# Aerosol > <u>Cloud</u> > Rainfall > Radiation Associations during Indian Summer Monsoon



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#### Radiative impact of aerosols on monsoonal rainfall



#### Increasing Trend of Extreme Rain Events Over India in a Warming Environment

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#### Anthropogenic Aerosols and the Weakening of the South Asian Summer Monsoon Bollasina et al.,

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Science, 2011





# **Extreme rainfall intensity is increasing**

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#### **Observed changes in extreme wet and dry spells during the South Asian summer monsoon season**

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#### Aerosols can act as cloud condensation nuclei and intensify rainfall



Fundamentally, Clouds are composed of droplets formed due to condensation of moisture on aerosols (CCN) under supersaturated conditions

# **Complexity : Convective Cloud Systems India**



#### Mesoscale cloud systems are combination of Anvils & Towers

#### Which cloud regime dominates rainfall over ISMReg?



~70% of clouds over the ISMReg are convective cloud systems.

#### AlvE on transition of convective clouds from Tower to strati-form

High frequency and high resolution Radiosondes were used to estimate the cloud layers over the atmospheric column of Kanpur during July, 2016.



[George, Sarangi et al., 2018, JGR]

# Aerosol vertical distribution during monsoon





High Aerosol concentration below 1 km altitude

Natural laboratory for aerosol-cloud-rainfall research

Prabha et al., 2012

#### Lower elevational gradient in droplet size under high pollution



# Growth rate of Cloud droplet size with altitude decreases for high CCN loading

Thus, delaying initial rain formation and pushing more liquid mass into upper/cooler atmosphere

#### Cloud Ice to cloud liquid ratio increases with aerosol loading

Increase in AOD is associated with -

- 1. Increase in elevated layer of super-cooled rain drops
- 2. Enhancement ice phase mass concentration



#### Aerosol-Cloud-Rainfall satellite measurements over ISMReg



[Sarangi, et al, ACP, 2017]

#### Aerosol-rainfall in-situ measurements over Kanpur



RF is daily IMD .25 deg gridded product over Kanpur

PR is daily precipitation rate at .25 deg gridded TRMM data product over Kanpur

IITK is hourly rainfall point measurement over IIT, Kanpur

NWS\_IITK is same as IITK but for days with no prior rain and AOD is only for pre-rainfall hour

# Rainfall and aerosol loading has a positive association irrespective of wet scavenging effect

[Sarangi, et al, ACP, 2017]

# Simulations infuse causality: Mesoscale cloud systems



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#### **Cloud population analysis**

For each grid within Domain 3, every hour, if the  $CWC > .0001 \text{ g/m}^3$ 

The Cloud base height, cloud top height (CTH) and thus cloud thickness (CT) is registered

The cloud population for the entire simulation is plotted on a CTH and CT axes.

#### **Two aerosol sensitivity WRF experiments** were performed and compared

- HAS: CCN emission fluxes based on 7-1. year Global reanalysis climatology
- LAS: Value of fluxes used in sim#1 was 2. divided by 100



# **CCN-induced increase in cloud macro-physics**



#### AlvE on transition of convective clouds from Tower to strati-form



- Tower regime: COT<sub>ICE</sub> > 10; Anvil regime: COT<sub>ICE</sub> < 10</p>
- TAR is given by number of pixels in the tower regime (N<sub>T</sub>) divided by the number of pixels in the anvil regime (N<sub>A</sub>).
- TAR>1  $\rightarrow$  Tower cloud
- TAR<1 → Anvil Stratiform cloud</p>

[Sarangi et al, Nat. Comm., 2018]

#### **AlvE magnifies cloud brightening effect**



- The frequency of occurrence of SACs increases and the particle size decreases with AOD(A&B).
- The decrease in size and enhancement of SACs due to AlvE causes increased albedo and decrease in OLR with AOD.
- which cause enhanced SW reflectance and cooling; Longer life of SACs also adds on to the net cooling effect

[Sarangi et al, Nat. Comm., 2018]

## Summary



#### Summary, implications and future vision

- Aerosol-induced cloud invigoration shows clear signature of intensifing rainfall during Indian monsoon period
- AlvE induces changes in mesoscale cloud structure enhancing surface cooling effects of clouds

# Quantification of AlvE over India

# **Reviving Indian monsoon**

Goswami et al., 2006, Science >> Jin et al., 2017, Nat. Clim. change

Recent publications in support of this work:

Kant et al., 2019



$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{a\cos^2\theta} \left\{ U \frac{\partial U}{\partial \lambda} + v\cos\theta \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} \right\} + \dot{\eta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} \qquad \text{East-west wind} \\ (-fv) + \frac{1}{a} \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \lambda} + R_{dry} T_v \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\ln p) \right\} = P_U + K_U \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{a\cos^2\theta} \left\{ U \frac{\partial V}{\partial \lambda} + V\cos\theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} + \sin\theta (U^2 + V^2) \right\} + \dot{\eta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \eta} \qquad \text{North-south wind} \\ + fU + \frac{\cos\theta}{a} \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} + R_{dry} T_v \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\ln p) \right\} = P_V + K_V \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{a\cos^2\theta} \left\{ U \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + V\cos\theta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right\} + \dot{\eta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\kappa T_v \omega}{(1 + (\delta - 1)q)p} = P_T + K_T \qquad \text{Temperature} \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{a\cos^2\theta} \left\{ U \frac{\partial q}{\partial \lambda} + V\cos\theta \frac{\partial q}{\partial \theta} \right\} = \eta \frac{\partial q}{\partial \eta} = P_q + K_q \qquad \text{Humidity} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) + \nabla \cdot \left( v_H \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \dot{\eta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0 \qquad \text{Continuity of mass} \\ \frac{\partial P_{suff}}{\partial t} = -\int_{0}^{1} \nabla \cdot \left( v_H \frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} \right) d\eta \qquad \text{Surface pressure} \end{cases}$$

# Where is the cloud base and top generally located ?



The increased CTH and CF is mainly a result of:

- Larger amount of detrained cloud mass in the polluted clouds;
- Much smaller ice particle size leads to much slower dissipation of stratiform/anvil clouds resulted from smaller fall velocity.

A tentative separation shows that convective invigoration can contributes up to 25% of the increase in cloud fraction

# Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model : Regional Numerical weather Prediction model

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p - g\mathbf{k} - 2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla \cdot \mu \nabla \mathbf{v} + \dots$$

$$c_{V}\rho\frac{dT}{dt} + p\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = -\nabla\cdot R + \nabla\cdot k\nabla T + C + \mu |\nabla\mathbf{v}|^{2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + q\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = S + \nabla \cdot k_q \nabla q$$

$$p = \rho RT$$
$$\frac{d(\bullet)}{dt} = \frac{\partial(\bullet)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla(\bullet)$$

# AlvE causes initial delay and temporal and spatial shift in rainfall towards downwind direction



- Rain water content, cloud water content and ice water content increases with CCN content
- Initial delay results in enhancement in ice and rain formation is simulated

[Sarangi et al., 2017, ACP]

# Rain101

When super-saturated, moisture condenses on bigger aerosols, hence they are called Cloud condensation nuclei (CCN)

atmosphere are low in number concentration and large in size.



Courtesy: Jiwen Fan, PNNL