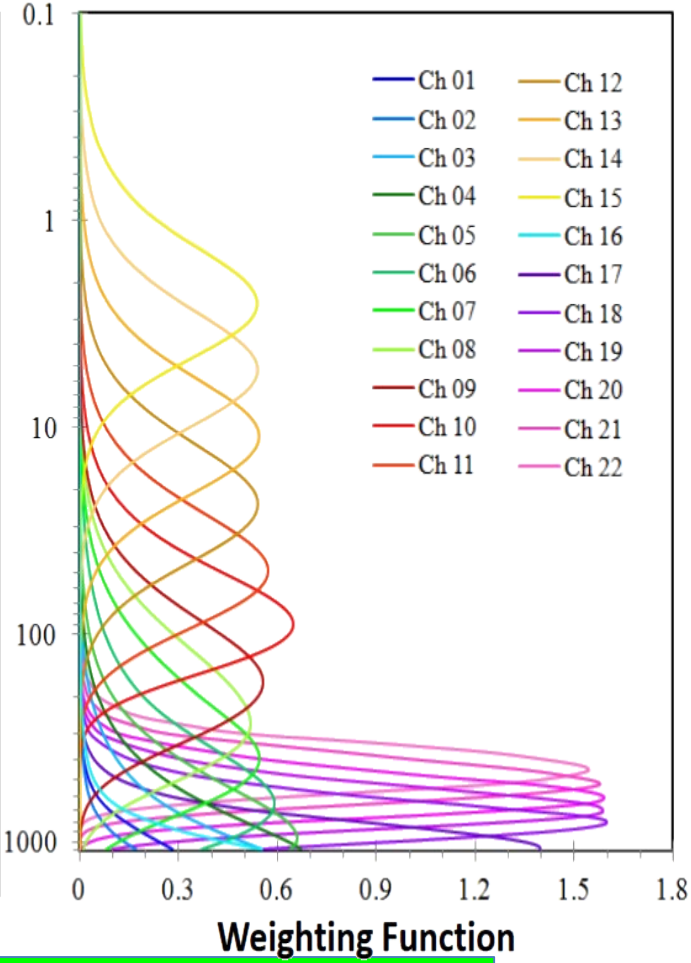

N-20 NEDT on-orbit ~ same as pre-launch and better than S-NPP

ATMS Inter-Channel Correlation

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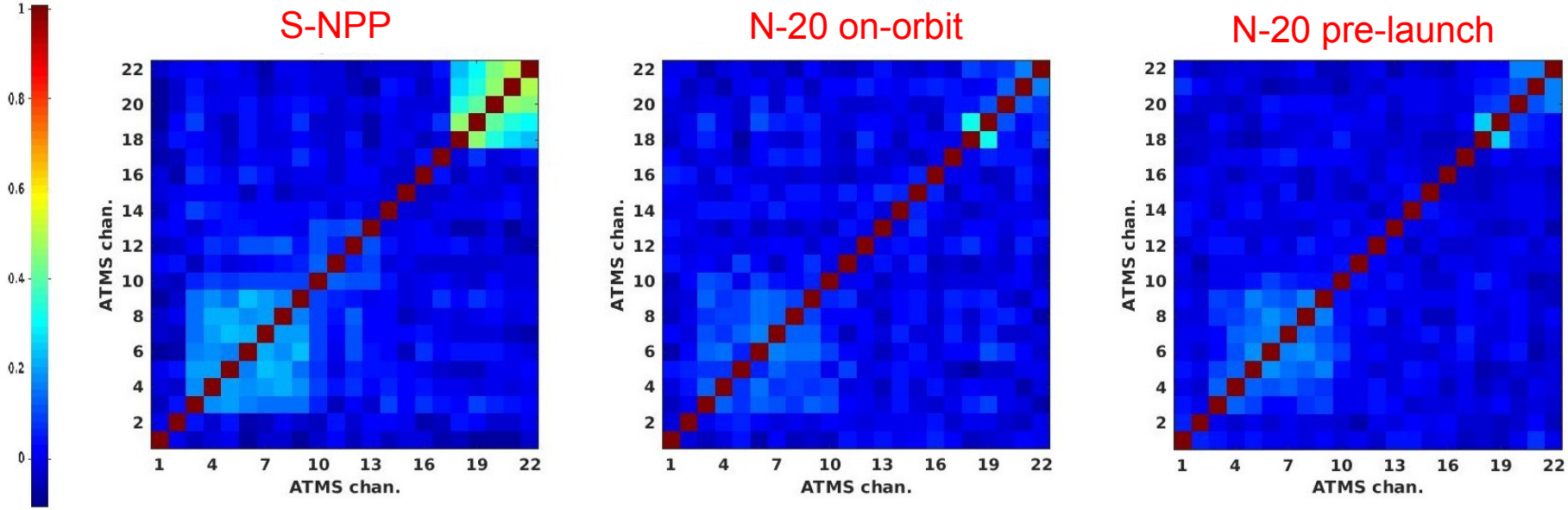

