

C6 updates to Level-3 (& Joint Level-2)

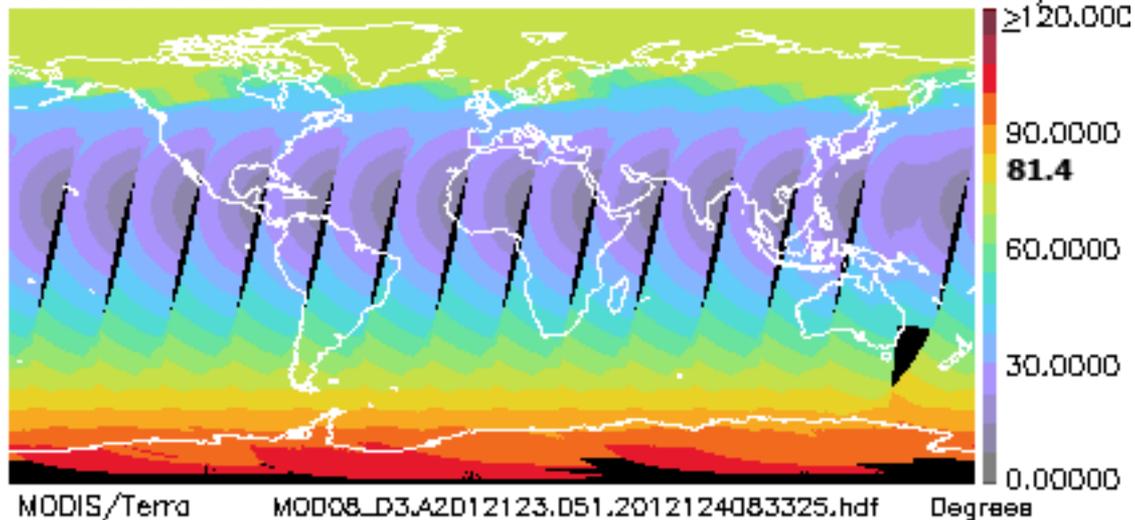


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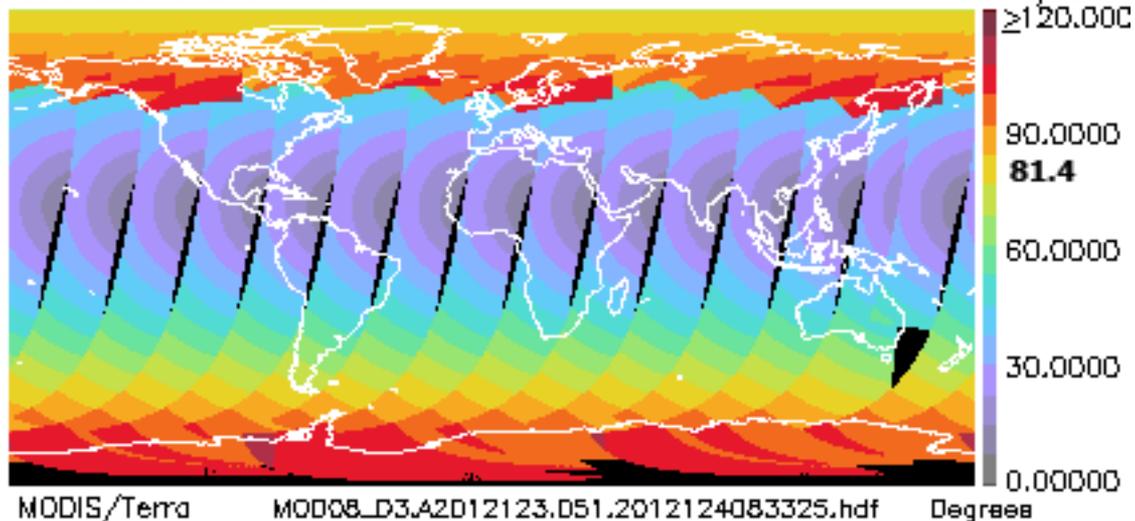
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SDS's in Level-3

