

We thank the Executive editor and both of the referees for raising to our attention important points. We are certain that after addressing these points in the revised manuscript have improved the quality of the manuscript. We have addressed all the points raised by the editor and referees and have marked the relevant corrections in blue in the revised manuscript.

### **Answer to Executive editor short comment #1**

According to the Executive editor some technical requirements have not been met in our manuscript and thus we have revised those points. From here below we discuss the “Short comments” of the Executive editor. The editor's comments are marked in black and our answers are marked in blue.

#### **Short comments:**

- "The main paper must give the model name and version number (or other unique identifier) in the title."
  - Code must be published on a persistent public archive with a unique identifier for the exact model version described in the paper or uploaded to the supplement, unless this is impossible for reasons beyond the control of authors. All papers must include a section, at the end of the paper, entitled "Code availability". Here, either instructions for obtaining the code, or the reasons why the code is not available should be clearly stated. It is preferred for the code to be uploaded as a supplement or to be made available at a data repository with an associated DOI (digital object identifier) for the exact model version described in the paper. Alternatively, for established models, there may be an existing means of accessing the code through a particular system. In this case, there must exist a means of permanently accessing the precise model version described in the paper. In some cases, authors may prefer to put models on their own website, or to act as a point of contact for obtaining the code. Given the impermanence of websites and email addresses, this is not encouraged, and authors should consider improving the availability with a more permanent arrangement. Making code available through personal websites or via email contact to the authors is not sufficient. After the paper is accepted the model archive should be updated to include a link to the GMD paper.
1. Thus add the model name and version number SALSA 2.0 in the title of your article.

We have modified the title of the article as: “In-cloud scavenging scheme for sectional aerosol modules - Implementation in the framework of SALSA2.0 global aerosol module”

2. We very much appreciate that, while HAMMOZ is license restricted, a stand-alone version of SALSA 2.0 is made available. However, please note, that GMD is demanding authors to provide a persistent access to the exact version of the source code used for the model version presented in the paper. As explained in [https://www.geoscientificmodel-development.net/about/manuscript\\_types.html](https://www.geoscientificmodel-development.net/about/manuscript_types.html) the preferred reference to this release is through the use of a DOI which then can be cited in the paper. For projects in GitHub a DOI for a released code version can easily be created using Zenodo, see <https://guides.github.com/activities/citable-code/> for details.

We have added the DOI using Zenodo for the SALSA2.0 to the “Code availability” section as follows: “The stand-alone zero-dimensional version of SALSA2.0 is distributed under the Apache-2.0 licence and the code is available at <https://github.com/UCLALES-SALSA/SALSA-standalone/releases/tag/2.0> (last access: 23 May 2018, Kokkola et al., 2018b) with DOI <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1251668>”. We have also moved the ECHAM-HAMMOZ model revision text “The model data can be reproduced using the model revision r5511 from the repository [https://redmine.hammoz.ethz.ch/projects/hammoz/repository/changes/echam6-hammoz/branches/fmi/fmi\\_trunk](https://redmine.hammoz.ethz.ch/projects/hammoz/repository/changes/echam6-hammoz/branches/fmi/fmi_trunk) (last access: 8 March 2019, HAMMOZ consortium, 2019). The settings for the simulations are given in the same folder, in folder “gmd-2020-220.” from the “Data availability” section to the “Code availability” section.

3. Finally note, that according to our new Editorial (v1.2) all data and analysis / plotting scripts should be made available.

We have added DOI for our data and analysis/plotting scripts to the “Data availability” section and modified the text as follows: “The data for reproducing the figures and codes for the figures can be obtained directly from authors or from <https://etsin.fairdata.fi/dataset/f3cb5807-66fe-4a0d-a20a-ac208d3aab5a> (last access: 29 June 2020, Holopainen et al., 2020) with DOI <https://doi.org/10.23729/301df277-8147-4700-8652-ca491f2b58a>”. In addition, we have added DOI for the ATom aircraft measurements in the “Data availability” section as follows: “ATom aircraft data can be obtained through the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) [https://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/dsviewer.pl?ds\\_id=1581](https://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/dsviewer.pl?ds_id=1581) (last access: 25 November 2019, Wofsy et al., 2018) with DOI <https://doi.org/10.3334/ORNLDAAC/1581>”.

## Answer to Referee #1

According to the referee's comments the contents of the manuscript have been revised. Major points by the referee were that the aspects of model description and discussion lacked clarity and thus these aspects are revised. The new aspects of our wet deposition scheme are also revised as well as clearer presentation of the recommendations for the global modelling community.

From here below we discuss the "Specific Comments" and "Technical Corrections" of the referee. The referee's comments and corrections are marked in black and our answers are marked in blue.

### Referee comments #1:

#### Specific Comments

1. An identification of the model used in the study would be of help to readers of the abstract.

This is a good point and we have added the details of the model and its version to the abstract as follows: "We used the latest release version of ECHAM-HAMMOZ (ECHAM6.3-HAM2.3-MOZ1.0) with SALSA microphysics package to test and compare our scheme."

2. Line 10-11: Please clarify what sizes are meant by 'small particles'. As well, the number of these particles could be influenced by changes in the rate of new particle formation. As a result, it is not clear that this decrease in number concentration indicates that impaction scavenging is increased relative to the fixed coefficient scheme.

In the revised manuscript, we have added a clarification to the sizes meant by 'small particles' as follows: "On the other hand, the number concentrations of particles smaller than 100 nm in diameter show a decrease, especially in the Arctic region.". The sensitivity studies in an article from Croft et al. (2010) state that impaction scavenging is the mechanism mostly affecting the number of smallest particles. This would indicate that the impaction scavenging is increased in the current scheme in comparison to the fixed coefficient scheme. However, the condensation sink reduces the new particle formation and thus also reduces the concentrations of particles smaller than 100 nm. Thus, we have modified the sentence starting from line 10 as follows: "These results could indicate that, compared to fixed scavenging coefficients, nucleation scavenging is less efficient, resulting in an increase of the number concentration of particles larger than 100 nm. In addition, changes in rates of impaction scavenging and new particle

formation (NPF) can be the main cause of reduction of the number concentrations of particles smaller than 100 nm.”.

3. Lines 15-16: Why was the simulation baserun\_old excluded from the comparisons with observations? Please consider including this simulation in comparisons with the observations.

This is a good point and we have added the vertical profiles of baserun\_old to figures 5 and 6 to the revised manuscript to illustrate the difference between the old and new schemes. In addition, we have modified the sentence at line 15-16 as follows: “Vertical profiles of aerosol species simulated with the scheme which uses fixed scavenging rates and the above mentioned sensitivity simulations were evaluated against vertical profiles from aircraft observations.”.

4. Line 61: ‘new in-cloud scheme’ - Please consider clearly identifying the main aspects of the scheme that are new relative to previous studies. The word ‘new’ is used 5 times in this paragraph and repeatedly throughout the manuscript. It could be helpful to the readers to provide information that assists with understanding the developments made here relative to earlier work.

Since we also use parts of the modal scheme of ECHAM-HAMMOZ, instead of “new”, we will use terms “our” and “current”, in the revised manuscript. We have elaborated the new aspects in the last paragraph of the Introduction. These aspects refer to the calculations of in-cloud nucleation scavenging by using the fraction of activated particles from the cloud activation scheme in liquid phase clouds (described in Section 2.1) and using the surface area of particles for calculations of removal fractions in the case of ice clouds (described in Section 2.2). These calculations of in-cloud nucleation scavenging are new in the framework of ECHAM-HAMMOZ for both modal and sectional aerosol microphysics modules. In the case of the sectional microphysics module, the new aspects also refer to the calculations of in-cloud impaction and below-cloud scavenging in a more size dependent method, as it was done in Croft et al. (2010) and Croft et al. (2009) (described in Section 2.3).

5. Eq. 1 – Are certain of these variables in-cloud versus grid-box mean?

The values in Eq. 1 are in-cloud values and we will clarify this in the revised manuscript.

6. Line 107: Is the aerosol diameter wet or dry for this calculation?

The diameters for this calculation are wet diameters and we have added the term “wet” to the text.

7. Line 113: What aerosols are ice nuclei in the model?

In the model, only particles which include mineral dust and black carbon are considered as ice nuclei and the way this is treated in ECHAM-HAMMOZ is described in detail by Hoose et al. (2008). We have added this to the end 3rd paragraph of Section 2.3 in the revised manuscript as follows: “In our model, only particles which include mineral dust and black carbon are considered as ice nuclei (Lohmann et al., 2007).”.

8. Line 133-135: Is there a model version number? Please clarify what you mean by ‘its sensitivity’.

The referee is correct here as more clarification is needed here. Thus, we have modified the text as follows: “To test how the in-cloud wet deposition scheme affects simulated global aerosol concentrations, we used it with the Sectional Aerosol module for Large Scale Applications version 2.0 (hereafter referred to as SALSA) in our ECHAM-HAMMOZ global model simulations. In addition, we tested how sensitive the simulated aerosol concentrations are to emission sizes, mixing, and aging, when this scheme is used.”.

As mentioned above, the exact model version of the coupled ECHAM-HAMMOZ is now given in the Abstract.

9. Line 149: ‘refine the entire scavenging scheme’. Is below-cloud scavenging also modified? Are both convective and stratiform wet removal modified? Please provide clarification about the wet removal treatment for the stratiform versus convective clouds. Are there differences between these two? How is the cloud fraction parameterized for each for the purposes of wet removal? Are there differences in the assumed updrafts for cloud droplet activation for stratiform and convective clouds?

The below-cloud scavenging was in fact modified in our simulations following Croft et al. (2009) to be more size dependent. However studies have found that below-cloud scavenging does not account for total aerosol mass deposition budgets nearly as much as in-cloud scavenging and thus we have neglected the analysis of this in our study. We have added a short description of the below-cloud scavenging to the end of Section 2.3 as follows: “For below-cloud scavenging, we used the Croft et al. (2009) method, in which we approximated each size class to be a log-normal mode. The size dependent collection efficiency for rain and snow uses an aerosol and collector drop size parameterization described in detail in Croft et al. (2009). Several studies have found that below-cloud scavenging of aerosols does not contribute to the mass deposition budgets as much as in-cloud scavenging does (Croft et al., 2009, 2010; Flossmann and Wobrock, 2010). Thus, we did not analyse below-cloud scavenging separately in our simulations.”.

In our current wet removal scheme, only the stratiform cloud case is modified. For the convective case the model uses prescribed parameters presented in detail in Bergman et al. (2012). The cloud fraction for all of the simulations is parameterized according to

Tompkins et al. (2002). The updrafts are the same for both stratiform and convective cloud cases.

10. Line 154-155: What size is meant by 'large particles'? What size is meant by 'fairly small'? Did you conduct any test simulations for dust without the modified activation scheme but with the revised wet removal?

This was admittedly ambiguously phrased and we have rephrased this in the revised manuscript as: "This is because for larger than  $1 \mu\text{m}$  insoluble particles with thin soluble coating (for instance mineral dust) the insoluble fraction is ignored in the cloud activation calculation and for those particles the activation is calculated as would be calculated for particles with dry size of the soluble part of the particles, thus making them less prone for activation.". We did in fact conduct a simulation for mineral dust without the modified activation scheme with revised wet removal and it massively decreased the number of activated dust particles in the largest insoluble size classes, but the compounds studied here (BC, OC, and SO<sub>4</sub>) were not noticeably affected.

11. Eq. 5-7: Please clarify if this is wet aerosol radius.

In Eq. 5-7 the radius refers to wet aerosol radius and we have added the term "wet" to the text for these equations.

12. Line 165: 'assume each size class is a lognormal mode' – for consistency is this same assumption also made for the nucleation scavenging? In that case, are separate scavenging coefficients calculated for mass versus number?

For the nucleation scavenging we do not make the assumption that each size class is a log-normal mode. Instead the cloud activation scheme calculates the fraction of activated particles in each size class separately and thus we do not need to make this assumption. Separate scavenging coefficients are also calculated for number concentration and mass concentration in the case of impaction.

13. Eq. 7 and Eq. 8: Are there specific references for the collision efficiencies, terminal velocity and ice crystal radius used here?

The collision efficiencies, terminal velocity and ice crystal radius in Eq. 7 and Eq. 8 follow the calculations summarized in Croft et al. (2009). Originally, the more detailed calculations for these values were presented in Slinn et al. 1984, Pruppacher and Klett 1998 and Seinfeld & Pandis 1998.

14. Section 2.4: Please clarify if the SALSA module is coupled to ECHAM6.3-HAM2.3-MOZ1.0 for all simulations.

This is a good suggestion by the referee and we have added clarification to the beginning of Section 2.3 as follows: “SALSA is the sectional aerosol module of ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model.” and to the end of Section 2.4 as follows: “SALSA global aerosol module is coupled in the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model for all of the simulations presented in this study.”.

15. Section 2.3-2.5: Please consider adding a description about the treatment of aerosol aging in the baserun\_old and baserun\_new. Is there any exchange between the soluble and insoluble classes in the baserun simulations?

We have added clarification in the manuscript to the beginning of Section 2.5 as follows: “The treatment of aerosol aging is identical in baserun\_old and baserun\_new, i.e. there is no artificial transfer of insoluble particles to soluble size classes. However, aerosol mass can be transferred from the soluble to the insoluble population through coagulation.”.

Also consider adding brief discussion about the treatment for OA emissions, sulfate emissions and chemistry. As well, do the simulated particles grow by aqueous phase sulfate production? What is the treatment for removal of gas-phase particle precursors?

For details of aerosol emissions and chemistry, we will direct the reader to Kokkola et al., 2018 which describes the implementation of SALSA to ECHAM-HAMMOZ together with its evaluation and we will add a sentence to the beginning of Section 2.3 as follows: “Details for calculations of aerosol emissions and chemistry in SALSA are presented in Kokkola et al. (2018a).”. Particles do grow by aqueous phase sulfate production. In the removal of gas-phase particle precursors, we assume that their uptake by cloud droplets follows Henry’s law (Bergman et al. 2012).

Consider mentioning here that the model does not include secondary organic aerosol.

We will mention this in the revised manuscript at the end of Section 2.4.

16. What is the treatment of below-cloud wet removal in these simulations? In the subsequent discussions, consider addressing how these parameterizations impact your conclusions. Likewise, what is the treatment of dry deposition and how does that affect your conclusions?

The treatment of below-cloud wet removal fractions in our simulations are obtained from a prescribed lookup table for which the calculations are presented in detail by Croft et al. (2009). We have also added a short description of this to the end of Section 2.3. As was mentioned in Point 9., we did not analyze the impact of below-cloud as studies have found that below-cloud scavenging does not account for total aerosol mass deposition budgets nearly as much as in-cloud scavenging. The treatment of dry deposition is

presented in detail by Bergman et al. (2012) and it has not been modified for our simulations as this study focuses mainly on wet deposition. Thus, a more detailed analysis of the effect of dry deposition is beyond this study.

17. Please consider referring to Fig. 1 at the start of Section 2.5 to help the reader to better follow the details presented.

This is a good point by the referee and in the revised manuscript, we have changed the order of Fig. 1 and Table 1 and referred to Fig. 1 at the end of the first paragraph in Section 2.5.

