

Atmospheric circulation analysis for seasonal forecasting

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Outline

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2. Climate and atmospheric circulation
(December 2010)
3. Impacts of ENSO
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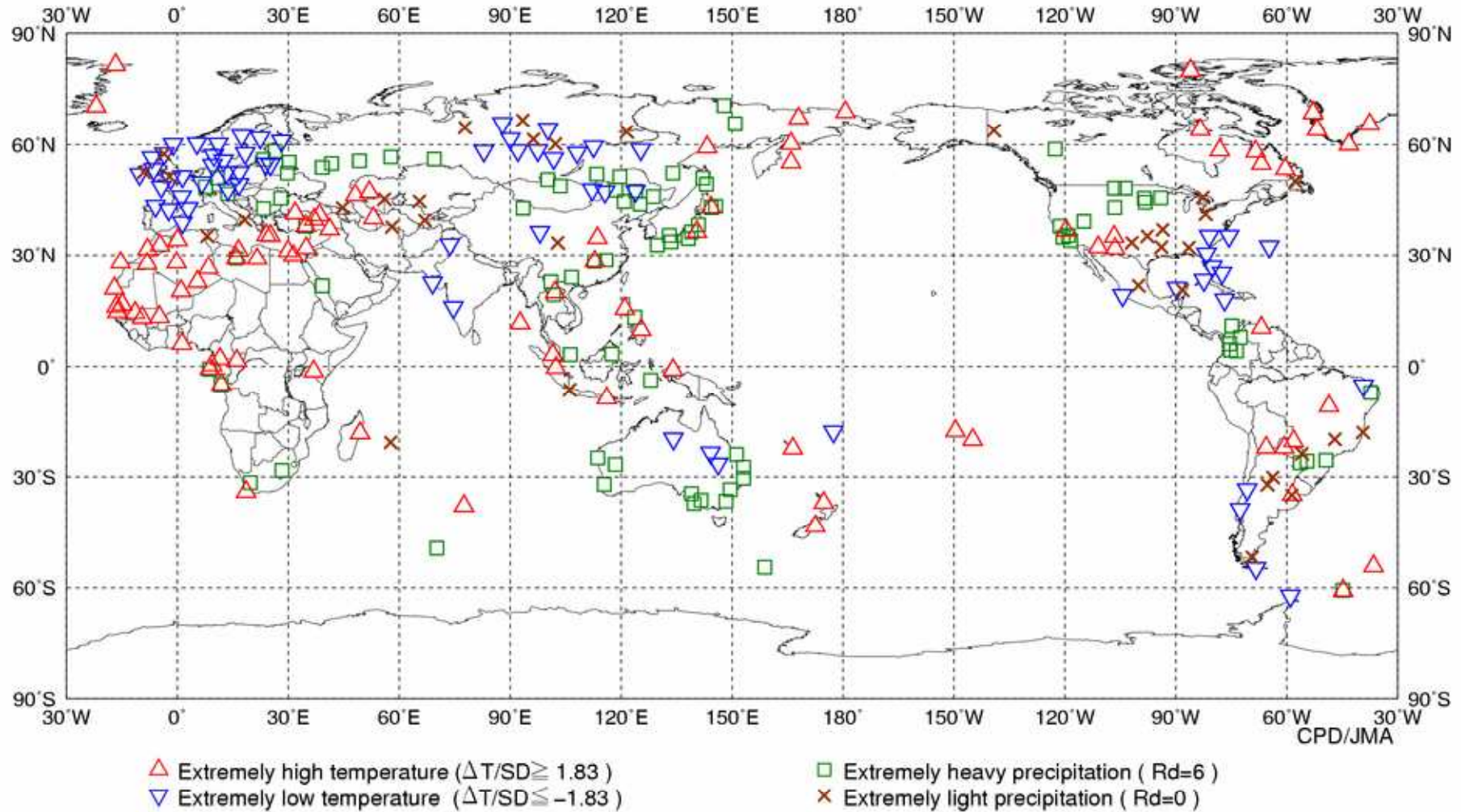
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Objectives of atmospheric circulation analysis

- Understand and assess the background of climate, especially extreme climate events, that significantly influences socio-economic sectors.
- Accumulation of findings on atmospheric circulation through operational analysis can contribute to understanding the mechanism of climate system and furthermore to the improvement of seasonal prediction.

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World climate (December 2010)

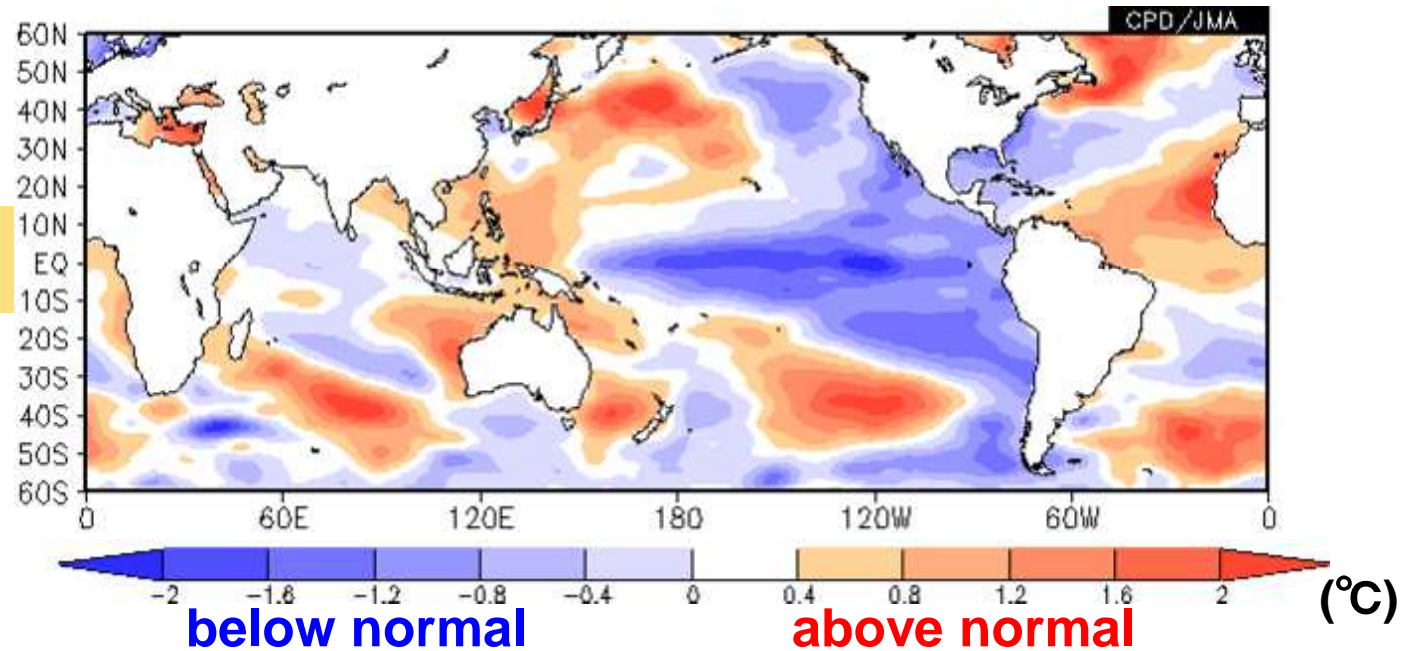


Extremely **high/low** temperature and extremely **heavy/light** precipitation
(Dec. 2010)

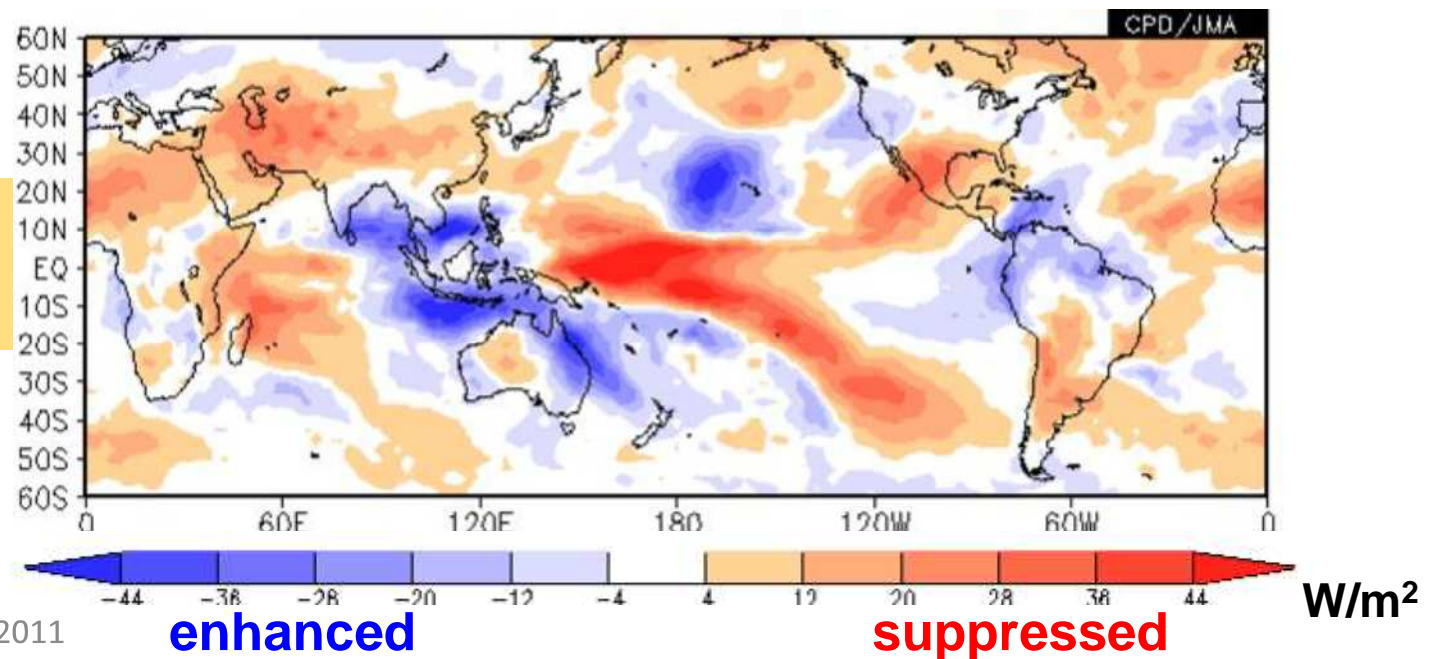
Tropical conditions (December 2010)

A La Niña event occurs, starting in summer 2010.

