

# RIMO Correction Factor: a correction of a lunar irradiance model to estimate accurate AOD values

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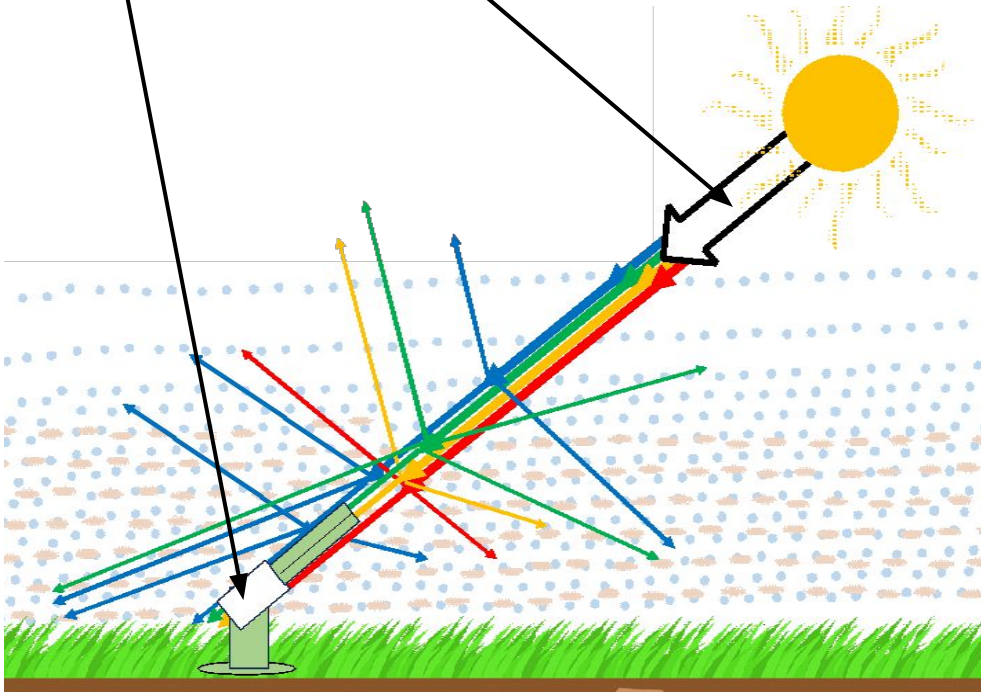
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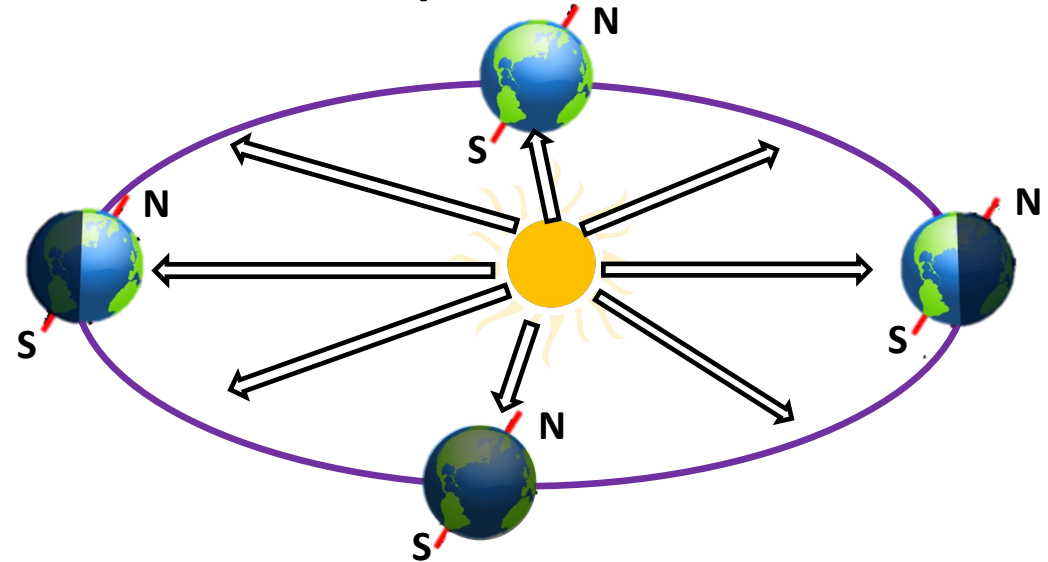
# Sun photometry

## Beer's law (spectral)

$$E^{sun} = E_0^{sun} \exp(-m\tau)$$



## Elliptical orbit

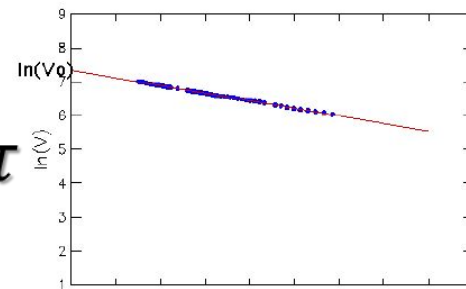


Low eccentricity (0.017):

$E_0^{sun}$  varies **only  $\pm 3\%$**  along the year.  
can be easily corrected from Earth-Sun distance.

It allows Langley calibration

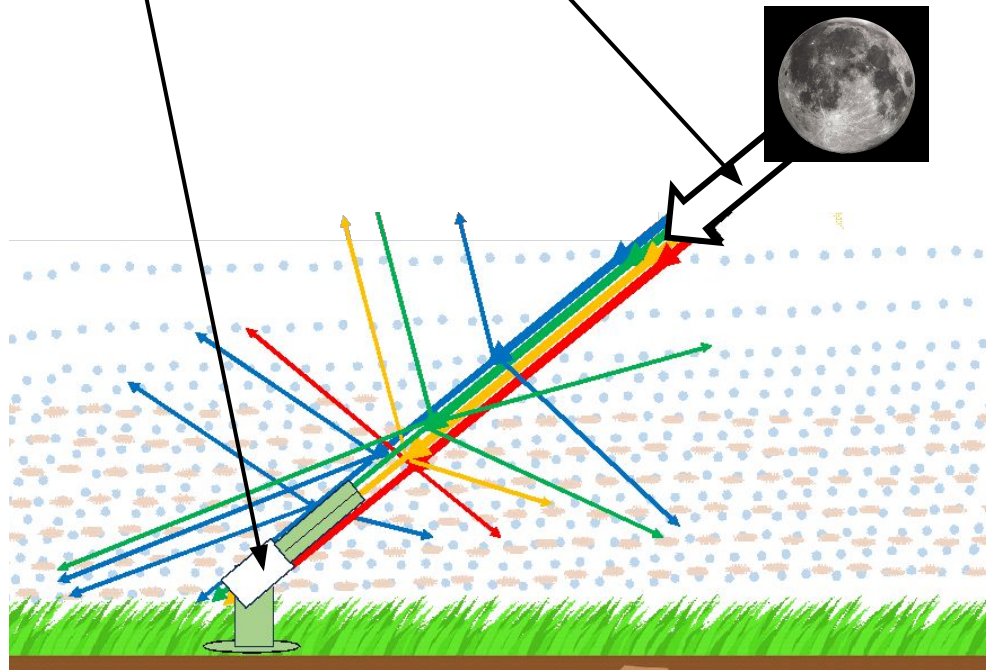
$$\log(E^{sun}) = \log(E_0^{sun}) - m\tau$$



