

Examining HSRL measurements of aerosol optical and microphysical properties and surface PM_{2.5} during the DISCOVER-AQ deployments

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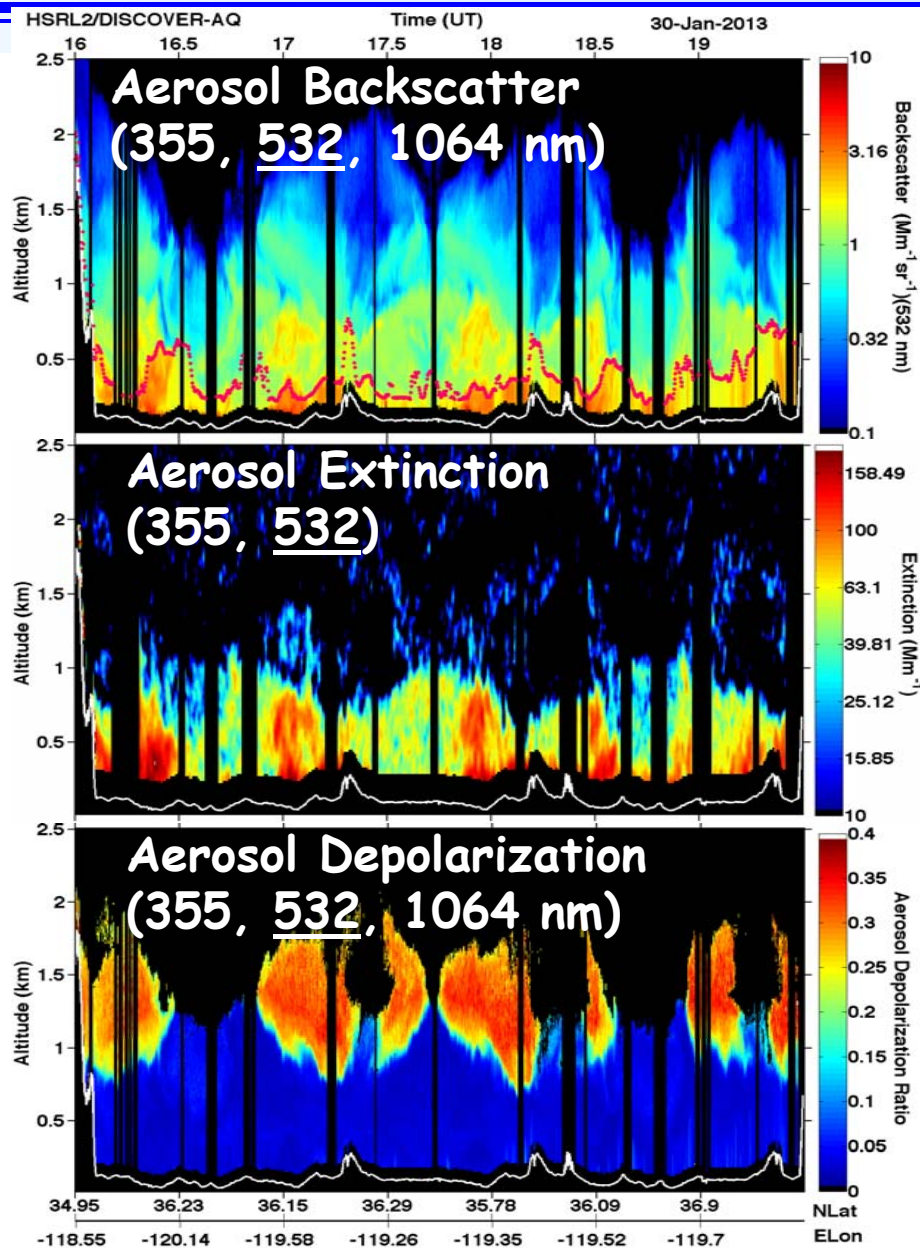
- NASA/LaRC King Air
- Flight altitude ~ 9 km
- Nadir pointing lidar

HSRL Technique:

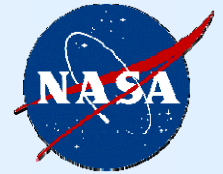
- Independently measures aerosol backscatter, extinction, and optical thickness

HSRL Aerosol Data Products:

- Backscatter coefficient (355, 532, 1064 nm)
- Depolarization (355, 532, 1064nm)
- Extinction Coefficient (355, 532nm)
- Optical Depth (AOD) (355, 532nm)
- Aerosol Typing
- Mixed Layer (ML) Heights



Estimation of $PM_{2.5}$ from AOT



$$AOT = \int \alpha(z) dz$$

$$AOT \approx \overline{\alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})} \times H$$

$$\text{Assume: } \alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) \sim \overline{\alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})}$$

$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) = f(RH) \times \alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry})$$

$$\text{Assume: } \alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry}) \sim b_{sca}(\text{dry})$$

$$b_{sca}(\text{dry}) = SSC \times PM_{2.5}$$

$$AOT \approx f(RH) \times SSC \times H \times PM_{2.5}$$

Where:

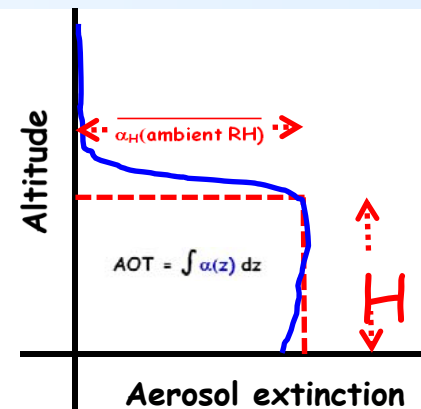
α = aerosol extinction

b_{sca} = aerosol scattering

SSC = specific scattering coefficient

$f(RH)$ = aerosol humidification factor

H = height of aerosol layer



What to use for H?

PBL height (z_{PBL}) or height of maximum aerosol gradient (z_{AG})?

Can we assume that surface extinction is about the same as the mean extinction in aerosol layer?

$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) \sim \overline{\alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})} ?$$

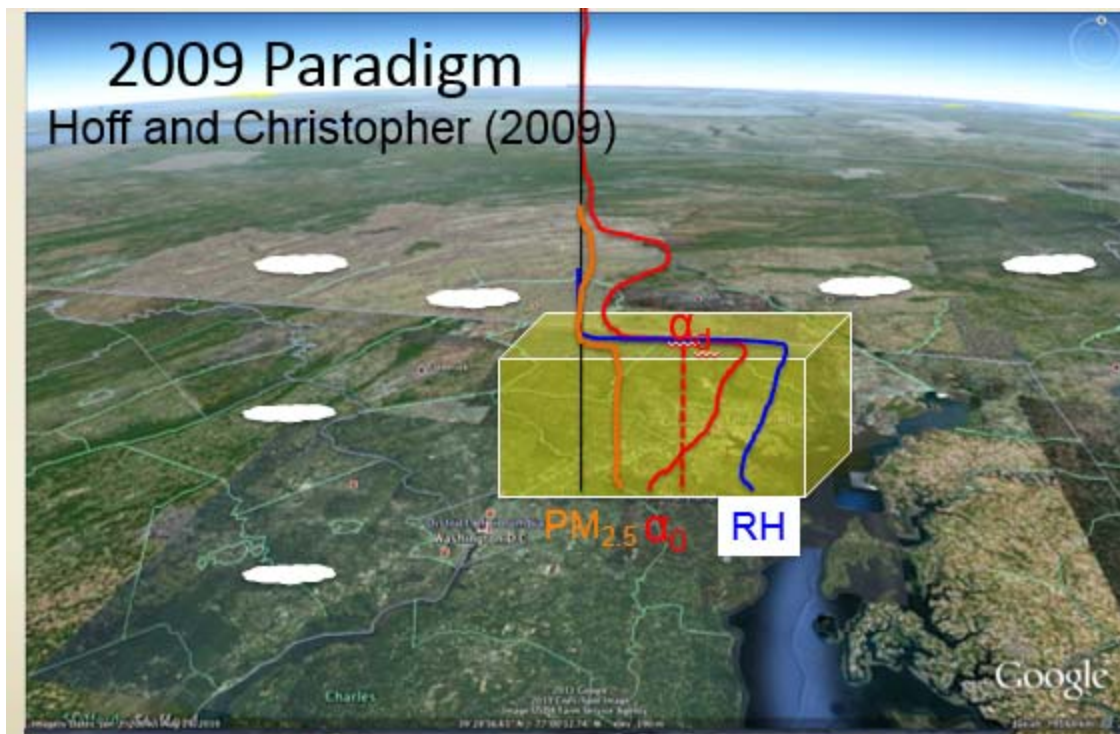
How well is surface extinction related to $PM_{2.5}$?

Can we estimate SSC?

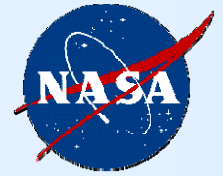
$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry}) \sim SSC \times PM_{2.5} ?$$

How well is AOT correlated with:

$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}), \alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry}), PM_{2.5} ?$$

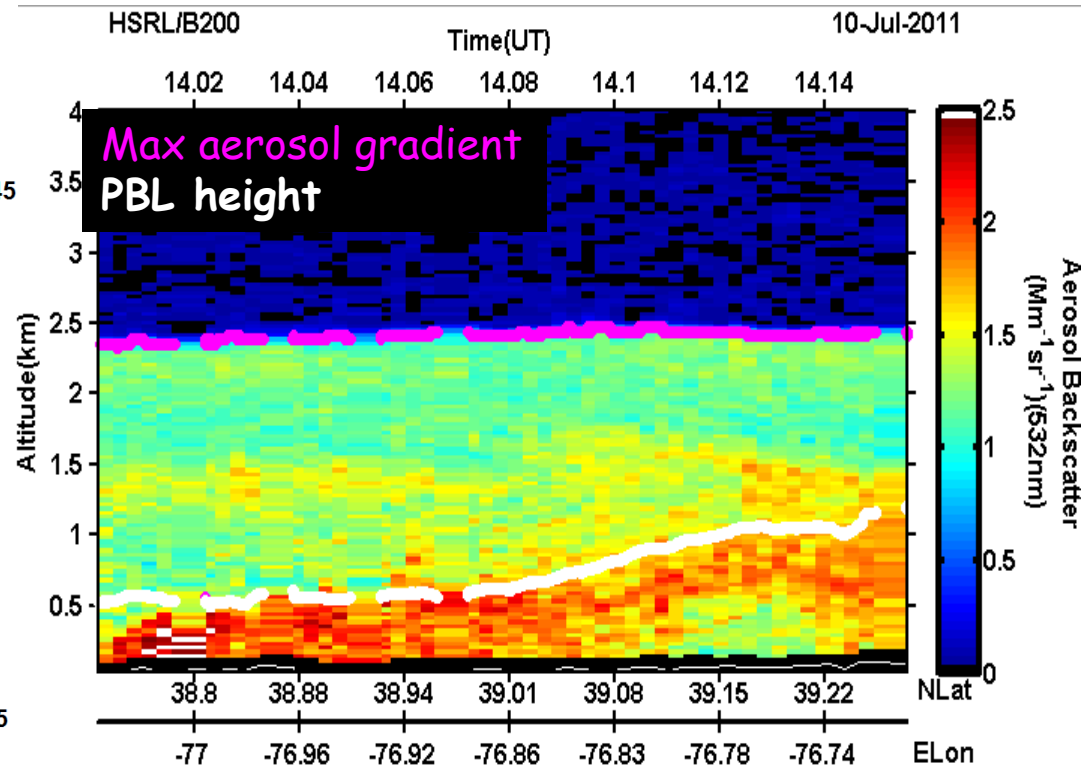
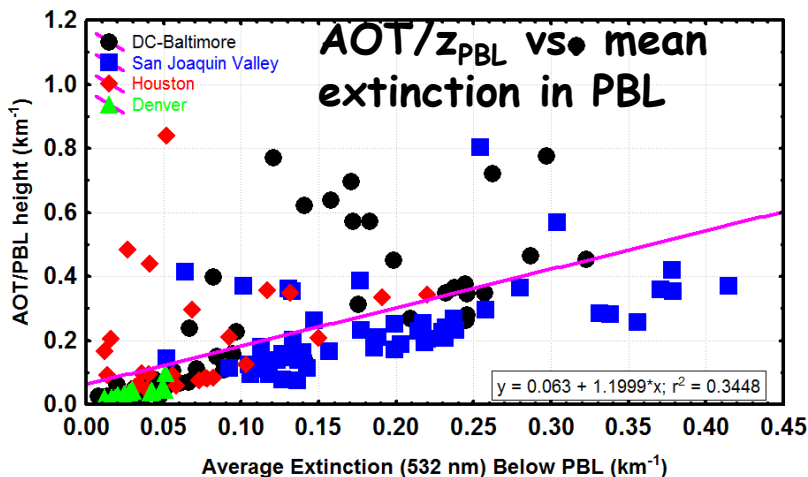
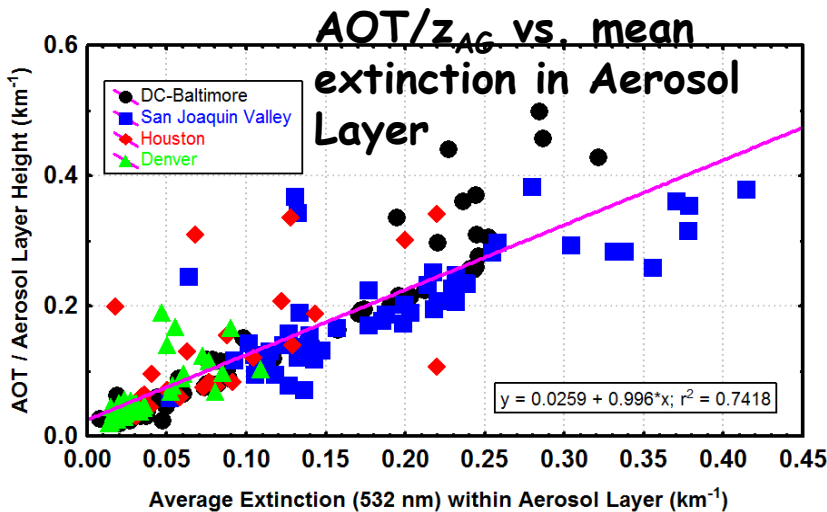


Aerosol Layer Height

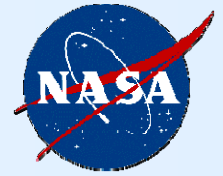


We examine AOT / H vs. α_H (ambient RH) •
 Where $H = z_{PBL}$ and $H = z_{AG}$

- We investigate the impact of layer height by examining the correlation between AOT and mean extinction within PBL and aerosol layer
- Height of the maximum aerosol gradient (which we call aerosol layer height) is a better measure of scale height than PBL height

