

# Long-term AOD Retrieval from AVHRR Data over Land Surface

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# Introduction

## ▼ AVHRR

▼ 16 satellites, over 35 years

▼ Morning and afternoon  
satellites

▼ Daily global coverage

SST, NDVI, albedo, aerosol...

✓ Long-term trend analysis

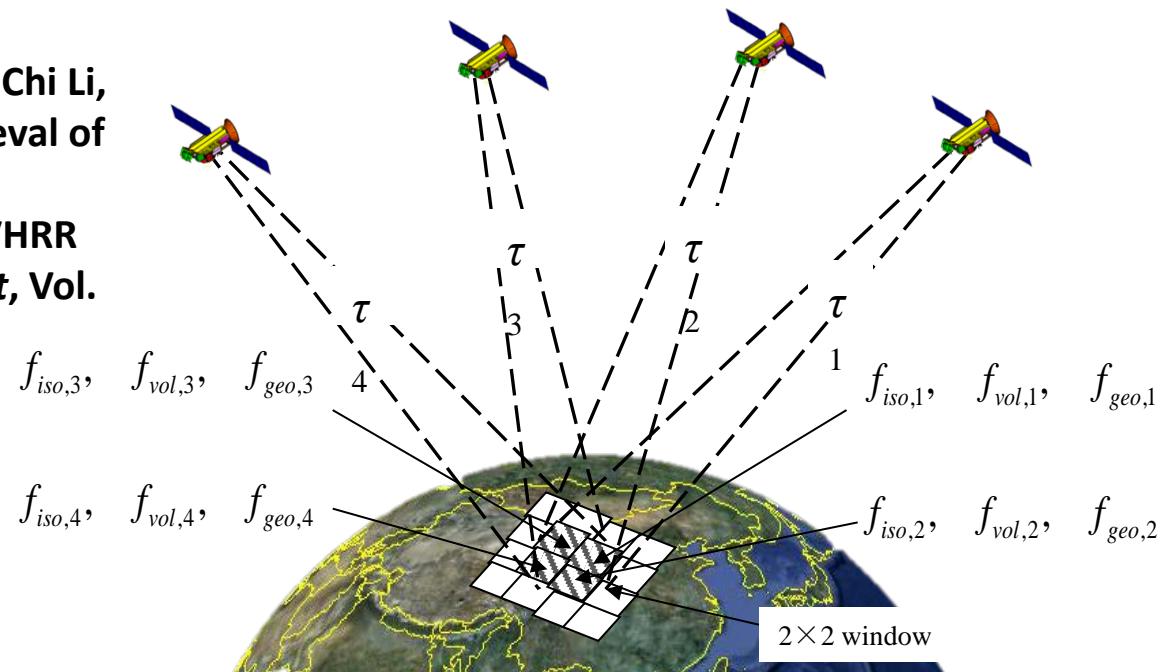
Satellite	Operational time	Equator passing time (ascending/descending)
TIROS-N	1978.10 - 1980.01	15:00/03:00
NOAA-6	1979.06 - 1986.11	19:30/07:30
NOAA-7	1981.04 - 1986.06	14:30/02:30
NOAA-8	1983.06 - 1984.06/ 1985.07 - 1985.11	19:30/07:30
NOAA-9	1985.02 - 1988.11	14:20/02:20
NOAA-10	1986.11 - 1991.09	19:30/07:30
NOAA-11	1988.11 - 1995.04	13:30/01:30
NOAA-12	1991.09 - 1998.12	19:30/07:30
NOAA-14	1995.04 - 2007.05	13:30/01:30
NOAA-15	1998.12 -	19:30/07:30
NOAA-16	2001.03 -	14:00/02:00
NOAA-17	2002.10 -	22:00/10:00
NOAA-18	2005.08 -	14:00/02:00
Metop-A	2006.11 -	21:30/09:30
NOAA-19	2009.06 -	14:00/02:00
Metop-B	2012.09 -	21:30/09:30

