



Noise in the CoRoTExo-field lightcurves

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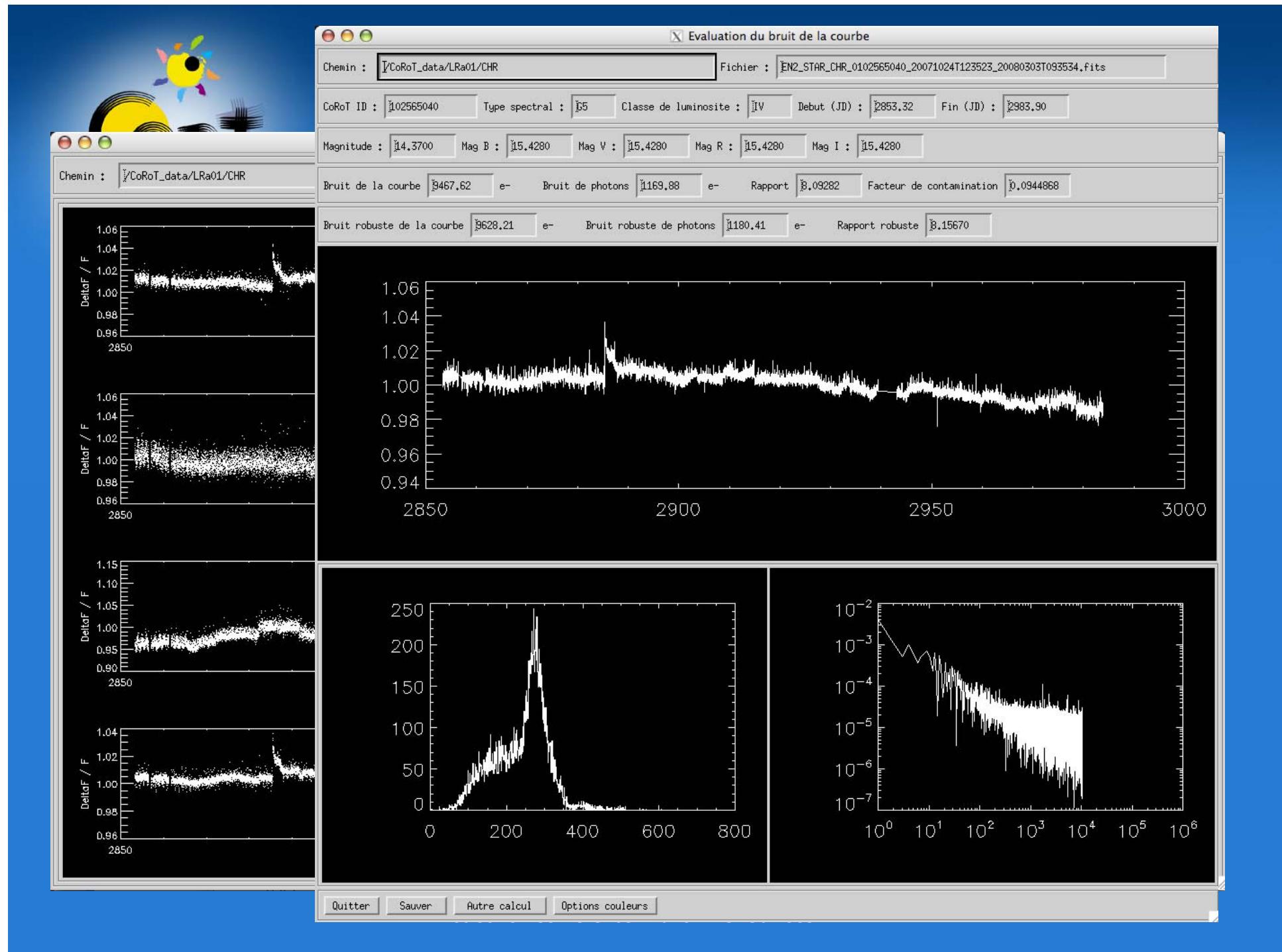
Instrumental specification

- Instrumental noise should not be higher than $1.5 \times$ photon noise for a K0 star of $mv=14$, over 1 hour (noise $< 7 \times 10^{-4}$ over 1h)
- Expected sources of noise
 - photon noise
 - background noise
 - CCD readout noise
- Darkcurrent
- hot pixels effects
- Orbital effects (SAA, eclipses...)
- Pointing effects (jitter noise)
- ...



