



The **CLOUD** experiment

Cosmics Leaving Outdoor Droplets

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Studies the influence of galactic cosmic rays on aerosols and clouds, and their implications for climate















What is in common with the cloud chamber tracks and the air plane contrails?





The Cloud collaboration is atmospheric scientists... and CERN:

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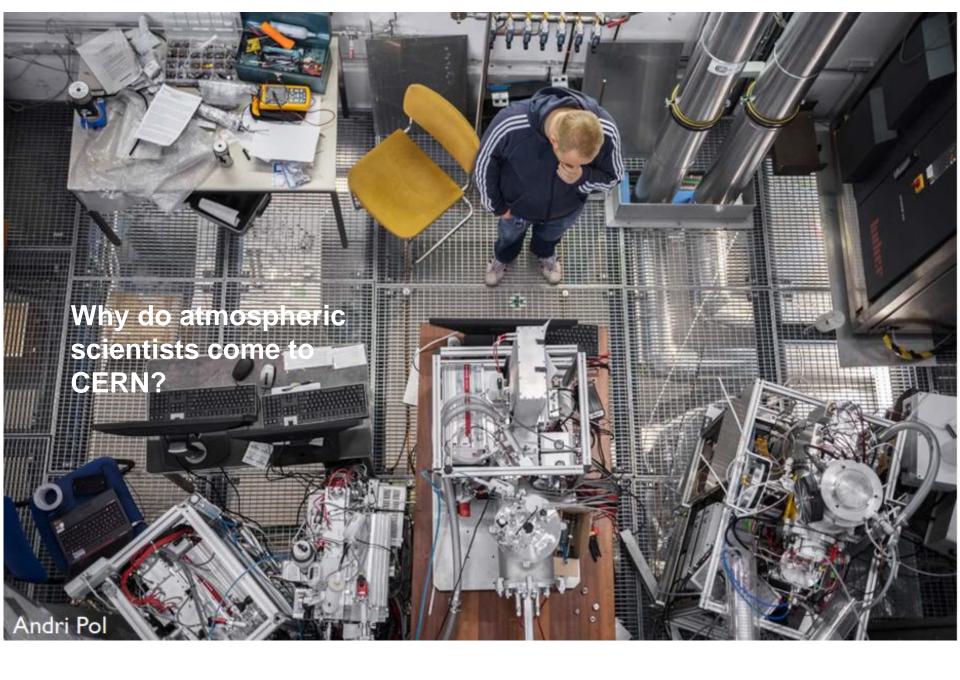
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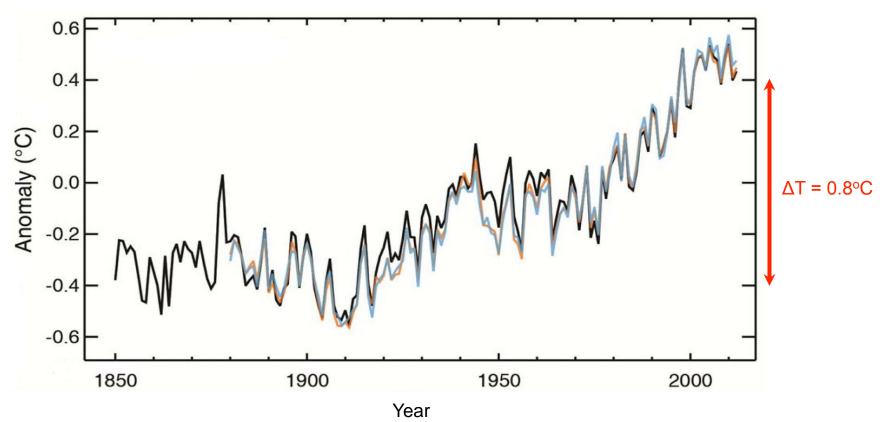
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Climate is already changing: global surface temperature change since 1850



Source: IPCC, Summary for Policymakers, 2013

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITHIN NEXT 40-50 YEARS?





MOTIVATION: COSMIC RAYS, AEROSOLS AND CLOUDS

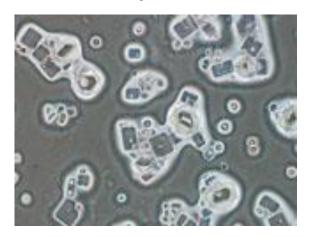


Aerosol particles: what are they?

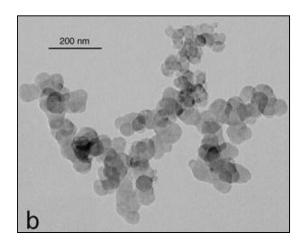


Definition: Suspension of small (liquid or solid) particles in a gas

Ammonium sulphate: 10 - 100 nm



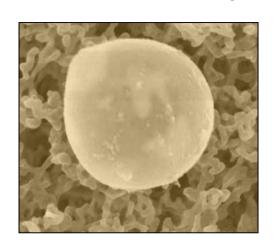
Diesel soot: ca. 100 nm



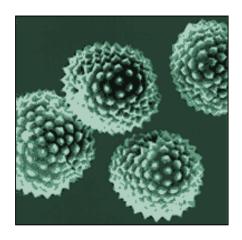
Sea salt: 0.2 - 10 μm



Mineral dust: 0.2 - 10 μm



Pollen: 10 - 100 μm



PRIMARY (directly produced) ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOLS



SECONDARY AEROSOLS (indirectly produced, gas-toparticle conversion i.e. nucleation)





About half of climate-relevant particles





Primary particles are emitted globally: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtJzn8A725w



Blue: sea salt blown by the wind

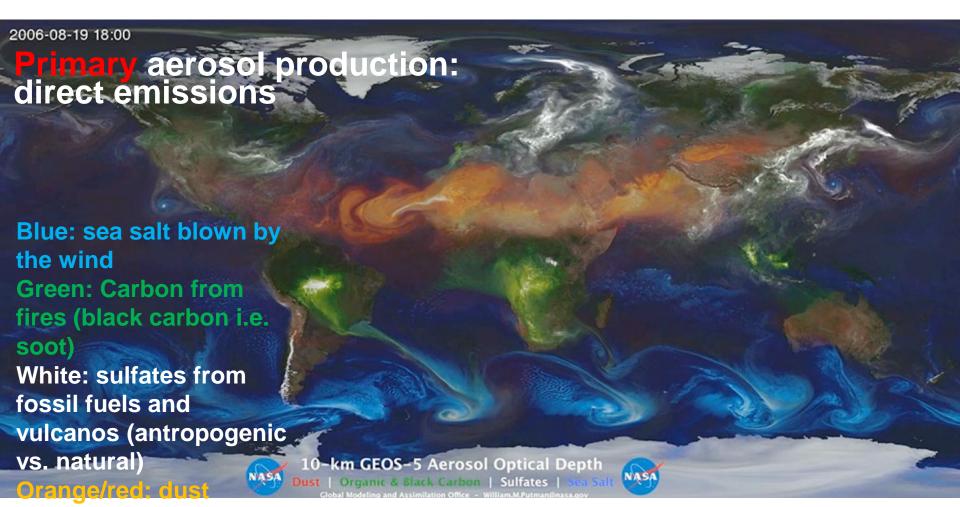
Green: Carbon from fires (black carbon i.e. soot)

White: sulfates from fossil fuels and vulcanos (antropogenic vs. natural)

Orange/red: dust







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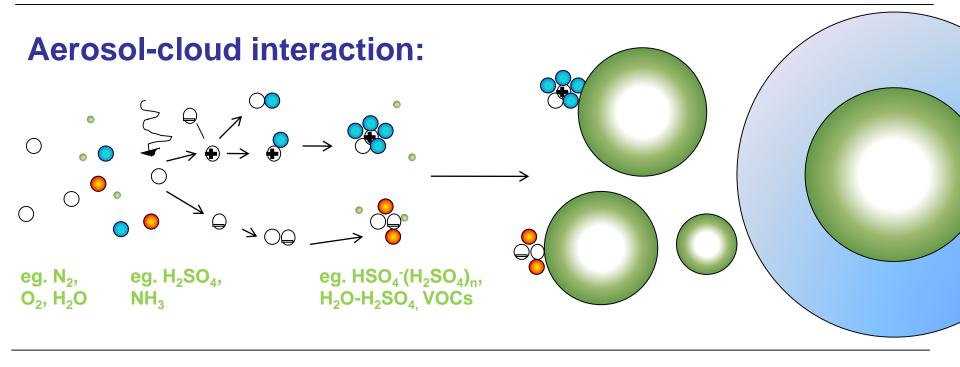
Secondary aerosol source: gas to particle conversion



