Mixing State Focus Group

Mixing state definition:

- **Population mixing state:** the distribution of chemical compounds across the particle population,

- **Morphological mixing state**: the distribution of chemical compounds within and on the surface of each particle.

Scientific Questions

- Q1: What is the impact of mixing state on the climate-relevant properties of aerosol particles?
- Q2: What mixing state information should be included in models that quantify aerosol climate impacts?
- Q3: What mixing state information should be measured in the field and in the lab?
- Q4: How can we connect measurements (lab and field) to each other and to modeled mixing state information?

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Table 1:
Mixing State and Climate-Relevant Properties

Quantities	LOSU	PRM	RM	GCM	Comments
CCN concentration	high	fair	poor	poor	Good parameterizations available on the microscale (e.g., kappa model). Significant amounts of lab and field data available.
Optical properties	med	fair	poor	poor	Excellent models available assuming spherical particles and Mie theory. Poor understanding of morphology effects.
IN concentration	low	poor	poor	poor	Conflicting experimental data. No consensus on correct modeling approach.

Table 1: Climate relevant quantities that depend on aerosol mixing state, our level of scientific understanding (LOSU) of the basic physics involved in describing mixing state effects, and our ability to represent these mixing state effects in particle-resolved models (PRM), regional models (RM), and general circulation models (GCM).

Table 2:
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PRM	high	D2, D6, D8, D10, D11, D13	low	D11
RM	low	D4, D7, D13	low	
GCM	low	D3, D4, D13	low	
SP2	medium	D5, D6, D8, D10, D12	medium	D6, D10
Microscopy	medium	D1, D8, D12	high	D6, D5
Single-particle mass spetrometry	high	D8, D12	low	

Table 3: Readiness of tools to represent population mixing state and morphological mixing state, and the deliverables that address each aspect. See Section 5.1 for descriptions of deliverables D1-D13. Despite the fact that many tools by themselves have a high readiness level, the output of these tools is typically not directly comparable (see Table 2). The difficulties in comparison is a primary bottleneck in understanding mixing state. The entries under "readiness level" are color-coded according to high level of readiness (green), medium level or readiness (yellow), and low level of readiness (red). The entries under "deliverables" are color-coded according their status of funding (funded, proposed, planned).

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TCAP	D8	D8	D4	
GVAX	D7		D7	
BBOP	D14			
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Discussion

- Table 2: Address poorly connected tools.
- Table 3: Discuss need and possibilities for modeling morphology.
- Table 4: Integration of mixing state models across scales and the connection to field and laboratory measurements. Can we coordinate efforts better to achieve better campaign coverage?
- **What are concrete deliverables and time estimates that this focus group should achieve?**