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Decadal Variability of the Asian Summer Monsoon

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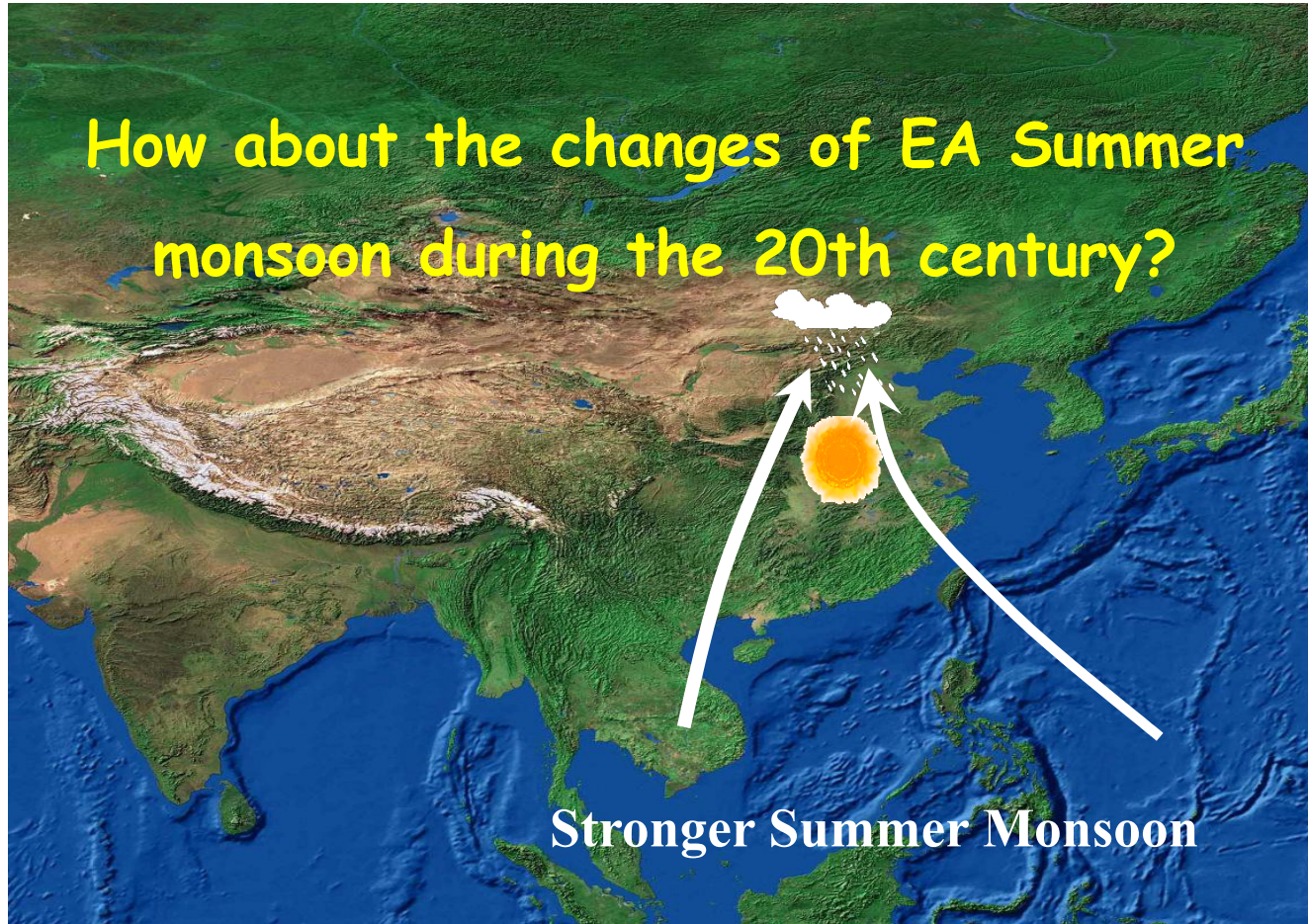
Outline

1. East Asian summer monsoon change
2. South Asian summer monsoon change
3. Connections among regional monsoon changes
4. Mechanisms: internal & external forcings
5. Overview of GMMIP for CMIP6
6. Summary



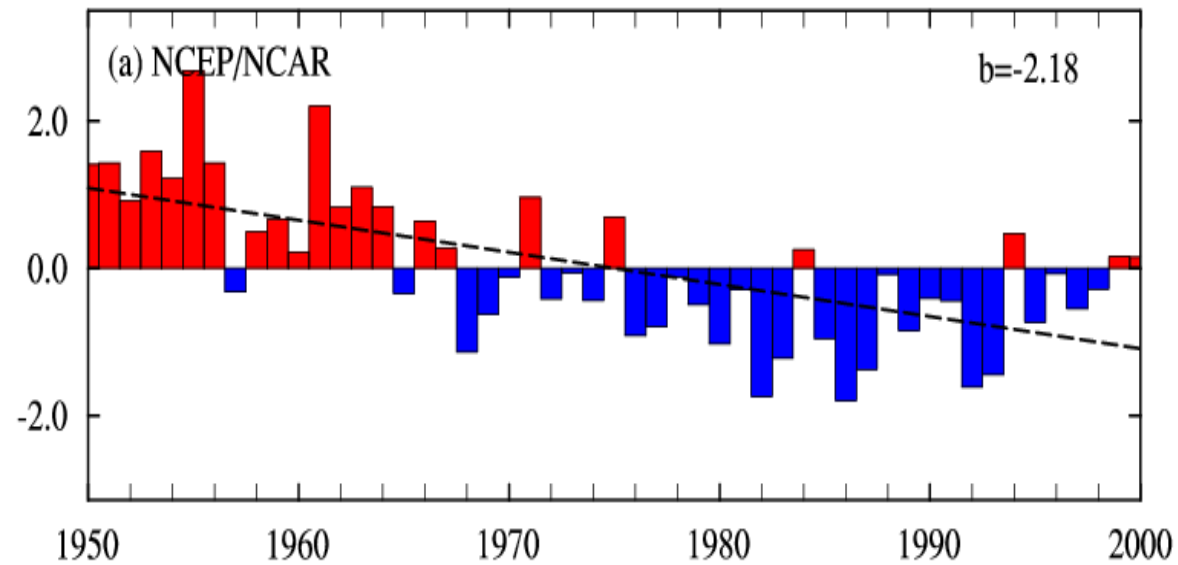
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Stronger Summer Monsoon





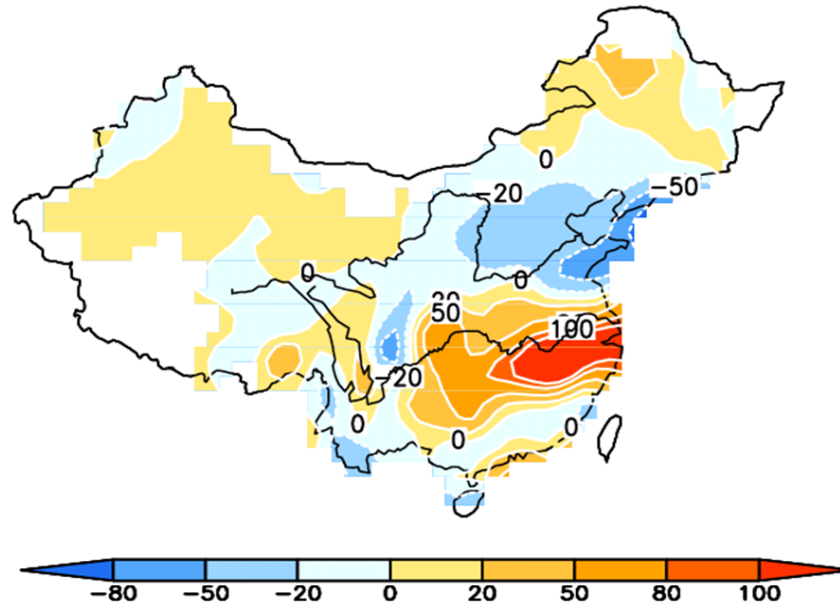
EA summer monsoon circulation index



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Rainfall changes associated with weakening of monsoon circulation

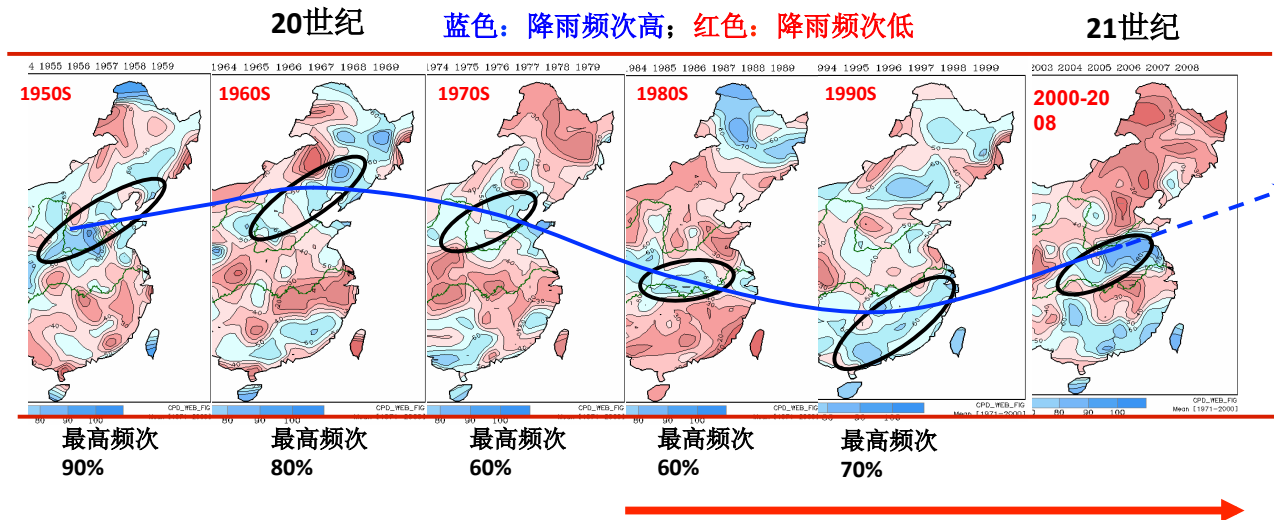


JJA Rainfall anomalies

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Decadal Changes of summer rainfall



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Monsoon Weakening

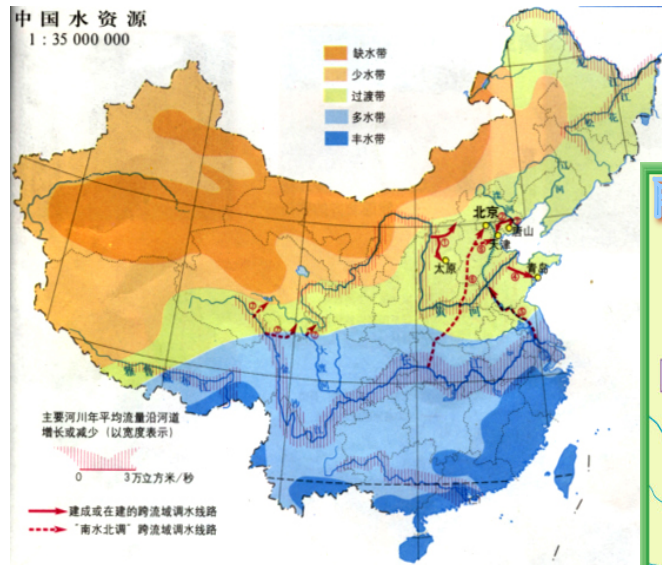
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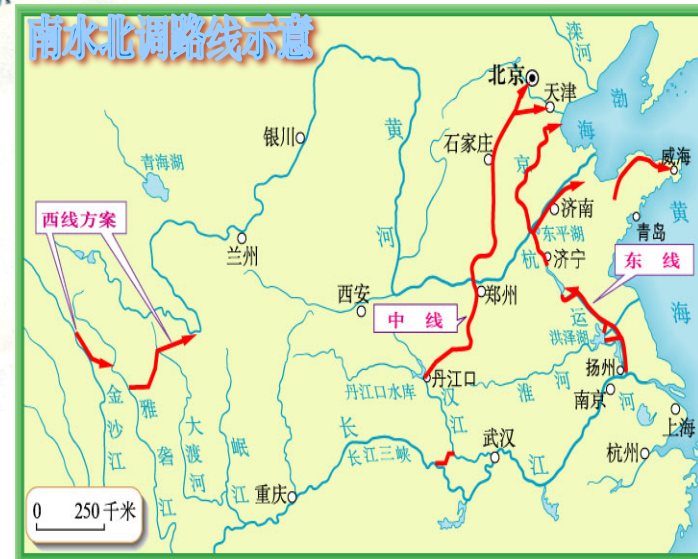
South-to-North Water Diversion Project



