

# **MODIS Collection 6 Ice Model Assessments with POLDER and CALIPSO**

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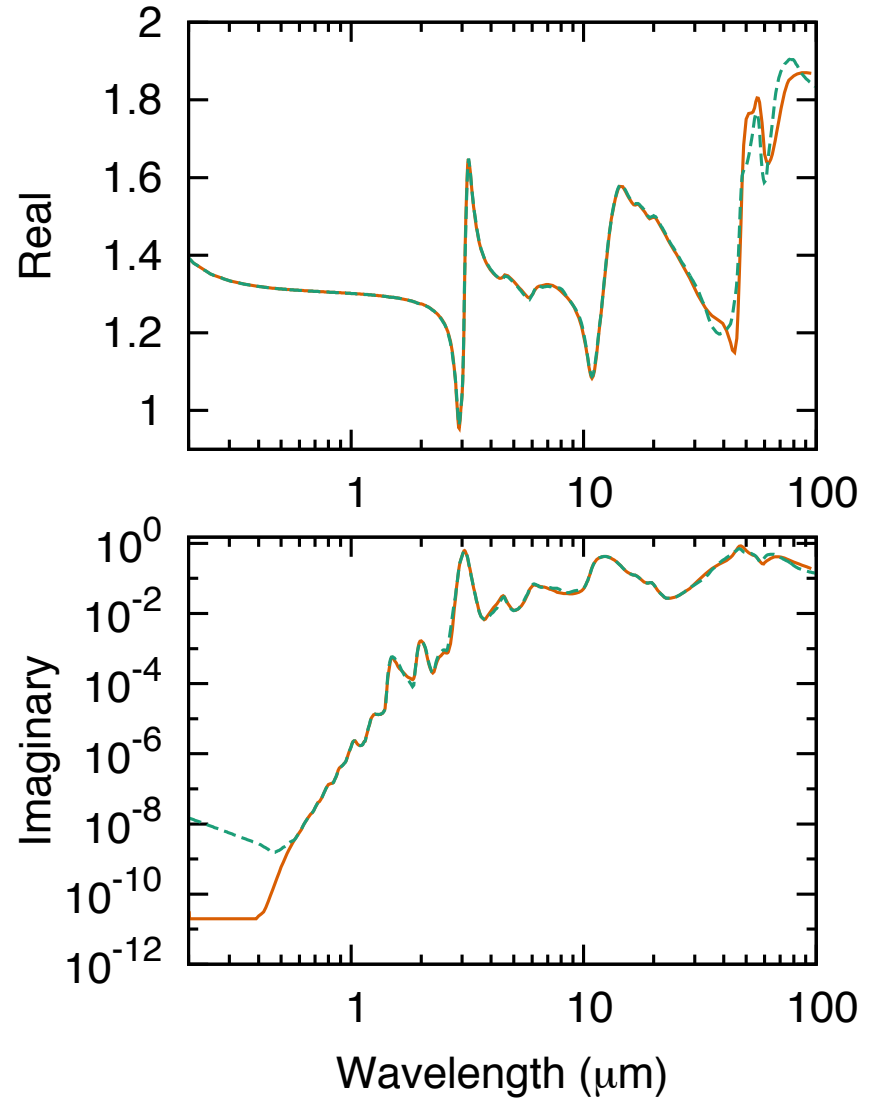
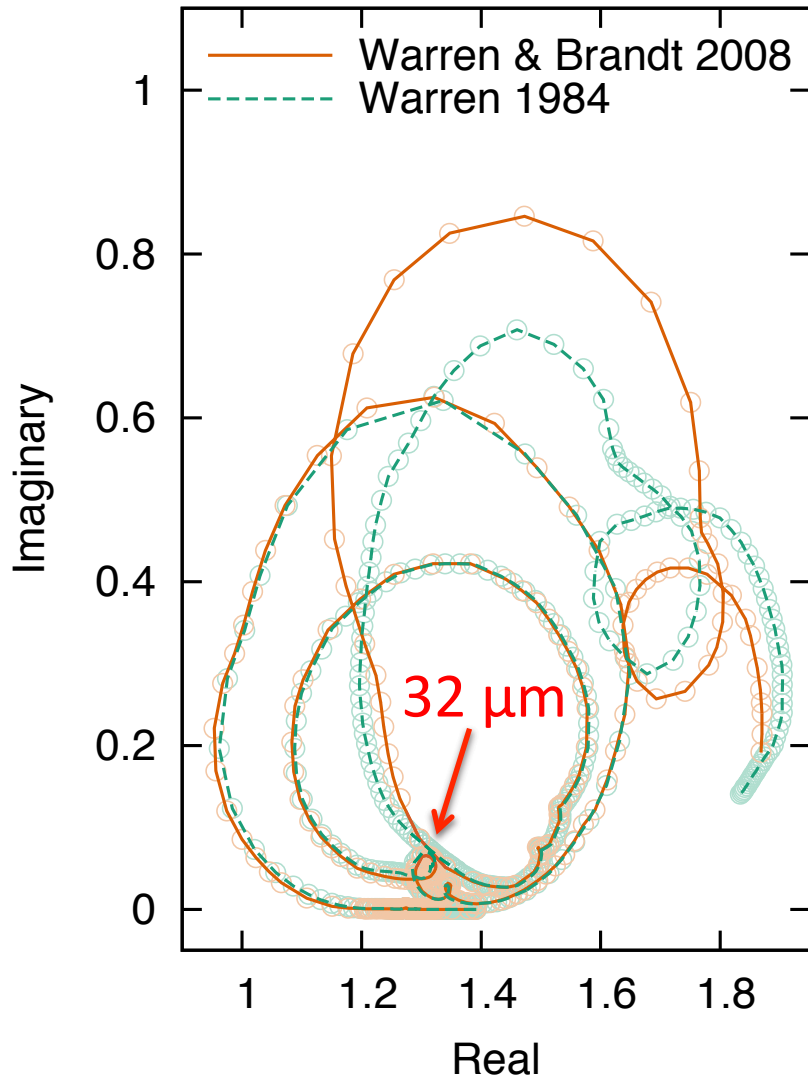
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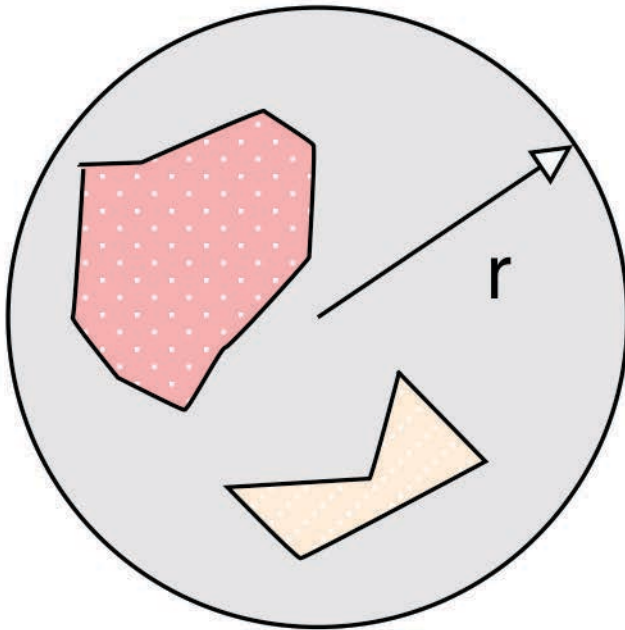
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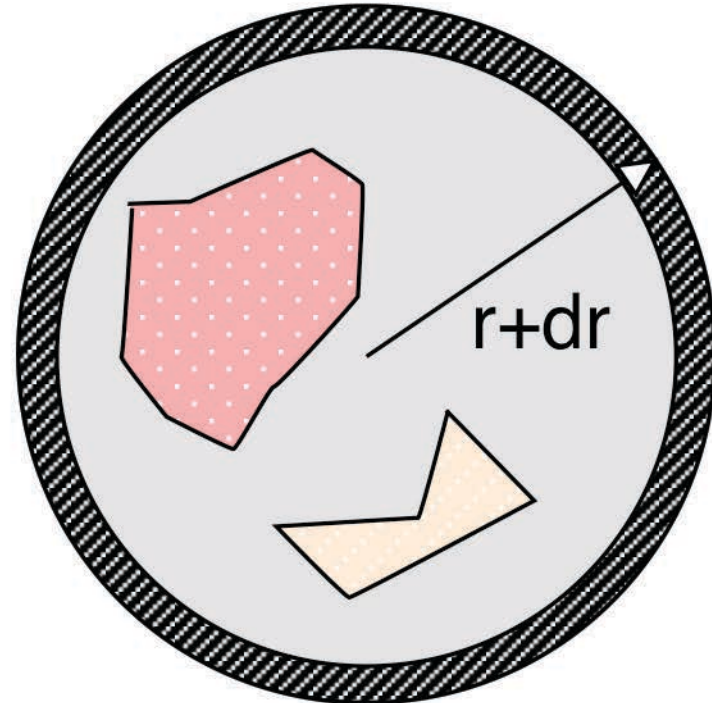
# Ice Refractive Index



