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Analysis of the radiation budget based on ground-based and satellite remote sensing observations in the Arctic

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-To better understand the role of clouds on the climate system by investigating their radiative properties based on remote sensing observations.

- Analyze ground-based and satellite remote sensing observations and products to quantify radiative biases and derive the radiation budget from two points of view.

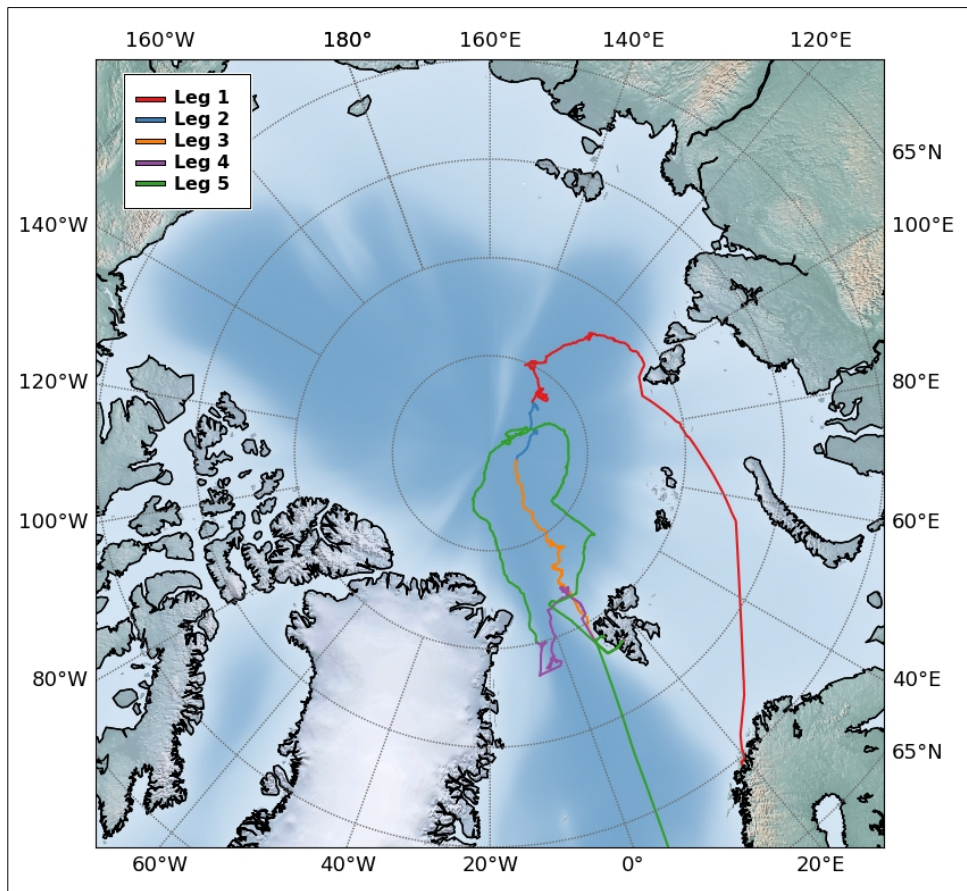
- Focus on the unprecedented observations obtained during the Multidisciplinary drifting Observations for the Study of Arctic Climate (**MOSAiC**) expedition 2019-2020 and state of the art $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ synergistic products from the Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (**CERES SYN**). 1



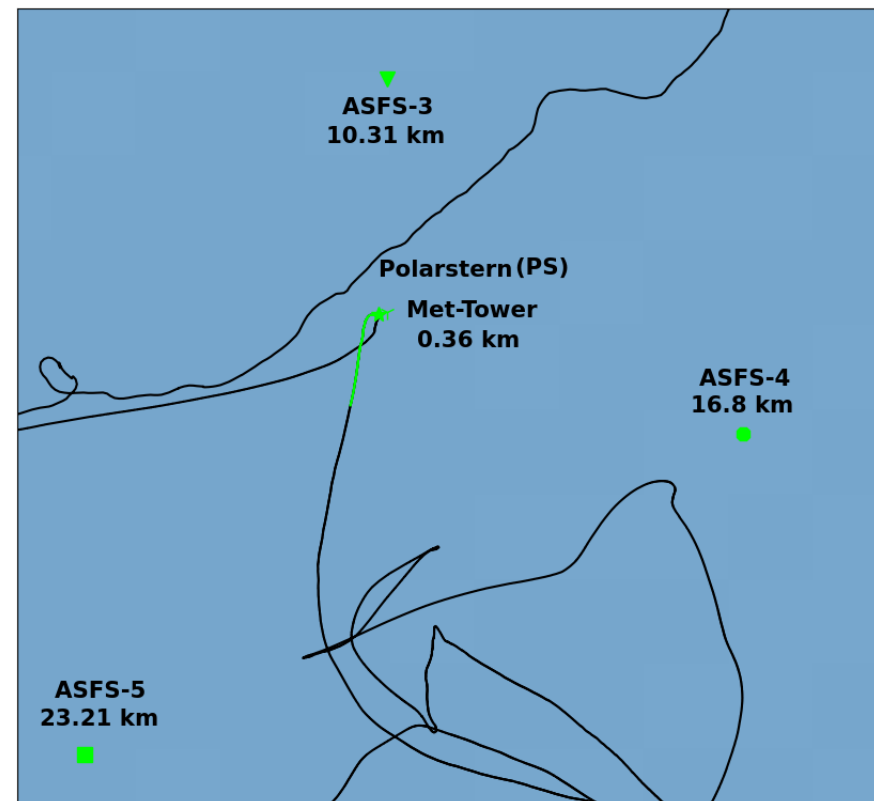
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MOSAiC expedition

Start date: 2019-09-20 to 2020-10-12



Stations during MOSAiC (2020-01-19)



Distance to Polarstern (PS)
Automated Surface Flux Stations (ASFS)



