

Optical properties AeroCom ExpA

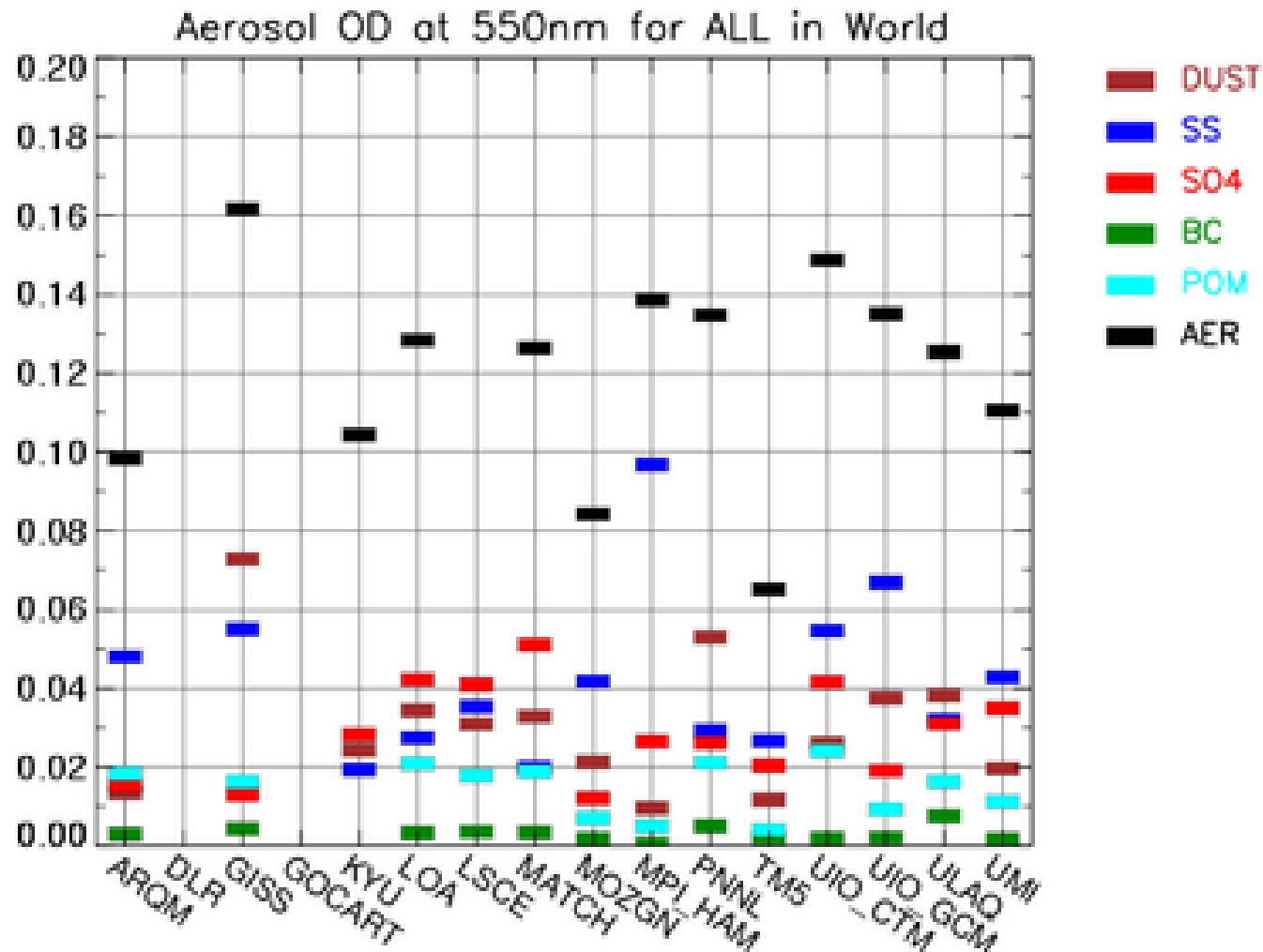
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