





Aerosol-radiation interactions

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Aerosol optical properties in models



- Extinction Coefficient (k_e) •
- Single Scattering Albedo (ω_{o}) •
- Asymmetry Parameter (g)

These parameters change with:

- Wavelength (λ)
- Particle shape (sphere, ellipsoid, monomer aggregate)
- Composition (refractive index)
- Particle size distribution (PSD)
 Mixing state (externally and internally mixed)

Variable during atmospheric transport

Aerosol optics in ICON-ART



• Externally mixed

- Dust → 3 modes (non-spherical particles with variable D)
- Sea Salt → 3 modes
- Volcanic ash \rightarrow 3 modes
- Smoke aerosols \rightarrow 1 mode

Hard-coded as look-up tables and XMLs \rightarrow transferring to netCDF kernels

- Internally mixed
 - Volcanic aerosols

 \rightarrow flexible

Large variability \rightarrow how to proceed?

Aerosol Dynamics (AERODYN) in ICON-ART



- Flexible number of log-normal modes
- For each mode, prognostic equations for the number density and the mass concentration are solved:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}M_{0,i} = -\operatorname{Ca}_{0,ii} - \operatorname{Ca}_{0,ij} + \operatorname{Nu}_0,$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}M_{3,i} = -\operatorname{Ca}_{3,ij} + \operatorname{Co}_{3,i} + \operatorname{Nu}_3,$$

 the ISORROPIA II for gas–aerosol partitioning



⁴ Muser et al. (2020); Vogel et al. (2009); Fountoukis and Nenes (2007)



Aerosol dynamics and optics

Aerosol optics in models





Online aerosol optics: ML Approach





• How good (in terms of accuracy and speed) can a ML model emulate the Mie calculations for internally mixed aerosols?



Training data set

- To be generic enough, we need to consider all possible combinations of
 - λ
- 66 0.2 to 100 μm

• f

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41 Shell thickness (0-0.4D_t)

30

Core diam

31 Core diameter30 Chemical com

- Shell com
- Core com

Chemical composition of shell Chemical composition of shell



This means 75 million Mie calculations !

Ternary systems to estimate *n* and *k*







Refractive index of mixed components



Machine learning: artificial neural network



- From simple linear regression to complex neural network approaches
- Chosen based on the system complexity, performance and computational cost
- Artificial Neural Network (ANN): "the most recommended AI technique" as it satisfactorily learns the associations, functional dependencies and patterns with excellent prediction skill



Source: https://www.analyticsvidhya.com

ANN development

- Network architecture
 - 3-layers MLP and ReLU activation in Tensorflow





 $x = \frac{2 \pi r}{\lambda}$

• Training algorithm:

- Data division: 20000 Random samples
- 70% for Training, 15% for validation, 15% for testing
- Optimizer: ADAM, Loss Function: MSE
- Two networks are trained: one for x <= 0.5 and one for x > 0.5
- Hyperparameter optimization using random search

Results of the training



X<=0.5



Results of the training



X>0.5



Pre-implementation 1

- We applied the Mie code and ANN model to the outputs of three ICON-ART simulations:
 - Saharan dust outbreak June 2019

SSA

(d)

- La Soufrière eruption April 2021
- Australian bushfires 2019-20

The ANN model fails to predict SSA and Asym!





ANNs learn the variability!

- The target parameters in the training dataset are not normally distributed.
- We apply quantile mapping to transform target features to a Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1.







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Pre-implementation 2







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Coarse Mode [0.010 <= thickness threshold <= 0.500]

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Ideas for ICON-ML Coupling



- Mapping modes to bins and composition to RI
- Ongoing collaboration with DKRZ to use Fortran-Keras Bridge (FKB), YAC or CFFI (C Foreign Function Interface)
- Performance of the MieAI in the online setting



Summary

- Flexible, generic and computationally affordable tool for calculation of aerosol optical properties
- One ANN for all optical parameters
- ANN leads to R²>0.95 for all parameters
- O(10³) faster than Mie code