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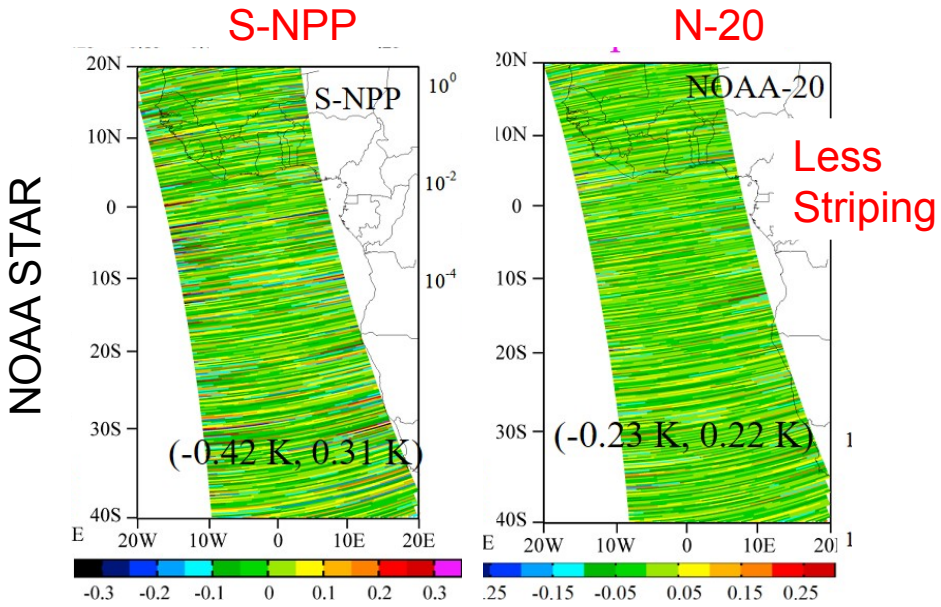
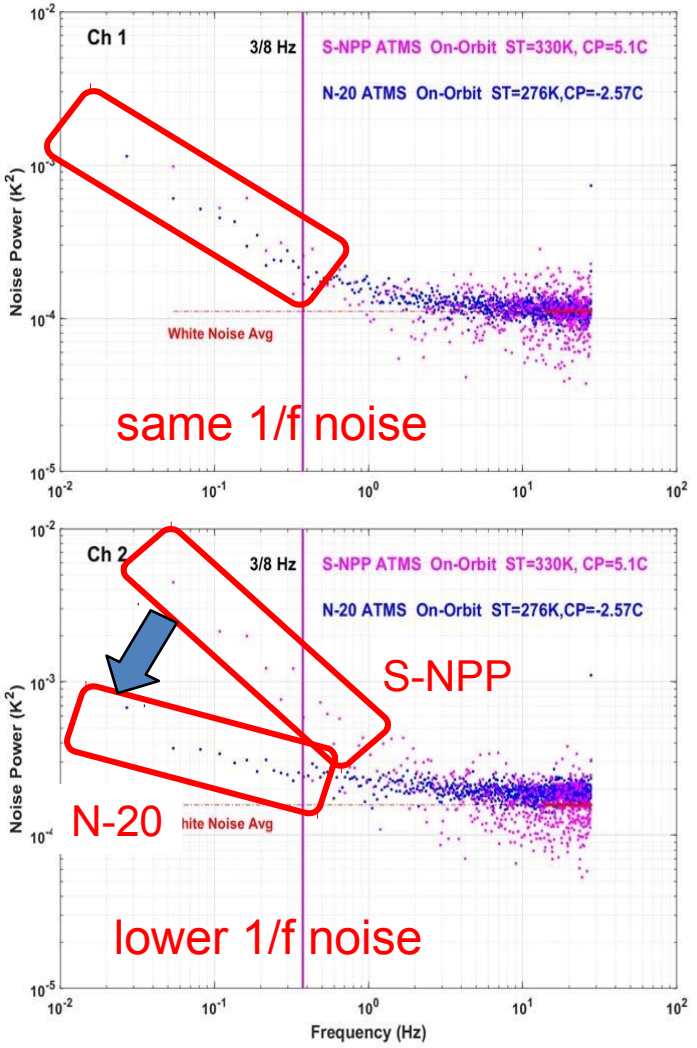
N-20 Noise Correlation Much Better than S-NPP for all Channels

ATMS Noise Power Spectra



- On-orbit noise power spectra match well with Instrument TVAC results
- Same or better for most channels compared to S-NPP
- Channels with < 1/f noise will have less striping



