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# Aerosol Optical Depth Retrieval from Satellite Data in China

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# Research Report Outline

- Multi-scale quantitative retrieval of Aerosol optical depth (AOD) over land
  - Spatial resolution: 10km, 1km, 100m
    - for researches of global AOD variation, especially the spatial and temporal AOD evolution and air pollution researches in urban regions over China
  - Temporal resolution: polar-orbit satellites V.S. geostationary satellites
    - for studies on extreme weather cases e.g. dust storms

# Time Series Retrieval

**Time Series (TS) technique makes use of the two visible bands at 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$  (with support of 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in three orderly scan.**

**Land-Atmosphere** (Mei et al., 2011)

$$\rho = \frac{[a+c(\Gamma - \rho_{TOA})]e^{k\tau} + [b+c(\rho_{TOA}\Gamma - 1)]\Gamma e^{-k\tau} + (\Gamma^2 - 1)G^+ e^{-\frac{\tau}{\mu_0}}}{[a+c(\Gamma - \rho_{TOA})]\Gamma e^{k\tau} + [b+c(\rho_{TOA}\Gamma - 1)]e^{-k\tau} + (\Gamma^2 - 1)G^- e^{-\frac{\tau}{\mu_0}}}$$

**A prior knowledge (Multi-Channel)**

$$\tau(\lambda) = \beta\lambda^{-\alpha} \quad (\text{Angstrom et al., 1961})$$

**Land model (Multi-Temporal)**

$$\frac{\rho_1(\lambda)}{\rho_2(\lambda)} \approx k(\lambda) \quad (\text{Flowerdew et al., 1995})$$

**Inputs:** 3 scans/2 bands

**10 Equations = 10 Un-knows**

**Other constrains:**

Aerosol Type (Govarert et al., 2010)

Single Scattering Albedo

Asymmetry factor

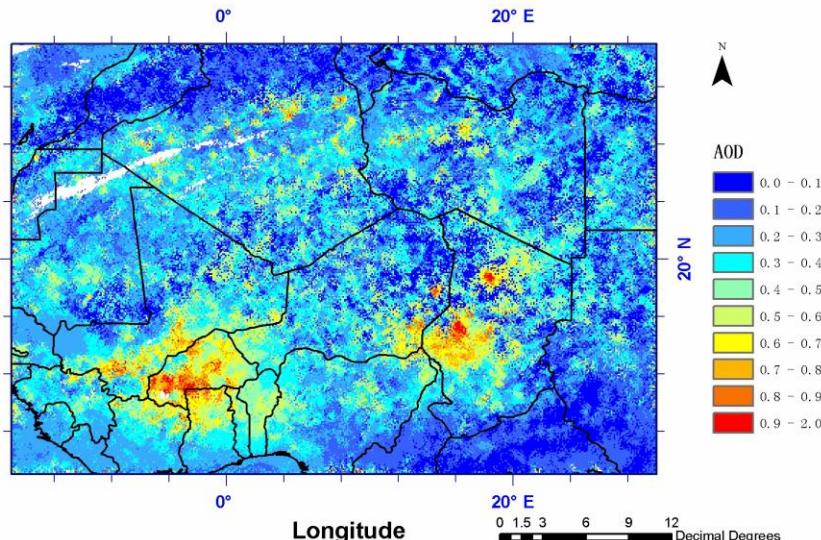
Reflectance (Kim et al., 2008)

$$\varepsilon = \min \left\{ \sum_t \sum_{j=1}^n (A_{\lambda_{t,j}}^k - A_{\lambda_{t+3}}^k)^2 \right\}$$

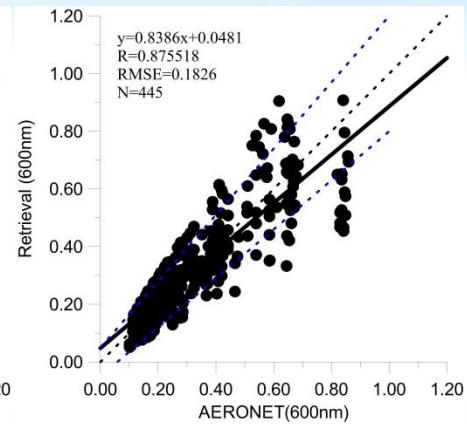
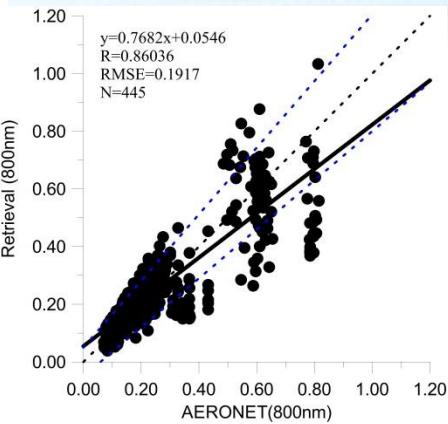
# Hourly AOD from MSG/SEVIRI Data

AOD\_10KM\_TS(0.8μm) SEVIRI\_MSG\_2010\_04\_14\_08:45

Latitude

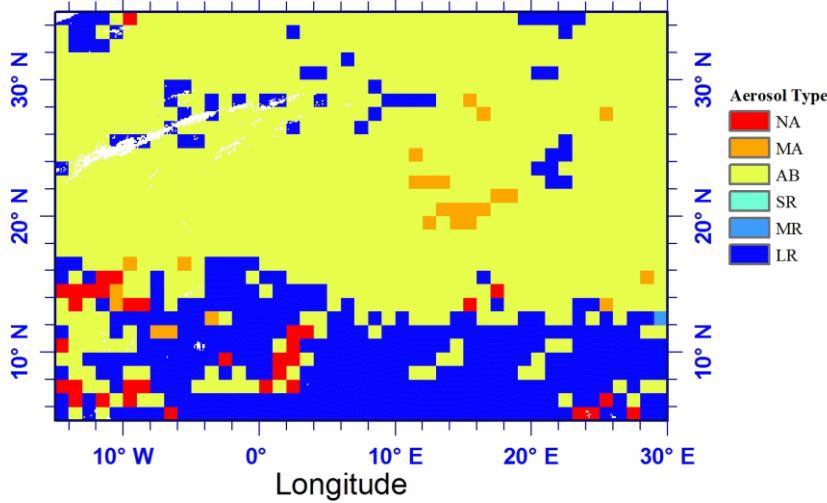


- NA: Spherical Non Absorbing
- MA: Spherical Moderately Absorbing
- AB: Spherical Absorbing
- SR: Non Spherical Small
- MR: Non Spherical Medium
- LR: Non Spherical Large



Aerosol Type SEVIRI\_MSG\_2010\_04\_14\_08:45

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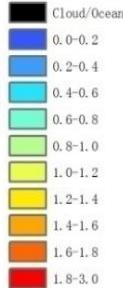
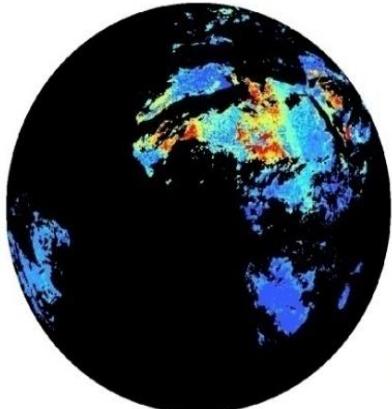


Mei, L., Xue, Y., et al.: Retrieval of aerosol optical depth over land based on a time series technique using MSG/SEVIRI data, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 12, pp9167-9185, 2012.

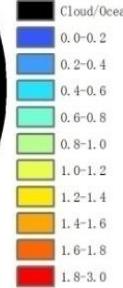
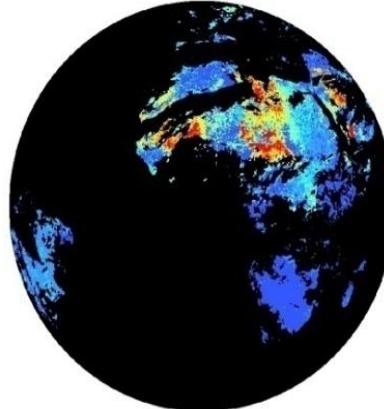
# Hourly AOD from Geostationary Satellite Data