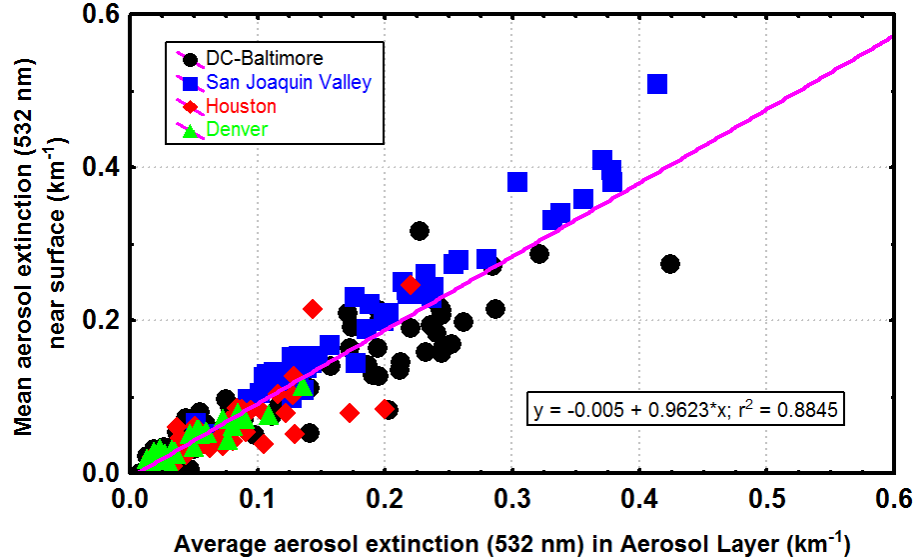


Relationship between mean layer extinction and surface extinction

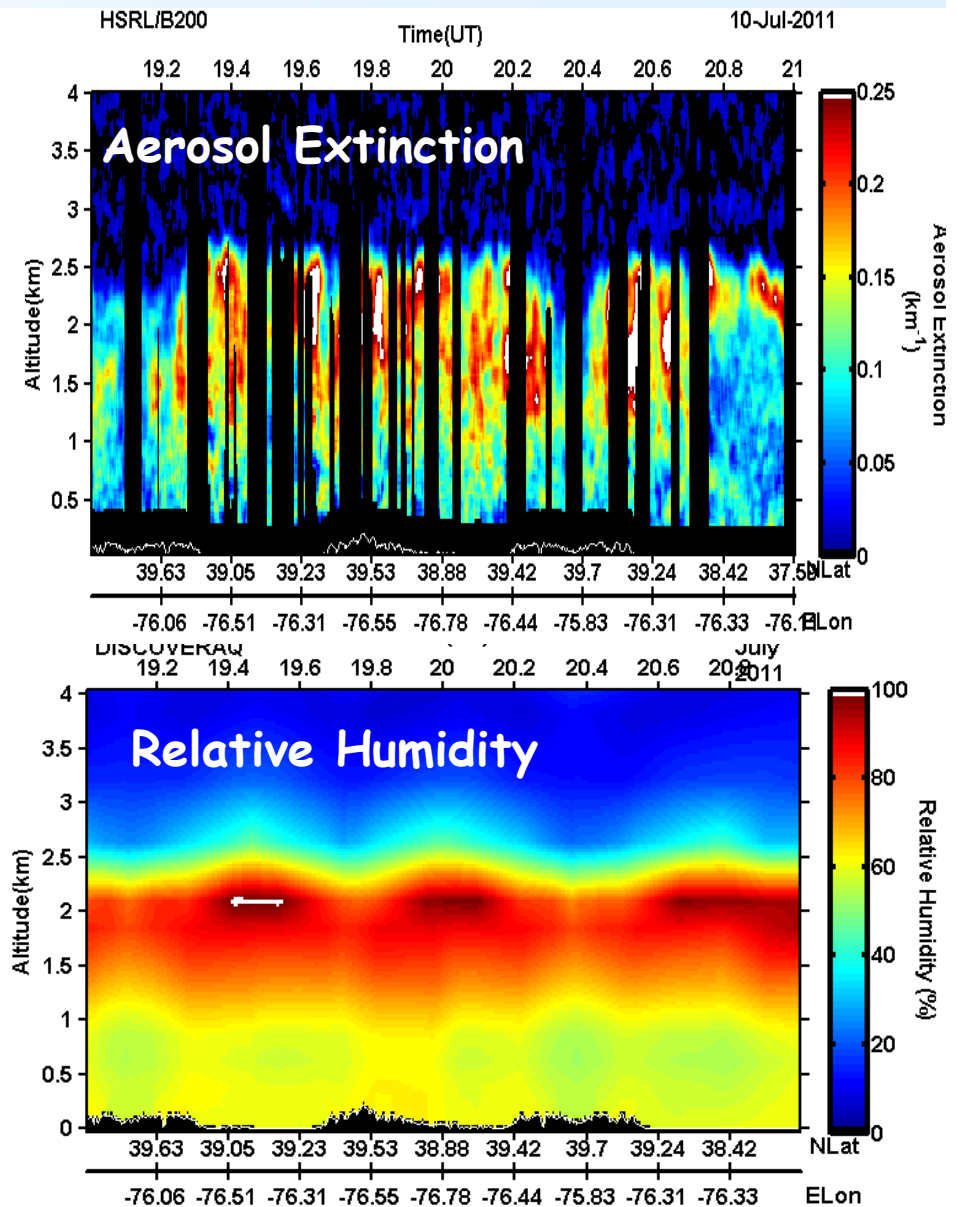


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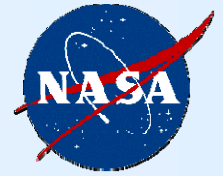
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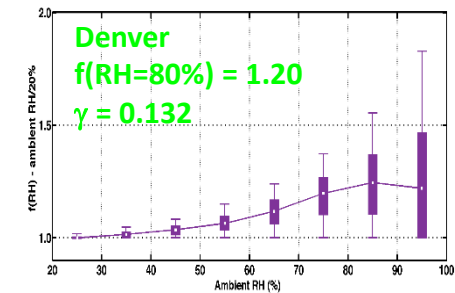
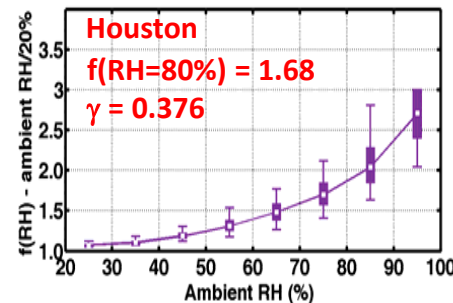
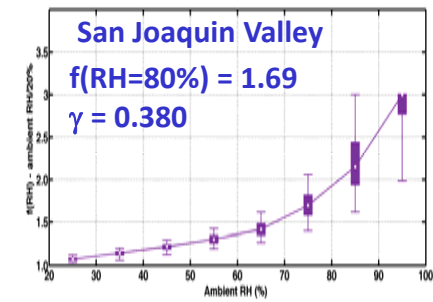
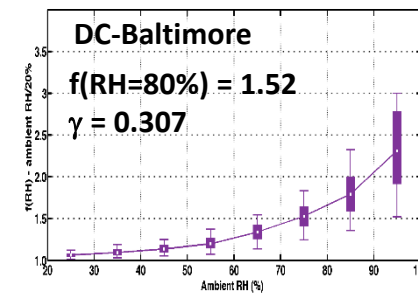
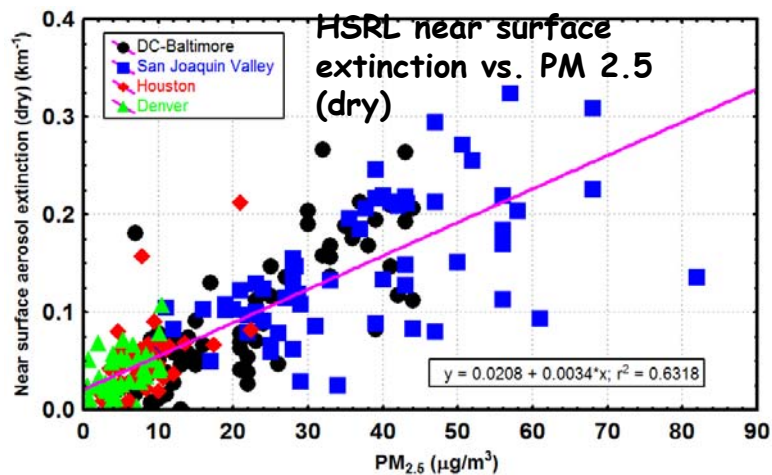
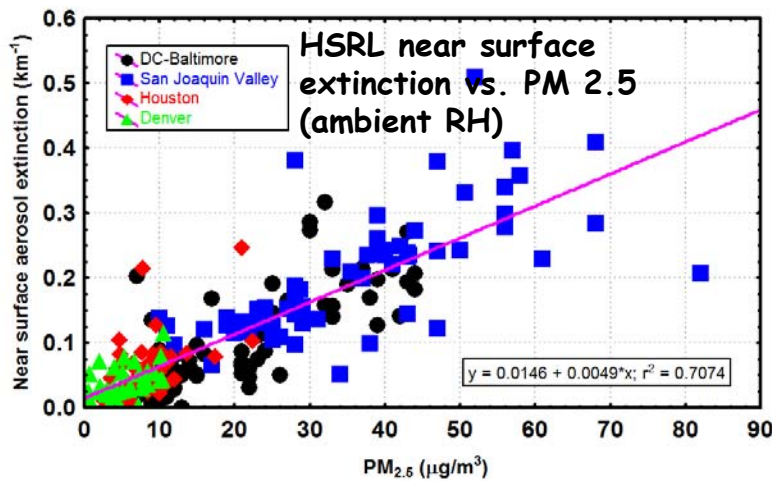
- Surface extinction is well correlated with mean aerosol extinction in the layer
- Surface extinction is slightly lower than mean extinction in the layer in DC-Balt
 - HSRL data sometimes show increase in extinction with height in aerosol layer
 - This increase likely associated with higher RH near the top of the layer
- Surface extinction slightly higher than mean extinction in San Joaquin Valley due to higher RH near surface in some cases



Correlation between near-surface extinction and surface PM_{2.5} concentrations



- HSRL measurements of extinction near the surface were correlated with hourly surface PM_{2.5} data
- Correlations performed using extinction at ambient RH as well as dry (RH=20%) extinction estimated using average humidification factors obtained from P3 in situ data

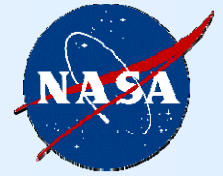


Using equations from Ziemba et al. (2013):

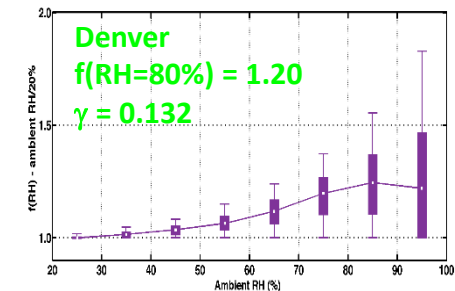
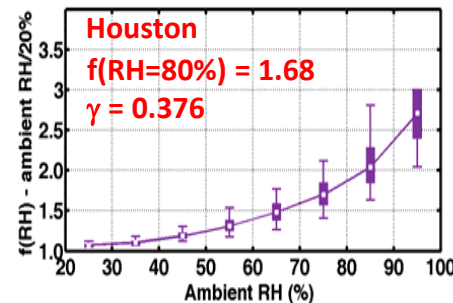
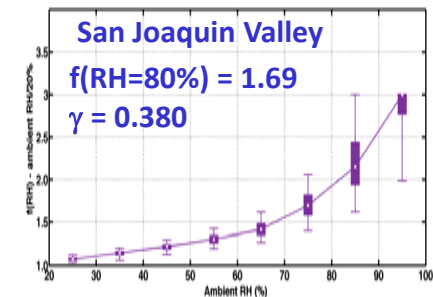
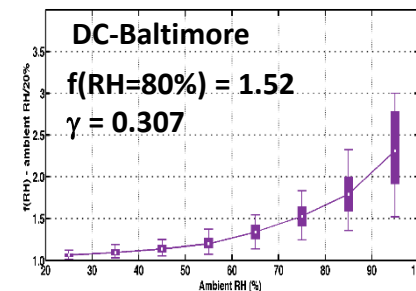
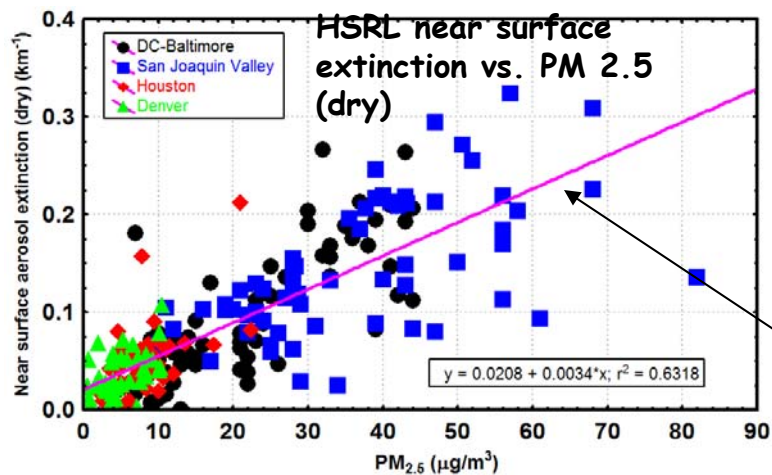
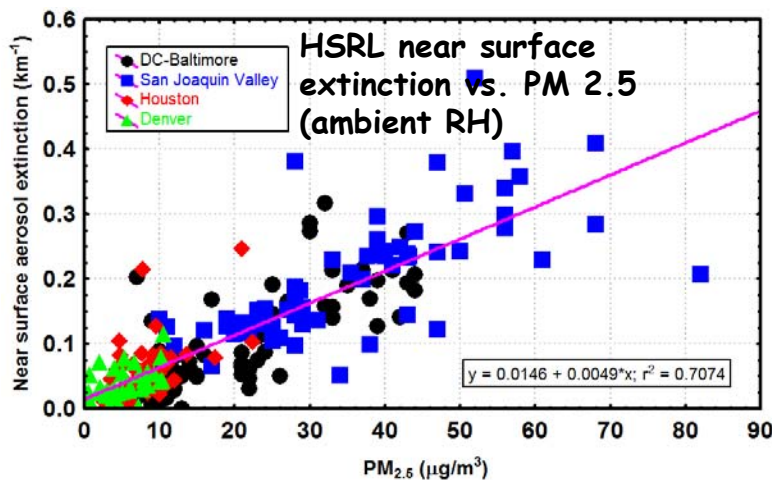
$$f(RH) = \frac{\sigma_{scat,wet}}{\sigma_{scat,dry}} \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_{scat,amb} = \sigma_{scat,dry} \left[\frac{1 - \frac{RH_{amb}}{100}}{1 - \frac{RH_{dry}}{100}} \right]^{(-\gamma)}, \quad \gamma = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{\sigma_{scat,wet}}{\sigma_{scat,dry}} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{100 - RH_{dry}}{100 - RH_{wet}} \right]} \quad (2)$$

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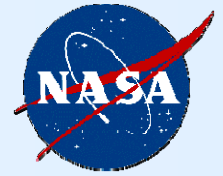
- HSRL measurements of extinction near the surface were correlated with hourly surface PM_{2.5} data
- PM_{2.5} correlated well with both ambient and dry aerosol extinction



Using
 $\alpha(\text{dry}) \approx \text{SSC} * \text{PM}_{2.5}$
 $\alpha(\text{ambient RH})/f(\text{RH}) \approx \text{SSC} * \text{PM}_{2.5}$
 Used average $f(\text{RH})$ correction derived from P3

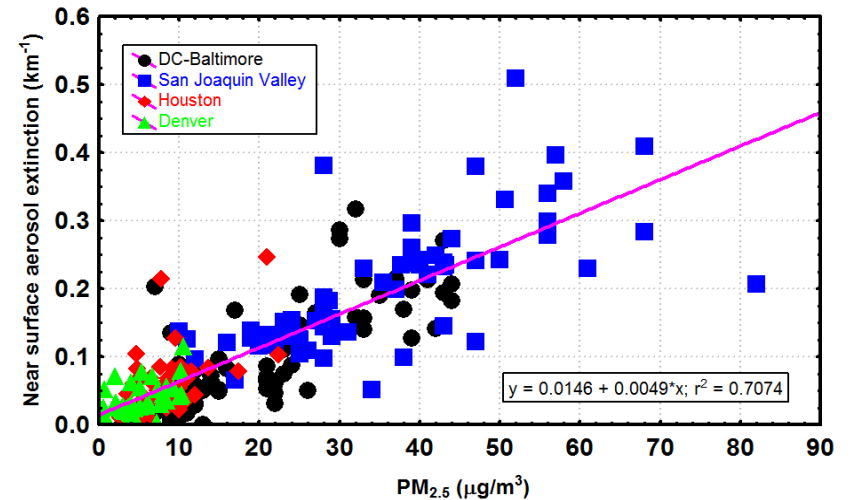
Slope = 3.4 m/g Specific scattering coefficient (SSC)

Correlation between HSRL AOT and $PM_{2.5}$

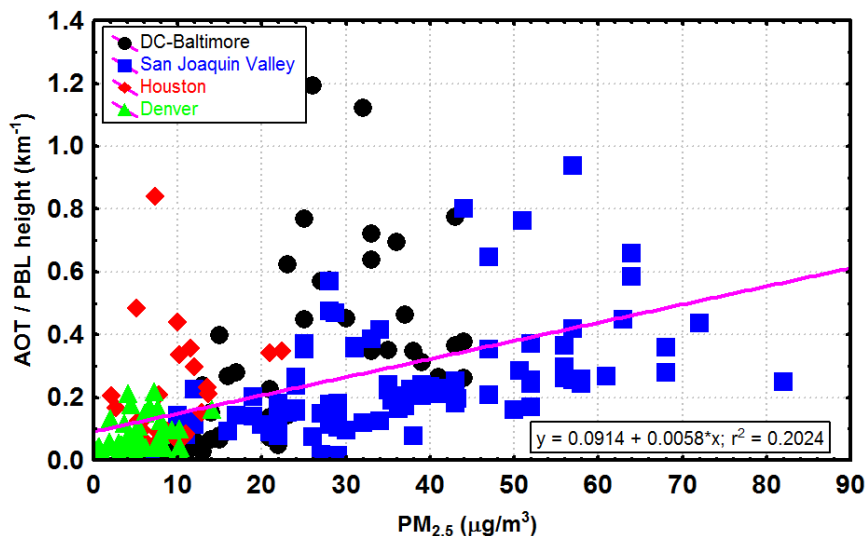


- In some cases, surface $PM_{2.5}$ can be inferred from measurements of AOT and height of the aerosol layer
- However, HSRL data show $PM_{2.5}$ is better correlated with near surface extinction than AOT scaled by aerosol layer or PBL heights
- Correlations may improve with:
 - higher temporal resolution surface $PM_{2.5}$ data
 - use of individual $f(RH, z)$ measurements rather than an average $f(RH)$

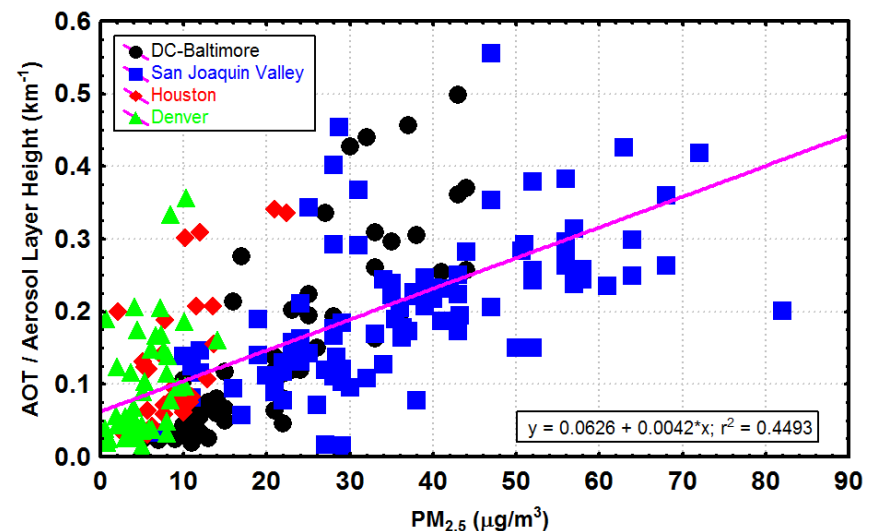
HSRL near-surface extinction (ambient RH) vs. $PM_{2.5}$



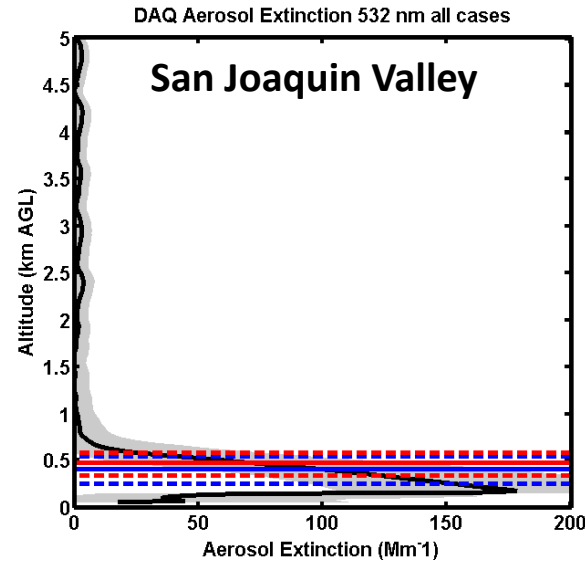
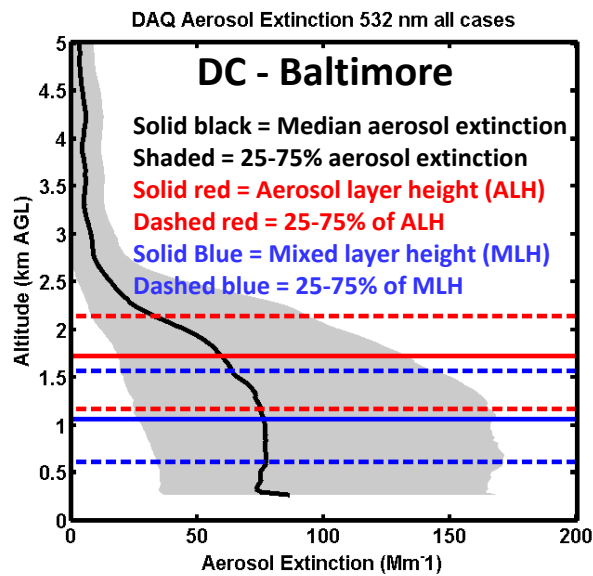
(HSRL AOT / PBL height) vs. $PM_{2.5}$



