

# Monsoons in NICAM and challenges ahead

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Yamaura et al. (2013) ... Baiu and TC (2012)

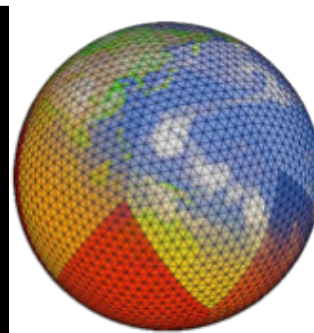
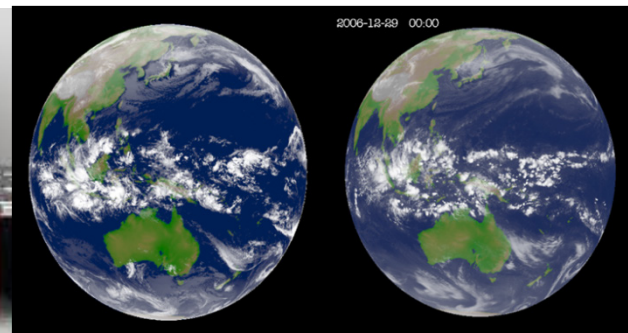
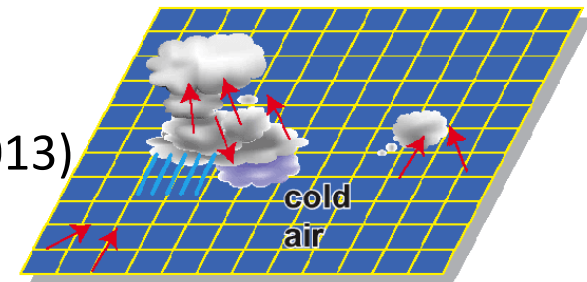
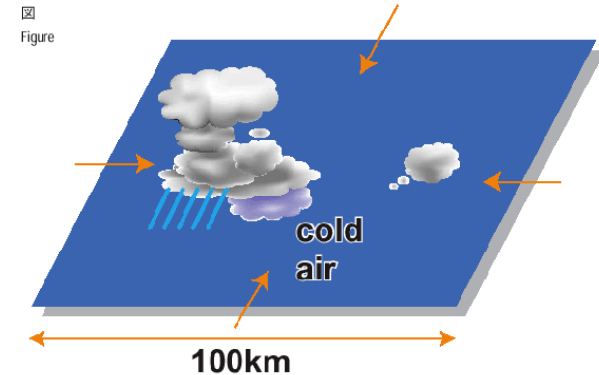
Kodama et al. (2015) ... 30-yr AMIP-type run

## 3. Challenges ahead

# NICAM: Nonhydrostatic Icosahedral Atmospheric Model

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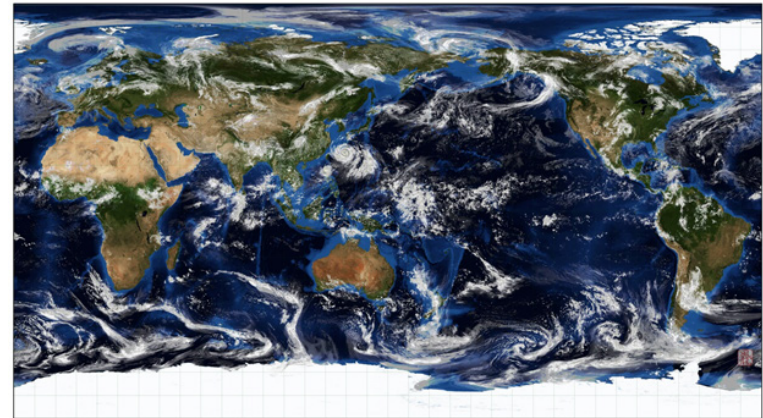
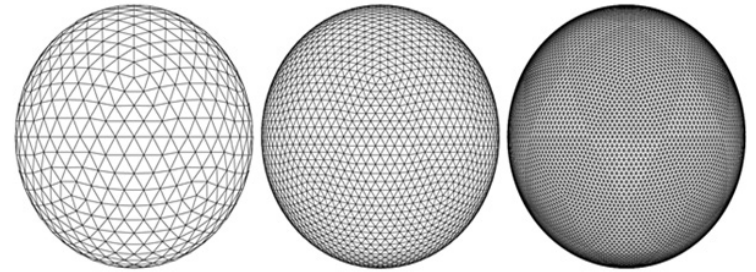
- Development since 2000
  - Tomita and Satoh (2005, *Fluid Dyn. Res.*)
  - Satoh et al. (2008, *J. Comp. Phys.*)
- First global  $dx=3.5\text{km}$  run in 2004 using the Earth Simulator (JAMSTEC)
  - Tomita et al. (2005, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*)
  - Miura et al. (2007, *Science*)
- K computer era (10PF; Kobe, Riken, 2012)
  - Toward higher resolution:  $dx=870\text{m}$  (Miyamoto et al. 2013)
  - Multi ensemble simulations (Miyakawa et al. 2014 *Nat. Comm*; Nakano et al. 2015, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*)
  - Multi decadal simulations (Kodama et al. 2015, *JMSJ*)



# NICAM outcomes: 10-year history and beyond

- Good points of NICAM

- Realistic meso-scale circulations, e.g. diurnal cycle
- Multiscale structure of cloud systems
- Intra-seasonal oscillation: MJO, BSISO (boreal summer ISO)
- Tropical cyclones
- Cloud properties with cloud microphysics
- Collaboration with satellite observation (evaluation, improvements, & assimilation)



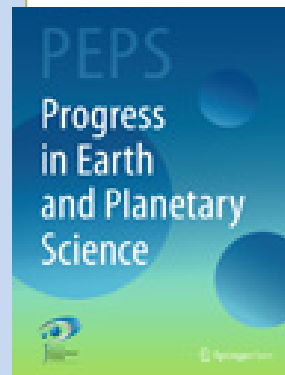
## Overview paper:

Satoh, M., Tomita, H., Yashiro, H., Miura, H., Kodama, C., Seiki, T., Noda, A. T., Yamada, Y., Goto, D., Sawada, M., Miyoshi, T., Niwa, Y., Hara, M., Ohno, T., Iga, S., Arakawa, T., Inoue, T., Kubokawa, H. (2014)

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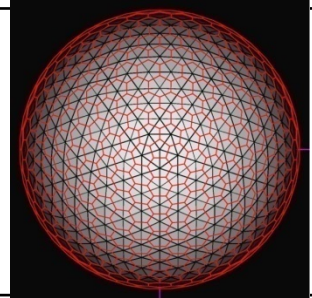


# Nonhydrostatic Icosahedral Atmospheric Model

Satoh et al. (2014)

## ■ Dynamics

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| governing equations           | <b>Fully compressible non-hydrostatic system</b>   |
| spatial discretization        | Finite Volume Method   |
| horizontal grid configuration | <b>Icosahedral grid (Tomita et al. 2001, 2002)</b>   |
| vertical grid configuration   | Lorenz grid  |
| topography                    | Terrain-following coordinate   |
| conservation                  | <b>Total mass, total energy Satoh (2002, 2003)</b>   |
| temporal scheme               | Slow mode — explicit scheme (RK2, RK3)<br>Fast mode — Horizontal Explicit Vertical Implicit scheme |



## ■ Physics

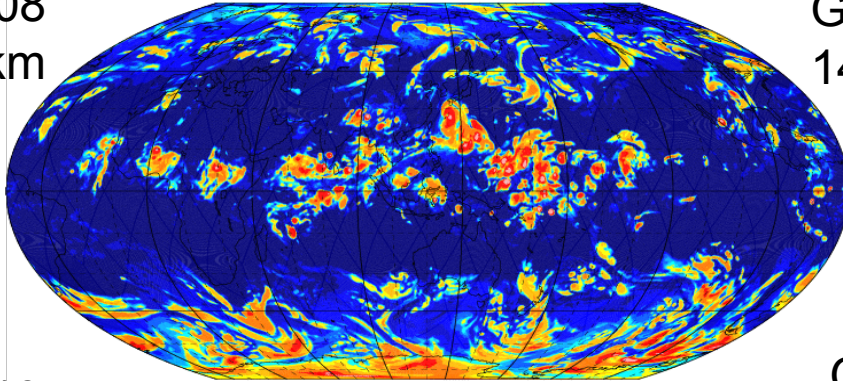
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| radiation                        | <b>MSTRNX / MSTRNX-AR5 (Sekiguchi and Nakajima, 2008)</b>   |
| cloud physics                    | Grabowski(1998); <b>NSW6(Tomita 2008); NDW6(Seiki et al. 2013)</b>  |
| shallow clouds<br>boundary layer | <b>MY level 2 (Mellor and Yamada 1982; Noda et al. 2010)</b><br><b>MYNN level 2.5 or 3 (Nakanishi and Niino 2006)</b> |
| surface flux                     | Louis(1979), Uno et al.(1995)   |
| surface processes                | SST specified & bucket / <b>slab ocean &amp; MATSIRO</b>  |

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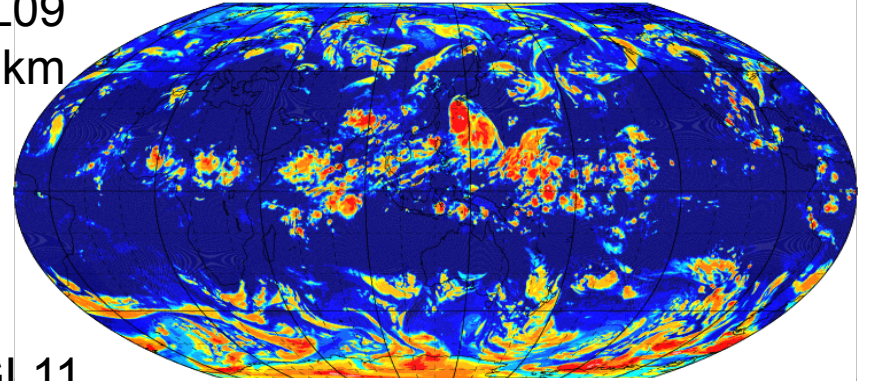
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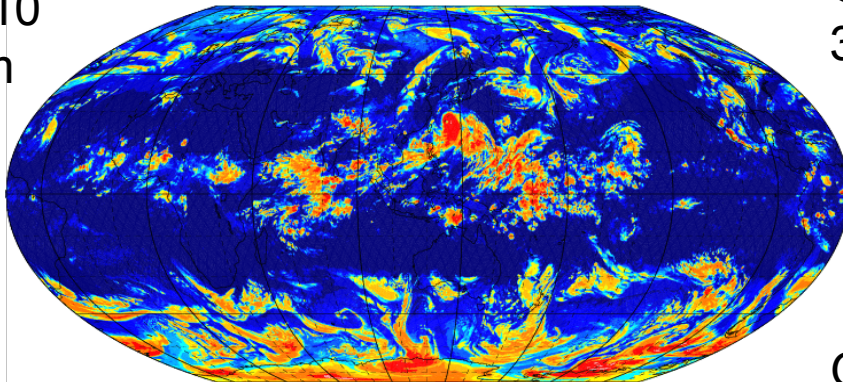
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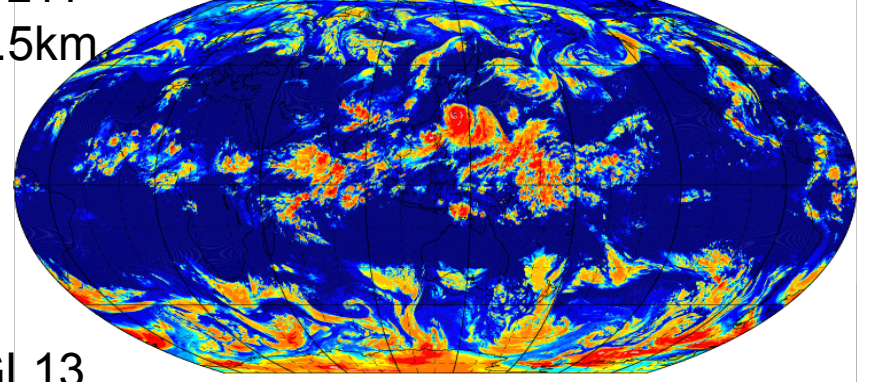
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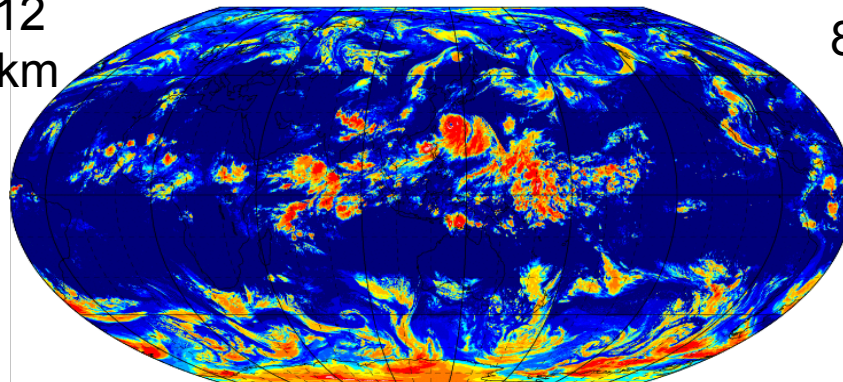
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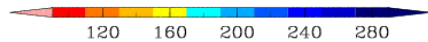
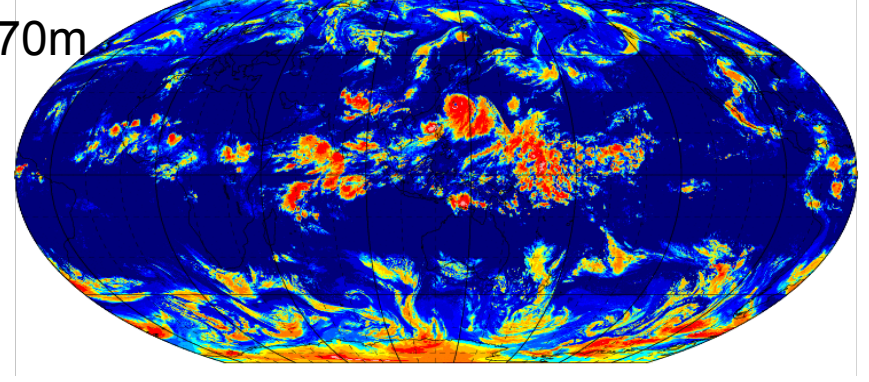
GL11  
3.5km



GL12  
1.7km



GL13  
870m



K-computer by Y. Miyamoto (AICS,RIKEN)

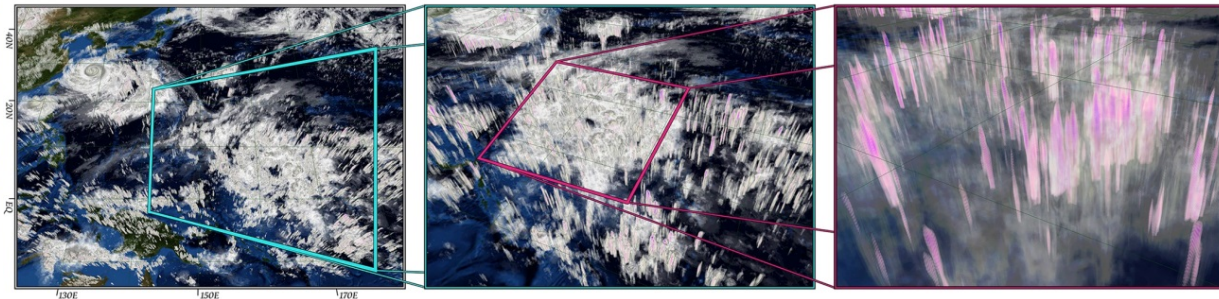
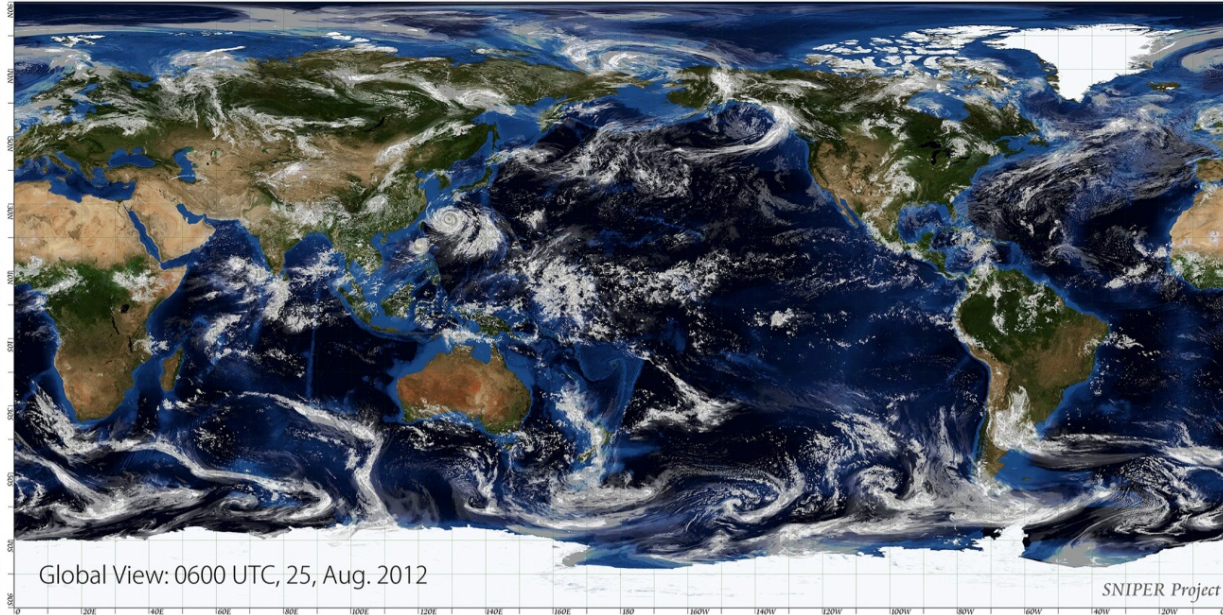
# NICAM 870m-mesh simulation

Miyamoto et al. (2013,GRL) using the K computer

$dx=870$  m

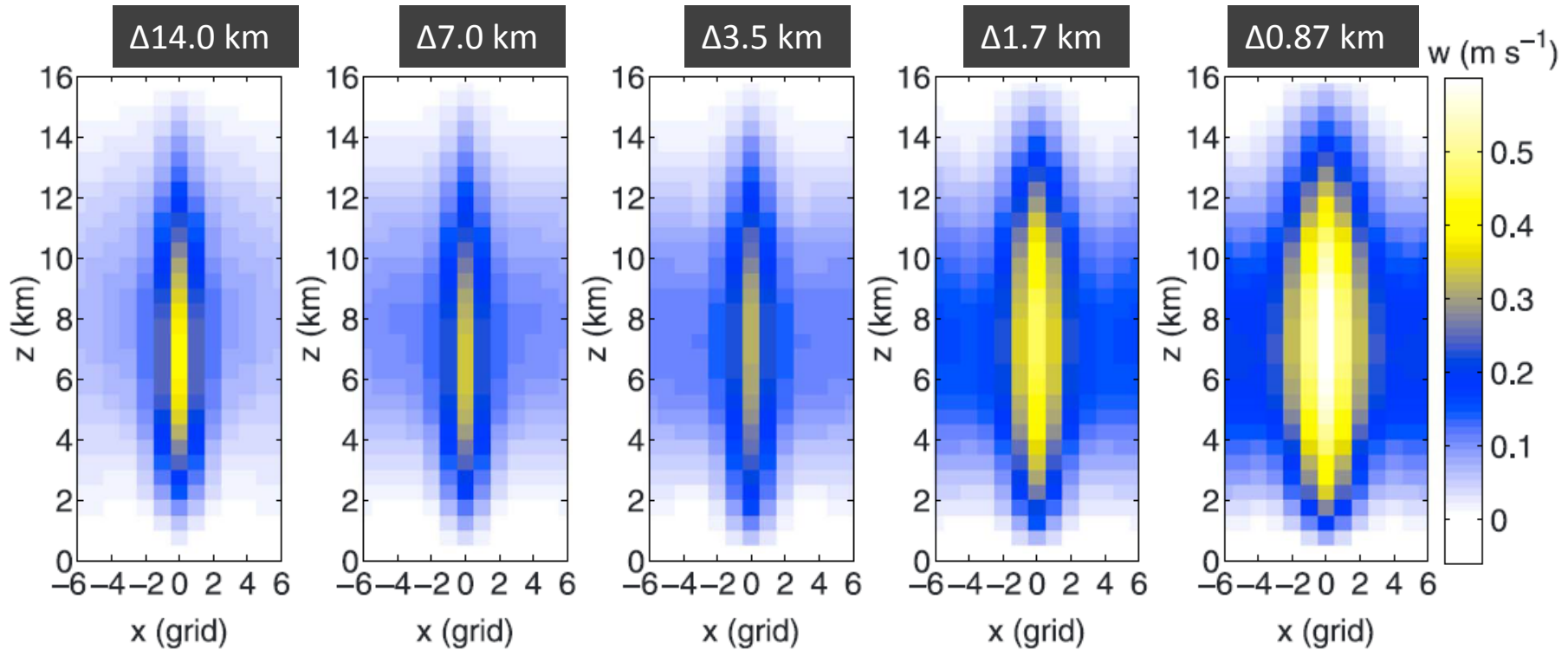


$dx=3.5$  m





# Composite of convection (vertical velocity)



$\Delta x \geq 3.5$  km:

- Convection is represented at 1 grid
- Little dependence on resolution

$\Delta x \leq 1.7$  km:

- Convection is represented at multiple grids
- **Intensify**  $w$ / resolution

✳transform the coordinate into the cylindrical around the core grid  
mean of all the detected convection

