



Meteo-climatological Observatory

1985-2005

To install and maintain meteorological instruments

Acquisition of surface (AWS) and upper air data

Data validation and dissemination (Web, GTS...)

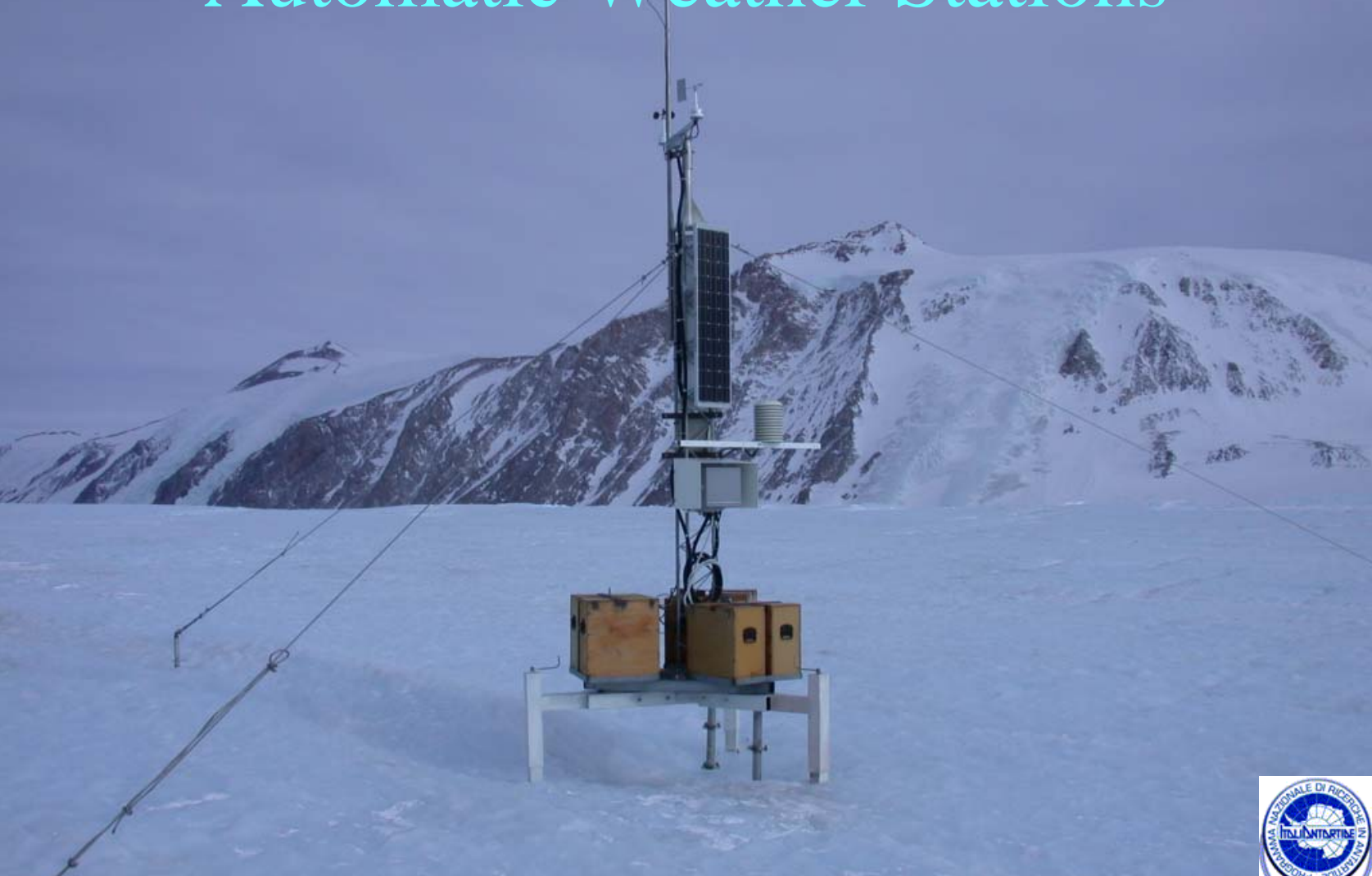
Operational Meteorology

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Automatic Weather Stations





Years of activity

Stazione	ID	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05
Sofia	7350	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Alessandra	7351	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Zoraida	7352	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Eneide	7353	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Modesta	7355			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Lola	7356			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Arelis	7357			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Silvia	7379			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Rita	7354					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Itase	no									■		■	■		■	■				
Italica	1626										■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Maria	no											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Giulia	1627											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Penguin	no											■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Jennica	no													■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Irene	1218													■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sofia-B	7350														■	■	■	■	■	■
Paola	no																■	■	■	■
Concordia	no																			■
Alfa-Bravo	no																			
Minni	no																			
Enigma	no																			

Curiosity:

