

# The Critical Importance of BSRN to Quantify the Uncertainties and Improve the NASA/GEWEX SRB Fluxes and Resulting Impacts

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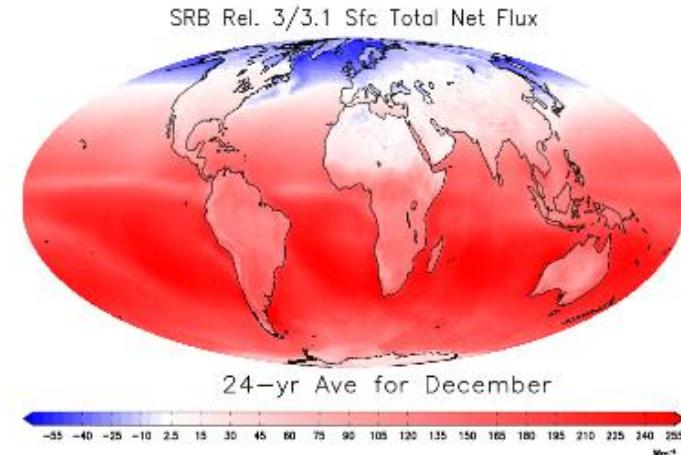
## SRB Objectives:

- **Fuse observations** of clouds, aerosols, atmospheric constituents, and surface properties consistently *in time and space* to estimate the key components of the surface and TOA radiative fluxes for long-time periods (exceeding 30 years)
- **Explore** these data sets to describe the long-term mean & variability of the surface and TOA radiative budgets and their dependencies
- **Provide** these data products to scientific and applied science users
- **Collaborate** with other global GEWEX projects to improve integration and promote the understanding of these energy components in the context global heat and water budgets

## NASA GEWEX Surface Radiation Budget

Home Documentation Data Education and Applications Related Activities

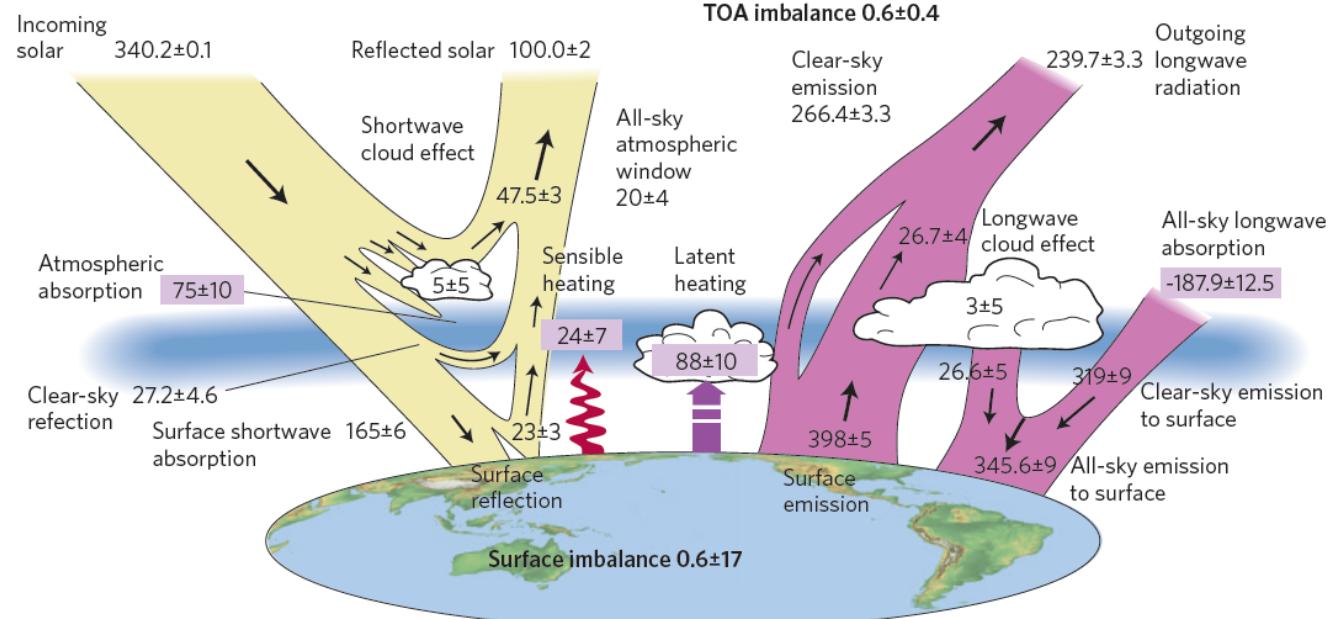
### NASA GEWEX Surface Radiation Budget



<http://gewex-srb.larc.nasa.gov>

# Global Energy Budget Closure

- Global energy balanced with uncertainties
- EBAF assumed to adjust TOA net
- Precipitation assumed to be higher than GPCP
- Surface imbalance  $\pm 17 \text{ W m}^{-2}$



**Stephens et al (2012, Nature GeoScience, 23 September 2012 )**

# Examples of SRB Usage

## Regional SRB Projects and Climatology

- Southern Ocean (Luo et al., '15)
- Specific geostationary satellites (Albarelo et al., '15, Müller et al., '15, Posselt et al., '14, Zhang et al., '14)
- Specific continental-scale areas (Cattiaux et al. '15, Gianotti and Eltahir '14, Pessacg et al., '14, Gao et al., '15, Wang et al., '14, Zhang & Liang, '14)
- Mediterranean basin study (Pyrina et al., '15 Nabat et al., '14)
- Alaska (Ueyama et al., '14)

## Global Earth Radiative Budget and Clouds

- Atmospheric energy budgets and variability (Ma et al., '15, Stephens et al., '15, Zhang et al., '15)
- CERES comparisons (Kato et al., '13, Rutan et al., '15, Pan et al., '15)
- Global surface albedo estimations: Qu et al., '15, He et al., '14)
- Ocean heat budget (Wong et al., '14)

## Water and Energy Cycle

- Closure studies (Robertson et al., '14)
- Monsoon (Hu and Duan, '15, Kothe et al., '14)
- Global evapotranspiration (Long et al., '14, Yao et al., '14)
- North China drought (Zhang et al., '15)
- River basin water and energy balance (Tatsumi and Yamashiki, '15, Yang et al., '15)
- Tanzania (Armanios and Fisher '14)
- Global soil moisture/precipitation: Guillod et al., '15)
- Radiation/energy balance of snow (Lapo et al., '15)

## Interdisciplinary Research Projects

- Solar cooking in Sahel (Newton et al., '14)
- Solar energy (Mazurek '14)
- Global gross primary production (Cai et al., '14)
- Global lake surface temperatures (Sharma et al., '15)
- Agricultural modeling (Ruane et al., '15)

## Energy Applied Science

- Solar panel resource and citing
- Solar hot water heating
- Solar street lighting
- Solar walls
- Building energy modeling

## Agricultural Usage

- Crop modeling
- Land use
- Irrigation modeling

## Human and Animal Disease

- Bipolar disease onset
- Infestation vectors



# Current SRB Release 3 Data Products



(Spatial Resolution:  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$ ; 7/83 – 12/07)

Data Types	Model Name	Temporal Resolution	Parameters
SW	GEWEX SW (Pinker/Laszlo) (v3.0)	3-hourly, Monthly Averaged 3-hourly, Daily and Monthly Averaged (UTC and local sun time)	All-sky: Surface down, up, PAR down; TOA Down, Up
	LPSA (Staylor/ Gupta) (v3.0)	Daily, Monthly	Clear-Sky: Surface Down, Up; TOA Up
			All-sky: Surface Down, Net, and Albedo
			Clear-sky: Surface Down
LW	GEWEX LW (Fu/Liou/ Stackhouse) (v3.1)	3-hourly, Monthly Averaged 3-hourly, Daily and Monthly Averaged	All-sky and clear-sky: TOA up; Surface Up and Down
	LPLA (Gupta) (v3.0)	3-hourly, Monthly Averaged 3-hourly, Daily and Monthly Averaged	All-sky Surface Downward, Net; Cloud Radiative Forcing
Input Property	CLDPROPS	3-Hourly	Surface emissivity, skin temperature, atmospheric profile; cloud phase, fraction, optical depth and LWC

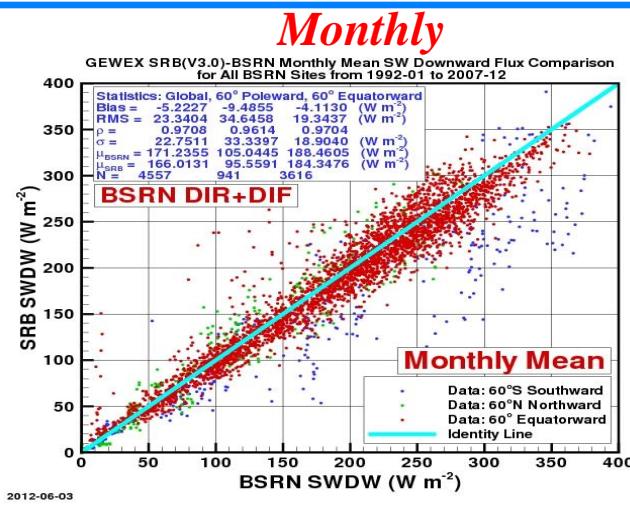
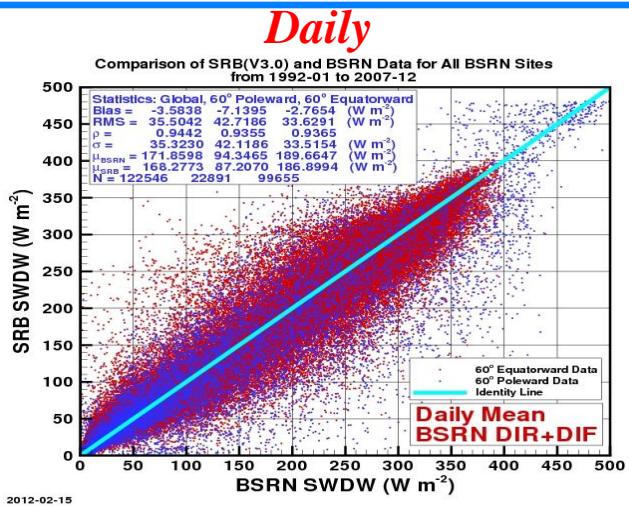
Note: The LPSA and LPLA algorithms are also used in CERES Surface-Only



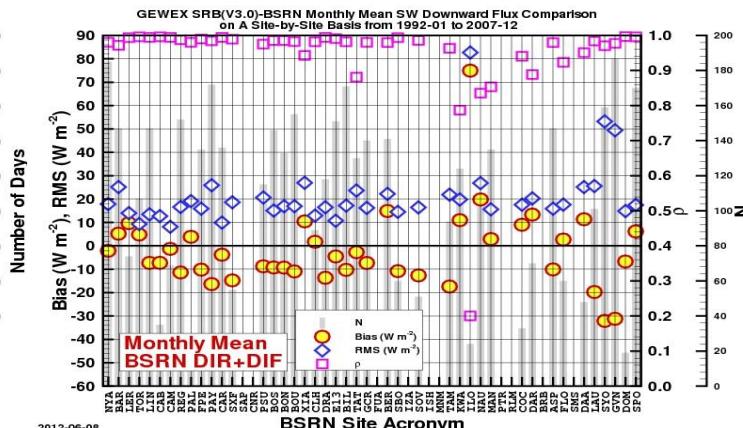
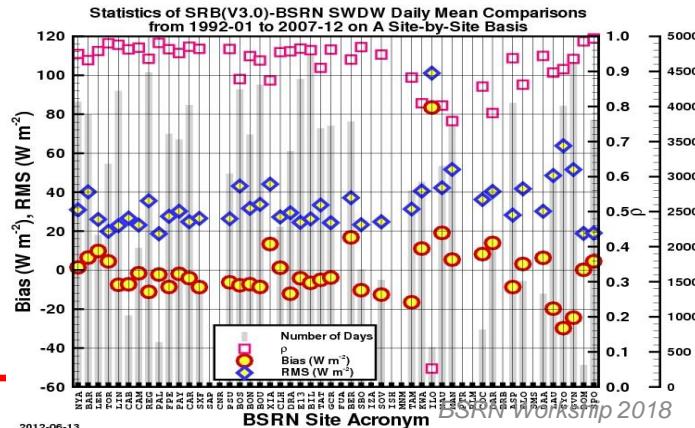
# SRB(V3.0)-BSRN SW Daily and Monthly Mean Comparisons



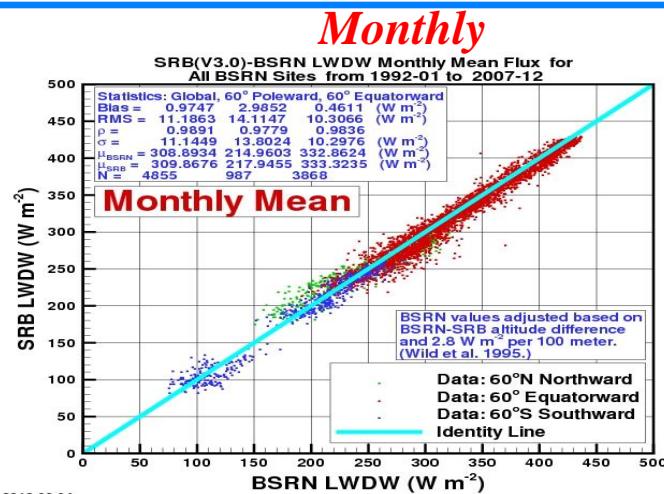
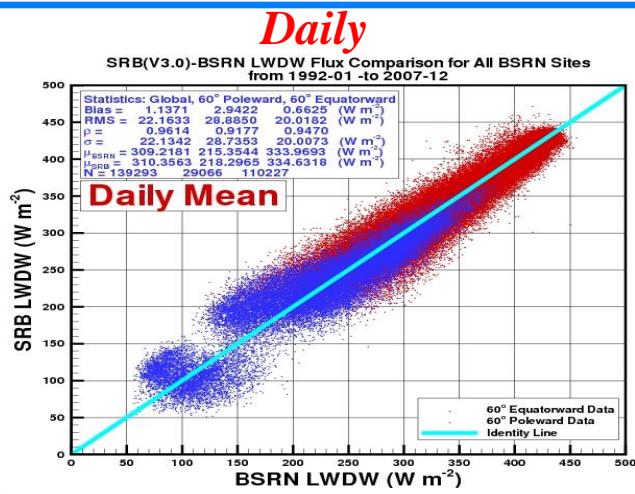
*Large Ensemble  
(all times,  
all sites)*



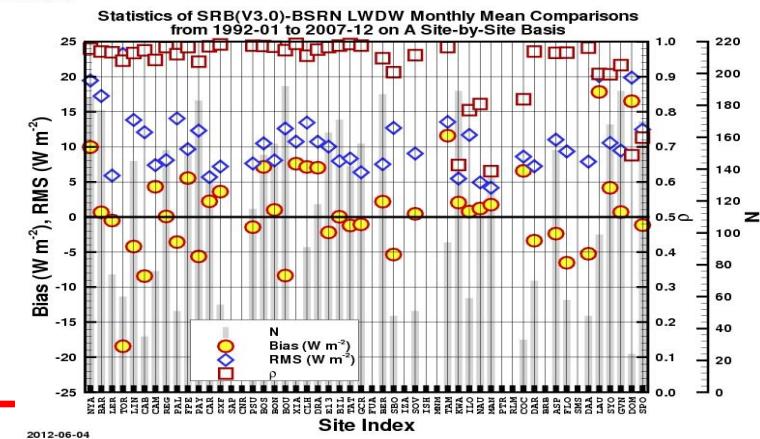
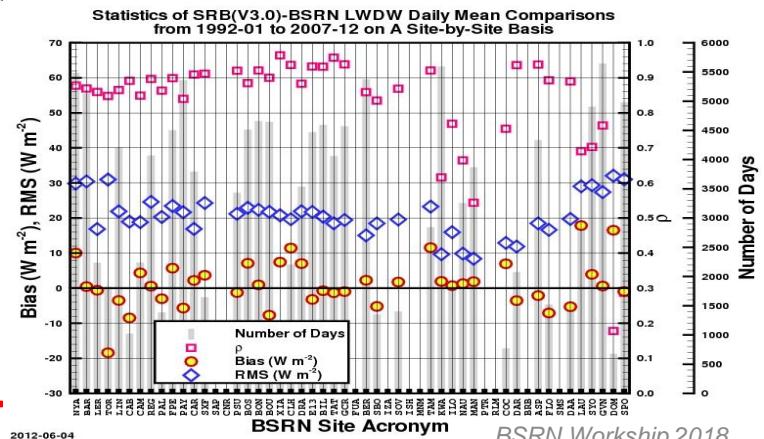
*Site-by-site Ensemble  
(all times,  
each sites)*



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# Validation Summary by Temporal Average



