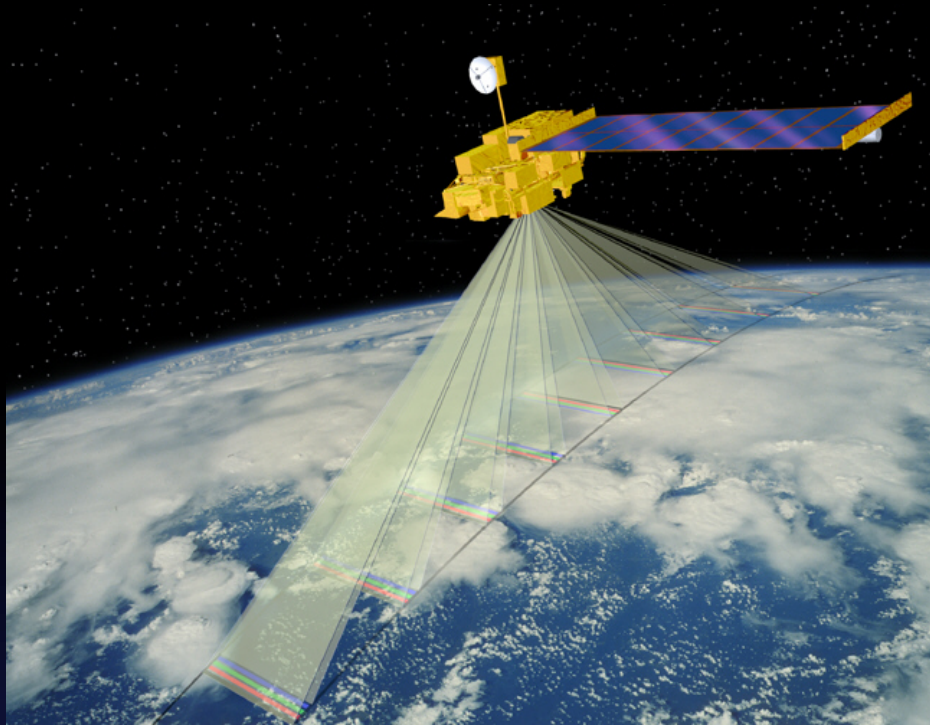


# MISR: A Prototype New Product

**Michael J. Garay**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA



Nine view angles at Earth surface:  
70.5° forward to 70.5° backward

Nine 14-bit pushbroom cameras

275 m - 1.1 km sampling

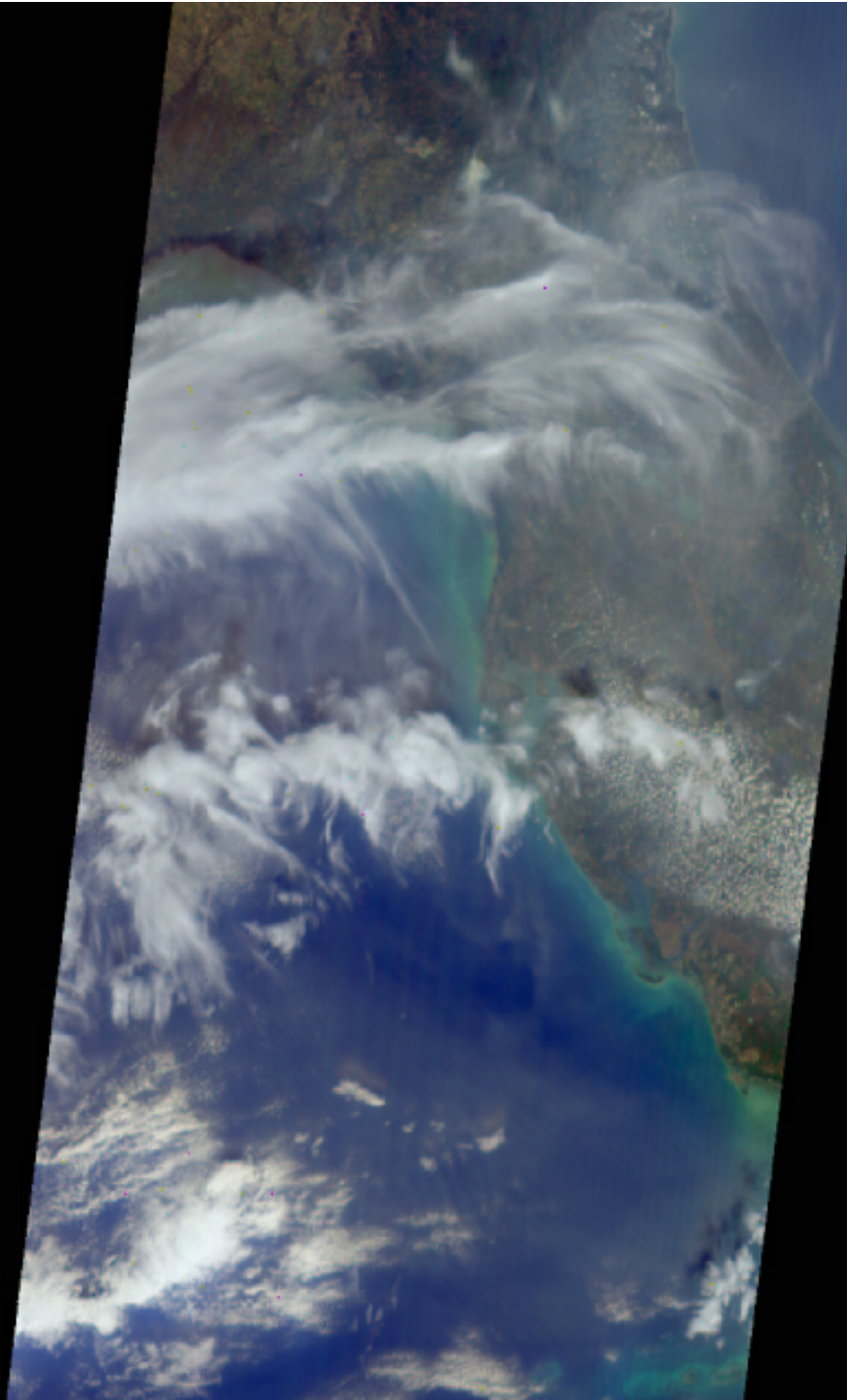
Four spectral bands at each angle:  
446, 558, 672, 866 nm

400-km swath: 9-day coverage  
at equator, 2-day at poles

7 minutes to observe each scene  
at all nine angles

International Cooperative for Aerosol Prediction (ICAP)  
Boulder, Colorado

23 October 2014



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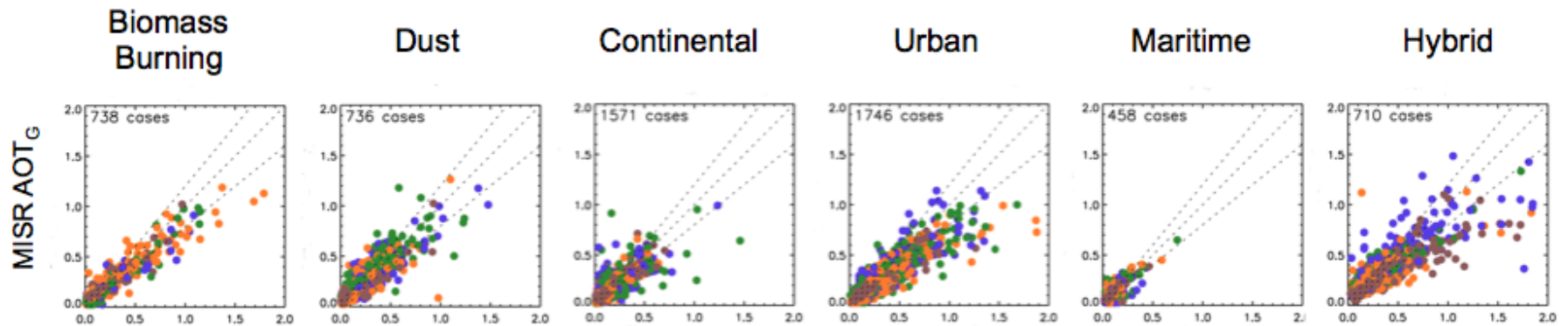
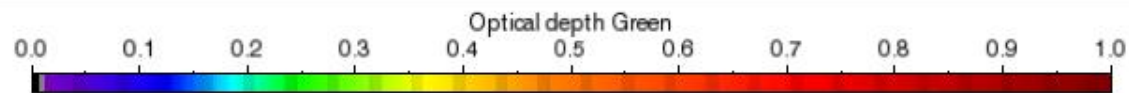
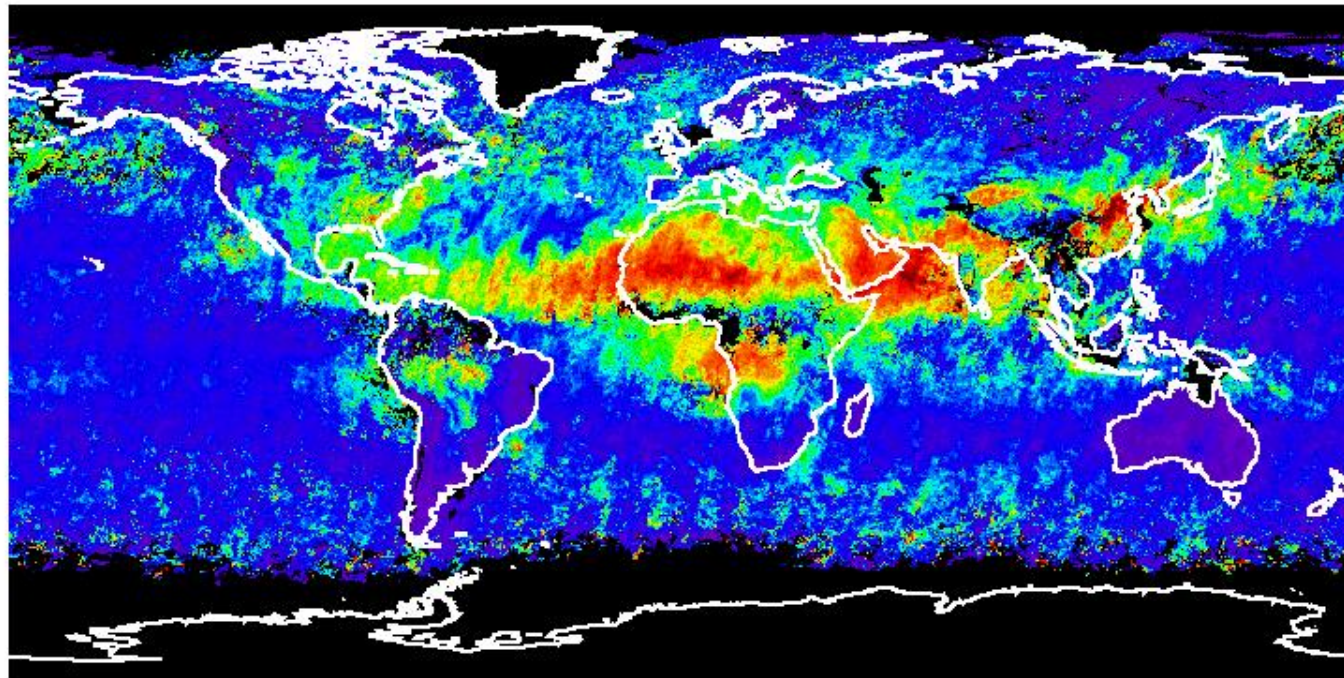
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  - About the current MISR product
- Salad
  - Moving to 4.4 km resolution
  - NRT?
- Main
  - The MISR retrieval algorithm
- Dessert
  - Benford's Law

# Appetizer





Optical depth All, All, Green, Summer 2007 F15\_0031  
Summarizes L2 AS\_AEROSOL\_RegBestEstimateSpectralOptDepth field F12\_0022, 0.5 deg res

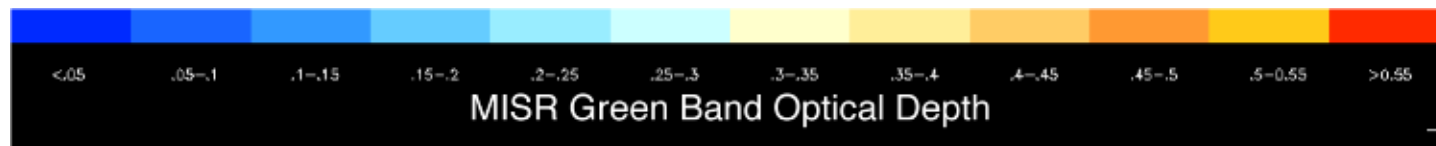
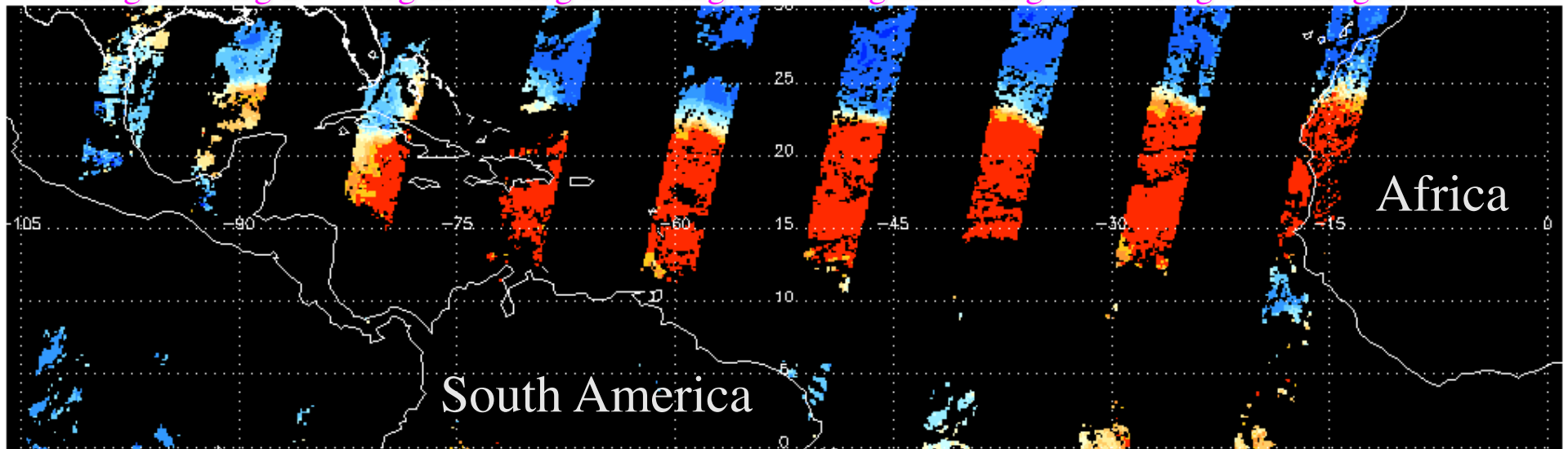


Kahn et al. (2010). Multiangle Imaging SpectroRadiometer global aerosol product assessment by comparison with the Aerosol Robotic Network, *Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres*

# Dust from the Sahara Desert Reaches Houston, Texas

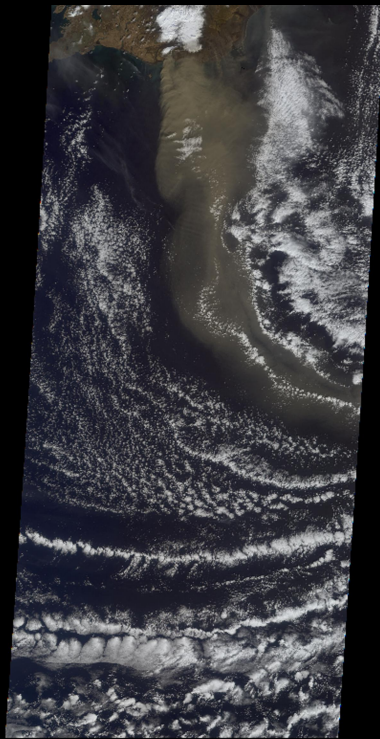
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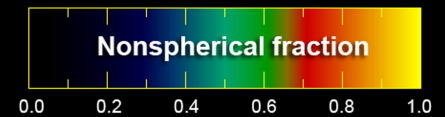
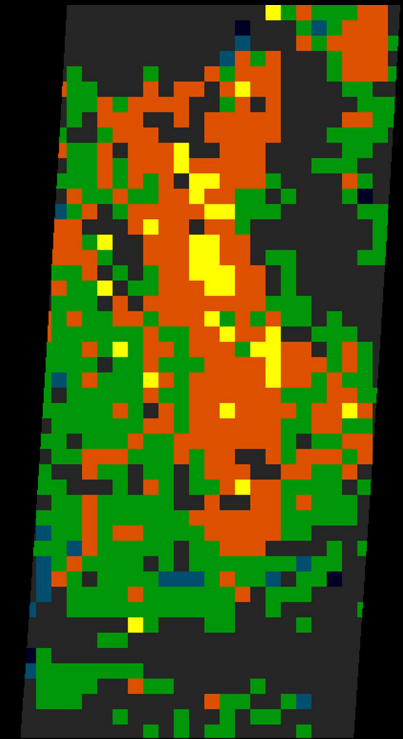
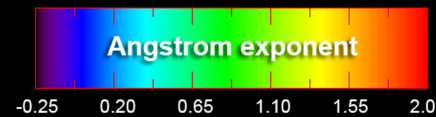
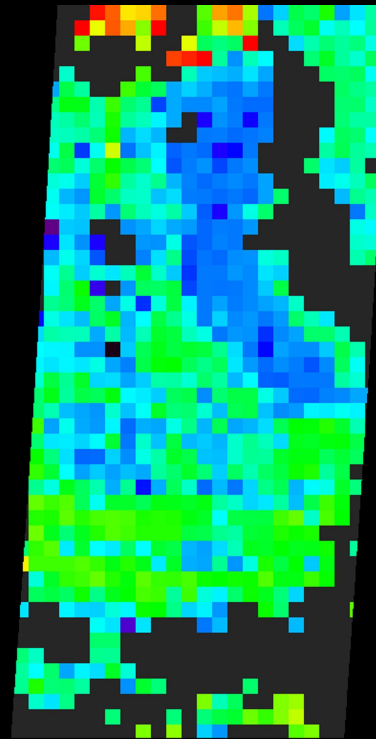
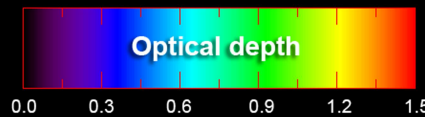
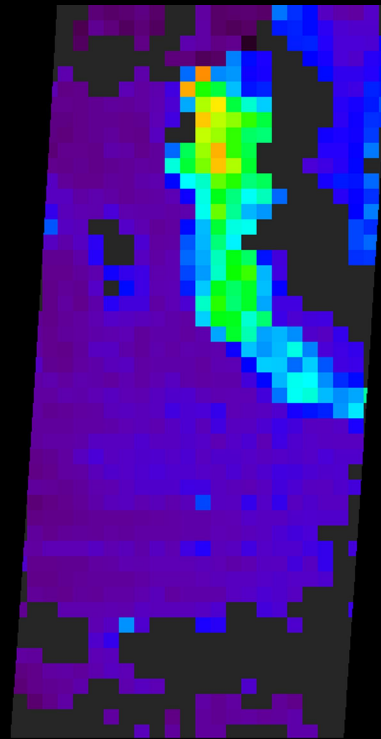


Observations from the Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer (MISR)  
Instrument on NASA's EOS Terra Satellite

# Aerosol particle properties from MISR



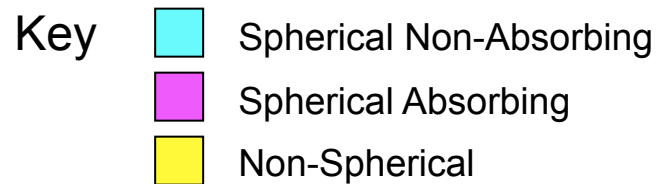
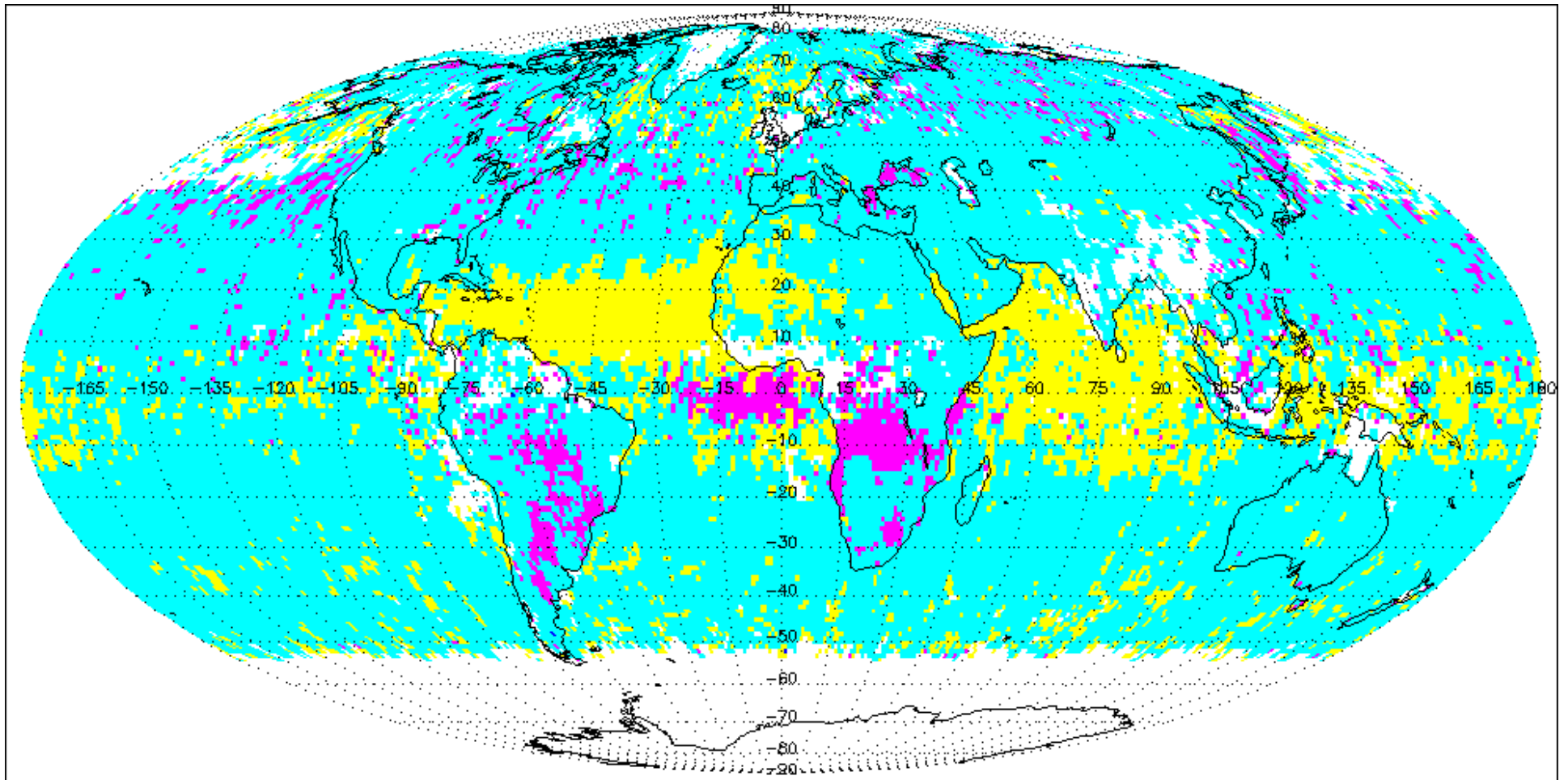
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April 19, 2010



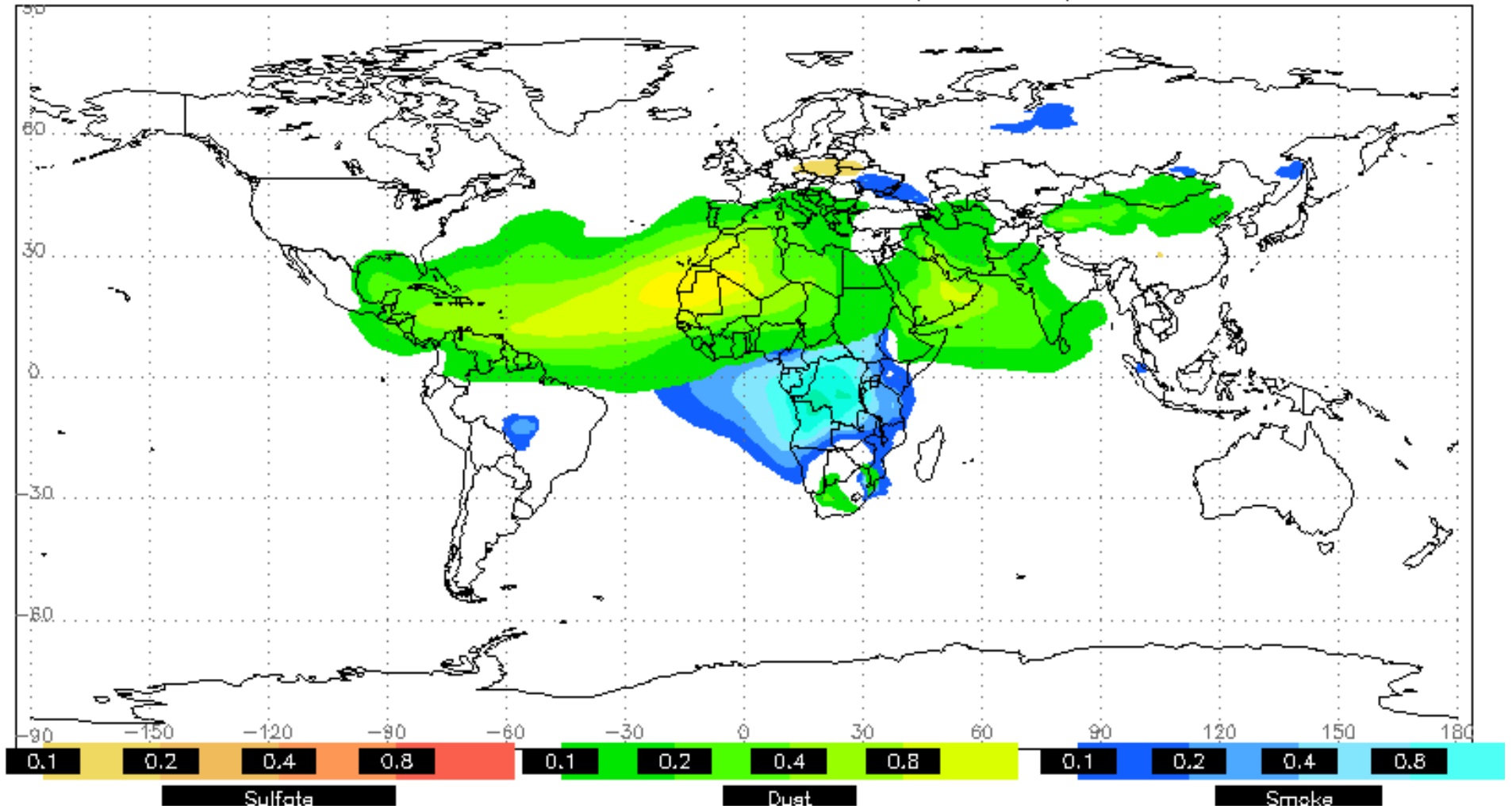
MISR views of Eyjafjallajökull – 4/19/2010



