CEOS SST-VC Report to GHRSST XIX

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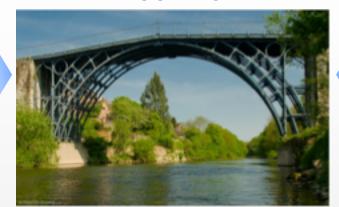


SST-VC Background



SST-VC







The First Iron bridge in the world, Shropshire, United Kingdom, Built by Abraham Darby, 1781

 The Committee on Earth Observing Satellites (CEOS) SST Virtual Constellation (SST-VC) serves as the bridge between the international SST community, GHRSST, and the coalition of national space agencies, CEOS



Main Activities Since G18



 The SST-VC spent the last year focusing on a narrower number of activities specifically identified in the CEOS Work Plan:

| VC-1 | List of Relevant Datasets from VCs |
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| VC-19 | Documented Plan for the SST Virtual Constellation |

- Took part in inter-sessional teleconferences with the CEOS Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) Chair.
- Presented and participated at 2017 SIT Technical Workshop in Frascati.
- Presented and participated at 2018 SIT-33 in Boulder.
- Presentation on PMW SST to ECMWF / ESA workshop on using low frequency passive microwave measurements in research and operational applications.
- Welcomed Sujuan Wang (CMA), Chu-Yong Chung (KMA).
- New NASA representative (Ed Armstrong).
- Strengthening commitment from SANSA.



Progress on Data



| VC-1 | List of Relevant Datasets from VCs |
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- 87 Group for High Resolution SST (GHRSST) products now in archive
- Collection-level and granule-level discovery and access fully web-service enabled (CSW, OpenSearch, OAI-PMH plus DAP, WMS, WCS) are maintained and upgraded with new capabilities and performance
- <u>Search the GHRSST collections</u> or <u>browse the full product table</u>, both dynamically and automatically updated
- Updates to CWIC are fully operational
- GHRSST Data Specification (GDS) Version 2 fully operational
- Products span September 1981 May 2018
- 6.7 million NetCDF data files, 146 Terabytes in collection and growing
- Served over 319,720,600 files, amounting to over 2.15 Petabyte of information, to over 246,200 users*
- GHRSST Regional/Global task sharing framework looking toward future



Progress on White Paper



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- SST-VC developing a whitepaper on the next generation SST Virtual Constellation, including necessary on-orbit assets, measurement methods (MW and IR, Geo and Polar), fiducial reference measurements, and data management systems
- Whitepaper Status:
 - Final draft in preparation
 - Will be focus of this years SST-VC meeting
 - Preliminary reviews and preparation took place at GHRSST-17/18
 - Writing task assignments completed over the last year
 - Publication targeted for 2018