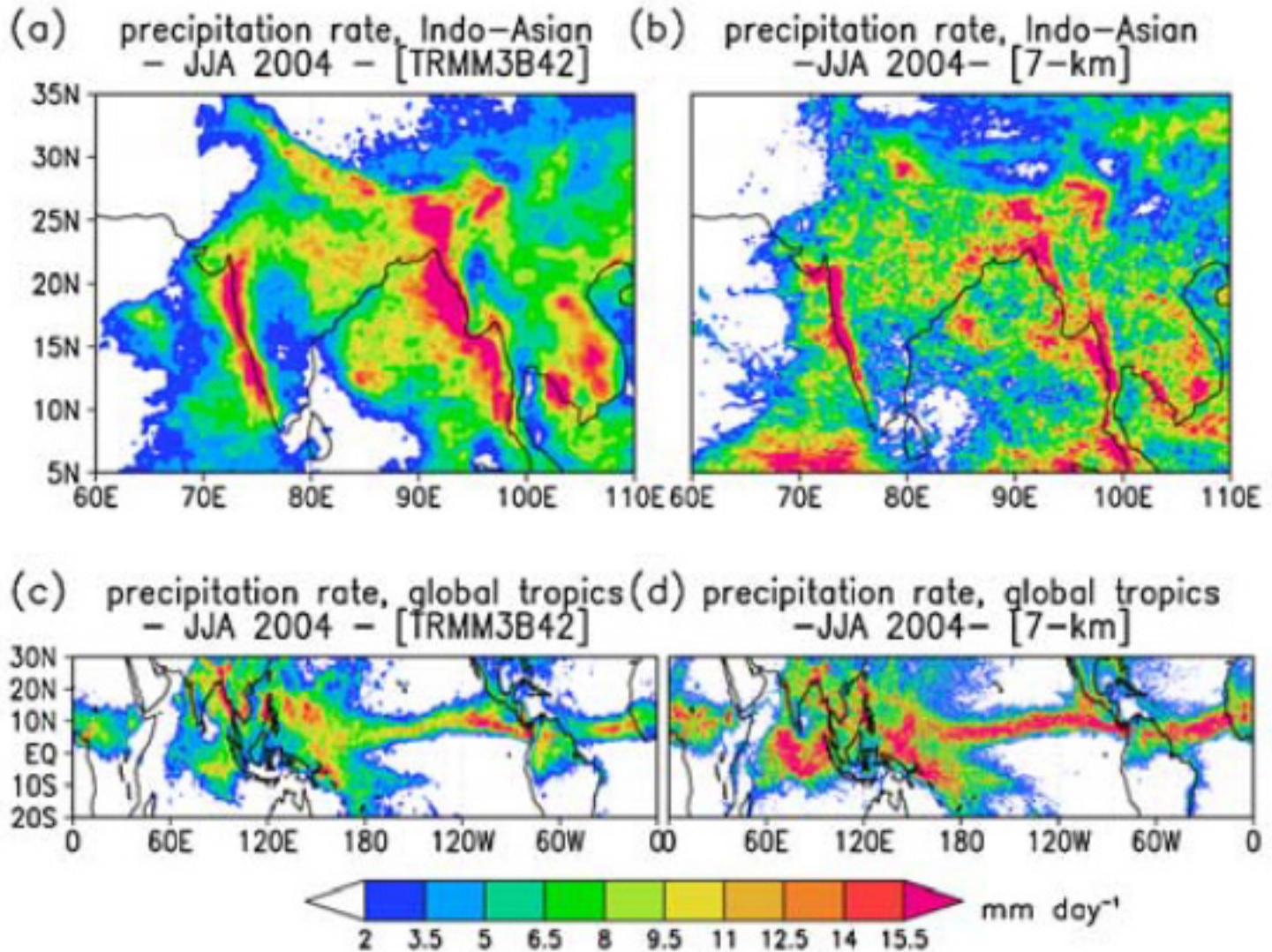
symmetric around the  $x$  axis

*$X$  axis is normalized by resolution*

# 2. Monsoon simulations in NICAM

## Indo-Asian Summer Monsoon

- Significant seasonal cycle in broad tropical and subtropical domain, affecting world weather and climate (e.g., teleconnection, air-sea interaction)
- Local onset period: late May-early June (south India, SCS), late July (WNP, end of Baiu), Climatologically phase-locked meridional migration (Murakami and Matsumoto 1994; Ueda et al. 1995)
- Multiscale nature: TC activity is closely related to the convective activity associated with monsoon (e.g., Ueda et al. 1995). Monsoon circulation is a basic background of TC genesis in WNP (Holland 1995).
- Decadal scale modulation in SCS/WNP monsoon onset date associated with SST variability (Kajikawa and Wang 2012; Tomita et al. 2013).



# 2. Monsoon simulations in NICAM

## 2-1. Indian Summer Monsoon

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- [Satoh, M, et al., 2012](#): The Intra-Seasonal Oscillation and its control of tropical cyclones simulated by high-resolution global atmospheric models, Clim. Dyn., 39.2185-2206, DOI 10.1007/s00382-011-1235-6.
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# The Athena Project

Kinter et al.(2013)

## Collaborating Groups

- **COLA** - Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies, USA
- **ECMWF** - European Center for Medium-range Weather Forecasts, UK
- **JAMSTEC** - Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Research Institute for Global Change, Japan
- **University of Tokyo**, Japan
- **NICS** - National Institute for Computational Sciences, USA
- **Cray Inc.**

## Codes

- **NICAM**: Nonhydrostatic Icosahedral Atmospheric Model
- **IFS**: ECMWF Integrated Forecast System

## Super-computers

- **Athena**: Cray XT4 - 4512 quad-core Opteron nodes (18048)
- **Kraken**: Cray XT5 - 8256 dual hex-core Opteron nodes (99072)



# Athena Experiments

**JJA in 2001-2009** (initialized each year)

| Model/Exp.                   | Resolution                        | # Cases | Period   | Notes   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| NICAM /<br>Hindcasts         | 7 km                              | 8       | 103 days | 21 May - 30 Aug<br>2001 - 2009                    |
| IFS /<br>Hindcasts           | 125 km<br>39 km<br>16 km          | 48      | 395 days | 1 Nov - 30 Nov<br>(following year)<br>1960 - 2007 |
| IFS /<br>Hindcasts           | 10 km                             | 20      |          | 1 Nov - 30 Nov<br>(following year)<br>1989 - 2007 |
| IFS /<br>Hindcasts           | 125 km<br>39 km<br>16 km<br>10 km | 9       | 103 days | 21 May - 30 Aug<br>2001 - 2009<br>NICAM analogs   |
| IFS /<br>Summer<br>Ensembles | 39 km<br>16 km                    | 6       | 132 days | 21 May - 30 Sep<br>selected years                 |
| IFS / Winter<br>Ensembles    | 39 km<br>16 km                    | 6       | 151 days | 1 Nov - 31 Mar<br>selected years                  |
| IFS /<br>AMIP                | 39 km<br>16 km                    | 1       | 47 years | 1961 - 2007                                       |
| IFS /<br>Time Slice          | 39 km<br>16 km                    | 1       | 47 years | 2071 - 2117                                       |

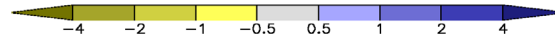
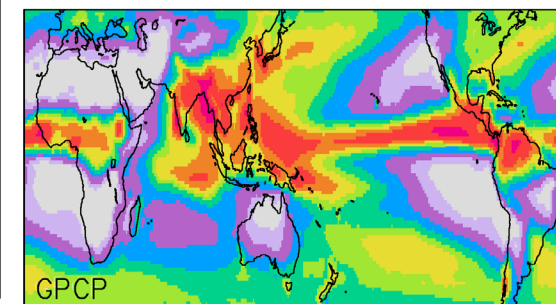
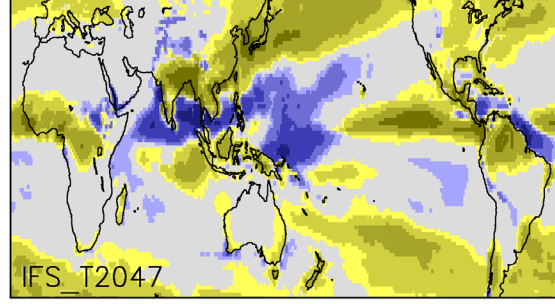
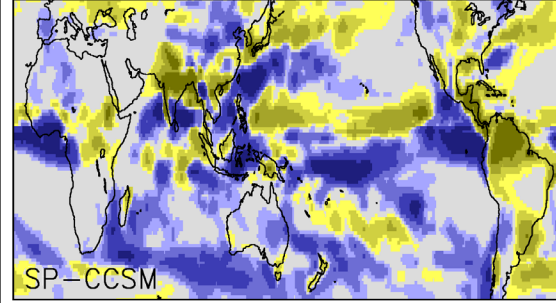
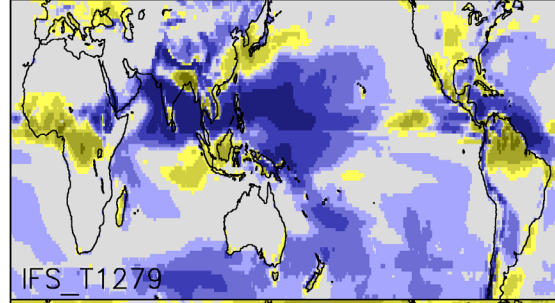
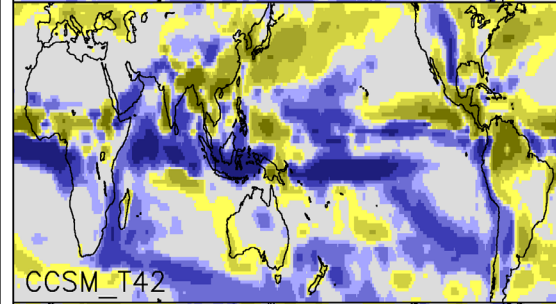
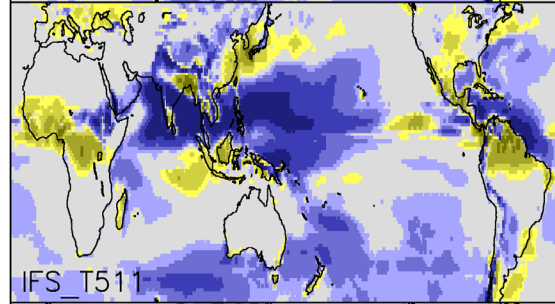
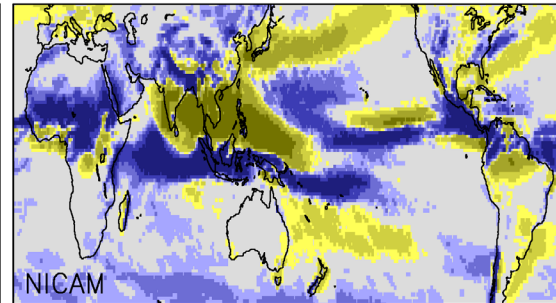
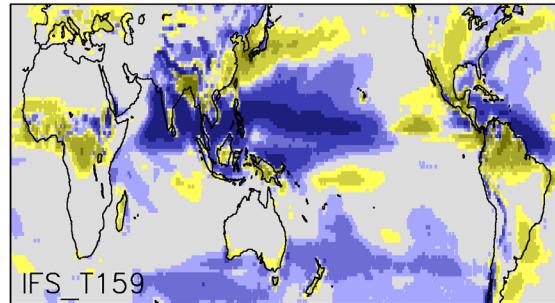
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# JJA Precipitation (anomaly from GPCP)

IFS

NICAM

Dirmeyer et al  
(2012) Clm. Dyn.



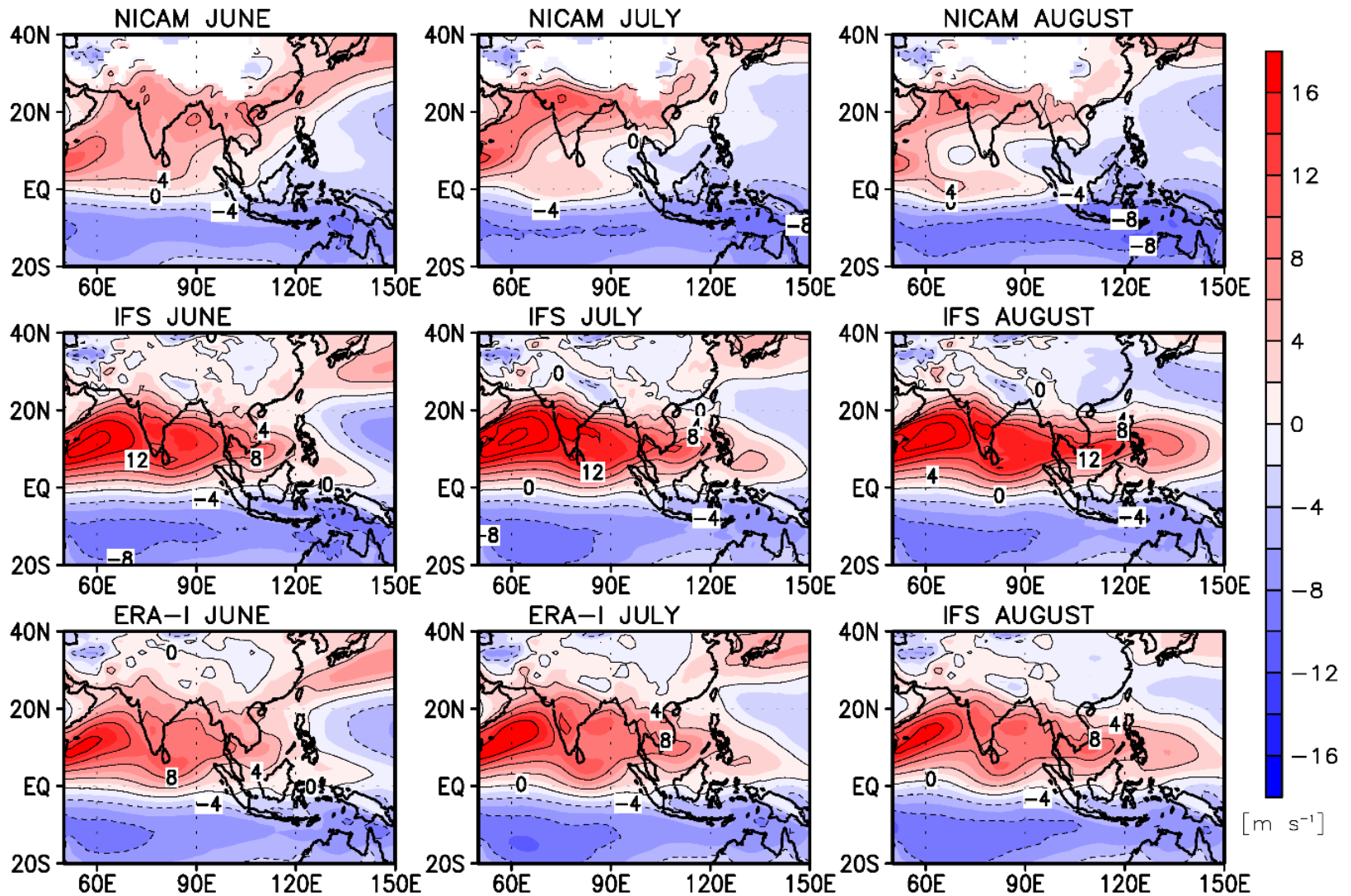
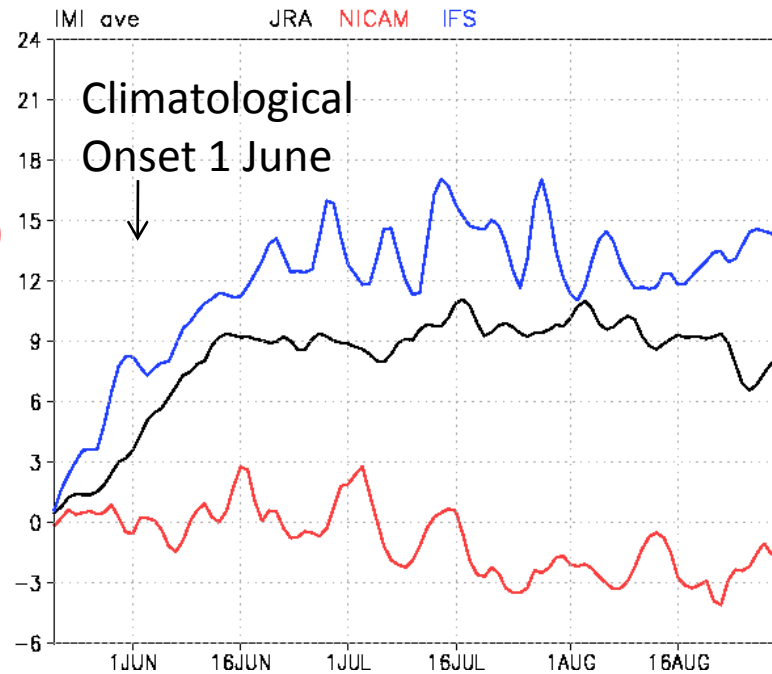


Fig. 1 The 8-year averaged monthly mean zonal wind at 850 hPa in NICAM (top) and IFS (middle) simulations in comparison with ERA-Interim (bottom).

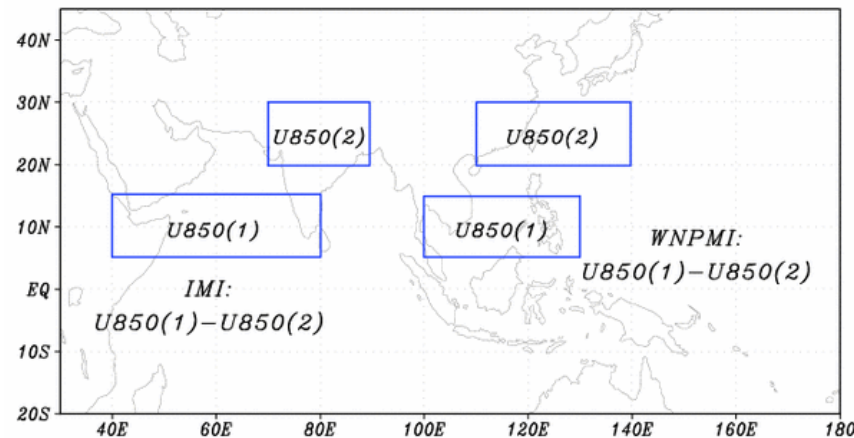


Indian Monsoon Index

JRA (1979-2008)  
 NICAM(2001-2009)  
 IFS(2001-2009)



Asian Summer Monsoon Indices



**IM Index = U850(40E-80E,5N-15N)-U850(70E-90E,20N-30N)**

**WNPM Index = U850(100E-130E,5N-15N)-U850(110E-140E,20N-30N)**

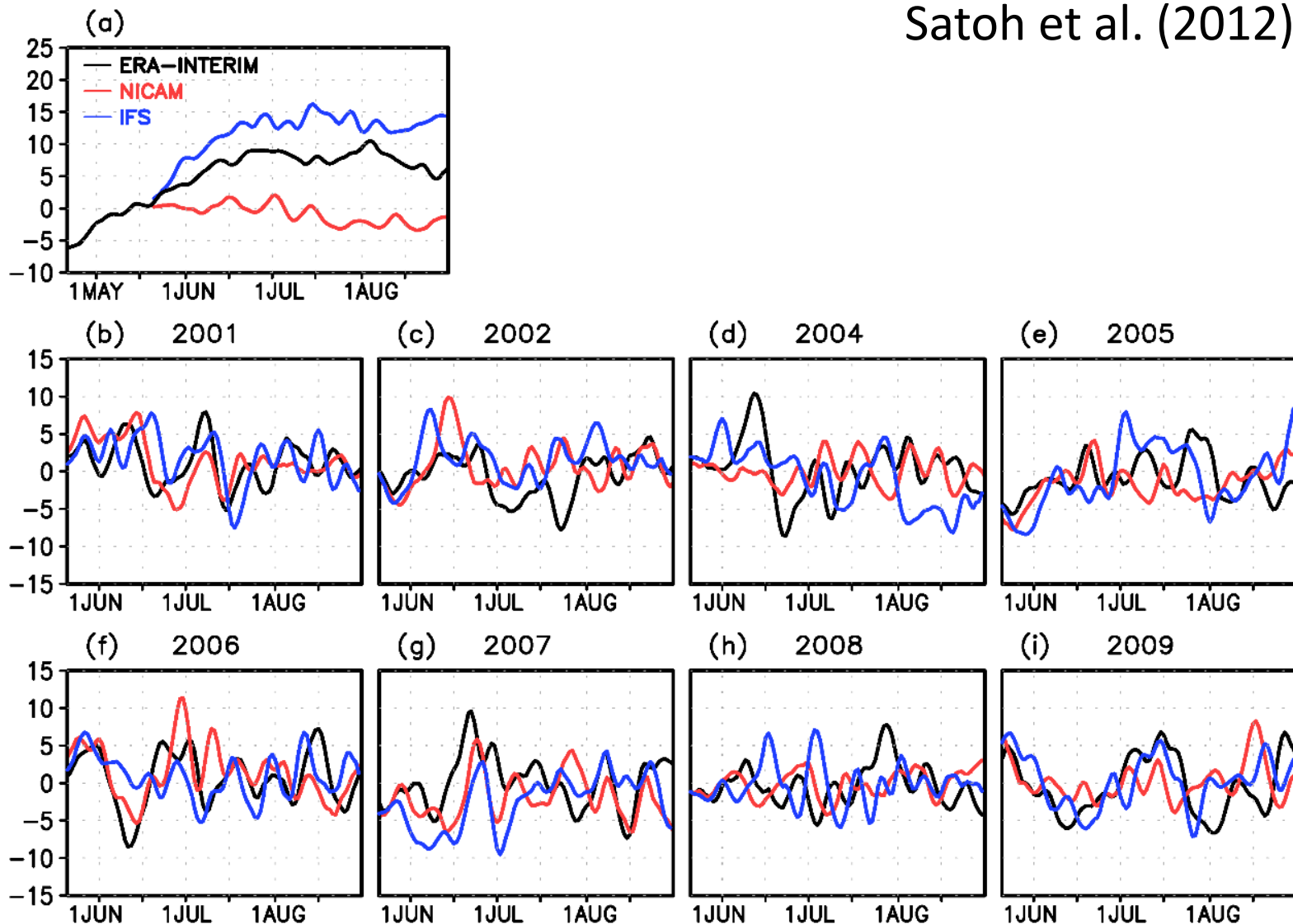


Fig.3 Time series of the Indian Monsoon Index (Wang et al. 2001) for NICAM and IFS simulations and ERA-Interim data. (a) The 8-year average and (b)–(i) anomaly from the average are plotted. 5-day running mean is operated.

