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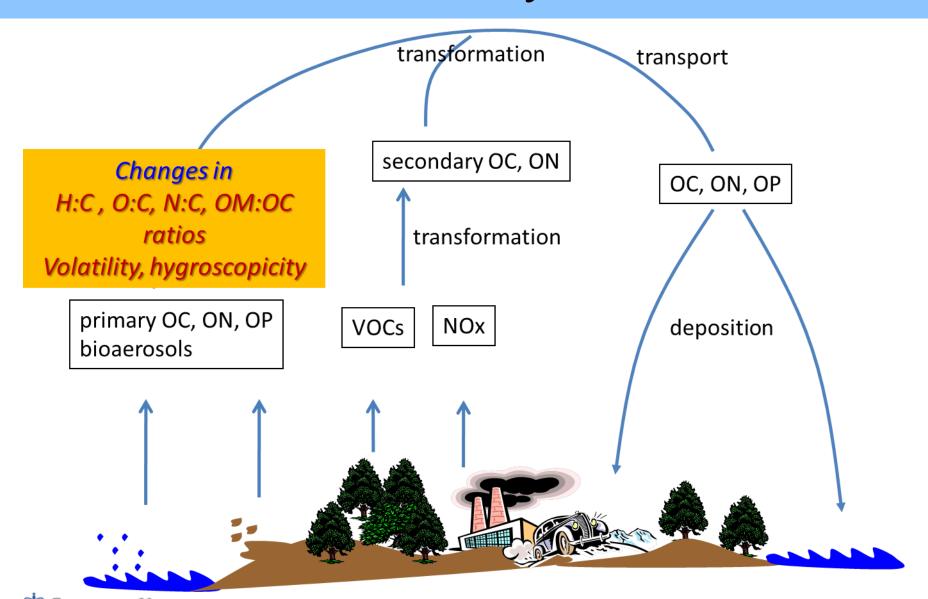
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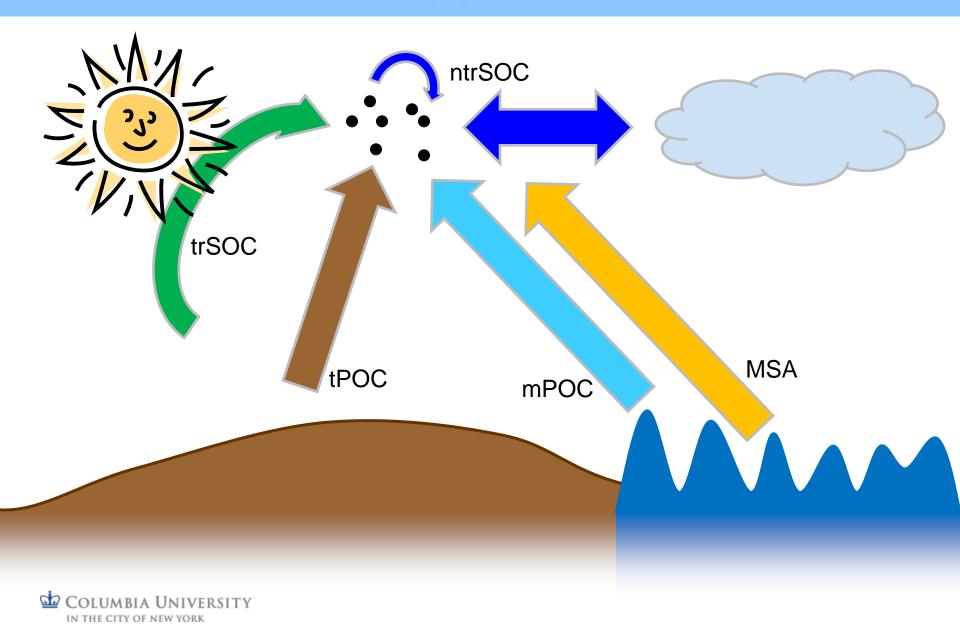
67 authors, 45 affiliations and ~31 models



