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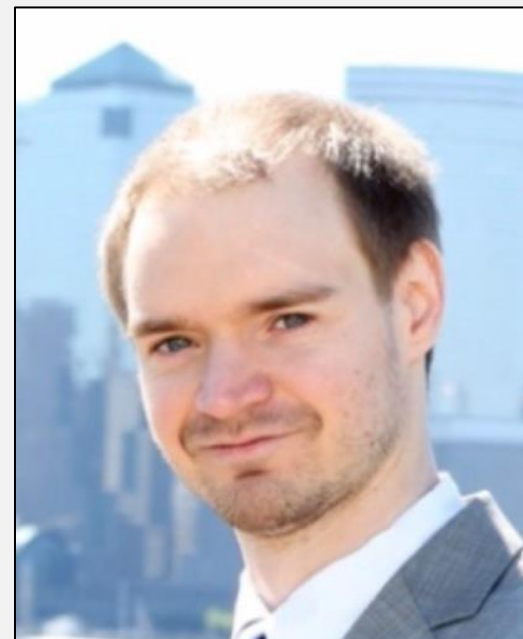
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(Focus: PACE-MAPP)

(Focus: Smoke)

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Cross-collaboration?

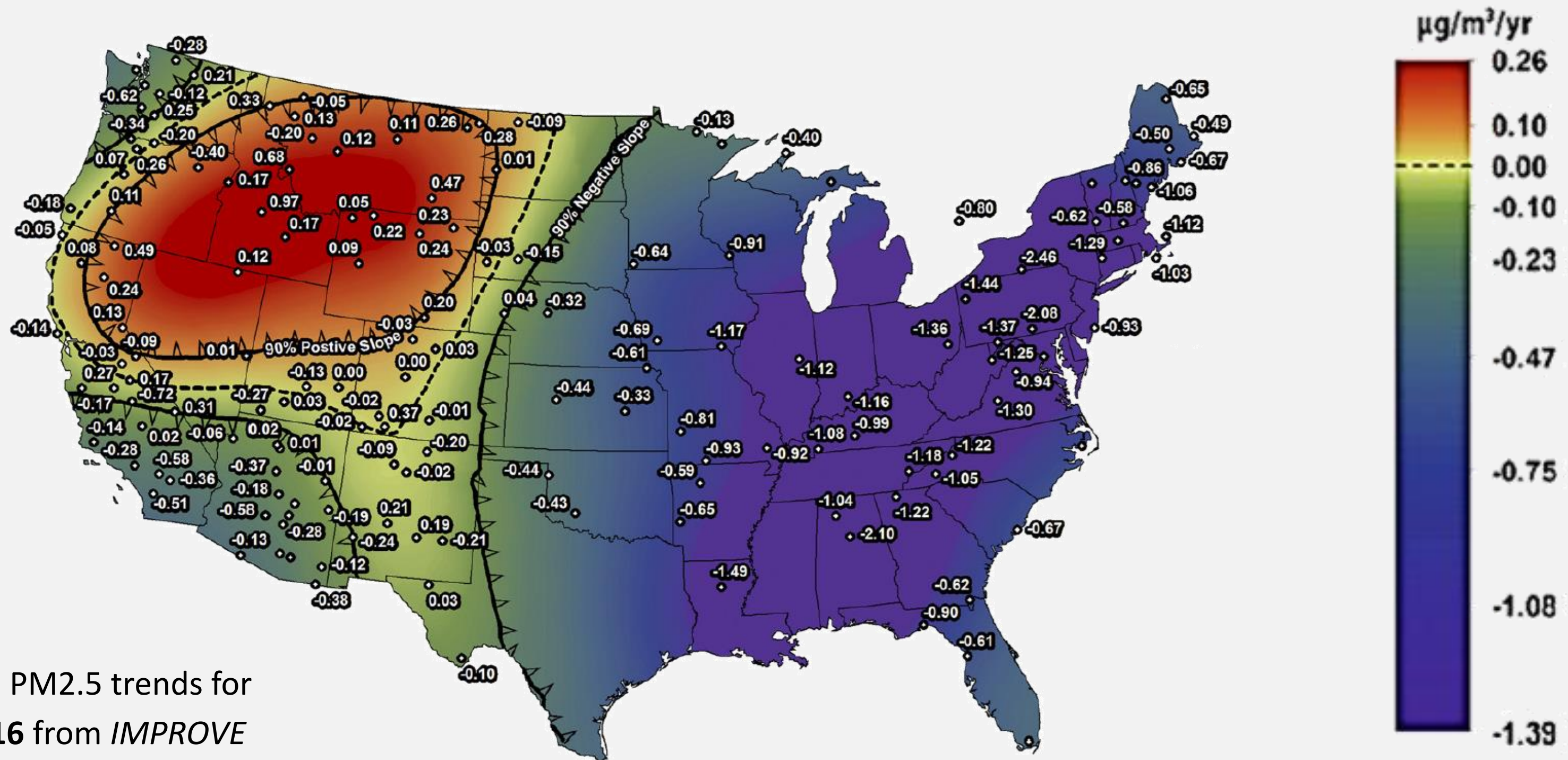
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Motivation

