



Status of GEMS Surface Reflectance Algorithm



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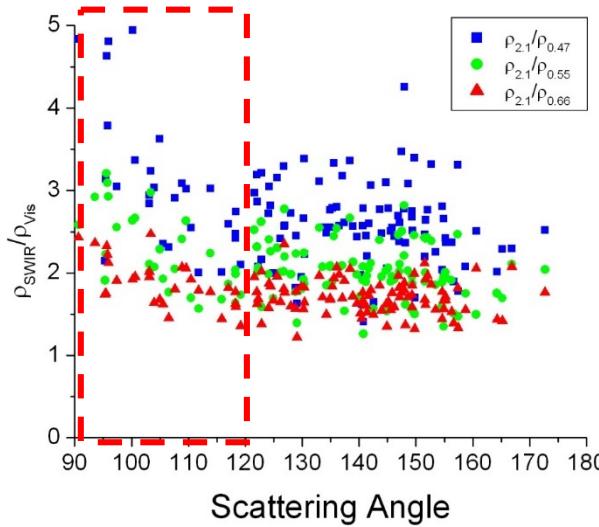
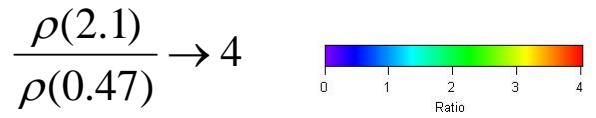
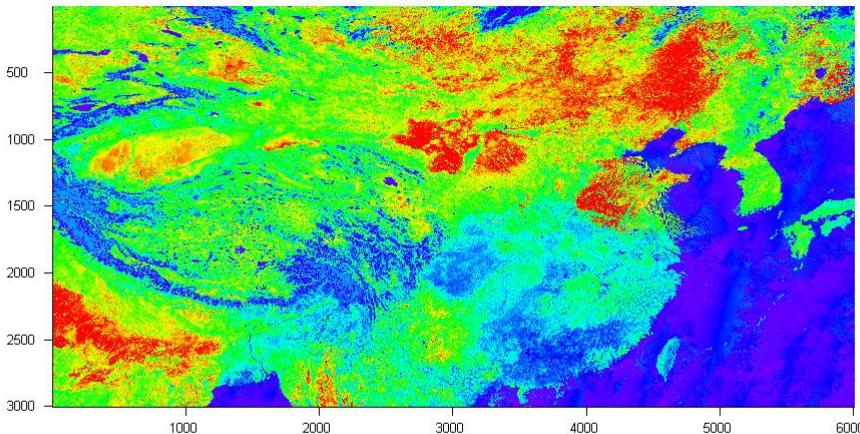
Outline

The status of the operational algorithm development for the GEMS surface reflectance products(SRP):

- SRP algorithm requirements definition based on ATBD
- Review of the current methods and selection of the candidate approach
- Algorithm description and validation analyses.

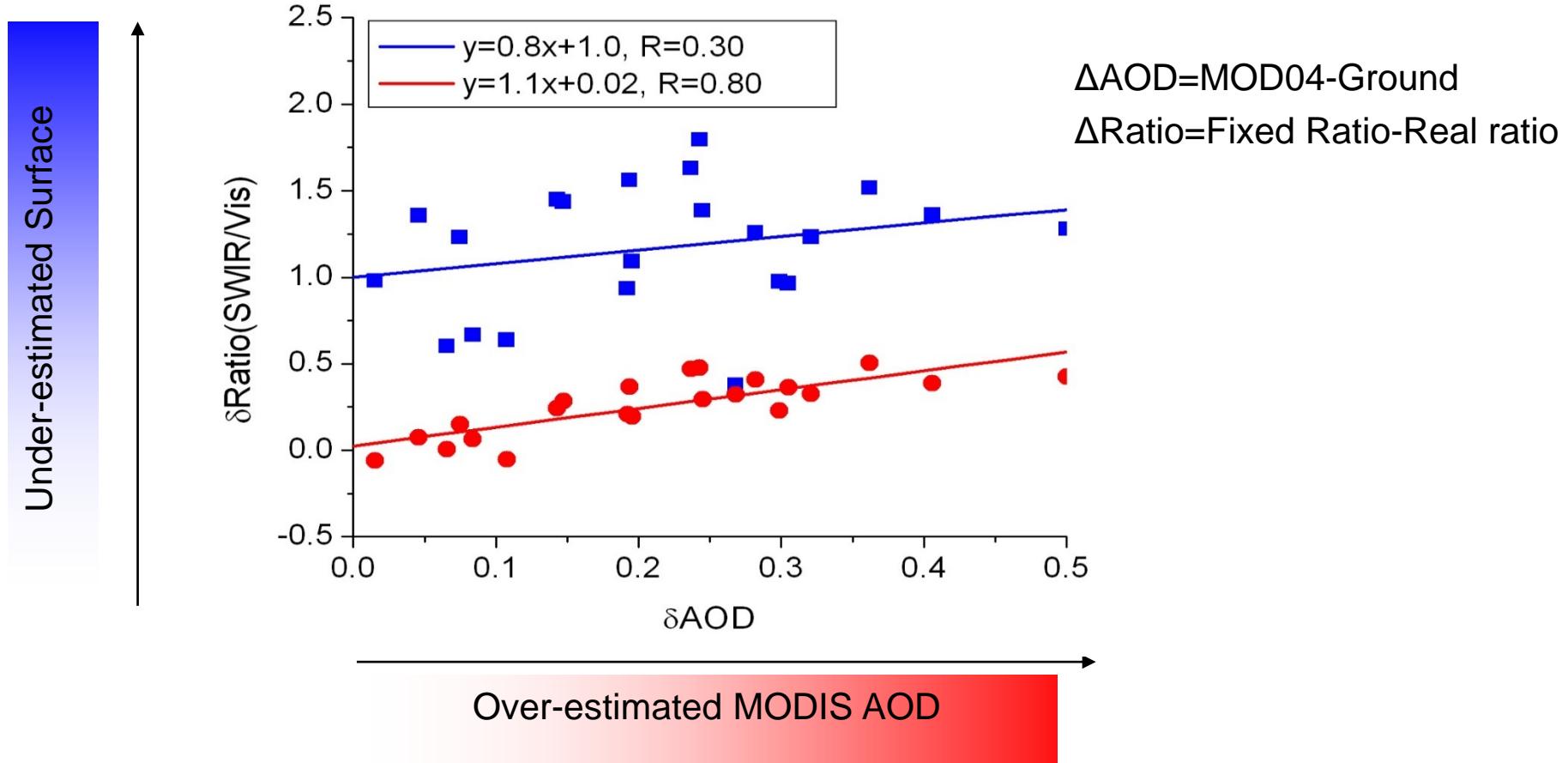
MODIS Min. Reflectance Map (Apr 2015)