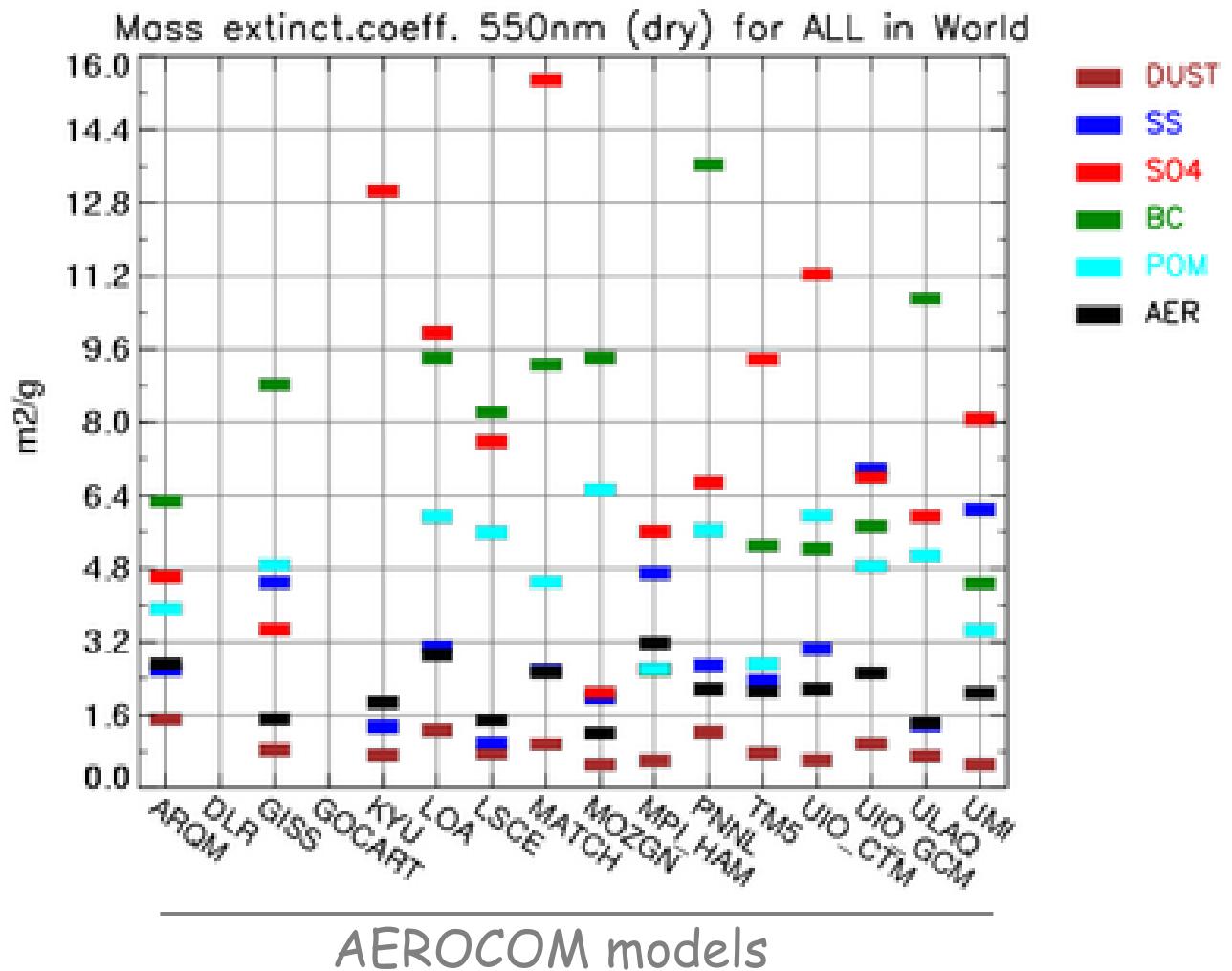
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Global mean aerosol optical depth @550nm

