

# Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service

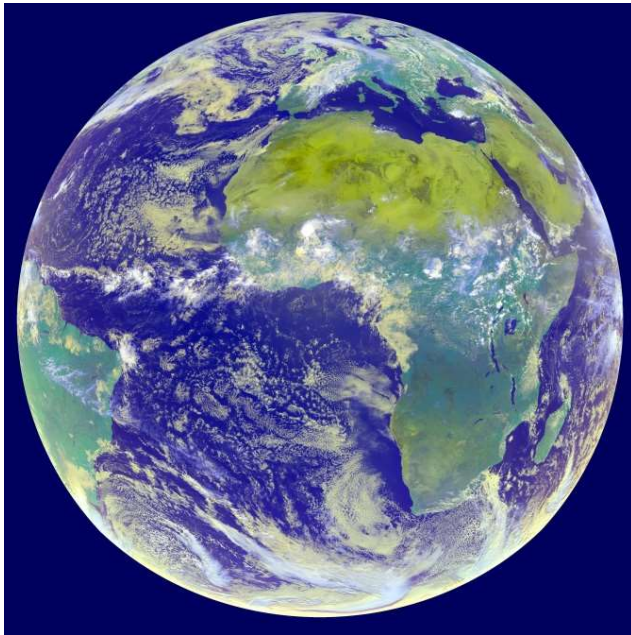


Preparing the CAMS Radiation Service  
for MTG

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# Outline

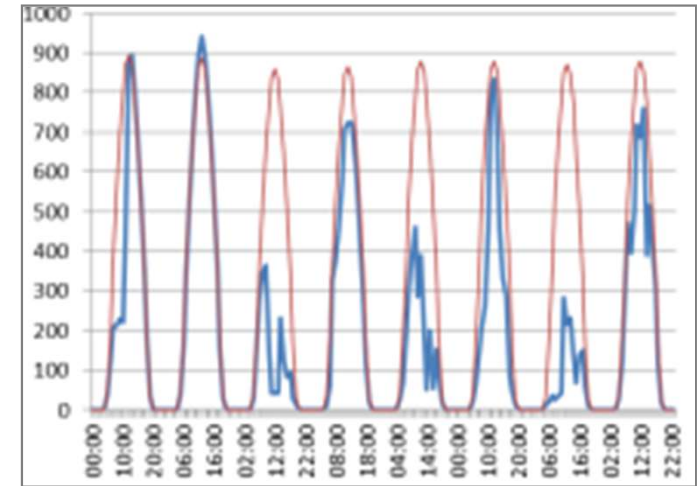
- News from CAMS Radiation Service
  - Version 4.0 is online
  - Algorithm changes
  - Validation results v3.2 vs. v4.0
- Preparing for MTG
  - Himawari-8 and GOES-16 evaluation for experimental APOLLO\_NG/Heliosat-4 (DLR)
  - Study based on SEVIRI HRV to quantify the value of higher spatial resolution



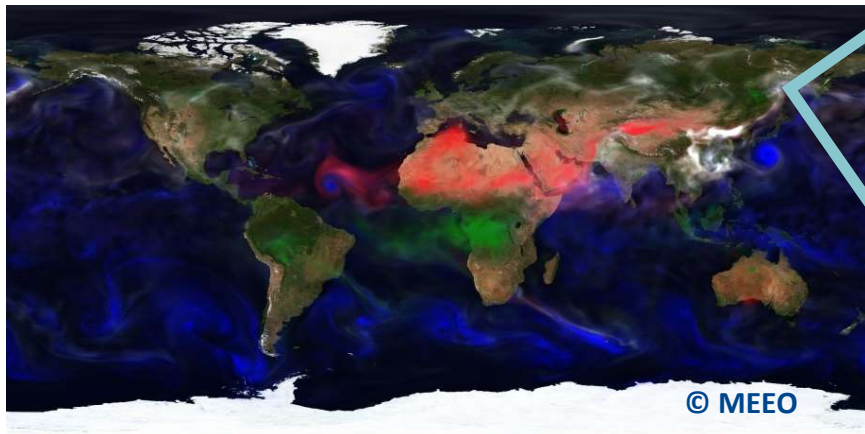
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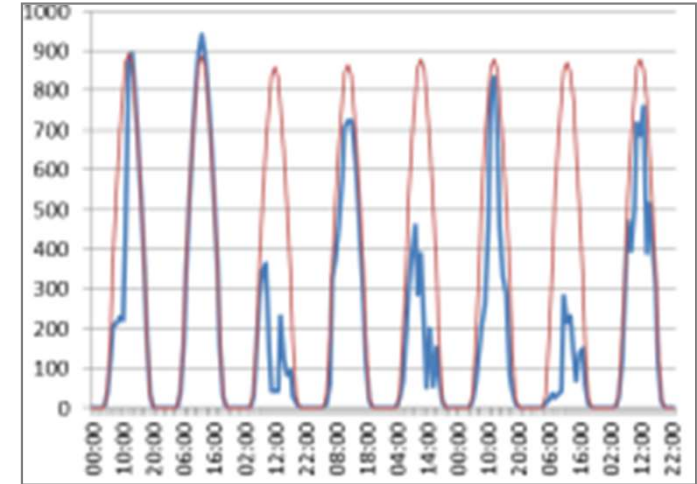
**New:  
APOLLO\_NG  
+ bug fixes  
+ calibration**

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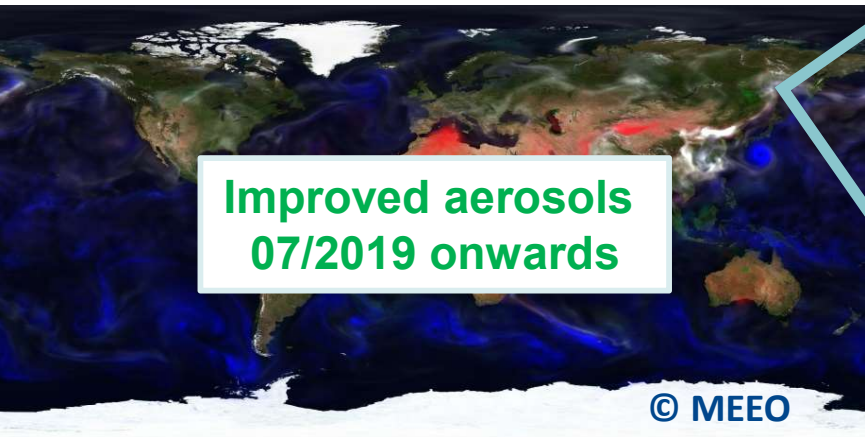
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**New: circumsolar  
treatment**



