

## Protocol of the solar UV intercomparison at INTA, El Arenosillo, Spain from September 4 to September 14, 2023, with the travelling reference spectroradiometer QASUME from PMOD/WRC

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The purpose of the visit was the comparison of spectral global solar irradiance measurements between the 16 spectrophotometers participating at the 18<sup>th</sup> Regional Brewer Calibration Center – Europe (RBCC-E) Campaign and the travel reference spectroradiometer QASUME. The measurement site is located at El Arenosillo; Latitude 37.10 N, Longitude 6.73 W and altitude 50 m a.s.l.

The horizon of the measurement site is free down to at least 85° solar zenith angle (SZA). Measurements between 6:00 UT and 19:00 UT have been analysed.

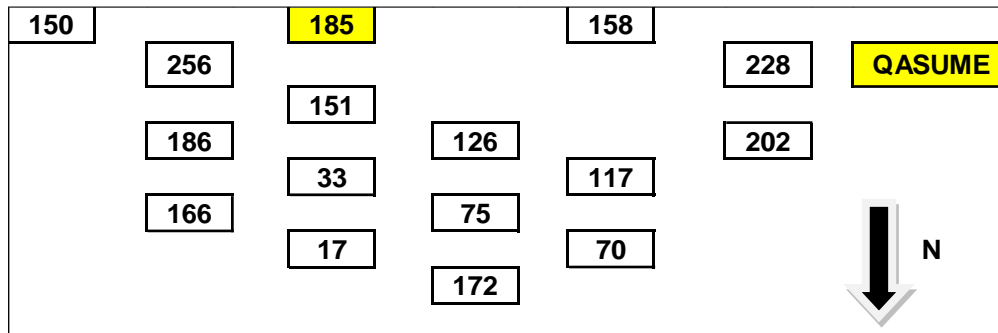
QASUME arrived at INTA in the evening of September 5, 2023. The spectroradiometer was installed in line to the Brewer spectrophotometers with the entrance optic of QASUME between 2 and 20 m away from the other instruments. The measurement campaign lasted nine days, from morning of September 6 to the afternoon of September 14.

QASUME was calibrated several times during the intercomparison period using a portable calibration system. Three lamps (T16573, T61251 and T68523) were used to obtain an absolute spectral irradiance calibration traceable to the primary reference held at PMOD/WRC, which is traceable to PTB. The daily mean responsivity of the instrument based on these calibrations varied by less than 1 % during the intercomparison period.

The wavelength shifts relative to the QASUMEFTS (Gröbner et al., 2017) spectrum as retrieved from the MatSHIC analysis were between  $\pm 50$  pm in the spectral range 290 to 400 nm.

**Table 1: Participating Brewer spectrophotometers; 6 single and 8 double monochromators.**

Instrument ID	Institution	Operator	Country
#017-MKII	IOS	Volodia Savastiok	Canada
#033-MKIV	AEMET Santa Cruz	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#070-MKIV	AEMET Coruna	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#075-MKIV	UKMO	John Rimmer	U.K.
#117-MKIV	INM MURCIA	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#126-MKII	UKMO	John Rimmer	U.K.
#150-MKIII	INTA HUELVA	Jose Manuel Vilaplana	Spain
#151-MKIV	AEMET Madrid	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#158-MKIII	Kipp & Zonen	Pavel Babal	The Netherland
#166-MKIV	AEMET Zargoza	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#172-MKIII	UKMO	John Rimmer	U.K.
#185-MKIII (IZ3)	AEMET IZAÑA	Alberto Redondas	Spain
#186-MKIII	AEMET Madrid	Jose Maria San Atanasio	Spain
#202-MKIII	DNK	Nils	Denmark
#228-MKIII	DNK	Nils	Denmark
#256-MKIII	AEMET IZAÑA	Alberto Redondas	Spain



**Figure 1: Roof setup at INTA**

## **Protocol:**

The measurement protocol was to measure one solar irradiance spectrum every 30 minutes from 290 to 400 nm, every 0.5 nm, and 3 seconds between each wavelength increment. The official UV days were scheduled from 11 to 14 September. However, UV scans were performed throughout the campaign.

DOY	Date	DAY	Weather	Comment (time in UT)
248	5-Sep	Tuesday	Mix of sun & clouds	Installed at 16:30
249	6-Sep	Wednesday	Mix of sun & cirrus	Calibrated: 14:40 using T68523
250	7-Sep	Thursday	Mostly diffuse sky	Calibrated: 09:43 using T68523
251	8-Sep	Friday	Clear sky (morning) Cirrus (afternoon)	Calibrated: 11:13 using T68523 Calibrated: 11:43 using T16573
252	9-Sep	Saturday	Diffuse sky (morning) Mix of sun & clouds	Calibrated: 09:43 using T68523 Calibrated: 14:37 using T68523
253	10-Sep	Sunday	Clear sky with few cumulus clouds	Calibrated: 09:13 using T68523 Calibrated: 09:42 using T16573
254	11-Sep	Monday	Clear sky with few cumulus clouds	Calibrated: 09:43 using T68523
255	12-Sep	Tuesday	Clear sky with few clouds (@horizon)	Calibrated: 10:43 using T68523 Calibrated: 11:12 using T61251
256	13-Sep	Wednesday	Clear sky	Calibrated: 10:43 using T68523
257	14-Sep	Thursday	Clear sky with few clouds in the afternoon	Calibrated: 10:43 using T68523 Calibrated: 11:21 using T16573
				End of Campaign 15:15

## **Results:**

Up to 62 synchronised simultaneous spectra from QASUME and the Brewer spectrophotometers are available from the measurement period. Measurements between 6:30 and 18:00 UT have been analysed (SZA smaller than 90°) using matSHIC.

## **Remarks:**

The comparison between the Brewers and QASUME was very successful, and consistent with the results obtained in previous visits (see **Figure 2-X** of the Annex).

No UV data is available for Brewer 017.

## **Data Processing:**

- The data from Brewers 33, 70, 117, 150, 151 and 166 were processed by the responsible operator.
- The data from Brewers 75, 126, 172, 202 and 228 were processed with Eubrewnet Level 1.5 or 1.6. In addition, all data processed by the operator are also available in this section.
- The data from Brewers 158, 185, 186 and 256 were processed with Eubrewnet Level 2 (cosine correction).

More information can be found here:

<https://eubrewnet.aemet.es/dokuwiki/doku.php?id=codes:uvaccess>

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## **Conclusion:**

The angular response correction was applied to the solar UV spectra of 4 Brewer and show a considerably improvement to the comparison to QASUME. Remaining uncertainties are the stray-light for single monochromator brewers and the temperature dependence.

The data processed by the operators and Eubrewnet Level 1.6 are identical.



