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Current Status of eCARE Science Studies in Japan

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What did we learn about climate effects of aerosols and clouds?

- Cloud forcing for doubling CO2 has a large model dependence: Warming (TAR) vs cooling (AR4) (some related with aerosol CCN modeling)
- Direct, 1st indirect, and other indirect aerosol forcings: Fraction differences
- **D** Problems in aerosol GCM modeling
 - Model AOT < Satellite AOT (AEROCOM, Schulz et al., 2006)
 - Long-range transportation is still weak (AEROCOM)
 - Wet boundary and upper layers; dry in the middle (Okamoto et al., JGR2007)
- □ Large surface cooling by aerosols
- □ Large precipitation change (~1mm/day) due to aerosol direct surface cooling
 - Tele-connection between continents and tropics
 - Large future uncertainties due to uncertainty in the future emission scenario

Vertical stratification of aerosol and cloud layers; relation between the two layers

AEROCOM comparison of direct *ARF* at TOA in cloudy sky condition (Schulz et al., 2006)



- Positive *RF* over clouds cancel negative *RF* in clear sky (Clear sky: -0.70 Wm⁻² vs all sky: -0.04 Wm⁻²).
- But aerosol *RF* over clouds largely depend on models.
- MIROC simulates more absorbing aerosols above clouds than other GCMs.



Some updates in SPRITARS sulfate process

D. Goto (2009)

S ¹	N ²	ADE (W/m ²)
New	New	-0.62(SO ₄ +NH ₄ +NO ₃)
New	-	-0.33(SO ₄)
Standard	-	-0.23(SO ₄)
IPCC-AR4		-0.5(SO ₄ +NH ₄ +NO ₃)
AeroCom ³		-0.35(SO ₄)





Next-generation precipitation, cloud and aerosol measurement satellites: Imager, active, and spectrometer



Japanese contribution



Figure 1. Structure of research activities in the Japanese Science Plan

Remote sensing products



Comparison of sensitivity factors of low-level cloud parameters (*CDR* and *LWP*) vs aerosol number *Na* (Nakajima and Schulz, 2009)

COT: Cloud optical thickness *CDR*: Effective cloud droplet radius *LWP*:Cloud liquid water path

$$CDR = \frac{3LWP}{2\rho_w COT}, \quad b(y) = \frac{dy}{d\log N_a}$$

$b(\log LWP) = b(\log COT) + b(\log CDR)$





Relation of CDR vs cloud optical thickness (COT) by MIROC-GCM, NICAM, and ADEOS-II/GLI satellite (Suzuki and Stephens, 2008)



MJO Simulation by NICAM 3.5km model (B) vs (A) MTSAT-1R satellite OLR (31 Dec 2006) (Miura et al., 2007).

High clouds

Comparison of upper cloud ice and snow simulation by NICAM (b) vs GOES split window result (a) (Inoue et al., 2009).



Model: 2D Goddard Cumulus Ensemble (GCE) model with Spectra-bin Microphysics

Simulation: Continental MCS case using PRESTORM sounding

Observations: Groundbased C-band radar & TRMM PR (14GHz) and TMI Tb (85GHz)

Goal: Evaluate and improve simulation using satellite simulators.

C-band Ze



Radiance-Based Model Evaluation

Reference From Li et al. (2009)

Some estimates for CDR sensitivity for NICAM model (Suzuki et al., 2008)



Cloud temperature at *CDR*= 14 micron (T14, Rosenfeld, 2000) vs CDR and Aerosol index (*AI*) relation by AVHRR and NICAM (Suzuki et al., 2008).

Ancillary and model products



Japanese contribution to eCARE mission

- Japanese community of remote sensing
 - Passive remote sensing (ADEOS/OCTS, ADEOS-II/GLI, GOSAT; TRMM, GPM etc)
 - Active remote sensing (NIES lidar system, MIRAI lidar and 94GHz radar system etc)
 - SKYNET surface network for GEOSS
 - Capacity building needed
- Japanese community of modeling
 - CCSR-NIES-FRCGC/MIROC GCM
 - FRCGC-CCSR/NICAM
 - ES and Peta-flops machine (2012)
- JAXA needs an open system based on a RA
 - Core science activities have to be defined for internal review
 - Have a responsibility to build L2 and L3 products
 - Task share with JADE, ESA/CASPER is subject for discussion; Optimal task share should be made