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shipborne radiometers for sea surface temperature

Experiences : ISAR - UoS

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Overview

- IR measurements in Southampton
- ISAR
 - The early days
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 - Calibration system
- Deployments
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 - Bay of Biscay and English Channel
 - Other deployments and projects
- Inter-comparisons
- Summary

A bit of history

- AMT 3 (1996)

4.6.1 Radiometric Observations of the Sea Surface and Atmosphere (ROSSA) 1996

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T J Nightingale, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK

Experiment Summary

The ROSSA experiment has operated within the framework of AMT-3 and the measurements made complement the biochemical measurements made by the AMT team. ROSSA is concerned with both the accurate validation of precision satellite sea surface temperature observations (such as those made by the ERS-2 Along Track Scanning Radiometer, the NOAA Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer and the ADEOS Ocean Colour Temperature Scanner), and also the investigation of the small scale processes which in combination, are thought to govern the magnitude and variability of the SSST when referenced to a sub-surface bulk sea surface temperature (BSST). Such processes include the momentum flux (wind stress), the longwave, sensible, solar and latent heat fluxes which in combination define the thermal state of the air sea interface.

Instrument	Parameter	Location	Accuracy
TASCO THI-500L	Skin SST	Forward mast	0.15 +/-0.1K
TASCO THI-500L	Sky temperature	Forward mast	0.21 +/-0.1K
SISTeR	Skin SST	Forward mast	0.1 +/-0.05K
TH ?	Skin SST	Monkey Island	0.1 +/- 0.05 K
Thermal Camera	Skin SST (2D)	Monkey Island	0.1 +/- 0.1K
OPHIR MISTRIC radiometer	Skin SST	Bow	Faulty for whole trip
Trailing thermistor	Bulk SST @ 0.1m	Port flank	0.05 +/- 0.005
Eppley Pyranometer	Solar Flux	Bird table (forward mast using gimbals)	0.5%
Eppley Pygeometer	Longwave flux	Bird table (forward mast using gimbals)	0.5%
IOS Psychrometer	Humidity & air temperature	Forward mast	Better than 0.05K
X band radar	Roughness	Forward mast	

Table 1. Summary of instruments installed on the RRS James Clark Ross for ROSSA 1996.

A bit of history

- AMT 5 (1997)
 - SOSSTR
 - The ship of opportunity sea surface temperature radiometer

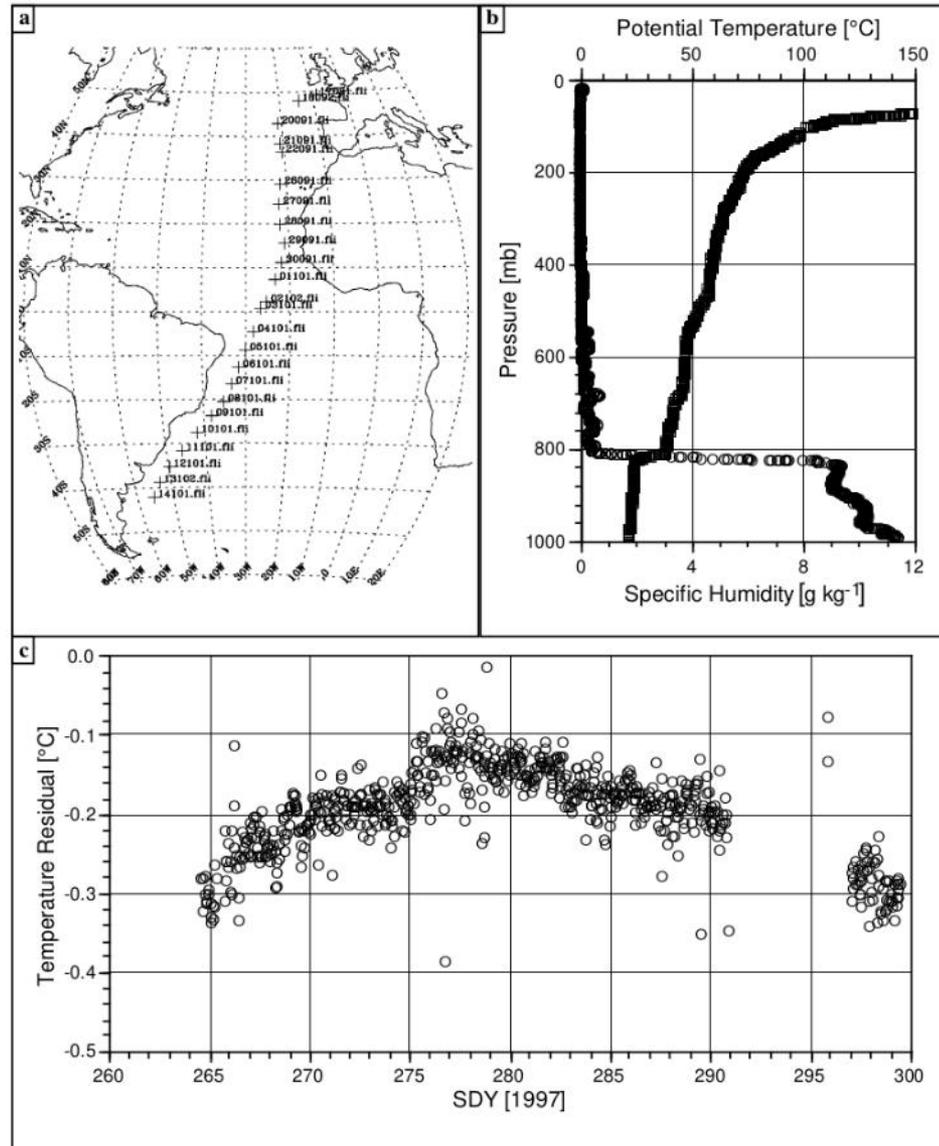


Fig. 13. SOSSTR summaries for AMT-5: a) the positions of all the radiosonde releases, b) potential temperature (squares) and specific humidity (circles) as a function of pressure, and c) the temperature difference (residual) between the SST and the hull mounted temperature probe.

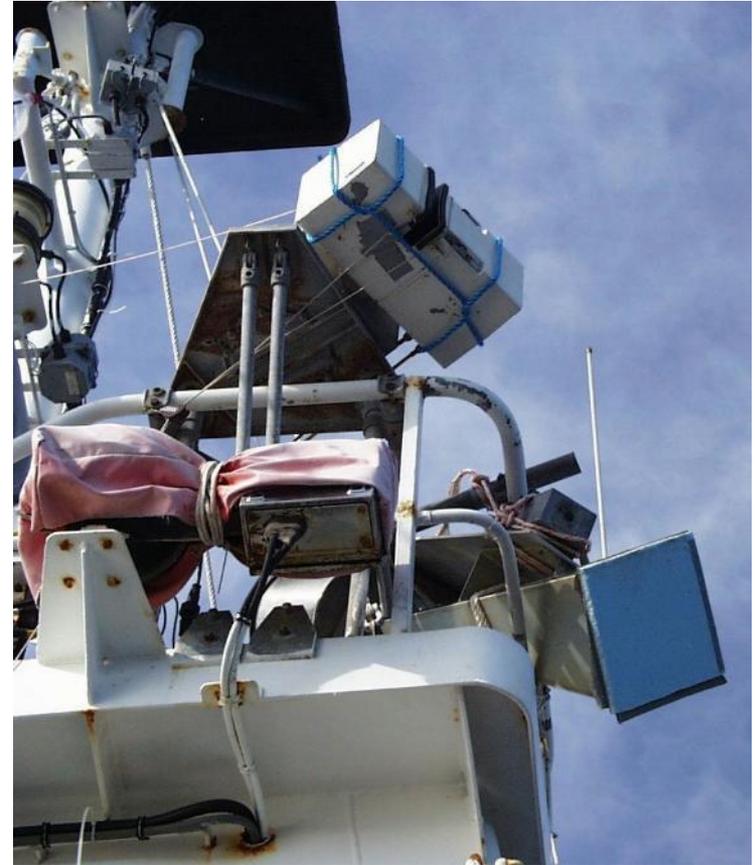
A bit of history

- AMT 7 (1998)
 - SOSSTR
 - The ship of opportunity sea surface temperature radiometer
 - SISTeR
 - Scanning Infrared Sea Surface Temperature Radiometer

AMT-7/ROSSA1998 cruise report



Figure 6 SOSSTR radiometer as deployed on James Clark Ross Bow during AMT-7/ROSSA 1998



A bit of history

- SUDOFEX (1997)
 - SOOSR
 - The ship of opportunity sea surface radiometer

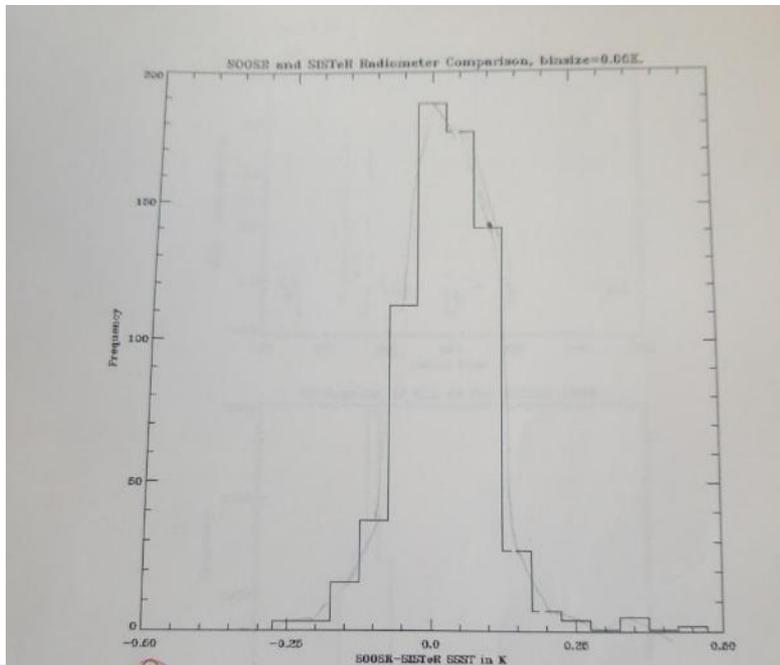
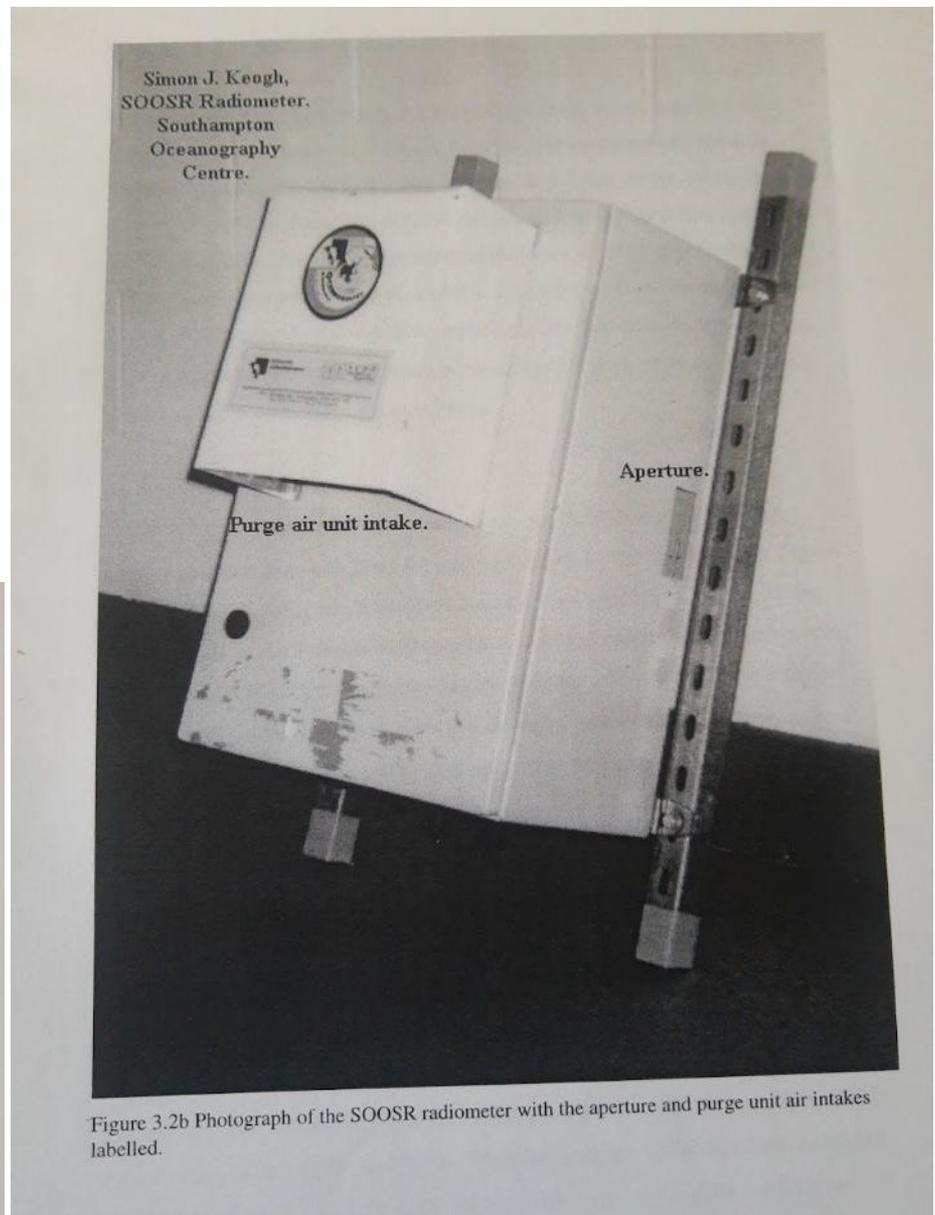


