The Regional Earth System Model RegCM-ES









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Convection permitting Dynamical downscaling of GCM usually using a nested RCM (<50km) and a nested convection permitting RCM (<5km) **Global model** (AOGCM) **Regional model** (RCM)

Modify from Figure 1 of Giorgi, F., and W. J. Gutowski. 2015. "Regional Dynamical Downscaling and the CORDEX Initiative." *Annual Review of Environment and Resources* 40: 467–490.

Elevation (m



https://www.eduweb.com/portfolio/earthsystems/parent_printable.html





Earth System: Interactions of different components through positive and negative feedbacks



USRA, Earth System Science Education strategy, 2008

Different spatial and temporal scales



Earth System: Response time





IPCC Report

Different spatial and temporal scales



What does it means couple model?

- them are in one direction only

E.g. Nesting between a global and a regional model





* Offline coupling -> The models run sequentially and the interactions among

* Online coupling -> The interactions between the model are in both directions

E.g. Fully coupled Regional Earth System model





Earth System Model: Driver approach

Multiple model components

Interpolation among different grid if needed

> Receive information from components and send back to the others

Only one executable





Control the simulation time of the various components

Sequential and concurrent support



COSMOS 1.2.1 Max-Planck-Institut für Meteorologie, Germany



Components can have different scale of complexity

Ocean or Atmospheric centric

The coupler may or not have a centric role

CESM vs IPSL

https://climatesight.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/poster.pdf











Model E June 17, 2011 revision

NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, USA

HadGEM3 August 3, 2009 revision

Met Office, UK



GFDL Climate Model 2.1 (coupled to MOM 4.1) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, USA





Size (thousands of lines of code)



Generated using David A. Wheeler's "SLOCCount".

Key to Diagrams

Each component of the climate system has been assigned a colour: atmosphere ocean land sealice land ice sediment

Model code for a component is represented with a bubble. — Fluxes are represented with arrows, in a colour showing where they originated.

Couplers are grey. O Components can pass fluxes either directly to each other or through the coupler.

The area of a bubble represents the size of its code base, relative to other components in the same model.

A smaller bubble within a larger one 🔍 represents a small, highly encapsulated model of a system (eg, clouds) that is used by the component.

Radiative forcings are passed to components with plain arrows.



natural

sea ice CICE

ocean

POP



Description of RegCM-ES

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- and drivers)



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State-of-the-art Regional earth system model (Atmosphere, Ocean, Land and River components)

Open source community model (source code distributed by the developers of the components

RegCM-ES: The land and hydrological models







Simulated domains





First tests and simulations

	Description			Atmosphere				Ocean			River
	Domain	# Exp.	# Sim. Years	Spatial Resolution	Vertical Levels	Convective Scheme	ICBC	Spatial Resolution	Vertical Levels	ICBC	Model
	Central America	1	1988-1997	50 Km	23	Tiedtke(lnd) Emanuel(ocn)	Era-Int	1/8°	40	MOM	HD
	Mediterranean	1	1979-2015	20.Km		Tiodtkom		1/12°	75	Medar/ Medatlas	HD
	South Asia	1) 2) 3)	1979-2008 1979-2015 1979-2015	50 Km	18	Emanuel(lnd/ocn) Tiedtke(lnd/ocn) Tiedtke(lnd/ocn)	Era-Int	1/6°	45	MOM ORAP ORAP	HD HD CHvM
	South Atlantic	1	1988-1997	50 Km	23	Heatke	Era-Int	178°	40	MOM	HD
	Tropical Band	1	1979-2008	100 Km	23	Tiedtke	Era-Int	1/4°	40	SODA	HD



Why and when we need to use regional coupled models?



- OCN domain





Motivations: Socio-Economic implications



http://www.dartmouth.edu/~floods/archiveatlas/floodfatalities.htm



South Asia experimental design

ATM: Horizontal spatial Res. 50km ICBC ERA Interim reanalysis 0.75°

OCN:

Horizontal spatial resolution 0.16° ICBC MOM global integration 0.25° and ORAP reanalysis 0.25°

HYD:

Horizontal spatial resolution 0.5° HD and 0.12° CHyM



29 years simulated (1979-2007)

ation Acronym	Convective schemes	Ocean model ICBC	Hydrological model	
Em	Emanuel			
Tk	Tiedtke			
Ξm	Emanuel	MOM (GOCM)	HD	
ΓkHD	Tiedtke	ORAP5 (Reanalysis)	HD	
ГkСН	Tiedtke	ORAP5 (Reanalysis)	СНуМ	



Results: Ocean validation





Results: Ocean validation

Coupled simulations



Salinity transect at (in the middle of BoB)

Observations



Results: freshwater validation



- Observations
- – HD model
- - CHyM model





Climatology of the ISM



Large Increase in precipitation and runoff Low Level Jet



Intraseasonal oscillations of the ISM



Pai et al. [2016]







Results: intraseasonal oscillations

OBS



Eastward propagation of rainfall

Lat average vs box average



Results: intraseasonal oscillations



Lon average vs box average



Northward propagation of rainfall





Interannual variability of the Indian Summer Monsoon

The Indian summer monsoon is characterized by large year-to-year variations in the total amount of rainfall over the Indian continent.

Internal chaotic dynamics of the climate system

EQUatorial INdian Ocean Oscillation (EQUINOO)







Results: ENSO forcing on ISM (direct effect during JJAS)



Image credit: NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information

Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (°C), Base Period 1971-2000 Week of 22 JUL 2015







Results: ENSO forcing on ISM (delayed effect)

















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Our analysis confirm what found in the previous studies, namely the necessity of using a coupled system to simulate the Indian Summer Monsoon variability



Historical ENSO monsoon correlation



Based on IITM Homogeneous



Historical ENSO monsoon correlation



Based on IITM Homogeneous monsoon rainfall dataset (http:// www.tropmet.res .in/)



MedCORDEX experiment

- ICTP is participating to the 2° phase of the experiment
- Fully-coupled RCSM with atmland-river-ocean (RegCM-ES)
- More than 10 institutions involved
- Resolution 0.11° or higher in all the components is recommended
- Evaluation (Hindcast) simulations 1979-2018 using Era-Interim
- Historical and Scenario runs using CMIP5 models (waiting for CMIP6) 1971-2100 (1950-2100 recommended)



Convection permitting

Study of Mistral and Bora events



Perspectives

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- necessary to perform climate projections over that regions.
- model.

The powerful instrument implemented for this project, over the South Asia region, will allow to study more in deep the coupled phenomena linked with the two main scales of variability of the Indian Summer Monsoon.

The implementation of RegCM-ES over regions where we have similar coupled mechanisms (as for example eastern tropical Africa and south-east Asia) will be of great interest, moreover, if we consider the possible impact of the climate warming on that mechanisms, the coupled model is absolutely

The new Hydrological model CHyM opens the doors to the possibility of simulates a more realistic representation of soil moisture (really important for the triggering of the convection) through the interactions with the land

Summary and conclusions

- coupled system to simulate the Indian Summer Monsoon variability
- over the Bay of Bengal (low resolution, kpp vertical mixing scheme
- of the region
- not fully understood and further studies are needed

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The implementation of the CHyM model leads to large improvements on simulating river discharges over the study area and show an added value in the representation of the salinity over the BoB that is partially hidden by the not accurate representation of the ocean dynamic

RegCM-ES allows to study the complex coupled phenomena that are related to the large scale forcing (ENSO) on the ISMR. The understanding of these phenomena may leads to an increase of predictability of the monsoon with a very high impact on socio-economic aspects

The nature of the increased predictability of the monsoon intensity during the last decades is

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