

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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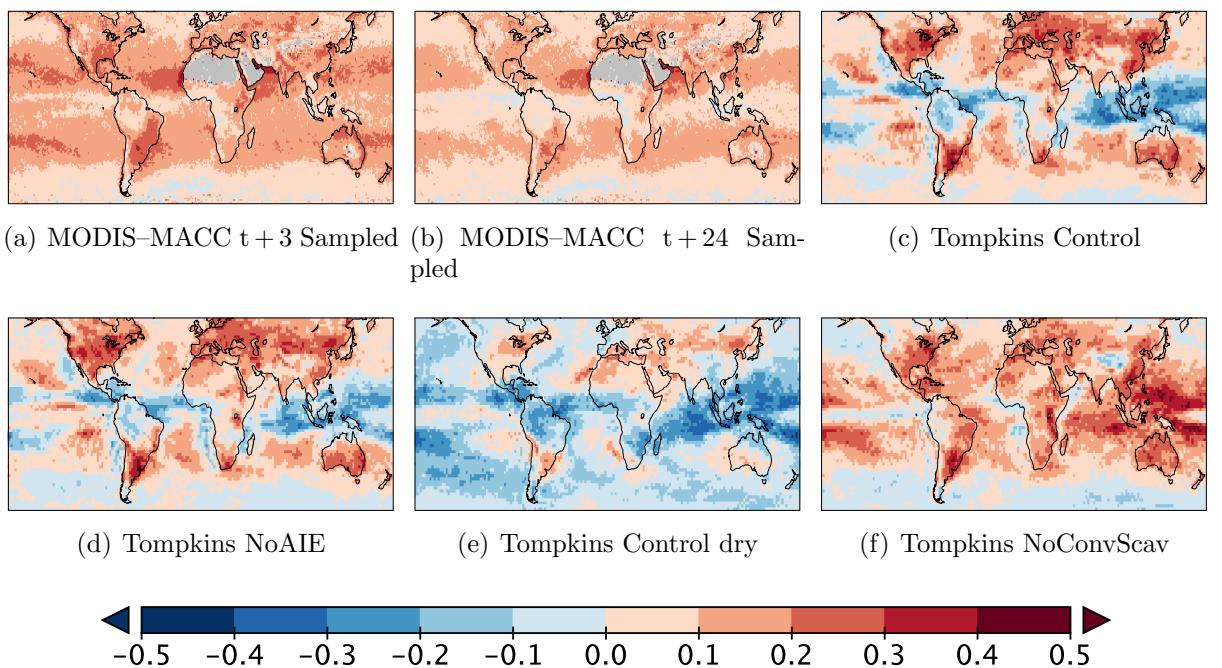


Figure S1: Same as Figure 2 but for (a), (b) MODIS–MACC sampled according to MODIS  $\tau$  availability and (c)–(f) ECHAM5-HAM Tompkins simulations.