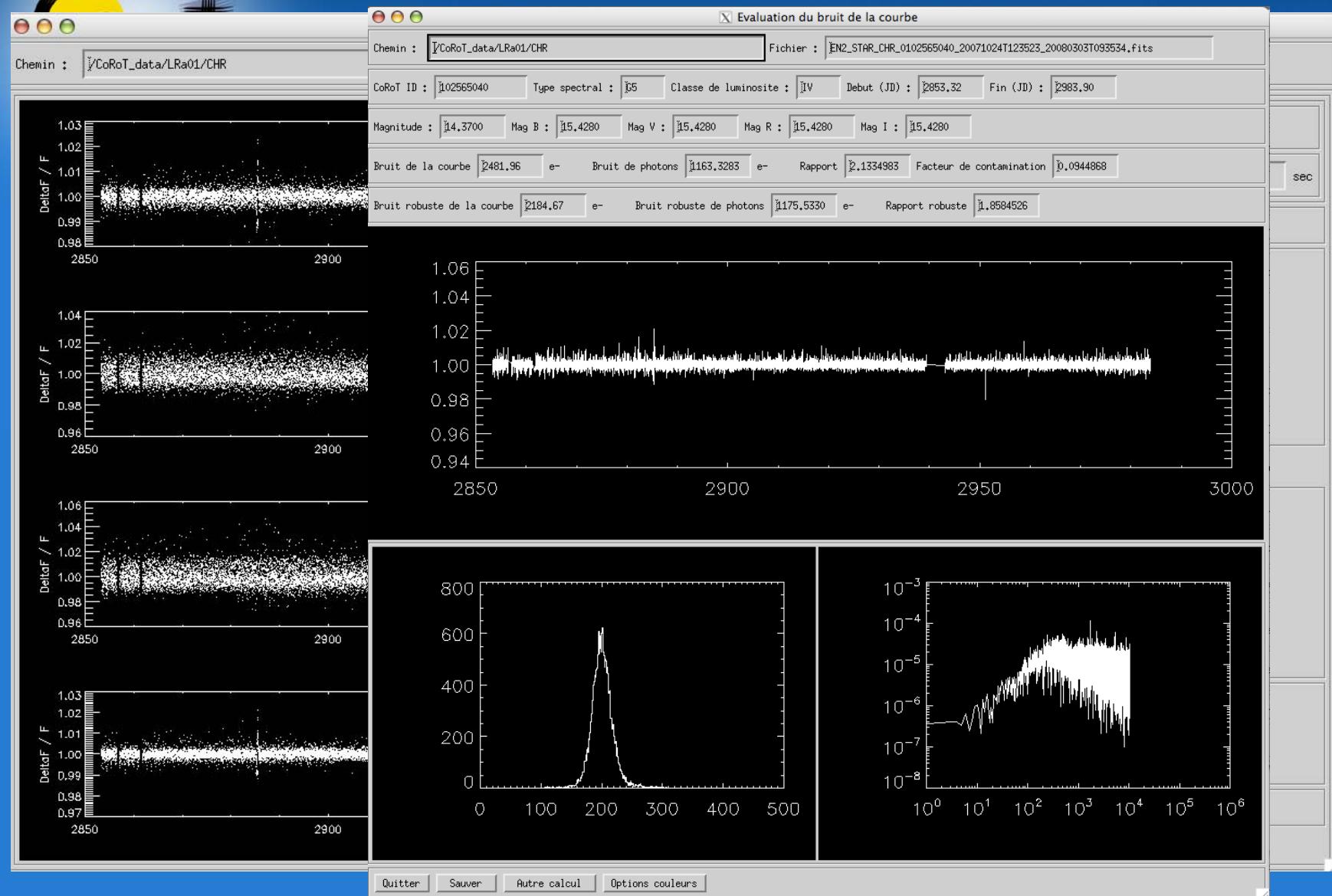
Evaluation of lightcurve noise

- Use of LRa01 data set,
- Use of 512 s sampled chromatic lightcurves
- Selection of status=0 data
- White light (red + green + blue)
- High frequency filtering (sliding mean over 70 points (10 hours))
- Selection of « calm » stars using an histogram of deviations and FFT of the light curve : 700 curves selected
- Estimation of noise by rms and absolute deviation to median
- Same process on a pure white signal with the same filtering
- Statistical analysis of the results





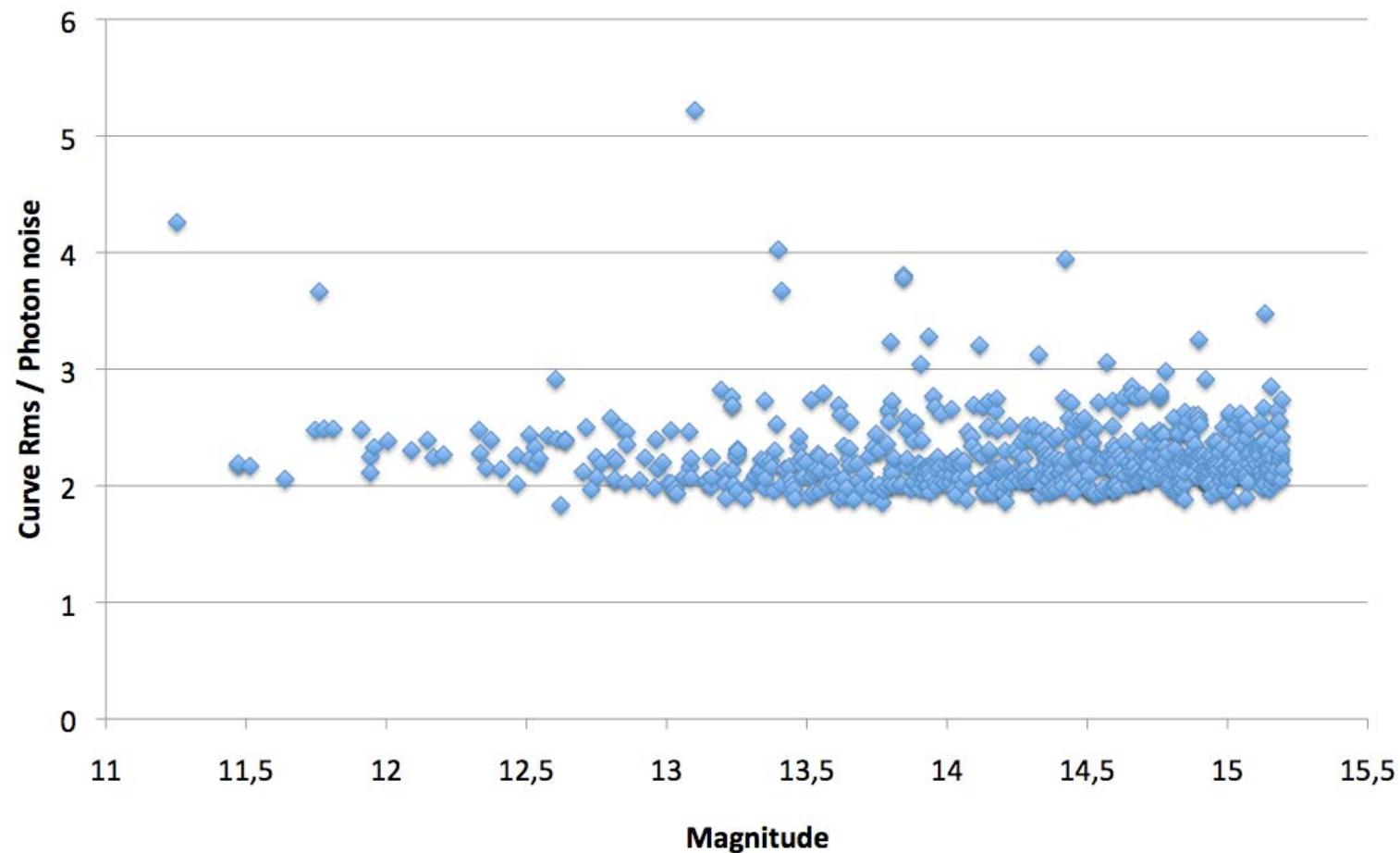
Estimation of lightcurve noise (2)