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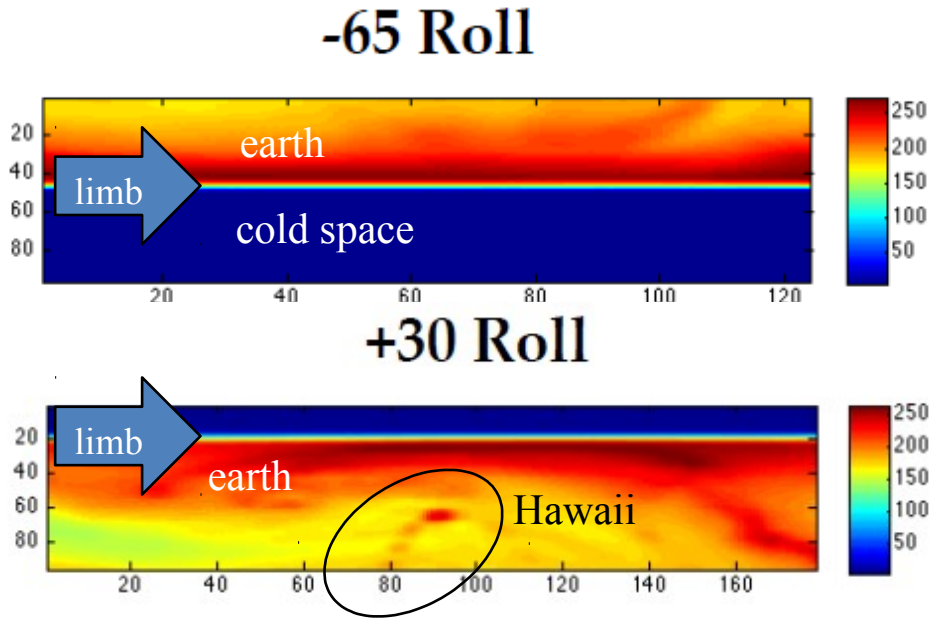
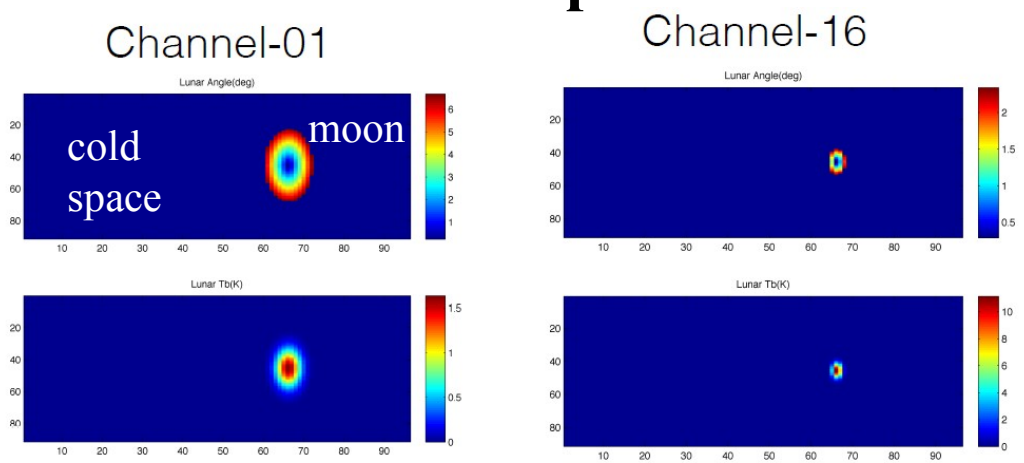
NOAA-20 Maneuvers

- **Rolls -65deg & +30deg**
  - Antenna pattern/sidelobe check
- **Backflip Maneuver**
  - Antenna pattern/sidelobe check
  - Sidelobe contamination characterized
  - Scan Bias (flat field) determined
  - Reflector Emissivity much better than SNPP
  - Minor lunar intrusion; no significant impact

Maneuver results good





Results from Commissioning

- ✓ Space view profile #1 declared optimal
- ✓ Channel NEΔTs stable and lower than S-NPP
- ✓ Noise power spectra same or better for most channels vs. S-NPP
- ✓ Image striping slightly less than S-NPP
- ✓ Inter-channel noise correlation << S-NPP
- ✓ Channel on-orbit effective field-of-view (EFOV), earth sidelobes effects, and antenna pattern derived maneuvers ⊔ nominal
- ✓ No *significant* RFI from Ka transmitters so far
- ✓ Passive lunar intrusion coefficients derived (currently off-line fixed); evaluating alternative active mitigation technique
- ✓ No heater activation EMI observed
- ✓ Active geolocation tested for first time; faster determination of pointing accuracy appears achievable

Lessons Learned for J2+

- **#1 lesson: be willing to delay launch in order to address known hardware issues that affect science performance. The decision will pay off.**

- #2 lesson: perform full pre-launch calibration in TVAC: all 3 cold plate temps x 11 scene temps---this is the baseline for J2

