

# Supporting Information for ”Does increasing horizontal resolution improve the simulation of intense tropical rainfall?”

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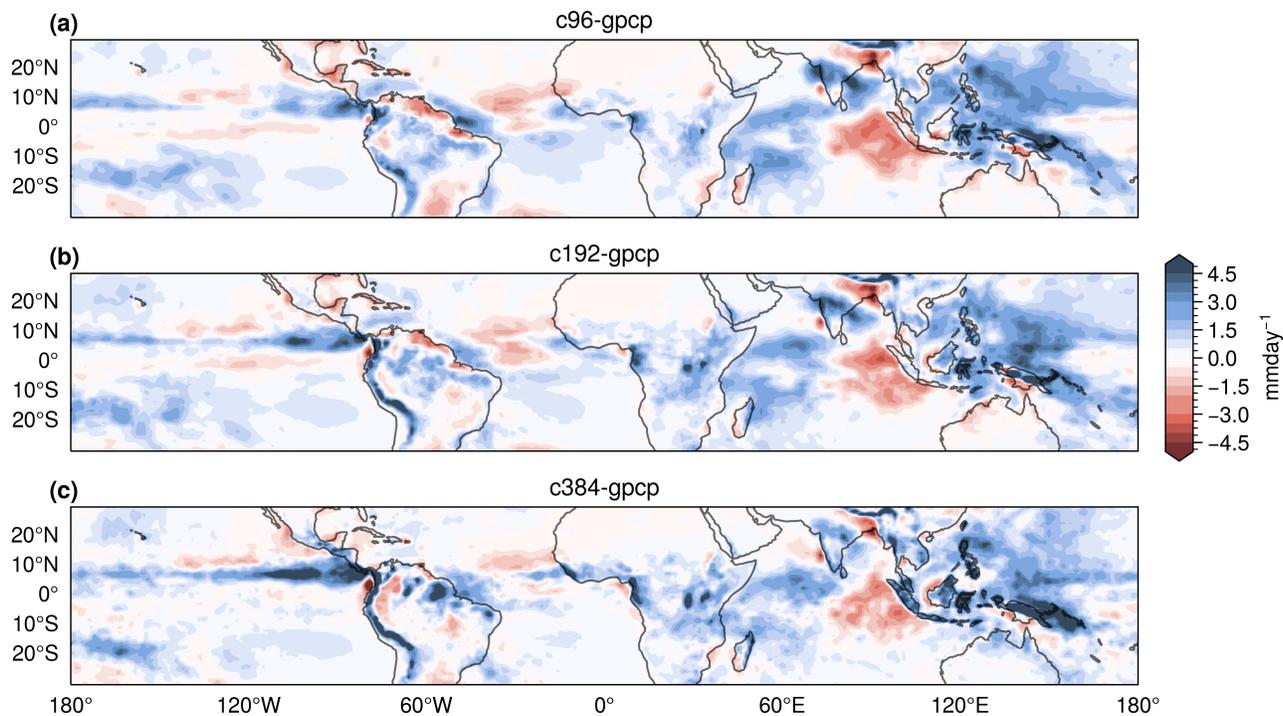
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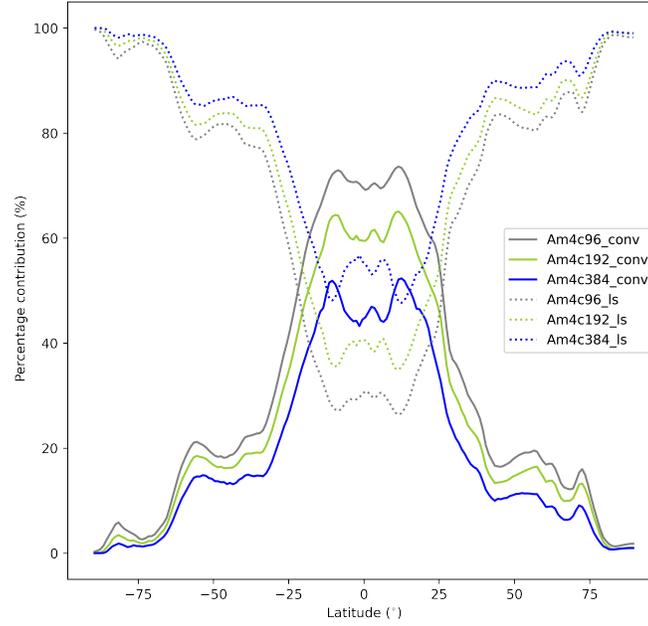
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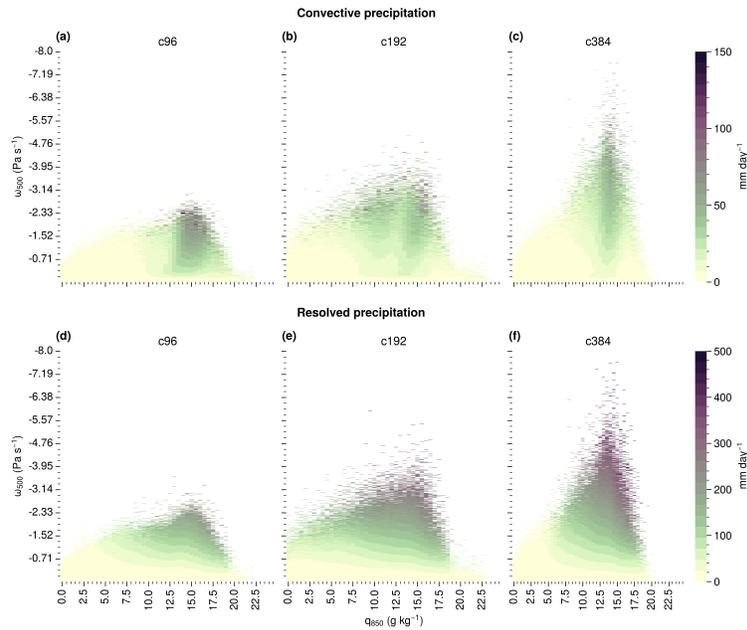
**Figure S1.** The difference in the mean rainfall between (a) c96 , (b) c192, and (c) c384 and the mean GPCP rainfall averaged over a period of 1998-2000.



