

Extratropical response to sub-seasonal tropical forcing during the 2015-16 El Niño

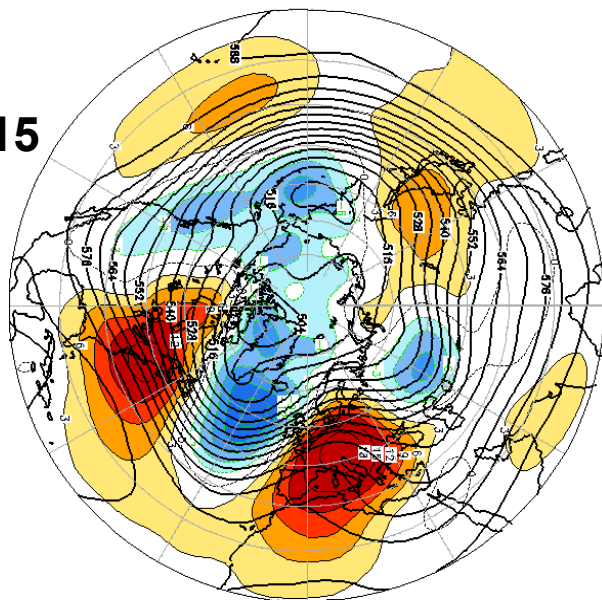
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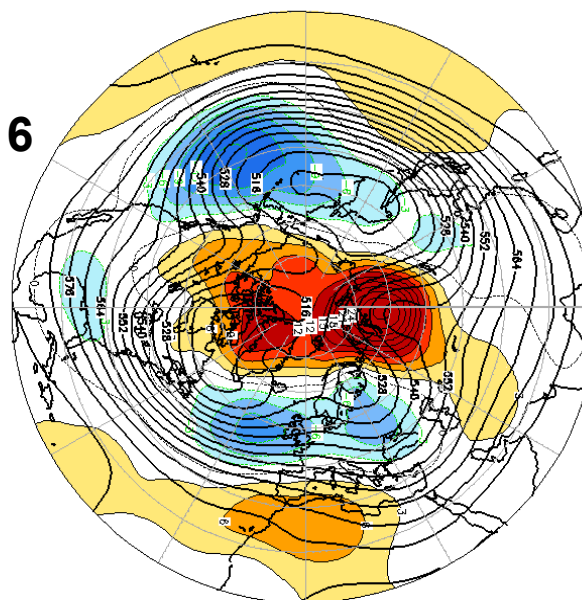
Outline

- Observed sub-seasonal variability in Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific circulation during winter 2015-16
- Teleconnections between Indo-Pacific rainfall and N.Hem. circulation from analysis and ECMWF System-4 seasonal ensembles for DJF
- Sub-seasonal variability in tropical rainfall and teleconnections from selected ensemble members of the operational ECMWF seasonal forecast for winter 2015-16
- Predictability on month 1 and 2 time scale, and the impact of systematic model errors in System 4

Dec 2015

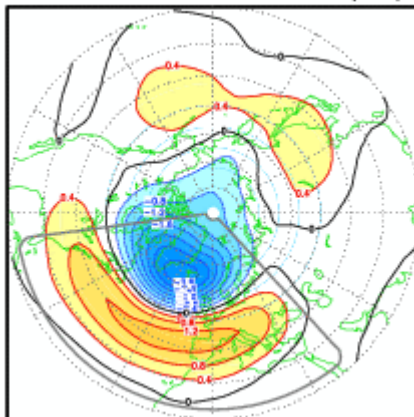


Jan 2016

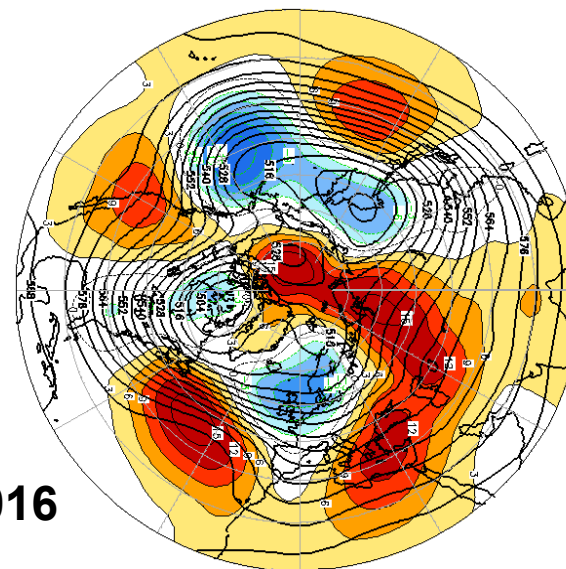


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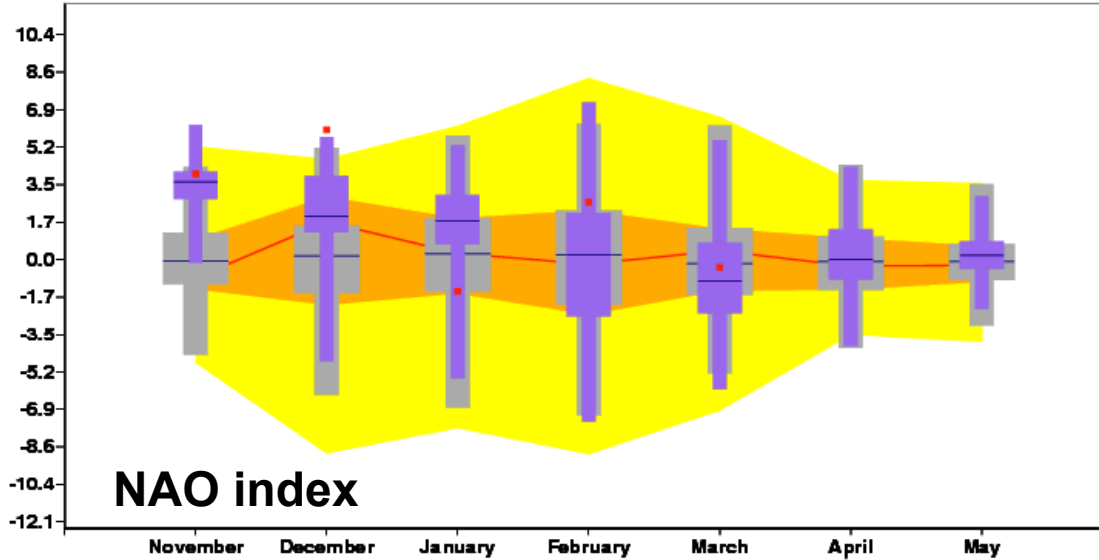
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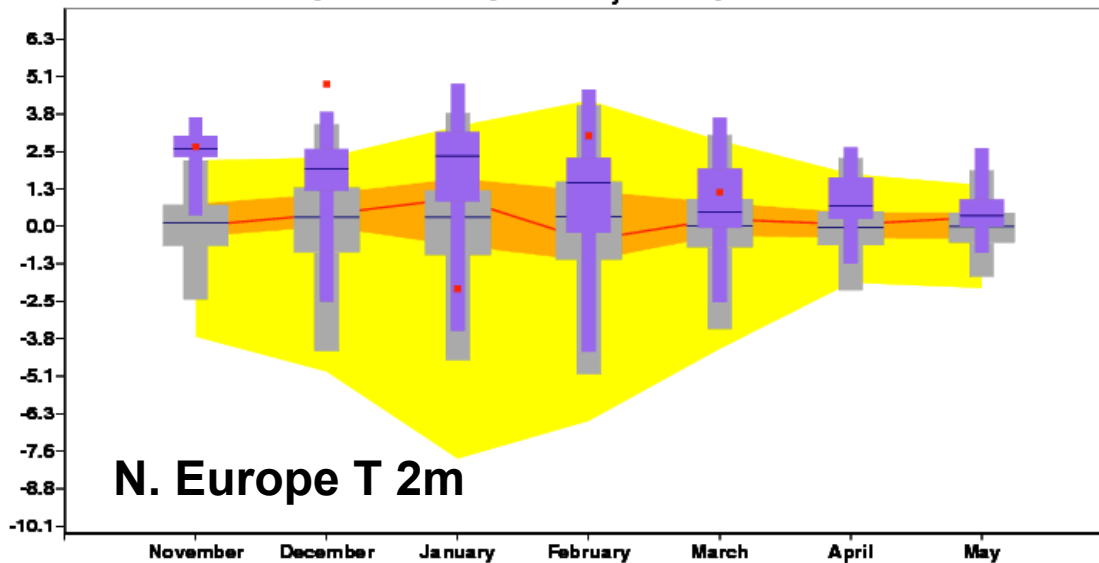
Feb 2016



