Section 14:

PIMS International Space Station Operations

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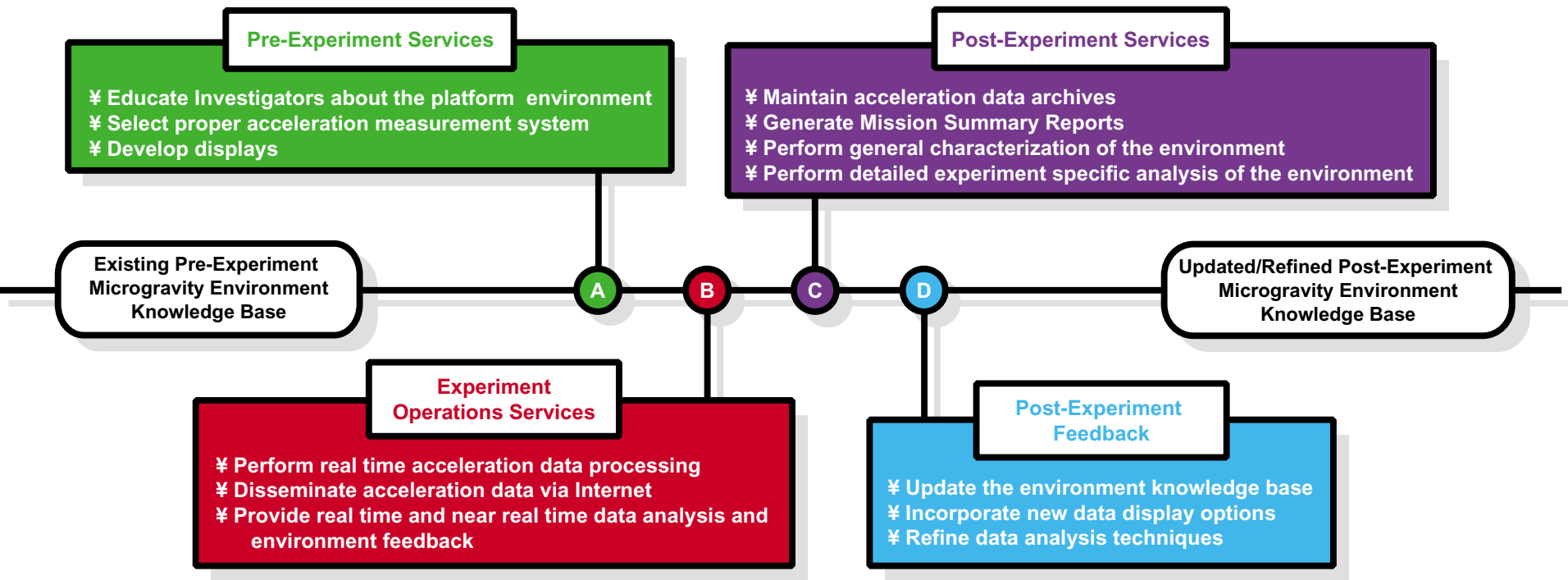
PIMS Functions During Experiment Life Cycle



Space Acceleration Measurement System-II

- **Provide distributed measurement of the vibratory and transient acceleration environment ($0.01 \leq f \leq 400$ Hz) on the ISS in support of various microgravity payloads**
- **Components**
  - **Control Unit**
    - Responsible for data and command routing
  - **Remote Triaxial Sensor (RTS) System**
    - Up to Ten RTS Electronics Enclosures (EE's)
    - Up to Two RTS Sensor Enclosures (SE's) per EE
- **Flight 6A configuration and operations**
  - **Three EE's and 5 SE's**
  - **Real-time data downlinked from the ISS**

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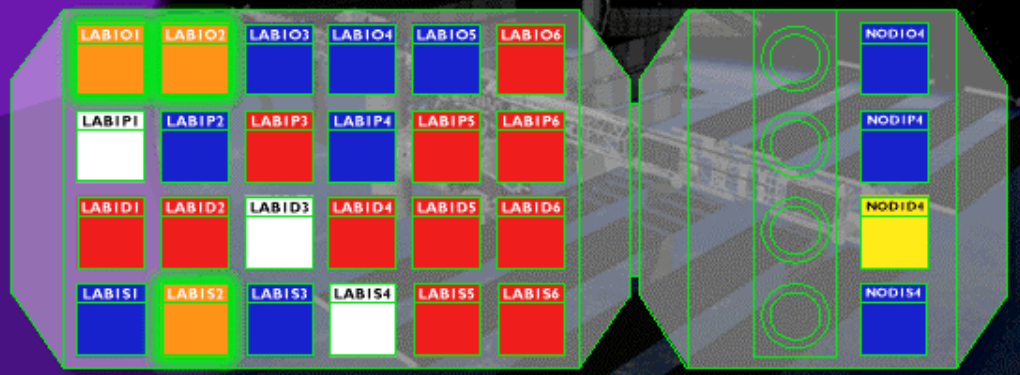