# LABITS Algorithm

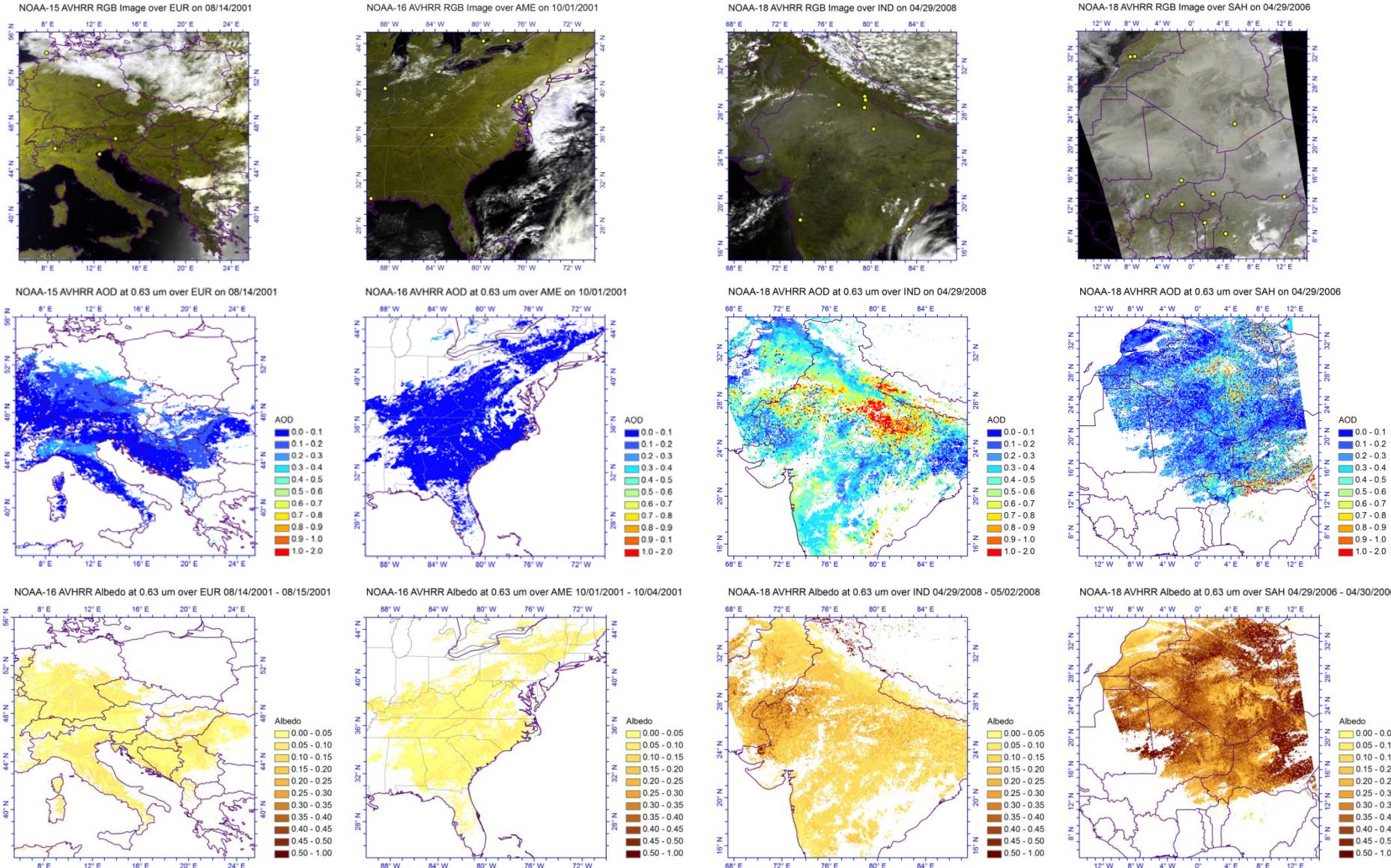
The top-of-atmospheric (TOA) reflectance obtained by satellite is

$$\rho^{TOA}(\theta_s, \theta_v, \varphi) = (f_{iso} + f_{vol}K_{vol} + f_{geo}K_{geo})\exp(-G\tau_a) + \frac{\omega P(\Omega_v, \Omega_s)}{4(|\mu_s| + \mu_v)} [1 - \exp(-G\tau_a)] \\ + \frac{(1 - g^2)(1 + 1.5\mu_v)[I_{ms}^+(0) - I_{ss}^+(0)] + g^2\delta(\mu_v - |\mu_s|)[I_{ms}^+(0) - I_{ss}^+(0)]}{2\pi[1 - g^2(1 - |\mu_s|)]}$$