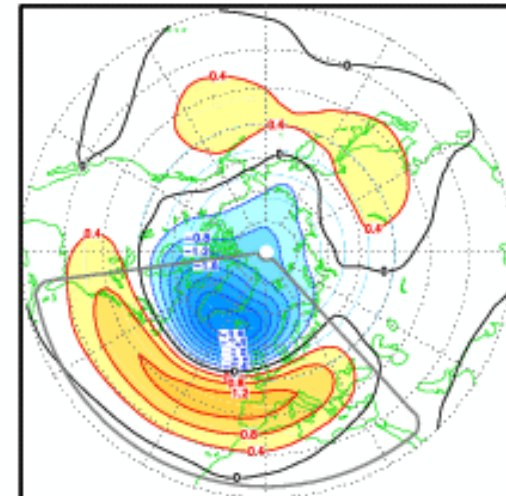
North Atlantic Oscillation
 Forecast initial date: 20151101
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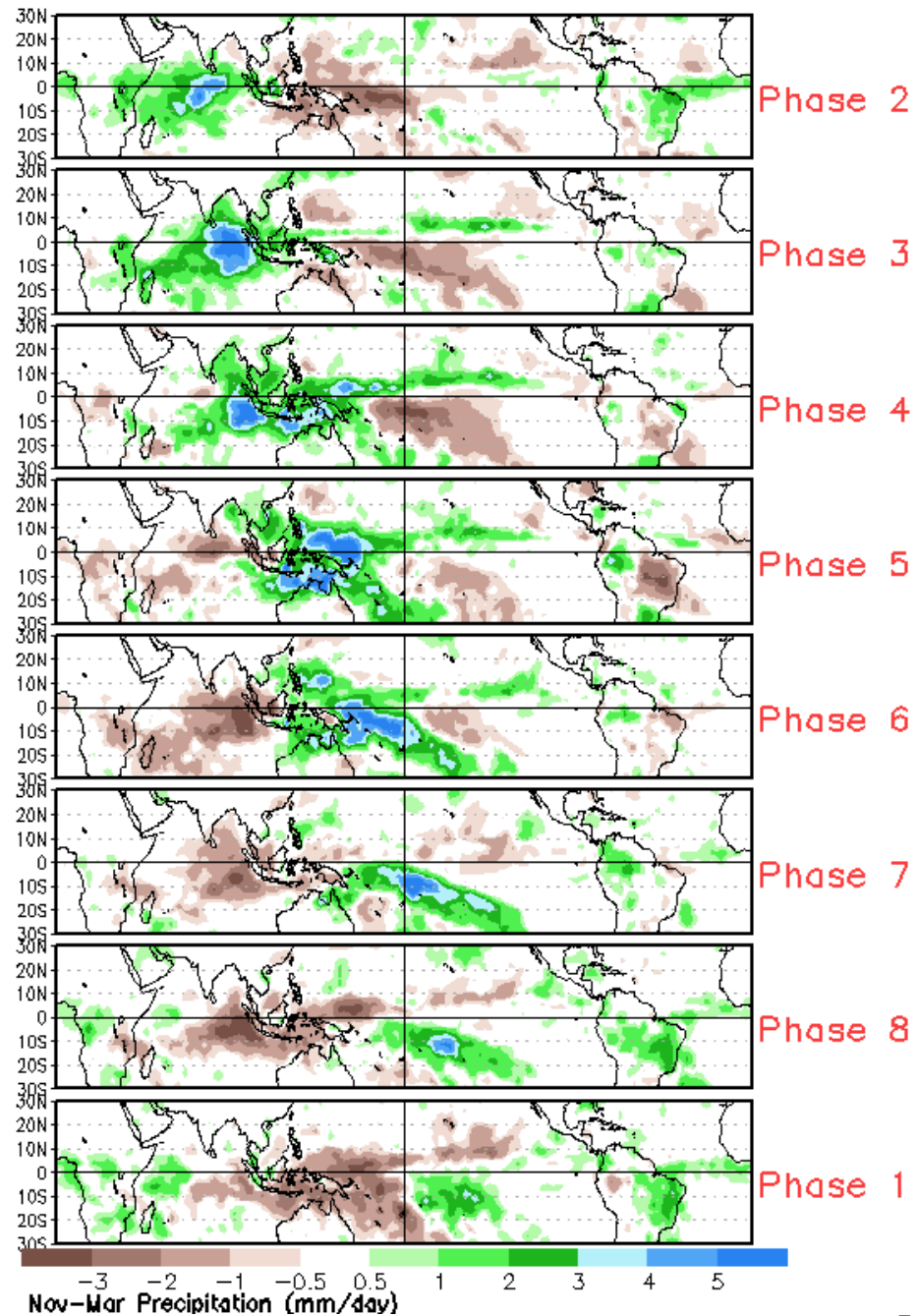
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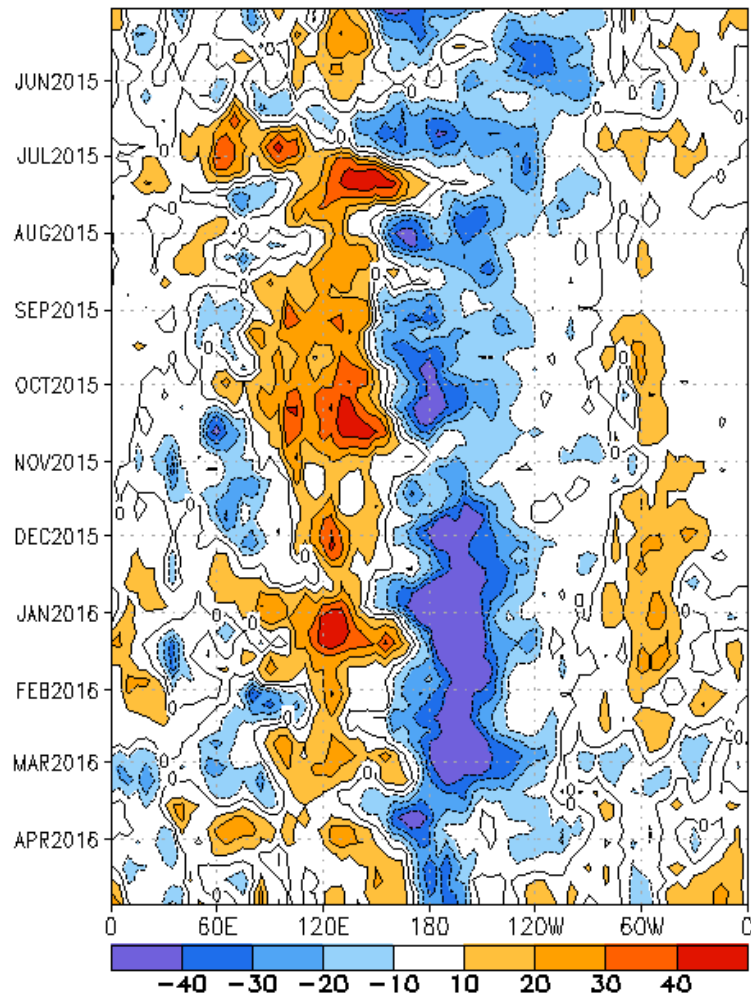
Climagrams
 System-4
 ensemble fc.
 from 1 Nov. 2015