18. Table 1: The color and line style for baserun\_old and BC\_soluble are very similar. Please consider revising.

This is a good remark from the referee and in the revised manuscript we have modified the color and line style of simulation BC\_soluble in Table 1 and Fig. 5-6 to be more recognizable from baserun\_old simulation.

19. Line 213-214: Does the model also include biofuel emissions?

Yes, we use ACCMIP emission data in which biofuel emissions are included.

20. Line 232-234: Are the baserun\_old and baserun\_new simulations not coupled to ECHAM-HAMMOZ but the sensitivity simulations are coupled and why? The text did not appear clear on the related description. Are the cloud microphysics parameterizations that are relevant for the wet removal different between the baserun simulations and the sensitivity simulations?

All of our simulations are coupled in ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model using the SALSA2.0 global aerosol module. Thus, the cloud microphysics stay the same for all of the simulations. For clarification we have modified the end of Section 2.6 as follows: "The analysis is made between the old and the current wet deposition scheme using the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global aerosol-climate model with the SALSA aerosol module. In addition, the sensitivity of the current scheme to emission sizes, aging, and hygroscopicity of BC-containing aerosol, is tested using ECHAM-HAMMOZ with SALSA."

21. Section 2.7: What are the size ranges for the SP2 and HR-AMS? Do you extract mass concentrations from the model with consideration to similar size ranges?

The size range for SP2 is 90-550 nm in diameter and for HR-AMS the size range is 35-1500 nm but in ATom data they use a cut off diameter of 1 micrometer. In our model

simulations, we use the full size range for BC and particles smaller than 1.7 micrometer in diameter for OC and SO<sub>4</sub>.

22. Line 245: What is the size range for the total number concentration?

In ATom aircraft measurements the size range for total number concentration is 2.7-4755 nm.

23. Line 268: 'model accumulated BC' – why does this occur, over how many years, would the model eventually reach a steady state?

To our knowledge the model accumulates BC as there are no efficient removal mechanisms in the upper parts of the atmosphere, especially with respect to the Arctic region. We simulated around 4 years of accumulation before the model reached a steady state.

24. Line 279: 'impaction scavenging is faster' – how can this be determined? If impaction scavenging is implicit in the prescribed coefficients scheme, then impaction rates cannot be directly compared between the two schemes - and as well other processes such as new particle formation can affect the number concentration. A similar question arises regarding the statement at line 273 since nucleation scavenging rates cannot be directly compared if both nucleation and impaction are implicitly represented by the fixed coefficients.

The referee is correct here that impaction rates can not be directly compared and we have noted that this was a bit too ambitious statement. Thus, in the revised manuscript we have modified the statement as follows: "In addition, the changes in rates of NPF and impaction scavenging in our current scheme result in an increased removal of small aerosol particles and thus reduce concentrations even more.". We have also modified the sentence in line 273 as follows: "This can be explained by changes in nucleation scavenging in the current scheme which reduces the wet removal of large particles and thus increases the number concentration of large particles."

25. Figure 2: Please consider using the same scale for the relative differences for all Panels.

This is a good point and we have modified the relative difference to be the same scale for all of the panels in Fig. 2 in the revised manuscript.

26. Figure 3: What is the size range for N<sub>tot</sub>?

The size range for total modelled number concentration is the full size range of the model, i.e. 3 nm - 10 micrometer.

27. Figure 4: Do these plots include both stratiform and convective wet deposition?

The plots in Fig. 4 include both stratiform and convective wet deposition.

28. Line 294: Are there observation-based lifetimes available from previous studies for OA and sulfate, in addition to the lifetimes for BC from Lund et al., 2018?

Kristiansen et al. (2016) have studied observed and modelled aerosol lifetimes and they state that accumulation mode sulfate aerosol lifetime is estimated to be around 14.3 days and they also state that models generally underestimate sulfate lifetimes. For OA, we are not aware of any acceptable observation-based study of lifetimes.

29. Line 305: Do you mean the global mean BC 'lifetimes' are spurious? The previous section did not show vertical profiles.

The referee is correct that the spurious behavior was meant for the lifetimes. Thus, we have modified the first sentence in Section 3.2 as follows: "As reported in the previous section, ECHAM-HAMMOZ, using the SALSA aerosol module, with the current, more physical scheme, in its default setup, produced spuriously long lifetimes of all aerosol compounds, especially BC."

30. Figure 5: Please consider if it would be instructive to include baserun\_old in this Figure.

This is a good suggestion, and we have now added the baserun\_old to Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 in the revised manuscript. In addition, we have added evaluation for the vertical profiles from baserun\_old simulation to the text in Section 3.2.

31. Line 335: How sensitive are the results to the assumed supersaturation?

Since cloud activation is very much dependent on the supersaturation reached in activation, results are expected to be sensitive to them. However, the Abdul-Razzak & Ghan scheme calculates the supersaturation reached at cloud droplet activation and thus in our simulations, they are not assumed.

32. Line 344: What is meant by 'simplified sulfate chemistry'?

The sulfate chemistry scheme follows Feichter et al. (1996) which makes several simplifying assumptions. For example, gas phase OH mixing ratio is assumed to follow a cosine function with maximum at noon. In the revised manuscript we have added citation to Feichter et al. (1996) for a more detailed description to the reader.

33. Line 370: 'same aerosol size distribution' – please consider if this information should be in the methods – is this assumption used for all simulations?

In the revised manuscript we have added the information to the end of Section 2.4 as follows: “In addition, the model assumes the same aerosol emission size distribution per compound and emission sector throughout the whole world.” and as mentioned earlier in point 15, details of emission size distributions are given by Kokkola et al. (2018). This assumption is valid for all simulations.

34. Lines 392: Some of this discussion was confusing – ‘3 times larger than in baserun\_new’ – where is baserun\_new shown in Fig. 7?

The referee is correct that the Fig. 7 does not show baserun\_new, but here we meant that if we compare these wet deposition mass fluxes to Fig. 4 which shows baserun\_new we can see a 3 times larger BC fraction. For clarification, we have modified the sentence at line 383-385 in the revised manuscript as follows: “The number fluxes in the soluble population for the different sensitivity simulations show most change in the two smallest size classes, which increase by a factor of approx. 1.3 in the insol2sol simulation and approx. 1.1 for BC\_large and BC\_soluble when compared to baserun\_new (shown in Fig. 4).” We also modified the text in lines 390-392 as follows: “While for BC\_large and BC\_soluble the BC mass fraction in the medium-sized insoluble particles disappears, in BC\_small the BC fraction in the 50 to 100 nm insoluble particles is about 3 times larger than in baserun\_new (shown in Fig. 4).”.

35. Line 419: Please consider presenting what are the new developments made with this wet deposition scheme relative to previous studies. As well, consider putting the study in context of previous work by presenting how the main findings of this study compare to previous similar model developments.

As mentioned above in point 4, we decided that phrasing “new” is a bit misleading and in that we have pointed out the differences between our method and previous work.

36. Line 425: Perhaps the following could be clarified in the methods – for all simulations does SALSA run with an on-line coupling to a certain version of ECHAMHAM-MOZ model and are the outputs used for the wet removal from the cloud droplet activation scheme and ice nucleation scheme from the same ECHAM-HAM-MOZ?

The referee is correct that more clarification is needed here and all of the simulation runs were done using the SALSA aerosol module which was coupled to the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model. In the revised manuscript, for clarification, we have modified the text starting from line 423 as follows: “We used the SALSA microphysics scheme coupled with the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global aerosol-chemistry-climate model to evaluate the differences between the old and current

wet deposition scheme. In addition, we used ECHAM-HAMMOZ with SALSA to test the sensitivity of the simulated aerosol concentrations to model assumptions of emission sizes, mixing, and aging when the current in-cloud wet deposition scheme was used.”.

37. Line 428: What are the main adaptations needed for this wet removal scheme relative to the Croft et al. (2010) scheme?

The main difference is that here we use the fraction of activated particles for each size class from the cloud activation scheme and it is not dependent on whether the model uses modal or sectional approach. Another difference is that we use the surface area of particles in each size class for calculating the fraction of removal by ice clouds.

38. Line 437: Please clarify how you know that ‘..impaction scavenging in the new scheme was faster’. If impaction was implicit in the prescribed coefficients scheme and new particle formation also influences particle number concentrations as noted in the text – how can this statement be justified?

As mentioned above in points 2 and 24 that this was a bit too ambitious a statement and we have now modified this to refer to Croft et al. (2010) where they state that impaction scavenging affects the small particle sizes most. In the revised manuscript we have modified this sentence as follows: “In addition, the changes in impaction scavenging rates in the current scheme compared to the original setup can reduce the number concentration of particles smaller than 100 nm (Croft et al. (2010)).”.

39. Line 460-462: The implementation of insoluble to soluble transfer is dismissed as being unsuitable. However, this aging process is commonly included with various parameterizations in global models. Are the authors able to clarify why the particular parameterization used in this study was chosen?

The referee is correct that this is a common way for treating aerosol aging. However, there is no physical basis to transferring particles from insoluble size classes to soluble ones after the insoluble particles have accumulated a certain amount of soluble material on them. To our knowledge, this transfer has not been justified in any publication. Instead, emitting BC to soluble size classes would account for mixing of BC and soluble material in emissions.

Are there certain aspects of the parameterization that could be improved with future work to enable a representation of aging from the insoluble to soluble classes?

Partitioning of semivolatile organic compounds between gas and particle phase could have a significant effect on aerosol vertical profiles and we will study this effect in the near future.

Why did the chosen parameterization for aging perform so poorly for dust in these simulations?

The method of moving insoluble to soluble bins causes aging to become too fast for dust. Thus, dust particles activate faster and are then removed too fast.

What are the emitted dust sizes?

The emissions of dust are calculated online in the model and the size and amount of emitted dust depends on the wind speed and it is described in more detail by Tegen et al. (2002) with modifications following Cheng et al. (2008) and Heinold et al. (2016).

40. Line 466: 'failed to reproduce global aerosol fields adequately: : :'. This statement is quite general. Please clarify. Does this statement refer to all aerosols – or it is specifically for BC? For example, at line 413, OC is excluded as a skill indicator.

The referee is correct that the current wet deposition scheme fails especially for BC, but when looking at the lifetimes in Table 2., we can see that also the lifetimes for other compounds are anomalous with respect to AEROCOM models. We have added clarification to the revised manuscript as follows: "To conclude, even though the current in-cloud wet deposition scheme is more physically sound than using fixed scavenging coefficients, it failed to reproduce global aerosol fields adequately in the default setup of the host model. This can be seen from the spuriously long lifetimes of all aerosol species."

Following this, we have removed the sentence "Therefore we do not use the modelled OC lifetimes as skill indicator for the sensitivity studies here."

41. Please consider including the main recommendations for future model development based on the findings of this study.

In the revised manuscript we have added future developments based on this study to the end of Section 4 as follows: "In the future, the model development should include the study of effects of the gas-particle partitioning of semivolatile compounds which could have a significant impact on the modelled aerosol vertical profiles. In addition, the issue of the level of mixing of BC with soluble compounds during emissions and in the subgrid scale processing should be further investigated."

Technical corrections:

1) Line 5: 'aerosol size' - please clarify if this is wet or dry aerosol radius

We have modified the text as follows: "For in-cloud impaction scavenging, we used a method where the removal rate depends on the wet aerosol size and cloud droplet radii."

2) Line 33: 'no or small amount' – consider removal of 'no'

We have modified the text as follows: "Transport of aerosol particles to remote regions with only small amounts of emitted particles, affects the local aerosol size distribution and composition (Rasch et al., 2000; Croft et al., 2010)."

3) Line 95-96: Check order of citations

We have changed the order of citations as follows: "(Stier et al., 2005; Seland et al., 2008; de Bruine et al., 2018)."

4) Line 48: Please check this citation as Ladino et al., 2011 appears to focus on impaction as opposed to nucleation scavenging.

We have corrected it as follows: "This process is called in-cloud nucleation scavenging (Pruppacher and Klett, 1997)."

5) Line 125: 'amount of nucleated ice particles' – do you mean number nucleated?

We have corrected this as follows: "Since we assume that the number of nucleated ice particles depends only on the aerosol surface area, the scavenging coefficient in ice-containing clouds in size class  $i$  is proportional to the ratio between nucleation rate in the size class and the total nucleation rate."

6) Figure 1: 'N' on vertical axis is not defined

We have added definition to the text as follows: "A schematic of the aerosol emission number size distribution,  $(N)$ , as a function of diameter  $D_p$ , for the different simulations is presented in Fig. 1". In addition, we have added the definition to the caption of Fig. 1 as follows: "Schematic representation of the number size distribution,  $(N)$ , of aerosols in different simulations as a function of diameter  $D_p$ ".

7) Line 259 'are lowest' – do you mean relative to other latitudes?

We have modified the text as follows: "In the tropics, these differences in the profiles are smaller, compared to the other latitude bands, with a maximum relative difference of approx."

200 % for BC and OC and slightly exceeding 150 % for SO<sub>4</sub>.”. In addition, we have modified the text in line 263 as follows: “The Arctic shows the largest differences in the vertical profiles in comparison to the other latitude bands.”

8) Line 283: ‘modest change’ – consider quantifying

We have added quantifying as follows: “There are only modest changes in the mass fluxes between the old and the current schemes. In the soluble population the largest difference is in the size class which spans diameters between 190-360 nm, where the current scheme exceeds the value of the old scheme by 0.003 µg/m<sup>2</sup>s. On the other hand, in the size class 1.7-4.1 µm, the old scheme has a higher value by 0.002 µg/m<sup>2</sup>s. In the insoluble population the current scheme exceeds the value of the old scheme by approx. 0.002 µg/m<sup>2</sup>s in the size class 190-360 nm, but in the largest size class the value of the old scheme is higher by 0.005 µg/m<sup>2</sup>s.”

9) Line 286: ‘small shift’ – consider quantifying

We have rephrased this as follows: “In addition, there is a small increase of approx. 10<sup>6</sup> #/m<sup>2</sup>s in the current scheme in the size class between 190-360 nm.”.

10) Line 288: ‘more moderate’ – consider quantifying

We have corrected this as follows: “For larger than 360 nm size classes the changes are insignificant.”

11) Line 294: consider referring to Table 2 here

We have added a sentence to line 295 as follows: “The lifetimes for different compounds can be found in Table 2.”

12) Figure 5: are these mean or median values?

The values presented here are mean values and we have added the word “mean” to all figure captions.

13) Line 355: ‘good correlation’ – consider quantifying

We have added quantifying as follows: “In the tropics, the simulations show a good correlation with the measurements as almost all of the profiles follow the shape of the profile of the ATom aircraft measurements, except for the surface concentrations, which are underestimated by a factor of approx. 2.5 compared to the measurements.”

14) Line 363: ‘fairly similar’, ‘modest differences’ – consider quantifying

We have modified this to: “The Ntot profiles are similar in shape in all sensitivity simulations, with only a modest difference (600 #/cm<sup>3</sup> at maximum), mostly at higher altitudes.”.

15) Line 365, 368: ‘fairly well’, good agreement’ – consider quantifying

We have added quantifying to these lines as follows: “In the mid-latitudes, all of the simulations represent Ntot concentrations fairly well (approximately 500 #/cm<sup>3</sup> underestimation and 4000 #/cm<sup>3</sup> overestimation at most) when compared to the measurements” and “At higher altitudes, starting from approx. 600 hPa upwards, insol2sol underestimates Ntot least, showing quite a good agreement with the measurements with only around 300 #/cm<sup>3</sup> difference at most.