512 s sampling

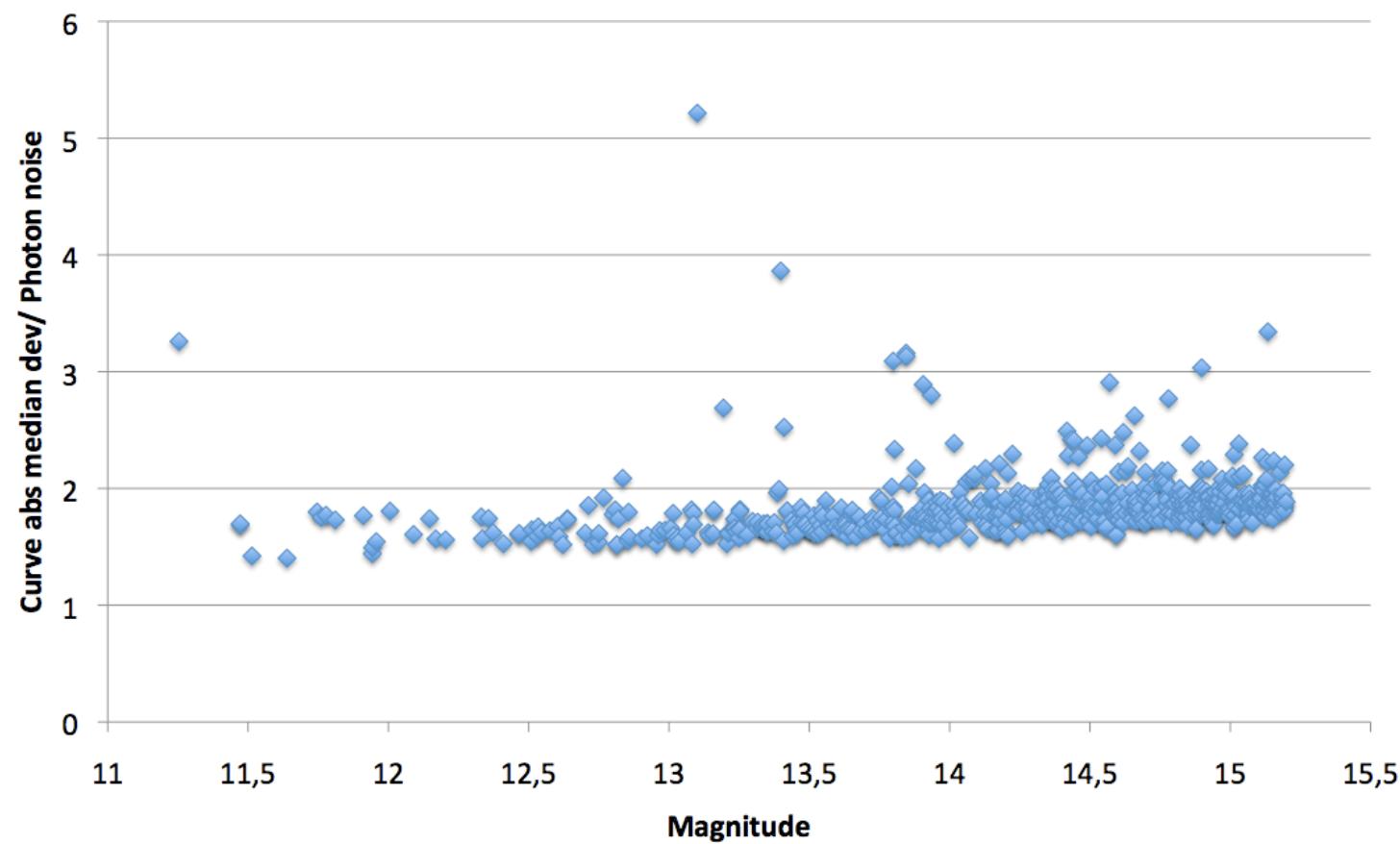
	mean	rms	median
11-12	2,547648462	0,656548329	2,32702
12-13	2,263299773	0,194896202	2,24246
13-14	2,250830455	0,418415865	2,139395
14-15	2,233472922	0,256704265	2,168965
15-16	2,270288587	0,235871429	2,22668



