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Managing Large Smoke Plume Projects



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MINX Plume Utilities are designed to help you prepare to retrieve smoke plume heights from MISR data when you have a project that is expected to involve hundreds or thousands of plumes. MISR product files are large, and downloading all the files covering a large project would be tedious. It would also be prohibitively time-consuming to manually search through these files for smoke plumes. (These utilities are unable to find dust or volcanic plumes.)

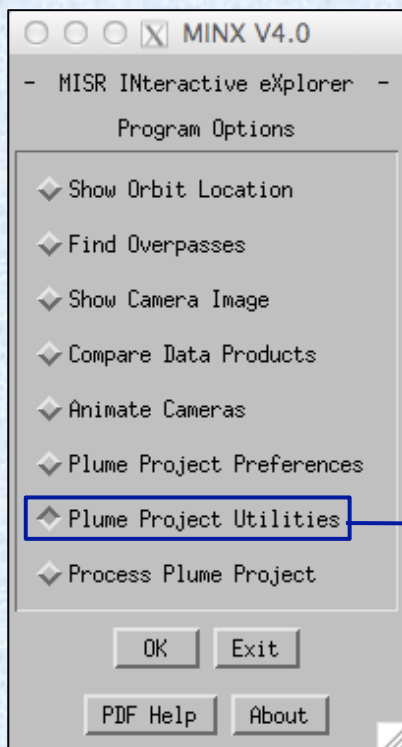
Instead, MINX lets you use MODIS Terra hotspot detections (also referred to here as fire pixels or thermal anomalies) to select MISR orbits and blocks that contain fires, which dramatically reduces MISR downloads. A side benefit is that MINX can incorporate MODIS fire radiative power (FRP) in its retrievals and report it with other smoke plume data.

MINX Plume Utilities can generate the following data:

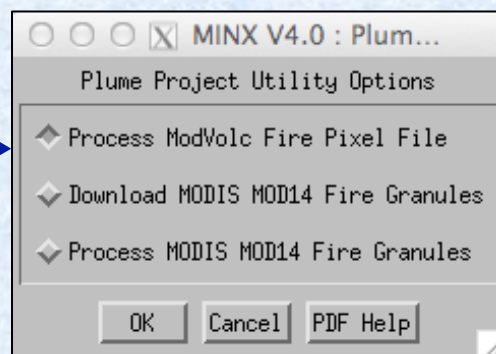
- A file listing MISR orbits and blocks to order from the Langley DAAC;**
- A file listing the orbits and block ranges of MISR data that contain fire pixels, which you can use to greatly speed the process of loading MISR data into MINX;**
- A collection of files, one per MISR orbit, containing the coordinates of fire pixels and FRP (if available) that MINX can load and display over MISR imagery;**
- A report containing details of the fire pixels excluded for various reasons;**
- A file listing MODIS MOD14 granules to order (see discussion below).**

MINX Plume Project Utilities - 2

Before using MINX Plume Utilities, fire pixel data must be downloaded. There are three alternatives (#2 is preferred method) for acquiring and processing MODIS fire pixel data:



- 1) Download hotspot data summarizing MODIS detections from the ModVolc website hosted by the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology. Then process the data in MINX without having to download MODIS granules.
- 2) Download the file names for all MODIS thermal anomaly granules for your project from the Reverb website. Then download the granules using MINX.
- 3) Download summary hotspot data from ModVolc. Next use MINX to generate MODIS file names from the ModVolc data. Finally use MINX to download and then to process the MODIS MOD14 granules.



There are advantages and disadvantages to using ModVolc hotspot data:

- they are downloadable as a single ASCII text file with one fire pixel per line of text, and
- they can replace thousands of MODIS granule files at ~300 K bytes per file, but
- they contain only locations - no FRP data, and
- they may not be as comprehensive or reliable as MODIS MOD14 thermal anomaly data.

To access the MINX Plume Utilities, simply select “Plume Project Utilities” from the MINX main menu.

Comparison of fire pixel retrieval using 3 MINX methods for project “Alaska”
July 1-30, 2004, latitude = 60° to 70°, longitude = -148° to -138°

	<u>Granules downloaded</u>	<u>Fire pixels found</u>	<u>MISR Orbits</u>
1) Modvolc only	0	4044	68
2) MOD14/Reverb only	321	4508	67
3) Modvolc + Reverb	79	4276	54

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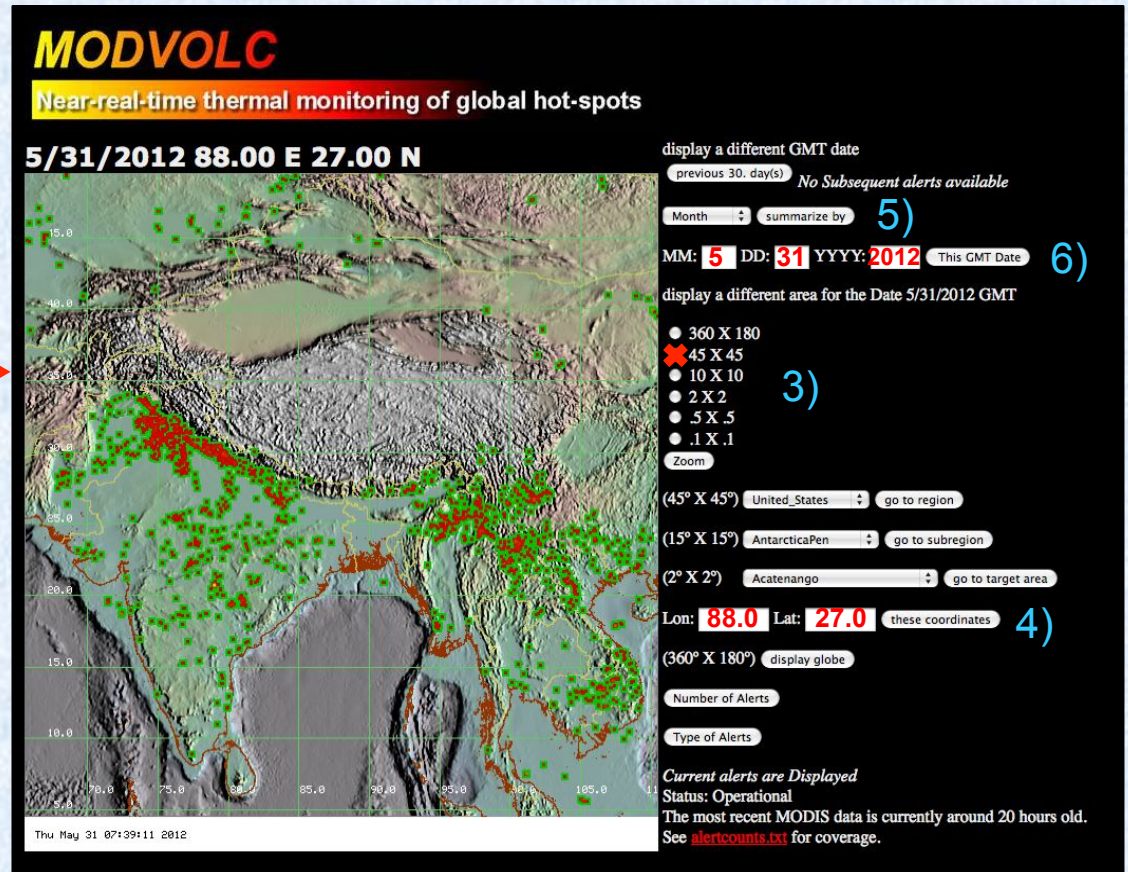
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ModVolc Fire Pixels – Download

Before you can select the “Process ModVolc Fire Pixel File” option, you must download MODIS hotspot data. Follow these steps:

- 1) Determine your project’s geographic and date ranges.
- 2) Go to <http://modis.higp.hawaii.edu/> and click “Take me to the hotspots”. →
- 3) Decide which of the 6 geographic size ranges is best for your project’s region. Select it, press “Zoom” and wait for the map to update (you may need to repeat the remaining steps with several regions to fit your data).
- 4) In the “Lon:” and “Lat:” boxes, enter the center longitude and latitude for the region, press “these coordinates” and wait for the update. Alternatively you might select a pre-defined region from the list boxes below “Zoom”.
- 5) In the dropdown listbox with value of “Day”, select the period of time for which you wish to retrieve data, press “summarize by” and wait for the update.
- 6) In the “MM:”, “DD:”, and “YYYY:” boxes, enter the ending date for the period you want to retrieve, press “This GMT Date” and wait for the update.
- 7) Click on the red link at the bottom labeled “Text Alert File” (not shown) to go to the page containing ASCII results.
- 8) On your browser’s “File” menu, select “Save Page As...” and save the data to a plain text file named “ModVolc_<project>.txt”, where <project> is the name of the project you will use in all the MINX utilities. If you selected and downloaded data from multiple regions, concatenate the files into one file with this name. Create a project directory for your project and move the ModVolc file there.



