

## FRM4SOC: 'community workshop'

# Welcome

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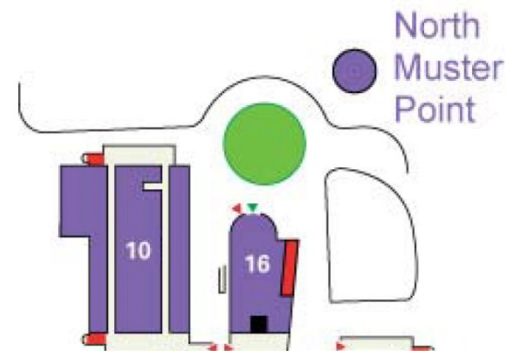
# Housekeeping

Please ensure mobile phones are turned off or are on silent.

There are no fire alarm tests scheduled today. If the fire alarm sounds (siren and/or voice system) please follow instructions given. If asked to evacuate please leave via the nearest exit and assemble at the North muster point. NPL staff will give directions.

The North muster point is on the grass area the other side of the roundabout opposite reception.

**Do not wait on road.**



Toilets ('restrooms') for men and women are located both on the first floor and ground floor behind the reception hall.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building

# Wireless network for visitors

To connect to the guest network

Connect to **TEMP-ACCESS**

1. Open your internet browser, please note our wireless network is not compatible with Windows Vista
2. Accept the unsigned certificate if prompted [you may receive a message from your pc advising you not to do this]
3. Log in with user name: **guest**
4. Password: **teddington**

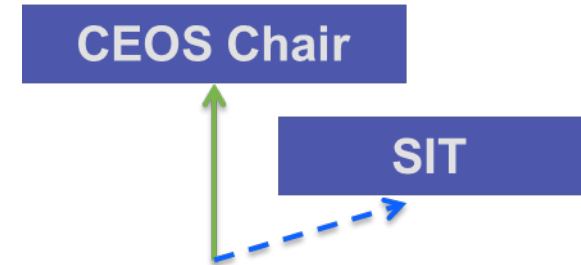
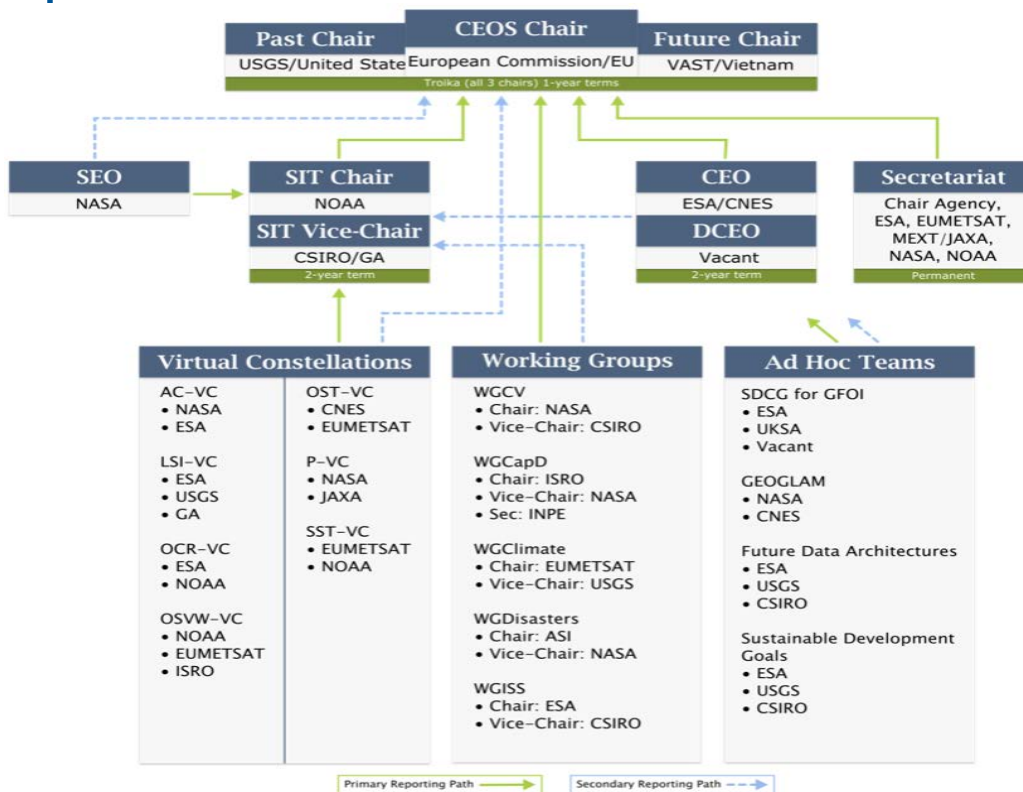
# International EO community



