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## **The accuracy of aerosol satellites' AOD products over China**

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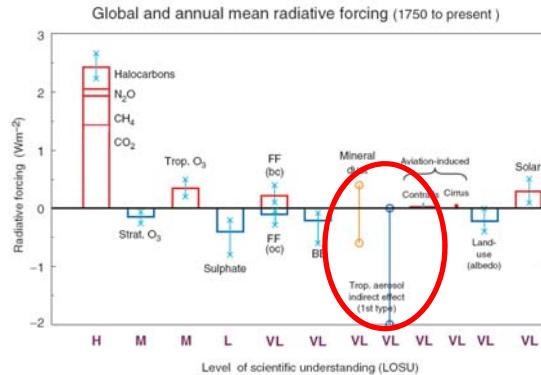
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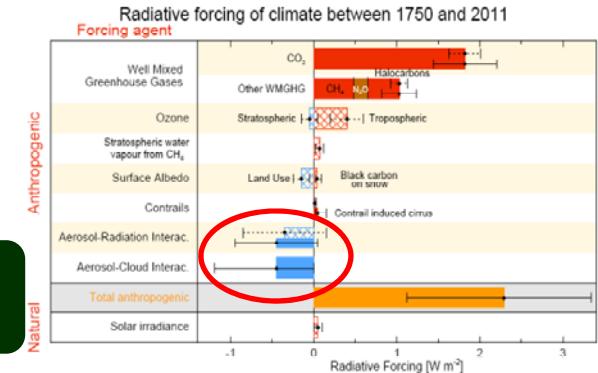
# 1. The research background

## The effect of aerosol

Observation → Modeling

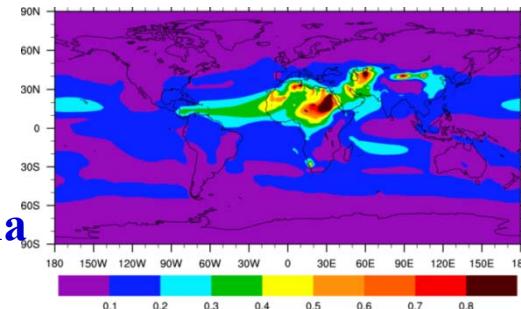


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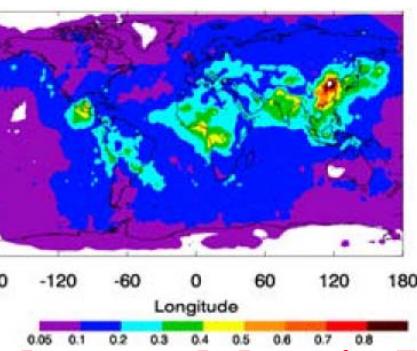
IPCC 2013

NCAR CESM



Simulated AOD:  
0.2-0.3 in East China

MISR+AERONET



Observed AOD:  
0.4-0.8 in East China

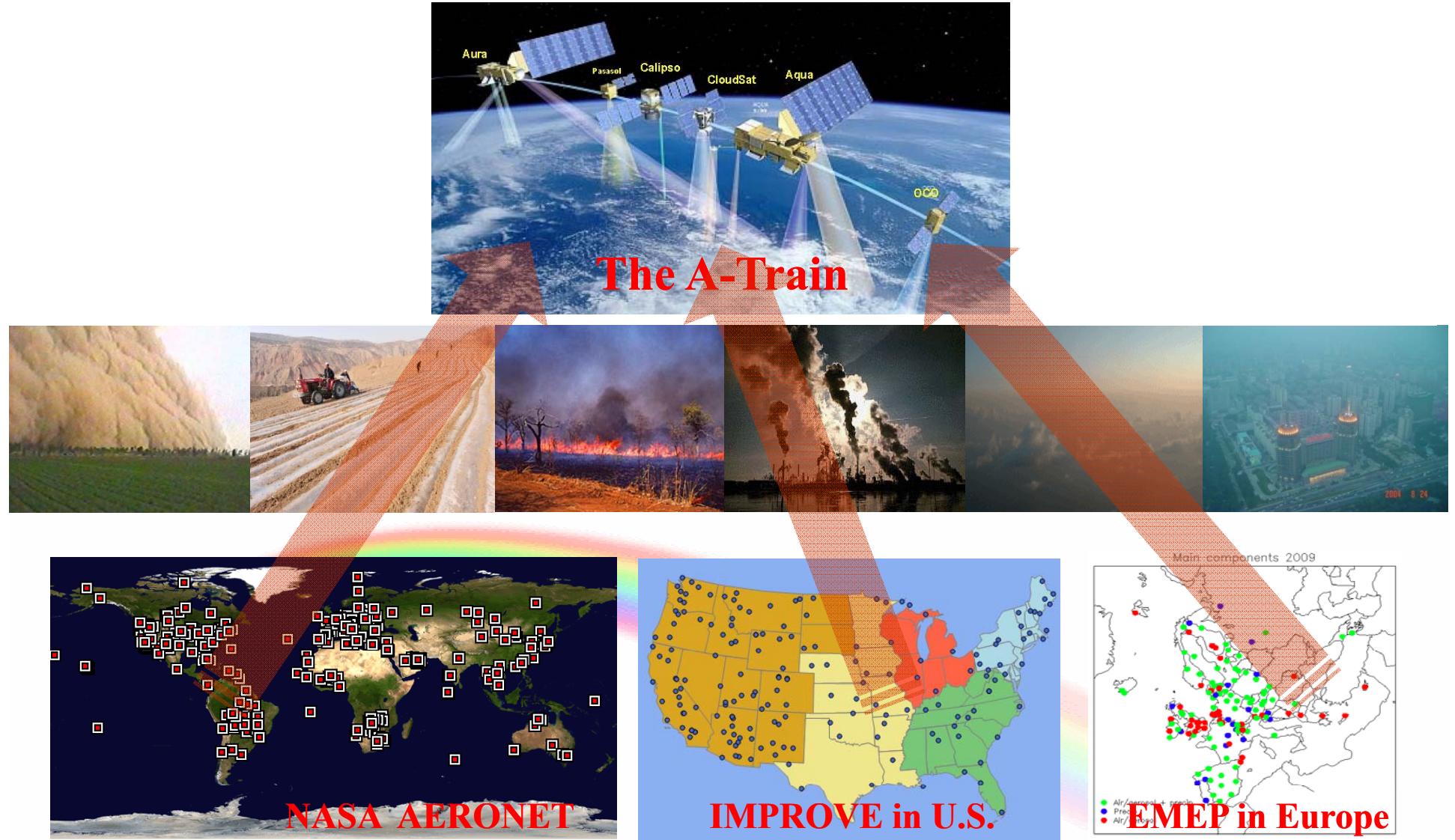
NCAR CESM simulated and offered aerosol data in IPCC AR5.