Gas phase precursors

Particle formation by nucleation

Enhanced growth by condensation and coagulation



Gas

Molecules

Cluster ions and neutral clusters

< 1nm $\sim 1-3 \text{ nm}$ **Particles**

Cloud condensation nuclei (CCN)

> 3 nm

> 100 nm

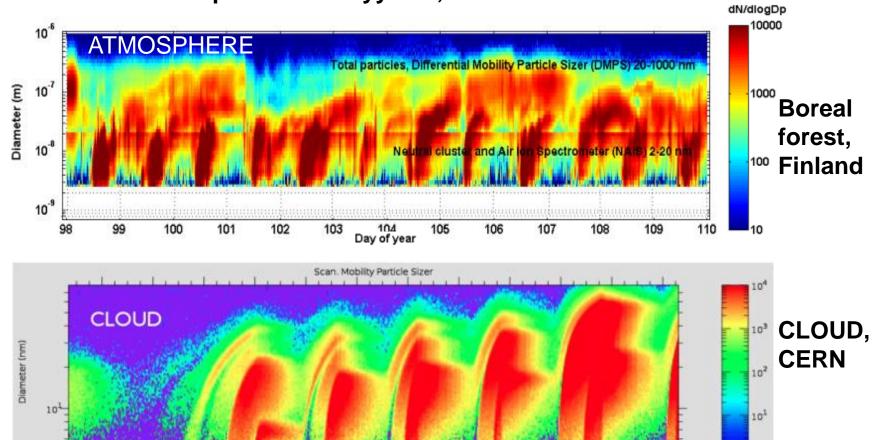


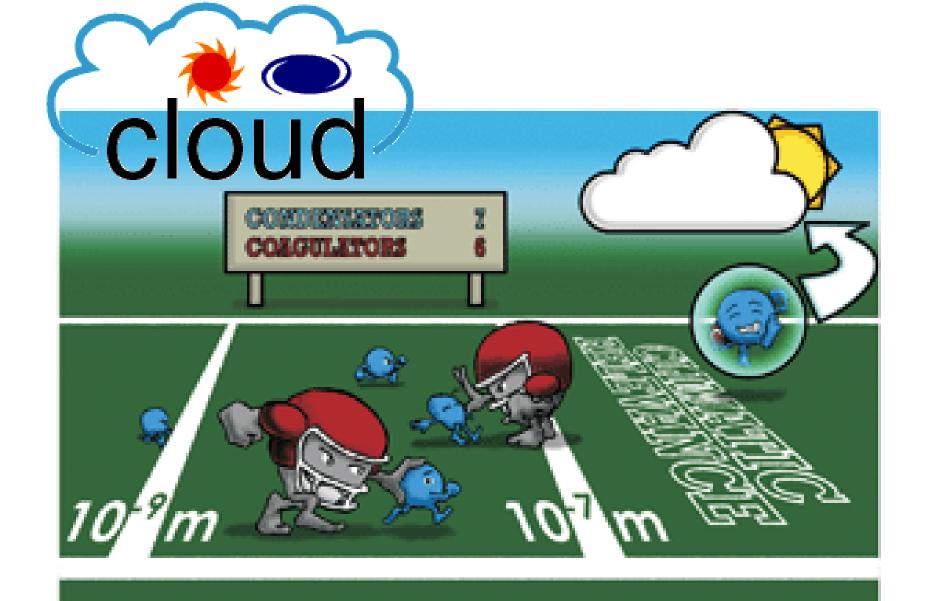
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CLOUD simulates real atmosphere



12 consecutive particle formation event days 8–19 April 2007 in Hyytiälä, Finland





Thermodynamics and kinetics of atmospheric aerosol particle formation and growth

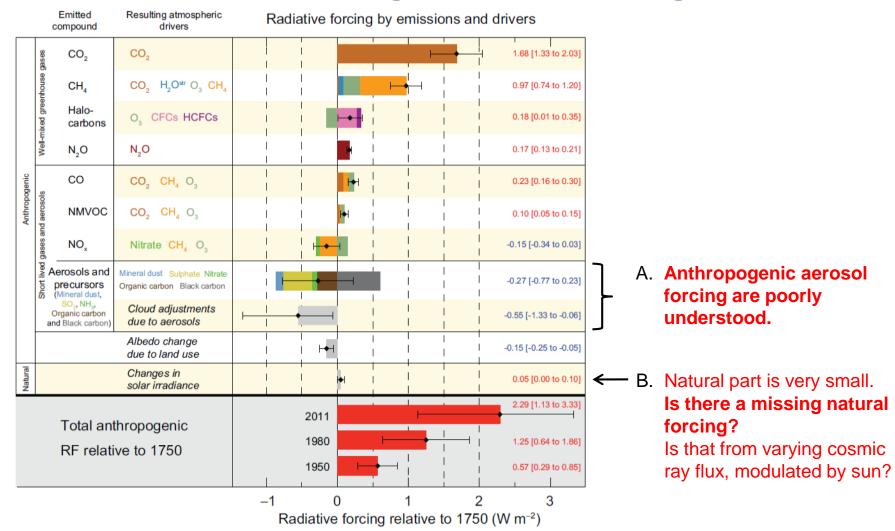
These natural aerosols i.e. secondary particles are formed via new particle formation.

Newly formed particles need to grow all the way to cloud droplets to affect global climate.



Scientific understanding of climate radiative forcing in Industrial Age





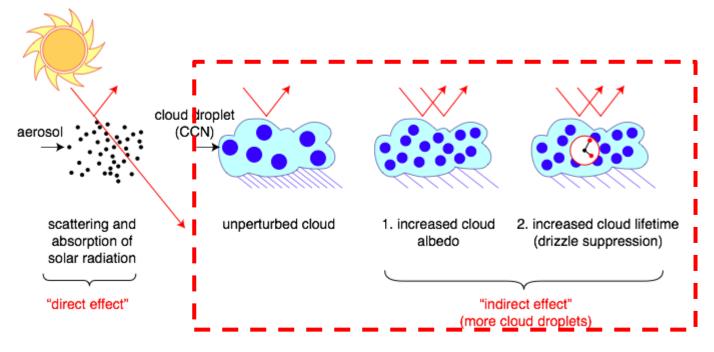
Source: IPCC, Summary for Policymakers, 2013

A + B → The CLOUD experiment



cloud Role of aerosols on Sun's radiative forcing





- All cloud droplets form on aerosol "seeds" known as cloud condensation nuclei - CCN
- Cloud properties are sensitive to number of droplets
- More aerosols/CCN:
 - Brighter clouds, with longer lifetimes
- Sources of atmospheric aerosols:
 - Primary (dust, sea salt, fires)
 - Secondary (gas-to-particle conversion)

See youtube: "No particles no fog" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EneDwu0HrVg





CLOUD IN A BOTTLE

Cool Science Experiment:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms SVQ903T8k





CLOUD EXPERIMENT: CONCEPT, METHODS, RESULTS





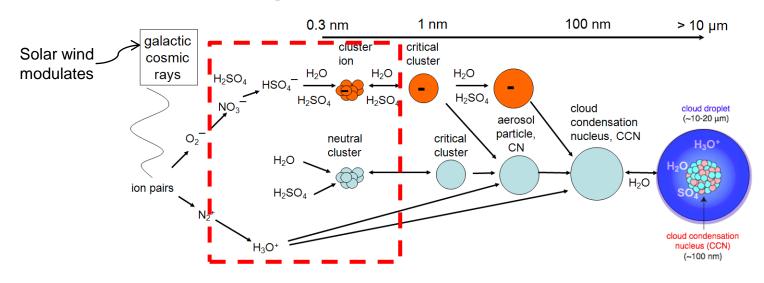
WHY ARE WE AT CERN?

- Secondary beam of pions from the CERN PS (3.5 GeV/c); spanning the galactic cosmic-ray intensity range from ground level to the stratosphere
- Study the effect of cosmic rays on aerosols and clouds, under precisely controlled laboratory conditions.

