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**GLOBE Aerosols:  
Brief overview of  
spring campaign  
results**

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# Spring campaign 2013

Measurement period:

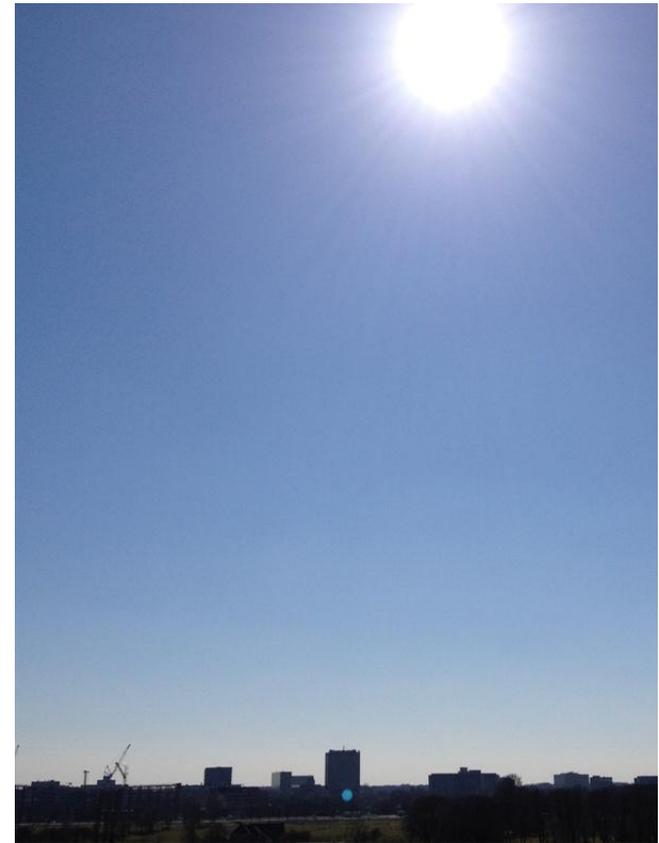
*March 1 – May 31*



**GLOBE Aerosols  
@KNMI**



*April 9-12, Tallin, Estonia  
clear skies and still snow*



***March 4, first excellent weather circumstances for  
GLOBE Aerosols measurements in the Netherlands***

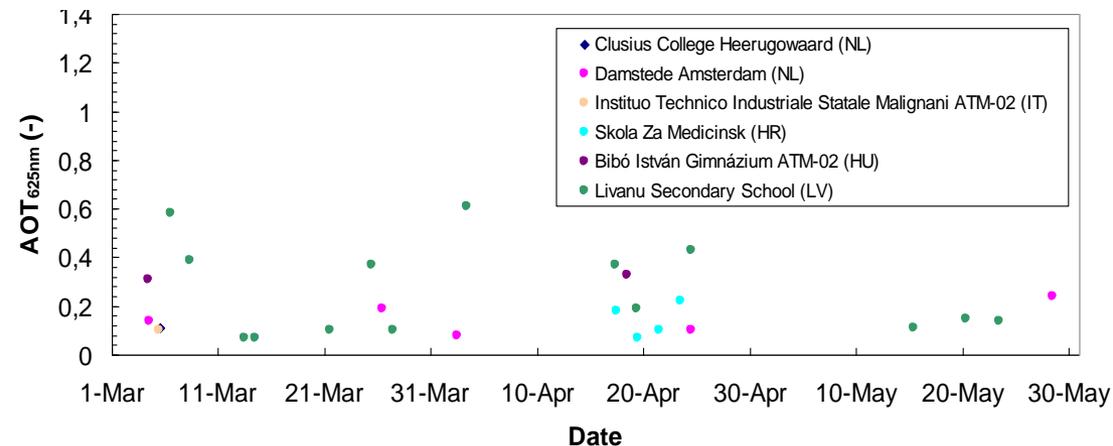
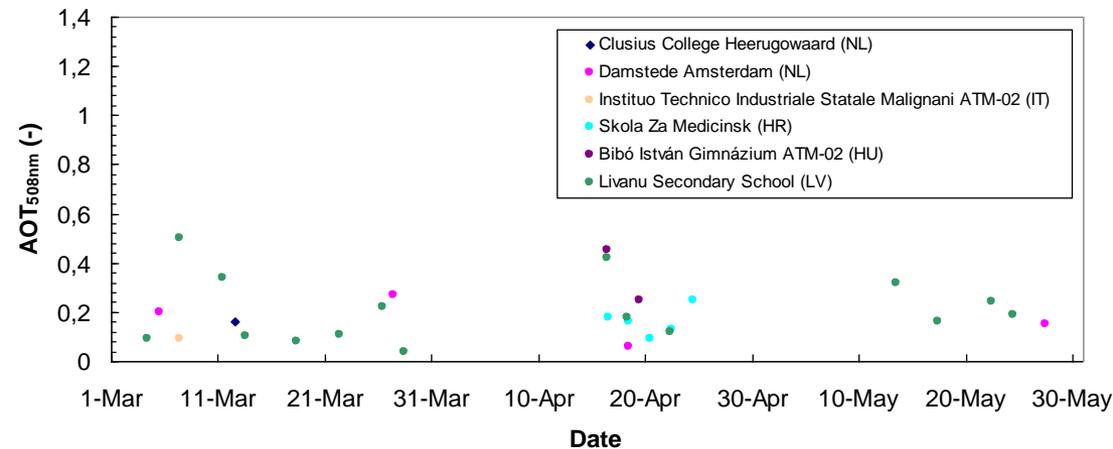