Shipborne atmospheric remote sensing instrumentation







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|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1 | Raman Lidar Polly ^{XT} | 4 | Laser Disdrometer | 7 | KAZR cloud radar |
| 2 | MWR HATPRO | 5 | 2D Video Disdrometer | 8 | Radiosondes |
| 3 | MWR MiRAC-P | 6 | Pyranometer + Pyrgeometer | | |

Adapted from H. Griesche



Datasets and Methodology

 ShupeTurner	 CERES SYN
Micropulse Lidar Ceilometer	The SYN1degEd4.1 provides hourly values of upward and downward radiative fluxes at the BOA, and upward values at the TOA with a spatial resolution of 1°x1°
 KAZR cloud radar	
 MWR HATPRO	
Cloud boundaries: Combined WACR + Micropulse lidar and ceilometer	Surface fluxes are computed with cloud properties derived by MODIS, Global Modeling Assimilation Office Global Earth Observing System GEOS-5 and MOA v 5.4
Interpolated merged radiosondes	Surface flux calculations are based on the Fu-Liou correlated-k 2/4 stream radiative transfer model



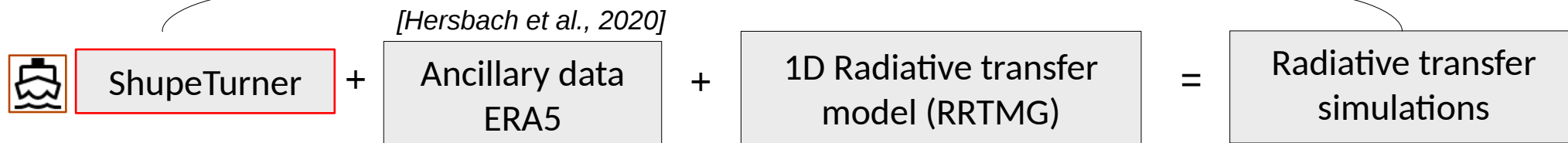
[Shupe et al., 2015, 2022]

[Minnis et al., 2021]



Datasets and Methodology

TROPOS Cloud and Aerosol Radiative effect Simulator (T-CARS)



1) Radiative closure (RC)

Radiative closure (RC) is a method used to **compare simulated radiative fluxes and observations** to understand the cloud macro and micro-physics retrievals better and potentially indicate where the sources of relevant uncertainty reside.

2) Cloud radiative effect (CRE)

Method used to quantify the **difference** between net radiative fluxes **for all-sky** atmospheric conditions and those **simulated** or observed in the **absence of clouds** for the same location and period.

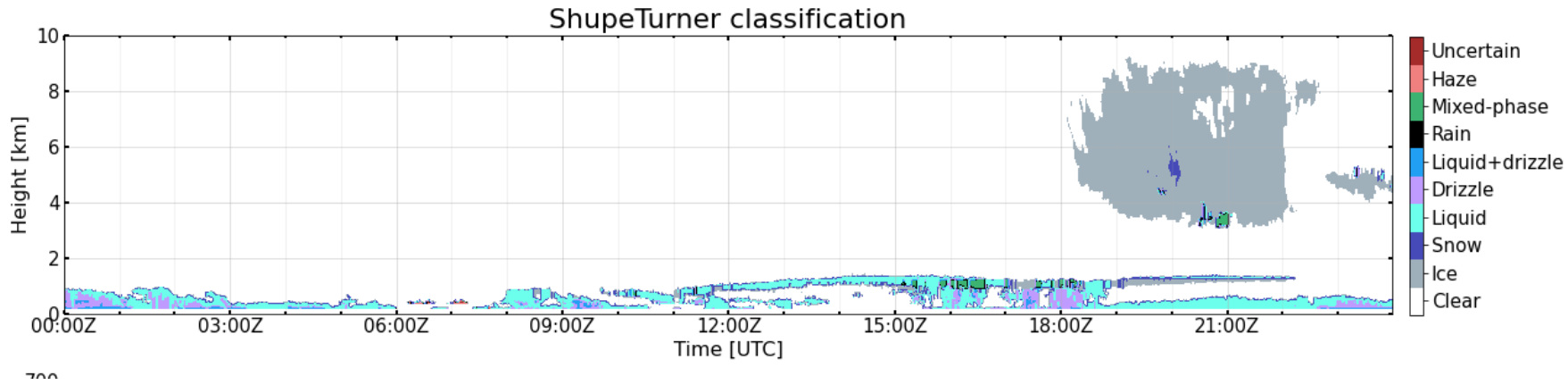
$$CRE_x = (F_x^\downarrow - F_x^\uparrow)_{all-sky} - (F_x^\downarrow - F_x^\uparrow)_{clear-sky}$$



Shipborne and space borne comparison

The aim of the comparison is to improve our understanding of the role of clouds in the Arctic radiation budget and climate system.