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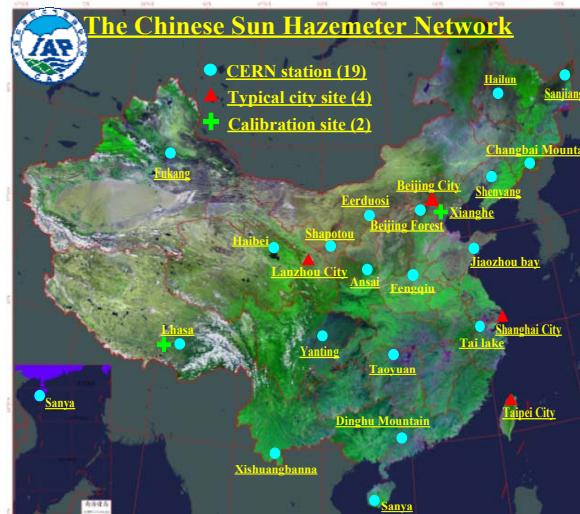
Y. Feng 2011, CESM NCAR, report

# Aerosol optical parameters: Bridging the ground observation, satellite, and model



## 2. The observation network in China

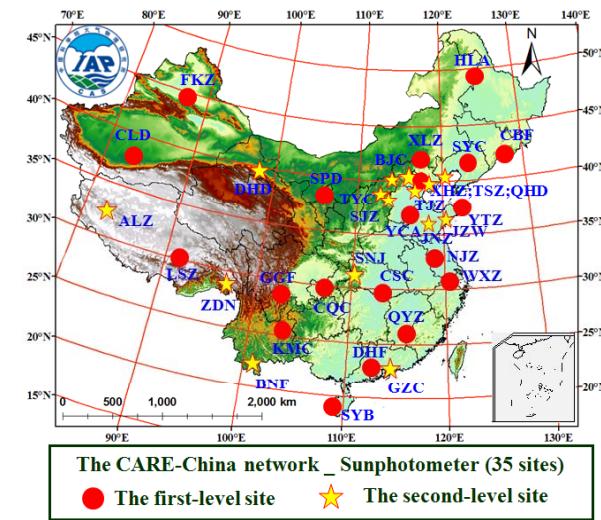
- The Chinese Sun Hazemeter Network, 2004-2007
- The CARE-China Network\_Sunphotometer, 2011-Now



The Chinese Sun  
Hazemeter Network  
2004.08-2007.07 (23 sites)



The CARE-China Network  
Sunphotometer  
2012.01-Now(36sites)



The CARE-China network \_ Sunphotometer (35 sites)  
● The first-level site      ★ The second-level site



LED hazemeter  
U.S. Forest Service



Microtops II



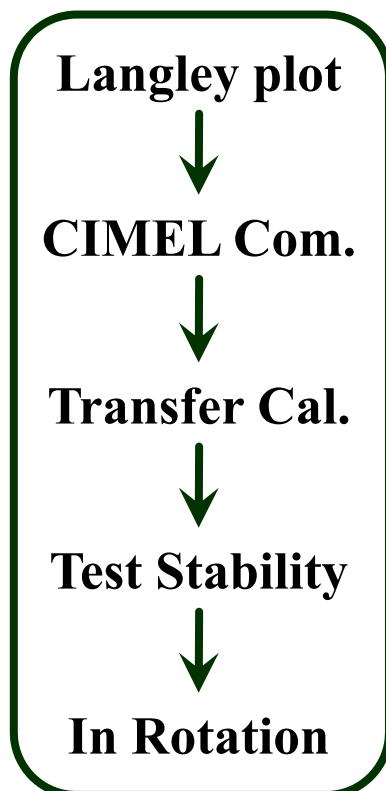
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# The observing group of the network

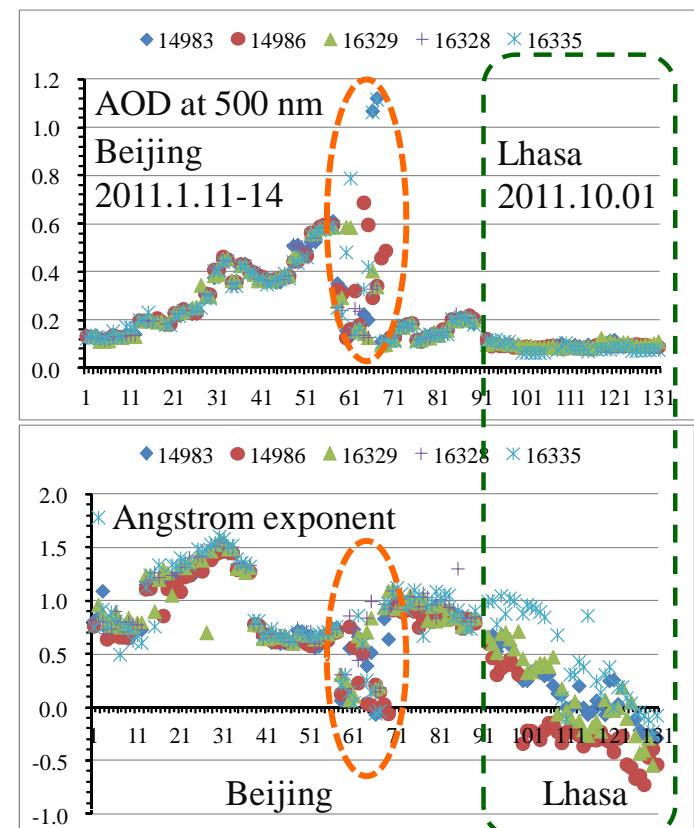
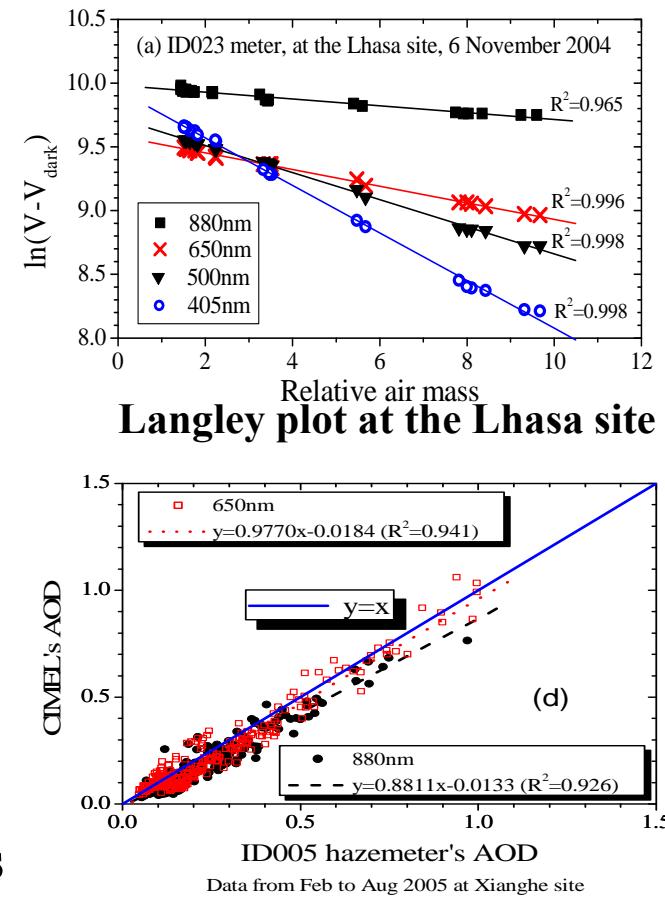