**103 member countries + 90 organisations**



**31 member Agencies + 28 organisations**



**Operational (Meteorological space agencies)**

# The Metre convention (système International d'unités (SI))



BIPM, Sèvres, Paris



- Created 1875
- Currently 58 member states, 41 associates
- Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)
  - Created 1999 to ensure equivalence of measurements between countries
  - Includes: **WMO**, IRMM, IAEA & **ESA**

## Governance

Conférence Général des Poids et Mesures (CGPM) 4 yrly  
2018 Change definition of Kg, K, Mol, A to fixed constants

Comité International Poids et Mesures (CIPM)

Consultative committees (for each unit) (technical from NMIs)

propose definitions, decide on and organise comparisons etc

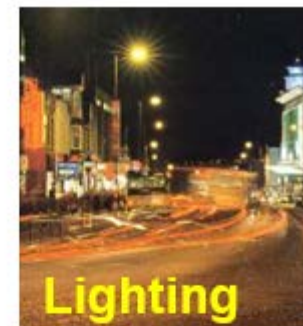
(CCPR 'Photometry and Radiometry') (optical measurements)



# EO @ NPL Vision: *build from heritage strengths in optical radiation to establish world class, globally leading infrastructure & expertise to meet metrology needs of worlds EO and Climate community*

Satellite data quality

Pre-flight



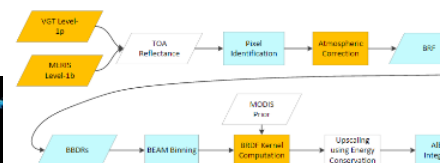
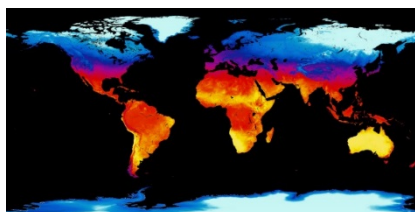
In-flight



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Products & information



# How to define a Fundamental (Climate) Data Record?

(Draft definition under consideration by CEOS/CGMS Working Group Climate during 2018:) **An FCDR consists of a long, harmonised record of uncertainty-quantified sensor observations that are calibrated to physical units and located in time and space, together with all ancillary and lower-level instrument data used to calibrate and locate the observations and to estimate uncertainty.**

**Note** The term **Fundamental Data Record** may be applied to records meeting similar standards to an FCDR, but which is either too short to be informative about climate variability and change, or whose contents are relevant for purposes not considered to be climate applications. (Logically, one should define FDR as the baseline concept and add climate-specific requirements to define FCDR, and this may yet be recommended.)





**Metrology** provides the framework to derive uncertainty quantified data

Documentation  
& Audits

SI

Traceability

Comparison

Uncertainty  
Analysis

# Why SI Traceability?

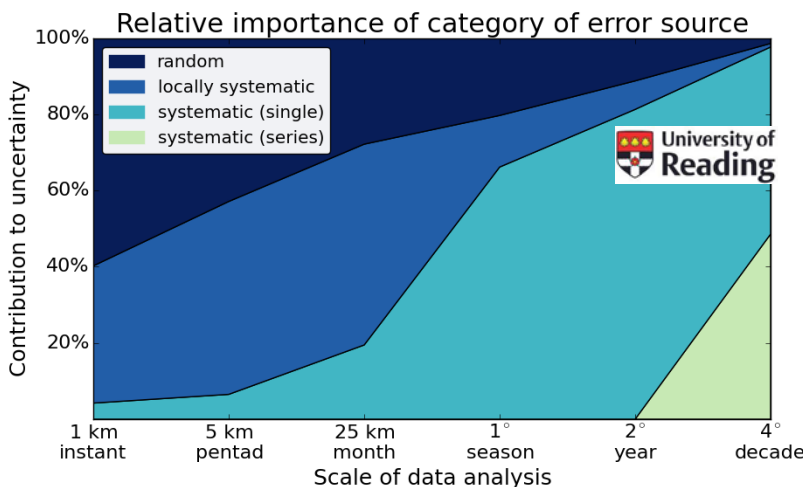


Unequivocally linking an '**observation**' to an invariant constant of nature (international system of units) with a robust estimate of **uncertainty** ensures the '**measurement**' can be: trusted, coherent and comparable with others, have longevity 'improves with age'



