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# Monitoring of Dust Optical Characteristics Using Remote Sensing Instruments

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- Impacts of dust storms
- Satellite remote sensing
- Remote sensing instruments
- Aerosol optical properties
- Satellite & ground data validation

Variation in Aerosol Characteristics during Dust



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### **Classification of Atmospheric Aerosols**



## **Aerosol Types**

#### Dust aerosols

• Coarse particles probably consist of a mixture of quartz and clay minerals produced in arid regions

#### **Biomass burning aerosols**

• Fine particles mainly consist of black carbon and organic aerosols probably produced from natural or manmade fires

#### **Urban/industrial aerosols**

• Fine particles mainly consist of anthropogenic aerosols produced in urban and industrial regions









## **Dust characteristics**

 Dust storms occasionally reach up to 1km | 5km | 10km height, and are as thick as 100m | 2km | 5km

Over land, dust optical depth is typically around 0.1 | 0.5 | 1 or 2 | 5 for storms, in the visible range.

Dust absorbs and scatters infrared radiation in the Mie | Rayleigh | optical region

#### **Effects of Aerosols**



## Introduction

# **Sources of Dust Emissions: 3 major types**

Anthropogenic sources

#### (Dust from unpaved road)

#### Agricultural sources (Dust from crop land)

#### Natural desert sources



# World's Largest Deserts

Terra/MODIS True Colour View of Earth





**Biogeochemical processes** Dust injects nutrients, such as iron, into marine ecosystems





## **Direct radiative forcing by dust aerosols (Direct effect)**



## Impacts of dust storm

Dust causes increased reflection of sunlight



Dark Surface (e.g. Ocean)

#### Dust causes decreased reflection of sunlight



Bright Surface (e.g. Desert)

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## Impacts of aerosol on cloud

# Aerosol – Cloud Interactions

Indirect effect: aerosol-cloud effect



IPCC report, 2007

## Impacts of aerosol on cloud

## How can humans affect clouds?

By changing CCN; cloud properties are a *strong* function of their concentration. This phenomenon is known as aerosol indirect effect.

The aerosol indirect effect can lead to *climatic cooling* by:

- Increasing cloud reflectivity (albedo)
- Increasing cloud lifetime & coverage.



Higher Albedo

**Polluted Environment** 

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#### **Climatic Effects of Aerosols**

#### **Dust indirect effect was evidenced by observation**



Dust Aerosol, as Cloud condensation nuclei (CCN), can change cloud microphysical property, cloud fraction and cloud lifetime, thus can indirectly influence the radiation budget of the earth-atmosphere system.

#### **Climatic Effects of Aerosols**

## Semi-direct effect may contribute to arid climate



Dust Aerosols' semi-direct effect can increase droplet evaporation, reduce liquid water path by 49.8%, lead to less precipitation.

## **Human Health Effect of Aerosols**



# **Remote Sensing**

**Basics of Satellite Remote Sensing** 

# **Collecting information about an object without being in direct physical contact with it.**





- Remote Sensing:
  - The art and science of obtaining information about an object without physically contact between the object and sensor
  - The processes of collecting information about Earth surfaces and phenomena using sensors not in physical contact with the surfaces and phenomena of interest.
  - There is a medium of transmission involved i.e. Earth's Atmosphere.

#### **Satellite Remote Sensing**

#### **Applied Sciences Program**

Applications to Decision Making: Thematic Areas



**Public Health** 

Weather

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Resources

#### **Satellite Remote Sensing**

## What does satellite measures ?



Reference: CCRS/CCT

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## **Remote Sensing Process**



#### **Satellite Remote Sensing**

**Remote Sensing Process Components** 



**Energy Source or Illumination (A)** 

**Radiation and the Atmosphere (B)** 

**Interaction with the Target (C)** 

**Recording of Energy by the Sensor (D)** 

Transmission, Reception, and Processing (E)

**Interpretation and Analysis (F)** 

Application (G)