OA life cycle



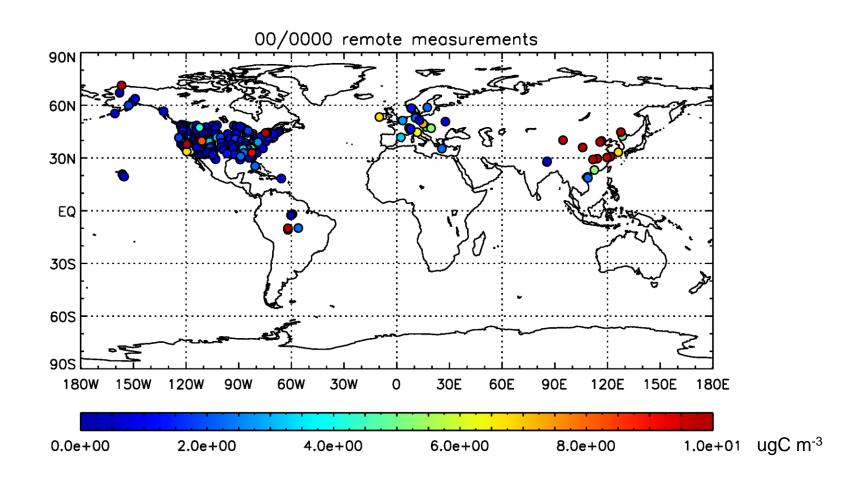
Source apportionment



What do observations tell us about the surface OA distribution?