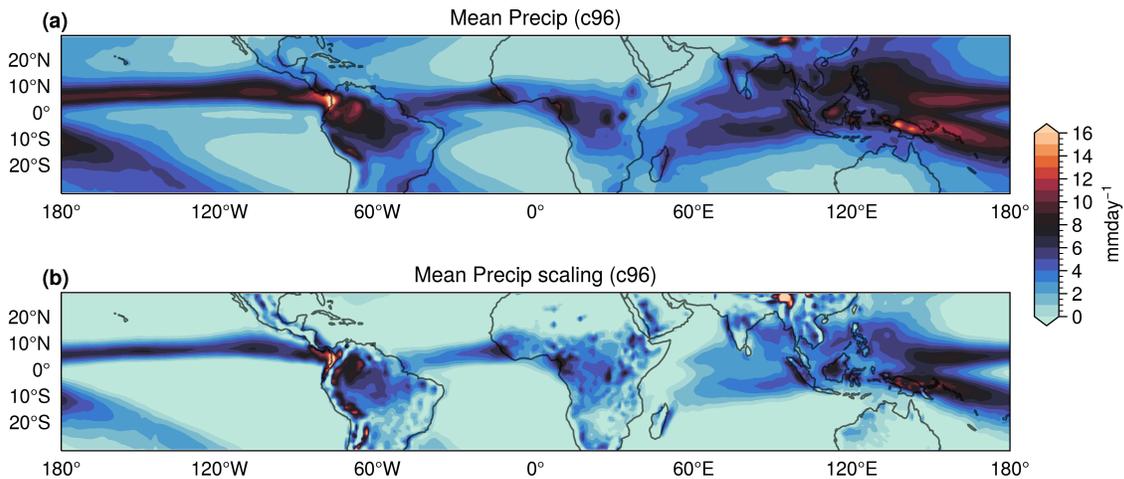
**Figure S2.** Percentage contribution by convective (solid) and large-scale rainfall (dotted lines) to zonally averaged mean rainfall for c96 (grey), c192 (green) and c384 (blue), respectively. The figure is obtained from the model runs over a period of 1980-2000.

