

# Factors controlling Hadley circulation changes from the Last Glacial Maximum to the end of the 21st century

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## Key Points:

- The Hadley circulation extent and strength are analyzed in simulations spanning the Last Glacial Maximum to global warming scenarios
- The Hadley circulation generally widens and weakens as the climate warms
- Changes in meridional temperature gradients have a modest modulating effect, principally on the southern hemisphere Hadley circulation

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## Abstract

The Hadley circulation (HC) extent and strength are analyzed in a wide range of simulated climates from the last glacial maximum to global-warming scenarios. Motivated by HC theories, we analyze how the HC is influenced by the subtropical stability, the near-surface meridional potential temperature gradient, and the tropical tropopause level. The subtropical static stability accounts for the bulk of the HC changes across the simulations. However, since it correlates strongly with global-mean surface temperature, most HC changes can be attributed to global-mean surface temperature changes. The HC widens as the climate warms, and it also weakens, but only robustly so in the northern hemisphere. On the other hand, the southern hemisphere strength response is uncertain, in part because subtropical static stability changes counteract meridional potential temperature gradient changes to various degrees in different models, with no consensus on the response of the latter to global warming.

## 1 Introduction

Simulations of greenhouse gas (GHG) induced global warming consistently point to a widening of the Hadley circulation (HC) as the climate warms, which has been suggested to be linked to an increase of the subtropical static stability [Walker and Schneider, 2006; Frierson *et al.*, 2007; Lu *et al.*, 2007, 2008]. Such a widening has also been observed in recent decades [Hu and Fu, 2007; Seidel *et al.*, 2008; Birner, 2010; Davis and Rosenlof, 2012; Nguyen *et al.*, 2013; Adam *et al.*, 2014; D’Agostino and Lionello, 2017]. However, what causes these changes has not been clearly established. A substantial fraction of recent HC variations are not related to changes in subtropical static stability: The HC narrows as meridional temperature gradients strengthen, as seen under El Niño [e.g., Lu *et al.*, 2008; Adam *et al.*, 2014]. It expands and weakens as meridional temperature gradients weaken, for example, in GHG induced global warming scenarios [Seo *et al.*, 2014] and under La Niña conditions [Lu *et al.*, 2008].

In angular momentum-conserving theories [Held and Hou, 1980], the HC extent depends on meridional temperature gradients but not on the static stability. However, Earth’s HC usually is not close to the angular momentum-conserving limit [Walker and Schneider, 2006; Schneider, 2006]. Instead, especially near the subtropical HC edges where Rossby numbers are generally small, the direction of the upper-tropospheric meridional mass flux

is controlled by the sign of the eddy momentum flux divergence. Because the eddy momentum fluxes are baroclinically generated, this opens up the possibility that the HC extent and strength depend on baroclinicity measures, which generally involve the isentropic slope and thus depend on meridional temperature gradients, the static stability, and generally also the tropopause level [Held, 2000; Schneider, 2006; Schneider et al., 2010]. Indeed, the HC extent and strength have been quantitatively linked to factors such as the static stability, meridional temperature gradients, and the tropopause level in wide ranges of dry and moist idealized general circulation model studies [Schneider and Walker, 2008; Korty and Schneider, 2008; O’Gorman, 2011; Levine and Schneider, 2015].

Motivated by such theories of the HC, here we analyze the relationship of HC changes to variations in subtropical static stability, meridional temperature gradients, mean temperature, and tropopause level in a wide range of simulated climates within the Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project Phase 3 (PMIP3) and from the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5). This approach allows us to test theories of the HC response to climate change under a broader range of conditions than considered previously. We include simulations of GHG warming, as most previous studies did, [Lu et al., 2007, 2008; Seo et al., 2014], but also simulations with changes in orbital parameters and ice cover.

## 2 Data and Methods

We use monthly PMIP3 and CMIP5 data from the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM), Mid-Holocene (MIDH), Pre-Industrial Control (PIC), Historical (HIST), and Representative Concentration Pathways 4.5 and 8.5 (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) experiments. For each of these experiments, we use the first ensemble member (r1i1p1) of available models (Table S1). All datasets are zonally averaged and interpolated to 1° latitude resolution.

