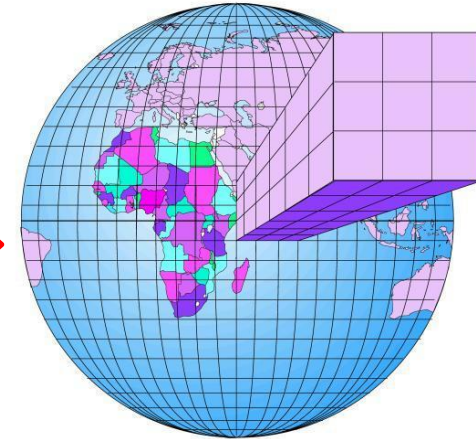
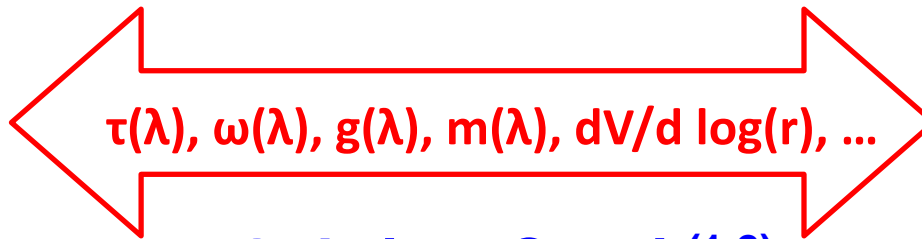


# SATELLITE AEROSOL COMPOSITION RETRIEVAL USING NEURAL NETWORKS



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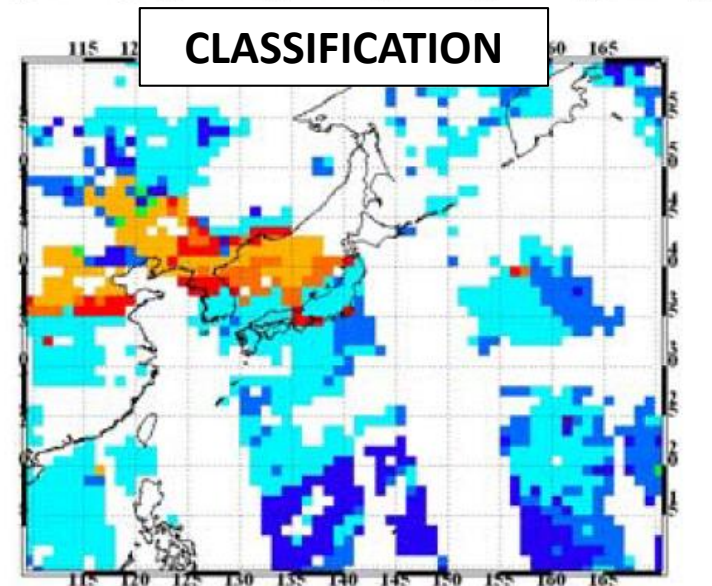
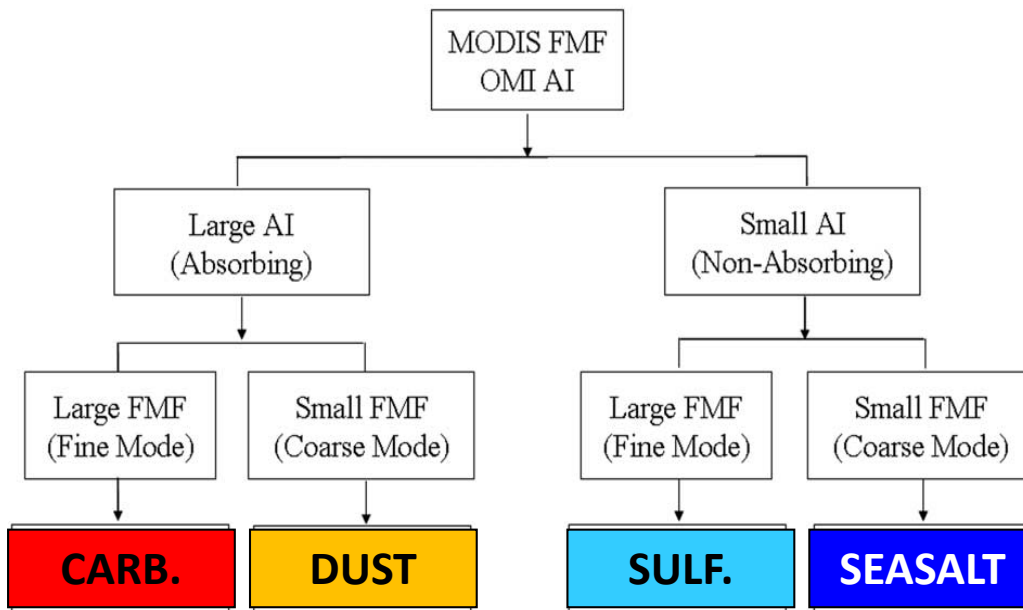
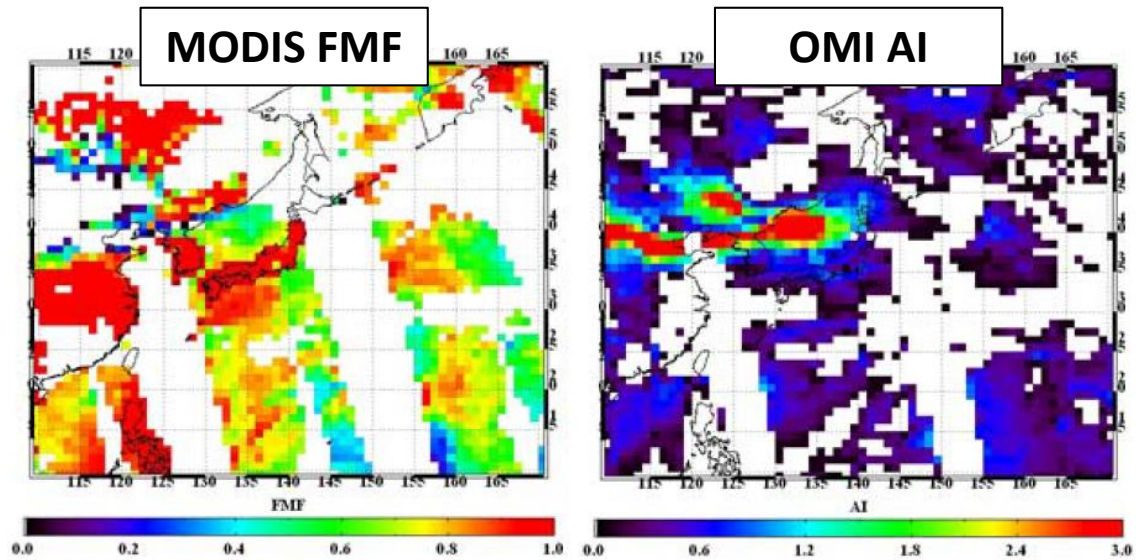
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# AEROSOL COMPOSITION REMOTE SENSING: MASK