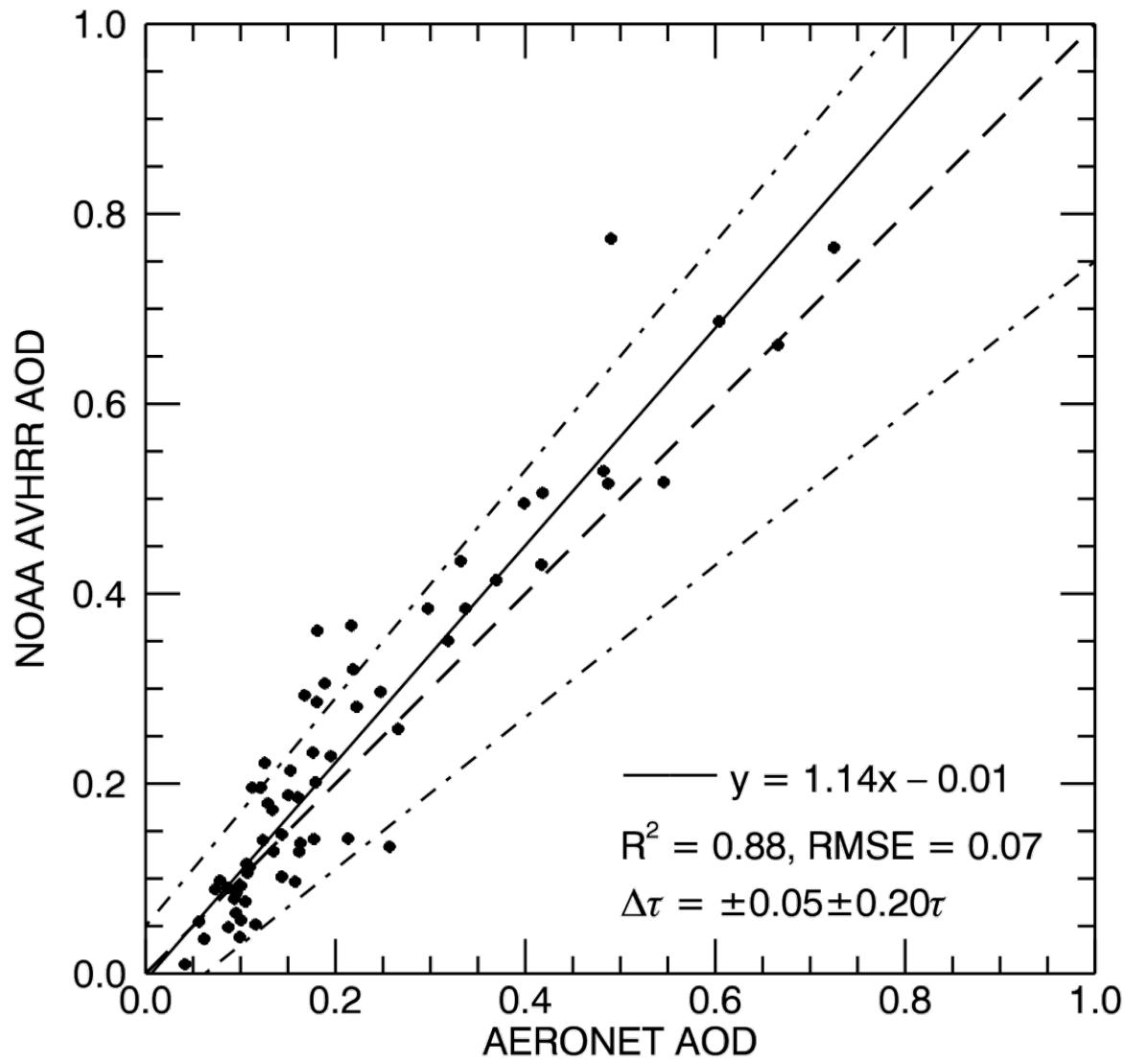
**Yingjie Li, Yong Xue, Gerrit de Leeuw, Chi Li, Leiku Yang, Tingting Hou, 2013, Retrieval of Aerosol Optical Depth and Surface Reflectance over Land from NOAA AVHRR Data. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, Vol. 133, Pages 1–20.**