Figure 6.5 Distribution of SOOSR - SITSr values for transect 8 of SUDOFEX 1997. Mean=0.05K, standard deviation=0.09K. Number of data points = 727.



ISAR

- Infrared Sea surface temperature Autonomous Radiometer (ISAR) (1999)
- CASOTS – The combined action for the study of the ocean thermal skin (1999)

Project title: Development of two (2) prototype Infrared Sea surface Autonomous Radiometer (ISAR) systems.		
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SOC Developments and Initiatives Fund.

Proposal to construct and deploy an autonomous Infra Red radiometer (ISAR) for the purpose of satellite SST validation and the study of the oceanic thermal skin.

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Project outline.

The accuracy of sea surface temperature (SST) measurements from satellite borne infra red radiometers such as AVHRR and ATSR is of major concern to the climate community. By using infra red radiometers at sea, to measure sea surface skin temperature, errors in SST retrieval associated with atmospheric attenuation, the oceanic skin effect and diurnal thermocline can be eradicated from the satellite SST data by tuning the atmospheric algorithms to the in situ skin SST data. Unfortunately there is no on going programme at this time to gather skin SST data for this purpose. In fact there are no autonomous infra red radiometers available for this task at all. It is herein proposed that a novel design for an autonomous radiometer be funded to allow the construction of a prototype and its deployment on a ship of opportunity. Once the concept has been proven in this manner it should be possible to bid for funding from other se

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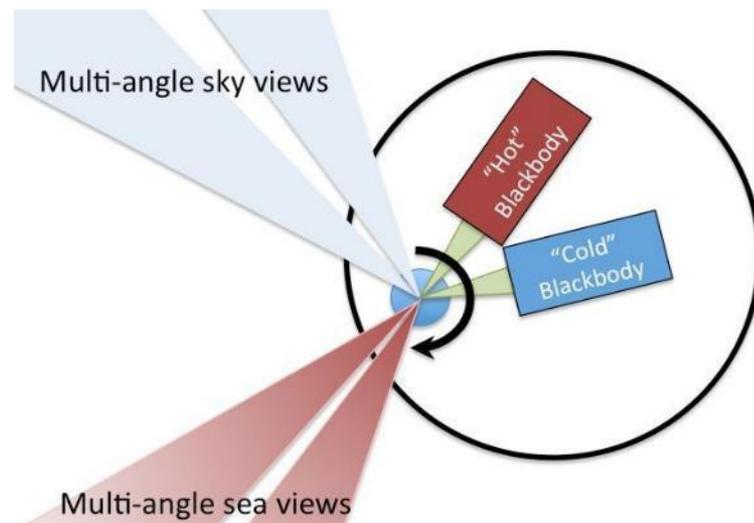


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ISAR

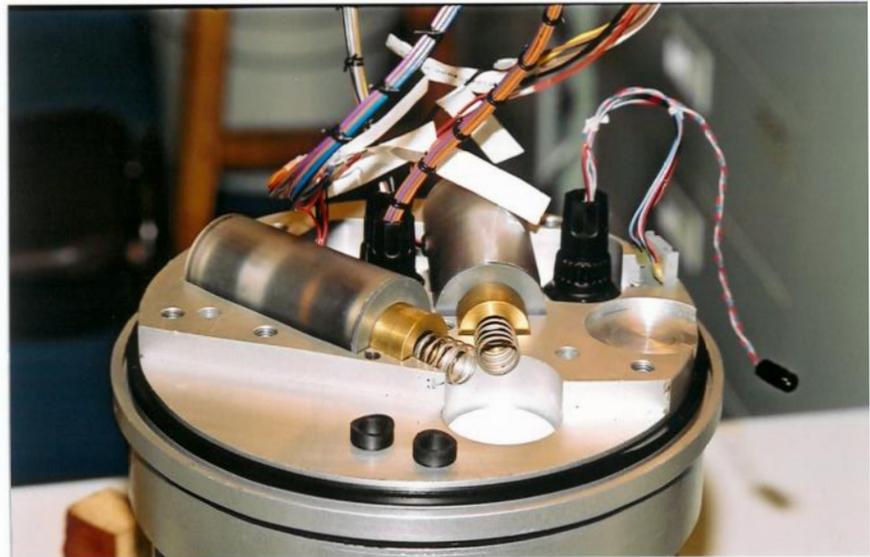
- Infrared Sea surface temperature Autonomous Radiometer



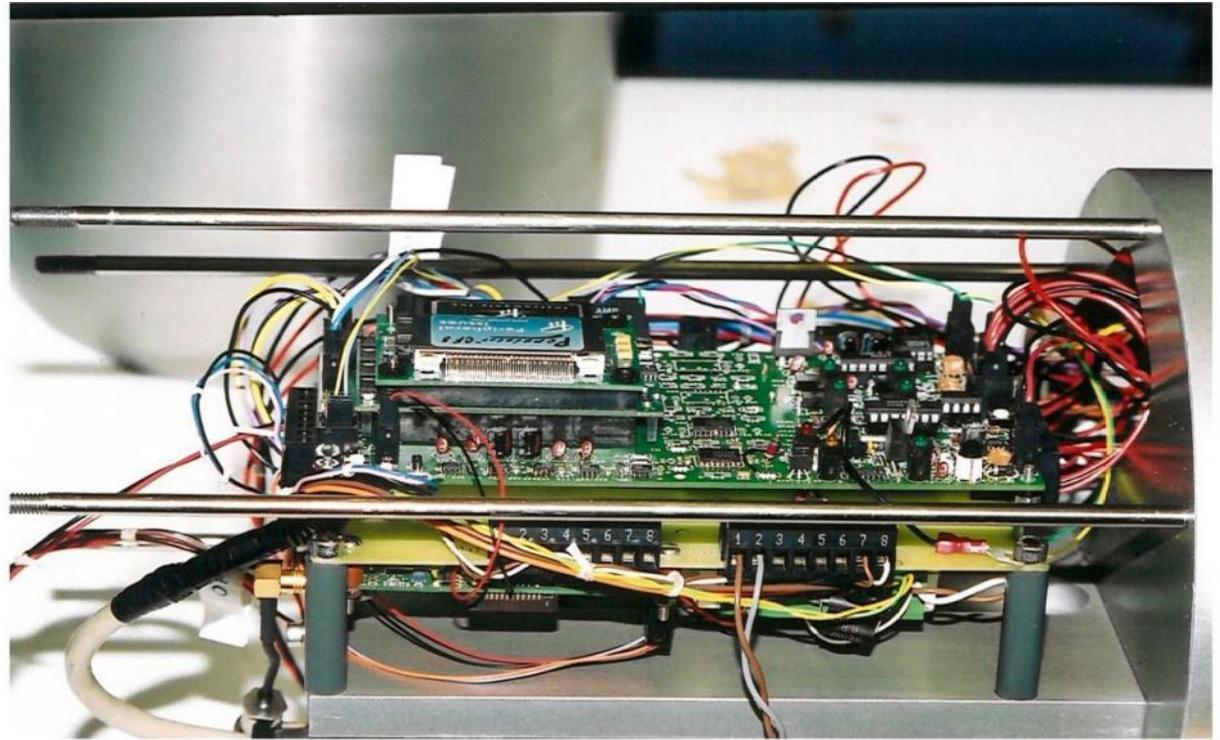
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The early days