Simple mask based on MODIS Fine Fraction and OMI AI products

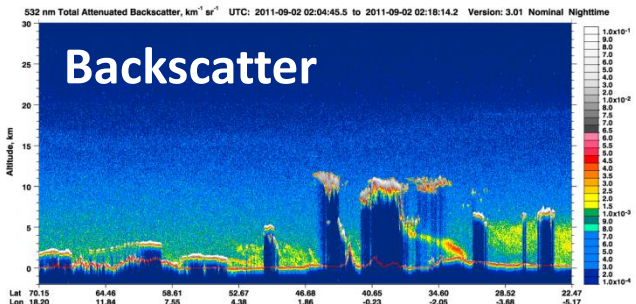
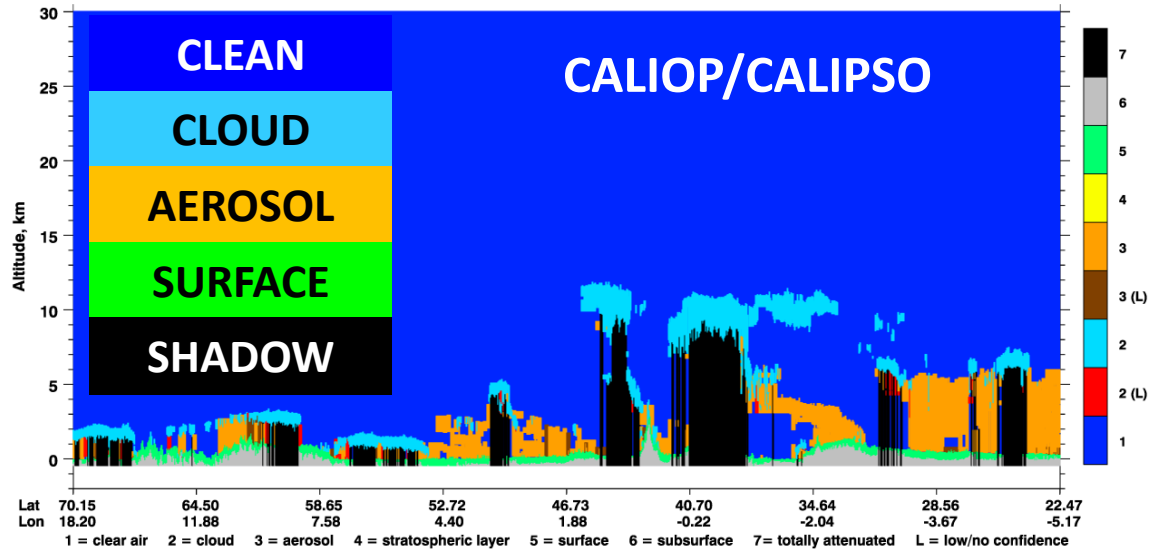
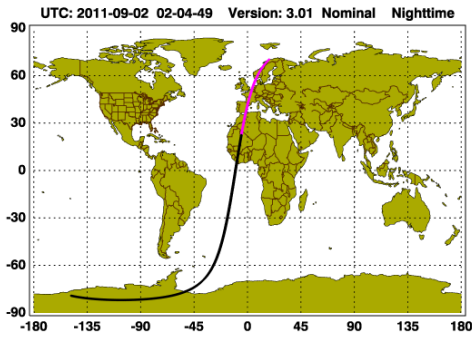
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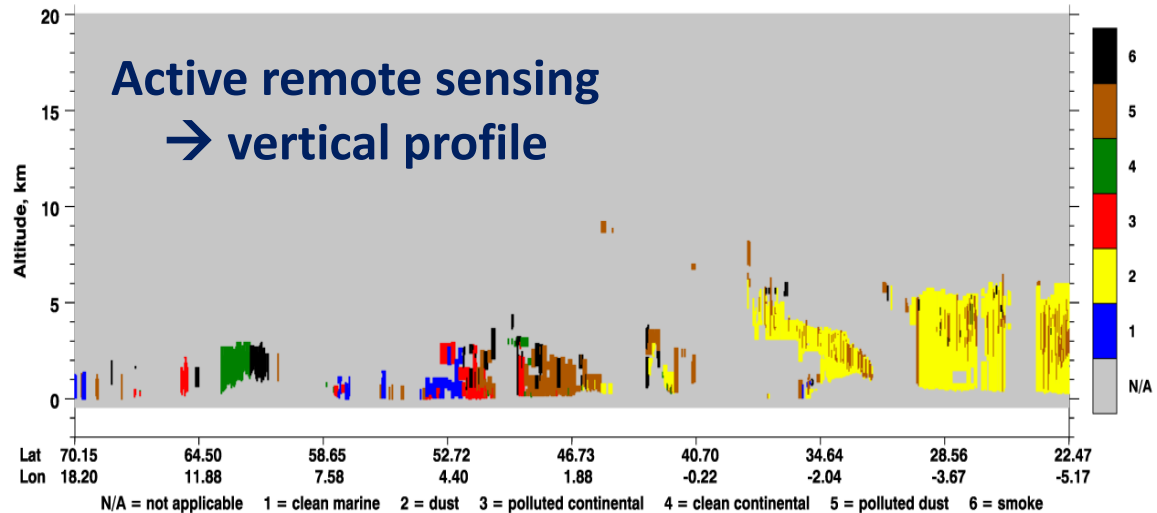
# AEROSOL COMPOSITION REMOTE SENSING: LIDAR