# Long-term (30 yrs) AOD data from AVHRR Data



### All Sites

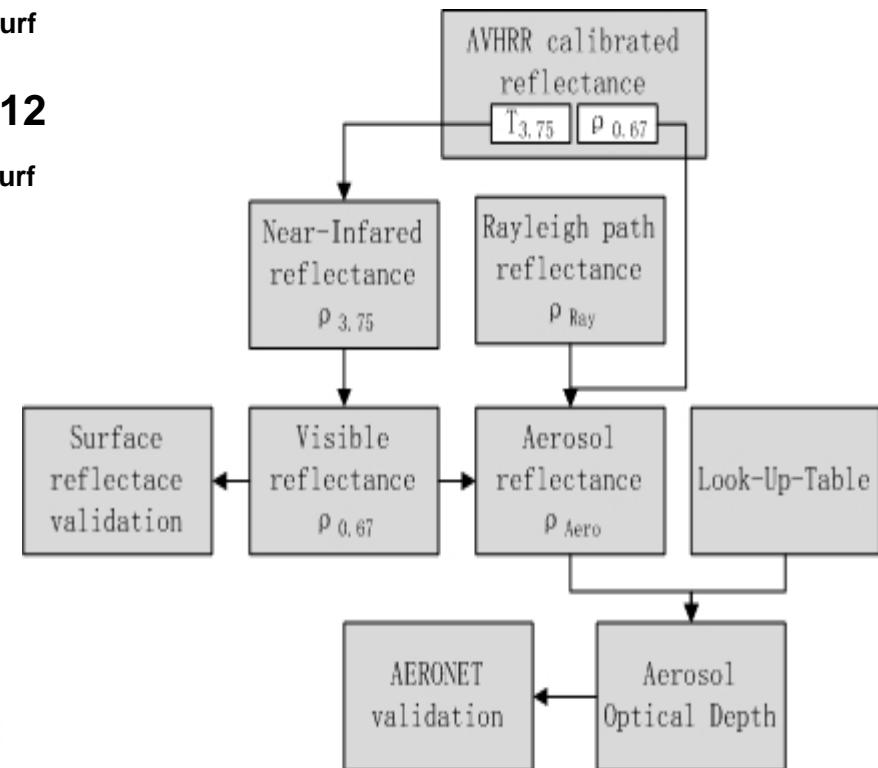
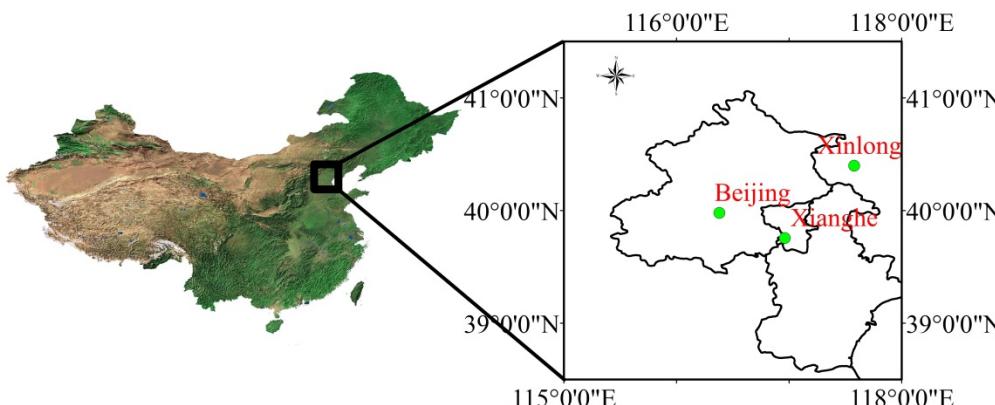


# Retrieval of aerosol optical depth over land surfaces from AVHRR data

Based on the statistical relationship between  $R_{\text{surf}}$  (3.75  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and  $R_{\text{Surf}}$  (2.12  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and the empirical relationship between  $R_{\text{Surf}}$  (0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and  $R_{\text{Surf}}$  (2.12  $\mu\text{m}$ ) used in the MODIS dark-target algorithm  $R_{\text{Surf}}$  (0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ ) =  $0.5 \times R_{\text{Surf}}$  (2.12  $\mu\text{m}$ ), we obtain