## References:

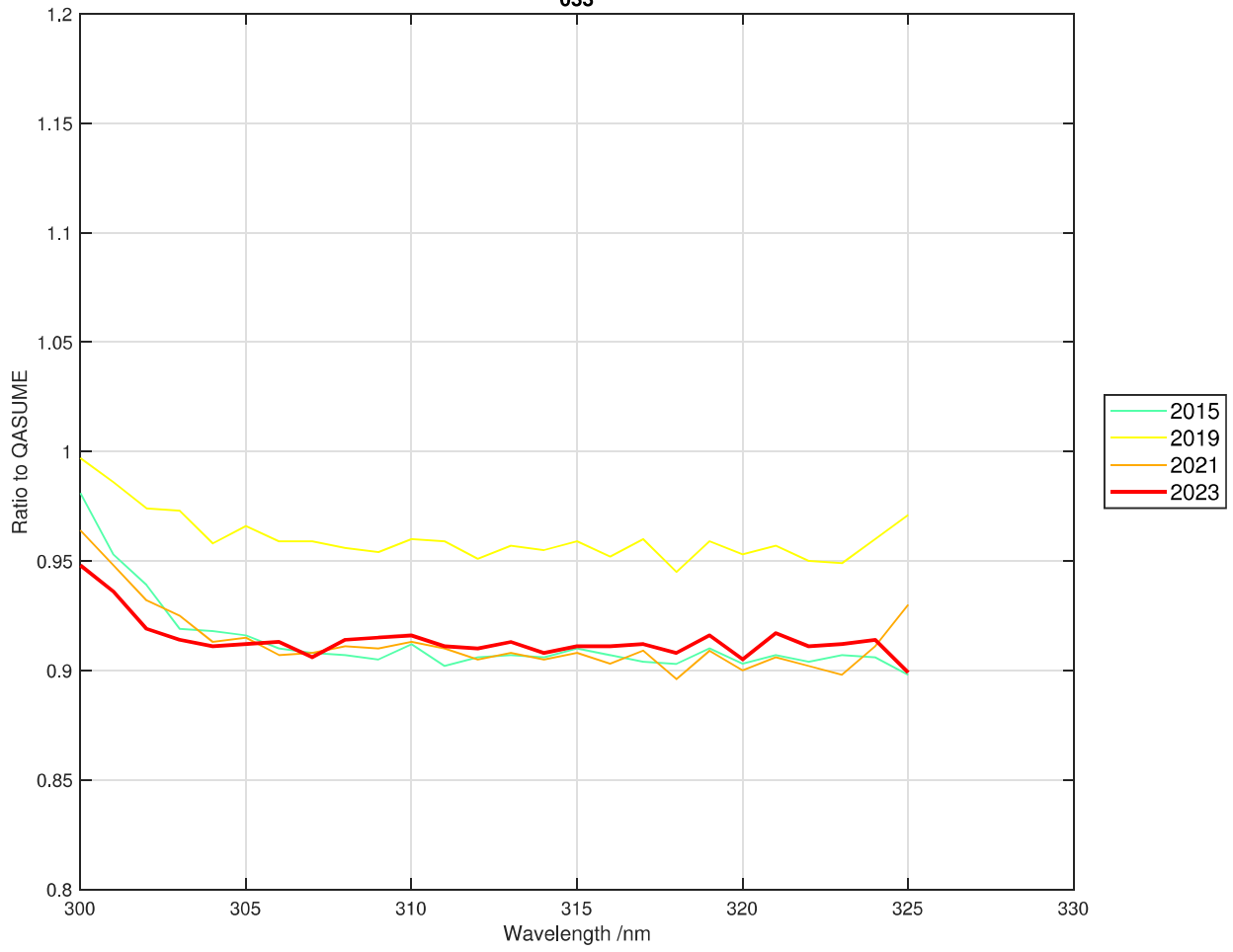
Gröbner, J., Kröger, I., Egli, L., Hülsen, G., Riechelmann, S., and Sperfeld, P.: The high-resolution extraterrestrial solar spectrum (QASUMEFTS) determined from ground-based solar irradiance measurements, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 10, 3375-3383, <https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-10-3375-2017>, 2017.

## Appendix

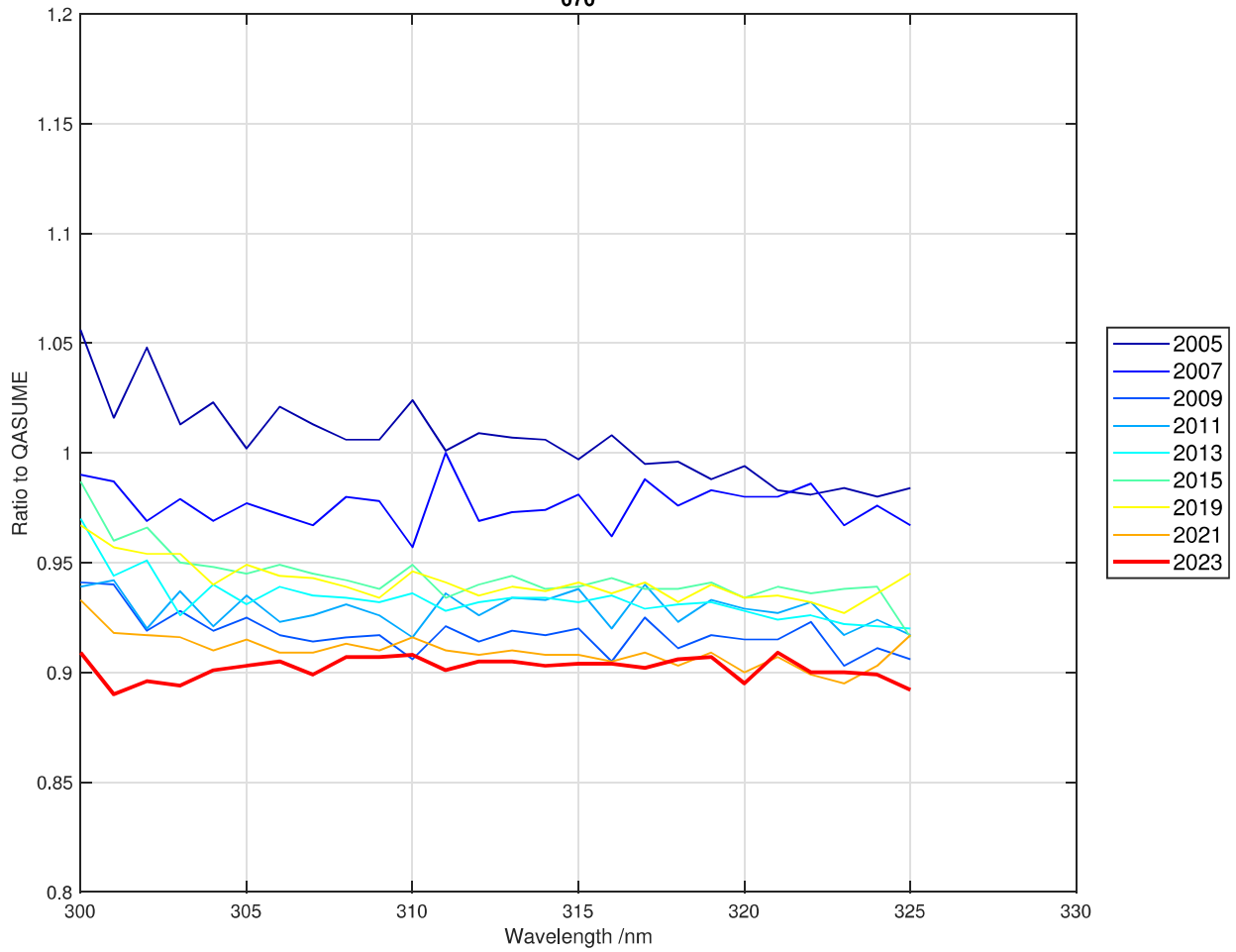
Detailed results for all Brewer spectrophotometers with respect to the reference spectroradiometer QASUME