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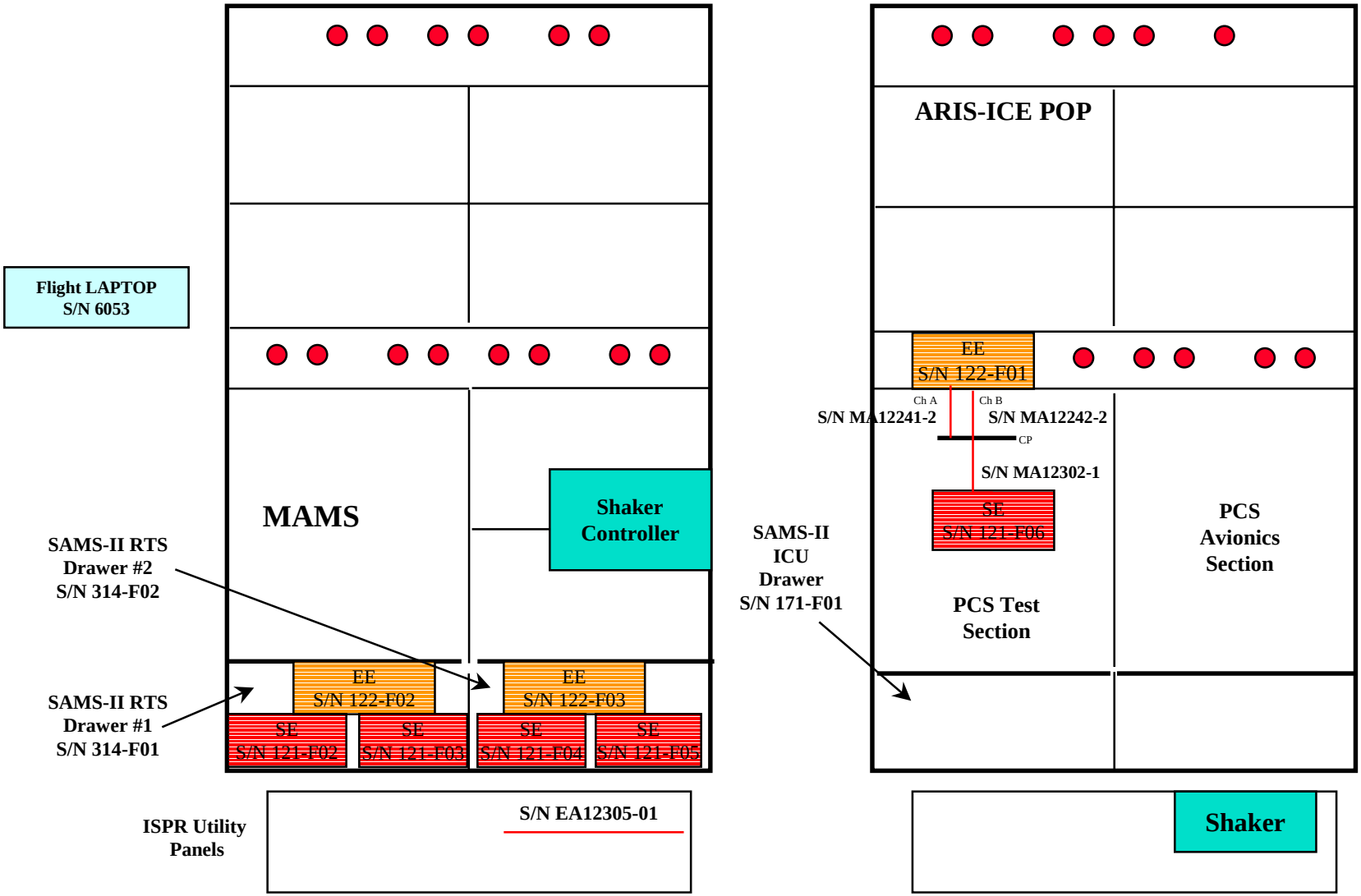
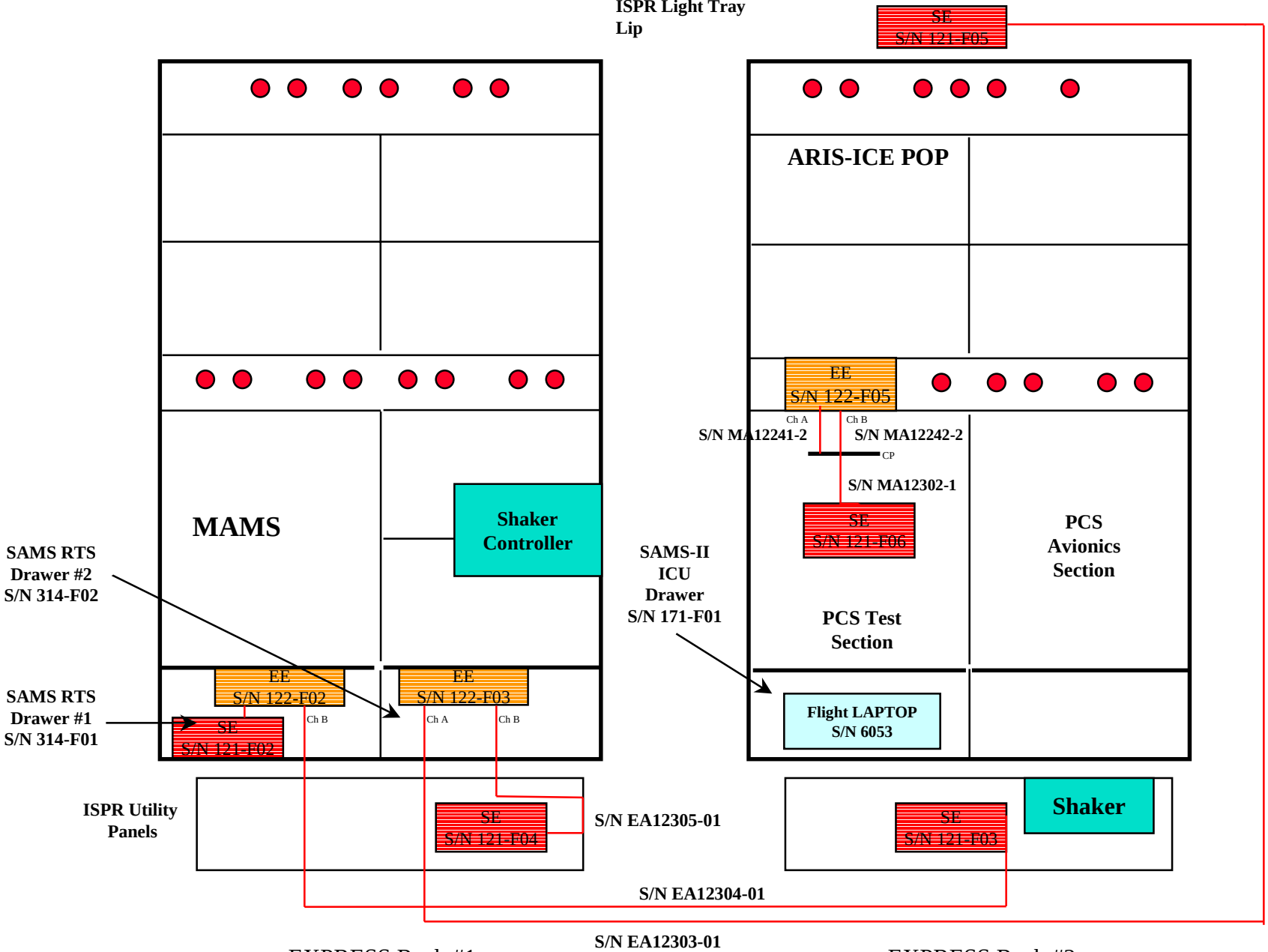