$$\rho_{TOA}(SWIR) = c \cdot \rho_{Surf}(Vis)$$



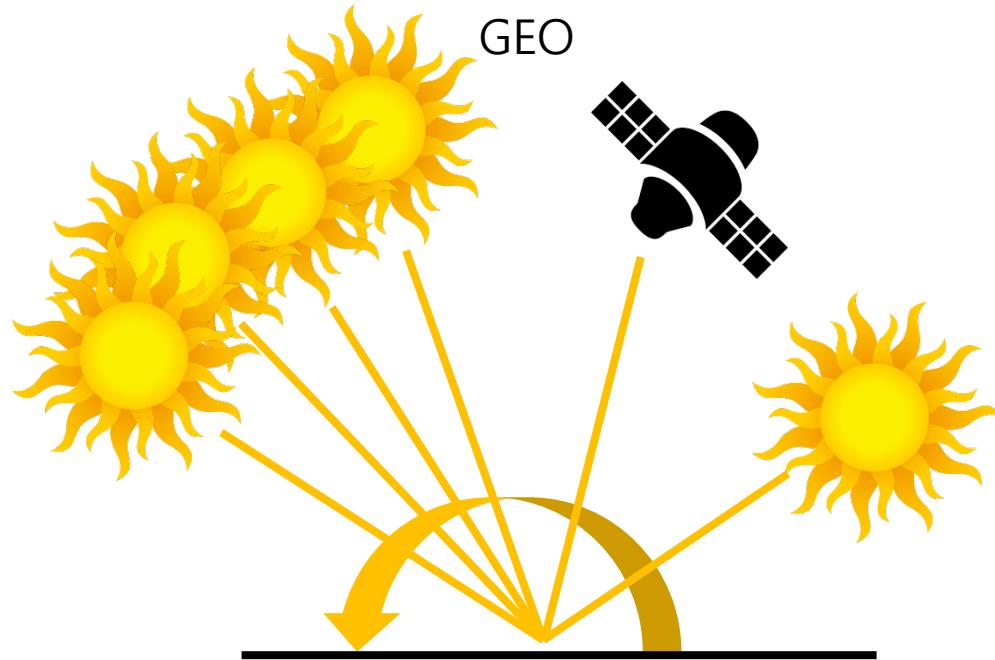
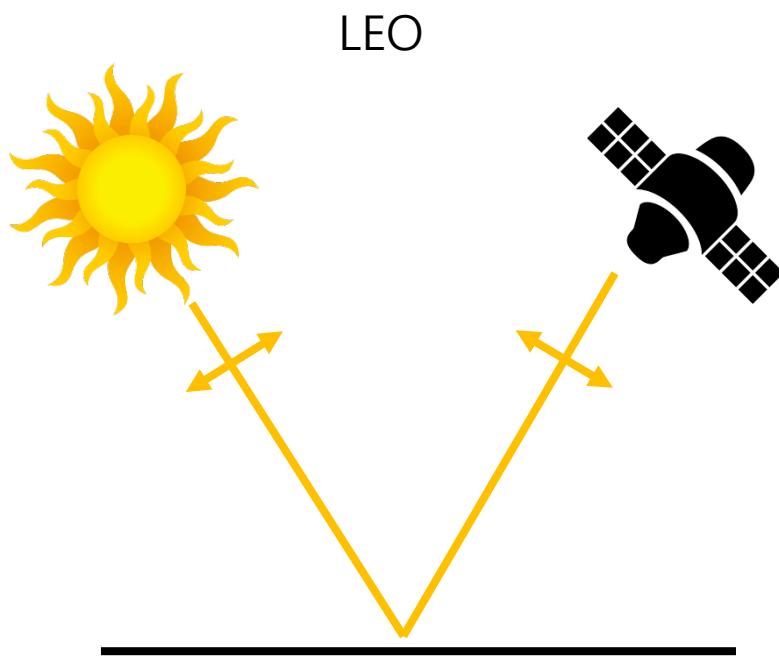
- Vis/SWIR ratio has been widely used for surface reflectance estimation [Kaufman et al., 1997; etc.]
- Those fixed ratios between SWIR and Vis can not represent real surface cover !!
 - Karnielli et al., (2001) : 4.35 over Brazil
 - Lee et al., (2006) : 2.86 over Korea
 - Levy et al., (2006) : 6.67 over Wallops, US

Importance of SRP



- Smaller then SWIR/Vis ratio → Under-estimated surface reflectance → Over-estimated AOD !!

How BRDF from the Geostationary Observation?



Pros

- Minimize Latitudinal difference

Cons

- Limited sun-sensor geometry
- 1 or 2 observation of VZA, SZA / day (require longer period observation)