a. Viewing and Solar Geometry

Solar_Zenith_Mean



Solar_Zenith_Maximum



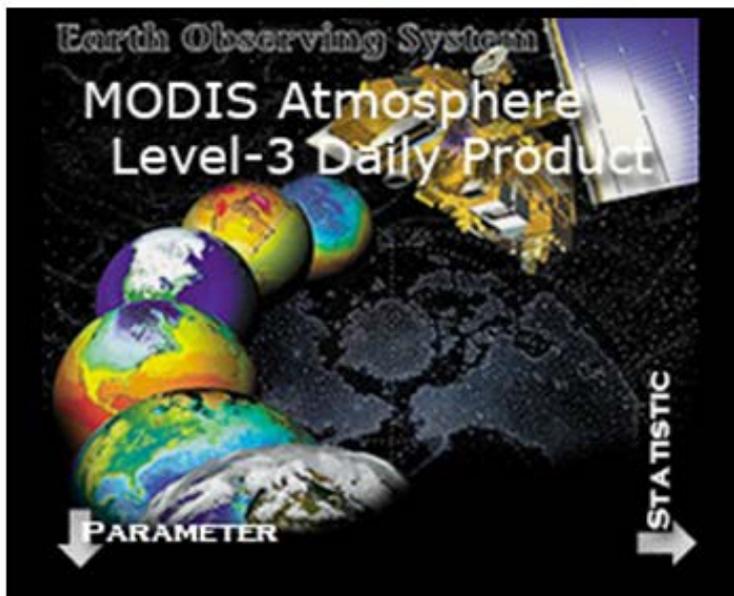
b. Aerosol (04_L2)

L3 Daily Global (08_D3) Statistics

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Deep Blue Aerosol

PARAMETER	Mean	Standard_Deviation	Minimum	Maximum	QA_Mean	QA_Standard_Deviation	Histogram_Counts (n)	Confidence_Histogram (4)	Fraction	Pixel_Counts	Mean_Uncertainty	QA_Mean_Uncertainty	Log_Mean_Uncertainty	QA_Log_Mean_Uncertainty	Log_Mean	Log_Standard_Deviation	QA_Log_Mean	QA_Log_Standard_Deviation	Regression_Slope	Regression_Intercept	Regression_R-Squared	Regression_Mean_Square_Error	Joint_Histogram_vs_Effect_Radius (nxn)	Joint_Histogram_vs_Temperature (nxn)	Joint_Histogram_vs_Emissivity (nxn)	Joint_Histogram_vs_Pressure (nxn)
Deep_Blue_Aerosol_Optical_Depth_Land	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
Deep_Blue_Aerosol_Optical_Depth_550_Land	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
Deep_Blue_Angstrom_Exponent_Land	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
Deep_Blue_Single_Scattering_Albedo_Land (3)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
AOD_Dark_Target_Deep_Blue_Combined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		

* Note that "Screen (L2 Input) by Usefulness Flag" may be requested for some Deep Blue Parameters. – Corey Bettenhausen

b. Cloud Top Properties (06_L2)

Cloud Top Properties

(New SDS's from Two New Aggregations)

1. Near-Nadir View:

Sensor Zenith Angle LT 32 degrees

2. Cloud Height:

High Clouds (CTP LT 440 hPa)

Middle Clouds (680 GT CTP GE 440)

Low Clouds (CTP GE 680 hPa)

