# How We Can Constrain Aerosol Type Globally

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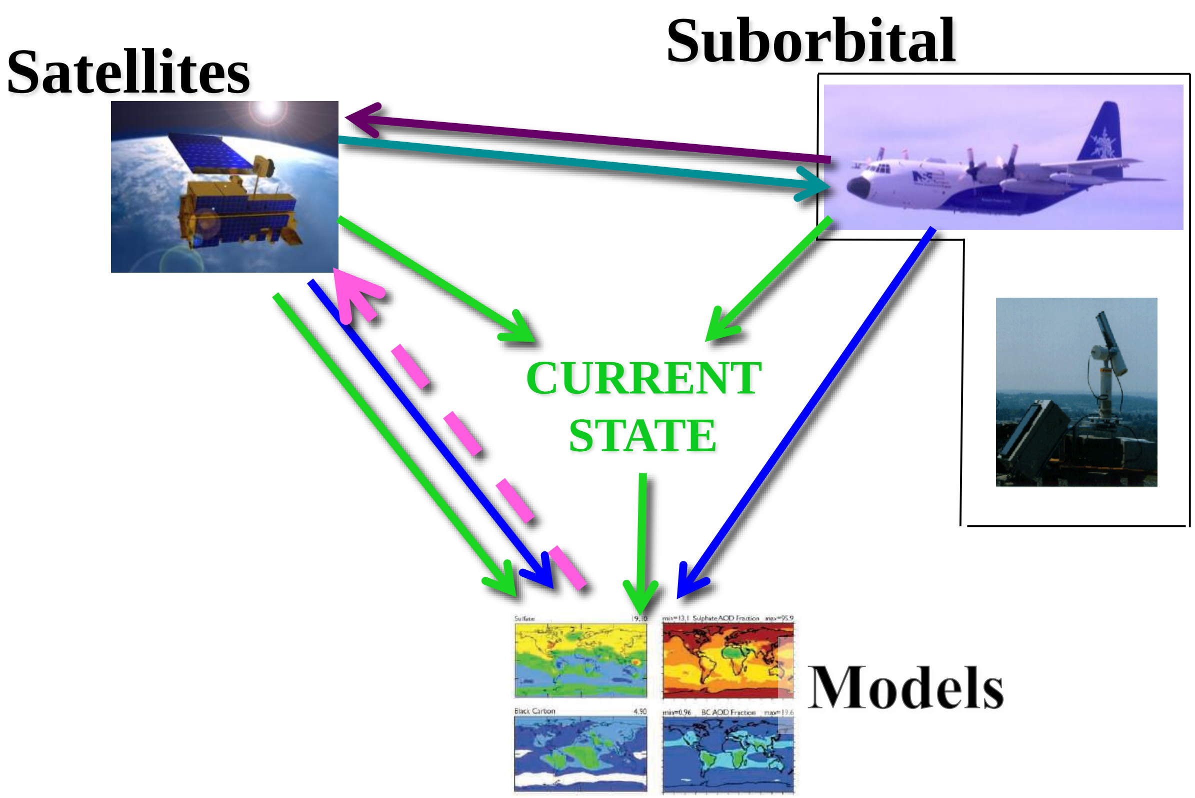
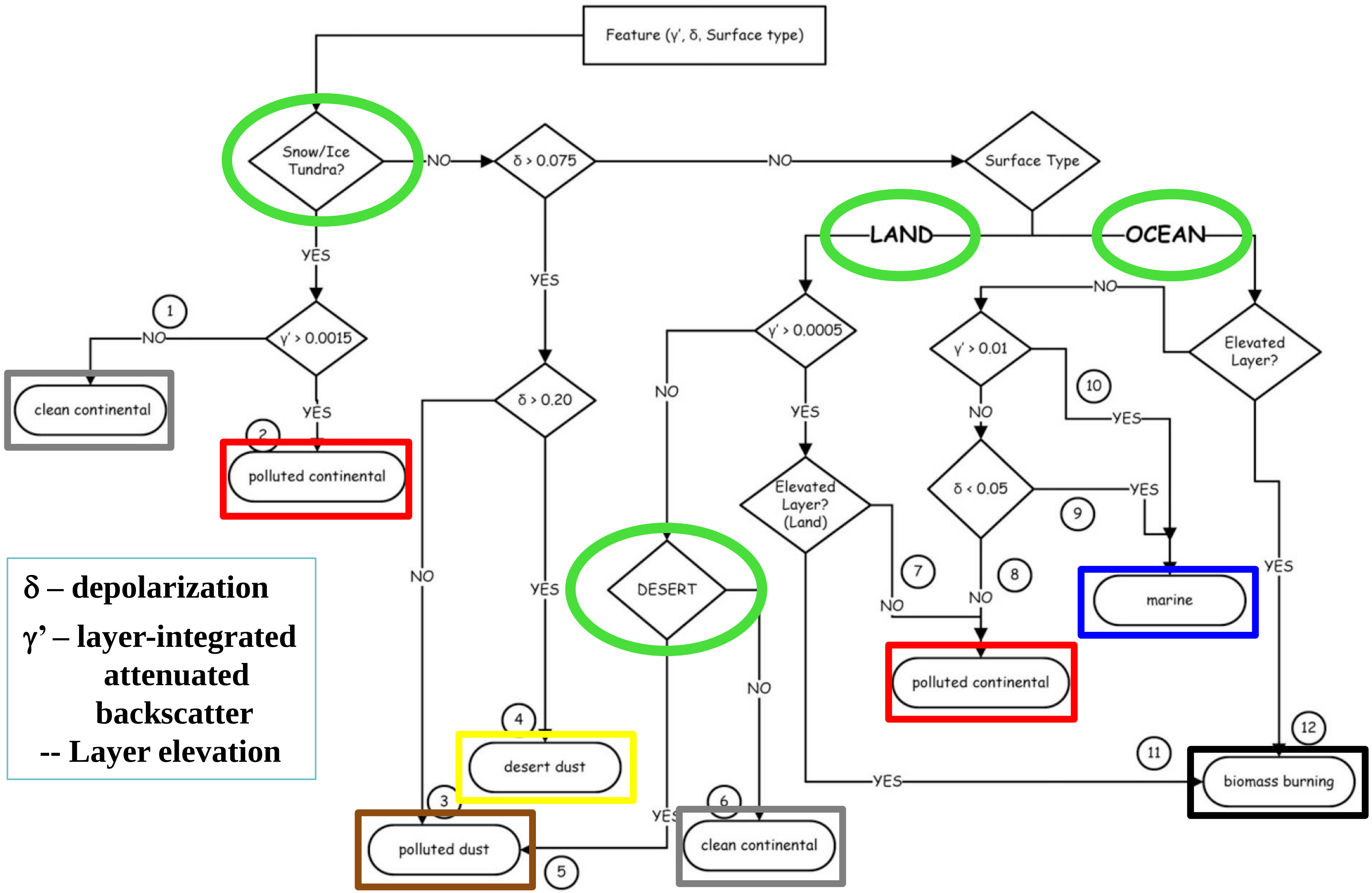