## **NEEDS to be evidenced at point of use - i.e. in space**

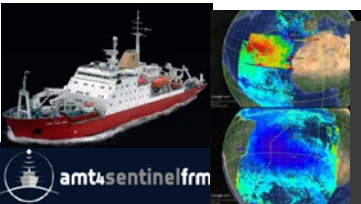
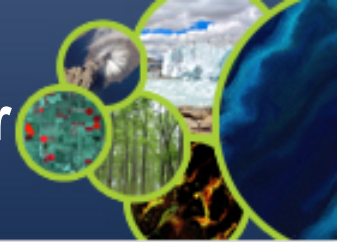
Some applications MAY not need radiometric SI Traceability or high accuracy – reliant on data from a single mission/image where SNR and relative pixel to pixel variances are enough (still need Uc/error corrections stray light, MTF ....)



Merchant (SST example Fiduceo)

- Single mission measurements over time,
- Mission to mission interoperability
- Multi-decadal climate
- Litigation/treaties/large investments...

**In the absence of an SI traceable sensor in space (of sufficient accuracy) an 'unequivocal reference data set' that can anchor all sensors is necessary to enable an Integrated EO System of climate quality**

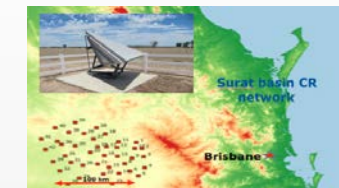
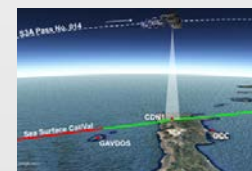


**Fiducial Reference Measurements (FRM) are a subset of 'in-situ' measurements of satellite measured parameters (L1/L2) that can be robustly compared to those independently derived from a satellite to:**

- Validate the sensor performance and any processing
- Provide a means to bridge any potential data-gaps
- Facilitate interoperability between sensors and anchor/establish FDRs
- Providing they are of sufficient accuracy!  
(Noting that the comparison process has its own Uc)

**FRMs MUST:**

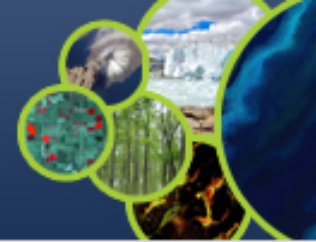
- have documented evidence of metrological traceability to SI (or appropriate international community standard) including full uncertainty budget (instrumentation and usage), which must be at a level commensurate with the application.
- be independent of any satellite geophysical retrieval process.
- be carried out following community agreed protocols



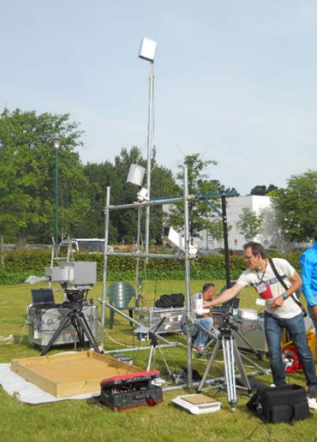
**FRM4SAR**







- 10 types of comparison with 12 participants from 4 continents
- 8 best practices or protocols
- Improved confidence, reliability and global consistency in validation of satellite derived Surface Temperature (Ocean, Land and Ice)
- Community Improved knowledge of uncertainty evaluation
- Legacy database to store future results



[www.FRM4STS.org](http://www.FRM4STS.org)