SST anomaly

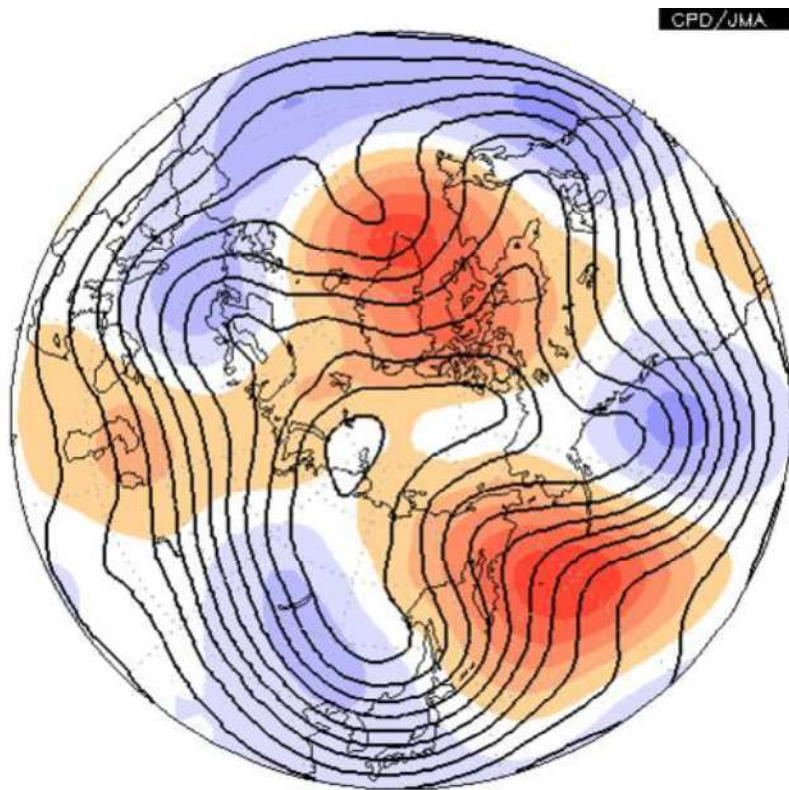


OLR anomaly
(convective activity)

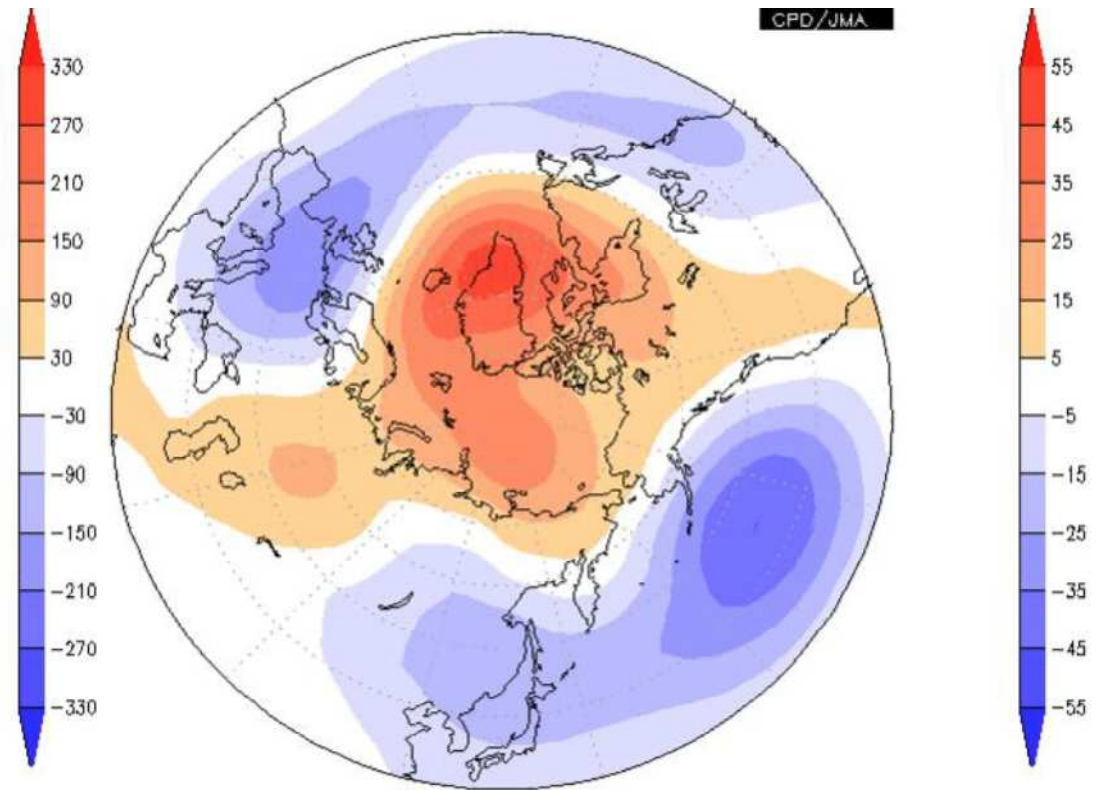


Atmospheric circulation in the N.H. 500-hPa height (December 2010)

The negative Arctic Oscillation (AO) was pronounced.



500-hPa height and anomaly
(Dec. 2010)

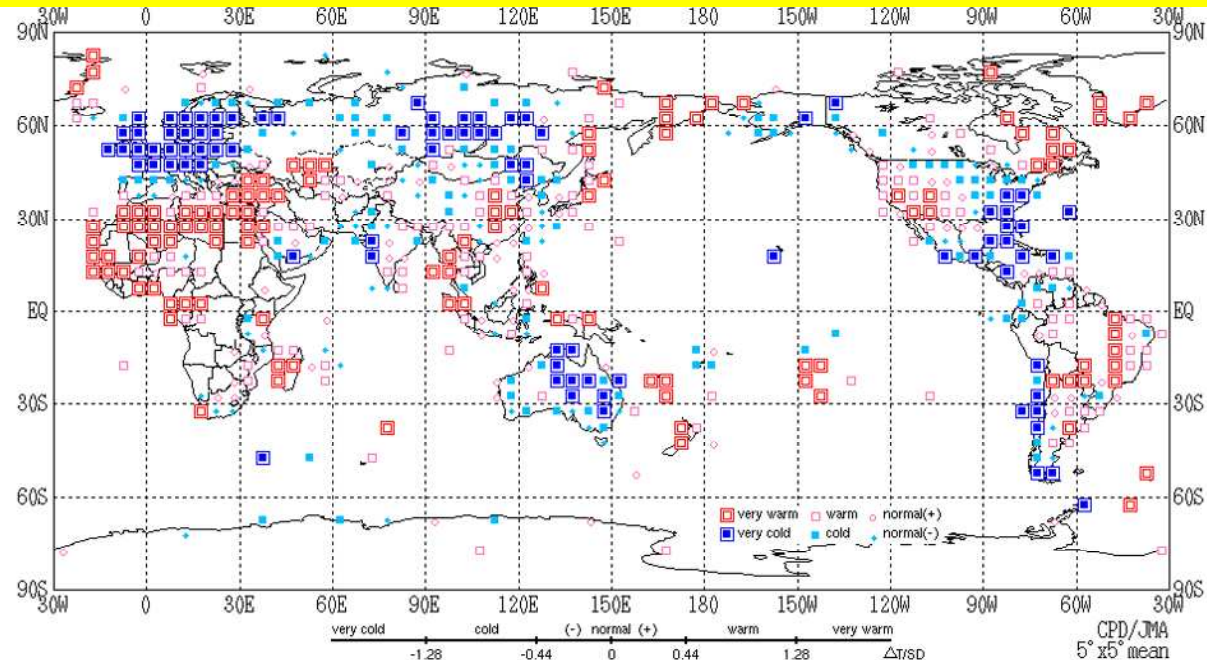


Arctic Oscillation
(negative phase)

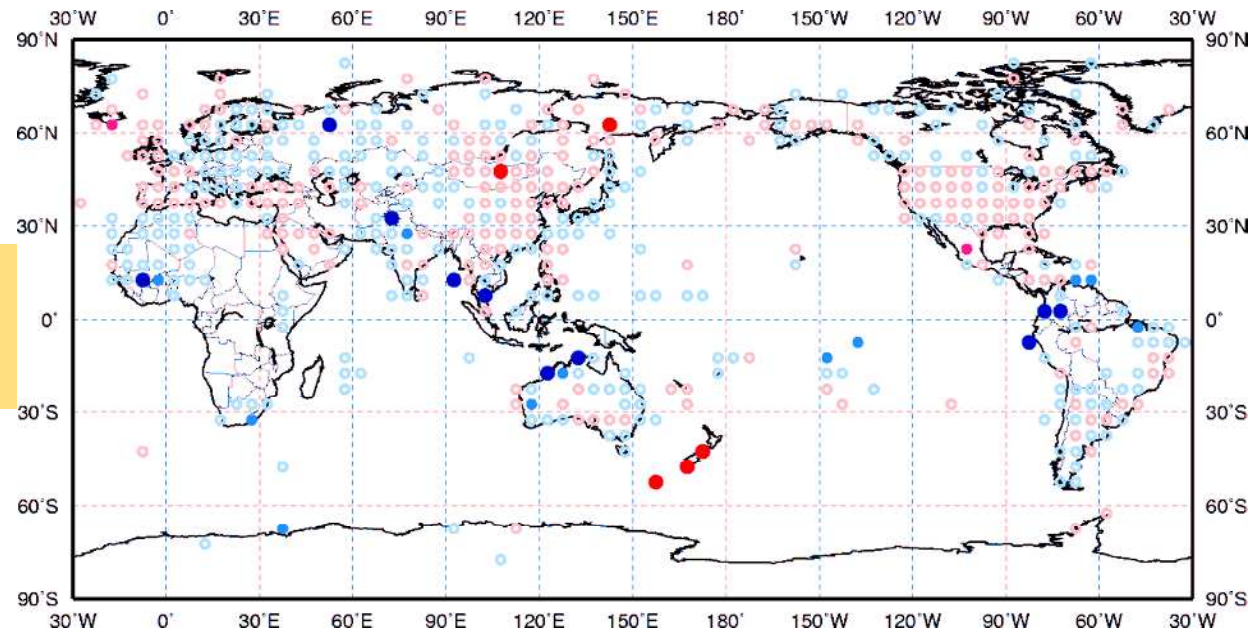
Comparison to past La Niña

Temperature

Temperature
(Dec. 2010)



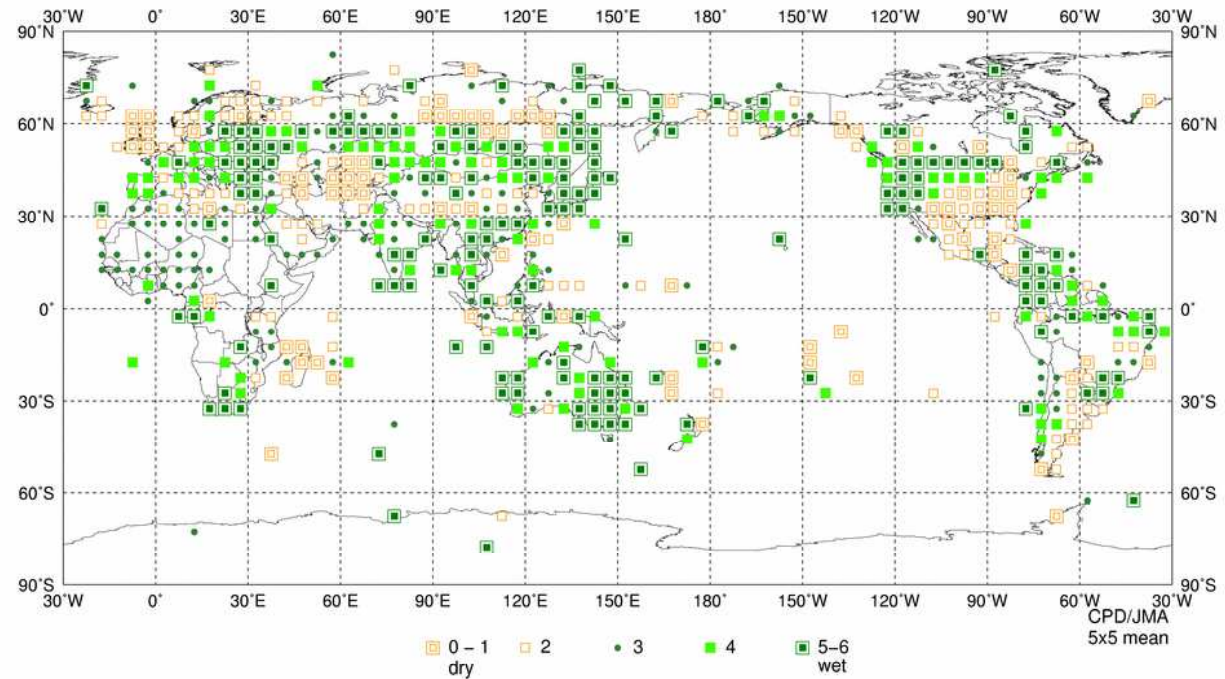
La Niña Composite
(Dec.)