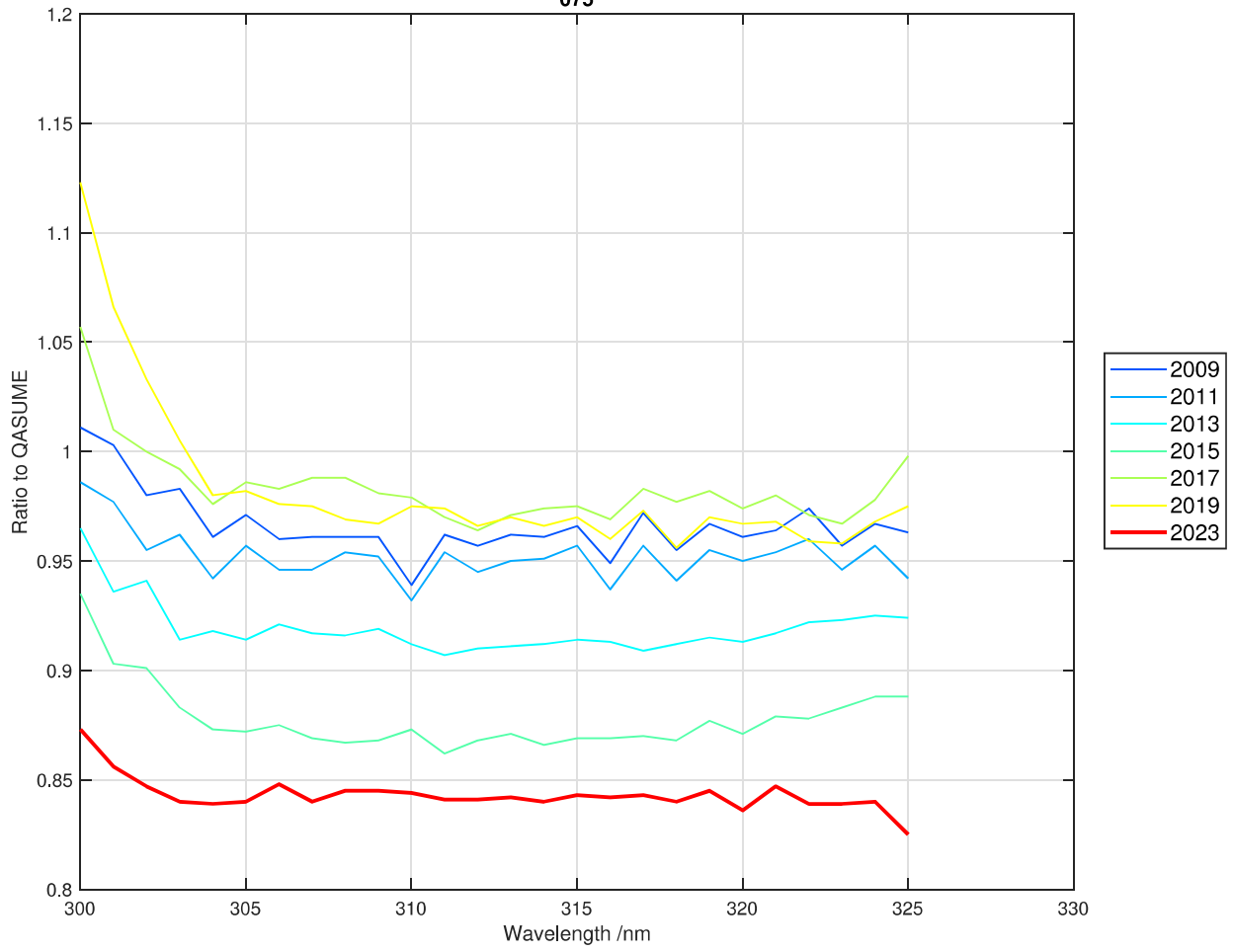
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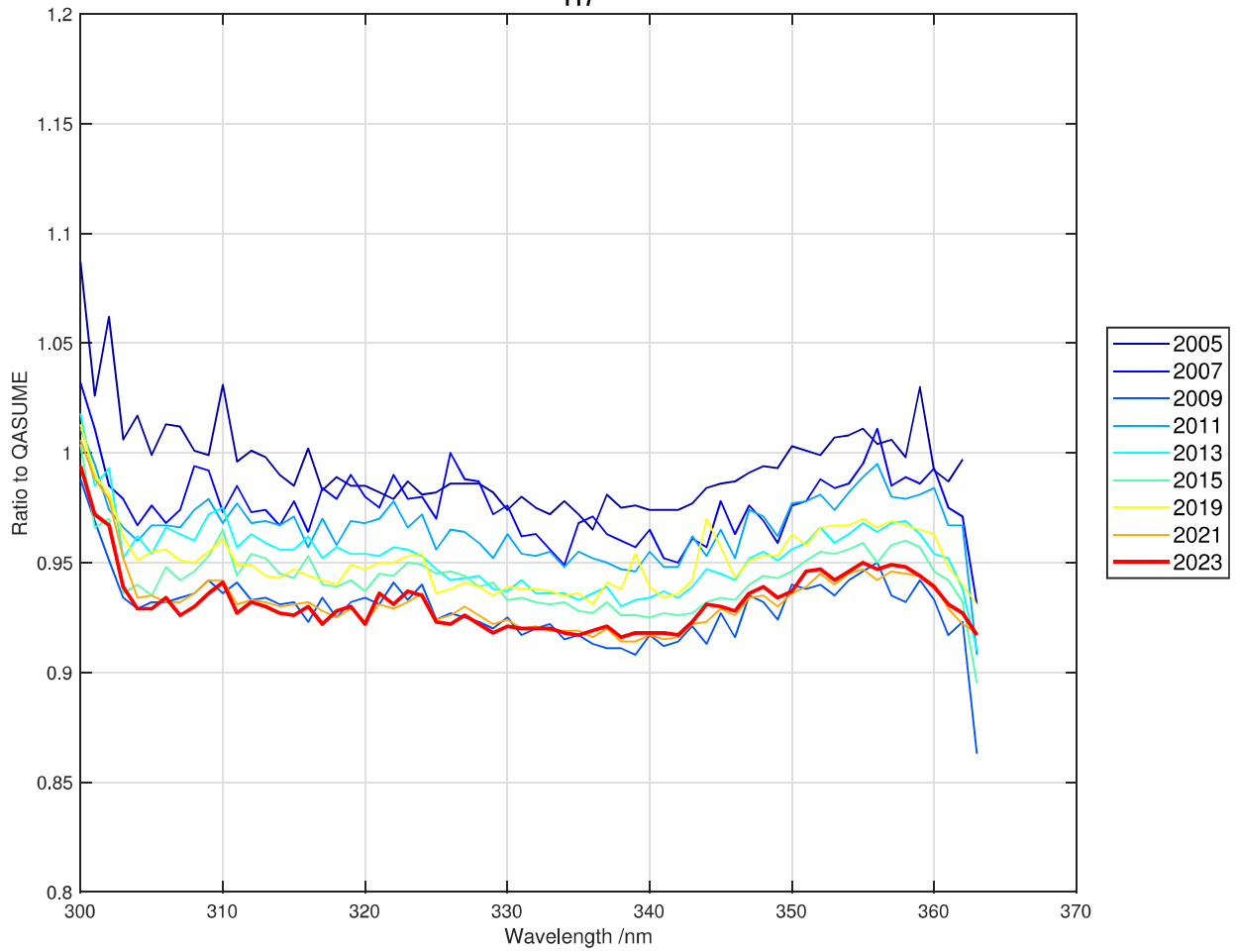
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