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**Aerosol\_cci2**

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Additional user case studies

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***Option XI: additional user case studies***

## **2. Executive Summary**

In this option we propose four additional user case studies which will enhance the demonstration of usage of Aerosol\_cci2 datasets, in particular of the IASI datasets and for data assimilation and climate studies.

These additional user case studies have been defined with lessons learned so far and in order to avoid overlap with baseline user case studies.

The results of each study will be described in a report at the end of the study, and will also be presented at an Aerosol\_cci User Workshop. It is envisaged to also report the outcome of the experiments in a scientific publication.

### 3. Technical Proposal

#### 3.1. General

#### Study 1: Trends in natural, in particular coarse mode aerosol (MetNo / NO)

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Recent analysis of trends in AOD (AERONET, MODIS, SeaWiFS) have demonstrated the continued shift in fine-mode aerosol maxima from the EU and the US to south-east Asia (for instance Hsu et al., 2012; Zhang and Reid, 2010). These trends however also showed that the trends are found for coarse mode (dust) aerosol, with increases east of the Sahara (e.g. Arabian Peninsula) and decreases west of Africa (Atlantic outflow). Zhang and Reid (2010) used ten-years (2000–2009) Data-Assimilation (DA) quality Terra MODIS and MISR aerosol products, as well as 7 years of Aqua MODIS, to study both regional and global aerosol trends over oceans. They found MODIS and MISR agreed on a statistically negligible global trend of  $\pm 0.003$ /per decade for total AOD. AODs over the Indian Bay of Bengal, east coast of Asia, and Arabian Sea showed increasing trends of 0.07, 0.06, and 0.06 per decade for MODIS, respectively. Similar increasing trends were found from MISR, but with less relative magnitude. These trends reflect respective increases in the optical intensity of aerosol events in each region: anthropogenic aerosols over the east coast of China and Indian Bay of Bengal; and a stronger influence from dust events over the Arabian Sea. The authors suggest that longer periods are needed in many regions, something which is possible with ATSR data. Similarly, AERONET derived trends support such differences as shown by Xia, 2011. Significant trends in the Angström exponent may be interpreted as changes in the ratio fine to coarse mode aerosol, see figure 1, lower panel. The map of trends at Aeronet sites indicates at the same time missing coverage in many regions, something which in principal could be overcome with satellite observations of sufficient time coverage, e. g. ATSR2/AATSR.

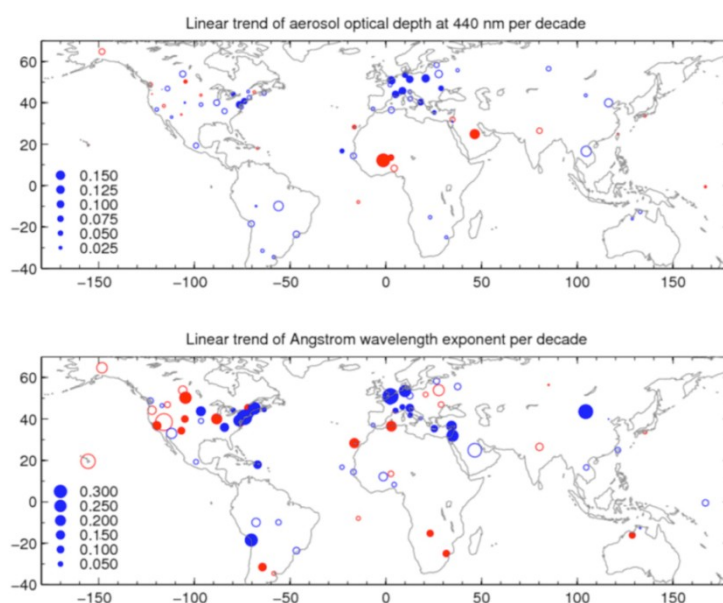


Figure 1: Linear trend at Aeronet sites from ca 1994-2010 for AOD at 440 nm and Angström expo-

ment (per decade) as found by Xia, 2011. The blue and red circles represent that the trends are negative and positive, respectively. The solid circles represent trends that are significant at a 95% level, which are tested using a statistical method (Weatherhead et al 1998).

Since coarse mode aerosol accounts on a global average basis for more than half of the AOD, a confirmation and further exploration as to the reasons of such trends (e.g. dynamics, precipitation using for instance ECMWF re-analysis data) are highly desirable. Global natural aerosol trends may represent a major climate feedback process, either mediated through winds or land surfaces changes, which could impact climate evolution.

