

EFFECTIVE ACCURACY OF SATELLITE-DERIVED GLOBAL, DIRECT AND DIFFUSE IRRADIANCE IN THE CENTRAL US

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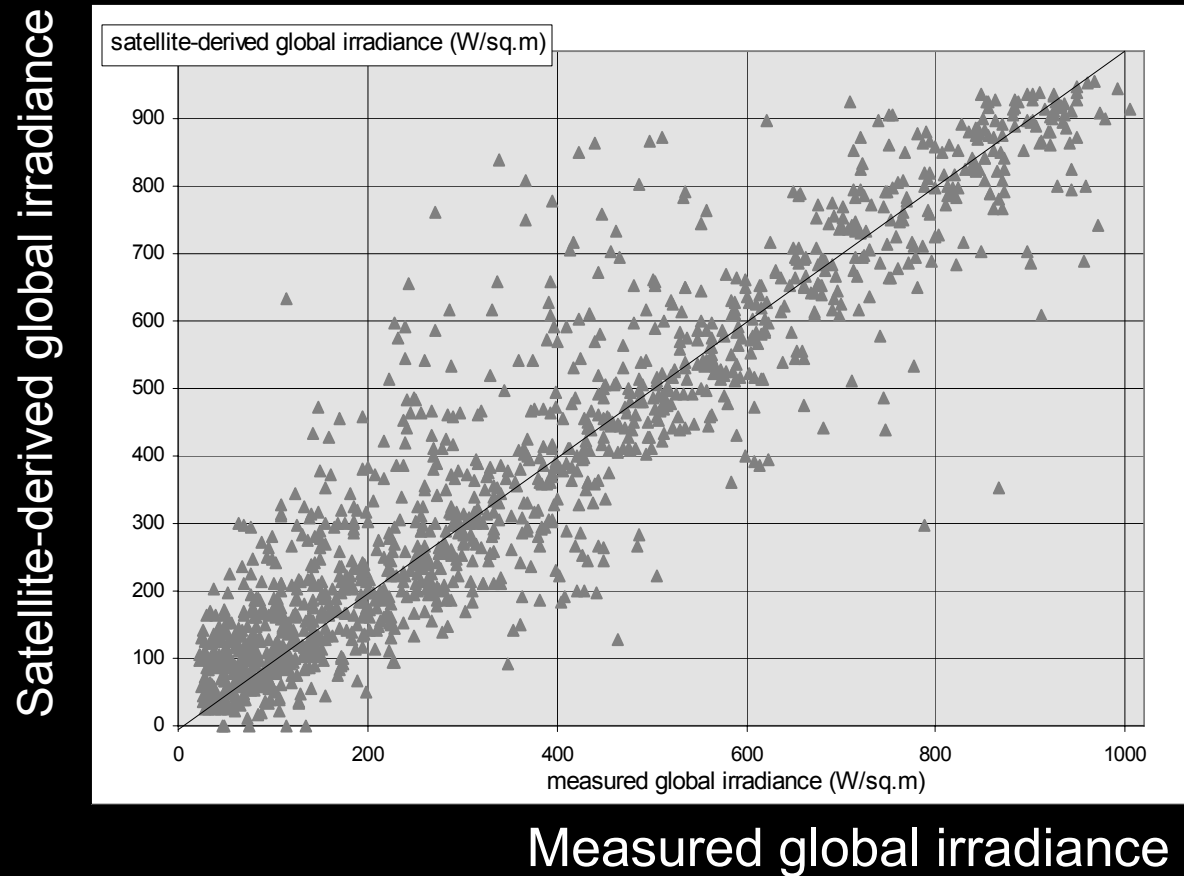
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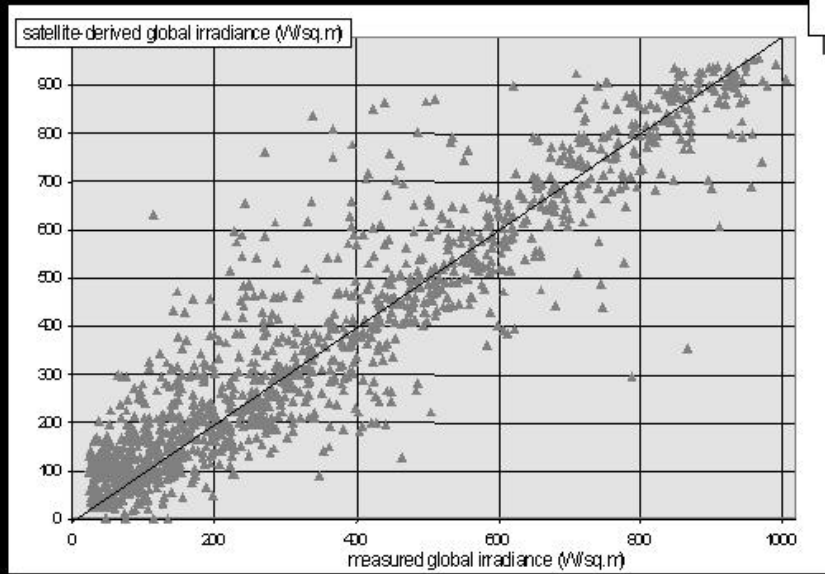
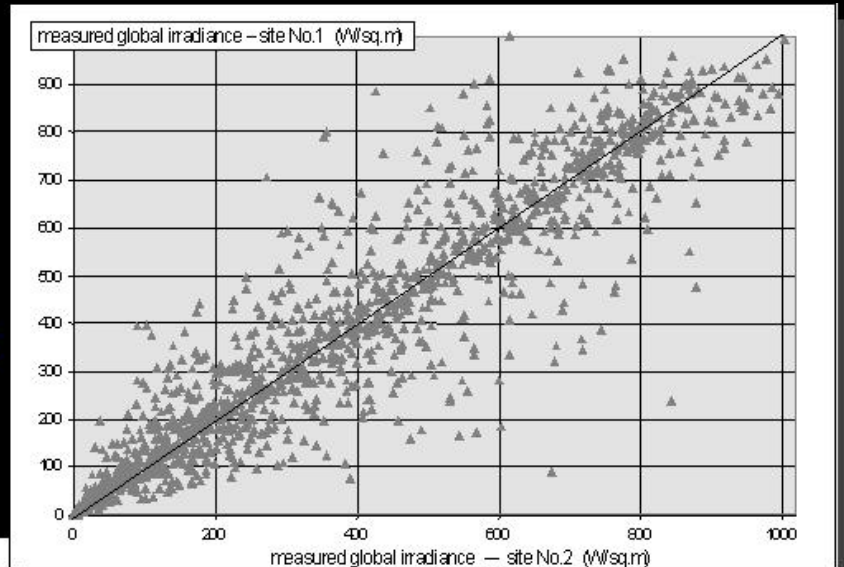
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Short term Effective Accuracy