SAMS-II LAUNCH CONFIGURATION ISS FLIGHT 6A



SAMS-II ON ORBIT CONFIGURATION INCREMENT 2

Microgravity Acceleration Measurement System

- **Measure the ISS quasi-steady acceleration ($f \leq 0.01$ Hz) and the ISS vibratory acceleration environment**
- **Components**
  - **Miniature Electro-Static Accelerometer (MESA)**
    - sensor is a flight spare from the OARE program
    - measure the quasi-steady acceleration environment
  - **High-Resolution Accelerometer Package (HiRAP)**
    - measure the vibratory environment at the MAMS location only
- **Flight 6A configuration**
  - **MESA and HiRAP instruments active**
  - **Real-time data downlink from the ISS**
- **Additional features**
  - **Quasi-steady acceleration data can be mapped to various locations within the ISS using ISS body rates and body angles**
  - **Provides on orbit bias calibration capabilities**

PIMS Operational Philosophy

- **Operations are divided into three sections:**
  - **1) Real-time operations**
  - **2) Near real-time operations**
  - **3) Offline operations**
    - general characterization and specialized analyses
- **Acceleration measurement using SAMS-II and MAMS planned for the duration of ISS operations beginning with Flight 6A operations (April 19, 2001)**
- **Potential for nearly continuous operations to characterize the environment**
  - **includes measurement of the environment, where possible, outside of "microgravity mode"**
- **AOS/LOS profiles call for 30 - 60 percent AOS coverage**
  - **requires the ability to deal with AOS and LOS data streams**

