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Auxiliary Material for

Correcting surface solar radiation of two data assimilation systems against FLUXNET observations in North America

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Introduction

Information including the observed annual mean surface solar radiation from BSRN sites and the published literature, and the comparison between the correction by quadratic fit and linear fit are presented in this auxiliary material. Radiation data and the basic information of the sites are given in the table “ts01.doc” and the map showing the locations in the pdf file “fs01.pdf”. Statistics of monthly *S* correction by quadratic fit and linear fit are given in the table “ts02.doc”. A same figure with Figure 7 described in the paper but with ocean sites highlighted is also included as shown in the pdf file “fs02.pdf”.

1. ts01.doc (Table S1): Validation sites from BSRN and the published literature.

1.1 Column “Site label”, abbreviation of the site name

1.2 Column “Area”, geographic location of the site

1.3 Column “Latitude”, degrees, latitude of the site

1.4 Column “Longitude”, degrees, longitude of the site

1.5 Column “Elevation”, meters, site elevation

1.6 Column “Year”, the year range of the observations included in this study

1.7 Column “Mean”, annual mean surface solar radiation observed at the site

1.8 Column “Reference”, reference of the sites from the published literature

29 2. ts02.doc (Table S2): Statistics of monthly S correction by quadratic fit (Equation 11
30 and 12) and linear fit (NARR: $b = 0.044z_e + 0.63$; MERRA: $b = 0.057z_e + 0.50$)

31 2.1 Column “Site Code”, FLUXNET code of the site

32 2.2 Column “ME”, Wm^{-2} , mean bias errors

33 2.3 Column “RMSE”, Wm^{-2} , root mean-square errors

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35 3. fs01.pdf (Figure S1) Map of the validation sites from BSRN and the published
36 literature.

37 4. fs02.pdf (Figure S2) Same with Figure 7 in the paper. Blue star: ocean sites before
38 correction; red star: ocean sites after correction.

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40 Table S1 Validation sites from BSRN and the published literature.

| Site label | Area | Latitude | Longitude | Elevation (m) | Year | Mean (W m ⁻²) | Reference |
|------------|--|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| ALE | Lincoln Sea | 82.49 | -62.42 | 127 | 2005-2007 | 103.7 | |
| ASP | Macdonnell Ranges, Northern Territory, Australia | -23.80 | 133.89 | 547 | 2002-2009 | 260.7 | |
| BER | Bermuda | 32.27 | -64.67 | 8 | 2000-2008 | 191.3 | |
| BRB | Brasilia City, Distrito Federal, Brazil | -15.60 | -47.71 | 1023 | 2010-2011 | 231.0 | |
| CAB | The Netherlands | 51.97 | 4.93 | 0 | 2006-2011 | 123.0 | |
| CAM | United Kingdom | 50.22 | -5.32 | 88 | 2001-2007 | 128.7 | |
| CAR | France | 44.08 | 5.06 | 100 | 2000-2010 | 181.2 | |
| CNR | Spain, Sarriguren, Navarra | 42.82 | -1.60 | 471 | 2009-2011 | 168.0 | |
| CLH | North Atlantic Ocean | 36.91 | -75.71 | 37 | 2000-2009 | 184.3 | |
| COC | Cocos (Keeling) Islands | -12.19 | 96.84 | 5.8 | 2006-2009 | 235.0 | |
| DOM | Antarctica | -75.10 | 123.38 | 3233 | 2006-2009 | 157.0 | |
| DAR | Australia | -12.43 | 130.89 | 30 | 2004-2009 | 238.7 | |
| DWN | Australia | -12.42 | 130.89 | 32 | 2009-2010 | 225.5 | |
| DAA | South Africa | -30.67 | 23.99 | 1287 | 2002-2003 | 237.0 | |