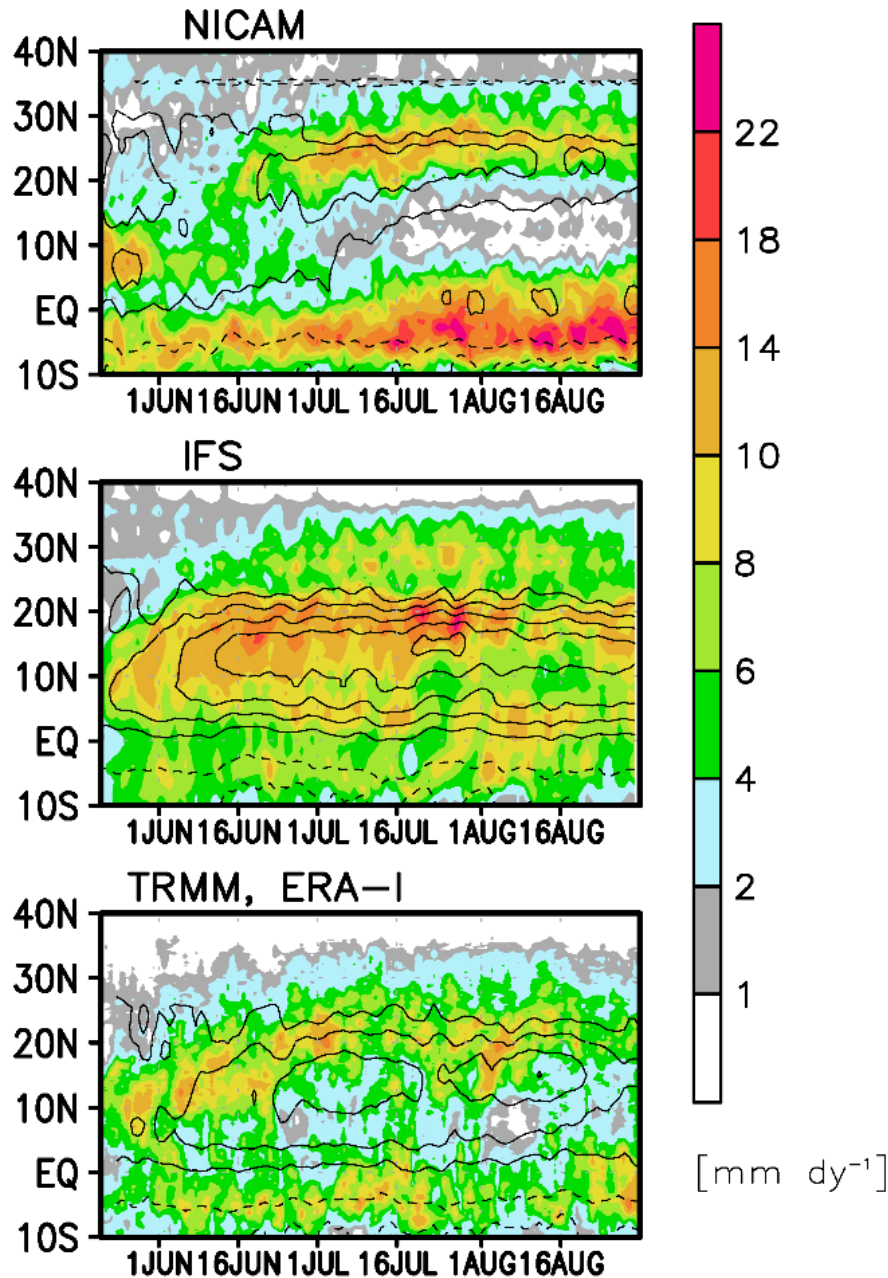
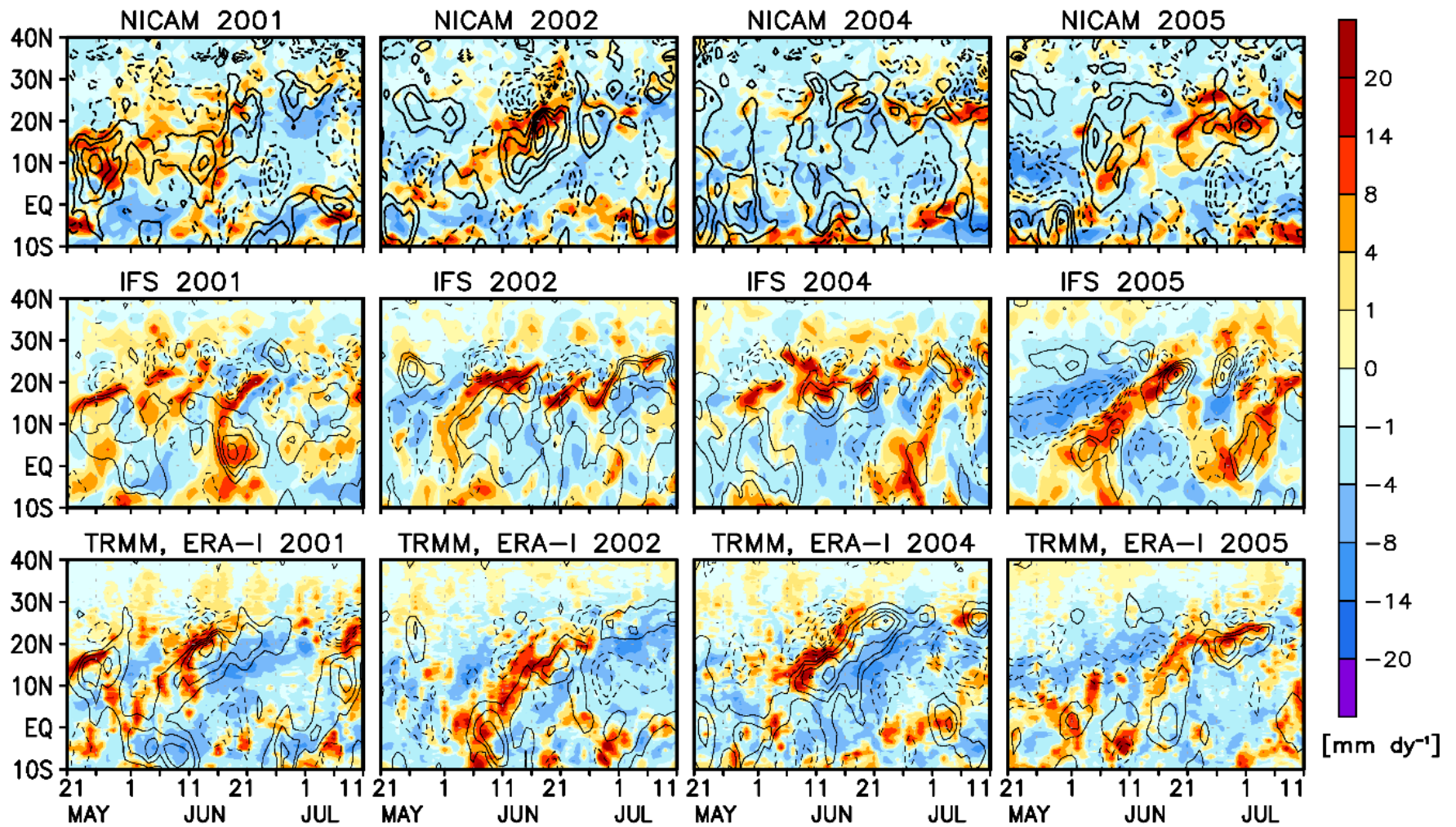
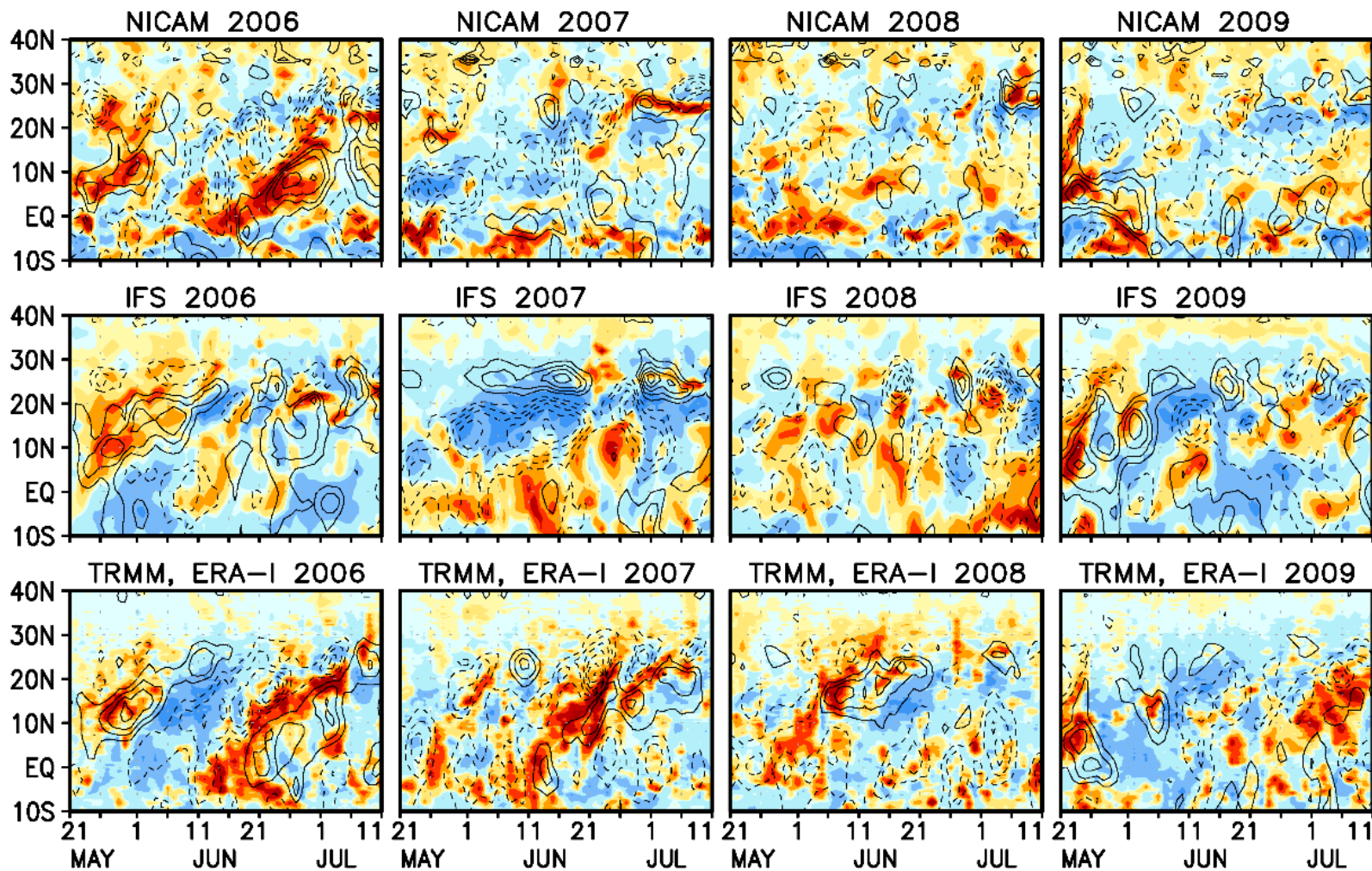


Fig.2 Time-latitude sections of the 8-year 60-90E averaged precipitation (color) and zonal wind at 850 hPa (contour lines) in NICAM (top) and IFS (middle) simulations in comparison with TRMM-3B42 and ERA-Interim and (bottom). Contour intervals for Zonal wind is 4 m s<sup>-1</sup> (solid: positive, broken: negative). Zero contour lines are omitted.



Satoh et al. (2012)

Fig.4 Time-latitude sections of anomalous 60-90E average surface precipitation (color) and zonal wind at 850 hPa (contour lines in the initial 52 days of NICAM (top) and IFS (middle) simulations in comparison with TRMM-3B42 and ERA-Interim data (bottom). The anomalies from the 8-year average (Fig. 2) are plotted. Contour intervals for zonal wind are  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (solid: positive, broken: negative). Zero contour lines are omitted.



Satoh et al. (2012)

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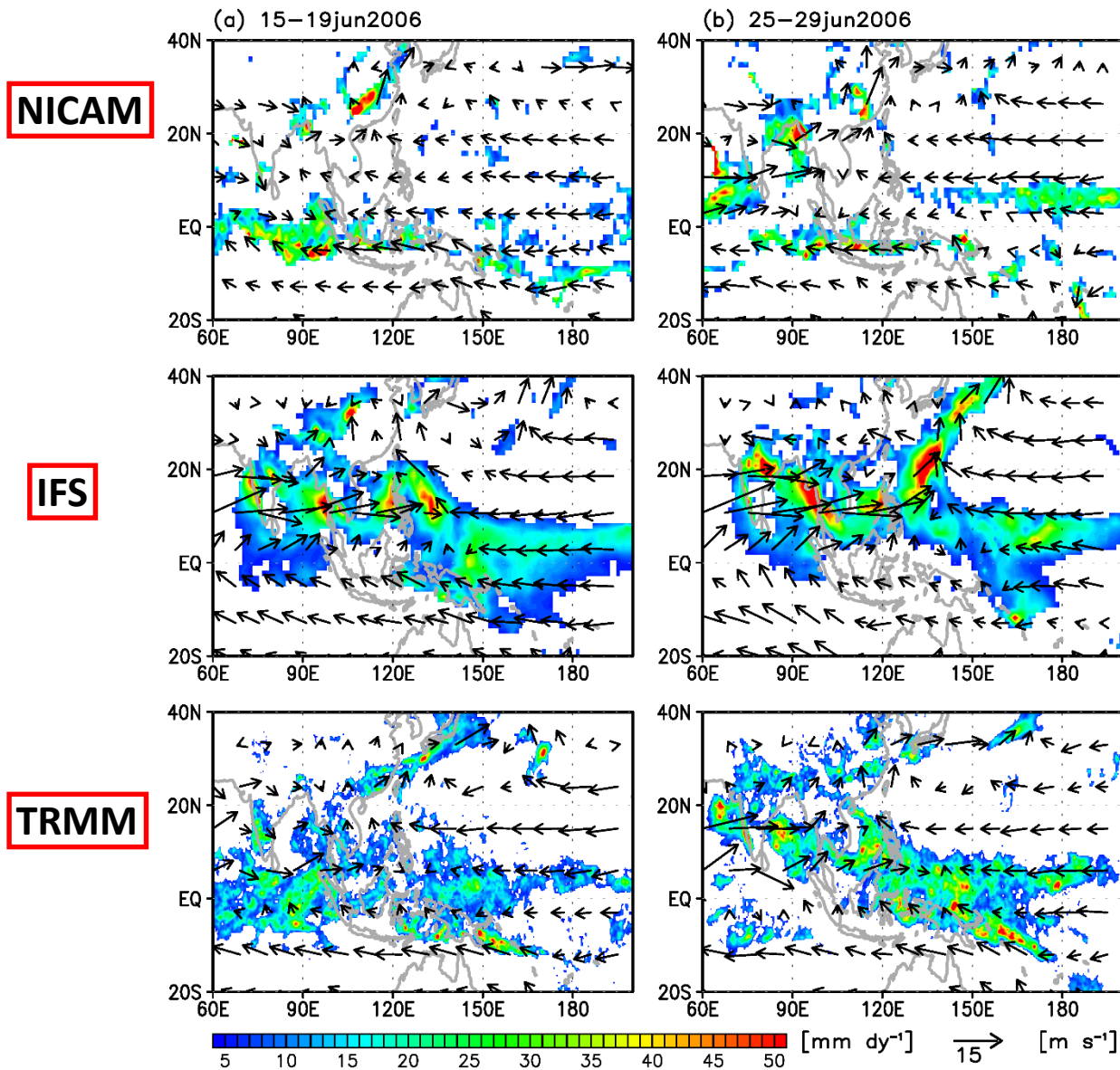
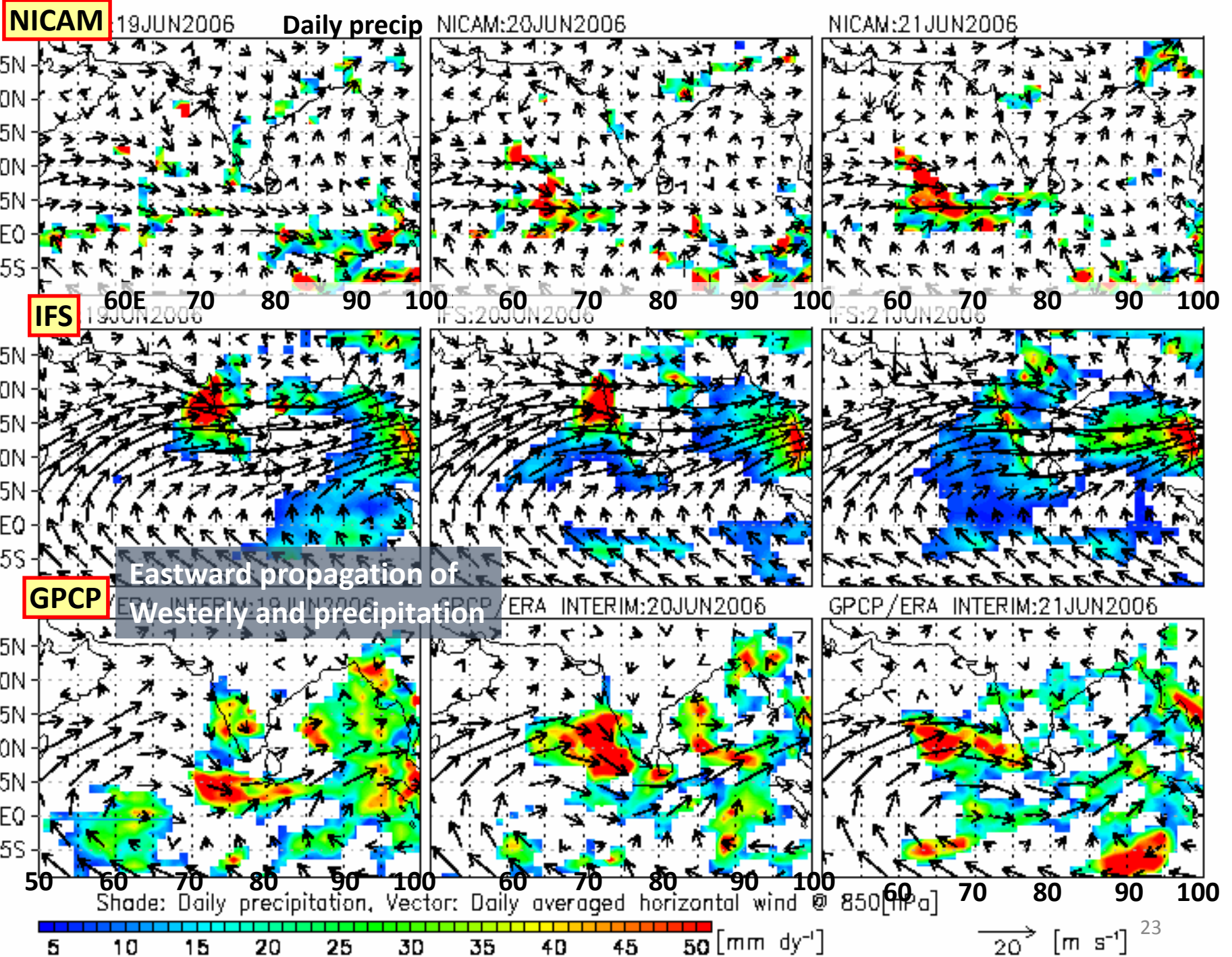
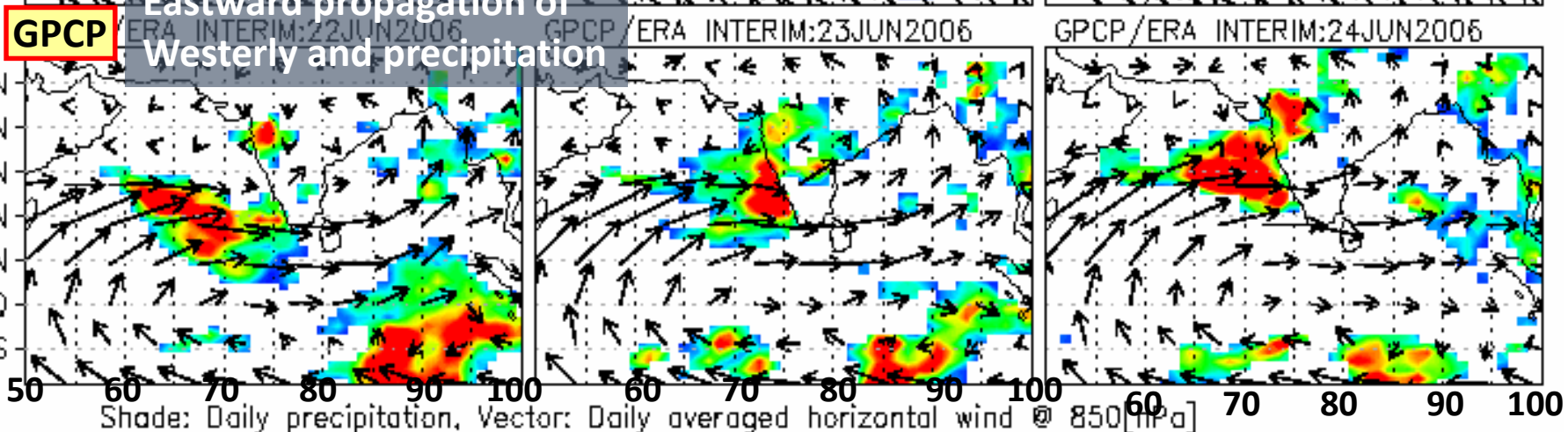
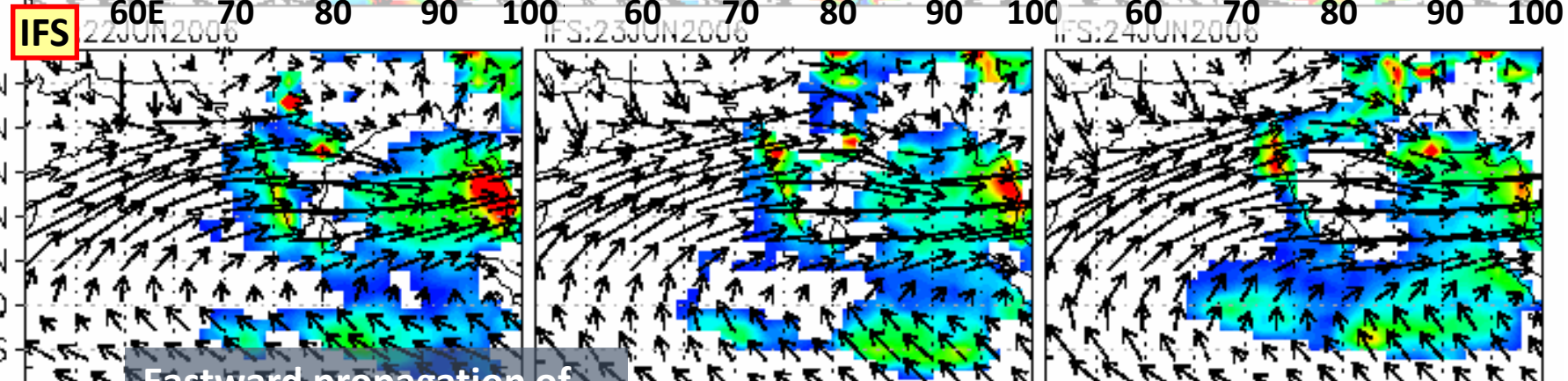
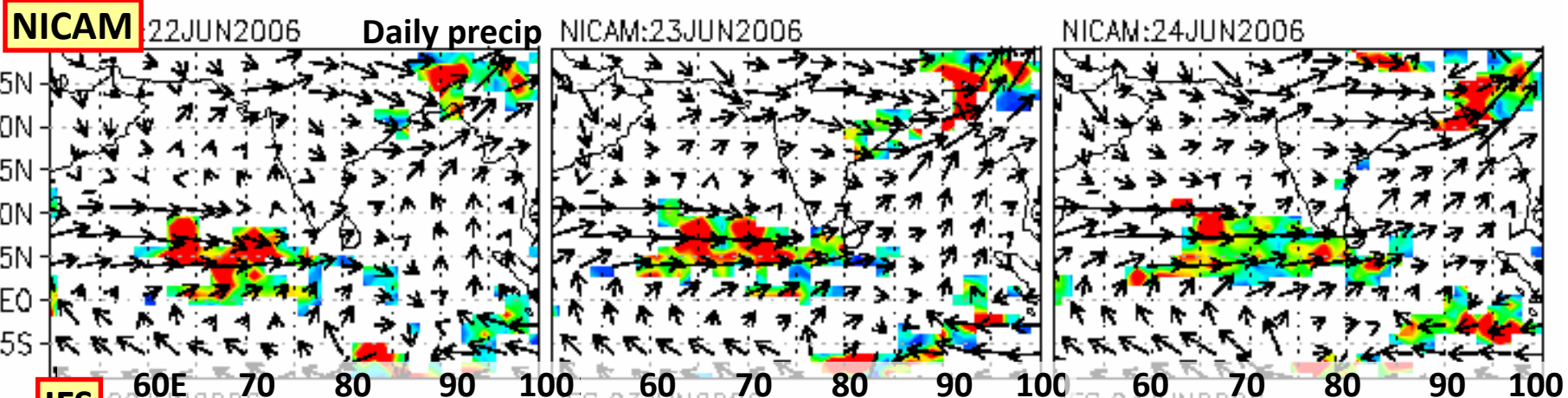
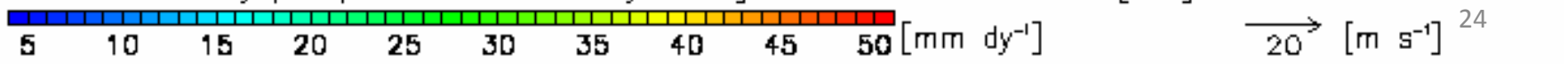