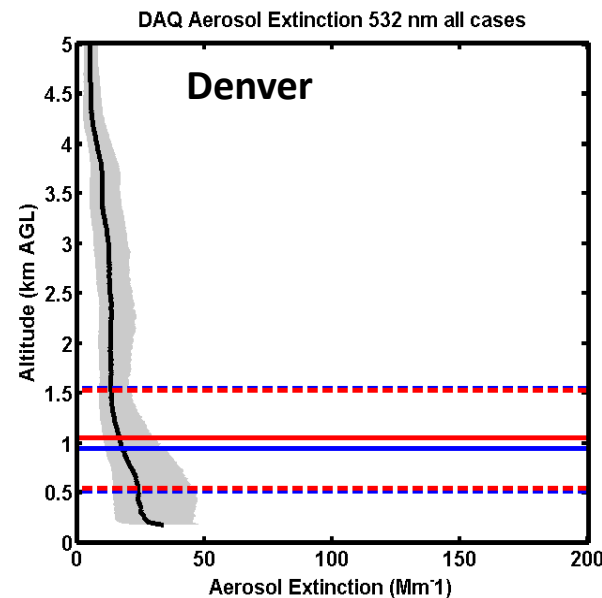
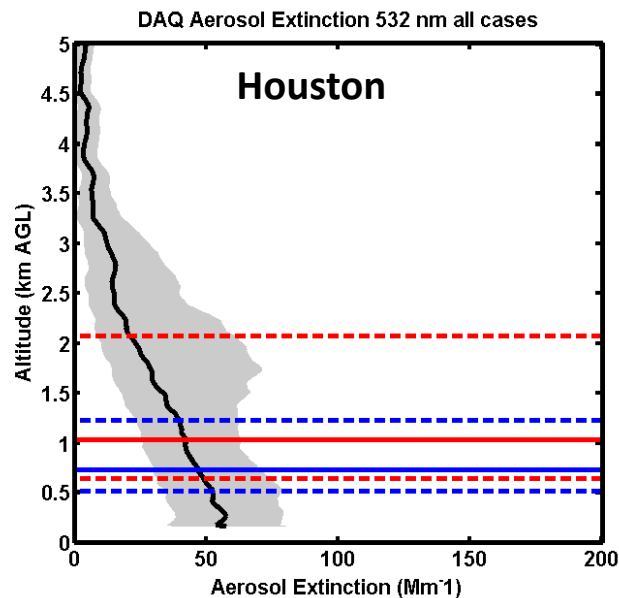
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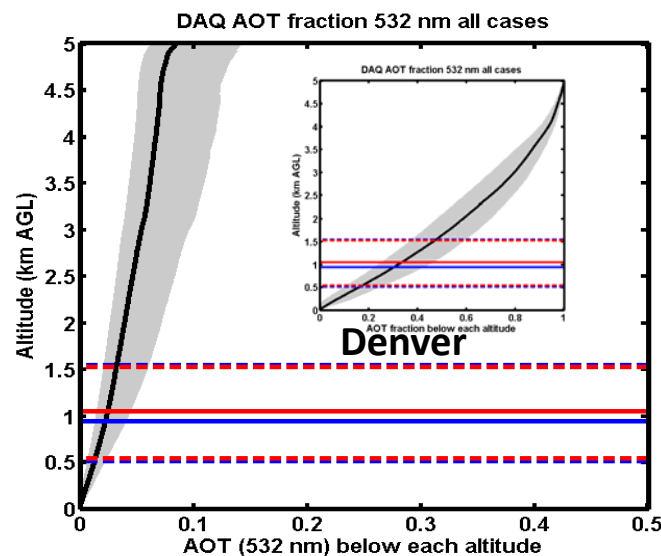
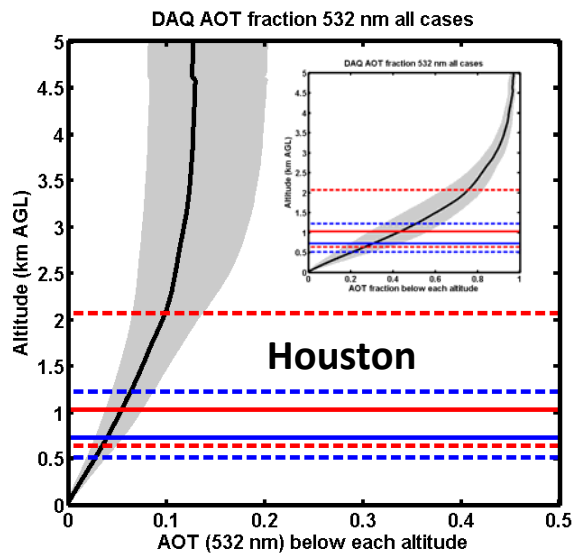
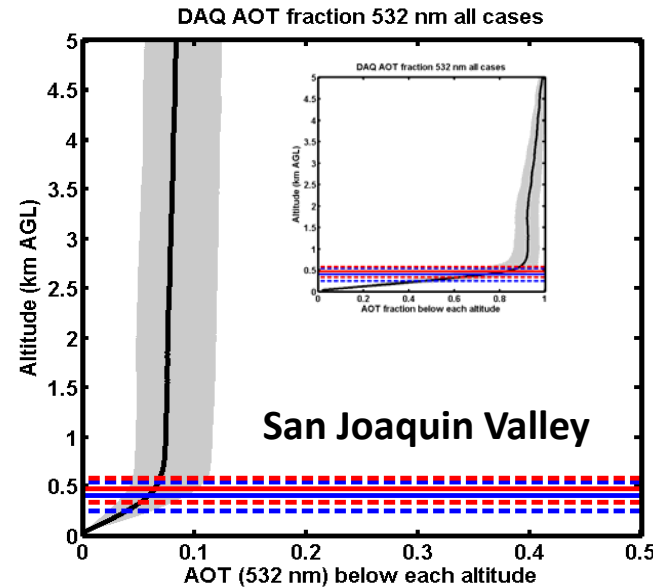
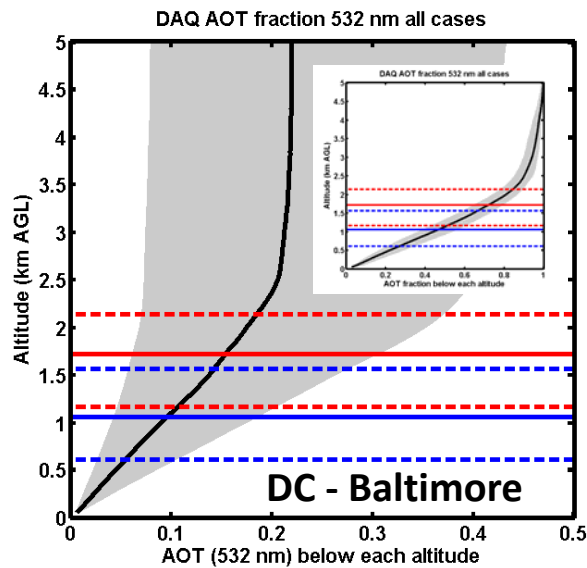
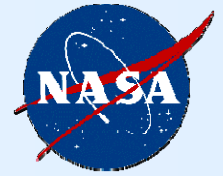
Median Aerosol Extinction Profiles



- DC-Baltimore had wide range of aerosol extinction values throughout lowest two kilometers
- San Joaquin Valley was unusual in that aerosols were confined to shallow layer near surface
- Highest aerosol extinction values found in San Joaquin Valley
- Median mixed layer heights for DC-Balt, Houston, Denver were around 1 km \pm 0.5 km
- Mixed layer heights in San Joaquin Valley were generally at or below 0.5 km

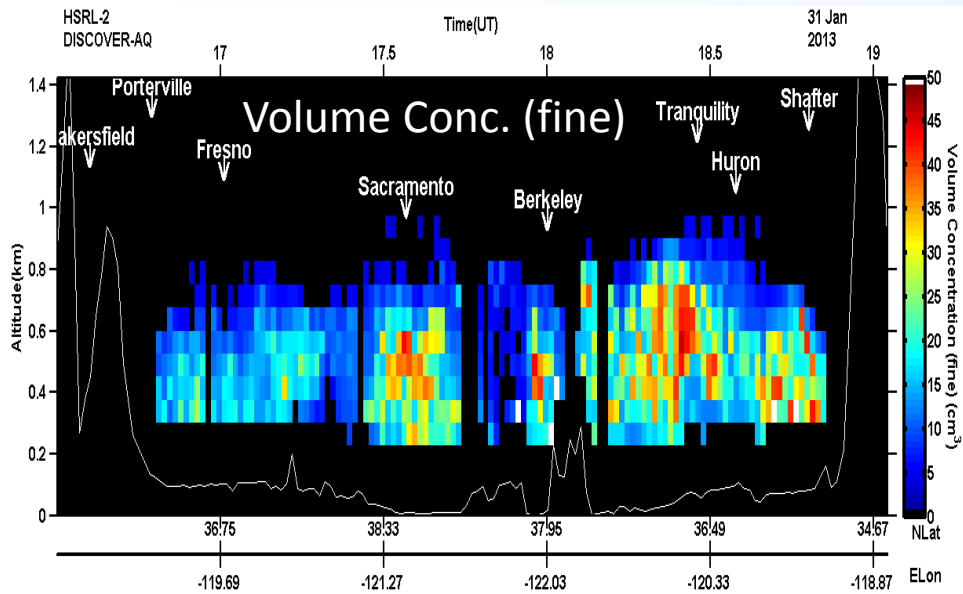
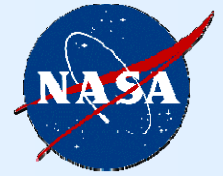


Median Aerosol Optical Thickness Profiles

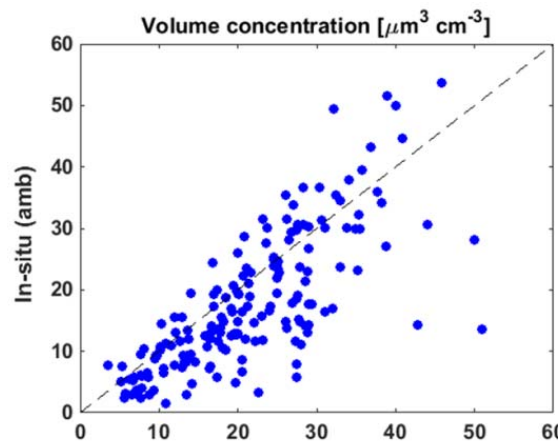
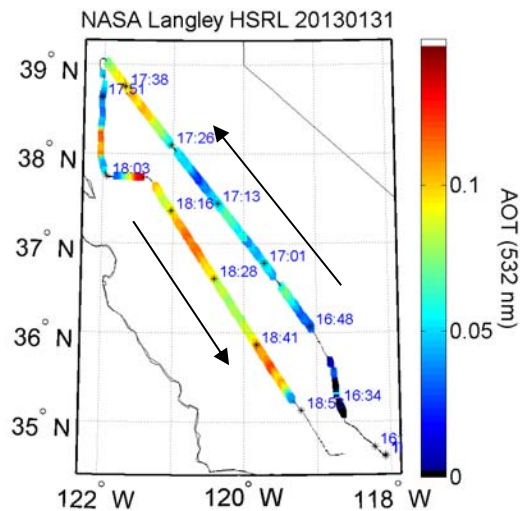


- DC-Baltimore had largest median column AOT values
- Median AOT values in the later three campaign were comparable
- With exception of San Joaquin Valley, median profiles show that about only about 20-65% of AOT was within mixed layer; much of AOT was above mixed layer
- In San Joaquin Valley, most (>80%) of AOT was within mixed layer

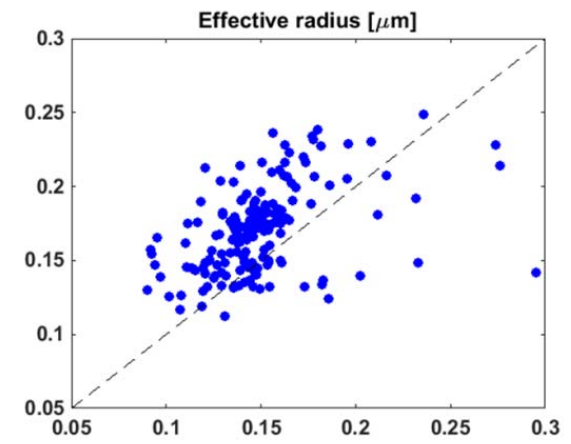
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- In this example, these results show changes in particle size and concentration in SJV
- Sawamura et al. poster shows the retrievals compare reasonably well with corresponding values derived from P-3 in situ data

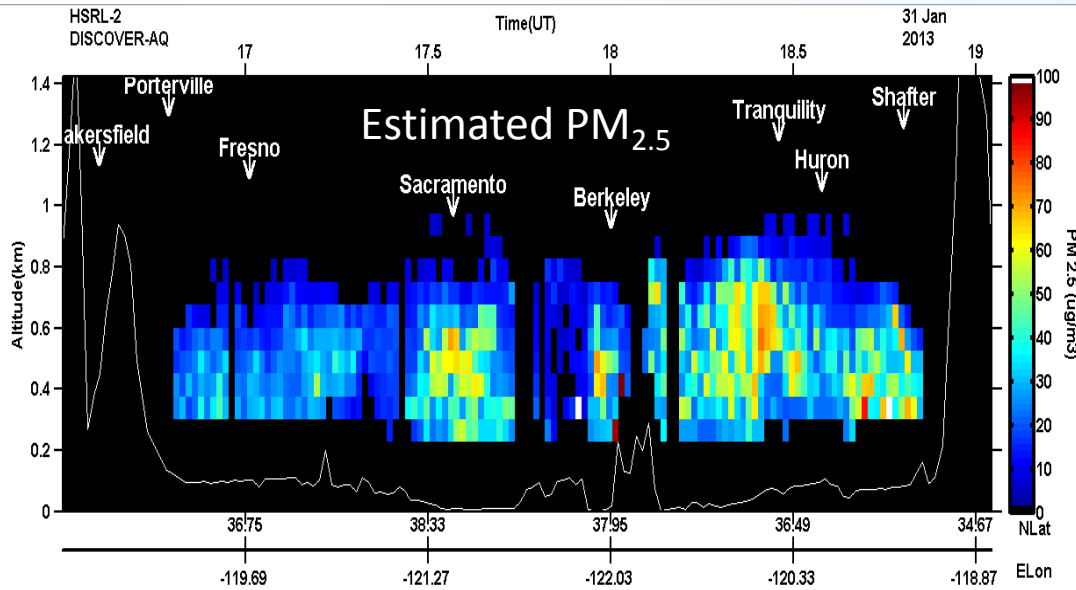
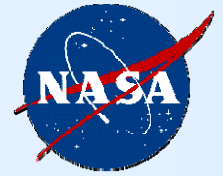


HSRL-2 (fine mode)

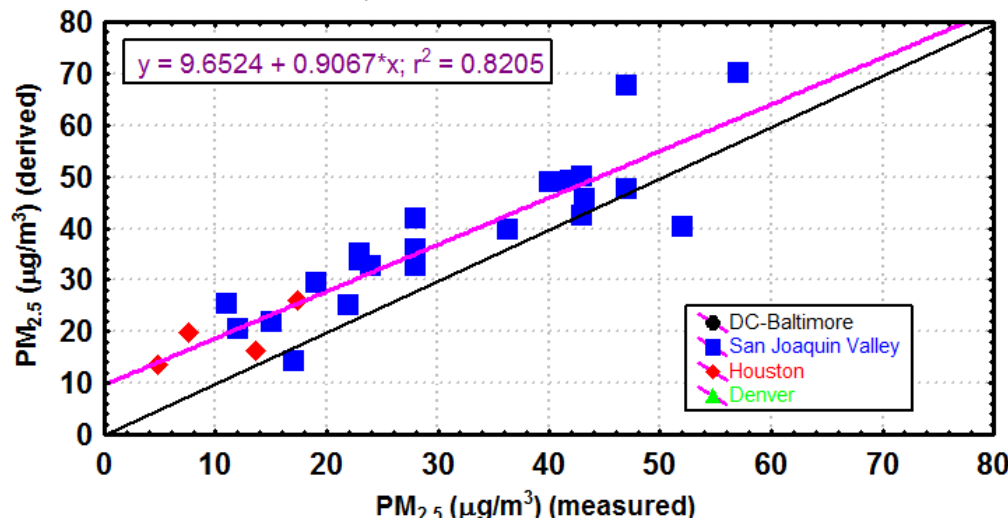


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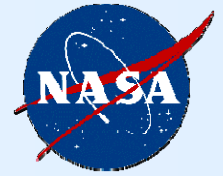
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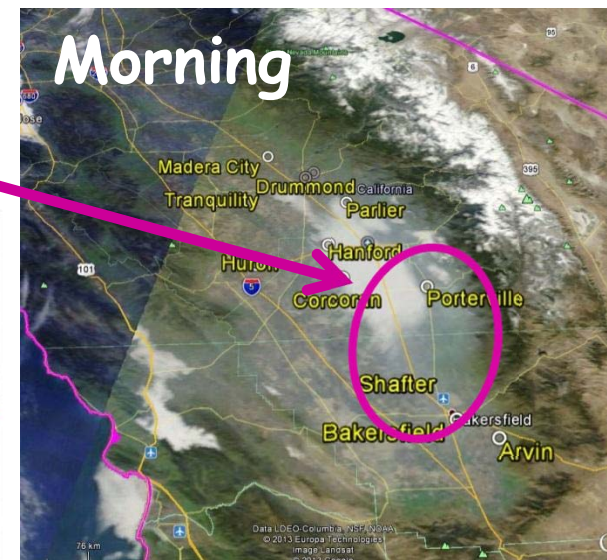
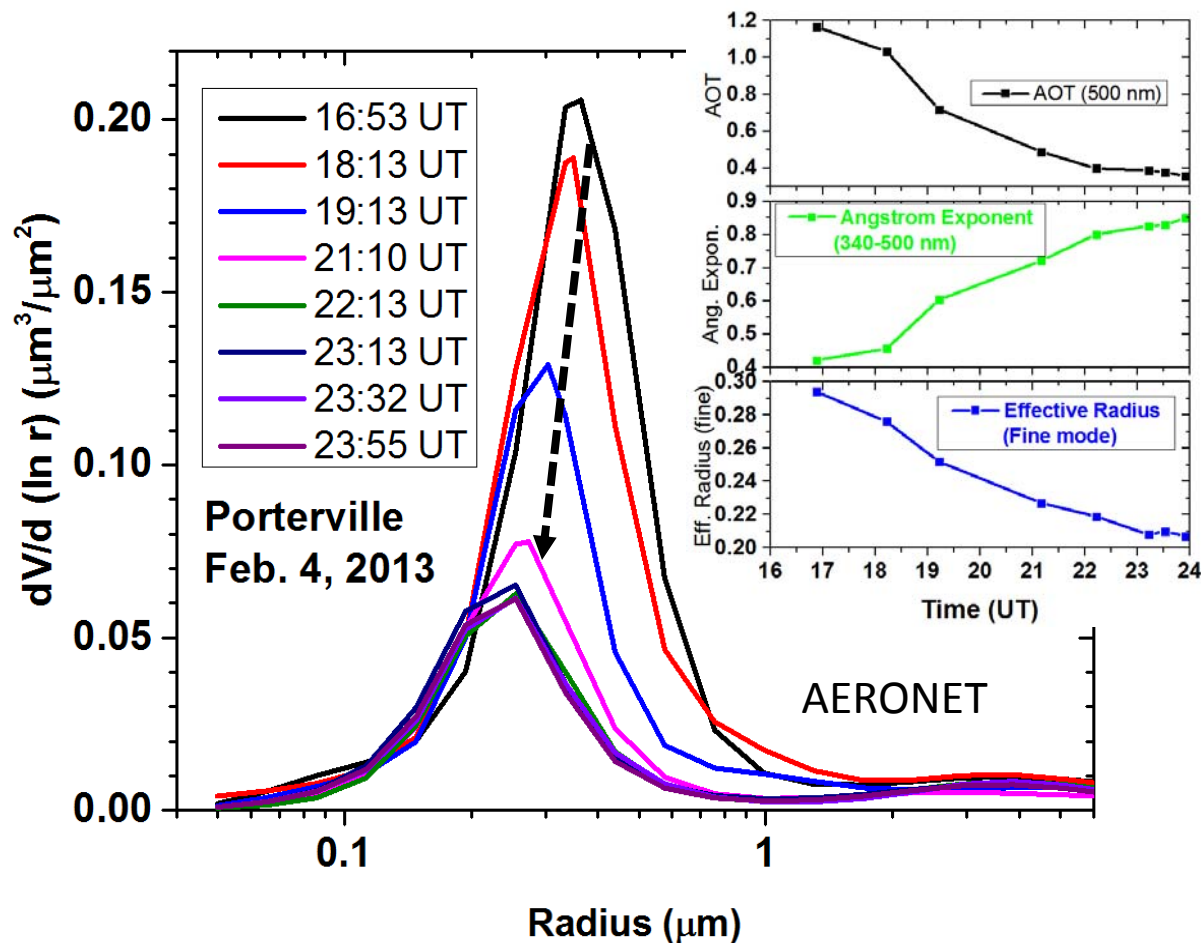
- HSRL-2 multiwavelength retrievals of fine mode volume concentration were used, along with an assumed particle density of 1.65 g/cm³, to derive PM_{2.5} concentrations
- The derived concentrations vary spatially and vertically throughout the SJV
- PM_{2.5} concentrations derived near the surface compare reasonably well with hourly values measured near the surface



