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Table 4. Comparison of differences for hourly irradiation, in J cm^{-2} . The mean value is obtained from the measurements. First value is I_{HC3v3} , second is $I_{\text{HC3McClear}}$, with best value in bold. Bias and RMSD of $I_{\text{HC3McClear}}$ relative to the mean irradiation are given in brackets.

Station	Mean hourly irradiation	Bias	Standard-deviation	RMSD	Correlation coefficient
Toravere	76.8	1.1/ 0.4 (−1 %)	25.9/ 25.2	25.9/ 25.2 (33 %)	0.945/ 0.949
Camborne	87.4	1.6 /2.0 (2 %)	21.5/ 21.2	21.5/ 21.3 (24 %)	0.968/ 0.970
Payerne	95.0	−5.9/ −1.2 (−1 %)	20.9/ 20.8	21.8/ 20.8 (22 %)	0.974/ 0.976
Carpentras	120.4	2.3/ 2.2 (2 %)	20.6/ 19.7	20.7/ 19.8 (16 %)	0.980/ 0.982
Sede Boqer	184.3	−11.1/ −6.8 (−4 %)	20.8/ 20.1	23.5/ 21.2 (12 %)	0.984/ 0.985
Tamanrasset	179.8	4.9 /6.5 (4 %)	27.1/ 24.4	27.5/ 25.3 (14 %)	0.977/ 0.982

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Table 5. Comparison of differences for daily irradiation, in J cm^{-2} . The mean value is obtained from the measurements. First value is I_{HC3v3} , second is $I_{\text{HC3McClear}}$, with best value in bold. Bias and RMSD of $I_{\text{HC3McClear}}$ relative to the mean irradiation are given in brackets.

Station	Mean daily irradiation	Bias	Standard-deviation	RMSD	Correlation coefficient
Toravere	1237	30/8 (1 %)	204/ 184	206/ 184 (15 %)	0.969/ 0.974
Rucana	1336	91/ -11 (-1 %)	237/ 211	254/ 211 (16 %)	0.966/ 0.971
Hamburg	1112	-26/ 6 (1 %)	114/ 110	117/ 111 (10 %)	0.989/ 0.991
Valentia	1065	42/49 (5 %)	200/ 188	205/ 194 (18 %)	0.968/ 0.972
Uccle	1113	-23/ 20 (2 %)	108/110	111/112 (10 %)	0.990/ 0.991
Camborne	1150	24/38 (3 %)	169/ 156	171/ 160 (14 %)	0.978/ 0.982
Wien	1237	-36/ 0 (0 %)	119/ 124	124/124 (10 %)	0.989/0.989
Kishinev	1348	37/ 21 (2 %)	171/ 154	175/ 156 (12 %)	0.980/ 0.984
Payerne	1275	-79/ 5 (0 %)	145/ 138	165/ 138 (11 %)	0.985/ 0.987
Carpentras	1552	28/ 27 (2 %)	162/ 126	164/ 129 (8 %)	0.982/ 0.989
Nice	1589	48/60 (4 %)	152/ 130	160/ 143 (9 %)	0.984/ 0.988
Thessaloniki	1646	-74/ 3 (0 %)	128/ 102	148/ 102 (6 %)	0.988/ 0.992
Casablanca	1954	-45/ -44 (-2 %)	176/ 172	181/ 178 (9 %)	0.972/ 0.974
Mersa Matruh	1853	- 36/52 (3 %)	185/ 165	189/ 173 (9 %)	0.962/ 0.972
El Arish	1754	- 16/53 (3 %)	205/ 177	206/ 185 (11 %)	0.956/ 0.964
Sede Boqer	2087	-128/ -85 (-4 %)	151/ 134	198/ 159 (8 %)	0.978/ 0.984
Asyut	2092	94/ 84 (4 %)	168/185	193/204 (10 %)	0.962/0.951
Swan	2230	-26/ 15 (1 %)	175/190	177/191 (9 %)	0.933/0.920
Tamanrasset	2319	58/76 (3 %)	236/ 186	229/ 170 (7 %)	0.903/ 0.951
Rochambeau	1750	157/ 123 (7 %)	221/ 200	271/ 234 (13 %)	0.927/ 0.934
Brasilia	1964	205/ 162 (8 %)	257/ 228	328/ 280 (14 %)	0.815/ 0.857
Bulawayo	1948	241/264 (14 %)	300/ 292	385/394 (20 %)	0.842/ 0.852
Maputo	1801	180/ 65 (4 %)	215/ 201	281/ 211 (12 %)	0.944/ 0.951