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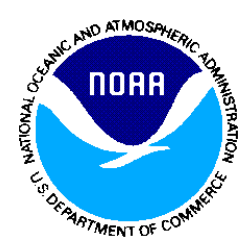
***In situ* SST Quality Monitor (iQuam)**  
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# *iQuam*

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# iQuam Basics & Users

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Development started in 2009 (Xu and Ignatov, 2010). V1 implemented in 2010 (Xu and Ignatov, 2014), to mainly support NOAA needs. Today, iQuam is a GHRSSST Resource


- ❑ **Collect *in situ* data for satellite era (1981-pr)** [from multiple sources]
- ❑ **Perform uniform & accurate QC**
- ❑ **Monitor online** statistical summaries of *in situ* minus reference L4 SST, (1) by platform type (e.g., drifters/ships/moorings/Argo etc); and (2) by individual platform IDs.
- ❑ **Update QC'ed data twice daily & Serve to Users (NOAA & External)**
  - NOAA ACSPO & SQUAM (JPSS, GOES-R, Himawari, AVHRR) (US) – A. Ignatov & ACSPO Team
  - NOAA Heritage GOES L2P, Geo-Polar Blended L4 (US) – P. Koner, J. Mittaz, A. Harris, E. Maturi
  - U. Miami (US) – K. Kilpatrick, P. Minnett, L. Williams, etc.
  - NASA GMAO (US) – S. Akella, R. Toddling, M. Suarez
  - JPL MUR (US) – M. Chin
  - NOAA NCEI (US) – K. Saha
  - BoM, U. Melbourne (Australia) – H. Beggs, C. Griffin, P. Govekar, H. Zhang, A. Babanin
  - Ocean Univ., CMA, SOA, IRSDE (China) – L. Guan, S. Wang, Q. Tu, Z. Liao, Q. Dong
  - JAXA/JMA (Japan) – Y. Kurihara, M. Kachi, M. Hori, H. Murakami
  - ISRO (India) – G. Tyagi, K. Babu, A. Mathur, H. Solanki
  - EUMETSAT, Felyx, CMS (Europe) – P. Dash, A. O'Carroll, J.-F. Piollé, A. Marsouin



# iQuam2 replaced iQuam1 in Mar 2018

NOAA NESDIS STAR

 **iQUAM** *in situ* SST quality monitor v2.0  
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Monitor Data About

Maps  
Statistics  
Time Series  
Platforms

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Monthly  Daily

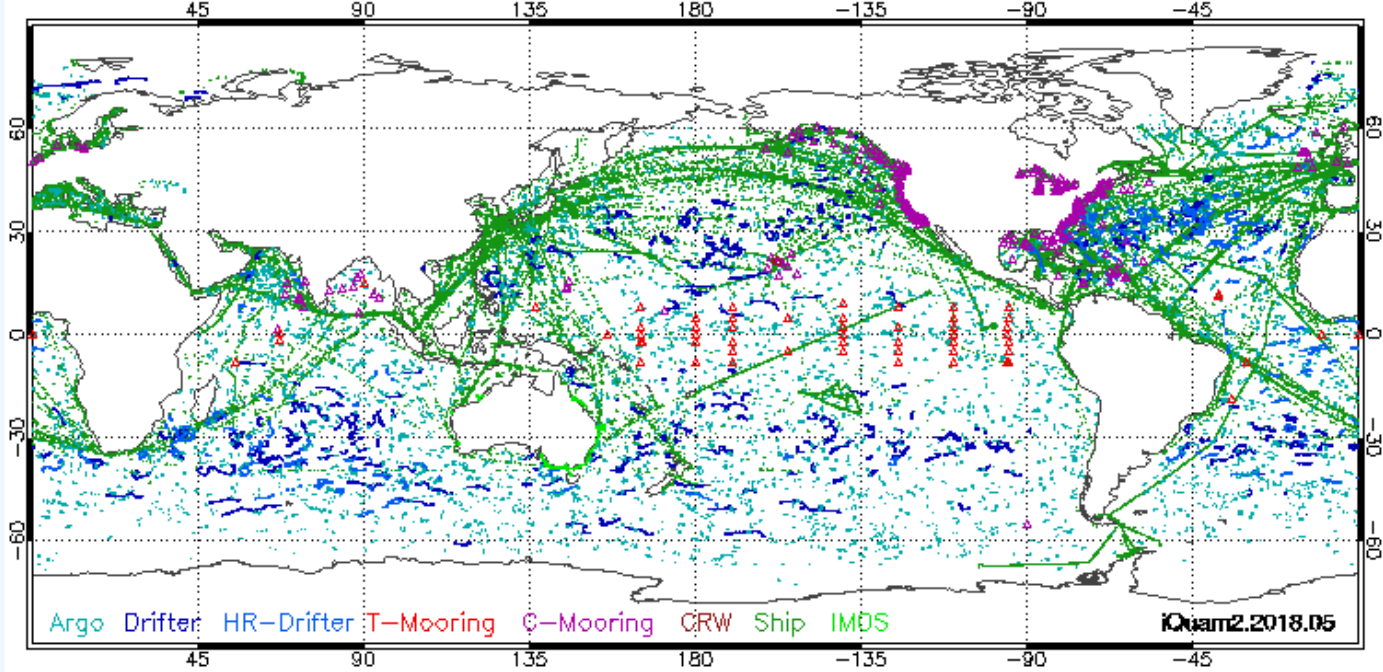
Ref SST Used in QC  
 Reyn  CMC  Both

QCed  Outlier

- Argo - Argo Floats
- Drifter - Conventional drifters
- HR-Drifter - High-Resolution Drifters
- T-Mooring - Tropical Moorings
- C-Mooring - Coastal Moorings
- CRW - Coral Reef Watch Buoys
- Ship - Conventional ships
- IMOS - IMOS Ships

Symbol = one observation.

