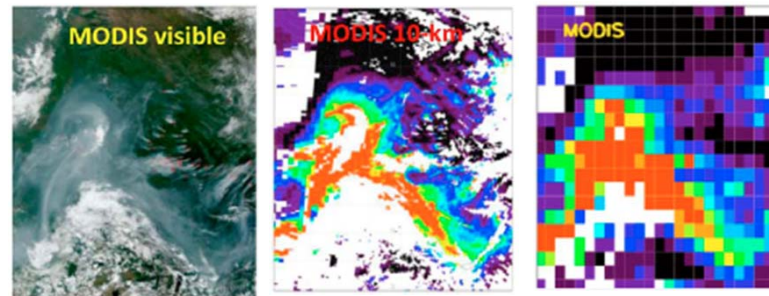


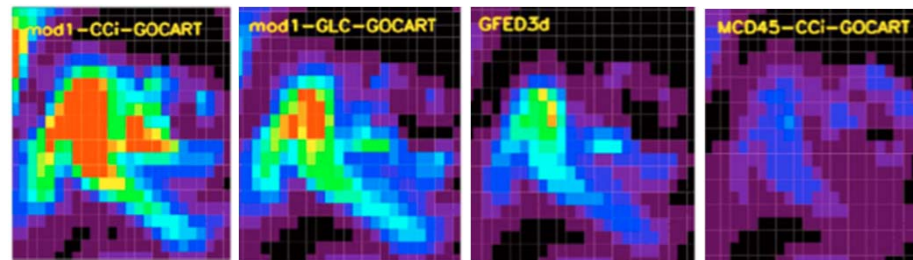
# *MISR Update*

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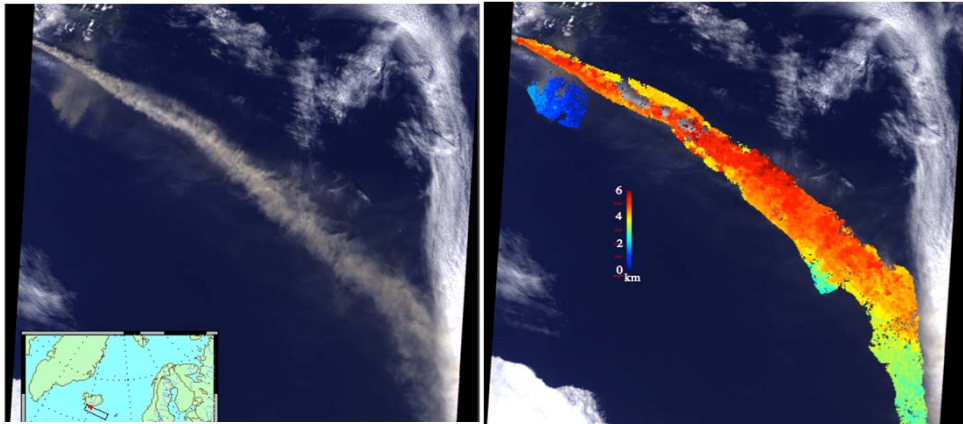
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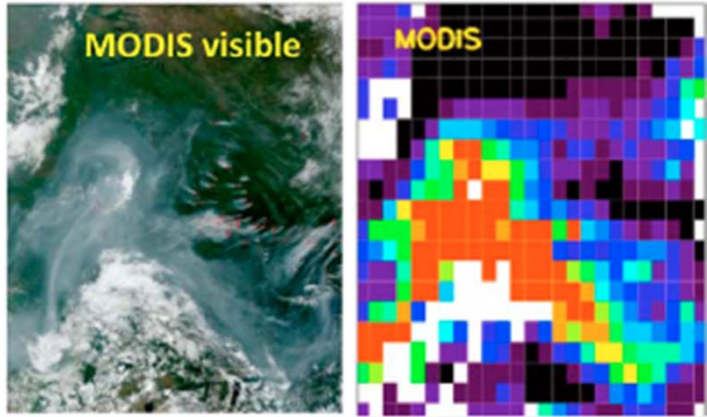
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*Petrenko et al., JGR 2012*

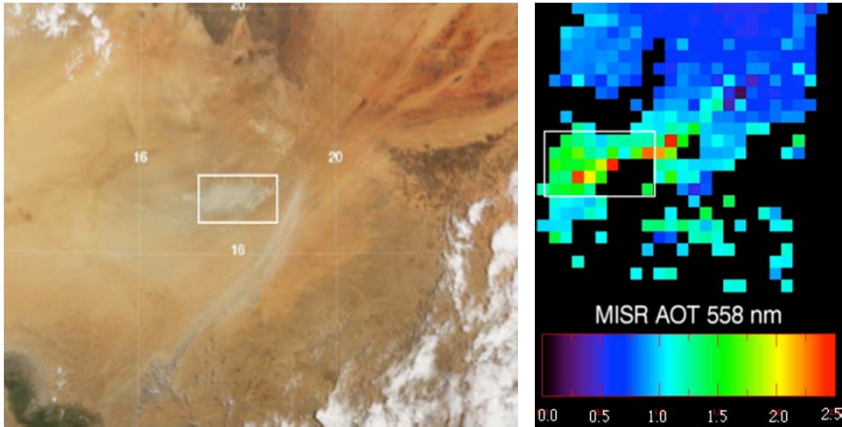
# From Case Studies Toward Climatology...



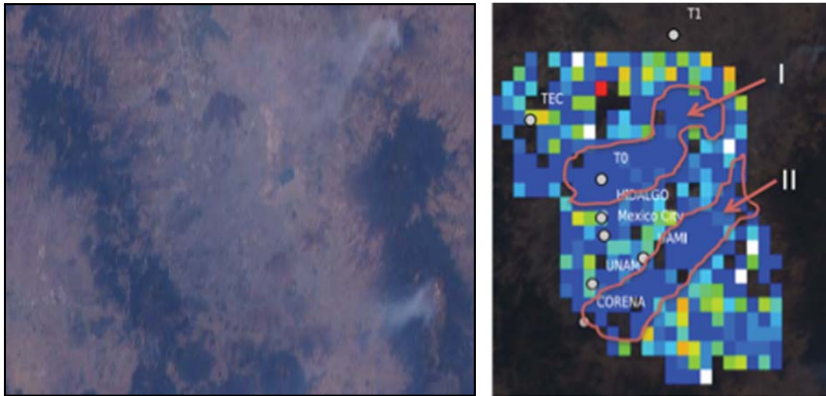
Volcanic Ash



Wildfire Smoke



Desert Dust



Urban Pollution Particles

# Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer



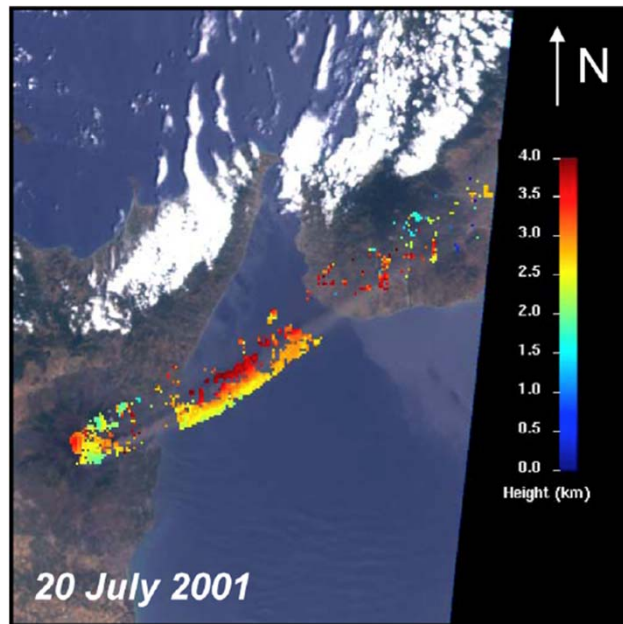
<http://www-misr.jpl.nasa.gov>  
<http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov>

- Nine CCD push-broom cameras
- Nine view angles at Earth surface:  
70.5° forward to 70.5° aft
- Four spectral bands at each angle:  
446, 558, 672, 866 nm
- *Studies Aerosols, Clouds, & Surface*



# Mount Etna Plume Height and Eruption Style from MISR

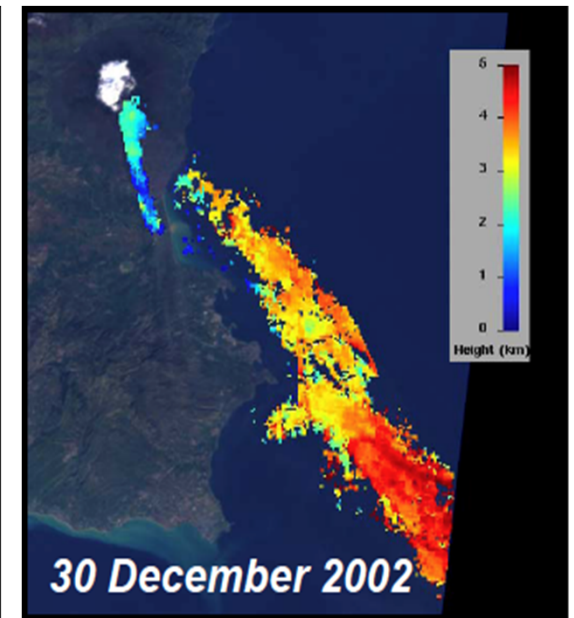
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MISR observations of Etna volcanic plumes. *J. Geophys. Res.* 2012



MISR nadir-viewing, true-color image showing Etna, with stereo-derived plume height superposed