ModVolc Fire Pixels – Sample Downloaded File

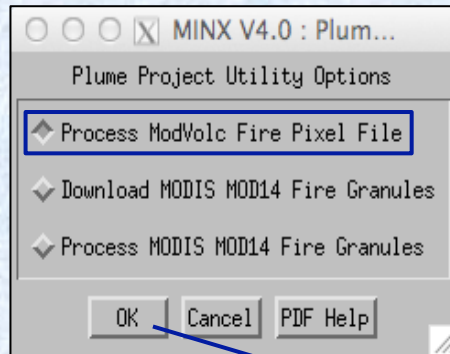
1 fire pixel per row (first row added for clarity)

UNIX_Time	Sat	Year	Mo	Dy	Hr	Mn	Longitude	Latitude	B21	B22	B6	B31	B32	SatZen	SatAzi	SunZen	SunAzi	Line	Samp	Ratio	Glint
1199115300	T	2007	12	31	05	35	84.432106	28.454927	3.733	-10.000	9.770	7.378	6.996	46.11	-77.86	52.88	165.57	473	1177	-0.357	47.557
1199115300	T	2007	12	31	05	35	85.997452	28.160923	2.304	-10.000	8.387	7.205	6.877	53.27	-76.49	52.31	167.28	468	1247	-0.559	49.777
1199081400	A	2007	12	30	20	10	86.095711	23.684803	1.187	1.145	177.141	7.547	7.210	15.11	-81.76	154.01	94.49	602	844	-0.726	139.289
1199037600	A	2007	12	30	08	00	84.415016	28.459906	9.990	-10.000	14.834	8.953	8.345	44.99	-96.49	56.95	-153.54	1704	188	0.057	86.020
1199026200	T	2007	12	30	04	50	84.778687	28.446533	6.048	-10.000	15.171	10.130	9.543	30.66	97.98	55.98	154.11	1354	340	-0.277	76.064
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1198721700	T	2007	12	26	16	15	86.088821	23.680870	0.855	0.888	169.026	8.061	7.627	32.45	79.70	152.35	-95.52	115	1033	-0.791	119.890
1198549500	T	2007	12	24	16	25	86.392899	23.772381	0.905	0.906	169.026	8.351	7.909	5.09	83.48	155.67	-94.74	1016	734	-0.794	149.991
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1197870900	A	2007	12	16	19	55	86.090881	23.680214	0.948	0.925	177.143	7.683	7.310	12.20	97.57	155.27	94.41	1728	542	-0.775	168.408
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1196921700	A	2007	12	05	20	15	86.102715	23.686962	0.962	0.956	177.145	7.816	7.394	27.42	-79.53	149.83	94.02	1057	979	-0.771	123.085
1196261400	T	2007	11	28	04	50	87.001198	26.642347	4.124	-10.000	13.424	9.455	8.680	10.46	97.98	50.48	158.87	1418	561	-0.419	56.391
1195917300	T	2007	11	24	05	15	81.619591	29.902927	3.302	-10.000	16.158	8.813	8.410	10.58	97.75	52.60	160.76	919	560	-0.526	58.079
1195784700	T	2007	11	22	16	25	86.392342	23.772024	0.924	0.932	168.883	8.623	8.129	5.48	86.12	158.08	-85.36	899	738	-0.794	152.154
1195711500	A	2007	11	21	20	05	86.097397	23.681507	0.875	0.880	177.014	8.070	7.639	1.60	-94.08	151.09	88.66	122	694	-0.793	149.550
1195539300	A	2007	11	19	20	15	86.103180	23.686689	0.927	0.937	177.016	8.209	7.753	27.31	-80.16	148.05	88.92	1024	978	-0.784	121.628
1194835500	T	2007	11	11	16	45	82.753380	24.148623	0.905	0.924	168.793	8.484	8.018	4.06	-97.12	158.54	-76.12	272	632	-0.793	162.133
1194663300	T	2007	11	09	16	55	82.755974	24.144241	0.968	0.938	168.793	8.520	8.041	29.32	-98.38	161.06	-71.92	1168	354	-0.791	165.558
1194574200	T	2007	11	08	16	10	87.235504	23.556698	0.801	0.918	168.867	8.568	7.987	24.95	79.13	155.56	-79.04	1910	952	-0.794	130.494
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1194329100	A	2007	11	05	20	05	86.399284	23.771706	0.979	1.004	177.025	8.763	8.120	4.00	-84.86	149.08	80.86	93	721	-0.780	145.247
1194230100	T	2007	11	04	16	35	82.750717	24.146837	0.990	1.054	168.793	8.514	8.023	9.57	80.90	156.47	-73.63	1864	783	-0.768	146.609
1194230100	T	2007	11	04	16	35	86.391319	23.769669	0.978	0.971	168.793	8.817	8.180	21.37	-99.12	159.68	-70.58	1768	441	-0.788	169.724
1194156900	A	2007	11	03	20	15	82.761208	24.149549	0.969	1.003	177.026	8.410	7.951	1.71	101.93	149.31	78.32	1035	658	-0.776	151.425
1194156900	A	2007	11	03	20	15	86.102310	23.687292	0.924	0.964	177.026	8.520	7.933	27.31	-79.35	146.39	81.30	1028	978	-0.783	120.569
1194058200	T	2007	11	02	16	50	82.754509	24.145805	0.965	1.001	168.793	8.618	8.071	17.68	-98.95	158.82	-68.04	756	481	-0.779	169.071

“Sat” column refers to satellite name, where T = Terra and A = Aqua. MINX uses only Terra data.

Columns enclosed in red are used by MINX.

ModVolc Fire Pixels – Process 1



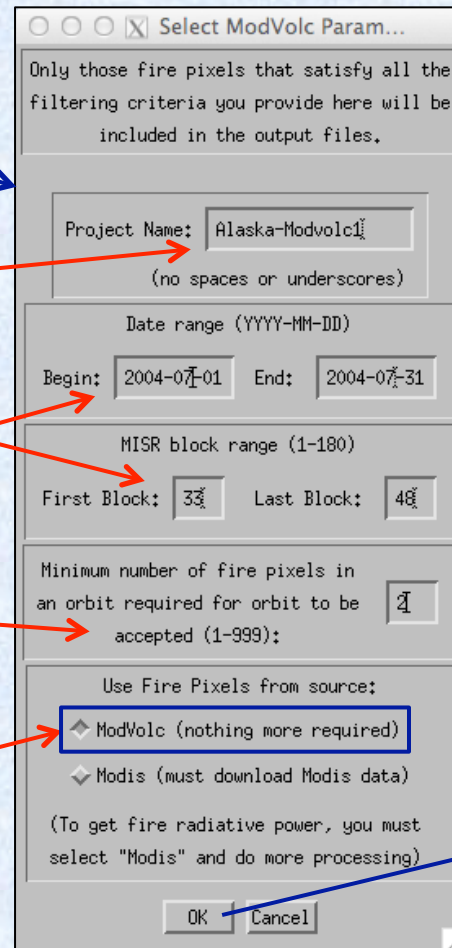
Select "Process ModVolc Fire Pixel File" from the Plume Utilities dialog box to show another dialog box requesting information about your project.

Use a consistent project name throughout. MINX will replace space and underscore characters with a dash (-).

