

Observations and Modelling in AeroCom

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AeroCom ?

AeroCom is an open international initiative of scientists interested in the advancement of the understanding of global aerosol properties and aerosol impacts on climate, weather, and air quality. **A central goal is to more strongly tie and constrain modeling efforts to observational data from satellite, ground-based, and aircraft observations.** A major element for exchanges between data and modeling groups are annual meetings of AeroCom together with the satellite data oriented initiative AeroSAT. In addition to the comparisons among models and between models and data, **AeroCom initiates and coordinates model experiments to target particular research topics, leading to joint research papers of synthesizing character. A common database is maintained at the Norwegian Meteorological Institute to facilitate joint scientific exploration.**

The major objectives of the 16th AeroCom meeting are to (1) update the outcome of the Phase III AeroCom model experiments, (2) formulate a new phase activities of modeling and analysis, and (3) discuss the near-term goal and directions.



AeroCom workshop program outline

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- **Monday** sessions: Indirect effect, poster introductions A , Observational constraints on forcing, Discussion on forcing uncertainty
- **Tuesday**: Finnish Aerosol Research Perspective (Harri Kokkola); Aerosol components (soluble, dust, water), discussion of recommendations for modelling; AeroCom Experiments; *Dinner*
- **Wednesday**: Dust, Remote Sensing, Forcing – *Excursion*
- **Thursday**: AeroCom wrap up; Overlap AeroCom Aerosat, Aerosat challenges and Poster intro II, Aerosat starts



Goals of AeroCom workshop

This year's key **AeroCom** topics are:

- *improved evaluation strategies* for AeroCom models - *recommendations for best modeling practices* for different aerosol components - *emerging constraints* for global distributions and aerosol radiative effects - *new aerosol forcing estimate* (including aerosol cloud interactions) - *reference fields* from global modeling (e.g. model ensemble median maps) - *examination and lesson learned from past/ongoing model experiments* - *simulation requirements* (regular control) and new *plans* (hindcast, historical)



State of AeroCom infrastructure 1/2

- 200 users have access to AeroCom users server
- AeroCom database new structure per phase and project
 - 0.7 - 2.5 - 1.5 TB AeroCom phases I – II – III
 - 0.04 - 0.03 – 1.1 TB AeroCom Indirect I - II – III
 - 0.11 – 8.2 TB HTAP phase I - II
 - 0.18 TB Satellite Data / 0.13 TB cci-Aerosol
 - 0.2 ACCMIP / 1.3 ECMWF / 0.8 ECLIPSE /
- **Backup, new postprocessing, provision for scalable data storage and new web server is now in place (took months..)**

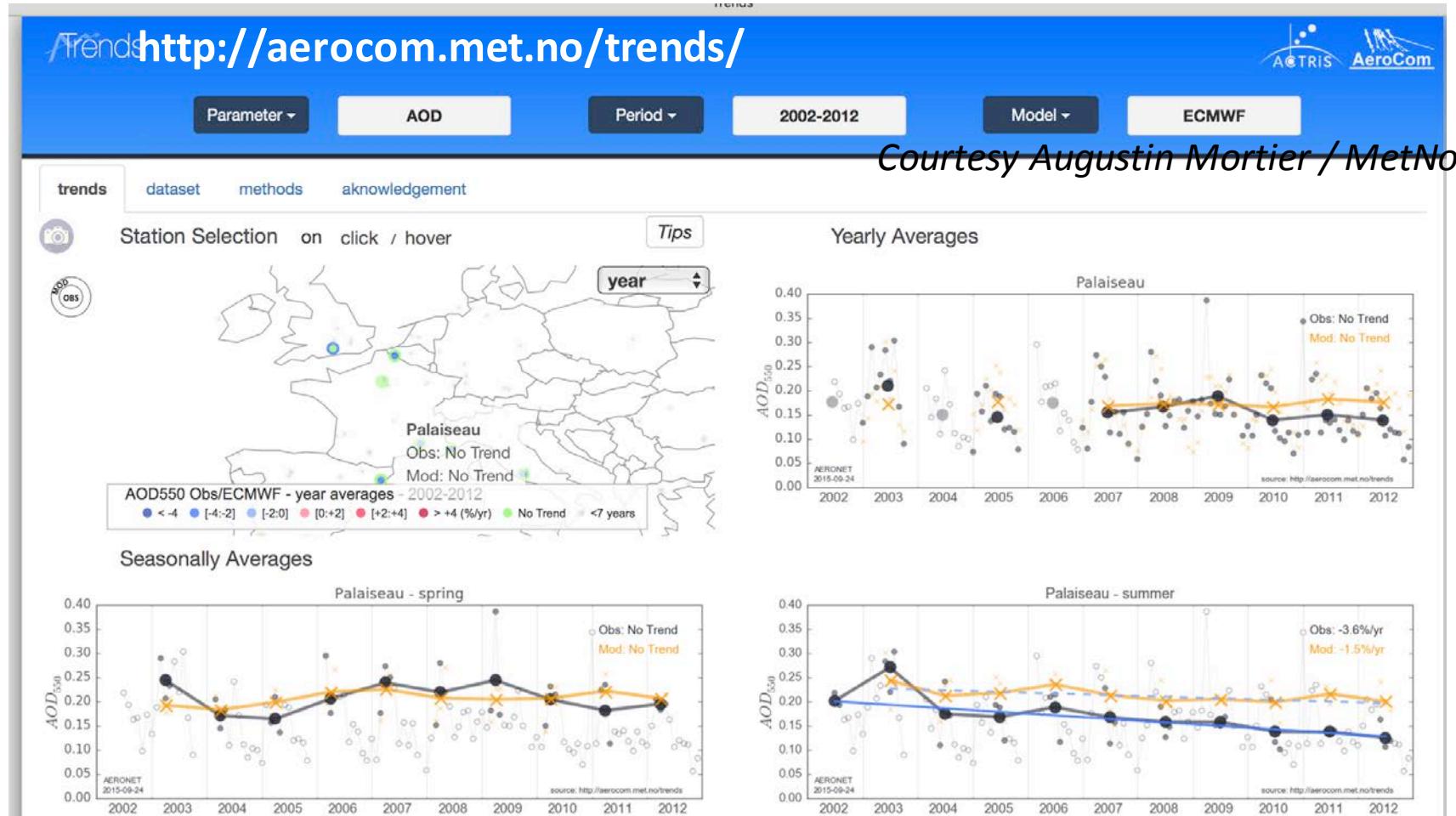


AeroCom infrastructure 2/2

New visualization of station&model data

Expansion planned for sulfur trends, in-situ data,
comparison to multiple satellite/model data

Paper planned on S-trends, Optical trends and cci-aerosol trends...



