PMIP4 CESM dust data

The conc data files were updated on February 26th 2019
(see *conc* in the 3D part of the Variables section below).
Make sure you use the correct version of the data!

Contact

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Data files

- each variable for each climate period is in a separate file. In the conc (dust concentration) case, which contains the three-dimensional dust concentration in the atmosphere, ancillary variables are also included in the same file, i.e. those necessary to fully describe the vertical coordinate (lev, ilev, hyai, hybi, hyam, hybm, PS)
- file names = PMIP4_DUST_Albani_<field>_<expt>.nc
  - field = see Variables section below
  - expt = PI (pre-Industrial), MH (mid-Holocene) or LGM (Last Glacial Maximum)
    - The gaussian weights file does not depend on the experiment: PMIP4_DUST_Albani_gw.nc

Dimensions

- nb_time = 12
  - 12 time steps in each file, corresponding to the climatological monthly averages (with the exception of erod, the soil erodibility variable), indicated as days since 2020-01-01 00:00:00. They are assumed to all have equal weight
  - time = [14, 44, 74, ... 284, 314, 344]
- nb_lat, nb_lon = 192, 288 (0.95 x 1.25 degrees)
  - latitude_values = [-90, -89.05759, -88.11518, ... 88.11518, 89.05759, 90]
  - longitude_values = [0, 1.25, 2.5, ... 356.25, 357.5, 358.75]
- size_bin = 4 (dust particle size classes)
  - dust size bin edges = 0.1, 1.0, 2.5, 5.0, 10.0 µm (diameters)
  - size values = [1, 2, 3, 4]
    - 1 = 0.1-1.0 µm, 2 = 1.0-2.5 µm, 3 = 2.5-5.0 µm, 4 = 5.0-10.0 µm (diameters)
- nb_levels = 26 hybrid sigma-pressure levels
  - only for the conc variable
  - check the PMIP4_DUST_Albani_conc_<expt>.nc files for details about the hybrid coordinates

Variables

2D dust fields

- **erod**: Soil erodibility
  - soil_erodibility
  - dimensions: [latitude, longitude]
  - units: binary (`0` or `1`)
    `0` = non-erodible grid cell
    `1` = erodible grid cell
- **emis**: Dust emission flux (size-resolved)
  - tendency_of_atmosphere_mass_content_of_dust_dry_aerosol_particles_due_to_emission
  - dimensions: [time, size, latitude, longitude]
  - units: kg m-2 s-1
- **load**: Dust load (size-resolved)
  - atmosphere_mass_content_of_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, size, latitude, longitude]
  - units: kg m-2
- **aot**: Dust Aerosol Optical Thickness (size-resolved) at 550 nm
  - atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, size, latitude, longitude]
  - units: 1 (*unitless*)
- **ddep**: Dust dry deposition flux (size-resolved)
  - tendency_of_atmosphere_mass_content_of_dust_dry_aerosol_particles_due_to_dry_deposition
  - dimensions: [time, size, latitude, longitude]
  - units: kg m-2 s-1
- **wdep**: Dust wet deposition flux (size-resolved)
  - tendency_of_atmosphere_mass_content_of_dust_dry_aerosol_particles_due_to_wet_deposition
  - dimensions: [time, size, latitude, longitude]
  - units: kg m-2 s-1
- **rfts**: Dust Direct Radiative Forcing (TOA, SW)
  - toa_net_downward_shortwave_radiative_forcing_due_to_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, latitude, longitude]
  - units: W m-2
- **rftl**: Dust Direct Radiative Forcing (TOA, LW)
  - toa_net_downward_longwave_radiative_forcing_due_to_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, latitude, longitude]
  - units: W m-2
- **rfss**: Dust Direct Radiative Forcing (surface, SW)
  - surface_net_downward_shortwave_radiative_forcing_due_to_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, latitude, longitude]
  - units: W m-2
- **rfsl**: Dust Direct Radiative Forcing (surface, LW)
  - surface_net_downward_longwave_radiative_forcing_due_to_dust_dry_aerosol_particles
  - dimensions: [time, latitude, longitude]
  - units: W m-2

3D dust field

- **conc**: Dust concentration (size resolved)

The actual units of the `conc` variable in the downloadable NetCDF files (**µg m-3**) were not consistent with the units listed in the files metadata (**kg m-3**) and the variable description below.

Corrected files (where a scaling factor of 1.e-9 was applied to the data of the previous files) were uploaded on February 26th March 2019.

The Download section at the end of this page lists both the crossed out md5sum **checksum** of the old files, and the checksum of the new files. The new files also have a new *comment* global attribute saying `This file REPLACES the previous file that had a md5sum of xxxxxxx`

- mass_concentration_of_dust_dry_aerosol_particles_in_air
- dimensions: [time, size, lev, latitude, longitude]
- units: kg m-3

The `PMIP4_DUST_Albani_conc_<exp>.nc` files also store the ancillary variables necessary to fully describe the vertical coordinate

- **ilev**: hybrid level at interfaces (1000*(A+B))
  - atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate
  - dimensions: [ilev]
  - units: 1
  - p(n,k,j,i) = a(k)*p0 + b(k)*ps(n,j,i)
  - a: hyai b: hybi p0: P0 ps: PS
- **PS**: Surface pressure
  - surface_air_pressure
  - dimensions: [time, latitude, longitude]
  - units: Pa
- **hyam**
  - hybrid A coefficient at layer midpoints
- **hybm**
  - hybrid B coefficient at layer midpoints
- **hyai**
  - hybrid A coefficient at layer interfaces
- **hybi**
  - hybrid B coefficient at layer interfaces

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Please cite **at least one** of the following papers

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