

## Supplementary Material

### 5 **Seasonal and spatial variations in aerosol vertical distribution and optical properties over China from long-term satellite and ground-based remote sensing**

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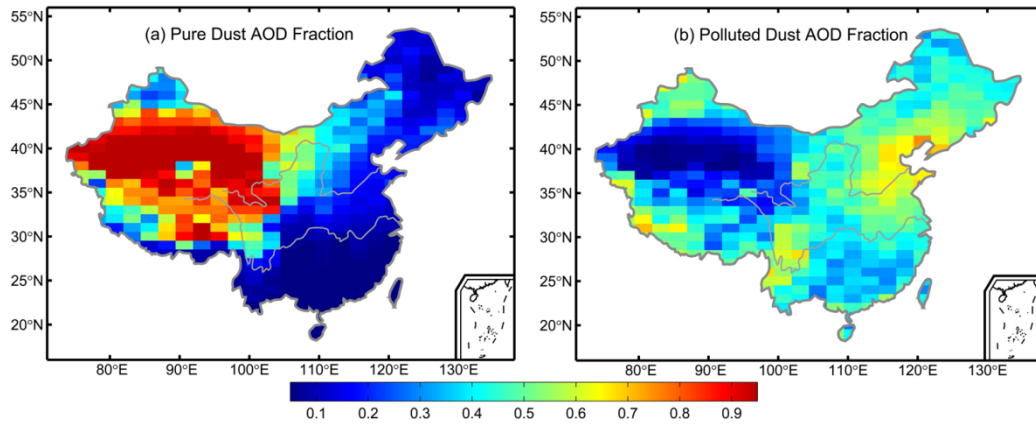
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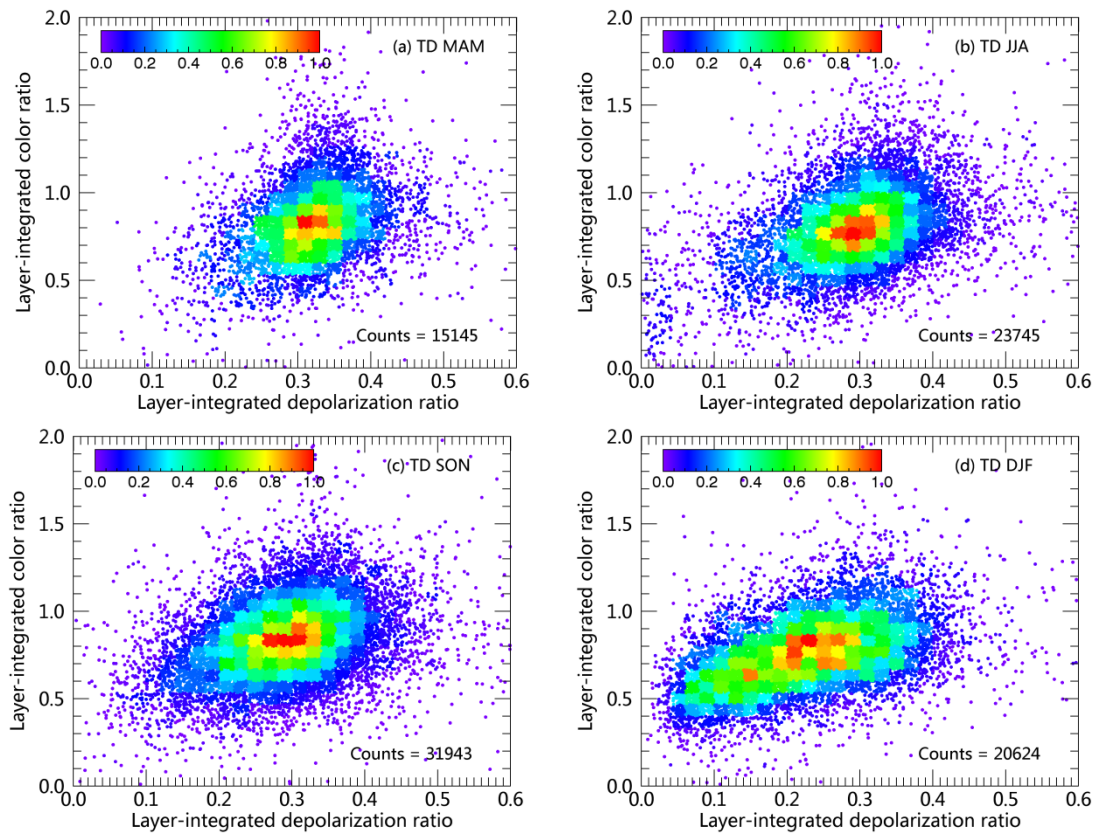
