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# East Asian Summer Monsoon in a Warming World: Forcing from GHG, Aerosol and Natural variability

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# What is a Stronger Summer Monsoon ?



Monsoon: a seasonal reversal of surface wind



## Without monsoon, EA would be covered by deserts

However, monsoon has been weakening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 20<sup>th</sup> century



1970S Monsoon Weakening

(After BCC, 2010)





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#### Transport water from YZ river to N. China by channels





#### **South-to-North Water Diversion Project**









(http://www.nsbd.gov.cn/zx/english/20070308/)



- Tibetan Plateau thermal forcing,
- internal variability,
- global warming, ect.
- PDO
- Aerosol forcing,
- Up to now:

# No consensus.

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global warming  $(5, \delta)$ , unlike most aerosols,

which reflect simlight to space and have a

global cooling effect (7). BC emissions, a

product of incomplete combustion from coal,

diesel engines, biofitels, and outdoor biomass

burning (8), are particularly large in China

and india because of low-temperature house-

It is reasonable to anticipate that human-

made acrosols may contribute to climate change

in China and India, because both absorbing BC

aerosols and reflective aerosols, such as sulfates,

reduce the amount of sunlight reaching the

ground and thus should tend to cause local

cooling, Observed temperatures in China and

India in recent decades, inhike most of the

world, reveal little warming (10); and in some

seasons there is cooling, especially in the sum-

mer when aerosol effects should be largest. The

climate effect of aerosols is complicated, be-

cause aerosols have, in addition to their direct

radiative effects, indirect effects on cloud prop-

Here we report on climate model simula-

tions of the direct radiative effect of aerosols

in the region of China and India. We used the

Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS)

S12000 12-layer climate model, which has

been used to study the impact of several

forcings on global mean temperature (12).

Figure 1 shows the (seasonally independent

measurements (16). The resulting radiative

surface (fig. S1) are ~+6 W m-2 and -17 W m-2, respectively, over India and the Indian Ocean, which is comparable to values esti-

We performed two primary experiments.

In experiment A, we added the aerosols of

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mated by others (17)

erties (7, 11).

hold burning of biofuels and coal (9).

#### Climate Effects of Black Carbon Aerosols in China and India

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In recent decades, there has been a tendency toward increased summer floods in south China, increased drought in north China, and moderate cooling in China and India while most of the world has been warming. We used a global dimate model to investigate possible aerosol contributions to these trends. We found precipitation and temperature changes in the model that were comparable to those observed if the aerosols included a large proportion of absorbing black carbon ("soot"), similar to observed amounts. Absorbing aerosols heat the air, alter regional atmospheric stability and vertical motions, and affect the largescale circulation and hydrologic cycle with significant regional climate effects.

China has been experiencing an increased severity of dust storms, commonly attributed to overfaming, overgrazing, and destruction of forests (1), Plumes of dust from north China, with adhered toxic contaminants, are cause for public health concern in China, Japan, and Korea, and some of the aerosols even reach the United States (2). Recent dust events have prompted Chinese officials to consider spanding several hundred billion yuan (~\$12 billion) in the next decade to increase forests and green belts to combat the dust storms (3). Such measures may be beneficial in any case. However, we suggest that the observed trend toward increased summer floods in south China and drought in north China (4), thought to be the largest change in precipitation trends since 950 A.D. (4), may have an alternative explanation: human-made absorbing aerosols in remote populous industrial regions that alter the regional atmospherte circulation and contribute to regional elimate change. If our interpretation is correct, reducing the amount of anthropogenic black carbon aerosols, in addition to having human health benefits, may help diminish the intensity of floods in the south and droughts and dust storms in the north. Similar considerations may apply to India and neighboring regions such as Afghanistan, which have experienced recent droughts.