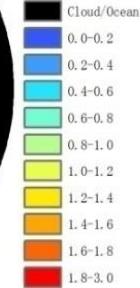
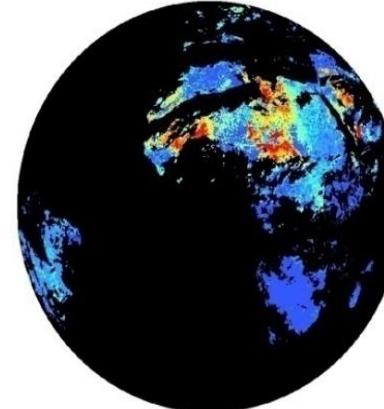
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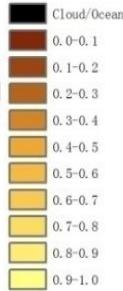
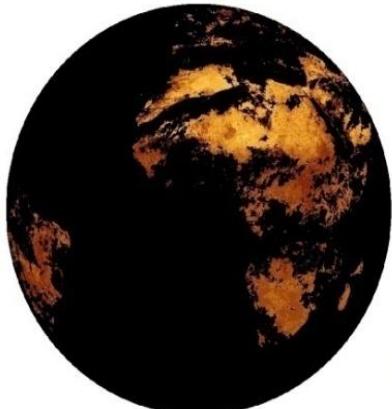
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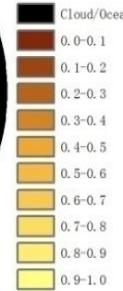
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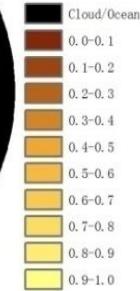
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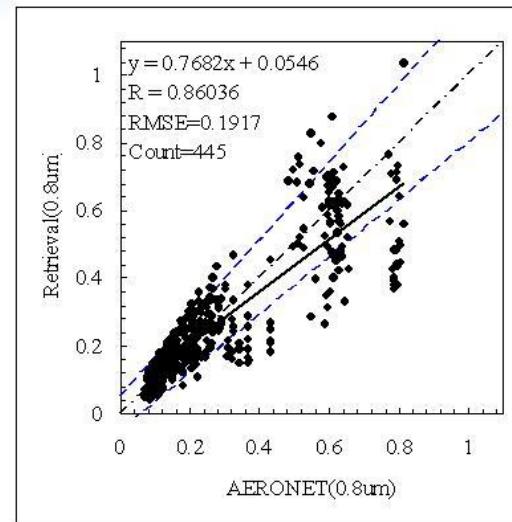
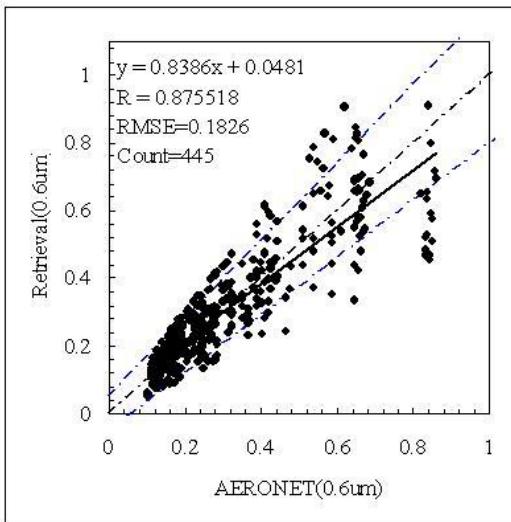
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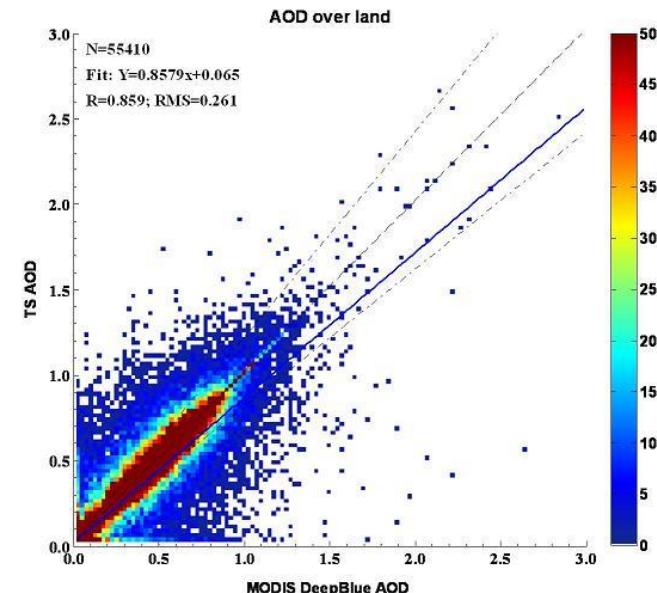
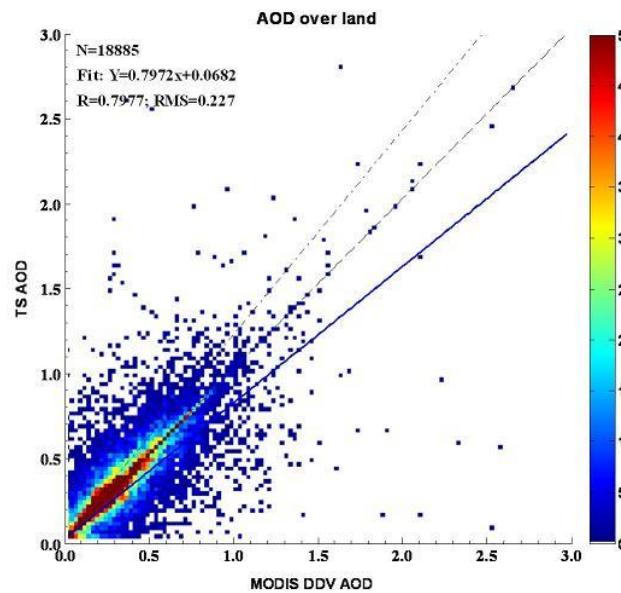
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# Validations



MSG vs AERONET



MSG vs MODIS

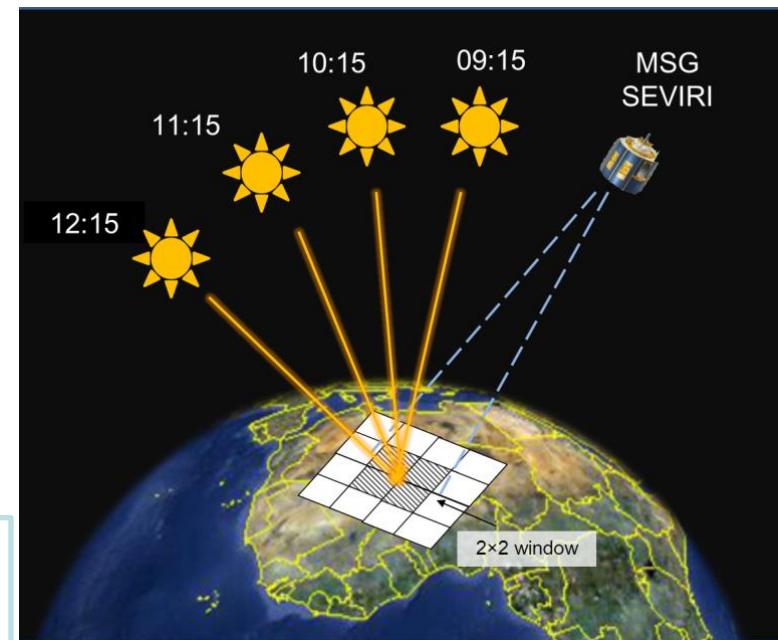
# Land Aerosol property and Bidirectional reflectance Inversion by Time Series technique



Basic Assumptions :

- (LABITS)
1. Surface reflectance ( $R$ ) changes quickly with location but remain the same in short time interval. Thus, during observations in a row, for single visible band we can assume that  $R$  is invariant in each pixel.
  2. Aerosol optical depth (AOD) has a high temporal variation but is consistent spatially in a small area.

Area with the size of  $N$ , multi-observations number as  $K$ , for single visible band, there are  $KN^2$  measurements and  $K + 3N^2$  unknowns. If  $KN^2 \geq K+3N^2$ , we can retrieval AOD and BRDF parameters simultaneously. Here, we set  $K = 4$  and  $N = 2$ .



**Yingjie Li, Yong Xue, Gerrit de Leeuw, et al.  
(2013), Retrieval of aerosol optical depth and  
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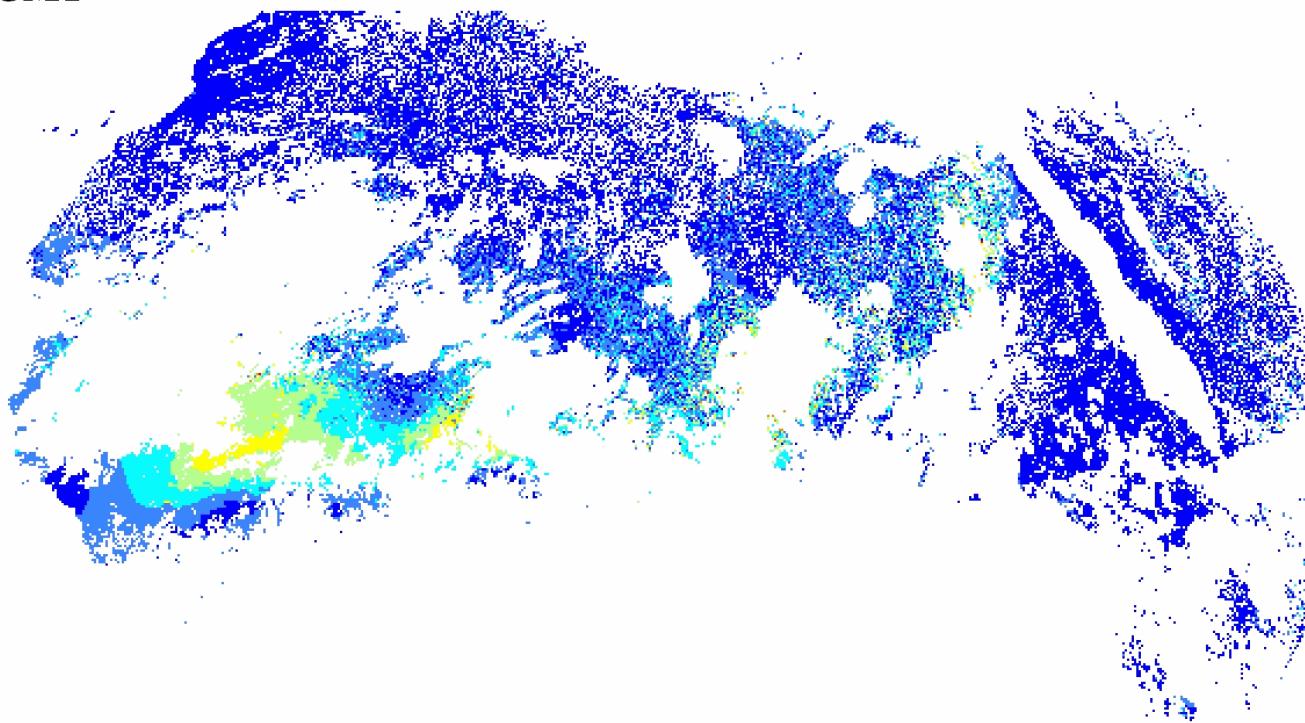
# Hourly Time-Series AOD Results from MSG/SEVIRI Data

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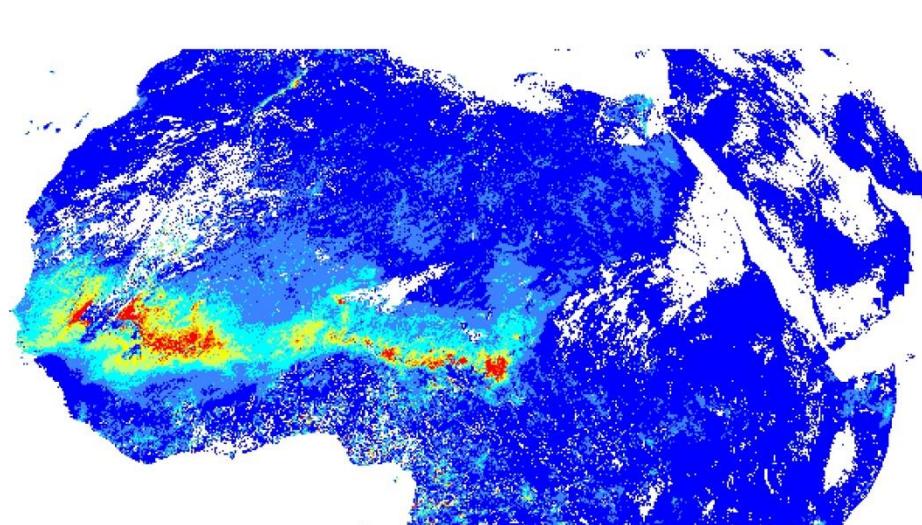
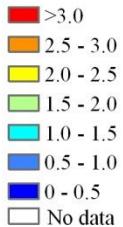
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# AOD Results from MSG/SEVIRI Data

