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Datasets and their scales

Comparisons

Overview of the comparison done of the CRESCENDO-ESMs models against observations on several scales. For Loadings and Mass Extinction Efficiency (MEE) only inter-comparisons between model are possible. L=local, N=Network, G=Global, R=Regional, A=Annual, M=Monthly, CM=Monthly-Climatology, CA=Annual-Climatology, TS=Time-Series

| Diagnostic | Dataset | Scales | Time | Reference | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Aerosol Optical Depth | AERONET MODIS MISR | (L, N) (G, R) (G, R) | (A, M, TS) (A, M) (A, M) | [Giles et al., 2019] [Sayer et al., 2014] [Diner et al., 2002] | Aeronet v3 DeepBlue-v6 |
| Angstrom Exponent | AERONET MISR | (L, N) (G) | (A, M, TS) (A, M) | [Giles et al., 2019] [Diner et al., 2002] | Aeronet v3 |
| Dust optical depth | AERONET dusty MODIS DOD IASI dust | (L, N) (G, R) (G, R) | (A, M, TS) (A, M) (A, M) | [Giles et al., 2019] [Pu and Ginoux, 2018] [Peyridieu et al., 2013] | Subset of AERONET See Supplementary Near-Infrared |
| Surface concentration | UMOAC Mahowald et al, LISA-Sahel | (L, N) (L, N) (L) | (CA, CM) (CA) (TS, CA) | [Prospero and Nees, 1986] [Mahowald et al., 2009] [Marticorena et al., 2017] | Filter Collectors |
| Dust deposition flux | Network–H2011 Network–SET–B | (N) (N) | (CA) (CA) | [Huneeus et al., 2011] [O'Hara et al., 2006, Vincent et al., 2016] | Compilation dataset Compilation dataset |
| Wet/dry deposition flux | LISA-Sahel | (L) | (TS) | [Marticorena et al., 2017] | |



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Dust cycle: mean values and spatial patterns



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Global dust cycle: mean values

Global Inter-model comparison

Global dust mass balance, loading, dust optical depth (DOD), mass extinction efficiency (MEE) and lifetime for each model. PD and PDN scenarios. The units for emissions and depositions tendencies are [Tq/yr], for Load is Tq, for MEE is m2/q and life in days.

| Model | Exp. | Emi. [Tg/yr] | Dep. [Tg/yr] | Net [Tg/yr] | Δ % | Dry Dep. [Tg/yr] | Wet Dep. [Tr/yr] | Sedim. [Tg/yr] | DOD - | Load [Tg] | MEE* [m2/g] | MEE [m2/g] | Life [Day] |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| CNRM CNRMC6 ECv3 IPSL NorESM UKESM | PD PD PD PD PD PD | 3542.2 2605.2 1126.6 1557.5 1368.2 7524.4 | 3392.8 2461.9 1126.7 1558.9 1368.3 7527.6 | 149.41 143.29 -0.12 -1.44 -0.09 -3.21 | 4.24 5.5 0.01 -0.1 -0.01 -0.04 | 542 1490.3 367.8 329.3 84.0 6566.3 | 2108.9 753.8 493.2 968.3 275.7 949.8 | 741.9 217.8 265.7 261.3 1008.6 | 0.023 0.011 0.029 0.026 0.023 0.011 | 32.6 13.3 11.7 16.4 7.2 18.1 | 0.55 0.63 1.86 0.82 2.86 0.5 | 0.36 0.44 1.27 0.82 1.63 0.31 | 3.4 1.9 3.8 3.8 1.9 0.9 |
| CNRM CNRMC6 IPSL NorESM | PDN PDN PDN PDN | 1278.4 1812.1 1295.3 1733.6 | 1216.3 1725.7 1297.1 1733.4 | 62.09 86.41 -1.77 0.12 | 4.85 4.77 -0.13 0.01 | 208.6 1126.5 268.8 115.7 | 716.8 435.1 813.1 345.5 | 290.9 164.0 215.2 1272.2 | 0.011 0.011 0.024 0.029 | 15.2 11.6 14.8 9.1 | 0.56 0.63 0.82 2.87 | 0.38 0.46 0.82 1.61 | 4.3 2.3 4.2 1.9 |

Notes

- Simulations from 2000-2014. PD (Present-Day forcings), PDN (Present-Day forcings with nudged winds).
- CNRMC6 -> same model configuration that CMIP6 simulations
- CNRM -> new ESM specifications.
- MEE* field as the ratio of dust optical depth to loadings fields before the mean.
- MEE ratio of mean of the fields of dust optical depth and loadings.



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Instrumental Networks: optical depths, surface concentrations and dust depositions



Instrumental Network: AERONETv3. Normalized Taylor Diagram.



We compare total aerosol optical depths at 440 nm





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Discussion and Conclusions

- Important differences due to large particles (> $10\mu m$)
- Consistency in general emission properties: north vs south, sahara as main source region.
- Differences in emissions over Asian deserts.
- Reasonable comparisons with surface concentrations networks. _
- Comparison with deposition similar to previous studies.
- Comparison with AERONET needs additional hypothesis regarding dusty stations.

Open questions about mineral dust

- Role of large particles and how to model them.
- Refractive index (mineral composition).
- ESMs with coupled vegetation and land use.
- Comparison with same PSD at emission.

Prospective Publication

Includes additional studies: regional and seasonal comparisons, detalied study at Sahel, normalized emission comparisions, ocean depositions, Direct radiative effects

Thanks for your attention!



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