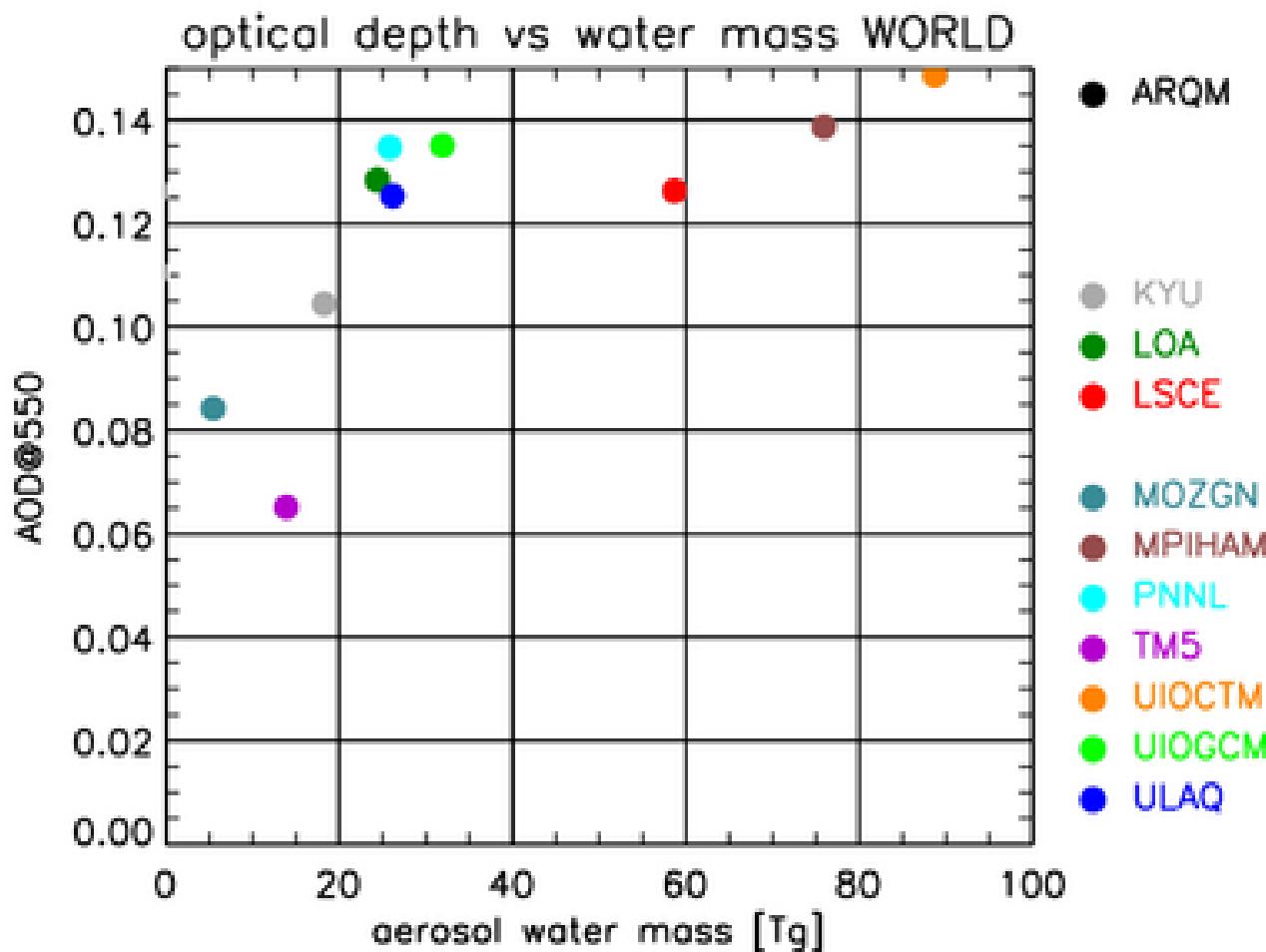


Mass extinction coefficient MEC @550nm



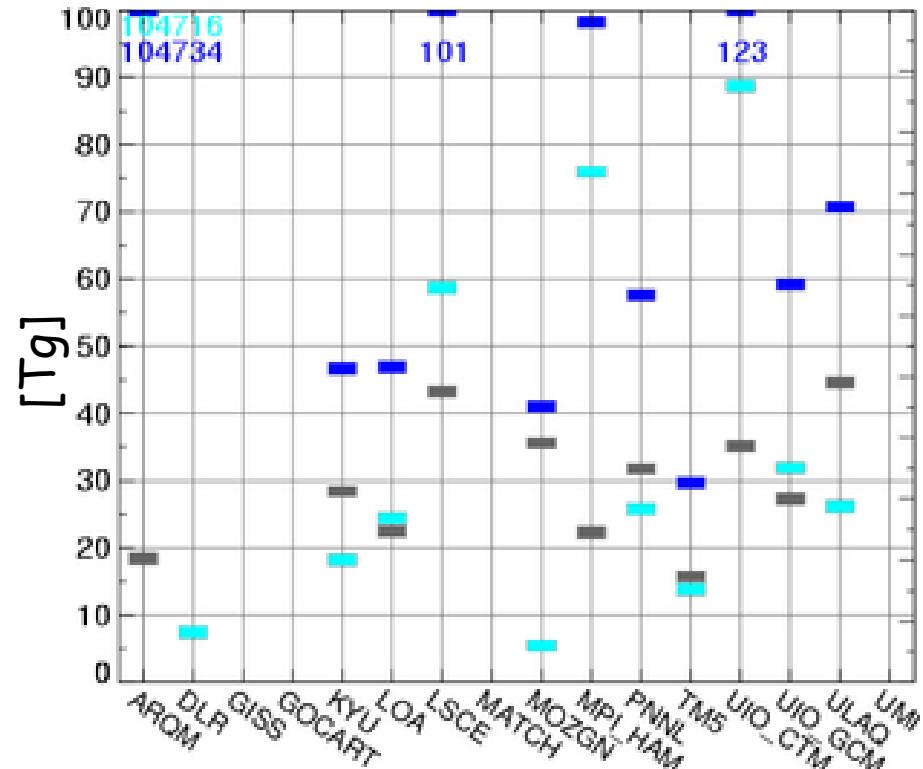
MEC = AOD550/dryload

optical depth @550nm vs aerosol water



$$\begin{aligned} MEC &= AOD550 / \text{dryload} \\ &= 3 * \text{opt_prop} / (4 * \rho * r_{\text{eff}}) * (\text{water} + \text{dryload}) / \text{dryload} \end{aligned}$$

Global mass



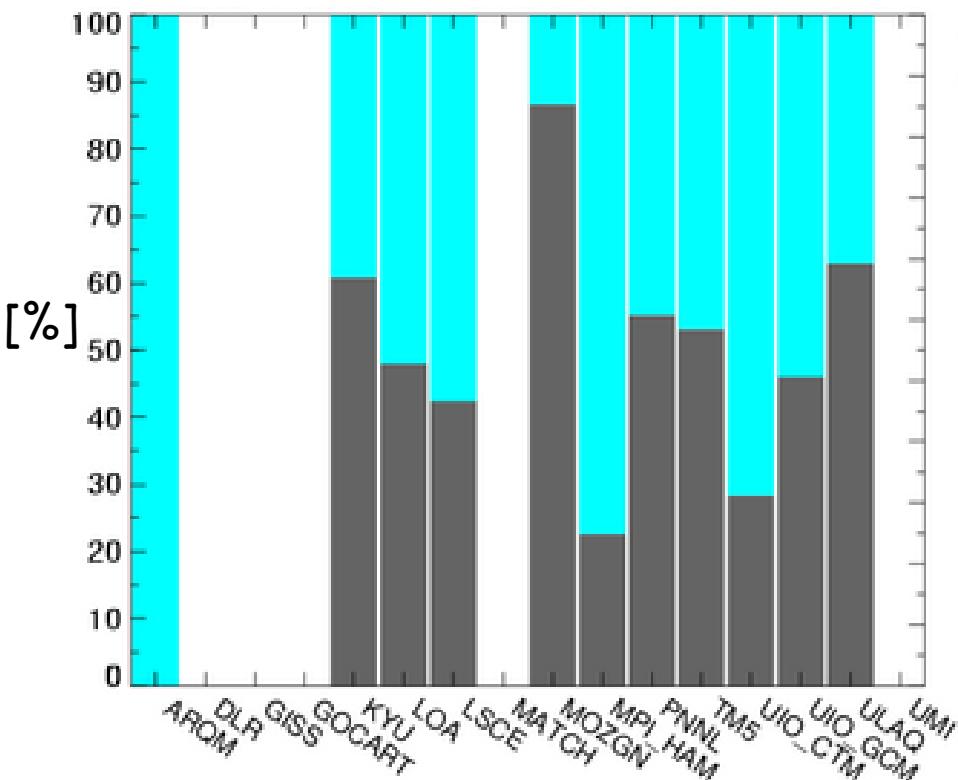
Uncertainty of water load

species	mean [Tg]	median [Tg]	uncertainty [%]
H2O	11671.98	26.15	354

- H2O
- Dry aerosol
- Ambient Aerosol (H2O+Dry)

