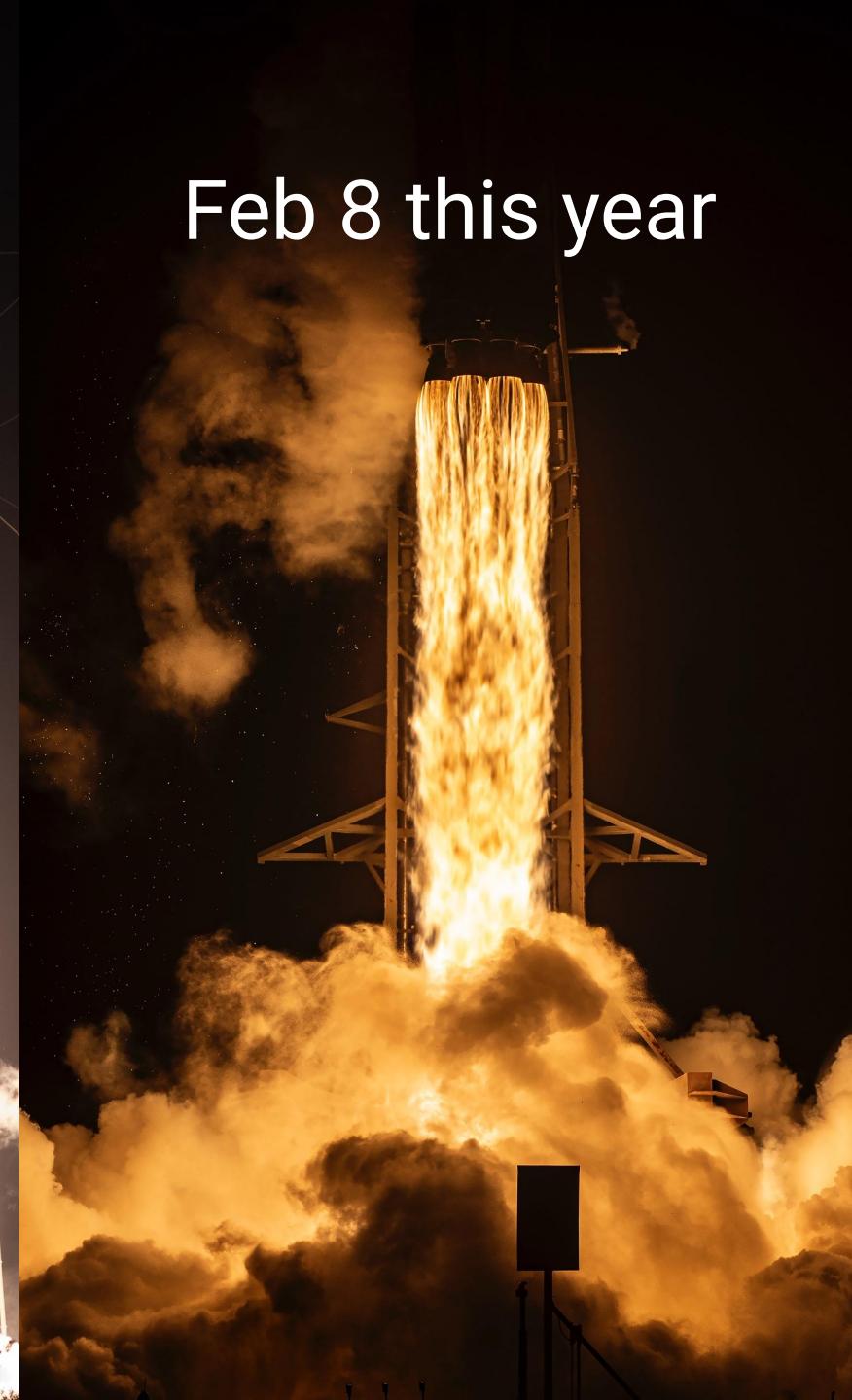




# Can We Even Observe Microphysics? Experience from PACE polarimeter retrievals

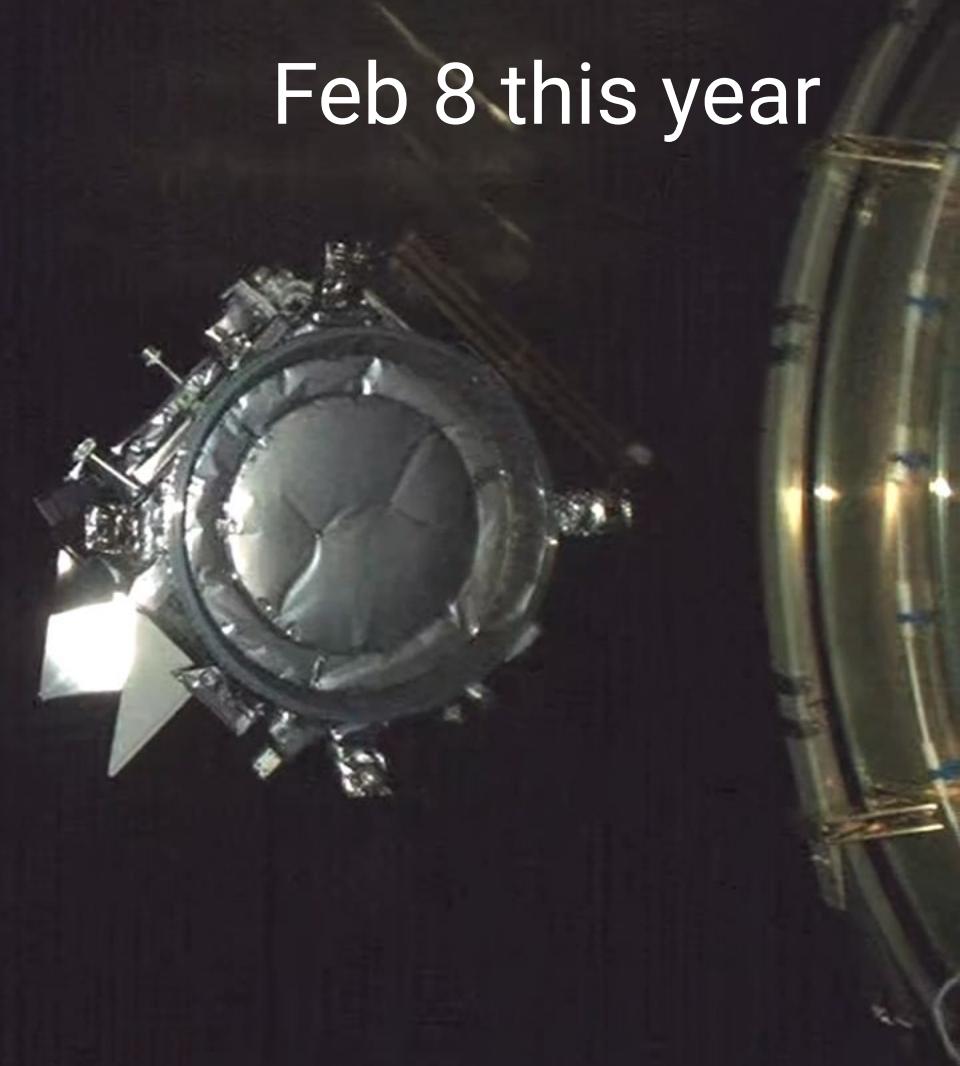
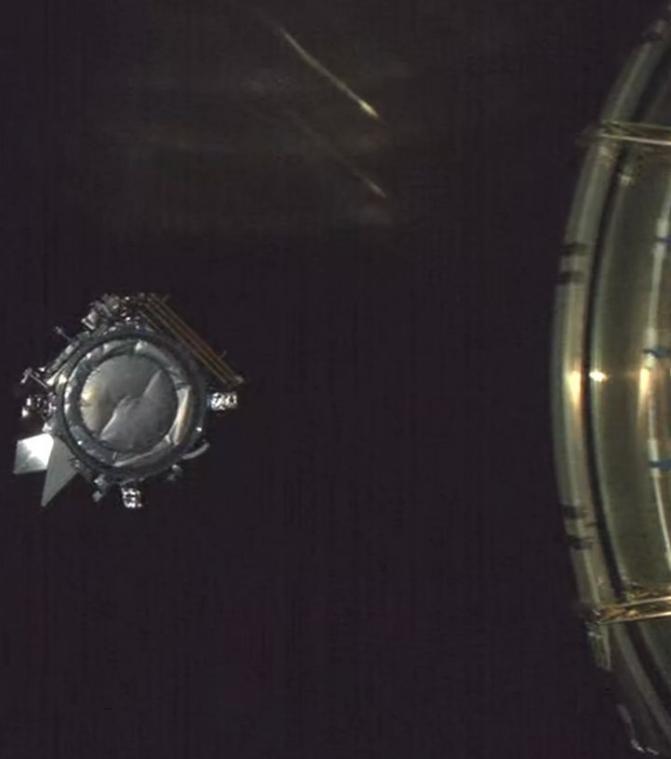
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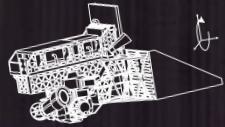
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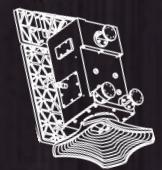
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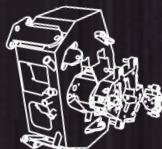
### OCI

340-890 nm in 2.5 nm steps  
7 discrete SWIR, 940-2260 nm  
1-2 day coverage  $\pm 20^\circ$  tilt, 1.2km



