Supplementary material for Investigating relationships between aerosol optical depth and cloud fraction using satellite, aerosol reanalysis and general circulation model data

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Figure S1: Same as Figure 2 but for (a), (b) MODIS–MACC sampled according to MODIS τ availability and (c)–(f) ECHAM5-HAM Tompkins simulations.



Figure S2: Annual (all seasons) mean aerosol optical depth (τ) for ECHAM5-HAM Sundqvist simulations. The area-weighted means (AWM) and median (Med) for both ocean and land are shown beneath each map. The Tompkins simulations have very similar annual mean τ fields to the respective Sundqvist simulations. The NoAIE simulations have very similar annual mean τ fields to the Control simulations. The area-weighted mean (AWM) and median (Med) for both ocean and land are shown beneath each map.



Ocean: EWM= 0.179, AWM= 0.191, Med= 0.188 Land: EWM= 0.137, AWM= 0.147, Med= 0.143 (a) Aqua-MODIS Coll. 5



 $-0.400-0.300-0.200-0.100\ 0.000\ 0.100\ 0.200\ 0.300\ 0.400$

Figure S3: Same as Figures 1 and 2, but for $\frac{df_c}{d \ln \tau}$. The grid-method of Grandey and Stier (2010) has been used. The lin–log relationship was chosen based on semi-empirical considerations (Chapter 3 of Grandey, 2011). White regions are where the data are not significantly different from zero at two-sigma confidence. The error-weighted mean (EWM), area-weighted mean (AWM) and median (Med) for both ocean and land are shown beneath each map.



Ocean: AWM= 0.43, Med= 0.43 Land: AWM= 0.41, Med= 0.43 (a) Aqua-MODIS Coll. 5



-0.800-0.600-0.400-0.200 0.000 0.200 0.400 0.600 0.800

Figure S4: Same as Figures 1 and 2, but for $df_c - d \ln \tau$ correlation.

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