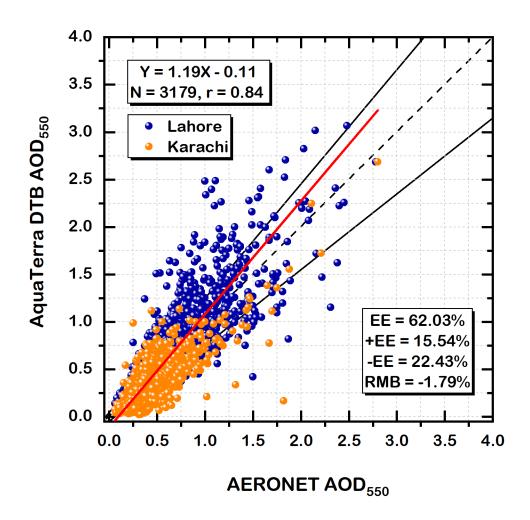
## **Supplementary Data**

**Table S1:** Descriptive statistics of extracted AquaTerra DTB AOD retrievals and CAMS PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations (µg/m³) for the selected 80 cities.

Parameter	N	Minimum	Mean	StDev	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
AOD	80	0.09	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.74
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	80	17.84	69.4	32.6	45.69	67.37	92.84	170.53



**Figure S1:** Validation of AquaTerra DTB AOD retrievals against AERONET Version 3 AOD measurements obtained for Lahore and Karachi AERONET sites from 2006 to

2017. The sold and dashed pink lines represent the upper and lower boundary of the EE, and y = x line, respectively.



Source: <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2019/feb/27/rivers-of-waste-pakistans-recyclers-go-out-on-patrol-in-pictures">https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2019/feb/27/rivers-of-waste-pakistans-recyclers-go-out-on-patrol-in-pictures</a> (access date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021)



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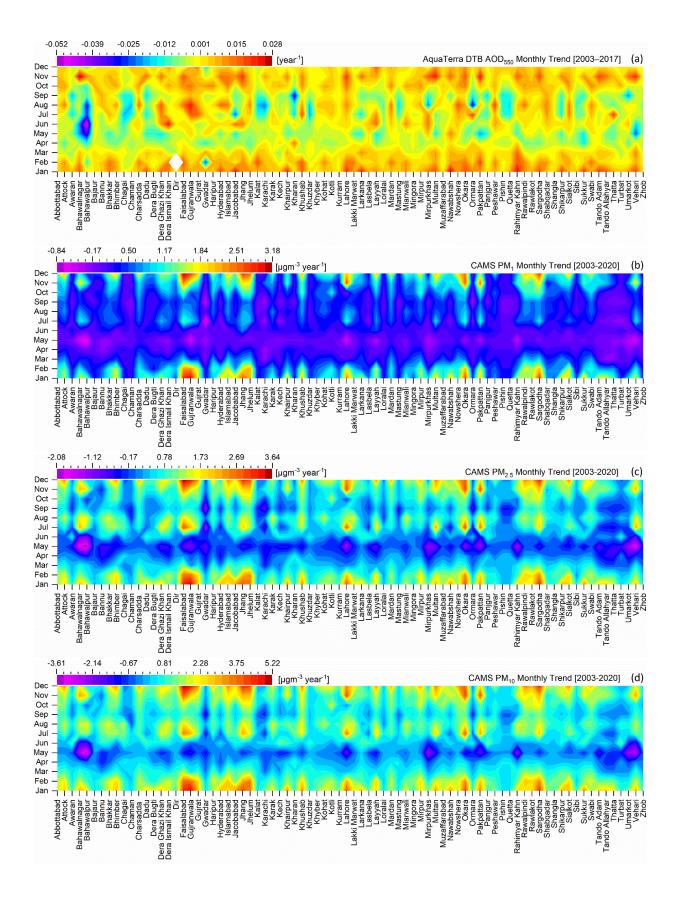


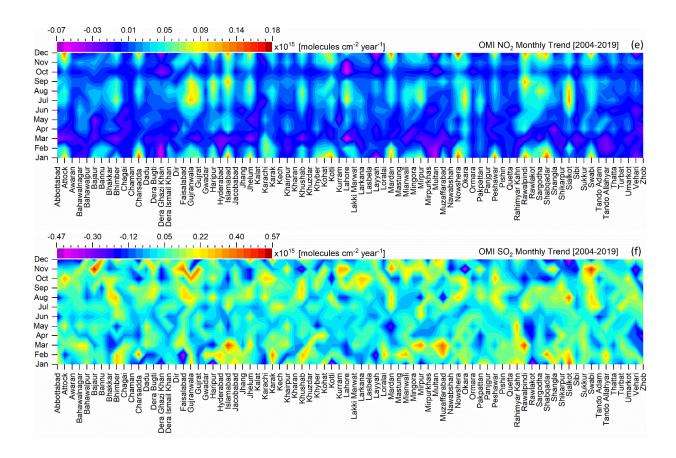
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**Figure S2:** Burning of solid waste and street garbage in Pakistan.





**Figure S3:** Monthly tend of (a) AOD, (b) PM<sub>1</sub>, (c) PM<sub>2.5</sub>, (d) PM<sub>10</sub>, (e) NO<sub>2</sub>, and (f) SO<sub>2</sub>. The trends were calculated over different periods of time, which are indicated on top of each figure at the right-hand side, together with the type of species