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Uncertainty Quantification Applied to Aerosol Retrievals from Simulated Surface Sun Photometer and Polarimetric Satellite Observations using GRASP

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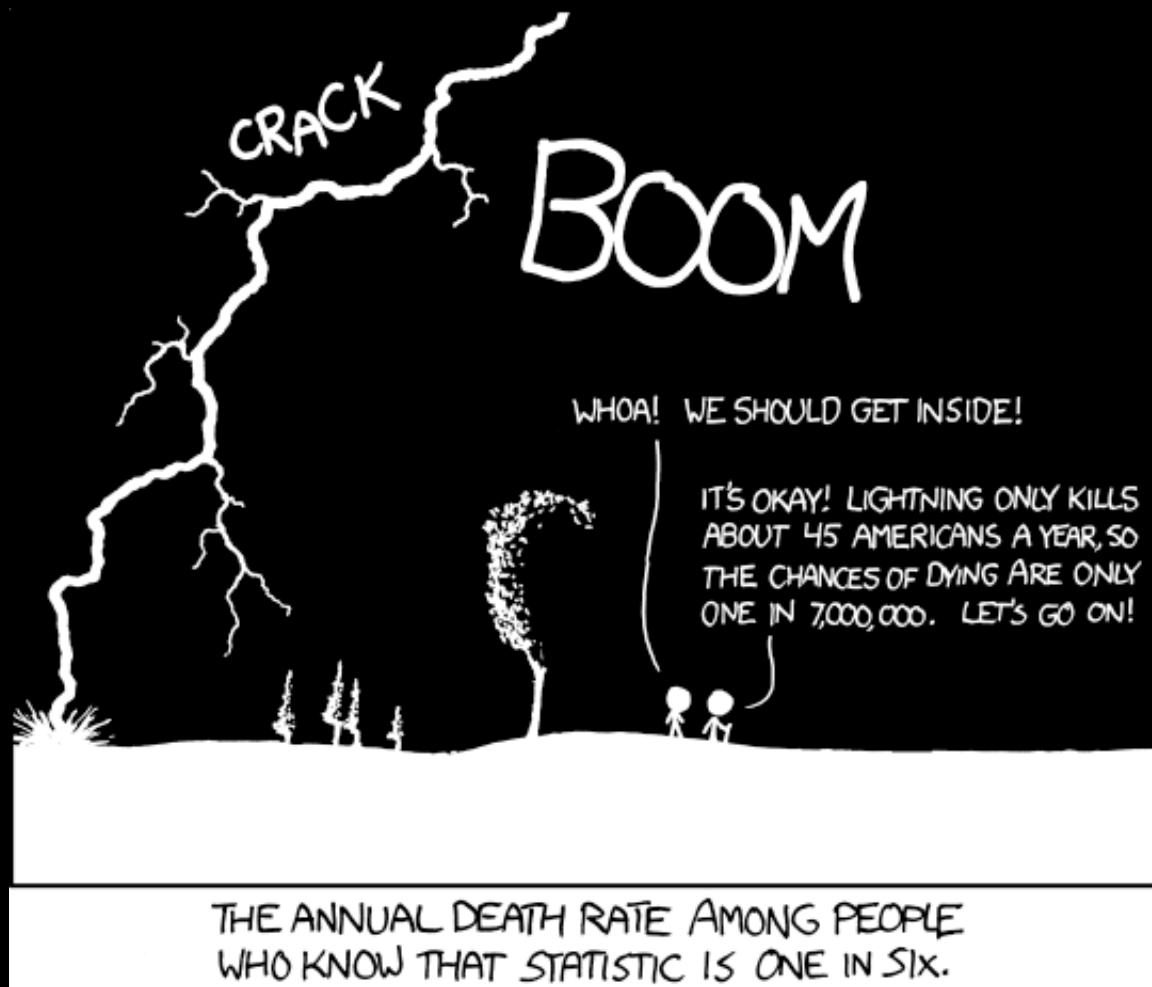
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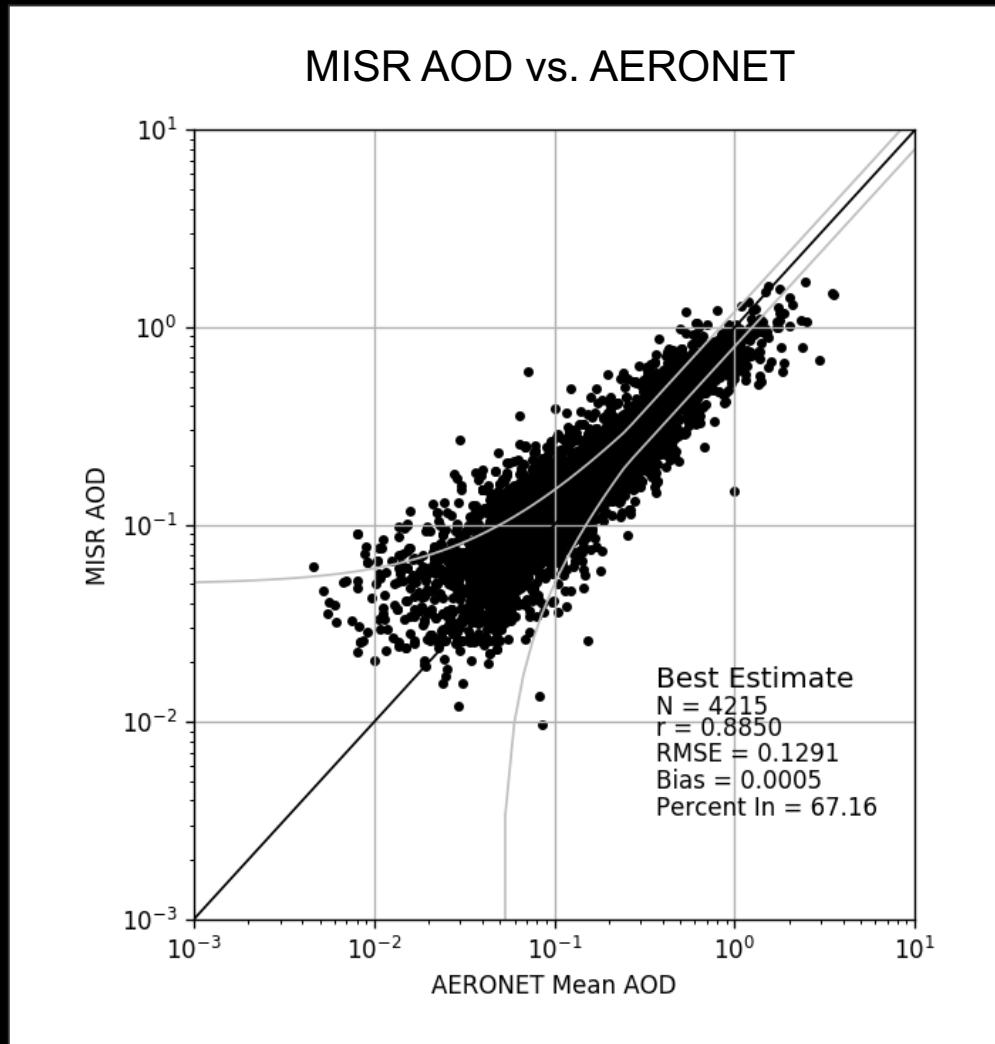
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Uncertainty refers to epistemic situations involving imperfect or unknown information. It applies to predictions of future events, to physical measurements that are already made, or to the unknown. Uncertainty arises in partially observable and/or stochastic environments, as well as due to ignorance, indolence, or both.^[1] It arises in any number of fields, including insurance, philosophy, physics, statistics, economics, finance, psychology, sociology, engineering, metrology, meteorology, ecology and information science. (Wikipedia)