# Calibration and Quality Control

- ✓ To build the observation and instrument calibration standard
- ✓ To build the data quality control procedure for the network



Xin et al. JGR, 2007



### 3. Research results and progress

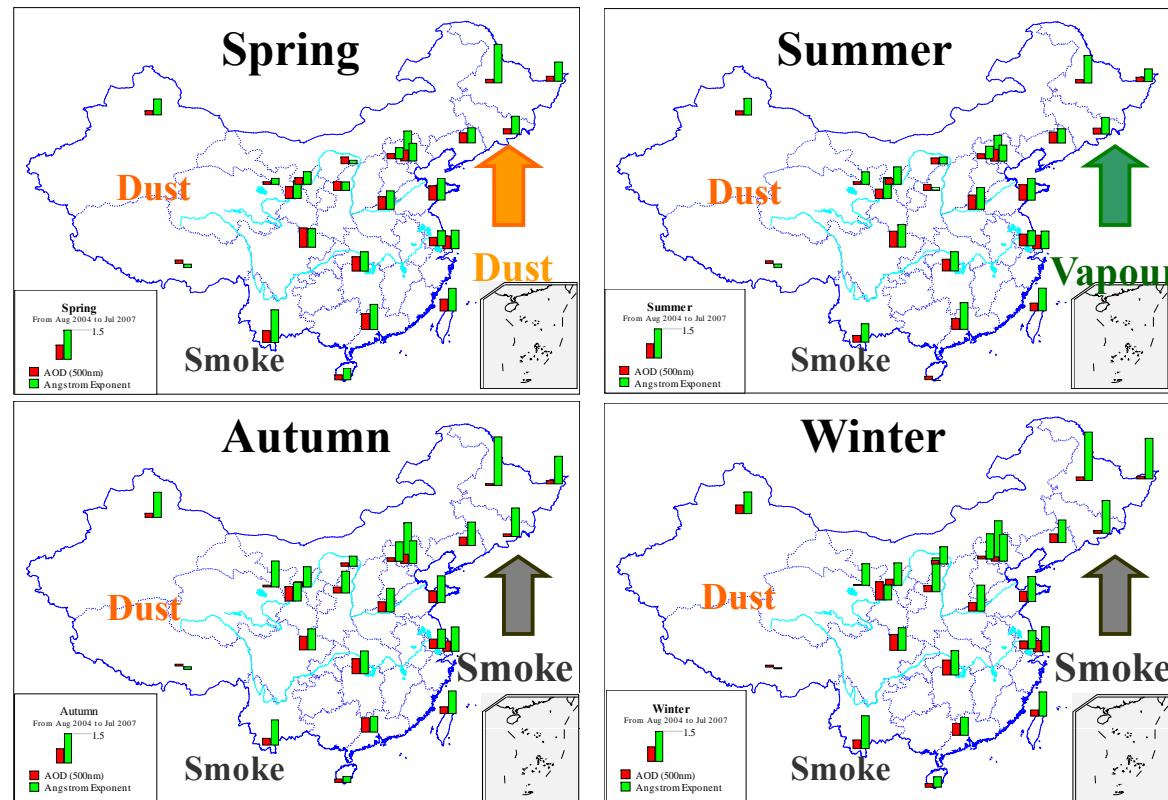
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- 3.2 The application to MODIS AOD upgrade in China
- 3.3 The accuracy of MODIS AOD C4, C5, C6 products
- 3.4 The accuracy of VIIRS IP AOD over east China
- 3.5 The accuracy of Chinese FY-3A and GF-1 AOD
- 3.6 To find the relationship between PM2.5 and AOD



### 3.1 The distribution of aerosol optical properties

- There were similar monthly and seasonal variations of AODs and aerosol types over northern and southern China.
- Dust aerosol in spring, smoke and soot in autumn and winter. And dust over the Tibet Plateau, smoke and soot in Southeast Asia.

The annual mean AOD at 500nm is 0.1-0.2 over the Tibet Plateau, remote northeast, and Hainan island.  
2004.8-2007.7

