Climate Change and its Coastal Impacts in the Pacific Ocean

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Self Introduction, Lecture CMIP6.

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Play with CMIP6 data via Interactive Atlas 14:00-15:30:

Some examples from our studies and explanation of sample scripts 15:45-16:45: Practice, Q&A Data analysis using python

Self Introduction

My research areas

- I am a professor of Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan,
 - and a tennis player.
- Our university is pretty strong in earth science, and the second strongest university for oceanography in Japan.
- I took my PhD for annual cycle of the tropical Pacific both for the ocean and the atmosphere.
- Then, I have been interested in decadal climate variability over and around the North Pacific.
- After that, I have shifted to frontal scale air-sea interaction.
- Now I am also working on ocean deoxygenation and marine ecosystems.

I welcome international students.

- I have many international students which have conducted high-level studies in my laboratory. My recent doctor course students are mostly international students.
 - Emi Yati (Indonesia) graduate in the last September (Emi Minobe et al. 2020 Frontiers in Marine Science (IF=4.4, referred IPCC-AR6 WG2), Emi Minobe 2021 J.
 Oceanography (IF=1.8))
 - Jiaxiang Gao (China, master from Chinese Academy of Science) will graduate this Sept. (Gao Minobe et al. 2020 Environmental Research Letters (IF=6.2))
 - Givo Alsepan (Indonesia) will graduate this Sept.
 (Alseapan Minobe et al. 2020 J. Climate (IF=5.1))
 - Jinyoung Son (Korea) (going to submit to J. Climate)
 - Yumi Abe (Japan)
 - Gong Zhanqiu (China, master from Beijing Normal University) will join from this October

Japanese scholarship

- Unfortunately, Japanese university do not pay for students, and thus students and their family need to pay tuition and living expense or to secure scholarship.
- In Japan, MEXT scholarship is very good, but of course very competitive. If you are interested in this, please prepare with a long enough time including studying Japanese, which can help a better evaluation.
- Please try so-called embassy recommendation, by which you will apply Japanese embassy in your country in the next year.

1. Introduction of CMIP6 data

What is CMIP?

 CMIP stands for "Coupled Model Intercomparis on Project", which is a project of WCRP.



WCRP Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP)



Models and tools are free!

- To conduct a large-size multi-model analysis, you need a high-speed internet connection, a powerful workstation, and a big storage. These might be beyond out of reach for most of students.
- However, to train your ability, several model outputs with limited year range is OK. The downloading data amount may be smaller than watching youtube!
- In addition to the model outputs are free, the analysis tools are also free. This is a recent big change. Ten years ago, most of professional researchers used Matlab, which is an expensive commercial software, but now we use python, which is free.

Relation with IPCC

- IPCC assess research papers, but do not conduct researches by themselves.
- CMIP models sometimes called IPCCmodel, but this is wrong.
- Nevertheless, CMIP is organized with a focus for IPCC.

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CMIP analysis as a young player's game

- I always suggest for a young researcher to choose a new research field, for which old researchers cannot work.
- By doing so, you can be a valuable talent.
- If you have a skill of multi-model analysis of CMIP in addition to other basic ability as a researcher, many institute will want you.

CMIP generations

- Climate Model Intercomparison Project
 - $-CMIP3 \rightarrow IPCC-AR4 (2007)$
 - CMIP5 \rightarrow IPCC-AR5 (2013-14)
 - No CMIP4
 - $-\operatorname{CMIP6}(2015\text{-}) \rightarrow \operatorname{IPCC-AR6}(2021\text{-}22)$

Finalize scenario choice, March 2015 (O'Neill, Tebaldi, van Vuuren)

CMIP6 Timeline



http://embracecmip2015.sciencesconf.org/conference/embracecmip2015/pages/Veronika_Eyring.pdf

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CMIP6 structure

- Common experiments (entrance ticket for CMIP6)
 - Modelling teams of a model must provide data of these experiments.
- Endorsed MIPs
 - Modelling teams can join, but not necessary.