Minimum Temperture - 69.8

AWS Giulia

Maximun Wind 126 Kts

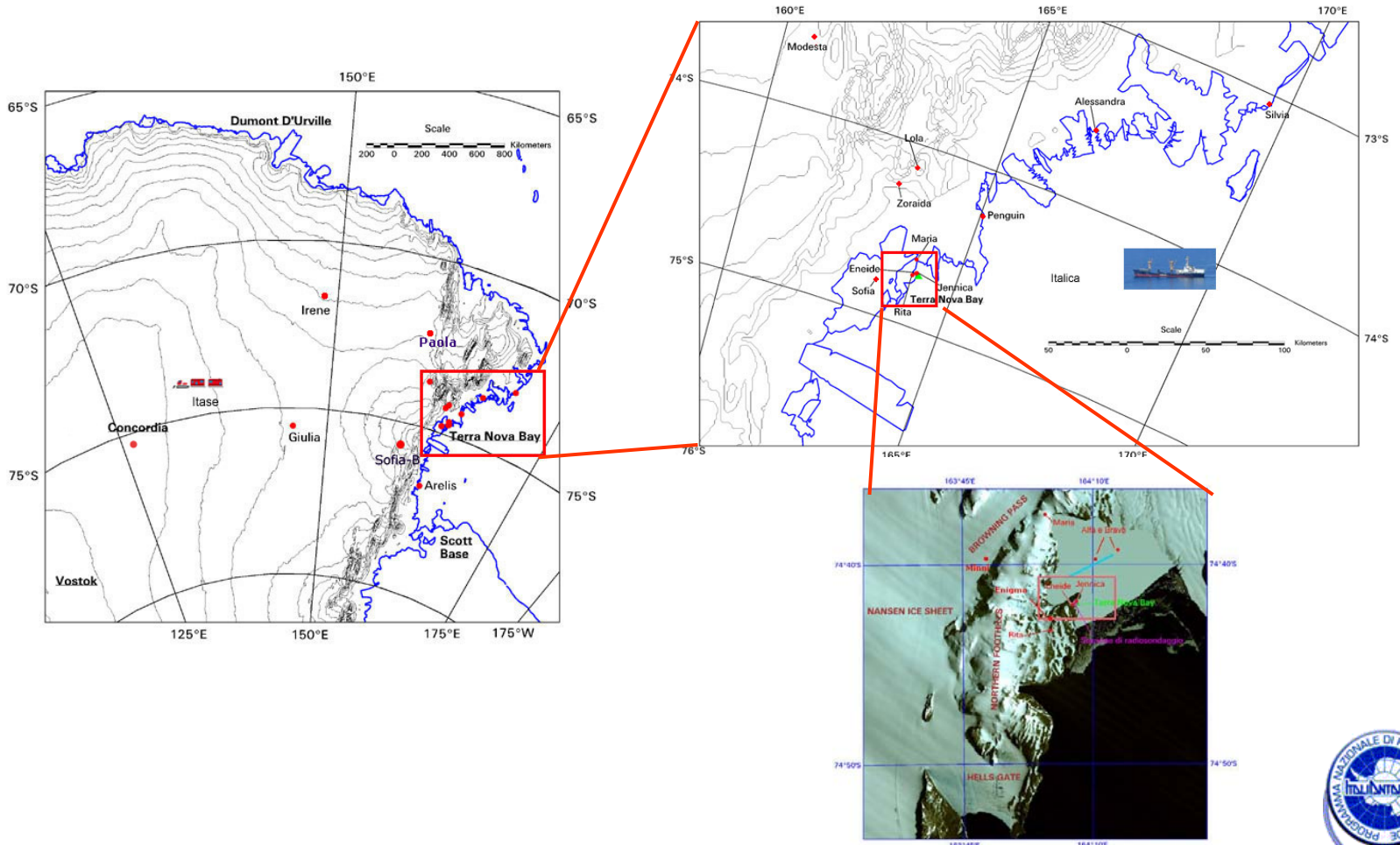
AWS Rita





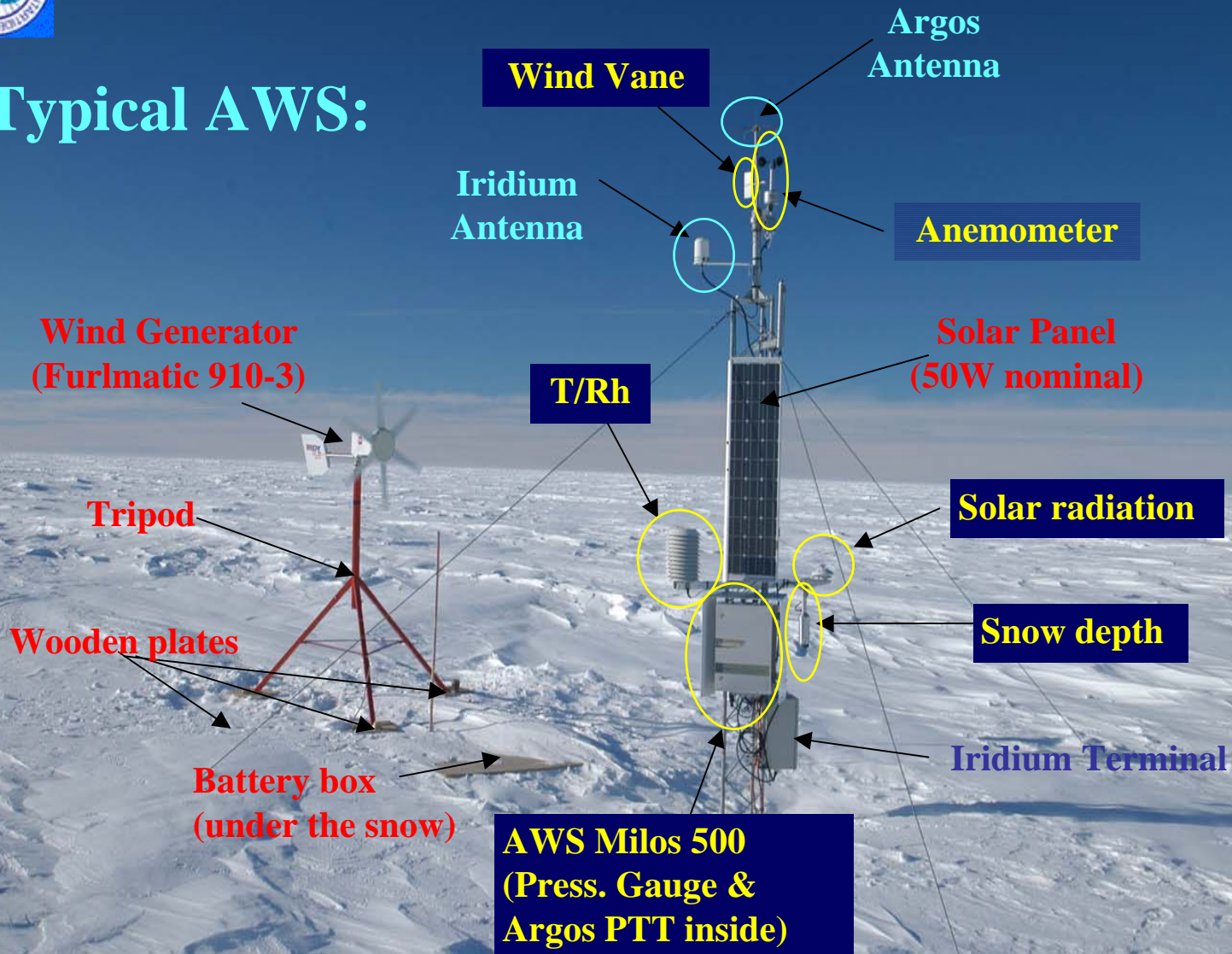
LOCATION OF AWS'S

1987-2005





Typical AWS:





Three Main Technical Issues:

-Substrate for installation
(solid, ice, snow)