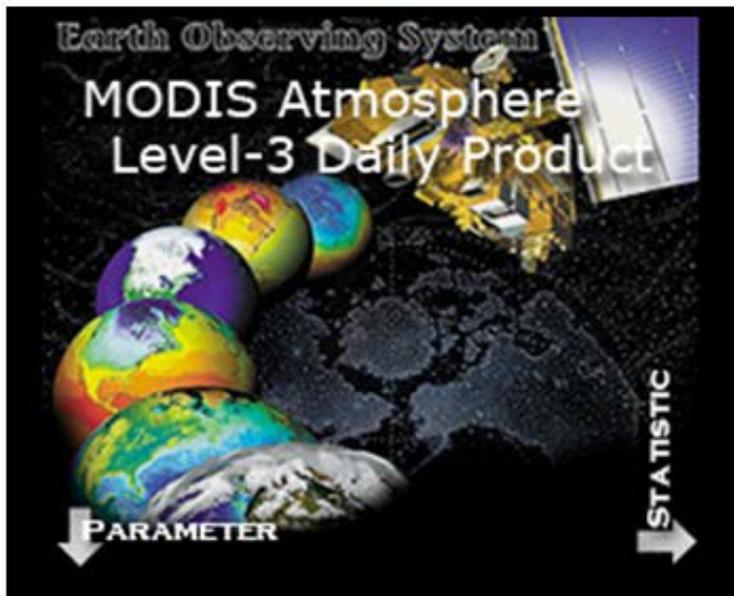
1 hPa = 1 mb

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Land_Fraction_Day																										
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Note: All Surface Type parameters above are computed where the Cloud Top Properties Retrieval was successful

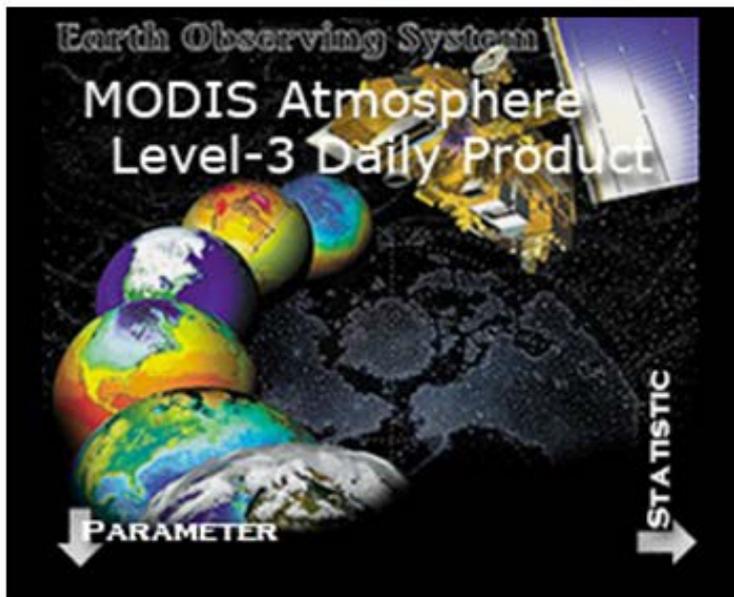
c. Cloud Optical Properties (06_L2)

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Cloud Optical Properties (Primary Retrieval)

58. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•
59. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•
60. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_Undetermined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						•	•	•	•								
61. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_Combined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						•	•	•	•								•
62. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_ISCCP ^B																									•
63. Cloud_Effective_Radius_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•												•	•	•
64. Cloud_Effective_Radius_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•												•	•	•
65. Cloud_Effective_Radius_Undetermined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																	
66. Cloud_Effective_Radius_Combined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																	
67. Cloud_Water_Path_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•														
68. Cloud_Water_Path_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•														
69. Cloud_Water_Path_Undetermined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																	
70. Cloud_Water_Path_Combined	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																	
71. Cloud_Phase_Optical_Properties																							•		

Table 6. Two key L2 QA Flags used to compute the Cloud Optical Properties Cloud Fraction.