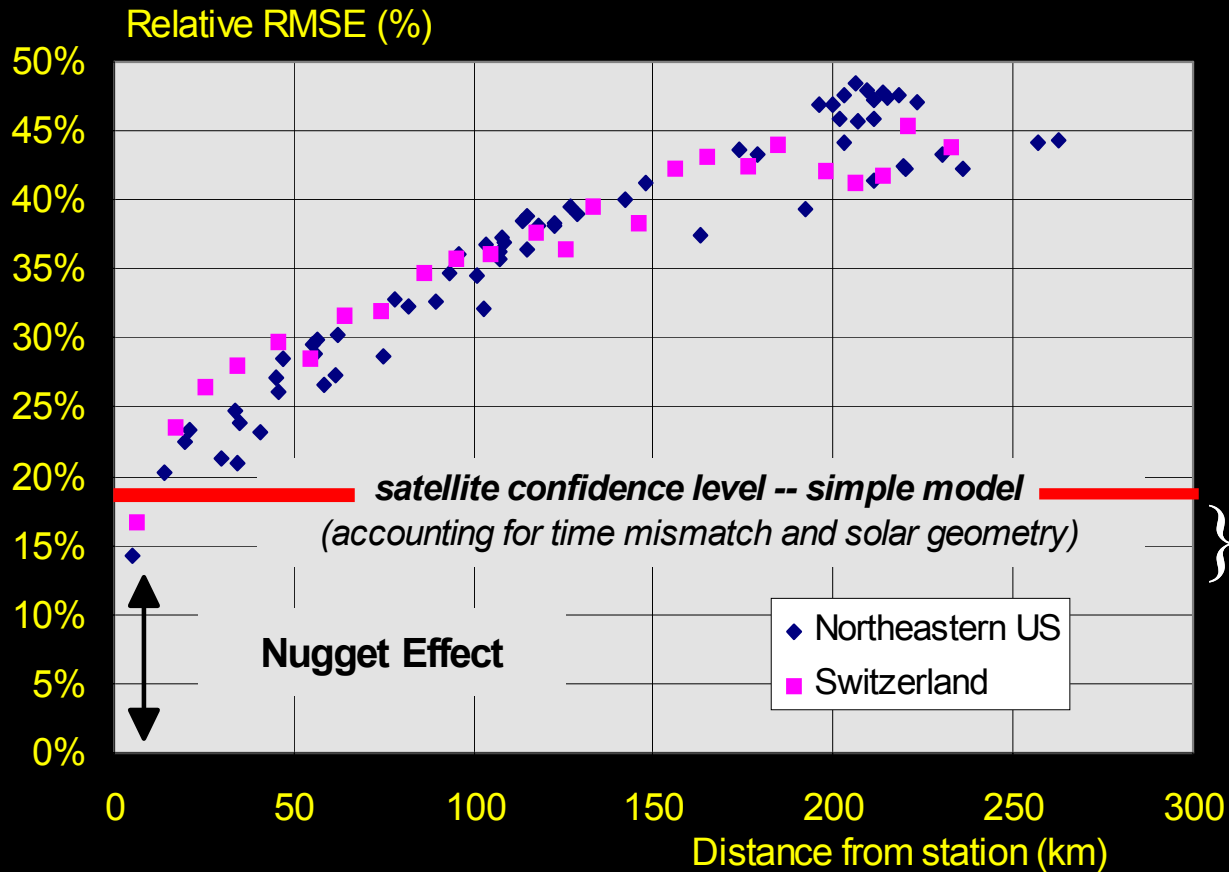
time/site specific data

Perez et al., ASRC



Hourly RMS Error as a function of station distance

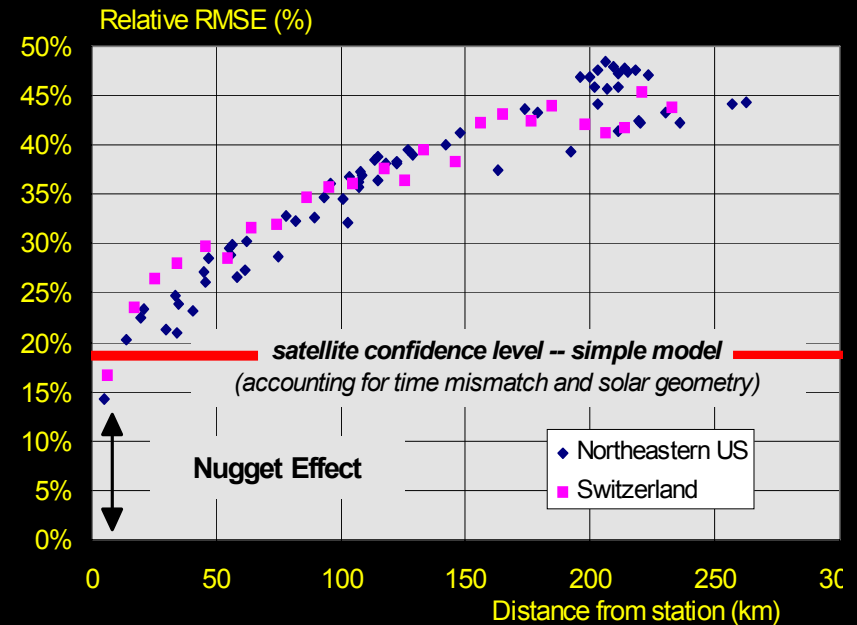
satellite becomes more accurate beyond 20 km



Satellite's Effective Accuracy

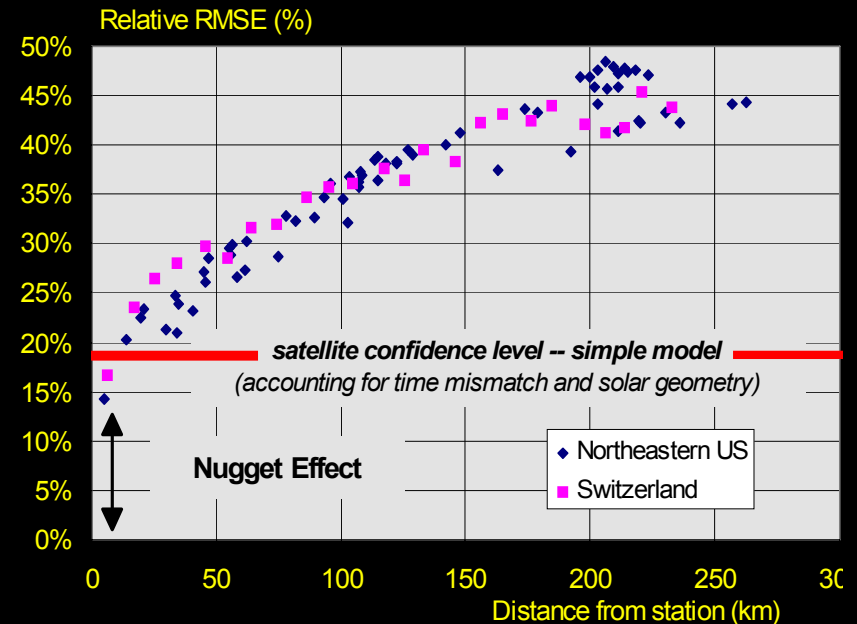
NE-US / Switzerland Study

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- Hourly data only
- Global irradiance only
- Humid / temperate climates
- Marked orographic features