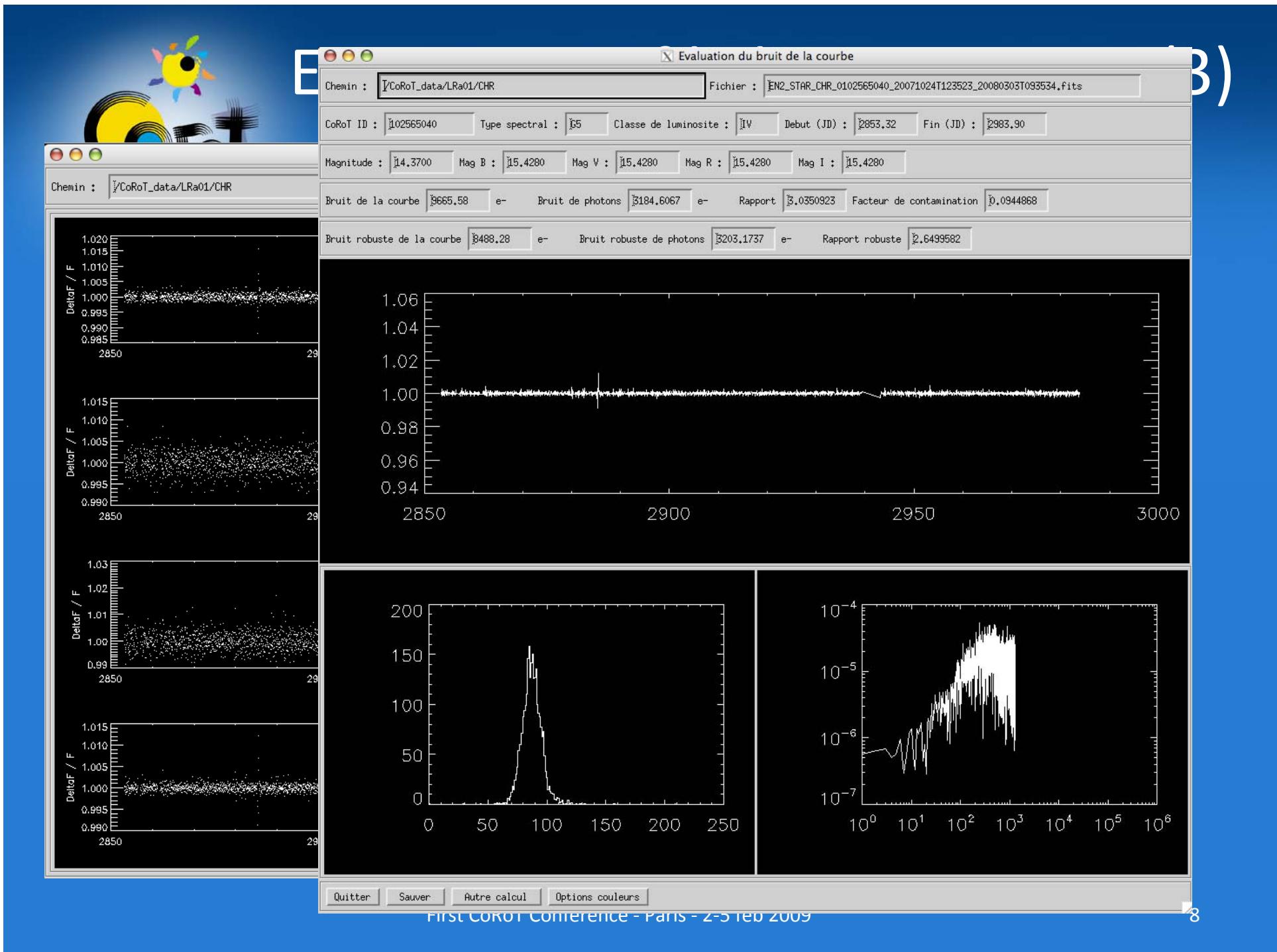


512 s sampling

	mean	rms	median
11-12	1,750849231	0,476043047	1,69651
12-13	1,652058409	0,121656653	1,61611
13-14	1,770477	0,366165105	1,69584
14-15	1,88376247	0,191014626	1,845205
15-16	1,925879022	0,20016727	1,889905