16) Line 394: ‘moved to insoluble’ – do you mean moved to soluble?

Yes, this is what we mean to say here and we have modified the text as follows: “In insol2sol, most of the BC is transferred from the insoluble to the soluble aerosol population before removal, which can be seen in a strong decrease in removed insoluble aerosol number for that simulation.”.

17) Line 434: ‘large particle concentrations’ – do you mean number concentrations, what size range?

The referee is correct here and we have rephrased the sentence and the following sentence: “The current scheme also showed a significant increase of up to 600 % at maximum in the number concentration of particles larger than 100 nm which was similar in shape to the change in aerosol compound mass. However, the number concentration of particles smaller than 100 nm decreased everywhere, with a maximum decrease of 90 % in the Arctic.”.

18) Line 468: a word seems to be missing before the words ‘model produces’

The referee is correct here and for clarification we have modified the text as follows: “Based on the results of our sensitivity simulations, the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model with SALSA aerosol module produces the best vertical profiles and aerosol lifetimes with the current scheme if BC is mixed with more soluble compounds at emission time.”.

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## Answer to Referee #2

According to the referee's comments the contents of the manuscript have been revised. From here below we discuss the "Detailed comments" of the referee. The referee's comments are marked in black and our answers are marked in blue.

### Referee comments #2:

#### Detailed comments

1. Line 84: is there any significance to liq/ice sometimes appearing as superscript and sometimes as subscript? I would suggest consistently using one or the other, or clearly explaining the difference in notation if this is significant.

The referee is correct here as more clarification is needed in the notations. Thus, for clarification, in the revised manuscript, we have corrected all of the liq/ice phrases for the equations, and the text, to be in subscript.

2. Lines 181–194: please explain how SALSA fits into the framework of ECHAM-HAMMOZ, ECHAM and HAM, as this is not mentioned here and thus unclear.

ECHAM-HAMMOZ uses both modal (M7) and sectional (SALSA) microphysics representations of aerosol populations which can be selected before the model simulations. We have added a clarification to the beginning of Section 2.3 as follows: "SALSA is the sectional aerosol module of ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model." and to the end of Section 2.4 as follows: "SALSA global aerosol module is coupled in the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model for all of the simulations presented in this study."

3. Line 229: ECMWF does not make meteorological observations. Please clarify if this refers to a specific archive of third-party observations curated by ECMWF, or (as I suspect is more likely) to a reanalysis product such as ERA-5 or ERA-Interim rather than actual observations. Please cite the relevant dataset if possible.

The referee is correct here and in the revised manuscript we have modified the text in line 229 as follows: "The model vorticity, divergence and surface pressure were nudged towards ERA-Interim reanalysis data provided by ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts) (Simmons et al., 1989; Berrisford et al., 2011), and the sea surface temperature (SST) and sea ice cover (SIC) were also prescribed."

4. Line 289: less –! Fewer.

We have corrected this to be “fewer” instead of “less” in the revised manuscript.

5. Lines 298–299 and 304: please clarify that this specifically refers to ECHAM-HAMMOZ using SALSA (the widely-used modal scheme may behave differently).

We have modified the lines 298-300 in the revised manuscript as follows: “Consequently, also the ability of ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model, with SALSA aerosol module, to reliably simulate aerosol vertical profiles and long range transport of aerosol is decreased when using the more physical scheme with the default model setup.” for clarification. In addition, we have modified the lines 304-305 as follows: “As reported in the previous section, ECHAM-HAMMOZ, using the SALSA aerosol module, with the current, more physical scheme, in its default setup, produced spuriously long lifetimes of all aerosol compounds, especially BC.”.

6. Figures 5 and 6: please include baserun\_old as a reference on these plots – otherwise it’s hard to judge how the new scheme compares to the old against the actual observations.

This is a good remark from the referee and in the revised manuscript we have added baserun\_old to Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 for more specific comparison with the measurements. In addition, we have added evaluation for the vertical profiles from baserun\_old simulation to the text in Section 3.2.

7. Table 2: consider including a measure of the AEROCOM spread as well as its mean (or median) here; otherwise it’s hard to say how “significantly” outside the pack a configuration is.

This is a good point and in the revised manuscript we have added the spread of AEROCOM models to Table 2.

8. Line 401: some discussion of the caveats involved in assuming that the AEROCOM mean is the right target to tune towards would be welcome here.

This is a good suggestion and in the revised manuscript we have added a sentence after the sentence starting at line 401 as follows: “However, we must keep in mind that AEROCOM means are global climate model based results and thus it is not completely certain that these lifetimes of different compounds reflect the actual lifetimes in the real atmosphere.”.

# In-cloud scavenging scheme for sectional aerosol modules - Implementation in the framework of SALSA2.0 global aerosol module

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## Abstract.

In this study we introduce an in-cloud wet deposition scheme for liquid and ice phase clouds for global aerosol-climate models which use a size-segregated aerosol description. For in-cloud nucleation scavenging, the scheme uses cloud droplet activation and ice nucleation rates obtained from the host model. For in-cloud impaction scavenging, we used a method where the removal rate depends on the wet aerosol size and cloud droplet radii. We used the latest release version of ECHAM-HAMMOZ (ECHAM6.3-HAM2.3-MOZ1.0) with SALSA microphysics package to test and compare our scheme. The scheme was compared to a scheme that uses fixed scavenging coefficients. The comparison included vertical profiles and mass and number distributions of wet deposition fluxes of different aerosol compounds and for different latitude bands. Using the scheme presented here, mass concentrations for black carbon, organic carbon, sulfate, and the number concentration of particles with diameters larger than 100 nm are higher than using fixed scavenging coefficients, with the largest differences in the vertical profiles in the Arctic. On the other hand, the number concentrations of small-particles-particles smaller than 100 nm in diameter show a decrease, especially in the Arctic region. These results could indicate that, compared to using fixed scavenging coefficients, nucleation scavenging is less efficient and impaction scavenging is increased in the scheme introduced here, resulting in an increase of the number concentration of particles larger than 100 nm. In addition, changes in rates of impaction scavenging and new particle formation (NPF) can be the main cause of reduction of the number concentrations of particles smaller than 100 nm. Without further adjustments in the host model, our wet deposition scheme produced unrealistically high aerosol concentrations, especially at high altitudes. This also leads to a spuriously long lifetime of black carbon aerosol. To find a better setup for simulating aerosol vertical profiles and transport, sensitivity simulations were conducted where aerosol emission distribution and hygroscopicity were altered. The simulated-vertical-Vertical profiles of aerosol in these sensitivity studies species simulated with the scheme which uses fixed scavenging rates and the above mentioned sensitivity simulations were evaluated against vertical profiles from aircraft observations. The lifetimes of different aerosol compounds were also evaluated against the ensemble mean of models involved in the Aerosol Comparisons between Observations and Models (AEROCOM) project. The best comparison between the observations and the model was achieved with the new-our wet deposition scheme when black carbon was emitted internally mixed with soluble compounds instead of keeping it externally mixed. This also produced atmospheric lifetimes for the other species which were comparable to the AEROCOM model means.

## 1 Introduction

The estimated radiation budget of the Earth has large uncertainties, and a majority of these uncertainties are related to the uncertainties in the direct and indirect effects of atmospheric aerosol (IPCC, 2014). Aerosol particles can affect the climate directly by scattering and absorbing radiation and indirectly through aerosol-cloud interactions (Haywood and Shine, 1997; Twomey, 1991; Albrecht, 1989). Thus, in order to estimate the radiation budget of the Earth correctly, aerosols and their physical properties affecting radiation and cloud formation have to be modelled realistically.

Black carbon (BC) is one of the aerosol compounds which has an effect on the Earth's radiation budget via absorbing solar radiation, accelerating the melting of snow and ice, and influencing cloud formation and life-cycle (Bond et al., 2013). A large fraction of BC is emitted through incomplete combustion which is due to anthropogenic activities (Bond et al., 2013). Due to its ability to darken snow and ice covers, BC has been found to be a major warming agent at high latitudes (AMAP, 2015). In addition, it has been proposed that the mitigation of BC is one of the possible means to slow Arctic warming (Stone et al., 2014).

Transport of aerosol particles to remote regions with ~~no or~~ only small amounts of emitted particles, affects the local aerosol size distribution and composition (Rasch et al., 2000; Croft et al., 2010). In these areas, e.g. the Arctic, simulated aerosol and especially BC concentrations differ from those observed, as the transport to these regions is modelled poorly (Bourgeois and Bey, 2011; Sharma et al., 2013; Kristiansen et al., 2016). In addition, BC vertical profiles affect the uncertainty of its forcing emphasising the need to improve BC vertical profiles in global aerosol-climate models (Samset et al., 2013). The vertical distribution of aerosol compounds is found to be affected by emissions, hygroscopicity, deposition and microphysical processes, of which wet removal can be the cause of one of the major biases in the models (Kipling et al., 2016; Watson-Parris et al., 2019). Thus, one possible cause for problems in modelling long-range and vertical transport of BC is how wet removal of aerosol compounds is modelled (Bourgeois and Bey, 2011; Croft et al., 2016). Wet deposition processes are modelled very differently among global aerosol-climate models and, therefore, more research is needed to better ~~parameterise~~ parameterize and constrain wet deposition in models (Croft et al., 2009, 2010, 2016; Textor et al., 2006; Kipling et al., 2016).

Wet removal of aerosol particles from the atmosphere is a process where these particles are scavenged by hydrometeors and then carried to the surface by precipitation (Wang et al., 1978). There are two kinds of wet deposition processes: in-cloud and below-cloud scavenging (Slinn and Hales, 1971; Rasch et al., 2000; Zikova and Zdimal, 2016). In the process of in-cloud scavenging, aerosol species can enter the cloud droplets or ice crystals through a nucleation process, when they act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) or ice nuclei (IN). This process is called in-cloud nucleation scavenging (~~Ladino et al., 2011~~) (Pruppacher and Klett, 1997). In the process called in-cloud impaction scavenging, aerosol particles can be scavenged through collision with ice crystals or cloud droplets (~~Chate et al., 2003~~) (Chate et al., 2003; Ladino et al., 2011). Aerosol compounds are then removed from the atmosphere when these cloud droplets or ice crystals grow to precipitation sizes (Pruppacher and Klett, 1997; Croft et al., 2010). Below-cloud scavenging is a process where rain droplets or snow crystals, which precipitate from the cloud, sweep aerosol particles below the cloud through collision (Chate et al., 2011). Observational studies have

shown that below-cloud scavenging is strongly dependent on the rain droplet or snow crystal size distribution (Andronache, 2003; Andronache et al., 2006).

In recent years it has become evident that more detailed descriptions of wet deposition in global climate models is important (Korhonen et al., 2008; Garrett et al., 2010; Browse et al., 2012). In addition to transport, wet removal can affect the Arctic aerosol size distribution and its seasonal cycle (Korhonen et al., 2008; Croft et al., 2016). Even though the processes involved in wet removal are well known, it is still difficult to represent them well in global climate models (Eckhardt et al., 2015). In order to realistically describe the wet removal processes, a thorough knowledge on microphysics of condensation and precipitation, as well as aerosol microphysics, is needed (Rasch et al., 2000).

Here, we describe ~~a new in-cloud~~ our scheme for wet deposition using physical ~~parameterisations~~ parameterizations for nucleation and impaction scavenging in liquid and ice clouds for sectional aerosol modules. The new aspects of this scheme, compared to the modal aerosol scheme already implemented in ECHAM-HAMMOZ, are that it calculates the in-cloud nucleation scavenging rates using the activated fraction in each size class in liquid cloud case and the surface area of particles in ice cloud case. Similar approaches for liquid cloud cases exist in other global models which are using modal aerosol modules, eg. MIRAGE and CAM5 (Easter et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2013). We further tested the sensitivity of our ~~new~~ scheme to assumptions in aerosol emissions distribution and hygroscopicity. The structure of the paper is as follows. In Sect. 2 we present details on in-cloud nucleation and impaction scavenging in general and introduce our ~~new~~ in-cloud nucleation scavenging scheme for liquid and ice clouds. In addition, we present details on the aerosol module SALSA and its components, which we used to test and evaluate our ~~new~~ scheme and its sensitivity. In Sect. 2 we present the modifications performed for SALSA to include in-cloud impaction scavenging and the treatment of below-cloud scavenging. In the same section, we also present the ECHAM-HAMMOZ aerosol-chemistry-climate model and its setup which is used for testing the scheme on a global scale. In Sect. 3 we present the evaluation of our ~~new~~ scheme against a fixed scavenging coefficient scheme in terms of vertical profiles and wet deposition fluxes of different aerosol compounds. In addition, in the same section, we evaluate the vertical profiles of different aerosol compounds from the ~~sensitivity~~ simulations against those from ATom aircraft campaigns (Wofsy et al., 2018). We also compare the wet deposition fluxes, of different aerosol compounds, from different sensitivity simulations to each other. Finally, we compare the lifetimes from all of the simulations to mean from several models in the Aerosol Comparisons between Observations and Models (AEROCOM) project.

## 85 2 In-cloud wet deposition scheme

In this section we will describe the in-cloud nucleation and impaction scavenging, for both liquid and ice phase clouds. For both of these cloud phases, the removal of aerosol particles is expressed in terms of a scavenging coefficient. The rate of change

in the concentration of compound  $l$  in size class  $i$ ,  $C_i^l$ , due to in-cloud nucleation and impaction scavenging, for both liquid and ice clouds, is of the form

$$90 \quad \frac{\Delta C_i^l}{\Delta t} = C_i^l \underline{f^{cl}} \underline{f_{cl}} \left( \frac{(F_{i,nuc,liq} + F_{i,imp,liq}) \underline{f^{liq}} \underline{Q^{liq}} \underline{f_{liq}} \underline{Q_{liq}}}{C_{liq}} + \frac{(F_{i,nuc,ice} + F_{i,imp,ice}) \underline{f^{ice}} \underline{Q^{ice}} \underline{f_{ice}} \underline{Q_{ice}}}{C_{ice}} \right), \quad (1)$$

where  $F_{i,nuc,liq}$  and  $F_{i,nuc,ice}$  are the fractions of activated particles due to nucleation scavenging in liquid and ice clouds, respectively, and  $F_{i,imp,liq}$  and  $F_{i,imp,ice}$  are the scavenging coefficients due to impaction scavenging in liquid and ice clouds, respectively (Croft et al., 2010). Furthermore,  $\underline{f^{cl}} \underline{f_{cl}}$  is the cloud fraction,  $\underline{f^{liq}} \underline{f_{liq}}$  is the liquid fraction of the total cloud water,  $\underline{Q^{liq}} \underline{Q_{liq}}$  is the sum of conversion rate of cloud liquid water to precipitation by autoconversion, accretion and aggregation  
 95 processes,  $C_{liq}$  is the cloud liquid water content and  $\underline{f^{ice}}, \underline{Q^{ice}}, \underline{f_{ice}}, \underline{Q_{ice}}$  and  $C_{ice}$  are the equivalent variables for ice (Croft et al., 2010). The values in Eq. 1 are in-cloud values (Croft et al., 2010).