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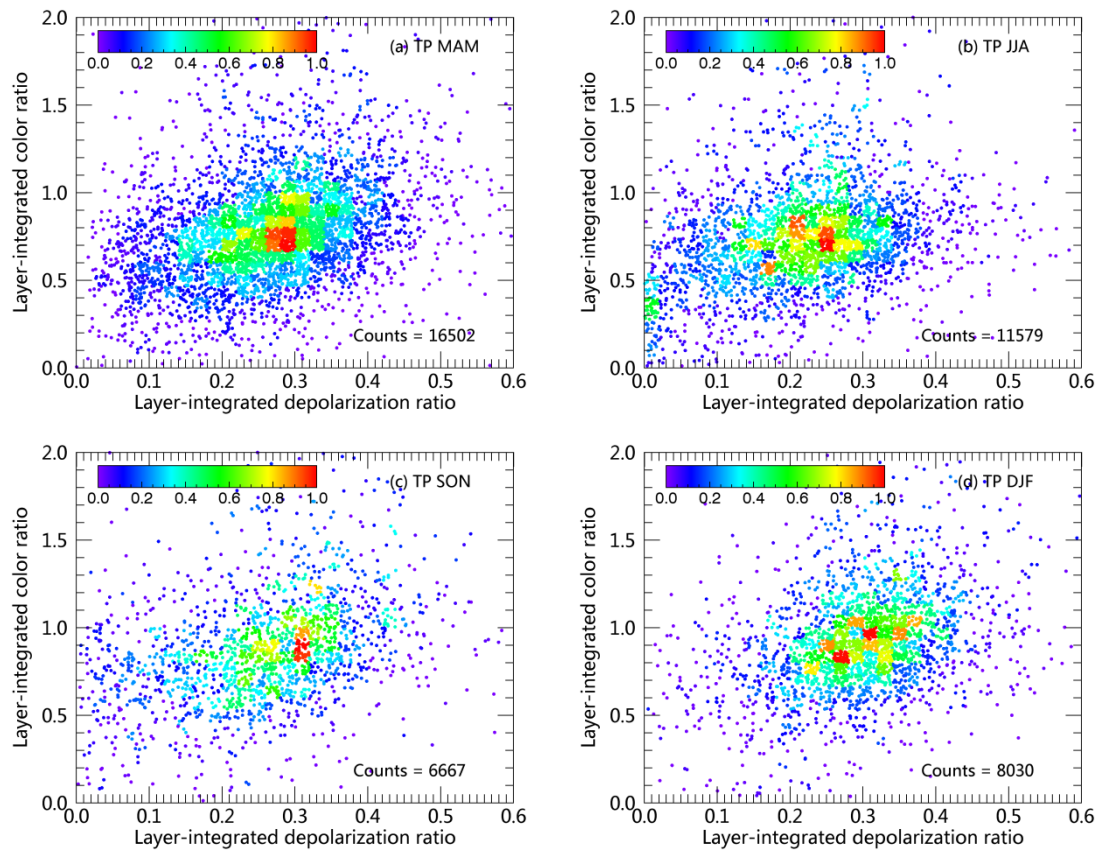


**Figure S1.** Annual pure dust and polluted dust AOD to total AOD ratio over China derived from CALIOP observations from June 2006 to January 2016, with a  $1.0 \times 2.5^\circ$  latitude-longitude grid.