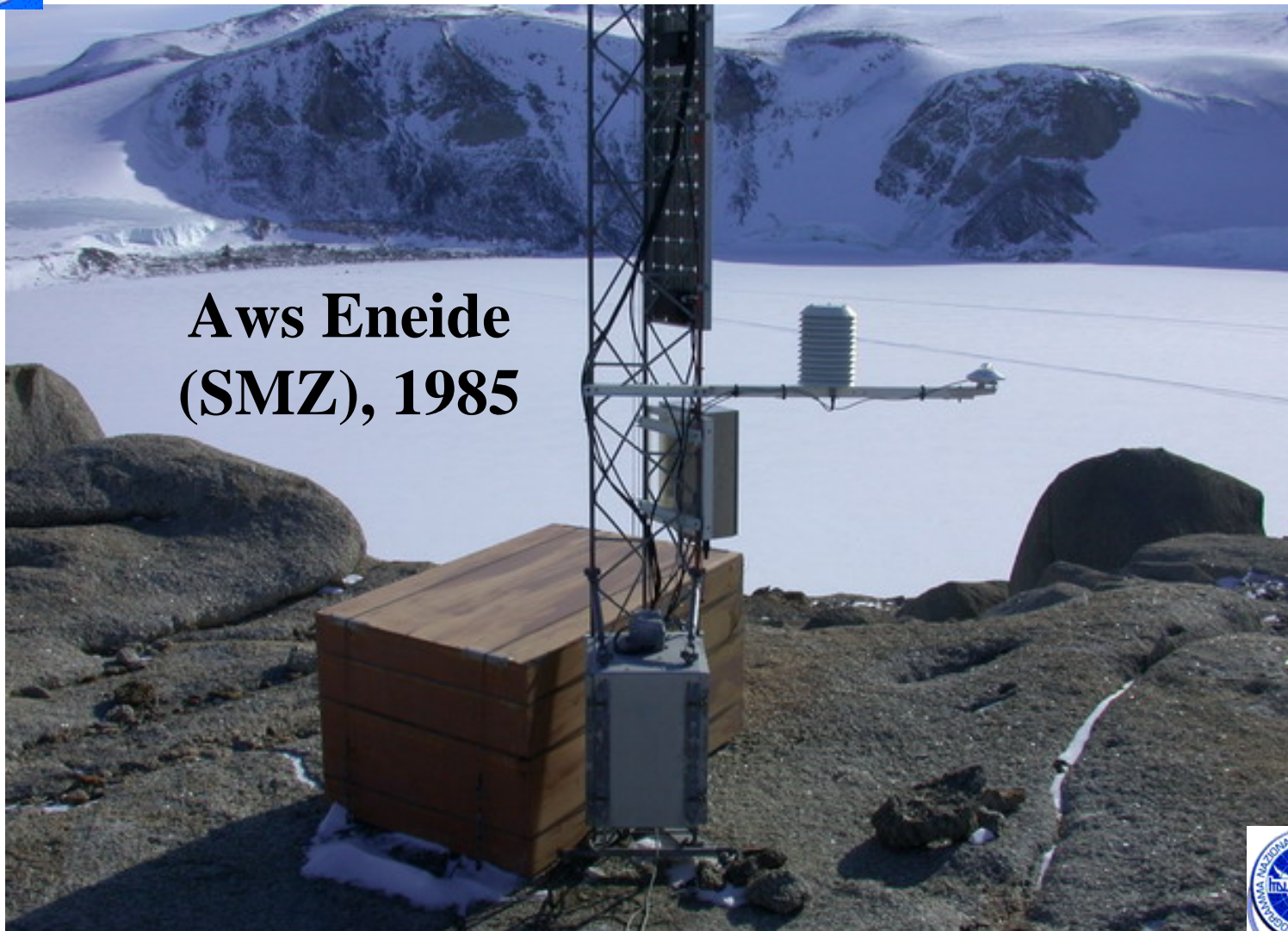
-Power Supply

-Data storage & transmission





Substrate for installation: solid rock



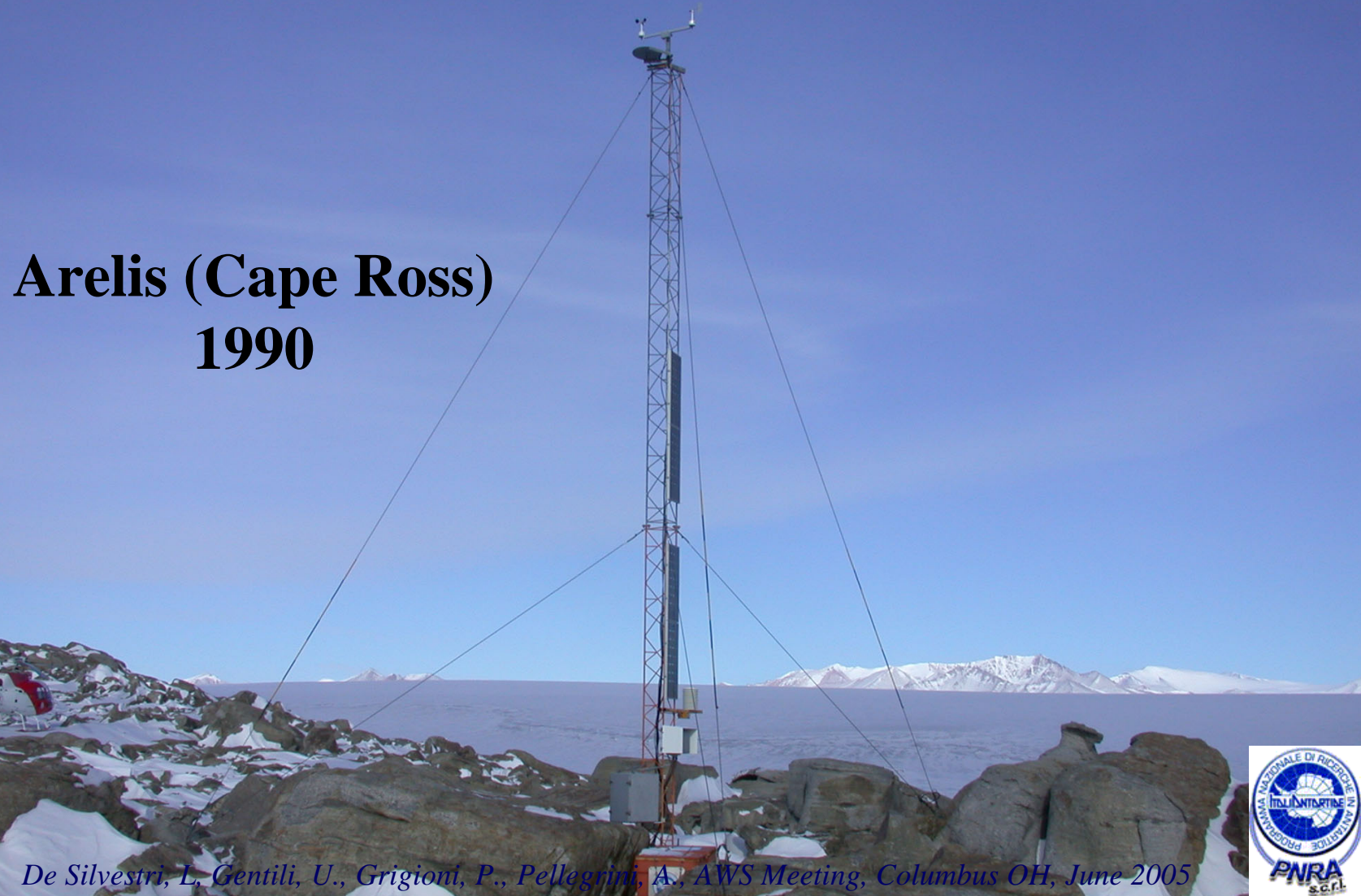
**Aws Eneide
(SMZ), 1985**





Substrate for installation: solid rock

Arelis (Cape Ross) 1990





Substrate: ICE

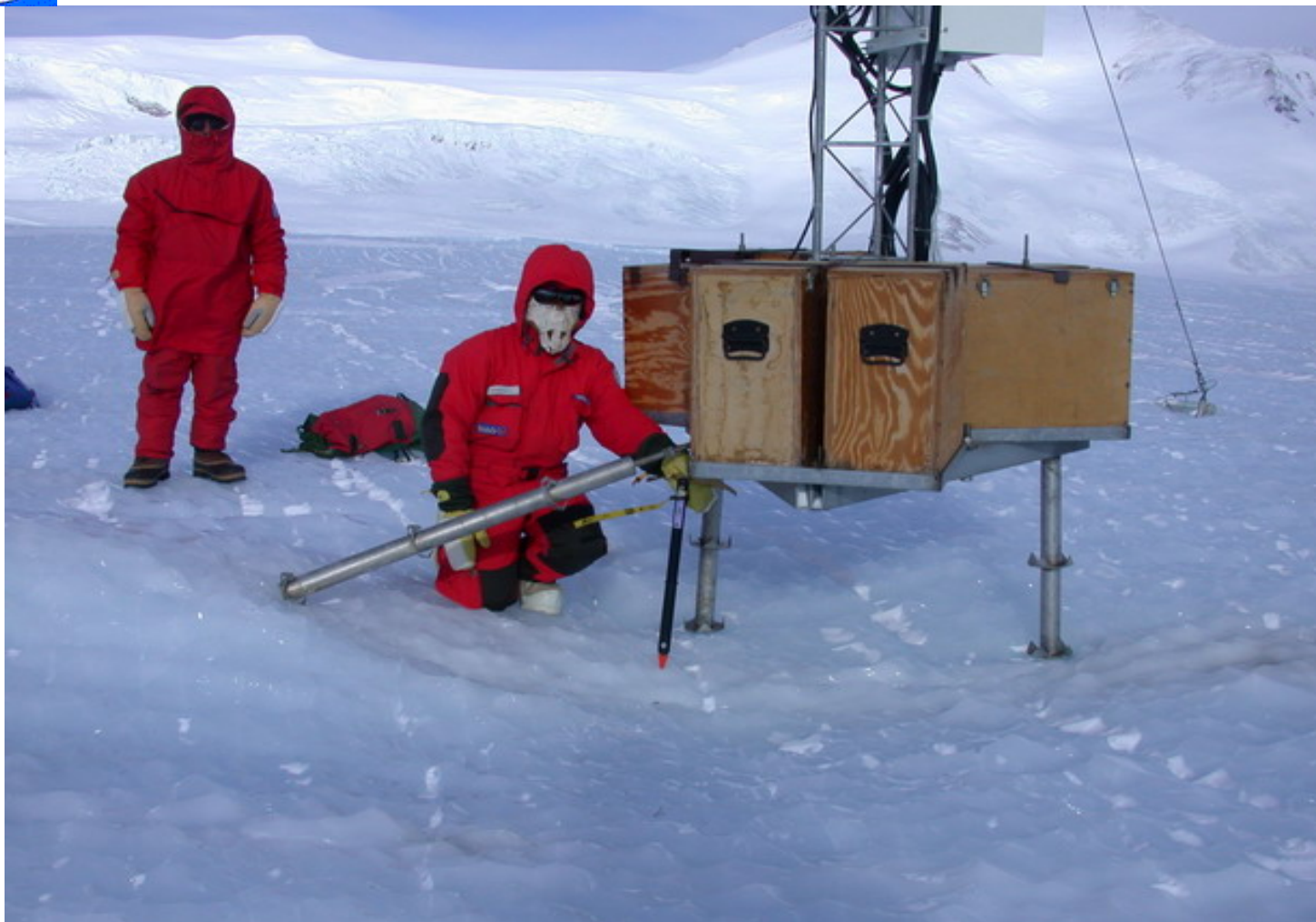


