Update on GOCART Model Development and Applications

Aerocenter Annual Update

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A2-ACCMIP emissions derived from decadal ACCMIP emissions for latest hindcast; A2-MAP emissions based on Streets et al. (BC, OC) and EDGAR 4.1 (SO2)
Volcanic emissions compiled from Smithsonian database, TOMS, OMI, and other sources
Anthropogenic inventories agree on general trends, but large differences for some years in some regions

Diehl et al. (2012)
A global dynamic source function has been developed for GOCART using the AVHRR-NDVI 8km. One half of 22 analyzed deserts are seasonality in their bareness. We found a clear and significant effect of the new dynamic dust source on seasonal variation of dust emission and dust optical depth near the source regions.
1. Currently 13 biomass burning (BB) emission options are available

$$E(BB) = F \times C \times A$$

F = Emission factor
C = Fuel consumption
A = Area burned

: Different data sources (MODIS, GFED2, GFED3, CCi, GLC, etc..) result 13 different options!

2. A fire case study shows large diversity in AODs with MODIS AOD and GOCART simulations

3. Regional dependency in AOD for different options against MODIS AOD using 124 fires

- This work shows consistent regional bias compared to MODIS AOD, depending on biomass burning emission options.
- Future goal is to improve the agreement between modeled and observed biomass burning aerosol.

Petrenko et al. (2012)
The nitrate contribution is substantial, about 1/4 to 1/3 to that of sulfate.

As other air pollutants are decreased nitrate will be more important in next century.

Model suggests stronger negative forcing in the next century due to the nitrate (Belluín et al., 2010).

NO3 and NH4 simulation: compare with surface measurement in US and Europe

- 39.0N, 107.0W
- 27.8N, 80.5W
- 62.5N, 8.5E
- 42.6N, 12.3E

Bian et al. (2013)
Compare with aircraft measurements
(INTEX-B Anchorage, Alaska campaign during May, 2006)

Vertical profile of NH3 from TES & GMI
(annual mean in 2006)

Modeling Nitrate in GMI and it will to be implemented to GEOS5-GOCART (2)

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Multi-decadal variations of aerosols from 1980 to 2009: Global and regional trends


Aerosol emission & AOD have been greatly changed over different regions in period.

The aerosol trends over polluted regions are controlled by emissions, but over remote regions they are also controlled by climate variability.

Chin et al. (2013)
Without major explosive volcanic eruptions (i.e., at the magnitude of El Chichon or Pinatubo), numerous volcanic eruptions frequently perturb the stratospheric “background” aerosols.

The model suggests that the increase of Asia pollution contribute to the stratospheric aerosol, but they are mostly confined in the lower stratosphere with organized seasonal cycles and is much less than volcanic aerosols.

Chin et al. (AMS meeting)
AOD fractional contribution of foreign aerosol import via intercontinental transport (for man-made aerosols)

NA – North America ;  EU – Europe ;  EA – East Asia ;  SA – South Asia

The 9-model median fraction ranges from 10% to 30%, depending on region and species. But model spread is large.

Yu et al., JGR 2013
Unlike to AOD, model DOs are too lower than OBS. Also the longitudinal gradient of $f_{DO}$ in most models including GOCART are too strong than OBS.
Representing the high AOD belt over the northern India is challenging for many current global chemical transport models, including NASA GOCART and GISS models.

Averaged over entire South Asia, 6 out of 7 models underestimated the annual mean AOD about 30% compared to MISR, indicating an incorrect regional contribution towards the global mean radiation forcing estimation.

Pan et al. (2013)
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