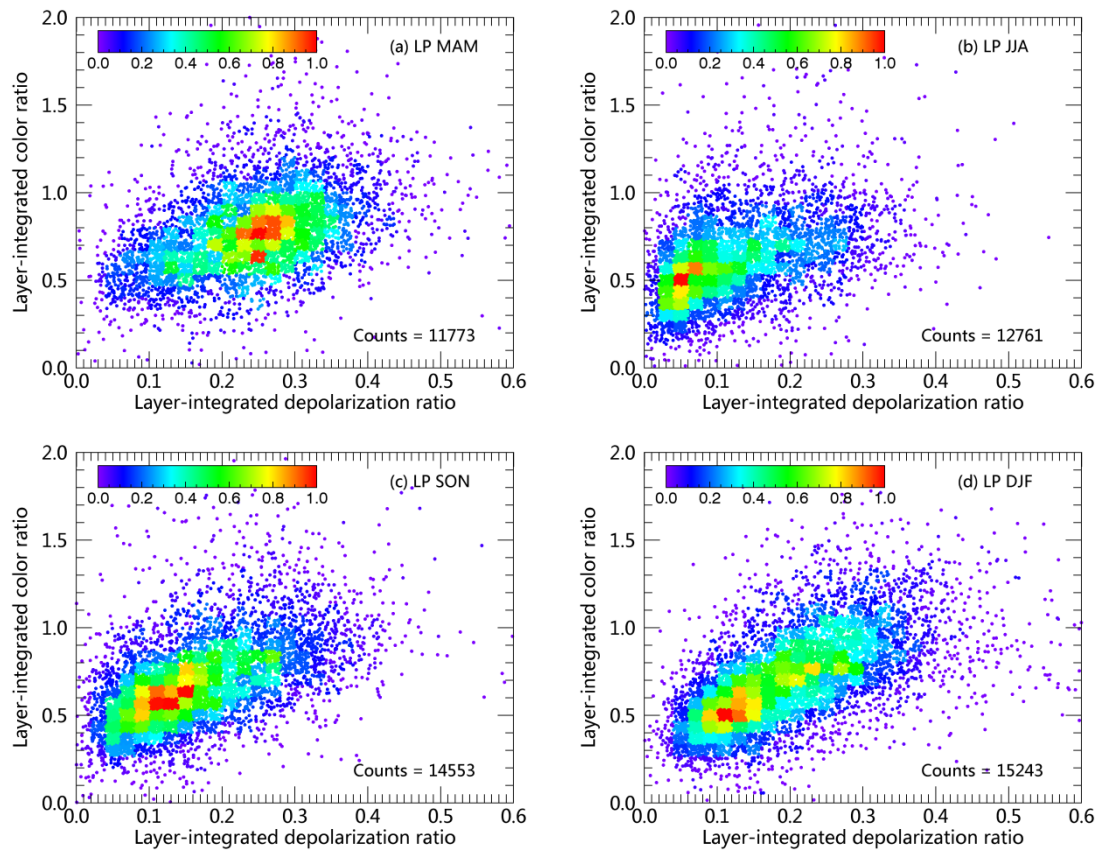
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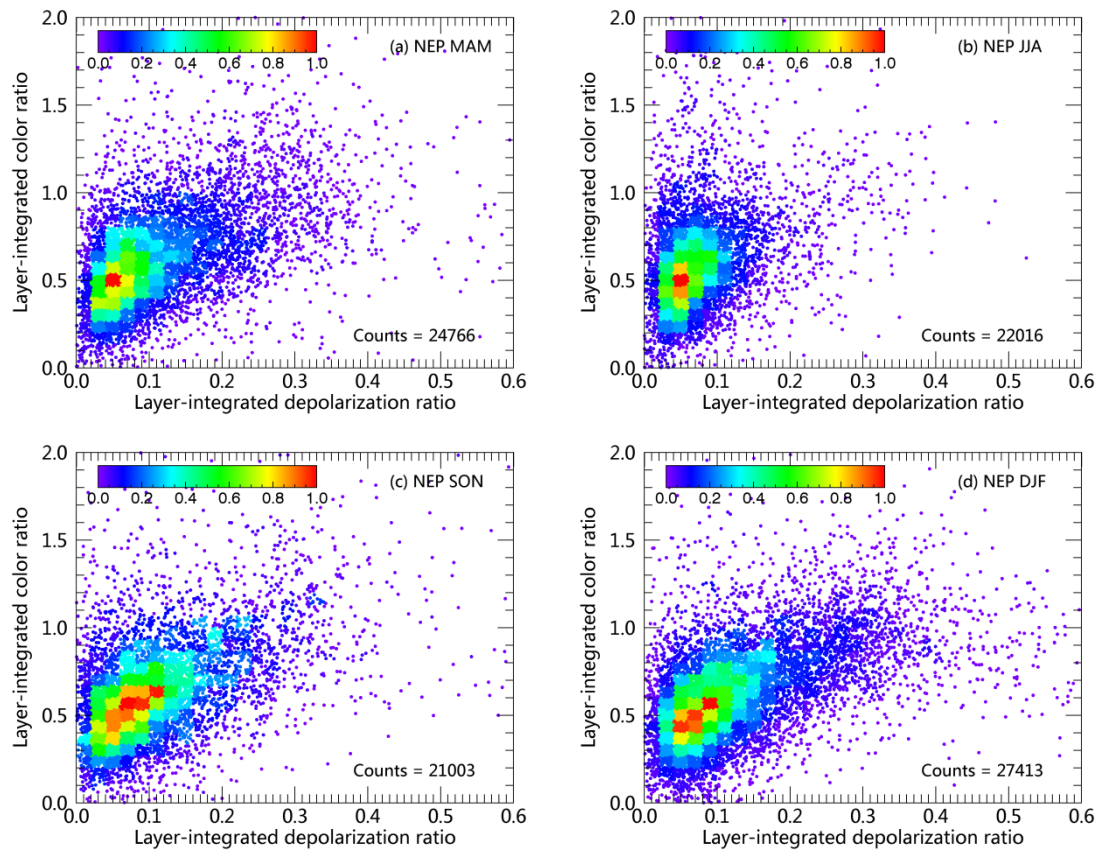
**Figure S2.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Taklimakan Desert (TD) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.



