Retrieval of Aerosol Properties from Airborne Hyper-Angular Rainbow Polarimeter (AirHARP) Observations During the 2017 ACEPOL campaign

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• Introduction

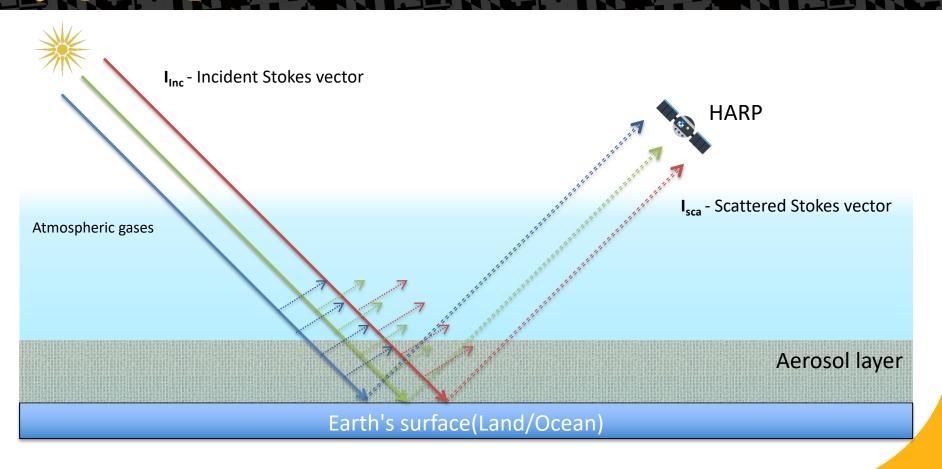
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- HARP(Hyper Angular Rainbow Polarimeter) observation

Outline

- AirHARP
- Automated retrieval scheme using GRASP
- ACEPOL campaign
 - Examples of data and retrievals over different surfaces
 - Validation of AOD with AERONET and HSRL2 observations