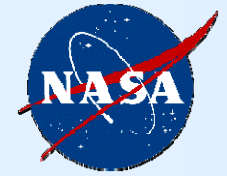
Decrease in fine mode particle size due to decrease in RH



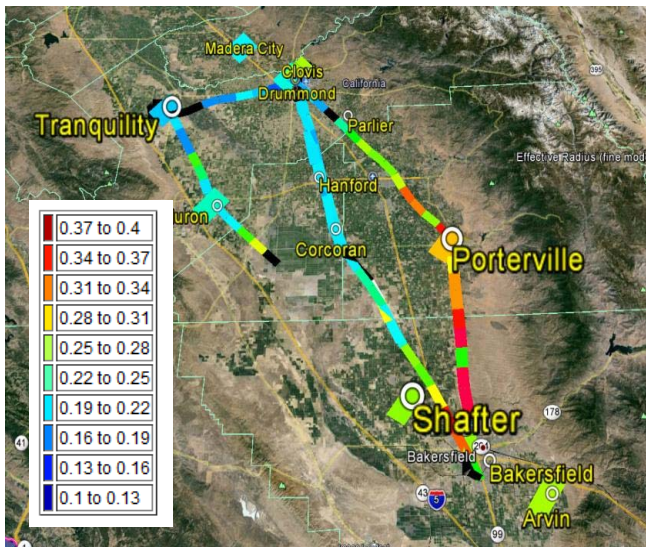
- In his Fall 2013 AGU presentation, Tom Eck noted the decrease in AOT and fine mode size over the southern portion of DRAGON on Feb. 4
- This decrease occurred as fog processed and/or humidified aerosols transitioned to dried aerosol



Temporal and spatial variability in column average particle size

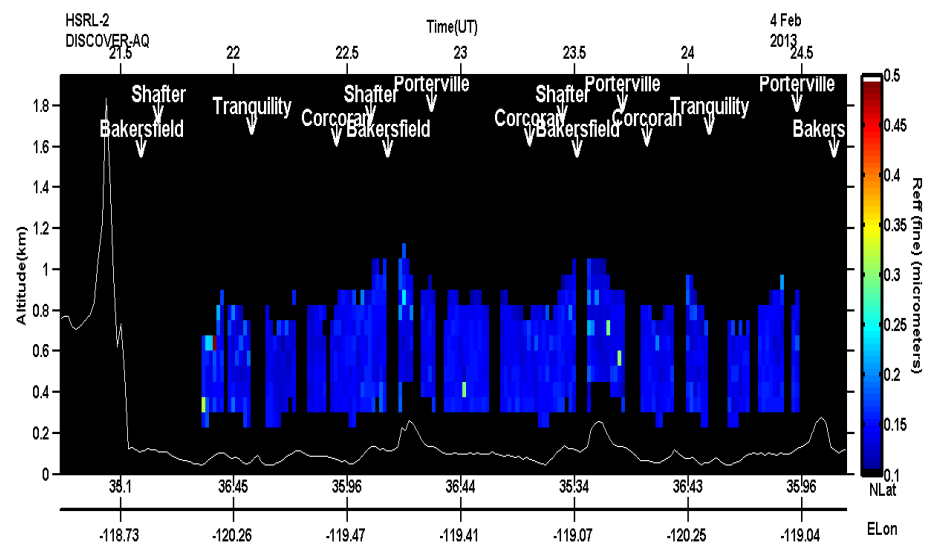
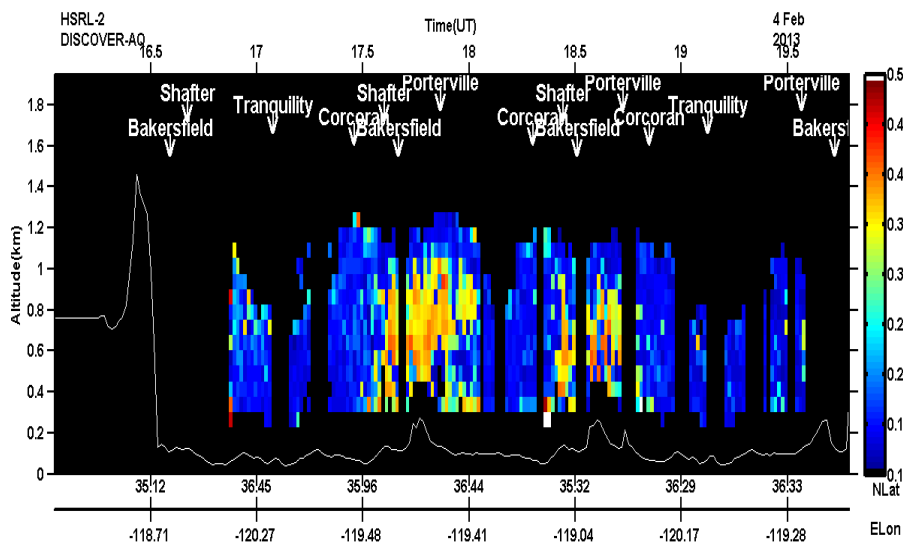


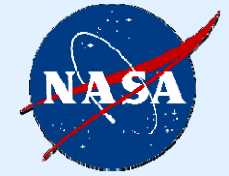
Column Average Reff (fine)



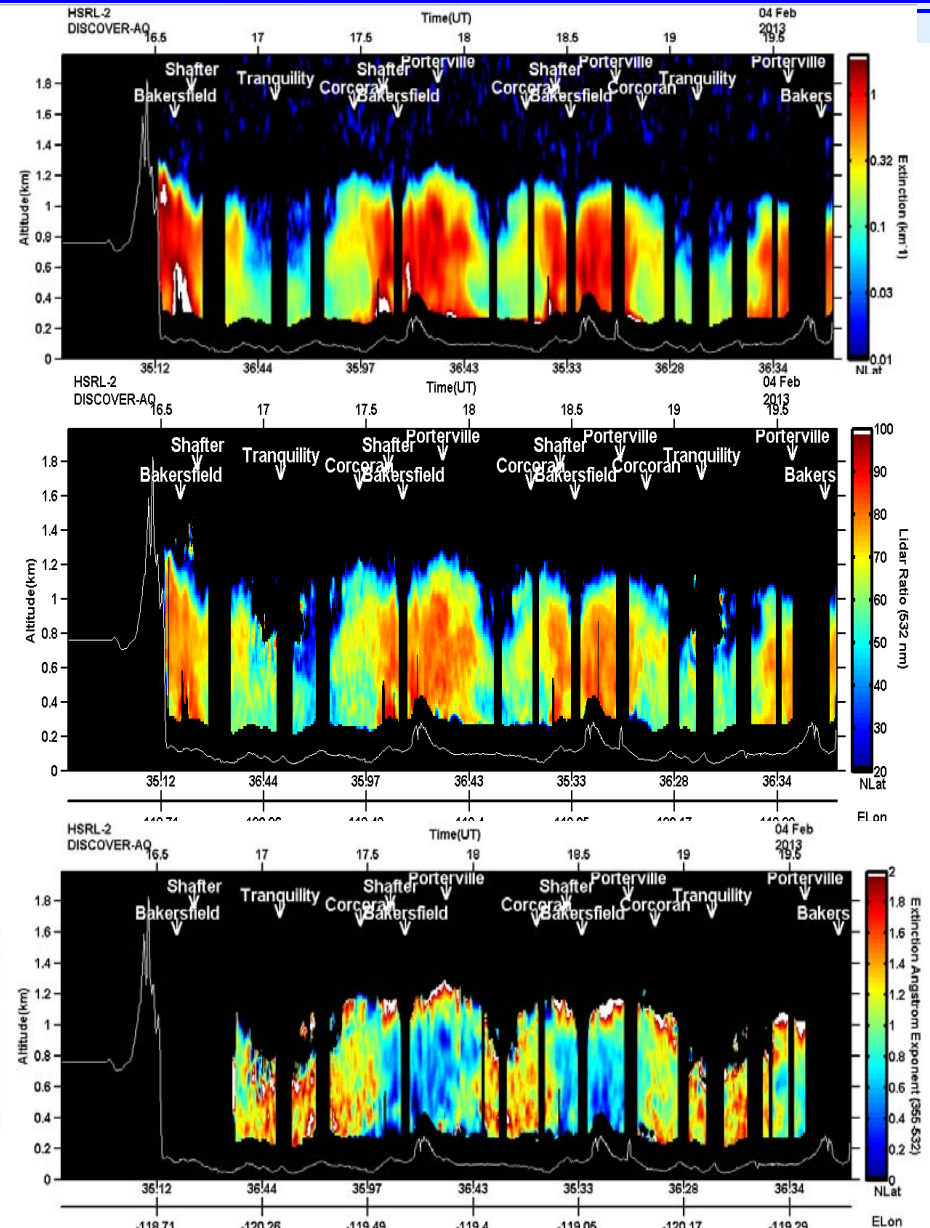
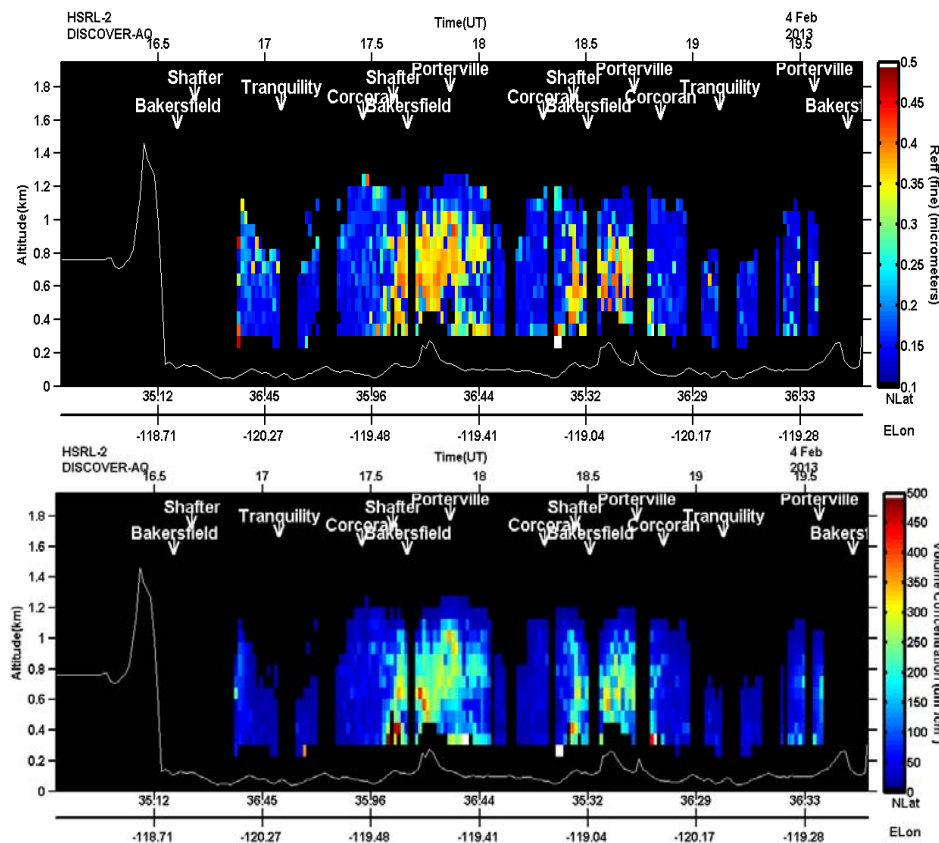
Highest RH occurred over the southeastern portion (Porterville, Shafter) and this RH decreased with time

- Consequently, fine mode particle size was largest the southeastern portion and decreased with time
- Both HSRL-2 and AERONET found:
 - Decrease in fine mode effective radius associated with decrease in RH over the southeastern portion
 - No change in particle size over the northwestern portion where RH was lower

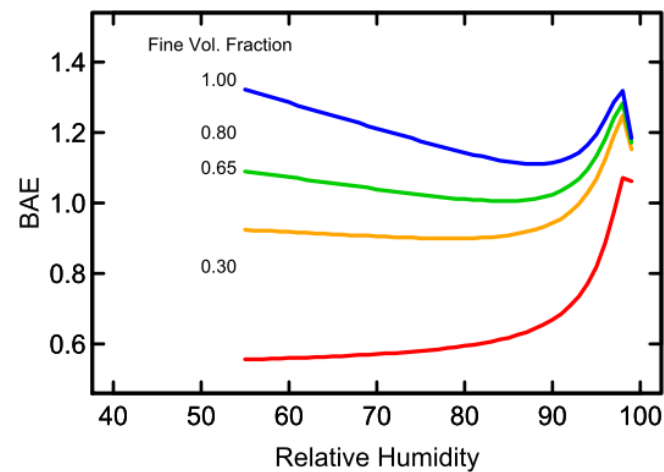
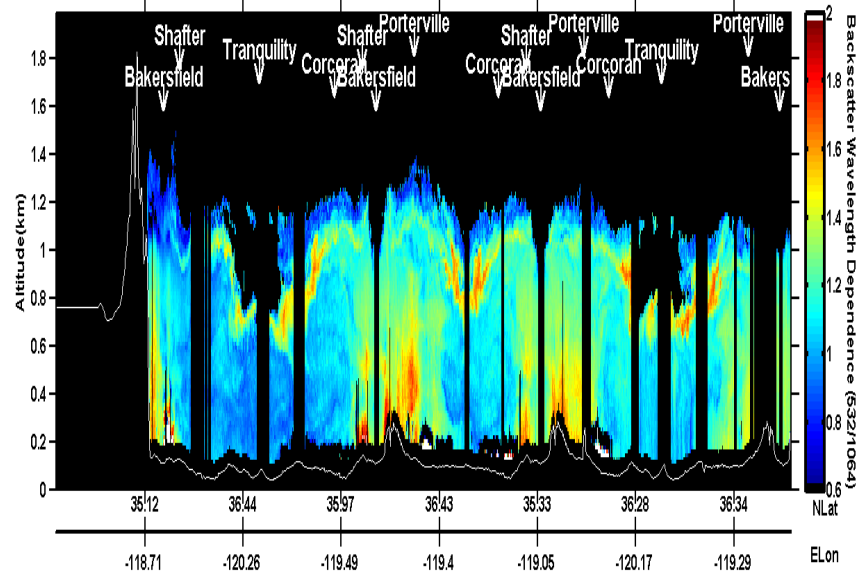
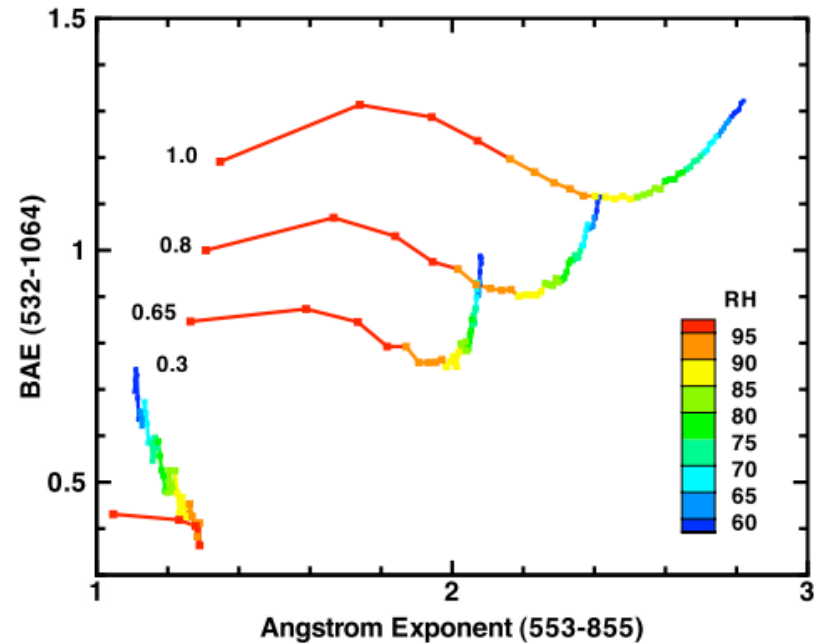
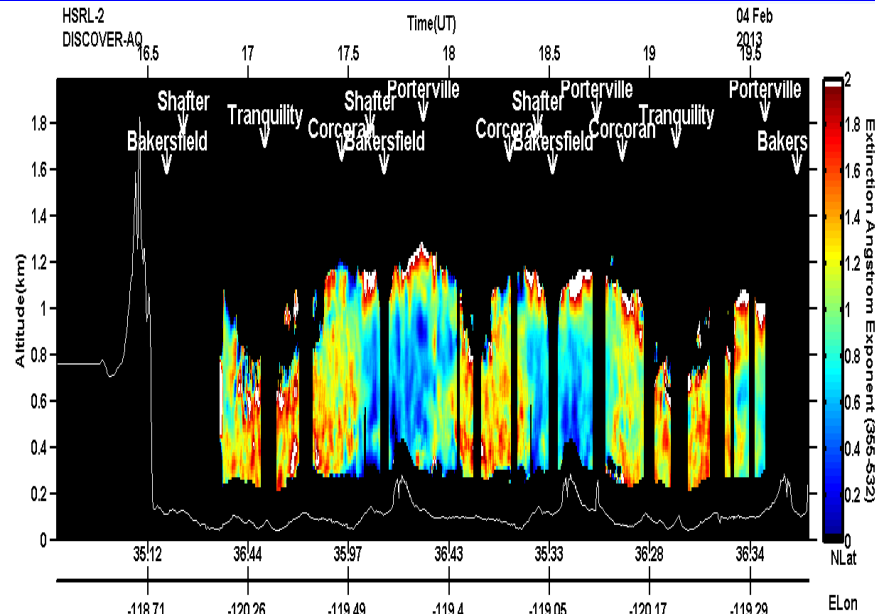
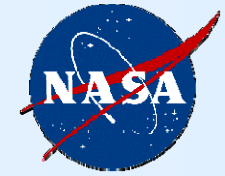




- Volume concentration, extinction, and lidar ratio also increased with high RH
- Extinction Angstrom exponent (355-532) decreased with RH as fine mode particle size increased