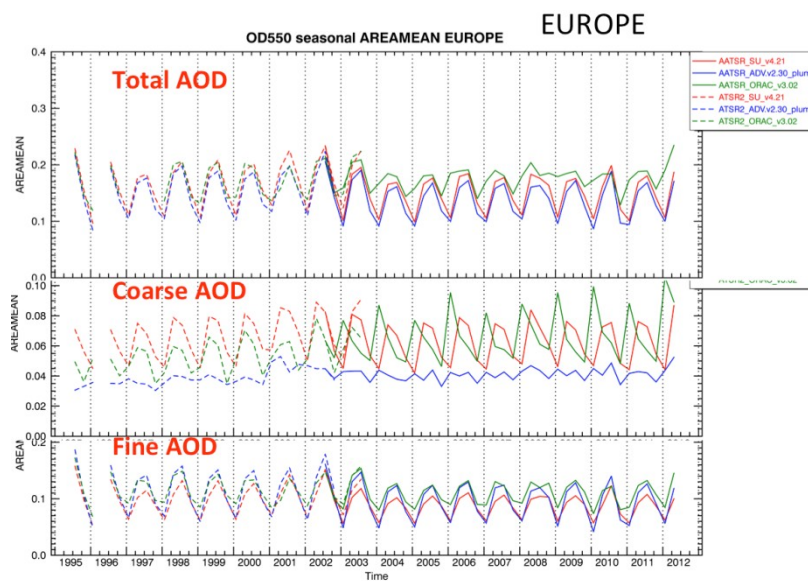


Figure 2: AOD as derived from three ATSR2/AATSR algorithms and averaged over Europe from 1995-2012.

Our initial workup of the fine mode and coarse mode AOD trends from ATSR2/AATSR shows interesting data, but also differences in between the retrievals (see figure 2). Further inspection will be thus made of these total, fine, coarse aerosol AOD trends as being established in cci-aerosol. While ATSR provides a split between fine and coarse mode, IASI indicates the presence of dust and may independently allow for an estimate of the coarse aerosol AOD trend. With such data at hand we have the possibility to compare to the published trends of coarse aerosol from AERONET, MODIS and SeaWiFS mentioned above. In a second step we will seek consistency with modeled trends of fine and coarse aerosol AOD, using the AeroCom hindcast simulations (eg Chin et al. 2014). Also - the ECMWF-MACC reanalysis (2003-2012) will be used to understand the changes in dust and winds as driving parameters of the satellite observed coarse mode AOD trends.

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## **Study 2: Use of most Aerosol-cci data products for evaluation and improvement of aerosol in the chemistry climate model EMAC (MPI-C / D)**

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The global ECHAM/MESSy atmospheric chemistry-climate model (EMAC) includes a choice of online (i.e., depending on the meteorological conditions) emission schemes for dust (Tegen 2002, Balkanski et al. 2004, Astitha et al. 2012) and provides a comprehensive description of aerosol composition and related microphysical processes.

The online emissions schemes allow to model the relation of trends and variability of the dust AOD to land cover changes such as desertification and droughts (Klingmüller et al. 2016). The detailed aerosol model is essential to quantify chemical "aging" of mineral dust during transport in the atmosphere which has been shown to increase the particle size due to coating by soluble species and hygroscopic growth, dust deposition and scavenging efficiency (Abdelkader et al. 2015); thus having an important impact on AOD and aerosol radiative effects. The satellite data at different wavelengths will be used for validation and improvement of the aerosol model.

Several EMAC studies (with meteorology nudged to observations) on atmospheric dust are planned, which all rely on detailed comparisons with observations to validate and, if necessary, improve the model: AOD trends and variability over the Middle East and south Asia, dust intrusions over Europe and East Asia, dust aerosol optical properties (non-spherical particles) and radiative effects, interaction of dust and anthropogenic air pollution. Here we like to use the 3 different ATSR-AOD products (2-4 wavelengths, 1995-2012) and the 4 IASI datasets at the original IR-wavelength or the dust product (2006 to 2013). This is compared with the time series of vertically integrated extinctions from the model at the wavelengths of the satellite instruments. This also includes detailed comparisons of dust outbreaks over the oceans and the effects of biomass burning in 2007. The satellite observed AOD will be employed to validate the amount of airborne dust in our EMAC simulations. As the total amount of airborne dust depends on the ratio of both, dust emission and removal by various processes, it cannot be used directly to constrain each of them separately, e.g., only the dust emissions. However, the spatial patterns resulting from the interplay of emissions and removal in combination with atmospheric transport, for example the outflow of Saharan dust over the Atlantic (Fig. 1), are only reproduced by the model if both are quantified correctly. Therefore, studying transport patterns with EMAC, including the spread of dust plumes in individual dust outbreaks, and validating the simulations using the satellite observations (including information about layer height), will be a crucial aspect of this study and allow improved estimates of the global dust budget.

