ENSO impact to atmospheric circulation system for summer

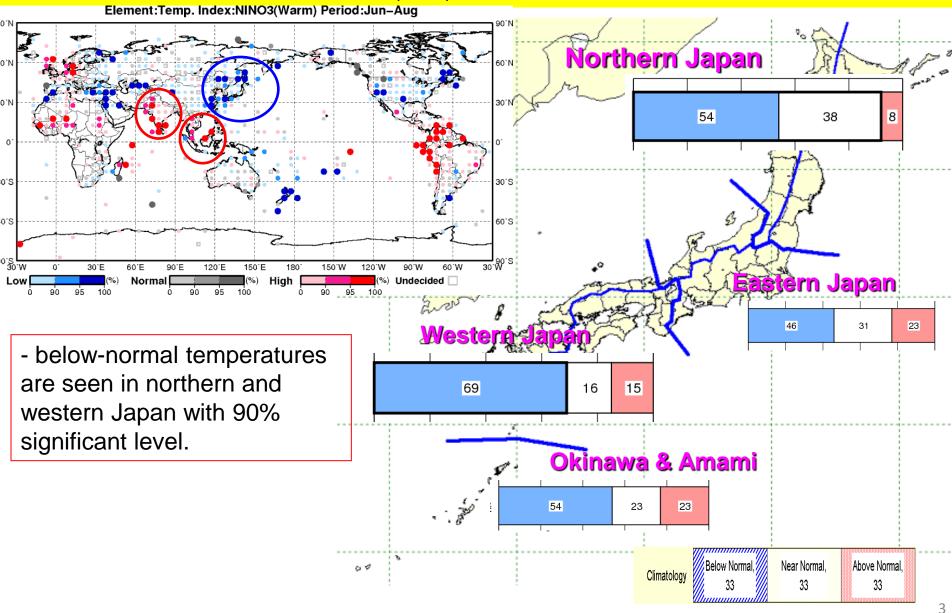
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Introduction

- ENSO is the most dominant mode of the climate system and the most reliable signal for seasonal prediction.
- JMA is currently producing new ENSO statistical products using JRA-55 between 1958 and 2012 with discussion on the mechanism how ENSO affect atmospheric circulations.
- It is likely that El Niño conditions will redevelop by Northern Hemisphere summer 2015, so this presentation reports on the results of analysis for summer.