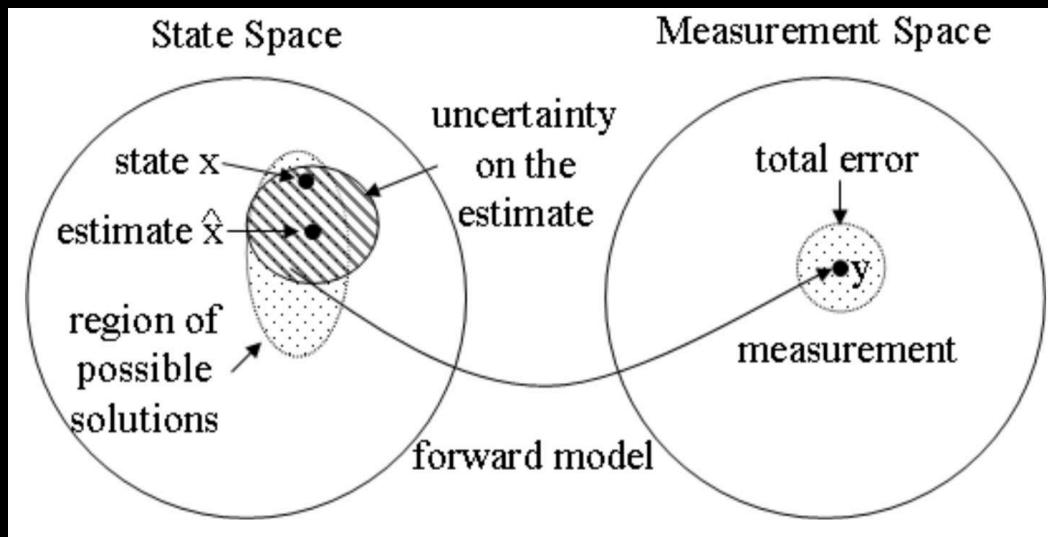
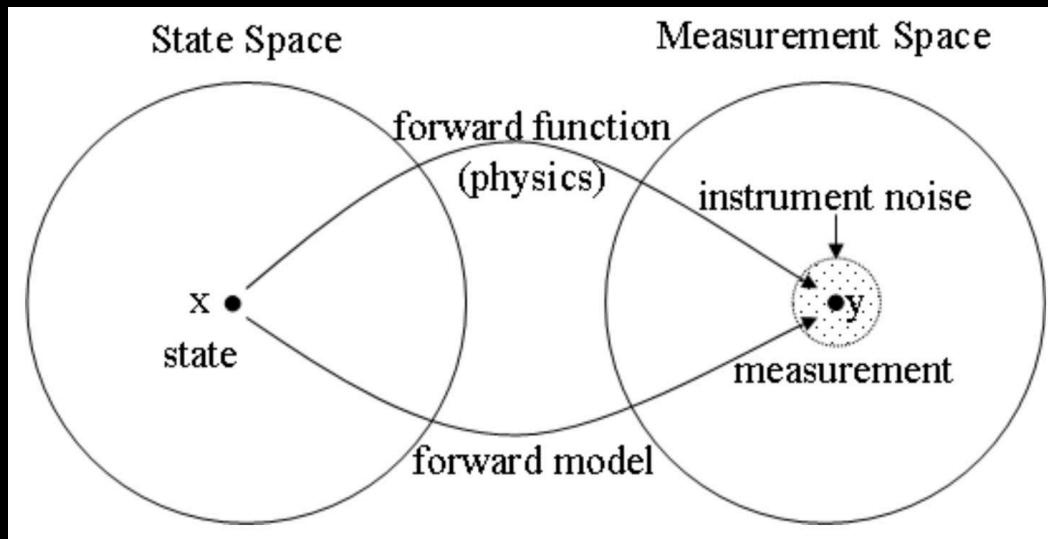
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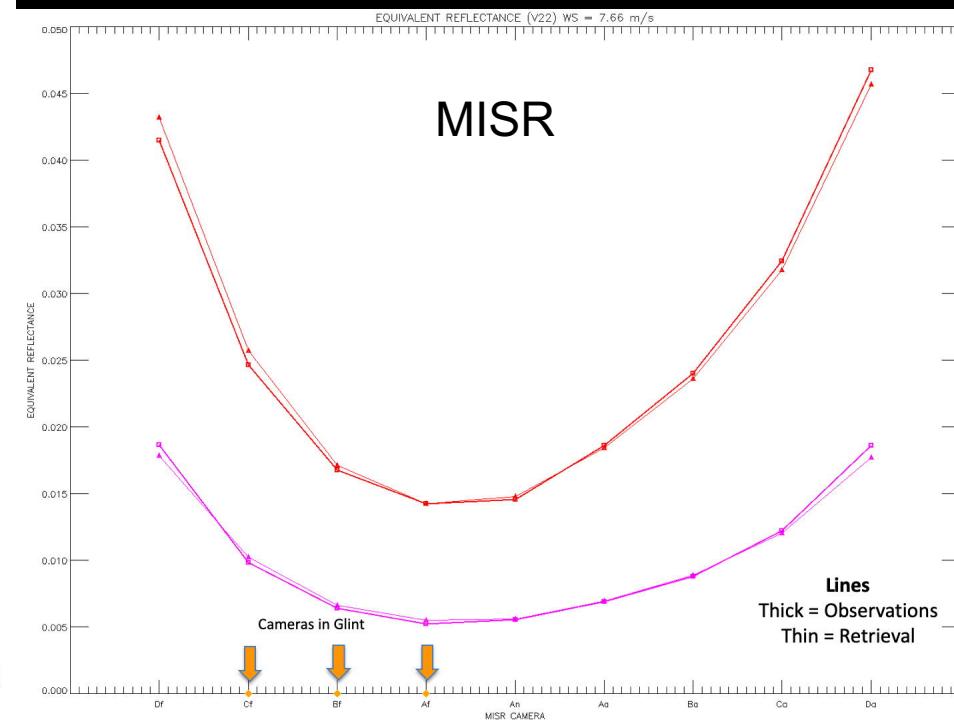
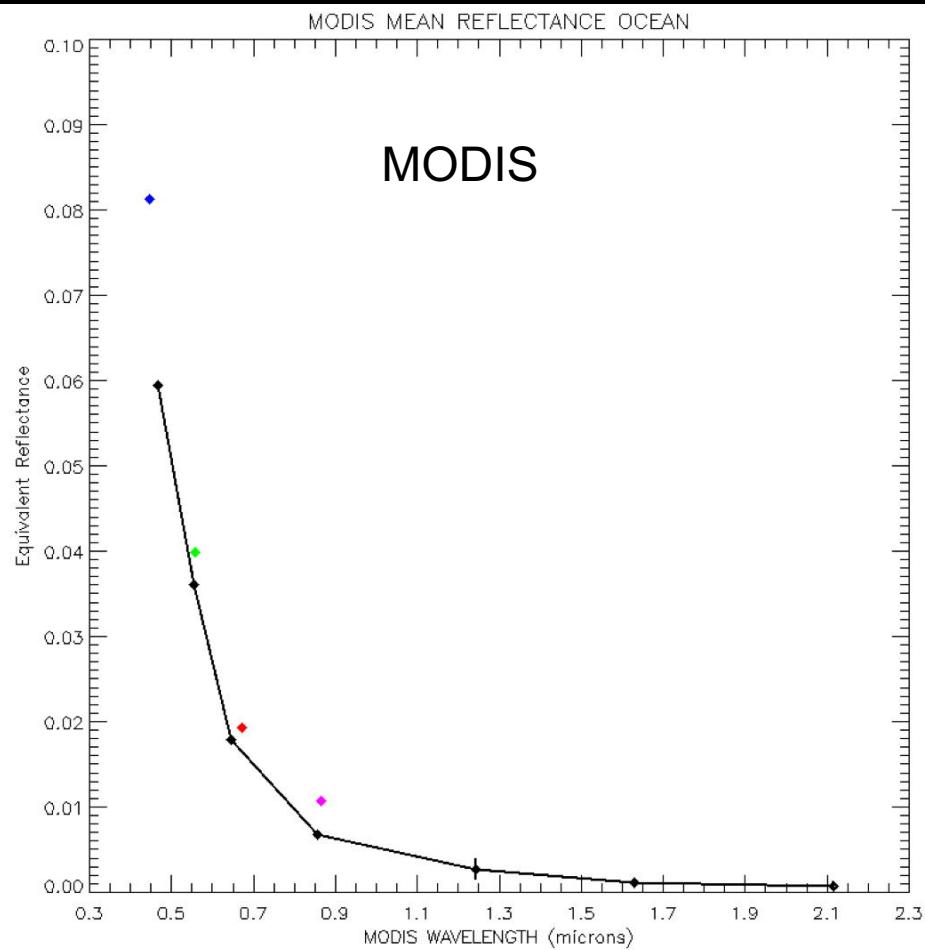
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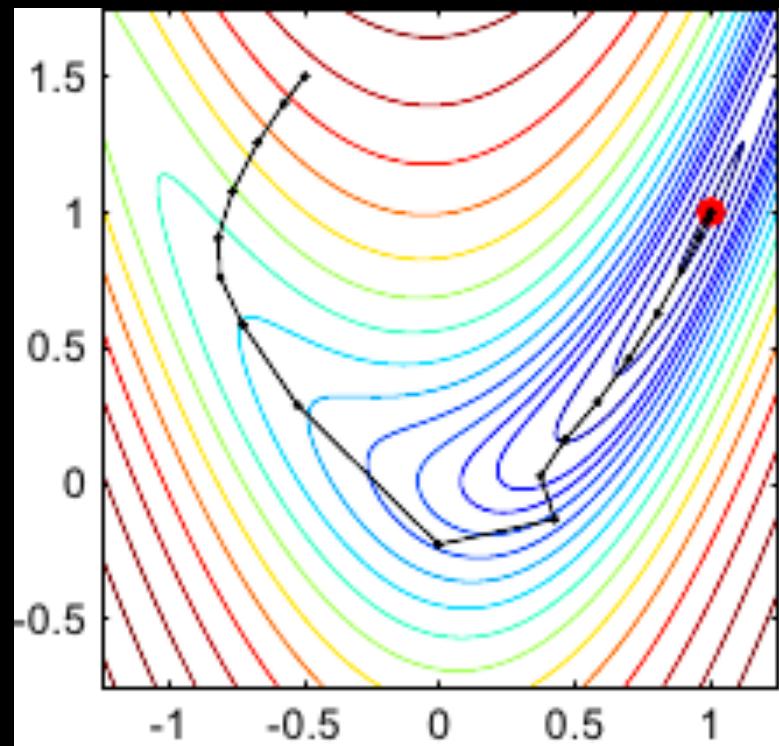
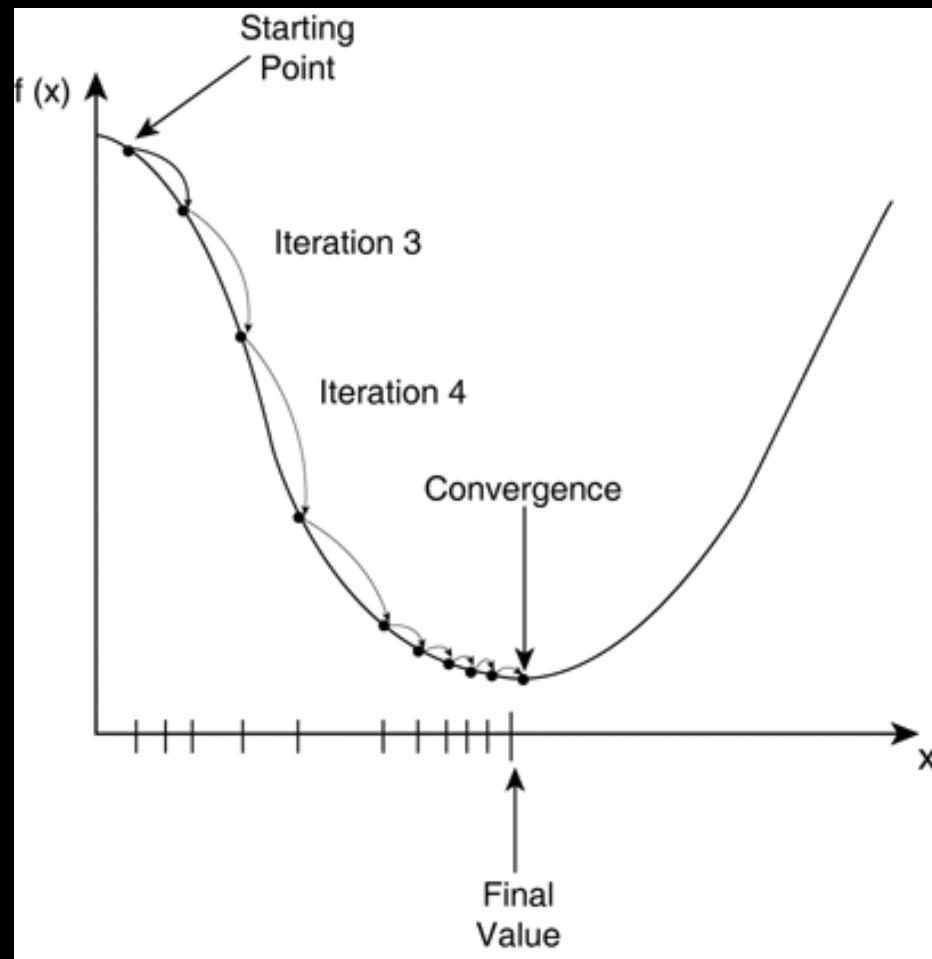
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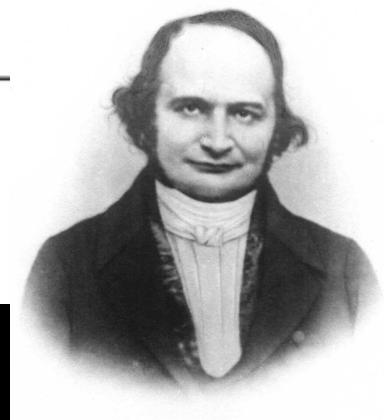
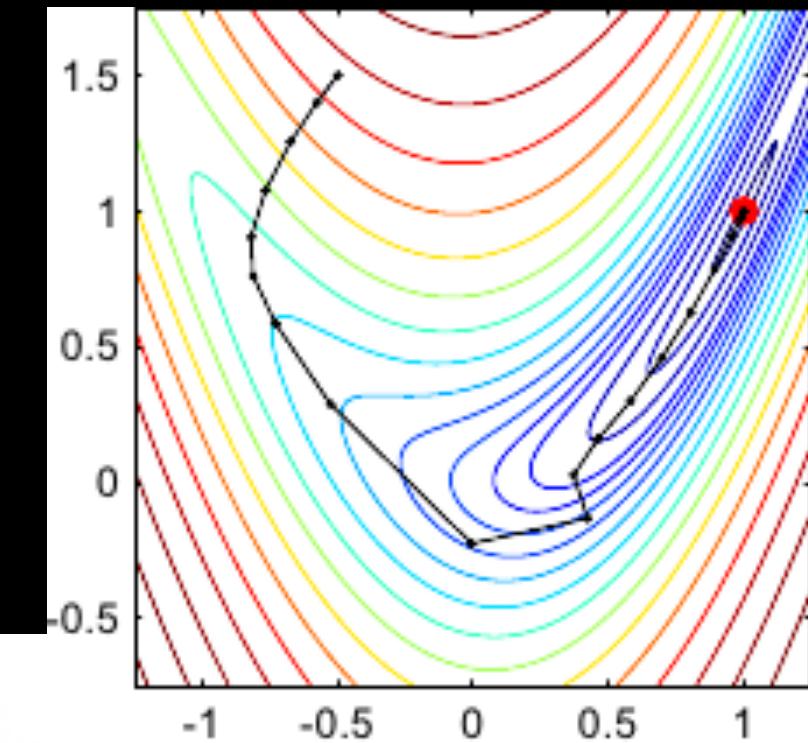
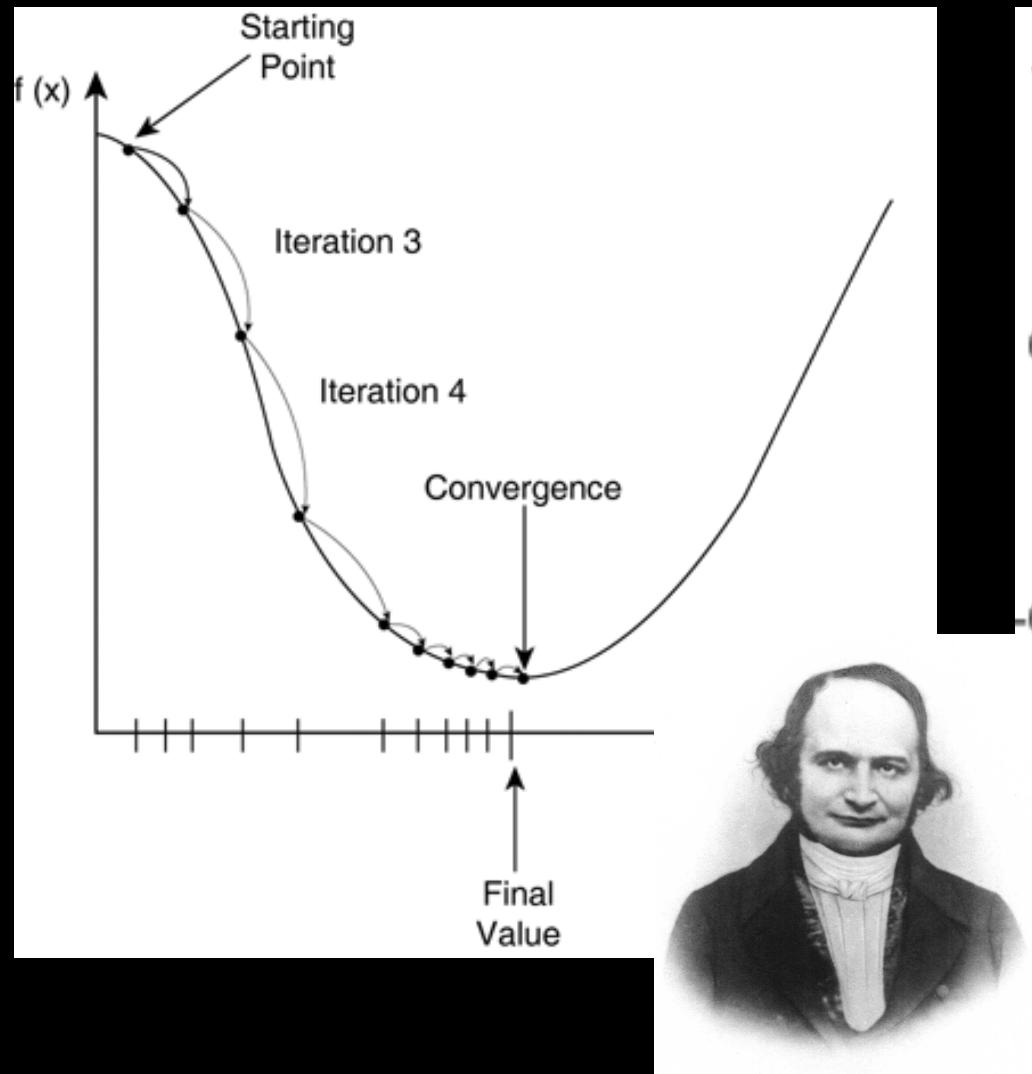
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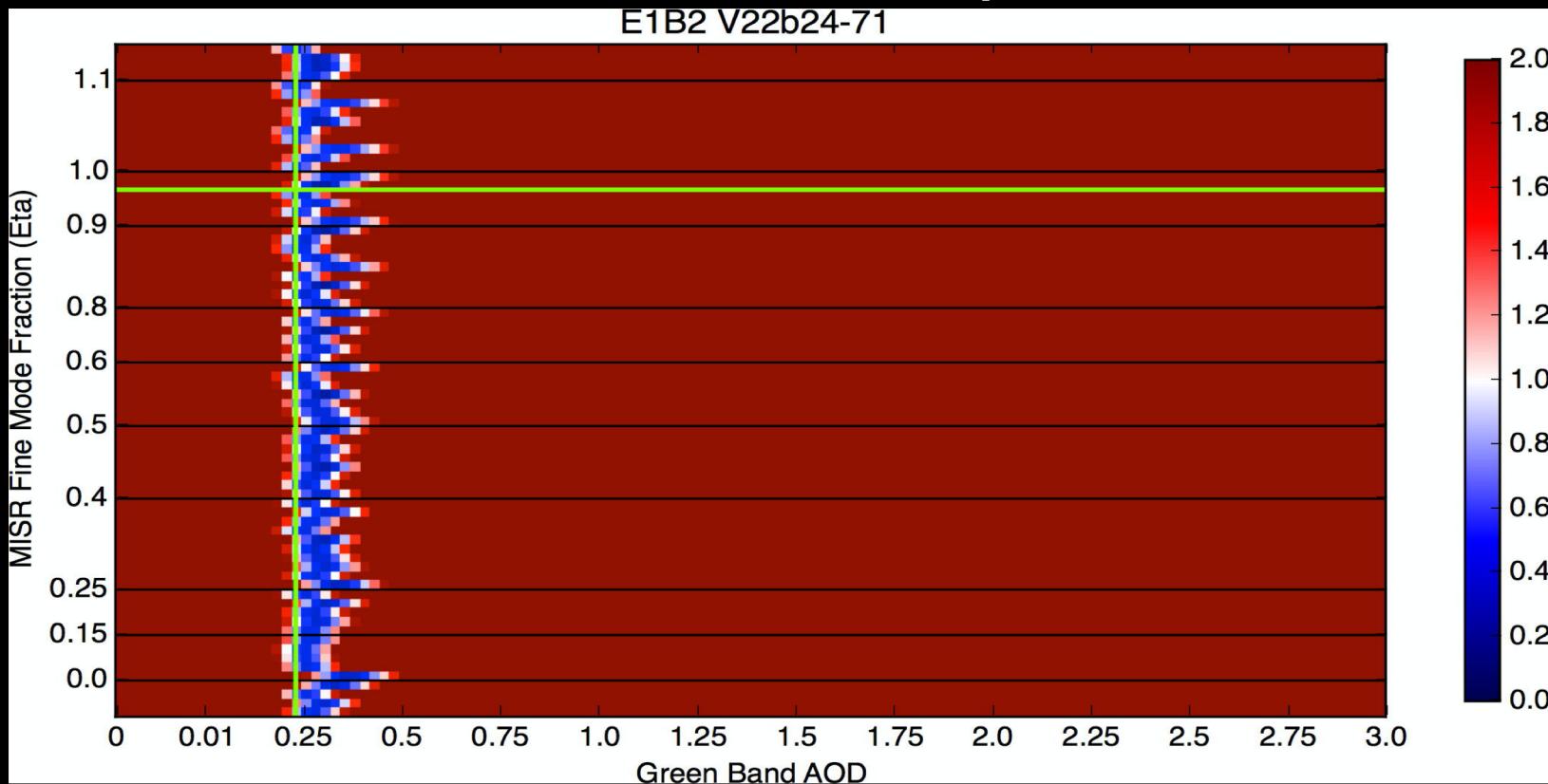