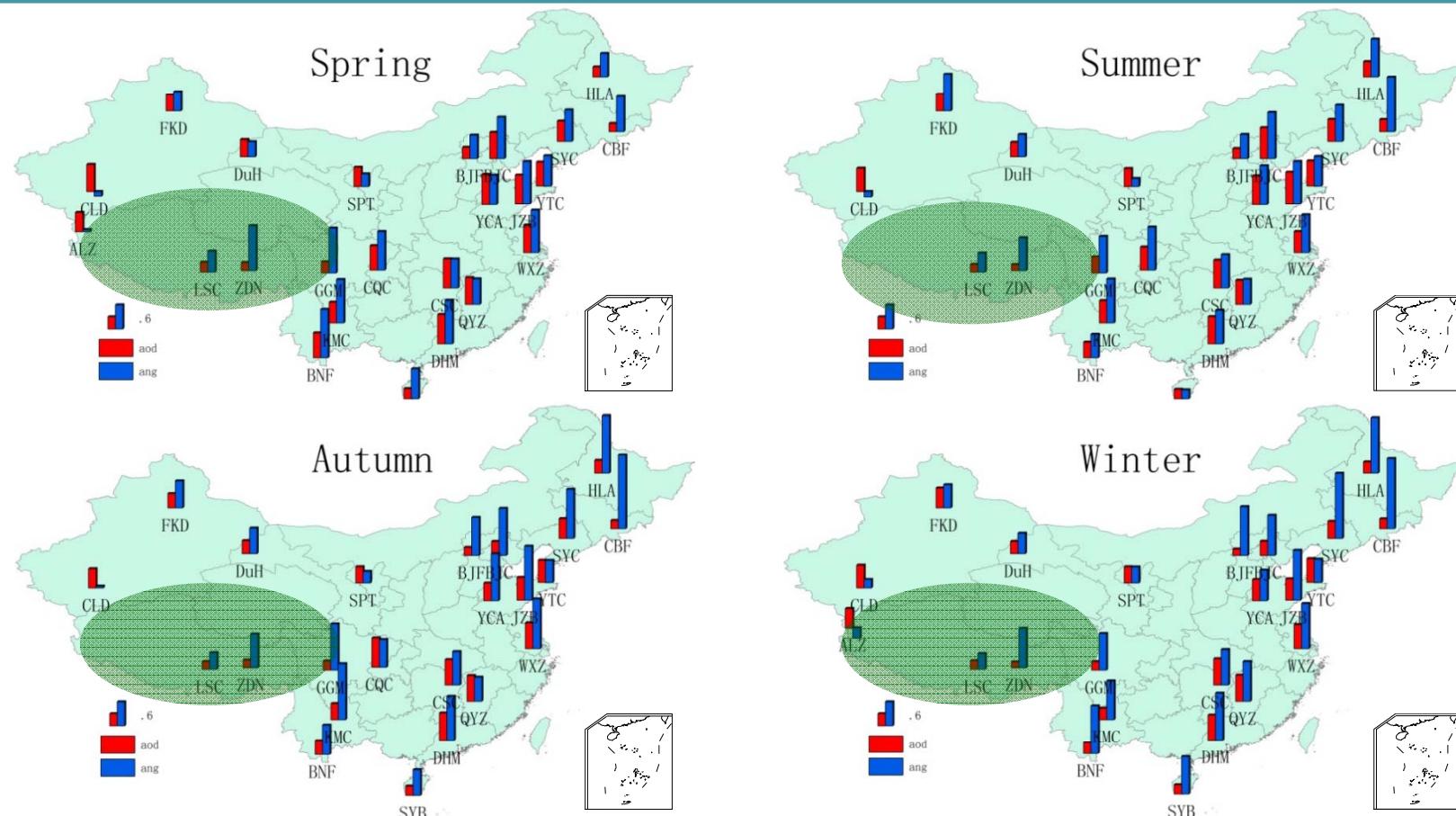


The annual mean AOD at 500nm is 0.5-0.9 over the central, eastern, southern and eastern coastal areas.  
2004.8-2007.7



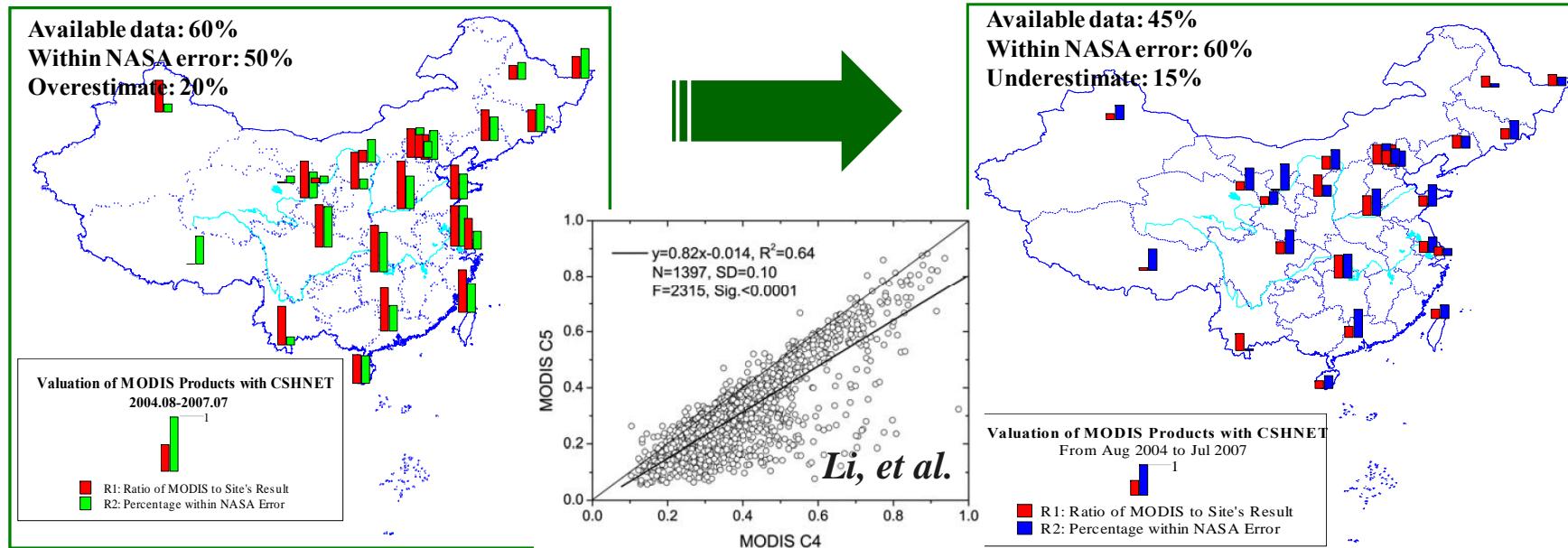
# The spatial and temporal distribution in 2012

- Comparing with 2004-2007, there was increasing of AOD in China except the Tibet Plateau, similar variation of aerosol types as before. But many sites had large changes in the remote areas.



## 3.2 The application to MODIS AOD upgrade

- In collaboration with UMD and U.S. Forest Service, we traced to evaluate the accuracy of MODIS AOD from C4 to C5 products.
- The accuracy of MODIS C5 product increased by 10% on average in China, but the ratio of available data decreased by 15%.



Evaluate MODIS C4 Product

Evaluate MODIS C5 Product

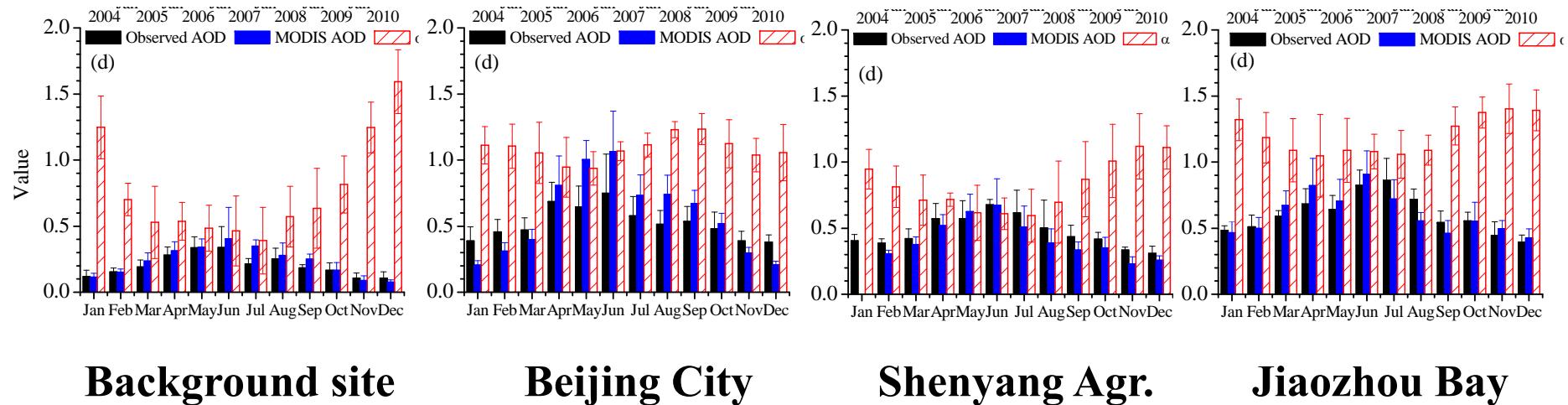
*Wang, Xin, Li, et al., JGR, 2007; AE, 2007; CSB, 2007; GRL, 2008; AR, 2010*