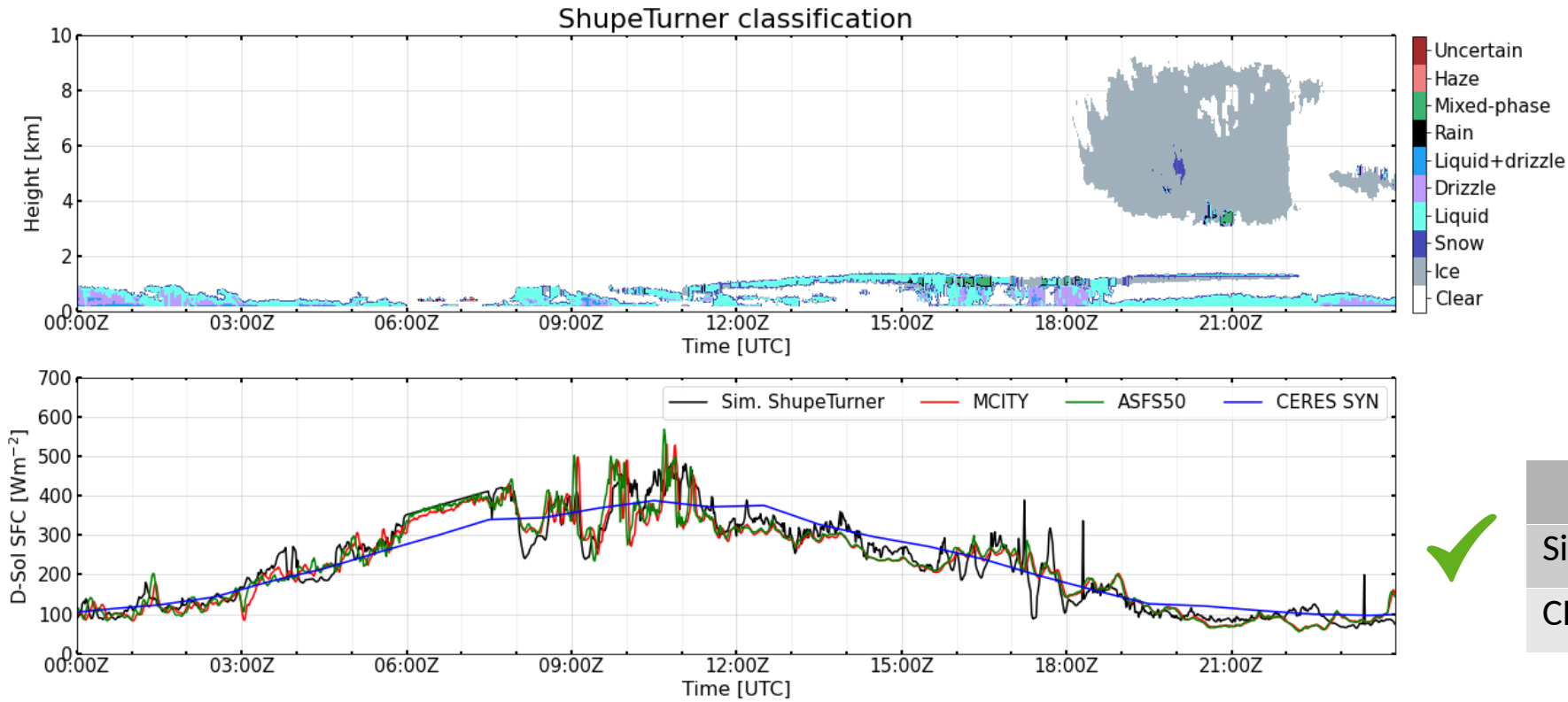
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Radiative flux comparison at the BOA (Simulations - Observations)

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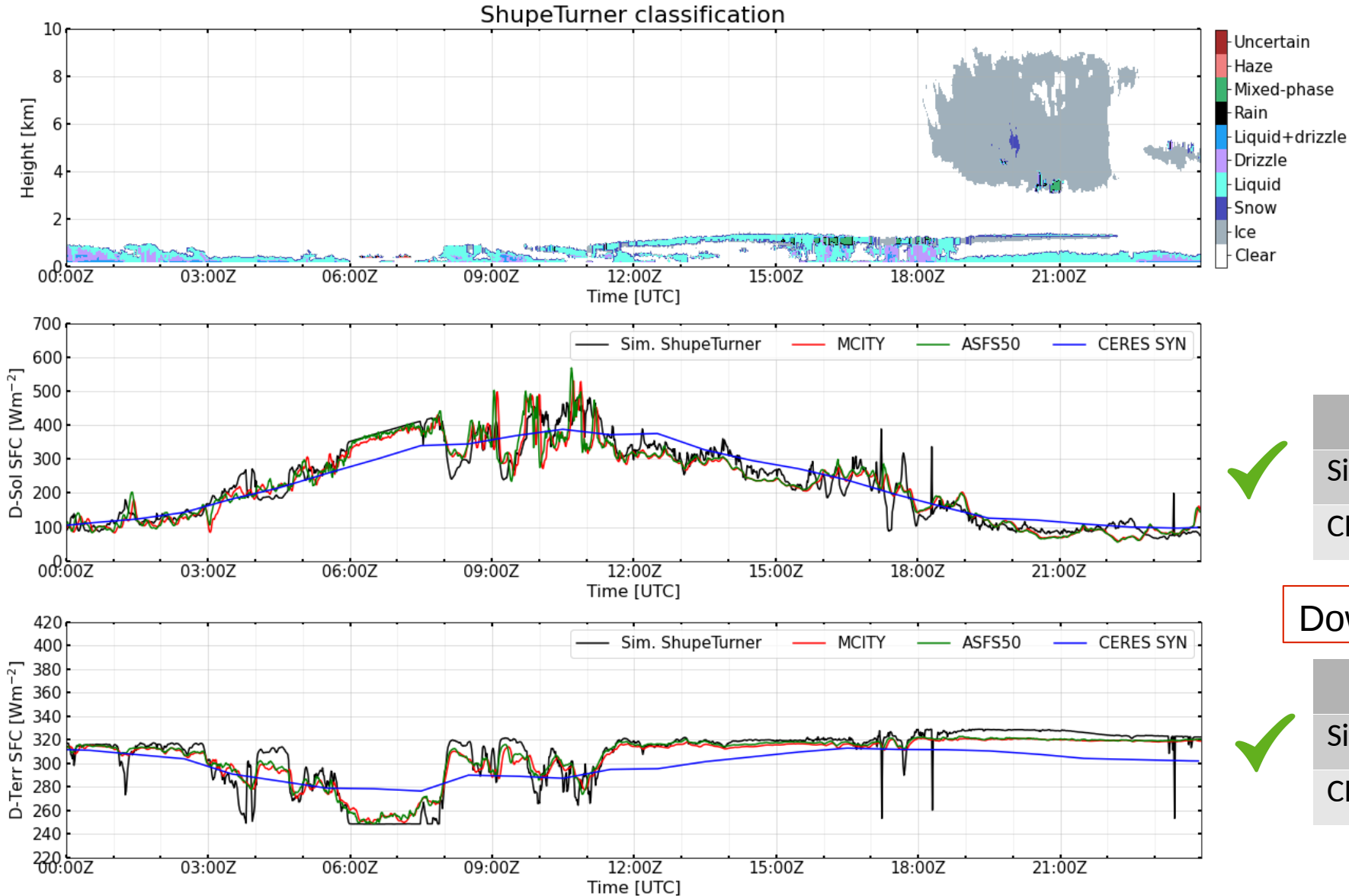
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Downward Solar flux (D-Sol)

