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OMC Calibration and Operations status

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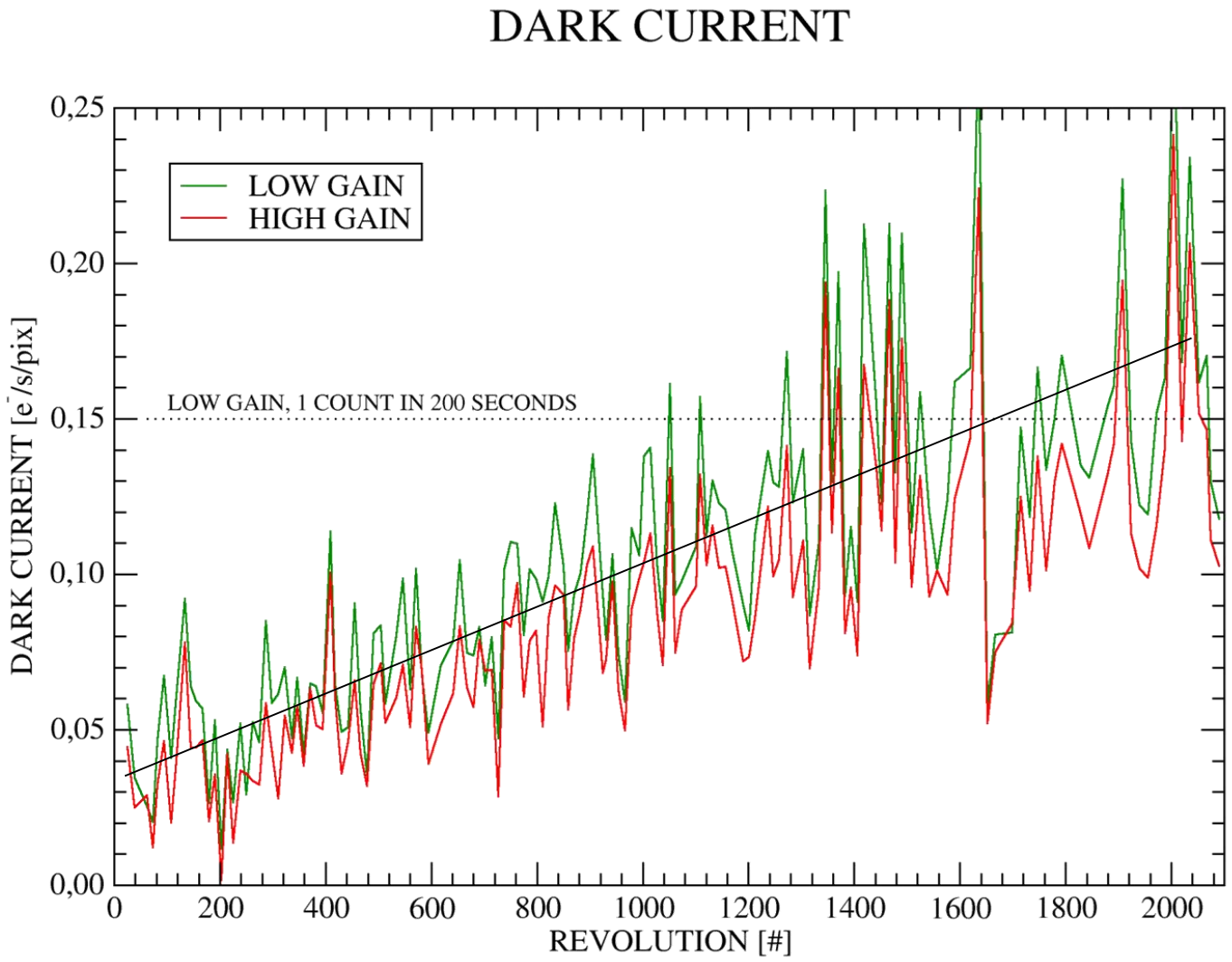
OMC status: summary

- Nothing new since last IUG in November

- No anomalies
- System in good health
  - CCD surviving well, though with some ageing effects
  - Sensitivity stable
- New Flat Field calibration strategy allows to improve the photometric calibration.