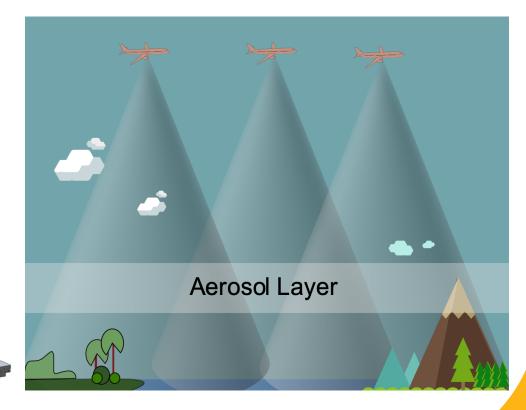
HARP observations



Remote sensing of Aerosols using AirHARP

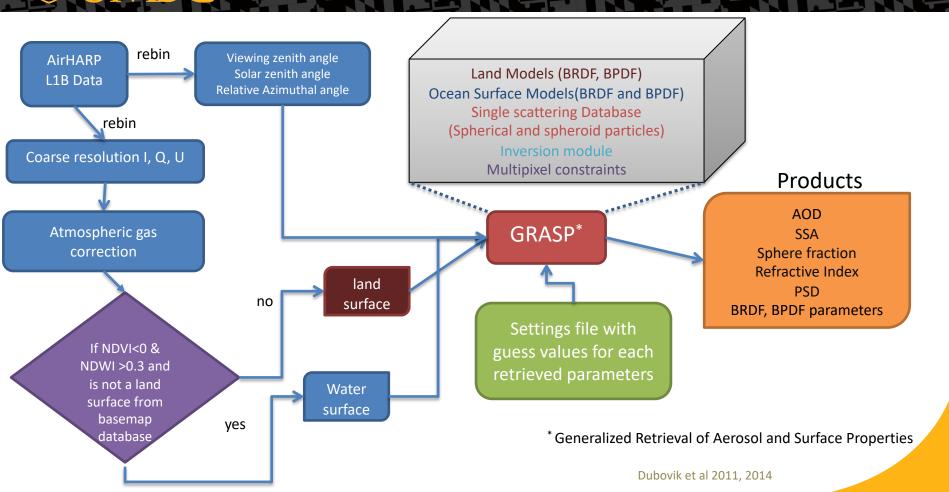
Measures I, Q and U of stokes vector

- Degree of Linear Polarization
- DoLP = $sqrt(Q^2 + U^2)/I$
- Wavelengths
 - 0.44, 0.55, 0.67, 0.87 um
- Viewing Angles
 - 20 for Blue, Green and NIR
 - 60 for Red



AirHARP instrument cross section

Automated retrieval scheme





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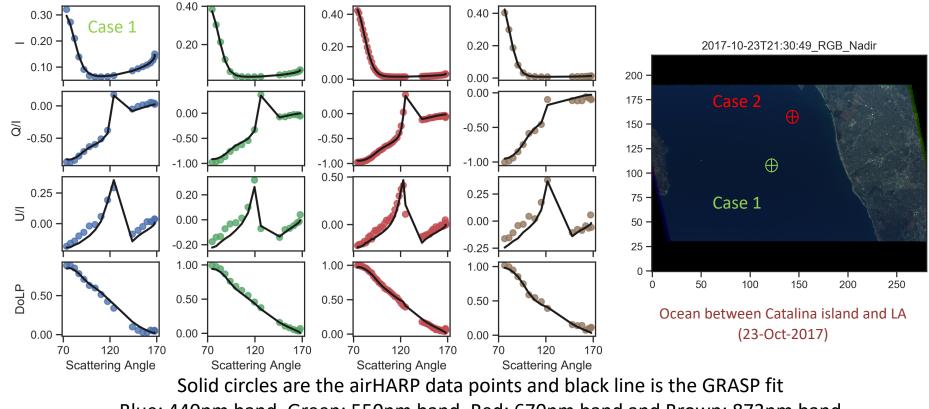
(Aerosol Characterization from Polarimeter and LiDAR)

- ER-2 aircraft at 20km
- October 19, 2017 November 09, 2017
- Overpass over multiple AERONET stations, smoke plume, over ocean, clouds
- CALIPSO track
- Ground measurement of BRDF/BPDF
- The measurements and algorithms are applicable to future satellite missions such as ACE, PACE and A&CCP



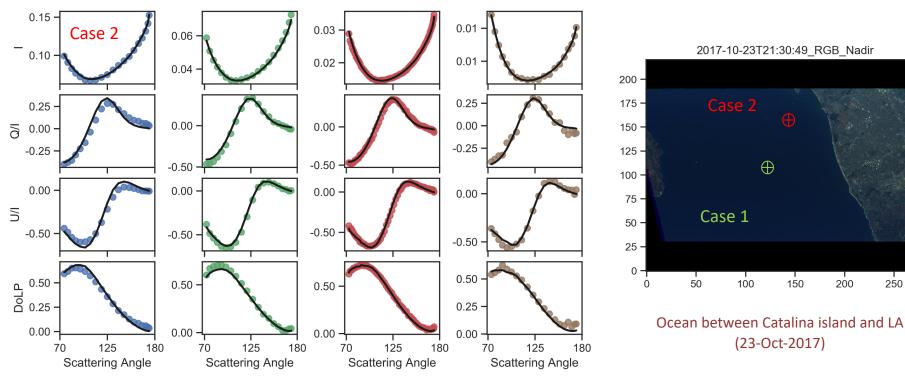
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Blue: 440nm band, Green: 550nm band, Red: 670nm band and Brown: 873nm band



