

# Laboratory exercise LCE-2 in the framework of FRM4SOC

FRM4SOC

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# Fiducial Reference Measurements

- the suite of independent ground measurements
- that provide the maximum scientific utility/return on investment for a satellite mission
- by delivering, to users, the required confidence in data products,
- in the form of independent validation results and satellite measurement uncertainty estimation,
- over the duration of the mission.

C. J. Donlon, P. J. Minnett, N. Fox, W. Wimmer, "Chapter 5.2 - Strategies for the Laboratory and Field Deployment of Ship-Borne Fiducial Reference Thermal Infrared Radiometers in Support of Satellite-Derived Sea Surface Temperature Climate Data Records," in *Optical Radiometry for Ocean Climate Measurements*, vol. 47, Academic Press, 2014, pp. 557–604.

# The FR Measurements must

- have documented **traceability to SI** (calibration, comparison);
- be **independent from the satellite retrieval process**;
- have evaluated **uncertainty budgets** for all FRM instruments and measurements procedures available and maintained;
- defined and adhered **protocols/community-wide management practices** (measurement, processing, archive, documents etc.);
- be openly and freely available for independent scrutiny.

# Objectives of FRM4SOC

- Establish and maintain **SI traceability** of ground-based FRM for satellite Ocean Colour Radiometry with relevant **uncertainty budgets**
- Set up the **protocols** for an international ongoing reference measurement system for the validation of satellite ocean colour.
- Support that the ESA Sentinel satellite measurements of ocean colour (MSI on Sentinel 2 and OLCI on Sentinel 3) are of the highest quality possible

