

Dynamical Downscaling of Weather & Climate Model Outputs

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 - Model calibration
 - ✓ Downscaling/nesting
 - ✓ Initial conditions/Boundary conditions
 - \checkmark Improvement of IC/BC and Data Assimilation

✓ Climate Projections ✓ Psuedo Global Warming

 Psuedo Global Warming Downscaling (PGW-DS) experiments



Weather affects everyone, every day



Close to 90 % of all natural disasters are the result of hazards such as floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, severe storms...

Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP)

• The technique used to obtain an objective forecast of the future weather (up to possibly two weeks) by solving a set of governing equations that describe the evolution of variables that define the present state of the atmosphere.

A Brief History

- Recognition by V. Bjerknes in 1904 that forecasting is fundamentally an initial-value problem .
- L. F. Richardson's (1922) attempt at practical NWP
- Radiosonde invention in 1930s made upper-air data available
- Late 1940s: First successful dynamical-numerical forecast made by Charney, Fjortoft, and von Neumann
- I960s: Edward Lorenz showed the atmosphere is chaotic and its predictability limit is about two weeks

Basic or Governing Equation of Earth's Atmosphere

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} - \frac{uv \tan \phi}{a} + \frac{uw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + 2\Omega v \sin \phi - 2\Omega w \cos \phi + F_{rx}$$
Conservation of momentum
$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} + \frac{u^2 \tan \phi}{a} + \frac{vw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - 2\Omega u \sin \phi + F_{ry}$$

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g + 2\Omega u \cos \phi + F_{rz}$$

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}$$
Conservation of Mass (ρ)
$$p = \rho R \mathbf{T}$$
 and $\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho}$
Ideal gas law (P)
$$c_v \frac{DT}{Dt} + p \frac{D\alpha}{Dt} = J$$
Thermodynamic energy equation (T)

Currently, we have 6 independent variables u, v, w, ρ, p, T & 6 equations.

Also: moisture, salinity etc. conservation, radiation, cloud physics, turbulance, vegetation, snow, ice, ocean \rightarrow too complecated

Weather and Climate System

The weather/climate system is an <u>interacting system</u> consisting of five major components:

- 1. Atmo-sphere
- 2. Geo-sphere (land surface)
- 3. Hydro-sphere
- 4. Bio-sphere
- 5. Cryo-sphere.
- 6. Anthropo-sphere (Human)



It is influenced by various external forcing mechanisms (*the Sun*, *changes in orbit and chemical compositions and volcanic dust*).

GCMs – Fundamental tool for weather & climate

results

A General Circulation Model (GCM) is a mathematical model of the general circulation of the planet's atmosphere (and oceans) based on mathematic equations that represent physical processes.

The primary earth system components in GCM include the atmosphere, oceans, land surface – including vegetation, and the cryosphere (ice and snow)
→ more complicated but major hope for reliable

Evolution of GCMs



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Advancement of computer power used in NWP



Richardson's forecast factory with 64,000 human "computers"-1922



Neumann and the ENIAC computer.- 1948



IBM 701 was the first computer used by the JNWPU operational NWP-1954









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Numerical Weather Forecast

Initial state is CRITICAL

On-conservation of mass/energy to match observed state







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Operational Forecasting: Improvement of Initial conditions

(a) Global 6-hour analysis cycle



Available observational data usually do not include all of the model's prognostic fields, have different spatial distribution from the forecast model grid, are valid over a range of times rather than a single time, and are also subject to observational error.

The technique of data assimilation is therefore used to produce an analysis of the initial state, which is a best fit of the numerical model to the available data, taking into account the errors in the model and the data.

Operational analysis dataset (used for the real-time forecasts) will typically suffer from inconsistency if it spans any extended period of time. **Reanalysis** projects (JMA, ECMWRF, NCEP) involves reprocessing (additional) observational data spanning an extended historical period using a consistent modern analysis system.