# *CALIPSO* 6-Type *Interpretive Composition* Classification Scheme




δ – depolarization

γ' – layer-integrated attenuated backscatter

-- Layer elevation

*Omar et al., JAOT 2009*

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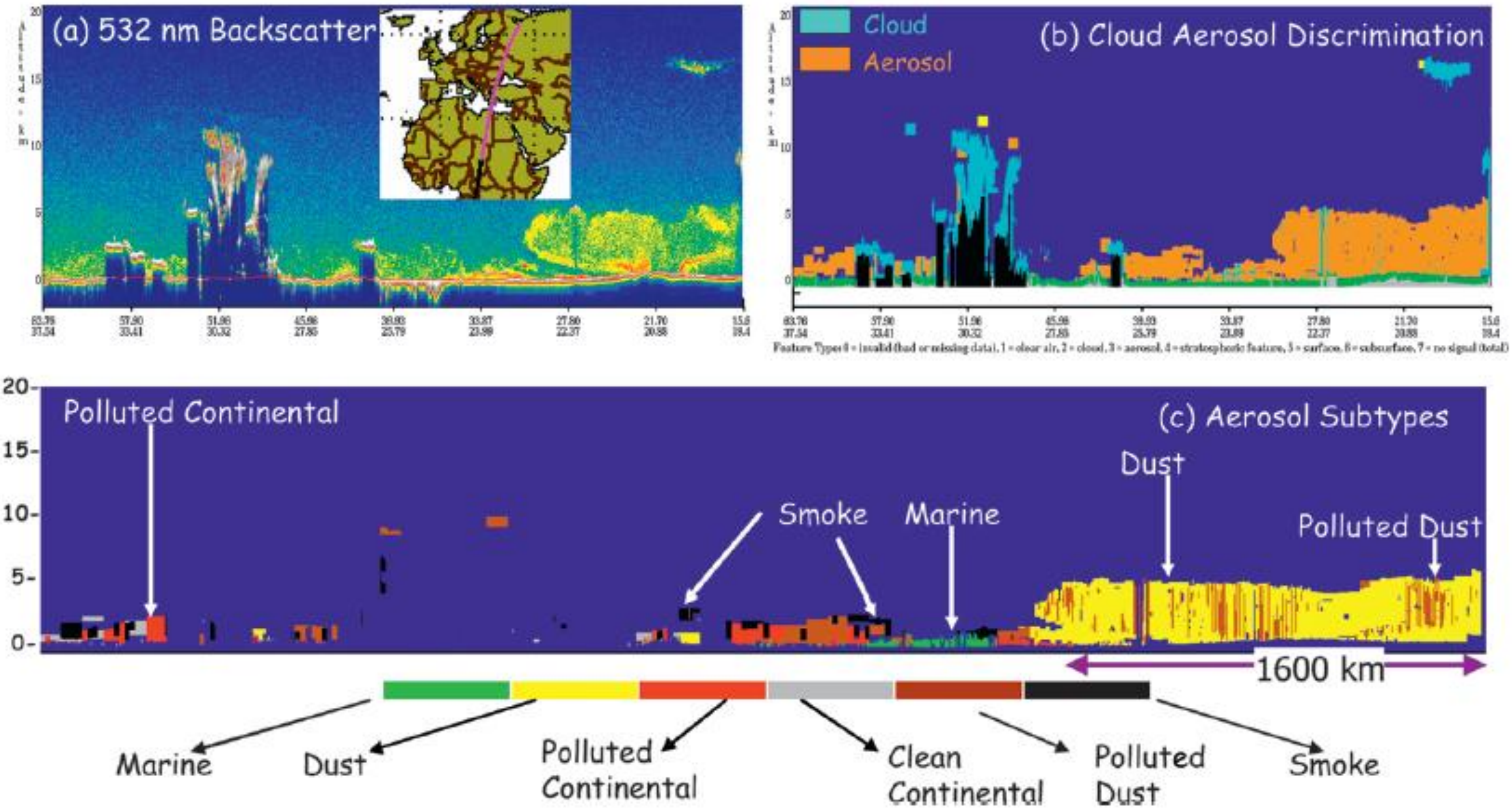


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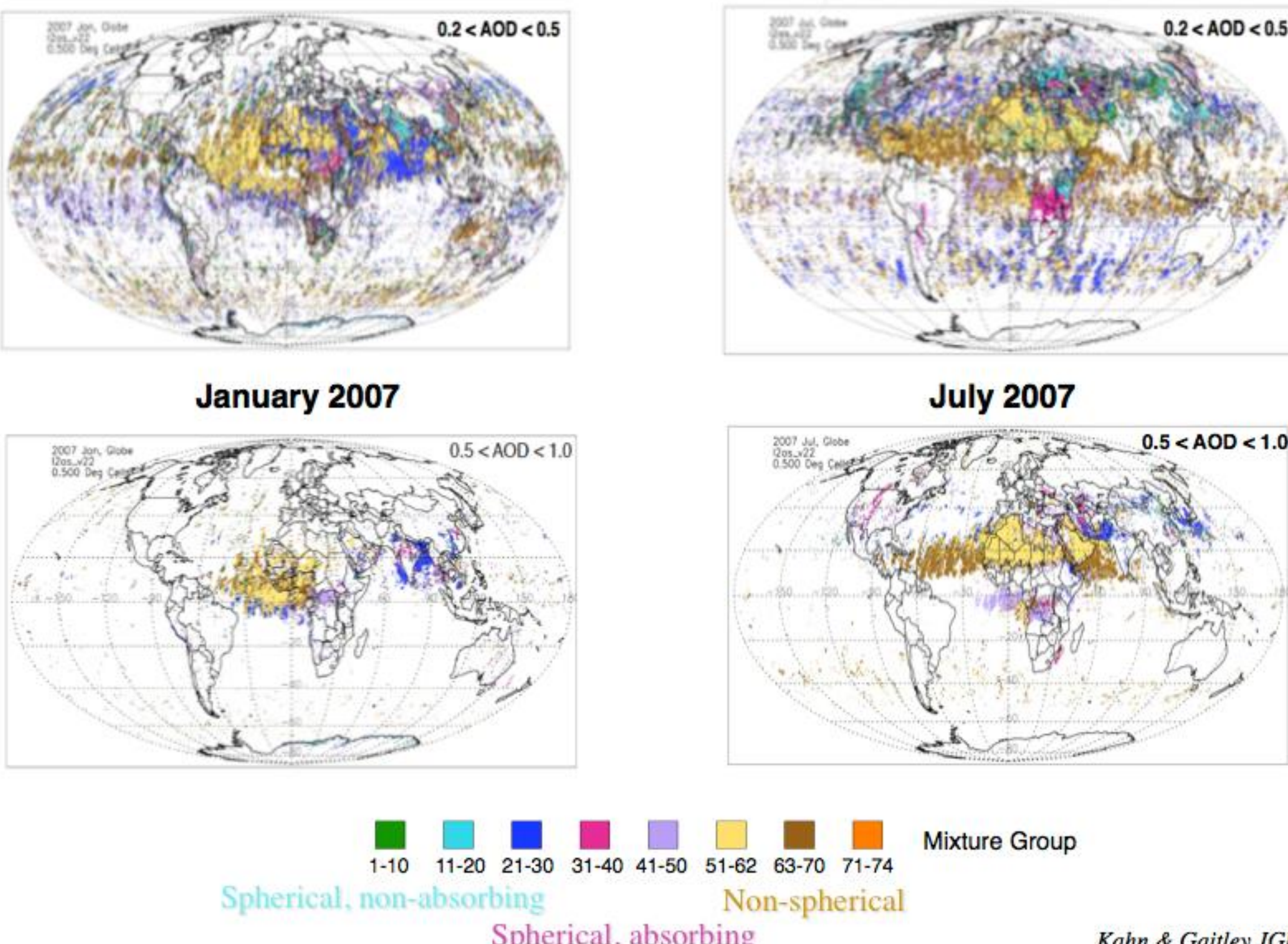
# *MISR Retrieved-Physical-Properties* Aerosol Type Discrimination

