Detection and attribution of observed changes in upper ocean stratification Oliver Andrews & Corinne Le Quéré, Tyndall Centre, UEA, UK



Motivation: Observed & projected surface warming and freshening \rightarrow stratification \rightarrow impacts on ventilation & ecosystems (light, nutrients)

Method: Optimal fingerprinting applied to CMIP5 models and observations for change in upper ocean density stratification (0-200 m), sample piControl to estimate V_0

Results: Detectable change ($\beta > 0$) in observed stratification in response to **ALL** external forcings, cannot be explained by **historicalNat** fingerprint \rightarrow most models overestimate response ($\beta < 1$), response detected above V_0



The inconstancy of climate feedbacks

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Is climate sensitivity estimated from the historical record biased low?



• Observations and AGCMs forced with observed SSTs show strong negative feedbacks and hence low ECS values (~1-2K) if feedback strengths are assumed constant.

• Targeted AGCM experiments – included in the CFMIP3/CMIP6 experimental design – forced with idealised & observed SST warming patterns are introduced to understand:

- (i) the physical processes & mechanisms
- (ii) the implication for observed estimates of climate sensitivity



Analysis of the Future Emission Changes in Mineral Dust Aerosol in CMIP5

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Climate sensitivity of the Brazilian Earth System Model, version 2.5

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Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity (ECS) of 2.95 K Cloud Radiative Effect (CRE) of -0.11 W m⁻²K⁻¹







30-year mean **JAS precipitation** for 2011-2040 and then simulated JAS 2m precipitation **anomalies**

Sensitivity and reversibility of monsoon systems to climate scenario forcing



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Response of monsoon variability to a 190 year ramp-up/rampdown RCP8.5 forcing as simulated by five ESMs models (EC-Earth, HadGEM2-ES, MPI-ESM, GFDL- ESM and IPSL).

- Inter-model spread between the models is still very large. This is particularly the case with respect to precipitation responses over Africa and South Asia.
- The South Asian monsoon rainfall appears to show a general tendency to increase as GHG forcing increases which largely reverses during the ramp-down period.
- Over West Africa, a large surface temperature response is seen through the ramp-up phase which is reversed during the ramp-down.
- Models have widely different simulated precipitation climatologies over West Africa and no clear signal is seen in terms of precipitation change across the models. Likewise, there is no consistent change in monsoon onset or duration across the 2 models analysed.
- There is **little evidence of abrupt or irreversible changes** in any of the monsoon systems.
- Due to greatly differening simulations, **improved models seem to be a pre-requisite** before reliable estimates of future change in any of these three phenomena can be delivered.

A catalogue of abrupt shifts in IPCC climate models

Sybren Drijfhout, Sebastian Bathiany, Claudie Beaulieu, Victor Brovkin, Martin Claussen, Chris Huntingford, Marten Scheffer, Giovanni Sgubin, Didier Swingedouw

Washington Post last week: Record Cold 'Blob' in North Atlantic: Sign of Future Climate Woes?



Does not pass our criteria!





Eighteen out of 37 forced abrupt shifts occur in simulations for global warming levels below **2 degrees**, a threshold often proposed as a potentially safe upper bound on global warming.

Global Ocean Heat Content (OHC) Changes in CMIP5 from the Upper Layers to the Abyss

in the upper, intermediate and deep Ocean



- Levitus et al. and Ishii et al. suggest slowdown during surface warming hiatus but Domingues et al. does not – Argo 2002-2005 is a problem
- Argo period (2005-2105): CMIP5 MMM is on the high end of observational estimates in the upper layer whereas it is on the low end in the intermediate layer
- Deep layer agreement is very good, but likely at least in part coincidental

- For most models the forced trends (green triangle) are distinct from estimated internal variability, especially in the upper layer
- A few models are cooling in the intermediate layer excessive indirect aerosol effects?
- Individual models straddle observed estimates in each layer and there is therefore no evidence of a systematic bias

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Models and data suggest the industrial era global ocean heat uptake has doubled in recent decades



- CMIP5 MMM is consistent with Argo-Challenger estimates (~1875-2005; Roemmich [2012])
- Large spread in modeled OHU

Simulated Total Global Ocean Heat Uptake **Cumulative Distribution Function**

Individual models are normalized by their OHC at 2015



CMIP5 MMM, which is consistent with observations in each layer, suggests:

• 50% OHU has occurred in recent decades

• 30% of OHU is in deeper ocean

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Decelerating AMOC main cause of future west European summer atmospheric circulation changes

Reindert J. Haarsma, Frank M. Selten and Sybren Drijfhout (KNMI, Netherlands)

- Weakening of AMOC is main cause for Atlantic high in future CMIP5 simulations
- Uncertainty in atmospheric summer response over Europe is connected to uncertainty in the AMOC response



PMIP3/PAGES2K integrated analyses of reconstructions & simulations

J.H. Jungclaus and the PAGES2k/PMIP3 group*

Simple time series:



Advanced methods:





Conclusions:

- models reproduce forced response compatible with reconstructions for Northern Hemisphere regions, in particular for the Arctic and Europe
- multiple realisations from single models and the multi-model ensemble improve test statistics
- agreement between simulations and PAGES2k regions is poor for the Southern Hemisphere
- simulations are regionally more coherent than reconstructions
- discrepancies may stem from model deficiencies, but also from the uncertainty in proxy-based reconstructions.