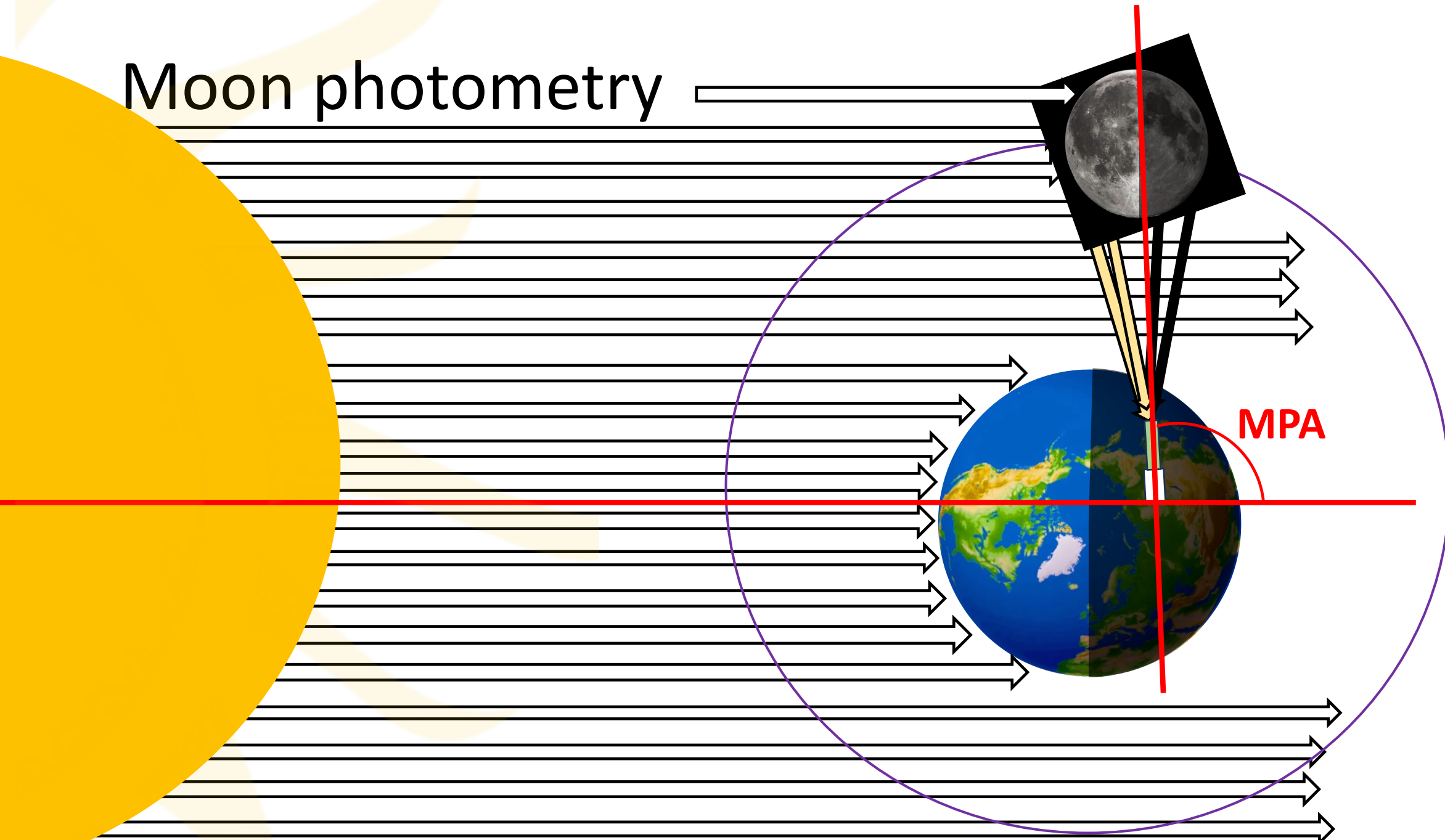
# Moon photometry

## Beer's law (spectral)

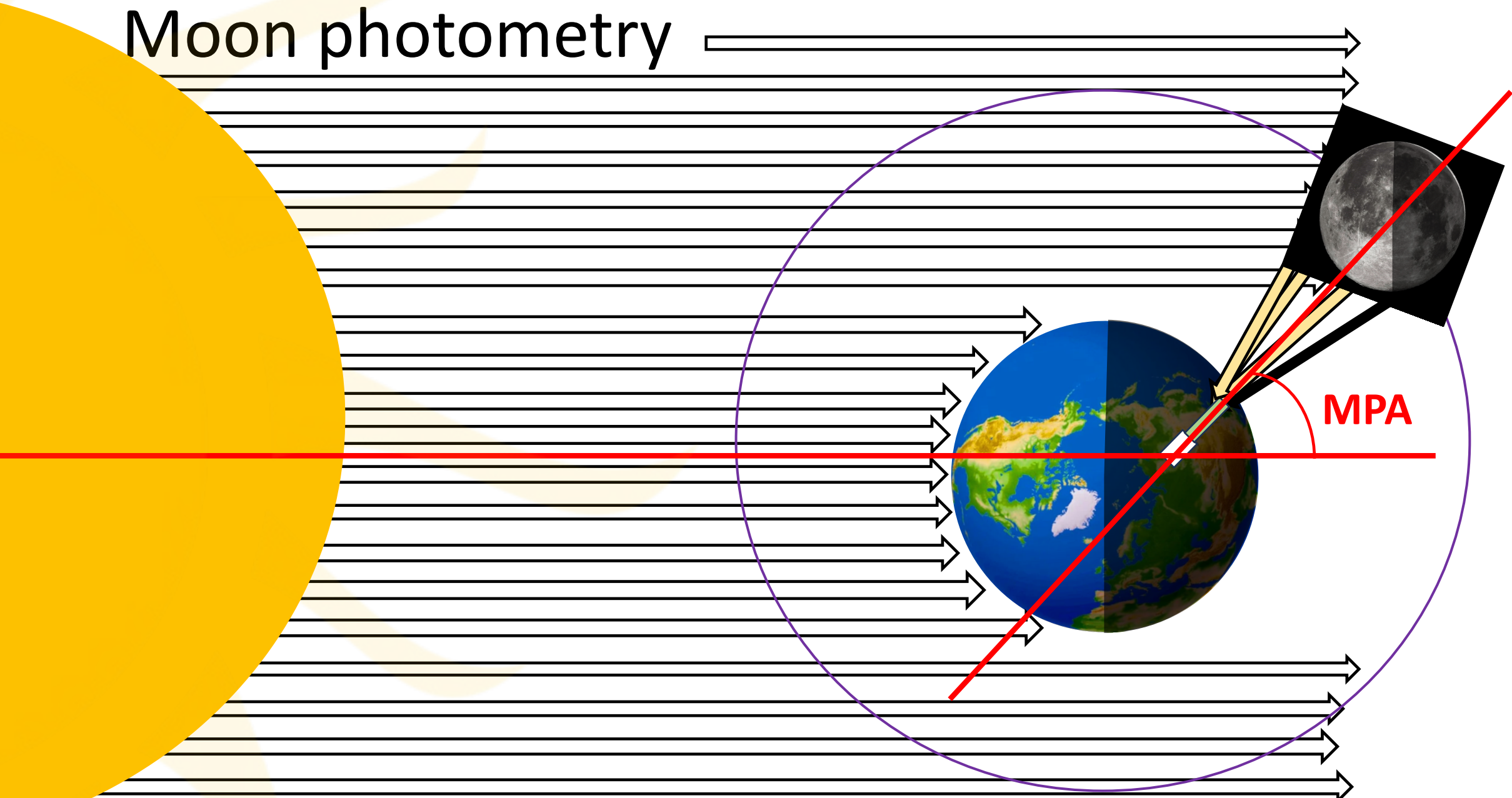
$$E^{moon} = E_0^{moon} \exp(-m\tau)$$



# Moon photometry



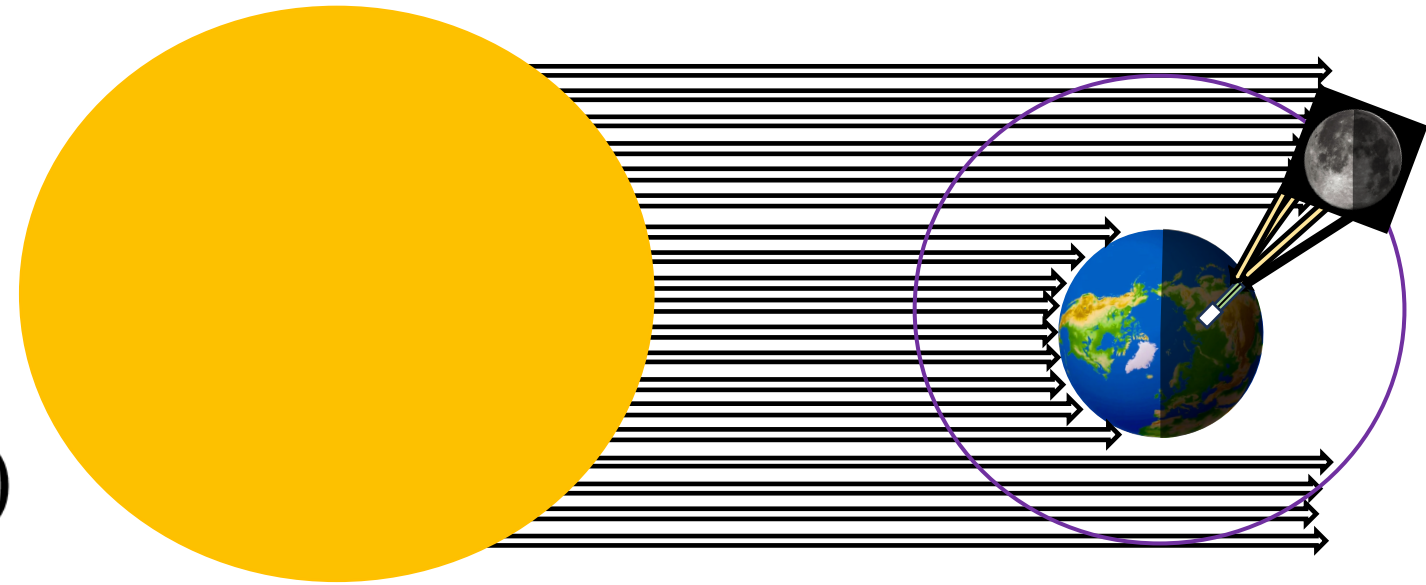
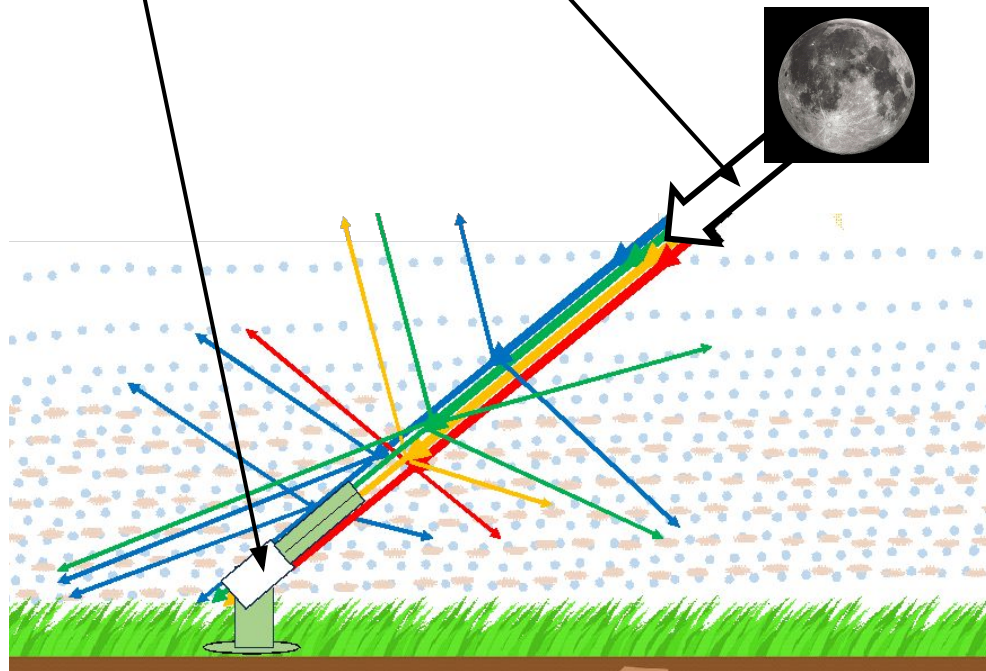
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## Beer's law (spectral)