Fig. 5 Pentad-mean surface precipitation and wind vectors at 850 hPa for (a) 15–19 and (b) 25–29 June 2006 for NICAM (top) and IFS (middle) simulations in comparison with TRMM-3B42 and ERA-Interim data (bottom).

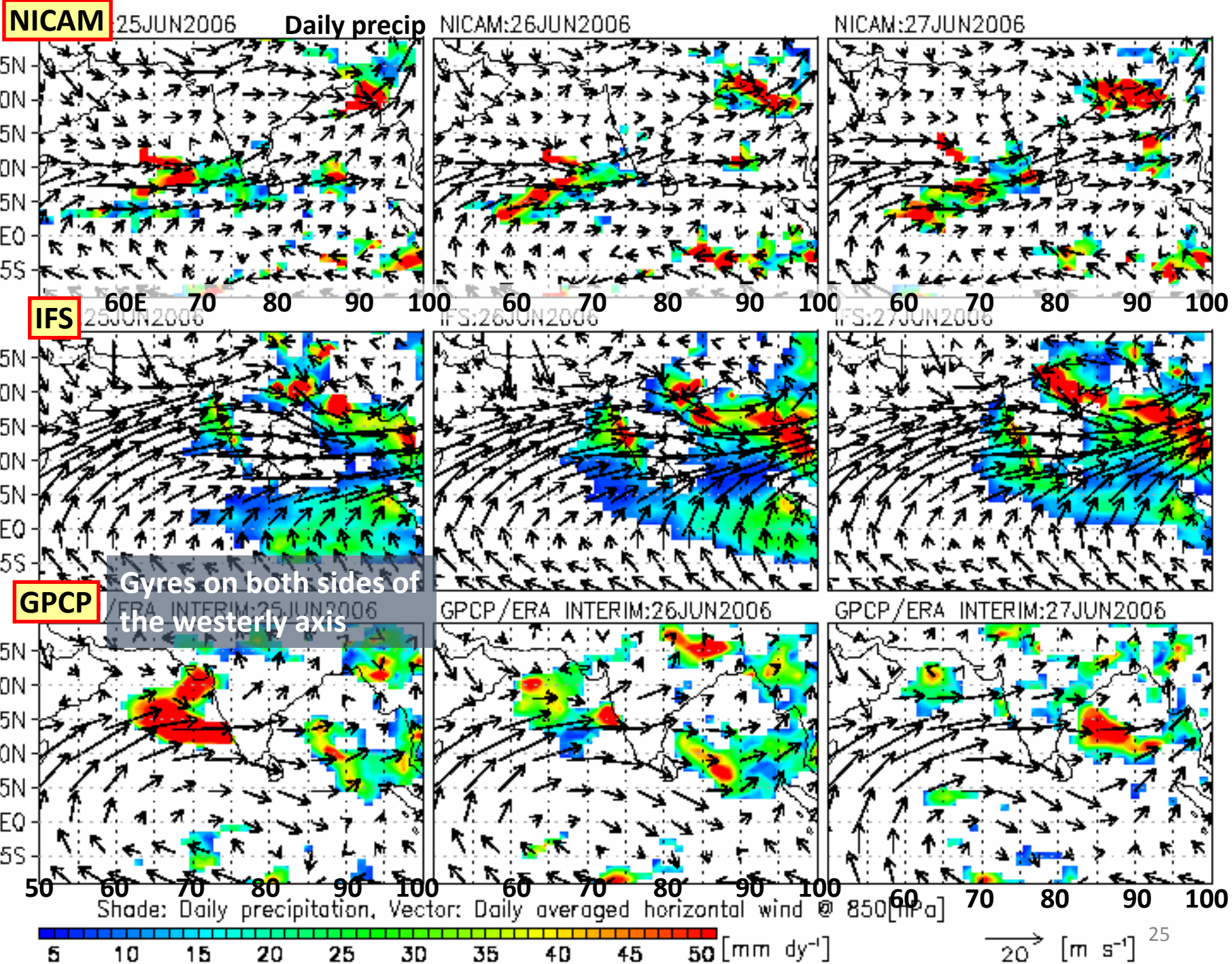




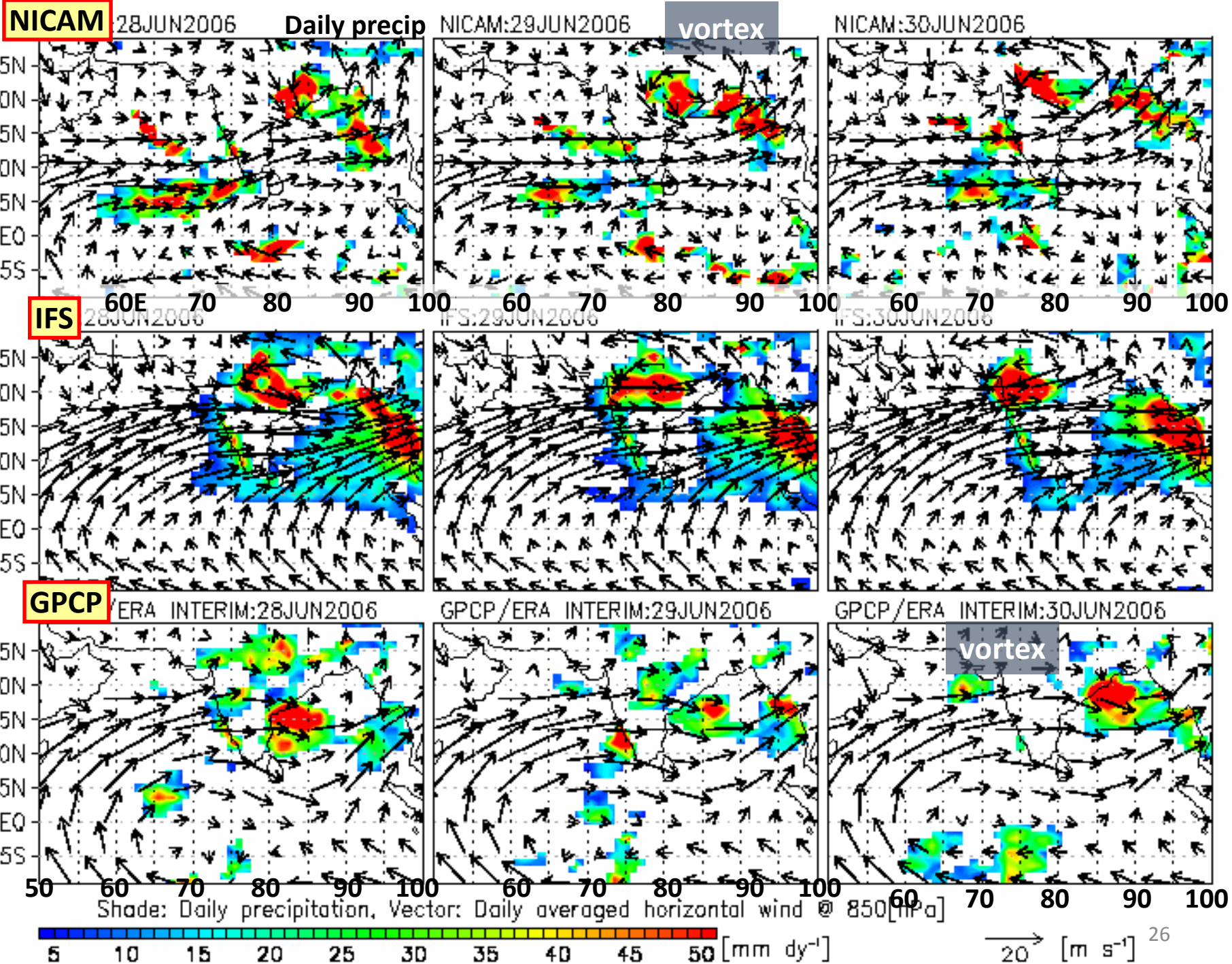
Eastward propagation of  
Westerly and precipitation







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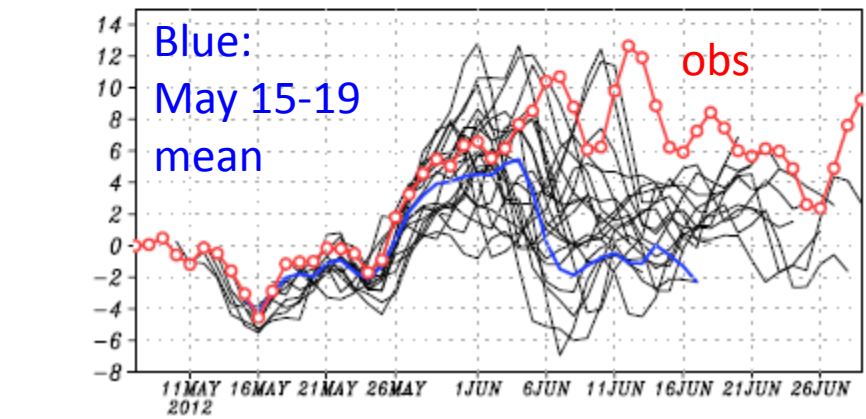
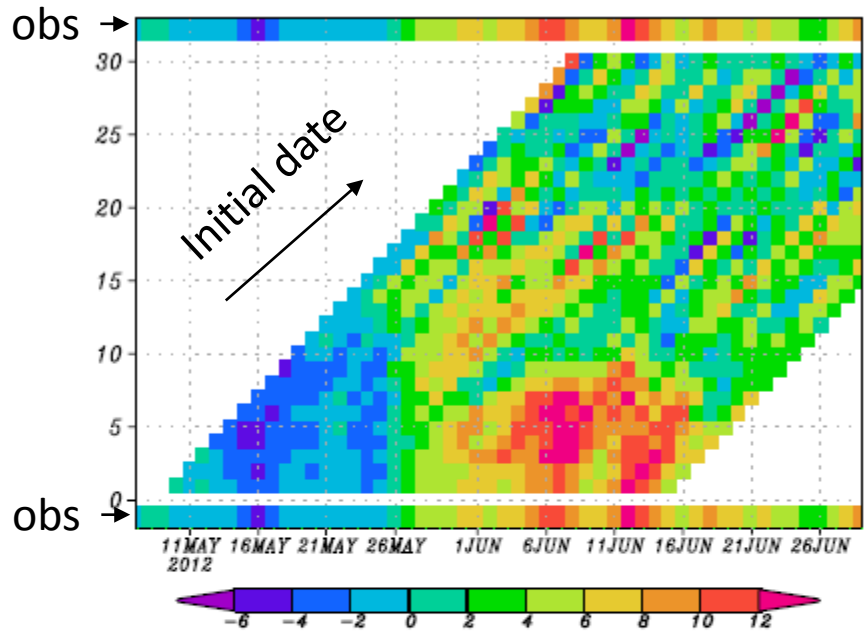


## Summary (JJA ensemble simulations; Satoh et al. 2012)

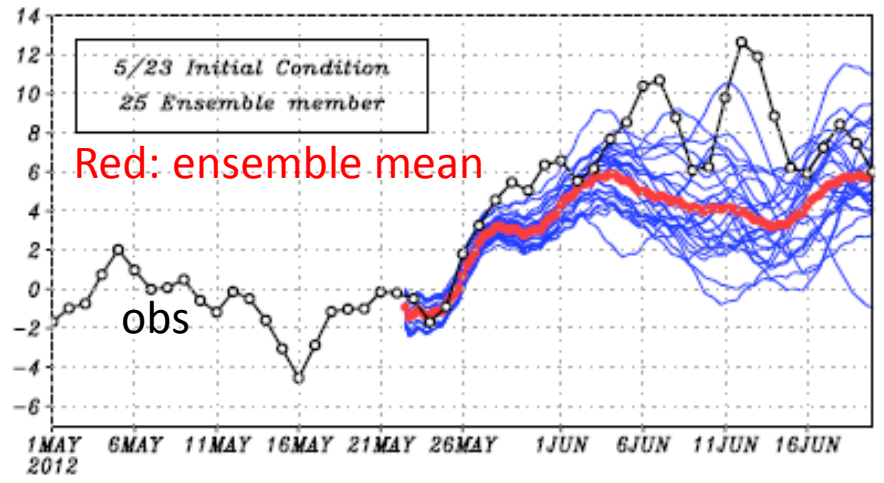
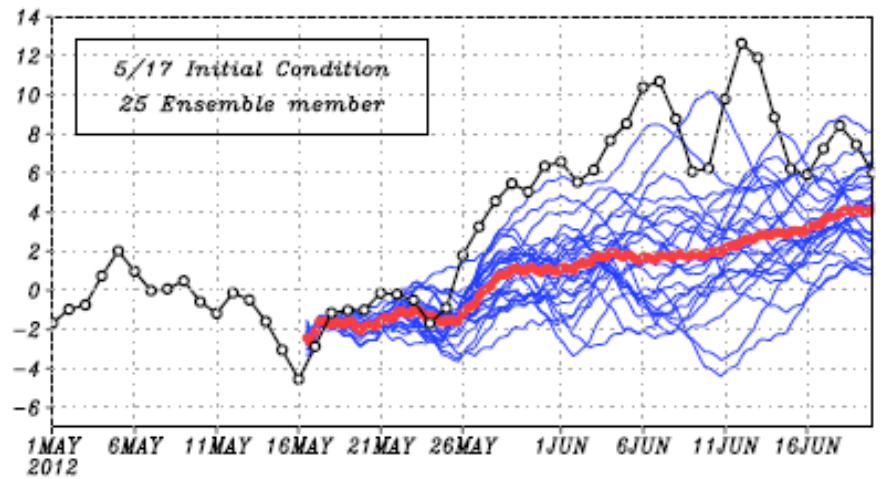
- In the first month of simulation, both models capture the intra-seasonal oscillatory behavior of the Indian monsoon similar to the observed boreal summer ISO in approximately half of the 8-year samples.
- The IFS simulates the NW–SE-oriented rainband and the westerly location better, while NICAM marginally reproduces mesoscale organized convective systems and better simulates the northward migration of the westerly peak and precipitation, particularly in 2006.