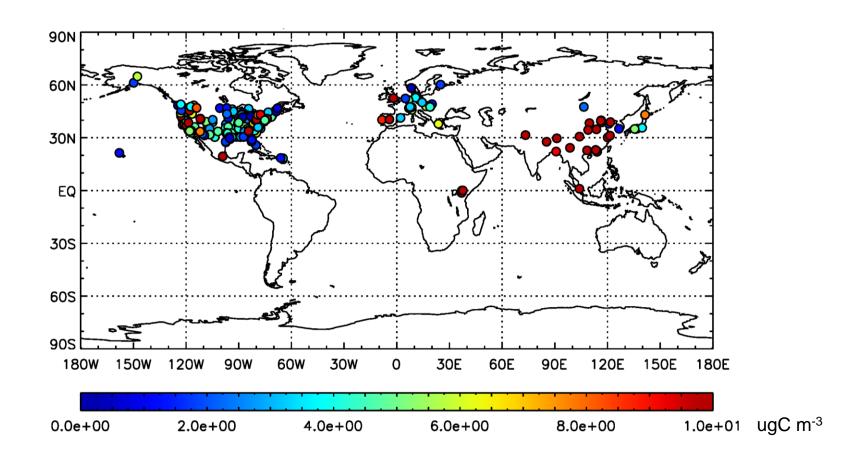


OC measurements - remote



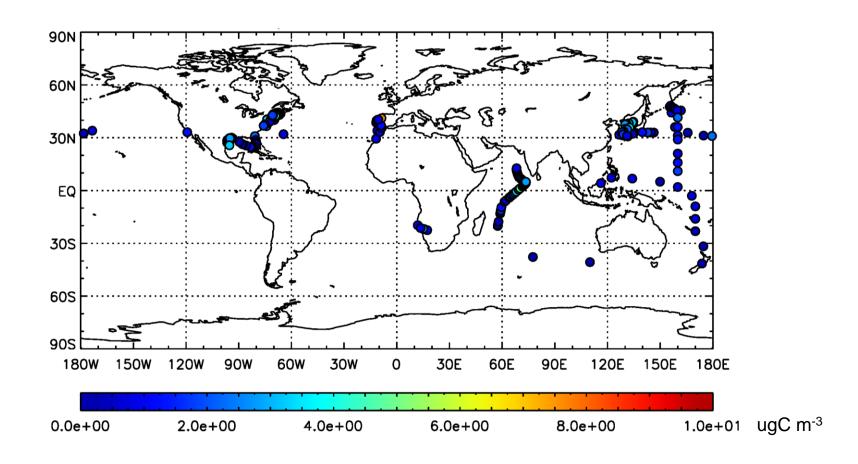


OC measurements - urban



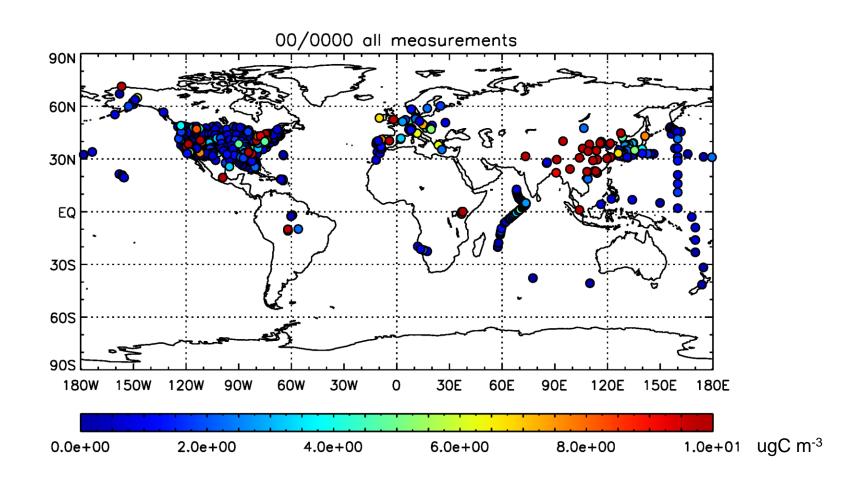


OC measurements - marine



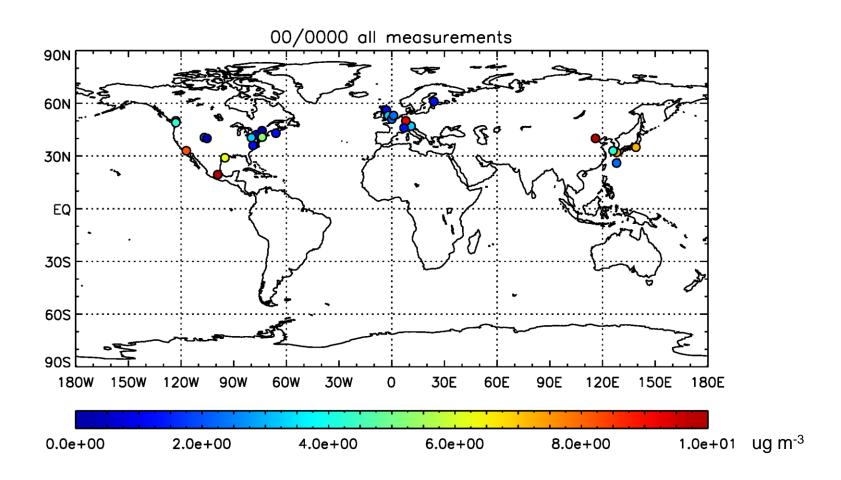


OC measurements - all





OM measurements – all



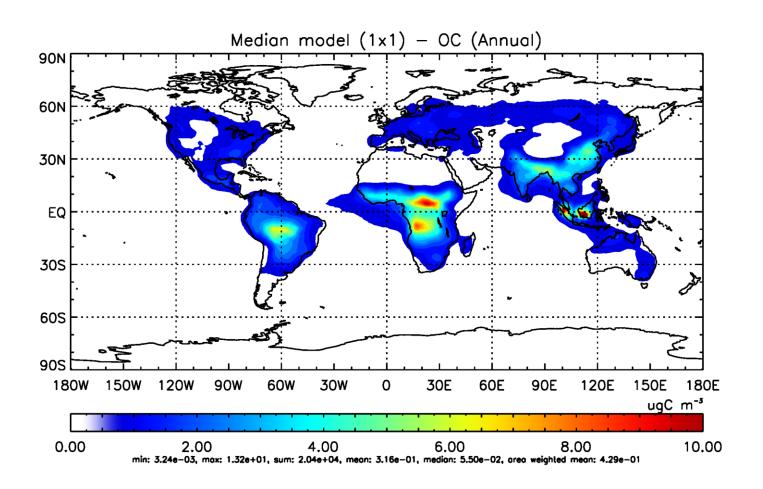
Some stations are missing, we do not have access yet to all available data



What do models tell us about the surface OA distribution?

