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# Using satellite data to determine sea spray aerosol production (OSSA)

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# The Oceanflux Sea Spray Aerosol (OSSA) project

The aim of OSSA is:

1. To exploit the use of (European) satellites to improve the parameterization of sea spray source function
2. To use this source function in a global model to determine direct and indirect effects of sea spray aerosol

Duration: 24 months

Start: 1 November 2011

End: 31 October 2013

Partners: FMI, NUIG, TNO

Sponsor: European Space Agency ESA

OSSA website:

<http://oceanflux.fmi.fi/>



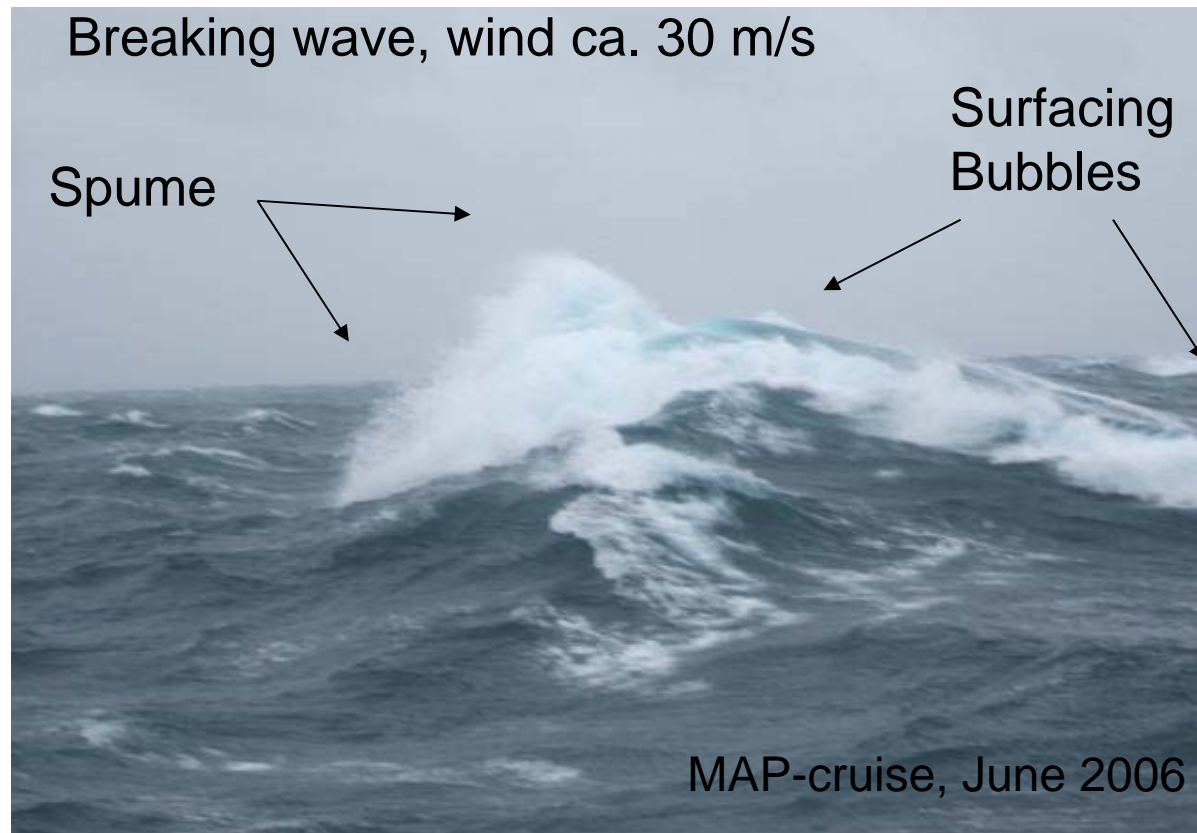
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Sea-spray aerosol (SSA) consists of a suspension, in air, of particles that are directly produced at the sea surface



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Focus on bubble-mediated production ( $r_{80} < \text{a few } \mu\text{m}$ )

TNO



# A brief review of current knowledge on the production of sea spray aerosol

## Issues

- **Source strength**
  - How many particles are produced as function of particle radius
  - Effect of environmental parameters
    - Wind speed or whitecap fraction or wave parameters (which?) or ...
    - Sea surface temperature (or bulk?)
    - Salinity
- **Composition**
  - Effect on source strength
  - Fraction of organic matter, as function of environmental parameters
  - Effect on physical properties (size distribution, CCN, optical)
- **Effects on climate**
  - DARF
  - Cloud properties

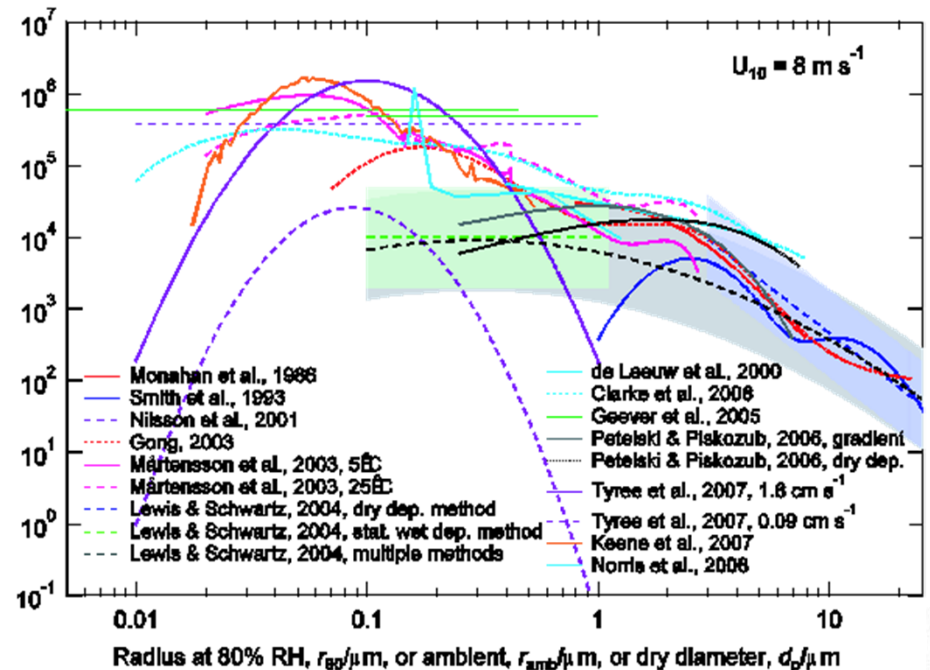
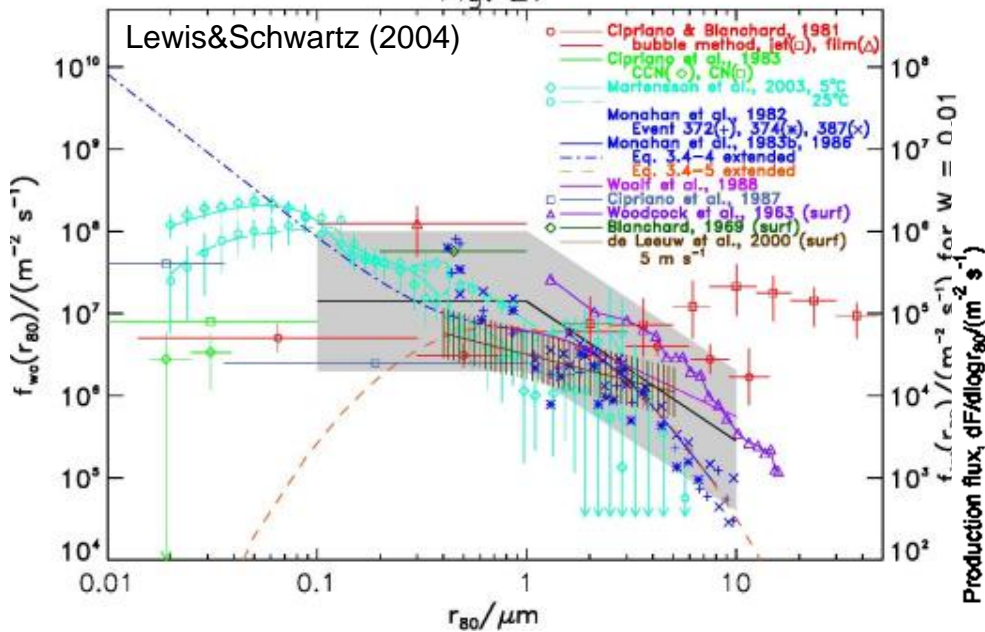