## GEWEX SRB(V3.0)-BSRN Comparison

*Bias/(RMS) from 1992-01 to 2007-12*

Model	3-Hourly (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	Daily (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	3-Hourly- Monthly (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	Monthly (W m <sup>-2</sup> )
<b>GEWEX SRB GSW(V3.0)</b>	<b>-6.99 (88.32)</b>	<b>-3.58 (35.50)</b>	<b>-8.81 (47.43)</b>	<b>-5.22 (23.34)</b>
<b>GEWEX SRB GLW(V3.0)</b>	<b>1.25 (30.50)</b>	<b>1.13 (22.16)</b>	<b>0.89 (13.75)</b>	<b>0.97 (11.18)</b>

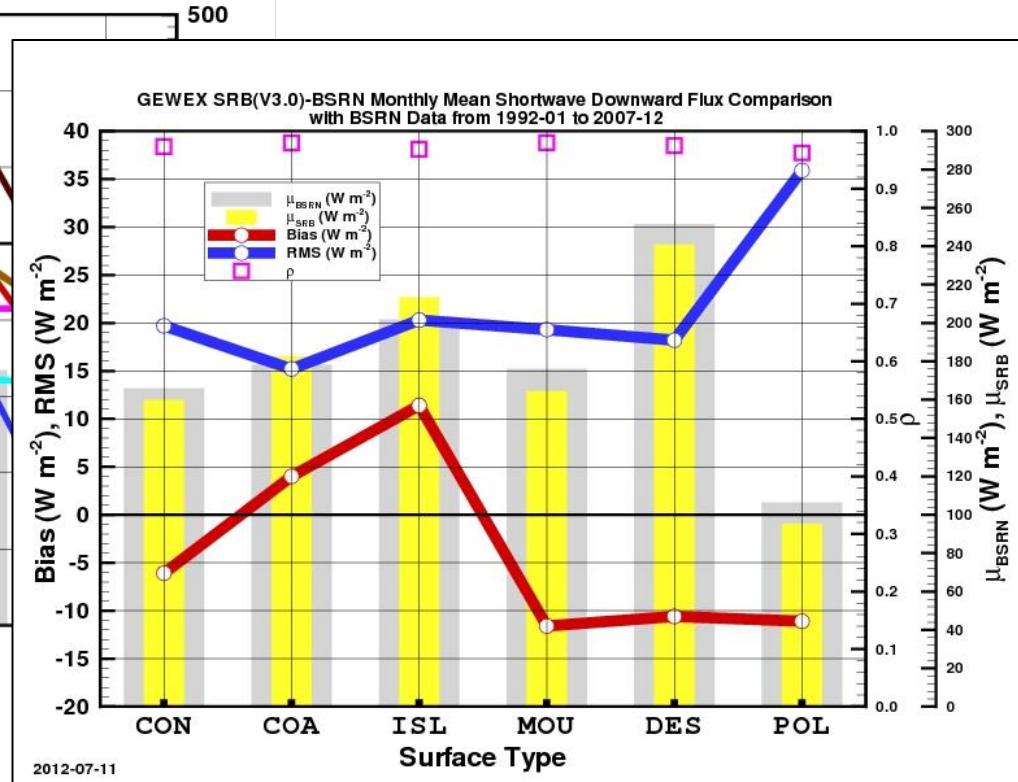
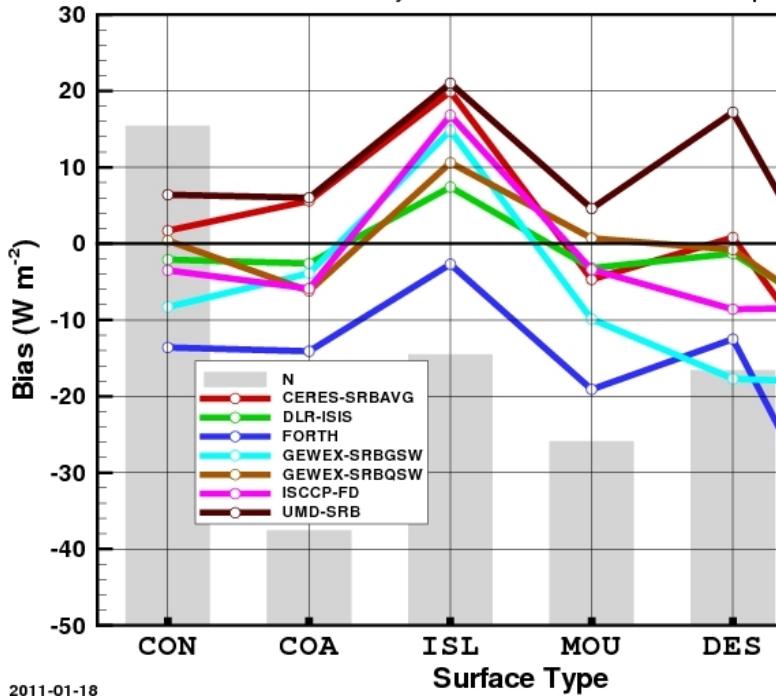
*BSRN data from <http://bsrn.awi.de/> as of 2011-08-22.*

*BSRN measurements must be of consistent quality on a site  
by site basis to enable this sort of analysis*

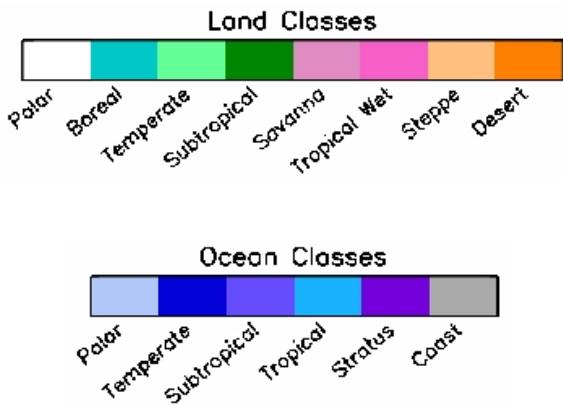
# Validation by Surface Type

RFA Report Chapter 6: Fig. 6.7

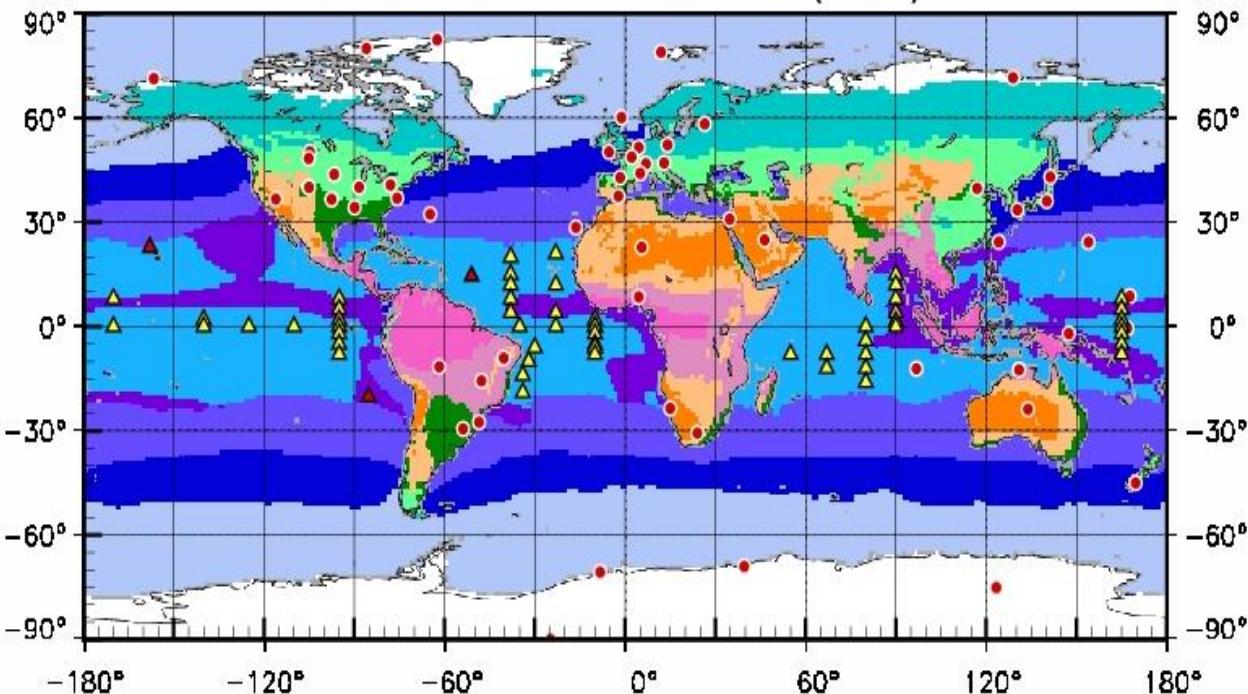
GEWEX RFA-BSRN Monthly Mean Shortwave Downward Flux Comparison Statistics



# Surface Sites Locations Relative to Climate Types

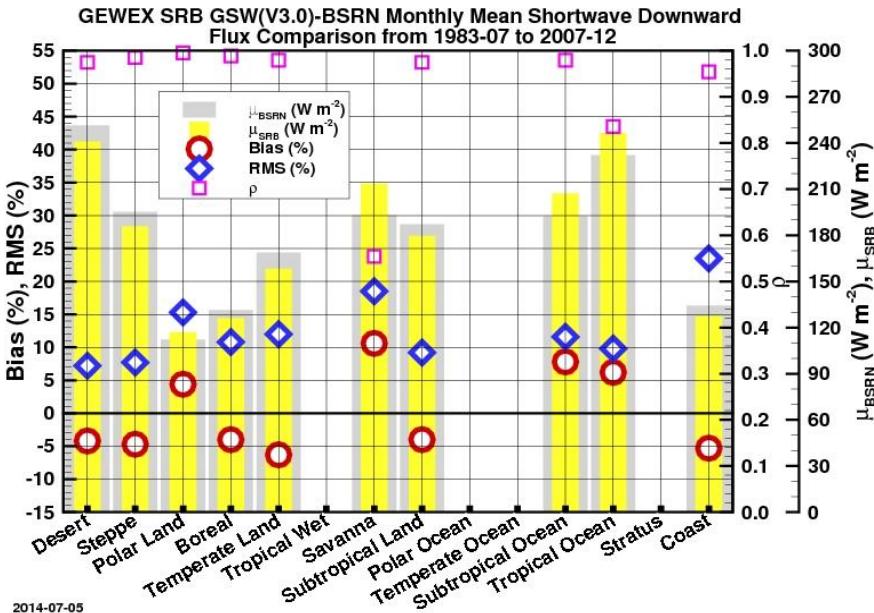


Triangles: 55 PMEL Buoys (YELLOW) & 3 WHOI Buoys (RED)  
Circles: 59 Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN) Sites