Transport water from YZ river to N. China by channels



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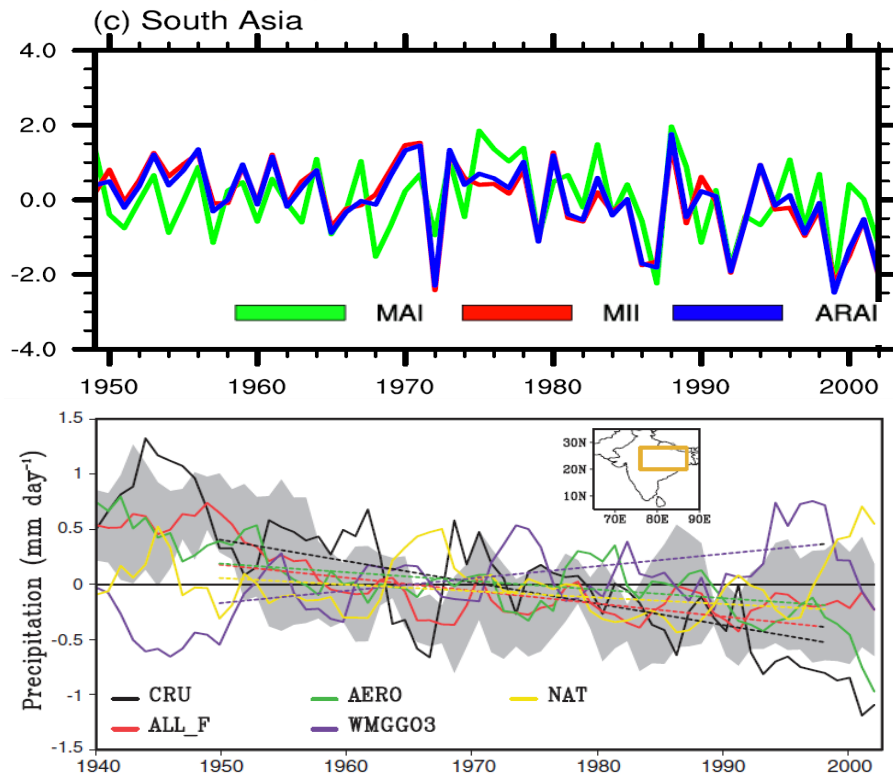


How about the changes of South Asian
Summer monsoon during the 20th century?





Indian monsoon rainfall changes



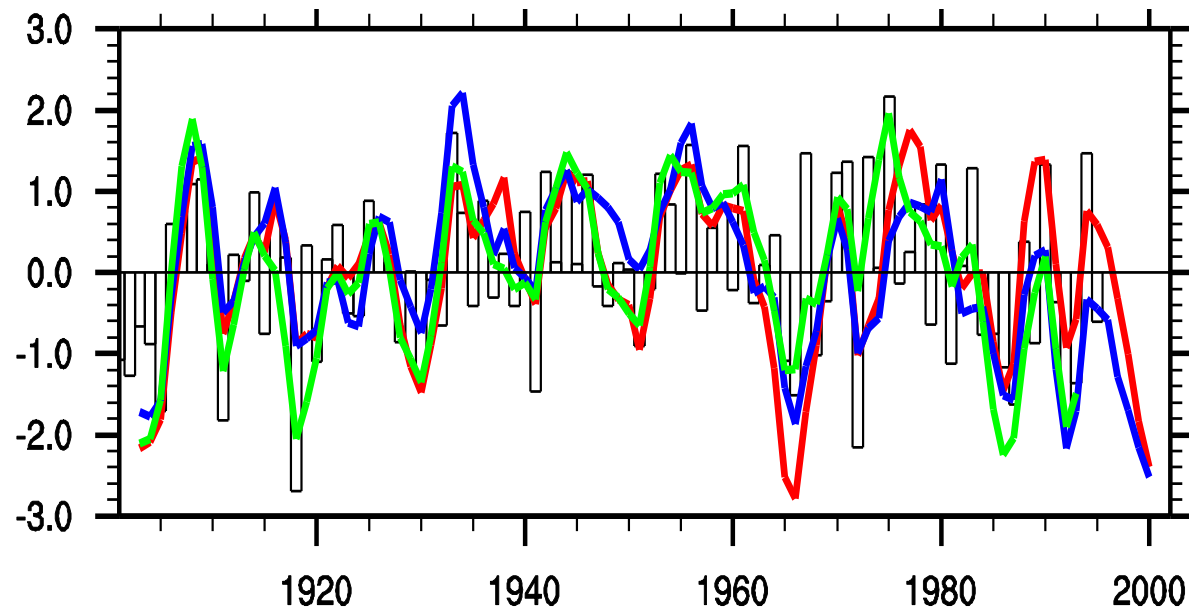
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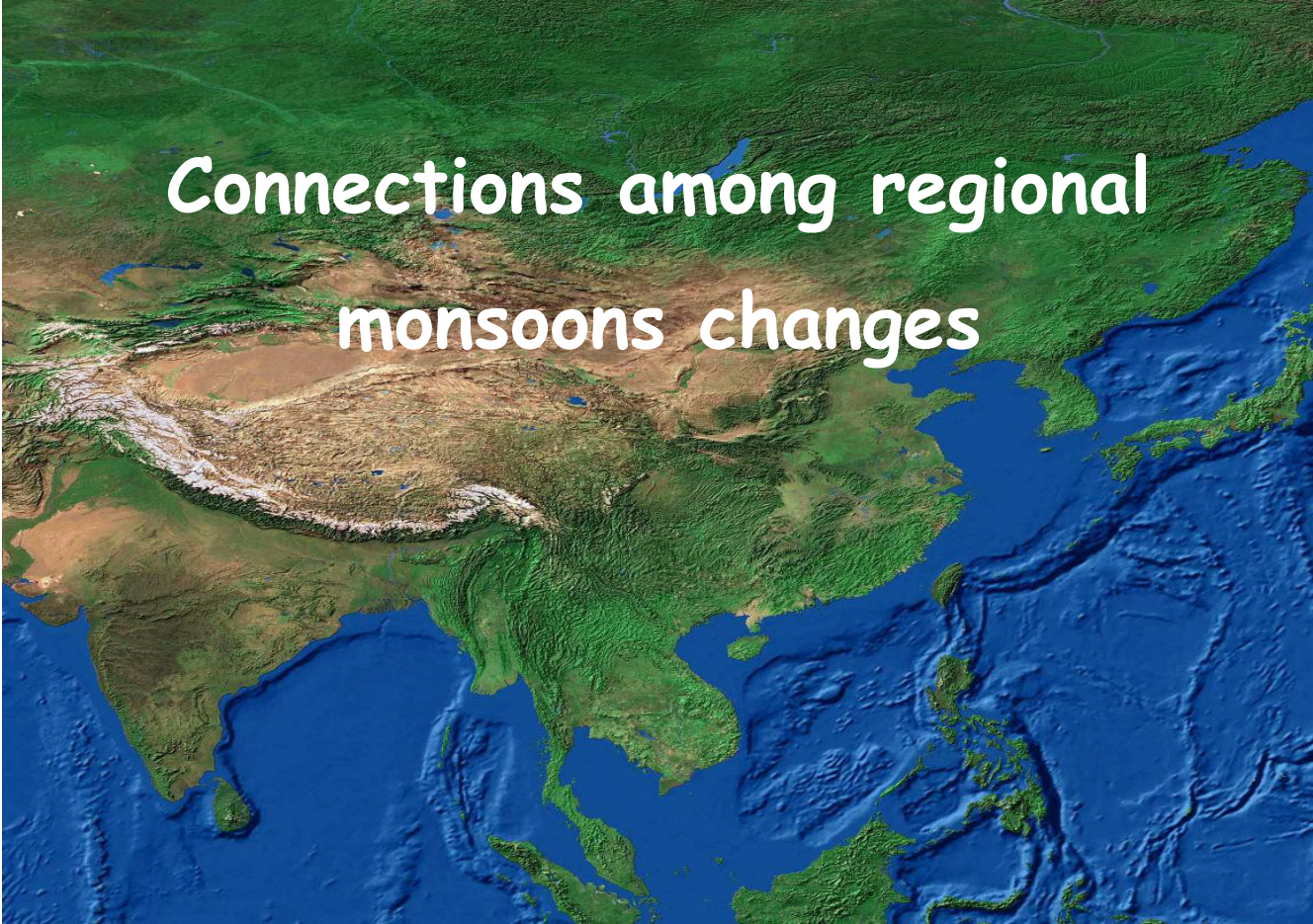
Fig. 1. Five-year running mean June-September average precipitation anomalies over central-northern India (76° to 87°E, 20° to 28°N; see the orange box in the inset map). Anomalies are calculated as



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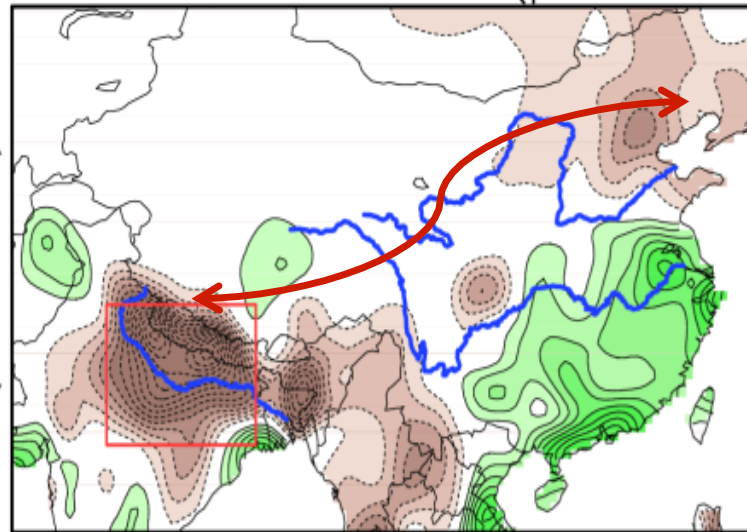
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A topographic map of Asia and surrounding regions, including parts of Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. The map uses color to represent elevation, with green for lowlands and brown for highlands. The text "Connections among regional monsoons changes" is overlaid in white, centered over the Asian continent.