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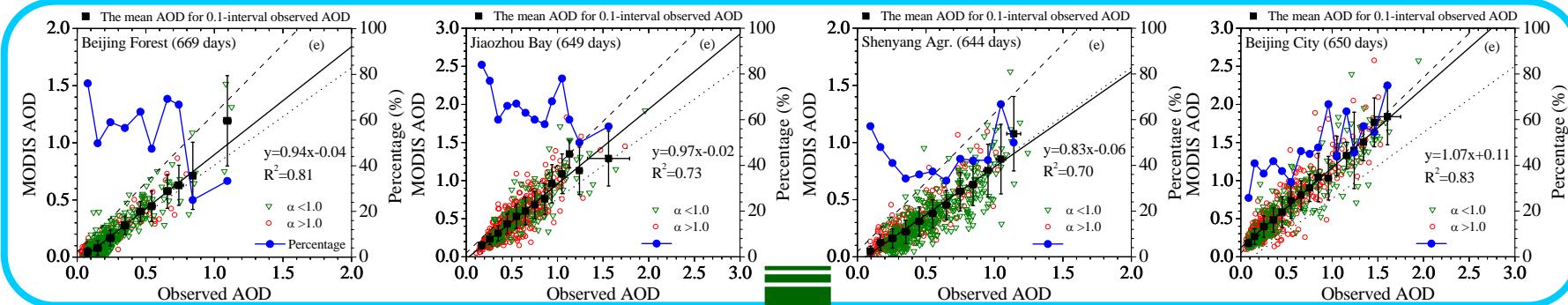
# MODIS C5 AOD revised by the ground observation

- MODIS C5 product also has large seasonal systematic errors in the urban region.
- Overestimate by 20% in summer and autumn; underestimate by 20% in spring and winter.

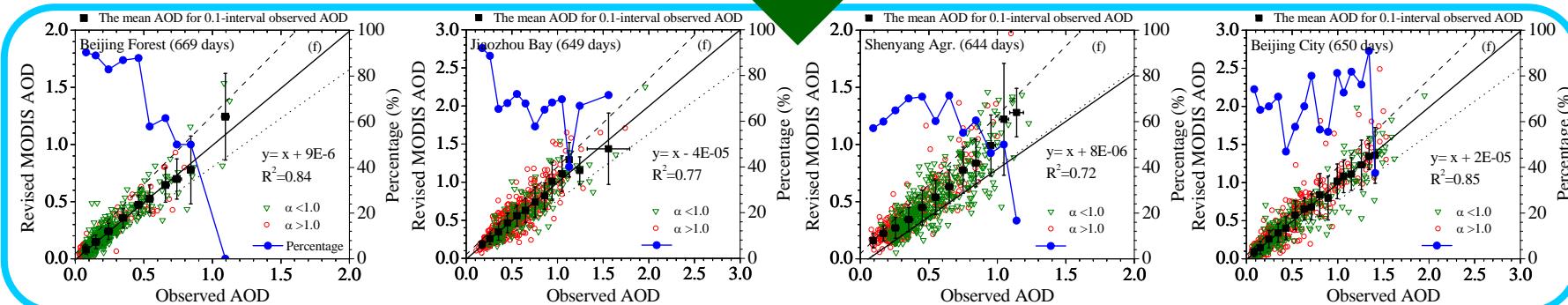


# MODIS C5 AOD revised by the ground observation

- The available ratio of the revised MODIS product reached 60-85%, raised by ~20% on average; the relative error declined to ~15%.
- The network was serviced to evaluate the Chinese satellites: HJ-1A , GF-1 and FY-3A. The GF-1 is getting close to MODIS.

