





MODIS Products

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MODIS Aerosol Product (MOD04)



Scattering and Absorption of Light by Aerosols



$$\tau = (\sigma_{sp} + \sigma_{ap}) * L \qquad \varpi = \sigma_{sp} / (\sigma_{sp} + \sigma_{ap})$$

The quantity L is called the density weighted path length. $\sigma_{ext(\lambda)}$ L is a measure of the cumulative depletion that the beam of radiation has experienced as a result of its passage through the layer and is often called the optical depth τ_{λ} .

Wide Spectral Range makes land retrieval possible

- Mid-IR is used to observe the surface brightness
- Then aerosol is derived from estimated surface reflectance in the visible and actual reflectance

$$t_{0.66} \sim [\underline{r}_{0.66}^* - 0.5r_{2.1}^*]$$

$$t_{0.47} \sim [\underline{r}_{0.47}^* - 0.25r_{2.1}^*]$$

<u>λ(um)</u> 1.2 1.6 2.1 0.47 0.55 0.66

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Getting A Best Fit for the Observations Match Theory and Observations 0.01 Aerosol reflectance 0.001 dry smoke r $_{\rm eff}$ =0.10 $\mu \rm m$ 🛏 urban r _{eff}=0.20 μm wet r_{eff}=0.25 μ m salt r $_{\rm eff}$ =1 μ m dust $r_{eff}=1 \mu m$ dust r_{eff} =2.5 μ m 0.0001 0.4 0.50.6 0.8 2 wavelength (μ m)

3 non-dust models plus dust Set by geography and season

Models are dynamic $f(\tau)$





MODIS Over Land Algorithm 20 x 20 pixels at 500 m resolution (10 km at nadir)



400 total - 56 water 344 - 24 snow 320 - 55 cloud 265 -116 "bright" 149 "good"

Discard brightest 50% and darkest 20% of the 149 good pixels.



MOD04 Key Output Parameters 10x10 pixel (1km) resolution

- Optical_Depth_Land_And_Ocean Aerosol Optical Thickness (AOT) at 0.55 microns for both ocean (best) and land (corrected)
- Optical_Depth_Ratio_Small_Land_And_Ocean -Ratio of small mode optical depth to total at 0.55 microns
- Corrected_Optical_Depth_Land (3 bands) -Corrected optical thickness at 0.47, 0.55, and 0.66 microns
- Effective_Optical_Depth_Average_Ocean (7 bands) AOT at seven bands for average solution at .47, .55, .66, .86, 1.2, 1.6 and 2.1 microns





How does the DB product differ from the NASA archived product?

- Not HDFEOS (Straight HDF4)
- DB version includes 4 arrays only
- No Deep Blue algorithm included
- Collection 6 (before the end of the year) will include:
- One product that includes the best retrieval for the pixel
- Ocean/Land or Deep Blue
- 1 km retrieval

MODIS Aerosol Products

Three Separate Algorithms

Land



Dark Target

Deep Blue

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○ ○ ○ ∑ (Orthographic)_Lat(21.145,42.293)_Lon(112.417,141.644)
File Window Color Help



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Ocean

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The Deep Blue Advantage

- Deep Blue uses information from blue channels, where the surface is darker
 - 412nm, 470nm, 650nm (MODIS bands 8, 3, 1)

Saharan Desert - Feb. 10, 2001



Thin narrow dust plumes were seen clearly at 412 nm reflectance image, but not discernible at 670 nm image.





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What is IDEA?



IDEA: NASA-EPA-NOAA partnership to improve air quality assessment, management, and prediction by infusing (NASA) satellite measurements into (EPA, NOAA) analyses for public benefit.





Part of NASA Earth Science Enterprise (ESE) Applications Program strategy to demonstrate practical uses of NASA sponsored observations from remote sensing systems and predictions from scientific research.

Simple IDEA-I Tutorial Brad Pierce











Trajectory Forecast - Initialization

•The trajectory forecast begins when the MODIS overpass occurs

•High values of AOD (>0.4) are located and used to initialize the trajectories



Trajectory Forecast - Initialization

•The high MODIS AOD values are determined by calculating mean AOD values on a 50kmx50km grid, or 5 pixels square



•The trajectories are initialized at the high AOD values at 50mb, 100mb, 150mb, and 200mb above the surface

•The air parcel trajectories are run using the 12Z NOAA/ NCEP GFS forecast data providing a 48hr forecast via trajectories

•The pressure levels of the trajectories are plotted in mb and colored to a magentawhite scale. White indicates that the air parcel no longer affects the surface

Trajectory Forecast



•The most recent 12 hours of the 48 hour forward trajectories are plotted at each frame of the animation.

•The most recent day of MODIS data remains on the plot.

•The 850mb wind field vectors are plotted to show wind direction and speed.





IDEA-I Notes



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Trajectory Model and .dat files

- Trajectory Model is included in the IDEA-I

 GFS_traject_3d_v01.f
 Located in the /ideai/IMAPP_IDEA/Traject
- Trajectory forecast images are created from the daily trajectory forecast .dat files

– Ex: traj_48hr_20110531.dat

 Dr. Bradley Pierce gave me information about how to read the .dat files using an IDL program. Ask, and I will give it to you.

Limitations

- Terra only retrievals
- Limitations of MOD04
 - Clouds
 - Bright surfaces
 - 10 km resolution
 - Aerosols too thick
- The time it takes to run the trajectory forecast is proportional to how much aerosols are found (~3 hours)