# Satellite based global dust source inventories

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#### Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS)

$$AI = -100 \ \left[\log \ \left(\frac{I_{\lambda}}{I_{\lambda_0}}\right)_{meas} - \log \ \left(\frac{I_{\lambda}}{I_{\lambda_0}}\right)_{calc}\right]$$

nUV Absorbing Aerosol => TOMS AI > 0

Dust source = maxima of distribution of Frequency Of Occurrence (FOO) TOMS Al > Al<sub>thresh</sub> (Al<sub>thresh</sub> = 0.7 West Africa and Central Asia, 0.2 everywhere else)

Data too coarse for attribution (e.g. hydrographic features)

Data screened out in regions with other type of absorbing aerosols (e.g. from anthropogenic activities)

# **Dust detection from space**

Limitations of TOMS AI:

•Presence of absorbing aerosols other than dust

- •Dependency on vertical profile
- Coarse resolution

New satellite instruments with multiple channels retrieval (e.g. MISR, MODIS): •Spectral variation of  $\tau$ ,  $\omega$ •Possibility to screen  $\tau$ ,  $\omega$  for characteristic aerosol properties

MODIS Deep Blue (Hsu et al., IEEE, 2004, 2006): •Channels: 412, 470, 670 nm •Products: τ, ω at 412, 550 an 670nm

# Outline

- Dust Optical Depth
  - Screen MODIS DB  $\tau$  with  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$  to obtain DOD
  - Statistics
- Dust sources
  - FOO of Dust
  - Comparison with TOMS and OMI AI
- Dust emission
  - Comparison with GOCART topographic emission
  - Quantify emission from hydrographic features
  - Quantify emission from land use ("anthropogenic")

#### **Dust and Angstrom Exponent**



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#### **Dust and**

#### **Spectral Variation of Single Scattering Albedo**

#### **Desert Dust**

Bahrain/Persian Gulf
--⊞--Solar Village/Saudi Arabia
Cape Verde

#### Oceanic Aerosol





Dust  $\omega(\lambda 1) < \omega(\lambda 2) < \omega(\lambda 3)$  $\Delta \omega / \Delta \lambda > 0$ 

# MODIS DB Level 2







#### MODIS DB Dust Optical Depth March-April-May (2003-2009)



	All Aerosol Optical Depth						Dust Optical Depth					
0	0.1	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	2	

#### Comparison with AERONET data **Collocated sunphotometers**



Relative difference(%) of MODIS and AERONET AOD

# Frequency Distribution of seasonal DOD over North Africa and China



Fitting frequency distribution With lognormal ( $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ )

Region	M-A-M				
Name	$\mu$	$\sigma$			
North Ame	0.466	1.62			
South Ame	0.359	1.69			
North Afric	0.565	1.54			
South Afric	0.355	1.6			
West Asia	0.57	1.61			
Central Asi	0.59	1.65			
East Asia	0.604	1.66			
Australia	0.299	1.65			

DOD is most frequently > 0.2

# **MODIS DB Dust Sources**

Dust sources identified by frequency of occurrence (FOO) of **DOD > 0.2** 

Association of FOO with

1. hydrographic features:

•ephemeral lakes, rivers, shallow lakes

- •dataset: 1x1km MODLAND
- 2. Land use:
  - agriculture (proxy for anthropogenic activities)
  - •Dataset: 10x10km Klein Goldewijk, GBC, 2001



# **US MODIS DB Dust Sources M-A-M**



Mostly "anthropogenic" sources in Midwest and Southwest Hydrographic origin in multiple locations Mostly "natural" sources in Nevada, North Mexico

### FOO of MODIS DB DOD>0.2, TOMS AI, and OMI AI>0.5



Overlapping of FOO TOMS and OMI AI, except East Asia Overlapping MODIS DB and TOMS/OMI AI in most places, except US Midwest MODIS DB outside Prospero et al. (RG, 2002) in India, Sahel, equatorial Africa

## **Dust emission**

Emission = 
$$C L S w^2 (w - w_t) [kg m^{-2} s^{-1}]$$

 $C= 10^{-9} \text{ kg m}^{-5} \text{ s}^2$ 

L =[0-1] land use fraction (Klein Goldewijk, GBC 2001)

#### S=[0-1] from GOCART topographic depression or MODIS DB FOO

w : 3-hourly 10-meter wind speed [m s<sup>-1</sup>] GFDL HIRAM cube-sphere (Zhao et al., JC 2009) C360 (~25x25km) 2006

w<sub>t</sub>=6 m s<sup>-1</sup>





# Conclusions

•New MODIS product:

- •DOD obtained by imposing  $\alpha {<} 0$  and  $\Delta \omega {/} \Delta \lambda {>} 0$
- •Satisfactory comparison with AERONET data
- •DOD is most frequently > 0.2
- •DOD frequency is lognormal distributed with seasonal shifts of mean and skewness

•MODIS DB dust sources

- obtained from FOO distribution
- •Emission calculated using HIRAM C360
- •25% additional to topographic depression (GOCART)
- •25% associated with hydrographic features
- •30% associated with land use (upper limit for "anthropogenic")

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