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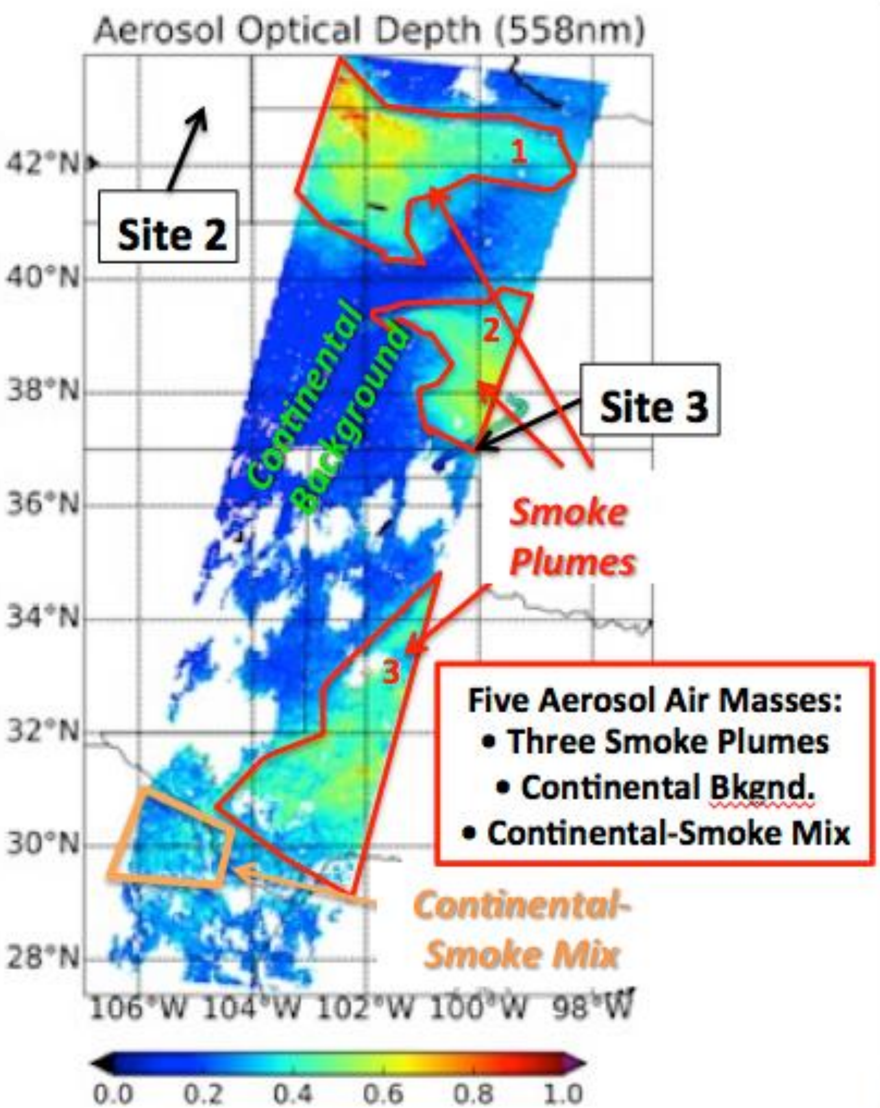
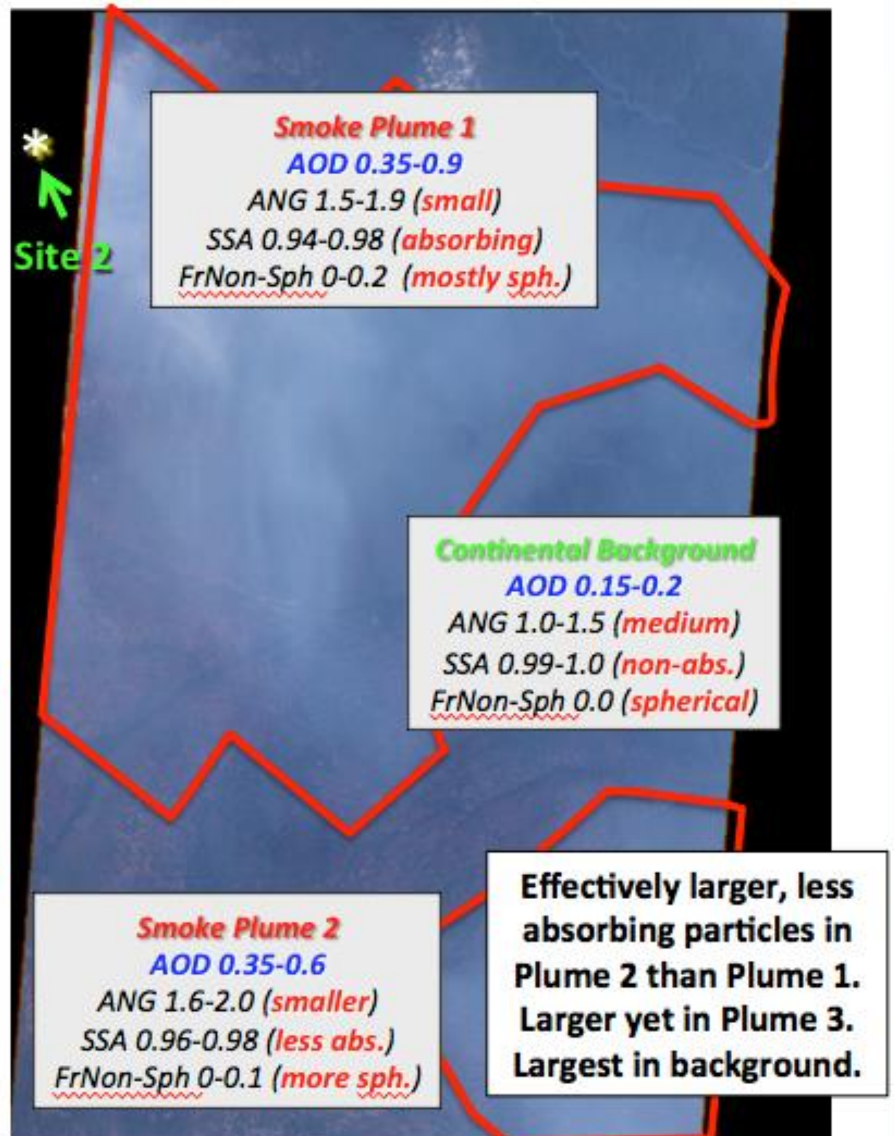
# SEAC$^4$RS – MISR Overview 19 August 2013




Passive-remote-sensing ***Aerosol Type*** is a ***Total-Column-Effective***, ***Categorical*** variable!!