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Zooplankton control on future changes in marine biological carbon fluxes

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Correlations of modeled changes in 2100 with explanatory variables

the overestimation of summer biomass in the Southern Ocean summer is reduced in a model with multiple zooplankton (Le Quéré et al BGD 2015)

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CMIP5 Climate Projections for North America and Development of a

Process-Oriented Model Diagnostics Framework

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North American Climate in CMIP5 Experiments: Part III: Assessment of Twenty-First-Century Projections*

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Precipitation Change



Temperature Change



Process-Oriented Diagnostics Framework

Predictions, and Projections

The newly christened NOAA MAPP Model Diagnostics Task Force is leading development of a software framework to entrain process-oriented diagnostics into model evaluation packages.

Process-Oriented Diagnostic:

- Goes beyond a simple diagnosis of whether a model can simulate a phenomenon or aspect of climate to provide physical insight into why
- Targets a specific physical process or emergent behavior and can guide parameterization improvement



Poster 13 in Session 4

Evaluation of the forest biomass in CMIP5 models over the northern high-latitudes



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precipitation and temperature

A mechanism for ENSO amplitude changes under enhanced radiative forcing in CMIP5 models

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- The impact of global warming on ENSO has been shown to be uncertain in the CMIP3/5 ensembles.
- But the individual CMIP5 models show a rich spectrum of behavior: from a strongly reduced to a strongly enhanced ENSO amplitude.
- What determines this differing behavior among the models?



Fig. 1. Changes in ENSO amplitude in the abrupt4xCO2 experiments w.r.t. the piControl experiments in CMIP5.

- We find that the changes in ENSO amplitude are strongly correlated (r = 0.92) with the changes in zonal wind stress forcing efficiency of SST in the equatorial Pacific.
- The coupling between the low-level zonal wind and deep convection in the central Pacific is found to be crucial in determining the nature of ENSO response to GW.

More details may be found in the poster.







Ozone-mediated forcing of the Southern Annular Mode by Greenhouse Gases

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Regional Climate Variability and Change Since 850 C.E. Considering Internal Variability When Assessing Differences in CMIP5 past1000 Simulations

Last Millennium Ensemble (LME)

CESM1 (CAM5): ~ 2° resolution atmosphere and land, ~ 1° resolution ocean and sea ice.

Three long control runs to assess internal variability.

29-member ensemble set (850-2005 AD) includes single and full forcing simulations.



Post-Tambora, Winter 1816/1817



 Δ surface temperature

A proxy-based study suggested the probability for El Niño to occur following large tropical eruptions doubled.

- 9 (60%) of the individual members with volcanic forcing exhibit El Niño warming in second winter after the April 1815 Tambora eruption.
- But other 6 members show a neutral or La Niña response.



Robert Portmann & Erik Larson



Cumulative Energy Budgets

CMIP5 Models



Similar to Observational study of Murphy et al. 2009 but using models

- How well can we estimate energy budgets from models?
- What are the limits of drift removal?

Emitted vs. Retained Energy since 1950 (Time series)



Multi-dimensional test of models against observations.

An Assessment of Radiative Forcing in CMIP5

Eui-Seok Chung and Brian Soden University of Miami

4x CO2 Total Forcing

4x CO2 Instantaneous Forcing



- Radiative forcing remains a significant uncertainty in projections of climate change
- Modeling centers should calculate and archive radiative forcing as part of CMIP6.

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How should we represent terrestrial carbon-nitrogen cycle interactions in Earth system models? A roadmap for model development

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Bidecadal North Atlantic ocean circulation variability controlled by timing of volcanic eruptions

Swingedouw et al.

What is the impact of volcanic eruptions of decadal variability in the North Atlantic?

Use of CMIP5 models, *in situ* data and last millennium proxy data to show:

- 1 A reset of 20-yr variability in the Atlantic Overturning (AMOC)
- 2 Explanation for some recent Great Salinity Anomalies (GSA)
- **3** Interferences for the AMOC over the recent period







Sensitivity of Regional Climate to Global Temperature and Forcing

Claudia Tebaldi, Brian O'Neill and Jean François Lamarque (NCAR)



At what magnitude of change in Global Average Temperature or Radiative Forcing do we start experiencing *significant* change "on the ground"?

Why do we ask?

mitigation costs/overshoots/missing targets:

e.g., If instead of stabilizing climate at 2C we stabilize it at 2.5C, does that matter for impacts? It would definitely cost less for mitigation...

experimental design of new scenarios: How far apart do scenarios need to be to justify running them through ESMs? How close do they need to be to approximate what has not been run and still be consistent with SSPs' assumptions?





Carbon Feedbacks in the JULES Carbon-Nitrogen land surface model.

Exeter University and Met Office Hadley Carbon Cycle Group





C4 MIP includes experiments for diagnosing Carbon feedbacks for models with interactive Nitrogen cycles.

We propose a method for generating Nitrogen Deposition Forcing

In JULES-CN Nitrogen limitation reduces the net carbon uptake