## 2.1 In-cloud scavenging scheme for liquid clouds

The in-cloud process of nucleation scavenging refers to activation and growth of aerosol particles into cloud droplets (Köhler, 1936). When water vapor reaches supersaturation, a fraction of the aerosol population is activated to cloud droplets. After  
 100 these cloud droplets have grown to precipitation size, the particles can be removed from the cloud through precipitation (Wang et al., 1978). The ability of an aerosol particle to activate to a cloud droplet depends on its size, chemical composition and the ambient supersaturation (Köhler, 1936).

In aerosol modules of global climate models, the aerosol size distribution can be approximated by, for example, a modal or sectional discretisation, which effectively separates the size distribution into different size classes (Stier et al., 2005; Kokkola  
 105 et al., 2018a). In each size class the fraction of activated particles can be calculated as the portion of particles that exceed the critical diameter of activation in that size class (Köhler, 1936; Croft et al., 2010). However, many models describe the nucleation scavenging by assuming a constant scavenging coefficient for different aerosol size classes

~~(Stier et al., 2005; de Bruine et al., 2018; Seland et al., 2008)~~ (Stier et al., 2005; Seland et al., 2008; de Bruine et al., 2018).

The new-current in-cloud nucleation scavenging scheme for liquid clouds introduced here, calculates the scavenging coefficients of aerosol based on the fraction of activated particles in each size class, i.e.  $F_{i,nuc,liq}$  in Eq. (1). Thus, using the  
 110 scheme requires that the atmospheric model incorporates a cloud activation ~~parameterisation~~ parameterization that calculates size segregated cloud activation. Such ~~parameterisations~~ parameterizations are e.g. Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002); Barahona and Nenes (2007).

In-cloud impaction scavenging, for liquid clouds, is a process where aerosol particles collide with existing cloud droplets  
 115 and are thereby removed from the interstitial air of the cloud (Chate et al., 2003). This aerosol scavenging by cloud droplets is based on coagulation theory, which quantifies the rate of removal. This is further used to define the scavenging coefficients by

impaction (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006). Commonly, these scavenging coefficients, for the full aerosol particle distribution, can be calculated as

$$F_{i,\text{imp,liq}}(d_p, t) = \int_0^{\infty} K(d_p, D_{\text{liq}}) n(D_{\text{liq}}, t) dD_{\text{liq}}, \quad (2)$$

120 where  $d_p$  is the [wet](#) diameter of the aerosol particle,  $D_{\text{liq}}$  is the cloud droplet diameter,  $K(d_p, D_{\text{liq}})$  is the collection efficiency between aerosol particles and cloud droplets and  $n(D_{\text{liq}}, t)$  is the cloud droplet number distribution (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006).

## 2.2 In-cloud scavenging scheme for ice clouds

In-cloud nucleation scavenging in ice clouds refers to the formation and growth of ice particles (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006). When ice particles are formed, they can quickly grow into precipitation sizes and be removed from the cloud (Korolev et al.,  
125 2011). The formation of ice particles in the atmosphere usually requires an ice nucleus (IN), but they can also be formed without IN, if the temperature is very low (Hobbs, 1993). Aerosol particles which can act as IN are usually insoluble (Marcolli et al., 2007). In addition, large particles are more efficient in acting as IN than small particles (Archuleta et al., 2005).

The nucleation rate,  $J_T$ , which is the total number of ice crystals formed in a unit volume of air per unit time, can be expressed as the sum of the nucleation rate in a unit volume of liquid solution,  $J_V$ , multiplied by the total collective volume of aerosol  
130 particles in a unit volume of air,  $V_t$ , and the nucleation rate on a unit surface area of liquid solution,  $J_S$ , multiplied by the total collective surface area of aerosol particles in a unit volume of air,  $S_t$  (Tabazadeh et al., 2002). However, experimental studies and thermodynamic calculations for the ice-water-air system suggest that the total number of ice crystals formed is dominated by surface-based processes, so that  $J_S S_t \gg J_V V_t$  (Tabazadeh et al., 2002). With this assumption the total nucleation rate can be simplified to

$$135 \quad J_T = \frac{\Delta \text{ICNC}}{\Delta t} = J_V V_t + J_S S_t \approx J_S S_t, \quad (3)$$

Global models usually give the total in-cloud ice nucleation rate, which is here segregated into size-resolved nucleation rates. Since we assume that the [amount number](#) of nucleated ice particles depends only on the aerosol surface area, the scavenging coefficient in ice-containing clouds in size class  $i$  is proportional to the ratio between nucleation rate in the size class and the total nucleation rate. Thus, we get for the scavenging coefficient, for the ice-containing clouds, in each size class

$$140 \quad F_{i,\text{nuc,ice}} = \frac{S_i}{\sum_j S_j} \frac{\Delta \text{ICNC}}{n_i}, \quad (4)$$

where  $S_i$  are the surface area concentration of size class  $i$ ,  $\Delta \text{ICNC}$  is the ice crystal number concentration obtained from the ice cloud activation scheme and  $n_i$  the number concentration in size class  $i$ . The total surface area in each size class is derived using the associated number or mass median wet aerosol radius.

## 2.3 SALSA

145 To test ~~our new~~ how the in-cloud wet deposition scheme ~~and its sensitivity~~ affects simulated global aerosol concentrations, we used it with the Sectional Aerosol module for Large Scale ~~Application~~ (Applications version 2.0 (hereafter referred to as SALSA) in our ECHAM-HAMMOZ global model simulations. In addition, we tested how sensitive the simulated aerosol concentrations are to emission sizes, mixing, and aging, when this scheme is used. SALSA is the sectional aerosol module of ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model. Details for calculations of aerosol emissions and chemistry in SALSA are

150 presented in Kokkola et al. (2018a). SALSA is a very versatile aerosol microphysics module which has been implemented in several models of very different spatial resolution (Kokkola et al., 2018a; Tonttila et al., 2017; Andersson et al., 2015; Kurppa et al., 2019). To describe the aerosol population, SALSA uses a hybrid bin sectional approach for calculating the evolution of the size distribution (Chen and Lamb, 1994; Kokkola et al., 2018a). In SALSA the aerosol population is divided into two subregions regarding their size. The first subregion is from 3 nm to 50 nm and the second is from 50 nm to 10

155  $\mu\text{m}$ . These subregions are further divided into size sections defining the minimum and maximum diameter of the particles. In each size section the aerosol particles are assumed to be monodisperse, and chemistry and different microphysical processes are calculated for each size section separately. In addition, the second subregion is divided into externally mixed soluble and insoluble populations. A more detailed description of the newest SALSA version, SALSA2.0, is presented in Kokkola et al. (2018a).

160 Originally, SALSA uses fixed scavenging coefficients,  $F_i$ , for different size classes  $i$ , in its wet deposition calculations. These coefficients include all the processes for in-cloud and ~~below-cloud~~ below-cloud scavenging (Bergman et al., 2012). The fixed coefficients, for stratiform and convective clouds with different phases (liquid, mixed and ice) and solubilities, are adapted for SALSA from the calculations presented by Stier et al. (2005), and they are presented in detail in Bergman et al. (2012). Here we refine the entire scavenging scheme by calculating the scavenging coefficients online.

165 We used the Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002) cloud activation scheme to derive the fraction of activated particles in each size class for our in-cloud nucleation scavenging calculations. However, the original activation scheme considers only the soluble material in particles and therefore neglects any possible insoluble material (Abdul-Razzak and Ghan, 2002). For computing the amount of cloud droplets formed, this is a good assumption, as usually most CCN-sized particles contain a large fraction of soluble material. However, when the insoluble fraction is large ( $>0.99$ ), the assumption may lead to an underestimation

170 of scavenged particles. This is because ~~large~~ for larger than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  insoluble particles with thin soluble coating (for instance mineral dust) ~~are indirectly assumed to be fairly small and may thus fail to activate into cloud droplets~~ the insoluble fraction is ignored in the cloud activation calculation and for those particles the activation is calculated as would be calculated for particles with dry size of the soluble part of the particles, thus making them less prone for activation. Therefore, we modified the Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002) activation calculations to account for the insoluble core in particles. The calculations are

175 otherwise the same, but the critical supersaturation for each size class is calculated using Eq. (17.38) in Seinfeld and Pandis (2006). The supersaturation calculations, used in the Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002) cloud activation, for particles containing an insoluble core are presented in appendix A. As an input for the in-cloud nucleation scavenging coefficients in ice clouds we

used the ice crystal nucleation scheme described in Lohmann (2002). In our model, only particles which include mineral dust and black carbon are considered as ice nuclei (Lohmann et al., 2007).

180 As the in-cloud nucleation scavenging was changed into a more functional method we also needed to alter the calculation of the in-cloud impaction scavenging. We calculate the in-cloud impaction scavenging in SALSA, for liquid clouds, using the same method as described in Croft et al. (2010). This method computes in-cloud impaction as a function of wet aerosol particle size ( $r_p$ ), wet median aerosol particle radius ( $r_{pg}$ ) and cloud droplet radii ( $R_{liq}$ ). Using this same information from our monodisperse size classes for aerosol particles, we can assume that each size class is a log-normal mode and the in-cloud  
185 impaction scavenging coefficients, for liquid clouds, are then obtained as

$$F_{i,imp,liq} = \Lambda_m(r_{pg}) \Delta t, \quad (5)$$

where  $\Lambda_m(r_{pg})$  is the mean mass scavenging coefficient, and it is defined as

$$\Lambda_m(r_{pg}) = \frac{\int_0^\infty \Lambda(r_{pg}) r_p^3 n(r_p) dr_p}{\int_0^\infty r_p^3 n(r_p) dr_p}, \quad (6)$$

and

$$190 \quad \Lambda(r_{pg}) = \int_0^\infty \pi R_{liq}^2 U_t(R_{liq}) E(R_{liq}, r_{pg}) n(R_{liq}) dR_{liq}, \quad (7)$$

which is called the scavenging coefficient in inverse time (Croft et al., 2010). In Eq. (6) and Eq. (7)  $n(r_p)$  is the aerosol number,  $R_{liq}$  is the cloud droplet radius,  $U_t(R_{liq})$  is the terminal velocity of cloud droplets,  $E(R_{liq}, r_{pg})$  is the collision efficiency between the aerosol particles and cloud droplets, and  $n(R_{liq})$  is the cloud droplet number (Croft et al., 2010).

The in-cloud impaction scavenging, for ice clouds, is calculated following Croft et al. (2010), but as our model assumes that  
195 the ice crystals are monodisperse, there is no need to integrate over ice crystal number distribution (Croft et al., 2010). Thus, the in-cloud impaction scavenging coefficients are

$$F_{i,imp,ice} = \pi R_{ice}^2 U_t(R_{ice}) E(R_{ice}, r_{pg}) ICNC \Delta t, \quad (8)$$

where  $R_{ice}$  is the radius of the ice crystal in its maximum extent,  $U_t(R_{ice})$  is the terminal velocity of the ice crystals and  $E(R_{ice}, r_{pg})$  is the collection efficiency of the collisions between aerosol particles and ice crystals (Croft et al., 2010).

200 For below-cloud scavenging, we used the Croft et al. (2009) method, in which we approximated each size class as a log-normal mode. The size dependent collection efficiency for rain and snow uses an aerosol and collector drop size parameterization described in detail in Croft et al. (2009). Several studies have found that below-cloud scavenging of aerosols does not contribute to the mass deposition budgets as much as in-cloud scavenging does (Croft et al., 2009, 2010; Flossmann and Wobrock, 2010). Thus, we did not analyse below-cloud scavenging separately in our simulations.

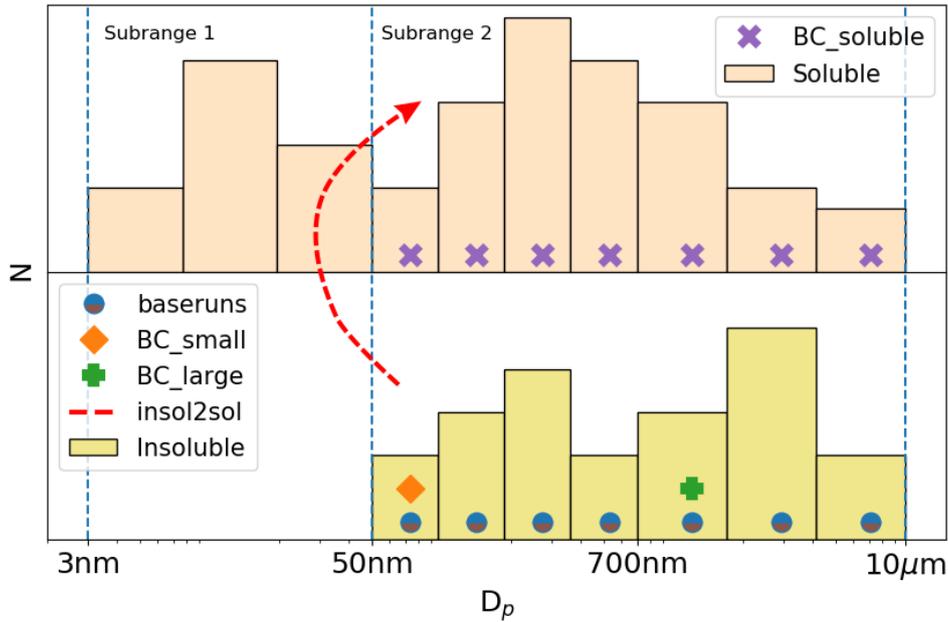
For testing the effect of the ~~new-current~~ wet scavenging scheme on global aerosol properties, we used the latest stable version of ECHAM-HAMMOZ (ECHAM6.3-HAM2.3-MOZ1.0), a 3-dimensional aerosol-chemistry-climate model. ECHAM6.3 is a general circulation model (GCM) and it solves the equations for divergence, temperature, surface pressure and vorticity (Stier et al., 2005). These large-scale meteorological, prognostic, variables can be nudged towards data from operational weather  
210 forecast models (Stier et al., 2005; Kokkola et al., 2018a).

ECHAM6.3 is coupled with Hamburg Aerosol Model (HAM), which calculates all of the aerosol properties within ECHAM-HAMMOZ. These properties include emissions, deposition, radiation and microphysics (Stier et al., 2005; Tegen et al., 2019). HAM has a comprehensive ~~parametrisation-parameterization~~ for both modal and sectional microphysics representations of aerosol populations. In addition to BC, the aerosol compounds included in this study are: organic carbon (OC), organic aerosol  
215 (OA) (here assumed to be 1.4 times the modelled OC mass), sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4$ ), mineral dust (DU) and sea salt (SS). ECHAM6.3 is further coupled to the chemistry model MOZ (not used here) which contains a detailed stratospheric and tropospheric reactive chemistry representation for 63 chemical species, including nitrogen oxides, tropospheric ozone and hydrocarbons (Schultz et al., 2018; Horowitz et al., 2003). The model does not include secondary organic aerosols. In addition, the model assumes the same aerosol emission size distribution per compound and emission sector throughout the whole world. SALSA global aerosol  
220 module is coupled in the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model for all of the simulations presented in this study.

