

# Aerosol measurements & models MODIS & AERONET vs. GOCART

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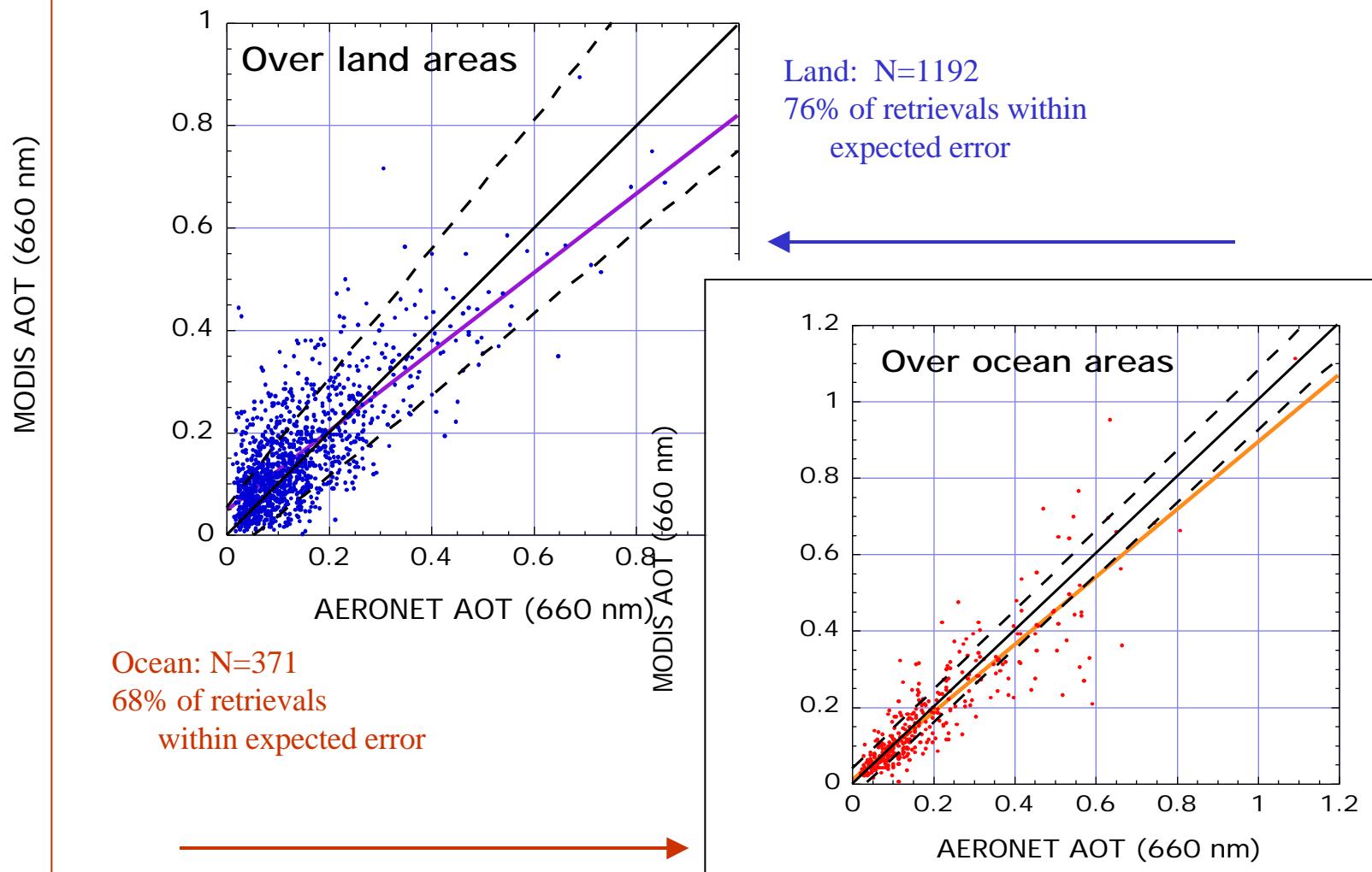
**MODIS - ocean:** **Aerosol optical thickness**  
**fraction in fine mode**  
**Effective radius**  
**spectral flux at TOA**

**MODIS - land:** **Aerosol optical thickness**  
**~ fraction in fine mode**

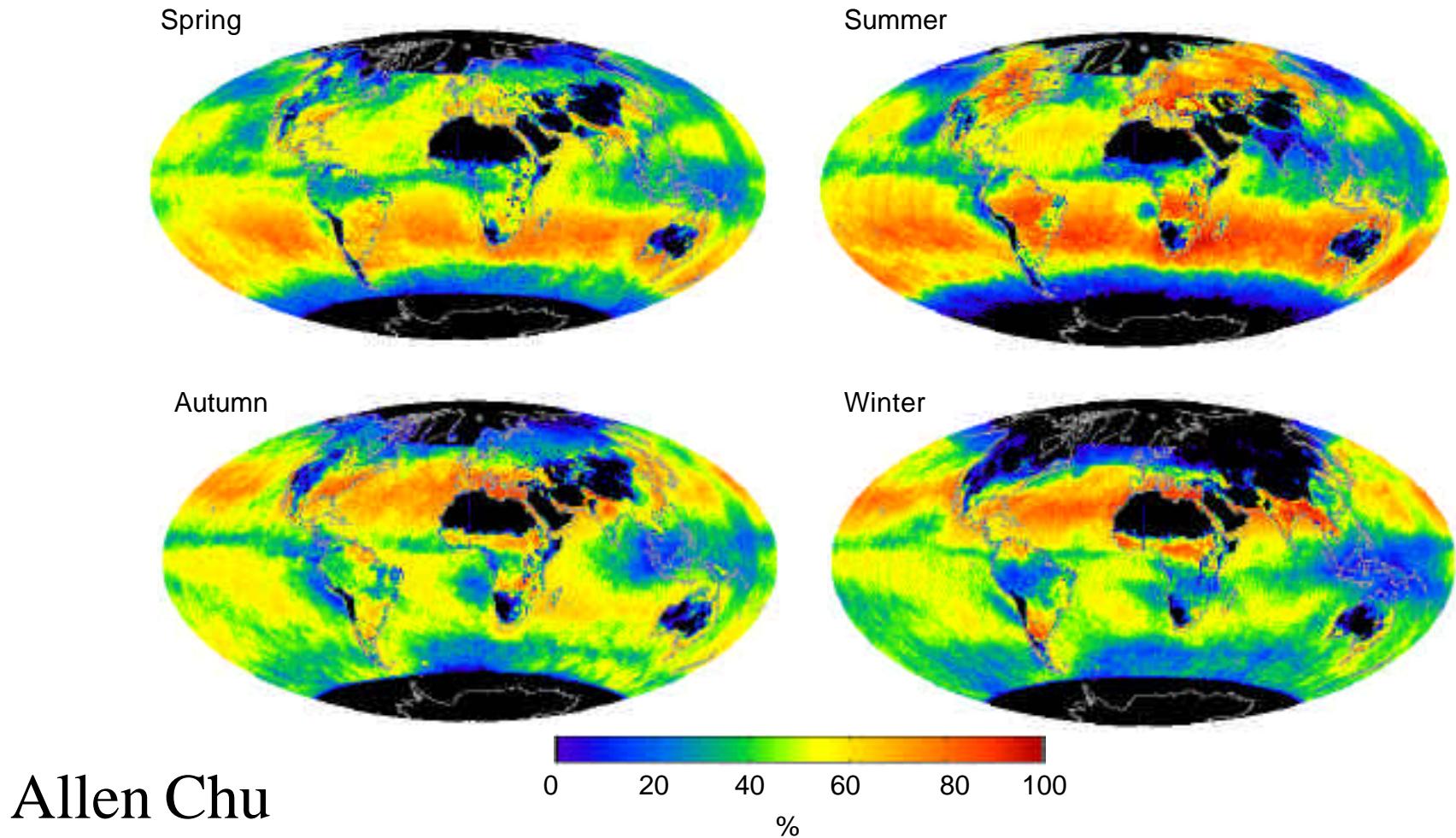
**AERONET:** **Aerosol optical thickness**  
**fraction in fine mode**  
**size distribution**  
**absorption/scattering**