$$E^{moon} = E_0^{moon} \exp(-m\tau)$$



- $E_0^{moon}$
- Varies **A LOT**, specially with Moon Phase.
  - Varies significantly **even in one night**.
  - Moon **reflectance is not easy** to correct.

It **DOES NOT** allow Langley calibration

**We need a model to estimate  $E_0^{moon}$  !!!**

# ROLO/RIMO model

## Robotic Lunar Observatory (ROLO)



$$E_{\Omega}^{moon} = A \frac{\Omega E_0^{sun}}{F_{distance}}$$

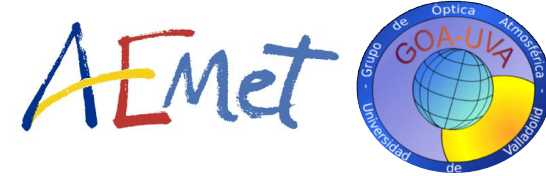
Moon Reflectance

$$\ln[A(k)] = \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i(k) g_r^i + \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(k) \Phi^{2j-1} + c_1 \phi + c_2 \theta + c_3 \Phi \phi + c_4 \Phi \theta + d_1(k) \exp\left(-\frac{g_d}{p_1}\right) + d_2(k) \exp\left(-\frac{g_d}{p_2}\right) + d_3(k) \cos\left(\frac{g_d - p_3}{p_4}\right),$$

MPA

## ROLO Implementation for Moon photometry Observation (RIMO)

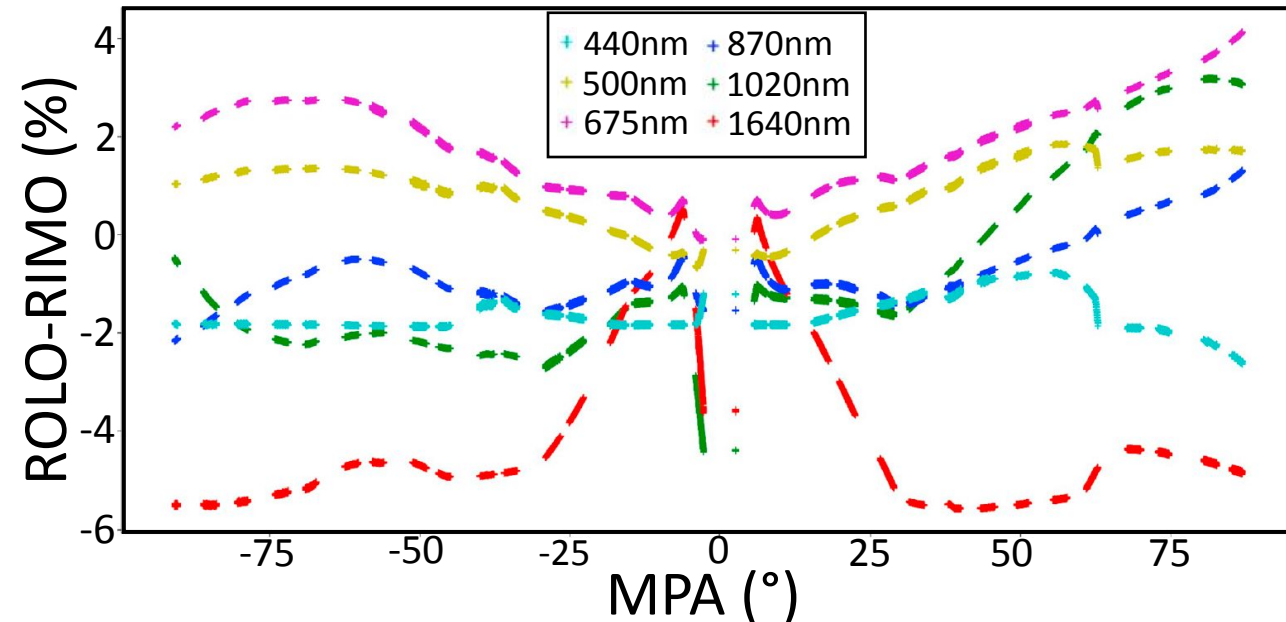
Barreto et al. 2019.



- Free and public implementation of ROLO.

<http://testbed.aemet.es/rimoapp>

- ±2% between RIMO and ROLO.



# CIMEL318-T



- SUN/SKY/**LUNAR** TRIPLE photometer (CIMEL CE318-T).
- Sky radiance and **direct Sun and Moon irradiance** at several wavelengths (narrow filters) as 440, 675, 870 and 1020 nm.
- AERONET Sun calibration (Langley or intercomparison against master).

Moon calibration: Gain method (transfer sun calibration to lunar; *Barreto et al.* 2016)

$E_0^{sun}$  → Sun calibration

$E_0^{moon}$  → RIMO

$E^{sun}$  → Sun calibration

$E^{moon}$  → Gain (G)

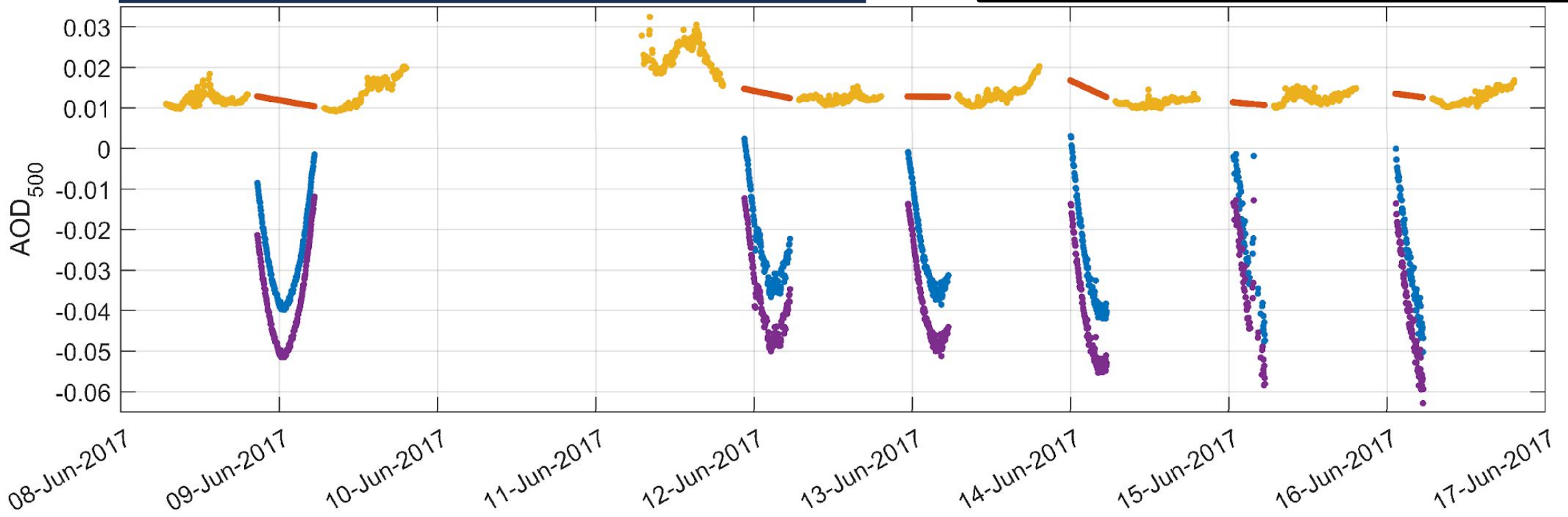
$$E^{moon} = \frac{E^{sun}}{G}$$

G = 4096 (amplification)



# Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)

AOD calculated using **RIMO** and the **Gain method** in Izaña with CIMEL **CE318-T**.