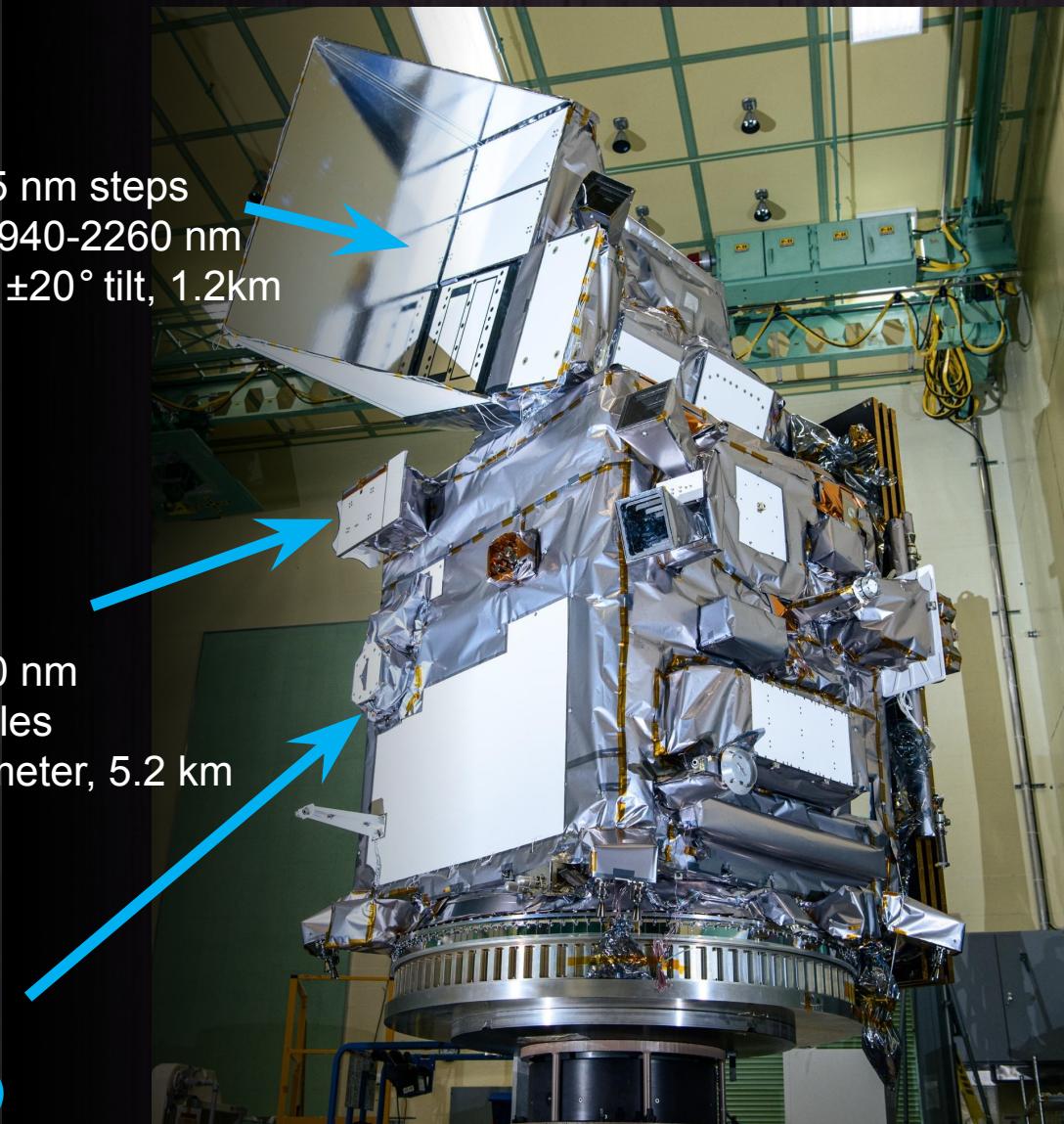
### HARP2 (UMBC)

440, 550, 670, 870 nm  
10-60 viewing angles  
wide swath polarimeter, 5.2 km

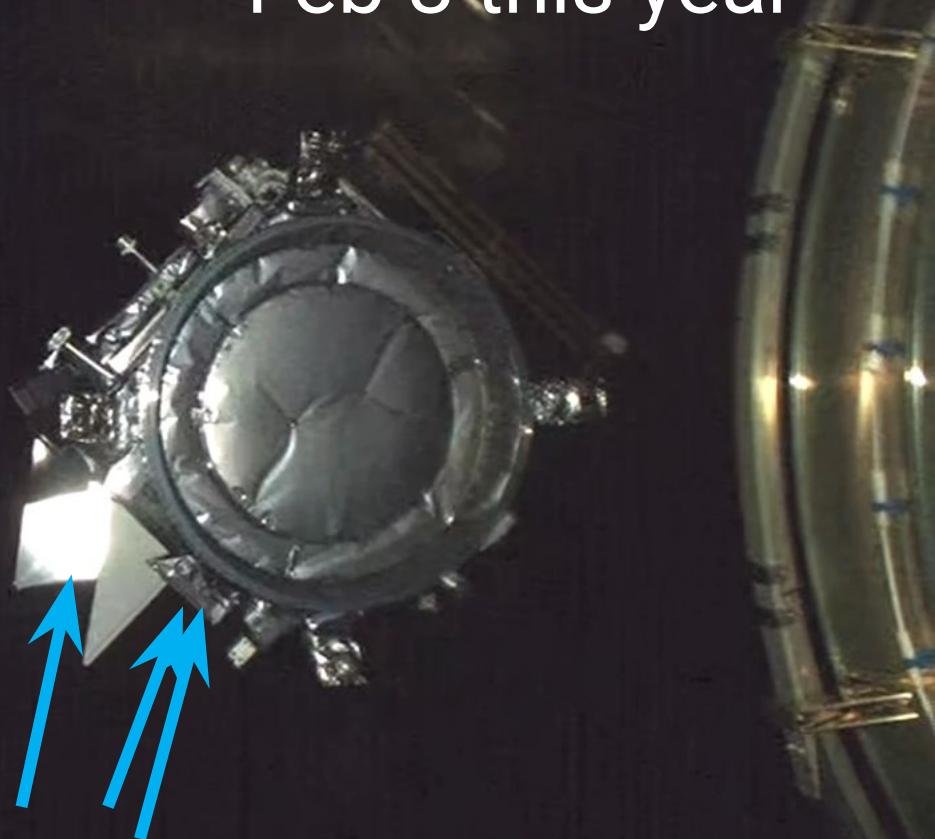


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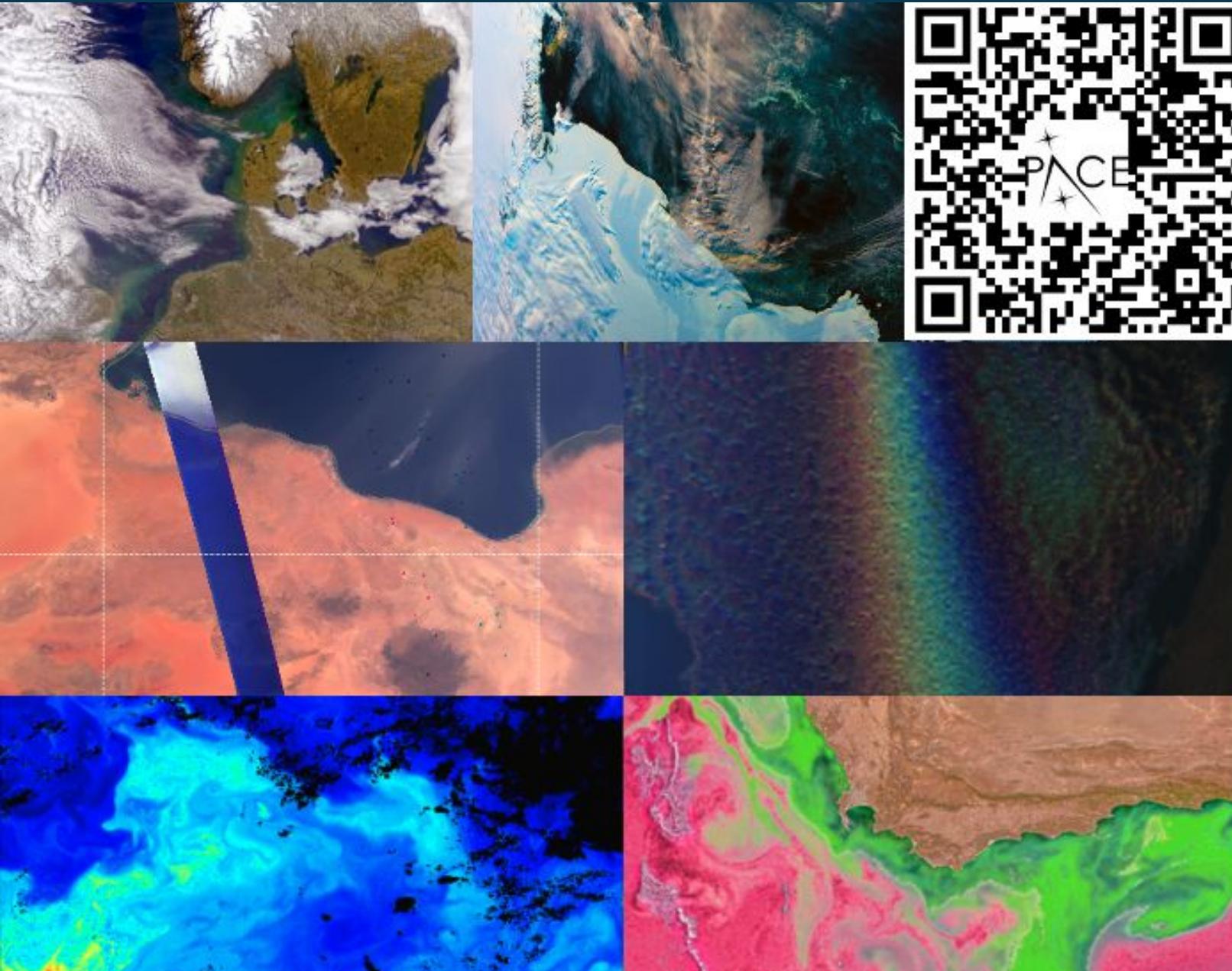
380-770 nm in 2-4 nm steps  
5 viewing angles  
narrow swath polarimeter, 5.2 km



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# Initial data released on 11 Apr 2024



## V1 initial release

- Level-1 (radiometry) from all 3 instruments
- Heritage suite of Ocean Color products from OCI