29 Sept. 2006 – MISR retrieved mostly small spherical particles, indicating a sulfate/water-dominated plume



MISR stereo heights for the ash-dominated plume on 30 December 2002

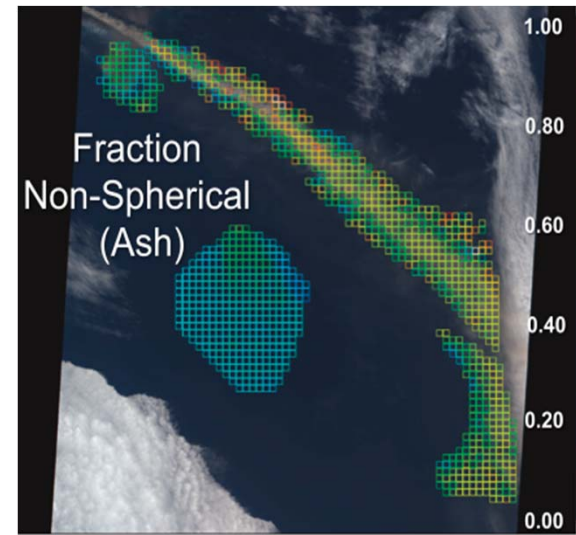
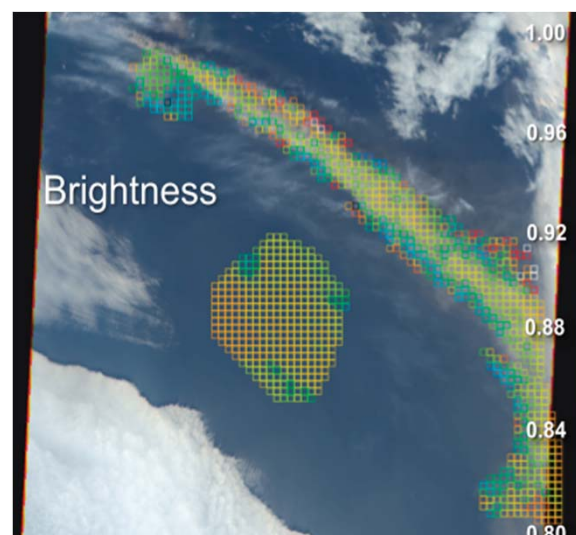
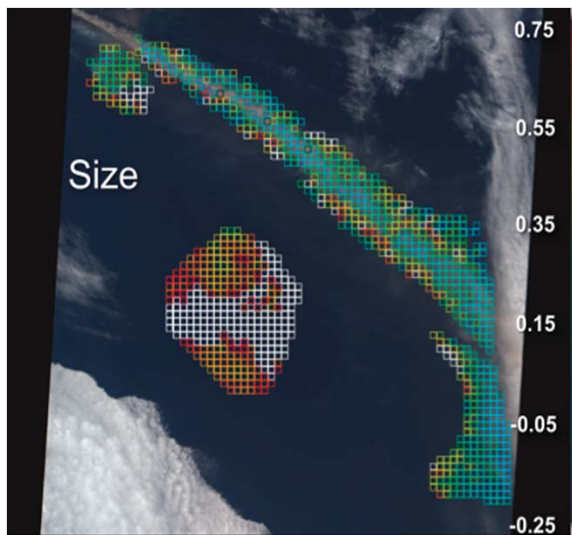
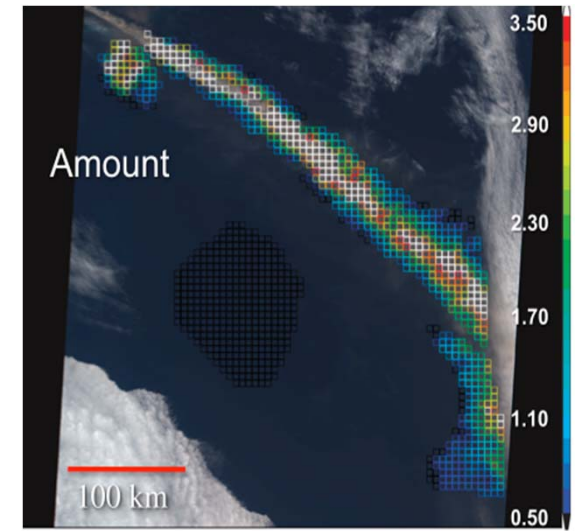
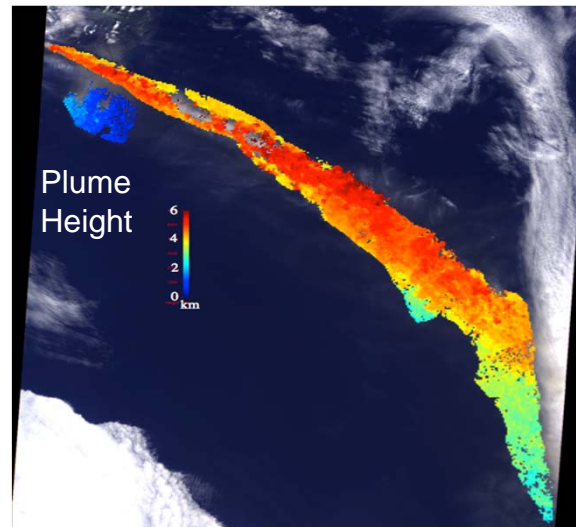
## Indications of **Eruption Strength:**

- **Plume Height** from MISR stereo imaging
- **Ash to Sulfate/Water particle AOD ratio** from MISR-retrieved particle shape and size



# *Volcanic Plume Properties*: Height, Particle Size, Shape, Brightness

MISR Observations – Iceland Volcano Eruption *07 May 2010*



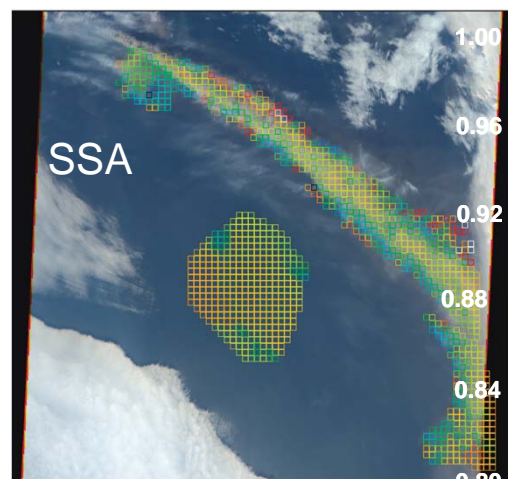
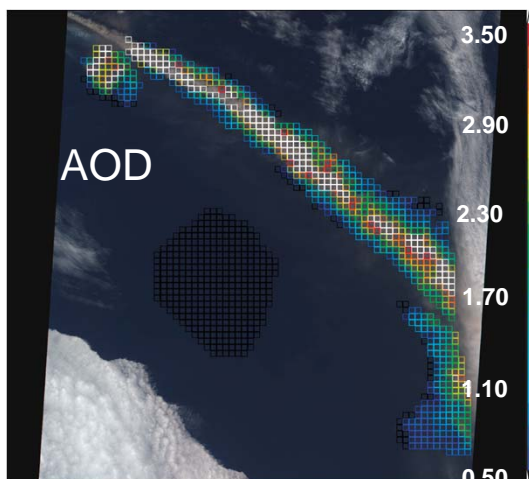
Kahn & Limbacher, ACP 2012

**Plume Particles vs. Background:**

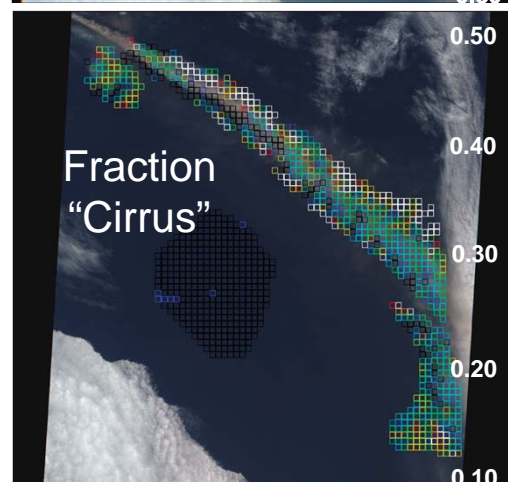
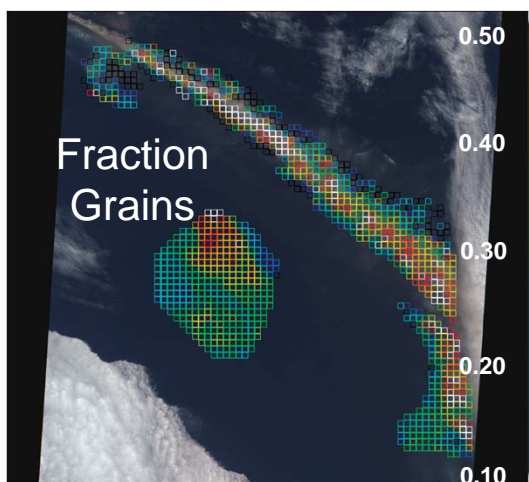
*Larger, darker, more non-spherical, much more abundant; Brighten & decrease in size downwind*

# *Eyjafjallajökull* Volcanic Plume Properties

07 May 2010 plume, Orbit 55238, Path 216, 12:39 UTC



Climatology  
begins  
with  
case studies

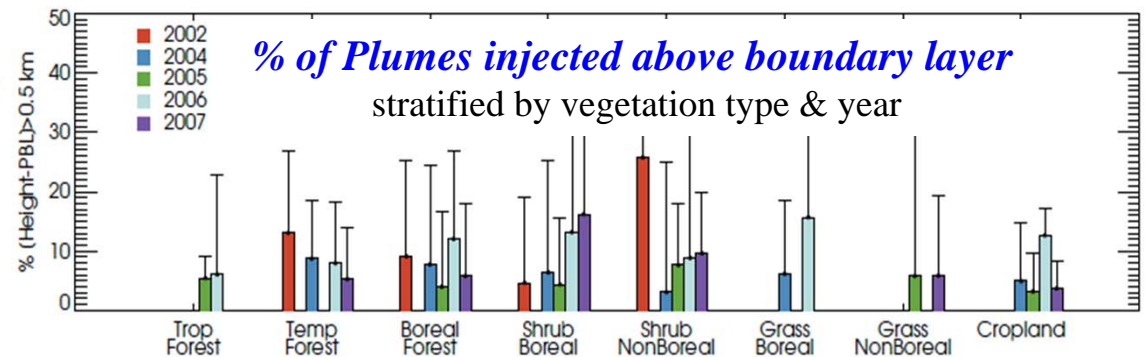
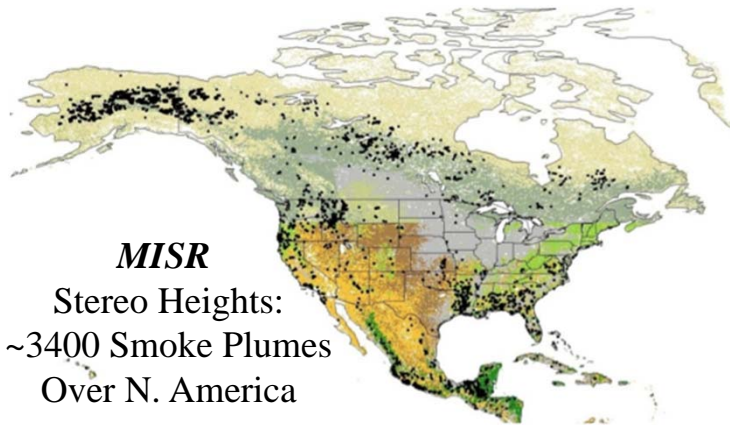


- **Volcanic Ash:** Retrieved as a mix of *Grains*, *Cirrus*, and *Spherical Absorbing* optical analogs
- **Global 13<sup>+</sup>-year Data Set:** About a dozen volcanoes active around the globe at any one time
- **Retrieval Validation:** Need coincident ground-truth particle amount & type data