MJO Rainfall composites

From NOAA CPC

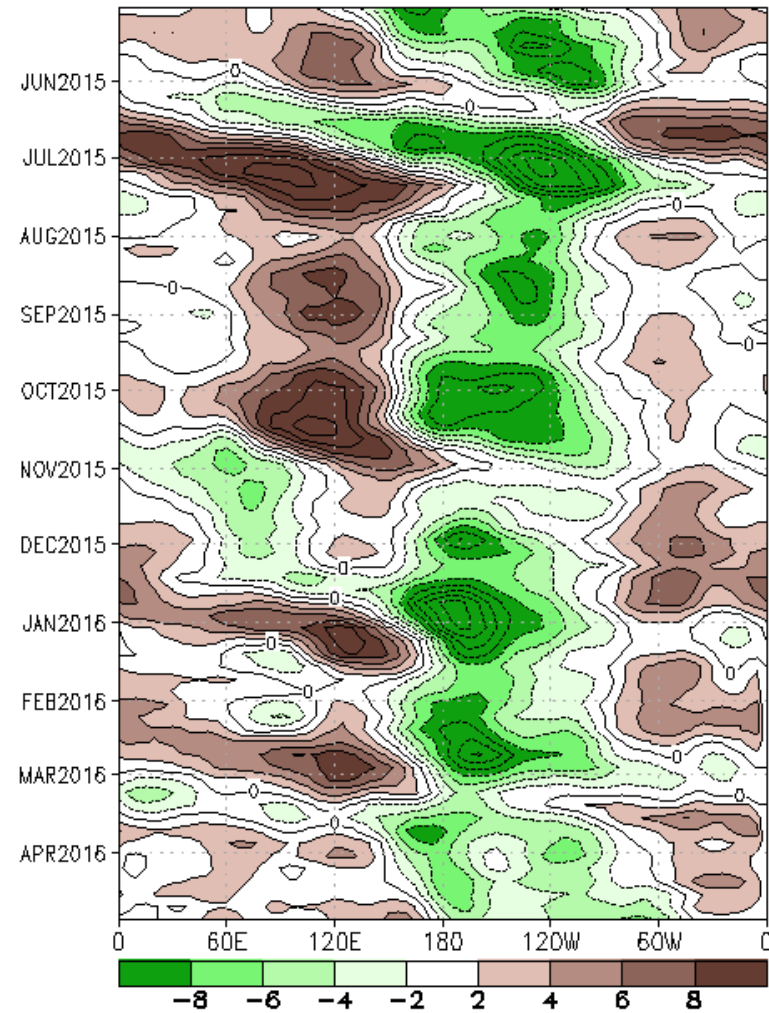


Outgoing Longwave Radiation Anomaly (W/m²)