“AeroCom” publications 2016/2017

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Aerosols at the Poles: An AeroCom Phase II multi-model evaluation

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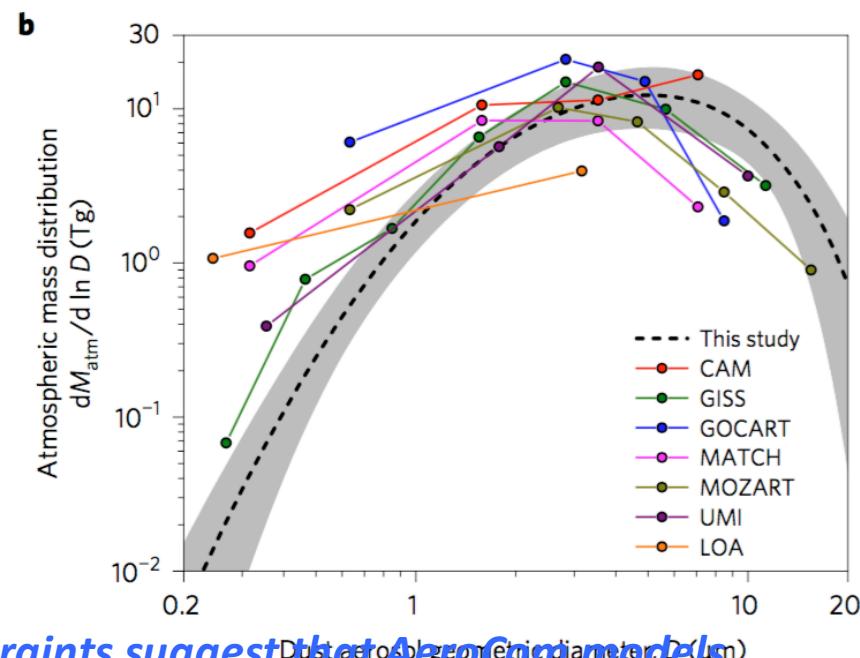
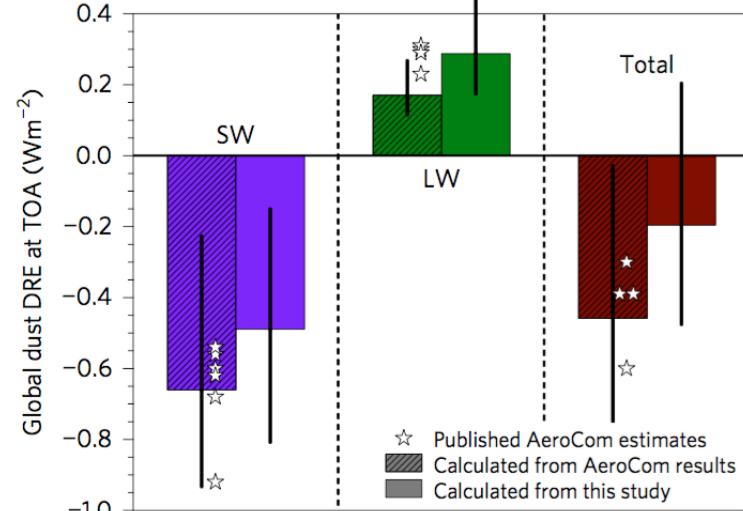
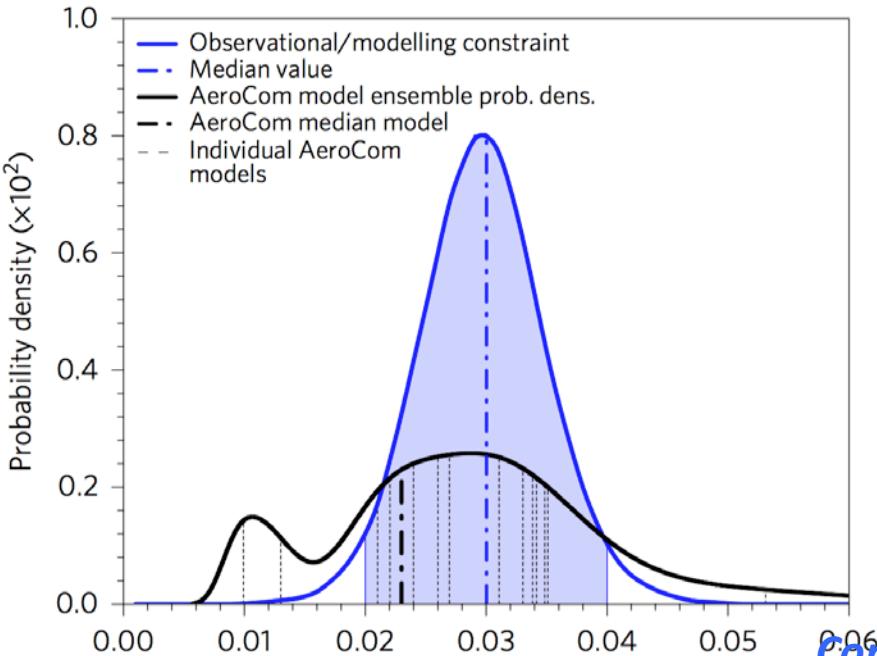
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Smaller desert dust cooling effect estimated from analysis of dust size and abundance

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Can we get to recommendations for modelling???



