Impacts of land surface on climate in LMDZ

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- Climate effects of land surface changes: A general increase in global LAI; Urbanization in East China
- Two configurations of LMDZ for China: Downscaling in East China; Two-way nesting in the Tibetan Plateau

Climate effect of a general increase of LAI

Motivation: Global vegetation cover goes well during the last 30 years, due to global warming, CO2 fertilization, etc. Are there any physical feedbacks to climate ?



Annual-mean LAI changes (1997/2011 – 1982/1996)



Land-use, surface-atmosphere interaction : Global model versus Regional model

A case study of urbanization in East China



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LMDZ-global: about 200 km LMDZ-regional: about 60 km

Arable land converted to bare soil to mimic urbanisation. Two versions of LMDZ, global and regional, are used.



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Arable land converted to bare soil to mimic urbanisation. Global: 200km; Regional: 60km

	Pearl		Yangtze		Beijing	
	global	regional	global	regional	global	regional
Bare soil(%)	2.4	2.3	3.4	4.2	5.0	4.6
C3-agriculture(%)	2.3	3.3	10.6	12.3	23.1	26.1
C4-agriculture (%)	43.7	56.0	33.7	45.8	15.3	23.1
Land area(10⁵ km2)	1.62	2.48	5.49	5.77	2.44	1.89
C3+C4 agri. area (10 ⁵ km2)	1.41	2.32	4.24	4.33	1.32	1.37
Mean LAI	3.31	3.71	4.13	4.24	2.61	2.69









0.1 -0.1

Regional: changes in surface energy balance

Changes in precip (mm/d)

Global



Regional



0.8

0.4

-0.2

-0.6

-0.8

-1 -1.6

-1.8



Downscaling of climate change in China



Schematic of models grid in China

IPCC/CMIP5 runs: historical (1951-2005); rcp4.5 (2006-2100); rcp8.5 (2006-2100)



China-mean **rainfall** (mm/day, left) and surface air **temperature** (°C, right) in global models and in LMDZ: historical, rcp4.5 and rcp8.5

A two-way nesting climate system for the Tibetan Plateau