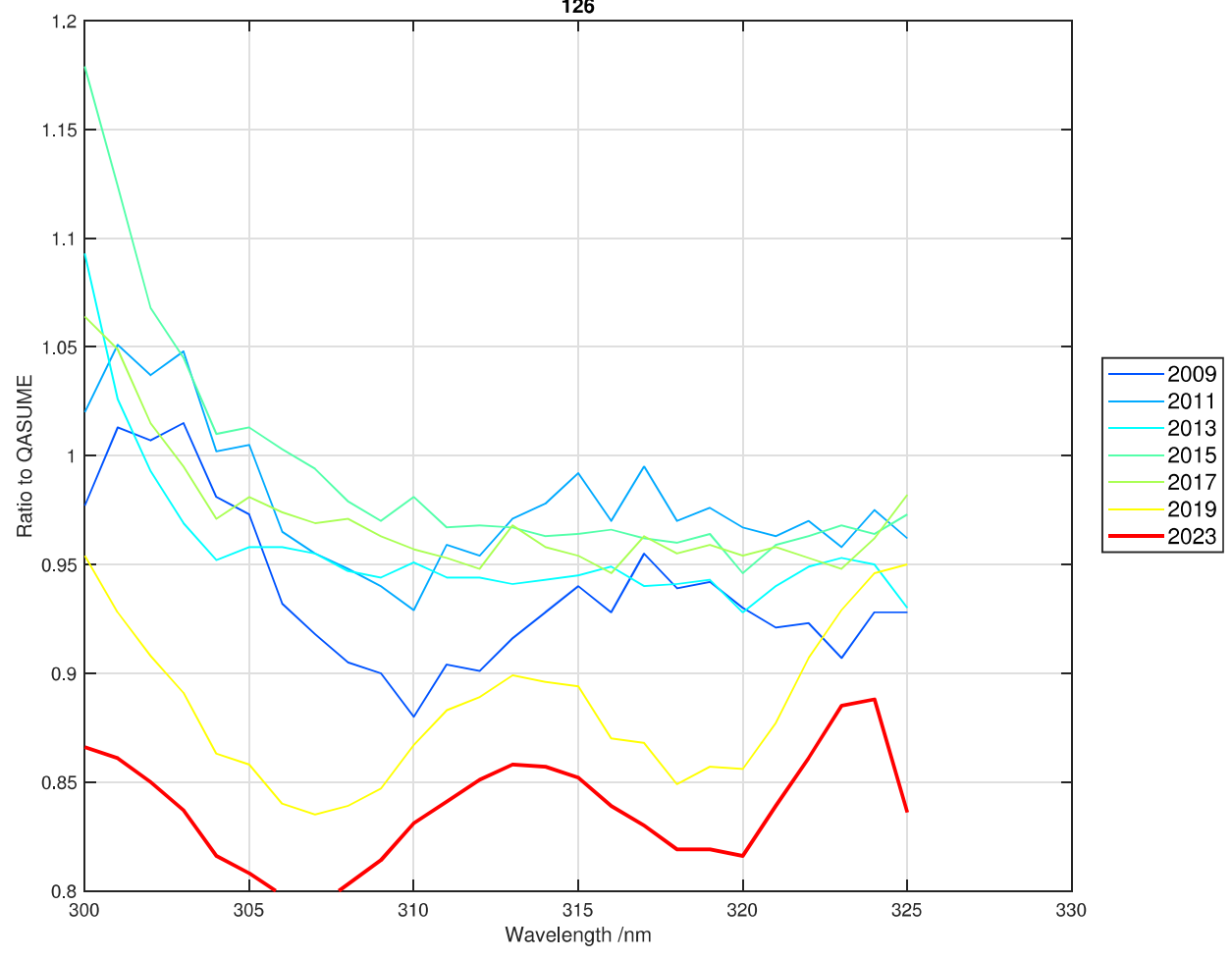
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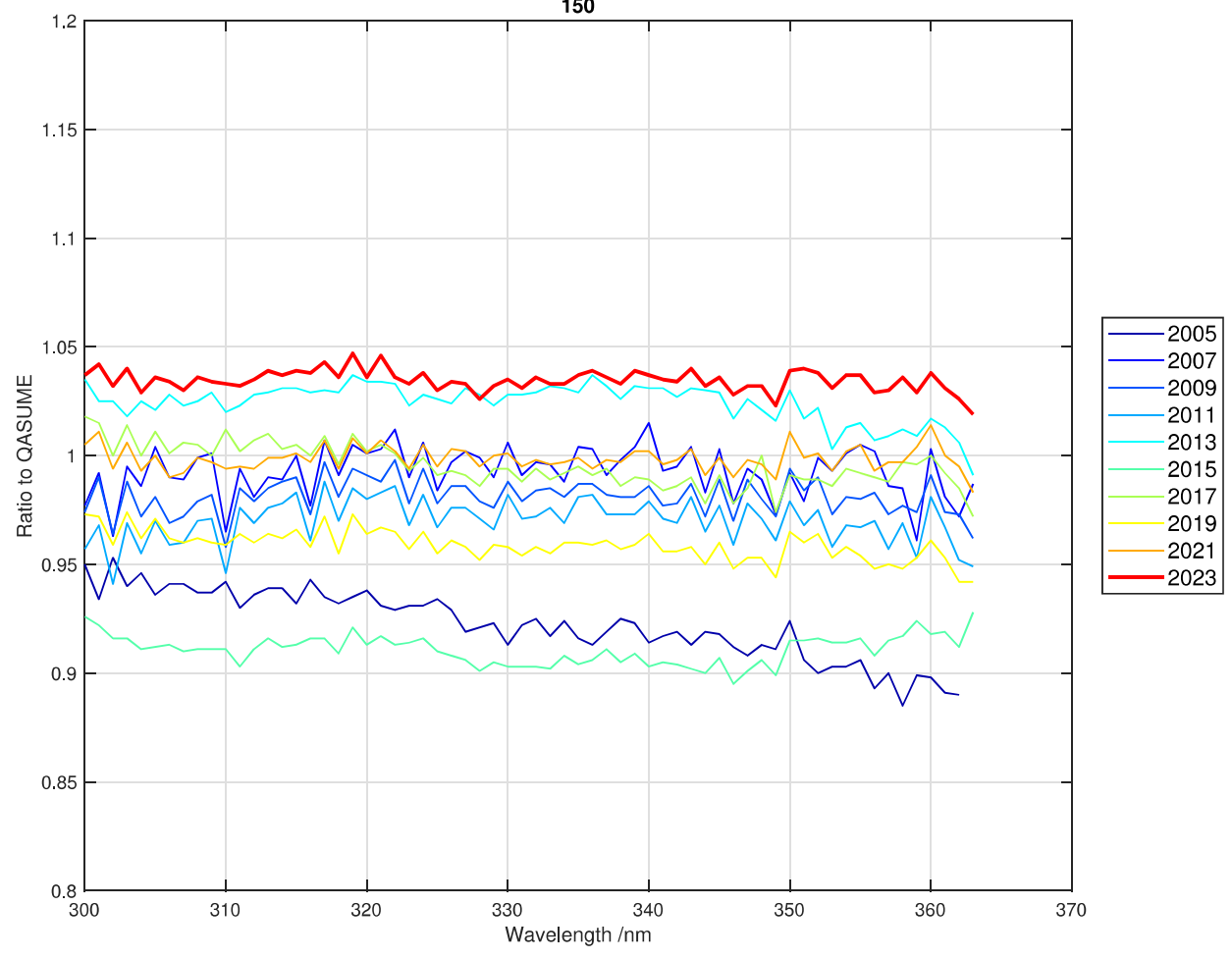