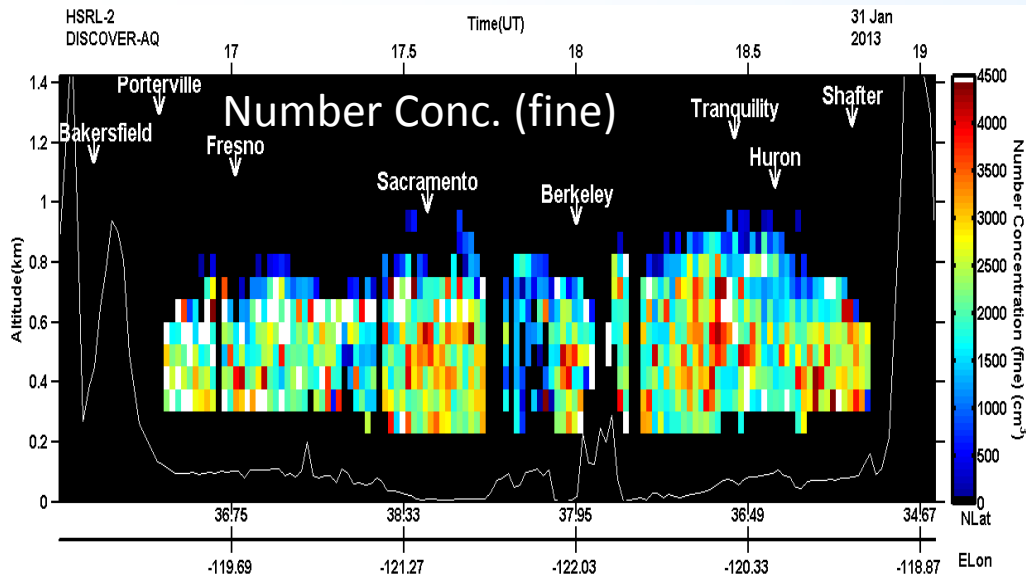
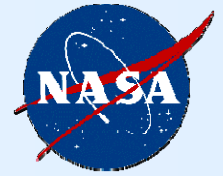
Extinction and Backscatter Angstrom exponents behave different as RH increases



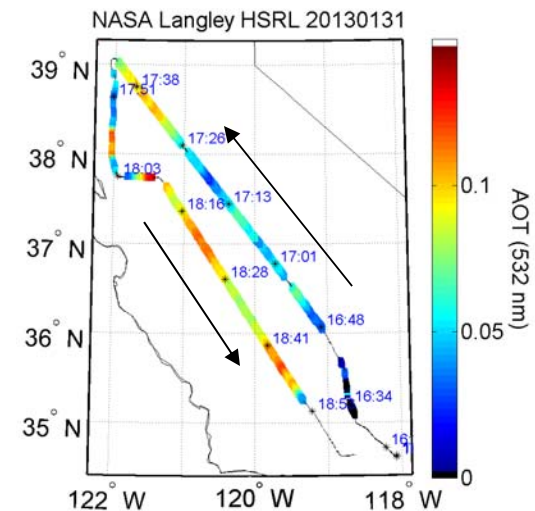
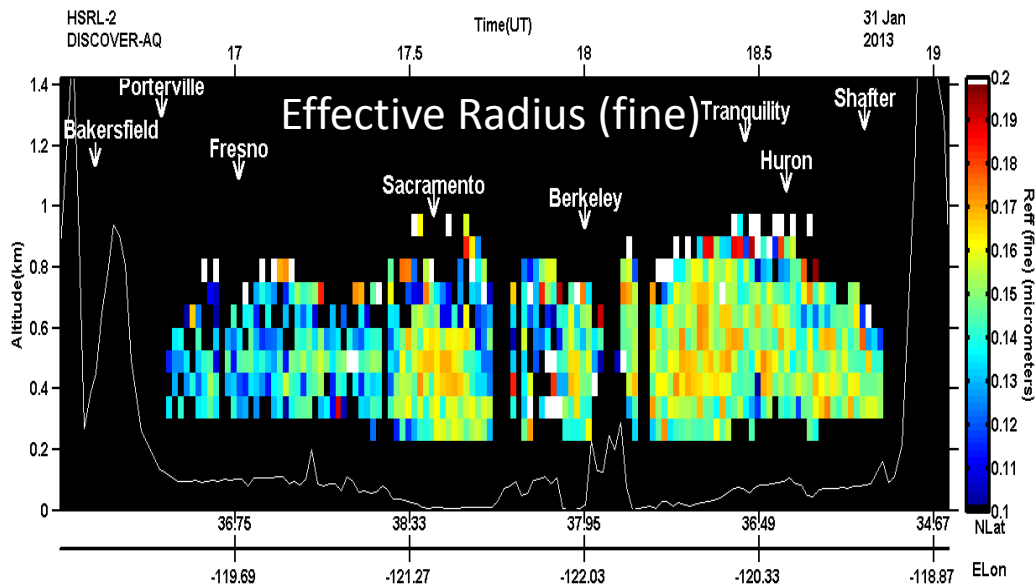


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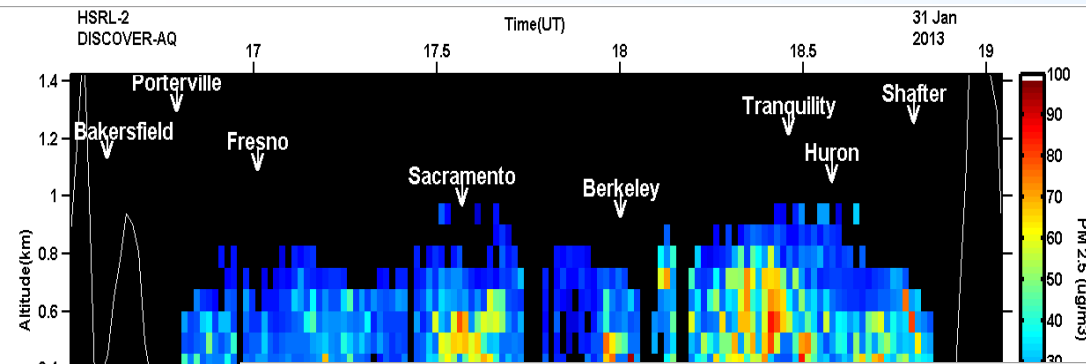
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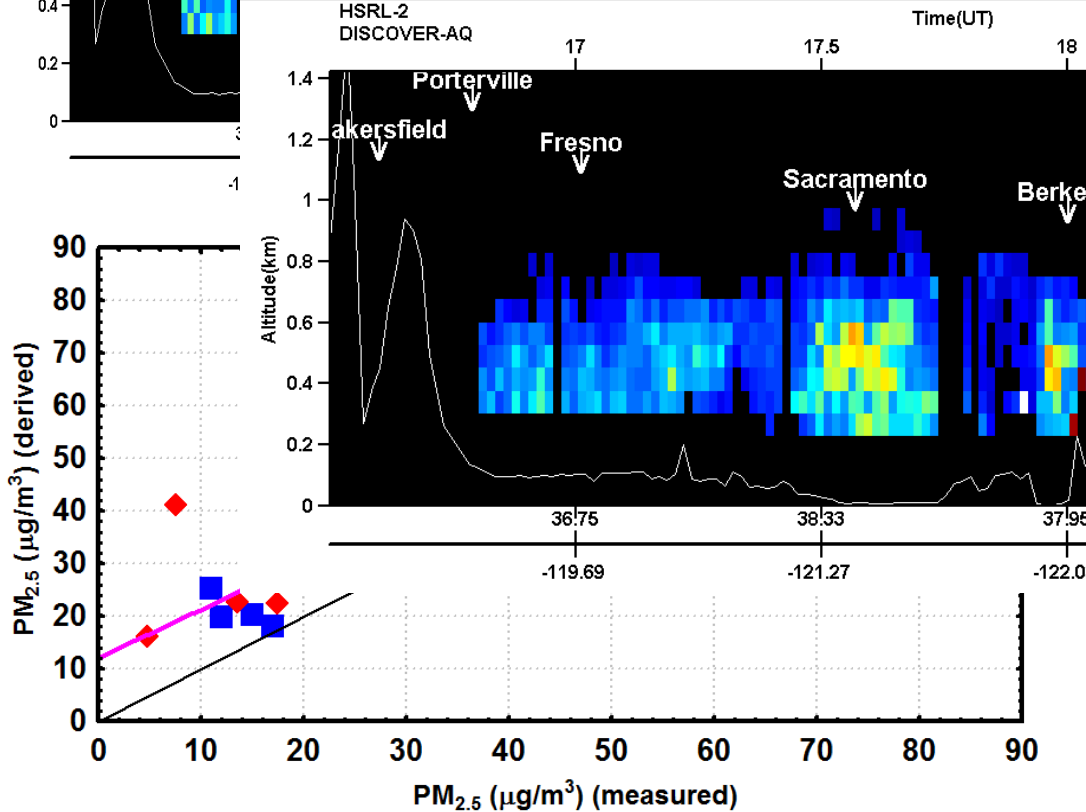
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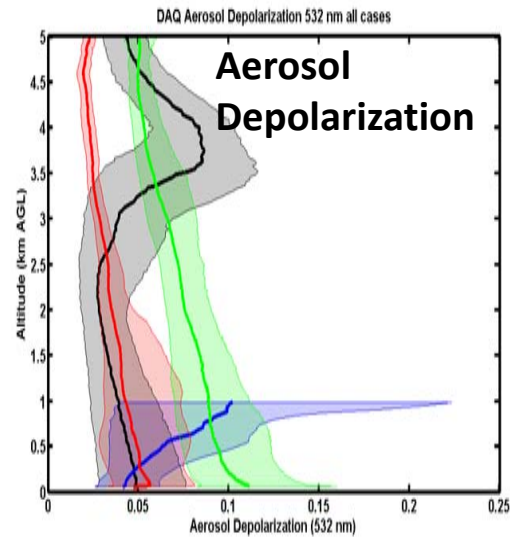
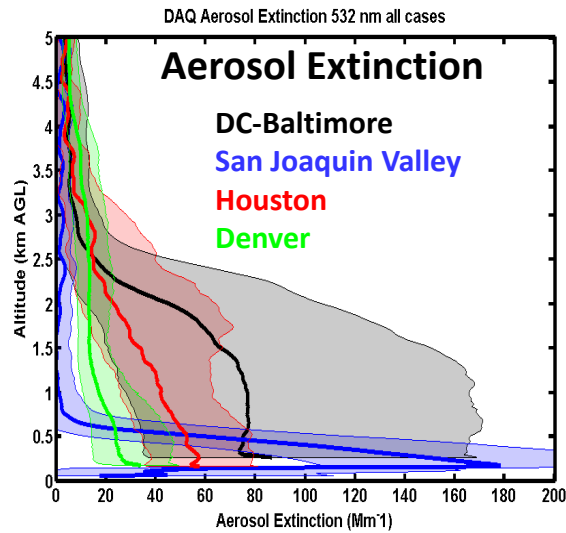
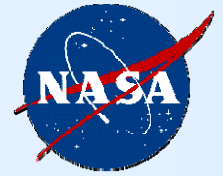


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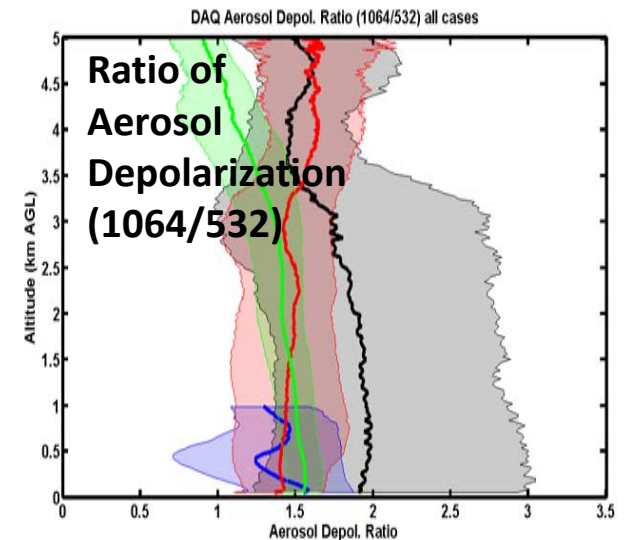
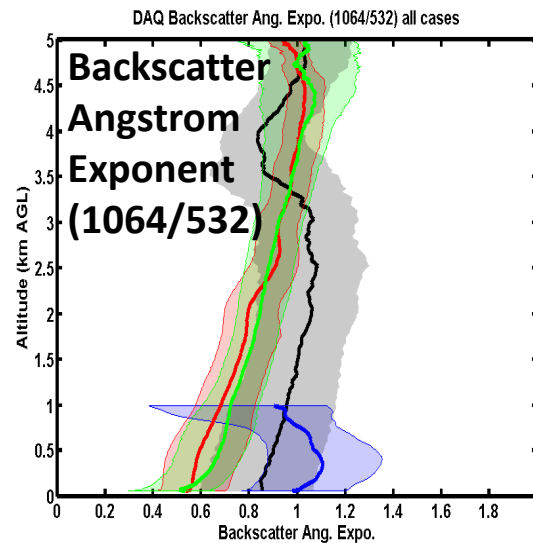
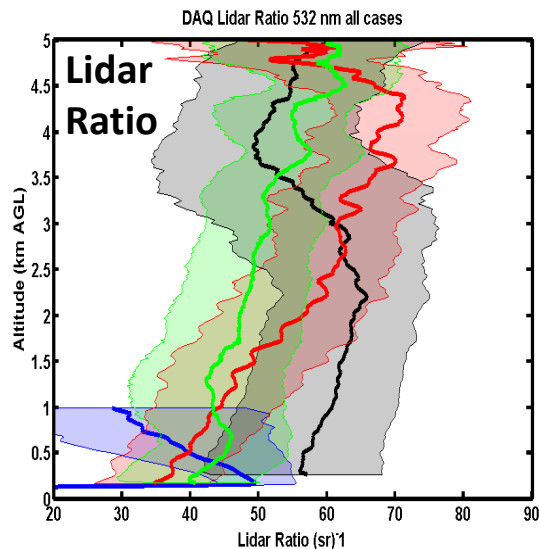


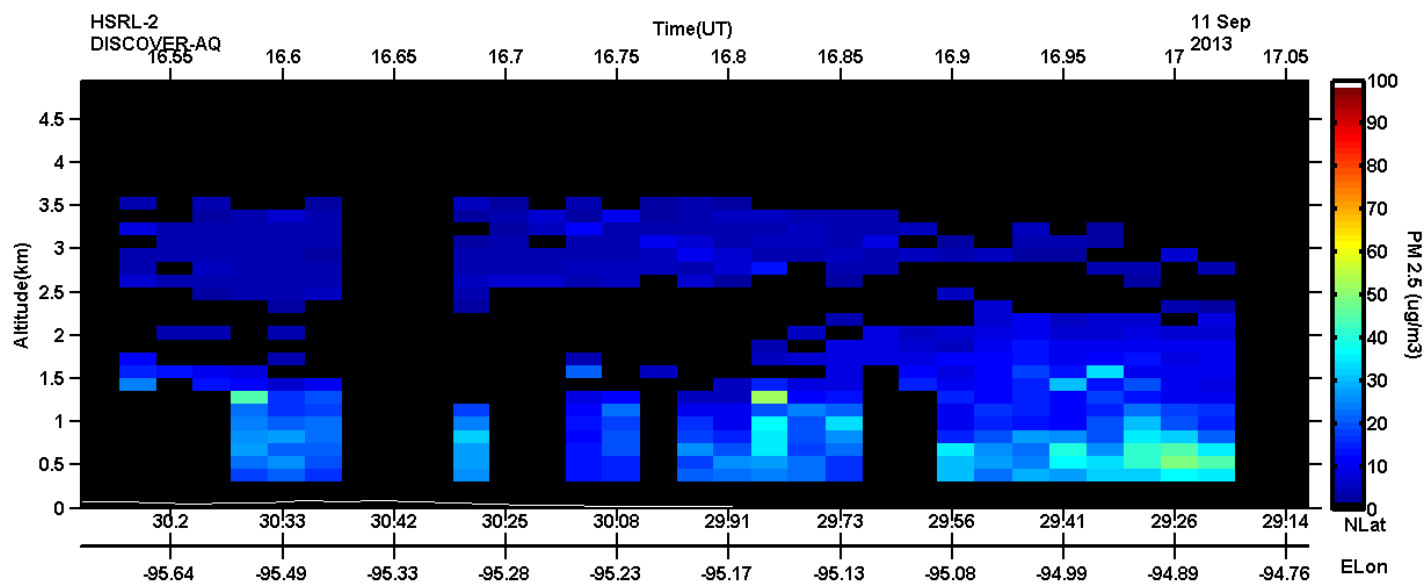
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Median vertical variability of aerosol optical properties during DAQ missions



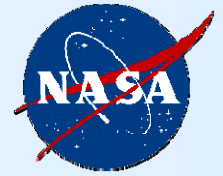
Increase in lidar ratio and backscatter Angstrom exponent during MD, TX, CO campaigns suggest smaller particles aloft - perhaps smoke







Estimation of $PM_{2.5}$ from AOT: Questions addressed using HSRL data



What to use for H?

PBL height (z_{PBL}) or height of maximum aerosol gradient (z_{AG})?

Can we assume that surface extinction is about the same as the mean extinction in aerosol layer?

α_{SFC} (ambient RH) $\sim \overline{\alpha_H}$ (ambient RH) ?

How well is surface extinction related to $PM_{2.5}$?

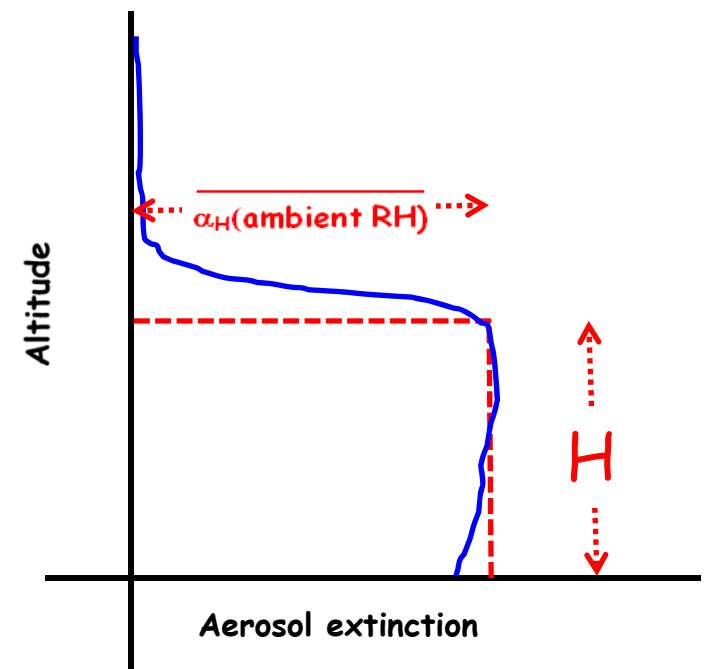
Can we estimate SSC?

