



# A Site Atmospheric State Best Estimate of Temperature for Lauder, New Zealand

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# Schematic explanation of temperature SASBE for Lauder



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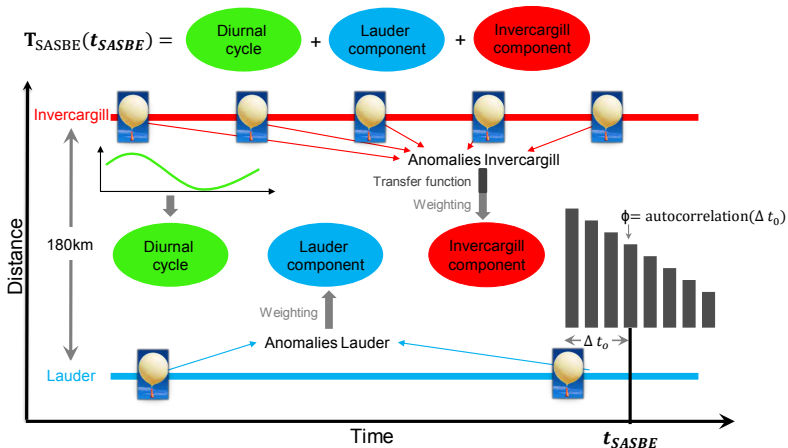
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- ▶ Representativeness of diurnal cycle for measured temperatures is estimated as the standard deviation of the differences between  $T_{RS}$  and  $T_{Diur}$



- Uncertainty on the diurnal cycle is estimated as:

$$\sigma_{T_{Diur}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{fit}^2 + \sigma_{representativeness}^2} \quad (2)$$

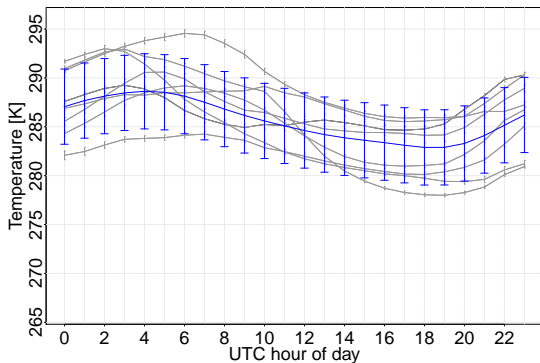


Figure 1: Diurnal cycle 925 hPa above Lauder at the 1st of January.



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- ▶ RS80:  $1-\sigma=0.5$  K, RS92:  $1-\sigma=0.25$  K



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- ▶ Temperature anomaly term is expanded in a Fourier series of the wind direction

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The uncertainties are propagated through Eq. (4).

$$\sigma_{T_{SASBE}(t)} = \sqrt{\sigma_{T_{Diur}}^2 \left( \frac{\partial T_{SASBE}}{\partial T_{Diur}} \right)^2 + \sigma_{T_{RSLau}}^2 \left( \frac{\partial T_{SASBE}}{\partial T_{RSLau}} \right)^2 + \sigma_{\hat{T}_{RSLau}}^2 \left( \frac{\partial T_{SASBE}}{\partial \hat{T}_{RSLau}} \right)^2} \quad (6)$$

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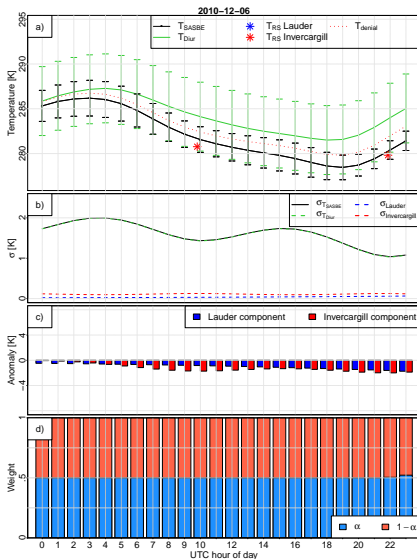
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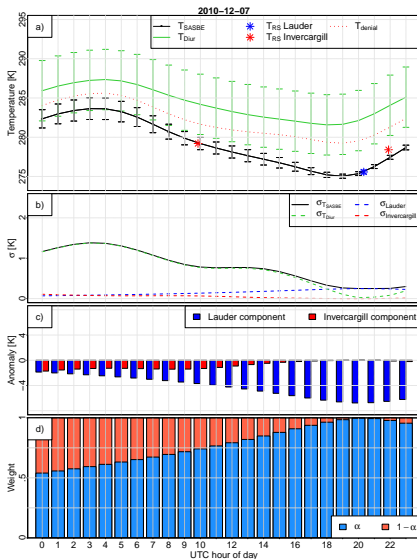
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- ▶ Outlook: Funding dependent: SASBEs for West Antarctic Ice Sheet → radiative transfer calculation using SASBE → study the sensitivity of the radiation balance to changes in the surface emissivity. For the motivation please see Feldman et al. (2014).



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