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Monthly Statistics for single observations AOD Deep Blue																		
	Terra						Aqua						Terra + Aqua					
Month	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N
<b>J</b>	0.049	0.035	-0.019	0.32	0.86	160	0.035	0.026	-0.009	0.25	0.91	54	0.046	0.032	-0.017	0.34	0.87	214
<b>F</b>	0.052	0.039	-0.026	0.63	0.83	118	0.038	0.029	-0.008	0.34	0.85	68	0.047	0.035	-0.019	0.63	0.84	186
<b>M</b>	0.081	0.058	-0.045	0.68	0.66	109	0.056	0.036	-0.020	0.60	0.88	69	0.072	0.050	-0.035	0.65	0.75	178
<b>A</b>	0.104	0.078	-0.066	0.68	0.59	34	0.062	0.048	-0.040	0.61	0.71	35	0.085	0.063	-0.053	0.69	0.65	69
<b>M</b>	0.091	0.078	-0.073	0.73	0.51	35	0.082	0.066	-0.064	0.74	0.69	29	0.087	0.073	-0.069	0.74	0.59	64
<b>J</b>	0.116	0.102	-0.101	0.75	0.31	49	0.105	0.092	-0.085	0.83	0.50	6	0.115	0.101	-0.100	0.76	0.33	55
<b>J</b>	0.135	0.096	-0.080	0.81	0.63	27	0.099	0.077	-0.017	0.89	0.71	28	0.118	0.086	-0.048	0.82	0.67	55
<b>A</b>	0.132	0.105	-0.092	0.69	0.50	64	0.137	0.122	-0.096	0.78	0.30	20	0.133	0.109	-0.093	0.63	0.45	84
<b>S</b>	0.116	0.103	-0.103	0.72	0.22	55	0.064	0.057	-0.027	0.82	0.56	9	0.110	0.097	-0.092	0.66	0.27	64
<b>O</b>	0.084	0.068	-0.068	0.70	0.44	48	0.070	0.060	-0.058	0.80	0.42	19	0.080	0.066	-0.065	0.62	0.43	67
<b>N</b>	0.063	0.051	-0.051	0.74	0.54	39	0.045	0.030	-0.022	0.85	0.82	22	0.057	0.044	-0.040	0.66	0.64	61
<b>D</b>	0.042	0.031	-0.019	0.25	0.85	142	0.037	0.029	-0.017	0.36	0.85	60	0.040	0.030	-0.019	0.31	0.85	202

Table S1: Tabulated results of the comparison between single observations AOD<sub>t</sub>, AOD<sub>a</sub> and AOD<sub>ta</sub> derived using DB algorithm with AOD<sub>SP</sub> at monthly scale.

Supplementary figures to the manuscript:

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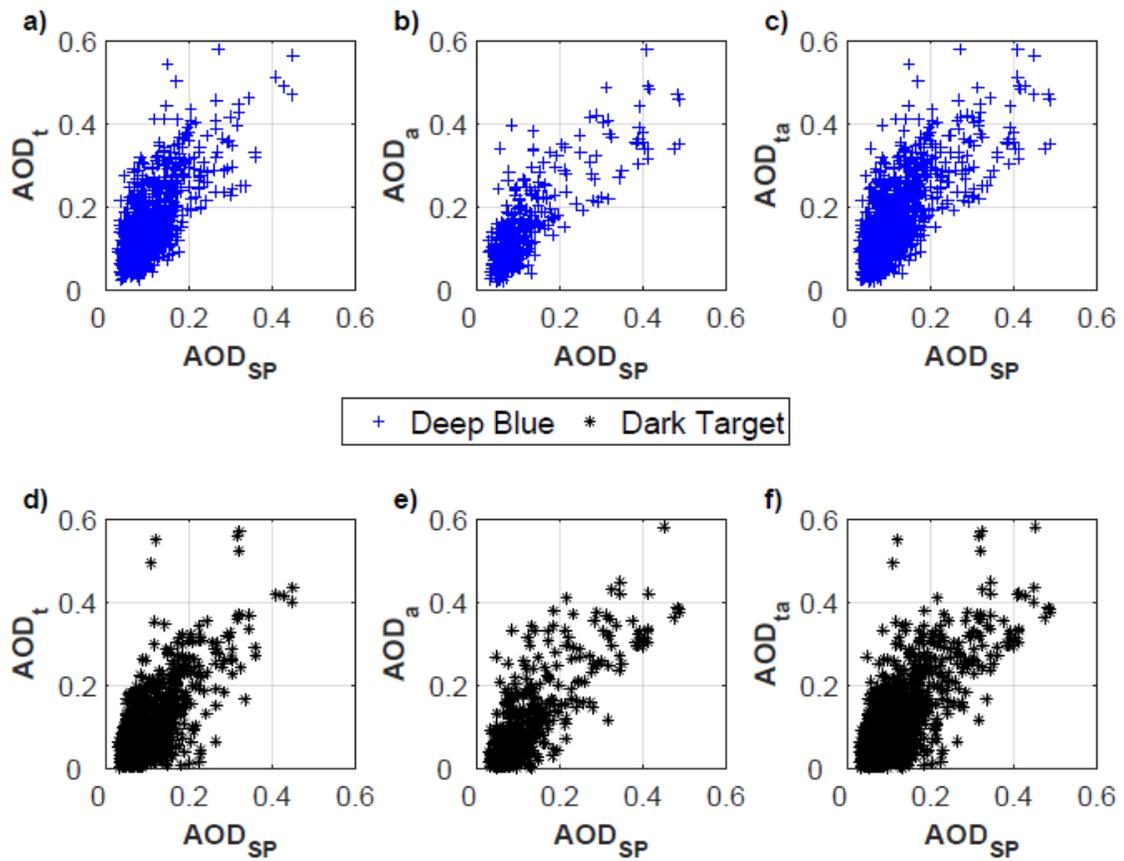


Figure S1: Single observations scatter plots of the coincident AOD measurements from the sun photometer and Terra and Aqua MODIS instruments for DB and DT algorithms.: a) to c) Daily means of the AOD<sub>SP</sub> vs AOD<sub>t</sub>, AOD<sub>a</sub> and AOD<sub>ta</sub> respectively for DB algorithm; d) to f) Idem for DT algorithm.