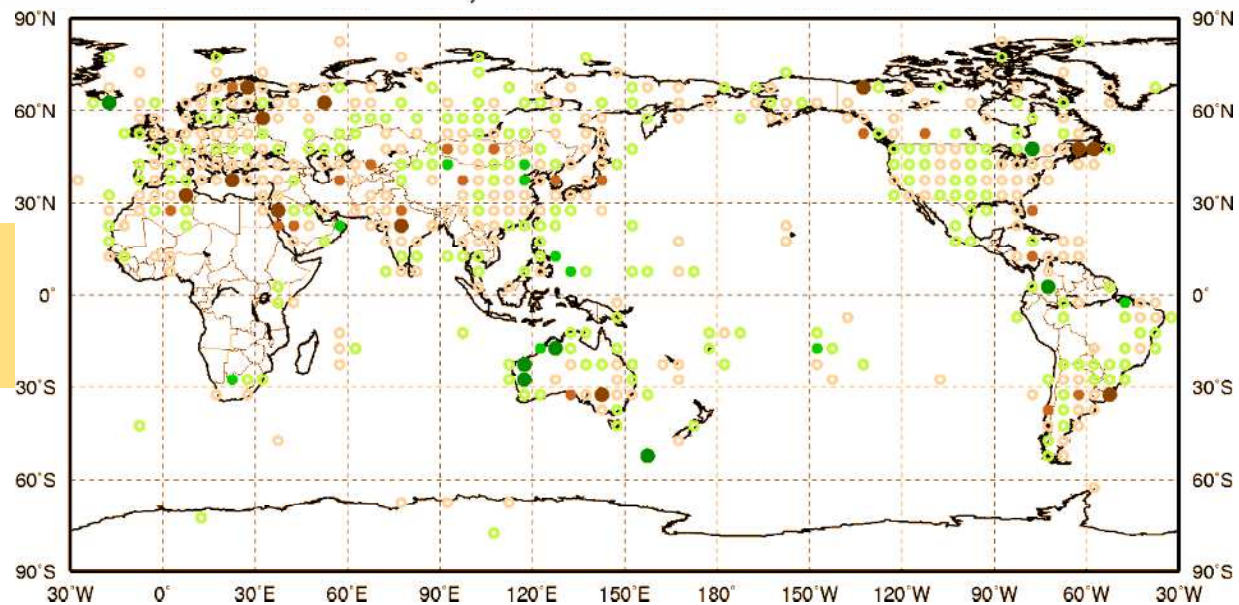
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Comparison to past La Niña Precipitation

Temperature
(Dec. 2010)



La Niña Composite
(Dec.)

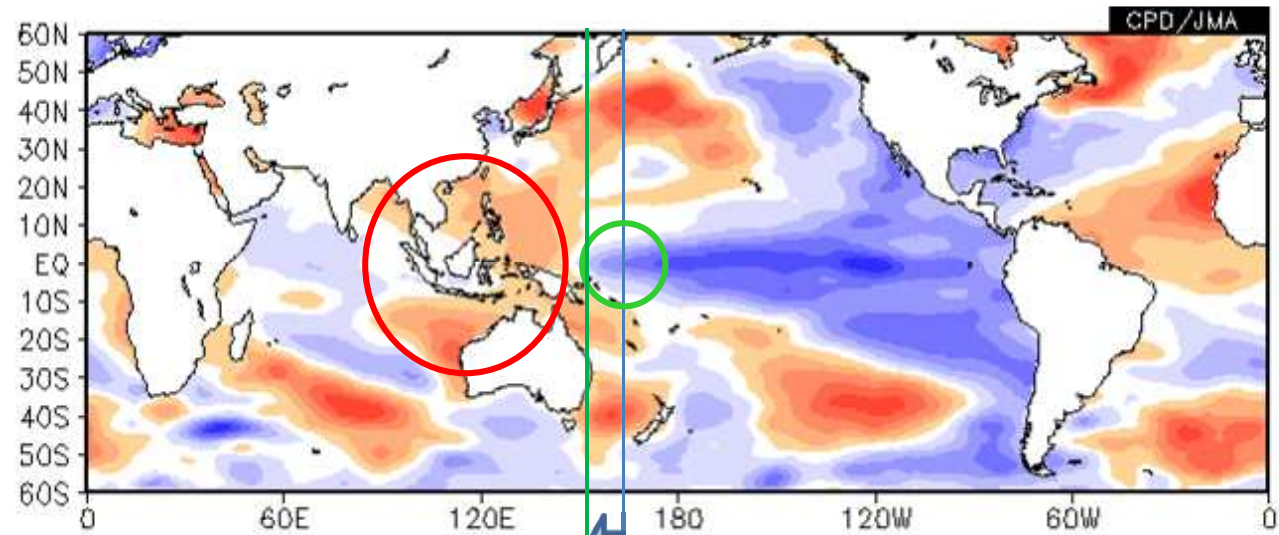


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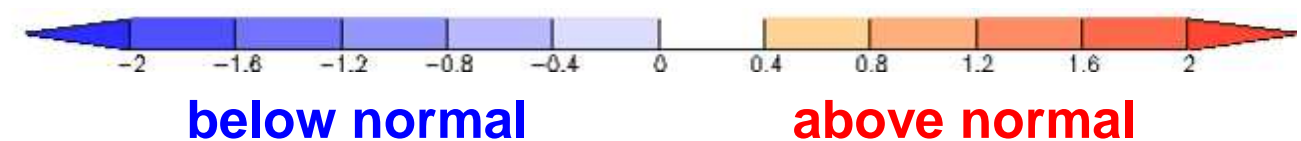
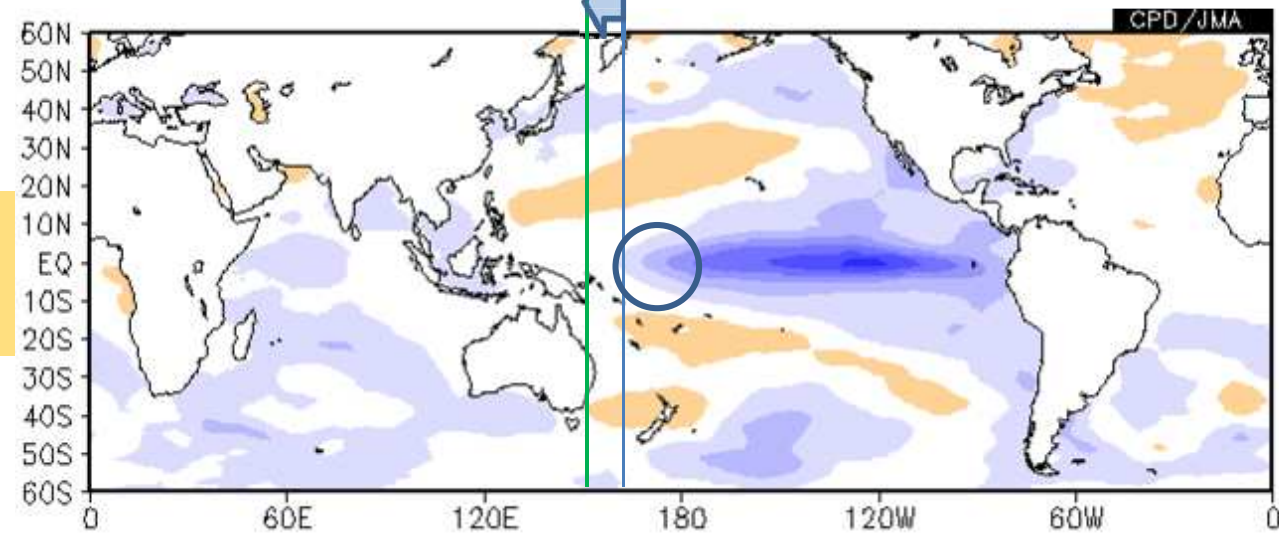
Comparison to past La Niña

Sea surface temperature (SST)

SST anomaly
(Dec. 2010)