**Table S1.** Global mean values for rainfall and terms in the radiation budget for the model runs over the period of 1980-2000. The values in blue indicate an increase with respect to c96 and red indicates the decrease. The statistically insignificant change with respect to c96 ( $pvalue \geq 0.05$  using student's t-test) is indicated by an asterisk (\*).

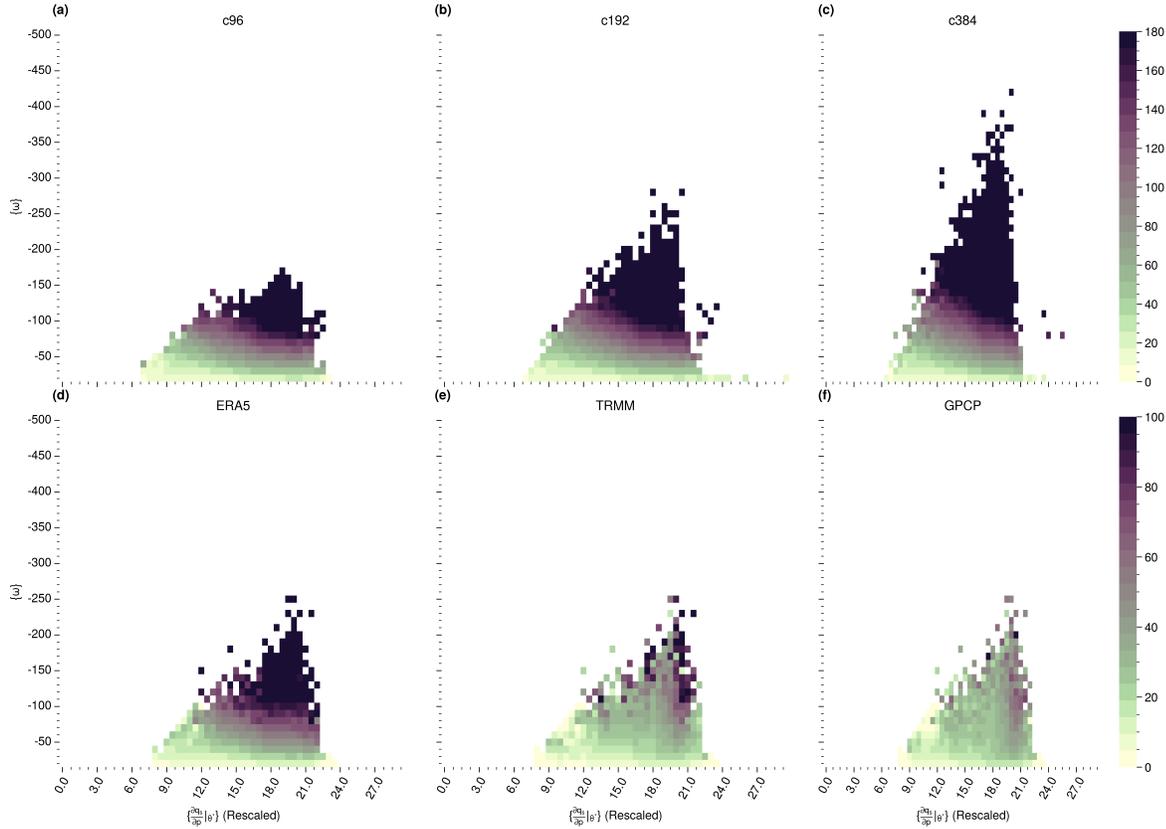
	c96	c192	c384
Net rainfall	2.92	2.96	2.99
Net TOA	2.14	1.79	2.29
SWUP_sfc	23.95	24.33	25.22
SWDN_sfc	187.80	189.28	192.06
LW_up_sfc	398.61	398.20	397.93
LW_dn_sfc	340.10	339.47	338.23
latent_sfc	84.51	85.70	86.55
sensible_sfc	17.93	17.96*	17.47