FIGURE 3.1: Schematic representation of operational analysis cycles (a) global 6-h analysis cycles performed at 00, 06, 12, at UTC (b) regional 1-hr analysis cycles.

Nesting of RCM with GCM



Concept of Parameterizations

- Trade-off between computational costs and resolutions
- The complexity is often reduced in GCM by parameterizations, which describe their larger-scale effect from known quantities.
 - Computers are not powerful enough to directly treat the concerned physical process, because the phenomena are too small or too complex to be resolved numerically
 - Processes are not understood well to be represented by an equation
 - Processes strongly affect model fields and can't be neglected in creating realistic outputs.



Some sub-grid scale processes that are parameterized in ECMWF model.

Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model

What is WRF?

State-of-the-art mesoscale atmospheric modeling system

designed to serve both atmospheric research & NWP communities (flexible, modular, ...)

Solves fully compressible non-hydrostatic Euler equations

(conservation of mass, momentum, energy)

designed for use at scales ranging from meters to 1000s of kilometers

Community model

distributed development, centralized support

Primary developers

NCAR, NOAA-ESRL, NOAA-NCEP + universities & govt agencies in U.S. and oversees



WRF Physics and Parameterization

WRF Physics Modules & Coupling



Community model

- Parameterization schemes shared by community giving rise to a collection of different schemes developed for diverse purposes and applications



Selection of physics and parameterizations depends on geographical region, seasons, types of events or phonomena, spatial resolutions, and etc.

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[✓] Period → 28th July-29th July 2010 (2days)





When a Weather Forecast goes Wrong !!!



Why forecasts go wrong most of the time

Model limitations

- Models represent a "simplified" atmosphere not every real process in atmosphere can be resolved in the models
- The model equations compute quantities at grid points (50-200 km), phenomena smaller in size that grid spacing will not be resolved in models (e.g., cloud, radiations)
- Local impact not represented in model topography features and orography effects

Boundary condition errors

- Observation are not global in coverage.
- Bias from GCM

Initial condition errors

- The data may also have errors in it.
- \oplus chaotic nature of atmosphere \rightarrow error in IC can
- produce radically different results later in time

Each Model can produce different forecast

- Different physics and parameterization
- Different data processing techniques

Data Assimilation: Improvement of IC/BC

Regional Downscaling with Data Assimilation



FIGURE 3.1: Schematic representation of operational analysis cycles (a) global 6-h analysis cycles performed at 00, 06, 12, at UTC (b) regional 1-hr analysis cycles.



Improvement of IC/BC \rightarrow Better Forecast



Some Common Challenges in NWP prediction

Problem I: Different components of the earth system (atmosphere, land, ocean, ice, clouds, etc) are strongly interacting with each other ("Feedback Problem")

Problem II: The earth system composes of both very big objects (such as the whole Pacific Ocean) and very small objects (such as the cloud droplets), making it very difficult to draw them on the same page ("Subgrid-Scale Problem")

Problem III: Different parts of the world are strongly connected to each other Eg. Remote impacts of Amazon deforestation ("Teleconnection Problem")







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Climate Prediction

Doundary state is CRITICAL

Conservation of mass & energy critical

Boundary conditions:

SST Sea ice Solar input Radiatively active gasses (e.g. O3, CO2, NH4, N2O) Vegetation Valconic, anthropogenic & natural aerosols **Primary Configuration** Land Surface Physics **Radiative Transfer Clouds microphysics Moist Convection Boundary layer**



Evolution of Climate GCMs - IPCC Mid-1970s Mid-1980s FAR Clouds Rain CO, Land Surface **Prescribed** Ice "Swamp" Ocean TAR AR4 SAR Chemistry **Volcanic Activity** Carbon Cycle Aerosols Sulphates Rivers Overturning-Circulation Ocean Interactive Vegetation

AR4 WG 1 Chapter 1



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IPCC: Special Report on Emission Scenarios (SRES)



A1: a future world of very rapid economic growth, global population that peaks in mid-century and declines thereafter, and rapid introduction of new and more efficient technologies.