# MODIS vs. AERONET (Aug 2000 to Nov. 2001)

## Validation of Aerosol Optical Thickness

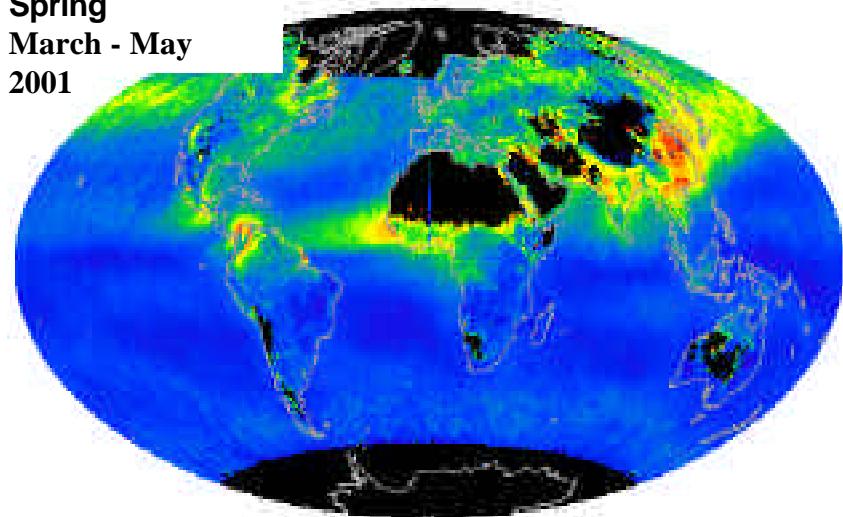


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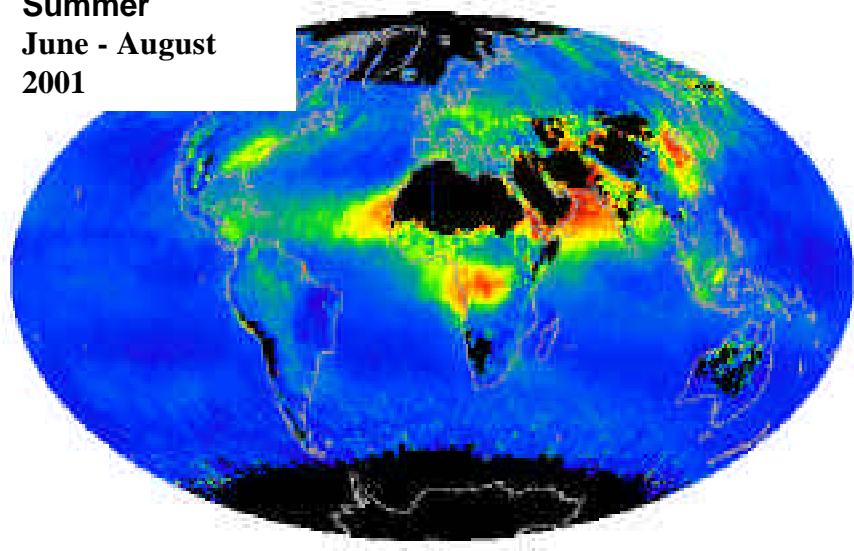


Frequency of aerosol retrievals in a  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  grid box -  
**spring (March - May 2001),**  
**summer (June - August 2001),**  
**autumn (September - November 2001), and**  
**winter (December 2000 - January 2001).**

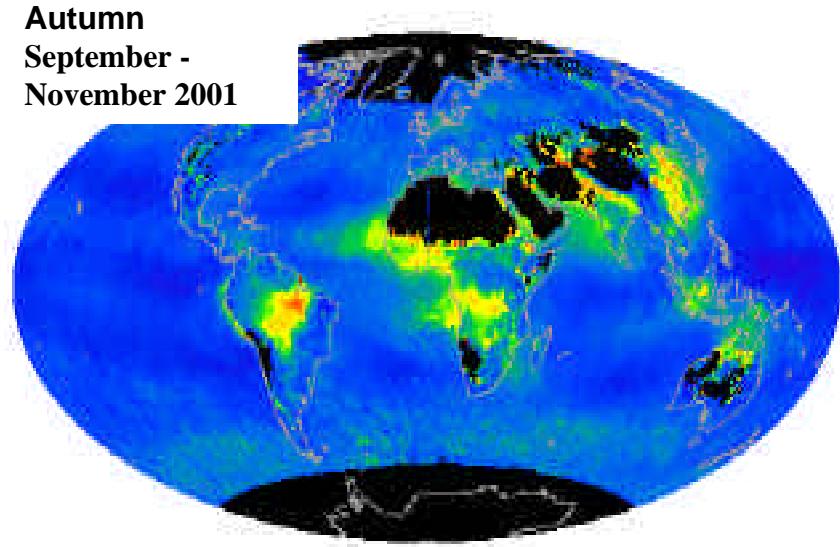
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March - May  
2001



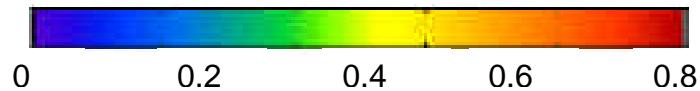
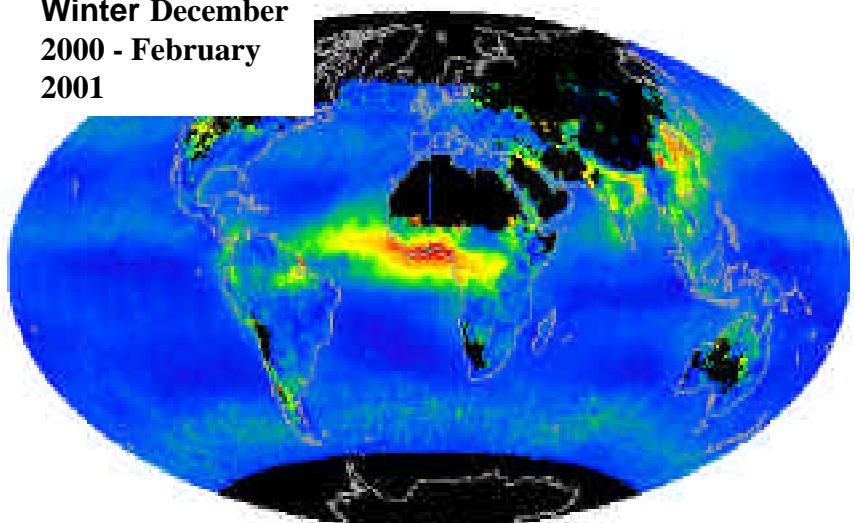
**Summer**  
June - August  
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**Autumn**  
September -  
November 2001



