



Applications of CM SAF SIS data for solar energy applications

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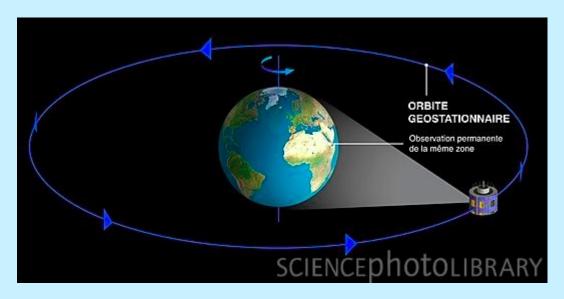






Basics: Geosynchronous satellites



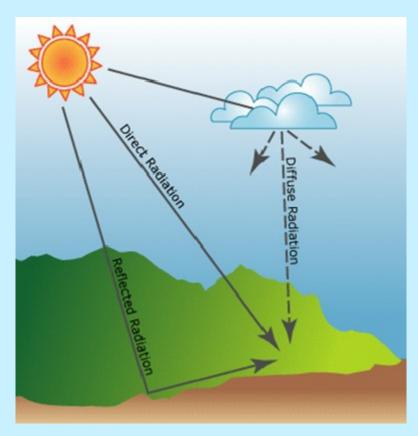


Source: Ducros 2012



Basics: Global vs. direct radiation





Source: State Government of Victoria 2012

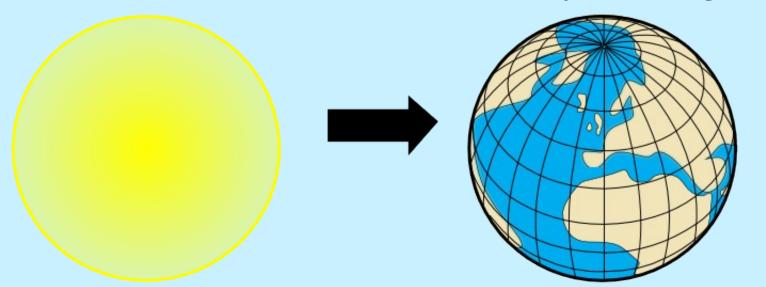


Motivation: Solar energy



Production: 1 hour

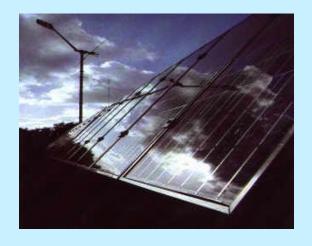
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Global radiation:
Primarily for photoltaics





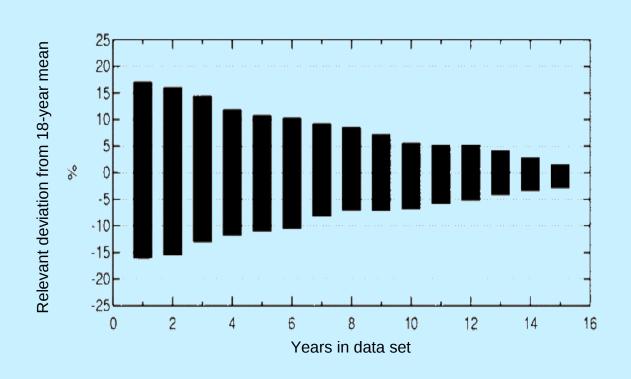
Direct radiation:

Can be concentrated



Motivation: GEO satellites





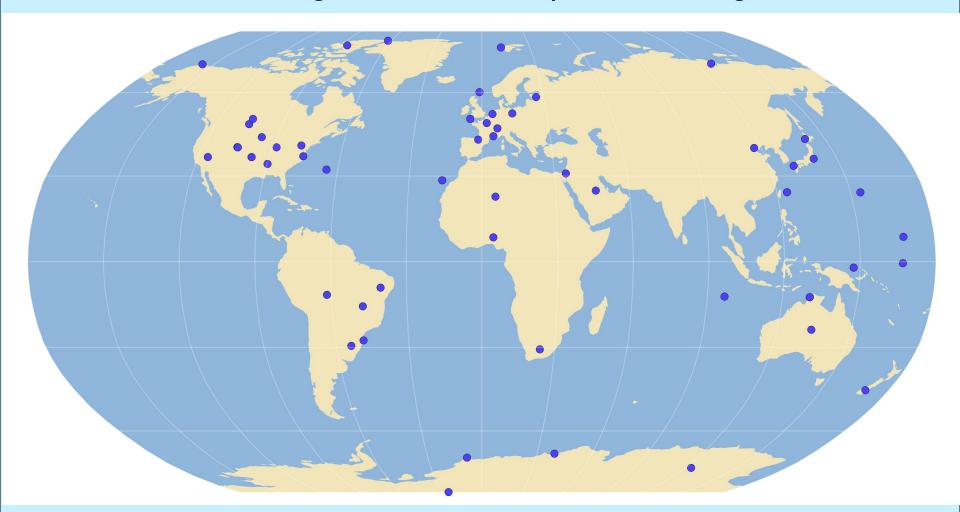
Source: Lohmann et al., DLR 2006



GEO satellites



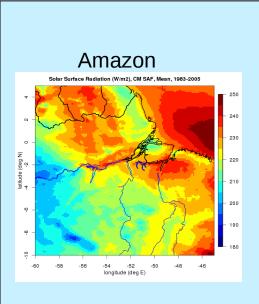
Advantage: Continuous spatial coverage

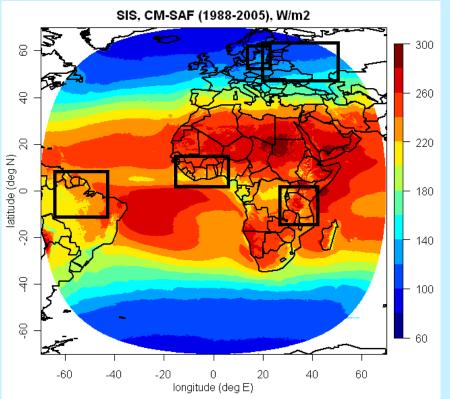


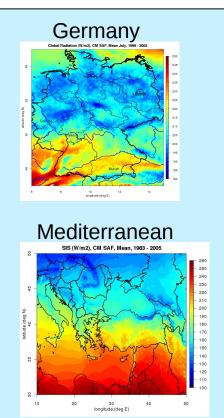


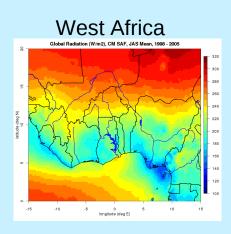
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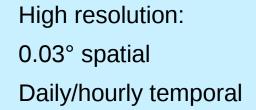


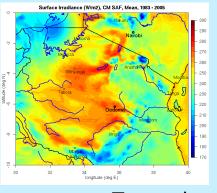


















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Source: Posselt et al 2012



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Validation against BSRN stations