L2 QA Flag	Flag Value	Meaning
Primary Cloud Retrieval Phase Flag	0	Cloud Mask Undetermined (Missing or Fill)
	1	Not Processed (Typically Clear)
	2	Liquid Water Cloud
	3	Ice Cloud
	4	Undetermined Phase Cloud
Primary Cloud Retrieval Outcome Flag	0	Retrieval Not Attempted or Unsuccessful
	1	Retrieval Successful

$$\text{Cloud Fraction Liquid} = \text{SCRW} / \text{Total}$$

$$\text{Cloud Fraction Ice} = \text{SCRI} / \text{Total}$$

$$\text{Cloud Fraction Undetermined} = \text{SCRU} / \text{Total}$$

$$\text{Cloud Fraction Combined} = (\text{SCRW} + \text{SCRI} + \text{SCRU}) / \text{Total}$$

where,

SCRW = Number of **Successful** Liquid Water Cloud Retrievals

SCRI = Number of **Successful** Ice Cloud Retrievals

SCRU = Number of **Successful** Undetermined Phase Cloud Retrievals

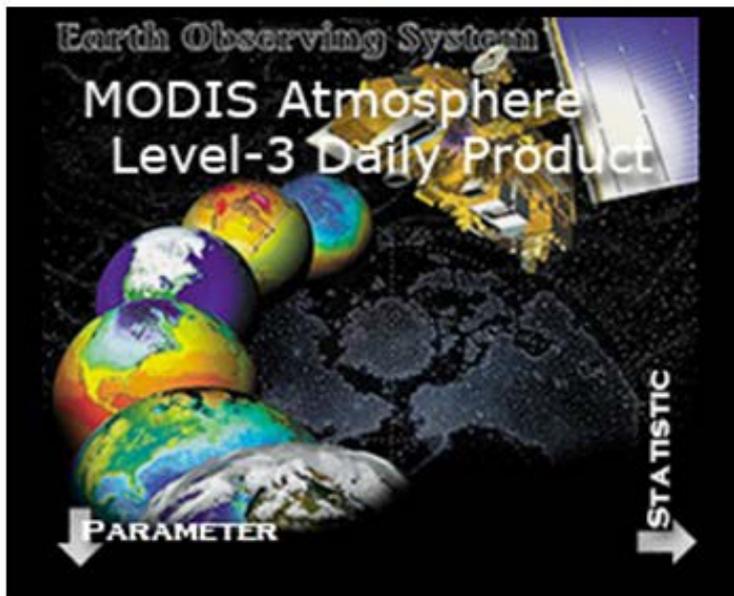
Total = Number of Clear + **Successful** Cloudy Retrievals for all Phases

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(Supplementary 1.6/2.1 Retrieval)

93. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_1621_Liquid ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•														•				
94. Cloud_Optical_Thickness_1621_Ice ⁷	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•															•			
95. Cloud_Effective_Radius_1621_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
96. Cloud_Effective_Radius_1621_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
97. Cloud_Water_Path_1621_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
98. Cloud_Water_Path_1621_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
99. Cloud_Retrieval_Fraction_1621_Liquid									•	•																
100. Cloud_Retrieval_Fraction_1621_Ice									•	•																

(Supplementary 1.6 Retrieval)

Cloud_Effective_Radius_16_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•											•	•		
Cloud_Effective_Radius_16_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•											•	•		

(Supplementary 3.7 Retrieval)

Cloud_Effective_Radius_37_Liquid	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•											•	•		
Cloud_Effective_Radius_37_Ice	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•											•	•		

New Statistics Proposed for Level-3

Aerosol

“QA_Counts”

sum of QA Confidence Flags within each 1° box

(This new Statistic relates to “Pixel_Counts” and will be used in Post-Processing)

“Num_Days”

number of days with at least six L2 (10km)

Aerosol retrievals within 1° box (For Post-Processing)

Cloud

“Median”

numerical value separating the higher half of a population from the lower half (Means only can be misleading)