Connections among regional
monsoons changes



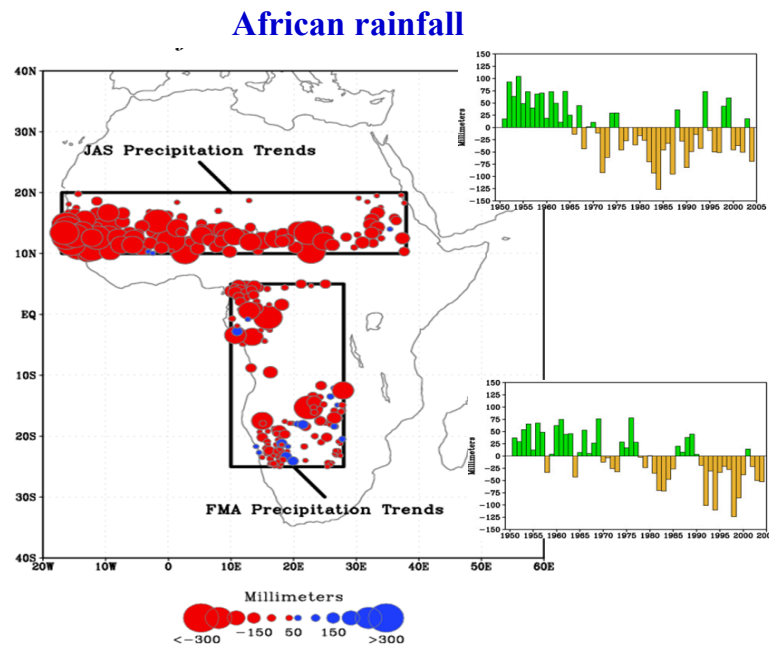
Changes of S. Asia and E. Asia summer rainfall



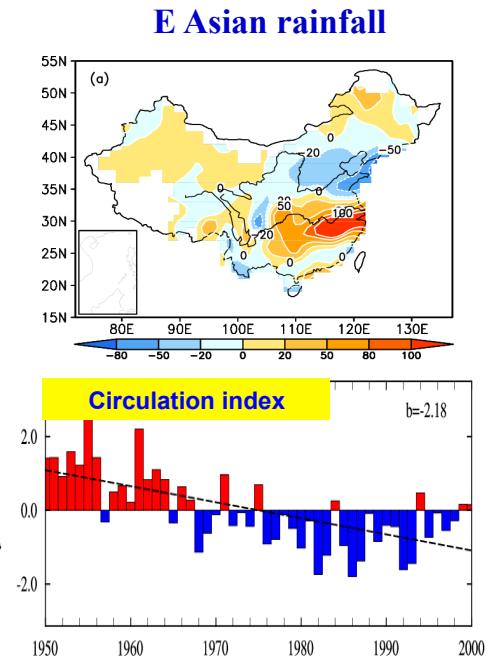
Linear trend in summer rainfall in the post--1950 period is plotted at 0.5 mm/day/century interval in the 0.5° resolution CRU TS 3.1 data; zero-contour is omitted. The South-Flood North-Dry pattern is manifest.

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Coherent long term changes across different monsoons



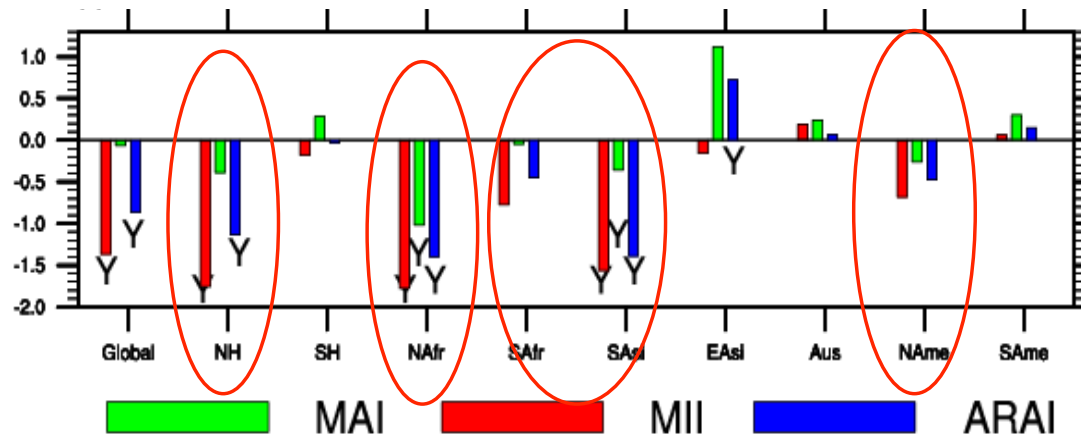
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Regional monsoon rainfall changes

Trends of monsoon rainfall **Area**, **intensity**, and **amount** (1948-2003)



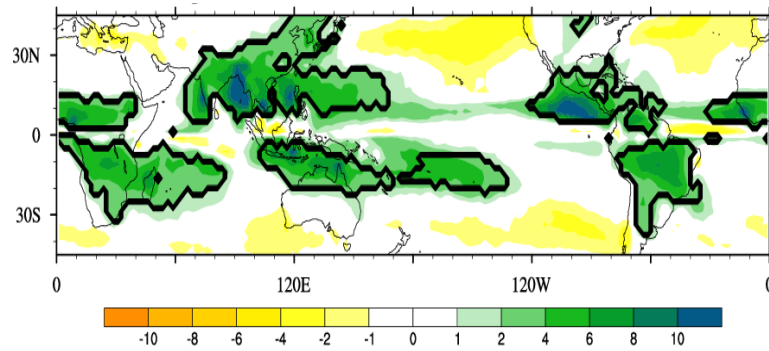
Monsoon Area

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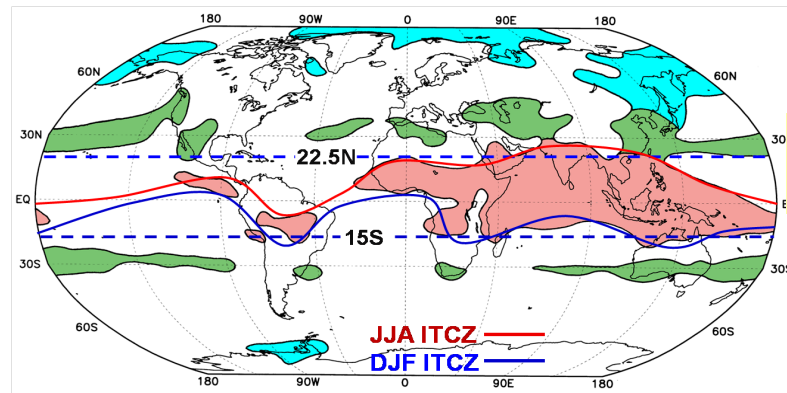
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Asian Monsoon and Global Monsoon



Defined based on rainfall

Wang and Ding (2006)



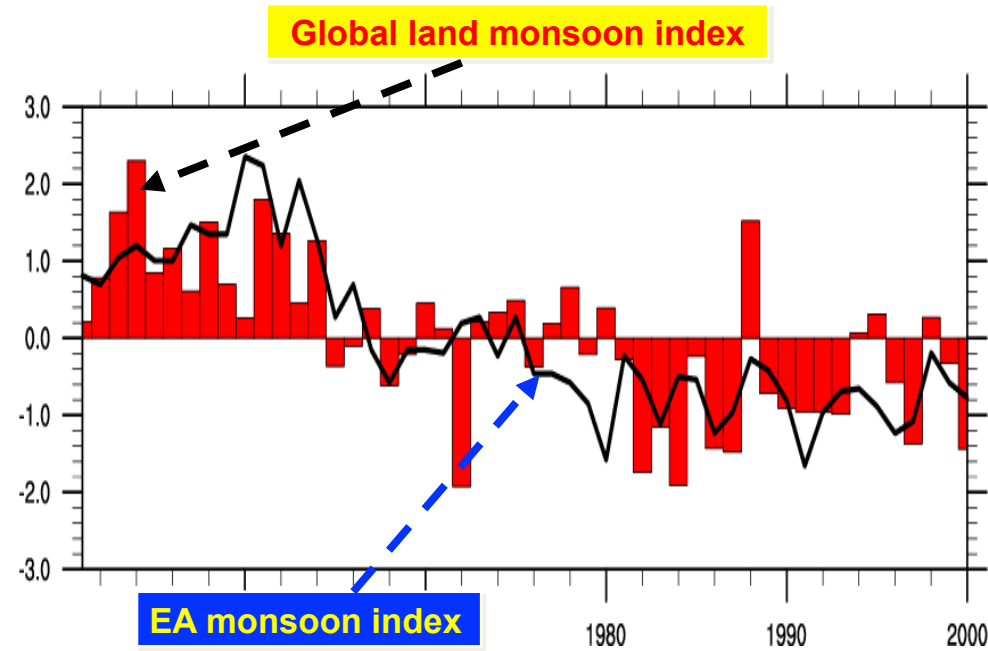
■ tropical monsoon
■ subtropical monsoon
■ temperate-frigid monsoon

Defined based on wind

Li and Zeng (2003,2005)



Changes of EASM: A Much Bigger Picture



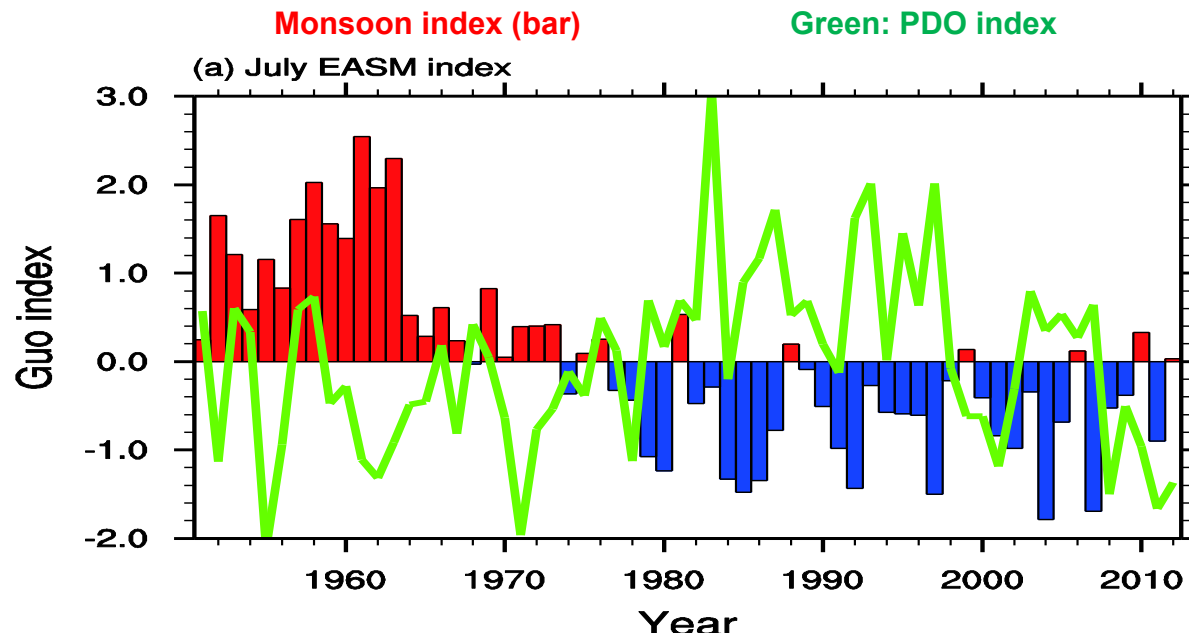
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Mechanisms ?