# MISR Version 22 Operational Aerosol Product for July 2007

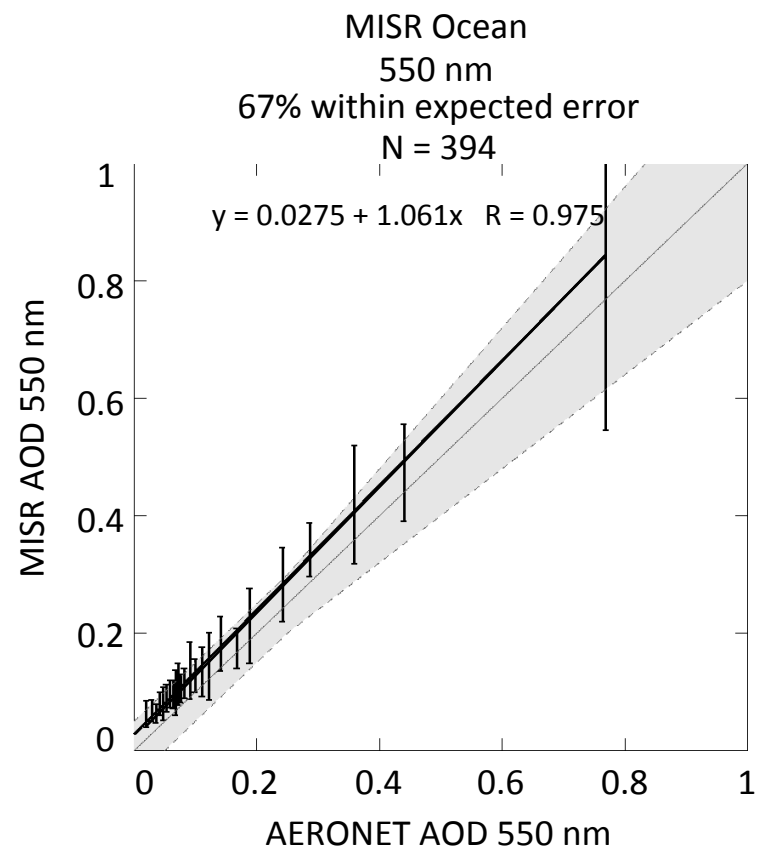
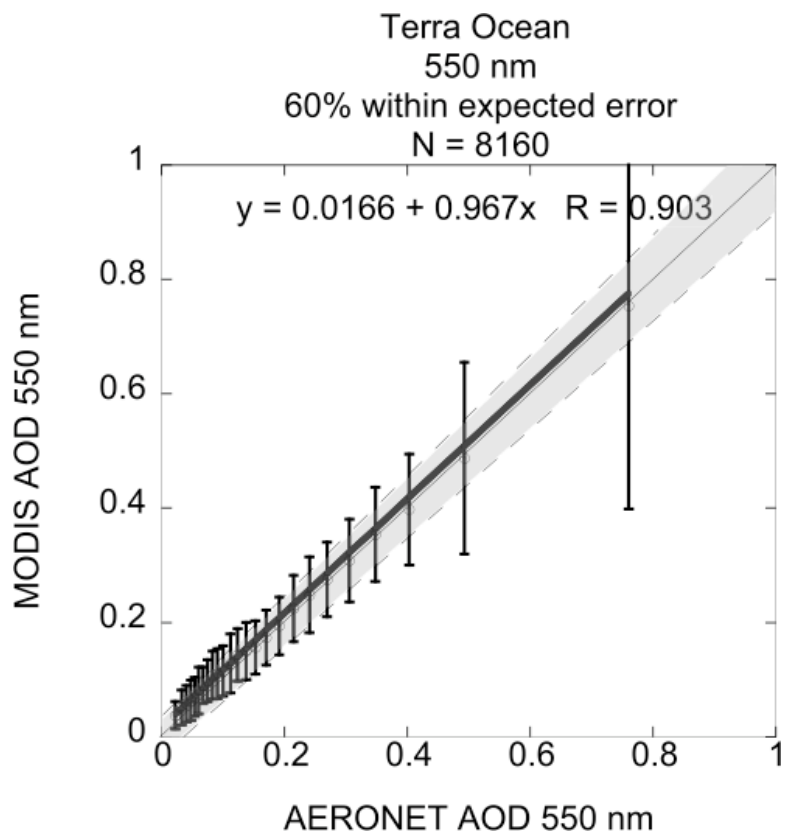


2007070100-2007073123 NAAPS Sulfate (see colorbar)



Aerosol climatology from NAVY Aerosol Analysis and Prediction System (NAAPS) for July 2007

Note: AOT < 0.1 not shown





# Salad



# Motivation?

- “Overall, about 70% to 75% of MISR AOD retrievals fall within 0.05 or 20% x AOD of the paired validation data from the Aerosol Robotic Network (AERONET), and about 50% to 55% are within 0.03 or 10% x AERONET AOD...” (Kahn et al., 2010)

CLIMATE SCIENCE

*Nature*, 7 November 2013

## Uncertain then, irrelevant now

Uncertainty in estimates of the effects of aerosols on climate stems from poor knowledge of the past, pristine atmosphere — so getting a better understanding of these effects might not be as useful as was thought. [SEE ARTICLE P.67](#)



# Comparison of MISR and MODIS

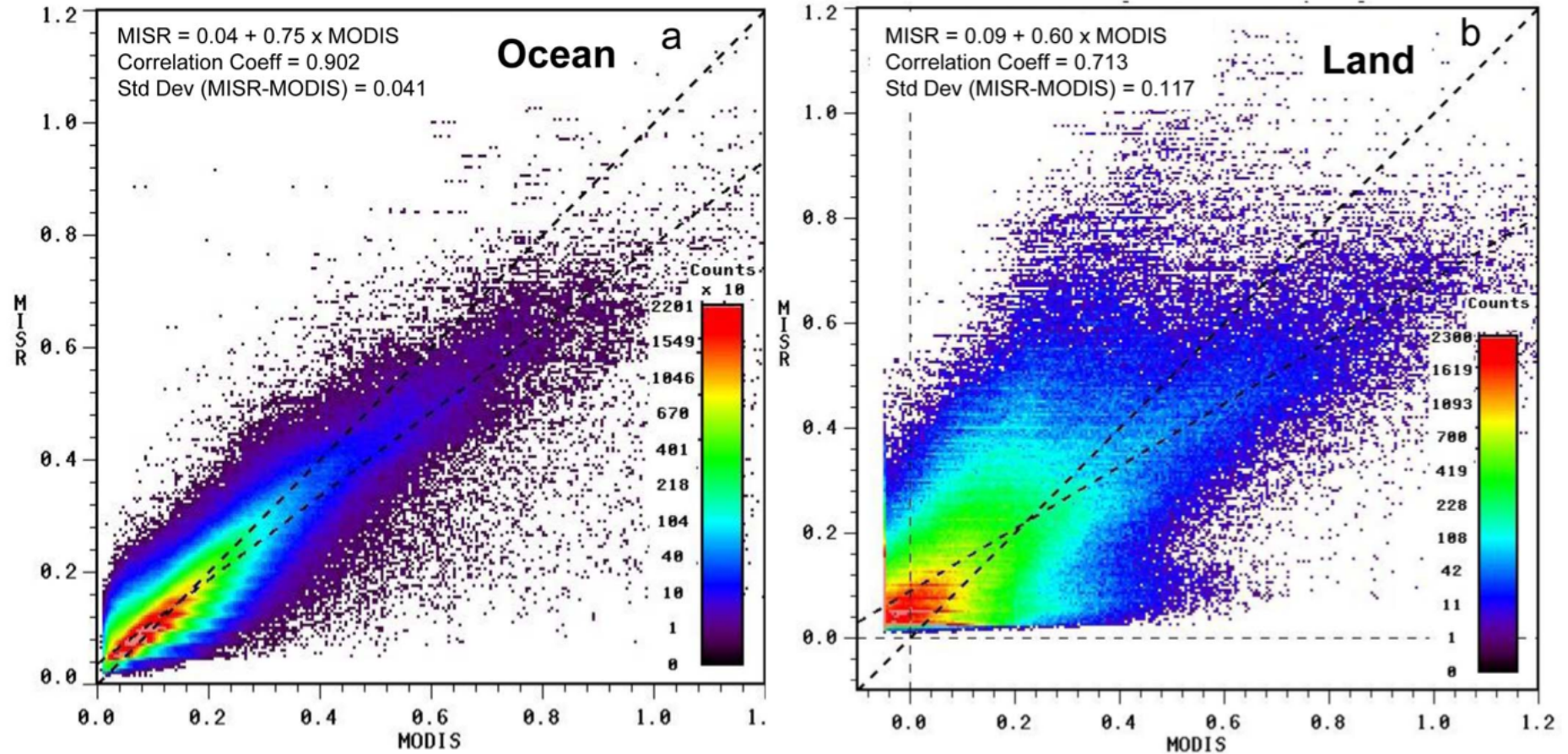
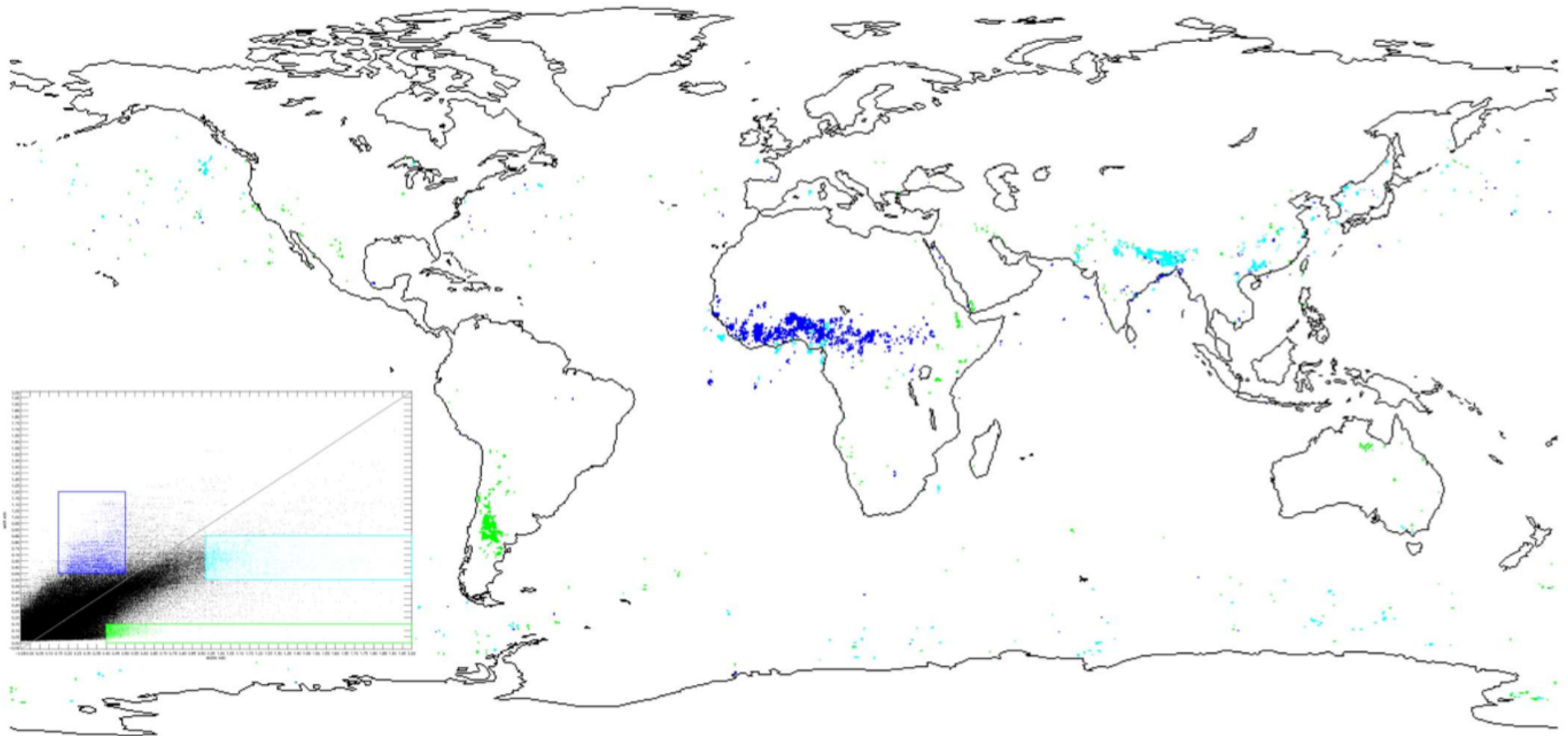
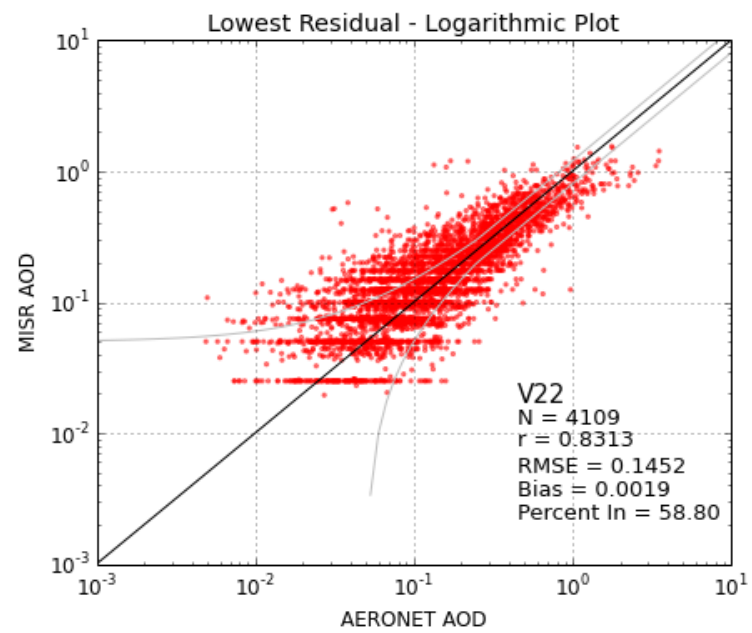
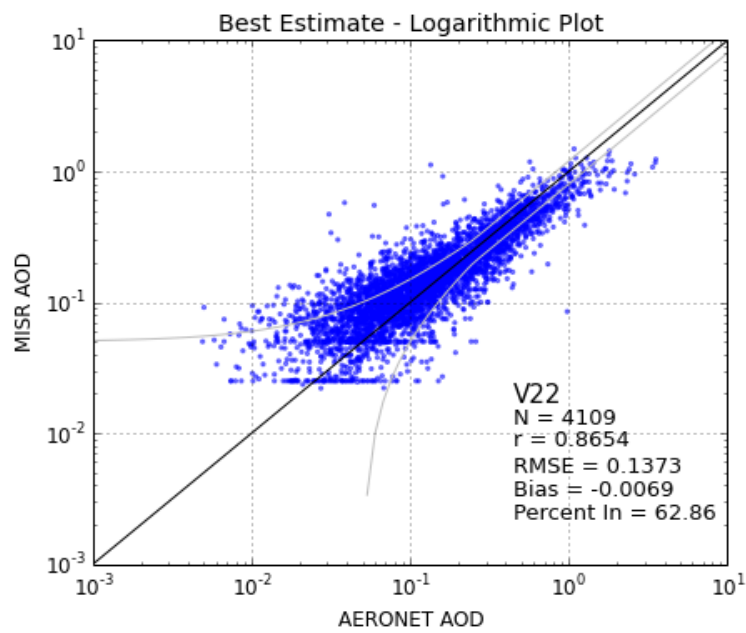
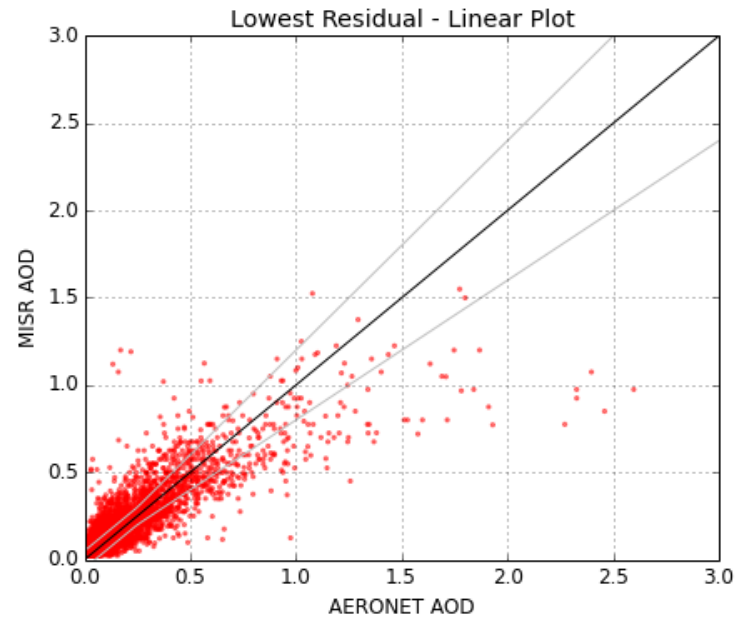
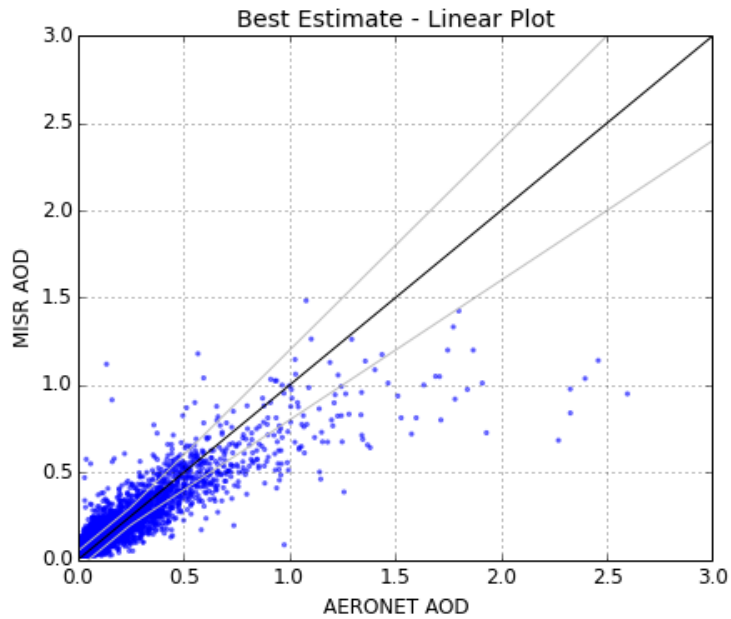


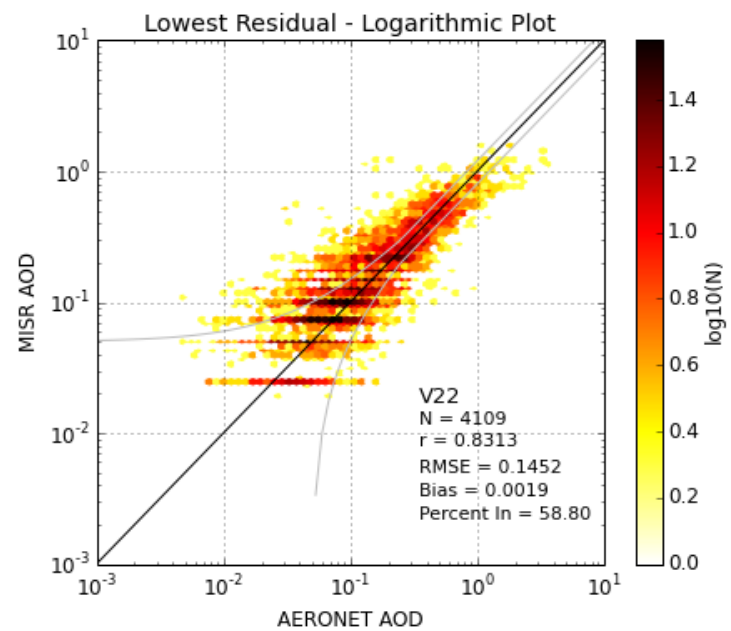
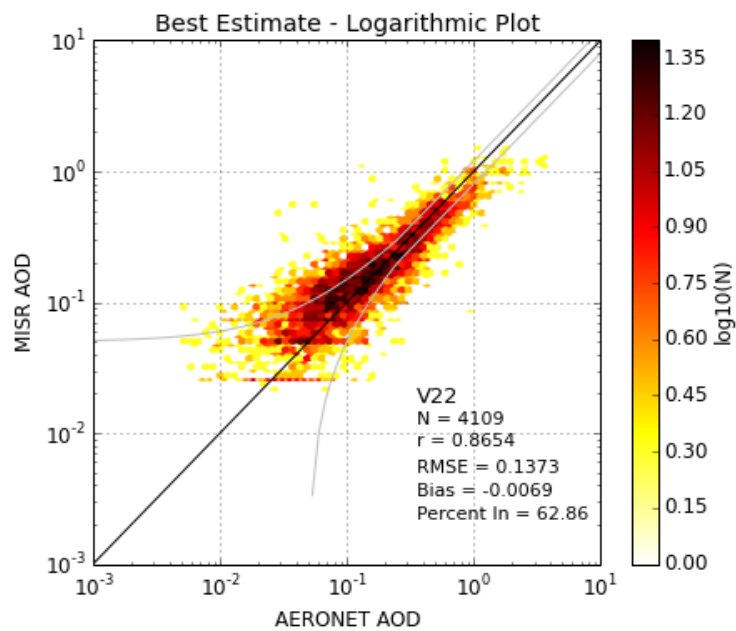
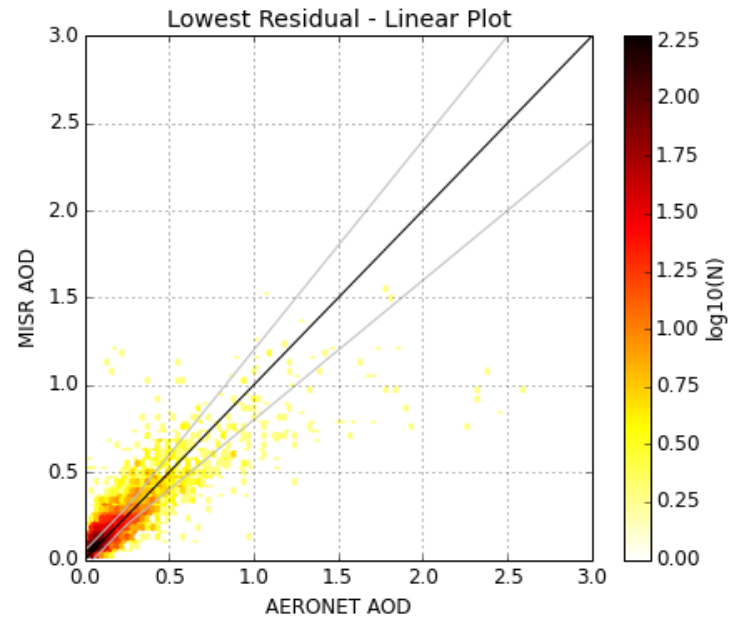
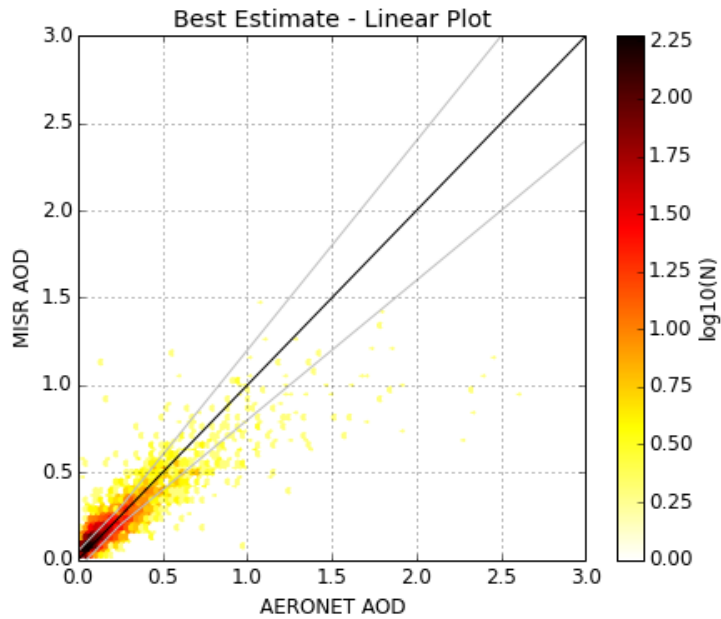
Fig. 5. Scatter plots of MISR versus MODIS coincident mid-visible AOD for January 2006, contoured using a fractional power-law color scale to show the range of point densities. (a) All over-ocean grid points. (b) All over-land grid points. For these plots, MISR Standard aerosol product Version 22 and MODIS/Terra Collection 5 data were used. The regression-line fits, correlation coefficients, and standard deviations are given in the upper left of each plot.

# Particle/Mixture Issues

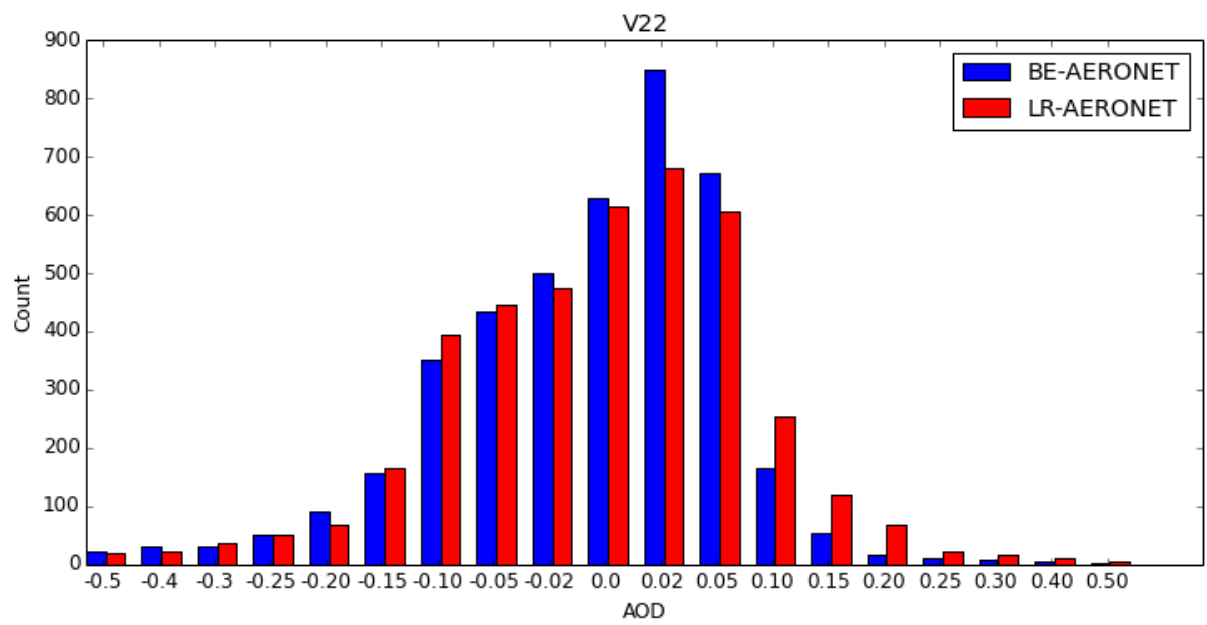
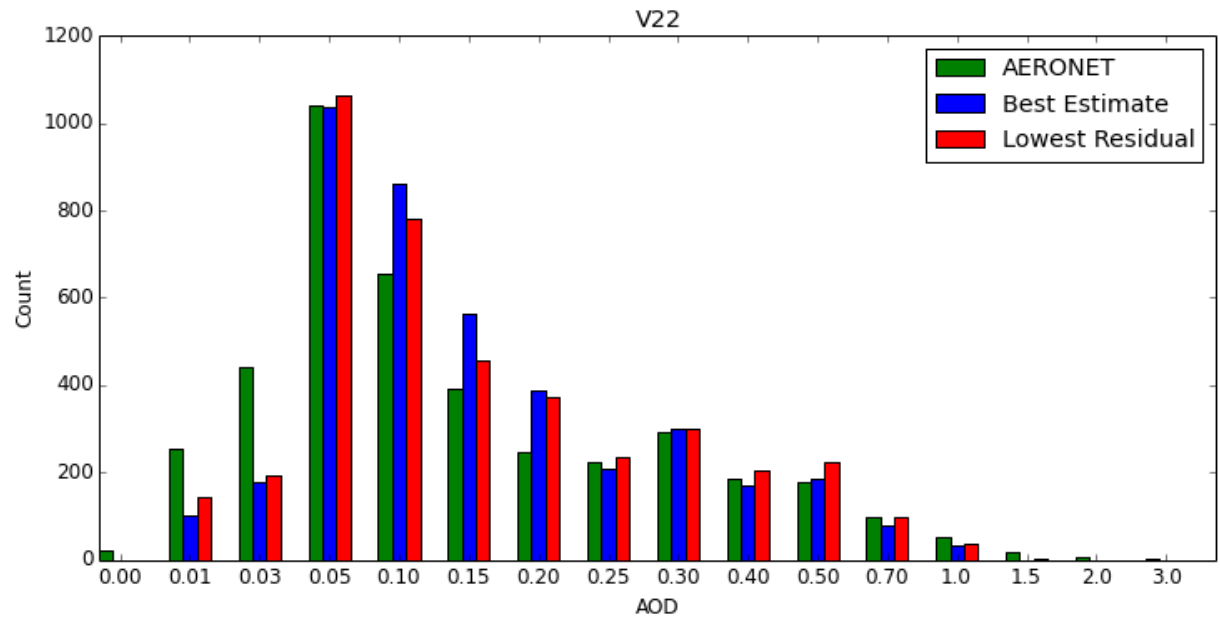