Bias [Wm^{-2}]	MCITY	ASFS50
Sim. ShupeTurner	6.9	4.5
CERES SYN	7.9	5.4

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Downward Terrestrial flux (D-Terr)

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Sim. ShupeTurner	2.4	1.2
CERES SYN	-6.2	-7.3



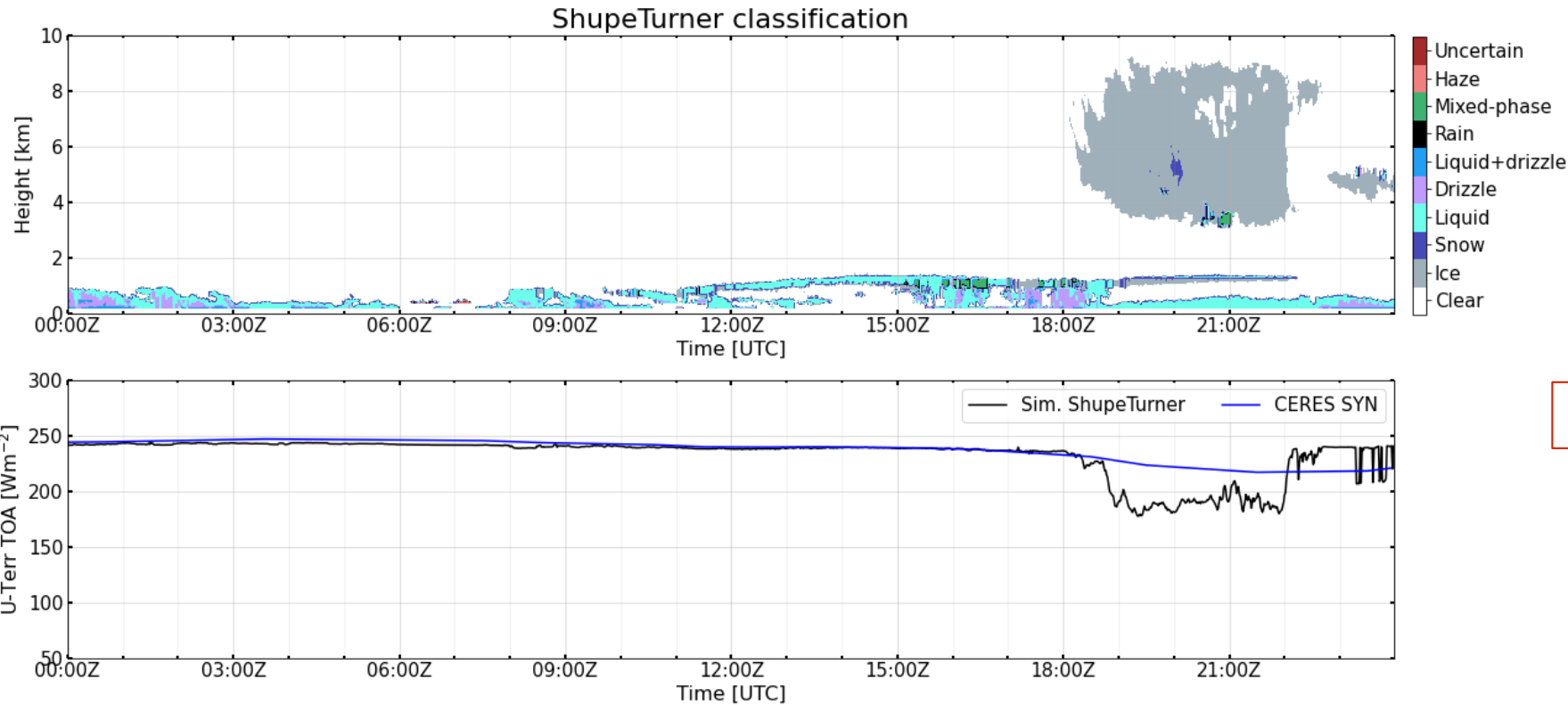
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Radiative flux comparison at the TOA

(Simulations - Observations)

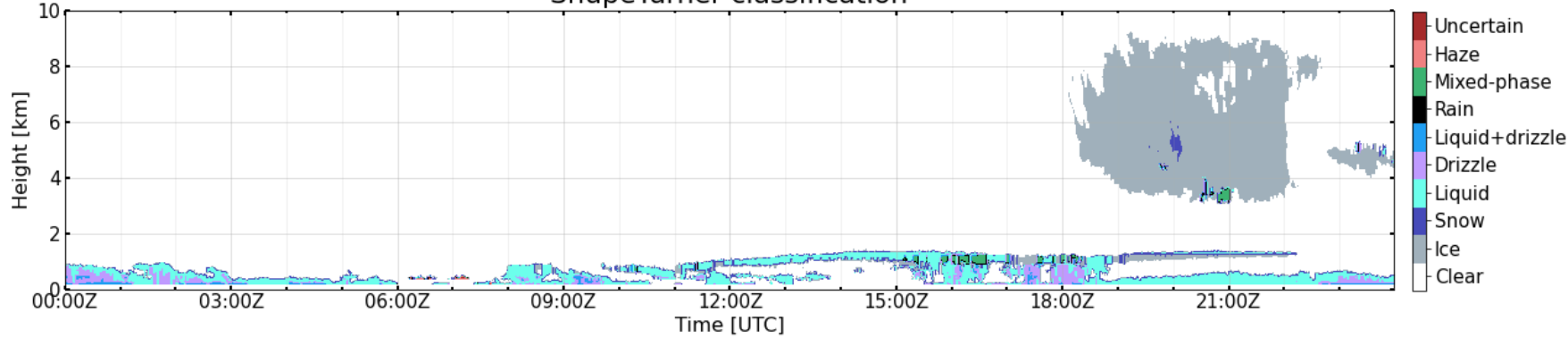
Upward Terrestrial flux (U-Terr)