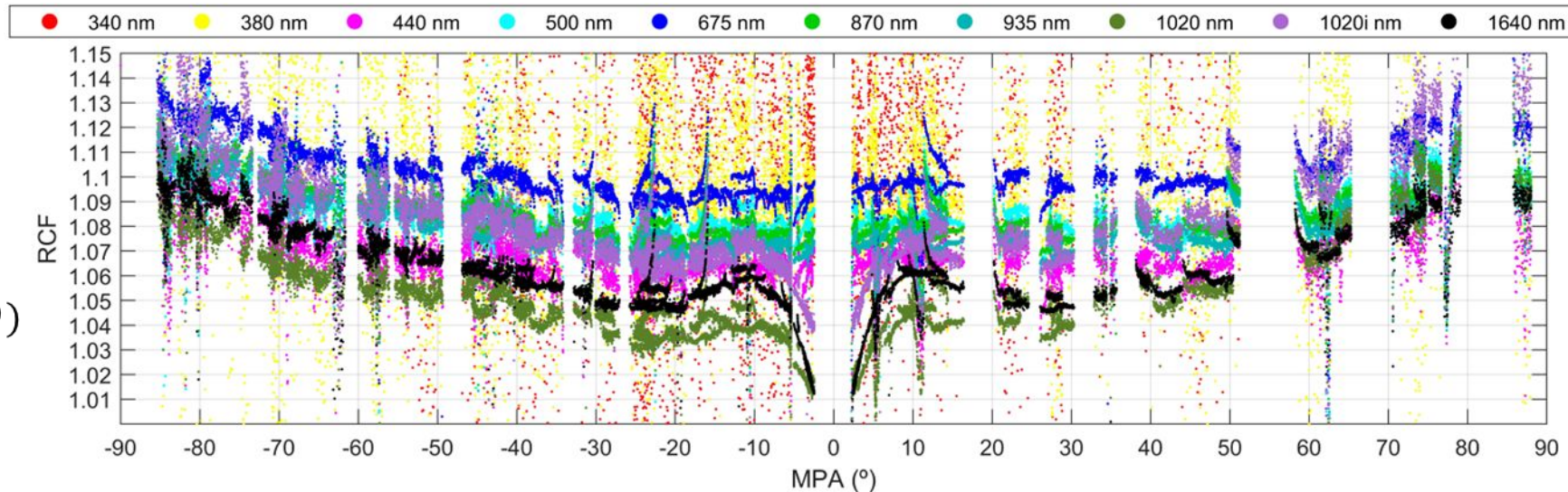
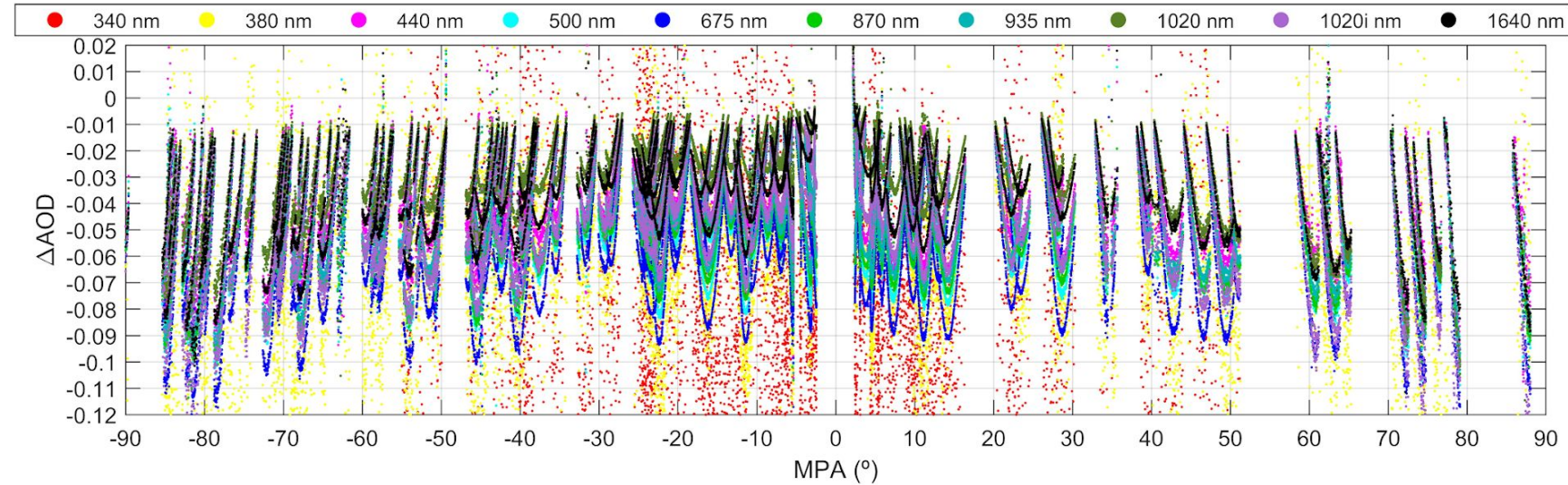
# RIMO Correction Factor (RCF)

$\Delta AOD$  calculated for **98 pristine nights** (2014-2018) at Izaña (~13000 data per  $\lambda$ ).

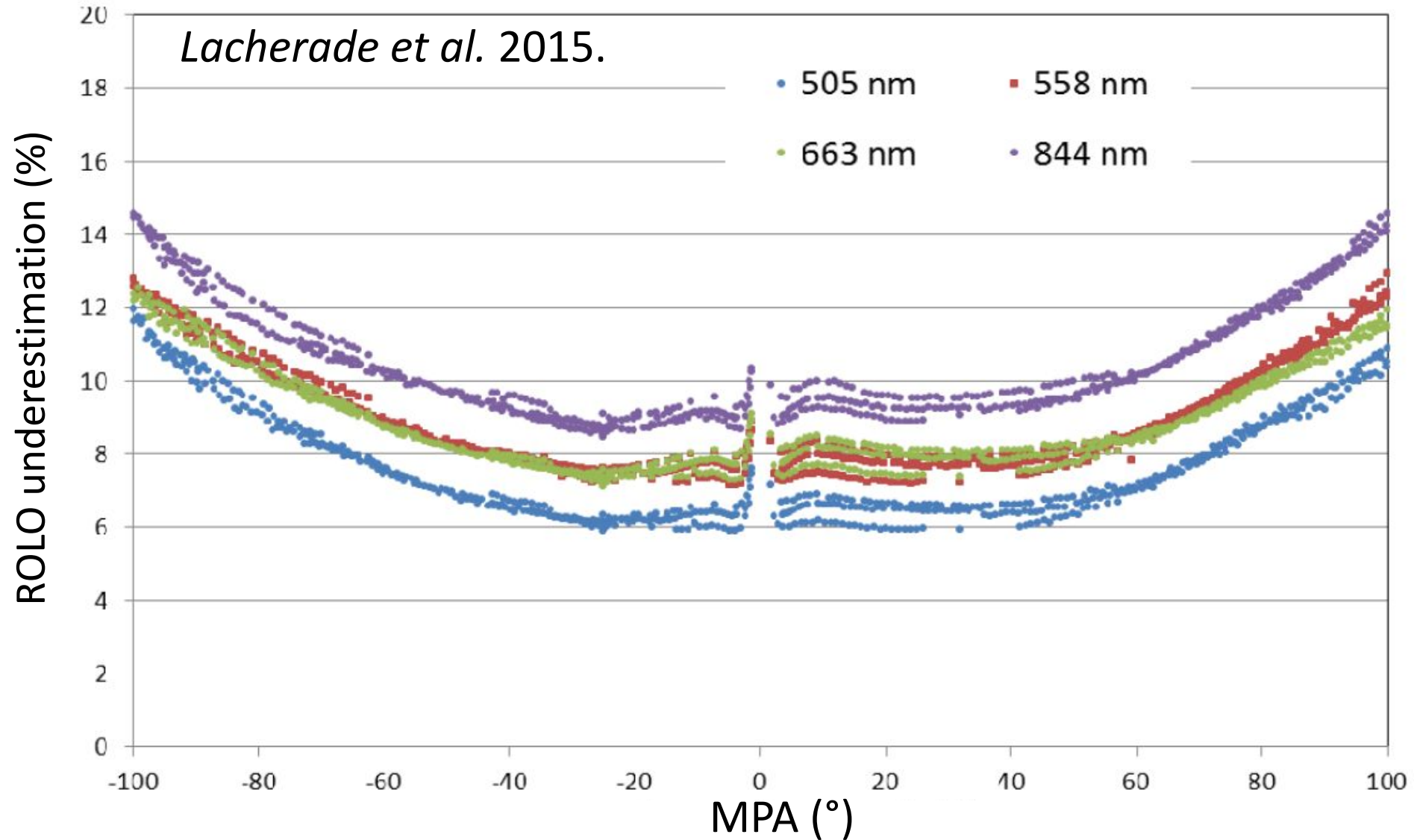
$$\Delta AOD = \frac{1}{m} \log \left( \frac{E_{0-ref}^{moon}}{E_{0-RIMO}^{moon}} \right)$$

$E_0^{moon}$  value that provides realistic AOD values. It is considered now our reference.