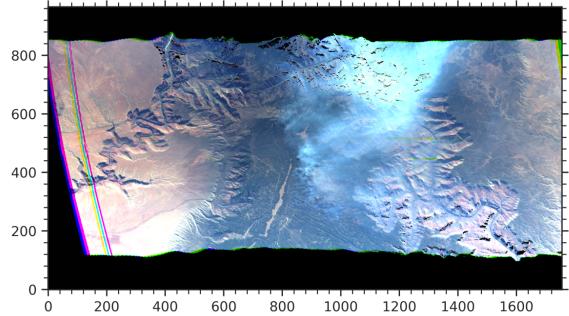


Solid circles are the airHARP data points and black line is the GRASP fit Blue: 440nm band, Green: 550nm band, Red: 670nm band and Brown: 873nm band

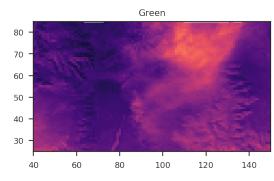
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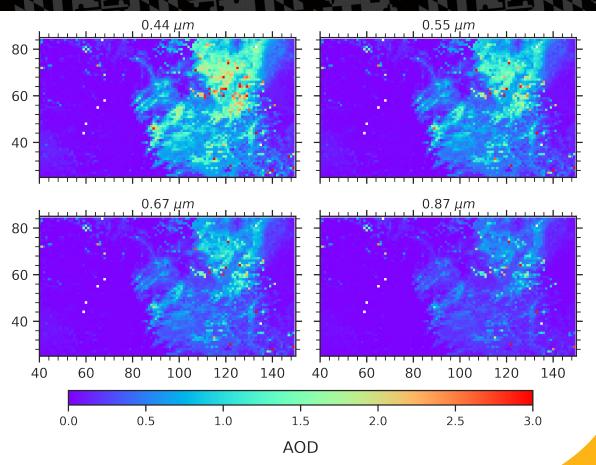
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RGB image of the forest fire smoke scene near Grand canyon, AZ on 27th Oct 2017

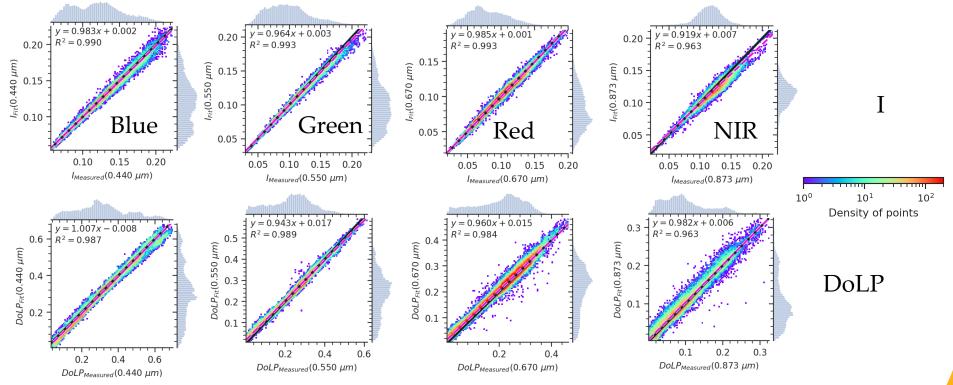


Radiance image of the scene where retrievals are performed X and Y axes are pixel number Pixel resolution ~ 400m x 400m



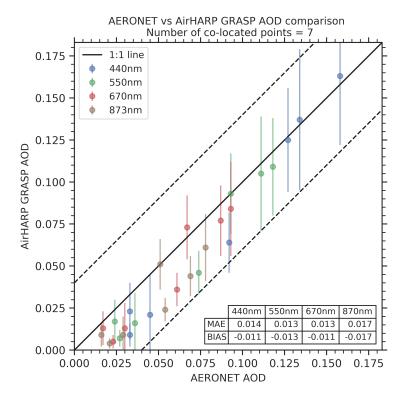
AOD retrieved using I and DoLP measurements of AirHARP at different wavelengths