- UV: some absorptions + profile information+ aerosols
- VIS: surface information (vegetation)+some absorptions+ aerosol
- IR: temperature information + cloud information+ water / ice distinction
- +many absorptions / emissions + profile information
- MW: no problems with clouds+ ice / water contrast+ surfaces + some emissions + profile information



# Resolution

- <u>All</u> remote sensing systems have <u>four types</u> of resolution:
  - Spatial
  - Spectral
  - Temporal
  - Radiometric

#### **Fundamental in Remote Sensing: Spatial Resolution**

- The earth surface area covered by a pixel of an image is known as spatial resolution
- Large area covered by a pixel means low spatial resolution and vice versa



### **Fundamental in Remote Sensing: Spectral Resolution**

- Is the ability to resolve spectral features and bands into their separate components
- More number of bands in a specified bandwidth means higher spectral resolution and vice versa



- Frequency at which images are recorded/ captured in a specific place on the earth.
- The more frequently it is captured, the better or finer the temporal resolution is said to be
- For example, a sensor that captures an image of an agriculture land twice a day has better temporal resolution than a sensor that only captures that same image once a week.

#### **Fundamental in Remote Sensing: Radiometric Resolution**

- Sensitivity of the sensor to the magnitude of the received electromagnetic energy determines the radiometric resolution
- Finer the radiometric resolution of a sensor, if it is more sensitive in detecting small differences in reflected or emitted energy





# Some of the ways satellites/sensor can be classified

#### • Orbits

- Polar vs Geostationary
- Energy source
  - Passive vs Active ...

#### • Solar spectrum

- Visible, UV, IR, Microwave ...
- Measurement Technique
  - Scanning, non-scanning, imager, sounders ...
- Resolution (spatial, temporal, spectral, radiometric)
  - Low vs high (any of the kind)

## • Applications

• Weather, Ocean colors, Land mapping, Atmospheric Physics, Atmospheric Chemistry, Air quality, radiation budget, water cycle, coastal management ...

## **Common types of orbits**



Geostationary orbit An orbit that has the same Earth's rotational period Appears 'fixed' above earth Satellite on equator at ~36,000km



Polar orbiting orbit fixed circular orbit above the earth, ~600-1000km in sun synchronous orbit with orbital pass at about same **local solar time** each day

Path of Satellite

Ascending Orbit: The satellite is moving South to North when that portion of the orbit track crosses the equator.

#### **Polar Orbits**

Ascending vs Descending

Descending Orbit: The satellite is moving North to South when that portion of the orbit track crosses the equator.

**Passive Sensors:** Remote sensing systems which measure energy that is naturally available are called passive sensors.

MODIS, MISR, OMI

Active Sensors: The sensor emits radiation which is directed toward the target to be investigated. The radiation reflected from that target is detected and measured by the sensor.

#### CALIPSO


#### **Remote Sensing Instruments**

**Ground based instruments** 

AErosol RObotic NETwork (AERONET)

#### **Satellite based instruments**

MODerate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)

**Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)** 

Multiangle Imaging SpectroRadiometer (MISR)

**Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observations (CALIPSO)** 

# **AERONET/Sunphotometer**



- AErosol RObotic NETwork
- Worldwide collection of sun photometers





## AERONET

- AERONET provides global observations of spectral aerosol optical depth (AOD), inversion products, and precipitable water.
- The direct sun measurements are made in eight spectral bands requiring approximately 10 seconds at wavelengths of 340, 380, 440, 500, 670, 870, 940 and 1020 nm
- The 940 nm channel is used for column water abundance determination
- Quality levels: Level 1.0 (unscreened), Level 1.5 (cloud-screened), and Level 2.0 (cloud-screened and quality-assured).