**irradiance,  
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**Improved aerosols  
07/2019 onwards**

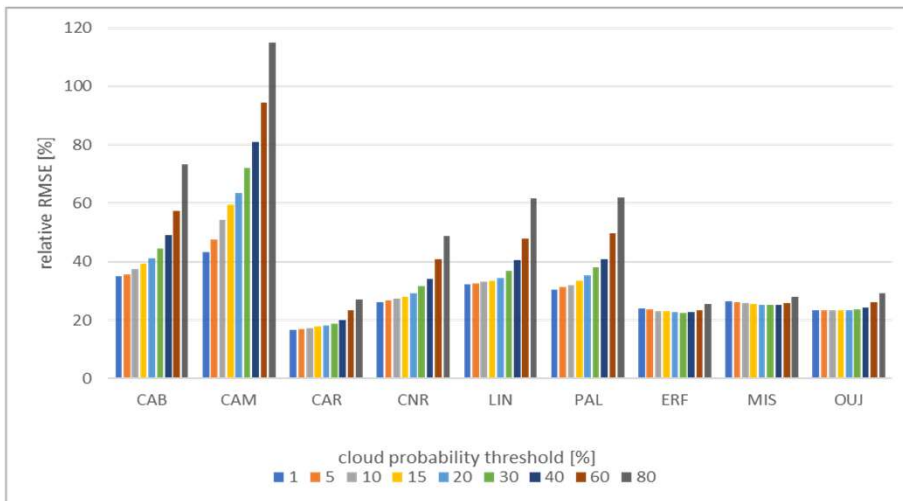
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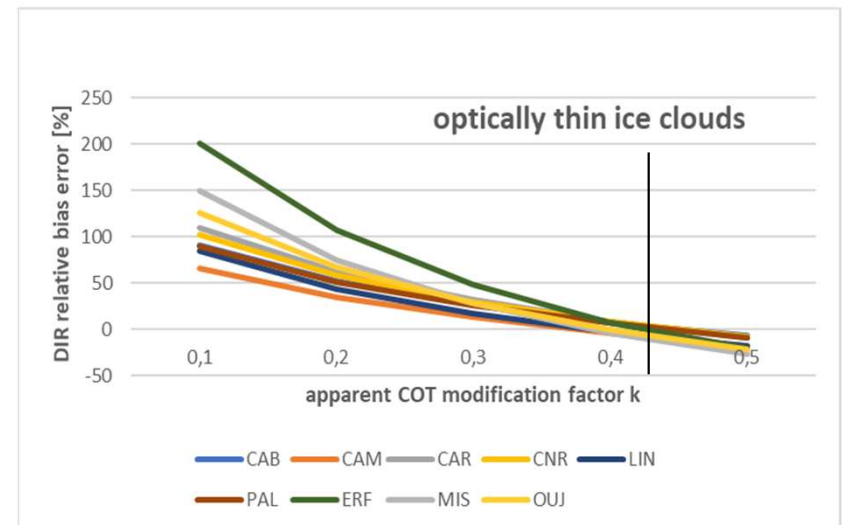
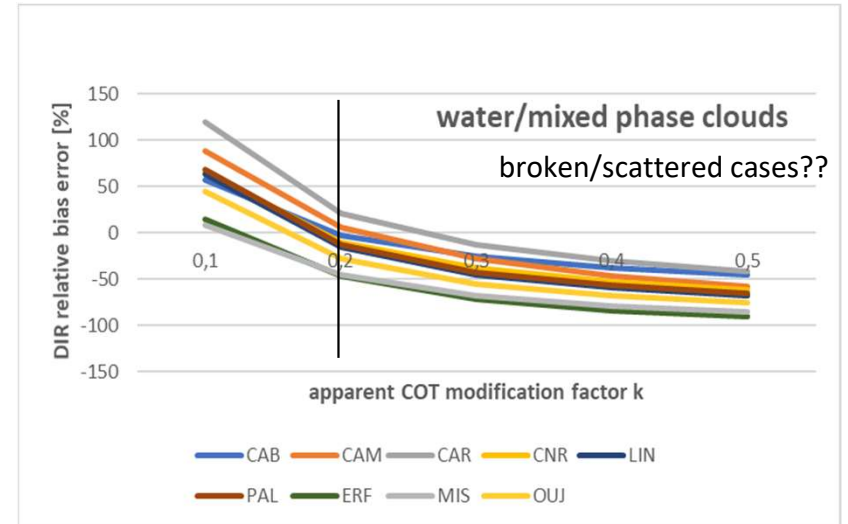
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 Schroedter-Homscheidt et al., Contrib. Atm. Phys., in prep.

# Main method changes

- Time-dependent calibration update following Meirink et al. (KNMI)
- Extension of COT LUTs to 0.001 instead of clipping at 0.5
- Bayesian cloud masks in APOLLO\_NG (Klüser et al., AMT, 2015)
- Cloud probability threshold, very sensitive selection
- Circumsolar correction for DIR



RMSE for hourly DIR as function of cloud probability threshold



optimum apparent COT modification factor in different cloud conditions



# Evaluation results – SEVIRI

Study design:

