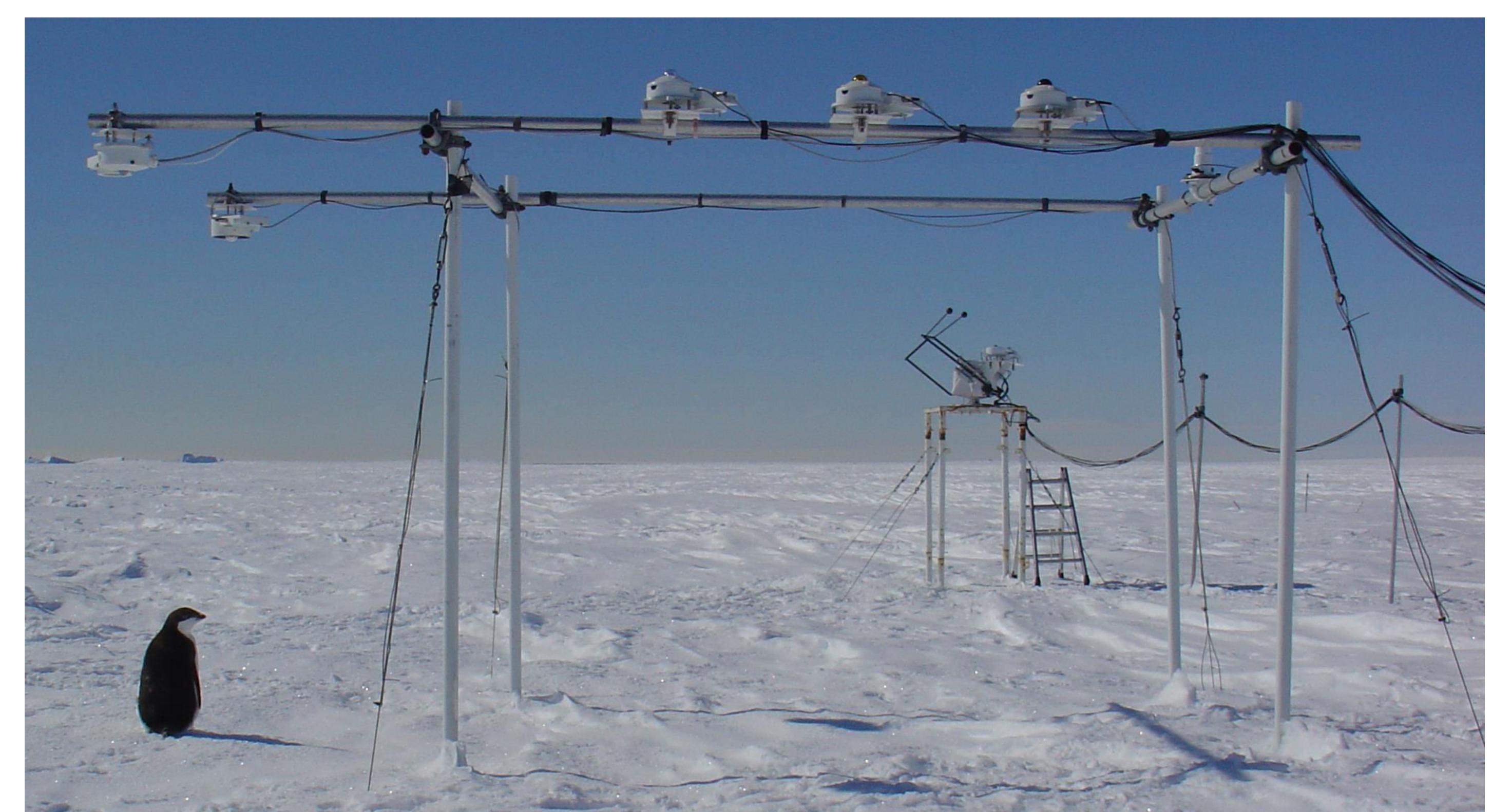


The World Radiation Monitoring Center (WRMC) of the Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN)