Data updated through April 2016

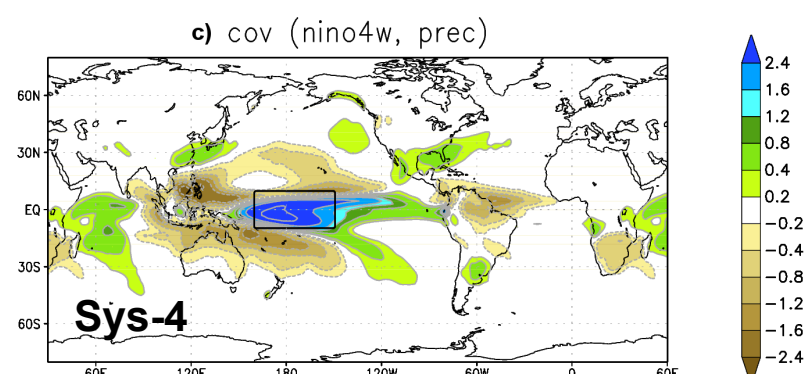
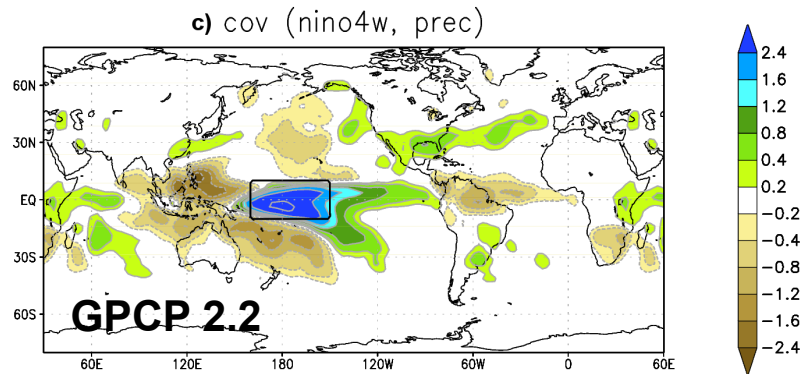
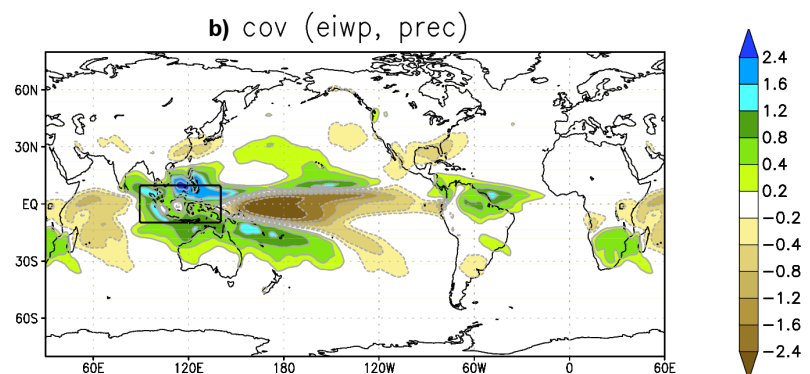
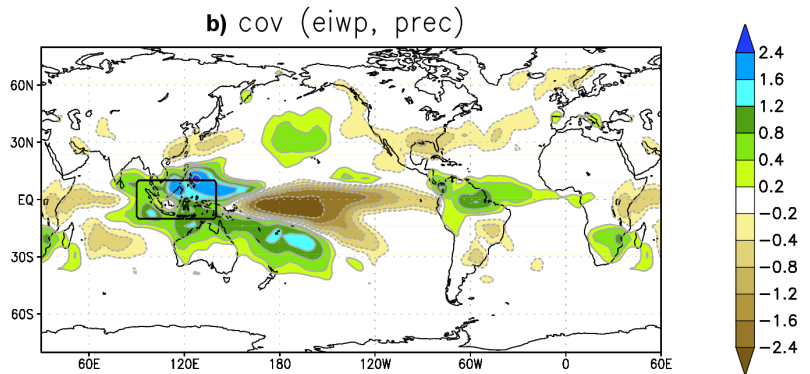
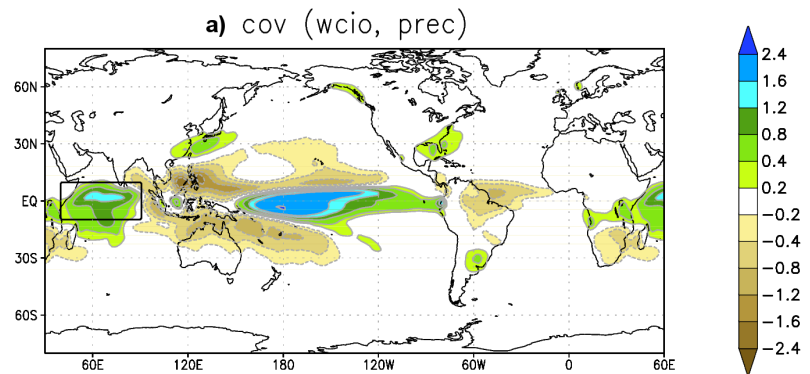
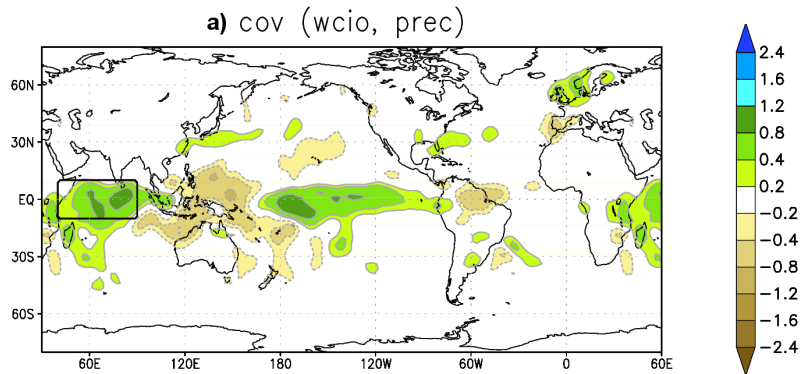
200-hPa Velocity Potential Anomaly



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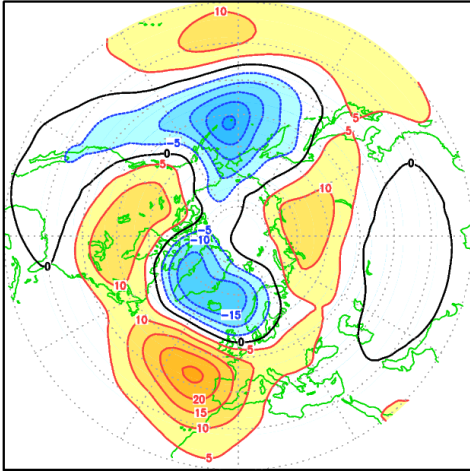
Rainfall teleconnections in GPCP and System 4: DJF anomalies



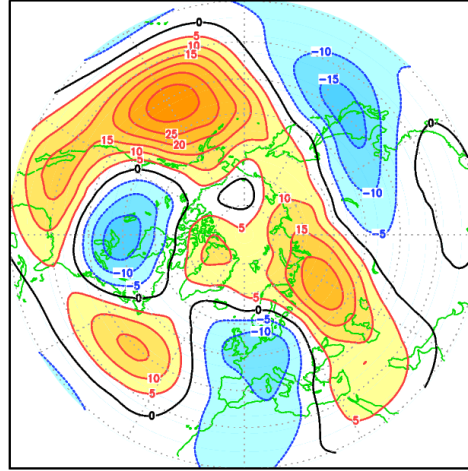
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ERA

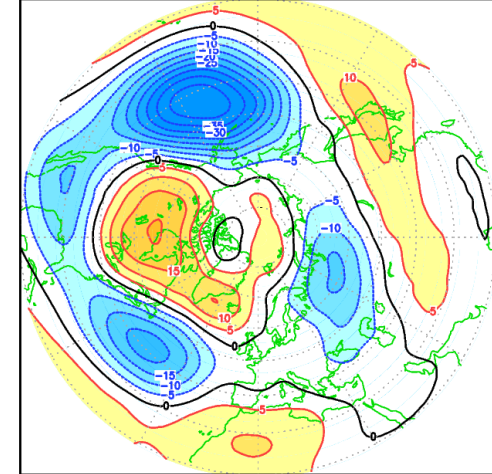
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cov (eiwp, gh500)

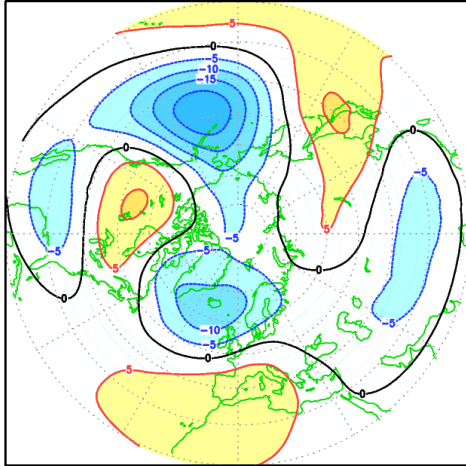


cov (nino4w, gh500)