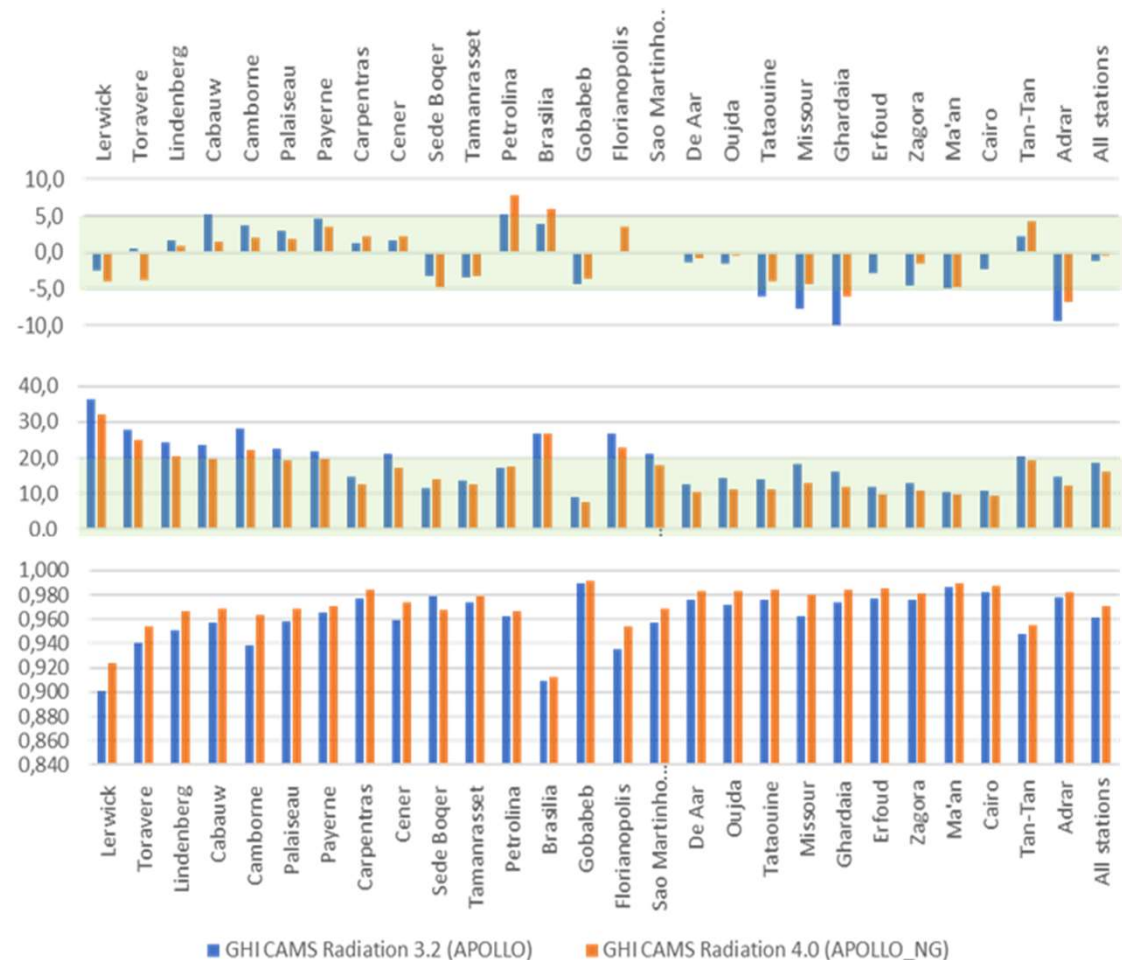
GHI (Global horizontal irradiation)  
hourly evaluation; 2004 to 2020

CAMS operational v3.2 (old)

CAMS operational v4.0 (online)

Note: Bias correction method as originally developed for v3.2 was updated for v4.0, but is now nearly passive for GHI.

Thanks to BSRN & EnerMENA station teams for providing their data.



Hourly GHI – rel. bias, rel. RMSE and correlation coefficient change from CRS 3.2 to CRS 4.0



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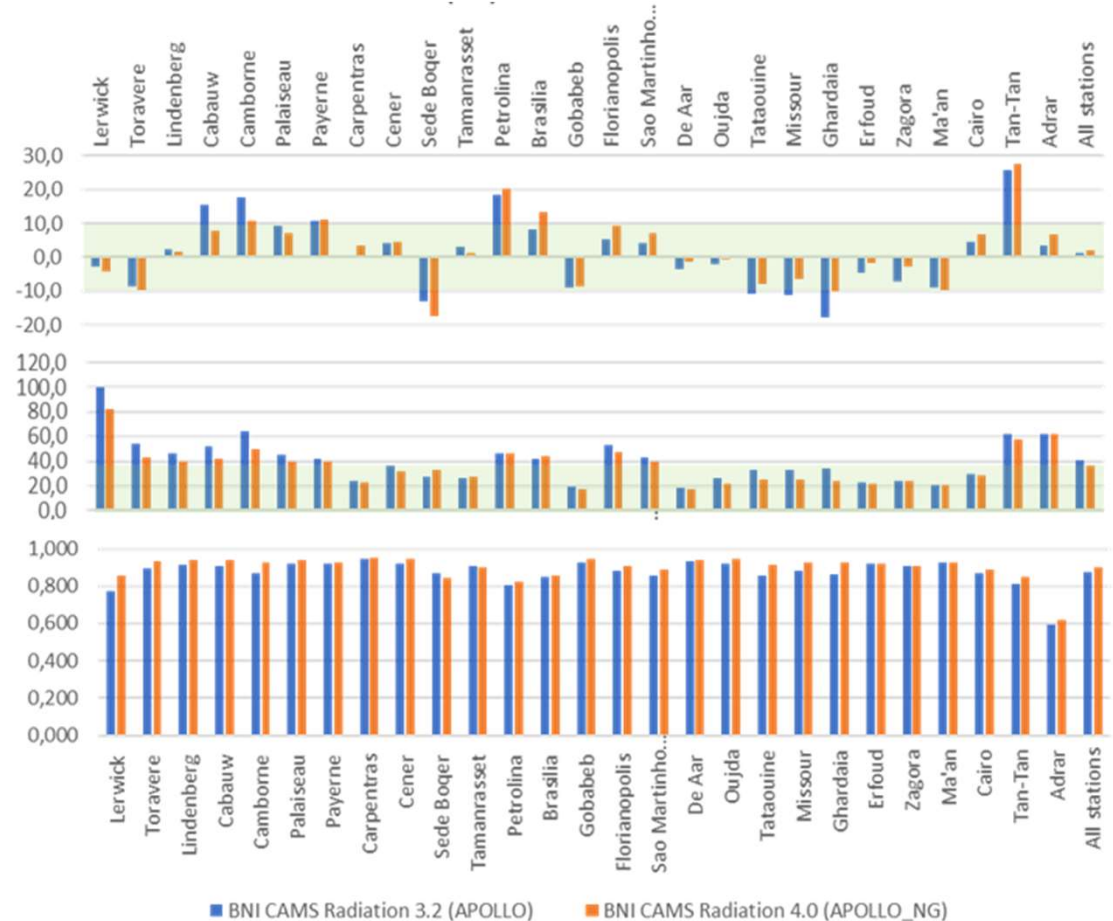
BNI (beam normal irradiation)