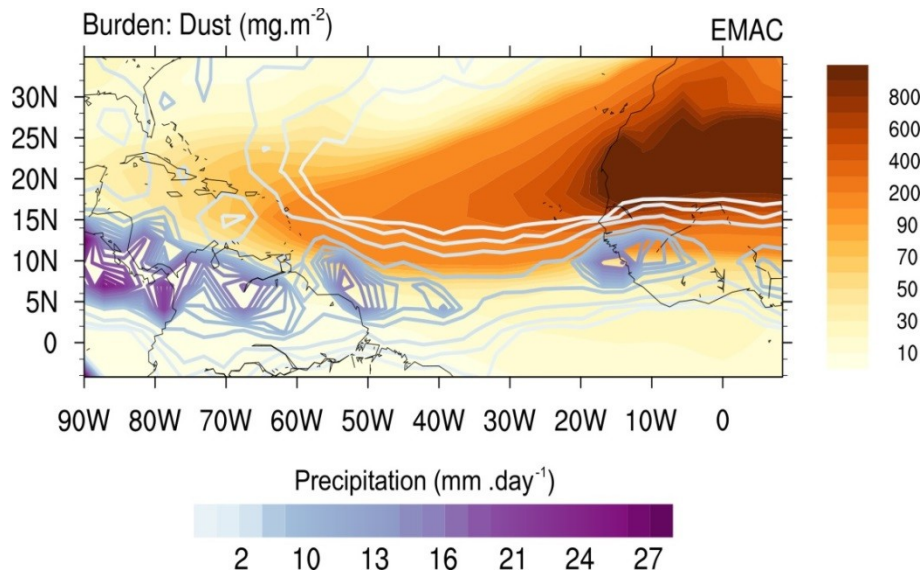


Figure 1: The EMAC computed spatial distribution of dust burden (orange) and total precipitation (purple lines) for July 2009 (monthly mean) (Abdelkader et al. 2016).

Partly, these studies will be based on model data from long-term runs within the framework of the Chemistry-climate model initiative (CCMI) or SPARC-SSIRC (Stratospheric sulfur and its role in climate). In most cases the transient simulations include stratospheric aerosol with volcanic impacts allowing for comparison with GOMOS extinctions at 5 wavelengths and the derived products on the size distribution in the most recent AERGOM version which will be available in late summer 2016. Here the model version is an update of Brühl et al. (2015) including now about 230 volcanic eruptions from which a lot were detected via the GOMOS data (V2.19) of the baseline project. Fig.2 gives an example for the improvements in calculated aerosol radiative forcing due to that. The new GOMOS product allows for further model improvement by detecting still more volcanoes because of less data gaps and by adjusting size distribution parameters, in the model mostly for the accumulation mode. The simultaneous use of the satellites together with the model allows also for a separation of the stratospheric AOD from the total AOD seen by the nadir instruments which matters in case of volcanic eruptions.

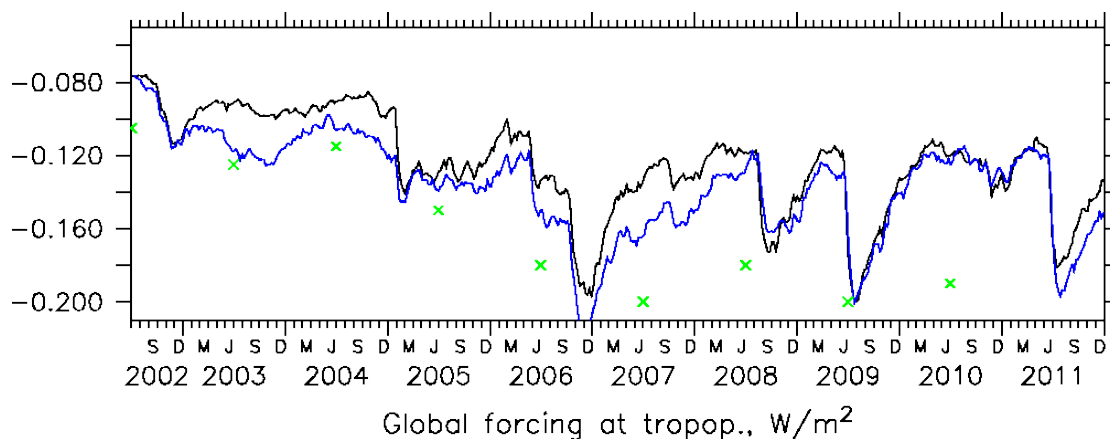


Figure 2: Stratospheric aerosol forcing as calculated by EMAC: black: Brühl et al. (2015), blue: update with GOMOS, green: annual averages derived from SAGE and CALIPSO (Solomon et al. 2011, Science).

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### **Study 3: Linking satellite aerosol retrievals with retrievals for clouds (MPI-M / D)**

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One of the larger uncertainties in climate modeling is related to aerosol induced changes to cloud properties. Since climate modeling is based on rather coarse spatial scales and local phenomena (such as brighter clouds above ship-tracks due to additional aerosol from fossil fuel burning) may not apply, or at least not to the degree as they are observed at smaller scales. To reduce the diversity associated with interactions between aerosol and clouds in modeling, statistical relationships between relevant aerosol and cloud properties are needed. And satellite remote sensing can provide such statistical relationships. Although already qualitative associations can be good indicators, it certainly is desirable to work with data of assured quality and close associations in space and time (since simultaneous retrievals of aerosol and clouds from the same sensor are not possible). Even if there is no proven causal relationship, any well-established 'observed' relationship will constrain global modeling. Possible links to be explored are relationships between fine-mode aerosol (representing CCN) and low altitude clouds (involving sensors like MODIS, MISR, MERIS, ATSR and CALIPSO) and between dust aerosol optical depth (representing IN as function of temperature) and high altitude clouds (involving sensors like IASI, AIRS or CALIPSO).