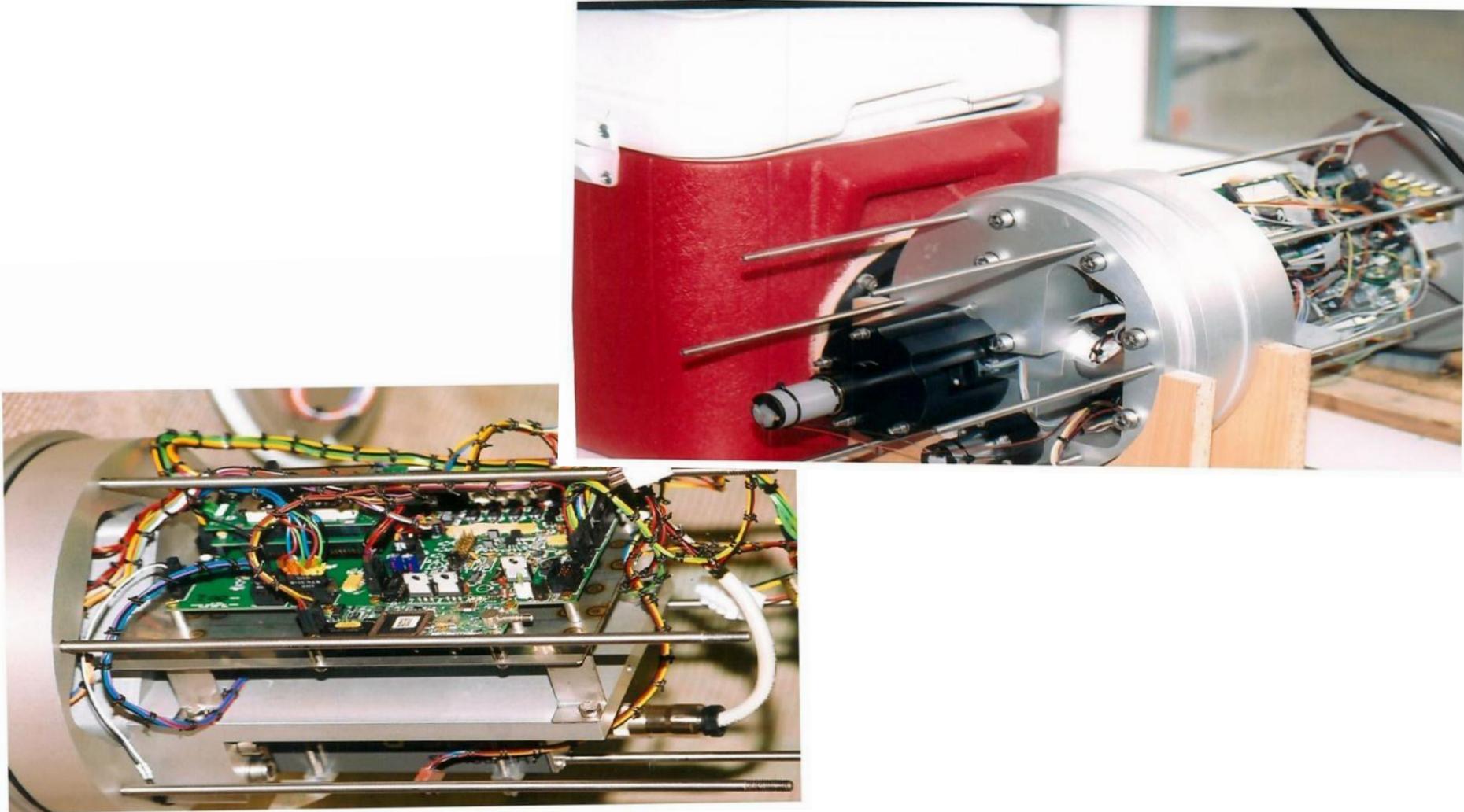
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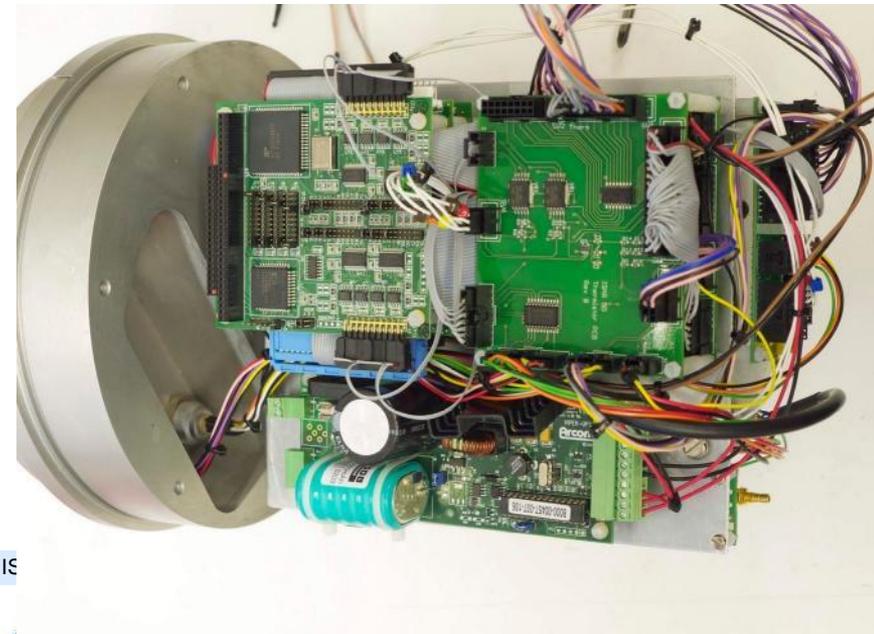
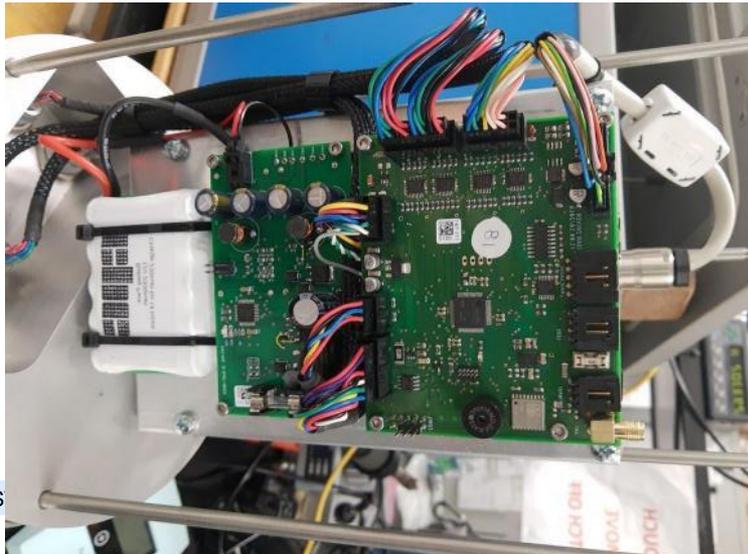
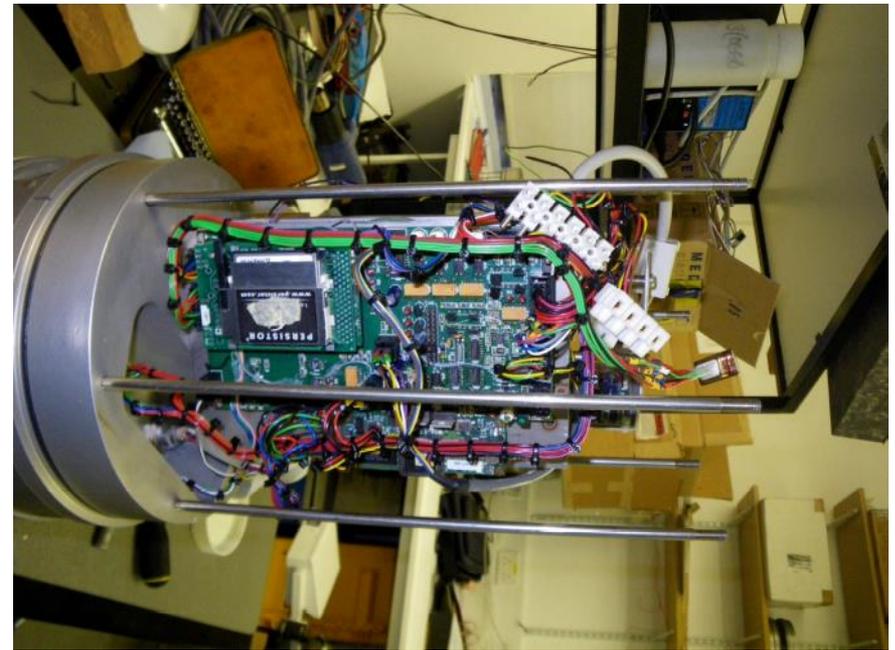
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Design evolutions

▪ Electronics

- Rev A-C (2000 – 2006, SN 1-5)
 - Motorola 68000
- Rev D (2007 – 2014, SN 6-12, 2 retrofitted)
 - Intel Xscale on PC104
- Rev E (2015 – now, SN13 -22, 7 & 12 retrofitted)
 - Raspberry Pi CM3/4 module

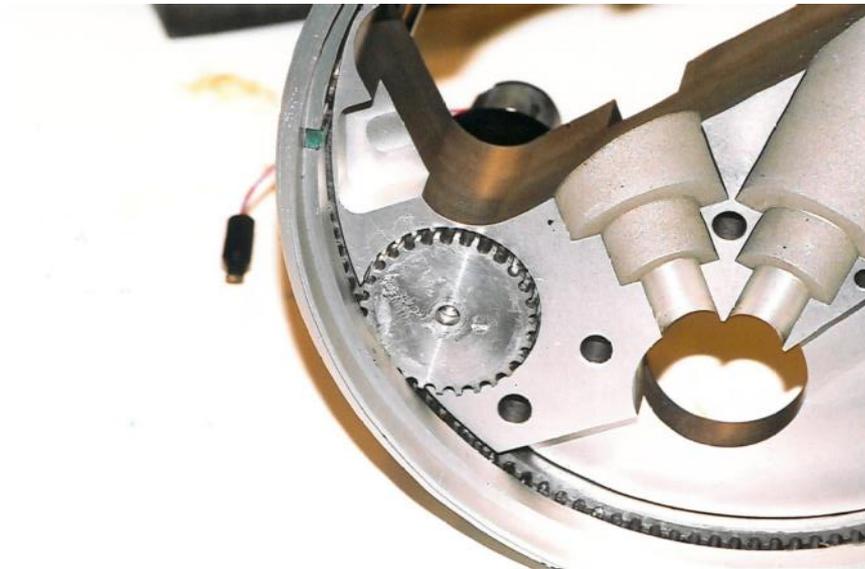
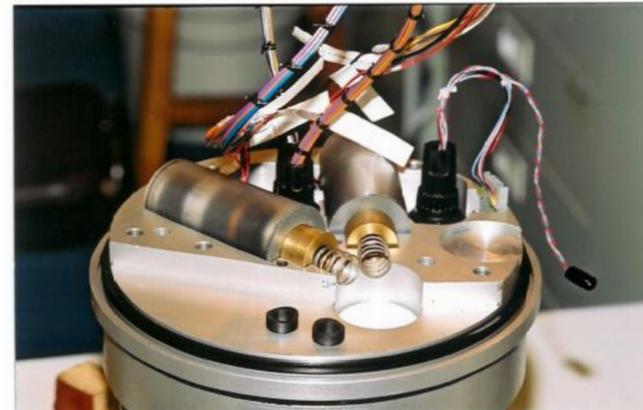


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Design evolutions

- Hardware
 - Changes in BB design – removal of bushes
 - Shutter drive
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Design evolutions

- Software
 - ISAR 5C
 - Onboard C – 18 versions
 - Post-processing IDL, later python
 - ISAR 5D
 - Onboard C – 14 versions
 - Post-processing python
 - ISAR 5E
 - Onbaord
 - C for SAME54 – 6 versions
 - Python for Raspberry Pi – 11 versions
 - Post-processing python
 - Python post processor
 - Unified processor for all ISAR – 30 versions



ISAR sea surface temperature post processor version history

This is the version history for main ISAR PP processor, which is used by a number of tools in the ISAR PP software suite.

1. CHANGELOG

Version v5.6- 26.01.2022

- Bug fixes to v5.5:
 - Pysolar replaces astral, bug in astral produces no value for solar zenith in summer above 60 degree latitude. In `__SetNCFlags`.
 - *Mean Roll angels of greater than 45 degrees do not produce nans in the uncertainty any more, the uncertainty is estimated without the emissivity uncertainty and the flags 4 (ISAR exception), 5 (processing exception) and 11 (roll exception) are set.*
- Updates:
 - `bShutterOverride` can be set in `deployment.cfg`, used for broken shutter to behave as open or closed (default is open).
 - `isar_file_ub` can read gzip ISAR files directly.

Version v5.5- 01.11.2021

- Bug fixes to v5.4
 - Mean data processing, `mtime` was using `mx.DateTime` instead of `datetime`
 - `solar_azimuth_isar` now defaults to -999.0 if `solar_azimuth` (from astral) is missing and does not calculate any angles.

Version v5.4- 21.07.2021

- Bug fixes to v5.3:
 - Julian day was absolute seconds since epoch not days since 4712 BC! Also daily netcdf files were split on seconds not Julian day. Change in `write_isar_sst`. New function `__getjulianDate` in `write_isar_sst`.
- Updates
 - `Isar_cal` change for `scipy.polyval` to `np.polyval`

Version v5.3- 08.01.2021

- Bug fixes to v5.2:
 - `Unfloat` fixes to estimate uncertainty correctly.

CASOTS

- Mk 1(1999)

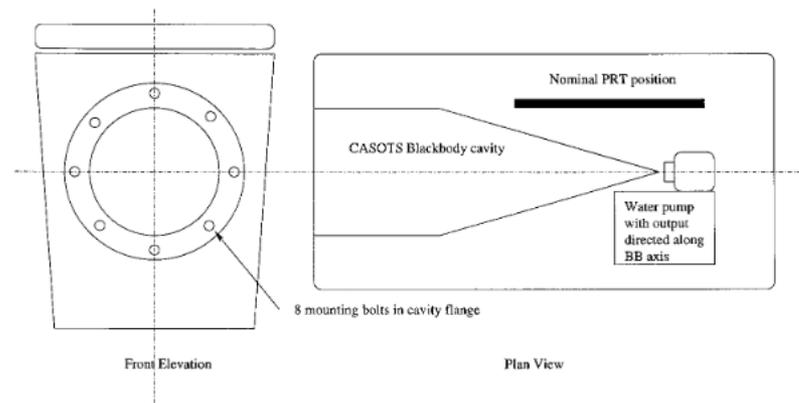


FIG. 1. A schematic diagram showing the general layout of the CASOTS blackbody unit. The relative positions of the blackbody cavity, a nominal PRT, and the water pump are shown. The water bath is approximately $70 \times 30 \times 30$ cm.