**Zoraida
(Priestley Gl.)**



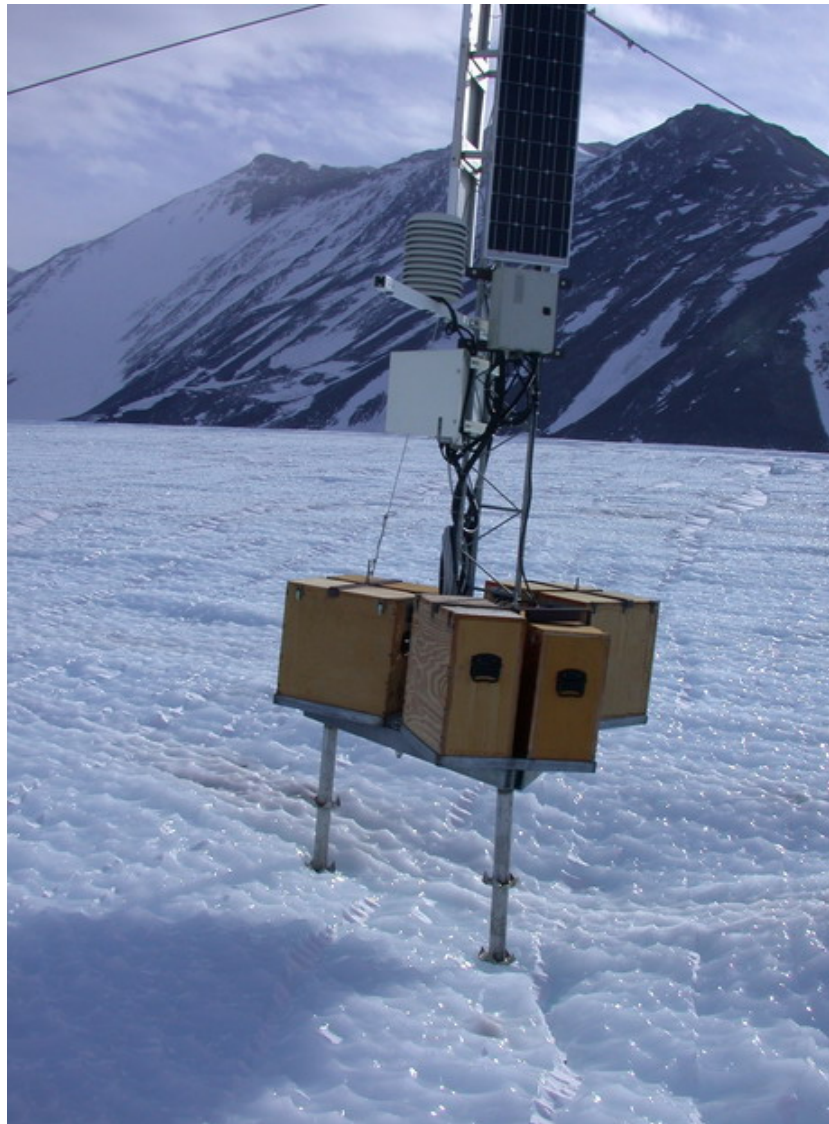


Substrate: ICE





Substrate: ICE

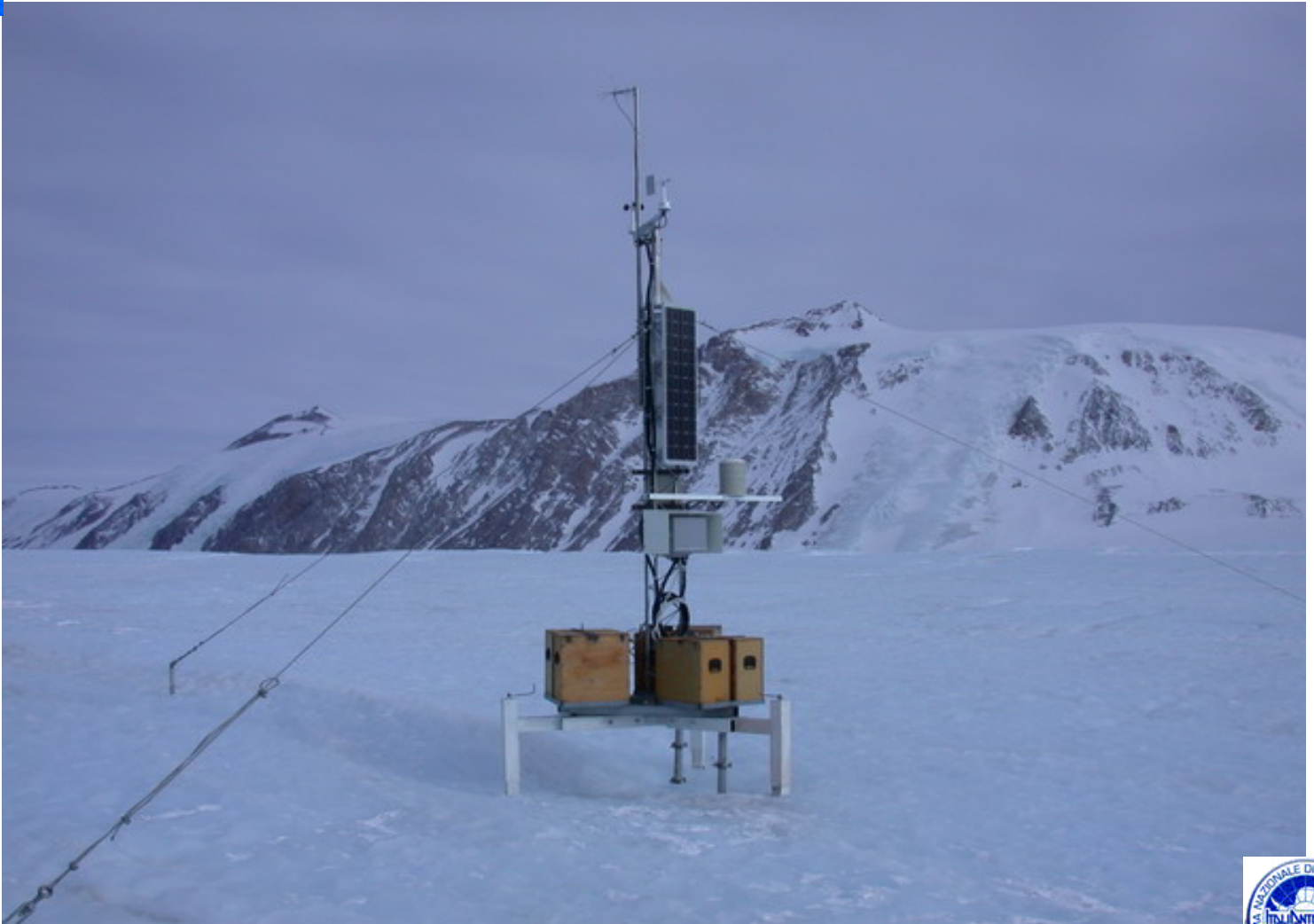


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Substrate: ICE





Substrate: SNOW

**Modesta
(High Priestley Gl.)**



Substrate: SNOW



Wooden base
plate, used on
snow

(& incoherent soil)