- #3 lesson: perform detailed SRF measurements—already planned

- Measure reflector emissivity & adjust SDR algorithm

ATMS Cal/Val Team Members

PI	Organization	Team Members	Roles and Responsibilities
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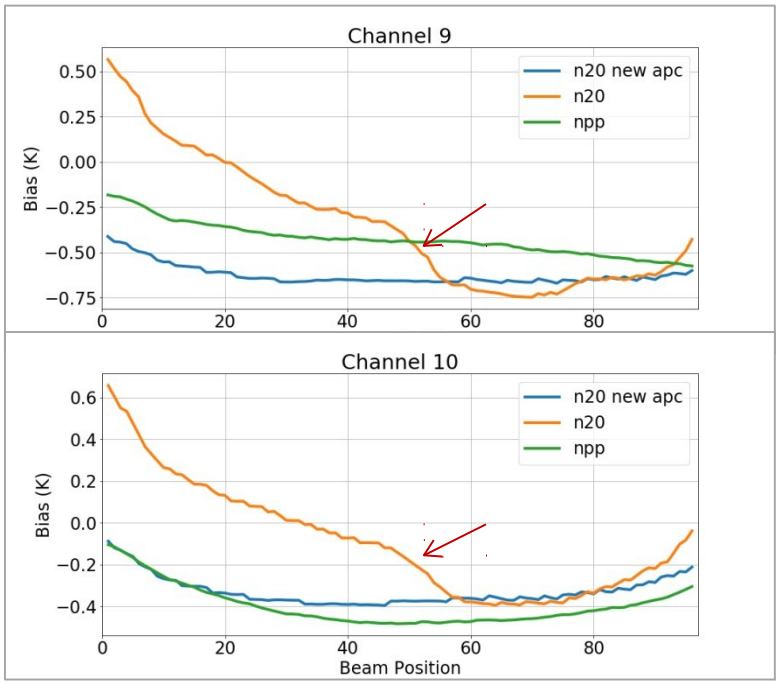
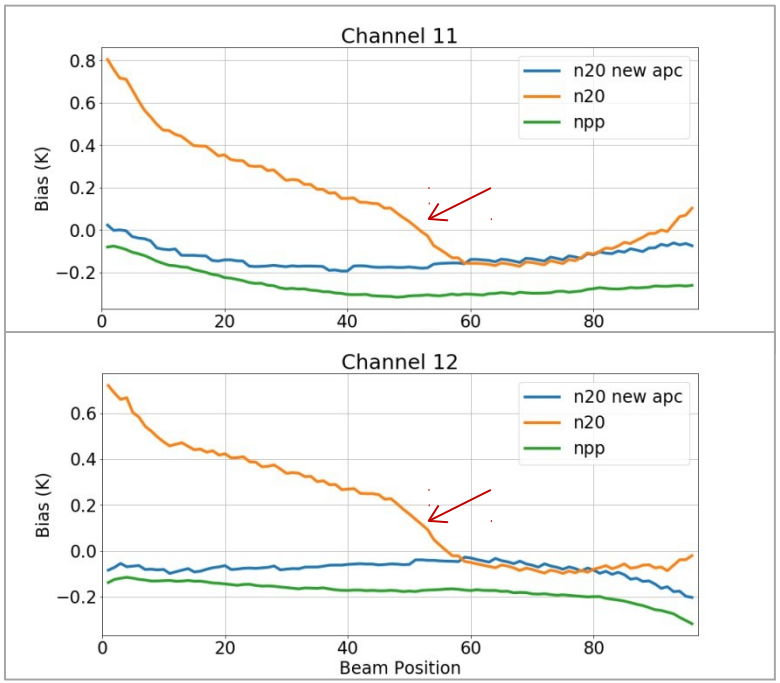
Deirdre Bolen	JPSS/JAM		ADR/PCR support

ATMS Instrument Specifications

Ch.	Center Freq.(MHz)	POL	Bandwidth Max. (MHz)	Frequency Stability (MHz)	Calibration Accuracy (K)	NEΔT (K)	3-dB Bandwidth (deg)	Remarks	Characterization at Nadir
1	23800	QV	270	10	1.0	0.7	5.2	AMSU-A2	Window-water vapor 100 mm
2	31400	QV	180	10	1.0	0.8	5.2	AMSU-A2	Window-water vapor 500 mm
3	50300	QH	180	10	0.75	0.9	2.2	AMSU-A1-2	Window-surface emissivity
4	51760	QH	400	5	0.75	0.7	2.2		Window-surface emissivity
5	52800	QH	400	5	0.75	0.7	2.2	AMSU-A1-2	Surface air
6	53596±115	QH	170	5	0.75	0.7	2.2	AMSU-A1-2	4 km ~ 700 mb
7	54400	QH	400	5	0.75	0.7	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	9 km ~ 400 mb
8	54940	QH	400	10	0.75	0.7	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	11 km ~ 250 mb
9	55500	QH	330	10	0.75	0.7	2.2	AMSU-A1-2	13 km ~ 180 mb
10	57290.344(f_o)	QH	330	0.5	0.75	0.75	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	17 km ~ 90 mb
11	f_o± 217	QH	78	0.5	0.75	1.2	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	19 km ~ 50 mb
12	f_o±322.2±48	QH	36	1.2	0.75	1.2	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	25 km ~ 25 mb
13	f_o±322.2±22	QH	16	1.6	0.75	1.5	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	29 km ~ 10 mb
14	f_o±322.2±10	QH	8	0.5	0.75	2.4	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	32 km ~ 6 mb
15	f_o±322.2±4.5	QH	3	0.5	0.75	3.6	2.2	AMSU-A1-1	37 km ~ 3 mb
16	88200	QV	2000	200	1.0	0.5	2.2	89000	Window H_2O 150 mm
17	165500	QH	3000	200	1.0	0.6	1.1	157000	H_2O 18 mm
18	183310±7000	QH	2000	30	1.0	0.8	1.1	AMSU-B	H_2O 8 mm
19	183310±4500	QH	2000	30	1.0	0.8	1.1		H_2O 4.5 mm
20	183310±3000	QH	1000	30	1.0	0.8	1.1	AMSU-B/MHS	H_2O 2.5 mm
21	183310±1800	QH	1000	30	1.0	0.8	1.1		H_2O 1.2 mm
22	183310±1000	QH	500	30	1.0	0.9	1.1	AMSU-B/MHS	H_2O 0.5 mm