“Standard Deviation” in Multiday L3

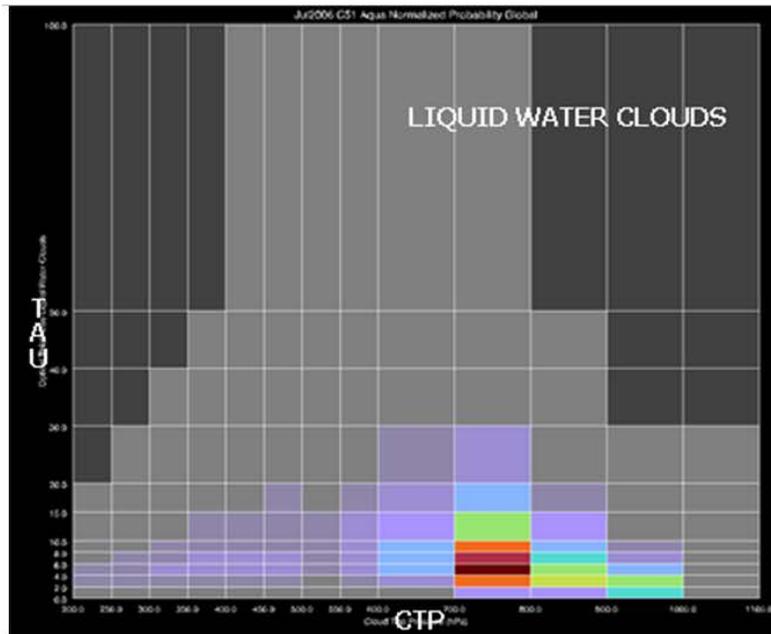
Two E3/M3 Standard Deviation Statistics:

1. Mean of the **Daily Standard Deviations**
2. Standard Deviation of the **Daily Means**
3. ??? (Standard Deviation of the L2 Input Pixels)

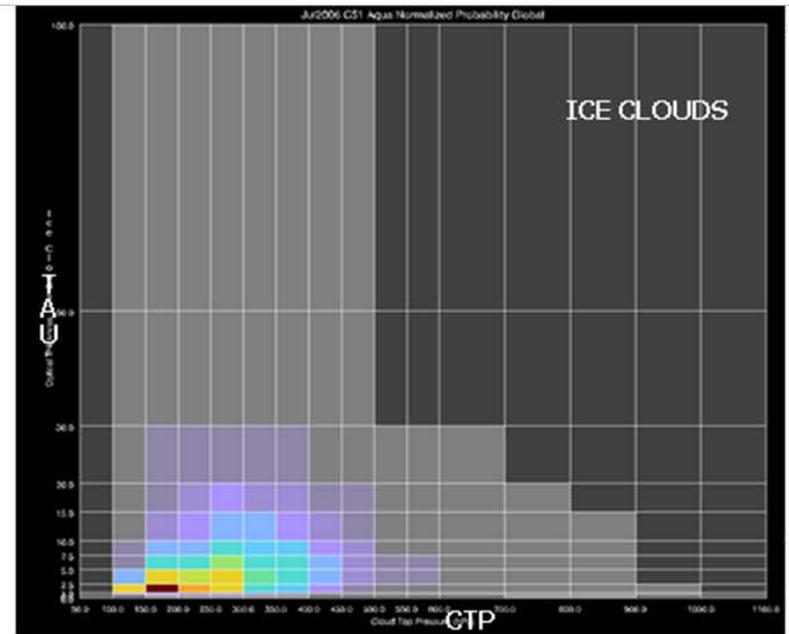
Might need some new intermediate statistics in the L3 Daily (e.g.: “SumSquares”)