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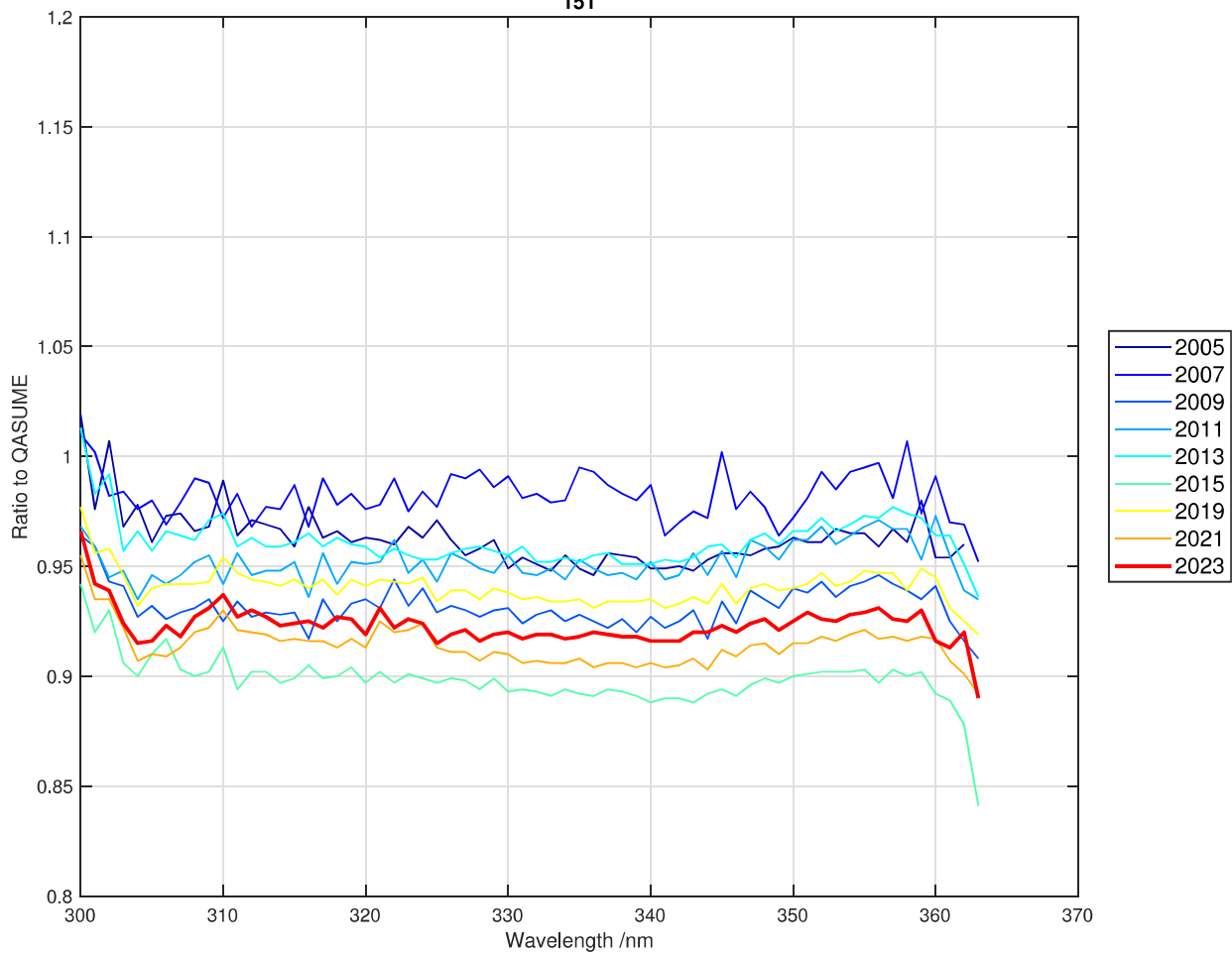
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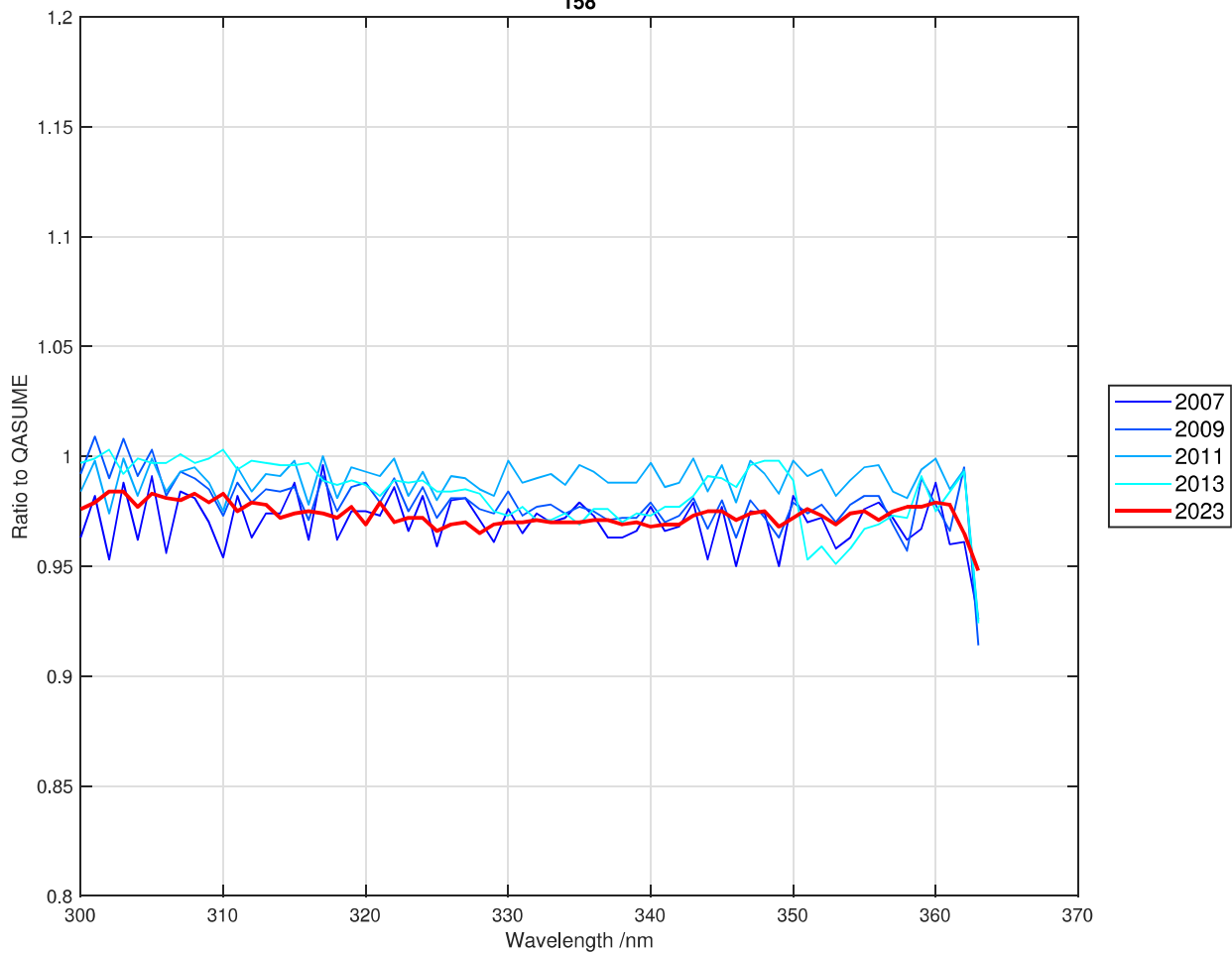