N20 ATMS Channels 9-12
Scan Asymmetry Largely Removed along with Steep Gradient Near Center of Swath





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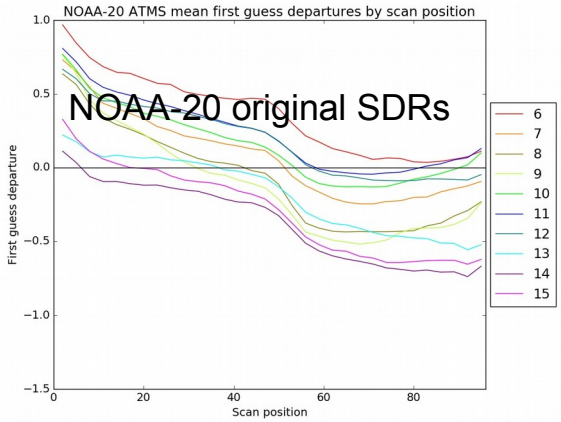
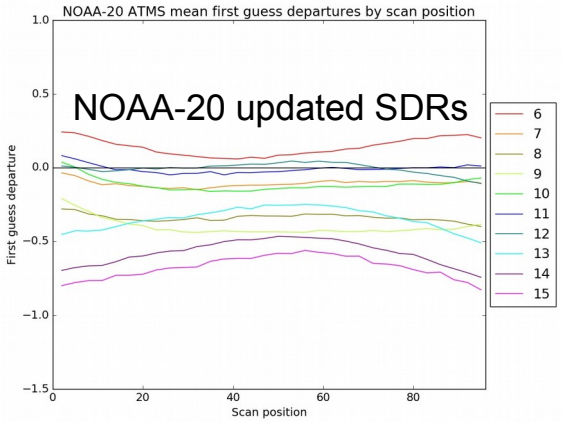
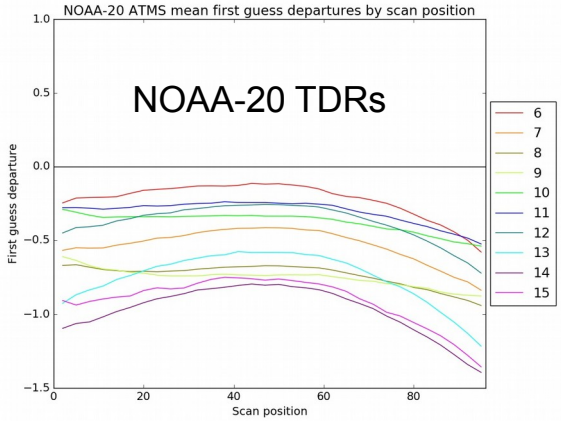
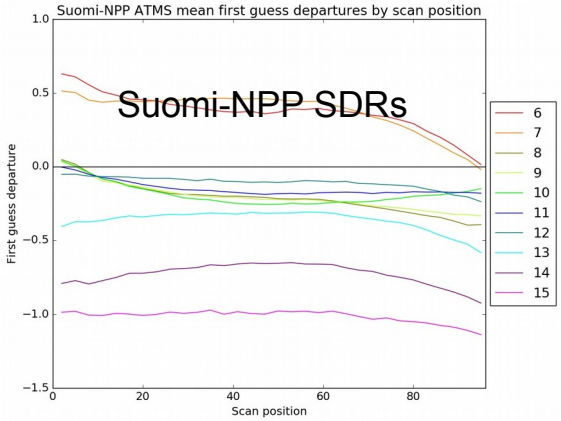
Scan biases (cloud screened data before bias correction)

- NOAA-20 updated SDRs have much more symmetric scan biases than NOAA-20 original SDRs
- NOAA-20 updated SDRs have more symmetric and smaller magnitude scan biases than NOAA-20 TDRs
- NOAA-20 updated SDRs have more symmetric and smaller magnitude scan biases than Suomi-NPP SDRs









SDR data improved because
1.Improved antenna pattern measurements for J01, especially in W and G bands
2.Improved antenna pattern correction algorithm based on On-orbit environment test data
3.More accurate antenna reflector emission correction model

Selected ATMS Comments from ECMWF

- Data quality looks better than Suomi-NPP:
  - Similar biases
  - Smaller standard deviation of first guess departures and diagnosed observation errors
  - Weaker striping signal than Suomi-NPP ATMS
- Improved first guess fits to:
  - Temperature observations (AMSU-A, CrIS, GPSRO)
  - Humidity observations (MHS, GEO CSRs)
- Indicates improved accuracy of short range temperature and humidity forecasts
- Neutral to slightly positive forecast scores