Optimizing Histogram and Joint Histogram Bin Boundaries

Cloud Opt. Thickness vs. Cloud Top Pressure

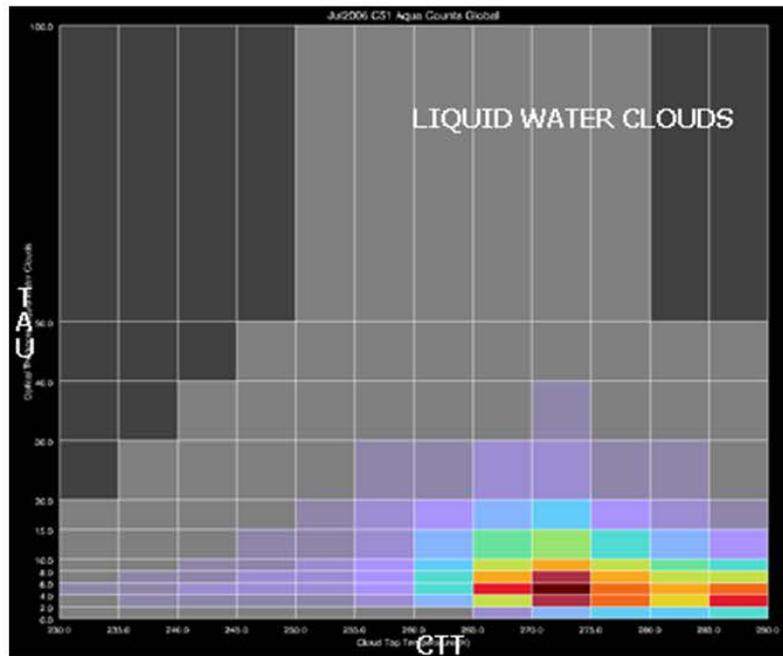


no change (leave at 50) 100 to 50 hPa increments



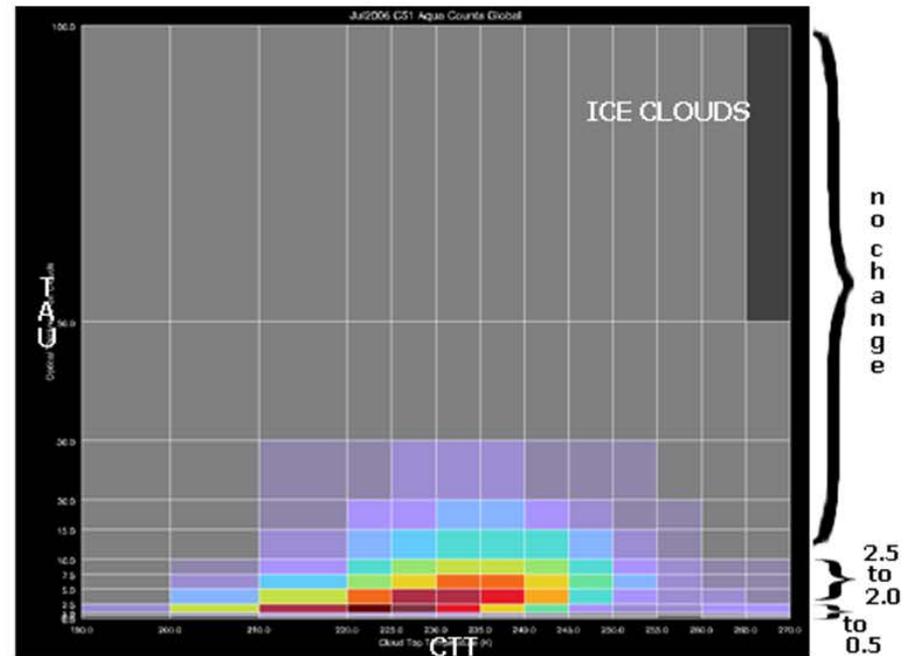
no change (leave at 50) no change (leave at 100)

Cloud Opt. Thickness vs. Cloud Top Temperature



extend upper range from 290 to 310

no change (leave at 5)



10 to 5 increments

no change (leave at 5)