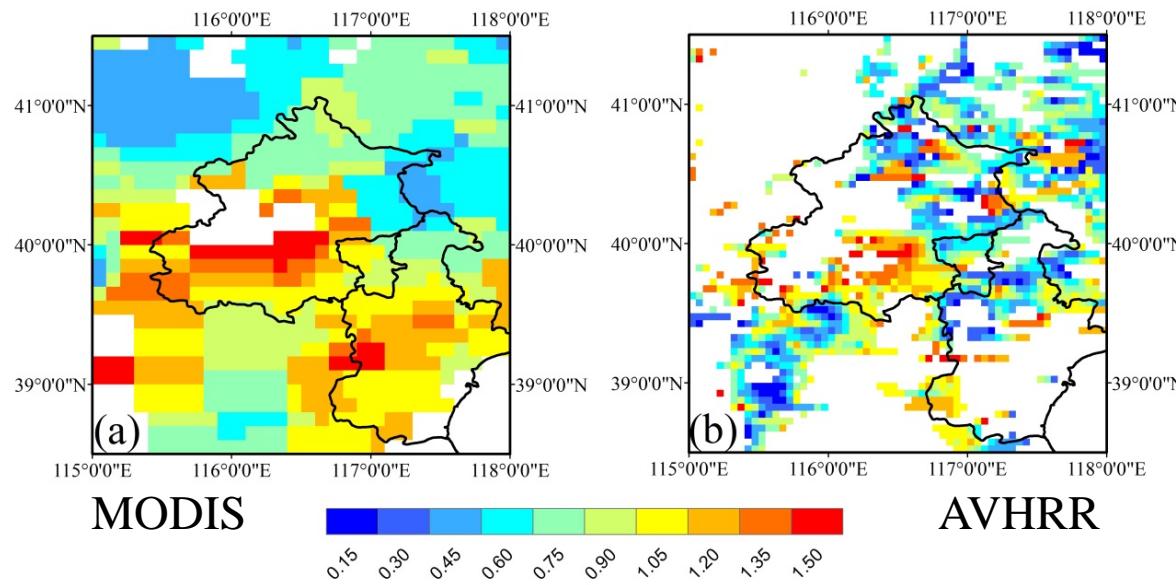
$$R_{\text{Surf}}(0.64 \mu\text{m}) = 2.5 \times a \times R_{\text{Surf}}(3.75 \mu\text{m}) + 2.5 \times b + c$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are functions of the normalised difference vegetation index (NDVI) and  $c$  is a correction part for scattering angle, which is similar to that proposed by Holzer-Popp et al. (2009).

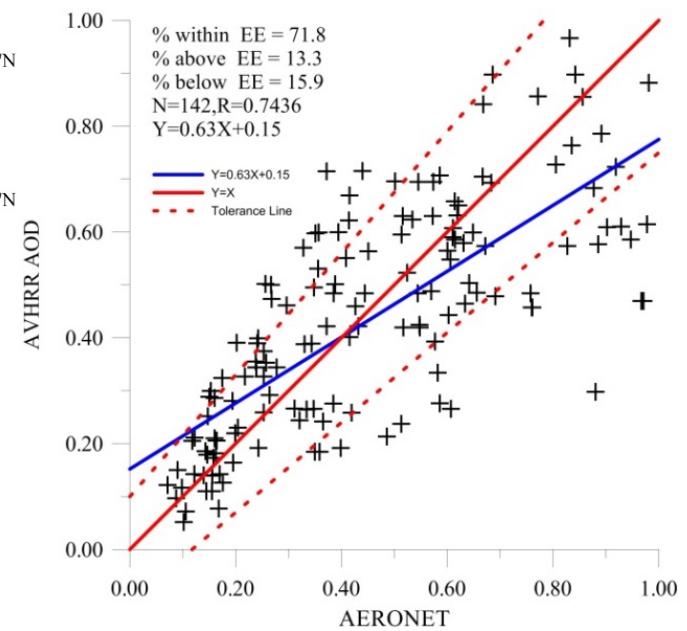


Mei, L., Xue, Y., Kokhanovsky, A. A., von Hoyningen-Huene, W., de Leeuw, G., and Burrows, J.P.: Retrieval of aerosol optical depth over land surfaces from AVHRR data, 2014, *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques*, 7, 2411–2420.

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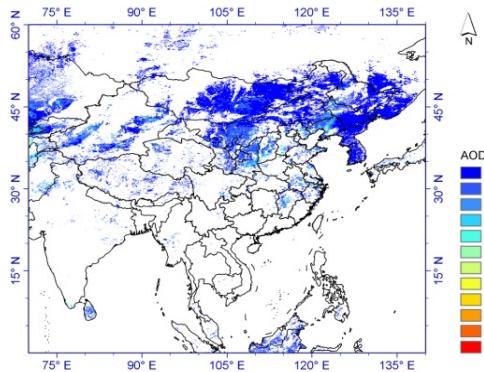
**(a) MODIS 0.55  $\mu\text{m}$  AOD product (Collection 5) and  
(b) AVHRR-derived 0.64  $\mu\text{m}$  AOD**



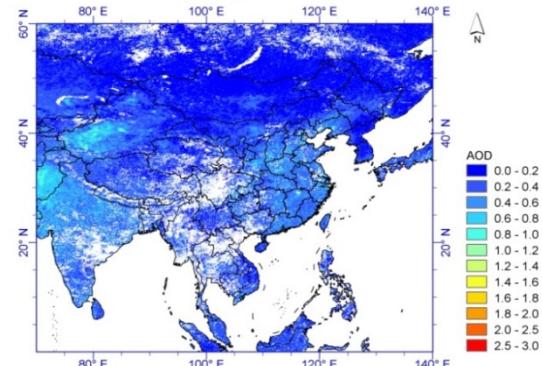
Scatter plot of AVHRR-derived AOD (0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ ) versus AERONET AOD for 0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ . Text at the top describes the number of collocation (N), the regression curve, correlation (R), and the tolerance line of  $\pm(0.1+15 \%)$ .