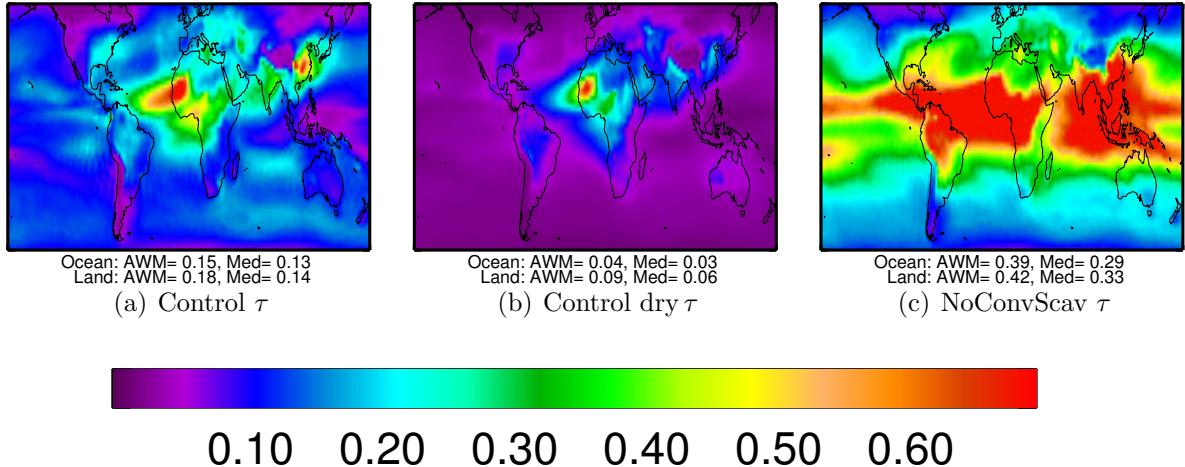


Figure S2: Annual (all seasons) mean aerosol optical depth ( $\tau$ ) for ECHAM5-HAM Sundqvist simulations. The area-weighted means (AWM) and median (Med) for both ocean and land are shown beneath each map. The Tompkins simulations have very similar annual mean  $\tau$  fields to the respective Sundqvist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