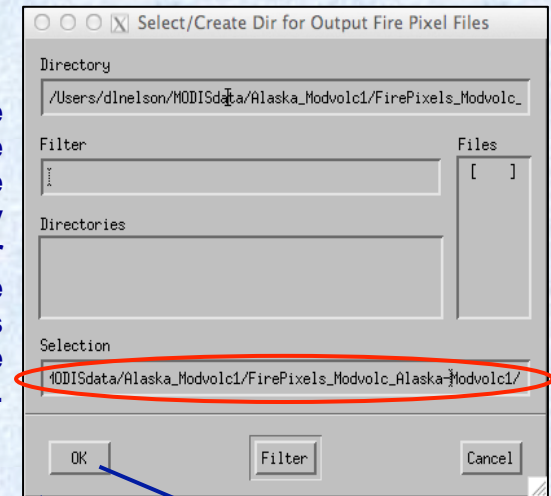
Enter date range and MISR block range for project. These will be used to filter out fire pixels that don't qualify. Block number is an effective proxy for latitude.

To exclude MISR orbits with a very small number of fire pixels, enter a number larger than 1.

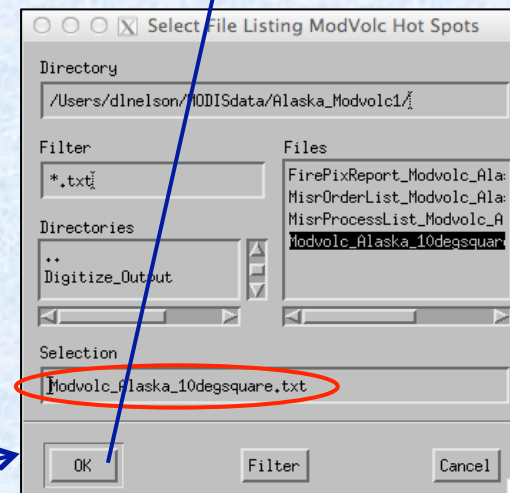
To show fire pixel locations on MISR images but not have access to fire power (FRP), then choose "ModVolc". This is processing alternative 1) described in slide 4.



Enter the name to use for the subdirectory where your output fire pixel files will be written.



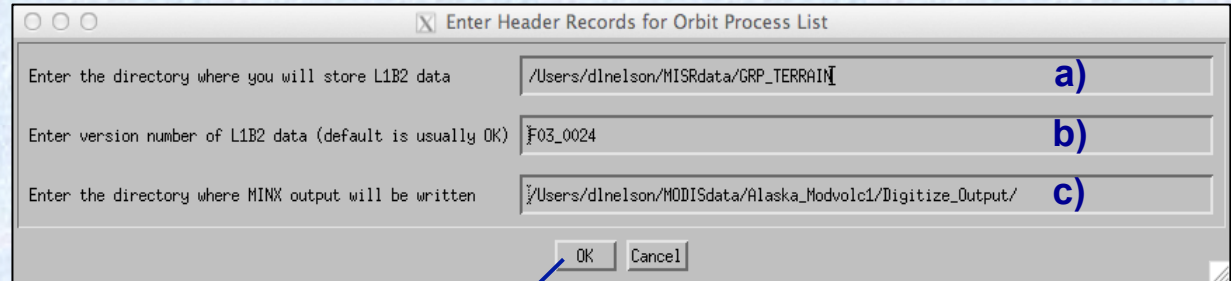
Next slide



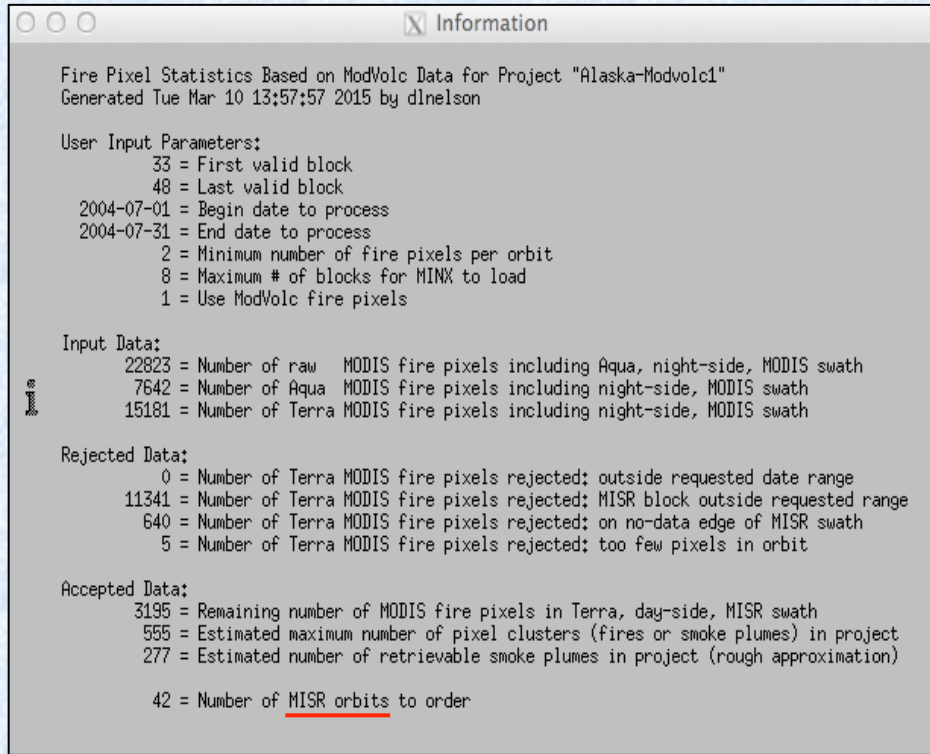
Select the name of the file that contains fire pixel data you downloaded from the ModVolc website and click "OK".

ModVolc Fire Pixels - Process 2

Next enter values for the items requested in this dialog box. These parameters are written into the top of the “MisrProcessList_Modvolc_<project>.txt” file (you can edit the values later)



This processing report is displayed on the screen and is written to your project file.



```
Fire Pixel Statistics Based on ModVolc Data for Project "Alaska-Modvolc1"
Generated Tue Mar 10 13:57:57 2015 by dlnelson

User Input Parameters:
  33 = First valid block
  48 = Last valid block
  2004-07-01 = Begin date to process
  2004-07-31 = End date to process
  2 = Minimum number of fire pixels per orbit
  8 = Maximum # of blocks for MINX to load
  1 = Use ModVolc fire pixels

Input Data:
  22823 = Number of raw MODIS fire pixels including Aqua, night-side, MODIS swath
  7642 = Number of Aqua MODIS fire pixels including night-side, MODIS swath
  15181 = Number of Terra MODIS fire pixels including night-side, MODIS swath

Rejected Data:
  0 = Number of Terra MODIS fire pixels rejected: outside requested date range
  11341 = Number of Terra MODIS fire pixels rejected: MISR block outside requested range
  640 = Number of Terra MODIS fire pixels rejected: on no-data edge of MISR swath
  5 = Number of Terra MODIS fire pixels rejected: too few pixels in orbit

Accepted Data:
  3195 = Remaining number of MODIS fire pixels in Terra, day-side, MISR swath
  555 = Estimated maximum number of pixel clusters (fires or smoke plumes) in project
  277 = Estimated number of retrievable smoke plumes in project (rough approximation)

  42 = Number of MISR orbits to order
```

- a) The full directory name where you expect to store downloaded MISR GRP_TERRAIN (or GRP_ELLIPSOID) files for input to digitizing.
- b) Version number of GRP_.... Files. The default is the version shown and will be correct until and if MISR reprocesses level 1 data.
- c) Subdirectory where MINX images, graphs and raw data files from plume digitizing will be saved. MINX will create this subdirectory.

After clicking OK in these dialog boxes, wait for processing to complete. Then look for these output files in your project directory:

- MisrOrderList-Modvolc_<project>.txt
- MisrProcessList-Modvolc_<project>.txt
- FirePixReport-Modvolc_<project>.log
- FirePixels-Modvolc_<project> (a directory)

ModVolc Fire Pixels – Sample Output Files

Sample orbit order list file:
MisrOrderList_Modvolc_<project>.txt

```
49117,49219,49554,49627,49656,49685,49758,49
787,50384,50457,50486,50559,50588,50661,5079
2,50821,50952
```

List of comma-separated MISR orbits you can cut-and-paste into the MISR “Order and Customization Tool” on the Langley DAAC website. To learn how to order MISR files, see the document “Tools for Ordering and Viewing MISR Data”.