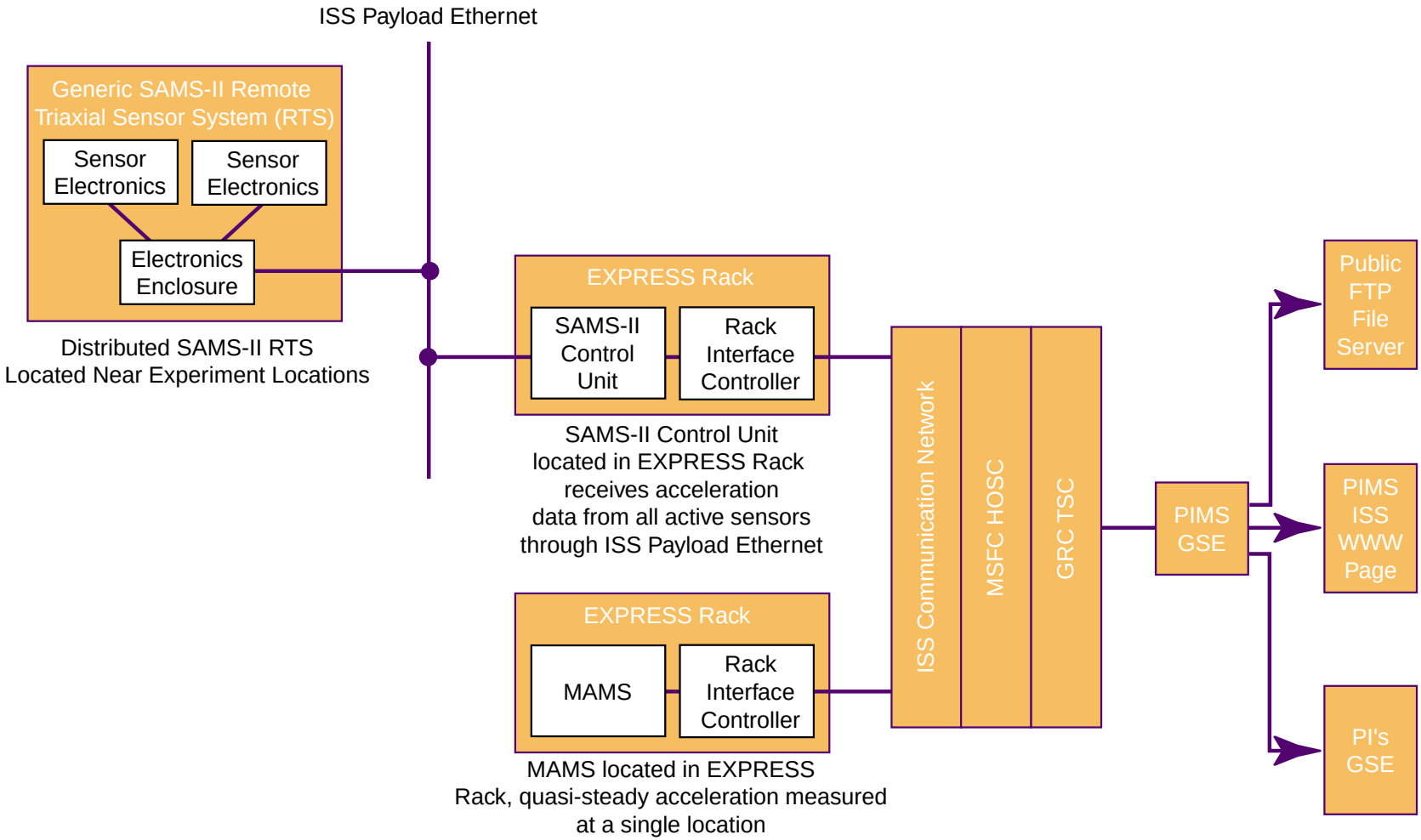
Operational Philosophy

- **Flight 6A operational configuration calls for 5 SAMS-II Sensor Enclosures (SE), MAMS MESA, and MAMS HiRAP**
  - **not all sensors will be active all the time resulting in a variety of acceleration measurement profiles**
- **PIMS has developed a core set of techniques for processing and displaying the acceleration data (see Section 8 for quasi-steady data and Section 9 for vibratory data)**
  - **Based on real-time and offline experience gained from SAMS and OARE data during Space Shuttle and Mir operations**
  - **Customized processing or displays as required by the microgravity user community**
- **Microgravity acceleration data will be available to Principal Investigators in near real time and offline through the WWW**

Real-Time Operations

- **Crux of real-time operations involves receiving, processing, and displaying microgravity acceleration data via the WWW**
- **Acceleration data displays via the WWW**
  - **PIMS displays are updated in real-time**
  - **Electronics snapshots are routed to the PIMS WWW page**
  - **Interested Principal Investigators can view the current environment by accessing the PIMS WWW page**
  - **ISS Microgravity Environment Monitoring System (MEMS) using Neural Networks (NN)**
- **Example real-time plots**
  - **Figure 15-1 USMP-4 (STS-87) IDGE Experiment Turn Off**
  - **Figure 15-2 USMP-4 (STS-87) Cabin De-Pressurization for EVA**
  - **Figure 15-3 LMS (STS-78) Nominal Microgravity Environment**

PIMS ISS Acceleration Data Flow



Near Real-Time Operations

- **Two primary functions performed**
  - **Merge AOS and LOS data streams**
  - **Generate processed (t,x,y,z) data files**
    - store the data in a standard storage format
- **Standard storage format details**
  - **Simplify access to acceleration data for Principal Investigators**
  - **Develop a standard file format for ISS acceleration data from any ISS acceleration measurement system and store ancillary data associated with each accelerometer**
  - **Ancillary data describes the conditions and circumstances under which the acceleration data were obtained**
    - current ancillary data parameters include: t-zero, sampling rate, cutoff frequency, head ID, gain, station configuration, location, orientation, coordinate system, bias coefficients, scale factor, and Data Quality Measure (DQM)