Donlon, Craig; Nightingale, Timothy; Fiedler, Lars; Fisher, Gina; Baldwin, D.; Robinson, I.S.. (1999). **The Calibration and Intercalibration of Sea-Going Infrared Radiometer Systems Using a Low Cost Blackbody Cavity**. Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology - J ATMOS OCEAN TECHNOL. 16.



CASOTS

- Mk 2 (2005)

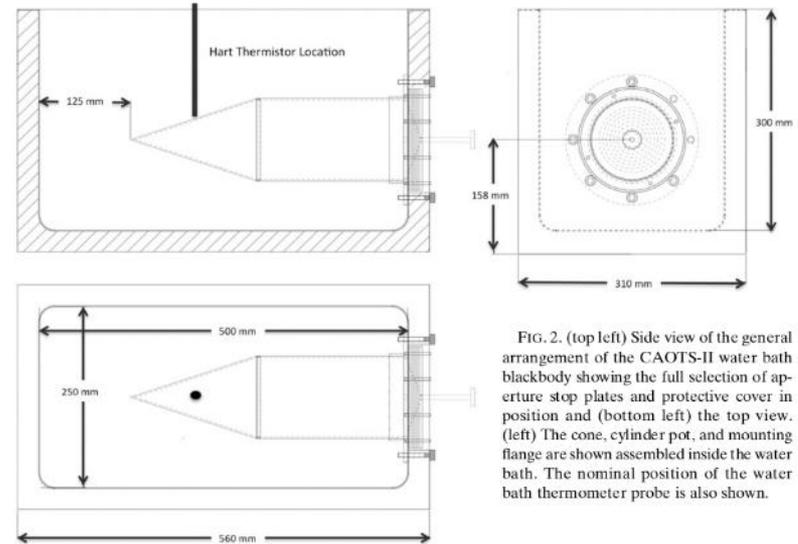


FIG. 2. (top left) Side view of the general arrangement of the CAOTS-II water bath blackbody showing the full selection of aperture stop plates and protective cover in position and (bottom left) the top view. (left) The cone, cylinder pot, and mounting flange are shown assembled inside the water bath. The nominal position of the water bath thermometer probe is also shown.

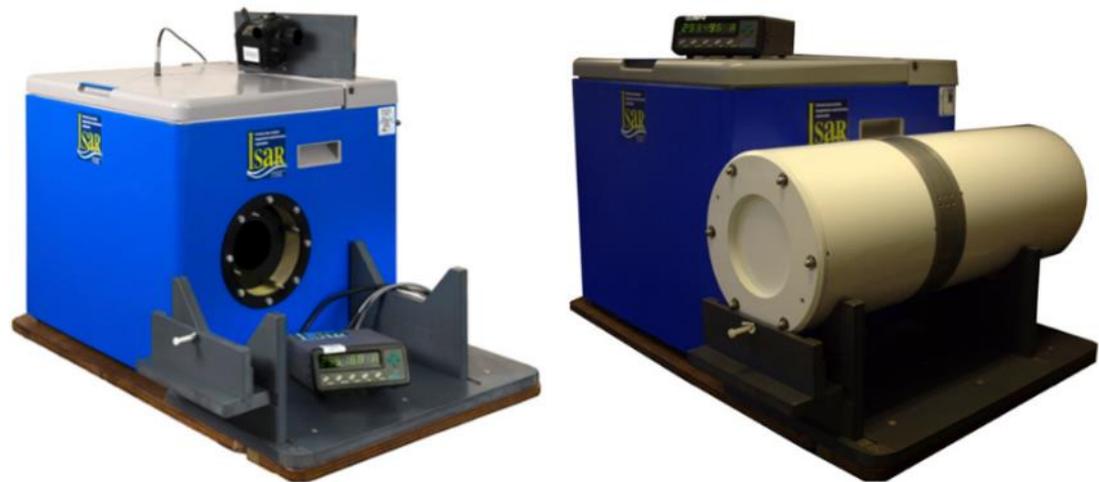


FIG. 1. CASOTS-II blackbody system with aperture protection plate removed from the protruding studs. (left) The ISAR radiometer mounting jig is shown in front of the circular aperture with the Hart Scientific 1504 bridge. A Thermometrics temperature probe 225 is shown at the top protruding from the water bath lid and the water bath pump (fitted internally when the unit is in operation) is also shown on top of the lid. (right) The CASOTS-II blackbody system showing an ISAR radiometer mounted for calibration verification.

Donlon, Craig J., Wimmer, W., Robinson, I., Fisher, G., Ferlet, M., Nightingale, T. and Bras, B. (2014) **A Second-Generation Blackbody System for the Calibration and Verification of Seagoing Infrared Radiometers**. Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology, 31 (5), 1104-1127.

Deployments

- Val-de-Loire (2002)
- SOC (NOC,S) roof



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ISAR installed on *Pride of Bilbao*

■ 2004 - 2010



■ Ancillary instrumentation;

- Anemometer
- Short- /Long wave Radiation
- Hull temperature (5m)
- Air temperature, Humidity
- FerryBox, CPR

ISAR installed on *Pride of Bilbao*

■ 2004 - 2010



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ISAR installed on *Cap Finistere*

- 2010 - 2012



ISAR installed on Pont Aven

- 2012 - ongoing



ISAR installed on *Pont Aven*

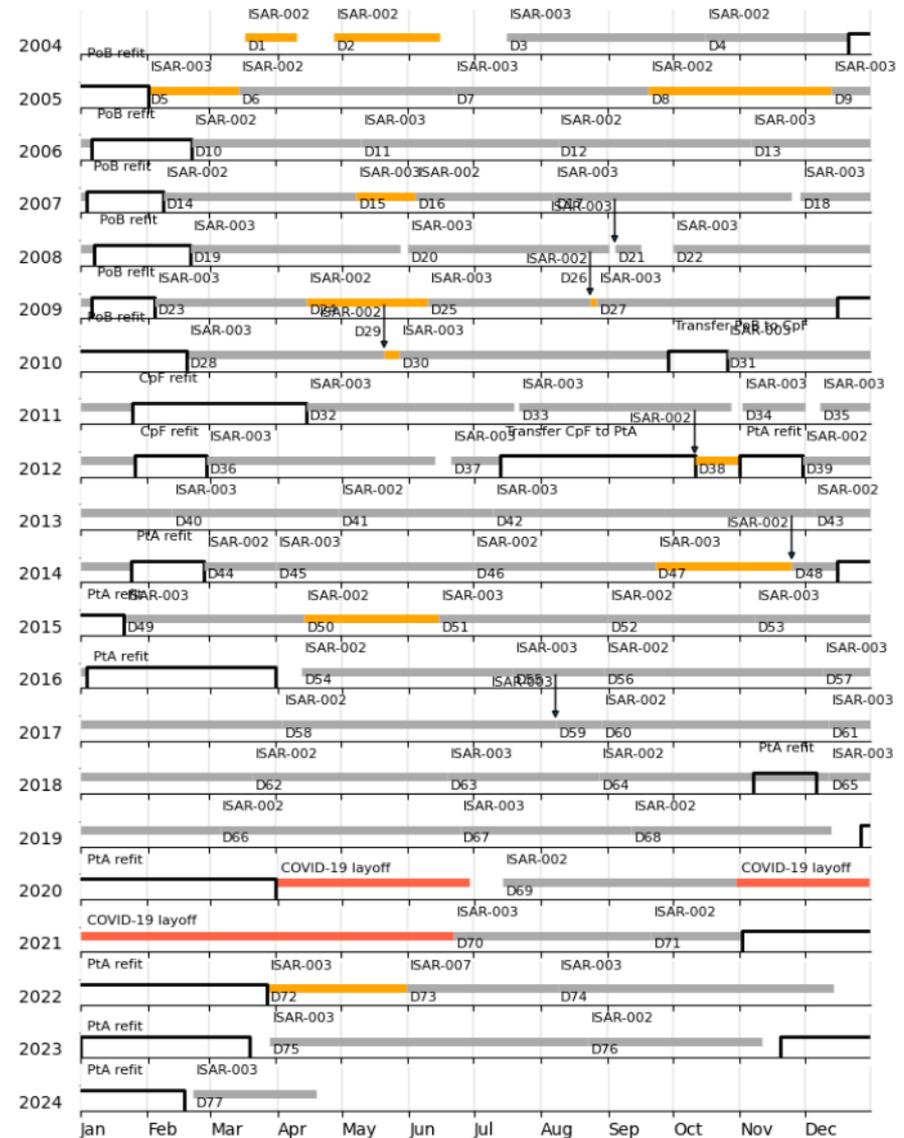
- 2012 - ongoing



ISAR deployments

- Bay of Biscay and English Channel

- 77 deployments
- ~ 5700 days at sea
- ~ 1 million SST measurements
- ~ 200 SST /day
- 12 failures:
 - 6 electronics issues,
 - ◆ 3 related to new electronics trails, 1 thermistors
 - 4 shutter failures
 - 2 configuration issues



ISAR deployments

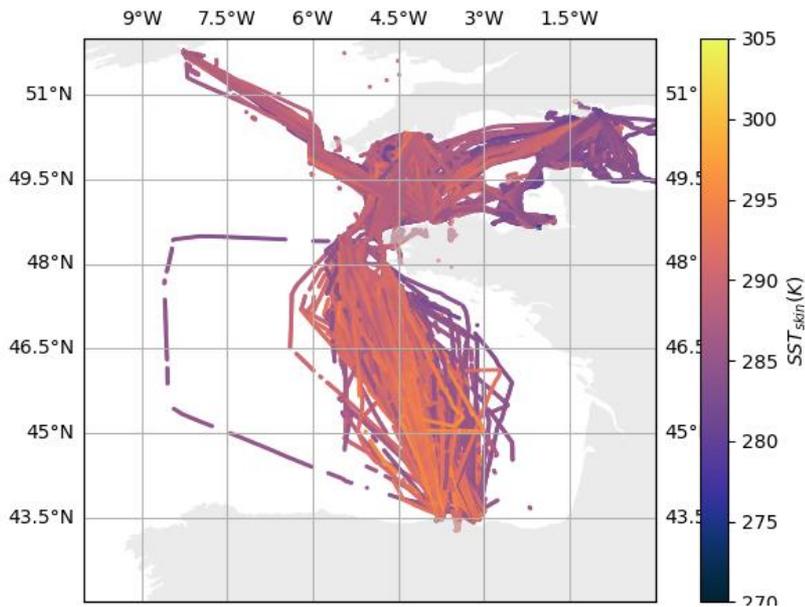
- Bay of Biscay and English Channel data

