Remote sensing evaluation of AEROCOM models

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Intro

- Satellite remote sensing datasets provide near global coverage at fairly high temporal resolution (> few days)
- Ground based networks provide baseline

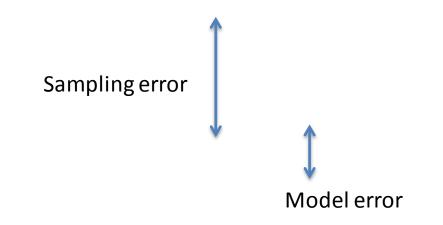
Goals

- Inventory model obs discrepancies
- Identify model errors
- Understand basic causes of those errors

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$$M - O = \varepsilon_M + \varepsilon_O + \varepsilon_{xyt}$$

• Inventory obs diversity / errors (ground truth)

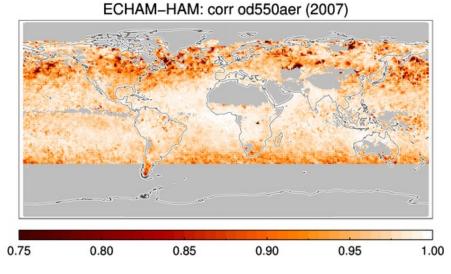
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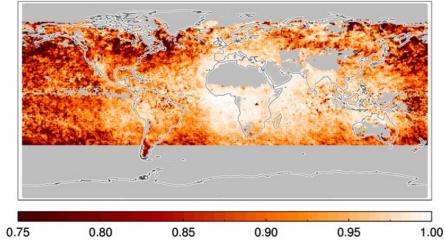
A day is defined as the 24 hours surrounding a MODIS overpass



Correlations between daily model AOT and model AOT at overpass of MODIS Aqua

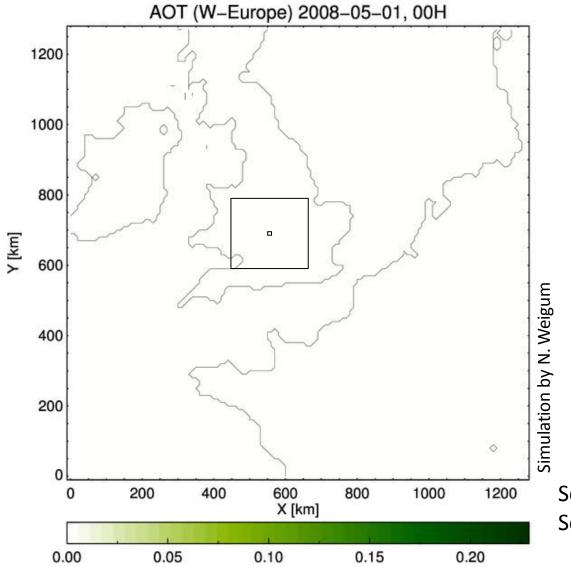
A day is defined by UTC





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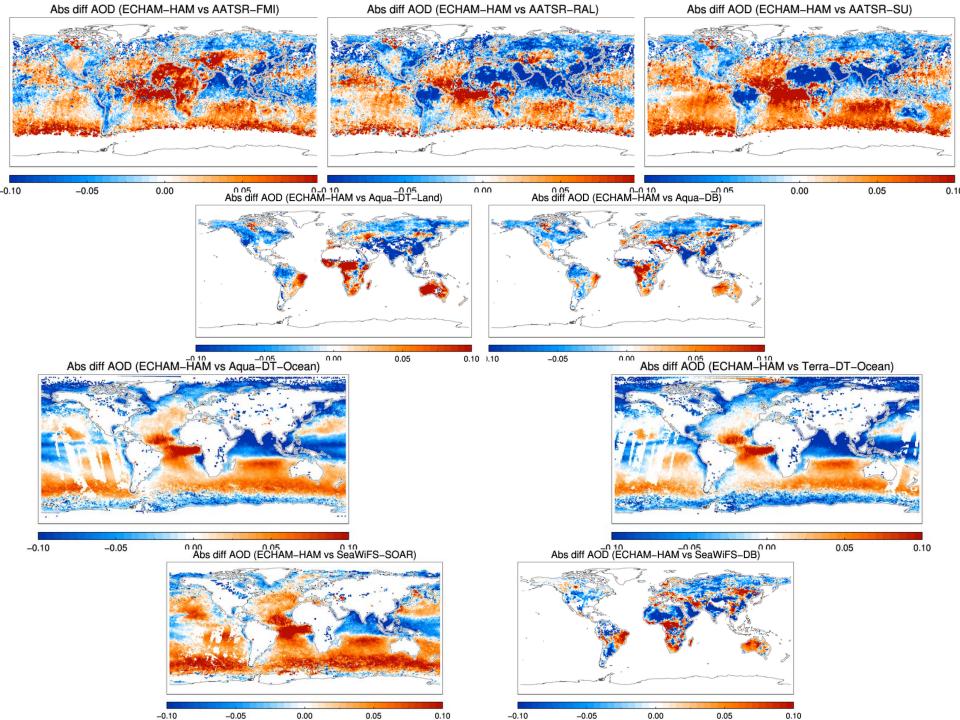
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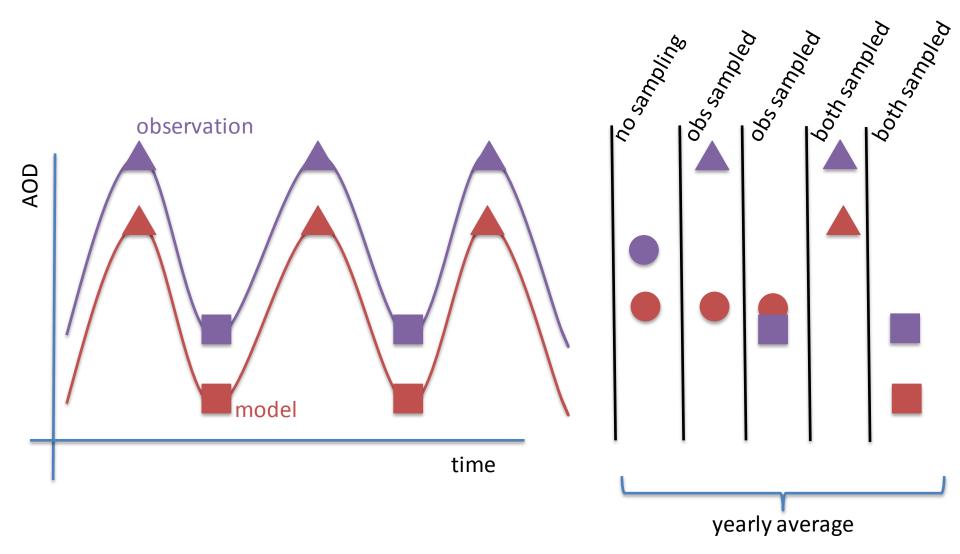
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Basic idea

- Ask remote sensing groups to provide aggregated product (1° x 1° x 30^{min})
- Ask model groups to provide high-frequency output (3^{hr}) of AOT, AE, SSA for CTRL run
- Collocate and analyse datasets
 - CIS tool poster: www.cistools.net



Impact of sampling



Summary

- At least two papers planned
 - comparison of remote sensing data
 - evaluation of AEROCOM models
- Data will be made available at some point
 track AEROCOM model development
- Required extra model output for CTRL:
 - 3-hourly od550aer, abs550aer, od550dust, od550lt1aer, dry od550aer, RH
 - req. document available

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