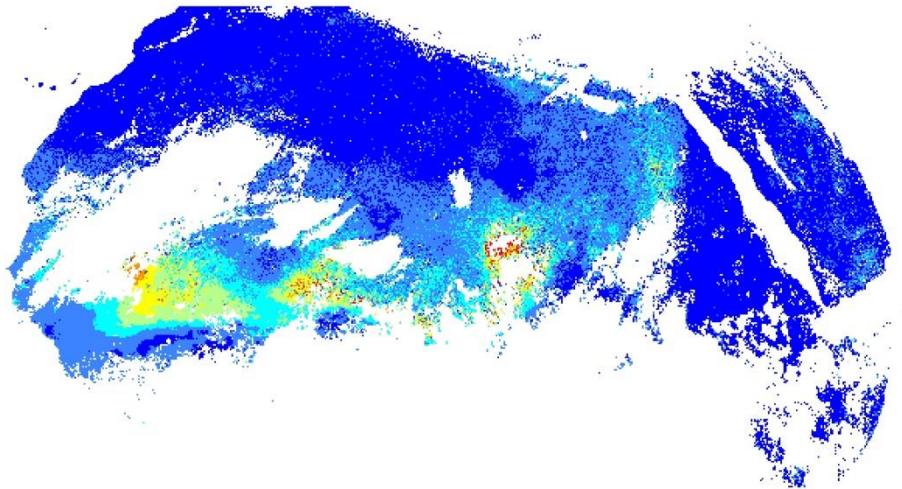
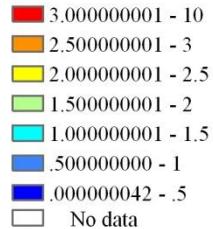


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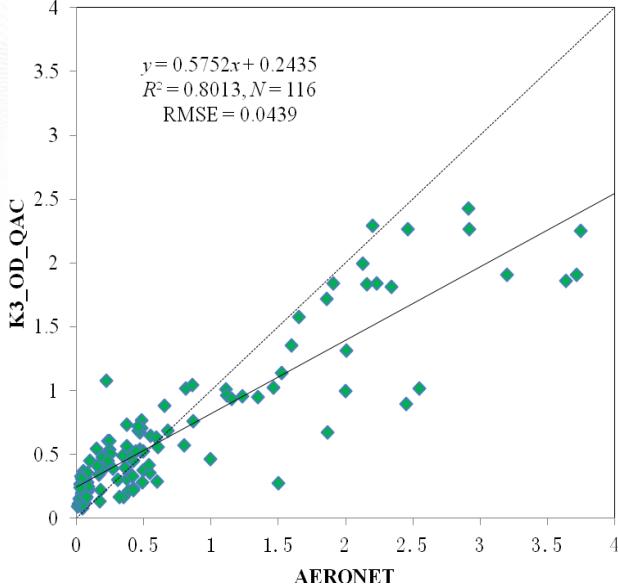
**Figure 1.** Spatial distribution of MSG AOD by the operational MSG aerosol inversion algorithm on 8 March 2006 over North Africa

MSG-AOD

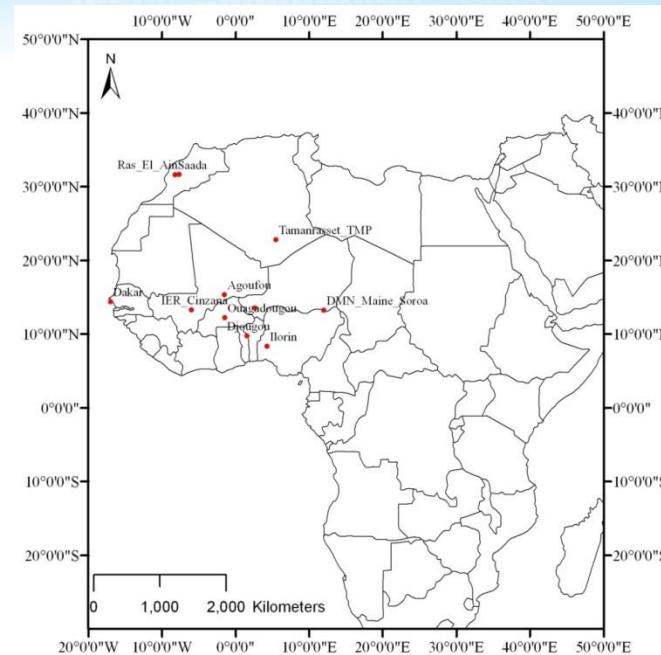


**Figure 2.** Spatial distribution of daily means MSG AOD by LABITS algorithm on 8 March 2006 over North Africa

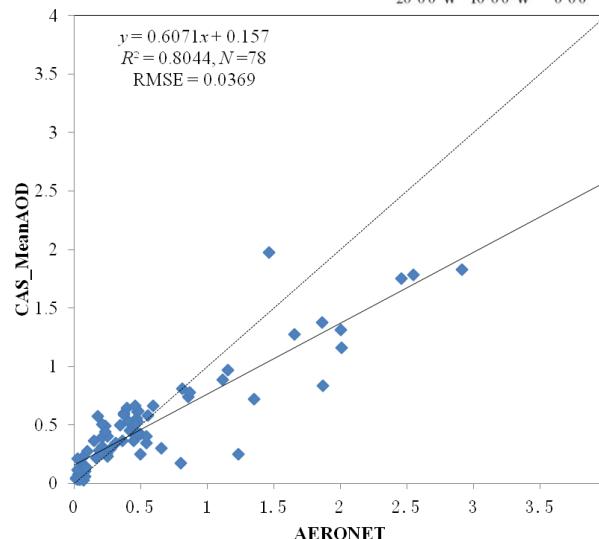
# Preliminary validation



**Scatterplots between daily average AERONET and MSG AOD estimates by the operational MSG aerosol inversion algorithm during 1 March 2006 to 15 March 2006**

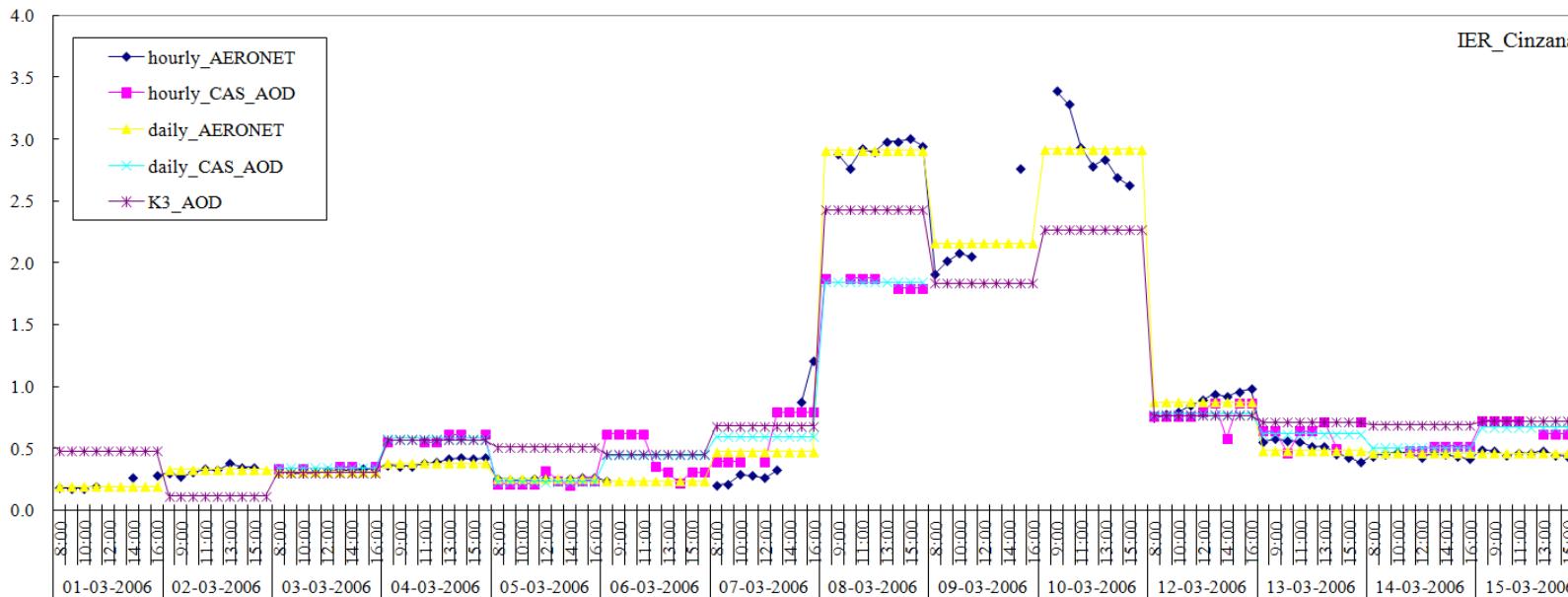
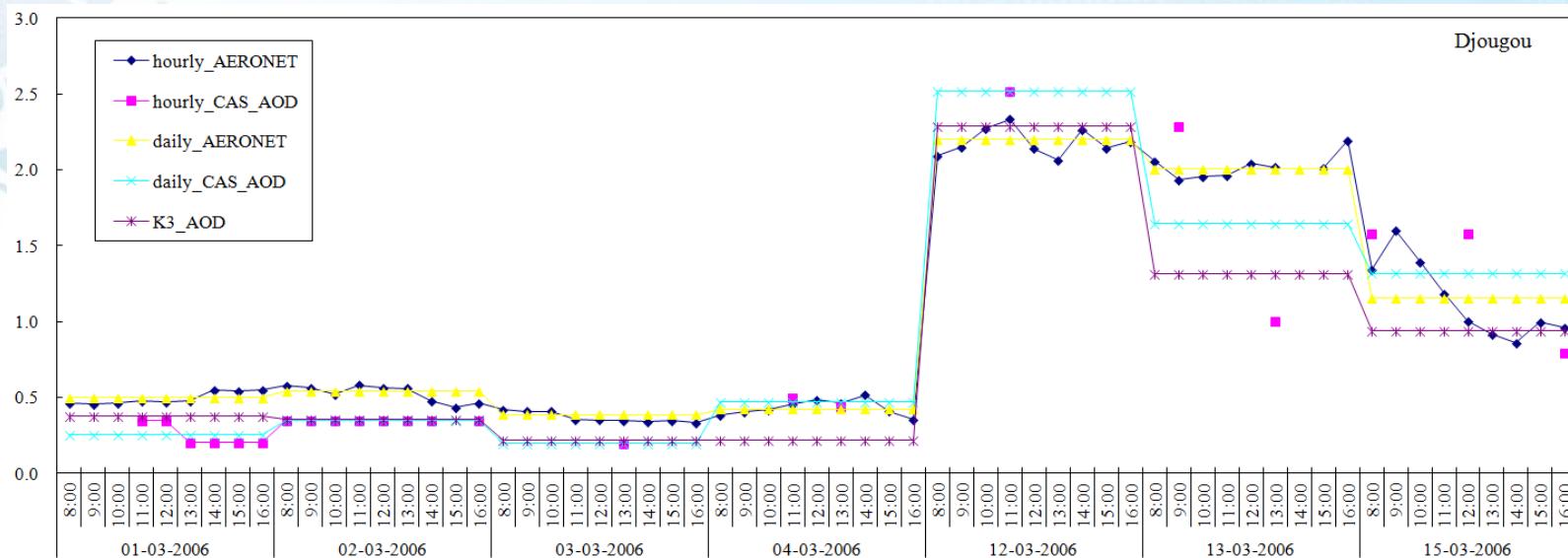