Quantifying properties of fine particulate matter resulting from **biomass burning** in the atmosphere is crucial for assessing the impact of smoke on **PM2.5** properties and on aerosol circulation studies.

McClure and Jaffe (2018)

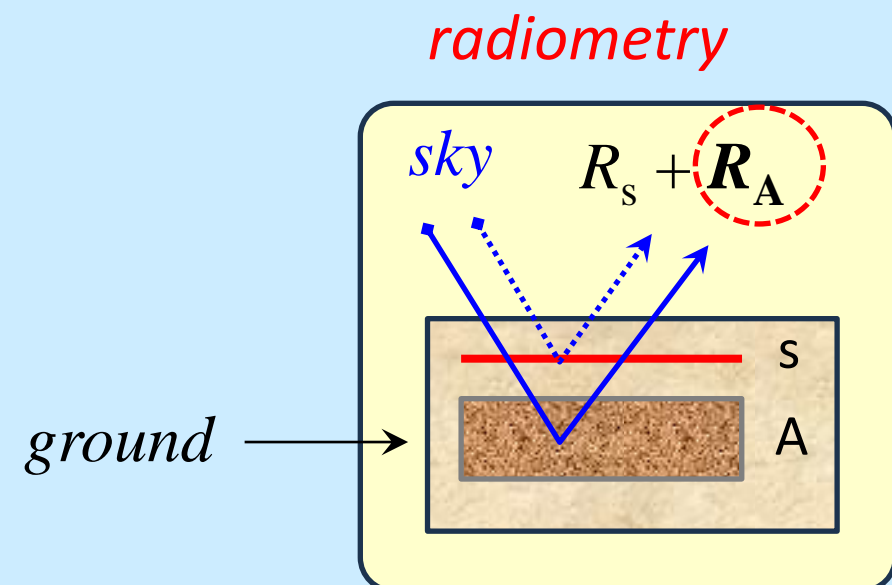


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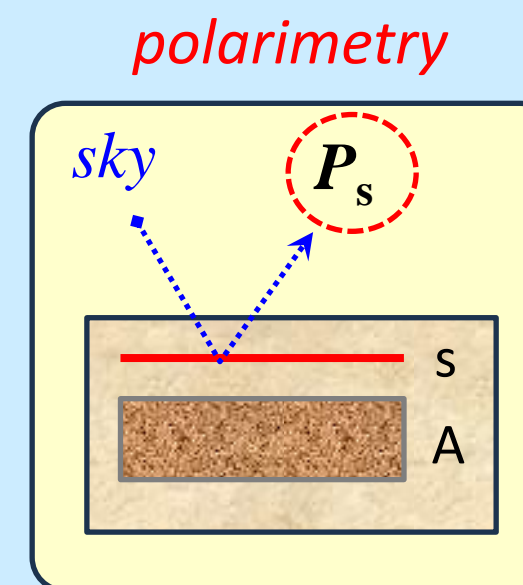
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Spaceborne data offer the best means to retrieve them over **land that lack PM2.5 ground-based monitoring capabilities**.

However, *radiometric remote sensing retrievals* are also very sensitive to spatial and spectral variations in land surface albedo.



Fortunately, *spaceborne polarimetric retrievals* are much less sensitive to spatial and spectral variations in land surface albedo.



