

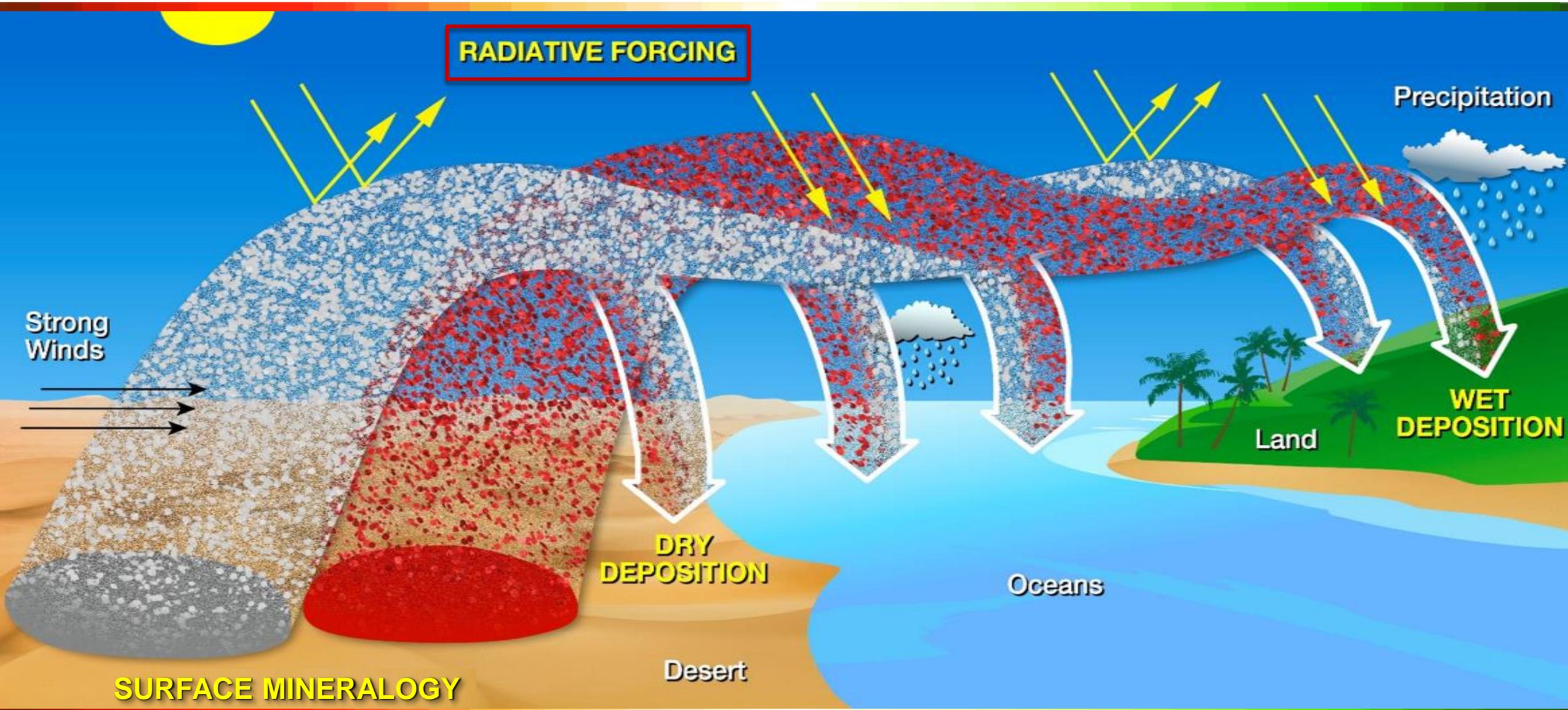
Objectives, Measurements, and Data Products of the NASA Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation



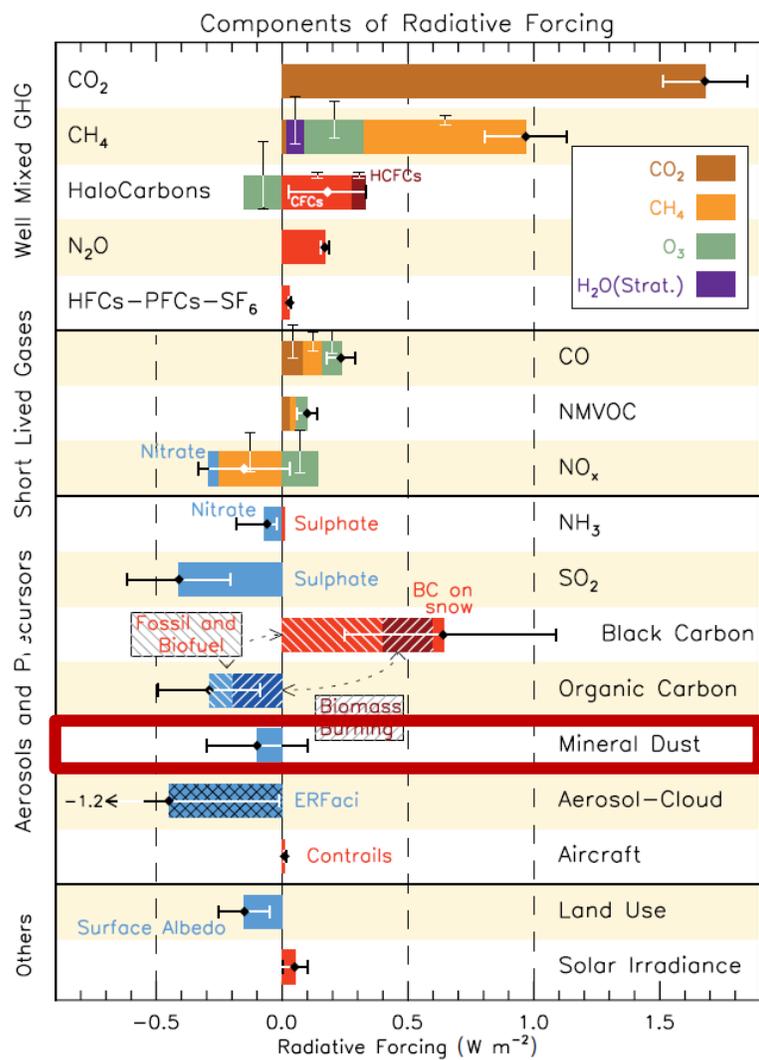
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Mineral Dust and the Earth System



EMIT Science Objectives



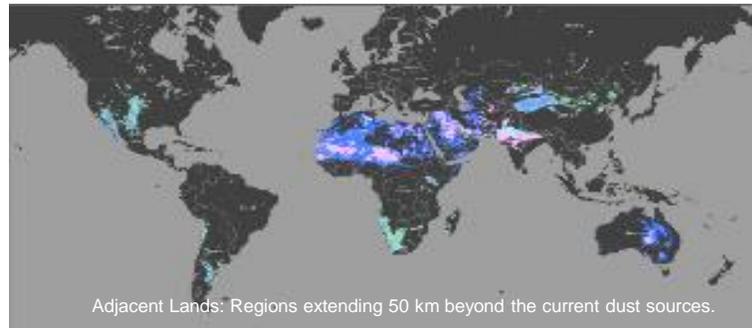
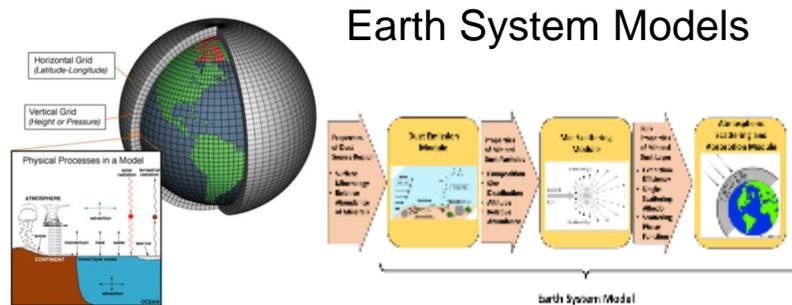
from IPCC AR5, 2015

1) Constrain the sign and magnitude of dust-related RF at regional and global scales.

- EMIT achieves this objective by acquiring, validating and delivering updates of surface mineralogy used to initialize Earth System Models.

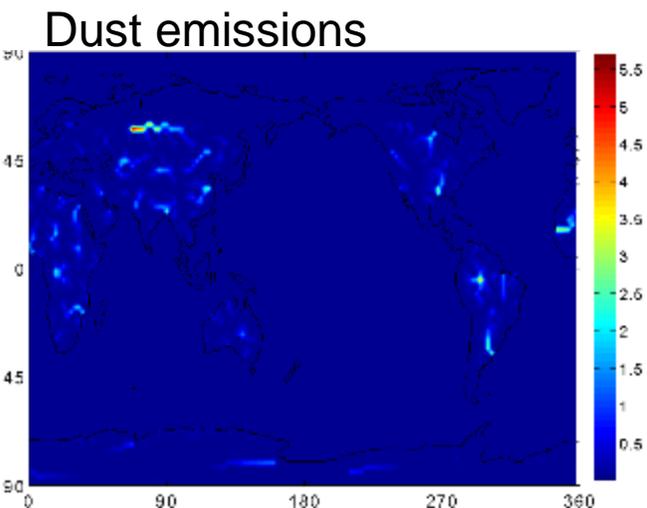
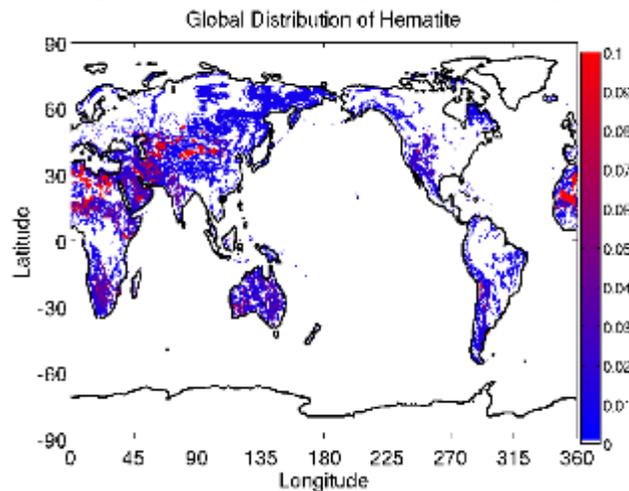
2) Predict the increase or decrease of available dust sources under future climate scenarios.