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|-----|---|--------|---------|-----|-----------|-------|--|
| EUR | Ellesmere Island, Canadian Arctic Archipelago | 79.99 | -85.94 | 85 | 2008-2011 | 102.5 | |
| FLO | South Atlantic Ocean | -27.53 | -48.52 | 11 | 2000-2004 | 179.6 | |
| FUA | Japan | 33.58 | 130.38 | 3 | 2011 | 152.0 | |
| GVN | Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica | -70.65 | -8.25 | 42 | 2000-2010 | 127.2 | |
| ILO | Nigeria | 8.53 | 4.57 | 350 | 2000-2004 | 190.8 | |
| ISH | Japan | 24.34 | 124.16 | 6 | 2011 | 168.0 | |
| KWA | North Pacific Ocean | 8.72 | 167.73 | 10 | 2001-2007 | 228.9 | |
| LAU | New Zealand | -45.05 | 169.69 | 350 | 2001-2008 | 163.5 | |
| LER | United Kingdom | 60.13 | -1.18 | 84 | 2002-2006 | 92.8 | |
| LIN | Germany | 52.21 | 14.12 | 125 | 2000-2004 | 122.4 | |
| MNM | Minami-Torishima | 24.29 | 153.98 | 7 | 2011 | 218.0 | |
| MAN | Papua New Guinea | -2.06 | 147.43 | 6 | 2000-2008 | 210.8 | |
| NAU | Nauru | -0.52 | 166.92 | 7 | 2005-2007 | 245.7 | |
| NYA | Ny-Ålesund, Spitsbergen | 78.93 | 11.93 | 11 | 2000-2010 | 78.2 | |
| PAL | France | 48.71 | 2.21 | 156 | 2006 | 134.0 | |
| PAY | Switzerland | 46.82 | 6.94 | 491 | 2000-2008 | 144.4 | |
| PTR | Brazil | -9.07 | -40.32 | 387 | 2009 | 219.0 | |
| REG | Canada | 50.21 | -104.71 | 578 | 2000-2007 | 160.3 | |
| SAP | Japan | 43.06 | 141.33 | 17 | 2011 | 140.0 | |
| SBO | Israel | 30.91 | 34.78 | 500 | 2005-2009 | 240.4 | |

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|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| SOV | Saudi Arabia | 24.91 | 46.41 | 650 | 2002 | 265.0 | |
| SPO | Antarctica | -89.98 | -24.80 | 2800 | 2000-2009 | 129.0 | |
| SYO | Cosmonaut Sea | -69.01 | 39.59 | 18 | 2000-2005 | 127.2 | |
| SMS | Brazil | -29.44 | -53.82 | 489 | 2009-2011 | 197.7 | |
| TAM | Algeria | 22.78 | 5.51 | 1385 | 2002-2010 | 265.2 | |
| TAT | Japan | 36.05 | 140.13 | 25 | 2005 | 161.0 | |
| TOR | Estonia | 58.25 | 26.46 | 70 | 2000-2010 | 111.4 | |
| XIA | China | 39.75 | 116.96 | 32 | 2006-2009 | 161.3 | |
| Tibet | China | 31.90 | 91.70 | 4620 | 2003 | 246.1 | <i>Wang and Zeng [2012]</i> |
| Yatir | Israel | 31.35 | 35.05 | 650 | 2000-2005 | 238.0 | <i>Rotenberg and Yakir [2010]</i> |
| Tapajos SP | Brazil | -3.01 | -54.58 | 100 | June2000-May2001 | 180.0 | <i>da Rocha et al. [2004]</i> |
| Forest Rondonia | Brazil | -10.08 | -61.93 | 145 | Sep1999-Sep2000 | 206.0 | <i>von Randow et al. [2004]</i> |
| Pasture FNS | Brazil | -10.75 | -62.37 | 293 | Sep1999-Sep2000 | 202.8 | <i>von Randow et al. [2004]</i> |
| Lake Taihu | China | 31.40 | 120.22 | 7 | 2011 | 154.7 | <i>Deng et al. [2013]</i> |
| GEBA Stockholm | Switzerland | 59.30 | 17.95 | 55 | 2000 | 114.0 | <i>Wild [2009]</i> |
| Mount Pui | Thailand | 18.80 | 98.90 | 1263.1 | 1998 | 167.0 | <i>Tanaka et al. [2003]</i> |