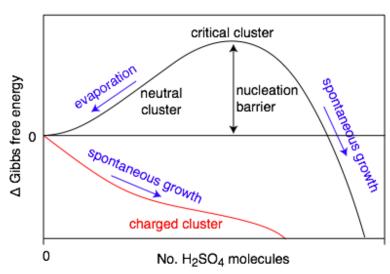


Ions enhance aerosol nucleation and growth: how much?





- Trace condensable vapour \rightarrow CN \rightarrow CCN
- But contributing vapours and nucleation rates poorly known
- H₂SO₄ is thought to be the primary condensable vapour in atmosphere (sub ppt)
- Ion-induced nucleation pathway is energetically favoured but limited by the ion production rate and ion lifetime





CLOUD is using CERN Proton Synchrotron **PS-T11** beam



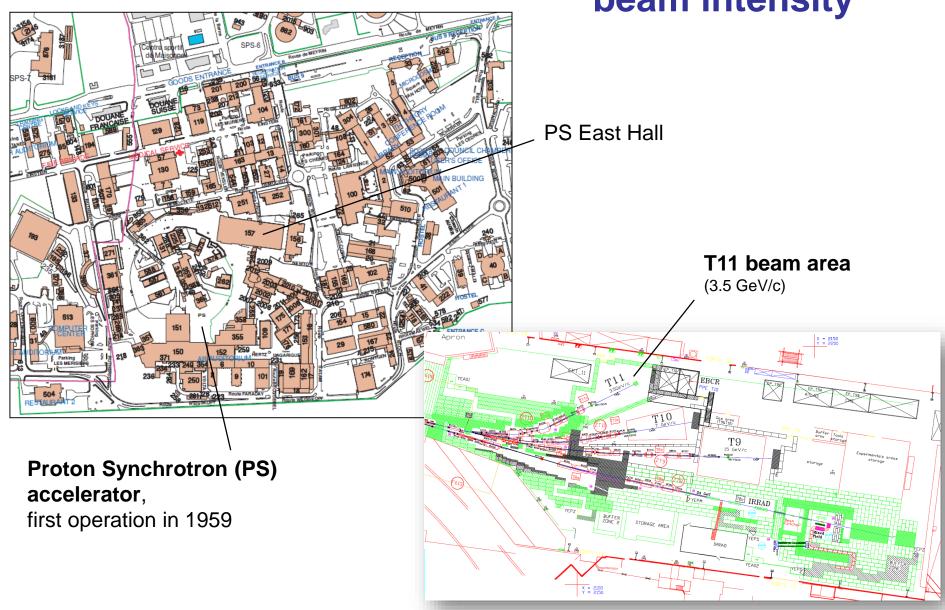




CERN PS-T11: control of the 'cosmic ray'



beam intensity





CLOUD chamber was build in 2009 and is located in T11 beam area:

















• Pressure: Atmospheric ± 0.3 bar

- Only metallic seals
- Electropolished inner surfaces



World's cleanest laboratory for studies of atmospheric particle formation



CLOUD is run under precisely controlled laboratory conditions:

- temperature stability: <0.1°C
- temperature range: -90°C to +30°C; cleaning at +100°C
- surface cleanliness: <10 pptv*) organics contamination, stainless steel (and gold), no teflon, no O-rings
- ultrapure gas supplies
- UV system: negligible heat load by use of fibre optics.
- field cage 30 kV/m

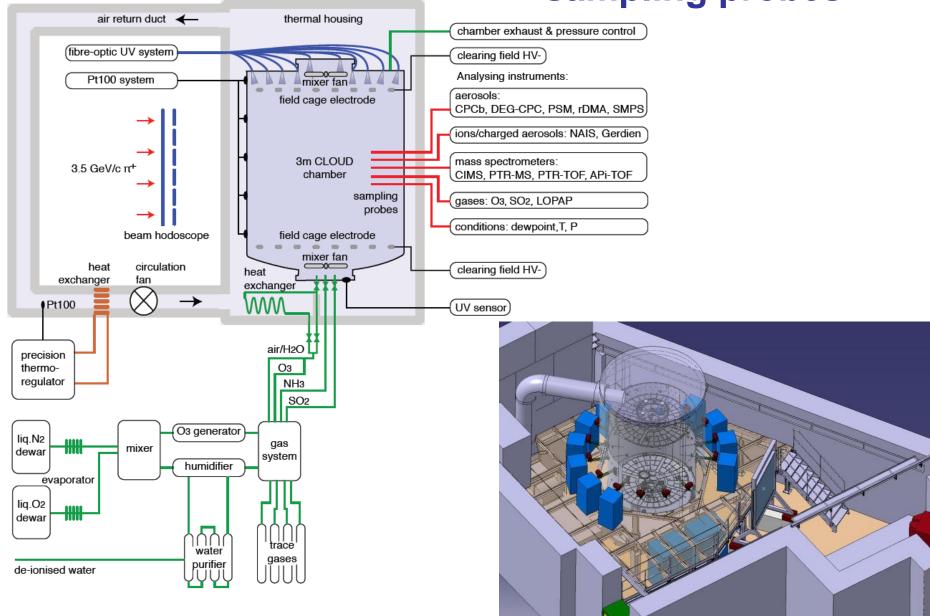
Unique and highly advanced aerosol chamber already as such!

*) pptv = part per trillion, $1/10^{12}$



CLOUD set-up: instruments connected to sampling probes



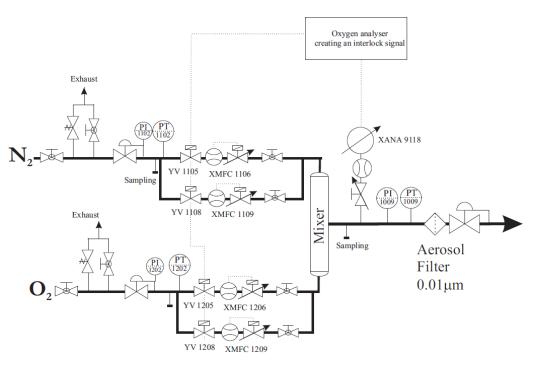






Ultra-pure air: synthetic air made from liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen

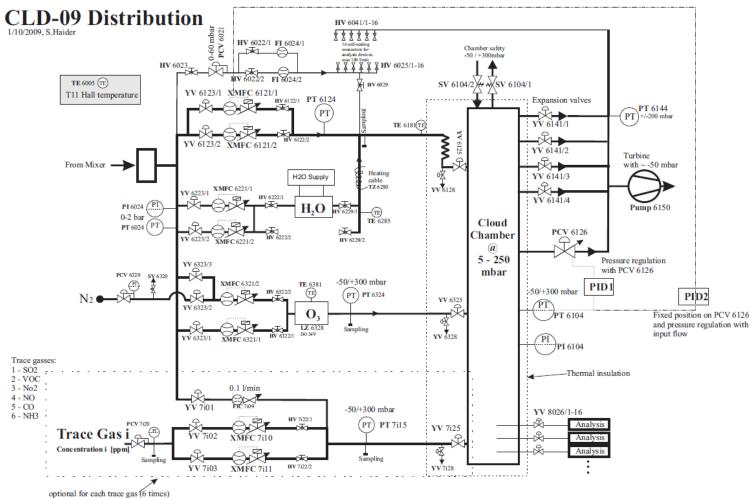








Gas system built to the highest technical standard of performance





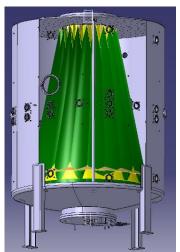






UV illumination from a fibre-optic system









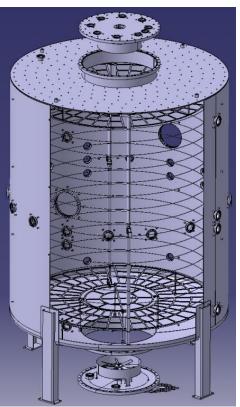


Precise and uniform adjustment of the H2SO4 concentration by means of UV laser system for the homogeneous, in-situ generation of the precursor gases



