

The NASA/GEWEX Surface Radiation Budget Project: Results and Issues

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NASA/GEWEX SRB: Outline

I. Project Review:

Purpose, activities, description; Processing Status: current status, data availability, schedule; Data Accessibility and Information

- II. Results for Validation and Analysis (Rel. 2.5/SW 2.5/2.7)
- **III.** Results Upgrades and Analysis
 - 1. BSRN comparisons: overall by temporal average; time series; cloud types (SW only)
 - 2. Project comparisons with CERES SOFA and SARB
 - 3. Time series anomalies -> comparison to ERBE

IV. Future Plans and Strategy for:

- 1.Continued processing
- 2.Planned Improvements
- 3. Strategy for re-processing
- V. Summary and Conclusions



SRB Analysis: Global Energy Cycle

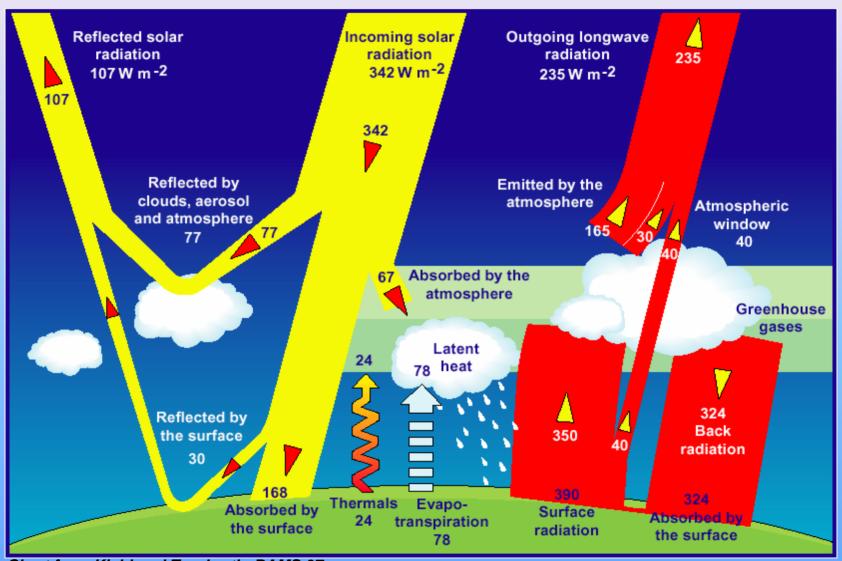


Chart from Kiehl and Trenberth, BAMS 97



NASA/GEWEX SRB: Overview

The energetic interaction between the atmosphere and the earth-surface is the key interface for climate and life.

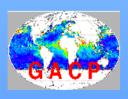
3-Hourly Global Clouds & Surface



6-Hourly Global Meteorology



Global Aerosols & Smoke



Global, 1°x1°, 3-Hourly Surface Radiation



NASA Applications Energy Forecasting

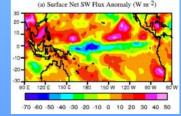


Atmospheric and Oceanic Climate and Weather Models (3-hourly, daily, monthly) AMIP

Global Surface Hydrology (Monthly 3-hourly, Monthly)

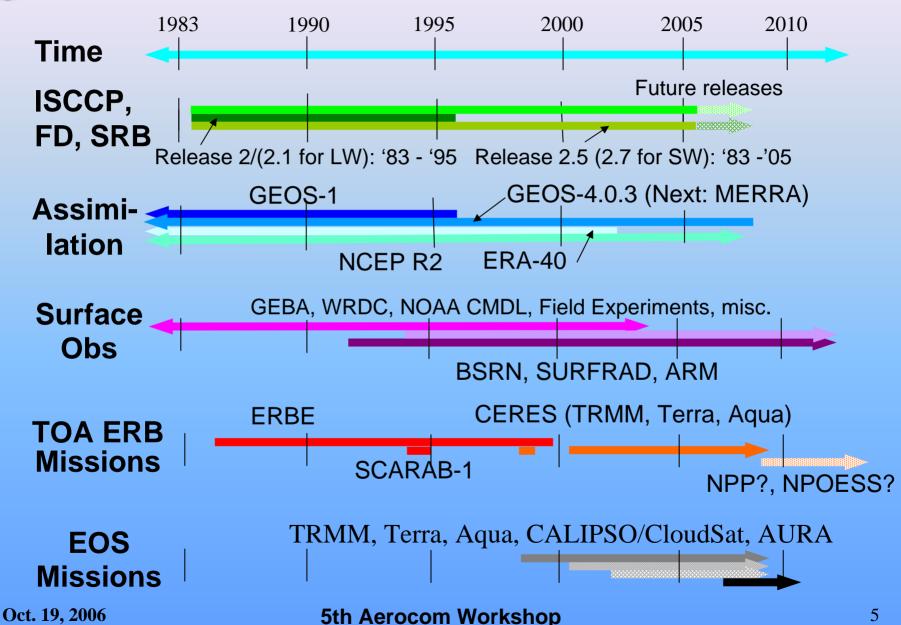


Regional Inter- and Intra-annual variability (monthly, monthly 3-hourly)





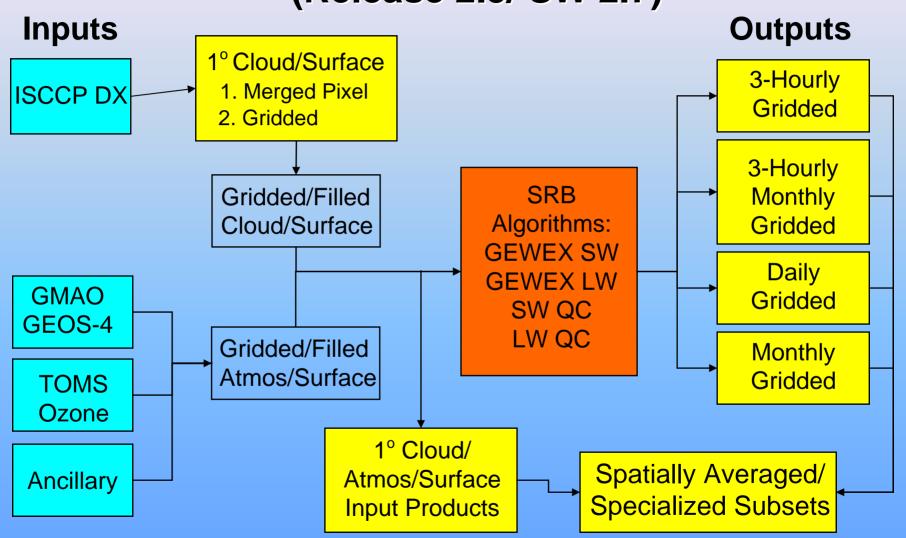
Radiation Dataset Timeline





GEWEX SRB: Data Flow

(Release 2.5/ SW 2.7)





SRB Data Sets

Release 2.0 / (LW 2.1)

- 4 Algorithms: SW (Pinker/Laszlo), LW (Fu-Liou based w/ cloud overlap), SWQC (Staylor/Gupta), LWQC (Gupta)
- GEOS-1
- 3-hourly, 1x1 degree spanning July 1983 Oct. 1995

Release 2.5

- Inputs: GEOS-4; improved blended TOVS/TOMS ozone
- Same 4 Algorithms: SW improved
 - SW: new filling scheme for polar twilight (released Dec. 2005)
 - SWQC: MATCH climatological aerosols; CERES surface albedos
 - LW, LWQC modified for GEOS-4
- 3-hourly, 1x1 degree spanning July 1983 June 2005

SW v2.7

- Additional SW improvements: solar constant (account for all energy in total fluxes) & TOA ephemeris; low sun angle integration bug; improved elevation treatment; pristine-sky fluxes for aerosol forcing
- to be reprocessed starting in October; minor error in filling

Aerosol Treatment in SW Algorithm

- Based on ISCCP clear sky composite radiance-assumed to be a background
- Reference surface albedo scaled to produce TOA broadband albedo implied by clear sky composite radiance and a climatological AOD chosen for surface type
- AOD then picked to match instantaneous ISCCP radiance

Aerosol Treatment in SW Algorithm

Problems/Potential Improvements?

- ➤ Is ISCCP clear sky composite radiance a reliable dark background?
- Will an improved monthly aerosol climatology help?
- ➤ If a full 1983-present 3-hourly aerosol history is available, will errors/mismatches between ISCCP radiances and the aerosol history drive the algorithm to unrealistic solutions?