## 2.5 Simulations

We used a total of 6 different simulations to investigate the performance of the ~~new-current~~ wet deposition scheme. The first two simulations were done with default wet deposition scheme of SALSA (hereafter referred to as "old") and the wet deposition scheme introduced in this study (hereafter referred to as "~~new-current~~"). The treatment of aerosol aging is identical  
225 in baserun\_old and baserun\_new, i.e. there is no artificial transfer of insoluble particles to soluble size classes. However, aerosol mass can be transferred from the soluble to the insoluble population through coagulation. As will be shown later, in the default model configuration the ~~new-current~~ scheme resulted in spurious BC vertical profiles. To investigate the reasons for this, we carried out 4 additional sensitivity simulations where we changed the assumptions of emission size distribution, as well as internal mixing and ageing of BC. ~~An~~ A schematic of the aerosol emission number size distribution, ( $N$ ), as a function of  
230 diameter  $D_p$ , for the different simulations is presented in Fig. 1. In addition, an overview over the different simulations, and their illustrative colors and line styles in the upcoming figures, are presented in Table 1.

In the model simulations, the runs "baserun\_new" and "baserun\_old" are used to compare the ~~new-current~~ and old in-cloud scavenging schemes. The simulations "BC\_small", "BC\_large", "BC\_soluble", and "insol2sol" were conducted to evaluate the sensitivity of the ~~new-current~~ in-cloud scavenging scheme. These sensitivity studies were chosen based on the findings of  
235 Kipling et al. (2016) who studied how model processes affect the simulated aerosol vertical profiles. Their study indicated that the processes which have the strongest effect on aerosol vertical profiles in the HadGEM model are emission distribution, hygroscopicity, deposition and microphysical processes (Kipling et al., 2016).



**Figure 1.** Schematic representation of the distribution of aerosols in different simulation runs. Schematic representation of the number size distribution, ( $N$ ), of aerosols in different simulations as a function of diameter  $D_p$ .

**Table 1.** Overview of the simulations used in this study.

Setup	Description	Illustration
baserun_old	Old ECHAM-SALSA in-cloud scavenging scheme with fixed scavenging coefficients.	-----
baserun_new	<u>New-Current</u> in-cloud nucleation scavenging using Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002) for liquid clouds and Lohmann (2002) for ice clouds. In-cloud impaction for liquid and ice clouds according to Croft et al. (2010)	=====
BC_small	All BC emissions directed to small insoluble size class.	.....
BC_large	All BC emissions directed to large insoluble size class.	.....
BC_soluble	All BC emissions directed to soluble population with the same mass distribution as for baseruns.	.....
insol2sol	Simulating ageing of insoluble particles by moving them to soluble aerosol population after they activate at 0.5 % supersaturation.	-----

In the first two sensitivity runs, we altered the BC emission distribution for SALSA. This was done so that all of the BC emissions were directed to either size class of small or large insoluble particles, respectively. In the default configuration the

240 BC emission size distributions are log-normal mass fraction distributions following AEROCOM emission recommendations (Stier et al., 2005; Dentener et al., 2006), which are remapped to the SALSA size classes. The mode radii ( $r_m$ ) and standard deviations  $\sigma$  for the original BC emission size distributions are  $r_m = 0.015 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\sigma = 1.8$ , for fossil fuel emissions, and  $r_m = 0.04 \mu\text{m}$  and  $\sigma = 1.8$ , for wild-fire emissions (Dentener et al., 2006). In the BC\_small simulation, we directed all BC emissions to an insoluble size class where particle diameter spans from 50 nm to 96.7 nm. In the BC\_large simulation, we  
245 directed all BC emissions to an insoluble size class where particle diameter spans from 0.7  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$ .

To study the sensitivity of the wet deposition scheme to BC hygroscopicity, we conducted a simulation where all BC emissions were directed to soluble size classes. The size distribution for the emissions was the same as for the baserun simulations when they are directed to the insoluble classes. This simulation is referred to as BC\_soluble in the model simulations. In the fourth sensitivity study, called insol2sol, insoluble particles are transferred to parallel size classes of soluble particles. This  
250 allows for separation of fresh and aged particles and is a method to simulate aerosol ageing used also in other global aerosol models (e.g. Stier et al., 2005). The criterion for transfer is that particles activate at a supersaturation of 0.5 %. ~~A schematic of the aerosol emission distribution for the different simulations is presented in Fig. 1.~~

## 2.6 Experimental setup

The simulations were performed with ECHAM-HAMMOZ for the year 2010, with the SALSA aerosol module, using 3-hourly  
255 data output, after a six-month spin-up. The emissions were obtained from the ACCMIP (Emissions for Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) emission inventories which are interpolated, for the period 2000-2100 by using Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5 (RCP4.5) (Lamarque et al., 2010; van Vuuren et al., 2011). The model vorticity, divergence and surface pressure were nudged towards ~~meteorological observations of ERA-Interim reanalysis data provided by~~ ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts)  
~~(Simmons et al., 1989)~~(Simmons et al., 1989; Berrisford et al., 2011), and the sea surface temperature (SST) and sea ice cover (SIC) were also prescribed. SST and SIC were obtained from monthly mean climatologies from AMIP (Atmospheric Model Intercomparison Project). The analysis is made between the old and the ~~new-current~~ wet deposition scheme using ~~SALSA~~the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global aerosol-climate model with the SALSA aerosol module. In addition, the sensitivity of the ~~new-current~~ scheme to emission sizes, aging, and hygroscopicity of BC-containing aerosol, is tested using ECHAM-  
265 HAMMOZ with SALSA.

## 2.7 ATom aircraft measurements

To see how the ~~new-current~~ scheme and the sensitivity studies reproduces the vertical properties of different aerosol compounds, we compared the model simulations against aircraft measurements. The aircraft data was obtained from all NASA's Atmospheric Tomography (ATom) missions (1, 2, 3, and 4), and the dataset was merged data from all instruments which  
270 measure atmospheric chemistry, trace gases, and aerosols (Wofsy et al., 2018).

To get the best representative comparison between the ATom aircraft measurements and model data, the model data was sampled to the same time and locations of the aircraft measurements. For the collocation of model vertical profiles with observations, we used the Community Intercomparison Suite (CIS) tool (Watson-Parris et al., 2016).

275 BC concentrations were measured with Single-Particle Soot Photometer (NOAA) (SP2) and OA and SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations with CU Aircraft High-Resolution Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-AMS) (Wofsy et al., 2018). Number concentration of particles with diameter larger than 100 nm,  $N_{100}$ , and total number concentration,  $N_{\text{tot}}$  were combined from the data measured with a nucleation-mode aerosol size spectrometer (NMASS), an ultra-high-sensitivity aerosol size spectrometer (UHSAS) and a laser aerosol spectrometer (LAS) (Brock et al., 2019; Wofsy et al., 2018).

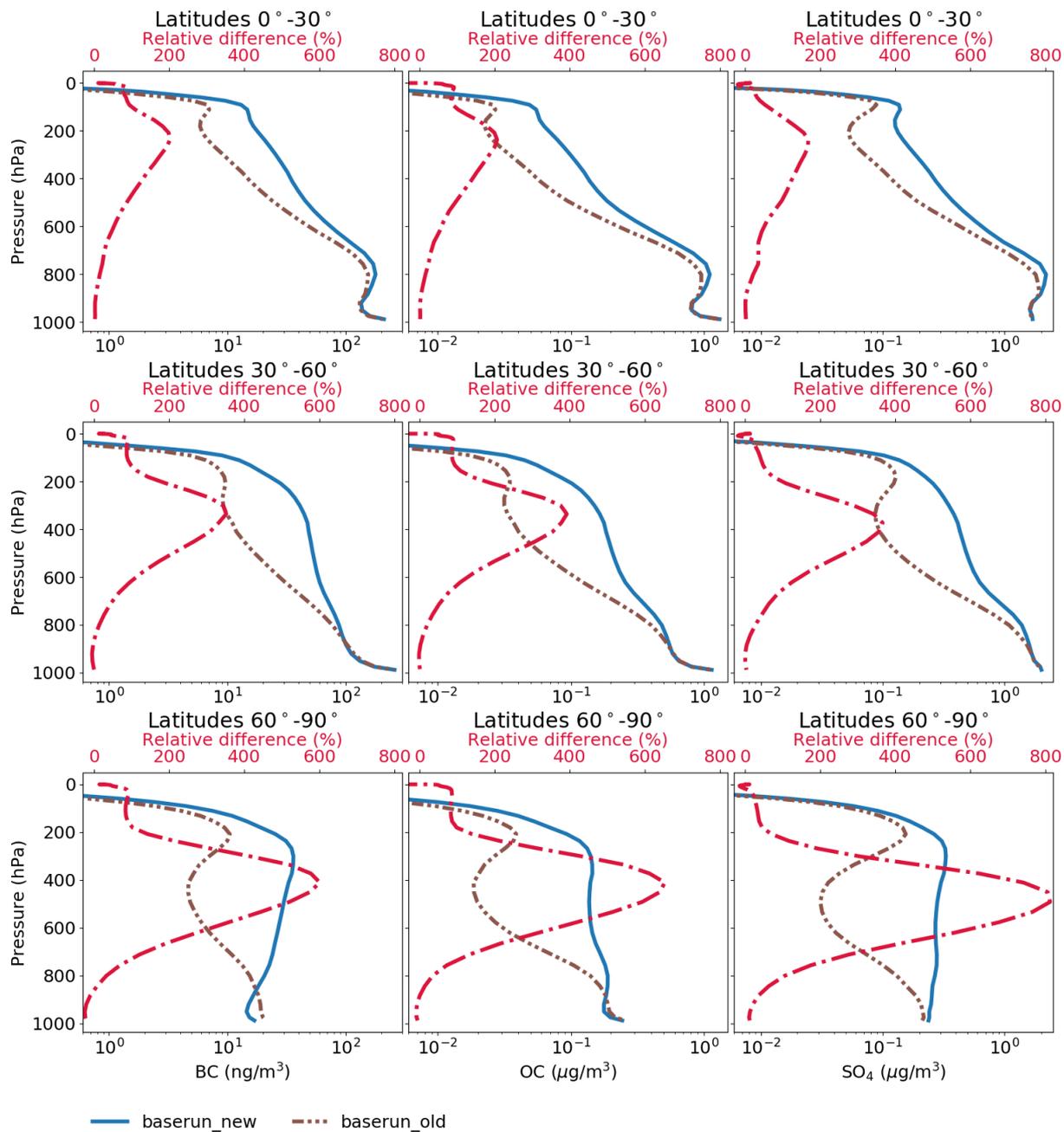
### 3 Results

#### 280 3.1 Differences between simulated values of old and new-current wet deposition schemes

First, we compared how aerosol properties differ when using the old and the new-current wet deposition schemes. In order to assess, how the two schemes affect aerosol transport and vertical profiles, we compared the modelled aerosol vertical profiles over the tropics (0-30° N), the mid-latitudes (30-60° N) and the Arctic (60-90° N). Here we focused on SO<sub>4</sub>, OC (or OA), and BC as they are readily available from the ATom aircraft campaign measurements.

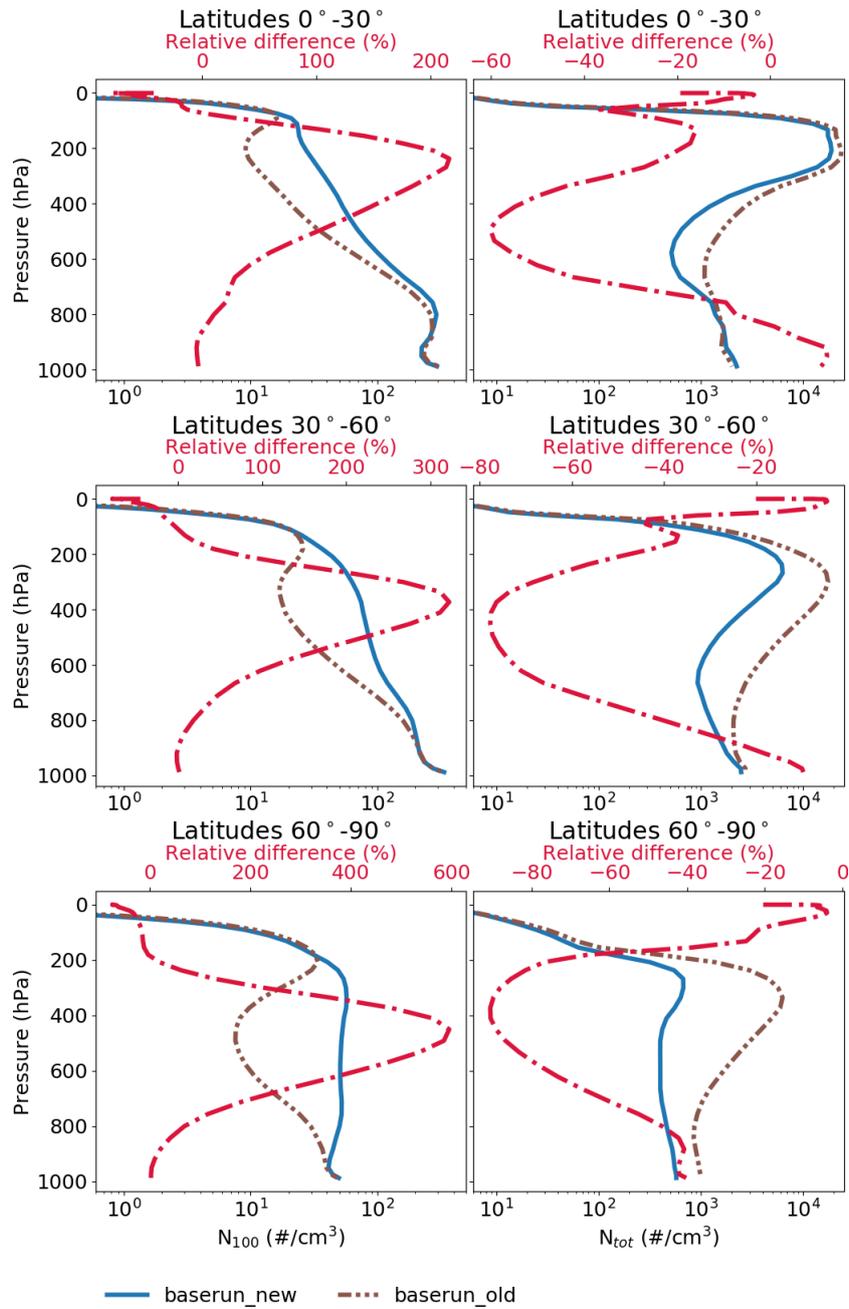
285 Figure 2 shows the vertical profile of BC, OC and SO<sub>4</sub> mass concentration simulated with the old and the new-current in-cloud wet deposition schemes. The different rows show different latitude bands, as horizontally averaged annual means. The figure illustrates that all three of the compounds show similar differences in the vertical profiles in all three latitude bands, between the two runs. The concentrations for each compound are higher for the new-current scheme compared to the old scheme for almost the entire vertical domain. The differences between the different wet deposition schemes are greatest at  
290 higher altitudes starting from approx. 900 hPa upwards. In the tropics, these differences in the profiles are lowest-smaller, compared to the other latitude bands, with a maximum relative difference of approx. 200 % for BC and OC and slightly exceeding 150 % for SO<sub>4</sub>. These maxima occur at approx. 200 hPa altitude. In the mid-latitudes, the differences are slightly higher than at the tropics and the maximum difference in the values are at ~300 hPa altitude. The new-current method shows ~350 % higher concentrations at maximum for BC and SO<sub>4</sub> and ~400 % for OC. The Arctic shows the greatest-largest  
295 differences in the compound profiles in comparison to the other latitude bands. The difference is largest at ~500 hPa altitude where the concentrations in the new-current scheme outweigh the concentrations in the old scheme by ~600 % for BC, 650 % for OC and 800 % for SO<sub>4</sub>. As emissions of these aerosol particles in the Arctic are low, most aerosol is transported into the Arctic from emission regions outside the Arctic. It is thus evident that the wet removal of these aerosol particles is reduced in the new-current scheme, which allows for the particles to be transported to higher altitudes and longer distances. In addition,  
300 we found that the model accumulates BC at the higher altitudes in simulations spanning several years (not shown), which can be considered spurious behaviour.