# Novel Invariant Imbedding T-Matrix Method



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(b)

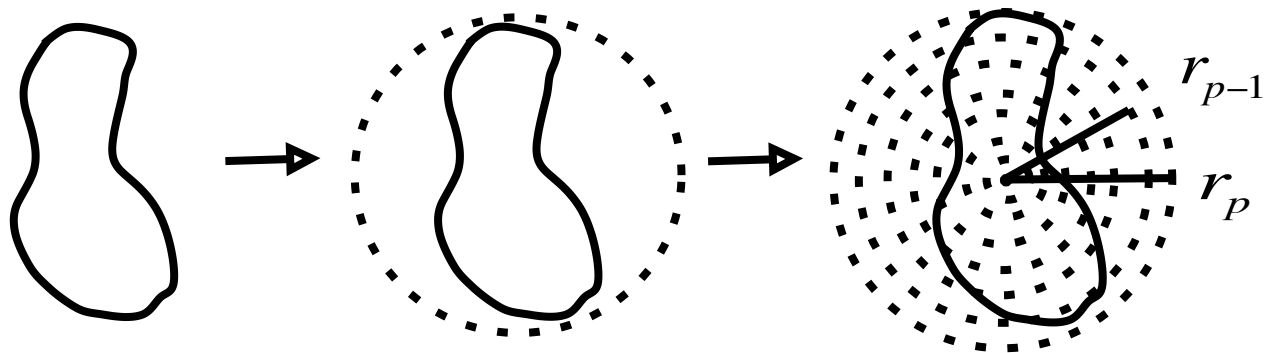
$$\bar{E}(\bar{r}) = \bar{E}_{inc}(\bar{r}) + k^2 \int (m^2 - 1) \bar{G}(\bar{r} - \bar{r}') \cdot \bar{E}(\bar{r}') d^3 \bar{r}'$$



$$T_{mnmn'}(r+dr) = Q_{11}^m(r+dr) + [\mathbf{I} + Q_{12}^m(r+dr)] [\mathbf{I} - T_{mnmn'}(r) Q_{22}^m(r+dr)]^{-1} T_{mnmn'}(r) [\mathbf{I} + \tilde{Q}_{12}^m(r+dr)]$$