# Long-term AOD data from AVHRR Data

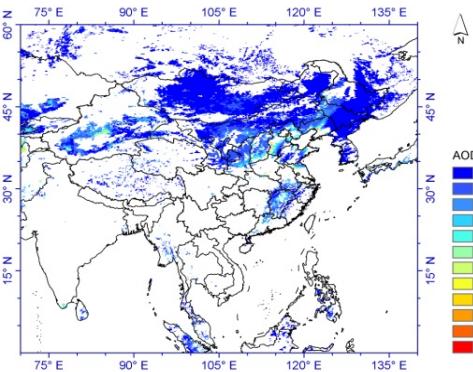
NOAA-18 AVHRR AOD at 0.63 um over China  
on 08/04/2008



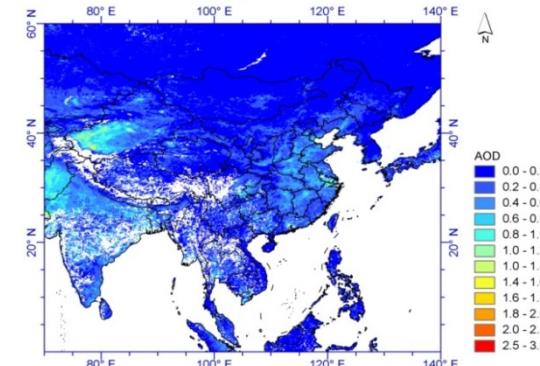
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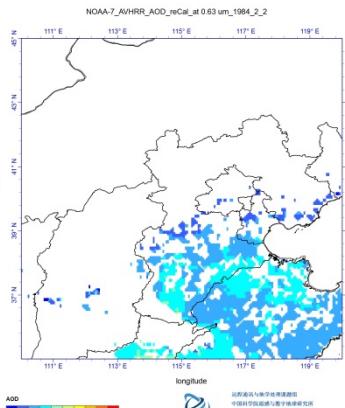
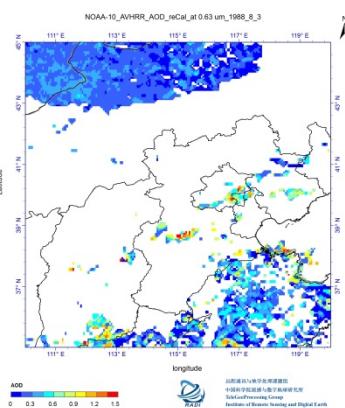
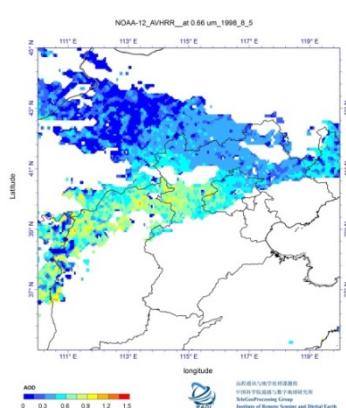
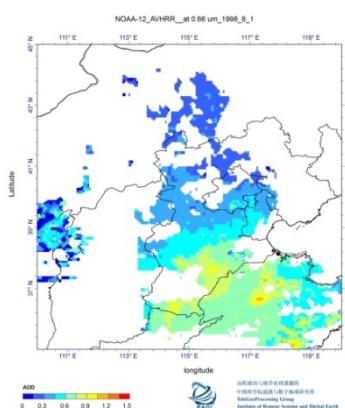
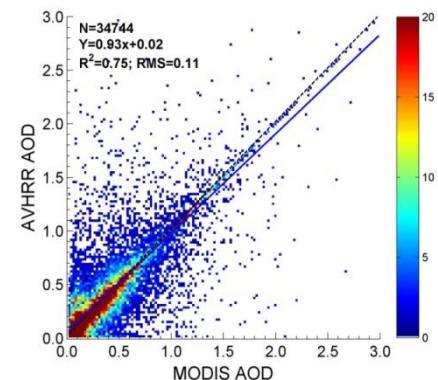
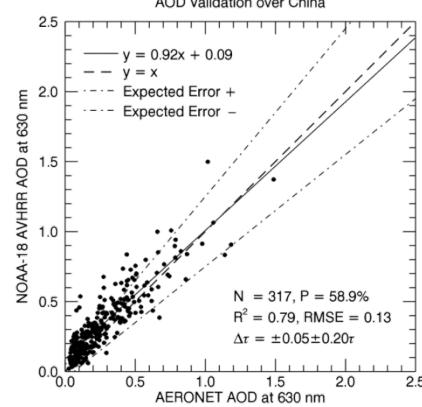
Aqua MODIS AOD at 0.66 um (DT & DB) over China  
on 08/04/2008