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SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS STUDY

- Ground measurement network designed for research (ARM)
- One minute, hourly and daily data
- Global, direct and diffuse irradiances
- Continental climate
- Limited orographic features



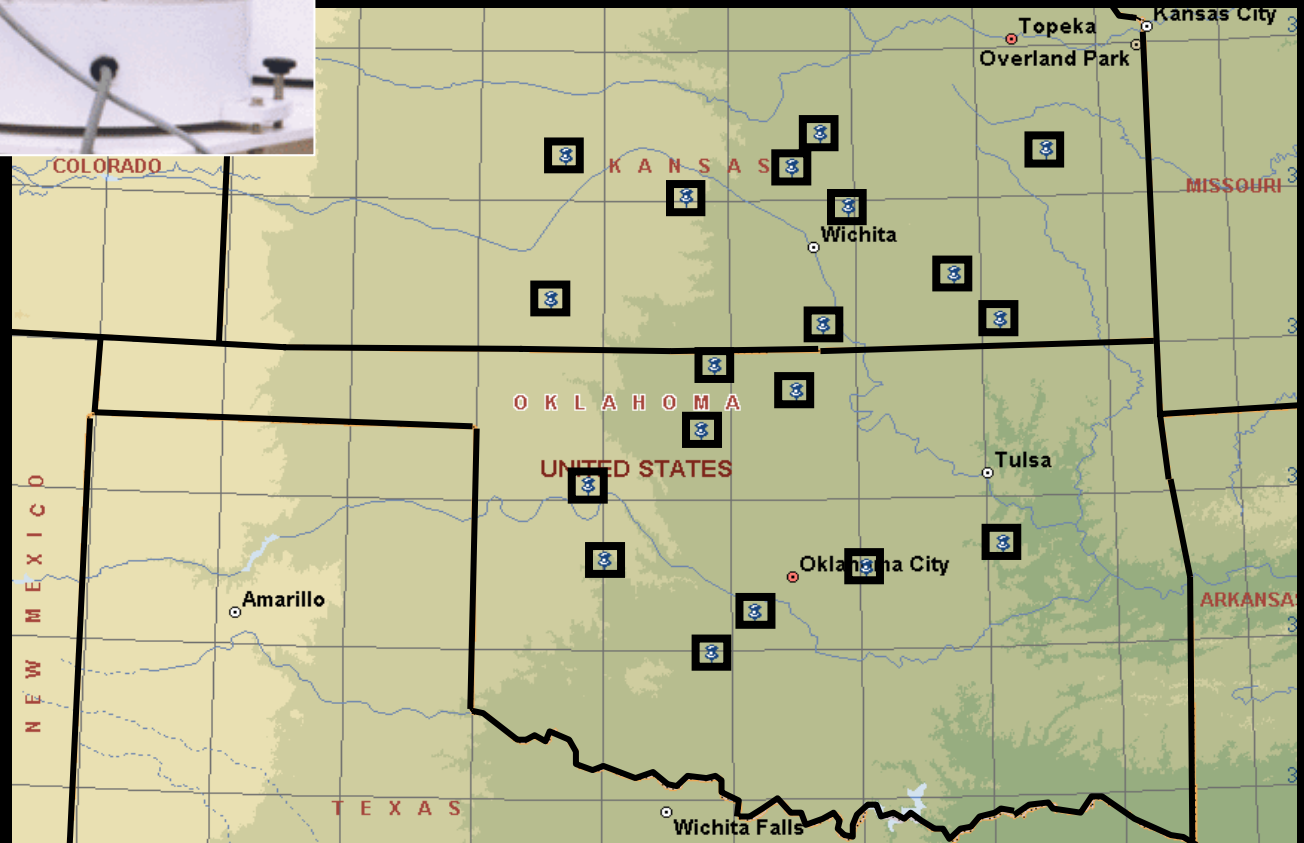
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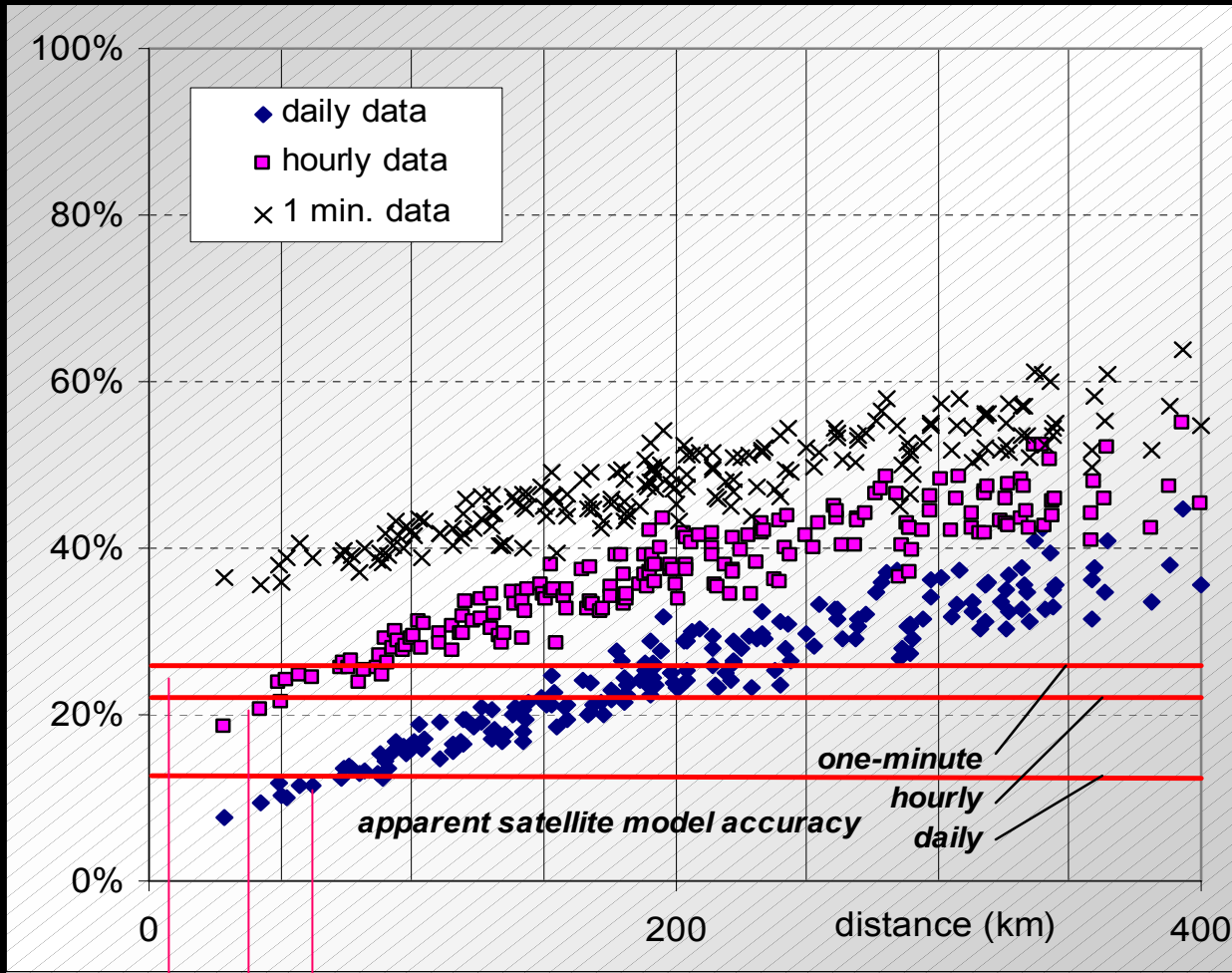