**Location of the AERONET stations investigated in the present study**



**Scatterplots between daily average AERONET and Mean MSG AOD estimates by LABITS algorithm during 1 March 2006 to 15 March 2006**

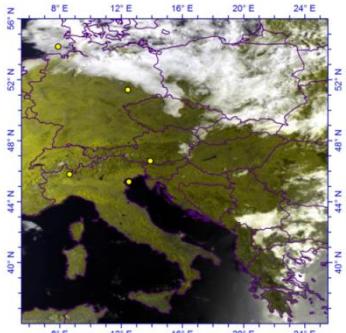
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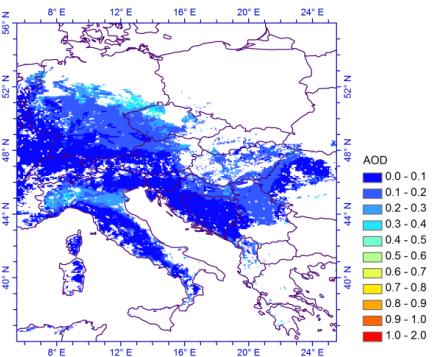
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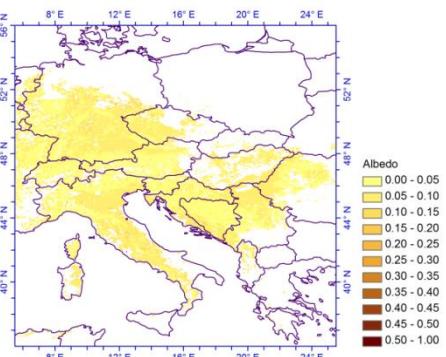
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NOAA-15 AVHRR AOD at 0.63 um over EUR on 08/14/2001



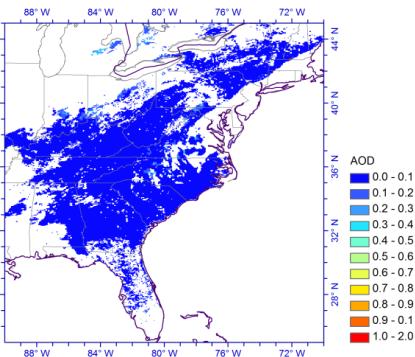
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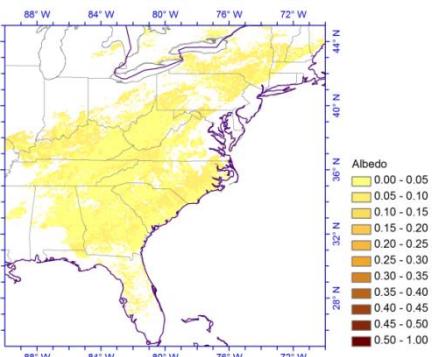
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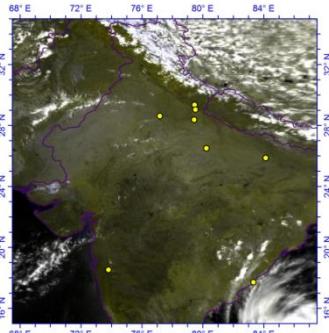
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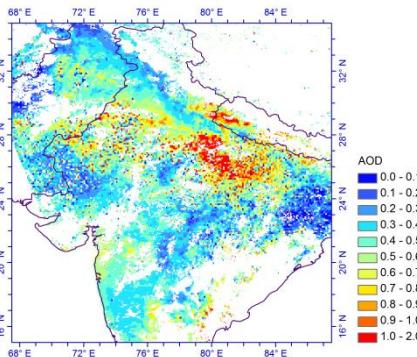
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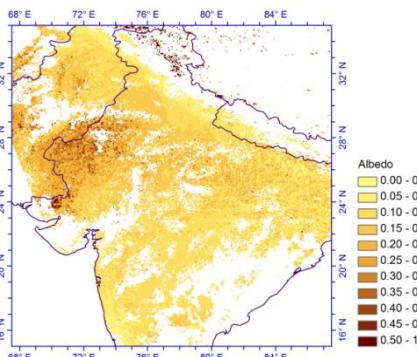
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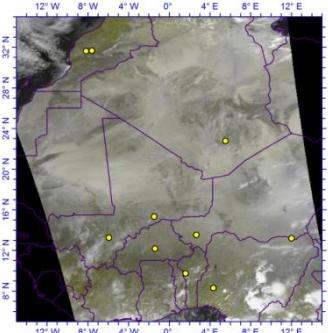
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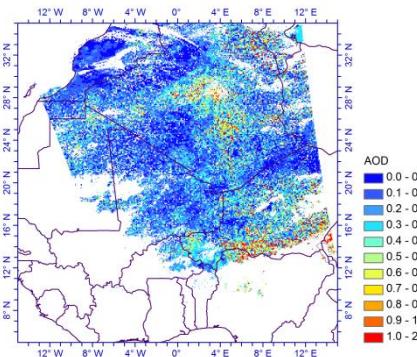
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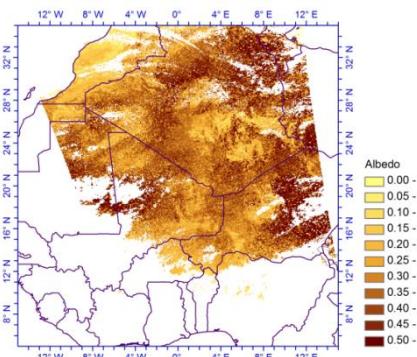
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NOAA-18 AVHRR AOD at 0.63 um over SAH on 04/29/2008



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# Improved Aerosol Optical Depth and Ångstrom Exponent Retrieval over Land from MODIS Based on the Non-Lambertian Forward Model

## Non-Lambertian Forward Model

$$\rho^* = \rho_a + \frac{\bar{T}(\mu_s) \bar{R} \bar{T}(\mu_v) - e^{-\tau/\mu_s} |\bar{R}| e^{-\tau/\mu_v} \cdot S}{1 - \rho_{BHR} S}$$

$\bar{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & \rho_{DHR} \\ \rho_{HDR} & \rho_{BHR} \end{bmatrix}$  denotes the reflectance matrix, while  $\rho_{DHR}$  is the directional-hemispherical reflectance (DHR),  $\rho_{HDR}$  is the hemispherical-directional reflectance (HDR),  $\rho_{BHR}$  is the bi-hemispherical reflectance (BHR) equal to the surface albedo.

$$|\bar{R}| = \rho \cdot \rho_{BHR} - \rho_{HDR} \cdot \rho_{DHR}$$

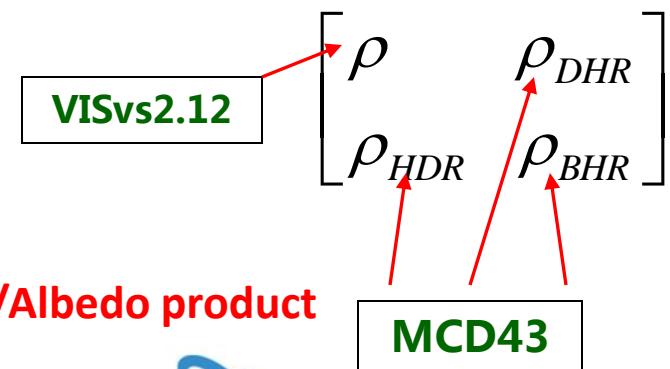
The determinant of the reflectance matrix  $\bar{R}$