**Winter** December  
2000 - February  
2001

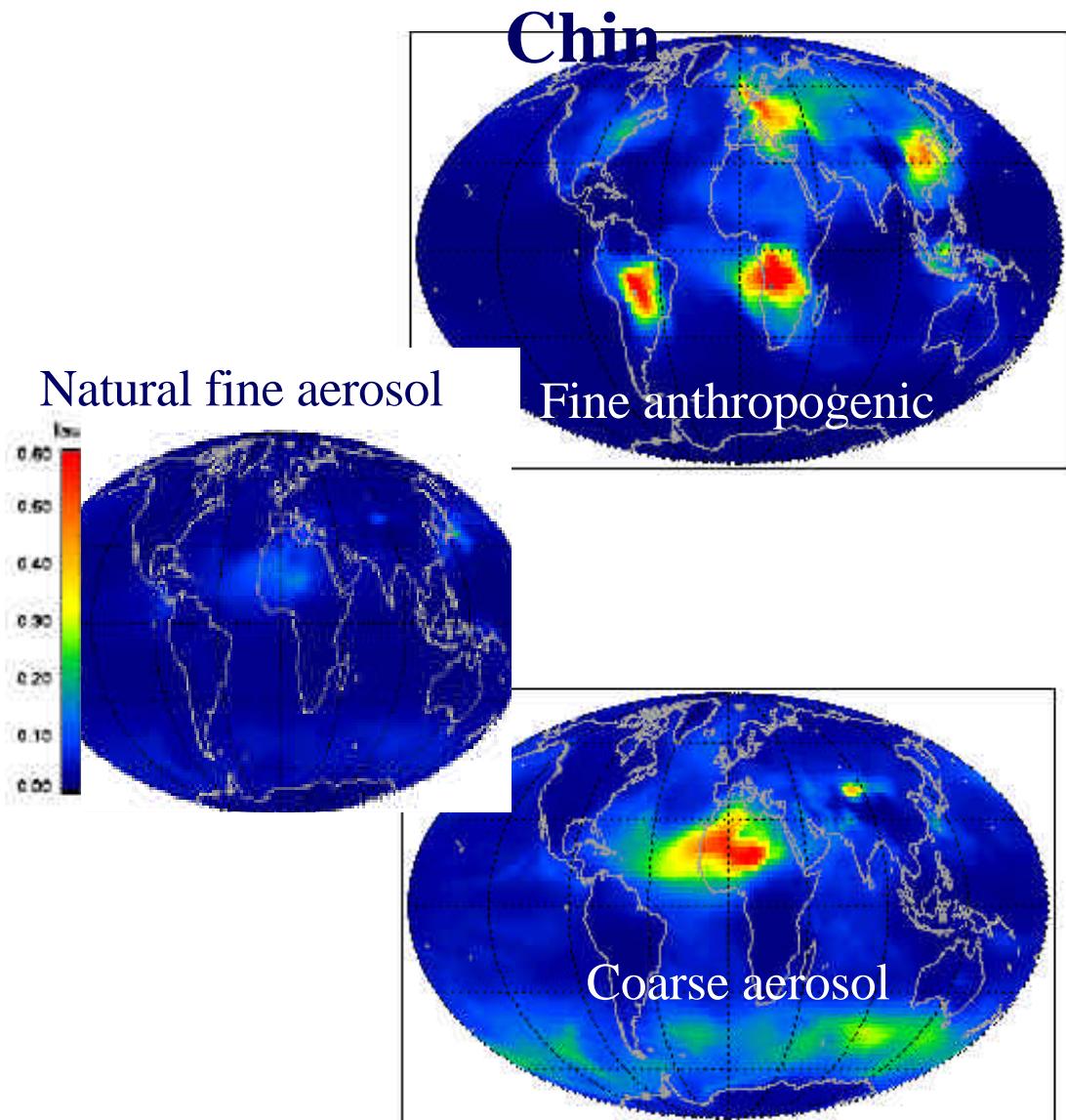


Average optical thickness

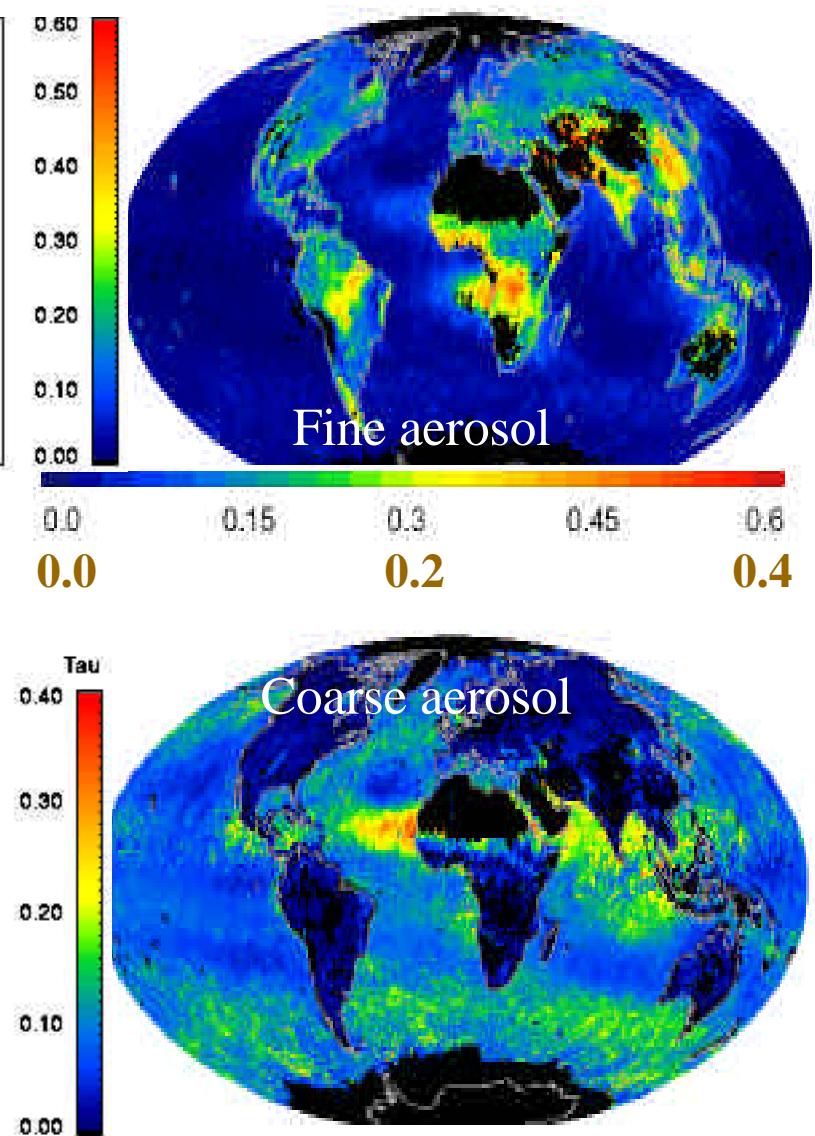
**Can we “fingerprint” the anthropogenic factor,  
and ....**

**Estimate the aerosol forcing  
on climate to change ?**

# GOCART Model - M.



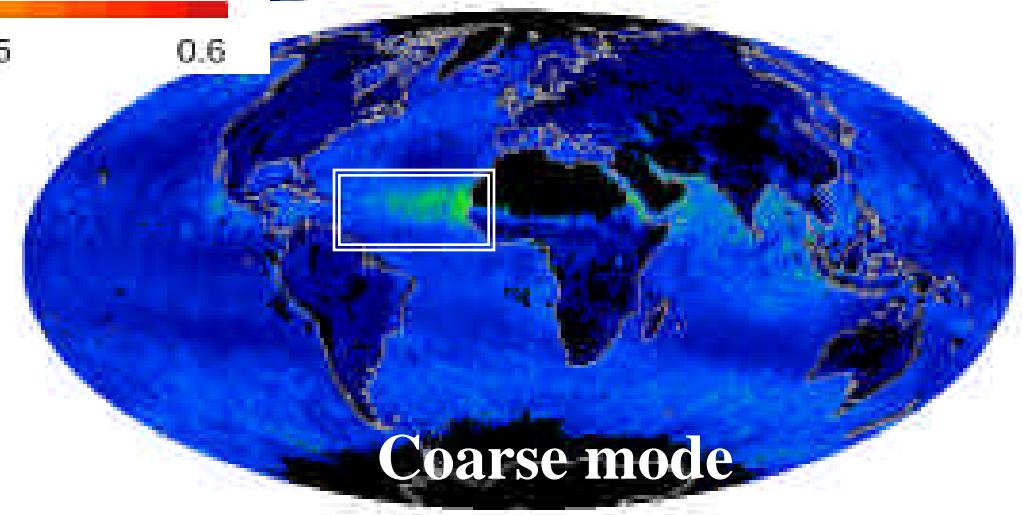
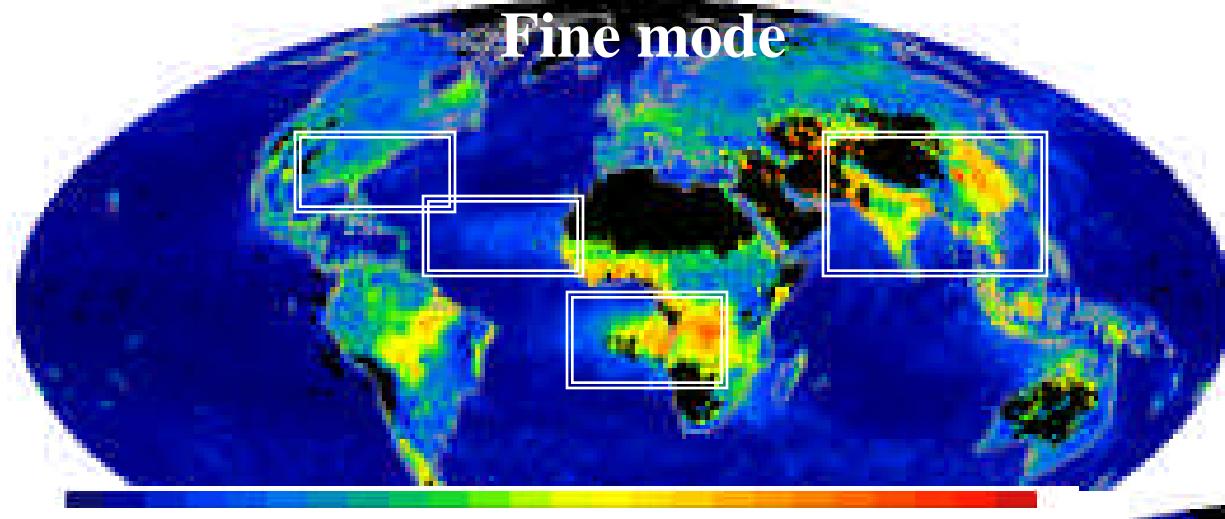
# MODIS



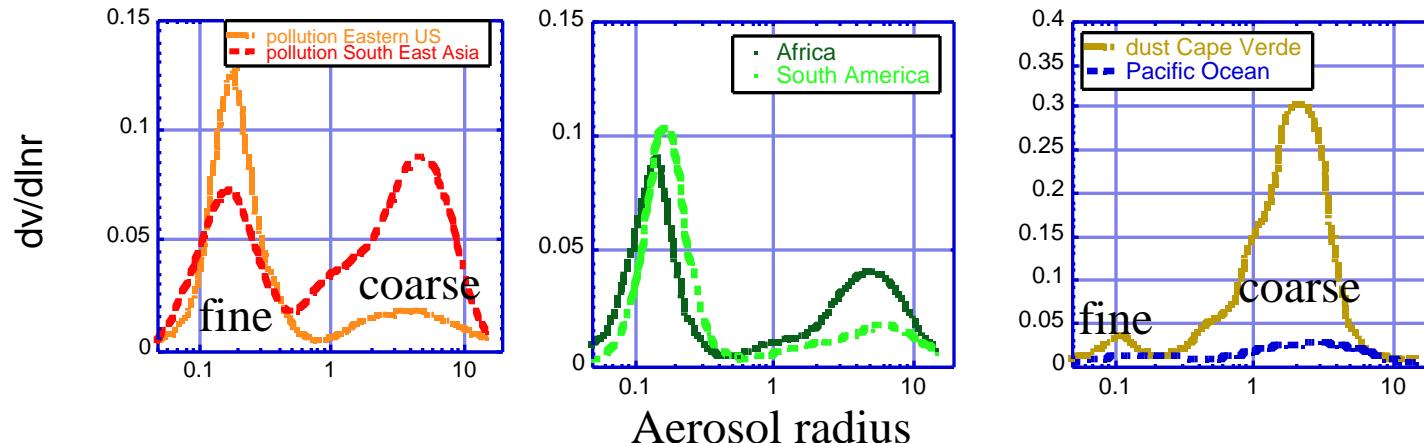
**September 2000 -** Kaufman, Tanré, Boucher, A new satellite view of aerosols in the climate system, review for Nature, Sept. 2002

# Global results - September 2000

Modis monthly composite aerosol **fine** and **coarse** mode & aerosol forcing of climate