41 Table S2. Statistics of monthly S correction by quadratic fit (Equation 11 and 12) and
 42 linear fit (NARR: $b = 0.044z_e + 0.63$; MERRA: $b = 0.057z_e + 0.50$)

| Site Code | NARR | | | | MERRA | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Quadratic fit | | Linear fit | | Quadratic fit | | Linear fit | |
| | ME (Wm^{-2}) | RMSE (Wm^{-2}) | ME (Wm^{-2}) | RMSE (Wm^{-2}) | ME (Wm^{-2}) | RMSE (Wm^{-2}) | ME (Wm^{-2}) | RMSE (Wm^{-2}) |
| Calibration | | | | | | | | |
| CA-Obs | -11.3 | 21.6 | -7.7 | 19.5 | 1.1 | 16.4 | 3.5 | 17.6 |
| CA-Ojp | -7.8 | 20.5 | -4.5 | 19.4 | 3.1 | 16.8 | 5.4 | 18.3 |
| CA-Oas | -7.7 | 19.5 | -4.4 | 18.1 | 5.6 | 17.3 | 7.8 | 18.9 |
| CA-Ca1 | -9.7 | 19.2 | -8.3 | 18.5 | -0.3 | 22.2 | 1.5 | 23.2 |
| US-UMB | 6.4 | 17.8 | 7.5 | 18.5 | 7.2 | 13.5 | 9.2 | 14.4 |
| CA-Cbo | 4.9 | 19.3 | 5.8 | 19.7 | 10.4 | 17.1 | 12.9 | 19.0 |
| US_NR1 | 6.4 | 22.0 | -9.7 | 19.1 | 6.6 | 23.0 | -20.7 | 25.3 |
| US-MMS | 1.5 | 15.6 | 3.1 | 15.9 | 2.5 | 16.3 | 5.2 | 16.8 |
| US-Ton | 9.0 | 22.2 | 9.3 | 22.2 | -1.1 | 9.9 | -0.4 | 9.7 |
| US-Var | 14.9 | 24.9 | 14.9 | 24.9 | 3.4 | 10.4 | 4.1 | 10.5 |
| US-WBW | -11.9 | 22.9 | -9.7 | 21.7 | 1.4 | 20.3 | 4.1 | 20.3 |
| US-Aud | 7.2 | 24.8 | 14.3 | 26.6 | -3.2 | 24.4 | -3.5 | 24.5 |
| US_SP2 | -0.6 | 32.4 | -1.4 | 32.5 | -2.7 | 34.5 | -0.8 | 34.0 |
| US-SP3 | 6.6 | 35.5 | 5.7 | 35.4 | 3.3 | 36.6 | 5.1 | 36.5 |
| Average | 0.6 | 22.7 | 1.1 | 22.3 | 2.7 | 19.9 | 2.4 | 20.6 |
| Validation | | | | | | | | |
| CA-Qfo | -17.9 | 21.3 | -16.1 | 19.5 | 1.5 | 18.0 | 3.7 | 19.6 |
| CA-Ca3 | 1.6 | 25.6 | 1.7 | 25.6 | 2.0 | 31.5 | 3.3 | 31.6 |
| US-Ho1 | -0.6 | 21.2 | -1.2 | 21.1 | 12.9 | 19.3 | 15.1 | 21.5 |
| US-Bkg | 8.0 | 24.2 | 11.6 | 26.0 | -3.0 | 16.5 | -0.3 | 16.5 |
| US-Bo1 | 4.5 | 19.3 | 5.5 | 19.6 | 8.3 | 23.5 | 10.9 | 24.5 |
| US-Slt | 19.6 | 31.4 | 18.6 | 30.6 | 12.7 | 18.8 | 14.8 | 20.5 |
| US-MOz | 12.0 | 23.5 | 13.1 | 24.3 | 1.5 | 14.0 | 4.2 | 14.3 |
| US-Dk2 | -0.6 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 20.6 | -2.4 | 21.5 | 0.2 | 21.2 |
| US-NC2 | 2.6 | 19.8 | 1.4 | 19.6 | 12.6 | 24.8 | 14.5 | 25.3 |
| US-Fmf | 0.8 | 23.0 | 4.4 | 24.0 | -4.2 | 16.6 | -12.6 | 20.0 |
| Average | 3.0 | 23.0 | 3.9 | 23.1 | 4.2 | 20.5 | 5.4 | 21.5 |