hourly evaluation; 2004 to 2020

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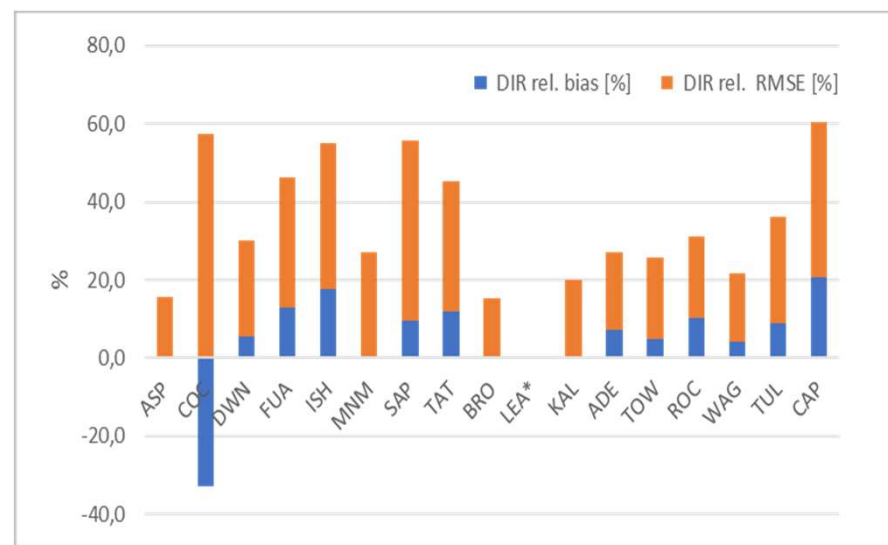
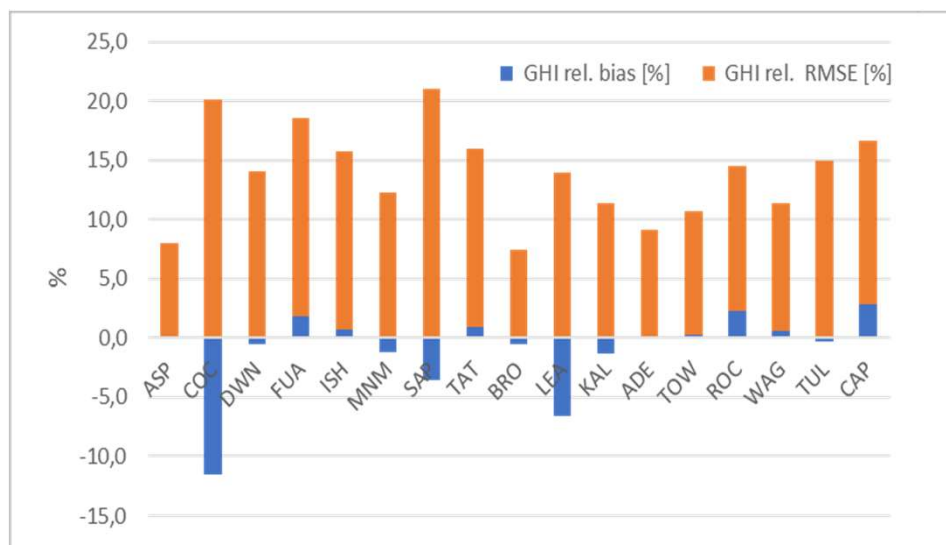


# Preparing for MTG - Evaluation results – Himawari-8

Study design:

hourly evaluation; 6 days/month – each 5/10/15/20/25/30 of each month in 2018

experimental version: APOLLO\_NG/Heliosat-4(DLR) based on 2 km channels, **no bias correction applied**



Hourly GHI and DIR validation for HIMAWARI -8 for the year 2018 - outliers COC and LEA are mixed pixels at the coastline.  
 Station LEA does not provide enough DIR observations and is excluded.

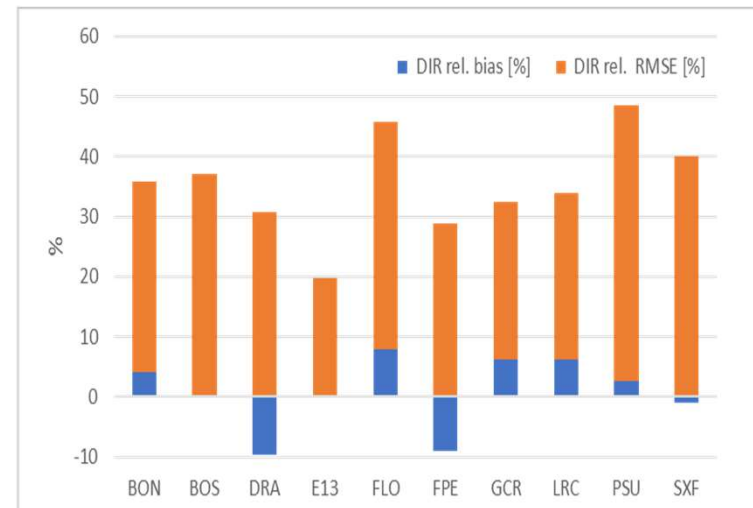
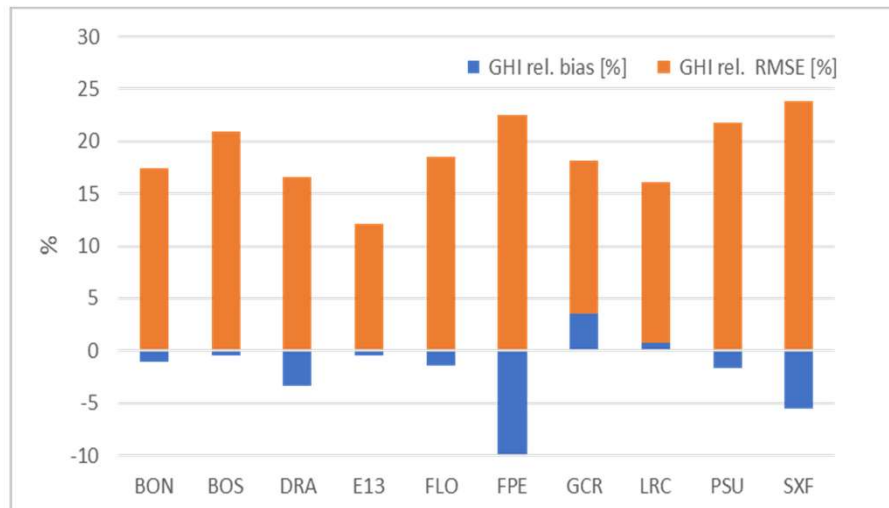


# Preparing for MTG - Evaluation results – GOES-16

Study design:

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experimental version: APOLLO\_NG/Heliosat-4(DLR) based on 2 km channels, **no bias correction applied**

