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Abstract:

The influences of biomass burning on local rainfall and the structure of the atmospheric boundary layer have been actively studied in recent years. However, whether the large-scale biomass burning over Amazonia can influence the wet season onset have not been examined. In Brazil, biomass burning usually occurs in the later dry season, strongly influenced by human activities. For example, the date when the burning begins is planned by the government and it can vary from year to year. Previous observations have shown that the substantial increase of rainfall from dry to wet season over Amazonia are actually caused by small changes of the atmospheric thermodynamic structure relative to those over other monsoon regions. Consequently, the onset date can vary greatly as influenced by external and internal anomalous forcings. Thus, it is possible that the transition of the atmospheric thermodynamic structure and circulation from dry to wet season is also sensitive to the impacts of biomass burning aerosols. To test this hypothesis, we have forced the RegCM3 model with radiative forcing of the biomass burning aerosol inferred from MODIS for the transition season (from October to December). The comparison with control run helps us to examine the direct and semi-direct influences of the biomass burning aerosols on the transition from dry to wet season. Our preliminary results show that the direct and semi-direct forcing of biomass burning aerosols can significantly influence the rainfall and related atmospheric and land surface conditions during the transition. However, these changes are sensitive to the vertical distribution of the aerosols. The physical and dynamic processes to determine the aerosols' influence on wet season onset will be discussed in our presentation.

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