The dominant patterns of historical anthropogenic aerosol emissions and their climate impacts via atmospheric and oceanic pathways

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How does the atmosphere respond to these emissions patterns, and what are the relative roles of radiative forcing vs. SST forcing?

















Two modes: 95% variance explained











Precipitation Response



mm/day 0.31 0.23 0.15 0.07 -0.01 -0.09 -0.17 -0.25 -0.33

























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Take-home Messages

- Historical anthropogenic aerosol emissions can be decomposed into two dominant modes of variability:
 - **"Low-Latitude" AOD mode (64%)** ← industrial AER and tropical BMB
 - "NH Mid-Latitude" AOD mode (31%) ← industrial AER
- Large-scale atmospheric response to these modes is dominated by SST forcing, while radiative forcing contributes mostly locally.
- Regional responses over the Indian Ocean are impacted by both local emissions through radiative forcing and remote emissions through radiative and SST forced dynamical pathways.

Extra Slides

JJA Regional **Responses to** Precipitation leading patterns regressions

2 63.60%

30°N 30°S

RAD+SST

60°E

Radiatively forced



15°N

120°E 60°E

SST forced



0.31 0.23

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-0.04 -0.08 -0.12 -0.16 0.2 m/s

"Low-Latitude" 0.28 0.20 0.12 SLP & 850wind 0.04 AOD mode regressions -0.24 0.32 -0.40 60°E 120°E 60°E 120°E 120°E 0.28 TREFHT 30°N 0.20 0.12 regressions 0.04 -0.08 -0.16 -0.24 -0.32 -0.40 30°S 120°E 60°E 120°E 60°E 60°E 120°E 0.16 Dtcond 0.11 Regressions 0.08 0.04 -0.00

120°E

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Radiatively forced RAD+SST

SST forced

JJA Regional Responses to leading patterns

AOD mode.

2 30.87%

Precipitation regressions









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