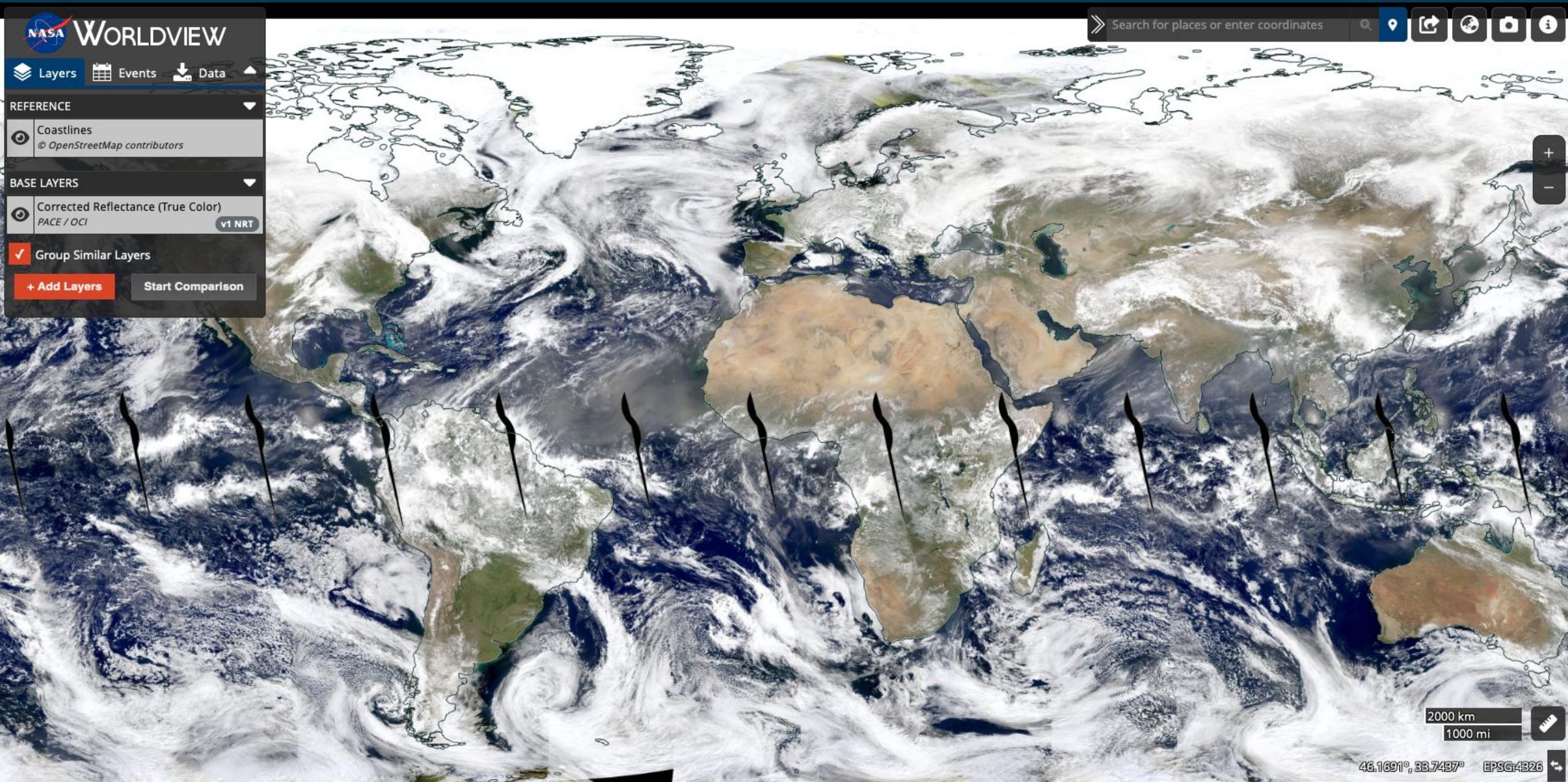
## V2 reprocessing

- Use on-orbit calibration information
- Provide science mode data collected during commissioning
- Additional science products from OCI (Land and Clouds)

## V3 reprocessing planned

- Further calibration updates
- More data products to be released pending review by Project and PIs

# PACE data on NASA Worldview



## Data product (coming soon):

- Fine/coarse mode AOD, SSA, etc
- Fine/coarse mode size, complex refractive index, etc
- Aerosol layer height
- Surface properties

## Processing algorithms:

- RemoTAP (SRON)
- MAPP (LaRC)
- GRASP (UMBC)
- FastMAPOL (GSFC)

### Data Products Table

[Calibrated Radiometry and Polarimetry](#) | [Ocean Properties to be Produced by OCI](#) | [Atmospheric Properties to be Produced by OCI](#) | [Land Data Products to be Produced by OCI](#) | [Aerosol and Ocean Properties from HARP2](#) | [Aerosol and Land Surface Properties from HARP2](#) | [Cloud Properties from HARP2](#) | [Ocean Surface Properties from HARP2](#) | [Aerosol and Ocean Properties from SPEXone](#) | [Aerosol and Land Surface Properties from SPEXone](#) | [Aerosol and Ocean Properties from OCI + HARP2 + SPEXone](#)

Access to data varies with its status (data maturity level). Provisional data are available through [Earthdata Search](#), the OB.DAAC [File Search](#) and [Level 3 & 4 Browser](#). Test and Diagnostic data are available through the OB.DAAC [File Search](#) and [Level 3 & 4 Browser](#). See also “[Access PACE Data](#)”.

What do colors in the “Availability” column mean?

Available

Coming soon!

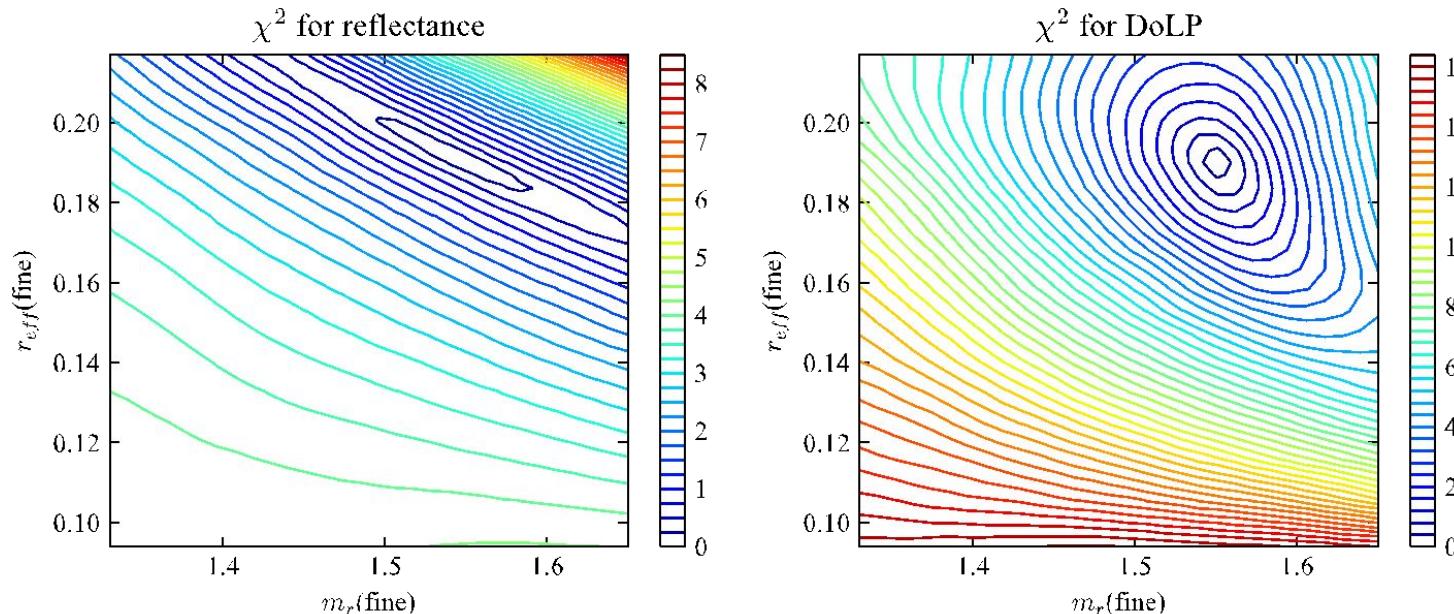
Currently implementing and evaluating

No approach currently identified

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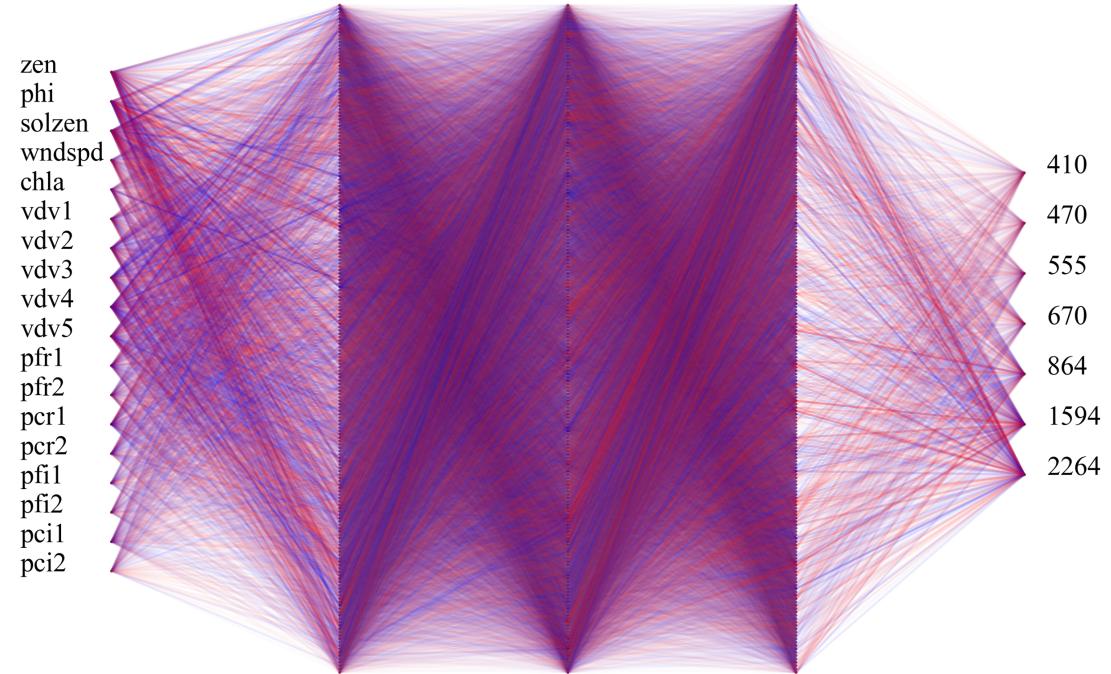
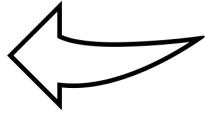
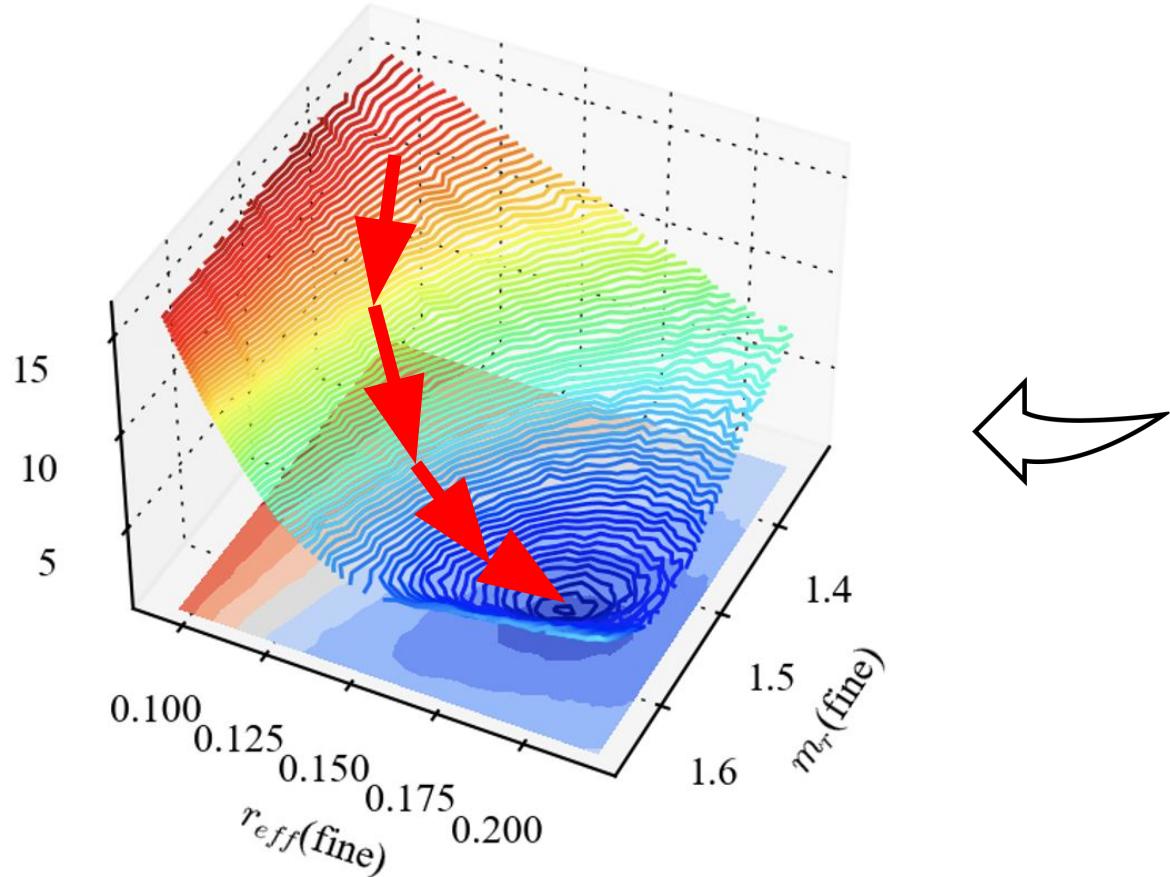
# Promises and challenges of polarimetric retrievals