All Platforms Argo Drifter HR-Drifter T-Mooring C-Mooring CRW Ship IMOS





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# Data in iQuam2

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**Download from FTP**

Data are in self-documented NetCDF4 format. Refer to attributes for more information.

Suggested usage of quality\_level:

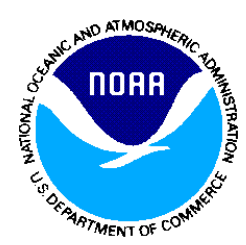
- high-accuracy applications: quality\_level == 5
- general applications: quality\_level == 4
- advanced users: refer to definitions of iqum\_flags and original\_flags.

All statistics in iQuam page are for "high accuracy" data only, i.e (quality\_level == 5).

Quality level and flags are only set for SST. Other measurements in iQuam have not been QCed.

Data are organized in monthly files. Latest file is refreshed every 12hrs with a 2hr latency.

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# *iQuam2 vs. iQuam1*

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- **Extended *iQuam* period to 1981 (*iQuam1*: 1991) using ICOADS R2.50**
- **Improved QC**
  - Added 2<sup>nd</sup> reference SST – CMC (*iQuam1* only used Reynolds SST)
  - Added CMS black list, and individual QFs from data producers
  - Added “performance history” check (*iQuam* version of CMS/UKMO “black lists”)
- **Added 4 new *in situ* data types (to ships, drifters, tropical/coastal moorings)**
  - ARGO Floats (in 2 modes: NRT and post-processing)
  - Hi-Res GHRSSST Drifters
  - IMOS Ships (BoM/Helen Beggs)
  - Coral Reef Watch buoys
- **Improved Functionality, Robustness and Web interface**
  - Added daily statistics (previously, only monthly were available)
  - Enhanced web graphics (interactive display; print/save capability)
  - Redesigned and optimized the code
- **Changed output format to NetCDF4 “GDS2i” (from hdf4 in *iQuam1*)**