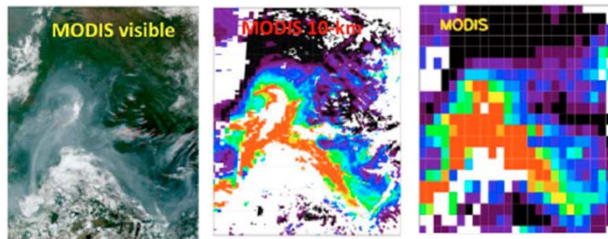


# Wildfire Smoke Injection Heights & Source Strengths

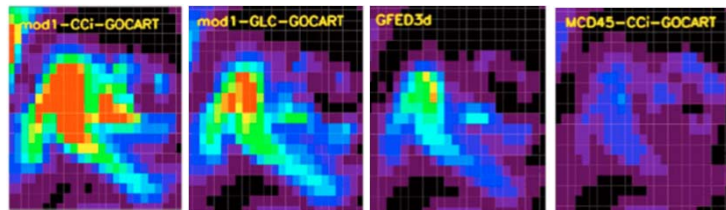
[These are the two key parameters representing aerosol sources in climate models]



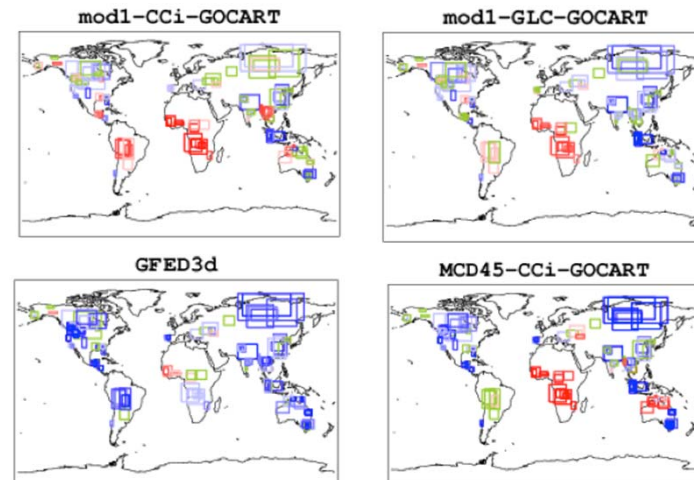
Val Martin et al. ACP 2010



MODIS Smoke Plume Image & Aerosol Amount Snapshots



GoCART Model-Simulated Aerosol Amount Snapshots  
for Different Assumed Source Strengths



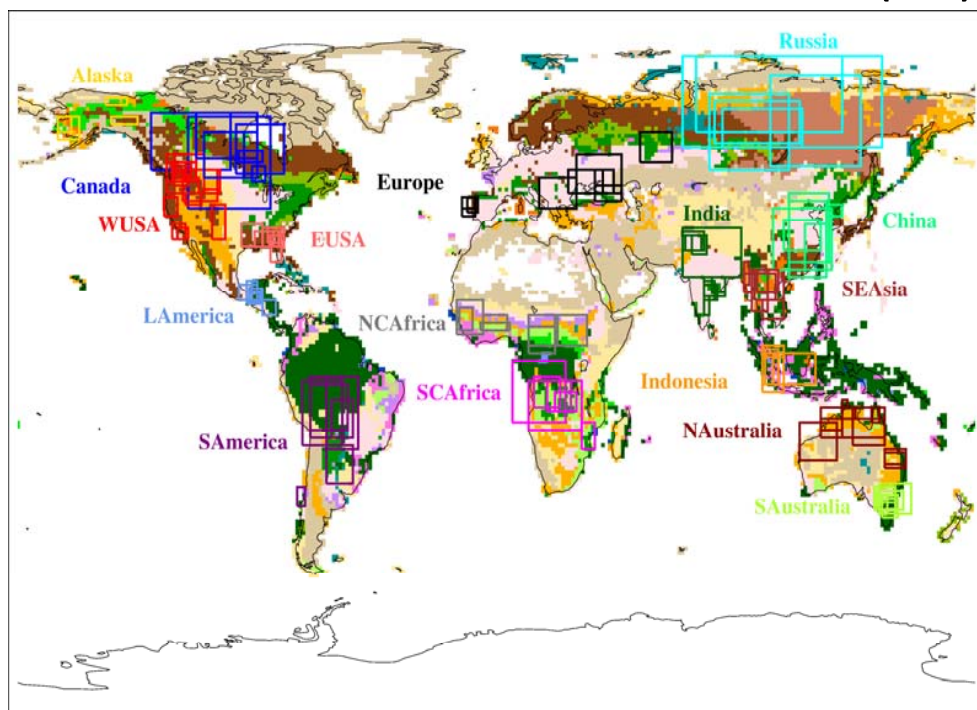
Different Techniques for Assuming Model Source Strength  
**Overestimate** or **Underestimate** Observation  
Systematically in Different Regions

Petrenko et al., JGR 2012

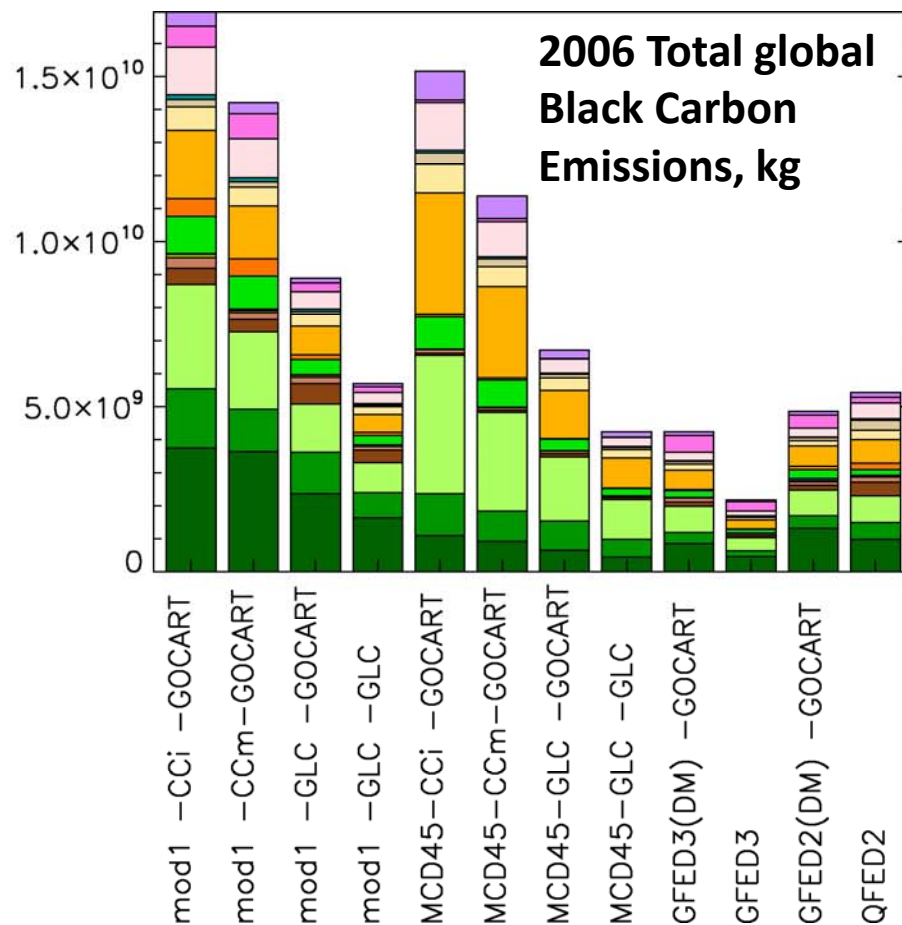


# Satellite AOD snapshots constrain biomass burning emissions *source strength*

Black Carbon (BC) emissions in 2006

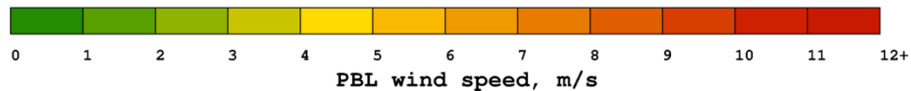
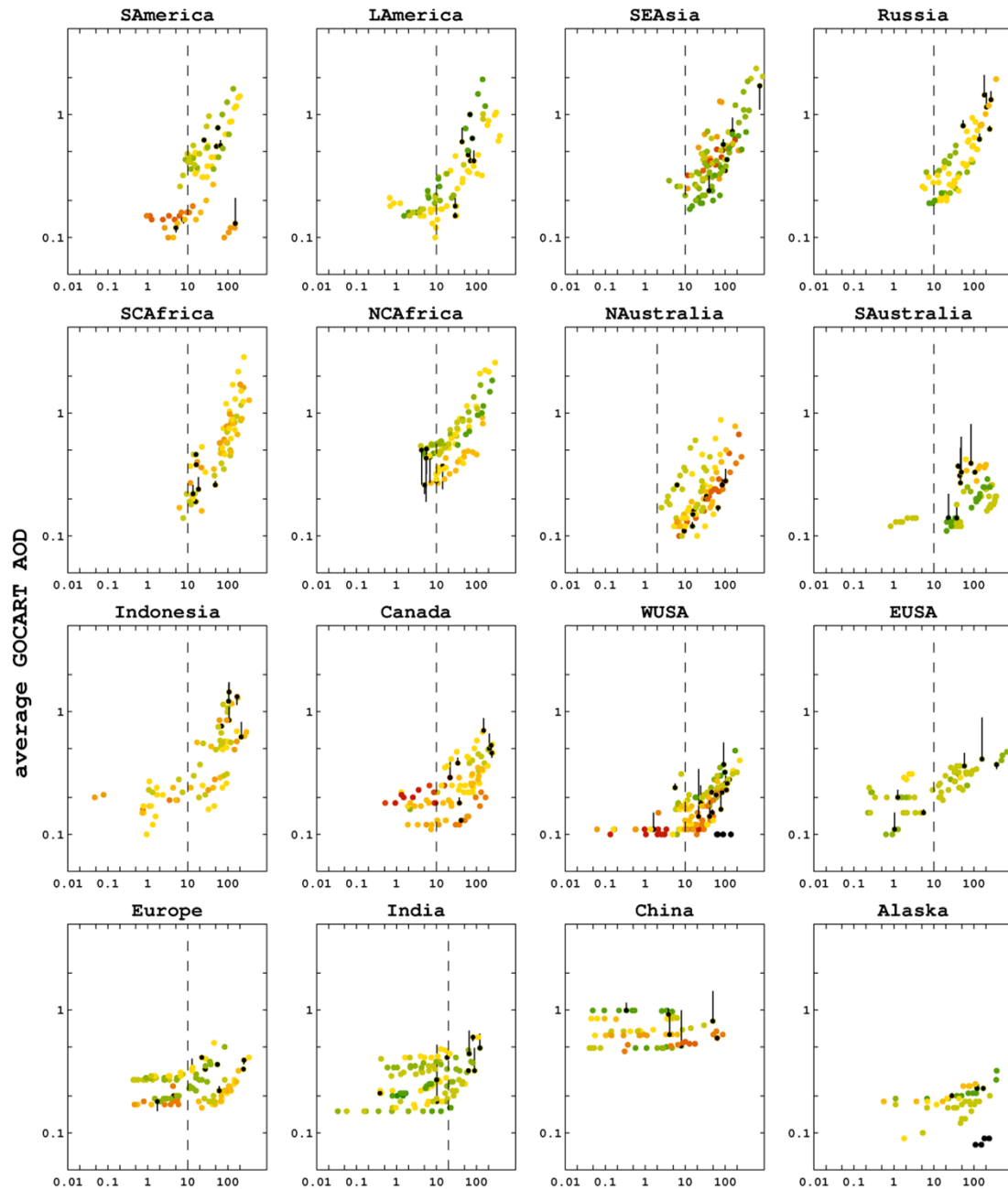


- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Tree cover, broadleaved, evergreen            | 10 Undefined                                       |
| 2 Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed    | 11 Shrub cover, closed-open, evergreen             |
| 3 Tree cover, broadleaved, open                 | 12 Shrub cover, closed-open, deciduous             |
| 4 Tree cover, needle-leaved, evergreen          | 13 Herbaceous cover, closed-open                   |
| 5 Tree cover, needle-leaved, deciduous          | 14 Sparse herbaceous or sparse shrub cover         |
| 6 Tree cover mixed leaf type                    | 15 Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover |
| 7 Tree cover, regularly flooded, fresh water    | 16 Cultivated and managed areas                    |
| 8 Tree cover, regularly flooded, saline water   | 17 Mosaic: Cropland/Tree cover/other natural veg   |
| 9 Mosaic: tree cover / other natural vegetation | 18 Cropland/Shrub and/or grass cover               |



13 global BB aerosol emission estimates

→ The first time these inventories are compared, the details suggest the source of discrepancies

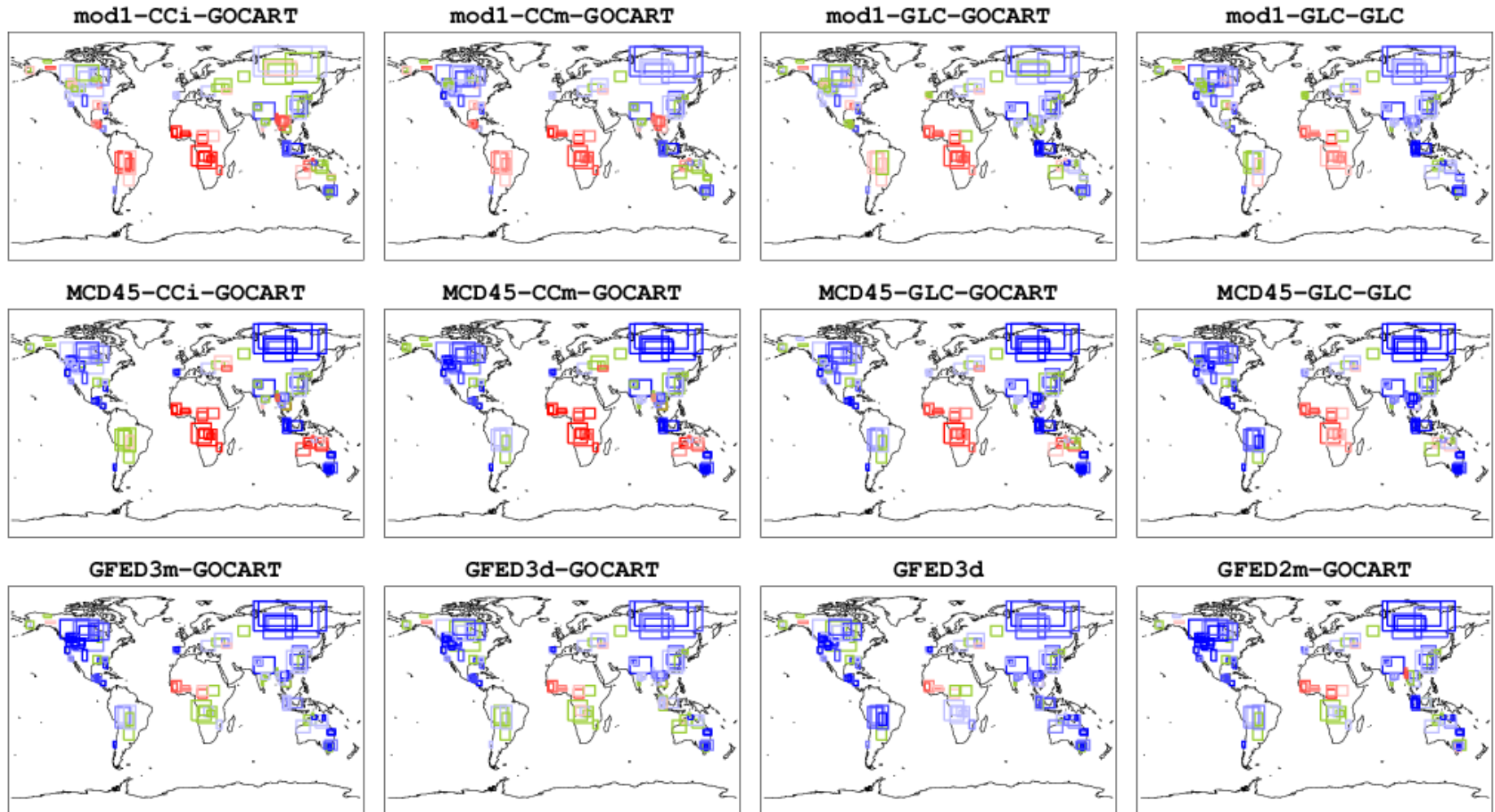


Wind speed at the source defines the AOD-emissions relationship

→ Quantitative relationship between aerosol emission rate and AOD is explored,  
 → and can be used to correct biases at the level of individual plume.

# Ratio of GOCART to MODIS average AOD

For each case, for 12 emission estimates



→ Biases are exposed at a regional scale, to improve BB aerosol emissions correction

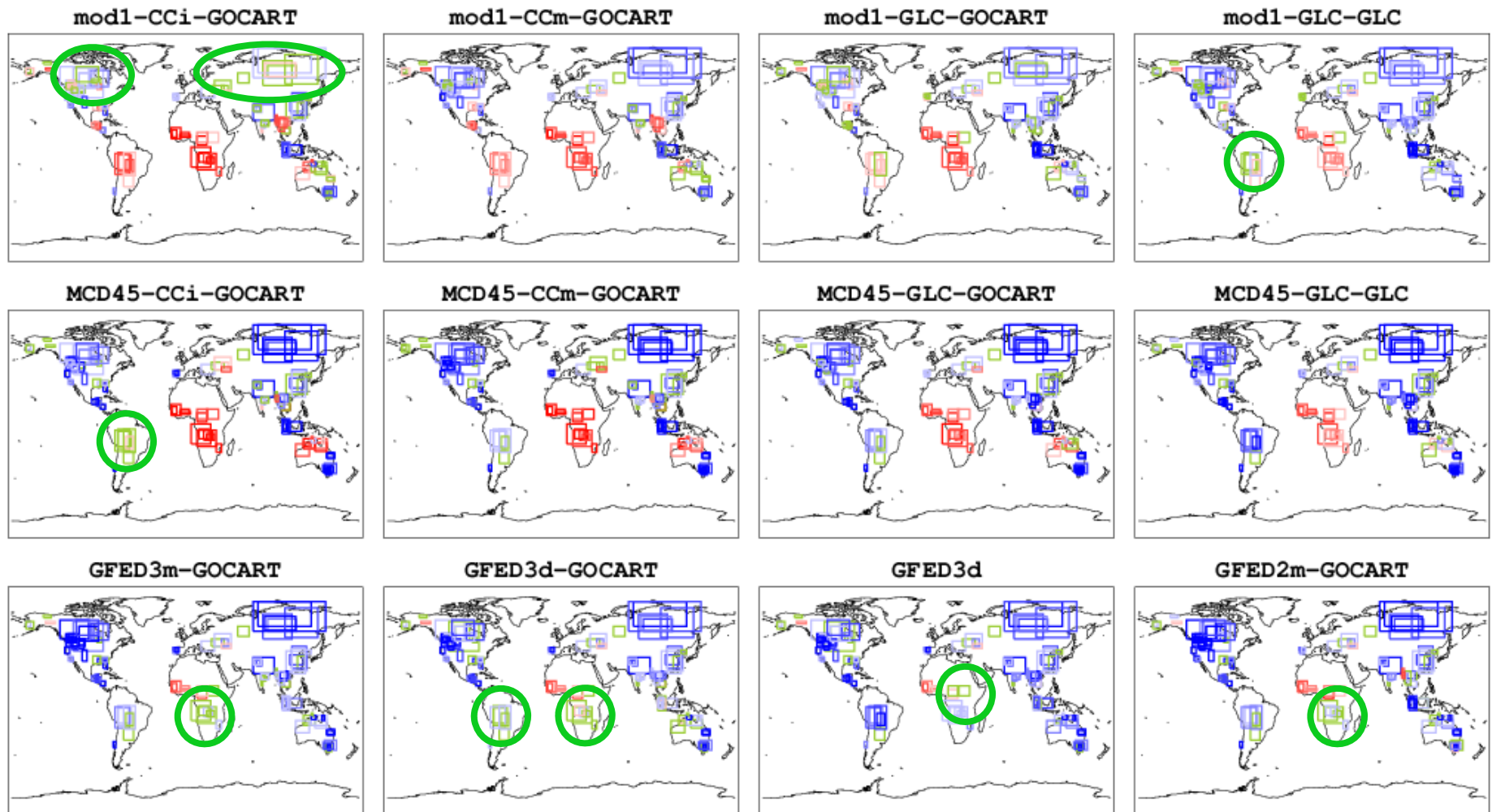
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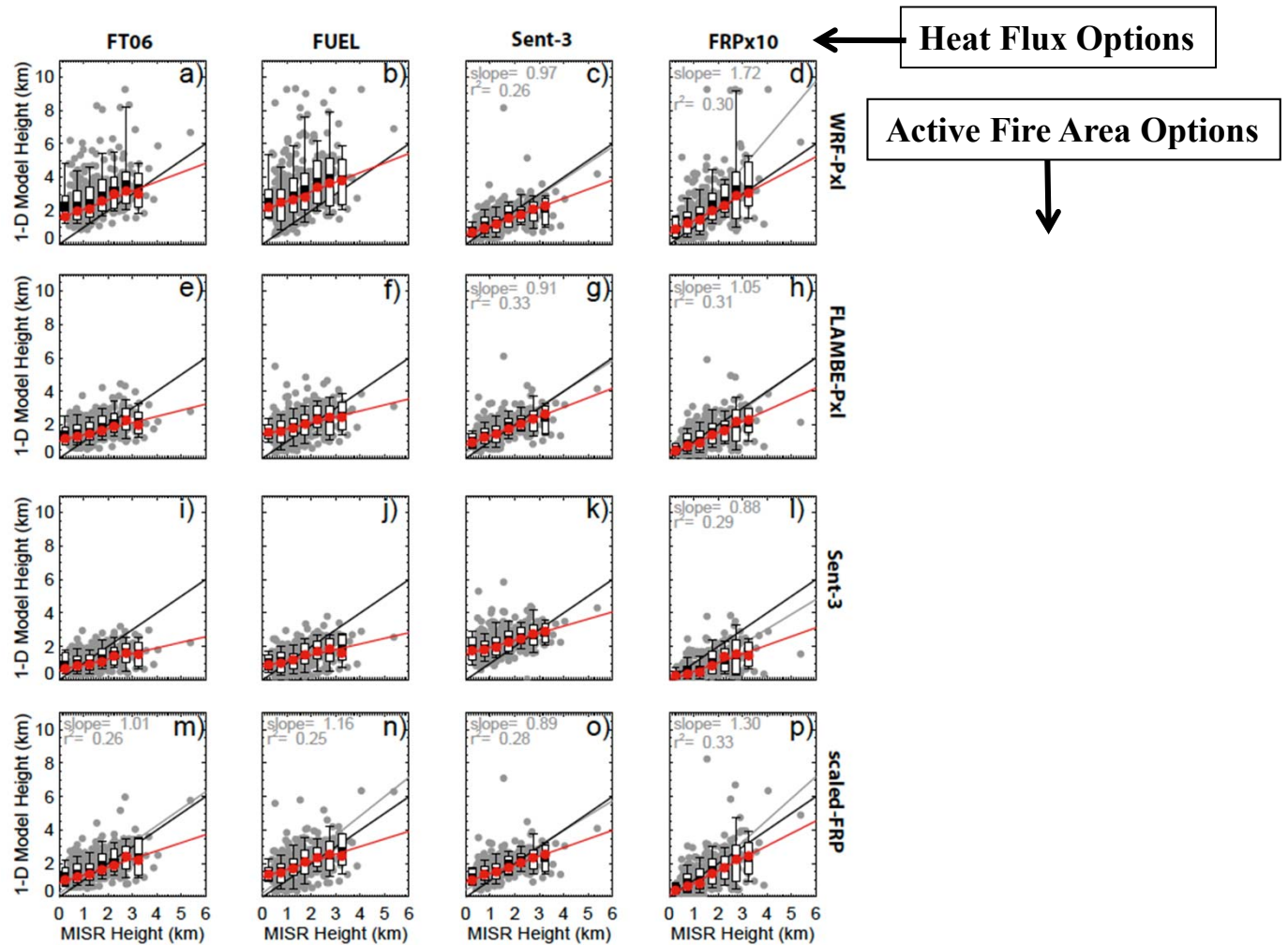
**Systematic regional patterns; some parameterizations work better in certain regions**