### **MODIS Instrument**

- Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)
  - NASA, Terra & Aqua
    - launched 1999, 2002
    - 705 km polar orbits, descending (10:30 a.m.) & ascending (1:30 p.m.)
  - Sensor Characteristics
    - 36 spectral bands ranging from 0.41 to 14.385 μm
    - cross-track scan mirror with 2330 km swath width
    - Spatial resolutions:
      - ▶ 250 m (bands 1 2)
      - > 500 m (bands 3 7)
      - 1000 m (bands 8 36)





**MODIS Aerosol Products** 

Ocean

# **Three Separate Algorithms**



### **MODIS Levels of Data**

January 12, 2013



#### **MODIS Aerosol Products**

# **Understanding a MODIS File Name**



#### • MODIS Level 2 data

https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/about/news\_archive/echo\_announces\_release\_reverb

• MODIS Level 3 data

**Giovanni – web tool for imagery visualization and analysis** 

https://giovanni.gsfc.nasa.gov/giovanni

• MODIS Subsets

https://earthdata.nasa.gov/earth-observation-data/near-real-time/rapid-response/ modis-subsets

### **Ozone Monitoring Instrument**



Instrument Characteristics -Nadir solar backscatter spectrometer

-Spectral range 270-500 nm (resolution~1nm )

-Spatial resolution: 13X24 km footprint

-Swath width: 2600 km (global daily coverage)

One of four sensors on the EOS-Aura platform (OMI, MLS, TES, HIRDLS)

An international project: Holland, USA, Finland Launched on 07-15-04

#### **Retrieval Products**

Column Amounts -Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) -Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) -Sulfur Dioxide: (SO<sub>2</sub>) -Others

Aerosols

# **OMI data**

### OMI data site

#### http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI

Version 003 OMI Level 2, Level 2G, Level-3 and Climatology Products			
Short Name & Data Access			
Level-2 Orbital Swath ( Nadir pixels 13x24 km)	Level-2G Global Binned (0.25x0.25 or 0.125x0.125 deg)	Level-3 Global Gridded (0.25x0.25 or 1x1 deg)	Product Description
Aerosols			
OMAERUV	<u>OMAERUVG</u>	OMAERUVd	OMI/Aura Near-UV Aerosol Optical Depth and single Scattering Albedo
OMAERO	OMAEROG	OMAEROe	OMI/Aura Multi-Wavelength Aerosol Optical Depth and single Scattering Albedo



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# Cloud-aerosol lidar and infrared pathfinder satellite observations (CALIPSO)

**Cloud-aerosol lidar and infrared pathfinder satellite observations (CALIPSO)** 

- ➤ The CALIPSO satellite was launched on April 28, 2006, with equator crossing times of about 13:30 and 01:30 and a 16-day repeating cycle
- It gives the distribution of aerosols and clouds in vertical atmospheric profiles on the global/regional scale
- It carries a Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarization (CALIOP) instrument that operates at two wavelengths (532 nm and 1064 nm)
- CALIPSO satellite discriminates the different aerosol types including clean marine, dust, polluted continental, clean continental, polluted dust and smoke <a href="https://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/">https://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/</a>



Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) and Angstrom Exponent (AE)



$$AOD(\lambda) = \int_{h_1}^{h_2} \beta_{ext,\lambda}(\mathbf{h}) d\mathbf{h}$$

AOD represents the total extinction of solar radiation caused by aerosol via scattering or absorption

**AE** measures the aerosol size distribution

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AE is the size indicator of aerosol particle

# **Aerosol Index (AI)**





AI separates the absorbing from non-absorbing aerosols in UV region



• AI > 0 for totally absorbing particles

AI < 0 for purely scattering particles</p>

Fine Mode Fraction (FMF) and Coarse Mode Fraction (CMF)



Fine mode aerosols: 0.1 to 0.25μm
Coarse mode aerosols: 1.0-2.5μm

**FMF/CMF** of AOD is the fraction of fine/coarse mode AOD to the total AOD

$$FMF = \frac{AOD_{fine \ mode}}{AOD_{total}}$$

$$\mathsf{CMF} = \frac{\mathsf{AOD}_{\mathsf{coarse mode}}}{\mathsf{AOD}_{\mathsf{total}}}$$