## *What is a nonspherical particle?*

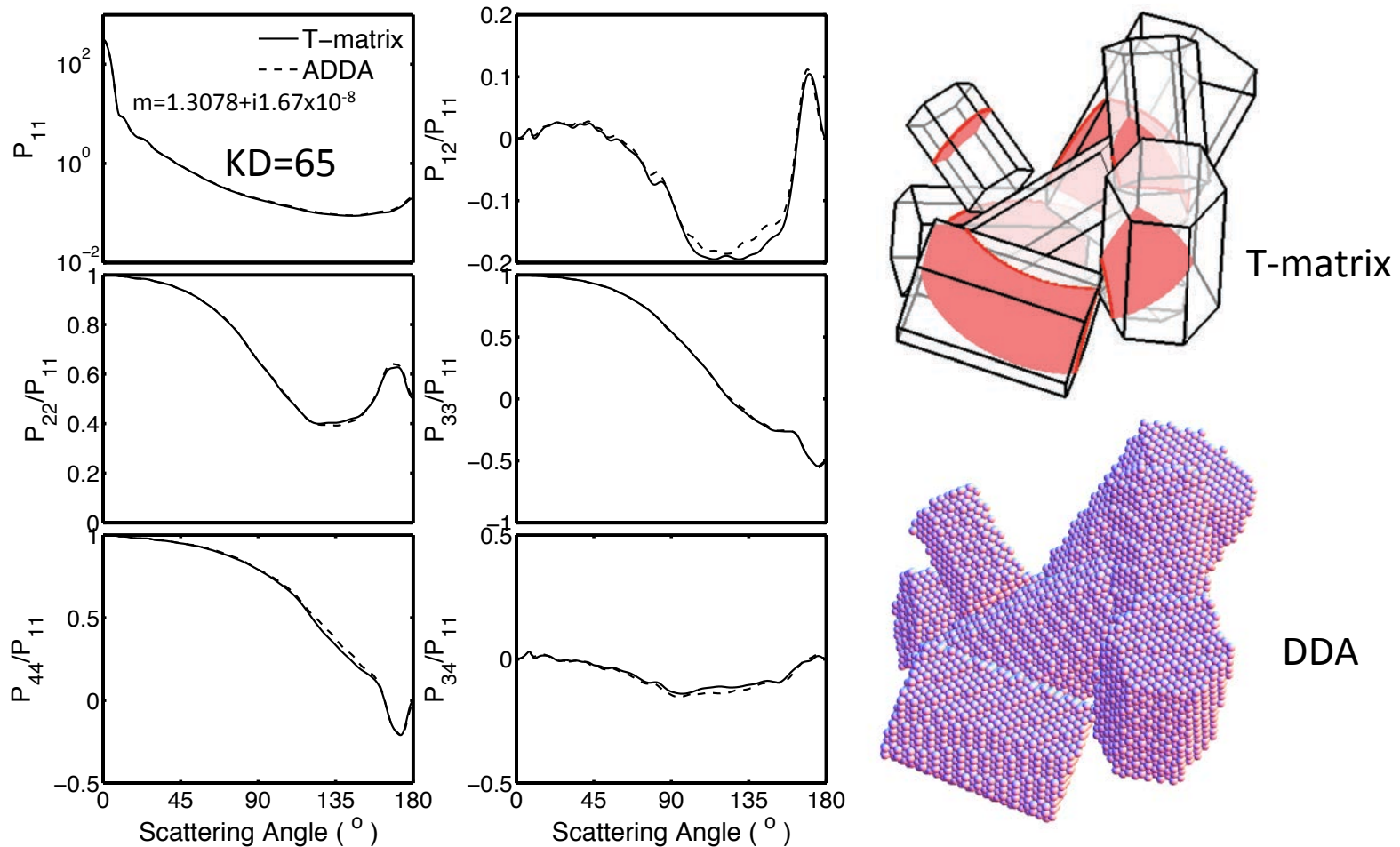
A nonspherical particle is a certain distribution of the refractive index within a spatial domain of interest.



A nonspherical particle = an inhomogeneous sphere  
= a multi-layered sphere

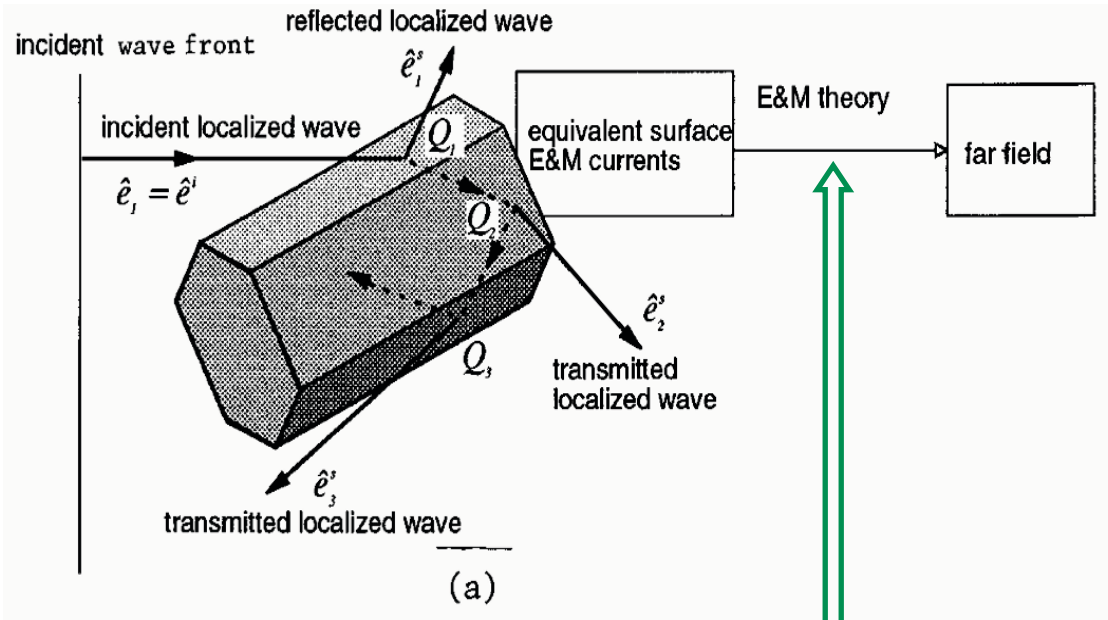
Note that the T-matrix corresponding to  $r=0$  is zero.

# Comparison between T-Matrix and ADDA (Bi and Yang, 2014)



In the Discrete-dipole-approximation (DDA) simulation, 1056 orientations with 128 scattering planes are set to achieve the randomness. ADDA is a public DDA software developed by Yurkin and Hoekstra.

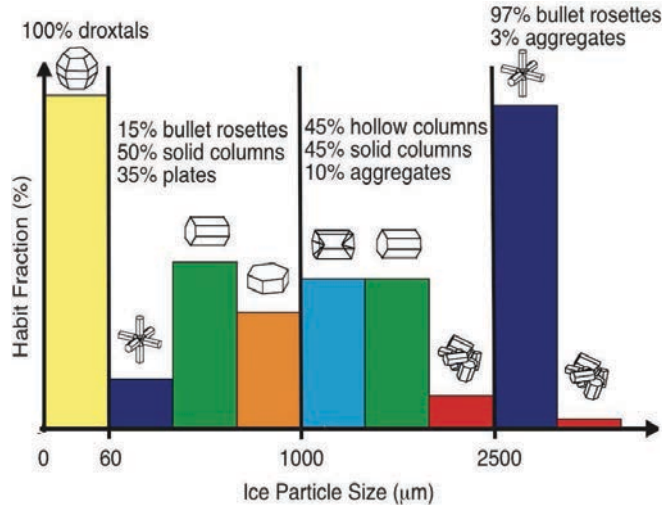
## Yang and Liou (1996)