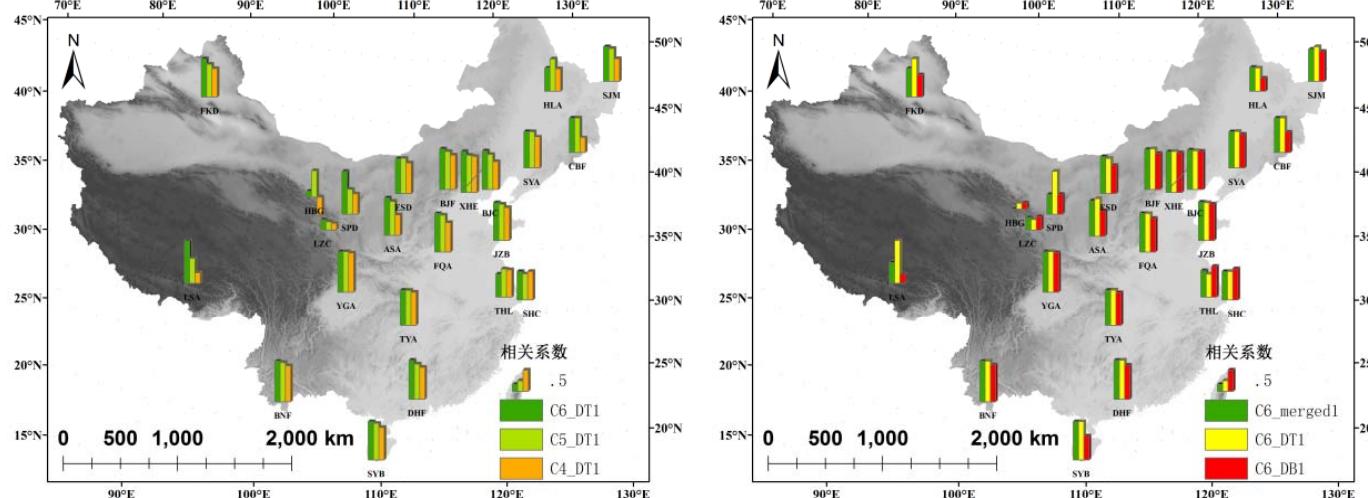


Comparison with MODIS C5 AOD in the urban

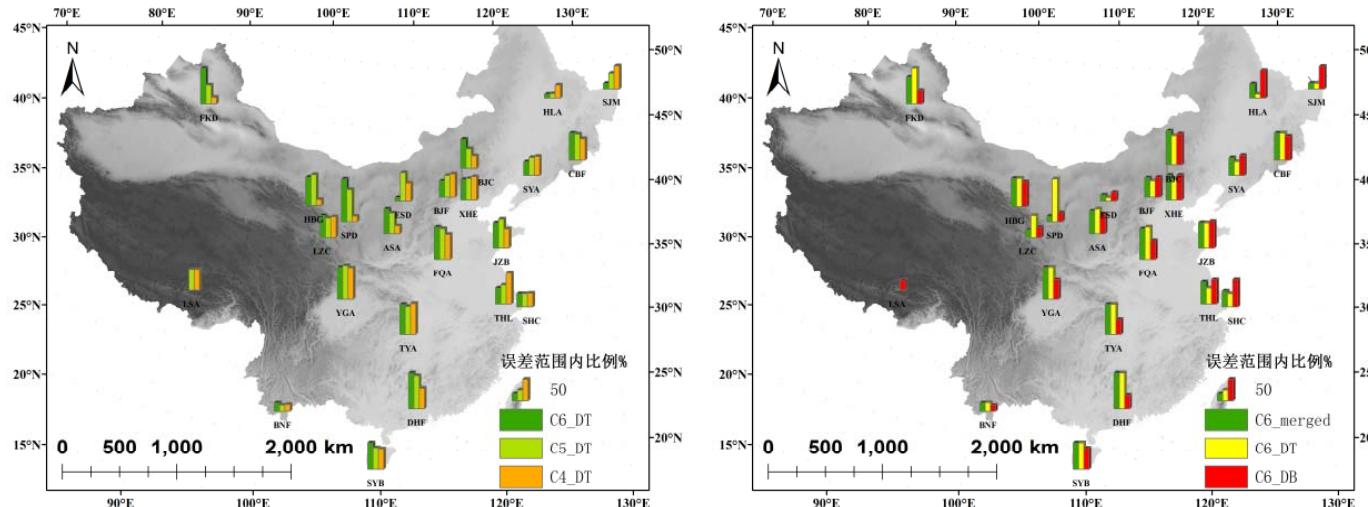


Comparison with the revised MODIS AOD

### 3.3 The accuracy of MODIS C4, C5, C6 products



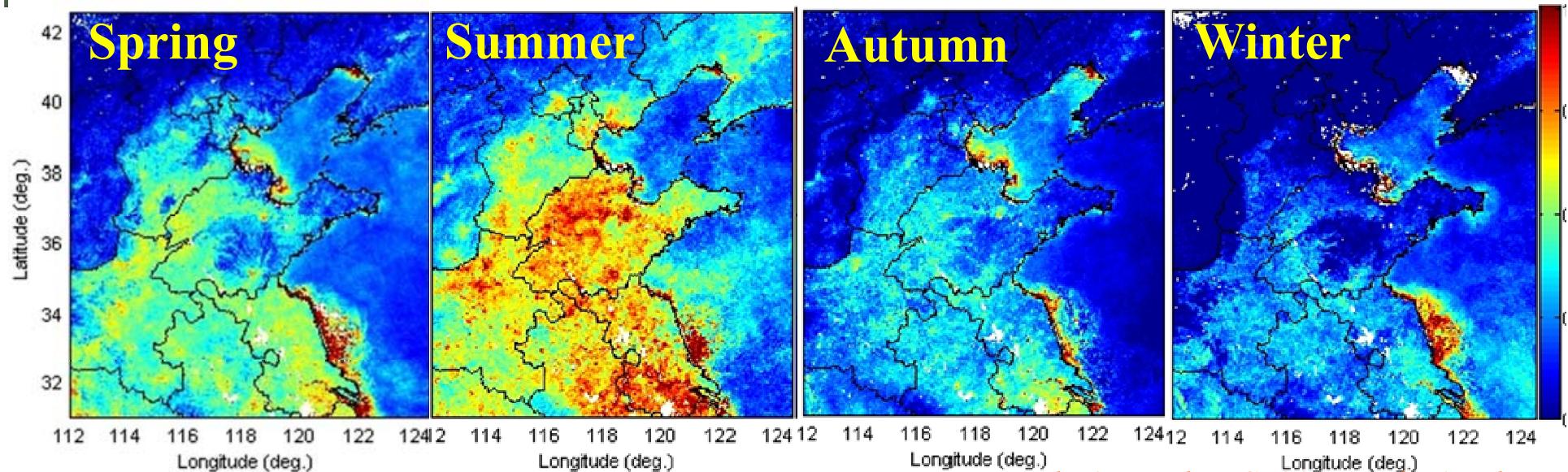
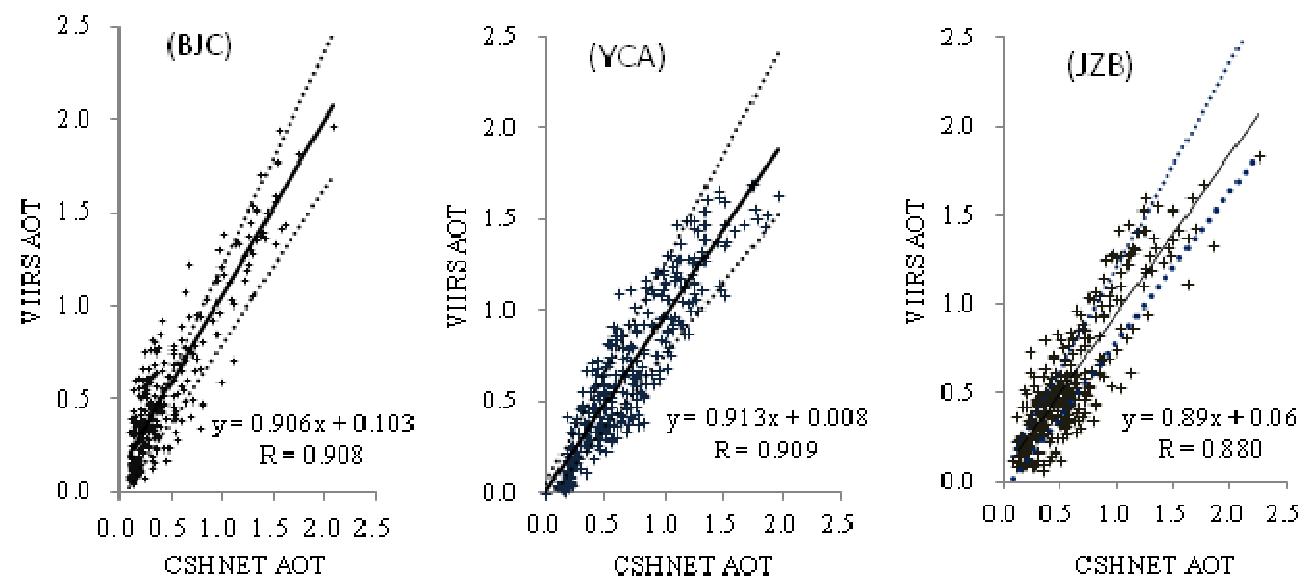
The correlation between MODIS-C6 AOD and observed AOD