- Improve aerosol optical and microphysical property retrievals



- Inherent assumptions in aerosol models (**ongoing, welcome feedback**)
  - Aerosol size distribution optimized through observations (Gao et al 2018)
  - Pre-defined aerosol types with size and refractive index dependency (Aryal et al 2023)
  - Assumptions in aerosol shape: spheres, spheroid (Dubovik et al 2006), irregular hexahedron (Saito et al 2021)
- **Challenges in retrieval speed, accuracy & uncertainty analysis**

# FastMAPOL as a testbed for PACE polarimeter retrievals

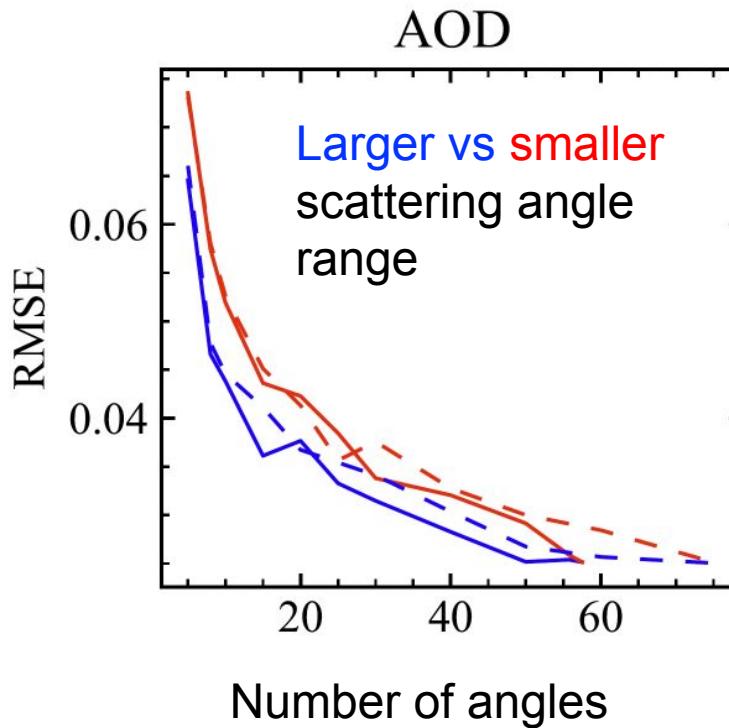


- Coupled atmosphere and ocean radiative transfer model (Zhai et al 2022)
- Fast and accurate forward model and Jacobians with neural networks
- Simultaneous aerosol and ocean property retrieval (Gao et al 2021-2023, Aryal et al 2023)  
<https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-14-4083-2021>

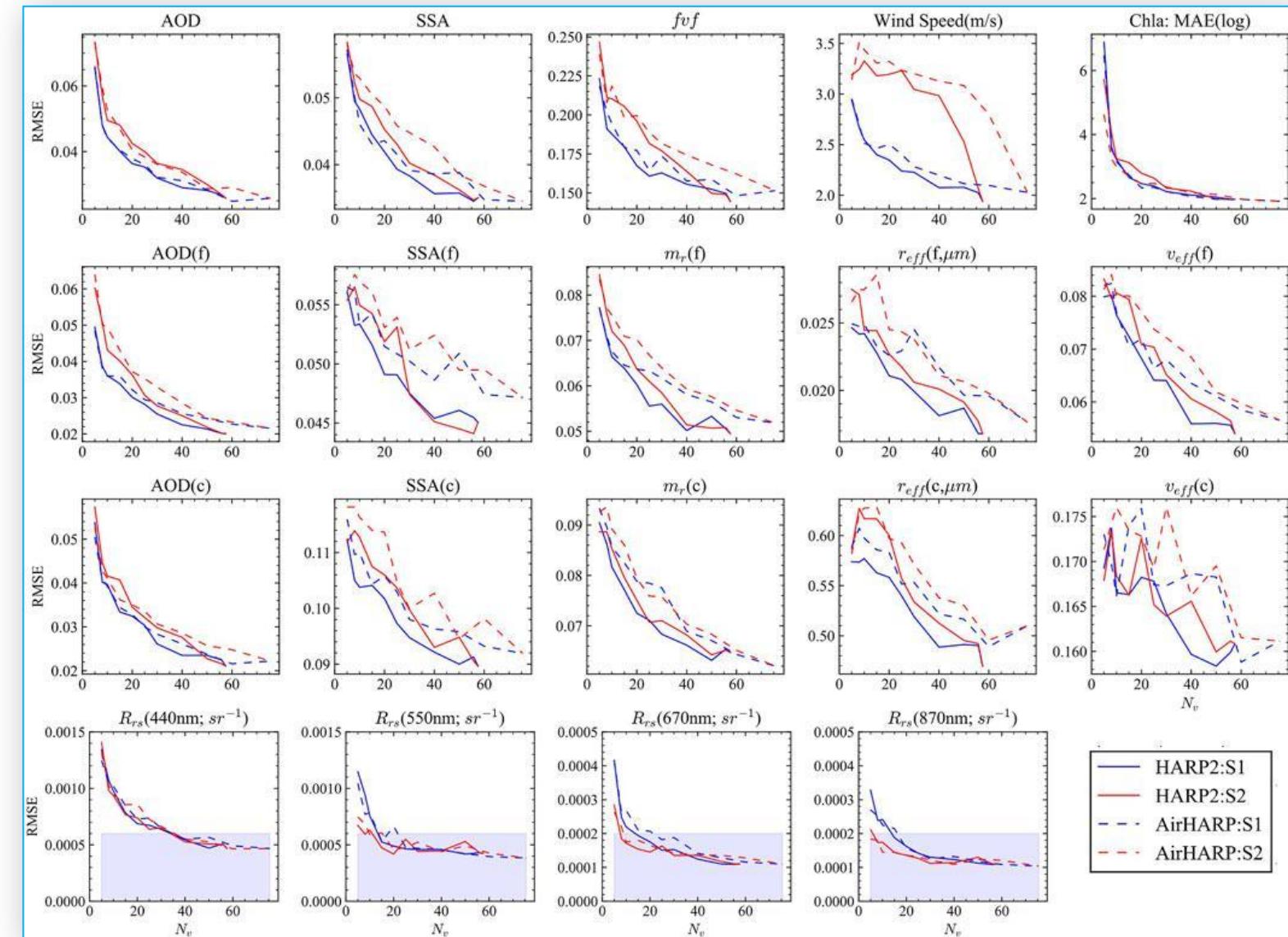


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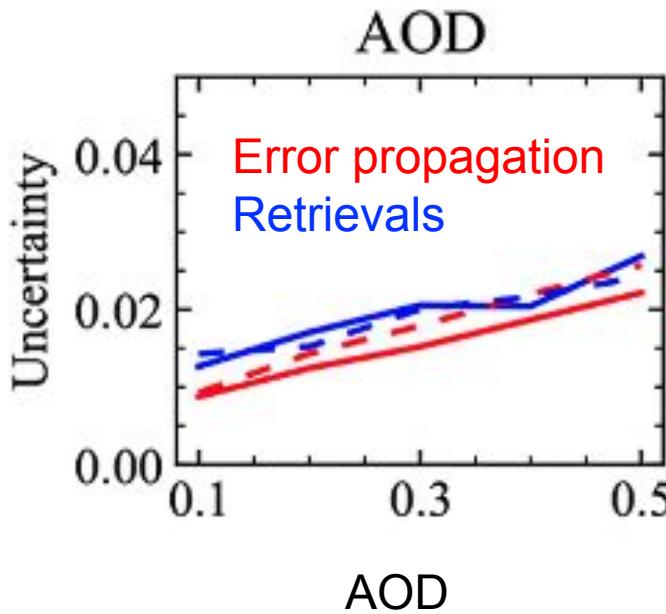
# Retrieval uncertainty vs number of input angles