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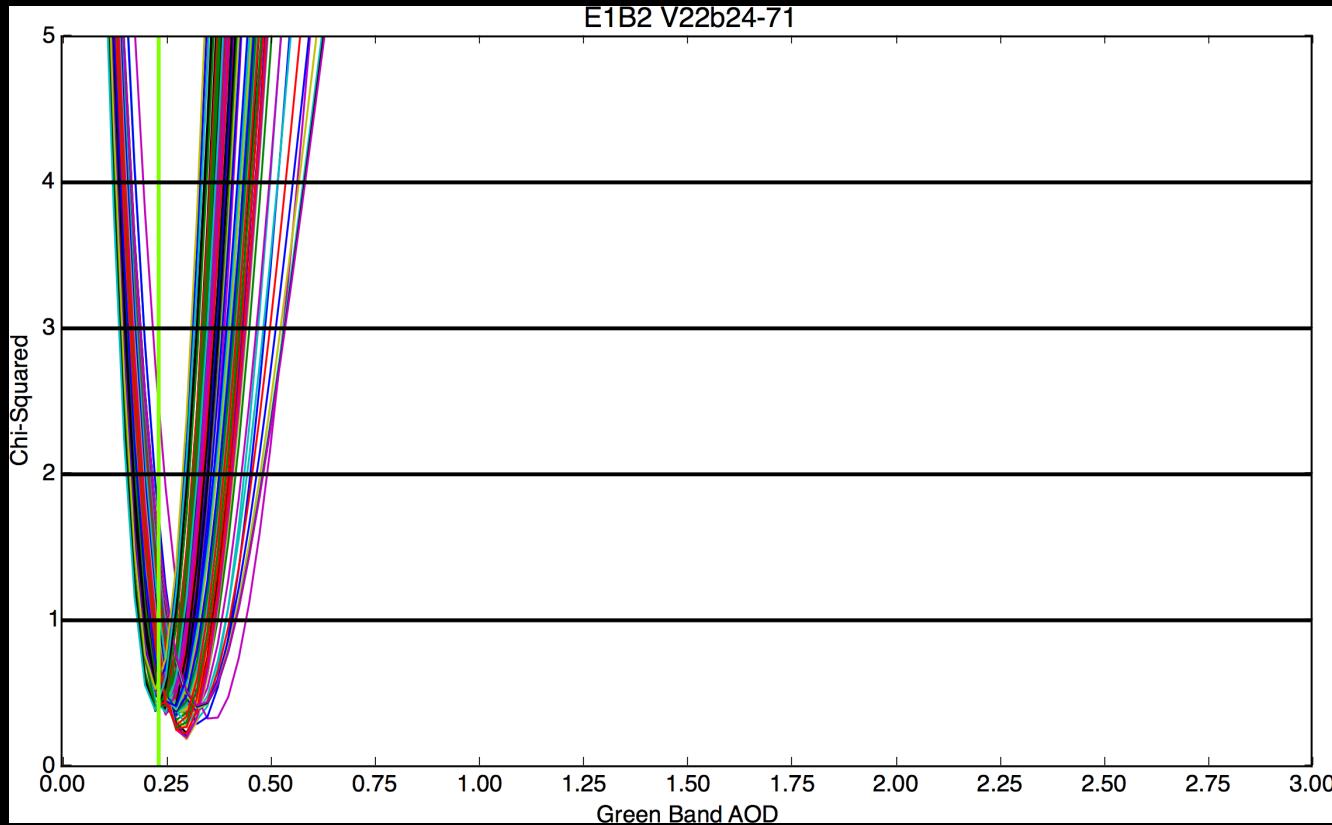