ARM Extended Facility

- WMO class I global, direct, diffuse
- 19 out of 26 stations used for analysis

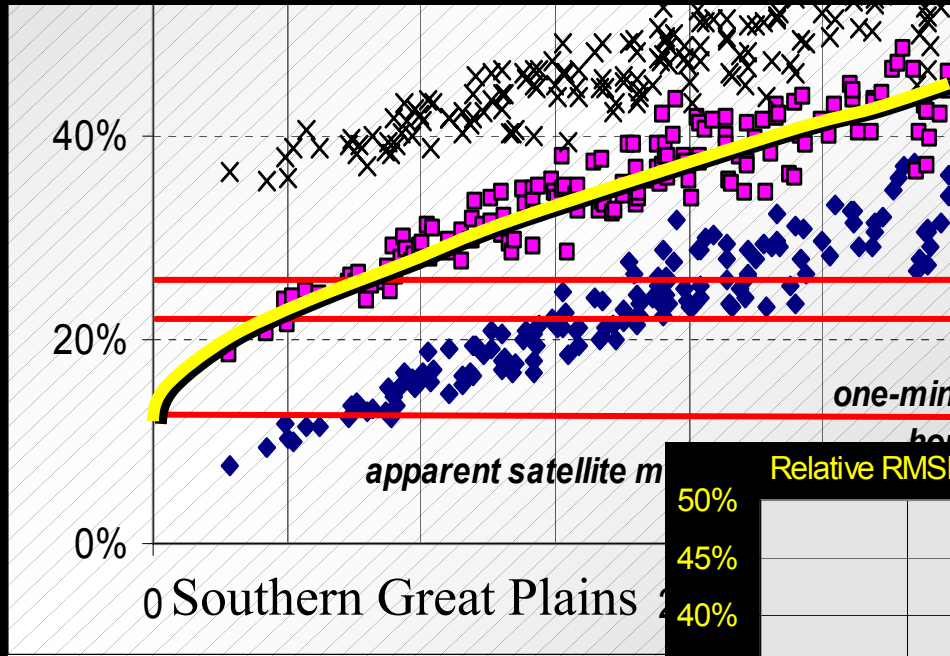


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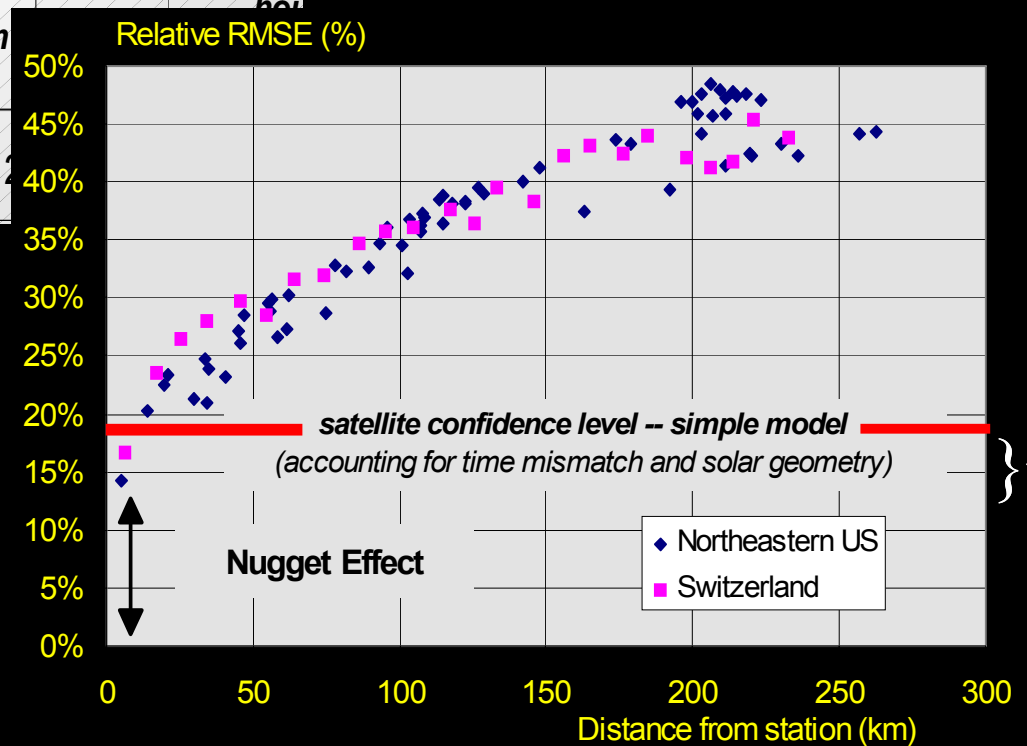


Daily breakeven distance ~ 60 km
Hourly breakeven distance ~ 35 km
1-minute breakeven distance ~ < 5 km