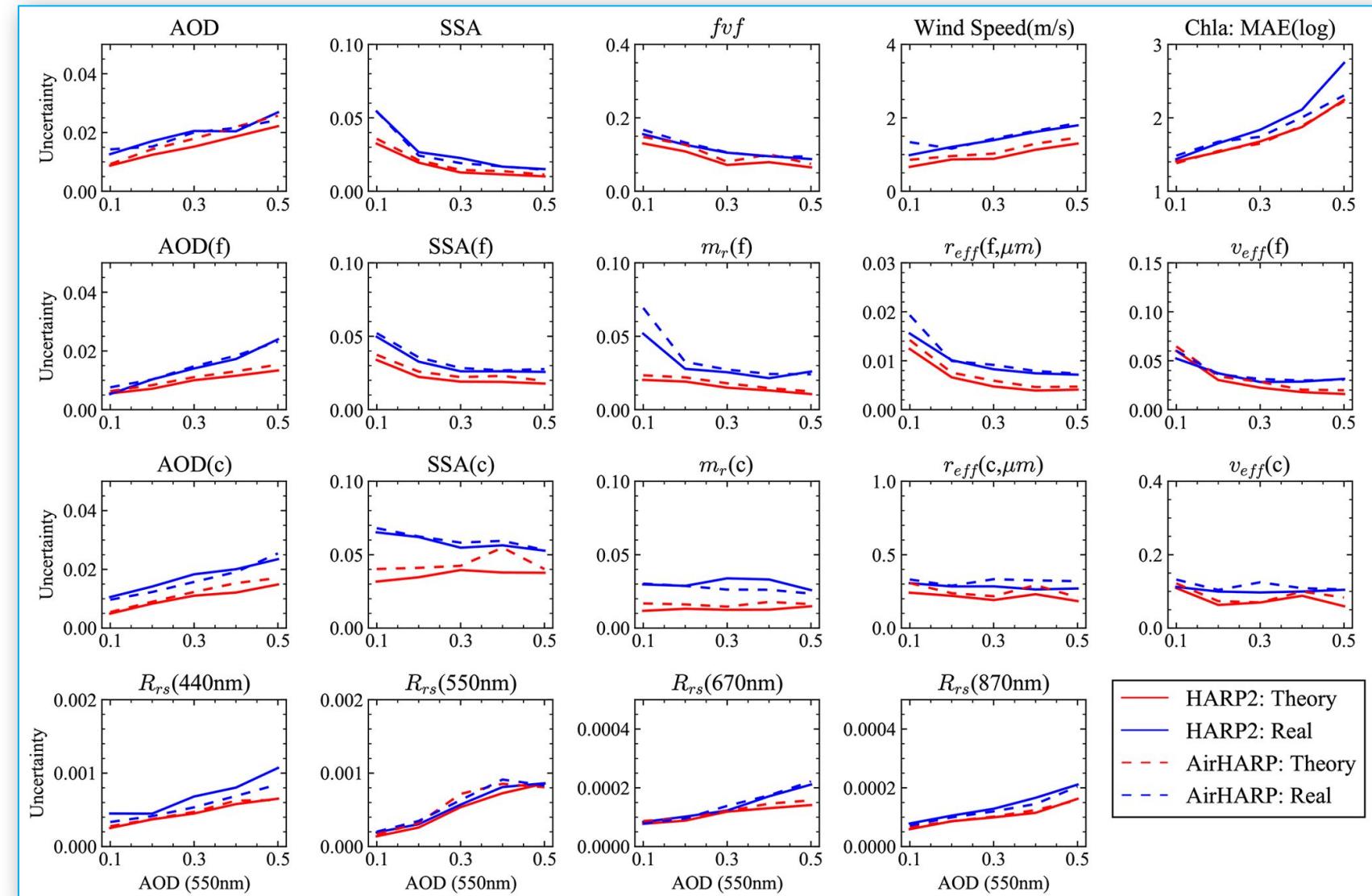
Adaptive multi-angle data screening based on fitting performance.



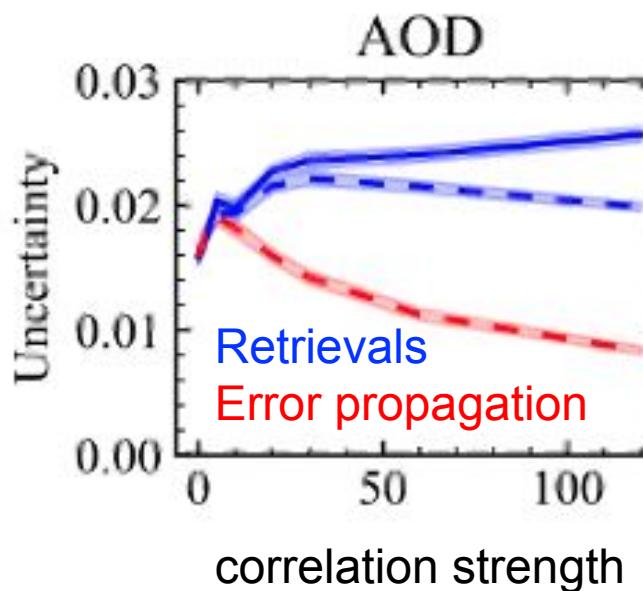
# Retrieval uncertainty vs aerosol loadings



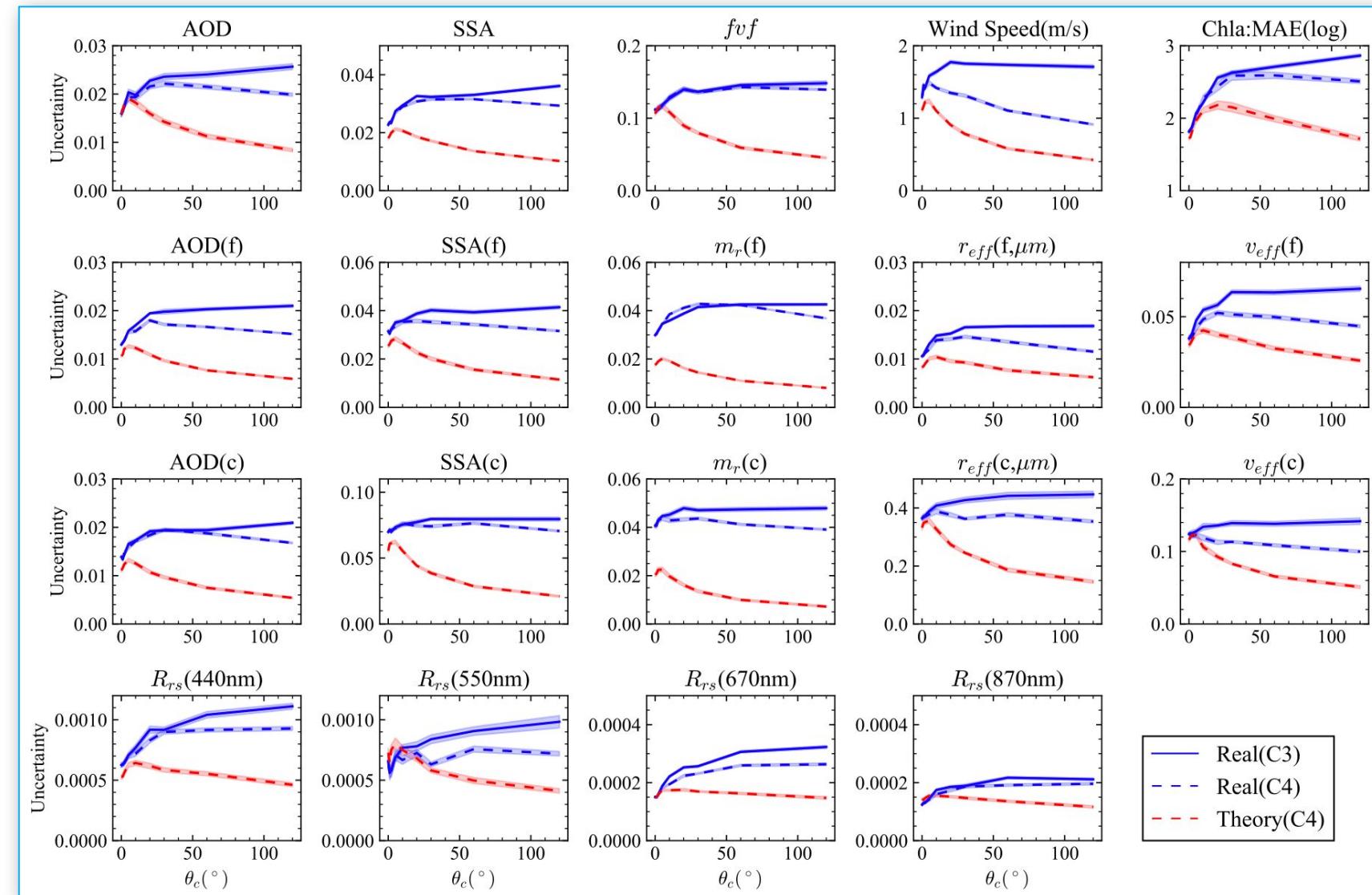
Pixel-wise retrieval uncertainties can be well described by error propagation.



