



# NOAA-20 VIIRS AEROSOL OPTICAL DEPTH (AOD) and AEROSOL PARTICLE SIZE (APS) Beta Maturity April 18, 2018

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- Aerosol Cal/Val Team Members
- Product Requirements
- Findings/Issues for Beta maturity
- Documentation
- Conclusions
- Path Forward





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### Requirements



Attribute	AOD		APS			
Applicable Conditions	Clear sky, daytime on	ly, zenith angles ≤80°				
Vertical Coverage	Total column					
Horizontal Cell Size	0.75 km at nadir, 1.6	km at edge of scan				
Vertical Cell Size	Total column					
Mapping Uncertainty, 3σ	4 km					
Measurement Range	-0.05 to +5		-1 to +3			
Measurement	Accuracy	Precision	Accuracy	Precision		
Over Ocean	0.08 (AOD< 0.3) 0.15 (AOD≥ 0.3)	0.15 (AOD≤ 0.3) 0.35 (AOD≥ 0.3)	0.3	0.6		
Over Land	0.06 (AOD< 0.1); 0.05 (0.1≤AOD≤0.8) 0.20 (AOD>0.8)	0.15 (AOD< 0.1) 0.25 (0.1≤AOD≤0.8) 0.45 (AOD>0.8)	n/a	n/a		
Refresh Rate	90 minutes (~100 mir	nutes)				





### JPSS/GOES-R Data Product Validation Maturity Stages – COMMON DEFINITIONS (Nominal Mission)

### 1. <u>Beta</u>

- o Product is minimally validated, and may still contain significant identified and unidentified errors.
- Information/data from validation efforts can be used to make initial qualitative or very limited quantitative assessments regarding product fitness-for-purpose.
- Documentation of product performance and identified product performance anomalies, including recommended remediation strategies, exists.

### 2. Provisional

- Product performance has been demonstrated through analysis of a large, but still limited (i.e., not necessarily globally or seasonally representative) number of independent measurements obtained from selected locations, time periods, or field campaign efforts.
- o Product analyses are sufficient for qualitative, and limited quantitative, determination of product fitness-for-purpose.
- Documentation of product performance, testing involving product fixes, identified product performance anomalies, including recommended remediation strategies, exists.
- Product is recommended for potential operational use (user decision) and in scientific publications after consulting product status documents.

### 3. Validated

- Product performance has been demonstrated over a large and wide range of representative conditions (i.e., global, seasonal).
- Comprehensive documentation of product performance exists that includes all known product anomalies and their recommended remediation strategies for a full range of retrieval conditions and severity level.
- Product analyses are sufficient for full qualitative and quantitative determination of product fitness-for-purpose.
- Product is ready for operational use based on documented validation findings and user feedback.
- o Product validation, quality assurance, and algorithm stewardship continue through the lifetime of the instrument.





### Data:

- NOAA-20 AOD:
  - Global data from ASSISTT
  - Global data from NDE I&T
  - Data for selected sites from offline Science Team run
- S-NPP AOD from NDE Ops and I&T
- AERONET Version 3 Level 1.5

### Methodology:

- Visual comparison of NOAA-20 and S-NPP global AOD & APS fields and time series of global daily averages
- Quantitative comparison (over selected sites):
  - NOAA-20 vs. AERONET
  - S-NPP vs. AERONET





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Salenne	DAP	Ops	I&T	ASSISTT	Sc. Team	
	v1.1	07/07/2017-				
2-INPP	v1.2		03/20/2018-			
	v1.1					
NOAA-20	v1.2		03/20/2018*-	02/26/2018-	01/07/2018- 04/01/2018 <sup>#</sup>	

\*ECM updated for NOAA-20 on 03/30/2018 \*Only for selected sites. Ad-hoc global runs. Algorithm is like in DAP v1.2 (but see next slide).

- DAP version numbers are not (necessarily) the same as L2 algorithm versions.
- There is NO difference between AOD codes in DAP versions 1.1 and 1.2 in NDE.
- Lengths of data records vary, common period is short.