SRB Processing & Archival Status

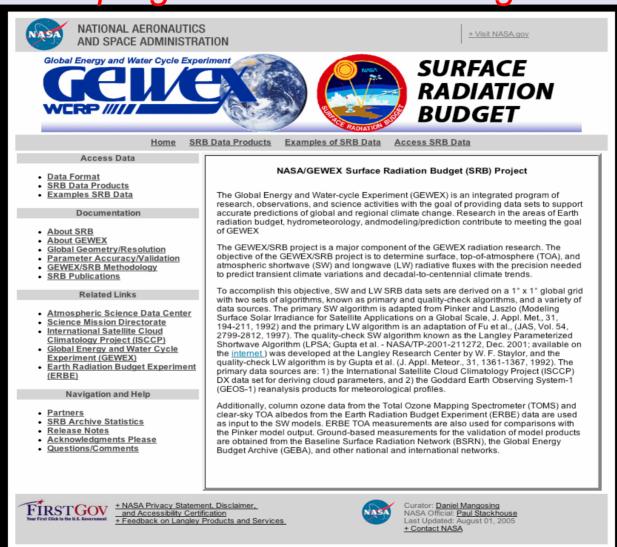
Nodes	Status	Months Processed	Years Proces- sed to Date	Months Released	
ISCCP merged DX	Complete	264	07/83 - 06/05	0	
ISCCP gridded DX	Complete	264	07/83 - 06/05	0	
GEOS-1 / GEOS-4	Complete / Complete	148 / 264	07/83 - 10/95 / 07/83 - 06/05	0	
TOMS (TOVS) O ₃	Complete	264	07/83 - 06/05	0	
3-Hourly Meteorology, Cloud and Surface	Complete	264	07/83 - 06/05	264	
SW 2.0 / 2.7	Complete/ Processing	148 / 258*	07/83 - 10/95 / 07/83 - 12/04	148 / 0*	
SW QC 2.0 / 2.5	Complete	148 / 264	07/83 - 10/95 / 07/83 - 06/05	148 / 264	
LW 2.1 / 2.5	Complete	148 / 264	07/83 - 10/95 / 07/83 - 06/05	148 / 264	
LW QC 2.0 / 2.5	Complete	148 / 264	07/83 - 10/95 / 07/83 - 06/05	148 / 264	

^{*}Data not in archive, but is available via request; It is scheduled for general reprocessing beginning this month.



SRB Enhanced Web Site

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





Surface Global Annual Averages

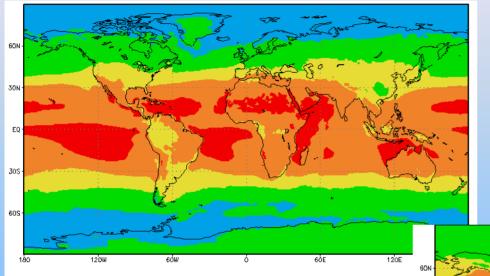
Parameter	Gilgen GEBA	ura & (1993) A <i>Surf</i> . bs.	Kiehl and Trenberth (1997) ERBE/ CCM3 Zhang & Rossow (2004) 21-Year Mean (1984-2004)		NASA/GEWEX SRB Rel. 2.5/2.7 (NASA LaRC) 21-Year Mean (1984-2004)					
							SW, LW		SW, LW QC	
	Flux	% F ₀	Flux	% F ₀	Flux	% F ₀	Flux	% F ₀	Flux	% F ₀
SW Down	169.0	49.4	198	57.9	189.2	55.4	186.5	54.6	183.7	53.8
SW Net	142.0	41.6	168	49.2	165.9	48.5	163.8	47.9	161.0	47.1
LW Down	345	100.9	324	94.8	343.8	100.6	343.1	100.4	348.7	102.0
LW Net	-40.0	-11.7	-66	-19.3	-49.6	-14.5	-53.0	-15.5	-50.0	-14.6
Total Net	102.0	29.8	102	29.8	116.3	34.0	110.8	32.4	111.0	32.5
SW CRF					-53.0	-15.5	-56.4	-16.5	-59.2	-17.3
LW CRF			46	13.5	29.5	8.6	35.3	10.3	34.3	10.0
Total CRF					-23.5	-6.9	-21.1	-6.2	-24.9	-7.3

^{*} Normalized to $S_0 = 1367 \text{ W m}^{-2}$; $(F_0 = S_0/4)$



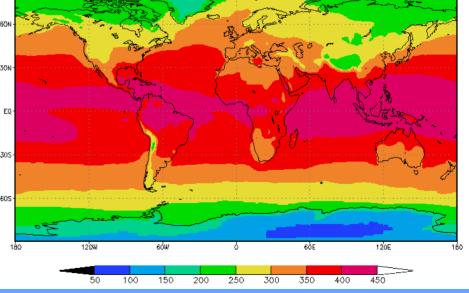
Annual Average Global Surface Fluxes

(21-Year Average; Jan 1984 - Dec 2004)



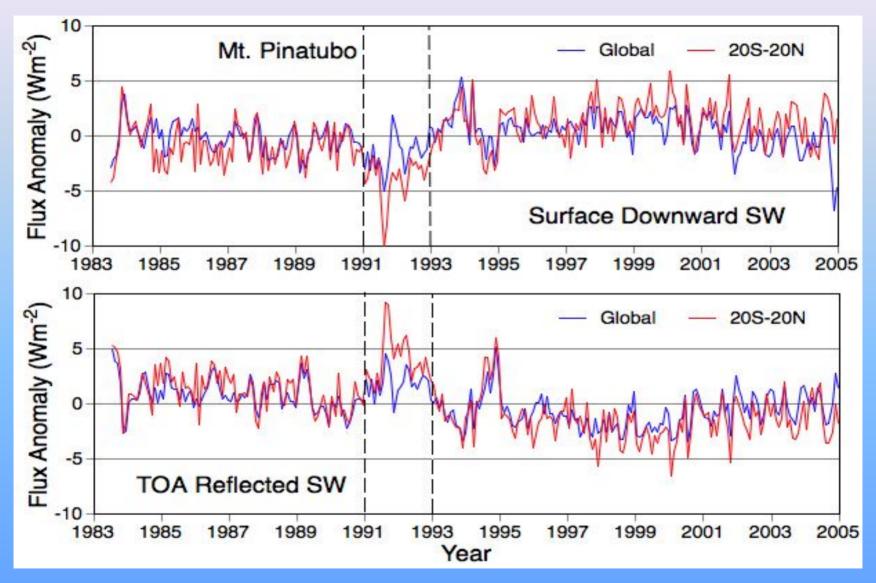
SW Downward Fluxes (SRB SW v2.7,W m⁻²)

LW Surface Fluxes (SRB LW v2.5, W m⁻²)