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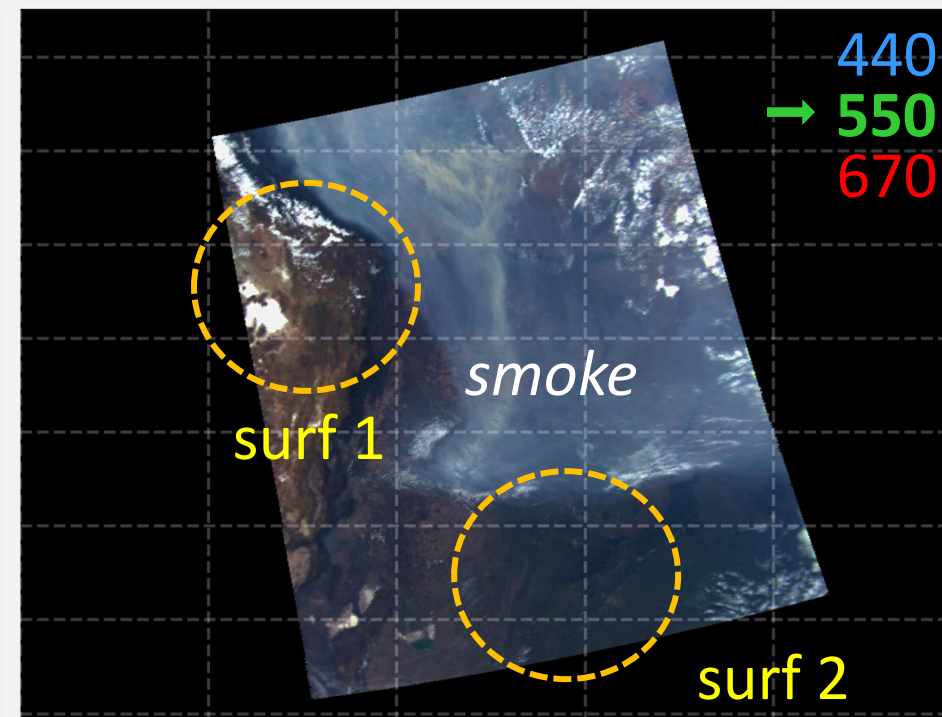
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HARP2 image (Amazon smoke: 9-18-2024)

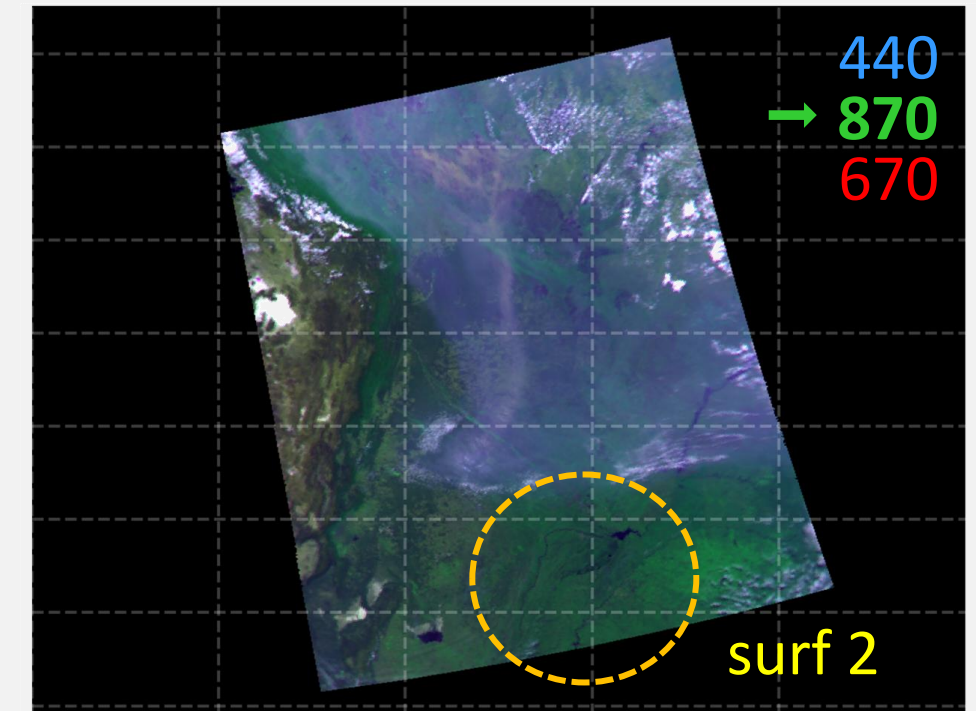
Total radiance

Land surface:

- Large spatial variation
- Large spectral variation



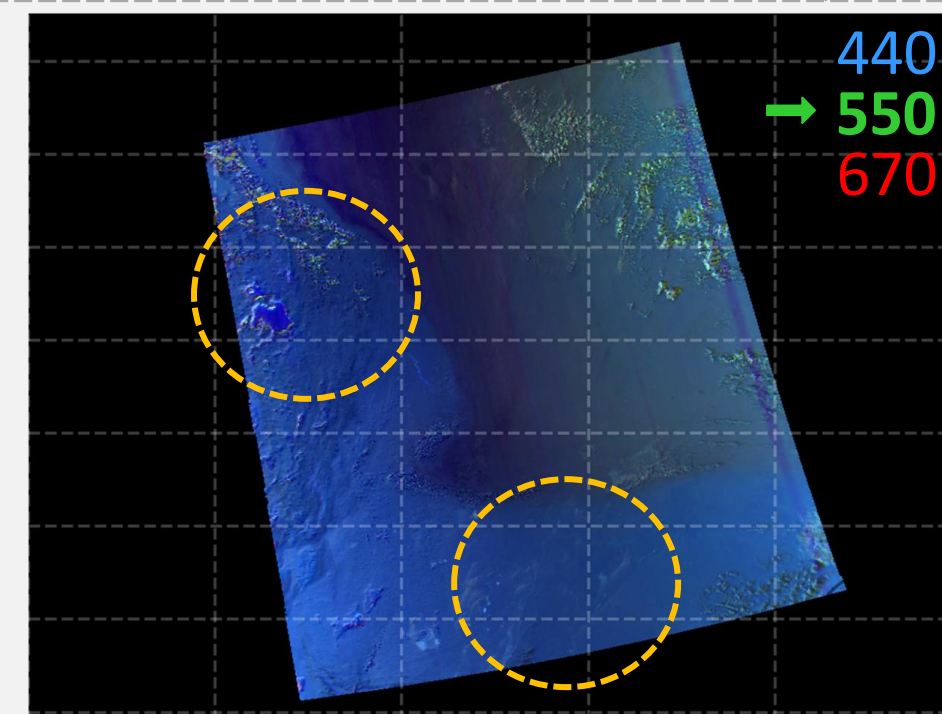
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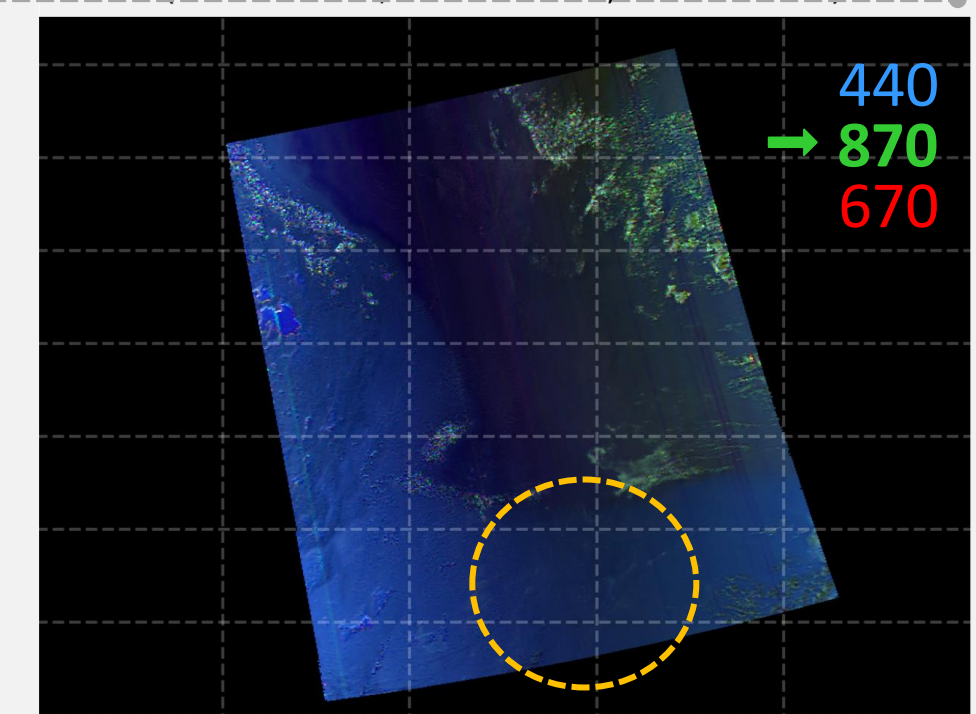
Polarized radiance

Land surface:

- Small spatial variation
- Small spectral variation



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Objectives

1: *Expand current aerosol retrieval algorithm to include land surface regions*

We will include land surface reflectance models in our Microphysical Aerosol Properties from Polarimetry (MAPP) algorithm that was developed for PACE retrieval of aerosols over oceans.