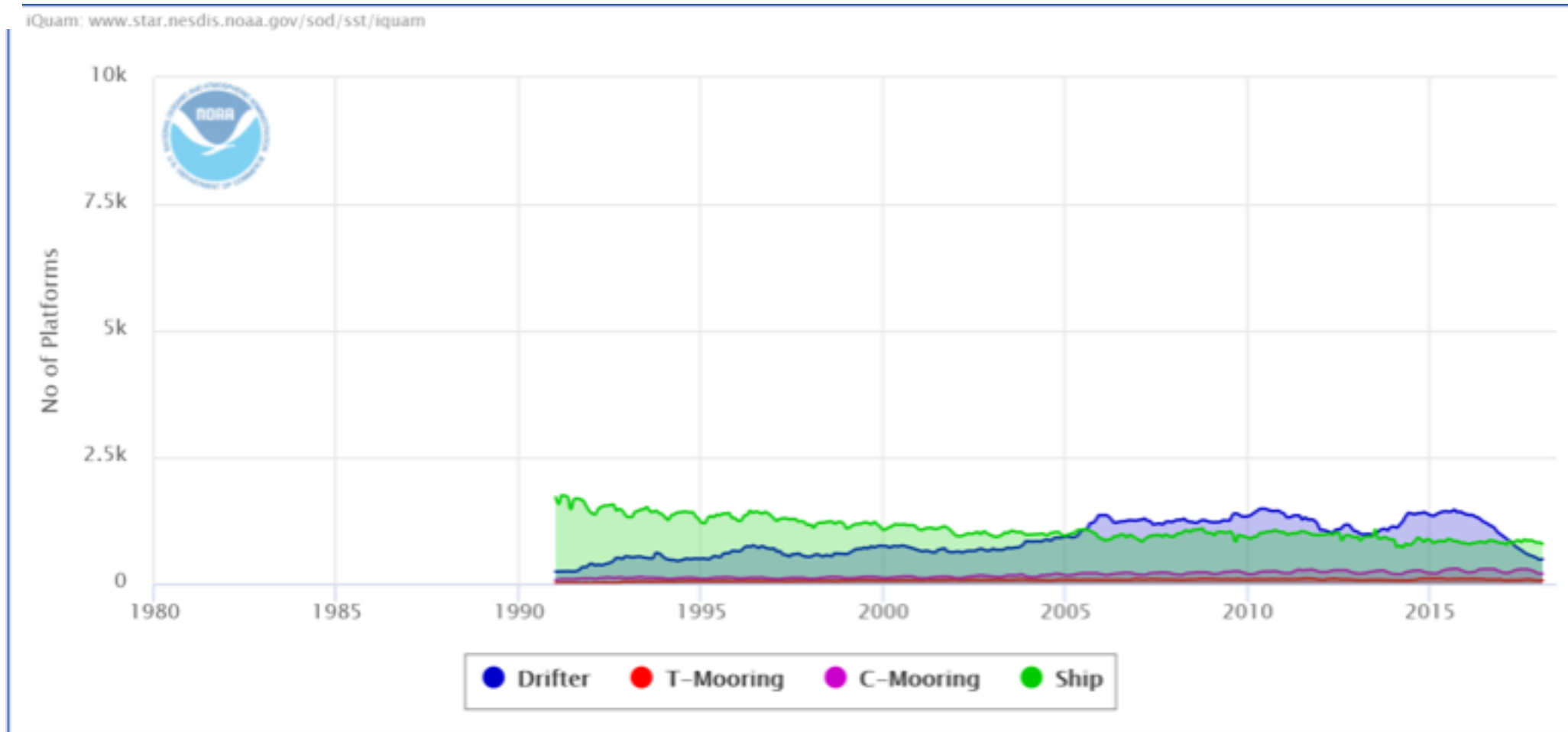
# Ongoing Work Towards *iQuam2.1*

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- **Merge RT GTS data from NCEP, FNMOC, ICOADS**
  - To improve data stability
  - To address the 5 to 7 digit ID WMO transition (still not addressed in NCEP GTS)
- **Add Argo floats from 2 more sources (in addition to IFREMER)**
  - USGODAE
  - NOAA NODC
- **Replace ICOADS R2.5 with 3.0**
  - Also NetCDF data are used instead of IMMA1
- **Interactive/extended plots for individual platforms**
  - Added time series of mean, SD and NOBS for individual platforms
  - All time series are now interactive
- **Hourly maps added**
  - Useful to analyze & fill data gaps
- **Permalink feature is being explored**