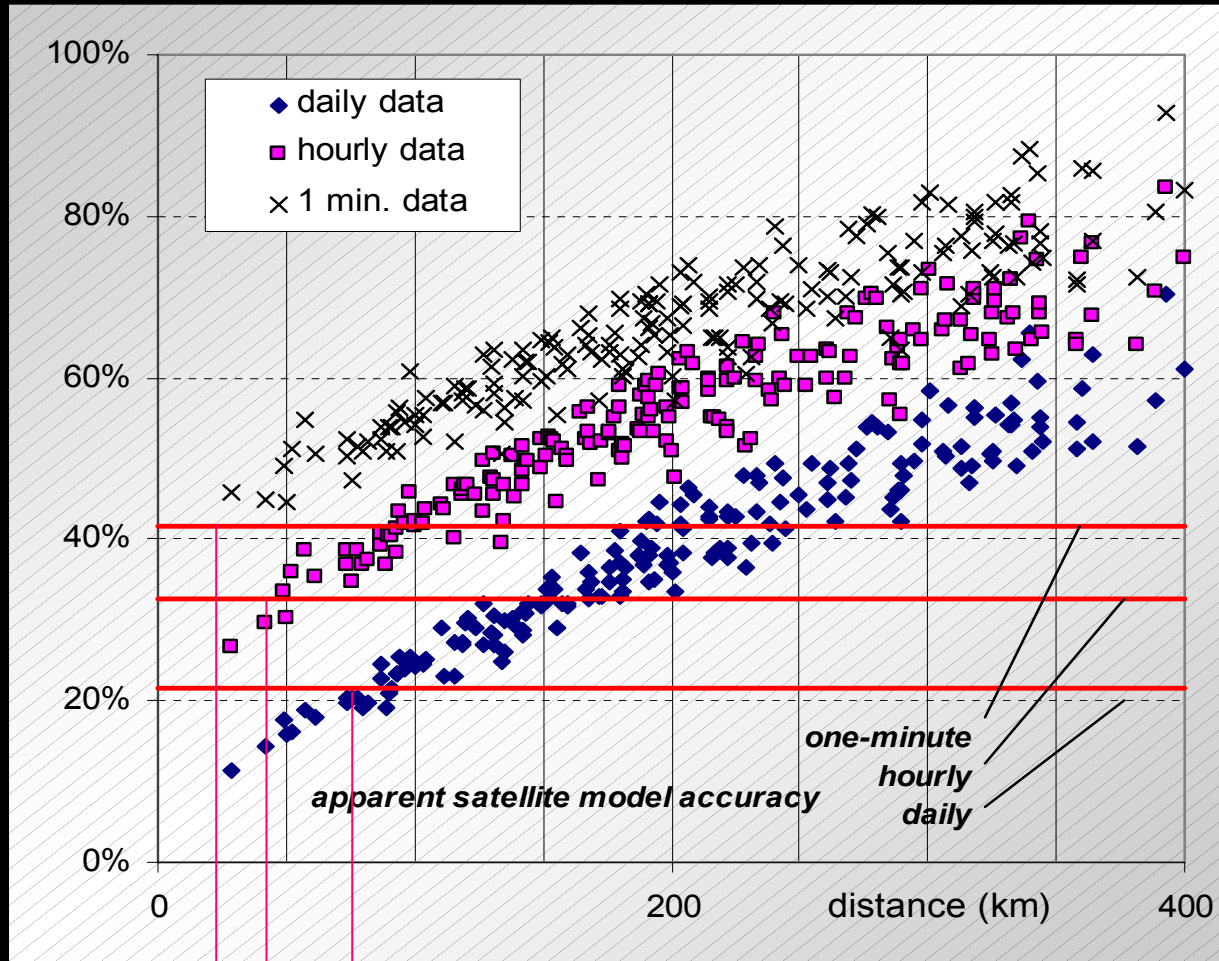
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