Sample orbit process list file:
MisrProcessList_Modvolc_<project>.txt

```
/Users/dlnelson/MISRdata/GRP_TERRAIN
F03_0024
/Users/dlnelson/MINX_Workshops/plumes
1658 67 69 2000-04-10 05:30:00
1687 67 69 2000-04-12 05:20:00
2095 66 69 2000-05-10 05:45:00
2517 68 70 2000-06-08 05:15:00
2561 68 70 2000-06-11 05:45:00
2590 68 70 2000-06-13 05:30:00
2692 68 70 2000-06-20 05:35:00
2721 66 68 2000-06-22 05:25:00
2750 68 70 2000-06-24 05:15:00
2794 68 70 2000-06-27 05:45:00
2823 67 70 2000-06-29 05:30:00
2852 68 70 2000-07-01 05:20:00
2954 66 70 2000-07-08 05:25:00
5313 67 69 2000-12-17 05:10:00
5386 66 68 2000-12-22 05:30:00
```

Rename this file to “PlumeProjOrbitList.txt” and copy it into your Project_Directory (which can be changed using the Preferences dialog box). This file is read when “Process Plume Project” is selected from the MINX main menu, allowing you to choose which MISR orbit(s) to process.

These 3 file types are produced by fire pixel alternative 1). They are all that is required for MISR orbit selection and digitizing preparation.

Sample fire pixel file – one file per orbit:
FirePixels_Modvolc_02852_<project>.txt

```
Fire pixels from ModVolc project : Nepal2000
2852 / 141 / 2000-07-01 : orbit/path/date
Longitude Latitude Blk Samp Line
degrees degrees 0-based
86.63058 26.82733 69 1534 249
86.64109 26.82565 69 1538 249
86.45438 26.72519 69 1475 297
86.46477 26.72354 69 1479 297
86.47516 26.72189 69 1483 297
86.49596 26.71858 69 1491 298
86.51679 26.71527 69 1498 298
86.52721 26.71361 69 1502 299
86.46581 26.70623 69 1480 304
86.51787 26.69807 69 1499 305
86.52831 26.69643 69 1503 305
86.46407 26.69711 69 1480 308
86.47447 26.69547 69 1484 308
86.51611 26.68893 69 1499 309
86.52654 26.68729 69 1503 309
86.45192 26.68962 69 1476 311
86.47271 26.68635 69 1484 312
86.48312 26.68472 69 1487 312
86.50394 26.68144 69 1495 312
86.51437 26.67980 69 1499 313
```

During processing of plume heights by MINX, this file can be loaded, and each fire pixel location will automatically be posted on the MISR image as a red dot. **Because ModVolc data include no fire radiative power, those values cannot be collected and saved during plume digitizing.**

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If you chose the “Process MODIS MOD14 Fire Granules” option in MINX without first processing ModVolc data, you must download MODIS hotspot data for your project by following these steps:

- 1) Determine your project's geographic and date ranges.
- 2) Go to website:
<http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov/reverb>.
- 3) Register to download data if you haven't and “Sign In” (optional).
- 4) Pan and zoom the map to center your project area.
- 5) Select “Bounding Box”, “Polygon” or other method and outline your project area using the mouse.
- 6) Enter MODIS MOD14 in the “Search Terms” box.
- 7) Check the box by “MODIS/Terra Thermal Anomalies/Fire 5-Min L2 Swath 1km V005”.
- 8) Specify your starting and ending dates and times.
- 9) Click the “Search for Granules” button at the bottom and wait for the search to finish.

The screenshot shows the EODSIS (Earth Observing Data and Information System) website. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Search Options (Left Sidebar):** Includes Spatial, Search Terms, Temporal, Platforms & Instruments, Campaigns, Processing Levels, Science Keywords, Feedback, Availability, Notices, and Release Information.
- Search Criteria (Main Area):**
 - Spatial Search:** A map of Nepal with a red polygon drawn over it, labeled with a red '5'. A red arrow labeled '4' points to the map.
 - Search Terms:** A text box containing 'MODIS MOD14', labeled with a red '6'.
 - Temporal Search:** Fields for START (2004-04-10 00:00:00) and END (2004-06-20 23:59:59), labeled with a red '8'.
- Select Datasets (Step 2):** A list of datasets with checkboxes. The first option, 'MODIS/Terra Thermal Anomalies/Fire 5-Min L2 Swath 1km V005', is checked and labeled with a red '7'.
- Discover Granules (Step 3):** A section for selecting granules, with the same dataset checked, labeled with a red '9'.
- Buttons:** 'Search for Granules' and 'Search for Granules By ID' are at the bottom.

You can download a maximum of 2000 granules at a time. If you need to exceed this, you can break the project into several smaller time periods.

MODIS Fire Pixels – Download 2

- 10) Click “All” in the column of the table header with the cart symbol to select all granules, and wait for the search to complete.
- 11) Click the “View Items in Cart” button when its ready.
- 12) When the cart list appears, click the “Download” button at the bottom, **not** the “Order” button.
- 13) On the “Download Instructions” dialog, select “Data” and “Text File” and click “Save”. When it has been downloaded, move the saved file to your project directory. It must have a .txt extension.

Step 1: Select Granules

List View Map View

MODIS/Terra Thermal Anomalies/Fire 5-Min L2 Swath 1km V005
Archive Center: LPDAAC Short Name: MOD14 Version: 5

Save Granule Results

Showing 1 to 9 of 240 granules Total Query Time: 31.135

Granule ID	Start Time	End Time	Online Access	Browse	All
MOD14.A2004101.0535.005.2008220124611.hdf	2004-04-10 05:35:00 UTC	2004-04-10 05:40:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004101.1630.005.2008220090114.hdf	2004-04-10 16:30:00 UTC	2004-04-10 16:35:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004101.1635.005.2008220155333.hdf	2004-04-10 16:35:00 UTC	2004-04-10 16:40:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004102.0440.005.2008220155822.hdf	2004-04-11 04:40:00 UTC	2004-04-11 04:45:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004102.0615.005.2008220133147.hdf	2004-04-11 06:15:00 UTC	2004-04-11 06:20:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004102.1535.005.2008220180428.hdf	2004-04-11 15:35:00 UTC	2004-04-11 15:40:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004102.1715.005.2008220182212.hdf	2004-04-11 17:15:00 UTC	2004-04-11 17:20:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004103.0520.005.2008220225813.hdf	2004-04-12 05:20:00 UTC	2004-04-12 05:25:00 UTC	✓	✓	
MOD14.A2004103.1620.005.2008220203552.hdf	2004-04-12 16:20:00 UTC	2004-04-12 16:25:00 UTC	✓	✓	

Step 2: Go to Cart

11 View Items in Cart

Download Instructions ✕

Select URLs to Download: [?]

☒ Data

☐ Metadata

Format: Native ▾

☐ Browse

Format: Native ▾

Select Download Option:

☒ Text File: [More Info](#)

Cancel Save

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✕	MOD14.A2004106.1650.005.2008221030629.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004107.0455.005.2008221034148.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004107.1555.005.2008220211259.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004107.1735.005.2008221040335.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004108.0540.005.2008221045542.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004108.1640.005.2008221052606.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A
✕	MOD14.A2004109.0445.005.2008221055447.hdf	Yes	Yes	N/A

← Previous 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Next →

The following operations apply to all items currently in your cart.

Empty Cart Order Download Perform Service

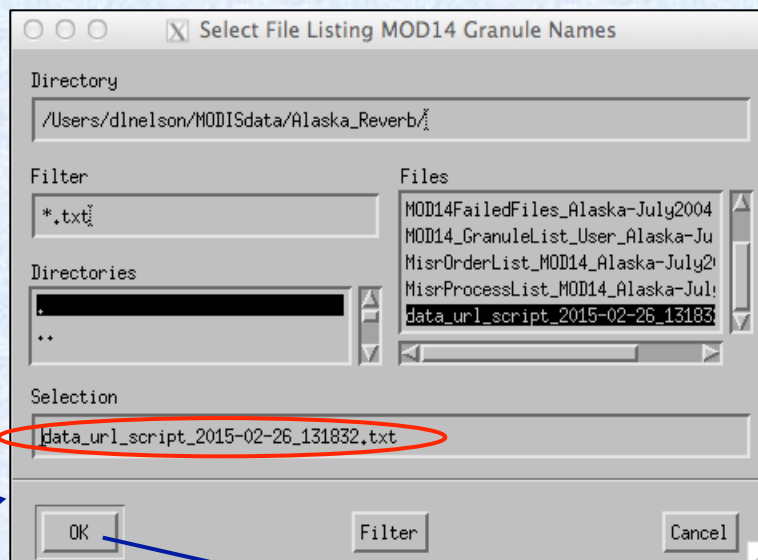
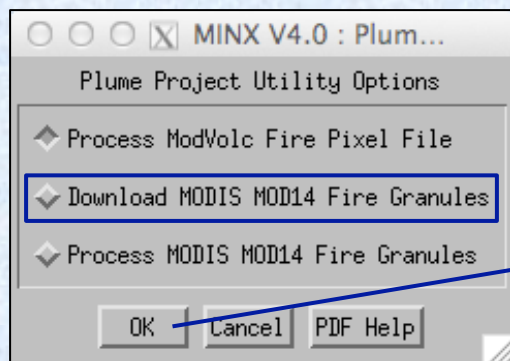
MODIS Fire Pixels – Download 3

The MODIS file you downloaded from the Reverb site should look similar to the sample below. If you edit the file, avoid using a text editor that adds unprintable characters.