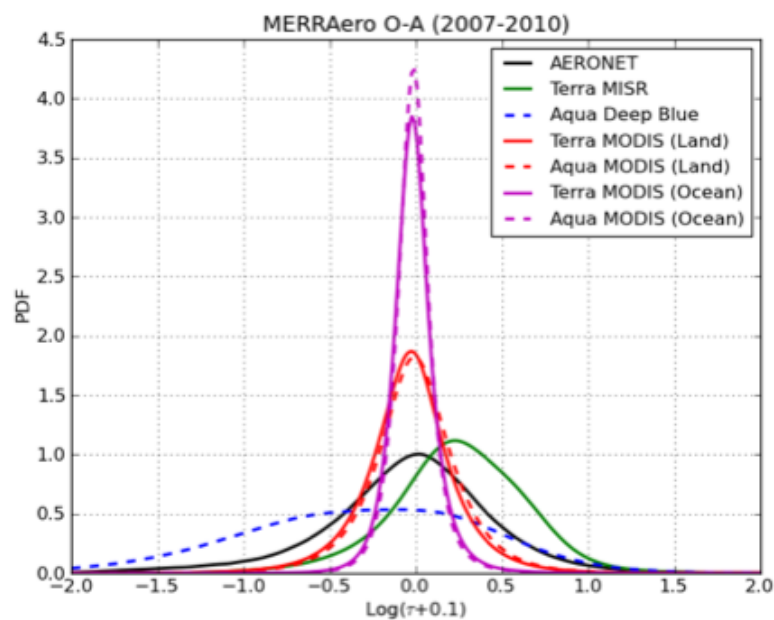
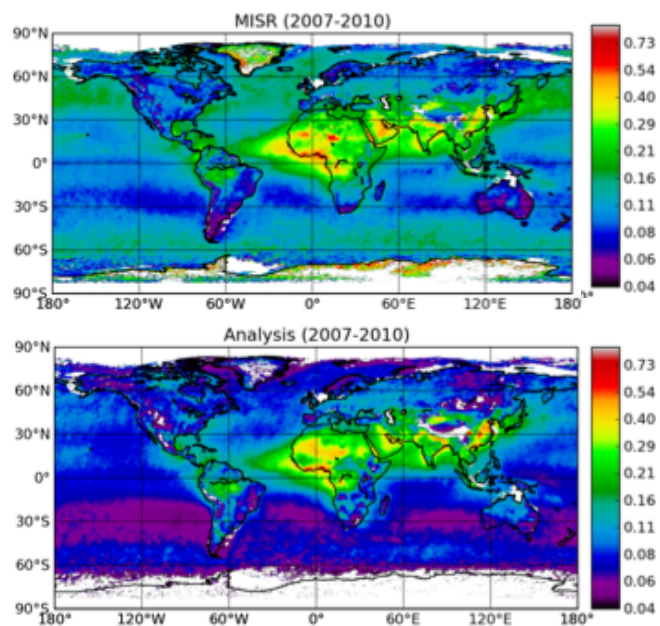








# GEOS-5 Reanalysis Activities



Comparison to multi-year satellite data sets

*Courtesy of Pete Colarco*

# Algorithm Updates (Completed)



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- Match angular resolution to SMART
- Update surface albedo threshold in AOD upper bound to improve shallow water coverage
- Replace quadratic interpolation with spline in SMART translation
- Enhance HET camera selection code to improve coverage in mountains
- Revised AOD upper bound mask to account for absorbing particles
- Require contiguous grid points in parabolic fit
- Calculate chi-square parameters at retrieved AOD (not on grid)
- Fix error in variance threshold
- Remove log transform in parabolic fit
- Lower floor in chi-square uncertainty
- Use glitter to retrieve windspeed over dark water (when possible)
- Add grid points at low AOD
- Eliminate AOD “uncertainty” as successful mixture criterion
- Increase Mie code iterations for Particle 6

# Product Updates (Proposed)



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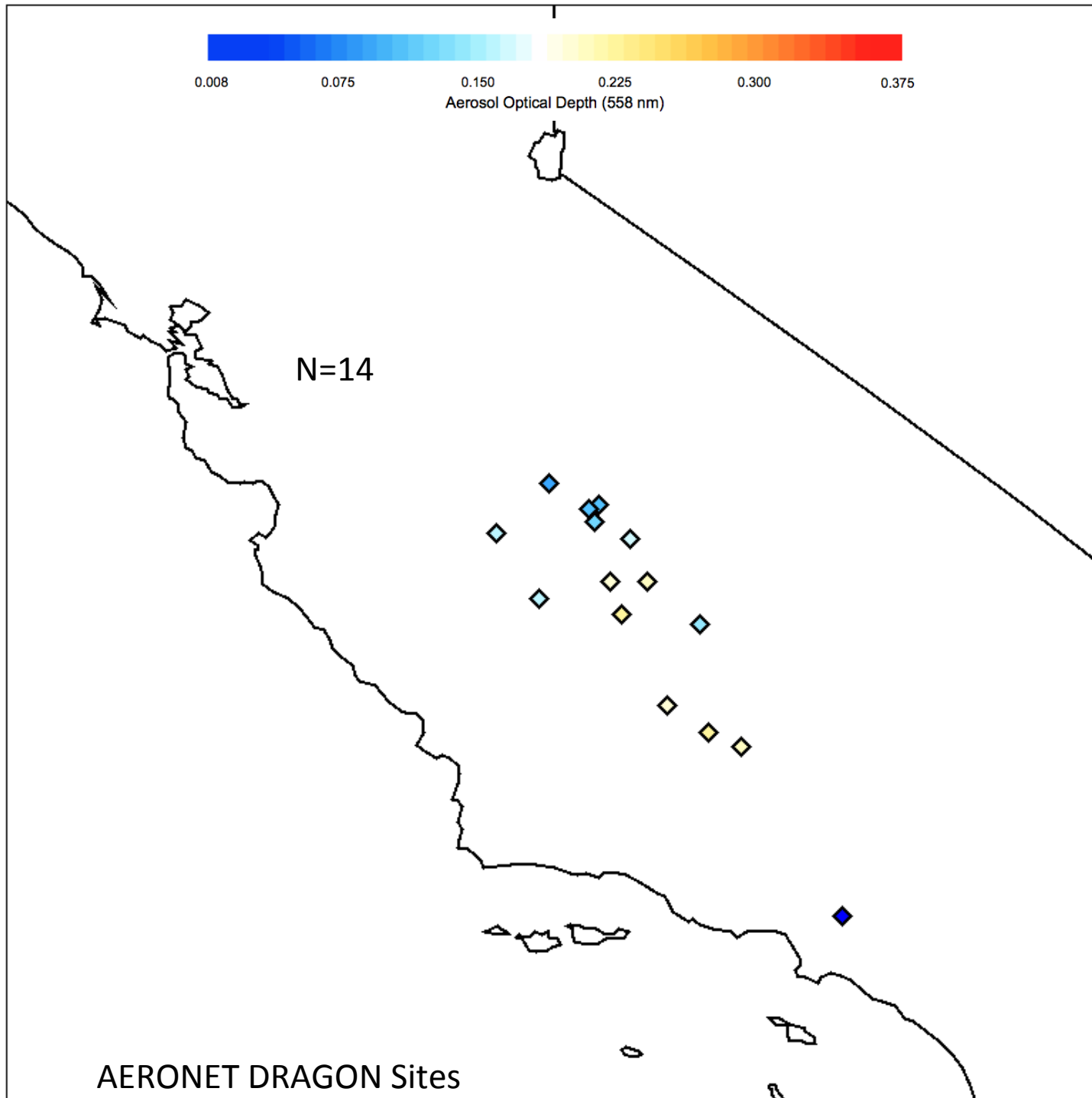
- Move to 4.4 km x 4.4 km spatial resolution
- Separate surface algorithm from aerosol algorithm
- Simplify aerosol product
  - Separate product into (at least) USER and DIAGNOSTIC file
  - Include additional fields (e.g., lat/lon) to make data more user friendly
  - Critically examine contents of current product

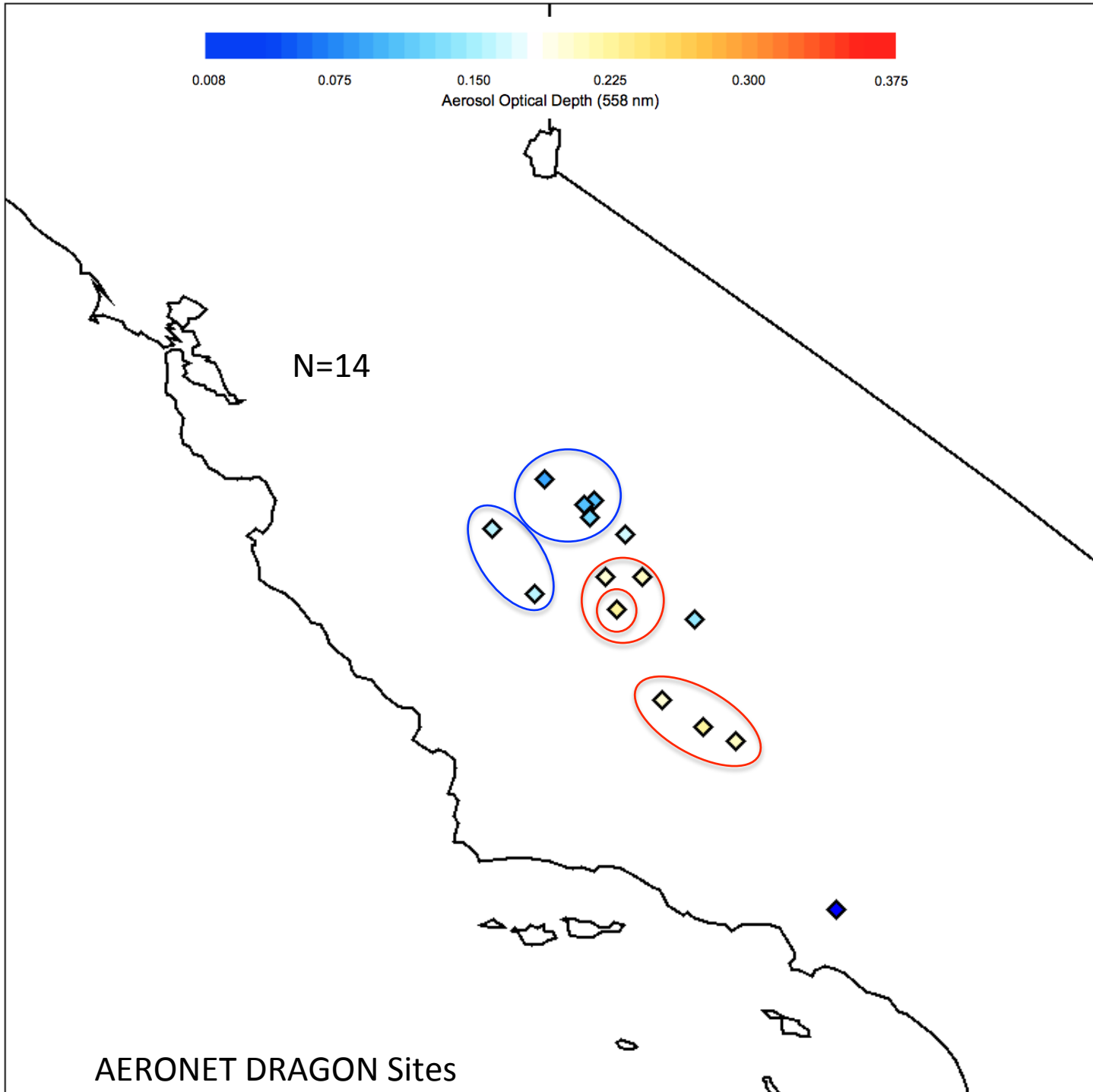


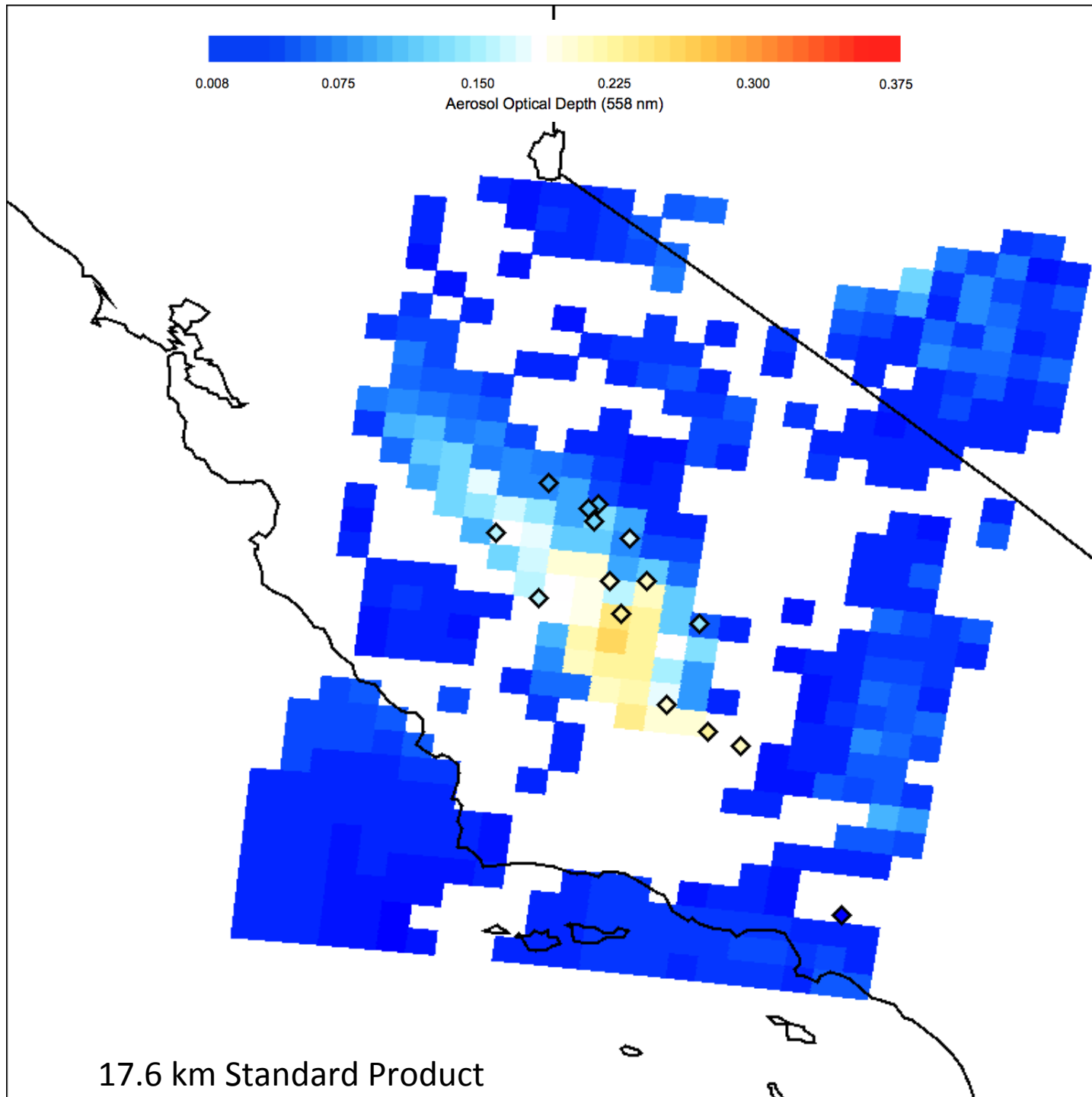
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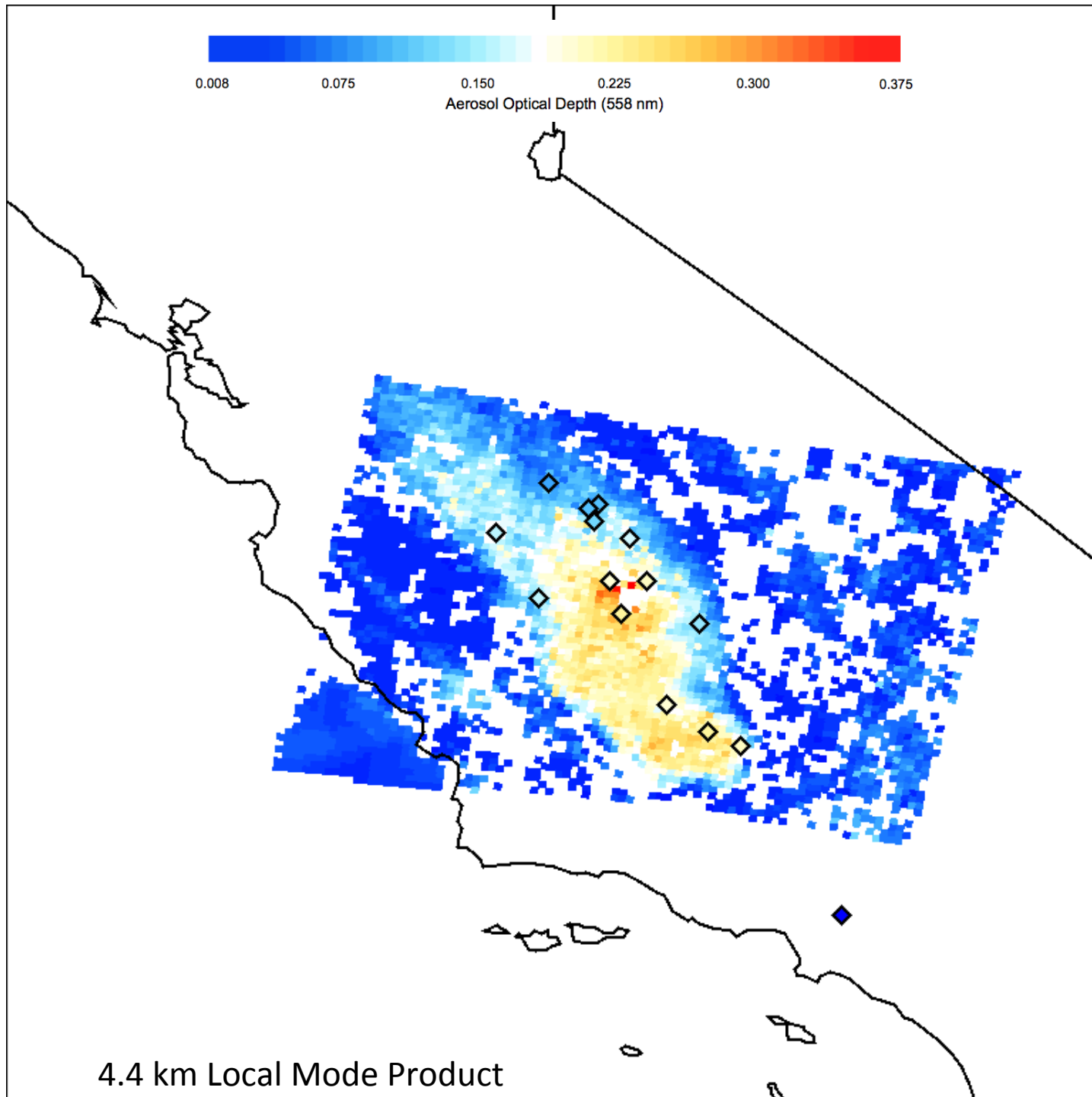


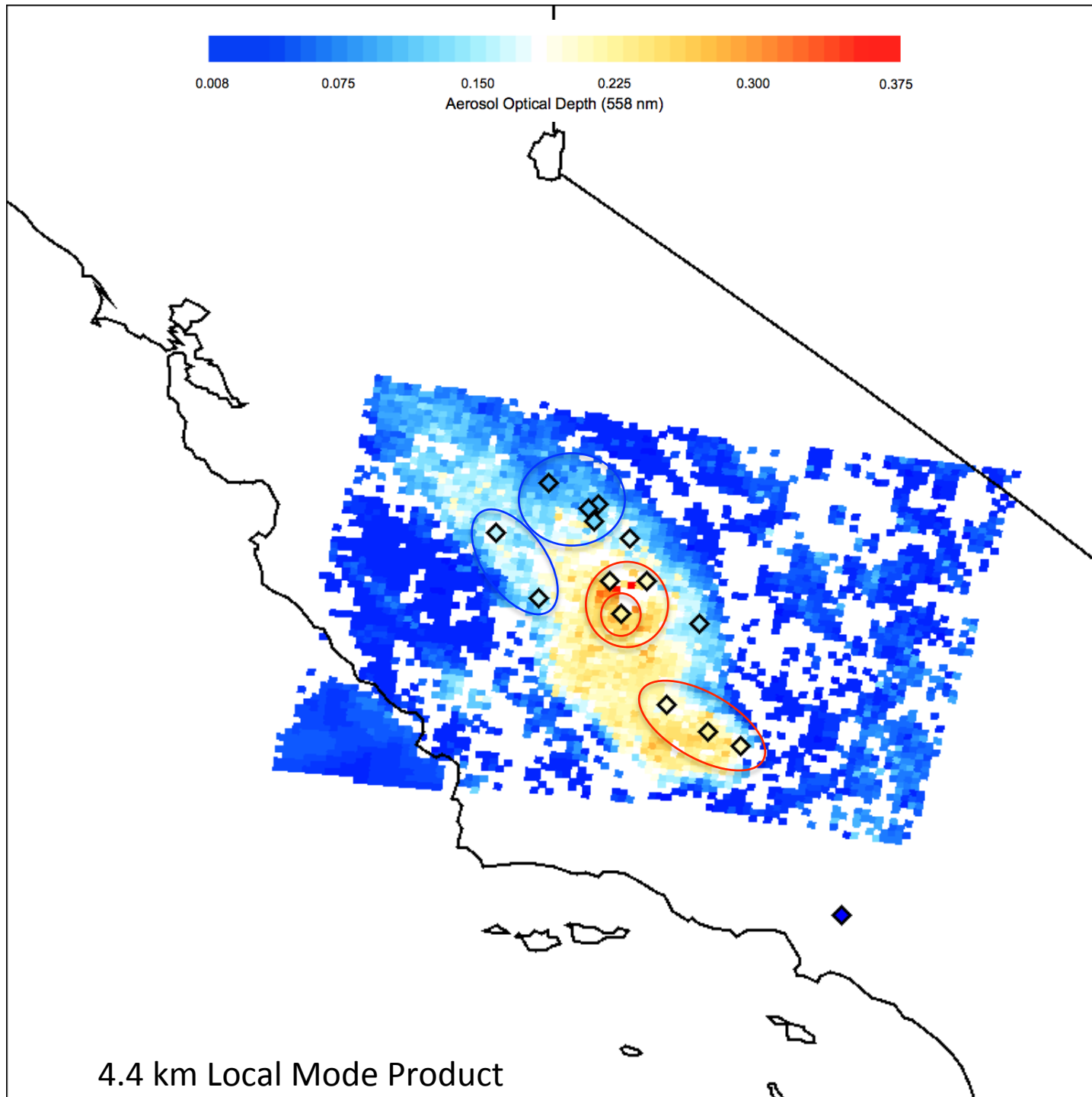
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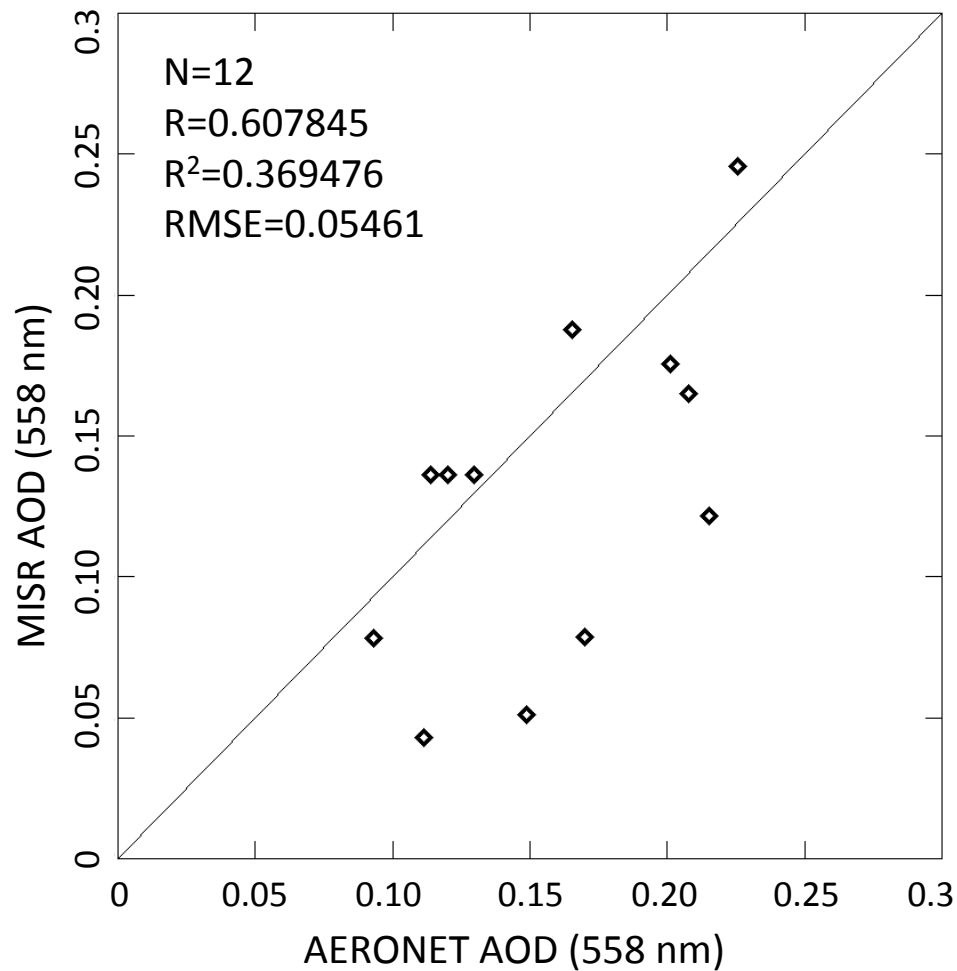




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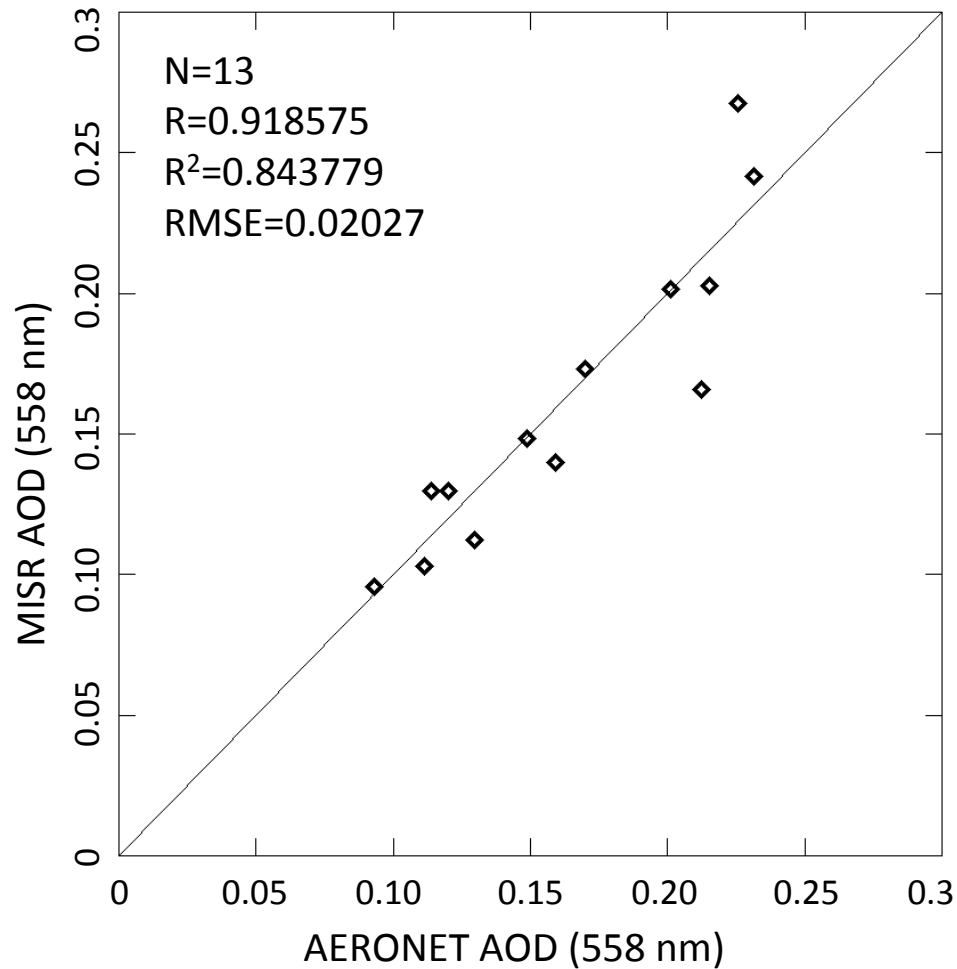
MISR local mode 4.4 km resolution