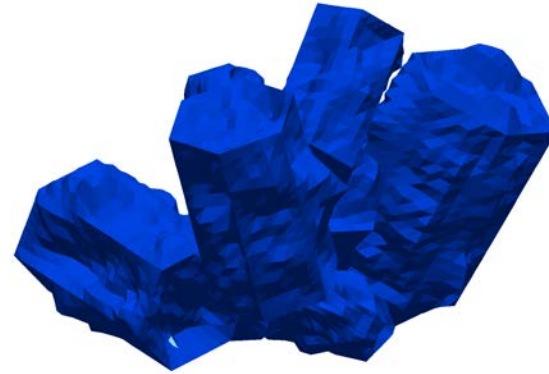
$$\mathbf{E}_s(\mathbf{r})|_{kr \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{\exp(ikr)}{-ikr} \frac{k^2}{4\pi} \mathbf{n} \times \int \int_S \{ \mathbf{n}_S \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}') - \mathbf{n} \times [\mathbf{n}_S \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}')] \} \times \exp(-ik\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}') d^2\mathbf{r}',$$

# MODIS C5 (Baum et al. 2005) and MODIS C6 (Platnick et al. 2014) Ice Models

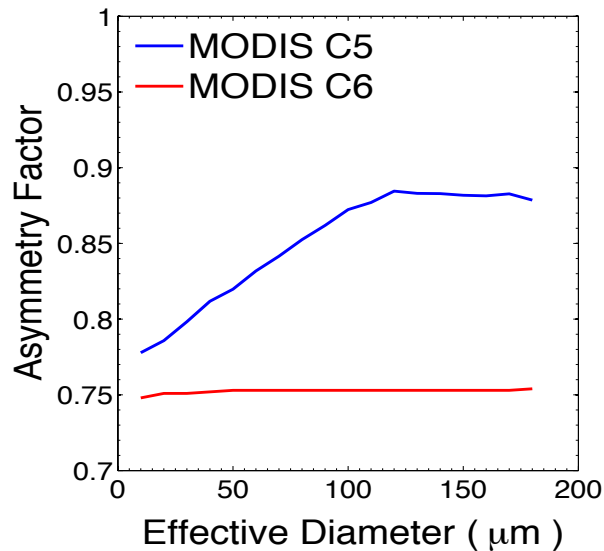
## a. MODIS Collection 5



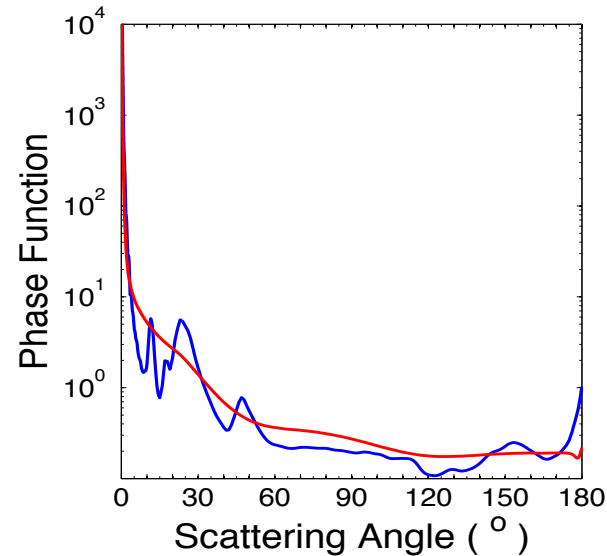
## b. MODIS Collection 6



## c.



## d.



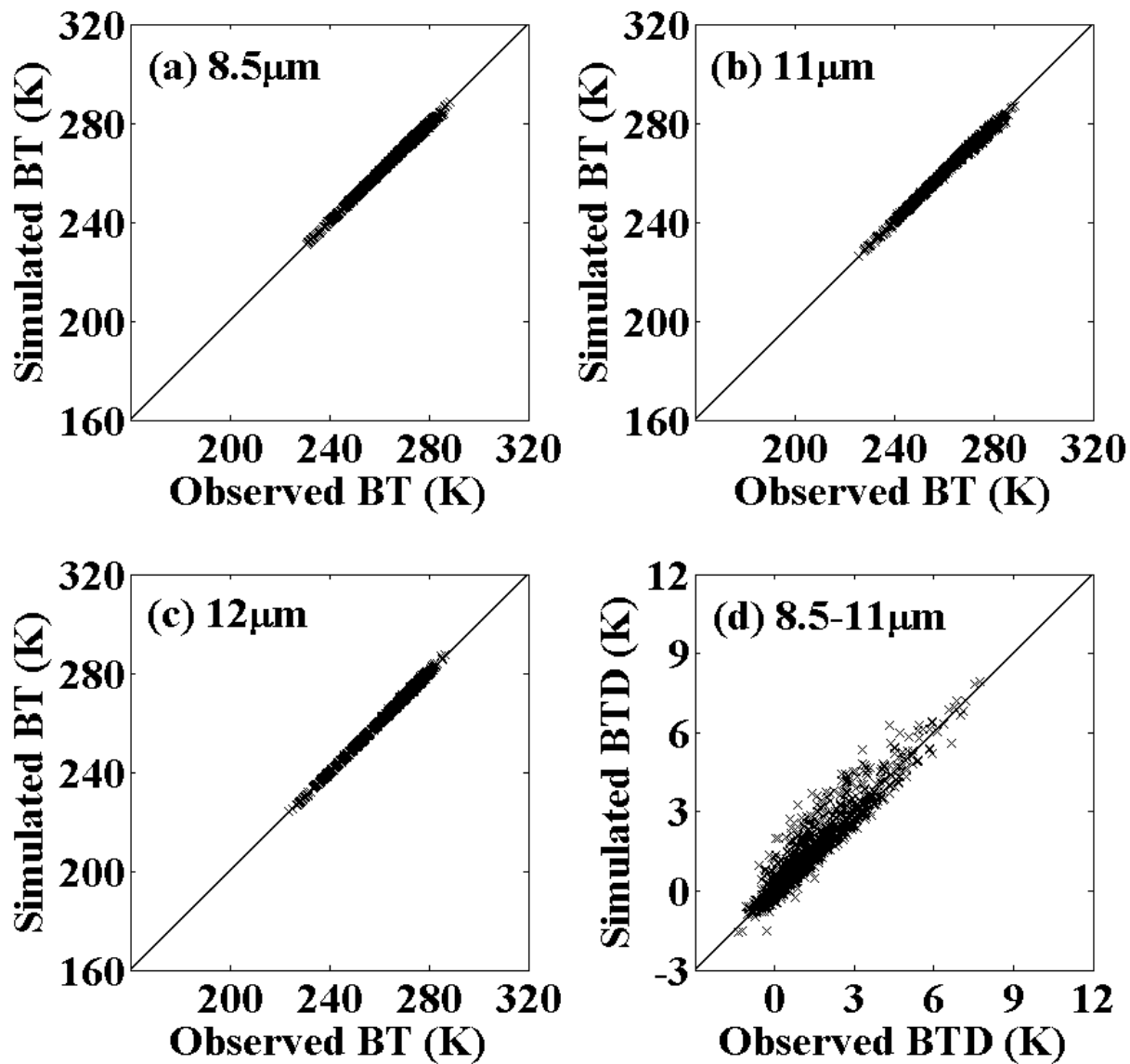
G. L. Stephens, S.-C. Tsay, P. W. Stackhouse Jr., and P. J. Flatau, 1990: The relevance of the microphysical and radiative properties of **cirrus clouds** to climate and climatic feedback. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, **47**, 1742-1754.