WIMBC Measured vs Fit



2D density plot of AirHARP measurement variables and GRASP fit for the pixels in the smoke scene. 1:1 line(cyan solid line), Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression line (magenta dashed line), the OLS fit parameters, and R² are also reported in the same graph. For each plot, the histogram of measurement and GRASP fit for I and DoLP are plotted on the top and right axis respectively

AERONET AOD Comparison



Details of the AERONET data used for the AirHARP AOD validation

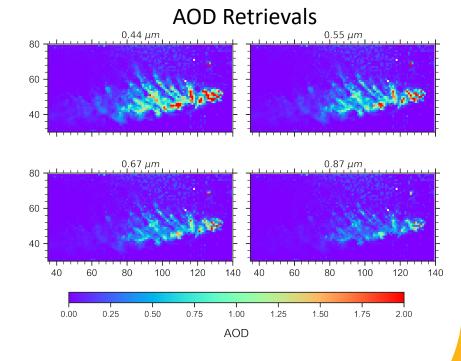
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2017-10-25 19:55:00	Bakersfield	2	
2017-10-26 18:55:00	Fresno2	2	
2017-10-26 19:15:00	Bakersfield	2	
2017-10-26 21:24:00	Railroad Valley	1.5	
2017-11-07 19:36:00	Fresno2	2	
2017-11-09 18:31:00	USGS_Flagstaff	2	

Scatter plot of AERONET AOD vs AirHARP GRASP AOD retrieved. Pixels with a resolution of 400m x400m are used for the retrievals. Each circle in the figure is the mean of 10x10 pixels(4km x 4km) around the respective AERONET station.

Smoke case – 09 Nov 2017

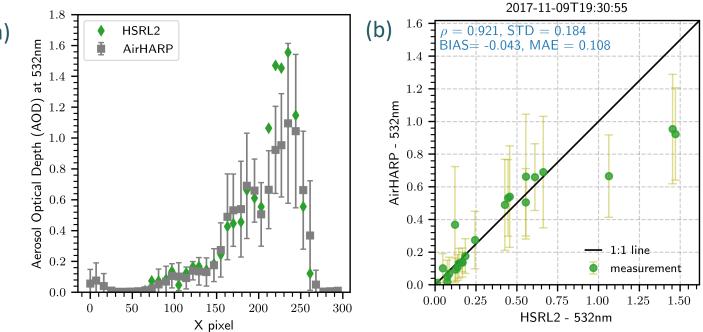


AirHARP RGB image in 40m native resolution



Rebin to a lower resolution of 400m x 400m for each pixels

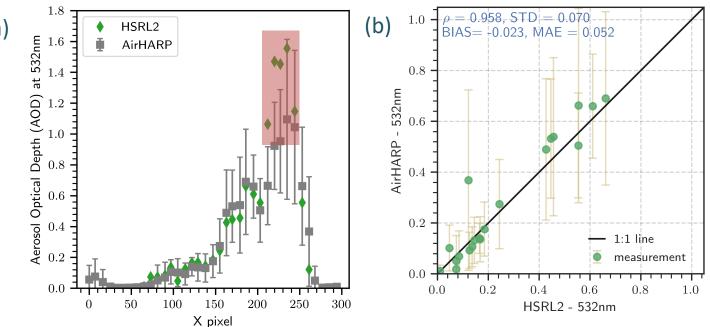
HSRL2 comparison



(a) AOD measured at 532nm by AirHARP versus HSRL2 AOD at 532nm for the forest fire scene on 09-11-17_07,31,00PM ; (b) Correlation plot for the HSRL2 AOD at 532nm vs AirHARP AOD at 532nm for the flight on 9th November 2017 over a smoke plume

