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Anthropogenic Dust Experiment

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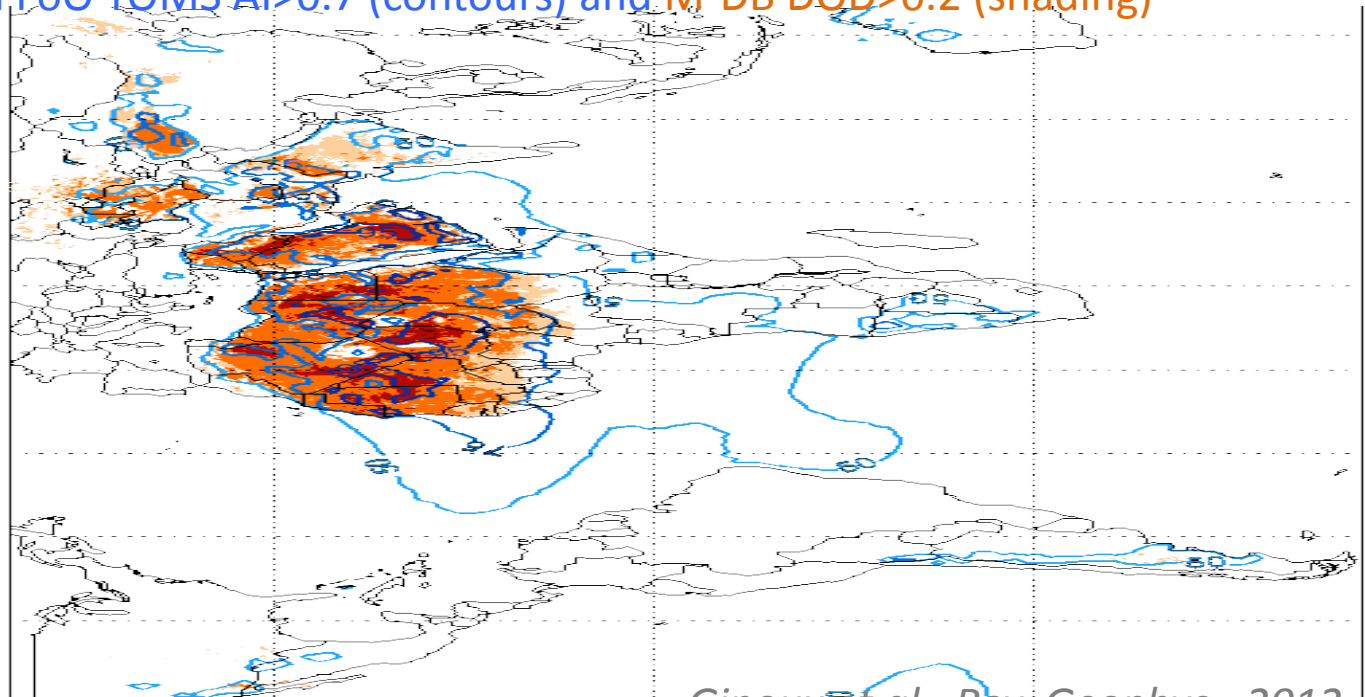
Motivation

- Dust from landuse (cropland and pasture) represents 25% of global emission (*Ginoux et al., Rev. Geophys., 2012; Stanelle et al., J. Geophys. Res., 2014*) with large continental variability, but is generally ignored in aerosol models,
- Mineralogy of natural and landuse dust differs, which has implication for radiative forcing, ocean biogeochemistry, heterogeneous reactions with gas phase chemistry,
- Landuse dust and NH_3 hotspots are often collocated (*Ginoux et al., Atm. Chem. Phys., 2012*) which has implication for nitrate production (*Paulot et al., Atm. Chem. Phys. Disc., 2015*).

