

MODIS aerosol, &  
the use of fine fraction to estimate  
anthropogenic contributions

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## MODIS:

- Spectral AOT, aerosol properties => solar reflected flux
  - Fine fraction => classification of aerosol to anthropogenic, natural
  - Cloud fraction and properties
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- Aerosol radiative effect, forcing measured in cloud free conditions

## MODELS:

- Compare to the MODIS measurements
- Estimate the effect of clouds on TOA flux/forcing
- Using AERONET SSA climatology estimate flux/forcing at the surface

2005

**Feb-Apr** Informal Review of Zero-Order Draft

**May** 2nd LA Meeting (China)

Note that literature to be cited will need  
to be published or available in draft form

**Sep-Nov** Expert Review of First-Order Draft

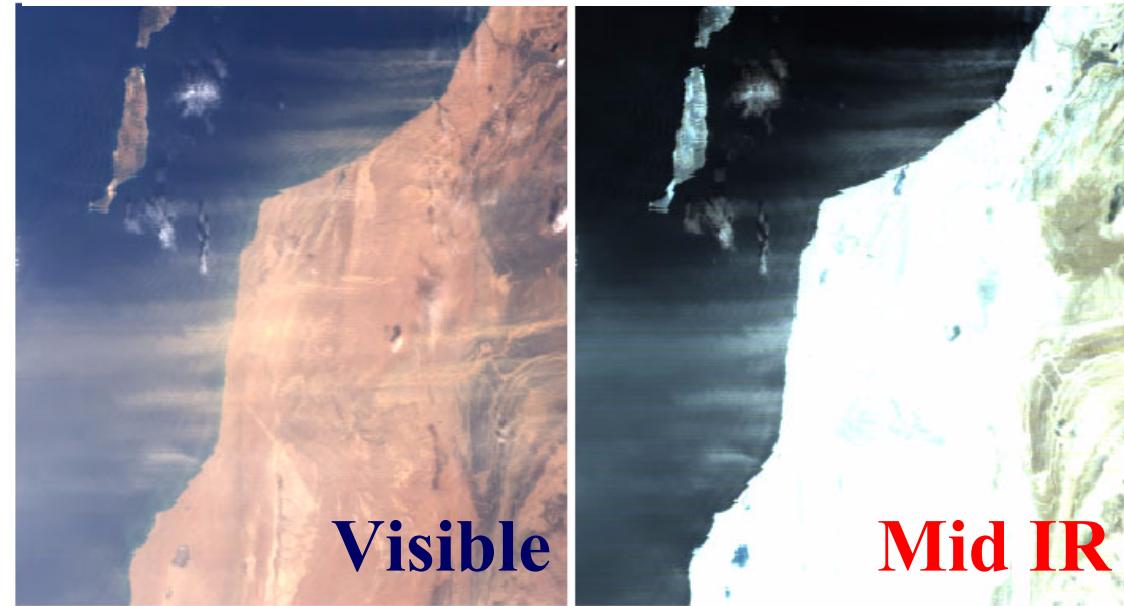
Nov 3rd LA Meeting (New Zealand)

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MODIS: Saharan dust, Jan. 2002

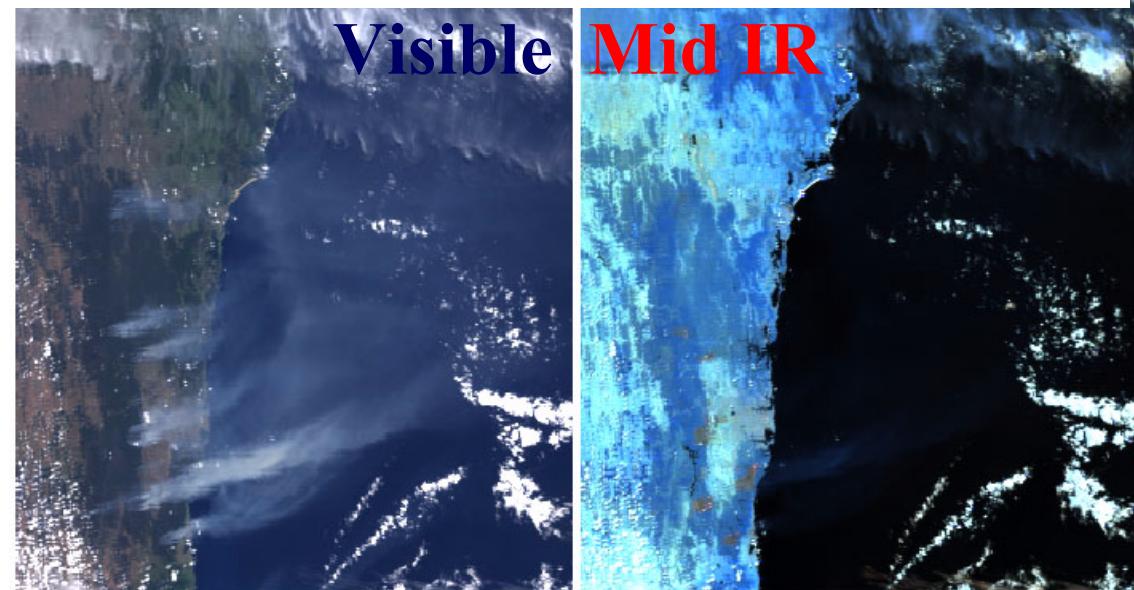
## MODIS wide spectral range:

- Distinguish dust from smoke / pollution aerosol

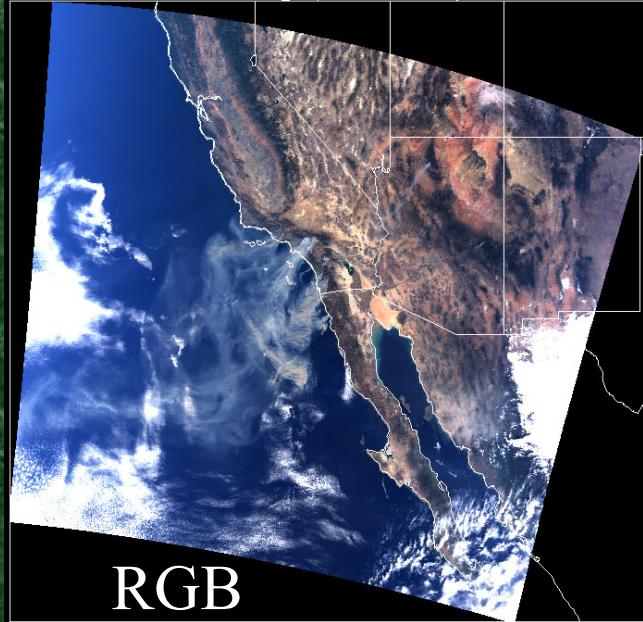


Fires in Australia, Dec 2001

- Distinguish aerosol from land reflectance

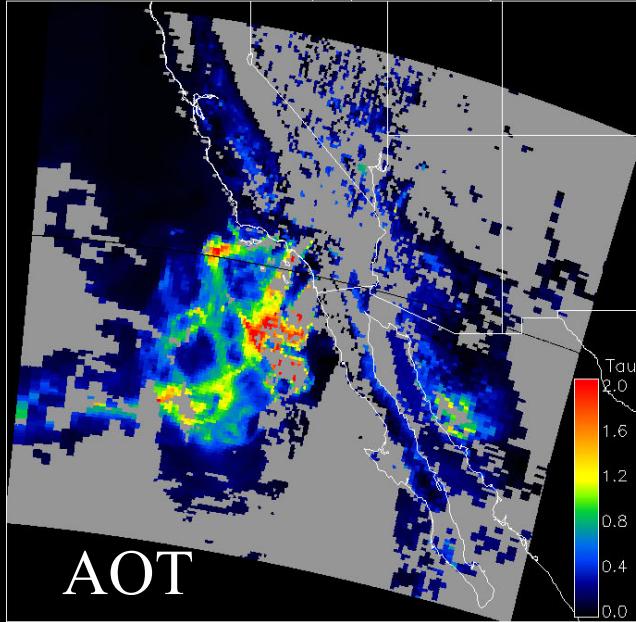


MOD RGB Image (Oct. 26, 2003)



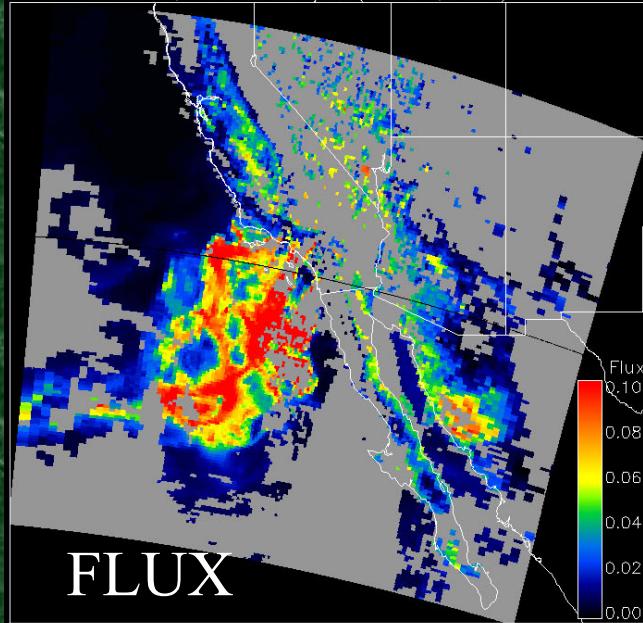
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MOD L2, AOT at 0.55  $\mu\text{m}$ (Oct. 26, 2003)



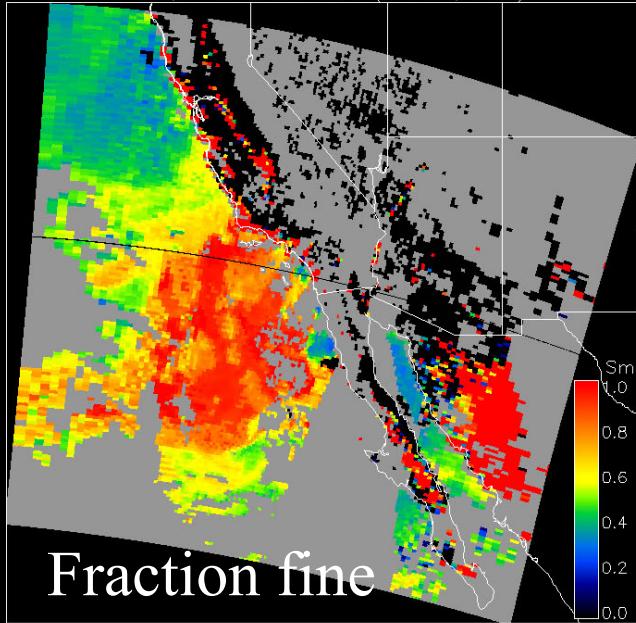
AOT

MOD L2, Flux at 0.55 $\mu\text{m}$  (Oct. 26, 2003)



FLUX

MOD L2, Small Mode Ratio (Oct. 26, 2003)



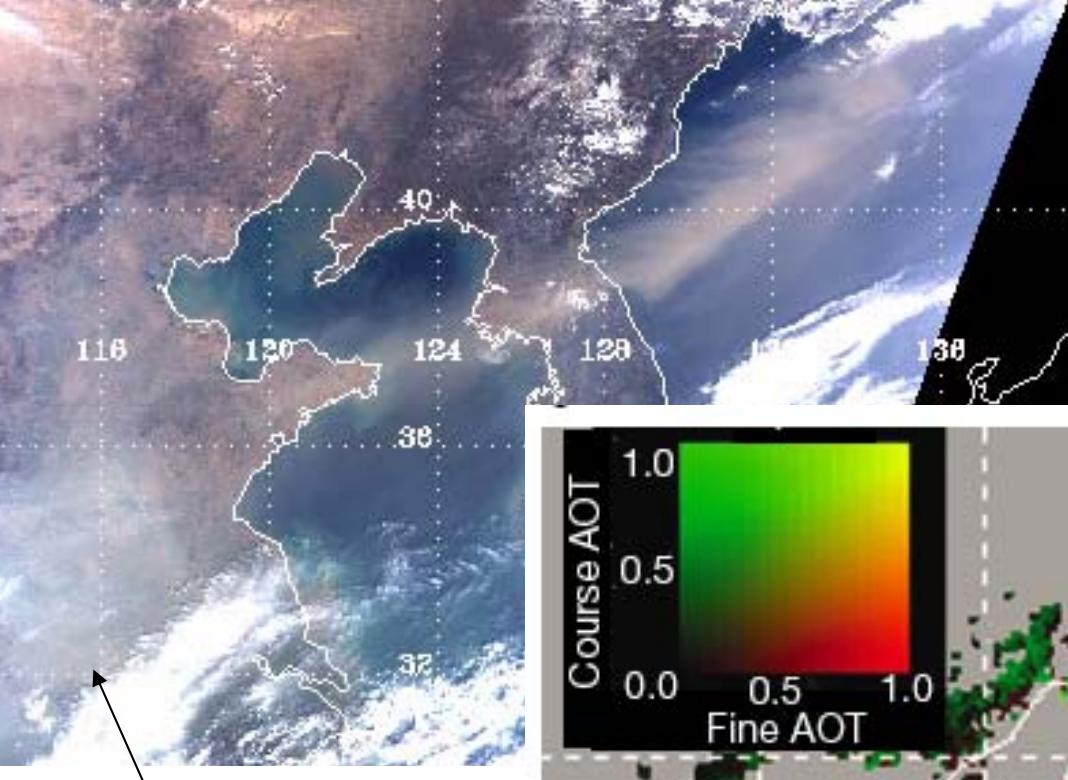
Fraction fine

California  
Wildfires  
Oct. 26, 2003

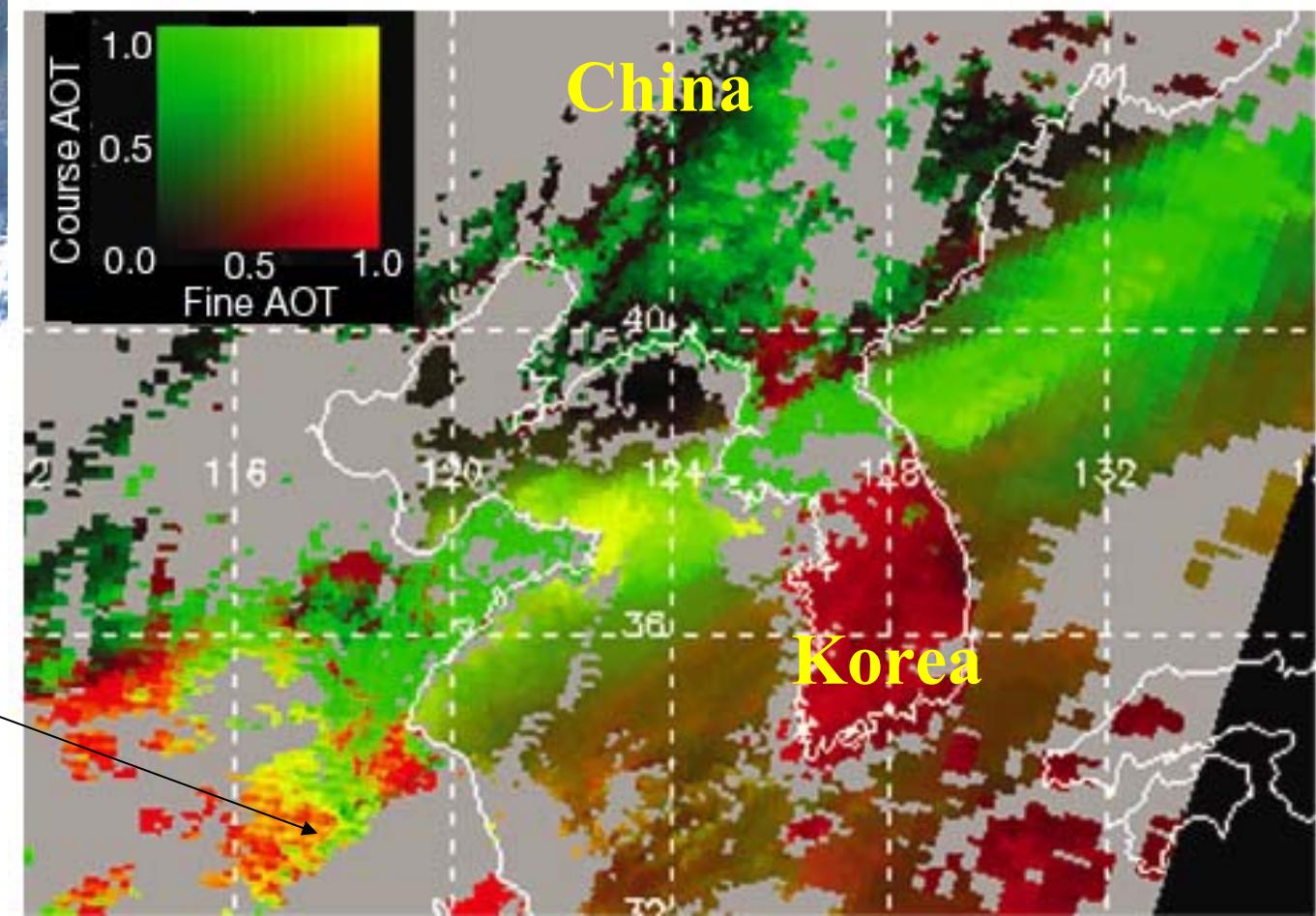
From Terra-  
MODIS

Rong-Rong Li

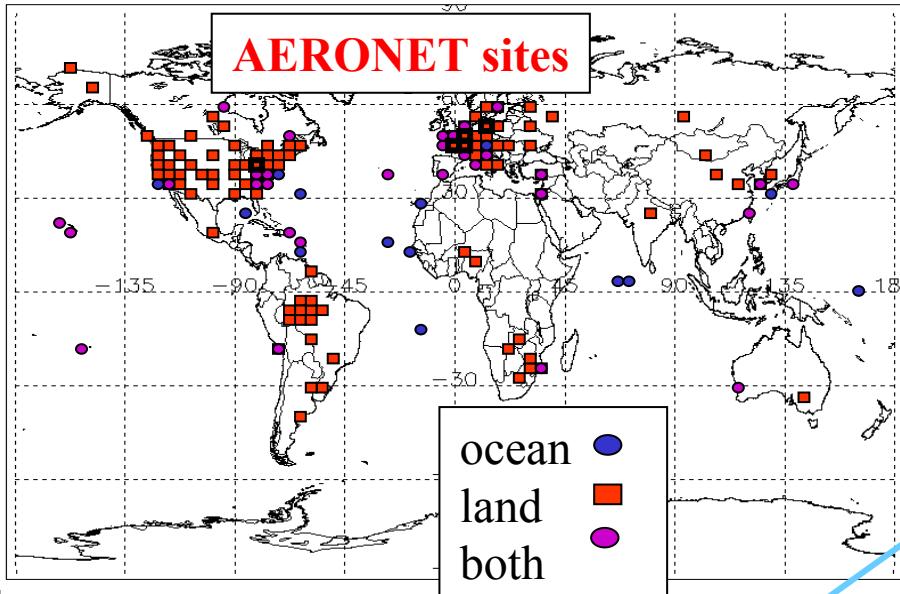
# MODIS Aerosol optical thickness of coarse dust and fine pollution March 20, 2001