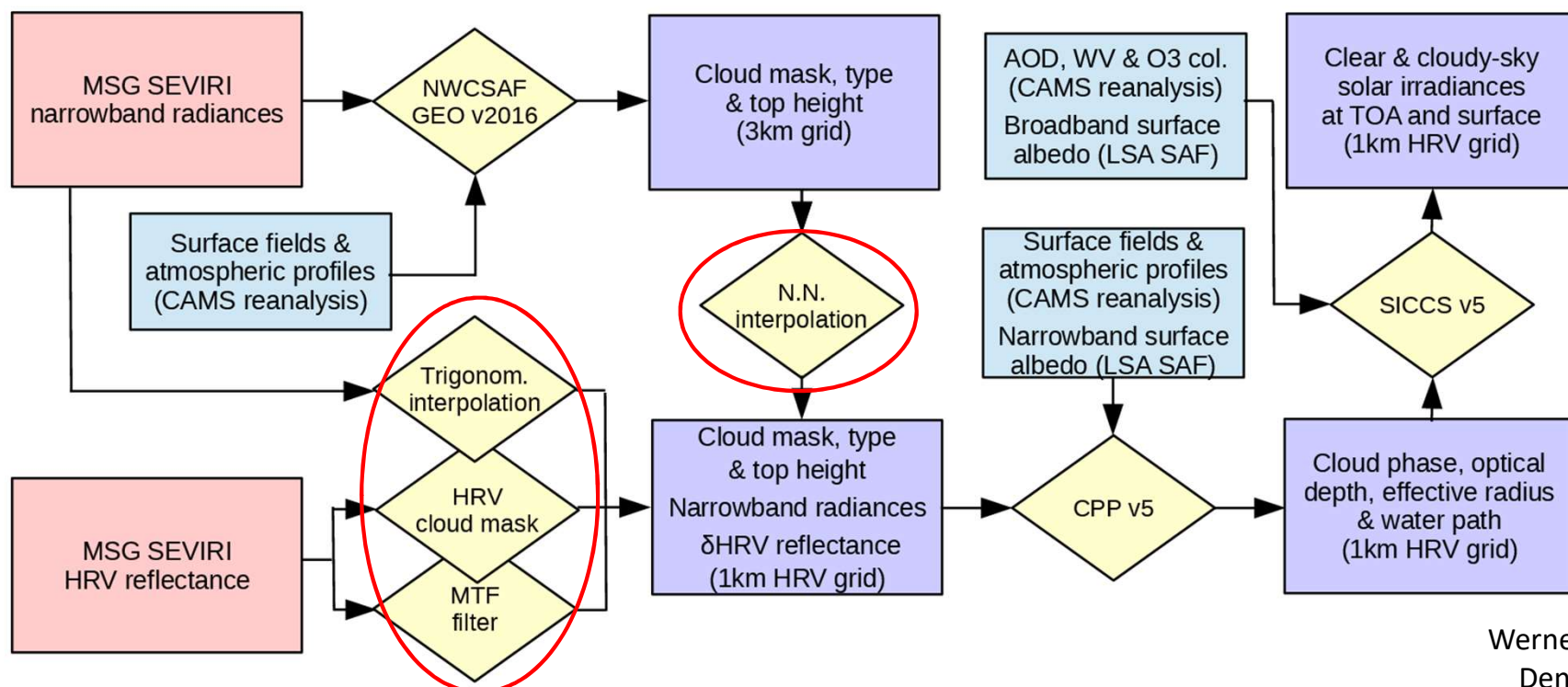


Hourly GHI and DIR validation for GOES-16 for the year 2018 – long snowy season increases all metrics in BON, BOS, FPE, SXF in 2018; DRA affected by parallax effects in broken cloud conditions

# Preparing for MTG – Use of higher spatial resolution

Study design:

- TROPOS implementation of CPP/SICCS cloud/irradiance algorithms (!= CAMS algorithm)
- extended to use HRV broad band channel in multi-spectral cloud physical retrieval



Bley and Deneke, AMT, 2013

Werner & Deneke, AMT, 2020

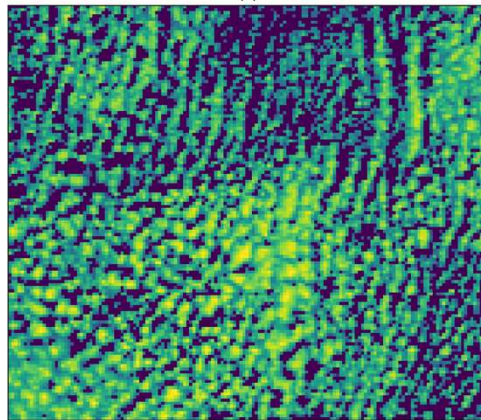
Deneke et al., AMT, 2021



# Preparing for MTG – Effects of higher spatial resolution

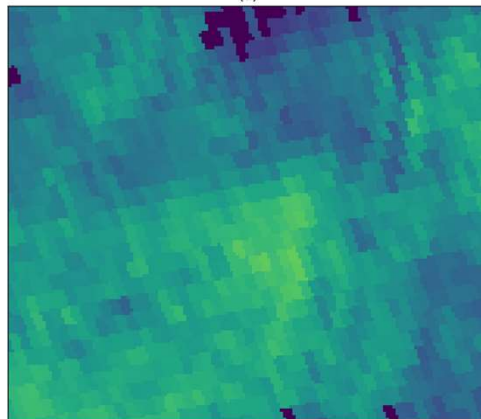
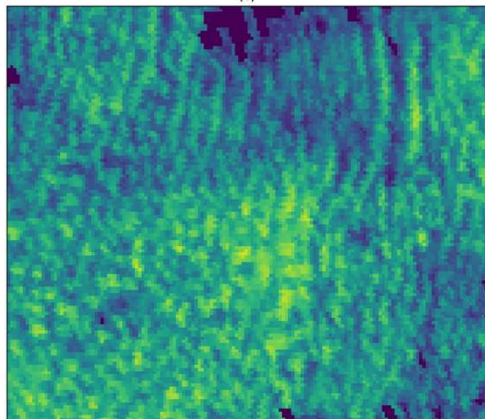
MODIS natural RGB composite (a)

COD, Terra MODIS C6.1 (b)



(c)

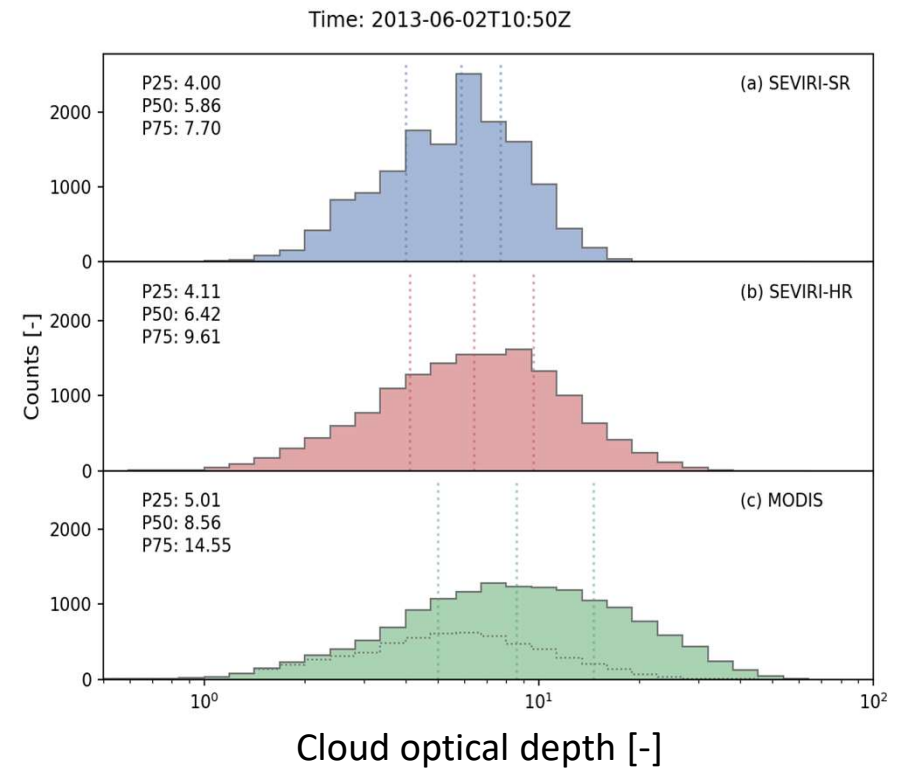
(d)