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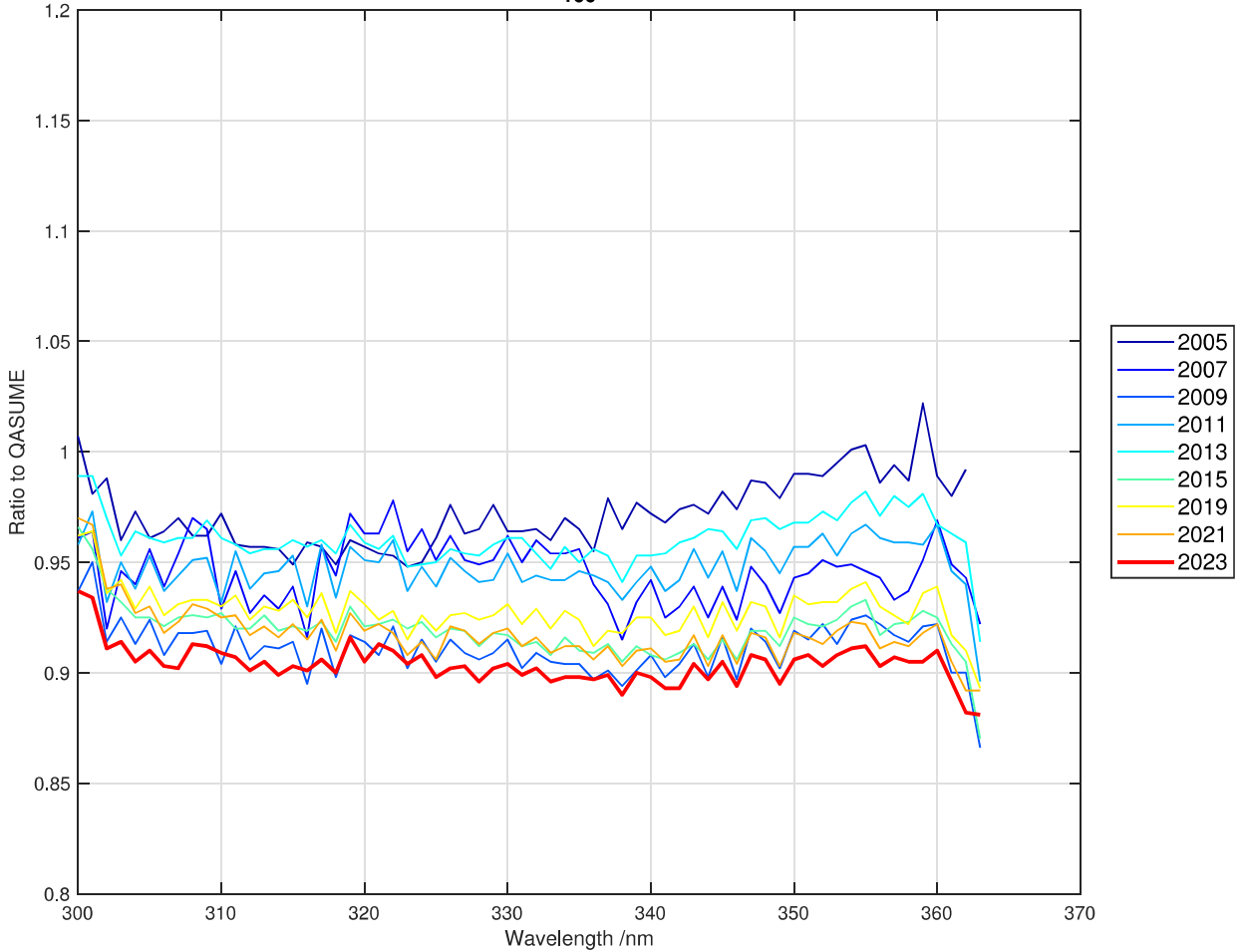
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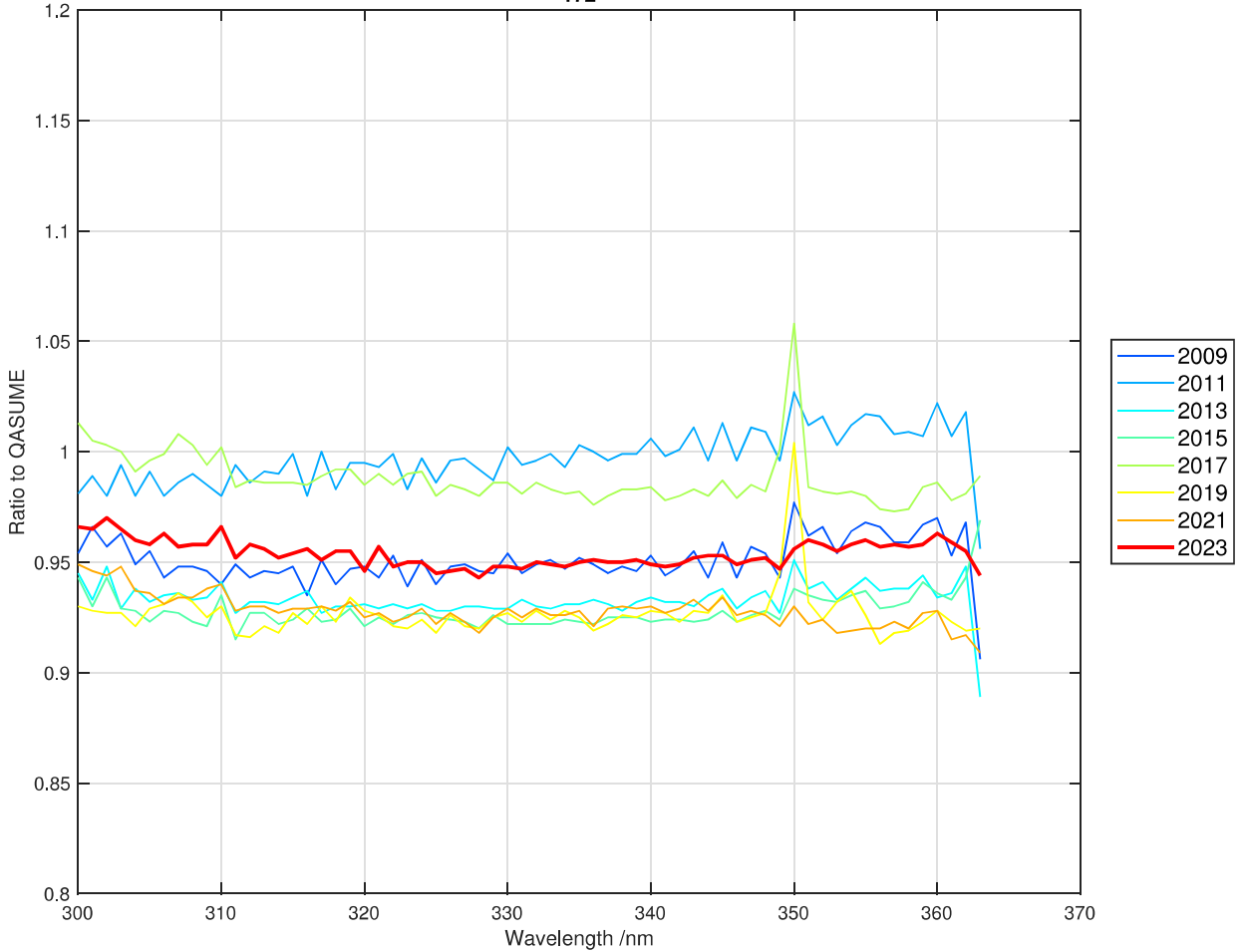