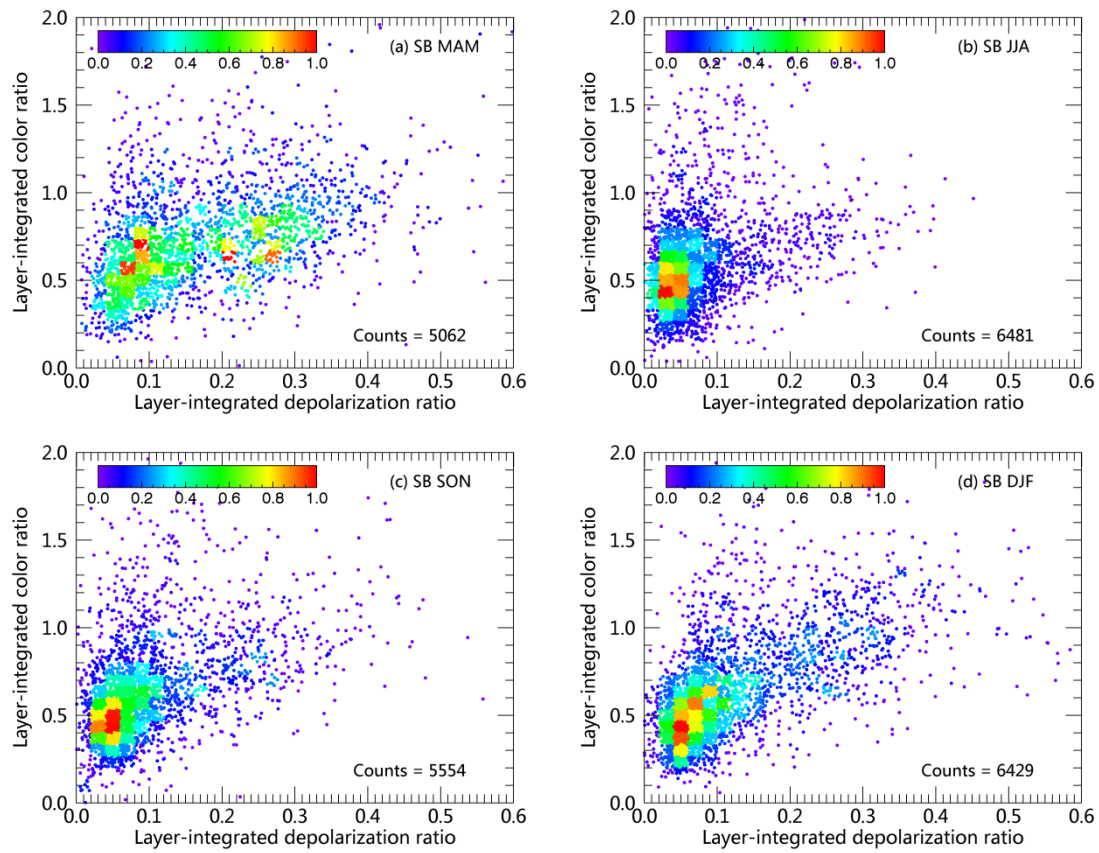
**Figure S3.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Tibetan Plateau (TP) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.