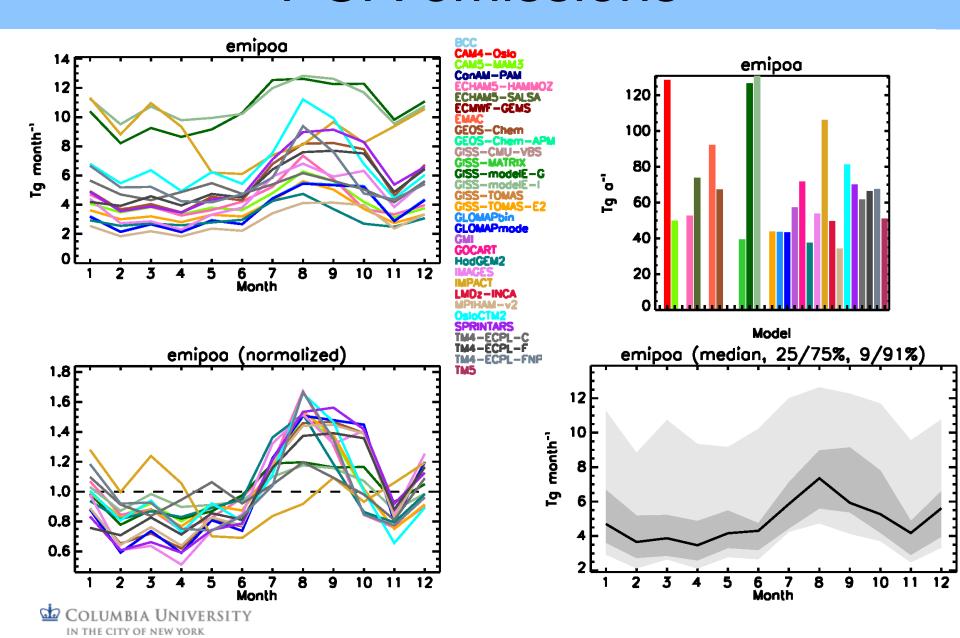


Surface median OC (31 models)