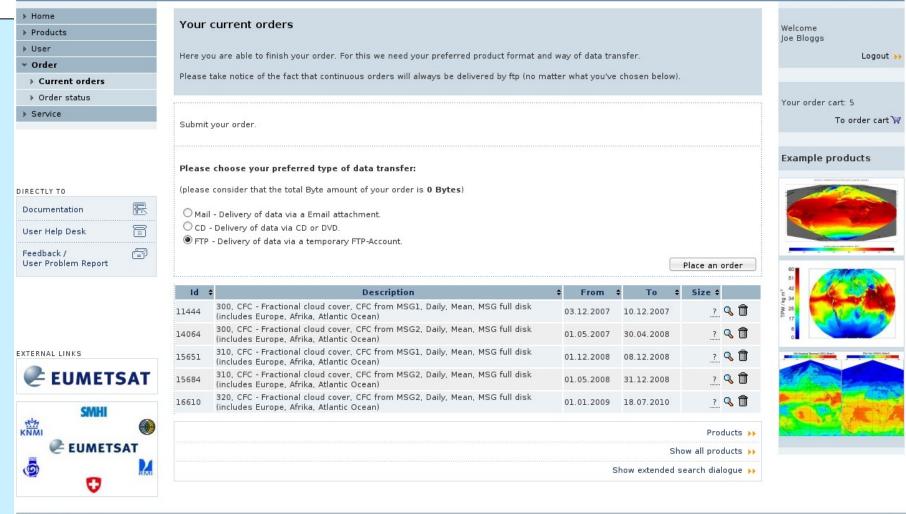
Data source	Bias (W/m²)	Mean absolute difference (W/m²)	Standard deviance (W/m²)	Anomaly correlation (%)	Fraction of time steps above validation target values
CM SAF	4.24	7.76	8.23	0.89	10.71
ERAinterim	5.48	10.41	12.15	0.8	24.6
GEWEX	-2.42	12.03	11.03	0.82	31.89
ISCCP	-0.02	11.56	11.25	0.78	29.16

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• user-friendly data access via the Web User Interface: wui.cmsaf.eu

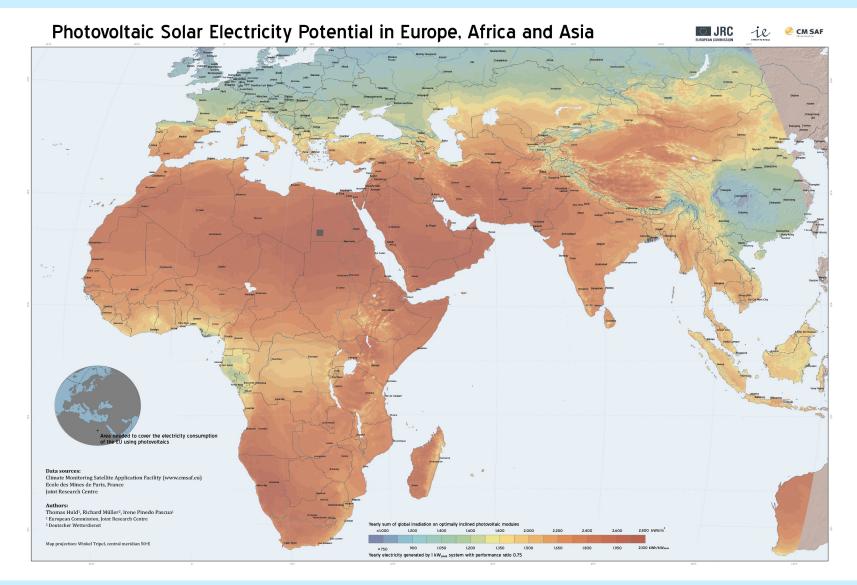
• all data is freely available in netcdf format & Toolkit (example data +

scripts) available: www.cmsaf.eu/tools



Applications: Macroscale potential evaluation



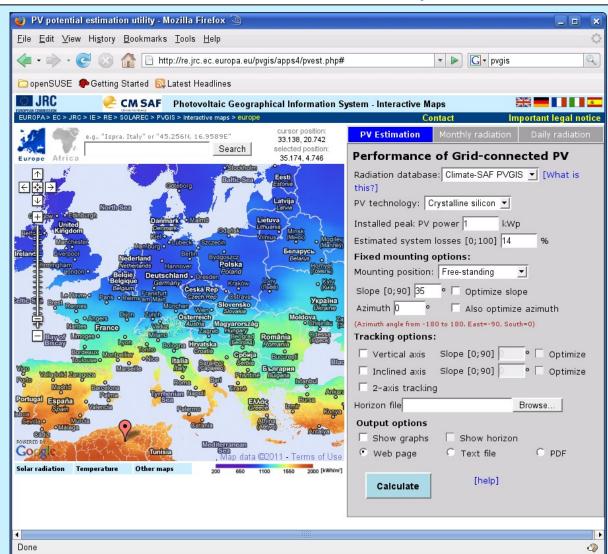




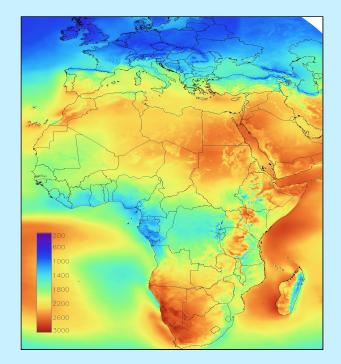
Applications:







Interactive online tool Raw geodata

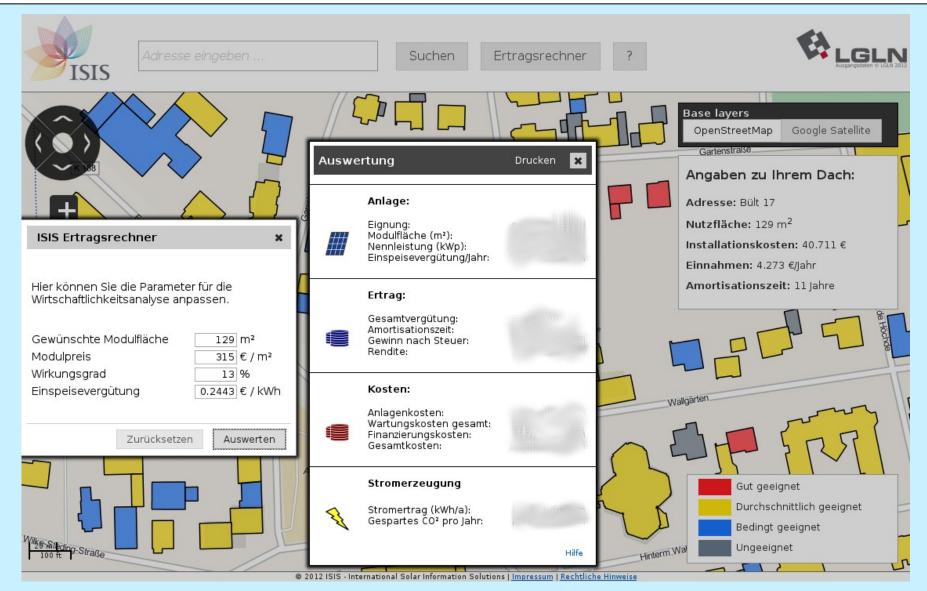


Source: JRC 2012



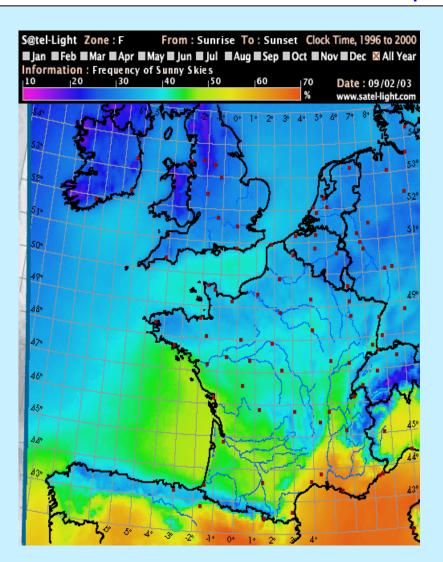
Applications: Mesoscale potential evaluation







Applications: Microscale potential evaluation



Architectural planning

- Window size
- Window positioning
- Tint grade



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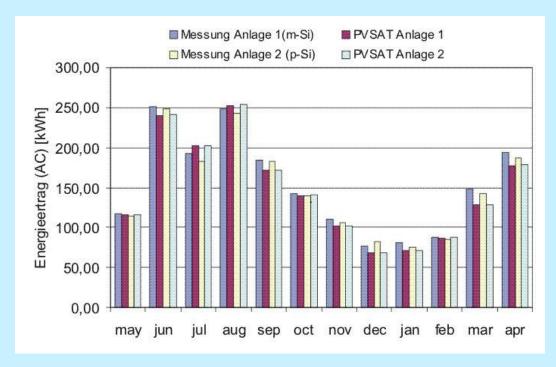
Transparent thin film solar cells