# Background

Sea Spray *Production* was reviewed by de Leeuw et al. (2011), taking the comprehensive review by Lewis and Schwartz (2004) as starting point:

Fig. 27





## Conclusions of de Leeuw et al., (2011) and their relevance for OSSA:

- Large contribution of **organic substances** to sub-micron SSA particles;
- Higher **production fluxes** of sub-micron particles than in the best estimates based on older data (LS04);
- Recent advances in determination of the **whitecap fraction**  $W$  by both photographic methods and satellite retrievals may eliminate some of the subjectivity in measurement of this quantity, but direct relation to SSA production is lacking.
- Results from laboratory experiments depend on how the white area is produced as well as conditions:  
**the basic assumption of the whitecap method is not valid;**
- The **uncertainty** in the SSA production flux remains sufficiently great that present knowledge of this quantity cannot usefully constrain the representation of emissions of SSA in chemical transport models or climate models that include aerosols.







# Methods

## 1. Whitecap method

1. Determination of the Oceanic Whitecap Fraction
  1. In situ
  2. Satellites
2. Determination of the SSA particle Flux per White Area
  1. Laboratory experiments
  2. Surf zone
3. SSA production flux formulations

## 2. Micrometeorological methods

1. SSA production flux formulations
2. Gradient method

## 3. Chemical Composition of Sea-Spray Aerosol

Often the SF is written as a product of an amplitude function and a shape function:

$$\frac{dF(r_{80}, a, b, \dots)}{d \log r_{80}} = f(a, b, \dots) g(r_{80})$$

$$\frac{dF_{M86}}{dr_{80}} = 1.373 U_{10}^{3.4} r_{80}^{-3} (1 + 0.057 r_{80}^{1.05}) \times 10^{1.19 e^{-B^2}}$$

Monahan et al., 1986 (whitecap)

$$F_N = 10^{0.20 \bar{U}_{10} - 1.71}$$

Nilsson et al., 2001 (first application of EC method over open ocean.)

The Whitecap method forms the basis for most of the parameterizations that currently are mostly used in global transport and global circulation models (GTM & GCM)

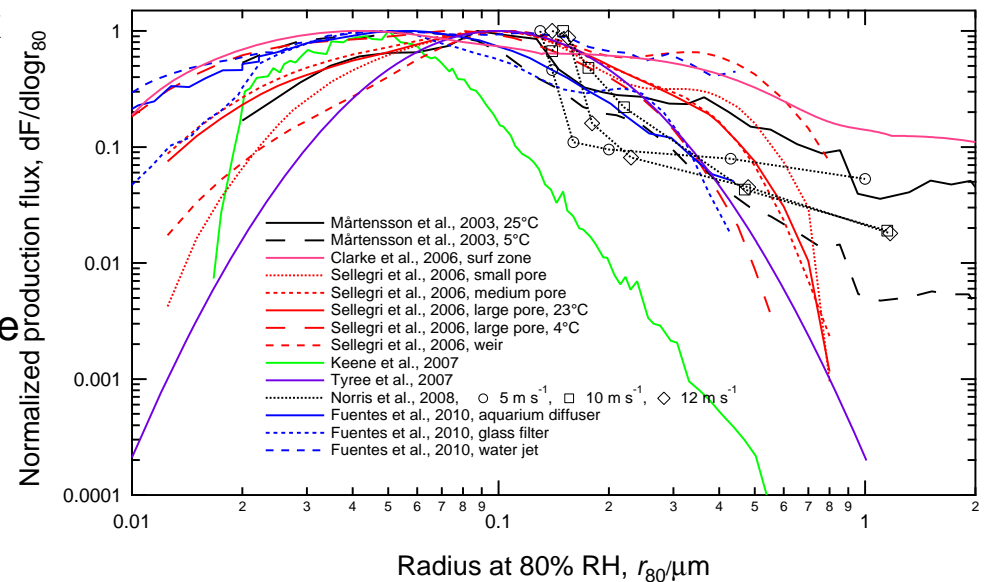




# Whitecap Method

$$\frac{dF}{d \log r_{80}} = W \times \frac{dF_{wc}}{d \log r_{80}}$$

- Ocean Flux = Whitecap fraction × Flux per white area
- Whitecap fraction determined by field observation: photography, satellite
- Flux per white area determined by lab experiment or field observation (surf zone)
- The whitecap method assumes that the flux per white area is constant, independent of conditions.
- There is little field or laboratory demonstration of this and much evidence against it.