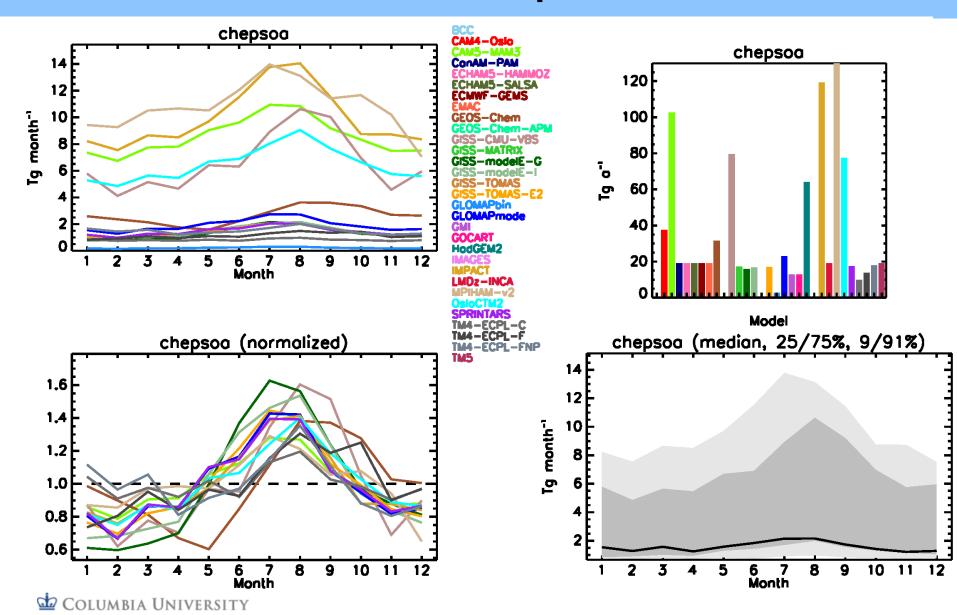




POA emissions

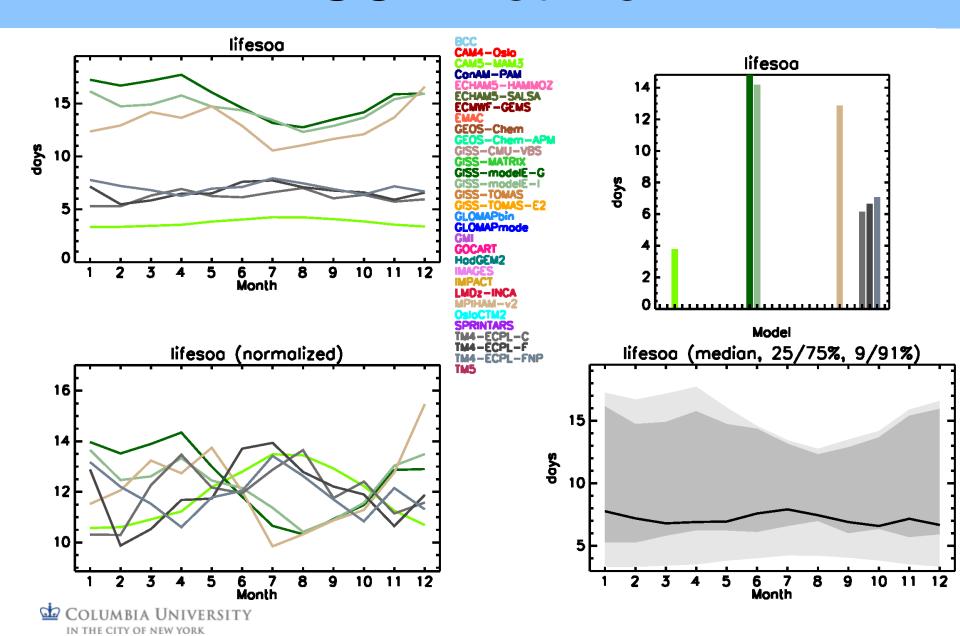


SOA chemical production

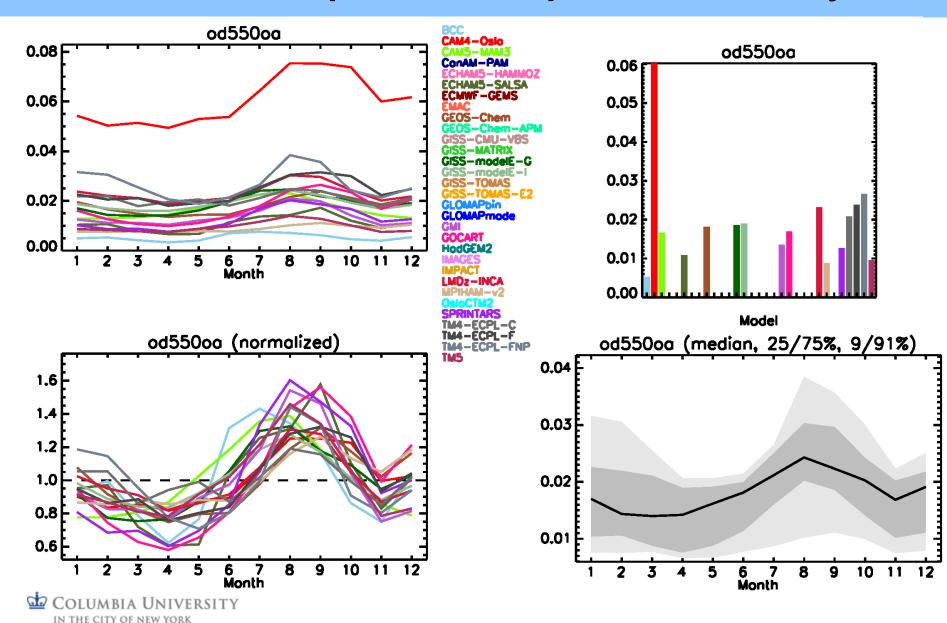