## Saharan dust event Sep. 2011

Vertical Feature Mask UTC: 2011-09-02 02:04:45.5 to 2011-09-02 02:18:14.2 Version: 3.01 Nominal Nighttime



Aerosol Subtype UTC: 2011-09-02 02:04:45.5 to 2011-09-02 02:18:14.2 Version: 3.01 Nominal Nighttime



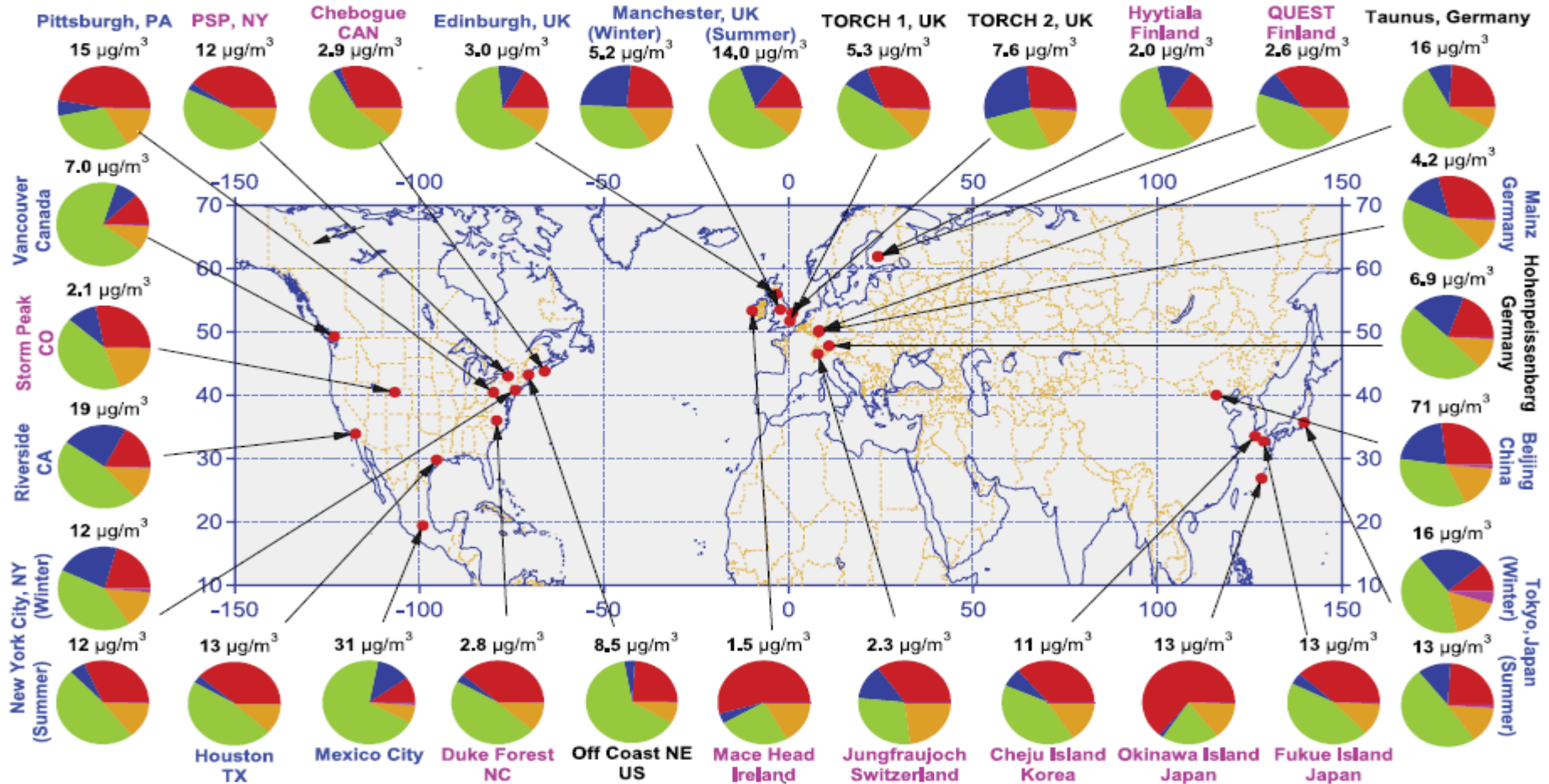
# AEROSOL CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IN MODELS

**SULFATE**  
**AMMONIUM**

**NITRATE**  
**ORGANIC**

This is what we (attempt to) simulate in Chemistry-Transport Models (CTM)