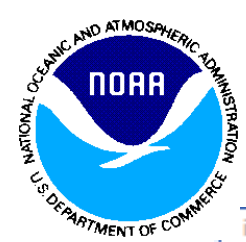


# Number of IDs in *iQuam1*

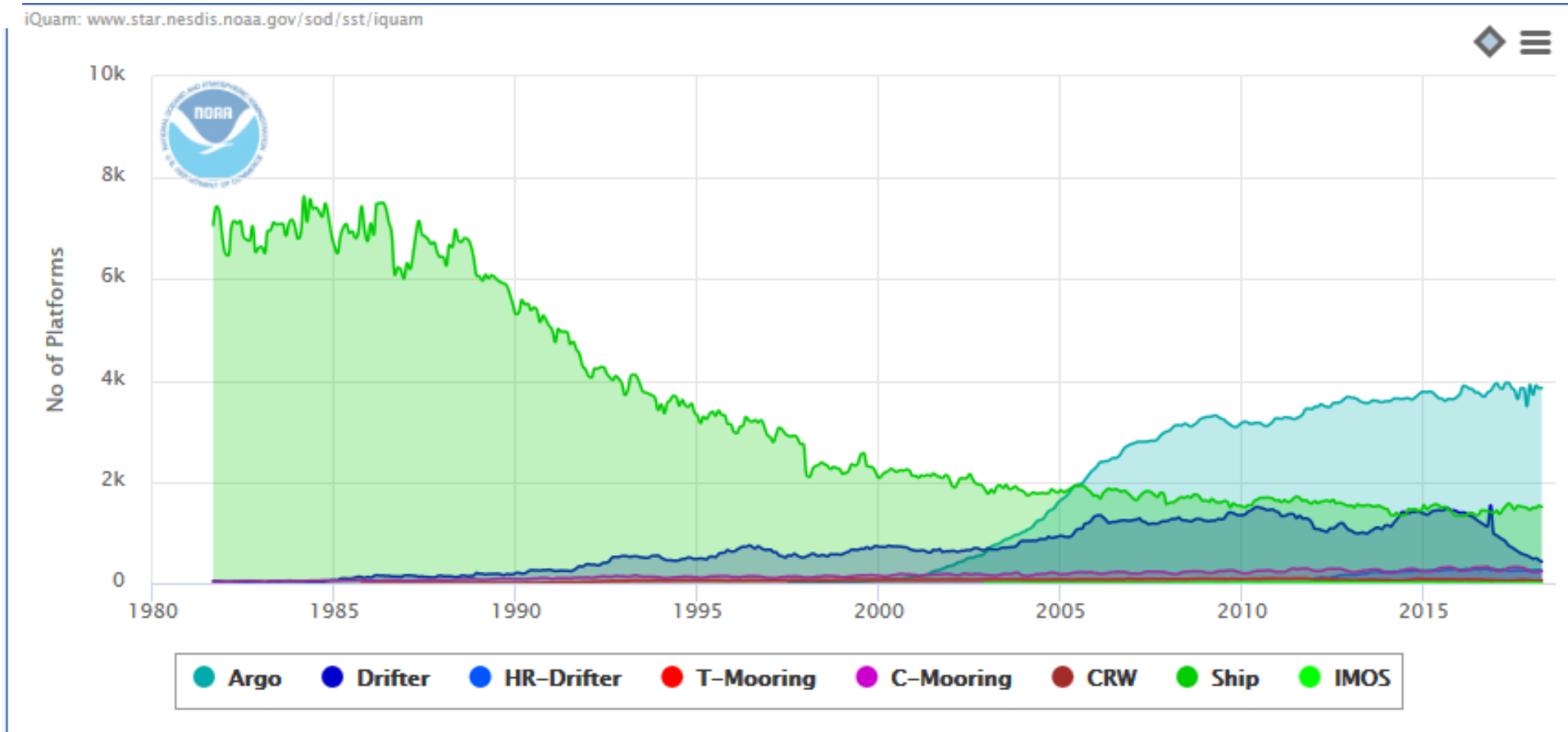


***iQuam1* ingested only NCEP GTS (1991-on) which included 4 platform types**

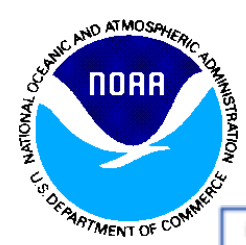




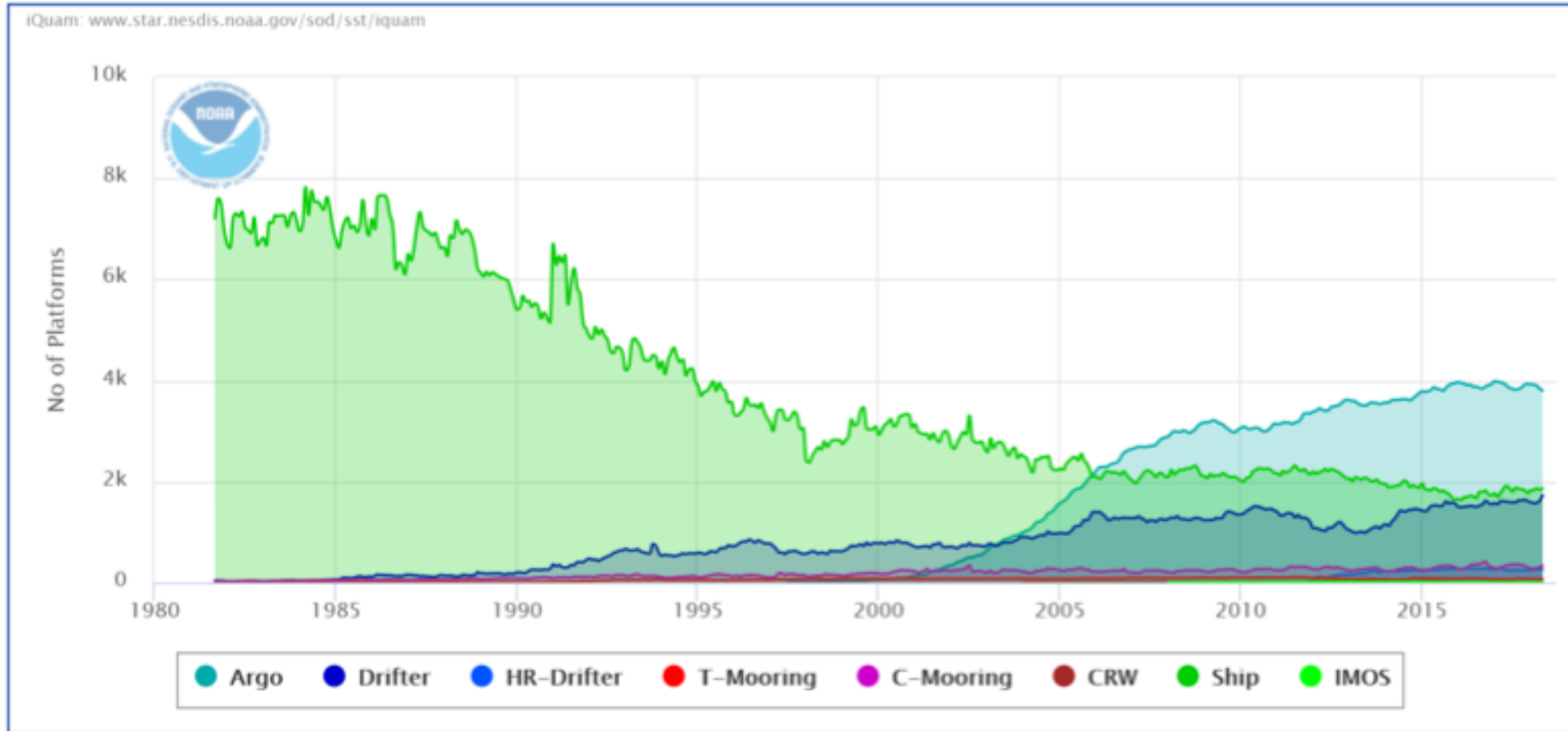
# Number of IDs in *i*Quam2



***i*Quam2: *i*Quam1 + ICOADS R2.5 + HR Drifters + Ifremer Argo + BoM IMOS + CRW**



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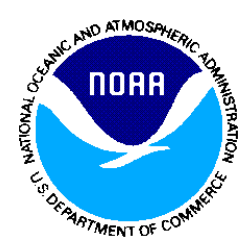