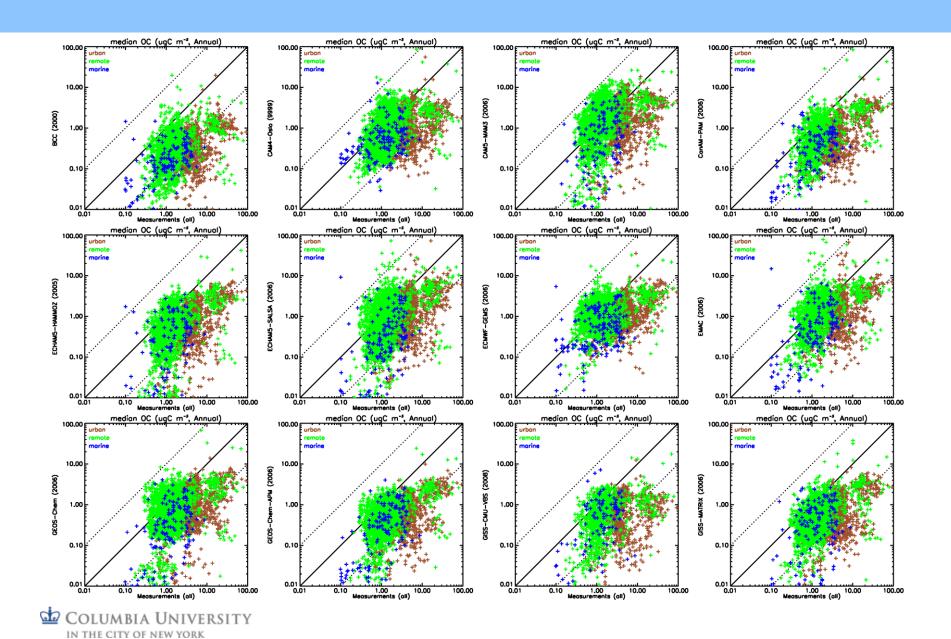
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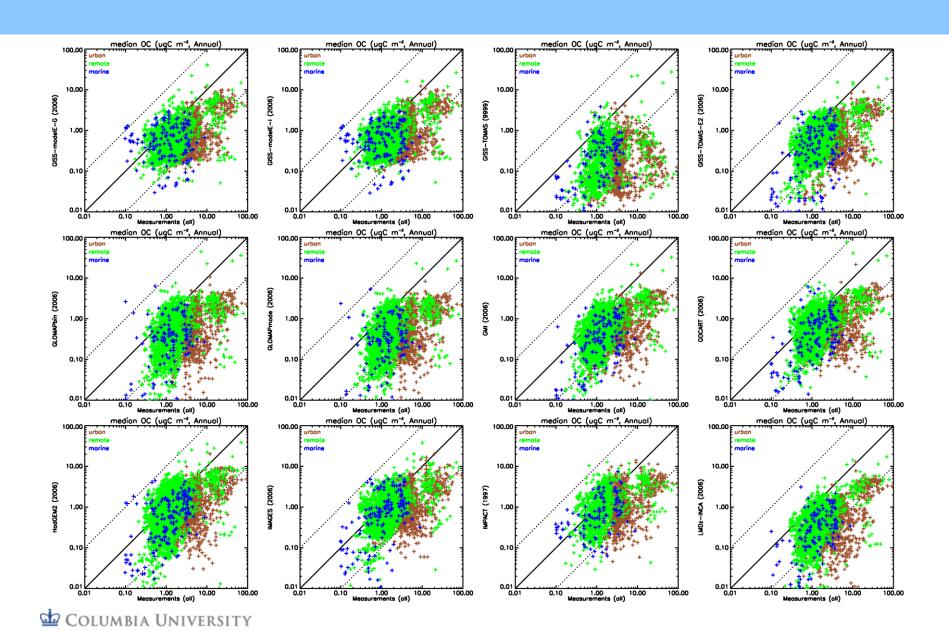
SOA lifetime