This Reverb filename = `data_url_script_2015-02-26_131832.txt`

```
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.0100.005.2015005074307.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.0105.005.2015005074247.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.0110.005.2015005074257.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.0240.005.2015001044708.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.0245.005.2015001044701.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.1130.005.2015001142349.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.1135.005.2015001142348.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.1305.005.2015001143038.hdf
http://e4ftl01.cr.usgs.gov/MODIS_Dailies_C/MOLT/MOD14.005/2015.01.01/MOD14.A2015001.1310.005.2015001142531.hdf
.....
```

When you're ready to pick up your order, select "Plume Project Utilities" on the MINX main menu, then select "Download MODIS MOD14 Fire Granules".



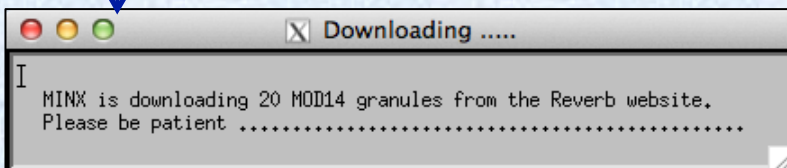
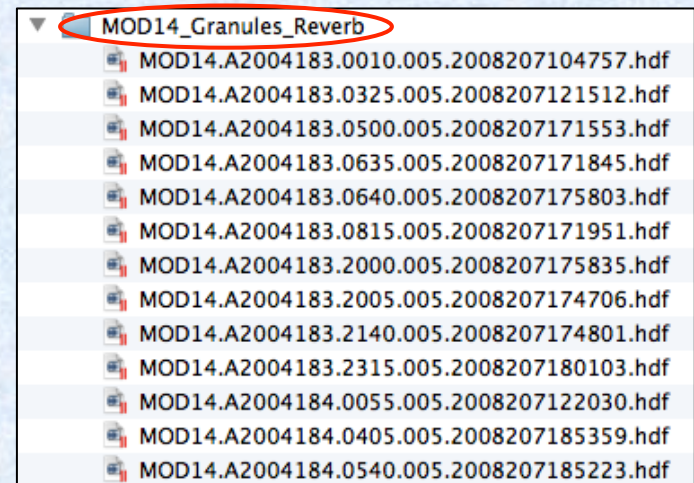
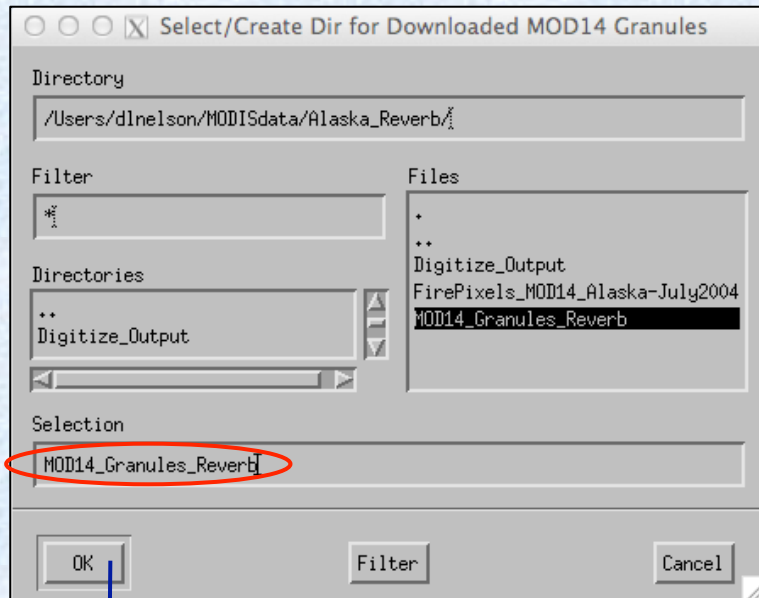
Select the Reverb file containing MOD14 granule names that you downloaded and press "OK" to proceed to the next step.

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MODIS Fire Pixels – Download 4

Enter the name of the directory where you want your MOD14 granules to be stored. This may be a subdirectory of your project directory. Then click “OK” to begin downloading.

This is an example of what your MOD14 granule subdirectory should contain. You are ready to process the MODIS fire pixels.

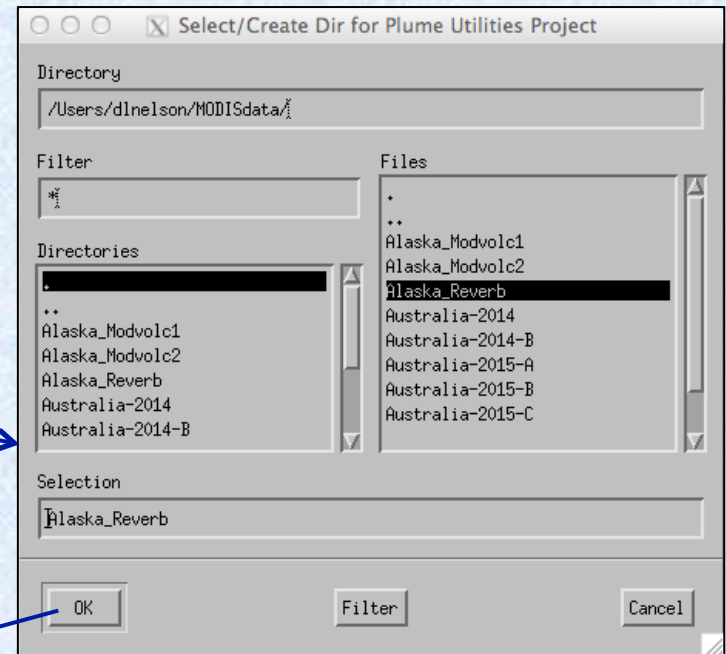
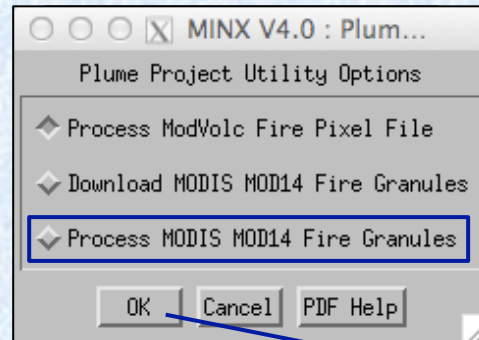


This message is displayed as your MOD14 granules are downloading. When all your MOD14 granules have been received, MINX will return you to the “Plume Utility” dialog box.

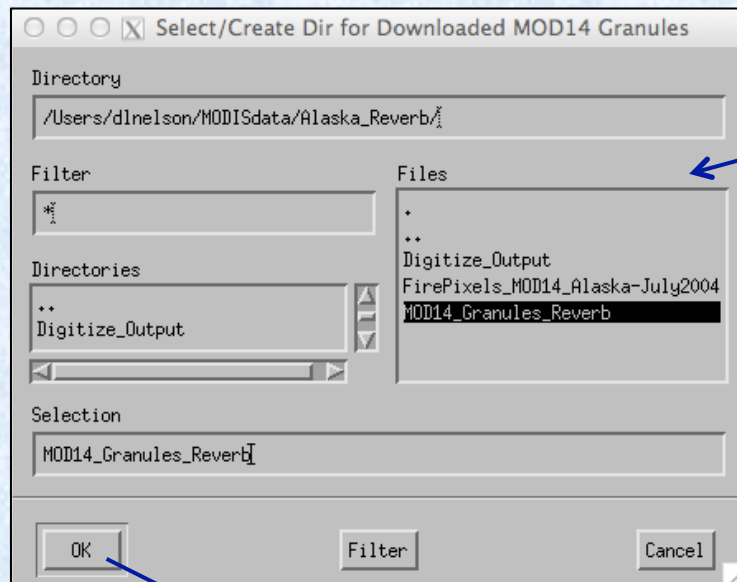
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MODIS Fire Pixels – Process 1

When you're ready to process your MODIS granules, select "Plume Project Utilities" on the MINX main menu, then select "Process MODIS MOD14 Fire Granules".