ISRN netcdf data plots
ISAR 007, ISAR 003, ISAR 002

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ISAR ship track
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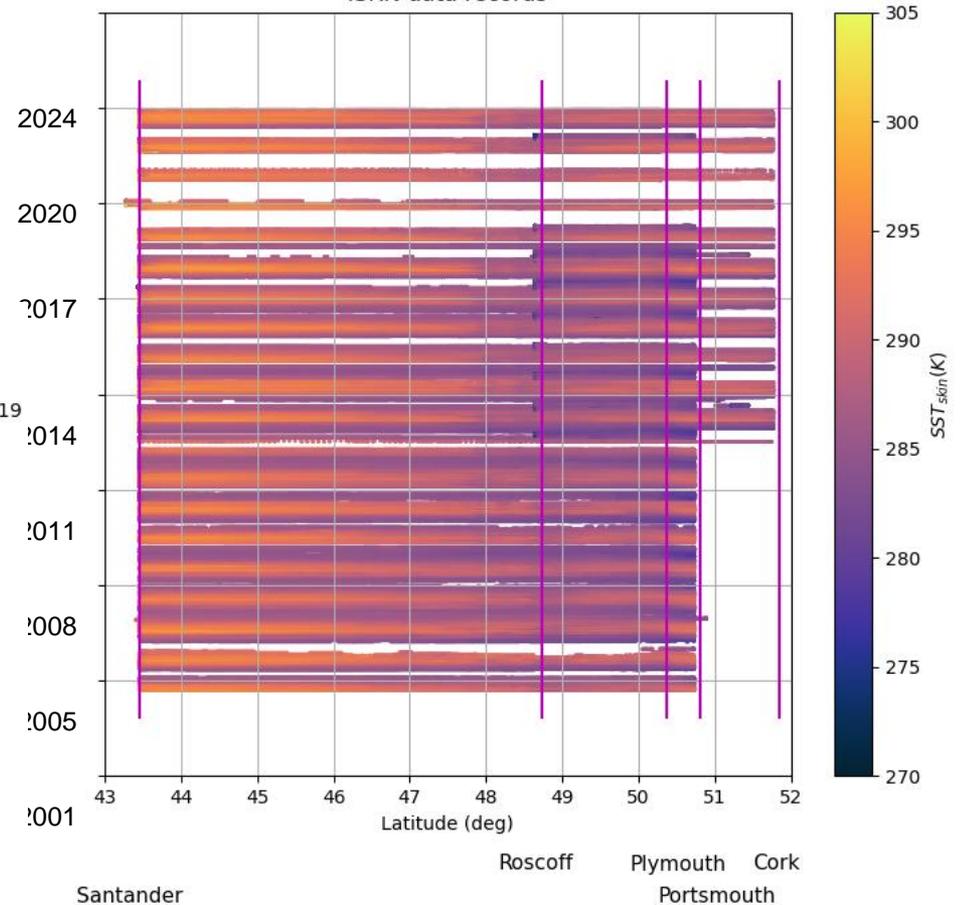
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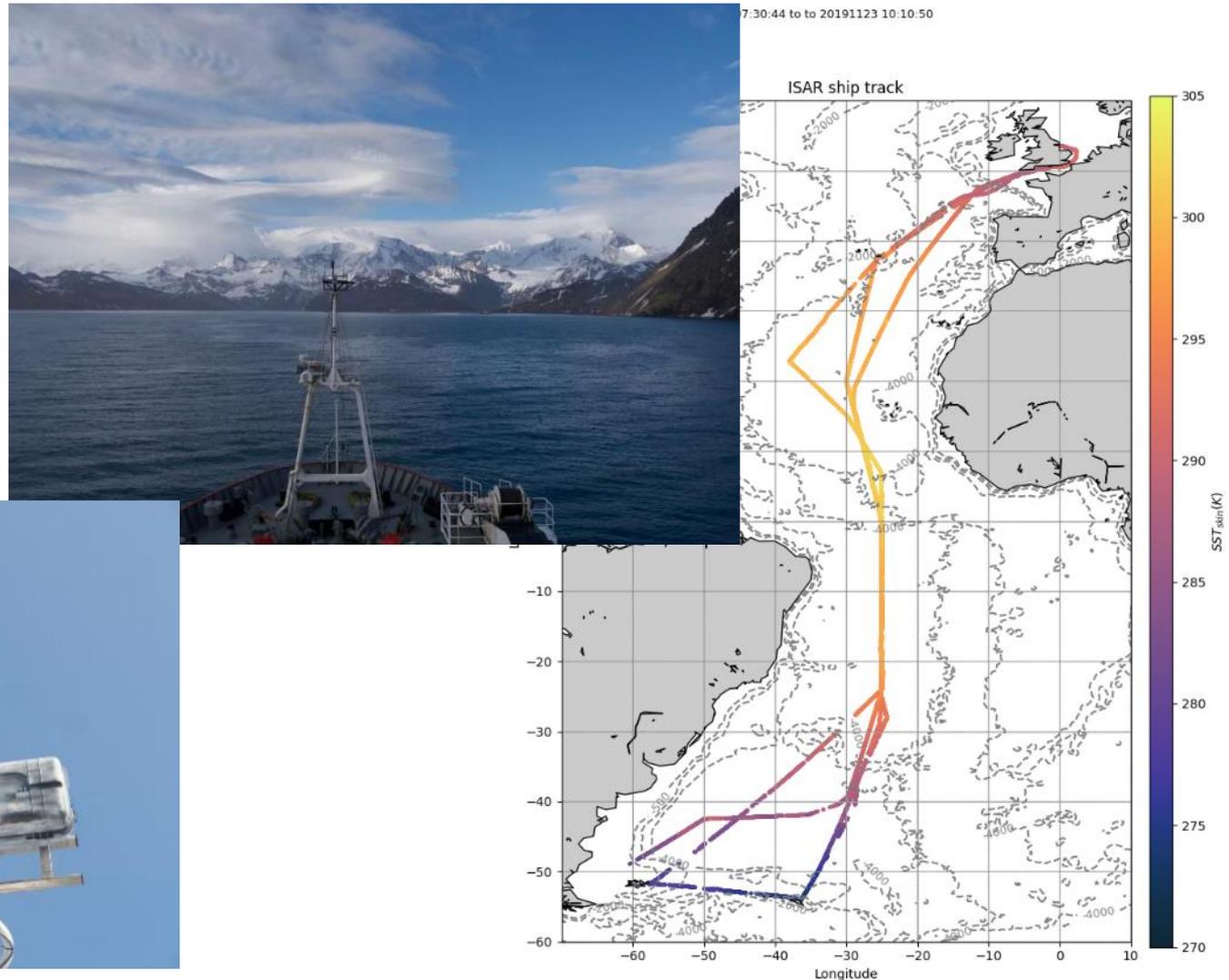


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ISAR deployments

AMT

- 4 cruises
 - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- 166 days
- ~ 40 000 SST
- ~ 250 SST /day
- ISAR side by side comparison



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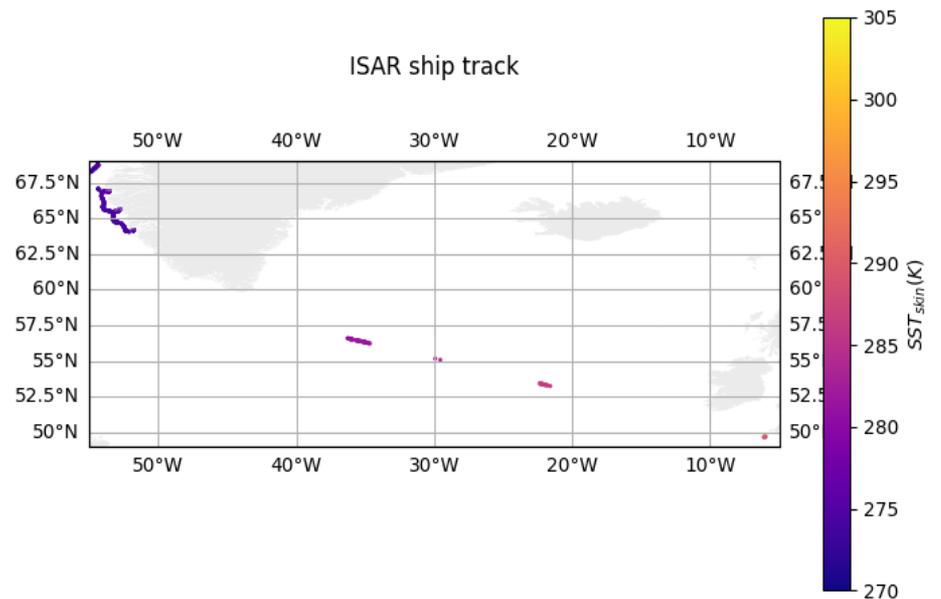
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ISAR deployments

- AMT like
 - DY151, June 2022
 - Instruments only, some issues due to COVID protocols and instrument access



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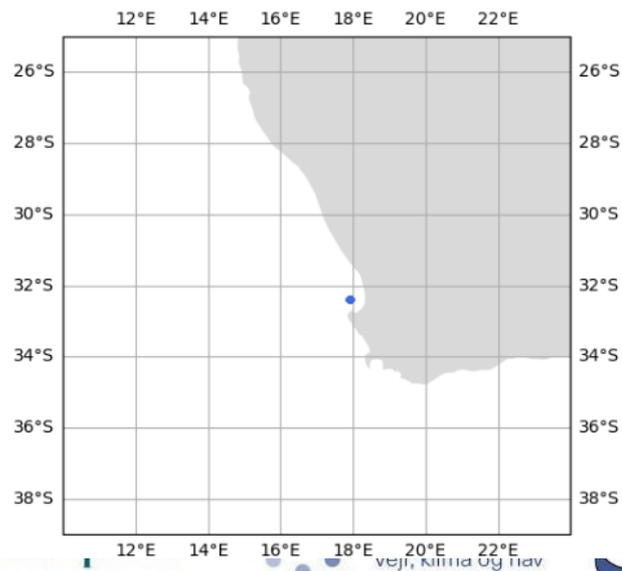
ISAR deployments

- S/A Algoa / BENFLUX
- December 2021 protocols and instrument access



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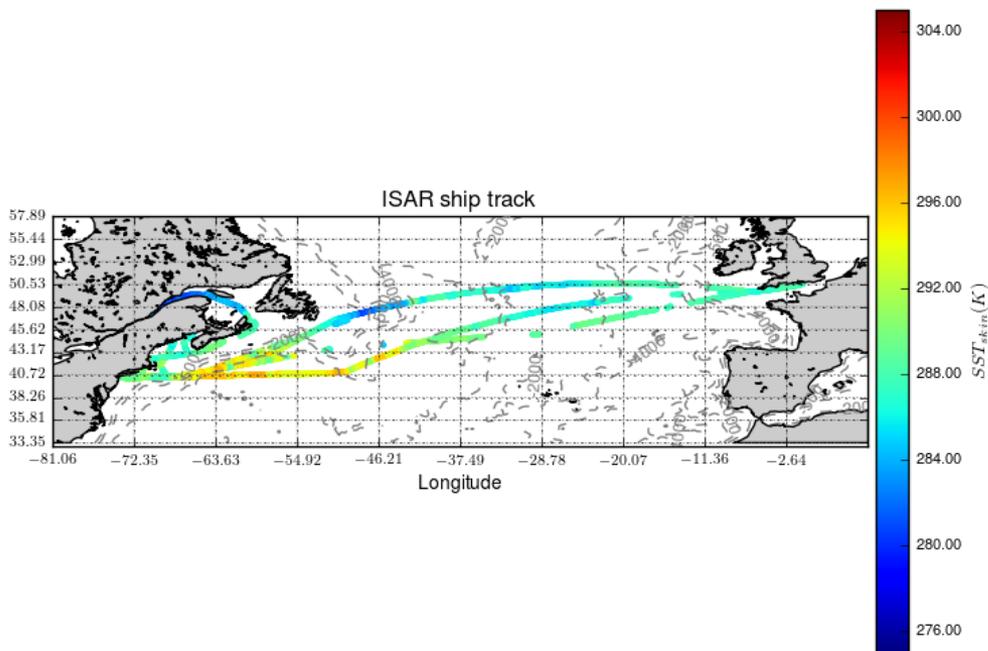
ISAR deployments

- QM2

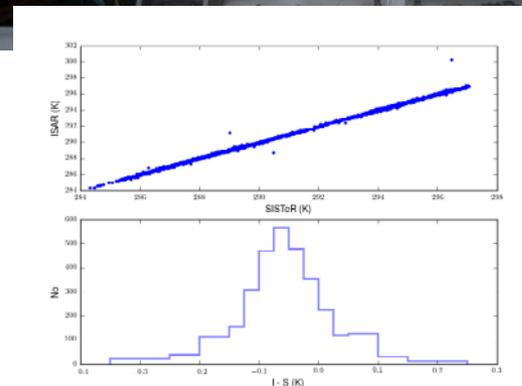
- ISAR – SISTeR side by side inter-comparison