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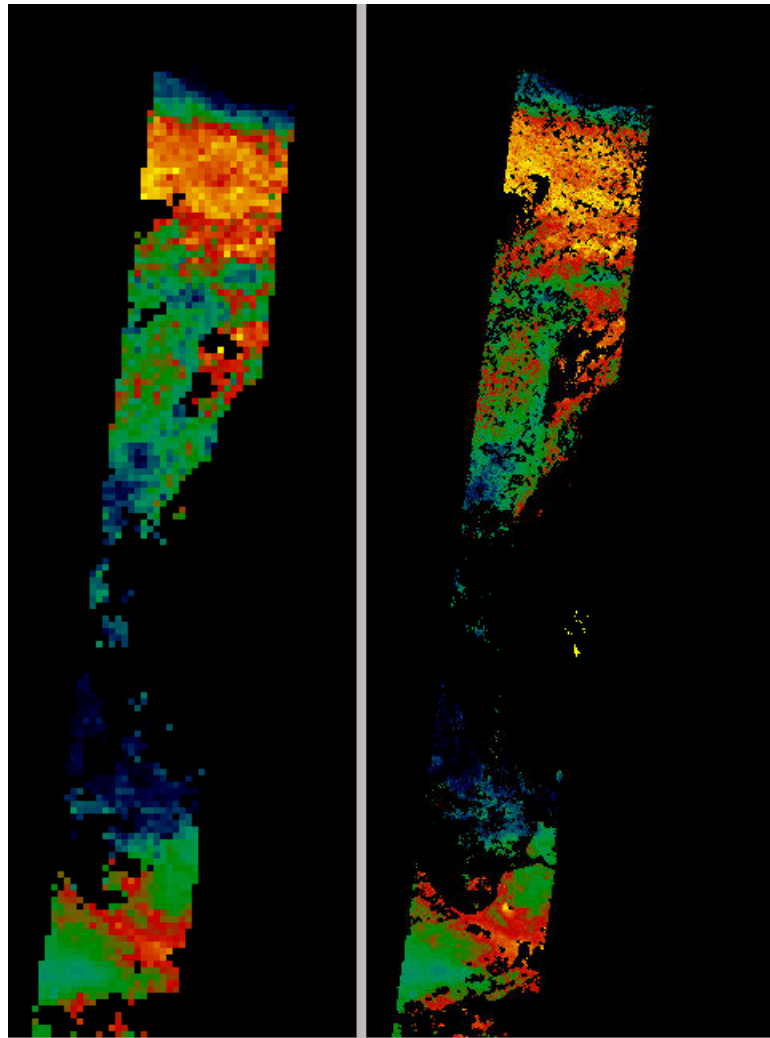
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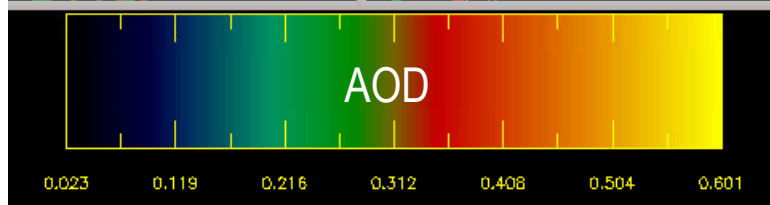
# Comparison of 17.6 km and 4.4 km products

V22 17.6 km  
standard product

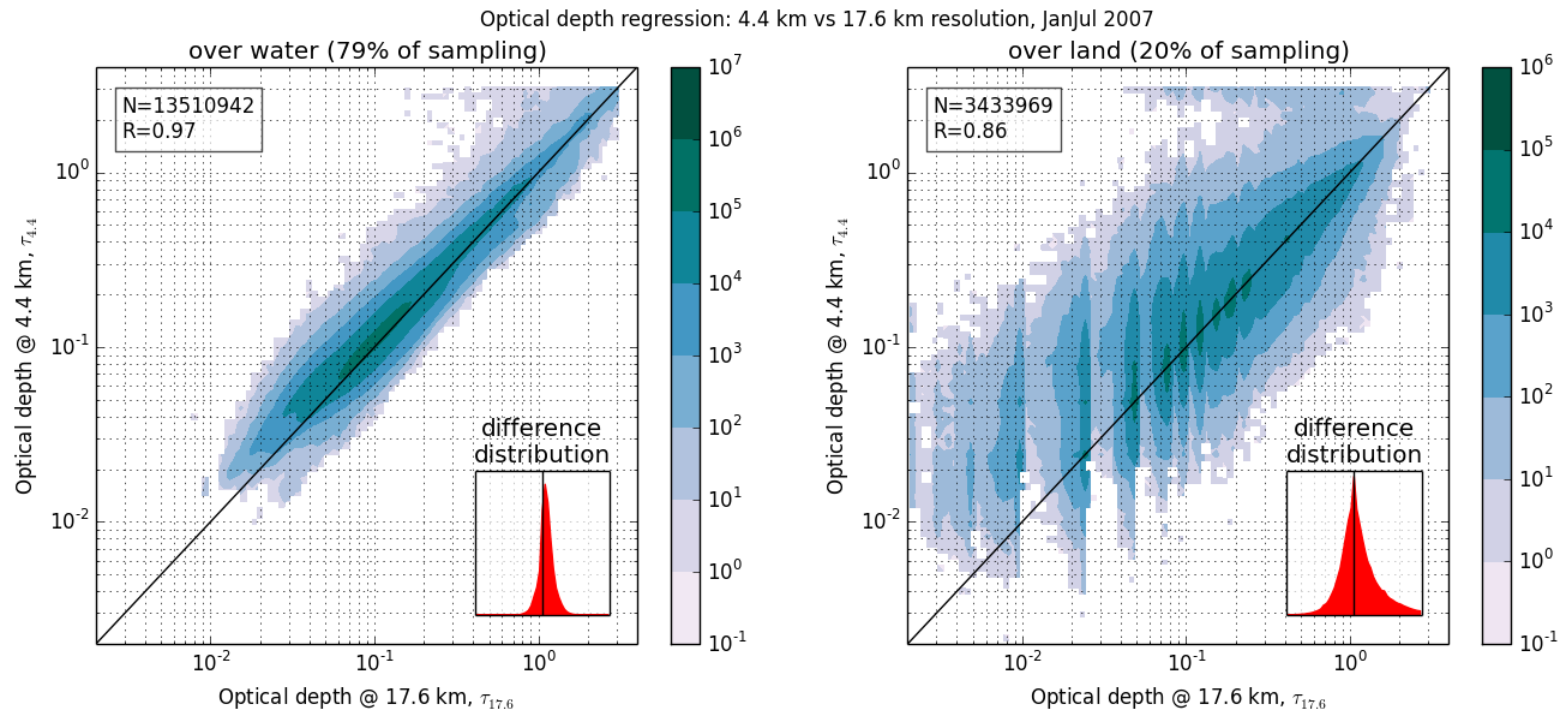


O31948, P143  
over India  
20 Dec 2005

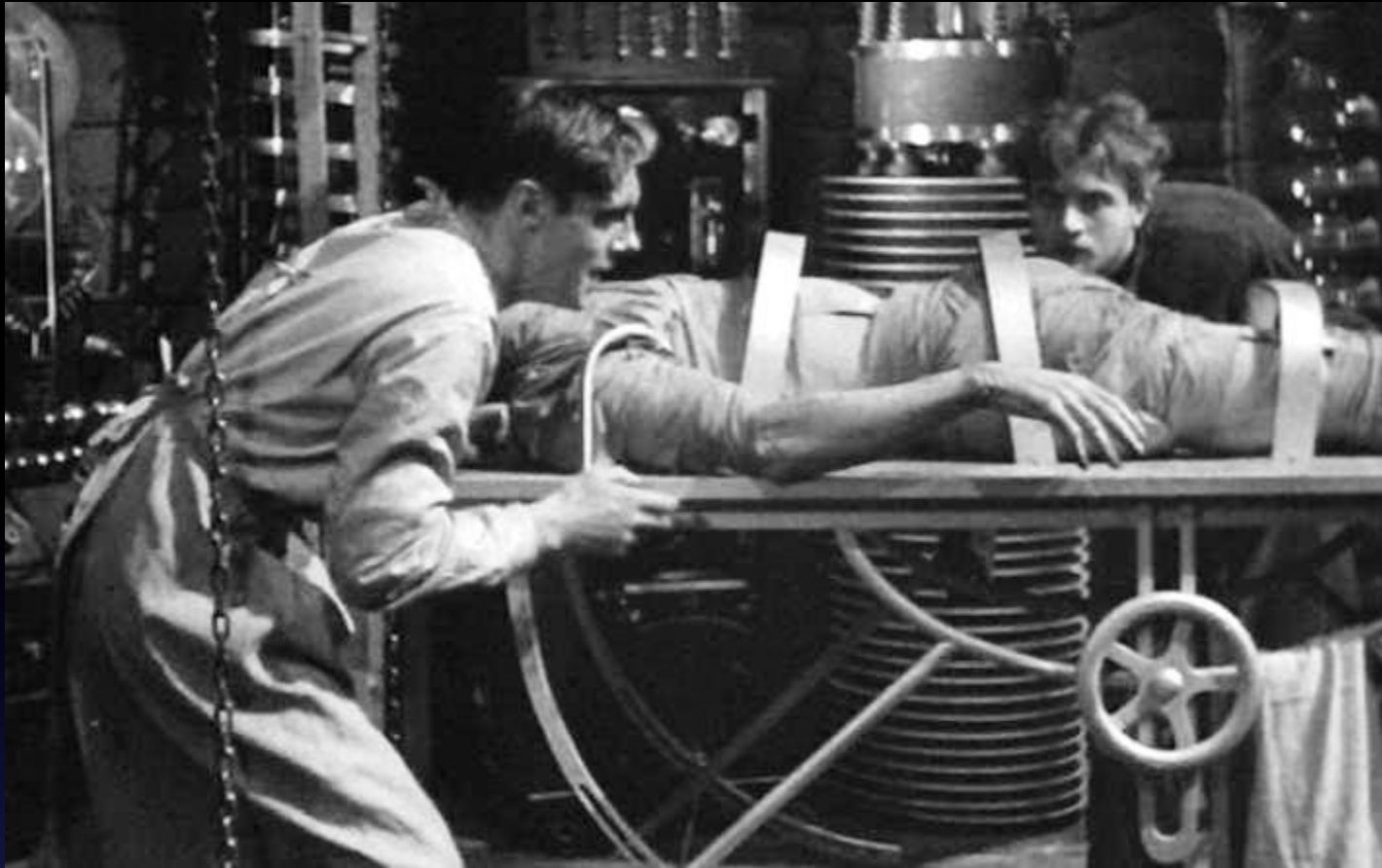
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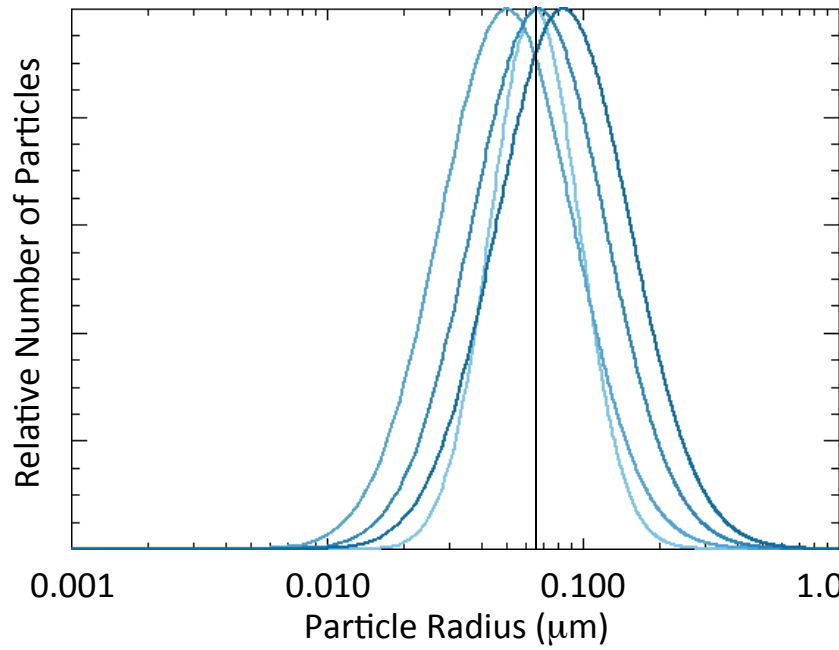
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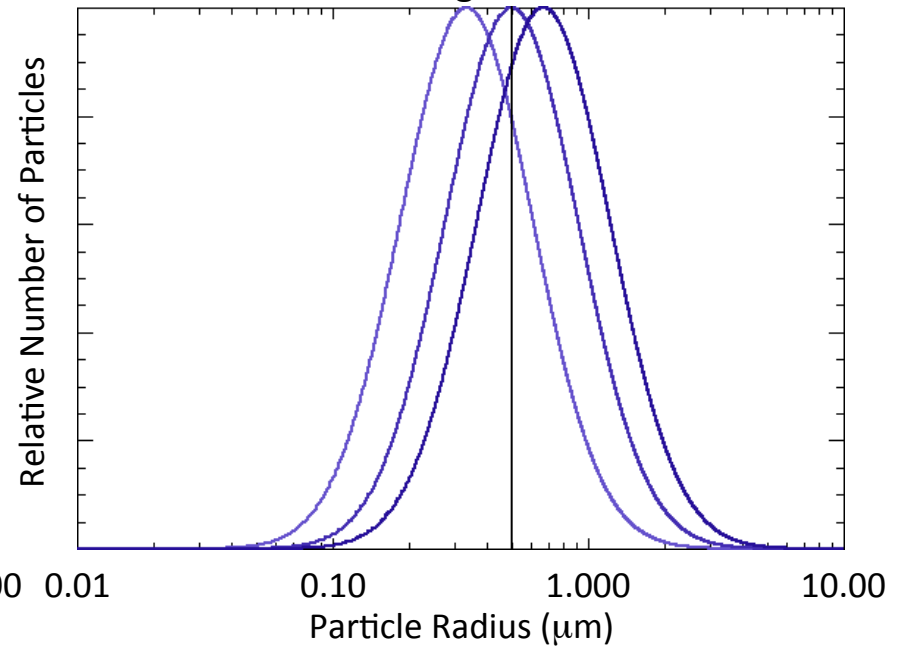
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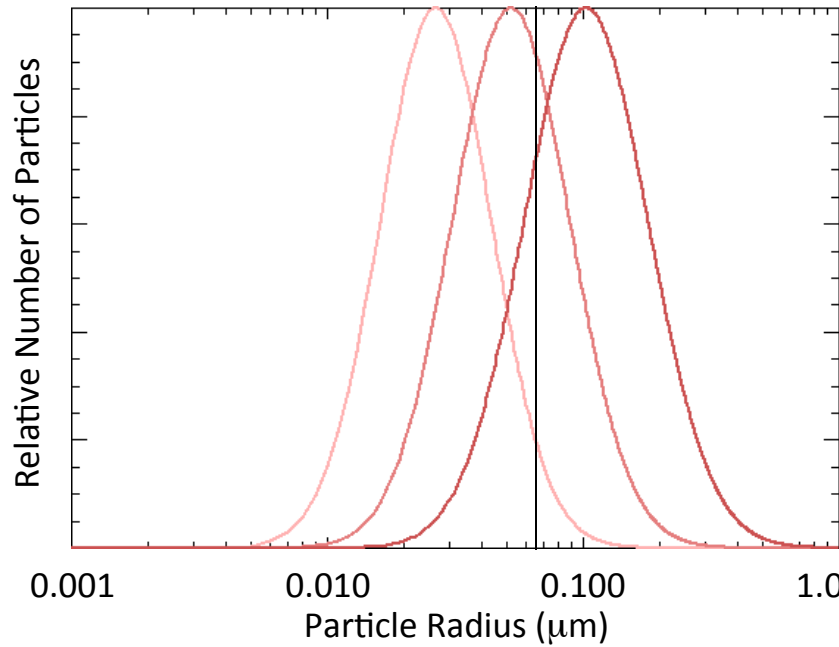
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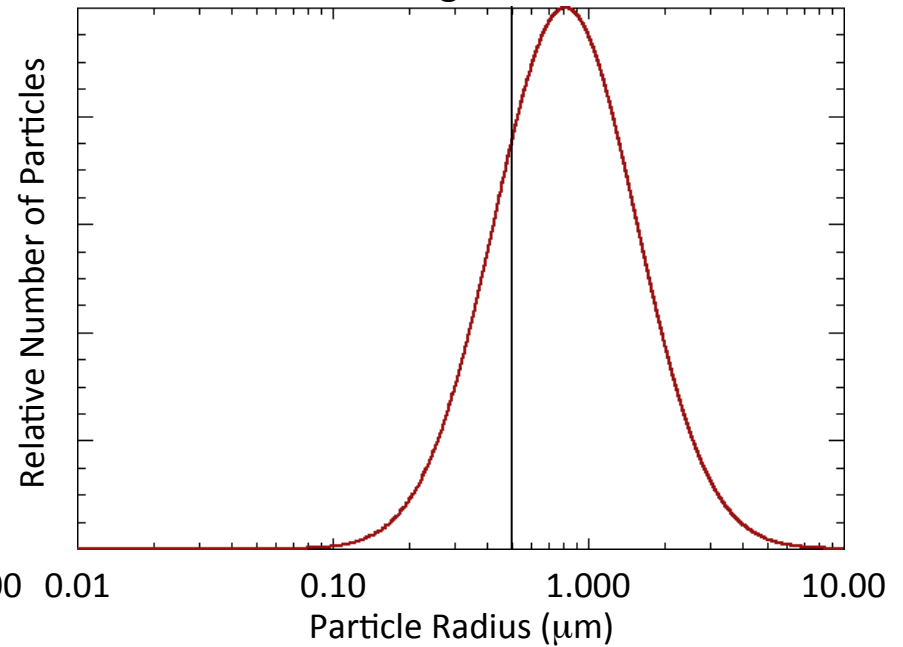
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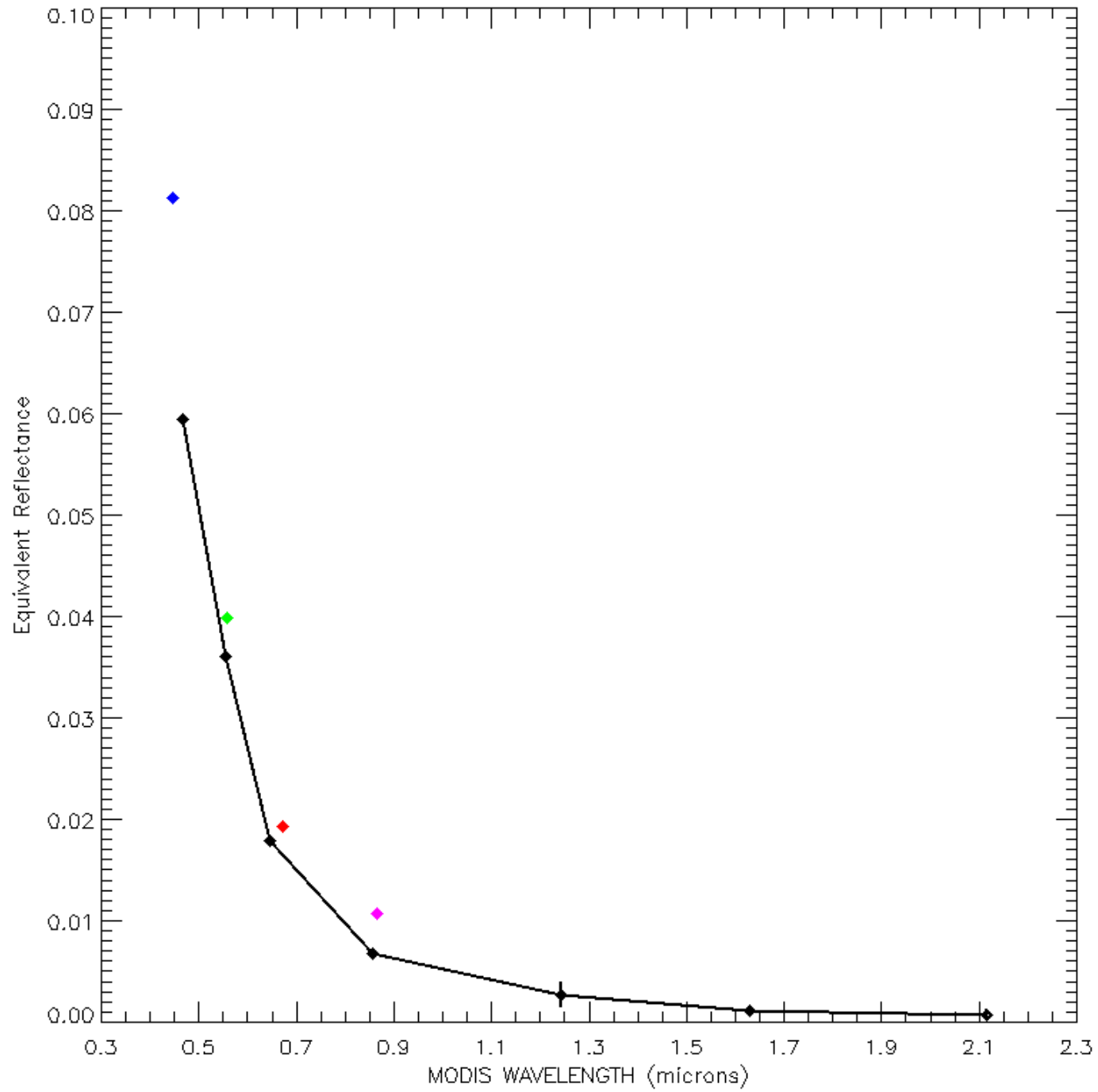


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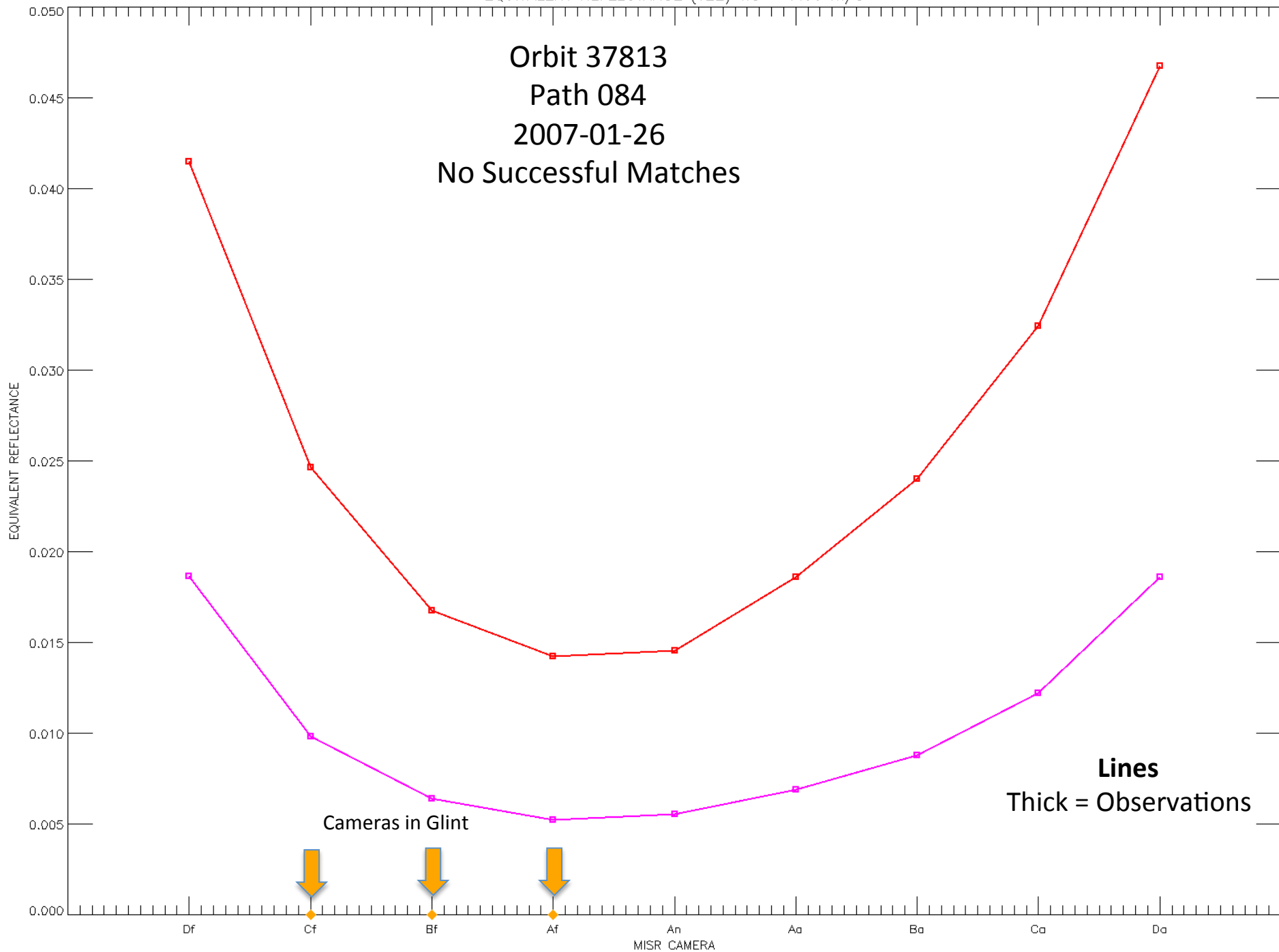


MODIS MEAN REFLECTANCE OCEAN



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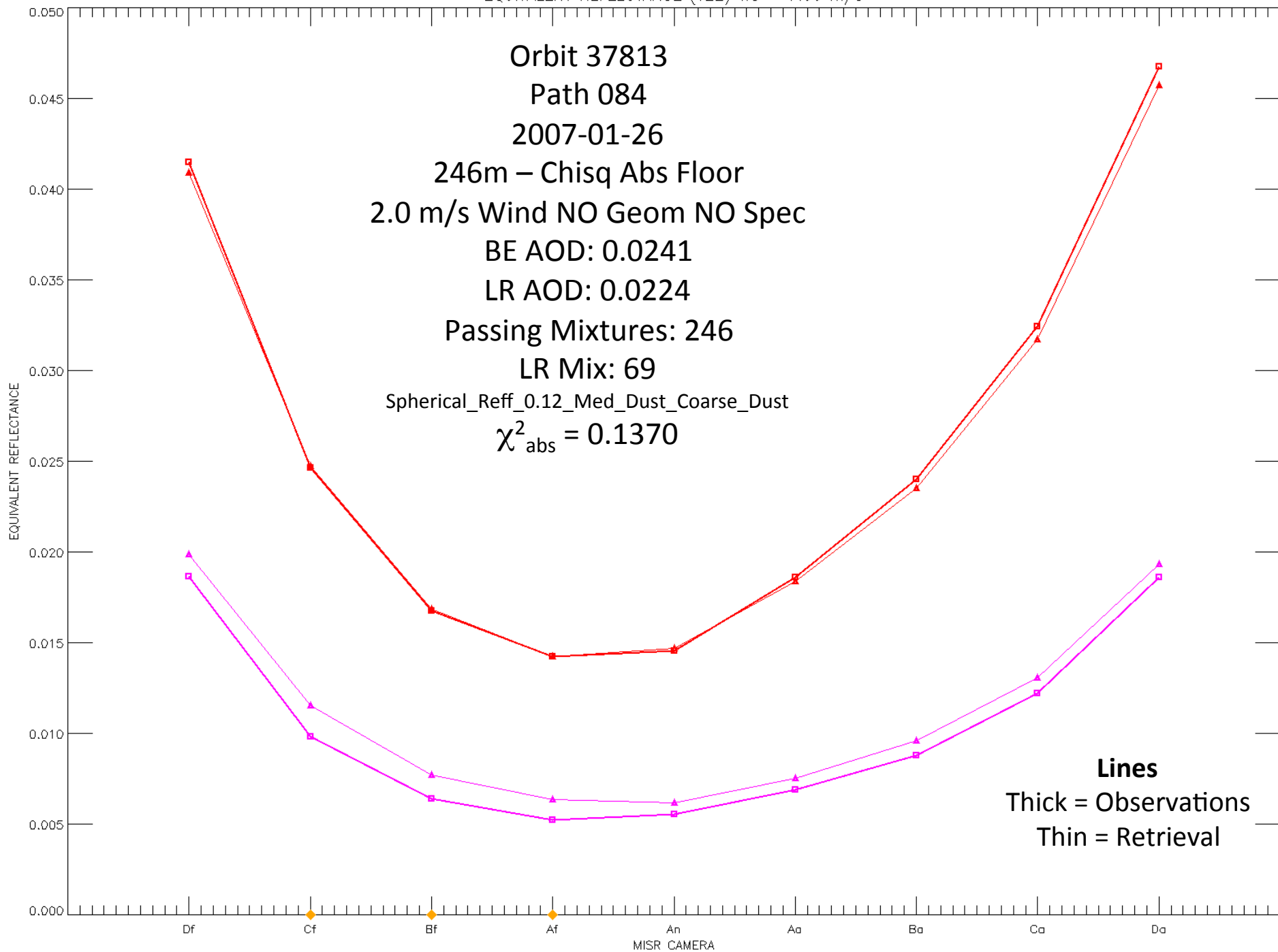


