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AeroCom working group **Indirect forcing**

please see the WIKI page

http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/Indirect_forcing

for status and updates.



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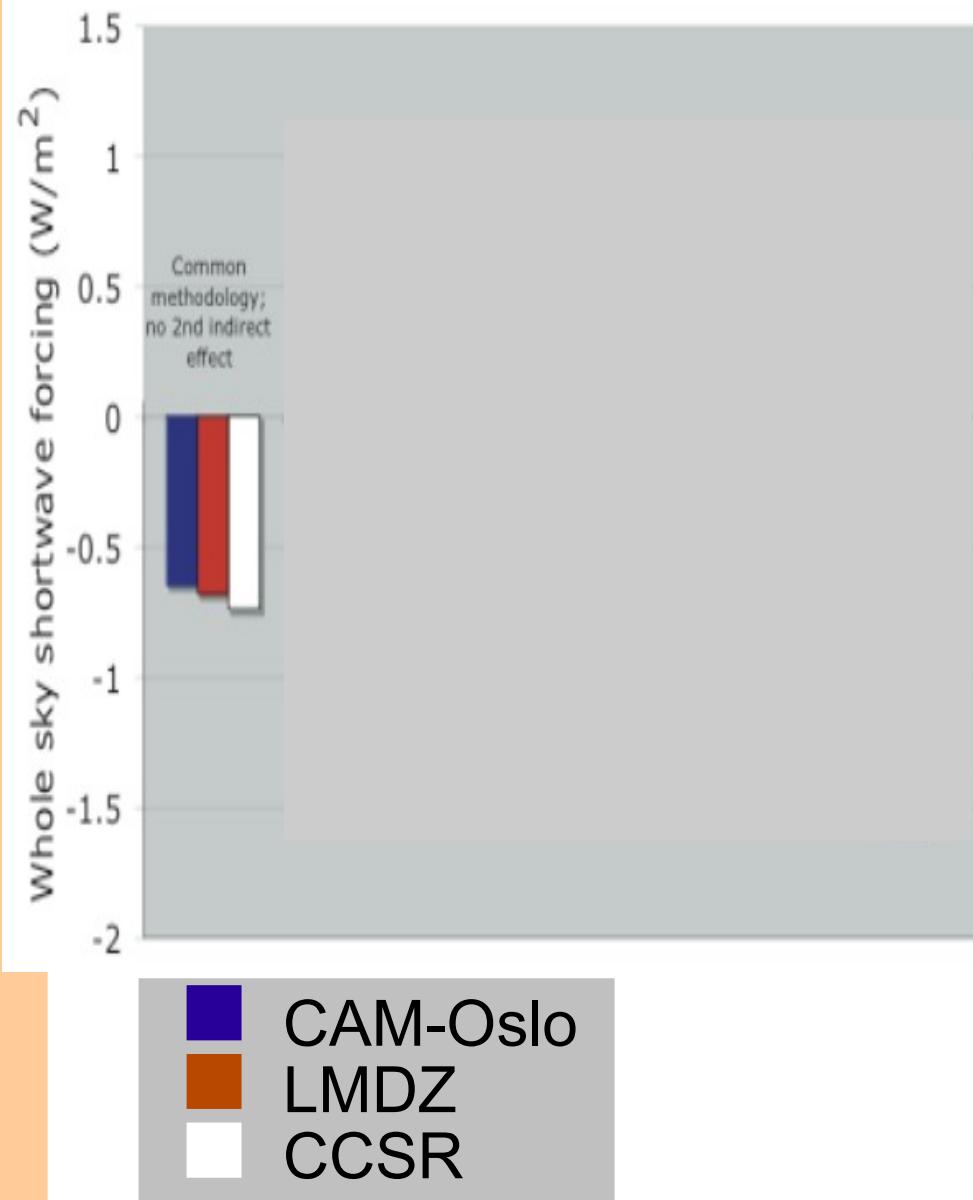
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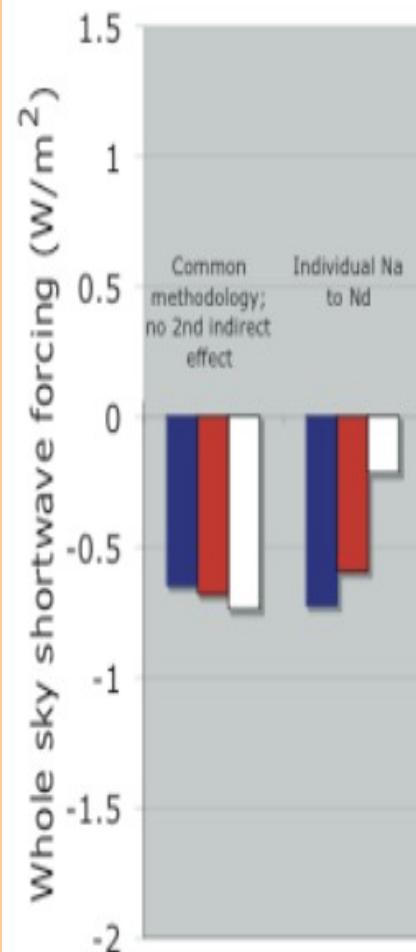
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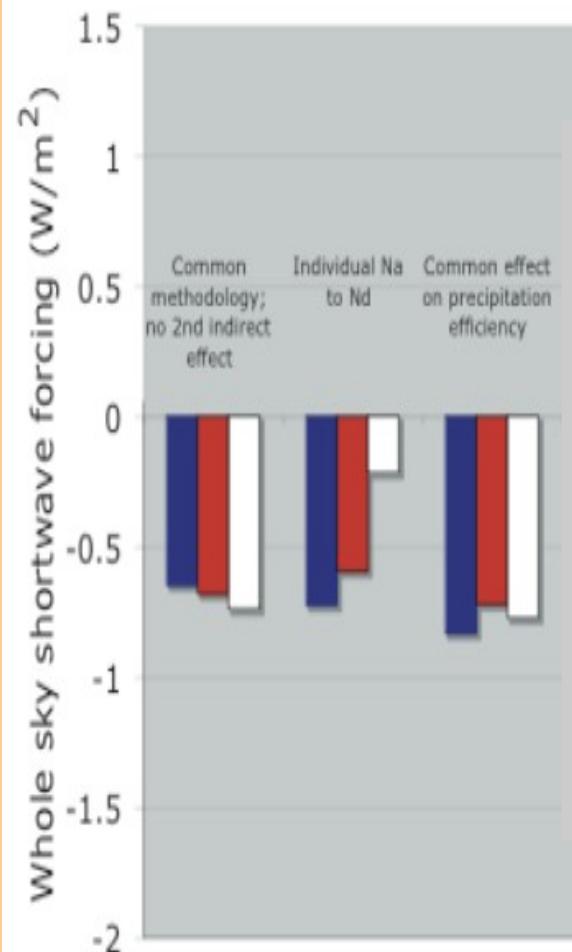
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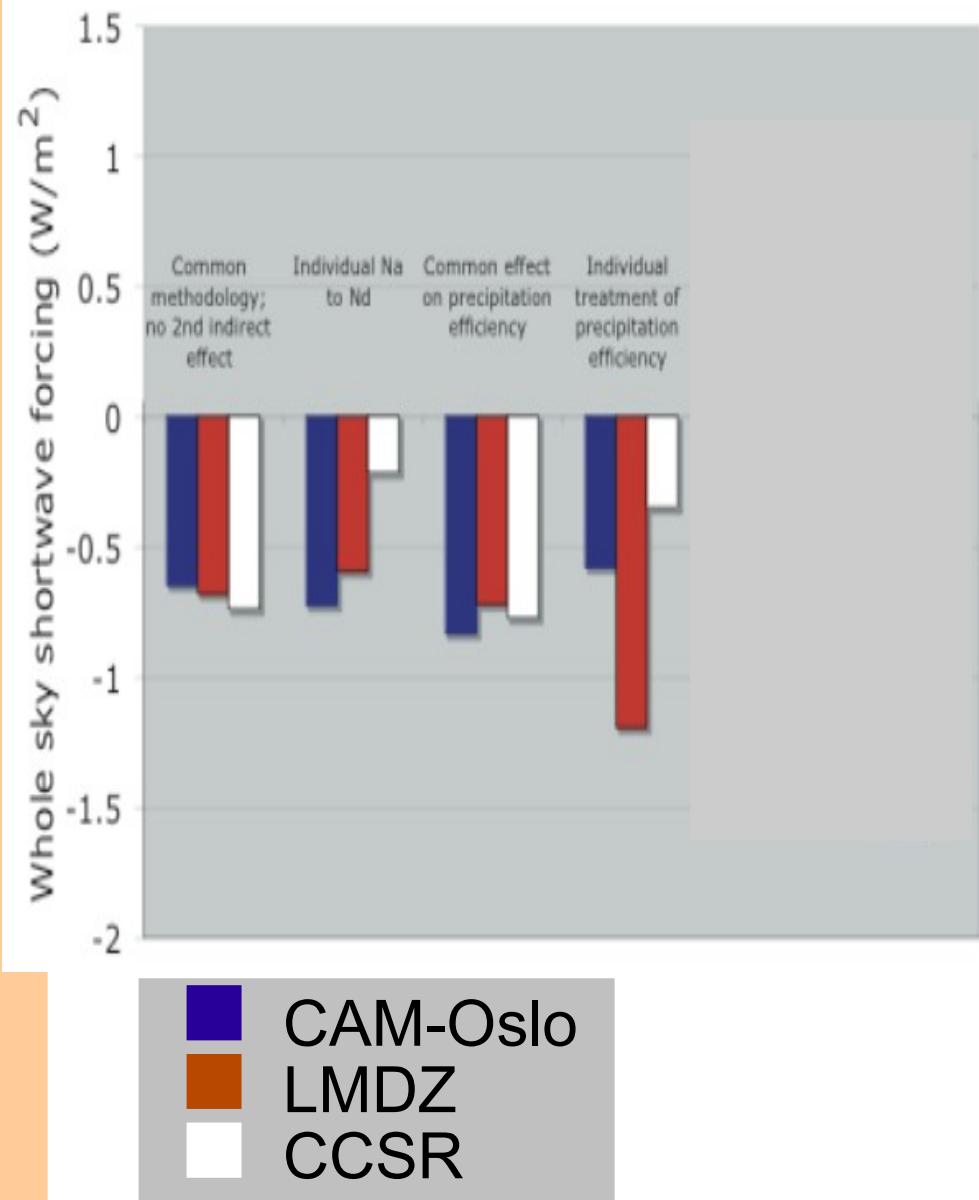
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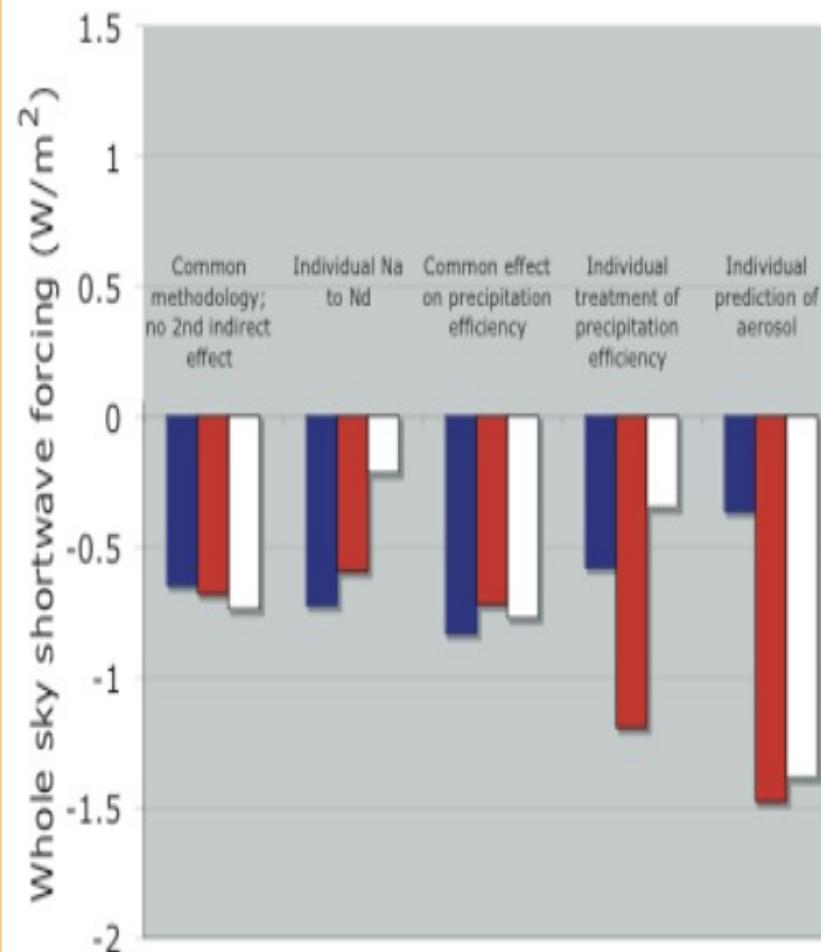
