



Brief Introduction to the AeroCom Hindcast Emission Inventory and the IPCC AR5 Inventory

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AEROCOM_HC Inventory

- The AeroCom emission inventory AEROCOM_HC was specifically developed for aerosol hindcast experiments for the time frame 1980-2008. It includes BC, OC, and SO₂.
- Website:

http://www-lscedods.cea.fr/aerocom/AEROCOM_HC/

The site contains README documents for each provided dataset and a code sample for processing data from the volcanic emission files (the only non-gridded files). All files are provided in the NetCDF format. Recommended tool for regridding is NCREGRID. Website:

http://www.pa.op.dlr.de/~PatrickJoeckel/ncregrid/index.html

IPCC AR5 Inventory

 The IPCC AR5 inventory was designed for both future climate experiments and hindcast runs back to 1850. It includes a much broader set of species (aerosols, greenhouse gases, ...) for the historic emissions. The future runs focus on 4 Recommended Concentration Pathways (RCPs) up to 2100 and an extension to 2300. Both emissions, concentrations (only historical) and land-cover changes are provided.

Websites:

http://www.iiasa.ac.at/web-apps/tnt/RcpDb/dsd?Action=htmlpage&page=about
ftp://ftp-ipcc.fz-juelich.de/pub/emissions/gridded_netcdf/

All files are provided in the NetCDF format. The IIASA site contains tools for the online visualization of the datasets.

Overview of the 2 Inventories

	IPCC AR5 (1850-2000 and 2000-2100 [2300])	AEROCOM_HC (1980- 2008)
Species	BC, OC, SO ₂ , dust, sea salt, NH3, NMVOC, greenhouse + other trace gases	BC, OC, SO ₂
Spatial resolution	0.5x0.5 degrees	1.0x1.0 degrees
Temporal resolution	Decadal	Yearly (daily for volcanoes)
Seasonal Variation	Biomass burning (BB)	BB/Aircraft
Emission sectors	Anthrop., BB, ships, aviation (no SO ₂) [planned: biogenic, volcanic]	Anthrop., BB, ships, aviation, volcanic

IPCC AR5 includes only a subset of species for the future runs.