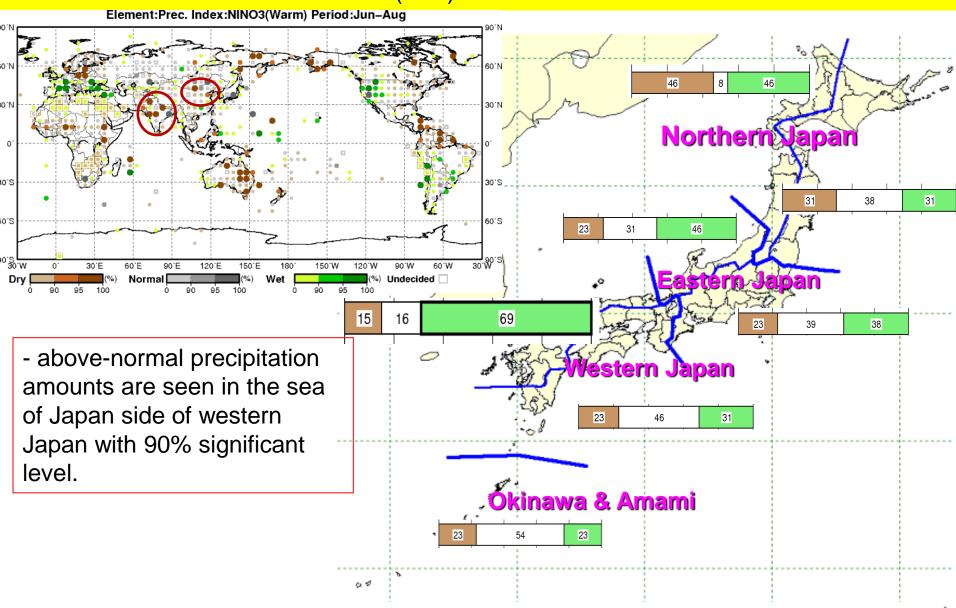
Temperatures

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Precipitation amounts

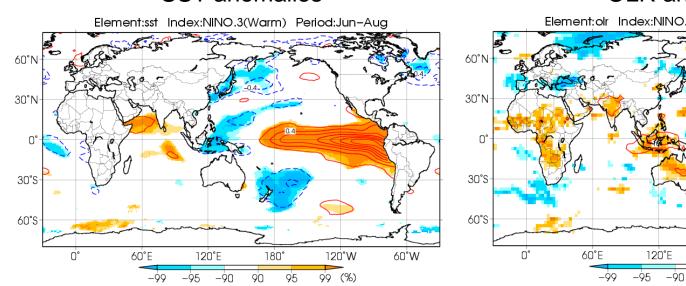
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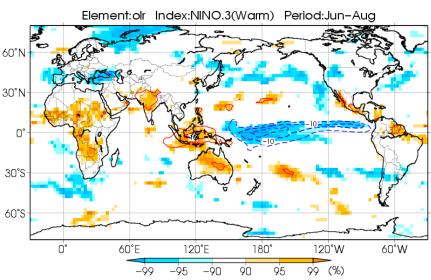


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SST anomalies

OLR anomalies

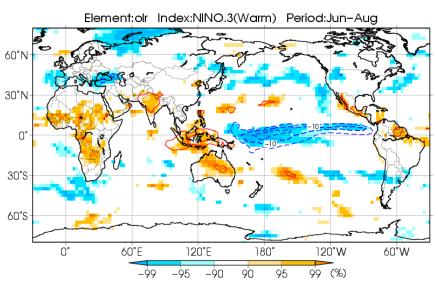




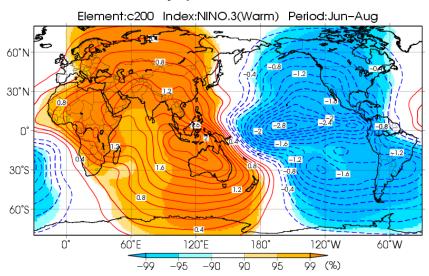
- Above-normal-SSTs are seen from central to eastern equatorial Pacific region, below-normal-SSTs are seen around maritime continent.
- Active convections anomalies are seen in from central to eastern equatorial Pacific region. Suppressed convections anomalies are seen around maritime continent and India.

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200hPa velocity potential anomalies



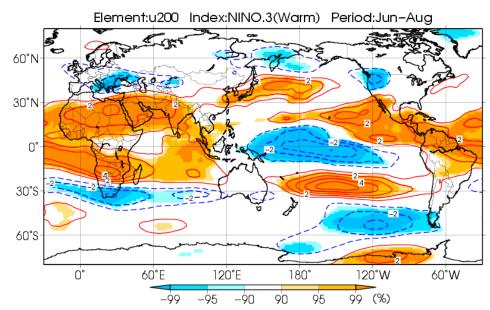
Corresponding to convective activities, large scale divergence anomalies are seen in tropics from central to eastern Pacific, large scale convergence anomalies are seen in tropics from Maritime continent to African continent.

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200hPa stream function anomalies

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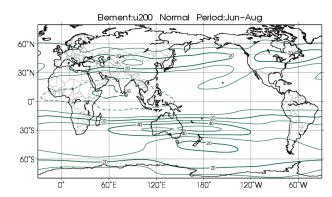
200hPa zonal wind anomalies



Cyclonic circulation anomalies are seen over midlatitude over Eurasian continent. It means that Tibetan high is weaker than normal and subtropical jet shift southward of its normal.

And wave trains are seen over Eurasian continent with a ridge over central China and a trough over the Korean peninsula.