$$\bar{T}(\mu_s) = [e^{-\tau/\mu_s} \quad t_d(\mu_s)]$$

$$\bar{T}(\mu_v) = [e^{-\tau/\mu_v} \quad t_d(\mu_v)]$$

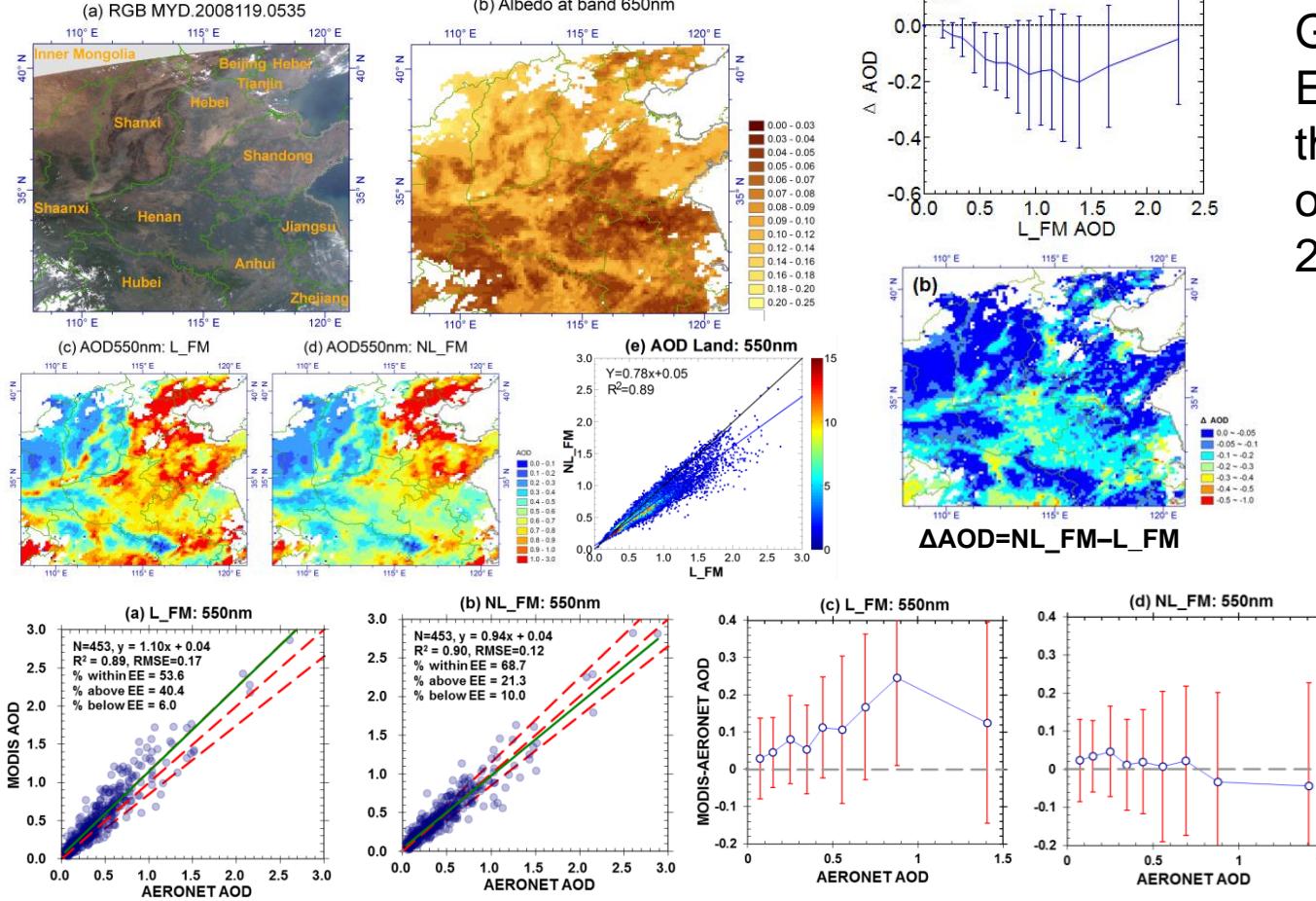
Transmission matrices.

MCD43: BRDF/Albedo product



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Granule retrieved over Eastern China from the MODIS-Aqua obtained on April 28, 2008 at 05:35 UTC.

**AOD:**  
68.7% vs. 53.6%  
 $EE = \pm 0.05 \pm 0.1$

**Systematic overestimation:**  
40.4% vs. 21.3%

over the study area of Eastern China

Leiku Yang, Yong Xue, Jie Guang, Hassan Kazemian, Chi Li, and Tingkai Wang, 2013, IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letter, (Revised).



# Aerosol Properties Retrieval over Snow (APRS)

The main concept of the most frequently used approximate radiative transfer equations consists of substituting the exact integrodifferential equation for radiant intensity by common differential equations for the upward and incident radiation fluxes (Kondratyev et al., 1969).

## Two-Stream approximation

$$\frac{dF^{(1)}}{d\tau} = -m^{(1)}(\tau) [k + \sigma\Gamma^{(1)}(\tau)] F^{(1)}(\tau) + m^{(2)}(\tau) \sigma\Gamma^{(2)}(\tau) F^{(2)}(\tau)$$

$$-\frac{dF^{(2)}}{d\tau} = m^{(2)}(\tau) k \Gamma^{(2)}(\tau) F^{(2)}(\tau) - m^{(2)}(\tau) [k + \sigma\Gamma^{(2)}(\tau)] F^{(2)}(\tau)$$

$$R = \frac{(1 - R'M_1)e^{\rho_1 \tau_A^\lambda} + (R'M_2 - 1)e^{\rho_2 \tau_A^\lambda}}{(R'M_2 - 1)M_1 e^{\rho_2 \tau_A^\lambda} + (1 - R'M_1)M_2 e^{\rho_1 \tau_A^\lambda}}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{m^{(1)}(1 - \omega) + m^{(1)}\omega\Gamma + \rho_2}{m^{(2)}\omega\Gamma}$$

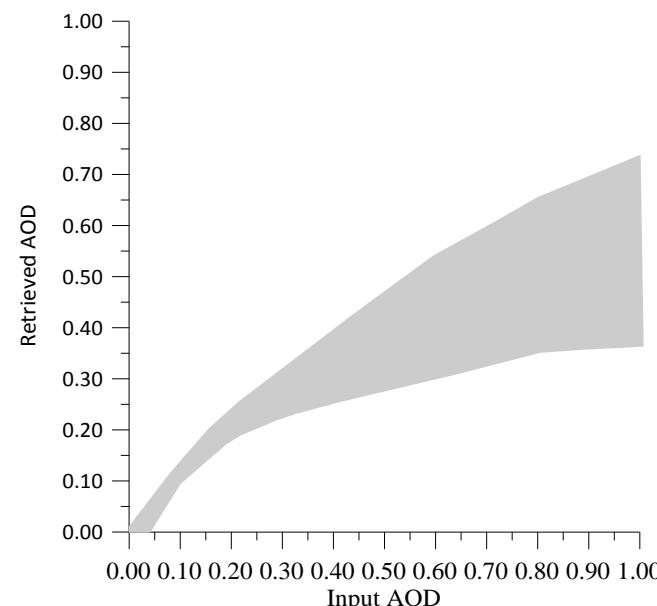
$$M_1 = \frac{m^{(1)}(1 - \omega) + m^{(1)}\omega\Gamma + \rho_1}{m^{(2)}\omega\Gamma}$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{(m^{(2)} - m^{(1)})(1 - \omega + \omega\Gamma) - \sqrt{(m^{(1)} - m^{(2)})^2(1 - \omega + \omega\Gamma)^2 + 4m^{(1)}m^{(2)}(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega + 2\omega\Gamma)}}{2} \quad m^{(1)} = 2$$

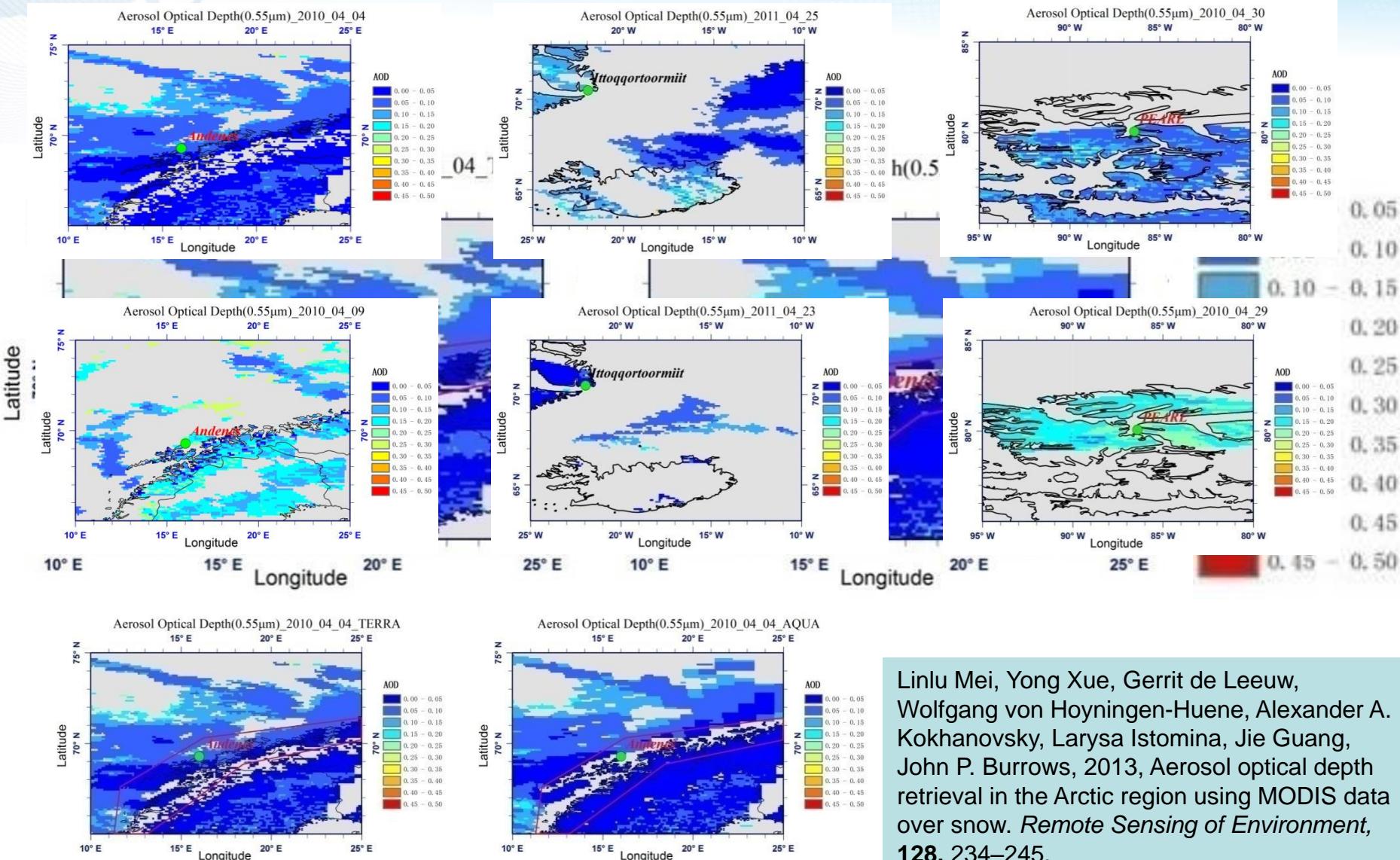
$$\rho_1 = \frac{(m^{(2)} - m^{(1)})(1 - \omega + \omega\Gamma) + \sqrt{(m^{(1)} - m^{(2)})^2(1 - \omega + \omega\Gamma)^2 + 4m^{(1)}m^{(2)}(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega + 2\omega\Gamma)}}{2} \quad m^{(2)} = \sec\theta$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^j \left( \frac{R^{\text{RTE}}_{Terra, \lambda_i}}{R^{\text{RTE}}_{Aqua, \lambda_i}} - \frac{R^{\text{BRDF}}_{Terra, \lambda_i}}{R^{\text{BRDF}}_{Aqua, \lambda_i}} \right)^2 < \chi$$