The rates of C6 products filling in the NASA errors

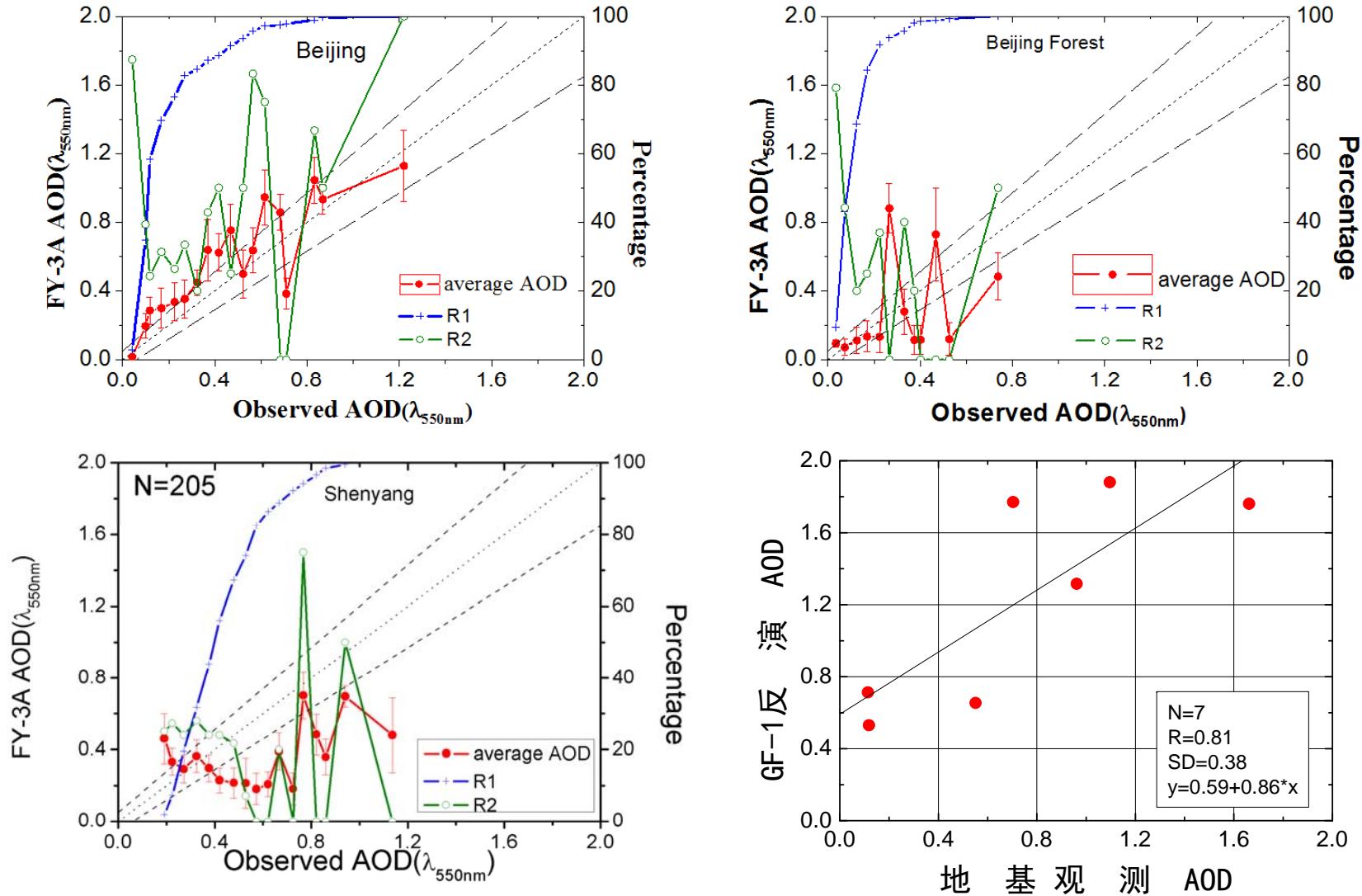
- 65% of C6 products filling in the NASA errors over China.
- But C6 products underestimated AOD by 20% (DB and the Merge) and 14% (DT).
- In the northeast, the northwestern desert and the Tibet Plateau, the accuracy of C6 DT was higher than C4 and C5 DT products.
- C6 DB was superior to DT and Merge in the northeast, the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and the Yangtze River delta. But DT and Merge were more superior to DB in other regions.

### 3.4 The accuracy of VIIRS IP AOD over east China



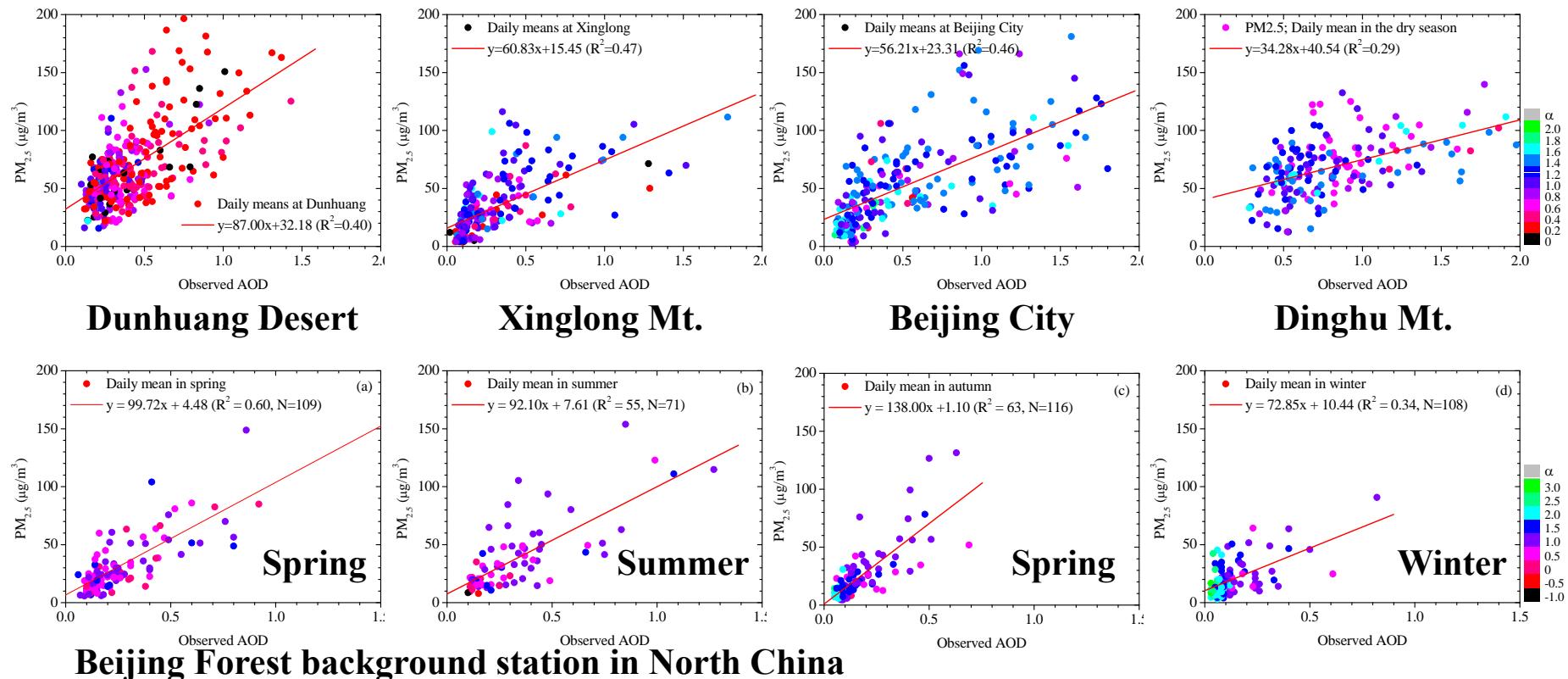
Meng and Xin et al., RS, 2015, submitted