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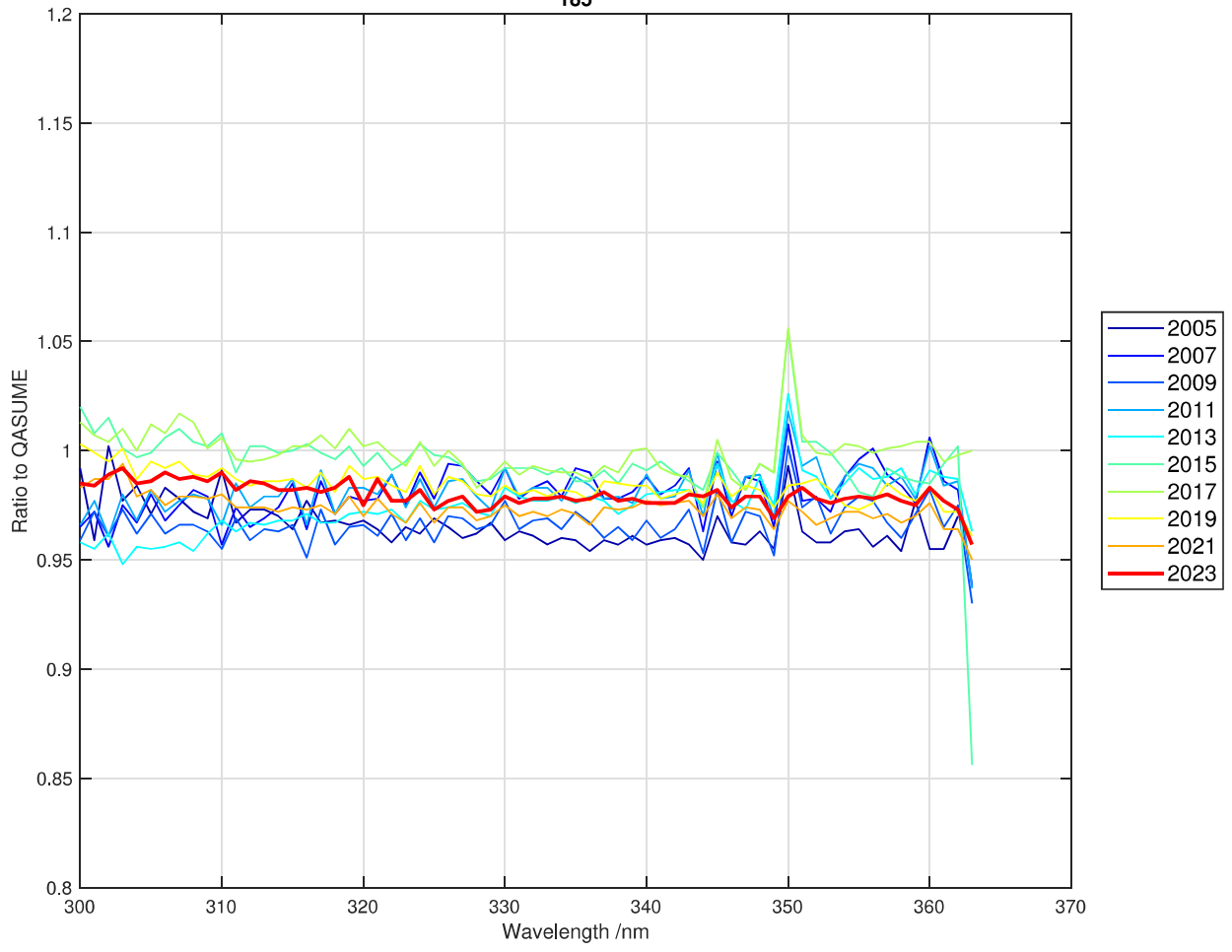
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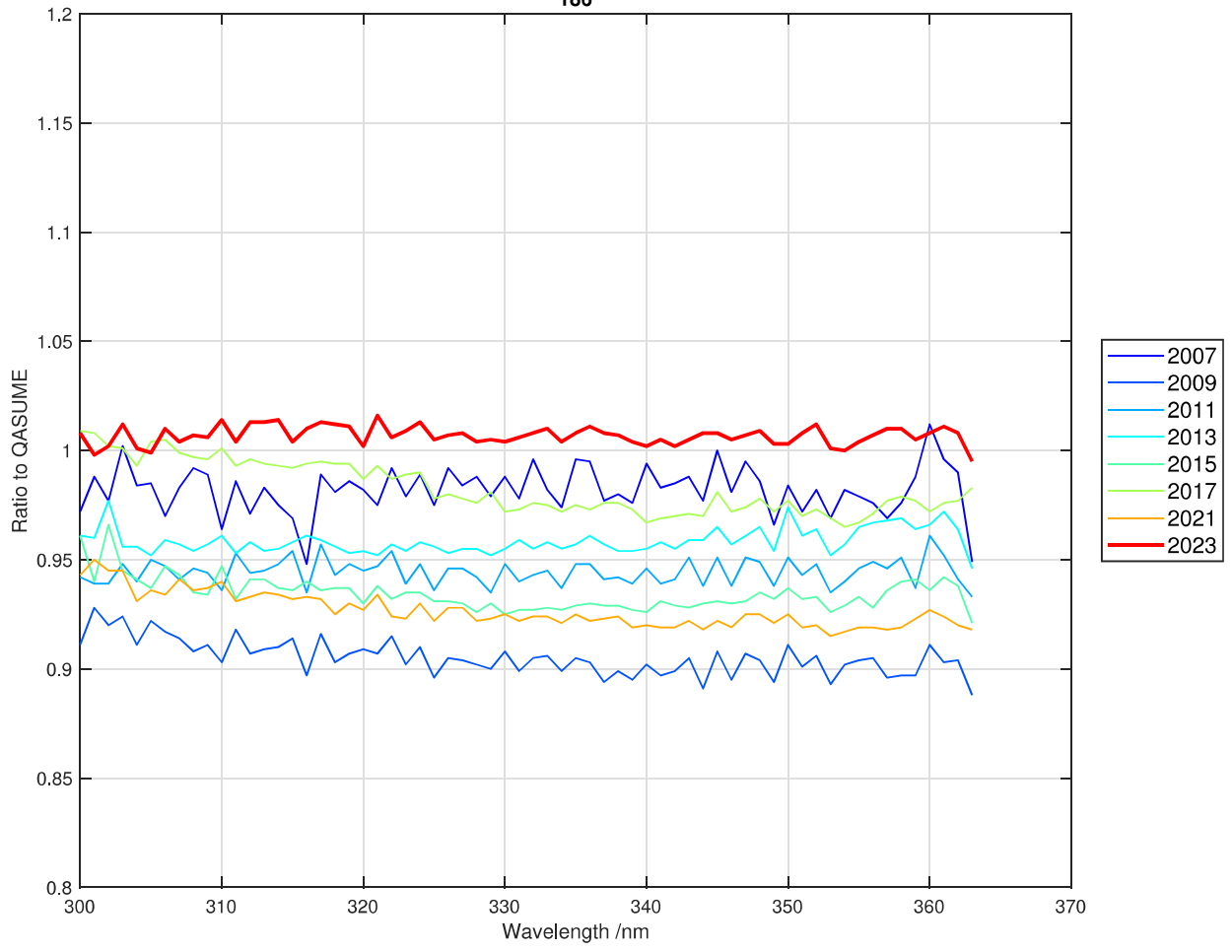