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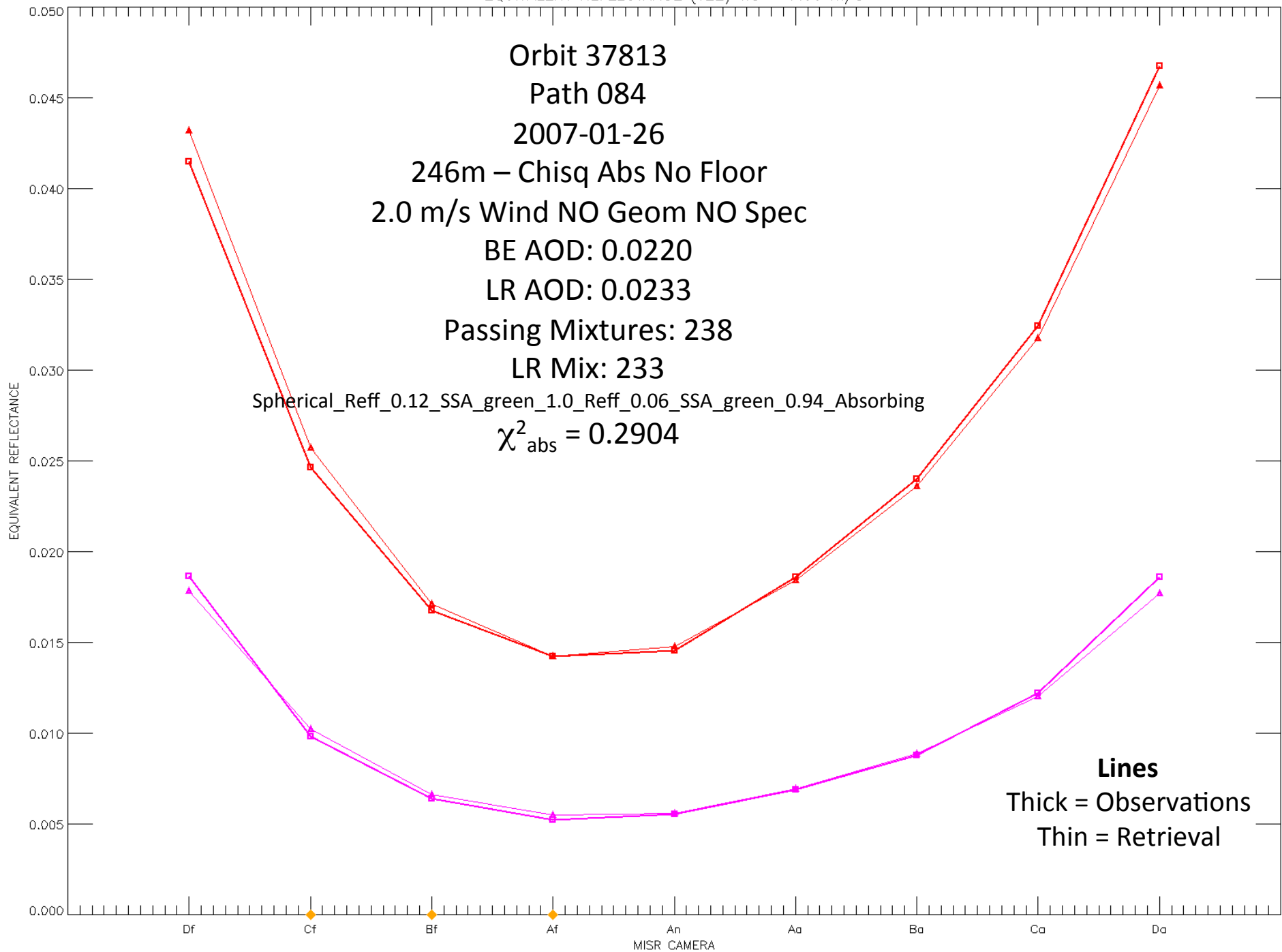
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LR Mix: 69  
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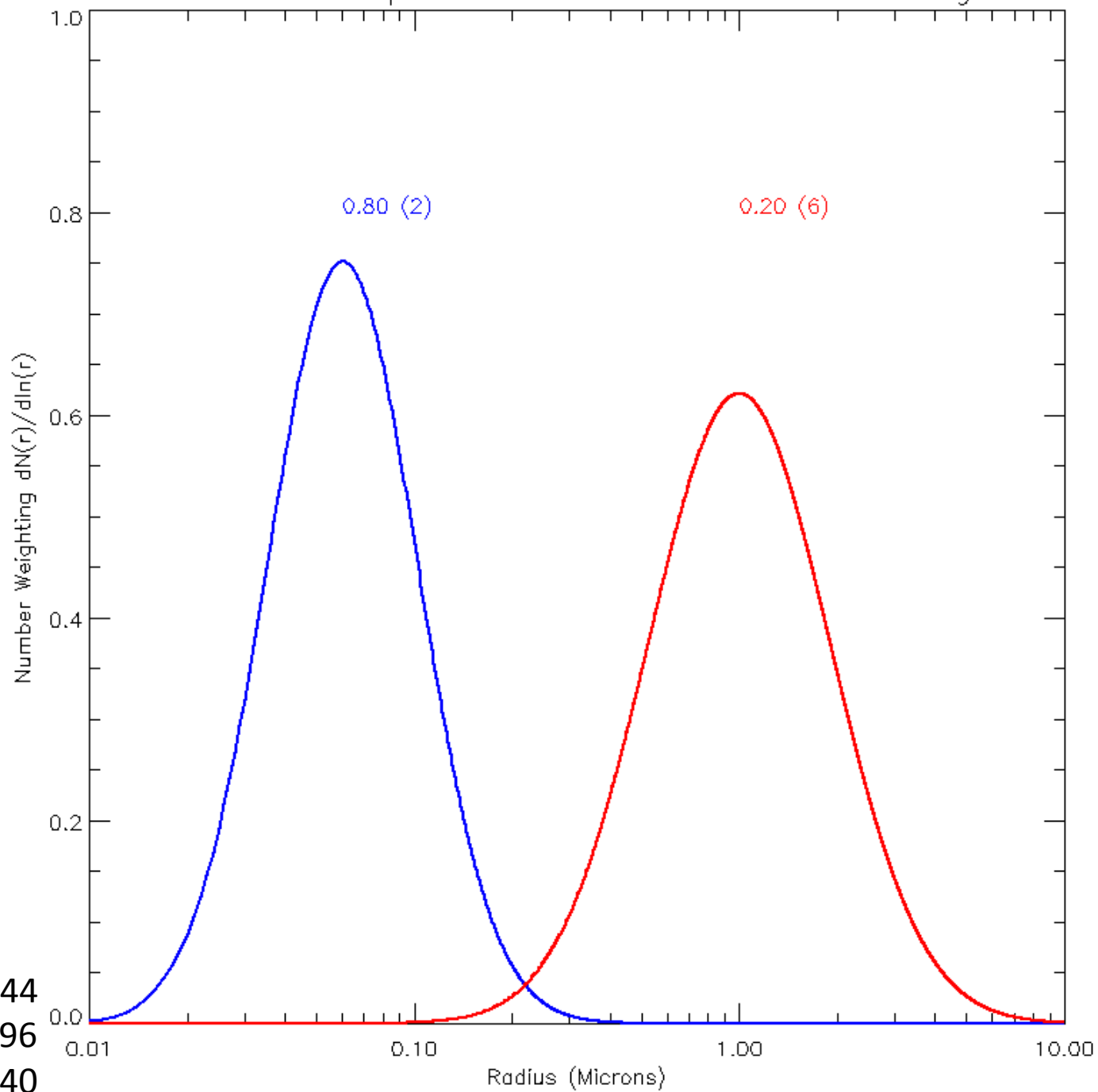
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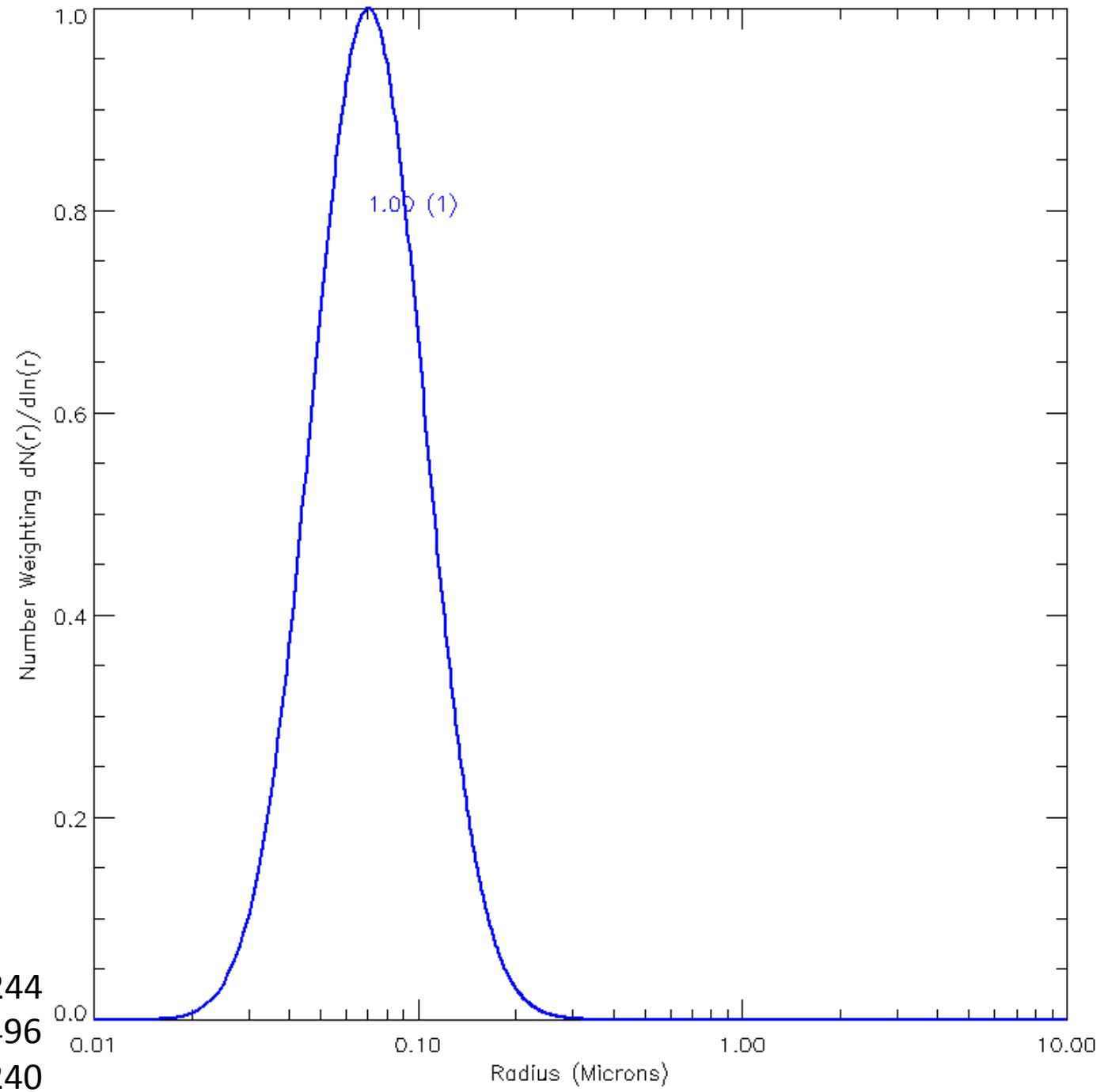
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MISR MIX 14: Spherical\_Reff\_0.12\_Reff\_2.80\_Nonabsorbing



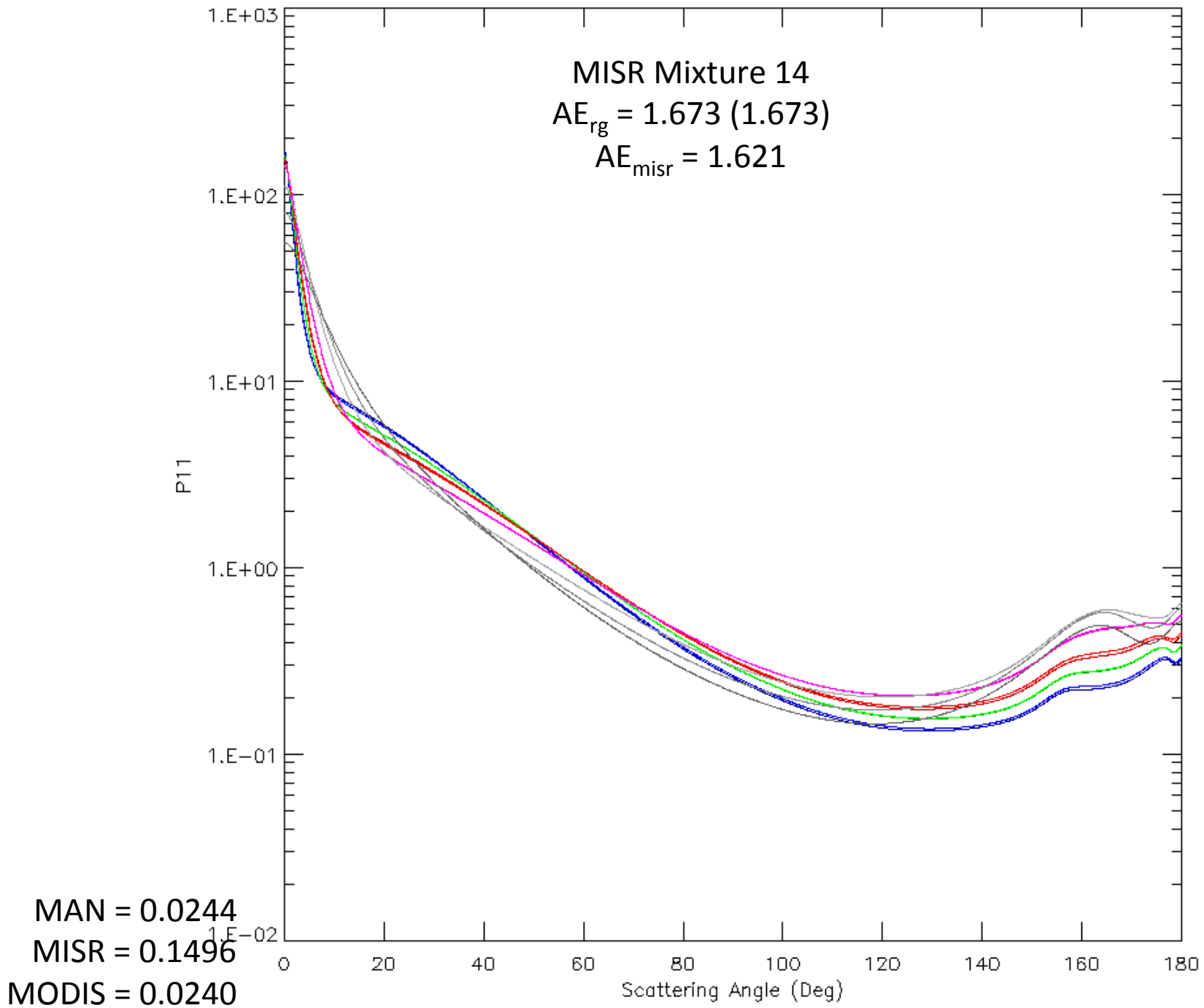
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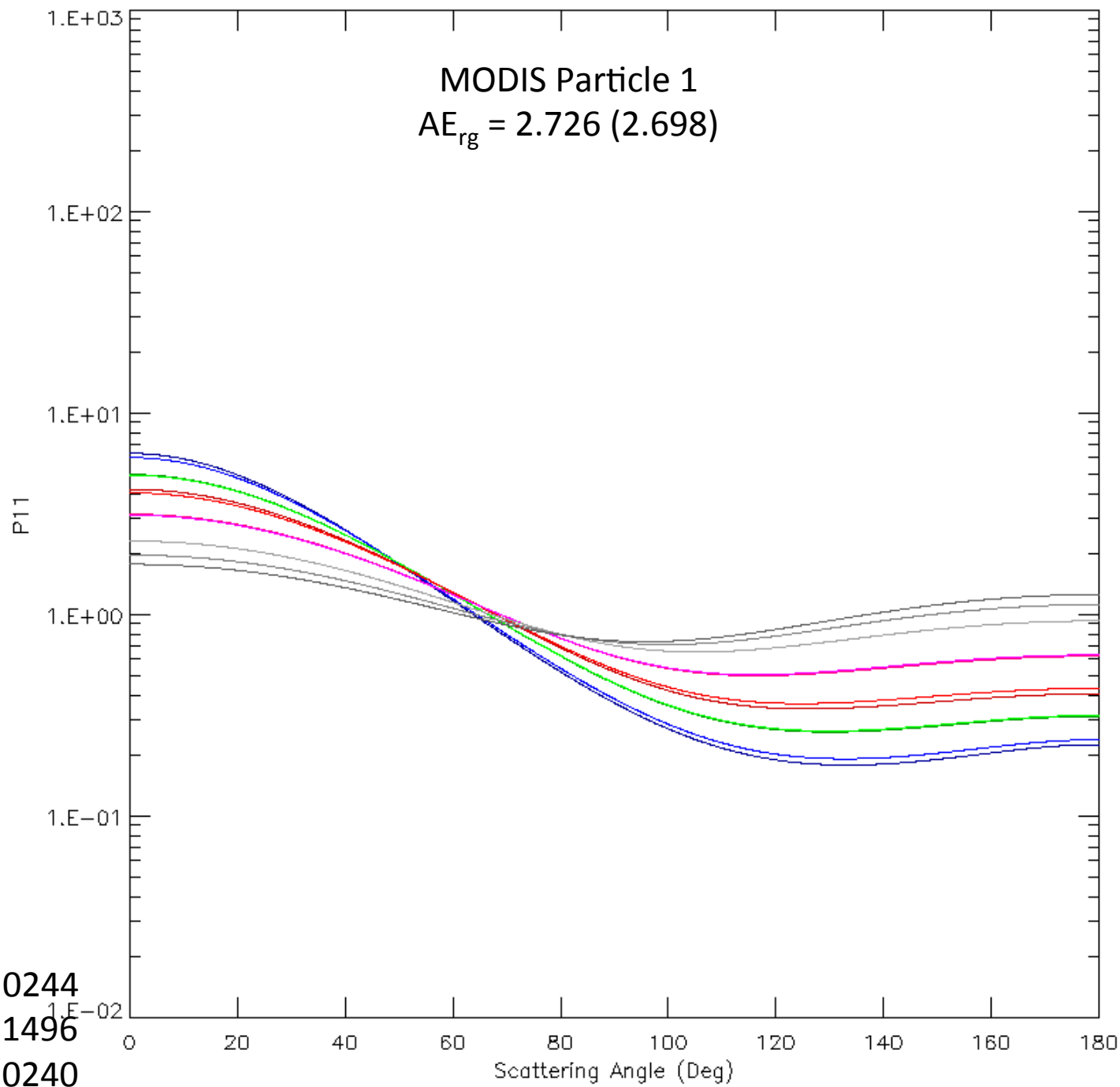


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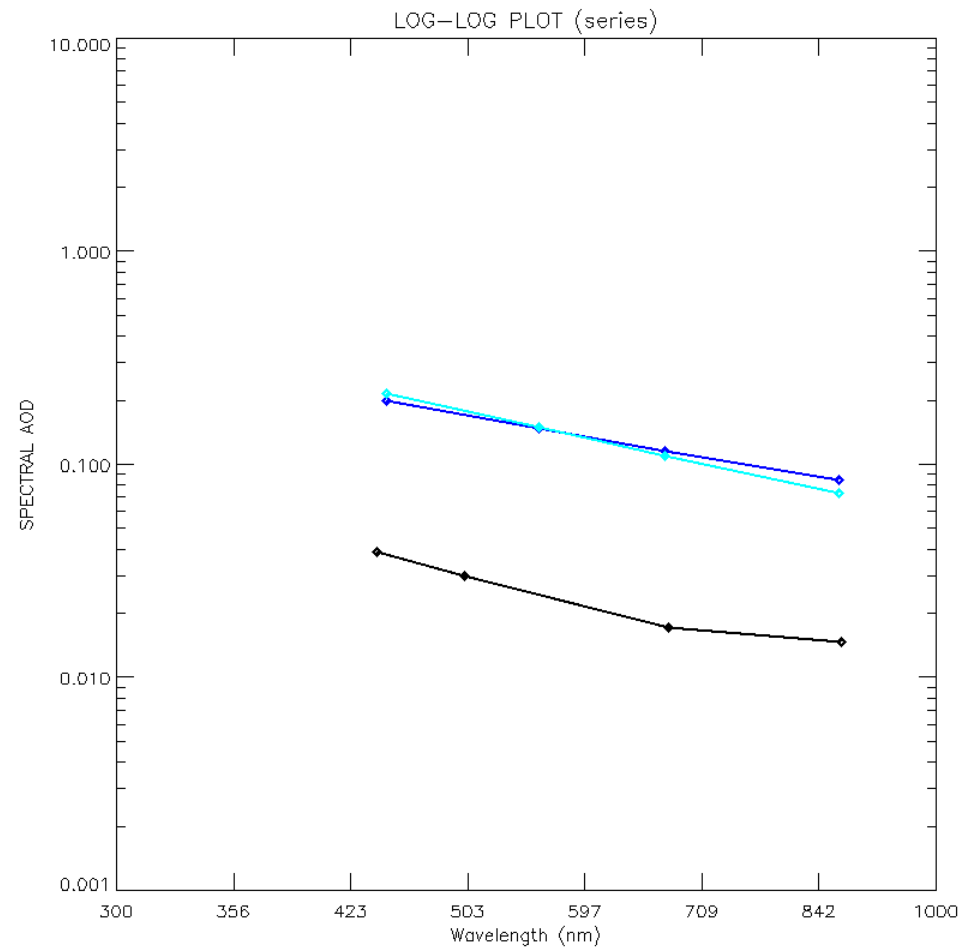
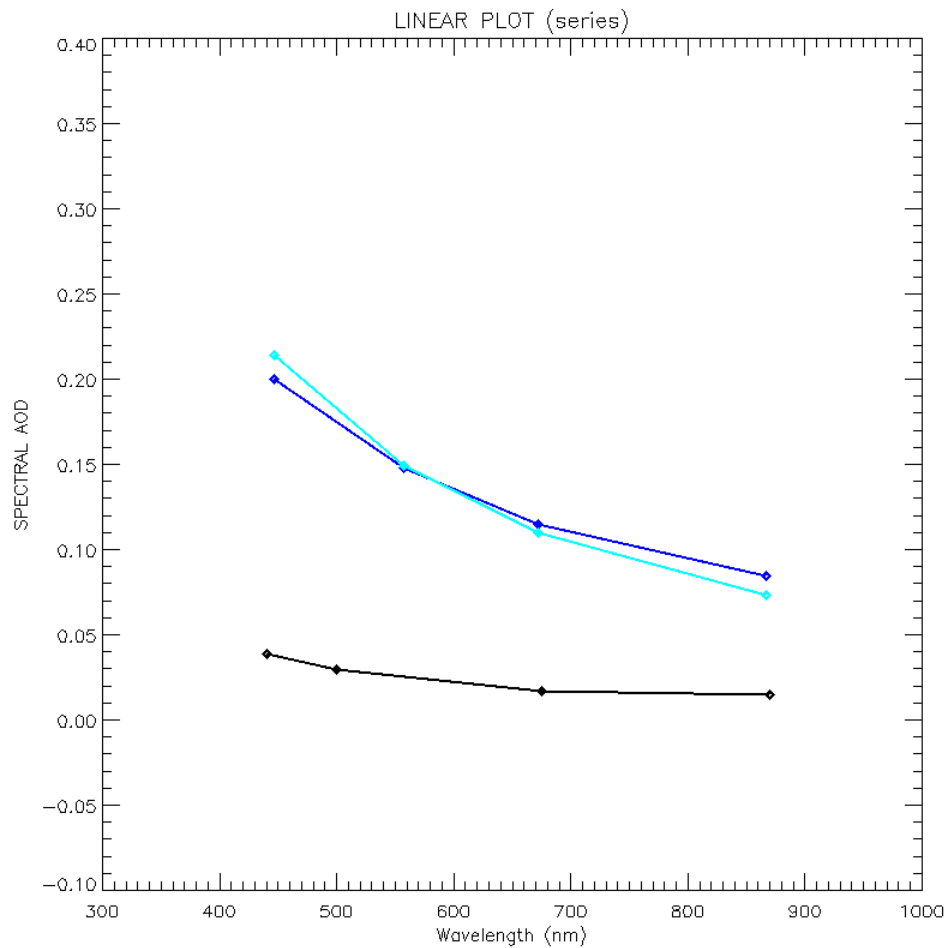