Source: Schott Solar 2007



Applications: Near-real time production monitoring





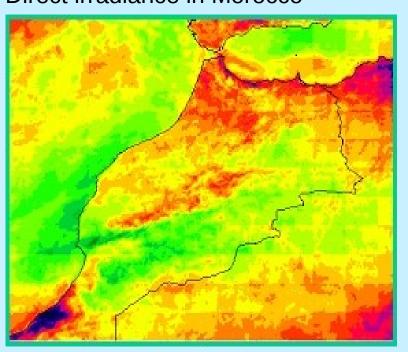
Source: PVSAT, University of Magdeburg 2012



Applications: Power plant profitability analysis

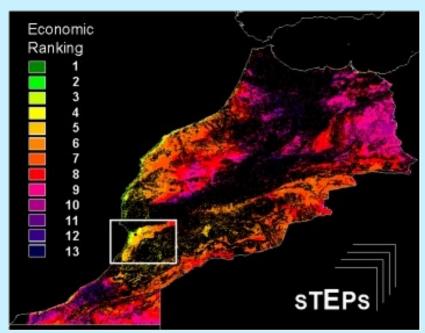


Direct irradiance in Morocco



Source: DLR & SOLEMI 2007

Economic ranking based on irradiance and additional factors

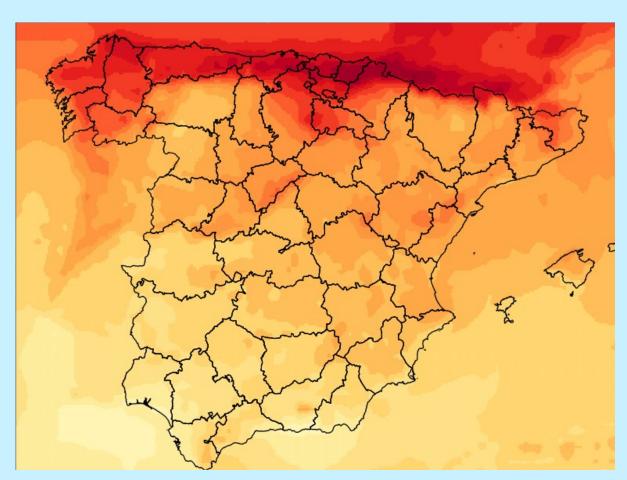




Do it yourself:

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SolaR:

R package for solar radiation and photoltaic simulations

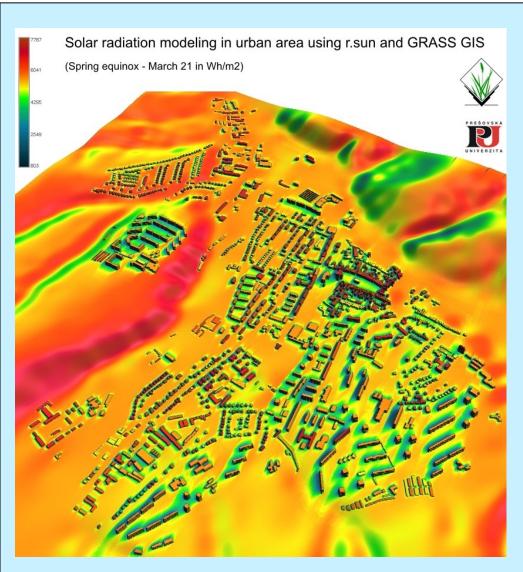
Example: Solar irradiance in Spain

Source: Lamigueiro 2011



Do it yourself: GRASS GIS





r.sun:

GRASS module for solar radiation

Example: Solar irradiance in urban area of Slovakia

Source: Hofierka & Kaňuk 2006





Great data is available

We are excited to hear what you're doing with it!