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## Overview:

- Total number of *69 AOT measurements* by *6 schools* in *5 countries*
- First blue skies and AOT measurements *March 4-5* **the Netherlands: AOT<0.2 and cold!**
- Lowest AOT in *March* and *end of April*

Aerosol Optical Thickness Spring 2013





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## Satellite measurements

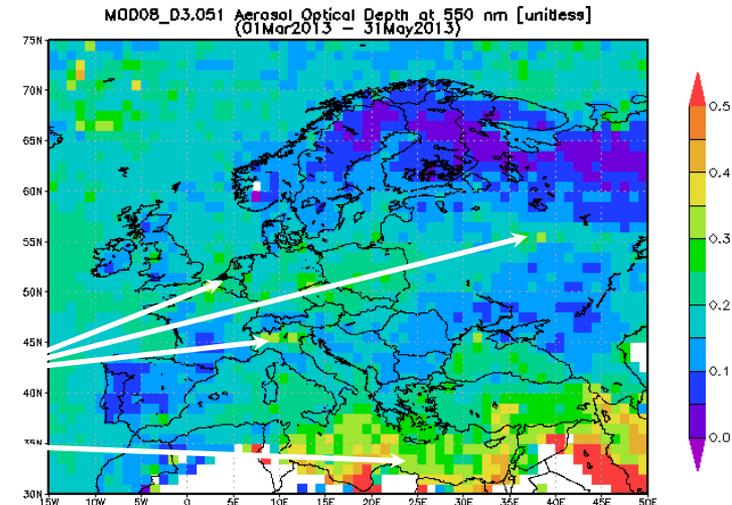
MODIS (NASA)

General features Europe:

- AOT highest near cities and industry
- decrease of AOT with latitude
- highest AOT in Po-Valley (Italy) and central to eastern Mediterranean