MODIS Particle 1  
 $AE_{rg} = 2.726 (2.698)$



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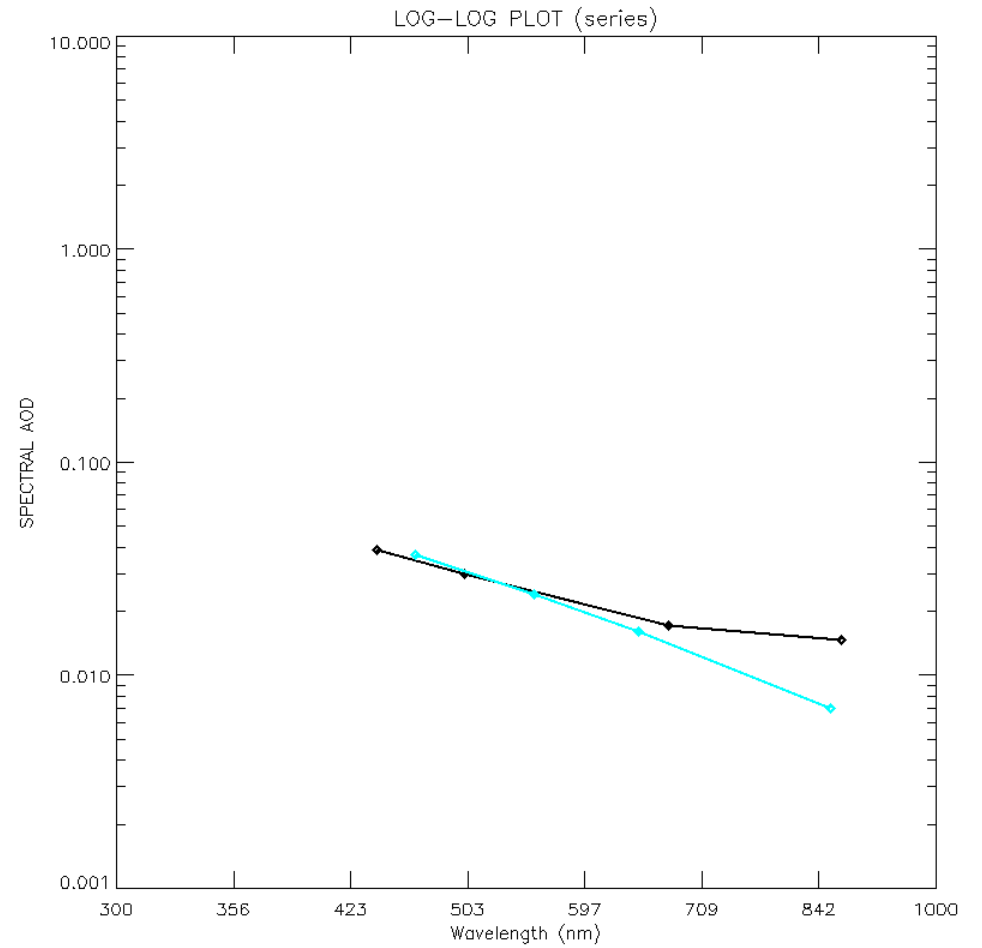
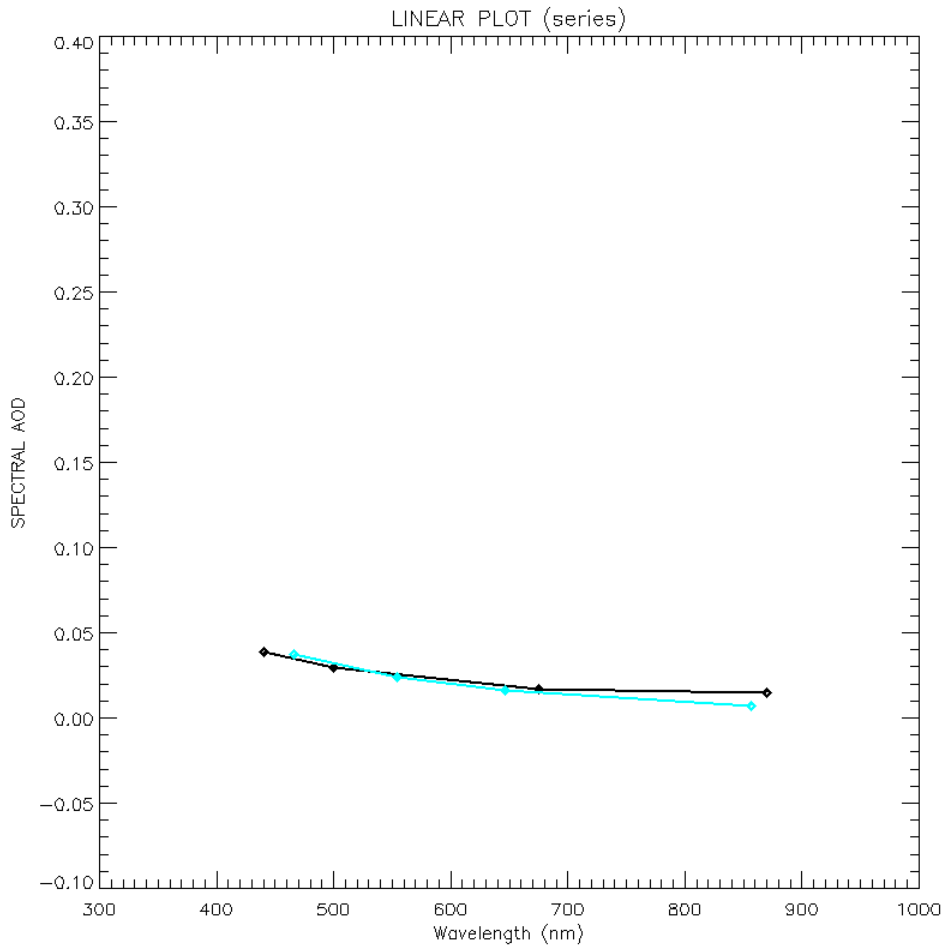
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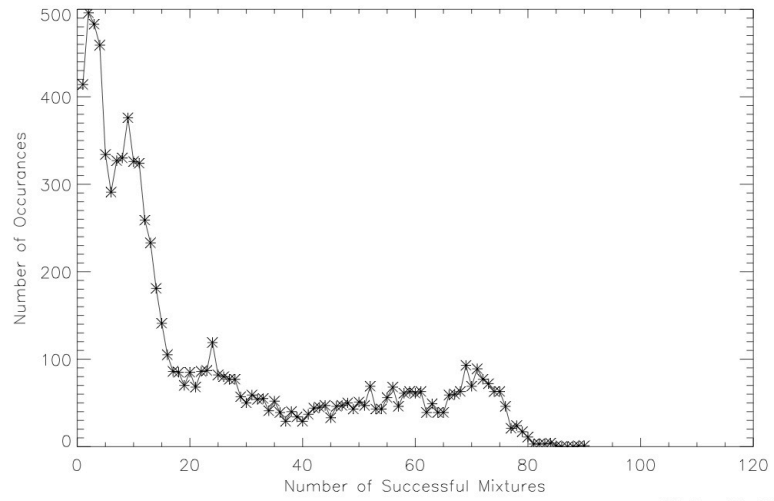
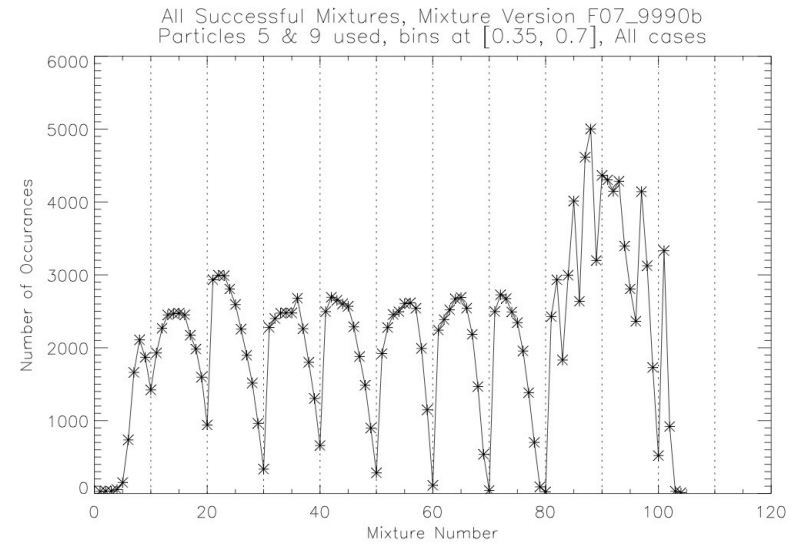
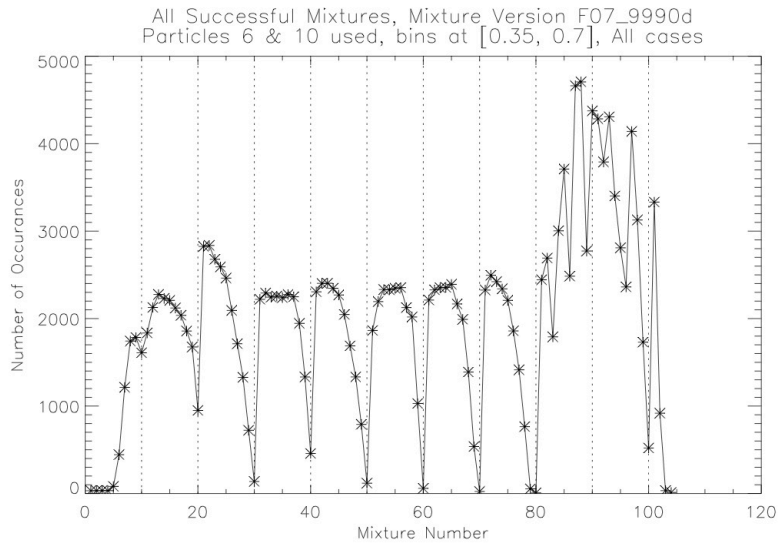
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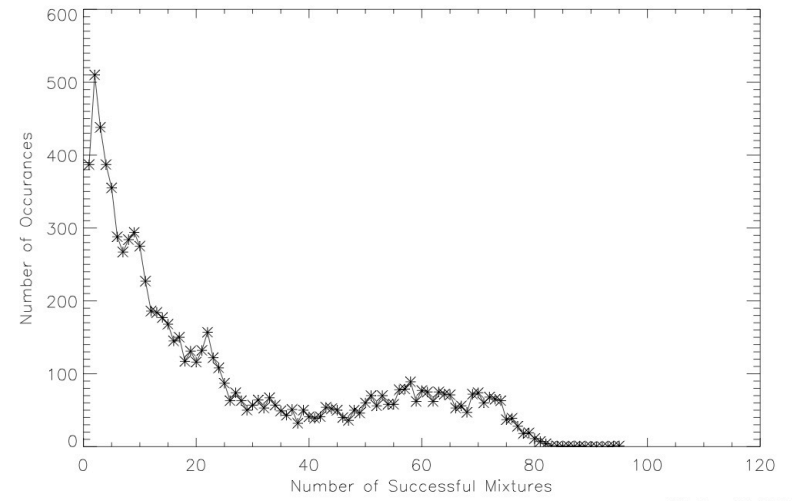
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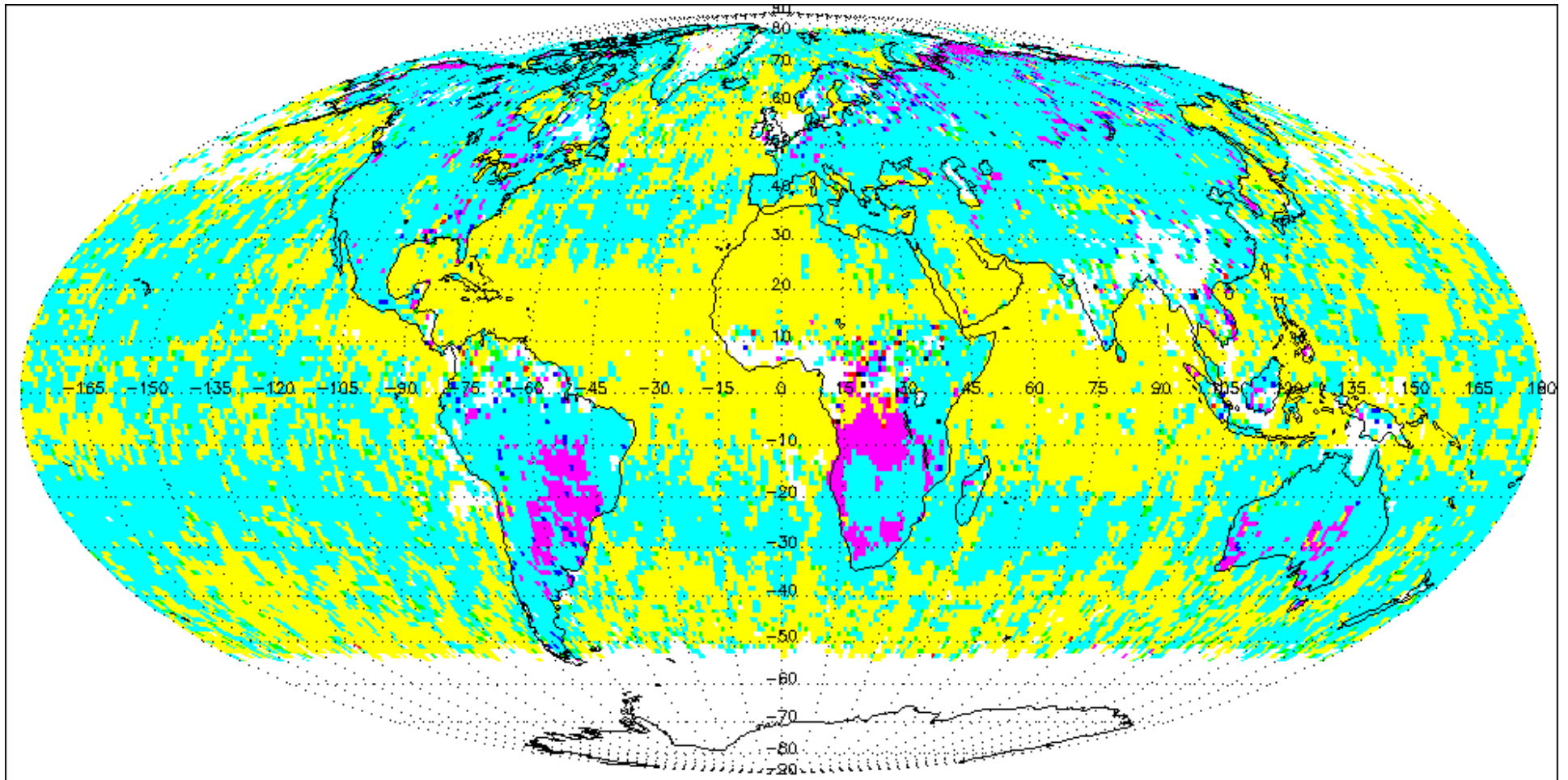








BJGaitley, 17Jun2004



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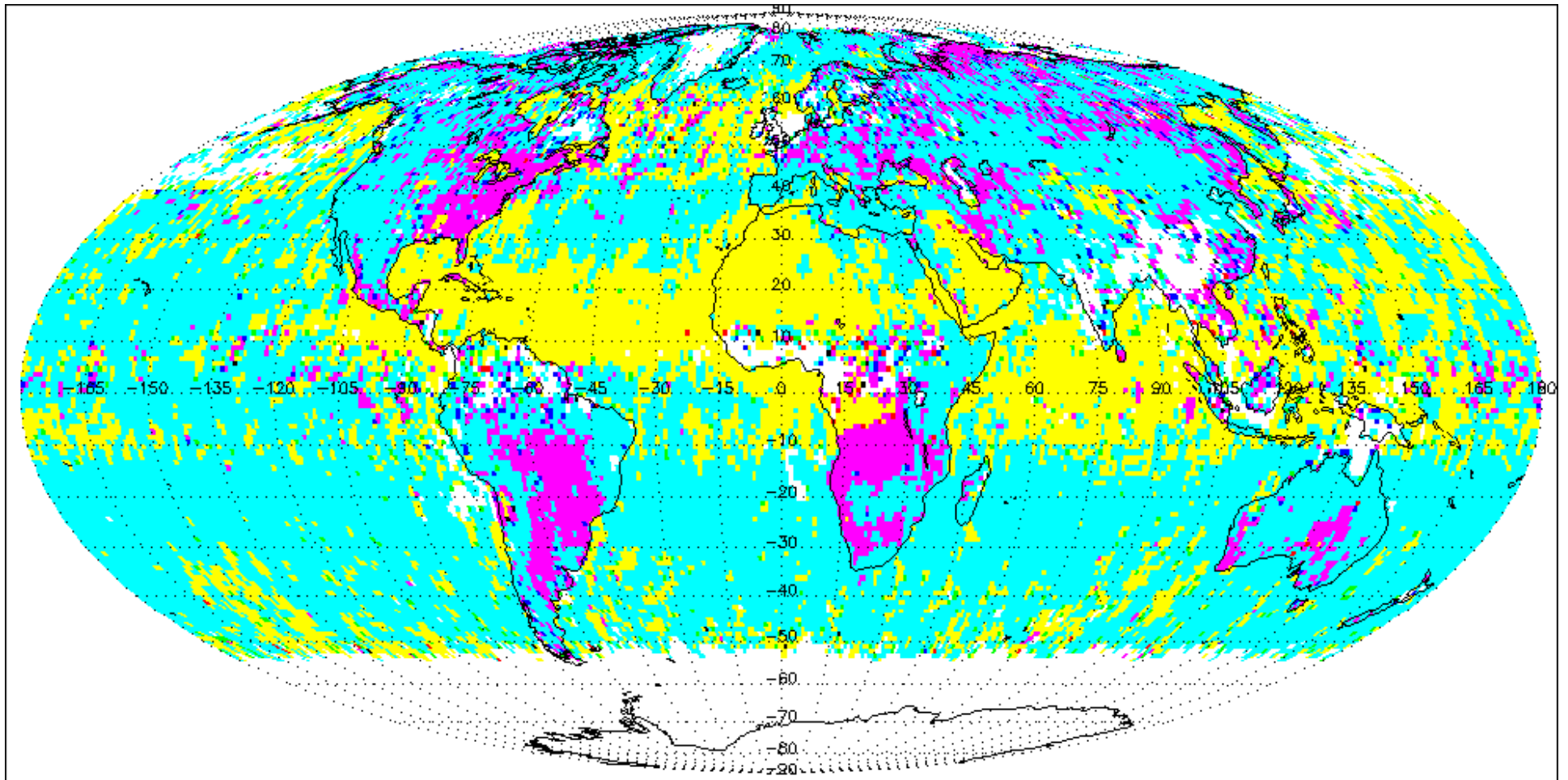
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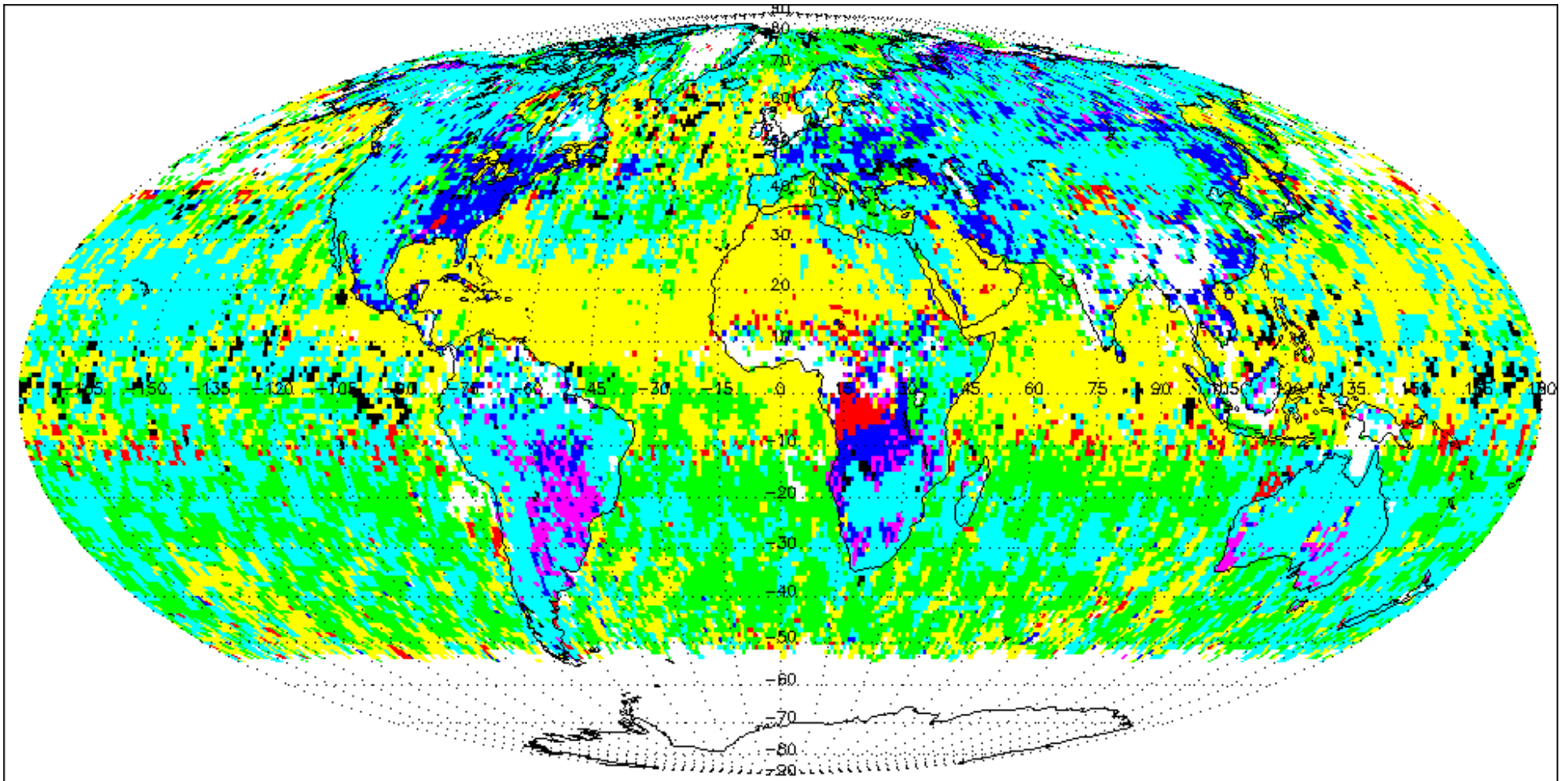


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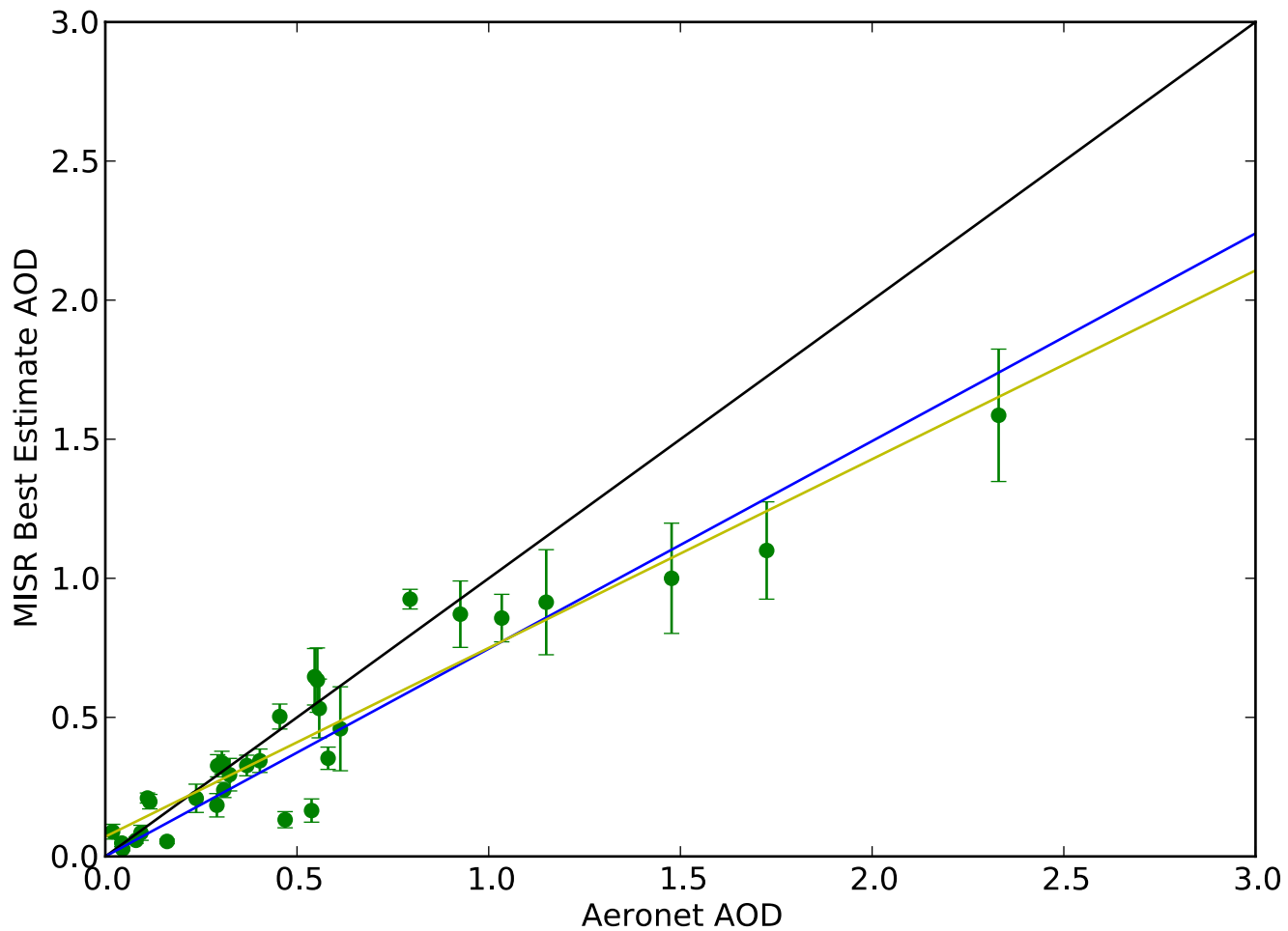


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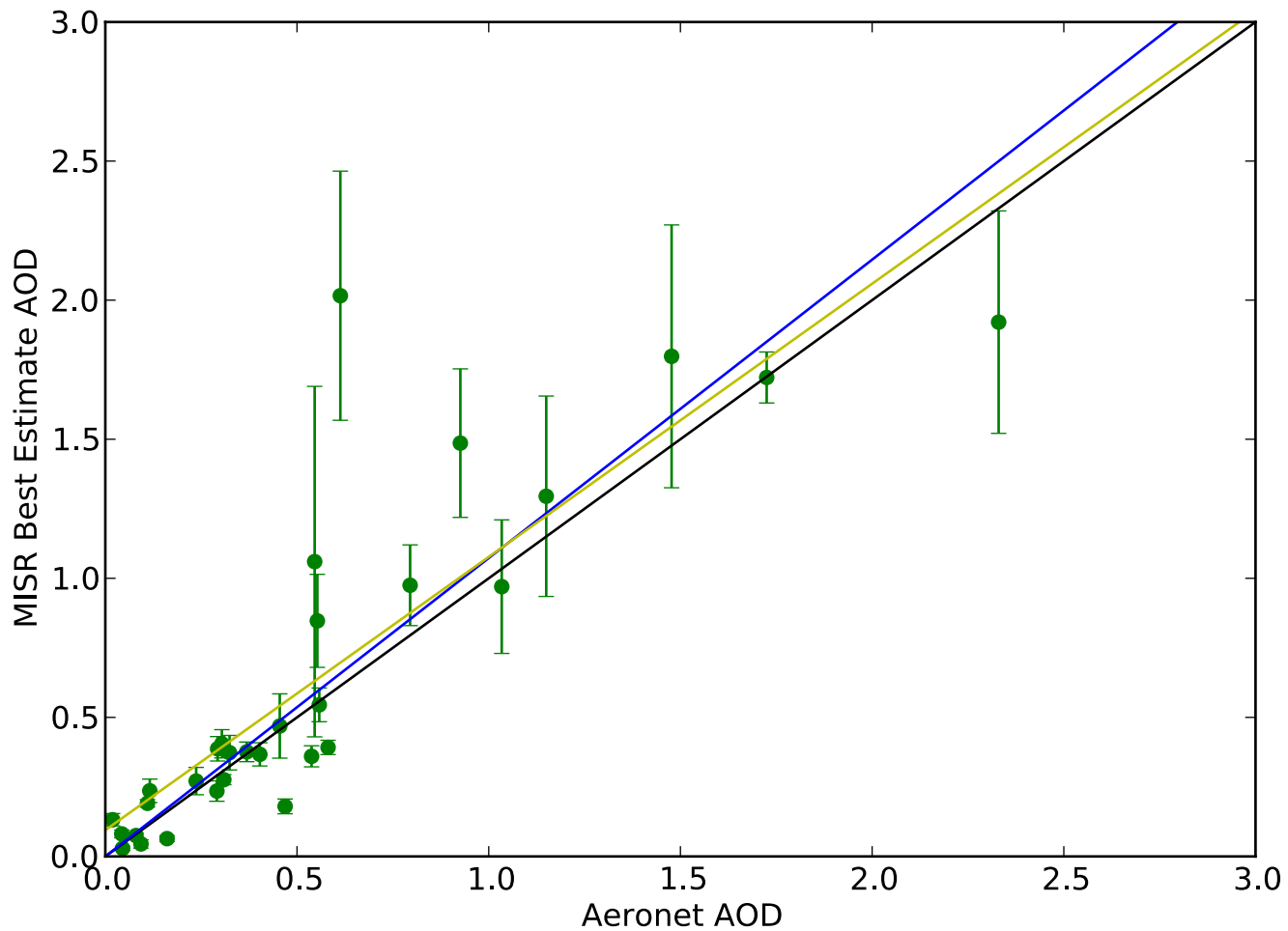


