A detailed illustration of the SWOT (Surface Water and Ocean Topography) satellite in orbit above Earth. The satellite is covered in gold thermal blankets and has large solar panel arrays extended. The Earth's surface shows a mix of blue oceans and green/brown landmasses.

IPGP-IGN/JPL AC AWG IDS meeting 2025 SWOT first results

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SWOT – Data Difficulties

Solar panel quaternions :

- daily file : ign server issue

Issue 1 : Multiple files for the same day

Exemple :

swoqsolp20240412235923_20240413235923.001.xml

From the name : data from **2024-04-12 23:59:23** to **2024-04-13 23:59:23**

swoqsolp20240413090002_20240413235959.001.xml

From the name : data from **2024-04-13 09:00:02** to **2024-04-13 23:59:59**

Issue 2 : Lack of data in file / Not a date compatible with the name of the file

Exemple :

swoqsolp20240413090002_20240413235959.001.xml

From the name : data from **2024-04-13 09:00:02** to **2024-04-13 23:59:59**

In this file, no data after 2024-04-13 04h ...

Issue 3 : File without data

Exemple : **swoqsolp20240909235923_20240910235923.001.xml**

SWOT – Data Difficulties

Conclusion :

No solar panel quaternion before 2024-03-20 on cddis

Between 2024-03-20 and 2025-01-01 : 346 files for 285 days !

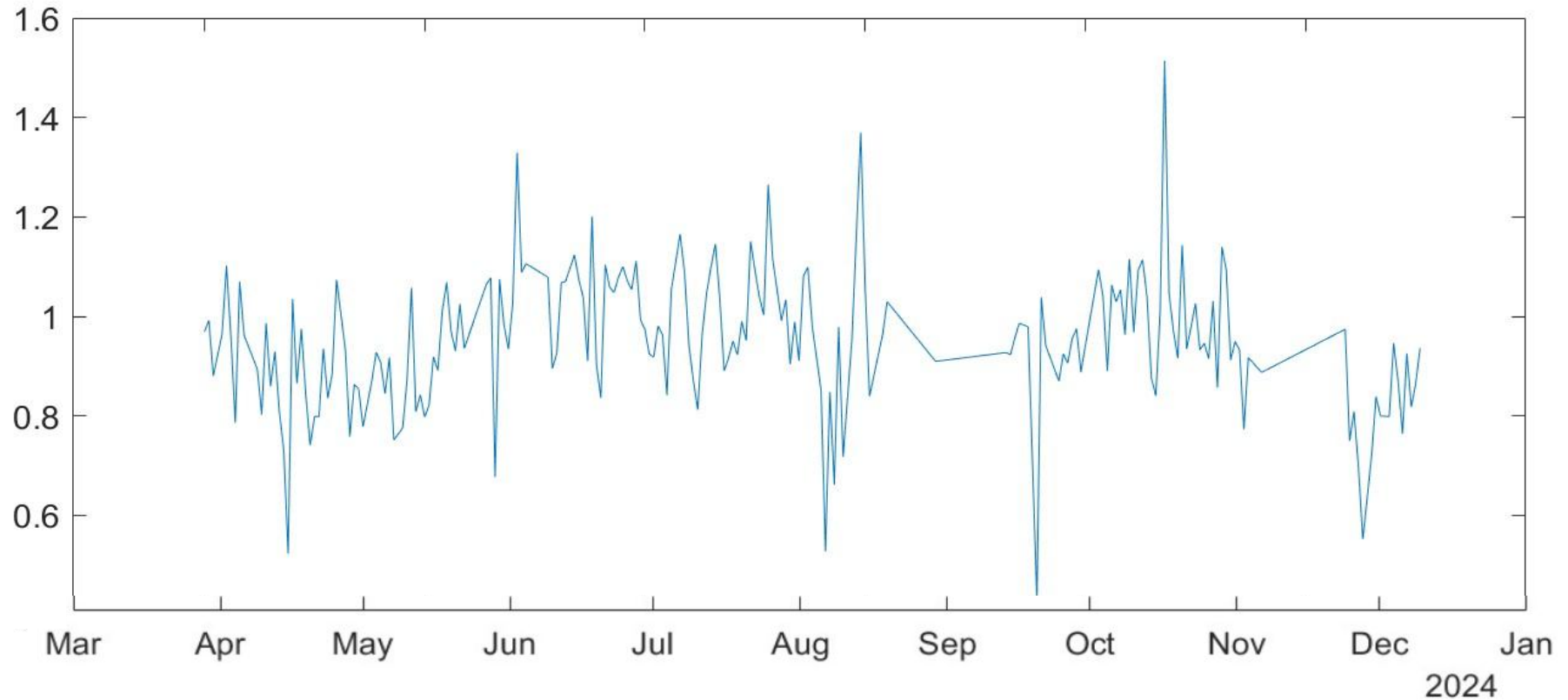
On GipsyX : 228 days processed / 182 days providing good orbits and RMS

PS : Need to add/remove 0.2 deg to the quaternion value Not user friendly

Solar Scale values

Only values between 0.4 and 1.6 shown.