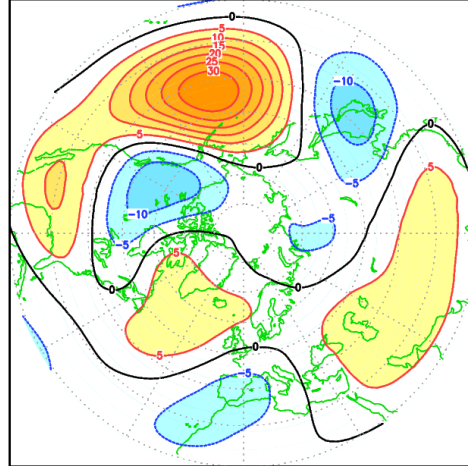


Sys4

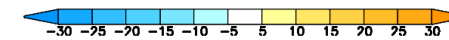
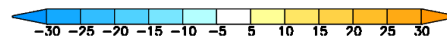
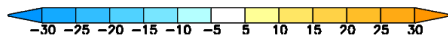
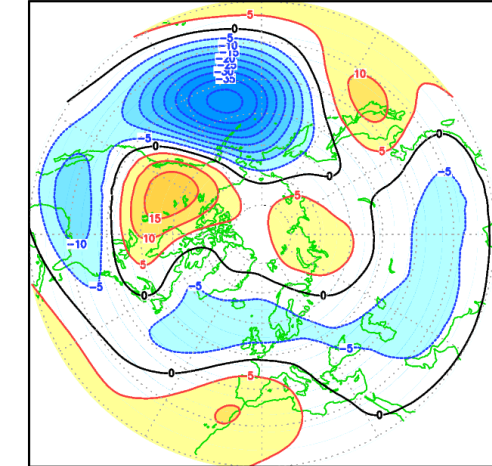
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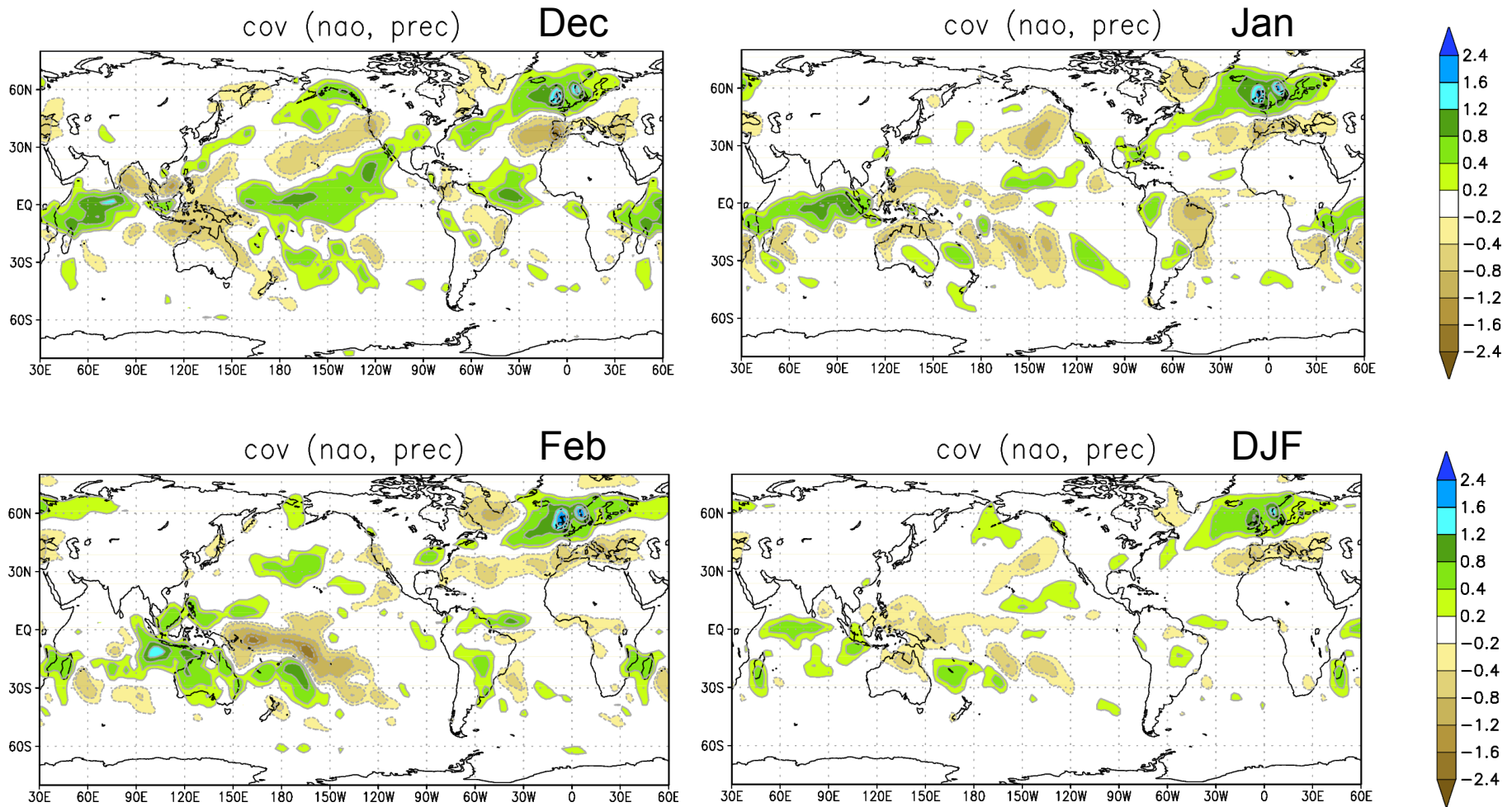
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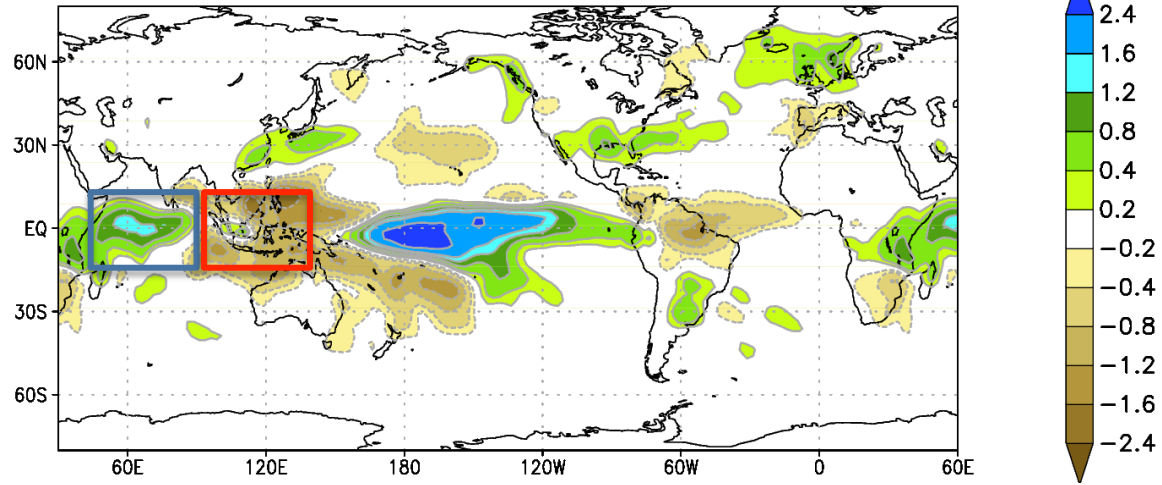
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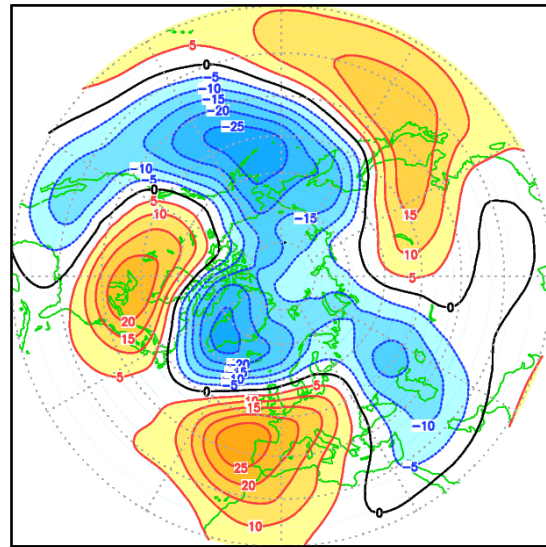
Monthly rainfall covariance with NAO index (GPCP-2.2, ERA-Int.)



