

Independent global and beam validation on 21 ground data sets

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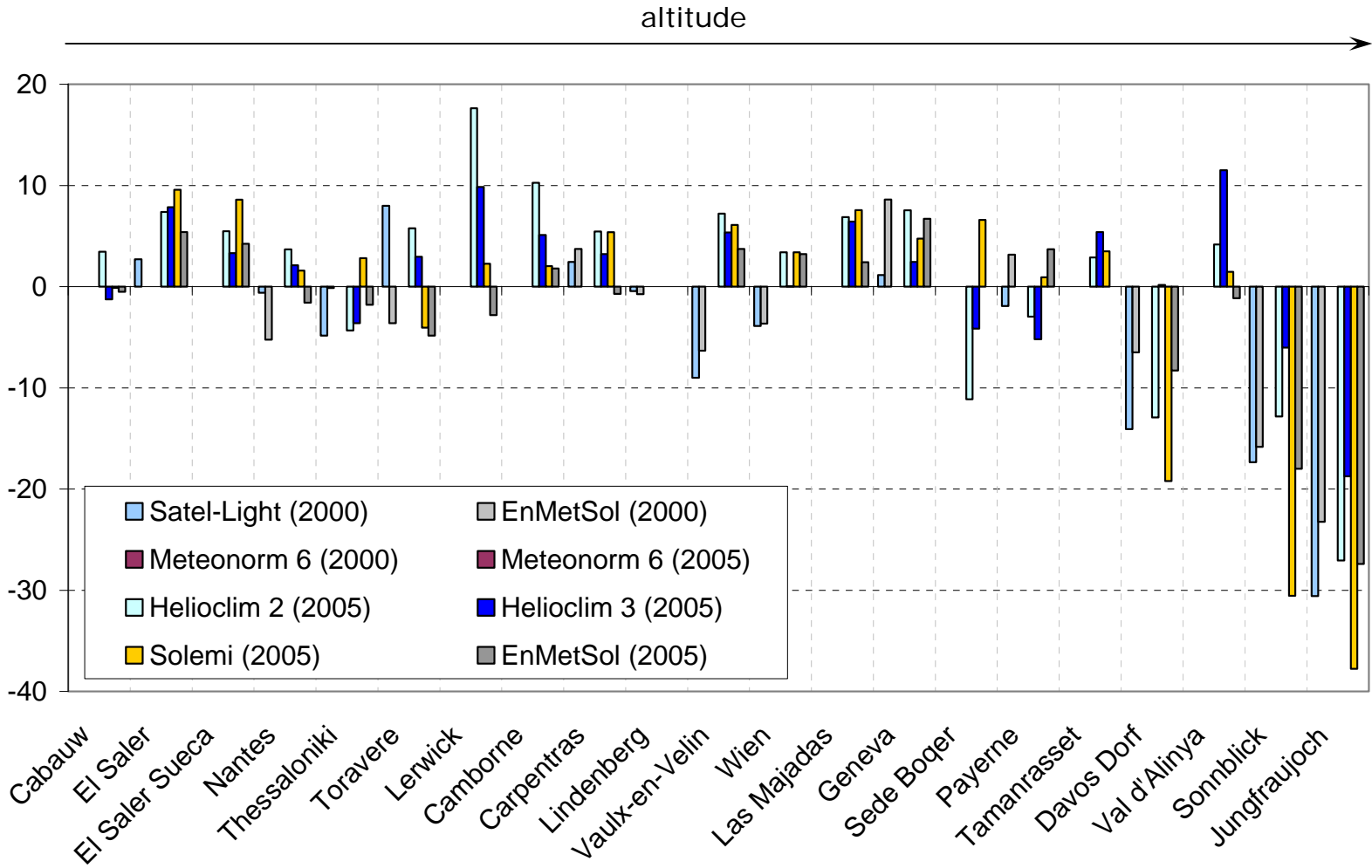
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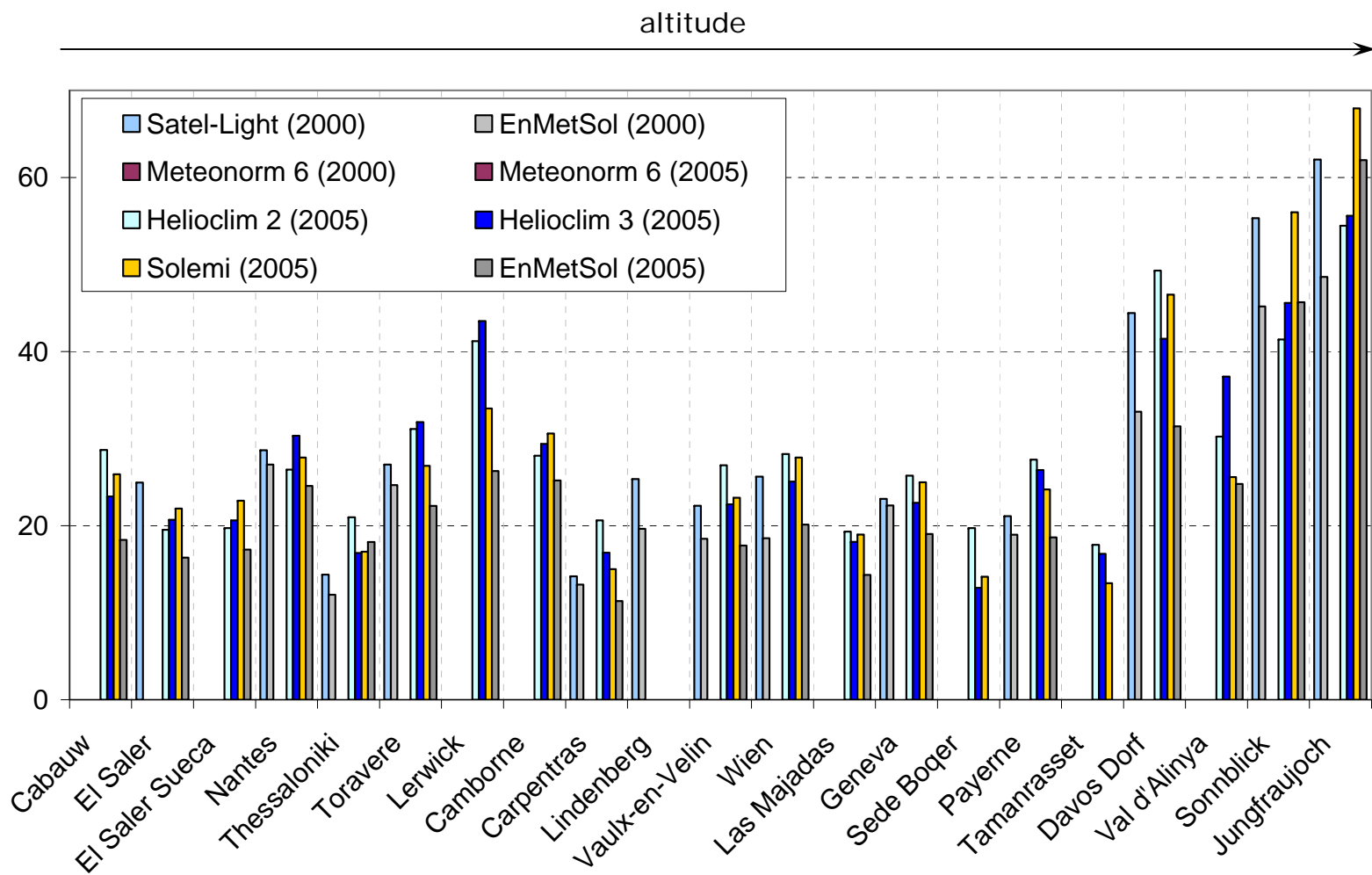