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850Pa stream function anomalies

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30°S-

60°S

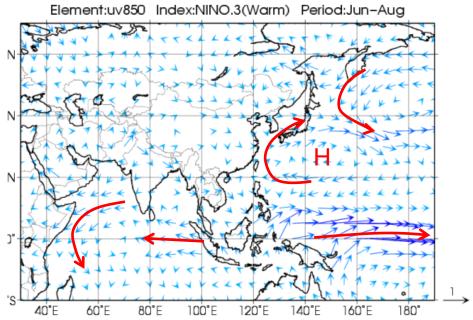
Element:p850 Index:NINO.3(Warm) Period:Jun-Aug 0° 60°E 120°E 180° 120°W 60°W

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-90

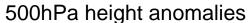
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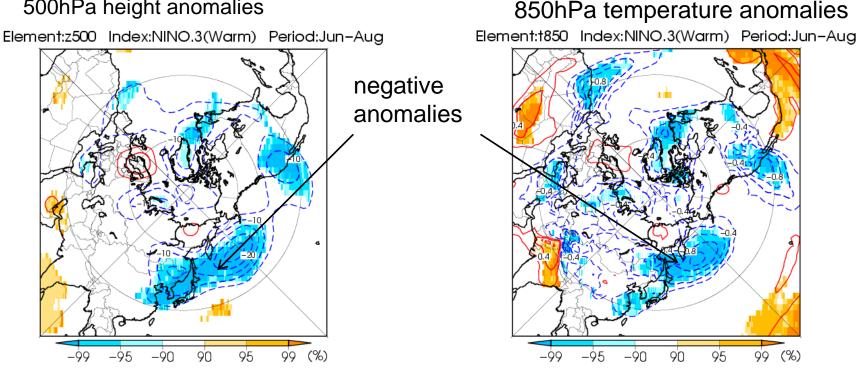
850Pa wind vector anomalies



- Cyclonic circulation anomalies around Japan and east of the Philippines, and anti-cyclonic circulation anomalies to the southeast of Japan.
- Southwesterly wind anomalies are seen around Japan. It indicates that wet air tend to flow into Japan.

Composite map Summer(JJA) in El Nino events



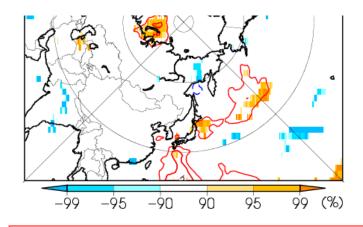


Negative anomalies are seen over the area zonally from northeastern East Asia to south of Alaska.

It indicates that cold air tend to flow into Japan.

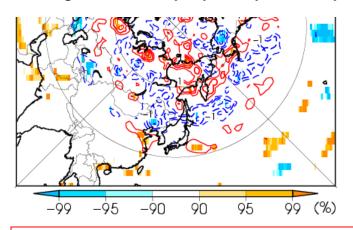
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850hPa eddy kinetic energy anomalies



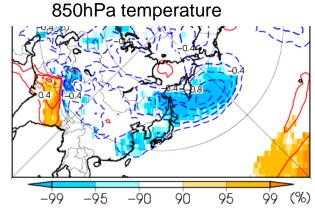
Zonally positive anomalies are seen to the east of Japan.

300hPa height tendency by eddy vorticity flux anomalies



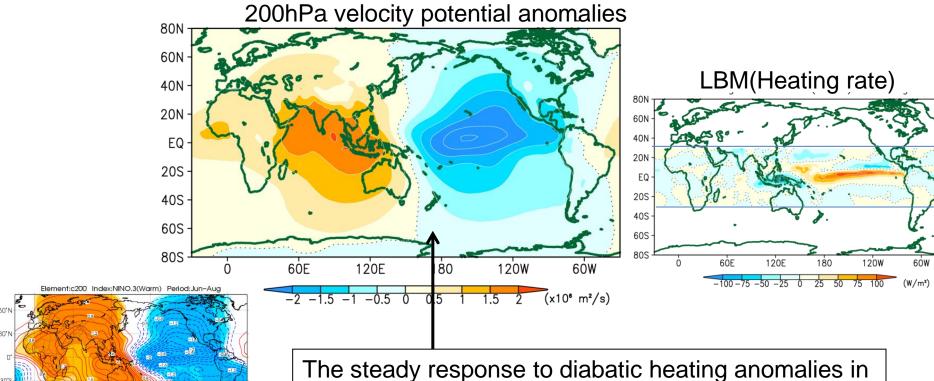
Zonally negative anomalies are seen to the north of Japan.

Cold air mass around northern Japan are possibly associated with eddy feedback.