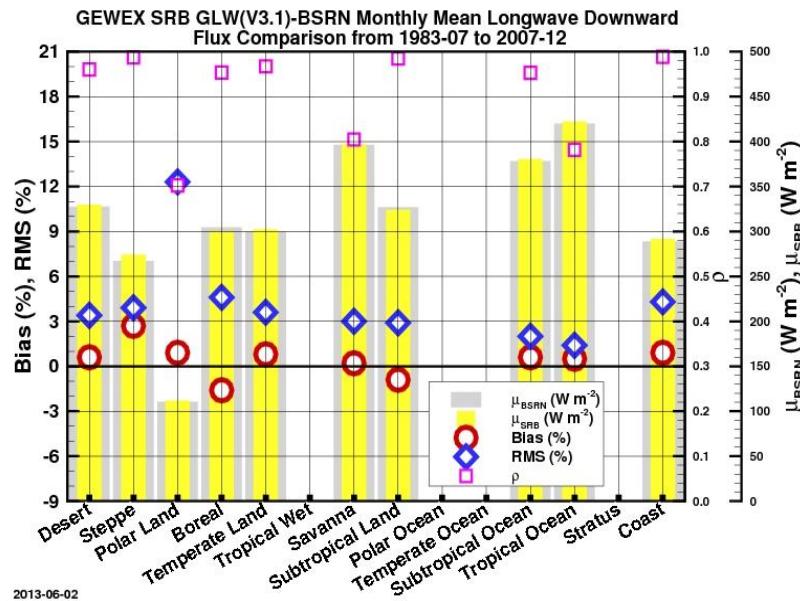


## BSRN Differences by Climate Type

### *SW Differences*

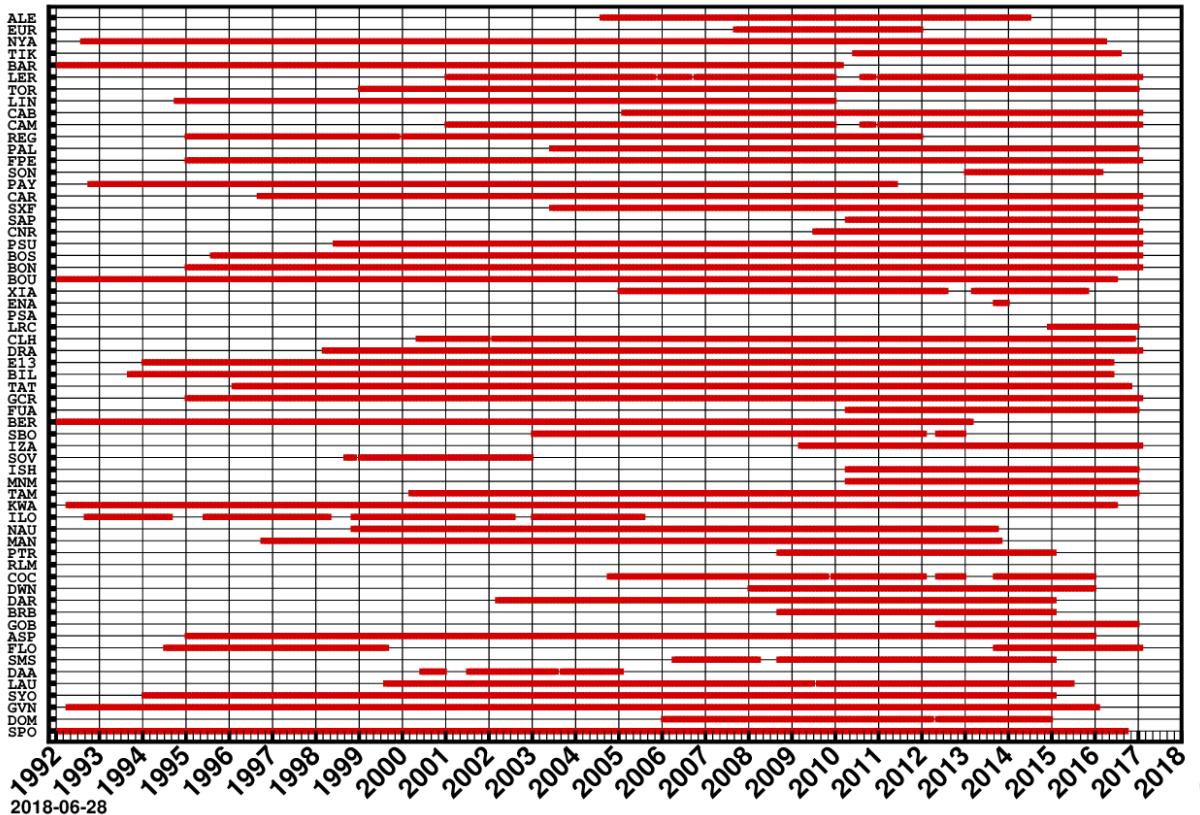


### *LW Differences*

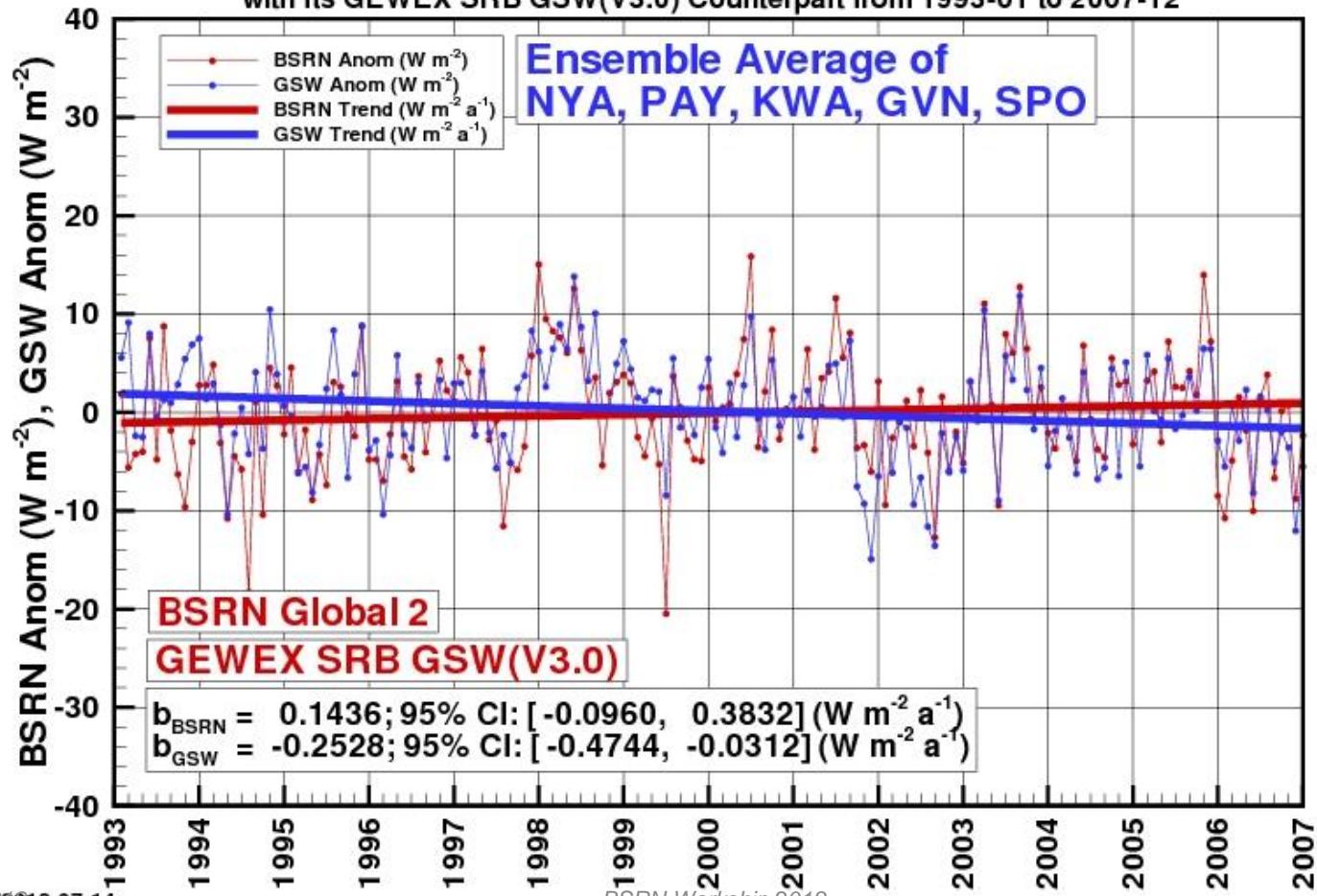


# Long-Term Consistency Critical

9688 Available Site-Months of BSRN Data from 61 Sites as of 2017-02-10

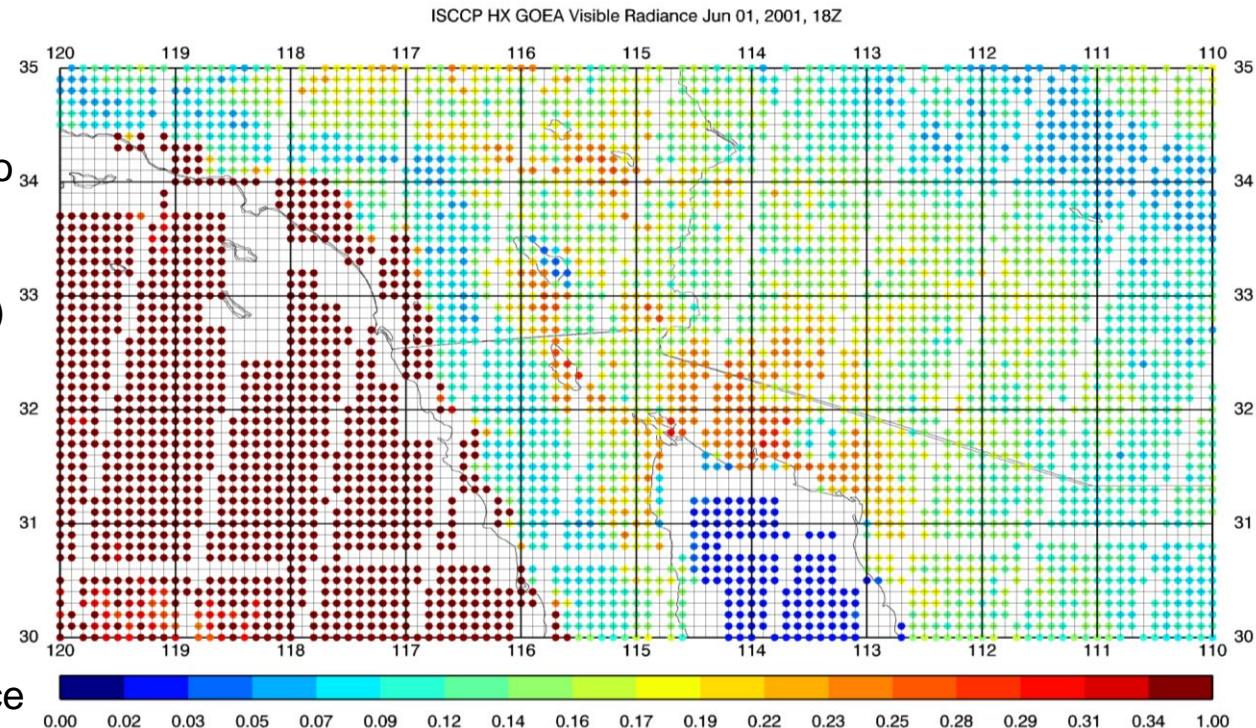


Trend of Deseasonalized Ensemble Average of 5 BSRN Sites in Comparison  
with Its GEWEX SRB GSW(V3.0) Counterpart from 1993-01 to 2007-12



*ISCCP HX is being  
reprocessed (production  
based at NCEI)*

- Uses all 10 km pixels with no subsampling
- Revised calibration using MODIS and Heidinger (et al)
- Pixel 3-hourly, 1x1 3-hourly, and 1x1 monthly data products
- nnHIRS: Gridded & filled data set using T, q retrieval (Shi et al.)
- New surface type maps
- Revised & extended snow/ice
- Extended O3





# SRB (R4) Annual Averages Fluxes for 2007

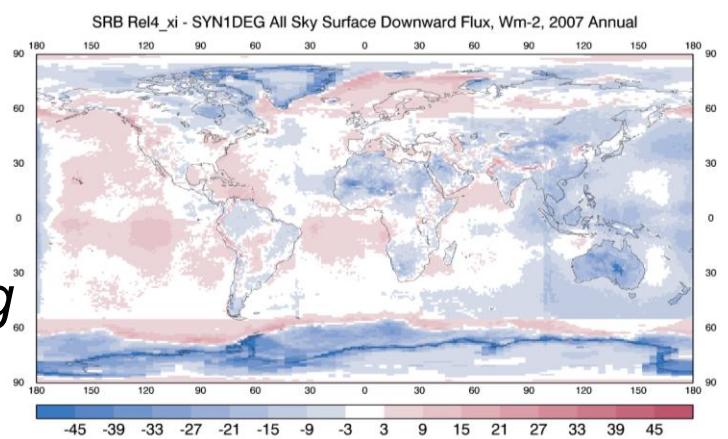
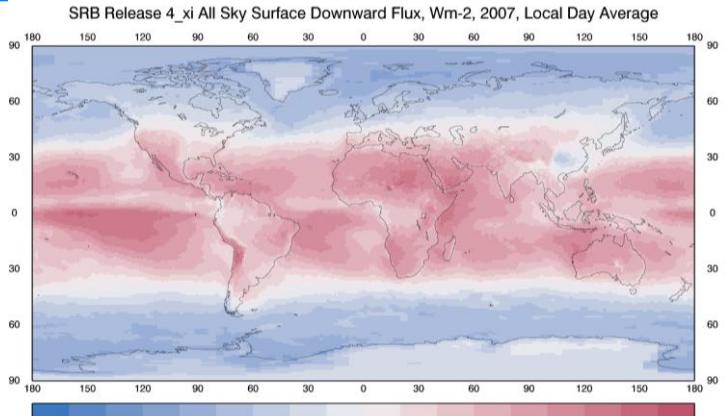


*Global  
annual  
averaged  
fluxes for  
2007*

Flux Component	Rel 3.0	Rel 4_xi (NEW algorithm, NEW inputs – HXS V01)	CERES Syn1Deg (Ed. 4A)	CERES EBAF (Ed 4.0)
Surface total down	186.1	184.7	187.8	186.5
Surface down diffuse	104.1	100.0	105.7	--
Surface clear-sky down	247.6	239.8	242.5	244.1
Surface pristine-sky down	258.5	252.1	253.0	--
Surface albedo	0.131	0.133	0.136	0.143
Surface net	163.5	161.8	166.9	164.6
Surface Cloud Radiative Effect	-61.5	-55.1	-54.6	-57.6
TOA Up	104.4	100.6	99.6	99.0

# Annual SW Surface Down Fluxes for 2007

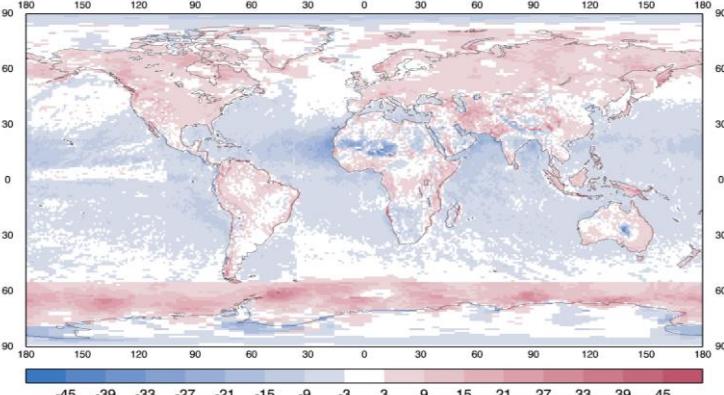
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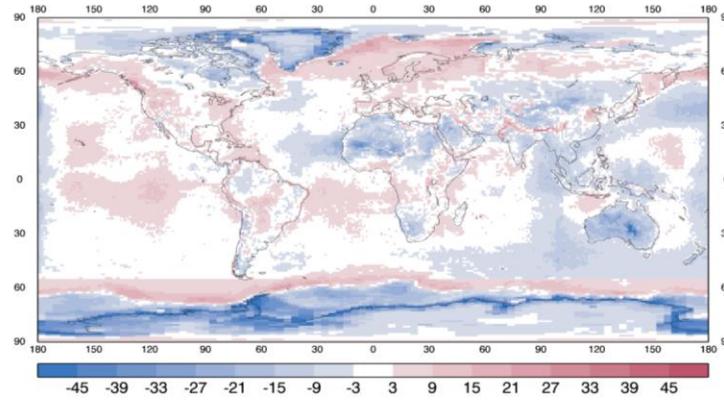
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R3

All Sky Surface Downward Flux, Wm-2, Annual 2007, 4\_xi - 3.00



SRB Rel4\_xi - EBAF All Sky Surface Downward Flux, Wm-2, 2007 Annual



R4 –  
CERES  
EBAF  
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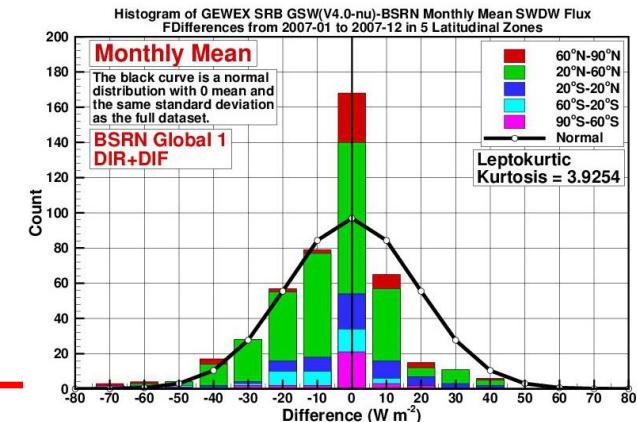
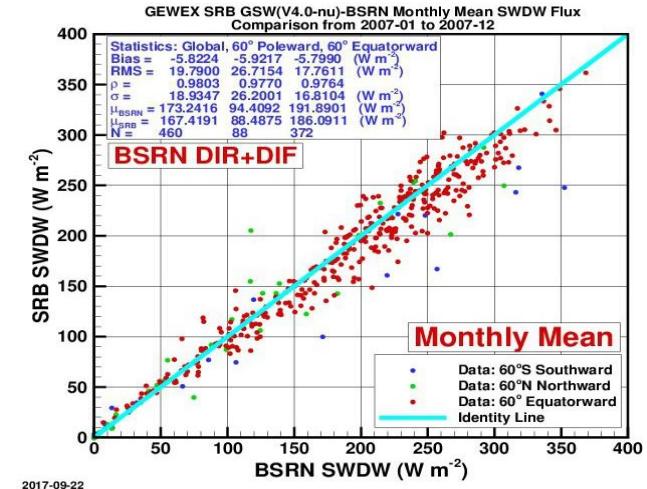


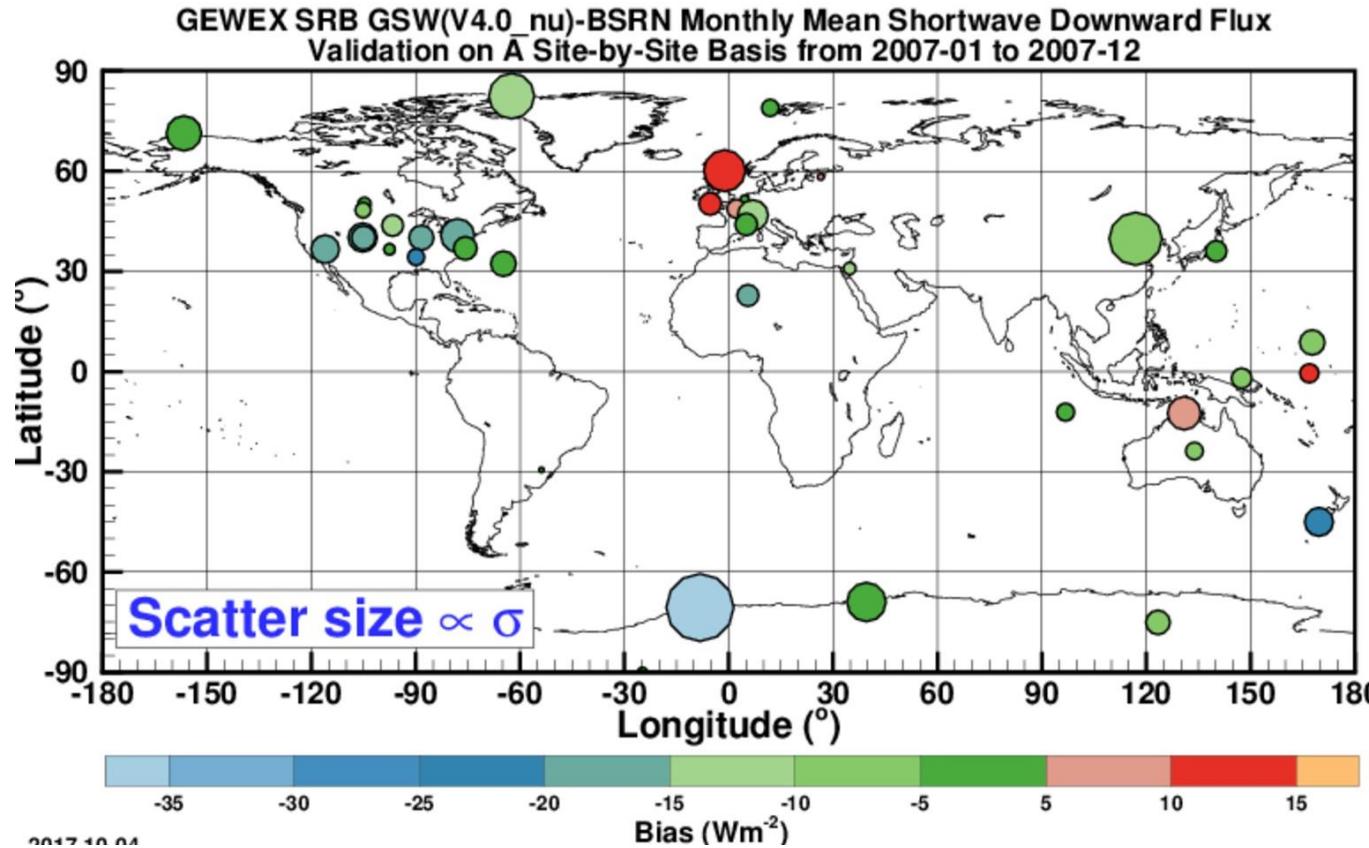
# SW Surface Down Validation



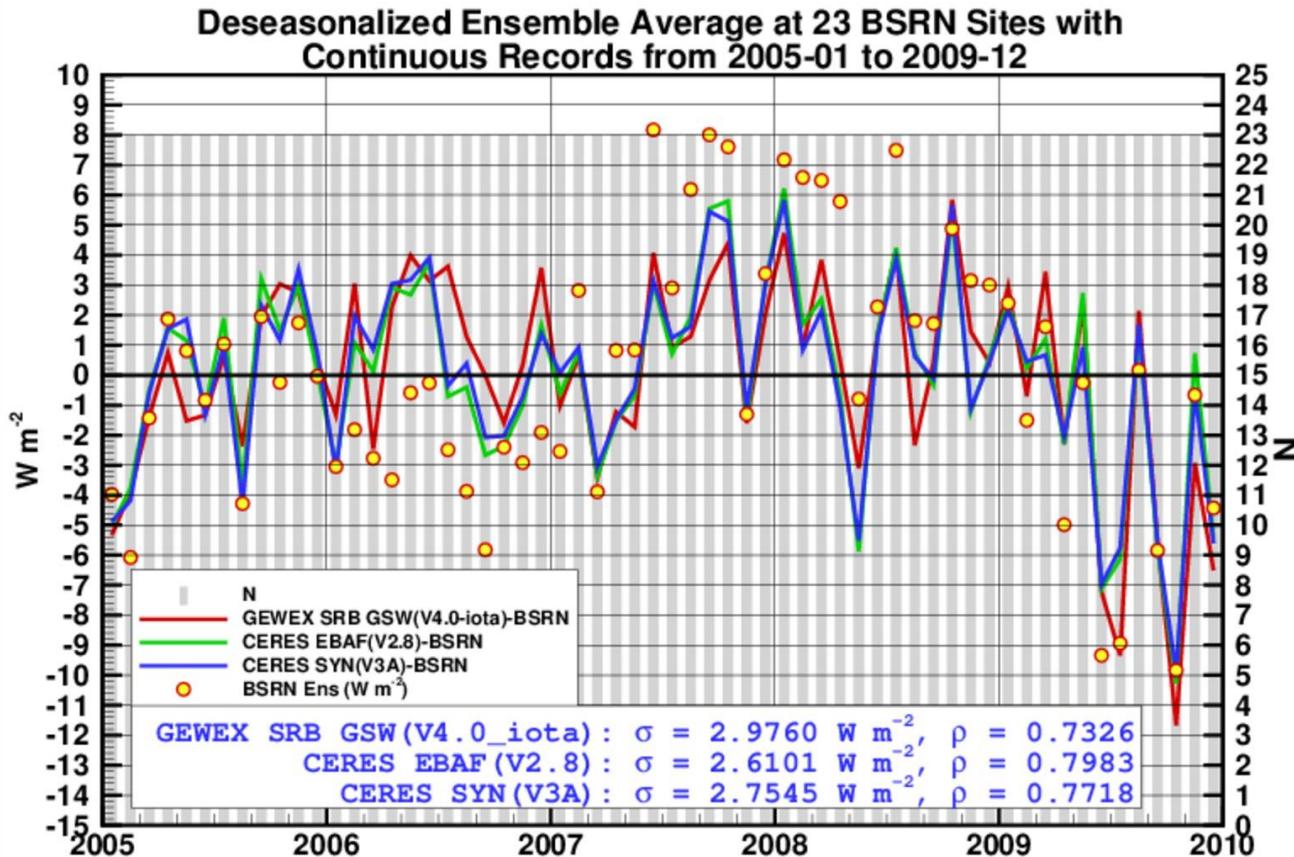
*GEWEX GSW-BSRN monthly mean shortwave downward flux comparison statistics for the period from 2007-01 to 2007-12.*

