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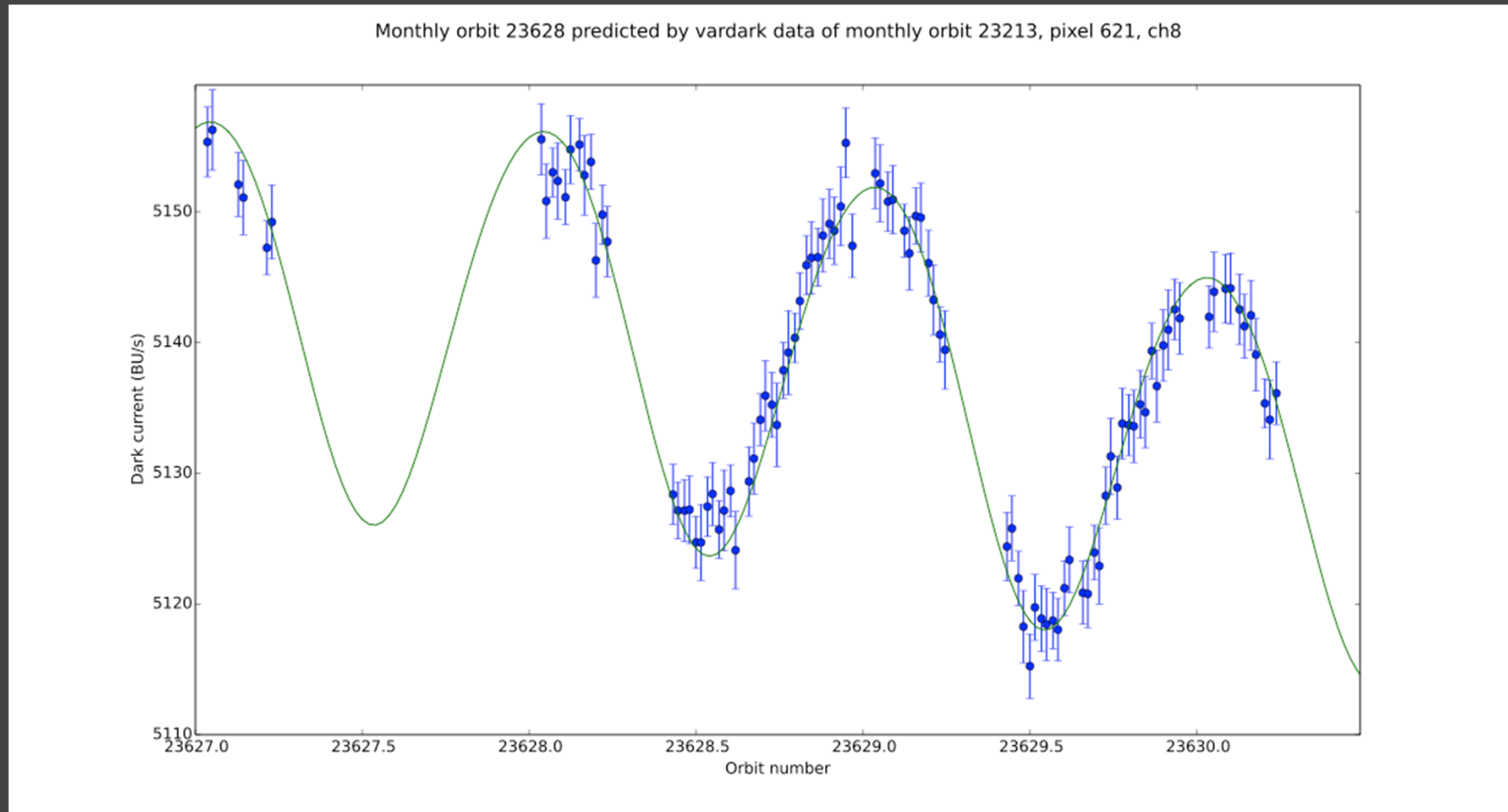