Pros

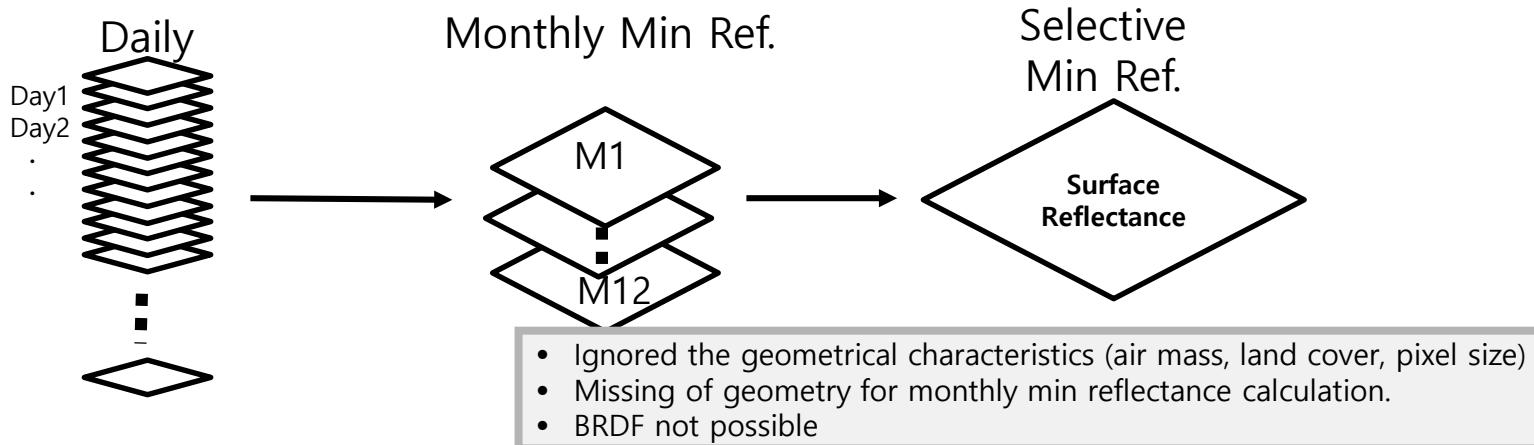
- Wide ranges of SZA

Cons

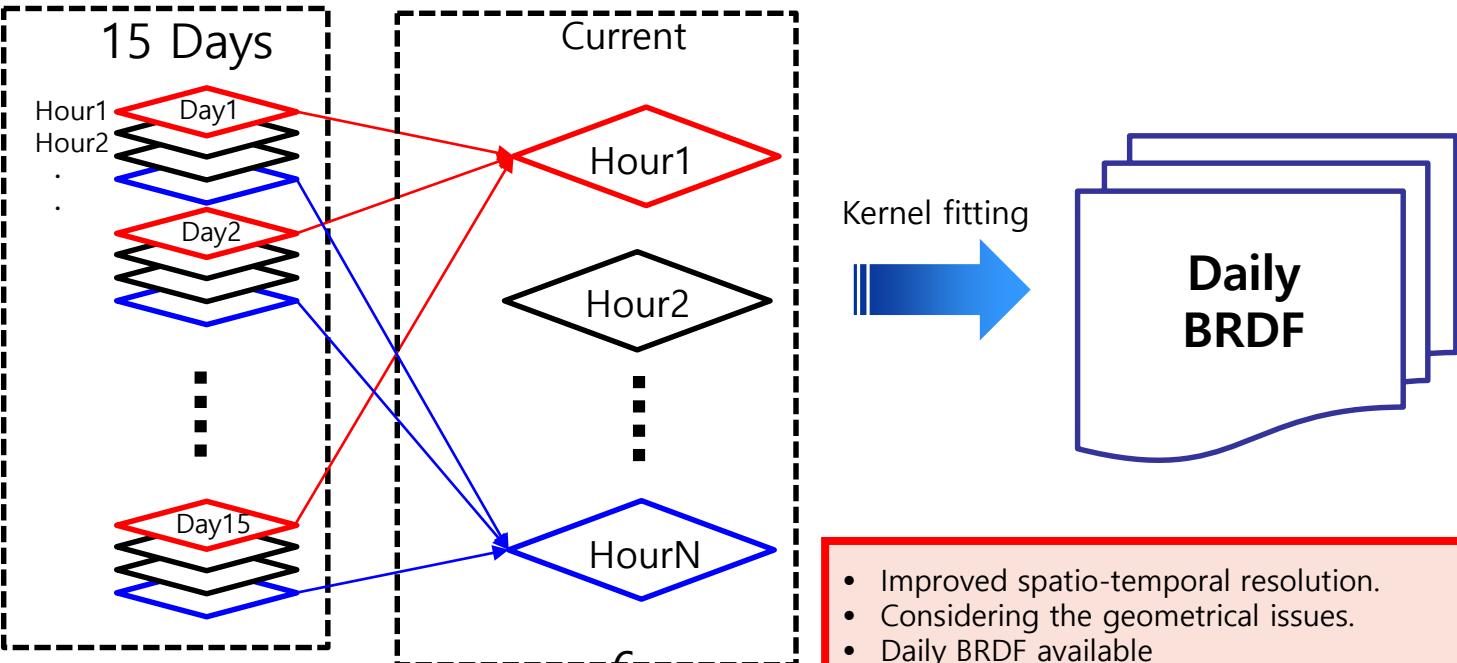
- Latitudinal difference of VZA

GEMS Surface Reflectance Retrieval Strategy

Past



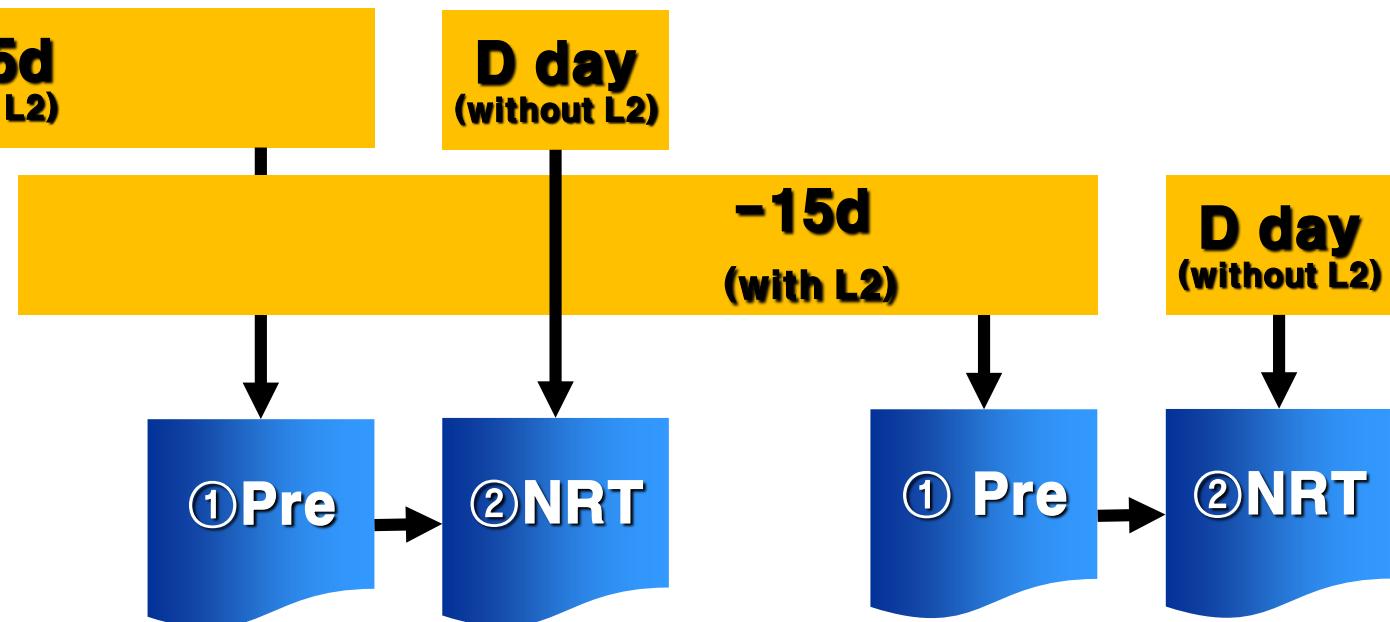
Present



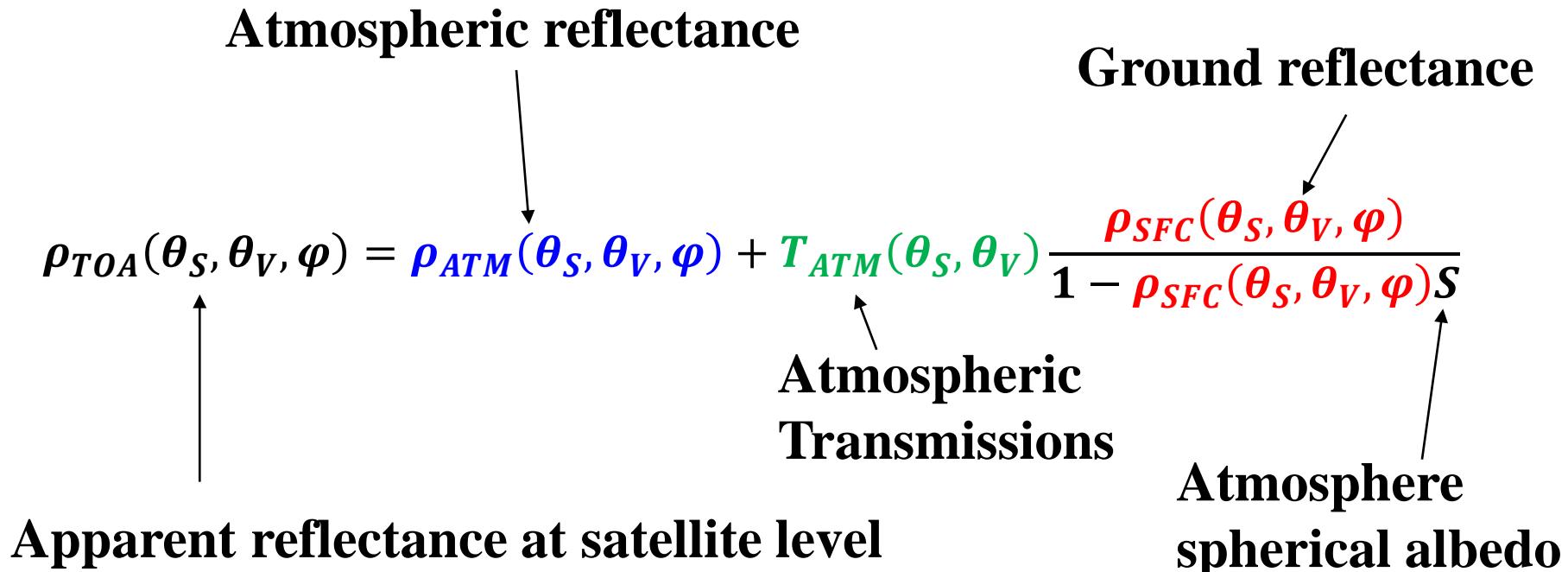
Data accumulation and product generation

Current algorithm consists of 2 parts.

- ① Pre-process: Min reflectance data composited (moving window) during the last 15 days with L2 products (cloud, gas, aerosols).
- ② NRT process: Simple comparison of the atmospherically corrected data with ① at a given time.