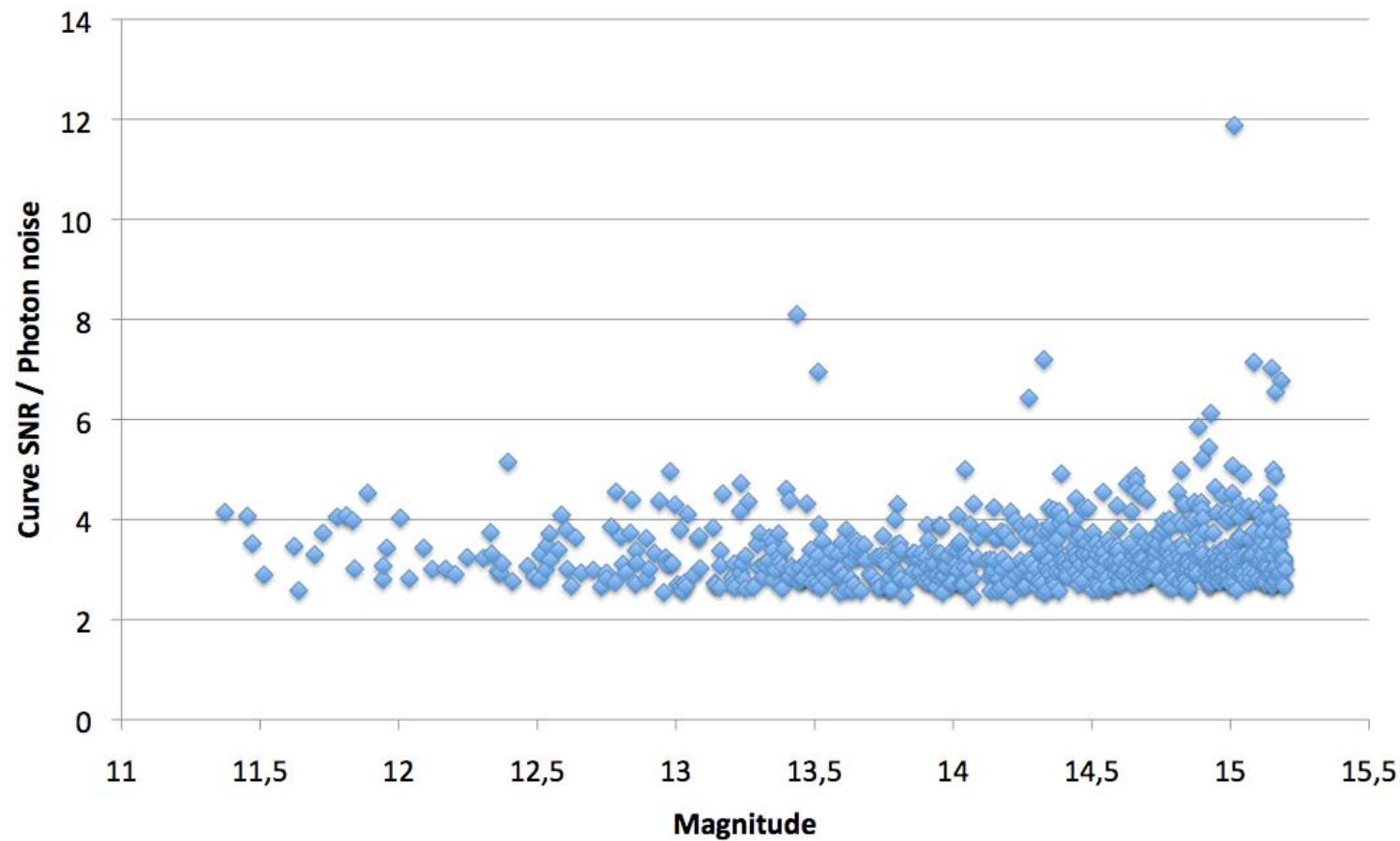
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512 s sampling + x8 binning

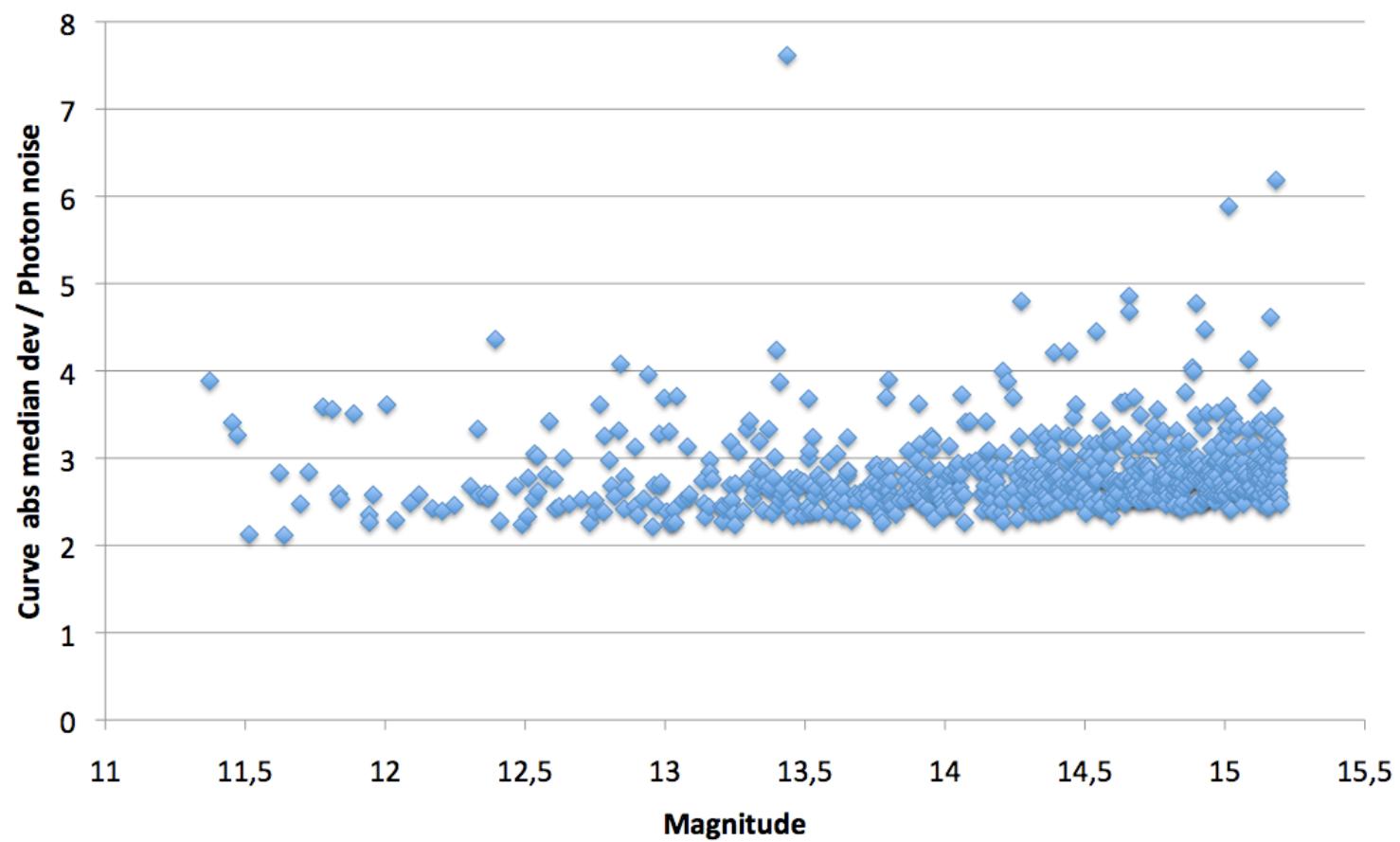
	mean	rms	median
11-12	3,541121875	0,568725864	3,492395
12-13	3,328627719	0,578798513	3,13503
13-14	3,182688391	0,651941799	3,048665
14-15	3,324910723	0,645205888	3,155835
15-16	3,599787059	1,211038427	3,251115