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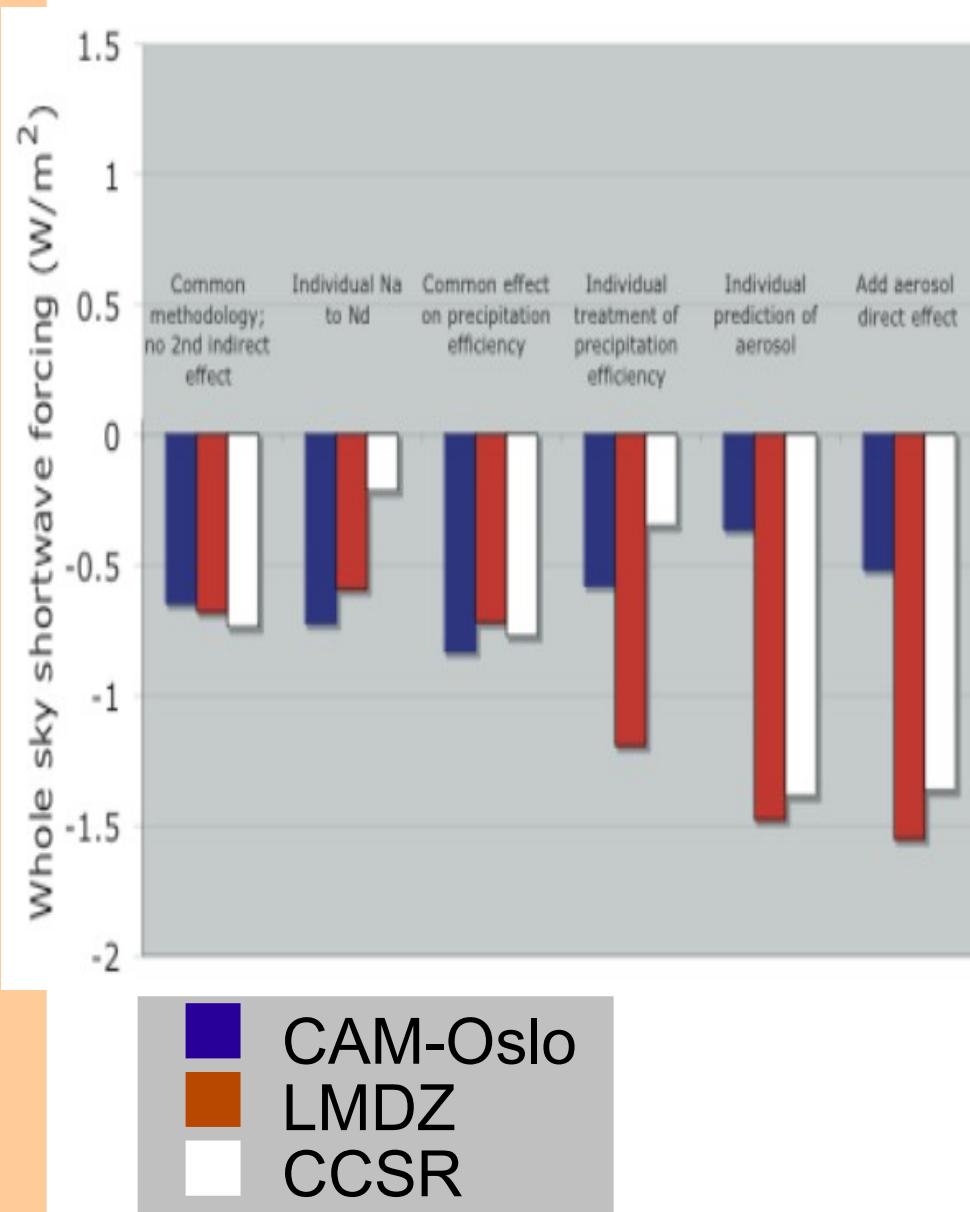
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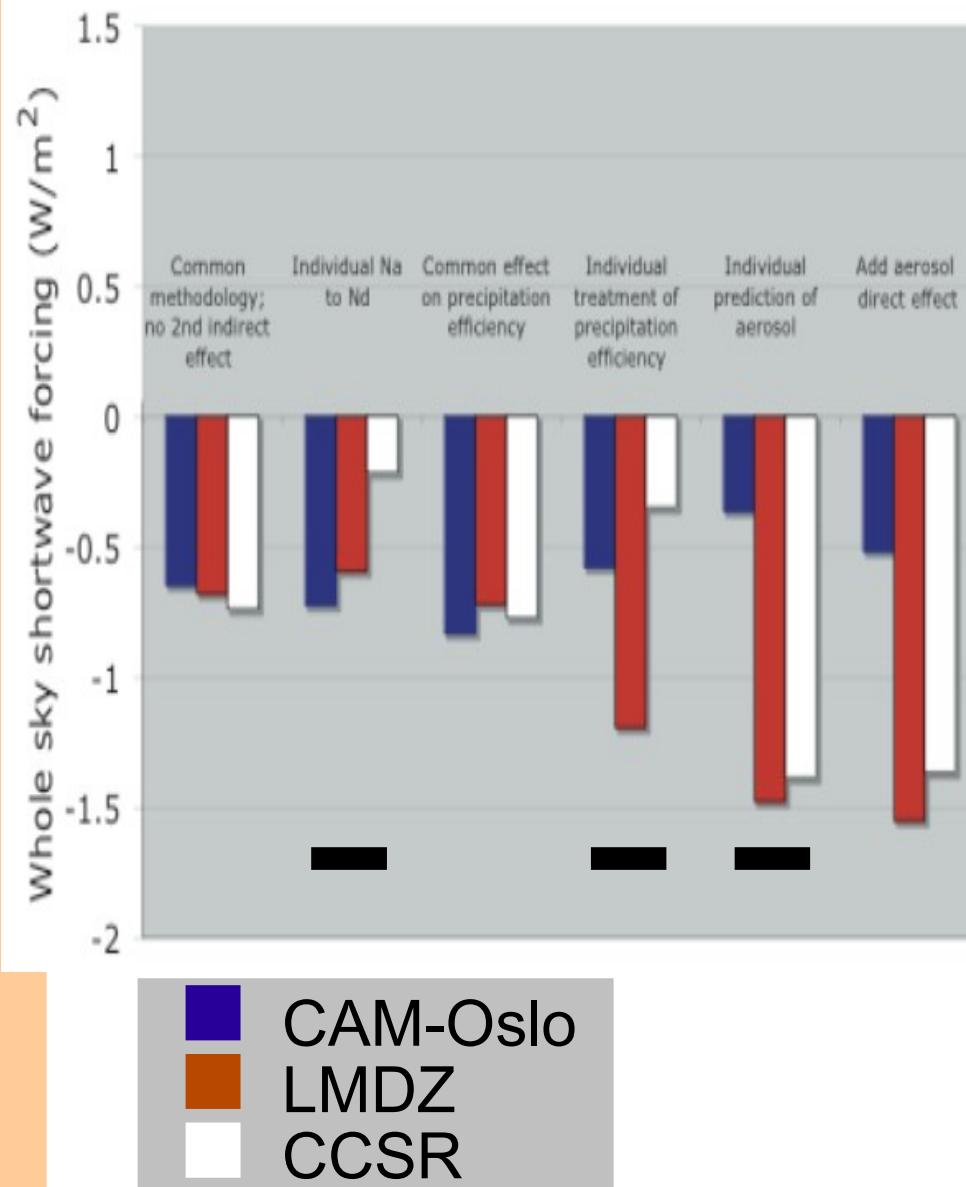
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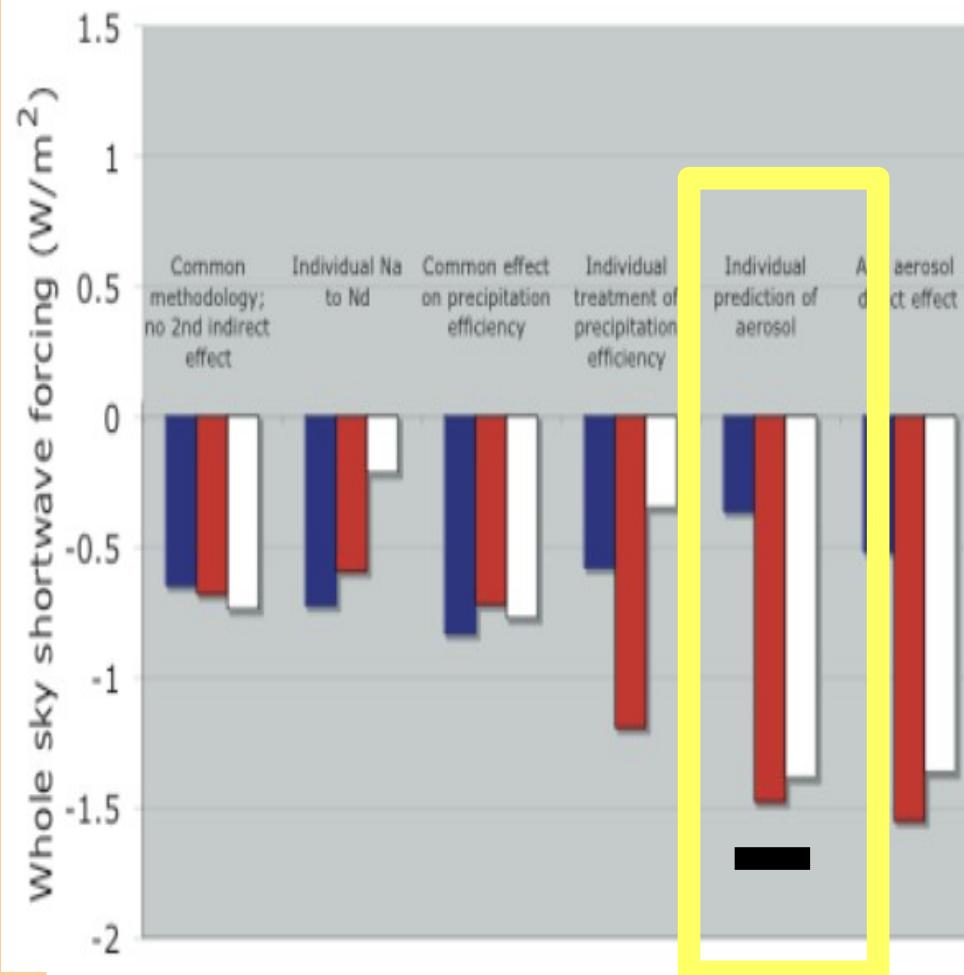
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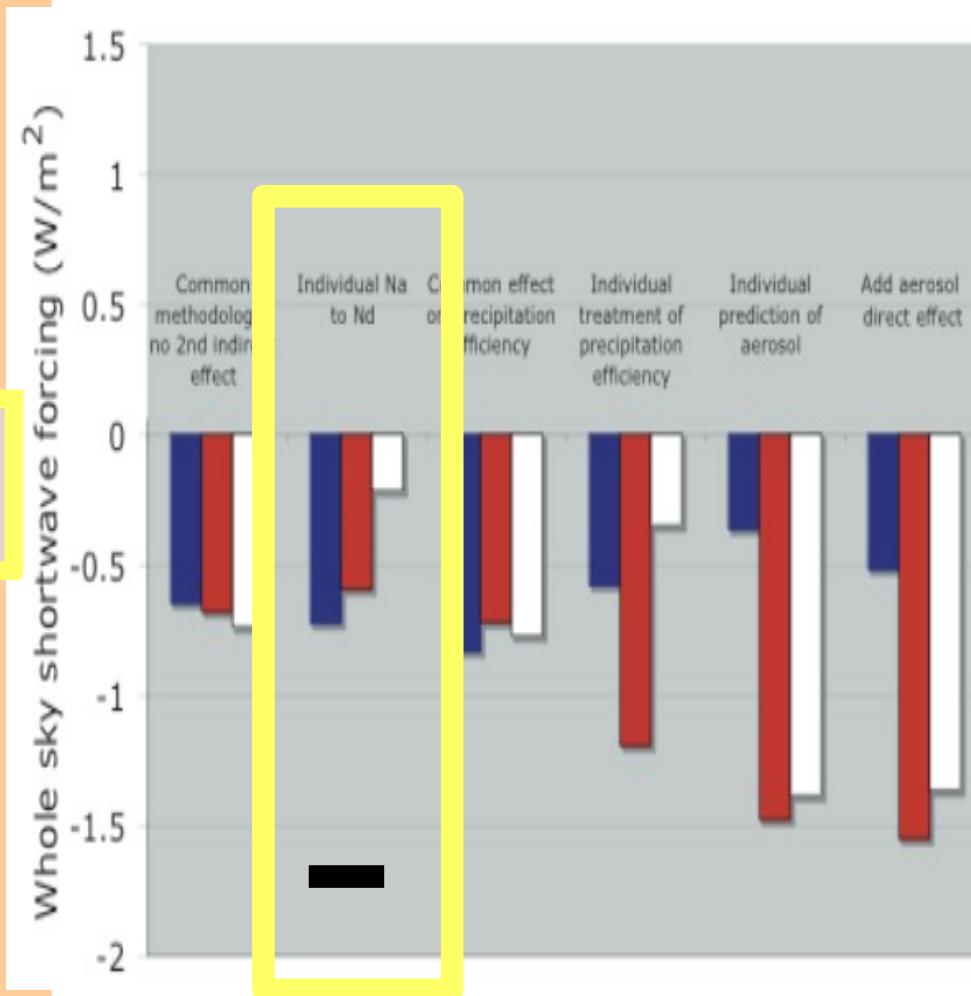
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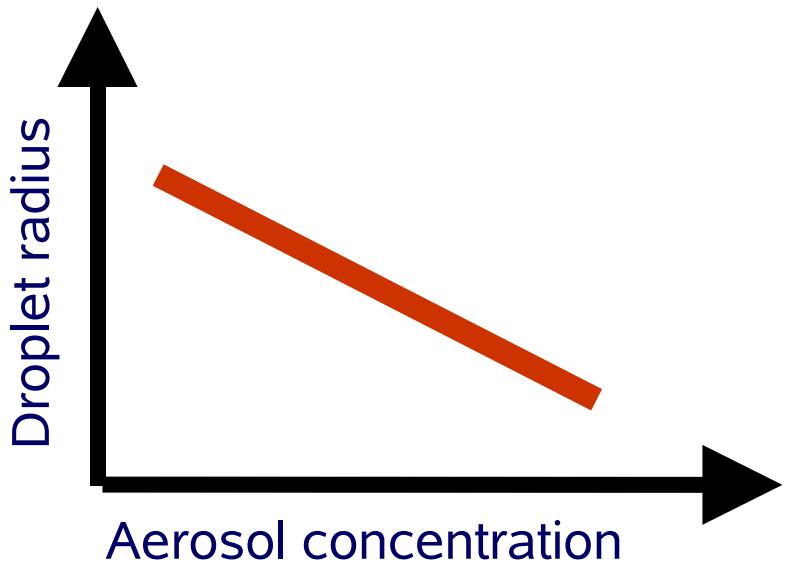
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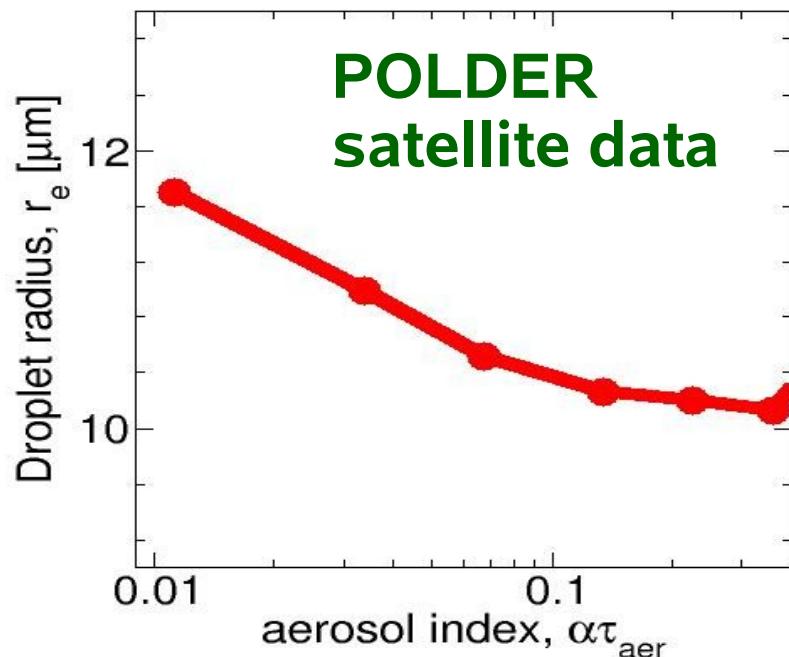
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- robust
- relative changes only
- valid in changing climate