Median value : **0.95**

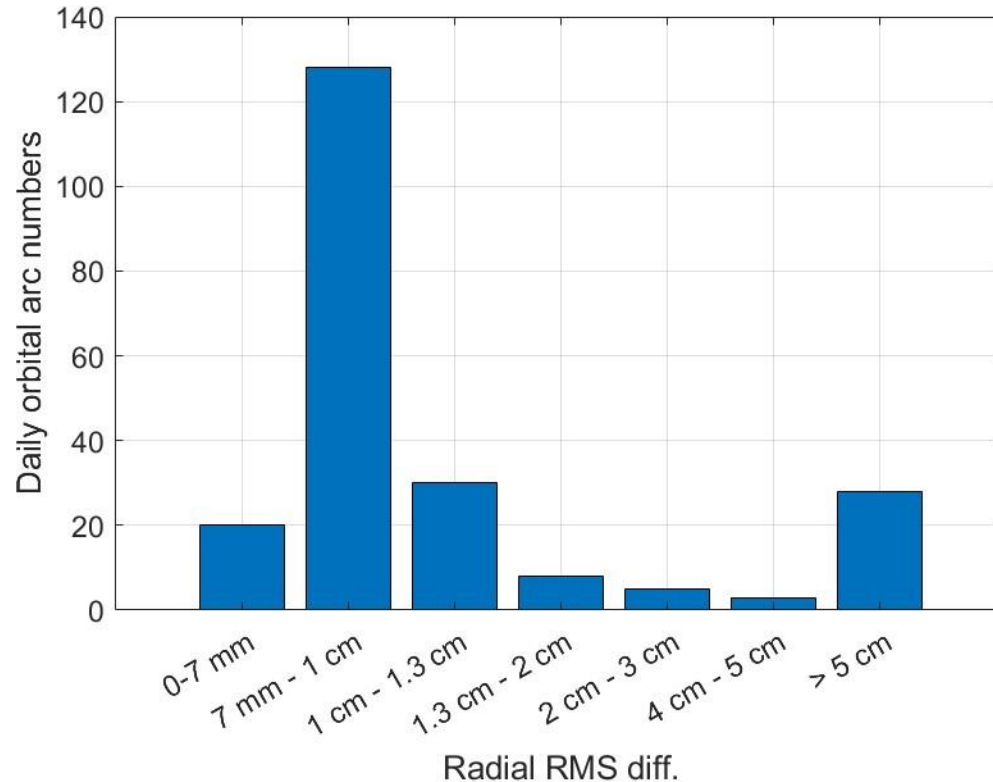


First results - orbits

- Over the 228 days :
 - 148d with radial RMS differences between GipsyX orbits and SSALTO < 1 cm
 - 28d between 1 cm and 1.2 cm
 - 6d between 1.2 cm and 1.5 cm
 - 4d between 1.5 cm and 2.0 cm

