Visual Quality Control of XBT Data at AOML

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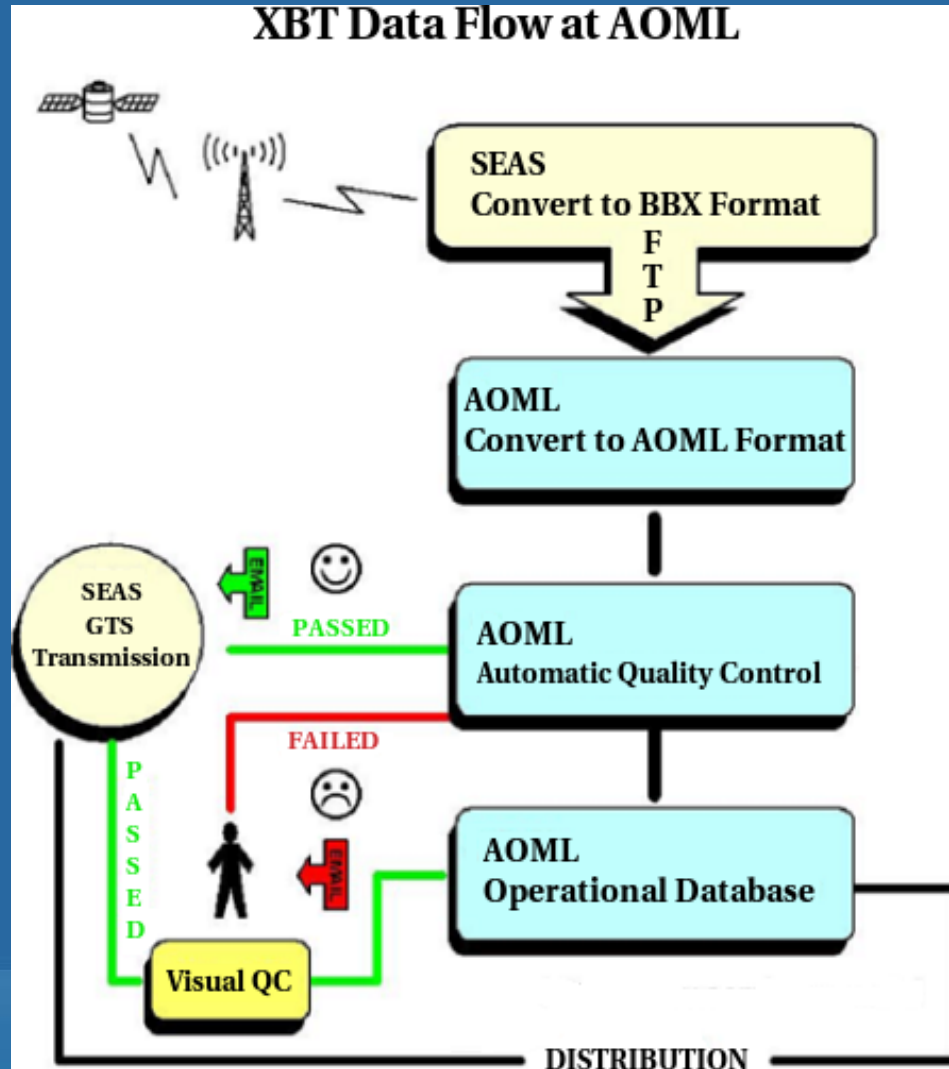
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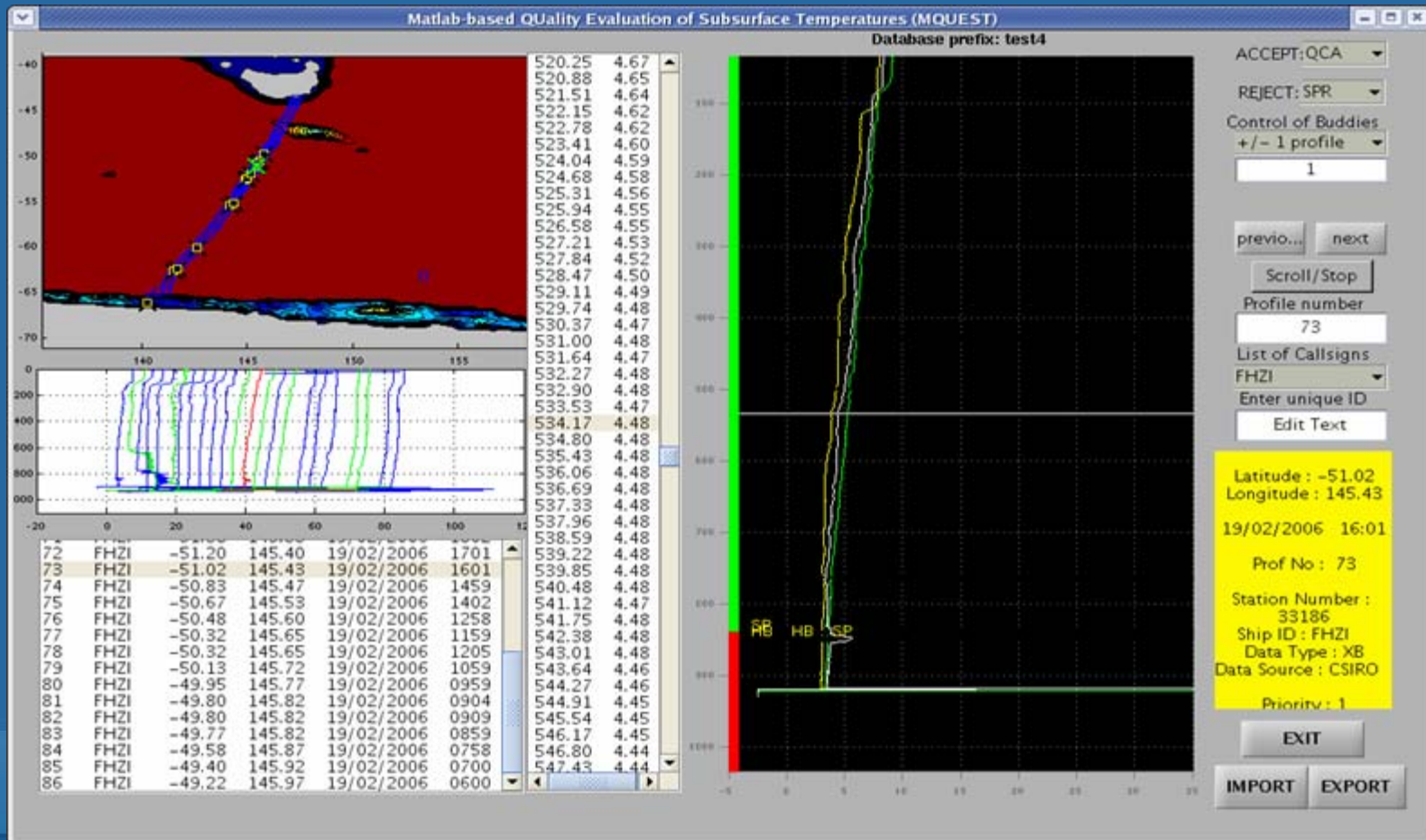