Offline Operations

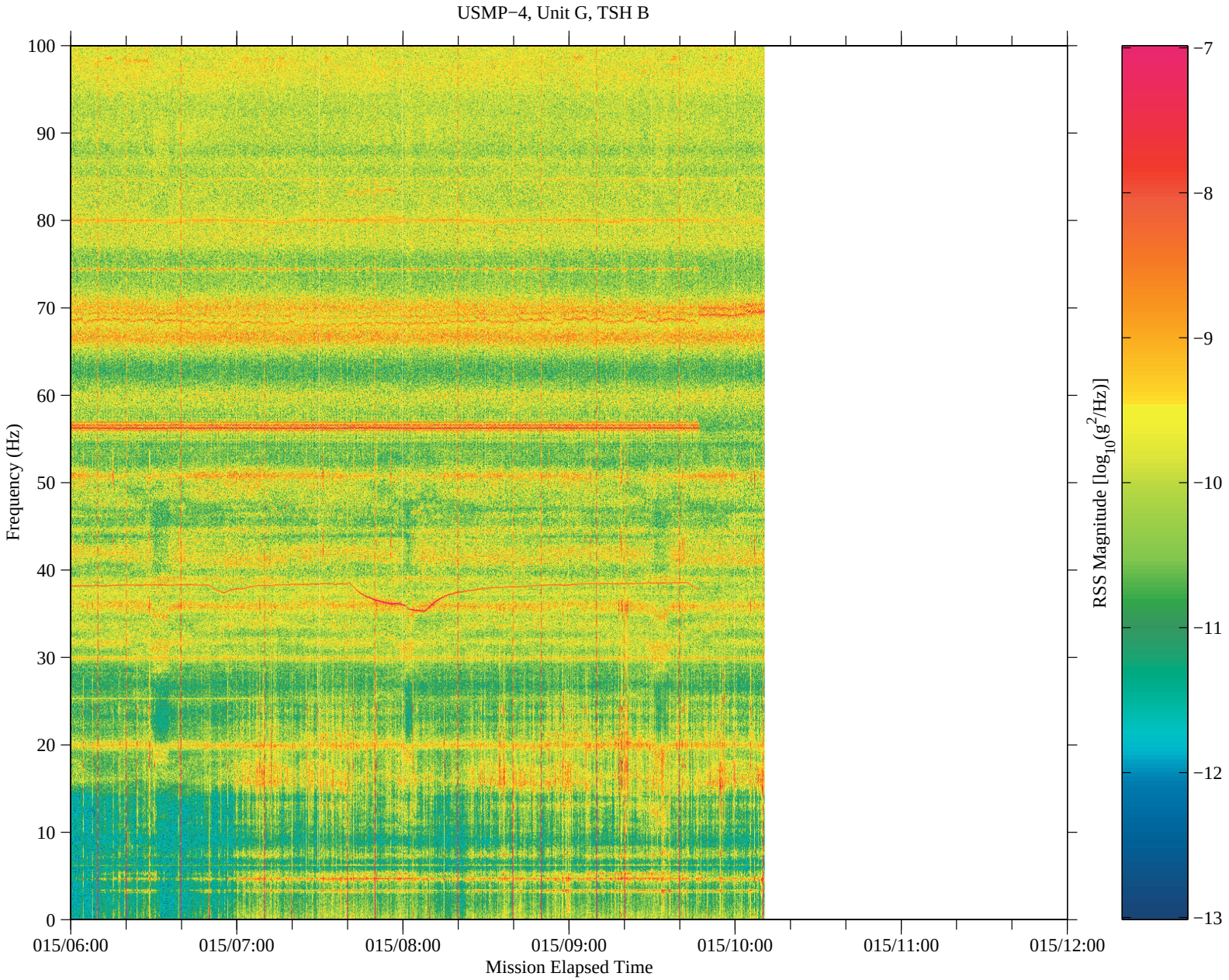
- **Primary function is to allow access to acceleration data for non-time-critical processing**
  - **In general, allows a more detailed analysis of the measured microgravity environment**
  - **Capable of processing and analyzing a long period of data**
  - **Overall access to acceleration data greatly simplified by a universal storage format**
- **PIMS WWW page offline functions**
  - **Provide the capability to request plotted data or data files through an electronic request**
  - **Provide means for access to the processed acceleration data files**
  - **Provide access to PIMS disturbance database information**

Offline Operations

- **Example Near Real-time Plots**
  - **Figure 15-4 MSL-1 (STS-94) SOFBALL Radiometry Data**
- **Example Offline Plots**
  - **Figure 15-5 LMS (STS-78) Principal Component Spectral Analysis**

Summary

- **PIMS will receive, process, and store acceleration data for SAMS-II and MAMS data starting with flight 6A operations**
- **A universal storage format will be employed for data storage**
  - **simplify access to acceleration data**
  - **standardize formats for data storage to maximize access to all existing acceleration data by international partners**
- **Real-time data plots of the various available accelerometers will be available via the PIMS WWW page**
- **Offline access to plotted data and analysis capabilities available through PIMS and the PIMS WWW page**
- **General and specialized characterization of the ISS microgravity environment**