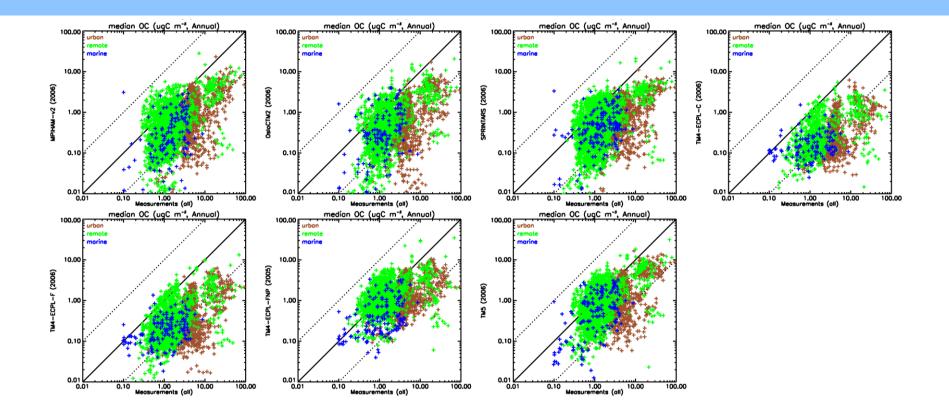
Aerosol optical depth – all sky







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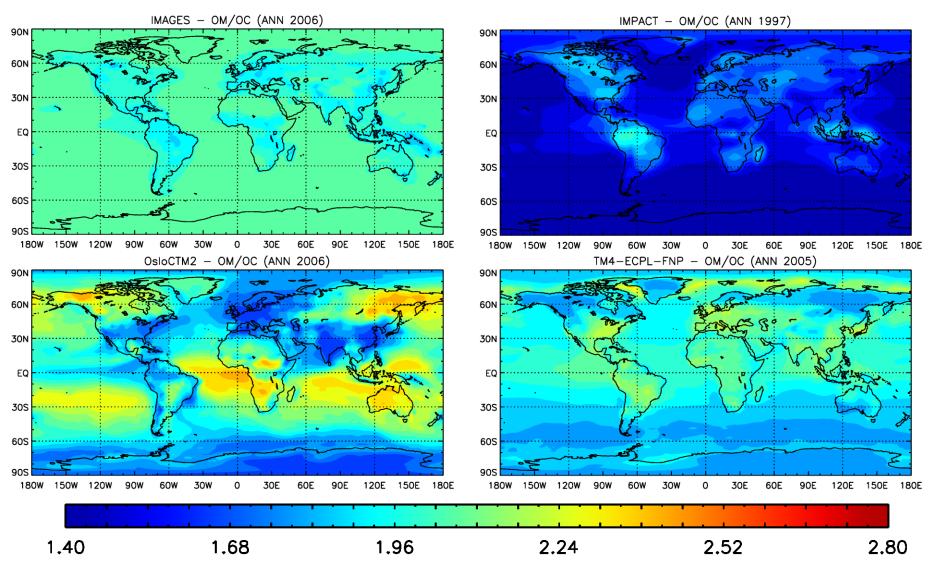


Drivers of model differences

- Host model
- OM/OC
- Missing or different sources
- Atmospheric processing
- OA properties

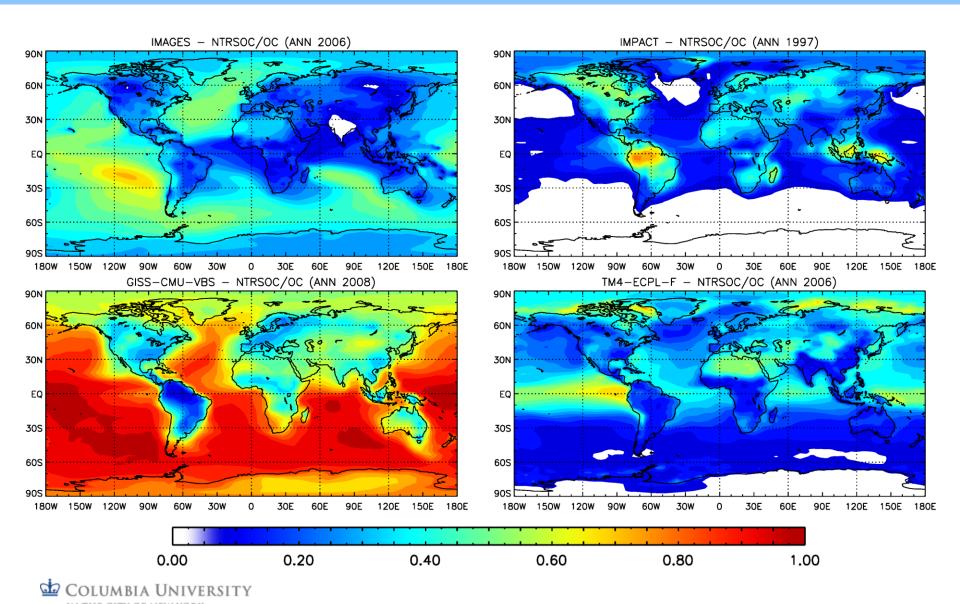


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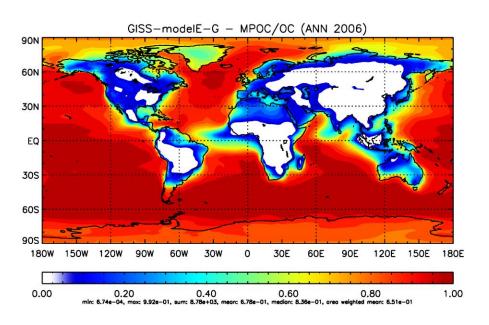


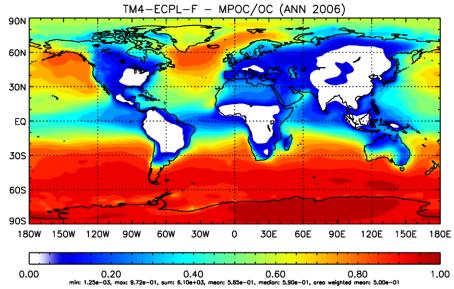
ntrSOC/OC



Sources that are not present in most models can have large impacts.