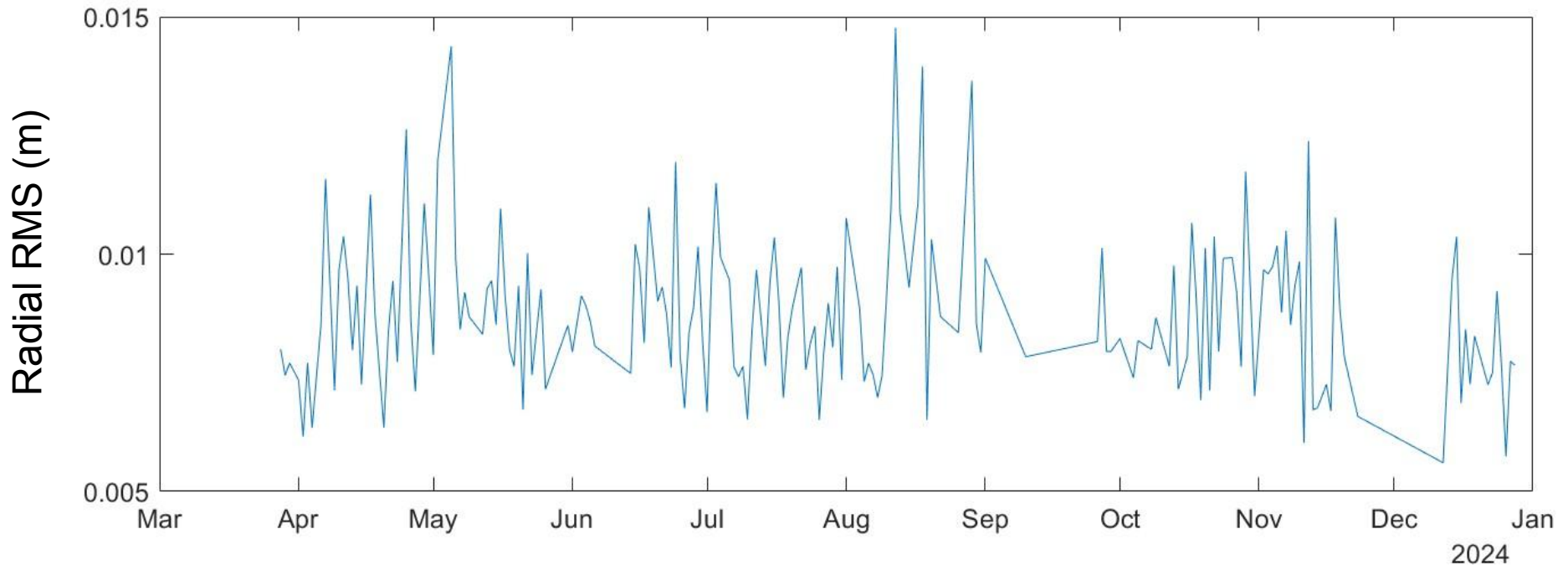
First results - orbits

Radial RMS differences between GipsyX and SSALTO

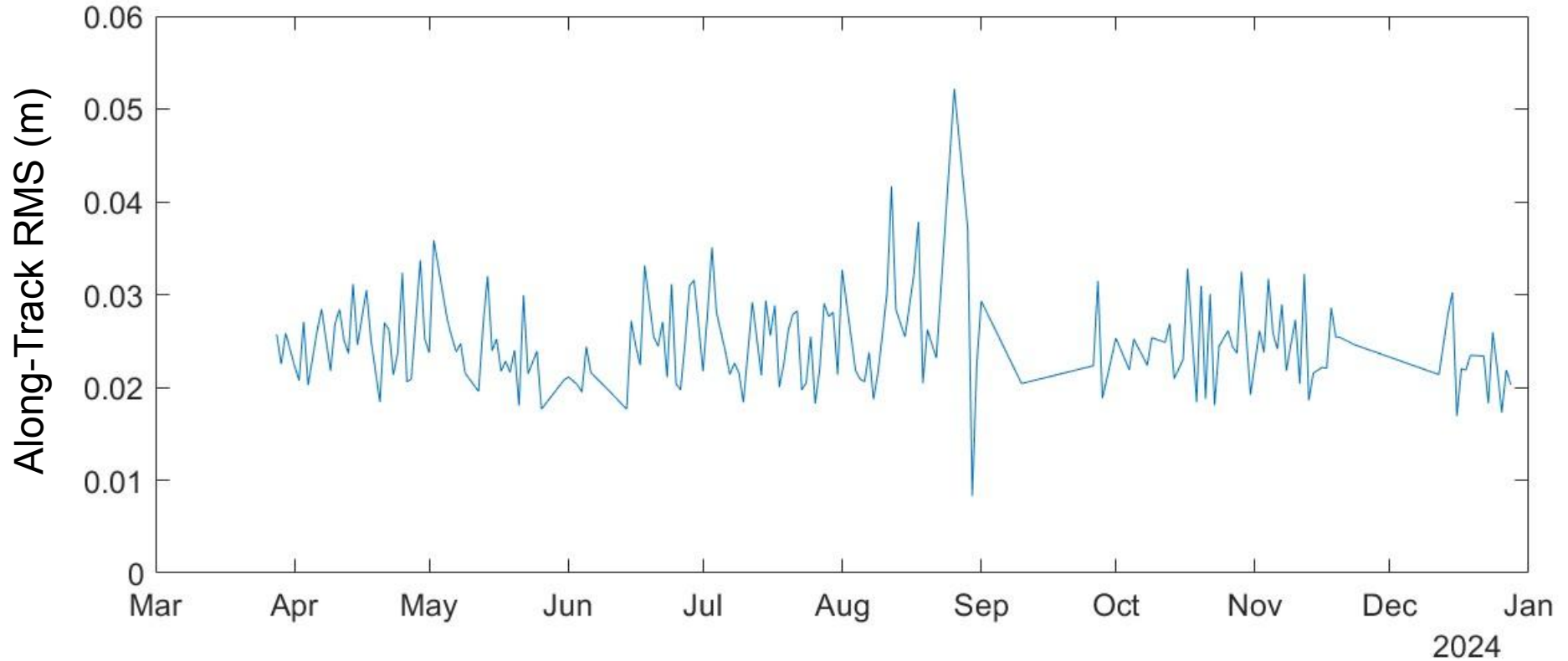


GipsyX vs SSALTO

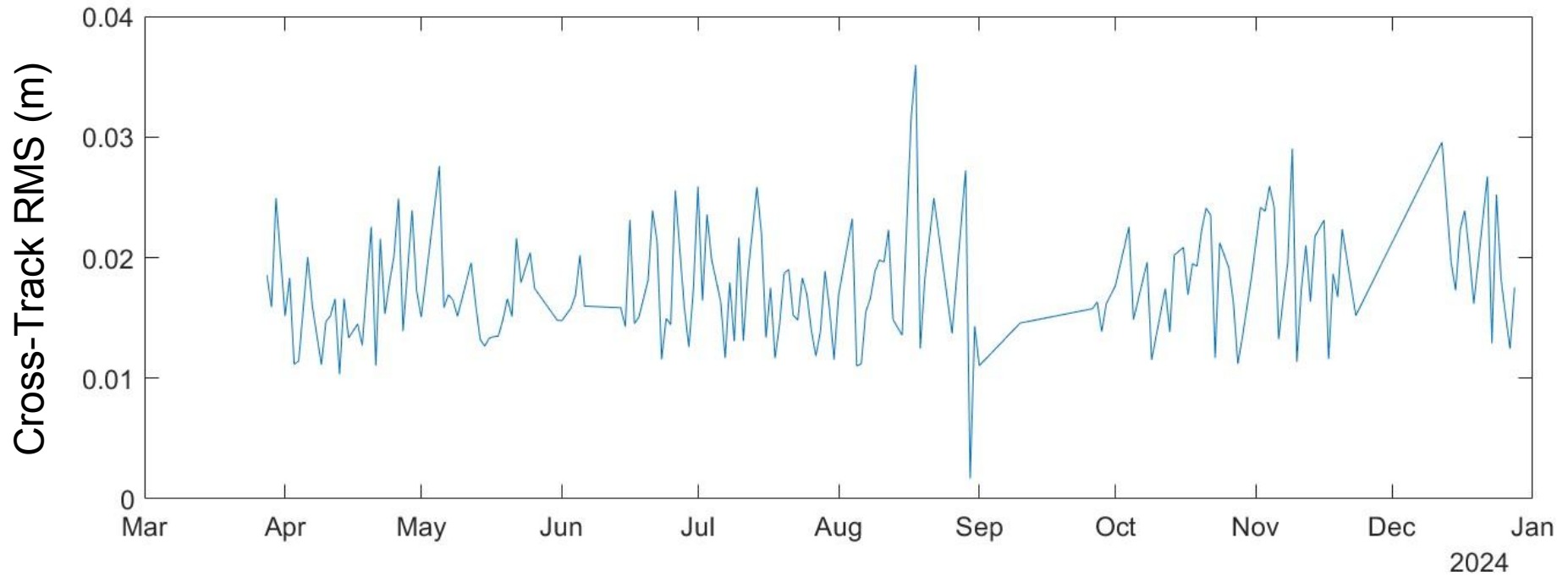
- Median of differences between GipsyX orbits and SSALTO for radial RMS diff < 1.5 cm :
 - Radial : 8.5 mm
 - Along-track : 2.4 cm
 - Cross-track : 1.7 cm



GipsyX vs SSALTO



GipsyX vs SSALTO



Observations WRMS

	Daily Obs. WRMS (mm/s)			Daily obs . Used (number and % of all observations)		
	Median	Min	Max	Median	Min	Max
Good (182d)	0.3877	0.3799	0.3985	17519 93.1 %	14681 92.1 %	18999 94.1 %
All (228d)	0.3886	0.3799	0.7824	17384 92.9 %	1223 7.6 %	18999 94.1 %

Conclusion

- Encouraging preliminary results
- Still work to fully process the SWOT measurement (cleaning of quaternions solar panel files needed, improve the orbit parameters during high solar activities – currently 1 drag parameter / hour for index $K10.7_Fp > 120$, else 1 per 8 hour).
- Study of the few « bad » days without apparent quaternion issue
- Next step :
 - Add SWO in the weekly multi-satellite solution (hope to provide one multi-sat. Solution with and one without SWOT for the next AC submission to IDS)