

An intercomparison of CCN and size distribution among AeroCom models. Plans for the aerosol microphysics working group

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AEROCOM modellers who've submitted all-aerosol-tracer data The data Pis on the benchmark observational datasets.

Aerosol in most climate models

Mass of chemical components (e.g., $SO₄$, black carbon, dust) as advected quantities

For size-dependent processes: An assumed size distribution

Direct aerosol forcing: Use composition-dependent mass scattering efficiency (or assume a fixed size distribution) e.g. for $SO₄$, AOD can change only via change in mass.

Indirect forcing: Use empirical cloud drop—aerosol relations, e.g., Lowenthal et al: $\mathsf{log(CDN)} = 2.38 + 0.49 \mathsf{log(Mso}_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}),$ --- any change in mass causes increase in CDN.

Differences in particle size distribution also affect the extinction.

Constant mass extinction efficiency will not capture variability from changes to the particle size distribution.

$$
b_{ext} = \pi \sum_{i=0}^{n} Q_{ext} R_i^2 \frac{dN_i}{d \ln R_i} \Delta \ln R_i
$$

Changes in size distribution lead to different AOD Even when the process conserves mass.

Mie calculations based on log-normal sulphate aerosol

Aerosol Number (cm-3)

GCM procedure:

- 1. Measure CDN and aerosol mass (or number) > certain size in same airmass
- 2. Fit CDN-mass (or number) relation
- In mass-only GCM, number is diagnosed not prognosed (i.e., calculated by assuming a size distribution)

Composite of CDN-aerosol observations from many sites

No single relationship Different particle types, compositions, size distributions, etc Parcel model calculation of cloud drop number from log-normal aerosol

Global Model of Aerosol Processes (GLOMAP)

- Global CTM forced by 6-hourly ECMWF winds
- Usually run at T42L31 (2.8ºx2.8º) resolution
- Sectional aerosol scheme: 20 bins, 3 nm 20 μ m $\,$ Modal scheme: 7 or 4 log-normal modes
- In TOMCAT CTM usually driven by offline oxidants, now coupled to tropospheric chemistry
- Aerosol transport, new particle formation, growth by coagulation, condensation, cloud processing.
- Wet and dry deposition of gases & aerosol particles
- Emissions of DMS \Rightarrow SO $_2$ \Rightarrow H $_2$ SO $_4$; monoterpenes \Rightarrow biogenic SOA
- Primary emissions of sea salt, dust,
	- black & organic carbon (fossil and biofuels, vegetation fires)

Nucleation via binary homogeneous nucleation of H_2 SO4-H₂O and also now implemented boundary layer nucleation mechanism

GLOMAP-bin : Spracklen et al. (ACP, 2005), Spracklen et al (GRL, 2008) GLOMAP-mode: Mann et al (GMD, 2010), Woodhouse et al (2010), Schmidt et al (2010)

Variability in predicted CDN

PDF of CDN being > 85th Percentile CDN ($w = 0.15ms - 1$) percentile Cloud drop number Cloud drop numbe $85th$ mean Global rce ntile 15th pe Aerosol numbe r

Percent of days that exceed 85th percentile

Pringle et al (2009, ACP)

Use model output to generate CDN-aerosol empirical fit

- Use the fit to calculate global CDN
- Calculate the %difference from mechanistic CDN calculation

75% more CDN than predicted from CDN-aerosol relation over the Atlantic

At 2008 AEROCOM workshop in Iceland, working group established to evaluate aerosol microphysics models against range of available in-situ observations.

Use syntheses of in-situ observations as benchmark to evaluate the models.

Evaluate & document diversity of AEROCOM models in simulated number conc'n

Common modelling experiments set up:

- -- Control simulation reference year 2006 (A2-CTRL-2006)
- -- As CTRL but with condensational growth switched off (A2-SIZ1-2006)
- -- As CTRL but with coagulation switched off (A2-SIZ2-2006)
- -- As CTRL but with primary emissions of SO4 and BC/OC off (A2-SIZ3-2006)
- -- As CTRL but with new particle formation switched off (A2-SIZ4-2006)

A2-SIZ1,A2-SIZ2 compare role of growth processes in different models.

A2-SIZ3 allows multi-model assessment of contribution of primary particles to CCN

A2-SIZ4 allows multi-model assessment of nucleated CCN in different models.

Use HCA-0 emissions in models to minimise differences between model simulations.