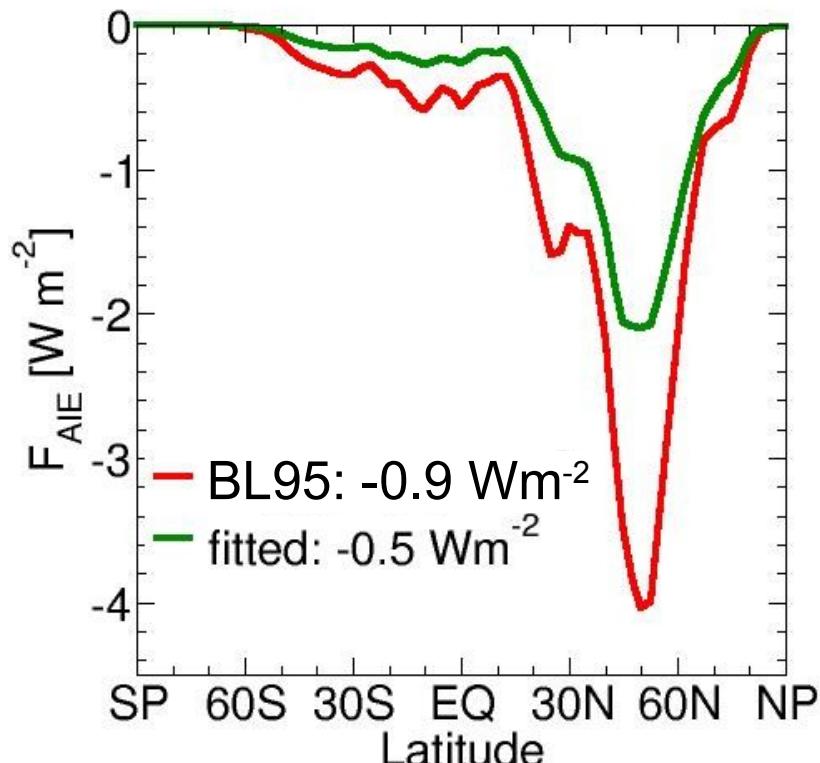
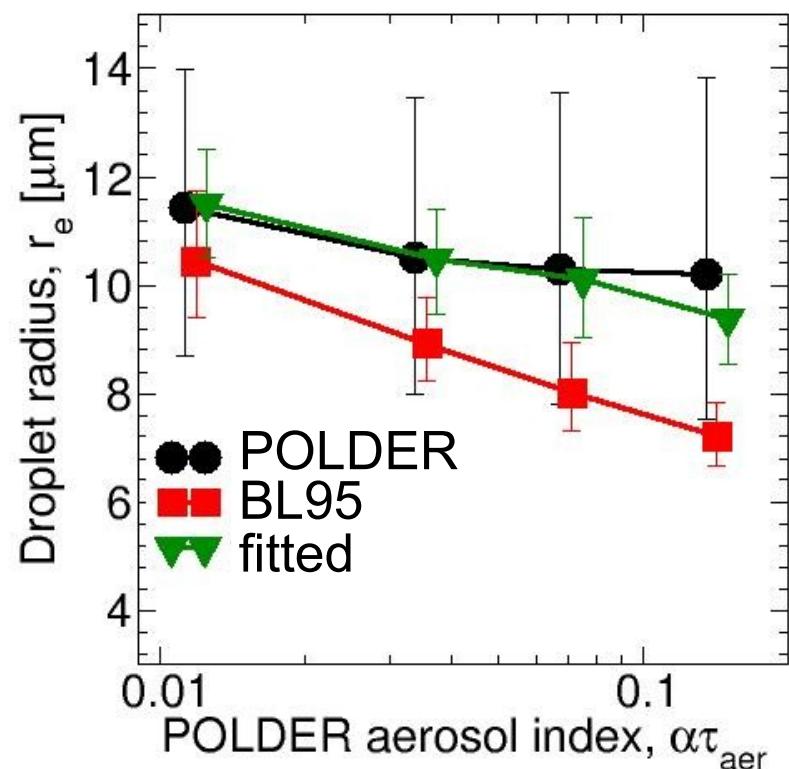