512 s sampling + x8 binning

	mean	rms	median
11-12	2,8687	0,580969292	2,70869
12-13	2,775972632	0,489878542	2,59008
13-14	2,732406494	0,502957275	2,64062
14-15	2,858572229	0,41376833	2,76975
15-16	2,966310098	0,56916178	2,83773





Jittereffects

effect of colorfrontiers

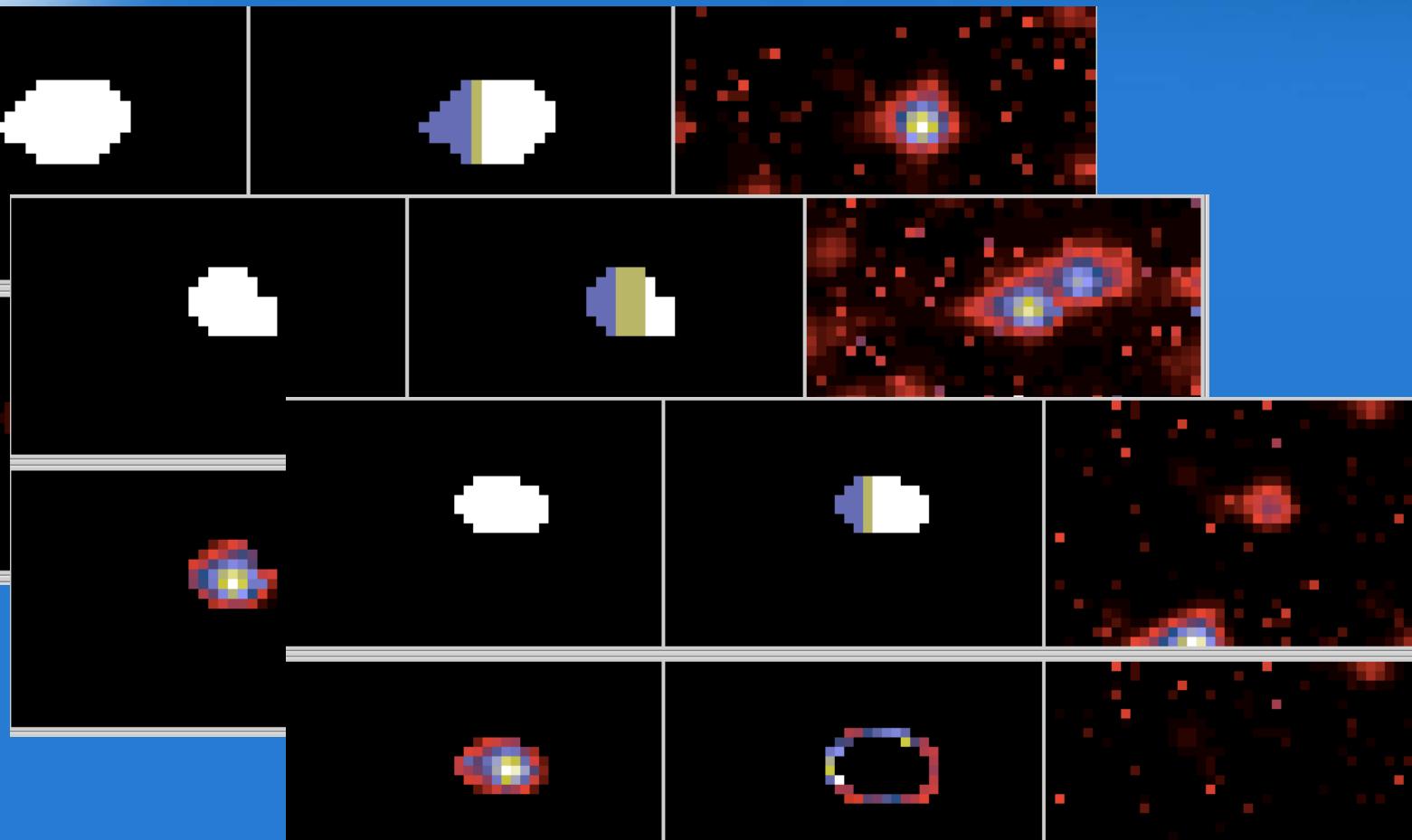
effects of maskedges : (See F. Fialho's talk)