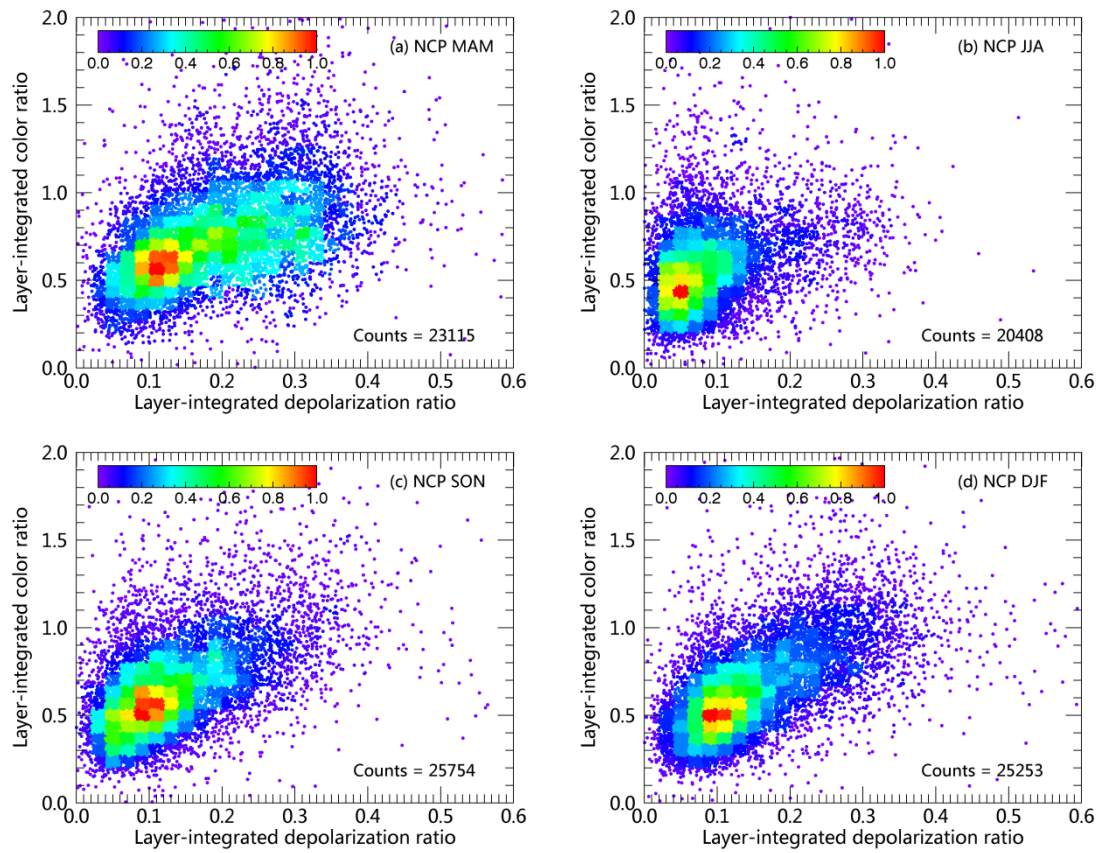
**Figure S4.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Loess Plateau (LP) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.