MODIS high spatial and spectral resolution distinguishes clouds from aerosol



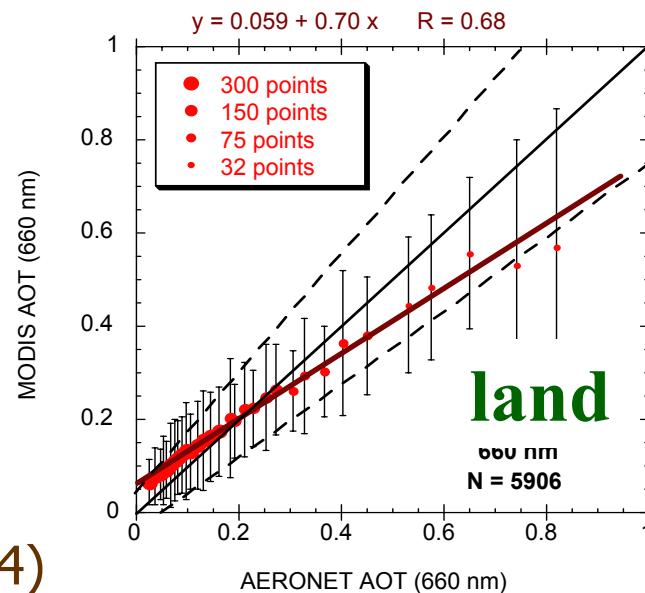
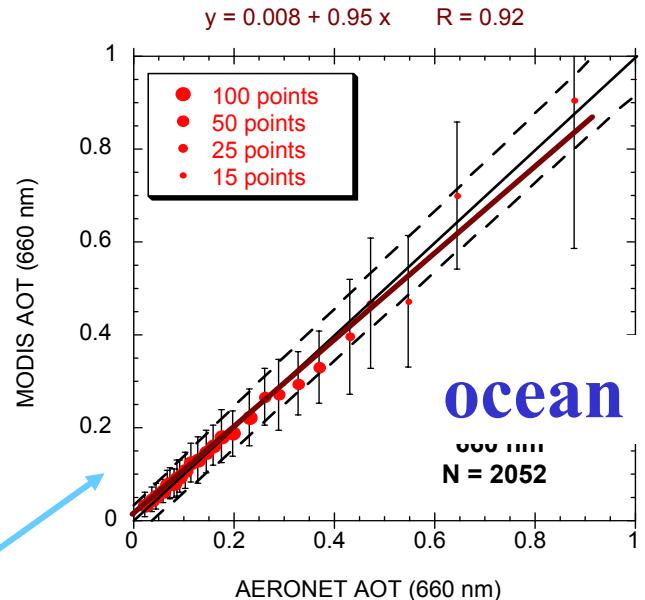
# MODIS aerosol validation 2000-2002

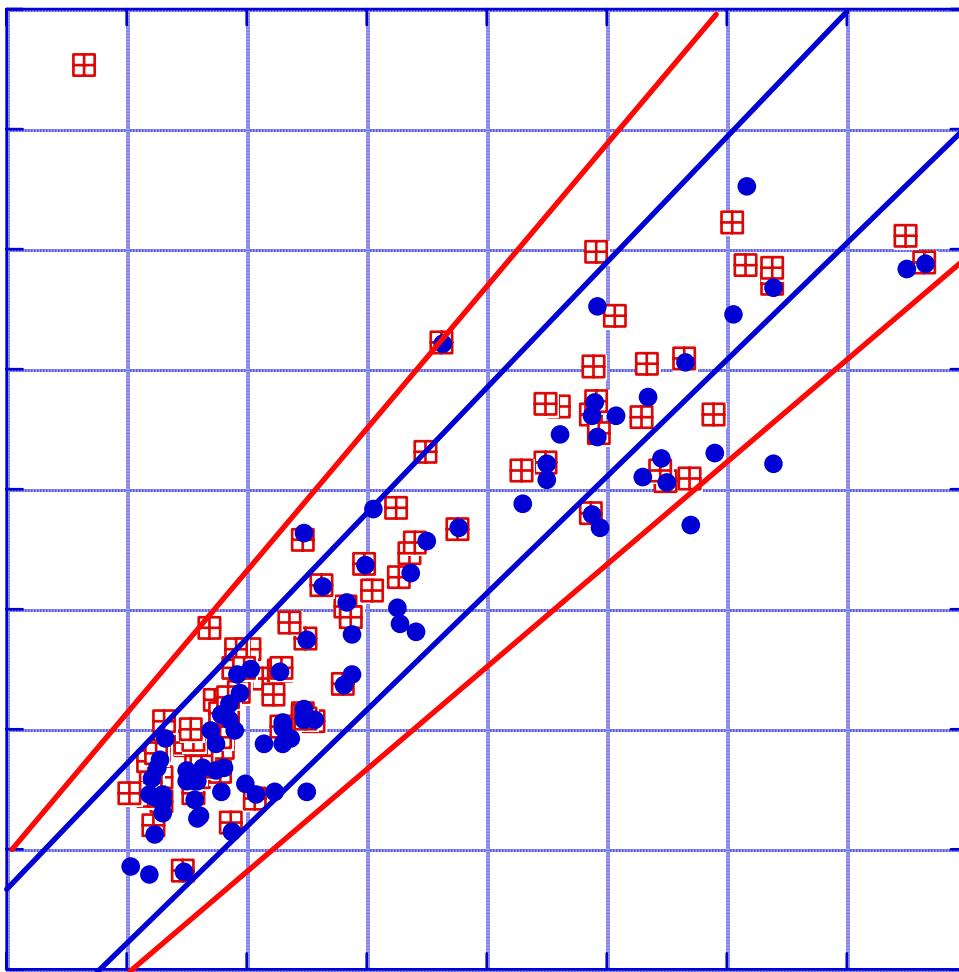


66% of MODIS aerosol retrievals over ocean fall within expected uncertainty

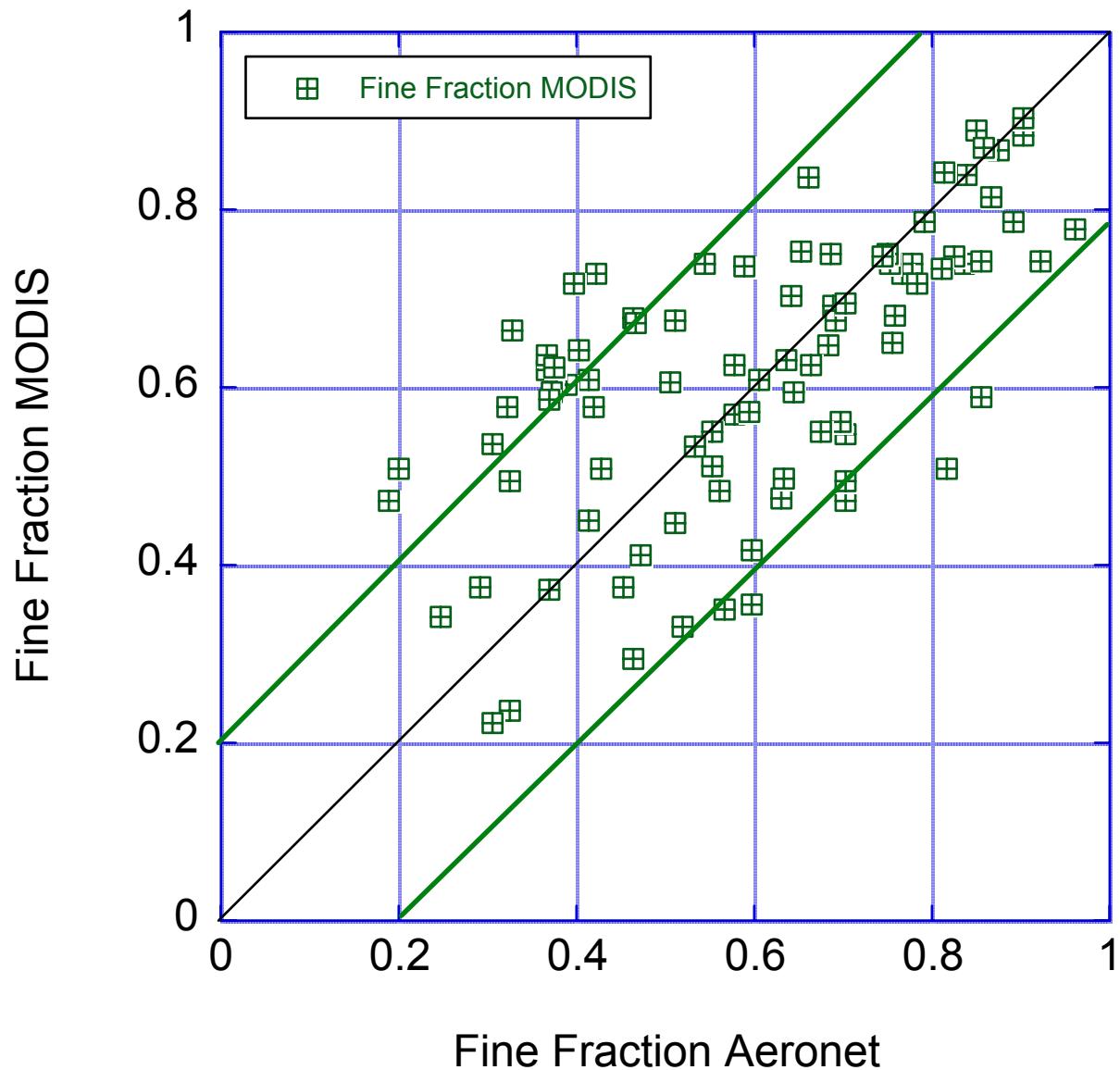
71% of MODIS aerosol retrievals over land fall within expected uncertainty  
Ichoku et al. 2002  
Chu et al. 2002  
Remer et al. 2002

Remer et al. (2004)



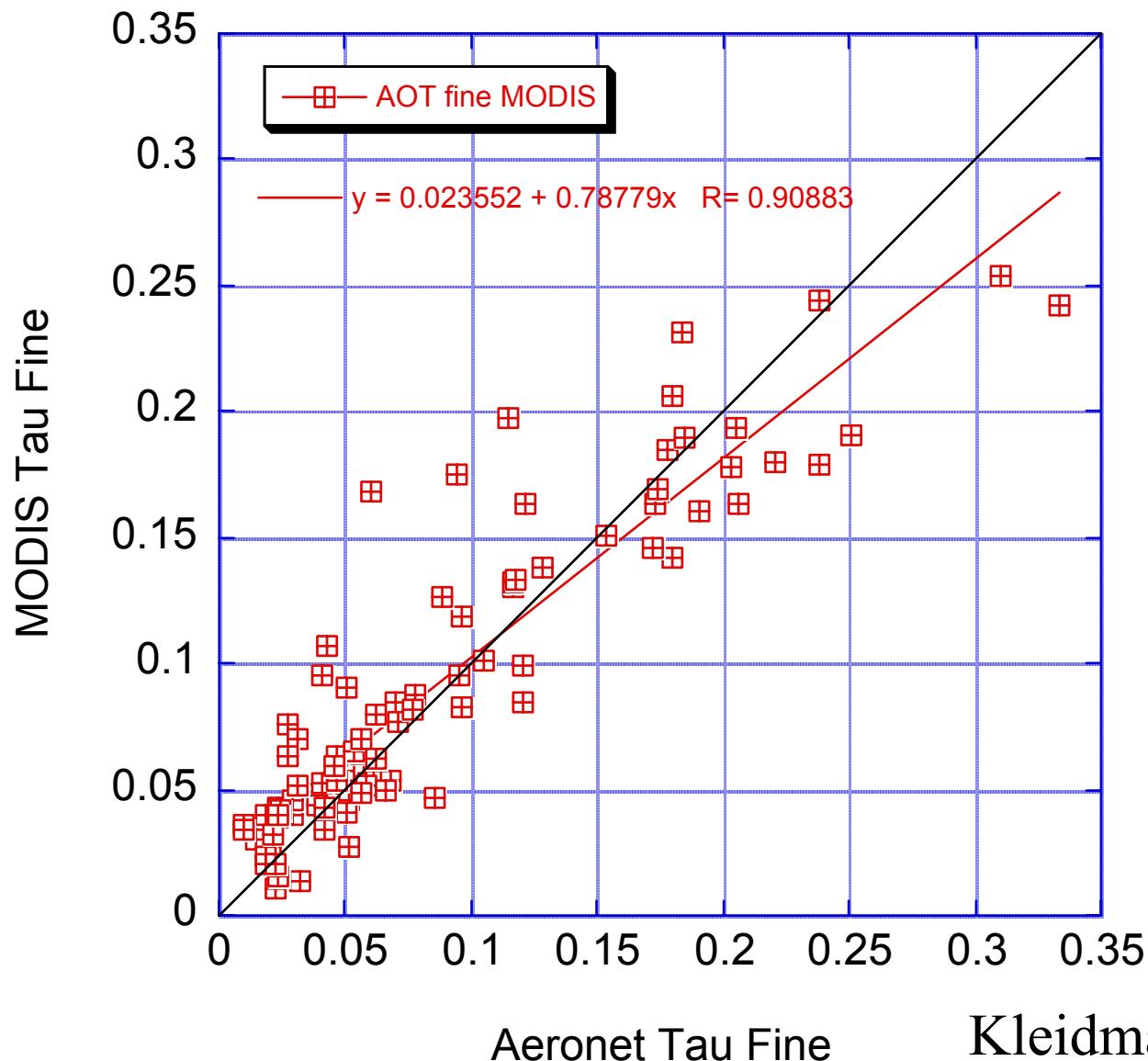


Kleidman et al; 2004



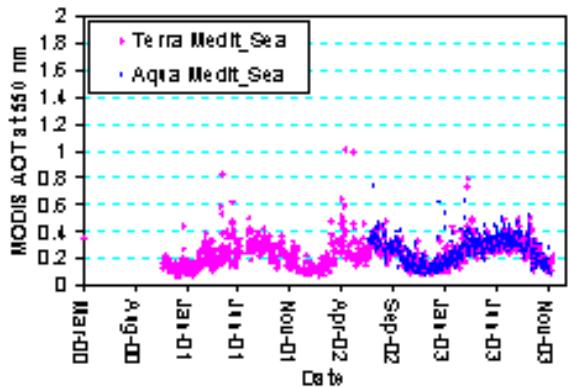
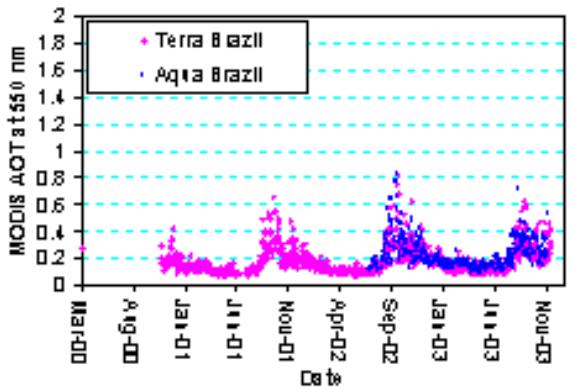
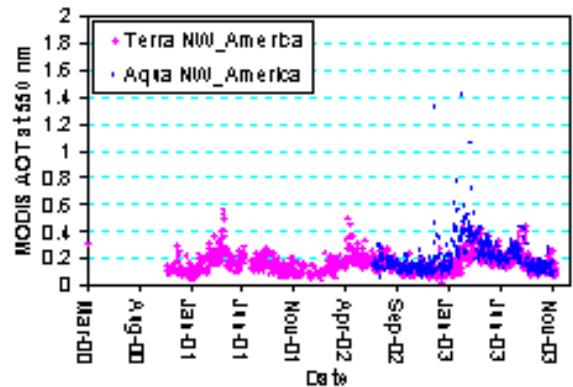
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## **Terra Ocean -Tau Fine Comparison of Monthly Means 18 Sites 90 Points**