For a demonstration reliable cloud droplet number concentration (CDNC) estimates (e.g. overcast, over oceans) were spatially (within a 1x1deg lat/lon grid box) associated with fine-mode aerosol optical depths (AOD<sub>f</sub>) estimates using the same sensor.



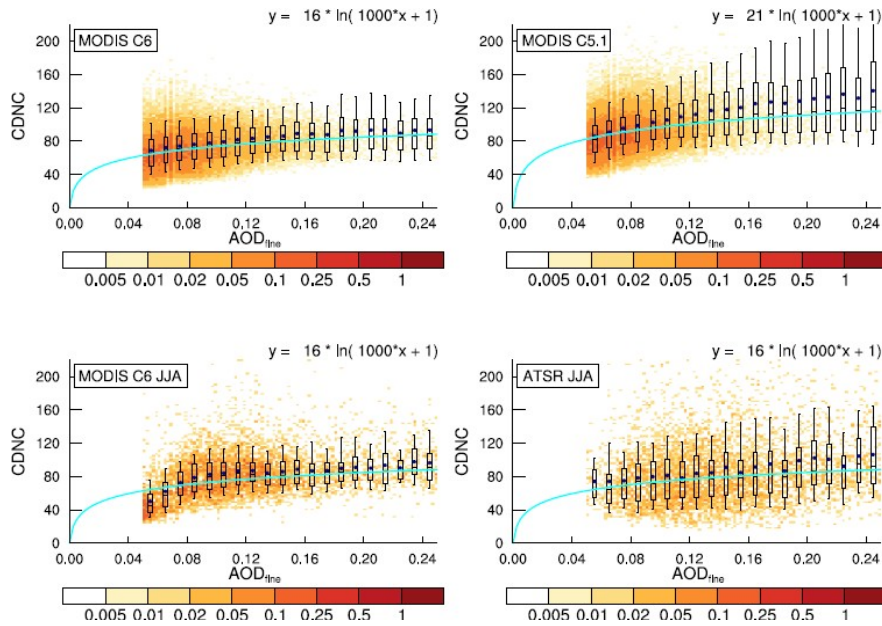
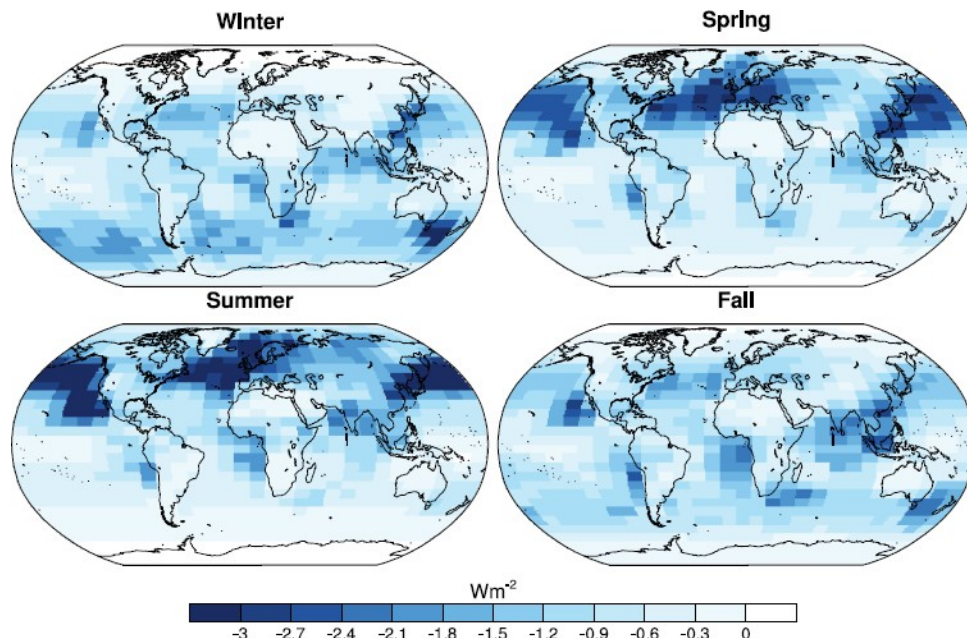


Figure 1. Relationships between fine-mode AOD and CDNC with MODIS c6 data (by John Rausch) with MODIS c5.1 data (by Dan Grosvenor) and with AATSR data (Matt Christensen). Relationships within 1x1 deg lon/lat grid-points are considered only if it involved CDNC retrievals over oceanic and overcast regions at higher zenith observations and if AOD<sub>f</sub> data (at 550nm) exceeded values of 0.05.