A2: a very heterogeneous world with continuously increasing global population and regionally oriented economic growth that is more fragmented and slower than in other storylines.

B1: a convergent world with the same global population as in the A1 storyline but with rapid changes in economic structures toward a service and information economy, with reductions in material intensity, and the introduction of clean and resource-efficient technologies.

B2: a world in which the emphasis is on local solutions to economic, social, and environmental sustainability, with continuously increasing population (lower than A2) and intermediate economic development.

CMIP5 Experiments

b. Future climate projections.

A collaborative process involving the WGCM, AIMES, and the Integrated Assessment Modeling Consortium has produced four emission scenarios for future climate, one nonmitigated and three taking into account various levels of mitigation. These are called "representative concentration pathways" (RCPs)¹¹ that will begin in year 2006 and continue through the end of year 2300. The RCPs are labeled according to the approximate target radiative forcing at year ~2100 (e.g., RCP4.5 identifies a concentration pathway that approximately results in a radiative forcing of 4.5 W m⁻² at year 2100, relative to pre-industrial conditions). There is apparently some interest in considering separately the highly uncertain projected changes in land use, but these are not included in the CMIP5 experiments.

Table 4. Future climate	projections with models forced b	y RCP concentrations.
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	#	Experiment	Notes	# of years
RE	4.1	RCP4.5 (2006-2100)	Radiative forcing stabilizes at ~4.5W m ⁻² after 2100. (if ESM, save CO ₂ fluxes from the surface to calculate allowable emissions)	95
CO	4.2	RCP8.5 (2006-2100)	Radiative forcing reaches ~8.5 W m ⁻² near ~2100. (if ESM, save CO ₂ fluxes from the surface to calculate allowable emissions)	95
	4.3	RCP2.6 (2006-2100)	Radiative forcing peaks at ~2.6 Wm ⁻² near 2100.	95
TIER 1	4.4	RCP6 (2006-2100)	Radiative forcing stabilizes at ~6 W m ⁻² after ~2100.	95
	4.1-L	RCP4.5 extended through year 2300	Extension of expt. 4.1 through the end of the 23 rd century.	200
TIER 2	4.2-L & 4.3-L	Extend RCP8.5 & RCP2.6 through year 2300	Extension of expts. 4.2 and 4.3 through the end of the 23 rd century.	2x20





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Which GCMs from IPCC GCMs ?



GCMs which simulate present-day climate most faithfully are considered to be more reliable.

By comparing GCM performance with observed data an indication is obtained of those models which are more successful than others.

However, this success will depend on the region size and also on the climate variable.

It is probably better to think in terms of excluding experiments where the performance of the model is unacceptably poor - especially at estimating the features of climate that are of critical importance for the impacts application.

Evaluation for relative distribution Correlation coefficient(CC)

Evaluation of absolute value: RMSE

Scoring

CC and PMES are more than all GCM averaged value : 1 CC or RMES are more than all GCM averaged value : 0 CC and RMES are less than all GCM averaged value : -1



GCM Selection



- Parameters & Reference data
 - Precipitation (GPCP)
 - OLR (NOAA)
 - SST(HEADLY)
 - Sea level pressure (JRA25)
 - Air temperature (JRA25),
 - Meridional Wind (JRA25)
 - Zonal Wind (JRA-25)

Target year: 1981-2000



Issues in dynamical downscaling of climate projections

Computationally and financially very expensive

Died enormous resources to downscale several GCMs

Bias of GCMs & RCMs

- Model physics and parameterization of sub-grid scale processes.
 - e.g. shift of a regional scale climate system may gives serious error in the nested model (Wang et al, 2004)

PGW-DS (Kimura & kitoh, 2007, Kawase et al, 2009)

