

## ***Interactive comment on “Aerosol extinction to backscatter ratio derived from passive satellite measurements” by F.-M. Bréon***

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This is a well-focused original paper based on an interesting new approach to quantify backscattering properties of tropospheric aerosols based on POLDER data. Although the passive space observations do not yield pure backscatter from aerosols, the careful analysis described in this paper makes enough sense to be significant. I recommend the publication of this paper as is.

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