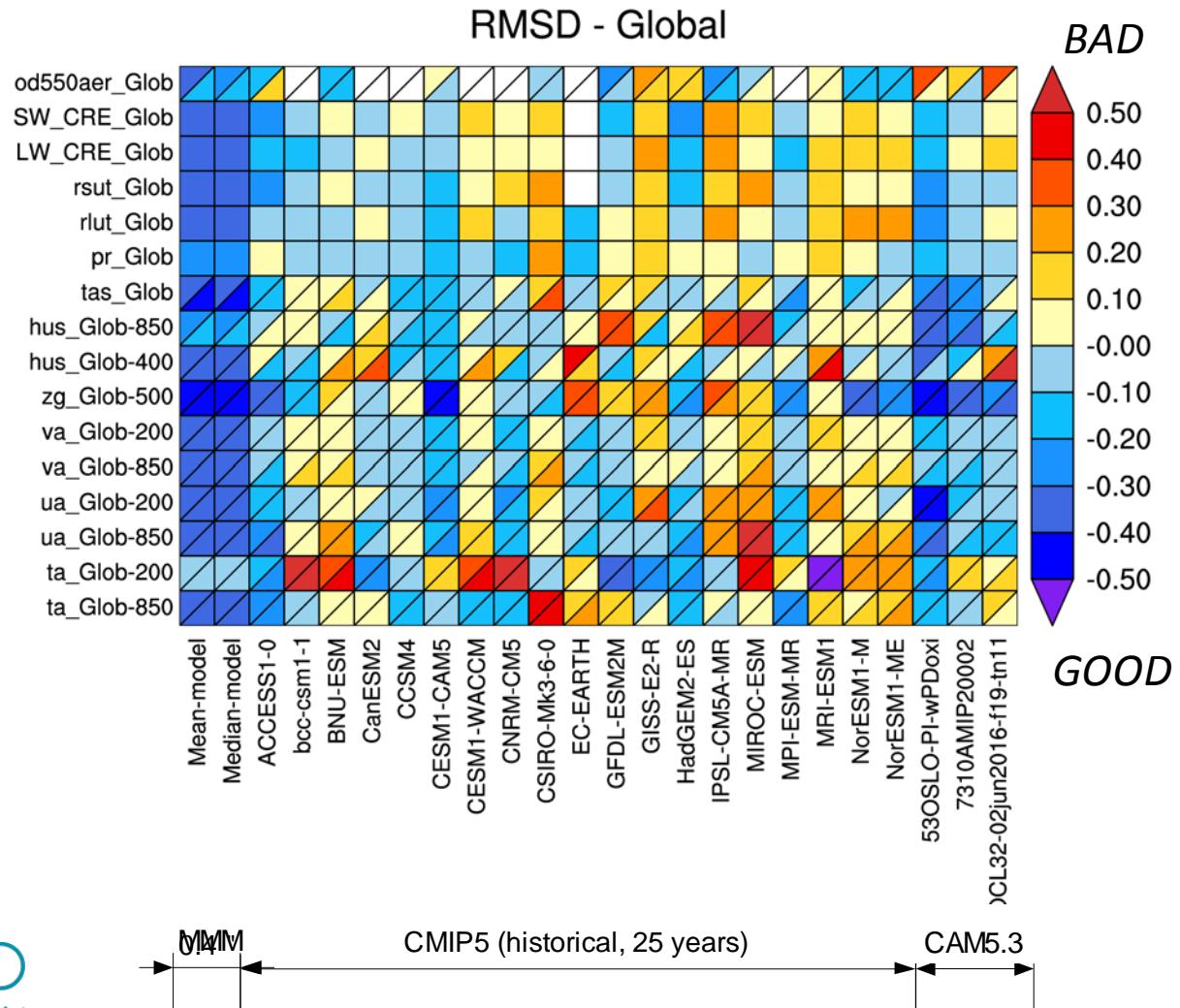
Constraints suggest that AeroCom models

- *emit too fine dust*
- *underestimate extinction assuming sphericity*
- *underestimate Dust AOD*

=> More dust absorption, more LW, less SW, less net radiative effect

Portrait diagram showing performance

CMIP5 + NorESM versus diverse observations



$$E'_{mfr} = \frac{E_{mfr} - \bar{E}_{fr}}{\bar{E}_{fr}}$$

E_{mfr} = RMS error of model m

\bar{E}_{fr} = typical model error

(Gleckler et al. (2008))