cov (iwpd, prec) Dec-Jan

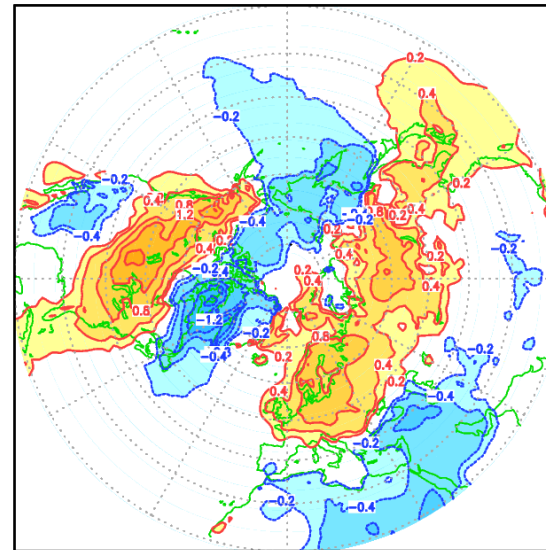


cov (iwpd, gh500)



Z 500

cov (iwpd, t2m)

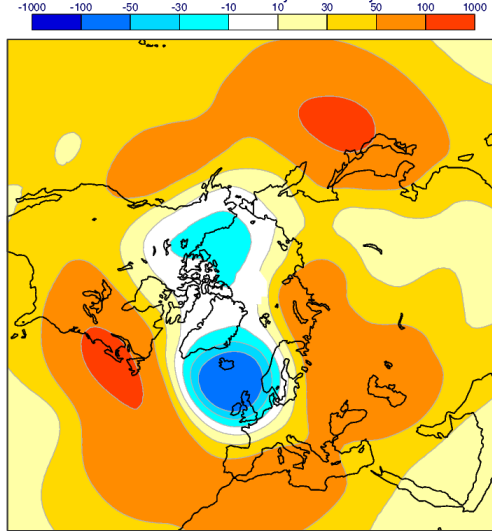


T 2m

“Best” 5 members in Sys-4: largest NAO-index difference Dec - Jan

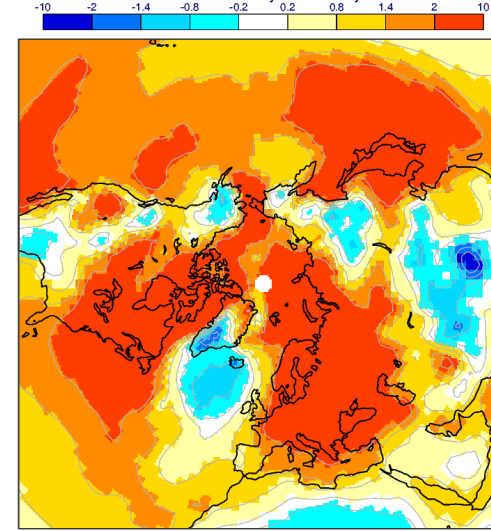
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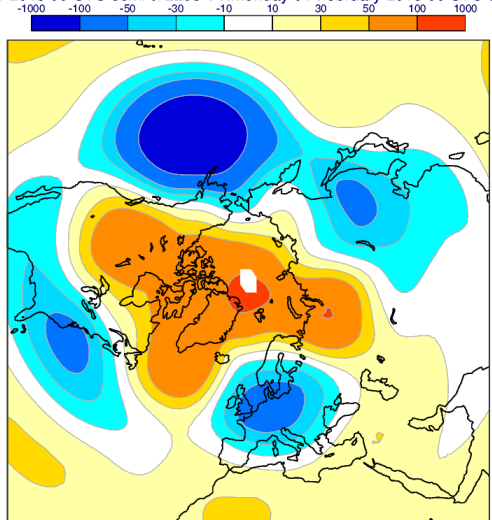
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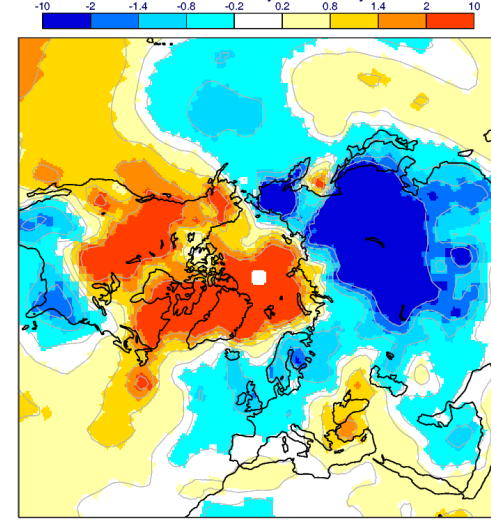


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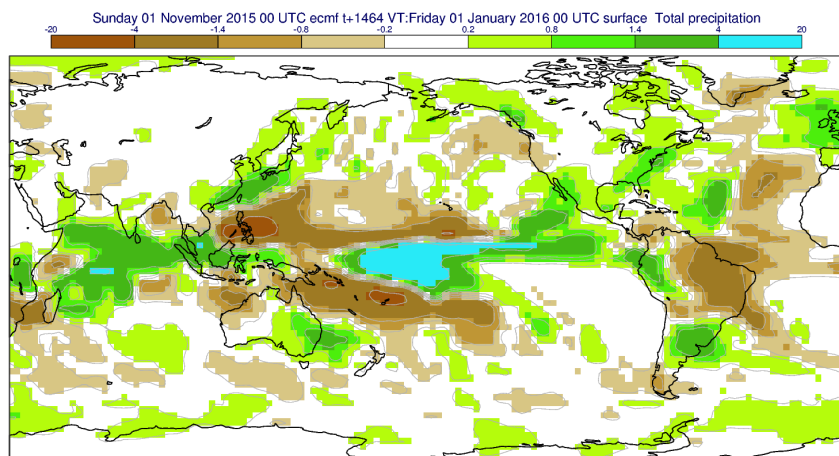