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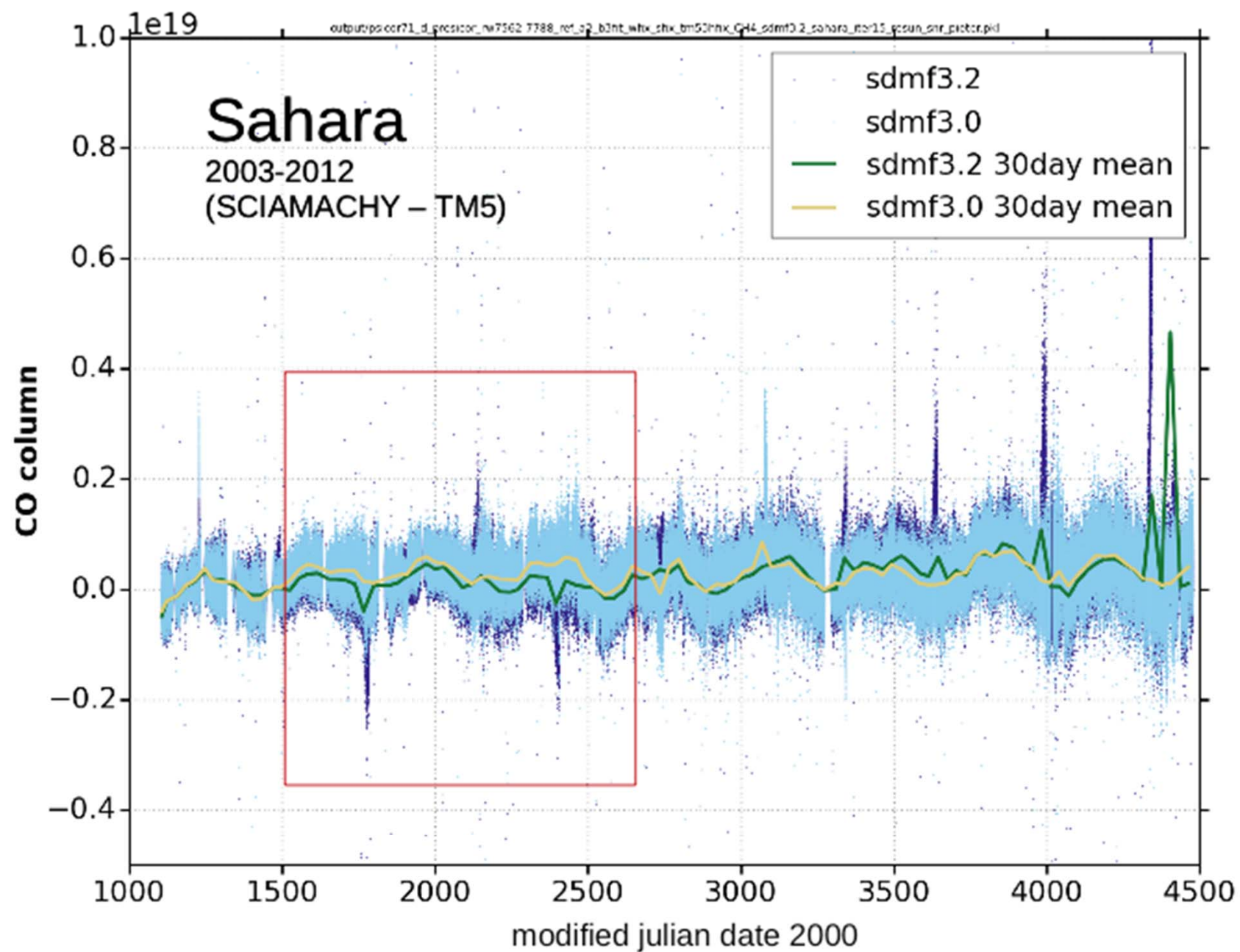Ralph Snel