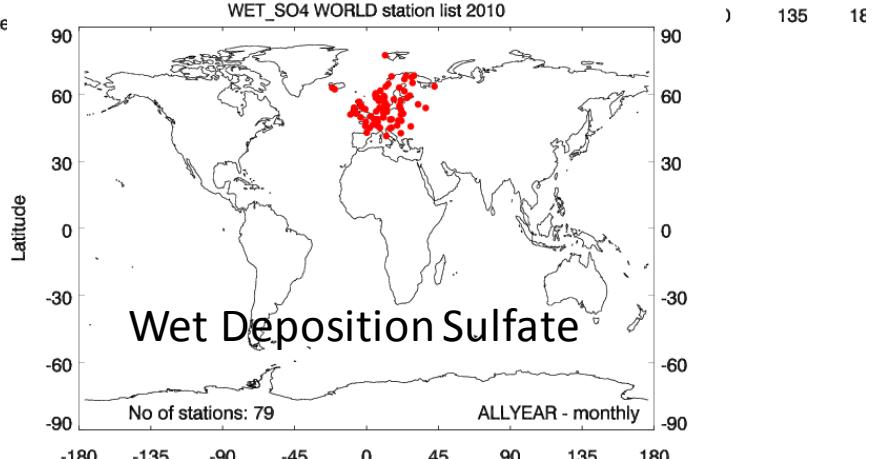
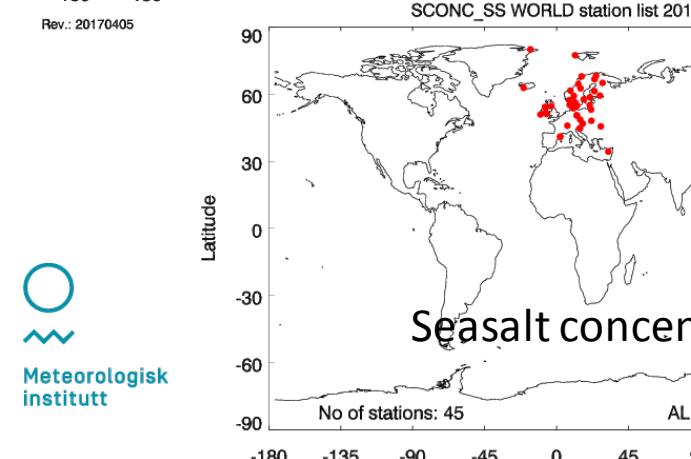
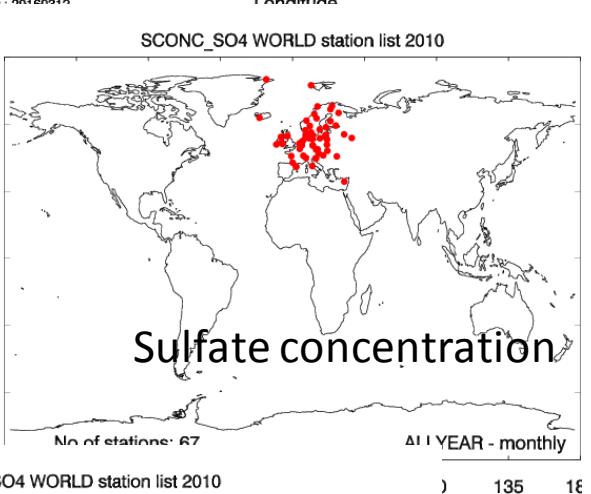
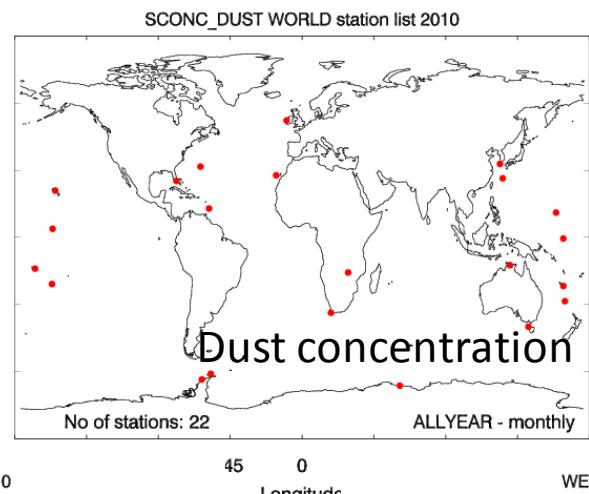
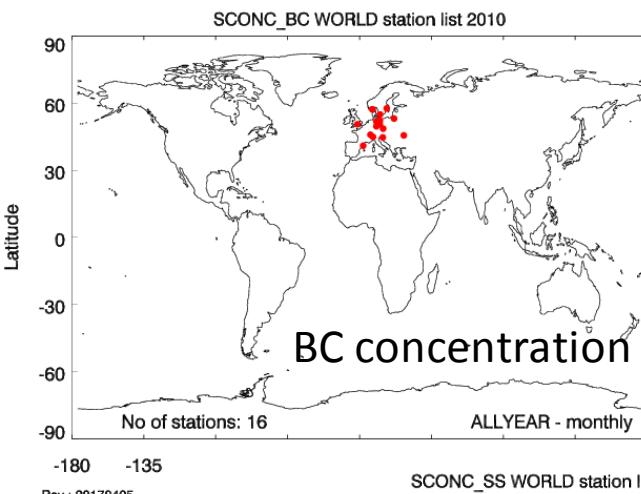
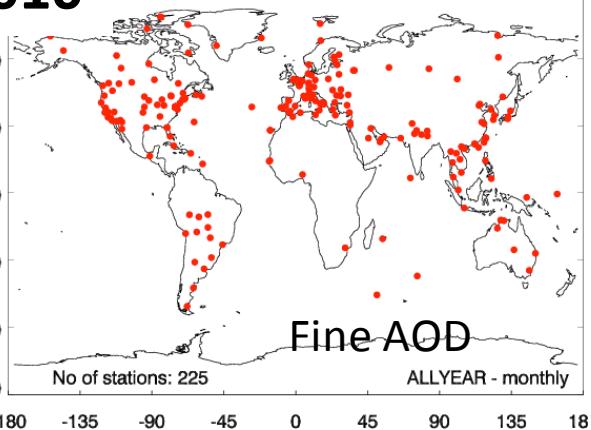
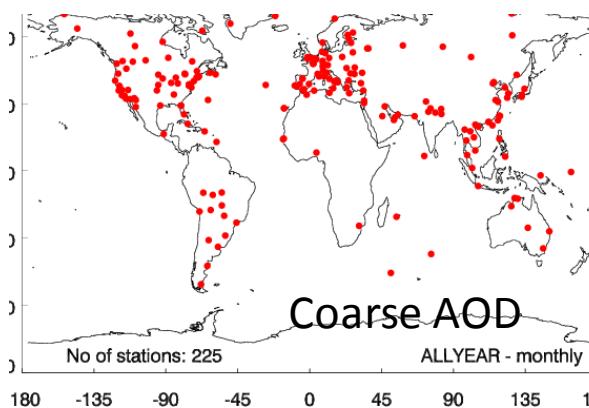
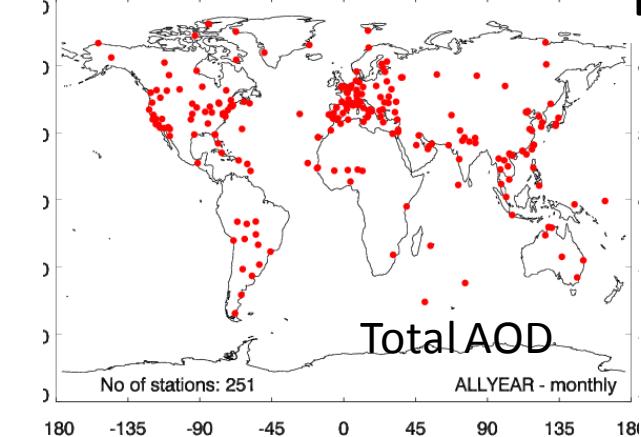


How could we use portrait diagrams for AeroCom?

- Model version evolution check
- Quick overview of model data availability, quality
- Investigate the good models for their solutions,
 develop best practice recommendations
- Select AeroCom median model
 Put less weight on worse models for AeroCom median?
- Understand which observations may constrain models
- Compare value of different observational datasets

Some initial findings....