**FMF** gives information about the size

distribution
FMF = 0 for single coarse mode particle
FMF = 1 for single fine mode particle

# **Single Scattering Albedo (SSA)**



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$$SSA = \frac{Qscat}{Qext} = \frac{Qscat}{Qscat + Qabs}$$

- SSA is used to distinguish absorbing from nonabsorbing aerosols
  - SSA= 0 for totally absorbing (dark) particles

SSA = 1 for purely scattering particles

# **Atmospheric Forcing**

- In order to understand how the Earth's climate is changing, it is critical to make sense of each mechanism that causes warming or cooling in the atmosphere
- Each process that changes the balance of radiation coming into and going out of the Earth-Atmosphere system is known as atmospheric forcing
- The long wave (LW) and shortwave (SW) radiative forcing at the surface are important components of the Earth's radiation balance

# **Radiative Transfer Equations**

- Once the solutions for the hemispheric intensities are known, it is easy to calculate hemispheric fluxes by performing the angular integrations
- Assumes that there is no dependency on  $\varphi$  in a plane-parallel atmosphere



The **total net flux** can be defined as:

 $F_{net} < 0$ 

 $F_{net} > 0$ 

$$F_{net} = F^{\uparrow} - F^{\downarrow}$$

cooling the atmosphere

heating the atmosphere



# **Aerosol Radiative Properties**

### **Aerosol Radiative Forcing (ARF)**

The Aerosol radiative forcing at the TOA and the surface is obtained as the difference between



# **Analysis of Aerosol Optical Properties**

### **MODIS Aerosol Optical Depth Product**



#### MOD04 or MYD04

- 10 km instantaneous 01 deg – daily, weekly, monthly
- At least two daytime overpasses -Terra and Aqua
- Sensitive to Boundary Layer
   Industrial, smoke & dust aerosols
- Well validated over land

Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) and Angstrom Exponent (AE) on Dusty Days



# **Monthly Averaged Variability of AOD and AE**

High AOD with low AE during summer and pre-

#### High AOD with high AE during winter and post-monsoon



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# **Evidence of Dust by MODIS in the Himalayan foothills**



## **Dust Transport from Hamoun Wetlands**



# **Dust Transport over the Arabian Sea**



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# Dust over Iran & Pakistan



### Satellite/Sensor Imagery

# **Doing More with Satellite Imagery (Climate studies)**

If we understand the physics of how particular wavelengths interact with objects in the world we can create images to emphasize what we want to see



In visible imagery water is dark because it absorbs most of the energy.

Clouds are white because most of the incoming energy is reflected

Pollution is hazy depending upon its absorptive properties

## **Features In True Color Image (Atmosphere)**



### **Satellite/Sensor identification feature**

# **Identify Feature**



### **Aerosol Index**

**-**Validation tool for transport models

-Separation of carbonaceous from sulfate aerosols

**-**Identification of aerosols above PBL (i.e., PBL aerosols are not detectable by AI)

-Tracking of aerosol plumes above clouds and over ice/snow



Aerosol s over clouds: April 14, 2006



### **Aerosol Index**



Aerosol Transport across the Oceans in terms of the Absorbing Aerosol Index

# **Satellite & Ground data validation**

- An intercomparison of AOD values from different sensors is necessary if a long-term database for climatological studies is to be established
- To improve the accuracy and the coverage achievable with a single sensor
- AERONET AOD values (at 500 nm) were interpolated at common wavelength of 550 nm, using power law:

$$AOD_{550nm} = AOD_{500nm} \left(\frac{550}{500}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the (440–870 nm) Angstrom exponent



#### **Intercomparision of Satellite and AERONET AOD**



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### **Intercomparision of Satellite and AERONET AOD**



#### **MODIS vs. MISR**


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Alam et al., 2011

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#### **Satellite Data Validation**