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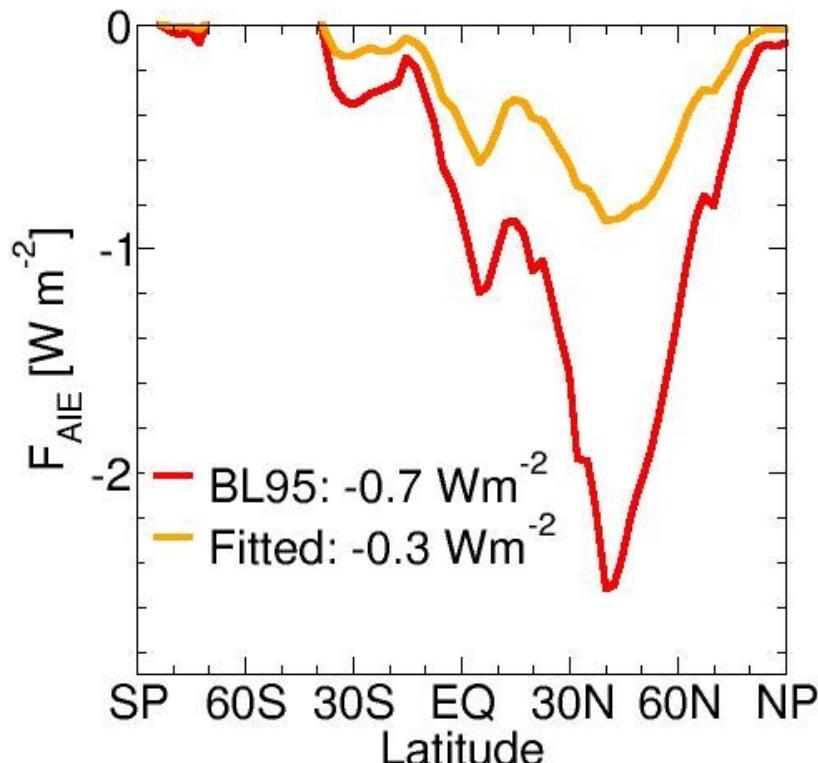
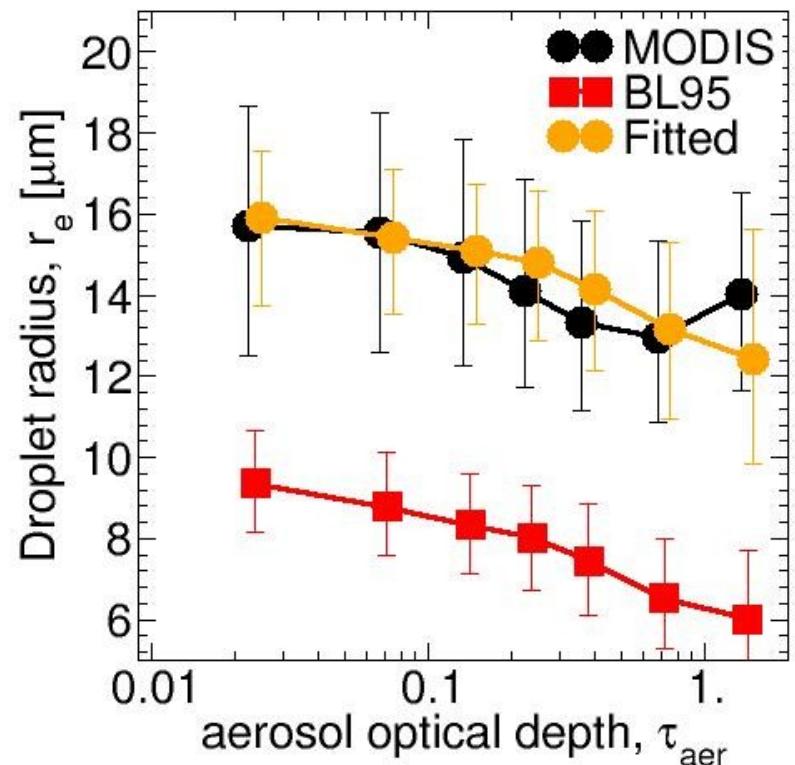