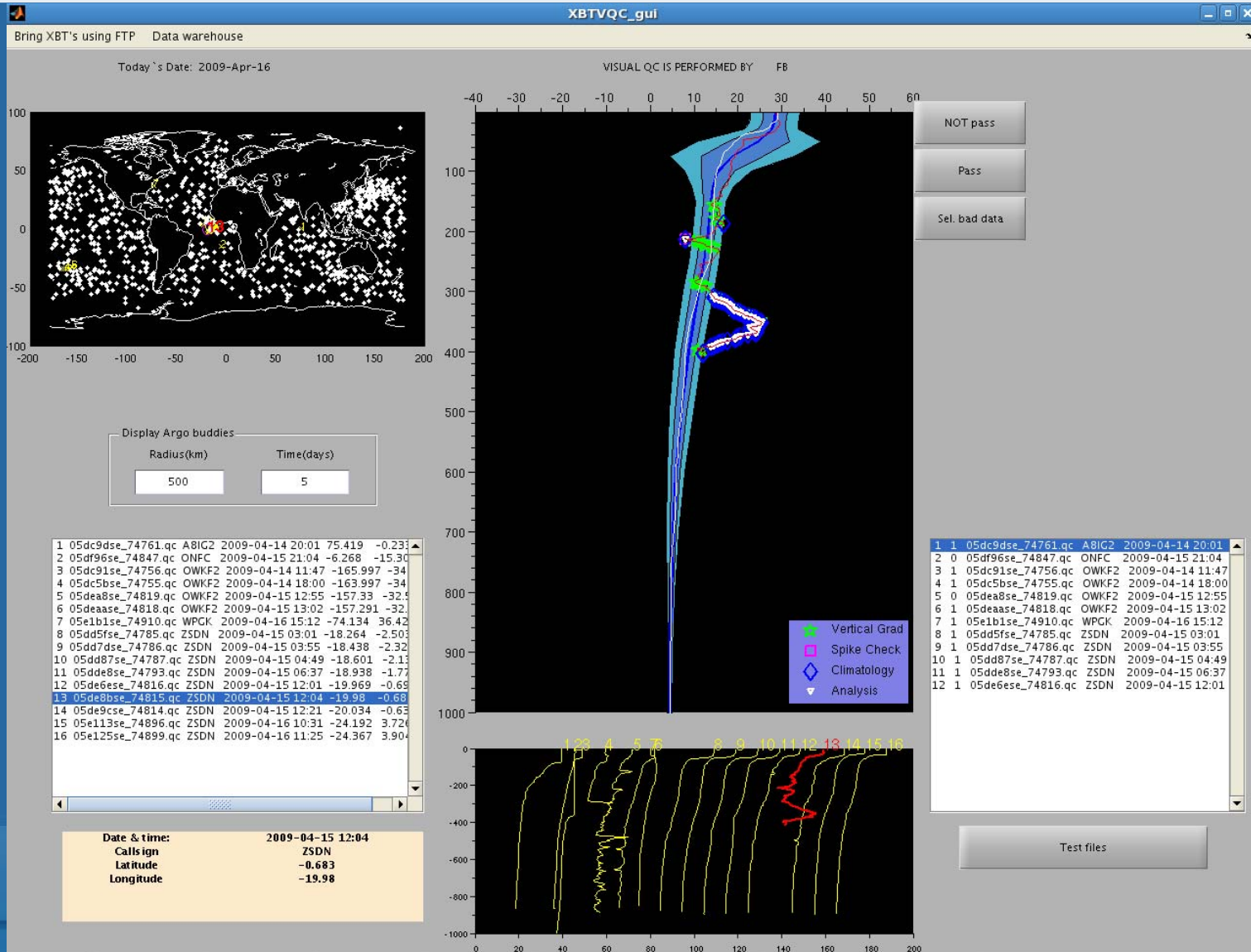
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XBT Data Flow