Atmospheric aerosols, which are fine paradded aerosol optical depth  $\Delta \tau_{see}$  (0.55 µm) used in our climate model experiments (13). ticles suspended in the air, comprise a mixture of mainly sulfates, nitrates, carbonaceous Over China, we take  $\Delta \tau_{aver}$  (0.55 µm) to be equal to  $\tau_{iex}$  (0.75 µm) measured in the 1990s (14, 15). Over India and the Indian Ocean,  $\Delta \tau_{eex}$  in our experiments is taken from chem-(organic and black carbon) particles, sea salt, and mineral dust. Black (elemental) carbon (BC) is of special interest because it absorbs sunlight, heats the air, and contributes to ical transport model assimilations of satellite foreings at the top of the atmosphere and

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I with aerosol single-scatter albedd (SSA) = 0.85 (18), which is representative of measurements from the Indian Ocean Experiment (INDOEX) (17) and industrial regions in China. We obtained such relatively "dark" aerosols by including an appropriate amount of BC, with the remainder being sulfate. In experiment B, we removed BC so that SSA = 1, i.e., the aerosols were "white." In both A and B, the sea surface temperature (SST), greenhouse gases, and other forcings were kept fixed at the same values as in the control run, so that the aerosols were the only forcing. Both experiments were run for 120 years.

Figure 2A shows the simulated summer [June, July, and August (JJA)] surface air temperature  $(T_n)$  changes. The aerosols with SSA = 0.85 yield cooling in China by 0.5 to 1 K (a consequence of the reduced solar radiation reaching the surface) but warming in most of the world [due to BC heating of the troposphere (19)]. Because of the long model run, the cooling in China and even the warming in many distant locations are highly sigmificant (>99%), based on Student's / test (fig. S2). The simulated cooling in China is larger than the observed cooling there during the past 50 years (Fig. 2B), when most of the merease in aerosol amount probably occurred. This is as expected, because the simulations exclude the effect of increasing greenhouse gases (20).

The BC absorption in China and India causes a significant warming (>0.5 K) in the Sahara Desert region and in west and central Canada, despite the fixed SST. Because aerosols were unchanged outside the China/India region, this warming at a distance seems to be due to heating of tropospheric air over China and India. with dynamical export to the rest of the world, where the warmer troposphere can reduce convective and radiative cooling of the surface. Consistent with observations (10, 21), this warming does not occur over the south central United States, where the observed cooling frend is thought to be driven by warming in the tropical Pacific Ocean (21, 22).



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#### AMIP-type simulation is used to understand the driving of SST

	CAM3 (T85)	CAM3 (T42)	<b>AM2.1 (FV)</b>
GOGA	5	5	10
TOGA	5	5	N/A
ATM	N/A	10	N/A

#### **Definition of EASM Index:**

Normalized zonal wind shear between 850 and 200 hPa averaged within (20-40N,110-140E) (After Han and Wang, 2007)

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(105-122° E average) (1980-99) – (1958-79)



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#### Precipitation: Mean State and Inter-decadal change

GFDL AM2.1

NCAR CAM3





- Data diagnosis reveals an out of phase change of E. Asian summer monsoon circulation and PDO at inter-decadal time scale. This relationship is evident in both the past 50 yrs and the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- When driven by historical SST, the AGCMs are able to reproduce to weakening tendency of E. Asian summer monsoon circulation. The response is dominated by the tropical lobe of PDO/IPO.
- The simulation of monsoon rain band changes remains to be a challenge.

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Most stations: -2 to -3 %/decade Average: -1.0%/decade

Trend in Sunshine Duration (1954-1998) (Kaiser and Qian, 2002)





# **Black carbon**





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## **Direct effect of aerosol**



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# New CMIP5 models

We examined the responses of East Asian summer monsoon (EASM) to natural (solar variability and volcanic aerosols) and anthropogenic (greenhouse gasses and aerosols) forcings simulated in the 17 latest Coupled Model Intercomparison Program phase 5 (CMIP5) models with 105 realizations.