# Aerosol-Type *Validation* Approach

- ***No "Ground Truth"*** except from Field Campaigns (*Golden Days*)

  -- Unlike ***Spectral AOD*** (and ***ANG***) from AERONET,
  ***Particle Properties*** derived from AERONET entail ***many more assumptions***

  -- ***Far fewer*** Satellite-AERONET Sky-scan that Direct-sun Coincidences

- ***Field Validation*** case studies

- ***Self-consistency*** tests

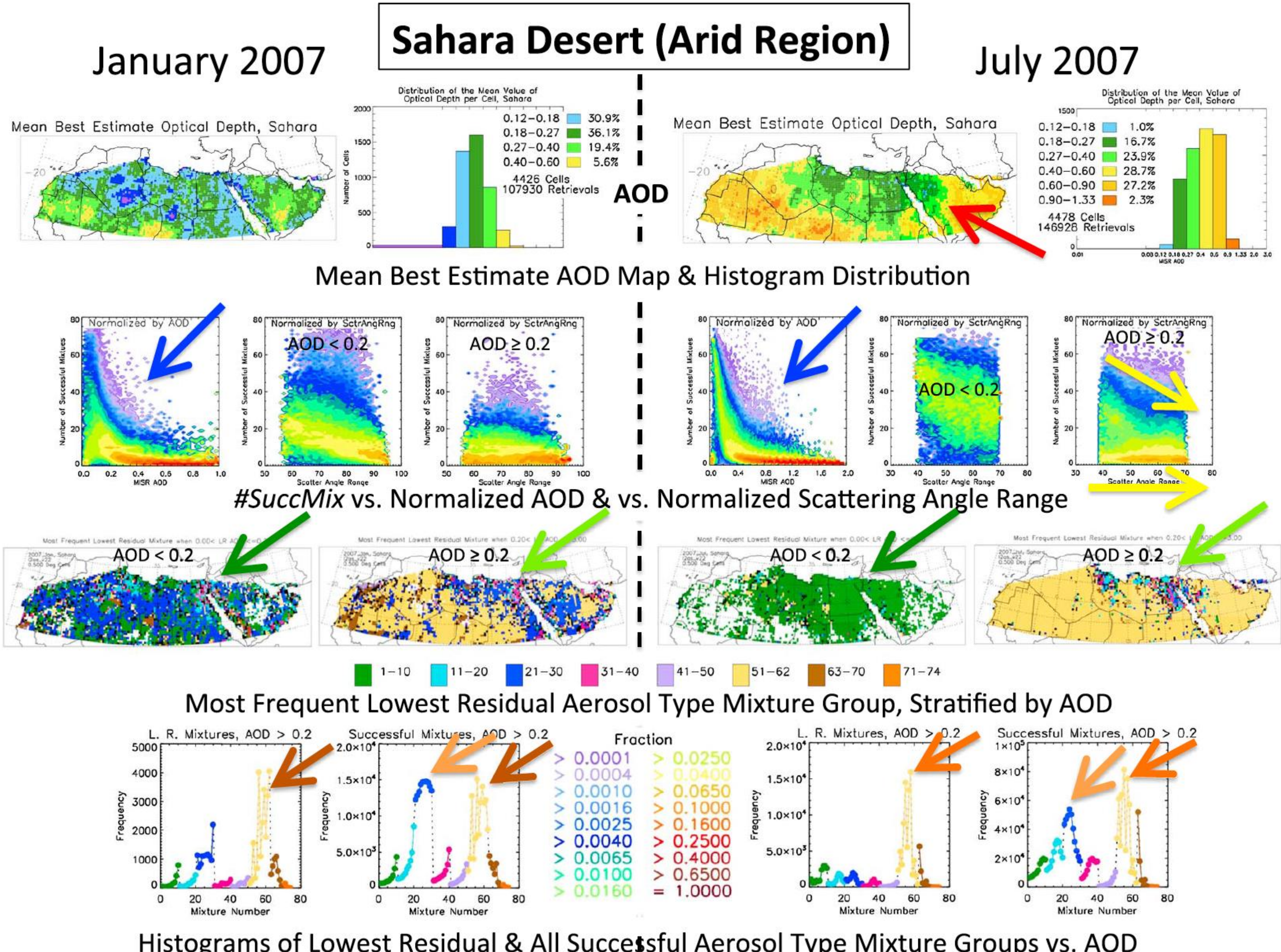
  -- ***Qualitative***, but useful
  -- ***Regional*** and ***Temporal Behavior*** (stratified) vs. ***Expectation***

- ***Comparisons*** with AERONET proxies

  -- Compare ***Seasonal***, ***Inter-annual*** patterns ***Statistically***
  -- ***Fine-mode Fraction*** (FMF)
  -- ***Effective radius*** ($r_e$) and ***variance*** ($\sigma$) [two modes – ***issue with def. of "modes"***]
  -- ***Single-scattering albedo*** (*SSA*) [for AOD_440 > 0.4; AERONET SZA > 50°]
  -- ***Sphericity*** (*"%Sph."*) [for AERONET ***ANG*** < 1.0 only – few coincidences w/AOD>0.2]