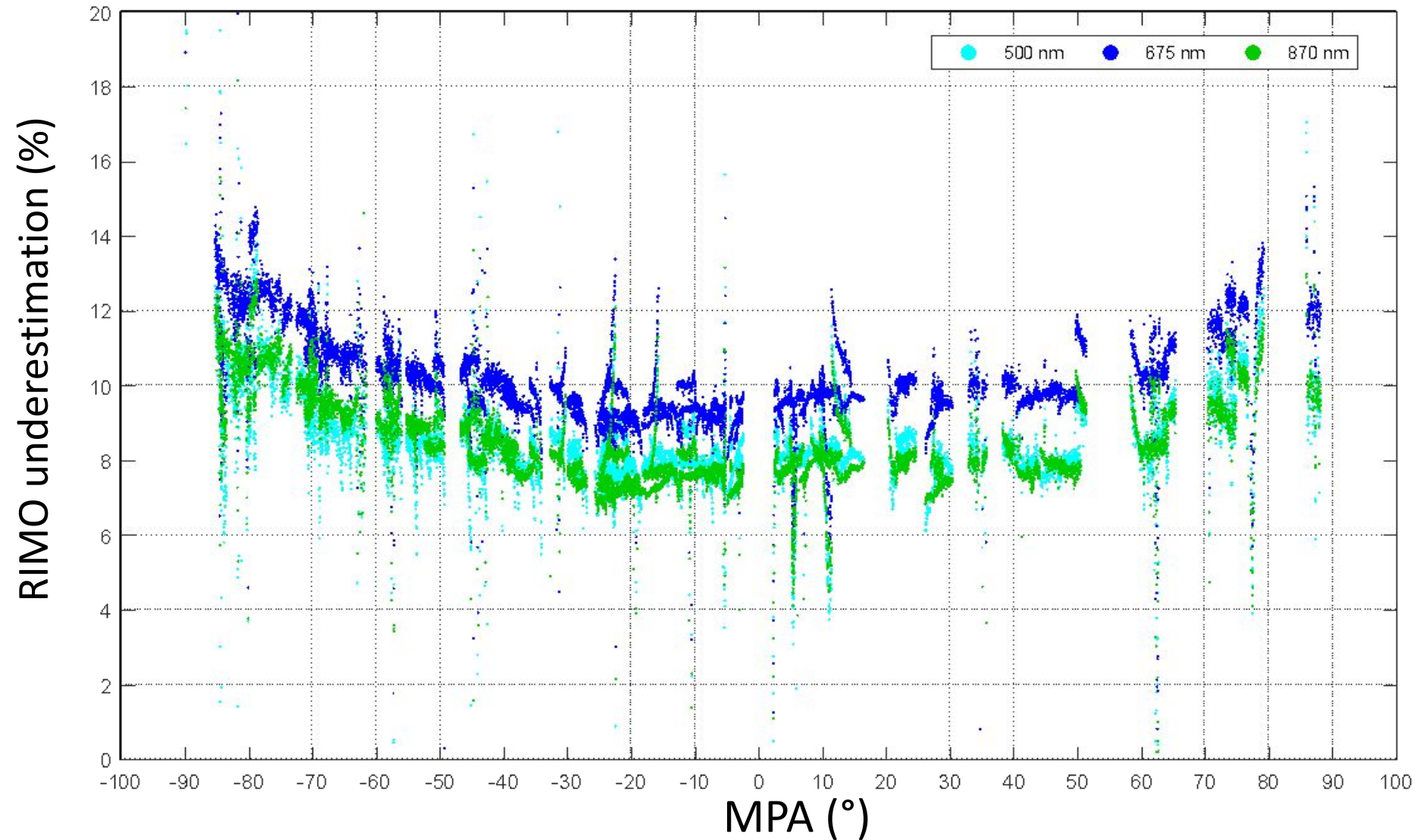
$$RCF = \left( \frac{E_{0-ref}^{moon}}{E_{0-RIMO}^{moon}} \right) = \exp(m \Delta AOD)$$



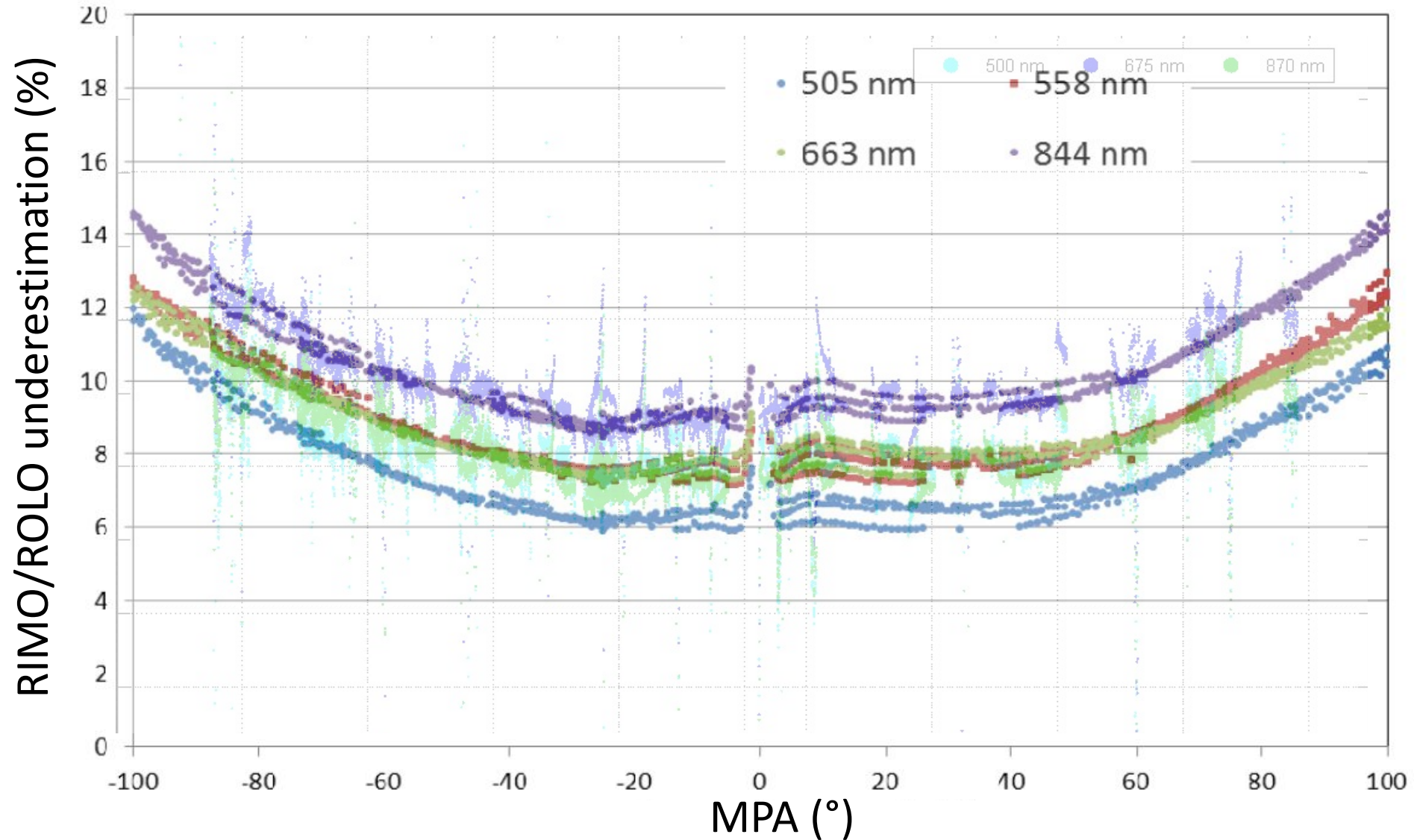
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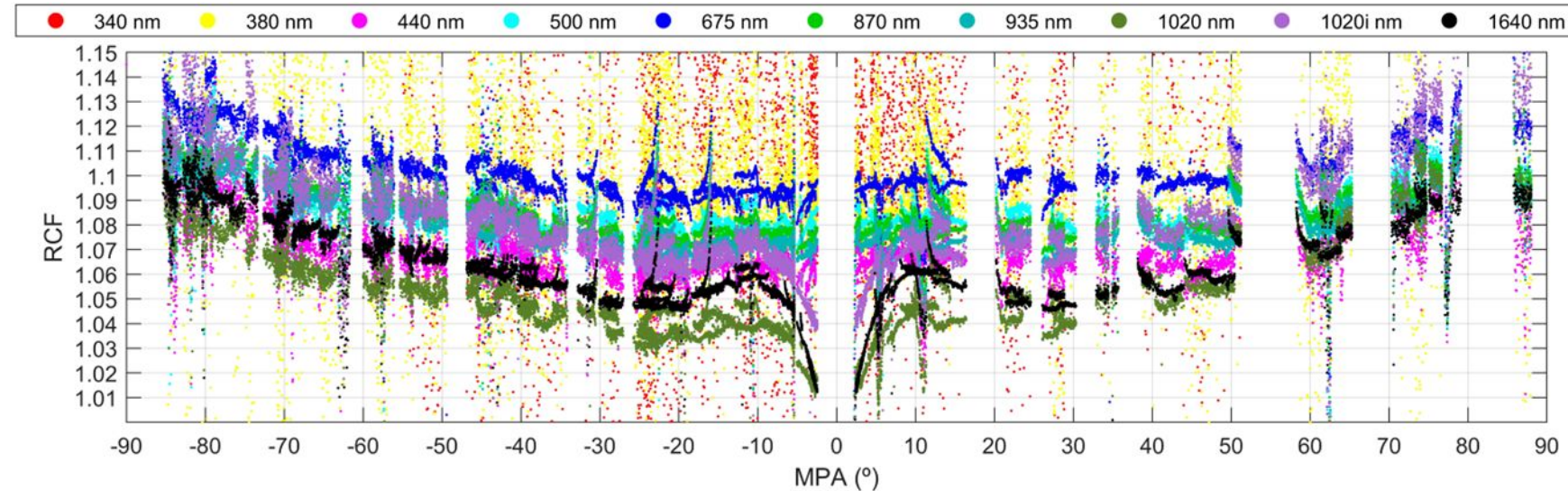