- EMIT achieves this objective by initializing Earth System Model forecast models with the mineralogy of soils exposed within at-risk lands bordering arid dust source regions.

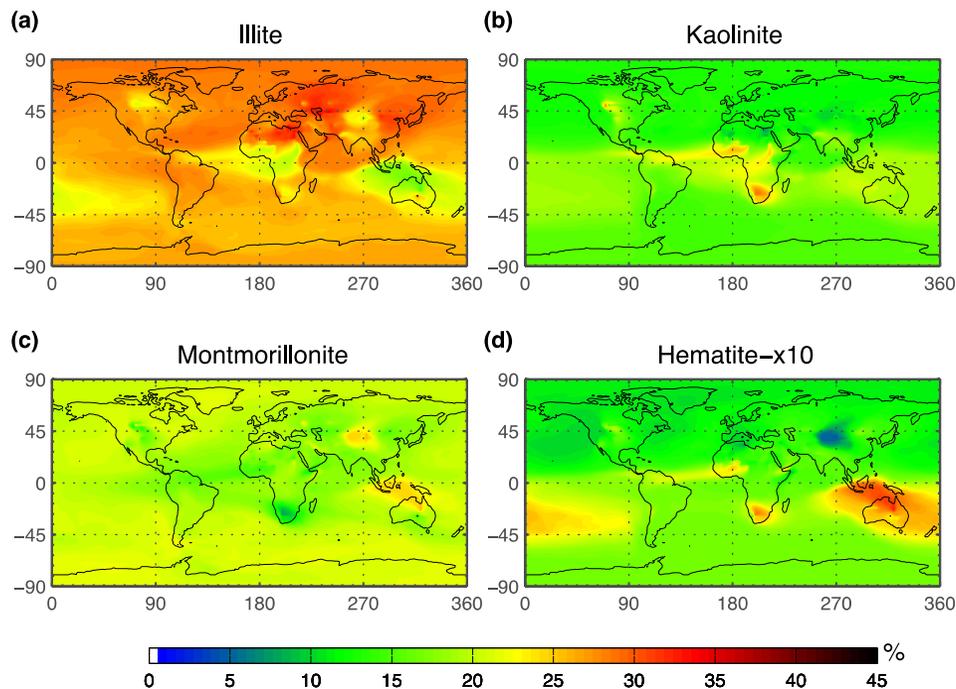


Example Work Building Dust into Models

Using UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) soil datasets and “average” minerals in each soil type



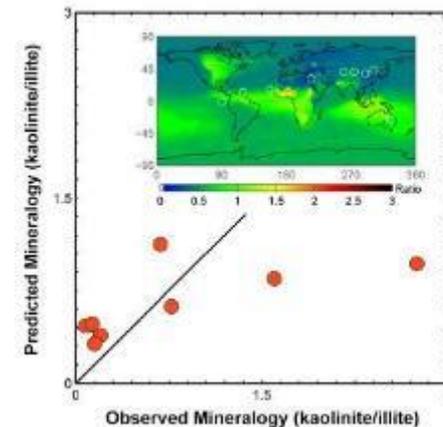
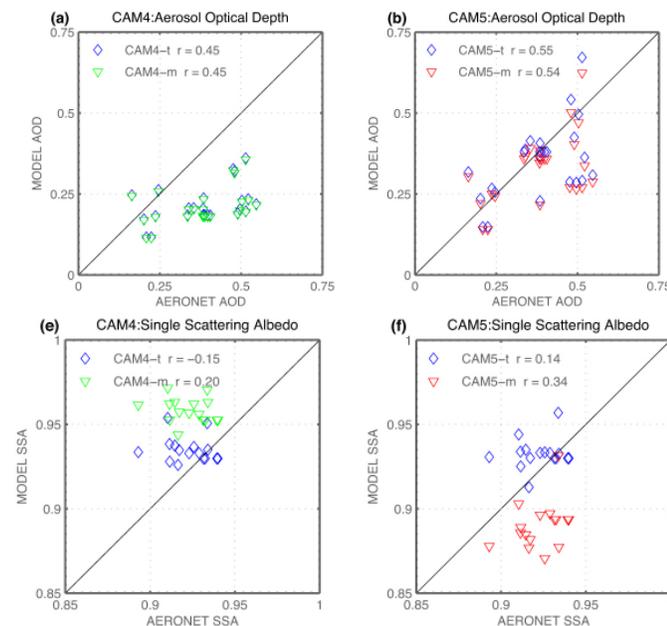
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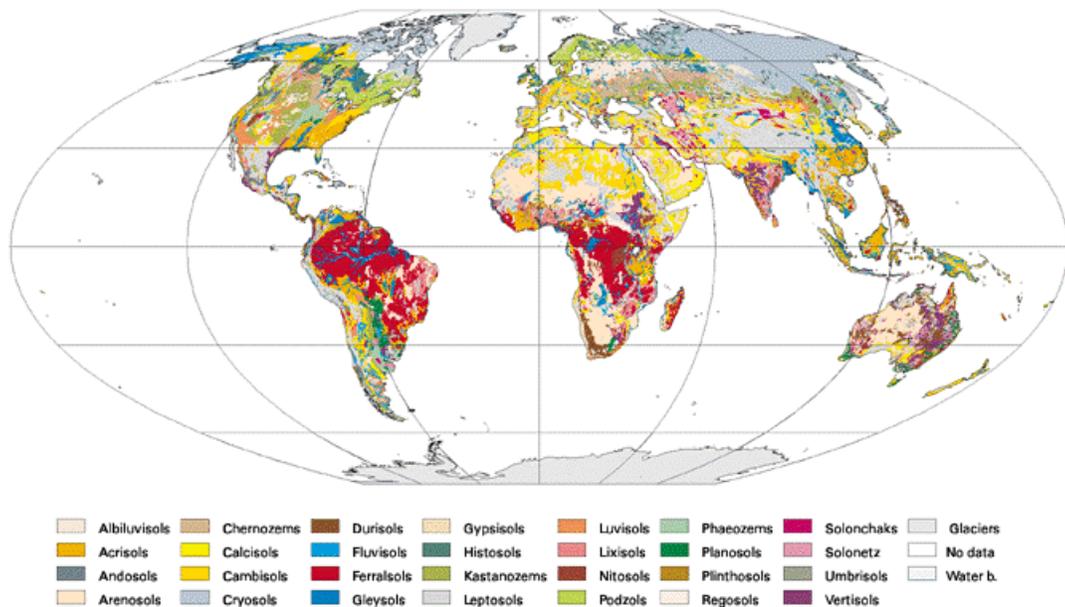
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- In this implementation, including mineralogy details, the sign of radiative forcing switched from slightly cooling to slightly warming. An important difference.

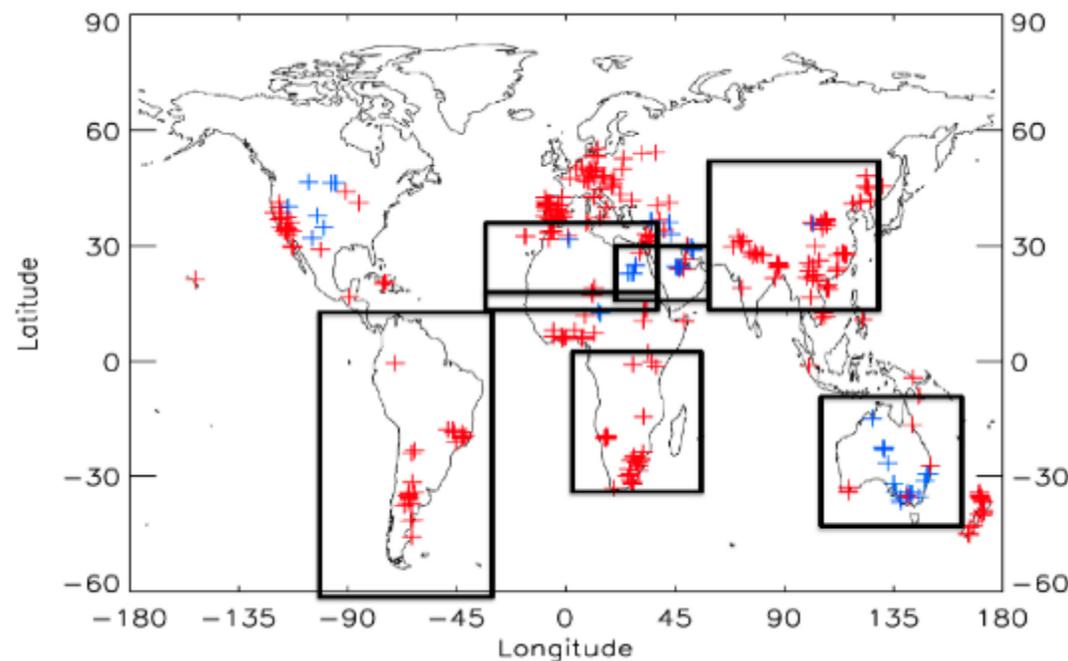
- However, forecasts of AOD and SSA are not well-correlated with AERONET-based retrievals. Forecasts of mineralogy of dust deposits are not well-correlated with observed mineralogy.



UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Soil Map Interpolated/Extrapolated



Current Soil Sample Locations



modified from Journet et al., 2014

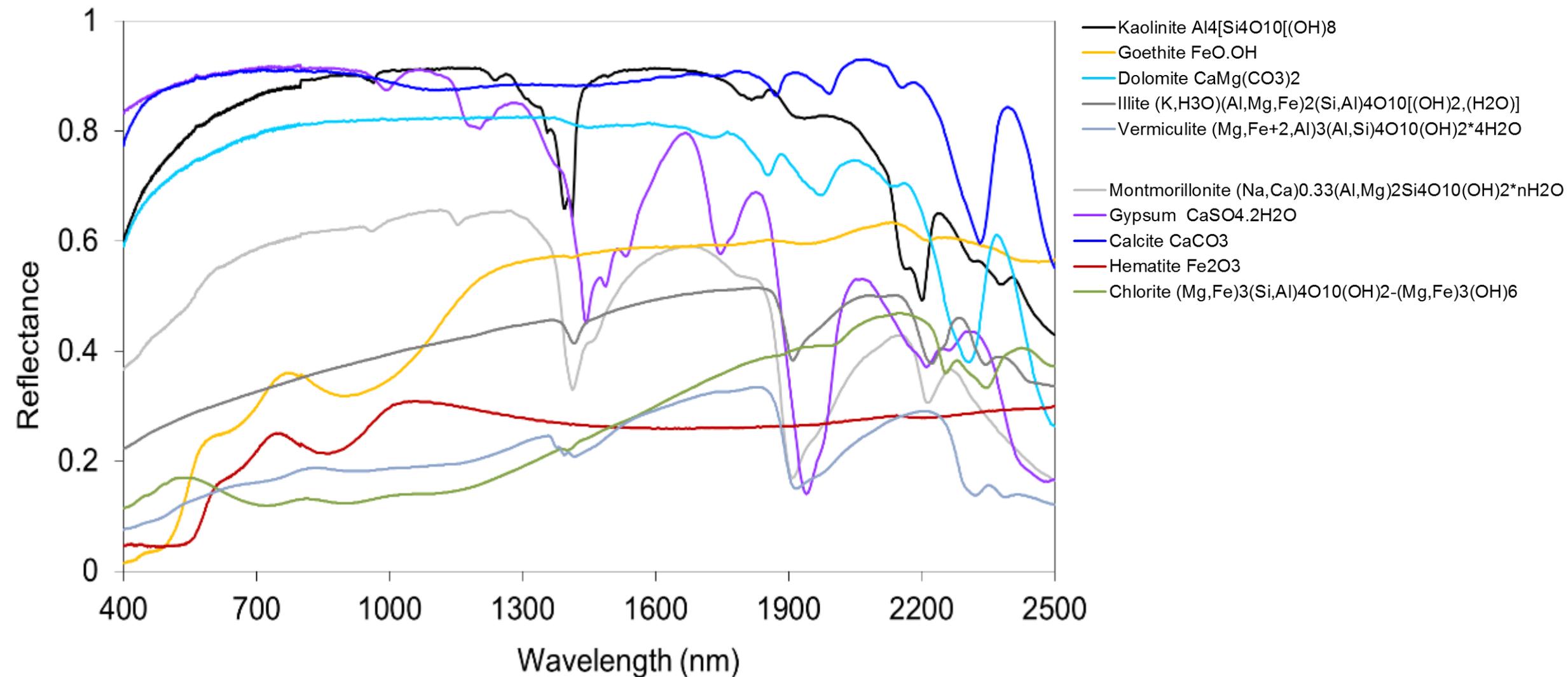
Challenge: Using FAO soil data sets and “Average” soil properties from ≤ 5000 soils samples (mostly not in deserts) doesn't fully capture actual distribution and diversity of the mineral dust source regions.

EMIT observations ($\sim 10^9$) of arid land regions can advance the science.

EMIT: Update Dust Source Surface Mineralogy

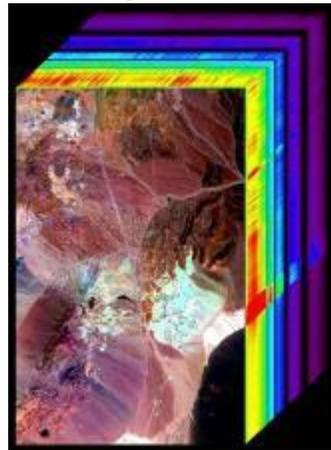


EMIT Spectroscopic leverage: Key Dust Minerals of Interest have Distinct Spectral Signatures

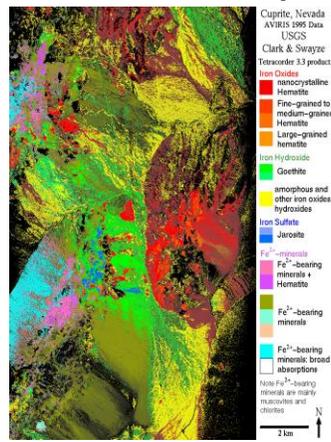


Imaging Spectroscopy Offers a Tested Approach to Measure Surface Mineralogy

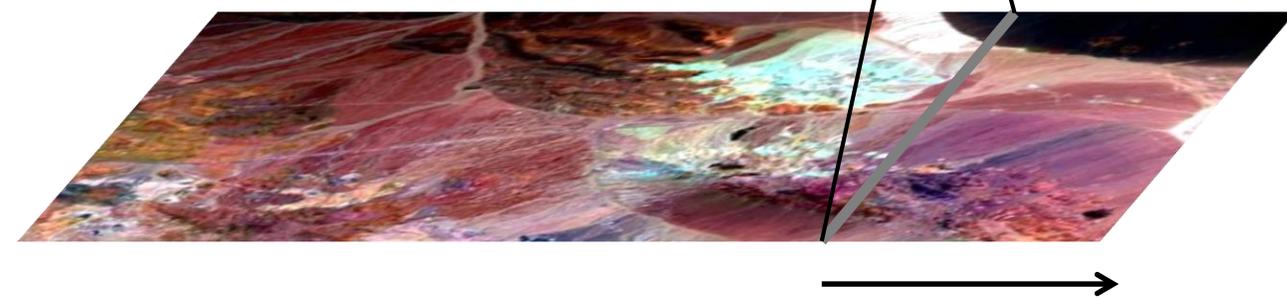
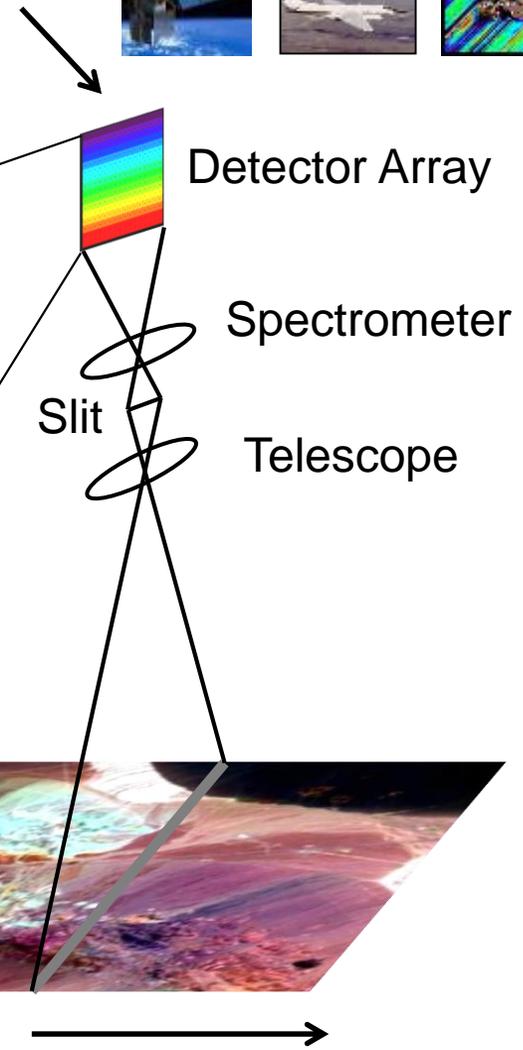
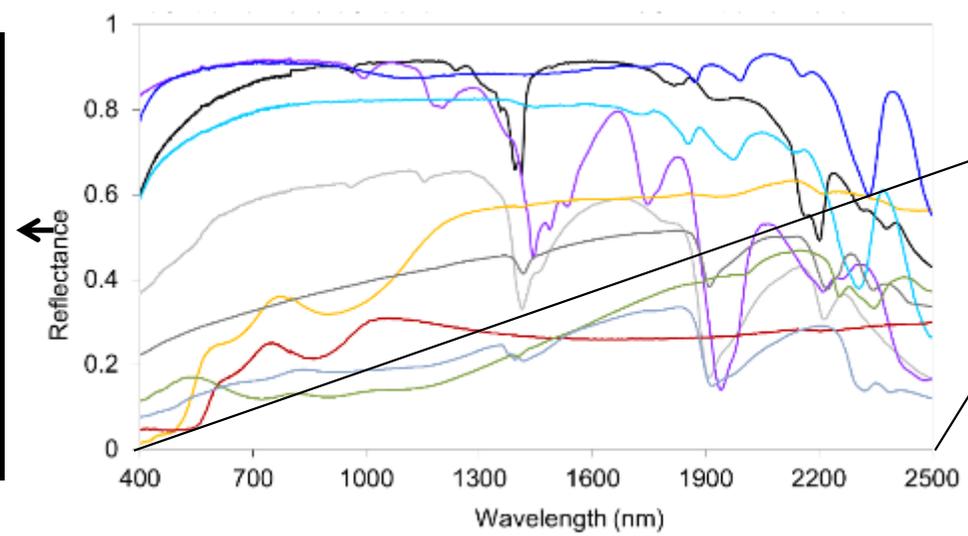
Calibrated Image Cube