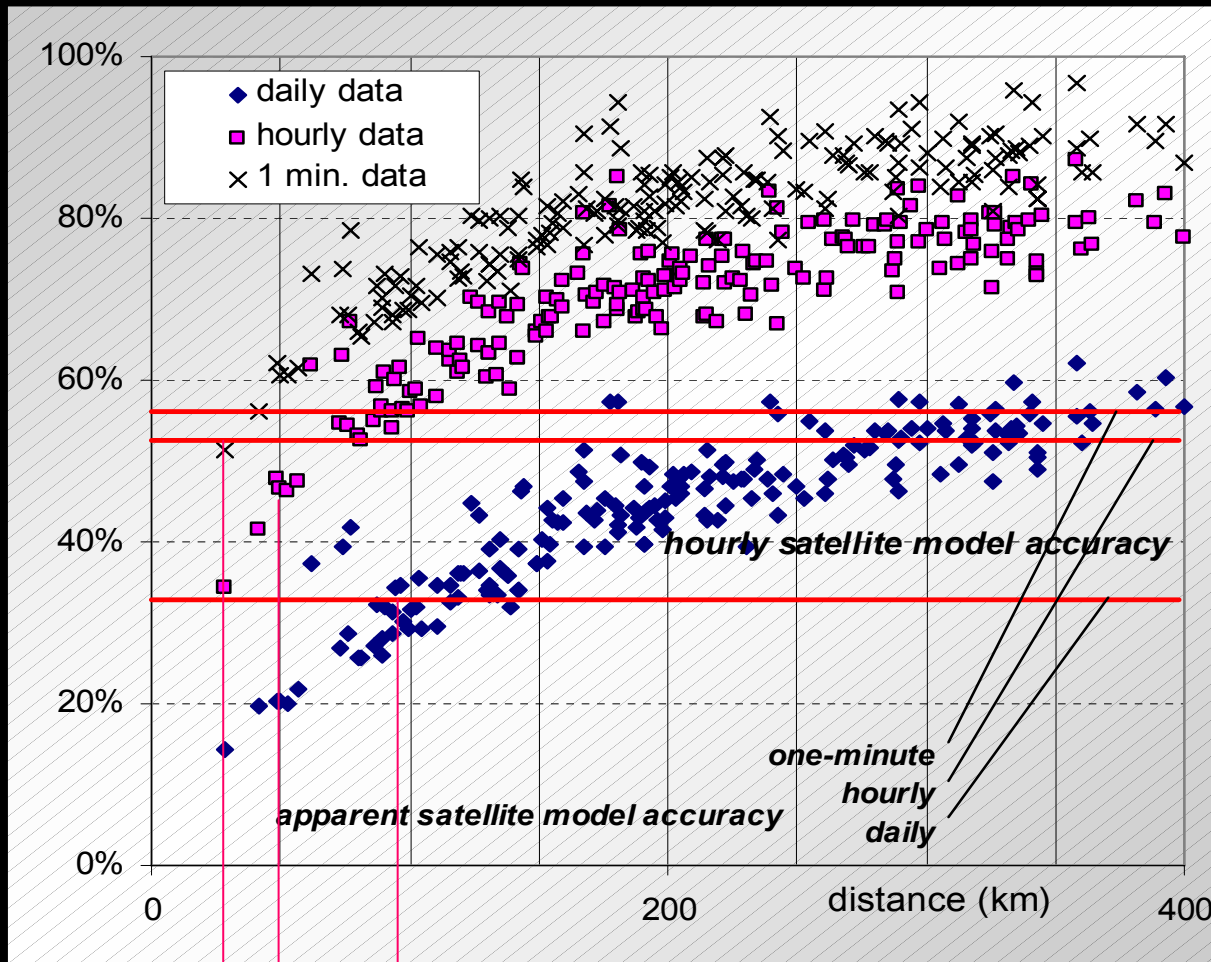