Ratio of GOCART average AOD to MODIS average AOD



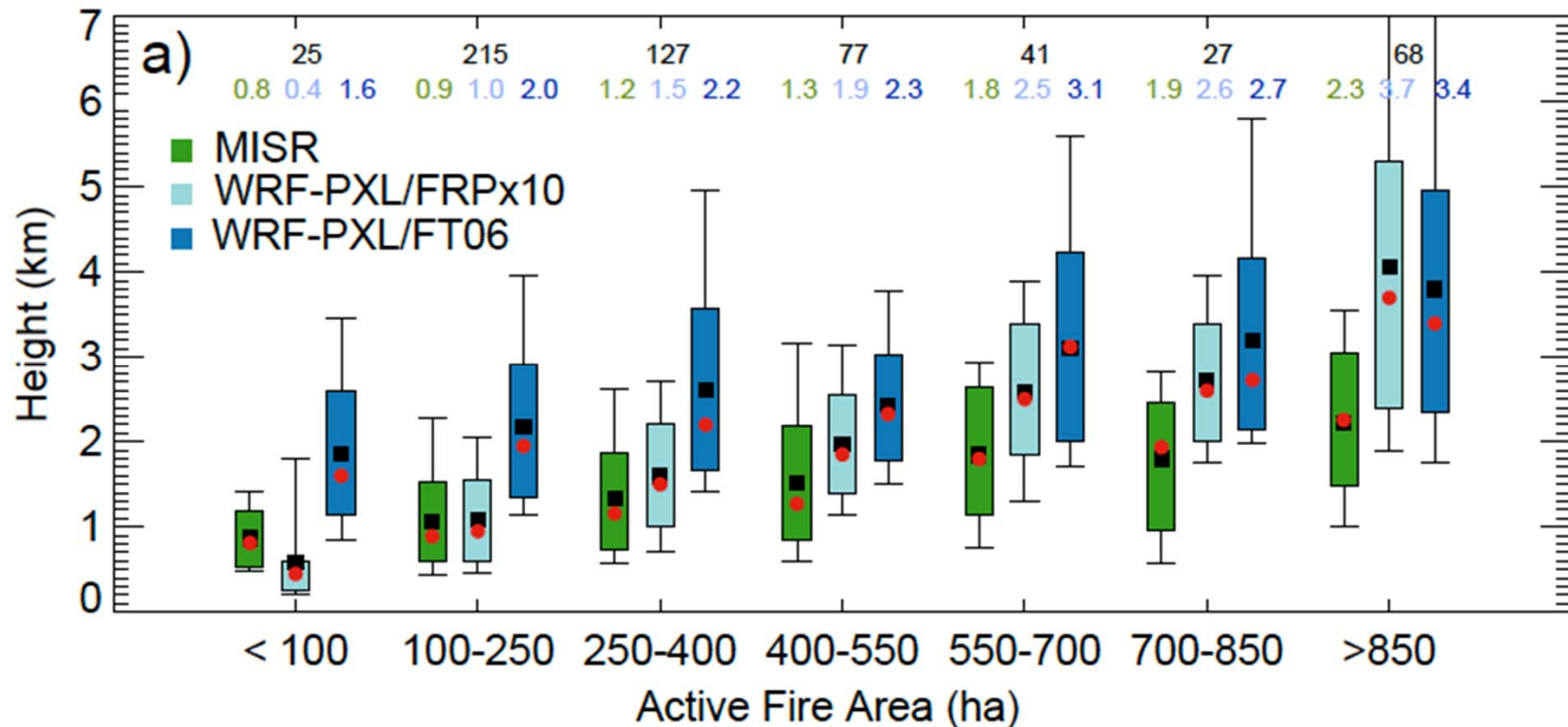
# Evaluation of a 1D plume-rise model: Towards a parameterization of smoke *injection heights*

To Constrain models:  
Need to assess the  
*Parameterizations*  
actually used



**1-D Plume-rise model heights vs. MISR-observed max. plume heights**  
-- Models have *lower dynamic range than observed*, but very variable

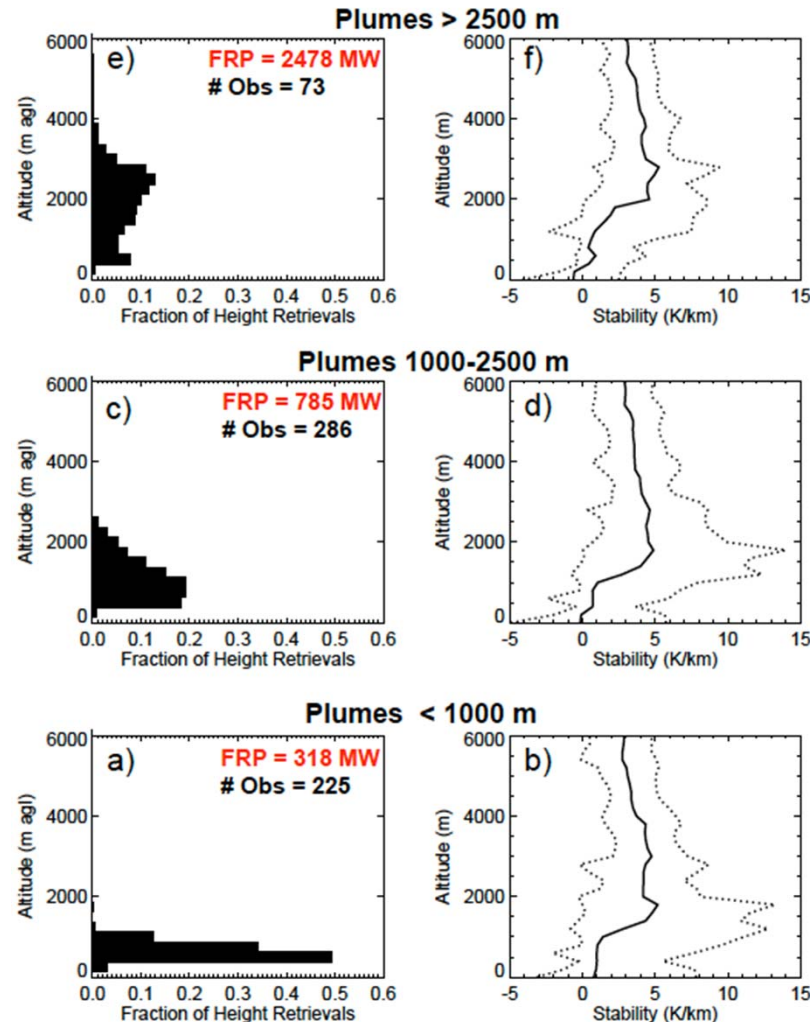
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Plume height increases systematically as *Active Fire Area* Increases  
(Active fire area is estimated from MODIS FRP for these models)