mPOC/OC



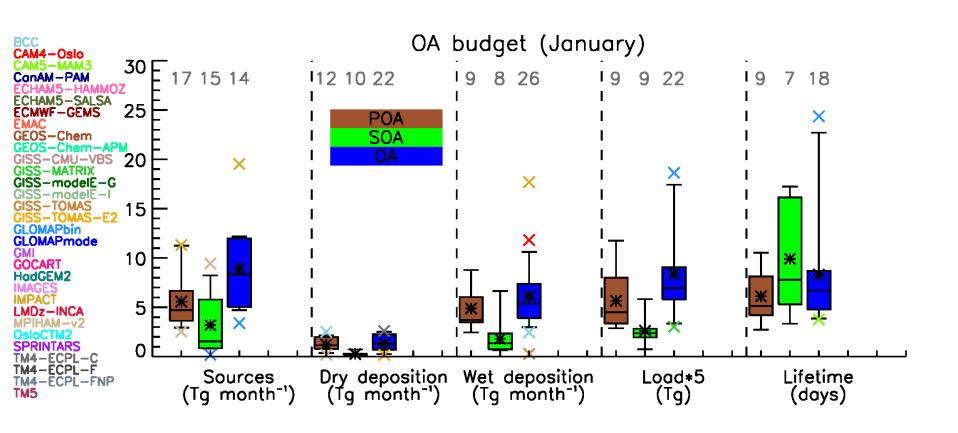




OA global budget

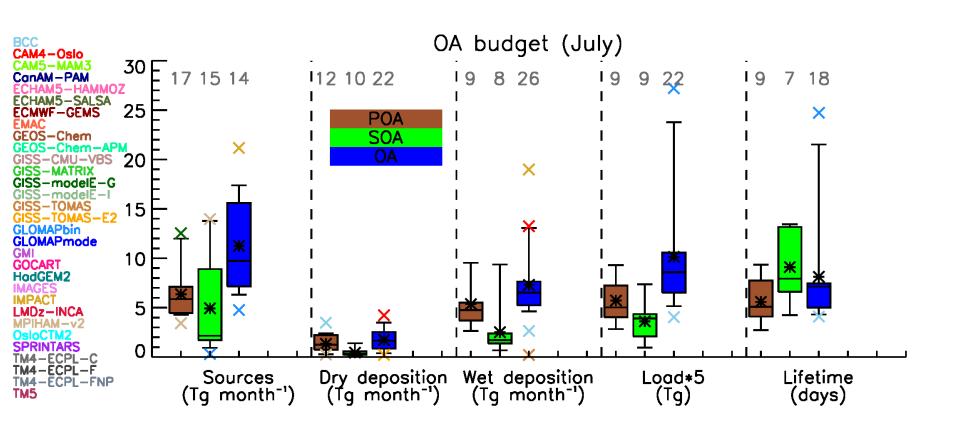


OA budget (January)



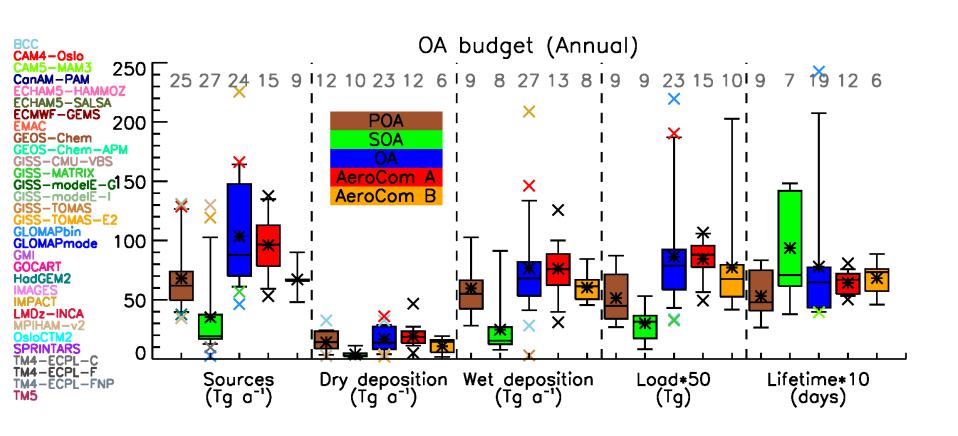


OA budget (July)





OA budget (Annual)





Concluding remarks

- More OA processes
 - More unknowns
 - Higher variability
- Background OA underestimated
 - Marine OA big uncertainty
- OM/OC not yet constrained
- Goal is to have paper submitted in October

Please submit your OA monthly budgets a.s.a.p., if you haven't already done so