- Same as conventional method but boundary conditions are assumed to be a linear coupling of the reanalysis data and the difference component of the global warming estimated by ensemble of GCMs.
- Advantages
 - Reduction of model bias contained in GCMs
 - + Circumvention of the uncertainty caused by inter-annual variability
- Disadvantages
 - Difficult to evaluate the changes in the inter-annual variability and the frequency of disturbances in future climate because those have unchanged variability.
 - Bias from parent GCM and RCM still exists





A COMBINED DYNAMICAL/STATISTICAL DOWNSCALING APPROACH FOR ASSESSING FUTURE OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE TONE RIVER BASIN, JAPAN

A Combined Method --(PGW-DS) & SBC



PGW: S8 Scenario (A1B)

(1) GFDLCM2.1
(2) Miroc3_2_hires
(3) Csiro_mk3_0
(4) MRI-CGCM2.3.2

Assumptions:

Linear coupling
 Unchanged inter-annual variability

→ improves the biases utilizing long-term observations, while maintaining the effect of finer scale features and continuity.

Methodology : Best Poster Award- WCRP-CORDEX-2013

PGW-DS: Psuedo Global warming downscaling⁴⁰

Data & Model Configurations

				RCM domains: Topographical Map
	Domain 2	Domain 1	Parameters	
✓ ERA-Interi	149X149	121X131	Number of grids	51N
	6	24	Spatial resolution (km)	48N - D / D / D / D / D / D / D / D / D / D
	30	120	Time resolution (s)	45N
✓ Baseline \rightarrow 1981-20	same as Domain 1	WRF Single-Moment 6- class scheme (WSM6)	Microphysics scheme	42N
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	same as Domain 1	RRTMG shortwave	Shortwave radiation	36N
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- 81-2100 (20 yrs)
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Water and Energy Budget-based Distributed Hydrological Model (WEB-DHM) was used. [Wang et. al, J. Hydrology, 2009]





WRF-ERA rainfall Characteristics

• Strong bias especially over mountainous regions due to resolution enhancement that must be taken into account to achieve reliable assessments of future climate change.

Monthly difference (WRF-OBS)

Statistical Bias correction



WRF

- 1. Extreme (GPD) and normal rainfall (monthly CDF mapping)
 - 2. Monthly CDF mapping of entire data

CGCMs

+ correction for drizzling days





DHM: Distributed Hydrological Modeling



- WRF performed statistically better results with observation, however, there are biases in monthly climatology and extremes.
- The identified biases are complemented using simple monthly CDF matching for past and future climate.

• *Value added climate dataset* prepared in this research will be used to asses the impacts of climate change.



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Changes in Annual Climatology: Regional



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Changes in Extreme Climate



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Radiation and Energy Budget



- At the top of the atmosphere: Incoming shortwave = Reflected shortwave + Emitted longwave
- At the surface: Incoming shortwave + Incoming longwave = Reflected shortwave + Emitted longwave + SH + LH

The Greenhouse Effect

The Greenhouse Effect

Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere Some solar radiation dia is reflected by the m earth and the th atmosphere ab

Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere, and some is absorbed and re-emitted in all directions by greenhouse gas molecules. The effect of this is to warm the earth's surface and the lower atmosphere.

Most radiation is absorbed by the earth's surface and warms it

Infrared radiation is emitted from the earth's surface Greenhouse gases are those that can absorb and emit <u>infrared</u> radiation:

- •<u>Water vapor</u> (H2O)
- •<u>Carbon dioxide</u> (CO2)
- •<u>Methane</u> (CH4)
- •<u>Nitrous oxide</u> (N2O)
- •<u>Ozone</u> (O3)
- •<u>CFCs</u>



WRF Simulations – Pakistan & Sri Lanka



Problems with the GCM Outputs







Main Problems with the GCM Outputs:

- •Large Diversity
- •Low Extreme Heavy Rainfall Rate
- •Small Number of No Rainfall Day but Long Drizzle
- Low Seasonal Representation
- Low Spatial Distribution

GCM Climate Change Experiments