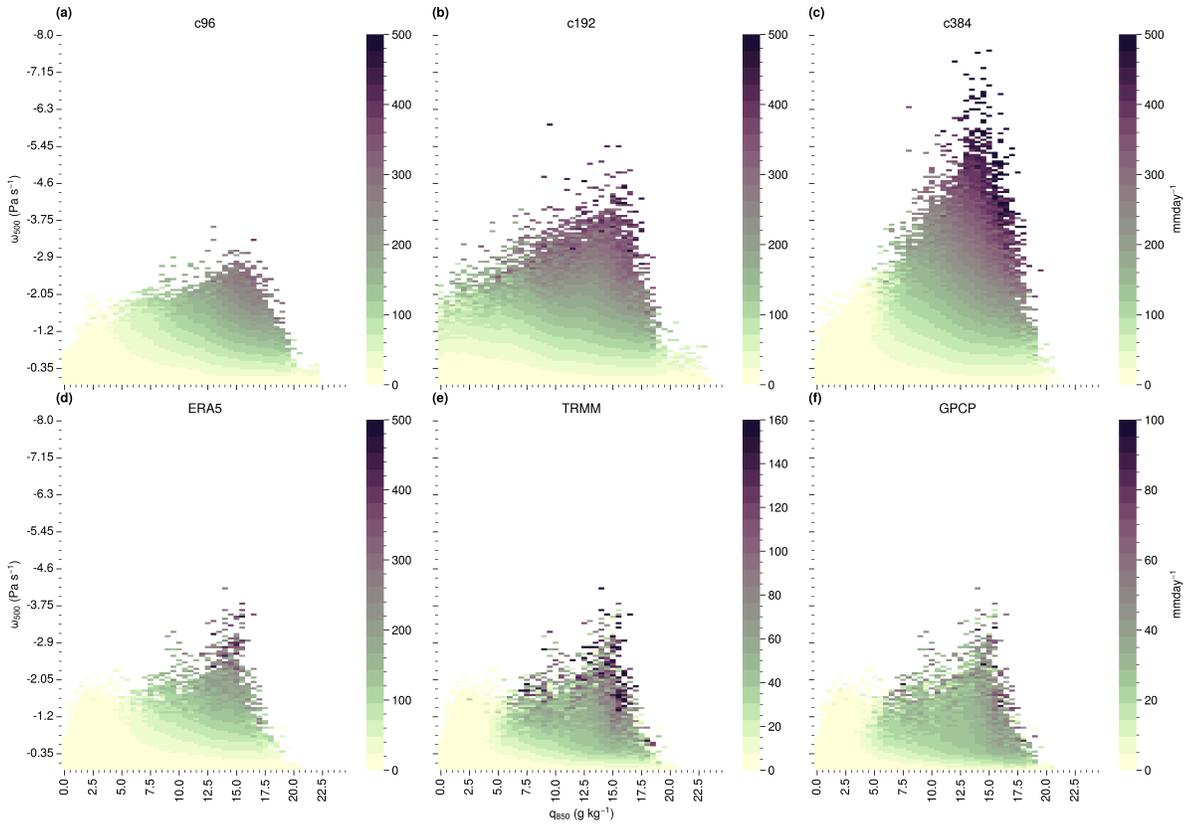
**Figure S3.** 2D bin mean convective and resolved precipitation intensity (in  $mm\ day^{-1}$ ) as a function of midlevel vertical velocity ( $\omega_{500}$ ) and low-level moisture ( $q_{850}$ ). The figure is obtained from the model simulations over a period of 1980-2000.



**Figure S4.** (a) Climatological daily mean precipitation intensity (in  $mm\ day^{-1}$ ) in c96 (b) the mean rainfall intensity ( $mm\ day^{-1}$ ) obtained from the precipitation scaling using equation (1). The figure is obtained from the model simulations over a period of 1980-2000.



**Figure S5.** 2D bin mean of normalized precipitation intensity ( $mm\ day^{-1}$ ) as a function of column-integrated pressure velocity  $\{\omega\}$  and the column-integrated vertical derivative of saturated specific humidity along the moist adiabat  $\left\{\frac{\partial q_s}{\partial p}\right\}_{\theta^*}$ . The x-axis is scaled by a constant multiplier of  $10^5$ . The figure is plotted using the data for an overlap period of 1998-2000.



**Figure S6.** 2D bin mean of normalized precipitation intensity as a function of low-level moisture ( $q_{850}$ ) and midtropospheric pressure velocity ( $\omega_{500}$ ). The figure is plotted using the data for an overlap period of 1998-2000.