# RIMO Correction Factor (RCF)

$$RCF = \left( \frac{E_{0-ref}^{moon}}{E_{\Omega-RIMO}^{moon}} \right)$$

$$RCF = a + bg + cg^2$$

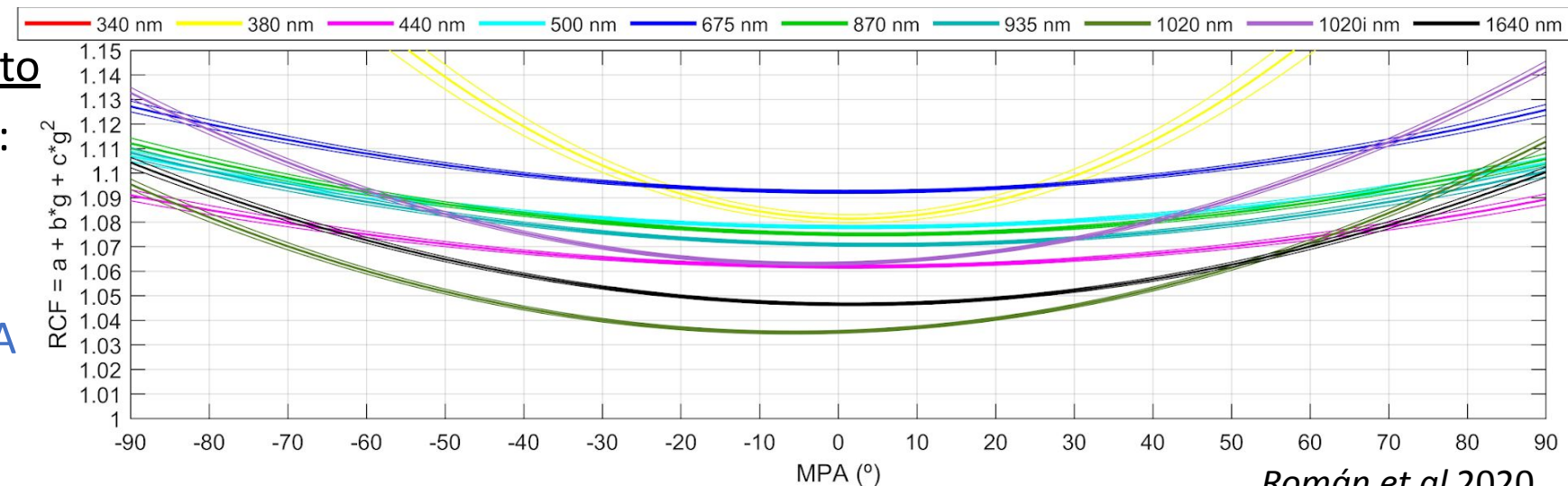

  
MPA



An **effective**  $E_0^{moon}$  value, capable to derive AOD, is obtained multiplying:

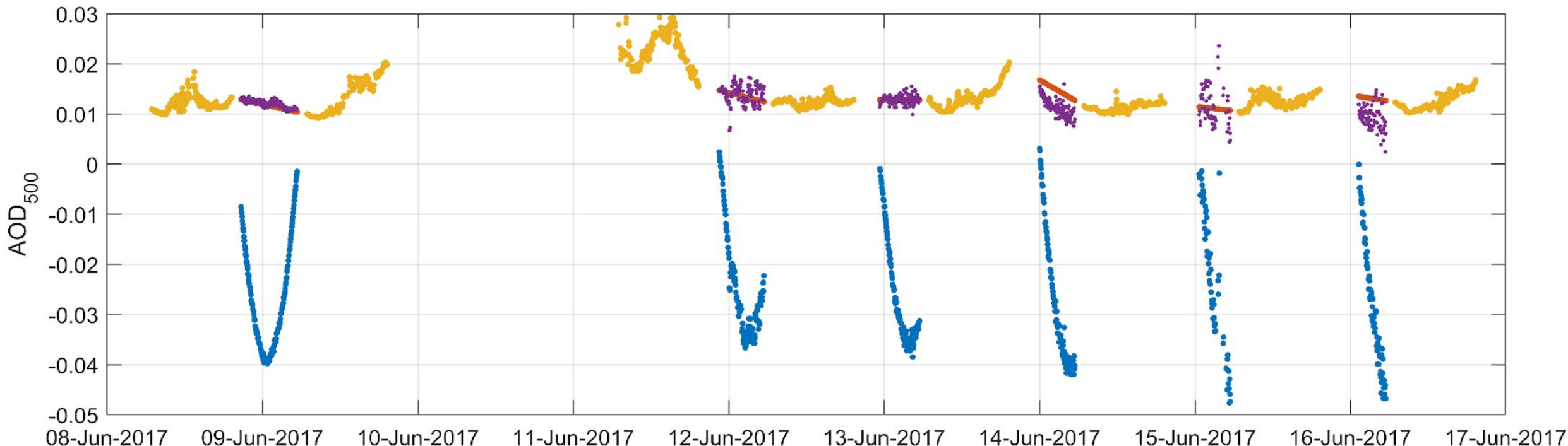
$$E_0^{moon} = E_{0-RIMO}^{moon} * RCF$$

With **RCF** obtained only with **MPA** and the  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  coefficients.



# AOD with RCF

AOD calculated using **RIMO \* RCF** and the **Gain method** in Izaña with CIMEL **CE318-T**.

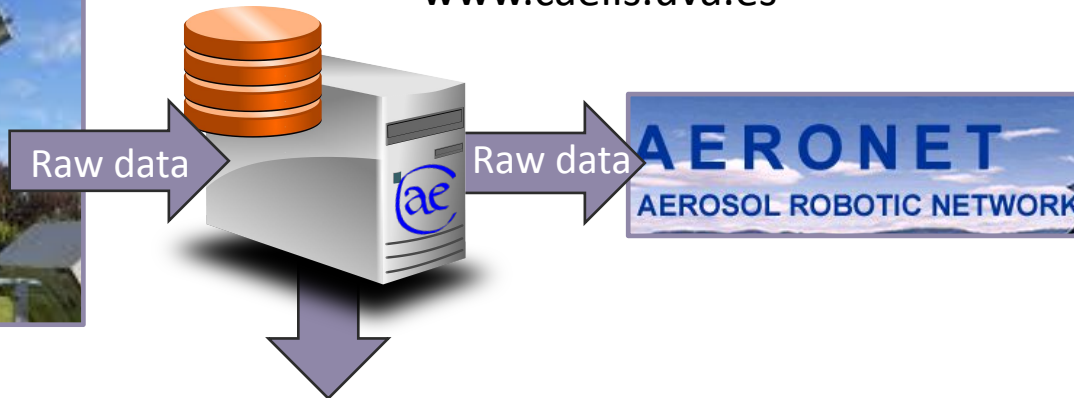


# AOD with RCF in CAELIS

CAELIS is a computer tool that manages and process data of GOA CF photometers and helps to visualize the data.