PDO and E. Asian monsoon



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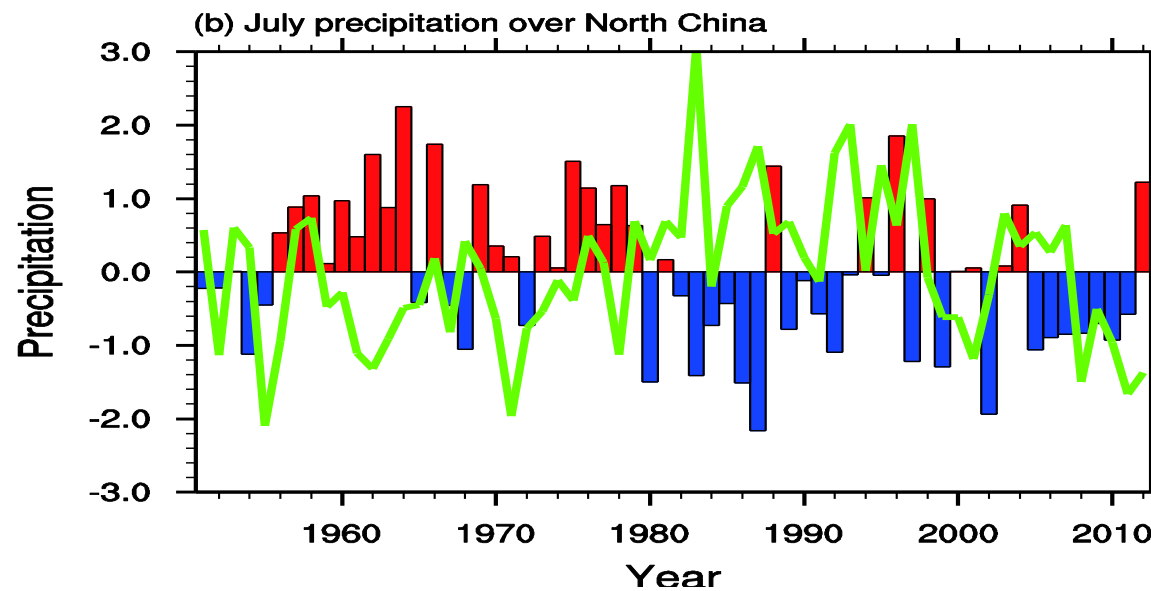


PDO and E. Asian monsoon



Precipitation in N. China (bar)

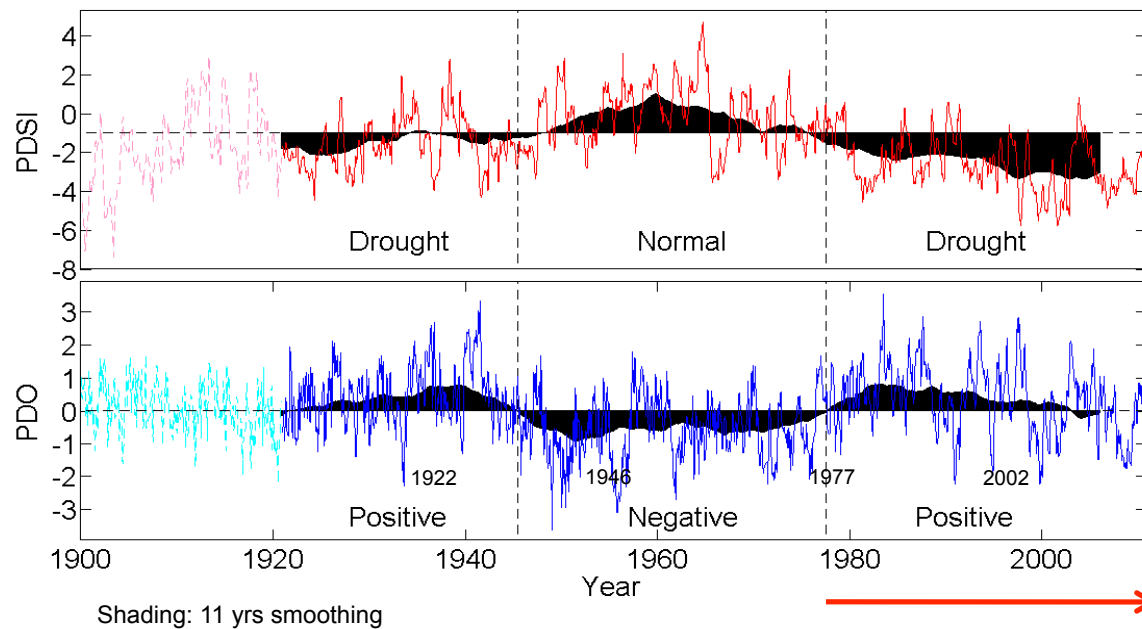
Green: PDO index



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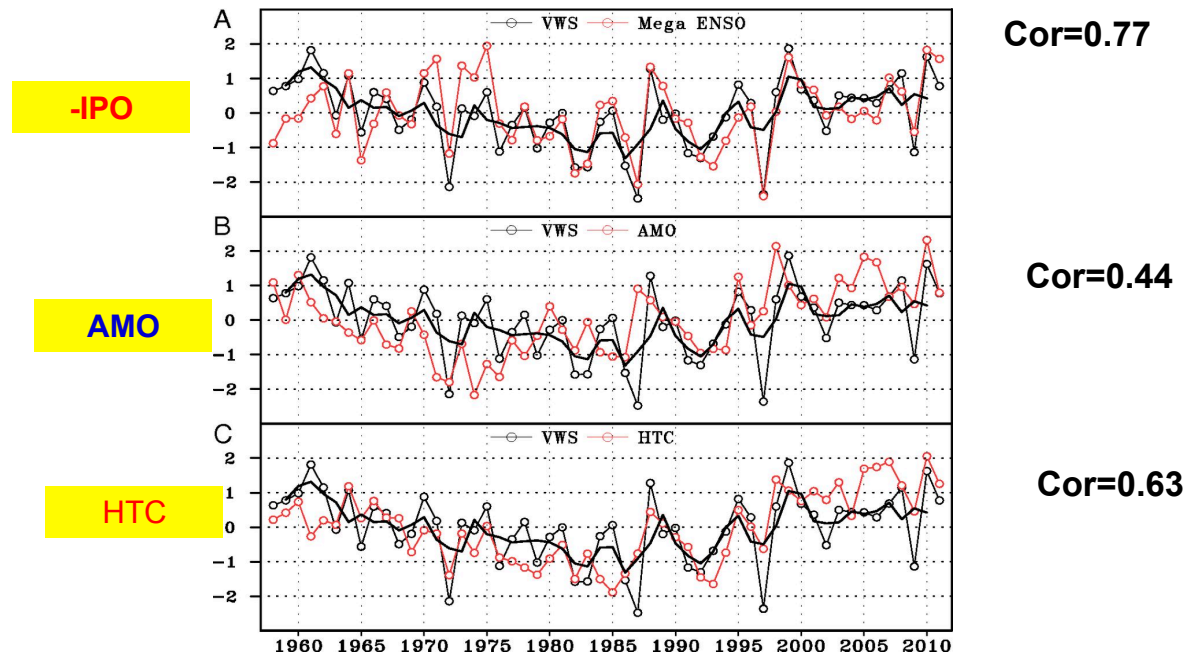
PDSI index in N. China and PDO index over the 20th century



Qian C. and **T. Zhou**, 2013: Multidecadal variability of North China aridity and its relationship to PDO during 1900-2010, *J. Climate*, DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-13-00235.1

Contribution of IPO and AMO

Win shear index for the Northern Hemispheric summer monsoon





Model and Experiments



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

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

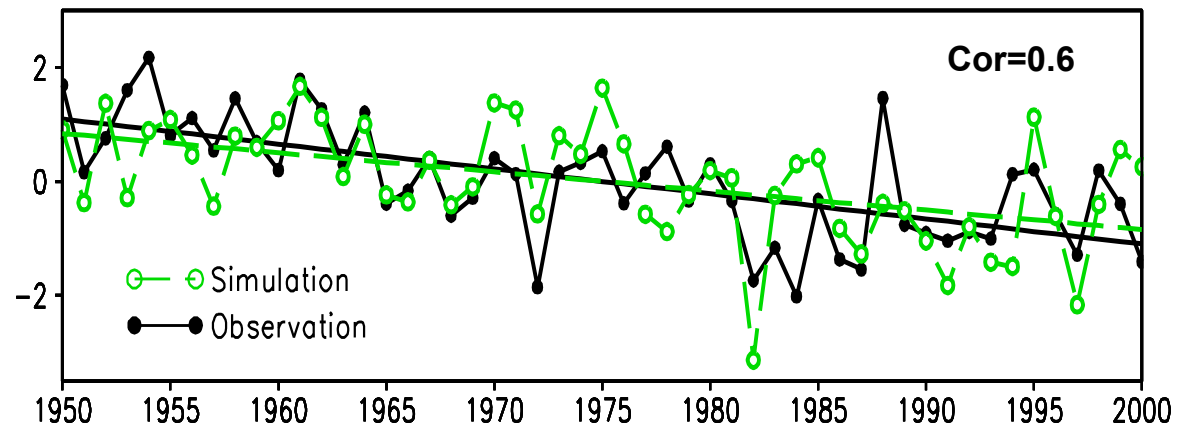
Definition of EASM Index:

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

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The observed and simulated Global Land monsoon index



SST-driven AGCM ensemble simulation, with 12 realizations

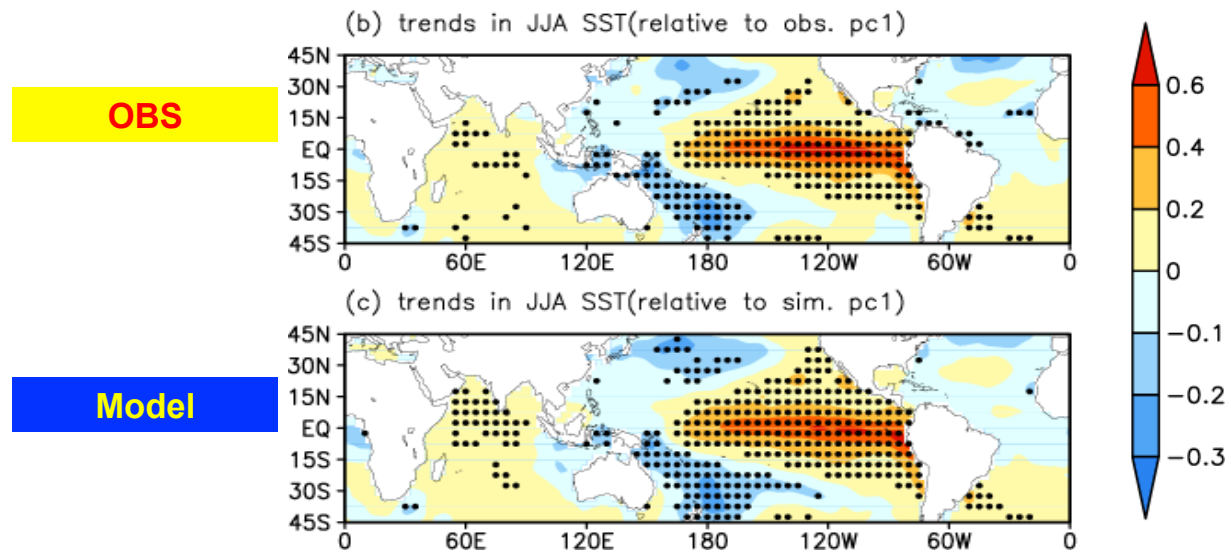
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SSTA congruent with the weakening trend of global land monsoon precipitation