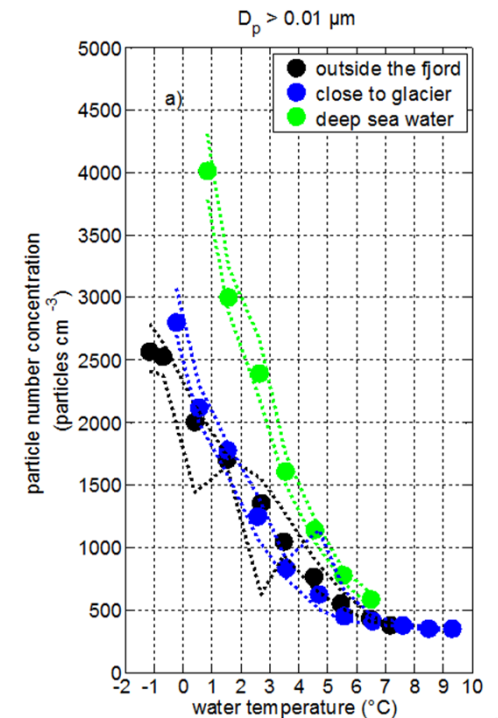
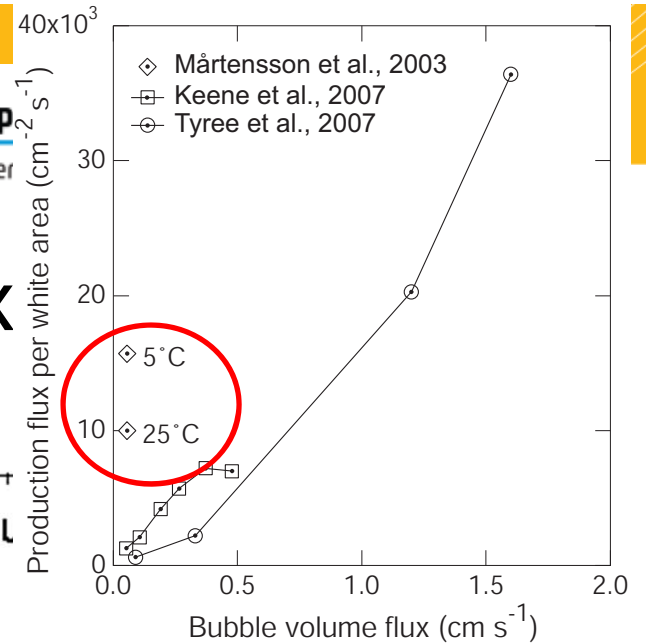
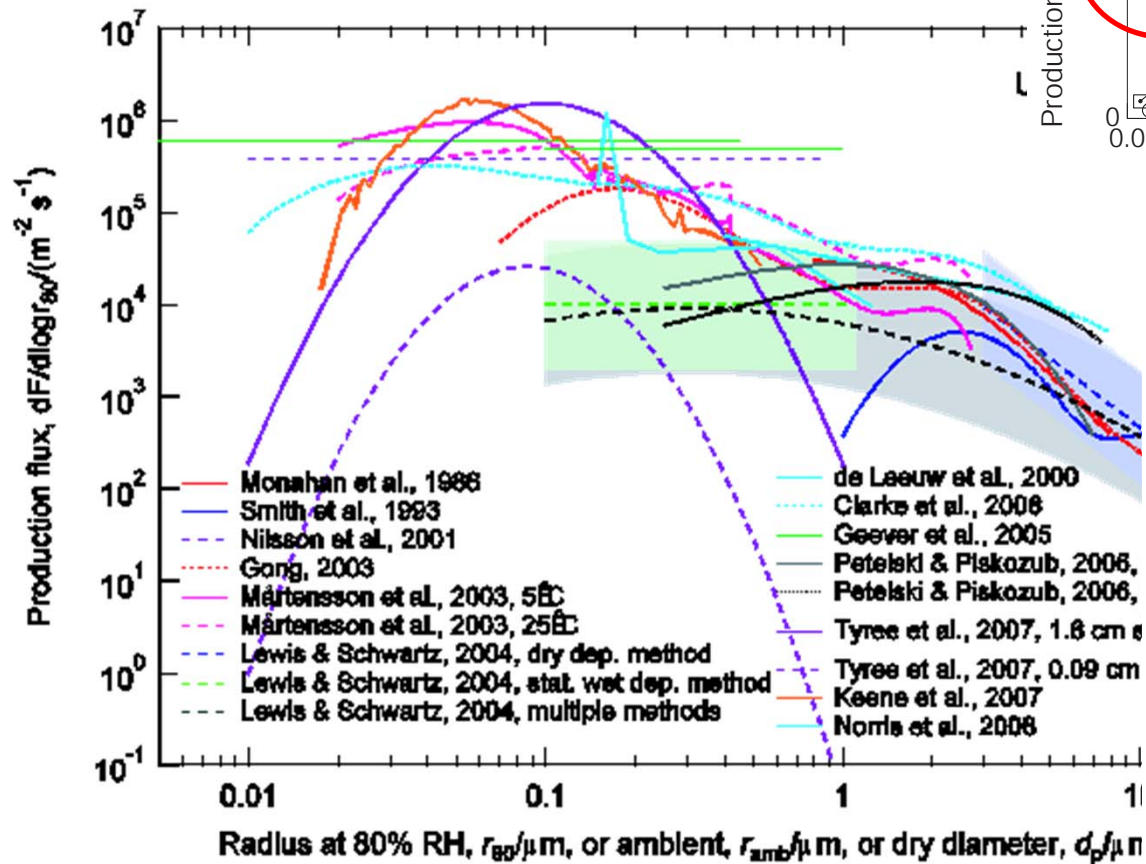
Size distributions of SSA production flux normalized to maximum value in representation  $dF/d \log r_{80}$  as a function of  $r_{80}$  from laboratory experiments

Note different conditions (production method, water temperature, wind speed)