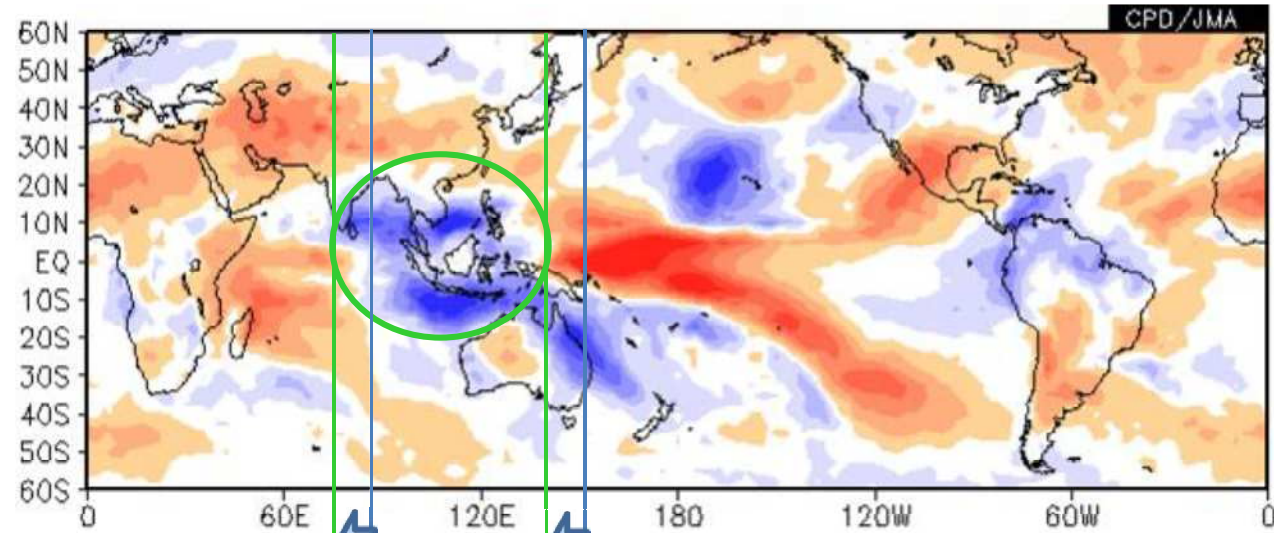
La Niña Composite
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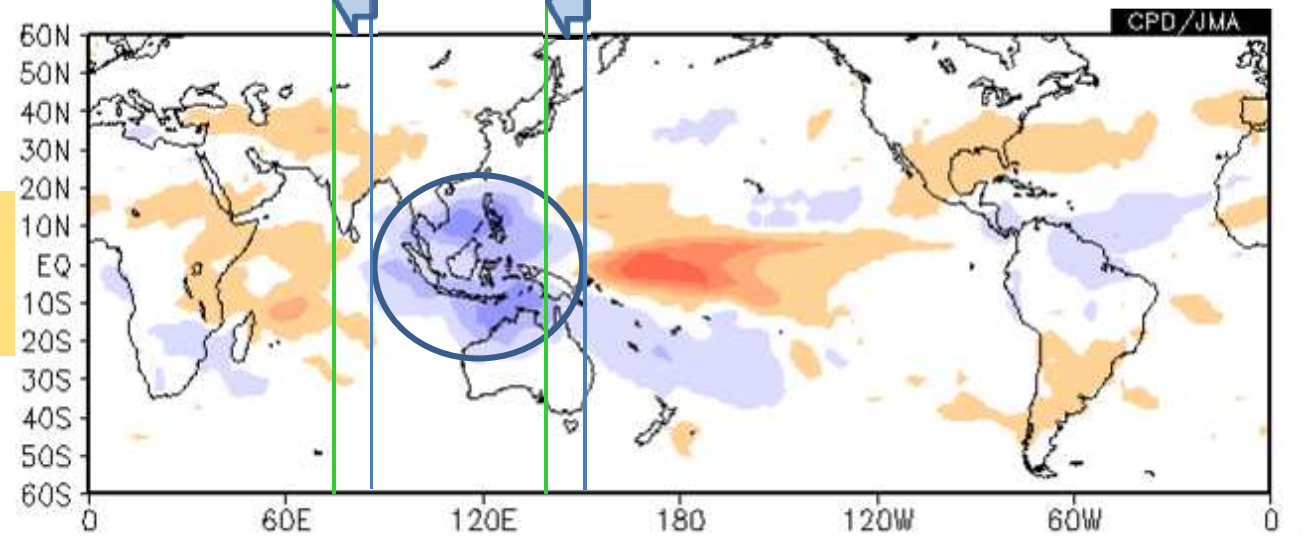
Comparison to past La Niña

Convective Activity

OLR anomaly
(Dec. 2010)



La Niña Composite
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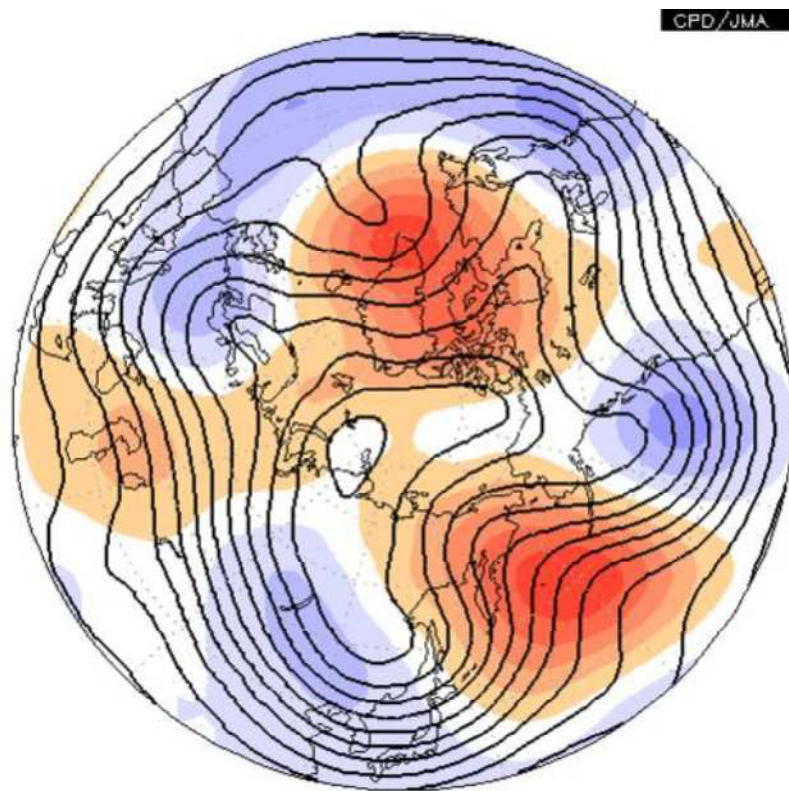
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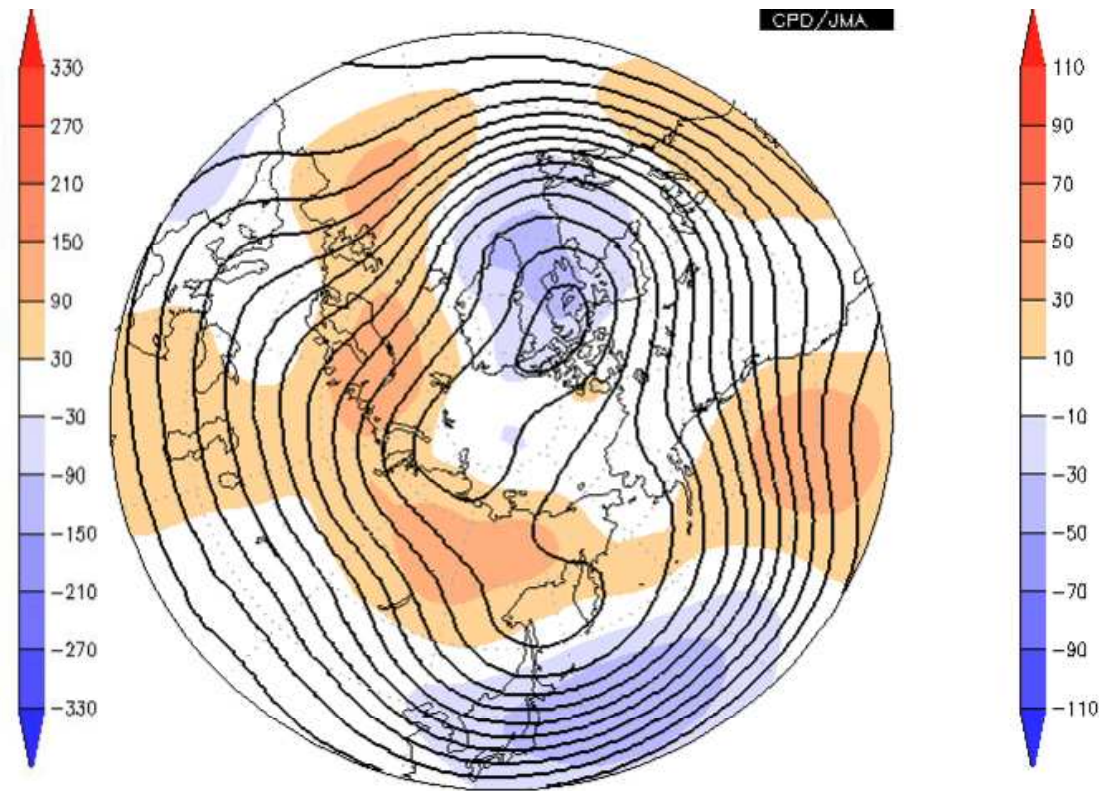
Comparison to past La Niña

500-hPa height in the N.H.

Observed atmospheric circulation results from internal variation (e.g. AO) and external-forced variation (response to ENSO).



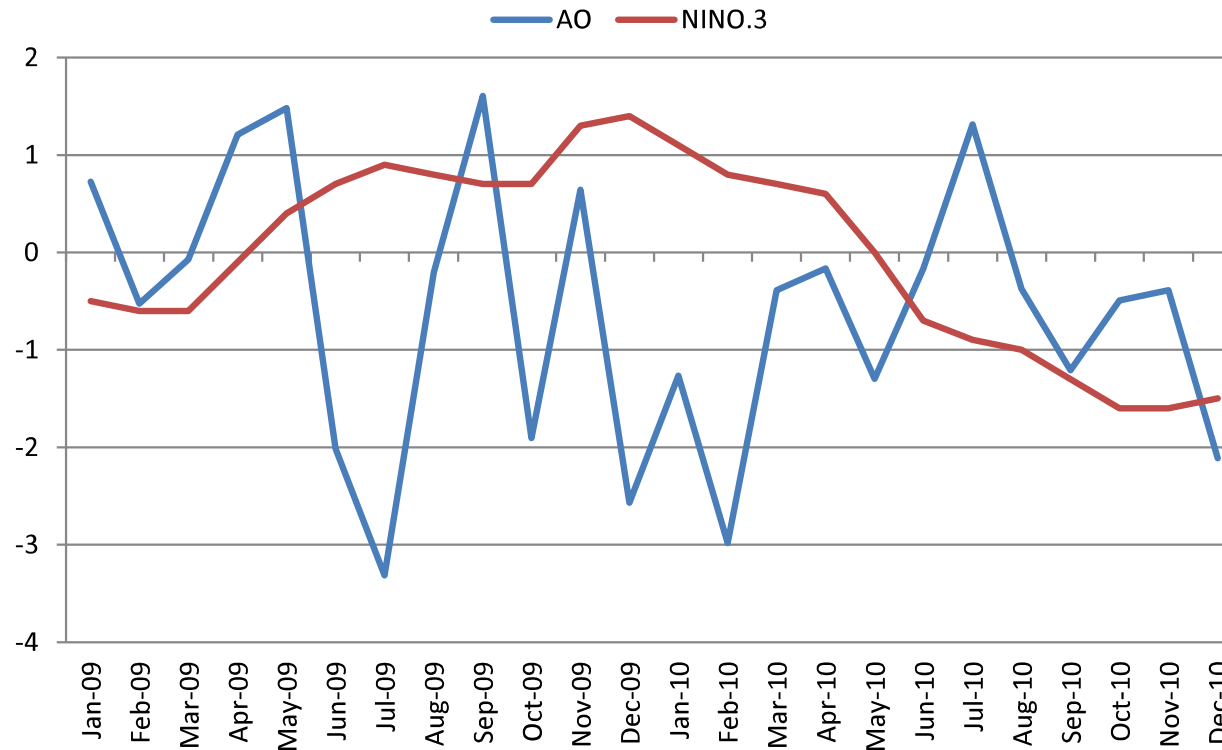
500-hPa height and anomaly
(Dec. 2010)



Composite of past La Niña years*
*1984, 1988, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2007

NINO.3 Index and AO Index

The cyclic period of NINO.3 (oceanographic variation) is longer than that of AO (atmospheric variation).