**Substrate:
SNOW**





Substrate: SNOW





Power Supply: typical

Wind Generator

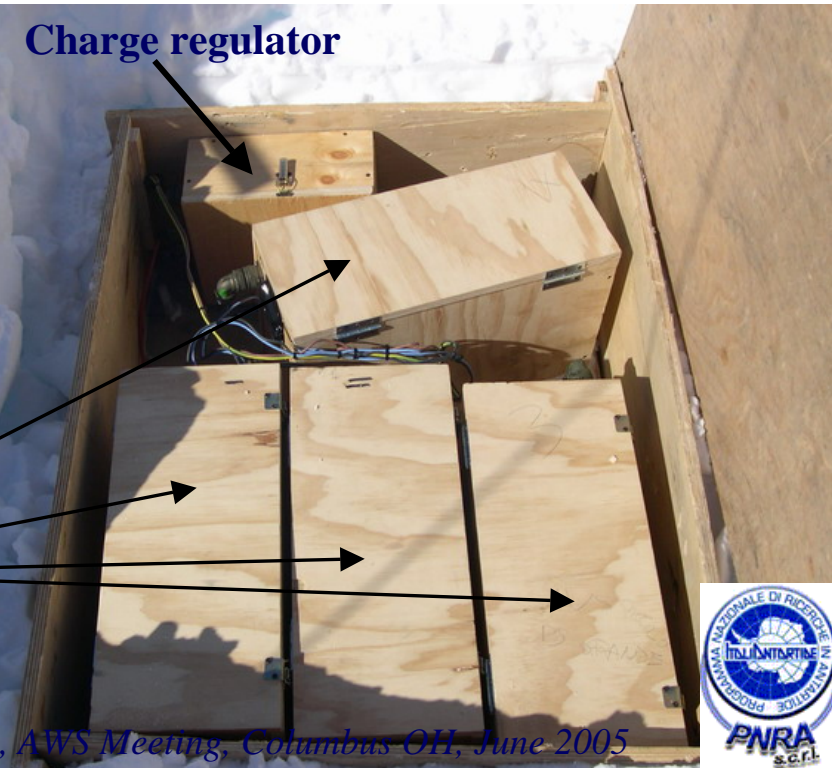


Solar Panel



Charge regulator

Lead-Acid Batteries
(Total Capacity: 600 Ah)
Increased Acid Density
(1.31)





Data storage & transmission

-Local storage: flash eprom

-Data trasmission:

-Argos

-Radiomodem

-Iridium





Argos transmission:

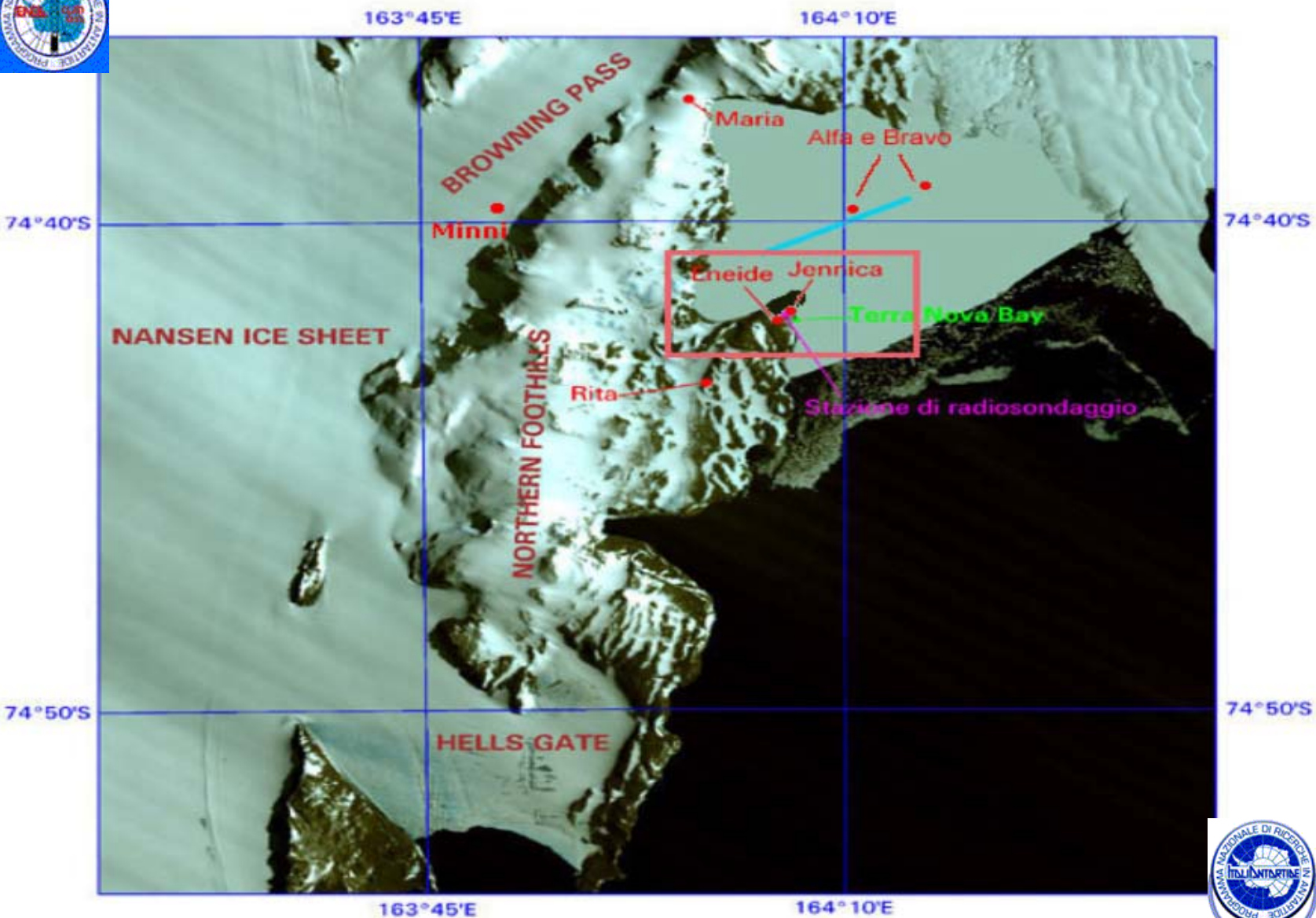
On (almost) all AWS's, provides quasi real-time data and stations' monitoring during winter





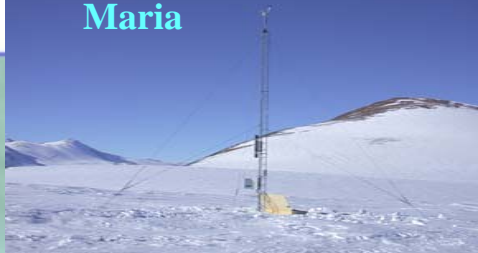
**Radiomodem:
all instruments
which continuous
data are
required from**