Platform	LUT + coeffs	Cloud Mask	Ancillary Data
Science Team	NOAA-20 <sup>(1)</sup>	VCM	GFS <sup>(2)</sup>
ASSISTT	NOAA-20 <sup>(1)</sup>	ECM	GFS <sup>(2)</sup>
NDE I&T	S-NPP	ECM <sup>(3)</sup>	GFS (?)

Notes:

- (1) Except surface reflectance relationships, which are for S-NPP
- (2) May be somewhat different due to remapping, e.g., nearest neighbor vs. spatial/temporal averaging
- (3) ECM was updated for NOAA-20 only on 03/30/2018
- Different "incarnations" of EPS AOD algorithm comparison is not
- NDE I&T algorithm uses S-NPP LUT and processing coefficients
- ASSIST algorithm uses NOAA-20 LUT and ECM → ASSISTT run is "best" representation for NOAA-20





• ASSISTT to NDE I&T and to NDE Ops



- For global comparison S-NPP data are used.
- What is the impact of RSR (LUT) differences on AOD and APS?



### VIIRS RSR: S-NPP vs. NOAA-20



λ <sub>c</sub> (μm)	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11
S-NPP	0.411	0.444	0.486	0.551	0.671	0.745	0.862	1.239	1.375	1.602	2.257
NOAA-20	0.412	0.446	0.489	0.557	0.668	0.746	0.868	1.241	1.376	1.605	2.259



NOAA-20 VIIRS RSR from <u>https://ncc.nesdis.noaa.gov/NOAA-20/docs/J1 VIIRS RSR DAWG At-</u> Launch Public Release V2.1 Nov2016.zip

- Relative to VIIRS on S-NPP the VIIRS reflective bands on NOAA-20
  - shifted to slightly longer wavelengths (exception M5),
  - bands M2, M5, M10 and M11 got wider; other bands got narrower.









- AOD retrieved by Science Team from NOAA-20 SDR.
- AOD with NOAA-20 LUT (upper left) and that with S-NPP LUT (bottom left) are visually very similar.
- Using S-NPP LUT with NOAA-20 SDR results in smaller AOD (upper right).
  - Global difference = 0.013



### **NOAA-20: Impact of LUT on APS**







- APS (AE) retrieved by Science Team from NOAA-20 SDR.
- Differences between APS with NOAA-20 LUT (*upper left*) and that with S-NPP LUT (*bottom left*) are more obvious than those in the 550-nm AOD.
  - Global difference = 0.310;
- Using the S-NPP LUT with NOAA-20 SDR results in smaller AE that suggests larger particles.





# S-NPP :NDE I&T and NDE OpsNOAA-20:NDE I&T and ASSISTT

# **GLOBAL MAPS - AOD**



### S-NPP AOD: NDE Ops and I&T







- S-NPP AODs from NDE I&T (upper left) and NDE Ops (bottom left) are visually identical.
  - Both have missing granules
  - I&T is missing an orbit
- Differences (top right) are small as expected
  - Global difference =  $-6.7 \times 10^{-3}$

### NOAA-20 AOD: NDE I&T and ASSISTT







- Large number of granules are missing in NDE I&T AOD product.
- NOAA-20 AODs from NDE I&T (upper left) and ASSISTT (bottom left) are visually similar.
- Differences (top right) are due to LUT used (NDE I&T: S-NPP LUT, ASSISTT: NOAA-20 LUT), and possible differences in ancillary input, etc.
  - Global difference = 0.012





# S-NPP :NDE I&T and NDE OpsNOAA-20:NDE I&T and ASSISTT

# **GLOBAL MAPS - APS**

### S-NPP APS (SW): NDE Ops and I&T





- S-NPP "short-wavelength" APS from NDE I&T (upper left) and NDE Ops (bottom left) are visually identical.
  - Both have missing granules
  - I&T is missing an orbit
  - Differences (top right) are small as expected
    - Global difference =  $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$



NDE Ops (S-NPP)

### NOAA-20 APS (SW): NDE I&T and ASSISTT







- Large number of granules are missing in NDE I&T APS product.
- NOAA-20 "short-wavelength APS from NDE I&T (*upper left*) is noticeable smaller than that from ASSISTT (*bottom left*)
  - Global difference = 0.248
- Differences (top right) are due to LUT used (NDE I&T: S-NPP LUT, ASSISTT: NOAA-20 LUT), and possible differences in ancillary input, etc.