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ShupeTurner classification



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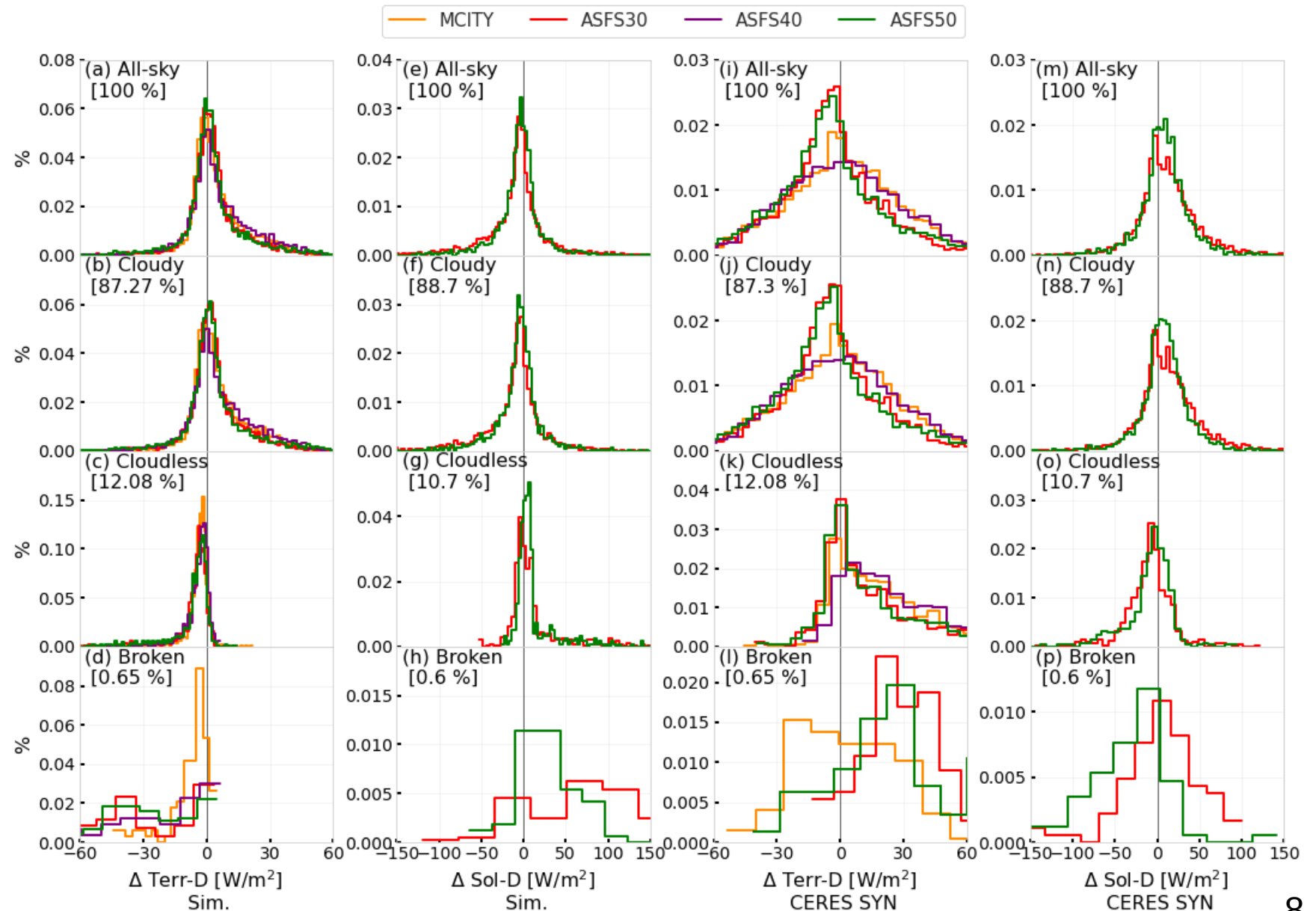
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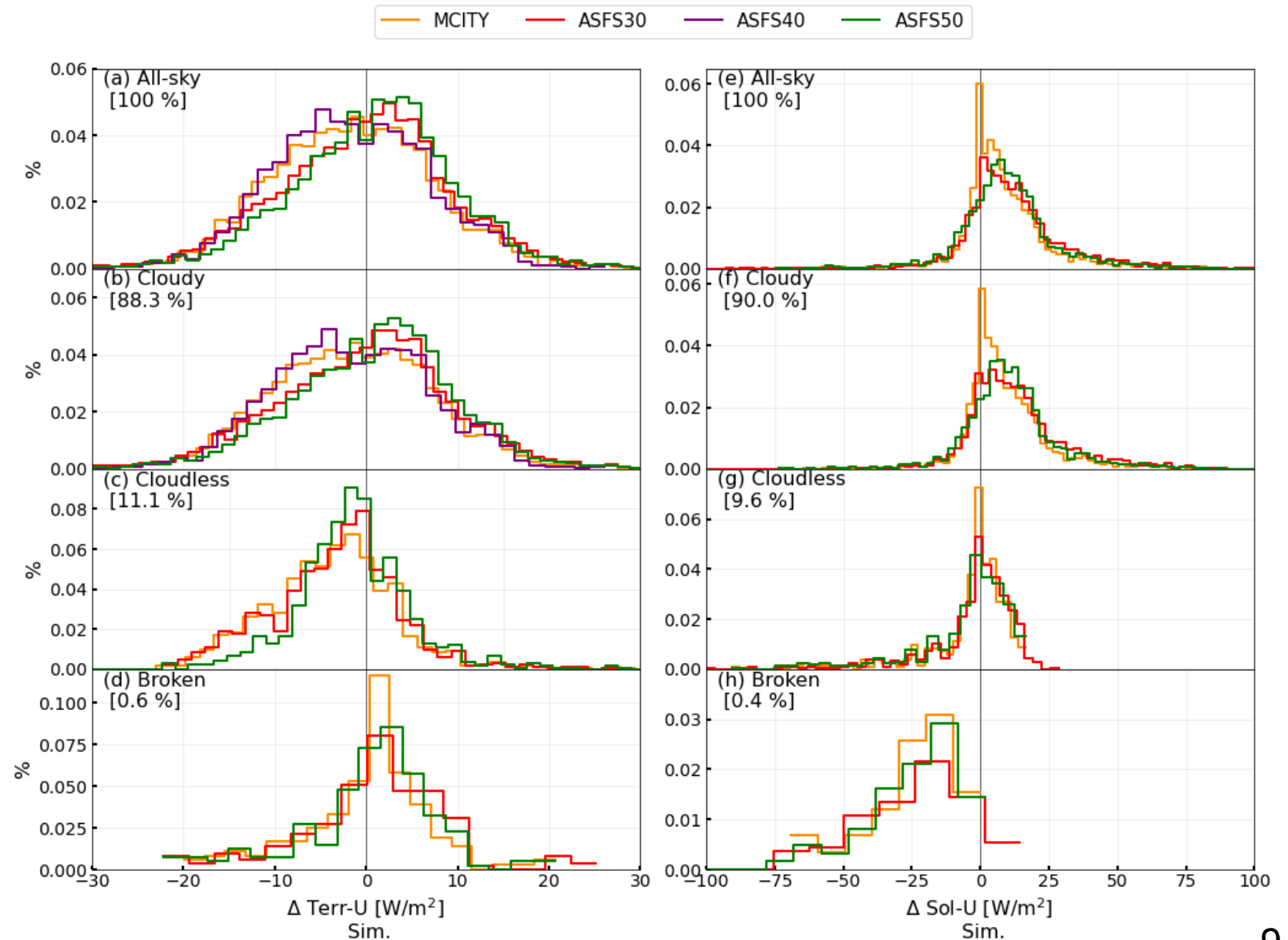
Radiative flux comparison at the BOA