Physical Basis

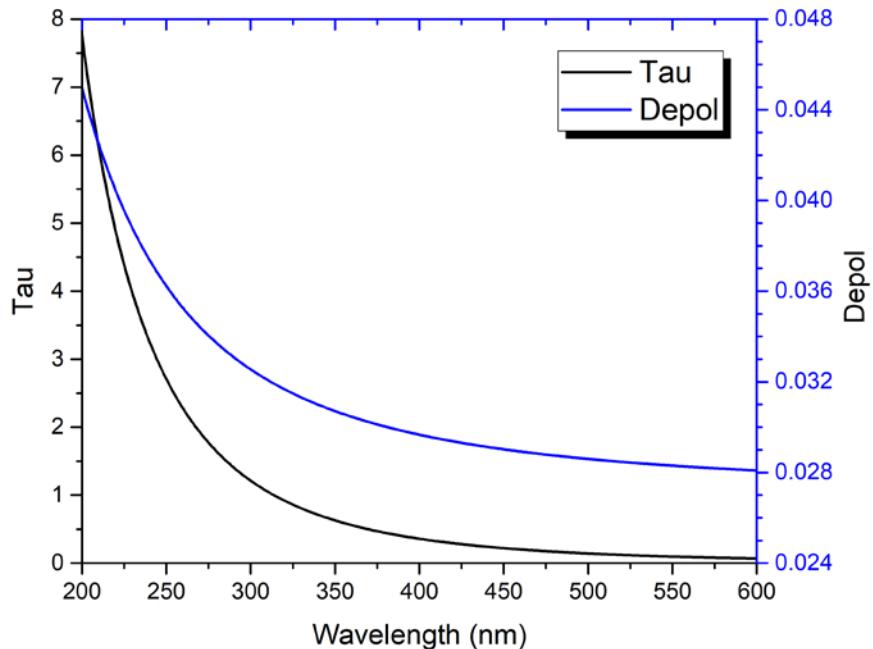


$$\rho_{SFC}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi) = \frac{\rho_{TOA}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi) - \rho_{ATM}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi)}{T_{ATM}(\theta_S, \theta_V) + (\rho_{TOA}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi) - \rho_{ATM}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi))S}$$

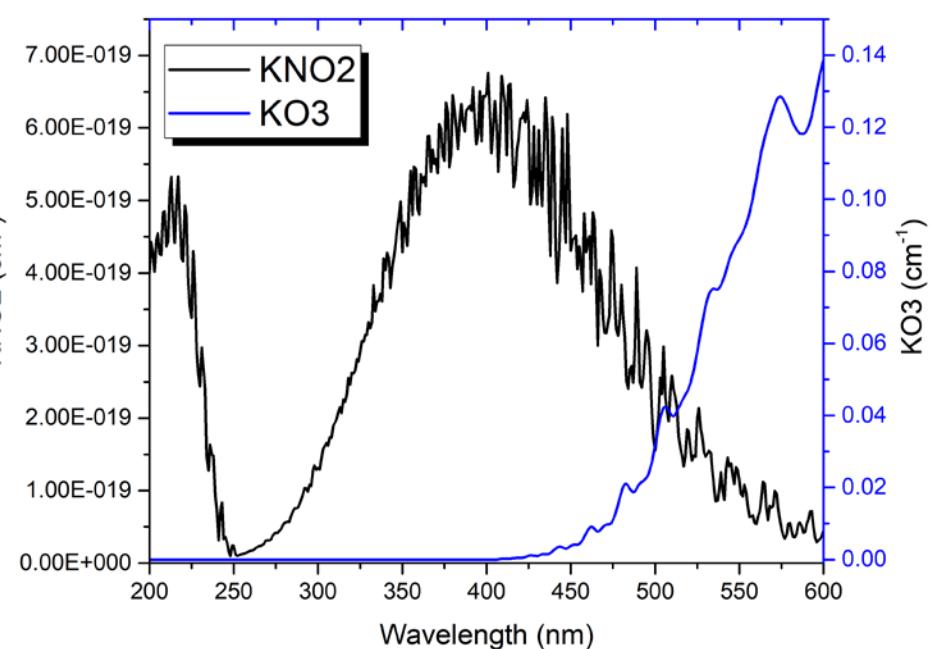
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|--------------|---|
| Scattering ↑ | ↓ $\rho_{SFC}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi)$ |
| Absorption ↑ | ↑ $\rho_{SFC}(\theta_S, \theta_V, \varphi)$ |

Atmospheric Transmittance

Rayleigh scattering



Absorption cross section



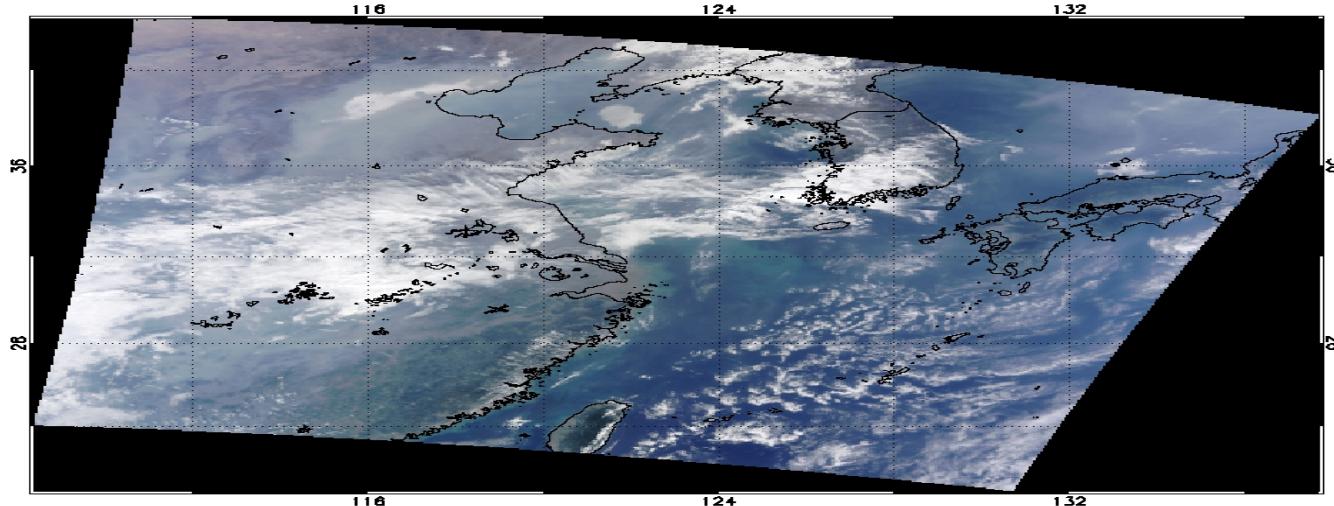
Total Atmospheric Transmissions = absorbing gases(NO₂, O₃, H₂O)

$$T_{ATM}(\theta_S, \theta_V) = \prod T_{Gas}(\theta_S, \theta_V)$$
$$= T_{NO_2}(\theta_S) \cdot T_{NO_2}(\theta_V) \cdot T_{O_3}(\theta_S) \cdot T_{O_3}(\theta_V) \cdot T_{H_2O}(\theta_S) \cdot T_{H_2O}(\theta_V)$$