Statistical relationships yielded the expected logarithmic relationship (reduced CDNC increases with increased fine-mode AOD due to CCN saturation). The AOD<sub>f</sub> vs CDNC relationship was quite similar using data from different satellite retrievals and sensors (using MODIS and ATSR data). Yet this relationship was much weaker than the same relationship diagnosed in many climate models. To illustrate the usefulness of such a relationship, it was applied to anthropogenic changes in tropospheric (fine-mode) aerosol in an off-line radiative transfer code to offer spatial and temporal patterns for the associated indirect aerosol forcing. Hereby the needed local pre-industrial fine-mode AOD was adopted from the MACv2 aerosol climatology, so that (anthropogenic) additions to the fine-mode AOD could be locally converted into CDNC changes. In an off-line radiative transfer model with ISCCP clouds the local CDNC were translated into water cloud droplet reduction (without changes to the cloud water content).

The simulated (climate relevant) aerosol indirect radiative forcings (reductions to the solar radiative netfluxes at the top of the atmosphere ... thus a climate cooling) are presented in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Calculated seasonal indirect effects (via water cloud modifications) by anthropogenic aerosol

The cooling is stronger during the summer (longer sunshine hours) and usually located, where low altitude clouds are not obscured by higher altitude clouds. Also note, that the indirect cooling at about  $-0.9 \text{ W/m}^2$  is globally much stronger than the global average direct cooling at about  $-0.3 \text{ W/m}^2$ .

To make such studies work, we first need to establish important and needed relationships. This involves use of data from CCI aerosol and cloud retrieval groups in efforts to match these data.

- ATSR (potential collaborations/sources are RAL (Matt C., Caroline P.) and FMI (Larissa S.))
- IASI data (potential collaborations/sources are LMD (Virgine C., Claudis S.)
- SEVIRI data - using the unique high temporal resolution (Y.Goevaerts, DWD?)

Considered relationships are:

- cloud rad. impact (CERES) vs fine-mode AOD (or  $\text{AOD} \cdot \text{Ang}$ ): overall aerosol impact on clouds
- CDNC (or drop radius) changes vs fine-AOD: 1<sup>st</sup> indirect effect, delayed precip (init  $>15 \mu\text{m}$ )
- (effective) cloud cover vs fine AOD: 2<sup>nd</sup> indirect (cloud lifetime) effect
- ice cloud cover / microphysics vs dust AOD (and T): indirect effect for high altitude clouds

MPI-M will collect those data and establish useful relationships and subsequently interpret these relationships with their off-line radiative transfer code.

#### **Study 4: Assimilation of Aerosol\_cci IASI Dust AOD into the NMMB/BSC-Dust model (BSC / ES)**

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The proposed study will showcase the potential of assimilating dust AOD observations from IASI into a dust forecast model. It will evaluate the usefulness of Aerosol\_cci products for mineral dust simulations, and the benefit of dedicated dust observation products from satellite in the range of Aerosol\_cci products. The study will furthermore assess the potential benefit of using aggregated dust information from the full range of Aerosol\_cci IASI dust products compared to the use of single products. The usage of observations through data assimilation has improved significantly in the recent decade the characterisation and prediction of atmospheric constituents. However, in the case of aerosols, data assimilation often influences only total aerosol fields as the system is not always able to constrain correctly the concentrations of the individual components. The lack of information on aerosol speciation can, in some cases, produce wrong AOD attributions in the analysis field. The Aerosol\_cci IASI dust AOD has the potential to provide a valuable constrain, at a global scale, to mineral dust, a prominent type of aerosol. This will be relevant for the forecast of atmospheric concentrations and surface depositions, but also for the monitoring of past and current state of mineral dust, one of key players of the Earth system. In this study Aerosol\_cci IASI dust AOD observations will be tested for assimilation into the Barcelona Supercomputing Center's NMMB/BSC-Dust model with an ensemble-based data assimilation technique that has shown to be particularly suitable for the assimilation of aerosol information.

NMMB/BSC-Dust simulates dust mobilisation with a sophisticated physical-based emission scheme, and models dust transport using a 8 bin sectional approach. A further highly valuable characteristic of this model is its ability to switch dynamically from the hydrostatic to the non-hydrostatic mode according to the horizontal grid resolution, hence to bridge the gap among the multiple scales involved in the dust cycle. We will use a version of this model coupled with an ensemble-based technique known as Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter (LETKF) in order to estimate optimal initial conditions for the dust model. A very attractive feature of an ensemble-based technique is the usage of a flow-dependent background error covariance, which is derived from the ensemble of model states at the assimilation time, and evolves during forecast. LETKF has the further advantageous feature that it performs the analysis locally, allowing the global analysis to explore a much higher-dimensional space than the subspace spanned by the ensemble. This scheme has shown to be particularly suitable for the assimilation of aerosol information since it has been observed that aerosol fields have limited spatial correlations. This scheme has been used at BSC to produce a dust analysis based on satellite (MODIS) AOD retrievals (Figure 1).