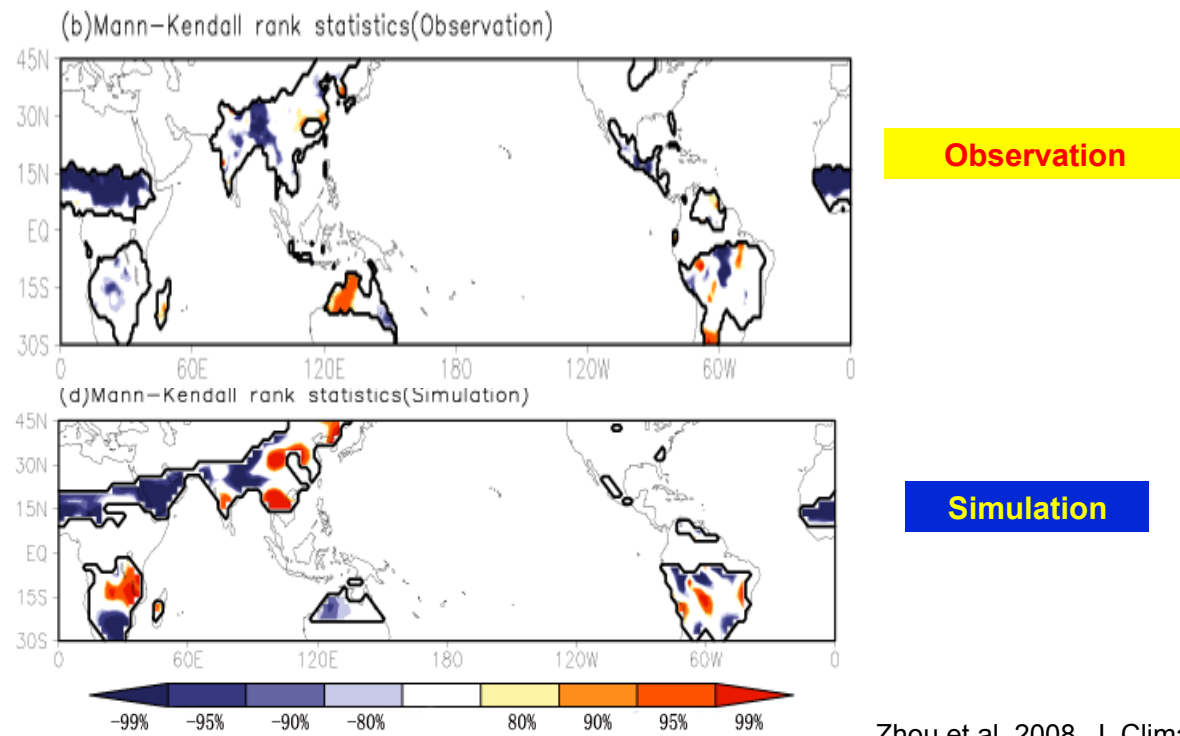


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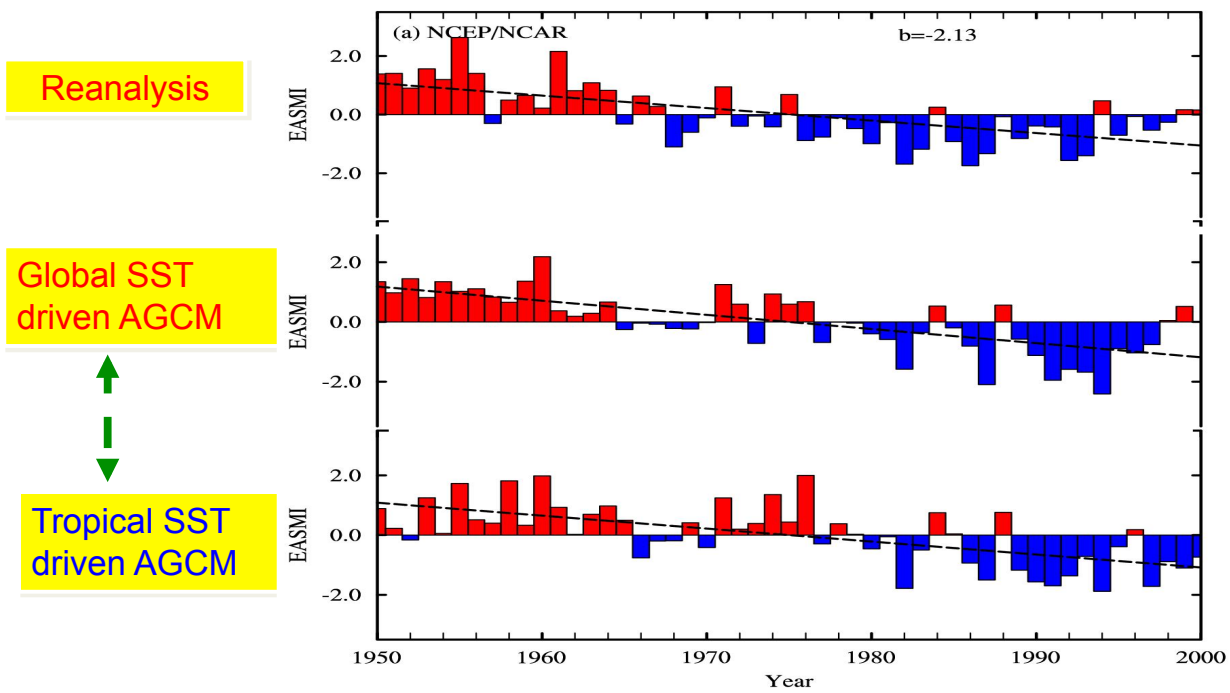
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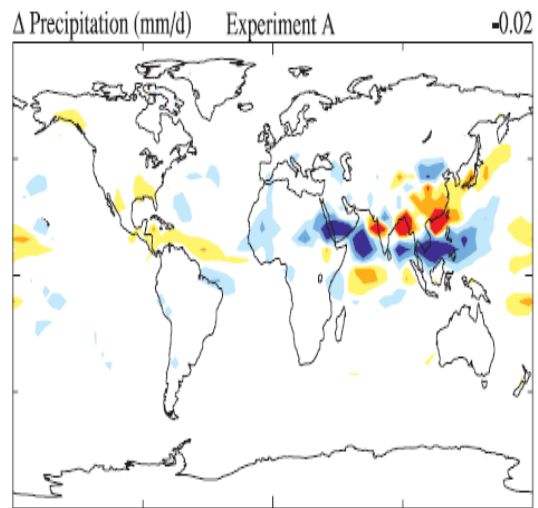
EASM index in AGCM driven by observed SST



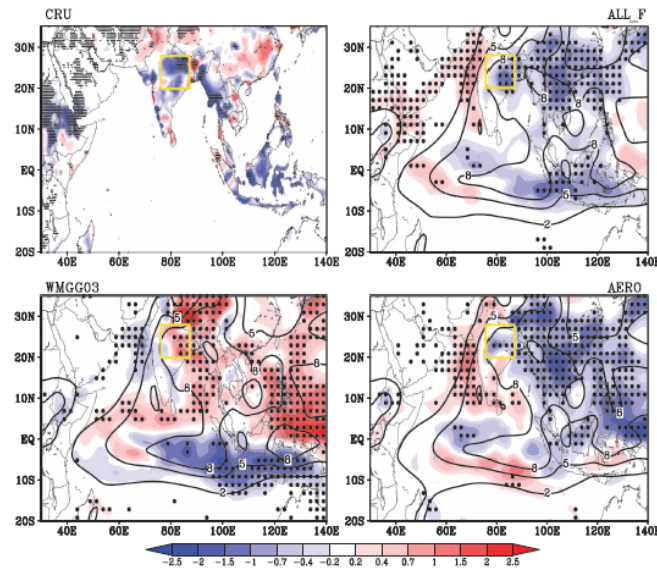
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Aerosol forcing



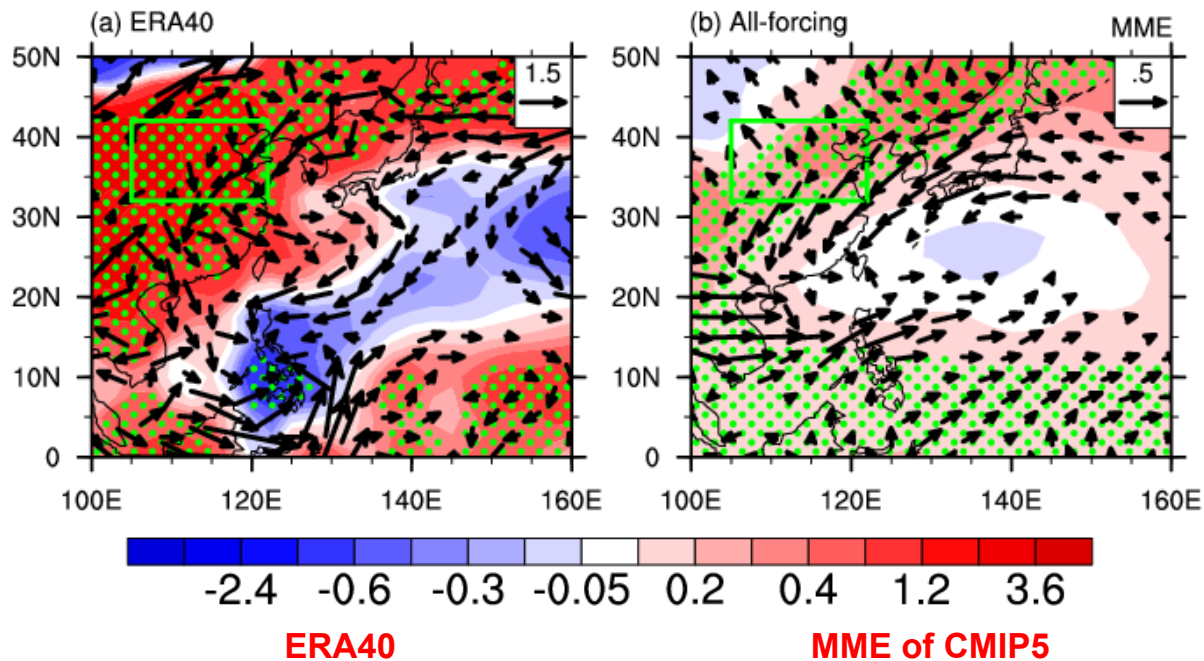
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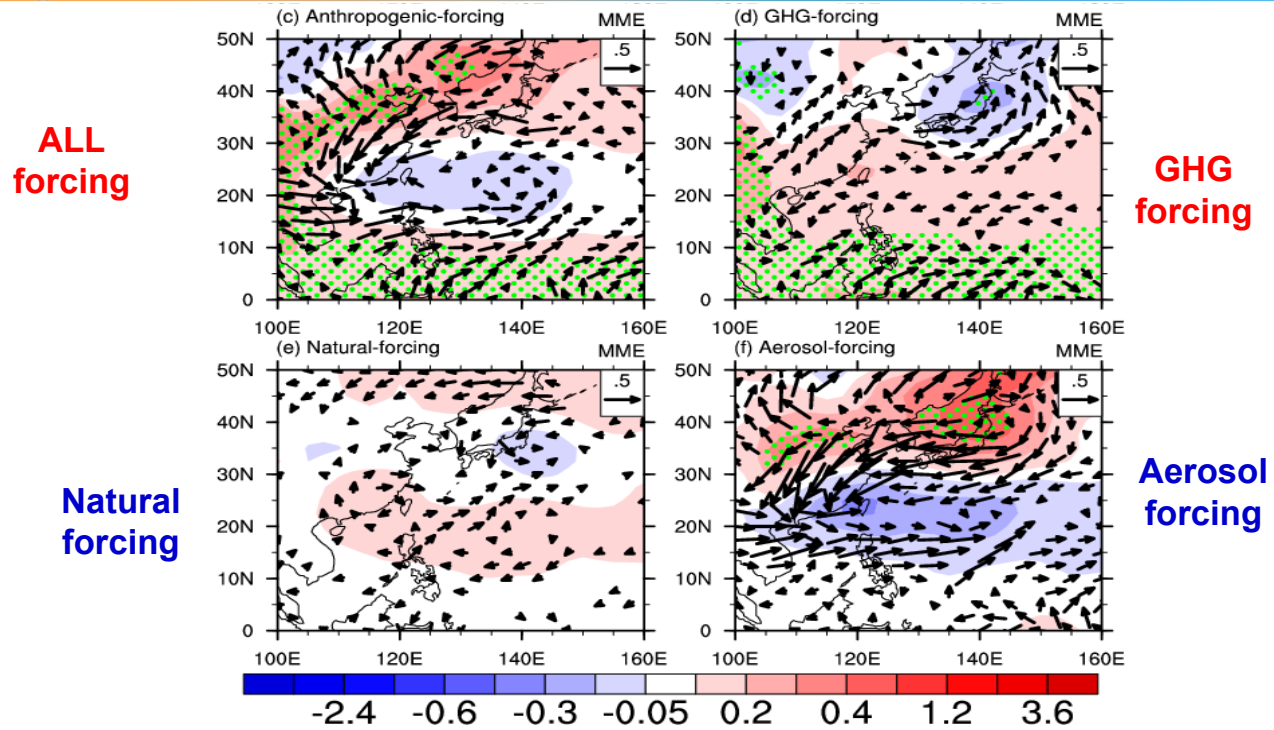
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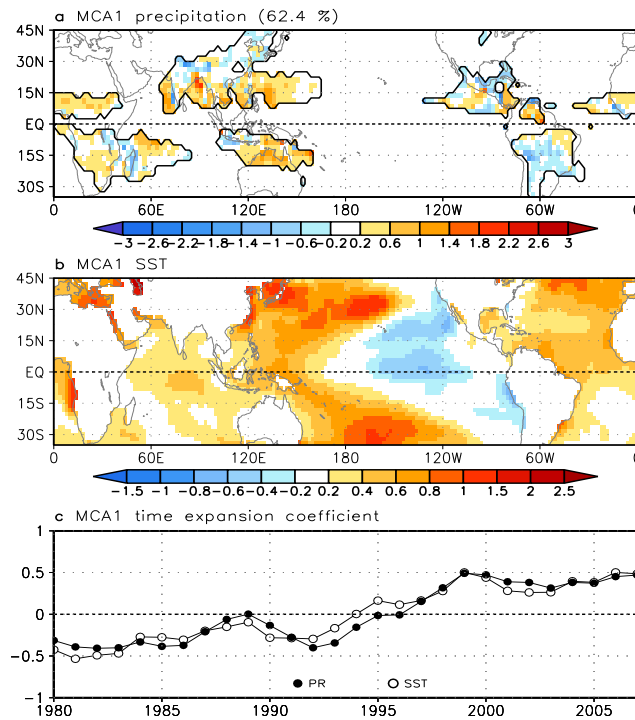
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Recovery of Global Monsoon since early 1980s