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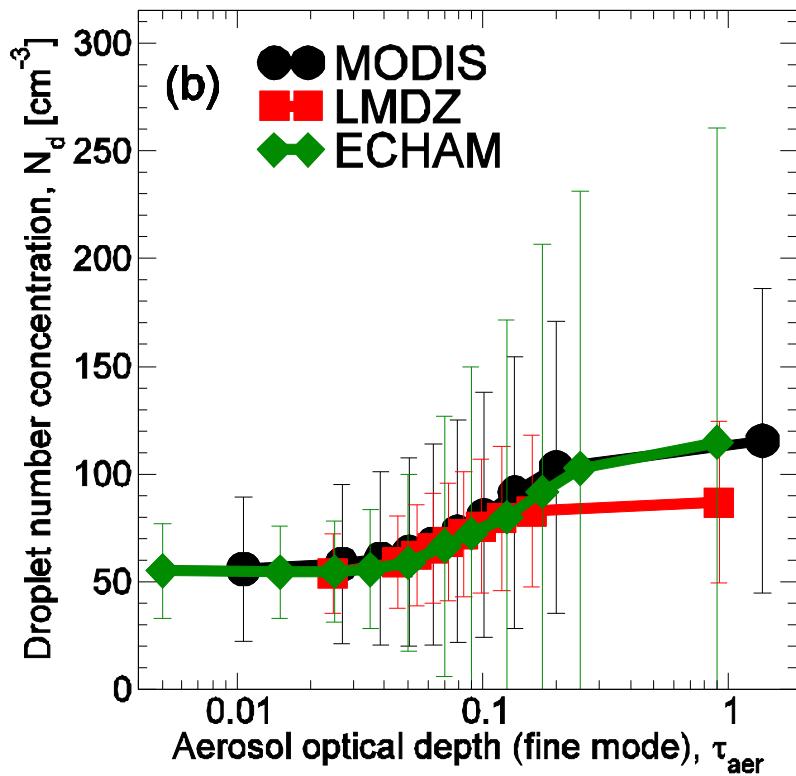
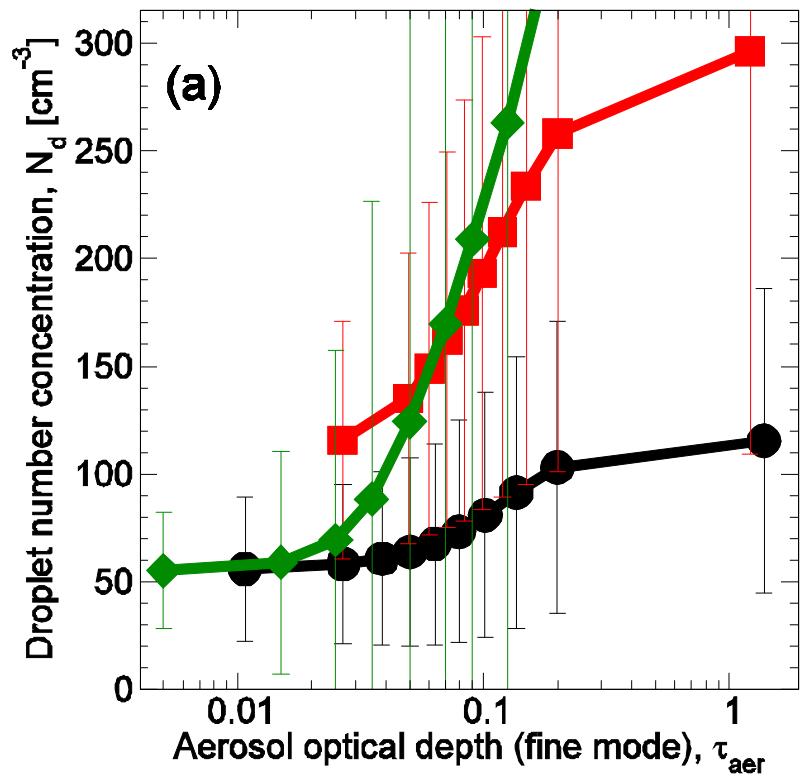