Material Map



100s of Parallel Spectrometers

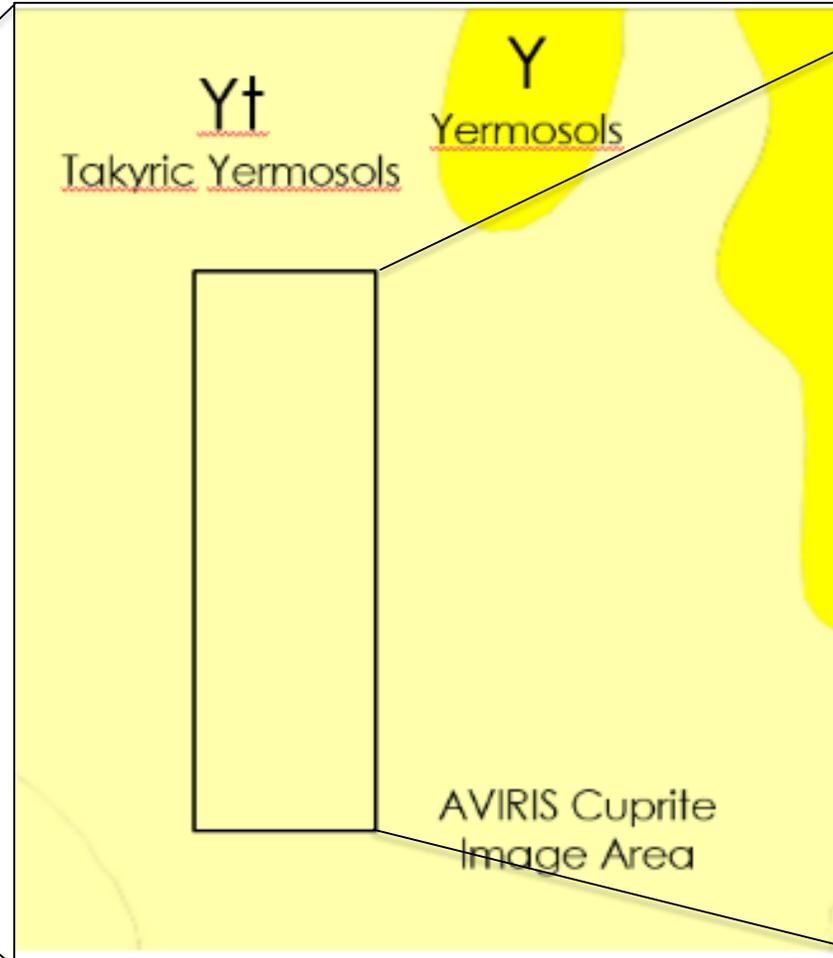


FAO Soil Map Compared to Airborne VSWIR Imaging Spectroscopy at Cuprite, Nevada

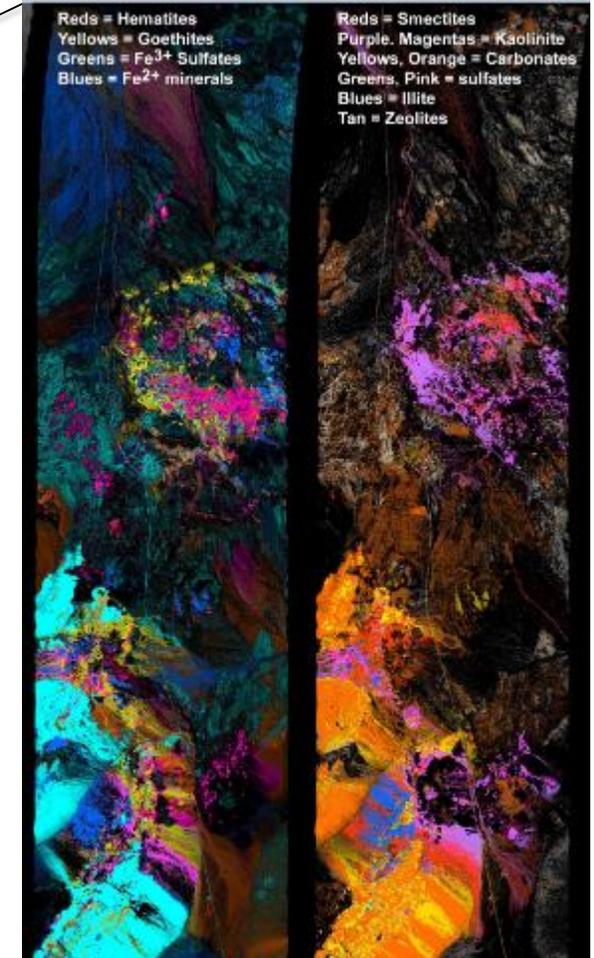
Cuprite, Nevada Region



FAO Soil Map

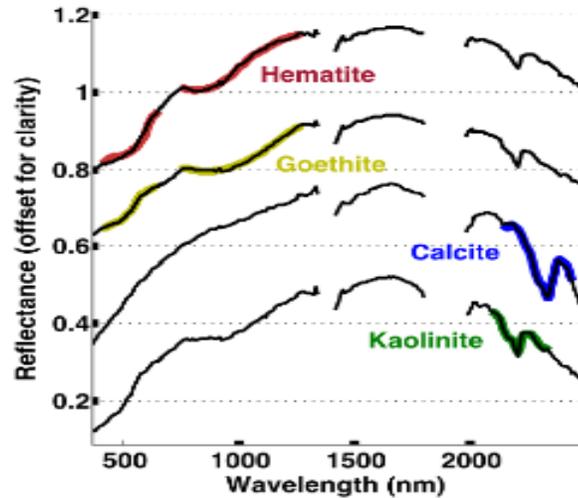
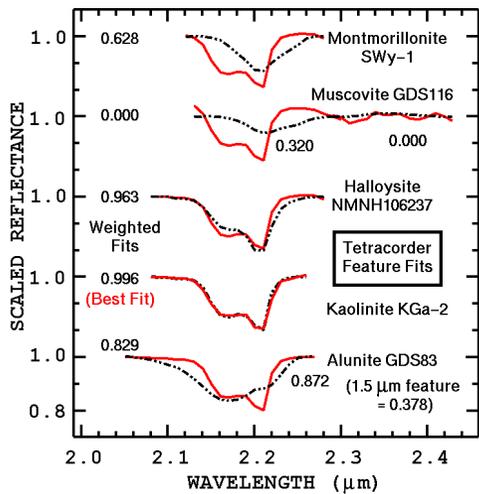
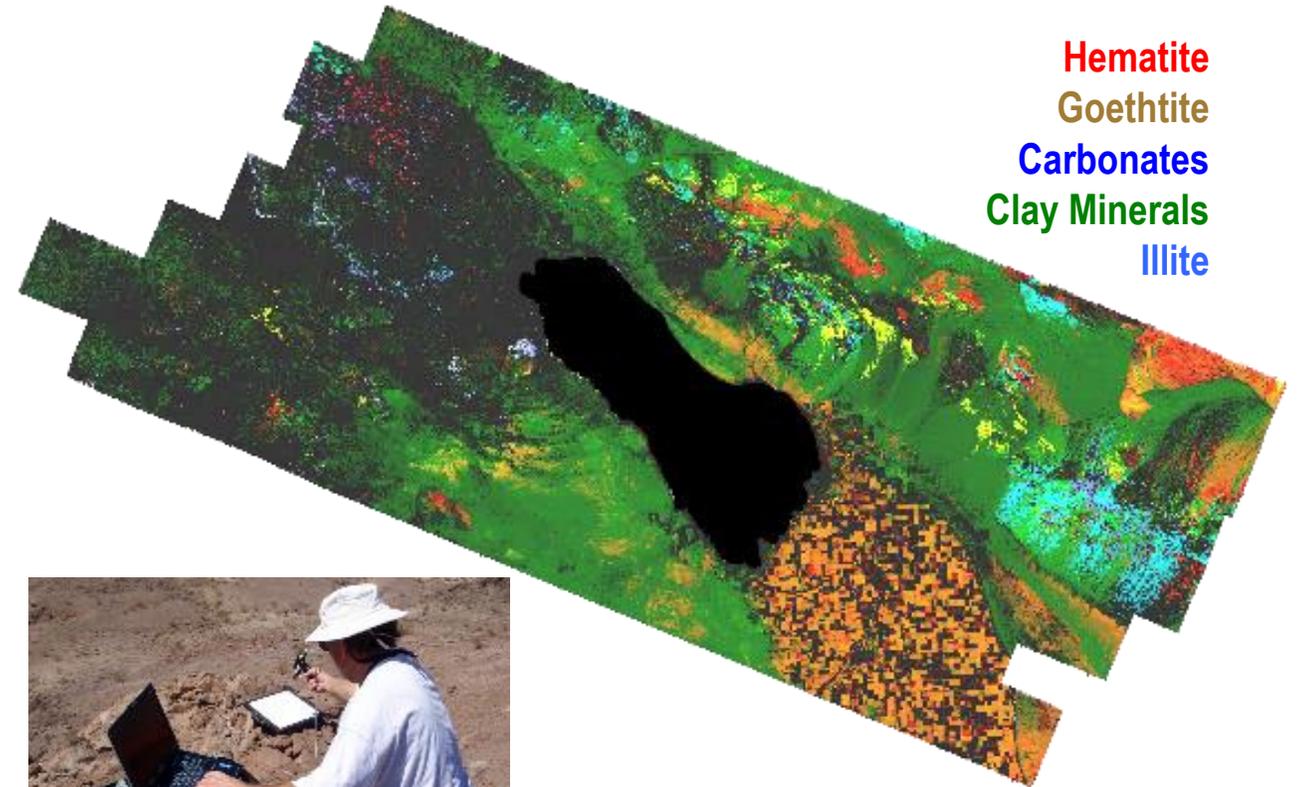


VSWIR Imaging Spectroscopy



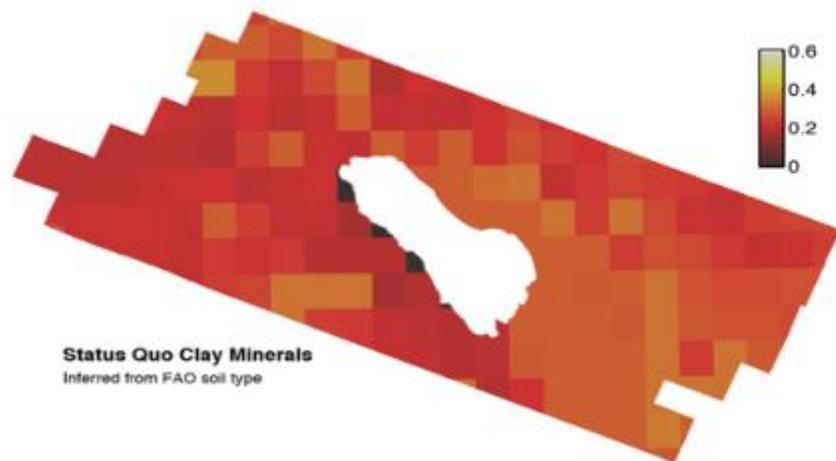
Mineral Mapping Test in the Salton Sea, CA Dust Source Region

AVIRIS imaging spectroscopy measurements of the Salton Sea region in Southern California acquired as part of the 2014 NASA HypsIRI airborne campaign.