Analysis is based on the meridional mass streamfunction

$$\psi = \frac{2\pi a \cos \phi}{g} \int_0^p v dp, \quad (1)$$

where  $v$  is the zonal-mean meridional wind component,  $p$  is pressure,  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration,  $a$  is Earth’s radius, and  $\phi$  is latitude. As an index of HC extent, we compute by linear interpolation the subtropical zero-crossing latitude of  $\psi$  averaged between the 300- and 700-hPa levels. As an index of HC strength, we use the streamfunction maximum in the northern hemisphere (NH) and minimum in the southern hemisphere

(SH) between the 100- and 700-hPa levels and equatorward of  $30^\circ$ . We use absolute values for the indices of NH and SH HC extent ( $\phi_{\text{NH}}$  and  $\phi_{\text{SH}}$ ) and strength ( $\psi_{\text{NH}}$  and  $\psi_{\text{SH}}$ ).

Climatologies are calculated for the last 30 years of the RCP experiments, for the years 1979–2004 of the HIST experiment, for the full-length of the PIC time series and over 200 years centered at year 1000 for MIDH and LGM. We examine the covariance of the HC extent and strength with the following factors:

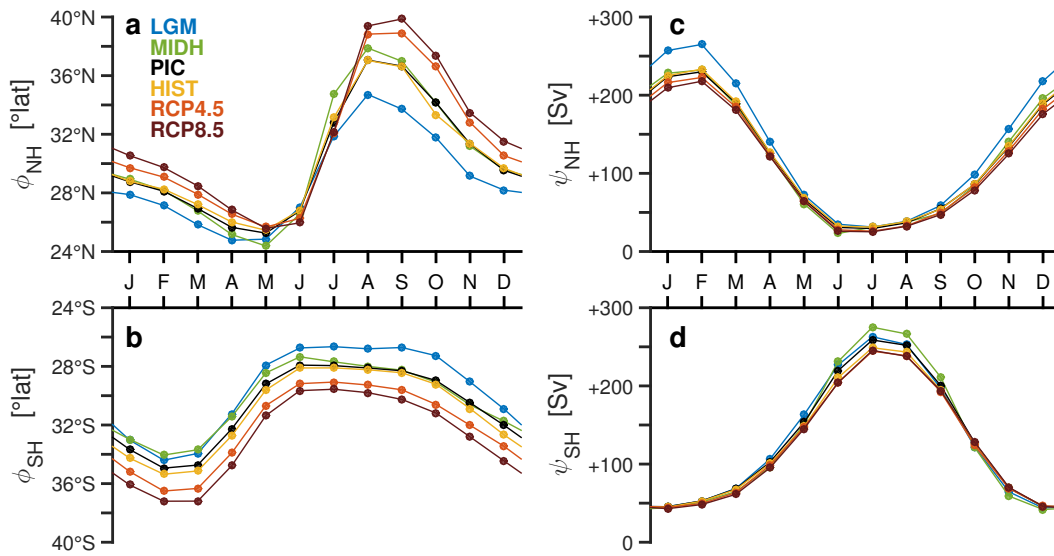
1. The tropical mean surface temperature ( $\langle \text{TT} \rangle$ ) equatorward of  $30^\circ$ . Here we use  $\langle \text{TT} \rangle$  instead of the global mean surface temperature to minimize effects of enhanced continental warming and ice-sheet cover changes. However, results based on global mean temperature do not differ qualitatively from those based on  $\langle \text{TT} \rangle$ , as their correlation is very high ( $R = 0.96$ , 5% significance level, Student  $t$ -test).
2. The meridional near-surface (averaged between the 700- and 800-hPa levels) potential temperature contrast ( $\Delta_{\text{h}}\theta$ ), calculated as the difference between the potential temperature in the deep tropics (equatorward of  $10^\circ$ ) and the extratropics (between  $40^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$  in each hemisphere).
3. The subtropical near-surface static stability ( $\Delta_{\text{v}}\theta$ ), defined as the potential temperature difference between the 700- and 800-hPa levels and averaged between  $20^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$  latitude in each hemisphere.
4. The tropical ( $15^\circ\text{S}$ – $15^\circ\text{N}$ ) tropopause pressure level ( $p_t$ ), calculated as the lowest level at which the lapse rate drops below  $2 \text{ K km}^{-1}$ , following the method described in *Birner [2010]*.