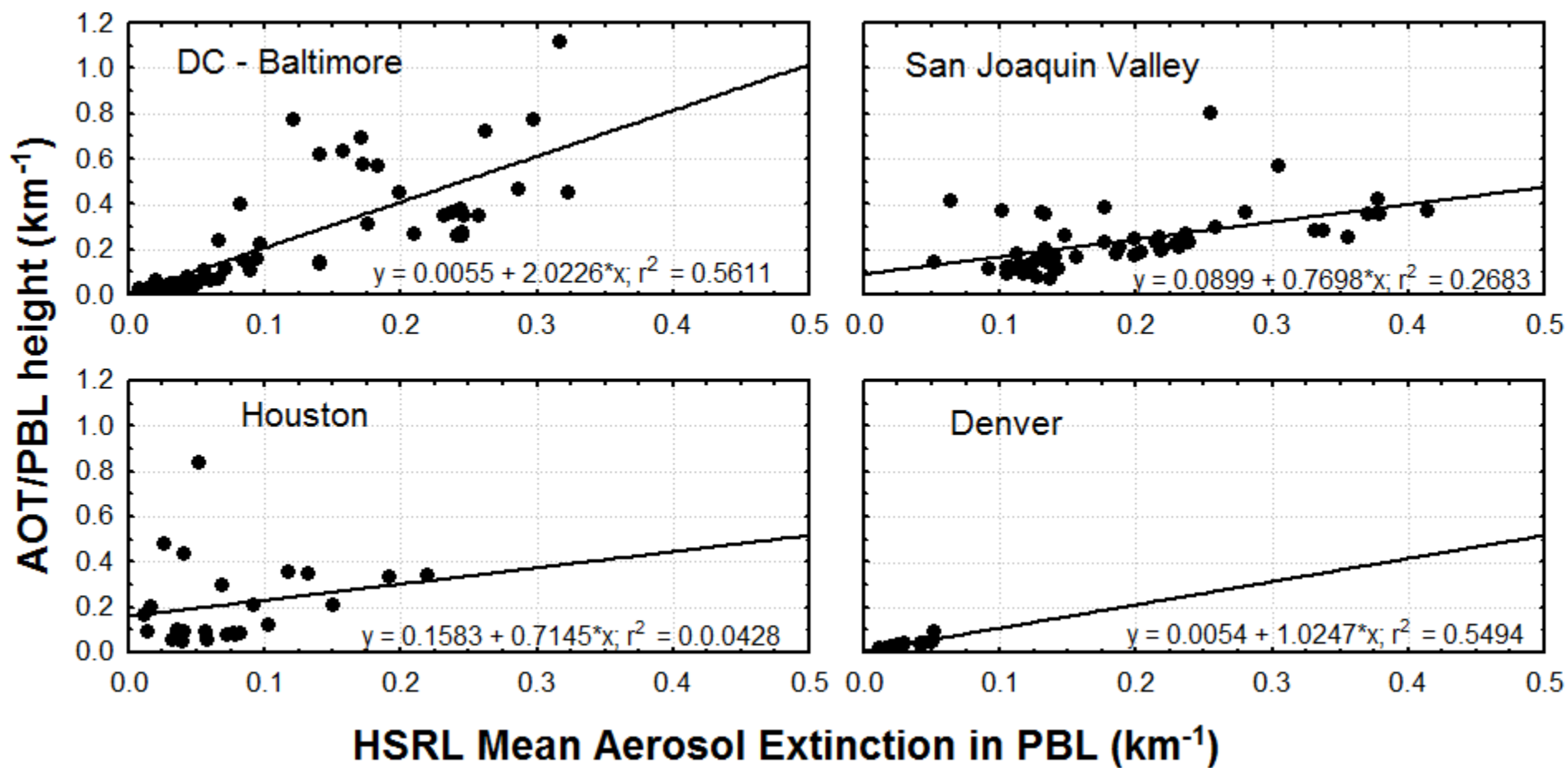
α_{SFC} (dry) $\sim SSC \times PM_{2.5}$?

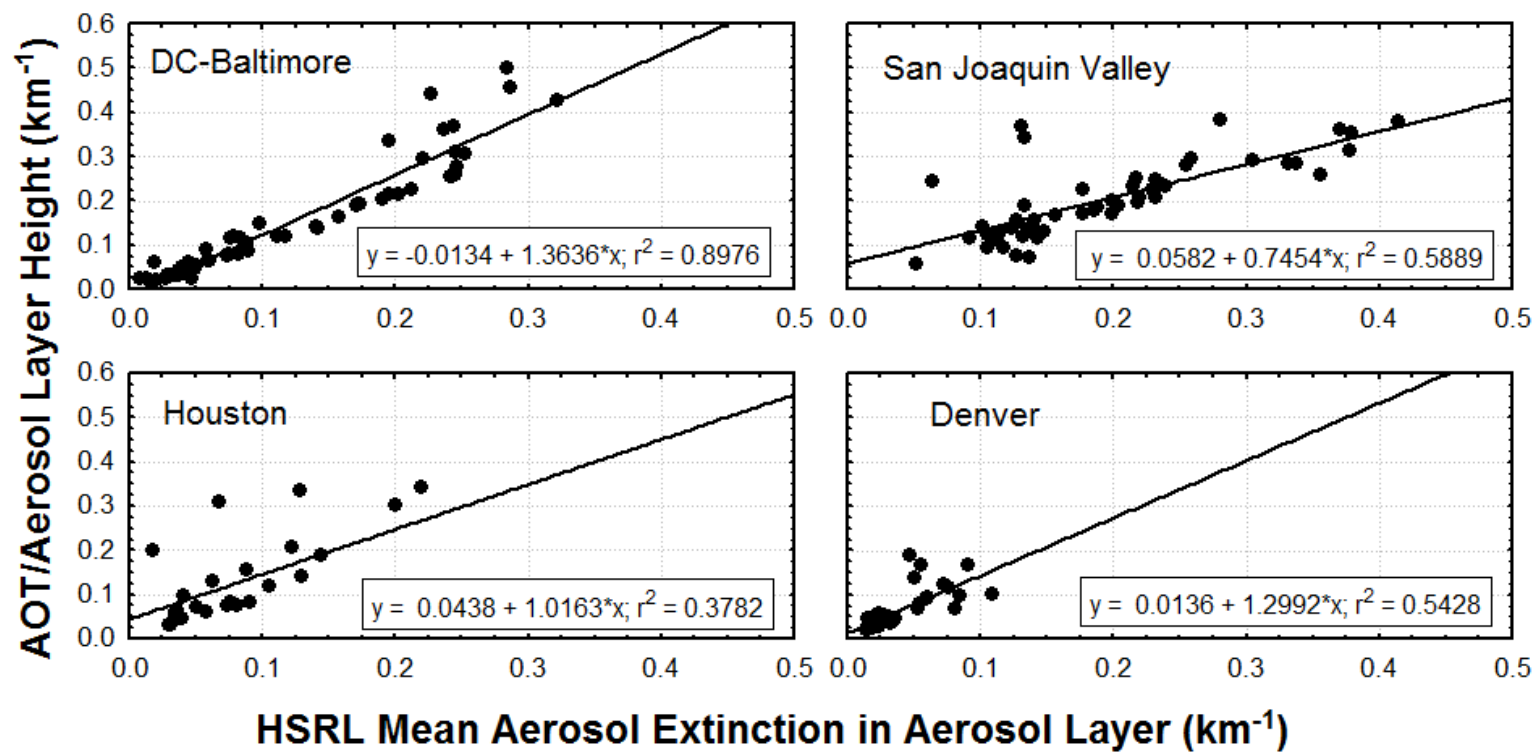
How well is AOT correlated with:

α_{SFC} (ambient RH), α_{SFC} (dry) , $PM_{2.5}$?

$$AOT = \int \alpha(z) dz$$

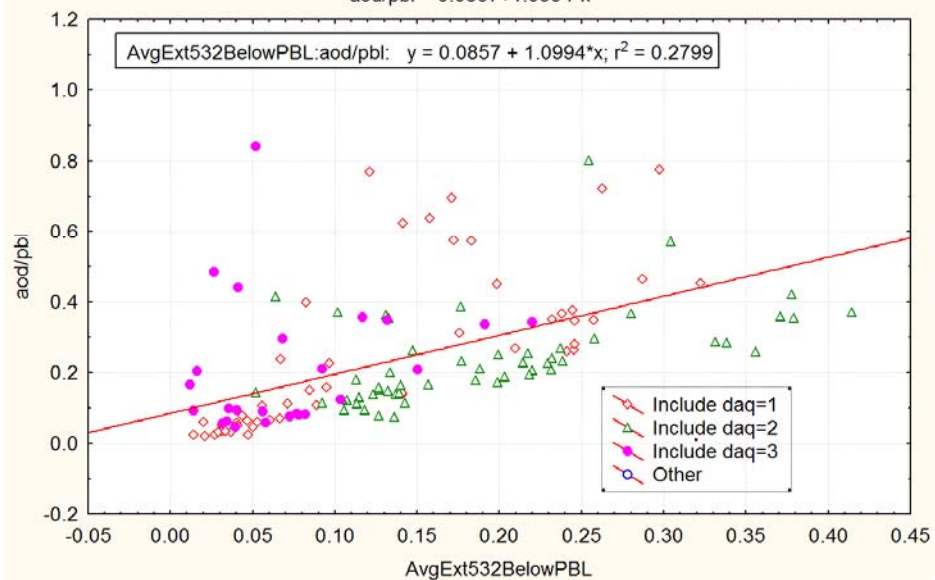




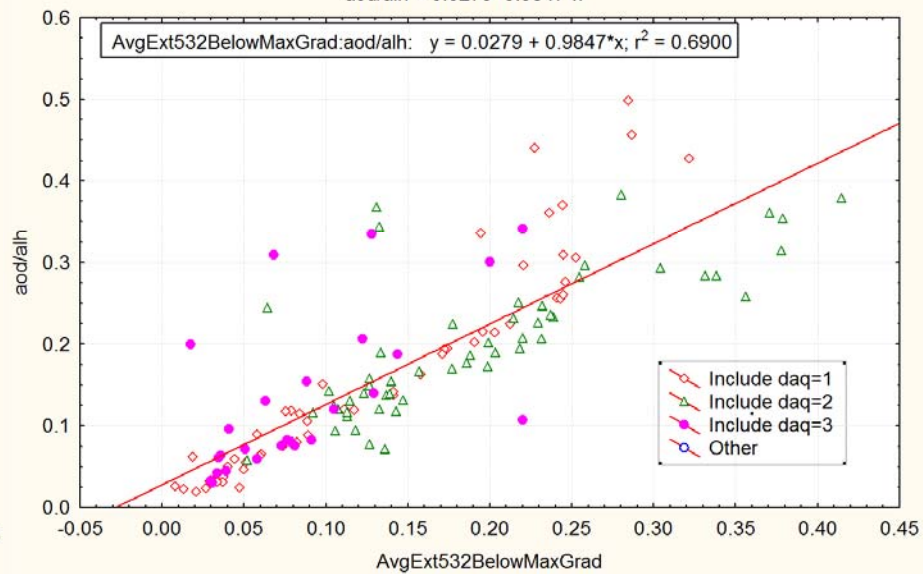


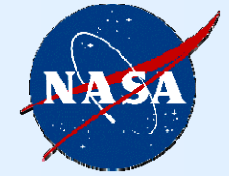


Scatterplot of aod/pbl against AvgExt532BelowPBL
pm_daq_md_ca_tx in hsr1_pm25_DAQ1 68v*261c
Include condition: v20>0.01 and v67>0 and v20<0.6
aod/pbl = 0.0857+1.0994*x



Scatterplot of aod/alh against AvgExt532BelowMaxGrad
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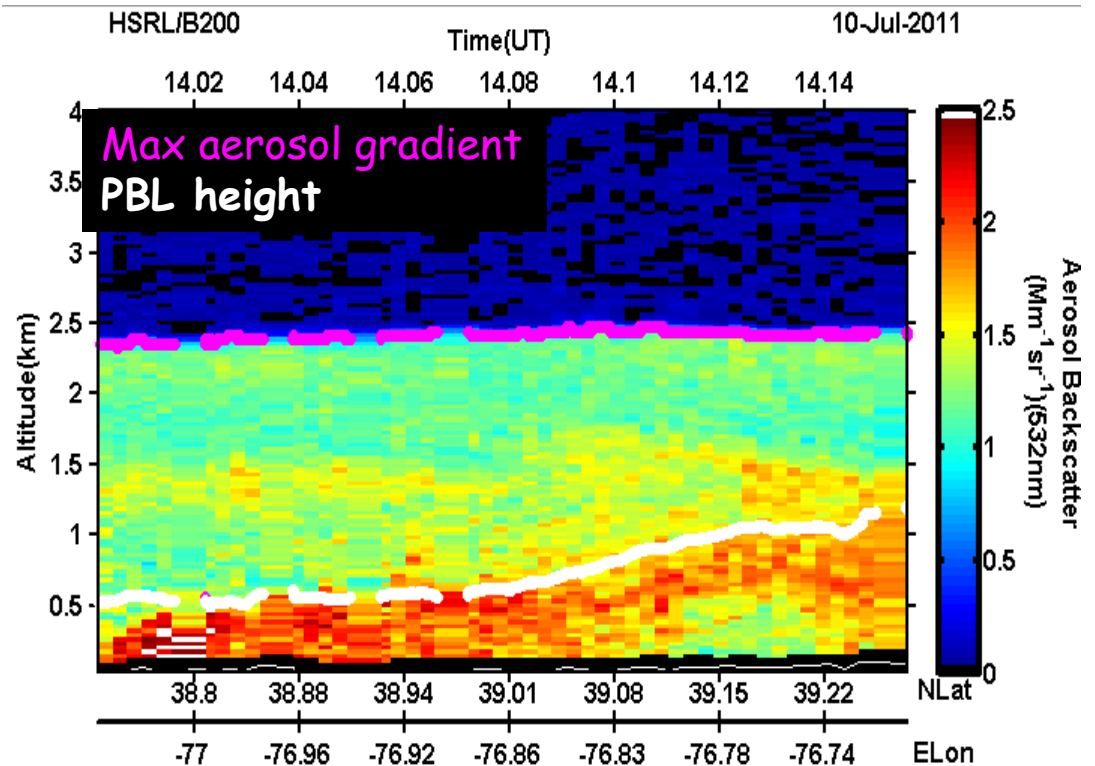
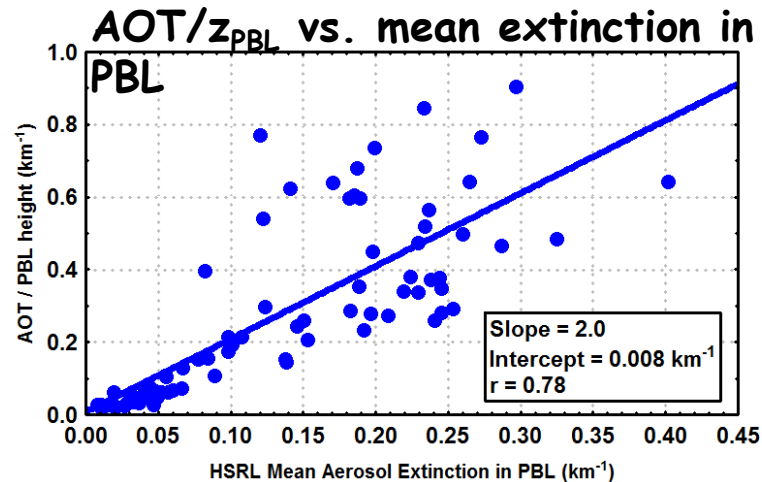
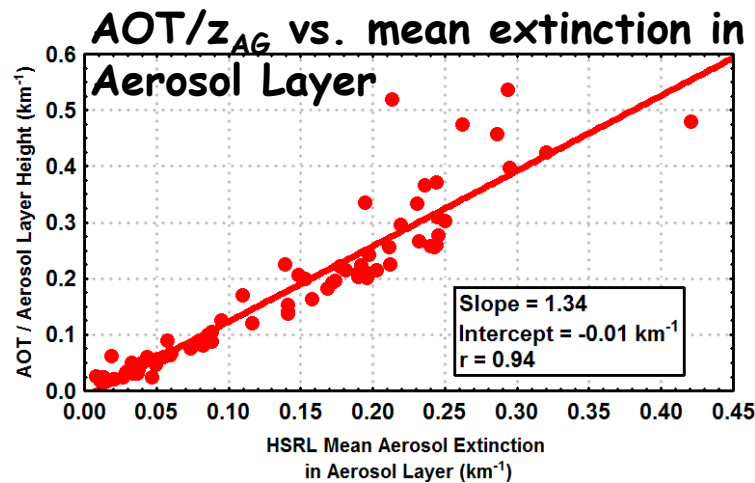


Aerosol Layer Height

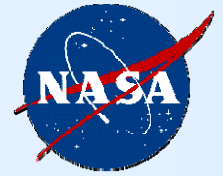
We examine AOT / H vs. α_H (ambient RH)

Where $H = z_{PBL}$ and $H = z_{AG}$

- We investigate the impact of layer height by examining the correlation between AOT and mean extinction within PBL and aerosol layer
- Height of the maximum aerosol gradient (aka aerosol layer) is a better measure of scale height than PBL height (but not the best)

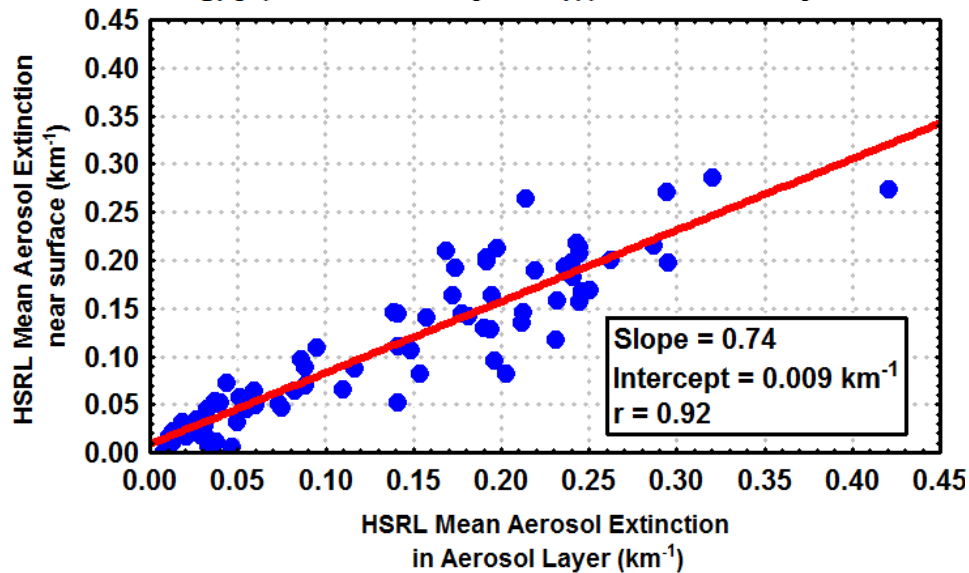


Relationship between mean layer extinction and surface extinction

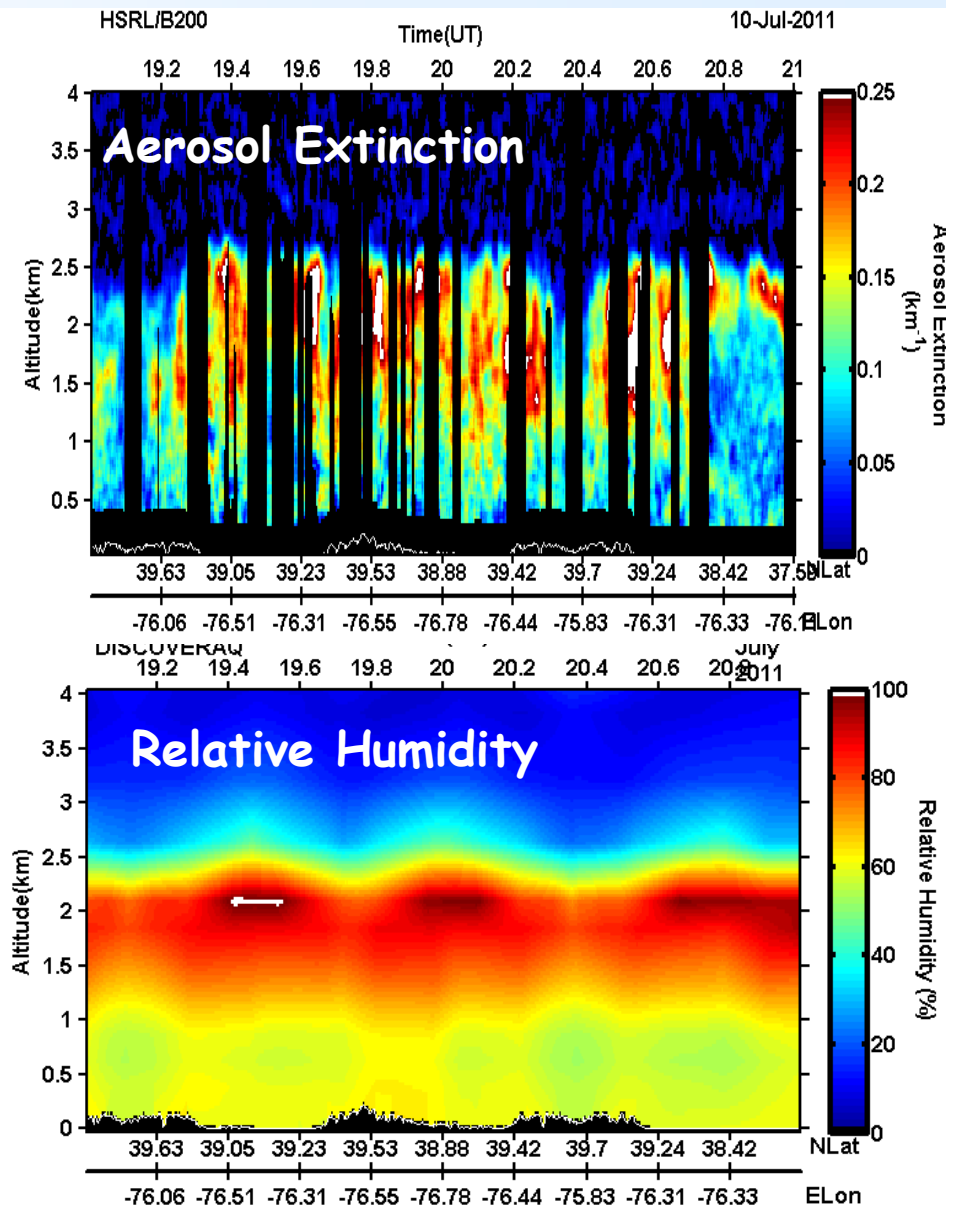


We examine

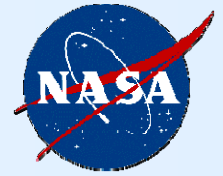
$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) \sim \alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})$$