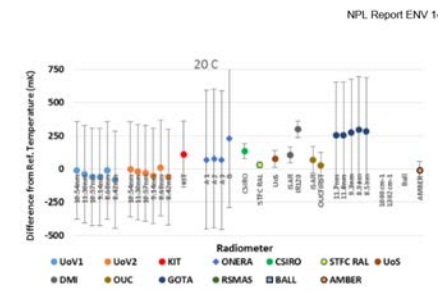
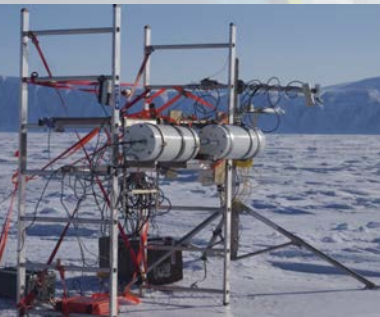


Figure 4.5: Plot of the mean of the differences of the radiometer readings from the temperature of the NPL reference blackbody, maintained at a nominal temperature of 20 °C.

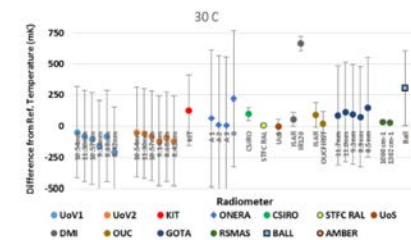
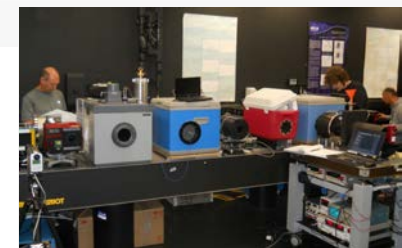


Figure 4.6: Plot of the mean of the differences of the radiometer readings from the temperature of the NPL reference blackbody, maintained at a nominal temperature of 30 °C.



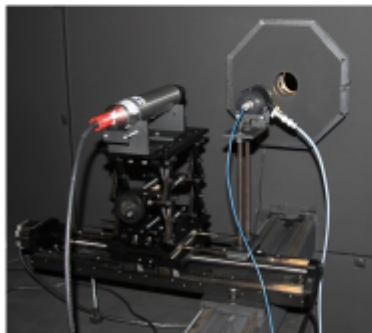
# Comparisons of instruments & methods

## Laboratory Calibration Exercise 2 (LCE-2): Ocean Colour Radiometers (OCRs) 8 – 13 May 2017 at TO, Tõravere, Estonia

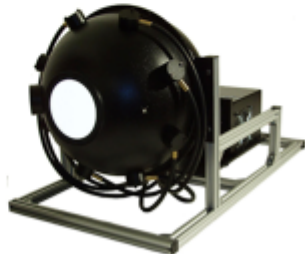
### Main objective:

Establish and document protocols and best practice to practically verify the performance of FRM OCRs through

1. TO calibrates all  
participating radiometers

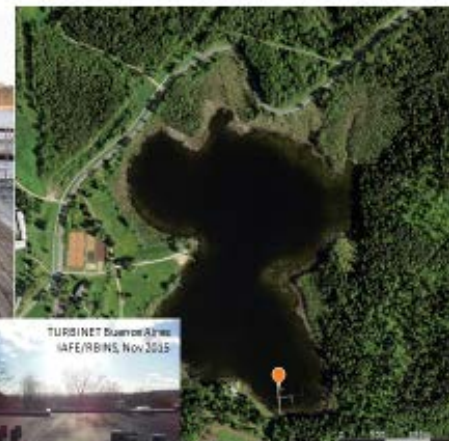
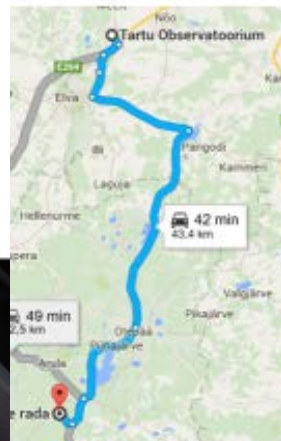


2. Participants measure the targets  
under controlled laboratory  
conditions



## LCE-2 outdoor intercomparison - Lake Kääriku, 08-13 May 2017

- Controlled outdoor environment near Tartu Observatory, Estonia



Ensuring measurements validating of  
Ocean colour  
Are internationally consistent and  
traceable to SI

Working Group on Calibration and Validation  
Uncertainty analysis with support