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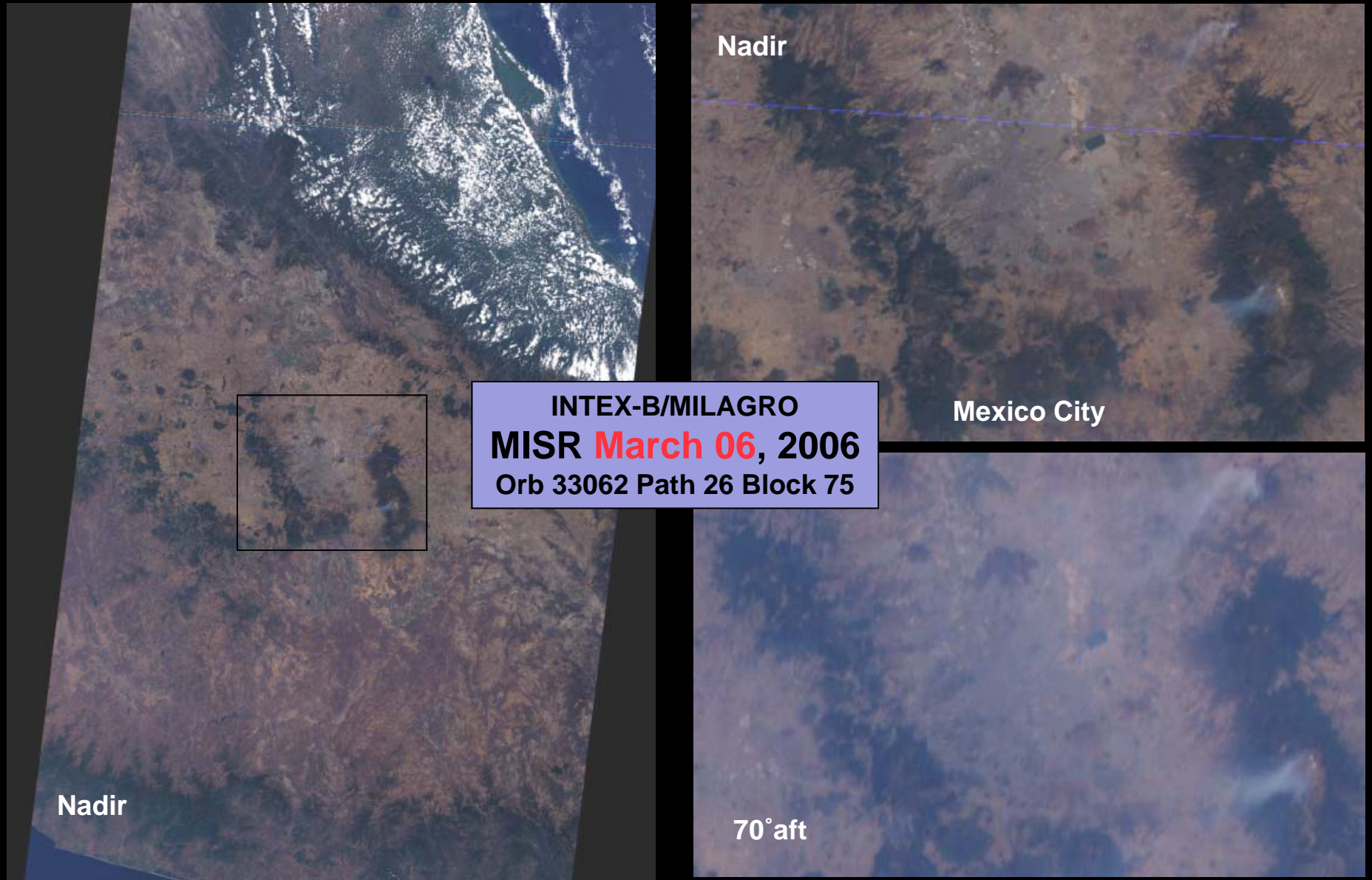


The key factors:

- *Fire Energy*  
(fire area; heat flux, FRP)
- *Atmospheric Stability*
- *Entrainment*

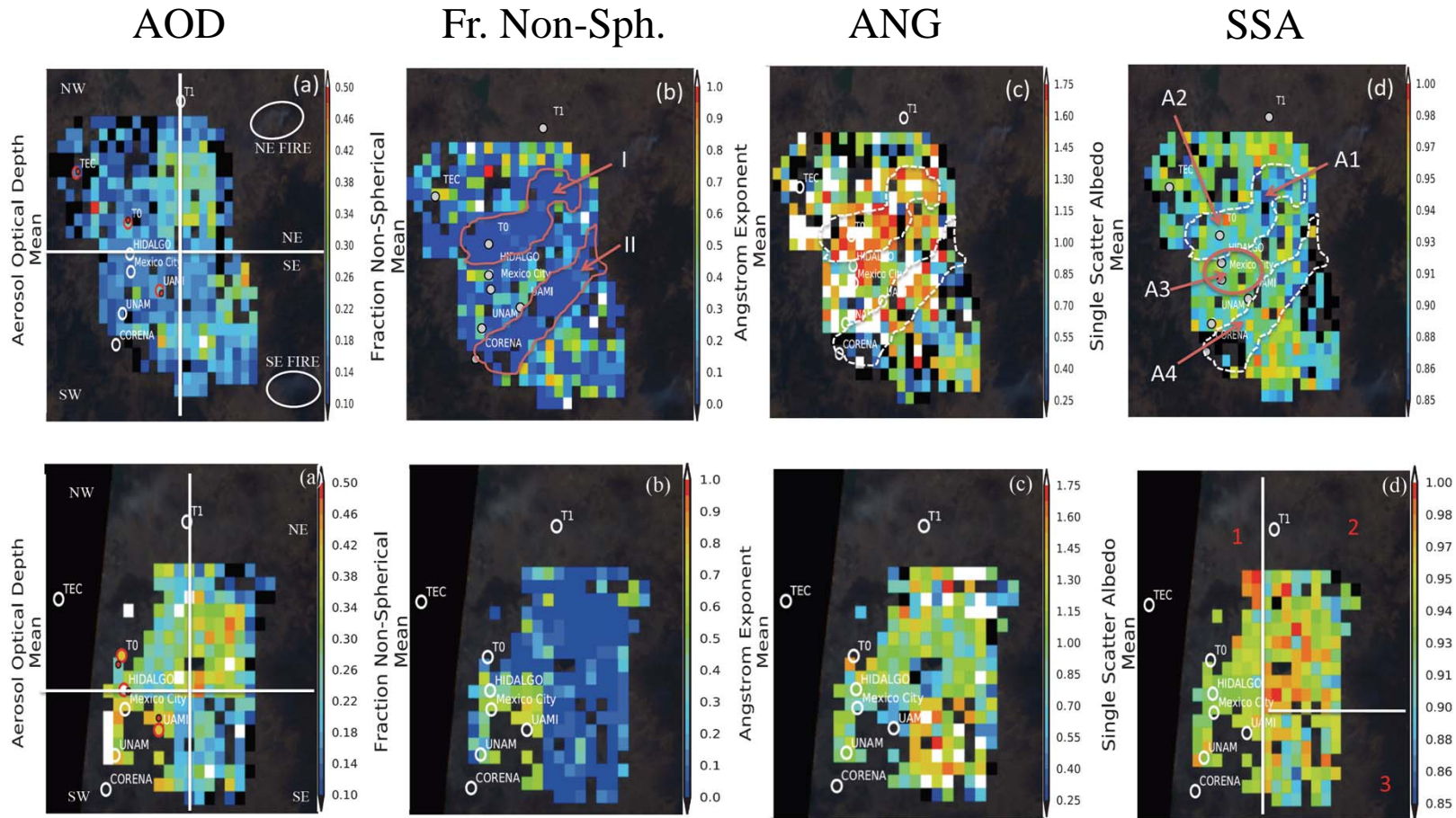
Plume height increases systematically as *FRP* increases and *Atmospheric Stability* decreases

# Mapping AOD & Aerosol Air-Mass-Type in Urban Regions



# Urban Pollution AOD & Aerosol Air Mass Type Mapping

## INTEX-B, 06 & 15 March 2006



March  
06

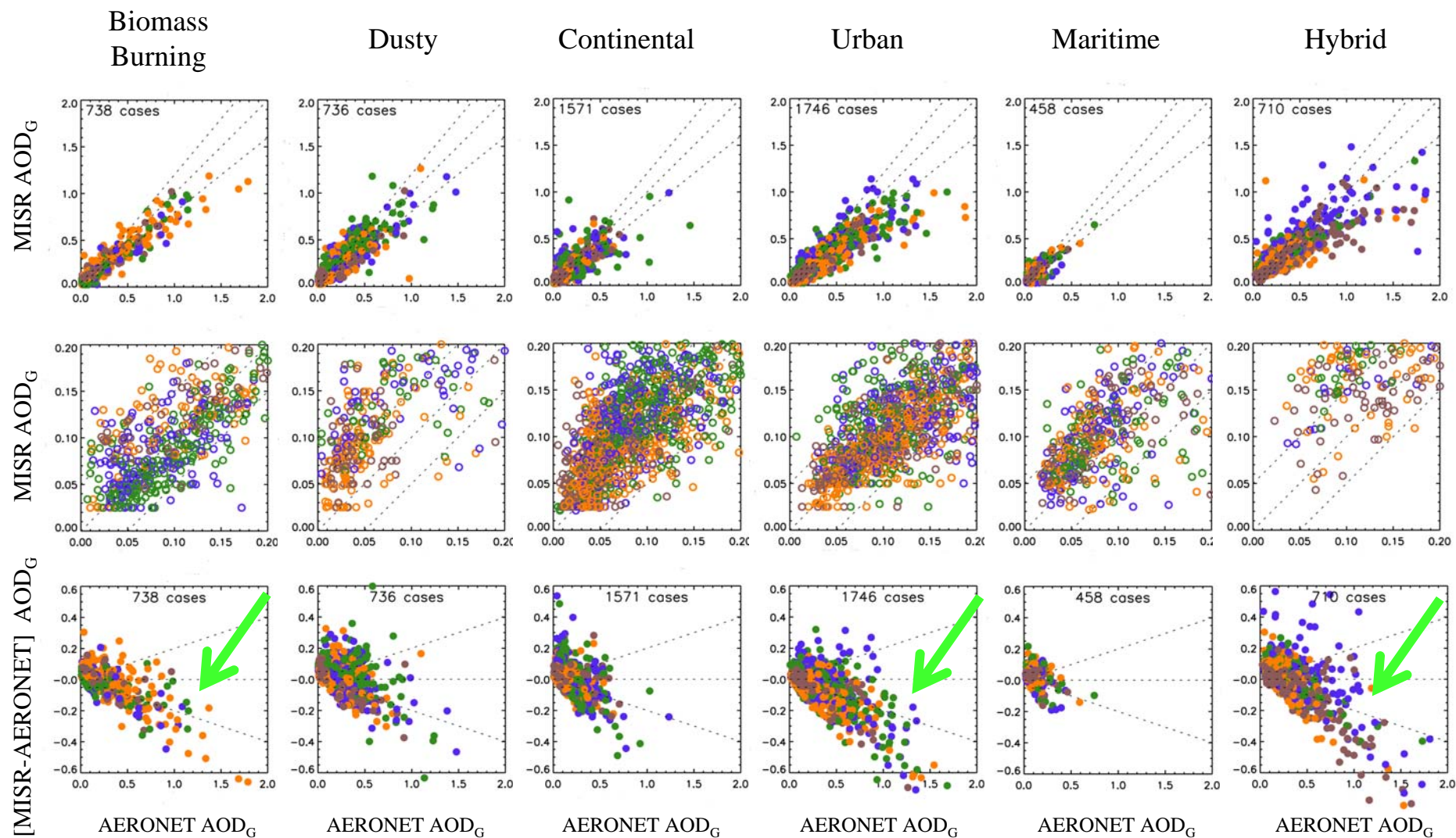
March  
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**Aerosol Air Masses:** *Dust* (non-spherical), *Smoke* (spherical, spectrally steep absorbing), and *Pollution* particles (spherical, spectrally flat absorbing) dominate specific regions