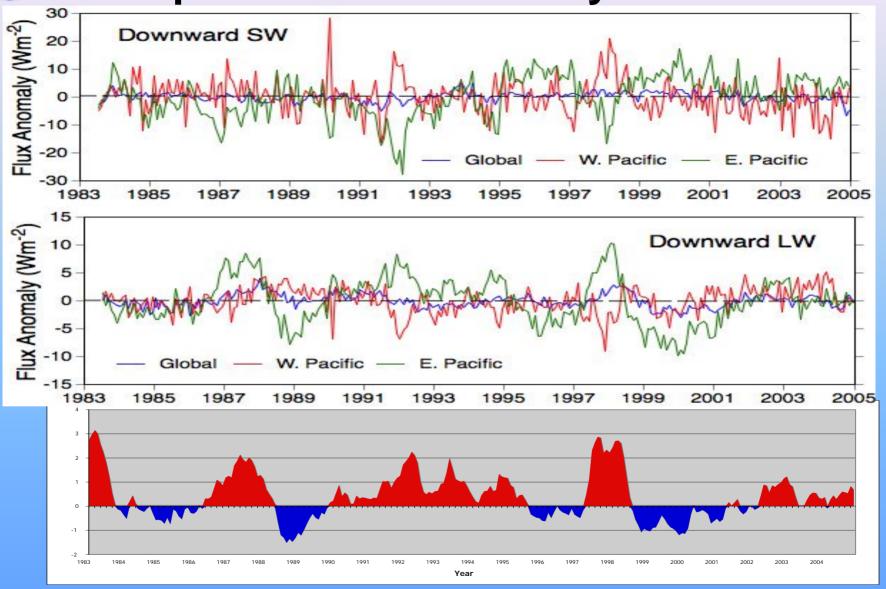


Deseasonalized Anomalies of SW Fluxes





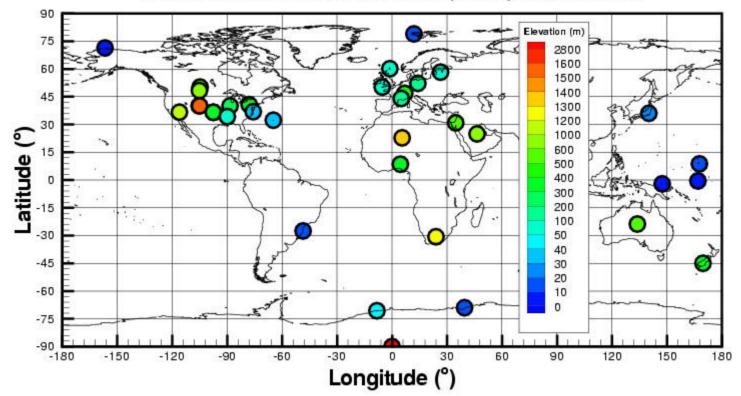
Tropical Pacific Anomaly Time Series





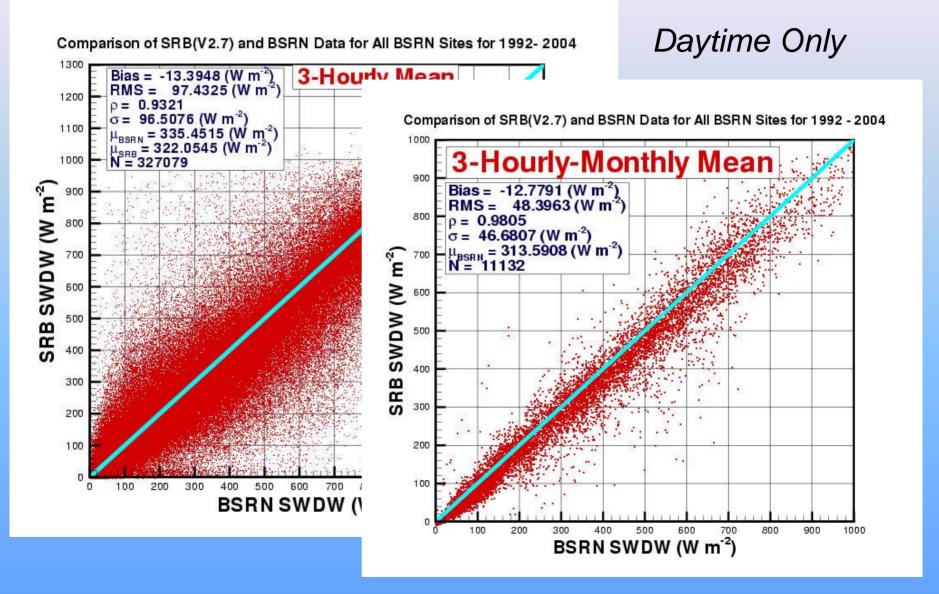
35 BSRN Sites with 2849 Site-Months of Data from 1992-2004

Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN) Sites with Data





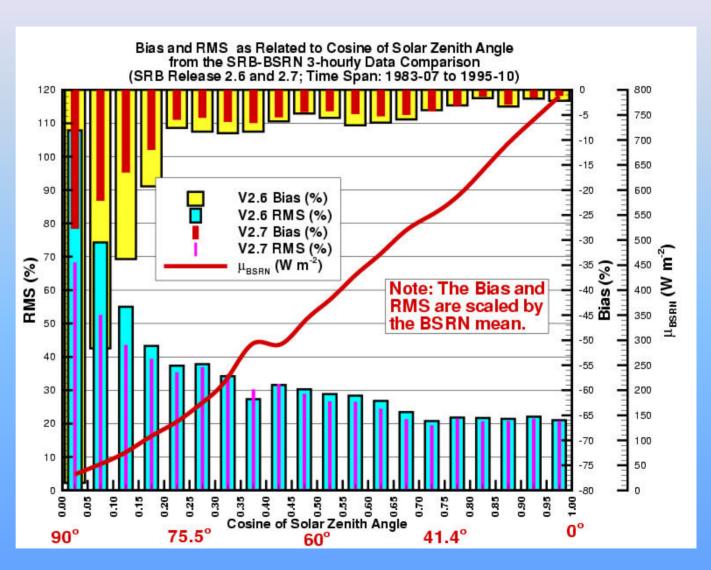
Shortwave Downward Flux Validation





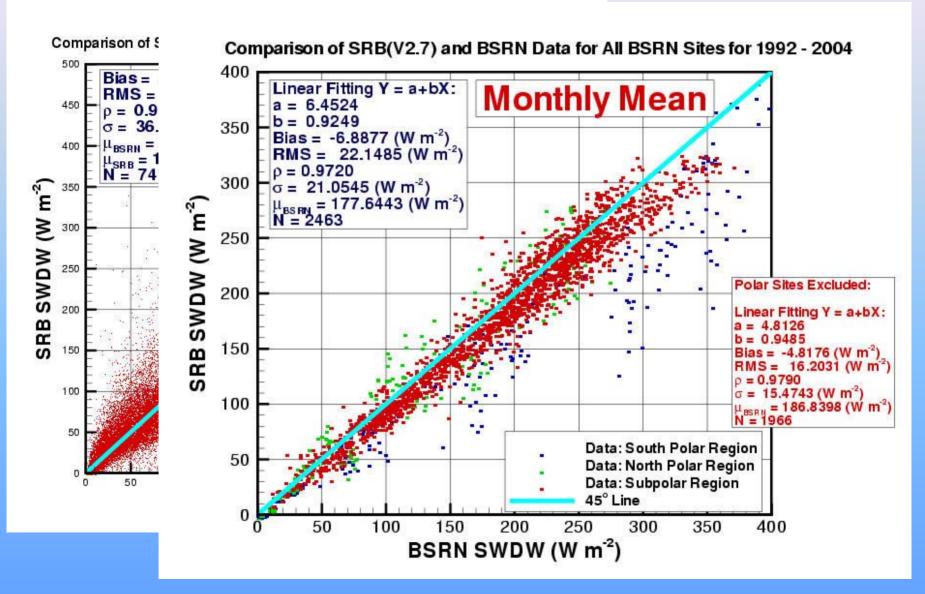
3-Hourly SW BSRN Observations: Use for Algorithm Improvement Verification

- Observations sorted by solar zenith angle bins
- SRB estimates compared
- Latest SRB
 Version improved at all angles





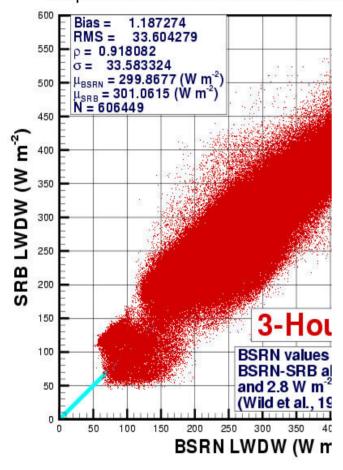
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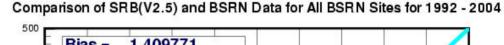