Generally positive feedback from ECMWF

Total Precipitable Water (2017-11-30), beta maturity at day-1

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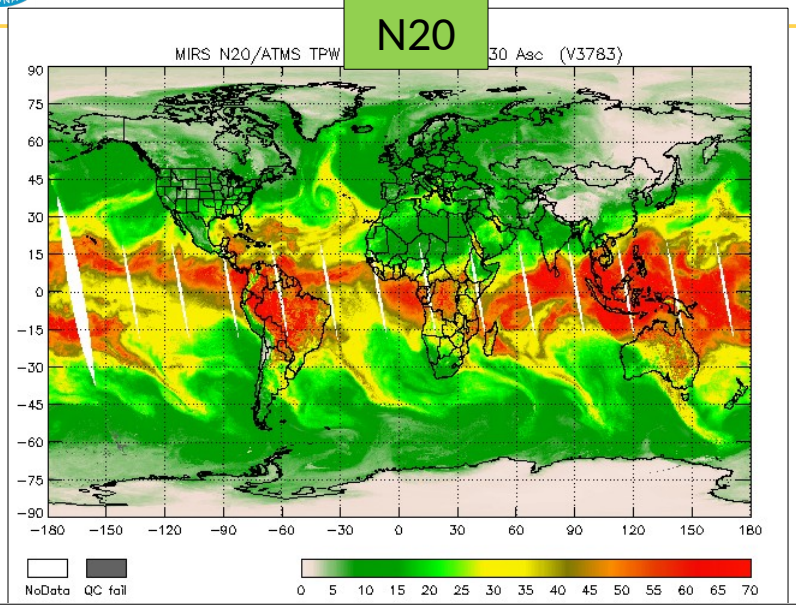

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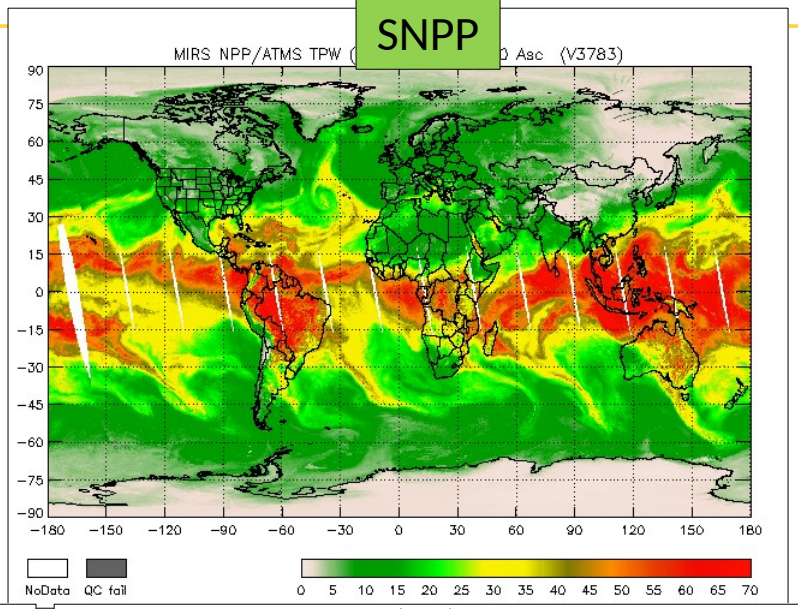