***i*Quam2.1: *i*Quam2 + FNMOC + ICOADS R3.0 (+RT GTS) + USGODAE/NODC Argo**



# SQUAM

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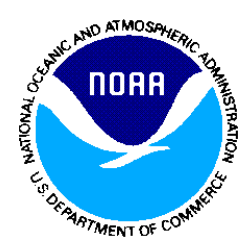


# SQUAM Basics

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**Development started in 2007. V1 released in 2009, to support NOAA Cal/Val (Dash et al, 2010). Today, SQUAM is a GHRSSST resource**

- **Monitor satellite L2/3/4 SSTs using  $\Delta\text{SST}=\text{SAT}-\text{Ref}$** 
  - *In situ* SST (from *iQuam*) – standard validation
  - Gap-free L4 SST – global QC
- **Check if global distributions of  $\Delta\text{SST}$  are near-Gaussian**
  - Centered at (approximately) zero
  - Global SD is a measure of noise in the SAT and Ref
- **Plot global**
  - Maps
  - Histograms
  - Time Series
  - Dependencies
  - Hovmoller Diagrams



# SQUAM 2.0 and 2.1

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- **In 2017, SQUAM was updated to V2**
- **Focus of V2 is on NOAA & Partners' Products**
  - Data volume from NOAA new-generation polar (SNPP/N20 VIIRS) and GEO (GOES-16/17 ABI, and H08/9 AHI) satellites is very large
  - We can try and work with individual users offline, if needed – let us know
- **New Functionality/Interface**
  - Interactive/User-controlled graphics; Permalink feature added
  - Monthly and yearly aggregations added (to the prior daily only)
  - Geo page newly created (UTC vs Local Time, etc)
  - SSES Bias correction On/Off button added
- **In 2018, SQUAM updated to V2.1**
  - Provisioned are N20 VIIRS; G17 ABI; & Full line of ACSPO L3Us
  - All developmental products moved to internal pages



# Data Monitored in SQUAM 2.1

**SST Quality Monitor 2.1**  
SQUAM v2.1

## SST products monitored in SQUAM R2

	Polar L2/L3	Geo L2/L3	Analysis L4
<b>High Res</b>	<b>VIIRS</b> ACSP0 L2P/L3U  <b>AVHRR FRAC</b> ACSP0 L2P OSISAF L2P	<b>Himawari-8 AHI</b> ACSP0 L2P/L3U  <b>GOES-16 ABI</b> ACSP0 L2P/L3U	MUR (JPL)
<b>Low Res</b>	<b>AVHRR GAC</b> ACSP0 L2P/L3U		CMC (Environment Canada) OSTIA (Met Office) OSTIA RAN (Met Office) GMPE (Met Office) Geo Polar Blended (NOAA) Reynolds (NOAA) GAMSSA (BoM)