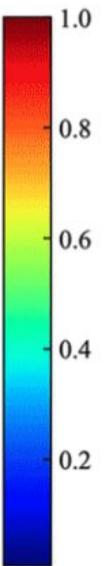
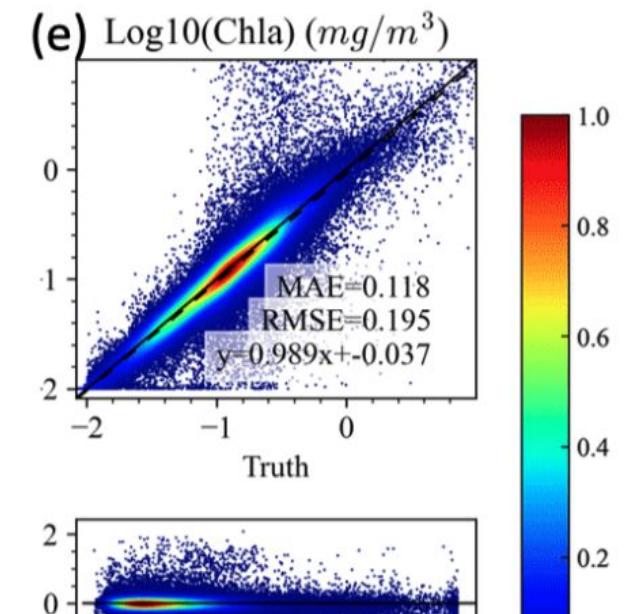
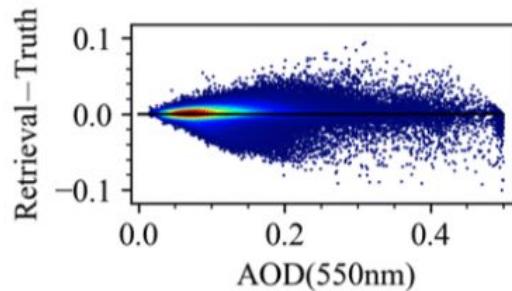
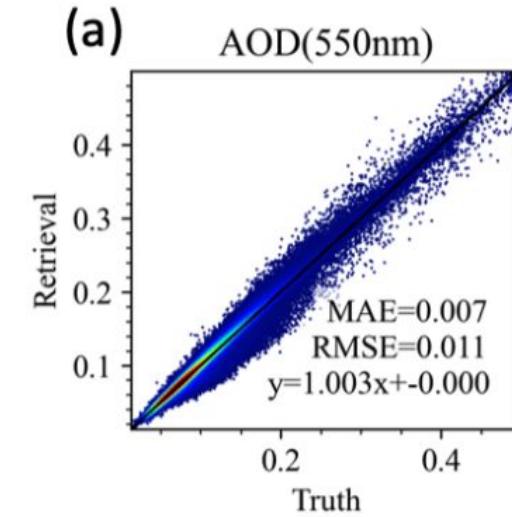
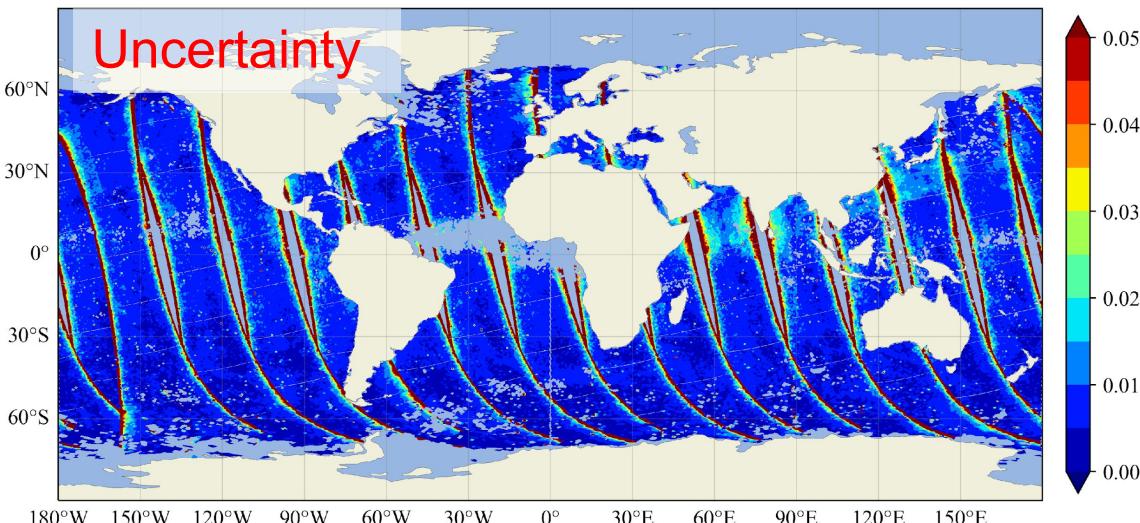
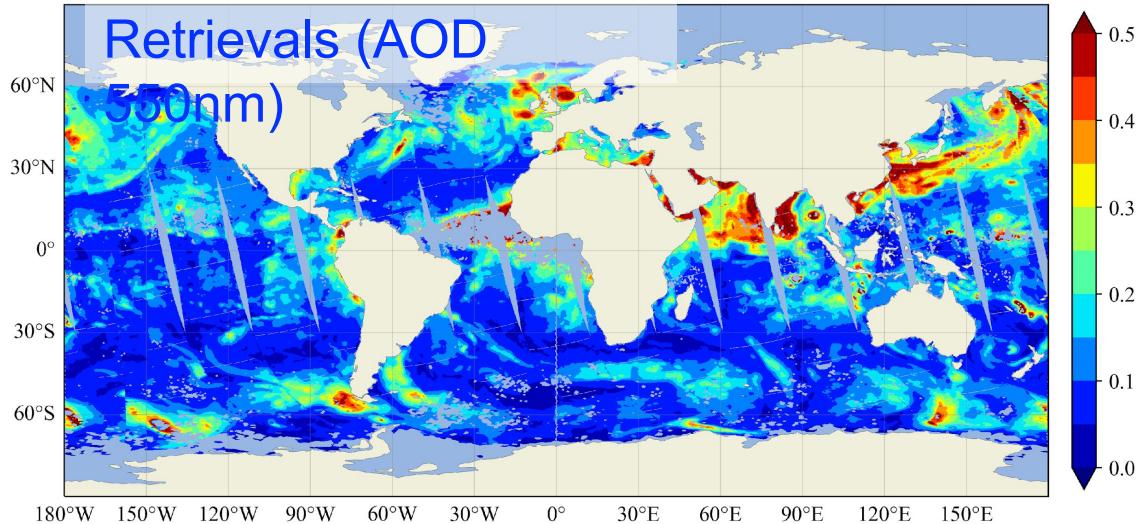
# Retrieval uncertainty vs angular noise correlations



Optimal performance  
requires full error  
covariance matrix  
including angular noise  
correlations.



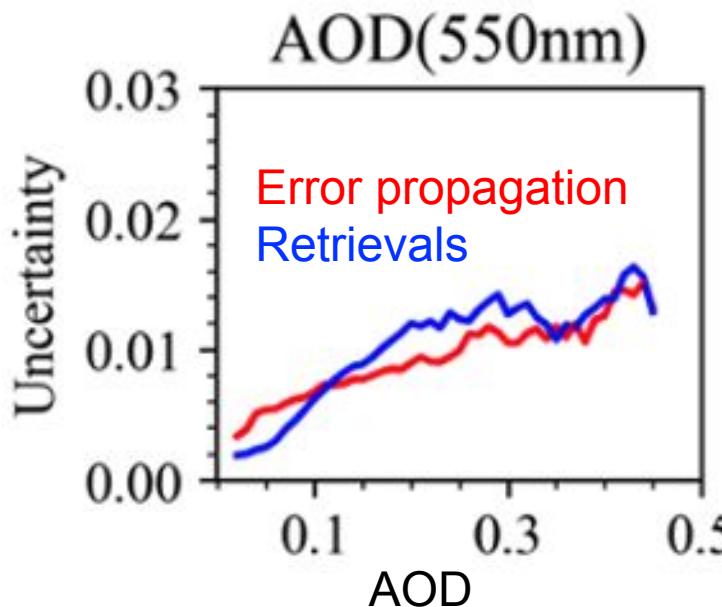
# Uncertainty analysis based on global simulation



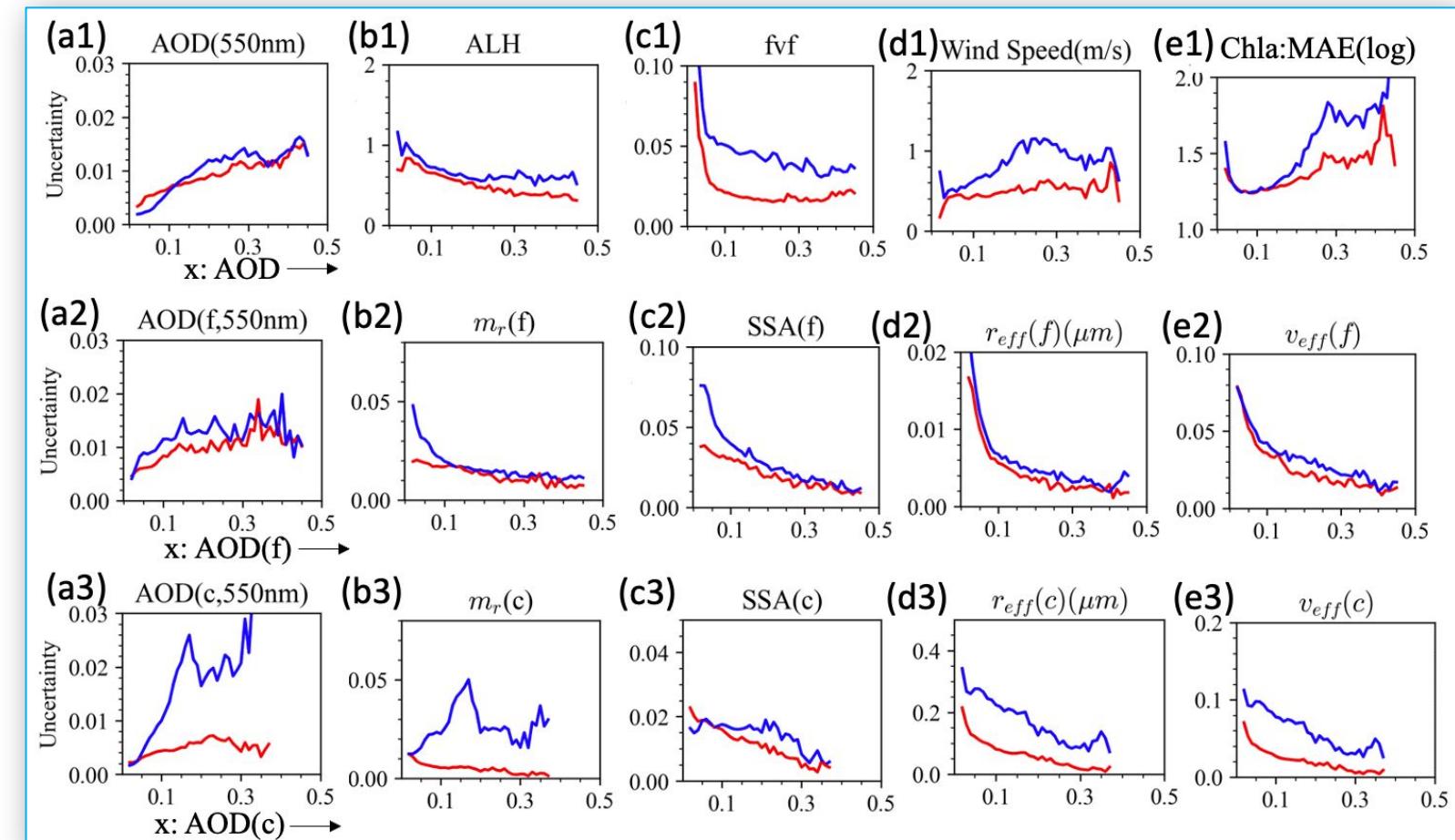
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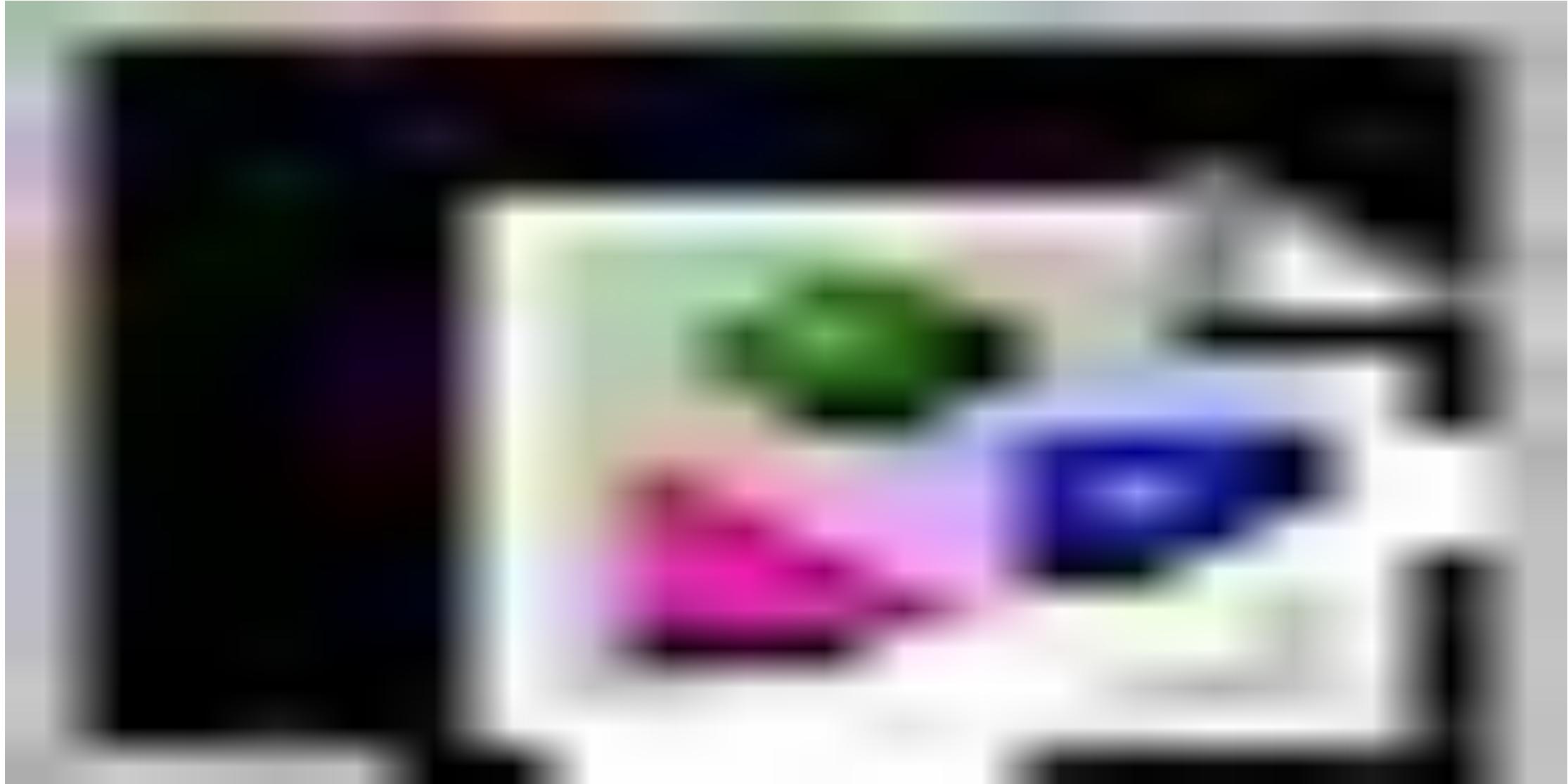
# Uncertainty analysis based on global simulation