Aerosol water

Mass fractions

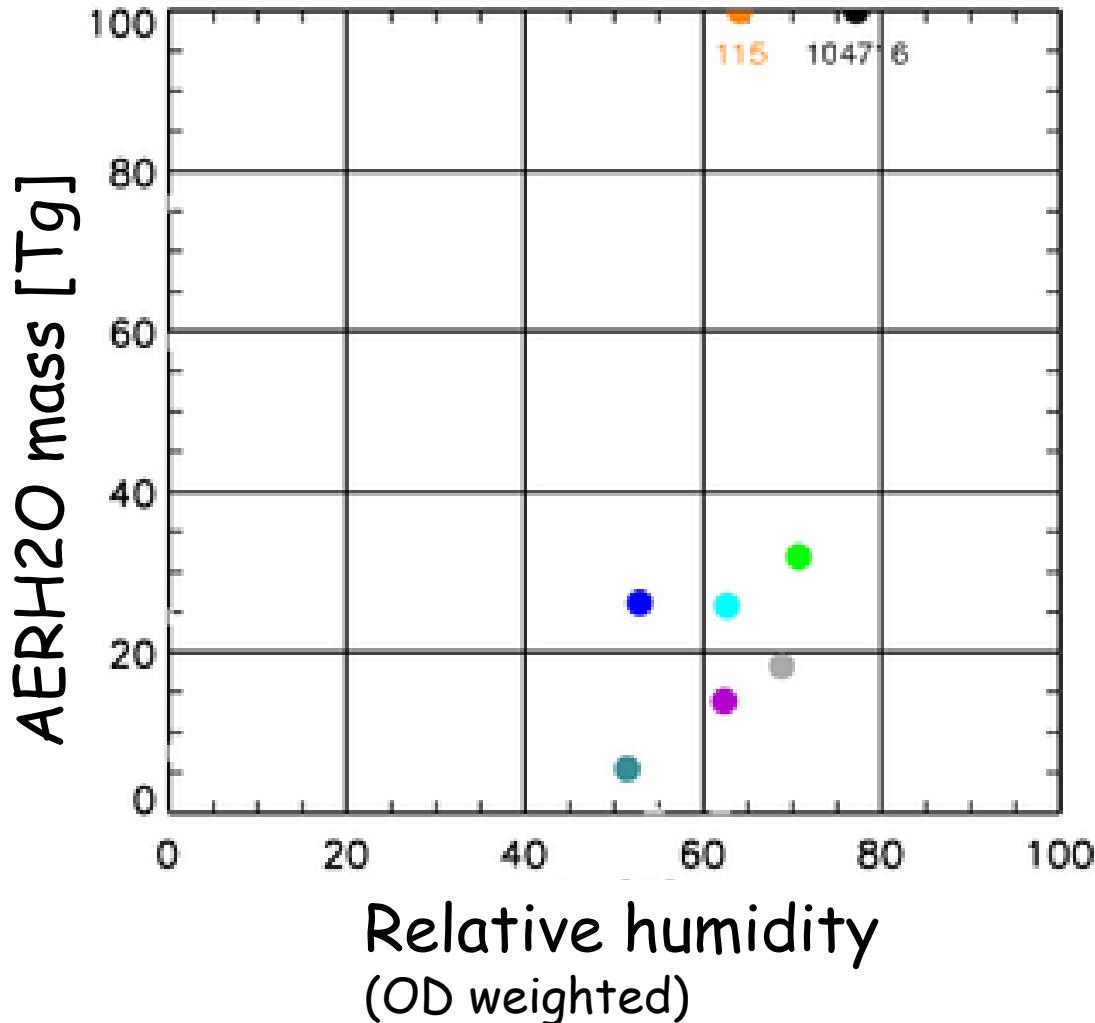


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