- 2015

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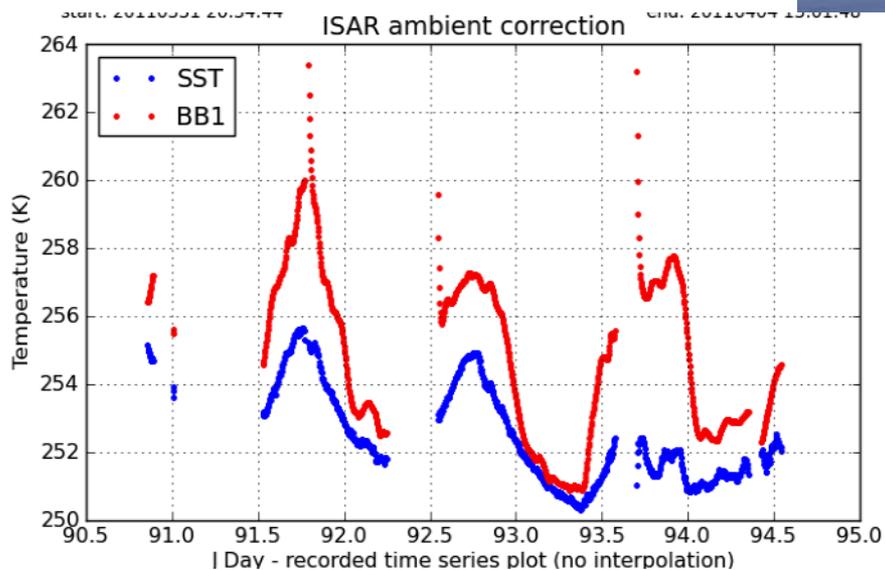


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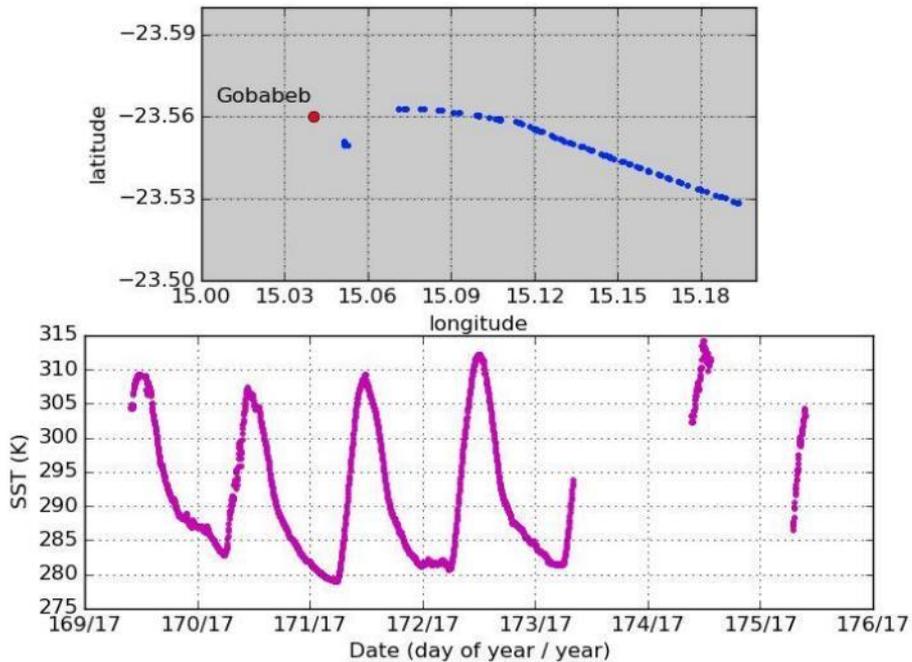
ISAR deployments

- FRM4STS – ICE
 - ISAR inter-comparison
 - 2016, (2011)



ISAR deployments

- FRM4STS – Land
 - 2017



Inter-comparisons

- 2nd Miami
 - 2001



Figure 4. Left – the infrared radiometers mounted on the upper deck. From the left these are SISTeR, ISAR, CIRIMS, M-AERI, DAR011, and the hand-held TASCO. Right – the view from above. The JPL radiometer was mounted on the fore-deck, viewed the sea between the two hulls of the *Walton Smith*, and is not visible in these photographs.

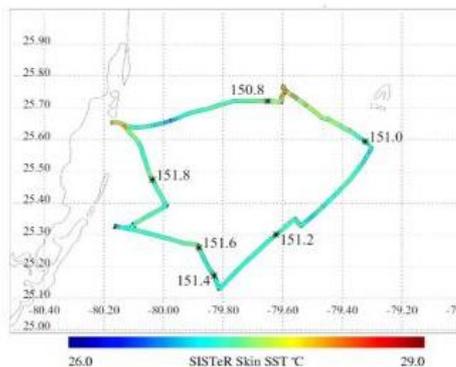


Figure 5. The track of the RV *Walton Smith* during the 2-day cruise. The times are day-of-year plus decimal days (UTC). Day 151.0 is 8:00 pm local time on May 30. The track is colored by the measurements of the SISTeR.



Figure 1. The NIST EOS TXR



Figure 2. The RSMAS water-bath blackbody calibrator, following the design of Fowler.



Figure 3. The CASOST-style blackbody calibrator.

