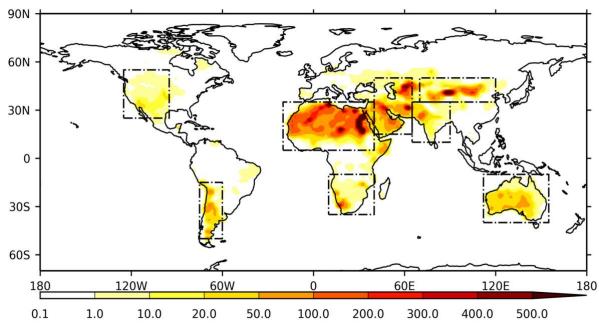
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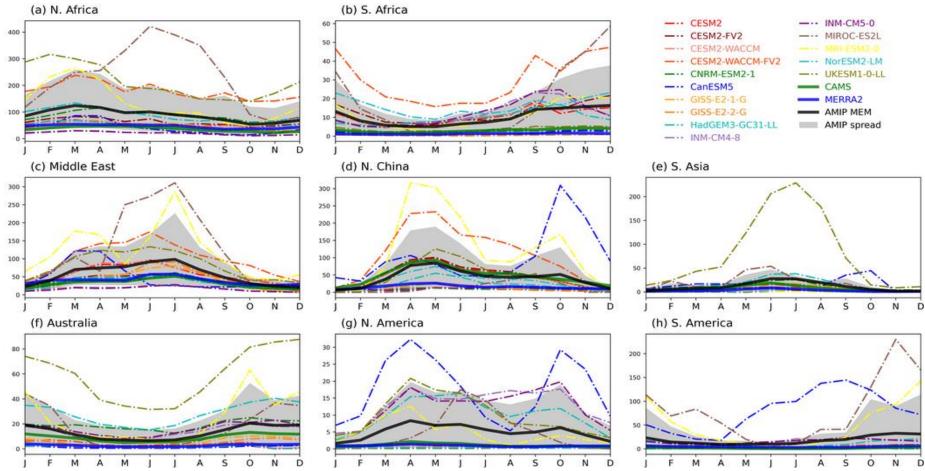
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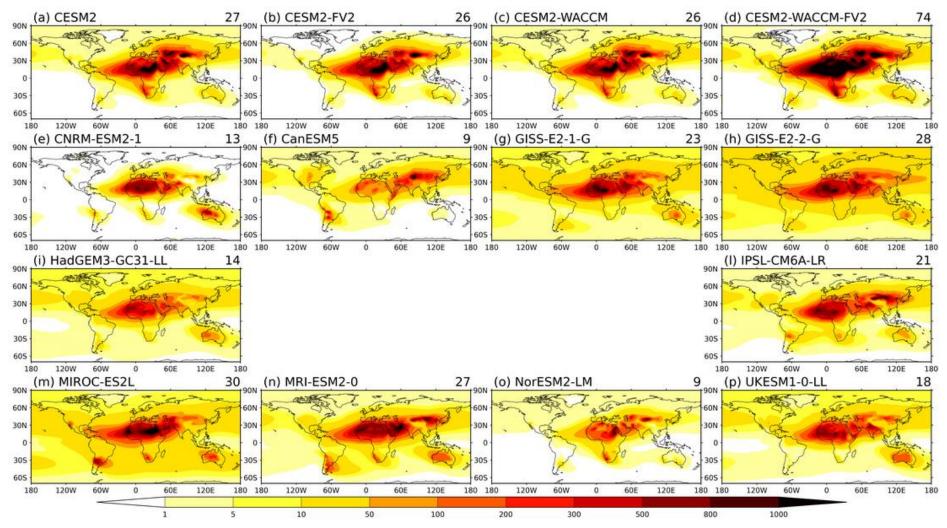
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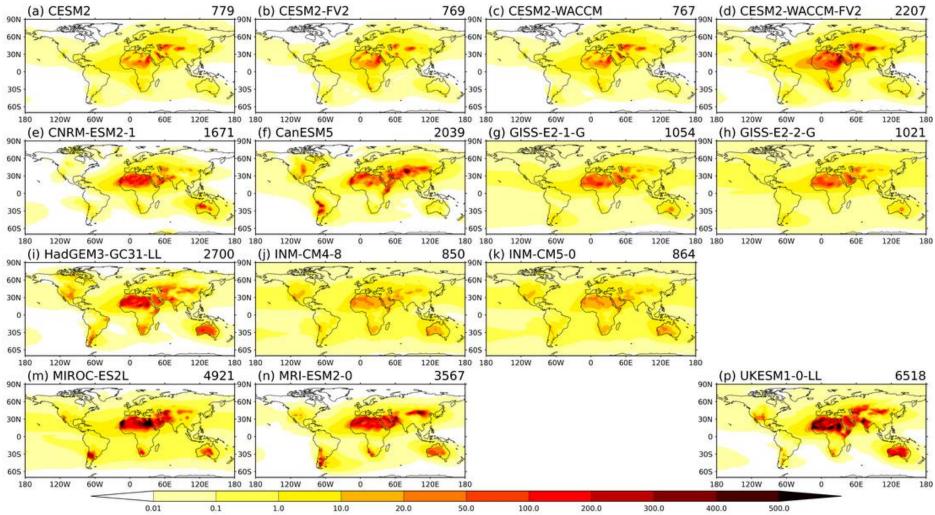