MODIS based dust sources

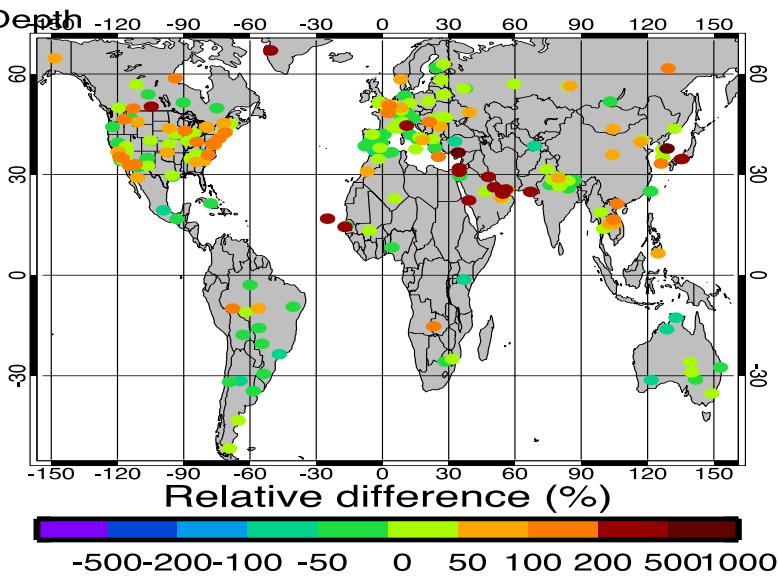
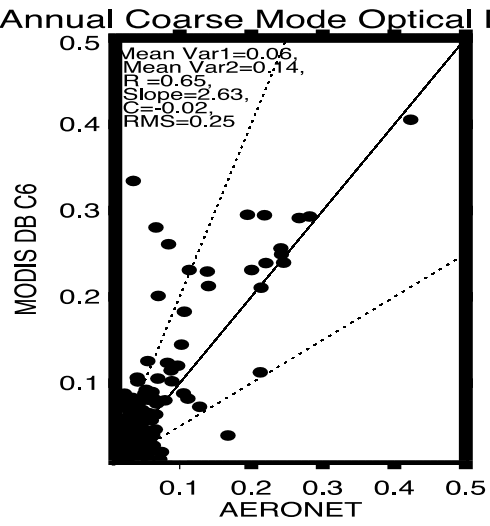
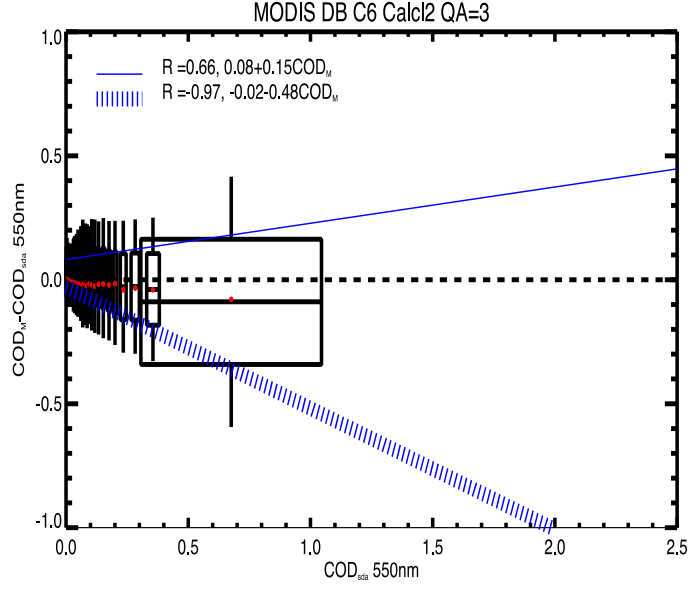
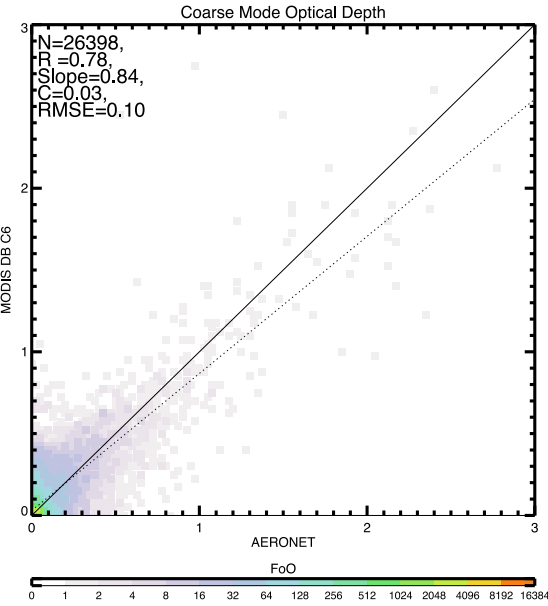
- Dust Optical Depth (DOD) derived from daily MODIS-DB level-2 C6 aerosol products ($AOD(\lambda)$, QA, and SSA) from 2003-2014,
- Frequency of Occurrence (FoO) of $DOD > 0.2$ per year over 12 years = dust sources
- Anthropogenic sources = $FoO > 0$ and $landuse > 30\%$ (landuse dataset for 2005 from *Klein Goldwijk, Global Biogeochem. Cycles, 2001*)