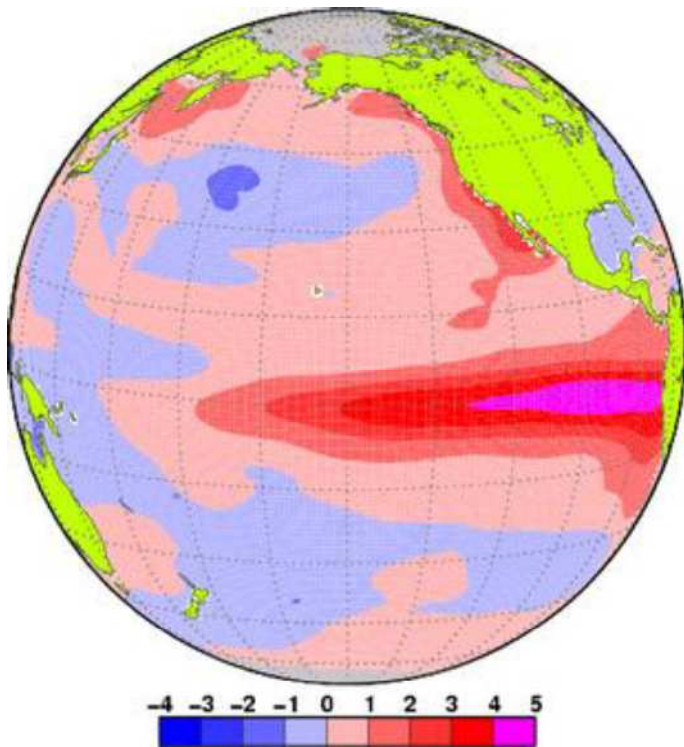


Time series of **NINO.3 SST Index** and **AO Index**
(Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2010)

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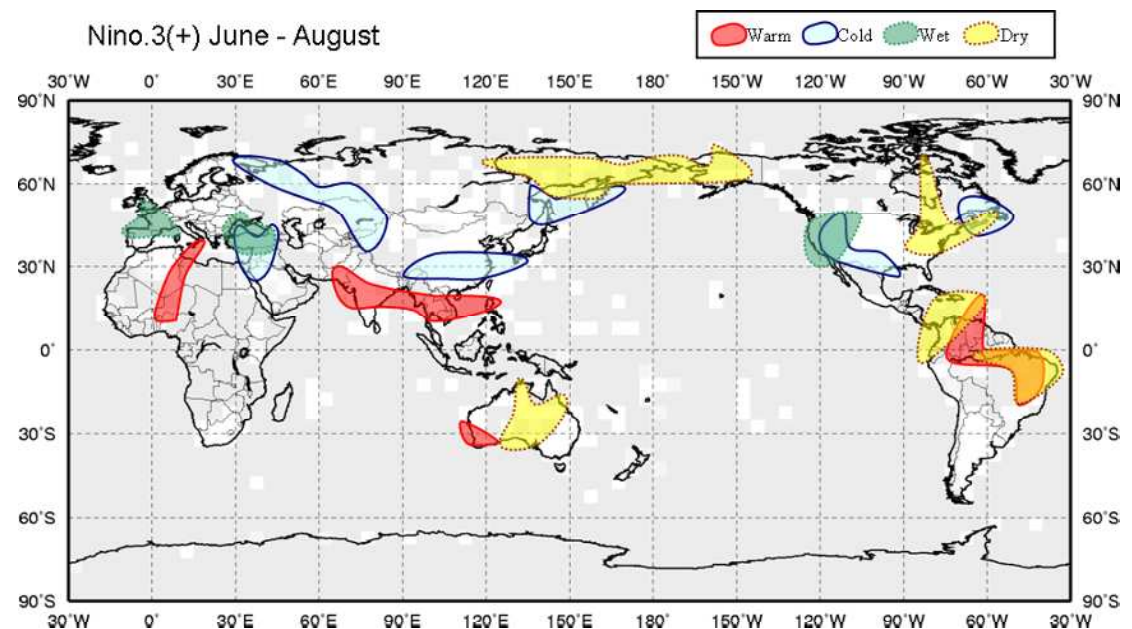
El Niño/La Niña-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

- ENSO, quasi-periodical and ocean-atmosphere interactive phenomenon, occurs with approximately five-year intervals.
- It has broad, significant impacts on world climate.



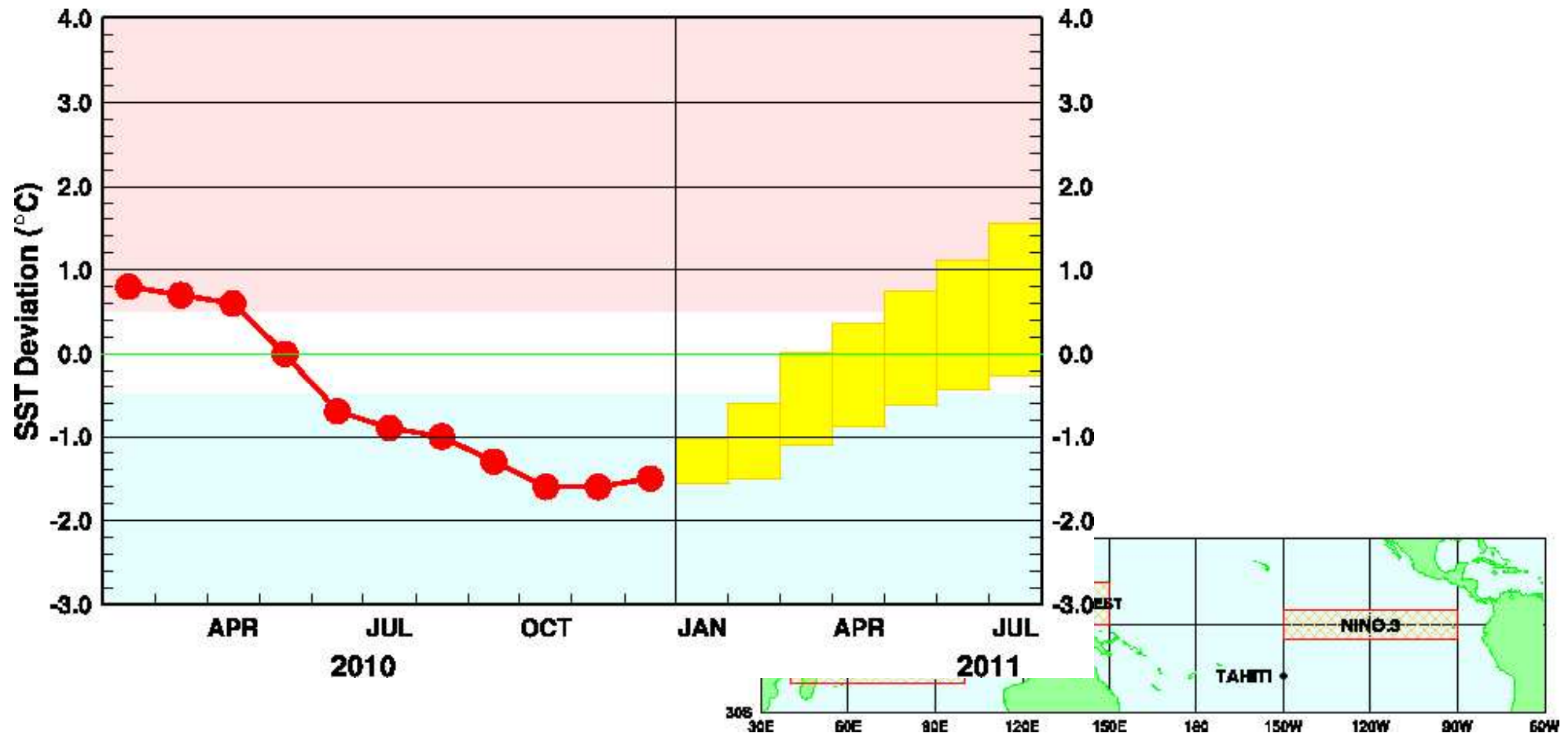
SST anomaly (Nov. 1997)

Climate in El Niño (Jun. – Aug.)



The La Niña event is likely to decay in boreal spring.

(JMA's *El Niño Outlook*, updated 11 January 2011)



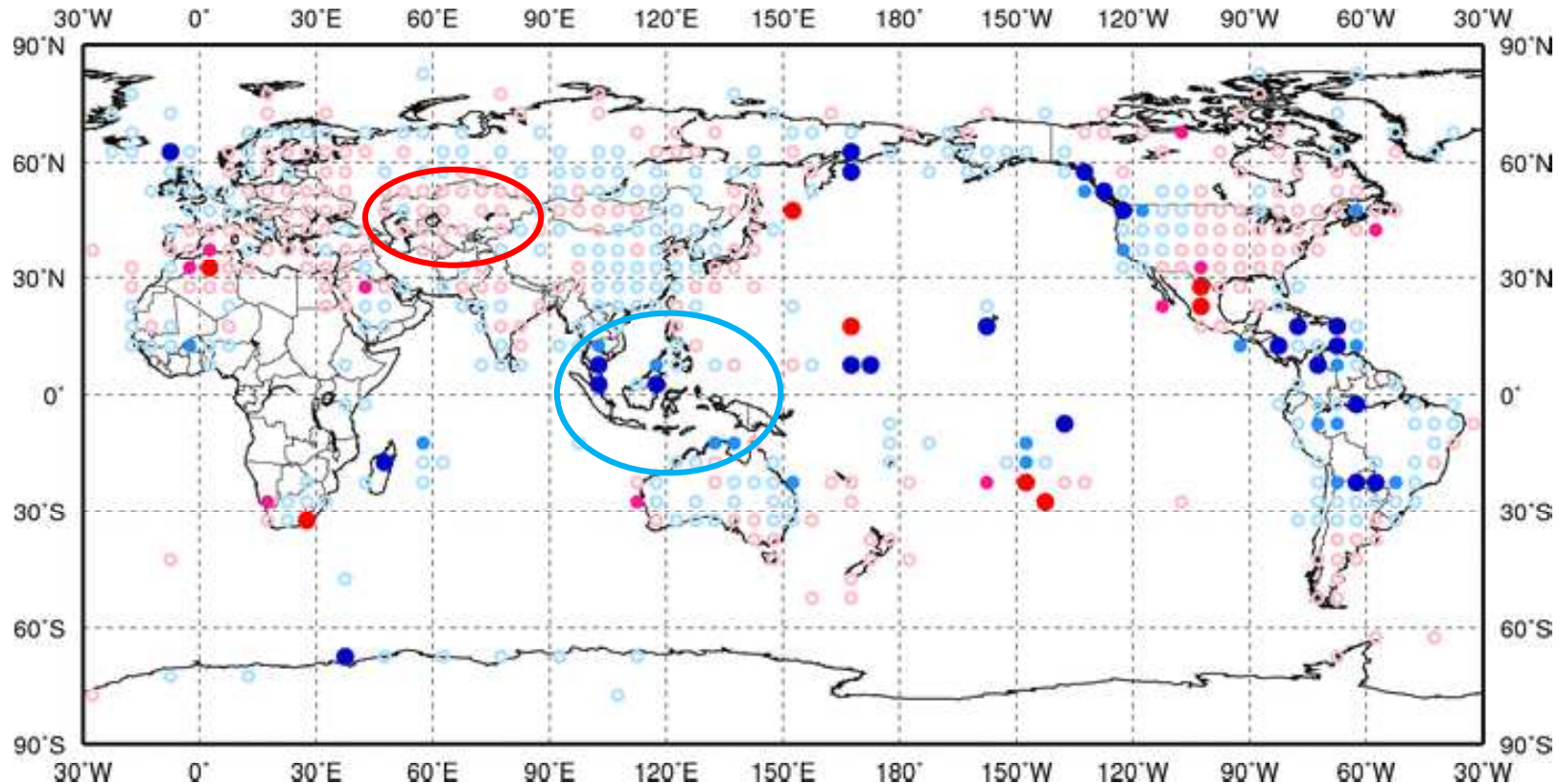
Outlook of the SST deviation for NINO.3 by the JMA's El Niño prediction model.