**9 Equations = 9 Un-knows**

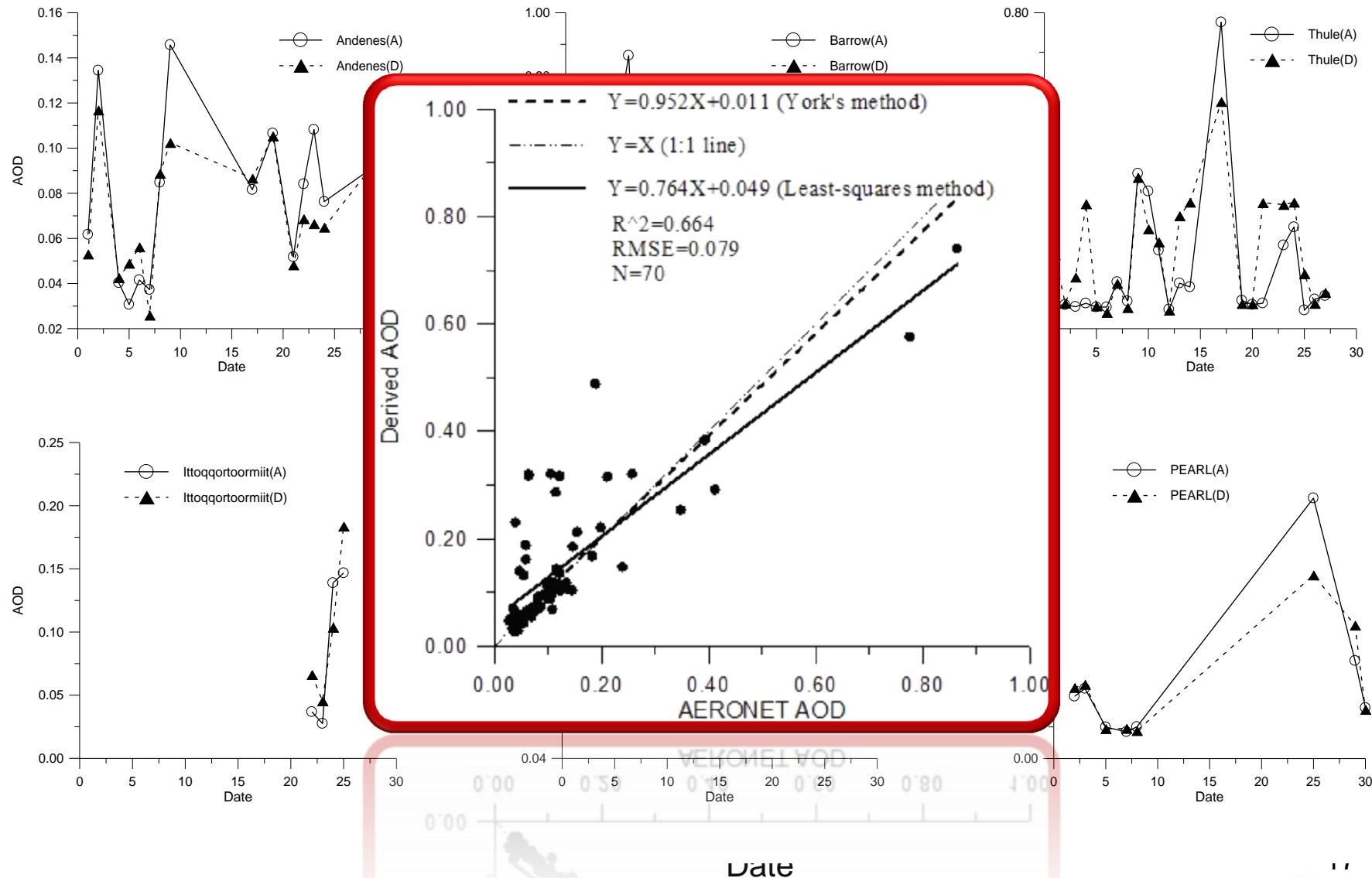


# Retrieval Results



Linlu Mei, Yong Xue, Gerrit de Leeuw, Wolfgang von Hoyningen-Huene, Alexander A. Kokhanovsky, Larysa Istomina, Jie Guang, John P. Burrows, 2013, Aerosol optical depth retrieval in the Arctic region using MODIS data over snow. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, **128**, 234–245.

# Validations



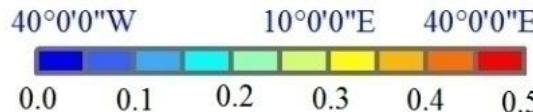
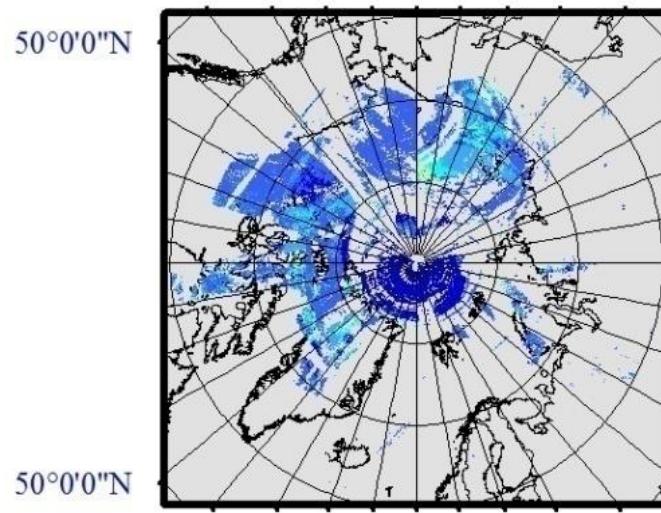
# AOD of Arctic Region