Ion-free conditions with a HV field cage





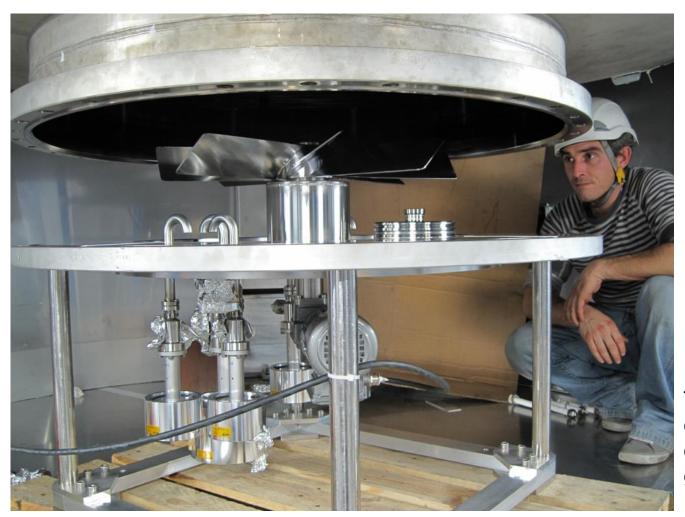


To study neutral nucleation, the beam is turned off and an internal electric field of up to 20 kV/m is applied by means of two transparent field cage electrodes. This rapidly (in about 1 s) sweeps out the background ions produced by galactic cosmic rays.



Metallic fan mixing rapidly the fresh gas and ions generated by the pion beam



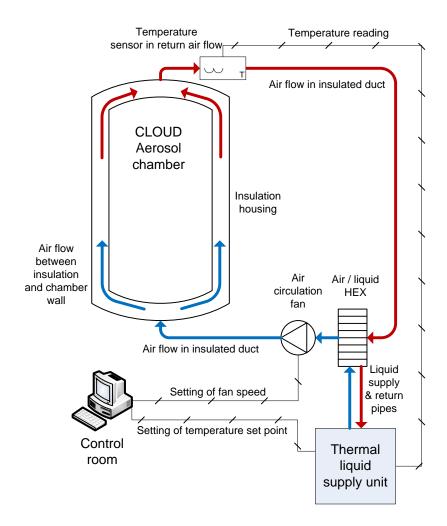


The fans produce a counter-flow inside the chamber, and ensure good uniformity.



Thermal system enables highly stable operation at any temperature (300-183 K)











How to build up a CLOUD run?



- Fill chamber with clean air
- + water vapour
- 2. Set temperature and pressure
- 3. Add trace gases, condensable species
 in atmospheric, extremely low concentrations
- ~1 molecule in 10¹² air molecules

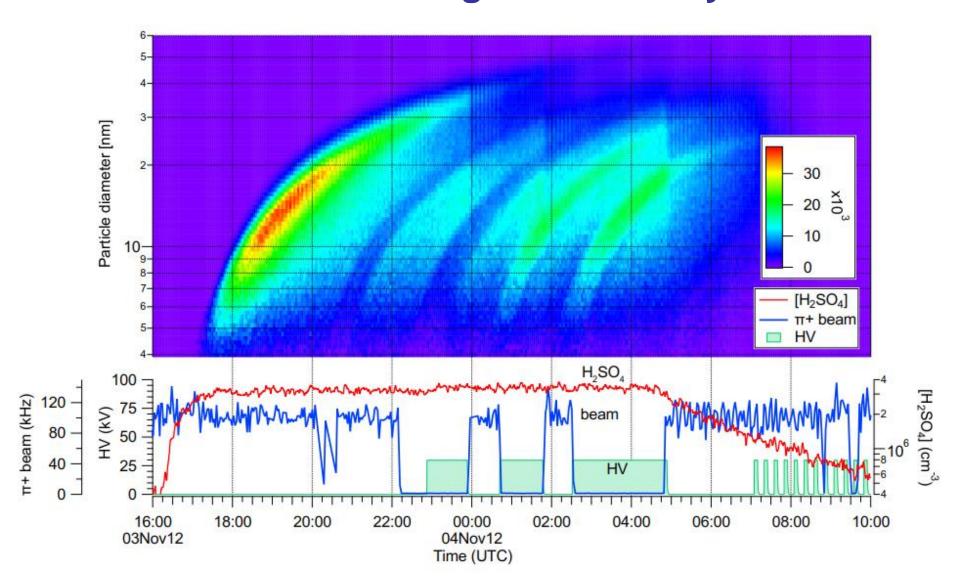
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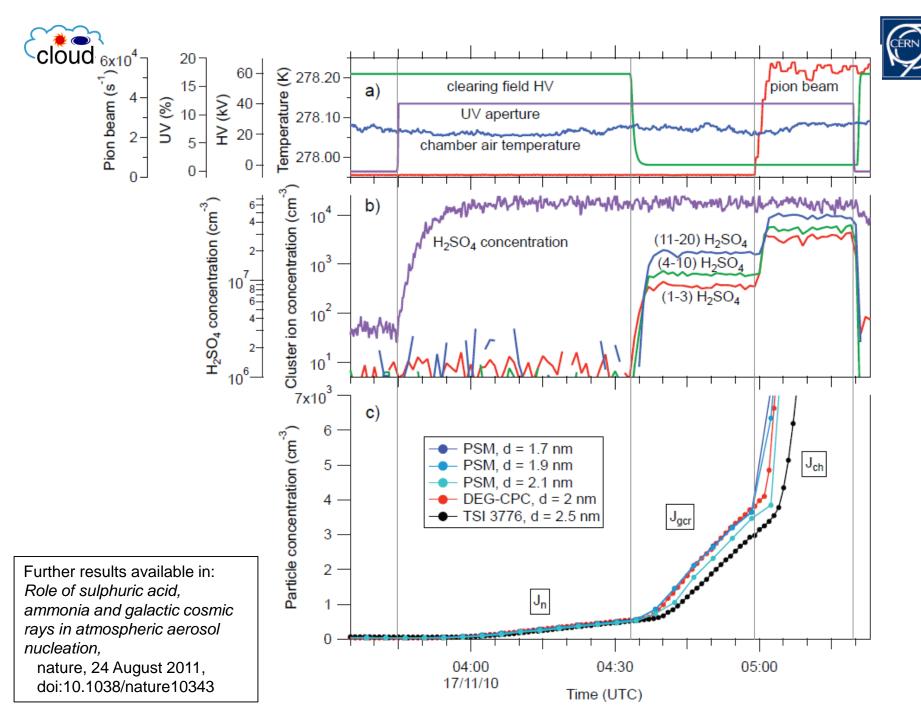
Controlled experimental 'sample' of Earth's atmosphere

- 7. Carefully flush the chamber and clean the chamber walls between experiments
 - 6. Repeat experiment (typically some hours), possibly with varying parameters

- 5. Observe
 Particle growth size distribution
 - Electrical charge distribution
 - Cloud droplet/ice particle concentrations,
 - etc.
- 4. Expose to ionizing beam, and possibly to UV-light

CLOUD run: instruments sampling from chamber and recording continuously





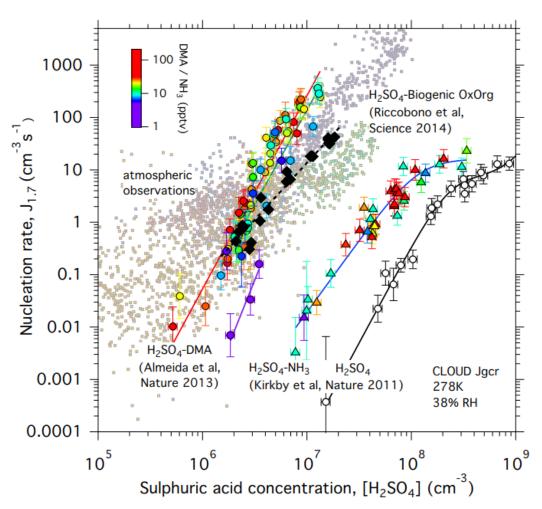




Importance of biogenic aerosol particles

- Huge discovery that biogenic vapours emitted by trees and oxidised in the atmosphere have a significant impact on the formation of clouds, thus helping to cool the planet
- Addition DMA into system brings the nucleation rate into the range of atmospheric observations

Nearly all nucleation throughout the present-day atmosphere involves ammonia or biogenic organic compounds, in addition to sulfuric acid