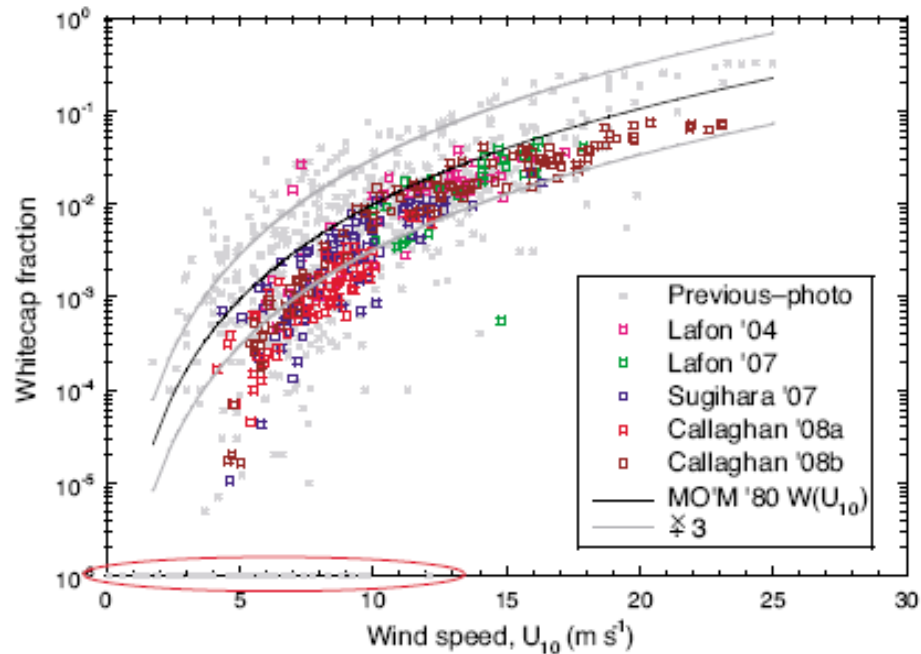


# Prior and recent production flux





# RECENT PHOTOGRAPHIC DETERMINATIONS OF WHITECAP FRACTION



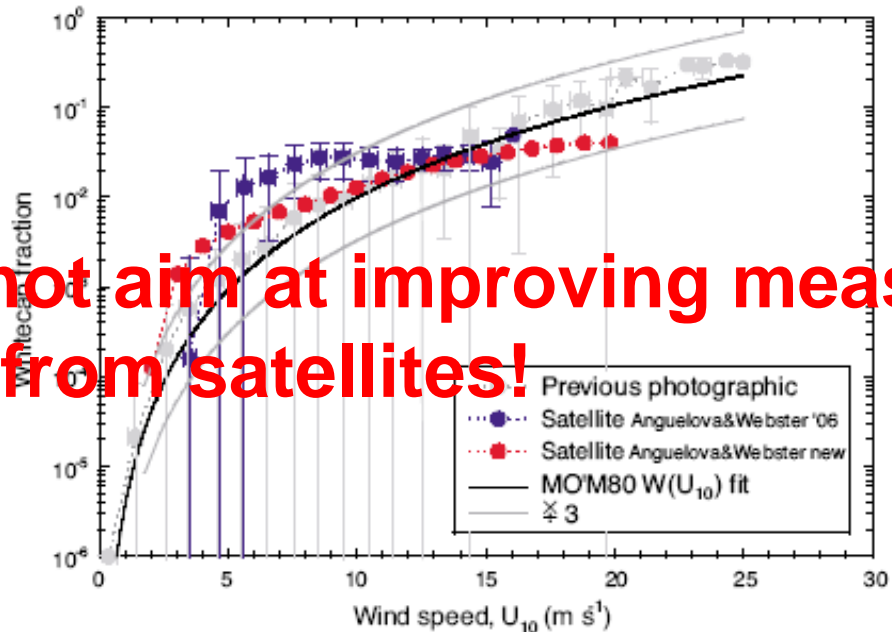
- Spread in observations shows influence of factors other than wind speed.
- Note many zero's in prior data. New photographic observations tend lower; better statistics, no zero's.
- Monahan–O'Muircheartaigh fit based on prior data is widely used; gray lines are factor of 3 above/below to guide the eye.





# RECENT SATELLITE DETERMINATIONS OF WHITECAP FRACTION

**OSSA will not aim at improving measurements of Whitecaps from satellites!**



Satellite observations give widespread coverage over large  
Satellite observations tend **higher**, better statistics, no zero's.



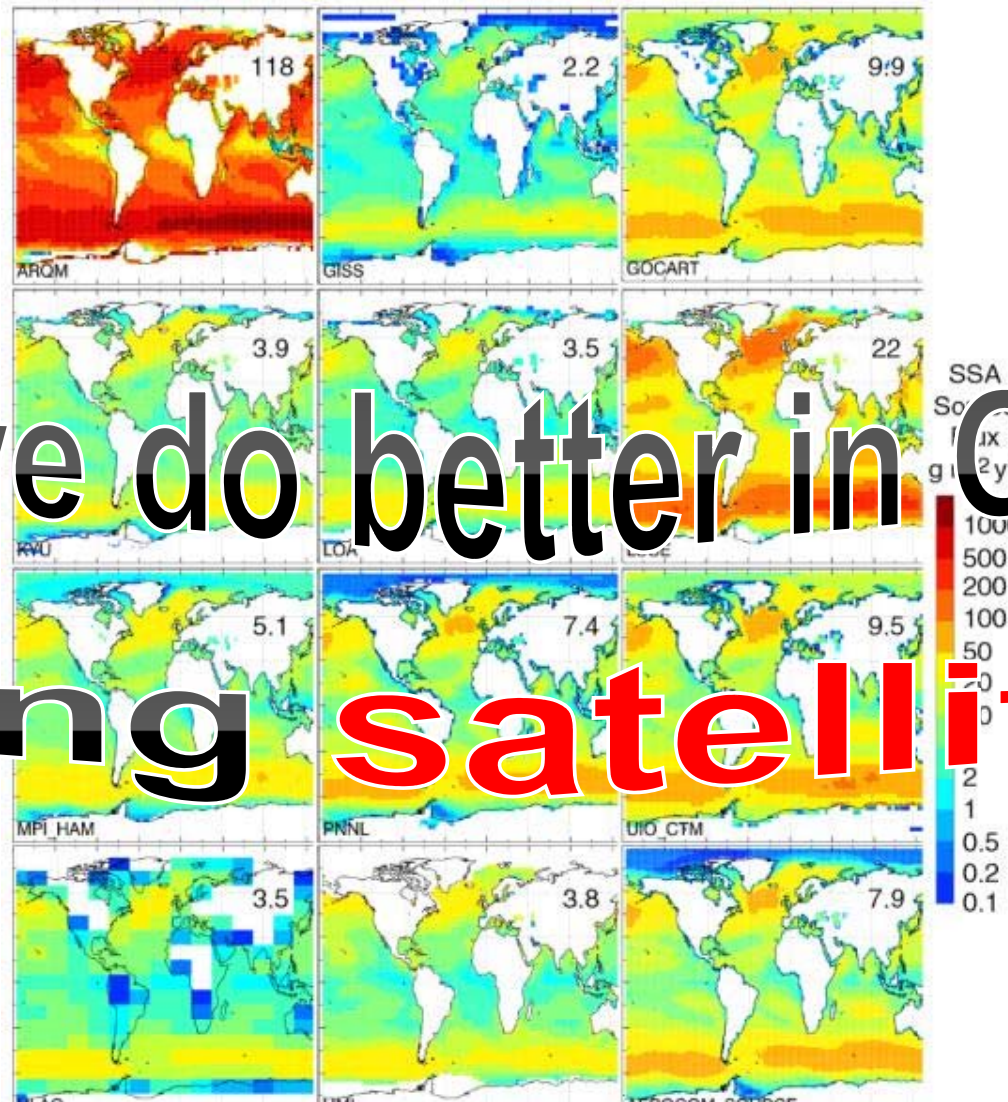
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# Can we do better in OSSSA? Using satellites?







## OSSA objective

- The objective of the *OceanFlux/Sea-Spray* Aerosol project is to exploit (European) multi-mission satellite data to improve the characterization of the SSSF for the purpose of reducing uncertainty in SSA emissions, SSA atmospheric burden and the resulting climatically important direct and indirect radiative effects.
- An important issue in OSSA is the interaction with (potential) users, e.g., climate modelers, who are invited to attend workshops and provide feedback through questionnaires.



## Tasks (1)

- Assess the utility of the available sources of (European) (and other) satellite and GCM information on the biogeophysical parameters controlling SSA emission for characterization of the size- and composition-dependent SSSF (3000).
- Investigate the relationship of these parameters to *in-situ* SSA measurements via SSSF parameterization and CTM modeling (5100).
- Develop an improved parameterization of the SSSF making best use of all available European satellite information, supplemented with physical atmospheric or ocean model data where necessary (5200).