#### The details of 17 CMIP5 models

No.	Model	Institute	Atmospheric resolution (lat*lon)	Member (35)
1	bcc-csm1-1	BCC/China	64*128	1
2	BNU-ESM	BNU/China	64*128	1
3	CanESM2	CCCma/Canada	64*128	5
4	CCSM4	NCAR/USA	192*288	3
5	CNRM-CM5	CNRM-CERFACS/France	128*256	6
6	CSIRO-Mk3-6-0	CSIRO-QCCCE/Australia	96*192	1
7	FGOALS-g2	IAP-THU/China	60*128	1
8	GFDL-CM3	NOAA GFDL/USA	90*144	1
9	GFDL-ESM2M	NOAA GFDL/USA	90*144	1
10	GISS-E2-H	NASA-GISS/USA	90*144	1
11	GISS-E2-R	NASA-GISS/USA	90*144	1
12	HadGEM2-ES	MOHC/UK	144*192	4
13	IPSL-CM5A-LR	IPSL/France	96*96	3
14	MIROC-ESM	MIROC/Japan	64*128	3
15	MIROC-ESM-CHEM	MIROC/Japan	64*128	1
16	MRI-CGCM3	MRI/Japan	160*320	1
17	NorESM1-M	NCC/Norway	96*144	1



## External forcing agents used in 17 CMIP5 Models

No	Model	Natural	Natural forcings		Anthropogenic forcings	
INU.		Solar	Volcanic	GHG	Aerosol	
1	bcc-csm1-1	SOLARIS	А	IIASA	С	
2	BNU-ESM	SOLARIS	А	IIASA	E1	
3	CanESM2	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
4	CCSM4	SOLARIS	А	IIASA	С	
5	CNRM-CM5	SOLARIS	А	IIASA	E1	
6	CSIRO-Mk3-6-0	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E2	
7	FGOALS-g2	SOLARIS	-	IIASA	С	
8	GFDL-CM3	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
9	GFDL-ESM2M	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
10	GISS-E2-H	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	С	
11	GISS-E2-R	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	С	
12	HadGEM2-ES	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
13	IPSL-CM5A-LR	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
14	MIROC-ESM	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
15	MIROC-ESM-CHEM	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1	
16	MRI-CGCM3	SOLARIS	E	IIASA	E1	
17	NorESM1-M	SOLARIS	А	IIASA	E1	

S: Sato et al. (1993);

A: Ammann et al. (2003).

E: Emission is given;

C: Concentration is given.



<b>Experiment description</b>	CMIP5 label	Major purposes	Short name	
Past ~1.5 centuries (1850–2005)	historical	Evaluation	All-forcing	
historical simulation but with GhG	historicalCUC	Detection and		
forcing only	nistoricalGHG	attribution	GHG-Iorcmg	
historical simulation but with	historicalNat	Detection and	No turno l. fornoire o	
natural forcing only	liistoricannat	attribution	Natural-forcing	

• According to Taylor et al. (2009), anthropogenic-forcing is estimated by Allforcing run minus Natural-forcing run.

Aerosol-forcing is estimated by Anthropogenic-forcing run minus GHG forcing run, 105 realizations are analyzed

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# Multi-variate EOF1 of SLP and 850 hPa winds





#### Linear trends of SLP and 850 hPa winds (1958-2001)





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200 hPa zonal wind

• The observed southward shift of East Asian subtropical jet (EASJ) has been reproduced in allforcing runs but with weaker magnitude.

• The southward shift of western part is attributed to aerosol-forcing, while the southward shift of eastern part is attributed to naturalforcing.

• The EASJ has intensified in the GHG-forcing runs.

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#### The linear trends of surface air temperature (58-01)



#### • Aerosol forcing has led to the cooling over C. China







Surface cooling  $\rightarrow$  weaker land-sea thermal contrast and higher SLP.  $\rightarrow$  Weakened monsoon circulation.