Select the name of your project directory or another directory where you want your output files to be written.



Select the directory where you stored the MODIS MOD14 fire granules downloaded from the Reverb website.

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MODIS Fire Pixels – Process 2

Only those fire pixels that satisfy all the filtering criteria specified here will be included in the output files.
Fire power is fire radiative power measured in megawatts.

Project Name: (no spaces or underscores)

Date range (YYYY-MM-DD)
Begin: End:

MISR block range (1-180)
First Block: Last Block:

MISR path range (1-233)
Eastern Path: Western Path:
To span path 233, put larger path in East

Max number of MISR blocks your computer can load into MINX - this defines the block-group size (1-20):

Minimum MODIS confidence level (in %) needed to accept a fire pixel (1-100):

Minimum fire power needed to accept a fire pixel (1-999 MWatt):

Minimum cumulative fire power needed to accept a MISR block (1-999 MWatt):

Minimum cumulative fire power needed to accept a block-group (1-999 MWatt):

Minimum number of fire pixels needed to accept a block-group (1-999):

OK Cancel

Use a consistent project name throughout. MINX will replace space and underscore characters with a dash (-).

Enter the date range and MISR block and path ranges for the project. Fire pixels that don't fall within these ranges will be excluded.

Each block-group will contain no more blocks than the number specified here.

MODIS confidence level can be used to filter out fire pixels.

Fire pixels with FRP values less than this entry in MWatts will be excluded.

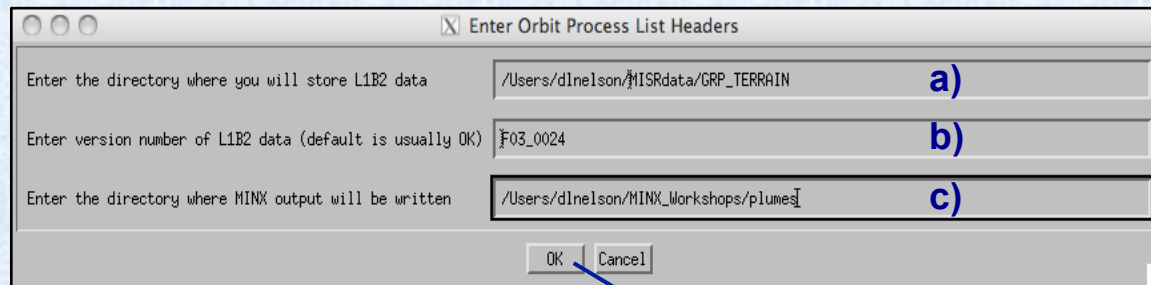
Exclude whole blocks or block-groups by cumulative FRP.

To filter out block-groups with a small number of fire pixels, enter a number larger than 1.

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- Block number is a proxy for latitude and path is a proxy for longitude. You can determine the best values for these by testing different paths in the “Show Orbit Location” option on the MINX main menu.
- Path numbers increase from east to west. For projects that span MISR paths 1 and 233, path numbers should be entered with the larger path number in the east.
- Because MISR data sets are very large, a limited number of blocks can be loaded into MINX at once, depending on your computer. If there are fire pixels on a range of blocks in an orbit, MINX will break the orbit into separate block-groups. These block-groups appear, one to a line, in the output file named : `MisrProcessList_Modis_<project>.txt`.

MODIS Fire Pixels –Process 3

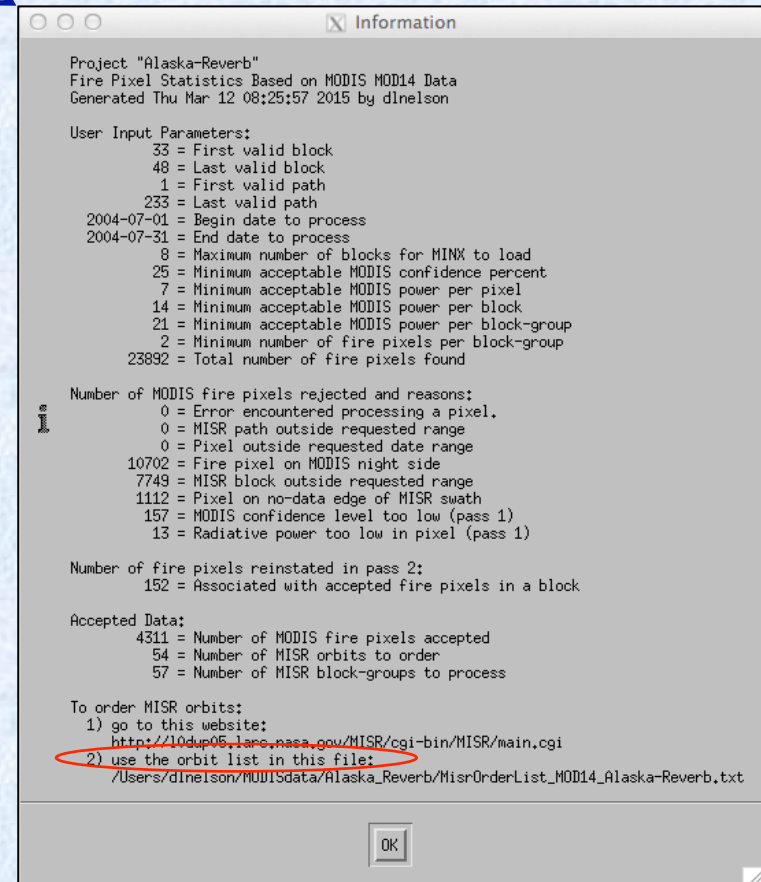


The parameters you enter here are written into the top of the file named `MisrProcessList-ByModis_<project>.txt` (you can edit these values later):

- a) The full directory name where you expect to store downloaded MISR GRP_TERRAIN (or GRP_ELLIPSOID) files for input to digitizing.
- b) Version number of GRP_.... Files. The default is the version shown and will be correct until and if MISR reprocesses level 1 data.
- c) Name of the directory where MINX images, graphs and raw data files from plume digitizing will be saved.

After clicking OK, wait for processing to complete. Then look for your output files in the directory at the bottom of the Information window:

- `MisrOrderList-ByModis_<project>.txt`
- `MisrProcessList-ByModis_<project>.txt`
- `FirePixReport-ByModis_<project>.log`
- `FirePixels-ByModis` (directory containing fire pixel files)



Modis Fire Pixels – Sample Output Files

Sample orbit order list file:

MisrOrderList_MOD14_Alaska-Reverb.txt

```
24138,24152,24166,24167,24181,24195,24196,2
4210,24211,24224,24225,24239,24240,24253,24
254,24269,24283,24284,24285
```

List of comma-separated MISR orbits that can be cut-and-pasted into MISR “Order and Customization Tool” on the Langley DAAC website. To learn how to order MISR files, see the document titled “Tools for Ordering and Viewing MISR Data”.

Sample project process list file:

MisrProcessList_MOD14_Alaska-Reverb.txt

```
/Users/dlnelson/MISRdata/GRP_TERRAIN/
F03_0024
/Users/dlnelson/Alaska_Reverb/DigOutput/
24400 35 40 2004-07-19 1195 MWatt
24414 38 43 2004-07-20 1433 MWatt
24415 37 41 2004-07-20 1149 MWatt
24428 37 40 2004-07-21 394 MWatt
24428 47 49 2004-07-21 146 MWatt
24429 35 40 2004-07-21 2089 MWatt
24430 36 38 2004-07-21 112 MWatt
24443 39 42 2004-07-22 3106 MWatt
24444 36 40 2004-07-22 518 MWatt
24457 37 43 2004-07-23 14709 MWatt
24458 35 40 2004-07-23 135 MWatt
24472 39 43 2004-07-24 6421 MWatt
24486 40 43 2004-07-25 6963 MWatt
24486 47 49 2004-07-25 48 MWatt
24487 35 40 2004-07-25 405 MWatt
....
```

Block groups
Same orbit, different blocks

Rename this file to “PlumeProjOrbitList.txt” and copy it into your project directory. The file is automatically read when “Process Plume Project” is selected from the main MINX menu, and you can point-and-click to choose which orbit to process.

