ERA-40 Clouds for UV calculations

- 2.5 x 2.5 latitude/longitude grid
- 6 hour analyses
- two methods:
 - vertically integrated cloud water \rightarrow cloud optical depth
 - instantaneous fields every 6 hours
 - grid box divided into clear and cloudy parts using total cloud cover
 - non-linearities cause problems
 - solar radiation diagnostics:
 - surface net solar radiation (SSR)
 - surface net solar radiation, clear sky (SSRC)
 - integrated sum over 6 hour forecast
 - ratio of SSR/SSRC \rightarrow Cloud Modifation Factor for full solar radiation
 - cloud effect in UV: modelling \rightarrow f(sza, SSR/SSRC,...)



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OUTLINE

- CMF UV satellite vs. ERA-40
- CMF global radiation: ERA-40 versus obs (= G_{obs}/G_{cls_model})
 - Daily sum
 - Jokioinen
 - Norrköping
 - Thessaloniki
 - Bilthoven
 - Potsdam
 - Annual sum
 - Potsdam
 - Bilthoven
- CMF error
 - As a function of CMF
 - As a function of day of year
- Conclusions

Mean over longitudes 0-30E during 1980-2000















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-6--8-10--12 --14--16-100*(obs+era)/obs -18--20 -1970 1975 1990 1995 1960 1965 1980 1985

Potsdam Annual CMF global radiation

GrADS: COLA/IGES

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conclusions

- quality of ERA-40 clouds?
 - available cloud parameters not enough to calculate COD
 - surface radiation diagnostics have some problems
 - CMF_{solar} too high in comparison with all studied European sites
 - CMF_{uv} higher than the TOMS data
 - Error in $\text{CMF}_{\text{solar}}$ depends on the cloud thickness, might be related to the difference in FOV
 - Correction of CMF_{solar} ??
 - $CMF_{uv} = f(sza, CMF_{solar})$
 - Do we know enough about the geographical distribution?











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