### 3 Results

Figure 1 shows the seasonal cycle of HC strength and extent across the climates, computed as the ensemble mean of seasonal cycles in individual models. Across all seasons, both  $\phi_{\text{NH}}$  and  $\phi_{\text{SH}}$  shift poleward from the coldest (LGM) to the warmest (RCP8.5) experiment. In the NH, the poleward shift is larger in late boreal summer/early fall than in the winter, while in the SH it is approximately constant throughout the year. In the NH, the month in which the maximum northward extent is reached shifts progressively later in the year as the climate warms, being delayed by about one month in the warmest relative to the coldest climate. This likely reflects the tendency for a delayed retreat of the northern hemisphere summer monsoons under global warming [*Kitoh et al., 2013*]. The winter

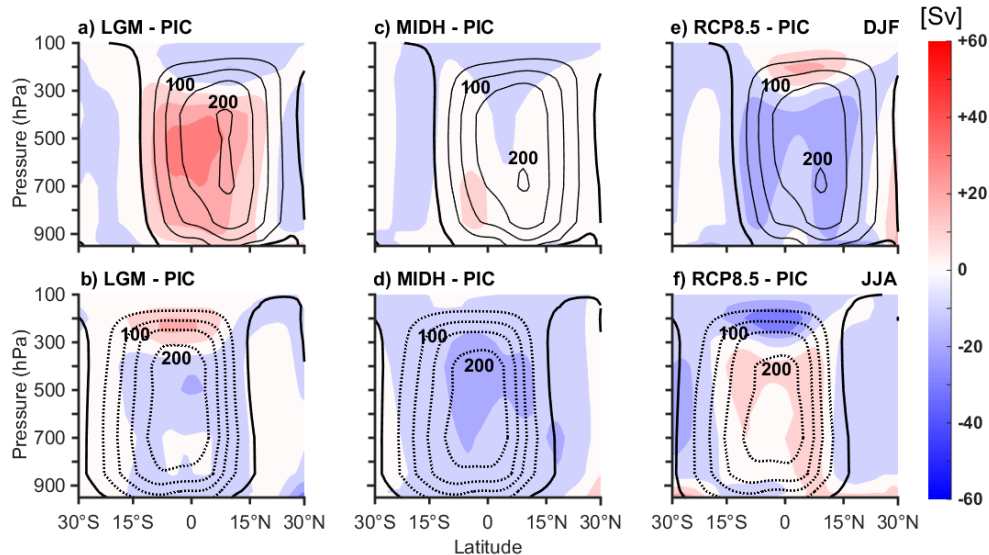
111 and summer HC generally weaken with global warming in both hemispheres, roughly in  
 112 proportion to their climatological mean strength. The NH winter HC is strongest and nar-  
 113 rowest in LGM. In contrast, the SH winter HC is strongest and narrowest in MIDH. This  
 114 suggests that inter-hemispheric temperature differences (which are maximal during NH  
 115 winter in LGM and during SH winter in MIDH, see Figure S1) can modulate HC extent  
 116 and strength [*Chiang and Friedman, 2012*].

117 Since HC strength variations are most significant in winter, and since HC extent  
 118 variations are consistent across all seasons, here we focus on winter HC variations. Analy-  
 119 sis of summer HC variations is provided in the supplementary informations.