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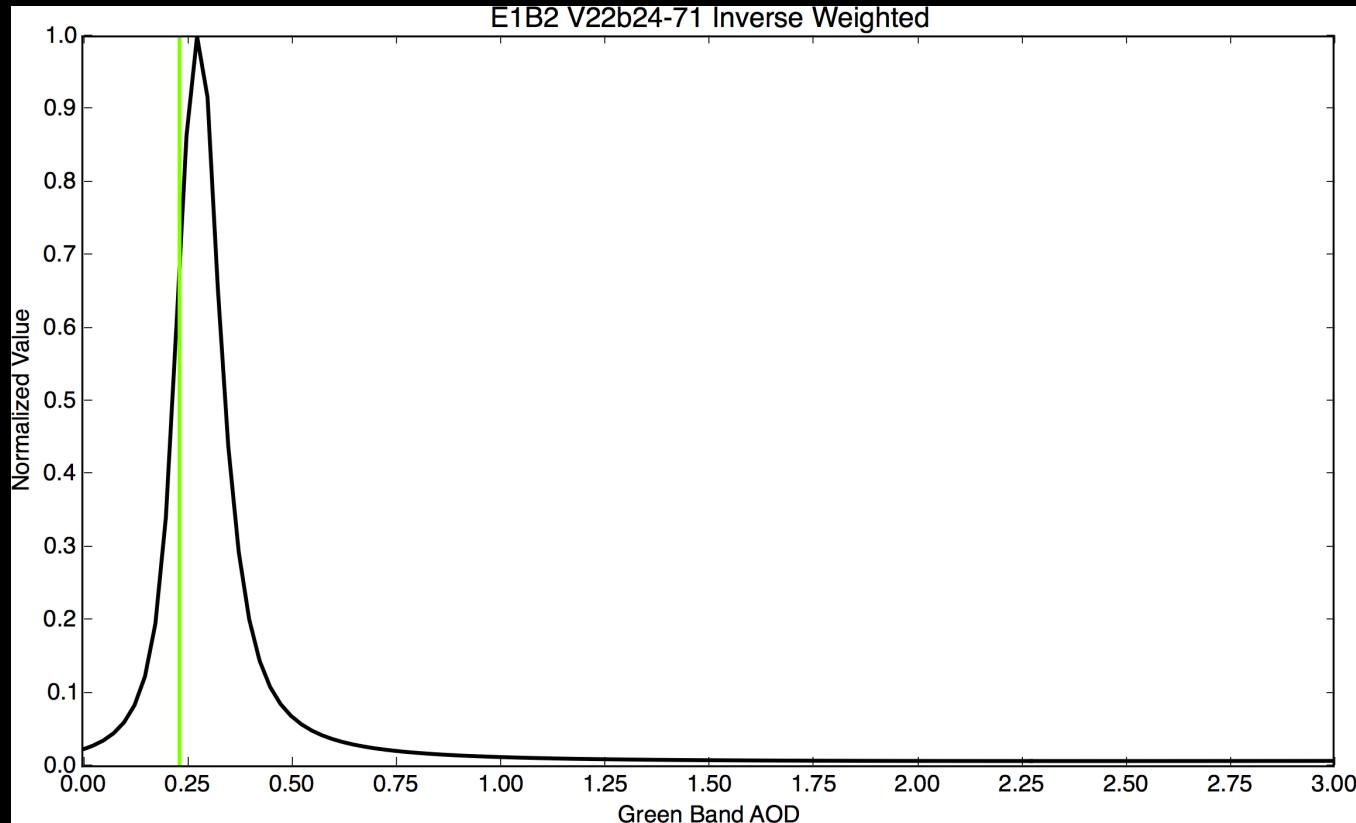
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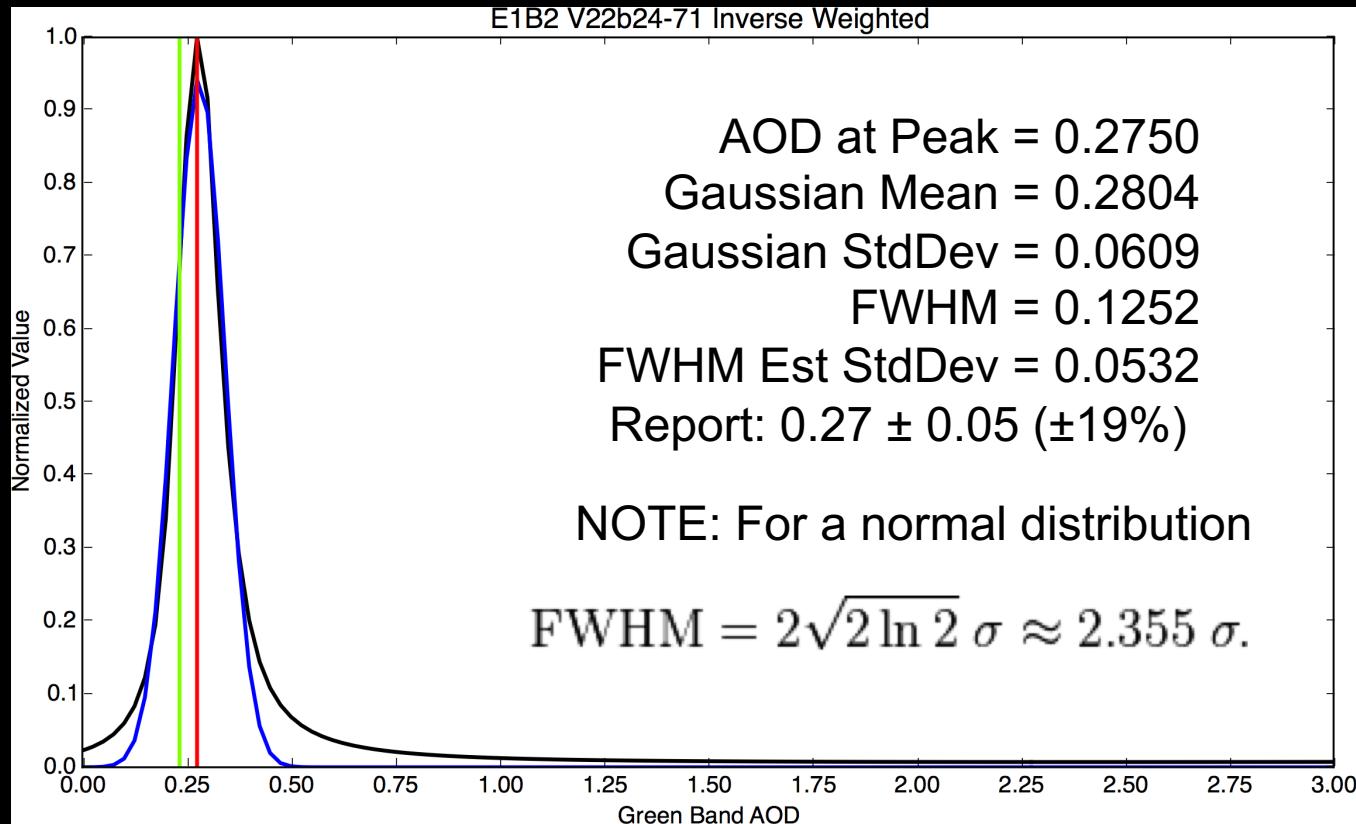
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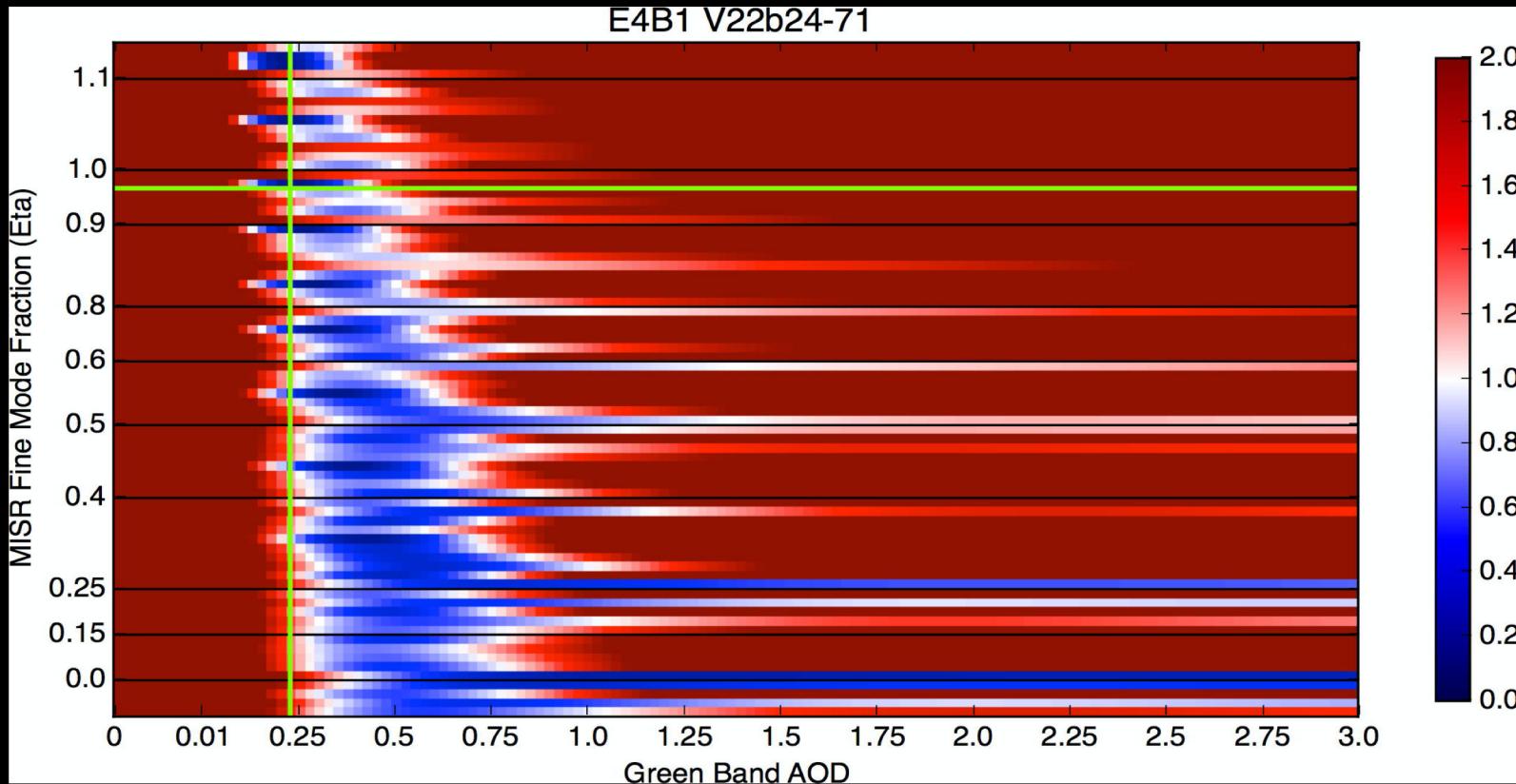
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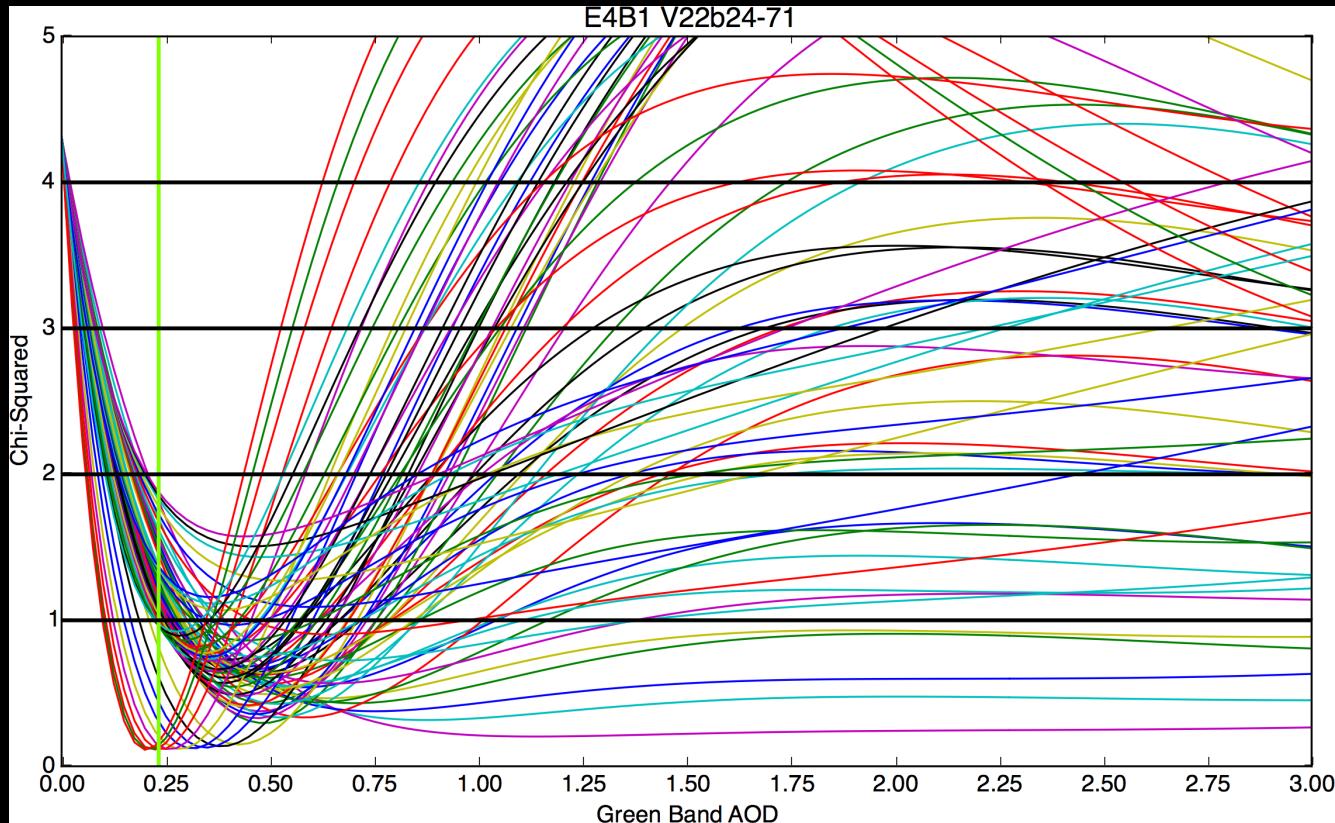
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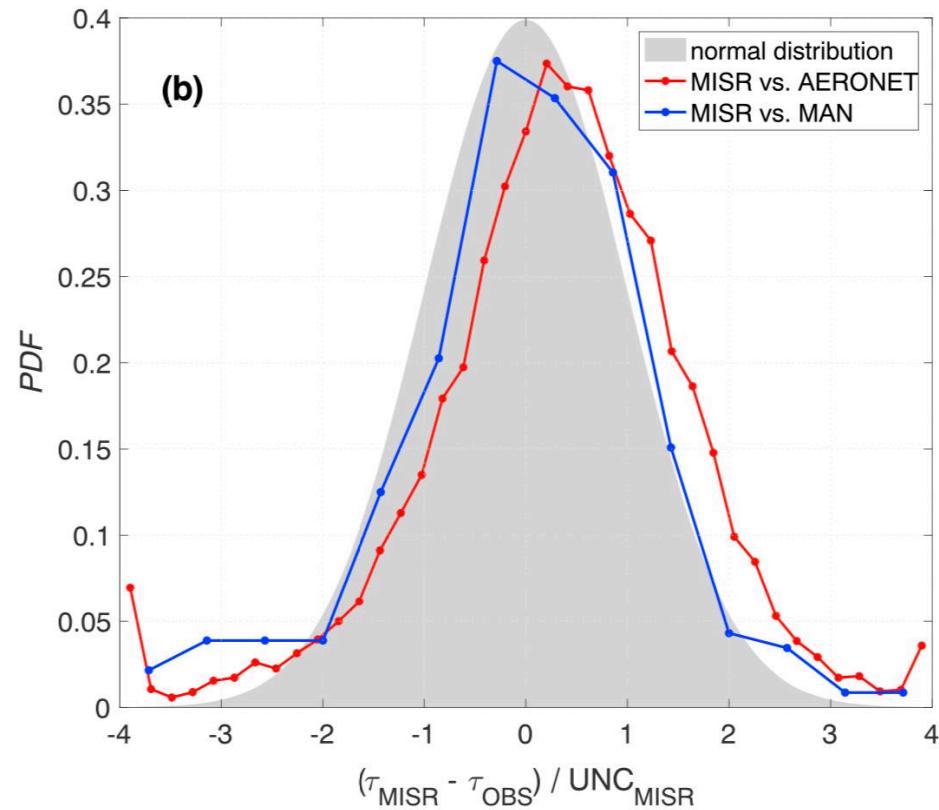
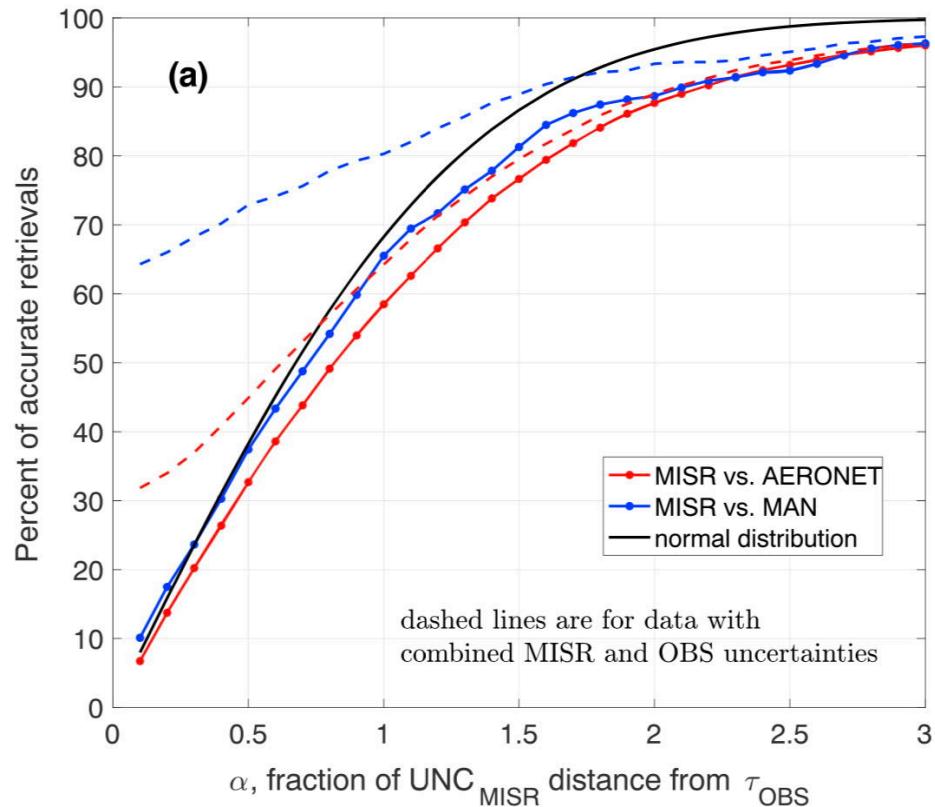
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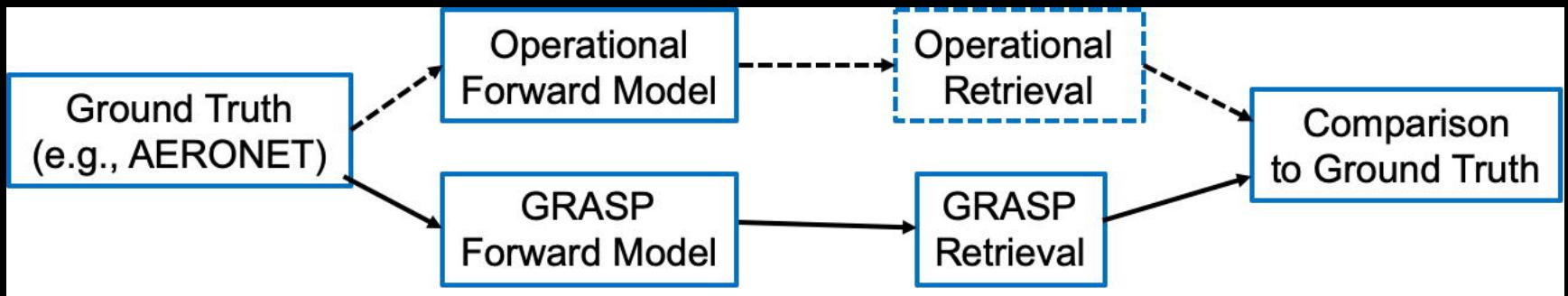