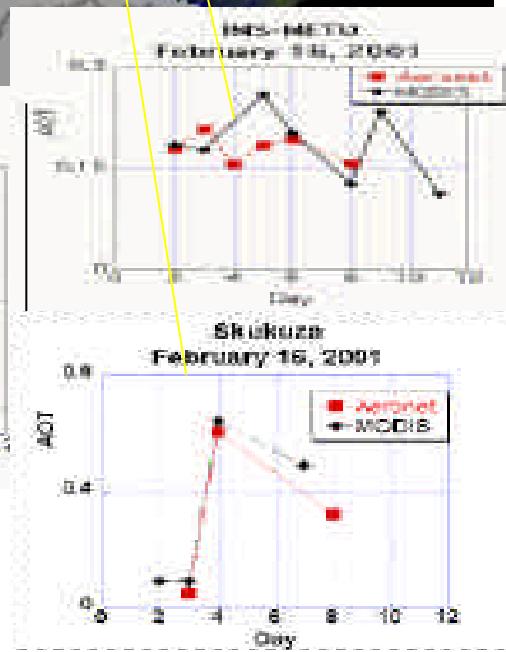
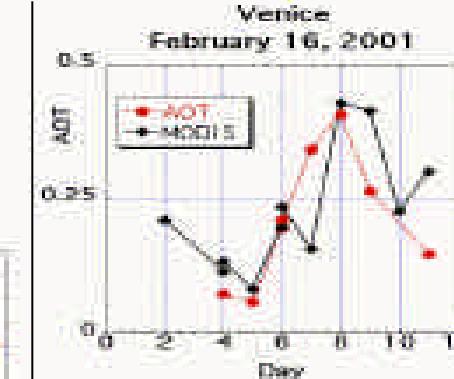
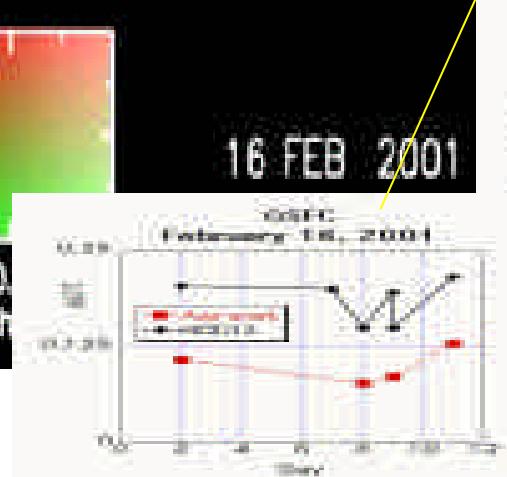
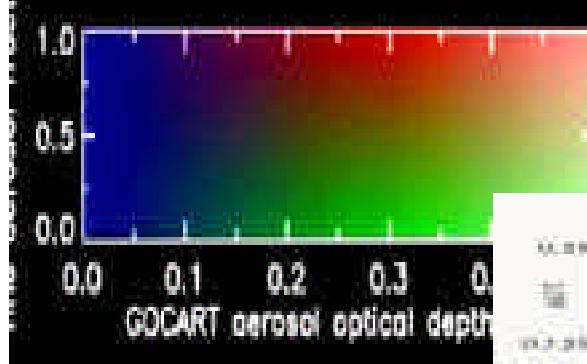
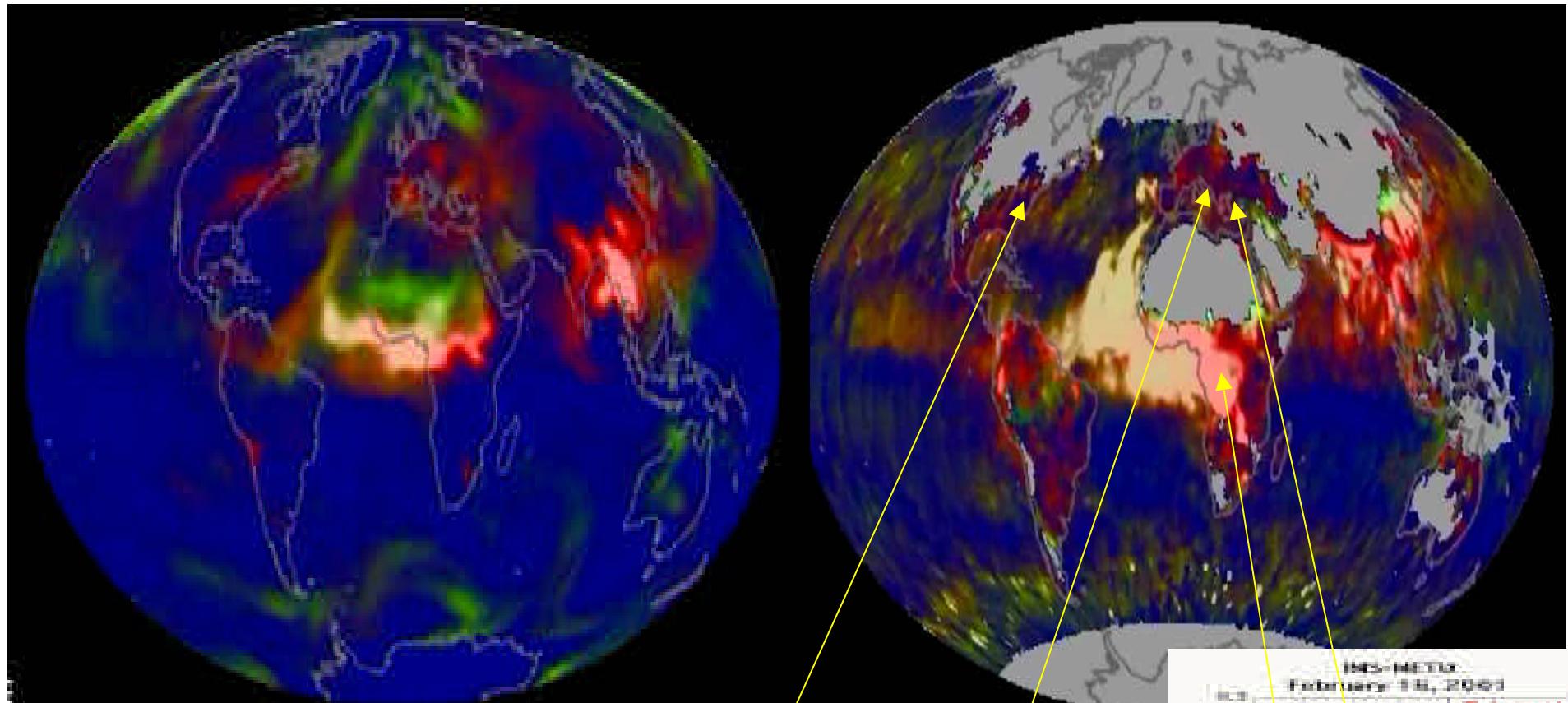