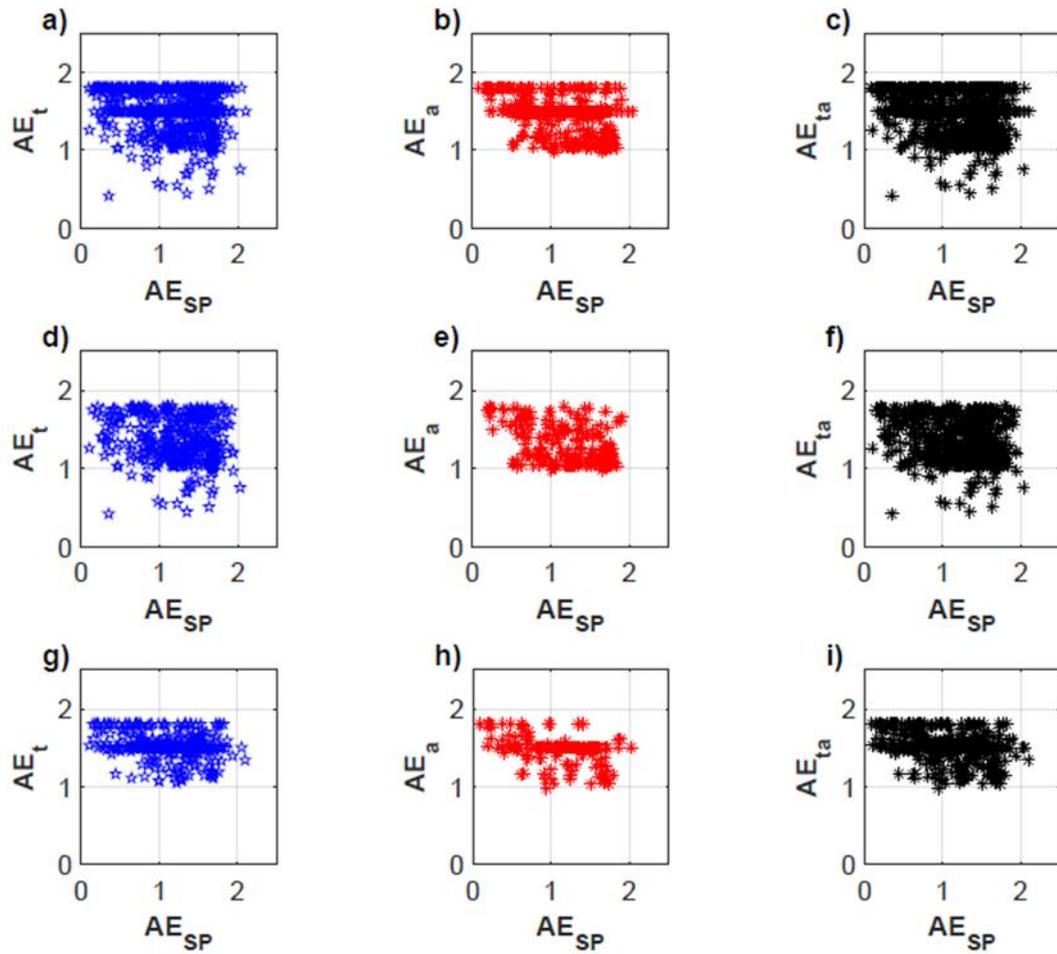


Figure S2: Scatter plots of the coincident AE measurements from the sun photometer and Terra and Aqua MODIS instruments for DB algorithm.: a) to c) Single observation of the  $AE_{SP}$  vs  $AE_t$ ,  $AE_a$  and  $AE_{ta}$  respectively for DB; d) to f) Idem for Single observation excluding the AE values of 1.5 and 1.8 from MODIS; g) to i) Idem for daily means.