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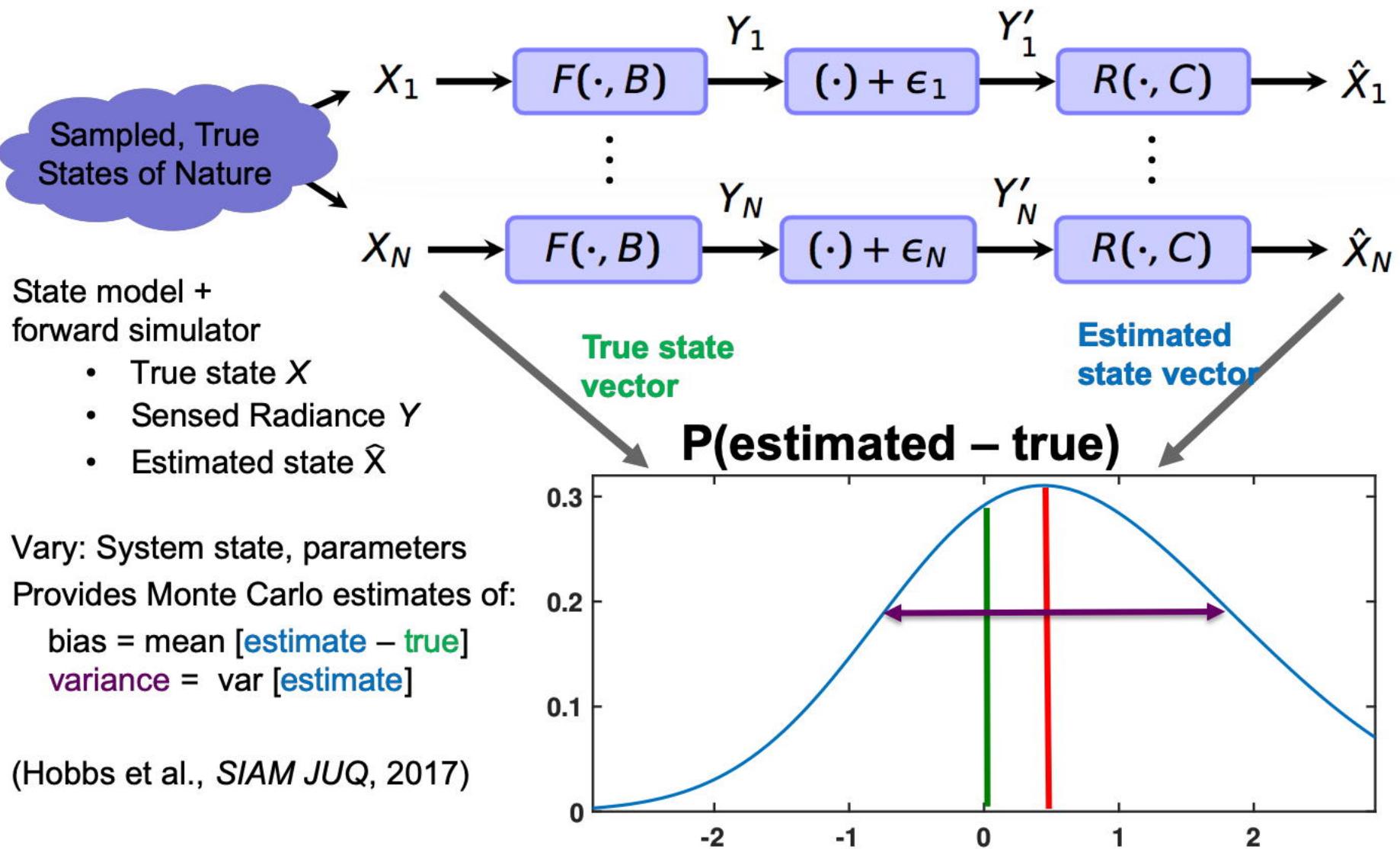