dépends on target AND environment (contamination + hot
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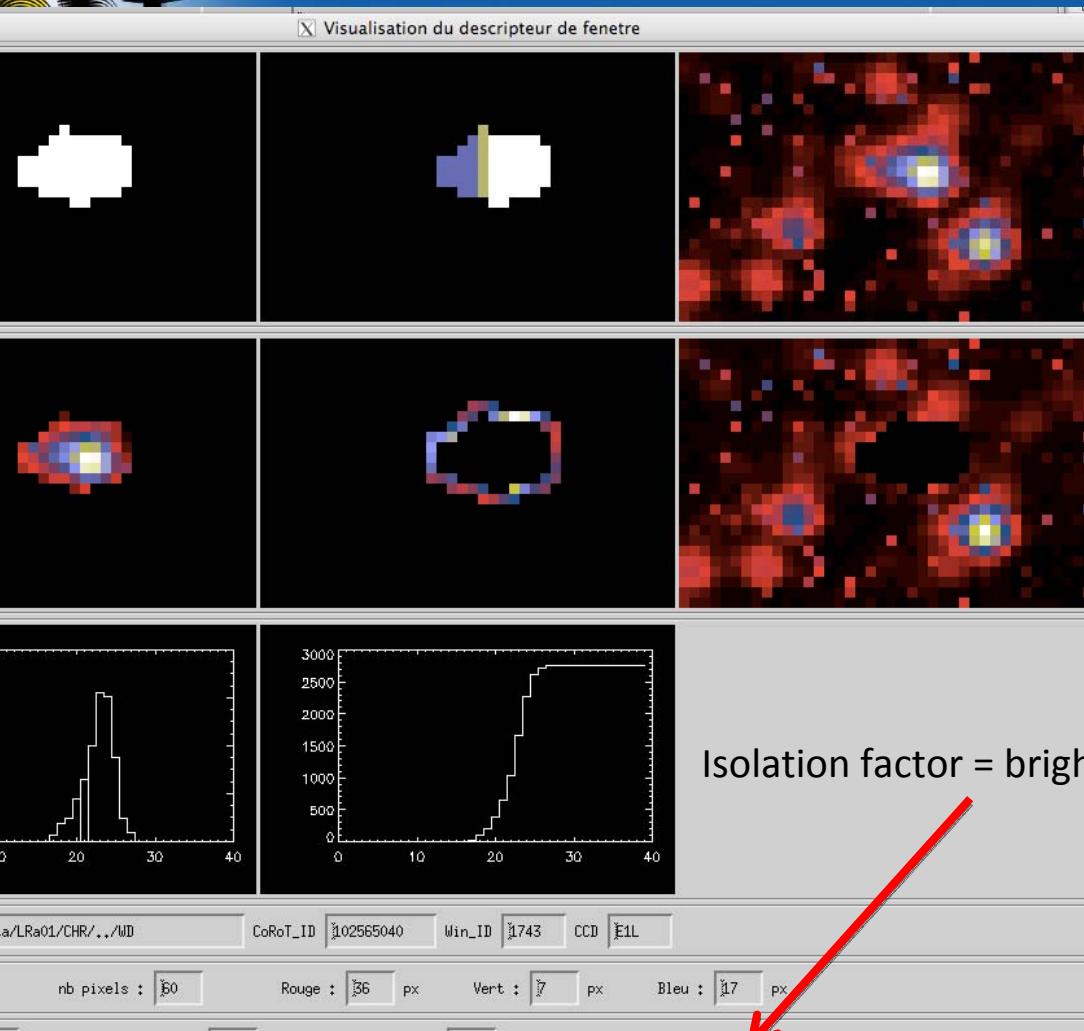




Jittereffect and maskshape (2)