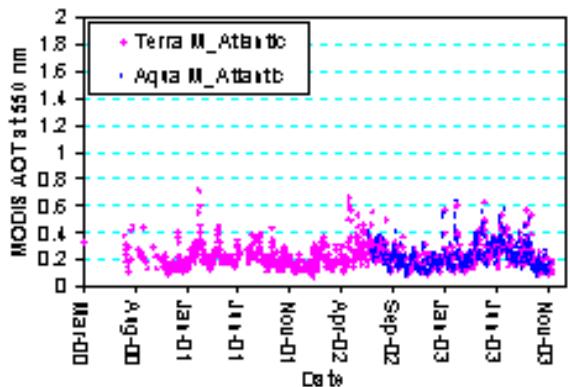
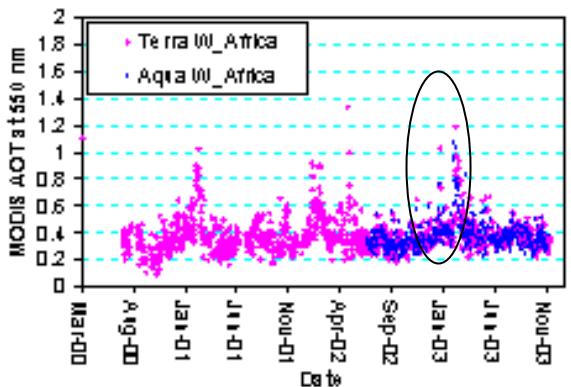
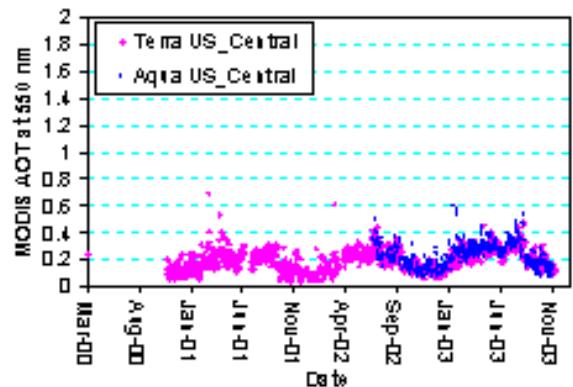


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## LAND



## Snow melt



Ichoku et al 2004

Data: April 2000-till present Terra (10:30am, Aqua 1:30 pm)

- AOT spectral 0.47-2.1  $\mu\text{m}$  (ocean)
- Fraction of AOT in the fine mode (at 0.55 $\mu\text{m}$ ), selection of fine and coarse aerosol
- better over ocean than over land
- AOT increases in regions with clouds: global aerosol AOT over the ocean is 0.15, weighted by cloud free fraction it is 0.135

Monthly data  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  at: <http://lake.nascom.nasa.gov/movas/>

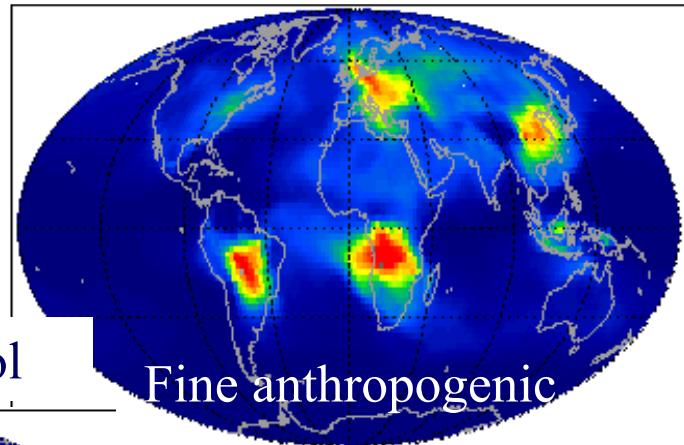
Problems, improvements:

- snow melt zone - high AOTs - mainly for Aqua
- next generation (V5) will have new cloud screening over the land
- cirrus with reflectance  $<0.01$  at 1.37  $\mu\text{m}$  may not be screened out

# MODIS and model -> distinguish anthropogenic smoke and pollution aerosol from dust and sea salt

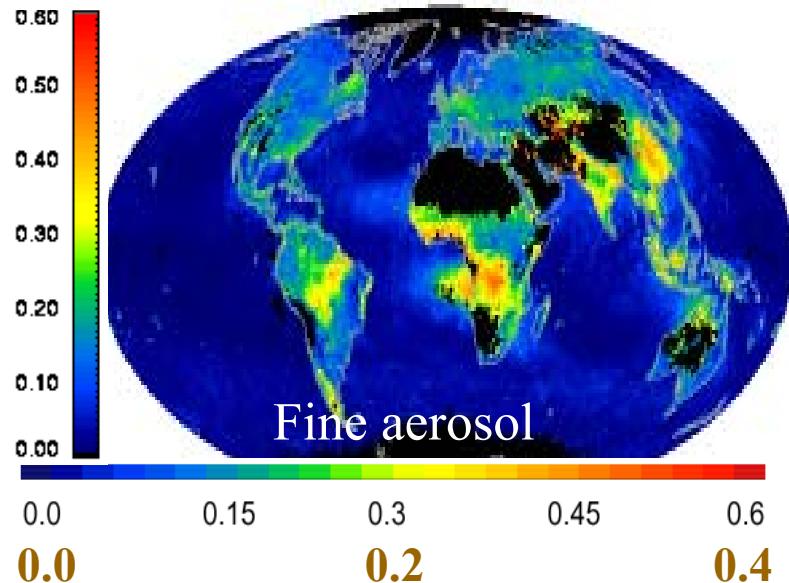
September  
2000

GOCART Model



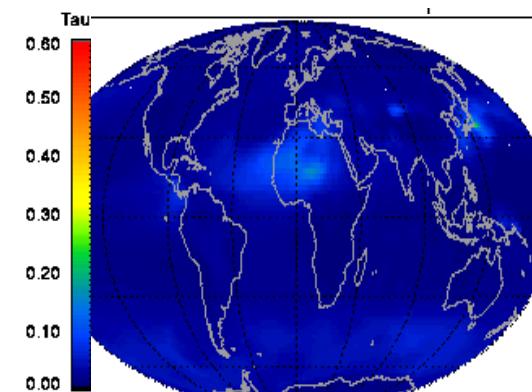
Fine anthropogenic

MODIS-Terra

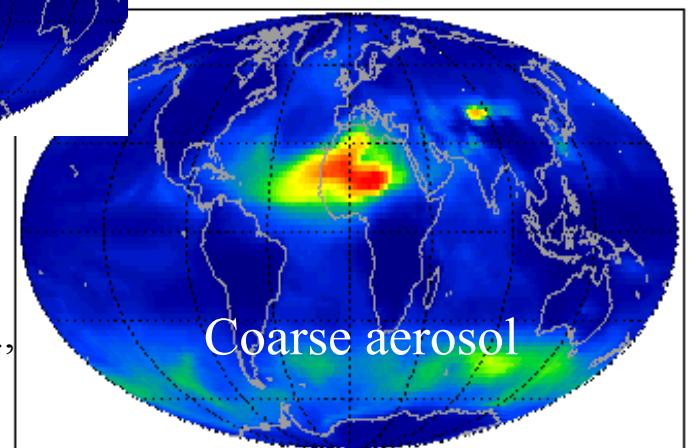


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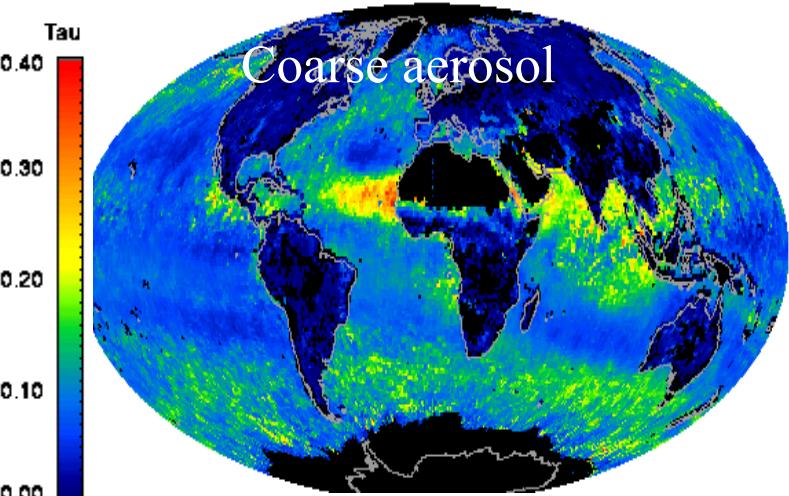
Natural fine aerosol



"A Satellite View of  
Aerosol in the Climate  
System" Kaufman et al.,  
Nature, Sept. 12, 2002

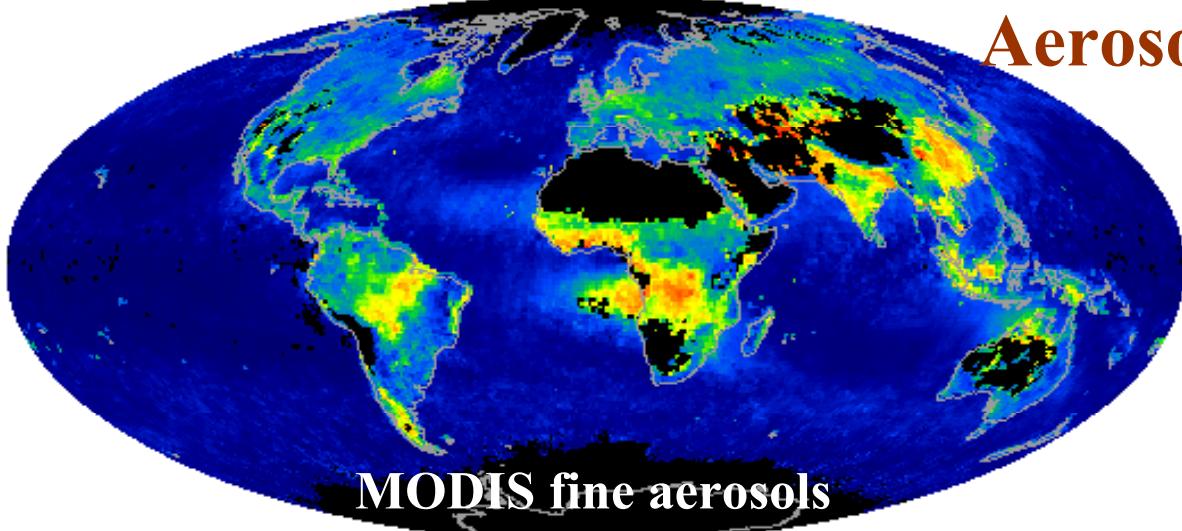


Coarse aerosol



Coarse aerosol

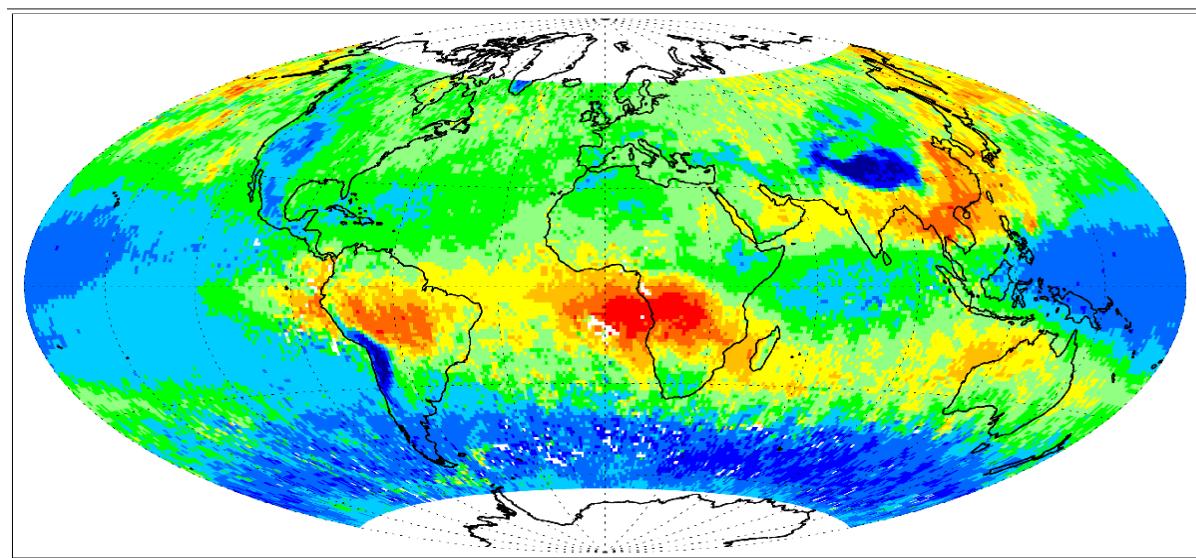
Aerosol <-> fires <-> CO



MOPITT (day+night) Column: 20000901-20000930

Sept. 2000

- Both CO and fine mode aerosol are produced by urban pollution, industrial combustion, and biomass burning

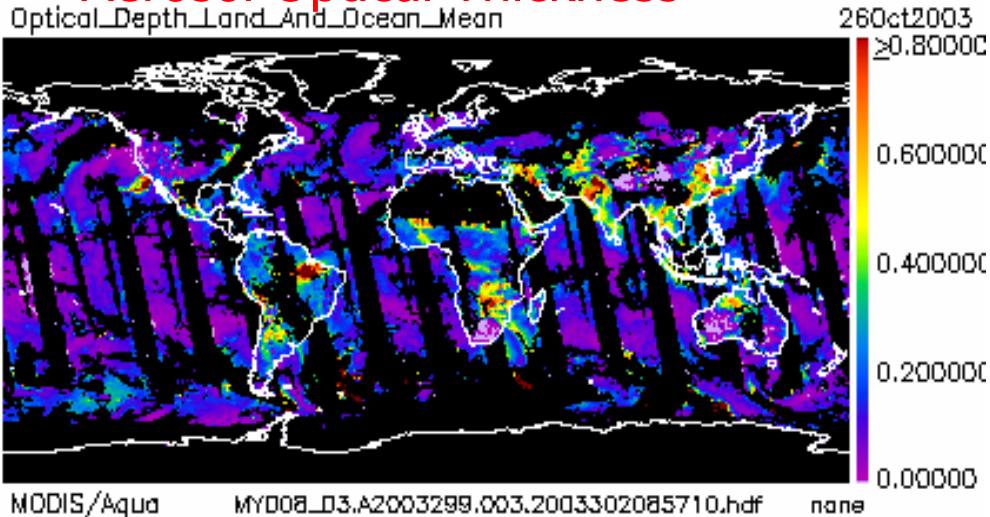


0.00 1.00 1.20 1.40 1.60 1.80 2.00 2.20 2.50 3.00  $\times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