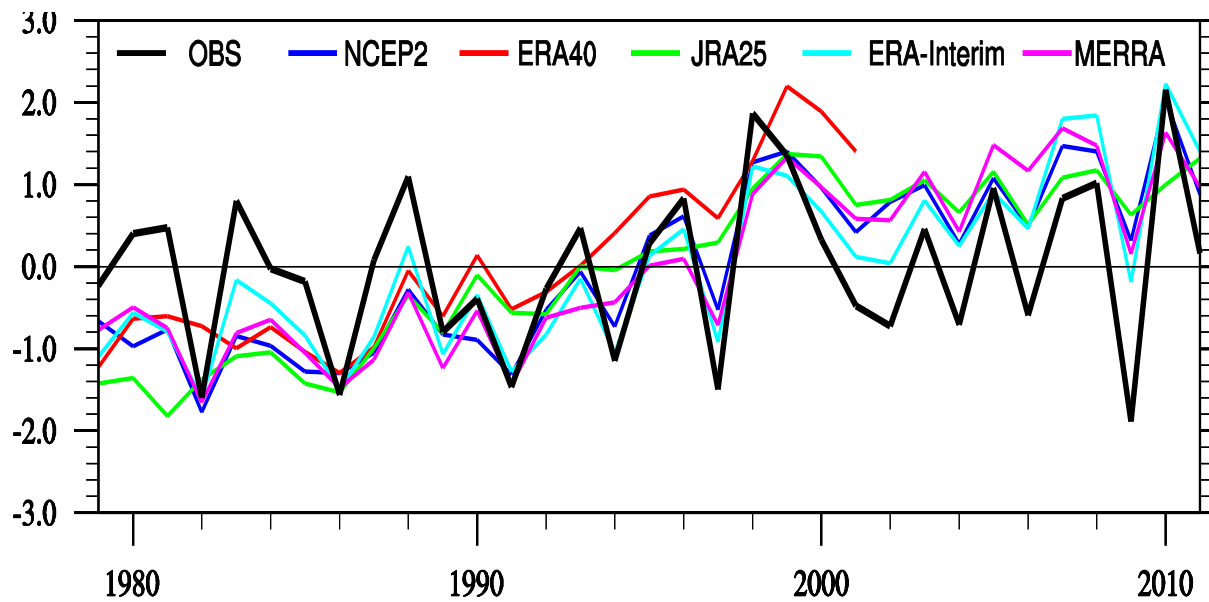
Maximum
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3-year running mean
datasets of GPCP and
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Wang et al. 2012 CD; 2013, PNAS



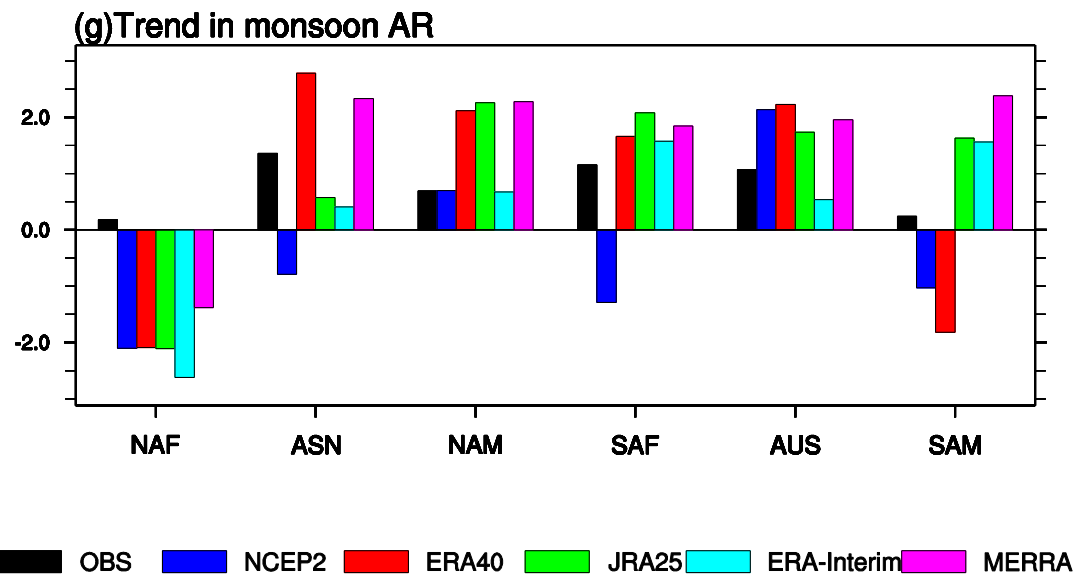
Global monsoon precipitation indices derived from GPCP and re-analysis datasets



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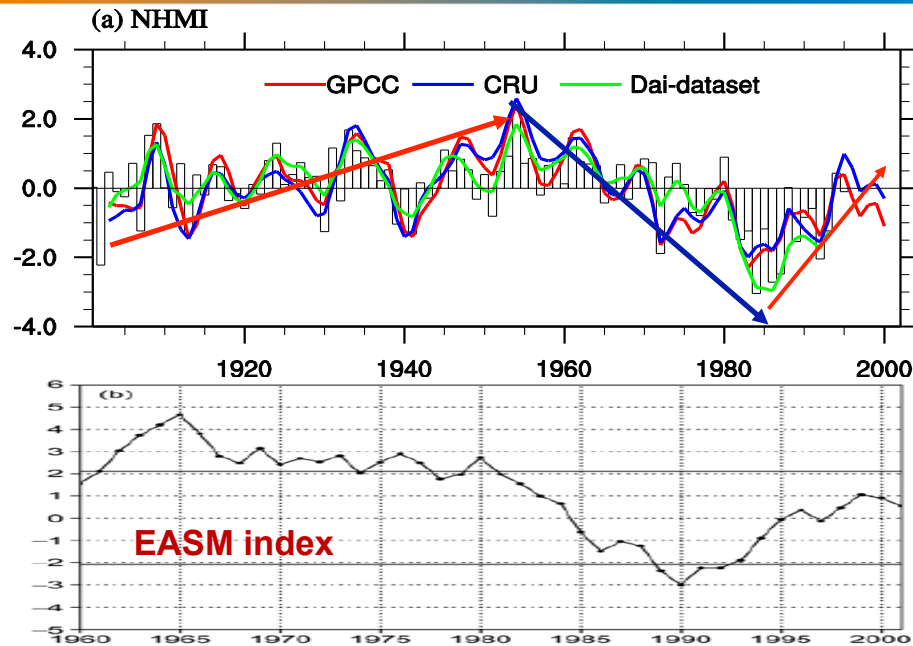
Trends of precipitation in monsoon domains over 1980-2011



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Recovery of global & EA monsoon



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A satellite view of Earth showing the continents of North America, South America, Africa, and Australia. A blue rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing text. The text is white and yellow. The background is a dark blue space with white clouds at the top and bottom edges.

GMMIP:

Global Monsoons Modeling Inter-comparison Project

<http://www.met.reading.ac.uk/~sws05agt/MonsoonMIP/>

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Global Monsoons Modeling Inter-comparison Project: **GMMIP**

Co-chairs: Tianjun Zhou, Andy Turner, James Kinter III

1. **What are the relative contributions of internal processes and external forcings that have driven the 20th century historical evolution of global monsoons?**
2. To what extent and how does the ocean-atmosphere interaction affect the interannual variability and predictability of monsoons?
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◆ **Tier-1:** AMIP simulation over 1870-2014

◆ **Tier-2:** Pacemaker Exps of fully coupled model, 20th century (1870-2014) historical climate simulation with observed SST nudging in the IPO/AMO domain, respectively.

◆ **Tier-3:** Eurasian orography effect Exp.