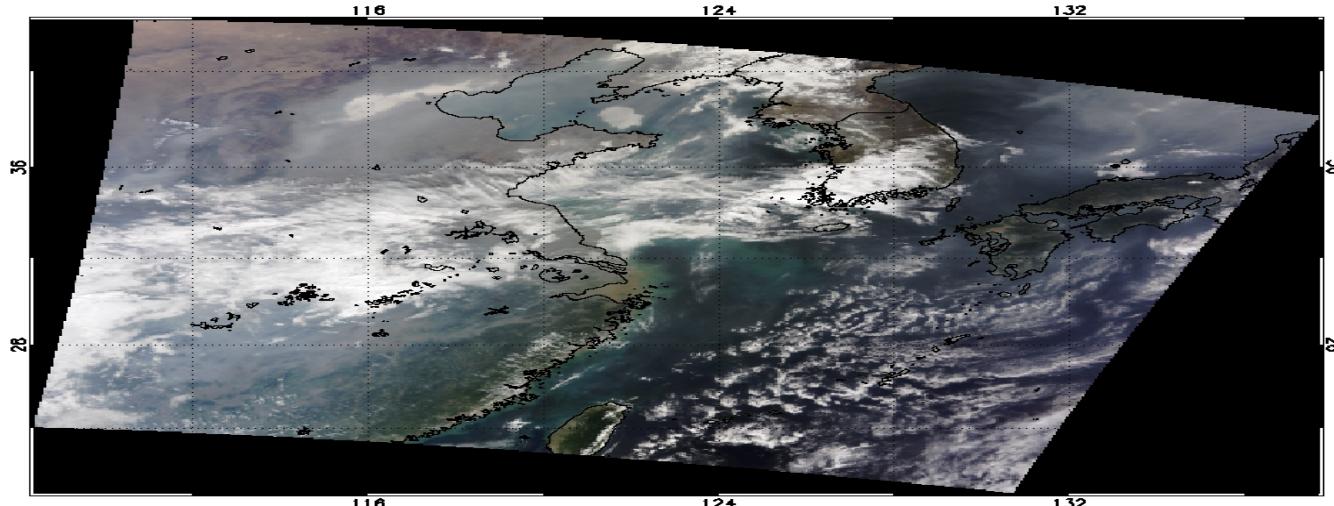
Atmospheric Correction

MODIS RGB [10/29/2009]

Before



After



Selected Retrieval Wavelengths

- **GEMS Aerosol - 354,388,412,443,477,490nm**
- **Cloud - 477nm**
- **HCHO - 340nm**
- **CHOCHO - 448nm**
- **SO2 - 317nm**
- **NO2 - 440nm**
- **R: 474-494 nm, G: 410-430 nm, B: 350-370 nm**

[requested by GEMS ST]

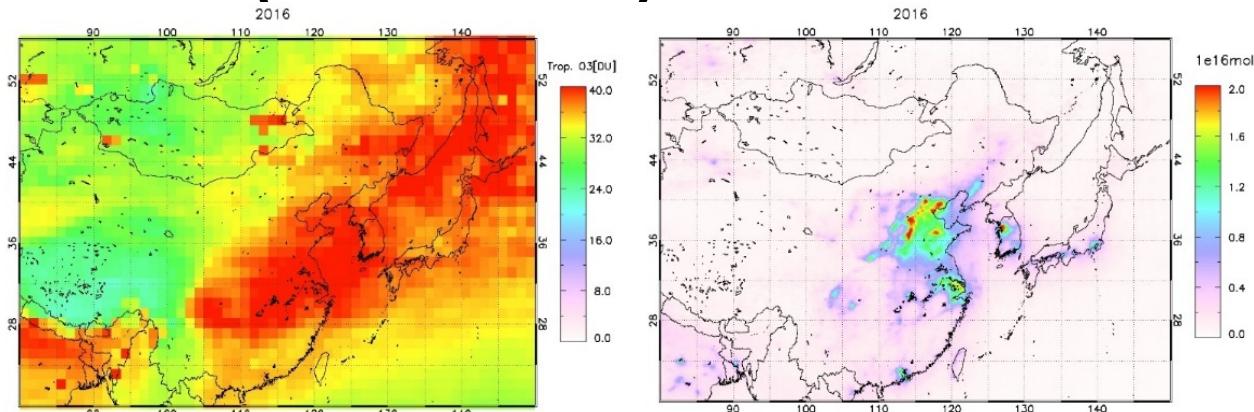
OMI based algorithm

- OMI L1b data: 2004~present
- Ancillary data: OMI L3 NO₂, O₃, NCEP PWV

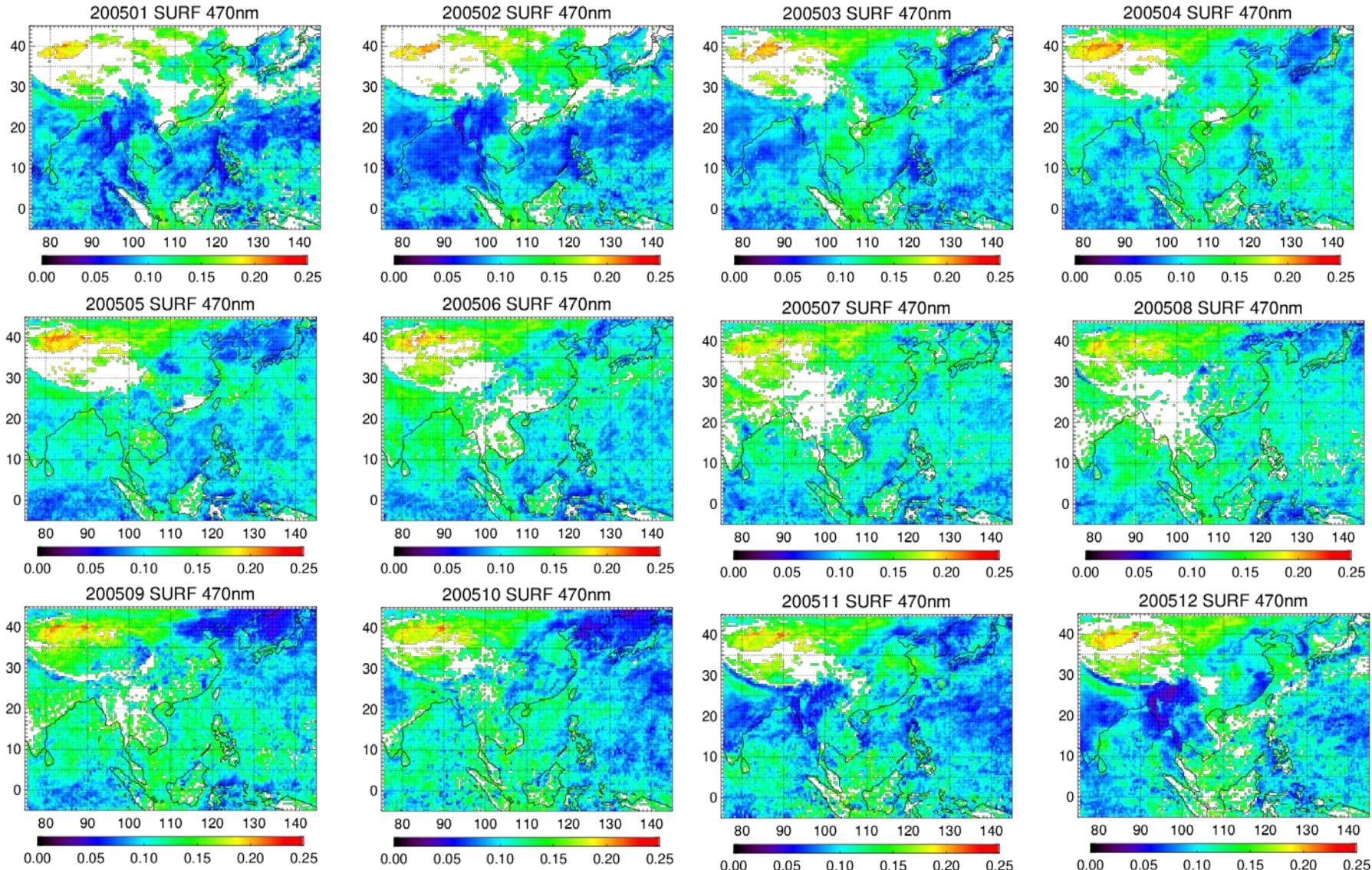
Rayleigh scattering LUT

- Additional input data: MOD43 BRDF (for geometry corrected reflectance)
- Output: Daily LER (OMI only)