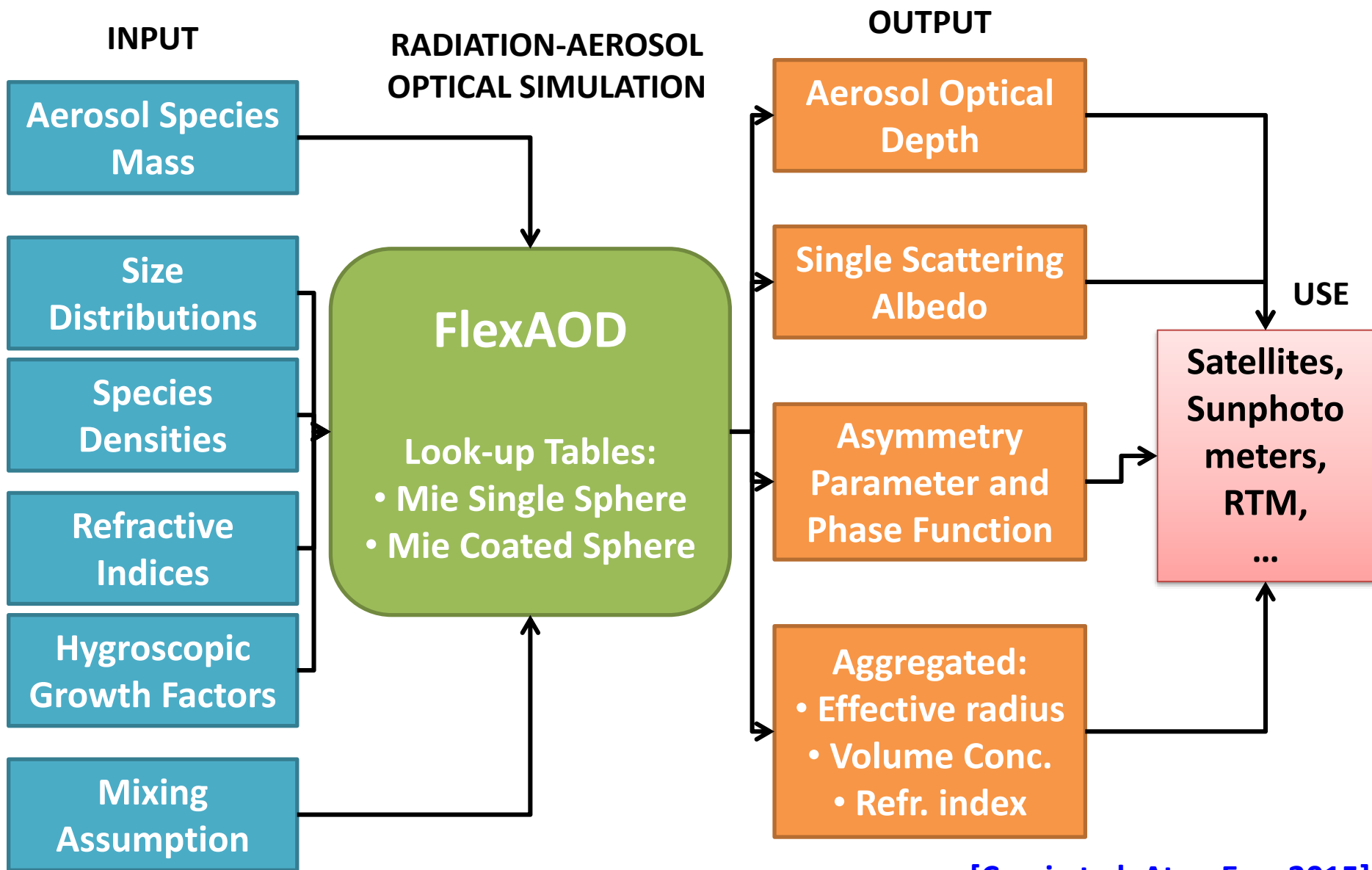
also:  
**SEASALT**  
**DUST**  
**BC (SOOT)**



[Zhang et al., 2007]



- Question:
  - Can we retrieve a «model-like» aerosol composition from satellites?
- Method:
  - We **simulate one year** (2006) of **aerosol composition** over the globe with the **GEOS-Chem** chemistry-transport model ([www.geos-chem.org](http://www.geos-chem.org)) at  $2^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$  horizontal resolution
  - We **calculate optical properties** associated to aerosol fields using the **FlexAOD** post-processor
  - We use the **libRadtran** radiative transfer model ([www.libradtran.org](http://www.libradtran.org)) to calculate **Top of Atmosphere reflectances** arising from about 6000 aerosol scenes randomly selected over the ocean (dark surface)
  - We train **Neural Networks** to associate the **TOA reflectances** to the **underlying aerosol chemical species** column abundance