Summary



1. The weakening tendency of South and East Asian summer monsoon during 1950-2000 are local manifestations of global monsoons changes.
2. Both changes are driven by *the interdecadal changes of Tropical Ocean SSTA, which is a tropical lobe of IPO/PDO.*
3. CMIP5 separate forcing experiments reveal that the *aerosol forcing has driven a weakened monsoon circulation*, while *the emission of GHG favors a stronger monsoon circulation.*
4. **GMMIP for CMIP6:** *To understand the internal processes and external forcings in driving the 20th century changes of global monsoons by international collaborations.*



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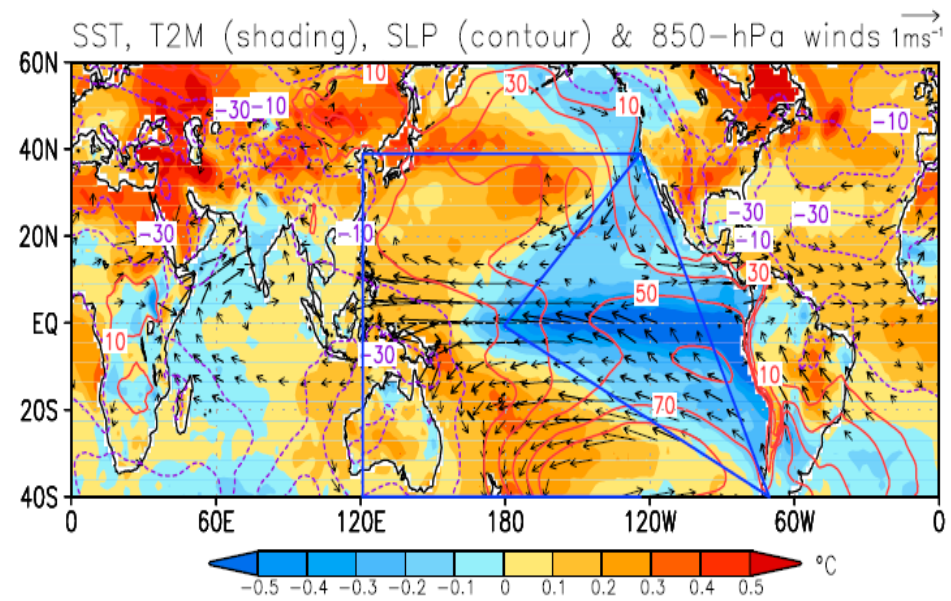
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Some further readings



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Climate anomalies associated with the NHSM circulation index

Wang et al. 2013, PNAS

What is GMMIP?

◆ **GMMIP:**

Global Monsoons Modeling Inter-comparison Project

◆ **One of the 17 MIPs for WCRP CMIP6**

◆ **Proposed by** former CLIVAR AAMP, now CLIVAR/GEWEX
Monsoons Panel & CLIVAR/C20C+

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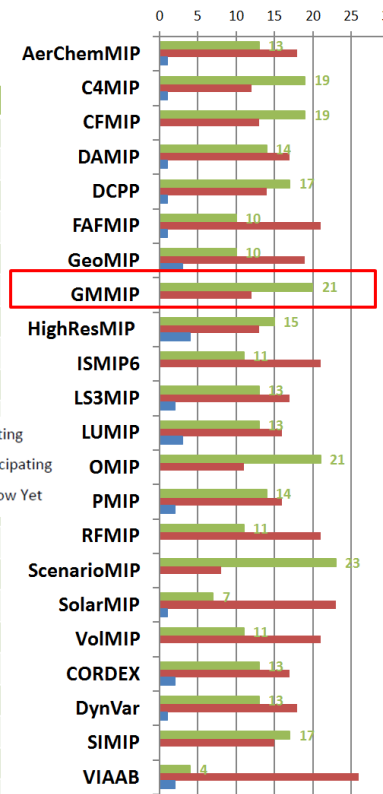
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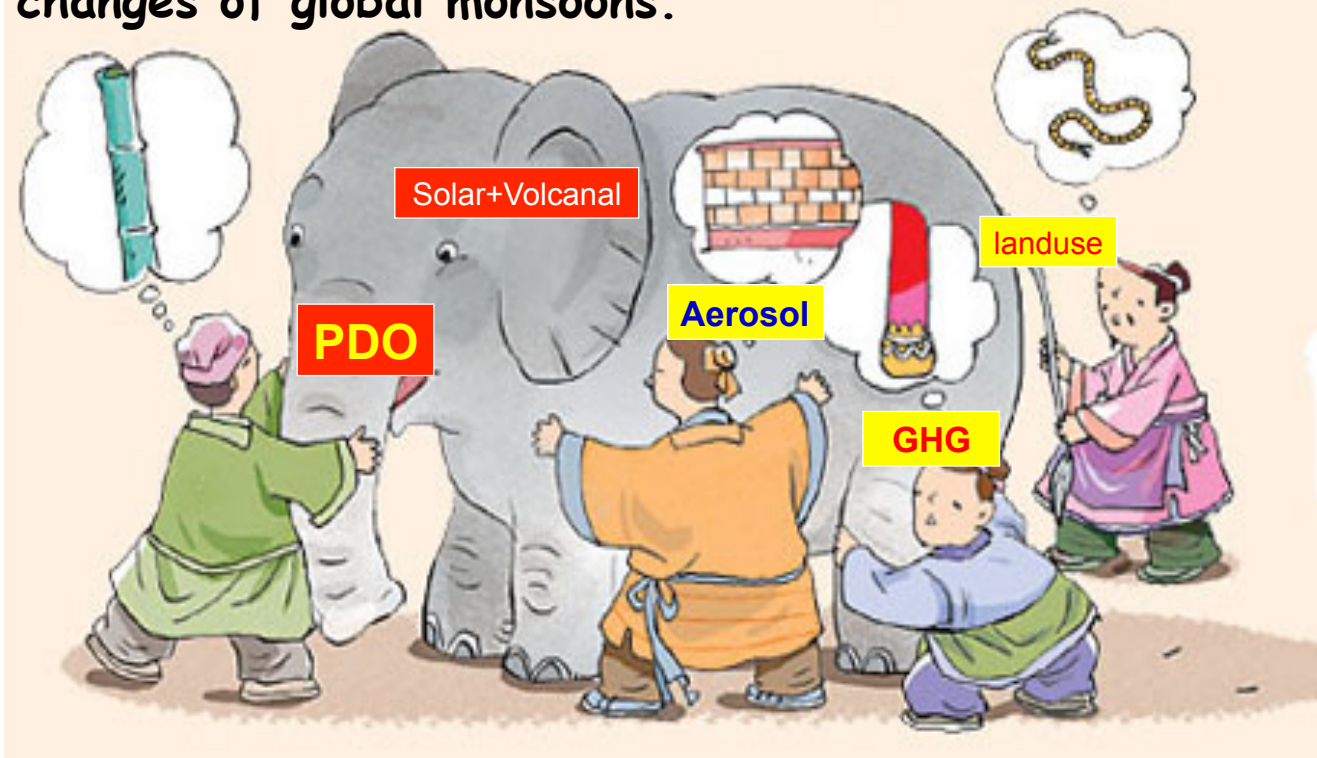
CMIP6-Endorsed MIPs

Proposals from CMIP6-Endorsed MIPs & Model Groups' Commitments to Participate in each MIP

	Long Name of MIP (Short Name of MIP)
1	Aerosols and Chemistry Model Intercomparison Project (AerChemMIP)
2	Coupled Climate Carbon Cycle Model Intercomparison Project (C4MIP)
3	Cloud Feedback Model Intercomparison Project (CFMIP)
4	Detection and Attribution Model Intercomparison Project (DAMIP)
5	Decadal Climate Prediction Project (DCPP)
6	Flux-Anomaly-Forced Model Intercomparison Project (FAFMIP)
7	Geoengineering Model Intercomparison Project (GeoMIP)
8	Global Monsoons Model Intercomparison Project (GMMIP)
9	High Resolution Model Intercomparison Project (HighResMIP)
10	Ice Sheet Model Intercomparison Project for CMIP6 (ISMIP6)
11	Land Surface, Snow and Soil Moisture MIP (LS3MIP)
12	Land-Use Model Intercomparison Project (LUMIP)
13	Ocean Model Intercomparison Project (OMIP)
14	Palaeoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project (PMIP)
15	Radiative Forcing Model Intercomparison Project (RFMIP)
16	Scenario Model Intercomparison Project (ScenarioMIP)
17	Solar Model Intercomparison Project (SolarMIP)
18	Volcanic Forcings Model Intercomparison Project (VolMIP)
19	<i>Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX)</i>
20	<i>Dynamics and Variability of the Stratosphere-Troposphere System (DynVar)</i>
21	<i>Sea-Ice Model Intercomparison Project (SIMIP)</i>
22	<i>Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation Advisory Board for CMIP6 (VIA AB)</i>



Motivation-1: To understand the internal processes and external forcings in driving the 20th century changes of global monsoons.



Main Experiments

All the GMMIP partners are encouraged to conduct both the Tier-1 and Tier-2 experiments.

	EXP name	Integration time	Description	Model type	Motivation
Tier-1	AMIP 20C	1870-2014	Extended AMIP run that covers 1870-2014.	AGCM run, min realization 3	understand the roles of SST forcing and external forcings
Tier-2	HIST-IPO	1870-2014	Pacemaker 20th century historical run that includes all forcing as used in CMIP6 Historical Simulation, and the observational historical SST is restored in the tropical lobe of the IPO domain (20°S-20°N, 175°E-75°W)	CGCM min realization 3	understand the forcing of IPO-related tropical SST to global monsoon changes.
	HIST-AMO	1870-2014	Same as HIST-IPO, but the observational historical SST is restored in the AMO domain (0°-70°N, 70°W-0°)	CGCM min realization 3	understand the forcing of AMO-related SST to global monsoon changes

Tiered Experiments

	EXP name	Integration time	Description	Model type	Motivation
Tier-3	DTIP	1979-2014	The topography of the TIP is modified by setting surface elevations to 500m	AGCM run, min realization 1	Understanding the combined thermal and mechanical forcing of the TIP.
	DTIP-DSH	1979-2014	Surface sensible heat released at the elevation above 500m over the TIP is not allowed to heat the atmosphere	AGCM run, min realization 1	Understanding the thermal forcing of the TIP
	DHLD	1979-2014	The topography of the highlands in Africa, N. America and S. America TP is modified by setting surface elevations to a certain height (500m),	AGCM run min realization 1	Understanding the combined thermal and mechanical forcing of other plateaus except the TIP.

Primary Scientific Questions of GMMIP

- 1. What are the relative contributions of internal processes and external forcings that have driven the 20th century historical evolution of global monsoons?**
- 2. To what extent and how does the ocean-atmosphere interaction affect the interannual variability and predictability of monsoons?**
- 3. How well can developing high-resolution models and improving model dynamics and physics help to reliably simulate monsoon precipitation and its variability and change?**
- 4. What are the effects of Eurasian orography, in particular the Himalaya/Tibetan Plateau, on the regional/global monsoons?**

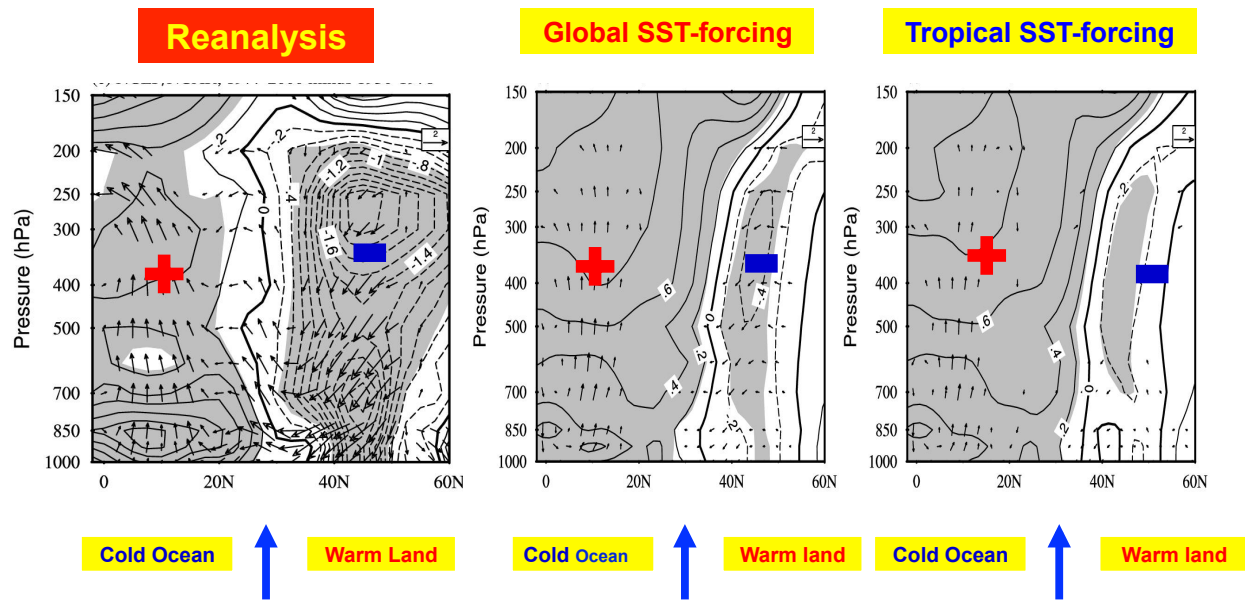


Land-Sea Thermal Contrast change



(105-122°E average)