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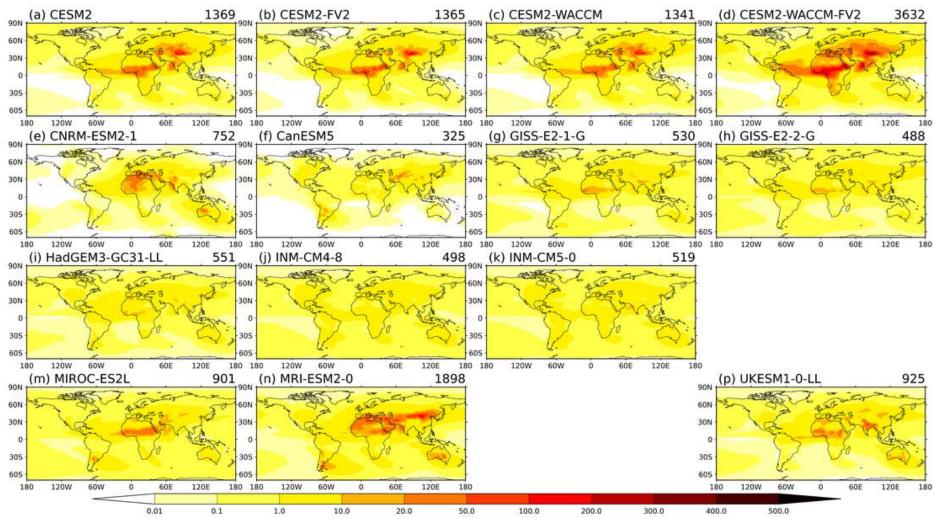
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**Figure S3:** The CMIP6 AMIP model-simulated global annual mean (2005-2014) dust mass loading (mg m<sup>-2</sup>) climatology. The numbers on the top right of each panel denote the global total dust mass burdens (Tg).