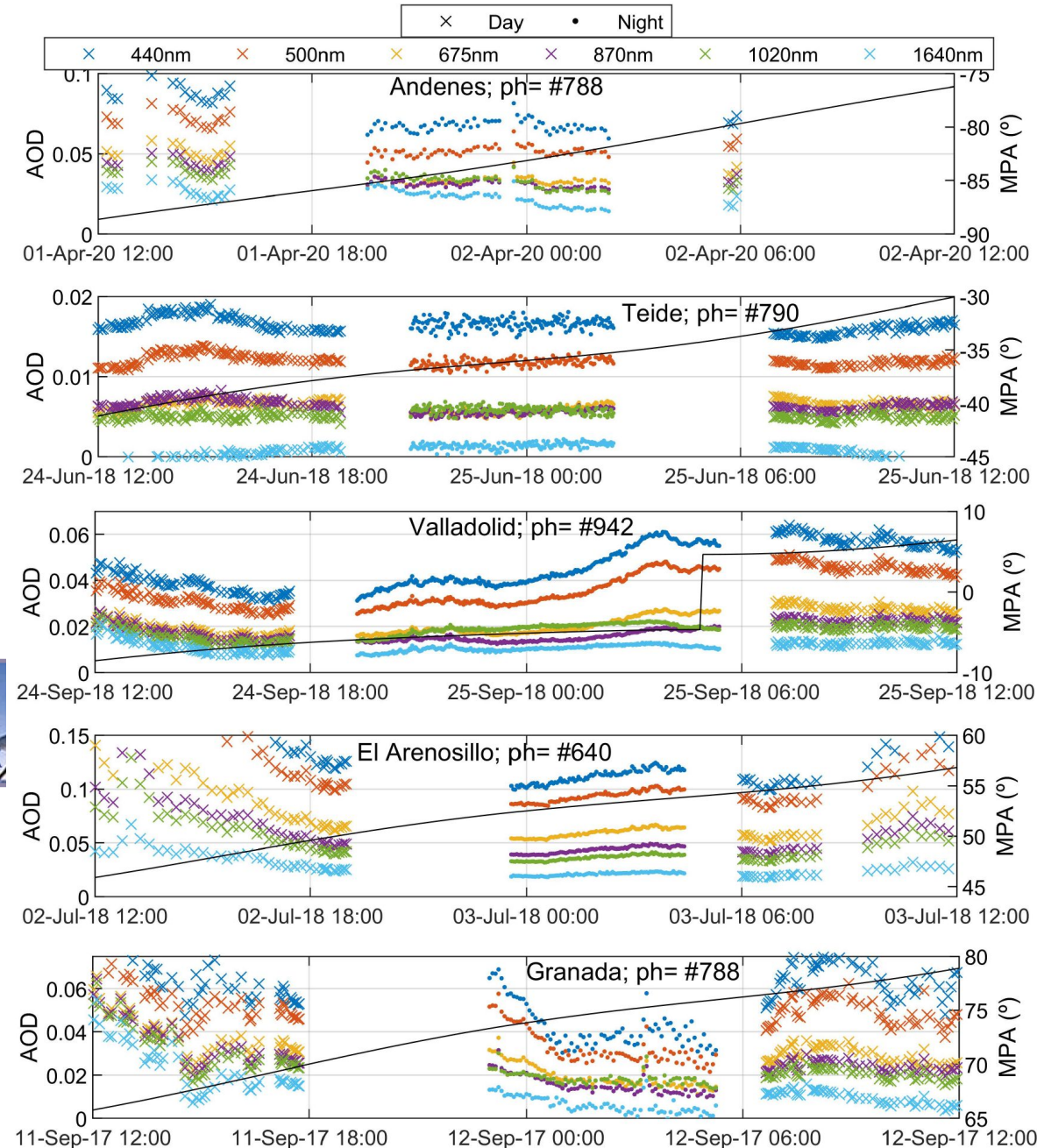


www.caelis.uva.es



- Data Quality check.
- Process AOD.
- Moon AOD with RCF.

- ...



González et al 2020.

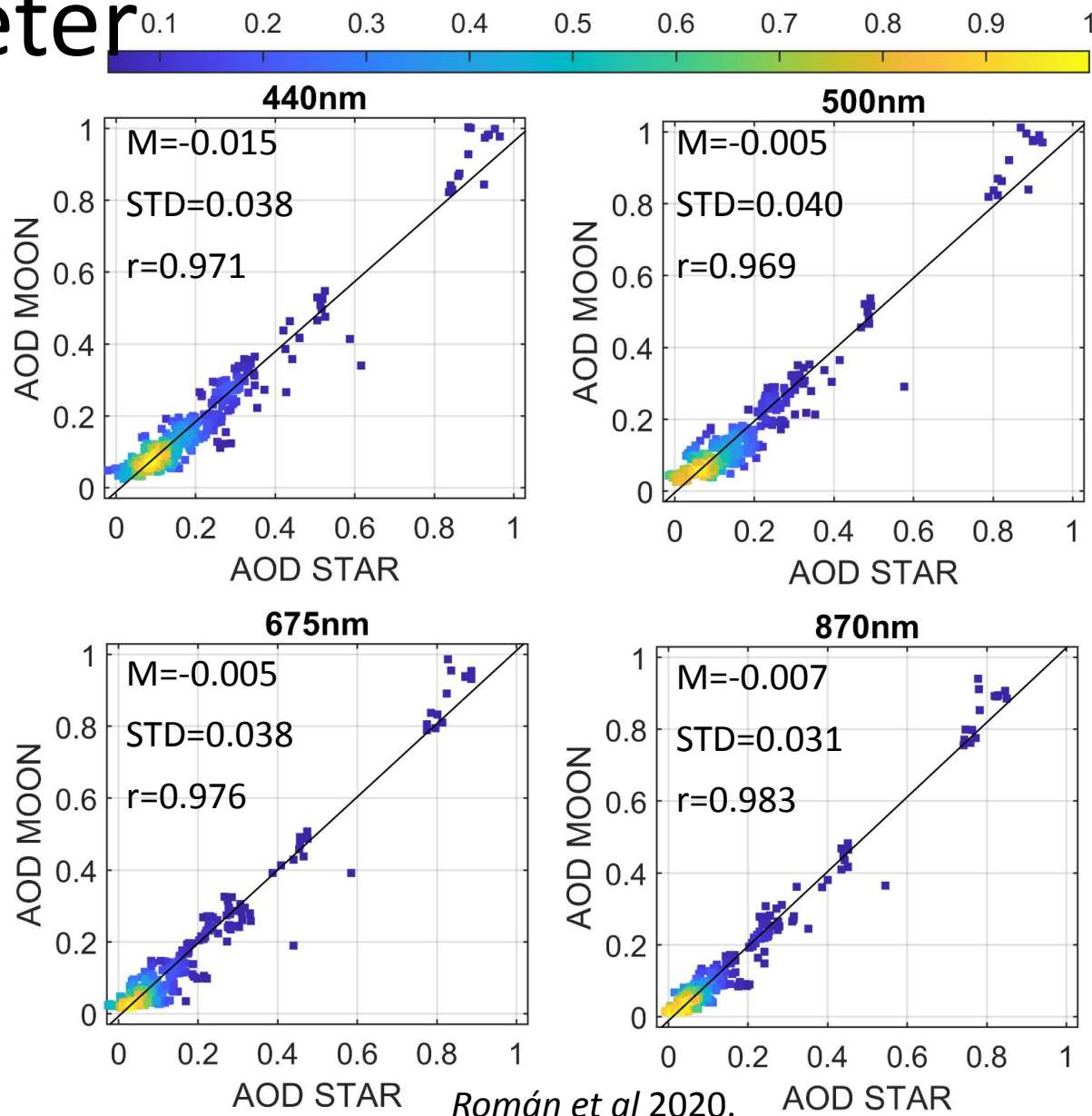
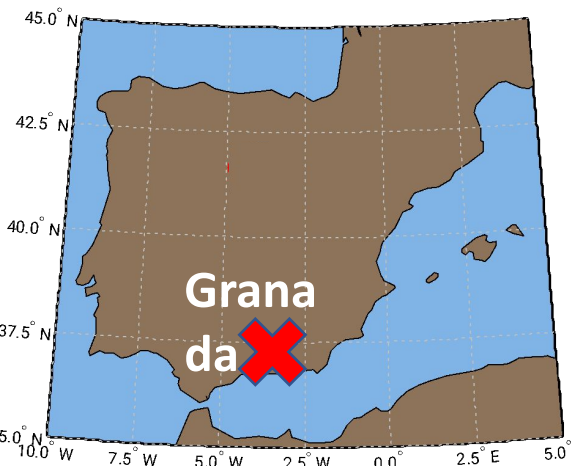


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# Moon VS. Star photometer

Star photometer at **Granada** (Spain).