## Tasks (2)

- Integrate the new SSSF in the aerosol microphysics of a GCM to predict the global and seasonal distribution of SSA (6100).
- Validate the global SSA distribution against ground based sun photometer and satellite aerosol optical depth measurements (6100).
- Calculate, through further global GCM modelling, the direct (solar light scattering) and indirect (cloud albedo and cloud lifetime) radiative effects of SSA (6200, 6300).

Uncertainties in the SSSF, global SSA distribution and direct and indirect radiative effects will be fully characterized.



# Satellites for sea spray production

What kind of data can we use?

- Wind speed
- Oceancolour for organic matter
- Sea surface temperature
- Wave information
- Salinity?

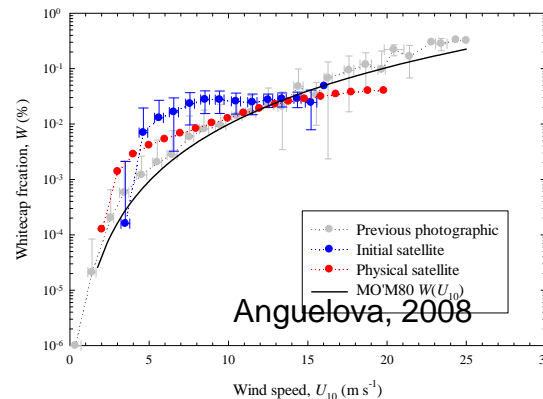
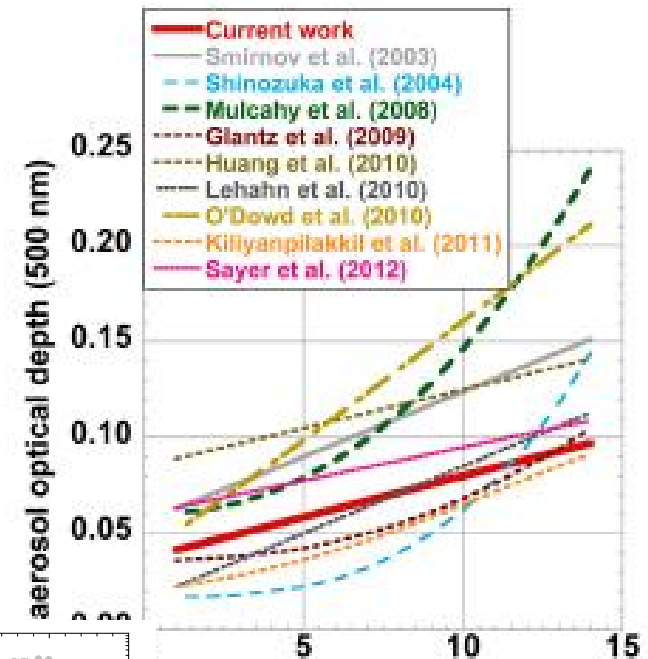
What data sets are suitable?

- In situ
- Ground-based remote sensing
- Satellite



# Use of EO data in SSA production studies

- Correlate AOD with wind speed
- Model evaluation
- Combine EO, model & in situ data to improve parameterizations
- Direct measurements of whitecap fraction – global

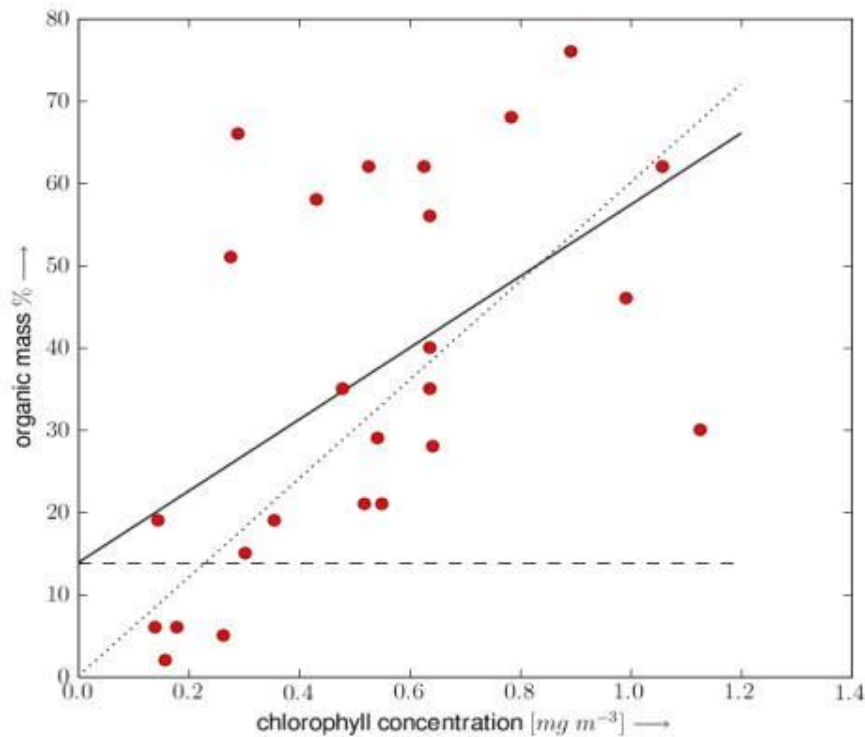


Direct measurements of whitecap fraction not used in OSSA: uncertainties large and not understood; work in progress at NRL and at TNO

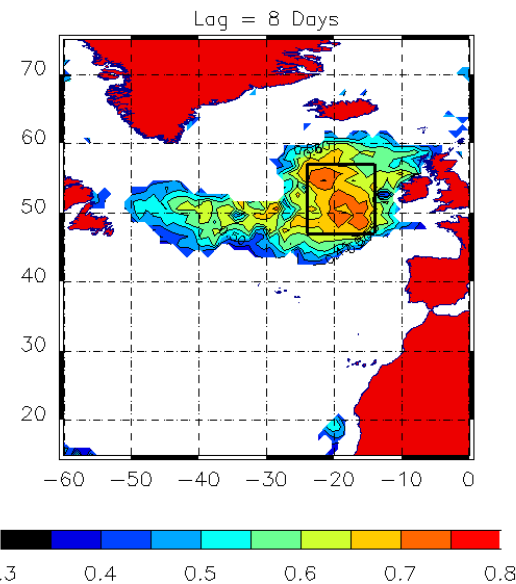


# Parameterization of OM fraction

Based on O'Dowd et al. (2004)



~2/3 of global emission of OM due to bias  
(Albert et al. *Atm Env* 2012)



OM bio proxy correlation analysis reveals effects of algae blooms on OM at Mace head  
(Rinaldi et al, in preparation)



Meskhidze et al.