*Kahn & Gaitley, JGR, 2015*

# *MISR* Aerosol-Type "*Validation*"

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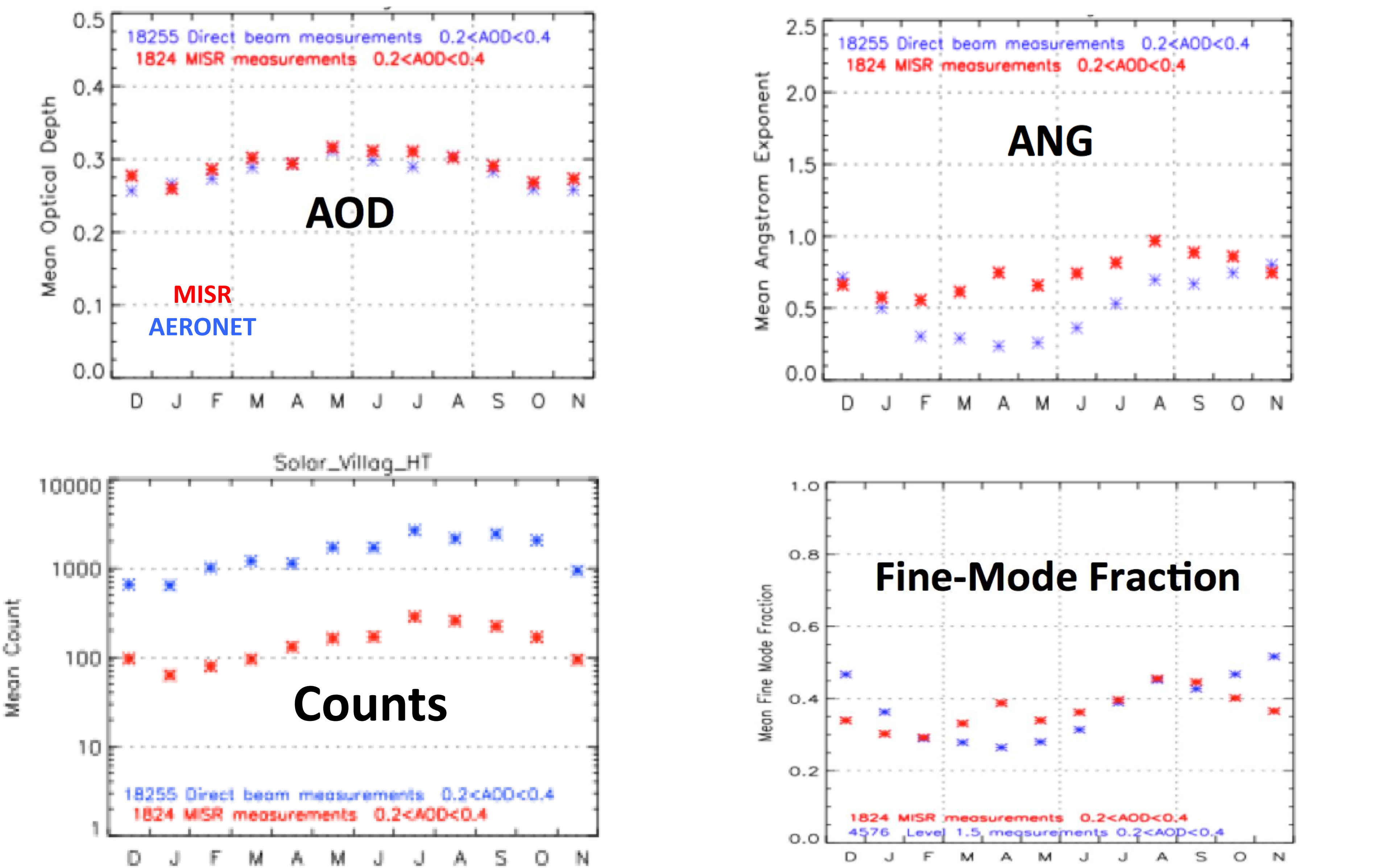
# Statistical *Comparisons* with AERONET – *Solar Village*

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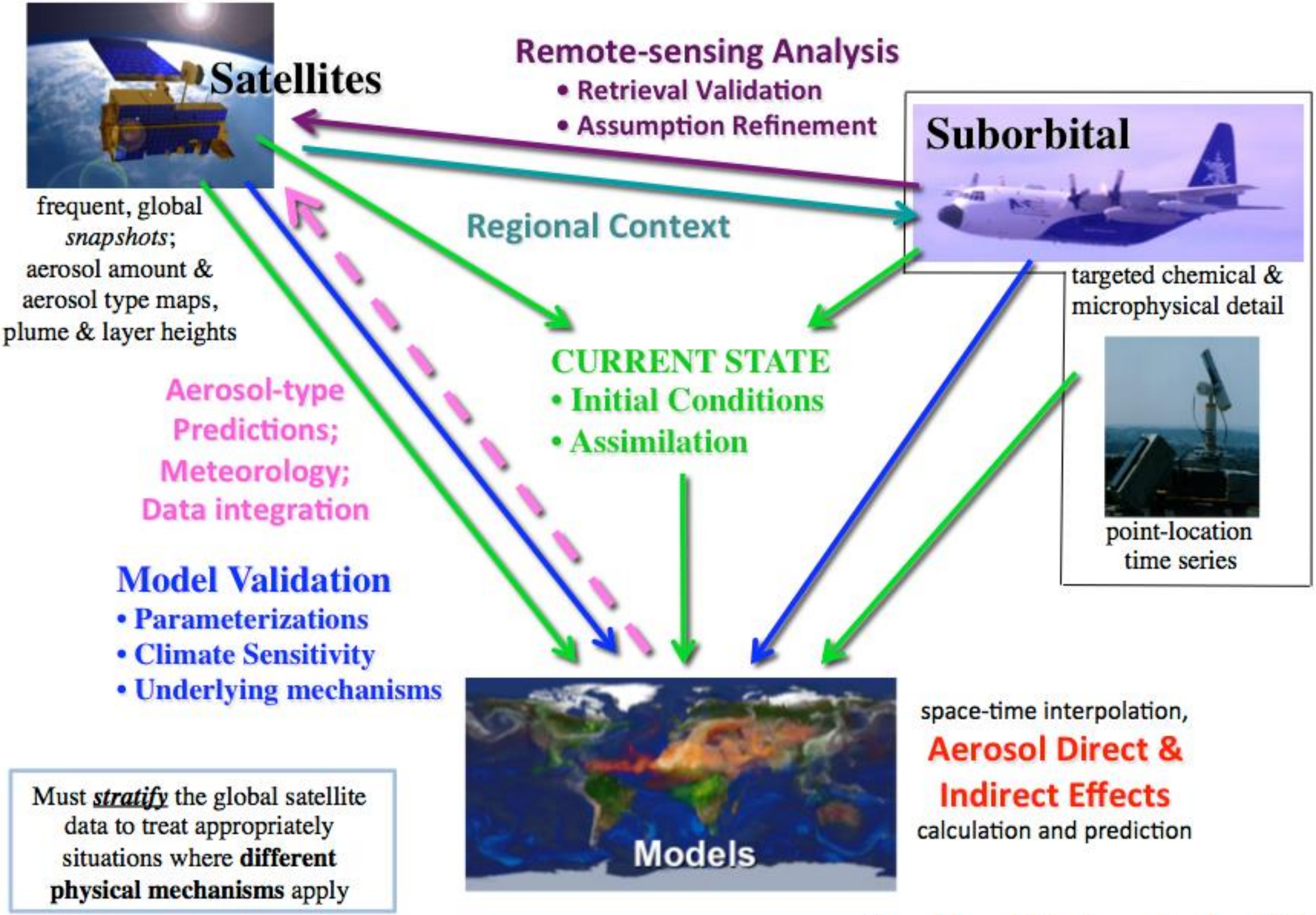
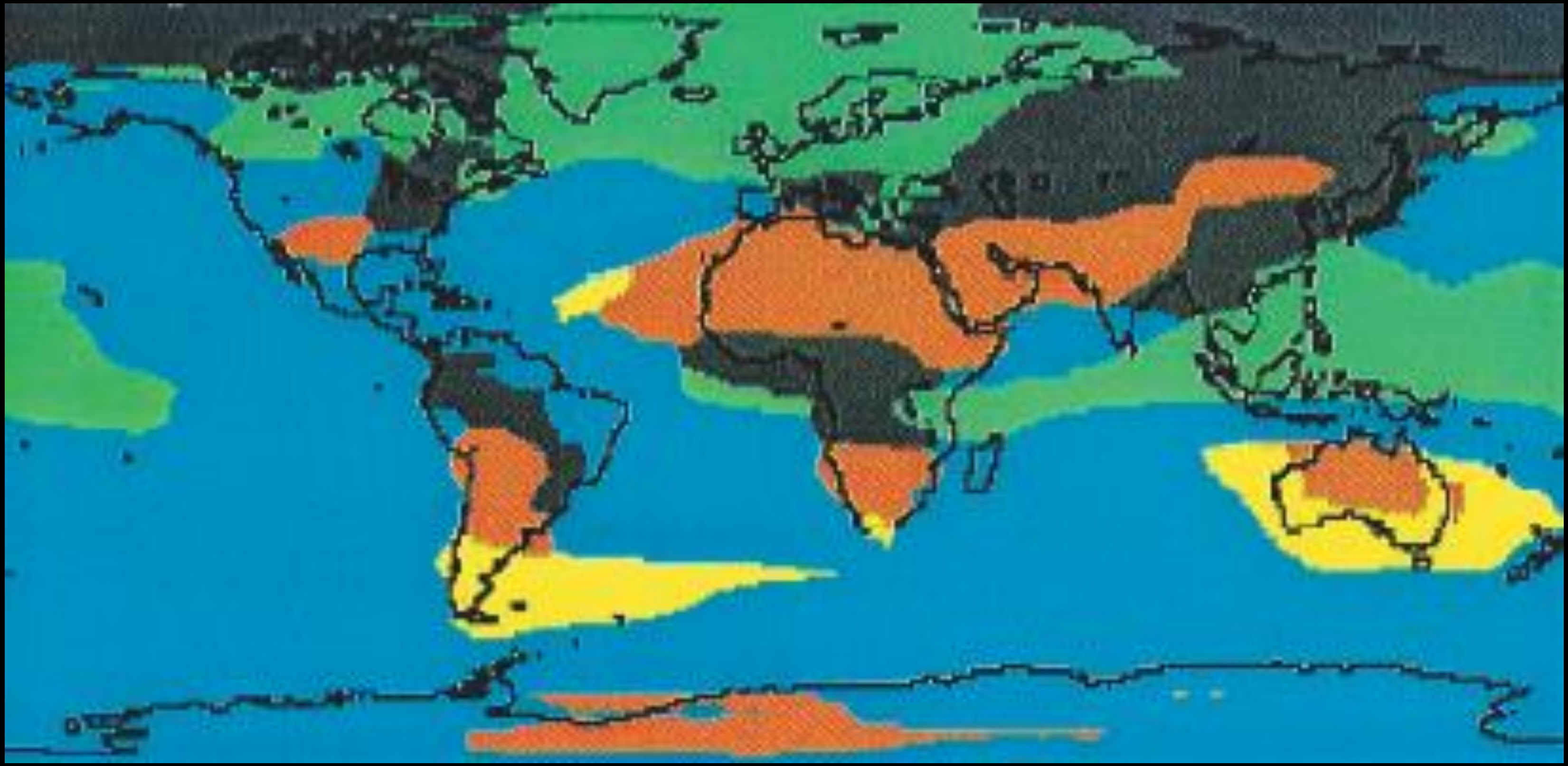