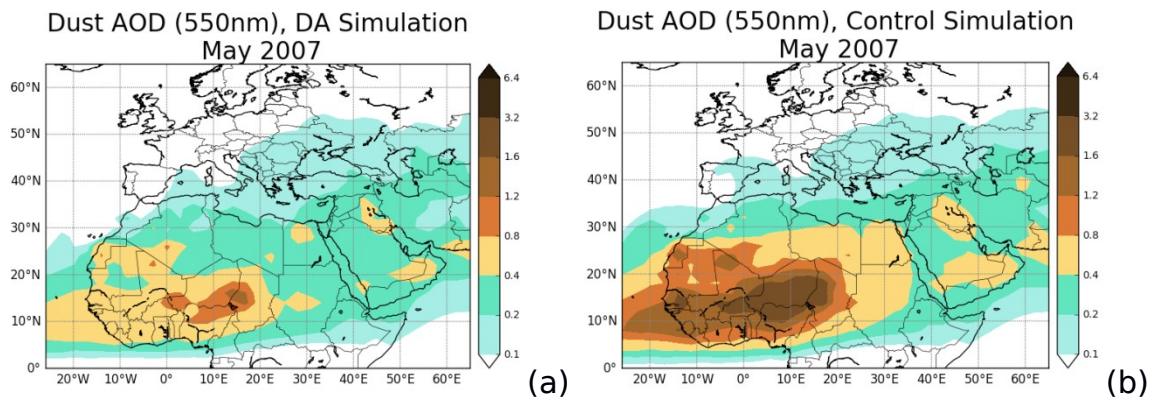


Figure 1 Monthly values of dust optical depth at 550 nm for May 2007 with (a) and without (b) data assimilation based on the NMMB/BSC-Dust model.

A series of global dust simulations will be used for assimilating global Level-3 IASI dust AOD from Aerosol\_cci at 1° resolution. The proposed experiment time would be a summertime period when the majority of dust sources are more active. The background model ensemble perturbations will be based on known uncertainties in the physical parametrisations of the emission scheme, as uncertainty in the emission term is particularly high for mineral dust modelling. A spin-up period for the ensemble will ensure that perturbations applied at the sources propagate towards outflow regions. Model simulated observations will be calculated with an observation operator based on assumed bulk optical properties of dust particles. At each model grid point only observations within a certain distance will be assimilated, and a suitable value of the localisation factor should be determined. As four retrieval groups contribute to the set of IASI dust products within Aerosol\_cci, the assimilation experiments will be run for each of the IASI products alone as well as for an Aerosol\_cci aggregated IASI dust AOD product to be provided by the Aerosol\_cci consortium. Furthermore, the control simulations will be a standard forecast and a free-run ensemble with no data assimilation to check that the ensemble perturbations are not altering the model mean state as defined by a standard run. The IASI dust information from Aerosol\_cci will include the following parameters: latitude, longitude, time, dust AOD at 550nm, and uncertainty of dust AOD at 550nm. Assumptions on AOD uncertainty will be particularly critical as the performance of data assimilation is very sensitive to the error statistics specifications. The Aerosol\_cci consortium agreed to support the data provision and data handling of IASI dust observations and to interact with the data assimilation team in this use case study. Data assimilation experiments will be evaluated in terms of statistics of the departures of the analysis and first-guess from the assimilated IASI retrievals, and through a comparison with independent, not assimilated observations from ground based stations. Additionally, the dust forecast up to 5 days ahead will also be validated in order to assess the impact in the short-term of initializing the model with the Aerosol\_cci IASI dust analysis.

Expected results of the study will comprise

- the description of the usability of Aerosol\_cci products for data assimilation purposes,
- the feedback from the assimilation team into the group of product developers by close interaction,

- the description of the impact of the different dust AOD products on simulation results,
- guidelines for the future development of dedicated dust observation products tailored for data assimilation.

### **3.2. Problem Areas and Technical Constraints (Section 2.8 of the Statement of Work)**

Since Aerosol\_cci2 datasets are already available, these user case studies carry no risk of unavailability of input data.

### **3.3. Improving on the results of phase 1 (Section 2.7 of Statement of Work)**

The main goal of those additional user case studies is to strengthen the demonstration of the usefulness of Aerosol\_cci2 datasets.

### **3.4. Links to the International Climate Research Community (Section 2.6 of Statement of Work)**

All involved users have an important role in international communities working with aerosol modelling. The new partner Barcelona Supercomputing Center is responsible for the WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning and Alert System of Europe / Africa.

### **3.5. Scientific Impact**

The user case studies will analyse the added value and strengths and weaknesses of Aerosol\_cci datasets for their application purposes.

### **3.6. Validation and User Assessment**

The user case studies deal with different applications of Aerosol\_cci datasets (data assimilation, model validation, trend analysis, aerosol cloud effects).

### **3.7. Data Procurement Plan for all Data (EO and In-Situ)**

None for those studies.

