

Development of GeoXO Aerosol Detection Product

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Objective





- Wildfire smoke and blowing dust are becoming more frequent and dominant factors for air pollution.
- NOAA's operational Enterprise Aerosol Detection Product (ADP), also called smoke/dust mask, provides smoke/dust flags at the pixel level from:
 - □ VIIRS: S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21 (11 yrs. record)
 - □ ABI: GOES-16, -17 and -18 (~6 yrs. record)
- UV-Vis spectrometer on GeoXO ACX has better wavelengths for characterizing absorbing aerosols.
- Both GEMS and TEMPO's UV-Vis spectrometer, currently in orbit, provide unique pathways for developing/testing NOAA GeoXO aerosol detection algorithm.

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- Adopted a hybrid algorithm for smoke/dust Detection
 - Extensively tested by using synergy between GEMS and AHI, TEMPO and ABI
- Utilizing synergy between ACX and GXI (both East and West, dual view)
- Cloud screening
 - Remapped cloud mask from Imager
- Outputs

- 1. Smoke/dust mask 2. UV AAI (354/388 nm) 3. Visible AAI (412/440 nm) Absorbing Aerosol Index ACX: Visible AAI = $-100[10g_{10}(R_{412}/R_{440}) - log_{10}(R'_{412}/R'_{440})]$ UV AAI = $-100[10g_{10}(R_{354}/R_{388}) - log_{10}(R'_{354}/R'_{388})]$ Red dotted line grid: GOES-16/ABI 2 km Black line grid: TEMPO 2.0 x4.7 km



 $R = \frac{\sum_{1}^{n} w_i * R_i}{\sum_{1}^{n} w_i}$

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ACX/GXI: Dust Smoke Discrimination Index DSDI = $-10[10g_{10}(R_{412}/R_{2250})]$

Absorbing Aerosol Index: Deep-Blue vs. UV Wavelengths





Smoke/dust have stronger absorption at UV wavelengths compared to longer wavelengths.

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Advantages of UV Algorithm Path for Detecting Smoke and Dust Geo





More sensitivity and better coverage of ADP via UV path



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TEMPO Hybrid ADP Captures the Movement of Smoke Plumes (08/30/2023)





- Residual cloud contaminations are still seen, slightly noisy smoke mask.
- High values of UV AI appear over the bright surface at certain time steps, mostly due to surface BRDF effect.





TEMPO ADP Dual View is Comparable to VIIRS ADP Geo

Suomi NPP VIIRS ADP August 28, 2023



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Summary



- NOAA has developed a GeoXO ACX/GXI hybrid aerosol detection algorithm that is run in near real time on TEMPO operational data.
 - Preliminary results show that the hybrid algorithm generally works well
 - A new UV algorithm path is being developed to take advantage of TEMPO (ACX)'s UV wavelengths.
 - More accurate smoke/dust detection.
 - The ACX/GXI hybrid algorithm was also tested with GEMS and AHI data.
 - Initial results indicate the hybrid algorithm is capable of identifying both smoke/smog and dust plumes.

Next Steps:

- Subpixels cloud screening using ABI/GXI high spatial resolution bands will be implemented.
- DLER developed for AOD retrieval will be applied for calculating UV and Visible AAI.





Backup slides



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NOAA Enterprise Aerosol Detection Algorithm Geory



- One algorithm working on observations from multiple sensors including both GEO and LEO platforms.
- Uniform input and output structure.



Co-registration Tables for ABI Bands to TEMPO Bands





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R: remapped reflectance *n*: no. of ABI pixels w_i : weight at pixel *i* R_i - ABI reflectance at pixel *i*

 $R = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i * R_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i}$



- Larger than ~2% difference w/o tables
- Small north to south shift between UV and Visible band

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TEMPO Hybrid ADP Example: Matts Creek Fire, VA (11/16/2023) Ge





Deep-blue Absorbing Aerosol Index (412/440 nm)

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Washington Post: Matts Creek Fire activity. (NASA FIRMS)

- The fire started on Nov 12 through Nov 22, with a total burned area of 11,000 acres, and degraded air quality.
- JPSS EPS ADP detected the smoke plume
- TEMPO+GOES16 hybrid ADP is able to capture the dynamic of smoke plumes very well with associated high UVAI and VISAI values.

Hybrid ADP Test Case: - Smoke intrusion from Siberia wildfires (July 17, 2023 04:45 UTC)





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EMPO Hybrid ADP Example: Smoke plumes from Canadian Forest Fires (08/30/2023)





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- 2 TEMPO ADP captures the development of smoke plumes from the forest fire.
- Residual cloud contaminations are still seen as shown in slightly noisy smoke mask.
- High values of UV AI are seen over bright surface at certain time steps, mostly due to surface BRDF effect
- DLER developed for AOD retrieval will be applied to reduce the impact of surface BRDF.

Co-registration Tables for ABI UV Band to Vis Band



• A small north to south shift is seen between TEMPO UV and Visible band.