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44 Figure S1 Map of the validation sites from BSRN and the published literature



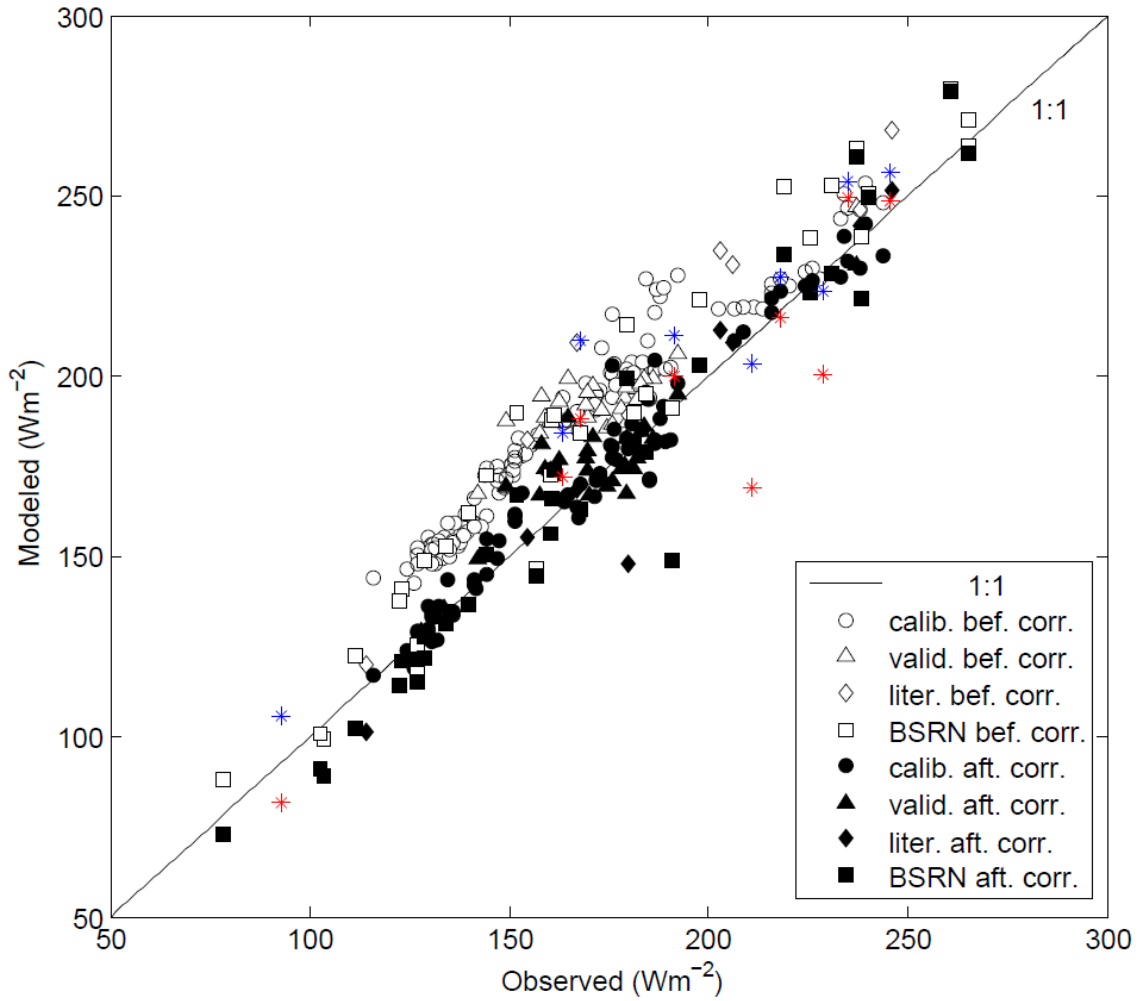
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