- ★ “The asymmetry parameter had to be **adjusted from** the broadband Mie value of  **$g=0.87$**  for the size distribution chosen to a lower value of  **$g=0.7$**  in order to **bring the observations and theory into broad agreement.**”
- ★ “Cirrus clouds characterized by  **$g=0.87$**  **warmed approximately twice** as much as cirrus clouds modeled **with  $g=0.7$ .**”



## *Consistency of spectral retrievals*

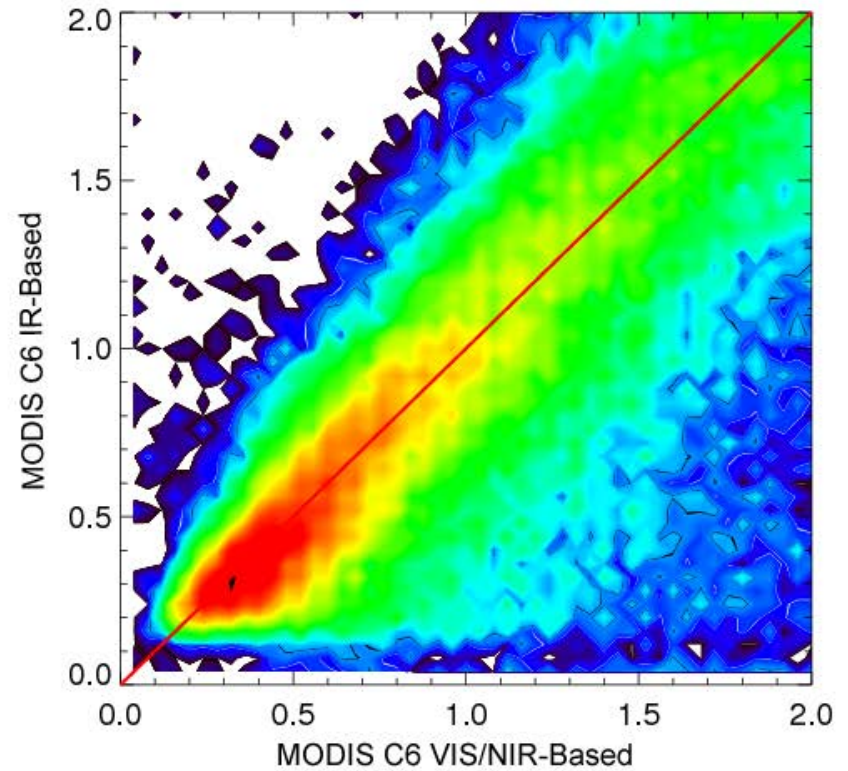
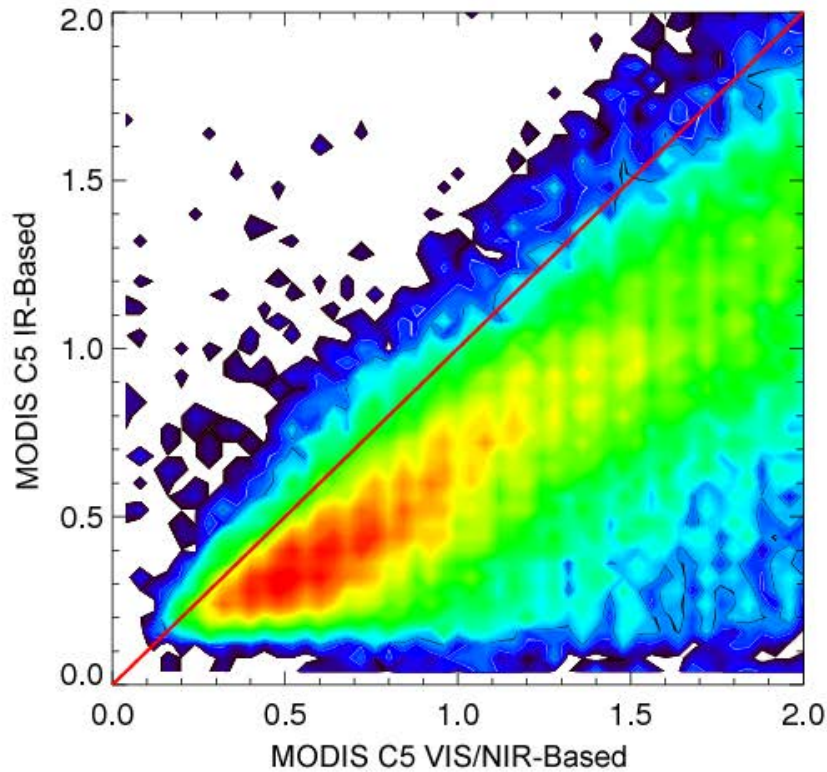
- ★ MODIS operational retrieval algorithm (Nakajima and King, 1990)
- ★ Infrared techniques: 8.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 11  $\mu\text{m}$ , and 12  $\mu\text{m}$  (e.g., Wang et al. 2011)
- ★ The cloud property retrievals based on the two techniques should be consistent.