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-0.8 Wm^{-2}

-0.5 Wm^{-2}

ECHAM4

-1.5 Wm^{-2}

-0.3 Wm^{-2}

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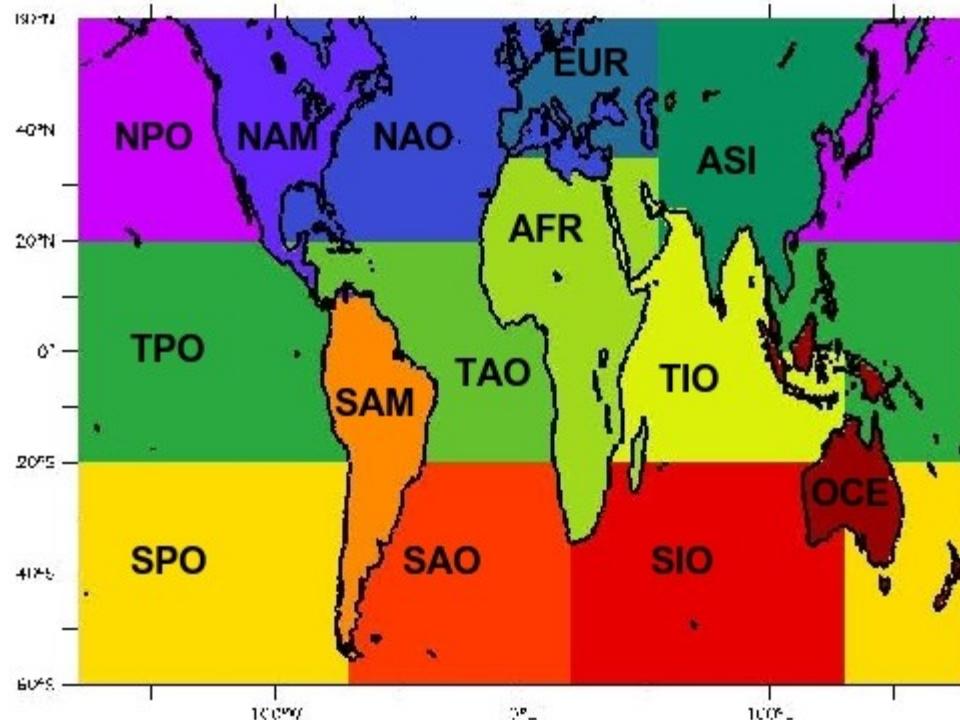
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$$\alpha = \alpha (\tau_a; f, L, N_d)$$



Analyse separately

- 14 different regions
- 4 seasons (MAM,JJA,SON,DJF)



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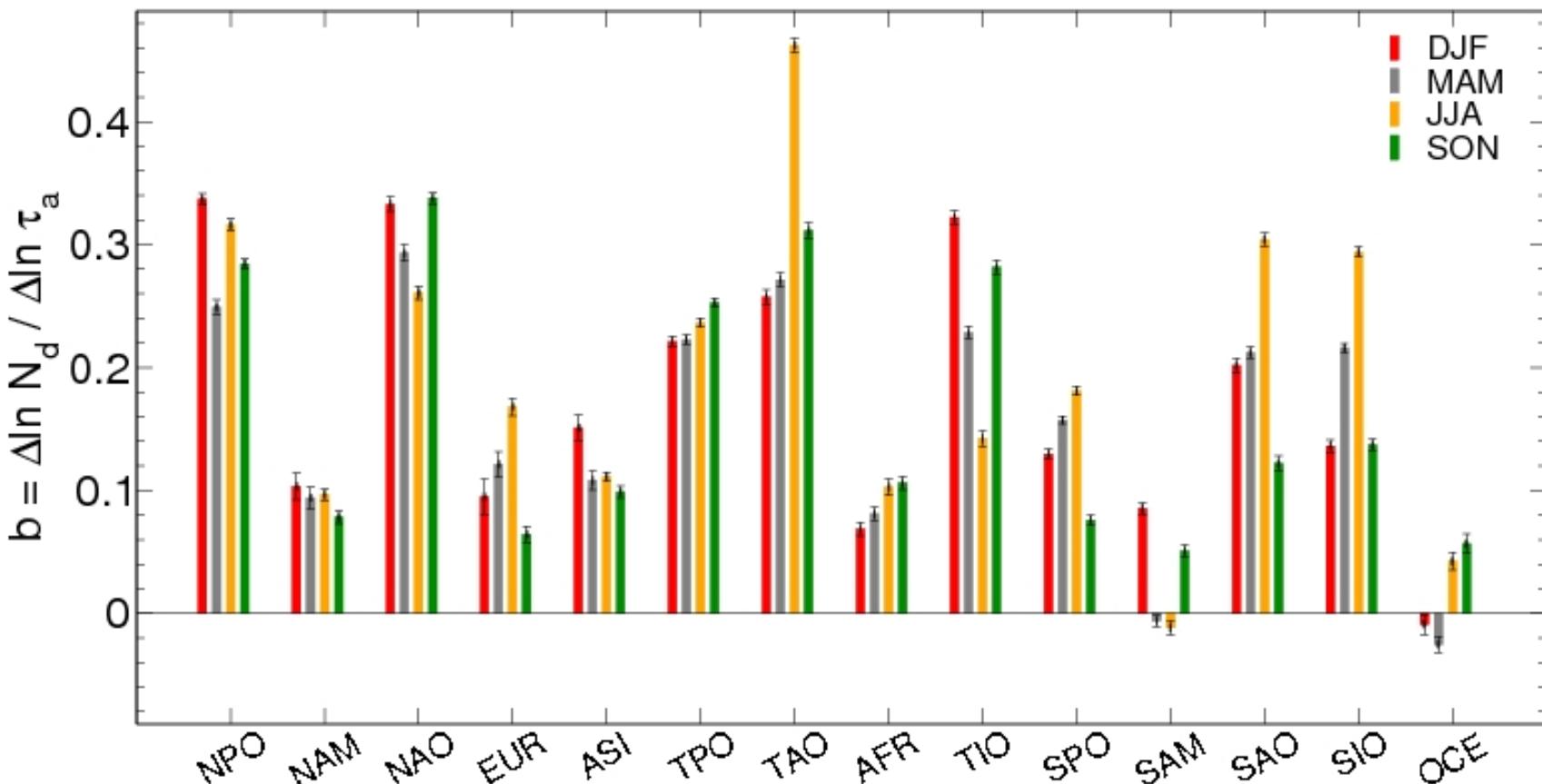
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$$\left[\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial N_d} \right]_{f, E} \frac{dN_d}{d \ln \tau_a}$$