Comparison FoO TOMS $AI > 0.7$ (contours) and M-DB $DOD > 0.2$ (shading)



Error Analysis

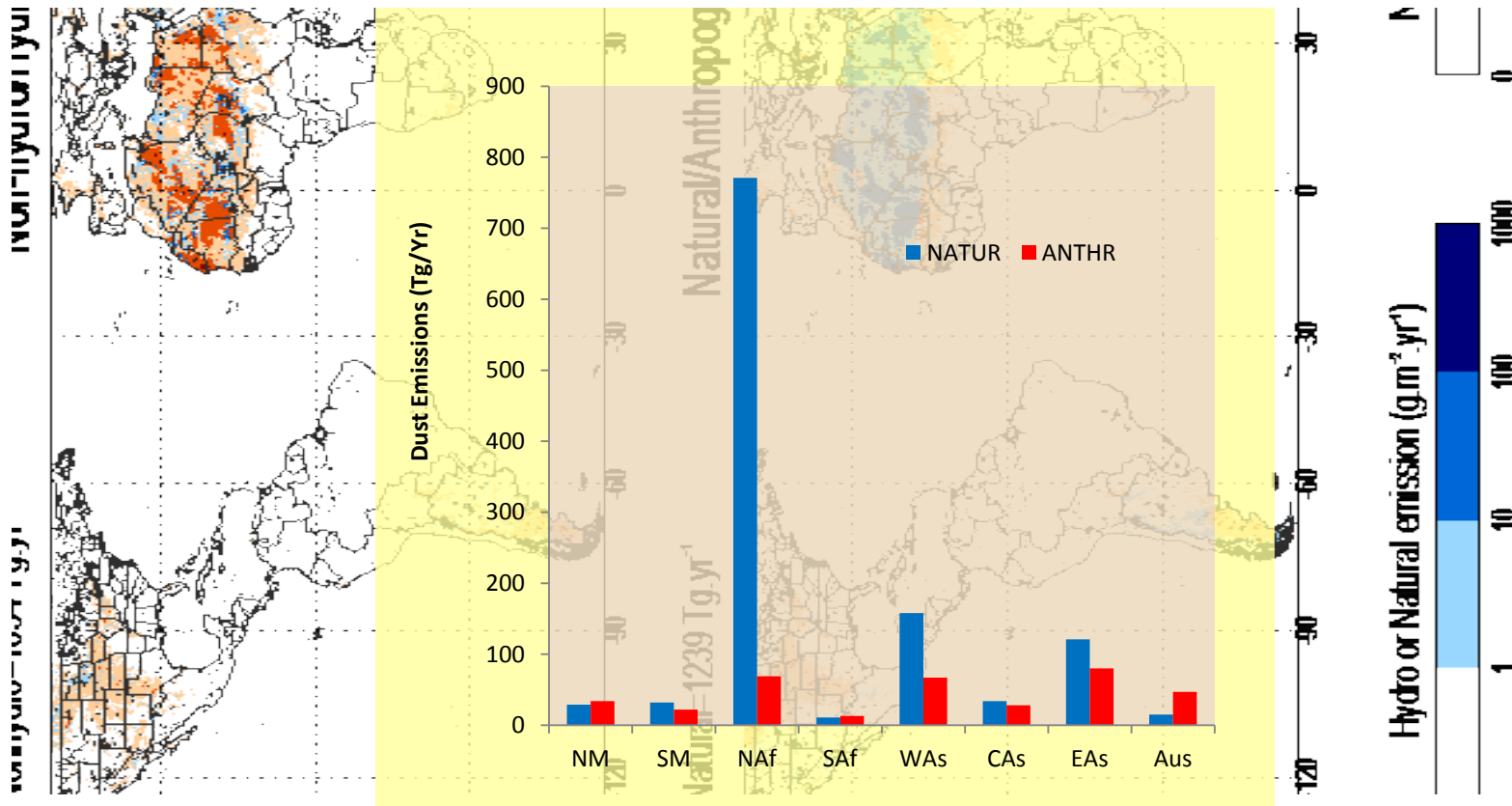
Comparison M-DB2 C6
Dust Optical Depth (DOD)
with collocated (± 10 km, ± 30 min)
AERONET SDA L2 (*O'Neill et al., J. Geophys. Res., 2003*) Coarse Mode optical depth (COD)