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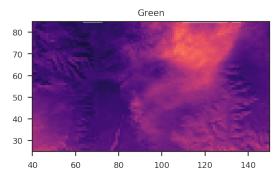
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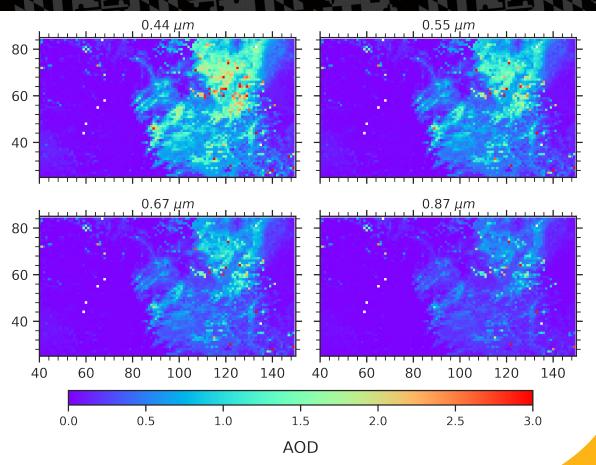
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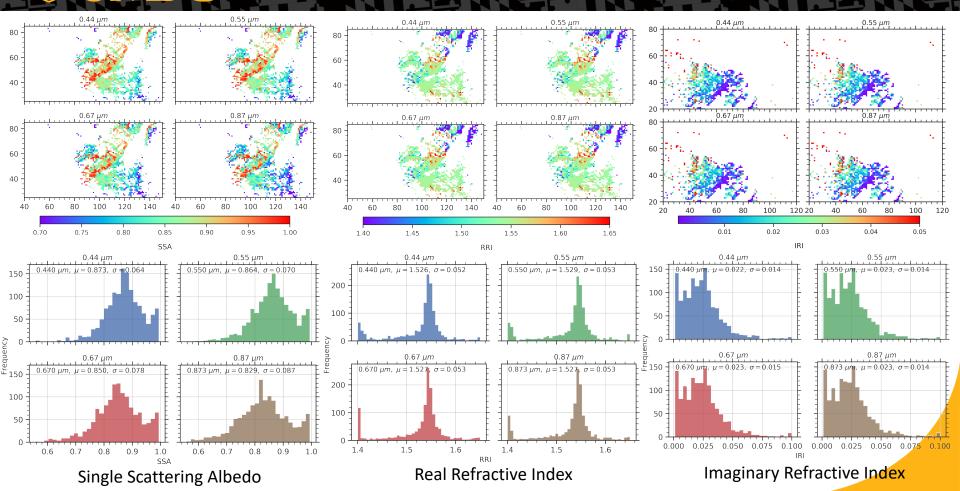
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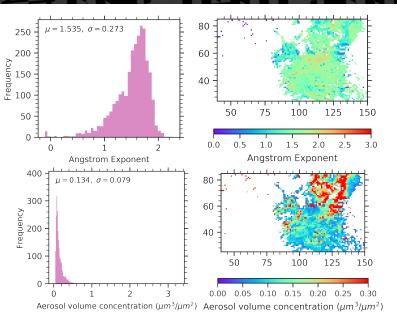


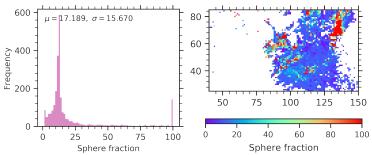
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AOD retrieved using I and DoLP measurements of AirHARP at different wavelengths







Aerosol optical and microphysical properties retrieved for the smoke scene

Spectral Band	Single Scattering Albedo	Sphere Fraction	Angstrom Exponent [#]	Real Refractive Index (RRI)	Imaginary refractive Index (RRI)
440nm	0.873	17.189	17.189 1.535	1.53	0.022
550nm	0.864			1.53	0.023
670nm	0.850			1.53	0.023
870nm	0.829			1.53	0.023

Summary

AirHARP + GRASP shows promising capabilities in the AOD retrievals

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- AirHARP AOD retrievals shows good correlation with the AERONET and HSRL2 observations
- With sufficient aerosol loading you can get information on the optical properties
- Future research includes the comparison of retrieved surface properties with other surface retrievals(X. Xu poster).
- Adaptation of the current retrieval algorithm for HARP/HARP2

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