**Figure S5.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Northeast China Plain (NEP) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.

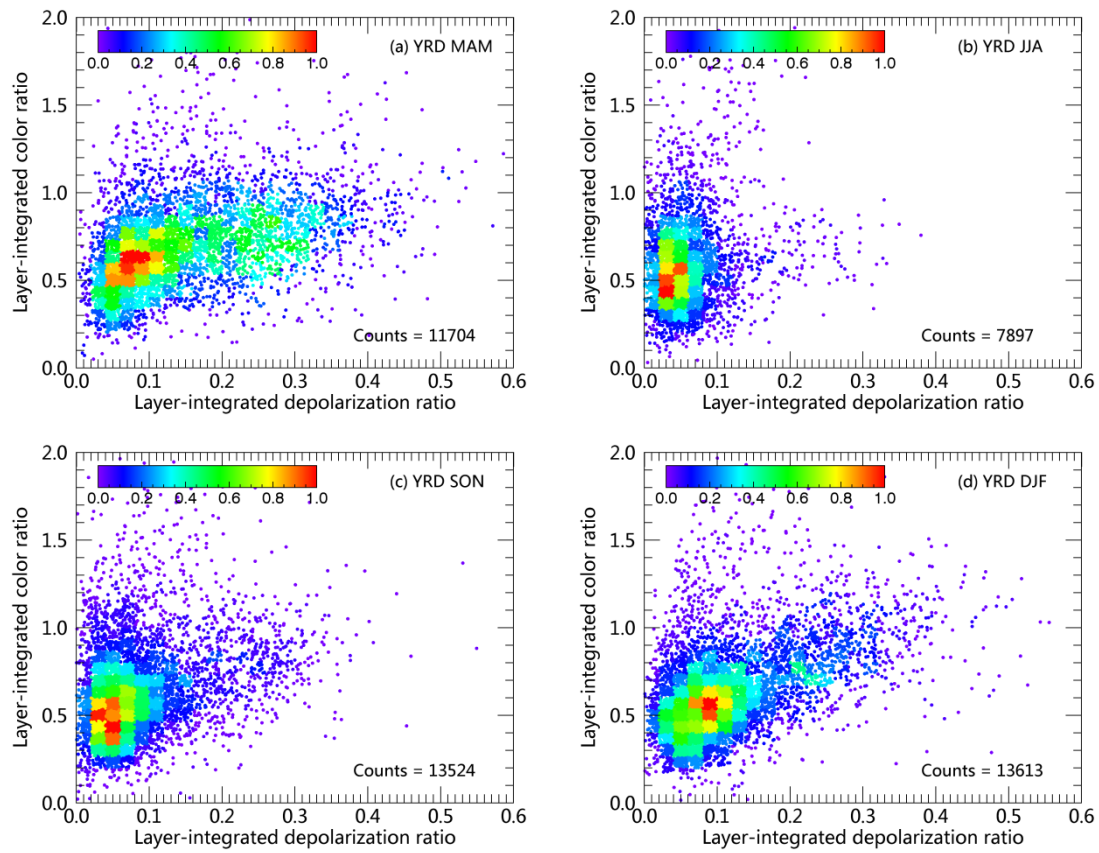


**Figure S6.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Sichuan Basin (SB) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.

