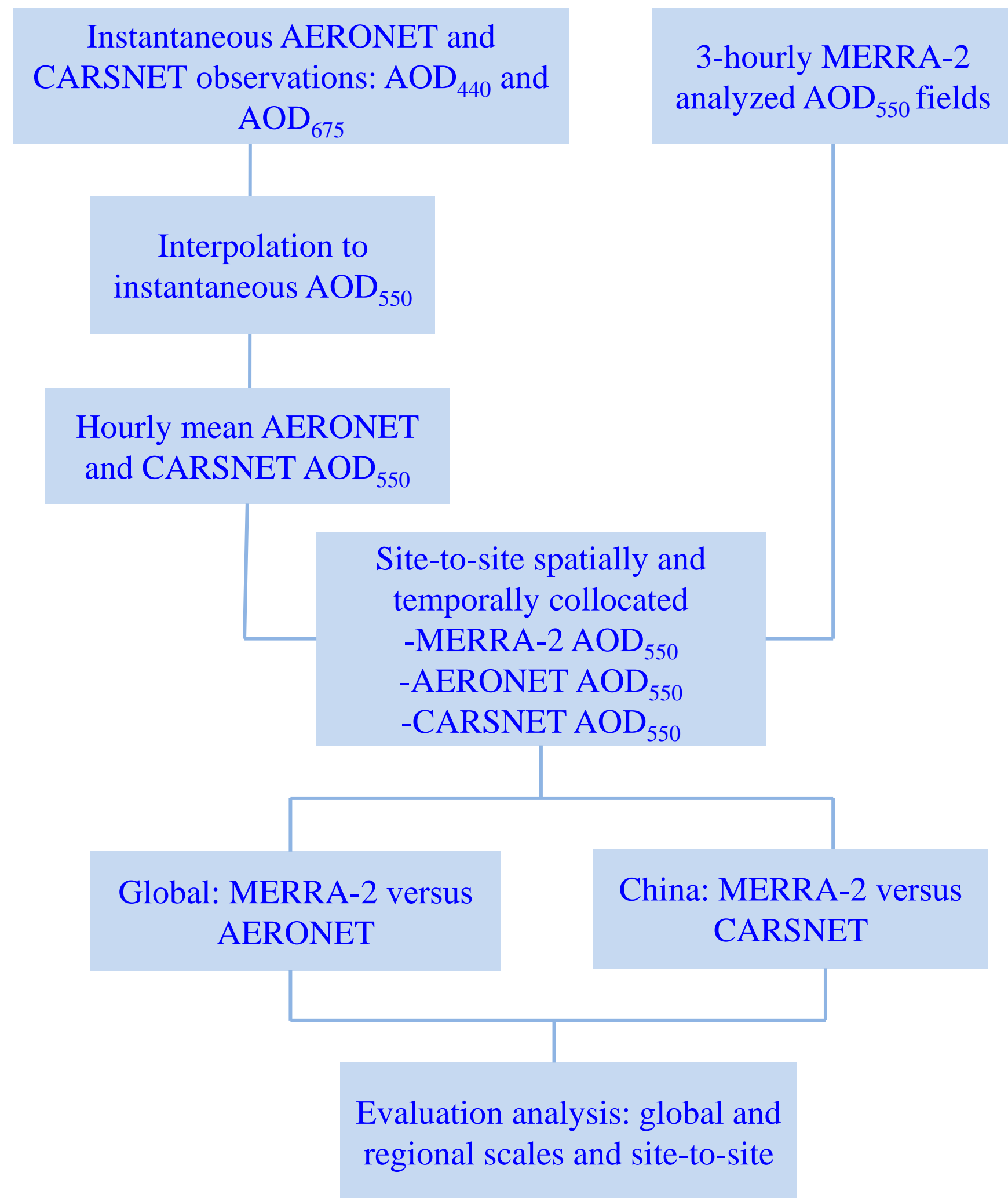


(a) MERRA-2 global AOD evaluation



(b) Global and regional AOD trends