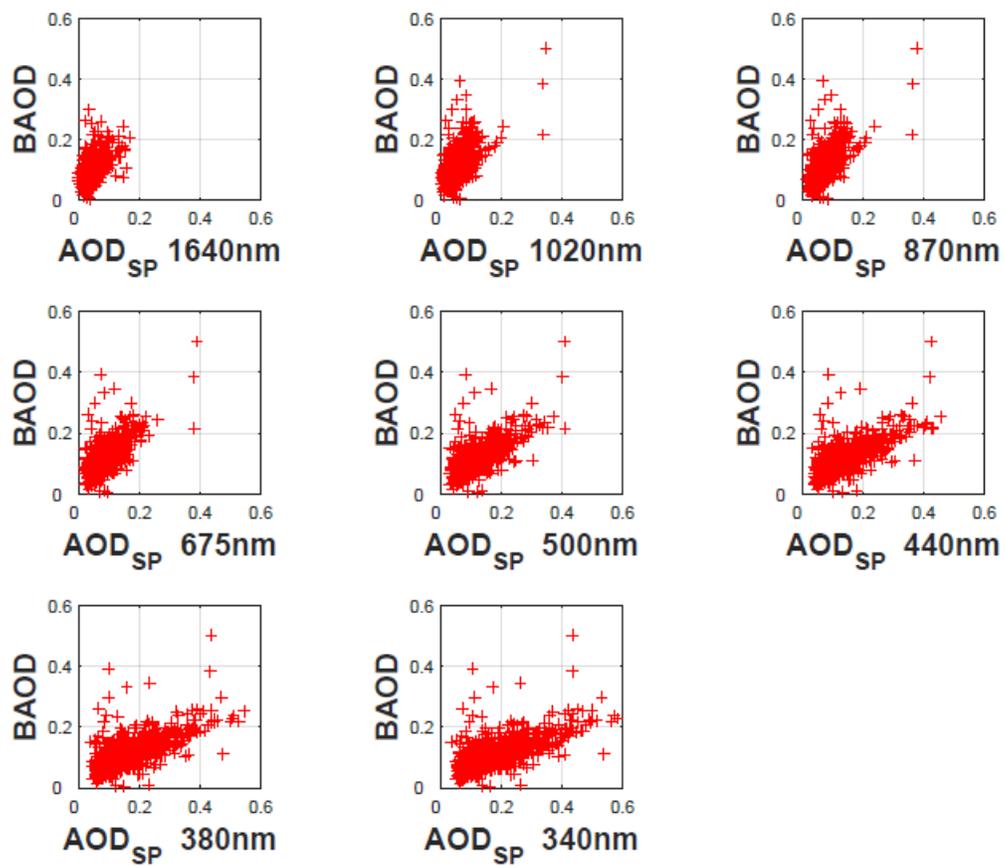


Figure S3: Single observations scatter plots of the coincident BAOD from the pyrheliometers and the sun photometer AOD at each of its eight wavelengths.

Monthly Statistics for single observations AOD Dark Target																		
Month	Terra						Aqua						Terra + Aqua					
	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N	RMSE	MAE	BIAS	R	f	N
<b>J</b>	0.043	0.034	0.025	0.48	0.88	163	0.046	0.042	0.039	0.39	0.90	52	0.044	0.036	0.028	0.51	0.88	215
<b>F</b>	0.045	0.039	0.036	0.68	0.82	115	0.058	0.051	0.048	0.26	0.68	50	0.049	0.042	0.039	0.72	0.78	165
<b>M</b>	0.072	0.060	0.053	0.53	0.67	98	0.074	0.062	0.056	0.39	0.62	55	0.073	0.061	0.054	0.59	0.65	153
<b>A</b>	0.057	0.051	0.041	0.58	0.74	31	0.058	0.048	0.017	0.75	0.74	38	0.058	0.049	0.028	0.78	0.74	69
<b>M</b>	0.083	0.066	0.059	0.59	0.56	41	0.069	0.058	0.056	0.73	0.76	29	0.078	0.063	0.058	0.70	0.64	70
<b>J</b>	0.085	0.062	-0.042	0.76	0.72	47	0.097	0.075	-0.063	0.81	0.64	14	0.088	0.065	-0.047	0.79	0.70	61
<b>J</b>	0.079	0.064	-0.027	0.83	0.59	32	0.090	0.077	0.020	0.89	0.79	33	0.085	0.071	-0.003	0.87	0.69	65
<b>A</b>	0.105	0.076	-0.040	0.70	0.59	63	0.079	0.064	-0.048	0.79	0.71	41	0.096	0.071	-0.043	0.66	0.63	104
<b>S</b>	0.069	0.060	-0.054	0.71	0.61	57	0.087	0.068	-0.025	0.75	0.68	22	0.074	0.063	-0.046	0.65	0.63	79
<b>O</b>	0.063	0.050	-0.041	0.65	0.69	51	0.055	0.037	-0.027	0.59	0.82	38	0.060	0.044	-0.035	0.52	0.74	89
<b>N</b>	0.043	0.034	-0.018	0.64	0.87	45	0.044	0.034	0.010	0.48	0.87	45	0.044	0.034	-0.004	0.60	0.87	90
<b>D</b>	0.030	0.023	0.003	0.49	0.94	157	0.046	0.035	0.024	0.36	0.94	83	0.037	0.027	0.010	0.35	0.94	240

Table S2: Tabulated results of the comparison between single observations  $AOD_t$ ,  $AOD_a$  and  $AOD_{ta}$  derived using DT algorithm with  $AOD_{SP}$  at monthly scale.