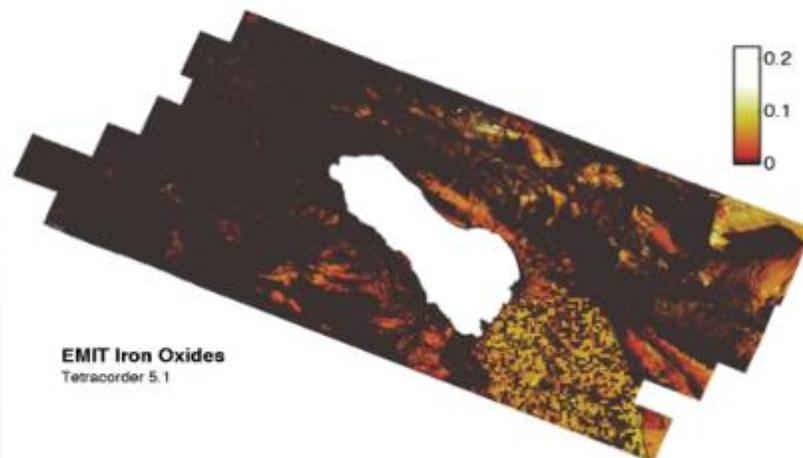
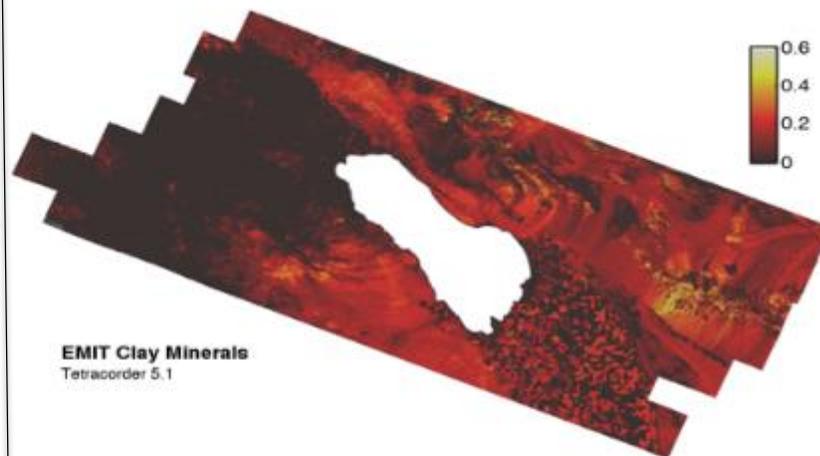


Testing FAO Mineralogy versus Imaging Spectroscopy Mineralogy

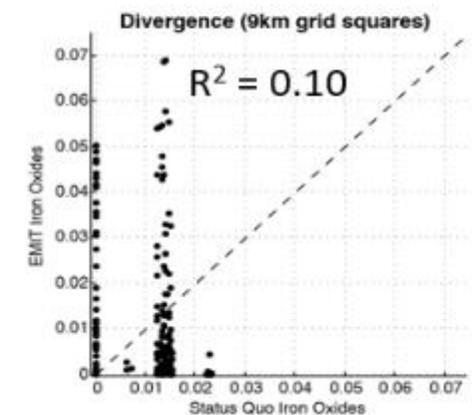
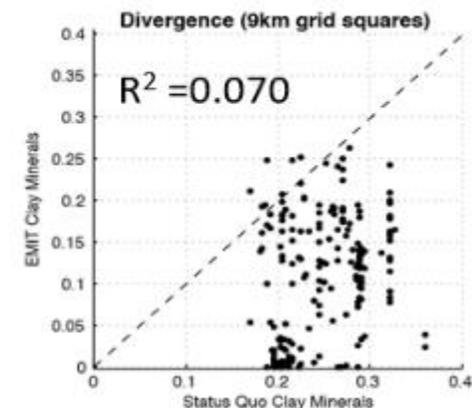
FAO Based Minerals



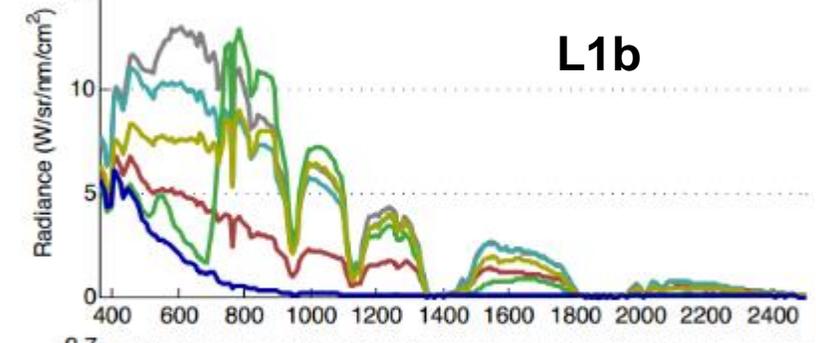
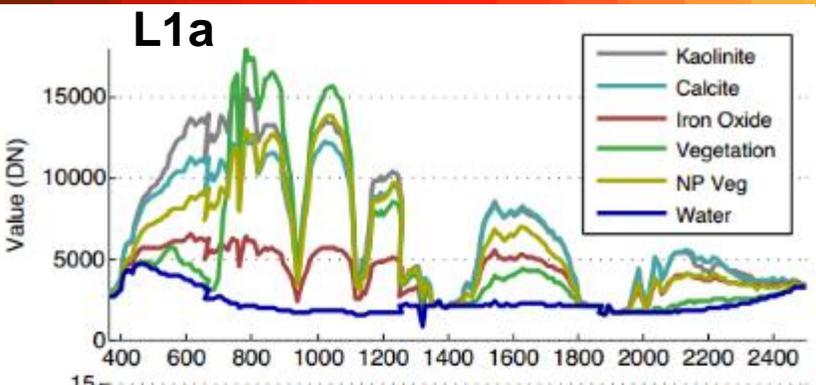
VSWIR Spectroscopy



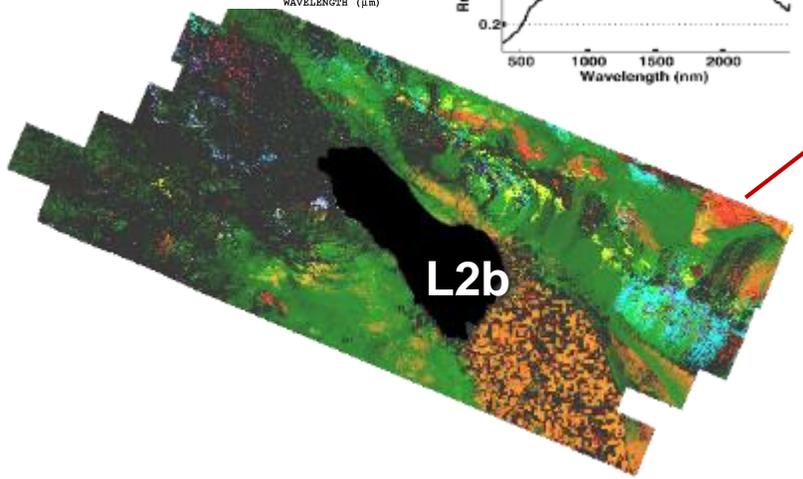
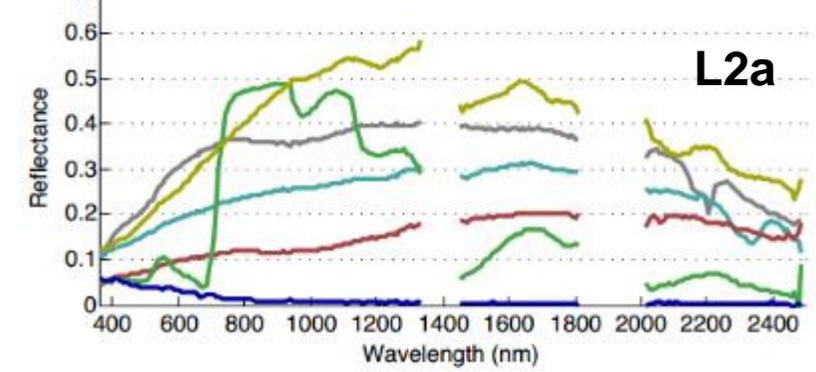
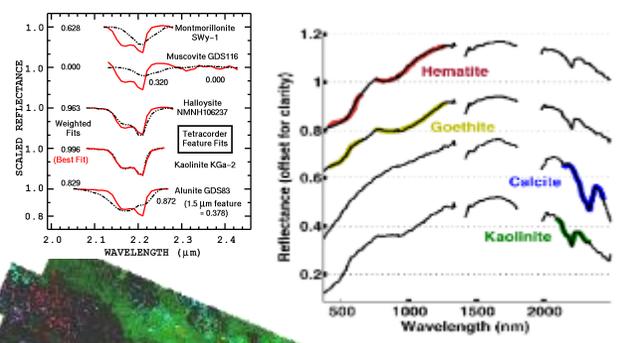
Comparison



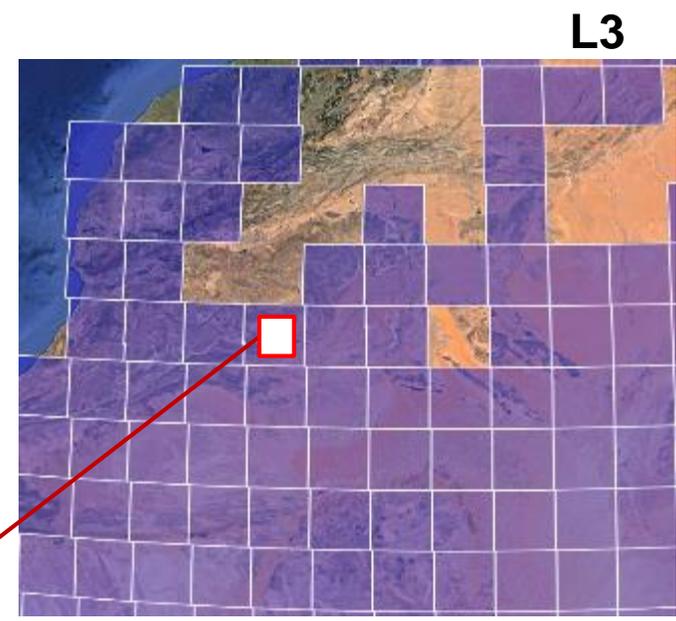
Example: Level 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b and L3 Products