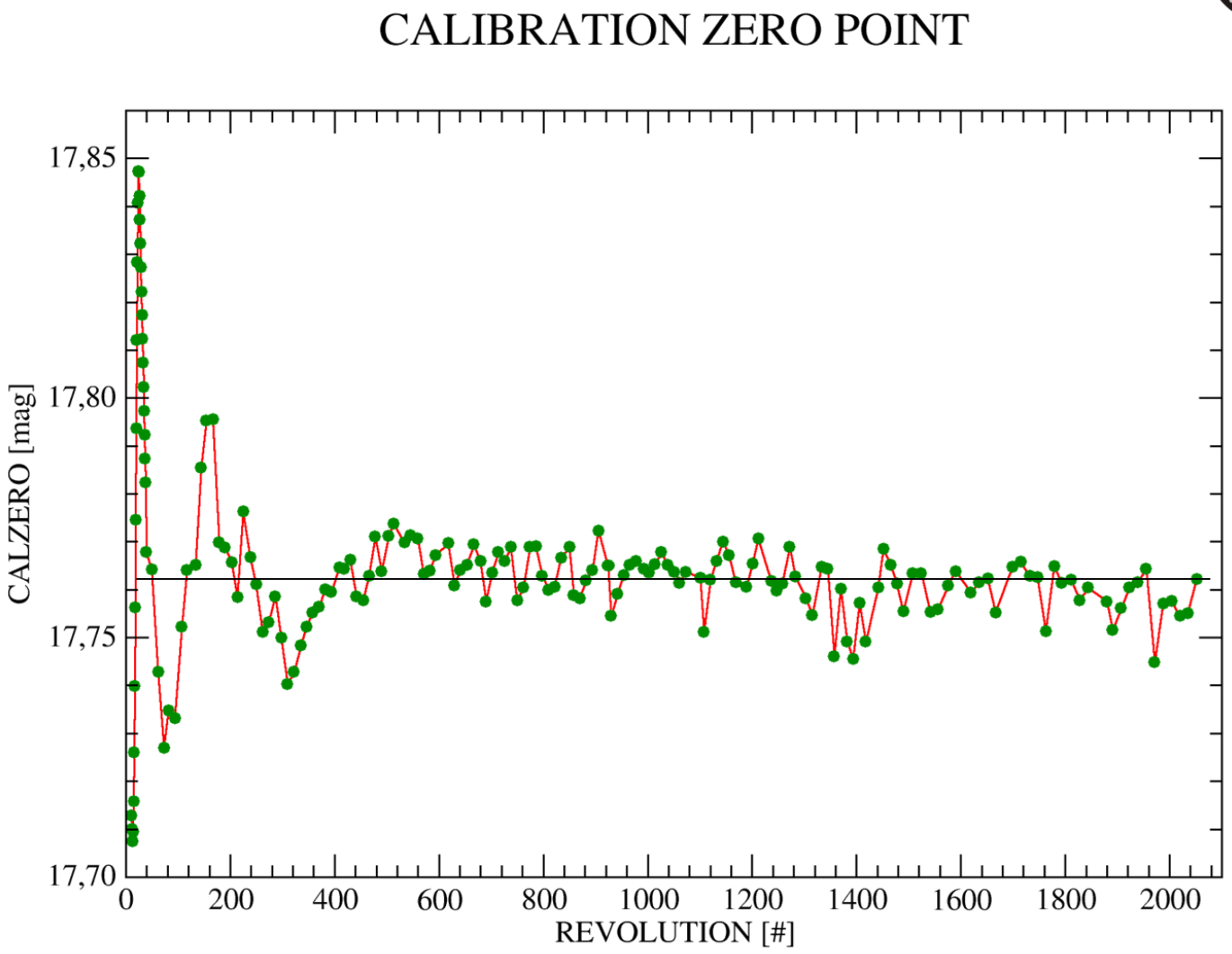
CCD status

- The dark current increases slowly, no correction yet needed
  - But correction procedure already in place.
- No temperature correction done on the plot.