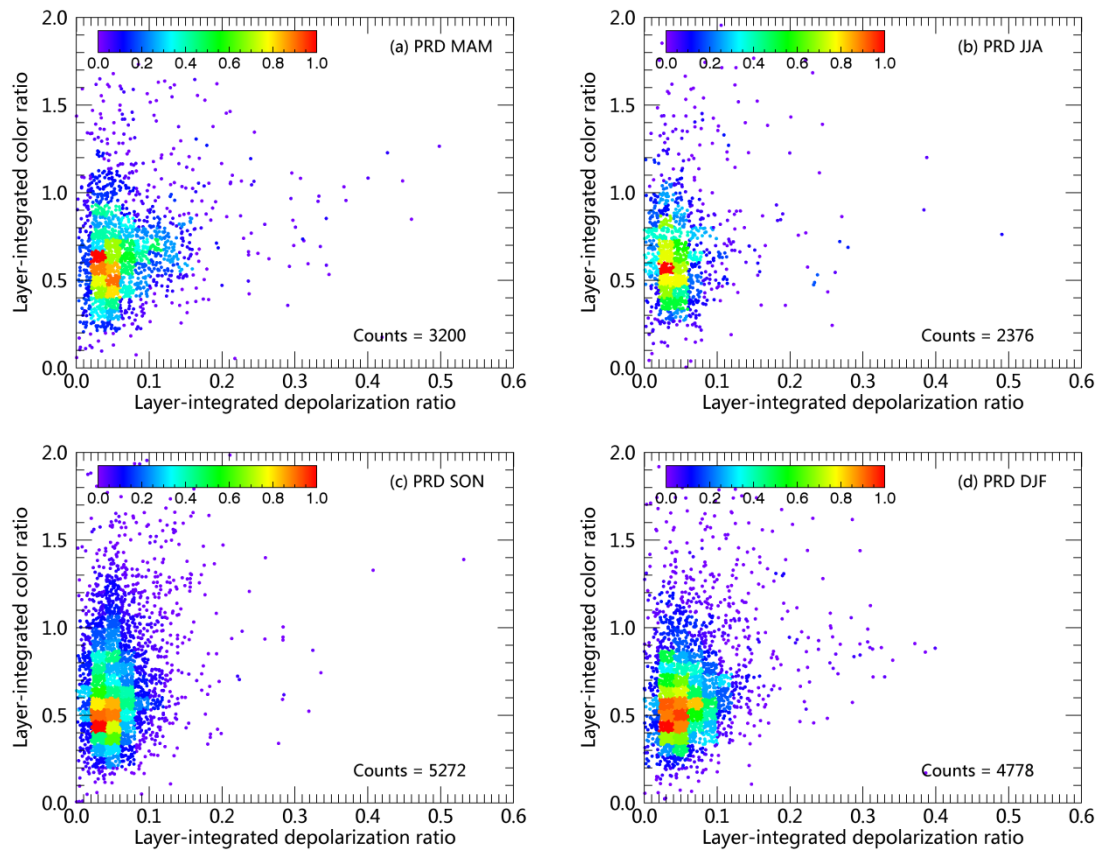


**Figure S7.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the North China Plain (NCP) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.





**Figure S8.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Yangtze River Delta (YRD) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.



**Figure S9.** Scatter plots for the layer-integrated aerosol color ratios versus the layer-integrated aerosol depolarization ratios over the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region (a) spring; (b) summer; (c) autumn; (d) winter.