Witek et al. JGR (2019)

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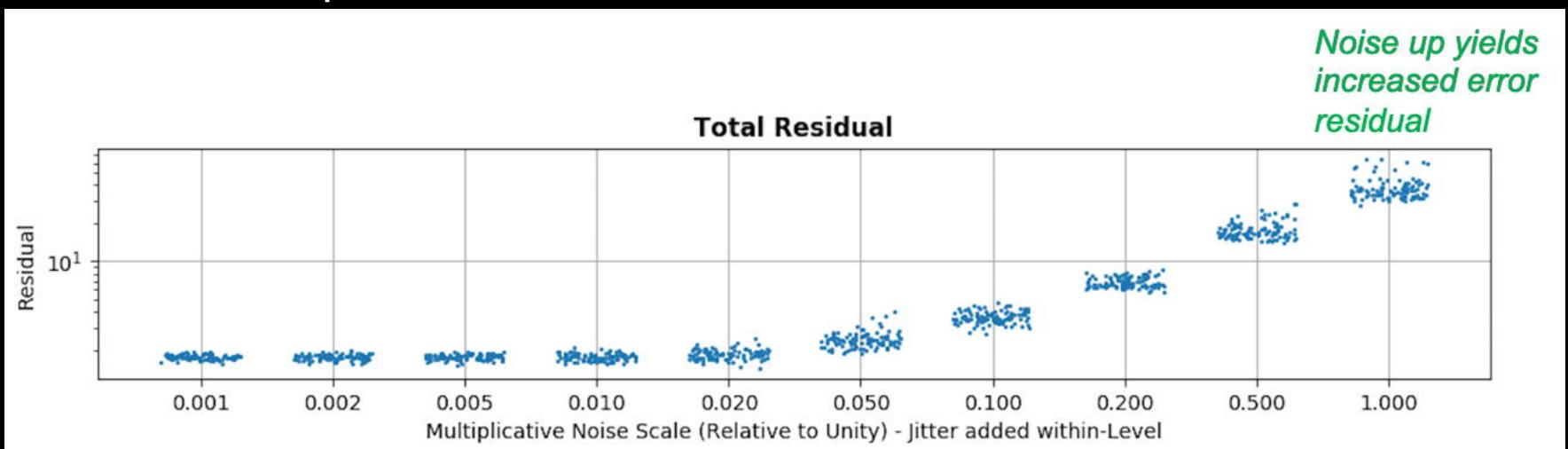


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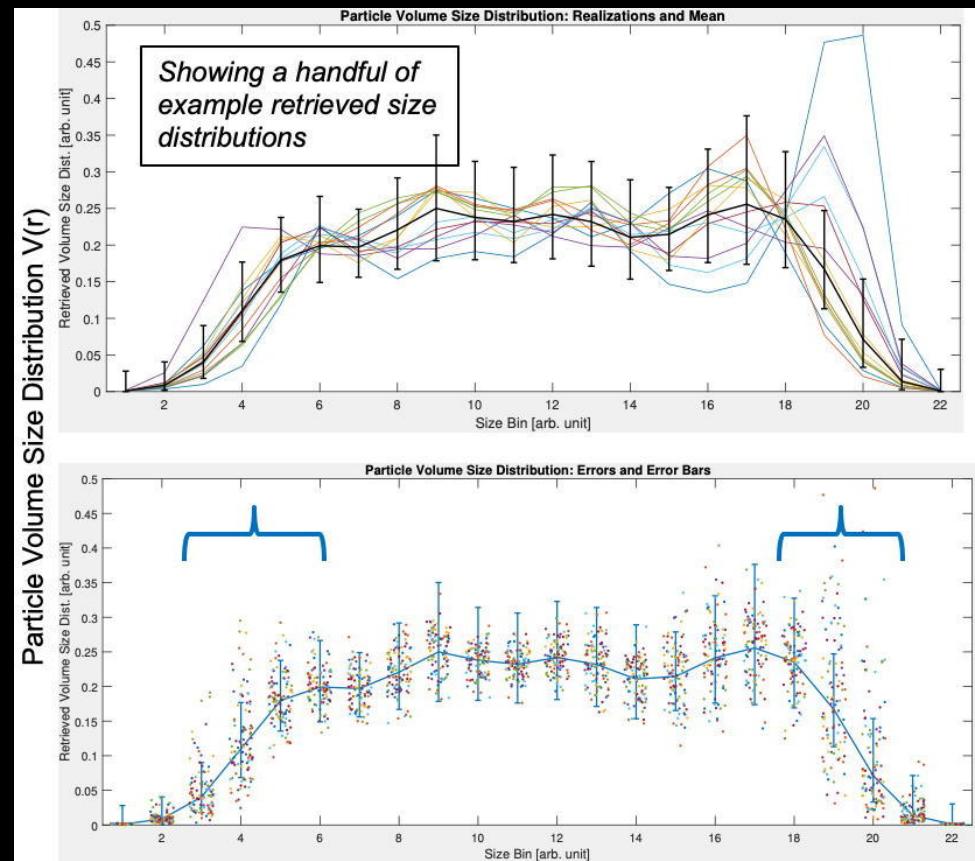
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- Initial runs using GRASP modeled conditions corresponding an AERONET site
- Retrieved parameters:
 - Particle size distribution $V(r)$ in 22 log-spaced size bins
 - Total AOD in 4 channels, $\lambda = 0.44, 0.67, 0.87$, and $1.02 \mu\text{m}$
- Below: Varying instrument noise as a sanity check of retrieval operation
 - 100 replicates at each noise level