Basically, a **CCD** camera connected to a **telescope** making photos to different stars in order to provide AOD and water vapour column. *Pérez-Ramírez et al. 2008.*

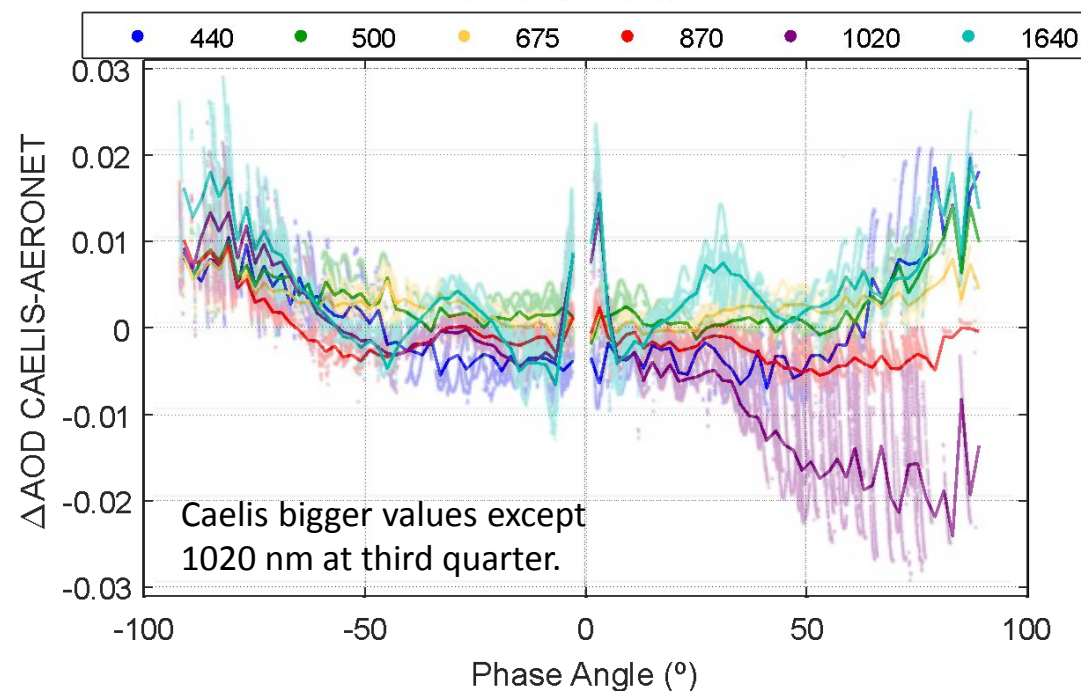
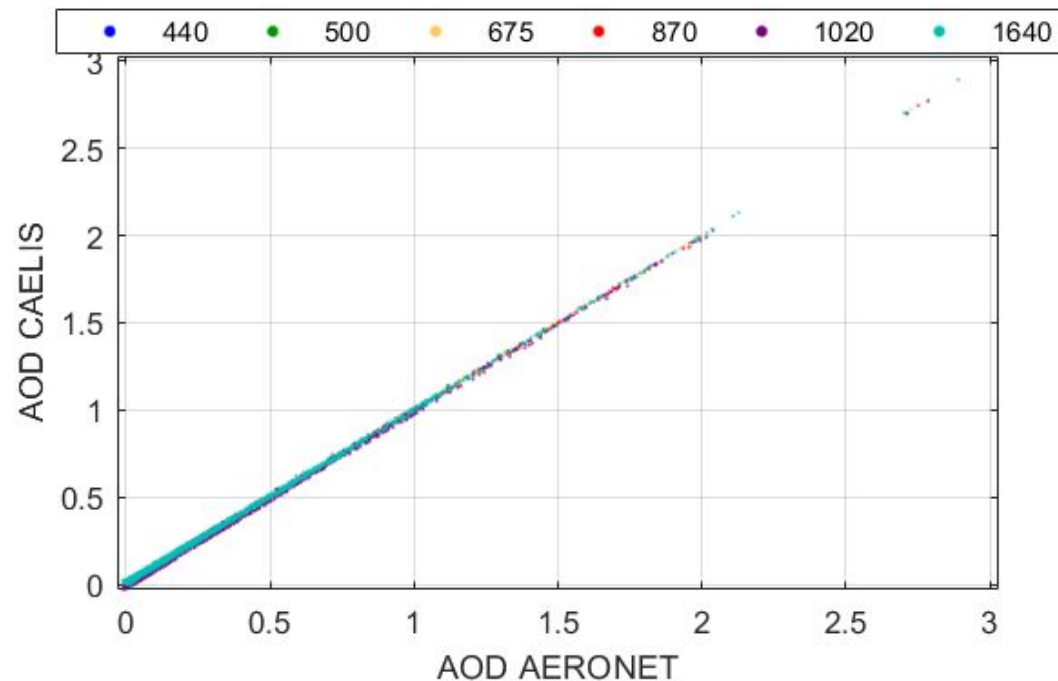
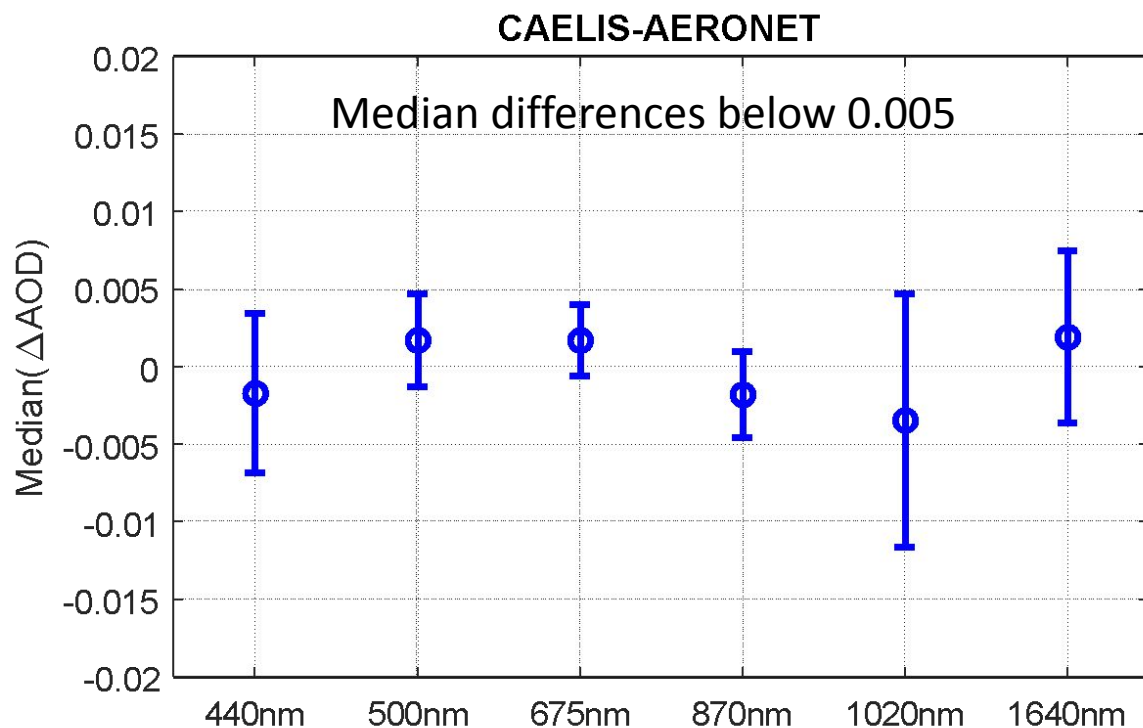


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# CAELIS VS. AERONET

Due to the availability of star photometer data at **Granada** (Spain), data from March 2016 to October 2017 has been used.

The **Level 1.0** (not cloud-screened) is shown and AERONET product is provisional.



# Conclusions

- RIMO/ROLO **underestimates** the real extraterrestrial lunar irradiance about **1-14%**, and this **underestimation depends on MPA** and causes negative and unrealistic AOD values.
- This underestimation **can be corrected** multiplying RIMO **by the RCF**, which can be obtained from the MPA.
- The **AOD** values calculated **using RCF fits well** with the **expected** values, showing **continuity** between sunset-nighttime-sunrise.
- These AOD values **correlates** with **independent star photometer** measurements.
- We **recommend** to use **RCF with RIMO** for AOD calculations at least until a better lunar extraterrestrial irradiance model appears.

# THANK YOU!

More detailed info in:



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