### S-NPP APS (LW): NDE Ops and I&T





NDE Ops (S-NPP)

NDE I&T (S-NPP)

- S-NPP "long-wavelength" APS from NDE I&T (*upper left*) and NDE Ops (*bottom left*) are visually identical.
  - Both have missing granules
  - I&T is missing an orbit
- Differences (top right) are small as expected
  - Global difference =  $8.2 \times 10^{-4}$

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### NOAA-20 APS (LW): NDE I&T and ASSISTT







- NOAA-20 "long-wavelength APS from NDE I&T (*upper left*) is noticeable smaller than that from ASSISTT (*bottom left*)
  - Global difference = 0.167
  - Difference is smaller than that for SW APS (0.248)
- Differences (top right) are due to LUT used (NDE I&T: S-NPP LUT, ASSISTT: NOAA-20 LUT), and possible differences in ancillary input, etc.





# TIME SERIES OF GLOBAL DAILY MEAN AOD

### 🔰 Global Daily Pixel Count and Mean AOD 🤍







# **EVALUATION WITH AERONET**





- Characteristics of match-ups from satellite retrievals and AERONET V3 L1.5 Directsun measurements:
  - Spatial domain: circle of 27.5km-radius centered on AERONET stations
  - Temporal domain: one-hour centered on satellite overpass time
  - At least 2 AERONET measurements within temporal domain
  - At least 750 pixel retrievals within spatial domain
  - Angstrom Exponents are evaluated only if 550-nm AOD is larger than 0.15

S-NPP						
NDE Ops	10/17/2017 - 04/05/2018					
NOAA-20						
NDE I&T	03/20/2018 - 04/05/2018					
STAR ASSISTT	02/26/2018 - 04/05/2018					
STAR Science Team	01/07/2018 - 04/01/2018					

No attempt is made to constrain comparison to common time period



### **AOD Scatter Diagrams and Histograms**

















### **Time Series of Daily Mean AOD**







### **APS Scatter Diagrams and Histograms**



NDE Ops (S-NPP)

ASSISTT (NOAA-20)















Suomi NPP VIIRS Aerosol Optical Thickness Retrieval Quality Flag JPSS EPS 01 Mar 2018

- STAR LTM (a):
  - parameters plotted:
    - AOD
    - Aerosol model (under development)
    - Retrieval quality (under development)
  - currently for VIIRS/NPP; will do same for NOAA-20
- STAR Science Team (b):
  - Interactively displays VIIRS, MODIS and AERONET AOD, AE, geometry, cloud fraction, reflectance and bias for six global sites.
  - Currently for S-NPP VIIRS in IDPS. Working on adapting it for S-NPP and NOAA-20 EPS AOD in NDE.
- OSPO (c):
  - Used reprocessed (Science Team) 2015 NPP VIIRS EPS AOD retrievals to estimate preliminary thresholds for daily (weekly, monthly) monitoring of
    - Mean all- and high-quality AOD
    - Mean percentage of all and high-quality retrievals
  - NOTE: Metadata of current NDE product is not correct !











Science Maturity Check List	Exist
ReadMe for Data Product Users	Yes
Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)	Yes
Algorithm Calibration/Validation Plan	Yes
Peer Reviewed Publications (Demonstrates algorithm is independently reviewed)	Yes (S-NPP)
Regular Validation Reports	JPSS Annual
(Demonstrates long-term performance of the algorithm)	Meeting (S-NPP)



### S-NPP and NOAA-20 synergy (1)



2018051 S-NPP High Quality AOD at 550nm





### S-NPP and NOAA-20 synergy (2)



2018051 S-NPP & NOAA20 High Quality AOD at 550nm







- Used NOAA-20 retrievals from ASSISTT and S-NPP retrievals from NDE Ops.
- Global fields of AOD from NOAA-20 and S-NPP for days examined are very similar. Somewhat larger differences are present in APS.
- Limited evaluation with ground-based AERONET data indicates AOD and APS retrieved from NOAA-20 reflectances meet requirements. NOAA-20 Accuracy and Precision are similar to those from S-NPP.
- The quality of the NOAA-20 VIIRS aerosol optical depth (AOD) and aerosol particle size (APS) products indicates that the products have reached Beta maturity. (Upstream Cloud Mask Product must be at least Beta.)
- Known issues:
  - Metadata of averages are incorrect in NDE
  - Many missing granules in NDE I&T
  - NDE I&T (likely) does not yet use NOAA-20 LUTs and processing coefficients
  - Saturation of channels (e.g., M6) may not be properly indicated in input to the aerosol algorithm.