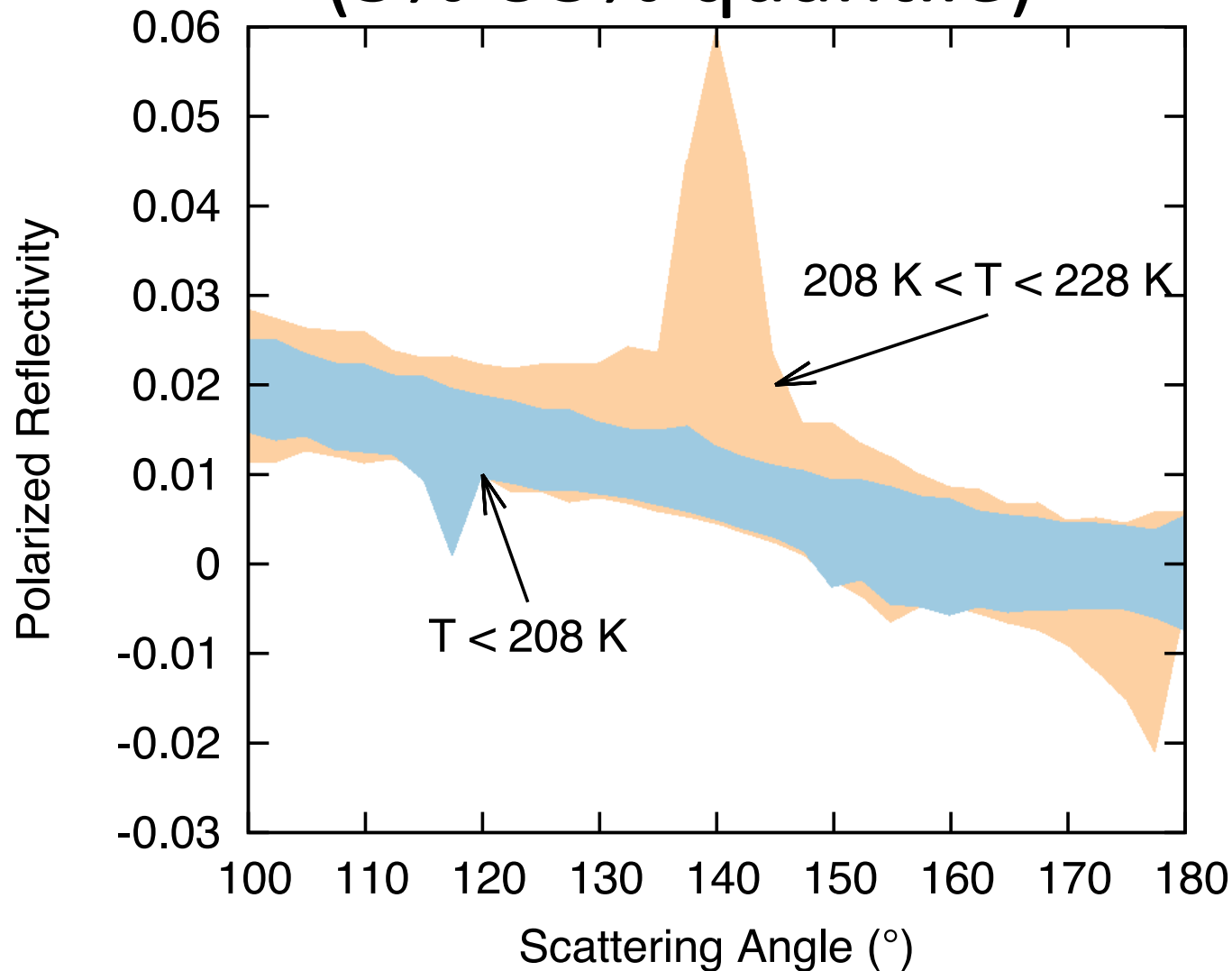
*Scatter plots of MODIS observed TOA BTs and BTD (8.5-11 $\mu\text{m}$ ) vs. simulated BTs and BTD by using the optimal  $t$  and  $D_{\text{eff}}$  (after Wang et al. 2011).*