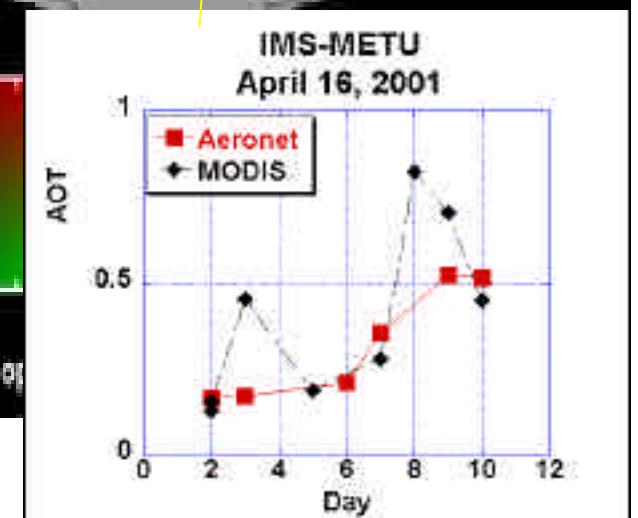
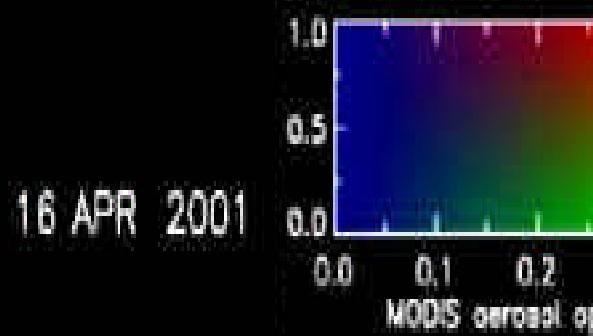
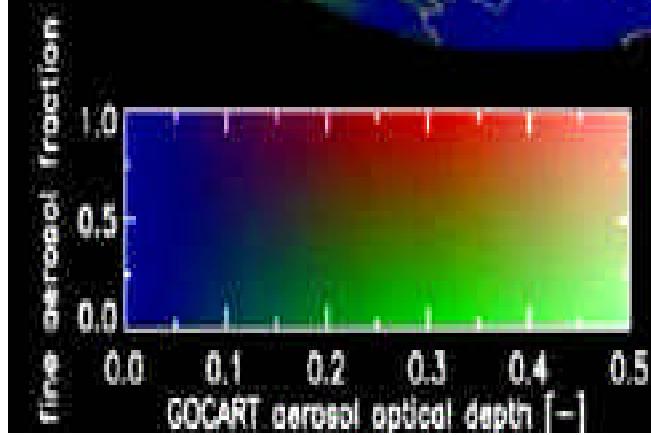
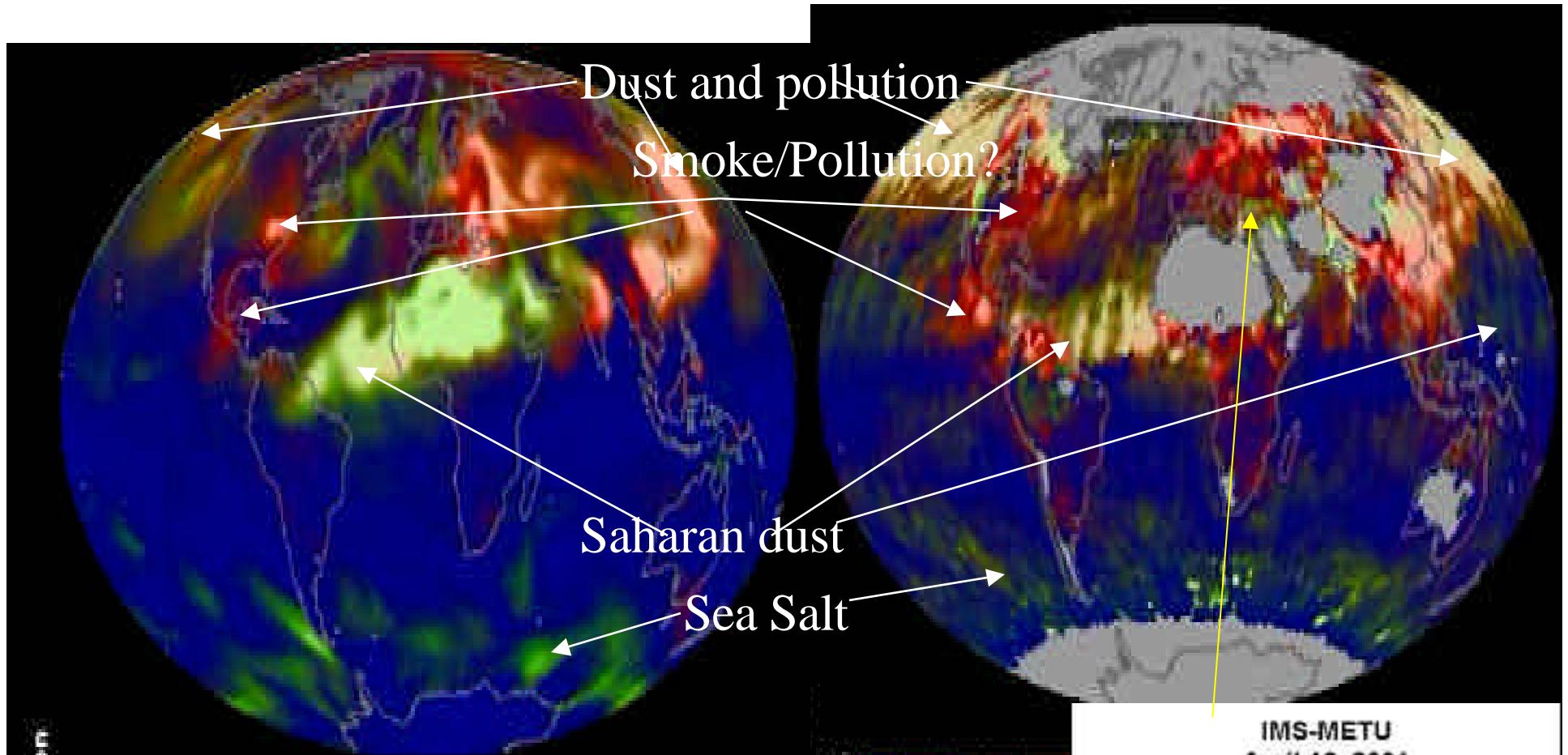
# Aerosol AERONET climatology (Dubovik et al., JAS 2002)