All full mission time series with several algorithms (ATSR, IASI, GOMOS) planned to be used in this option package are available or being completed in latest versions in July 2016

### **3.8. Coordination with on-going and Complementary Activities**

As in the baseline project.

## 4. Management & Administration proposal

### 4.1. Involvement of Climate Research Community

The partners conducting the user case studies are core users of the baseline project (MPI-C, MPI-M, MetNo) or new users (BSC) all with strong links to specific user communities.

### 4.2. Consortium composition

MPI-C, MPI-M, MetNo, BSC: user case studies.

DLR: management and coordination with the main project.

The other partner descriptions have been provided with the baseline proposal except for BSC.

The **Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC)** is the Spanish national supercomputing facility and a hosting member of the PRACE distributed supercomputing infrastructure. The Center houses MareNostrum, one of the most powerful supercomputers in Europe. The mission of BSC is to research, develop and manage information technologies in order to facilitate scientific and societal progress. BSC also hosts other high-performance computing systems such as MinoTauro, one of the most energy efficient supercomputers in the world.

The Earth Sciences Department is one of the four BSC departments and has the goal to apply the latest advances of high performance computing and big data to Earth system modelling. The Department is organized around four closely interacting groups: Atmospheric Composition, Climate Prediction, Computational Earth Sciences, and Earth Sciences Services. The Atmospheric Composition group aims at better understanding the chemical composition of the atmosphere and its effects upon air quality, weather and climate, while improving predictions from local to global scales. This goal is addressed through the development and use of the NMMB/BSC Chemical Transport Model (NMMB/BSC-CTM; <http://www.bsc.es/earth-sciences/nmmbbsc-project>), an online multi-scale non-hydrostatic chemical weather prediction system that can be run either globally or regionally.

A core activity of the group is mineral dust modelling and forecasting from regional to global scales. As a result of this expertise, BSC hosts, in collaboration with the Spanish meteorological agency (AEMET), both the Regional Center for North Africa, Middle East and Europe of the WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS; <http://sds-was.aemet.es/>), and the WMO first Regional Specialized Meteorological Center with activity specialisation on Atmospheric Sand and Dust Forecast, known as the Barcelona Dust Forecast Center (<http://dust.aemet.es/>).

### 4.3. Facilities

See baseline proposal for the other partners.

**BSC** hosts MareNostrum, the most powerful supercomputer in Spain and one of the most powerful supercomputers in Europe which is part of the PRACE Research Infrastructure as one of the 6 Tier-0 Systems currently available for European scientists, and hosts also MinoTauro, one of the most energy efficient supercomputers in the world, which will be used as the main computing facility for the execu-

tions required by the project. MinoTauro is a GPU heterogeneous cluster with two configurations: the first one with 61 blades with peak performance of 88.6 Teraflops and 24 GB of main memory, and the second one with 39 servers with peak performance of 250.94 Teraflops and 128 GB of main memory. .

#### 4.4. Key Personnel

Table 1: Key personnel

<b>Name</b>	<b>institute</b>	<b>country</b>	<b>option</b>	<b>% involvement</b>
M. Schulz	MetNo	NO	11	10
S. Kinne	MPI-M	D	11	10
K. Klingmüller	MPI-C	D	11	5
C. Brühl	MPI-C	D	11	5
S. Basart	BSC	ES	11	5
E. di Tomaso	BSC	ES	11	5

## 5. Implementation proposal (for all options)

### 5.1. List of Option Deliverable Items

#### List of Deliverable Items

Deliverables				
No.	deliverable	option	editor	schedule (M0 is option start)
O11.1	User case study interim presentation: study 1	11-1	M. Schulz	M8
O11.2	User case study interim presentation: study 2	11-2	K. Klingmüller	M8
O11.3	User case study interim presentation: study 3	11-3	S. Kinne	M8
O11.4	User case study interim presentation: study 4	11-4	S. Basart	M8
O11.5	User case study draft scientific article + presentation: study 1	11-1	M. Schulz	M12
O11.6	User case study draft scientific article + presentation: study 2	11-2	C. Brühl	M12
O11.7	User case study draft scientific article + presentation: study 3	11-3	S. Kinne	M12
O11.8	User case study draft scientific article + presentation: study 4	11-4	S. Basart	M12



## Work package forms

### WORK PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

PROJECT: Aerosol_cci Phase 2	PHASE: Year 3	WP: Option 11-1
WP Title: Additional user case studies 1: Aerosol trends		Sheet 1 of 1
Company: MetNo WP Manager: M. Schulz		Issue Ref Proposal v4.0
Start Event: option start	Planned 01/08/2016	Date: Issue Date 13/7/2016
End Event: project end	Planned 31/07/2017	Date:
<b>Inputs:</b> Aerosol_cci2 datasets at end of year 2 (ATSR, IASI) Other model and satellite data available at MetNo		
<b>Tasks:</b> Conduct user case studies as described in the technical proposal Analyse trends in natural aerosol from ATSR and IASI Further inspection of trends in ATSR, IASI: total, fine, coarse AOD Compare to published trends of coarse aerosol from AERONET, MODIS and SeaWiFS Compare with model trends of fine and coarse aerosol AOD (AeroCom hindcast, ECMWF-MACC reanalysis)		
<b>Outputs:</b> User case study report Presentations at progress meeting and user workshop Draft scientific publication		