2: *Focus on diluted wildfire smoke properties over the Western US region*

We will target diluted wildfire smoke plumes over the Western US because these plumes increasingly dominate PM2.5 air quality in the Western US.

3: *Validate smoke retrieval products using airborne and ground-based data sets*

We will use data from the PACE Postlaunch Airborne eXperiment (PACE-PAX) campaign, from ground-based stations, and from stakeholders to perform post-launch validation of our retrieval products.

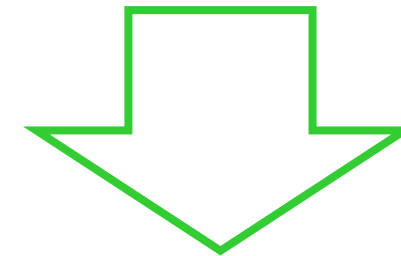
4: *Deliver MAPP-land code, Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, smoke products, 2 papers*

We will work with the PACE Project Science Office to deliver the MAPP-land retrieval algorithm and associated Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) through the PACE Science Data Segment (SDS). We will provide our stakeholders with MAPP-land products.

Progress

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BPDF R_p :
2 approaches

- Linear Parametric (**LP**) model: variables α , β , m

$$R_p(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta) = \frac{\alpha \times \exp(\pi - \Theta)/2 \times \exp(-\beta) \times F(m, \Theta)}{4(\cos\vartheta_0 + \cos\vartheta)}$$

- R_p (**LP**) has been integrated into PACE-MAPP algorithm

- Shadowed Isotropic Gaussian Facet (**SIF**) model: variables α , σ , m

$$R_p(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta) = \frac{\alpha \times \pi \times F(m, \Theta)}{4(\cos\vartheta_0 + \cos\vartheta)} \times S(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta) \times P(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta, \sigma)$$

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BPDF R_i :
1 approach

- Ross-Thick-Li-Sparse (**RTLS**) kernels: weights k_1 , k_2 , k_3

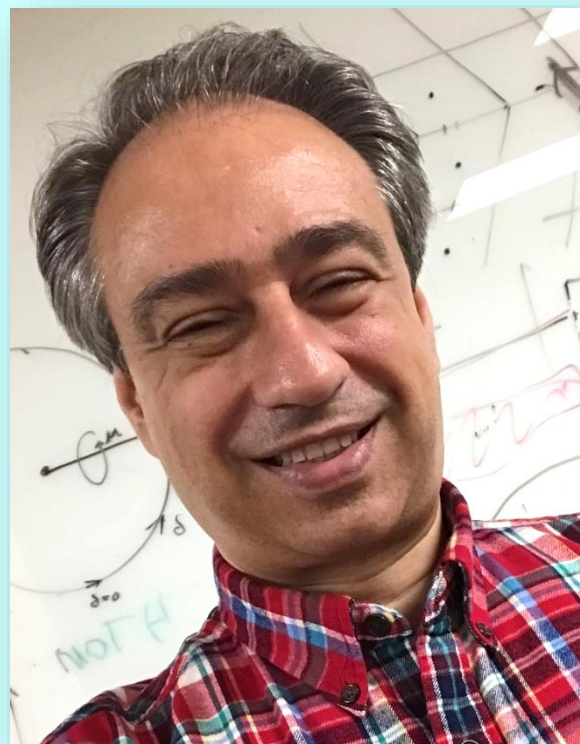
$$R_i(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta) = k_1 + k_2 \times f_2(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta) + k_3 \times f_3(\vartheta, \vartheta_0, \Theta)$$

- Weights k_1 , k_2 , k_3 to be taken from MAIAC
- R_i (**RTLS**) to be integrated into PACE-MAPP algorithm