## Parameterization OM fraction in SSA as function of U10, Chl-a

$$OM_{SSA}(chl-a, U_{10}, D_p) = \frac{\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-2.63[chl-a] + 0.18U_{10})}}{1 + 0.03 \exp(6.81 D_p)} + \frac{0.03}{1 + \exp(-2.63[chl-a] + 0.18U_{10})} \quad (1)$$

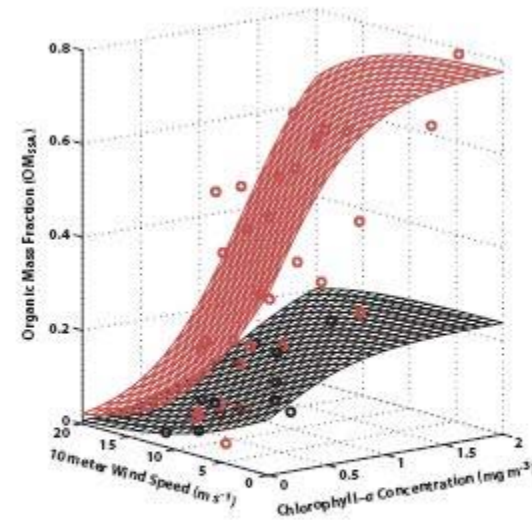


Fig. 3. Organic mass fraction of sea spray aerosol as a function of both 10 m wind speed and [Chl-a] for (a) Mace Head (red) and Point Reyes (black) with the surface regression based on Eq. (1) in the same color scheme for each site.

Based on Gantt et al. (2011) & Facchini et al., (2008)





# Water temperature (Jaeglé et al., 2010)

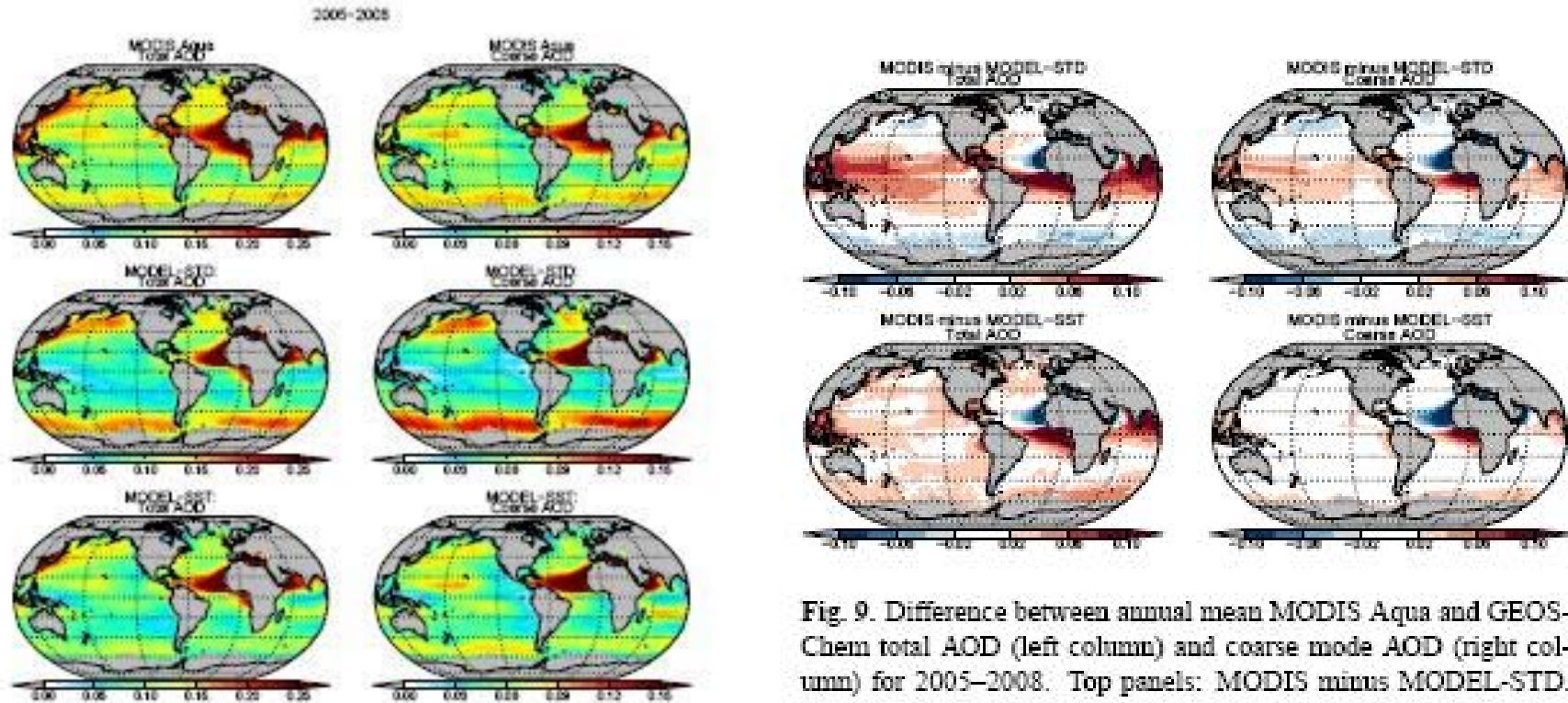


Fig. 9. Difference between annual mean MODIS Aqua and GEOS-Chem total AOD (left column) and coarse mode AOD (right column) for 2005–2008. Top panels: MODIS minus MODEL-STD. Bottom panels: MODIS minus MODEL-SST.





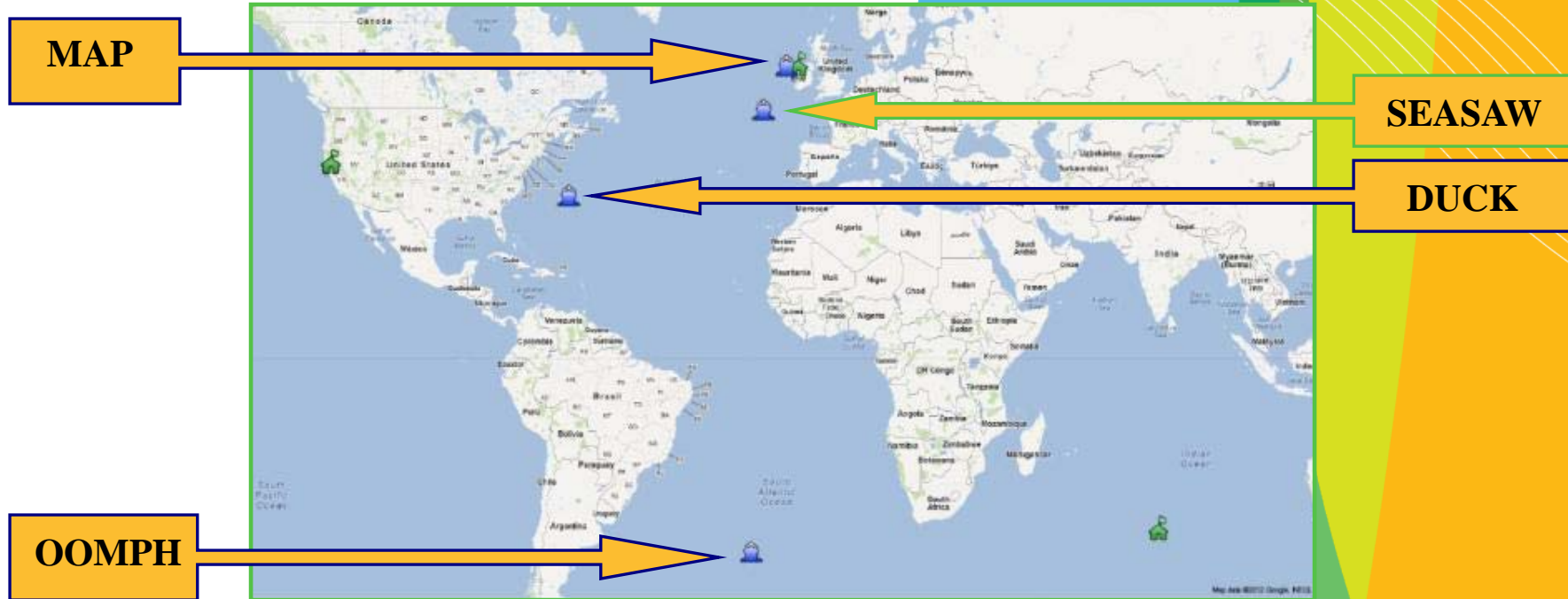
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# SSSF development