## SST data providers

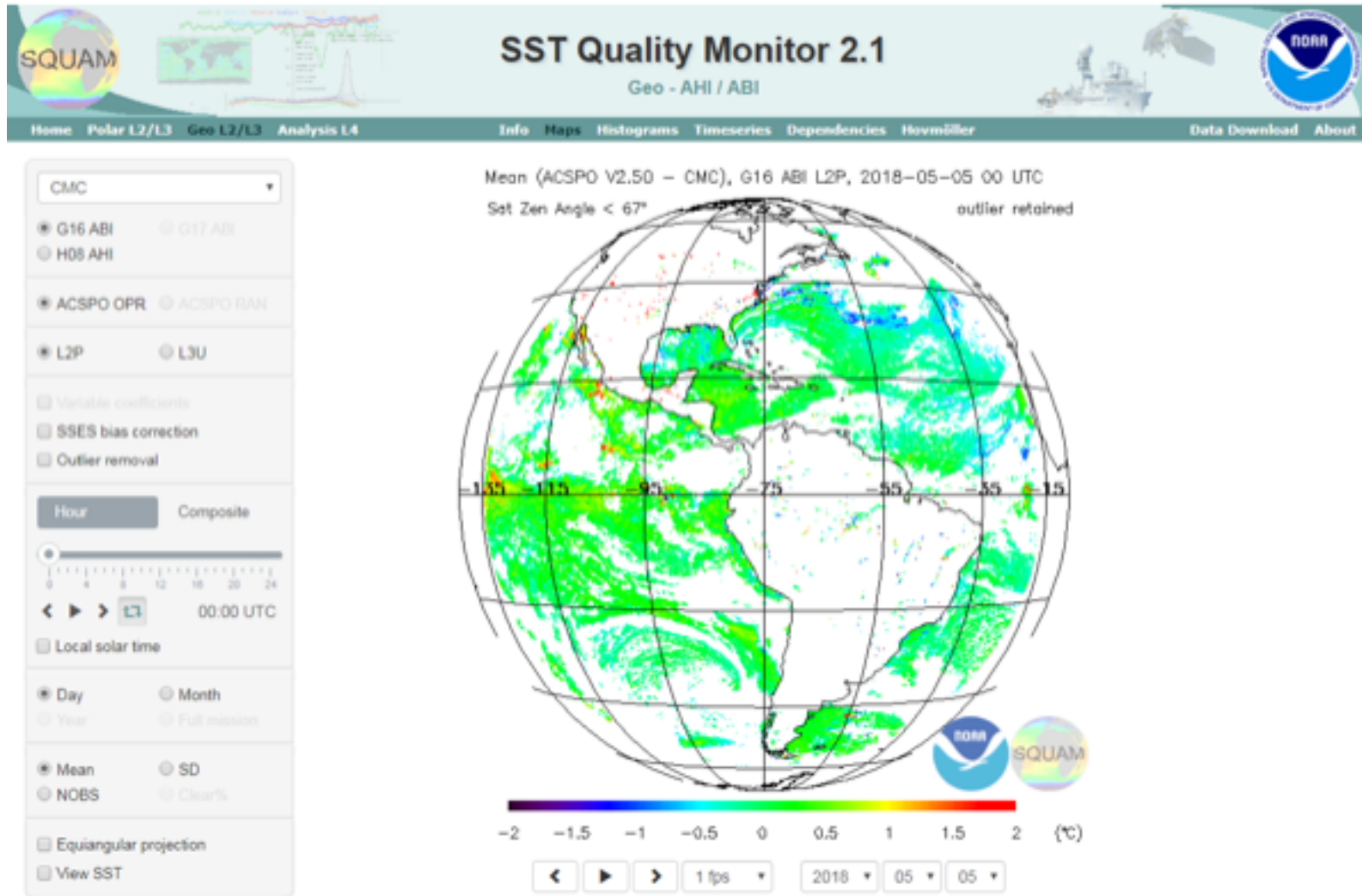


## Satellite missions





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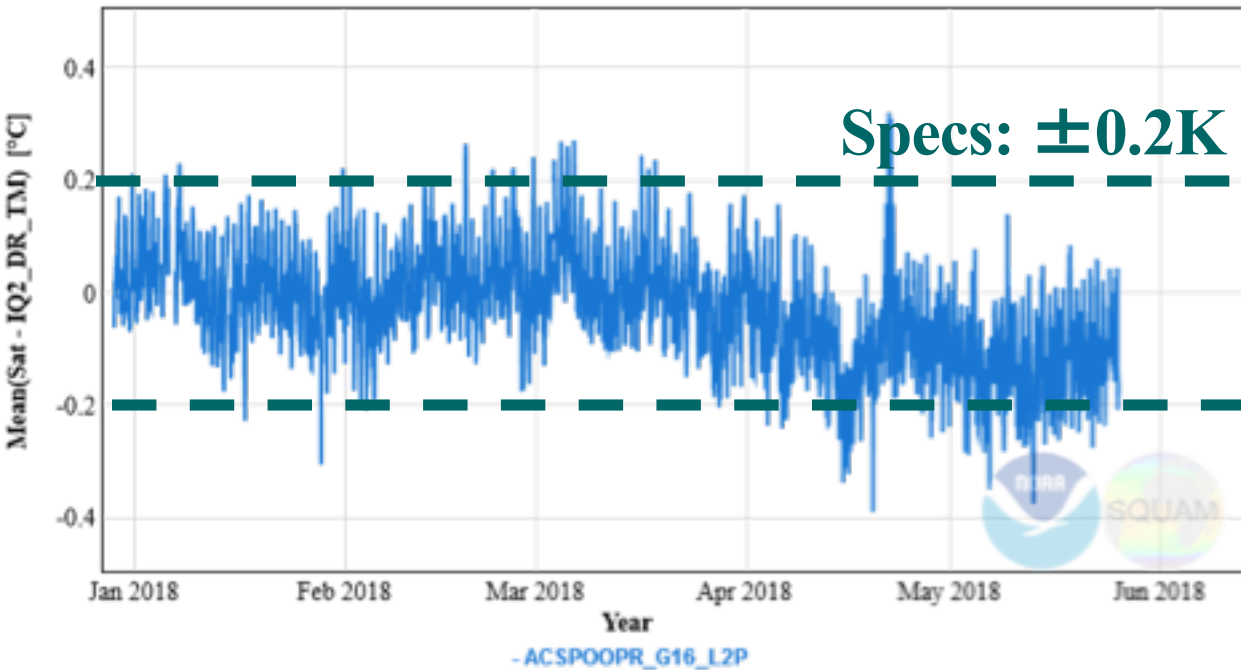