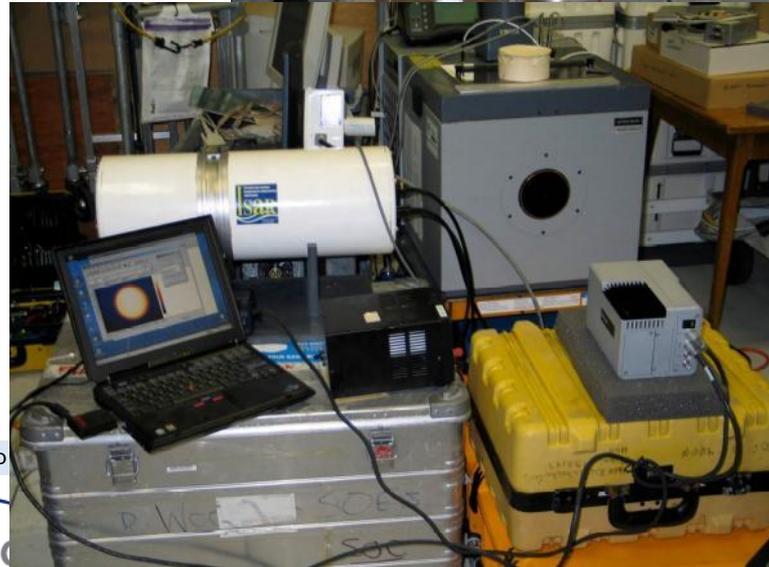
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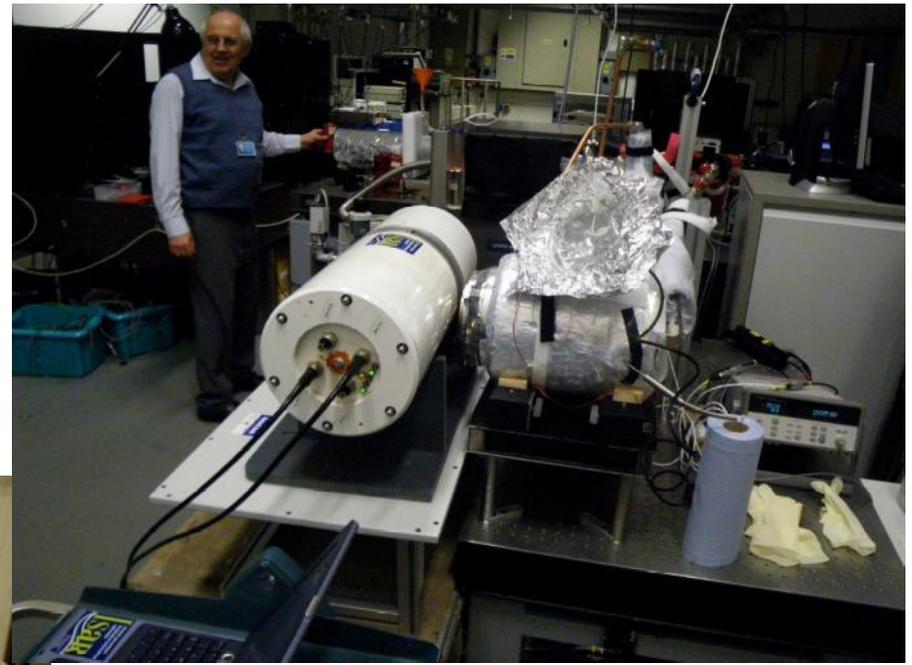
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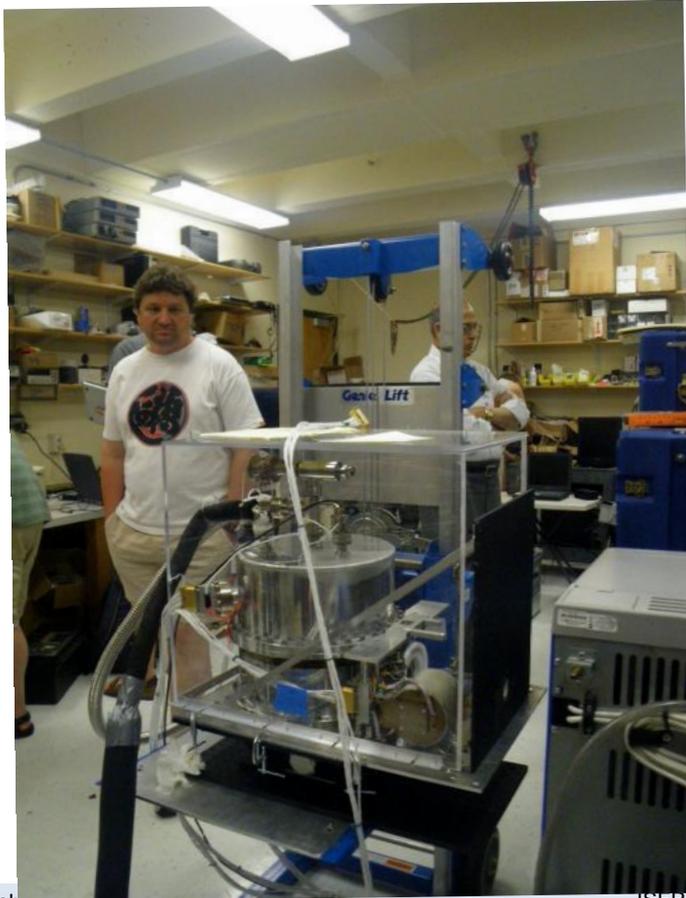
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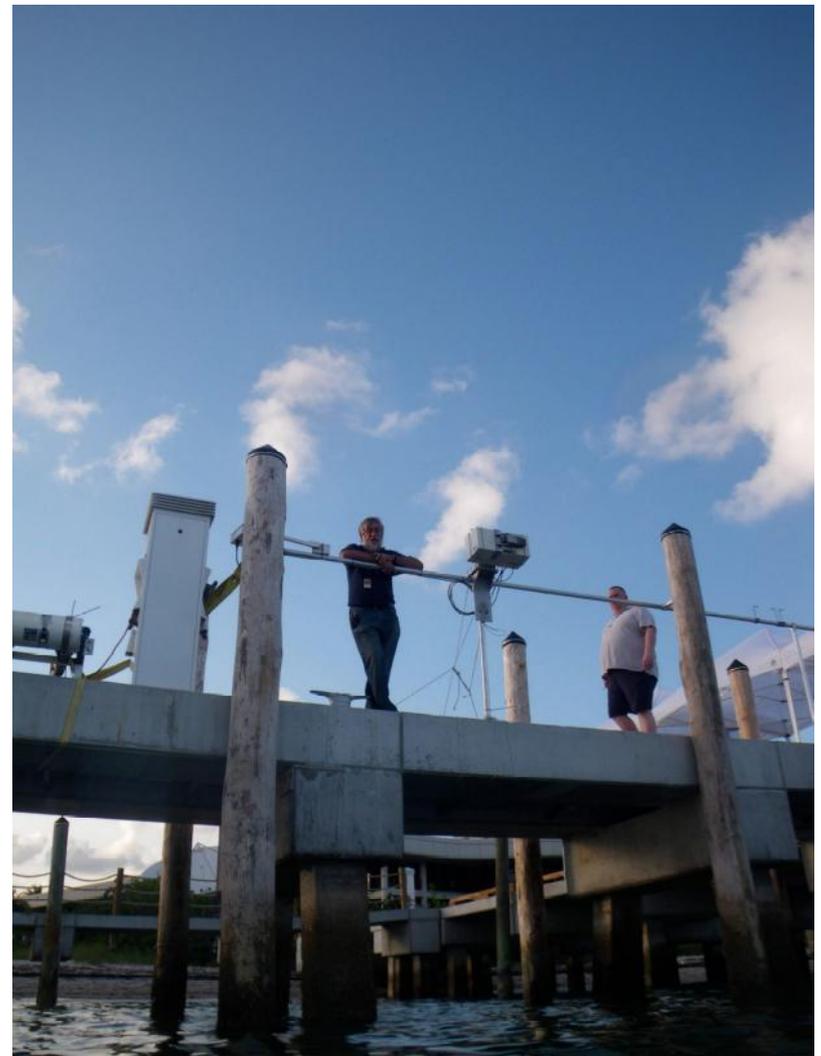
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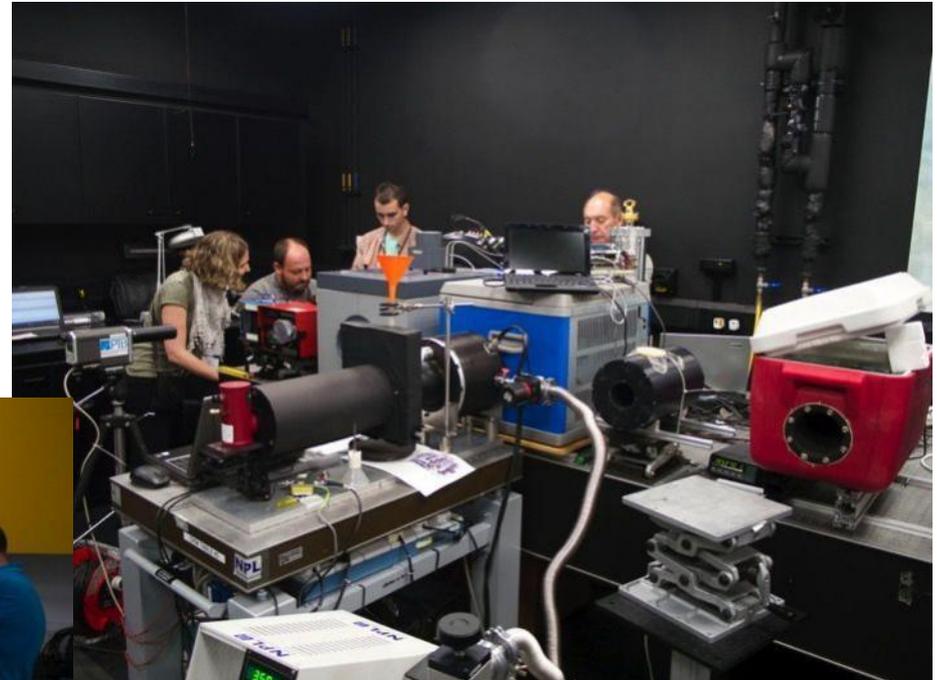
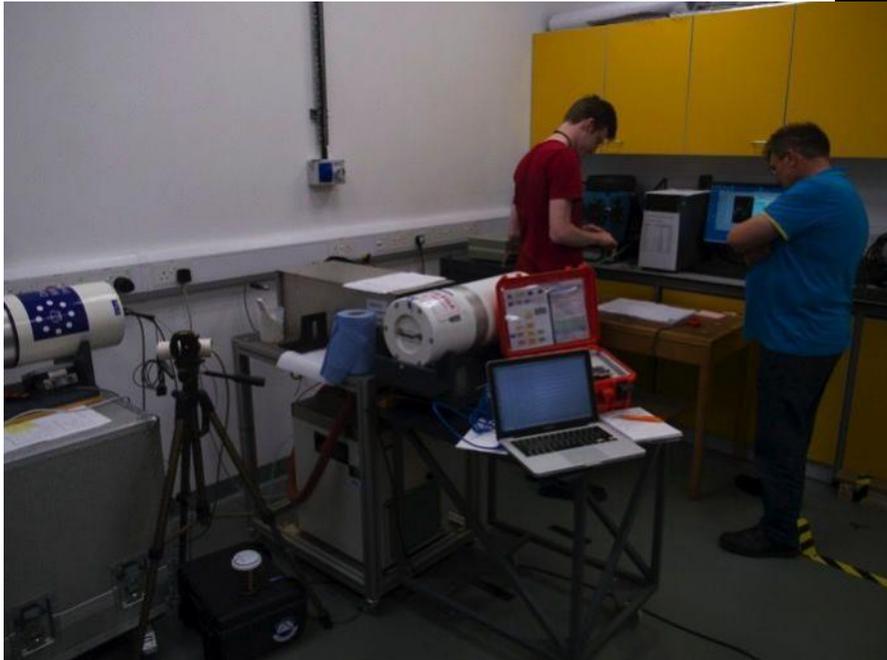
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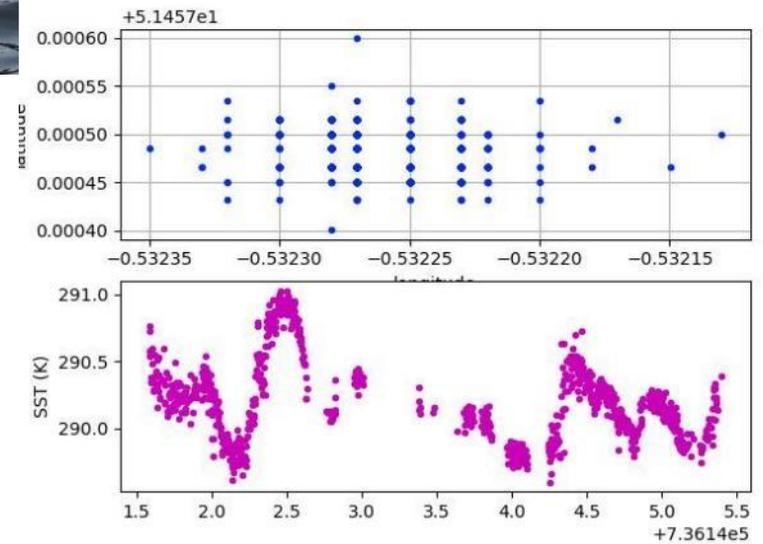
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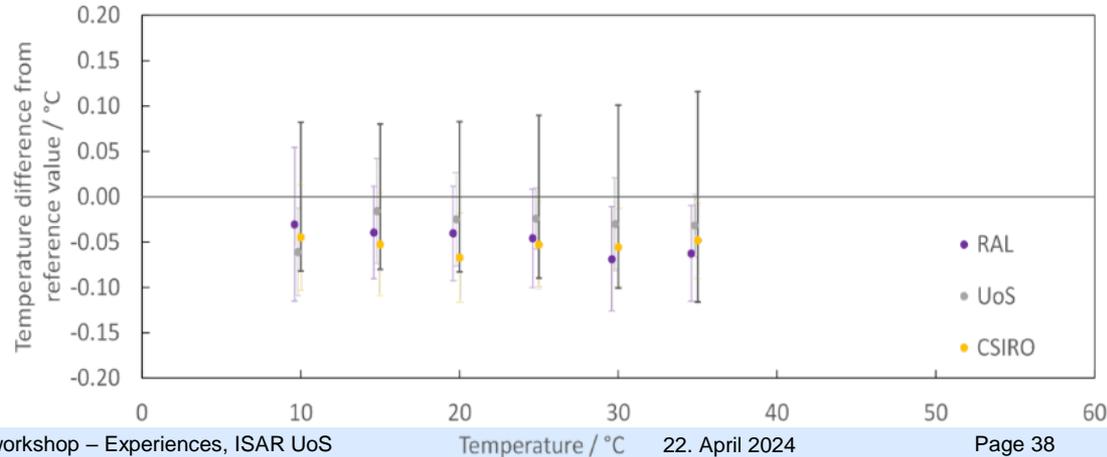
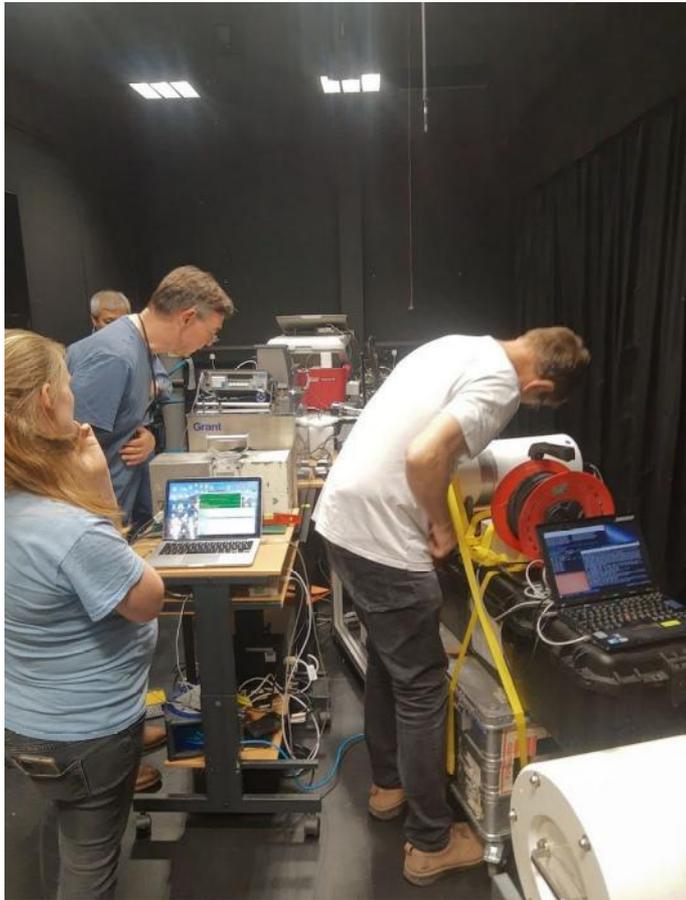
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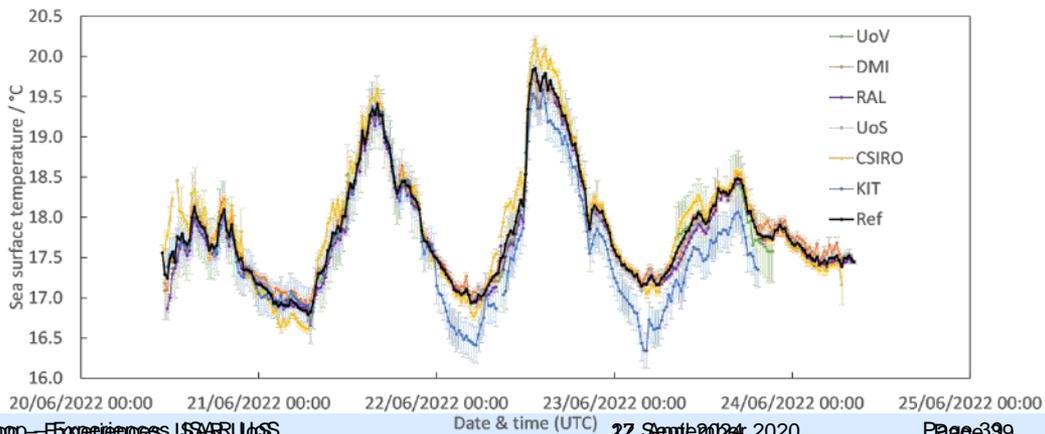
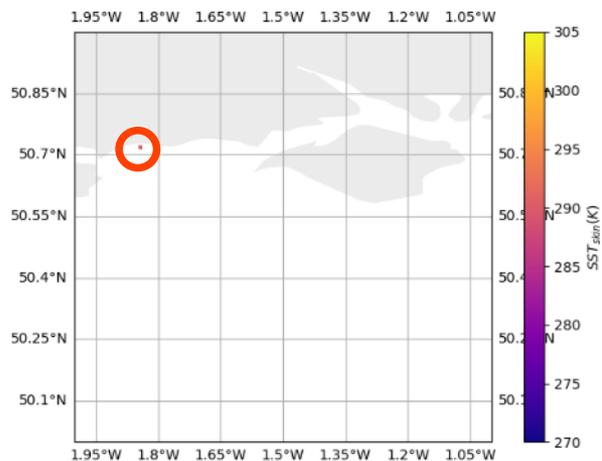
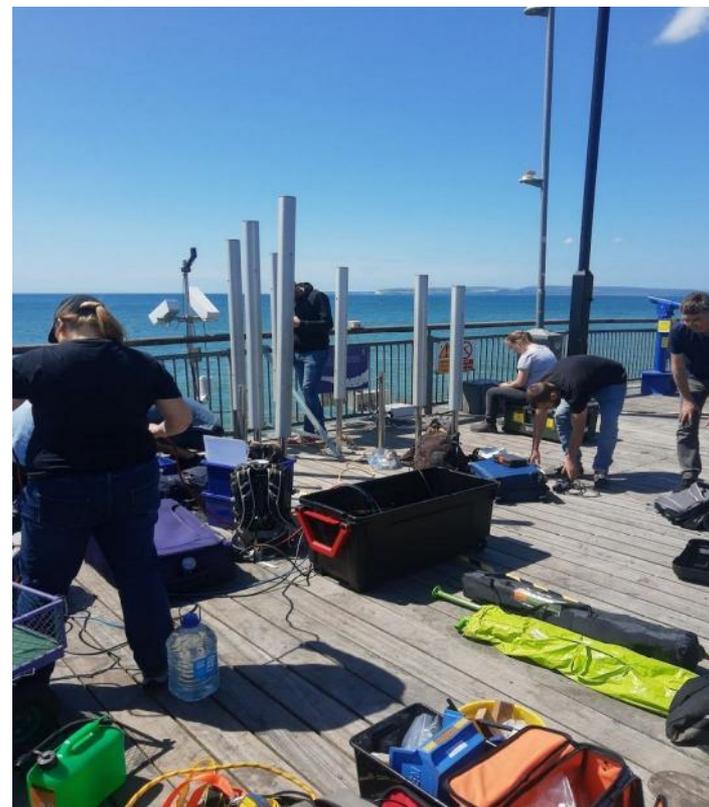
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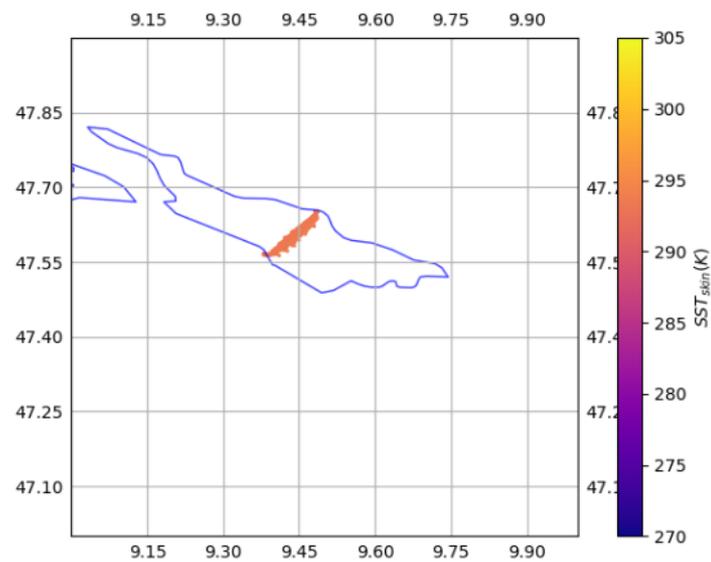
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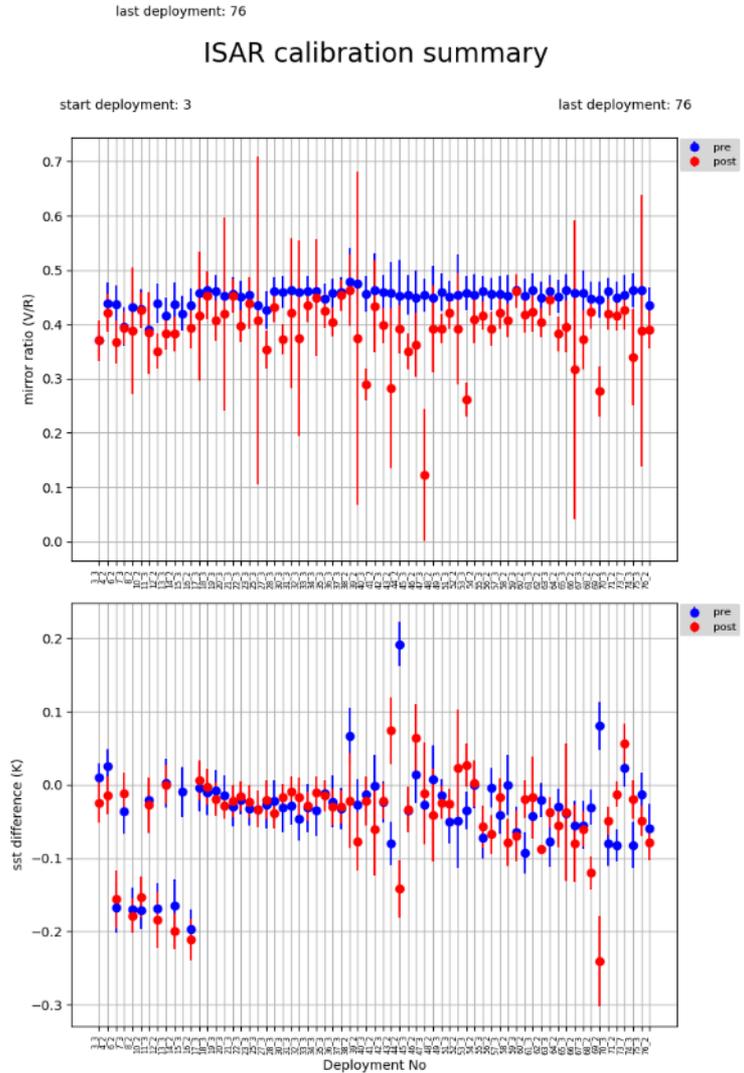
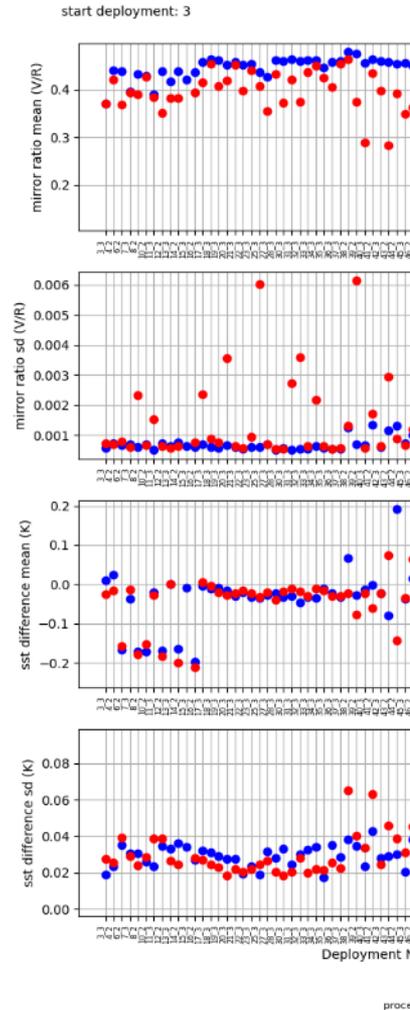
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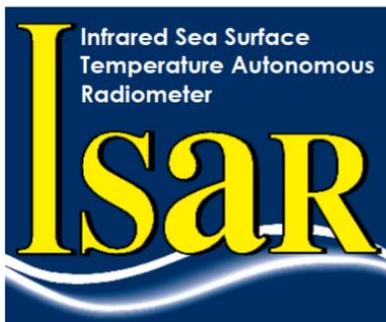
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Report on the ISAR 002 shutter failure