CMIP6: DECK + Historical + other MIPs

CMIP6-Endorsed Model Intercomparison Projects (MIPs)





Ongoing Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Characterization of Klima (DECK) Experiments

DECK (entry card for CMIP)

- i. <u>AMIP</u> simulation (~1979-2014)
- ii. Pre-industrial control simulation
- iii. 1%/yr CO2 increase
- iv. Abrupt 4xCO₂ run

CMIP6 Historical Simulation (entry card for CMIP6)

 Historical simulation using CMIP6 forcings (1850-2014)

Note: The themes in the outer circle of the figure might be slightly revised at the end of the MIP endorsement process (DECK & CMIP6 Historical Simulation to be run for each model configuration used in the subsequent CMIP6-Endorsed MIPs)

CMIP forcing

- CMIP models are coupled models, which contain ocean, atmosphere, land, ice models with coupling between those subsystem models.
- The forcings, which are given from the outside of the model system, are
 - greenhouse gas concentrations
 - aerosol concentrations (anthropogenic & natural)
 - solar radiation
 - earth's orbit factors
 - land use

Projection & Prediction

- Estimation of future conditions based on CMIP6 scenario runs is called "projection" (not prediction), because CMIP6 scenario runs do not contain predictable components associated with initial condition.
- For example, seasonal forecasting with typically used for 0.5-1 year prediction starts from the latst observation-based initial condition, which give the most of predictable component on this timescale.
- Unique exception in CMIP6 is Decadal Climate Prediction Project (DCPP), in numerical modelling runs start from observation-based initial condition.



A common problem in the ocean models

- CMIP6 models generally do not resolve ocean mesoscale eddies and the narrow strong currents such as the Kuroshio and the Gulf Stream are heavily biased.
- CMIP6 ocean model resolution is typically 50-100 km.
 - 100 km or coarser: No ocean mesoscale eddies.
 - 25-50 km: eddy permitting models.
 - 10 km or finer: eddy resolving models.

HighResMIP (Haarsma et al. 2016, GMD)

- High-Res.: 25-50 km AGCM (typically 150 km in CMIP5), 0.25-deg or higher (upto 0.1-deg) OGCM.
 - Close to necessary resolution of 20 km for proper latent heating suggested by Willison et al. (2013 JC).
- Tier 1: AGCM only run 1950-2014 (historical)
 with 0.25-deg SST and ICE of HadISST2.
- Tier 2: Coupled run 1950-2050 (RCP8.5)
- Tier 3: AGCM only run 2015-2100 (or -2050) (future)
 - Observed SST and ICE + trend deduced from CMIP5 models for RCP8.5.

Scenarios

- A big uncertainty of future projection lies in uncertainty of forcings for future global warmings.
- Since one cannot know exactly future CO2 concentration, which is needed to give as a forcing, CMIP takes a scenario approach.
- A scenario is an integrated set of information for forcings including greenhouse gas concentration, aerosol concentration, land use etc.

CMIP6 scenarios

- Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP) in CMIP6
 - Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) in CMI5



IPCC SROCC, Chapter 1

What is the number in scenario?

- The last number of SSP5-8.5 or RCP8.5 (i.e., 8.5) means radiative forcing at 2100 in w/m².
- Radiative forcing is a measure of greenhouse warming forcing represented as a radiation.
- The major CMIP6 scenarios are
 - SSP1-2.6
 - SSP2-4.5
 - SSP3-7.0





O'Neill et al. (2016 doi:10.5194/gmd-9-3461-2016)

Shared socioeconomic pathways

2. CMIP6 Data Availability

ESGF

- Earth System Grid Federation provides interface by which users can search and download CMIP5/6 and some other data.
- The actual data are stored in each modelling centers or national data storage, but from ESGF interface you can find data of multiple institutes across nations.
- Each ESGF site is called as ESGF node.
- One downloads the data from the modelling centers or national data storage and not from ESGF node, thus the bandwidth between the former for you determines the download speed.
 - This is the reason why I choose Japanese model as materials, because I can download much faster than other countries' model data.