Daily Geo-SRP (OMI+MODIS)

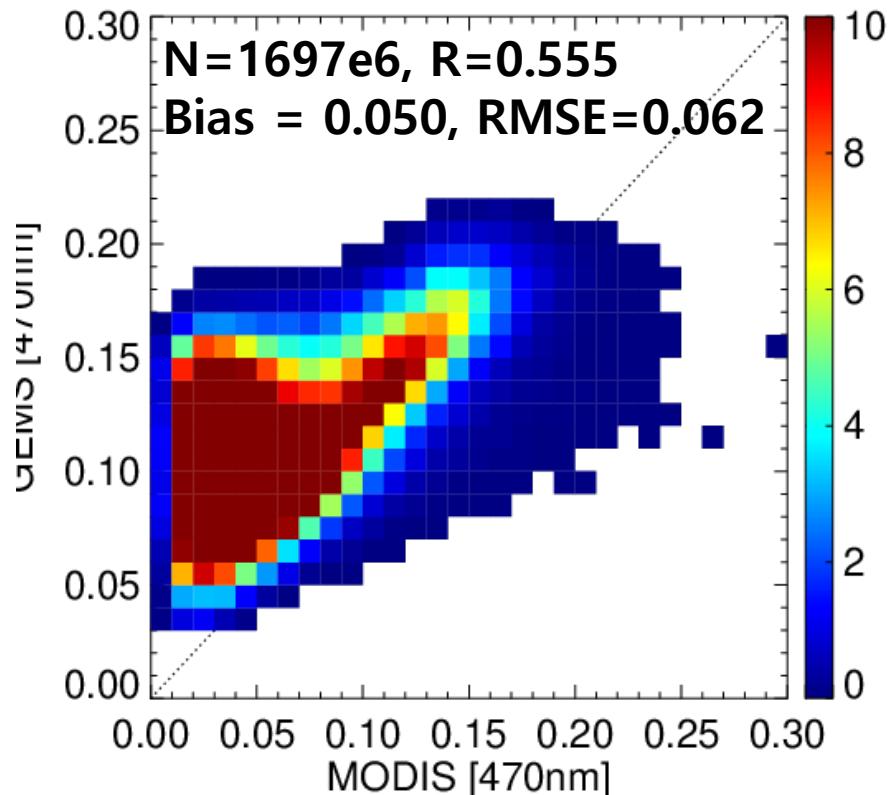


OMI Monthly SRP @ 470nm

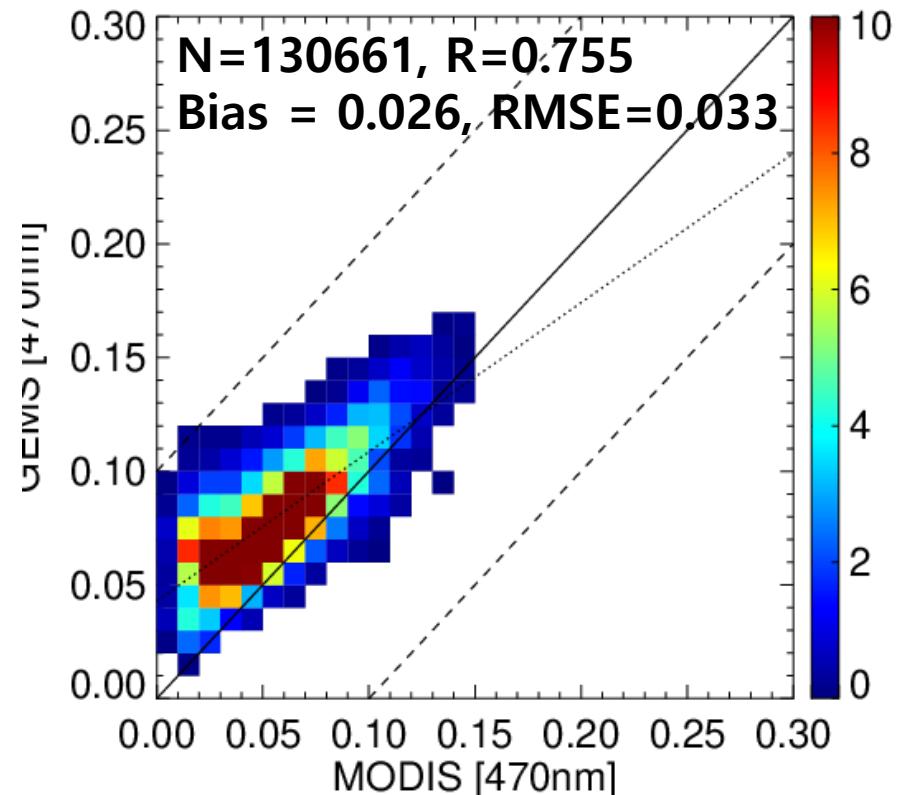


GEMS(by OMI) vs MODIS

All pixels



Effective Pixel #>5 ONLY



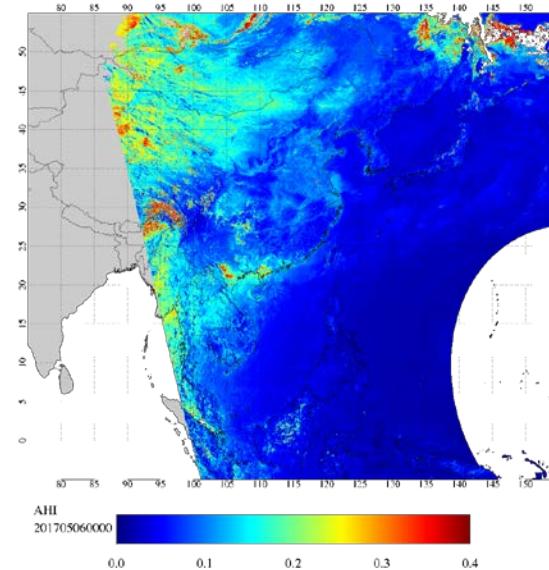
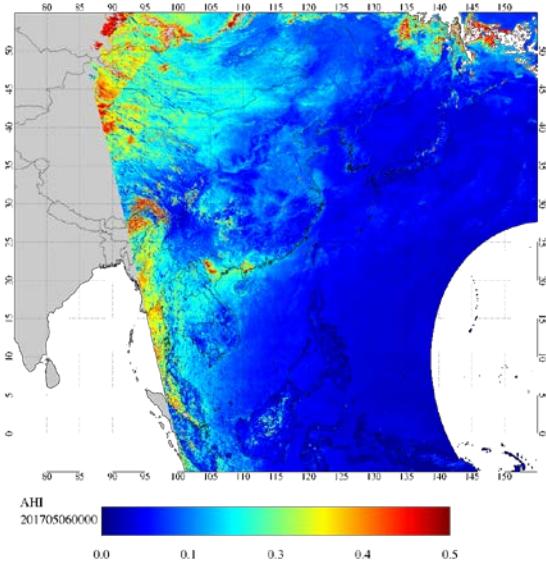
Bias in lower reflectance ?