Introduction

The shutter on ISAR 002 failed on the 15.06.2004, which left the shutter jammed in the open position. Figure 1 shows the instrument on board of the Pride of Bilbao on 15.06.2004. The shutter could not be moved by any means available and it was decided to switch the instrument off and take it off the Pride of Bilbao. Because the process of taking the ISAR off the Pride of Bilbao requires 3 people the instrument was recovered on 18.06.2004. To avoid any water ingress the shutter was taped over and the scan mirror positioned to look into the cold internal radiation source. After the recovery a



Figure 1: Image of the jammed shutter on the Pride of Bilbao as found on 15.06.2004. After the recovery a were carried brations in the facilities at the aphic Centre if the instrument behaviour under deployment temperature ach was done for the ambient temperatures of 10, 15 and

2 was jammed in an half open position (see figure 1). atory showed that under certain conditions the shutter ys got jammed in the position shown in figure 1. This be overcome with helping to push the shutter along from thorough investigation of the problem the instrument had to as the next step.

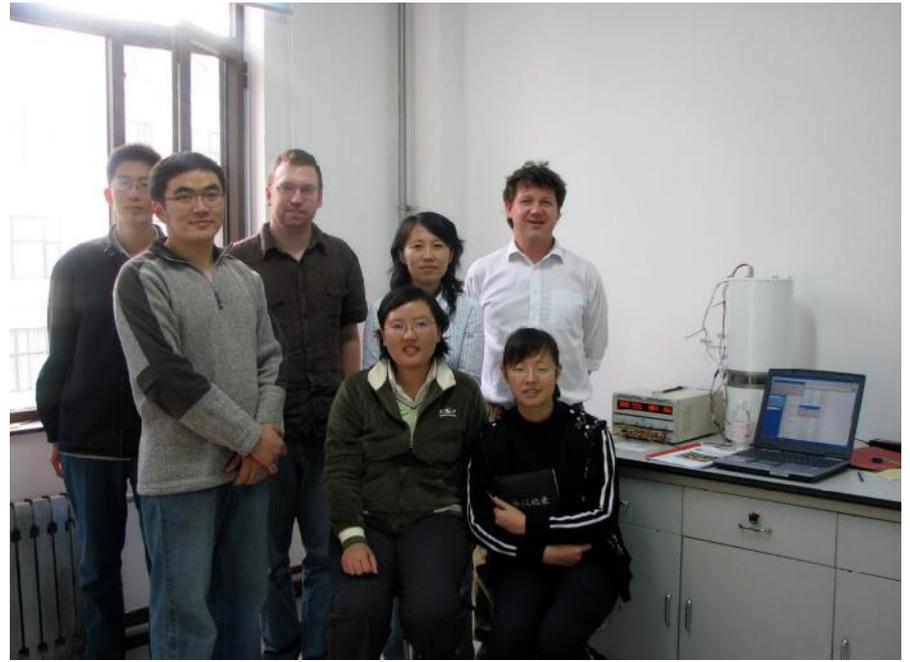
d that the sprocket which drives the drive belt and iad some of broken off teeth (see figure 2). Furthermore it had worn down quite substantially because of the wear ket. As a result of the wear and the broken off teeth the aluminium dust and some bigger parts form the teeth (see h was used on the sprocket drive belt interlink collected all drive belt and consequently increased the wear on the

o a certain extent able to drive through these particles, ight tolerances on the shutter door the amount of torque st by the motor indefinitely. This eventually led to the rrent limiting electronics on the shutter motor limited the way that the shutter motor could not provide the torque riction (Note that the shutter motor suffered no harm).

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ISAR customers

- University of Miami
- Ocean University China
- JAXA
- Royal Navy
- Danish Metrological Institute
- WHOI
- CSIRO
- Seoul National University
- Vaisala (Australian Antarctic Division)
- National Ocean Technology Center of China
- MetNo



Conclusion

- 20 years of near continuous operations
 - English Channel and Bay of Biscay
- Huge amount of high quality FRM data
- One of the longest SST skin data records
 - More than 1100000 SST measurements
- Autonomous instrument, works in most environments
 - However needs careful maintenance
- Expansion to other areas – AMT, LWST, LST
- Protocols for installation
 - Instrumentation
 - Ship owners
- Failures
 - Design changes (shutter, mirror, electronics)
 - Improved maintenance and pre-deployment checks