COD SEVIRI HRV-based

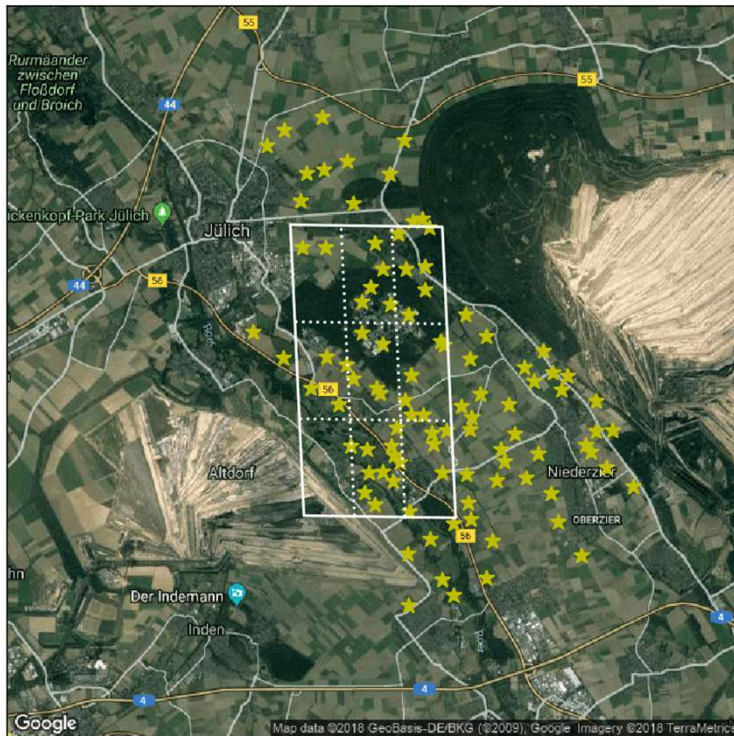
COD, SEVIRI 2 km standard

2 June 2013, 10:50 UTC





# Preparing for MTG – Use of higher spatial resolution

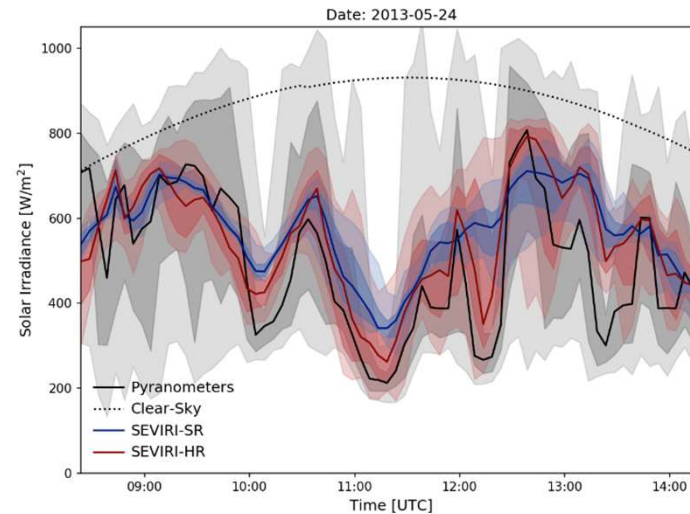


Pyranometer network HOPE campaign, 2013

GHI Stations as yellow stars, SEVIRI standard

resolution pixel in white solid line

HRV pixels in dotted white lines



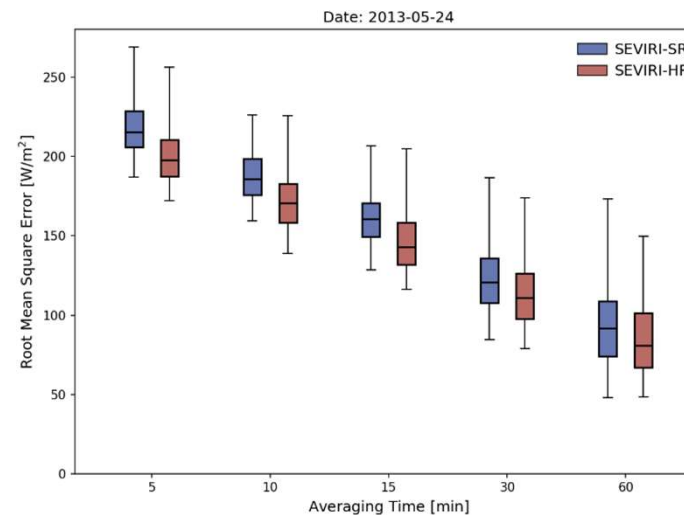
GHI variability

Black/grey: ground observation

Blue/light blue: 3 km SEVIRI

Red/light red: HRV SEVIRI

All data resampled to 5 min



Daily mean RMSE for GHI

Averaging periods  
from 5 to 60 min

HRV/3km combination  
performs better in this  
case, note: this is not valid  
for all days evaluated



Deneke et al., AMT, 2021



## Conclusions

The CAMS Radiation Service Version 4.0 update (active since 28 June 2021)

- Applies probabilistic cloud mask of APOLLO\_NG
- Several bug fixes (no COD clipping for small values anymore)
- Direct irradiance adapted for circumsolar radiation so that pyrheliometer observation is met
- Validated for SEVIRI

Preparations for MTG

- Validated for SEVIRI, Himawari-8, and GOES-16 without any bias correction
- Quantification of cloud optical depth as function of spatial resolution
- Study on impact of HRV spatial resolution merged with standard 3 km SEVIRI channel resolution