# *Spectral Consistency: MODIS C5 versus MODIS C6*

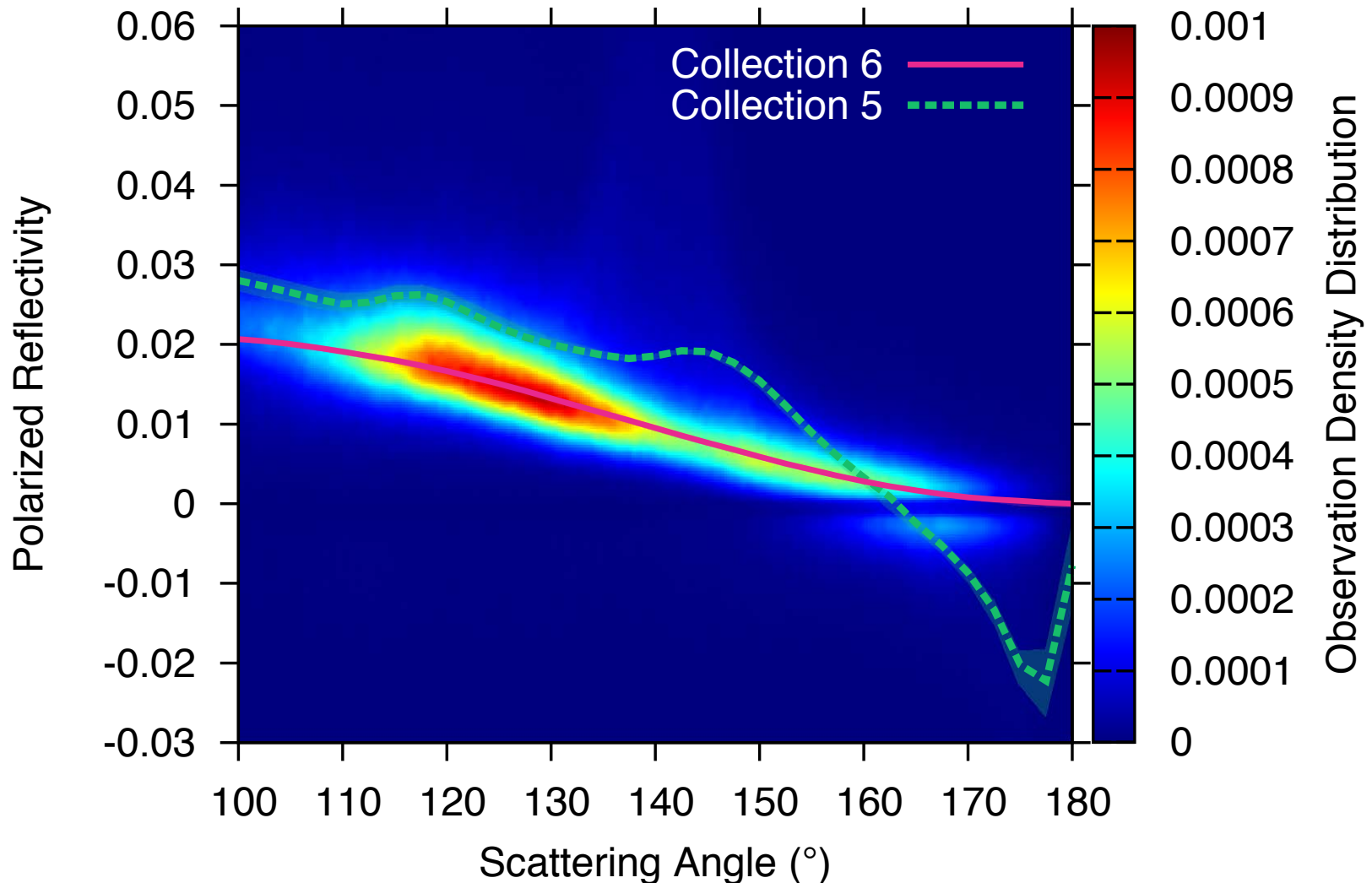
Retrieved Cloud Optical Thickness

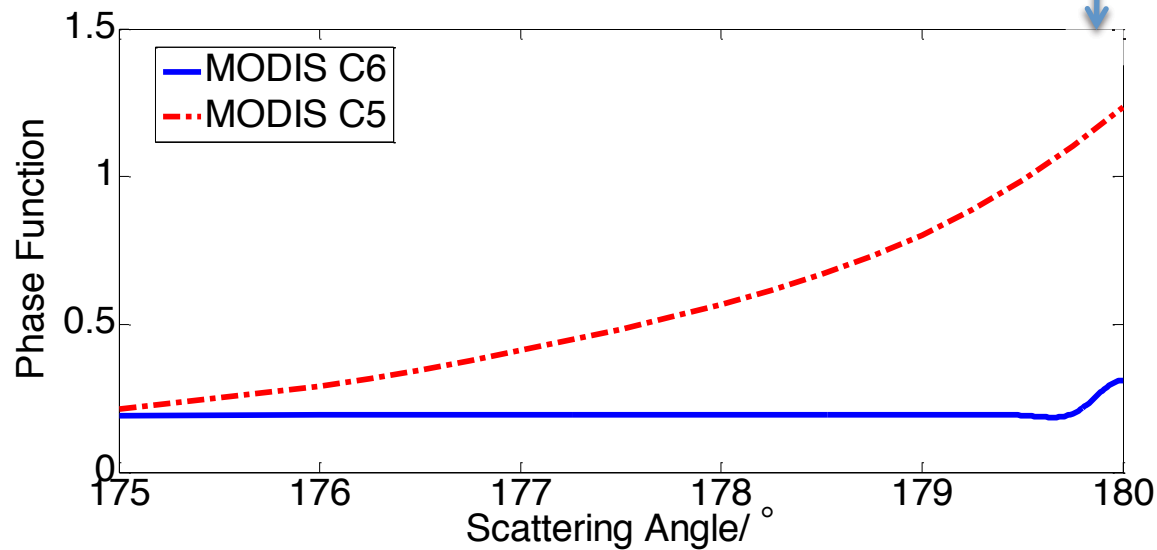
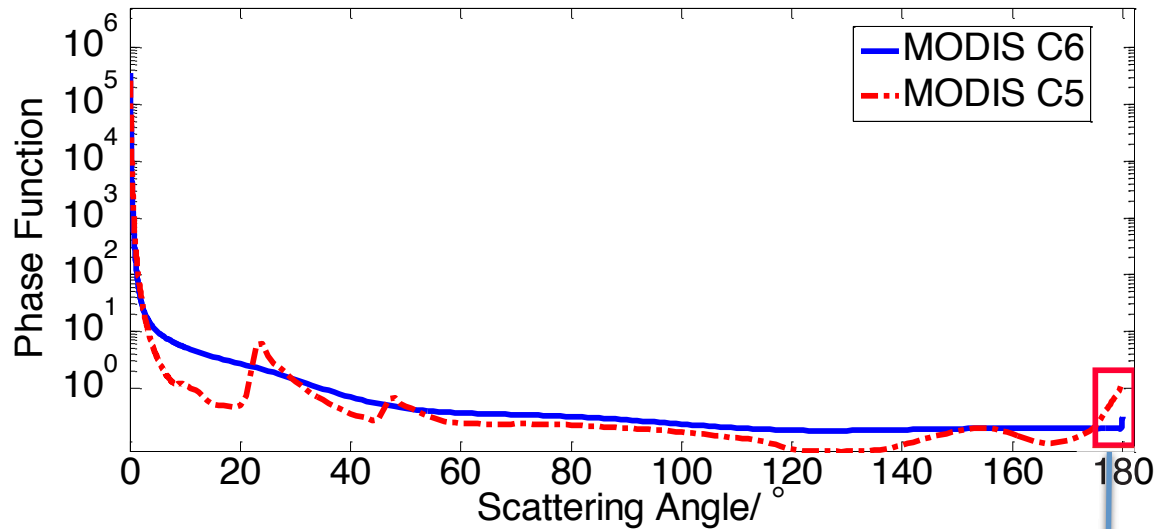


# Ranges of POLDER Observations (5%-95% quantile)



Polarimetric property consistency: POLDER observations (color contour) versus simulations (lines) with  $D_e = 60 \mu\text{m}$