Ask models to extend A2-CTRL-2006 through 2007 and 2008 to run through EUCAARI period with EUCAARI Different models

Models characterise size distribution in many different ways

- -- mass-only in aerosol types each with fixed size distribution (~10 aerosol tracers)
- -- number & mass concentrations in size modes (20-30 aerosol tracers)
- -- number & mass in concentrations size bins (100-200 aerosol tracers)
- CCN observations retrieve CCN at many different supersaturations (and different models use different methods to calculate CCN concentrations).

CN measurements can use different minimum diameter (e.g. 3nm or 10nm).

Size distribution observations made across different size ranges.

Approach settled on at 2008 workshop:

Instead of asking for extra complicated diagnostics, just make life simple: Ask modelers to write "all-aerosol-tracer" output to AEROCOM database And to provide README file with information on how size is handled in model.

Then can compare CN, CCN, size-resolved N ensuring consistent methodology.

Also ask modellers to interpolate to selected sites outputting at hourly resolution

- -- makes separation into different air mass types possible
- -- generate statistics of size distribution over daily cycle
- -- how well do microphysics models reproduce new particle formation events?

Required output for aerosol microphysics group:

- -- Monthly-mean all-aerosol-tracer output on full 3D model grid (3D-M)
- -- Daily-mean all-aerosol-tracer output over vertical profile at sites (1D-D)
- -- Hourly-mean all-aerosol-tracer output at surface at sites (0D-H) Use CMOR tables: Aerocom_table_1DD, Aerocom_table_0DH on website.

50 selected sites for high-temporal resolution all-aerosol-tracer data:

GAW & ARM sites (CPC, nephelometer, aethalometer, some with lidar) Alert, Barrow, Bondville, Mauna Loa, Neumayer, Samoa, South Pole, Southern Great Plains,

21 EUSAAR supersites (many with DMPS, AMS, lidar) Aspreveten, Auchenworth, Birkenes, Cabauw, Finokalia, Harwell, Hohenpeissenberg, Hyytiala, Ispra, Jungfraujoch, Kosetice, K-puzta, Mace Head, Melpitz, Montseny, Moussala, Pallas, Preila, Puy de Dome, Valvihill, Zeppelin.

Additional sites with observations

Cape Grim, Cape Point, Capo San Juan, Elandsfontein, Guangzhou, Manaus, Monte Cimone, Mount Waliguan, Paverne, Shang Dianzi, Sonnblick, Summit, Tahkuse, Trinidad Head, Varrio

Need model README file giving full detail of size assumptions with model

Global aerosol microphysics models in AEROCOM phase2^{UNIVERSITY OF}

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Assembled benchmark observational datasets.

Wide range of observational datasets being used at Leeds to evaluate the bin and modal versions of GLOMAP.

- 1) CN concentrations from CPC observations at GAW & other sites
- 2) size-resolved number concentrations & mean size against compilations of multiple field campaign measurements (e.g. Heintzenberg et al, 2000, 2004).
- 3) vertical CN, CCN profiles from models against compilations of aircraft observations (e.g. TRACE-P, PEM-Tropics, INCA, UFA-EXPORT, LACE field campaigns)
- 4) CCN concentrations from field campaigns and monitoring sites. 5) size distributions against DMPS observations at EUSAAR sites

Evaluate AEROCOM size-resolving global aerosol models. Use mean-bias and correlation coefficient to score models

Provide observational constraint for simulated size distribution.

GLOMAP-mode v4 vs marine BL size distribution (Raes00) NIVERSITY OF LEEDS

GLOMAP-mode v6R vs marine BL size distribution (RaesOO) REFEDS

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS ECHAM-HAM2 vs marine BL size distribution (Raes00)

GLOMAP-bin vs marine BL size distribution (Raes00)

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Diversity in simulated CN concentrations

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1. CN concentrations from GAW and other sites

GLOMAP-bin vs CN annual cycle GAW sites (FT)

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GLOMAP-mode v4 vs CN annual cycle GAW sites (MBL^{yNIVERSITY OF LEEDS}

2. Compilation of MBL aerosol observations

Table 1. Sources of data on aerosol concentration and number-size distribution

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Aircraft observations

Continental Europe (Germany)

LACE campaign – Petzold et al (2002)

Marine regions (Pacific and Southern Oceans)

Several field campaigns – Clarke & Kapustin (2002)

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Longitude

Clarke & Kapustin (2002)

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Clarke & Kapustin (2002) Size distributions unimodal in FT growing from $5km \rightarrow 2km$ over Pacific. Bi-modal MBL size distributions withHoppel gap following cloud processing. CN peak in FT – nucleation layer.