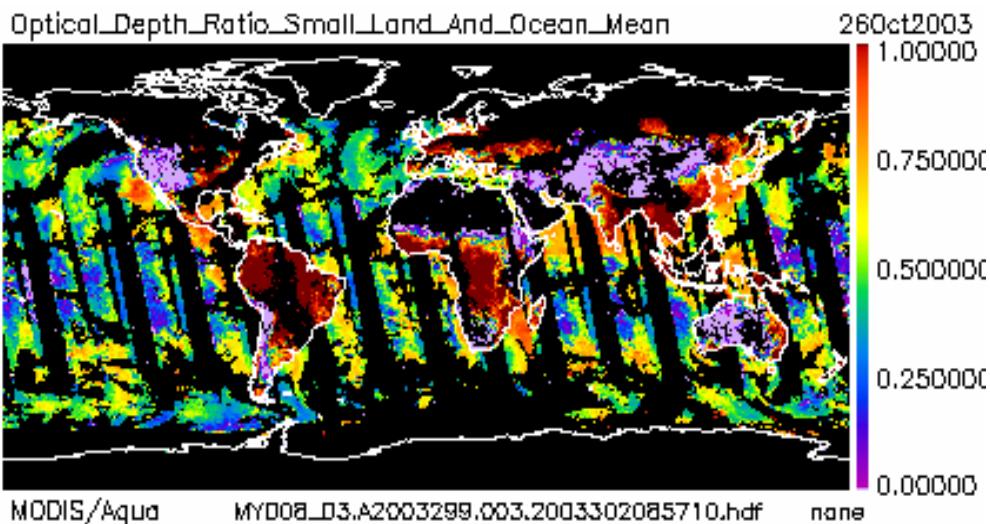


David Edwards, NCAR

## Aerosol Optical Thickness



## Fine mode fraction



The global aerosol

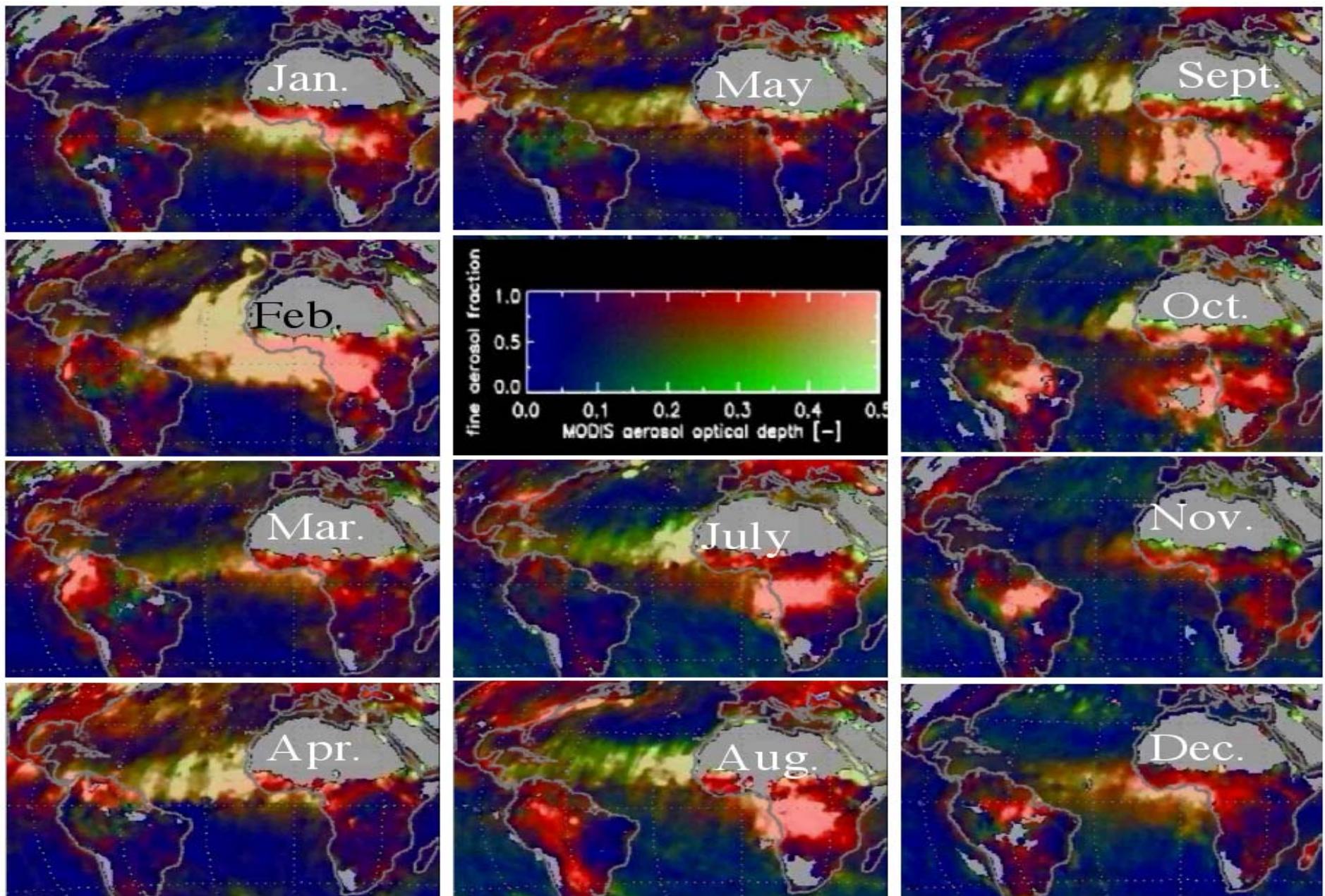
MOD08\_D3

Daily Level 3  
1 degree data

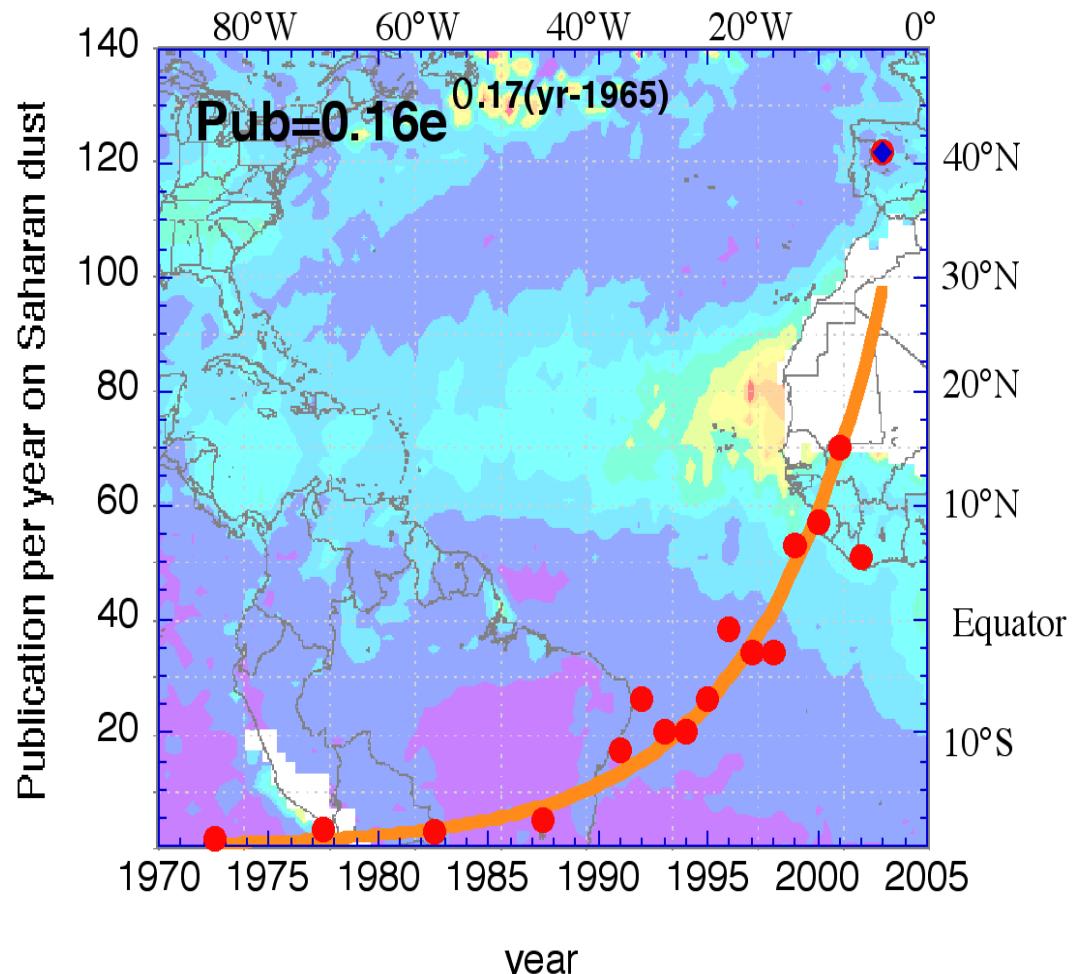
October 26, 2003

<http://modis-atmos.gsfc.nasa.gov>  
Paul Hubanks

# Monthly evolution of dust (green) and smoke (red) from Africa



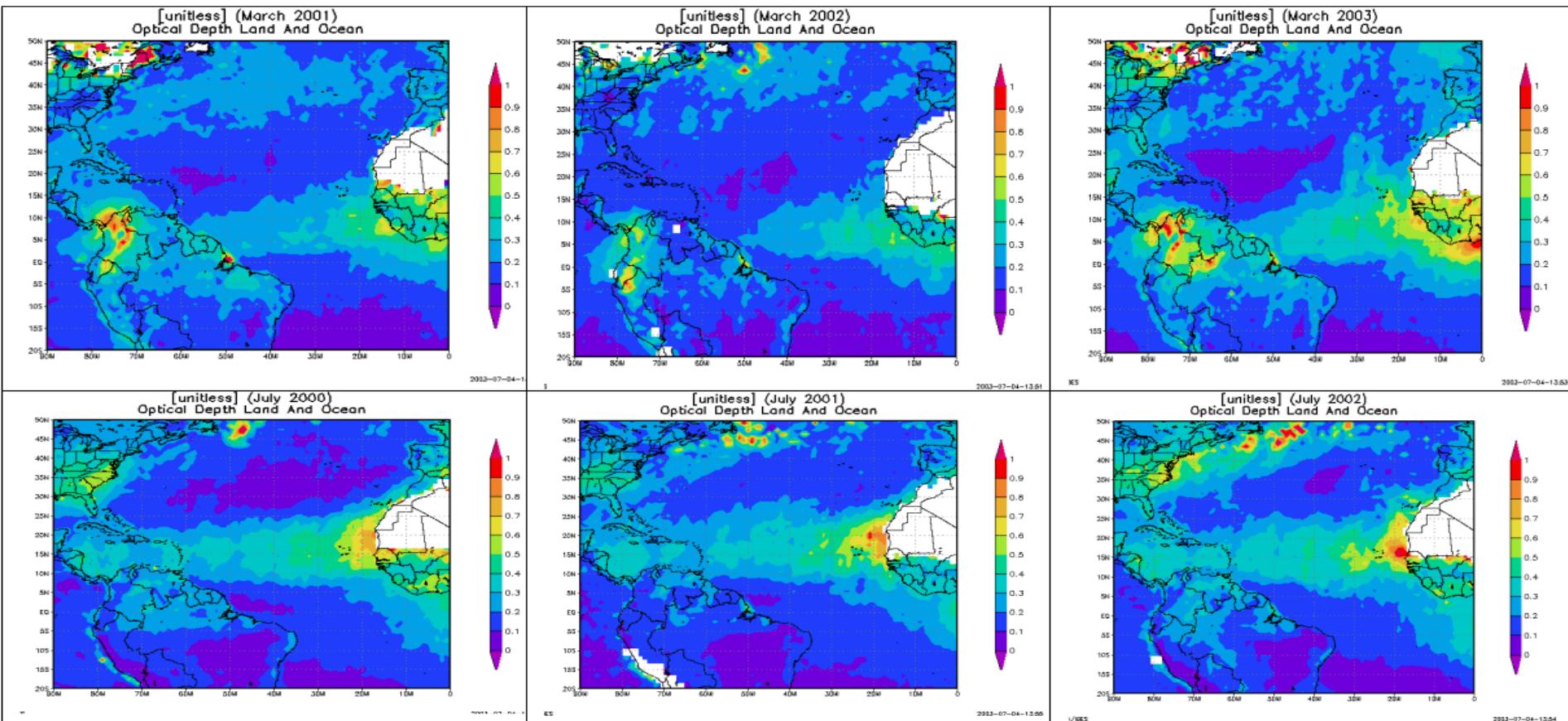
# Dust transport and deposition observed from Terra-MODIS



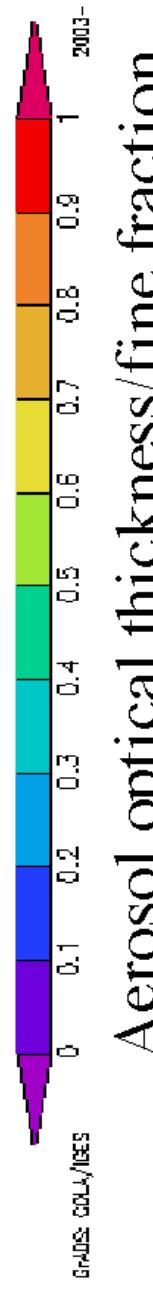
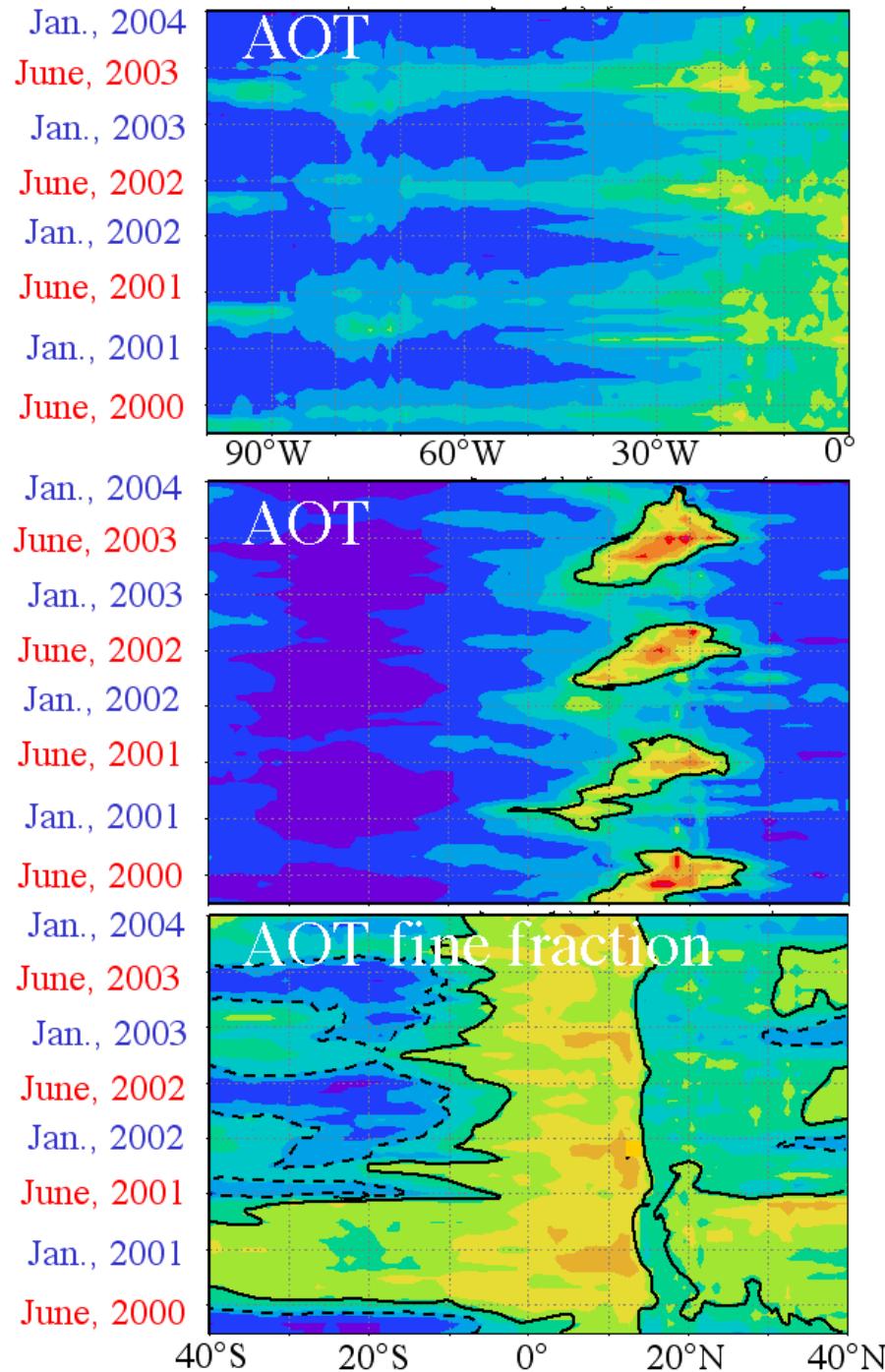
**Back to African dust:** Publication rate on Saharan dust - ISI citation index.

Background -MODIS aerosol optical thickness for July 2001.

# Dust transport for March (top) and July (bottom) for three years



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Dust depletion and deposition with its transport west

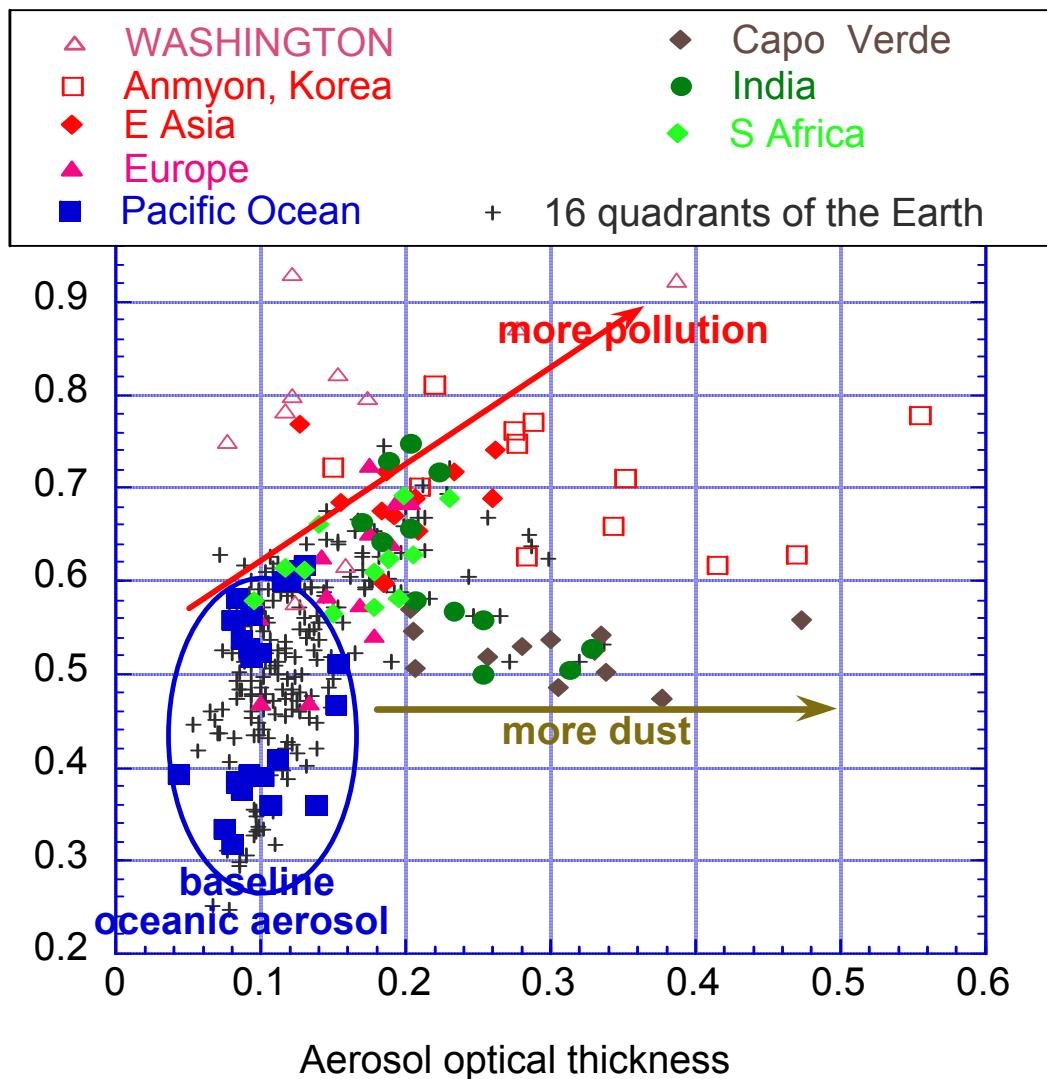
Multiyear variation of the dust maximum north from January to July.