Red line with closed circle: **observed** SST deviation.

Yellow boxes: range of **predicted** SST deviation with 70% probability.

Impacts of La Niña on world climate

Temperature (February - April)



Red: above normal **Blue:** below normal

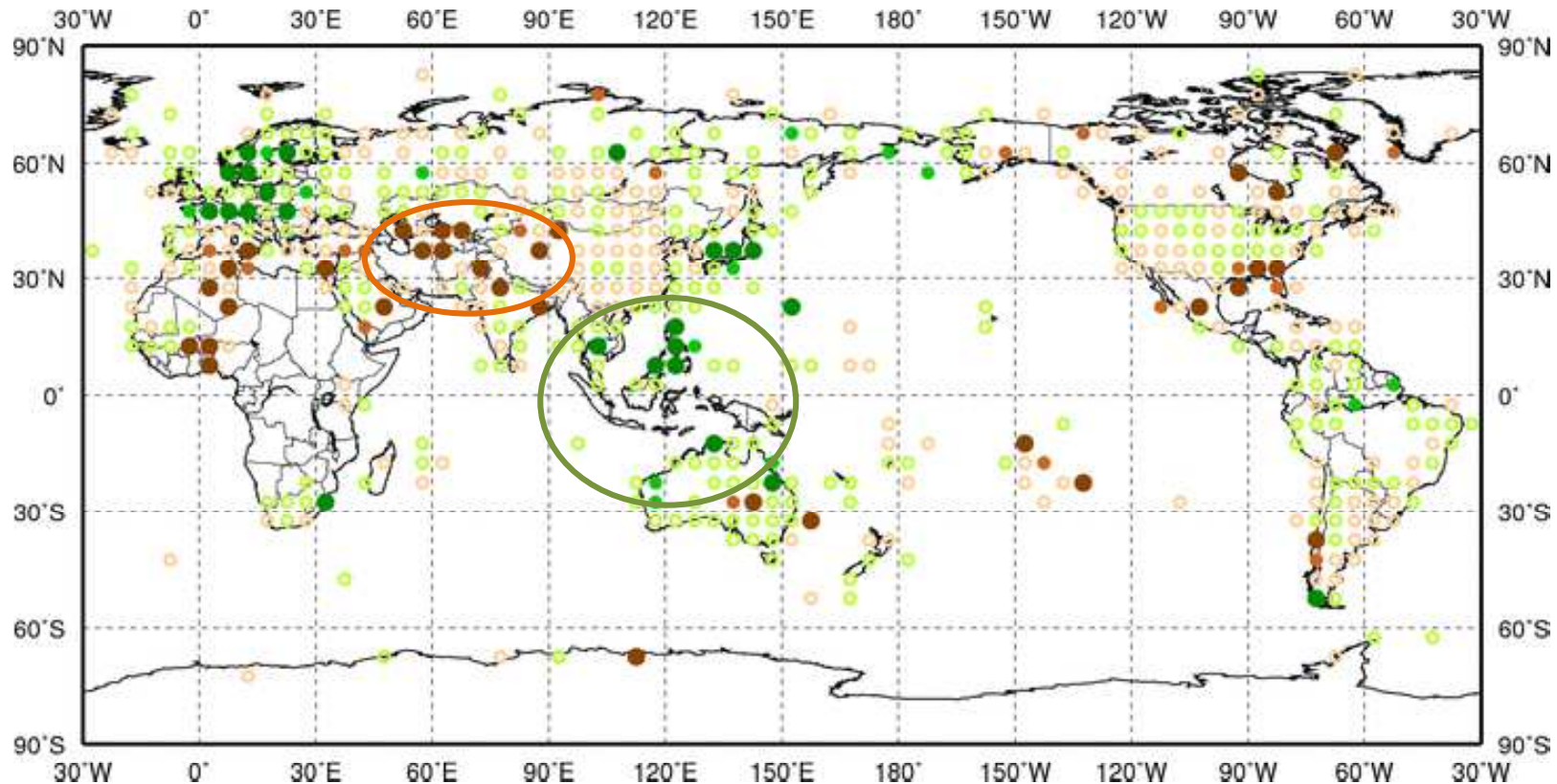
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Impacts of La Niña on world climate

Precipitation (February - April)



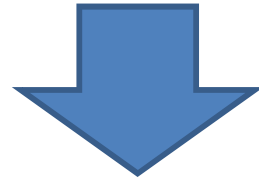
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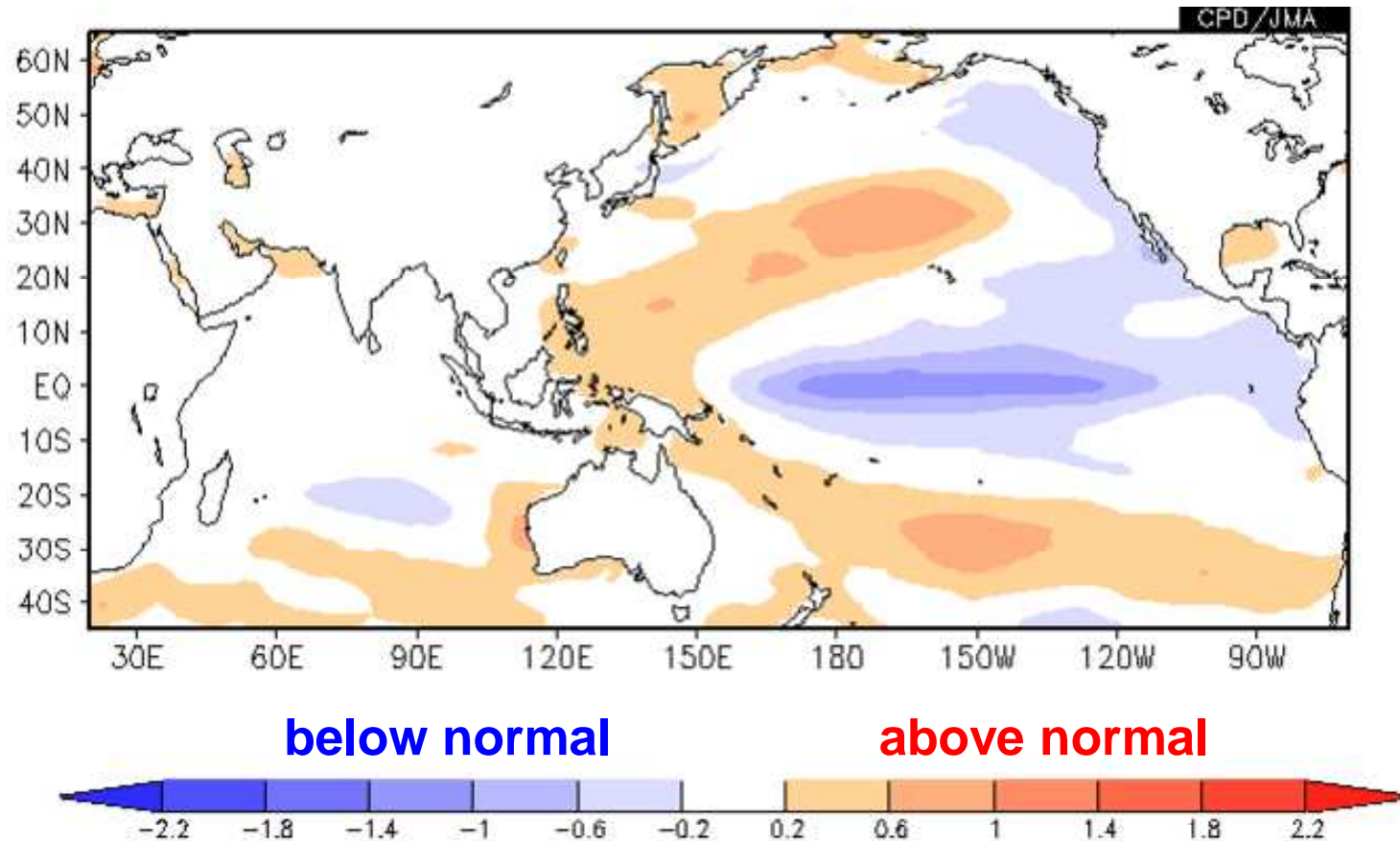
- It is important to understand the impacts of ENSO on national and regional climate.
- Furthermore, it is crucial to investigate atmospheric circulation associated with ENSO.



Next, find out characteristic atmospheric circulations in La Niña events.

La Niña composite (Feb. – Apr.)

Sea surface temperature



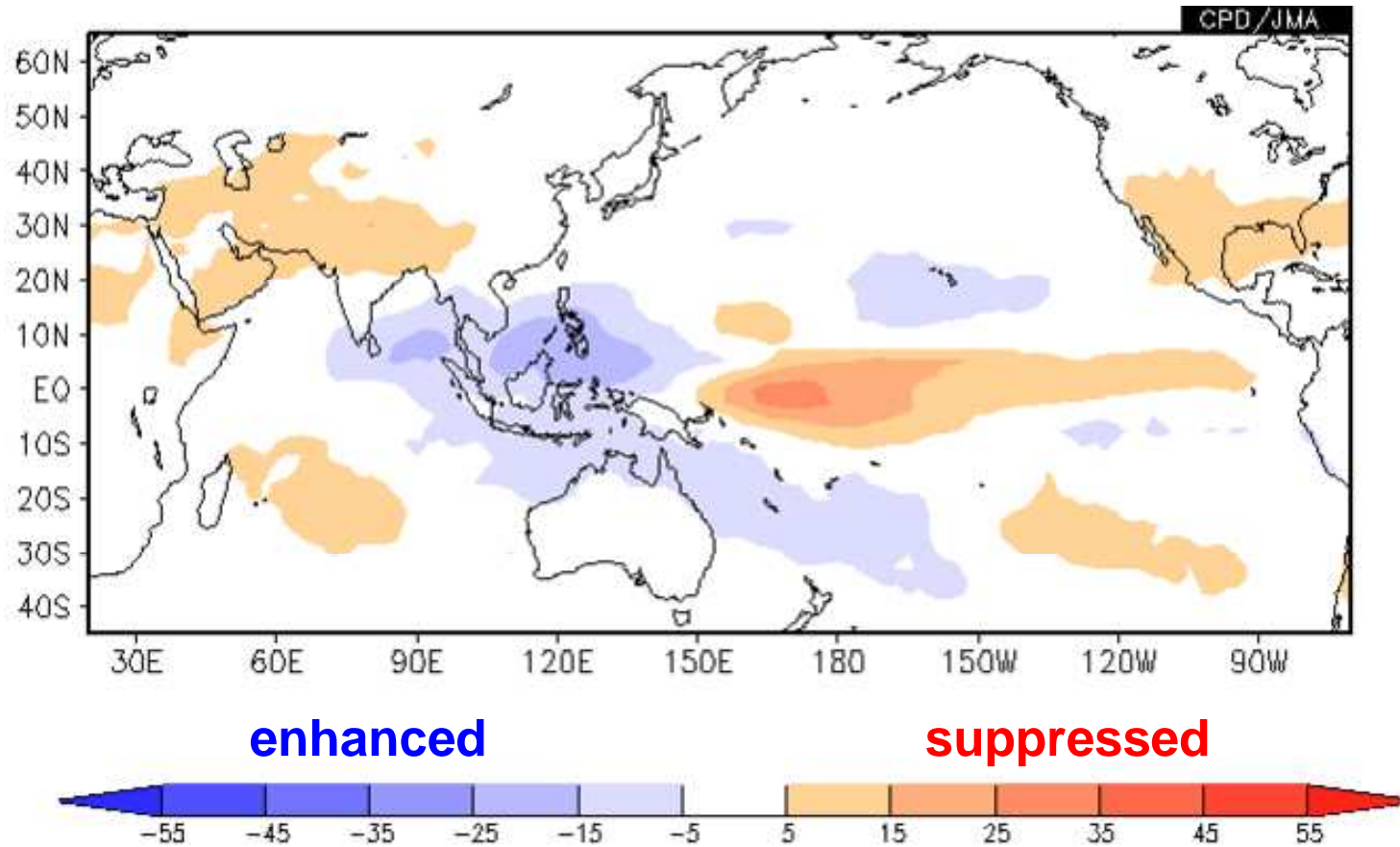
Sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly (degree C)