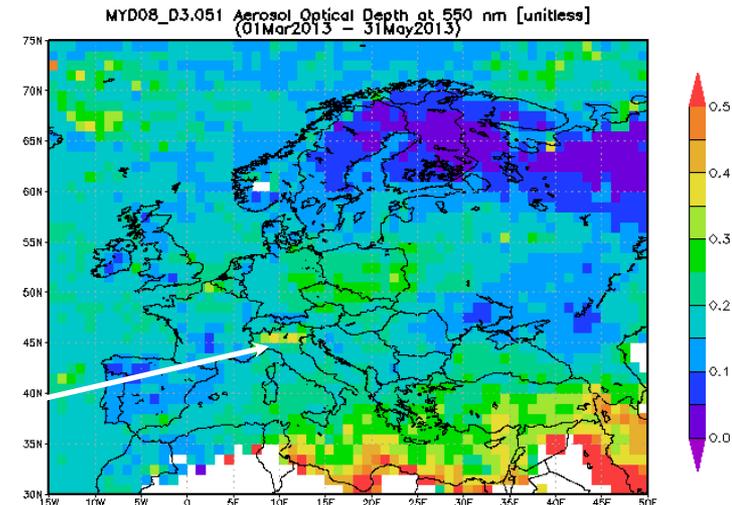
MODIS Terra  
(morning)

*traffic & industry*  
*Saharan dust*



MODIS Aqua  
(afternoon)

*relatively poor ventilation  
of air mass*

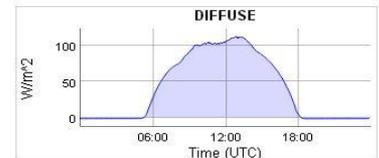
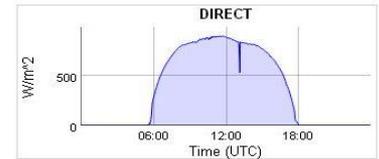
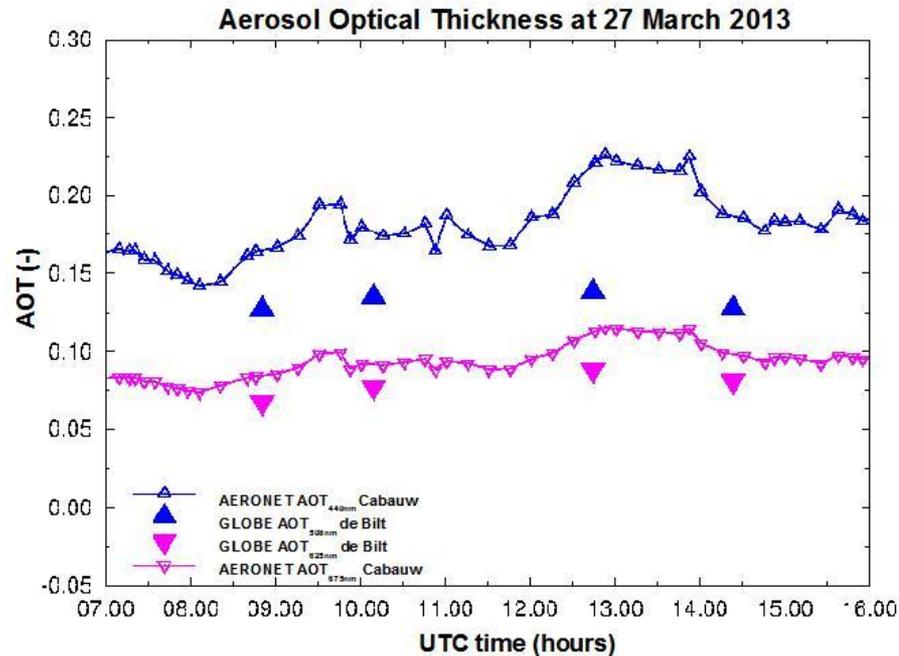