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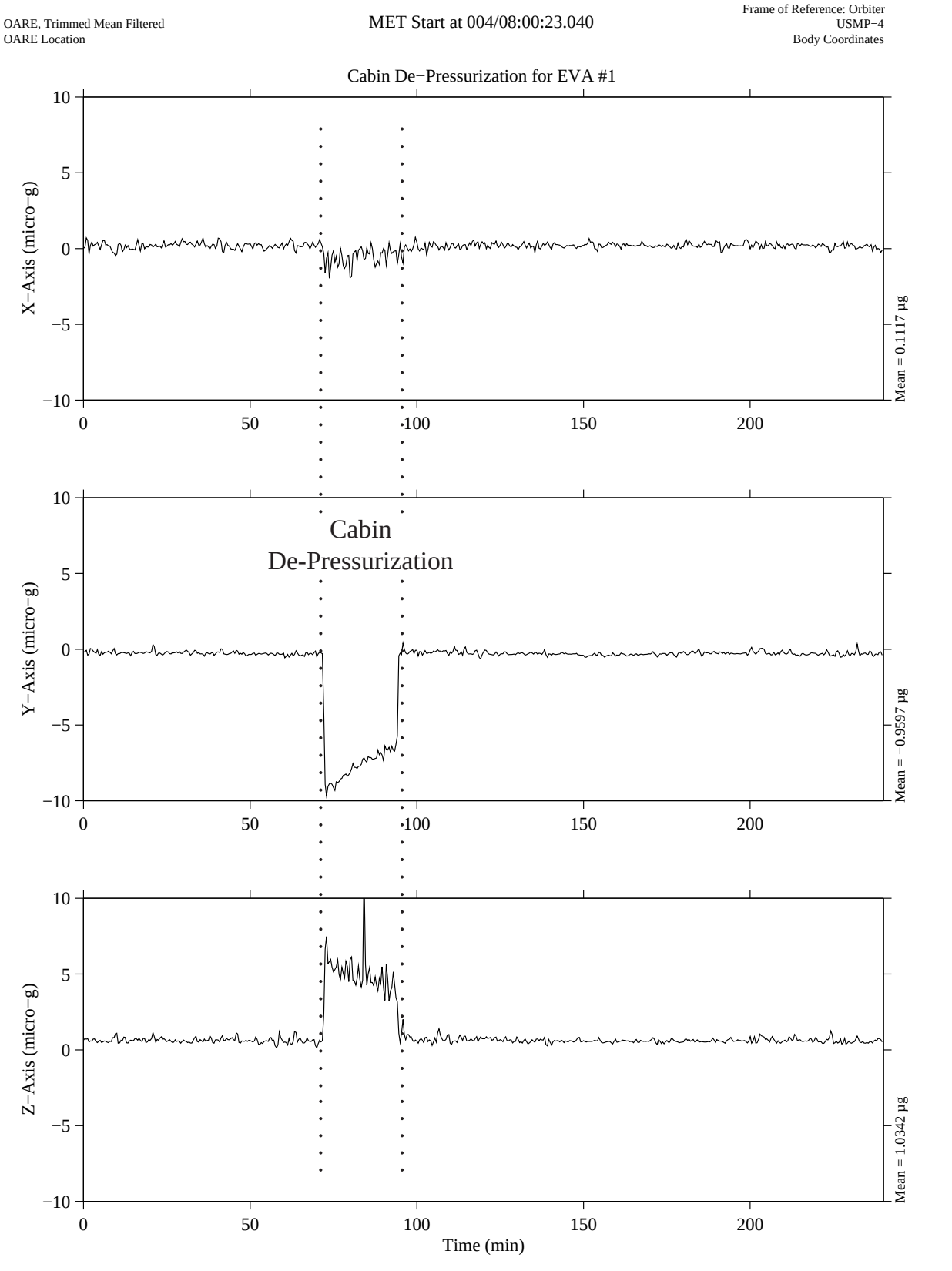