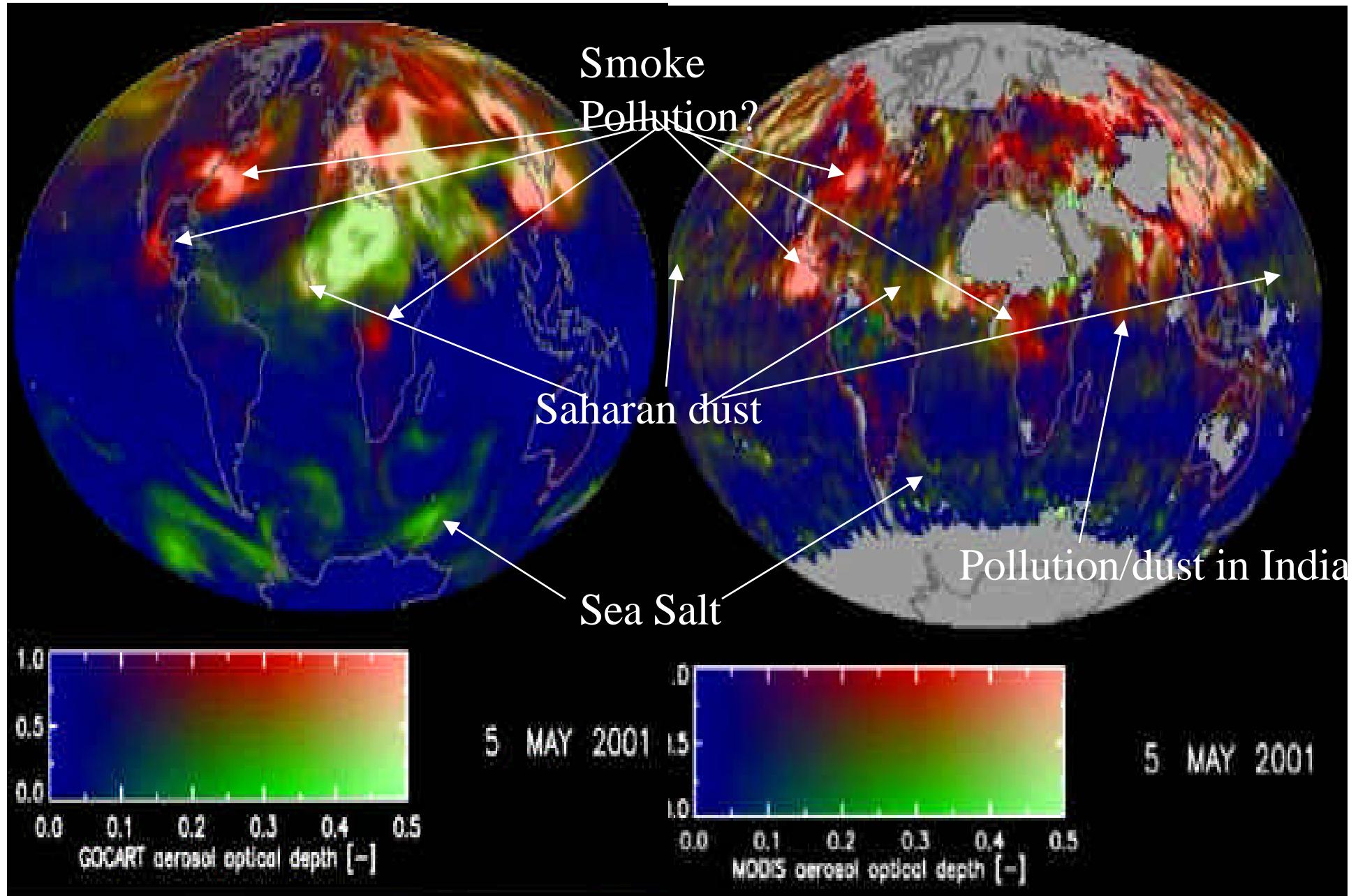


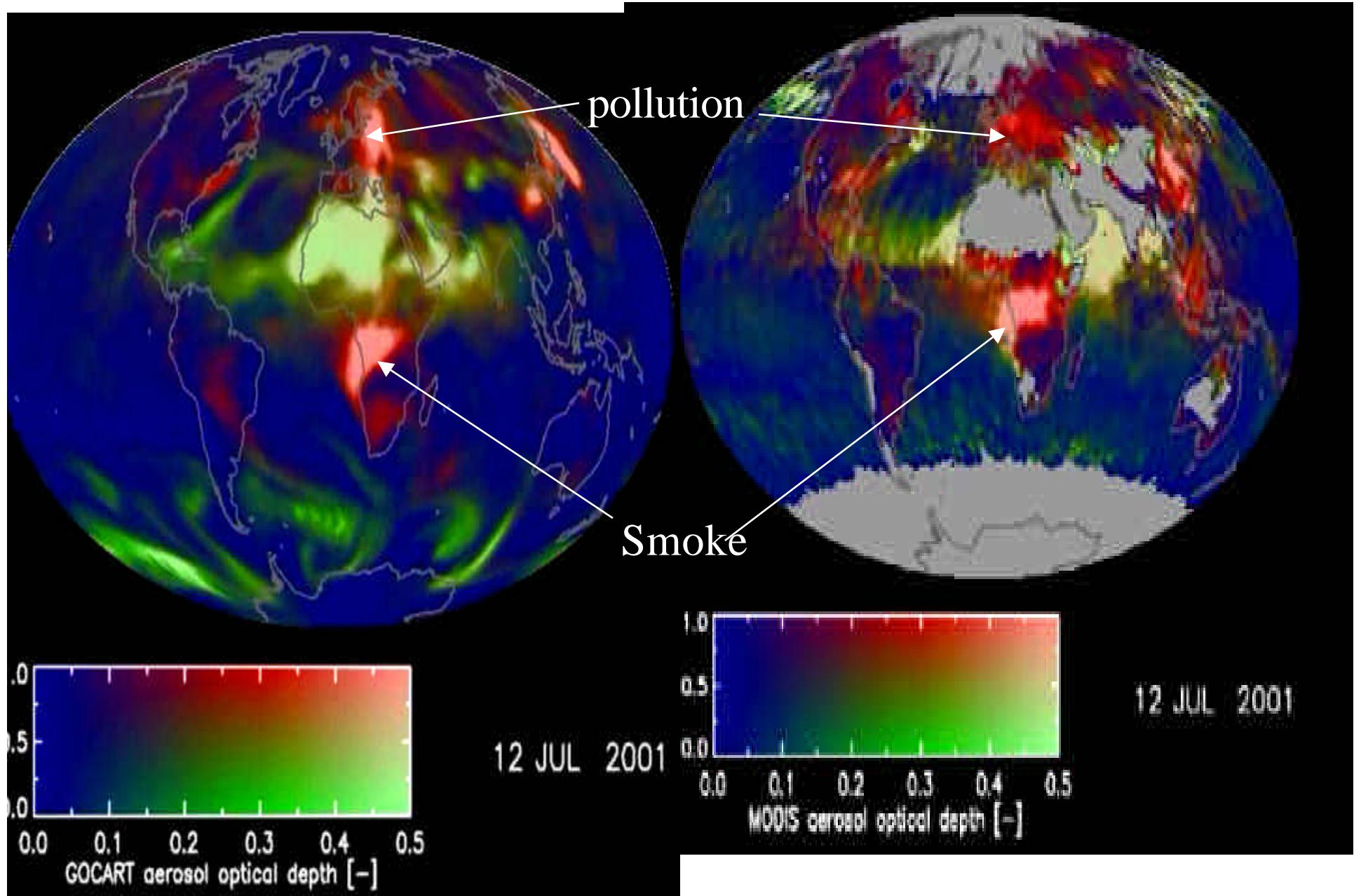
Analysis\ Aerosol type	Regional pollution aerosol				Biomass Burning			Dust	Oceanic
A. AERONET analysis	East. US	Euro -pe	S-E Asia	Cen. Amer.	Boreal Forest	Trop. Forest	Savanna Africa-S.A.	Sahara – Saudi Arabia	Pacific Oceans
Time of the year	June-September		Jan.-April		Jan.-Dec.		June-November		January-December
Average AOT	- - - 0.20 - - -		0.20		0.30		0.25 – 0.45		- - - 0.2 – 0.4 - - -
AOT – fine mode	- - - 94% - - -		95%		90%		- - - 95% - - -		- - - 25% - - -
Single scattering albedo	0.97	0.94	- - - 0.88 - - -		- - - 0.93- - -		0.88		- - - 0.95- - -
B. Analysis of MODIS ocean data for Sept. 2000	North Atlantic 60-105W 20-45N		S-E Asia 70-140E 5-40N		South Africa 15W-30E 0-20S		West Africa 15-50W 10-25N		
Average AOT	0.18		0.24		0.31		0.30		
AOT – fine mode	41%		44%		66%		33%		
$\Delta F_{TOA}$ Wm <sup>-2</sup>	-8		-10		-10		-17 <sub>9</sub>		
$\Delta F_{SUR}$ Wm <sup>-2</sup>	-10		-23		-30		-23		

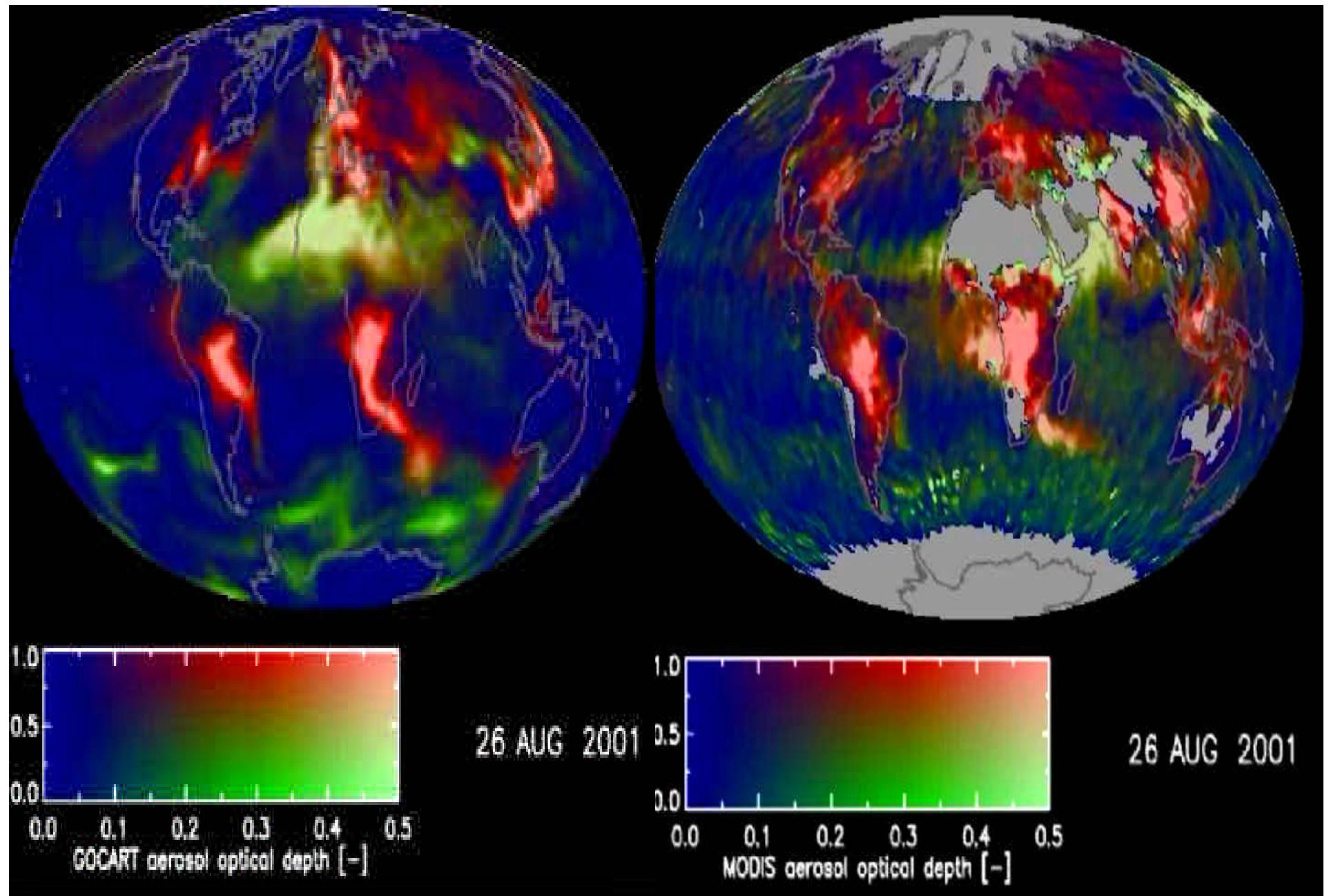
Aerosol transport: **2/16**: Africa --> Europe; **4/16**: China-->USA  
**5/5**: Mexico, Arabian sea--->**7/12**: dust,smoke Africa;  
**8/26**: smoke from South America and Africa