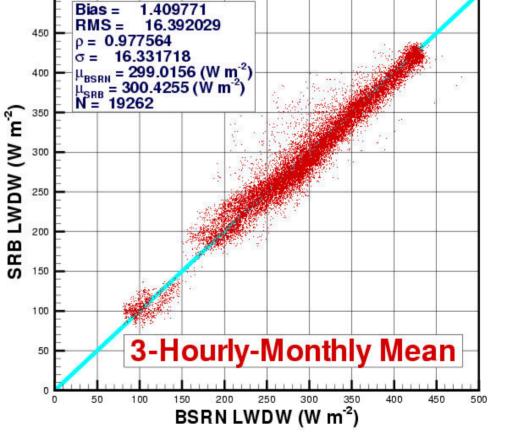


Longwave Downward Flux Validation

Comparison of SRB and BSRN Data for All BSRN Sites for 1992 - 2004



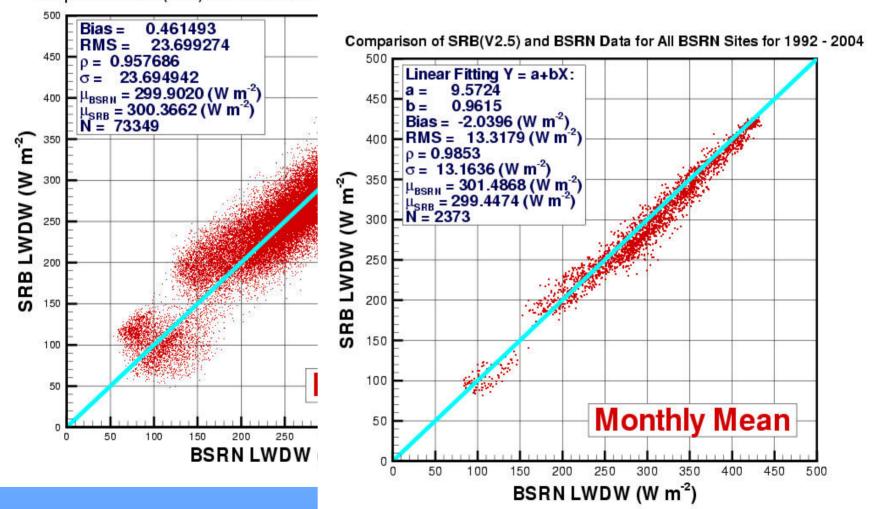






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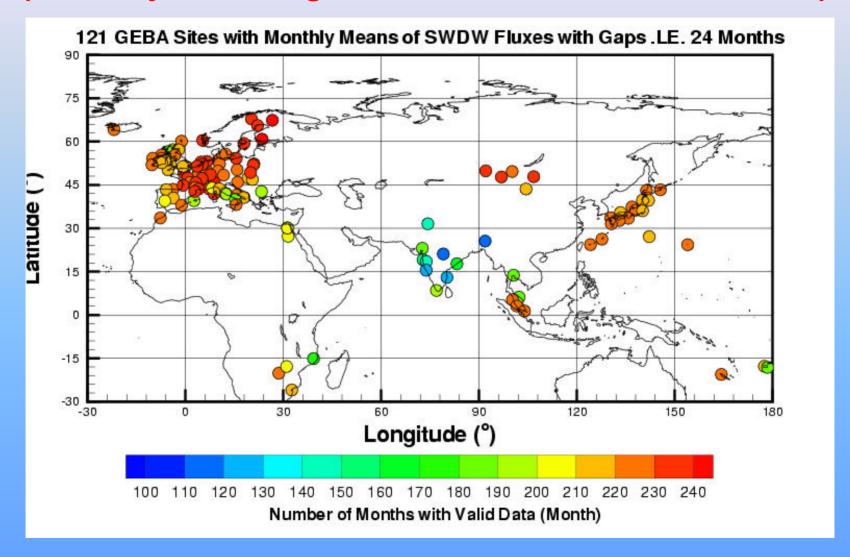
Overall Surface Validation Results

Quantity (Instrument)	Instantaneous Gridded (1 Hour Averaged Obs., 8 times per day, SW daytime only; W m ⁻²)		Daily (W m ⁻²)		Monthly Averaged 3- hourly (W m ⁻²)		Monthly Averaged (W m ⁻²)	
	Bias	1 Std Dev	Bias	1 Std Dev	Bias	1 Std Dev	Bias	1 Std Dev
LW Broadband	1.2	33.6	0.5	23.7	1.4	16.3	-2.0	13.2
SW Broadband	-13.4	96.5	-7	36.5	-12.8	46.7	-6.9	21.1



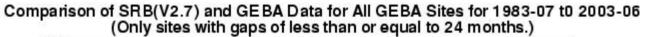
GEBA Data for 7/83-6/03

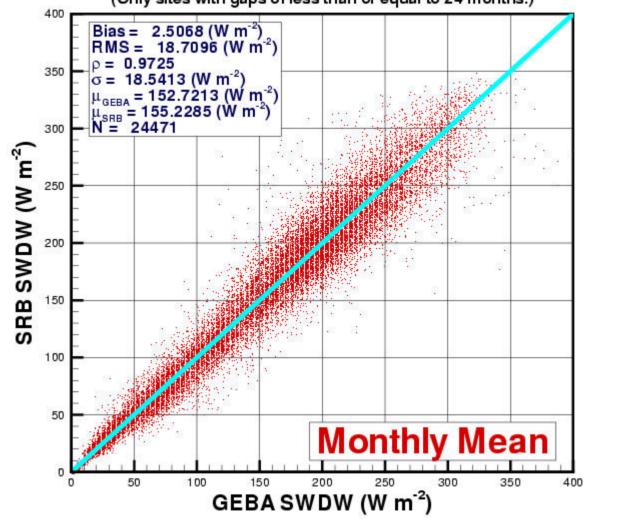
(courtesy Hans Gilgen, Atsumu Ohmura, Martin Wild)





GEBA Validation







SRB Continuing and Near-Future Work

Processing, Archival, and Dissemination

- Reprocess and complete SW v2.7; process with new ISCCP-DX
- Improve documentation on web
- Complete Web site upgrades and increased availability
- Complete data delivery to GEWEX-RFA archive

Validation and Analysis

- Continue to evaluate Rel. 2.5 / SW 2.7 in comparisons to old versions consistent with GEWEX-RFA goals
- Complete assessment relative to BSRN, other surface measurement networks (repeat cloudy/clear analysis)
- Complete comparisons of SRB to ISCCP-FD and CERES
- Emphasize polar and desert areas

Near-term Improvements

- SW (w/ UMd): testing new climatological aerosols, CERES ice/snow ADMs being tested, surface albedos: spectral dependence, ocean
- LW: skin temperature/near-surface temperature discontinuities



Long-Term Work Plans

- Upgrade RT model physics for better cloud and aerosol treatments
- Evaluate aerosol/cloud radiative forcing
- Add new data products: UV, Window fluxes, layers
- Increase spatial resolution (follow ISCCP in using B1 based cloud products)
- Reprocess toward late 2008 following significant progress above and new inputs from ISCCP and other projects



GEWEX SRB: Conclusions

- GEWEX SRB has produced 21+ year climatology of surface radiation at 1°x1°.
 - Data quality is being quantified; on space/time scales
- Validation, analysis and collaborative activities crucial to assessing and improving the data set are being pursued:
 - Intercomparison w/ GISS/GFSC/ESRB/MSG SRB.
 - Overlap w/ CERES-SARB; intercomparison.
 - Improvements regarding aerosols and aspects of algorithms being pursued.
 - Input from users and GEWEX-RFA
- Goal: process overlap with CERES-SARB for testing/validation of improvements; reprocess SRB in entirety staring end 2008/early 2009.



Backup Slides



Long-Term Work Plans

- Evaluate and implement homogenization of SRB inputs/ancillary data sets. Potential data parameters include (what other GEWEX areas can contribute?):
 - Surface and atmospheric temperature and water vapor profiles (alternative to GEOS-4, MERRA)
 - Ozone and other trace gas concentrations
 - Total solar irradiance and variability
 - Surface spectral emissivity w/ interannual variability
 - Surface spectral albedo treatments
 - Cloud microphysical properties
 - Aerosol properties in climatological and historical sense
- Improve SW model with implementation of clear and all-sky CERES' ADMs; improved NB -> BB conversion
- Improve general representation of cloud layers (CLOUDSAT/CALIPSO)
- Evaluate/Upgrade Time and Space Averaging



SRB Validation and Analysis

Analysis Contributions:

- Koster et al => energy and water cycle from ISLSCP
- Zhang et al inputs assessment
- Raschke comparing ISCCP-FD and SRB
- Mediterranean Radiation Budgets (Vardavas Group)
- Intra-annual/diurnal variability (Smith et al)

Validation Analysis

- BSRN and other measurements (including Tibetan papers)
- Time series analysis (GEBA data)
- Clear/cloudy analysis with Chuck Long's derived fluxes products
- Comparisons to ISCCP-FD and CERES for both TOA and Surface fluxes



Needs and Special Issues

 Long-term surface measurements that overlap with BSRN period => GEBA!

 GEWEX SRB funding dependent on follow-on proposal in FY06



SRB Application Success Stories

 NASA project POWER (Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resource) active in adapting SRB and other scientific data sets to Energy Sector Applications

Examples:

- Surface Meteorology and Solar Energy (SSE) web site: 200+ on-fly parameters in simplified format; 5 million hits; 1 million data downloads since 1999. Direct links to:
 - RETScreen (NRCan, UNEP) world's most comprehensive renewable energy technology planning DSS
 - HOMER (NREL) hybrid optimization DSS
- International Energy Agency task to benchmark solar irradiance methods from satellite measurements => GEOSS
- POWER data deliveries to:
 - ASHRAE and DOE building design manuals
 - PNNL MiniCAM Energy Market Forecast Model
 - NREL for National Solar Radiation Database (planned)
 - USDA crop growth and climate change analysis



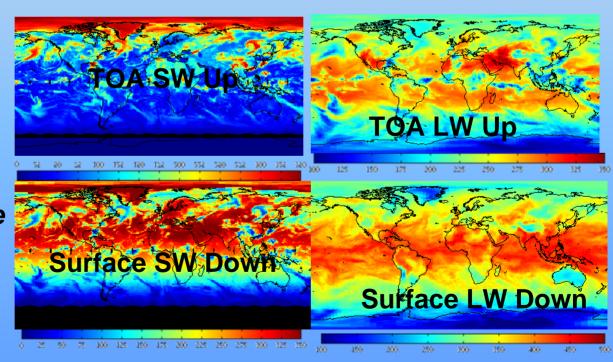
FLASHFlux: TOA and Surface Fluxes from CERES within a Week of Observation (Wm⁻²)

(Daily Composite Terra + Aqua, June 12, 2006)