*Adapted from: Kahn, Survy. Geophys.*

# *Expected* **Aerosol-Air-Mass-Type Climatology**

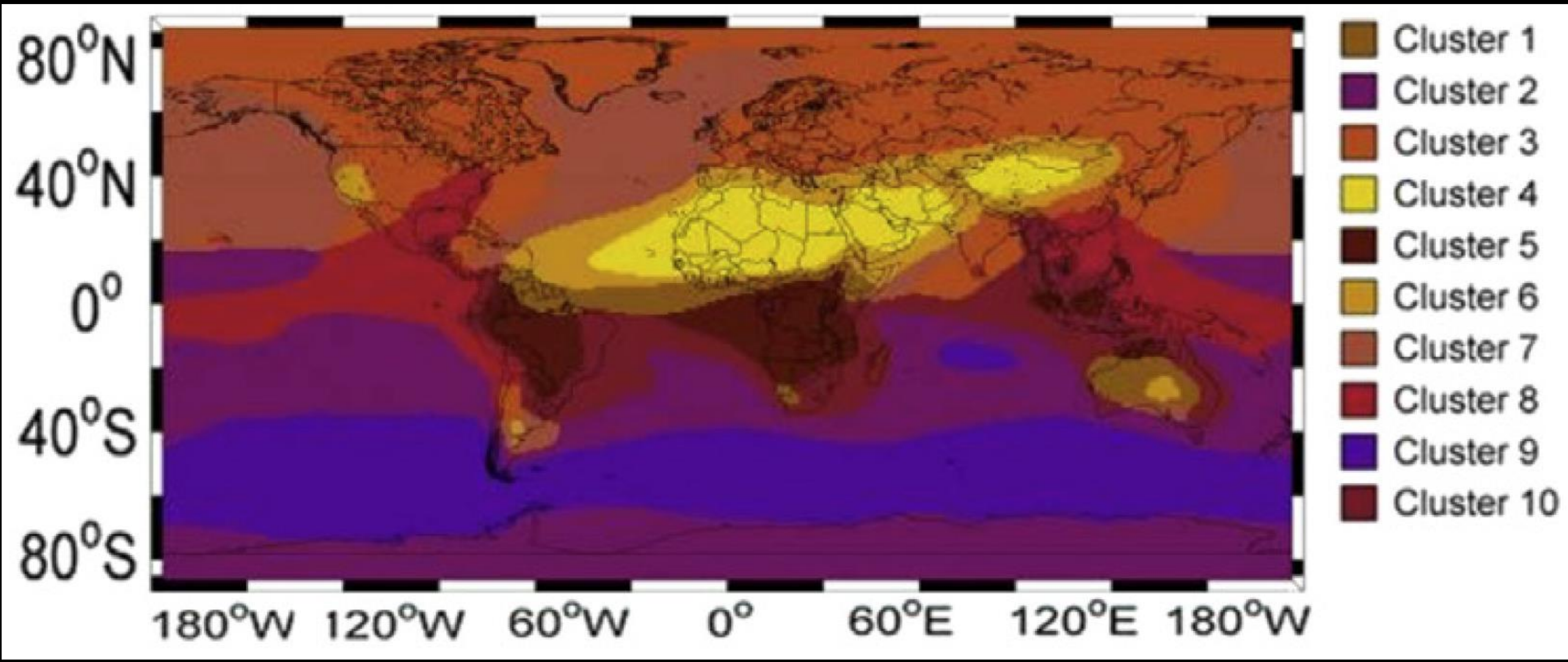


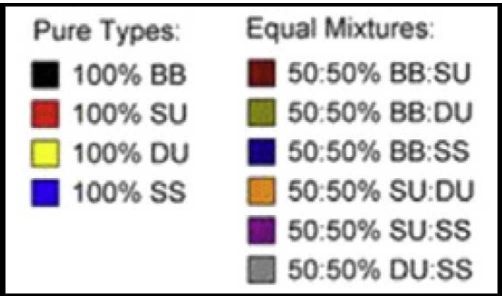
*January* – aggregated model simulations

