

Exploiting temporal development of stratocumulus (Sc) clouds to estimate causal aerosol-cloud interactions (aci)

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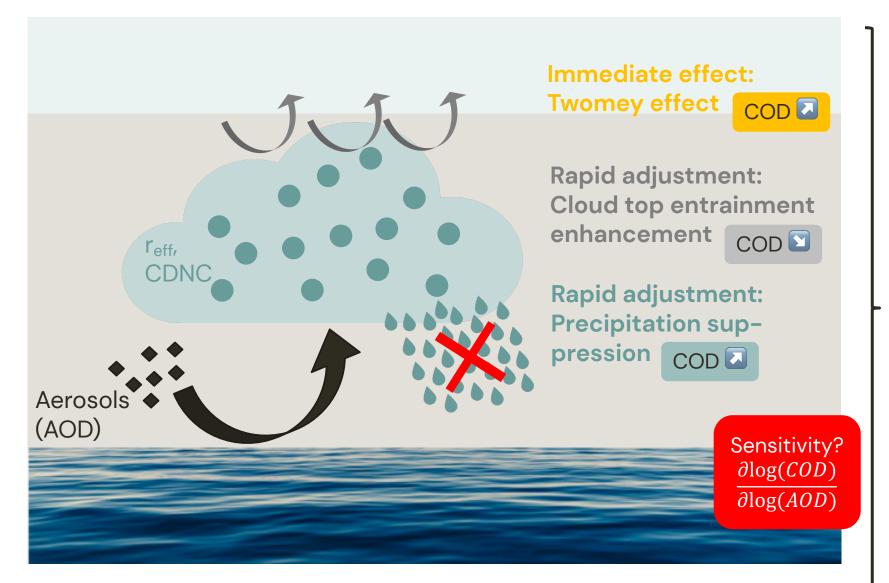
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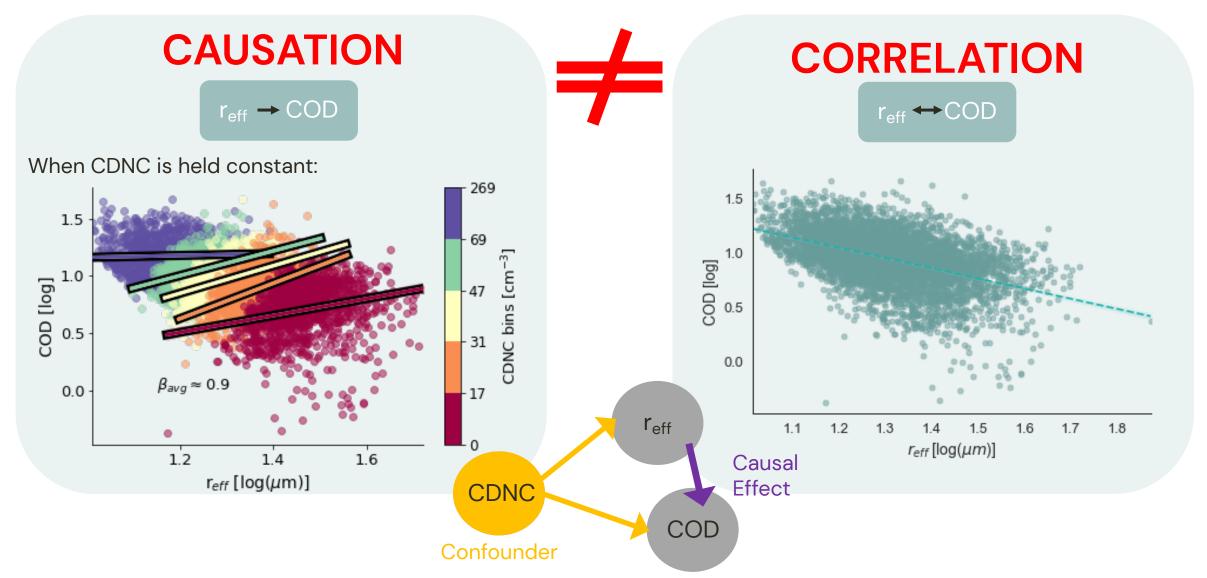


Aerosol-cloud interactions in Sc clouds



Disentangle with: Causal effect estimation Runge, 2021 High temporal resolution data from geostationary satellite + reanalysis - $\Delta t = 1 \text{ hour}$ GOES-17, + ERA5