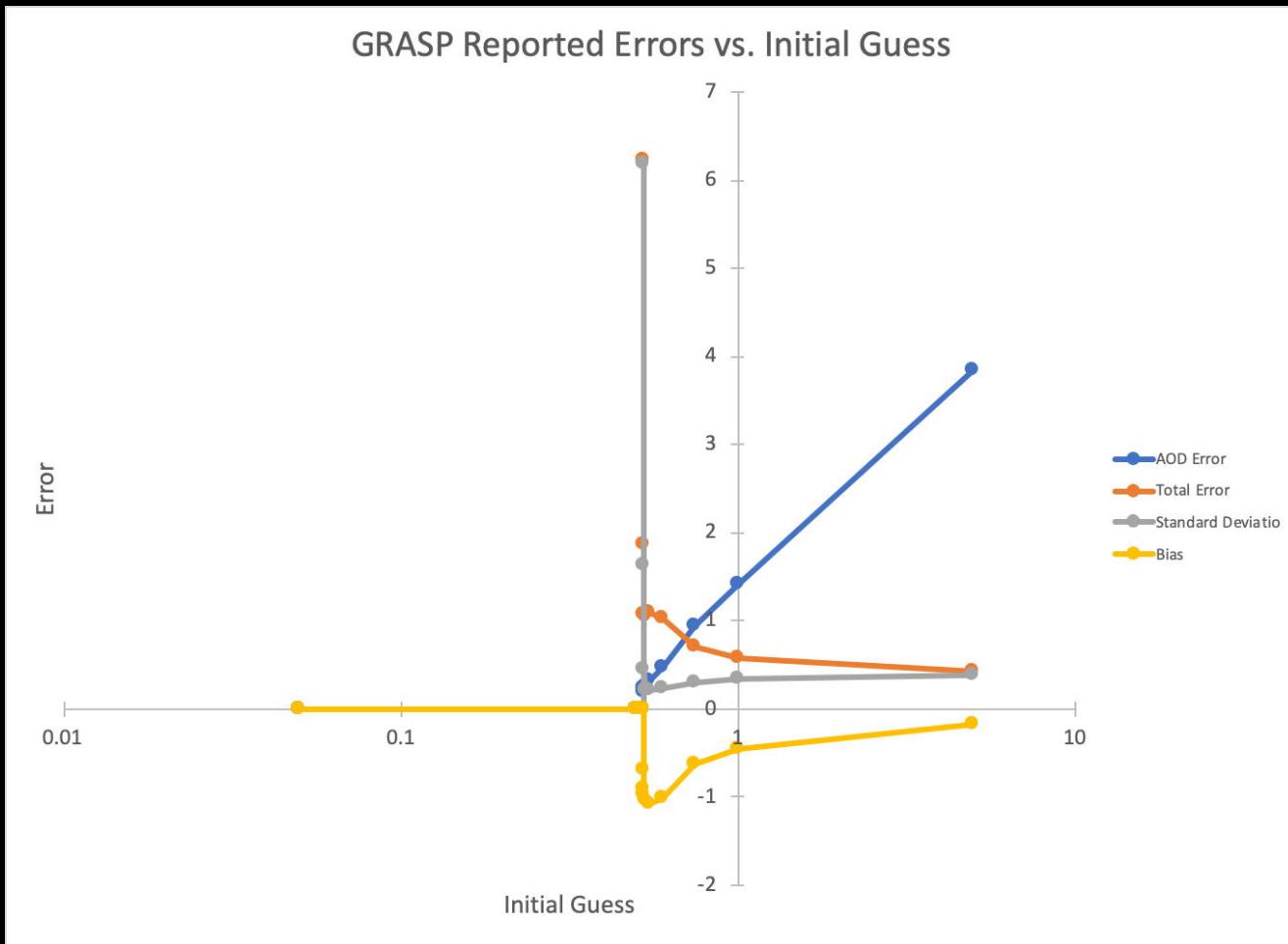


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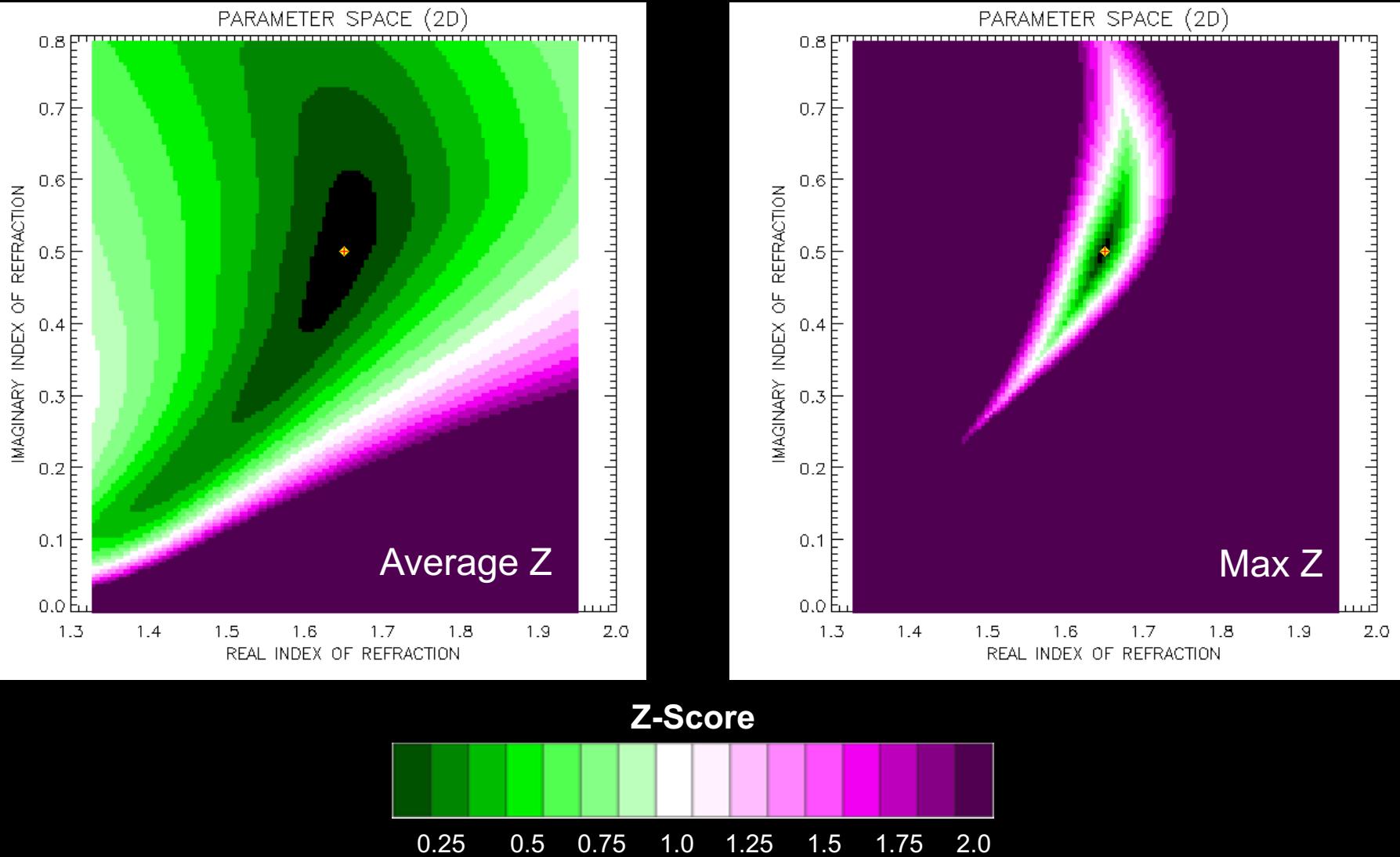
- Monte Carlo over instrument noise to verify GRASP error bar computation and method.
- Showing volume size distribution as a function of size (log-spaced bins)
- The mean is quite accurate
- Standard error is not accurate at low and high particle sizes
 - Rather tame AERONET forward model