Version	Bias	RMS	p	$\sigma$	$\mu_{\text{GSW}}^*$	N
GSW(V3.0)	-8.45	24.05	0.9717	22.54	164.78	460
GSW(R4.0 iota)	-6.28	20.38	0.9793	19.41	166.95	460
GSW(V4.0_nu)	-5.82	19.79	0.9803	18.93	167.41	460
GSW(V4.0_omnicron)	-4.95	18.63	0.9822	17.98	167.57	467
CERES EBAF(E2.8)	-4.79	16.52	0.9863	15.83	168.44	460
CERES EBAF(E4.0)	-5.07	16.26	0.9868	15.46	167.44	467
CERES SYN1deg(V3A)	-2.13	16.11	0.9858	15.98	171.11	460
CERES SYN1deg(V4A)	-5.27	15.97	0.9875	15.09	167.25	467

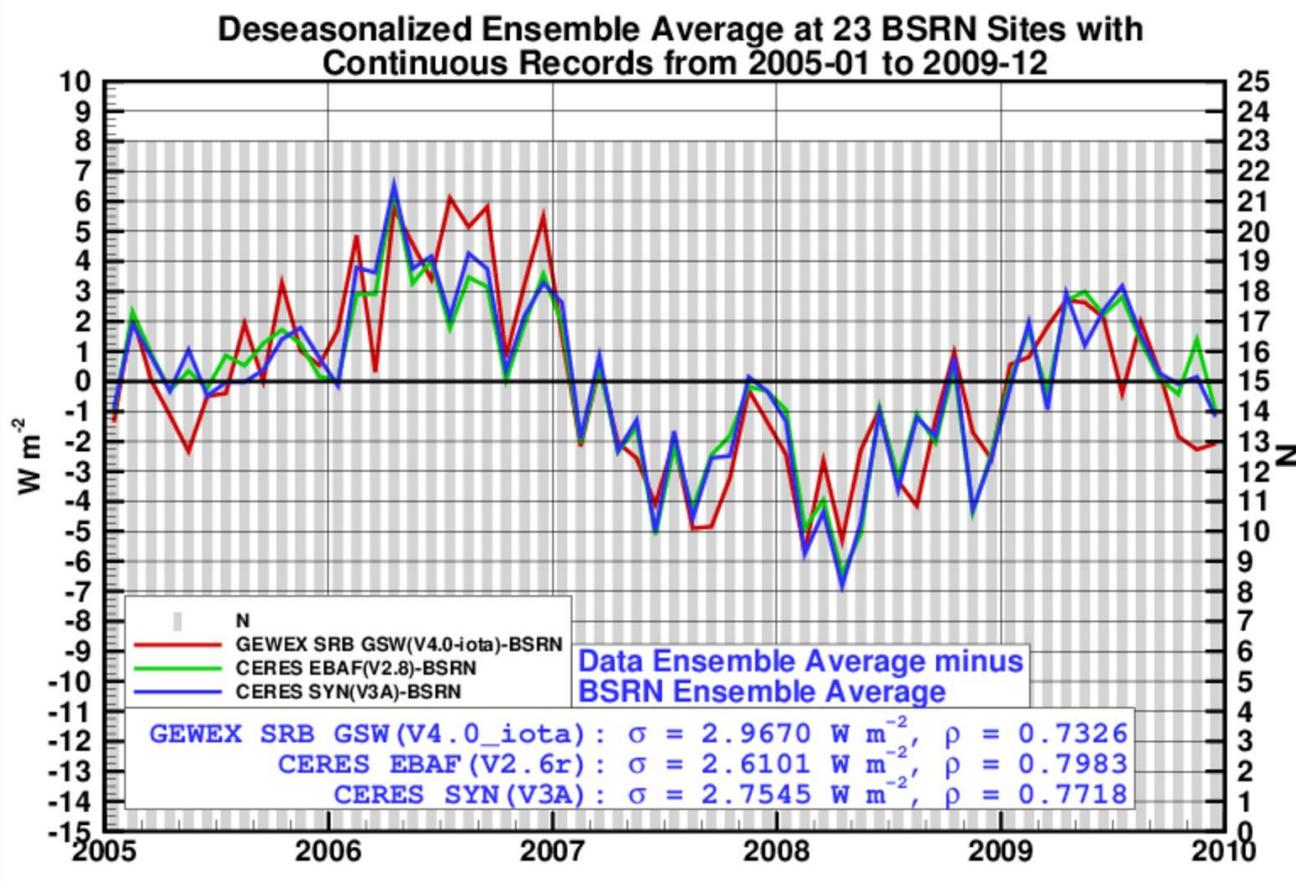




# Long-term Variability: Ensemble Anomalies

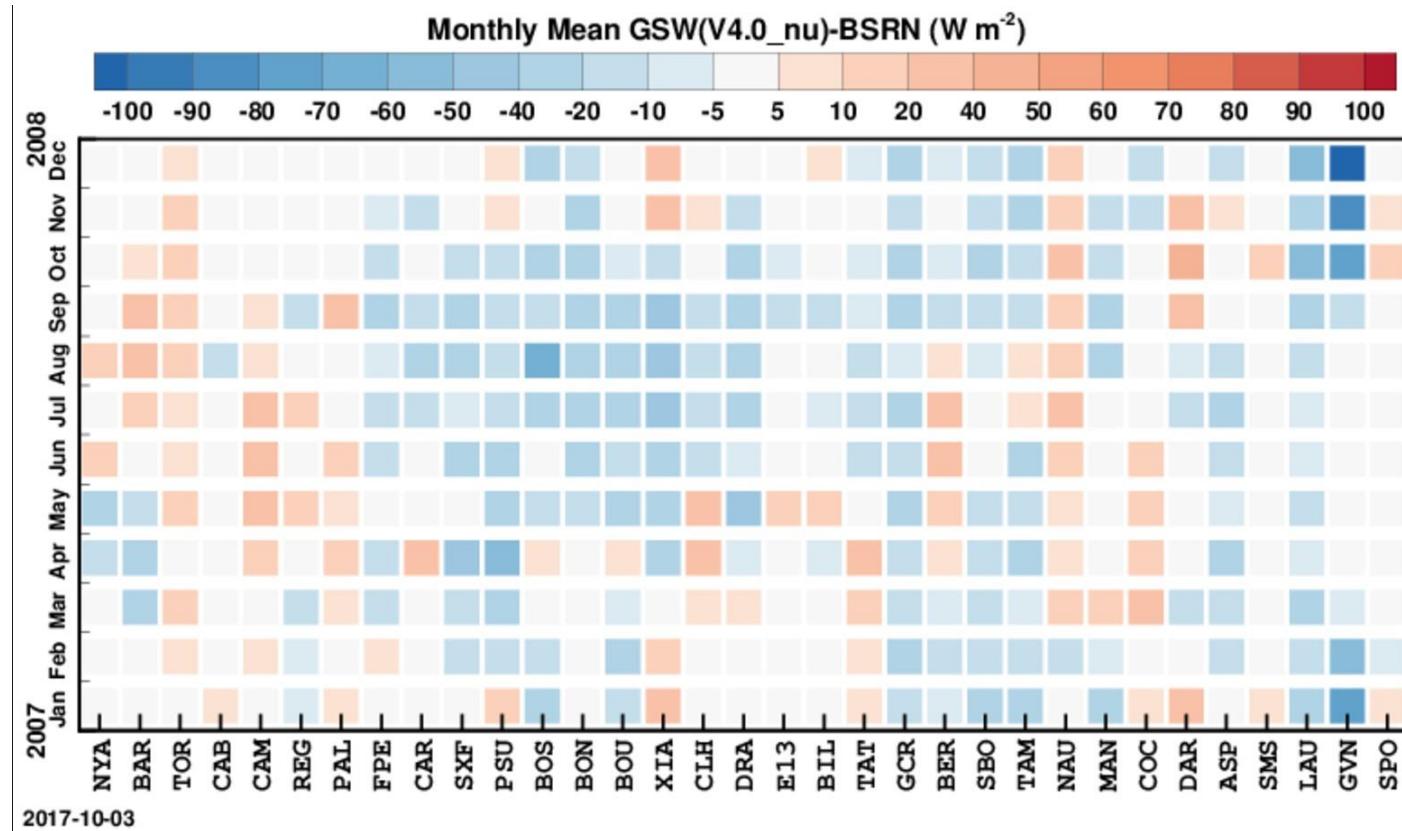


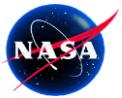
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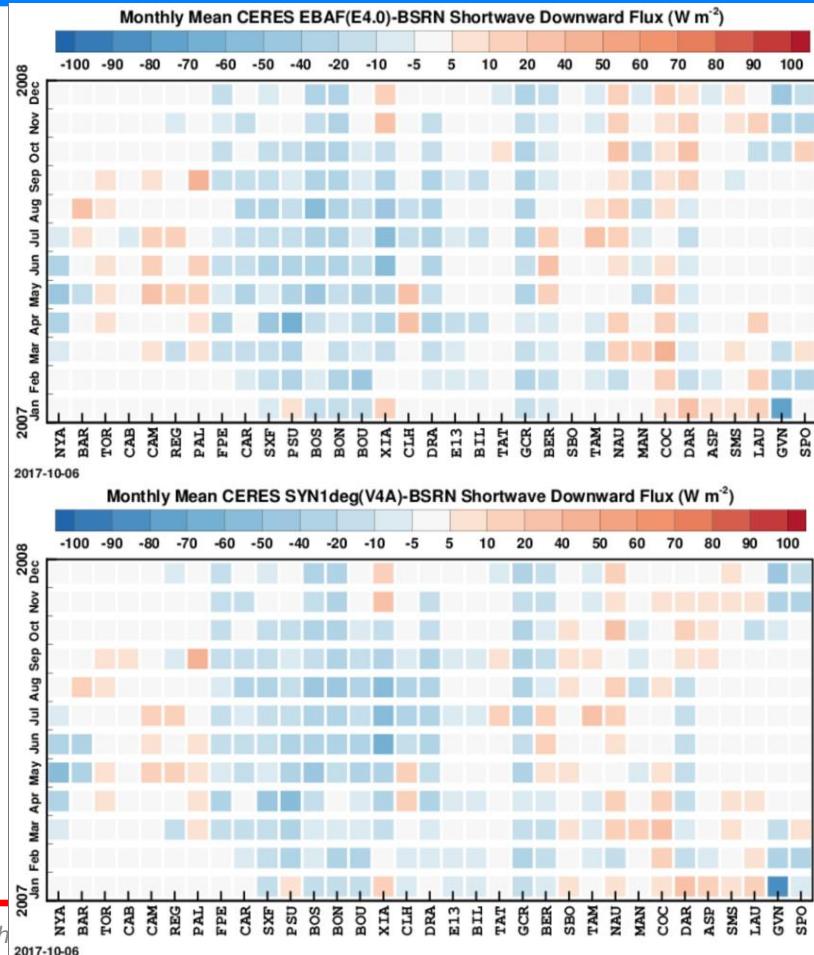
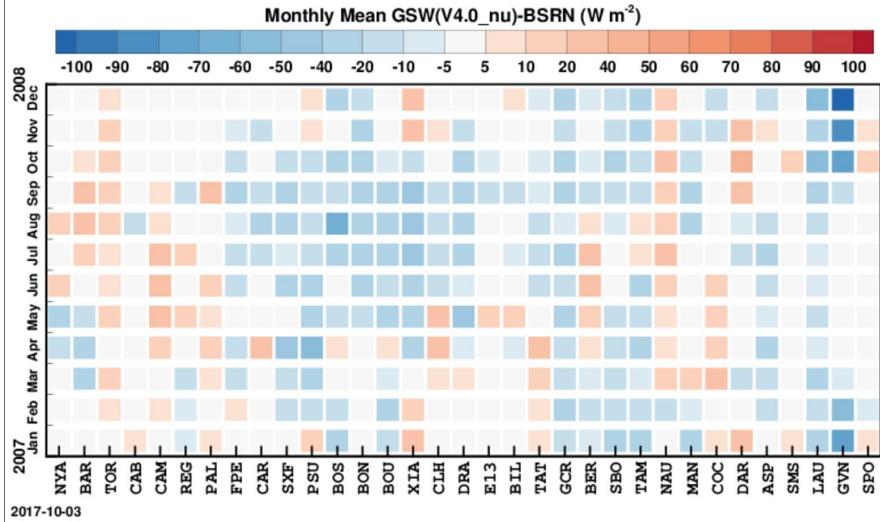


# Annual Cycle by Site: Surface SW (Rel 4) Bias





# Annual Cycle by Site: SW (Rel 4) & CERES Bias GEWEX





# Annual Average LW Fluxes for 2007



*Global  
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fluxes for  
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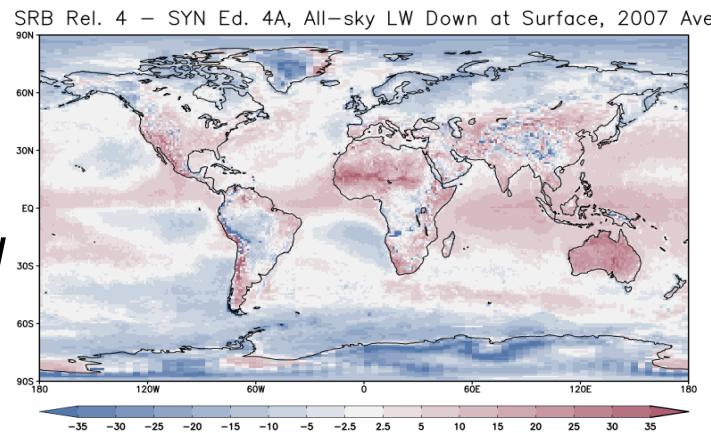
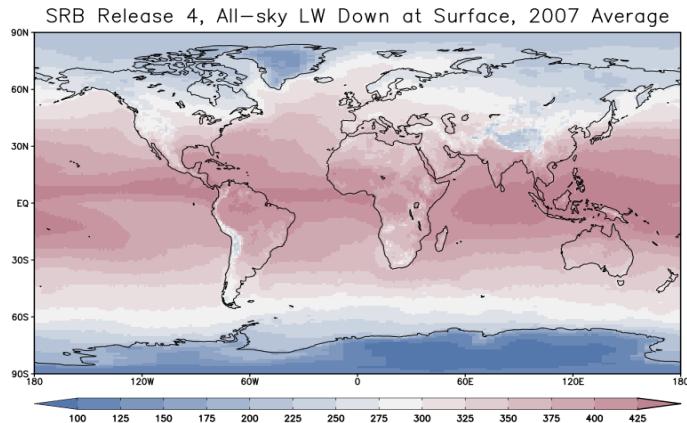
Parameter	Rel 3.1 GEOS-4/DX	Rel. 4 nnHIRS/HX	CERES SYN 1-deg Ed. 4A	CERES EBAF Ed. 4
All-sky Sfc Down	344.8 (404.5)	347.6 (411.0)	346.9 (406.3)	344.8 (405.9)
Clear-sky Sfc Down	311.4 (383.4)*	<b>316.3 (392.0)</b>	318.1 (390.5)	314.2 (388.3)
Pristine-sky Sfc Dn	--	314.9 (390.6)	315.9 (389.0)	--
All-sky Sfc Up	398.3 (459.1)	<b>400.4 (461.0)</b>	397.8 (457.8)	398.6 (458.1)
All-sky Sfc Net	-53.5 (-54.6)	-52.7 (-50.0)	-50.8 (-51.7)	-53.8 (-52.2)
Sfc CRE	33.4 (21.1)	31.3 (19.0)	28.8 (15.7)	30.6 (17.5)
OLR	238.3 (256.6)	<b>235.1 (254.5)</b>	238.6 (255.7)	240.56 (257.4)
Clear OLR	265.3 (285.9)*	263.8 (285.7)	262.5 (282.8)	268.4 (290.6)
Pristine-sky OLR	--	265.1 (287.0)	263.2 (284.1)	--
TOA CRE	-27.0 (-29.3)	-28.7 (-31.2)	-23.8 (-27.1)	-27.8 (-33.2)