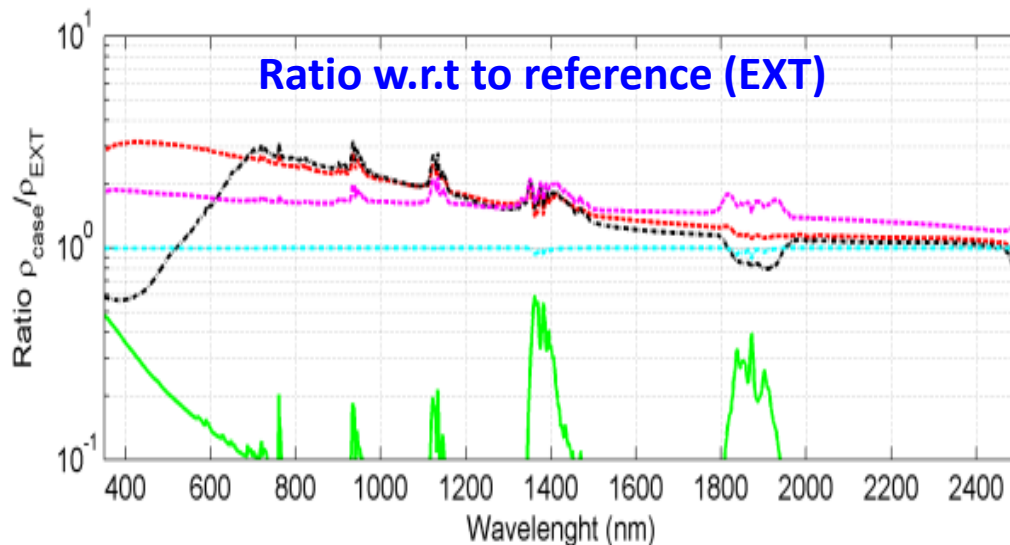
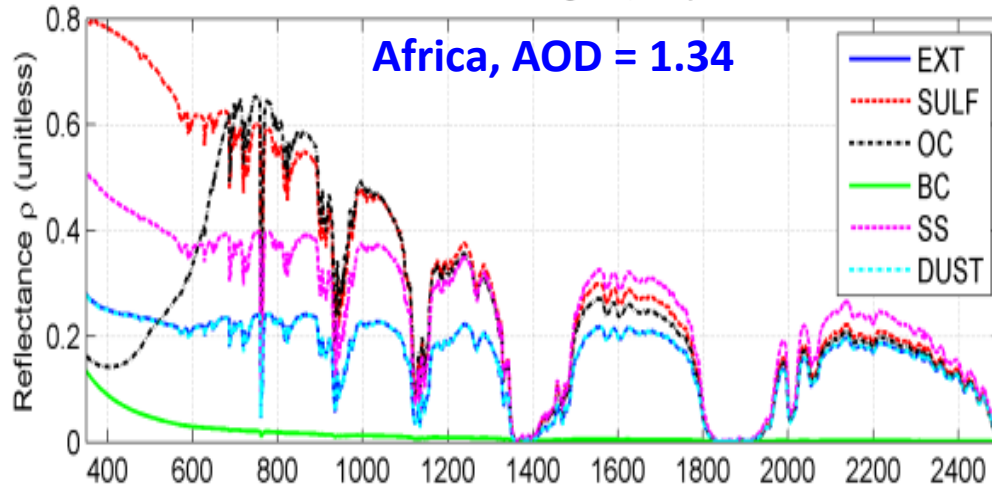


# PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF SIMULATED AEROSOL SPECIES

	SIA	OCPO	OCPI	BCPO	BCPI	SSA	SSC	DUST
Description	Inorganic secondary aerosol (sulfate like)	Hydrophobic Organic Carbon (primary)	Hydrophillic Organic Carbon (aged primary and secondary)	Hydrophobic Black Carbon	Hydrophillic Black Carbon (aged BC)	Sea Salt accumulation mode	Sea Salt Coarse mode	Dust from soil erosion
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.77	1.47	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.5-2.65
Modal radius (μm)	0.05	0.12	0.095	0.012	0.012	0.085	0.4	-
Sigma	2	1.3	1.5	2	2	1.5	1.8	-
Growth RH 90%	1.64	-	1.64	-	1.4	2.37	2.39	-
Refind species	AMSU	ORGC	SOAH	BCME	BCME	Accum.	Coarse	SINYUK
Real refind 550 nm	1.53	1.63	1.43	1.85	1.85	1.5	1.5	1.56
Im refind 550 nm	1e-7	0.021	0	0.71	0.71	1e-8	1e-8	0.0014