Regression from satellite data





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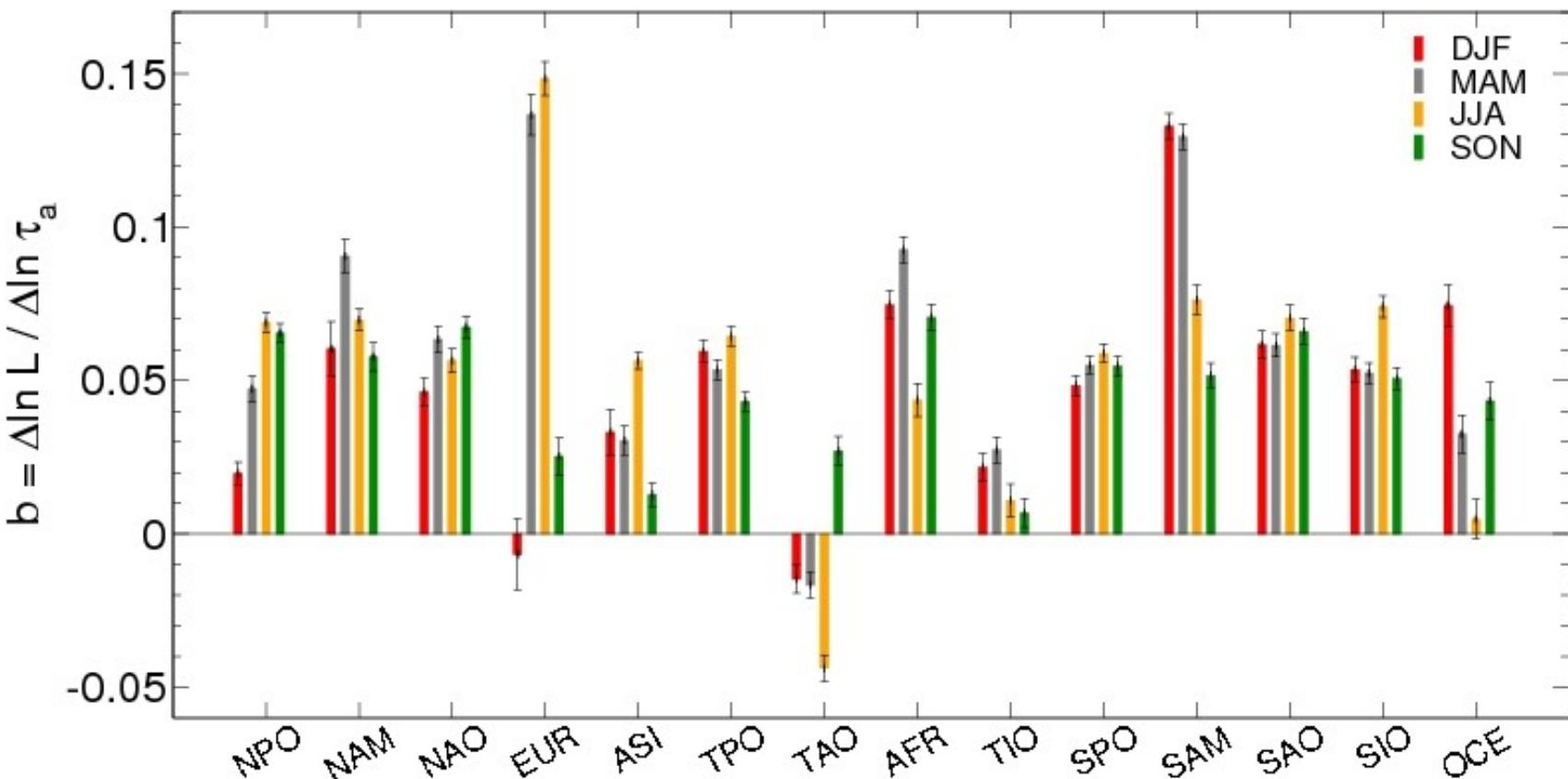
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$$\left[\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial L} \right]_{f, N_d} \frac{dL}{d \ln \tau_a} + \left[\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial f} \right]_{L, N_d} \frac{df}{d \ln \tau_a}$$





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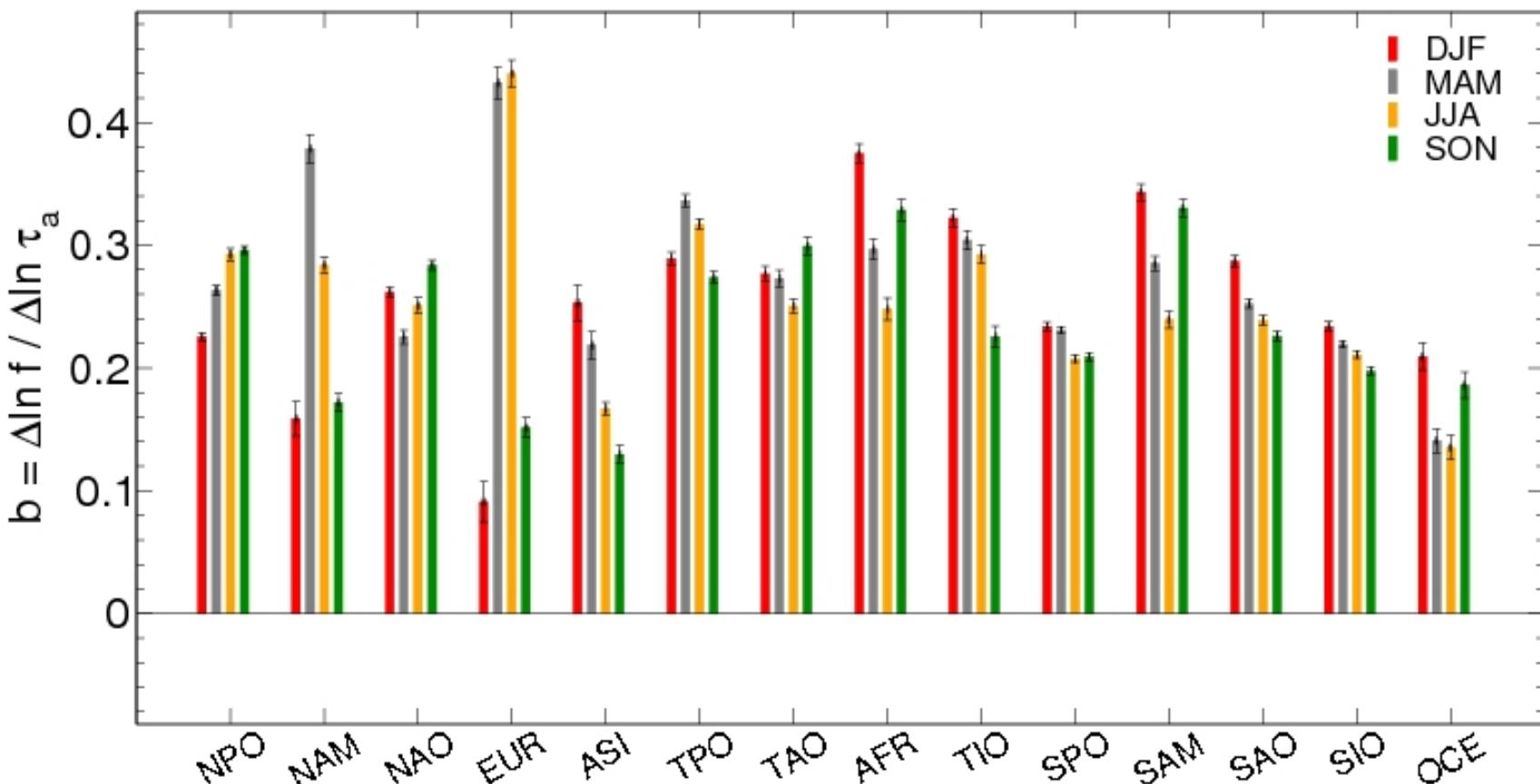
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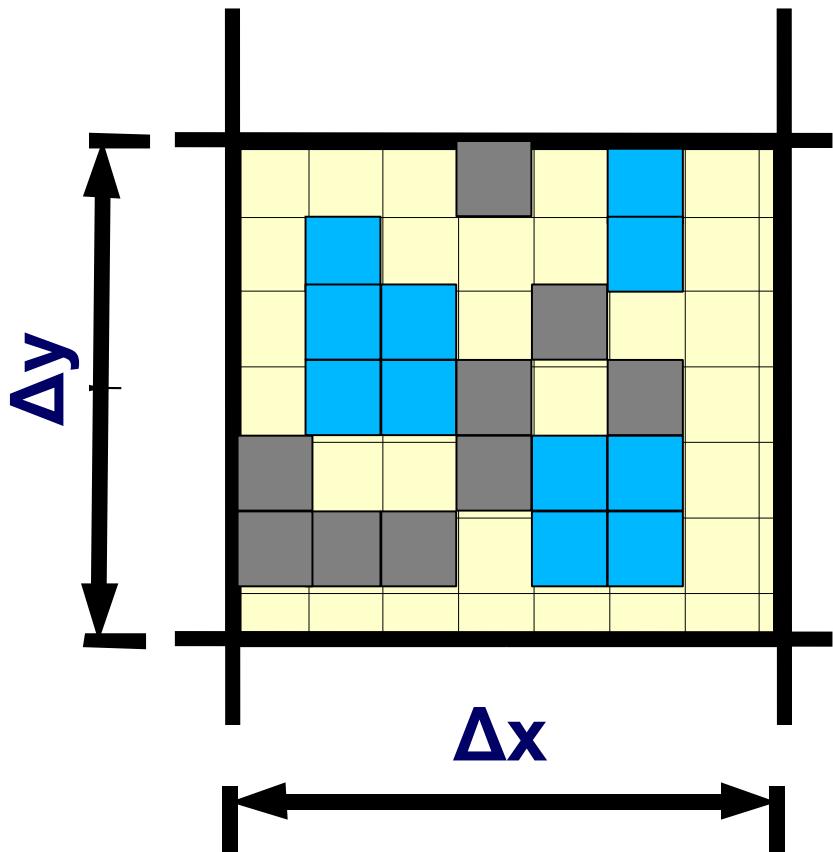
Assumption on interaction clouds-aerosols