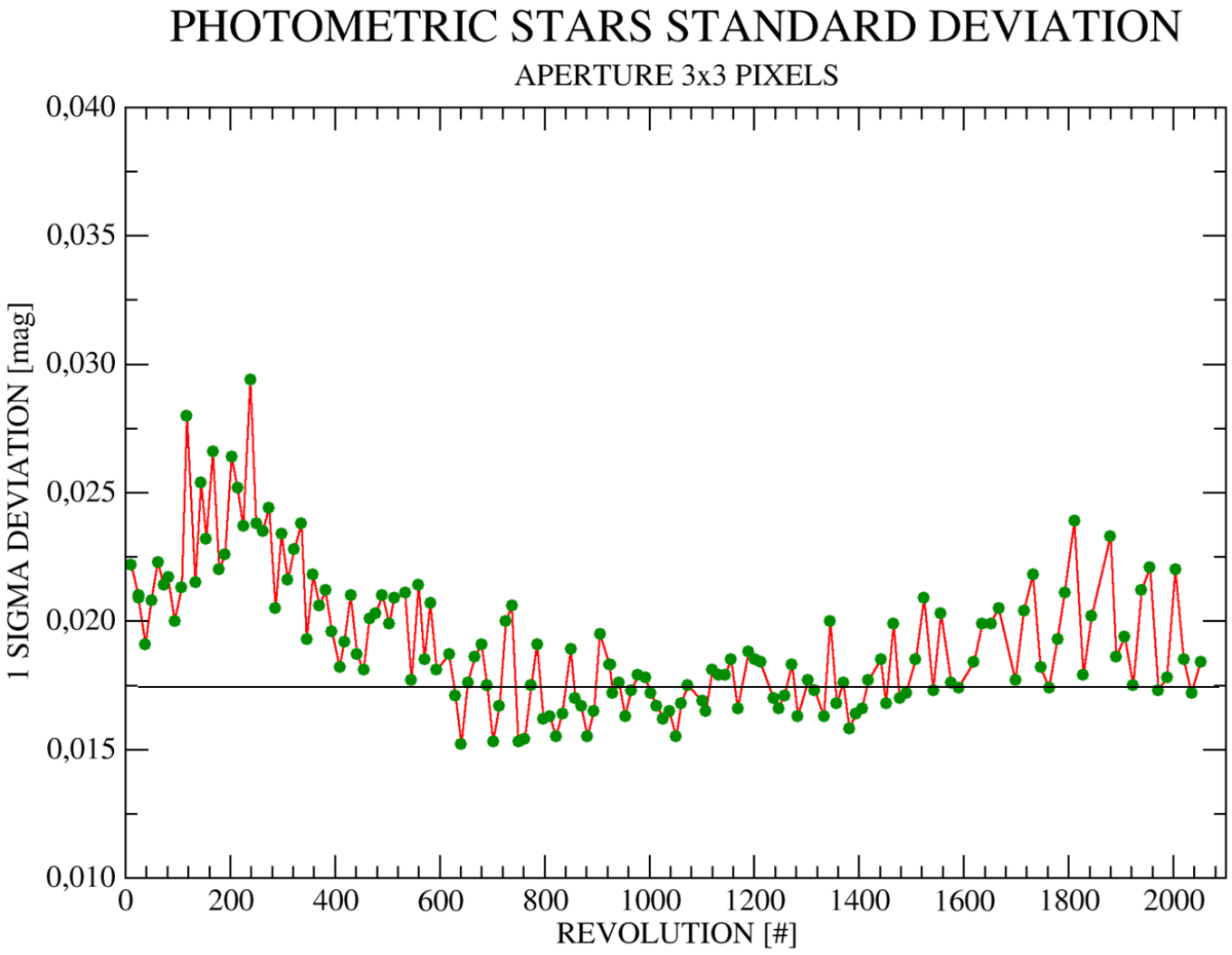
OMC photometric calibration

- The zero point of the calibration (a measure of the overall sensitivity) is very stable, but with a small trend to decrease.
  - The darkening of the lenses is still not significant, but may be increasing very slowly