# Annual LW Surface Down Fluxes for 2007

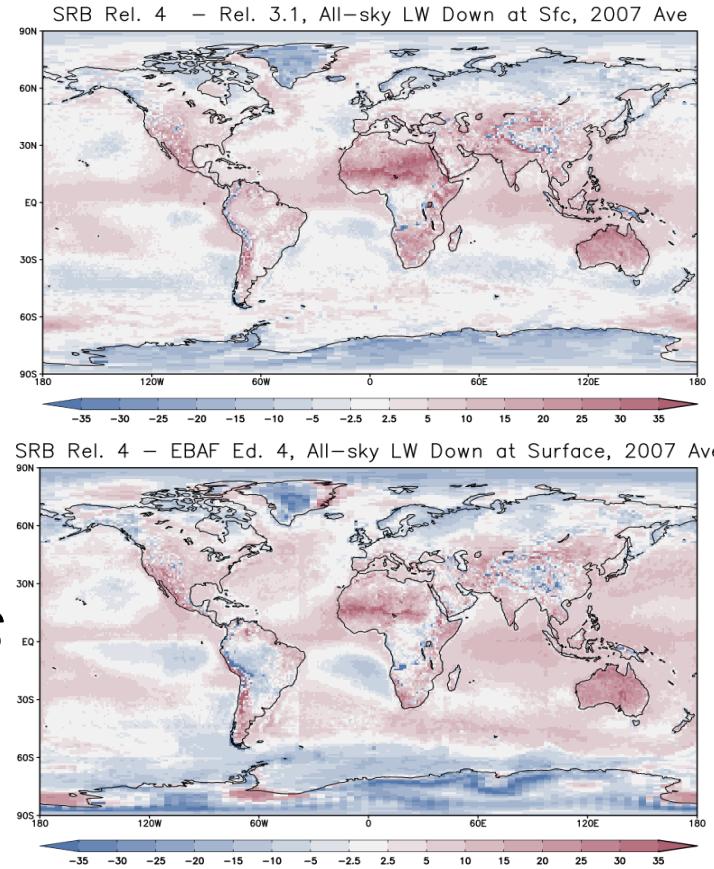


SW  
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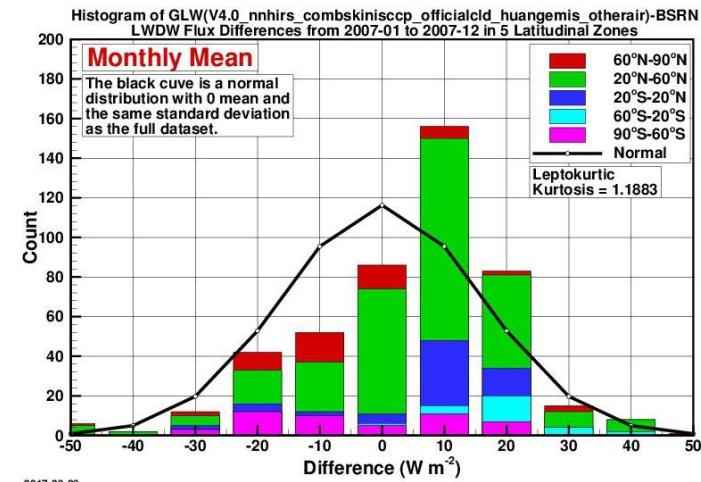
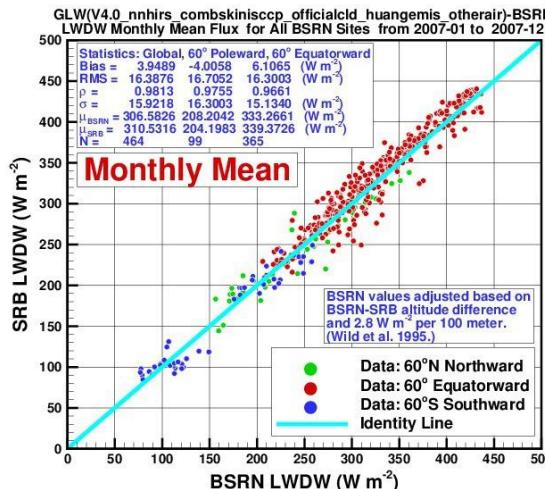
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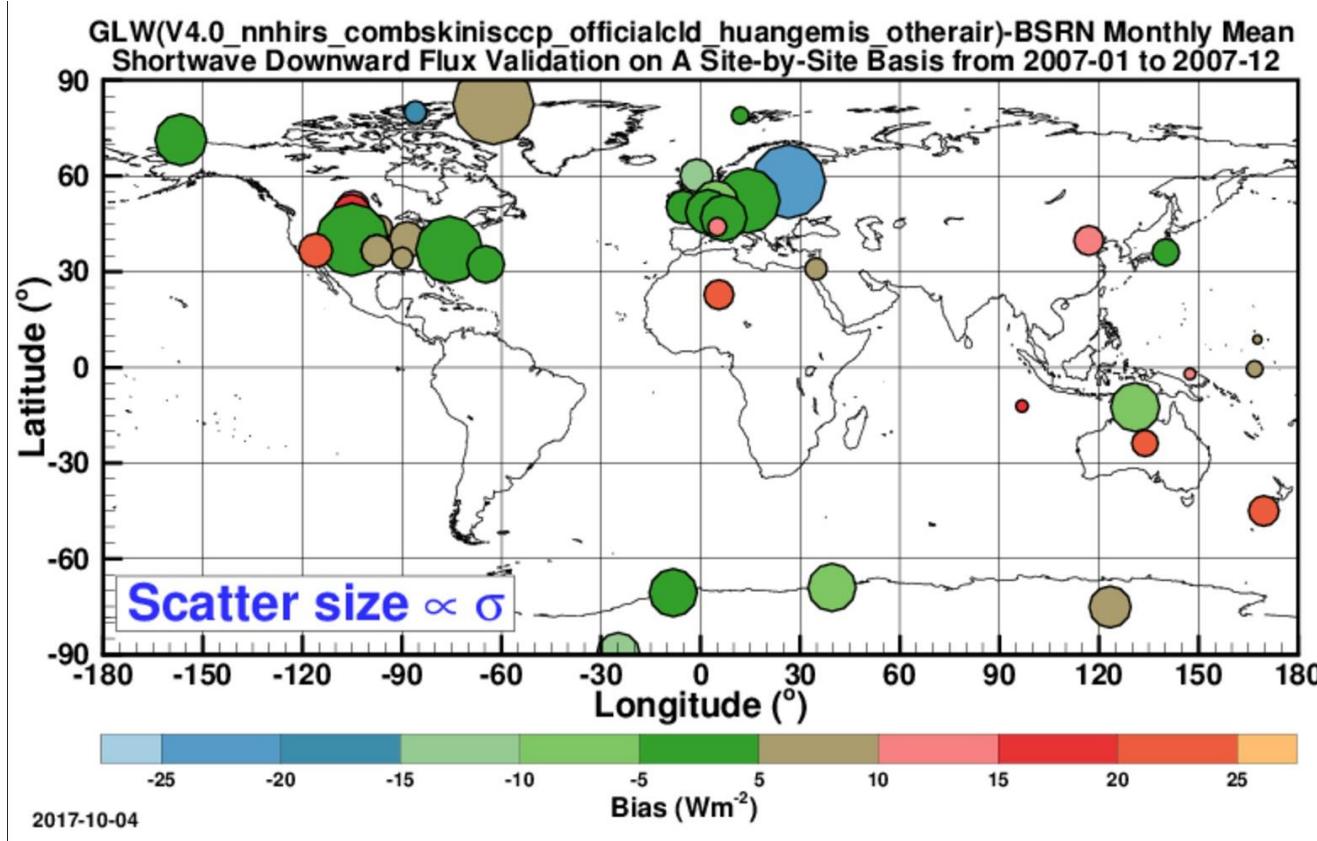


# Monthly GLW vs BSRN measurements

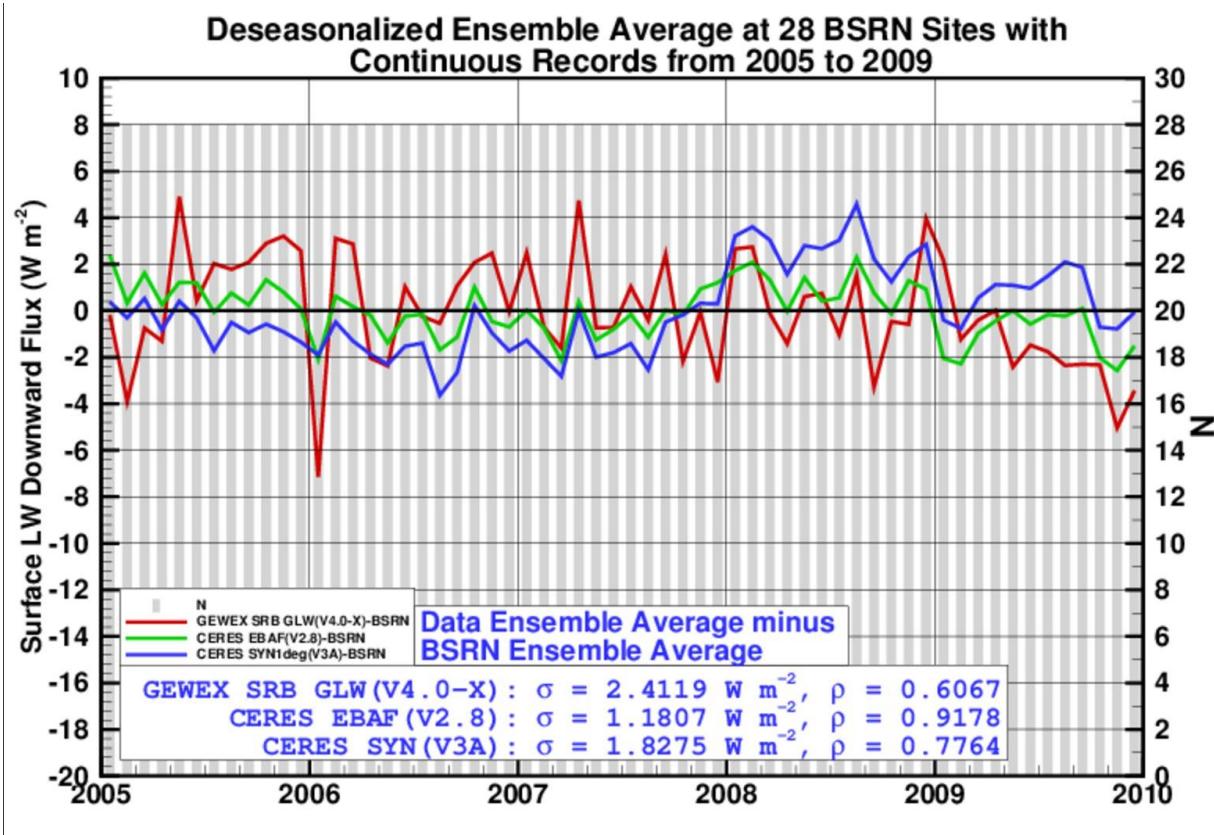
Version	Bias	RMS	$\rho$	$\sigma$	$\mu_{GLW}$	N
V3.1	1.49	12.30	0.9882	12.23	308.08	464
V4.0_g4_tsclrskin_dxclld	4.88	13.75	0.9870	12.86	311.46	464
V4.0_merra2_comskin_betaclld	5.21	13.78	0.9871	12.77	311.79	464
GLW 4 IP (nnHIRS, HXS v1, PLST, SSST)	3.94	16.38	0.9813	15.92	310.53	464
CERES EBAF(E2.8)	1.01	10.02	0.9922	9.98	308.12	464
CERES EBAF(F4.0)	0.76	10.00	0.9922	9.98	307.87	464
CERES SYN1deg(V3A)	-3.66	10.29	0.9927	9.62	303.44	464
CERES SYN1deg(V4A)	2.85	10.28	0.9923	9.89	309.96	464



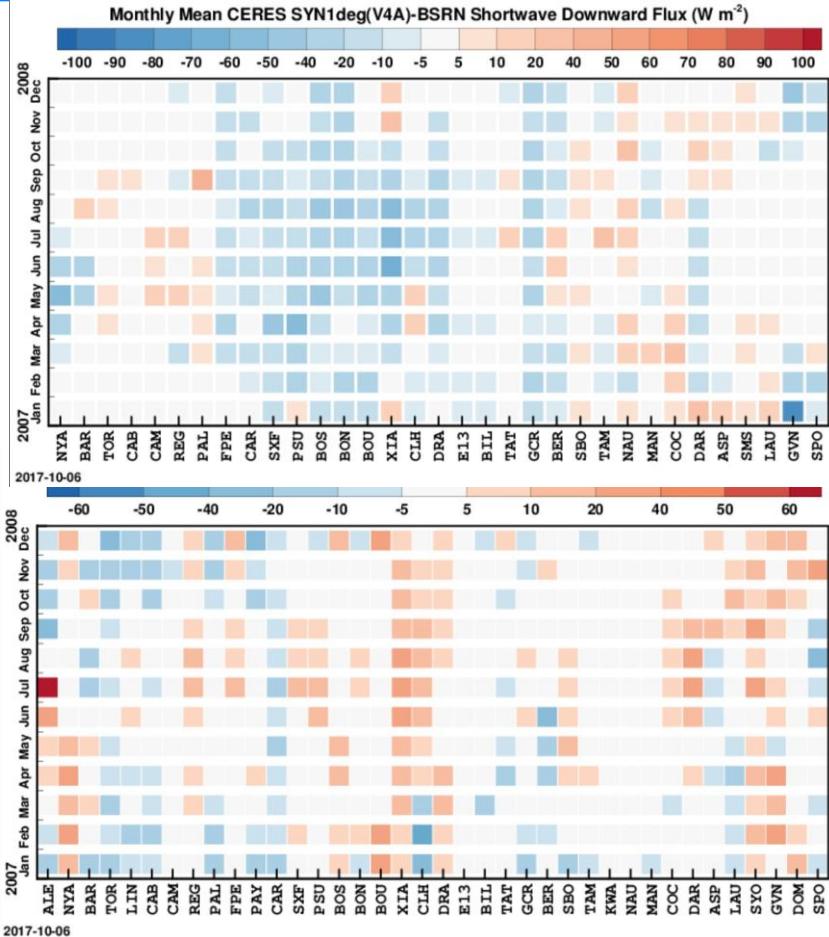
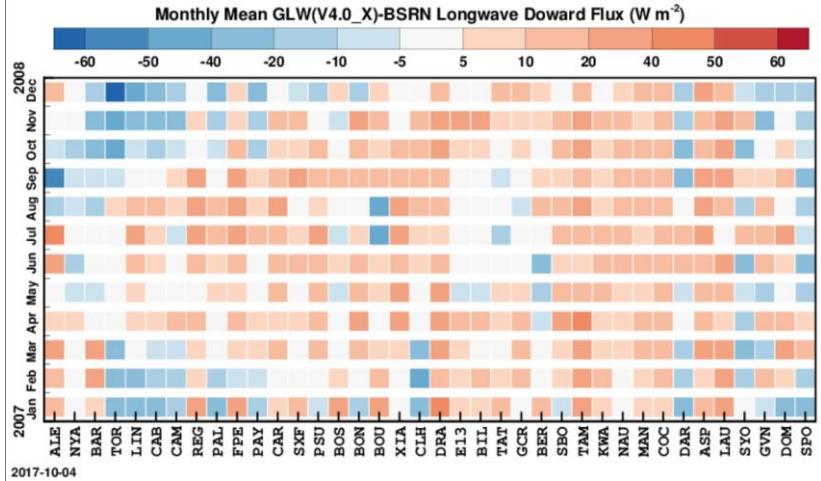
# Monthly GLW vs BSRN measurements



