Dynamics governing 21st century South Asian summer Monsoon changes in a multi-member CAM3 ensemble experiment

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Onset= Following Wang and LinHo, 2002

### Introduction



o Anomalies in in local Hadley circulation and South Asian summer monsoon rainfall are positively correlated (*Goswami, et al., 1999*).

o Anomalies in the tropical easterly jet and anomalies in the number of cyclonic systems over Bay of Bengal are positively correlated (*Rao et al., 2004*).

# **Experimental Details**

- We have re-run NCAR climate change simulations to analyze sub-monthly data
- CAM3-T85 multi-ensemble (c, e, bES, fES, gES) simulations (1950-2000, 2000-2099)
- CCSM SSTs
- Analysis for summer monsoon season (Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep; JJAS)
- 1970-1999 (control/RF) and 2070-2099 (future/A1B)

#### **Comparison between NCEP/NCAR and CAM - JJAS Circulations**



60E

100E

850mb

80E

60E

5N



#### **Comparison between CAM3 and Observations**



#### Local Hadley Circulation Index and Precipitation Index



HI = Anomaly of (V<sub>850mb</sub> minus V<sub>200mb</sub>) : (Domain Average: 70E-105E, 5N-30N)

PI = Anomaly of Precipitation : (Domain Average: 70E-90E, 5N-25N) – land only

# Anomalies (A2 minus RF) in JJAS circulations



#### 25N 15N 5N 60E 80E

35N

#### CAM (A1B minus RF



CAM (Ensemble Mean) 1970-99

\* \* 1

12

100E





## Changes in Meridional Tropospheric Temperature Gradient, Easterly Shear and Precipitation



MTG = T<sub>500mb to 200mb</sub> [30N, 52E-85E] minus T<sub>500mb to 200mb</sub> [5N, 52E-85E]

Shear =  $U_{850}$ mb minus  $U_{200}$ mb (Domain Average: 50E-90E, 0N-15N)

# High-resolution limited-area model simulation domain

#### Topography



#### meters

## **RegCM3 Hadley circulation Index and Precipitation Index**



PI = Anomaly of Precipitation : (Domain Average: 70E-90E, 5N-25N) – land only

## RegCM3 Anomalies (A2 minus RF) in JJAS circulations



#### Changes in meridional tropospheric temperature gradient, easterly shear, CAPE-days and Precipitation in RegCM3 CAPE-days RC





 $MTG = T_{500mb \text{ to } 200mb} [30N, 52E-85E] \text{ minus } T_{500mb \text{ to } 200mb} [5N, 52E-85E]$ Shear = U<sub>850</sub>mb minus U<sub>200</sub>mb (Domain Average: 52E-90E, 0N-15N)

RLRC = Convective precipitationRT = Total precipitationRL = Large-scale precipitation

# **Summary and Conclusions**

- CAM3 is able to simulate the general characteristics of South Asian summer monsoon.
- Lower magnitude of meridional tropospheric temperature gradient and easterly shear affect northward migration of ITCZ.
- Summer monsooon gets weaker in future CAM3 integrations, however, anomalies of summer monsoon precipitation are positive.
- A high-resolution RCM integration not only shows similar weakening of South Asian monsoon but also suppressed summer precipitation over land.
- Different anomalies of precipitation in CAM3 and high-resolution limited-area-model signify the importance of how convection has been parameterized in the climate model.