- Processing of NOAA-20 AOD and APS in NDE I&T must stabilize; preferred source is NDE Ops.
- Evaluation of longer record of NOAA-20 AOD from NDE Ops by comparing it to
  - S-NPP AOD and APS product,
  - AERONET AOD and APS.
- Update spectral land-surface reflectance relationships derived from NOAA-20 VIIRS observations.
- Update thresholds for internal tests.
- Saturation of channels is properly indicated in input to aerosol code.
- Algorithm Science updates (beyond Provisional/Validated Maturity):
  - Attempt to improve regional performance by expanding/revising candidate aerosol models and surface reflectance relationships.





# APPENDIX





• AOD: NDE Ops (S-NPP) vs. AERONET **AOD**; 10/17/2017 – 04/05/2018

Land	Require.	NOAA20	Dark	Bright	Water	Requirement	NOAA20	
AOD550 < 0.1					AOT550 < 0.3			
Accuracy	0.06	0.002	0.0005	0.01	Accuracy	0.08	0.013	
Precision	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.06	Precision	0.15	0.036	
Number	/	5,003	4,170	671	Number	/	1,948	
	0.1 5	≤ AOD550 ≤	≦ 0.8			AOT550 >= 0.3		
Accuracy	0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	Accuracy	0.15	-0.026	
Precision	0.25	0.11	0.11	0.10	Precision	0.35	0 115	
Number	/	3,701	2,876	743	Numbor	0.00	145	
	Α	OD550 > 0.	.8		Number	, A 11	145	
Accuracy	0.20	-0.20	-0.22	-0.05		All		
Precision	0.45	0.32	0.31	0.37	Accuracy	N/A	0.010	
Number	/	343	319	27	Precision	N/A	0.047	
All					Number	/	2,093	
Accuracy	N/A	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03				
Precision	N/A	0.11	0.11	0.10				
Number	/	9,047	7,365	1,441				





• ASSISTT (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **AOD**; 02/26/2018 – 04/05/2018

Land	Require.	NOAA20	Dark	Bright	Water	Requirement	NOAA20	
AOD550 < 0.1					AOT550 < 0.3			
Accuracy	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.08	Accuracy	0.08	-0.004	
Precision	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.06	Precision	0.15	0.035	
Number	/	582	485	73	Number	/	272	
	0.1 ≤	≤ AOD550 ≤	≦ <b>0.8</b>			AOT550 >= 0.3		
Accuracy	0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.02	Accuracy	0.15	-0.056	
Precision	0.25	0.12	0.12	0.14	Precision	0.35	0.159	
Number	/	689	533	146	Number	/	41	
	Α	OD550 > 0.	.8		Humber	,		
Accuracy	0.20	-0.15	-0.15	-0.32			0.014	
Precision	0.45	0.26	0.26	0.15	Accuracy	N/A	-0.011	
Number	/	93	89	4	Precision	N/A	0.068	
		All			Number	/	313	
Accuracy	N/A	-0.02	-0.02	0.01				
Precision	N/A	0.12	0.12	0.14				
Number	/	1,364	1,107	223				





• NDE I&T (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **AOD**; 03/20/2018 – 04/05/2018

Land	Require.	NOAA20	Dark	Bright	Water	Requirement	NOAA20
AOD550 < 0.1						AOT550 < 0.3	
Accuracy	0.06	0.005	0.00	0.02	Accuracy	0.08	-0.004
Precision	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.03	Precision	0.15	0.035
Number	/	154	120	21	Number	/	272
	0.1 5	≤ AOD550 ≤	≦ 0.8			AOT550 >= 0.3	
Accuracy	0.05	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07	Accuracy	0.15	-0.056
Precision	0.25	0.13	0.13	0.14	Precision	0.35	0.159
Number	/	208	171	34	Number	/	41
	Α	OD550 > 0.	.8			, A 11	
Accuracy	0.20	-0.23	-0.23	-0.31	<b>A</b> = =		0.014
Precision	0.45	0.23	0.25	0.19	Accuracy	N/A	-0.011
Number	/	47	41	7	Precision	N/A	0.068
All					Number	/	313
Accuracy	N/A	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07			
Precision	N/A	0.15	0.15	0.16			
Number	/	409	332	62			