# An example: AOT at KNMI in the Netherlands

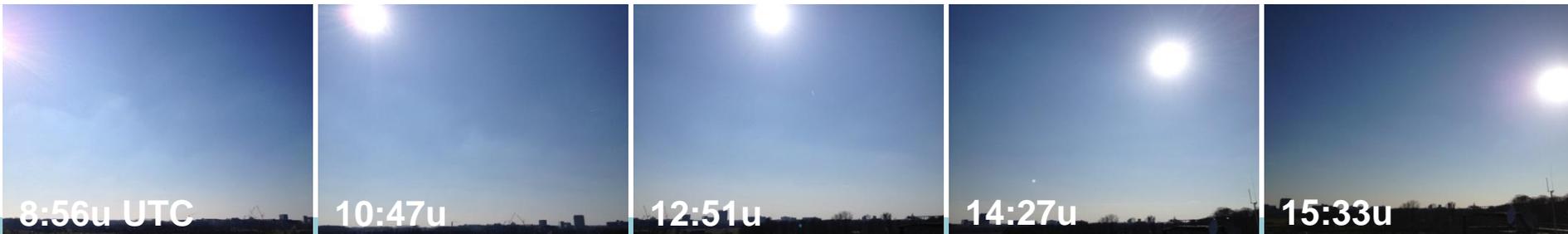
GLOBE and  
AERONET AOT  
observations  
at  
March 27  
2013

*(AERONET is a world wide network  
of professional sun photometers)*



BSRN direct and diffuse  
global radiation

*(BSRN is a world wide network of  
solar radiation measurement  
sites)*

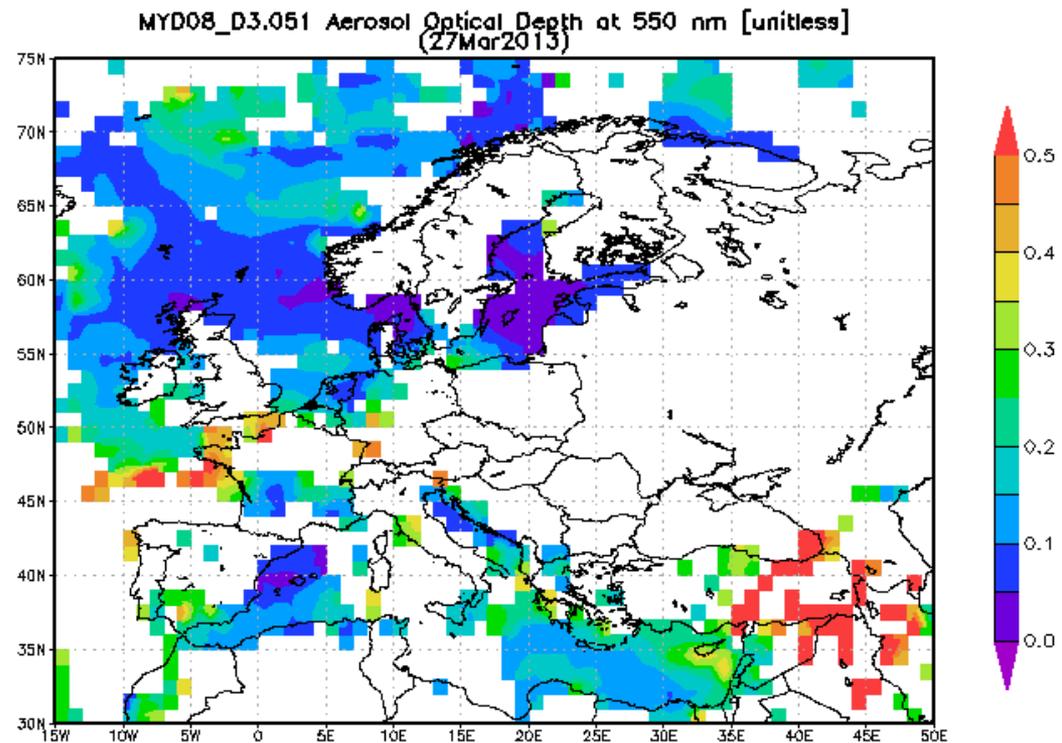
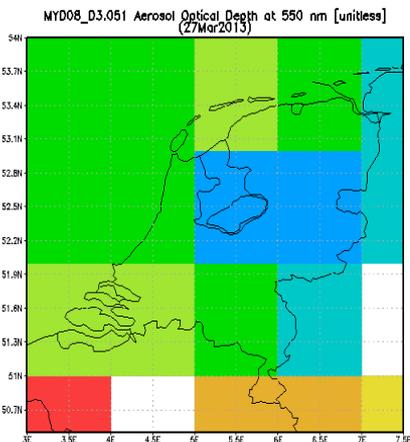