# Ensemble Anomalies vs. BSRN



# GLW Annual Differences by Site



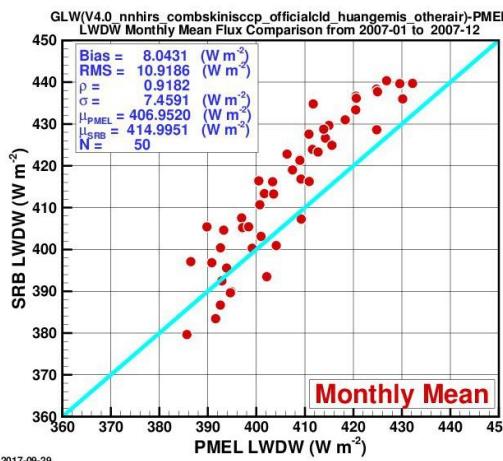


# What About Ocean Buoy Validation?

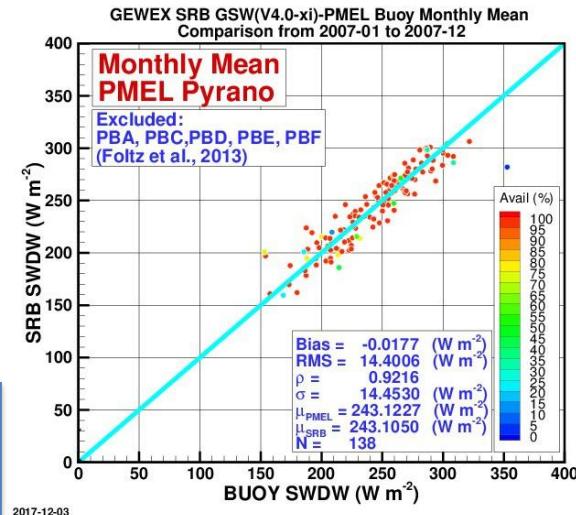


## Ocean Buoy SW Validation (PMEL)

Version	Bias	RMS	$\rho$	$\sigma$	$\mu$	N
GSW (V3.0)	7.76	17.02	0.9132	15.20	250.88	138
GSW(V4.0_nu)	0.47	14.29	0.9225	14.34	243.60	138
GSW (V4.0-xi)	-0.02	14.40	0.9216	14.45	243.11	138
GSW(V4.0_omicron)	-0.52	15.32	0.9114	15.37	242.59	138
CERES EBAF(E4.0)	1.97	12.34	0.9451	12.23	245.10	138
CERES SYN1deg(V4A)	-0.86	11.80	0.9506	11.81	242.26	138



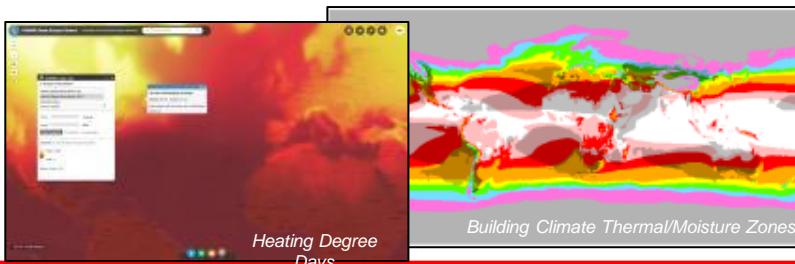
## Monthly Averaged GLW vs. Buoy Measurements



Version	Bias	RMS	$\rho$	$\sigma$	$\mu_{\text{DATA}}$	N
V3.1	-0.07	6.17	0.9342	6.23	406.88	50
GLW 4 IP (nnHIRS, HXS v1, PLST, SSST)	8.04	10.91	0.9182	7.45	414.99	50
CERES EBAF(E4.0)	0.99	3.80	0.9581	3.70	407.94	50
CERES SYN1deg(V4A)	0.85	3.70	0.9567	3.64	407.80	50

# High Quality SRB Leads to Societal Benefits via POWER Web Portal (GIS-enabled)

- Using ArcGIS architecture to geospatially enable entire POWER data archive for access to growing Applied Science users.
- *Increased spatial/temporal resolutions: SRB, CERES FLASHFLUX – Solar, GMAO MERRA-2/GEOS 5.12.4; ½ x ½ Spatial resolution, Near Real Time Daily Time Series, 30 Year Climatological Averages*
- Complete API service (data order using URL) – allows for data to be repeatedly requested using a script or from within a user analysis program
- New capabilities providing data in ASCII, CSV, geoJSON, NetCDF4, ICASA, GeoTiff and ArcGIS Image Services



Energy Related Building Zones & Design Conditions

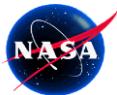


Energy Related Building Climate Zone & Design Conditions  
Climate Indicators & Data Products for Future National Climate Assessments

Focuses upon expanding and improving the provision of building climate zones, climate design and other data parameters relevant to energy usage and efficiency in geospatial formats more accessible to the building and renewable energy industries



- **SRB and BSRN:**
  - BSRN critical for validation of products at various temporal averages
  - BSRN distribution of sites critical for improved assessment for physics of given regions; ensemble analysis by climate type reveals characteristic features
  - BSRN longevity critical long-term evaluation and assessment
- **GEWEX SRB Rel 4-IP**
  - HXS cloud rendering testing/assessment ongoing; cloud base biases, cloud detection over ice surfaces
  - Re-assess new sources of land/ocean PBL temp/hum; contrast with nnHIRS
  - Produce 15 year 1x1 data set 1998-2012 to maximize overlap with CERES and NASA NEWS data sets for error and uncertainty assessment
  - Long-term goal: Re-process 30+ years at  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  resolution
  - Use BSRN and other measurements to provide data quality information



# SRB Web Site and Data Sources



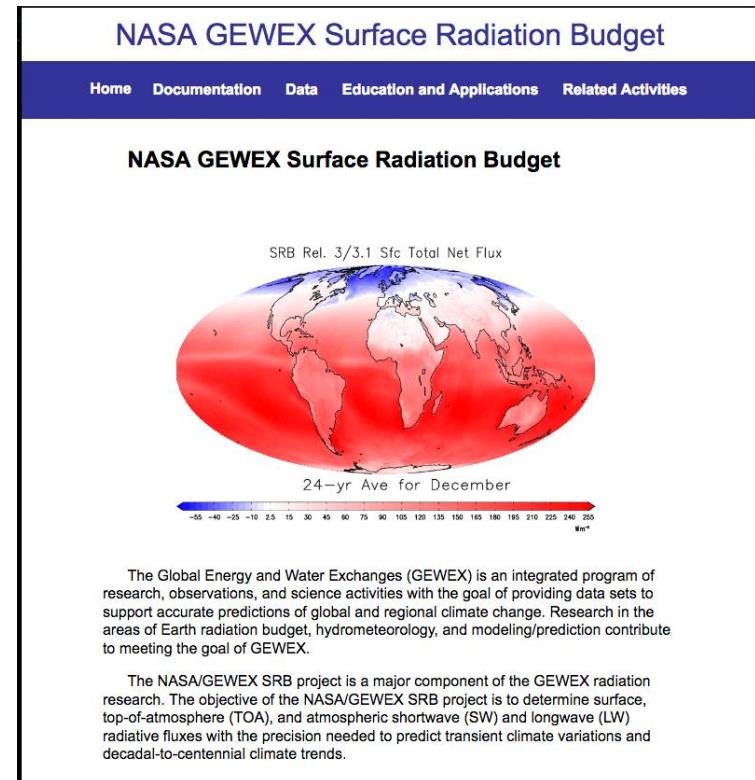
*<http://gewex-srb.larc.nasa.gov>*

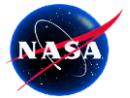
## 1. Atmospheric Science Data Center (main archive):

*[https://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/project/srb/srb\\_table](https://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/project/srb/srb_table)*

## 2. POWER Applied Science (climatological, monthly, daily; GIS formats)

*<https://power.larc.nasa.gov>*





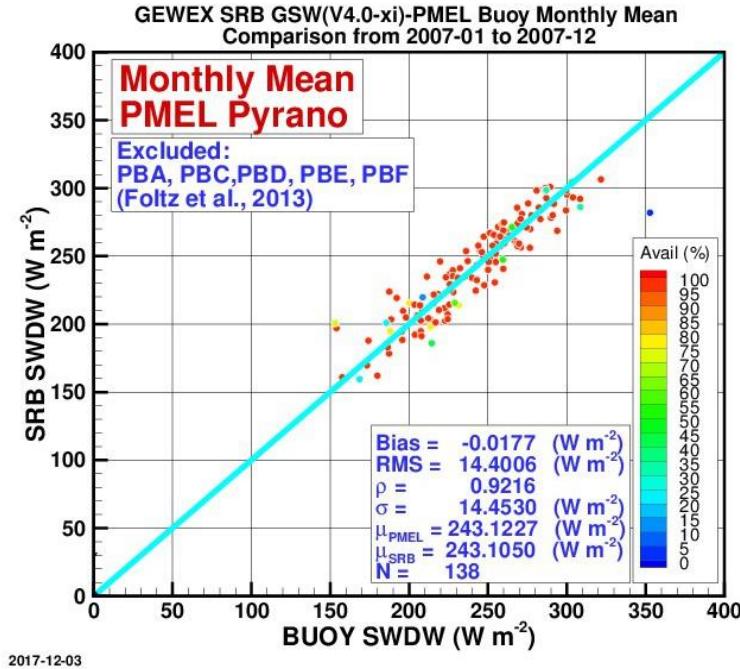
# Extras



- Introduction: WCRP, GEWEX, ISCCP, SRB and BSRN
- GEWEX SRB Overview
  - Old to New
- BSRN Usage
  - Ensemble long-term
  - Ensemble time series
  - Regional/Site
- Surface measurement needs:
  - Pygeometer standard?
  - Climate type distribution
  - Longer time series
  - Ocean buoy standards?

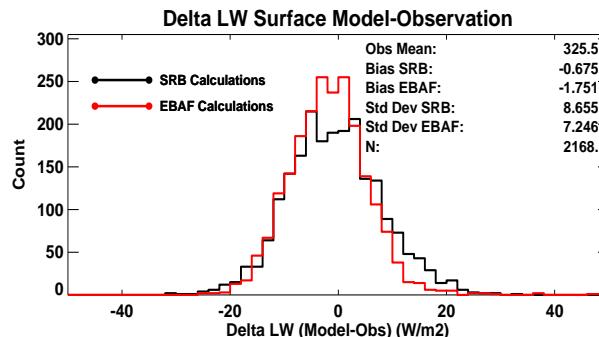
## Ocean Buoy SW Validation (PMEL)

Version	Bias	RMS	$\rho$	$\sigma$	$\mu$	N
GSW (V3.0)	7.76	17.02	0.9132	15.20	250.88	138
GSW(V4.0_nu)	0.47	14.29	0.9225	14.34	243.60	138
GSW (V4.0-xi)	-0.02	14.40	0.9216	14.45	243.11	138
GSW(V4.0_omicron)	-0.52	15.32	0.9114	15.37	242.59	138
CERES EBAF(E4.0)	1.97	12.34	0.9451	12.23	245.10	138
CERES SYN1deg(V4A)	-0.86	11.80	0.9506	11.81	242.26	138

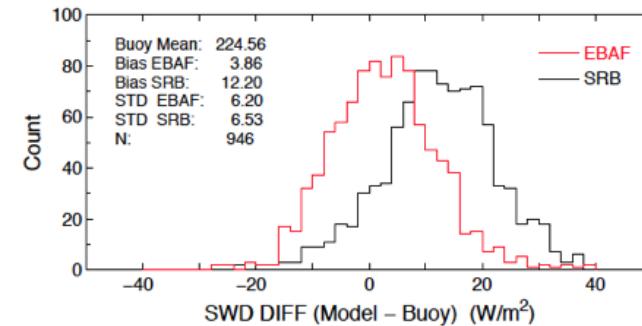
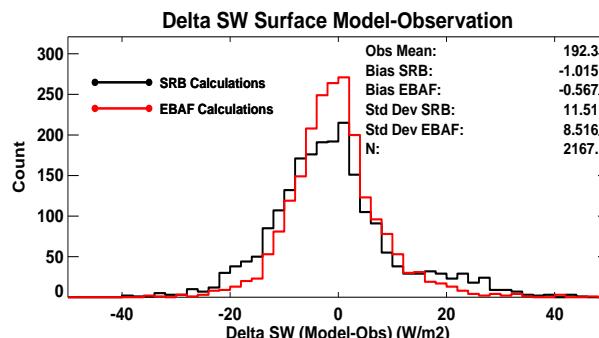
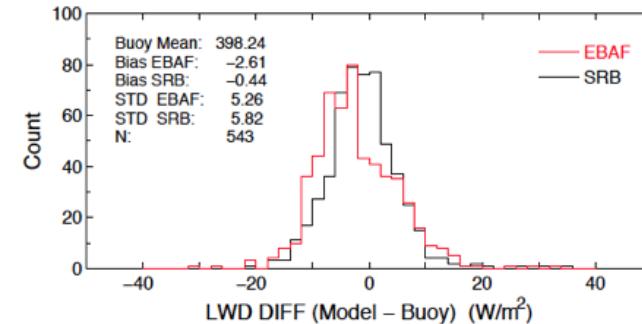


# SW Land & Ocean Validation

## BSRN Land (2001-2007)



## Ocean Buoy Networks (2001-2007) (from Weller & Yu, WHOI)



Rutan, CERES Team

Kato et al., 2013



# Forthcoming SRB Release 4 Data Products



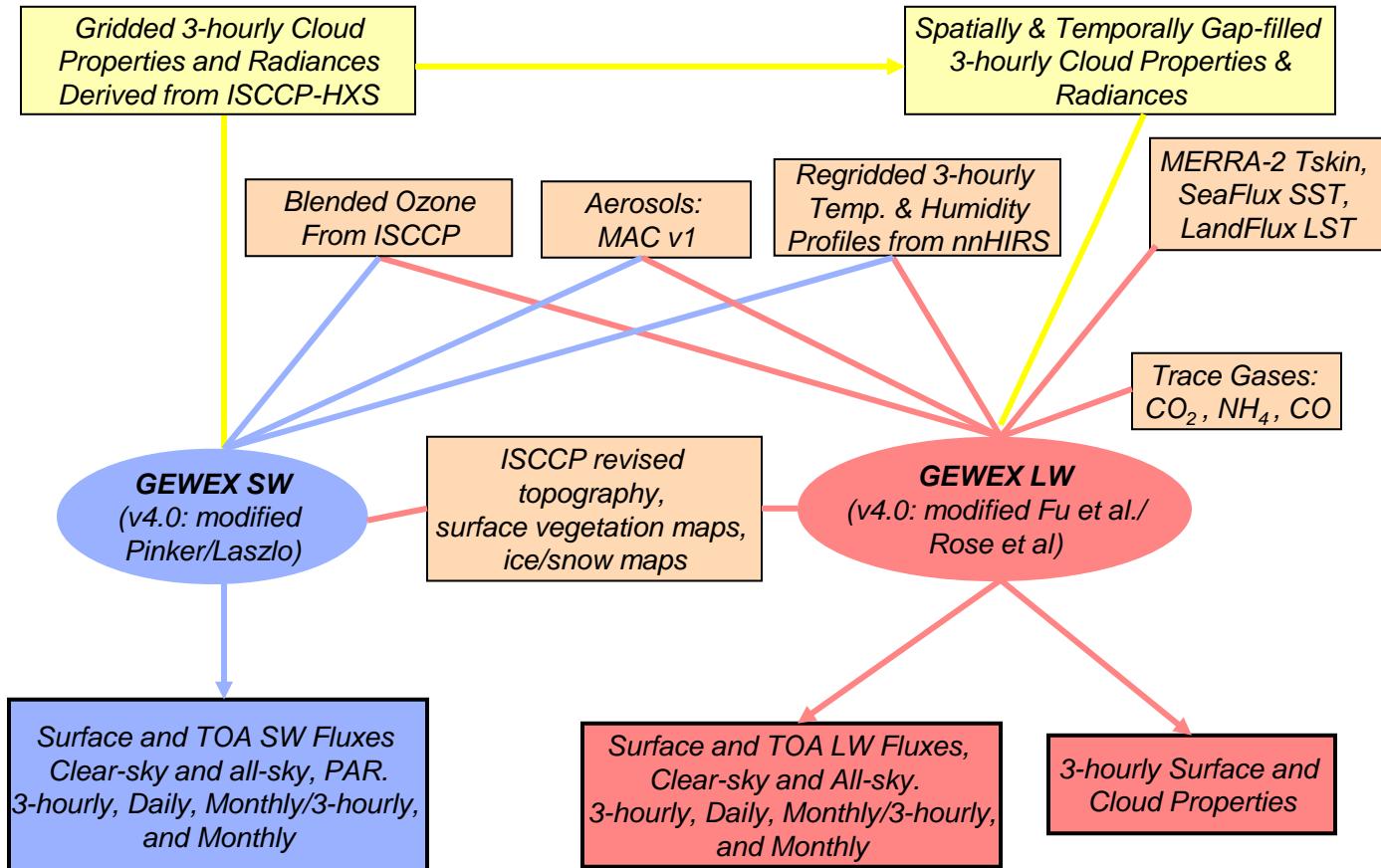
(*Spatial Resolution: 1°x1°, 7/98–12/12; ½°x½°, 7/83–12/15ff*)