More realistic uncertainty evaluation based on realistic global simulation using MERRA2 aerosol as inputs.

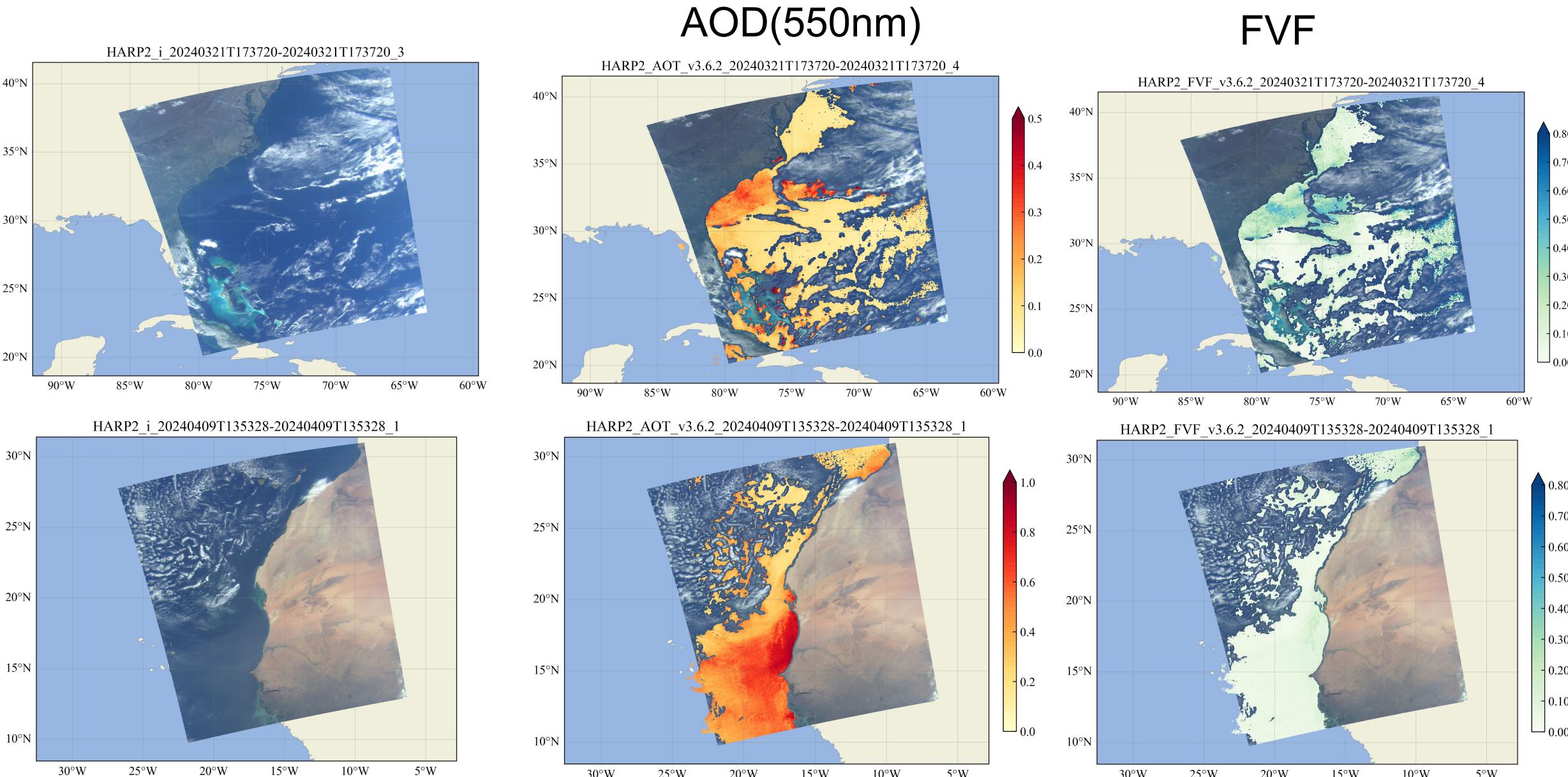


# HARP2 AOD retrieval time lapse

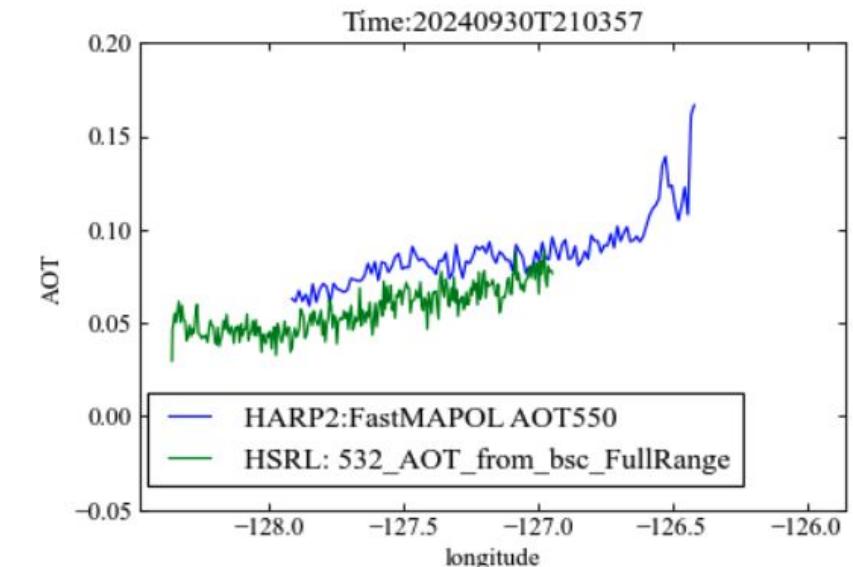
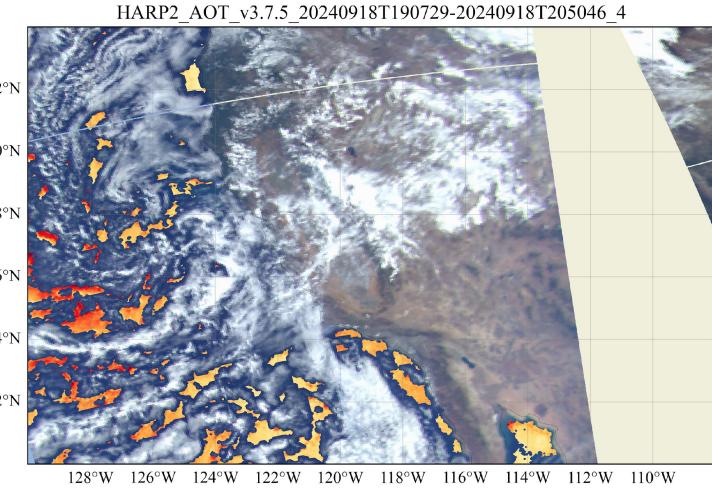
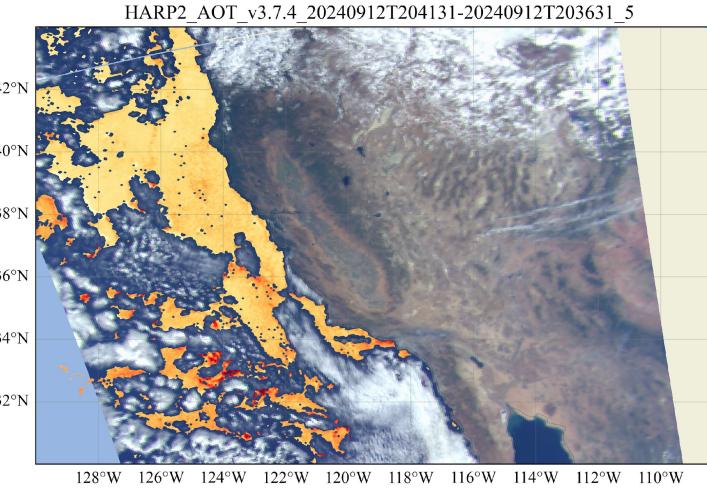
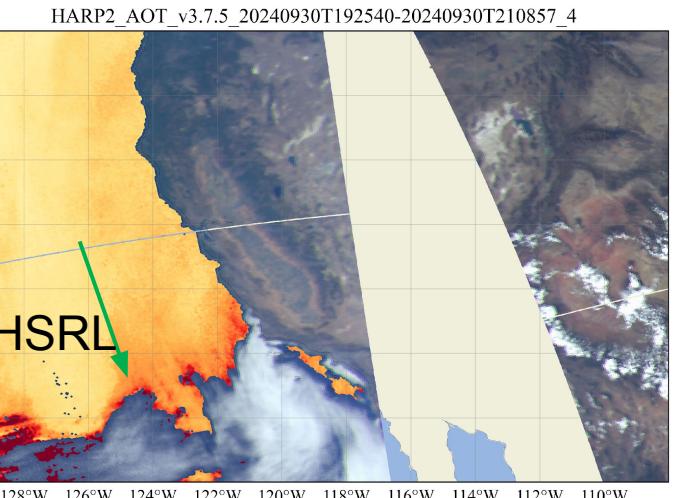
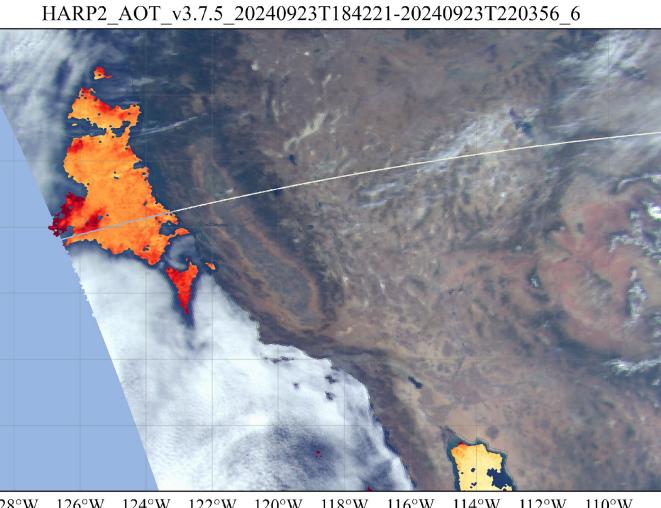
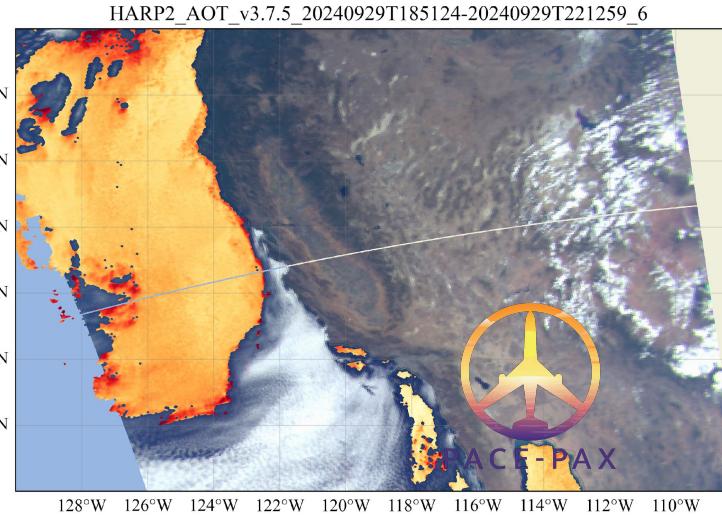


