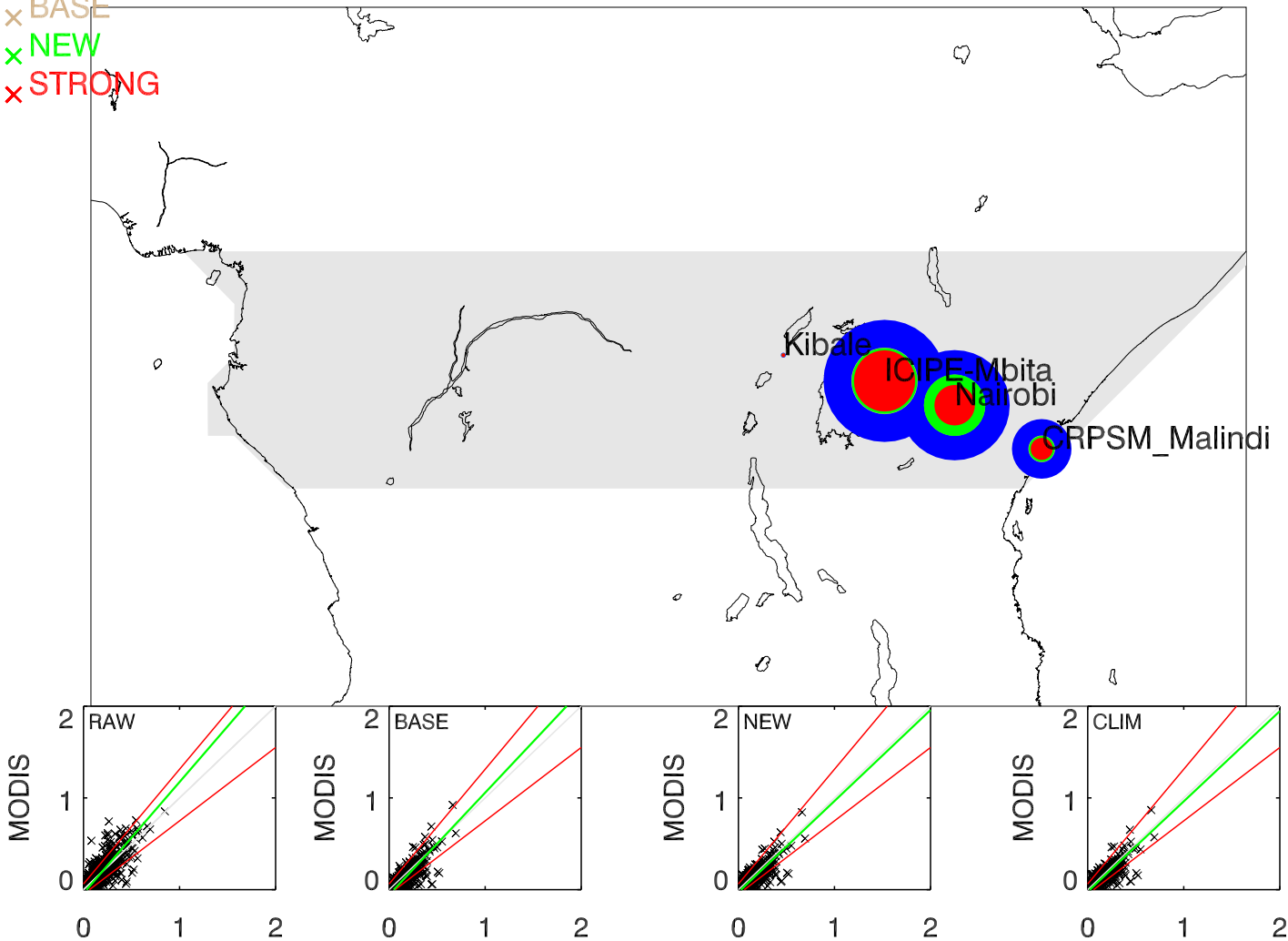


A 0.50N 26.50E Equatorial Africa

AERONET AOD: N= 691 $\overline{\tau}$ =0.19 eta=0.48

MODIS τ

x RAW
 x BASE
 x NEW
 x STRONG



AERONET			AERONET			AERONET			AERONET	
Which		MODIS AOD	MODIS-AERONET			% -/in/+		Regression		
		Mean	>0.2	>1.0	Mean Bias	RMSE	Tolerance	Slope	r ²	
RAW	(N= 902)	0.182	0.35	0.00	-0.000	0.081	8/80/11	1.104	0.44	
BASE	(N= 480)	0.140	0.21	0.00	-0.036	0.079	16/80/ 3	1.023	0.58	
NEW	(N= 477)	0.147	0.21	0.00	-0.029	0.075	13/81/ 4	0.982	0.60	
CLIM	(N= 459)	0.152	0.23	0.00	-0.024	0.073	11/85/ 3	0.988	0.58	
AERONET AOD > 0.2										
RAW	(N= 308)	0.303	0.80	0.00	0.001	0.108	11/77/11	1.073	0.44	
BASE	(N= 156)	0.244	0.60	0.00	-0.050	0.114	26/69/ 3	1.013	0.61	
NEW	(N= 156)	0.235	0.56	0.00	-0.059	0.108	23/73/ 2	0.965	0.63	
CLIM	(N= 151)	0.239	0.60	0.00	-0.055	0.108	23/74/ 2	0.969	0.61	

Which	Noise	vs τ_A		vs τ_M		Est.@	Est.@	Est.@	Est.@	Est.@
	Floor	Diagnostic		Prognostic		0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.0
RAW	0.062	0.03	+ 0.15 τ	-0.02	+ 0.30 τ	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.16	0.28
BASE	0.054	-0.00	+ 0.30 τ	-0.03	+ 0.27 τ	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.13	0.24
NEW	0.051	-0.02	+ 0.34 τ	-0.02	+ 0.26 τ	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.13	0.23
CLIM	0.048	-0.03	+ 0.38 τ	-0.01	+ 0.20 τ	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.20