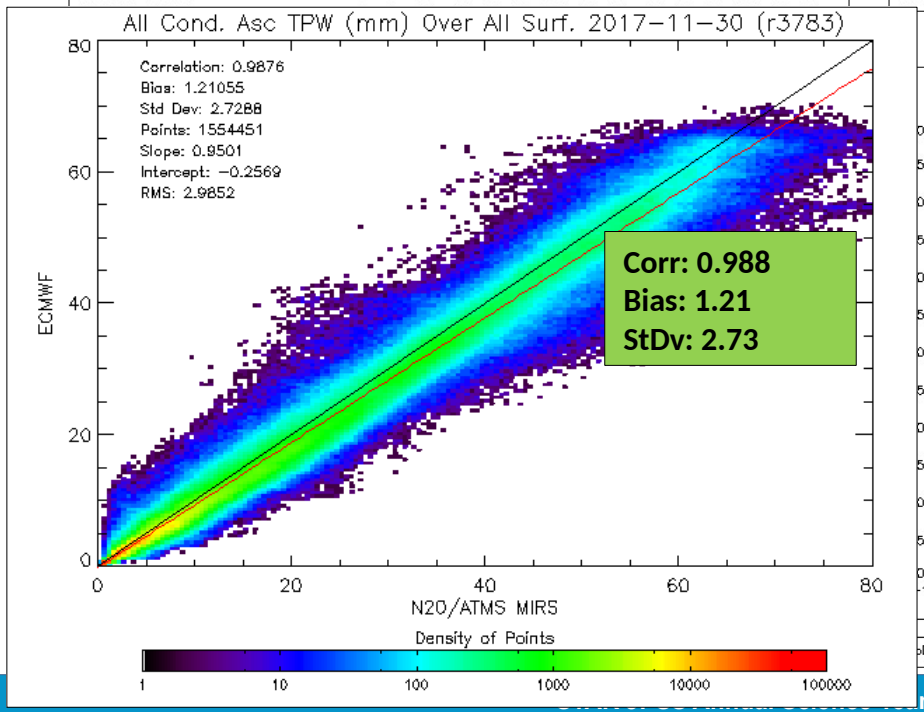

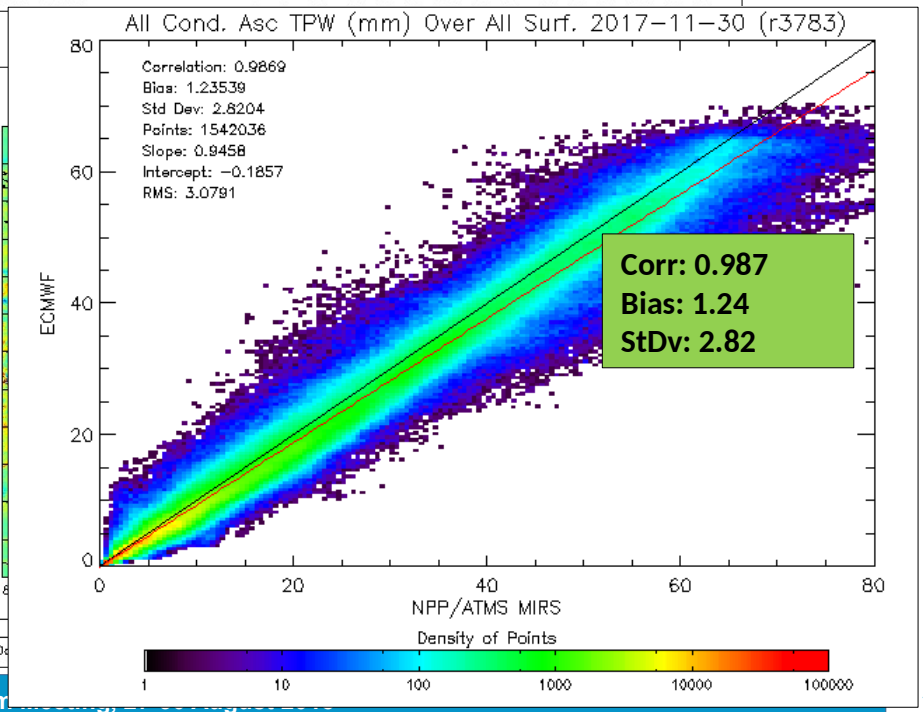

Conclusion

- NOAA-20 ATMS working well since activation
- NOAA-20 ATMS post-launch performance is comparable to pre-launch performance; No Ka-band transmitter RFI and heater induced EMI observed so far
- All PLTs successfully executed, no go-backs, reports nearly complete
  - space view profile #1 declared optimal
  - Maneuver-related activities successful
- NOAA-20 ATMS TDR/SDR compare well to S-NPP ATMS
  - NEΔTs stable since activation and slightly lower than S-NPP
  - Inter-channel noise correlation much lower than S-NPP
- ATMS SDR is significantly improved. MiRS products achieved beta maturity at day-1. TDR/SDR products are operational at major NWP centers. Some centers are working on the ATMS RDR data for climate studies.

NOAA-20 ATMS on-orbit performance compares well with S-NPP ATMS.
NOAA-20 ATMS TDR and SDR products look better.
The decision to re-work & delay launch (twice) has paid off.

JPSS Radiance Timeline

S-NPP Launch 28-Oct-2011
N-20 Launch 18-Nov-2017

Sensor-Spacecraft	Algorithm	Activation	Beta	Provisional	Validated
ATMS-SNPP	SDR-L1b	08-Nov-2011	Jan-2012 (2 m)	Oct-2012 (1 yr)	Dec-2013 (2 yr 2 m)
ATMS-N20	SDR-L1b	29-Nov-2017	11-Dec-2017 (2 wk)	23-Jan-2018 (2 m)	June-2018 (8 m)
CrIS-SNPP	SDR-L1b	14-Dec-2011	Apr-2012 (5 m)	Oct-2012 (11 m)	Dec-2013 (2 yr)
CrIS-N20	SDR-L1b	3-Jan-2018	17-Jan-18 (2 m)	16-Feb-18 (3 m)	Aug-2018 (10 m)

Maturity milestones reached earlier for N20!

JPSS Retrieval Timeline

S-NPP Launch 28-Oct-2011
N-20 Launch 18-Nov-2017

Sensor-Spacecraft	Algorithm	Activation	Beta	Provisional	Validated
MIRS SNPP (ATMS only)	Temperature/ Water Vapor	08-Nov-2011	Apr-2012 (6 m)	Aug-2014 (2 yr 10 m)	Oct-2016 (5 yr)
MIRS N20 (ATMS only)	Temperature/ Water Vapor	29-Nov-2017	21-Mar-2018 (5 m)	Sep-2018 (1 yr)	Sep-2019 (2 yr)
NUCAPS SNPP (ATMS + CrIS)	Temperature/ Water Vapor	14-Dec-2011	Aug-2012 (9 m)	Jan-2013 (1 yr 1 m)	Sep-2014 (2 yr 10 m)
NUCAPS N20 (ATMS + CrIS)	Temperature/ Water Vapor	3-Jan-2018	Jun-2018 (6 m)	Sep-2018 (9 m)	Sep-2019 (1 yr 9 m)