Nearly all the data clustered into FIVE Groupings Based on Aerosol Properties

*Kahn et al.*, JGR 2001

# *GoCART* ***Model-Based Aerosol-Type*** *Clustering*




Six-year aggregate (2000-2006)

*Taylor et al. Atm. Env. 2015*

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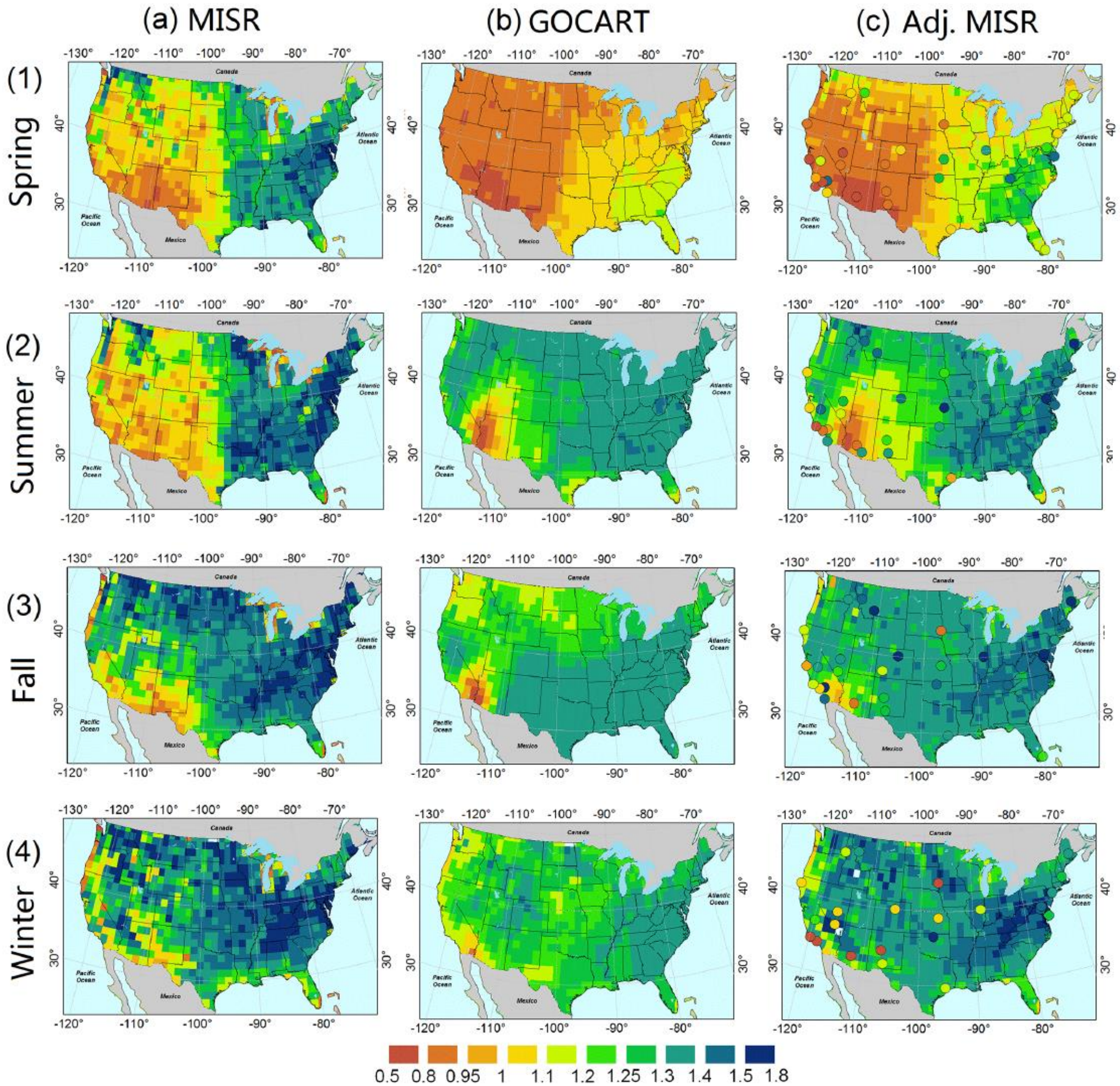
# MISR *ANG, AAOD* Results *Constrained by GoCART Model*




**ANG**

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$$\mathrm{Diff}_{\mathrm{AAOD}} = \left|\mathrm{Fraction}_{\mathrm{MISR\_AAOD}} - \mathrm{Fraction}_{\mathrm{GOCART\_AAOD}}\right| \leq \varepsilon_{\mathrm{AAOD}}.$$