# ARE THE SIMULATED AEROSOL SPECIES (ENOUGH) OPTICALLY DIFFERENT?

TOA reflectance at angle 0°, test point 2



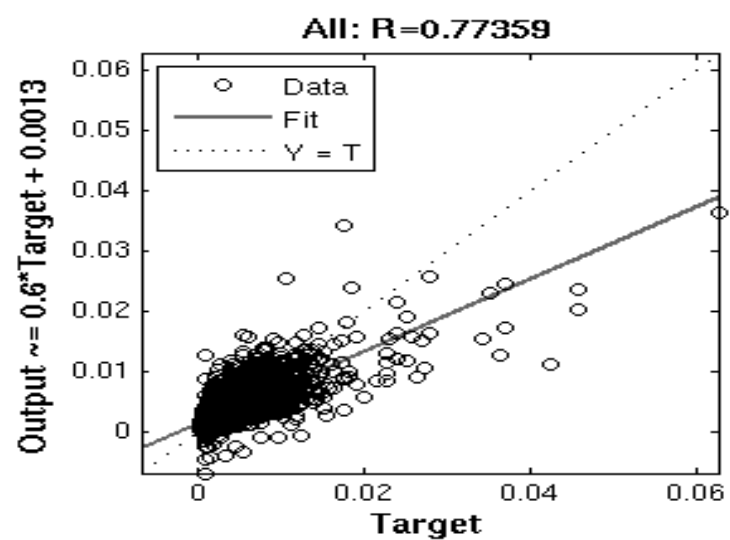
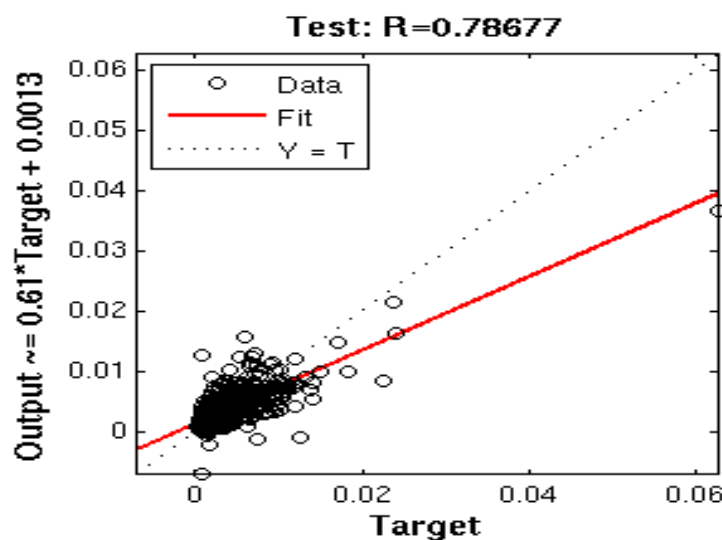
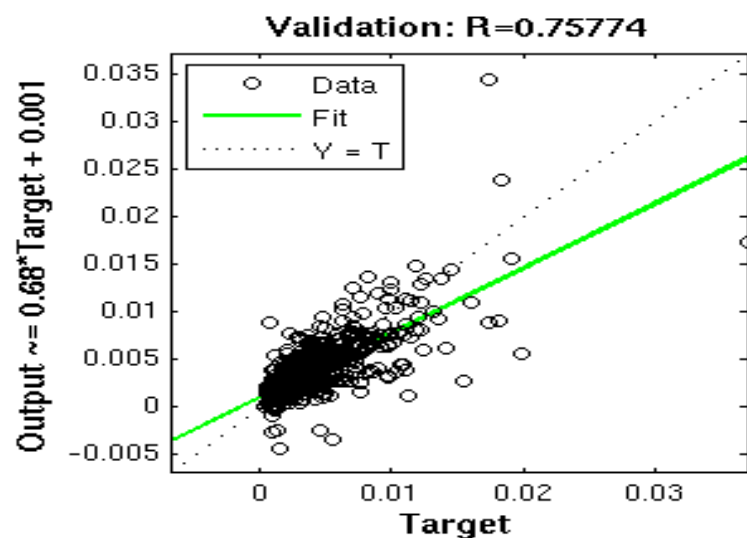
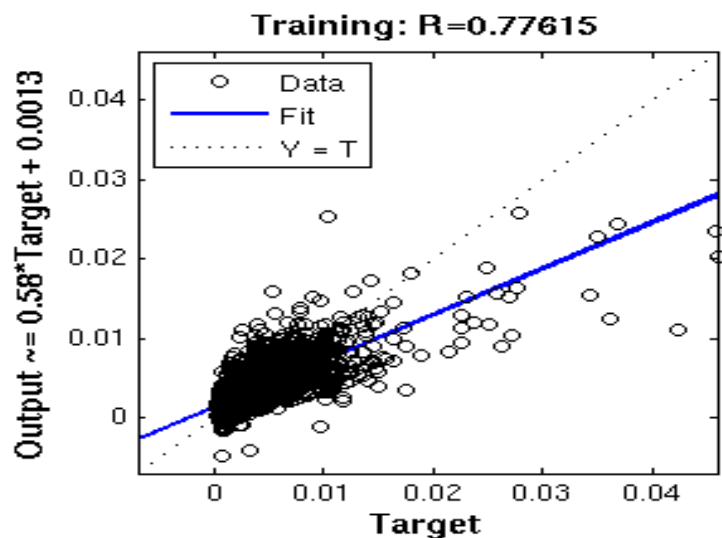
- The ratio of reflectances of sensitivity tests with that of the reference case display different **and distinctive trends for the selected species**.
- Dust is the dominant optical species in this test point. Its ratio with the reference case is near 1.
- **Sulfate and sea salt** have a ratio almost **monotonically decreasing** with wavelength. The slope of **sulfate is usually steeper** than sea salt.
- The **ratio of black carbon is always below 1** (high absorption of radiation). The slope of the ratio with wavelength is **very steep in the UV-VIS**, then it is almost constant.
- The ratio of **organic carbon increases with wavelength in the visible** than monotonically decreases.
- These features are **similar among selected test points**, but change in magnitude (increasing with the aerosol load)
- This features **varies in magnitude for different solar and viewing angles**, but are conserved
- **Higher surface albedo decreases the differences** among cases





- **5 ANN** were trained, one for each aerosol component
- **INPUT** (12 nodes): Solar zenith and azimuth angles, latitude, longitude, **Aerosol Optical Depth at 550 nm**, **7 most significant components** of the spectral TOA reflectance
- **HIDDEN LAYER**: One with 40 nodes
- **OUTPUT** (1 node): **One aerosol component** among SIA, BC, OC, Sea Salt, Dust

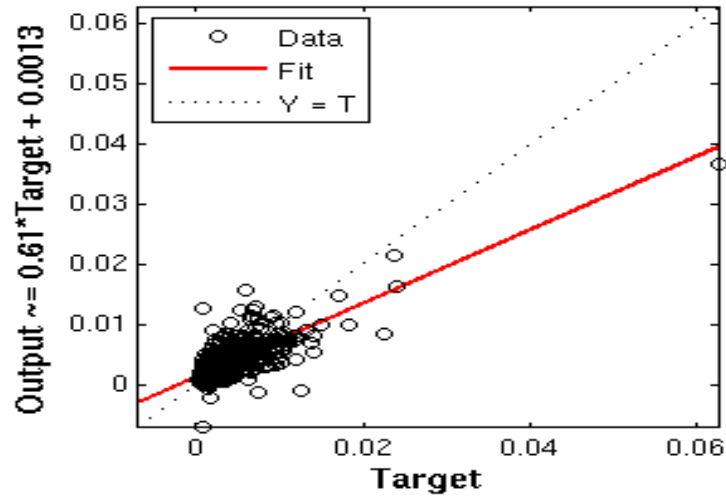
# RESULTS: SECONDARY INORGANICS RETRIEVAL