Fine fraction, f:

$$f_{dust} = 0.5 \pm 0.05$$

$$f_{maritime} = 0.3 \pm 0.1$$

$$f_{anthrop} = 0.9 \pm 0.1$$

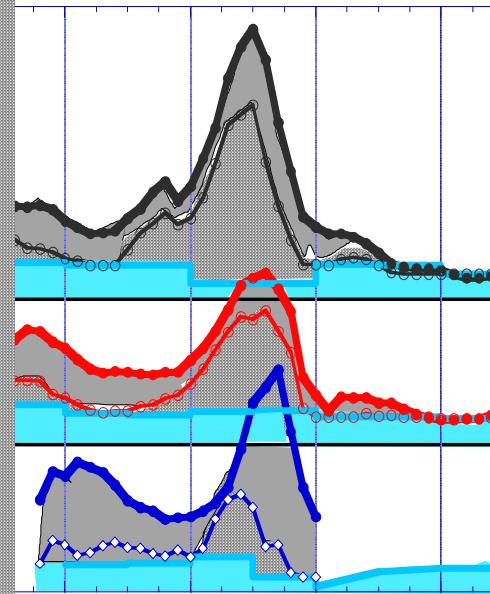


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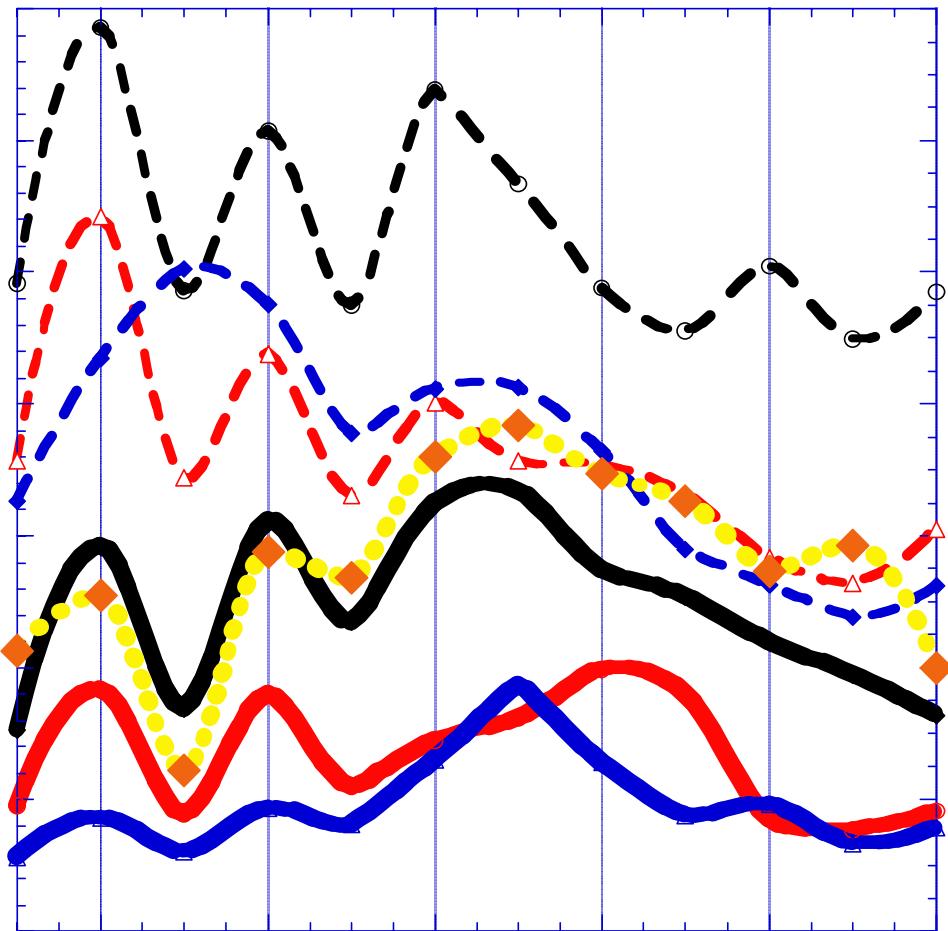
$$f_{\text{anthrop}} = 0.9 \pm 0.1$$

# Separating dust from pollution/maritime aerosol

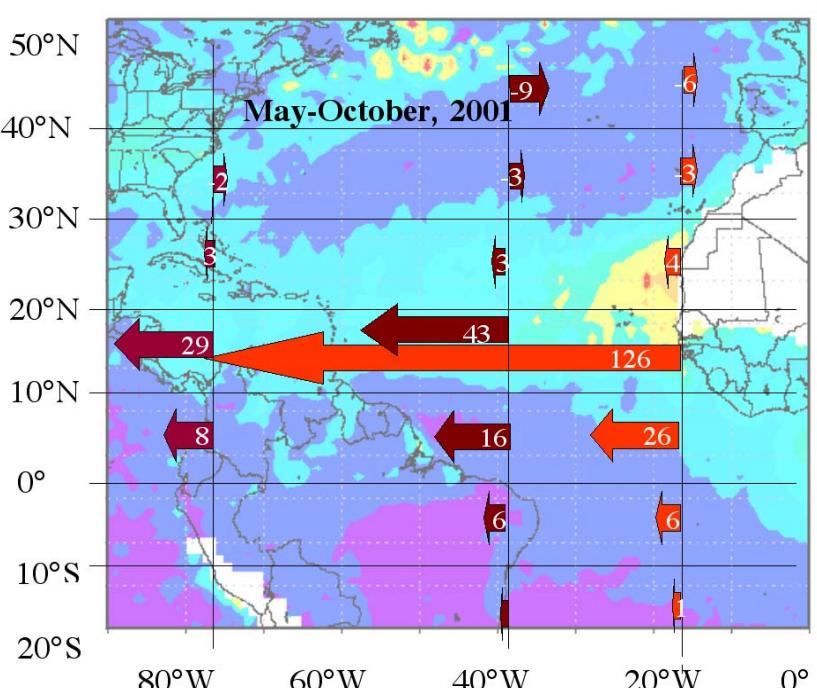


Dust,  
smoke/pollution  
and maritime  
components of  
the aerosol as a  
function of  
latitude.

**Maritime AOT  
based on wind  
speed**  
 **$0.02+0.007W$**

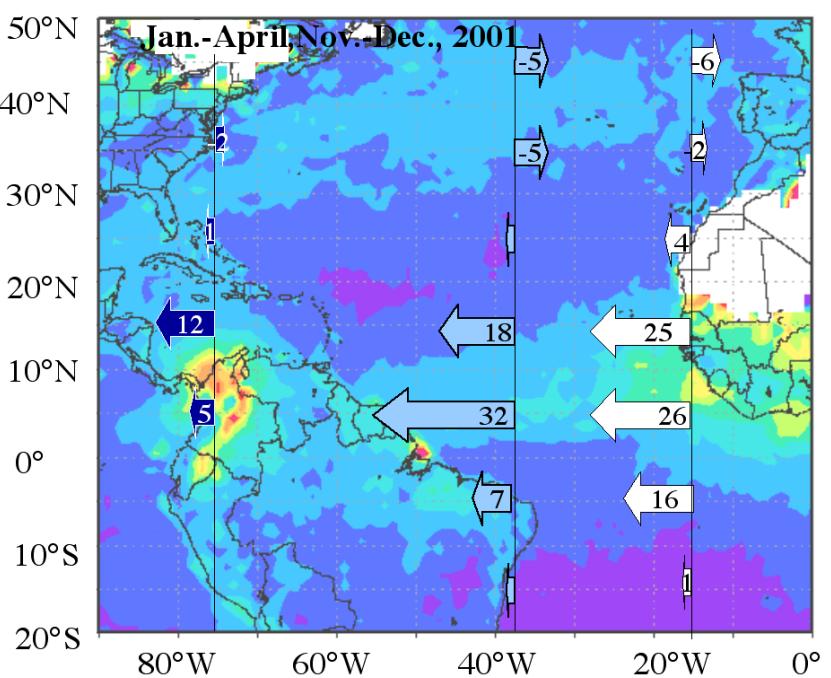


The dust component of the optical thickness correlates well with the wind speed -  $r = 80\%$ . The correlation with total optical thickness is 25%.



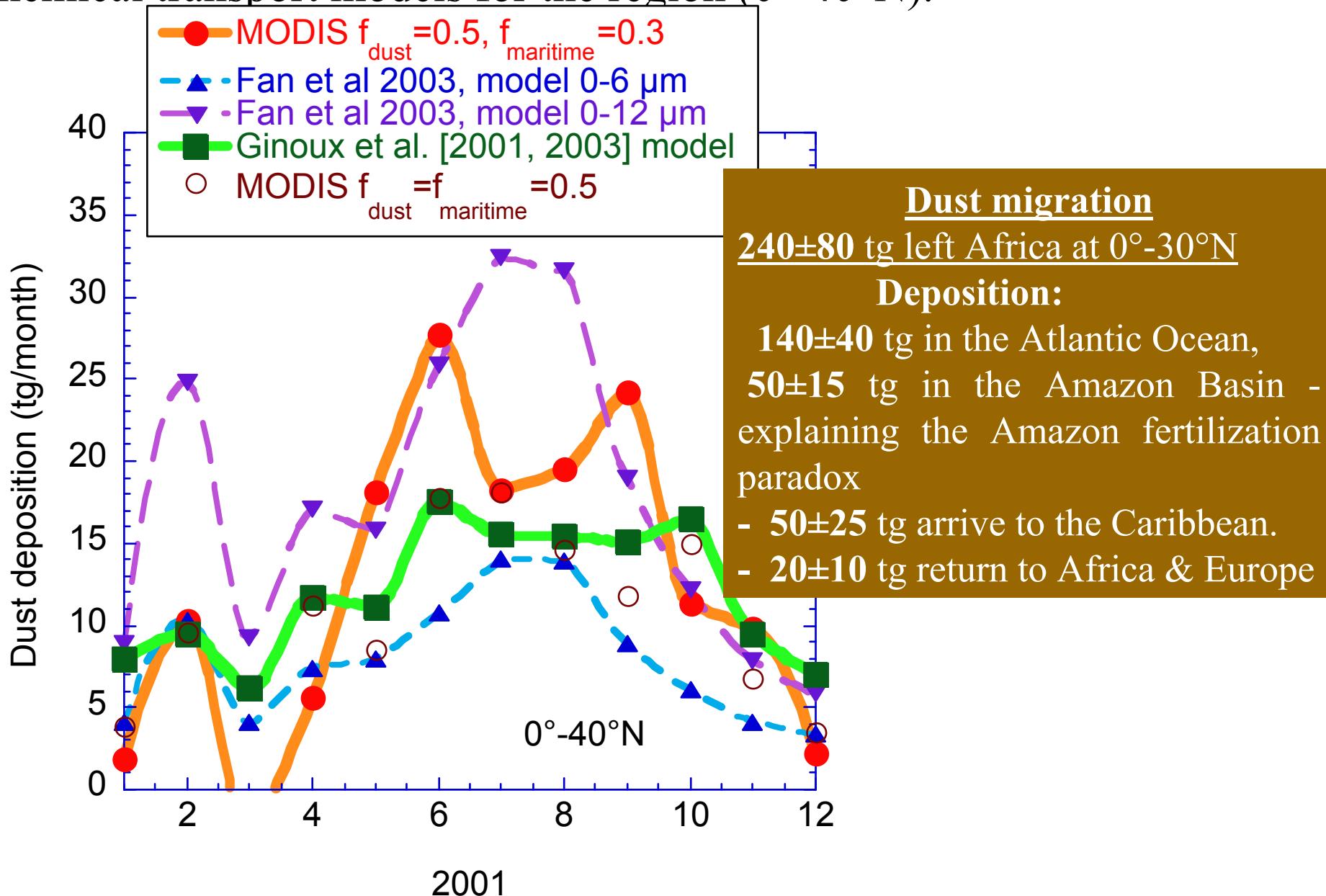
Dust transport (tg) across the  
Atlantic Ocean

← May-September  
background - MODIS image  
from July 2001



← October-April  
background - MODIS image  
from March 2001

Dust deposition rates (tg/month) in 2001: MODIS measurements and chemical transport models for the region ( $0^{\circ}$ - $40^{\circ}$ N).



## Summary points:

- MODIS measures spectral AOT ( $0.47\text{-}2.1\mu\text{m}$ ), fine fraction identifies fine and coarse aerosol for consistent flux calculations
- better over **ocean** than land
- aerosol forcing measured in cloud free conditions - models should supplement the effect of clouds on direct forcing
- simultaneous measurements of water vapor and cloud properties: ice/water, droplet size, top temperature spatial structure

# Measurement based assessment of aerosol radiative forcing

MODIS level 3 ( $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ ) daily, monthly,  
measures:

- aot (550 nm)
- distribution of the AOT among 8 models:  
 $R_{\text{eff}} = 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25 \mu\text{m}$  - fine aerosol
- $R_{\text{eff}} = 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 \mu\text{m}$  for sea salt
- $R_{\text{eff}} = 1.5, 2.5 \mu\text{m}$  for dust



Consistent  
calculations  
of solar  
reflected  
flux at TOA

# Aerosol Mode Is "Di dier2"

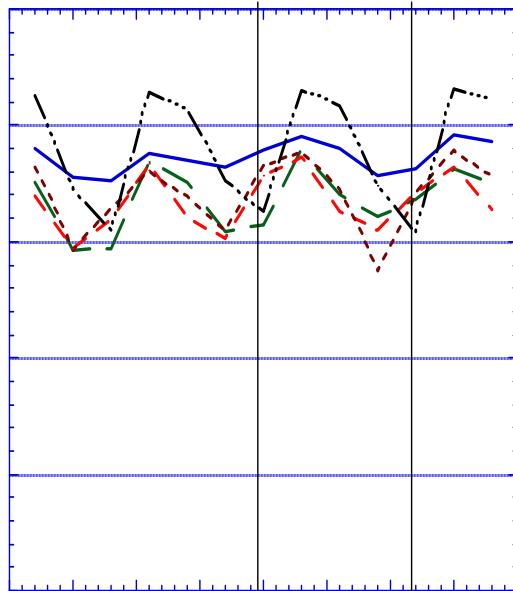
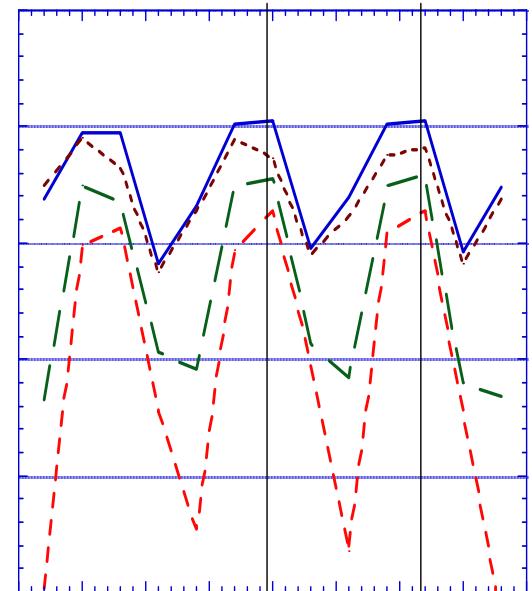
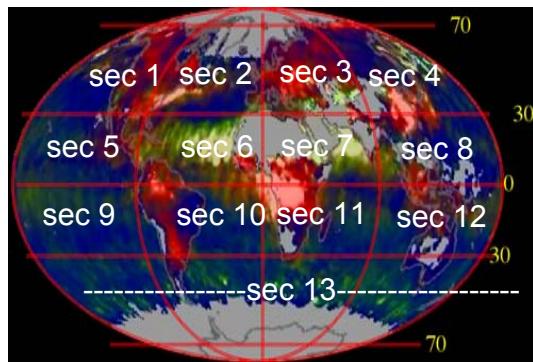
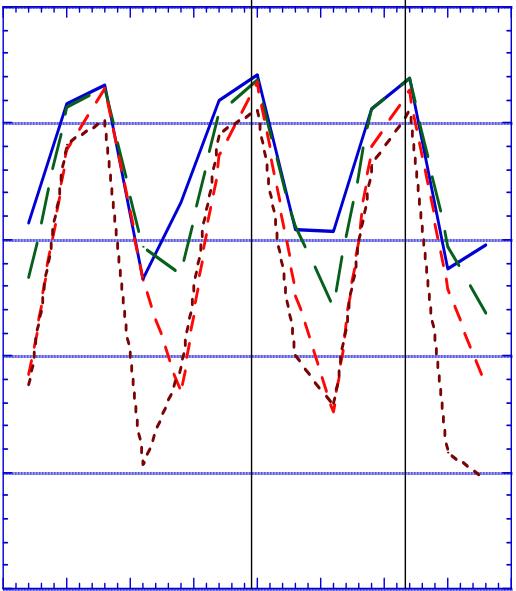
Small particles:

	$l=0.47-->0.86\text{mm}$	$l=1.24\text{mm}$	$l=1.64\text{mm}$	$l=2.13\text{mm}$	$r_g$	$s$	$r_{\text{eff}}$	comments
1	1.45-0.0035i	1.45-0.0035i	1.43-0.01i	1.40-0.005i	0.07	0.40	0.10	Wet Water Soluble type
2	1.45-0.0035i	1.45-0.0035i	1.43-0.01i	1.40-0.005i	0.06	0.60	0.15	Wet Water Soluble type
3	1.40-0.0020i	1.40-0.0020i	1.39-0.005i	1.36-0.003i	0.08	0.60	0.20	Water Soluble with humidity
4	1.40-0.0020i	1.40-0.0020i	1.39-0.005i	1.36-0.003i	0.10	0.60	0.25	Water Soluble with humidity

Large particles:

	$l=0.47-->0.86\text{mm}$	$l=1.24\text{mm}$	$l=1.64\text{mm}$	$l=2.13\text{mm}$	$r_g$	$s$	$r_{\text{eff}}$	comments
5	1.45-0.0035i	1.45-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	0.40	0.60	0.98	Wet Sea salt type
6	1.45-0.0035i	1.45-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	0.60	0.60	1.48	Wet Sea salt type
7	1.45-0.0035i	1.45-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	1.43-0.0035i	0.80	0.60	1.98	Wet Sea salt type
8	1.53-0.003i (0.47) 1.53-0.001i (0.55) 1.53-0.000i (0.66) 1.53-0.000i (0.86)	1.46-0.000i	1.46-0.001i	1.46-0.000i	0.60	0.60	1.48	Dust-like type
9	1.53-0.003i (0.47) 1.53-0.001i (0.55) 1.53-0.000i (0.66) 1.53-0.000i (0.86)	1.46-0.000i	1.46-0.001i	1.46-0.000i	0.50	0.80	2.50	Dust-like type

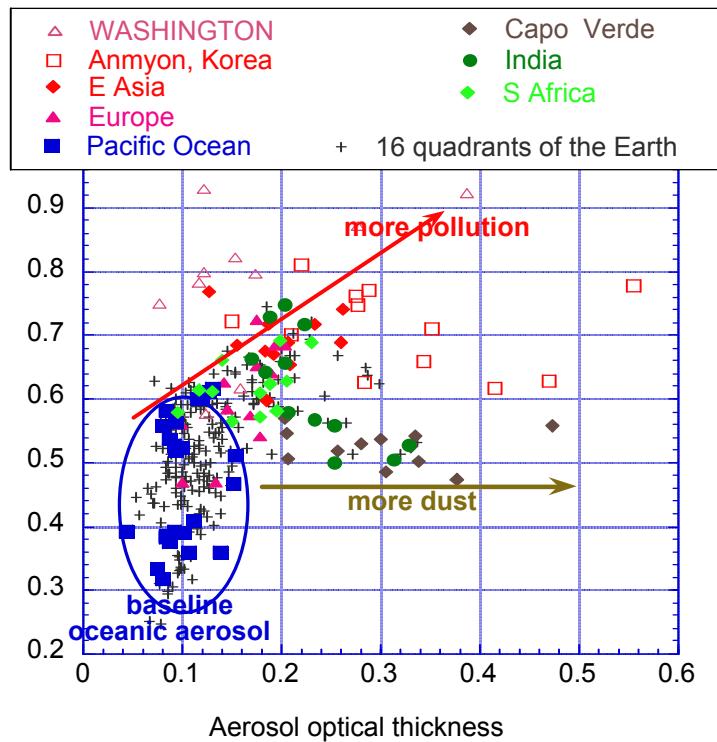
# Radiative effect over the oceans from MODIS



Seasonal aerosol  
Radiative effect at TOA  
Remer et al., 2004

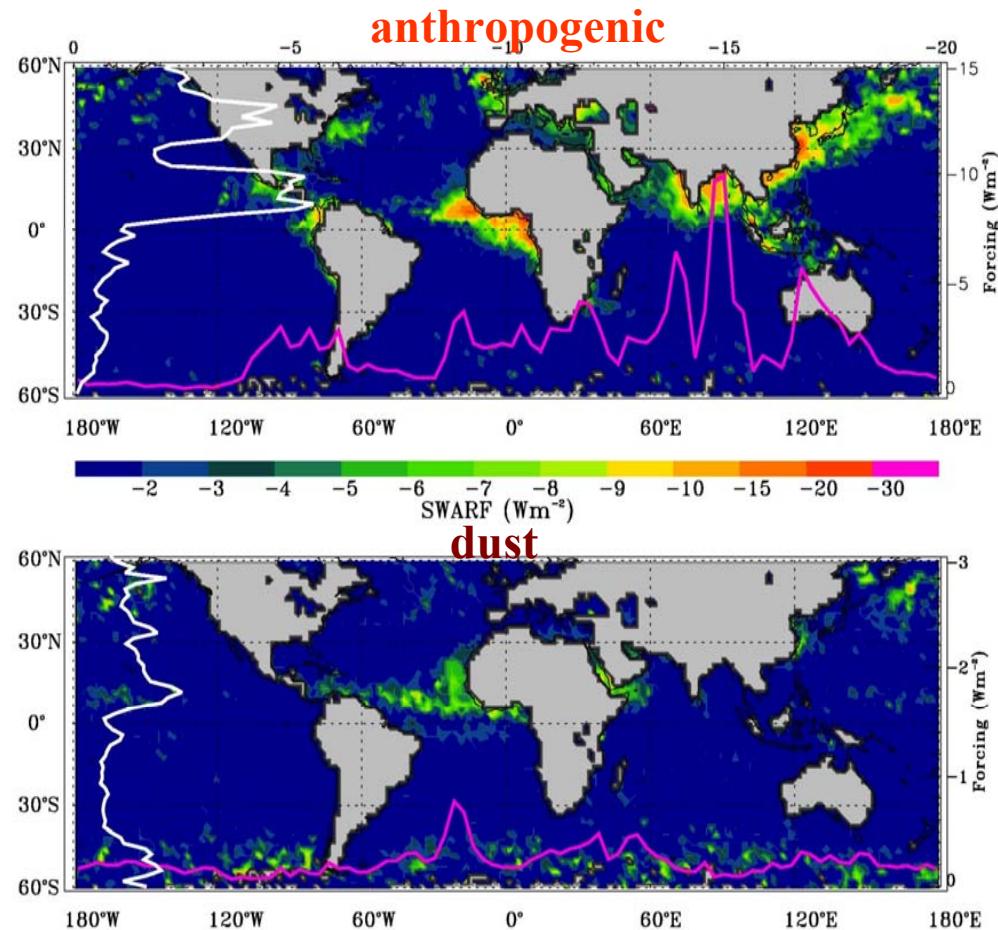
# Aerosol direct radiative forcing

Classification of aerosol to natural and anthropogenic



Kaufman et al 2004 ?

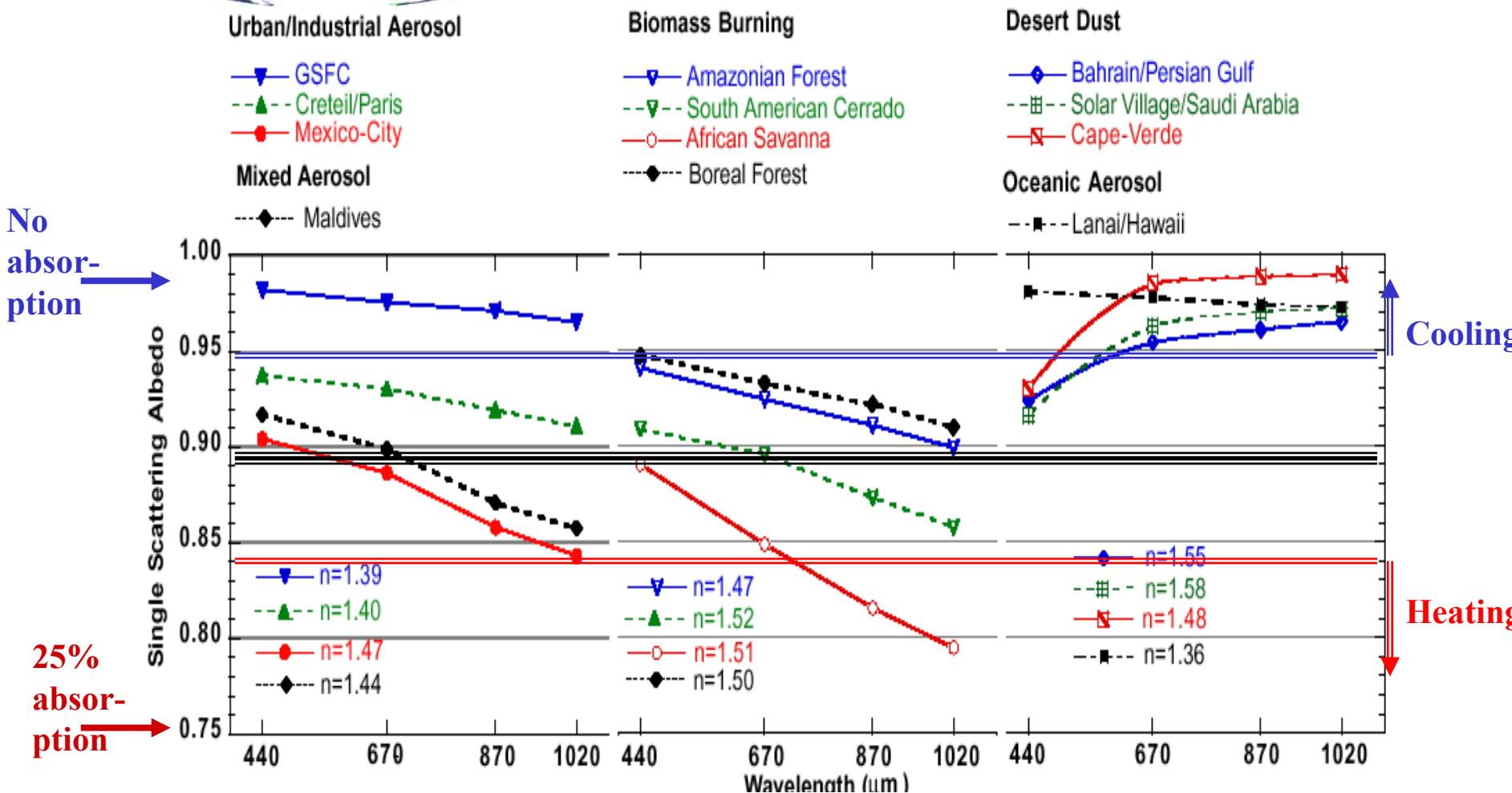
Instantaneous aerosol **anthropogenic forcing** and **dust radiative effect**