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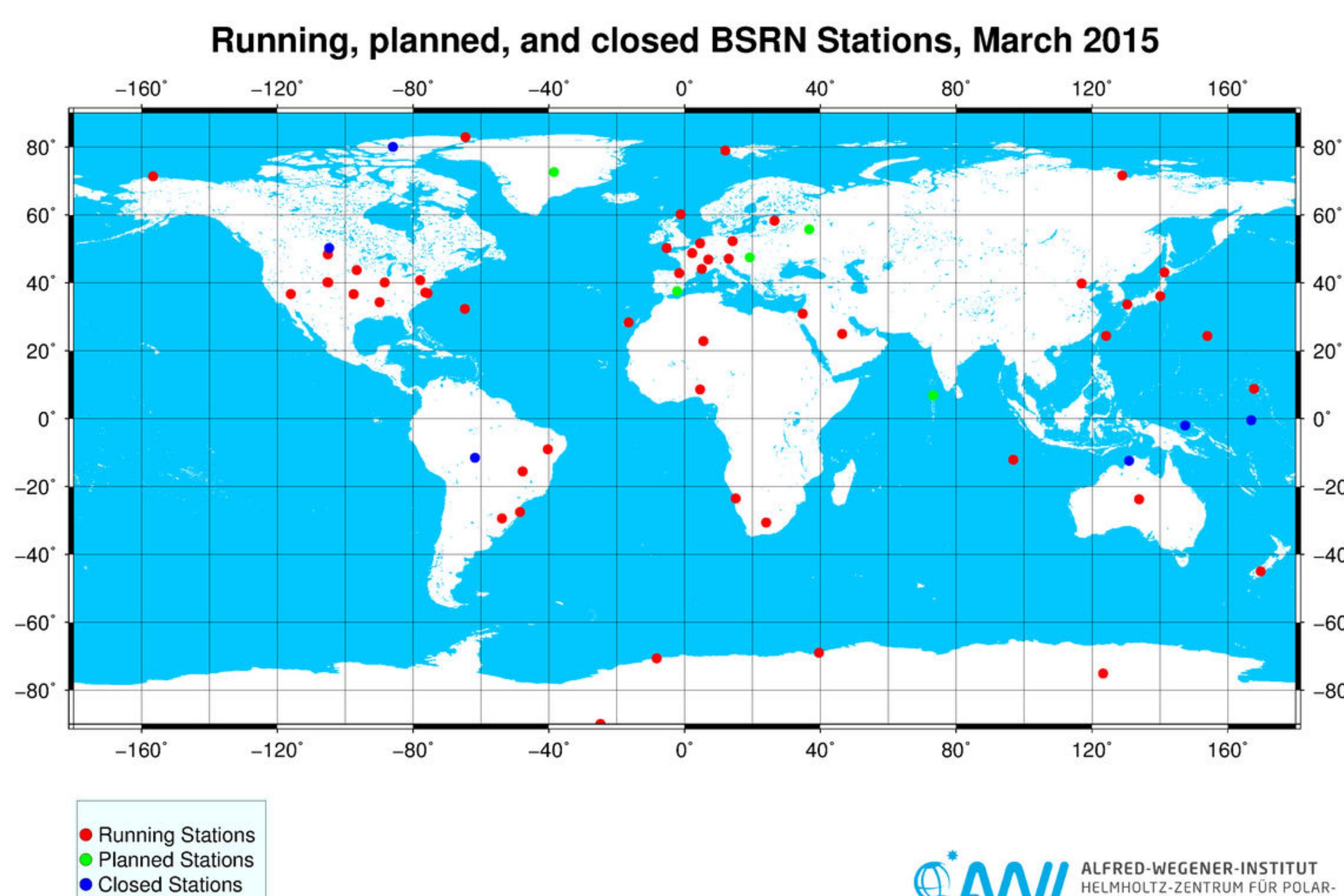
- is the central archive of the BSRN.
 - It was established in 1992 at ETH Zurich.
 - The objective of the archive is to provide the best possible quality for short- and long-wave surface radiation fluxes.
 - These readings are taken from a small number of selected stations, in contrasting climatic zones, together with collocated surface and upper air meteorological data and other supporting observations.
 - Originally, the archive was used only from climate scientists. Meanwhile, the WRCM also gets used more and more in the framework of solar energy research.



AWI- BSRN station at Neumayer

Brief History

- The BSRN was conceived and implemented in the late 1980s by the World Climate Research Program (WCRP).
 - Since the early 2000s the WRMC/BSRN is part of GEWEX, GAW, and GCOS.
 - In July 2008 AWI took over the WRMC from ETH Zurich (<http://www.bsrn.awi.de>).



Available datasets

- The typical average interval for radiation data is one minute.
 - The parameters offered: global, diffuse, direct, long-wave down, reflex, long-wave up, UV radiation, synoptic observations, upper air soundings, total ozone, ceilometer data, and radiation measurements from towers.
 - More than 8700 months (~ 725 years) of high quality radiation data submitted from 59 stations since 1992 are archived.
 - BSRN data are available for non commercial users for bona fide research purposes at no cost. For details see: <http://bsrn.awi.de/data/conditions-of-data-release.html>.
 - All data can be retrieved interactively by any registered user from a ftp-server and the Publishing Network PANGAEA (<http://www.pangaea.de/search?g=BSRN>)

Web-interface for retrieving monthly BSRN datasets using PANGAEA