120 **Figure 1.** Seasonal cycle of the multimodel ensemble-mean (a)  $\phi_{\text{NH}}$ , (b)  $\phi_{\text{SH}}$ , (c)  $\psi_{\text{NH}}$ , and (d)  $\psi_{\text{SH}}$ . Ex-  
 121 periment color codes are listed in (a) for: LGM (ensemble-mean  $\langle \text{TT} \rangle = 294.0$  K), MIDH (296.5 K), PIC  
 122 (296.9 K), HIST (297.4 K), RCP4.5 (299.0 K), and RCP8.5 (300.6 K).

123 Figure 2 shows the multimodel mean winter streamfunction difference in the LGM,  
 124 MIDH, and RCP8.5 scenarios relative to PIC. The PIC multimodel mean was calculated  
 125 separately for LGM, MIDH, and RCP8.5, accounting for the different model ensembles in  
 126 each experiment. However, this does not affect results significantly, as shown by the sim-  
 127 ilarity of the reference PIC streamfunctions (black contours) in the three columns. The  
 128 HC shows opposite behaviors between the coldest (LGM) and the warmest (RCP8.5) ex-  
 129 periment: in both hemispheres, the HC shifts poleward and weakens and the tropopause  
 130 pressure level decreases (height increases) with global warming, as was shown in previ-



135 **Figure 2.** Multimodel ensemble-mean streamfunction difference between LGM, MIDH, and RCP8.5  
 136 and relative to PIC. In each panel, the difference is indicated by filled colors (contour interval 10 Sv, 1 Sv =  
 137  $10^9 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$ ) for DJF (upper row) and JJA (lower row). Black contours show the PIC reference streamfunction:  
 138 dashed (solid) lines indicate negative (positive) values of the streamfunction (contour interval 40 Sv).

131 ous studies [Diaz and Bradley, 2004; Schneider, 2004; Otto-Bliesner and Clement, 2004;  
 132 Schneider, 2007; Braconnot et al., 2007]. On the other hand, the HC in MIDH differs sub-  
 133 stantially from both LGM and RCP8.5, with a northward displacement and weakening of  
 134 the NH HC relative to PIC in austral winter, and little change in boreal winter.

139 In order to identify the dominant mechanisms leading to HC changes, we compute  
 140 the linear regression coefficients of the HC extent and strength on factors associated with  
 141 theories of the HC. To reduce the sensitivity of our results to variability in the mean states  
 142 of the climate models, we base our analysis on deviations from the PIC experiment, de-  
 143 noted by  $\delta$  and computed separately for each climate model. Robust regressions are used  
 144 to reduce sensitivity to outliers [Huber, 1981]. Figure 3 shows the correlation coefficients  
 145 and their error bars based on the scatter plots in supplementary figures S2 and S3. They  
 146 indicate a consistent relation of the HC in both hemispheres with subtropical static sta-  
 147 bility  $\Delta_v \theta$  and tropopause level  $p_t$ . The HC widens and weakens as the subtropical static  
 148 stability increases and as the tropical tropopause pressure level decreases. Both factors ex-  
 149 plain a comparable amount of  $\phi_{\text{NH}}$ ,  $\phi_{\text{SH}}$ ,  $\psi_{\text{NH}}$ , and  $\psi_{\text{SH}}$  variance (Table 2). However, they

153 **Table 1.** Mutual winter correlations ( $R$ ) between tropical surface temperature ( $\langle TT \rangle$ ), meridional tem-  
 154 perature gradient ( $\Delta_h \theta$ ), subtropical static stability ( $\Delta_v \theta$ ), and tropical tropopause ( $p_t$ ), for the NH (above  
 155 diagonal) and SH (below diagonal). All correlations are significant (5% significance level, Student  $t$ -test).