LBM

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the steady response to diabatic heating anomalies in the tropics using a Linear Baroclinic Model (LBM).

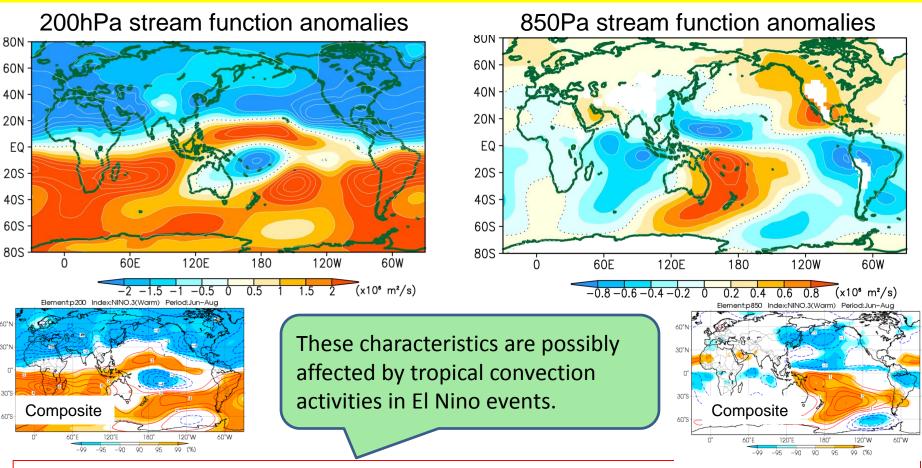
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Composite

- -Large scale convergence anomalies from central to eastern Pacific.
- -Large scale divergence anomalies from Maritime continent to African continent.

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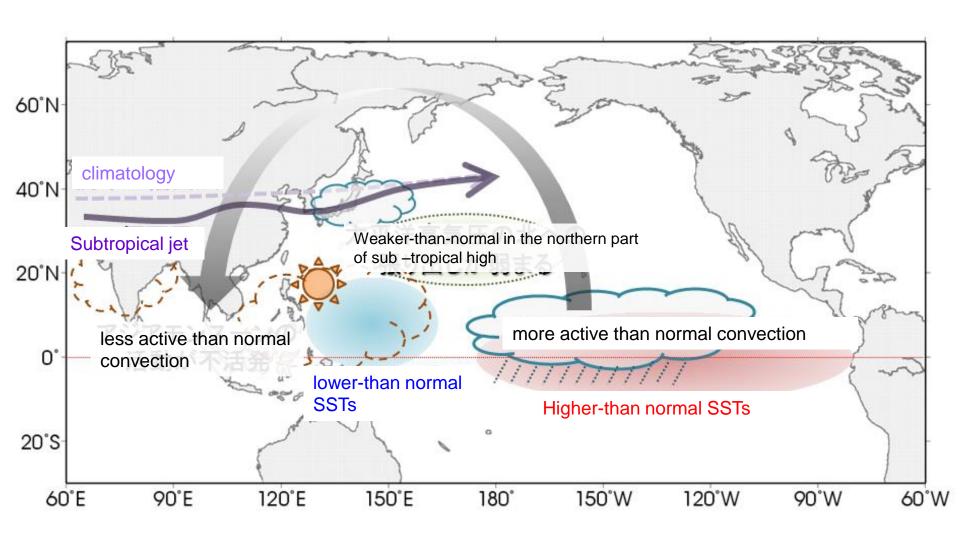
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- -In upper layer, cyclonic circulation anomalies over mid-latitude and wave trains over Eurasian continent.
- -In lower layer, cyclonic circulation anomalies around Japan and east of the Philippines, and anti-cyclonic circulation anomalies to the southeast of Japan

Summary

- -In the upper troposphere, subtripacal jet stream shifts southward of its normal position and meanders over Eurasian continent with a ridge over central China and a trough over the Korean peninsula.
- In the lower troposphere, cyclonic circulation anomalies around Japan and east of the Philippines, and anti-cyclonic circulation anomalies to the southeast of Japan.
- In the 500hPa height field, negative anomalies are seen over the area zonally from northeastern East Asia to south of Alaska, which are possibly related to a positive feedback from high-frequency eddies.

Conceptual diagram



Thank you