# *MISR-AERONET AOD* Comparison for 5,156 Coincidences

*MISR Version 22 – Stratified by expected aerosol air mass type*



High AOD *Underestimation*  
MISR-retrieved Surface BRDF – *Urban China*

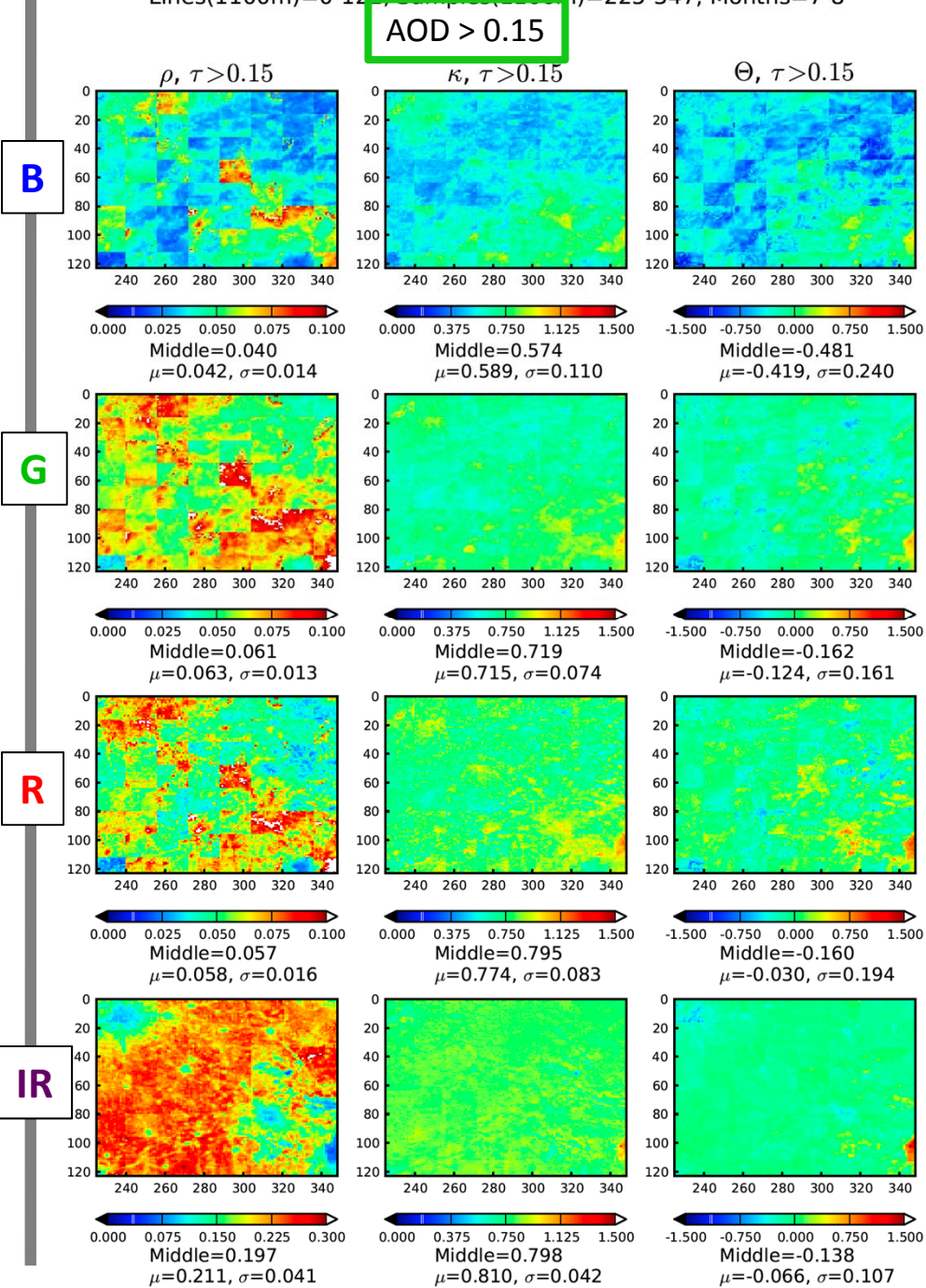
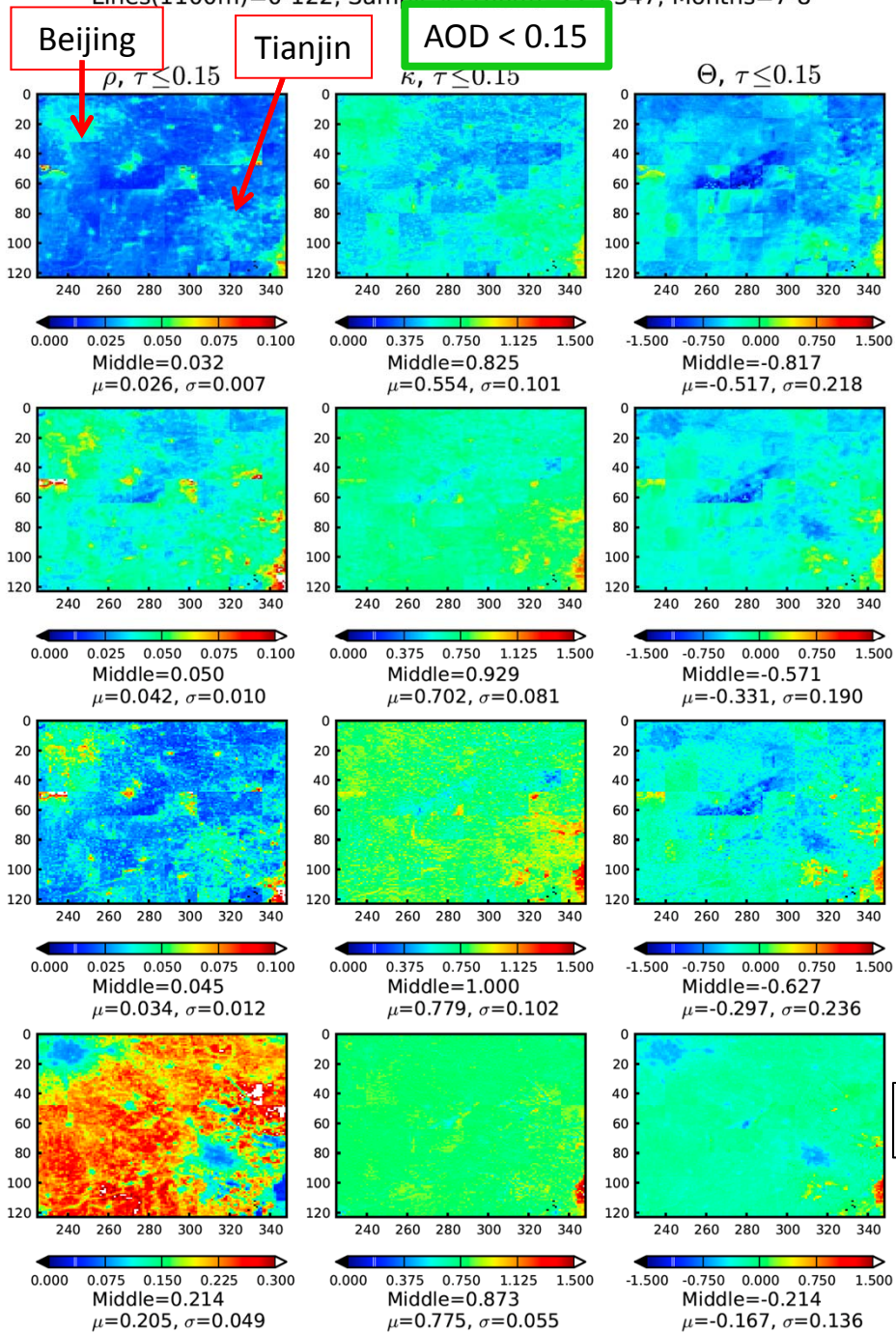