Objective: Fill gap between observation and CERES data release. Provide data sets for: CLOUDSAT, validation field campaigns, land and ocean assimilation, research on development of extreme conditions (I.e., El Nino, fire environments, etc.), applications (agriculture - harvest information)

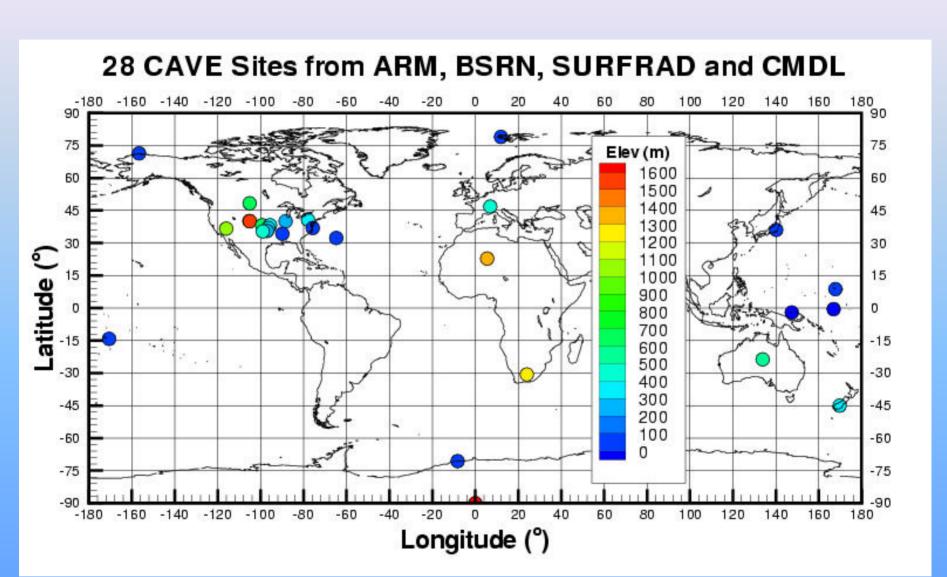
Time interpolation
Combines Aqua
And Terra

Gridded flux Products available In Beta form at: NASA LaRC ASDC



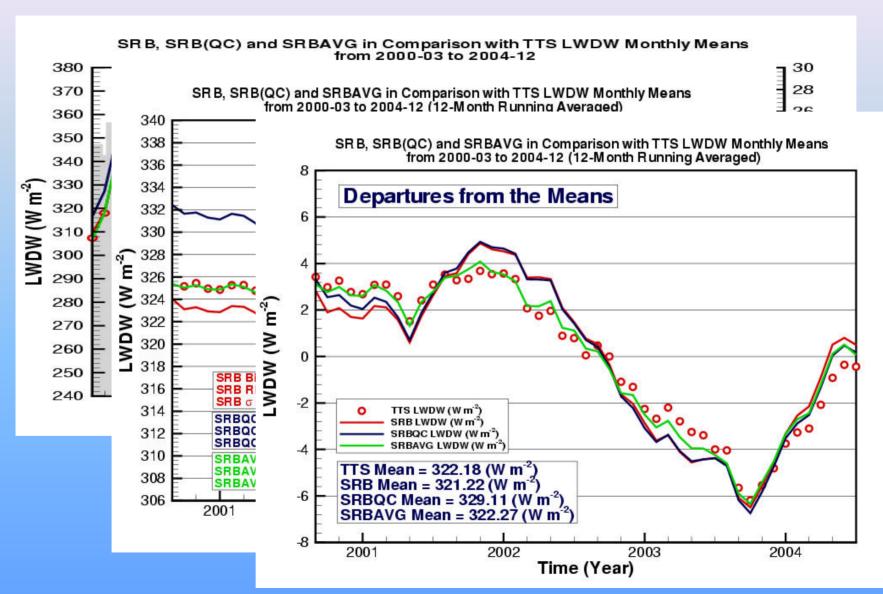


SRB/CERES SRBAVG Comparison



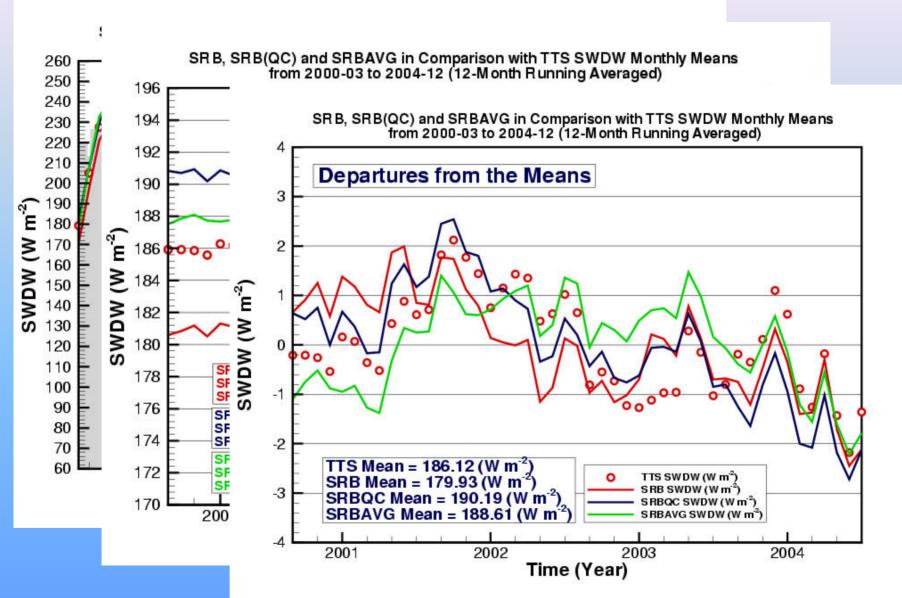


LW Mean Time Series





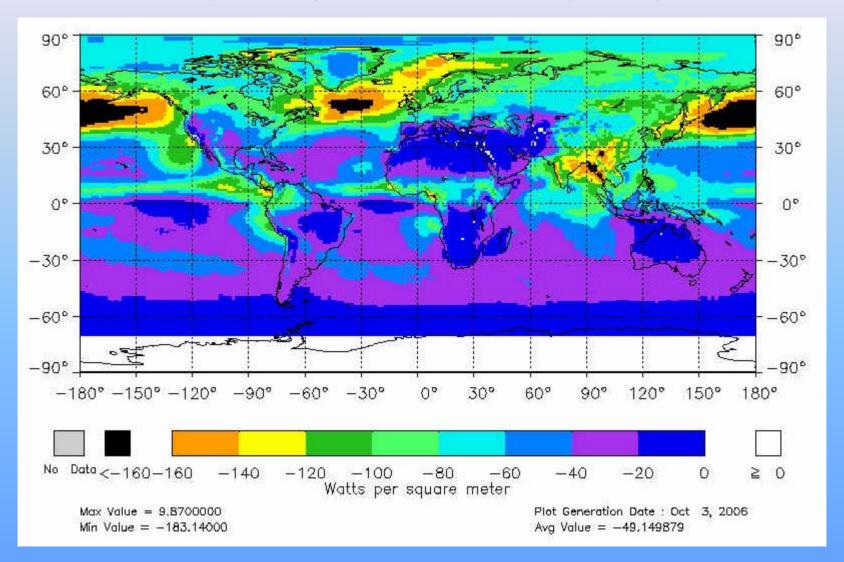
SW Mean Time Series





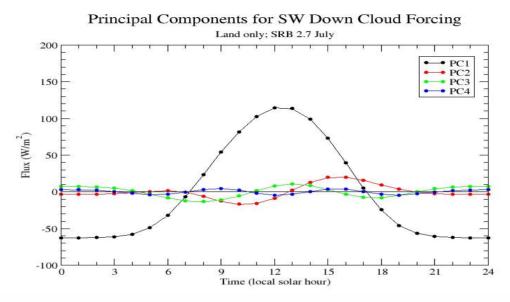
Mean July Surface Cloud Radiative Forcing