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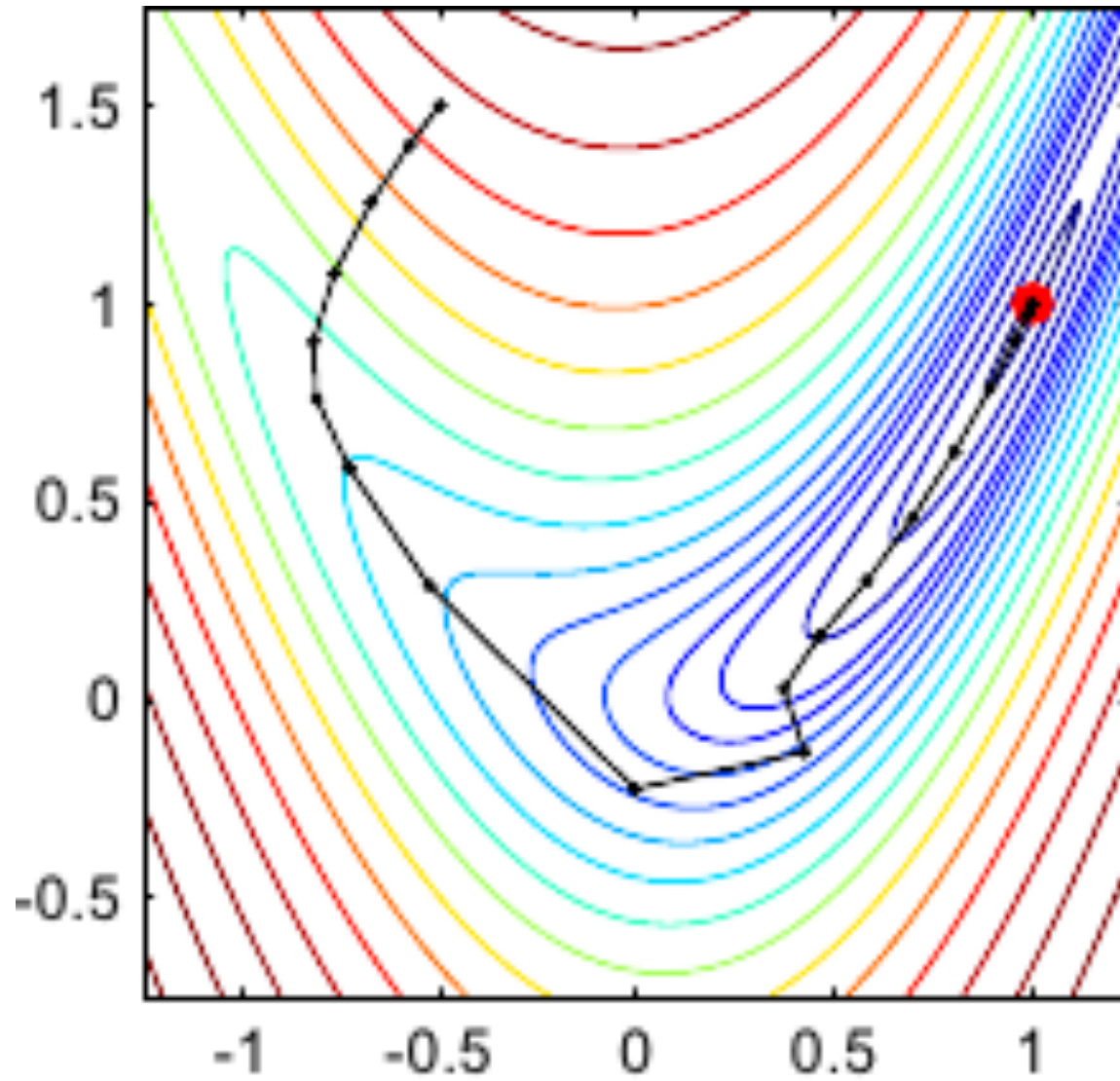
Standard V22 Het + Homog (246 Mixtures)

Aeronet Regression, Best Estimate AOD, version 0022b21-8-246m-e99p-tau0=1  
Error bar = stdev of successful mixtures  
regression\_slope=1.073 stdev=0.368399 mean\_diff=0.084903  
31 sites



New Het (99%) + New Homog (Tau0 = 1.0)

# Optimization



# Chi-Squared Het 2-D Plots

Dimensions:

x-axis = AOD

y-axis = Mixture Number (74 mixtures)



0 Good Fit

1

2 Bad Fit

AERONET AOD for these cases is shown as a vertical green line

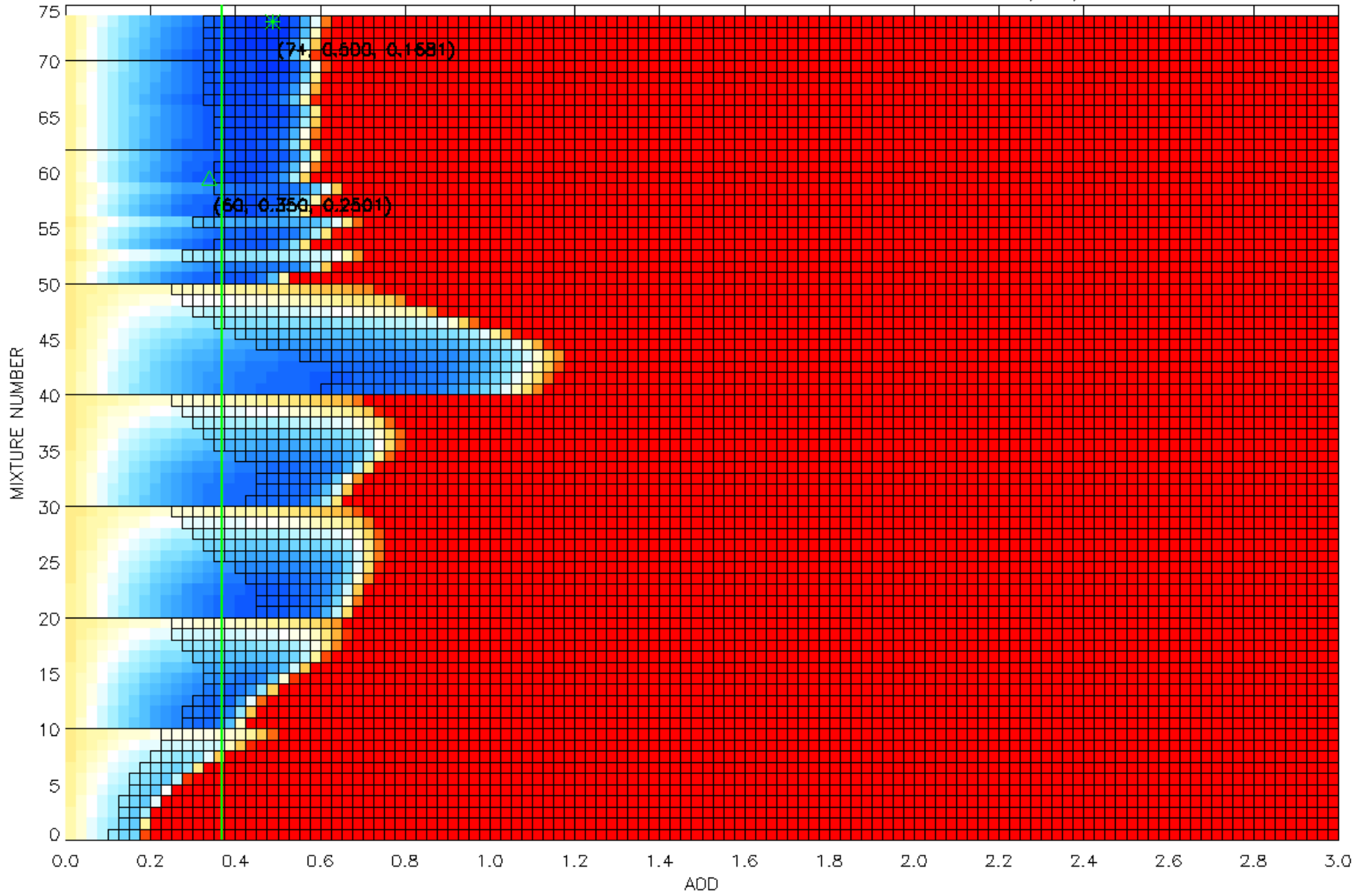
Lowest Chi-Squared Het value shown as a symbol (Asterisk)

Triplet = (Mixture, AOD, Chi-Squared Het)

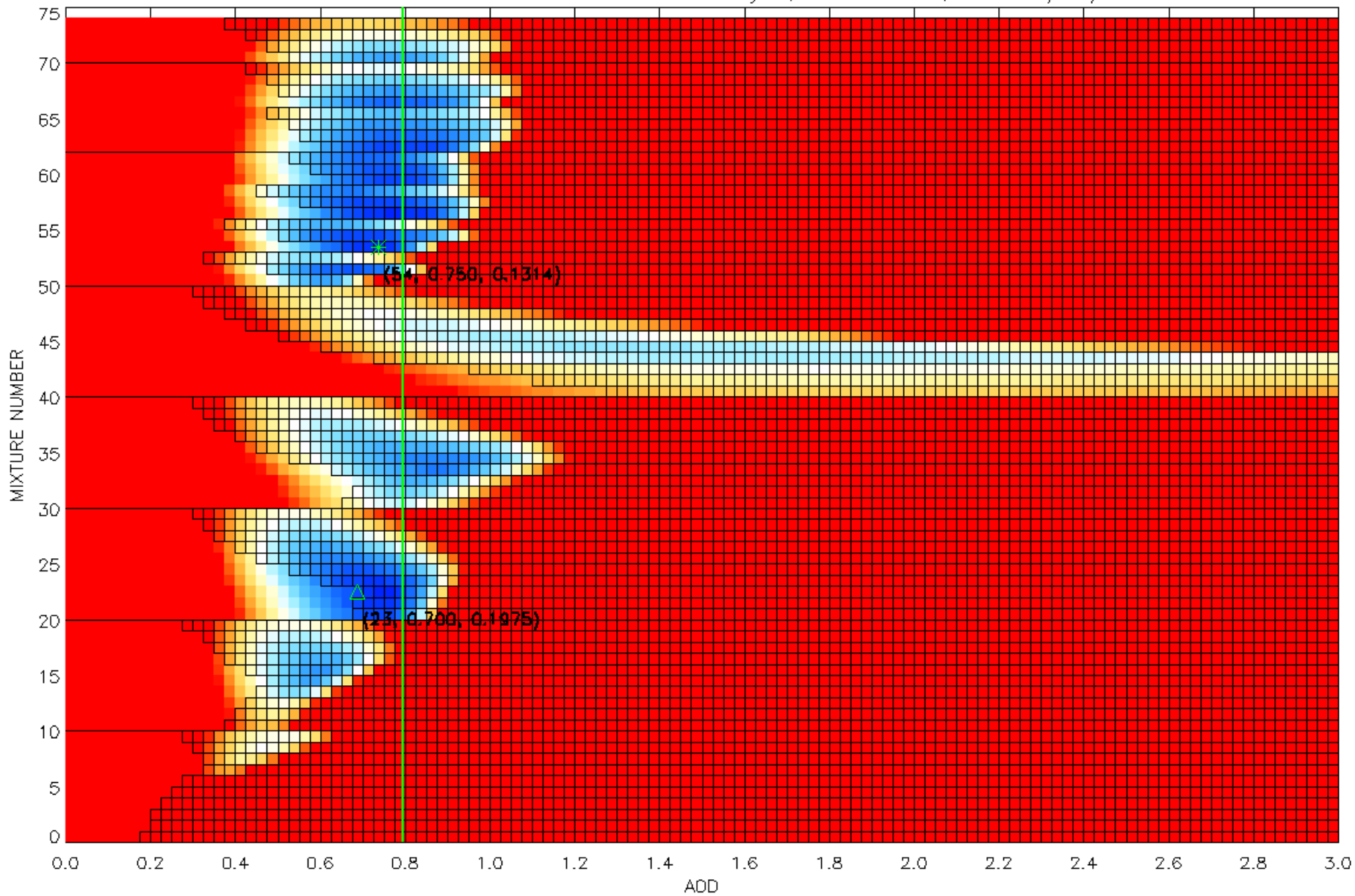
**Added Upper Bound Mask and Lowest Chi-Squared Value (Triangle)**



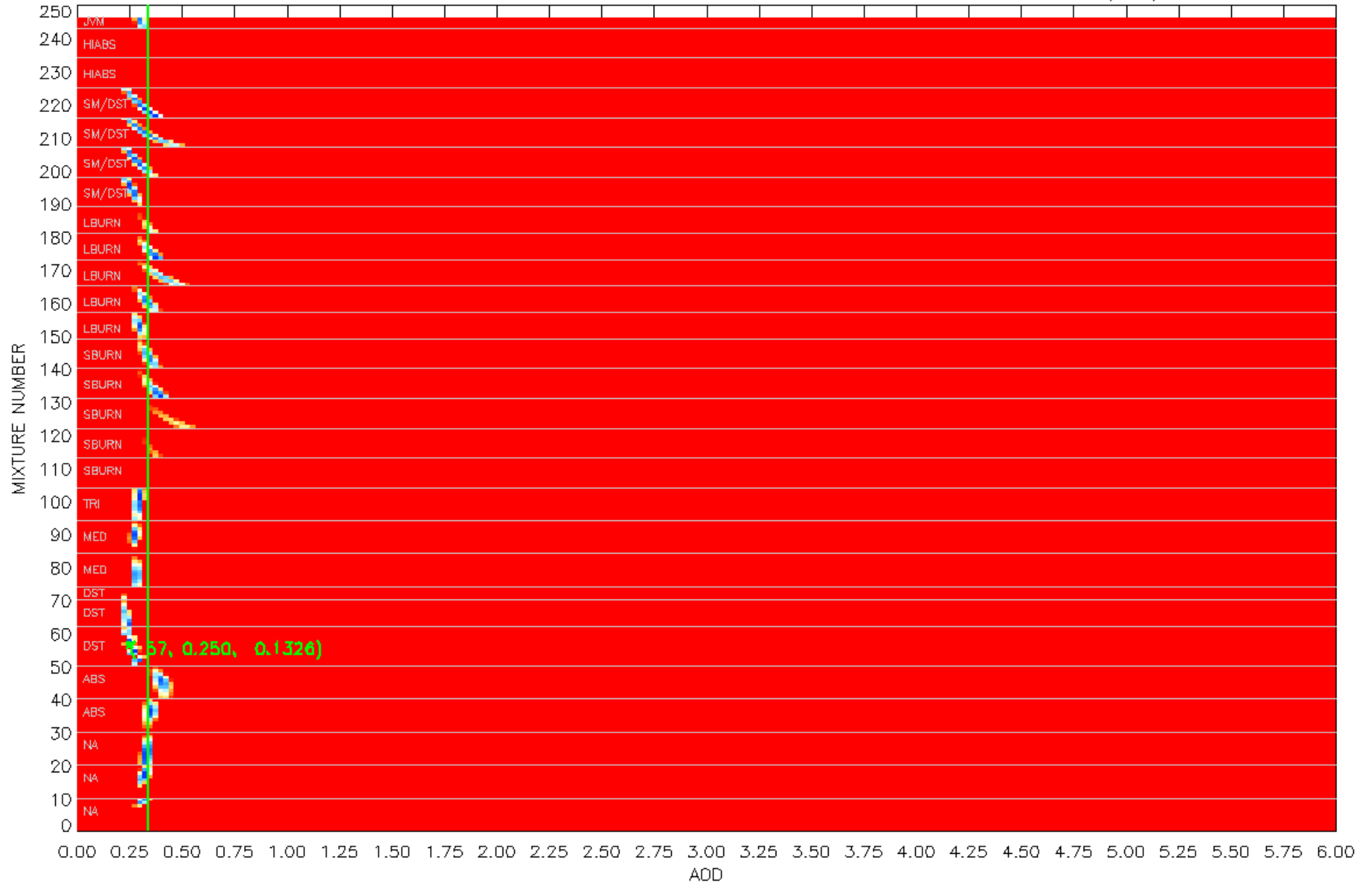
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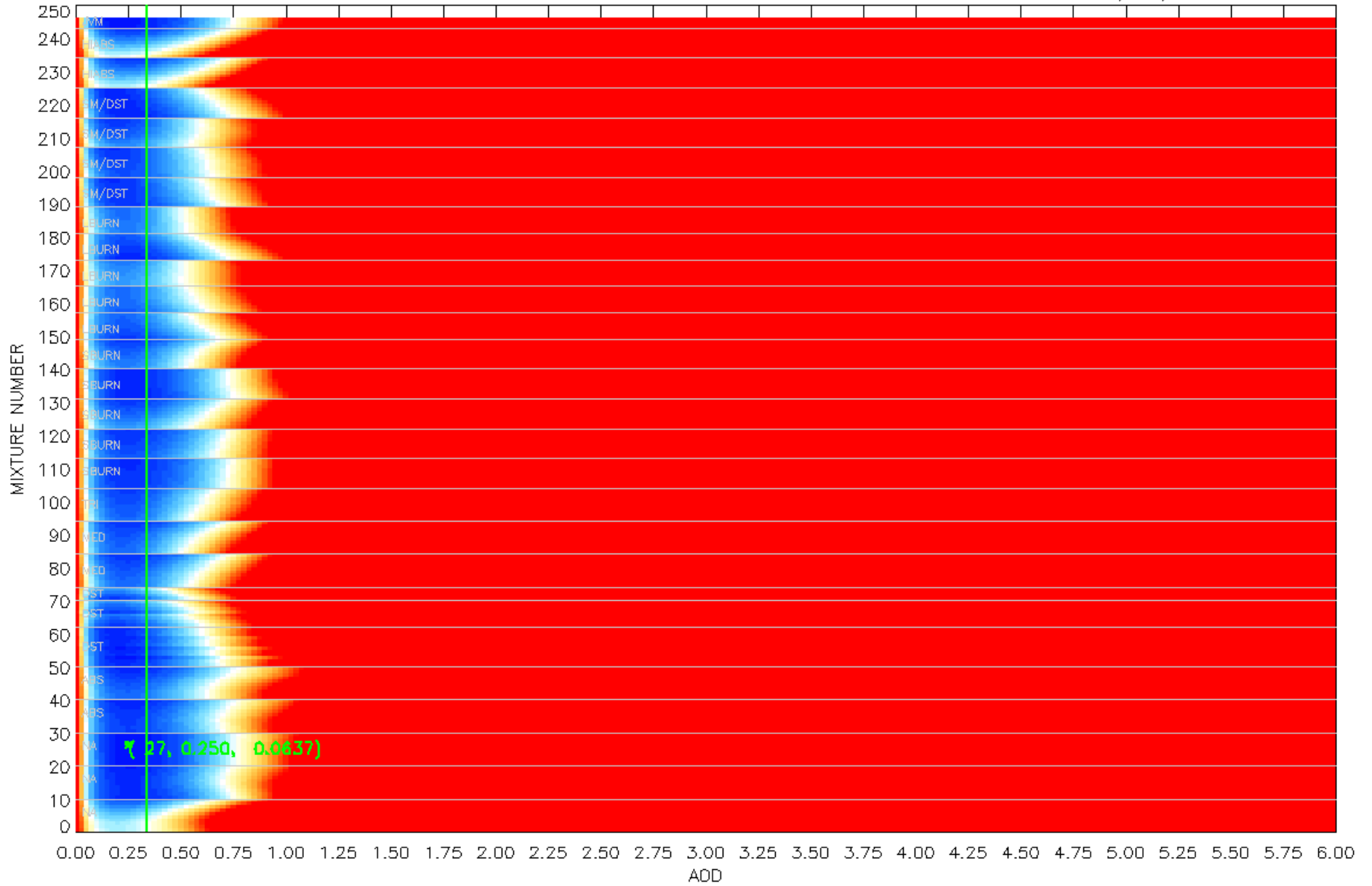
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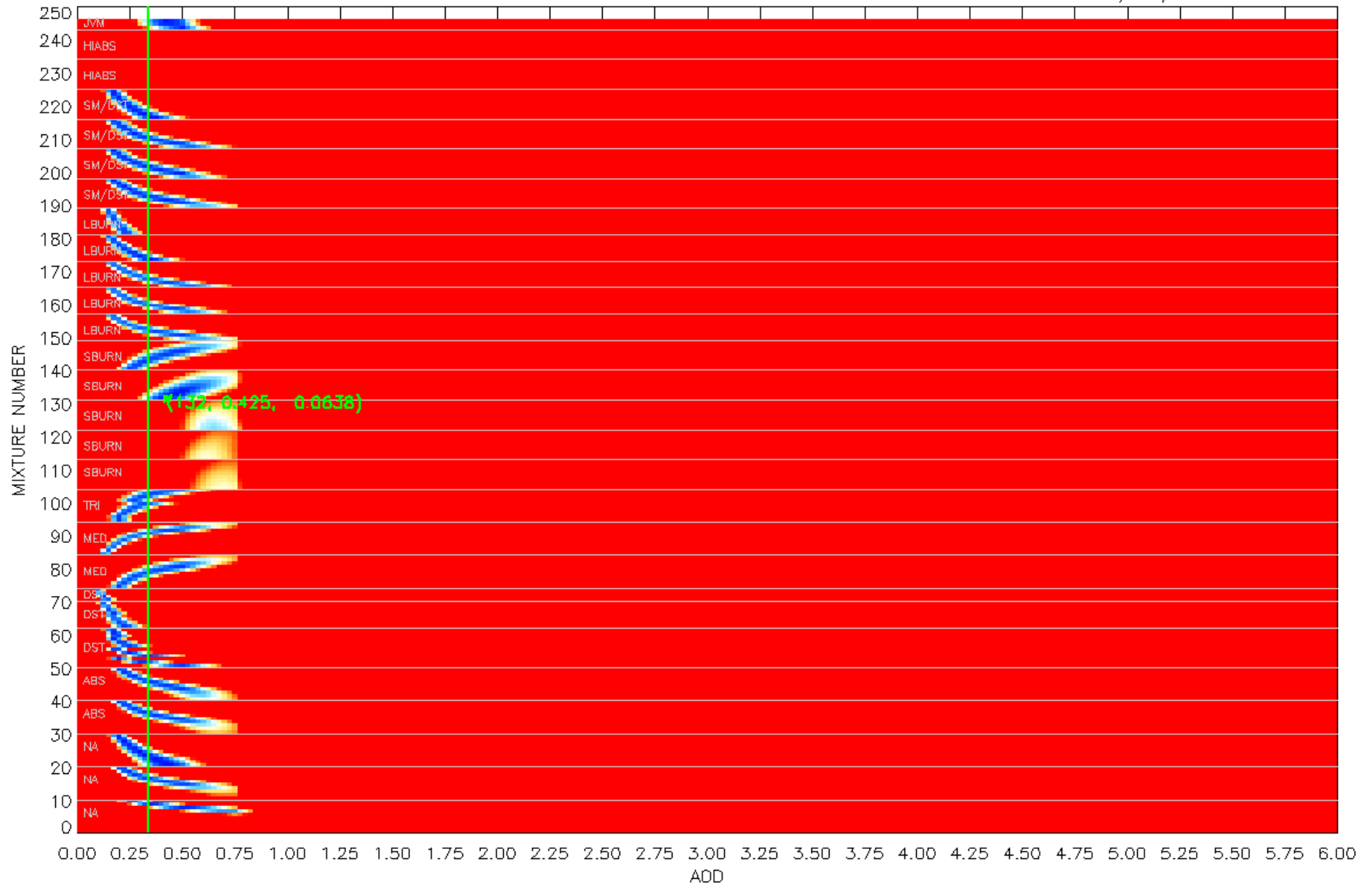
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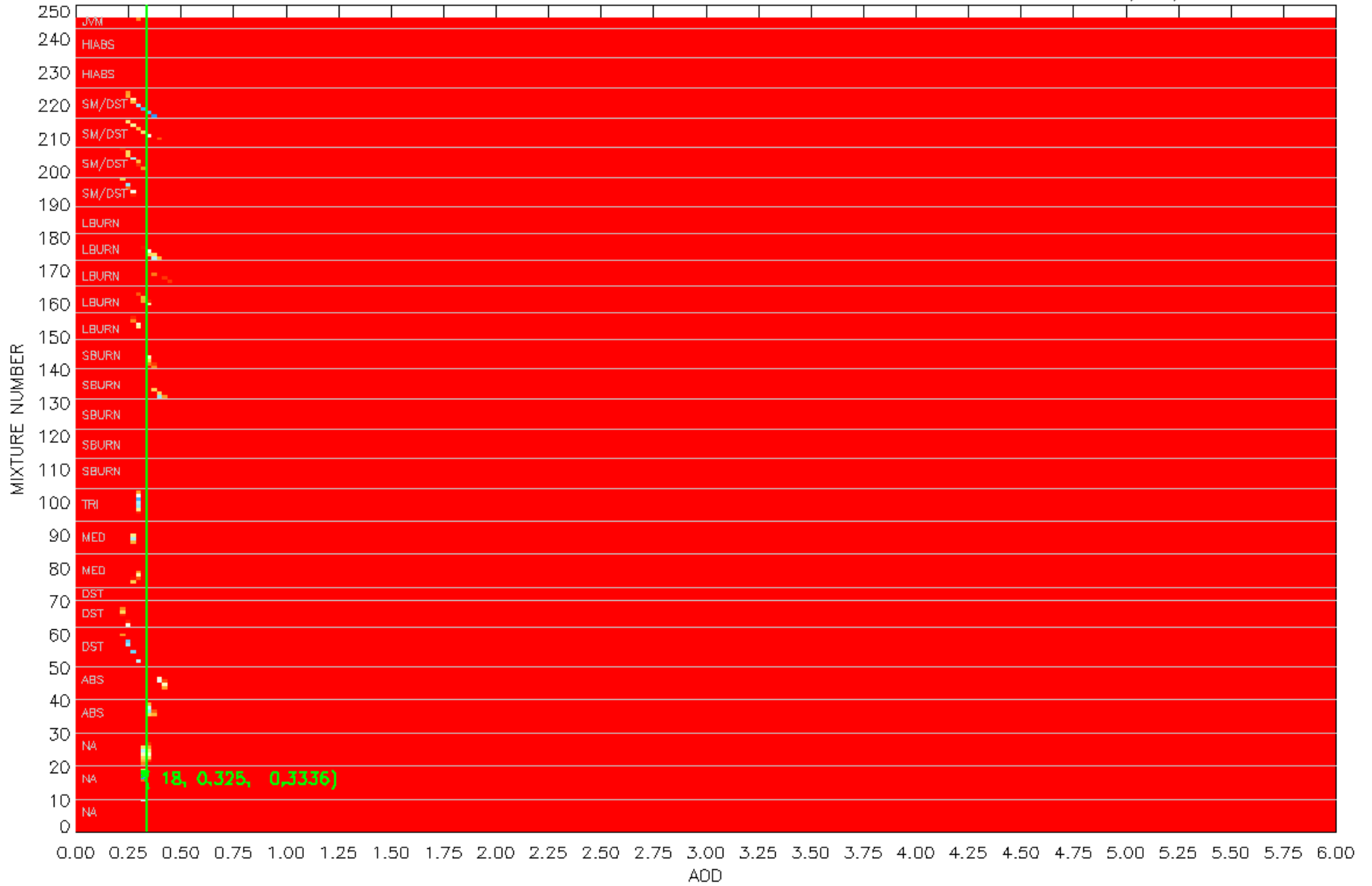
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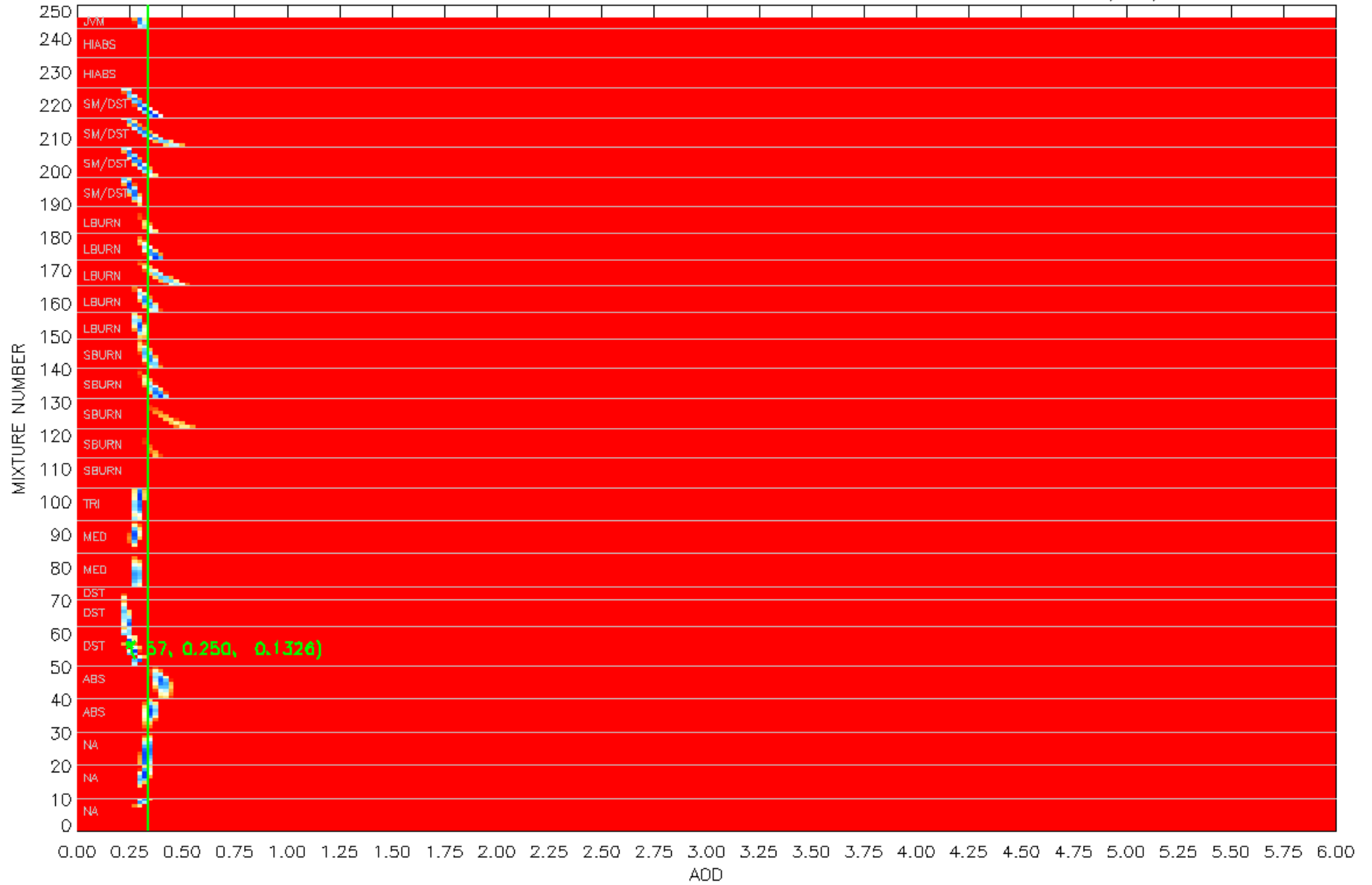
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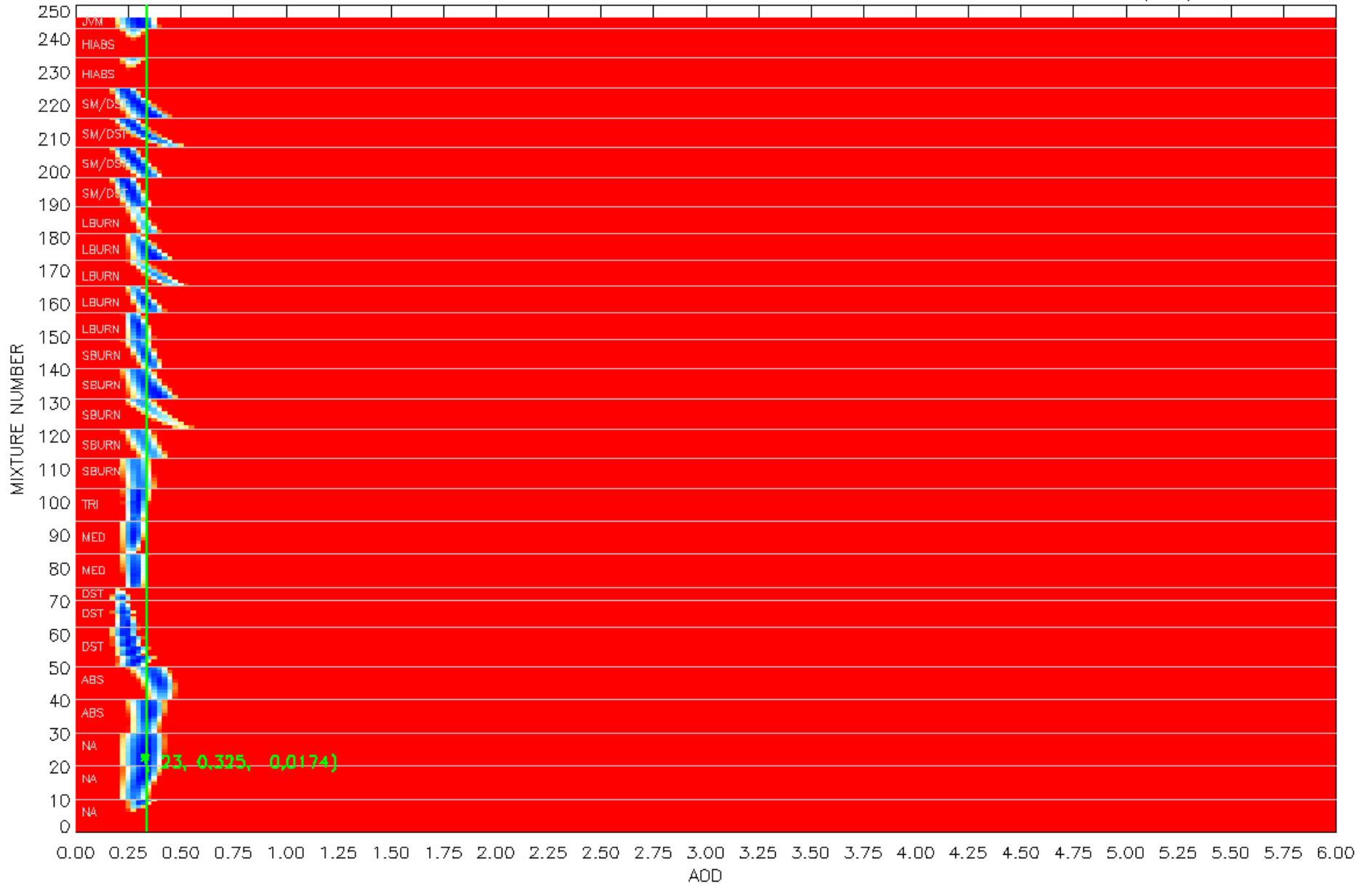