Figure 3 shows the vertical profile of the number concentration of particles with diameters larger than 100 nm,  $N_{100}$ , and the total number concentration,  $N_{\text{tot}}$ . The  $N_{100}$  profiles show similar differences between the old and the new-current scheme



**Figure 2.** Vertical profiles of BC (left column), OC (center column) and  $\text{SO}_4$  (right column), simulated with old and [new-current](#) in-cloud wet deposition schemes at different latitude bands. Note the different units for the different compounds.

as for the concentration profiles of different compounds in Fig. 2. In addition, the relative increase in the concentrations in  
 305 the [new-current](#) wet deposition scheme is similar. This can be explained by [less-efficient-changes in](#) nucleation scavenging



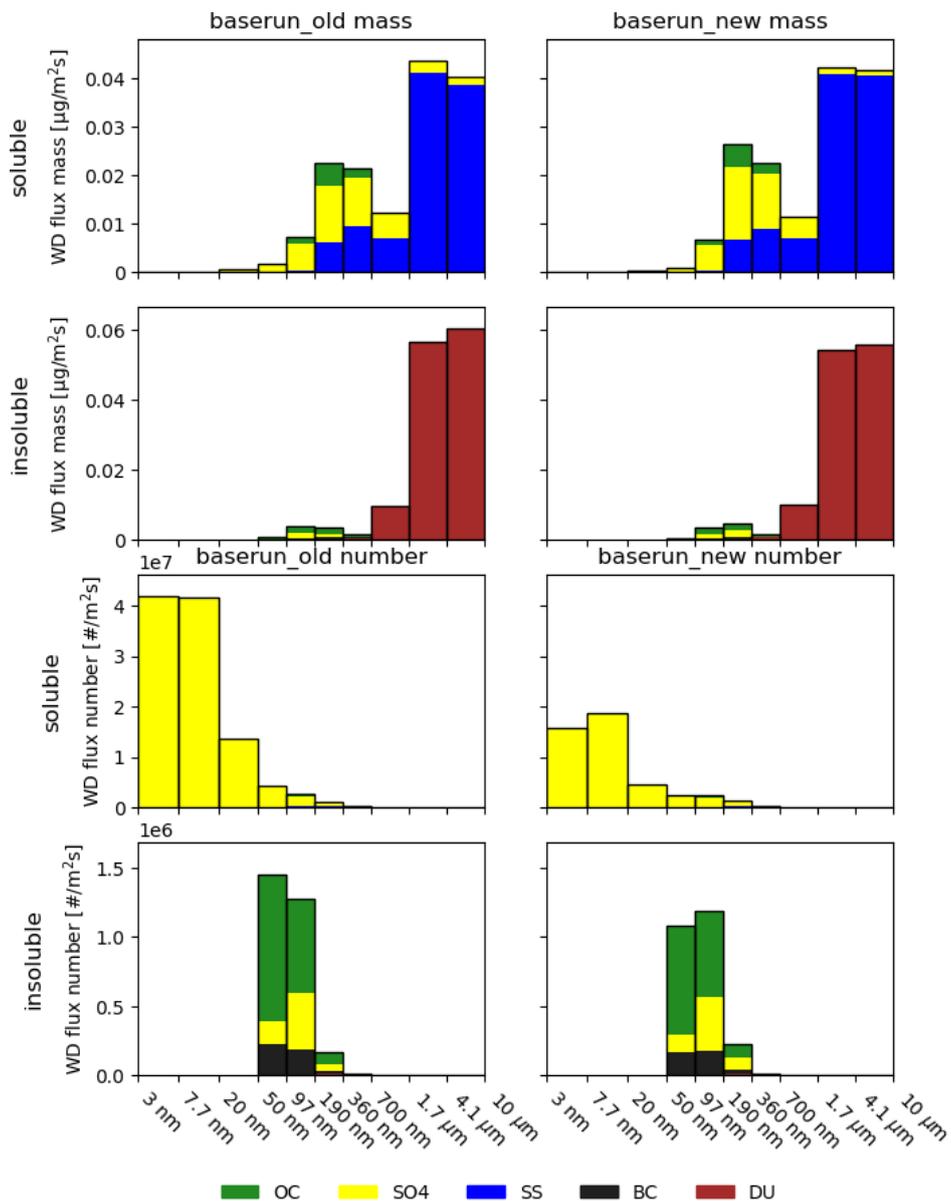
**Figure 3.** Vertical profiles of the  $N_{100}$  (left column) and  $N_{tot}$  (right column) concentrations, simulated with old and [new-current](#) in-cloud wet deposition schemes at different latitude regions.

in the [new-current](#) scheme which reduces the wet removal of large particles and thus increases the number concentration of large particles. Particles larger than 100 nm act as condensation sink for  $H_2SO_4$  and thus an increase in  $N_{100}$  leads to reduced

new particle formation (NPF) and thus to decreased number concentrations of small particles. This can be seen in the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  profiles, which show a decrease in the ~~new-current~~ scheme. This difference is most pronounced in the Arctic, where the relative  
310 difference between the ~~new-current~~ and old schemes in the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  concentration reaches its maximum of  $\sim 90\%$  at  $\sim 400$  hPa. In addition ~~to large particles acting as condensation sink to gases, impaction scavenging is faster in the new scheme which in turn increases the~~, the changes in rates of NPF and impaction scavenging in our current scheme result in an increased removal of small aerosol particles and thus ~~reduces-reduce~~ concentrations even more. These effects become evident when looking at size-resolved wet deposition fluxes.

315 The annual and global average size distribution of the wet deposition flux of the old and ~~new-current~~ in-cloud scavenging schemes are presented in Fig. 4. The wet deposition size distributions confirm what has been observed in the vertical aerosol profiles. There ~~is a modest change are only modest changes~~ in the mass fluxes between the old and the ~~new-schemes-current~~ schemes. In the soluble population the largest difference is in the size class which spans diameters between 190-360 nm, where the current scheme exceeds the value of the old scheme by  $0.003 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$ . On the other hand, in the size class 1.7-4.1  
320  $\mu\text{m}$ , the old scheme has a higher value by  $0.002 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$ . In the insoluble population the current scheme exceeds the value of the old scheme by approx.  $0.002 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$  in the size class 190-360 nm, but in the largest size class the value of the old scheme is higher by  $0.005 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$ . As in steady state the total emissions of a compound must match its total removal, these differences mostly stem from changes in the interplay between dry and wet deposition processes. However, the number flux in ~~the smallest-smaller than 50 nm~~ size classes of the soluble population is halved, affecting mainly the removal of  $\text{SO}_4$   
325 in the smallest size classes. In addition, ~~a small shift towards larger removed-accumulation-sized particles can be observed (less particles are removed below 100 and more are removed above 100)-~~ there is a small increase of approx.  $10^6 \text{ \#}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$  in the current scheme in the size class between 190-360 nm. For the larger-For larger than 360 nm size classes the ~~decrease-is more-moderate~~ changes are insignificant. These results can be explained by increased concentrations of medium-sized and large particles in the ~~new-current~~ scheme which act as condensation sink for  $\text{SO}_4$ . This leads to ~~less-fewer~~ small particles as they  
330 are mainly formed through NPF from gaseous  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . This effect can also be seen in Fig. 4 as a slight increase in removed sulfate mass in the accumulation-sized particles of both the soluble and insoluble aerosol populations. As a consequence of the atmospheric concentration of small particles, the wet deposition flux for the smallest size classes is reduced in the ~~new-current~~ scheme compared to the old.

The lifetime of different aerosol compounds was calculated by dividing the annual mean global mass burden of each com-  
335 pound by the annual mean emissions of the same compound (Lund et al., 2018). The lifetimes for different compounds can be found in Table 2. The global mean lifetime for BC was 9.23 days for the old scheme and 14.62 days for the ~~new-current~~ scheme. However, experimental studies from different aircraft campaigns indicate that the BC lifetime should be less than 5.5 days (Lund et al., 2018). This is a very interesting result: the more physical wet deposition scheme produces more spurious at-  
340 mospheric lifetimes for BC. Consequently, also the ability of ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model, with SALSA aerosol module, to reliably simulate aerosol vertical profiles and long range transport of aerosol is decreased when using the more physical scheme with the default model setup. This may be due to the fact that a more physical treatment of the wet depo-



**Figure 4.** Wet deposition flux size distributions of different aerosol compounds simulated with old (left column) and [new-current](#) (right column) in-cloud wet deposition schemes. The top 4 figures show the wet deposition flux for the mass distribution and the lower 4 for the number distribution. Different rows show values for the different solubility types.

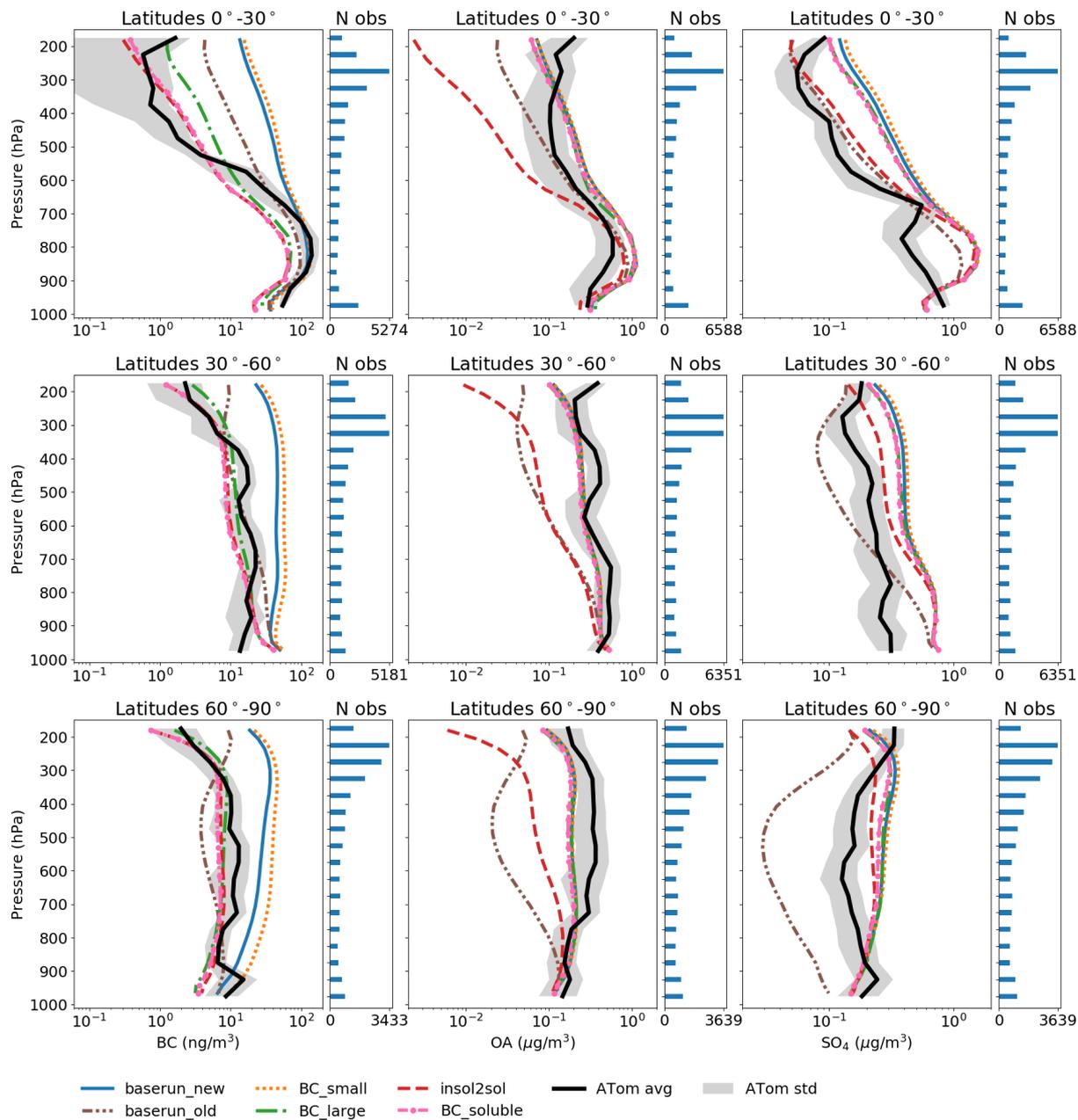
sition processes makes the model more sensitive to influences outside of the [parameterisationparameterization](#). We therefore performed further sensitivity simulations and compared their results to observational data.

## 3.2 Sensitivity simulations

345 As reported in the previous section, ECHAM-HAMMOZ ~~with the new~~, using the SALSA aerosol module, with the current, more physical scheme, in its default setup, produced ~~spurious BC vertical profiles~~ spuriously long lifetimes of all aerosol compounds, especially BC. With the sensitivity simulations we aimed to explore different possibilities to improve the BC vertical profiles and long-range transport in the model. In order to increase nucleation scavenging of BC, we considered three different possibilities to make BC-containing particles more susceptible to cloud droplet activation. One way to achieve this is to emit BC into larger particles, which require less aging to be activated at a given supersaturation. This was tested in simulation BC\_large. Another way is to mix BC with soluble compounds in order to enhance hygroscopicity of BC-containing particles and thus their cloud activation susceptibility. This can be done in two ways, either by emitting BC directly to soluble size classes (simulation BC\_soluble) or by emitting BC to insoluble size classes and transferring particles to soluble classes after aging (simulation insol2sol). A third way is to emit BC into smaller size classes in order to facilitate transfer of BC into larger, more easily activated particles by coagulation (simulation BC\_small).

Figure 5 shows vertical profiles of BC, OA and SO<sub>4</sub> simulated with the ~~new~~ current wet deposition scheme for the different sensitivity simulations and with the old scavenging scheme, together with the average values from ATom aircraft measurements. The grey shaded area shows the standard deviation for the aircraft measurements. For BC, ~~the sensitivity simulations~~ simulations baserun\_old, BC\_large, BC\_soluble and insol2sol show a better match with observed vertical profiles than the other simulations in every latitude band. These simulations fall between the standard deviation limits of the ATom aircraft simulations almost everywhere, with exception of the tropics, where they underestimate the concentrations starting from ~600 hPa downwards. In addition, in the tropics, BC\_soluble and insol2sol represent the BC concentrations slightly better than BC\_large and baserun\_old between 500 hPa and 300 hPa. BC\_small and baserun\_new overestimate the BC concentrations at all latitudes, except in the tropics at lower altitudes starting from ~700 hPa downwards, where they represent the BC concentrations slightly better than the other sensitivity simulations. As we saw in the previous chapter, the reduced efficiency in the wet deposition increases BC concentrations at higher altitudes which causes baserun\_new to overestimate the BC concentrations. This is because the default emission sizes of BC particles are not very susceptible to cloud activation. In addition, although BC\_small aimed at increasing BC wet removal by emitting BC to small particle sizes and thus enhancing their collection by coagulation to large particles, it is apparent that coagulation is not very efficient in doing so.