These 3 file types are produced by fire pixel alternative 2). They are all that is required for MISR orbit selection and fire pixel detection.

Sample fire pixel file - one is produced per MISR orbit:

FirePixels_MOD14_024137_Alaska-Reverb.txt

```
Fire pixels from MODIS granules on 275m MISR SOM grid for project : Alaska-Reverb
24152 / 62 / 2004-07-02 : orbitnum / pathnum / date
Longitude Latitude Blk Samp Line Power ReflR2 BTmpT21 BTmpT31 BBTmpT21 BBTmpT31 Conf
degrees degrees 0-based MWatt reflR2 fire(k) fire(k) bkgnd(k) bkgnd(k) %
-137.11847 67.46284 36 485 353 14.9 0.216 319.4 302.0 305.4 300.4 36
-137.26448 67.47224 36 462 356 257.7 0.287 398.2 308.4 303.4 297.7 100
-137.24139 67.46922 36 466 356 167.1 0.231 380.1 307.0 303.8 297.7 100
-137.12599 67.45409 36 485 357 35.6 0.177 333.9 304.2 306.0 300.4 86
-137.10318 67.45108 36 489 357 20.1 0.244 323.0 301.0 304.8 300.0 71
-137.22636 67.45750 36 470 360 18.6 0.237 322.1 301.2 305.2 299.2 57
-137.15669 67.44837 36 481 361 26.9 0.178 329.9 303.5 308.3 300.8 70
-137.13359 67.44534 36 485 361 38.0 0.221 336.1 304.3 307.4 300.9 87
-137.21107 67.44576 36 474 364 37.4 0.241 335.6 304.6 307.3 300.2 80
-137.16446 67.43964 36 481 364 66.1 0.237 349.4 302.5 306.5 300.2 95
-137.14117 67.43658 36 485 364 31.9 0.235 331.4 301.5 305.5 300.3 84
-137.75073 67.43003 36 395 395 30.3 0.231 328.2 298.2 302.3 297.0 76
-137.72632 67.42692 36 399 395 25.4 0.224 324.7 297.9 302.1 296.2 63
-137.75830 67.42121 36 395 399 36.6 0.168 333.4 301.6 304.7 298.5 80
-137.57010 67.39713 36 426 399 566.0 0.286 435.7 322.4 307.4 298.5 100
-137.54663 67.39411 36 430 400 117.4 0.244 367.5 306.4 307.3 299.9 100
-137.52339 67.39111 36 434 400 11.6 0.253 316.7 300.2 305.7 300.3 47
-137.64708 67.39725 36 414 403 201.3 0.208 388.3 309.3 309.8 299.4 100
-137.62399 67.39429 36 418 403 308.0 0.191 406.8 316.5 311.2 300.1 100
-137.60095 67.39133 36 422 403 324.3 0.189 409.2 316.9 311.4 300.6 100
-137.57770 67.38834 36 426 403 267.9 0.179 400.7 313.5 311.2 301.3 100
-137.55438 67.38535 36 430 403 301.5 0.191 405.8 315.2 310.1 301.7 100
...
```

When you later use either the “Process Plume Project” or “Animate Cameras” option on the MINX main menu to retrieve plume heights, this file can be loaded using the “Task Menu” -> “Select Digitizing Tool” -> “Load MODIS Fire Pixels”. Each fire pixel location will be posted automatically on the MISR image as a red dot. Because fire pixel data from MODIS granules include fire radiative power, power values at locations inside a digitized plume will be collected and saved during plume processing.

Contents

MINX Plume Project Utilities

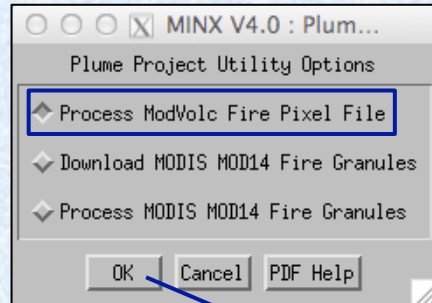
ModVolc Fire Pixels

MODIS Fire Pixels

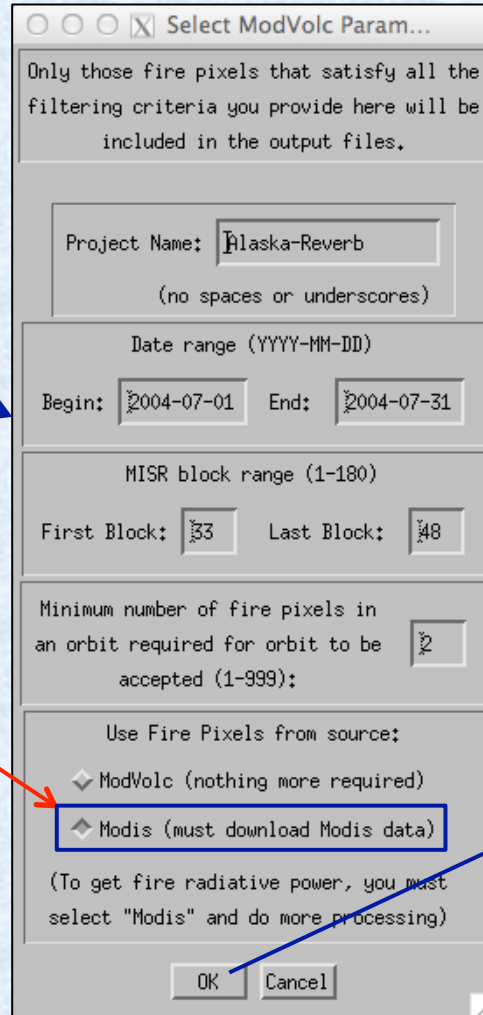
ModVolc and MODIS

MINX Process Plume Project

ModVolc / MODIS Fire Pixels – Download 1

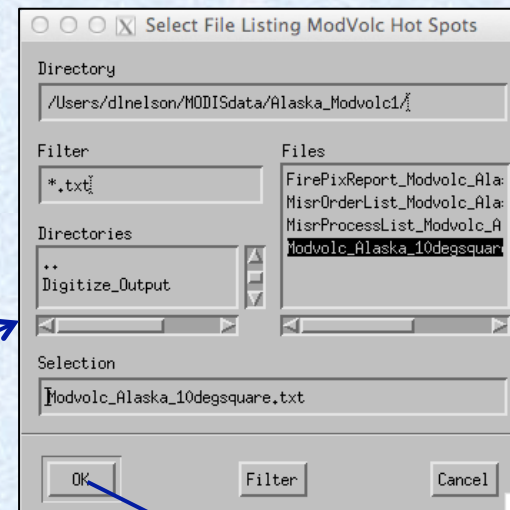


In the "Use Fire Pixels from source:" box, you must check the "Modis" button rather than the "ModVolc" button.



Alternative 3) described on slide 4 uses **ModVolc** fire pixels to create a list of **MODIS MOD14** granule names rather than requiring you to visit the **Reverb** website to select them.

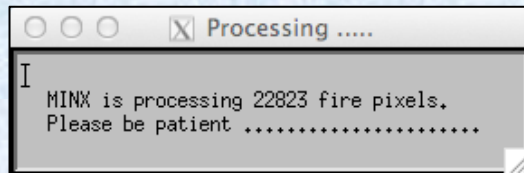
Processing begins the same as in alternative 1). First download ModVolc fire pixels for your project. Then select "Process ModVolc Fire Pixel File" from the "Plume Utilities" dialog box. (See slides 6 – 8).