# Impact of tropical disturbance on the Indian summer monsoon onset in 2012 (Kajikawa et al. 2015)

Indian summer monsoon indices



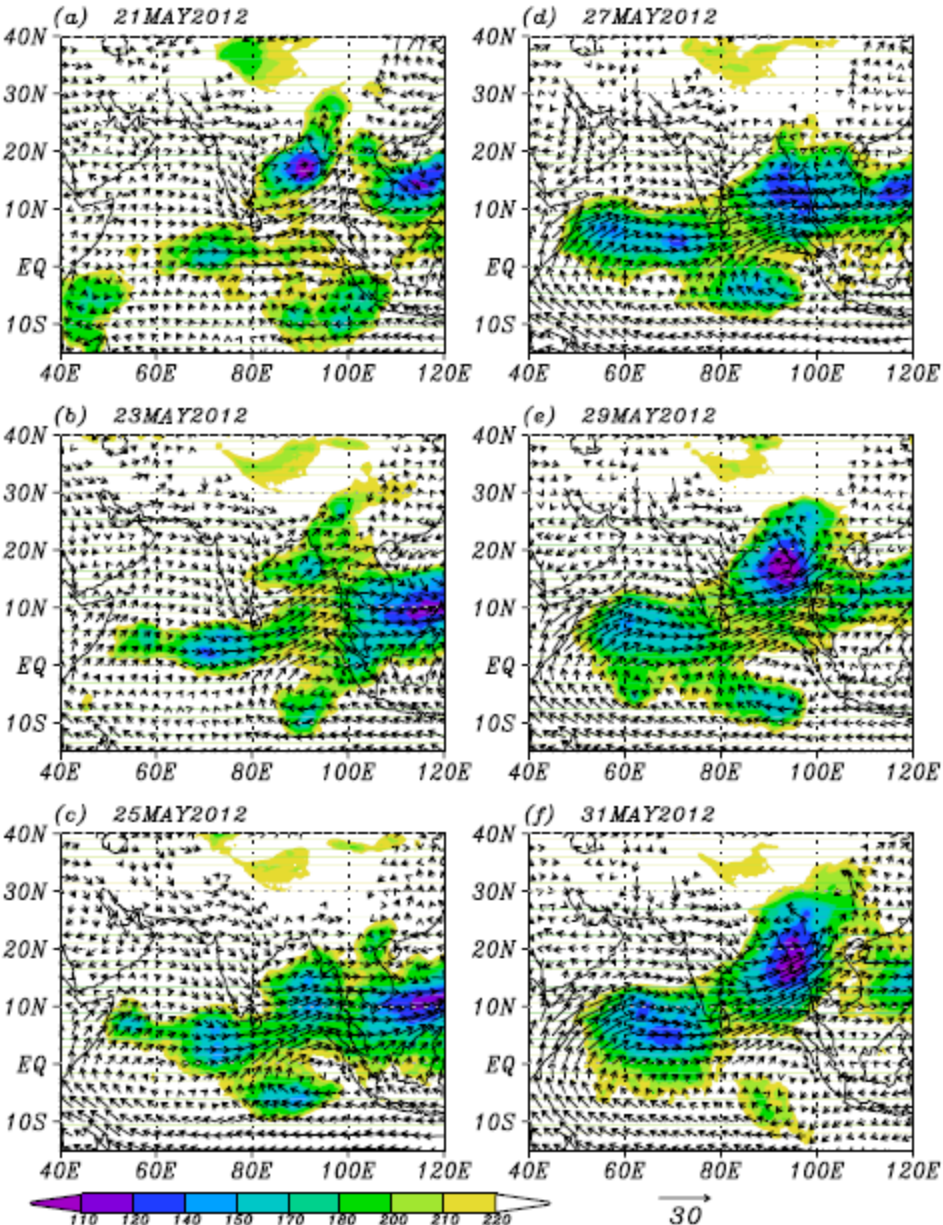
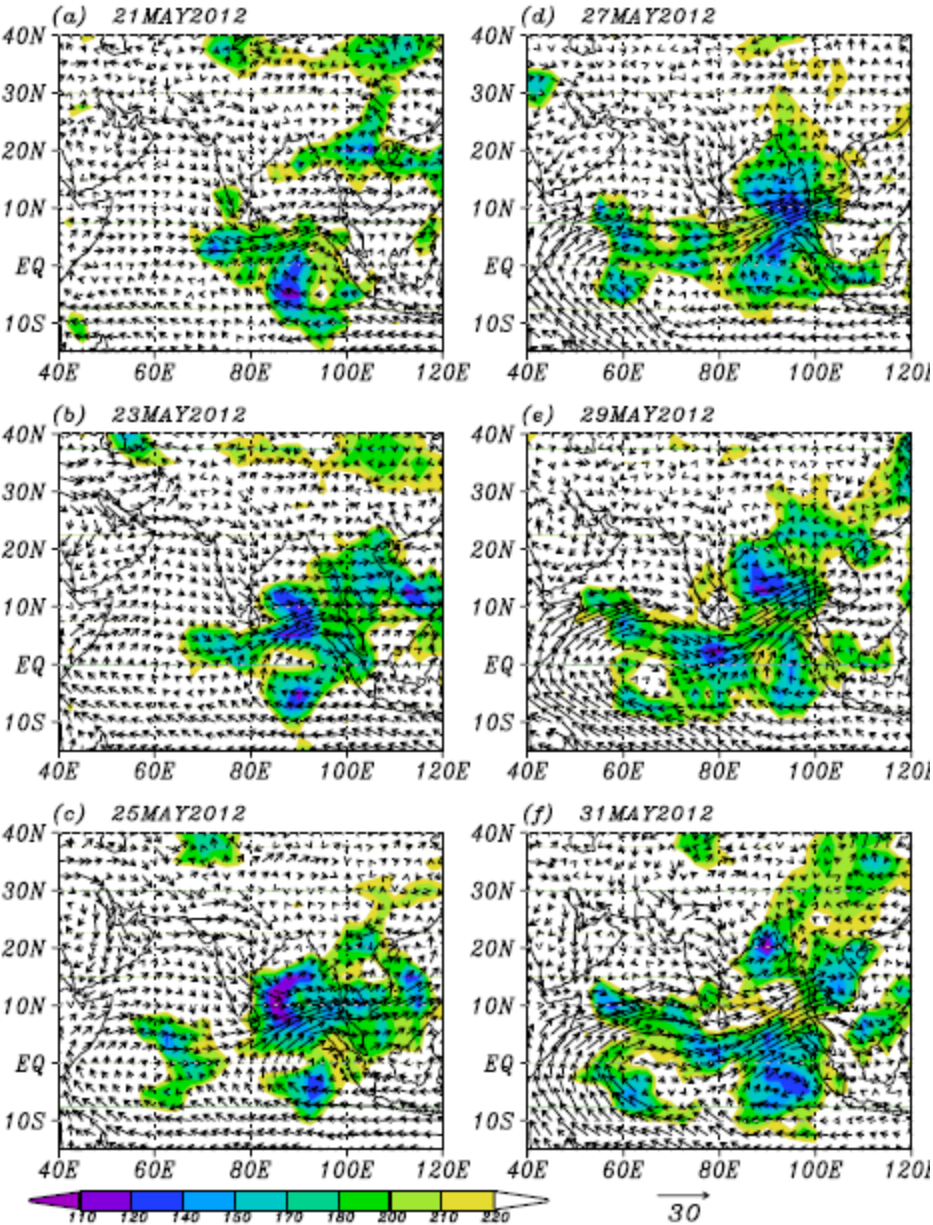
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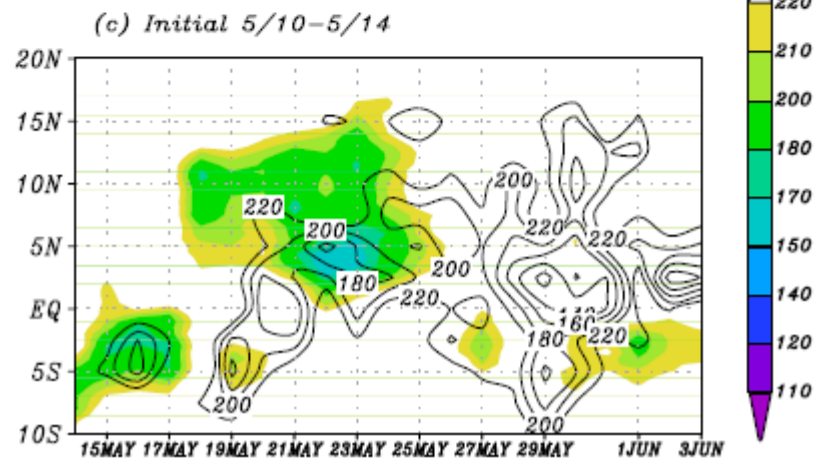
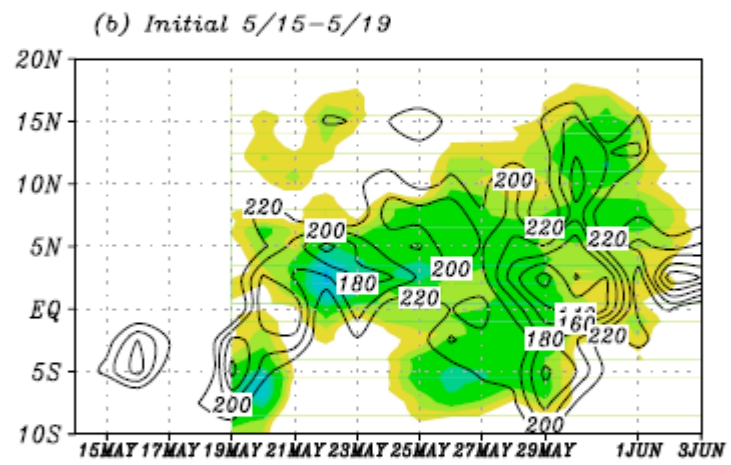
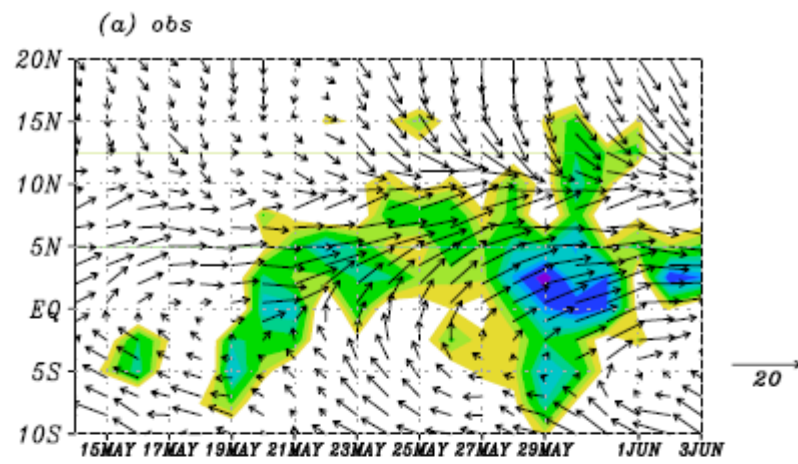
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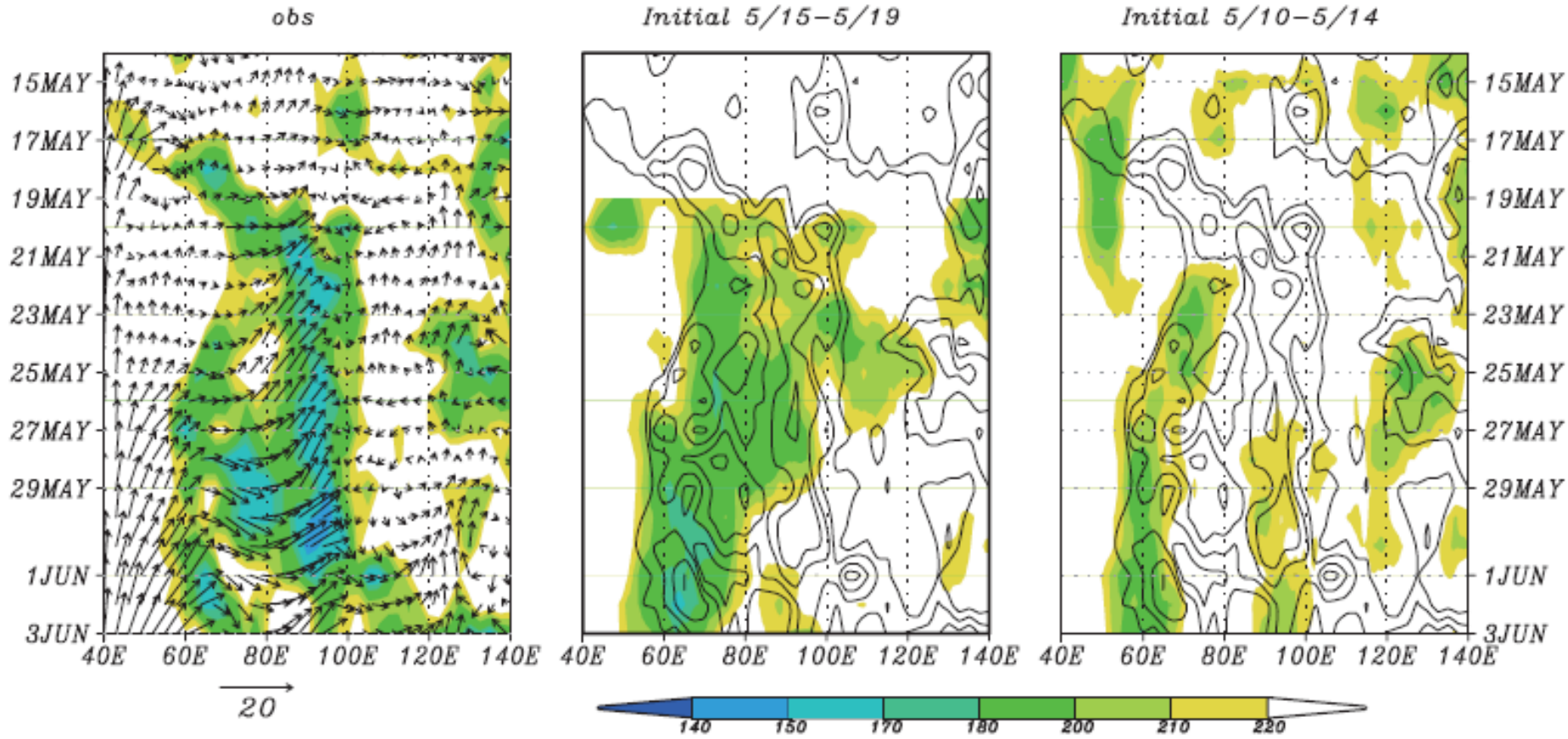
Observation

NICAM simulation



Mean of Exp. with IC at May 15-19





- Summary (onset of ISM in 2012; Kajikawa et al. 2015)
- Focuses are on the effect of tropical disturbances on ISM onset and considered the potential extension of onset predictability
- A series of 30-day simulations initialized on 10 May-10 June show a skill of two weeks predictability of ISM onset.
- The ISM onset was accompanied by northward-migrating tropical disturbances over the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, which originated in the equatorial Indian Ocean.
- The result suggest that a better representation of tropical disturbances enhances the potential to extend the predictability of the transition phase of the Asian summer monsoon.



# 2. Monsoon simulations in NICAM

## 2-2. East Asian Summer Monsoon

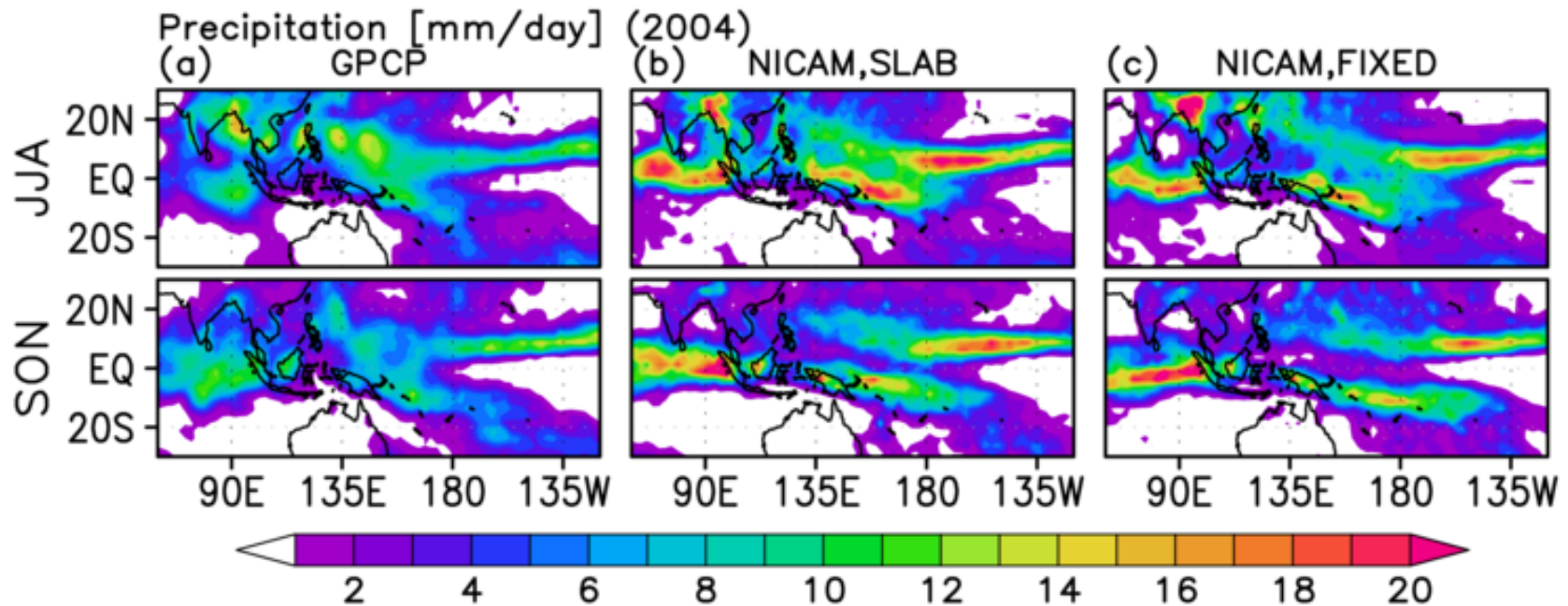
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- [Yamaura, T., Kajikawa, Y., Tomita, H., Satoh, M., 2013: Possible impact of a tropical cyclone on the northward migration of the baiu frontal zone. SOLA, 9, 89-93. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2151/sola.2013-020>](#)
- Oouchi, K., A. T. Noda, M. Satoh, B. Wang, S.-P. Xie, H.G. Takahashi, T. Yasunari (2009): Asian summer monsoon simulated by a global cloud-system-resolving model: Diurnal to intra-seasonal variability. Geophys. Res. Lett., 36, L11815, doi:10.1029/2009GL038271.

# NICAM AMIP-type simulations

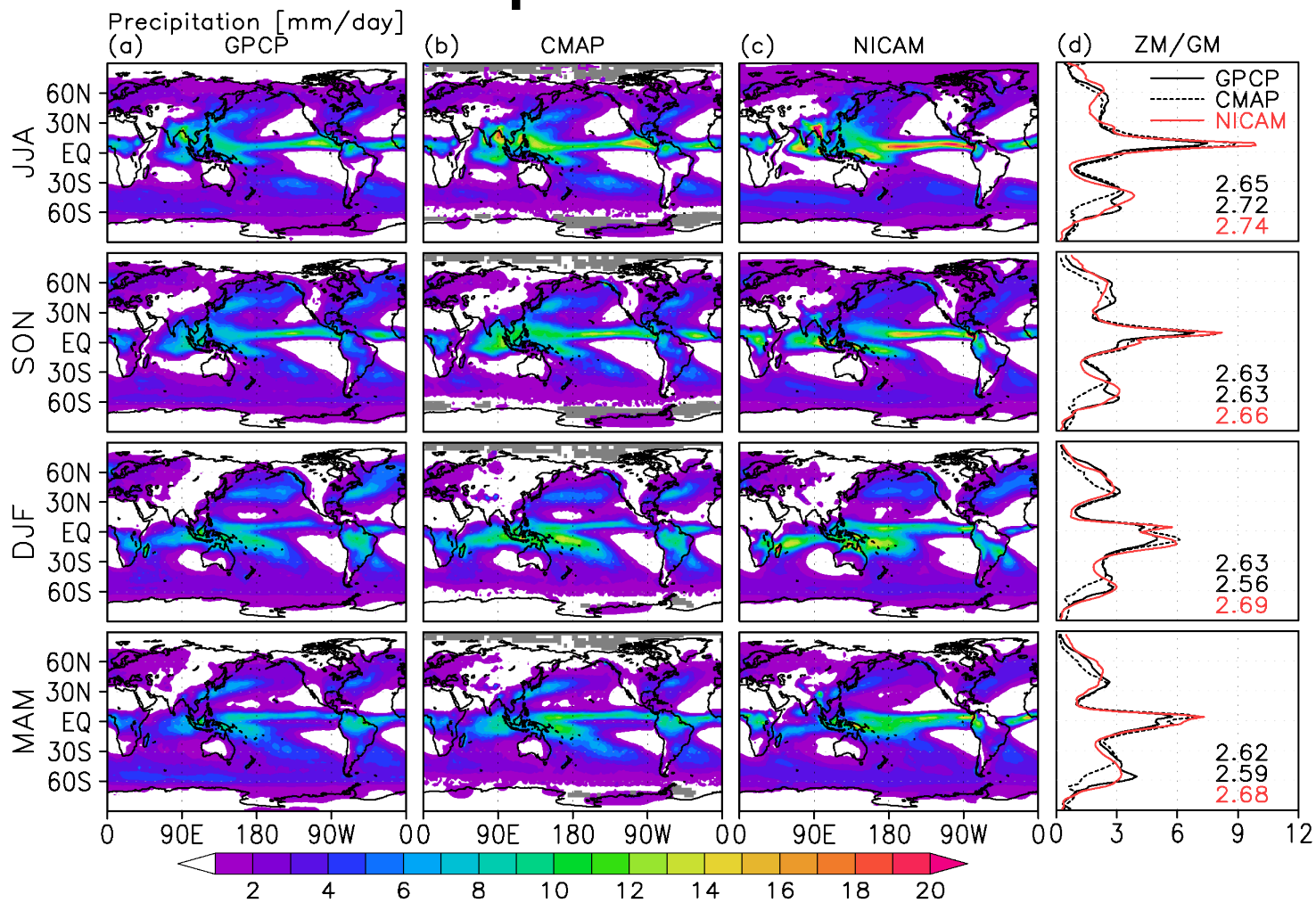
Kodama et al. (2015)

- 14km horizontal mesh and 38 vertical levels up to 40 km.
- 1-moment 6-category bulk cloud microphysics (Tomita 2008).
  - No cumulus convection parameterization
  - parameters tuned by several seasonal-scale experiments
- AMIP configurations except for
  - **slab ocean model** (D=15m &  $\tau=7$ days) with SST nudging and fixed sea ice
- **CNTL** run: 1978.06-2009.12
  - monthly mean AMIP2 SST/SSI.
- **FUTURE** run: 2074.06-2105.12 (A1B scenario)
  - CMIP3 model ensemble  $dSST = SST(2075-2099) - SST(1979-2003)$  including trend is added to AMIP2 SST. For sea ice, areal change is considered following Mizuta et al. [2008].

# precipitation: SLAB vs. fixed SST

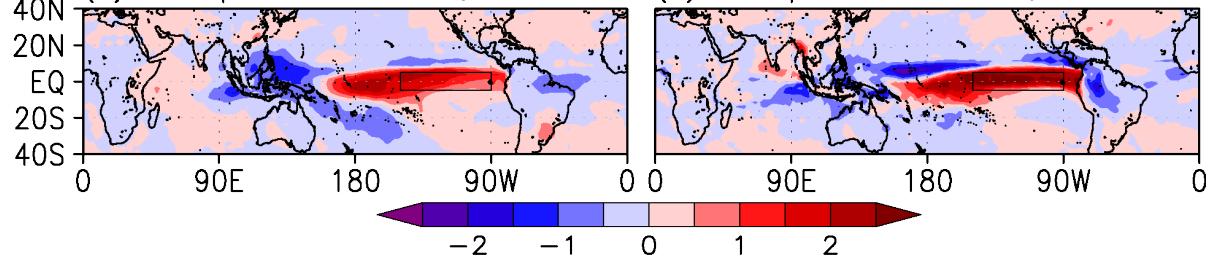


# Precipitation rate



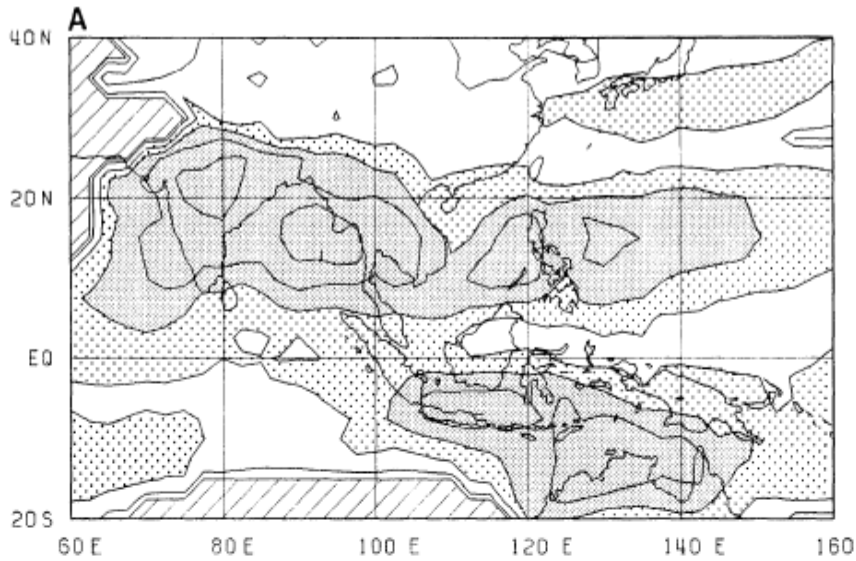
(a) Precip. for ENSO=+1, GPCP

(b) Precip. for ENSO=+1, NICAM



Precip. response to ENSO  
(ENSO index = +1 anomaly)

# OLR max-min in annual cycle of 20-yr Climatology



Murakami and Matsumoto (1994)