Hematite
Goethite
Carbonates
Clay Minerals
Illite



Mineral dust source composition products at grid scale for Earth System Models



Key prototype algorithms are running

4.6 Table 1: EMIT Data Products

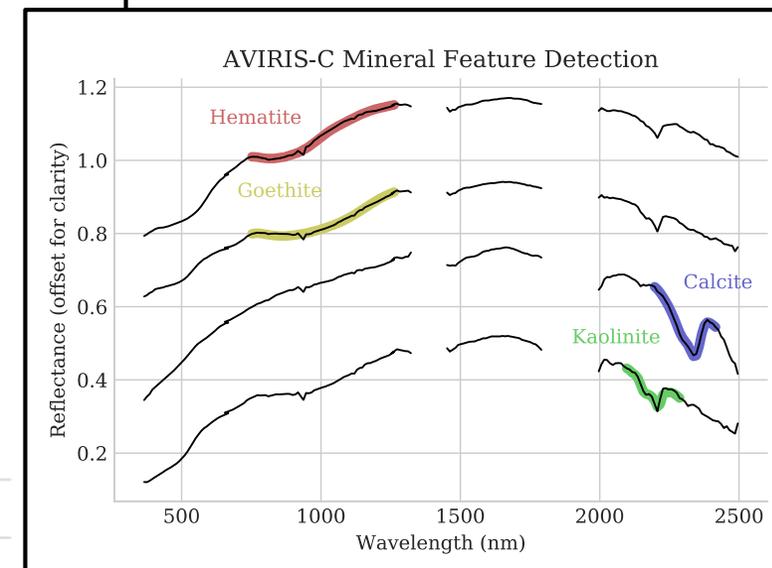
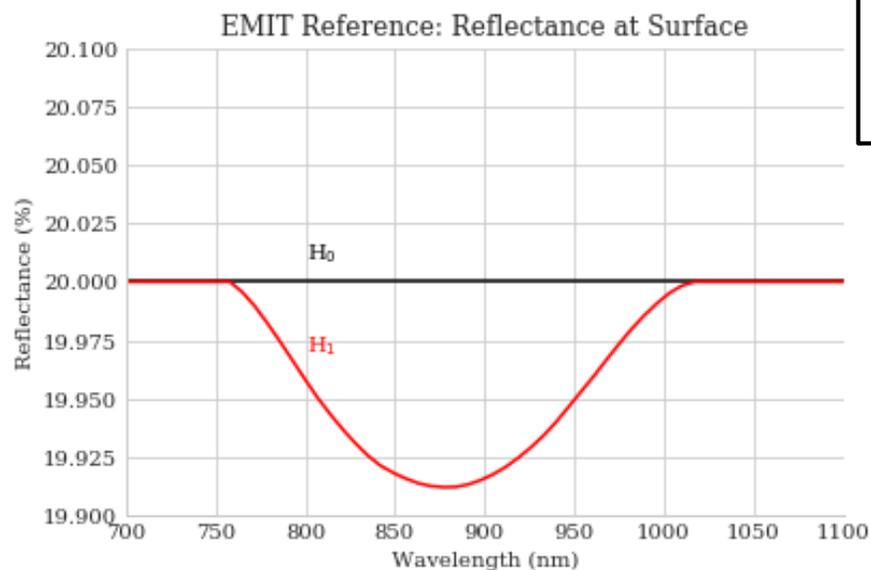
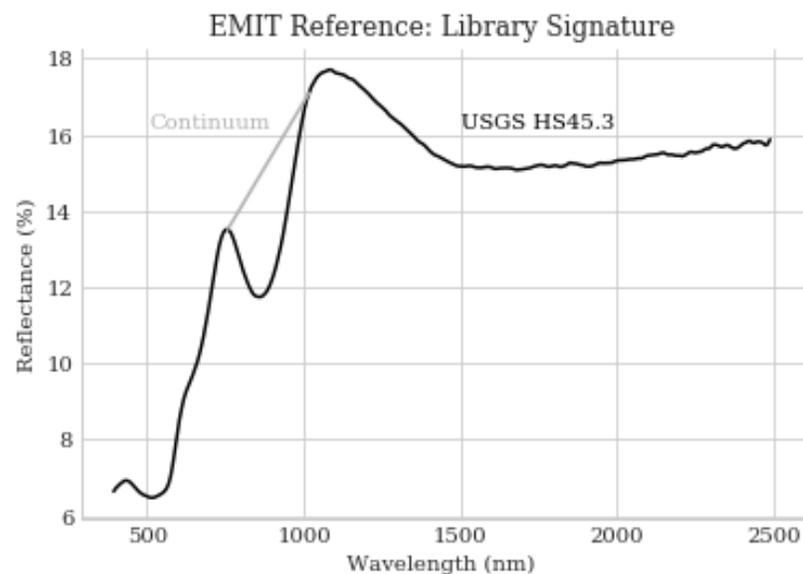
Data Product	Description	Initial Availability to NASA DAAC	Median Latency in Product Availability to NASA DAAC after Initial Delivery	NASA DAAC Location
Level 0	Raw collected telemetry	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 1a	Reconstructed, depacketized, uncompressed data, time referenced, annotated with ancillary information reassembled into scenes.	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 1b	Level 1a data processed to sensor units including geolocation and observation geometry information	4 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 2a	Surface reflectance derived by screening clouds and correction for atmospheric effects.	8 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 2b	Mineralogy derived from fitting reflectance spectra, screening for non-mineralogical components.	8 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 3	Gridded map of mineral composition aggregated from level 2b with uncertainties and quality flags	11 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC
Level 4	Earth System Model runs to address science objectives	16 months after IOC	2 months	LP DAAC

LP DAAC Assigned

Iron Oxide Reference Case

- An arrangement of pure Hematite HS45.3 subtending a 2% fractional area within each pixel,
- Against a substrate with a uniform 20% reflectance.
- This coarse grained sample provides a conservatively-small signal.

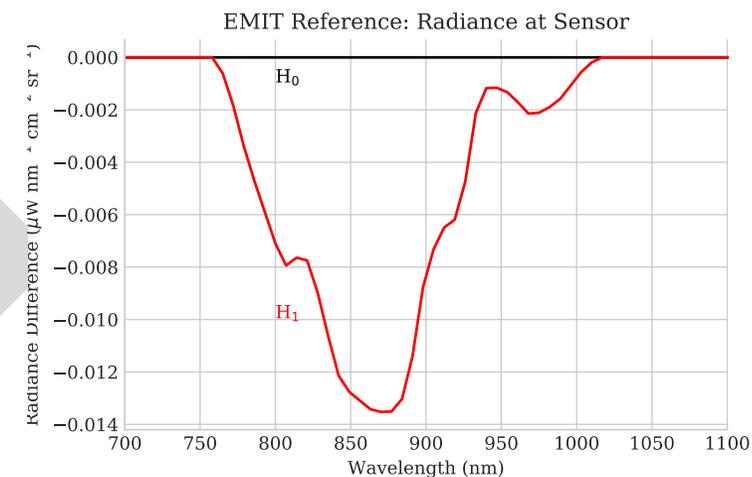
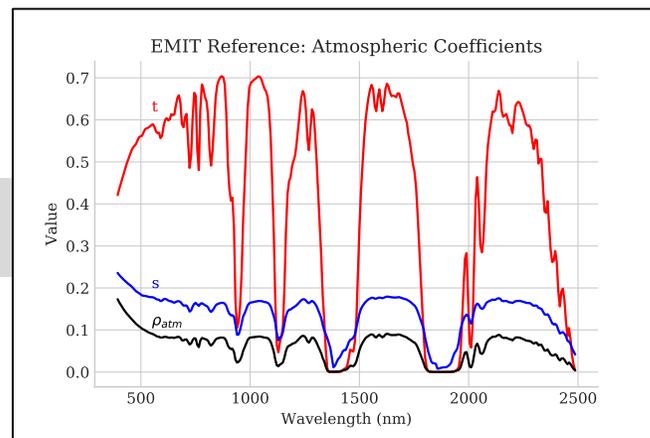
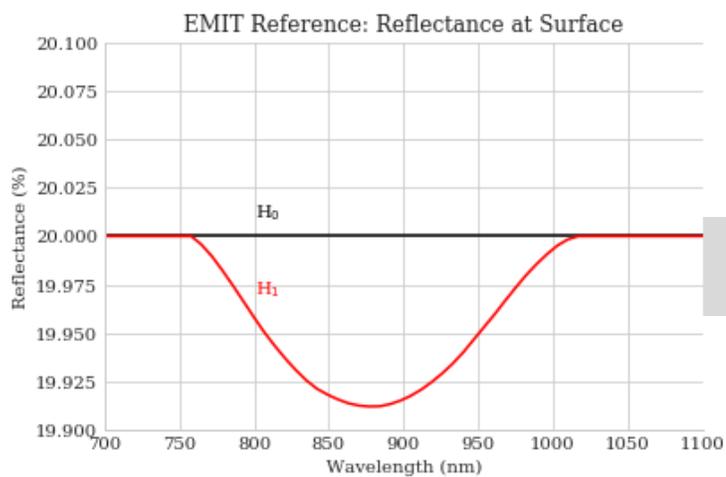
$$H_0 : \rho_s = \rho_{20\%} \quad H_1 : \rho_s = \rho_{20\%} + 0.02\kappa_{hem}$$



Hypothesis Test (Radiance at Sensor)

