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Interactive comment on "Stratospheric aerosols from the Sarychev volcano eruption in the 2009 Arctic summer" by F. Jégou et al.

Anonymous Referee #2

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This paper presents a nice analysis of stratospheric aerosol observations and modeling in the Arctic following the June 2009 eruption of Sarychev. The measurements include satellite-, ground- and balloon-borne remote sensors, and balloon-borne in situ measurements. The various measurements are compared to each other and to model estimates of so2 mass, aerosol optical depth, and surface area. The measurements are shown to be reasonably self consistent, and the Hadley center Global Environmental Model does a reasonable job in reproducing the measurements. Together these data and the modeling present a nice description of the immediate impact, and then decay of the Sarychev aerosol.

The paper should be published after considering the minor corrections listed below using page.line_number.

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3617.7 – This is not correct. Aerosols from Nabro were observed higher than the altitude stated here.

3623.2 - change to, "The first two SO2 plumes . . .

3623.17 – What IASI data is identified as having a maximum? Is this a retrieved quantity or primary measurement?

3623.19 – What is meant by DU? Is this Dobson unit applied to SO2 column? I know it is done, but it is a bit unconventional. A more standard unit should be used.

3623.20 - Change to "overly dispersive"

3624.3 - ... most clearly ...

3625.19 - ... A secondary ...

3626.29 – Clarify not high enough, stating, "... as soon as the aerosol is not above the detection threshold for daytime measurements during the permanently ..."

3629.18 - ... low pressures ...

Fig. 7 caption – What is meant by the dates of the flights . . .? What flights? None are mentioned in the text.

3629.21 – How does Fig. 8 shows different "examples of isentropic transport", each panel in the figure is a one day snapshot.

3638.27 - Should be Hamill et al., ...

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