Stohl et al., 2007

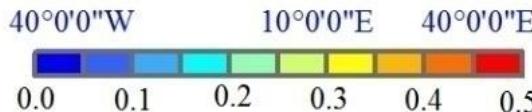
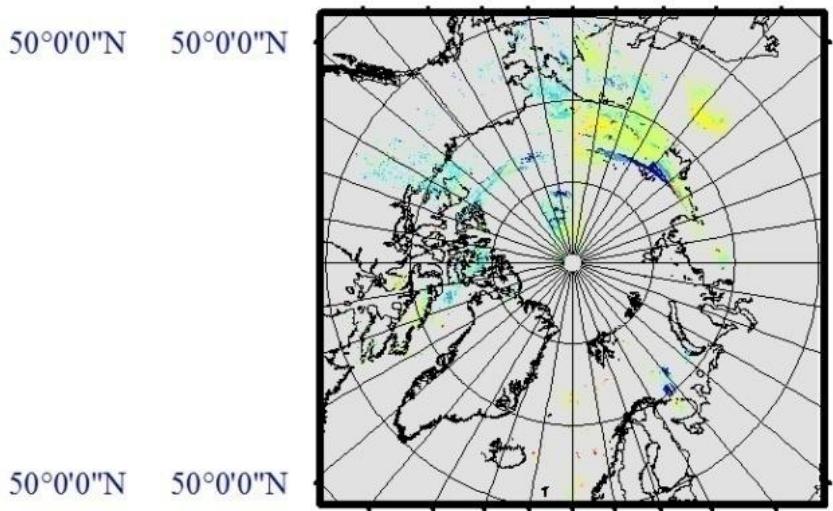
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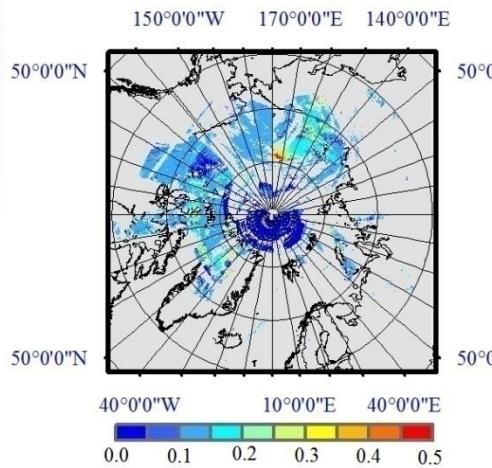
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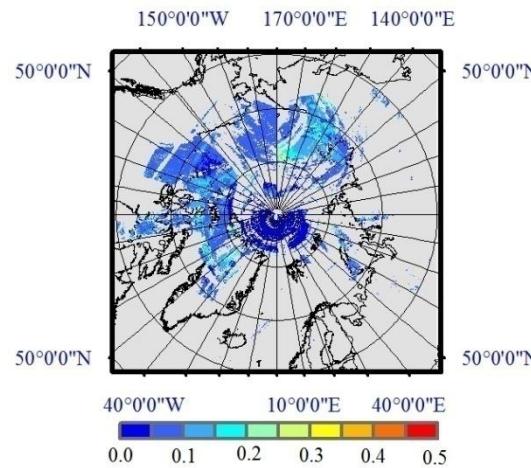
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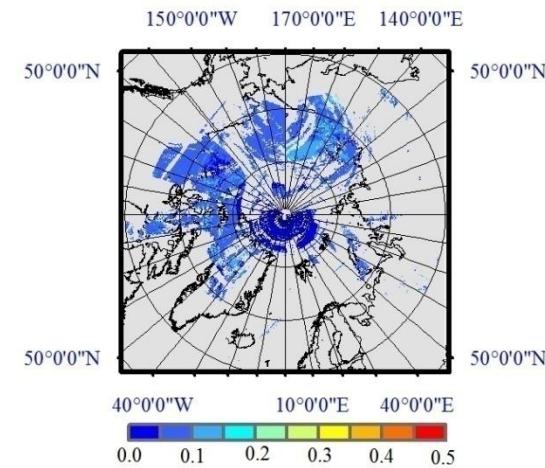
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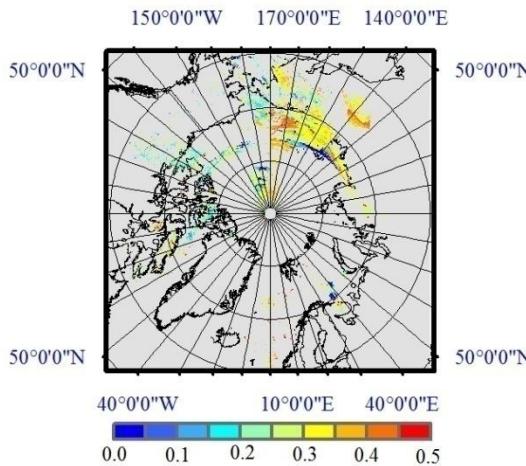
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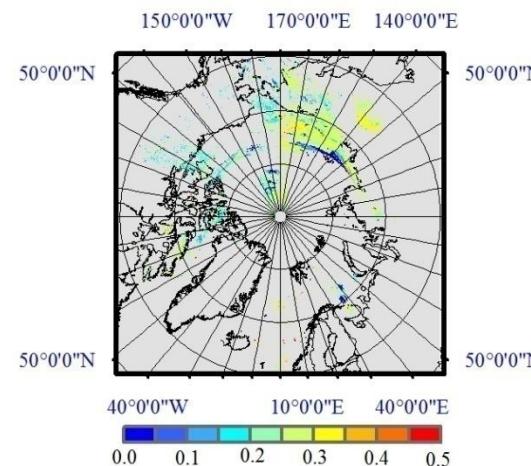
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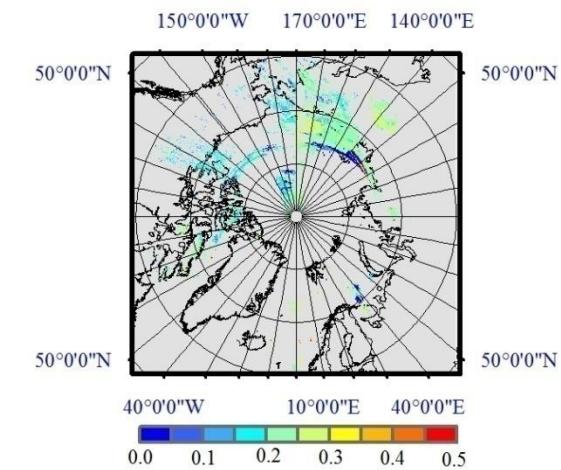
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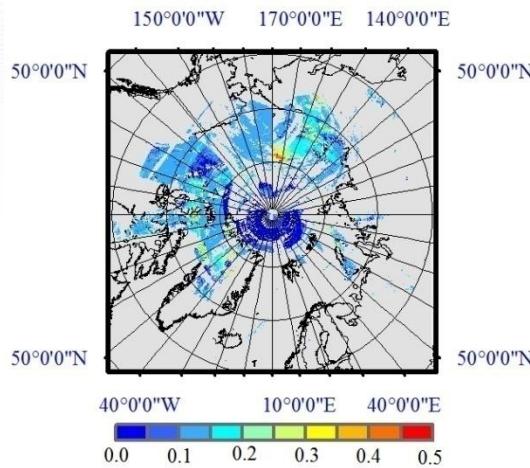
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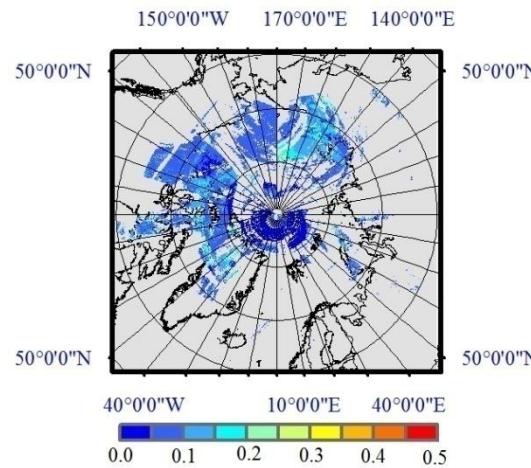
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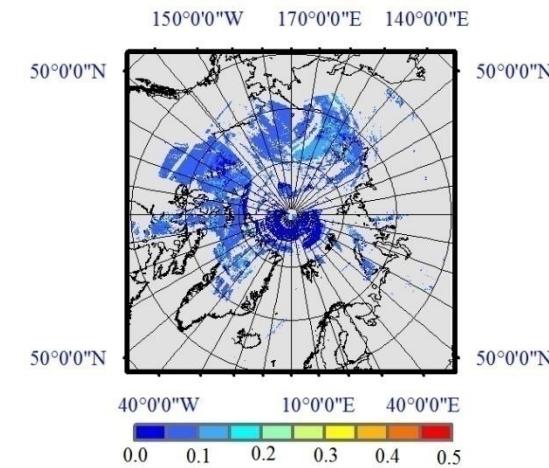
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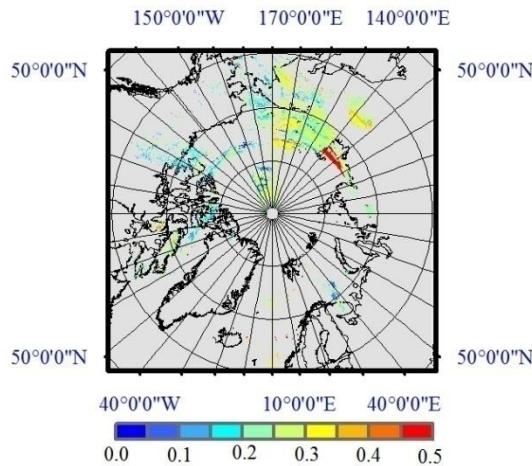
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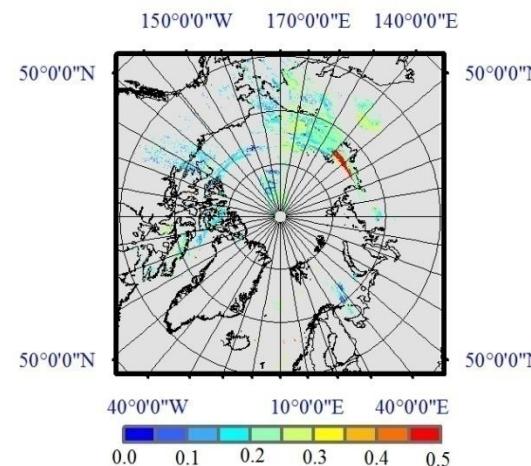
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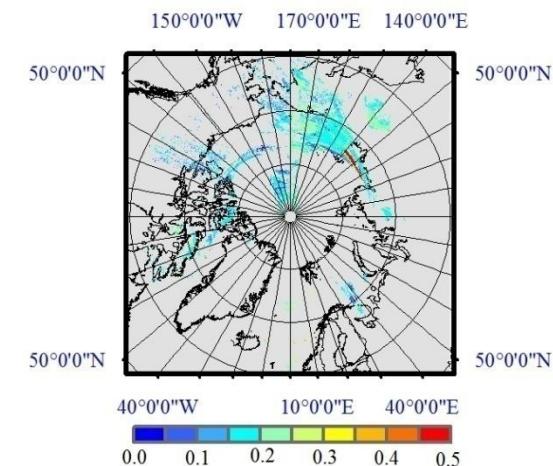
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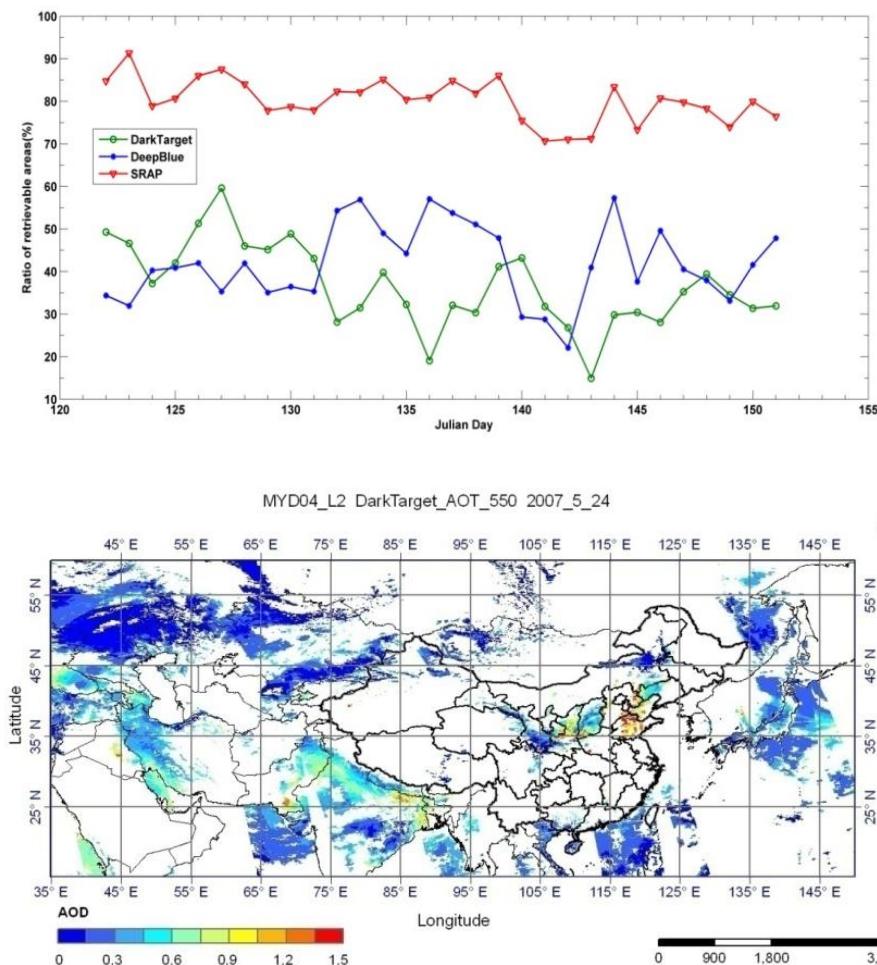
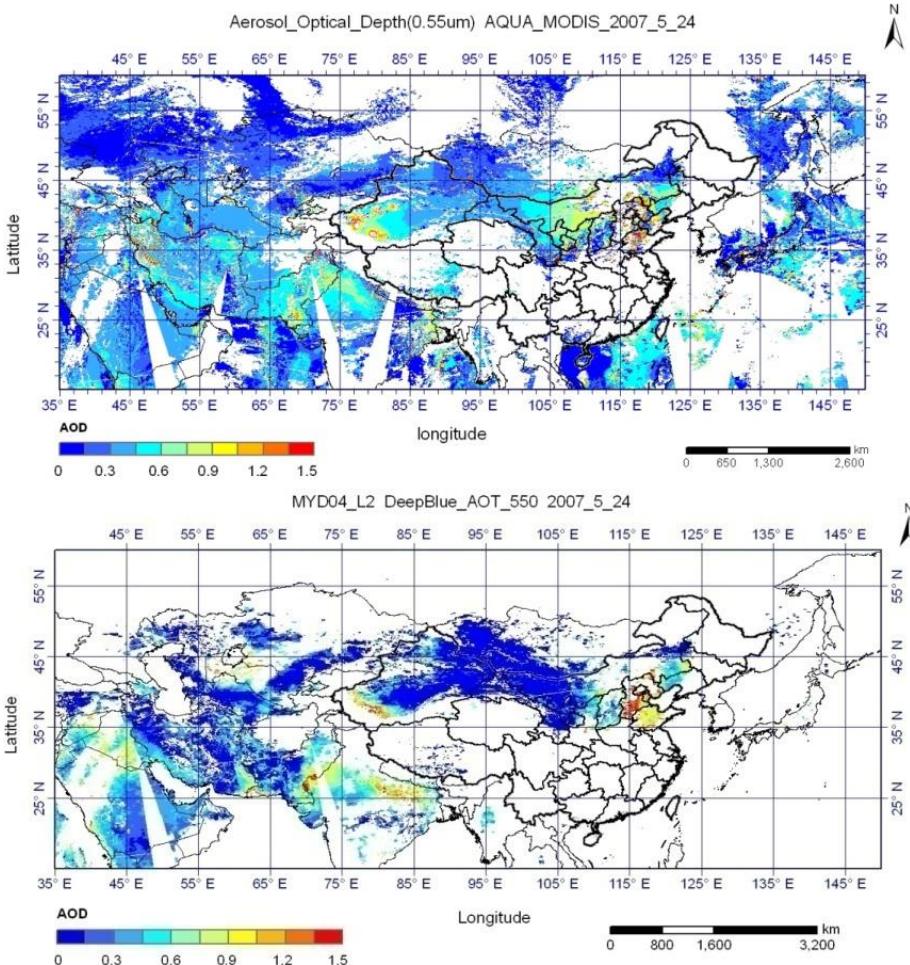