AOD(550nm) from April-May 2024

# Optical and microphysical retrievals



# Support PACE-PAX field campaign



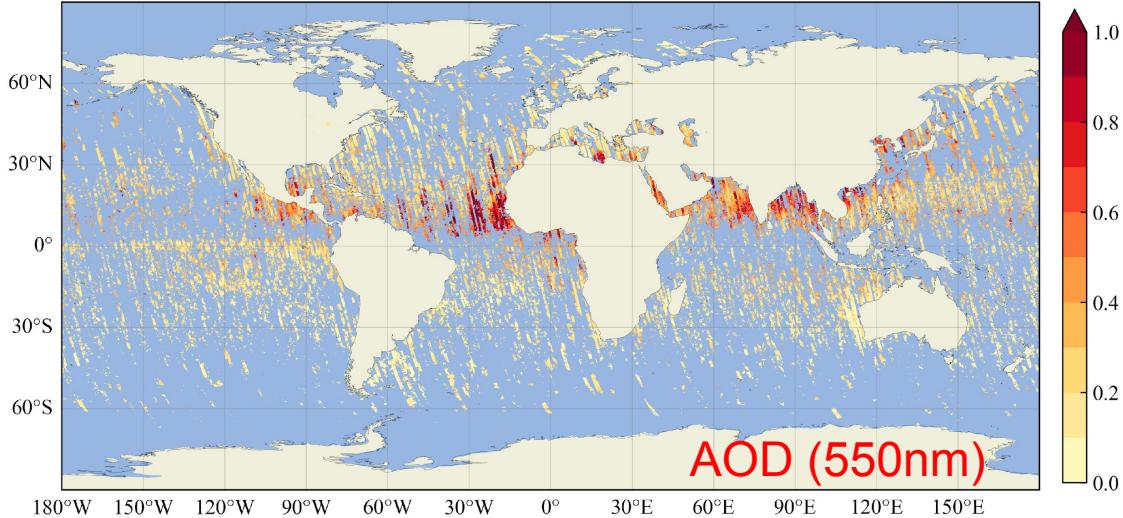
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# Joint aerosol and ocean color results with SPEXone



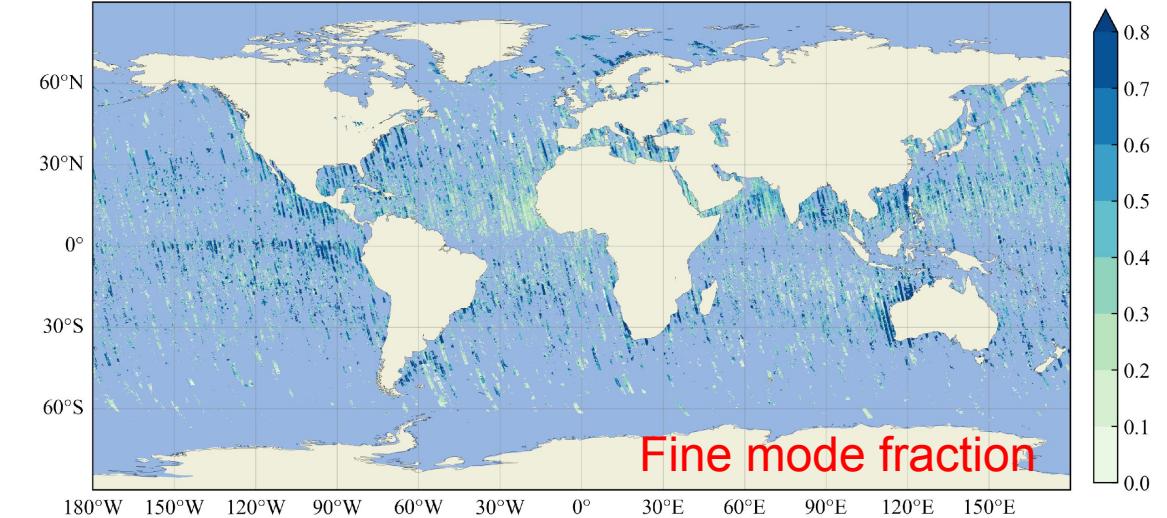
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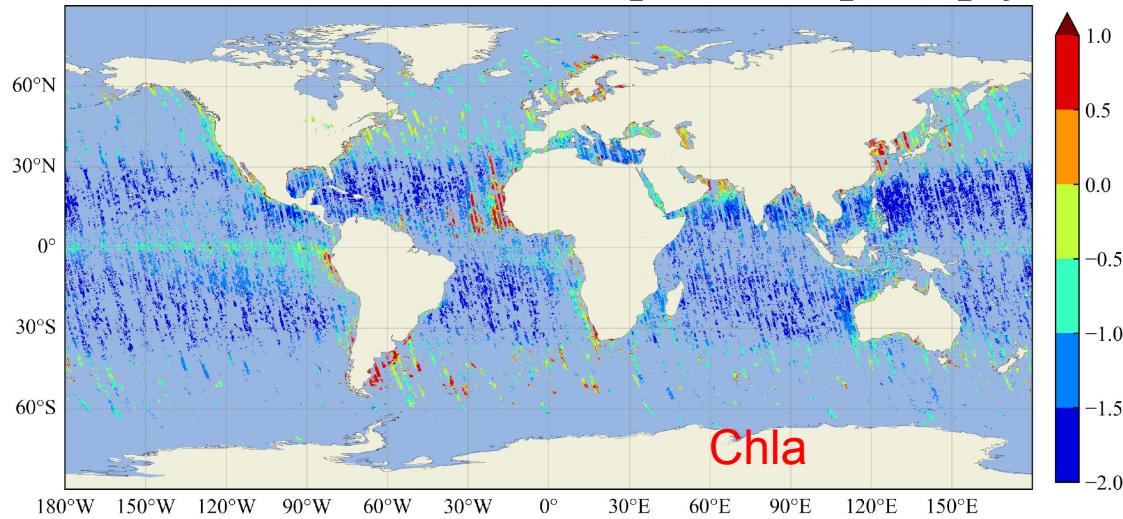
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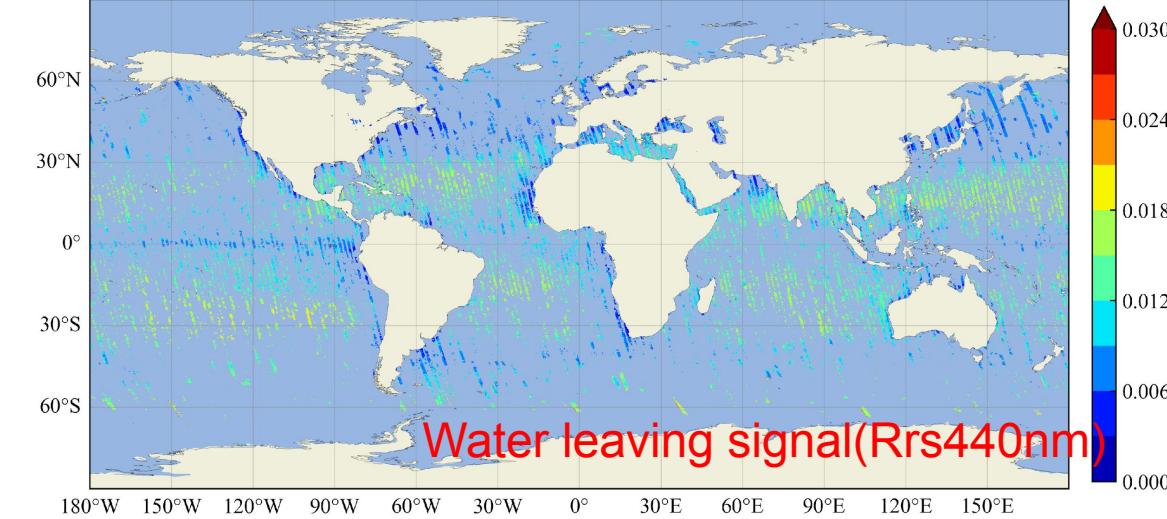
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Water leaving signal(Rrs440nm)

# Get involved!



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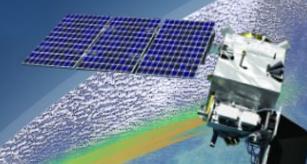
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