- Analysis for the entire MOSAiC period to all available stations.
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Radiative flux comparison at the TOA

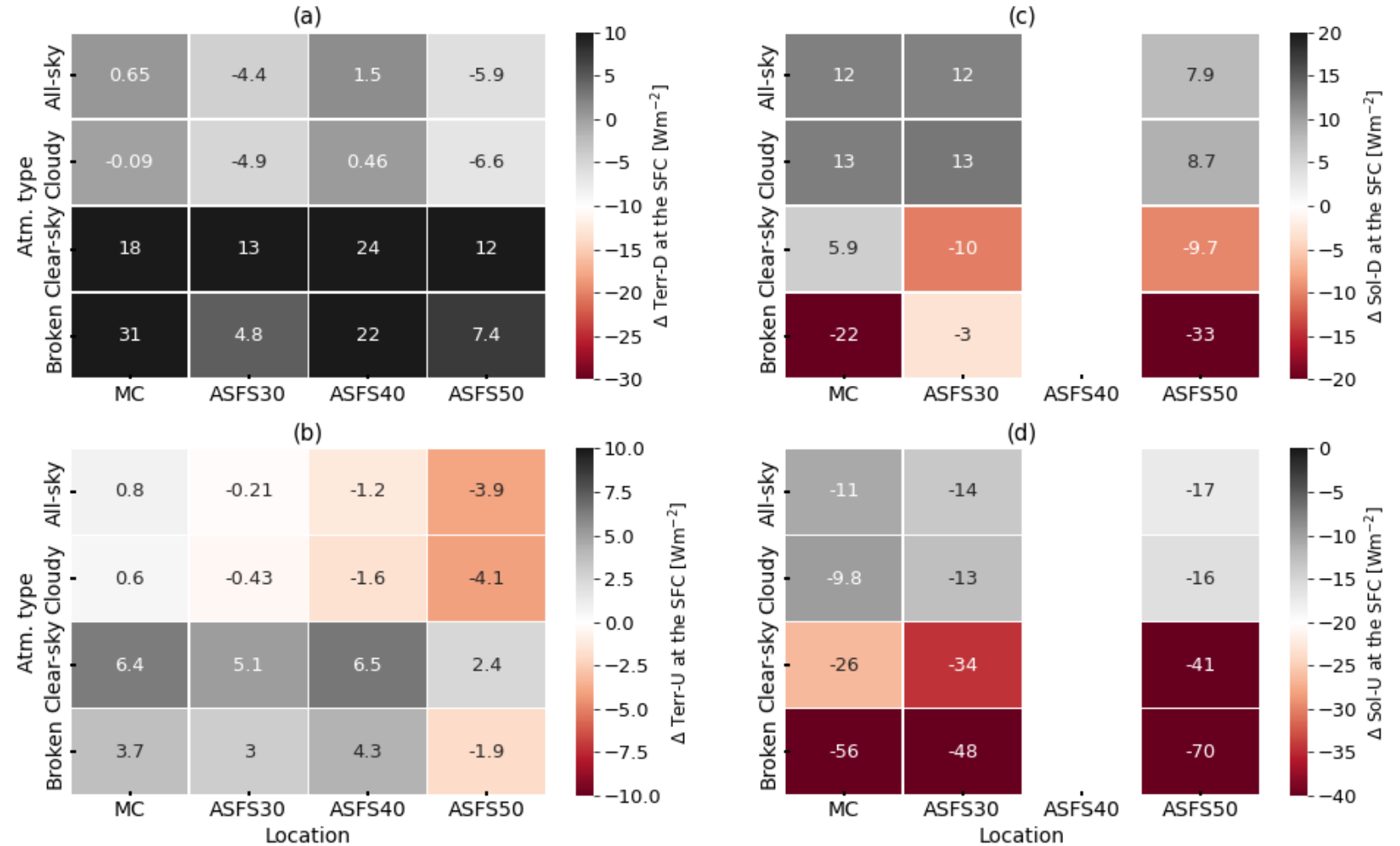
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Radiative flux comparison at the BOA