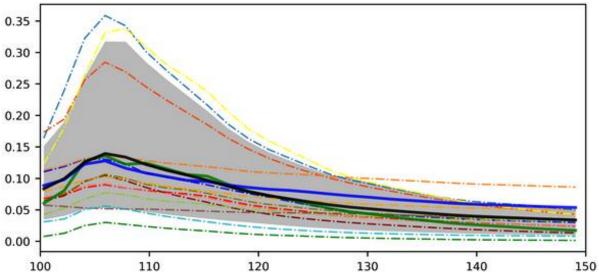


**Figure S4**: The CMIP6 AMIP model-simulated global annual mean (2005-2014) dry dust deposition fluxes (g  $m^{-2}$  yr<sup>-1</sup>). The numbers on the top right of each panel denote the global total dry dust deposition (Tg  $y^{r-1}$ ).



**Figure S5**: The CMIP6 AMIP model-simulated global annual mean (2005-2014) wet dust deposition fluxes (g m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>). The numbers on the top right of each panel denote the global total wet dust deposition fluxes (Tg yr<sup>-1</sup>).

## (a) Africa-Alantic [0-35N, 60W-0W] 1.75 CESM2 IPSL-CM6A-LR CESM2-FV2 MIROC-ES2L 1.50 CESM2-WACCM CESM2-WACCM-FV2 NorESM2-LM CNRM-ESM2-1 UKESM1-0-LL 1.25 CanESM5 CAMS MERRA2 GISS-E2-1-G 1.00 GISS-E2-2-G AMIP MEM HadGEM3-GC31-LL 0.75 0.50 0.25 0.00 -10 -60 -40 -30 -20 0 (b) Asia-Pacific [10N-40N, 100E-150E]



**Figure S6**: Meridionally averaged annual-mean dust mass loading (kg m<sup>-2</sup>) over (a) the Africa-Atlantic region and (b) the Asia-Pacific region.

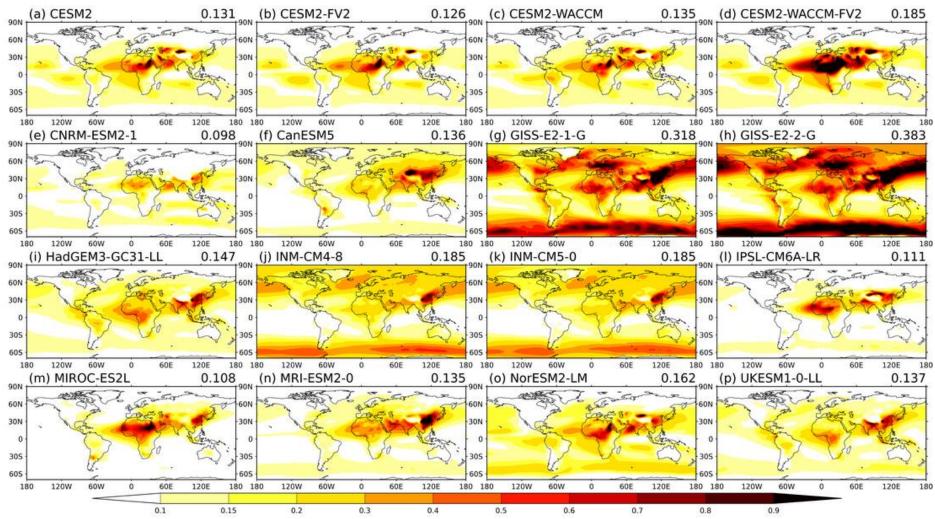
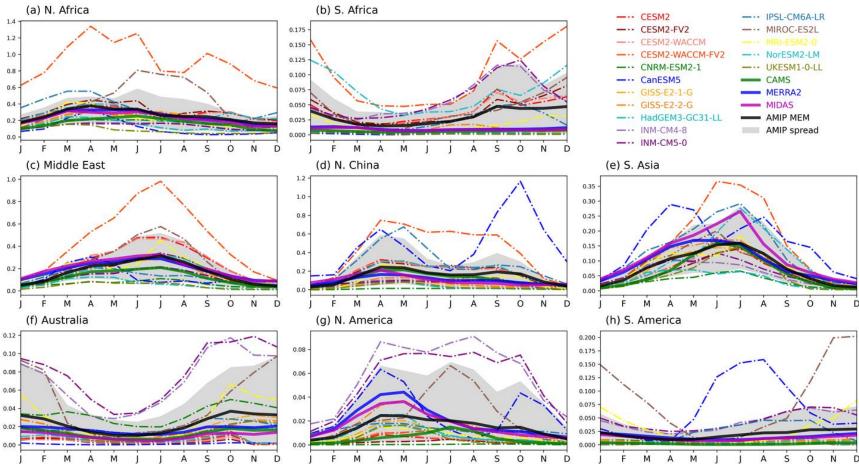


Figure S7: The CMIP6 AMIP models' simulated global annual mean (2005-2014) AOD climatology. The numbers on the top right of each panel denote the global means.



**Figure S8**: Seasonal cycles of the 2005-2014 mean DOD over the eight major dust source regions. Dashed curves are for each individual model, while the AMIP MEM is shown in black solid, and the 10<sup>th</sup>- 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the multi-model spreads is shown in grey shadings. Also shown are those for MIDAS (solid purple), CAMS (solid green) and MERRA2 (solid blue) reanalysis.