• Science Team (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **AOD**; 01/07/2018 – 04/01/2018

Land	Require.	NOAA20	Dark	Bright	Water	Requirement	NOAA20
AOD550 < 0.1						AOT550 < 0.3	
Accuracy	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.05	Accuracy	0.08	0.007
Precision	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.06	Precision	0.15	0.037
Number	/	2,255	1,886	298	Number	/	745
0.1 ≤ AOD550 ≤ 0.8						AOT550 >= 0.3	
Accuracy	0.05	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	Accuracy	0.15	-0.028
Precision	0.25	0.12	0.13	0.11	Precision	0.35	0.129
Number	/	1,984	1,576	381	Number	/	86
	Α	OD550 > 0.	.8			,	00
Accuracy	0.20	-0.19	-0.17	-0.28			0.000
Precision	0.45	0.28	0.28	0.17	Accuracy	N/A	0.003
Number	/	202	191	11	Precision	N/A	0.055
		All			Number	/	831
Accuracy	N/A	-0.001	-0.004	0.011			
Precision	N/A	0.117	0.119	0.105			
Number	/	4,441	3,653	690			





• AOD: NDE Ops (S-NPP) vs. AERONET **APS**; 10/17/2017 – 04/05/2018

AE over Water	Require	NOAA20 (0.55 vs 0.86 μm)	NOAA20 (0.86 vs 1.61 μm)
Accuracy	0.3	0.15	-0.05
Precision	0.6	0.45	0.33
Number		458	264

• ASSISTT (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **APS**; 02/26/2018 – 04/05/2018

AE over Water	Require	NOAA20 (0.55 vs 0.86 μm)	NOAA20 (0.86 vs 1.61 μm)
Accuracy	0.3	0.05	-0.03
Precision	0.6	0.44	0.32
Number		86	58





• NDE I&T (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **APS**; 03/20/2018 – 04/05/2018

AE over Water	Require	NOAA20 (0.55 vs 0.86 μm)	NOAA20 (0.86 vs 1.61 μm)
Accuracy	0.3	-0.07	-0.04
Precision	0.6	0.46	0.28
Number		30	23

• Science Team (NOAA-20) vs. AERONET **APS**; 01/07/2018 – 04/01/2018

AE over Water	Require	NOAA20 (0.55 vs 0.86 μm)	NOAA20 (0.86 vs 1.61 μm)
Accuracy	0.3	0.15	-0.01
Precision	0.6	0.48	0.28
Number		209	128



NDE Ops (S-NPP)

ASSISTT (NOAA-20)

1600

1400

1200

1000

800

600

400

200

0

180

-1.2

-0.8

Count

### **Appendix B-1: AOD Bias Histograms**







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### **Appendix B-2: APS Error Histograms**





# NDE Ops (S-NPP) ASSISTT (NOAA-20)











### **Appendix C: Science Team NOAA-20 Retrieval Inputs**



	Data	Comment	
SDRs	Reflectance (M1-M11)	From NDE (via SCDR)	
	Brightness Temperature (M15, M16)	Saturated reflectance at M6 is not used	
Geo	Longitude, Latitude	From VIIRS terrain-corrected geolocation for M-bands (GMTCO)	
	Solar/satellite Zenith/azimuth Angles		
Masks	Cloud		
	Land/water		
	Snow/ice		
	Sunglint	From VCM (VIMCO)	
	Fire		
	Cloud Shadow		
	Heavy Aerosol		
Model	Total Precipitable Water		
	Column Ozone	From GFS with spatial and temporal interpolation. Surface pressure is corrected to	
	Surface Pressure		
	Wind Speed/direction (10 meter above surface)	local elevation for each pixel.	