

The aerosol sizes used in MERRA2 (and in the current version of GEOS/GOCART) are:

\* Dust

Dust aerosol is represented with 5 bins that correspond to dry size ranges (in  $\mu$ ) and densities ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^{-3}$ ):

bin	1	2	3	4	5
radius	0.73	1.4	2.4	4.5	8.0
radius lower	0.1	1.0	1.8	3.0	6.0
radius upper	1.0	1.8	3.0	6.0	10.0
density	2500	2650	2650	2650	2650

\* Sea salt

Sea salt aerosol is represented with 5 bins that correspond to dry size ranges (in  $\mu$ ) and densities ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ):

bin	1	2	3	4	5
radius	0.079	0.316	1.119	2.818	7.772
radius lower	0.03	0.1	0.5	1.5	5.0
radius upper	0.1	0.5	1.5	5.0	10.0
density	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200

\* Organic carbon

OC aerosol is represented with two tracers/bin that correspond to hydrophobic and (aged) hydrophilic particles. Dry size and density for the two OC tracers are:  $0.35\mu$  and  $1800 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ .

\* Black carbon

BC aerosol is represented with two tracers/bin that correspond to hydrophobic and (aged) hydrophilic particles. Dry size and density for the two BC tracers are:  $0.35\mu$  and  $1800 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ .

\* Sulfate aerosol

Four tracers are used to represent the sulfate cycle in the atmosphere. These correspond to DMS,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_4$  and MSA species. Tracers 1, 2 and 4 are gas species and do not have associated sizes with them. The  $\text{SO}_4$  tracer (#3) corresponds to sulfate particles and has dry size and density of  $0.35\mu$  and  $1700 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ .

\* Nitrate aerosol

Five tracers are used to represent the nitrate chemistry in the atmosphere. These correspond to ammonia

( $\text{NH}_3$ , gas phase), ammonium ion ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ , aerosol phase), (particulate  $\text{NO}_3$ ) nitrate size bin 001 through 003.

bin	1	2	3	4	5
radius	0.0	0.2695	0.2695	2.1	7.57
density	1000	1769	1725	2200	2650