# RESULTS: SIA, ORGANICS, DUST, SEA SALT

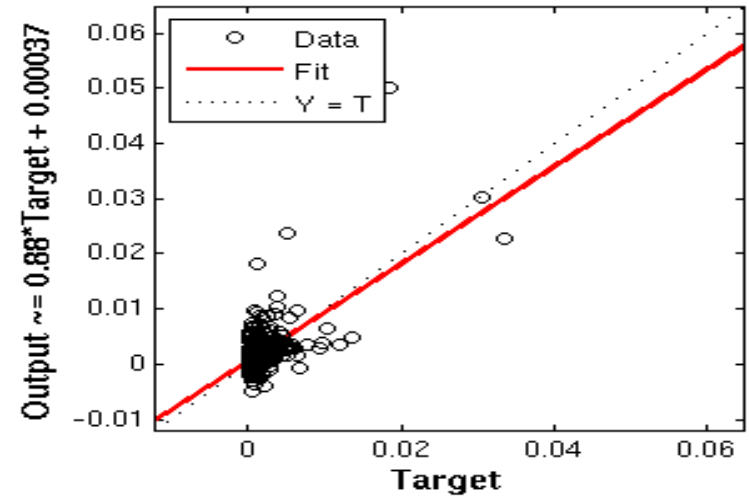
## Inorganics secondary

Test: R=0.78677



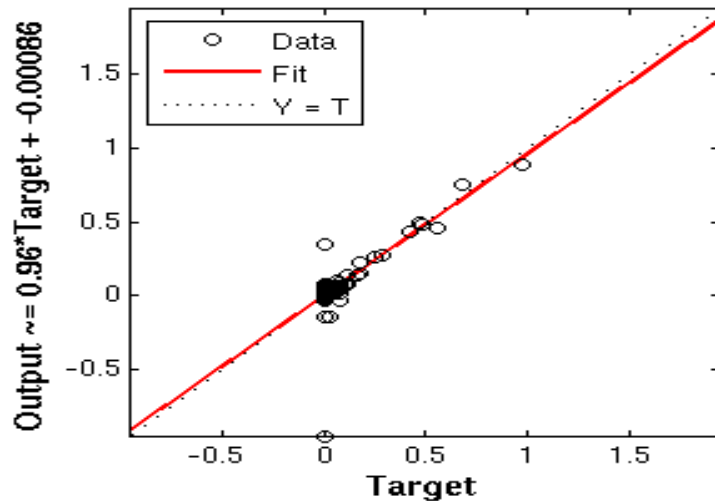
## Organic Carbon

Test: R=0.64671



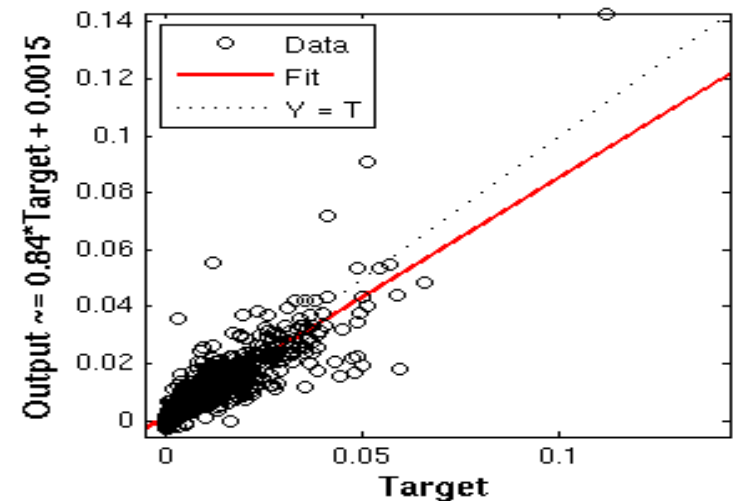
## Dust

Test: R=0.81952



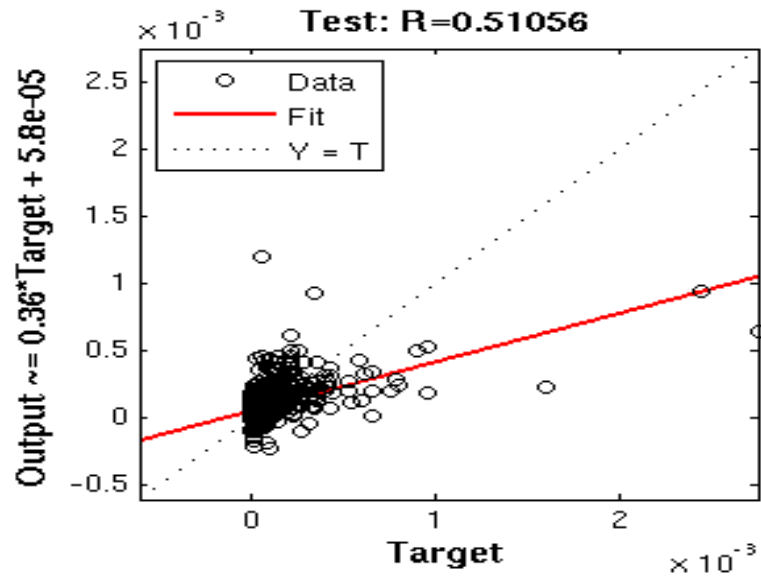
## Sea Salt

Test: R=0.87179

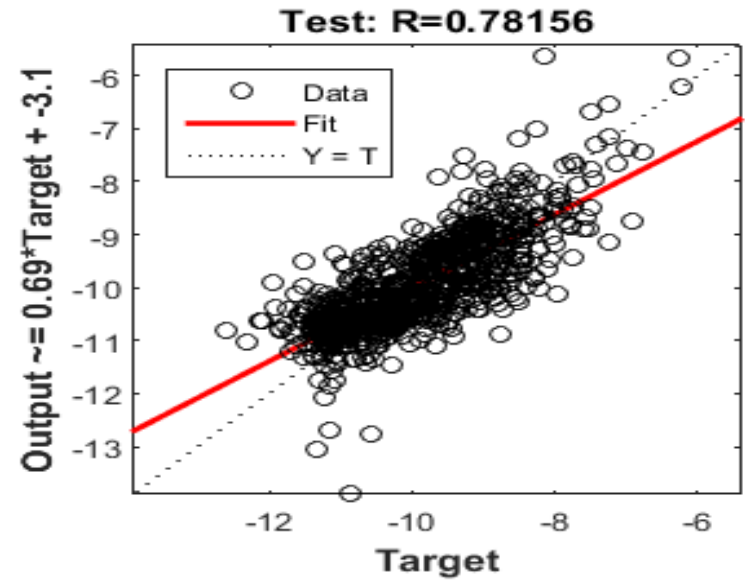


# RESULTS: BLACK CARBON

## BC (linear conc.)



## BC (log conc.)





- These preliminary results show the potential for the quantitative retrieval of the aerosol composition from space
- **Dust, sea salts and secondary inorganic** fractions are retrieved by the Neural Network with a correlation coefficient in the test phase between **0.87 and 0.78**