Orbit 30374, Blocks 59-59, 2005-09-03



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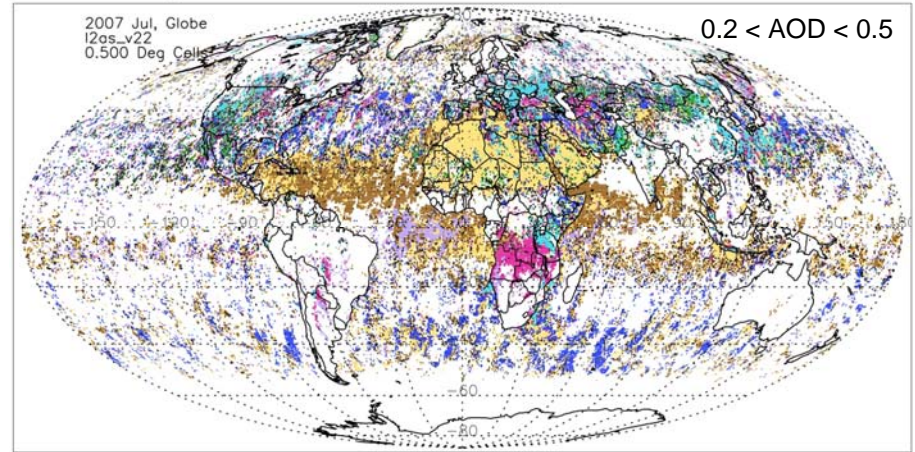
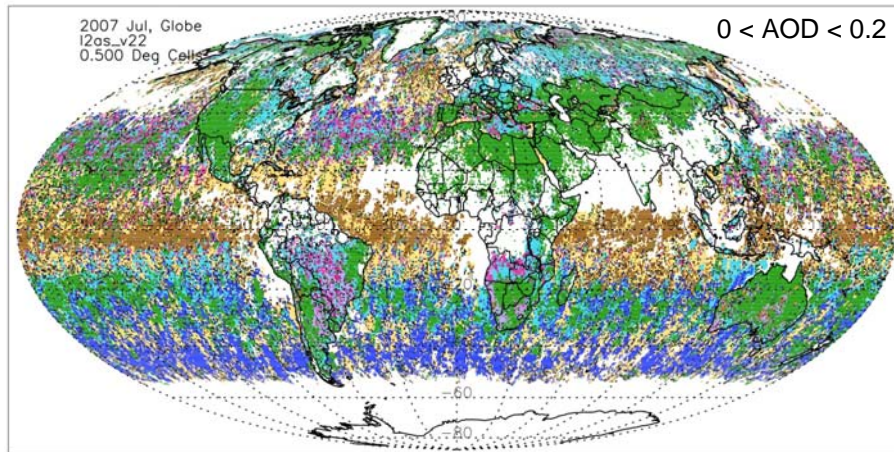
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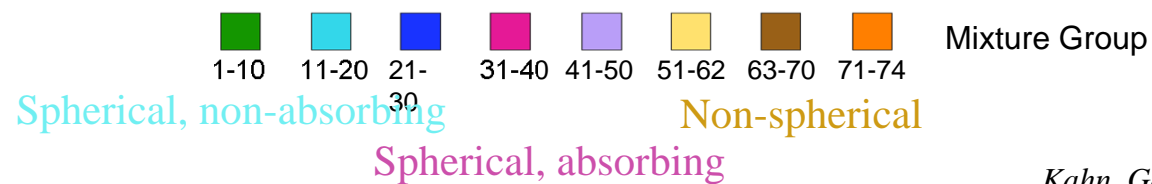
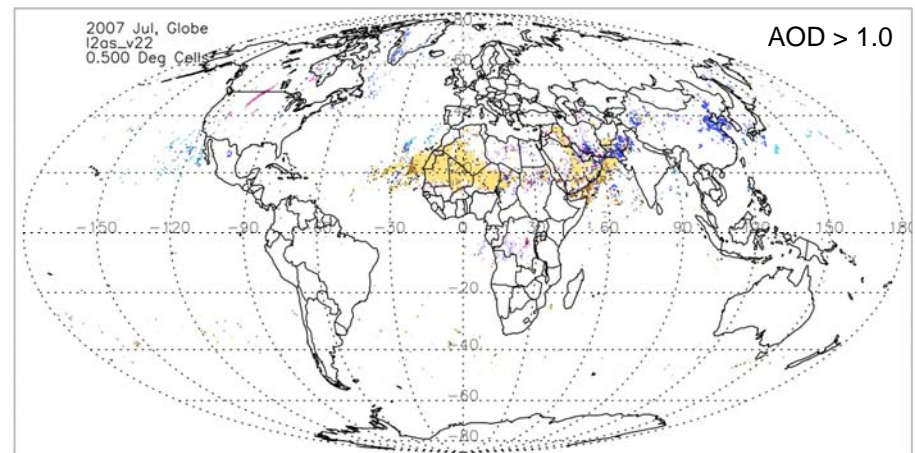
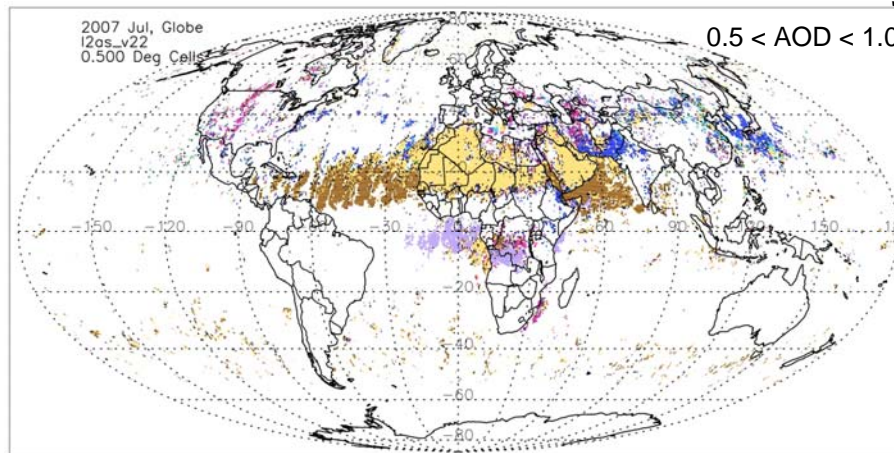


# Toward a Quality Flag for MISR Aerosol Type

## Global Distribution of MISR Most Frequently Retrieved Mixture Group



July 2007



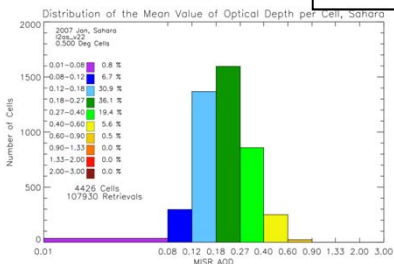
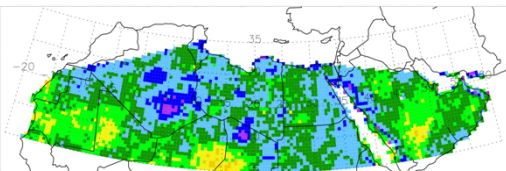


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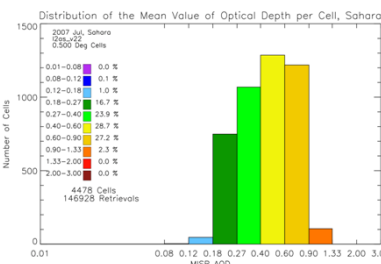
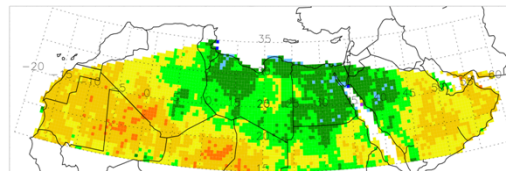
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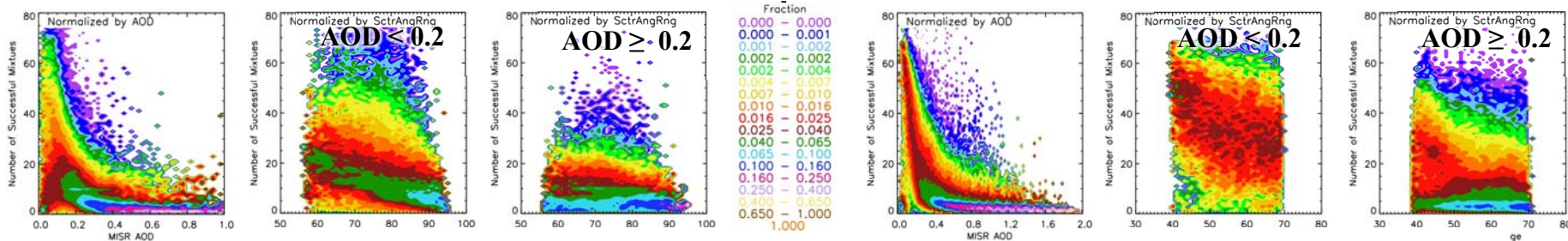
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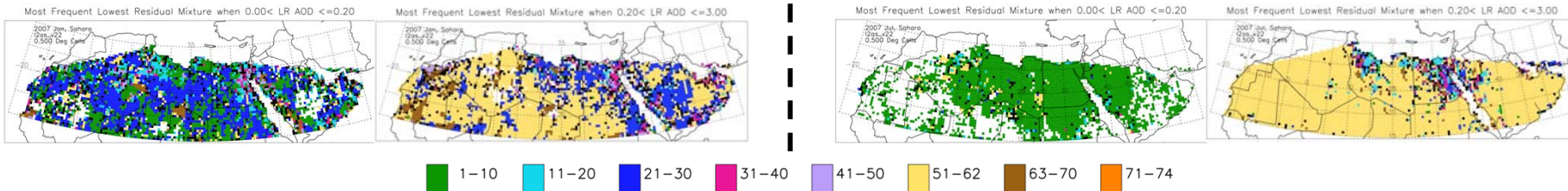
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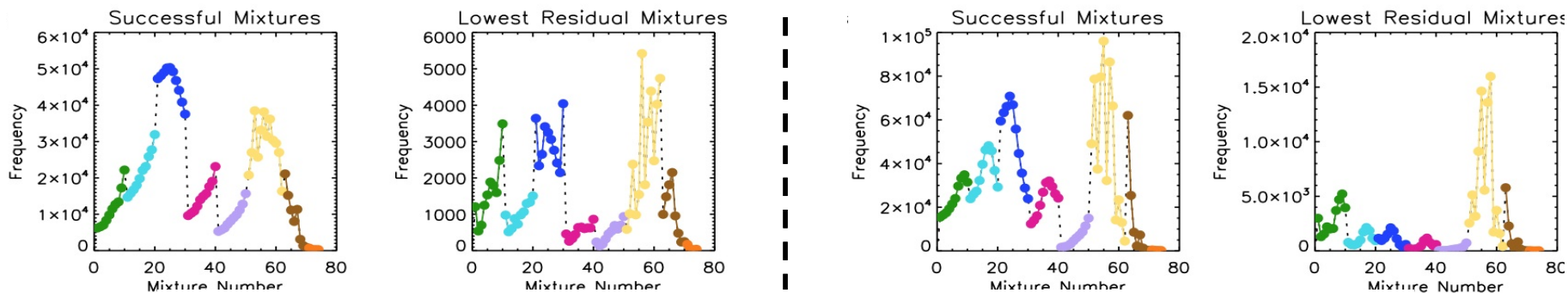
## Mean Best Estimate AOD Map & Histogram Distribution



## Number of Successful Mixtures vs. Normalized AOD & vs. Normalized Scattering Angle Range



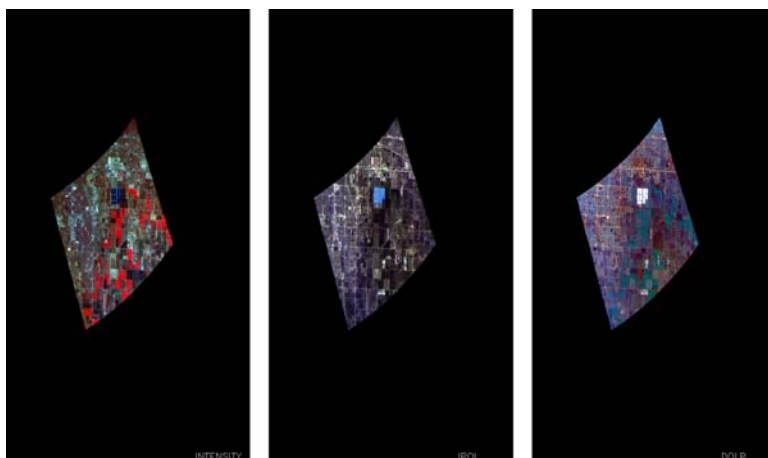
## Most Frequent Lowest Residual Aerosol Type Mixture Group, Stratified by AOD



## Histograms of Lowest Residual & All Successful Aerosol Type Mixture Groups

# And Aiming For Future

## AirMSPI



Bakersfield CA 18 January 2013 (+47.5° View)

## Missions...

## SAM-CAAM

[Systematic Aircraft Measurements  
to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]



### Primary Objectives:

- Interpreting and *enhancing satellite aerosol-type retrieval* products
- *Characterizing statistically particle properties*
  - for the major aerosol types, providing detail unobtainable from space, but needed to improve:
    - Satellite aerosol *retrieval algorithms*
    - The *translation between satellite-retrieved aerosol optical properties and species-specific aerosol mass and size*