La Niña years (Feb. – Apr.) : 1985, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2008

Climatological normal: 1979 – 2004 average

La Niña composite (Feb. – Apr.)

Convective activity



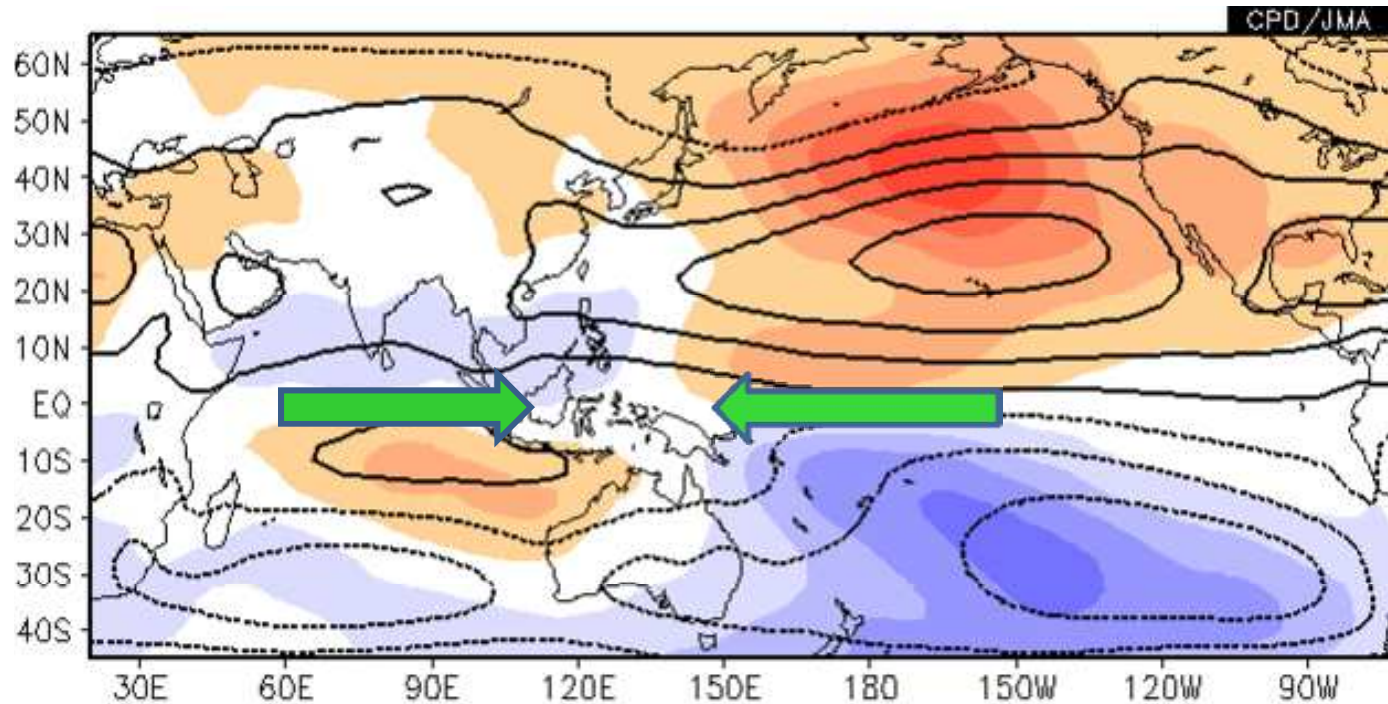
Outgoing longwave radiation (OLR) anomaly (W/m^2)

La Niña years (Feb. – Apr.) : 1985, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2008

Climatological normal: 1979 – 2004 average

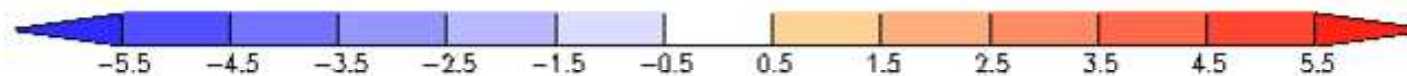
La Niña composite (Feb. – Apr.)

Atmospheric circulation in lower troposphere



N.H. (S.H.): cyclonic (anti-cyclonic)

anti-cyclonic (cyclonic)



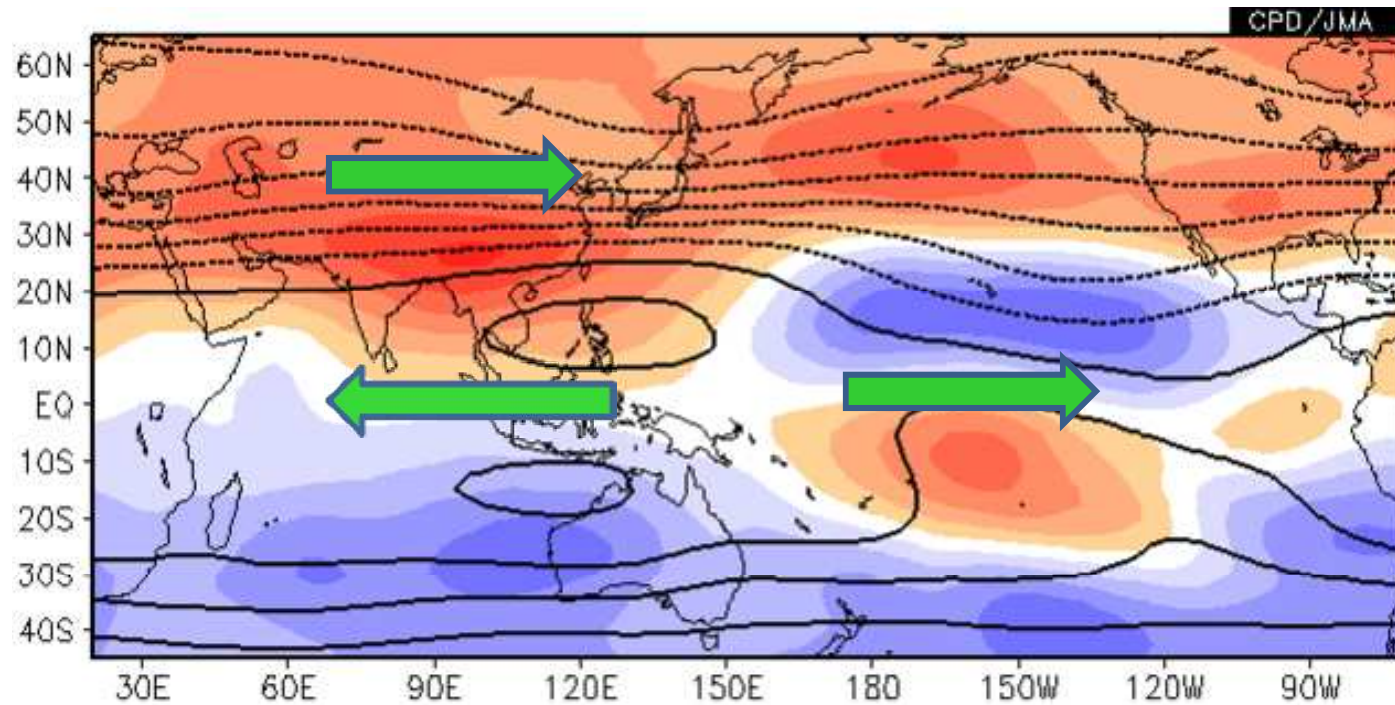
850-hPa stream function (contour) and anomaly (shading) (unit: $\times 10^6 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$)

La Niña years (Feb. – Apr.) : 1985, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2008

Climatological normal: 1979 – 2004 average

La Niña composite (Feb. – Apr.)

Atmospheric circulation in upper troposphere



N.H. (S.H.): cyclonic (anti-cyclonic)

anti-cyclonic (cyclonic)