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- Aerosol measurements
- Cloud measurements
- No retrieval

Method adopted:
relate aerosol and cloud quantities within a model gridbox (daily values)

$\Delta x / \Delta y$: model resolution
here: $2.5^\circ \times 3.75^\circ$

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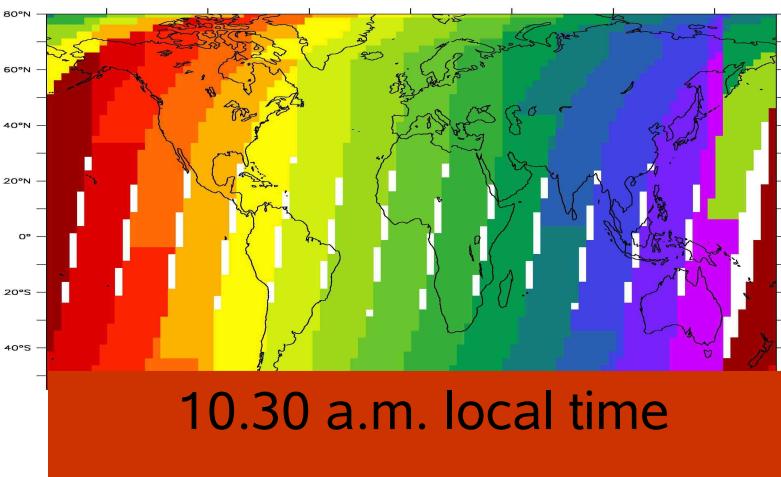
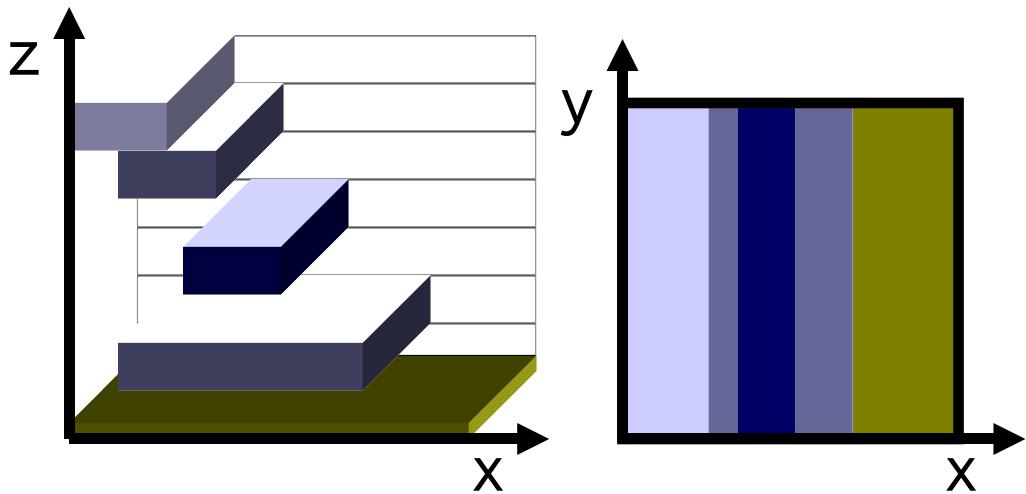
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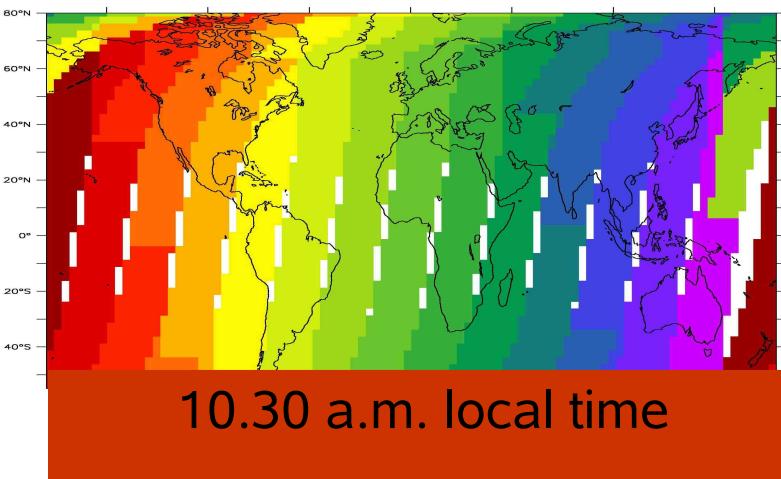
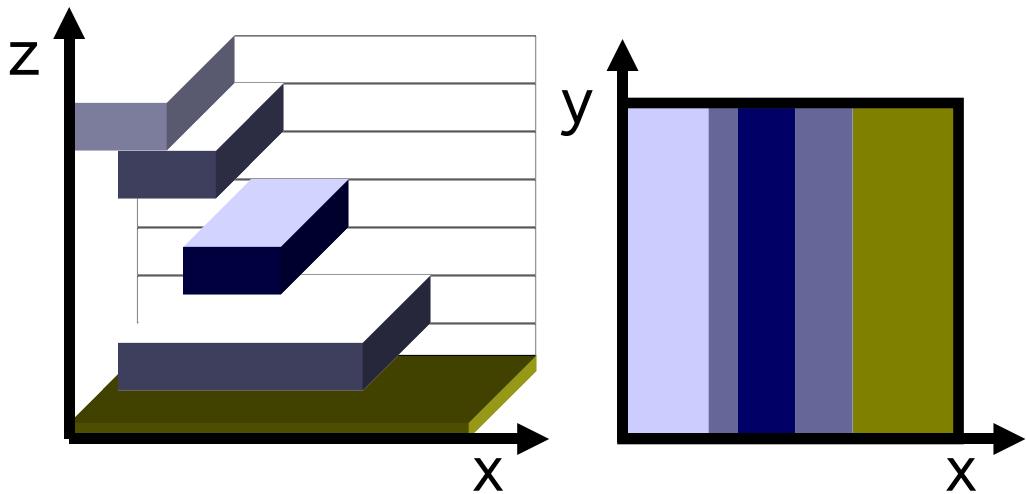
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provide „pseudo-code“



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Surabi Menon

- additional use of Calipso/CloudSat-simulator?
-> CICCS (CFMIP ISCCP Calipso-Cloudsat Simulator)
- Cloud top temperature/pressure

Thanos Nenes, Jon-Egill Kristjánsson

- interested in participation with GMI



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Minimum

AOD

Cloud-top droplet effective radius for low-level liquid water clouds

Cloud droplet number concentration for low-level liquid water clouds

Cloud fraction

Fractional coverage by low-level liquid water clouds

Cloud liquid water path for low-level liquid water clouds

Planetary albedo

SW + LW ToA fluxes

SW + LW clear-sky fluxes

Cloud top temperature

Potential temperature @ 700 hPa and surface

Total IWP

Total LWP

Cloud-top ice crystal radius

Cloud-top droplet effective radius for all liquid clouds

Angstrom exponent

red: modifications due
to recommendations
by participants

Recommended

ISCCP simulator output

CICCS simulator

CCN number concentration at cloud base (or in-cloud CCN concentration)

Aerosol mass concentration at cloud base (or in-cloud aerosol concentration)

daily data with satellite overpass sampling



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**nudged experiments
starting Oct 2005
output 2006 daily**

aerosol emissions pd + pi (for the forcing + anthropogenic AOD)