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CMIP6 file name convention



CMIP6 data in C3S

 Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) provides CMIP6 historical and scenario simulations for many atmospheric data (including spatially 3D data) and surface ocean and sea-ice data (spatially 2D data only) with capability of downloading of selected-region.

https://cds.climate.c opernicus.eu/cdsap p#!/dataset/projectio ns-cmip6?tab=form



Variable (?)

variables available at C3S

- Air temperature
- Daily maximum near-surface air temperature
- O Eastward near-surface wind
- Evaporation including sublimation and transpiration
- Grid-cell area for atmospheric grid variables
- Land ice area percentage
- O Near-surface air temperature
- O Near-surface specific humidity
- O Northward near-surface wind
- Percentage of the grid cell occupied by land including lakes
- Relative humidity
- Sea floor depth below geoid
- O Sea level pressure
- O Sea surface salinity
- Sea-ice area percentage on ocean grid
- Snow depth
- Specific humidity
- O Surface altitude
- O Surface downward northward wind stress
- O Surface downwelling shortwave radiation
- O Surface temperature
- Surface upward latent heat flux
- Surface upwelling longwave radiation
- TOA incident shortwave radiation
- TOA outgoing shortwave radiation
- O Total runoff

- Capacity of soil to store water
- O Daily minimum near-surface air temperature
- Eastward wind
- Geopotential height
- Grid-cell area for ocean variables
- Moisture in upper portion of soil column
- O Near-surface relative humidity
- O Near-surface wind speed
- Northward wind
- O Precipitation
- 🔵 Sea area percentage
- Sea ice thickness
- Sea surface height above geoid
- Sea surface temperature
- O Sea-ice mass per area
- O Snowfall flux
- Surface air pressure
- O Surface downward eastward wind stress
- Surface downwelling longwave radiation
- Surface snow amount
- Surface temperature of sea ice
- O Surface upward sensible heat flux
- Surface upwelling shortwave radiation
- TOA outgoing longwave radiation
- O Total cloud cover percentage

Size of the data

- It is important to have a feasible plan and feasibility of CMIP5/6 analysis largely depends on data size required for a specific research.
- 3D data are 40-70 times larger than 2D data.
- Daily data are 30 times larger than monthly data.

Some ocean variables

- 2D data
 - tos: SST
 - zg: sea-surface height
 - Note that coupled models do not sufficiently contain the land-ice melt effect.
- 3D data
 - to: potential temperature
 - so: salinity
 - uo: x-ward component of current
 - vo: y-ward component of current

Research purposes to use CMIP5/6 models

- To evaluate the future changes
- To understand the mechanisms of future changes
- To evaluate role of forcings in the past changes
- To evaluate the model ability to reproduce the past changes
 - If model cannot simulate the past, we cannot rely on them for future.
- To provide boundary conditions of regional models
- To understand the resolution dependency of some phenomena using HighResMIP

Original or remapped coordinate

 Most of ocean models do not have lat-lon grid, but have curvelinear grid or unstructured grid.







Japan Sea

Work on original coordinate or remapped coordinate

- When we draw a map figure of multimodel mean, we need to remap models on a common grid (e.g., 1x1 lat-lon).
 - Most users use Climate Data Operator (CDO), a free tool developed by Max Planck Institute in Germany.
- However, if we analyze near coastal data, sometimes it is better or even necessary to use original coordinate data.

Ocean velocities are problematic

• CMIP5's ocean velocities are x-ward and y-ward velocities of the ocean coordinate, and standard tool (CDO or NCL) can interpolate but cannot rotate velocities (except for Max Planck Ocean model).



Emphasis on regionality

- WCRP now emphasizes regionality.
- Regional studies are mainly conducted by researchers in each region.
 - Future changes of Japan are mainly studied by Japanese.
 - There were so many studies in developed countries, but not in developing counties.
 - So, there are lots of opportunities in researchers in developing counties.

3. IPCC WG1 Interactive Atlas

By using this Atlas, we can obtain multi-model mean information for SST, sea-surface height, etc.

IPCC WG1 Interactive Atlas



https://interactive-atlas.ipcc.ch/

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Downloading Map Data and Plotting by Yourself





The file size is very small, just 133KB.

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This value means the total sealevel rise around Qingdao will be 22.2 cm in 2041-2060 period relative to 1995-2014 under SSP3-7.0 scenario.



Pros and Cons of the Interactive Atlas

- IPCC Interactive Atlas is great to get CMIP6 information, but it has its own limitation.
- In particular, near the "coast" remapping on the same grid can cause a problem, because of differences of coastal topography between different models.
- If you want to know accurate information, you need to work with CMIP6 data of respective models.

Morning Practice

 Use IPCC interactive Atlas and try to summarize future change of a variable and region of your interest with respect to middle (2041-2060) and long terms (2081-2100) and low and low (SSP 1-2.6) and high (SSP 5-8.5) emission scenarios.