(1980-99) – (1958-79)



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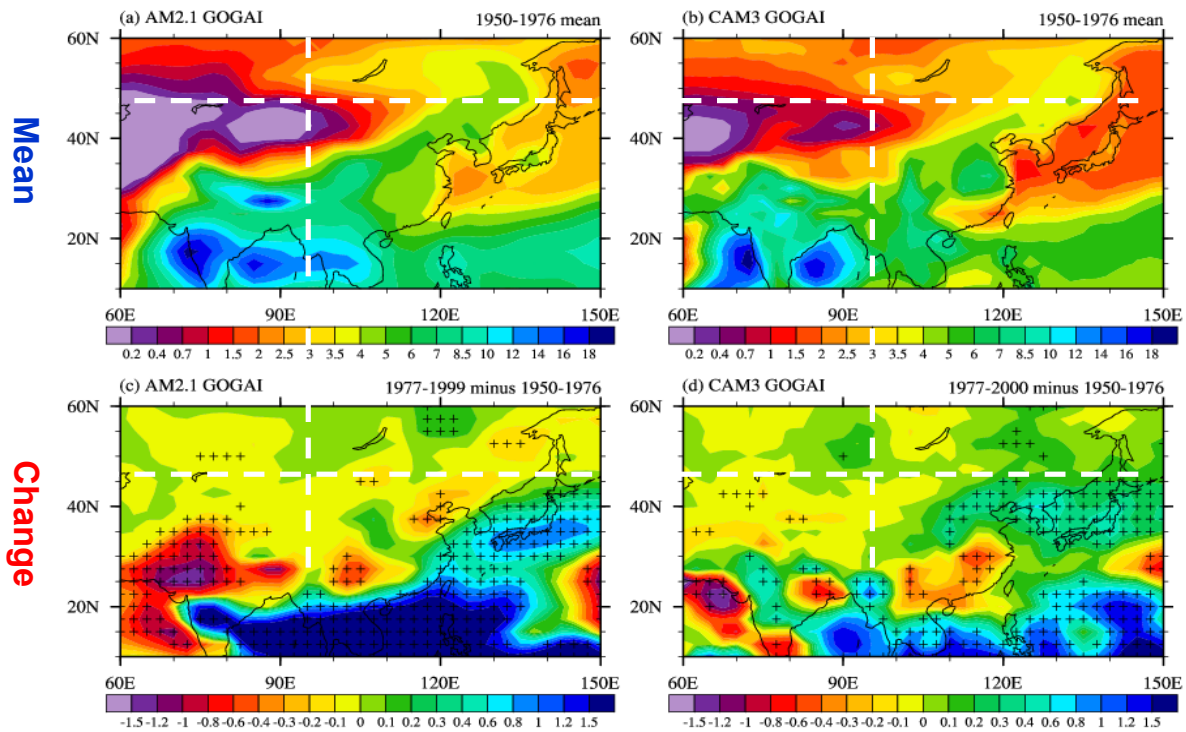


Precipitation: Mean State and Inter-decadal change



GFDL AM2.1

NCAR CAM3





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

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External forcing agents used in 17 CMIP5 Models



No.	Model	Natural forcings		Anthropogenic forcings	
		Solar	Volcanic	GHG	Aerosol
1	bcc-csm1-1	SOLARIS	A	IIASA	C
2	BNU-ESM	SOLARIS	A	IIASA	E1
3	CanESM2	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1
4	CCSM4	SOLARIS	A	IIASA	C
5	CNRM-CM5	SOLARIS	A	IIASA	E1
6	CSIRO-Mk3-6-0	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E2
7	FGOALS-g2	SOLARIS	-	IIASA	C
8	GFDL-CM3	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1
9	GFDL-ESM2M	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	E1
10	GISS-E2-H	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	C
11	GISS-E2-R	SOLARIS	S	IIASA	C
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	A	IIASA	E1

S: Sato et al. (1993);

A: Ammann et al. (2003).

E: Emission is given;

C: Concentration is given.



Details of three sets of CMIP5 experiments



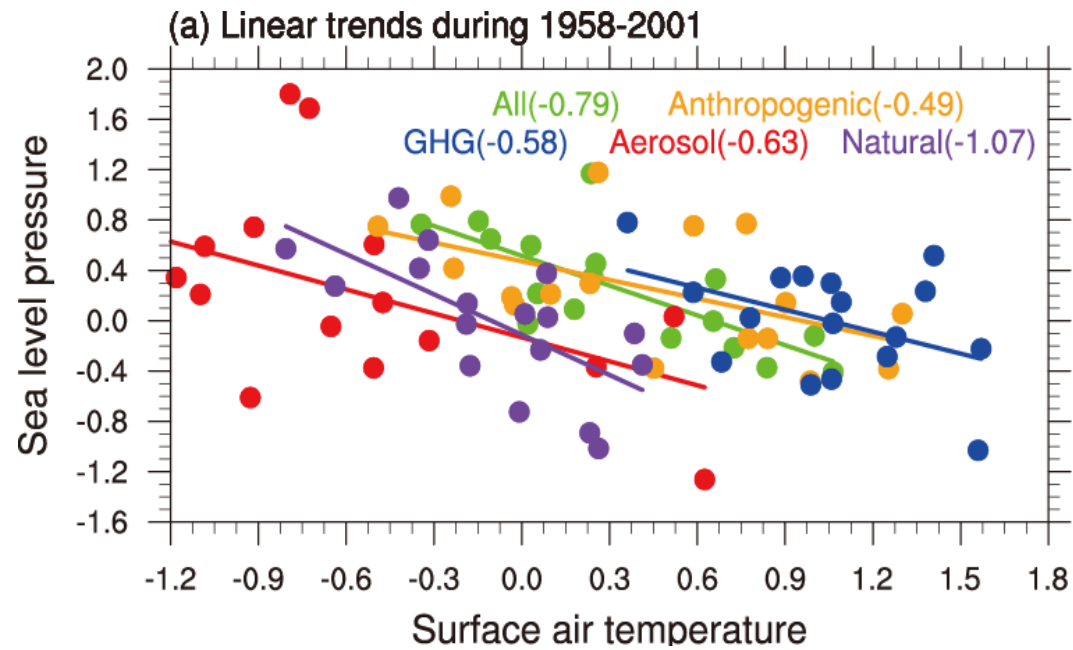
Experiment description	CMIP5 label	Major purposes	Short name
Past ~1.5 centuries (1850–2005)	historical	Evaluation	All-forcing
historical simulation but with GhG forcing only	historicalGHG	Detection and attribution	GHG-forcing
historical simulation but with natural forcing only	historicalNat	Detection and attribution	Natural-forcing

- According to Taylor et al. (2009), **anthropogenic-forcing** is estimated by **All-forcing 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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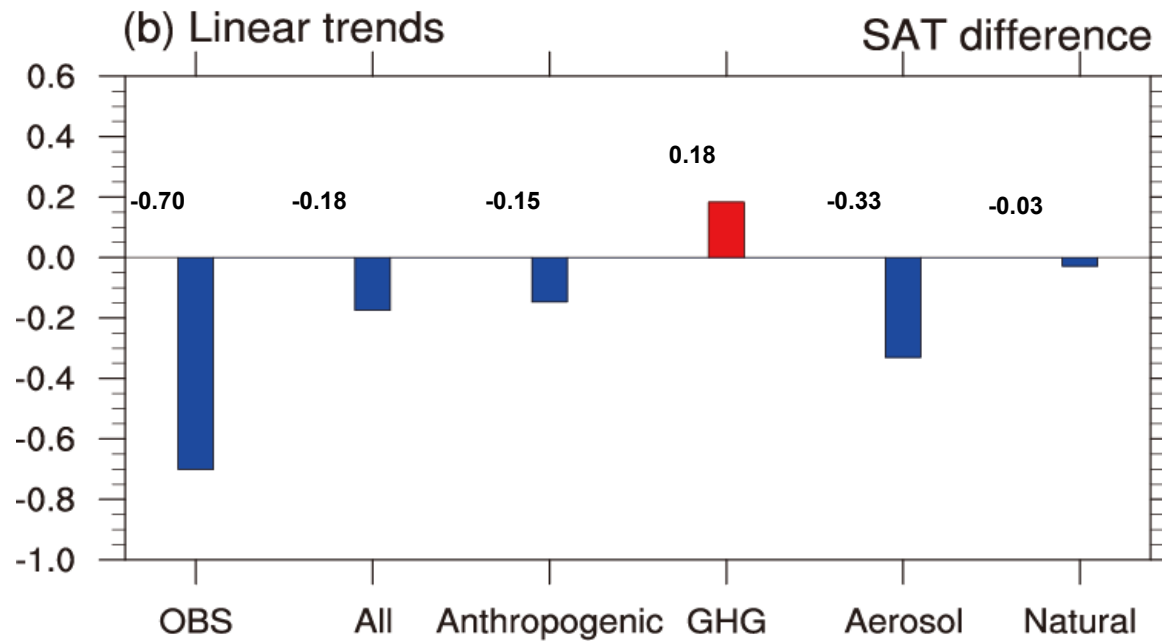
Higher SLP in N. China and surface cooling in central China



Surface cooling → weaker land-sea thermal contrast and higher SLP. →
Weakened monsoon circulation.



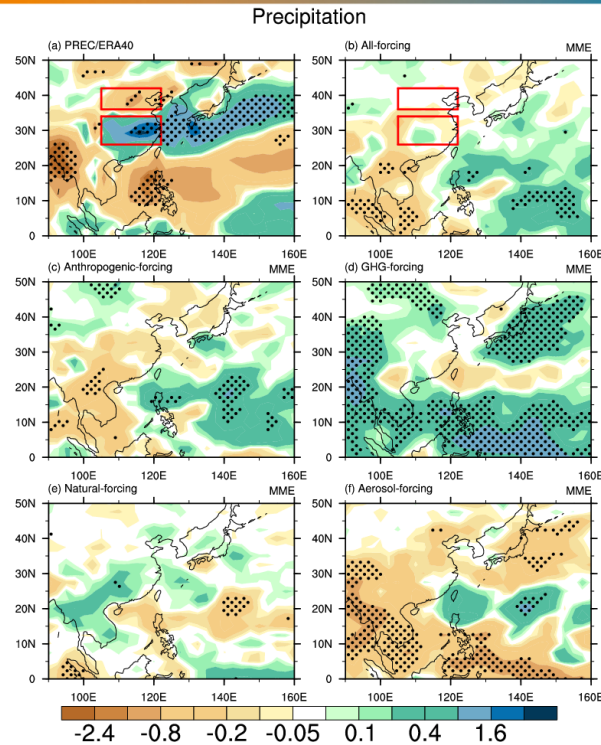
Trends of Land-sea thermal contrast as a measure of EASM strength



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

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