$R$	$\langle TT \rangle$	$\Delta_h \theta$	$\Delta_v \theta$	$p_t$
$\langle TT \rangle$	–	-0.57	+0.85	-0.93
$\Delta_h \theta$	+0.59	–	-0.54	+0.49
$\Delta_v \theta$	+0.97	+0.55	–	-0.92
$p_t$	-0.93	-0.52	-0.92	–

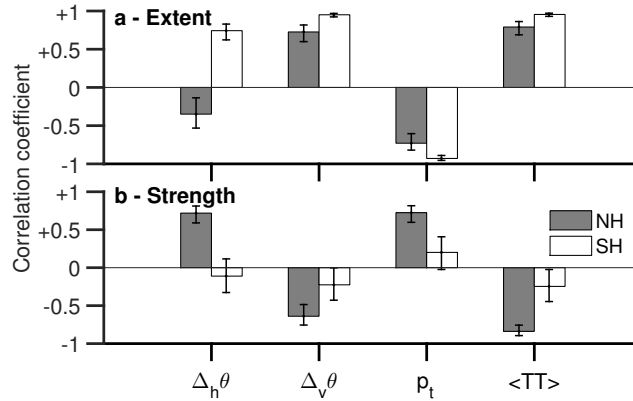
156 **Table 2.** Explained variance ( $R^2$ ) for regression models of  $\phi_{NH}$ ,  $\phi_{SH}$ ,  $\psi_{NH}$ , and  $\psi_{SH}$  on  $\Delta_h \theta$ ,  $\Delta_v \theta$ ,  $p_t$  and  
 157  $\langle TT \rangle$ . The last line shows results of a multiple regression model using  $\Delta_h \theta$ ,  $\Delta_v \theta$ , and  $p_t$  as predictors. Ad-  
 158 justed variance ( $R_{adj}^2$ ), accounting for the increased degrees of freedom in the multiple regression model, is  
 159 shown in parentheses.

$R^2$	$\phi_{NH}$	$\phi_{SH}$	$\psi_{NH}$	$\psi_{SH}$
$\Delta_h \theta$	13%	50%	54%	1%
$\Delta_v \theta$	54%	90%	41%	5%
$p_t$	54%	86%	52%	4%
$\langle TT \rangle$	62%	90%	71%	6%
3 predictors	60% (58%)	93% (93%)	79% (78%)	18% (15%)

150 are themselves strongly correlated (Table 1) and therefore cannot be regarded as indepen-  
 151 dent predictors. Additional details for specific models and inter-model spread are provided  
 152 in figures S2 and S3.

160 The dependence of HC extent and strength on  $\Delta_h \theta$  differs between the hemispheres.  
 161 In the SH,  $\Delta_h \theta$  increases with global warming, while in the NH it decreases, primarily be-  
 162 cause  $\Delta_h \theta$  increases in the NH in the LGM simulations as a result of ice cover changes.  
 163 In general, identifying how much the HC strength in the SH ( $\psi_{SH}$ ) is influenced by the  
 164 various factors we considered is made difficult by its weak overall change with global  
 165 warming. Note that the opposite signs of the correlation of  $\Delta_h \theta_{SH}$  and  $\Delta_h \theta_{NH}$  with  $\langle TT \rangle$ ,  
 166 on one hand, and the weak correlation of  $\psi_{SH}$  with all factors (Figure 3b and Table 2),

167 with large error bars reflecting the large scatter among simulations, reinforce these state-  
 168 ments.