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Backup slides: RSP results

Airborne RSP measurements of surface polarization

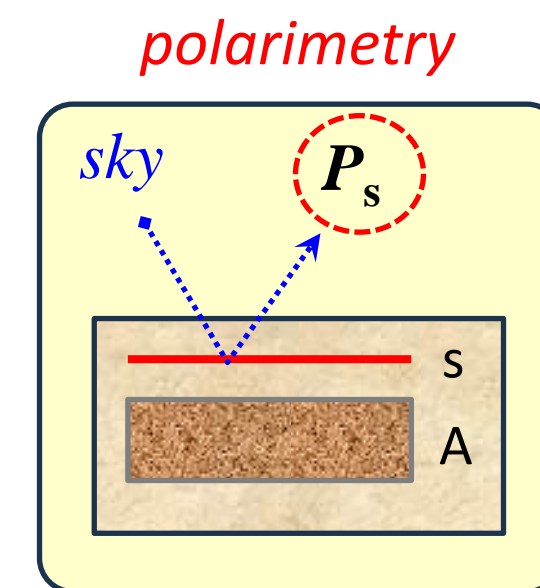
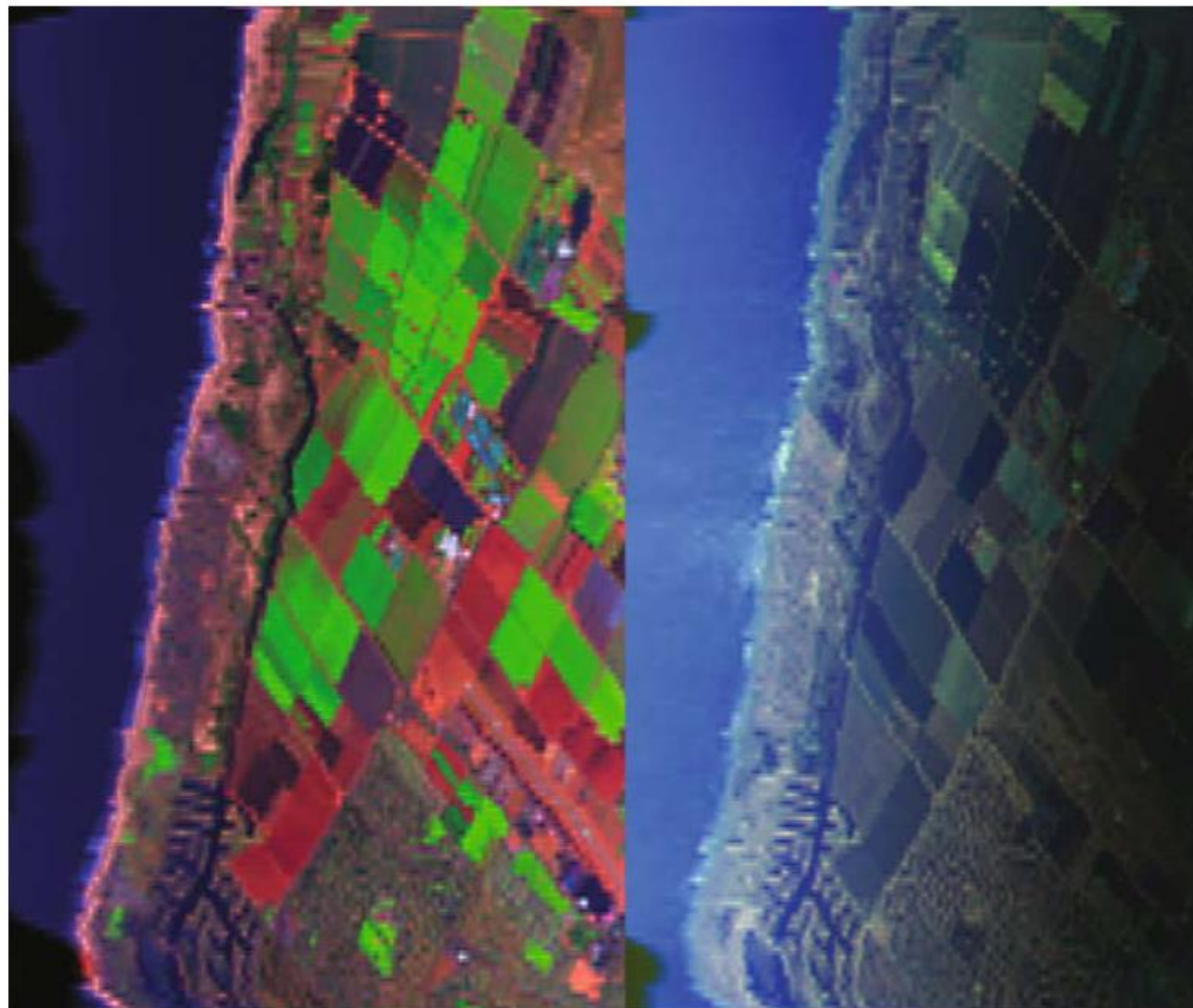
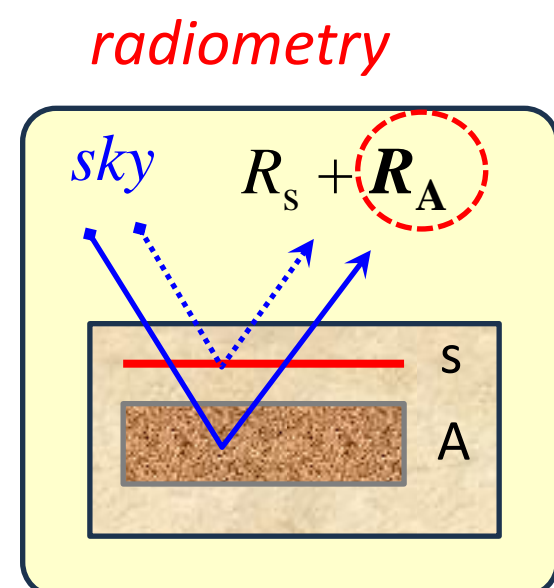
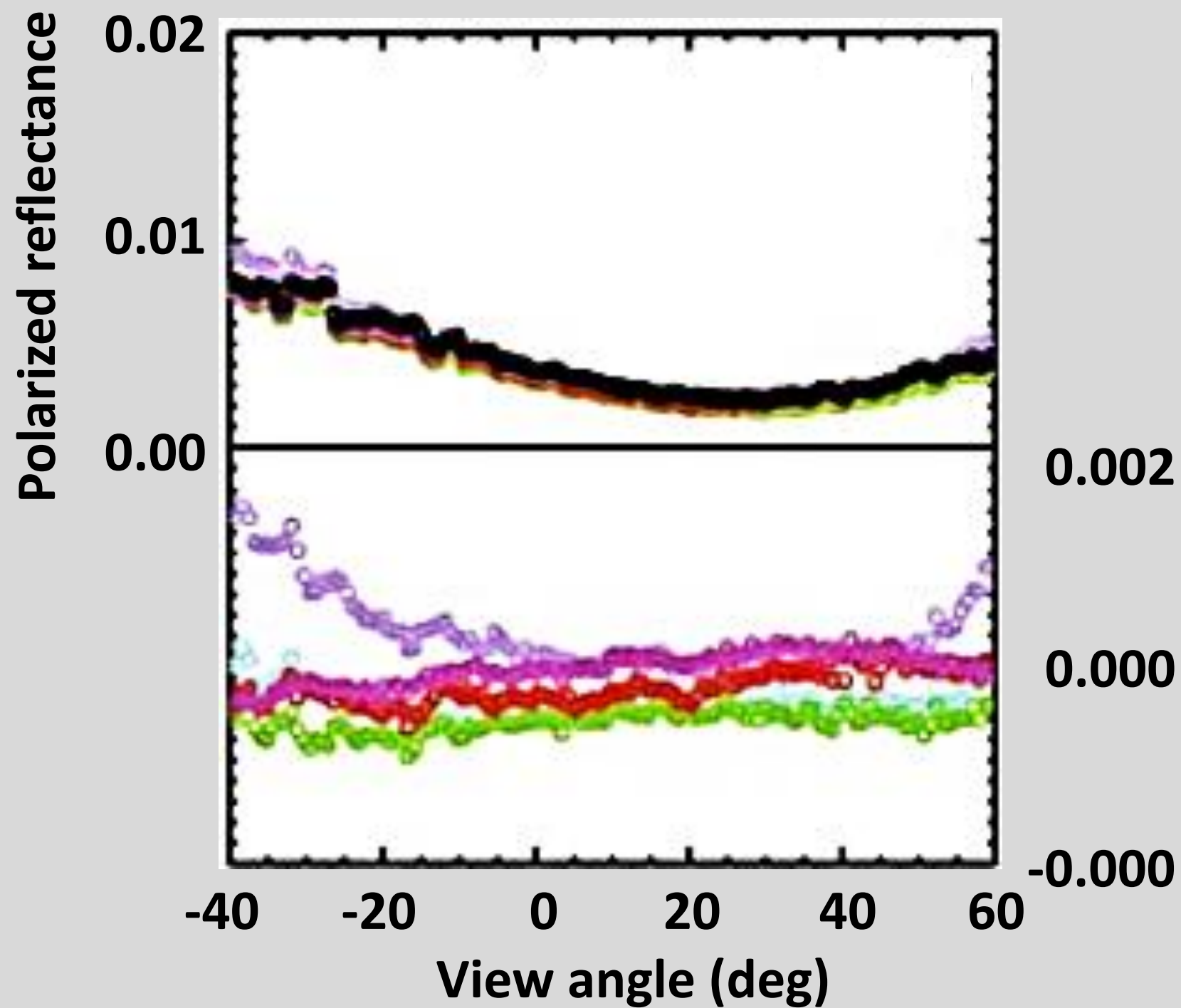