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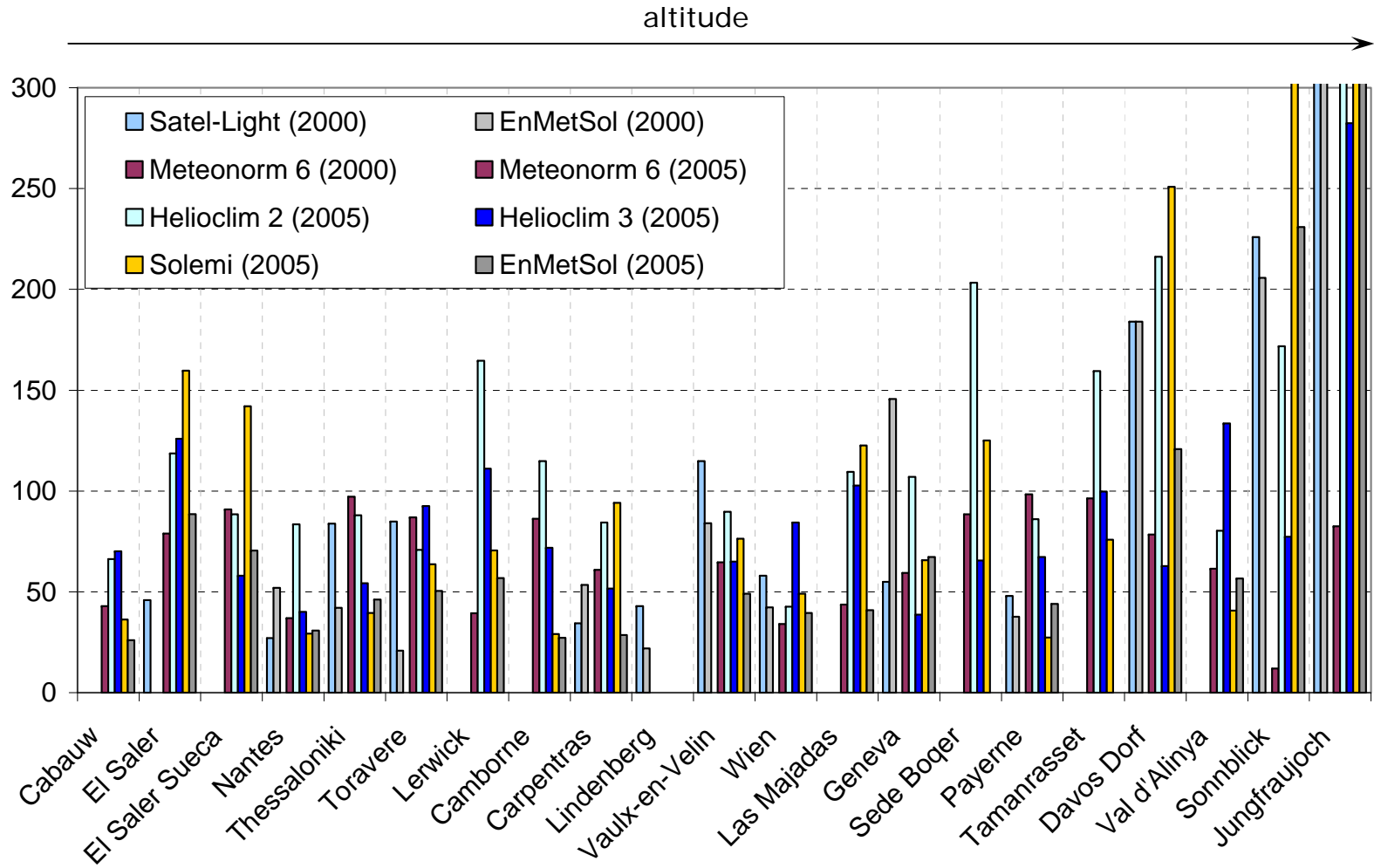
Root mean square difference [%]