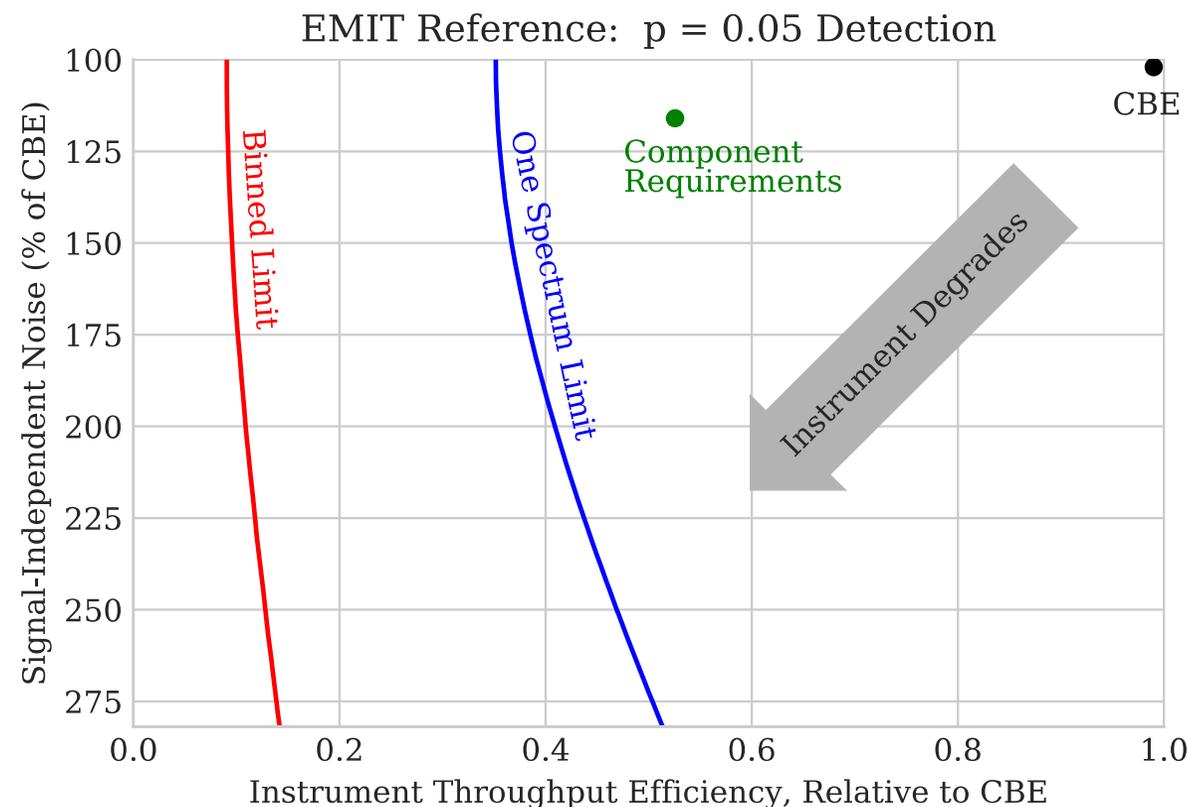
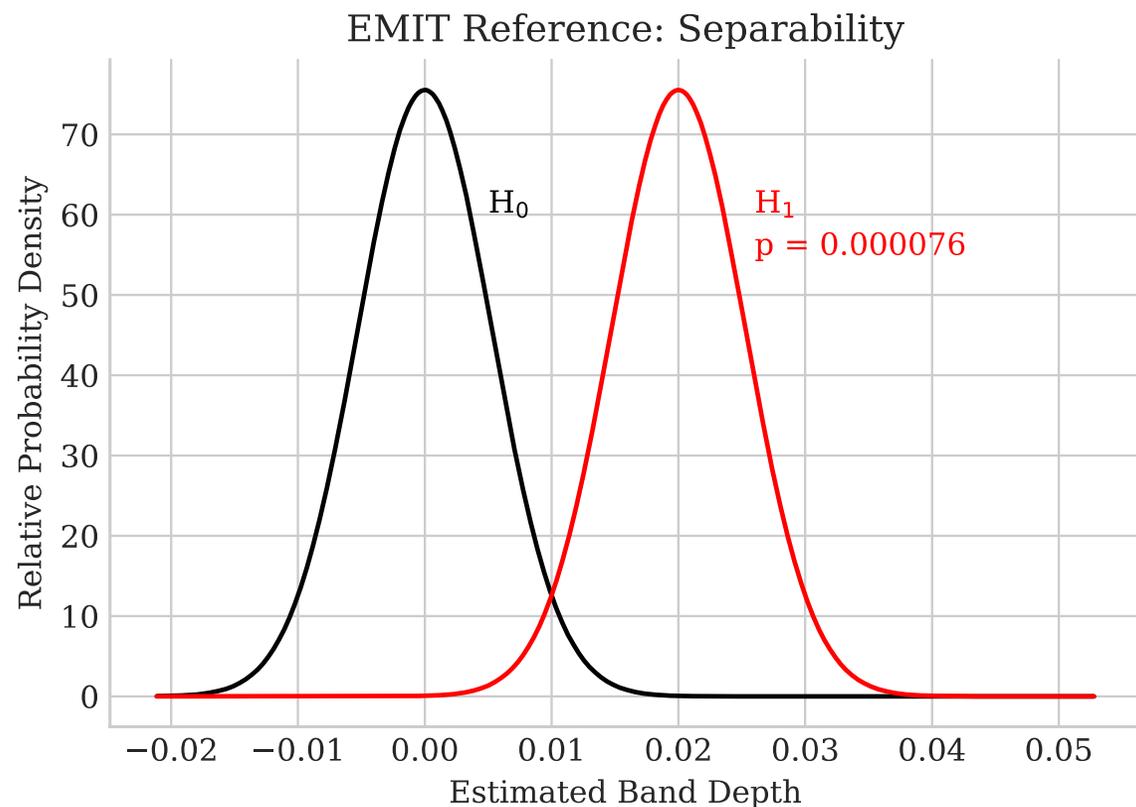
- Translating to the at-sensor measurement, we calculate the resulting hypothesis test
- This allows us to evaluate the separability in the presence of instrument noise, after combining all channels.

Atmospheric and solar effects



SNR, Performance, and Margin

Estimated band depths for a single-spectrum detection case (left) and for estimating band depth accurately by aggregating spectra (right)



Science Product Validation Approach

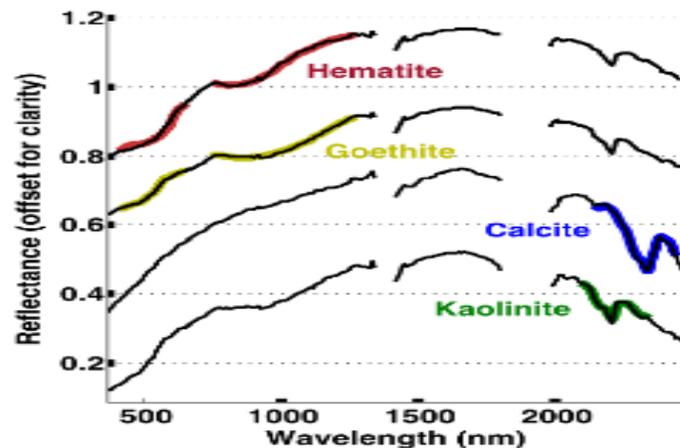
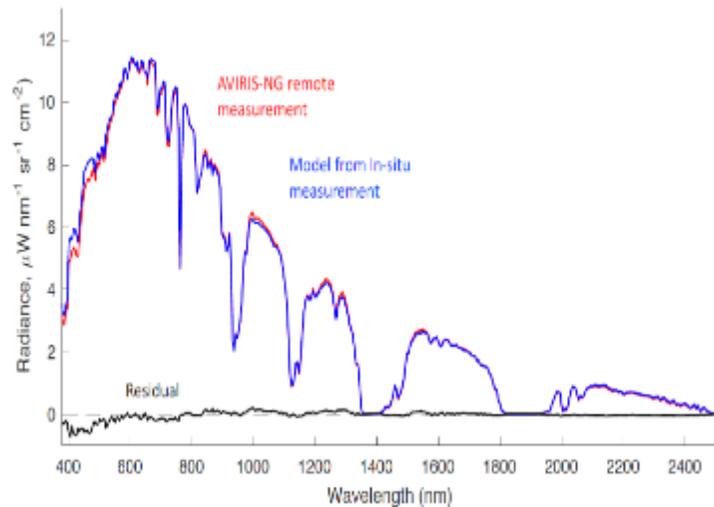
Level 1b



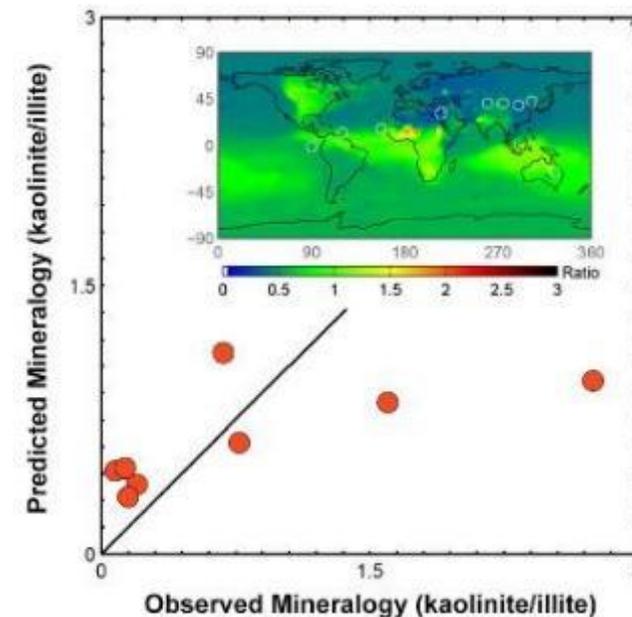
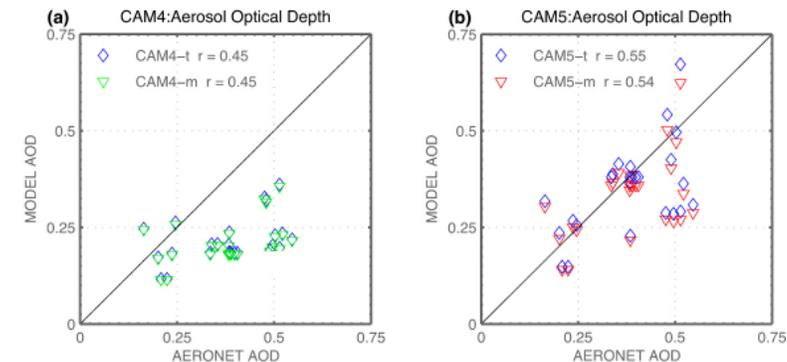
Level 2a, 2b and 3