Maria



164°10'E

Alpha & Bravo



74°40'S

Minni

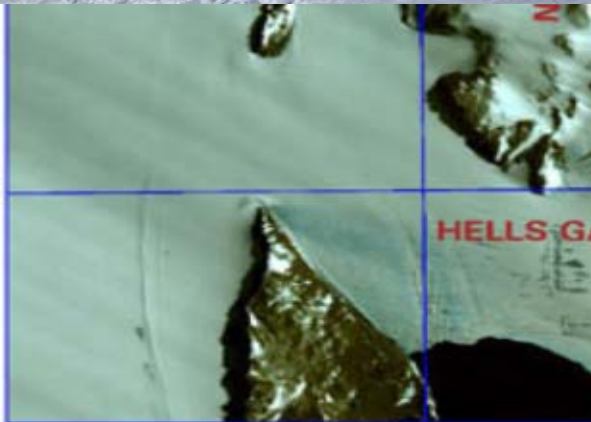


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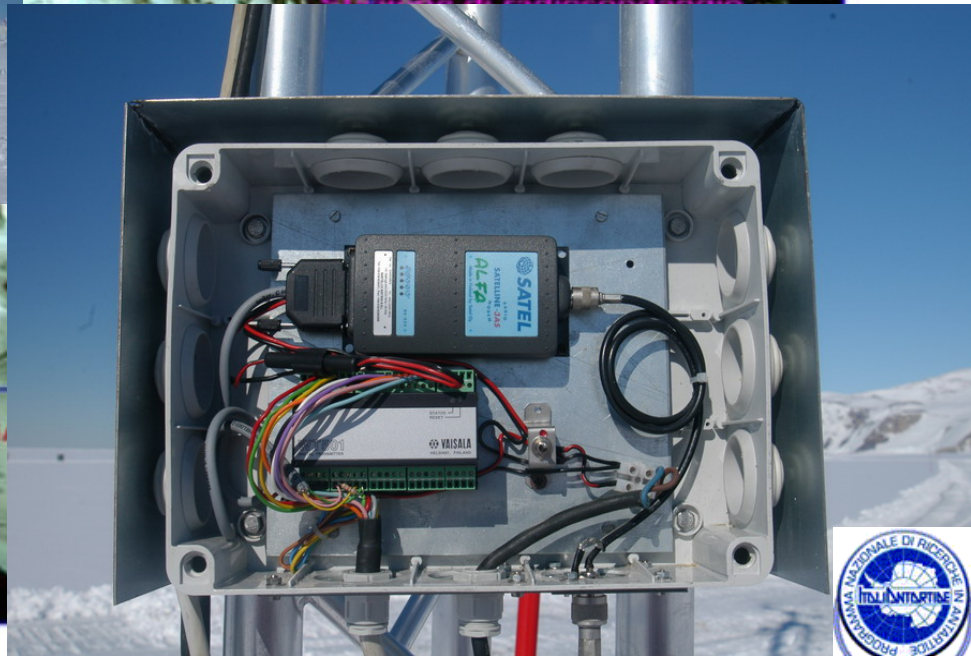