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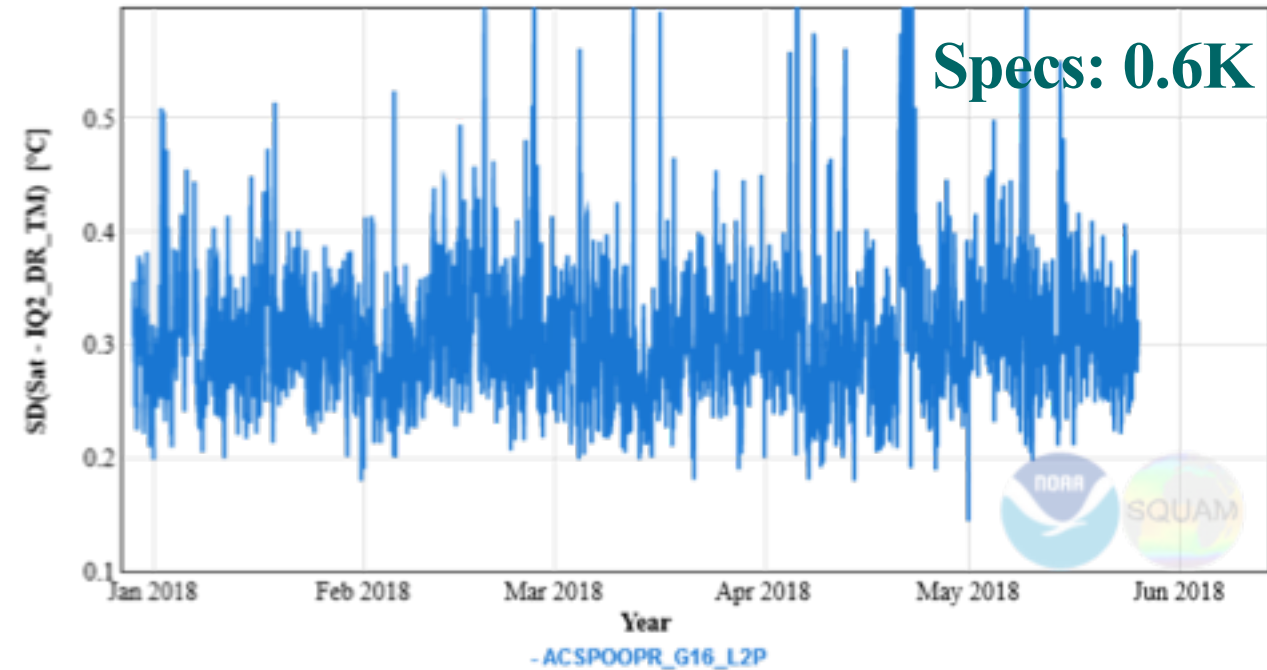


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G16, all UTC, outlier retained



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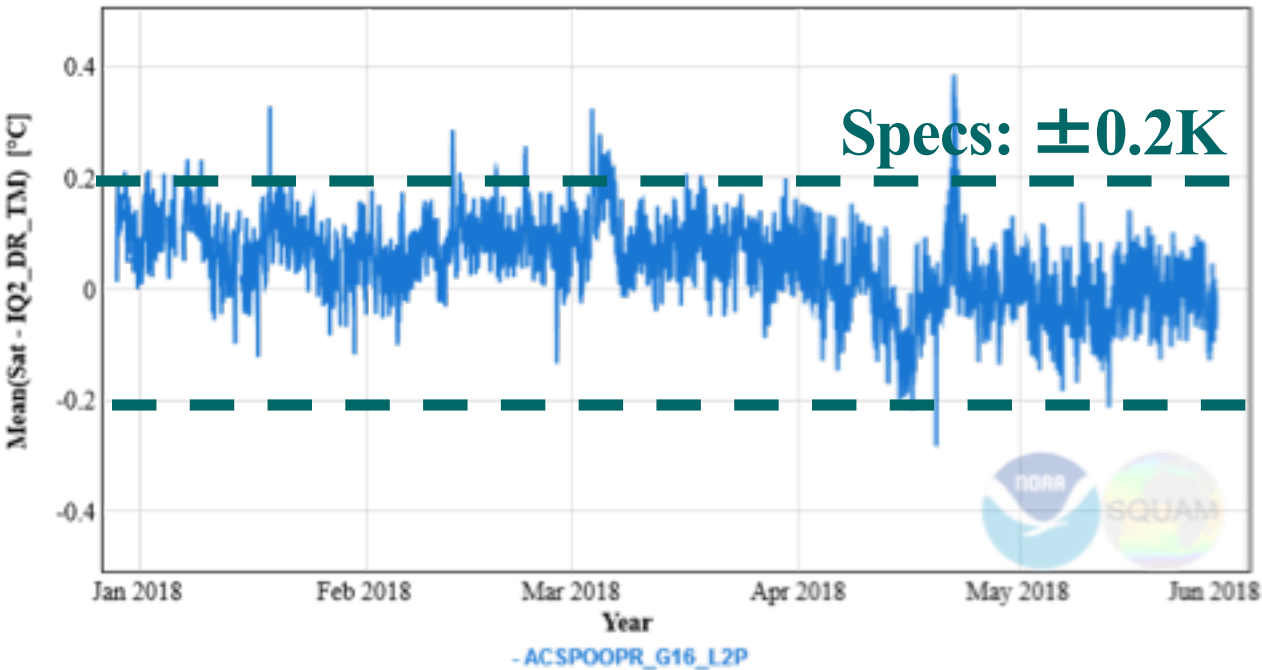
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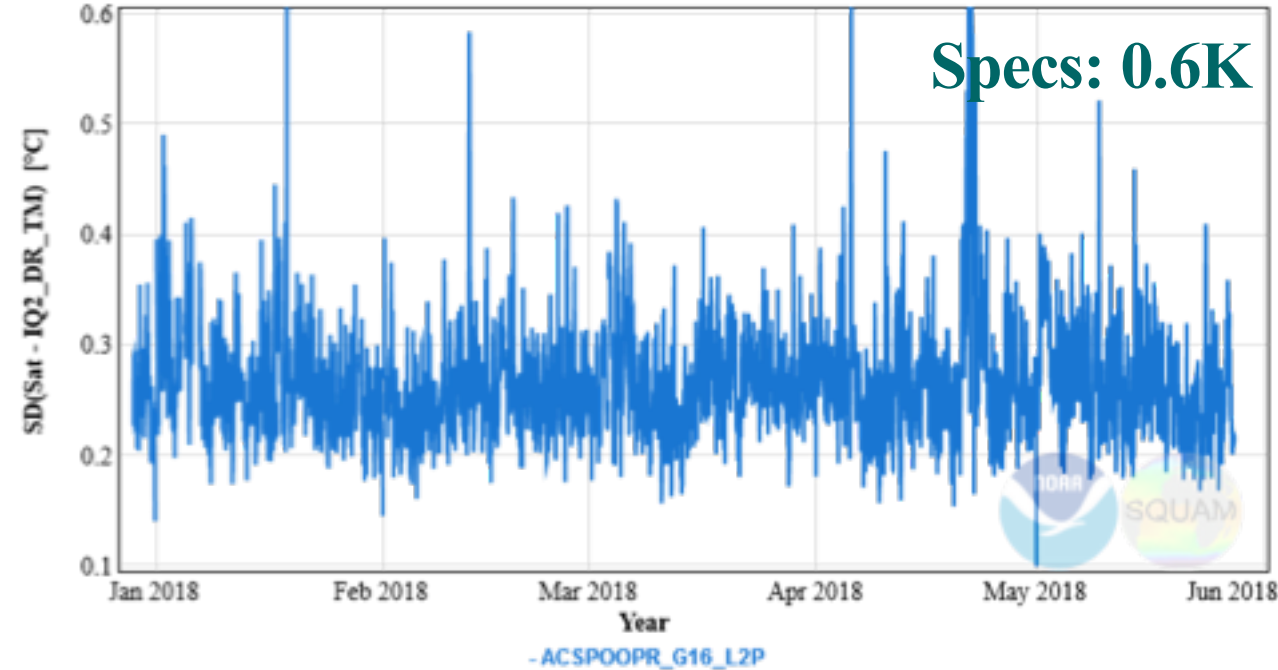