The specified external forcing agents only account for **25.6%** of the observed monsoon weakening.



## The linear trends of precipitation during 1958-2001



#### •Weakness:

CMIP5 models are unable to reproduce the precipitation anomalies due to their low resolutions



- The observed weakening trend of low-level EASM circulation during 1958–2001 is *partly and weakly* reproduced under all-forcing runs. A comparison of separate forcing experiments reveals that the aerosol forcing plays a primary role in driving the weakened low-level monsoon circulation.
- The preferential cooling over continental East Asia caused by aerosol affects the monsoon circulation through reducing the land-sea thermal contrast and results in higher sea level pressure over northern China.
- The increasing GHG forcing is favorable for an enhanced monsoon circulation.
- The models still failed in the simulation of monsoon rainband changes.



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# Are the observed changes in the amount distributions of Eastern China precipitation caused by external forcings and thus detectable?

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**Observation:** daily Rain-gauge data from CMA CMIP5 20c historical climate simulation: ✓ ALL forcing run :11 models, 54 ensemble members ANThropogenic foring: 6 models, 26 members ✓ GHG forcing: 10 models, 34 members ✓ AA forcing: 8 models, 22 members ✓ NATural forcing: 11 models, 37 members ♦ Plcontrol: 10 models, ~ 6000 yrs

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## **Optimal fingerprinting--Total least squares detection method**

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (X_i - \upsilon_i)\beta_i + \upsilon_0$$

•y, observed trend, a rank-n vector, where n is the number of daily precipitation intensity bins, with n=20 used in this analysis;

•X, fingerprints or anomalous signals, model simulated climate responses to external forcings, a matrix with one column for each external climate forcing;

•vi, sampling noise, estimated from the preindustrial control simulations and intraensemble differences;

•v0, noise in the observations

•β, scaling factors, inconsistent with 0 indicate a detectable signal, consistent with 1, then the model-simulated response patterns are consistent with the observed changes.

# **Trend of PDF in precipitation amount**



Observation: a shift toward heavier precipitation Simulation: The observed shift is well simulated with anthropogenic forcings.

# **Five-year mean precipitation amount anomalies**



**Light precipitation:** daily precipitation falls into the lowest **35%** intensity bins.

Decreasing trend in observed light precipitation. The simulations with GHG forcing show similar behavior as the observations.

# Five-year mean precipitation amount anomalies



Heavy precipitation: daily precipitation falls into the top 10% intensity bins.

Observation: increasing trend in heavy precipitation

Simulations: Similar behavior as the observations in the simulation with GHGs.

# **Linear trends of light precipitation**



The observed decrease in light precipitation mainly come from the contribution of GHG forcing. Anthropogenic aerosols partly offset the contribution of the GHGs.





The observed increase of heavy precipitation is dominated by the GHG forcing.



# **Optimal detection**



> **ANT forcing determines** the forced changes in the ALL forcing run.

> The detected responses in ALL and ANT forcing runs are dominated by GHG forcing.



# **Optimal detection**



- The detectable effect of ANT forcing can be separated from NAT forcing.
- The detectable effect of GHG forcing can also be separated from AA forcing.



- The anthropogenic forcing has a detectable and attributable influence on the amount distribution of daily precipitation over EC during the second half of the 20th century.
- The observed shift from weak precipitation to intense precipitation is due primarily to the contribution of GHG forcing, with AA forcing offsetting some of the effects of the GHG forcing.
- Increasing of moisture and changes of monsoon circulation, resulting mainly from GHG-induced warming, favors heavy precipitation over eastern China.



- The weakening tendency of EASM during 1950-2000 is driven by the interdecadal changes of Tropical Ocean SSTA, which is a tropical lobe of IPO/PDO.
- 2. A comparison of CMIP5 separate forcing experiments reveals that the aerosol forcing has driven a weakened monsoon circulation, while the emission of GHG is favorable for a stronger monsoon circulation.
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# Some further readings

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