Locations Observations 2010



Portrait Diagram Display of Relative Error Metrics

AeroCom Phase III Models vs Multiple Observational datasets

Aerosol Optical Depth

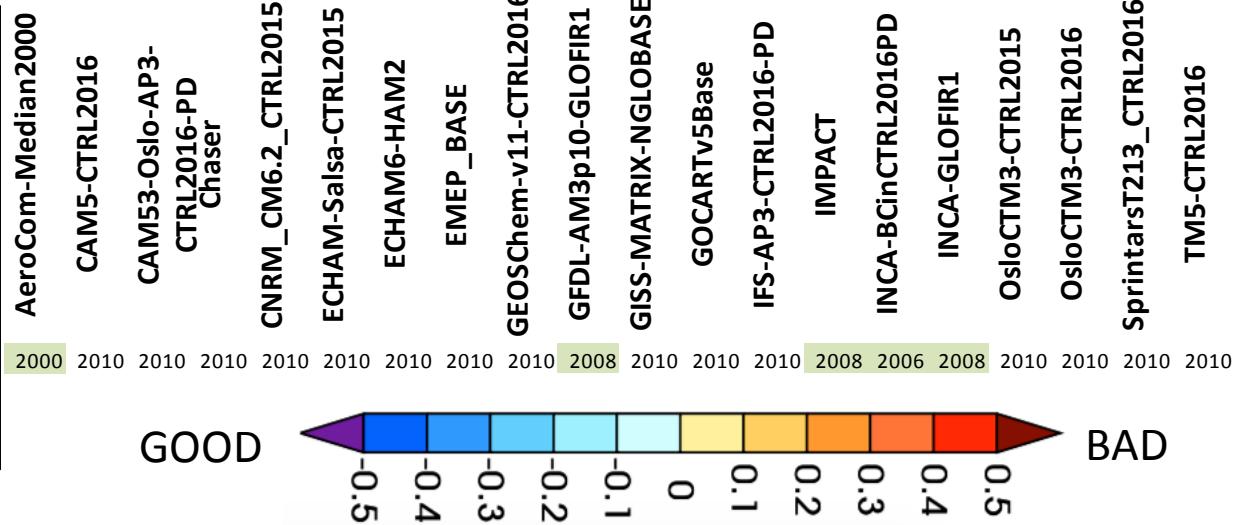
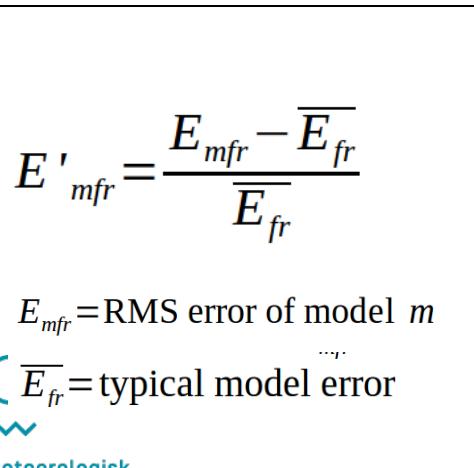
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Surface Concentration

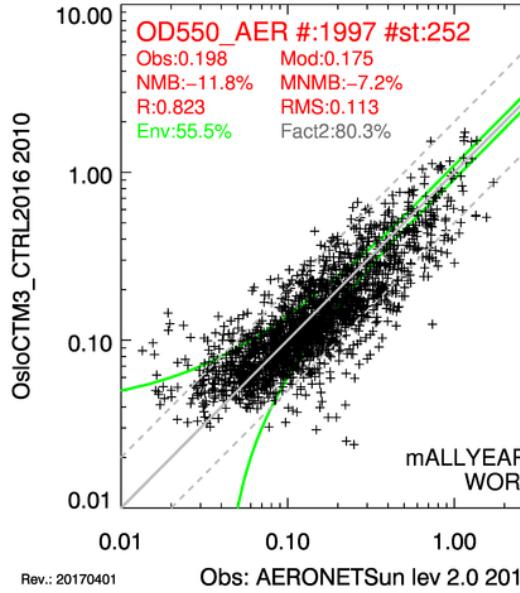
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Sulfate	EMEP	0.31		0.30		2.19	0.19	0.52	-0.15	-0.07		0.06	-0.30	0.04		-0.26	-0.04		-0.18	-0.10	63%		
Seasalt	EMEP		-0.57		23.88	0.14	0.00	-0.66	-0.60		0.60	1.74	-0.49		1.91	0.64		-0.43	-0.12	663%			

Wet Deposition

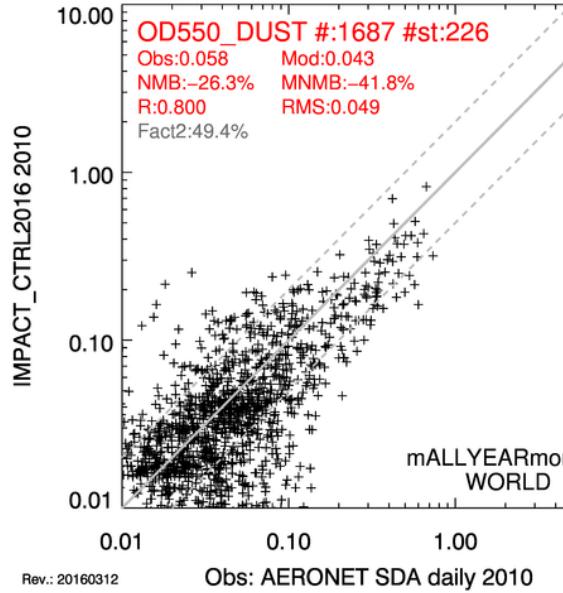
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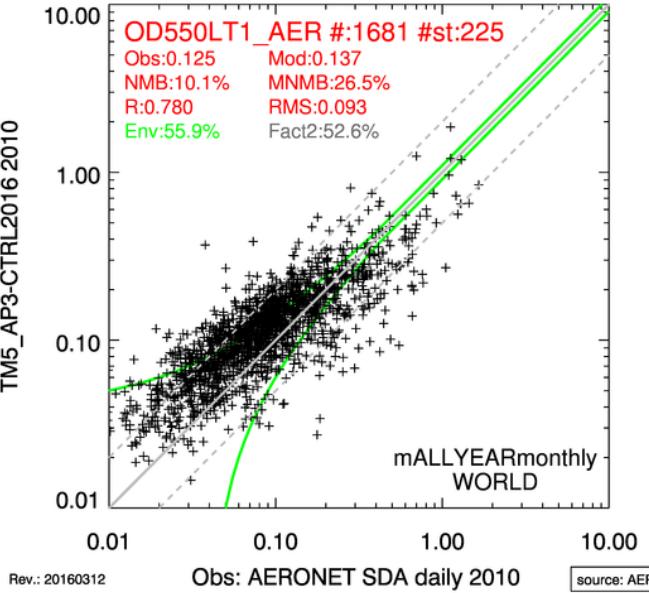
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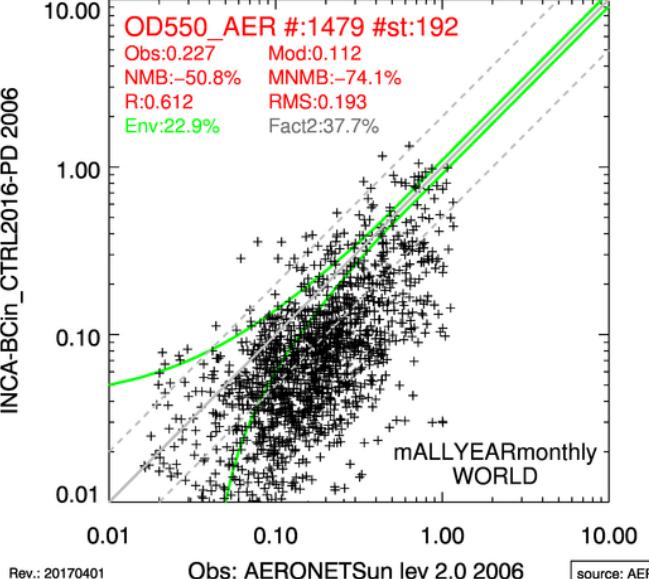
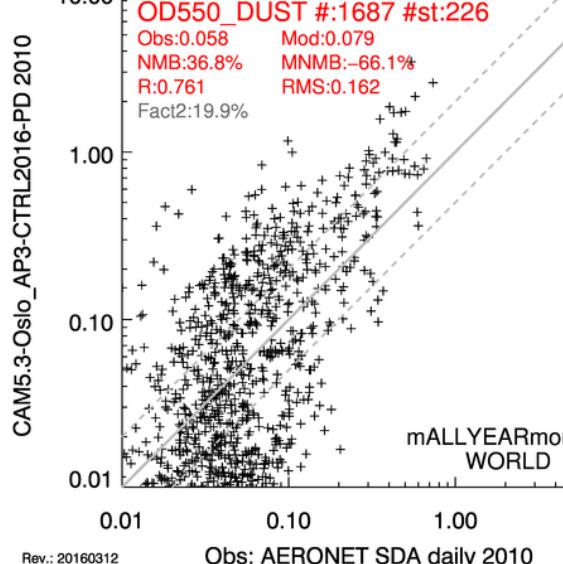
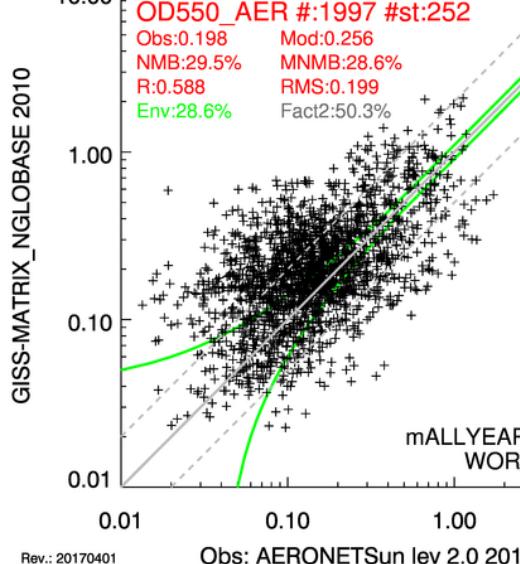


