Physical Climatology of Indonesian Maritime Continent: An Observational Overview

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(Photo by Y. Kashino, near Timor)

Earth and "Aqua-Planet"





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Ocean: Continent ~ 7: 3 concerved for 400 MYears



Urbanization of Batavia/Jakarta









1960s

green field

urban area others

kota station

farmland



(Yamashita, 2011)

Batavia/Jakarta diurnal cycle changes (1866-1980)





Meridional variations of meridional winds show the seasonal shift of Hadley circulation



(Okamoto et al., 2004)

6 2 -2 -6 Zonal variations of zonal winds show the ENSO-shift of Walker circulation



Interannual Variations of Wind over Indonesia

(Okamoto, Yamanaka et al., 2003b)



Stratospheric gravity waves & tropospheric convection

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Meinardus (1934), Sellers (1965), Palmen & Newton (1969) Newton (1972) Baumgartner and Reichel (1975), Hartmann (1994)







GMS cloud top temperature (hourly, 14 years, 0.25 °) zonal wavenumber and frequency spectra



intraseasonal variation (ISV) or Madden-Julian oscillation (MJO) or super cloud cluster (SCC) or Matsuno-Gill pattern observed during HARIMAU2011 IOP



Intraseasonal / diurnal variations of convection

(Hamada et al., 2003)







Regional (land) rainfall (mm/year) = 2000 (mm/year $\cdot 10^2$ km) × [Coastline (10² km)/Land area (10⁴km²)

- → Total rain water amount on land (Gt/year) = $2000 \text{ (mm/year} \cdot 10^2 \text{ km}) \times \text{Coastline} (10^2 \text{ km})$
 - The maritime continent with the longest coastlines has the largest rainfall.
 - Numerical models must resolve coastlines with 100 km or higher resolution.
 - Radar-AMeDAS-like observations must cover all the coastlines/mountain slopes.



Diurnal, Intraseasonal and Seasonal variations over Sumatera

(Sakurai et al., 2005: JMSJ)









Summary

"Aqua-planet" generates Hadley, (astronomical) monsoon, (global) tides and ISV/MJO.
Lands in oceans turns currents poleward, and reflects waves (making interannual ENSO/IOD)
Indonesian maritime continent with longest coastlines have largest rainfall mainly through diurnal cycle (sea-land breeze circulation) induced by liquid-solid contrast for solar heating.
High-resolution observation/modeling (< 100 km) over islands/seas resolving coastlines are necessary to watch/understand/predict the global climate over our planet Earth.