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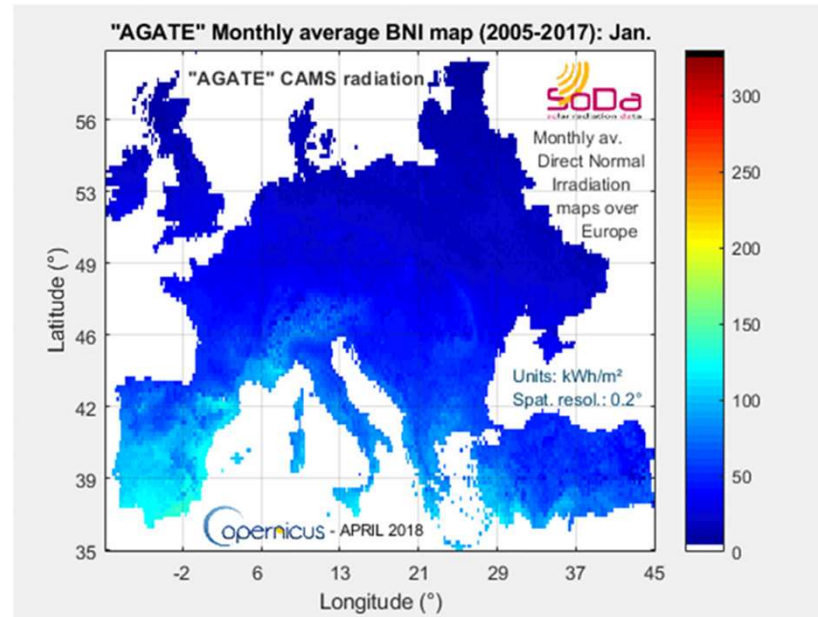
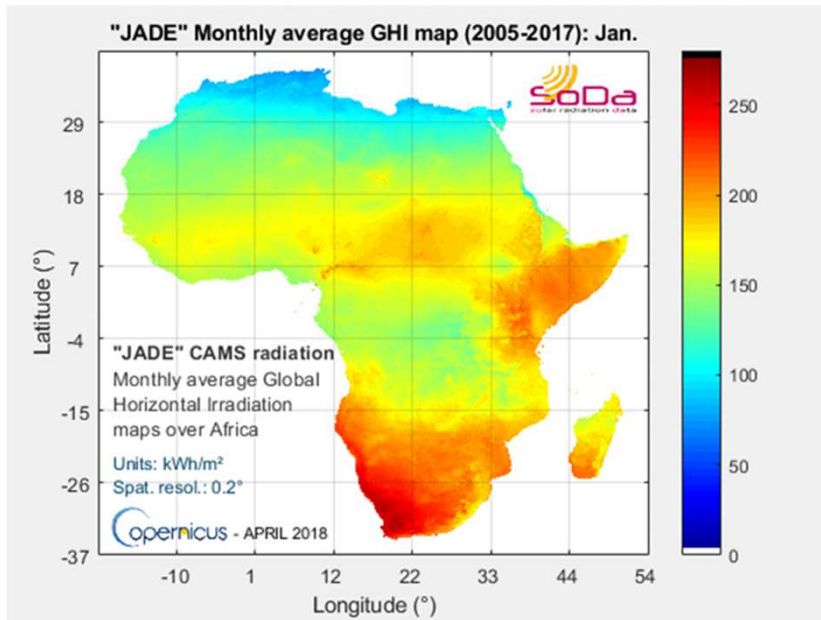
## Contact point & references

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- See additional slides on data access
- User's Guide at <http://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/documentation>
- Heliosat-4 method: Qu et al., Fast radiative transfer parameterisation for assessing the surface solar irradiance: The Heliosat-4 method, Contrib. Atm. Phys./ Meteorol. Z., 2017
- McClear method: Lefèvre et al., McClear: a new model estimating downwelling solar radiation at ground level in clear-sky conditions, AMT, 2013  
Gschwind et al., Improving the McClear model estimating the downwelling solar radiation at ground level in cloud-free conditions – McClear-v3, Contrib. Atm. Phys./Meteorol. Z., 2019
- UV and broadband irradiation evaluation: Quarterly validation reports at <https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/supplementary-services>

## Additional slides – data access

# Gridded datasets

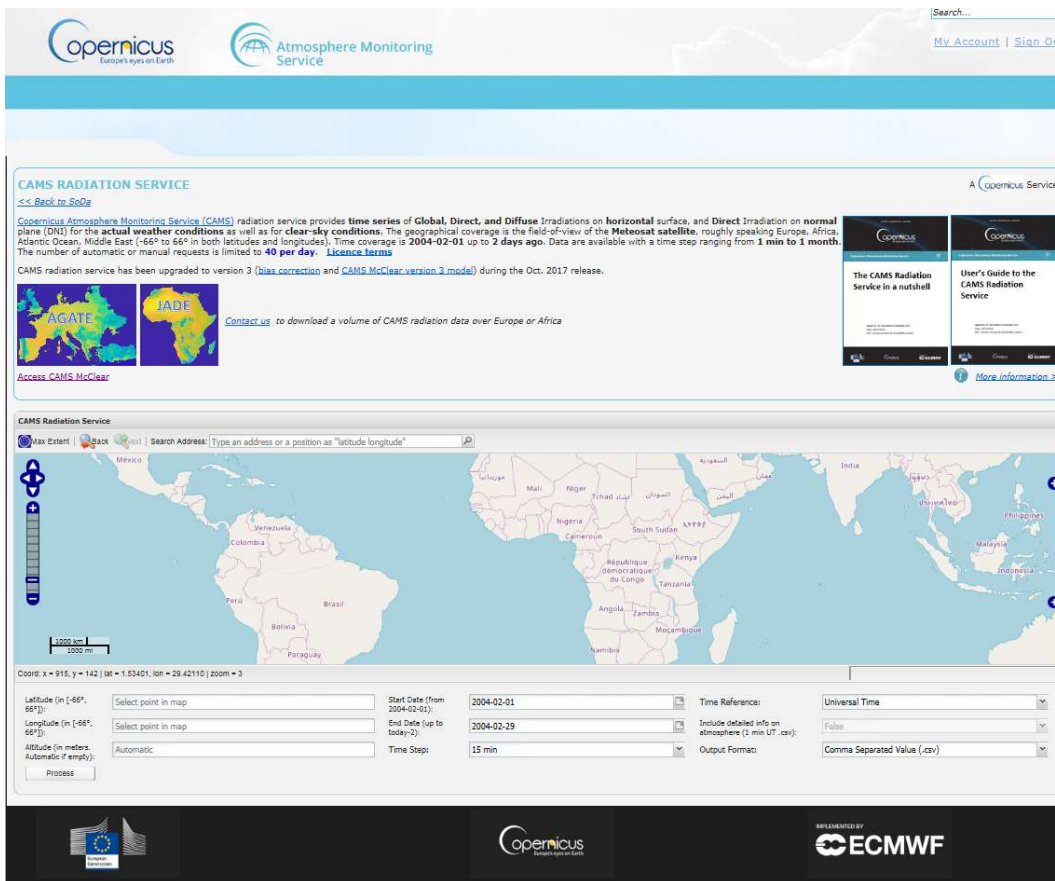
- 15 min temporal resolution
- 2005-2017
- 0.2° gridded data