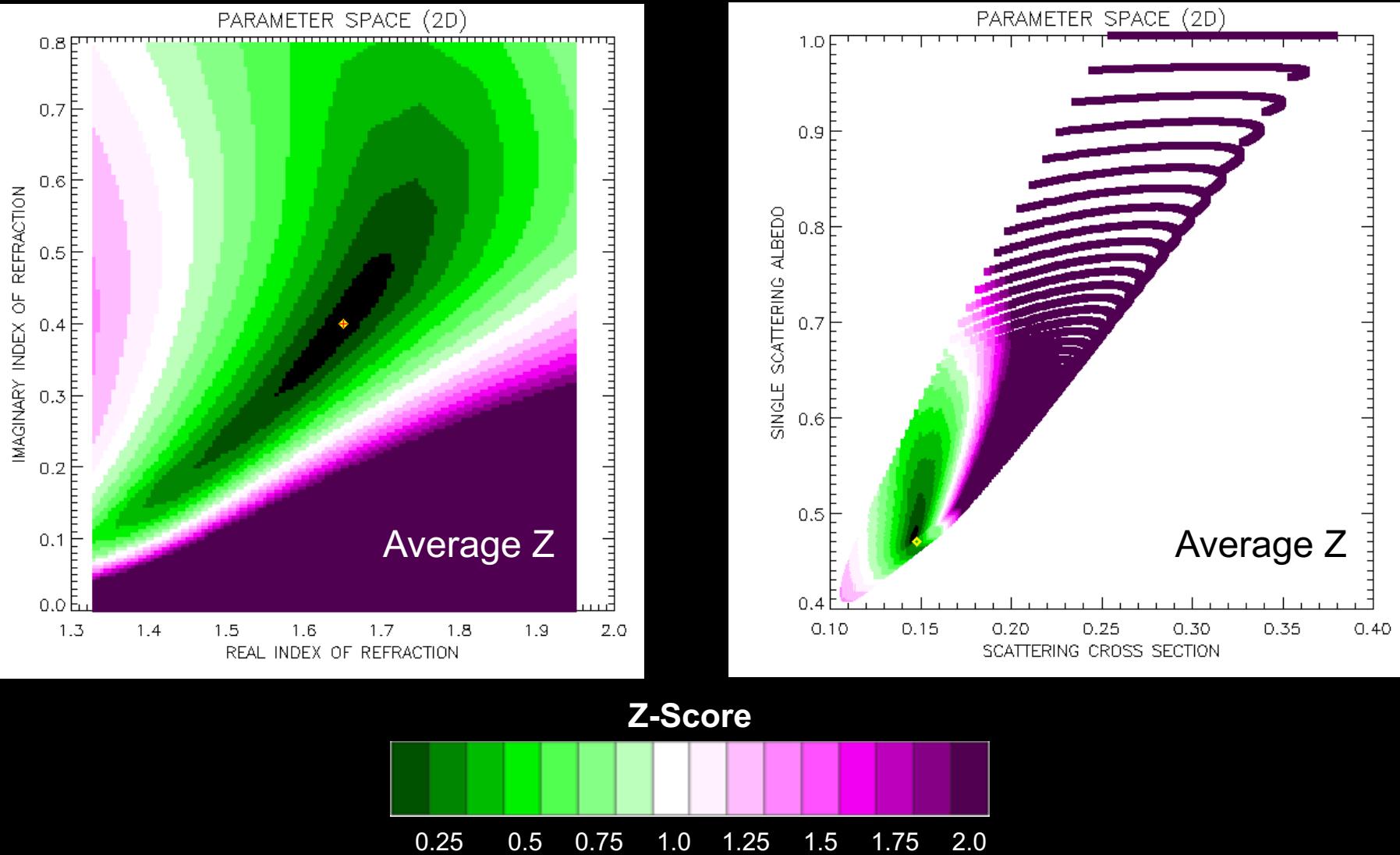
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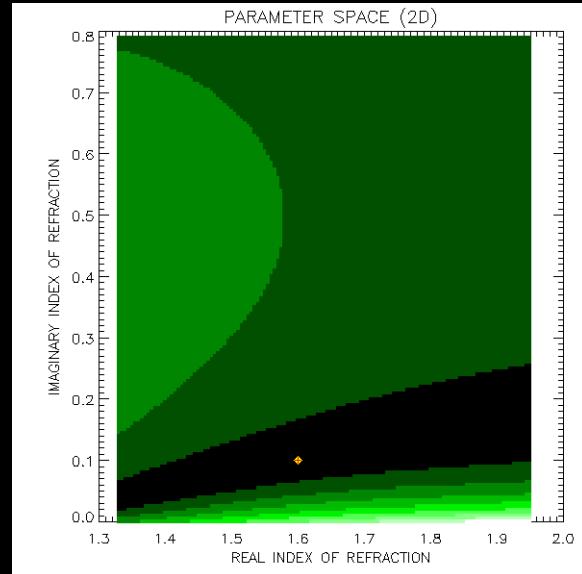


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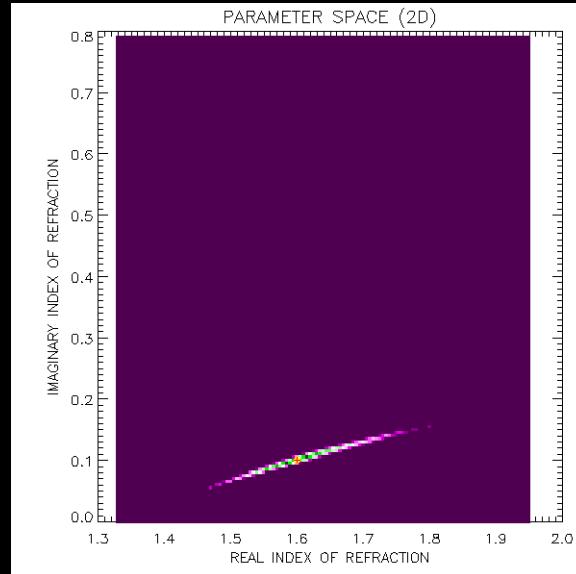


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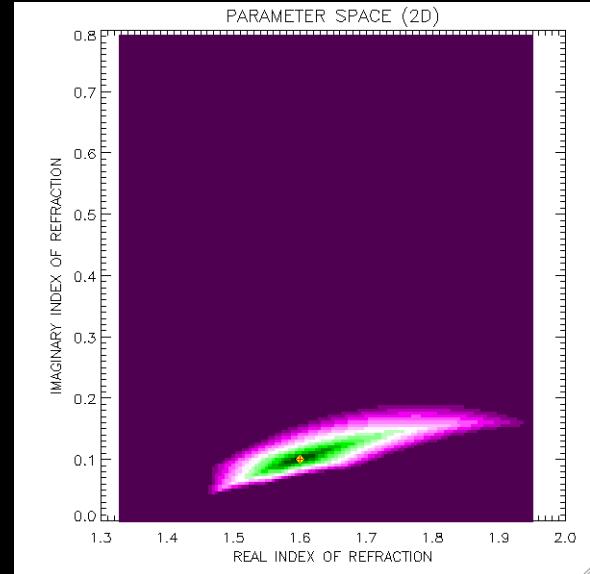
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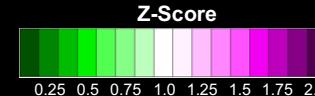


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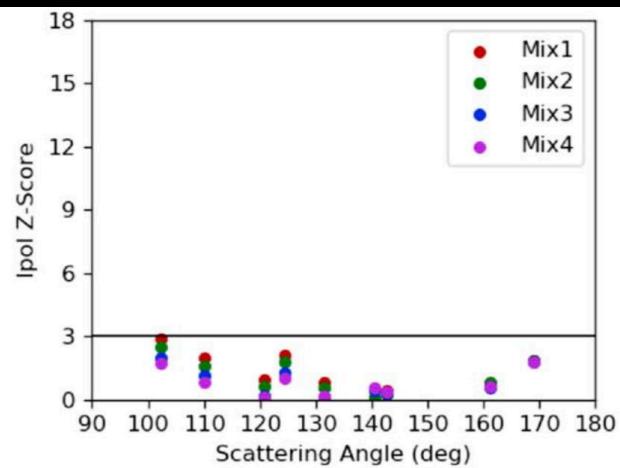
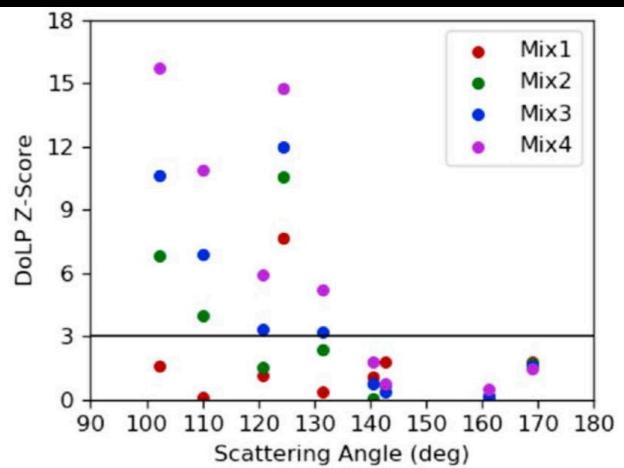
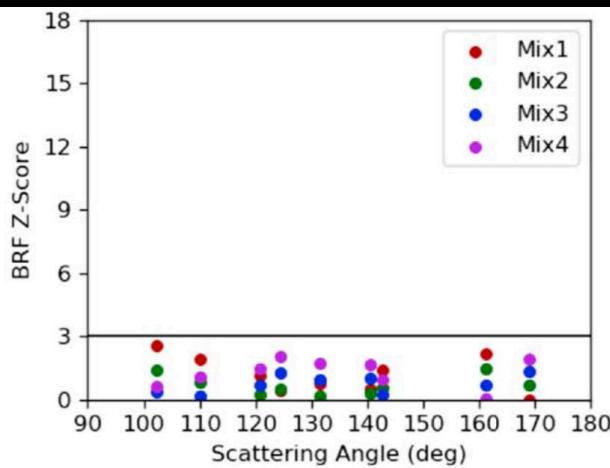
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Intensity = 0.015

DOLP = 0.005



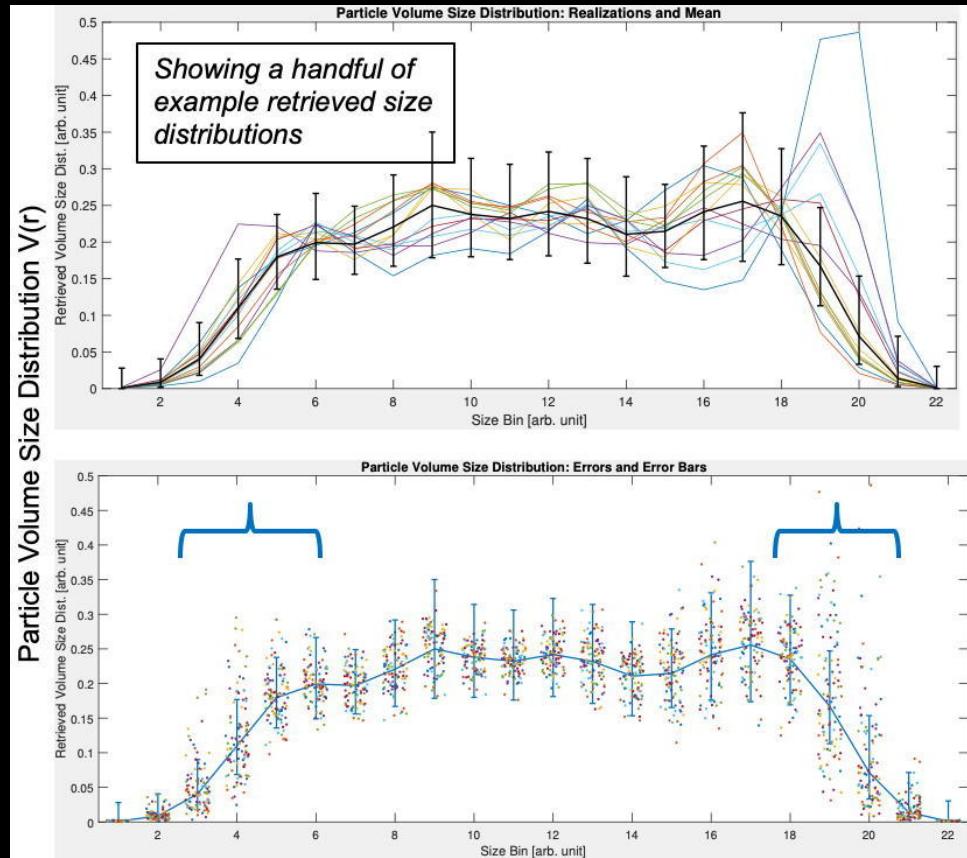
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