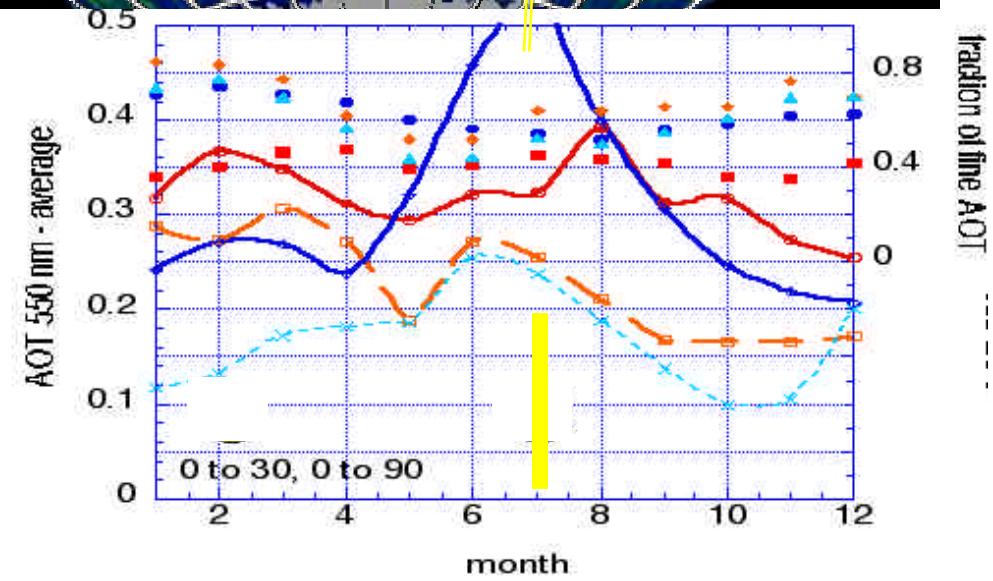
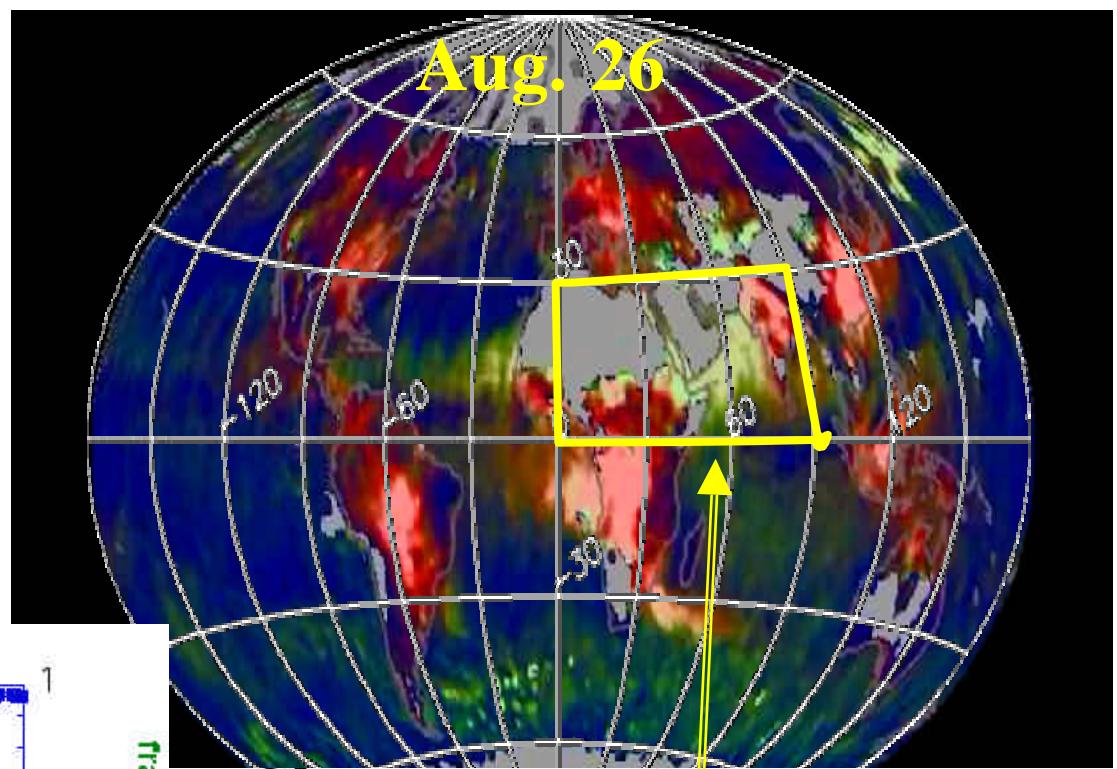
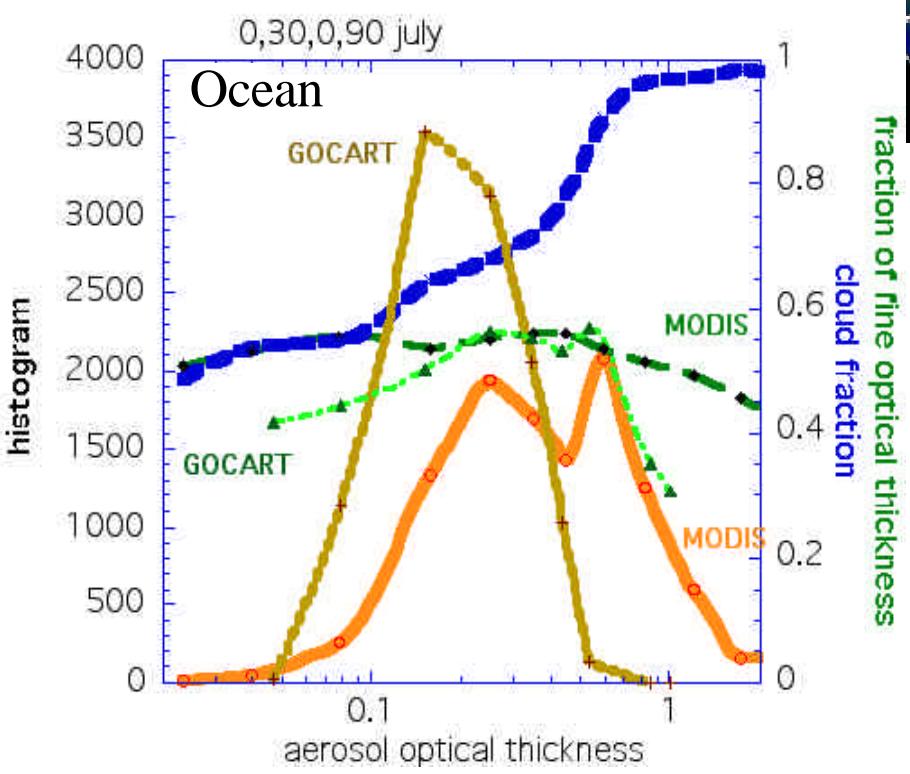




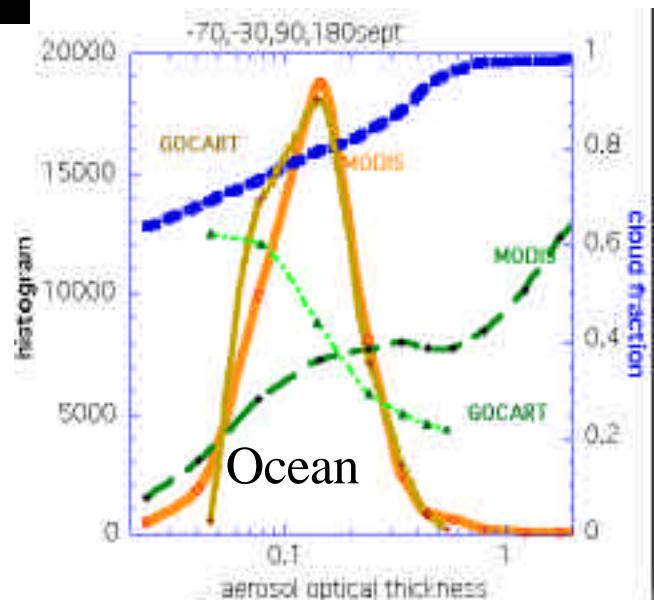
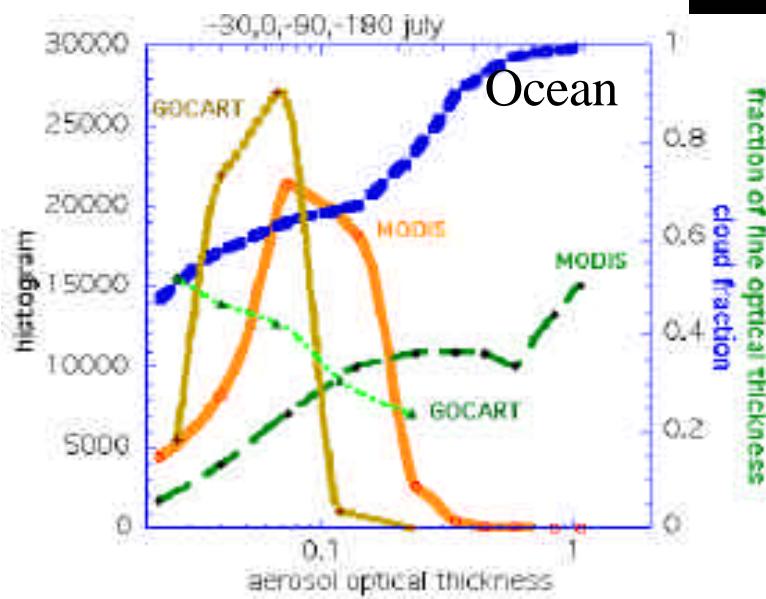
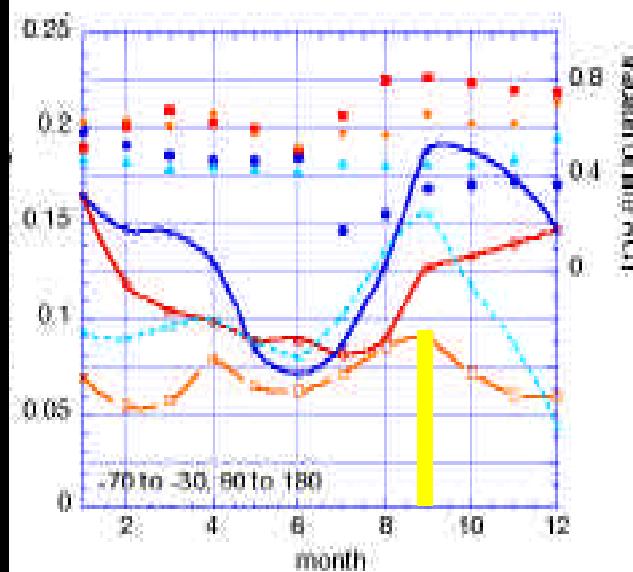
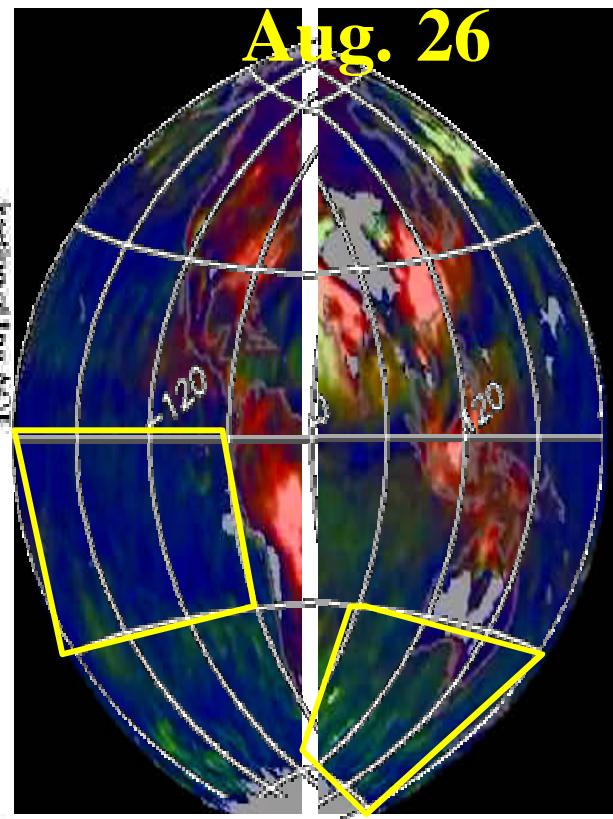
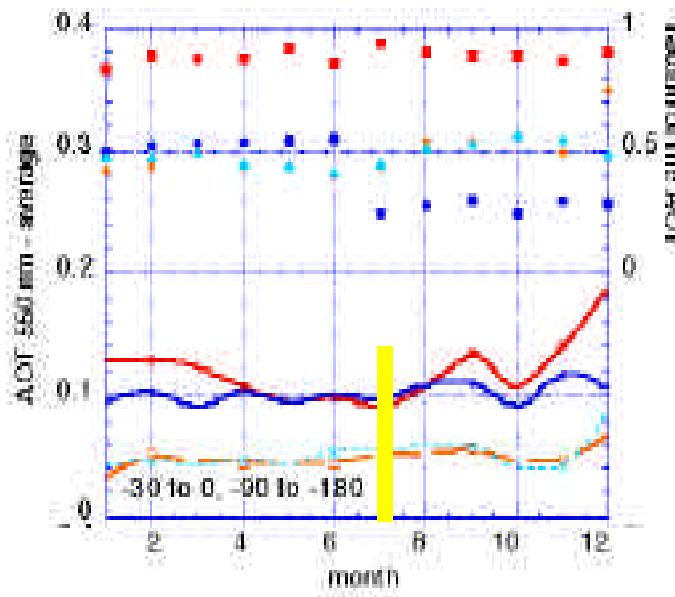