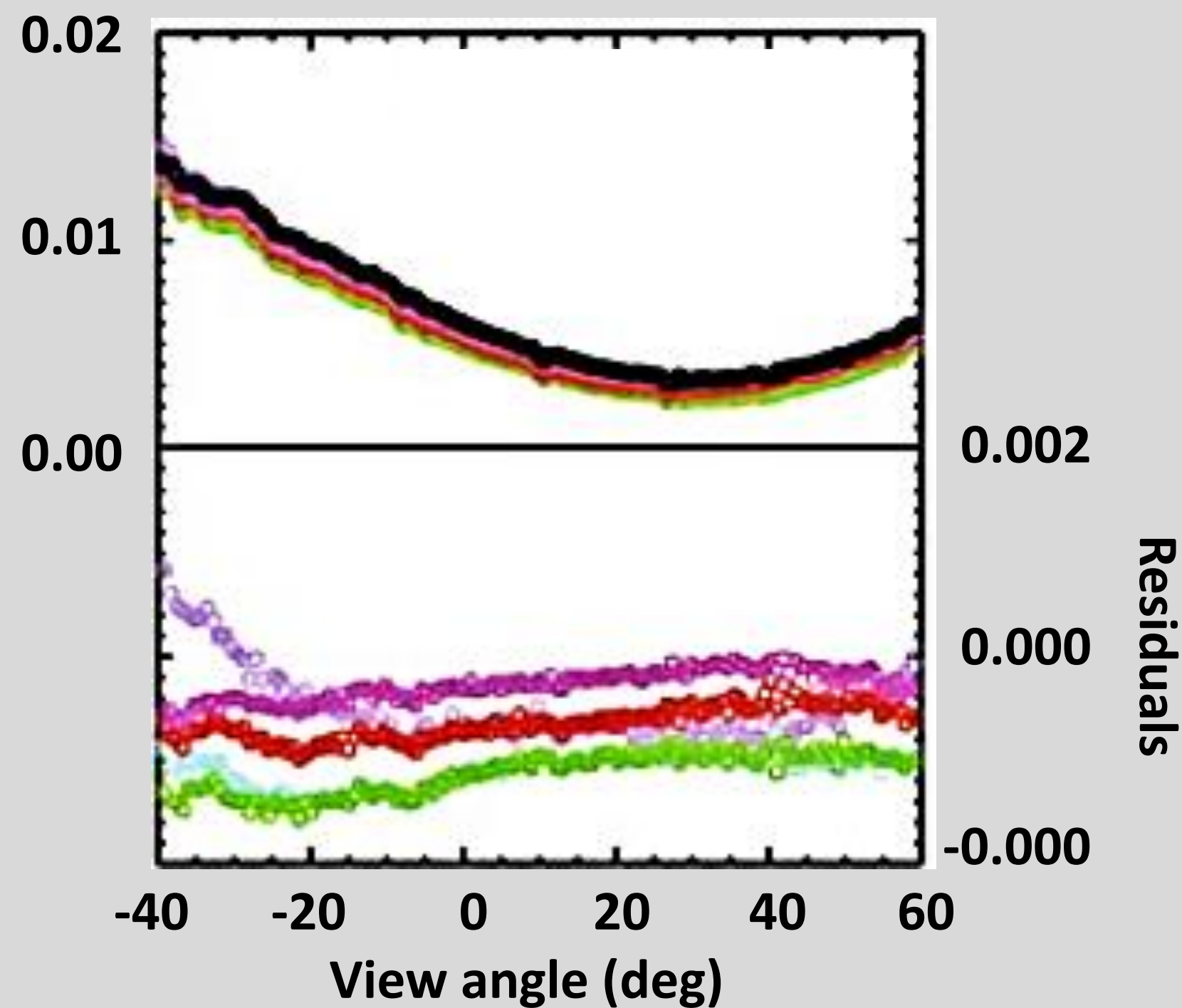
Fig. 10.1. False-color images created using RSP observations obtained on an aircraft flying at 3000 m above Oxnard and Ventura, California, USA. The red, green and blue colors are the 2250, 865 and 410 nm reflectances (left) and polarized reflectances (right) respectively.

Airborne RSP measurements of surface polarization (*atmospheric corrected*)

Vegetated



Bare soil



- 410 nm
- 470 nm
- 555 nm
- 670 nm
- 865 nm
- 1590 nm
- 2250 nm