74°50'S

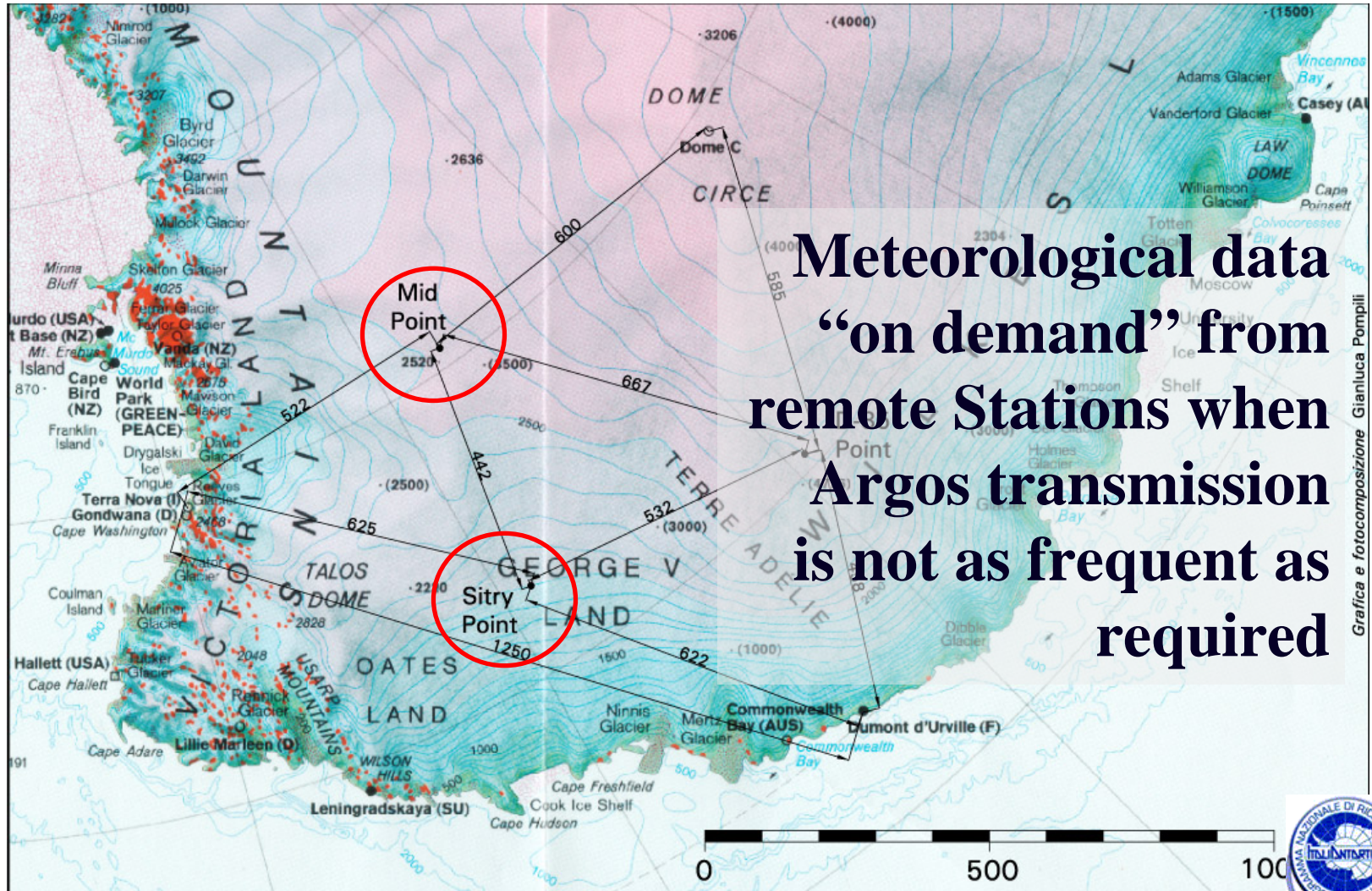
HELLS-G



163°45'E

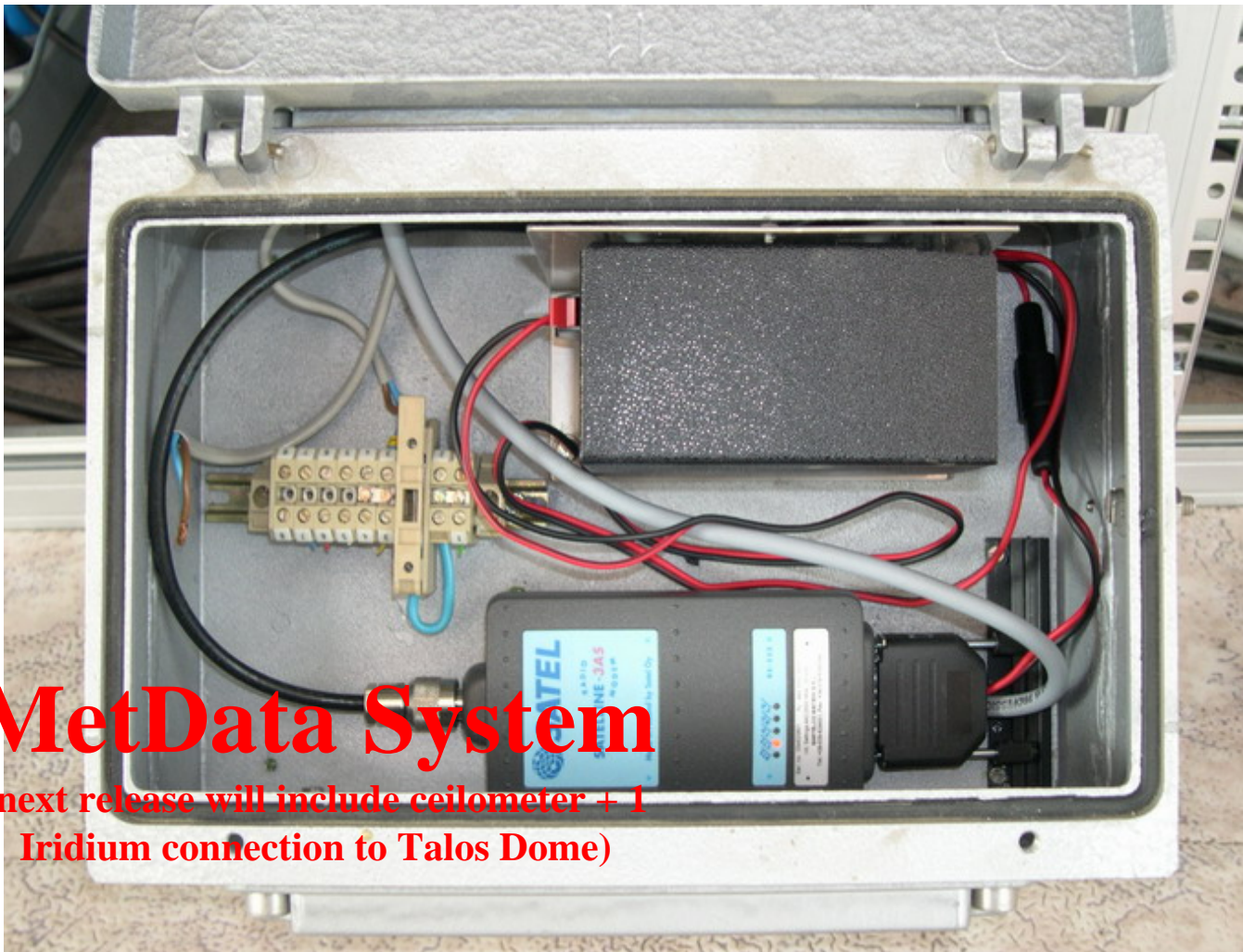


Iridium Terminal:





Visualization at OPS room



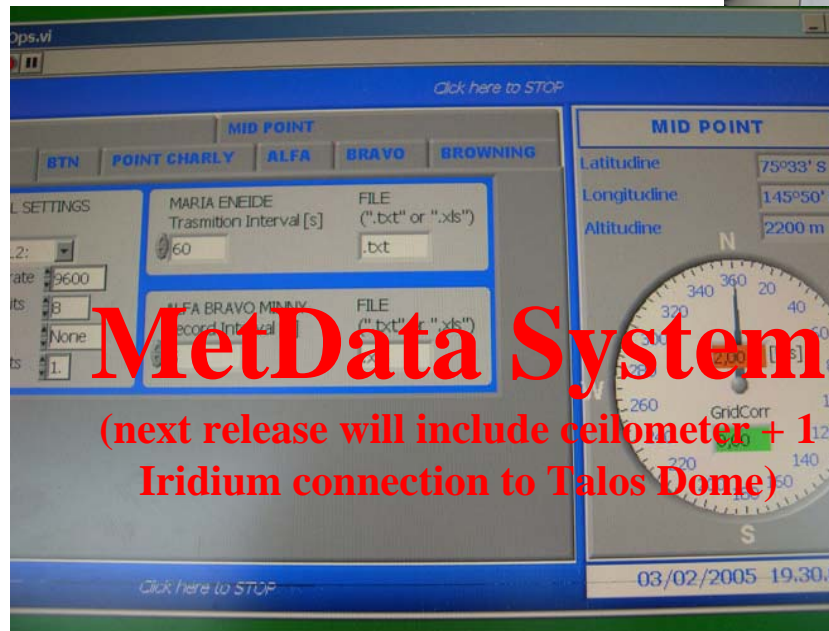
MetData System

(next release will include ceilometer + 1
Iridium connection to Talos Dome)





Visualization at OPS room





Finally...

<http://www.climantartide.it>





• Introduction to the site



The Web site

This Web site was initially developed to store climatological data from AWS and Radiosoundings, and allow researchers to access the data and obtain real time charts; over time, all the daily data collected at Mario Zucchelli Station and Terra Nova Bay have been added: TAF, METAR, SYNOP, Weather bulletins, Satellite images, etc.. Users can now view and download data, and obtain charts.

The site map

These pages give introductions and explanations on the topics :

["The Meteo-climatological Observatory"](#) describes the importance of climate measurements and the research undertaken in Antarctica;

["Aws stations"](#) gives an overview of Automatic Weather Stations installed in Antarctica, with technical details and geographic locations;

["Radiosounding"](#) > explains what a radiosounding is, how it works, and how charts can be obtained with archived data;

["Contacts"](#) contains a list of people that can be contacted to obtain more information;

["Access to data"](#) > allows for the viewing and downloading of archived data. The first page allows you to choose the data type, and following pages allow you to choose the period of data etc. Downloads are daily for some data, yearly for others;

["Link"](#) gives a list of relating sites;

["Copyright warning"](#) > contains information about the ownership of the data and images on the site, and how to use them within the copyright;

["Webmaster"](#) > this page thanks and acknowledges all the people that have contributed to creating, maintaining and updating the site;

["News"](#) recent updates;

Reserved data

["Reserved data"](#) contains data that may not be of interest to everyone, for instance maintenance of the AWS in Antarctica, or data received by Argos satellites;

If you would like access to this information, please contact us via the 'Contacts' list, and we can supply you with a user ID and password. Page: ["Contacts"](#)



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Data description

Stored data are incomplete and not homogeneous for all expeditions both because not all of them were collected starting from the first expeditions, and because they were collected and stored in different ways due to frequent changes of needs and personnel.

In recent years we tried to standardize all data.

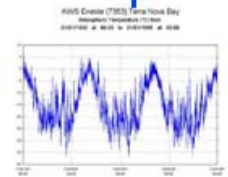
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'x' indicates that data exist for subject expedition.

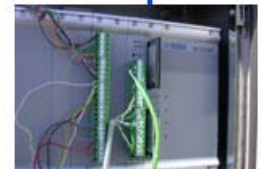
NOTE: During XX° expedition radiosounding was not done, due to Marwin failure. Are not included radiosounding data, Temp data and Synop data.

AWS Eneide's minute data

	TAF	BM	Radiosounding	AWS	Real time data	Expeditions	Synop	Temp	Sat images	Metar	Grib
I			x	x							
II			x	x							
III			x	x							
IV			x	x							

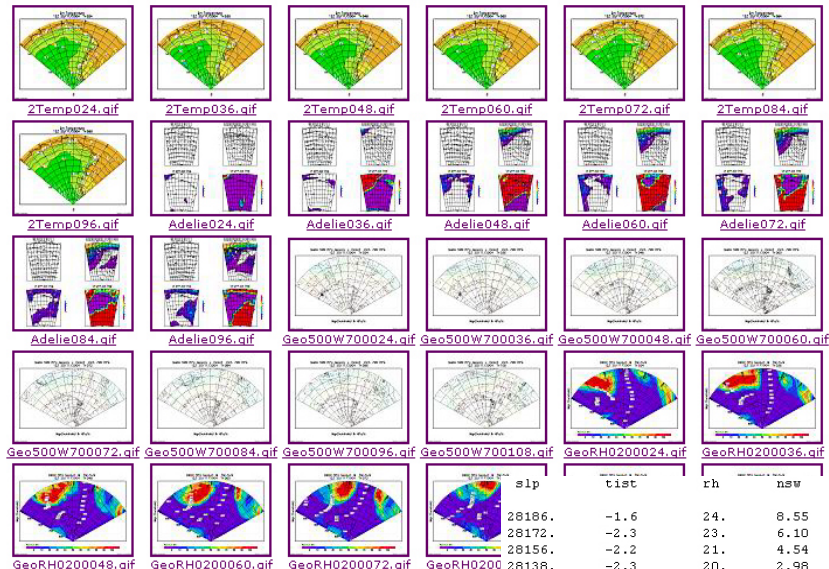


[Temperature graph](#)



[AWS data storage](#)





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 AAXX 23064
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Introduction

First of all, select the station desired from the field 'Automatic Weather Stations'. and click on the name of the station. Stations are indicated by name, Argos number, and geographic site. Only stations working all year long are included: data surveyed by Itase, Italica and Penguin are not present because fragmentary and scarcely indicative.