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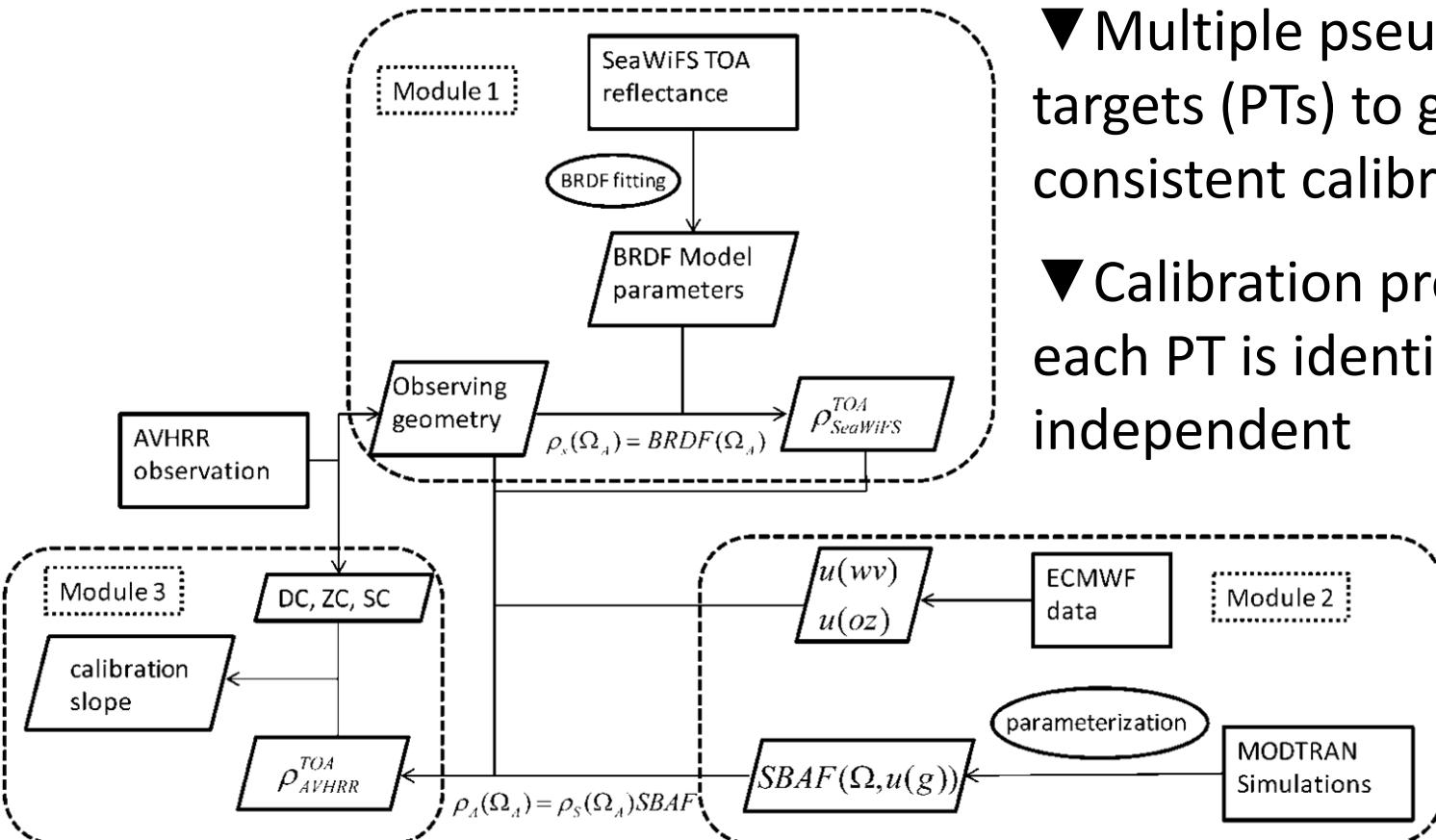


AOD Validation over China



# Calibration Methodology

▼ A multi-site calibration method using SeaWiFS data



- ▼ Multiple pseudo-invariant targets (PTs) to generate a consistent calibration result
- ▼ Calibration processing for each PT is identical and independent