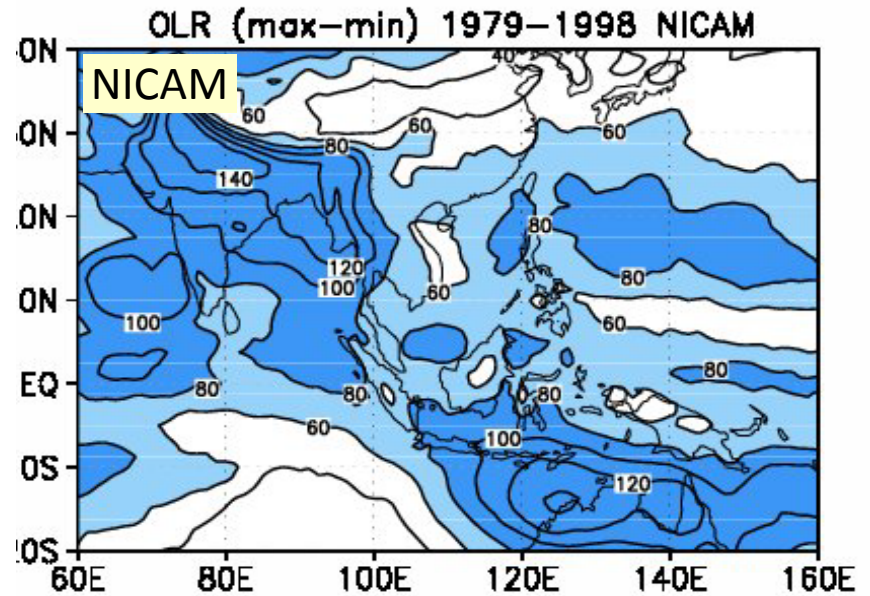
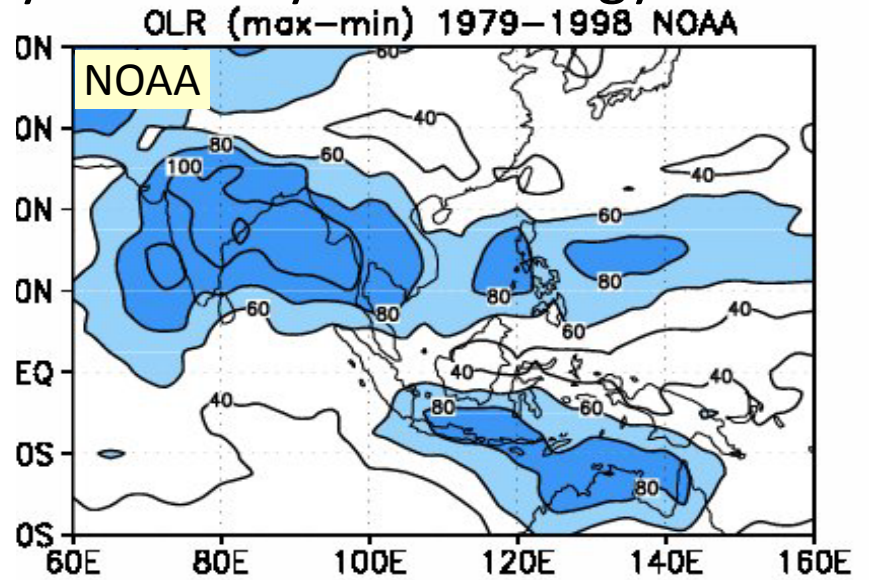
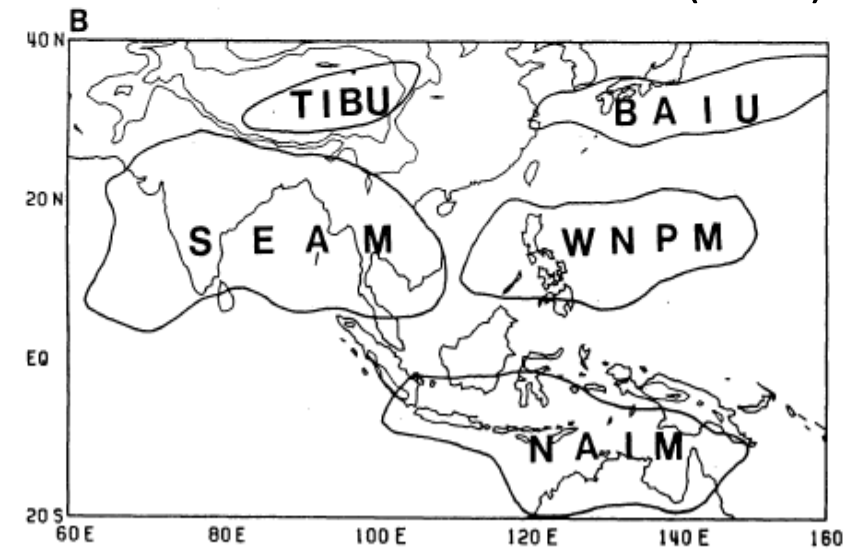
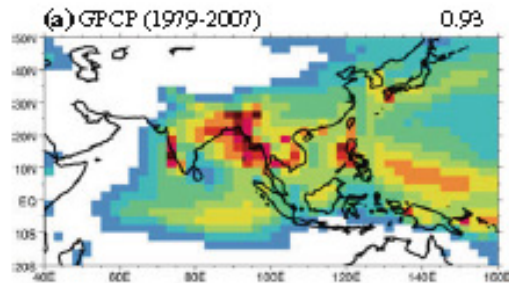


Fig. 1. A: Difference between  $OLR(max)$  and  $OLR(min)$ . Intervals are for  $20 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ; hatching denotes  $OLR(min)$  greater than  $240 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ , while dark (light) shading indicates regions of  $DD$  greater than 60 (40)  $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ . B: The domains of the three monsoon systems SEAM, WNPM and NAIM, as well as two extratropical wet-climate regimes of the TIBU and BAIU. Refer to the text for further information.

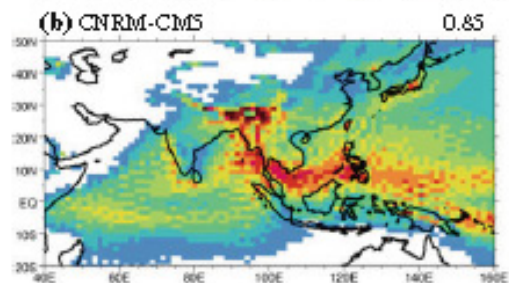
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et al.  
2013

GPCP

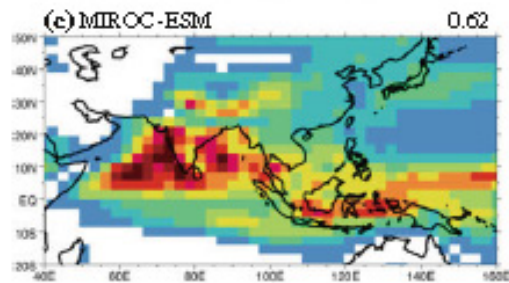


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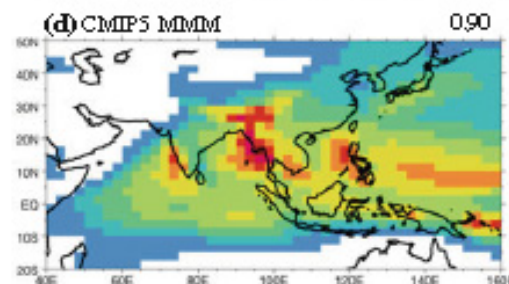
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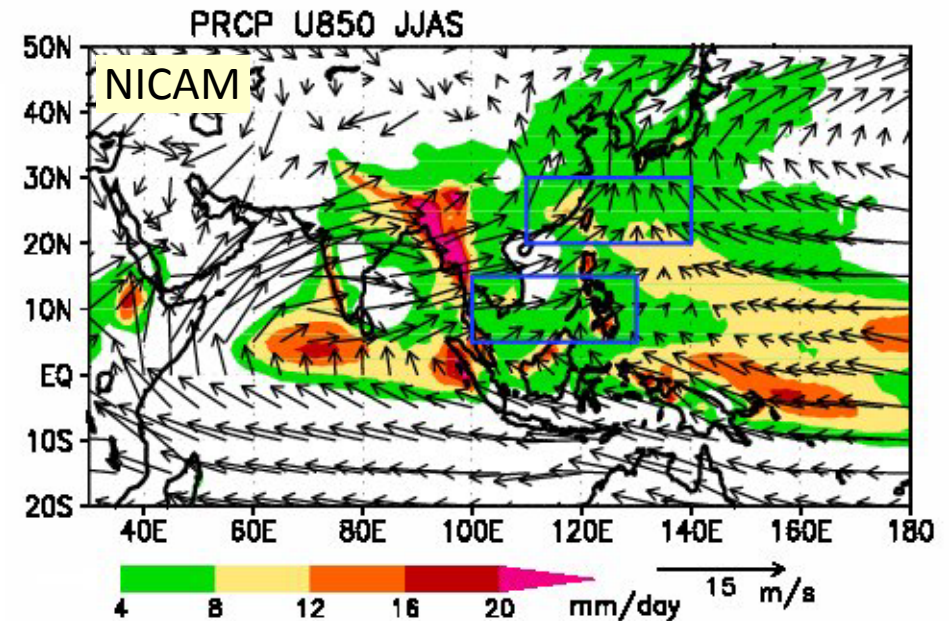
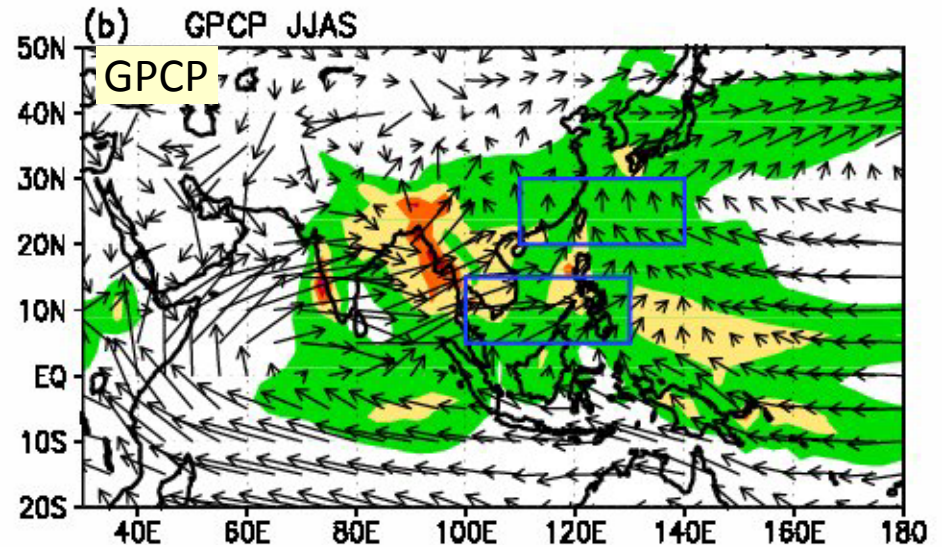
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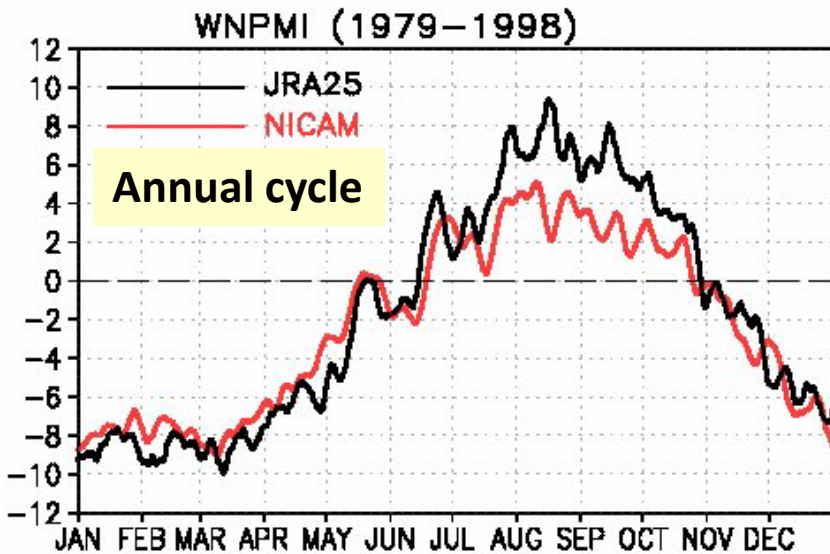
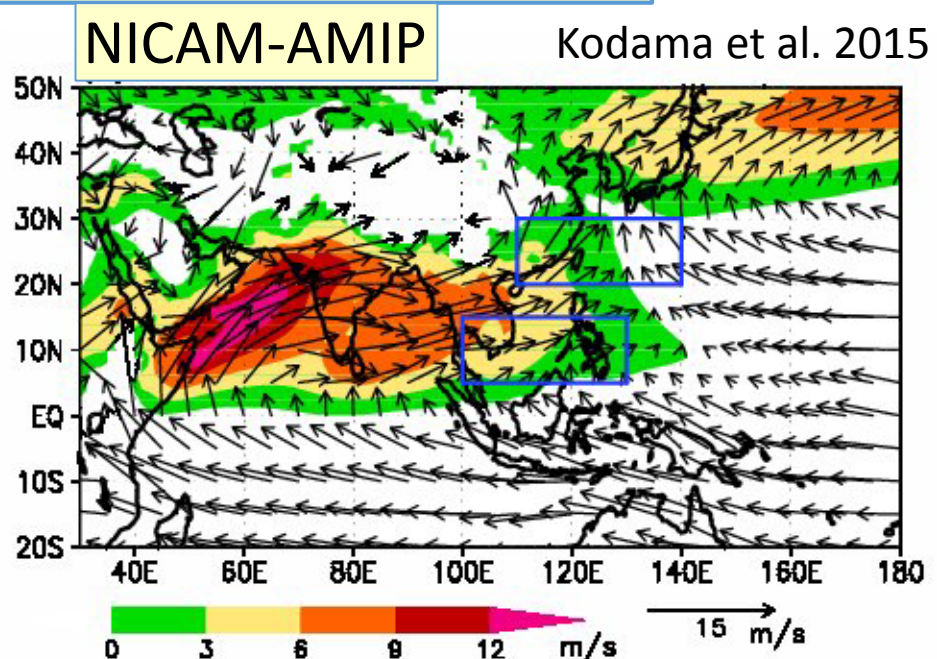
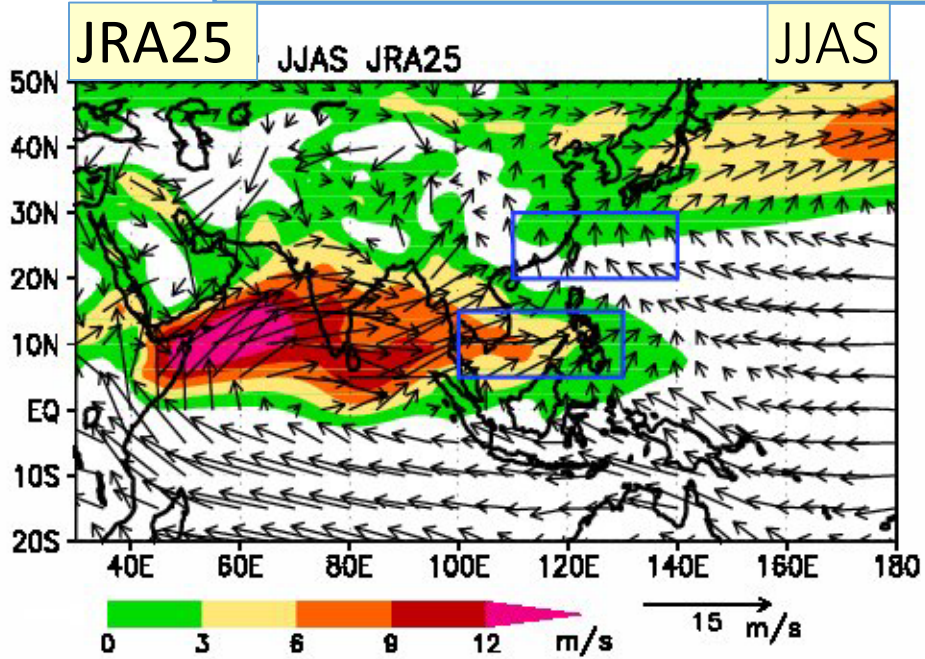
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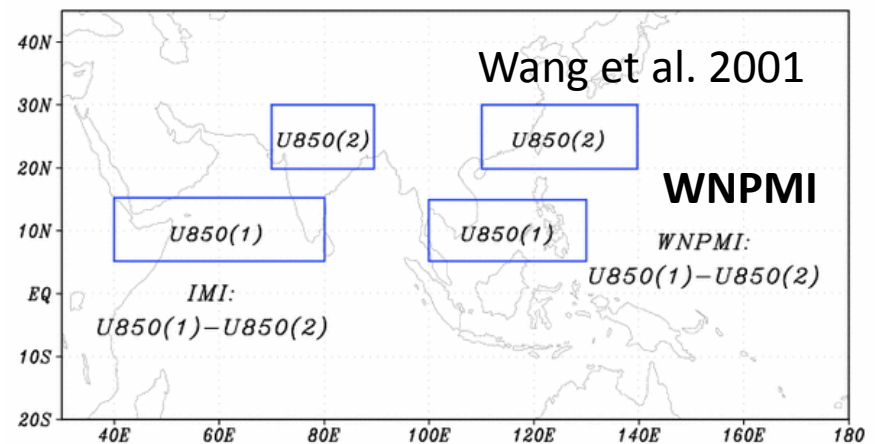
precipitation JJAS 20-yr Climatology