- **Organic** fraction is retrieved with a correlation of **0.64**
- **Black carbon** is retrieved with a correlation of **0.51**, which **increases to 0.78** when using **log concentrations**
- **More work** is needed: introduction of **observational noise**, much **larger training dataset**, application to a **real case** (undergoing ...)

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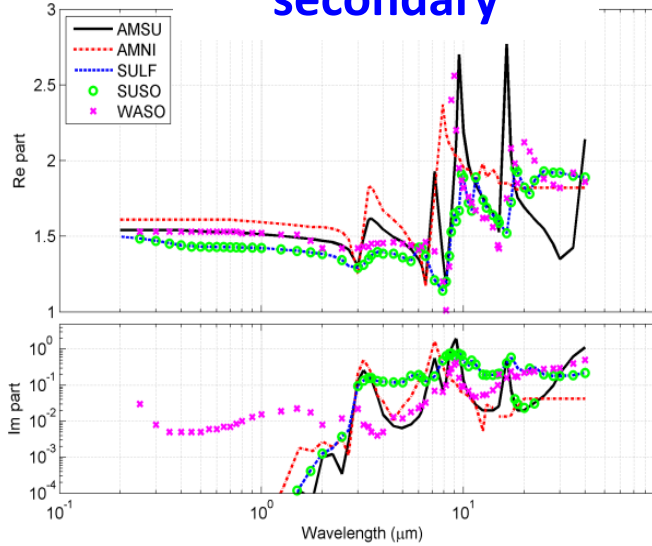


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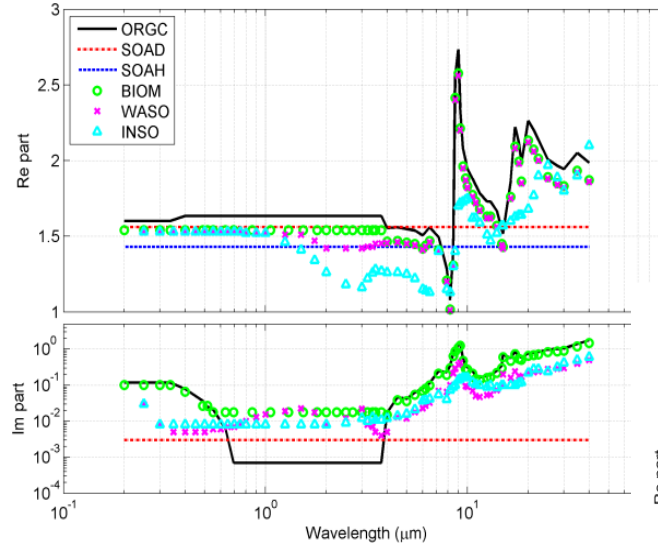
**EXTRA SLIDES**

# REFRACTIVE INDICES OF SIMULATED AEROSOL SPECIES

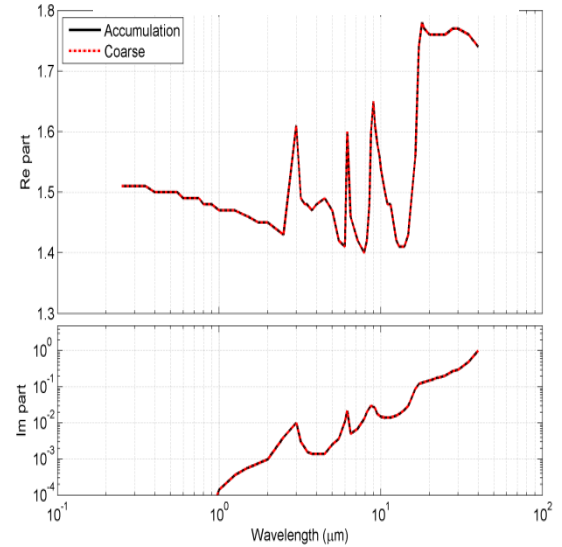
## Inorganics secondary



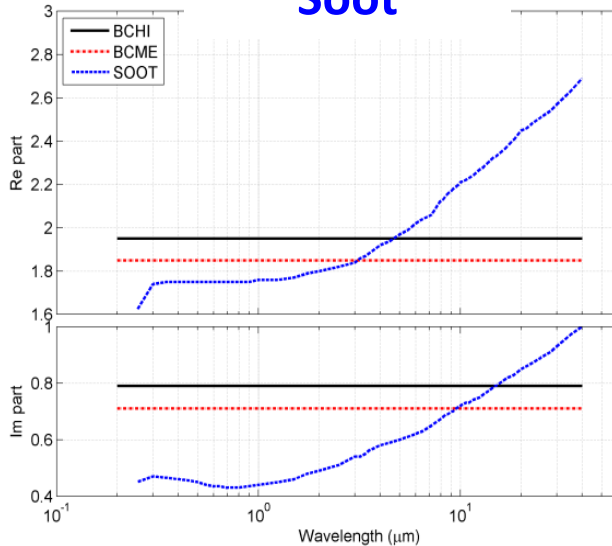
## Organic Carbon



## Sea Salt



## Soot



## Dust