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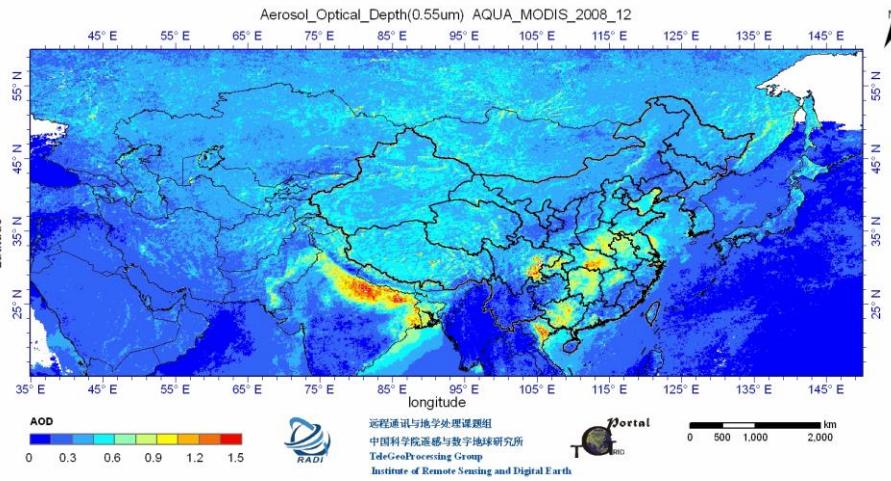
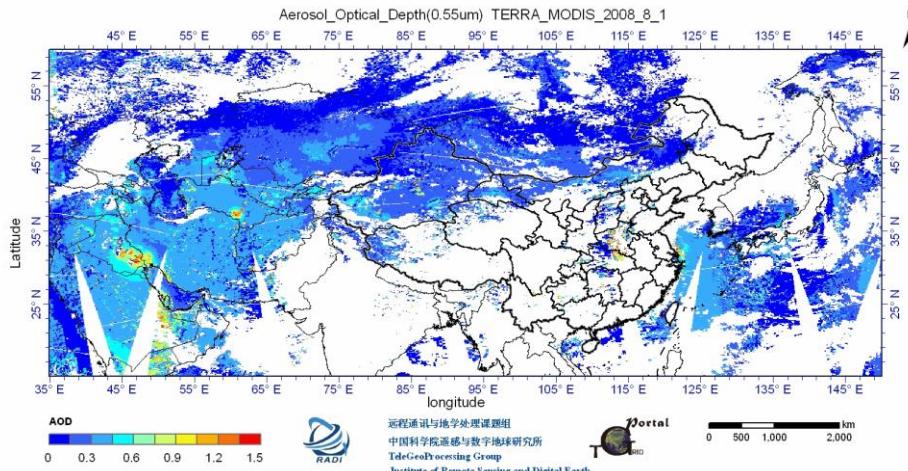


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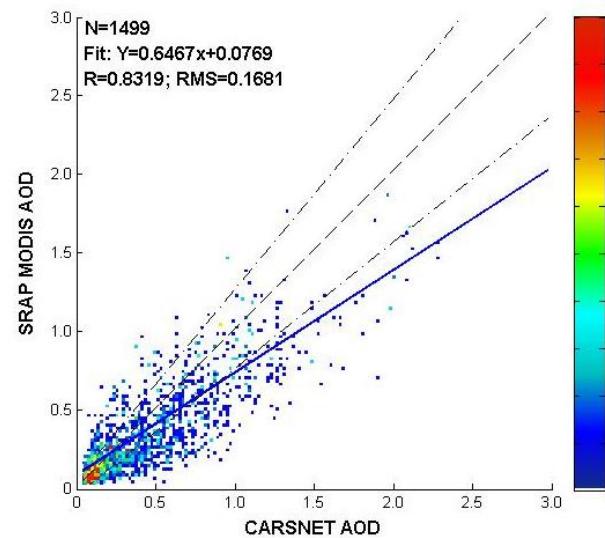
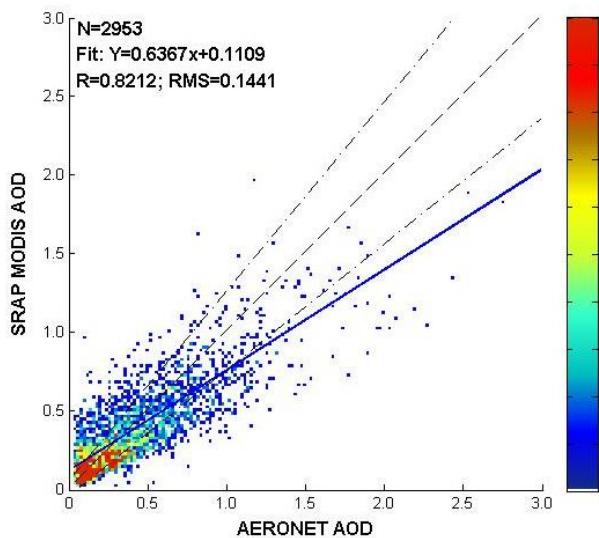
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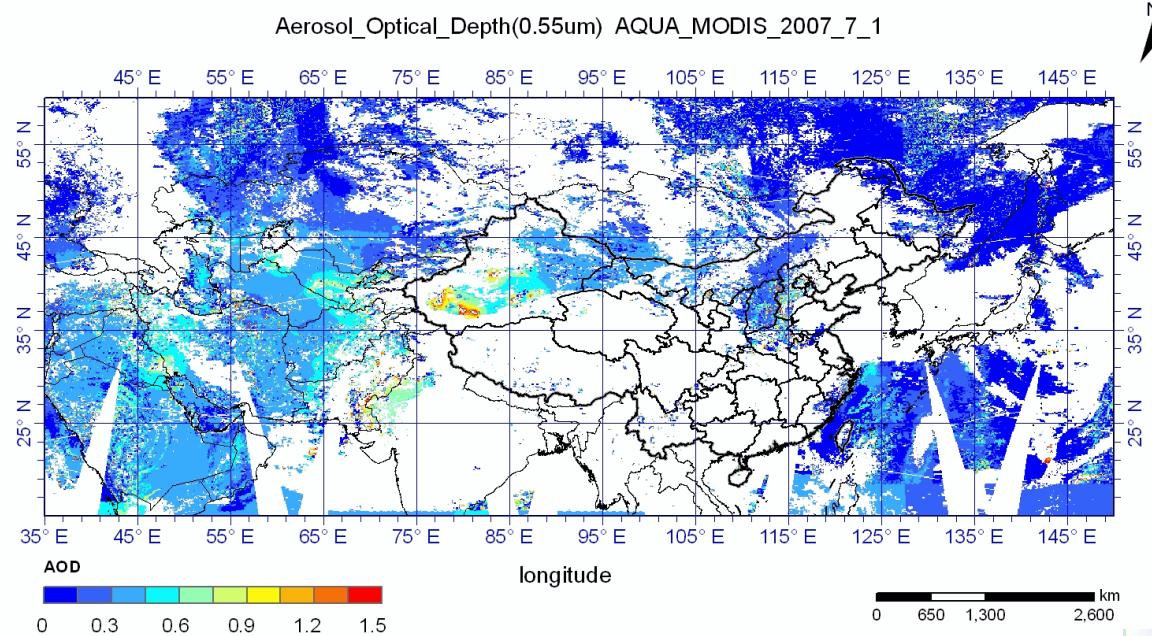
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# AOD data collection over Mainland China

## China Collection 2.0 & 2.1



Spatial Resolution: 10km, 1km  
Temporal Scale: from August 2002

(AOD at 1 km resolution)



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