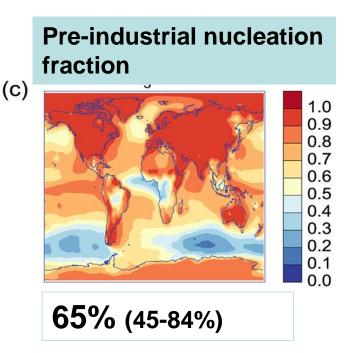


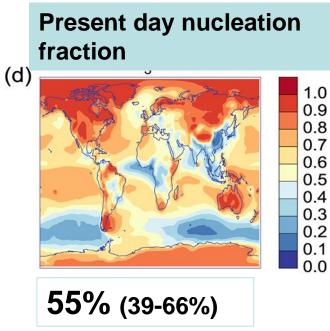


Global importance of nucleation using global aerosol models



Parametrizations of nucleation from H2SO4/NH3 + H2SO4/Biogenic + Pure biogenic + ions experiments





65% of climate-relevant aerosol particles in the preindustrial atmosphere come from nucleation, and 55% today

Gordon et al. Causes and importance of new particle formation in the present-day and preindustrial atmospheres, JGR 2017







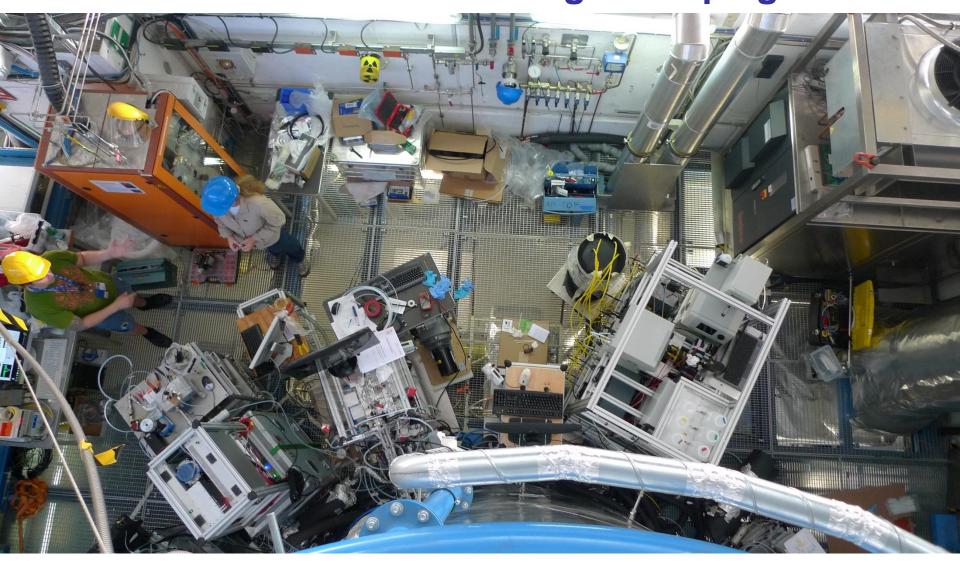
 Within the CLOUD experiment both measurements and modelling are needed for assessing connection between aerosols, clouds and climate





Cloud CLOUD with the measurement instruments and their users during a campaign

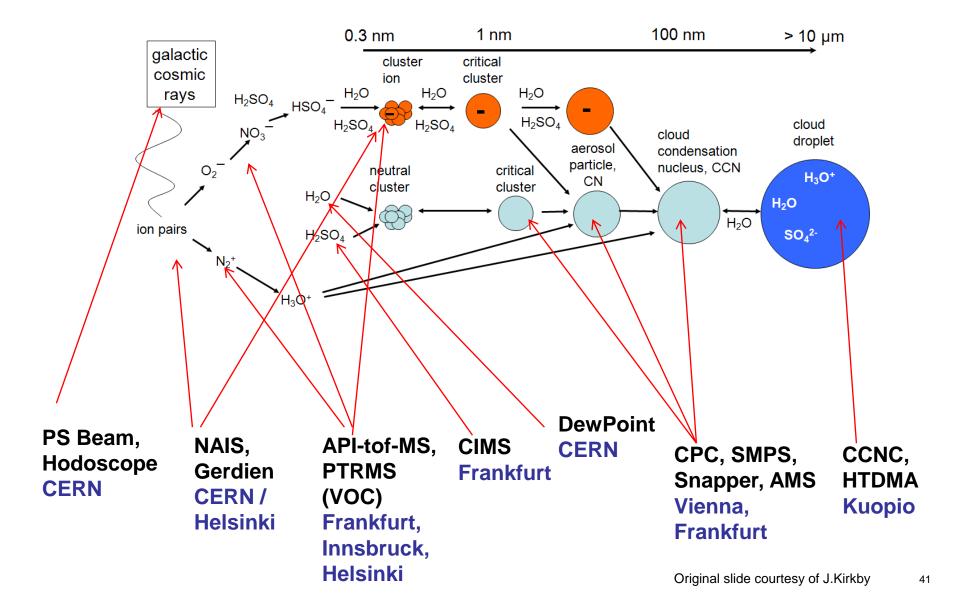






State-of-the-art gas and aerosol analysis instruments from collaborating institutes:







Results from CLOUD

First major publication 5 years after CLOUD approved in CERN programme, 2 years after first run



LETTER



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Role of sulphuric acid, ammonia and galactic cosmic rays in atmospheric aerosol nucleation

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CLOUD institutes:

CLOUD now "in production". Examples of the produced results:

- J. Almeida et al., *Molecular understanding of amine-sulphuric acid particle nucleation in the atmosphere,* Nature, 2013
- H. Keskinen et al., Evolution of particle composition in CLOUD nucleation experiments, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, 2013
- S. Schobesberger et al., Molecular understanding of atmospheric particle formation from sulfuric acid and large oxidized organic molecules, PNAS, 2013
- F. Riccobono et al., Oxidation Products of Biogenic Emissions Contribute to Nucleation of Atmospheric Particles, Science, 2014
- F. Bianchi et al., Insight into acid-base nucleation experiments by comparison of the chemical composition of positive, negative and neutral clusters, PNAS, 2014
- J. Kirkby et al., Ion-induced nucleation of pure biogenic particles, Nature, 2016
- J. Tröstl et al., The role of low-volatility organic compounds in initial particle growth in the atmosphere, Nature, 2016
- E. Dunne et al., Global particle formation from CERN CLOUD measurements, Science, 2016

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EXTRA SLIDES:



Example of on-going CLOUD

Hyytiälä, Finland



measurements:

Recreating of boreal forest conditions, to understand the observed aerosol particle nucleation and growth.



Similar instrument set-up used in field as well (direct atmospheric measurements)!!





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EneDwu0HrVg

See youtube: "NO PARTICLES NO FOG"







What's Up with Clouds - Today I Found Out. We look at them every day, but few of us realize what they are made of.

www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/.../whats-up-with-clouds/

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A BIG CLOUD UP IN THE AIR?



- 06:00 Wake-up and morning coffee
- 07:00 To CLOUD: updates from last shift and checking the instruments
- 07:00-14:00 Starting new run: operators present and others monitoring remotely their instruments or fixing their instrument if needed
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 12:00-15:00 Analysis and plotting of the experimental data
- 15:00-17:30 Daily meeting: quick-look to the data and planning next runs
- 18:00-22:00 Instrument calibrations and preparation/modifications for nights and next day's experimental runs

During the CLOUD campaign we work in 3 shifts (07:00-15:00, 15:00-23:00, 23:00-07:00). Two operator present all times.