Anthropogenic and natural dust emissions

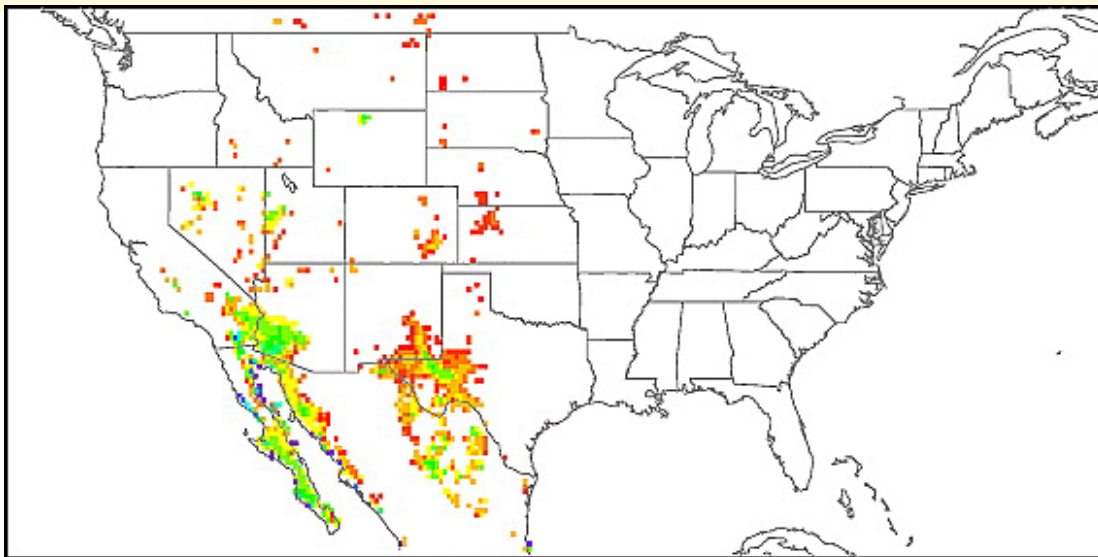
- $Emission = C * F_oO * u^2 * (u - u_t)$

with threshold velocity $u_t = 6$ m/s (landuse < 30%) and 10 m/s (landuse > 30%)

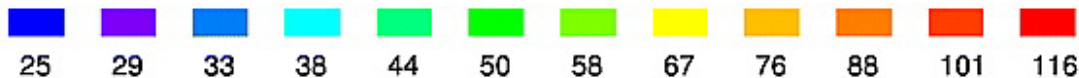


Main uncertainty: U_t

- U_t depends on soil moisture (weather but also irrigation), vegetation cover, harvesting litters
- Knowing daily M-DB2 DOD, U_t can be defined as the velocity that has the same frequency of as the 0.75 AOD (*Draxler et al., J. Geophys. Res., 2010*). Problem: the work is limited to the US.
- To estimate anthropogenic contribution to global dust emission, Ginoux et al. (*Rev Geophys., 2012*) is using fixed values $U_t = 6$ m/s for natural dust, and 10 m/s for anthropogenic dust based on *Draxler et al. (J. Geophys. Res., 2010)*



Annual average threshold friction velocity (cm s^{-1}) from *Draxler et al., J. Geophys. Res., 2010*



Proposed Experiment

- Simulation of dust using M-DB2 anthropogenic dust sources (FoO DOD>0.2 with landuse >30% from KG2000) for 2010-2012 (+spin-up) with different values of threshold wind speed ($0.5*U_t$, U_t , $2*U_t$)
- Best estimated of U_t by regions determined from minimization (as proposed by Cakmur et al., J. Geophys.Res., 2005) of simulated dust concentration and dust optical depth with:
 - surface concentration (comparison with surface stations from Prospero, LISA, IMPROVE)
 - Vertical profile (comparison with CALIOP)
 - Optical Depth (comparison with M-DB2 DOD, AERONET SDA)

Scientific Results

- Best estimated anthropogenic dust emission
- Best estimated anthropogenic dust distribution -> ice/warm clouds
- Best estimated anthropogenic dust deposition -> fertilization of land and ocean biosphere
- Best estimated radiative forcing of anthropogenic dust -> IPCC

Model input

- Source fraction (0-1) at 0.1x0.1 or 0.25x0.25

Model output

- Static:
 - Vertical coordinate system
 - Altitude above sea level
 - Land/sea mask
- 2-D daily:
 - Surface pressure
 - for each dust size bins
 - Emission
 - Deposition (wet and dry)
 - Dust burden
- 3-D daily:
 - Temperature
 - Specific humidity
 - For each dust size bins: Dust concentration

Timeline

- Send an email to paul.ginoux@noaa.gov to receive the input file
- January-May, 2016 simulations
- June 2016: send the output files
- July-August 2016: Analysis
- September 2016: First results
- June 2017: submitted paper