370 Compared to baserun\_new, most of the sensitivity studies show better agreement of the modelled BC profiles with the measurements. However, it needs to also be checked ~~if these solutions work as well for~~ how they affect OA and SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations. At all latitude regions OA concentrations ~~from in~~ all of the ~~sensitivity~~ sensitivity simulations show similar results as the measurements, ~~except for the~~. Exceptions are for insol2sol simulation, which underestimates and baserun\_old simulations, which underestimate OA concentrations in the mid-latitudes as well as at higher altitudes in the tropics and the Arctic. In the tropics the insol2sol simulation underestimates OA concentrations starting from approx. 700 hPa upwards and baserun\_old from approx. 400 hPa upwards. In addition, the old scheme underestimates the OA concentrations at higher altitudes in the mid-latitudes and the Arctic. The shape of the curve of the old scheme is different compared to observations and the rest of the simulations,

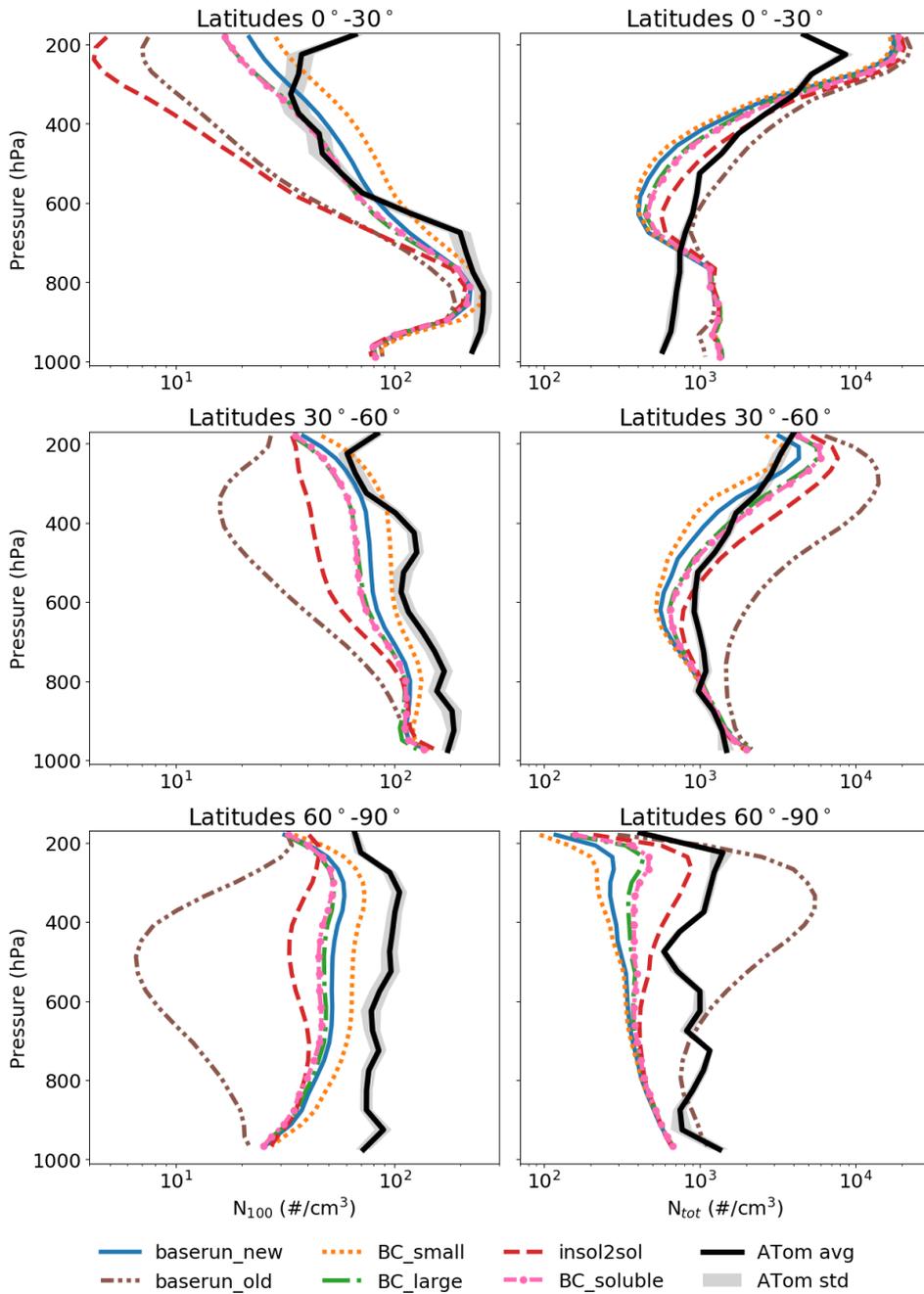


**Figure 5.** Vertical Mean vertical profiles of BC (left column), OA (center column) and SO<sub>4</sub> (right column), modelled with different sensitivity studies, compared to the mean of ATom aircraft measurements at different latitude bands. Right of every subplot is the number of observations measured by the device, at each vertical level, from the ATom aircraft measurement campaigns. Note the different units for the different compounds.

especially in the Arctic. The old scheme exhibits a concentration minimum between 400 hPa and 500 hPa while observations are near the maximum values at those altitudes. At most insol2sol underestimates the measurements at the highest altitudes, in  
380 all of the latitude bands, where the concentrations are over 1 order of magnitude less than the measurements. As the aging of aerosol particles in insol2sol is simulated by moving all insoluble particles that can activate to cloud droplets at 0.5% supersaturation, almost all OA that is originally emitted to insoluble size classes is moved to soluble size classes. Thus, this enhances the activation and consequently the wet deposition of OA. Faster wet removal reduces the amount of OA transported to higher altitudes and thus reduces the OA concentrations. OA concentrations from all other simulations fall between the standard deviation limits of the ATom aircraft measurements everywhere, with only a slight overestimation between approx. 900 hPa and  
385 800 hPa in the tropics.

For SO<sub>4</sub>, all of the sensitivity simulations show similar trends as the measurements, but overestimates concentrations almost everywhere. In the tropics, the shape of the vertical profile in baserun\_old is similar to the observations and the rest of the simulations. In the mid-latitudes, the vertical profile in baserun\_old shows stronger variation than observations and the rest of  
390 the simulation, overestimating the values below 800 hPa and overestimating them above 600 hPa. Over the Arctic, baserun\_old has underestimates concentrations throughout the whole column, maximum difference to observed values being almost an order of magnitude. The effect that insol2sol has on OA concentrations is also visible in the SO<sub>4</sub> profiles, but here the effect is much weaker. In the tropics, insol2sol shows and baserun\_old show better agreement with the measurements from 700 hPa upwards, than the other simulations, with only a slight overestimation. Between approx. 900 hPa and 700 hPa, all of the simulations  
395 overestimate the measurements. This may be due to simplified sulfate chemistry in the model as SO<sub>4</sub> is mainly formed through chemical transformation (Feichter et al., 1996). In the mid-latitudes, all simulations overestimate the SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations, with the exception of insol2sol which and baserun\_old. The insol2sol reproduces the SO<sub>4</sub> profile slightly better than the other simulations from approx. 600 hPa upwards. However, near the surface, all simulations overestimate the SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations by approximately half an order of magnitude. In the Arctic, all of the simulations have similar SO<sub>4</sub> profiles with a slight  
400 overestimation between approx. 700 hPa and 300 hPa altitude. However, with the exception of baserun\_old. In addition, at the highest altitudes all of the simulations underestimate the SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations. The different sensitivity tests do not alter the SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations much compared to baserun\_new, because most of it condenses onto soluble particles. In addition, the new particles formed through nucleation are added to the soluble aerosol population. Thus, the SO<sub>4</sub> vertical profiles are similar in all of the sensitivity simulations, with an exception of insol2sol where some of the SO<sub>4</sub>, which repartitions from the insoluble  
405 to the soluble population, is activated more efficiently.

Figure 6 shows the vertical profiles of  $N_{100}$  and  $N_{tot}$ , simulated with the sensitivity different studies, together with ATom aircraft measurements. From the figure we can see that  $N_{100}$  profiles between different sensitivity simulations are similar in the mid-latitudes and the Arctic. In these latitude bands, the sensitivity simulations slightly underestimate the  $N_{100}$  concentrations when compared to the measurements, but the trend is similar throughout the entire vertical column. However, insol2sol  
410 underestimates the  $N_{100}$  profiles slightly more in the mid-latitudes and the Arctic. In addition, baserun\_old underestimates  $N_{100}$  profiles even more than the other simulations, especially in the Arctic, where the maximum difference occurs at approx. 500 hPa altitude and is more than 90 #/cm<sup>3</sup> less than observed values. In the tropics, the simulations show a good correlation



**Figure 6.** Vertical Mean vertical profiles of the  $N_{tot}$  and  $N_{100}$  concentrations, modelled with different sensitivity studies, compared to the mean of ATom aircraft measurements at different latitude regions.

with the measurements as almost all of the profiles follow the shape of the profile of the ATom aircraft measurements, except

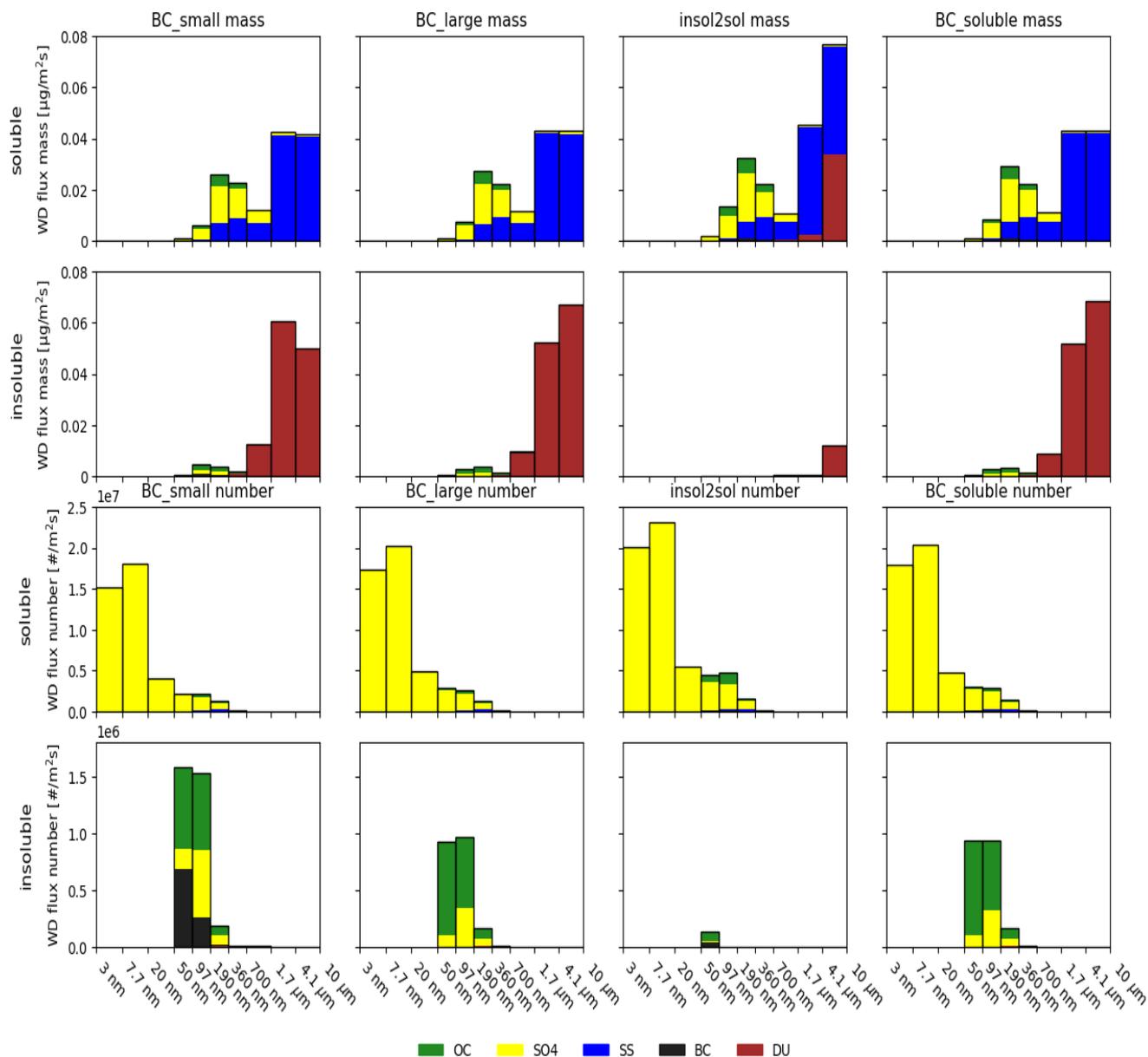
for the surface concentrations, which are underestimated by a factor of ~~about approx.~~ 2.5 compared to the measurements. In addition, in the tropics, insol2sol ~~underestimates the and baserun\_old underestimate~~  $N_{100}$  more than the other simulations from 800 hPa upwards. ~~This For insol2sol, this~~ is also due to more efficient activation compared to baserun\_new for medium-sized particles which reduces the transport to higher altitudes.

The  $N_{\text{tot}}$  profiles are ~~, all in all, fairly similar for all of the~~ similar in shape in all sensitivity simulations, with only ~~modest differences~~ a modest difference (600 #/cm<sup>3</sup> at maximum), mostly at higher altitudes. In the tropics the trend of the profiles varies between simulations and measurements. ~~The sensitivity~~ All of the simulations tend to overestimate the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  concentrations at the surface and at the highest altitudes by over 50 percent, ~~but underestimate them.~~ However, they underestimate the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  concentrations at approx. 400-700 hPa with an exception of baserun\_old which overestimates these concentrations. In the mid-latitudes, all of the simulations represent  $N_{\text{tot}}$  concentrations fairly well (approximately 500 #/cm<sup>3</sup> underestimation and 4000 #/cm<sup>3</sup> overestimation at most) when compared to the measurements, with an exception of baserun\_old which overestimates these concentrations at all altitudes with almost one order of magnitude at maximum. However, in the Arctic, all of the sensitivity simulations underestimate the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  profiles. At higher altitudes, starting from approx. 600 hPa upwards, insol2sol underestimates  $N_{\text{tot}}$  least, showing quite a good agreement with the measurements with only around 300 #/cm<sup>3</sup> difference at most. The baserun\_old, on the other hand, shows a good agreement with the measurements at highest altitudes and below 600 hPa, but overestimates the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  profile between 600 hPa and 200 hPa by over 5000 #/cm<sup>3</sup> at most.

One of the reasons for the differences in the  $N_{\text{tot}}$  and  $N_{100}$  surface concentrations may be due to a misrepresentation of the emitted particle size distribution. In ECHAM-HAMMOZ the same aerosol emission size distribution per compound and emission sector is assumed throughout the whole world, which is not very realistic for every aerosol particle source (Paasonen et al., 2016). At higher altitudes, the aerosol microphysical processes correct the aerosol size distribution towards more realistic profiles.