- MODIS error,
- Cloud
- Overestimation of atmospheric transmission

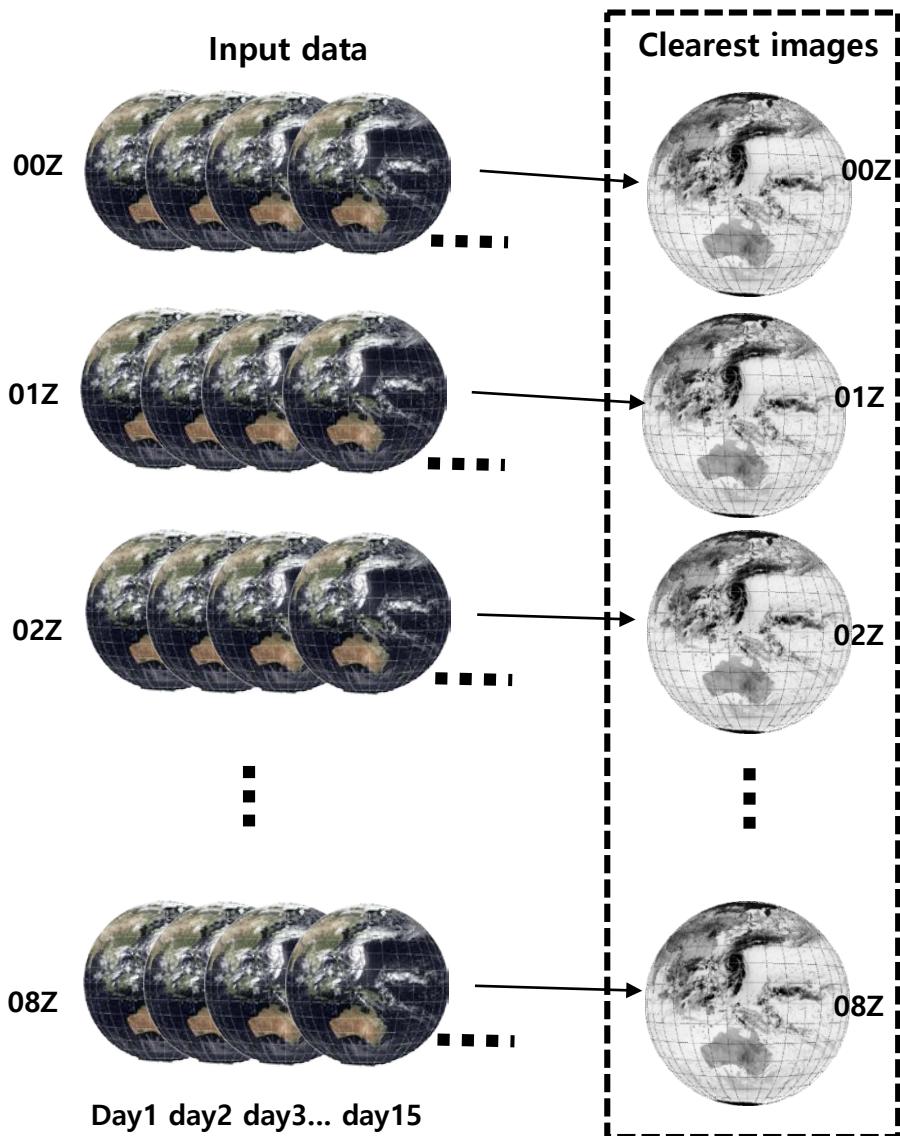
Himawari based algorithm

- AHI L1b data: 2015~Present
- Ancillary data: OMI L3 NO₂, O₃, NCEP PWV
- Rayleigh scattering LUT
- Output: Hourly LER, Daily BRDF

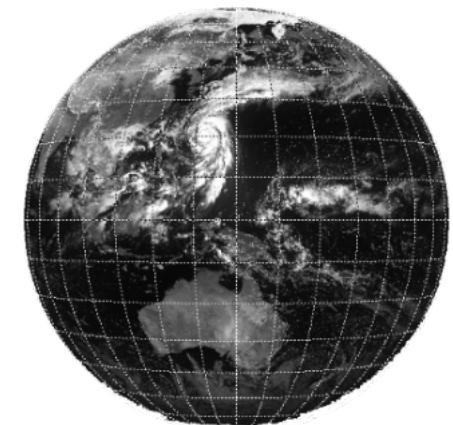
Timely LER



BRDF estimation



Kernel Fitting

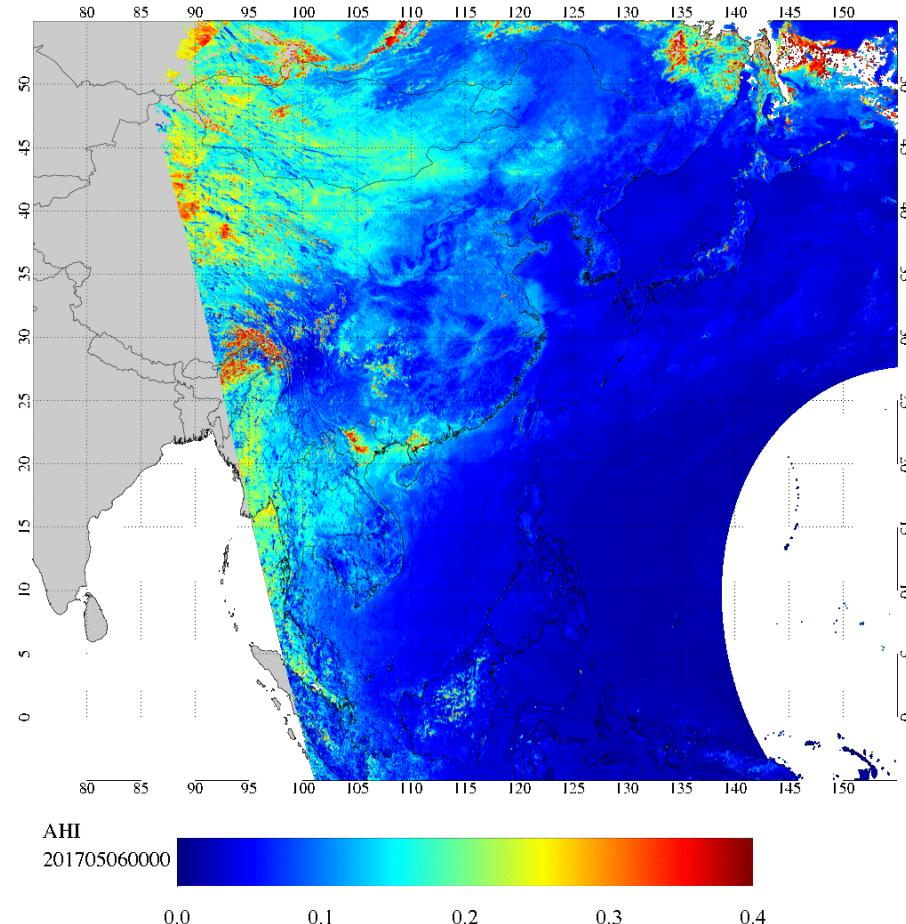
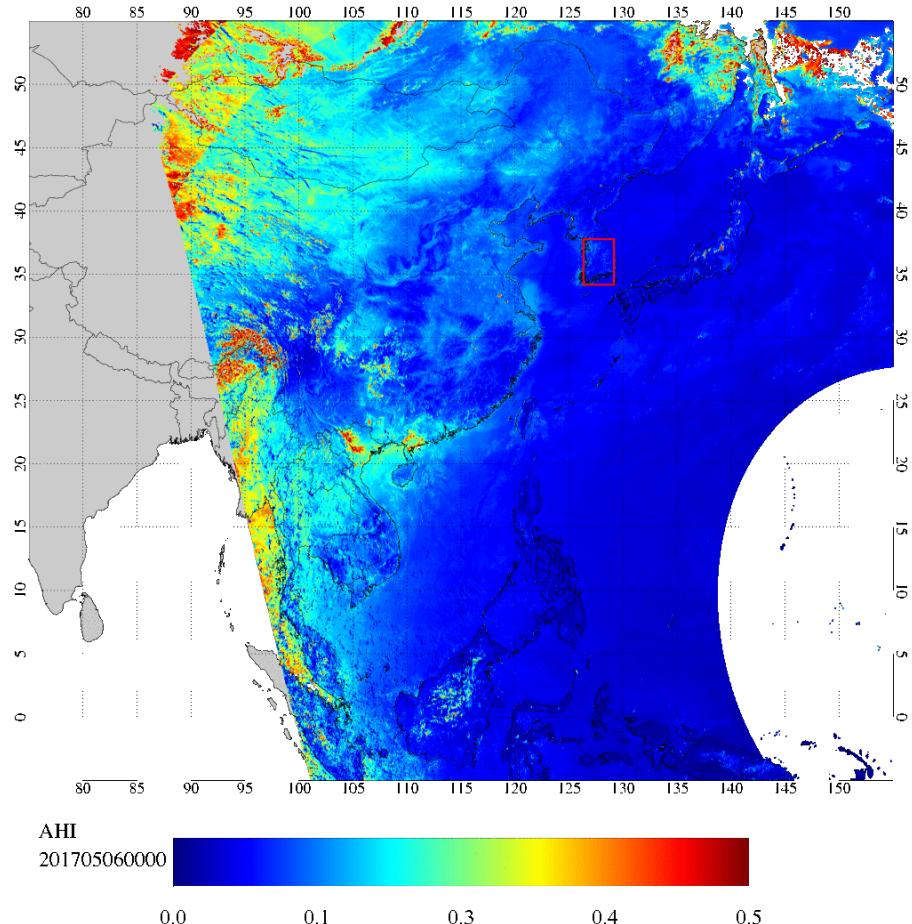