2.5 to 2.0 to 0.5

Summary of
Scientific Data Set (SDS)
Additions and Deletions

Daily (D3) SDS Count Changes

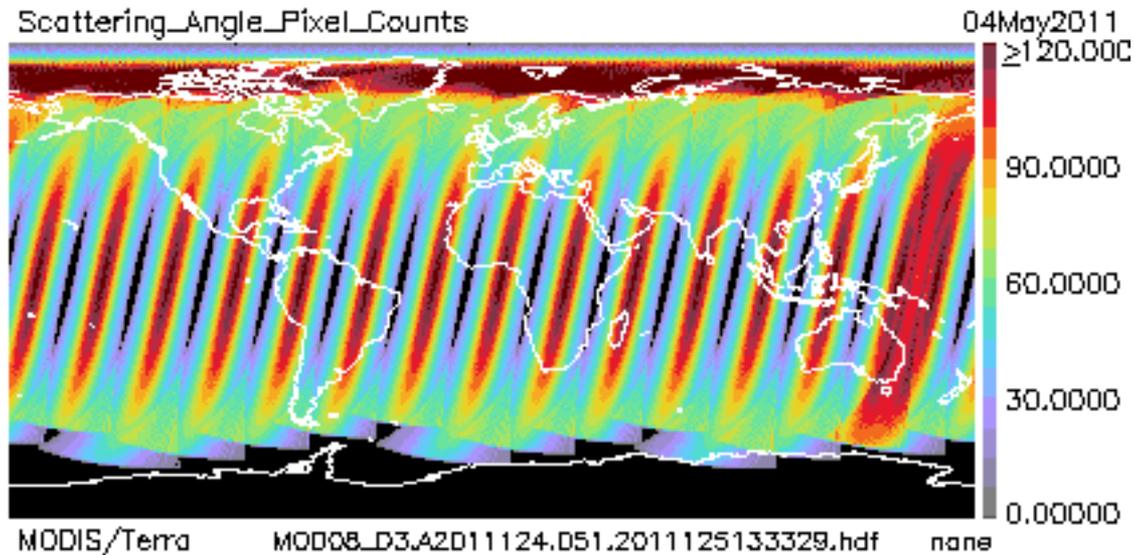
(Note that E3 and M3 Totals are larger)

Group	Added	Deleted	Net
Angles	40	-20	20
Aerosol L+O	5	-10	-5
Aerosol Land	0	-88	-88
Aerosol Ocean	8	-29	-21
Aerosol Deep Blue	8	0	8
Cloud Top Prop	351	0	351
Cloud Optical Prop	48	0	48

Net D3 SDS Count Increase = 313

Definition of “Day” in Level-3

“Day” Definition Problem



**UTC “Day” problem is clearly visible in browse.
Note these 4 consecutive D3 browse images.**

Schedule

L3 Delivery Schedule (part 1)

Task	PGE	Status
COP: New 16 & 37 Retrieval	TL, D3, E3, M3	Done!
COP: Cloud Fraction Change	TL, D3, E3, M3	Done!
Aerosol: Deleted & Renamed	TL, D3, E3, M3	Done!
CTP: Addition 400 SDS's	TL, D3	Close
CTP: Addition of >400 SDS's	E3, M3	Jun 7
Aerosol: Add New & "Aerosol_"	TL, D3, E3, M3	Jun 30
Cloud: Histogram Bin Bounds	TL, D3, E3, M3	Jul 15

L3 Delivery Schedule (part 2)

Task	PGE	Status
All: Definition of "Day"	TL	Aug 15*
Aerosol & Cloud: New Statistics +	TL, D3, E3, M3	Sep 15*