Data Types	Model Name	Temporal Resolution	Parameters
SW	GEWEX SW (Pinker/Laszlo) (v4.0)	3-hourly, Monthly Averaged 3-hourly, Daily and Monthly Averaged (UTC and local sun time)	All-sky: Surface down, up, <b>down direct and diffuse</b> , PAR down, <b>direct, diffuse</b> ; TOA Down, Up
			Clear-Sky: Surface Down, Up; PAR down; TOA Up
			Pristine-sky: Surface down, up; TOA up
LW	GEWEX LW (Fu/Liou/ Stackhouse) (v4.0)	3-hourly, Monthly Averaged 3-hourly, Daily and Monthly Averaged	All-sky: Surface Up and Down; TOA up
			Clear-sky: Surface Up and Down; TOA up
			Pristine-sky: Surface Up and Down; TOA up
Input Properties	Cloud, Aerosol and Surface Properties	3-Hourly	Surface emissivity, skin temperature, atmospheric profile; cloud phase, fraction, optical depth and LWC

*Inputs and  
Data fusion*

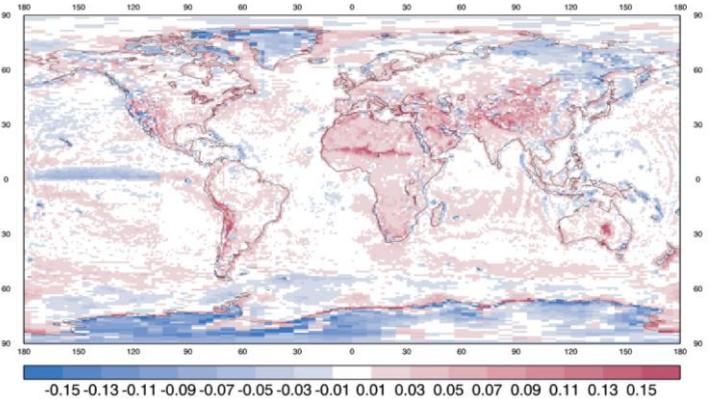
*Flux  
Computation*

*Output Data  
Products*

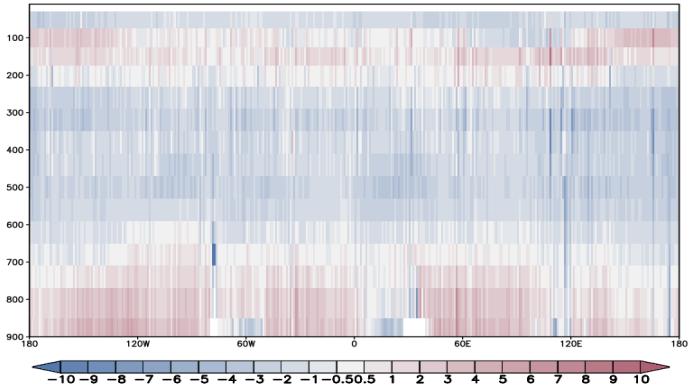


# Annual Averaged Input Differences

*Cloud  
Fraction  
(HX-DX)*

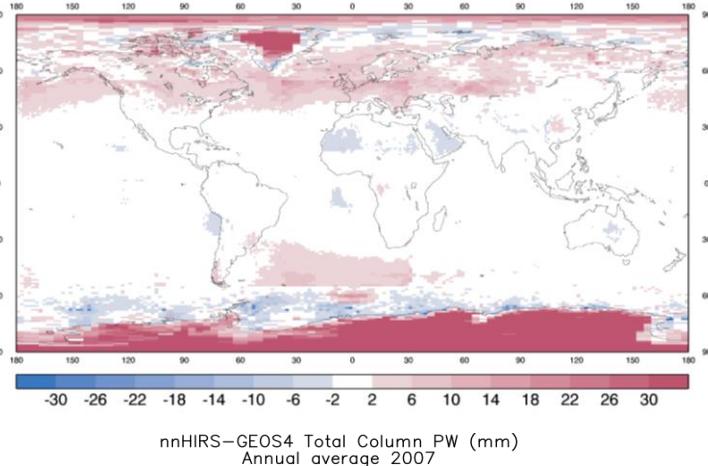


ISCCP nnHIRS Sep2015 – GEOS-4 Profile Temperature  
X-section for latitude 0.5 Jan 2007 monthly ave



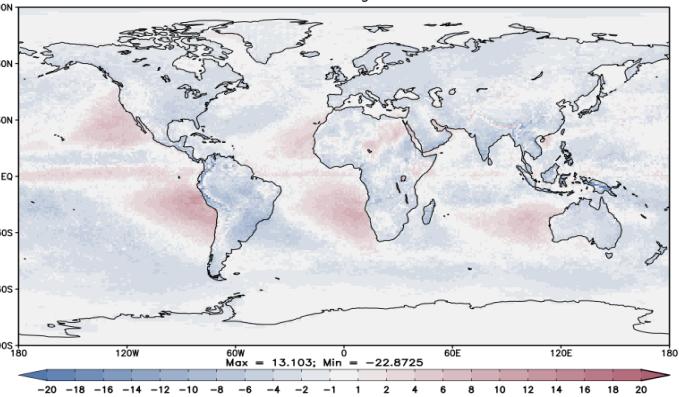
*Temper-  
ature  
Profile  
(nnHIRS-  
-GEOS4)*

*Cloud  
Optical  
Depth  
(HX-  
DX)*



nnHIRS-GEOS4 Total Column PW (mm)  
Annual average 2007

*Preci-  
table  
Water  
(nnHIRS-  
-GEOS4)*

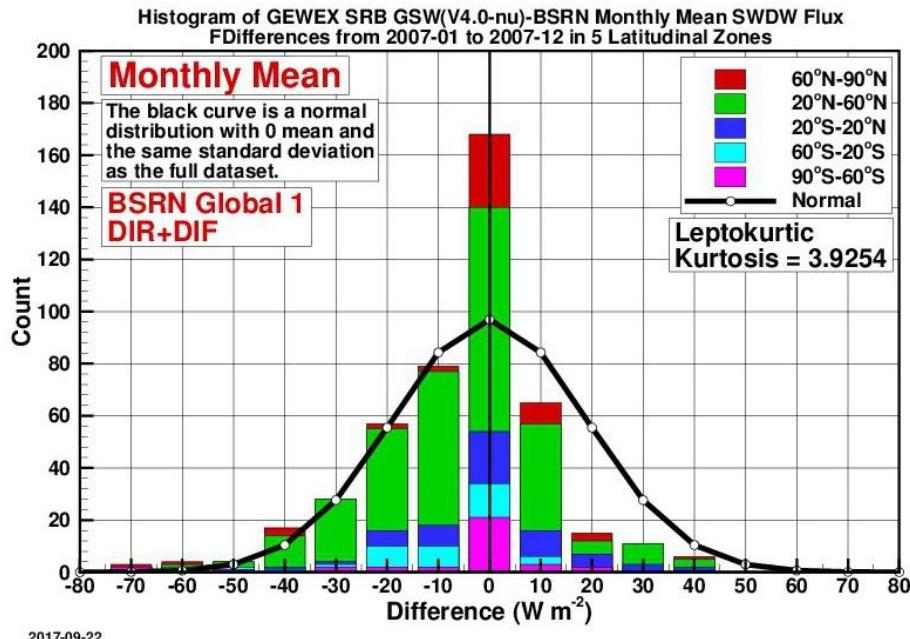
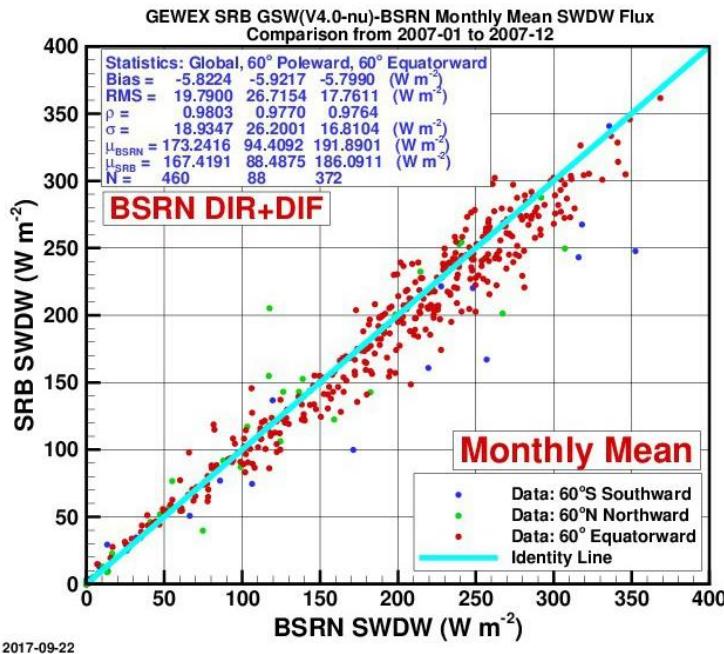




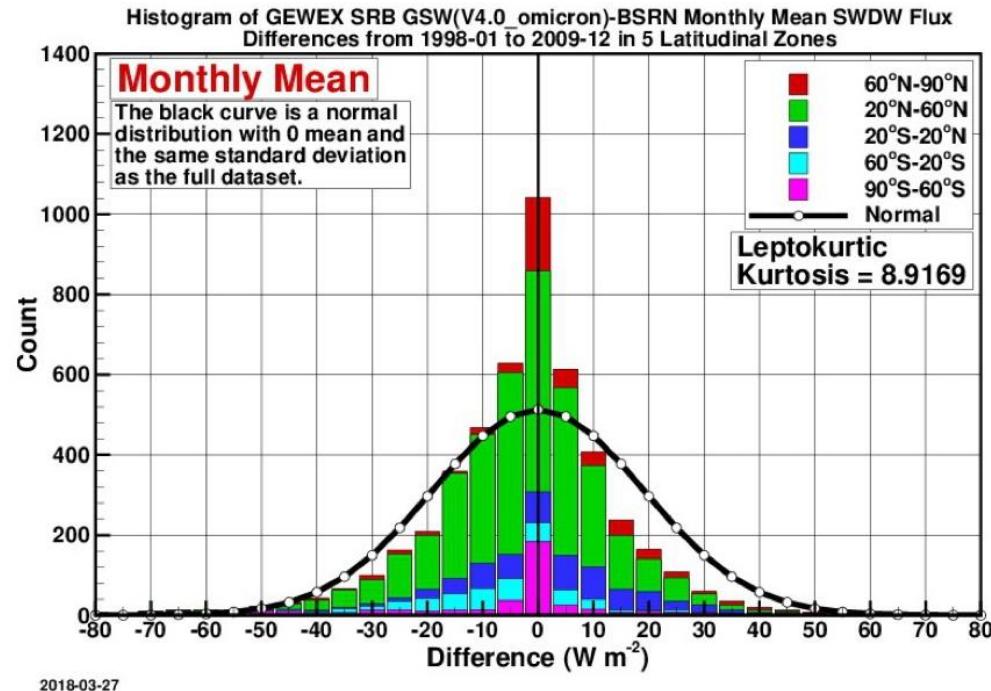
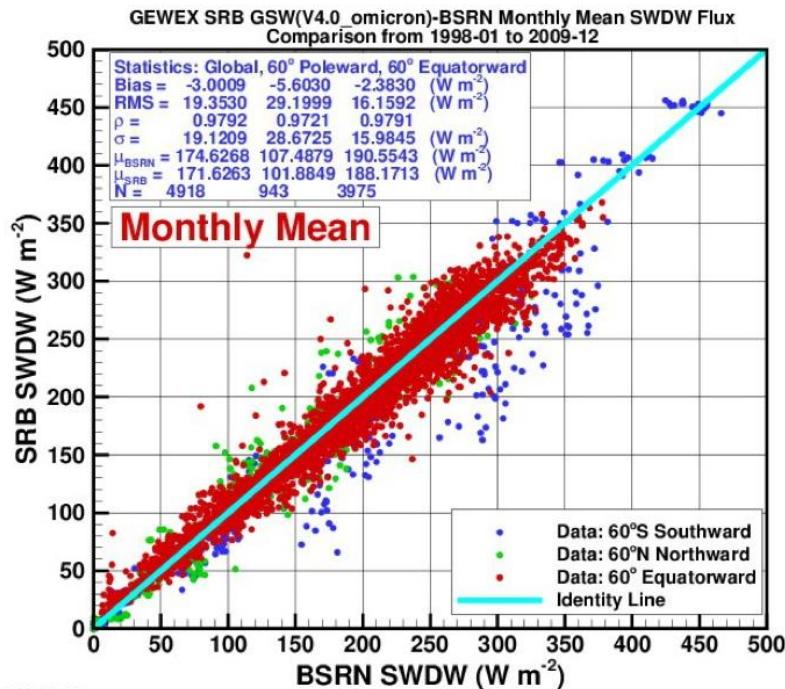


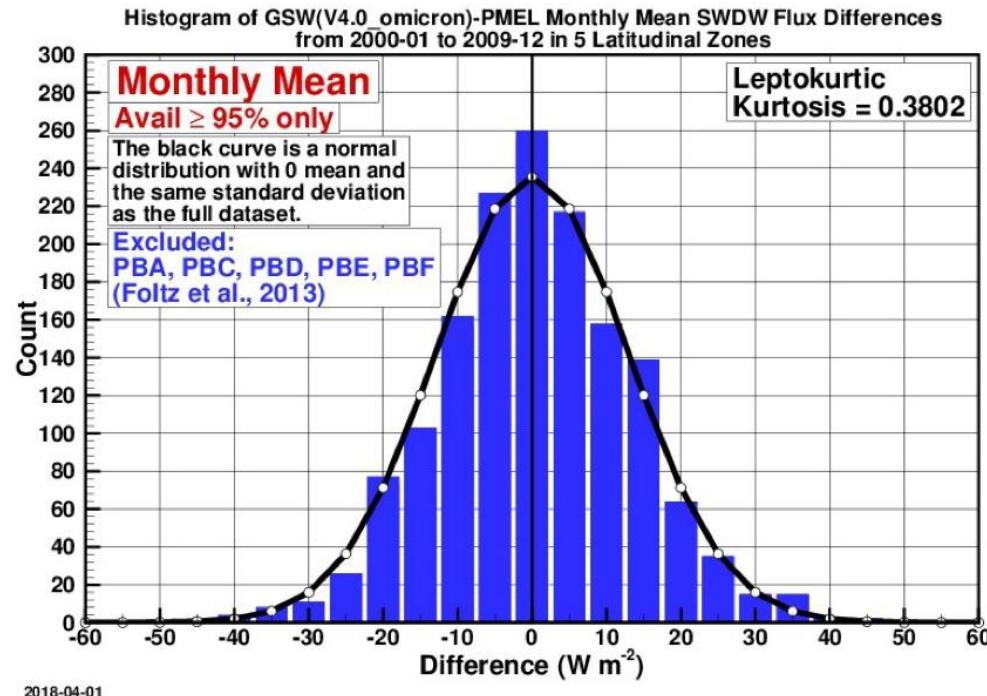
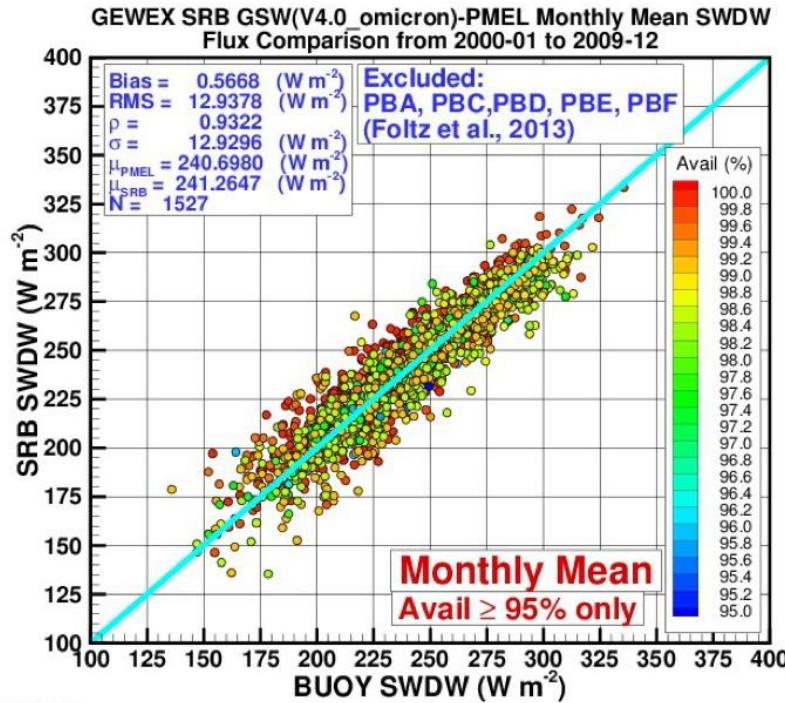
# Ensemble Annual: GEWEX SW vs BSRN