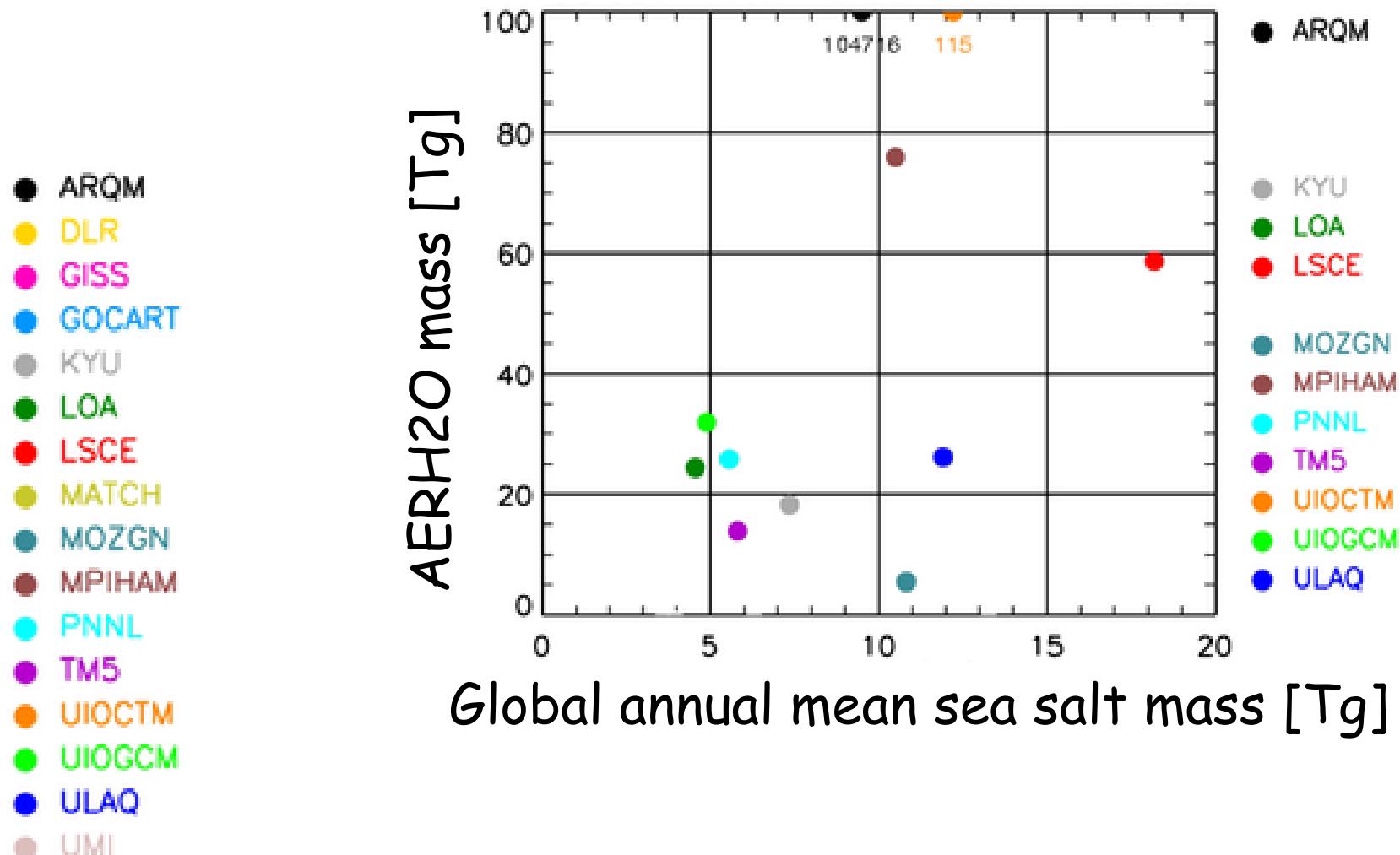
species	mean [%]	median [%]	Uncertainty [%]
H2O-fract.	58.55	52.07	56