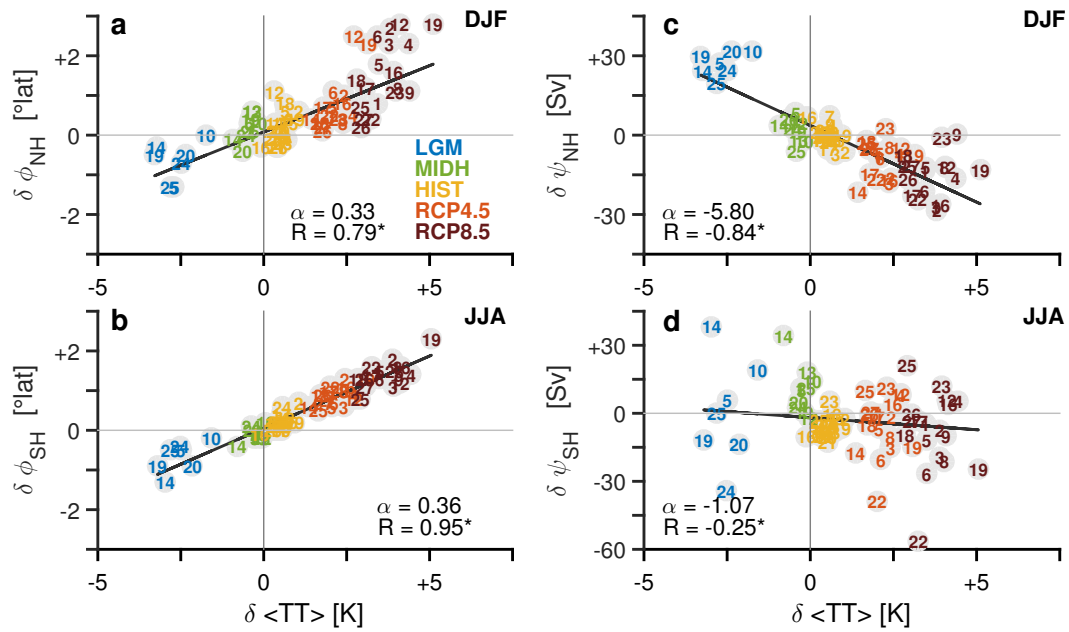
169 **Figure 3.** Correlation coefficients across the collection of simulations (Fig. S2 and S3) between winter  
 170 values of  $\phi_{NH}$  and  $\phi_{SH}$  (upper panel) and  $\psi_{NH}$  and  $\psi_{SH}$  (lower panel) with  $\Delta_h\theta$ ,  $\Delta_v\theta$ ,  $p_t$ , and  $\langle TT \rangle$  in the NH  
 171 (gray bars) and SH (white bars). Error bars show lower and upper bounds for a 95% confidence interval for  
 172 each correlation coefficient.

173 As shown in Table 1, all factors are strongly correlated with the tropical tempera-  
 174 ture  $\langle TT \rangle$ . Figures 4 show scatter plots of  $\phi_{NH}$ ,  $\phi_{SH}$ ,  $\psi_{NH}$ , and  $\psi_{SH}$ , all vs.  $\langle TT \rangle$ . The  
 175 HC edges shift poleward with increasing  $\langle TT \rangle$  in both hemispheres at a similar rate of  
 176  $0.35^\circ/K$ . The HC weakens with increasing  $\langle TT \rangle$  only in the NH, at a rate of 6 Sv/K. The  
 177 SH exhibits a large intermodel spread, with 50% of the models showing a strengthening  
 178 of the SH HC under warming. Variations of tropical temperatures  $\langle TT \rangle$  alone can explain  
 179 62% of the wintertime variance in the NH strength  $\phi_{NH}$ , 90% of  $\phi_{SH}$ , 71% of  $\psi_{NH}$ , and  
 180 6% of  $\psi_{SH}$ . Results during the summer do not differ qualitatively from winter, except for  
 181 the NH summer HC, which robustly contracts equatorward with global warming, as a re-  
 182 sult of a seasonality change (Figure S4).

183 Since the various factors cannot easily be isolated because of their strong correla-  
 184 tions, we evaluate the combined contribution of the factors in a multiple regression model  
 185 using  $\Delta_h\theta$ ,  $\Delta_v\theta$ , and  $p_t$  as predictors.

186 As expected, this model does improve the total explained variance relative to the  
 187 simple regressions (Table 2) for each predictor, although for  $\psi_{SH}$ , a large fraction of the  
 188 total variance remains unaccounted for even in the multiple regression model. Similar





201 **Figure 4.** Relation of winter values of  $\langle TT \rangle$  with (a)  $\phi_{NH}$ , (b)  $\phi_{SH}$ , (c)  $\psi_{NH}$ , and (d)  $\psi_{SH}$ . What is plotted  
 202 are differences from PIC (denoted by  $\delta$ ). Experiments are identified by different colors, following the legend  
 203 listed in (a). Each model is marked by a number, as in Table S1. Robust regressions over the whole collection  
 204 of models are indicated by black lines. Regression coefficients ( $\alpha$ ) and correlation coefficients ( $R$ ) are listed  
 205 inside each panel. Statistically significant correlations (5% significance level, Student  $t$ -test) are indicated by  
 206 an asterisk.