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4. Compilation of CCN counter measurements

Compilation of CCN observations gathered by Dominick Spracklen (Leeds) (Spracklen et al, 2011, ACPD)

Fig. 15. Overview of EUSAAR and GUAN station measurements – spatial distribution of particle number concentrations on particle (in cm^{-3} STP). The coloured areas are relative to the median concentration observed in each season, and the lower and higher arcs show 16th and 84th percentile concentrations. The colours and location of the segments show different seasons. The locations of the stations are approximate. Stations ZEP (Arctic) and FKL (Mediterranean) are located in inserts.

Reddington et al, 2011, ACPD)

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Influence of microphysics on CN and CCN,

In addition to scoring vs observations, evaluate diversity in simulated influence of primaries/nucleation/coagulation/condensation on simulated CN and CCN

Table 2. Summary of ground level contribution from primary particles (PR), boundary layer nucleation (BLN) and upper tropospheric nucleation (UTN) to ground level total number (CN) and cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) concentrations at 0.2% and 1.0% supersaturations. The marine regions refer to west of North America (NAM), west of South America (SAM), west of North Africa (NAF), west of South Africa (SAF), and East of North-East Asia (NEA) (see Figure 7).

Merikanto et al (ACP, 2009)

Summary

Large number of global aerosol microphysics models have submitted the allaerosol-tracer data to the AEROCOM phase-2 experiments.

Enables a ground-breaking intercomparison of simulated size distributions, CN and CCN concentrations amongst the models.

Document the diversity that exists amongst the aerosol microphysics models

Assembled 5 syntheses of in-situ observations from a wider range of field campaigns and monitoring sites that allow the models to be evaluated objectively and quantitatively.

Produce Taylor-diagrams of model skill-scores in terms of normalised-bias and Pearson correlation coefficient for each datasets/metric.

Generate regional CN, CCN concentrations from the models.

Add other observational syntheses to comparison (although plenty already!)?

Analyse the high-temporal-resolution (0D-H) datasets and produce pdf-based comparisons against those at the EUSAAR-GUAN supersites

Quantify multi-model contributions of primary/secondary aerosol to CCN.

1. CN concentrations from GAW and other sites

Spracklen et al, (ACP, 2010)

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¹ DRI: Desert Research Institute (DRI) airborne instantaneous CCN spectrometer (Hudson, 1989); CCN spectrometer (Hoppel et al., 1979; Saxena and Kassner, 1970; Fukuta and Saxena, 1979a, b; Radke at al., 1981); DMT-CCNC: Droplet measurement technologies (DMT) stream-wise thermal-gradient CCN counter (Roberts and Nenes, 2005; Lance et al., 2006; Rose et al., 2008); CCNR: CCN Remover (Ji et al., 1998); TGDCC: Thermal-gradient diffusion cloud chamber (Désalmand, 1985); STGDCC: Static thermal-gradient diffusion cloud chamber (Delene et al., 1998; Delene and Deshler, 2000); IHC: Isothermal Haze Counter (Fitzgerald et al., 1981); M-1: DH Associates, parallel-plate diffusion cloud chamber (Phillipin and Betterton, 1997); SDC: Static parallel-plate thermal-gradient diffusion cloud chamber (Frank et al., 2007); CFDCC: Continuous-flow diffusion cloud chamber (Hudson and Squires, 1976; Hudson and Alofs, 1981); CCNC: CCN counter (Model 130, Mee) (Ishizaka et al., 2003).

² Su: surface; Sh: ship; A: above the surface (aircraft or balloon).

Development of process-based global aerosol microphysics models

In box models, 2D models or 3D offline models of short integrations, one can afford to track high degree of sophistication

160 tracers for a basic fully internally mixed size and composition resolved distribution

~260 tracers to resolve basic 'fresh' particles

>400 tracers to resolve ageing of fresh particles

But in a climate model (e.g. HadGEM): **25** tracers for aerosol considered high

Evolution of complexity in aerosol-climate models of

- Current state-of-the-science in aerosol-climate models has moved on from 1st generation mass-based only models.
- Established recognition now that aerosol-climate models need to simulate particle number to allow size distribution to evolve according to the chemical & microphysical processes, and represent of size-resolved chemical composition

1st generation New generation of "Research models" climate model climate models with bin-resolved schemes modal aerosol dynamics Future GCMs?

Primary & secondary sources of aerosol

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Benchmark GLOMAP-mode vs bin in CTM

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