WKP – 1 Workshop on vicarious adjustment



OCR FRM Description, Measurement Procedures and  
Protocols



LCE-1 Verification of reference irradiance and  
radiance sources



LCE-2 Verification of OC radiometer calibration

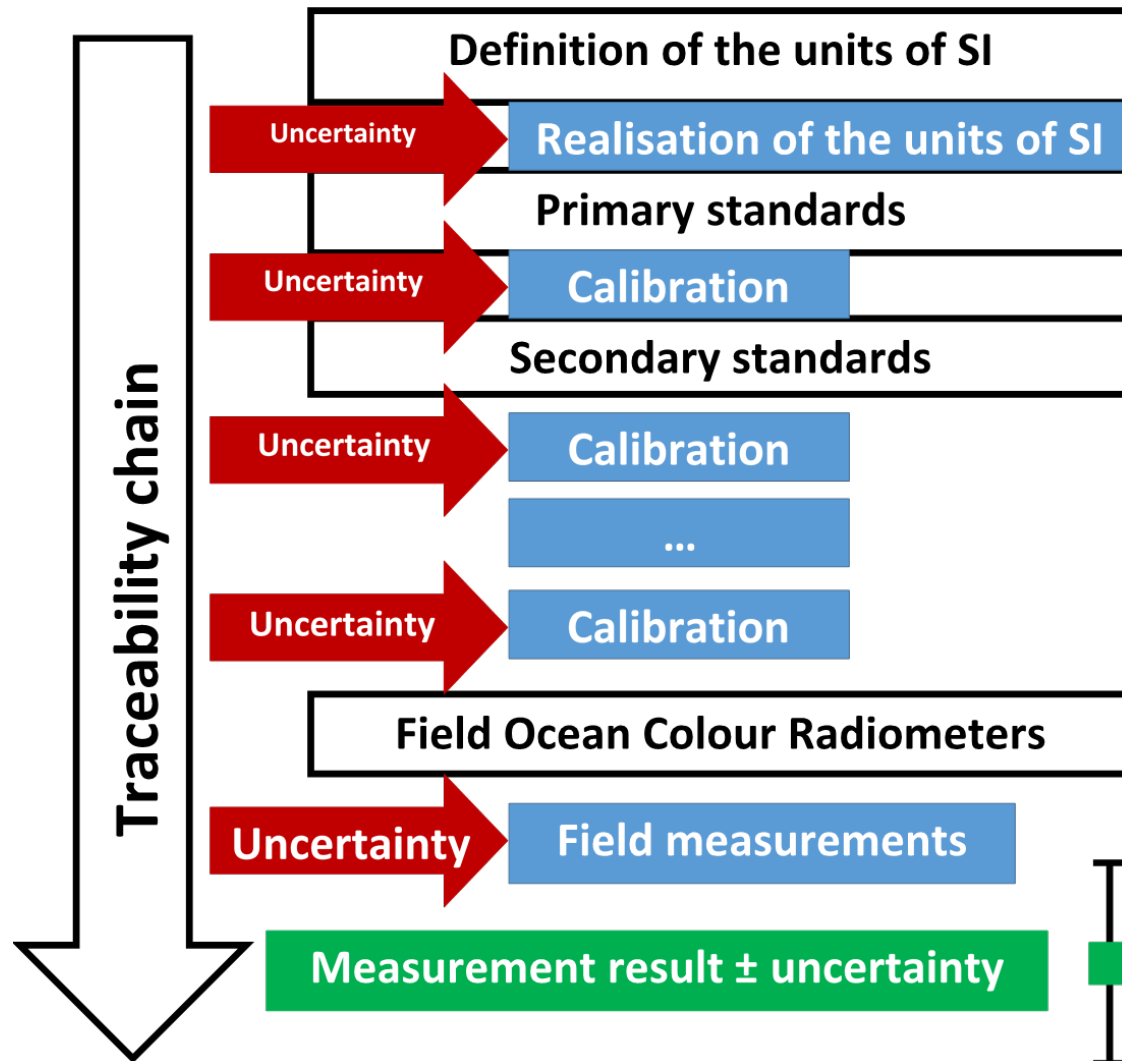


FICE – OC Field Inter-comparison experiments

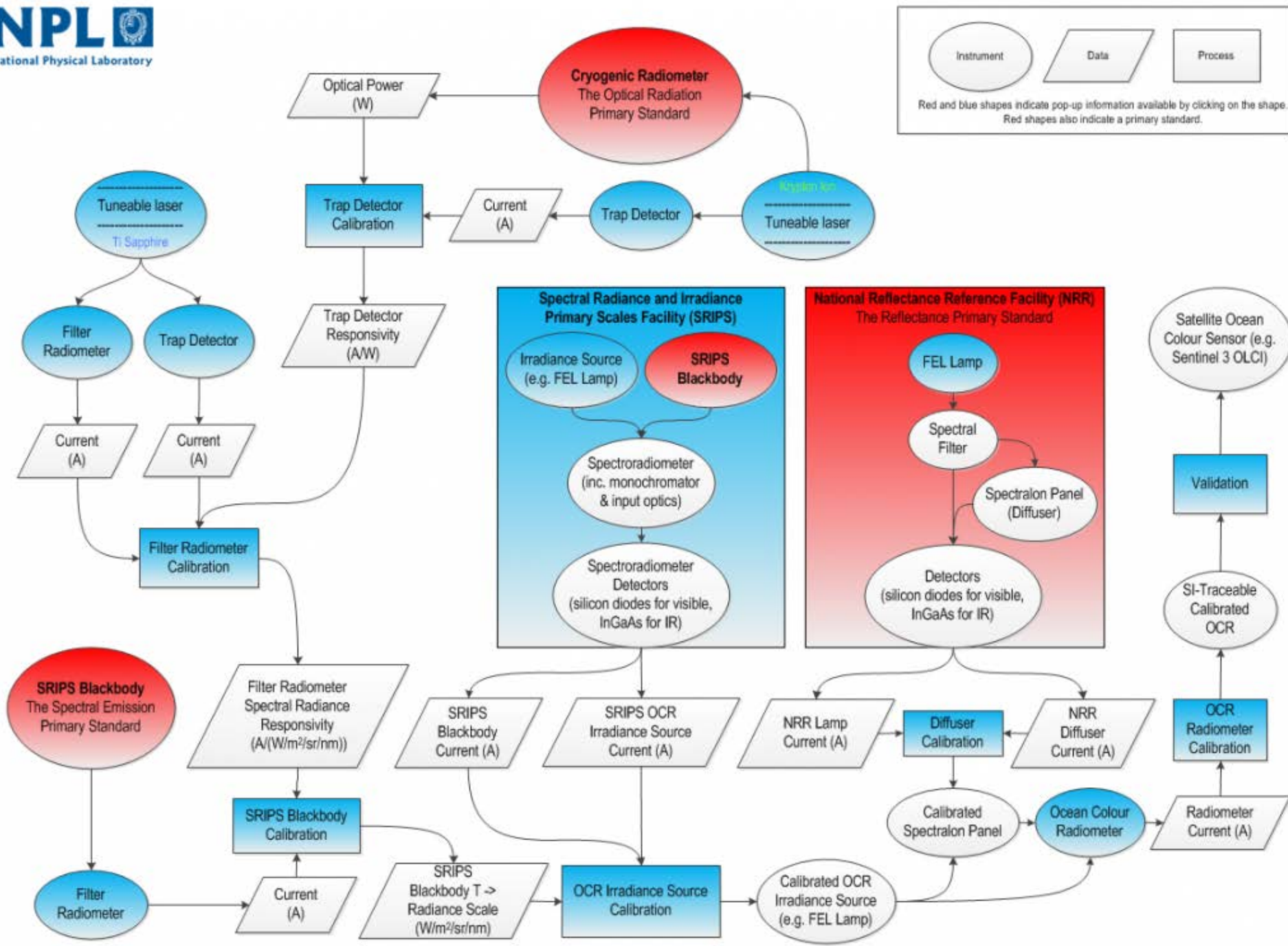


Compilation of uncertainty budgets