# Climatology of Asian monsoon U850 (1979-1998)

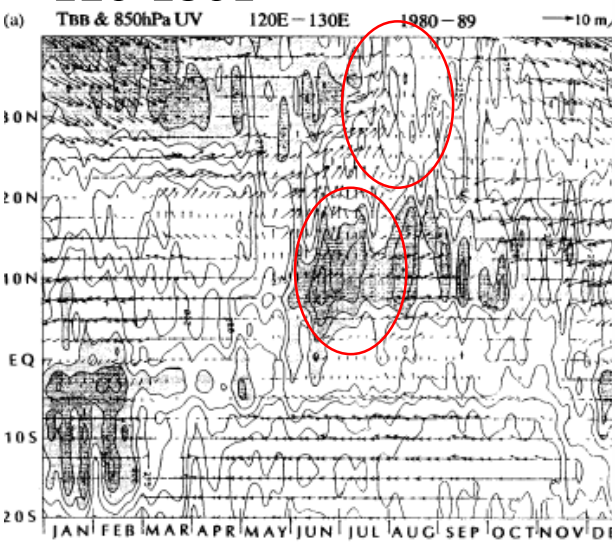


## Asian Summer Monsoon Indices

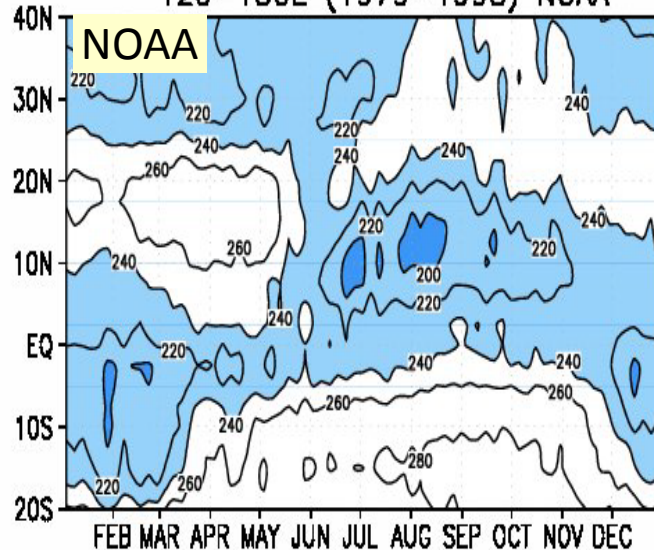


# OLR annual cycle of 20-yr Climatology

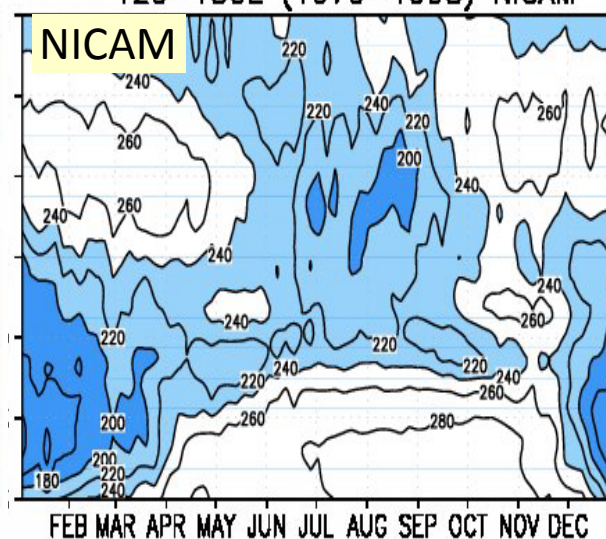
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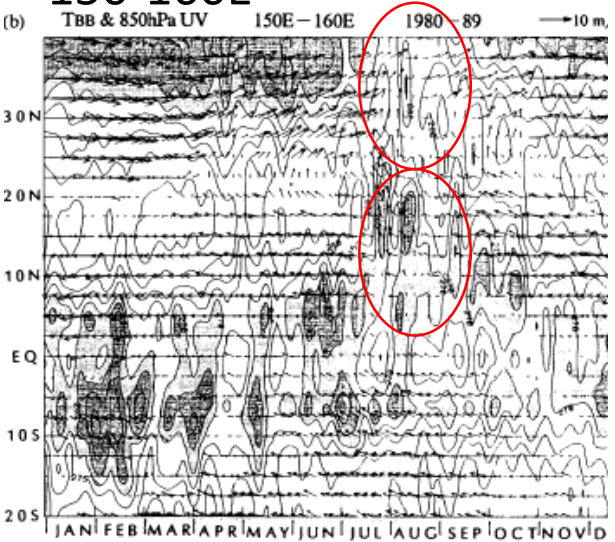
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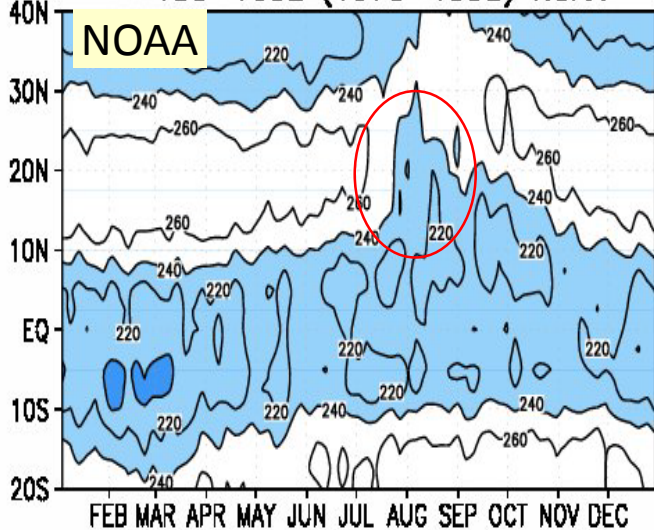
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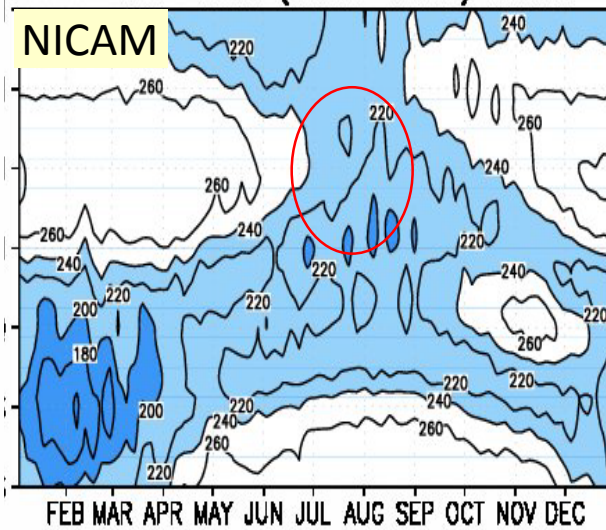
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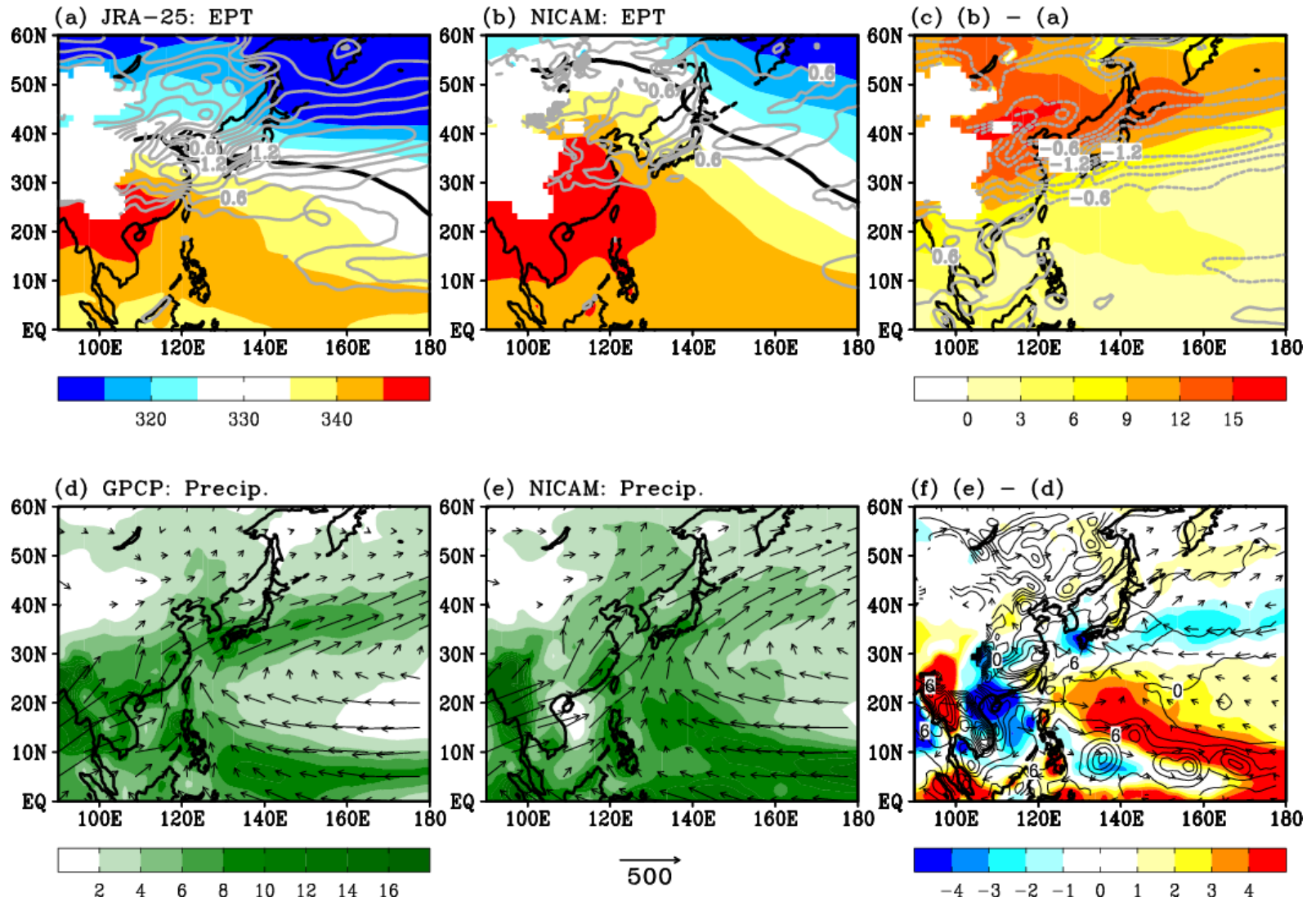


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Ueda et al. (1995)





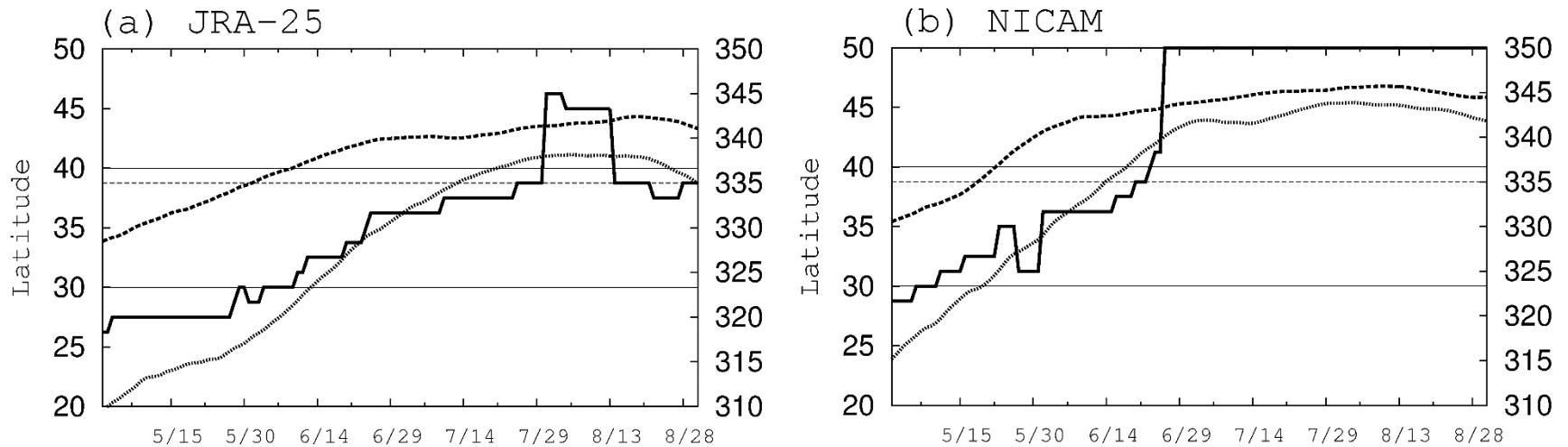
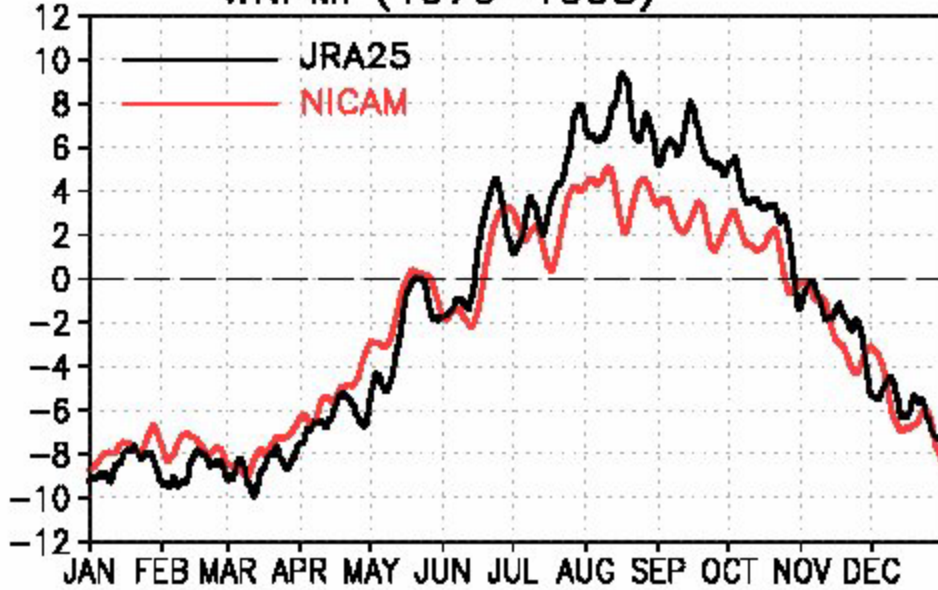


Fig. 17 Climatological mean time series of maximum  $-\partial\langle\theta_e\rangle/\partial y$  latitude averaged between  $125^\circ$  and  $145^\circ$  E (stepwise solid line; left axis),  $\langle\theta_e\rangle$  averaged from  $125^\circ$  to  $145^\circ$  E, and  $30^\circ$  to  $40^\circ$  N (smoothed dotted line; right axis), and  $\langle\theta_e\rangle$  averaged from  $125^\circ$  to  $145^\circ$  E, and  $20^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  N (smoothed dashed line; right axis). JRA-25 results are shown in (a), and NICAM results in (b). Left axis shows maximum  $-\partial\langle\theta_e\rangle/\partial y$  latitude in degrees north, and the  $30^\circ$  N and  $40^\circ$  N latitudes are indicated as horizontal solid lines. Right axis shows  $\langle\theta_e\rangle$  in K, and the 335 K  $\langle\theta_e\rangle$  is indicated as horizontal dashed line.

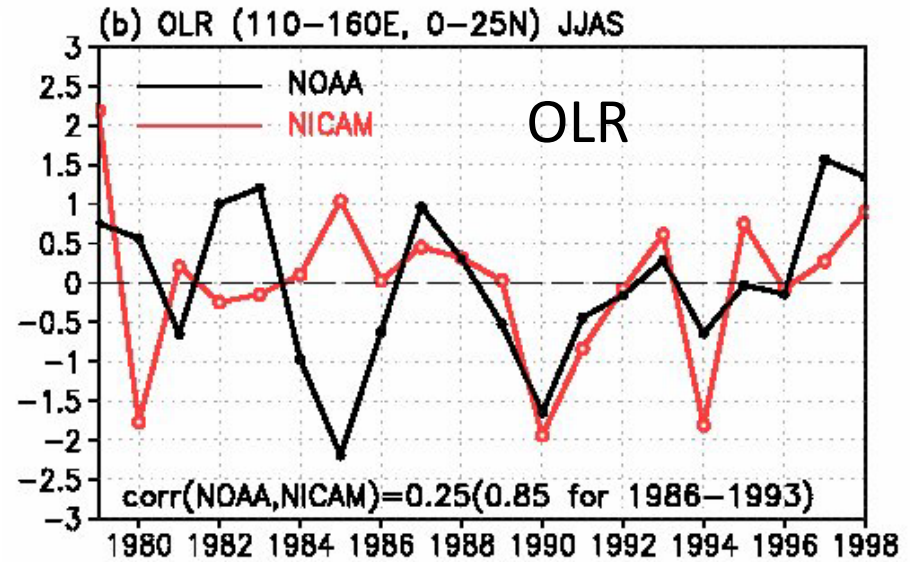
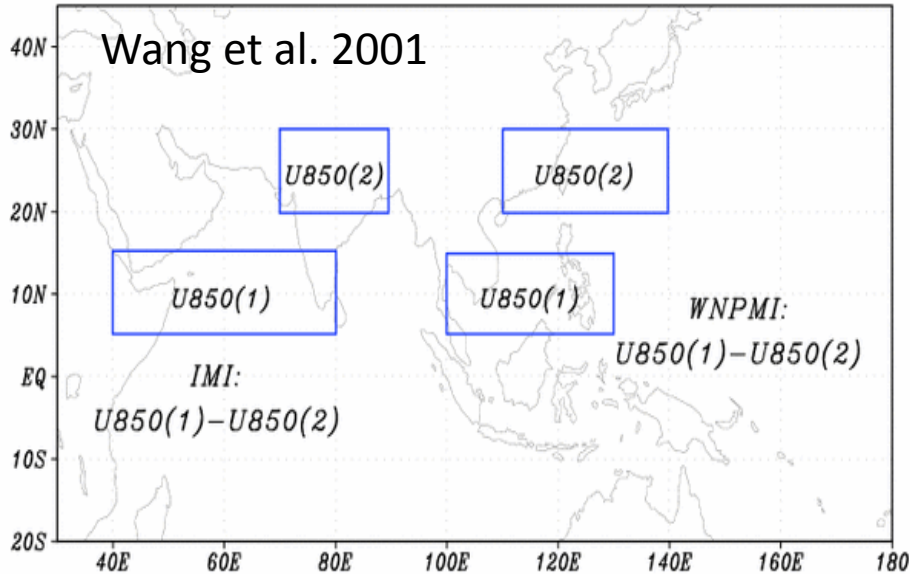
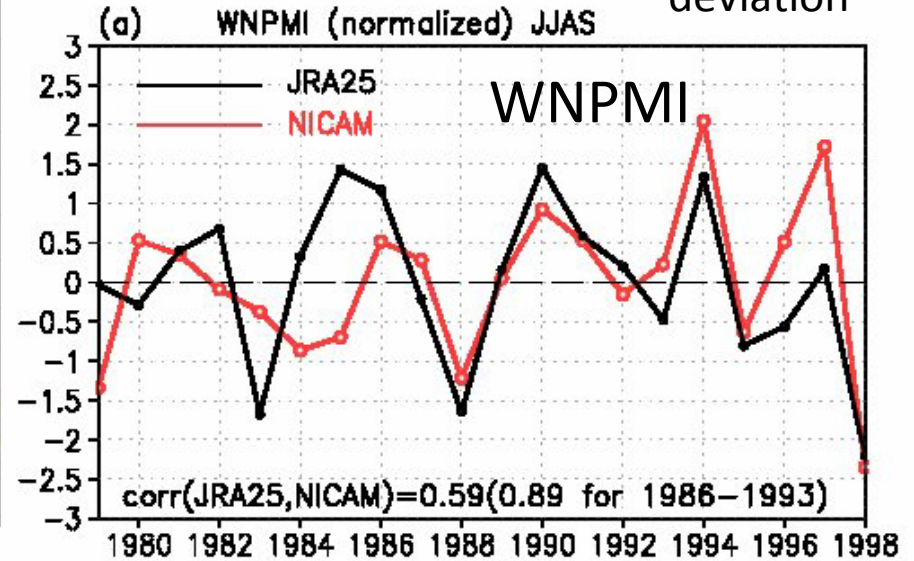
# WNPMI JJAS 20-yr Climatology

WNPMI (1979–1998)



# Interannual variation

Normalized by standard deviation



Kodama et al. (2015)

- Summary (AMIP-type simulation; Kodama et al. 2015)
- The 20-yr climatology of the seasonal march of Asian monsoon is reasonably reproduced (much better than the 8-year JJA simulations).
- Biases: northward displacement of westerly axis and subtropical high, which affects monsoon subsystems (e.g., the earlier and shorter Baiu).
- The interannual variability of WNP monsoon circulation (1979-2008) was simulated at correlation coefficient of 0.59 with JRA25). The performance corresponds to that in convection.

# 3. Challenges ahead

## **Multi-scale interactions:**

- monsoon onset, active/break phase transition
- ISO, Tropical Cyclones

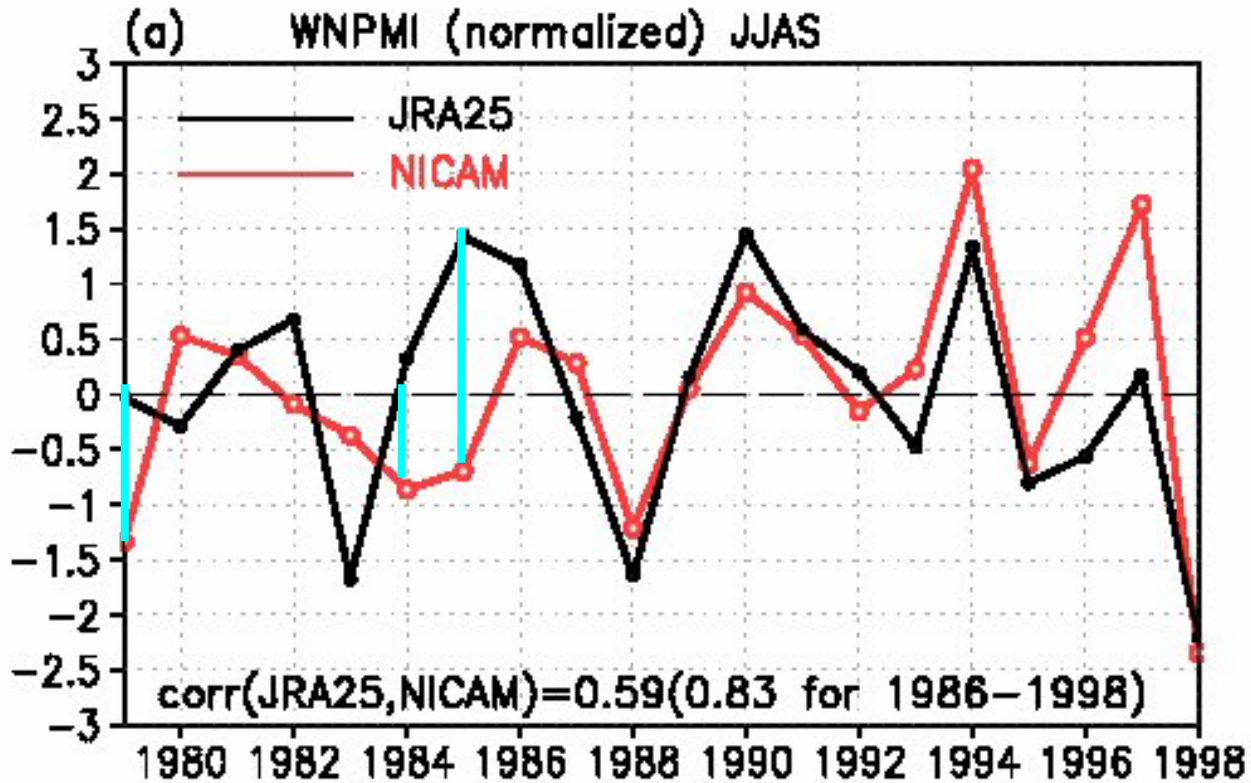
## **Inter-annual variability:**

- ENSO
- Inter-decadal variabilities (PDO, NAO)

## **Global monsoons**

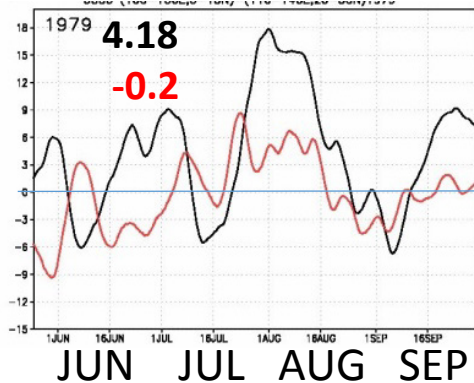
- ✓ Model development (air-sea interactions, land surface processes)
- ✓ Metrics (multi-scale interactions)
- ✓ Model biases (evaluation, understanding)

# Inter-annual variability

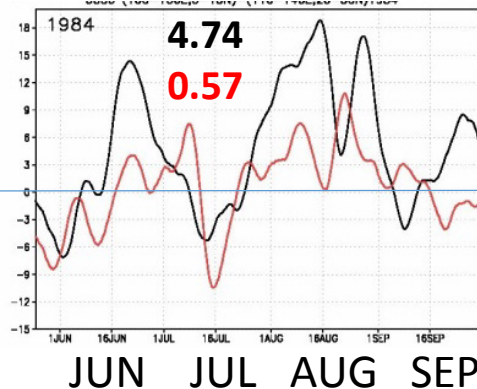


ERA Interim

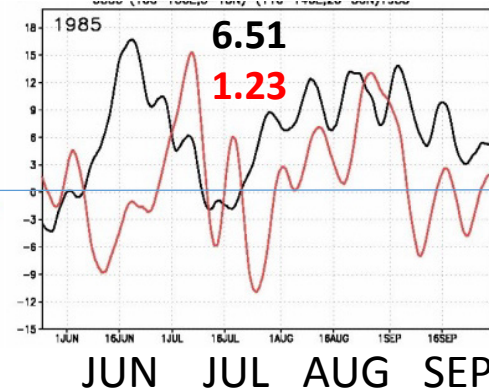
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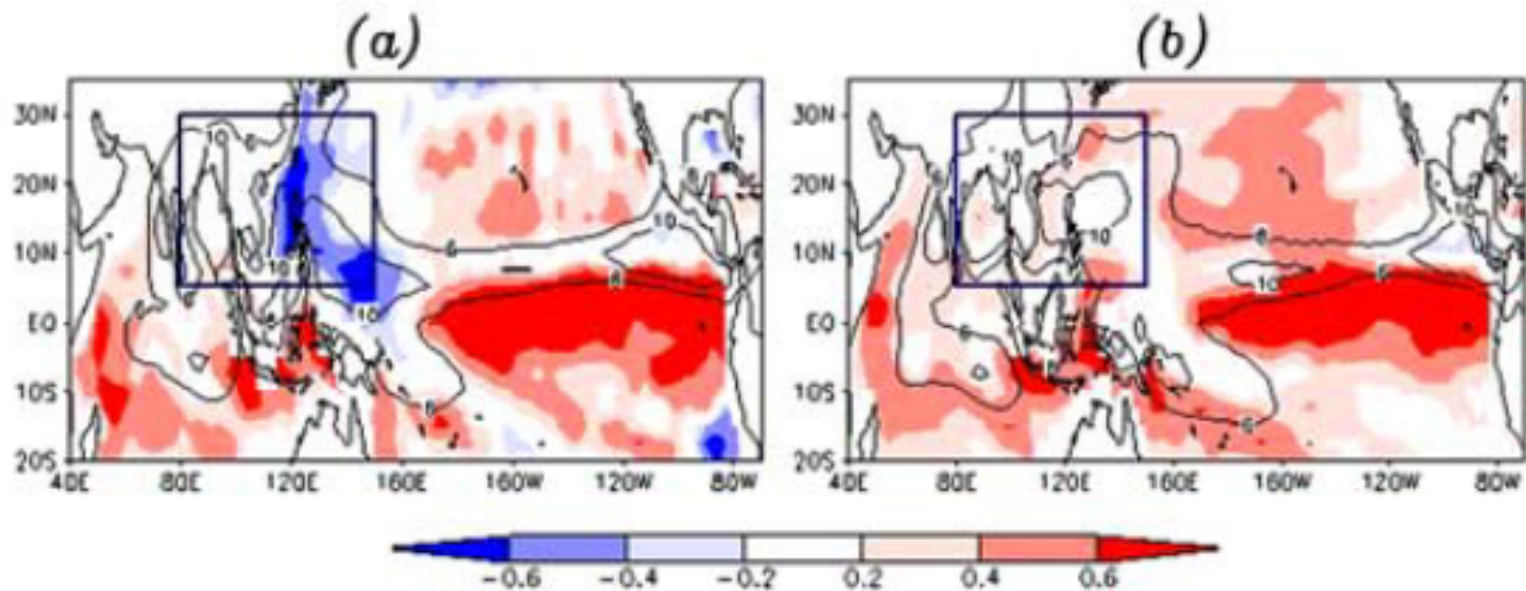


1984



1985





**Figure 3.** (a) Observed and (b) simulated correlation coefficients between the June–August SST and precipitation anomalies (the color shadings). The contours denote the climatological June–August mean rainfall rate (in units of  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ). The observed correlations were computed using 20 years of data (1982–2001) derived from CMAP rainfall and Reynolds SST. The simulated results were made by 5 AGCM's multi-model ensemble simulation.