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Second order statistic KSI%

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Snow effect for Davos, Sonnblick and Jungfrauoch



Sea and latitude
effects for
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Over 60'000 hourly values:

- mbd - 2% to + 5%
- rmsd 19% to 27%

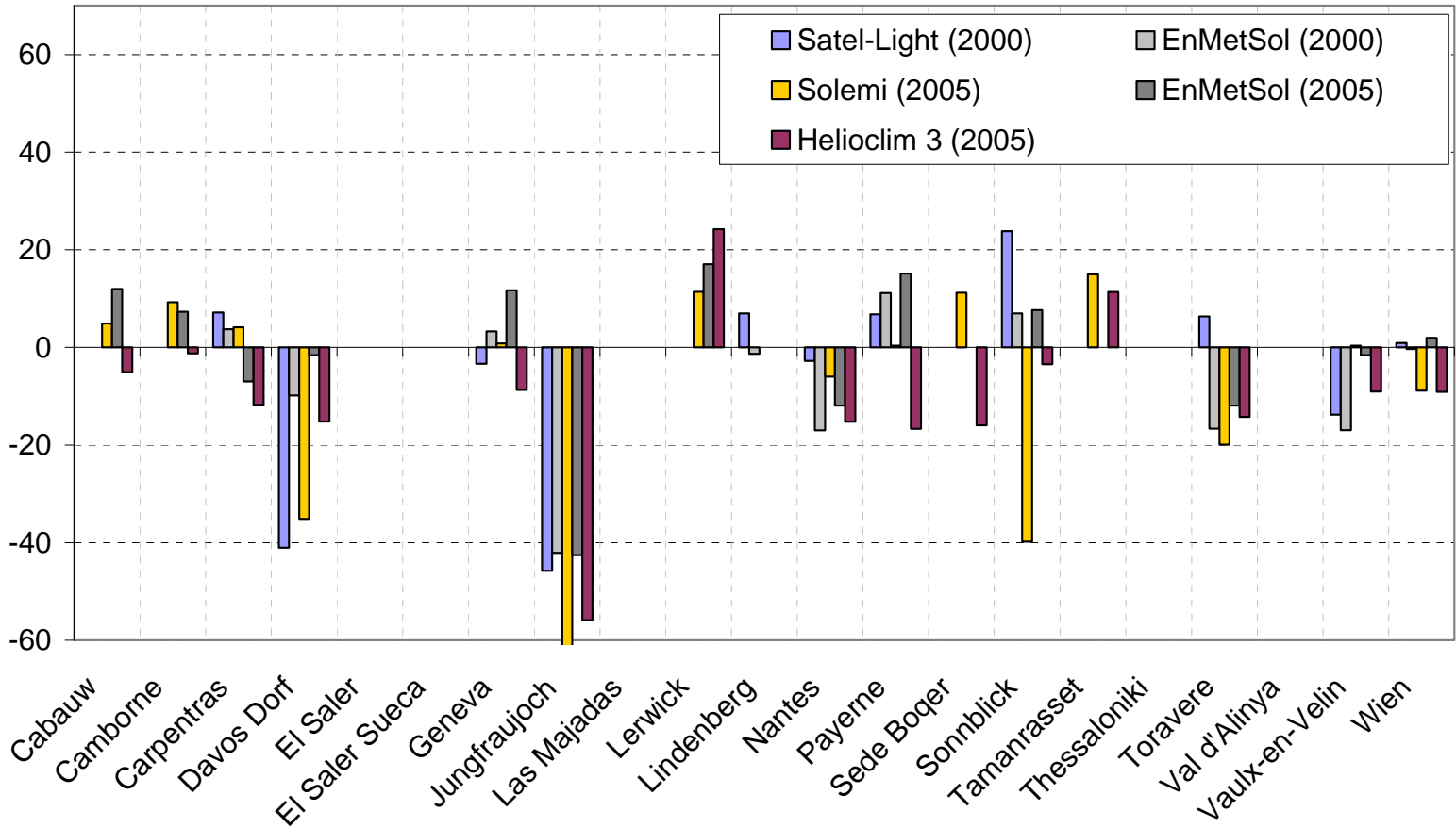