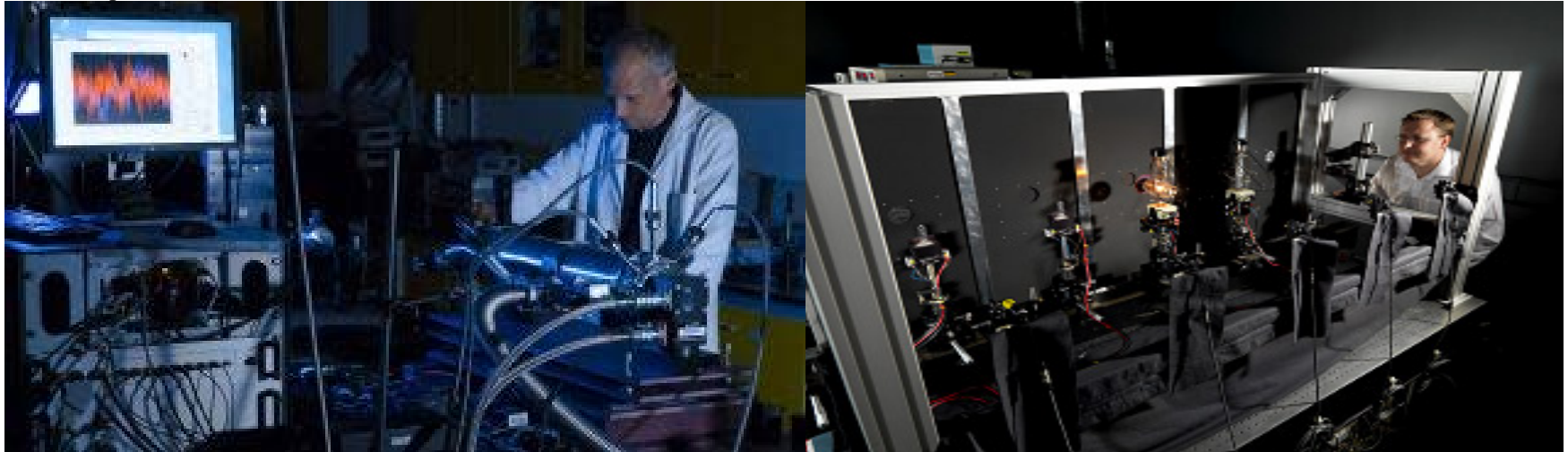






# LCE-1 3 – 7 April 2017 at NPL, Teddington, UK

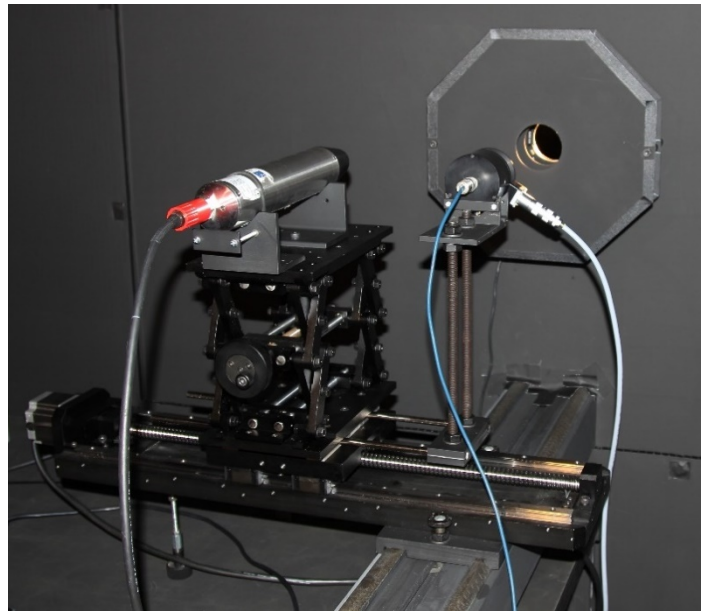
## Comparison of Reference Irradiance and Radiance Sources at NPL