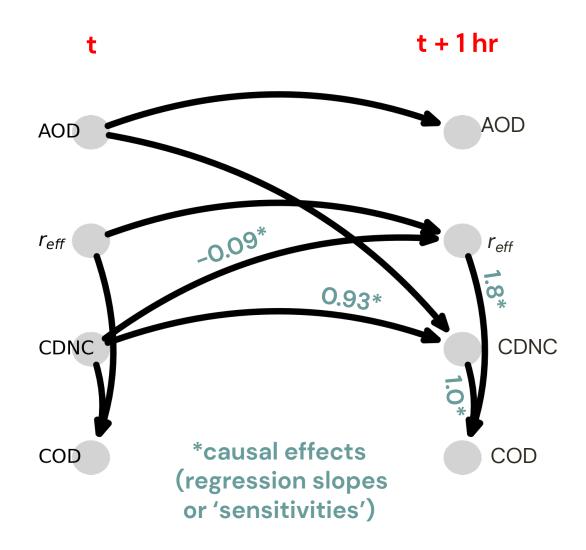
Causation > correlation



Results: Causal effect estimates

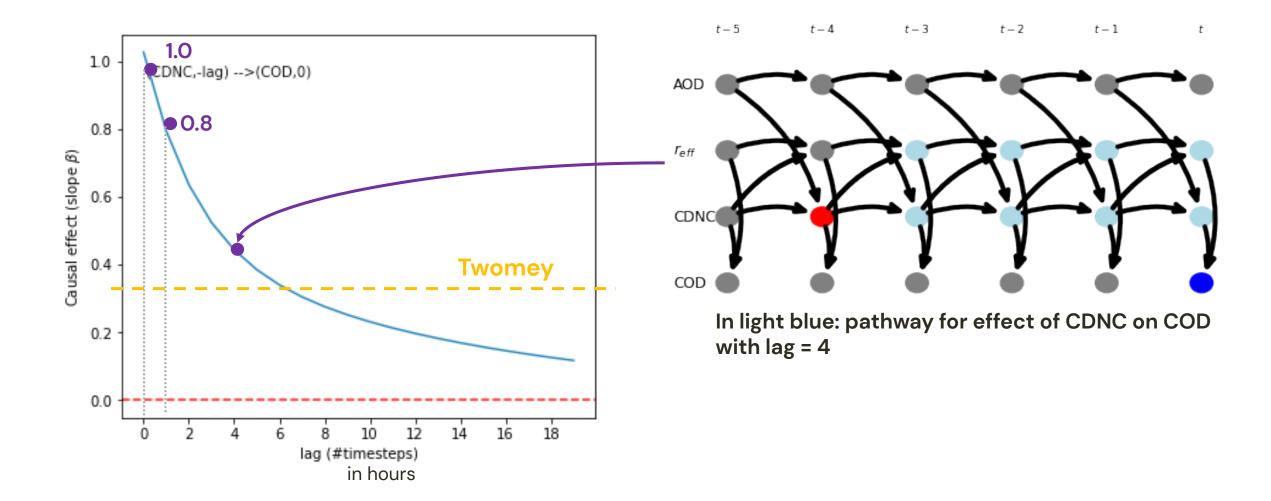
Effect at lag O

 $\Delta \log(COD, t)$ = 1.0 * $\Delta \log(CDNC, t)$



Effect at lag 1
(Propagation of effects with time) $\Delta log(COD, t+1)$ = $0.8 * \Delta log(CDNC, t)$ where 0.8 = 0.93*1.0-0.09*1.8

Results: temporal development

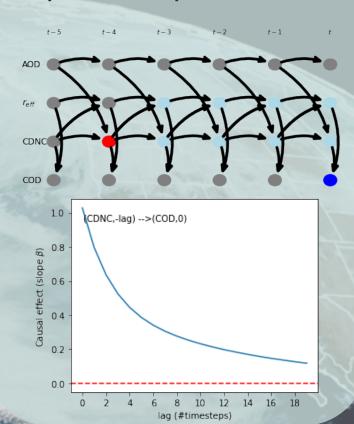


Summary

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Correlation ≠ Causation $r_{eff}[\log(\mu m)]$ 0.0 r_{eff} [log(μm)]

Causal approach → derive temporal development of effects



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