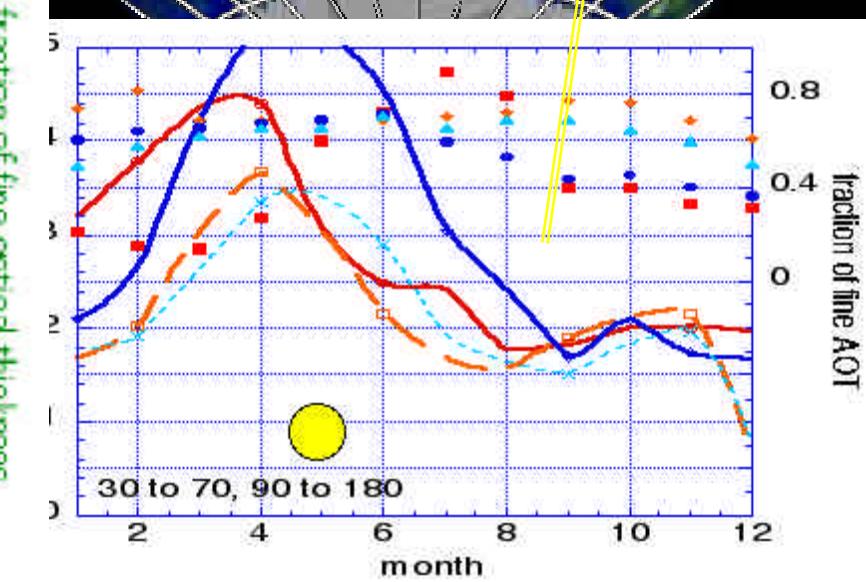
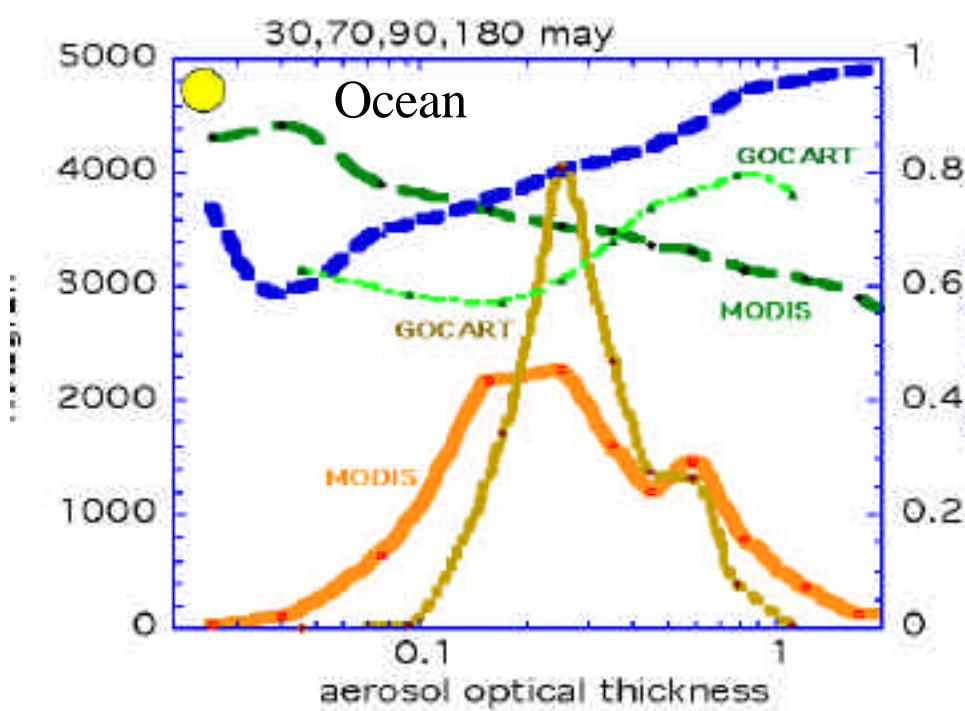
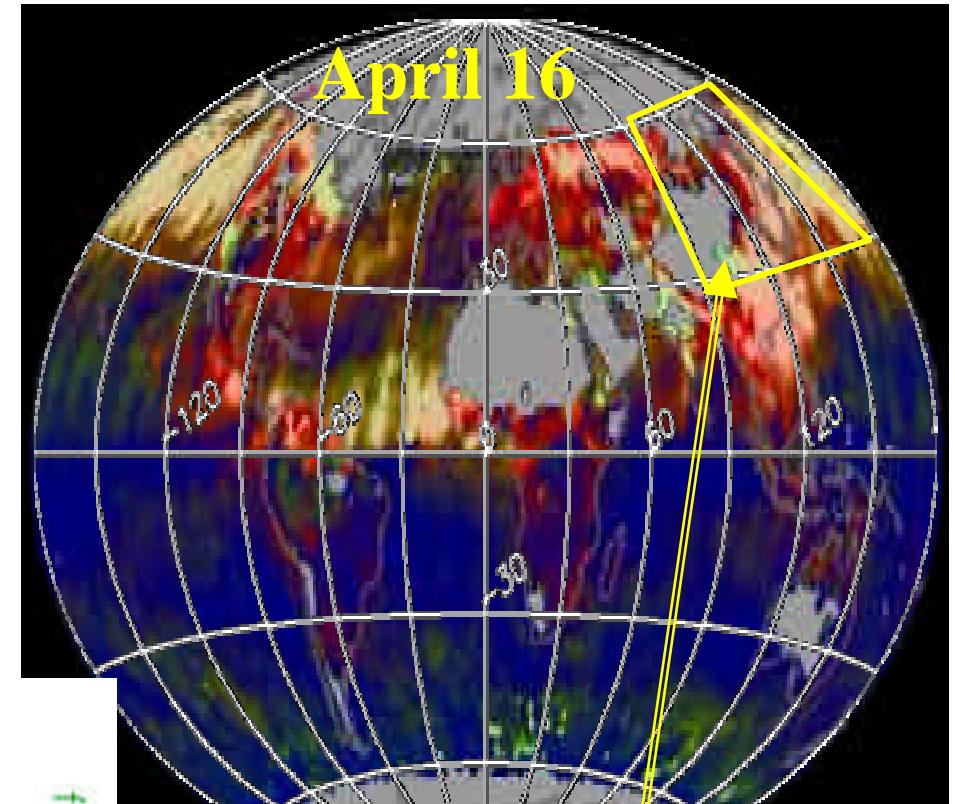
## Analysis:

	AOT 550				ratio of fine AOT to total
	Average	std	average 10-90%	Weighted by(1-cld)	
MODIS Land	0.197	0.13	0.179	0.177	0.62
MODIS ocean	0.175	0.20	0.146	0.132	0.49
GOCART land	0.135	0.08	0.123		0.67
GOCART ocean	0.124	0.07	0.113		0.54



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**Next?**

**Observational based -**  
**MODIS & AERONET**

**anthropogenic aerosol global forcing of climate -**  
**in cloud free conditions**

- **Aerosol forcing using MODIS+CERES (U. Alabama)**
- **Improve aerosol simulations - GOCART**
- **Use in aerosol assimilation - NCAR**
- **Use in climate models - GISS**