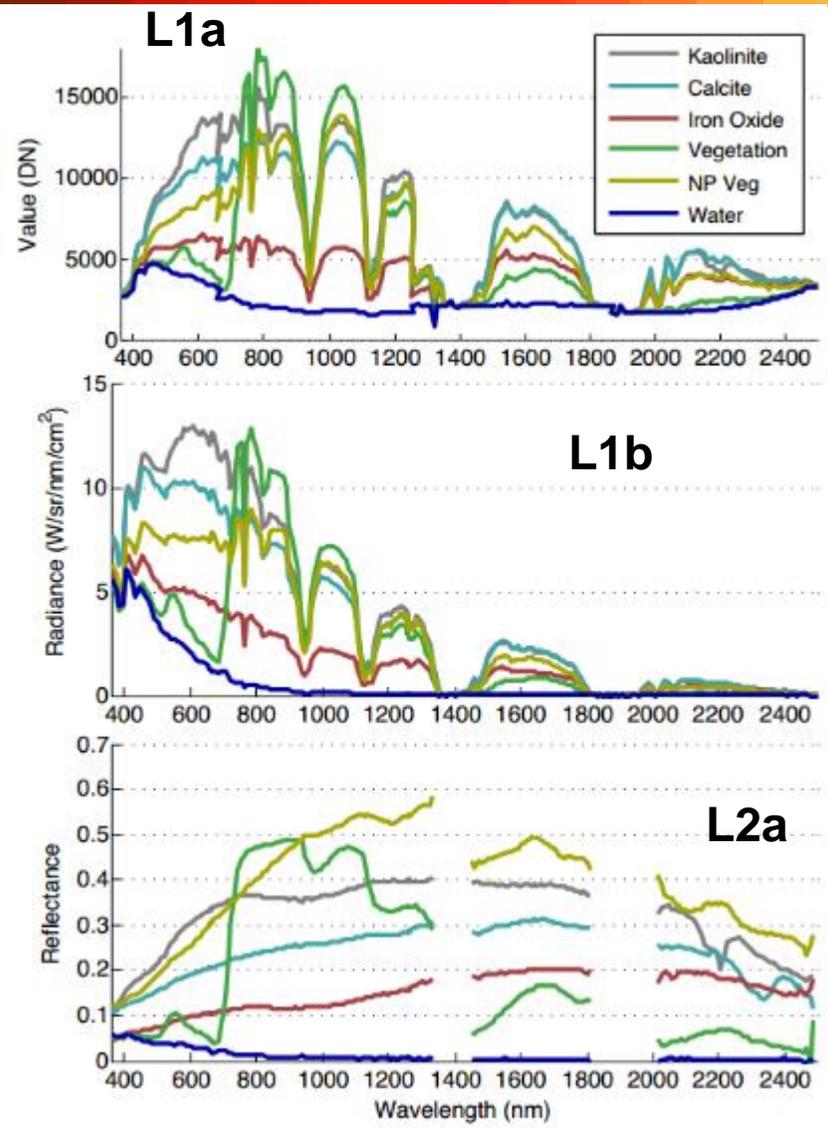


Field Spectroscopy with Laboratory/Analyses

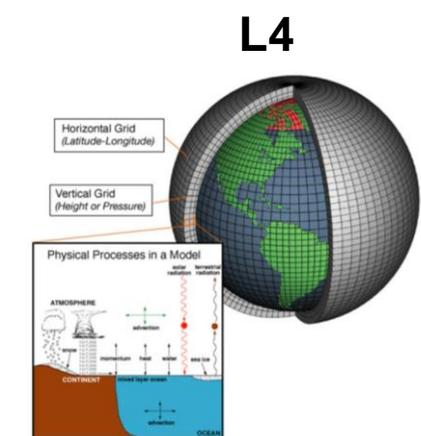
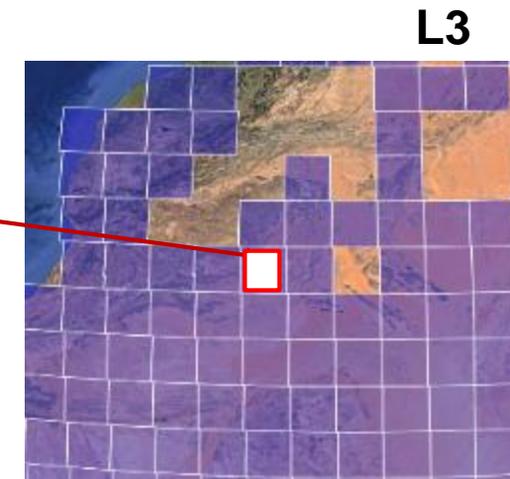
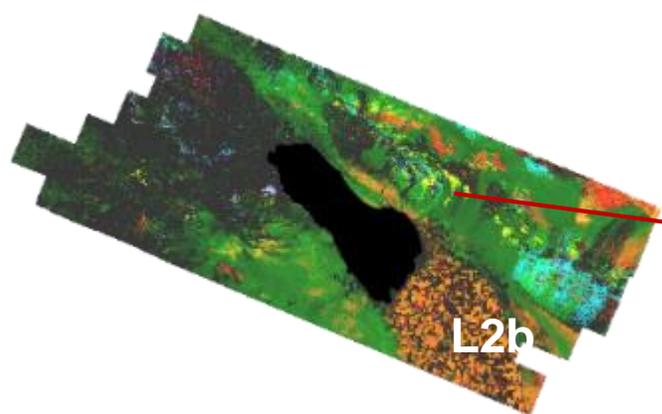


Level 4 follows Scanza 2015 Approach



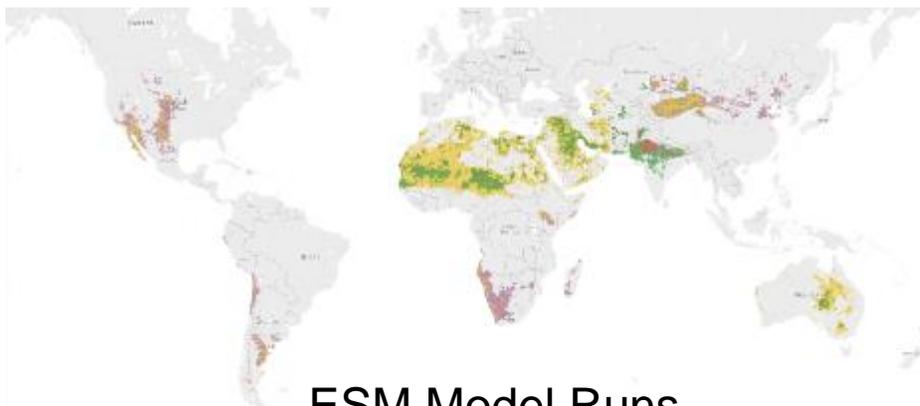


Description	Product	Lead Author	Document Number
Transforms L1A data to at sensor radiance units including geolocation and observation geometry information.	Level 1B	David R. Thompson	D-104254
Corrects L1B measured radiance to surface reflectance with generation of cloud mask.	Level 2A	David R. Thompson	D-104255
Determines EMIT mineralogy derived from L2A reflectance spectra.	Level 2B	Roger Clark	D-104479
Generates aggregated mineralogy from L2B to the required EMIT grid scale for ESMs.	Level 3	Greg Okin	D-104480
Earth System Model and model runs to achieve science objectives.	Level 4	Natalie Mahowald	D-104481

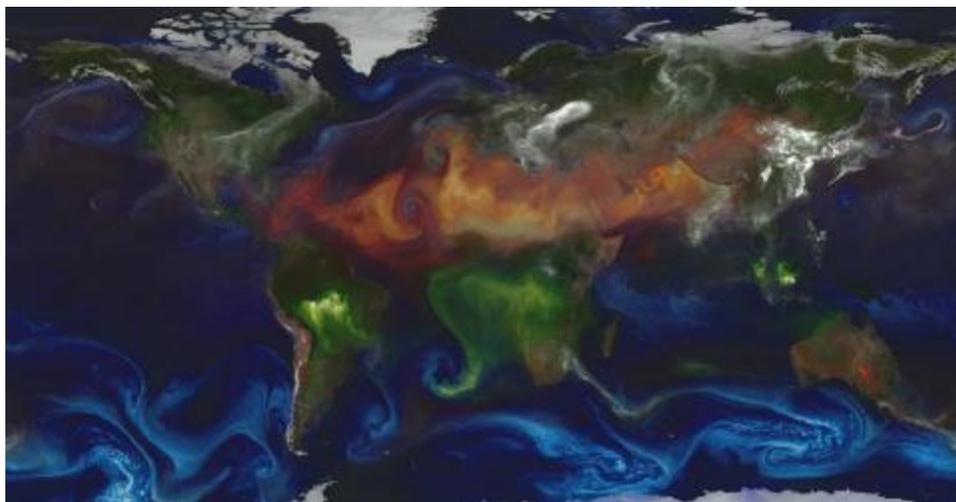


EMIT Science Flow to Objectives and Hypotheses

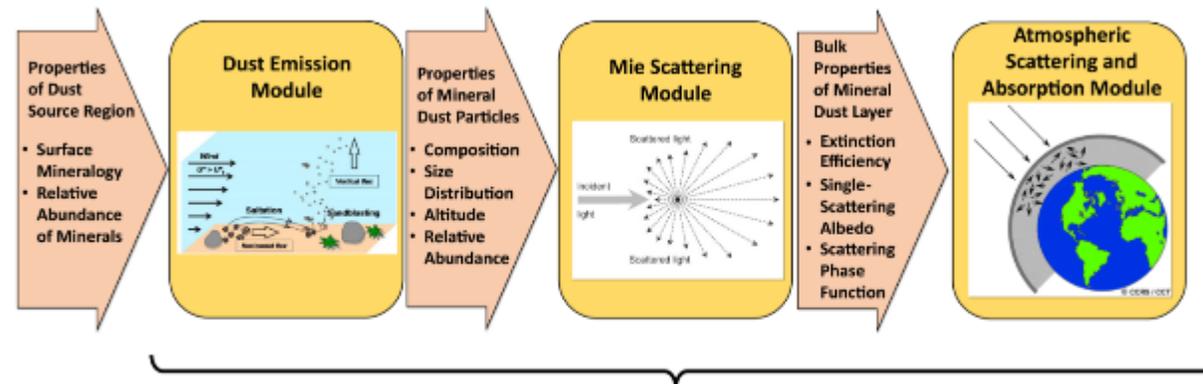
EMIT mineral composition aggregated for models



ESM Model Runs



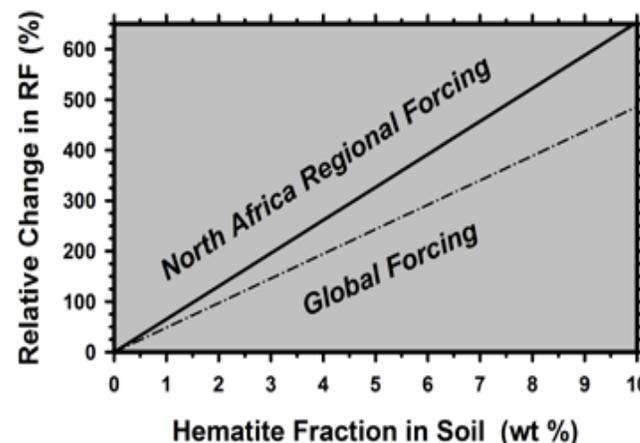
EMIT initialized ESM



Earth System Model

RF Predictions

Test Hypotheses



The net contribution of mineral dust to regional and global radiative forcing is to warm the atmosphere (positive forcing).

The impact of mineral dust on regional precipitation and radiative forcing will promote the expansion of dust source regions.