**MAP:** white cap parameterization based on wind speed and wave history along with EO data

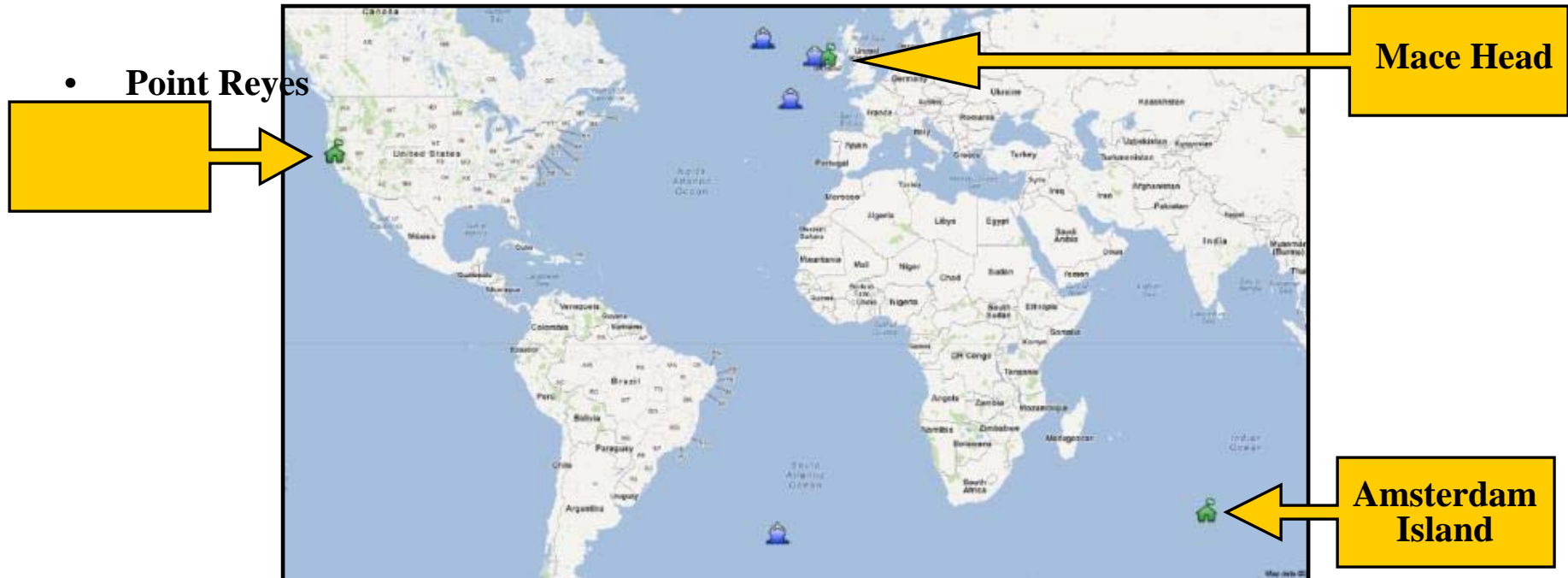
**OOMPH:** Aerosol chemistry data for the validation and evaluation of the SSSF