Four years of data (2006-2009)
Seasonally averaged

*Shenshen Li et al. AMT 2015*

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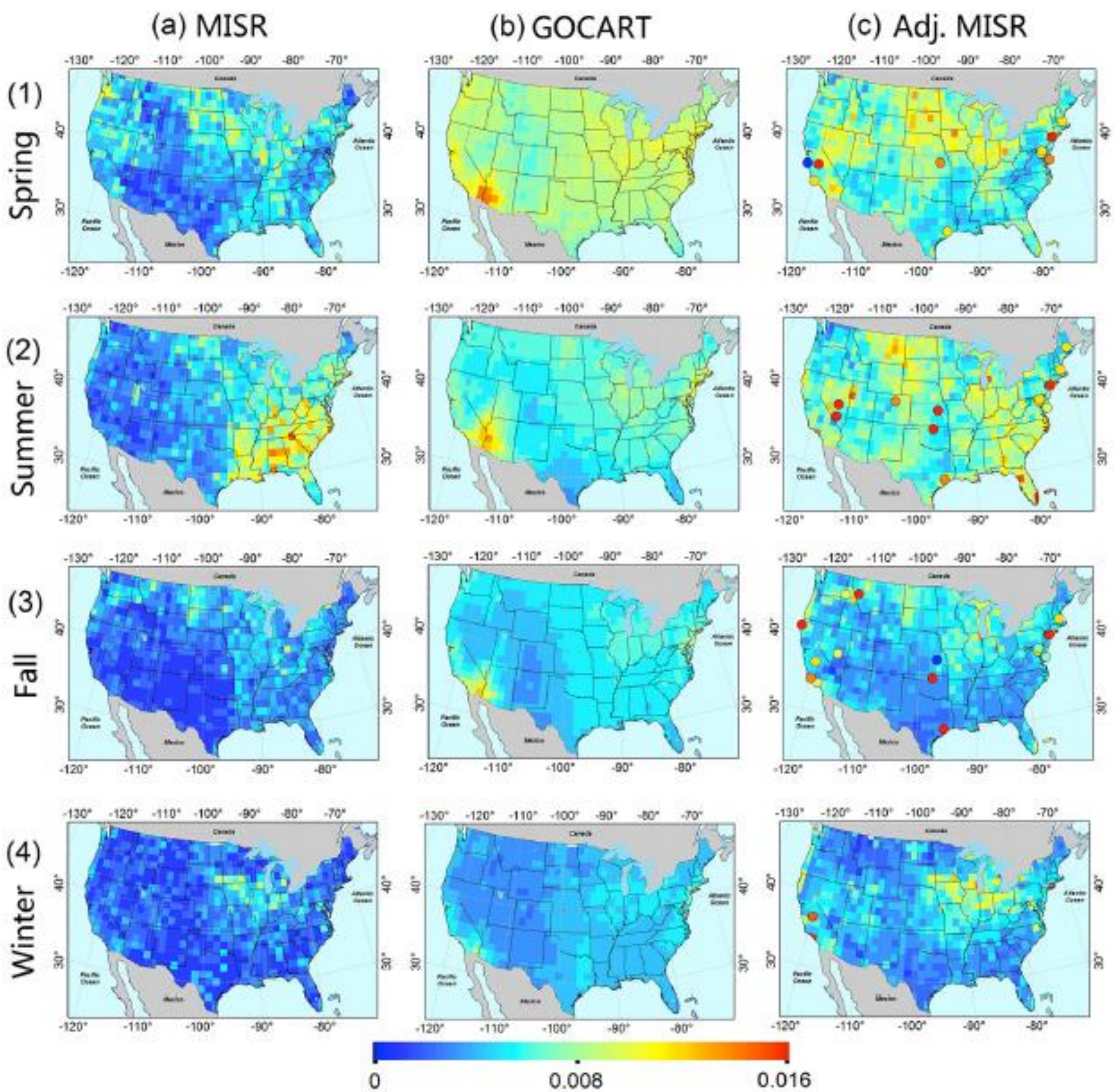


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# SAM-CAAM

**[Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]**


[This is currently a ***concept-development effort***, not yet a project]

***Primary Objectives*:**

**• Interpret and *enhance 15+ years of satellite aerosol retrieval* products**

**• *Characterize statistically particle properties* for major aerosol types globally,**

**to provide detail unobtainable from space, but needed to *improve*:**

**-- the aerosol property *assumptions* in satellite aerosol *retrieval algorithms***

**-- the *translation between satellite-retrieved aerosol optical properties and* species-specific aerosol *mass* and size tracked in *aerosol transport & climate models***

# SAM-CAAM *Required Variables*

## [Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]

## I. Aerosol Properties Derived from Integrated Analysis of *In Situ* Measurements

1. ***Spectral extinction coefficient*** (EXT)
   - To constrain satellite Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) retrievals
2. ***Spectral absorption*** (ABS) or single-scattering albedo
   - To constrain AOD retrievals, and to determine atmospheric absorption
3. ***Particle hygroscopic growth factor*** (GRO)
   - To connect particle properties between instrument and ambient RH conditions
4. ***Particle size*** (SIZ)
   - As a complement to chemical composition discrimination
   - Required for deriving (#7) MEE
5. ***Particle composition*** (CMP)
   - For source and aerosol type identification to connect to model “types”
   - To derive the anthropogenic component
6. ***Spectral single-scattering phase function*** (PHA) [all possible angles]
   - To constrain multi-angle radiance AOD retrievals & calculate radiation fields
   - *Polarized* – to help determine aerosol type, and constrain polarized remote-sensing data

# SAM-CAAM *Required Variables*

## [Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]

## I. Aerosol Properties Derived from Integrated Analysis (continued)

7. ***Mass extinction efficiency*** (MEE) [from integrated analysis of SIZ and CMP]
   - To translate between optical remote-sensing and model parameters
8. ***Real Refractive Index*** (RRI)
   - To constrain AOD retrievals to the level-of-detail required for aerosol forcing

## II. Variables Providing Meteorological Context

9. ***Carbon Monoxide*** (CO; also possibly $CO_2$, $NO_2$, $O_3$)
   - As a tracer for smoke, to help distinguish smoke from urban pollution in some cases
10. ***Ambient temperature*** (T) and ***Relative humidity*** (RH)
    - To help interpret ambient measurements
    - To translate between instrument and ambient conditions
11. ***Aircraft 3-D location*** (LOC)
    - To relate aircraft measurements to satellite observations and model results

# SAM-CAAM *Required Variables*

## [Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]

### III. Variables Providing Ambient, Remote-Sensing Context

12. ***Ambient Spectral single-scattering phase function*** (A-PHA) [all possible angles]
    - To constrain remote-sensing AOD retrievals
    - To help calculate radiation fields
    - *Polarized* – to help determine aerosol type, and constrain polarized remote-sensing data

13. ***Ambient Spectral extinction coefficient*** (A-EXT)
    - To constrain remote-sensing AOD retrievals

14. ***Large particle / cloud probe*** (A-CLD)
    - To provide some information about dust and other particles larger than the inlet size cut
    - An independent measure of possible cloud impact on the reliability of other data

15. ***Aerosol layer heights*** (HTS)
    - To determine flight levels for direct sampling
    - To correlate with meteorological conditions
    - As a constraint on trajectory modeling to identify sources and evolution

# SAM-CAAM *Payload Options*

**[Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]**

- ***Option A*** – minimal measurement addressing each variable ***in some way***
- ***Option B*** – provides all required variables, but only for ***fine mode***
- ***Option C*** – provides all required variables, for ***fine and coarse mode***
- ***Option D*** – *Option C* + everything else that would be "***nice to have***"

# SAM-CAAM *Concept*

## [Systematic Aircraft Measurements to Characterize Aerosol Air Masses]

- ***Dedicated Operational Aircraft*** – routine flights, 2-3 x/week, on a continuing basis

- ***Sample Aerosol Air Masses*** accessible from a given base-of-operations, then move; project science team to determine schedule, possible field campaign participation

- Focus on *in situ* ***measurements required*** to characterize particle ***Optical Properties***, ***Chemical Type***, and ***Mass Extinction Efficiency*** (MEE)

- ***Process Data Routinely*** at central site; instrument PIs develop & deliver algorithms, upgrade as needed; data distributed via central web site

- Peer-reviewed Paper identifying ***4 Payload Options***, of varying ambition; subsequent selections based on agency buy-in and available resources

SAM-CAAM is feasible because:
Unlike aerosol amount, ***aerosol microphysical properties tend to be repeatable*** from year to year, for a given source in a given season


# *Thank You!*