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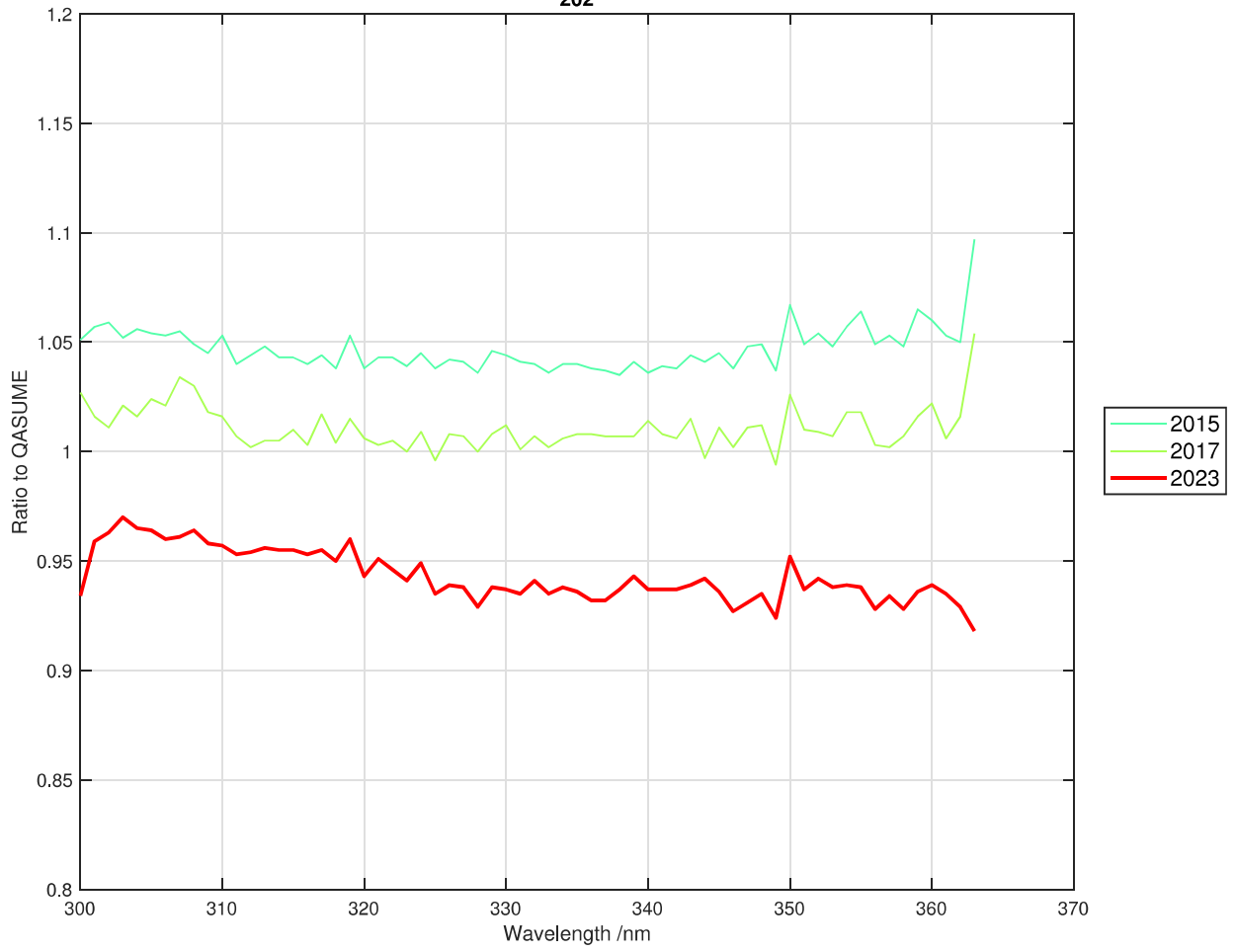


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