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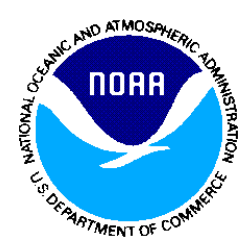
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# Ongoing *i*Quam and SQUAM Work

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## ● *i*Quam

- Complete v2.1, promote to the *i*Quam main slot
- Work on early years of satellite era, Identify best *in situ* SSTs for Cal/Val of ACSPO AVHRR GAC RANs
- Document *i*Quam2.0/2.1 enhancements

## ● SQUAM

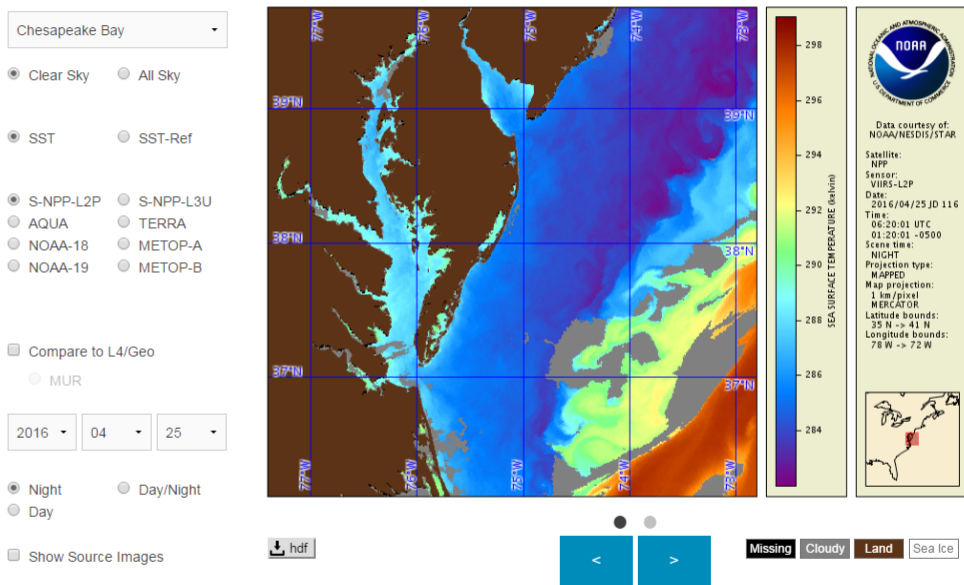
- Operational: Add N20/VIIRS & G17/ABI SSTs
- Reanalyses: Add VIIRS & AVHRR GAC RAN2s; ABI/AHI RAN1
- New Products: Add all L3U/C products from various sensors



# More SST Monitoring Resources at GRSST-XIX

- ✓ Xinjia Zhou – *iQuam* (presented by Ignatov)
- ✓ Kai He – SQUAM (presented by Pennybacker)

## ACSPPO Regional Monitor of SST



Ignatov – ACSPPO Regional Monitor for SST (ARMS).  
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**Thank You!**