GEWEX



# GSW vs. BSRN (1998 – 2009)

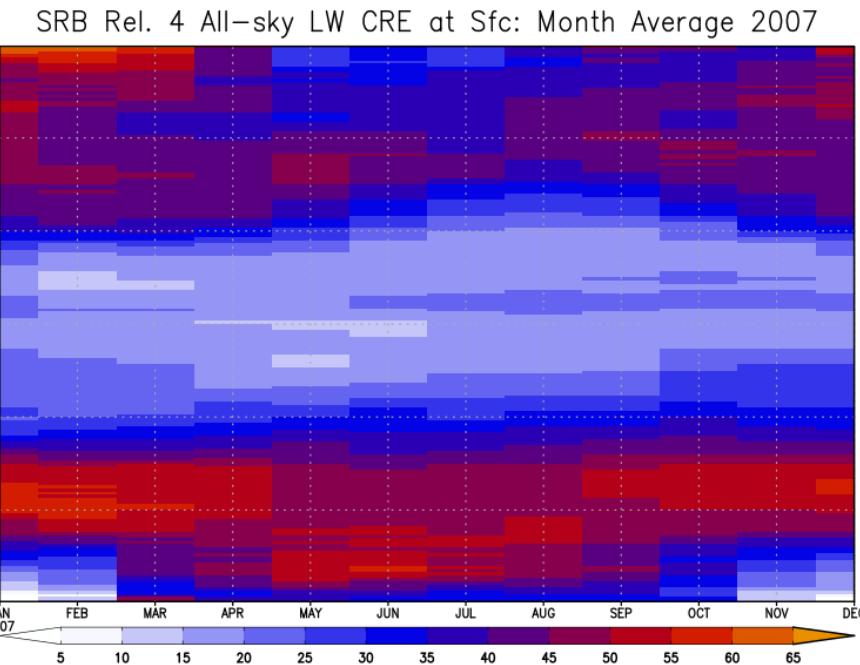




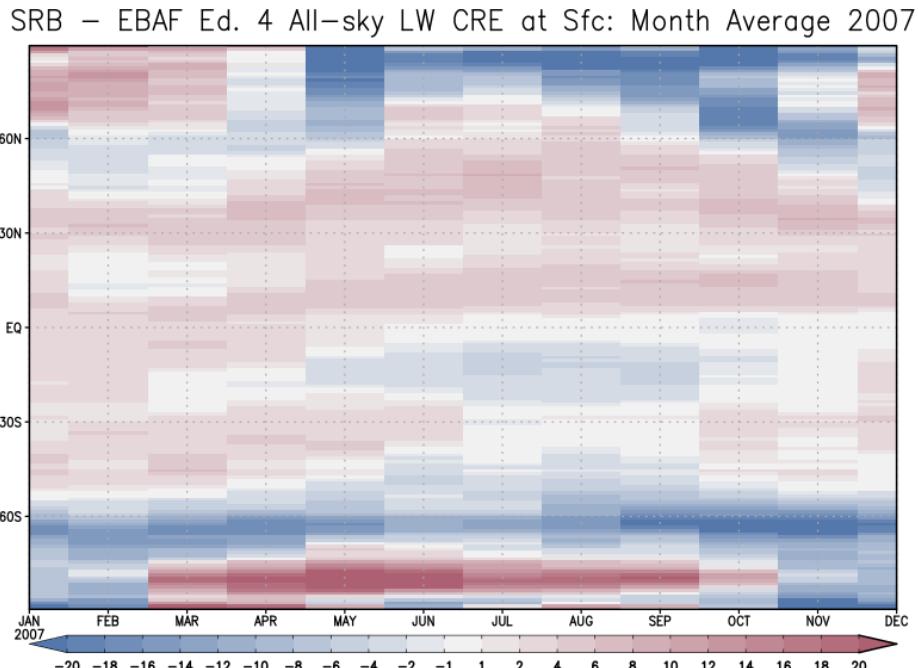
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*Measurements screened for inconsistent sites using Foltz et al., 2013*

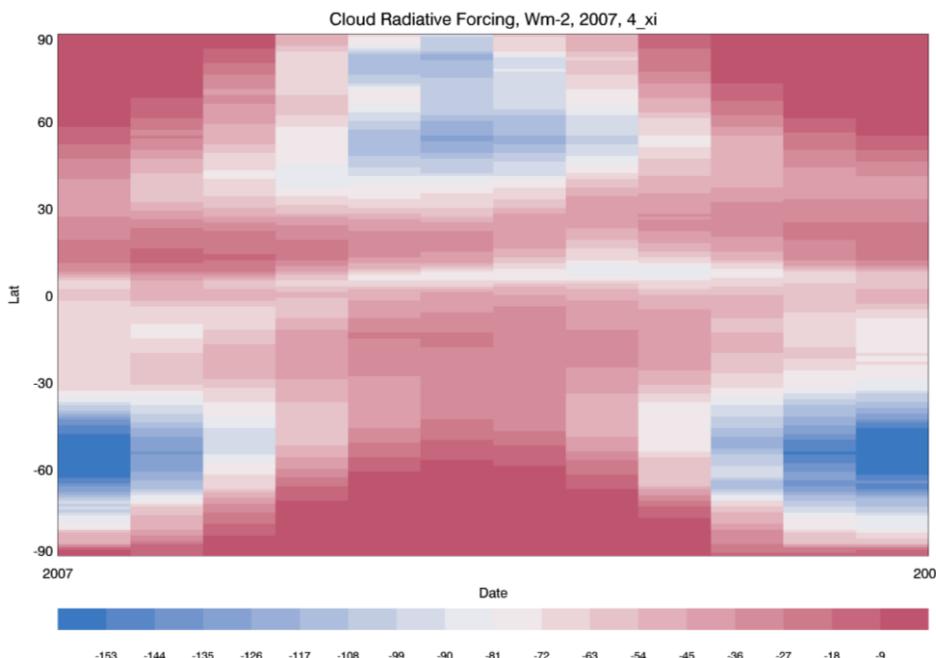
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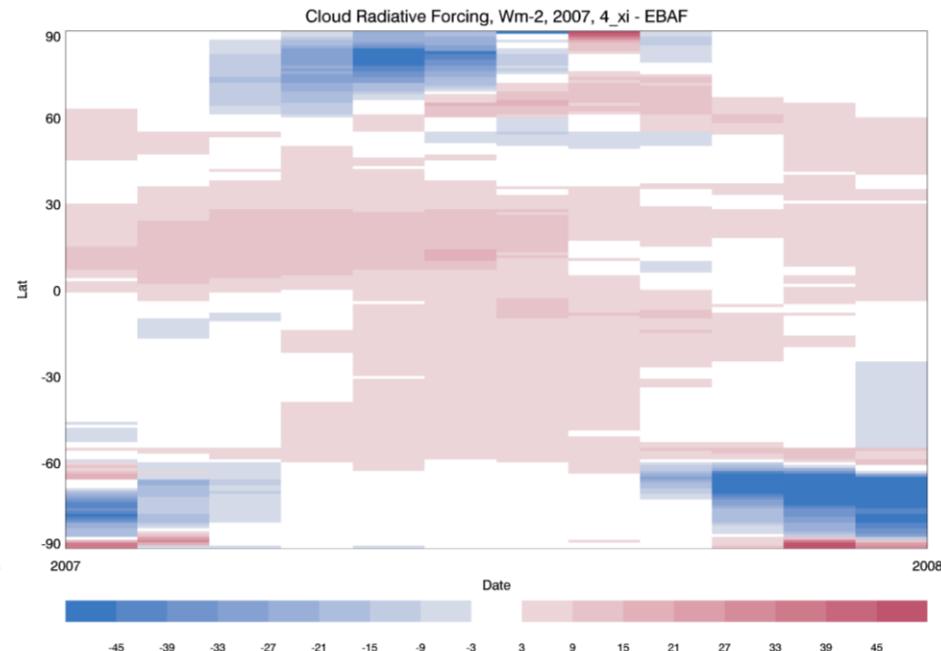
## SRB R4 LW – EBAF Ed4 LW CRE



### SW R4 Sfc CRE



### SW R4 – EBAF SW Ed4 Sfc CRE



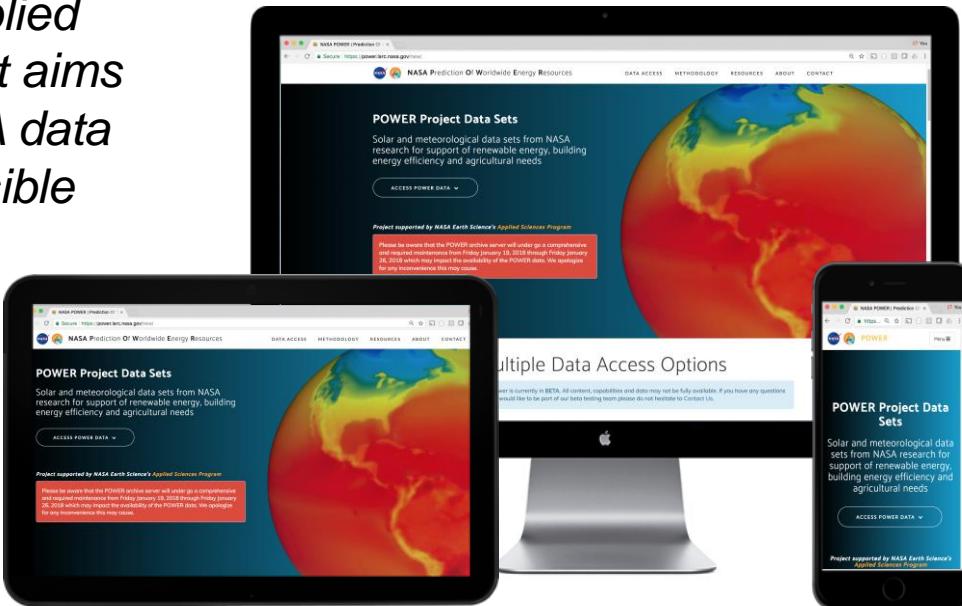


# New POWER/SSE (v8, GIS) Expands Accessibility with Web Services



*POWER Applied Science project aims to make NASA data more accessible*

*New POWER Website serves as a platform for discovery of multiple data access points*

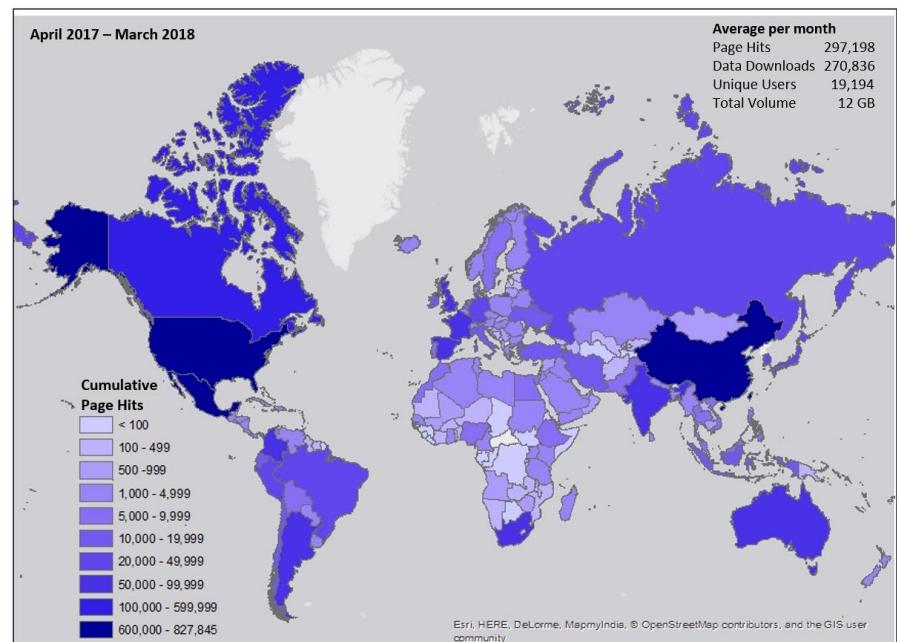
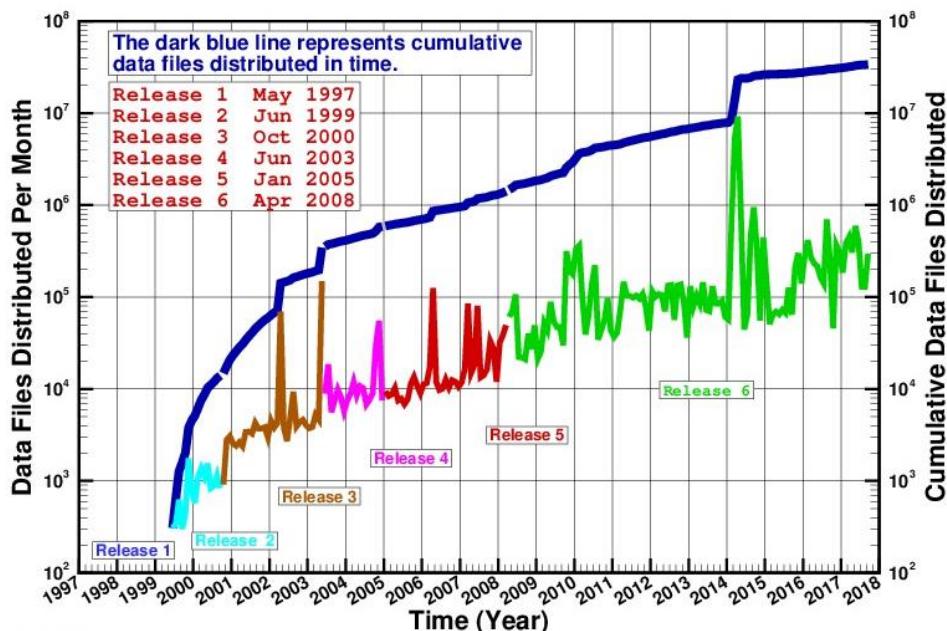


*Website is a Responsive Platform for Desktop, Tablet, and Smartphone*

*Updated data sets with future updates more easily implemented, documented and validated*

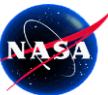
*POWER web site now in live: <https://power.larc.nasa.gov>*

## SSE User History (*Climatology only*)



Last 12 months: averaged 271K data orders and 19K users per month

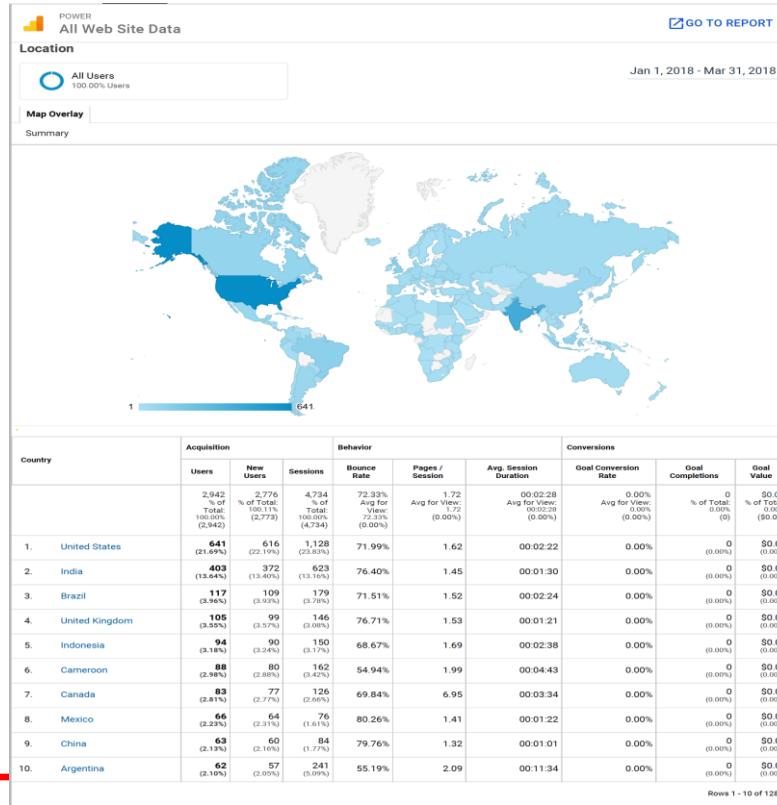
**"SSE is by far the highest used data at ASDC", ASDC User Services**



# POWER (old SSE) Users from All Over the World



## POWER-GIS Beta Usage Distribution Q1 2018



## POWER/SSE Monthly Data Request Metrics for FY2018

(POWER-GIS Beta/v1 on-line Dec 2017)

Number of API and/or Data Requests/Month	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Apr/May 2018
Current SSE (on EOSWEB, via POWER)	259,483	208,498	285,175
SSE-GIS App (on ASDC-GIS, via POWER)	413	422	817
POWER Old Website	770	981	1,065
POWER New website + DAV (beta)	43	784	2,611
POWER API (Beta) total URL hits	13,026	46,902	103,184
Total Agroclimatology Community	8,888	5,622	25,084
Total Surface Meteorology and Solar Energy (SSE) Community	3,544	35,983	62,302
Total Sustainable Buildings	594	5,296	15,674
<b>Total Monthly Data Requests All Sites</b>	<b>286,762</b>	<b>304,488</b>	<b>495,910</b>

Transitioning from POWER/SSE old to POWER-GIS