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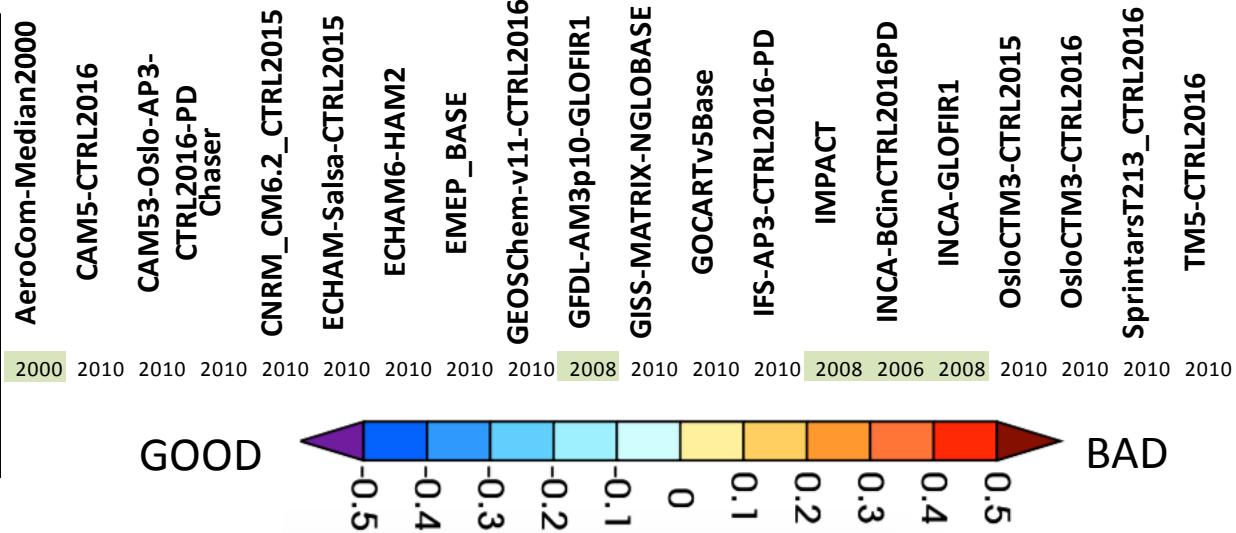
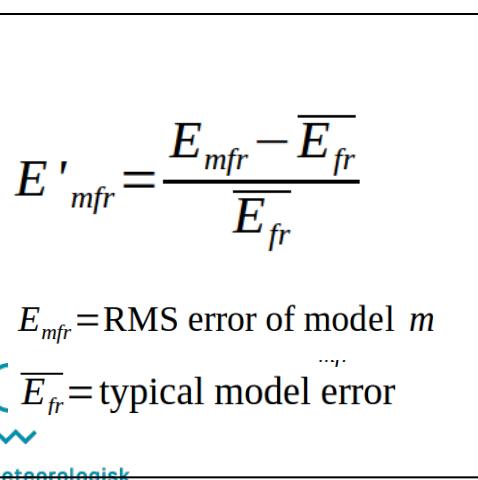


