

Interactive comment on “Background error covariance with balance constraints for aerosol species and applications in data assimilation” by Z. Zang et al.

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