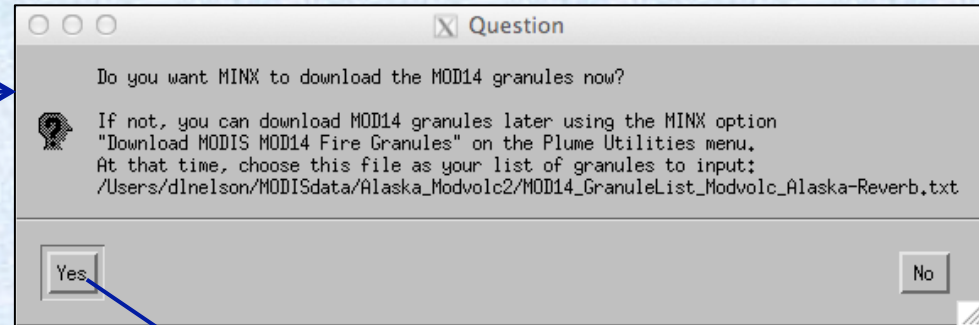
Just as in alternative 1), select the name of the file that contains fire pixel data you downloaded from the **ModVolc** website and click "OK".

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MODIS Fire Pixels – Process 3

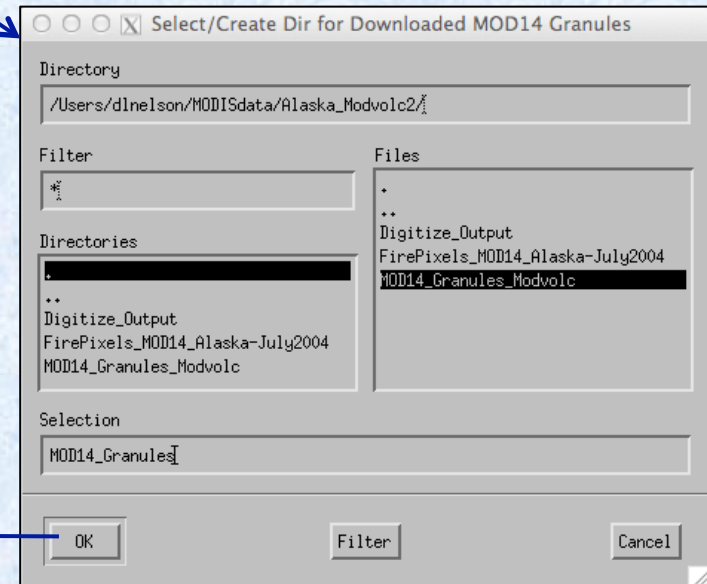


When MINX finishes processing the ModVolc fire pixels and creating the list of MOD14 granules to download, you will be shown a Question dialog.



Click "Yes" in the Question dialog to display another dialog box where you specify the directory where MOD14 granules will be downloaded.

When you click "OK" in this dialog, MINX will immediately begin downloading the MOD14 granules to the directory you specified to receive them.



Select the directory where MODIS granules will be downloaded.



To complete the processing and generate files needed for plume digitizing, follow the instructions on slides 16 – 18.

Contents

MINX Plume Project Utilities

ModVolc Fire Pixels

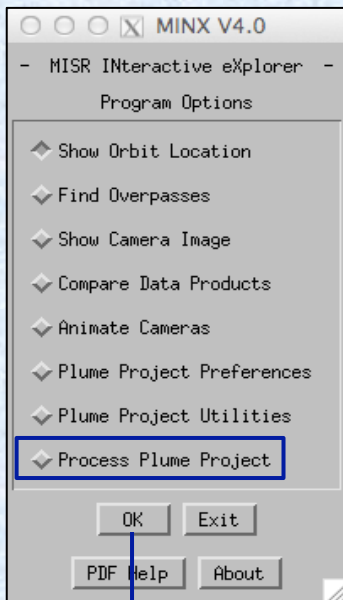
MODIS Fire Pixels

ModVolc and MODIS

MINX Process Plume Project

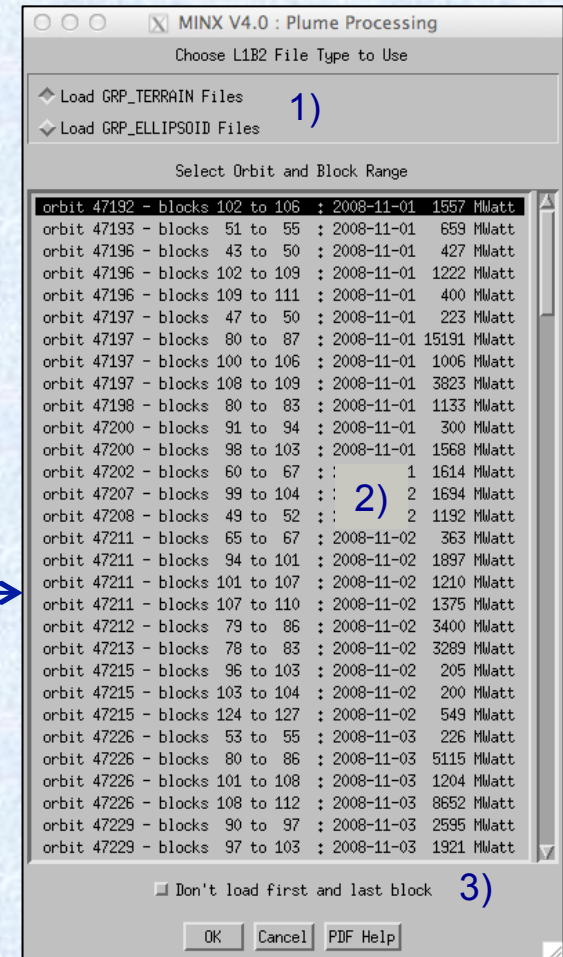
Process Plume Project - 1

This option speeds the completion of a plume digitizing project comprising many orbits by allowing a user to select orbits from a list and bypass multiple MINX dialog boxes. But the end result is identical to the result obtained by choosing the “Animate Cameras” option.



- Click “OK” and MINX finds and reads a file whose name must be “PlumeProjOrbitList.txt” which resides in the Plume Project Directory you selected in the “Plume Project Preferences” option of the main menu.
- The file can be created automatically by the Plume Project Utilities or it can be hand-coded to contain a list of frequently used orbits/blocks (see next slide).
- If the file is not present or cannot be read, MINX will prompt the user with the format to use to create the file.

- 1) Select the type of level 1 radiance imagery you want to load. Always use Terrain-referenced data if the plume is over land – if over water, then it’s OK to use Ellipsoid-referenced data.
- 2) Highlight an entry from this list - when you click "OK", nine MISR camera images for the selected orbit and block range will immediately be loaded and displayed without showing any other file selection dialogs.
- 3) Checking “Don’t load first and last block” instructs MINX to load the block range for the selected orbit minus the first and last blocks. This is useful for reducing load time when you want to quickly inspect a scene.



Process Plume Project - 2

- File PlumeProjOrbitList.txt can be created automatically by the Plume Project Utilities option. See slides 10 and 19 above.
- If you create the file with a text editor, it must contain 3 lines of header plus a list of orbits to choose for processing. Do not create this file with an editor that inserts invisible formatting characters.
- The header lines are useful when you have multiple projects and want the input and output locations for each to be different and remain fixed. The header lines must be:
 - 1) One or two directory names where GRP_TERRAIN and GRP_ELLIPSOID files are located. Use two names in the order above if you need to use both files types AND if they are stored in different locations. Separate the names by at least one space character or tab.
 - 2) Version string for GRP_TERRAIN and/or GRP_ELLIPSOID files (F03_0024 as of 4/2015).
 - 3) Directory where MINX output data and images will be written.
- Each successive line contains information for one orbit in the following order in free format with items separated by space characters or tabs:

OrbitNumber	BeginBlock	EndBlock	Comments
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- The comments field may contain spaces and is optional. Blank lines may be included in the orbit list.

```
1) /Users/dlnelson/MISRdata/GRP_TERRAIN /Users/dlnelson/MISRdata/GRP_ELLIPSOID
2) F03_0024
3) /Users/dlnelson/MINX_output
  58978 105 107 southern Argentina isolated tiny cloud
  24298 37 37 Alaska smoke plume
  40123 104 104 Africa storm cloud
    5384 112 112 Australia smoke plume w/ red background
  43484 76 79 Bodele dust plume 2
  38671 150 152 Antarctic snow storm

  15204 60 63 Etna eruption over Mediterranean – use ellipsoid
  32555 42 43 Augustine ash plume
  61064 122 124 Puyehue eruption
```

Sample hand-coded PlumeProjOrbitList.txt file

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