Good examples

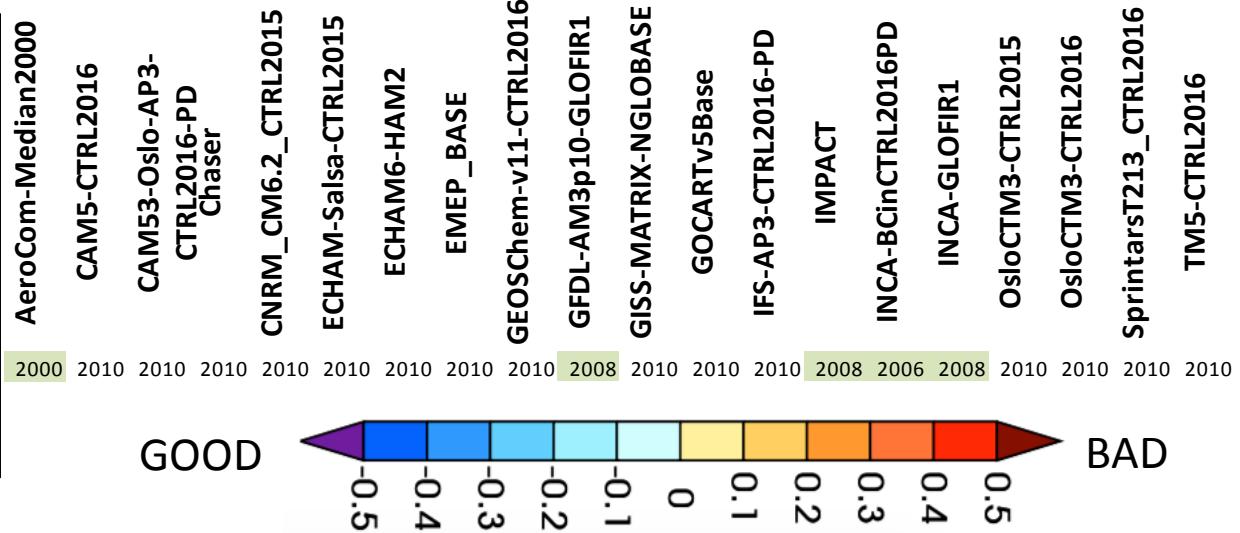
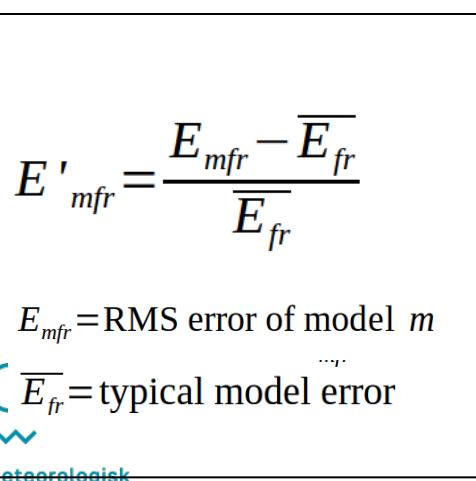
Less good examples



Quite some gaps in the database....

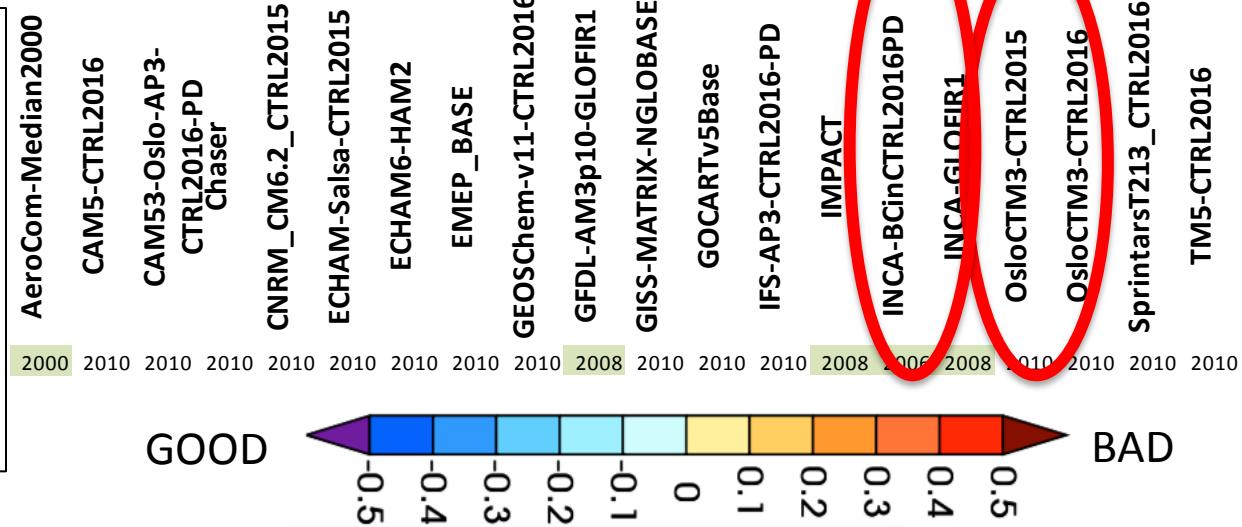
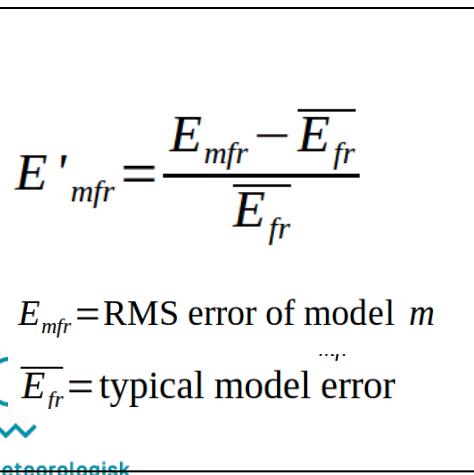


Coarse Mode AOD and surface dust concentration error is correlated



Improvements from version to version....

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We should be able to learn from the good ones...

(AeroCom phase 1 Median Model is still good for optics !)