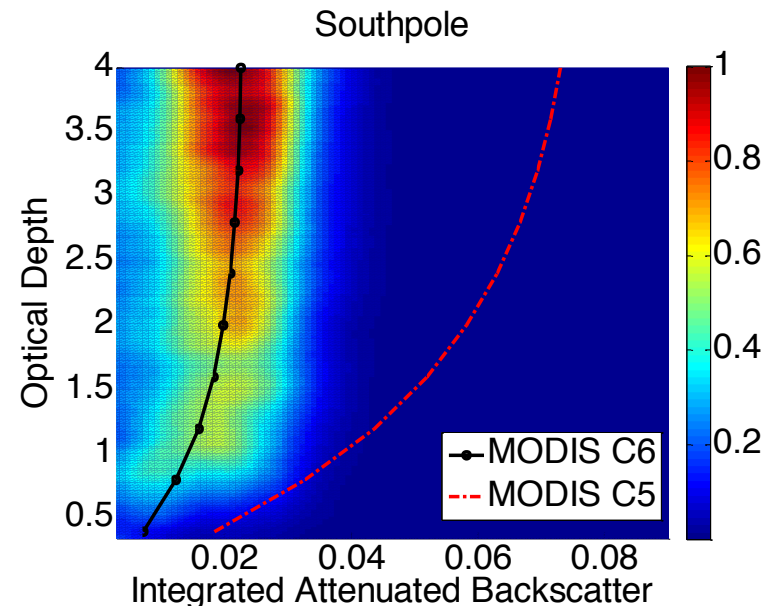
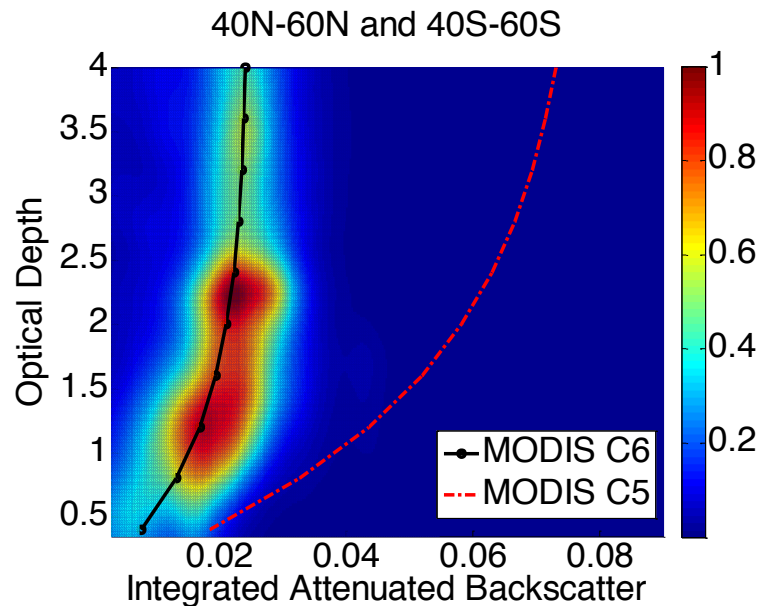
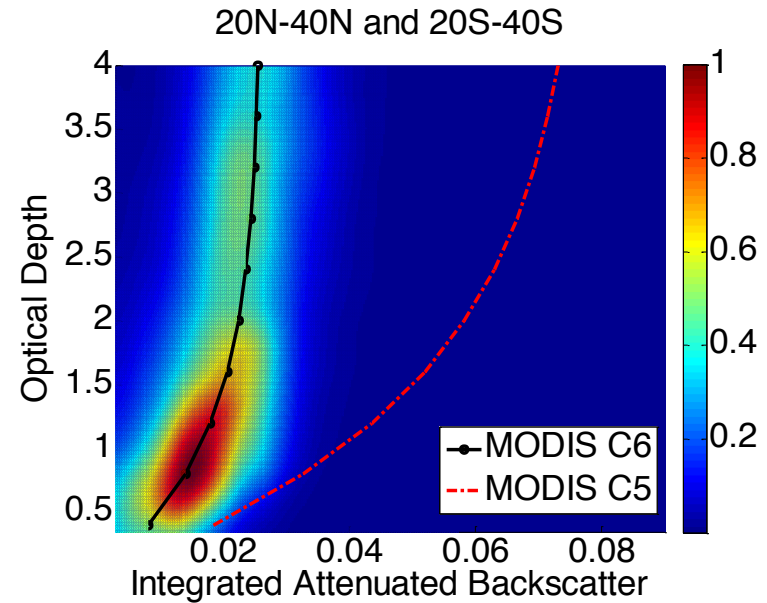
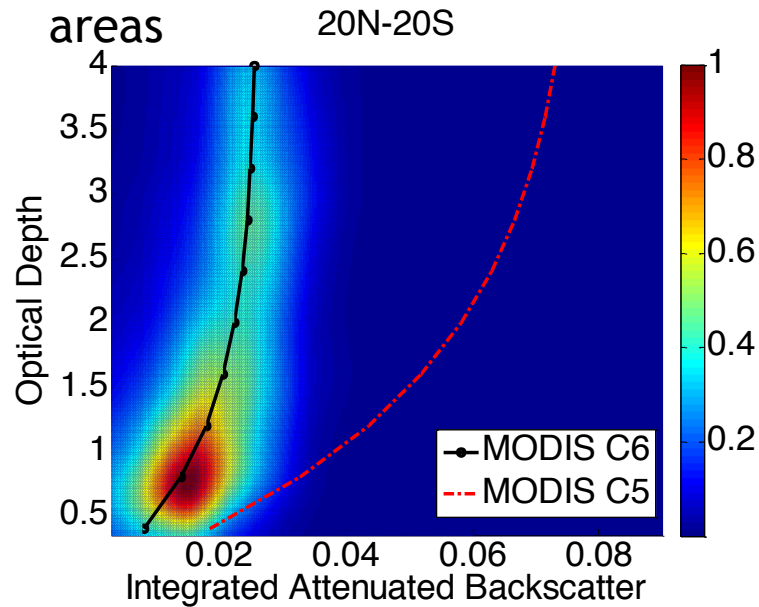


Enhanced backscatter for roughened particles (Zhou and Yang 2015):

$$\zeta = 1 + \frac{\sin \delta_c}{\delta_c} R$$

where  $0.3 < R < 0.7$   
and  $\delta_c = 2\pi D(\pi - \theta) / \lambda$ .

# Comparison of Integrated Attenuated Backscatter-Optical Depth relations of MODIS C5 and MODIS C6 model ice particles in different latitudinal areas



# Conclusions

- With the newly developed MODIS C6 ice cloud optical property model, improvements have been achieved from several perspectives:
  - Spectral consistency in cloud property retrieval (VIS/NIR vs IR)
  - Polarimetric property consistency: POLDER observations vs simulations
  - Consistency in a combination of passive (MODIS) and active (CALIPSO) observations.
- MODIS C6 ice cloud optical property model has been extended to the generation of ice cloud properties in the Community Radiative Transfer Model (CRTM)
- Will apply the MODIS C6 model to RT models in GCMs (e.g., CESM).