Air pollution control and decreasing new particle formation may lead to strong climate warming

30 OCTOBER 2009 VOL 326 **SCIENCE** www.sciencemag.org *Published by AAAS*

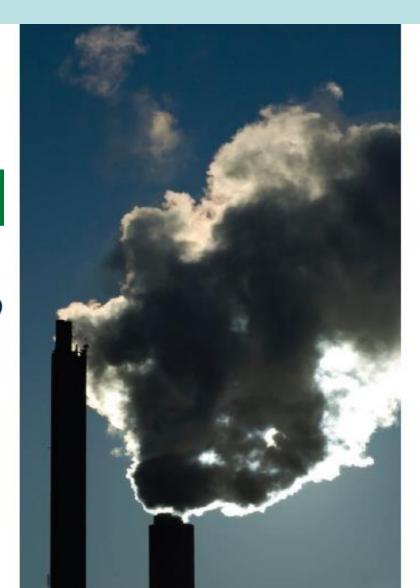
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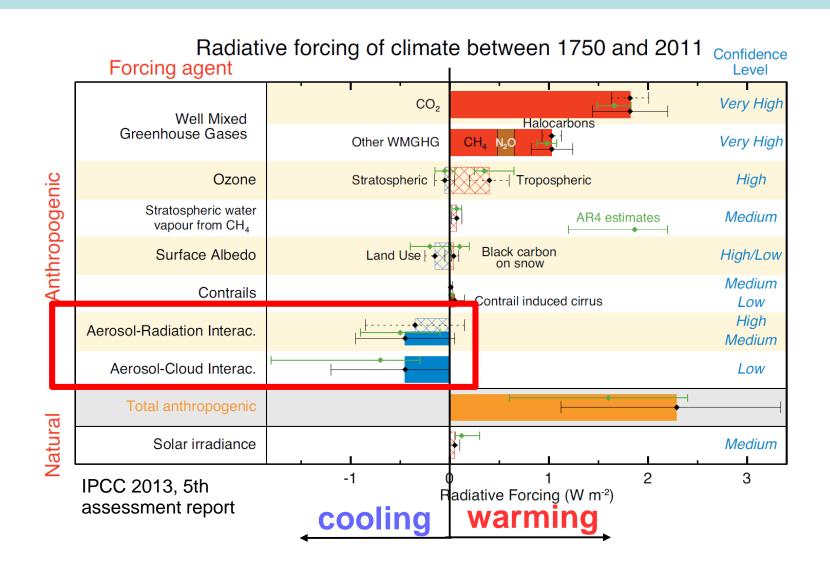
Clean the Air, Heat the Planet?

Almut Arneth,12* Nadine Unger,3 Markku Kulmala,2 Meinrat O. Andreae4

Measures to control emissions of air pollutants may have unintended climatic consequences.



Aerosol particles have a net cooling effect on the global climate (IPCC, 2013):

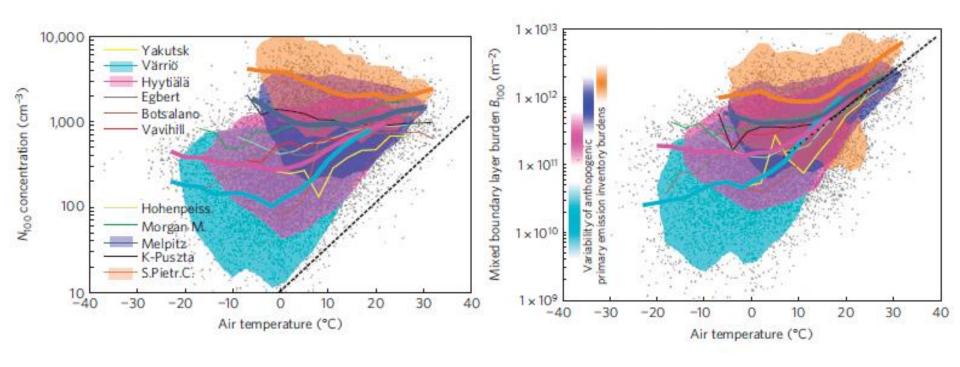


Warming-induced increase in aerosol number concentration likely to moderate climate change

Feedback on increasing air temperature relation to aerosol-cloud interactions:

Relationship between air temperature and the number concentration and burden of CCN-sized aerosol particles

Paasonen et al., Nature Geo. Sci. 2013



Atmospheric aerosol particles: why so diverse and complex?

- Aerosol is a mixture of gas, and solid or liquid particles floating in the gas
- Diameters ~10⁻⁹ 10⁻⁴ m
- Concentrations $\sim 10^0 10^5$ cm⁻³ ($10^{-1} 10^2$ µg m-3)
- Sources and sinks of aerosols: particles constantly interact physically, chemically and dynamically with gases and each other

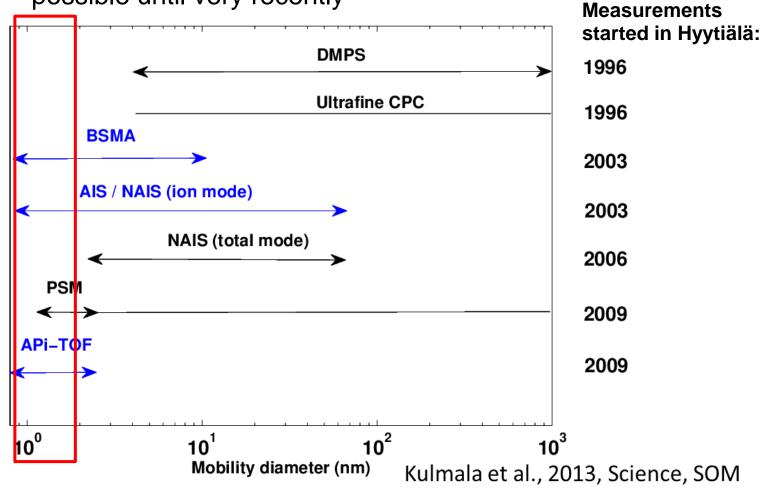






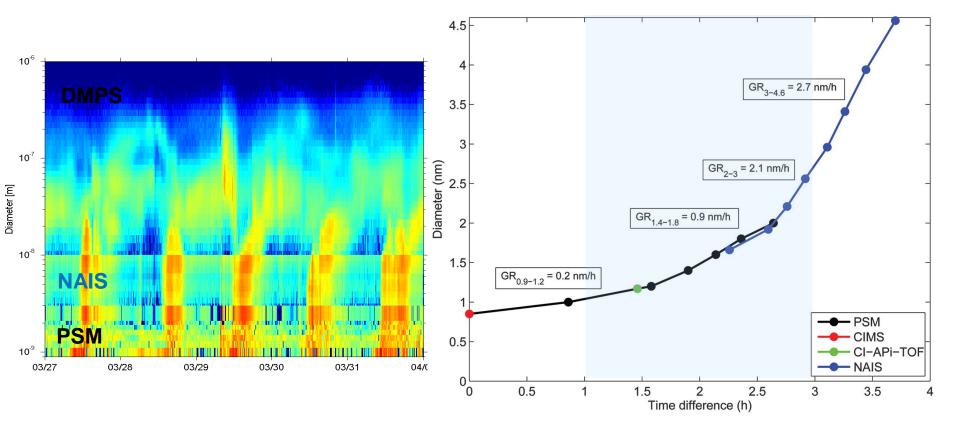
Key steps of clustering process occur in the sub-2 nanometer (nm) size range via neutral pathways

Direct size-segregated observations have not been possible until very recently



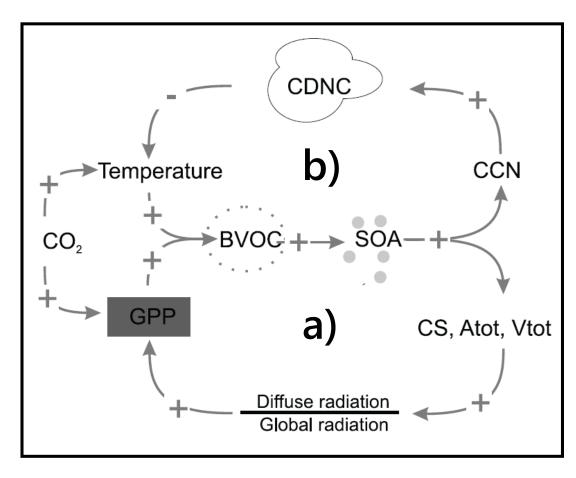
Direct observations on atmospheric "cluster by cluster" growth rates with novel instrumentation

Detection of sub-3 nm atmospheric clusters and particles with newly developed novel instrumentation



Kulmala et al., 2013, Science, SOM

Feedback loops on biosphere-atmosphere interaction with increasing CO₂:



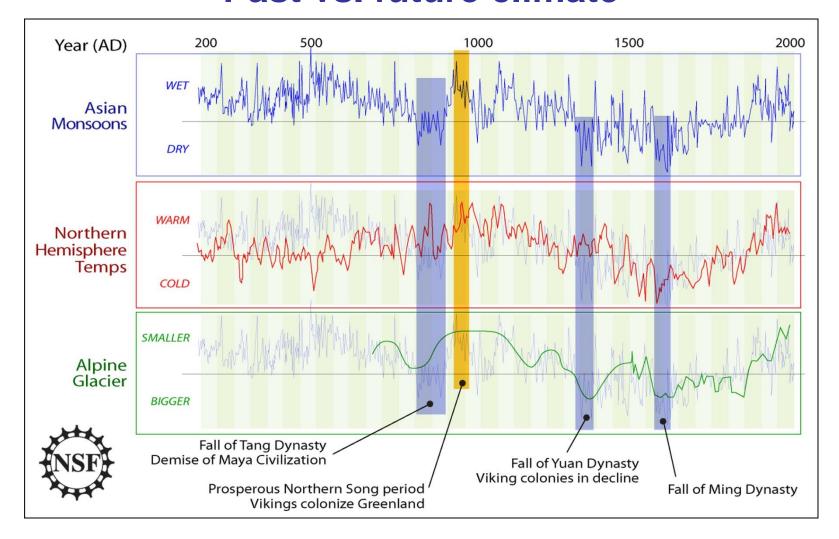
 Increasing atmospheric CO₂ concentration, changes GPP associated with carbon uptake, SOA formation in the atmosphere, and transfer of a) both diffuse and global radiation in cloudfree air, b) cloud cover.

Kulmala et al. Boreal Envin. Res. 2014



cloud Why to study changes in Earth's climate? Past vs. future climate





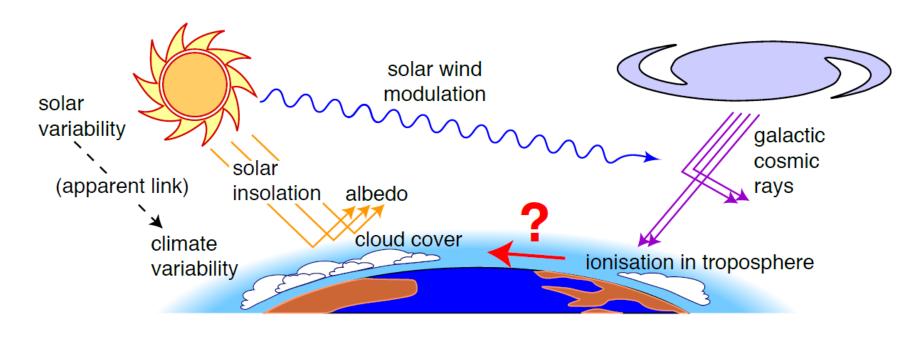
Source: U.S. National Science Foundation, 2008



Suggested Solar -> Cosmic ray -> Climate mechanism??



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- Higher solar activity → reduced GCRs → reduced cloud cover → warmer climate
- Satellite observations not yet settled: Significant GCR-cloud correlations reported by some (Svensmark, Laken...) and weak or excluded by others (Kristjansson, Wolfendale...)

CLOUD - A.Onnela



Aerosol particles have an effect on human health REGIONAL, GLOBAL





Aerosol particles have a regional effect on air quality and visibility REGIONAL Helsinki A Piia Anttil

Piia Anttila FMI







Run list at CLOUD11 campaign: nucleation with pure organics



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2	Start time	Run	Type	Run description
3	dd.mm.yyyy HH:MM:SS			Ammonia makes the party :)
111	11.10.2016 23:33:30	1,811.10	CLEAN	Beam on, UVX 0%, UVH 0%
112	12.10.2016 01:51:25	1,812.01	N	Soup with NOx , UVS30%; AP 9/225/2.7, BCY 1/1000, IP 5/10.5/2.5
113	12.10.2016 03:54:30	1,812.02	N	Soup with NOx , UVS30% ; AP 9/225/5.4, BCY 2/1000, IP 5/10.5/5
114	12.10.2016 06:16:30	1,812.03	N	Soup with NO UVS30%x; AP 9/225/10 (1200ppt), BCY 400/1000 (400ppt), IP 5/10.5/10 (10ppb)
115	12.10.2016 08:55:30	1,812.04	N	Soup with NOx, UVS80%; AP 9/225/10 (1200ppt), BCY 400/1000 (400ppt), IP 5/10.5/10 (10ppb)
116	12.10.2016 10:49:30	1812.05	CLEAN	Cleaning
117	12.10.2016 13:28:30	1,812.06	GCR	Soup with NOx, AP 300ppt, BCY 100ppt, IP 2.5ppb
118	12.10.2016 16:22:00	1,812.07	GCR	Reduce NOx flow to get 300ppt instead of 1ppb, rest constant
119	12.10.2016 18:30:00	1,812.08	GCR	Soup with NOx, AP 600ppt, BCY 200ppt, IP 5ppb
120	12.10.2016 21:42:00	1,812.09	GCR	Soup with NOx, AP 1200ppt, BCY 400ppt, IP 10ppb
121	13.10.2016 00:01:00	1,812.10	GCR	High conc Soup with UVX 400x5
122	13.10.2016 01:03:00	1,812.11	N	High conc Soup with UVX 400x5
123	13.10.2016 01:35:00	1,812.12	CLEAN	Cleaning
124	13.10		_	
125	13.10 Soup = n	nixture of or	ganic gases;	AP= alphapinene; BCY = betacaryophyllene;
126	13.10 IP = isop	rene: CS = c	ondensation	sink; J = particle formation rate
127	13.10	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
128	13.10.2016 12:37:00	1,813.05	BEAM	Soup AP 600ppt, BCY 200ppt, IP 5ppb, Beam 14mm
129	13.10.2016 15:13:00	1,813.06	BEAM	Soup AP 600ppt, BCY 200ppt, IP 5ppb, Beam 25mm
130	13.10.2016 17:10:00	1,813.07	BEAM	Soup AP 600ppt, BCY 200ppt, IP 5ppb, Beam 50mm
151	15.10.2016 19:39:00	1,816.06	GCR	J+25C with NO2, organic soup 600/200/5
152	16.10.2016 00:49:00	1,816.07	GCR	J+25C with NO2, organic soup 1200/400/10
153	16.10.2016 03:52:26	1,816.08	GCR	J+25C with NO2, organic soup 1200/400/10 + UVX 400x5
154	16.10.2016 05:32:32	1,816.09	N	CS step
155	16.10.2016 05:57:15	1,816.10	BEAM	beam cleaning
156	16.10.2016 07:56:22	1,817.01	N	Pure biogenic soup at 25C Daytime



Primary Aerosol Sources: natural vs human-made



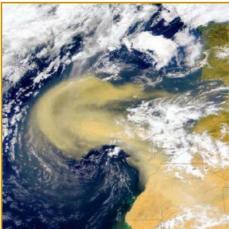
Biomass burning

Organics

Natural sources:



Sea spray



Mineral dust



Volcano ► Sulfates, dust

Human-made sources:



Traffic emissions ► Soot



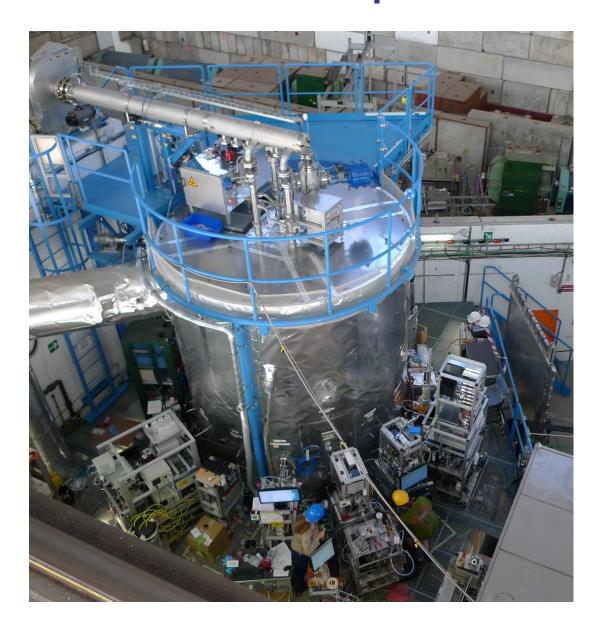
Industrial Emissions

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CLOUD line beam area just before the CLOUD11 runs at September 2016:

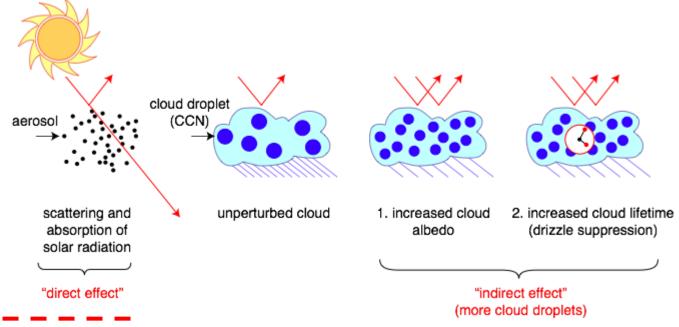


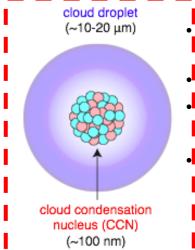




cloud Role of aerosols on Sun's radiative forcing







All cloud droplets form on aerosol "seeds" known as cloud condensation nuclei - CCN

Cloud properties are sensitive to number of droplets More aerosols/CCN:

Brighter clouds, with longer lifetimes

Sources of atmospheric aerosols:

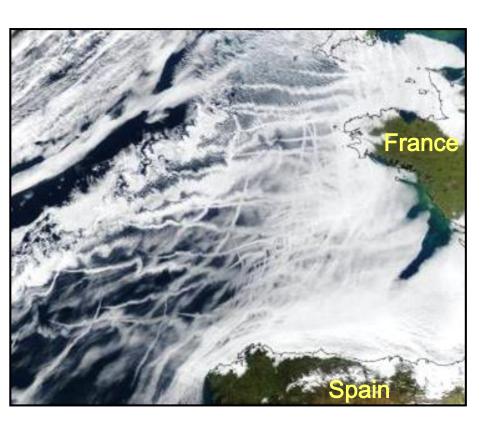
- Primary (dust, sea salt, fires)
- Secondary (gas-to-particle conversion)

See youtube: "No particles no fog" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EneDwu0HrVg

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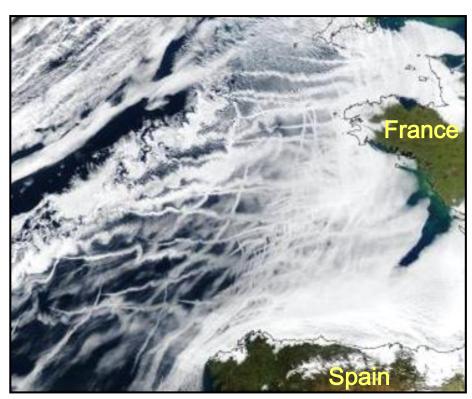


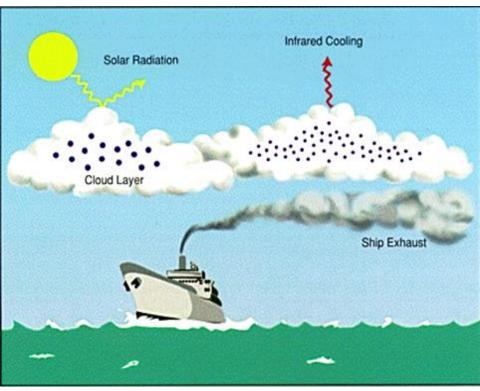




Indirect effect of carbonaceous particles: Ship tracks

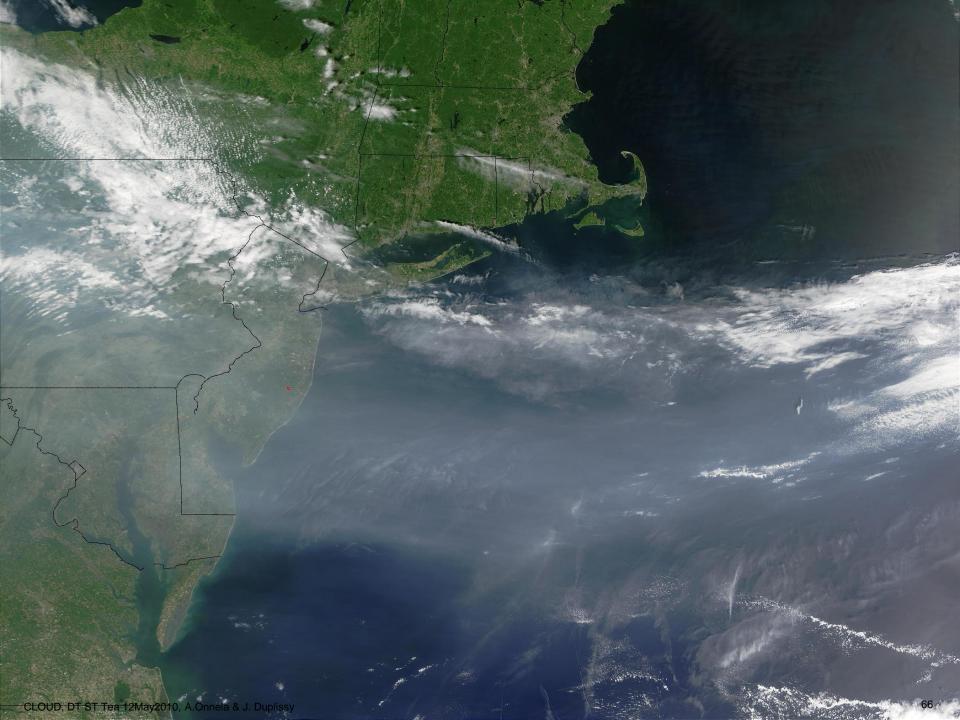






Ship tracks on the East Atlantic

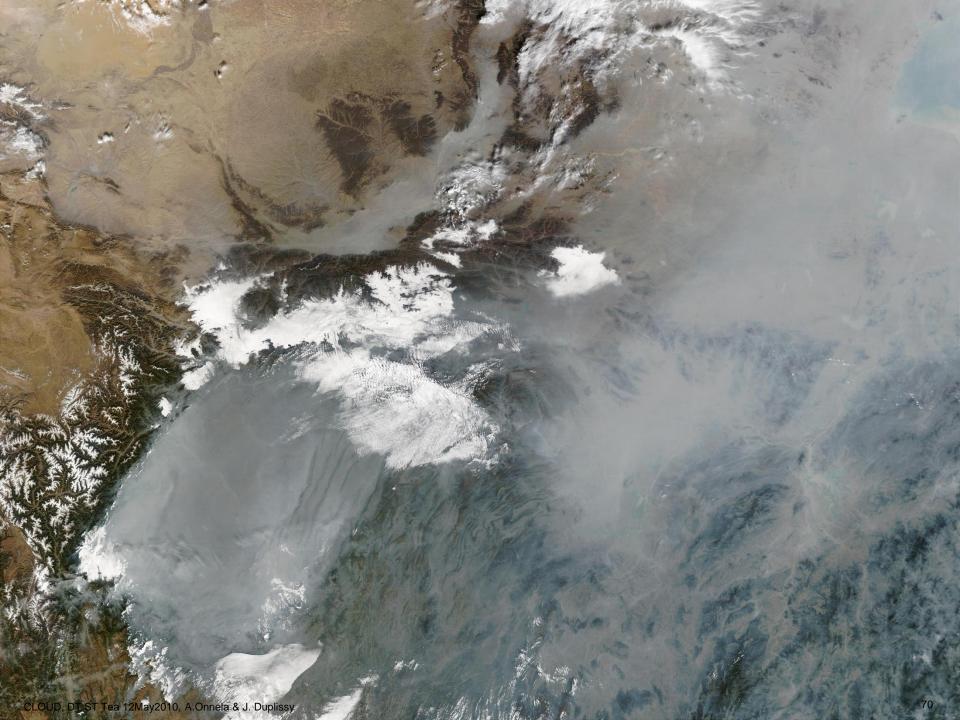
Aerosol particles emitted by ships (soot particles with a high sulfur content) act as CCN and form clouds and enhance cloud reflectivity

















What is in common with the cloud chamber tracks and the air plane contrails?