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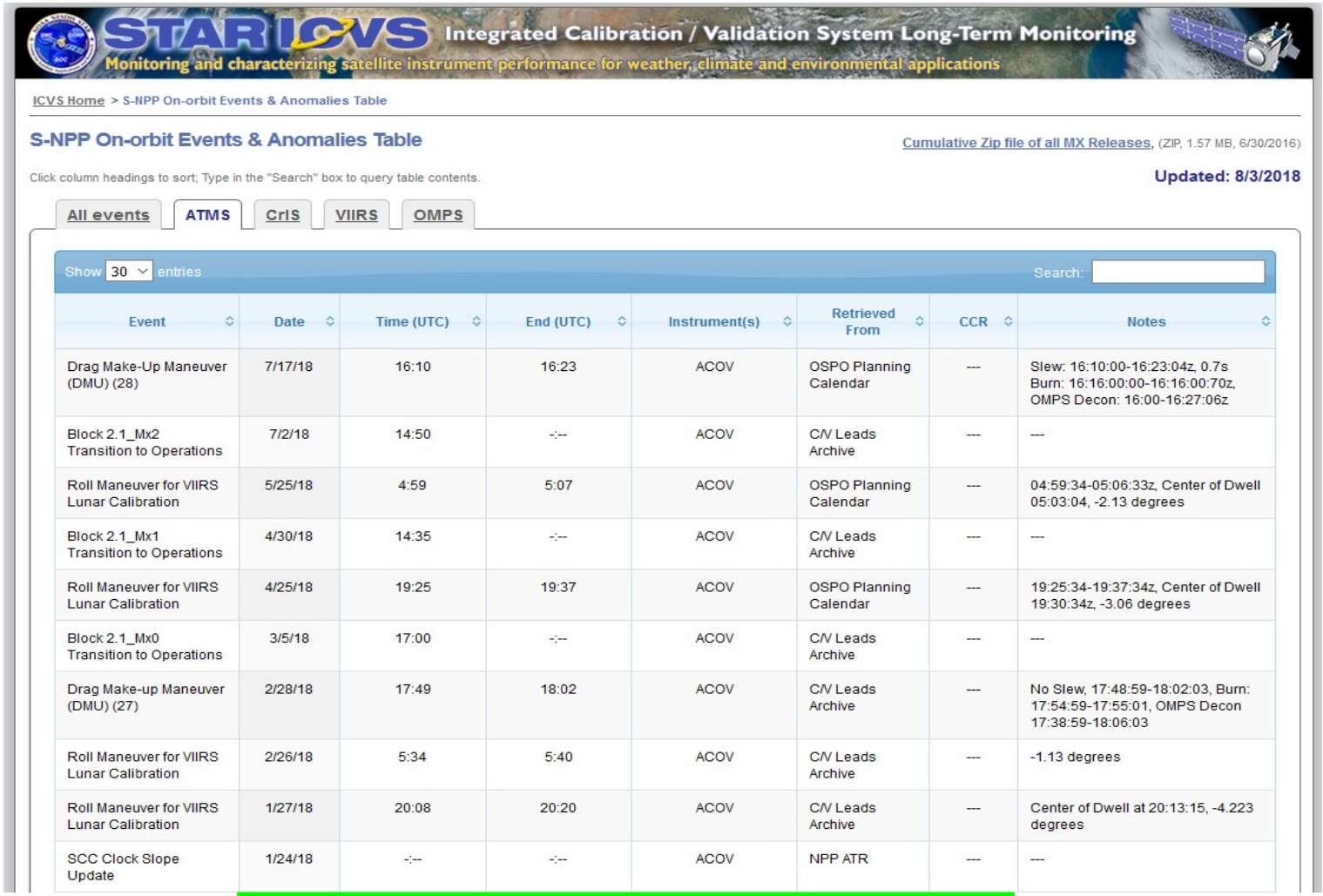
JPSS Anomaly Reporting

https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/icvs/SNPP_Anomalies.php



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Monitoring and characterizing satellite instrument performance for weather, climate and environmental applications

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S-NPP On-orbit Events & Anomalies Table

Cumulative Zip file of all MX Releases, (ZIP, 1.57 MB, 6/30/2016)

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All events | ATMS | CrIS | VIIRS | OMPS

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Roll Maneuver for VIIRS Lunar Calibration	2/26/18	5:34	5:40	ACOV	C/V Leads Archive	---	-1.13 degrees
Roll Maneuver for VIIRS Lunar Calibration	1/27/18	20:08	20:20	ACOV	C/V Leads Archive	---	Center of Dwell at 20:13:15, -4.223 degrees
SCC Clock Slope Update	1/24/18	-:--	-:--	ACOV	NPP ATR	---	---

Easy to find anomalies from STAR ICVS

Path Forward

- ✓ Keep analyzing PLT data, such as pitch maneuver, active geolocation, lunar intrusion, and so on, to better characterize NOAA-20 ATMS on orbit performance
- ✓ Implement key instrument performance and data quality monitoring packages for long term stability trending
- ✓ Improve calibration algorithm, remove reflector emission in TDR, hybrid antenna pattern correction, better TDR to SDR conversion (code change, PCT change)
- ✓ Improve geolocation accuracy—switch to active geolocation?
- ✓ Update the SNPP ATMS calibration algorithm and PCT for consistency and better cross verification
- ✓ Support data product end users, antenna pattern model for radiance assimilation
- ✓ Write users manual
- ✓ NOAA-20 and SNPP ATMS reprocessing
- ✓ J2 ATMS assessment and preparation to operation