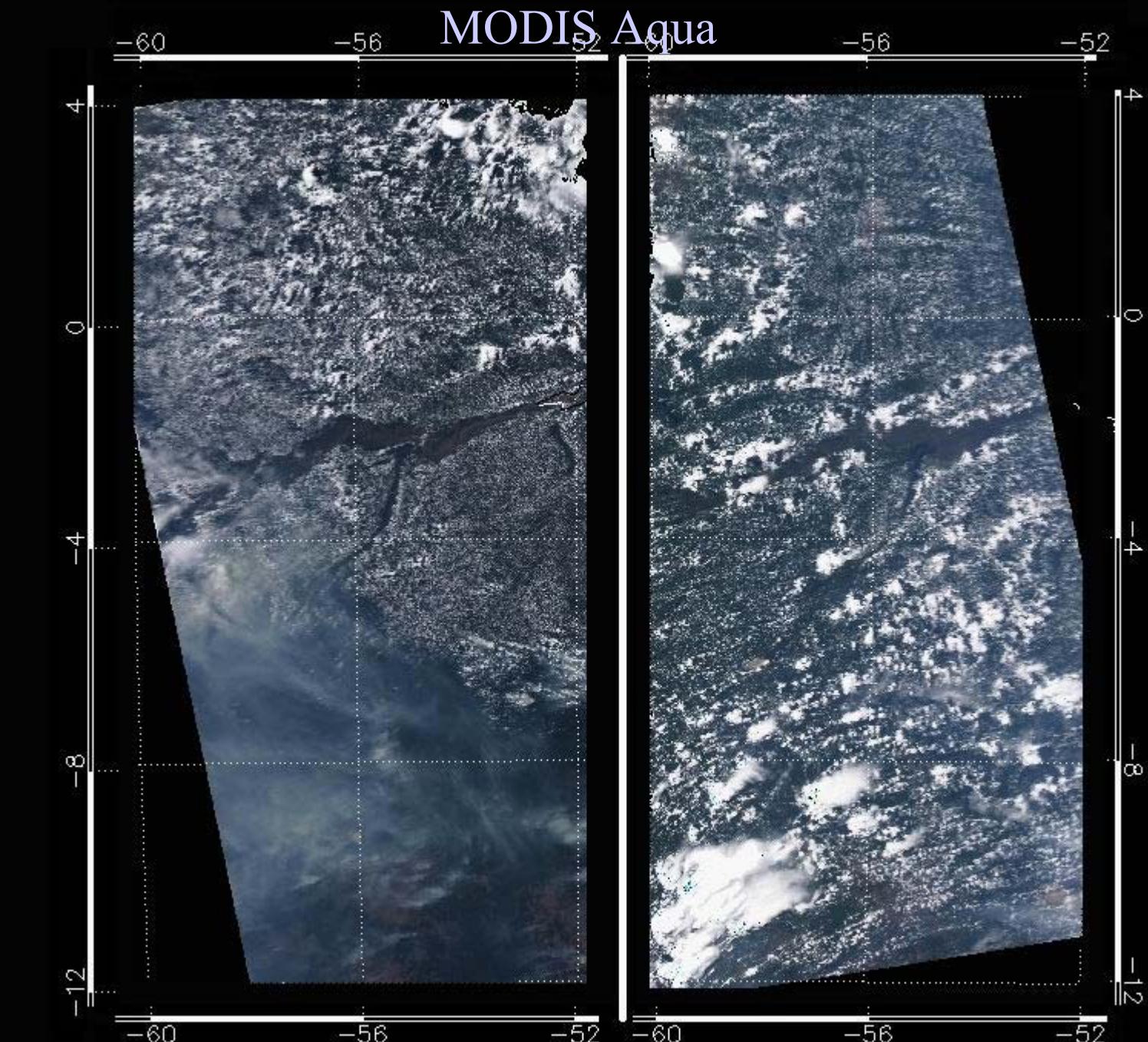


Christopher et al 2004

# Opportunity from AERONET

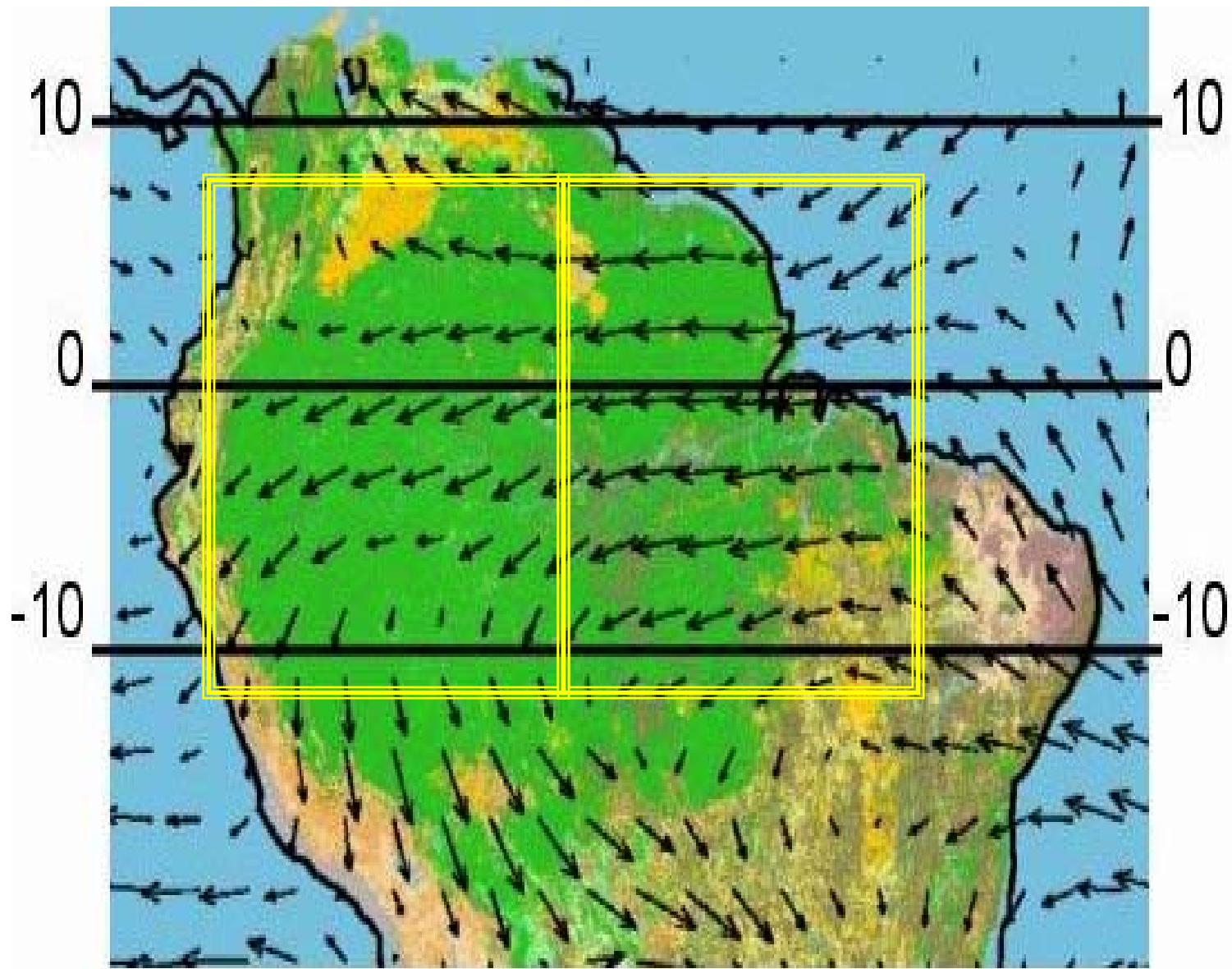
Dubovik et al., 2002

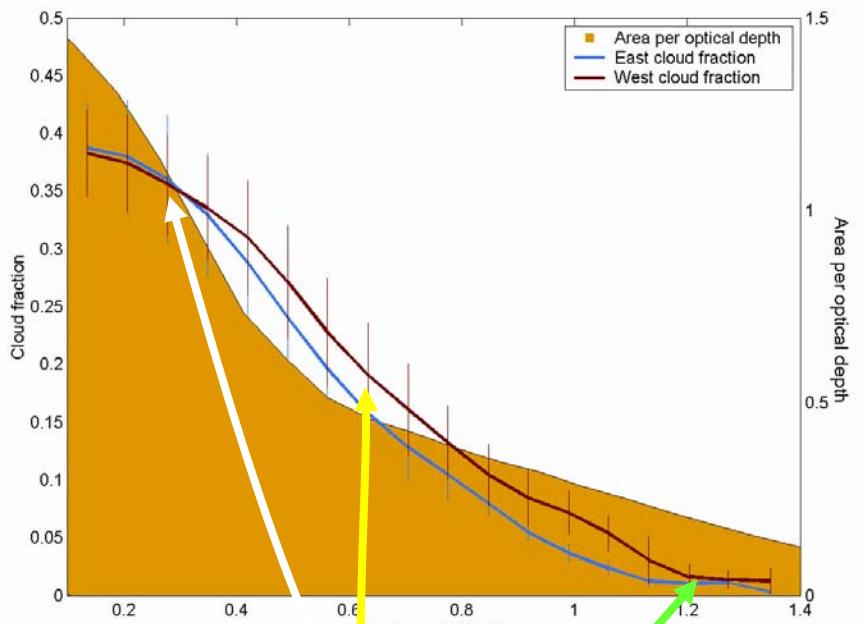




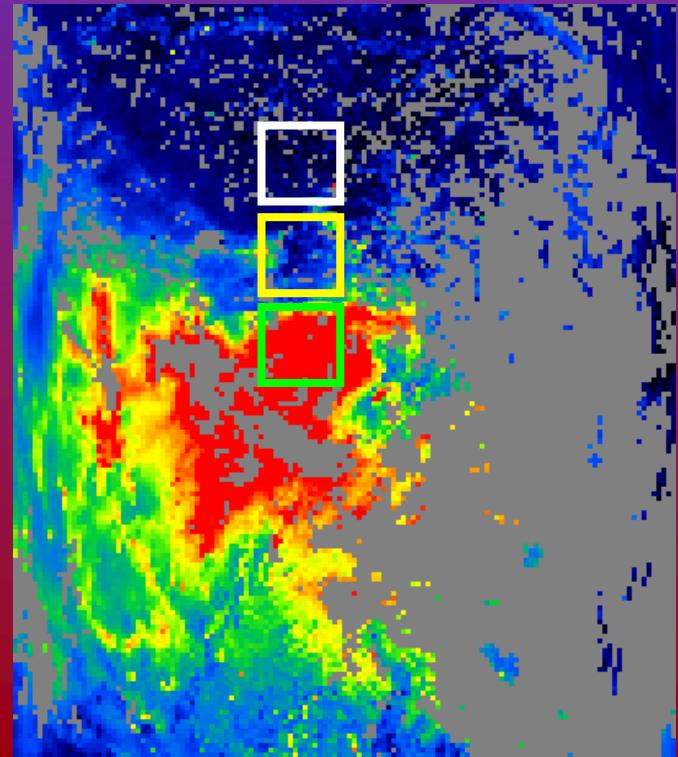
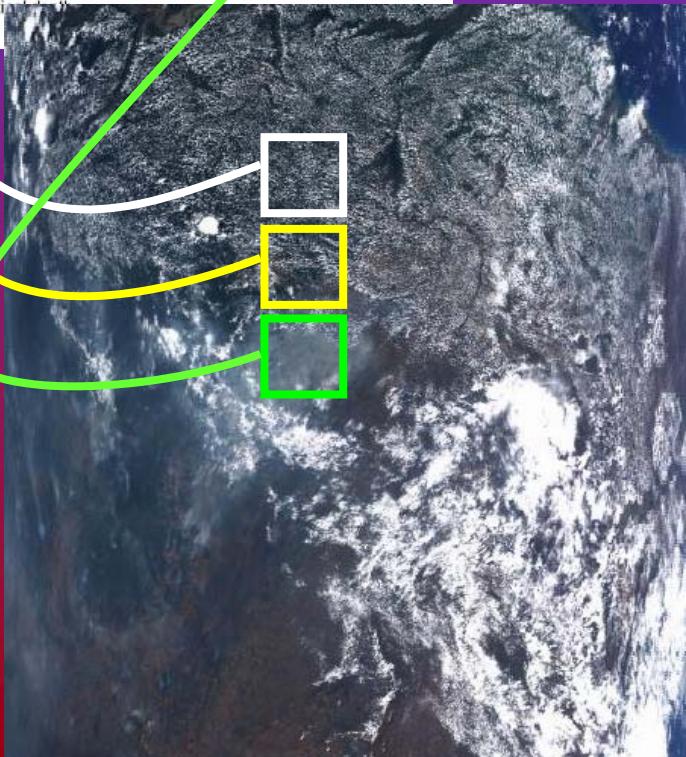
Aerosol Semi-direct effect - Koren et al 2004

## Selection of meteorological conditions

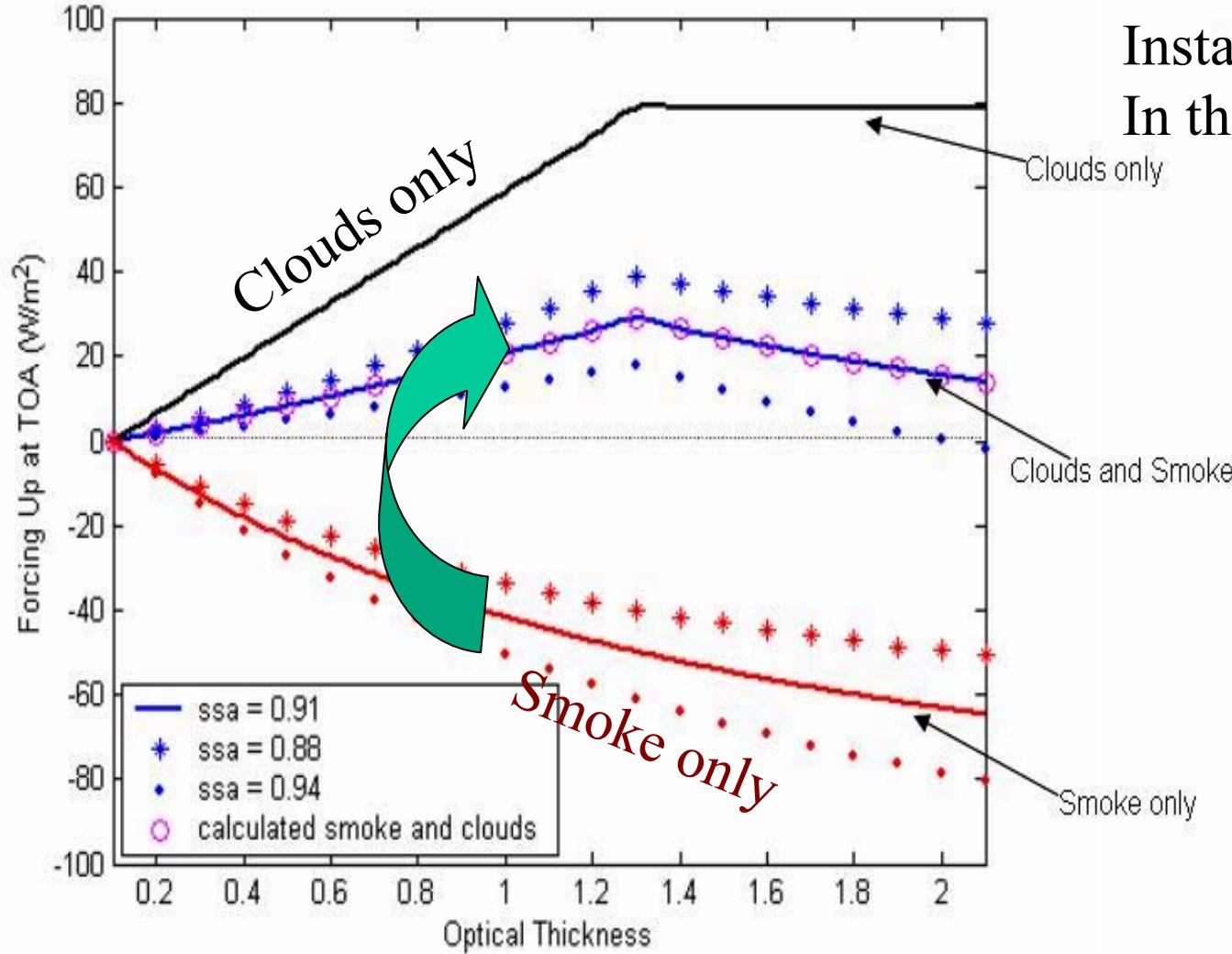




Cloud fraction as function of aerosol optical depth (OD). The cloud fraction decreases almost linearly with increasing OD.

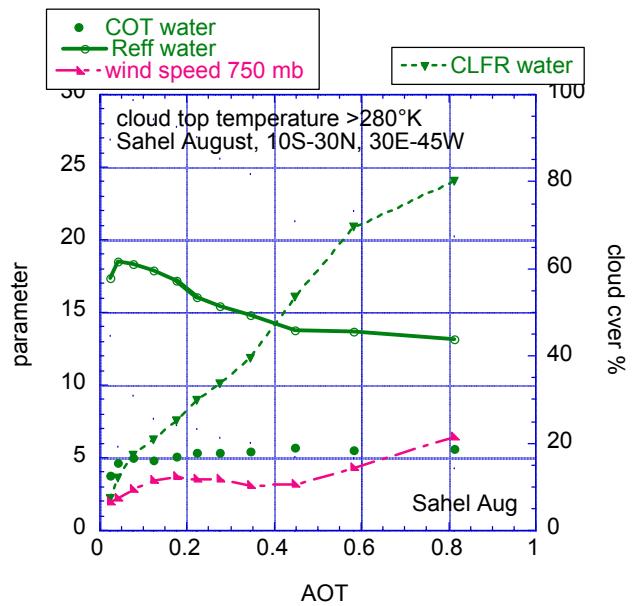
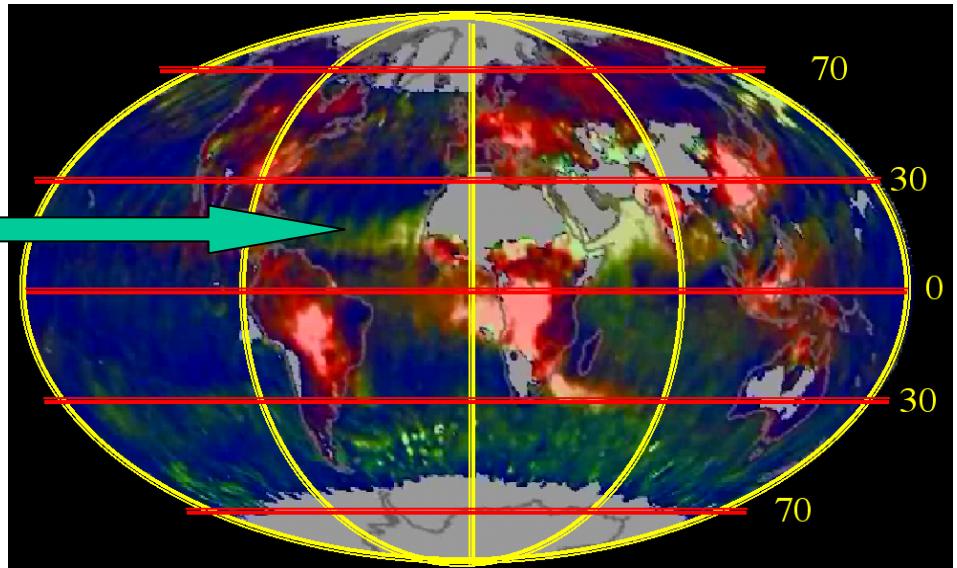
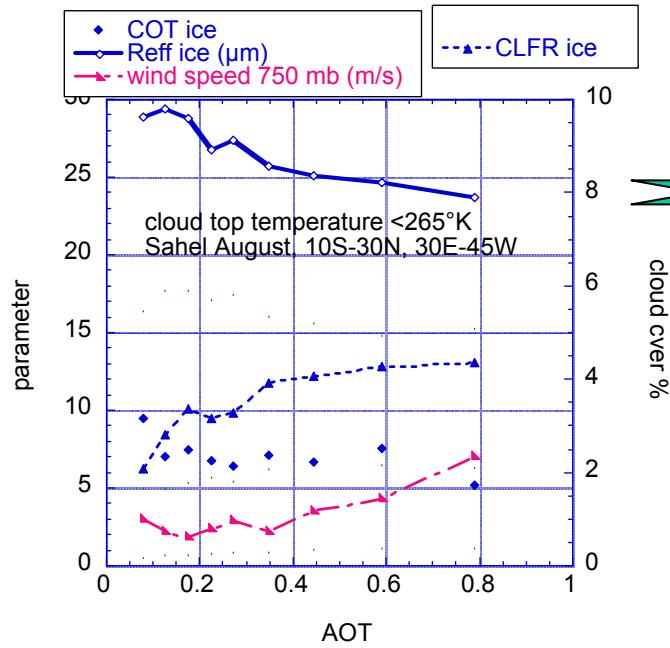