**DUCK:** SSSF improvement by Micrometeorological Method

**SEASAW:** SSSF improvement by Micrometeorological Method



# SSSF validation and evaluation



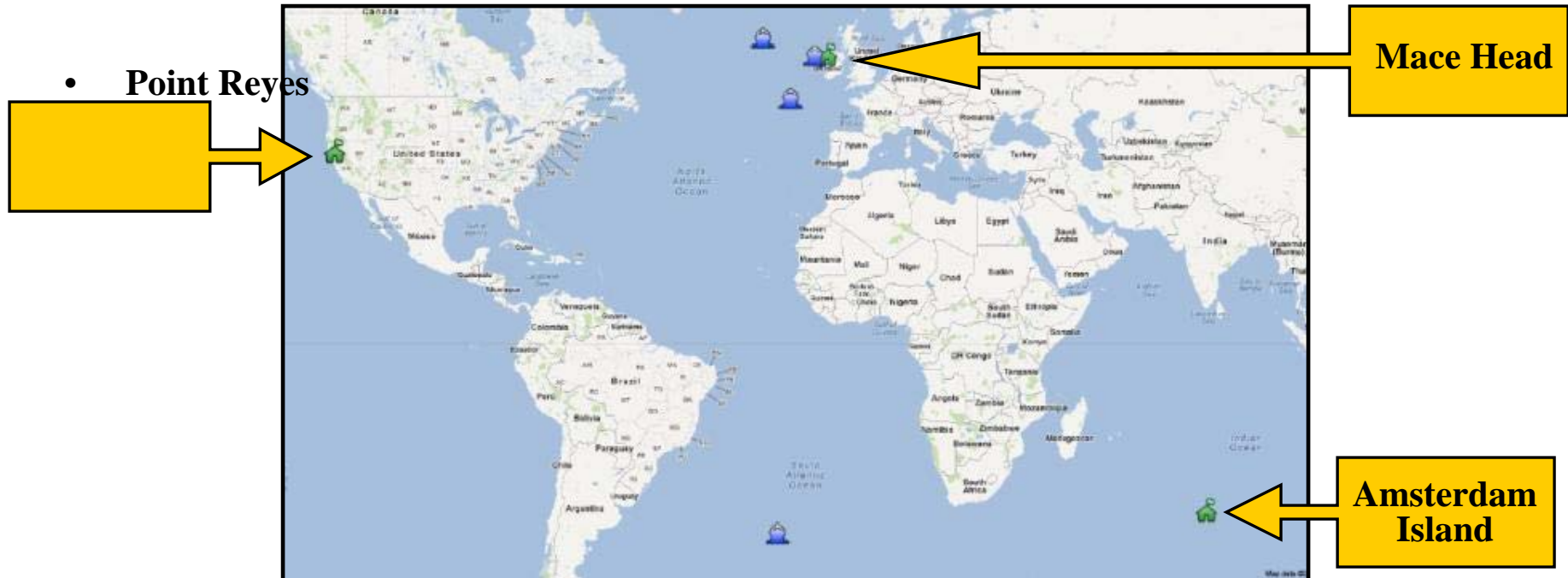
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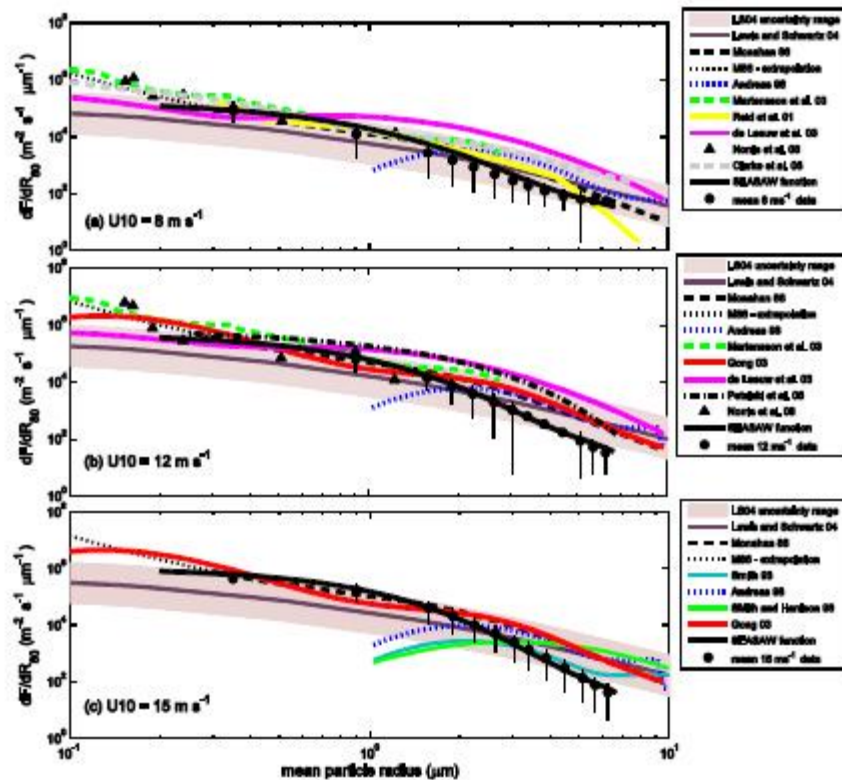
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# Micrometeorological flux, open ocean



Norris et al., JGR 2012:

Black line and data points (filled circles)

But there are problems with the ec method:

- Intermittent
- Wave induced flow
- RH correction
- Ship motion
- etc

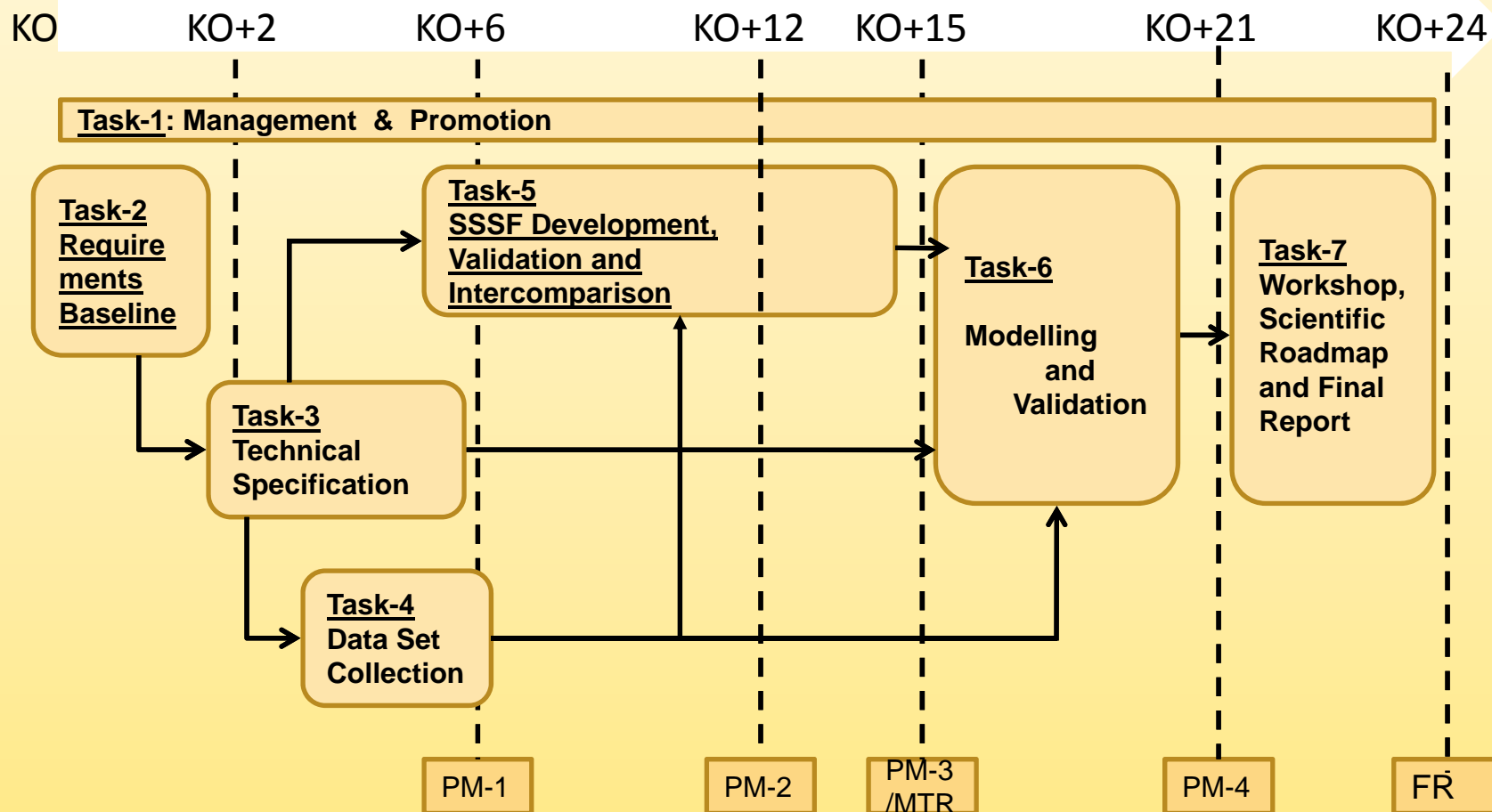




# The OSSA project



## OceanFlux Sea-Spray Aerosol – Work Logic





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