Figures: Monthly average GHI for Africa and BNI for Europe for January



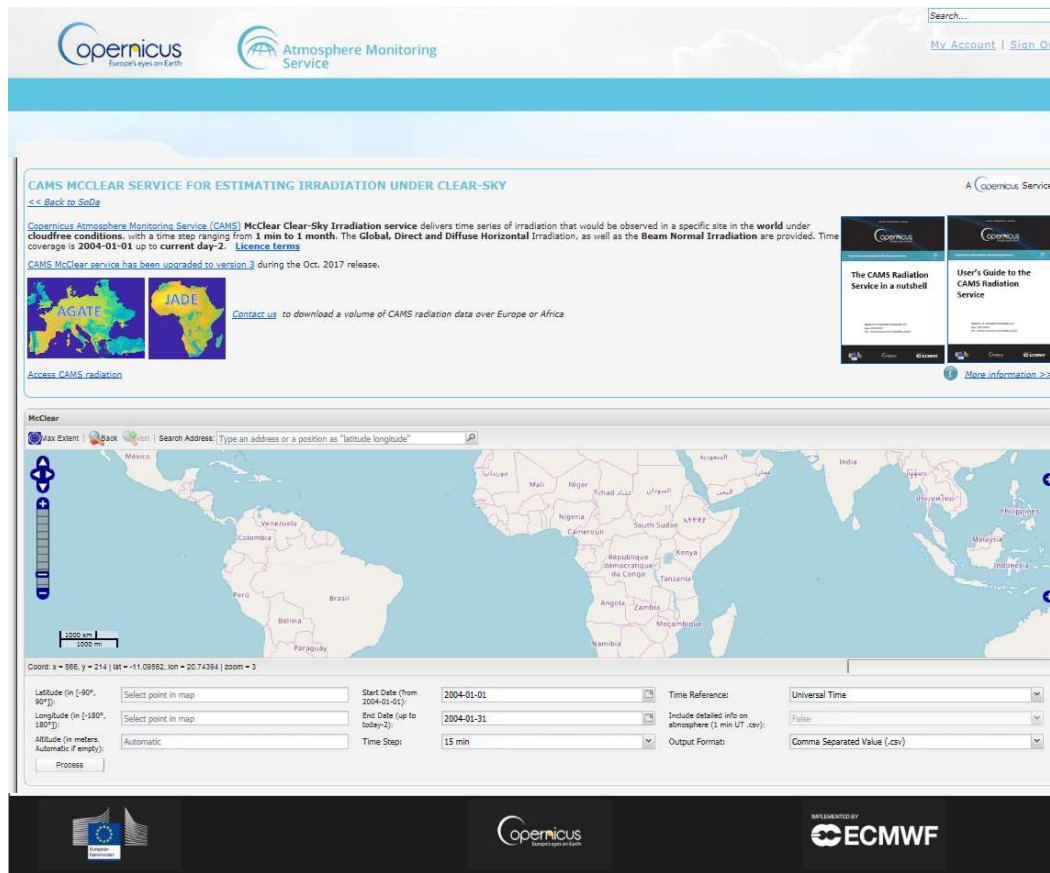
# Time series of total- sky irradiation in Europe/Africa/Middle East



The screenshot shows the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (AMS) website. The main heading is "CAMS RADIATION SERVICE". Below this, there is a description of the service and a map showing the geographical coverage. The interface includes a search bar, a map of Europe/Africa/Middle East, and various data selection options such as "Start Date", "End Date", "Time Steps", and "Output Format".

- start in 2004
- after 1-2 days delay online
- global, diffuse, direct and direct normal irradiation
- time series
- 1 min, 15 min, 1 hour, 1 day, 1 month temporal resolution
- CAMS Atmospheric Data Store (<https://ads.atmosphere.copernicus.eu>)
- interactive and OGC script access possible

# Clear sky (cloud-free) irradiation in global coverage – time series at location of interest



- start in 2004
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# Detailed expert mode

- maximum transparency
- all input values
- bias-corrected but also un-corrected irradiation

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# Columns:
# 1. Observation period (ISO 8601)
# 2. TOA. Irradiation on horizontal plane at the top of atmosphere (Wh/m2)
# 3. Clear sky GHI. Clear sky global irradiation on horizontal (Wh/m2)
# 4. Clear sky BHI. Clear sky beam irradiation on horizontal (Wh/m2)
# 5. Clear sky DHI. Clear sky diffuse irradiation on horizontal plane at ground level (Wh/m2)
# 6. Clear sky BNI. Clear sky beam irradiation on mobile plane following the sun at normal incidence (Wh/m2)
# 7. GHI. Global irradiation on horizontal plane at ground level (Wh/m2)
# 8. BHI. Beam irradiation on horizontal plane at ground level (Wh/m2)
# 9. DHI. Diffuse irradiation on horizontal plane at ground level (Wh/m2)
#10. BNI. Beam irradiation on mobile plane following the sun at normal incidence (Wh/m2)
#11. Reliability. Proportion of reliable data in the sun position
#12. sza. Solar zenith angle for the middle of the summer
#13. atm. Atmospheric profile code: afglus=U.S. standard atmosphere afglms=midlatitude summer afglmw=midlatitude winter afglsw=subarctic winter
#14. tco3. Total column content of ozone (Dobson units)
#15. tcwv. Total column content of water vapour (kg/m2)
#16. AOD BC. Partial aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for black carbon
#17. AOD DU. Partial aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for dust
#18. AOD SS. Partial aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for sulfate
#19. AOD OR. Partial aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for organic matter
#20. AOD SU. Partial aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for sea salt
#21. AOD 550. Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm
#22. AOD 1240. Aerosol optical depth at 1240 nm
#23. alpha. Angstroem coefficient for aerosol
#24. Aerosol type. Type of aerosol: -1=no value 5=urban 7=continental clean 8=continental polluted 9=continental average 10=maritime clean 11= maritime polluted 12=maritime tropical 13=antarctic 14=desert
#25. fiso. MODIS-like BRDF parameter fiso
#26. fvol. MODIS-like BRDF parameter fvol
#27. fgeo. MODIS-like BRDF parameter fgeo
#28. albedo. Ground albedo
#29. Cloud optical depth (value of the nearest acquisition time)
#30. Cloud coverage of the pixel (percentage from 0 to 100, value of the nearest acquisition time of the pixel)
#31. Cloud type (value of the nearest acquisition time of the pixel, value 0=no clouds 5=low-level cloud 6=medium-level cloud 7=high-level cloud 8=thin cloud
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radiation without clouds

radiation with clouds

sun position

ozone, water vapour

aerosols

surface reflection

clouds