189 results are obtained for regression analyses with only 2 predictors. From the  $R^2$  values  
 190 in Table 2, it is evident that  $\langle TT \rangle$  is the single best predictor of HC extent and strength  
 191 in both hemispheres, with a predictive power comparable to that of the multiple regres-  
 192 sion model. Likely this arises because increases in latent heat release in warmer climates  
 193 lead to an increased static stability [Schneider and O’Gorman, 2008], and the tropopause  
 194 height increases with warming as implied by radiative-convective considerations [Schnei-  
 195 der, 2007]. This leads to strong correlations among mean temperature, static stability, and  
 196 tropopause level. Both the static stability and tropopause level naturally arise in theories  
 197 for HC extent and strength [Schneider et al., 2010]. But notwithstanding the strong cor-  
 198 relation of  $\langle TT \rangle$  with HC extent and strength, it is unlikely that mean temperature itself  
 199 should enter HC theories explicitly, for example, because in dry atmospheres, the mean  
 200 temperature can only affect dynamics through its nonlinear effects on radiative transfer.

## 4 Conclusions

We investigated the HC extent and strength in a wide range of PMIP3 and CMIP5 climate simulations, ranging from LGM to RCP8.5 experiments. The wide range of climate variations allowed us to extract robust results on HC variations, including the GHG induced changes on which previous studies have focused [Lu *et al.*, 2007; Seo *et al.*, 2014].

We found that changes in subtropical static stability, meridional temperature gradients, and tropical tropopause level are all strongly correlated with the tropical mean temperature across models and experiments. Tropical temperature therefore emerged as the best predictor of HC variations across the range of simulations we considered. Consistent with previous studies, we found that the HC widens as the tropical temperature increases, at a rate of  $\sim 0.7^\circ/\text{K}$  on average. This is of similar magnitude but slightly higher than the rate calculated for the IPCC-AR4 high-emission scenario ( $\sim 0.6^\circ/\text{K}$ , Lu *et al.* [2007]), but lower than that calculated taking into account only CMIP5 HIST simulations ( $\sim 1^\circ/\text{K}$ , Adam *et al.* [2014]).

The HC generally weakens with global warming, by up to about  $4\%/K$ , which can be compared with the multimodel ensemble-mean of  $1.2\%/K$  calculated for the AR4 high-emission scenario [Lu *et al.*, 2007; Vecchi and Soden, 2007]. The weakening occurs in all seasons, but it is more significant in the NH. The HC weakens at a rate of about  $6 \text{ Sv}/K$  and  $2 \text{ Sv}/K$  in the NH winter and summer, respectively, but by only  $1 \text{ Sv}/K$  and  $0.8 \text{ Sv}/K$  in the SH winter and summer. The relatively small HC strength change in the SH hides substantial variations across models: about half of the models show a strengthening and half a weakening of the SH HC. Some of the scatter across models depends on the degree of compensation between effects of changes in the subtropical static stability and in the near-surface meridional potential temperature contrast, which decreases in most models but increases in some. However, even the multiple regression model accounts for only a small fraction of the variations across models. This suggests that other factors than those we considered are important for accounting for the variations in SH HC strength and its scatter across models.

Our analysis suggests that subtropical static stability changes, which correlate strongly with tropical and global-mean surface temperature changes, account for the most of the HC changes. Tropical temperature therefore emerges as a good predictor in these climate change experiments. However, in other climate changes, for example, in which mean tem-

239 perature changes and changes in meridional temperature gradients decouple, the merid-  
240 ional temperature gradient and other factors may exert a greater independent influence on  
241 the HC.

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