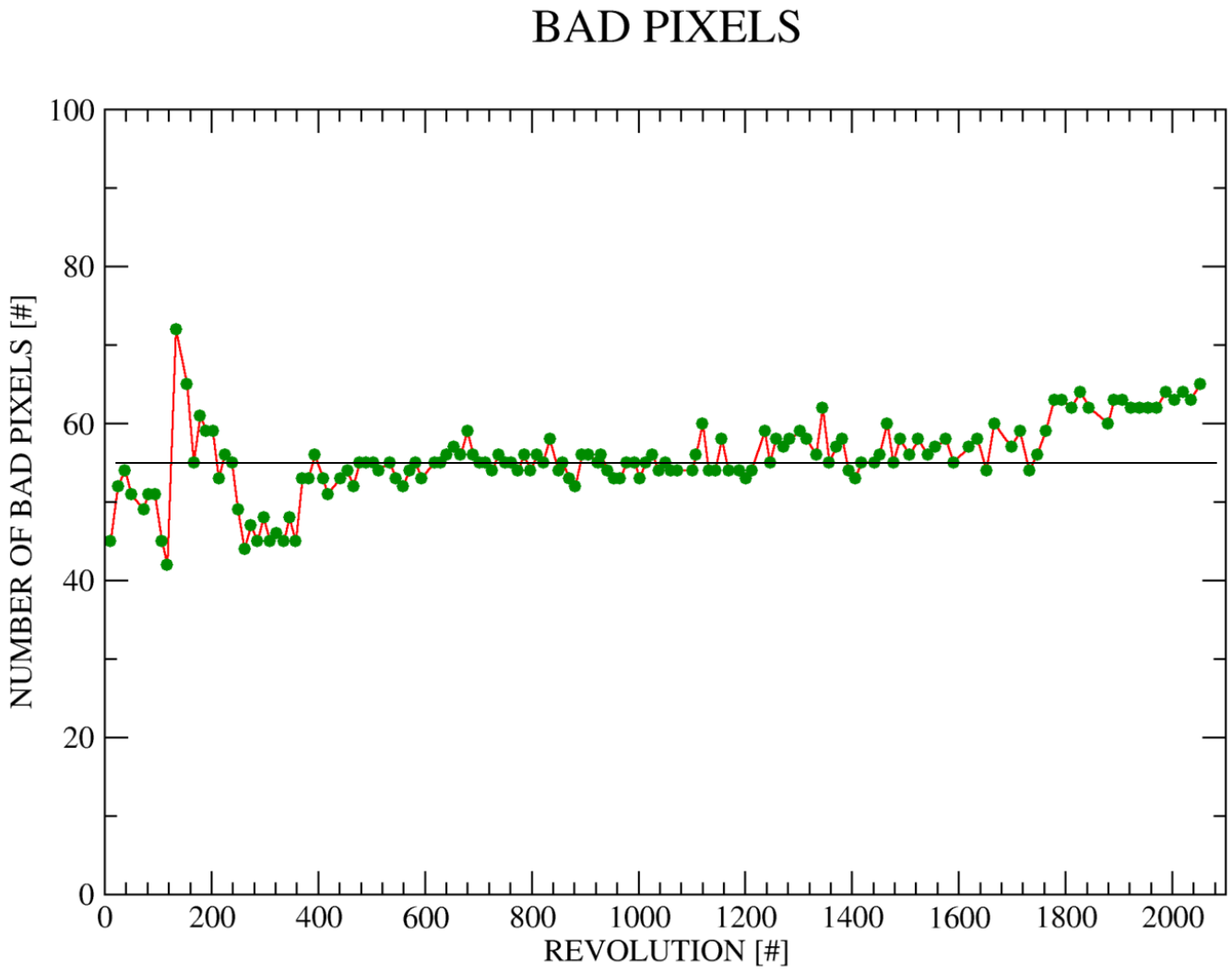
OMC photometric calibration

- The accuracy of the calibration remains stable, with a slow trend to worsen
  - Since the new calibration strategy is in place, the trend is to improve slightly.



OMC photometric calibration

- The number of bad pixels (loss of sensitivity) increases very slowly.



Summary

- Optics + CCD + thermal control hardware performing excellently after more than16 years of operation.
  - No CCD columns lost
  - CCD temperature range within predictions (-85 C to -70 C)
  - Optics still clear
  - Effect of radiation still moderate

OMC operations: future support

- OMC operations continue to be funded by the Spanish agency.
- The compromise is to fund at least up to T_{end} + ~2 years, to guarantee the final processing and archival of data.