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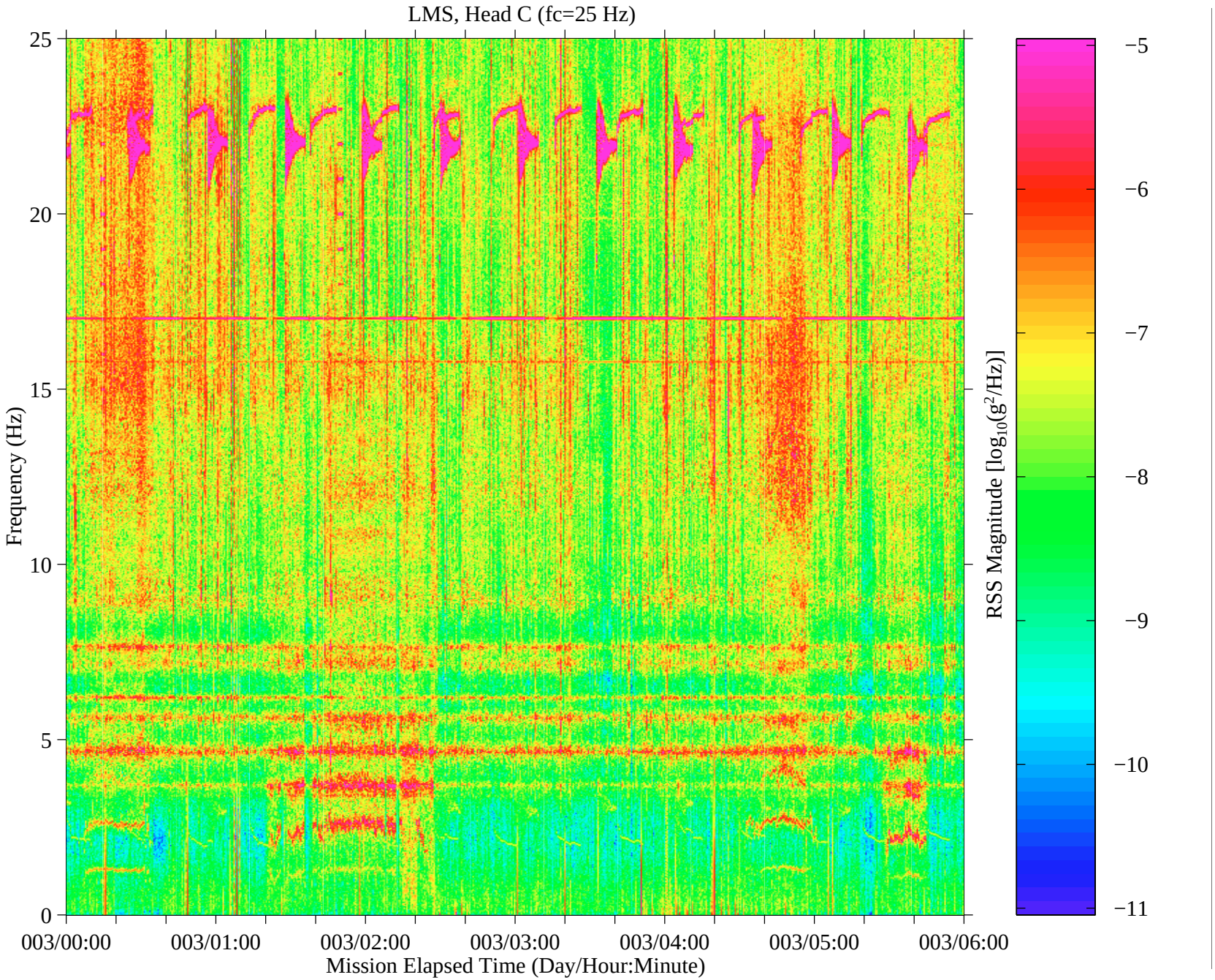
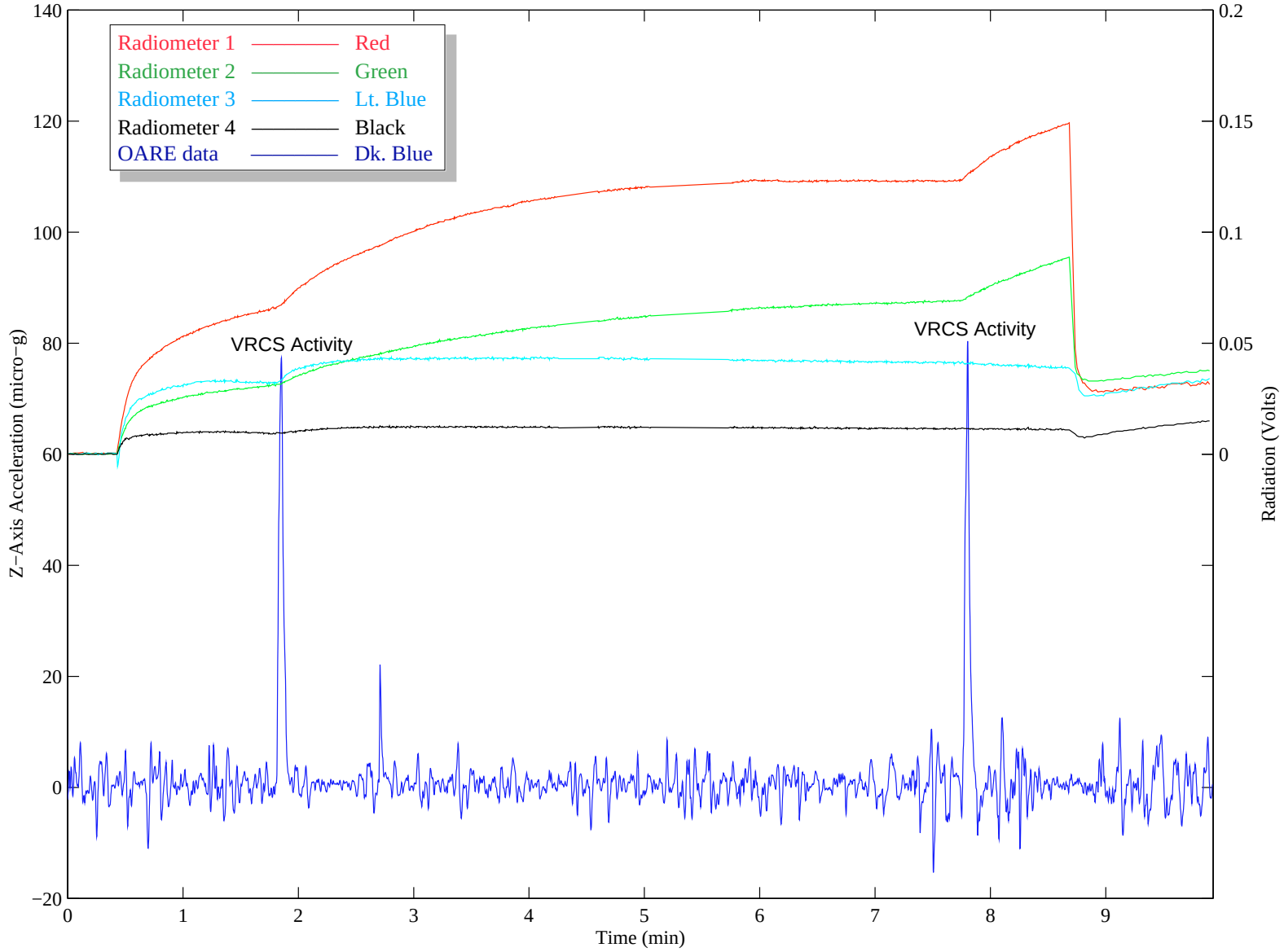