### 3.5 The accuracy of Chinese FY-3A and GF-1 AOD

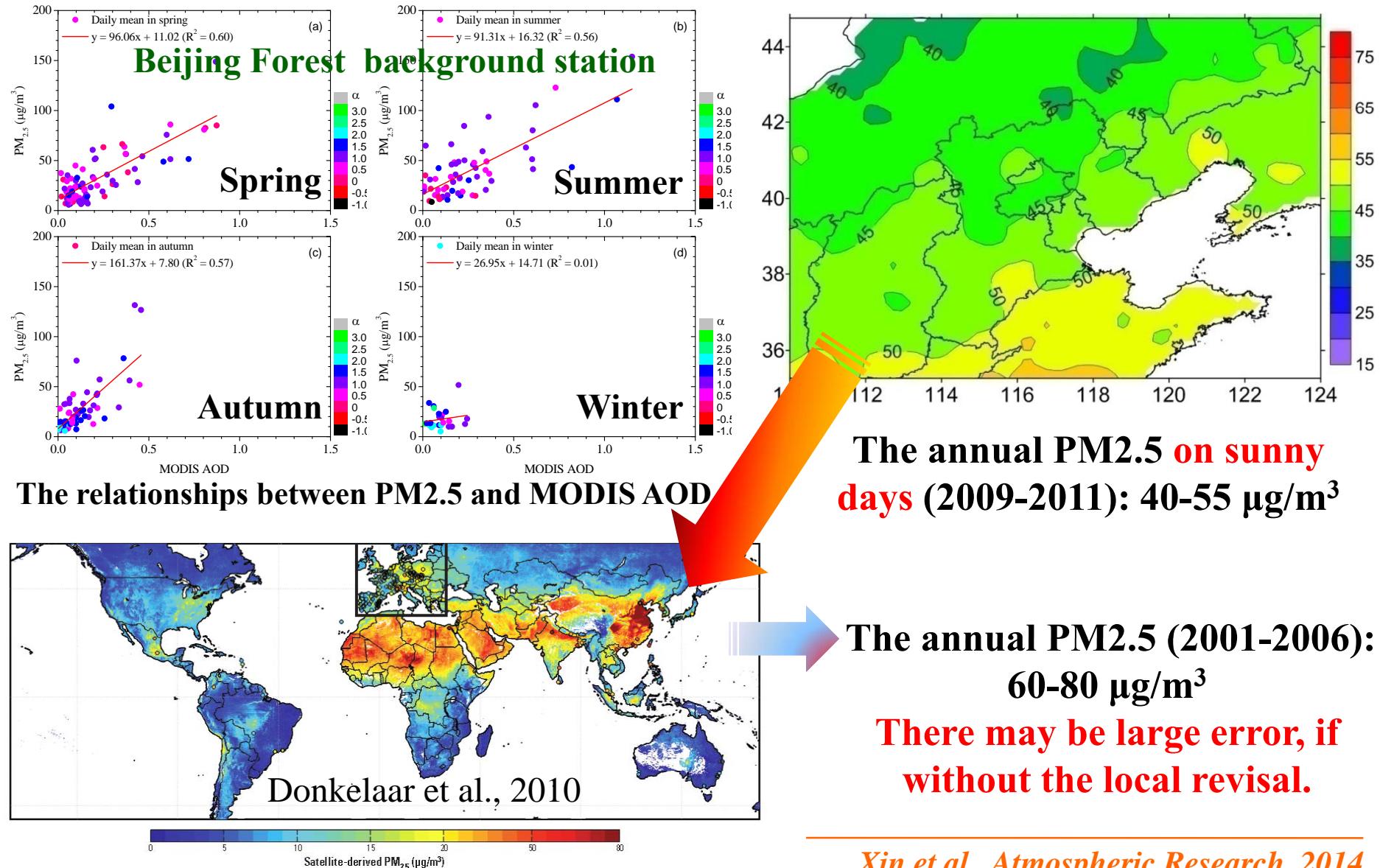


## 3.6 The relationship between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and AOD

- There were certain correlations between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and AOD.
- The correlations are different at different regions and among the four seasons due to the aerosol types, components and weather conditions.



# An example: PM2.5 retrieved from the satellite



## 4. Summary

1. Since 2004, we began a network to investigate the spatial and temporal distribution of aerosol optical properties in China, and try to track the trends.
2. The network has been used to revise the satellite products, aerosol model results, and to obtain the relationship between PM2.5 and AOD.
3. The accuracy of MODIS AOD increased by 20% from C4 to C6 products. 65% of C6 product filled in the NASA errors over China, but the product underestimated AOD in China.
4. 60% of VIIRS IP products filled in the NASA errors over east China. Besides, Chinese FY and GF satellites' AOD products showed large errors in the region.



A wide-angle landscape photograph of a green field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A vibrant rainbow arches across the upper portion of the image, its colors transitioning from red on the left to violet on the right.

Thank you !

Any question?

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He won six Chinese academic awards: the National Excellent Youth Scholar of NSFC in 2012, the "QIUSHI" Award in 2005, the "XUE DU FENG ZHENG" Award in 2006, the "National Hundred Outstanding PhD Thesis" Nomination Award in 2009, the Youth Meteorological Science and Technology Excellent Paper in 2014, Youth Meteorological Science and Technology Award in 2014. He has published 70s academic papers (40s SCI papers), which have been cited more than 1000 times.