$$\rho(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi, \lambda) = f_{iso} + f_{vol}k_{vol} + f_{geo}k_{geo}$$

where ρ = spectral reflectance
 θ_s = solar zenith angle
 θ_v = view zenith angle
 ϕ = relative azimuth angle
 λ = spectral wavelength
 k_{vol}, k_{geo} = volume and geometric kernel
 $f_{iso}, f_{vol}, f_{geo}$ = kernel model parameters

Proxy data: Himawari-8/AHI 0.47um

■ Min reflectance (2017/05/06 00Z-09Z)



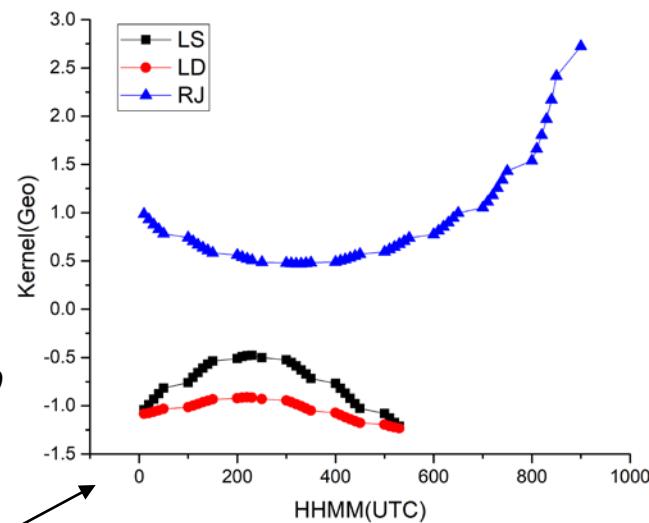
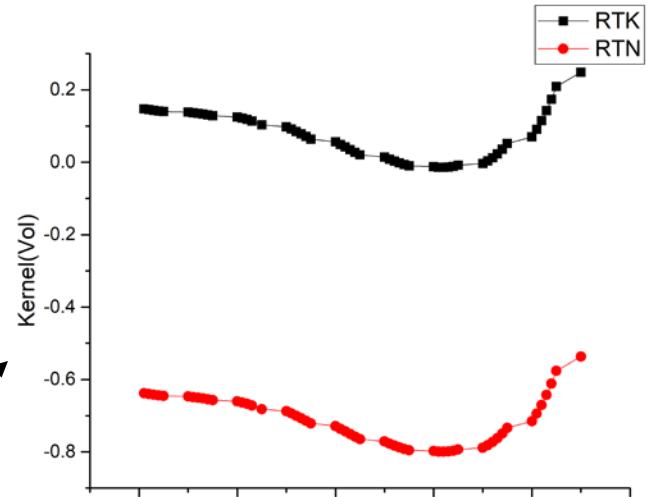
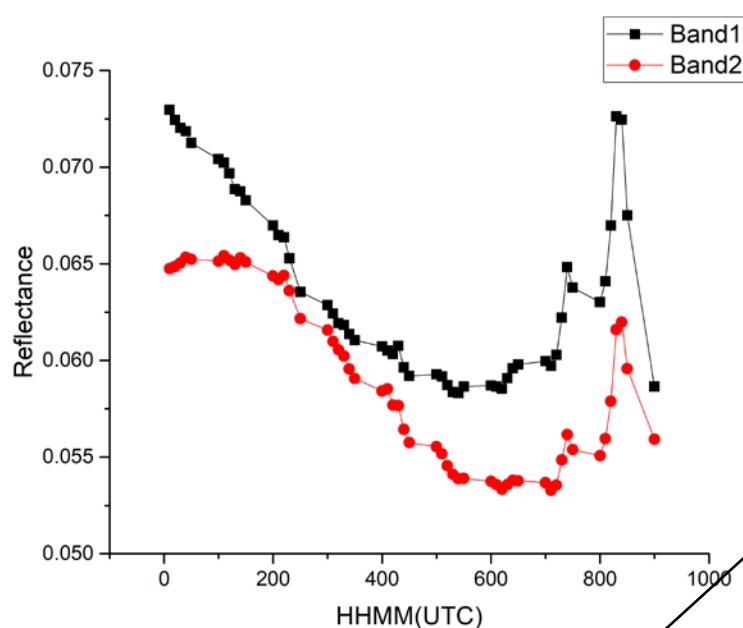
BRDF Kernel Parameters

- Used a Kernel-driven BRDF model [Lucht et al., 2000; Roujean et al., 1992; etc]

$$R_{TOA}(\theta_0, \theta_\nu, \varphi, \lambda) = Fiso + FvolKvol + FgeoKgeo$$

- Volume and geometrical kernels (Kvol & Kgeo) can be derived by widely used geometrical formulas [Pokrovsky et al., 2000; Tang et al., 1999].
- Best combination between two Kernels by Ross-Thick [RTK], Ross-Thin[RTN], Li-Sparse [LS], Li-Dense [LD], Roujean [RJ] kernels has been estimated.

Temporal Variations in Reflectances



Volumetric

Does not changeable

Geometric

$$R_{TOA}(\theta_0, \theta_v, \varphi, \lambda) = F_{iso} + F_{vol}K_{vol} + F_{geo}K_{geo}$$

Kernel Combinations

| Vol. Kernels | Geo. Kernels | R(@Band1) |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| RTK | LS | 0.828 |
| RTK | LD | 0.898 |
| RTK | RJ | 0.844 |
| RTN | LS | 0.736 |
| RTN | LD | 0.712 |
| RTN | RJ | 0.864 |

Best results can be selected by the user.

Summary

- GEMS has advantages of both spectral and temporal resolution data that can be used to derive the directional land surface with high temporal frequency.
- The geostationary observation at the various sun-sensor geometry enable to derive both atmospherically corrected reflectance and a kernel-driven bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF).
- Using the proxy data (i.e. OMI, Himawari-8/AHI), the effects of directional surface reflection on the remote sensing and significant parameters in radiative transfer process has been estimated.
- Estimated errors due to the use of the different kernel models and atmospheric transmissions are substantial. Large differences in BRDF were found in use of different kernel functions.

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Thank You !

