Effects of Hawaiian Volcanic Sulfate Aerosols on Clouds, Precipitation, and Energy Balance

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Outline

- Recap observational analyses for the period 2002-2010
- Updated analysis for 2002-2017
- GCM modeling of the event
- Conclusion and outlook



Yuan et al. (2011)

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MODIS AOD







microphysical



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A recap of our previous investigation







CloudSat-2C-PRECIP-COLUMN_2.5x2.5_Precip_freq_rate_JJA_2008.TP



CERES TOA CRE Climatology

CERES Cloud Radiative Effect JJA Climatology

EOF mode 1



CRE EOF mode 1 correlates with AOD time series best.

Can GEOS-5 (1M/2M) reproduce the effect of the Kilauea plume on cloud properties?

Model Setup

- Year 2008, runs at c180 resolution.
- Replay to MERRA-2 (U, V, T)
- Zero, 1X and 5X Kilauea volcanic emissions. Taken from the USGS survey.
- Single and two-moment cloud microphysics
- Sampling using the MODIS satellite simulator
- Prescribed SST

No Kilauea Emissions (JJA, 2-Moment)





5X Kilauea Emissions (2-Moment)





5X Kilauea Emissions (1-Moment)





Cloud Fraction (1X Emissions)



JJA 2008 MODIS CF



Radiative Effects (1X Emissions)



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Precipitation Effects?





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Our next step is to compile a suite of observational and meto data sets for obs-model comparison.