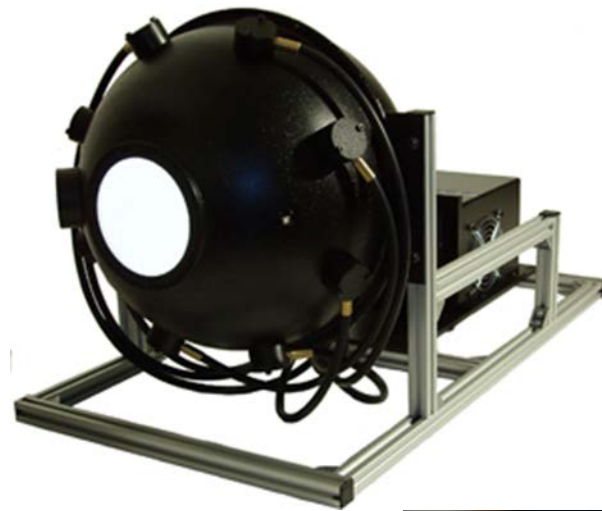


# LCE-2 8 – 13 May 2017 at TO, Tõravere, Estonia

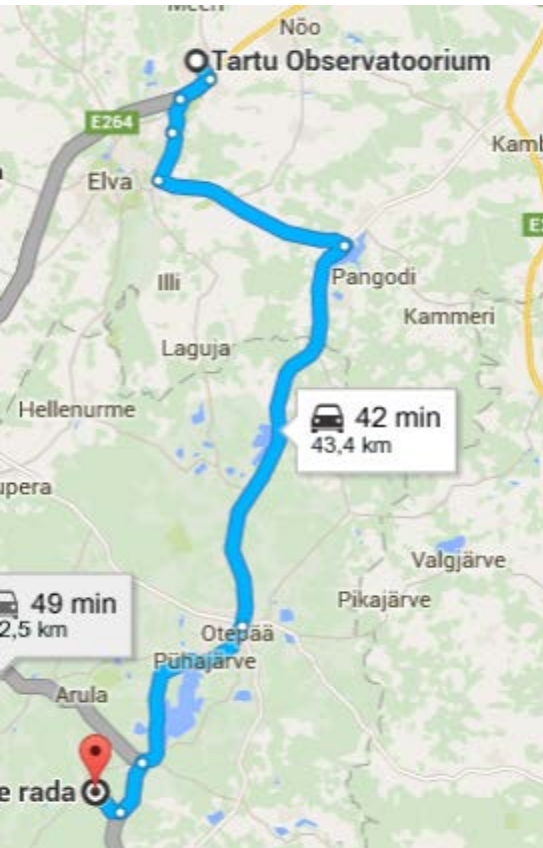
1. TO calibrates all participating radiometers



2. Participants measure the targets under controlled laboratory conditions



# LCE-2 outdoor intercomparison - Lake Kääriku, 8 – 13 May 2017





**FICE experiments will be conducted on two platforms** which have a long history of satellite ocean colour validation and development during NASA and ESA missions (O'Reilly et al. 1998; Zibordi et al. 2006).

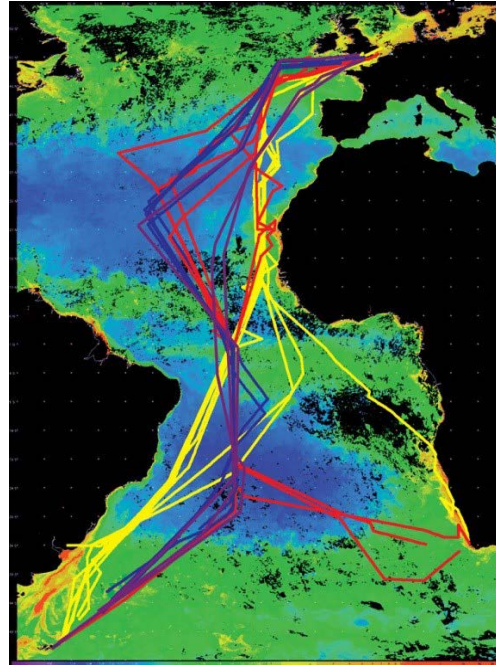
**1. The Acqua Alta Oceanographic Tower (AAOT), Gulf of Venice, Italy.**  
8 days, in **July 2018**.



Purpose built steel tower with instrument house platform to conduct optical measurements under stable conditions to tilt and roll and illumination geometry.

**2. The Atlantic Meridional Transect (AMT)**  
**27. Sept-Oct 2017.**

AMT cruises are conducted between UK & South Atlantic on a NERC ship.



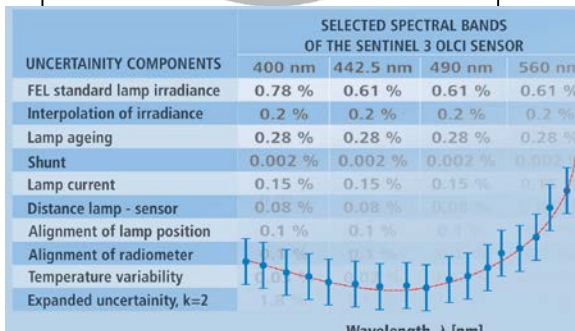
AMT passes through a wide range of environmental conditions and biogeochemical provinces.

# Uncertainty Budgets



Deriving a full uncertainty budget for the laboratory calibration exercises:

- **Will follow the GUM – Guide to the expression of Uncertainty in Measurement**
  - ✓ The foremost authority and guide to the expression and calculation of uncertainty in measurement science
  - ✓ Written by the JCGM and BIPM



<http://www.bipm.org/en/publications/guides/gum.html>



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