## Introduction

This document contains a supplementary table and supplementary figures for the manuscript titled "*Effective radiative forcing in the aerosol–climate model CAM5.3-MARC-ARG*". The supplementary figures are grouped thematically: cloud condensation nuclei concentration (Figs. S1 and S2), cloud water path and fraction (Figs. S3–S7), total precipitation rate

5 (Fig. S8), wind speed (Fig. S9), snow cover and rate (Figs. S10 and S11), and black carbon deposition (Figs. S12 and S13).

## **Supplementary Table**

Table S1: Results from the six timing simulations. Each of these simulations consists of "20-day model runs with restarts and history turned off" (CESM Software Engineering Group, 2015), repeated five times in order to assess variability. The repetition of each simulation allows the standard error to be calculated via calculation of the corrected sample standard deviation. For

10 consistency, all runs have been submitted on the same day. For each run, 720 processors, spread across 20 nodes on Cheyenne (doi:10.5065/D6RX99HX), have been used. As with the year-2000 and year-1850 simulations (Section 2.3 of the main manuscript), a model resolution of 1.9° × 2.5° is used, SSTs and greenhouse gas concentrations are prescribed using year-2000 climatological values, and aerosol and aerosol precursor emissions follow year-2000 emissions. In contrast to the simulations described in the main manuscript, COSP has not been used in these timing simulations. The simulation costs shown represent the total cost of all model components, including non-atmospheric components such as the land scheme.

Aerosol module	Clean-sky radiation diagnostics	Notes	CESM simulation cost ± standard error, (processor hours / model year)	Relative simulation cost (% above MAM3 with clean-sky diagnostics switched OFF)
MAM3	OFF	Standard CAM5.3	325.5±0.8	0.0%
MAM7	OFF	Standard CAM5.3 + MAM7	435.6±1.5	+33.8%
MARC	OFF	Clean-sky diagnostics switched off via modification of source code	344.3±0.7	+5.8%
MAM3	ON	Diagnostic clean-sky radiation call specified in simulation namelist	362.3±0.8	+11.3%
MAM7	ON	Diagnostic clean-sky radiation call specified in simulation namelist	472.2±1.0	+45.1%
MARC	ON	Standard CAM5.3-MARC-ARG	361.1±0.7	+10.9%



## Cloud condensation nuclei concentration at 0.1% supersaturation (CCN<sub>conc</sub>) in bottom model level

Figure S1: Annual mean cloud condensation nuclei concentration at 0.1% supersaturation (*CCN*<sub>conc</sub>) in the bottom model level. 5 The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

## Cloud condensation nuclei concentration at 0.1% supersaturation (CCN<sub>conc</sub>) in model level 19 (~525hPa)



Figure S2: Annual mean cloud condensation nuclei concentration at 0.1% supersaturation ( $CCN_{conc}$ ) in model level 19 (in the mid-troposphere). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

Grid-box total cloud (liquid + ice) water path (WP<sub>total</sub>)



Figure S3: Annual mean grid-box total cloud water path ( $WP_{total} = WP_{liquid} + WP_{ice}$ ). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

## Total cloud fraction (CF<sub>total</sub>)



Figure S4: Annual mean total cloud fraction ( $CF_{total}$ ). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

## Low-level cloud fraction (CF<sub>low</sub>)



Figure S5: Annual mean low-level cloud fraction ( $CF_{low}$ ). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

## Mid-level cloud fraction (CF<sub>mid</sub>)



Figure S6: Annual mean mid-level cloud fraction ( $CF_{mid}$ ). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

# High-level cloud fraction (CF<sub>high</sub>)



Figure S7: Annual mean high-level cloud fraction ( $CF_{high}$ ). The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

### Total precipitation rate



Figure S8: Annual mean total precipitation rate. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

### 10-m wind speed



Figure S9: Annual mean 10-m wind speed. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

### Fraction of surface covered by snow



Figure S10: Annual mean fraction of the earth's surface covered by snow. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

#### Total snow rate



Figure S11: Annual mean total snow rate. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

#### Total black carbon (BC) deposition (dry + wet) over land



Figure S12: Annual mean total black carbon deposition over land. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

### Mass of black carbon (BC) in top layer of snow over land



Figure S13: Annual mean mass of black carbon in the top layer over snow over land. The figure components are explained in the caption of Fig. 1 in the main manuscript.

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## References

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