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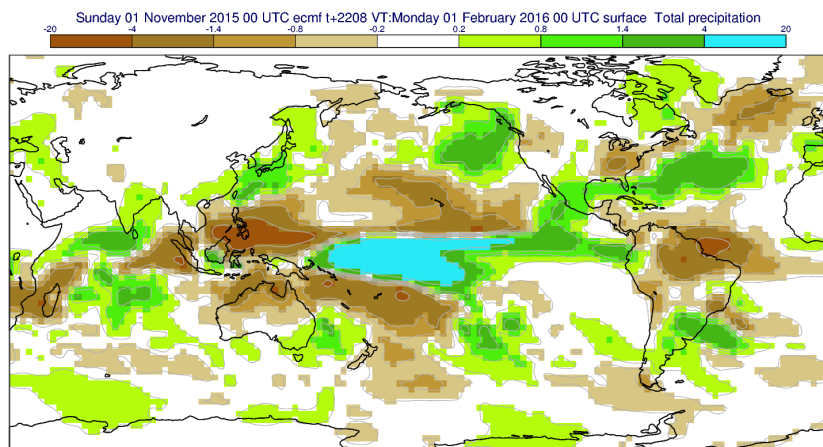
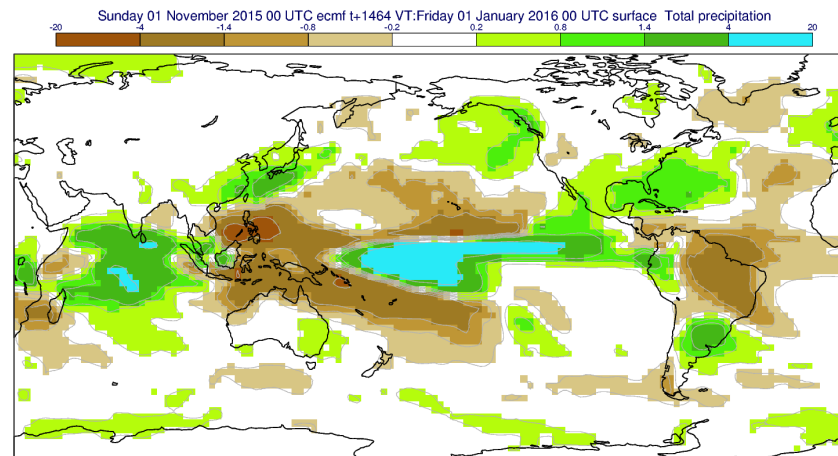
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Best 5 m.

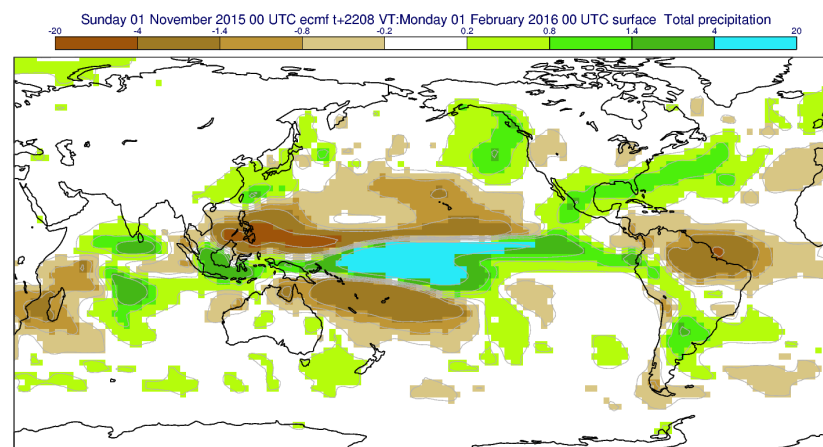
Ensemble mean



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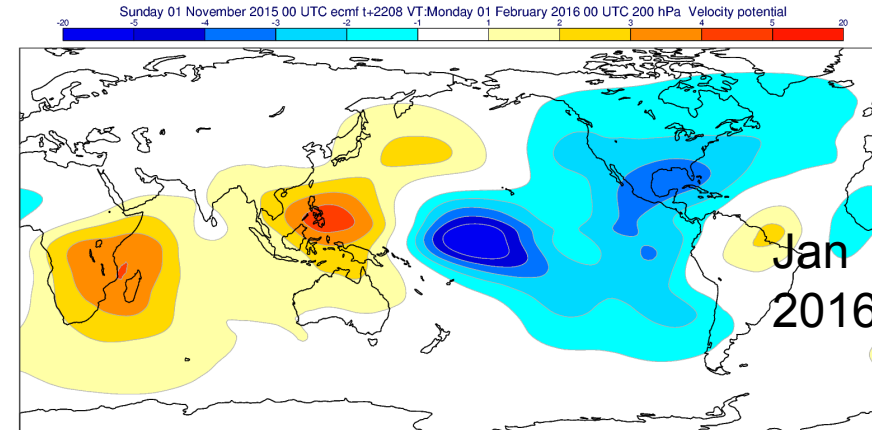
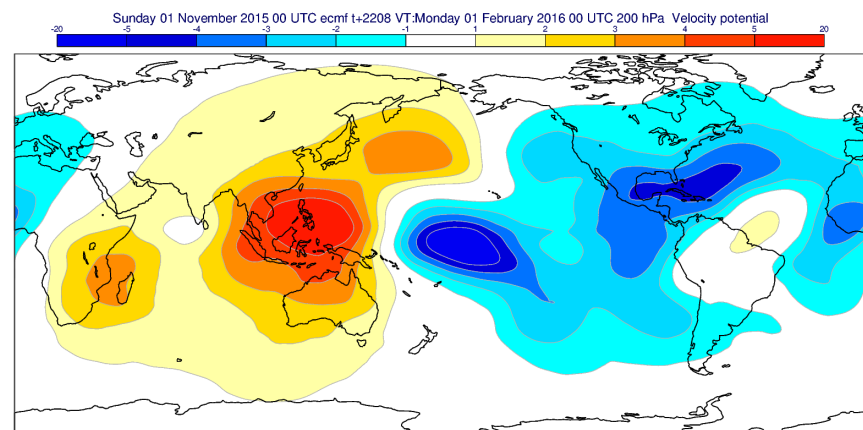
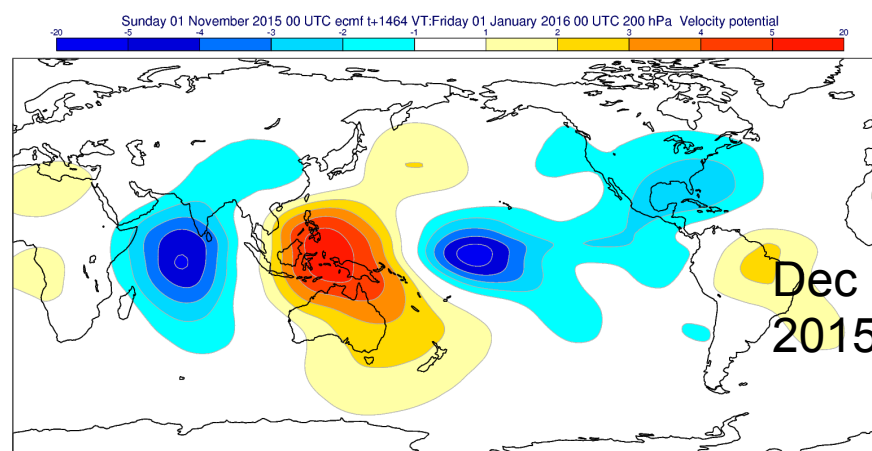
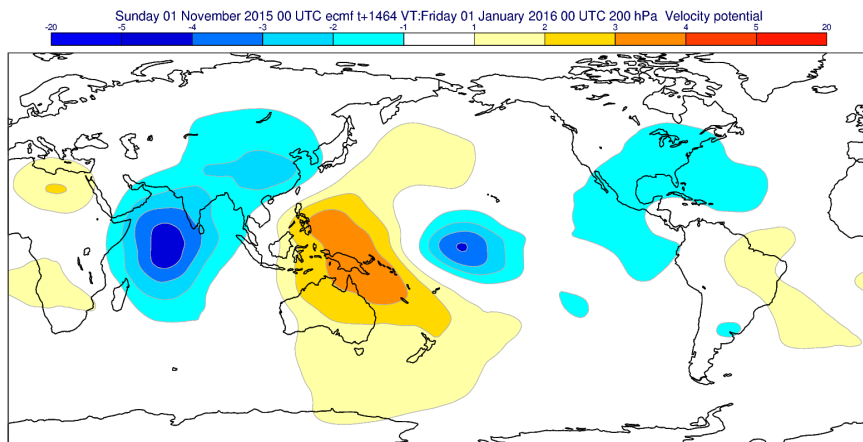
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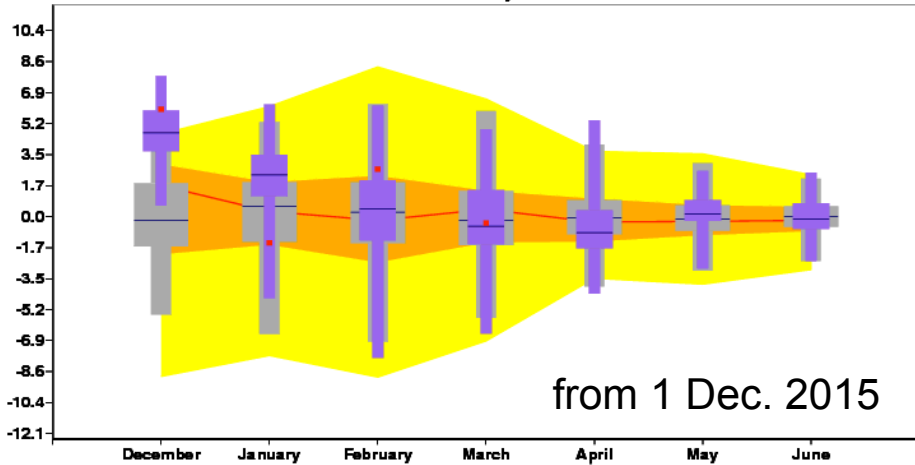
200 hPa velocity potential anomaly