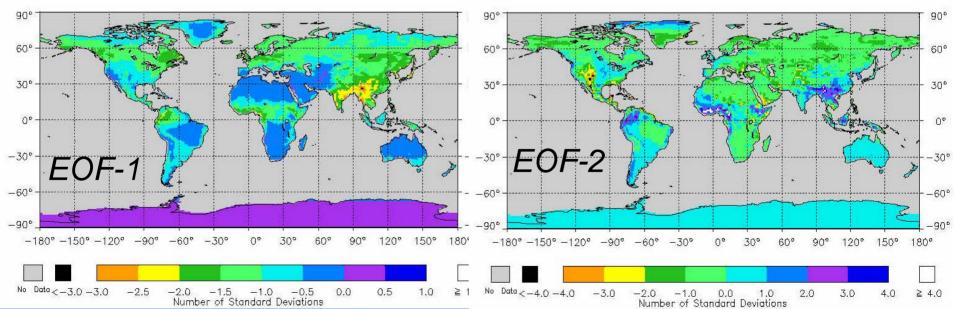
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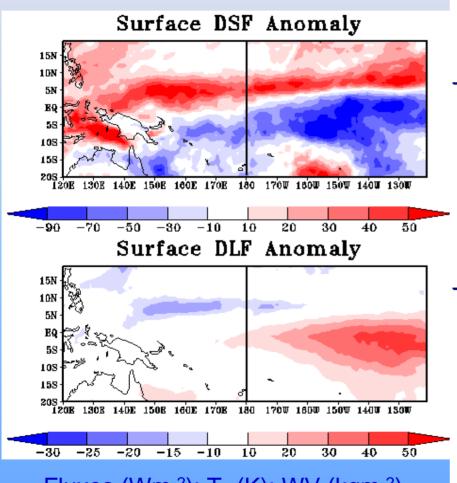


EOF Cloud Forcing by Local Time

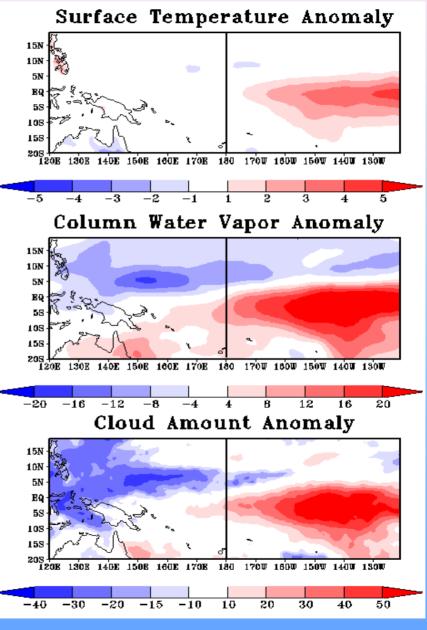




Flux/Meteorology Anomalies El Nino - January 1998

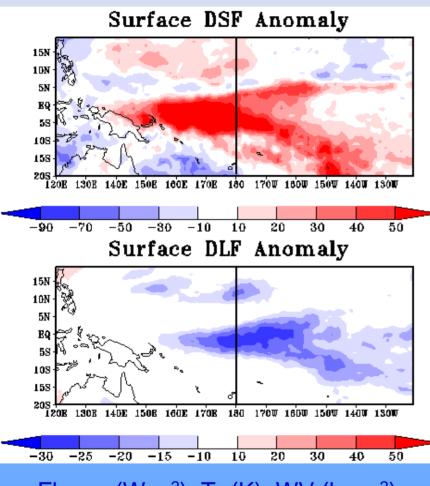


Fluxes (Wm⁻²); T_s (K); WV (kgm⁻²)

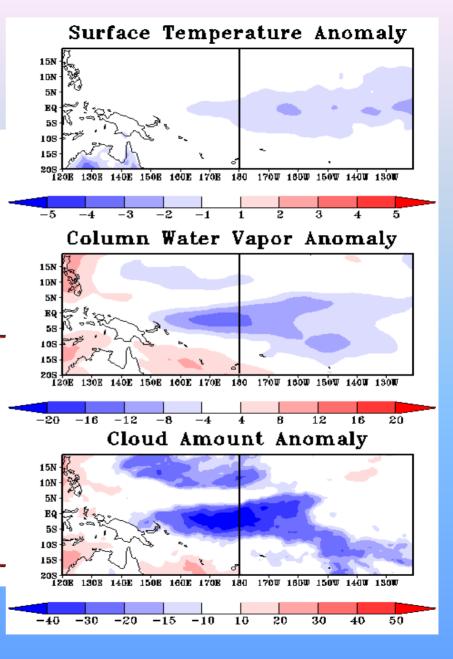




Flux/Meteorology Anomalies La Nina - December 1999

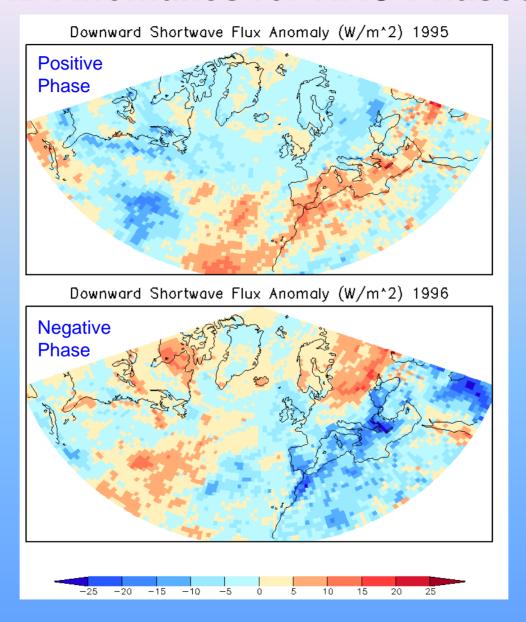


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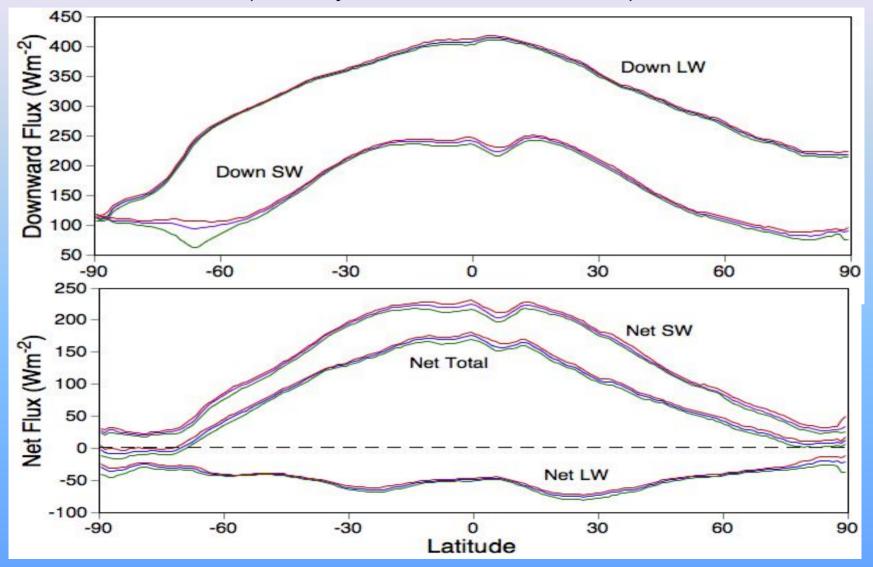
SW SRB Anomalies for NAO Phases - DJFM





21-YEAR ZONAL AVERAGE FLUXES

(January 1984 - December 2004)

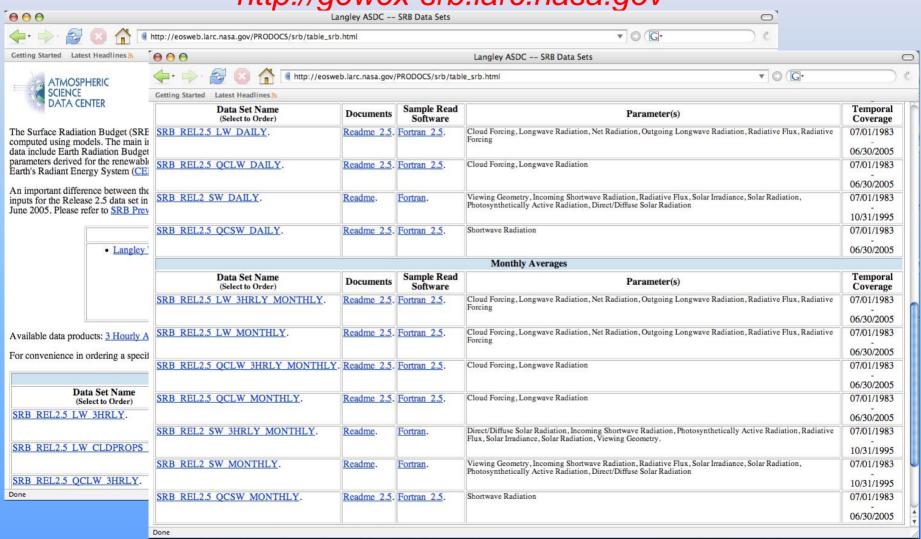




SRB Data Archive

Atmospheric Science Data Center:

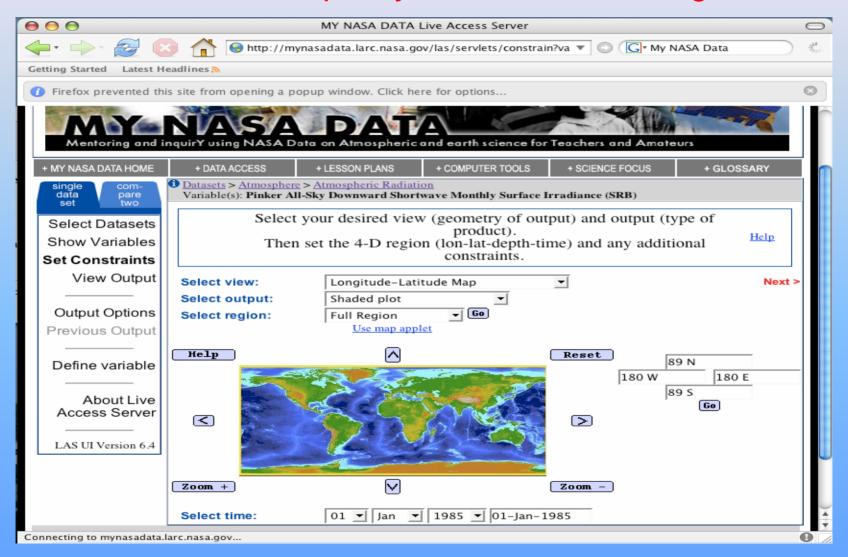
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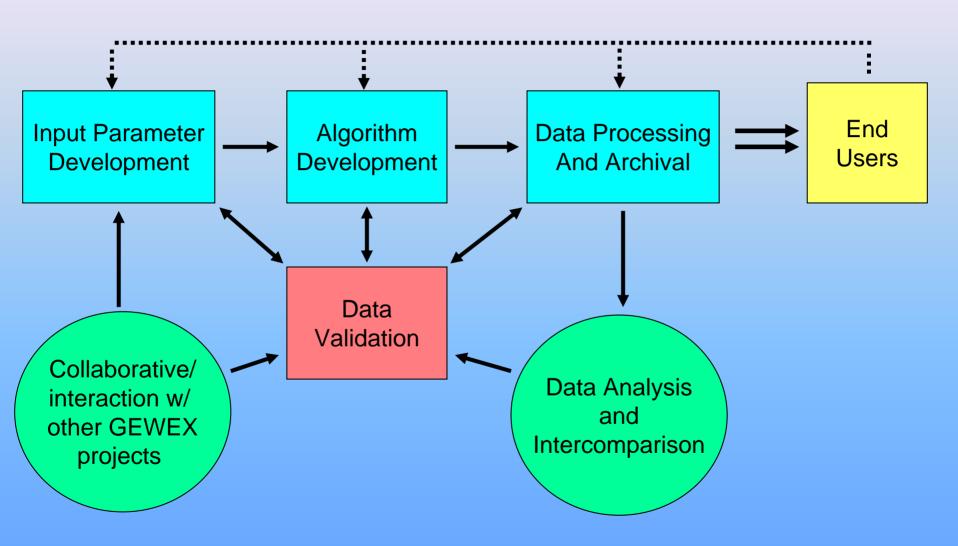
Data Accessibility: Live Access Server

Web site: http://mynasadata.larc.nasa.gov



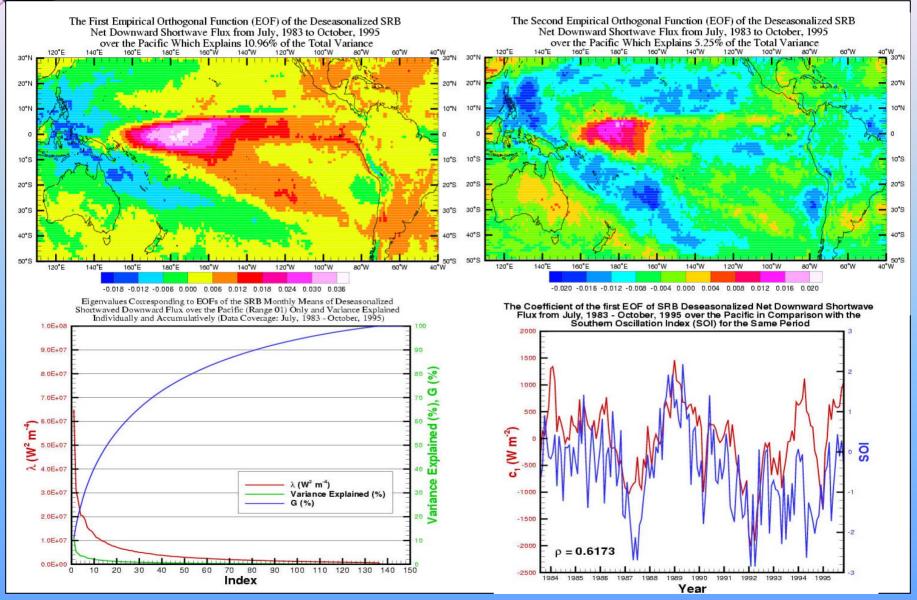


SRB Logistical Flow



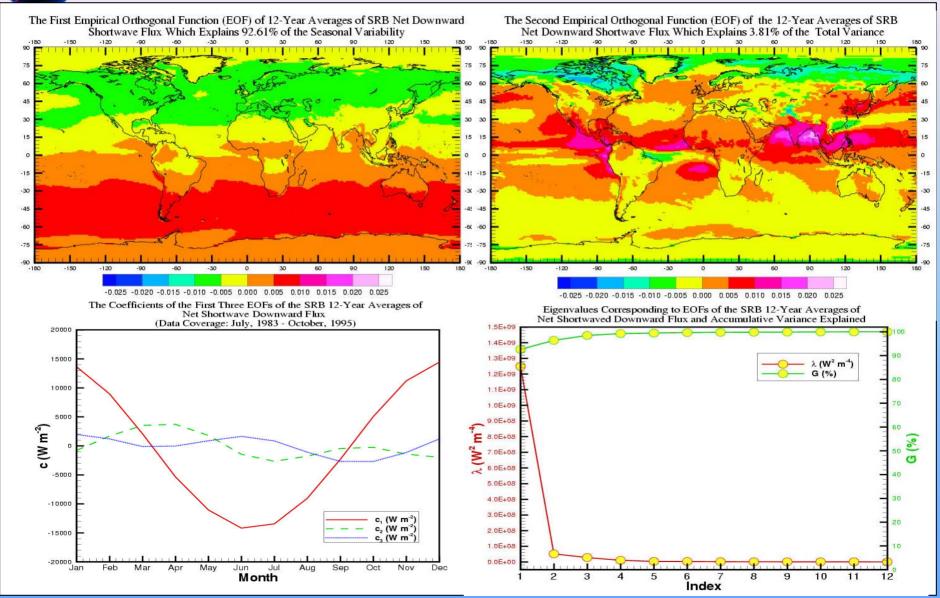


SRB Analysis: EOF Components





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GEWEX SRB: Flux Algorithms

Shortwave (0.3 - 5.0 μm):

- GEWEX SW (Pinker/Laszlo, 1992): NB-BB conversion of ISCCP radiances to TOA fluxes using ERBE ADM's, Atmospheric Reflection/Transmission lookup table using Δ-Eddington 2-S; retrieves surface albedo, and PAR.
- 2. GEWEX SW QC (Gupta et al., 2001): Daily averaged SW insolation using broadband transmittance formulation w/ empirical fits of gaseous, aerosol absorbers, effective cloud transmittance; surface albedo retrieved from ERBE fluxes.

Longwave (4.5 - μm)

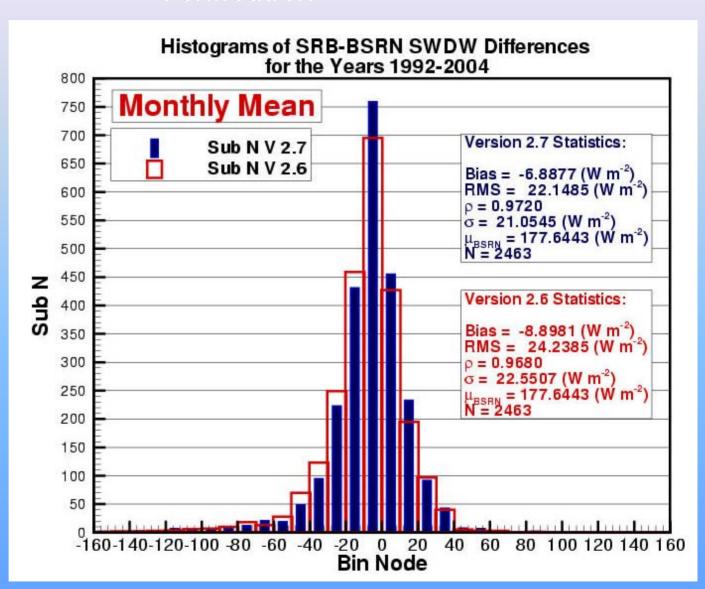
- 1. GEWEX LW (Fu/Stackhouse): uses CERES LW 2/4 S RT model (Fu et al., 1997), random cloud overlap, mon-black surfaces, reanalysis meteorology, CERES spectral surface emissivity.
- 2. GEWEX LW QC (Gupta, 1989, 1992): RT based parameterizations for clear/cloudy downwelling LW flux weighted w/ cloud fraction, reanalysis meteorology, CERES surface emissivity.