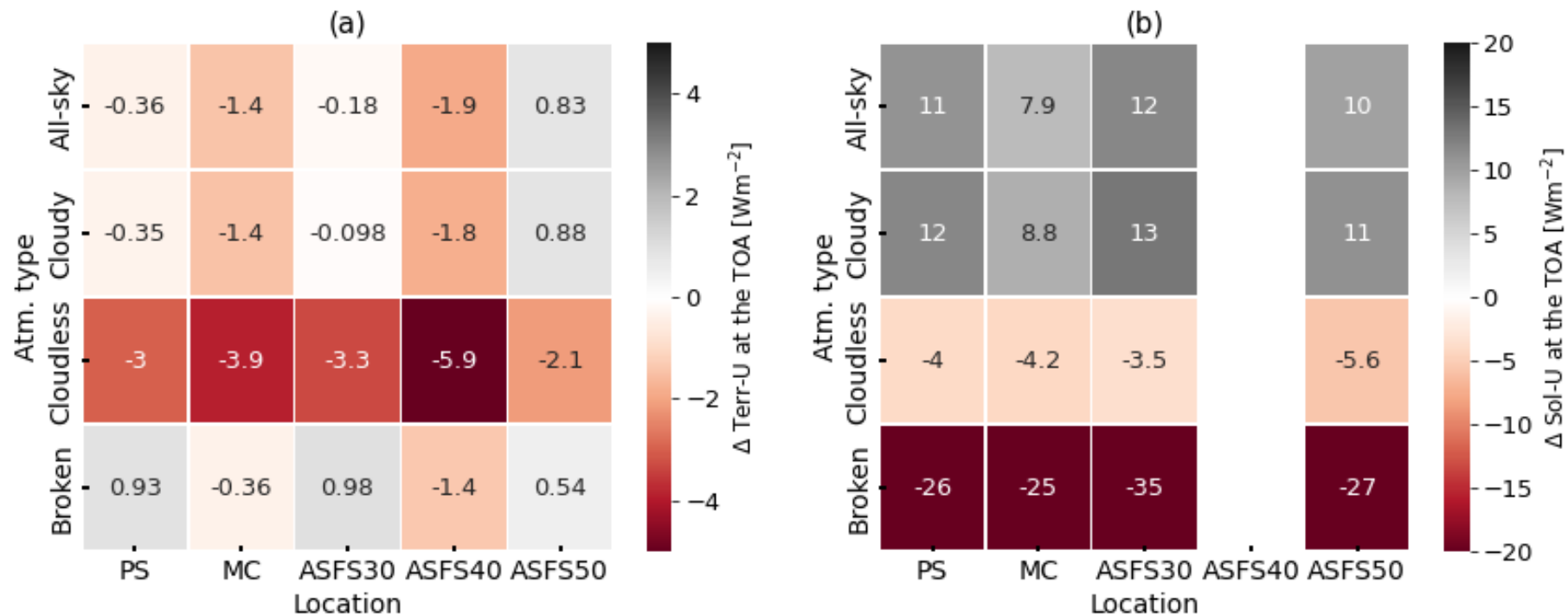
- Overall good agreement for Sim. ShupeTurner simulations and CERES SYN products.
- Most challenging radiative flux comparison is upward solar radiative flux at the TOA.
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Mean irradiance difference [Wm^{-2}] for CERES SYN products