Chi Li, Yong Xue, Quanhua Liu, Jie Guang, Xingwei He, Jiahua Zhang, Tingkai Wang, Xinjie Liu, 2014, Post Calibration of Channels 1 and 2 of Long-term AVHRR Data Record Based on SeaWiFS Data and Pseudo-invariant Targets. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, Vol. 150, Pages 104–119. (DOI information: 10.1016/j.rse.2014.04.020)

# Post Calibration of Channels 1 and 2 of Long-term AVHRR Data Record Based on SeaWiFS Data and Pseudo-invariant Targets

## ▼ Calculate calibration slopes

### ▼ Calculate S for two bands at each observation

### ▼ Dual-gain after NOAA-15 (Heidinger, 2002)

$$R = \frac{\rho_{AVHRR}^{TOA} \times \cos \theta_s}{d^2}$$

$$DC \leq SC : 100 \times R = S_{low}(DC - ZC)$$

$$DC > SC : 100 \times R = S_{high}(DC - SC) + S_{low}(SC - ZC)$$

## ▼ Time series fitting

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^2 C_i \times D^i$$

- **C<sub>i</sub>: fitted coefficients**
- **D: days since the January 1 of the beginning year with data availability**

Quadratic fit results of AVHRR calibration slope time series. Note that NOAA-15 and Metop-B are presented with equivalent single gain slopes.

Satellite	Channel	Records	C <sub>0</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>
TIROS-N	band 1	556	0.098	3.931E-05	-1.077E-08
	band 2	571	0.144	-8.296E-05	9.682E-08
NOAA-6	band 1	496	0.105	4.397E-05	-3.454E-08
	band 2	478	0.098	9.885E-05	-7.337E-08
NOAA-7	band 1	2462	0.113	9.649E-06	1.376E-09
	band 2	2394	0.110	3.234E-05	-1.192E-08
NOAA-8	band 1	196	0.119	1.904E-05	-3.955E-10
	band 2	201	0.114	8.508E-05	-5.086E-08
NOAA-9	band 1	2798	0.106	1.776E-05	1.411E-09
	band 2	2742	0.113	1.512E-05	-4.218E-09
NOAA-10	band 1	1346	0.107	2.450E-05	-8.826E-09
	band 2	1101	0.129	1.262E-05	-4.548E-09
NOAA-11	band 1	4378	0.106	2.284E-06	6.052E-10
	band 2	4330	0.108	5.332E-06	-1.202E-09
NOAA-12	band 1	1277	0.113	1.938E-05	-4.382E-09
	band 2	928	0.134	1.608E-05	-3.073E-09
NOAA-14	band 1	4669	0.115	1.707E-05	-3.657E-09
	band 2	4649	0.140	7.249E-06	3.918E-10
NOAA-15	band 1	1923	0.122	-1.147E-06	1.427E-10
	band 2	1659	0.131	4.276E-06	-6.600E-10
NOAA-16	band 1_low	1290	0.054	1.871E-06	-9.302E-11
	band 2_low	982	0.055	2.370E-06	-2.251E-10
	band 1_high	782	0.161	6.442E-06	-4.290E-10
	band 2_high	980	0.166	7.032E-06	-7.007E-10
NOAA-17	band 1_low	979	0.055	1.811E-06	-7.676E-11
	band 2_low	1074	0.062	3.869E-06	-5.049E-10
	band 1_high	1061	0.164	6.078E-06	-4.973E-10
	band 2_high	943	0.184	1.301E-05	-1.879E-09
NOAA-18	band 1_low	973	0.054	1.415E-06	5.469E-11
	band 2_low	848	0.058	1.512E-06	1.176E-10
	band 1_high	1693	0.160	6.458E-06	-5.844E-10
	band 2_high	1753	0.173	7.983E-06	-8.688E-10
Metop-A	band 1_low	943	0.053	4.861E-06	-1.327E-09
	band 2_low	1197	0.063	1.077E-06	1.872E-10
	band 1_high	660	0.158	1.563E-05	-4.349E-09
	band 2_high	577	0.185	8.904E-06	-1.637E-09
NOAA-19	band 1_low	272	0.052	1.634E-06	-4.470E-10
	band 2_low	139	0.055	4.164E-06	-1.316E-09
	band 1_high	819	0.156	3.258E-06	-7.167E-10
	band 2_high	742	0.167	7.621E-06	-1.380E-09
Metop-B	band 1	103	0.104	-1.065E-05	1.616E-07
	band 2	74	0.105	3.576E-05	2.055E-08

# Conclusions

- It is possible to derive AOD over land from AVHRR data in order to produce global AOD climatology (35 years --- ) ?!

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