BSRN Observations: Use for Algorithm Improvement Verification

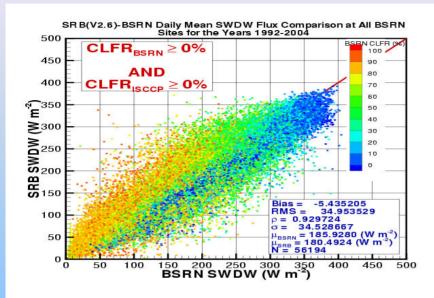
Difference histograms showed improved distributions from one version to next.

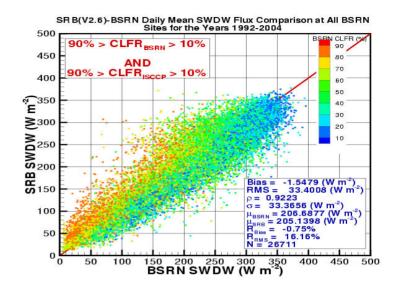
Distribution more narrow and less skewed than previous SW version

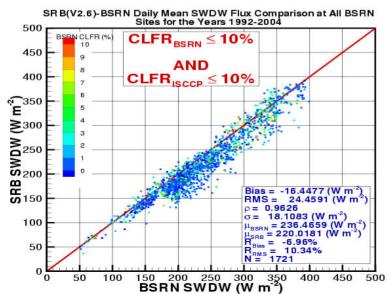


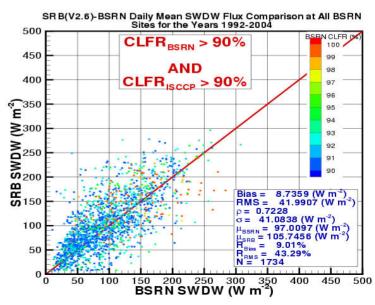


Validation by Cloud Amount











SRB Regional Annual Averages

		Flux U TOA (W㎡)	Flux Dov Surface (W㎡)	•	Cloud Radiativ Forcing T (W㎡)	9			Atmosphe Net Flux (Wm)	Surface Albedo
Shortway	Global	103.7	2 186.53	22.83	47.78	57.32	166.5	3 241.7	4 75.21	0.148
	NH	103.5	8 186.54	25.13	44.50	53.55	163.42	240.3	2 76.89	0.163
	SH	103.8	5 186.52	20.52	50.43	60.23	167.94	1240.8	9 72.95	0.133
	20N - 20S	99.68	237.48	19.95	45.98	53.41	217.5	310.1	92.66	0.085
	Global Land	1115.9	2 177.77	44.26	35.20	45.05	138.48	3218.0	79.52	0.283
	Global Ocea	n98.50	191.20	14.31	52.74	62.04	179.2	3 252.9	2 73.69	0.093
Longwav Fluxes	Global	240.2	9 342.76	395.36	-27.72	35.06	-52.59	-240.2	9 -187.70	
	NH	240.9	5 344.09	399.49	-27.72	32.57	-55.40	-240.9	5 -185.55	
	SH	239.6	2 341.42	391.20	-27.72	37.56	-49.79	-239.6	2 -189.84	
	20N - 20S	259.8	3 402.84	457.22	-30.24	22.63	-54.38	-259.8	8 -205.49	
	Global Land	1 232.1	306.17	372.25	-25.36	31.20	-66.08	-232.1	8 -166.10	
	Global Ocea	n 244.1	357.52	405.04	-28.45	36.74	-47.52	-244.1	8 -196.66	



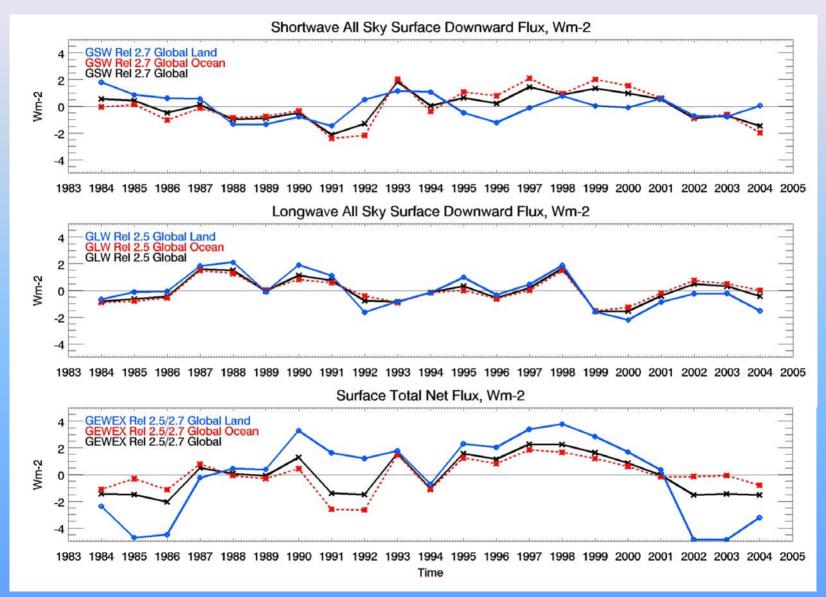
SRB Regional Variability

Standard Deviation of De-seasonalized Anomalies

		Flux U TOA (W㎡)	Flux Dov Surface (W㎡)	•	Cloud Radiativ Forcing T (W㎡)	~	Net Flu		Surfac Albedo
	Global	1.73	1.69	1.20	1.45	1.65	1.99	1.77	0.006
	NH	2.18	1.91	1.37	1.33	1.76	2.43	2.17	0.007
	SH	1.83	2.44	1.49	2.23	2.43	2.15	1.92	0.007
	20N - 20S	2.63	2.42	1.04	1.60	1.94	3.05	2.65	0.005
	Global Land	2.04	1.83	2.26	1.29	1.79	2.33	2.11	0.011
	Global Ocea	n1.91	2.11	1.02	1.77	1.79	2.23	1.95	0.006
Longway	Global	0.86	1.21	1.13	0.70	0.98	1.15		
	NH	1.32	1.52	1.58	0.91	1.24	1.63		
	SH	1.09	1.21	0.90	0.87	0.86	1.04		
	20N - 20S	1.47	1.95	1.58	1.30	1.43	1.23		
	Global Land	1.65	1.99	2.80	1.01	1.25	2.87		
	Global Ocea	an0.90	1.10	0.78	0.74	0.99	0.97		

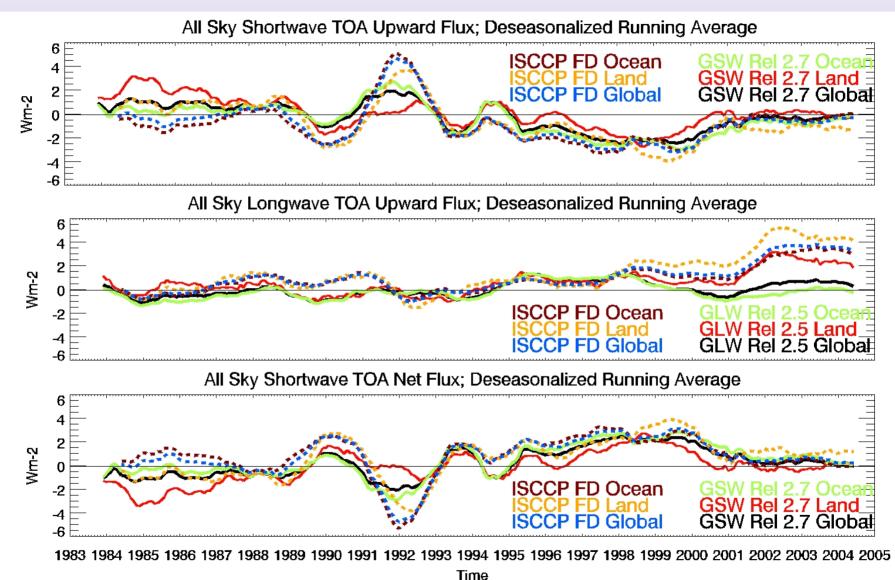


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Long-term Monthly Average Anomalies





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