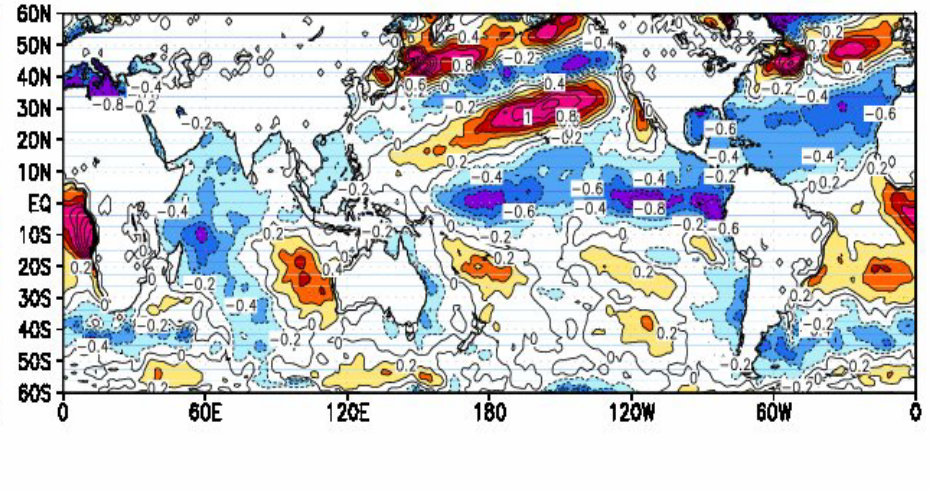
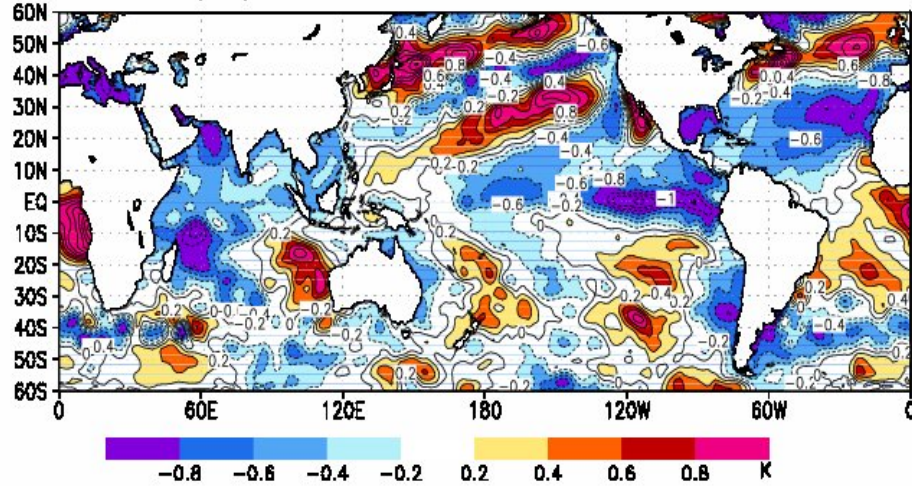
# SST anom

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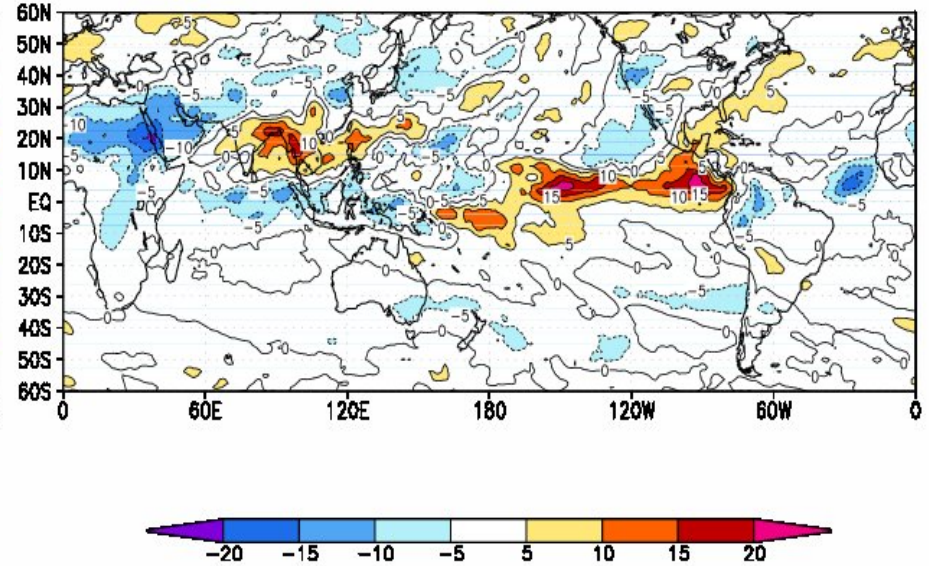
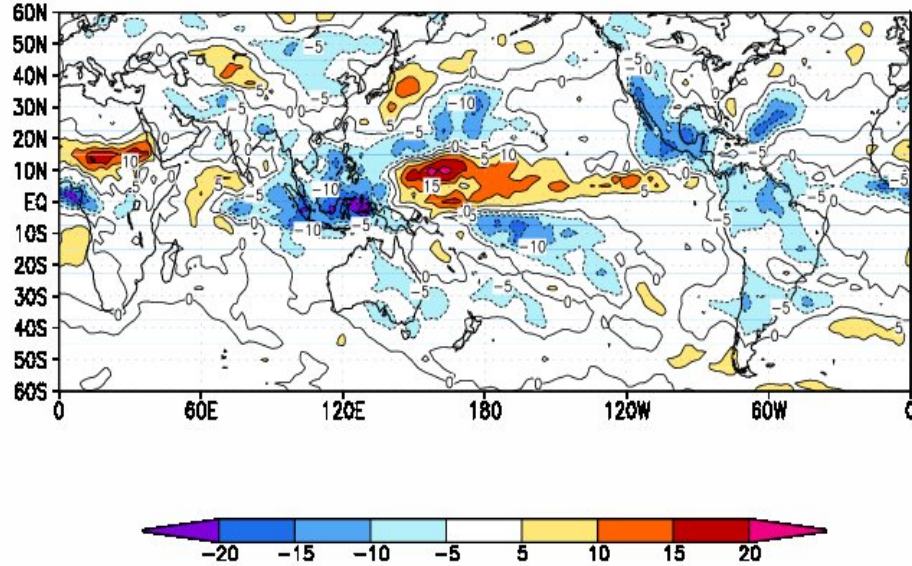
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# NICAM

SST(obs) ANOM JJAS 1984



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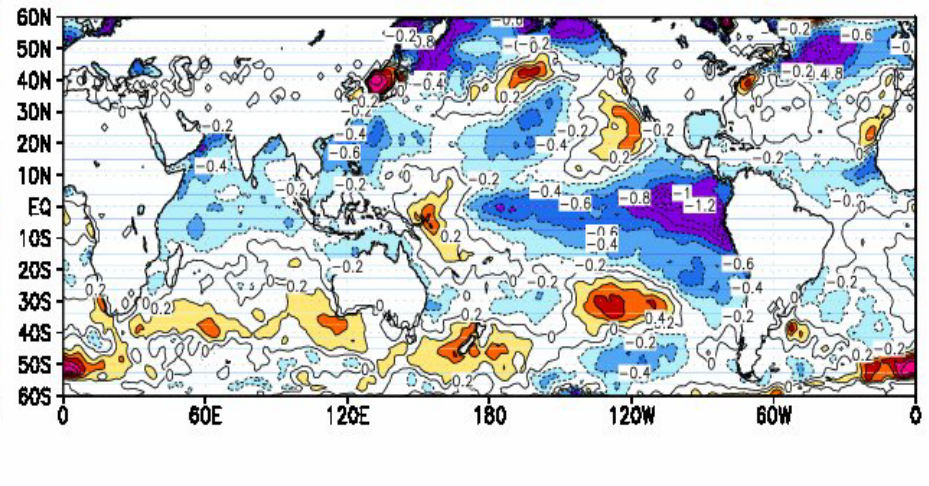
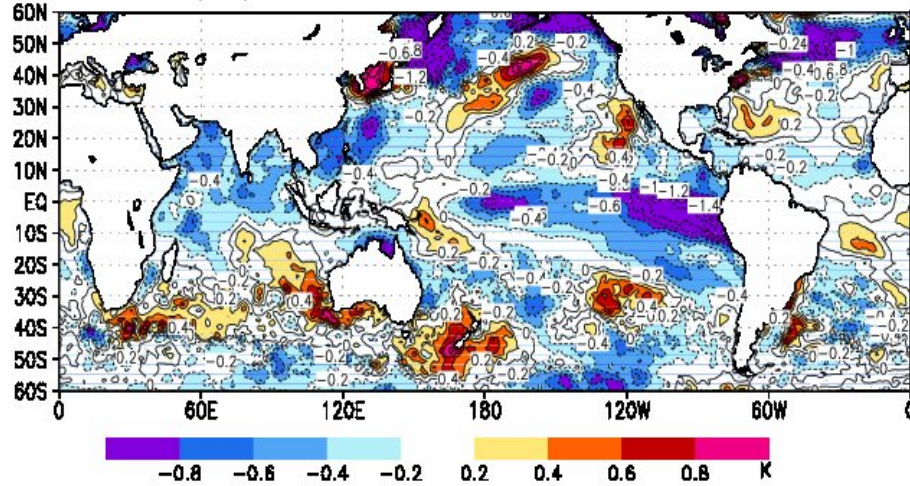
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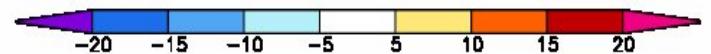
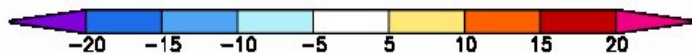
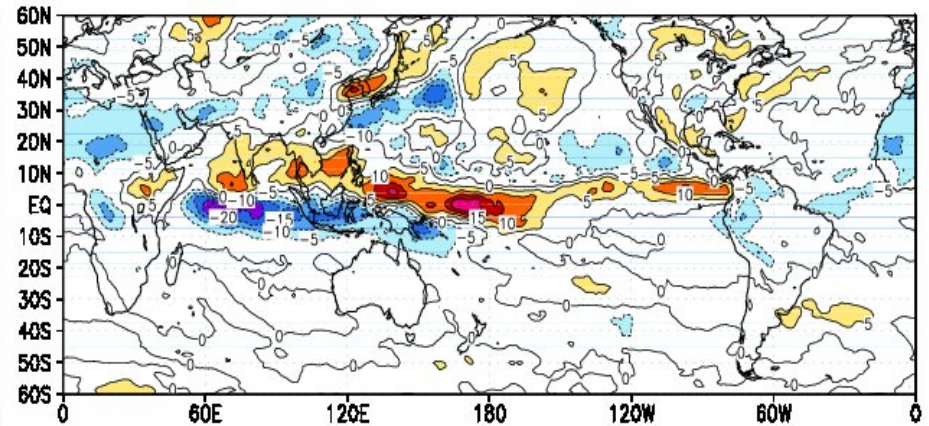
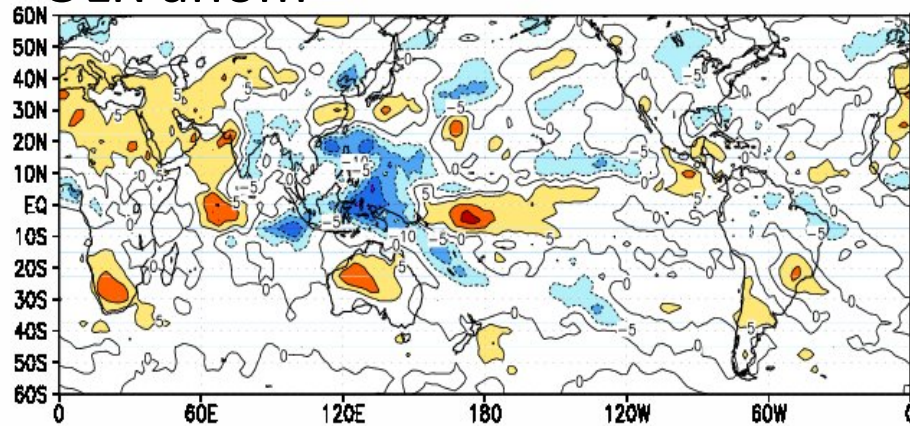
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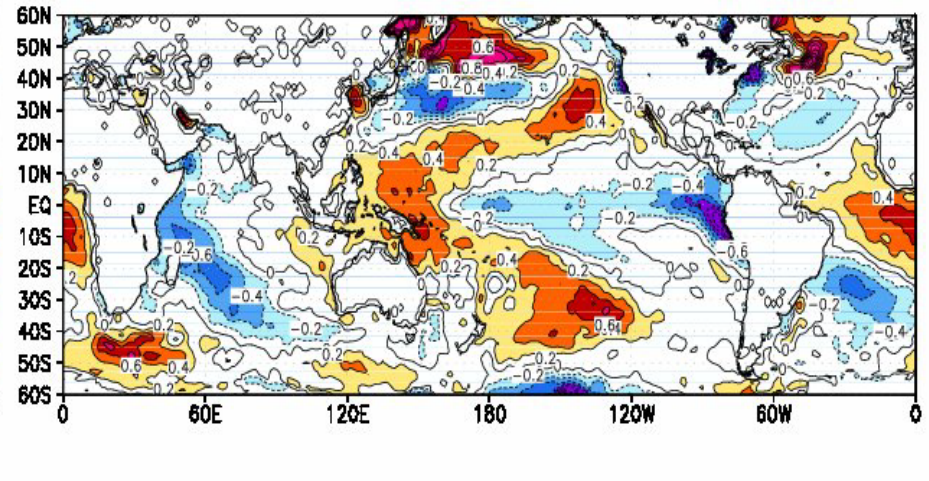
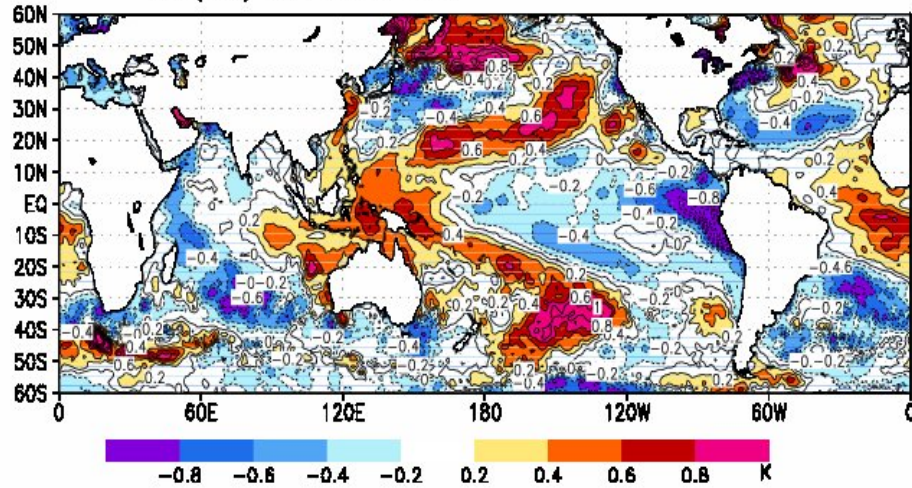
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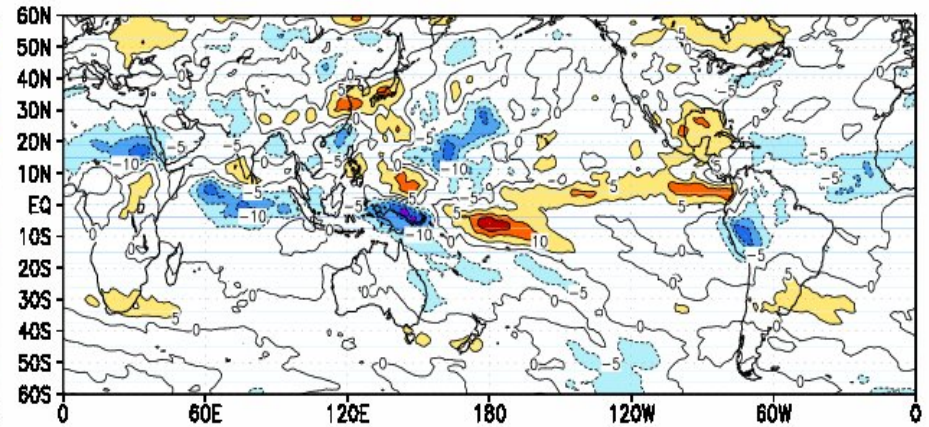
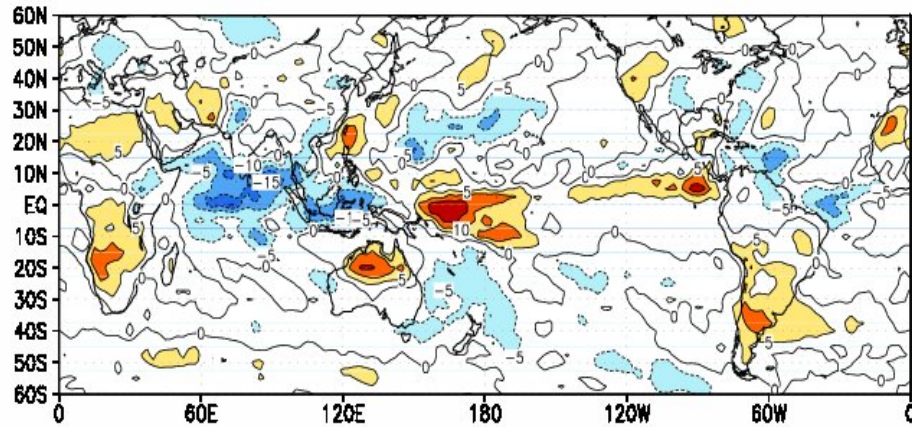
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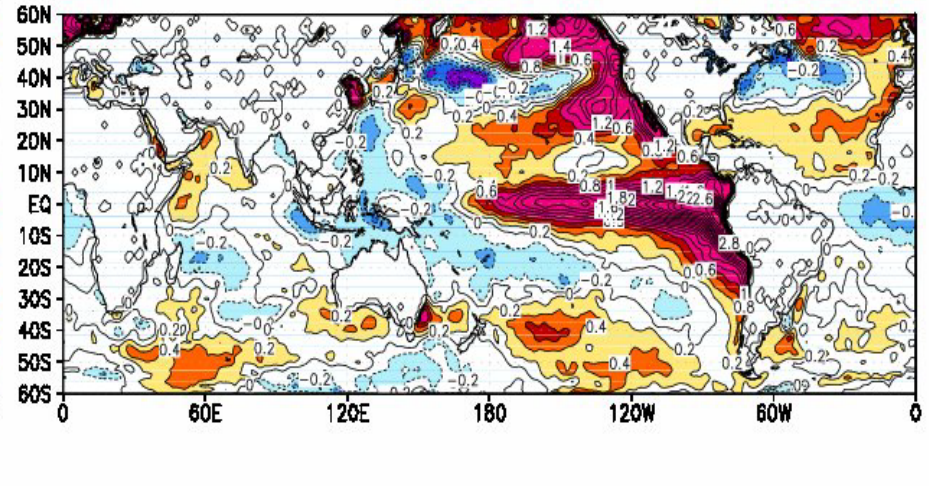
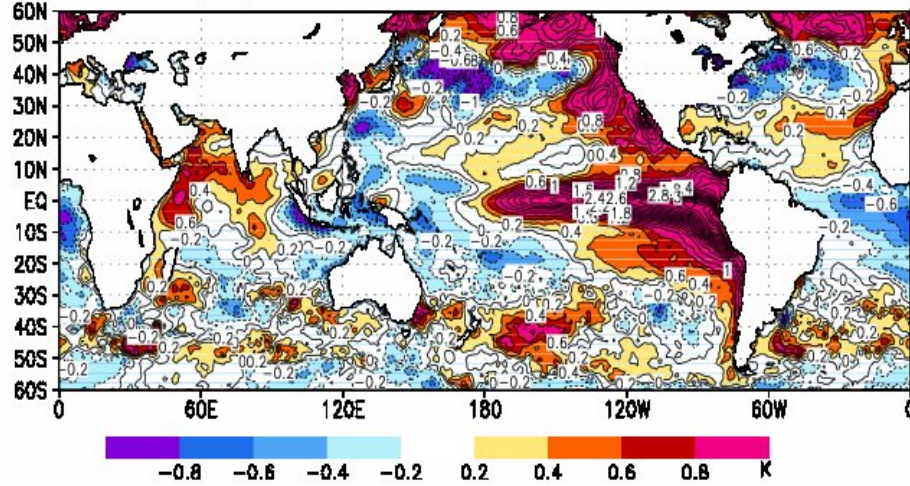
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