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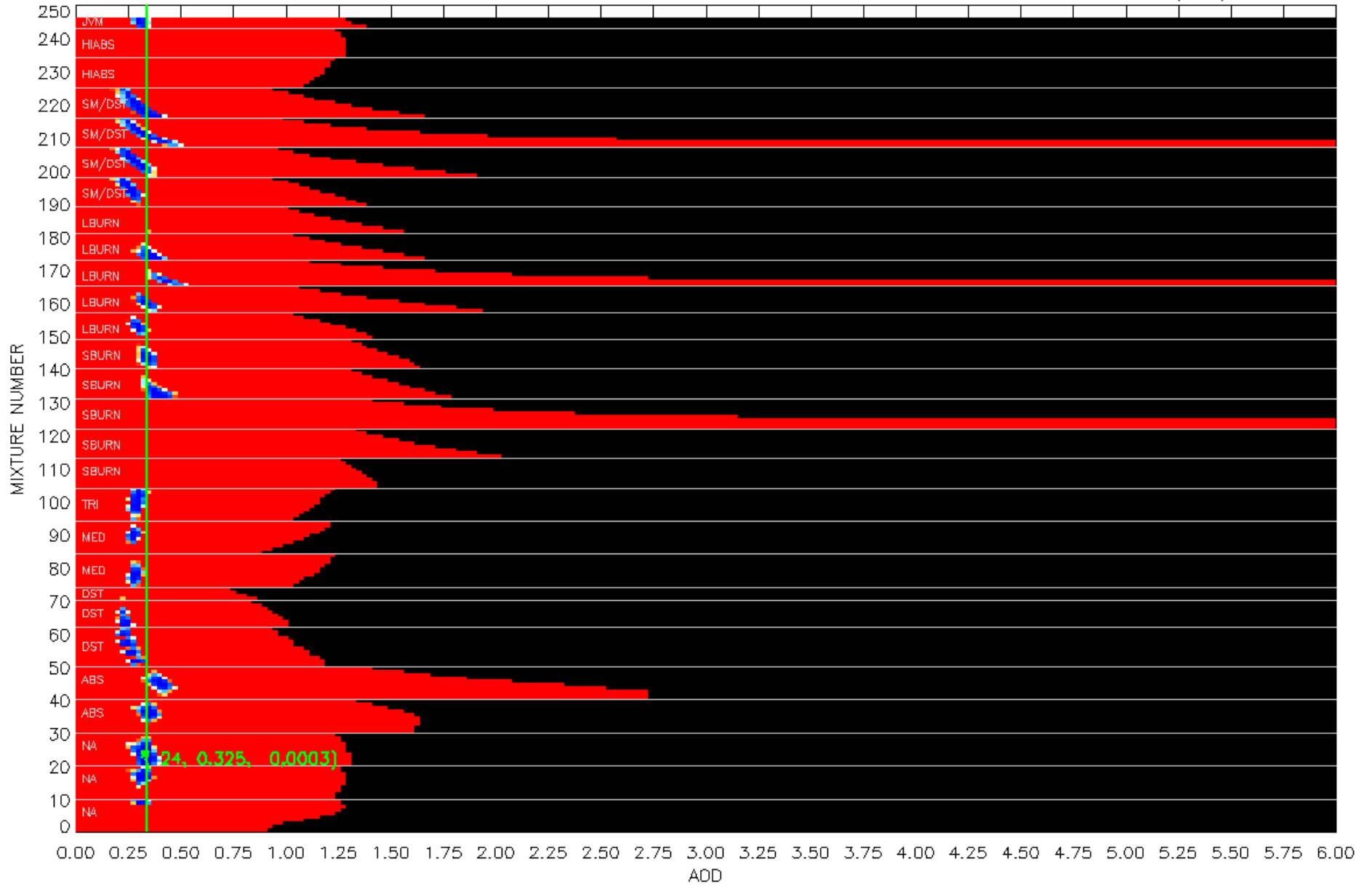




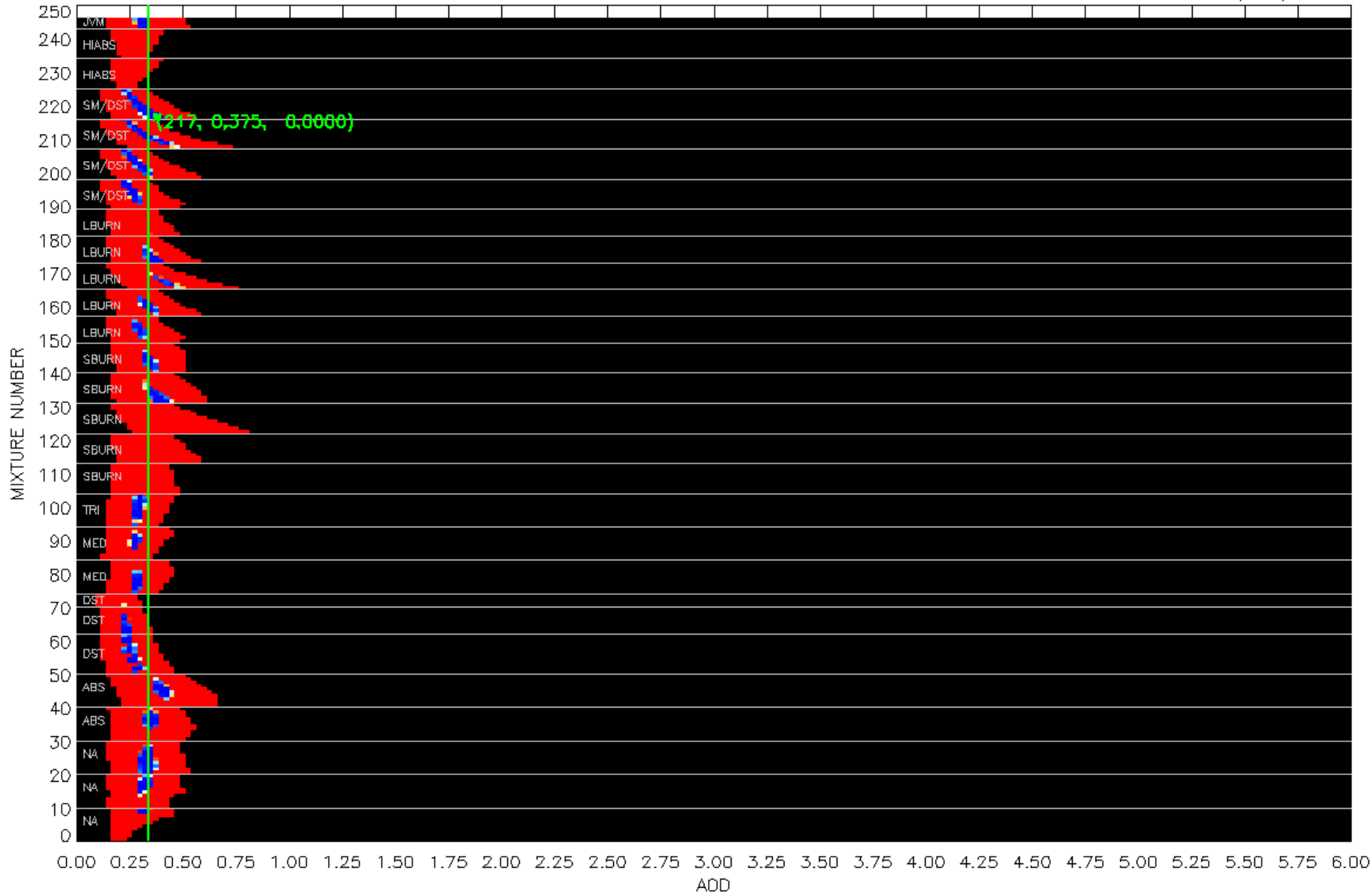
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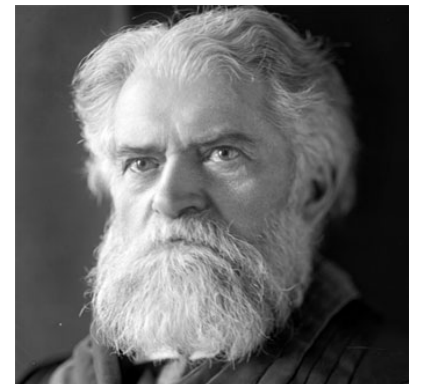


# Benford's Law

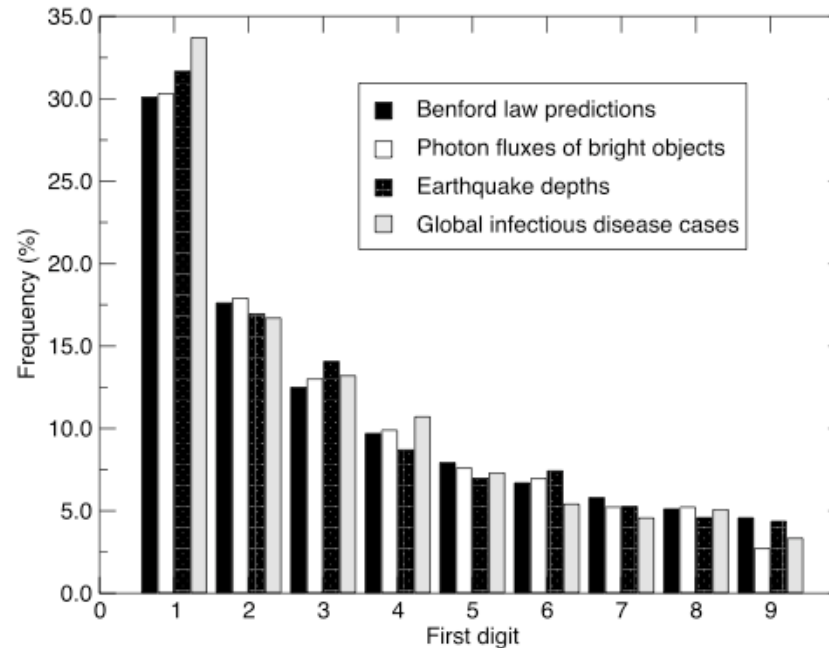
- Simon Newcomb (pictured) published an article in the American Journal of Mathematics in 1881 after noticing that books of logarithms in the library were more used at the beginning and progressively lesser used. He inferred that scientists were looking up numbers starting with 1 more often and less often for later numbers. He expressed this mathematically with the equation:

$$P_D = \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{D} \right)$$

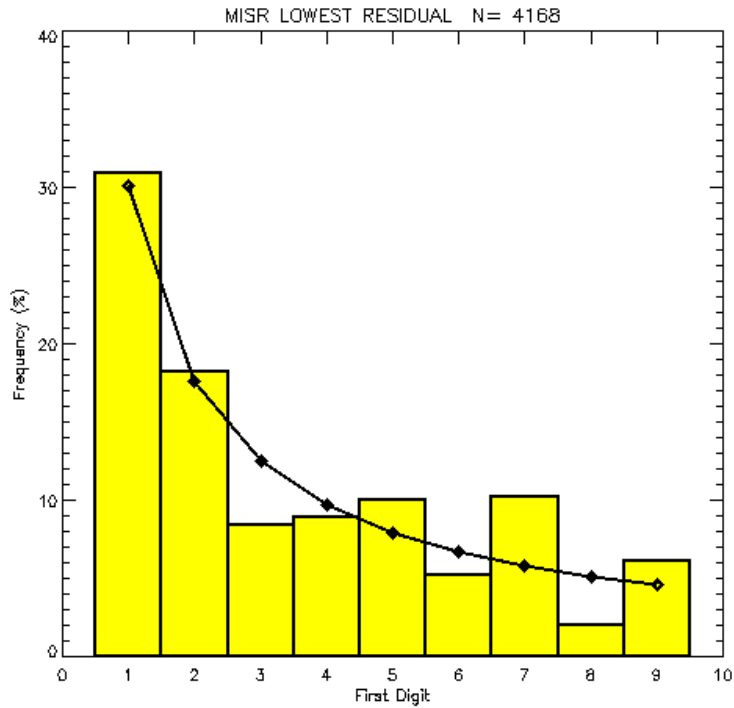
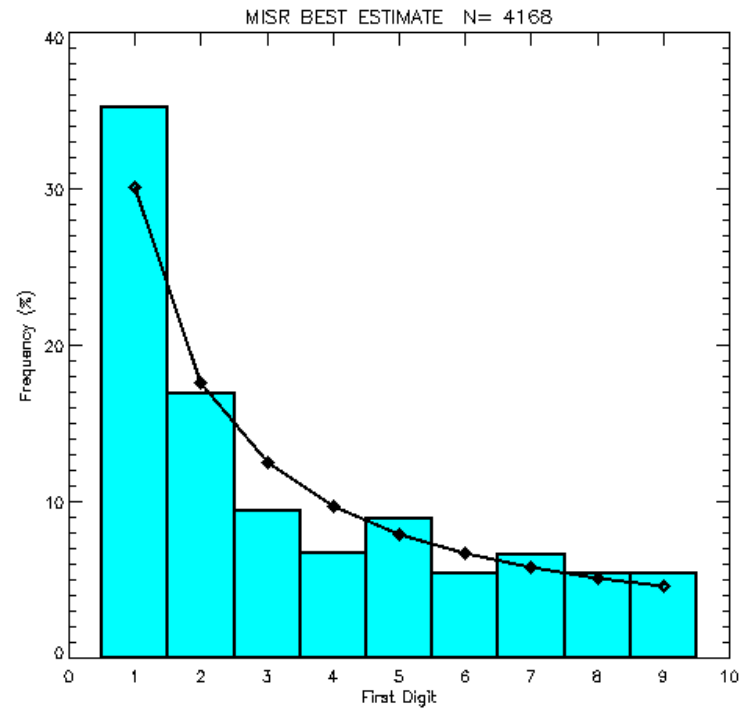
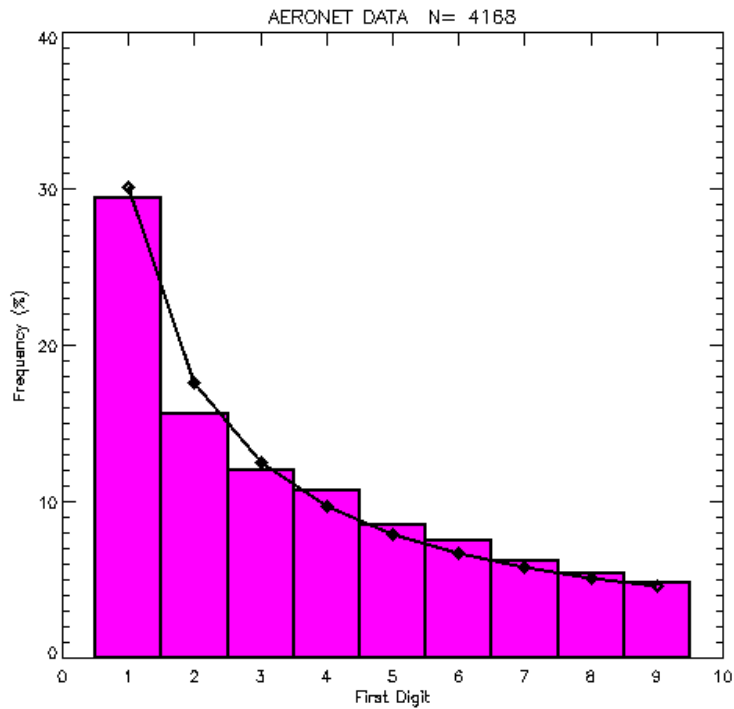
- Frank Benford (not pictured) rediscovered this law by making exactly the same observation about books of logarithms and found many other data sets that followed the law. He published his results in a paper in the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society in 1938.



# Benford's Law



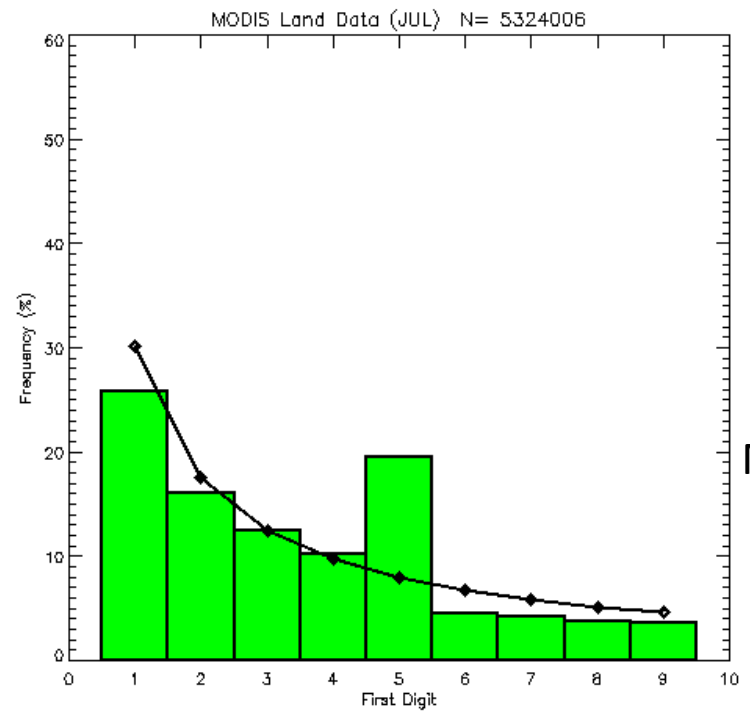
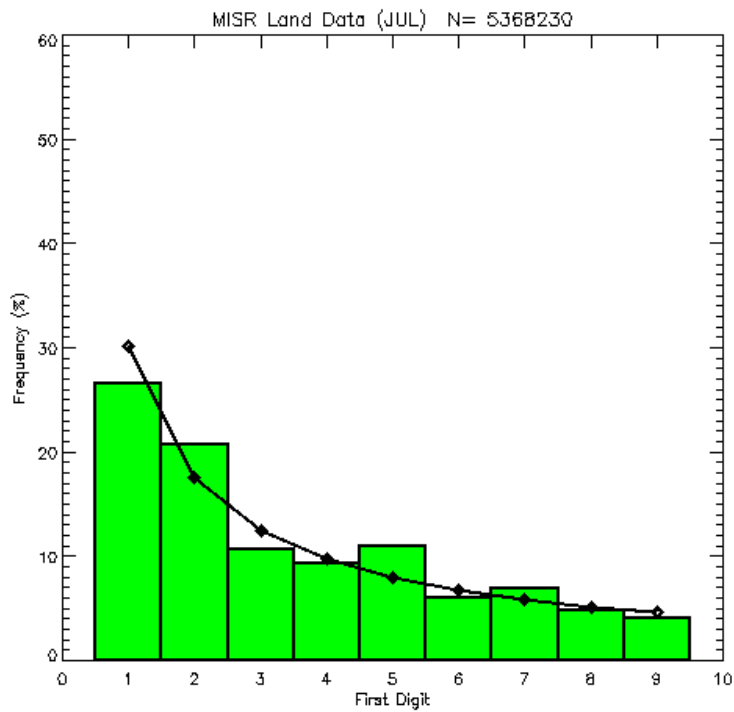
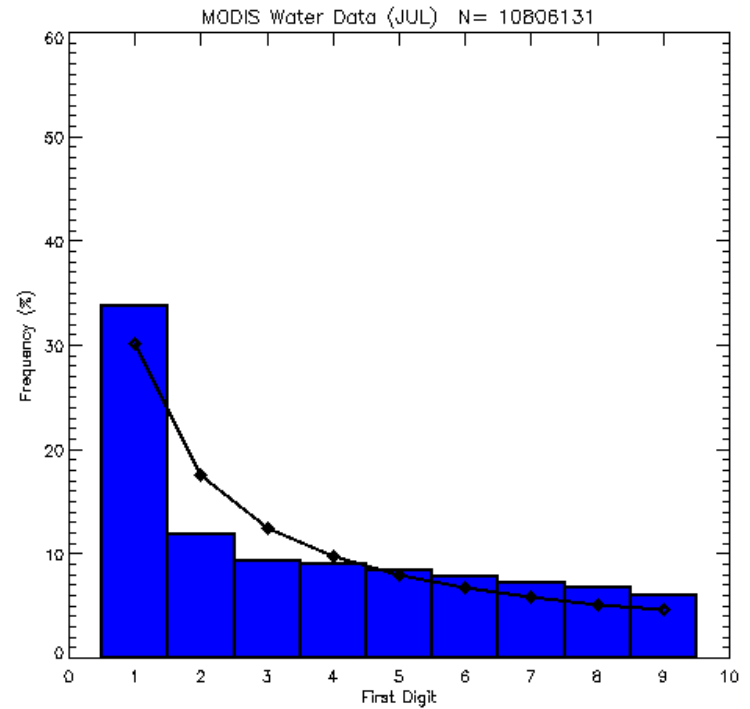
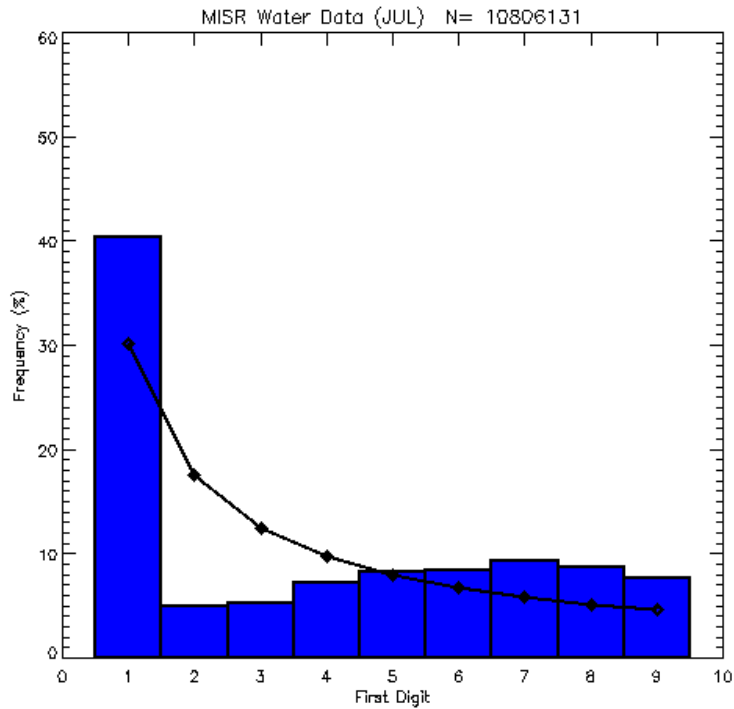
**Figure 1.** Benford's law predictions according to (1) for distributions of 1st digits compared to three data sets from Table 1. Columns represent eighth row of Table 1, photon fluxes for 1452 bright objects identified by the Fermi space telescope, ninth row of Table 1 depths of 248915 globally distributed earthquakes in the period 1989–2009, and fourteenth row of Table 1 987 reports of infectious disease numbers to World Health Organization in 2007. See Caption of Table 1 for full details. The 1st digit distributions from a wide variety of data sets appear to fit the predictions of the 1st digit law well.



Line shows predictions from Benford's Law

Matched MISR V22/AERONET Data





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