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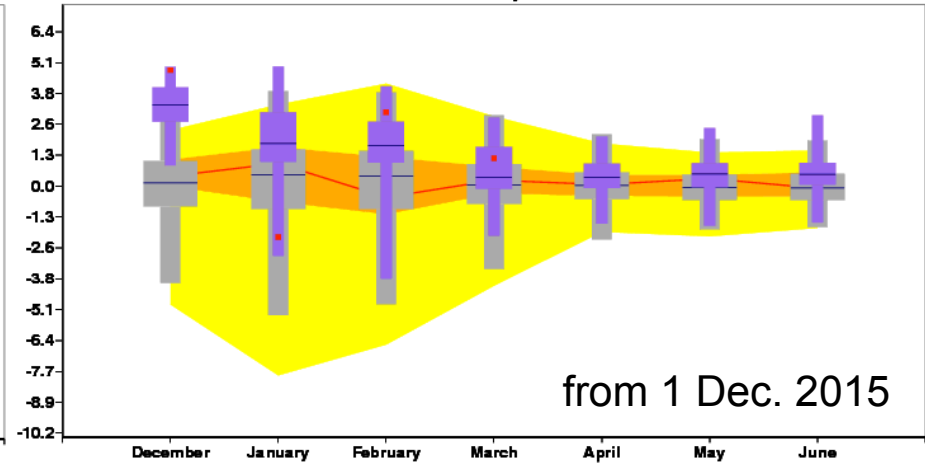
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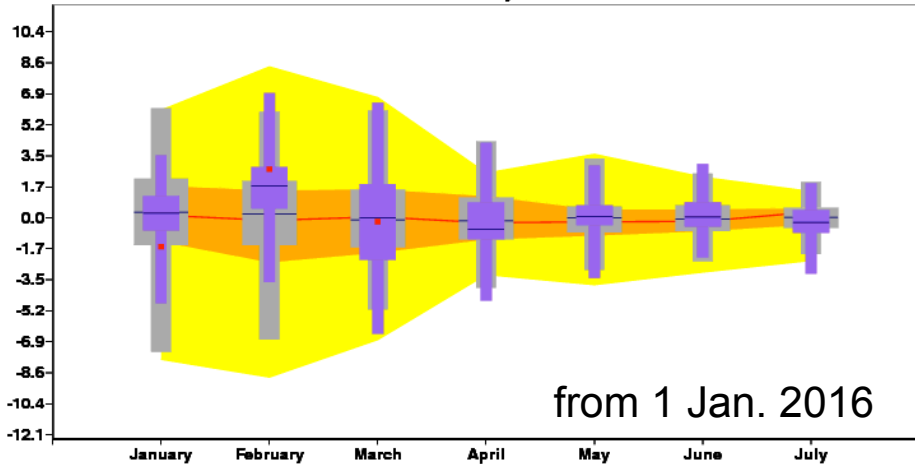
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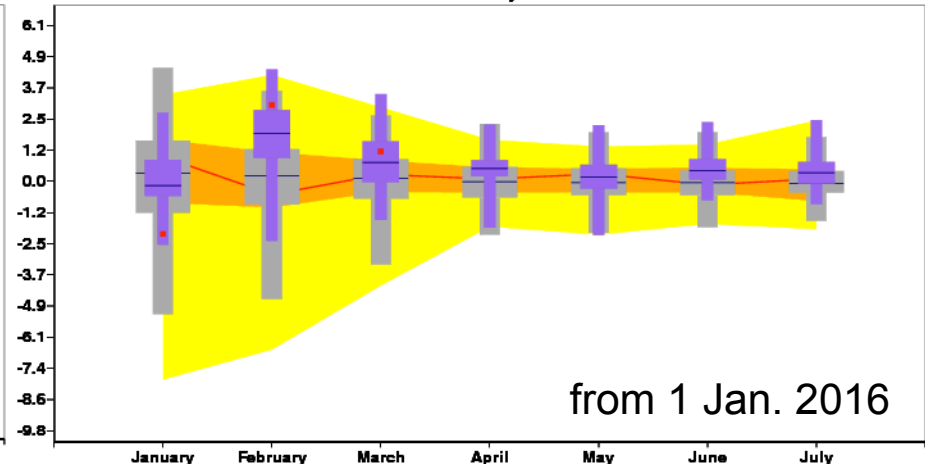
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NAO index

N. Europe T 2m

Conclusions

- Intraseasonal variability during the 2015-16 winter was characterized by a strong intensification of the seasonal dry anomaly over the maritime continents in January 2016, extending to the eastern Indian Ocean. In the North Atlantic, the NAO changed from strongly positive in December to negative in January.
- The ECMWF seasonal fc. System 4 captured well the seasonal mean anomalies in both the tropics and the northern extra-tropics, but (on average) failed to reproduce the intraseasonal NAO variations.
- Selected ensemble members, which reproduce the correct NAO change, also show the correct intensification of the drying/subsidence area over Indonesia and the eastern Indian Ocean in January.
- Predictability on sub-seasonal scales seems to be dependent on whether the observed transitions are in the direction of the tri-polar Indo-Pacific anomaly pattern which dominates the ECMWF model's tropical variability. The transition from $-NAO$ in Jan to $+NAO$ in Feb was better predicted than the opposite transition between Dec and Jan.