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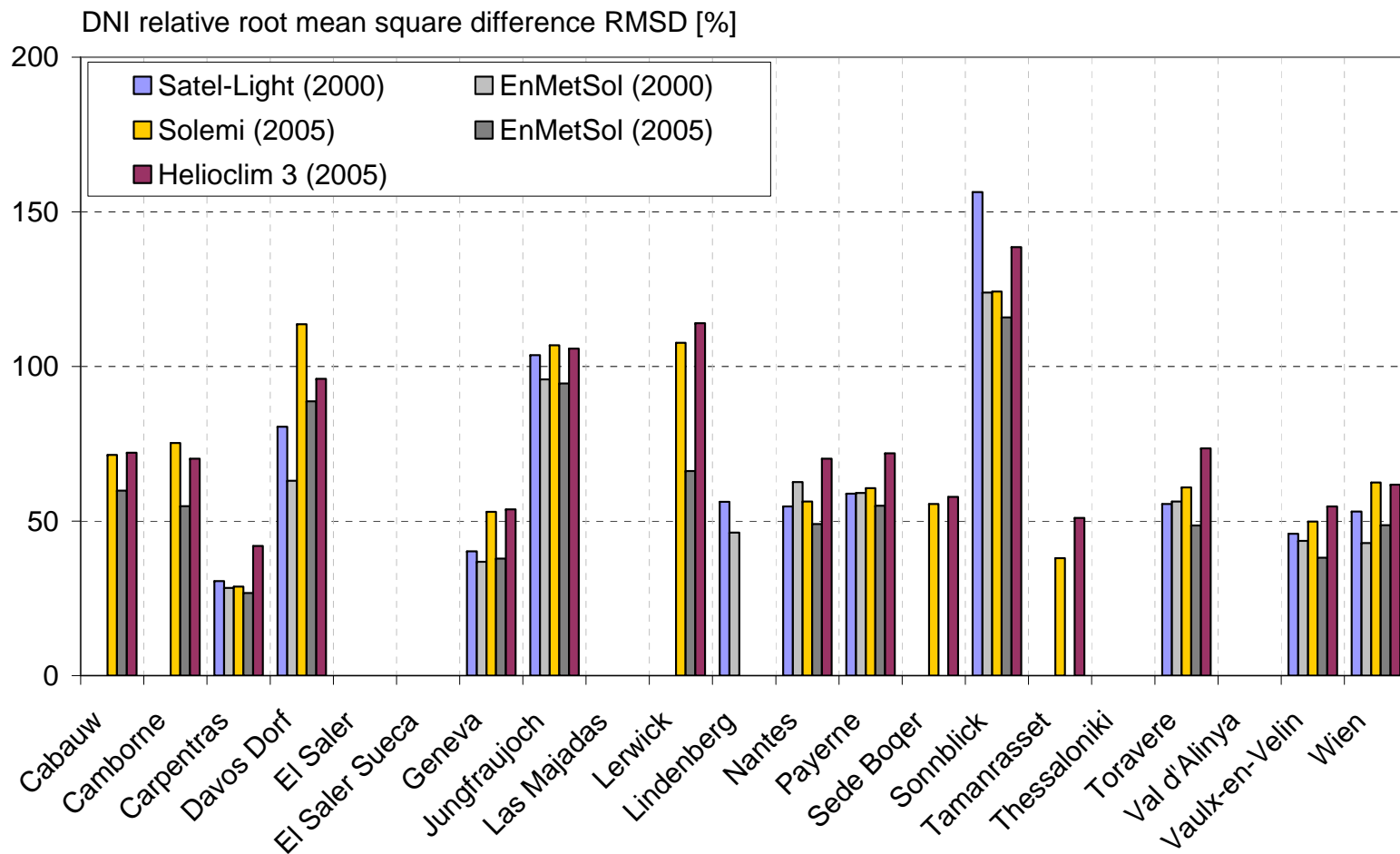
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DNI relative mean bias model-measurements difference MBD [%]



Normal beam irradiance (DNI)



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- rmsd 45% to 64%

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