# An example: AOT over Europe and the Netherlands

MODIS Aqua  
over Europe,  
The Netherlands,  
March 27  
2013

*Clear skies in the  
Netherlands,  
but clouded the largest part  
of Europe!*



(source: NASA's [GIOVANNI](#) Interactive Visualization and Analysis tool)



# Explore more observations

... where and how?

GLOBE schools, for example:

- Dutch, Latvian schools: [globe.gov](http://globe.gov) Or [www.knmi.nl/globe/](http://www.knmi.nl/globe/),
- French and Estonian schools through: <http://www.meteodesecoles.org/calisphair>

Satellite data, for example:

- MODIS through NASA's online analysis tool GIOVANNI: [disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/giovanni/](http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/giovanni/)

Other aerosol data networks, for example:

- AERONET data [gcmd.nasa.gov/records/GCMD\\_AERONET\\_NASA.html](http://gcmd.nasa.gov/records/GCMD_AERONET_NASA.html)

Other:

- BSRN solar radiation data network: <http://bsrn.awi.de/>

The screenshot shows the top of the NASA GIOVANNI website. It features the NASA logo and the text 'National Aeronautics and Space Administration'. Below this is a banner for 'Giovanni - The Bridge Between Data and Science' with navigation links for 'ABOUT GIOVANNI' and 'NEWS'. The main content area is titled 'MODIS Atmo:' and includes a 'Home' button. A paragraph of text describes the tool's purpose for visualization and analysis of atmospheric data. A list of links provides further information, including 'Further information about this MOVAS instance can be obtained here', 'Giovanni MOVAS Monthly instance is here', and 'Data Availability from MODAPS LAADS Web is shown here'. A search bar is visible with the text 'Select: NASA's GIOVANNI analysis tool' and 'Spatial'.

The screenshot shows the Global Change Master Directory (GCMD) website. It features the NASA logo and the text 'GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER'. Below this is a banner for 'Global Change Master Directory Discover Earth science data and services'. The main content area is titled 'Home Data Sets Data Services Portals Add to GCMD What's New'. A search bar is visible with the text 'Record Search Query: The AEROSOL ROBOTIC NETWORK (AERONET) fr Entry ID: AERONET\_NASA'. A list of categories is shown on the left, including 'Agriculture', 'Atmosphere', 'Biological Classification', 'Biosphere', 'Climate Indicators', 'Cryosphere', 'Human Dimensions', 'Land Surface', 'Oceans', 'Paleoclimate', 'Solid Earth', 'Spectral/Engineering', and 'Sun-Earth Interactions'. A 'Get Data' button is visible. A paragraph of text describes the data set, including a 'Summary' section with an 'Abstract' that states: 'AERONET (Aerosol Robotic Network) is an monitoring network and data archive supported by NASA. Observing System and expanded by federation with many institutions. The network hardware consists of identical sun-sky scanning spectral radiometers owned by national universities. Data from this collaboration provides global...'. A 'Click to view more' link is visible. The word 'AERONET' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters.



# GLOBE Aerosols

## Measurement campaigns up next..



### Europe & Eurasia

- GLOBE Aerosols in Europe & Eurasia
  - *fall measurement campaign 2013* **Sep 16 – Oct 14**
  - *spring measurement campaign 2014*  
**March 3 – May 9**

Visit <http://www.globe.gov/web/europe-aerosols-campaign>

### the Netherlands

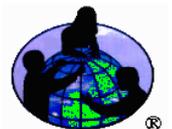
- GLOBE Aerosols in the Netherlands: [iSPEX-GLOBE](#) campaign **summer 2013**

See also <http://www.knmi.nl/globe/aerosolen.html>



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**Thanks for watching 😊**

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