Wallow Fire (Near Springerville, Arizona)

MODIS Terra 9 hours later

## Dust Characteristics over Karachi

### Variation in Aerosol Optical Depth during dusty and non dust days



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#### **Volume Size Distribution**



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#### **Single Scattering Albedo**



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#### **CALIPSO Total Attenuated Backscatter**



**CALIPSO: Depolarization Ratio** 



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#### **CALIPSO:** Aerosol Classification



### Schematic Diagram of Shortwave Radiative Forcing using SBDART Model



#### **Aerosol Radiative Forcing and Heating Rates**



# **Dust Characteristics over the Middle East & Southwest Asia**

**Alam, K**., Trautmann, T., Blaschke, T., Subhan, F. (2014). Changes in aerosol optical properties due to dust storm in the Middle East and Southwestern Asia. Remote Sensing of the Environment, 143, 216-227

## Dust in Middle East and Southwest Asia



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#### Formation of Dust events and Meteorological situation



#### **Aerosol Transport through HYSPLIT model**



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### **Dust detection through Satellite**



#### Results & Discussion: Aerosol Optical Depth Variations



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## Aerosol sub-type classification



N/A = not applicable; 1= clean marine; 2 = dust; 3 = polluted continental; 4 = clean continental; 5 = polluted dust; 6 = smoke

#### Results & Discussion



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#### Results & Discussion



## **Classification of Aerosols**

## **Monthly Averaged Variability of AOD and AE**

High AOD with low AE during summer and pre-

#### High AOD with high AE during winter and post-monsoon



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#### **Seasonal Averaged Variability of AVSD**

High coarse-mode peak in summer and pre-monsoon



## Seasonal Averaged Variability of SSA



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## Seasonal Averaged Variability of SSA

#### Smoke/Haze

#### Volume size distribution



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#### Seasonal Averaged Variability of SSA



#### **Relationship between FMF and AE**



Aerosol types	FMF vs. AE	
Mostly Dust	0.4 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	0.4 <ae>0.0</ae>
Mostly BC	1.0 <fmf>0.7</fmf>	1.5 <ae>1.0</ae>
Mixed BC & Dust	0.7 <fmf>0.4</fmf>	1.0 <ae>0.4</ae>

#### **Classification of Aerosol**

#### **Relationship between AE and AI**



Aerosol types	AE vs. AI	
Mostly Dust	0.4 <ae>0.0</ae>	5.0 <ai>1.57</ai>
Mostly BC	1.50 <ae>0.92</ae>	1.52 <ai>0.44</ai>
Mixed BC & Dust	1.0 <ae>0.0</ae>	1.55 <ai>0.5</ai>

#### **Relationship between FMF and AI**



Aerosol types	FMF vs. AI	
Mostly Dust	0.3 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	4.5 <ai> 1.50</ai>
Mostly BC	1.0 <fmf>0.57</fmf>	1.55 <ai>0.4</ai>
Mixed BC & Dust	0.55 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	1.55 <ai>0.5</ai>

#### **Relationship between FMF and AAE**



Aerosol types	FMF vs. AAE	
Mostly Dust	0.3 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	3.0 <aae>2.0</aae>
Mostly BC	1.0 <fmf>0.5</fmf>	2.0 <aae>1.0</aae>
Mixed BC & Dust	0.4 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	2.0 <aae>1.0</aae>

#### **Relationship between FMF and SSA**



Mostly Dust ⇔summer and premonsoon Mostly BC ⇔winter and postmonsoon

Aerosol types	FMF vs. SSA	
Mostly Dust	0.4 <fmf>0.1</fmf>	0.95 <ssa>0.90</ssa>
Mostly BC	1.0 <fmf>0.5</fmf>	0.91 <ssa>0.84</ssa>
Mixed BC & Dust	0.4 <fmf>0.2</fmf>	0.90 <ssa>0.84</ssa>