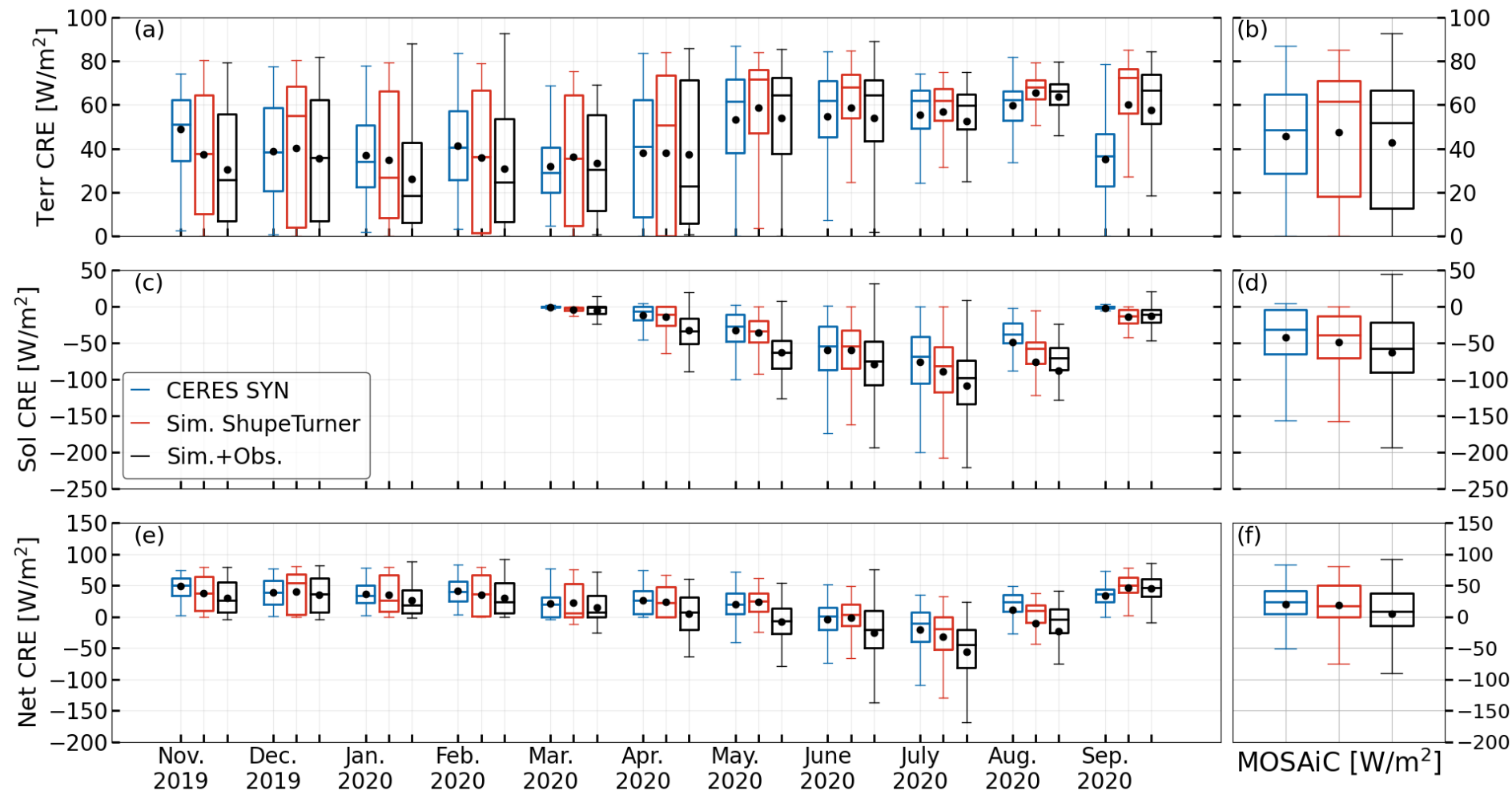
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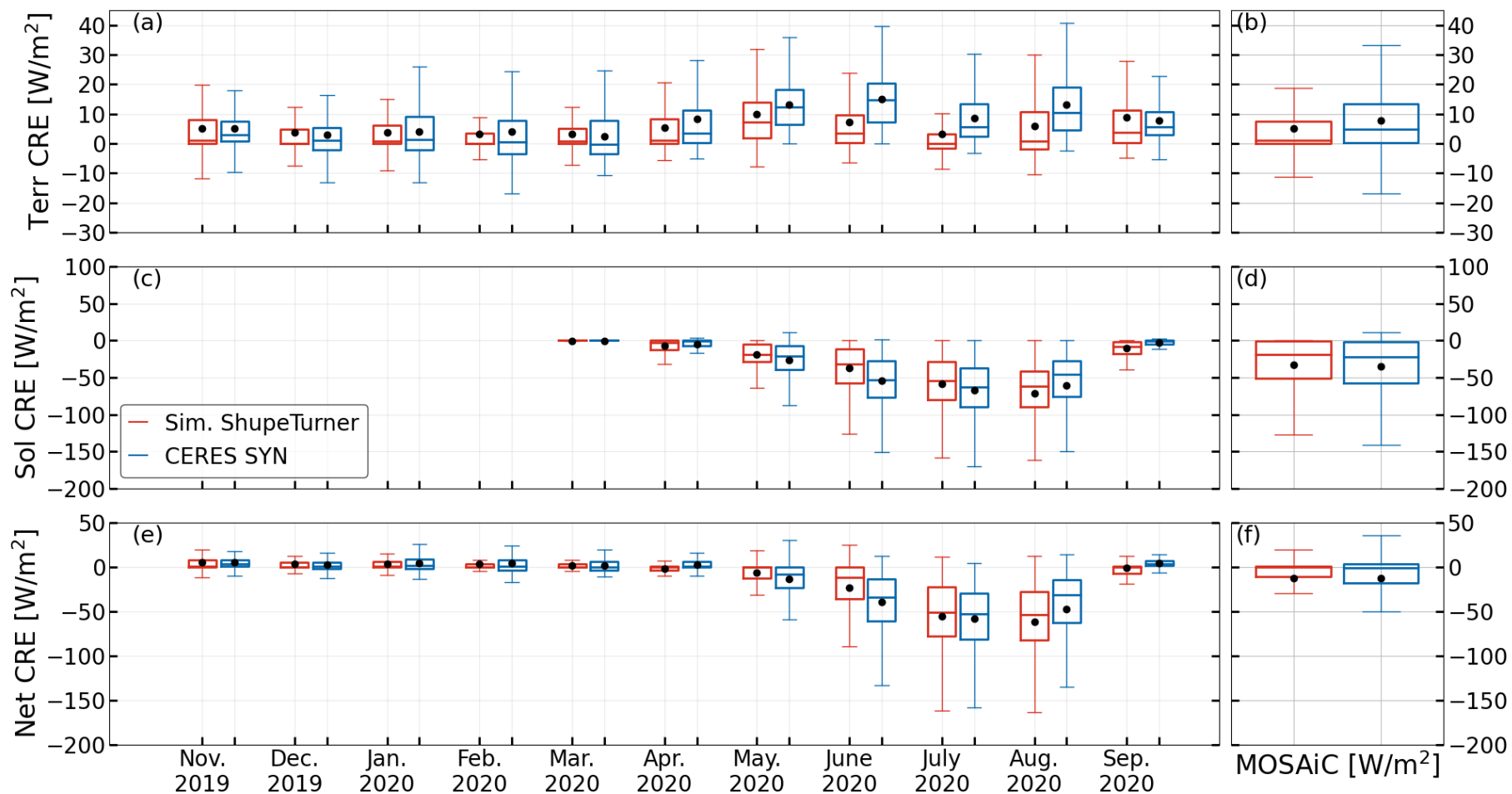


Hourly Cloud Radiative Effect at the BOA





Hourly Cloud Radiative Effect at the TOA





Summary

- Single-column radiative transfer environment TROPOS Cloud and Aerosol Radiative effect Simulator (T-CARS) is an effective tool to calculate profiles of radiative fluxes, and heating rates using the radiative solvers like RRTMG and ecRad.
- T-CARS can help evaluate cloud macro and microphysical retrievals from a synergistic combination of active and passive remote sensing observations (e.g., ShupeTurner, Cloudnet, ARM retrievals).
- Current study focuses on the MOSAiC expedition. However, its applicability can go beyond the Arctic region→ EarthCARE CAL/VAL analysis, several campaigns e.g., CleanCloud, CERTAINTY, etc.).
- Several ground-based radiometers are recommended to better understand radiative differences due to different spatial coverage and further investigate 3D effects.



Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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