WORK PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

PROJECT: Aerosol_cci Phase 2	PHASE: Year 3	WP: Option 11-2
<p>WP Title: Additional user case studies 1: Model evaluation</p> <p>Company: MPI-C WP Manager: C. Brühl</p> <p>Start Event: option start                      Planned                      Date: 01/08/2016</p> <p>End Event: project end                      Planned                      Date: 31/07/2017</p>		<p>Sheet 1 of 1</p> <p>Issue Ref Proposal v4.0</p> <p>Issue Date 13/7/2016</p>
<p><b>Inputs:</b> Aerosol_cci2 datasets at end of year 2 (ATSR, IASI, GOMOS) Other model data available at MPI-C</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b> Conduct user case studies as described in the technical proposal Use of Aerosol_cci datasets for model evaluation Validation and improvement of aerosol model EMAC studies: detailed comparison of model and observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AOD trends / variability in Middle East, south Asia</li> <li>- dust intrusions over Europe and East Asia</li> <li>- dust aerosol optical properties and radiative effects</li> <li>- interaction of dust and anthropogenic air pollution</li> <li>- dust outbreaks over oceans, biomass burning in 2007</li> </ul> <p>Comparison of transient simulations with GOMOS extinction and size information (stratospheric aerosol with volcanic eruptions) Derive needs / options for model improvement by comparison with satellite data. Analyse separation of the stratospheric AOD from the total AOD</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> User case study report Presentations at progress meeting and user workshop</p>		

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PROJECT: Aerosol_cci Phase 2	PHASE: Year 3	WP: Option 11-3
<p>WP Title: Additional user case studies 1: Linking aerosols and clouds</p> <p>Company: MPI-M WP Manager: S. Kinne</p> <p>Start Event: option start                      Planned                      Date: 01/08/2016</p> <p>End Event: project end                      Planned                      Date: 31/07/2017</p>		<p>Sheet 1 of 1</p> <p>Issue Ref Proposal v4.0</p> <p>Issue Date 13/7/2016</p>
<p><b>Inputs:</b> Aerosol_cci2 datasets at end of year 2 (ATSR, IASI, SEVIRI) Cloud_cci datasets Other model and satellite data available at MPI-M</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b> Conduct user case studies as described in the technical proposal Linking satellite retrievals of aerosols and clouds Establish aerosol-cloud relationships from CCI aerosol and cloud retrieval groups for ATSR, IASI, SEVIRI</p> <p>Analysis of those relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cloud radiative impact (CERES) vs fine-mode AOD (or AOD*Ang): overall aerosol impact on clouds</li> <li>- CDNC (or drop radius) changes vs fine-AOD: 1<sup>st</sup> indirect effect, delayed precipitation (init &gt;15um)</li> <li>- (effective) cloud cover vs fine AOD: 2<sup>nd</sup> indirect (cloud lifetime) effect</li> <li>- ice cloud cover / microphysics vs dust AOD (and T): indirect effect for high altitude clouds</li> </ul> <p>collect those data, establish useful relationships and subsequently interpret these relationships with off-line radiative transfer code.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> User case study report Presentations at progress meeting and user workshop Draft scientific publication</p>		

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PROJECT: Aerosol_cci Phase 2	PHASE: Year 3	WP: Option 11-4
<p>WP Title: Additional user case studies 4: Dust assimilation</p> <p>Company: BSC WP Manager: S. Basart</p> <p>Start Event: option start      Planned      Date: 01/08/2016</p> <p>End Event: project end      Planned      Date: 31/07/2017</p>		<p>Sheet 1 of 1</p> <p>Issue Ref Proposal v4.0</p> <p>Issue Date 13/7/2016</p>
<p><b>Inputs:</b> Aerosol_cci2 datasets at end of year 2 (IASI) Other model data available at BSC</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b> Conduct user case studies as described in the technical proposal Data assimilation of IASI dust AOD Series of global dust simulations assimilating global L3 IASI dust AOD in summer time (majority of dust sources are more active) Assimilate 4 IASI AODs alone, aggregated IASI dust AOD product (to be provided by the Aerosol_cci consortium) Assumptions on AOD uncertainty will be particular critical as the performance of data assimilation is very sensitive to the error statistics specifications Aerosol_cci consortium agreed to support the data provision and data handling of IASI dust observations and to interact with the data assimilation team in this use case study Evaluated data assimilation (statistics of the departures of the analysis and first-guess from the assimilated IASI retrievals, comparison with independent, not assimilated observations from ground based stations) Validate dust forecast up to 5 days ahead to assess the impact in the short-term of initializing the model with the Aerosol_cci IASI dust analysis.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> User case study report Presentations at progress meeting and user workshop</p>		

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