DIRECT



Daily breakeven distance ~ 75 km
Hourly breakeven distance ~ 45 km
1-minute breakeven distance ~ 20 km

DIFFUSE

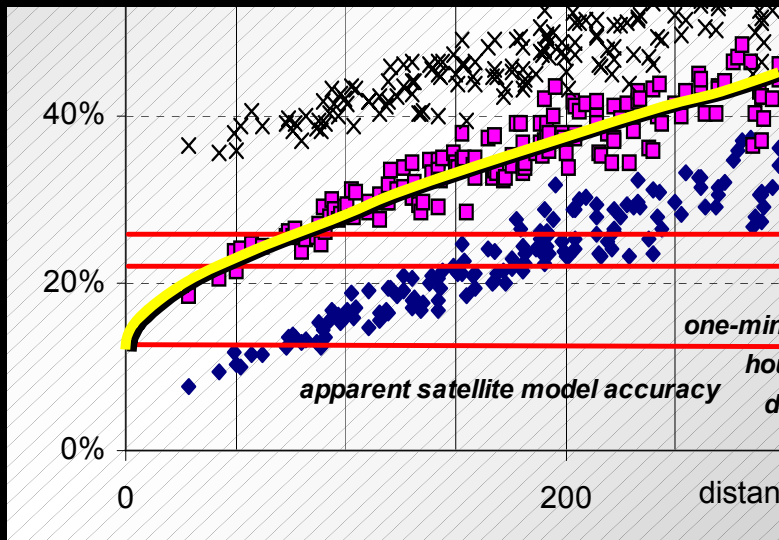


Daily breakeven distance ~ 100 km
Hourly breakeven distance ~ 50 km
1-minute breakeven distance ~ 25 km

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Confirmation / extension of initial investigations

Hourly	Global effective accuracy	~ 15%
	Direct effective accuracy	~ 25%
	Diffuse effective accuracy	~ 35%



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Need to expand study to arid and tropical/subtropical climates