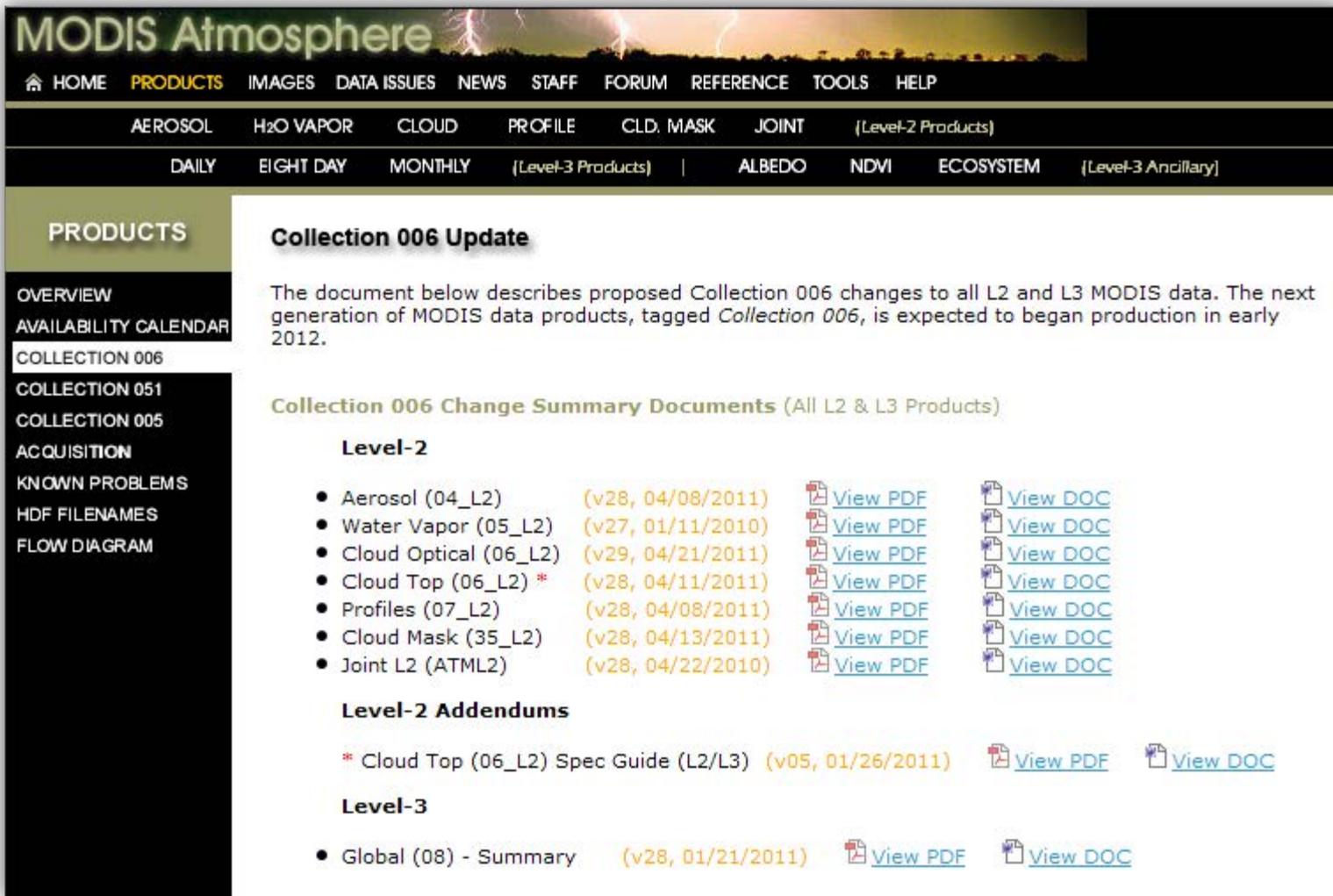
* Lower Confidence Estimate

+ QA_Count, Num_Days, Median, SumSquares(?)

C6 Updates to Joint Level-2 (MODATML2)

Collection 006 Summary Documents

http://modis-atmos.gsfc.nasa.gov/products_c6update.html



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Collection 006 Update

The document below describes proposed Collection 006 changes to all L2 and L3 MODIS data. The next generation of MODIS data products, tagged *Collection 006*, is expected to began production in early 2012.

Collection 006 Change Summary Documents (All L2 & L3 Products)

Level-2

• Aerosol (04_L2)	(v28, 04/08/2011)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Water Vapor (05_L2)	(v27, 01/11/2010)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Cloud Optical (06_L2)	(v29, 04/21/2011)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Cloud Top (06_L2) *	(v28, 04/11/2011)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Profiles (07_L2)	(v28, 04/08/2011)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Cloud Mask (35_L2)	(v28, 04/13/2011)	 View PDF	 View DOC
• Joint L2 (ATML2)	(v28, 04/22/2010)	 View PDF	 View DOC

Level-2 Addendums

* Cloud Top (06_L2) Spec Guide (L2/L3) (v05, 01/26/2011)  [View PDF](#)  [View DOC](#)

Level-3

- Global (08) - Summary (v28, 01/21/2011)  [View PDF](#)  [View DOC](#)



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