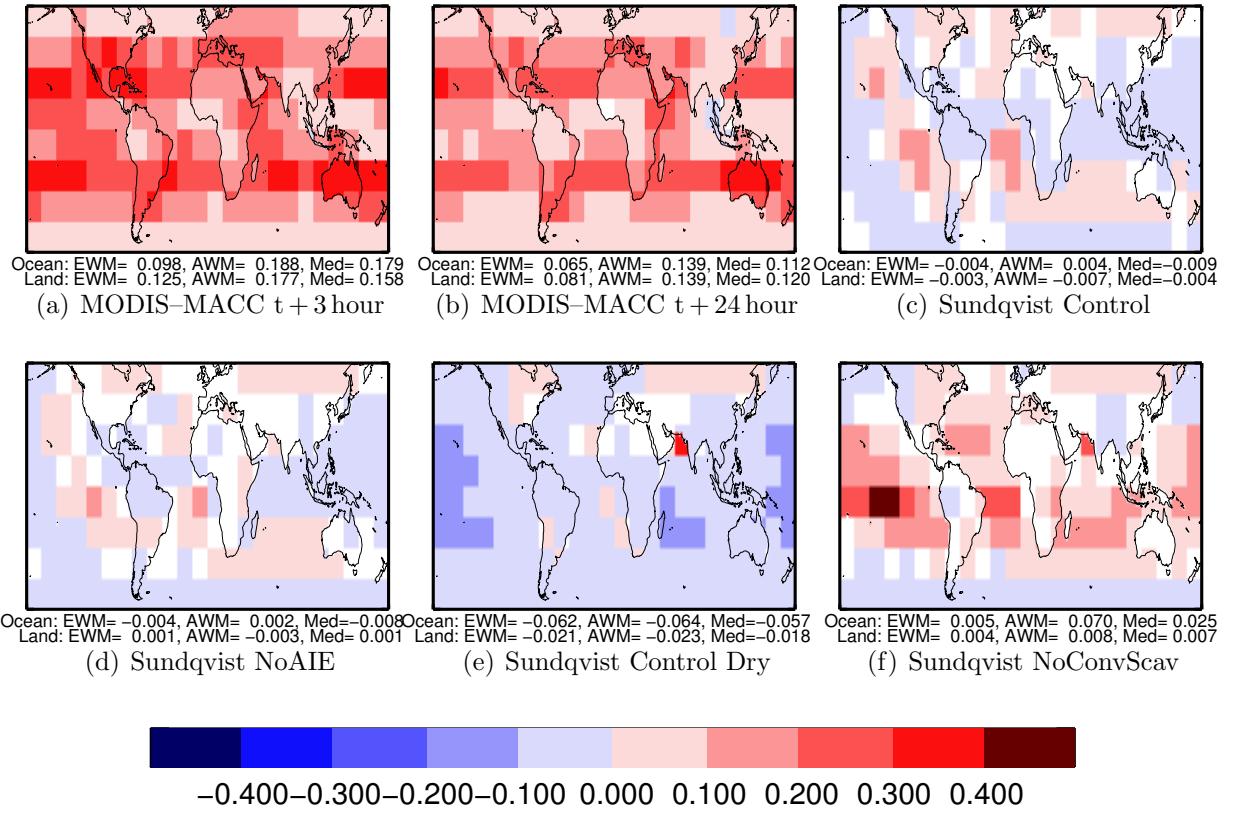


Figure S3: Same as Figure 2, but for  $\frac{df_c}{d \ln \tau}$ . The grid-method of Grandey and Stier (2010) has been used. The lin-log relationship was chosen based on semi-empirical considerations (Chapter 3 of Grandey, 2011). The error-weighted mean (EWM), area-weighted mean (AWM) and median (Med) for both ocean and land are shown beneath each map.

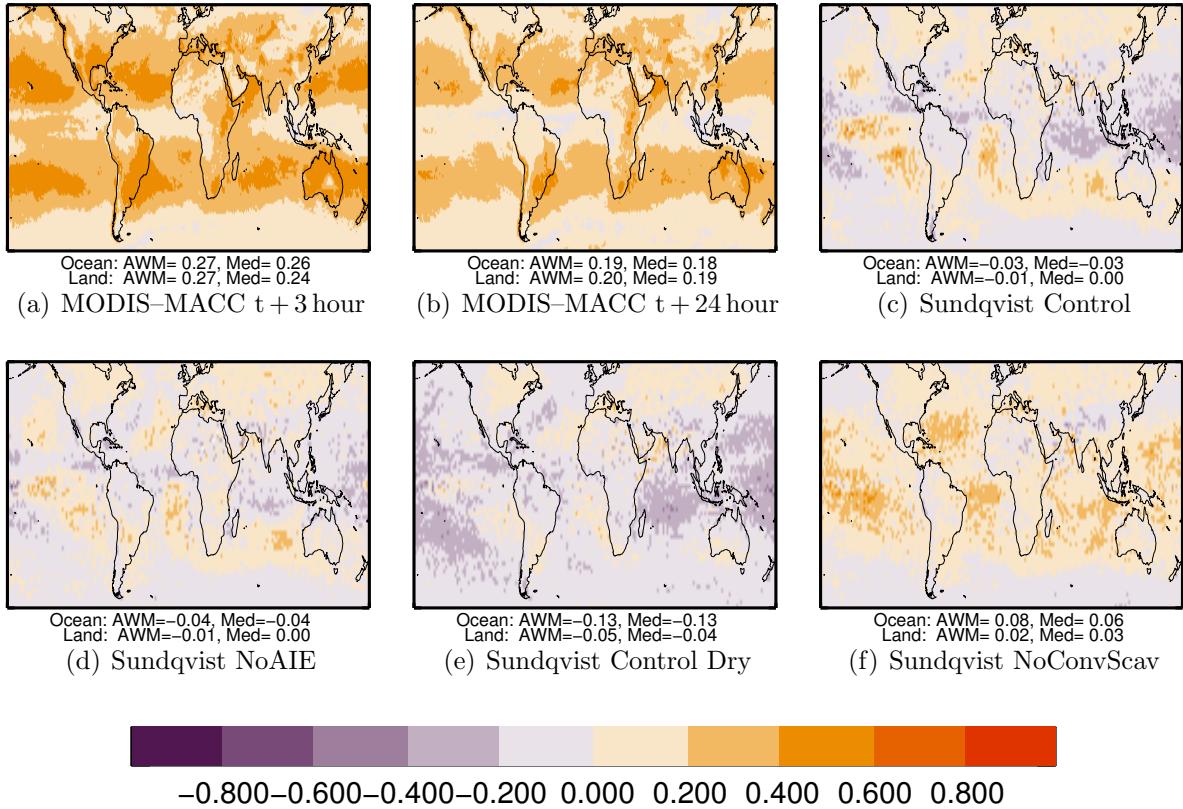


Figure S4: Same as Figure 2, but for  $df_c - d \ln \tau$  correlation.

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