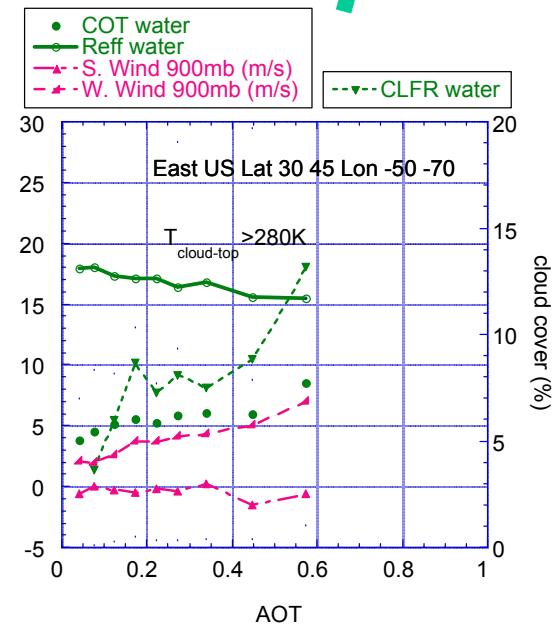
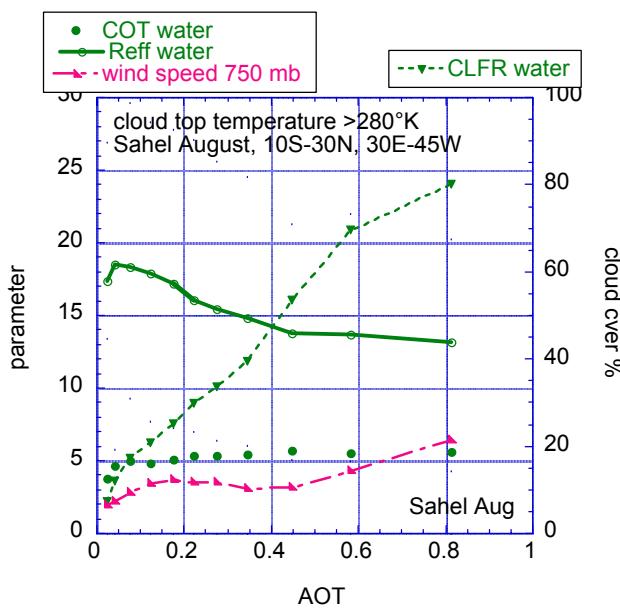
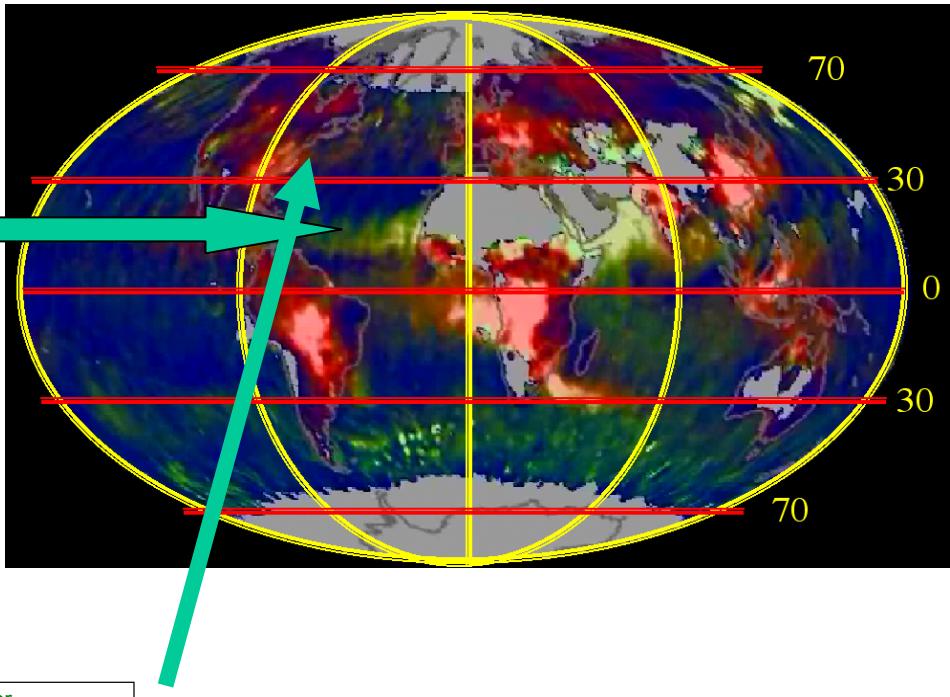
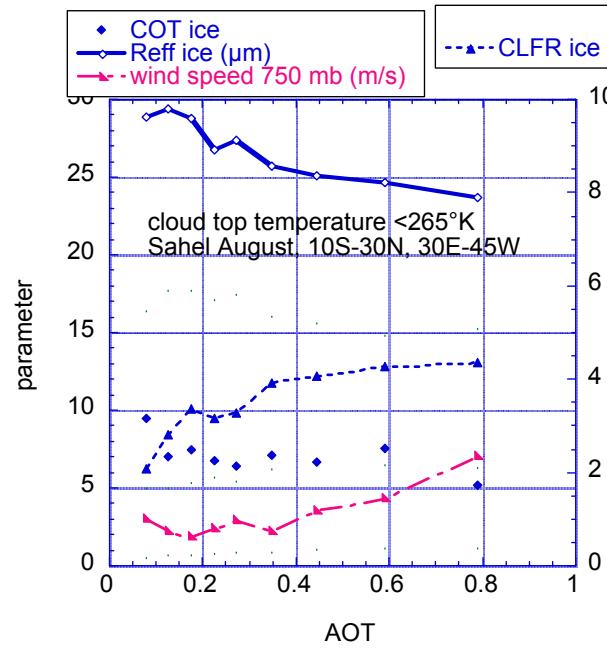
## Instantaneous forcing In the afternoon

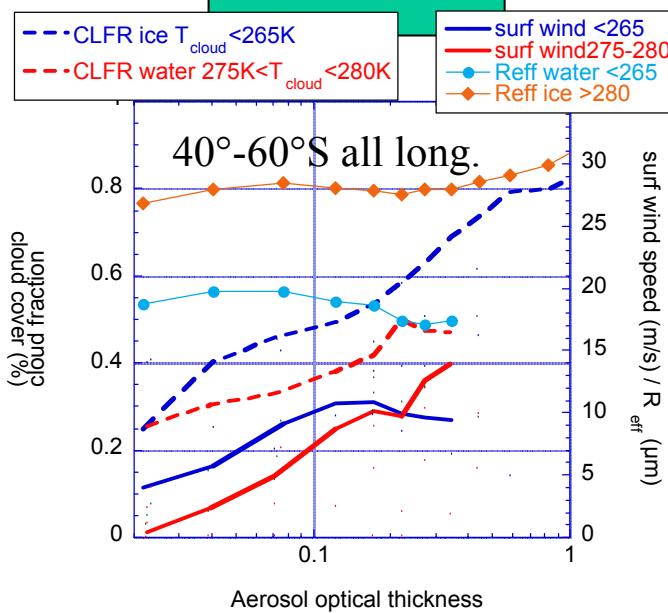
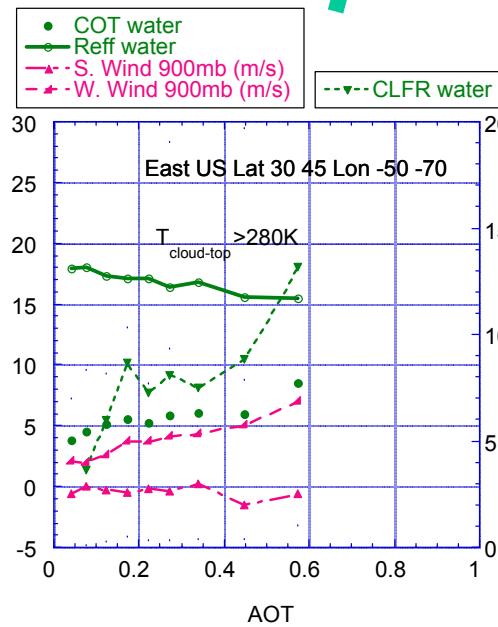
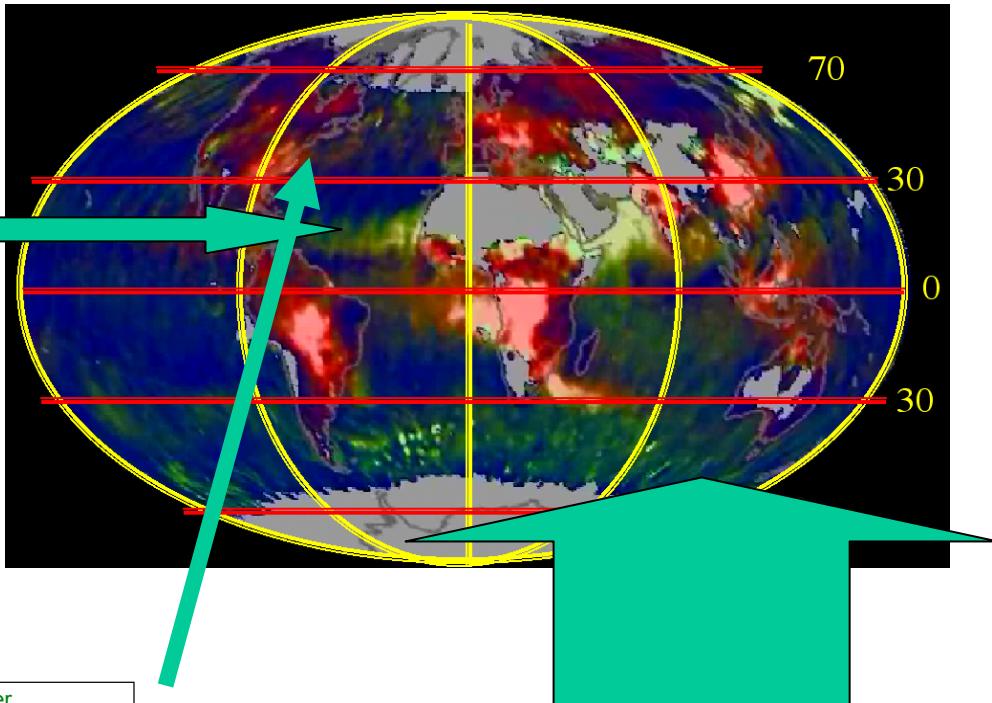
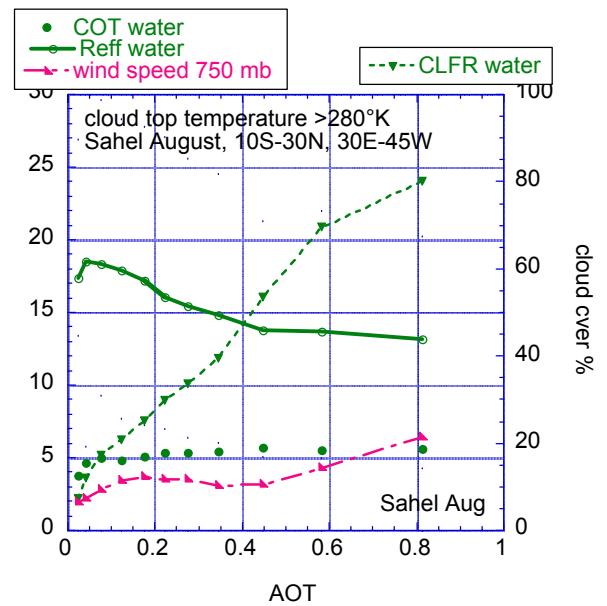
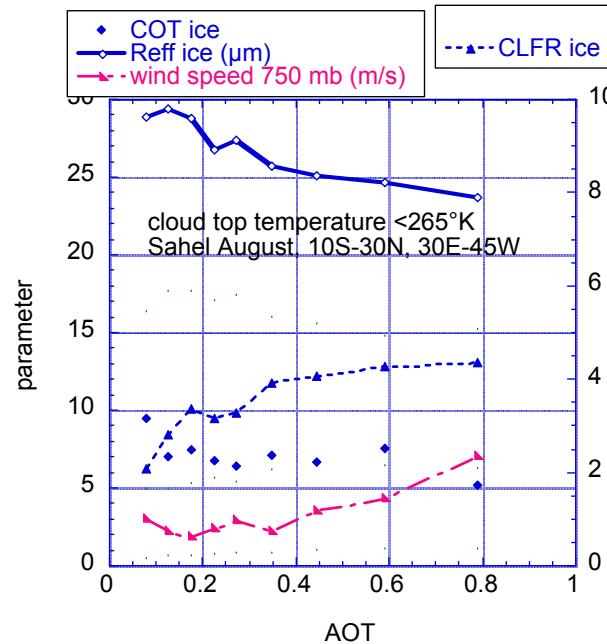


### Impacts:

- slowing Greenhouse warming of the surface
- warmer, higher, more stable boundary layer
- smaller boundary layer cloud fraction







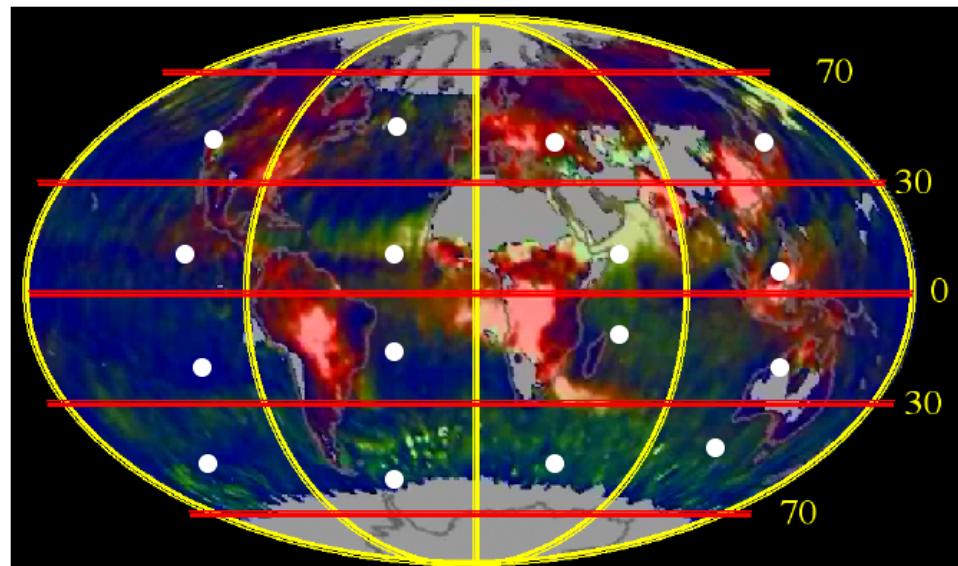
AOT

Ocean - August 2003

0.15	0.18	0.20	0.23
0.11	0.23	0.42	0.11
0.09	0.13	0.17	0.11
0.10	0.12	0.13	0.11

Broken Cloud fraction

0.52	0.47	0.34	0.49
0.42	0.40	0.52	0.39
0.34	0.44	0.43	0.38
0.54	0.56	0.58	0.55



## Correlations with aerosol AOT

### CORRELATION of ice cloud cover

<265	0.84	0.87	0.96	0.80
0.8	0.91	0.57	0.64	0.73
0.90	0.85	0.49	0.80	
0.90	0.90	0.94	0.94	

### CORRELATION Reff ice cloud

<265	0.75	0.79	-0.24	-0.92
-0.1	-0.81	-0.96	-0.94	-0.94
0.84	-0.88	-0.93	-0.54	
0.92	0.82	0.37	0.65	

### CORRELATION of water cloud cover

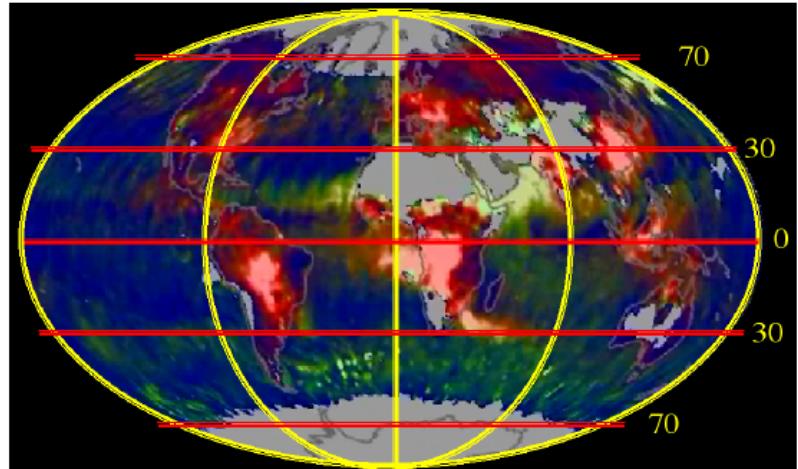
>280	0.71	0.89	0.86	0.63
0.9	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.99
0.99	0.99	0.98	0.81	
0.96	0.95	0.96	0.97	

### CORRELATION Reff water cloud

>280	-0.78	-0.83	0.26	-0.60
-0.5	-0.76	-0.97	-0.93	-0.93
0.83	-0.85	-0.92	-0.95	
0.64	-0.87	-0.97	0.87	

Correlation of 0.2 is 95% significant, 0.55 is 99% significant

Change in cloud properties for a change  
in AOT from background (0.06) to the  
average value



Range of cloud  
top temperature (K)



**<265 Aerosol OT**

0.19	0.23	0.24	0.22	0.25
0.16	0.26	0.35	0.14	
0.13	0.15	0.18	0.13	
0.15	0.16	0.18	0.15	

**<265 % change in ice cloud OT %**

0.5	0	5	-2	2
5		-7	17	-1
1		7	7	-4
-5		-4	-5	-6

**>280 Aerosol OT**

0.15	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.2
0.1	0.22	0.47	0.09	
0.08	0.13	0.17	0.11	
0.09	0.1	0.11	0.08	

**>280 % change in water cloud O**

2.6	2	5	-4	6
2		3	2	2
4		1	3	4
4	5	1	3	

**<265 % change in Reff ice cloud**

-1.1	2	1	0	-1
-1	-4	-8		-1
2	-3	-5	-1	
1	1	0	1	

**<265 % change in ice water**

-0.6	1	6	-3	1
4	-11	9		-2
2	4	2	-5	
-5	-3	-5	-5	

**>280 % change in Reff water clo**

-2.9	-2	-2	0	-3
0	-4	-18	-1	
0	-4	-6	-2	
0	-3	-3	1	

**>280 % change in liquid water**

-0.3	0	3	-4	3
2	-2	-16		1
4	-3	-3	2	
4	2	-2	4	

Correlation between the aerosol effect on cloud ice size and optical thickness  
for 0-70°N Oct. 2003