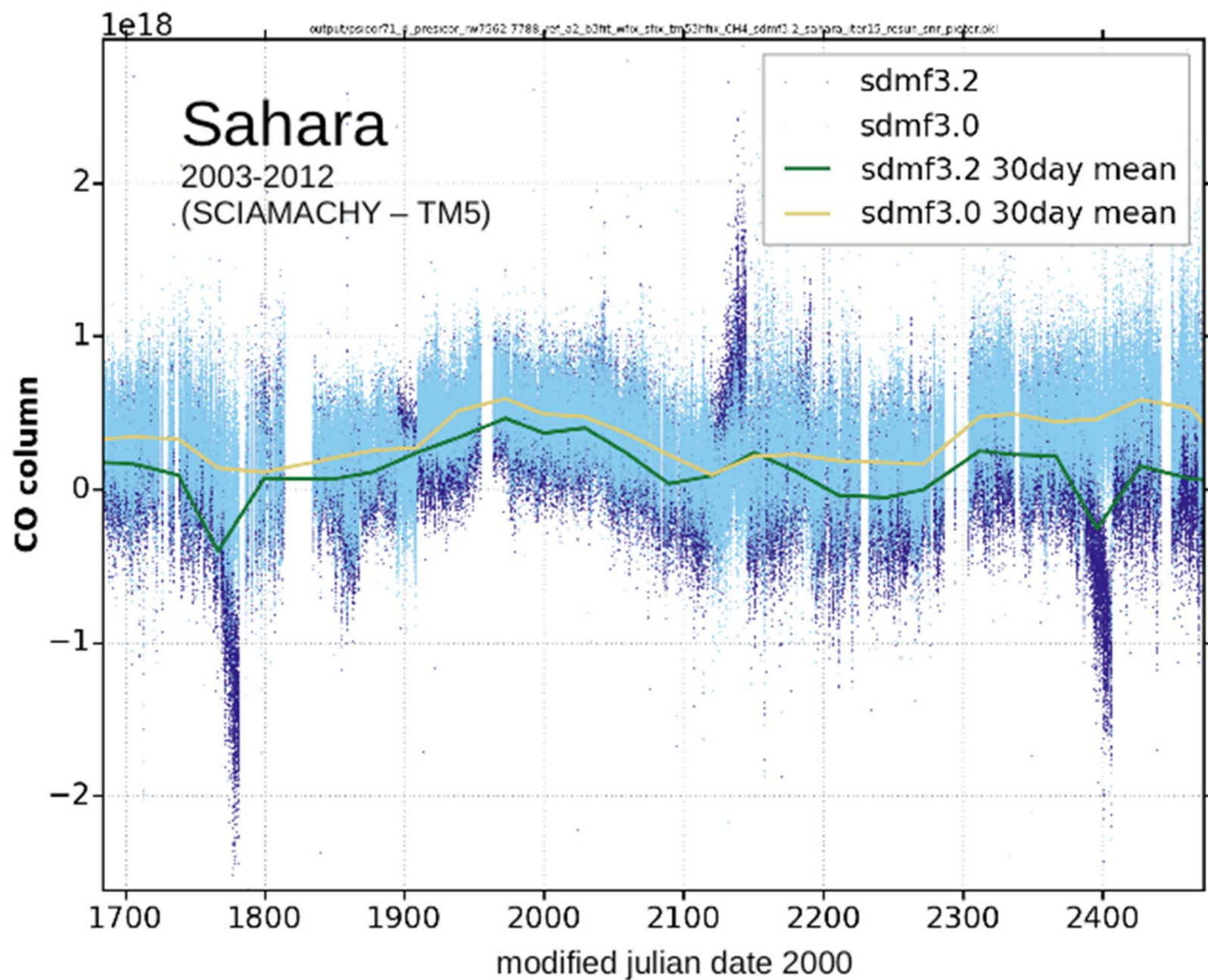**SRON**

Approach

- Dark signal: orbital variation + linear trend from orbit to orbit

Monthly orbit 23628 predicted by vardark data of monthly orbit 23213, pixel 621, ch8

Verification with CO over Sahara

- Comparison against SDMF 3.0 (no linear trend)
- Retrieval CO over Sahara compared to TM5 model values
- Results show changed outliers in residuals, some improved, more got worse
- Dark correction suspected (all other options ruled out)
- Cause not yet found
- SRON L2 people say: don't use as is

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Legend:
- sdmf3.2
- sdmf3.0
- sdmf3.2 30day mean
- sdmf3.0 30day mean

x-axis: modified julian date 2000
y-axis: CO column (×10^{18})

Status and Possible options

Status:

- Not good enough for L2

Options:

- Identify and solve problem for SDMF 3.2 (time impact unclear, weeks to few months?) or
- Use SDMF 3.0 (documentation currently rudimentary)