To investigate the effects of the different sensitivity studies further, we computed the size and mass distribution of the wet deposition flux (Fig. 7). The mass fluxes in the soluble population do not change much between baserun\_new and the different sensitivity studies, except for the insol2sol simulation which allows for sufficiently hygroscopic particles of the insoluble population to be repartitioned to the soluble population. This leads to an increase in DU mass in the soluble population and a decrease in the insoluble population. In addition to more efficient wet removal of DU due to this process, this also increases dry deposition and sedimentation (not shown) of DU in insol2sol. For the mass fluxes in the insoluble population, BC\_large and BC\_soluble show an increase in the largest size class for DU. This effect is due to more efficient removal of BC-containing particles, which allows for more SO<sub>4</sub> to condense on larger, DU-containing particles, which enhances the activation of these particles.

The number fluxes ~~for in the soluble population for the~~ different sensitivity simulations ~~in soluble population~~ show most change in the two smallest size classes, which ~~increases increase~~ by a factor of ~~about approx.~~ 1.3 in the insol2sol simulation and ~~about approx.~~ 1.1 for BC\_large and BC\_soluble when compared to baserun\_new (shown in Fig. 4). These differences stem from changes in medium-sized and large particle concentrations, which act as condensation sink for SO<sub>4</sub> and thereby regulate the amount of SO<sub>4</sub> available for new particle formation. In addition, there is a slight increase of OC in the insol2sol simulated



**Figure 7.** Wet deposition flux size distributions of different aerosol compounds simulated with different sensitivity simulations. Each column represents a different sensitivity study and each row the solubility type. The top 2 rows show the mass size distribution of the wet deposition flux and bottom 2 rows the number size distribution.

number distribution, which is being transferred from the insoluble population. Otherwise, there is no notable change in other compounds as the  $\text{SO}_4$  dominates the number distribution in the soluble population. The relative BC mass contribution to the wet deposition number flux of the insoluble aerosol population very well reflects the assumptions made in the different sensi-

tivity studies. While for BC\_large and BC\_soluble the BC mass fraction in the medium-sized insoluble particles disappears, in BC\_small the BC fraction in the 50 to 100 nm insoluble particles is about 3 times larger than in baserun\_new (shown in Fig. 4). This shows that coagulation is not effective in moving BC from these small insoluble particles to large soluble particles. In insol2sol, most of the BC is ~~moved to the insoluble~~ transferred from the insoluble to the soluble aerosol population before removal, which can be seen in a strong decrease in removed insoluble aerosol number for that simulation.

In addition to the evaluation of the simulated vertical aerosol profiles, we used the modelled atmospheric lifetimes of all aerosol compounds as indicator of the model skill in the different simulations. Here we estimated the atmospheric lifetime of a compound as the yearly and global mean mass burden of the compound divided by its total yearly mean emission. The compiled mean lifetimes for the different simulations and compounds as well as the mean and spread of lifetimes from several AEROCOM models (CAM5-ATRAS, EC-Earth, TM5, ECHAM-HAM, ECHAM-SALSA, ECMWF-IFS, EMEP, GEOS, GFDL-AM4, GISS-OMA, INCA, NorESM2, OsloCTM3 and SPRINTARS) are presented in Table 2 (Gliß et al., 2020). The spread is calculated as half the difference between 1st and 3rd quantiles (Gliß et al., 2020).

**Table 2.** Lifetimes of compounds from different simulations ~~and~~ as well as mean and spread from different AEROCOM models.

	baserun_old	baserun_new	BC_small	BC_large	insol2sol	BC_soluble	AEROCOM	$\sigma_{\text{AEROCOM}}$
$\tau_{\text{BC}}$ (d)	9.23	14.62	16.49	5.78	5.04	4.98	5.8	<u>2.3</u>
$\tau_{\text{DU}}$ (d)	4.07	5.36	5.69	5.00	1.06	4.86	4.5	<u>1.9</u>
$\tau_{\text{SO}_4}$ (d)	4.02	6.10	6.37	5.73	4.69	5.67	4.7	<u>1.6</u>
$\tau_{\text{OC}}$ (d)	6.38	9.44	9.52	9.03	4.90	8.90	6.1	<u>2.0</u>
$\tau_{\text{SS}}$ (d)	1.59	1.57	1.57	1.56	1.55	1.56	0.82	<u>0.56</u>

With the assumption that the AEROCOM mean atmospheric lifetimes are the current best guess, we can use Table 2 to select a simulation that best reproduces these mean lifetimes and therefore could be considered as the best solution to address the overestimated BC lifetimes in baserun\_new. However, we must keep in mind that AEROCOM means are global climate model based results and thus it is not completely certain that these lifetimes of different compounds reflect the actual lifetimes in the real atmosphere. While baserun\_old, baserun\_new and BC\_small overestimate the BC lifetime by factors of 1.6, 2.5 and 2.8, respectively, BC\_large, insol2sol and BC\_soluble all produce BC lifetimes within one day of the AEROCOM mean. In addition, the BC lifetimes should be less than 5.5 days according to Lund et al. (2018). However, the different sensitivity studies also affect the atmospheric lifetimes of the other species, and some of them considerably. For instance, the lifetime of DU in insol2sol is almost 4.5 times shorter than the AEROCOM mean, while both BC\_large and BC\_soluble overestimate this mean only slightly by half a day. On the other hand, the atmospheric lifetime of OC in insol2sol is closest to the AEROCOM mean compared to all other simulations using the new-current wet deposition scheme. However, in this setup of ECHAM-HAMMOZ all OC is emitted as primary particles, while in reality a large fraction of the organic aerosol is formed as secondary organic aerosol (SOA) in the atmosphere. Modelling the processes leading to SOA formation more realistically would most likely affect the modelled OC lifetimes quite substantially. ~~Therefore we do not use the modelled OC lifetimes as skill indicator~~

~~for the sensitivity studies here.~~ The atmospheric lifetime of SO<sub>4</sub> in insol2sol is also closest to the AEROCOM mean, but also BC\_large and BC\_soluble model the SO<sub>4</sub> lifetime fairly well. For SS, the atmospheric lifetime does not change when changing the wet removal algorithm or during any of the sensitivity tests as SS is only emitted to the soluble population. The lifetimes for all simulations are more than 0.7 days higher than the AEROCOM mean (about a factor of 2). This has already been discussed by Kokkola et al. (2018a) and Tegen et al. (2019).

#### 4 Conclusions

We developed ~~a new an~~ in-cloud nucleation wet deposition scheme for liquid and ice clouds. For liquid clouds, the scavenging coefficients are calculated using the size-segregated fraction of activated particles from a cloud activation scheme. For ice clouds, are calculated the scavenging coefficients based on the surface area concentration of each size class (see Tabazadeh et al., 2002).

We used the SALSA microphysics scheme coupled with the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global aerosol-chemistry-climate model to evaluate ~~and test our new~~ the differences between the old and current wet deposition scheme. In addition, we used ECHAM-HAMMOZ with SALSA to test the sensitivity of the simulated aerosol concentrations to model assumptions of emission sizes, mixing, and aging when the current in-cloud wet deposition scheme was used. In its original setup, SALSA used fixed scavenging coefficients for modelling wet deposition. Here, we used the Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002) cloud activation scheme for the calculations of size dependent nucleation scavenging coefficients in liquid clouds. For ice clouds, we used the scheme of Lohmann (2002) for providing the ice nucleation rates for the nucleation scavenging scheme (see Tabazadeh et al., 2002). The in-cloud impaction scavenging for SALSA was adapted from the method for modal scheme by Croft et al. (2010).

Compared to using fixed scavenging coefficients, the ~~new-current~~ scheme showed an increase in BC, OA, and SO<sub>4</sub> vertical profiles almost throughout the entire vertical domain for all latitude bands. In the Arctic region this increase was most pronounced, with a maximum increase of up to 800 %. The differences in vertical profiles had similar functional shapes in all latitude bands and for all three compounds. The increase was mainly due to a decrease in the nucleation scavenging of aerosol particles in the ~~new-current~~ scheme, which increased aerosol transport into the upper atmosphere and subsequently to the Arctic region. The ~~new-current~~ scheme also showed a significant increase ~~in large particle concentrations of up to 600 % at maximum in the number concentration of particles larger than 100 nm~~ which was similar in shape to the change in aerosol compound mass. However, the ~~small particle concentrations number concentration of particles smaller than 100 nm~~ decreased everywhere, with a maximum decrease of 90 % in the Arctic. This ~~implies could imply~~ that new particle formation was reduced in the ~~new-current~~ scheme due the increased concentration of large particles, which increased the condensation sink for SO<sub>4</sub>. In addition, ~~impaction scavenging in the new scheme was faster which increased the removal rate of small particles even more the changes in impaction scavenging rates in the current scheme compared to the original setup can reduce the number concentration of particles smaller than 100 nm~~ (Croft et al., 2010).

An evaluation of the ~~new-current~~ wet deposition scheme against ATom aircraft measurements showed that, using the default setup of the host model, the ~~new-current~~ scheme overestimated BC mass concentrations, especially at higher altitudes. Ad-

ditional sensitivity simulations showed that the model skill of reproducing measured vertical BC mass concentration profiles could be improved a lot by directing the BC emissions to larger or to more soluble size classes, or by transferring BC-containing particles to soluble size classes after aging. These sensitivity studies also produced BC atmospheric lifetimes which were closest to the AEROCOM model mean Gliš et al. (2020). Emitting BC to smaller size classes, on the other hand, overestimated the aerosol mass concentrations and BC atmospheric lifetime even more. However, changing the distribution of BC in the sensitivity simulations also affected the mass concentrations of other aerosol compounds. For instance, transferring insoluble particles to soluble size classes after aging led to an underestimation of the the observed OA concentrations at higher altitudes, while in the other simulations OA concentrations fell between the standard deviation limits of ATom measurements almost everywhere. The modelled atmospheric lifetime of OA, on the other hand, compared best to the AEROCOM mean when transferring aged insoluble particles to soluble size classes. However, as in this study secondary processes of OA formation were neglected, we did not use OA as an indicator for the skill of our wet deposition scheme. For SO<sub>4</sub>, the insoluble-to-soluble transfer reproduced the observed concentrations slightly better at higher altitudes in the tropics. Nevertheless, all simulations showed similar results for SO<sub>4</sub> concentrations, with only a slight overestimation when compared to the aircraft observations. In addition, SO<sub>4</sub> atmospheric lifetimes did not vary much across the different sensitivity studies. All of the sensitivity studies reproduced aerosol number concentration profiles fairly well. However, the insoluble-to-soluble transfer considerably underestimated the concentrations of activation-sized particles at the highest altitudes in the tropics, which was strongly tied to the underestimation of OC at these altitudes. Furthermore, the atmospheric lifetime of atmospheric mineral dust (DU) was strongly underestimated in the simulation using insoluble-to-soluble transfer of aged particles. The atmospheric lifetimes of seasalt (SS) did not change between the different sensitivity studies. All in all, while reasonable BC vertical profiles and atmospheric lifetimes could be achieved with the ~~new-current~~ wet deposition scheme in three of the sensitivity studies, namely emitting BC to more hygroscopic or to larger particles or transferring insoluble, BC-containing particles, to soluble size classes, only the first option is really suitable. Emitting BC to large particles is quite unrealistic, because the emission size of BC-containing particles is fairly well established (Tissari et al., 2008; Krecl et al., 2017; Corbin et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019) and insoluble-to-soluble transfer, on the other hand, lead to too small atmospheric lifetimes of DU.

To conclude, even though the ~~new-current~~ in-cloud wet deposition scheme is more physically sound than using fixed scavenging coefficients, it failed to ~~reproduces-reproduce~~ global aerosol fields adequately in the default setup of the host model. This can be seen from the spuriously long lifetimes of all aerosol species. In particular, the BC atmospheric lifetime was almost 3 times as large as what observations indicate (Lund et al., 2018). Based on the results of our sensitivity simulations, ~~model the ECHAM-HAMMOZ global climate model with SALSA aerosol module~~ produces the best vertical profiles and aerosol lifetimes with the ~~new-current~~ scheme if BC is mixed with more soluble compounds at emission time. In the future, the model development should include the study of effects of the gas-particle partitioning of semivolatile compounds which could have a significant impact on the modelled aerosol vertical profiles. In addition, the issue of the level of mixing of BC with soluble compounds during emissions and in the subgrid scale processing should be further investigated.

545 *Code availability.* [The stand-alone zero-dimensional version of SALSA2.0 is distributed under the Apache-2.0 licence and the code is available at https://github.com/UCLALES-SALSA/SALSA-standalone/releases/tag/2.0](https://github.com/UCLALES-SALSA/SALSA-standalone/releases/tag/2.0) (last access: 23 May 2018, (Kokkola et al., 2018b)) with DOI <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1251668>.

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560 ~~with DOI <https://doi.org/10.23729/301df277-8147-4700-8652-ca491f2b58a6>. All other input files are ECHAM-HAMMOZ standard and are available from the HAMMOZ repository (see <https://redmine.hammoz.ethz.ch/projects/hammoz>, HAMMOZ consortium, 2019).~~

ATom aircraft data can be obtained through the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) [https://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/dsvviewer.pl?ds\\_id=1581](https://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/dsvviewer.pl?ds_id=1581) (last access: 25 November 2019, Wofsy et al., 2018)

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## 565 **Appendix A: Calculations for particles containing an insoluble core**

The calculations for the particle containing an insoluble core are based on the technical report by Kokkola et al. (2008) where the critical supersaturation is obtained as

$$\frac{S_c}{A} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{3}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2}\right)^{1/3} + \left(\frac{\gamma_{\mp}}{2}\right)^{1/3} \right] + \left[ \left(\frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2}\right)^{2/3} + \left(\frac{\gamma_{\mp}}{2}\right)^{2/3} \right]}{9 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right)^3 + 6 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right)^2 \left[ \left(\frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2}\right)^{1/3} + \left(\frac{\gamma_{\mp}}{2}\right)^{1/3} \right] + 3 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{\gamma_{\pm}}{2}\right)^{2/3} + \left(\frac{\gamma_{\mp}}{2}\right)^{2/3} \right] + d} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where

$$570 \quad \gamma_{\pm} = \left[ 2 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right)^3 + d \right] \pm \sqrt{4 \left(\frac{b}{3}\right)^3 d + d^2} \quad (\text{A2})$$

and

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{3B}{A}} \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$d = D_{p,0}^3. \quad (\text{A4})$$

575 In Eq. (A3)  $A$  and  $B$  are obtained from Seinfeld and Pandis (2006).  $A$  describes the increase in water vapour pressure due to the curvature of the particle surface and is denoted as

$$A = \frac{4M_w\sigma_w}{R\rho_w T}, \quad (\text{A5})$$

and  $B$  is called the solute effect term and is denoted as

$$B = \frac{6n_s M_w}{\pi\rho_w}. \quad (\text{A6})$$

580 Using this new expression for the critical supersaturation, the effective critical supersaturation, maximum supersaturation, and the number fraction of activated particles for each size size class can be calculated using Eq. (8), (9) and (12-15) from the Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (2002).

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