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Visual Quality Control software

SCIRO VQC software: MQUEST
courtesy of Ann Thresher

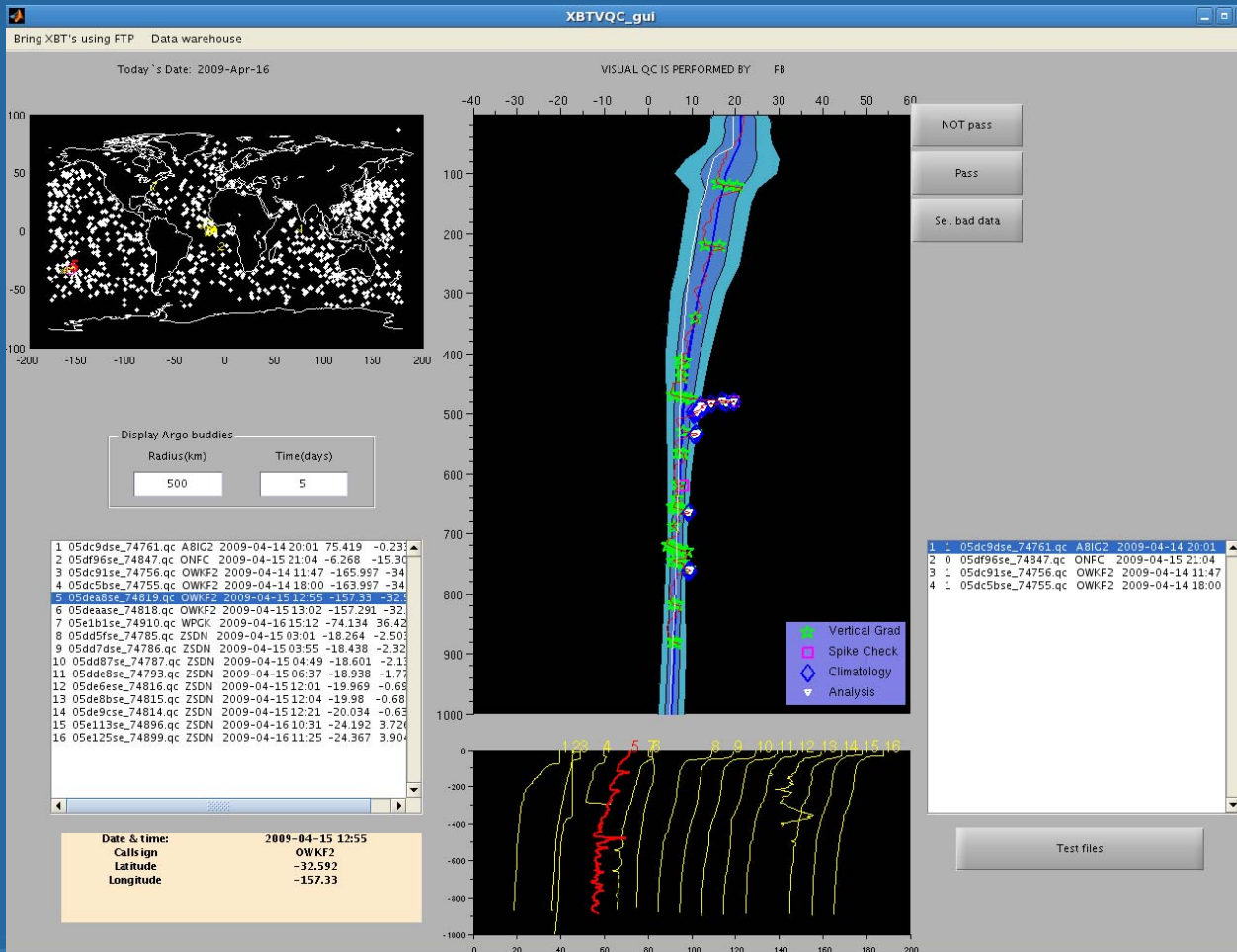# Visual Quality Control software

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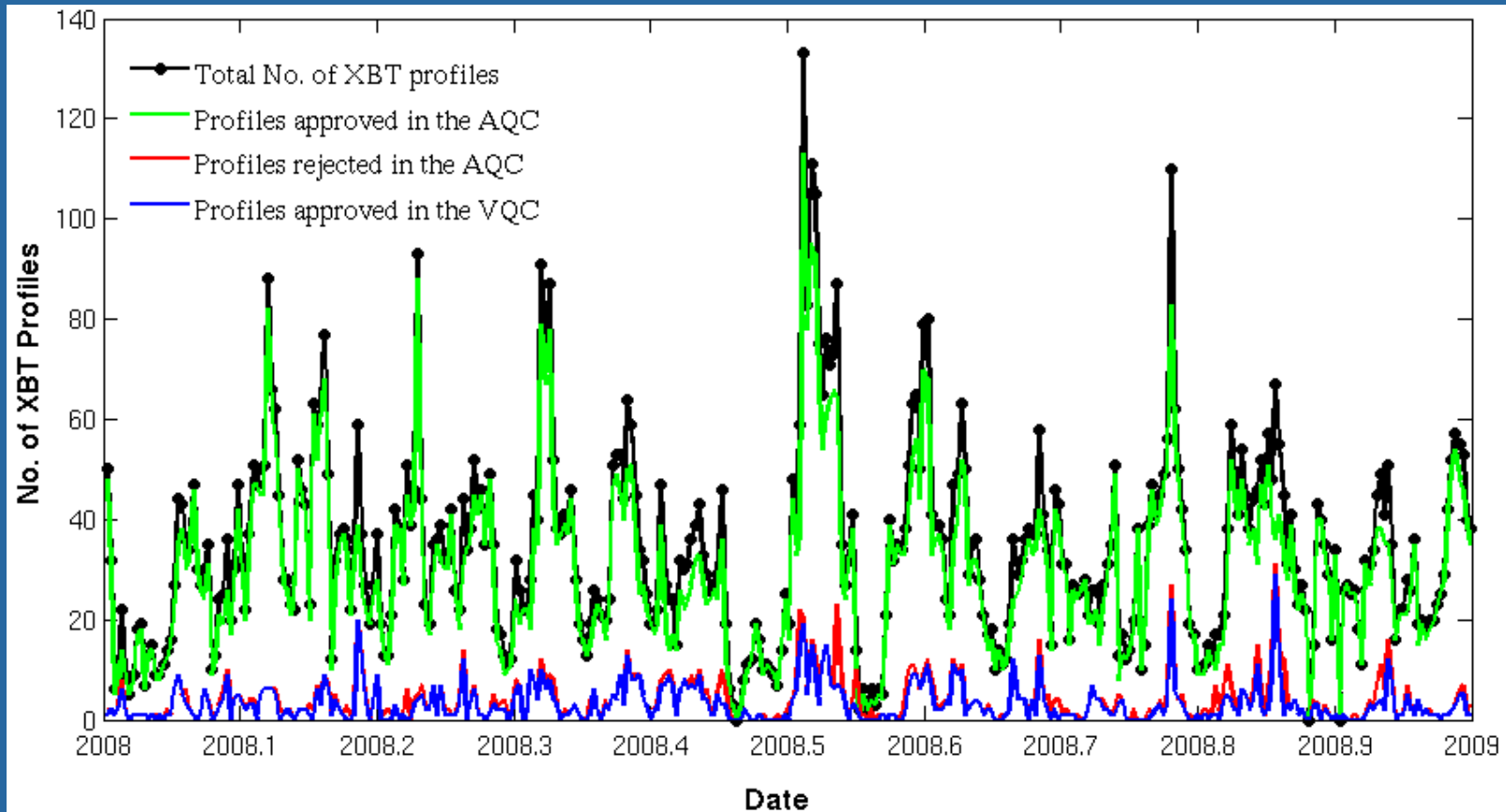# Visual Quality Control software

Check for:

- Spikes

- Gradients

- Buddies

- Location

- Climatology +
  Standard deviation

XBT Quality Control Statistics

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Statistics of XBT profiles during **2008**

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                              max/day   mean      sum    percentage

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Total No. of profiles          133     33.6     12258

Profiles Approved in the AQC   113     29.6     10801    (88.1%)*

Profiles rejected in the AQC    31      4.0      1456    (11.9%)*

Profiles approved in the VQC    29      3.1      1136    (77.5%)**


Total No. of profiles to the GTS                11937    (97.4%)*

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  * relative to the total no. of profiles received

  ** relative to the no. of profiles rejected in the Auto QC

Future Plans

- Continue the collaboration and share expertise with other institutions.

- Modify this software to be used for the QC of XBT profiles for scientific purposes.

- Flag points in the profiles before submission to the GTS once BUFR transmissions are implemented.

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