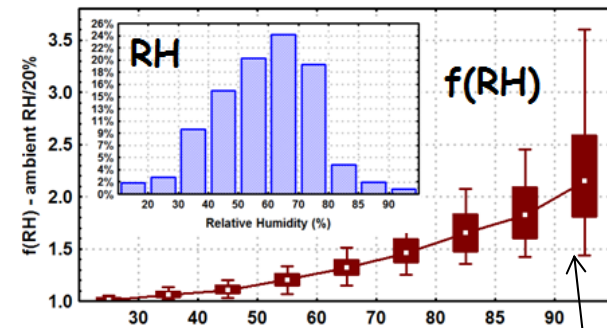
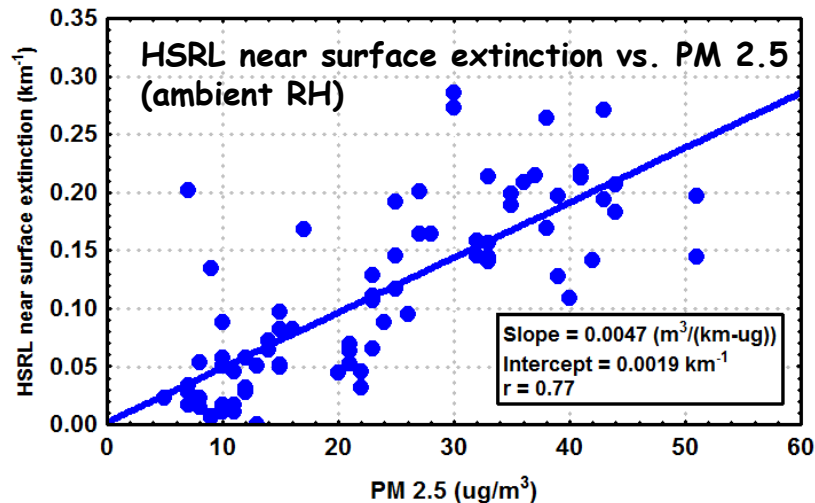
- Surface extinction is well correlated with mean aerosol extinction in the layer
- Surface extinction is generally lower than mean extinction in the layer
 - HSRL data often show increase in extinction with height in aerosol layer
 - This increase likely associated with higher RH near the top of the layer



Correlation between near-surface extinction and surface PM_{2.5} concentrations



- HSRL measurements of extinction near the surface were correlated with hourly surface PM_{2.5} data from four stations (Beltsville, Fairhill, Edgewood, UMBC)
- Average humidification factor was obtained from P3 in situ data
- Correlations would likely improve with higher temporal resolution surface PM_{2.5} data



We examine

$$\alpha_{\text{SFC(dry)}} \approx \text{SSC} * \text{PM}_{2.5}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{SFC(ambient RH)}} / f(\text{RH}) \approx \text{SSC} * \text{PM}_{2.5}$$

Used average $f(\text{RH})$ correction derived from P3

$$\text{Slope} = \sim 3.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$$

(recall from Hoff et al. Nov. 3 presentation)

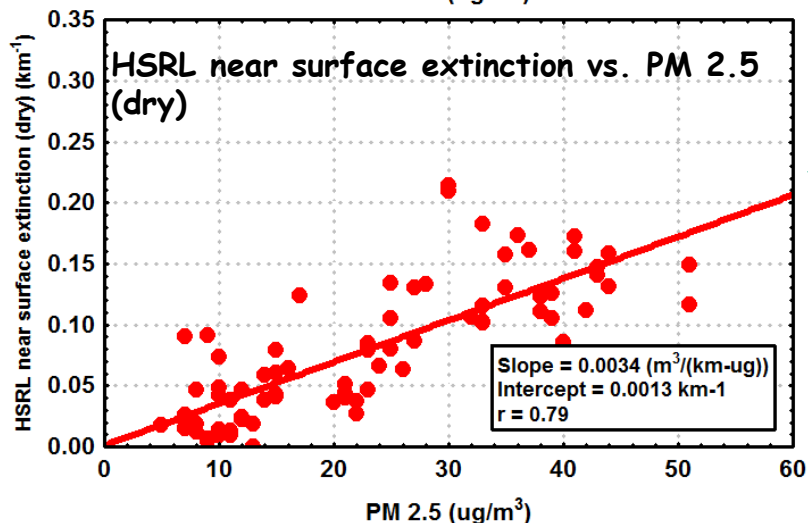
$$\text{SSC from surface BAM} = 3.2 \pm 1.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$$

where:

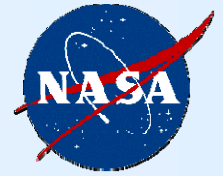
α = aerosol extinction

SSC = specific scattering coefficient

$f(\text{RH})$ = humidification factor

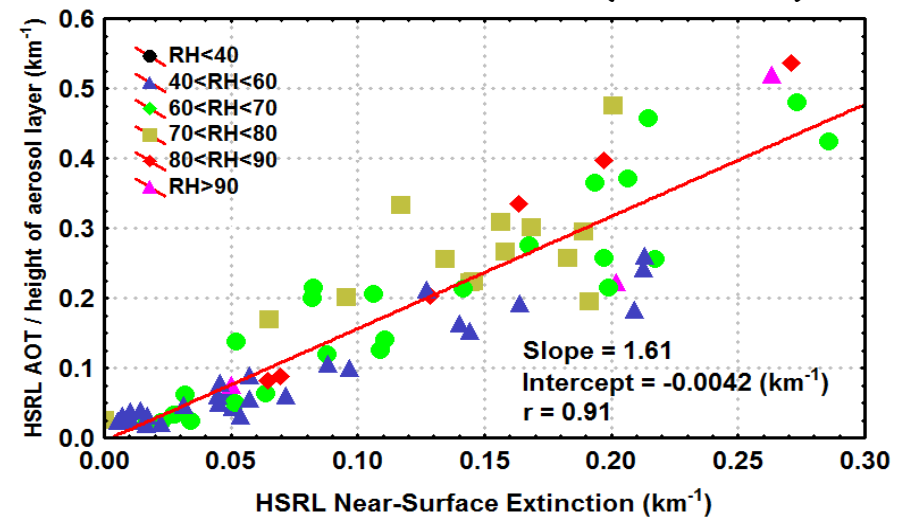


Correlation between HSRL AOT and $PM_{2.5}$

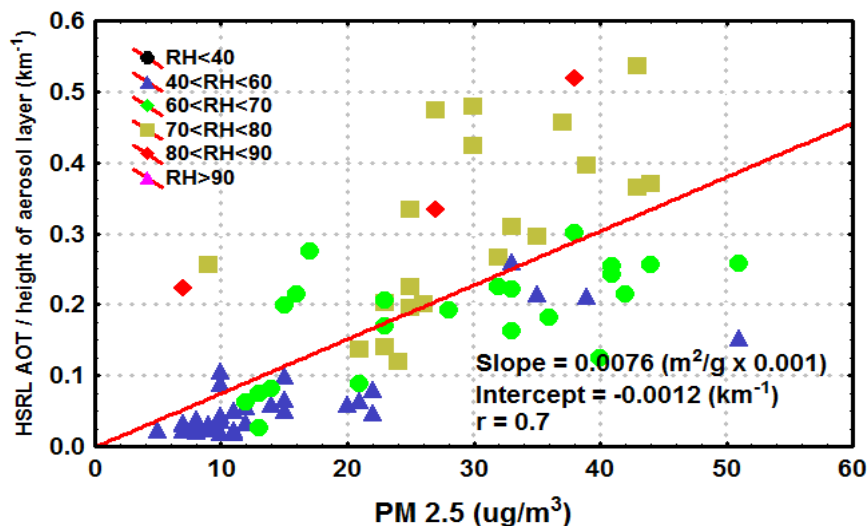


- Surface $PM_{2.5}$ can be inferred from measurements of AOT and height of the aerosol layer
- Highest correlation between HSRL AOT scaled by height of aerosol layer and HSRL near-surface extinction
- Correlations would likely improve with:
 - higher temporal resolution surface $PM_{2.5}$ data
 - use of individual $f(RH, z)$ measurements rather than an average $f(RH)$

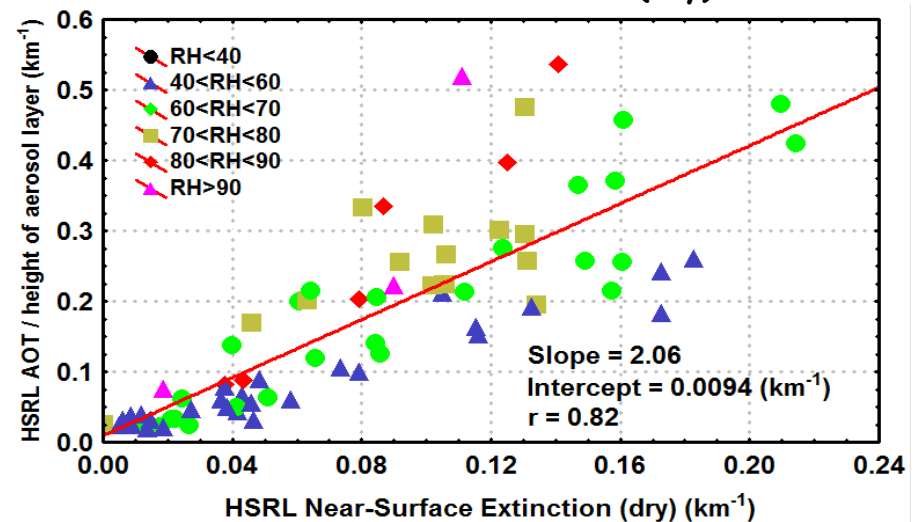
(HSRL AOT / aerosol layer height) vs. HSRL near-surface extinction (ambient RH)



(HSRL AOT / aerosol layer height) vs. $PM_{2.5}$



(HSRL AOT / aerosol layer height) vs. HSRL near-surface extinction (dry)

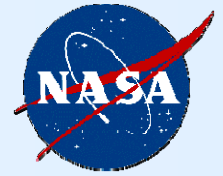




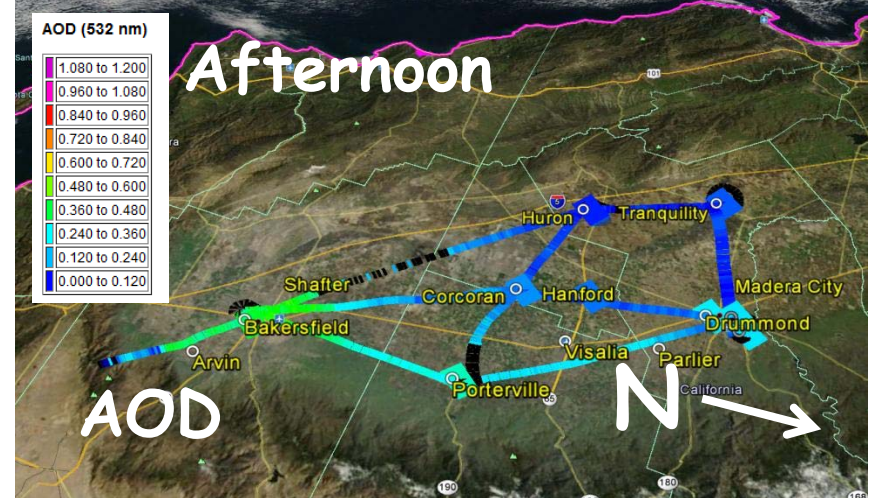
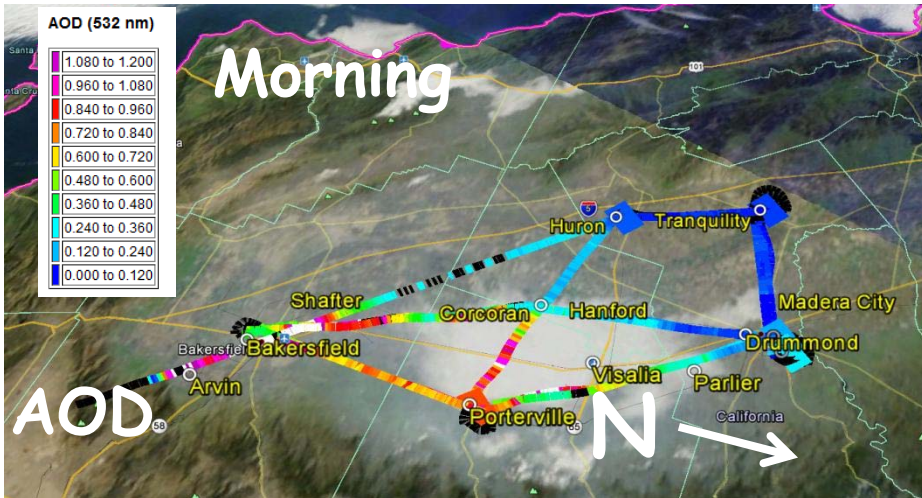
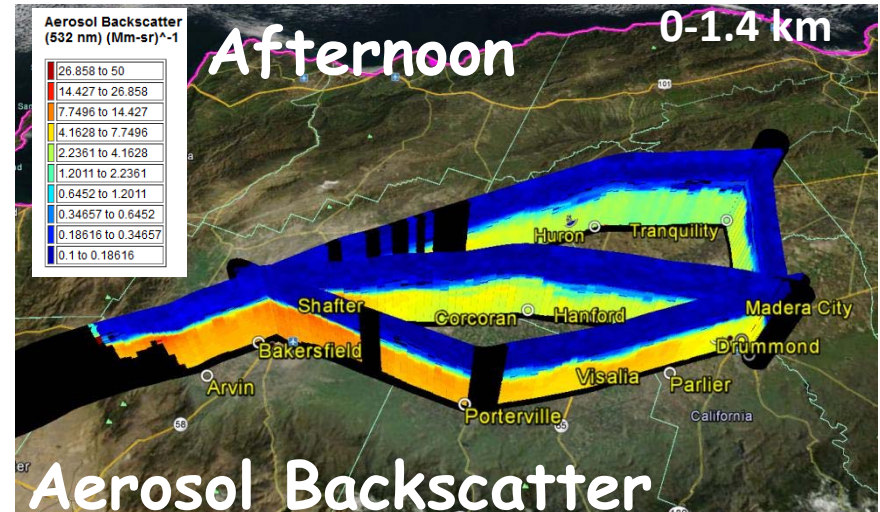
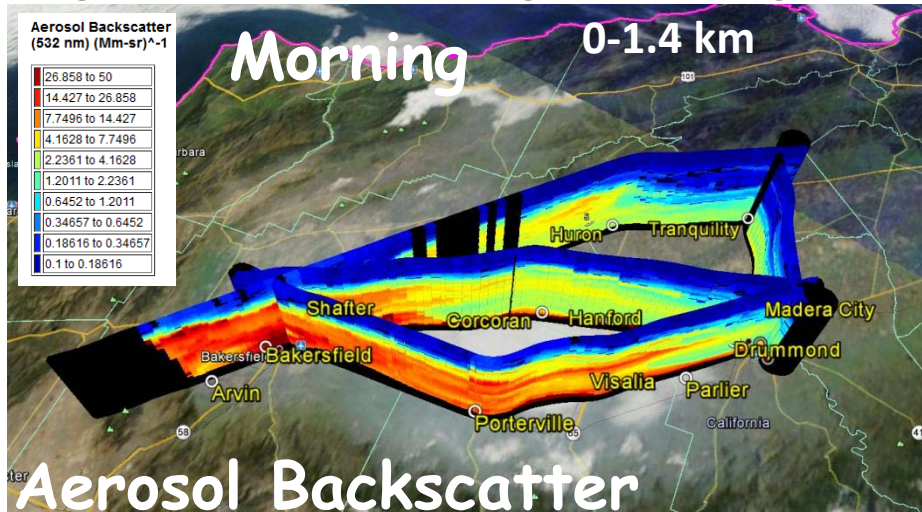
Impact of High Relative Humidity

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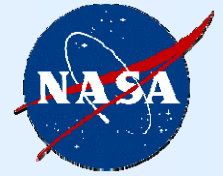
February 4 - Morning and Afternoon



- Aerosols more stratified during the morning
- Over southeastern portion (Porterville, Bakersfield) AOT 2 to 3 times higher in the morning than during the afternoon due to higher RH
- Higher AOT values along eastern leg



High RH affects ability to infer $PM_{2.5}$ from AOT



$$AOT = \int \alpha(z) dz$$

$$AOT \approx \overline{\alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})} \times H$$

$$\text{Assume: } \alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) \sim \overline{\alpha_H(\text{ambient RH})}$$

$$\alpha_{SFC}(\text{ambient RH}) = f(RH) \times \alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry})$$

$$\text{Assume: } \alpha_{SFC}(\text{dry}) \sim b_{sca}(\text{dry})$$

$$b_{sca}(\text{dry}) = SSC \times PM_{2.5}$$

$$AOT \approx \boxed{f(RH)} \times SSC \times H \times PM_{2.5}$$

Where:

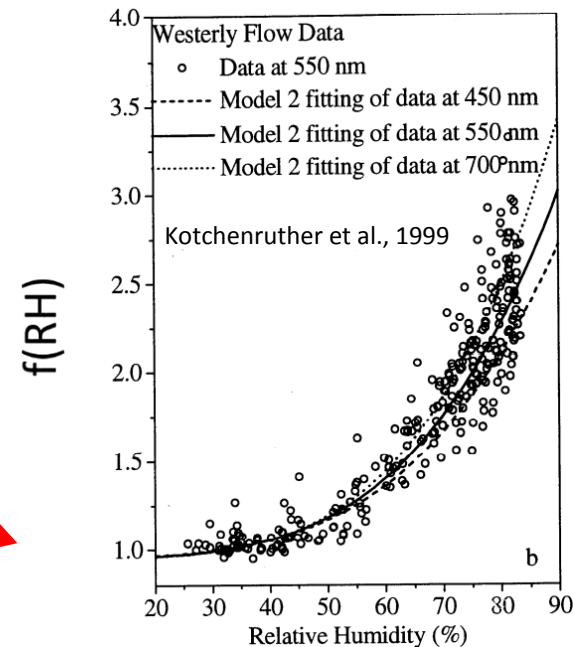
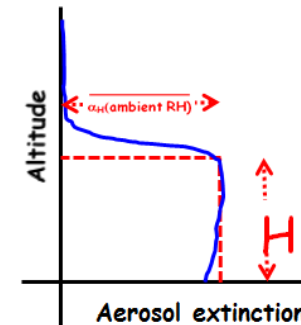
α = aerosol extinction

b_{sca} = aerosol scattering

SSC = specific scattering coefficient

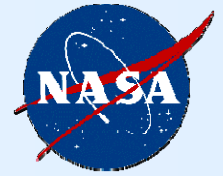
$f(RH)$ = aerosol humidification factor

H = height of aerosol layer

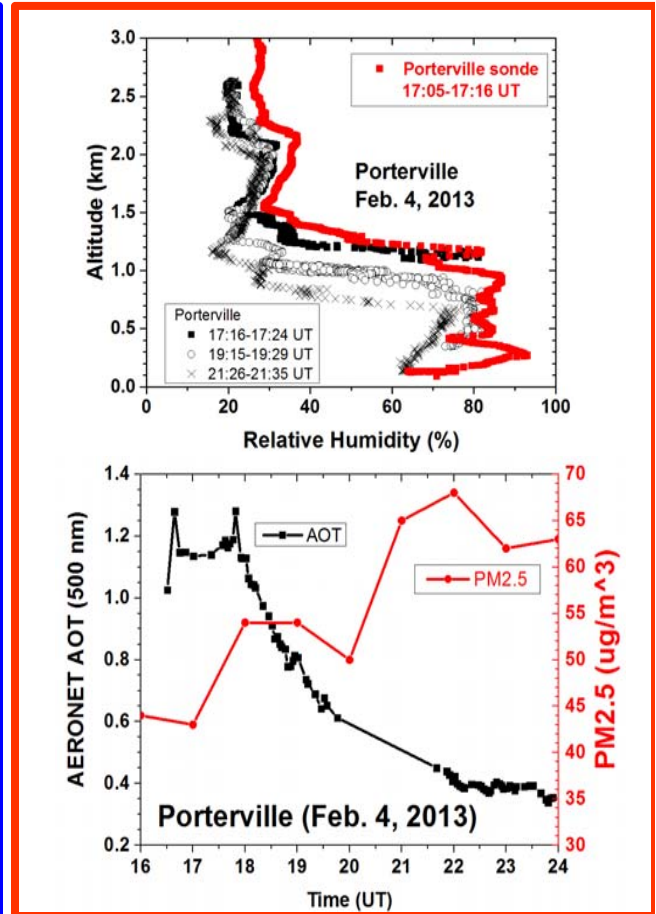
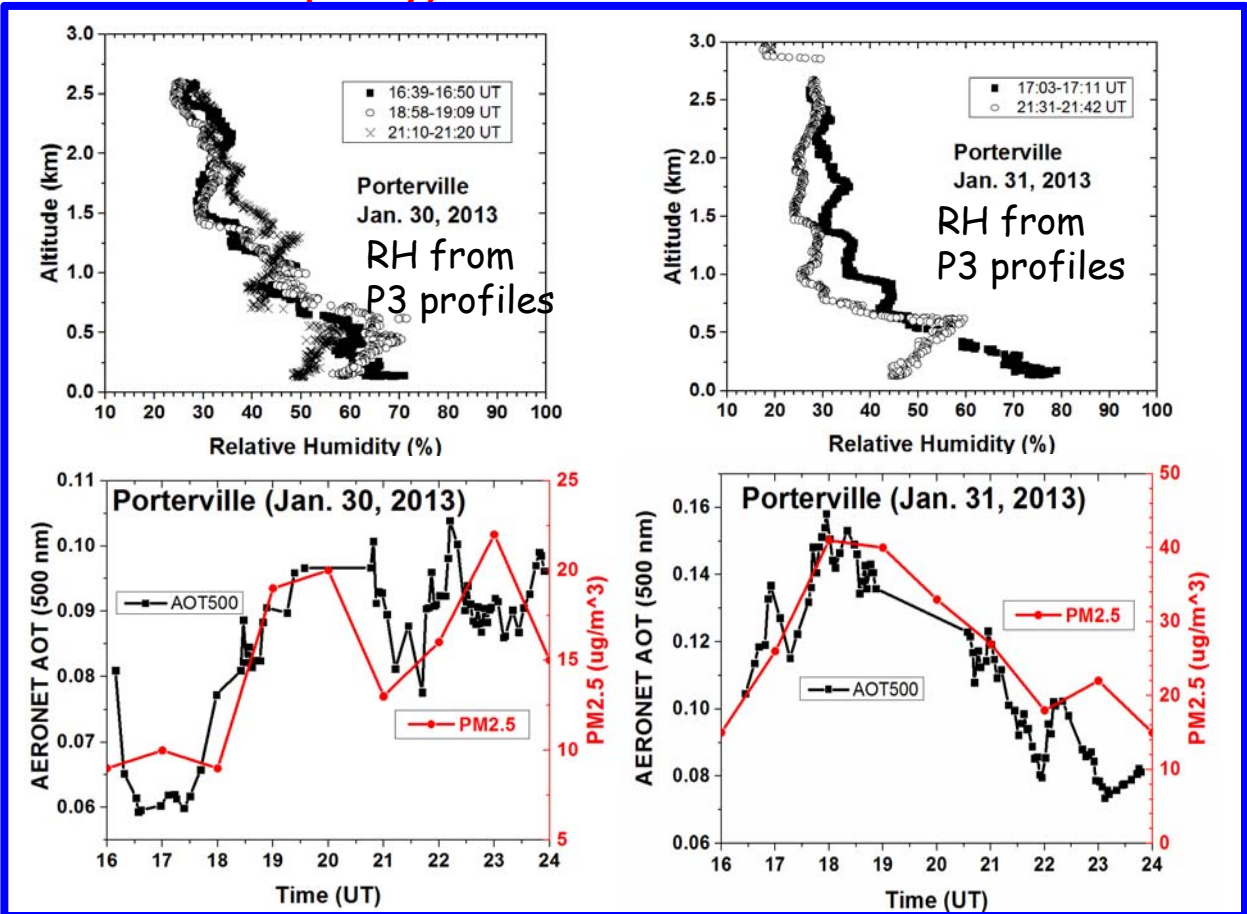


Aerosol humidification can impact ability to infer $PM_{2.5}$ from AOT

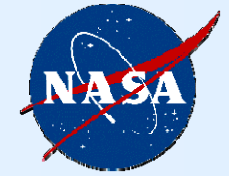
Large decrease in RH over Porterville decreases correlation between $PM_{2.5}$ and AOT



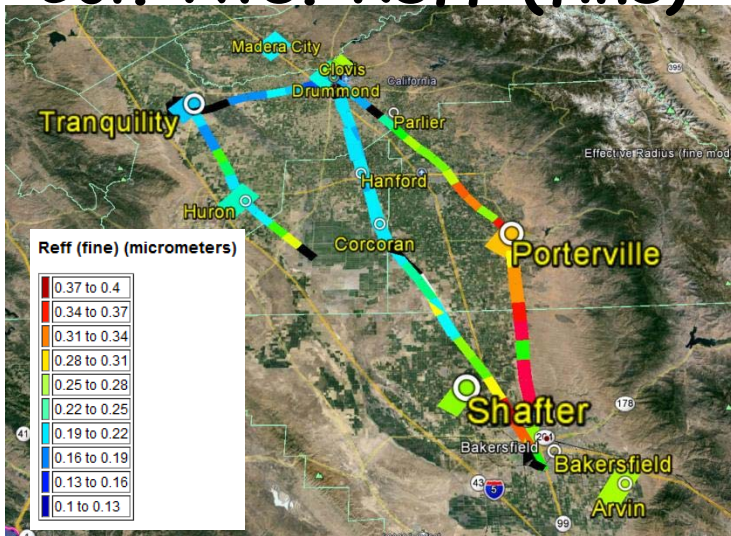
- On Jan. 30 and 31
 - RH was generally below 70% so that $f(RH)$ was relatively low and constant
 - Good correlation between AOT and $PM_{2.5}$
- On Feb. 4
 - High (>80-90%) RH in the morning
 - Large decrease in RH led to large decrease in $f(RH)$ and AOT
 - Consequently, decrease in AOT was anti-correlated with increase in $PM_{2.5}$



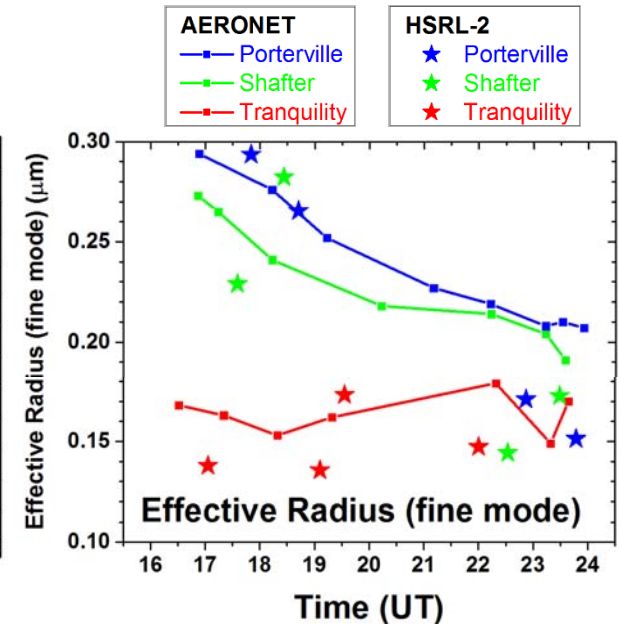
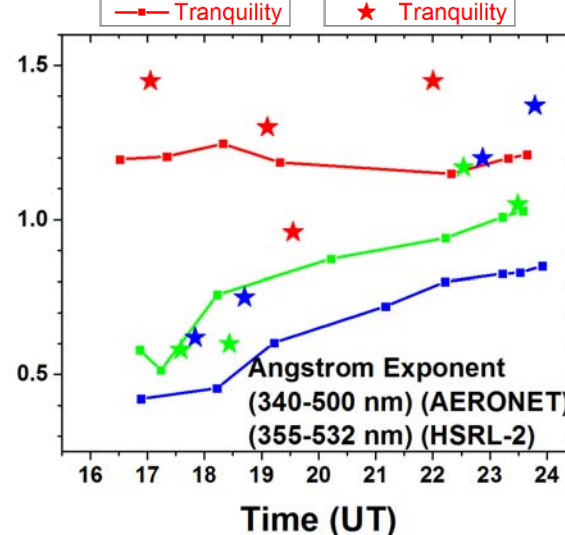
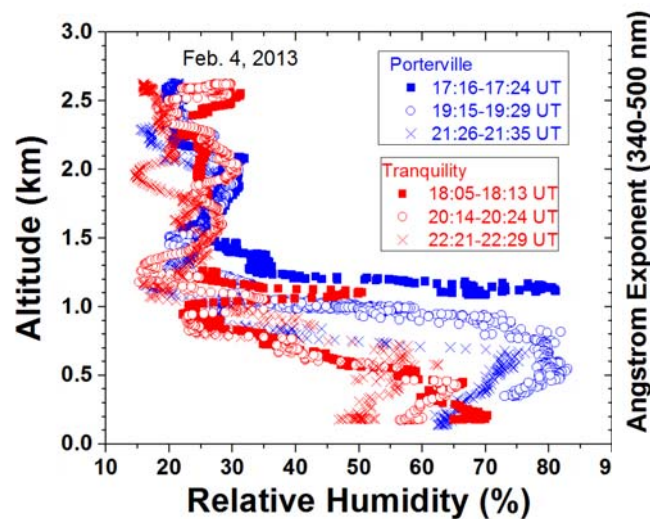
Temporal and spatial variability in column average particle size



Col. Ave. Reff (fine)



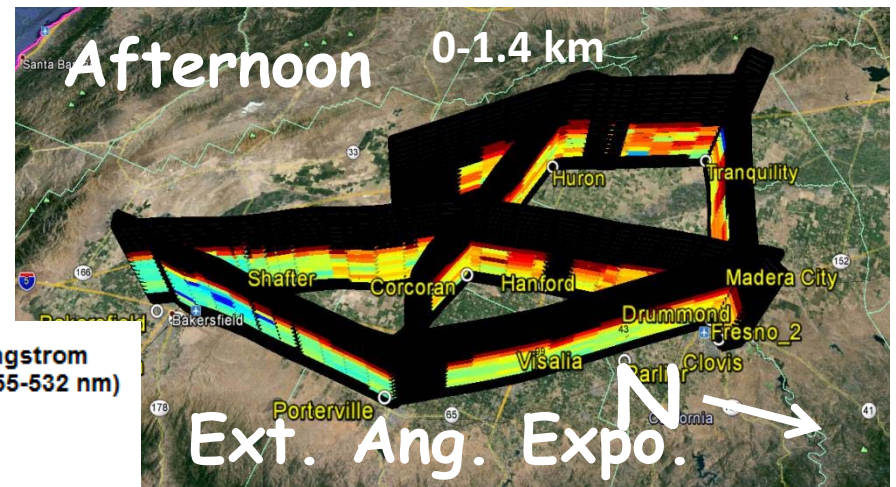
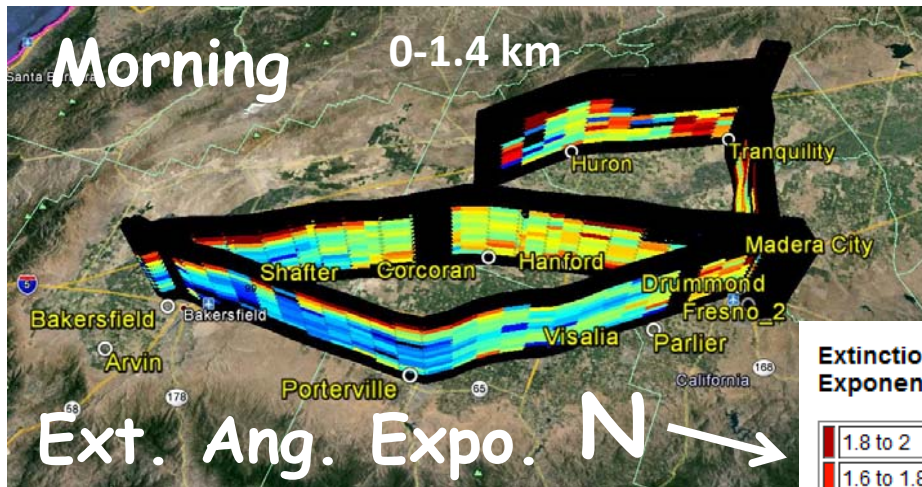
- Large changes in RH occurred over the southeastern portion (Porterville, Shafter)
- Little or no change in RH over the northwestern portion (Tranquility)
- Consequently, changes in fine mode particle size were found over the southeastern portion
- Both HSRL-2 and AERONET found:
 - Increase in column aerosol extinction Angström exponent and decrease in fine mode effective radius associated with the decrease in RH over the southeastern portion
 - No change in particle size over the northwestern portion where RH was lower



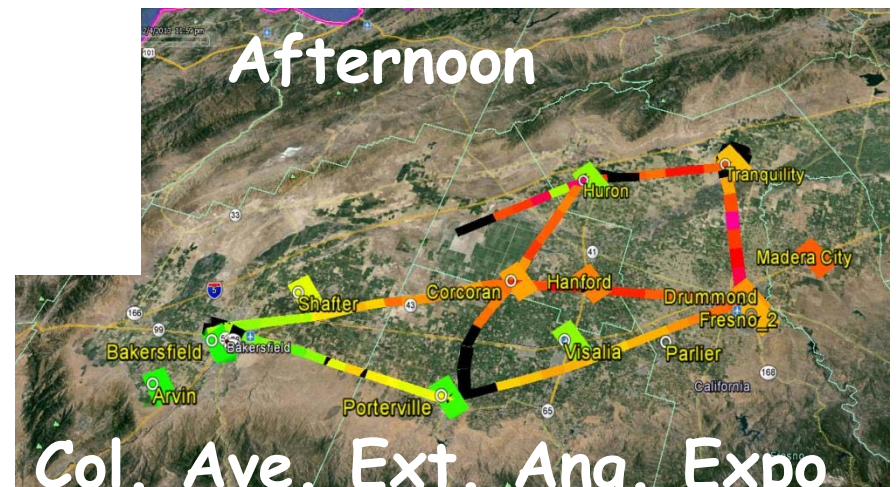
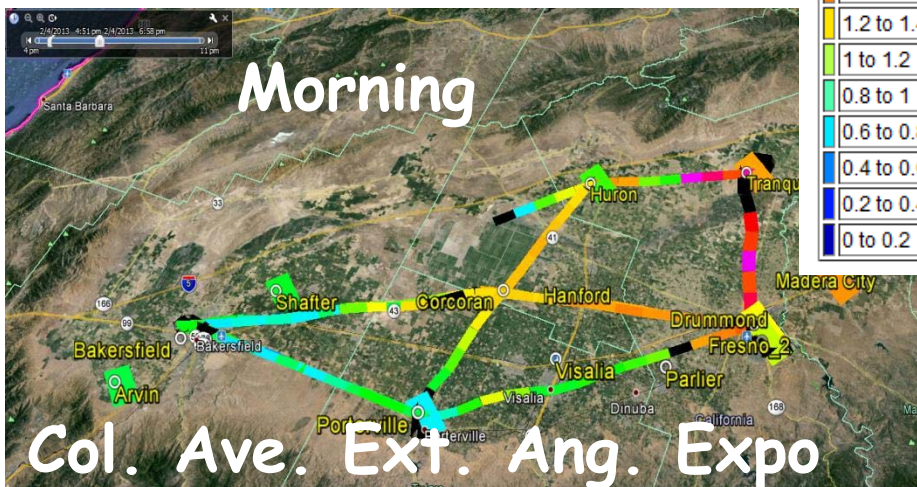
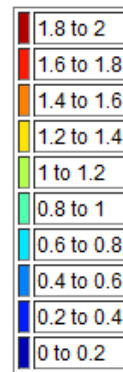
HSRL-2 reveals temporal, horizontal, and vertical variability in extinction Angström exponent



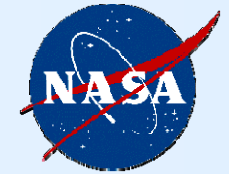
- Morning - Low extinction Angstrom exponent over southeastern portion (Porterville, Bakersfield)
- Afternoon - Increase in extinction Angstrom exponent over southeast as RH decreased
- Northwestern portion (Tranquility) - consistently high values of extinction Angstrom exponent associated with lower RH



Extinction Angstrom Exponent (355-532 nm)



HSRL-2 reveals temporal, horizontal, and vertical variability in fine mode effective radius



- Morning - Larger fine mode aerosols over southeastern portion (Porterville, Bakersfield)
- Afternoon - Decrease in fine mode particle size over southeast as RH decreased
- Northwestern portion (Tranquility) - consistently smaller fine mode particles associated with lower RH