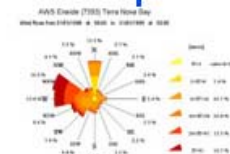
Secondly, select the chart of the variable desired and the period, giving year, month, and starting and ending hour, and from 'Generate AWS Plot' the chart can be obtained in a new Browser window.

N.B...: the processing of an on-line chart takes from 20 seconds to 2-3 minutes, according to the type of chart and time interval requested. If a slow modem is used, the display time may lengthen.

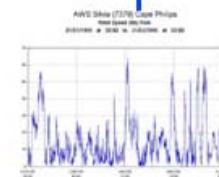
Charts

Automatic Weather Stations			
Alessandra (7351) Cape King			
Graphic			
Temperature (Linear Plot)			
Start Date			
Year	Month	Day	Hour
1987	01	01	00
End Date			
Year	Month	Day	Hour
2003	10	28	21

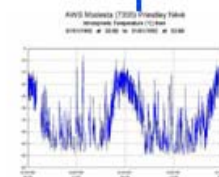
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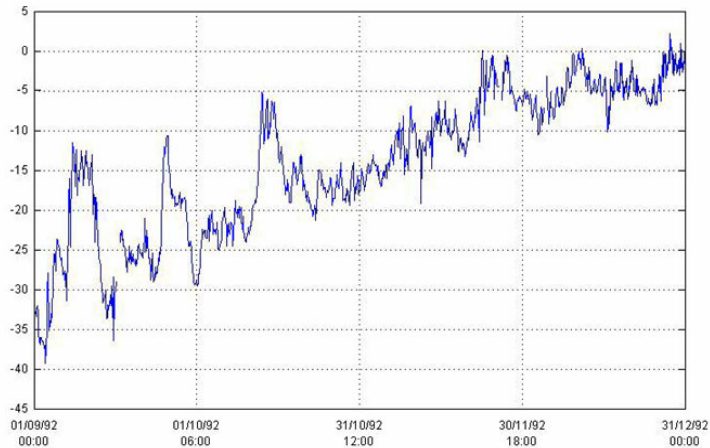
Wind rose



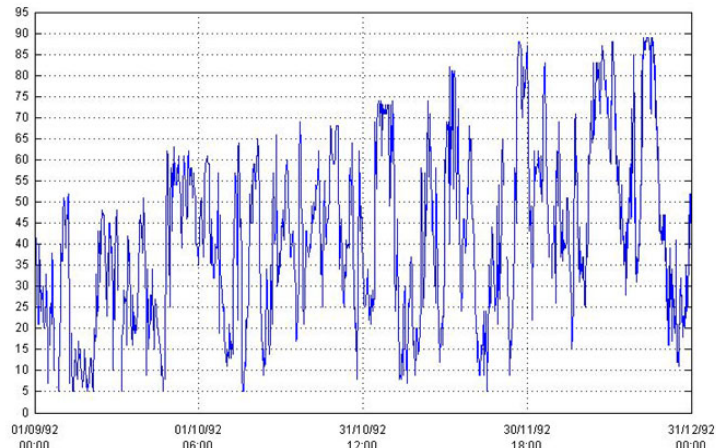
Wind and wind-chill



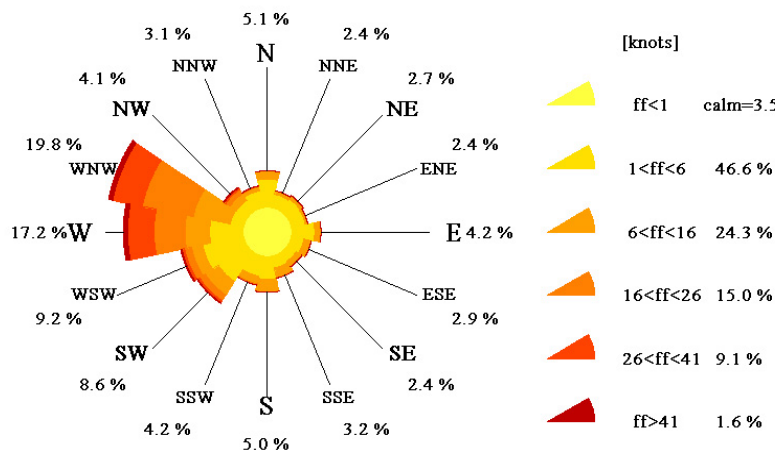
AWS Alessandra (7351) Cape King
 Atmospheric Temperature (°C) from
 01/09/1992 at 00:00 to 31/12/1992 at 00:00



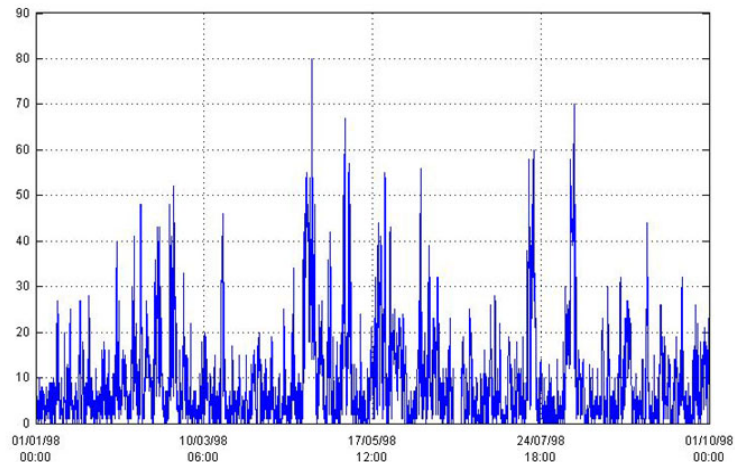
AWS Alessandra (7351) Cape King
 Relative Humidity (%) from
 01/09/1992 at 00:00 to 31/12/1992 at 00:00



AWS Eneide (7353) Terra Nova Bay
 Wind Rose
 From 01/01/1999 at 00:00 UTC to 31/12/1999 at 23:00 UTC
<http://meteo.pnra.it>



AWS Lola (7356) Sarao Point Tourmaline Plateau
 Wind Speed (kts) from
 01/01/1998 at 00:00 to 31/09/1998 at 00:00





• Radiosounding Charts

Introduction

In order to obtain a radiosounding chart, select the expedition and the month: choose the type of chart and click on the gray small rectangle in the selected day.

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Charts

Expedition: Month:

Charts:

Ottobre 1986						
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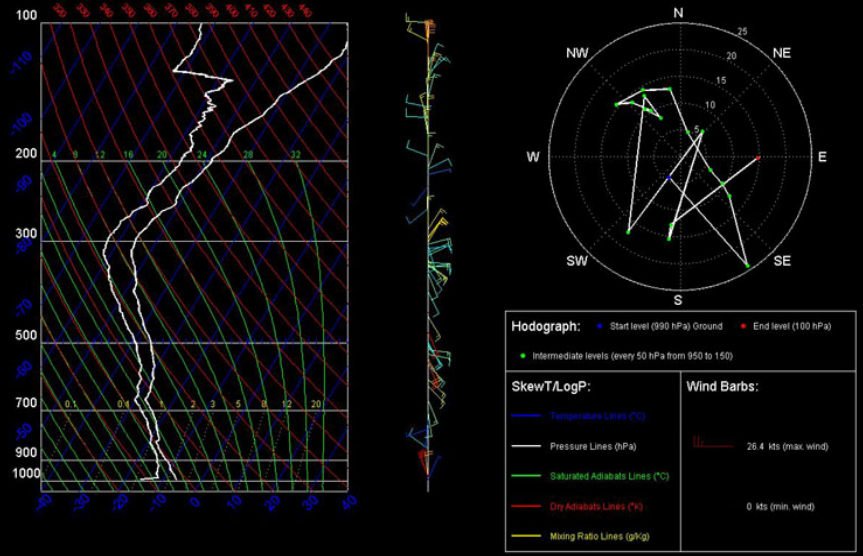


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