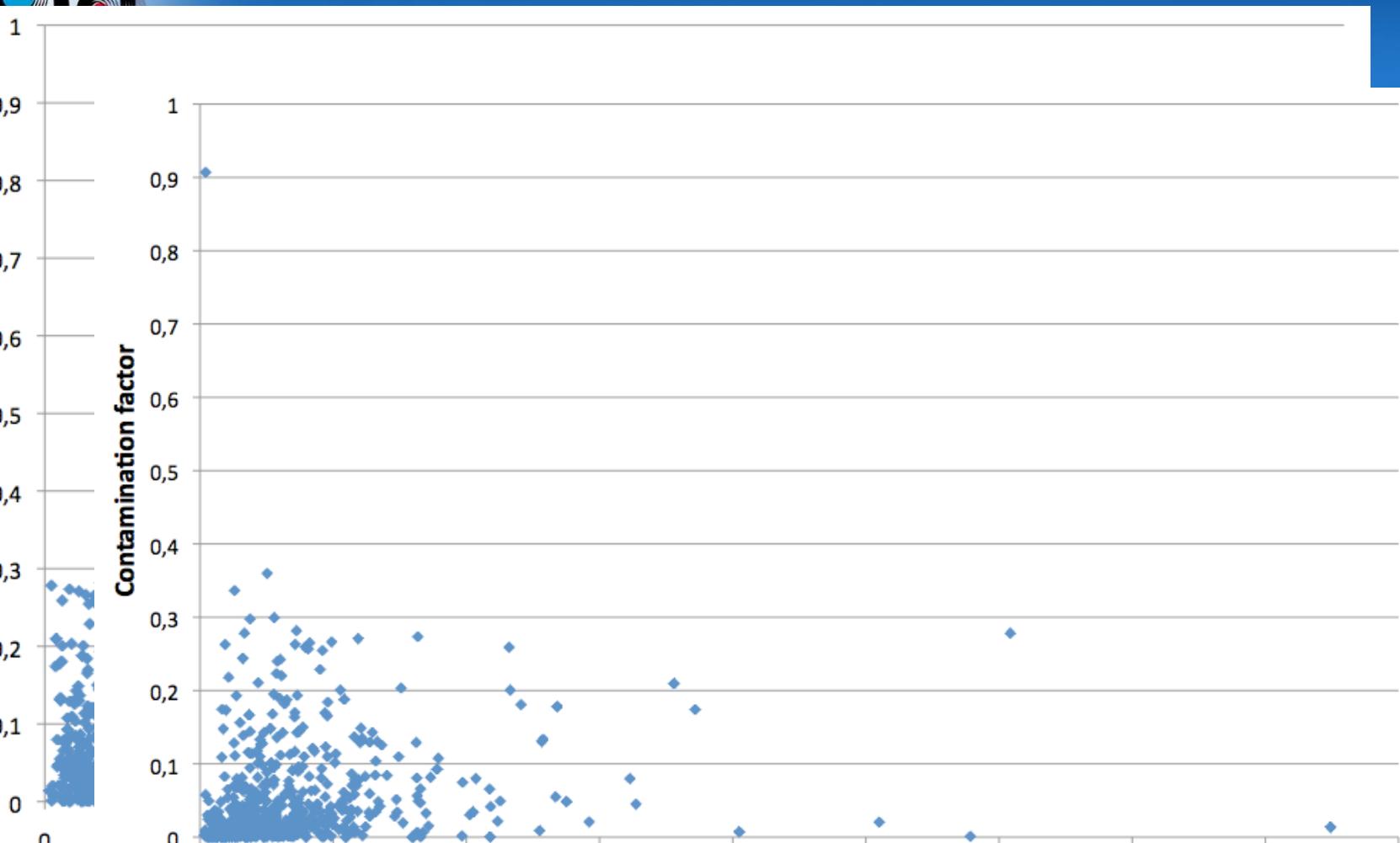


The isolation factor



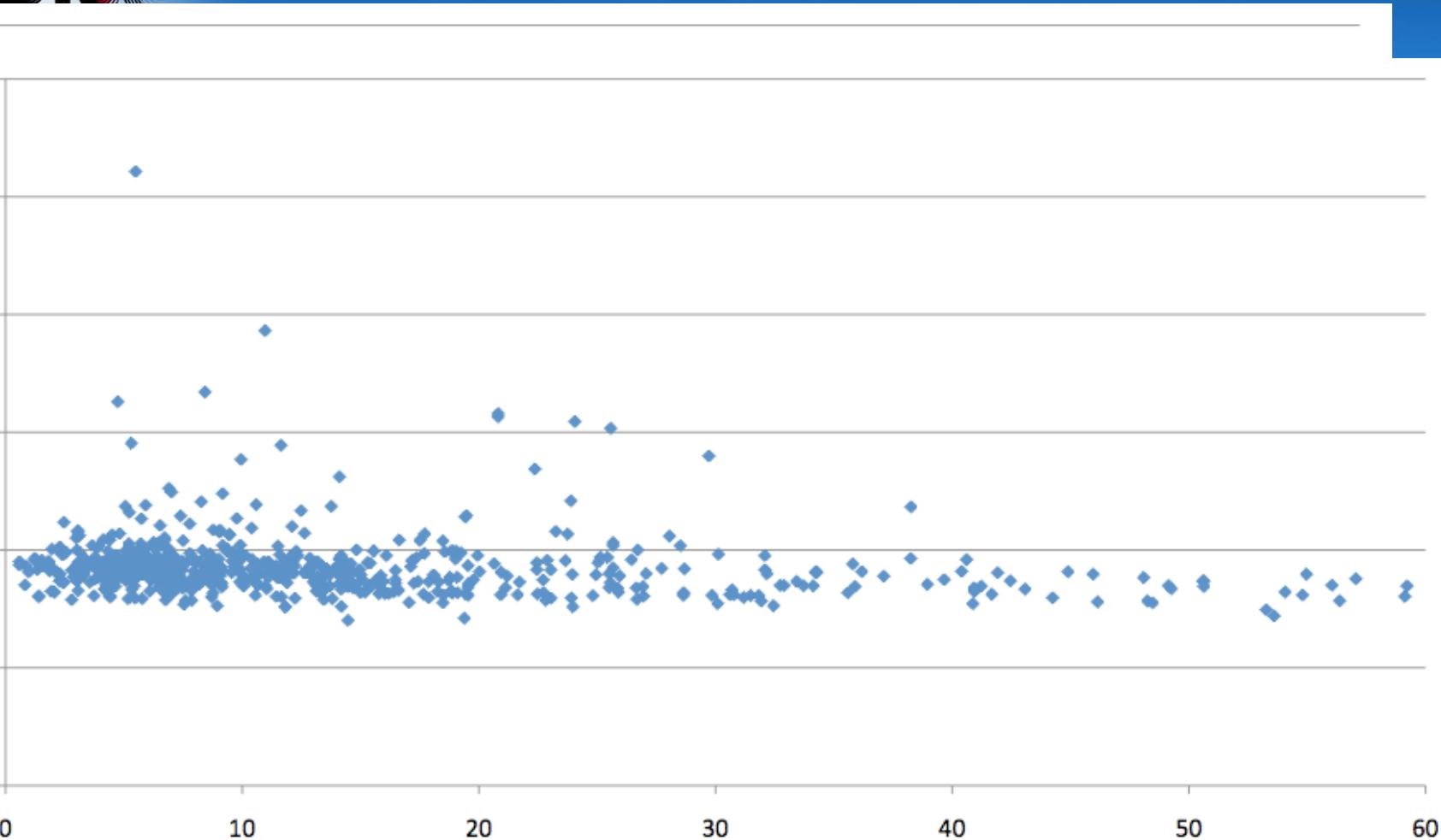
Isolation factor = brightestmask pixel / brightest ring pixel

Isolation / contamination





SNR / isolation





Conclusion

The mean level of noise is slightly higher than specified

The level of noise is not very dependant on targets magnitude
(at the first order)

The noise is not white, binning is less efficient

The level of noise is not systematically correlated with the
contamination level

Filter effect is certainly a systematic effect but with no
systematic consequence on the stability

Evaluation should be done with data from the new pipeline
It is valuable to spend time on data quality estimation