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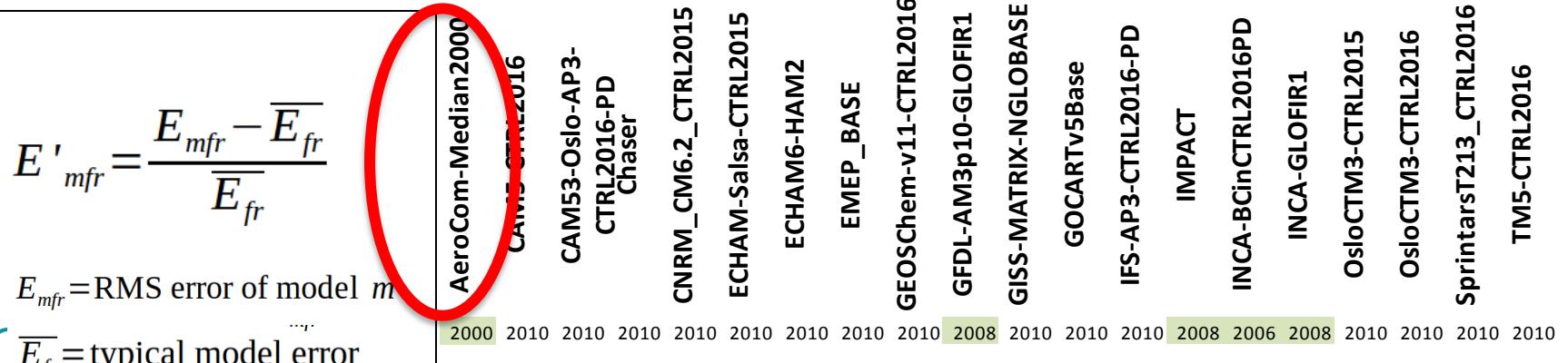
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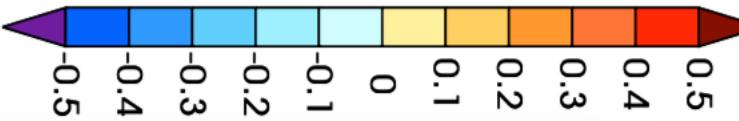
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GOOD



BAD

Observations are more or less a good constraint

Black carbon measurements are reproduced bad by all

Seasalt surface concentrations performance largely different

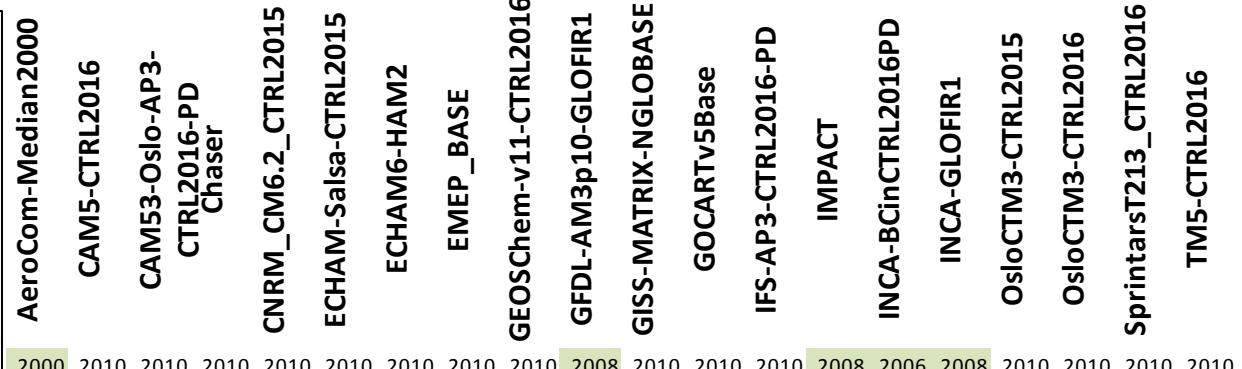
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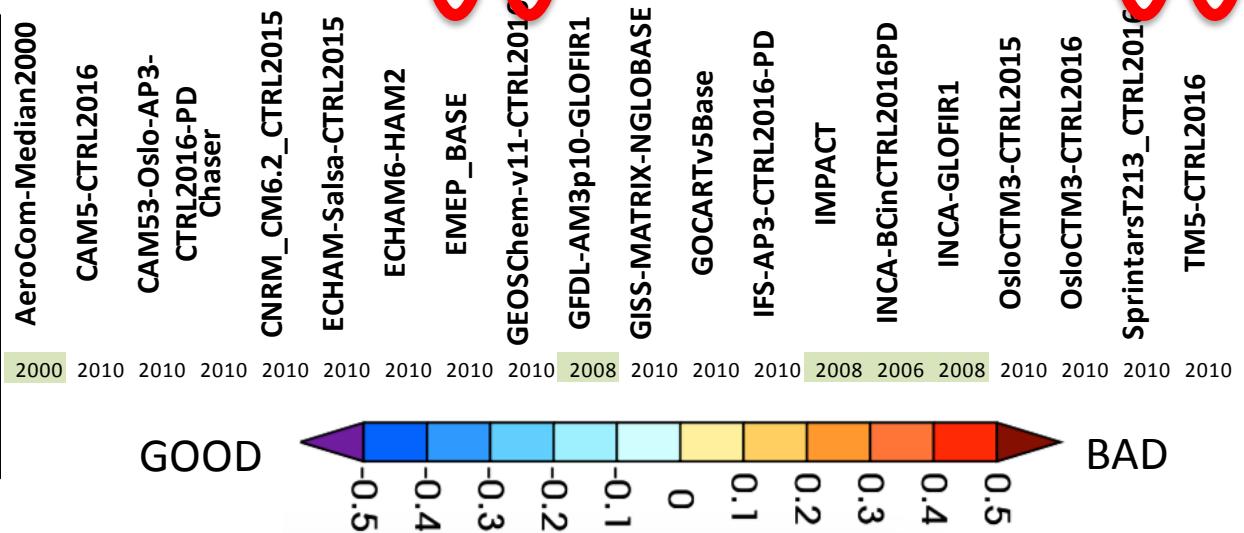
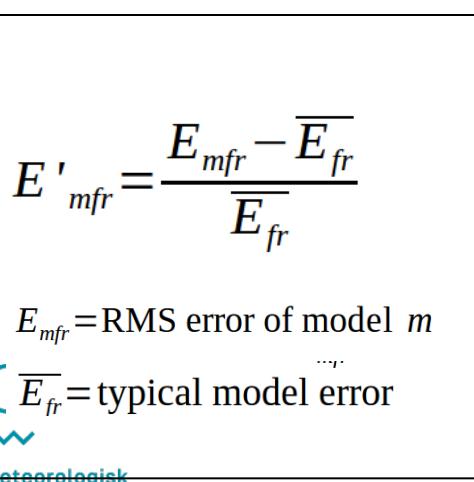


"Classical" Atmospheric Chemistry models seem to outperform GCMs wrt aerosol composition and wet deposition

EMEP, GEOSCHEM, TM5, Sprintars.

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AeroCom Median 2017 => the BAMS paper...

- Which Model versions to take?
- ?? HTAP BASE, CONTROL 2016/2015 , GLOFIRE1, NGLOBASE, etc could be used....
- **Please contact during Helsinki workshop**
Jan Griesfeller and/or Michael Schulz
to signal which model version we should use and which model version you could complete with missing data
- See “AeroCom Median 2017” category for updated list on AeroCom web interface
- http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl

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Wishing everyone a fruitful inspiring workshop*