Global mean aerosol water mass versus relative humidity

- AROM
- DLR
- GISS
- GOCART
- KYU
- LOA
- LSCE
- MATCH
- MOZGN
- MPIHAM
- PNNL
- TM5
- UIOCTM
- UIOGCM
- ULAQ
- UMI

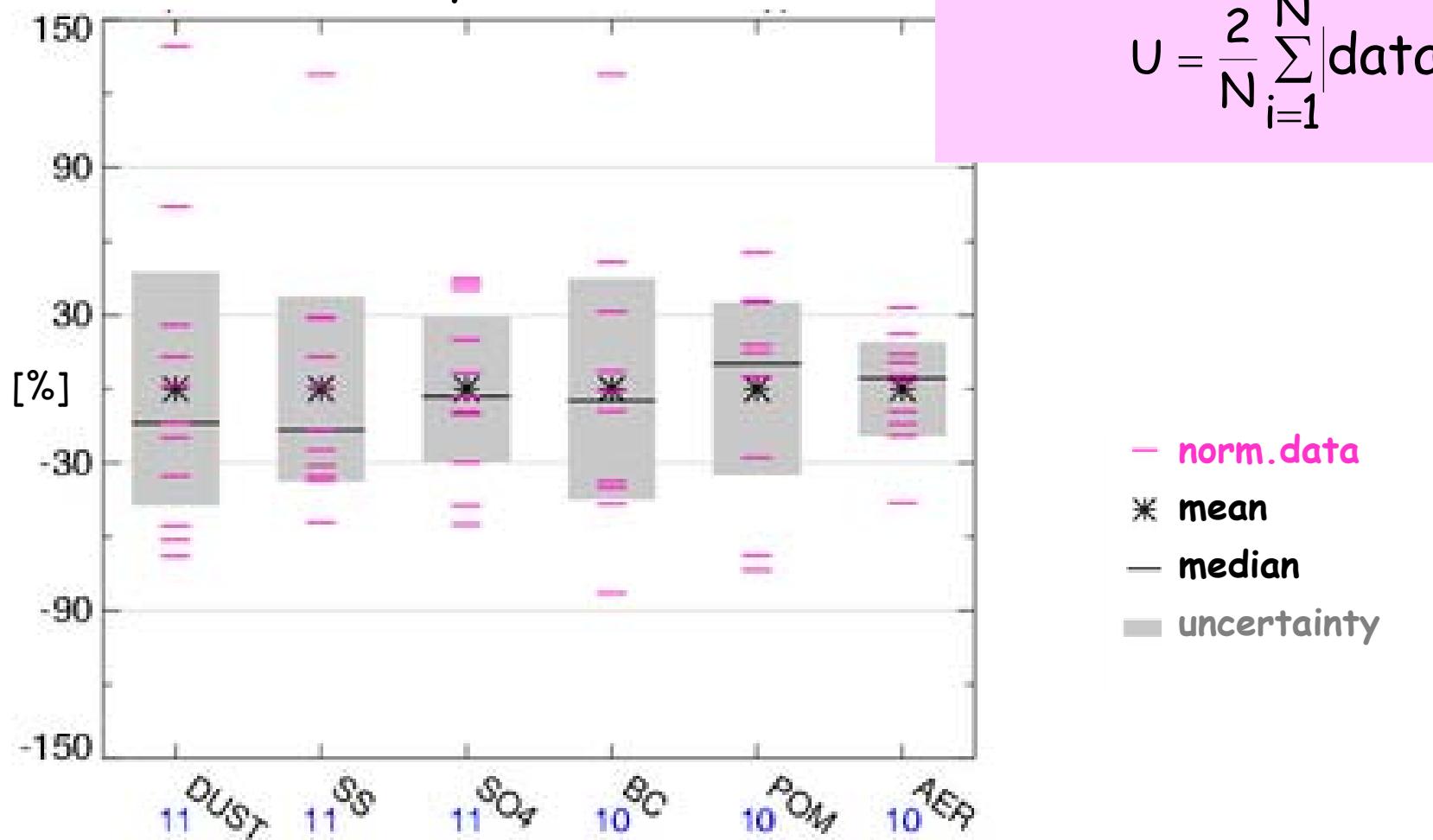


Global annual mean masses: aerosol water versus sea salt



Global mean aerosol optical depth @550nm

Uncertainty of OD550



Uncertainty U:
twice the average absolute
deviation from the all-models-
mean of the normalized data

$$U = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\text{data}|$$

Mass extinction coefficient MEC @550nm

Uncertainty