MEIT 2001 Figure 15-3: Nominal Microgravity Environment from STS-78 (LMS)



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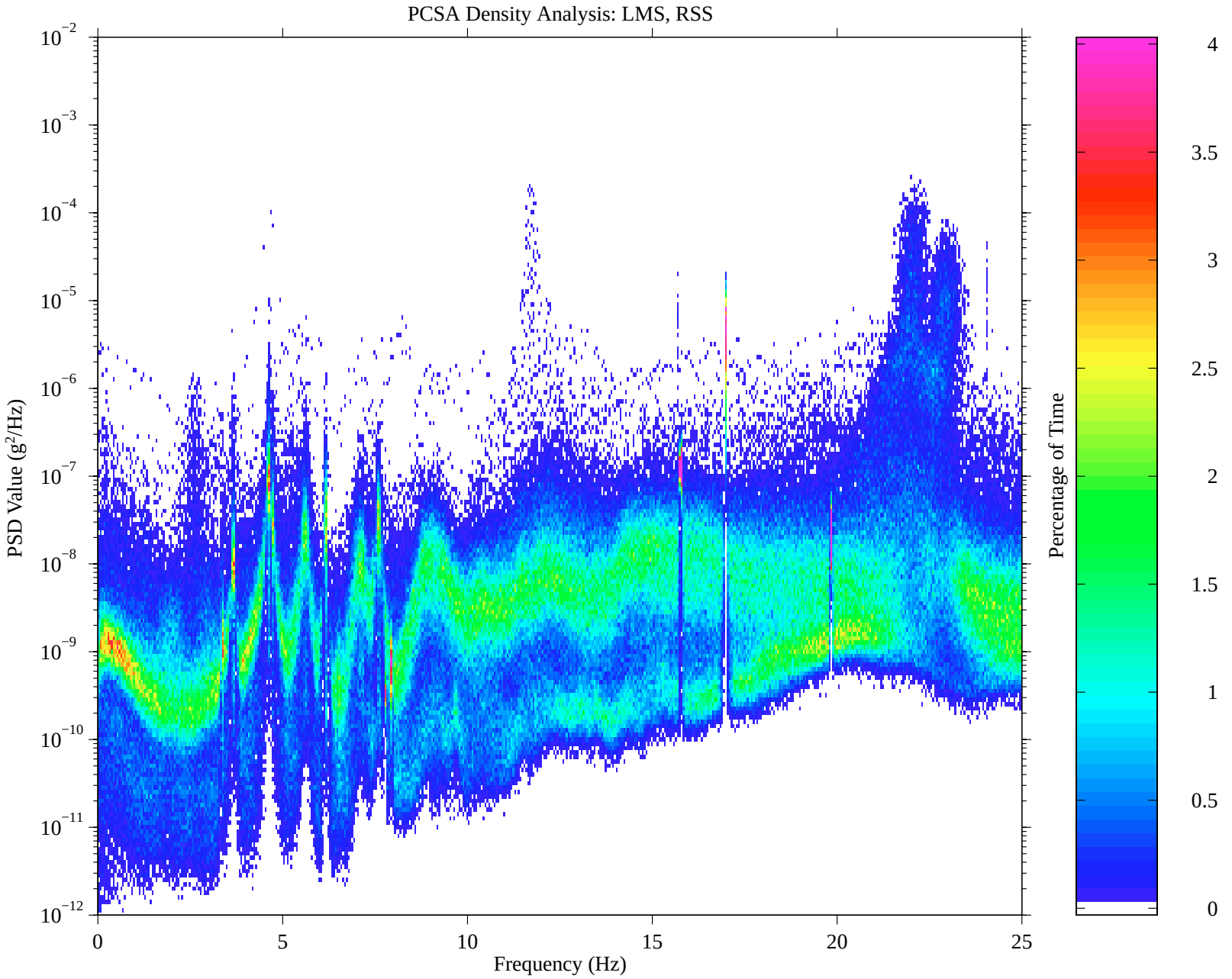

MEIT 2001 Figure 15-5: Principal Component Spectral Analysis for the Entire STS-78 Mission (LMS)