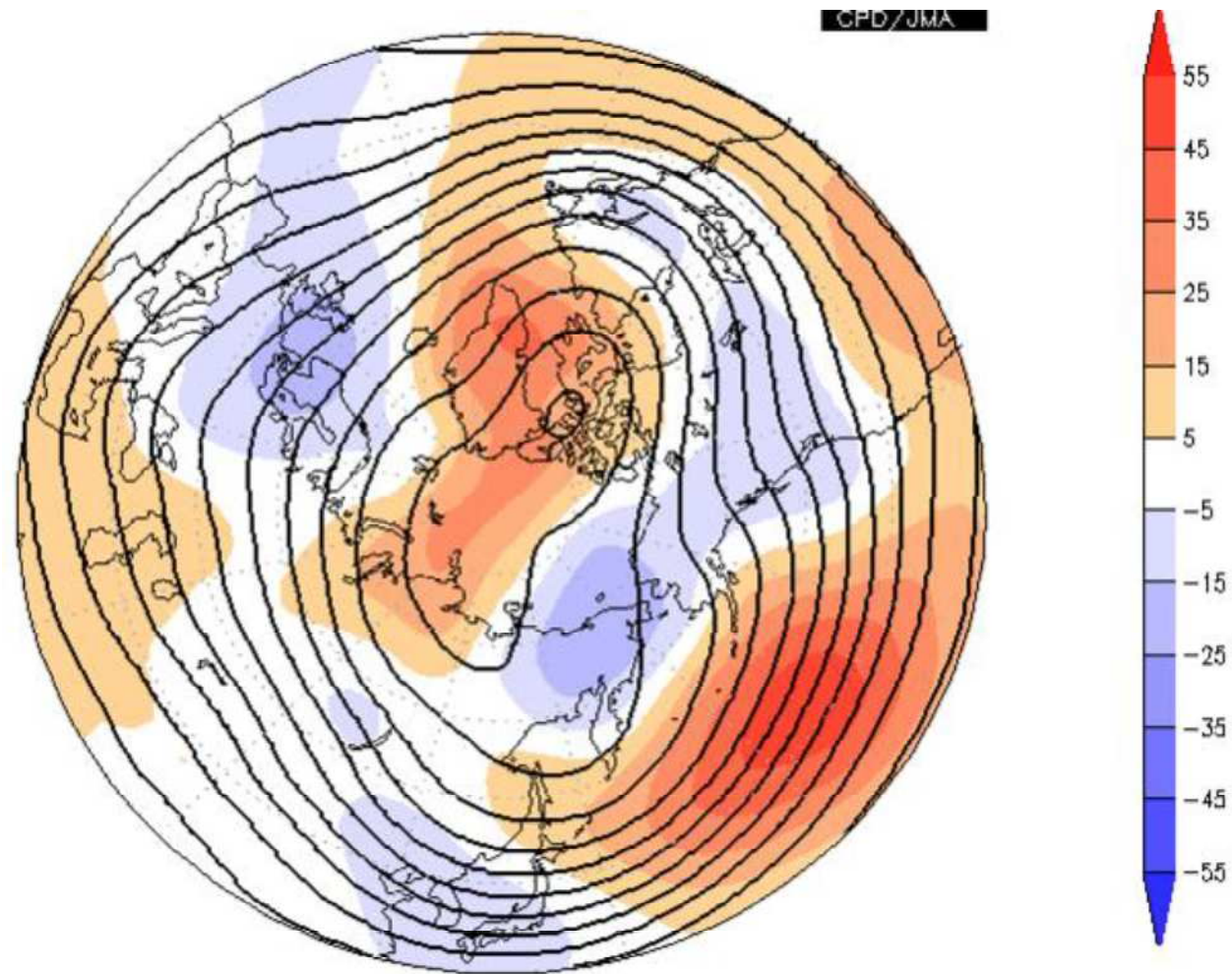
200-hPa stream function (contour) and anomaly (shading) (unit: $\times 10^6 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$)

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Climatological normal: 1979 – 2004 average

La Niña composite

500-hPa height in the N.H.



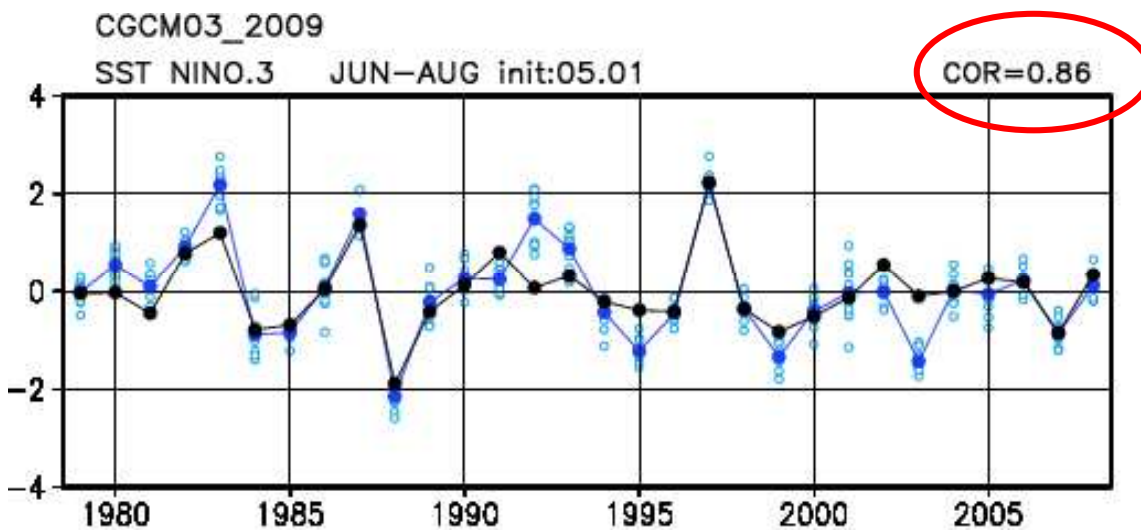
500-hPa height (contour) and anomaly (shading) (unit: m)

La Niña years (Feb. – Apr.) : 1985, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2006, 2008

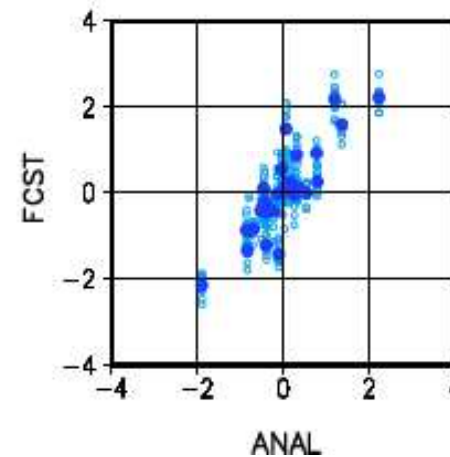
Climatological normal: 1979 – 2004 average

Prediction skill of El Niño/La Niña

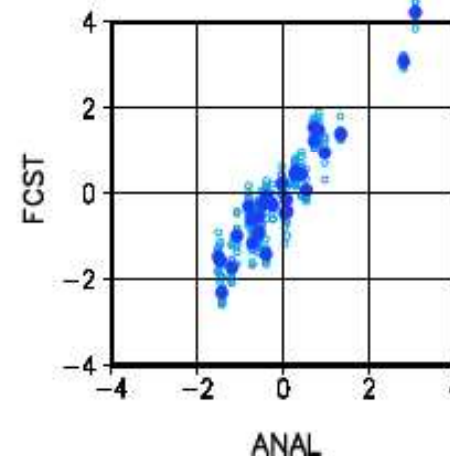
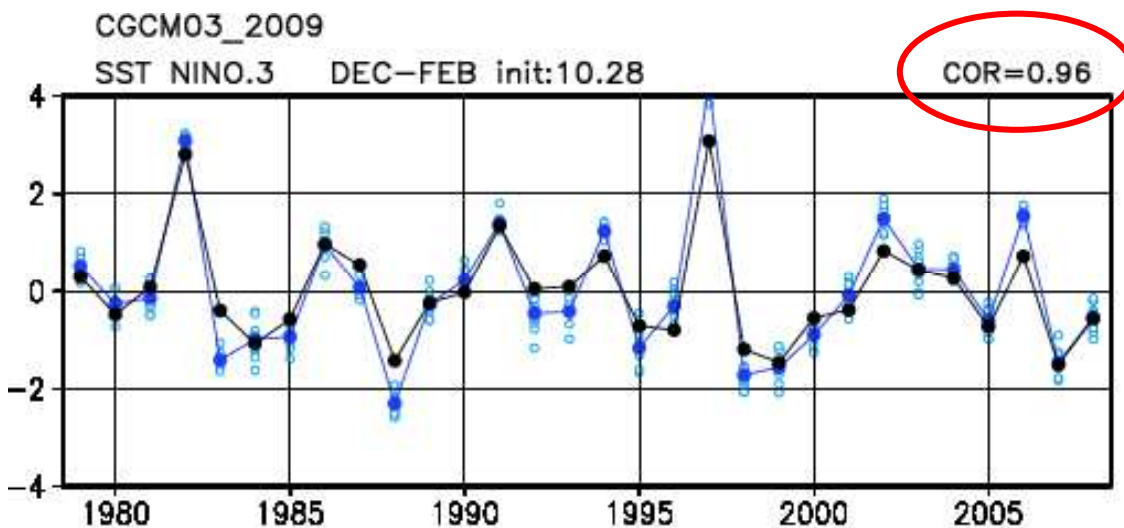
hindcast: 1979 – 2008, Lead-time: one-month



***Index: NINO.3**



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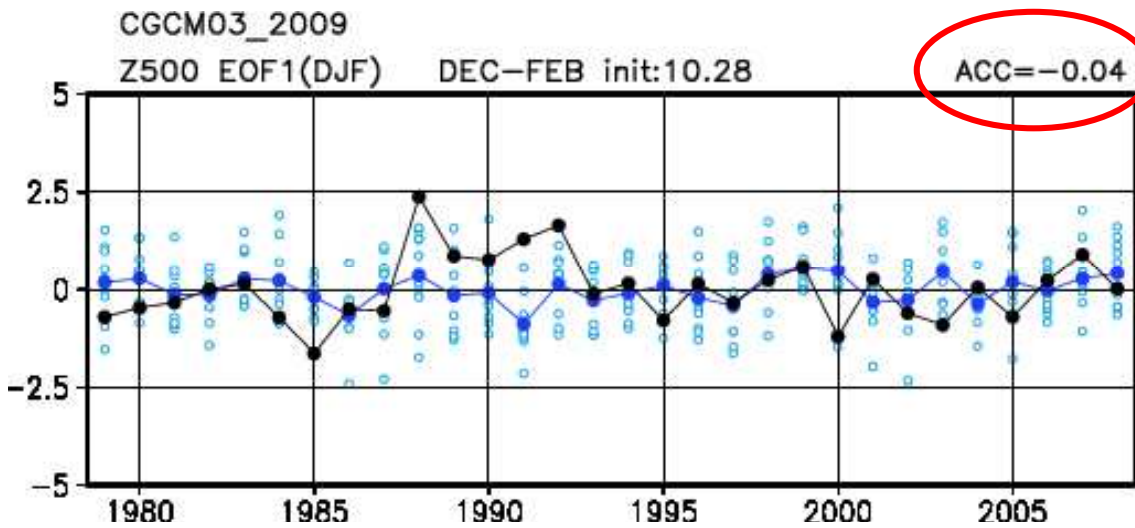
Dec. – Feb.

Black: analysis

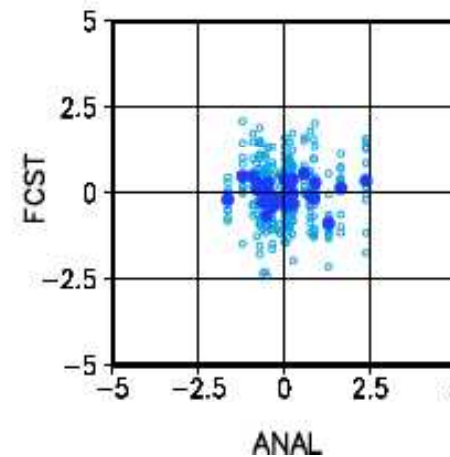
Blue (filled circle) : ensemble mean, blue (non-filled circles): ensemble members

Prediction skill of AO (Arctic Oscillation)

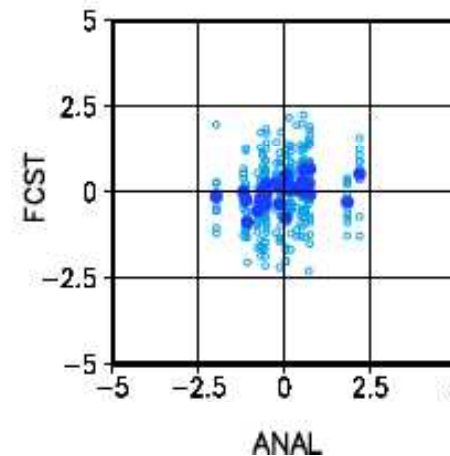
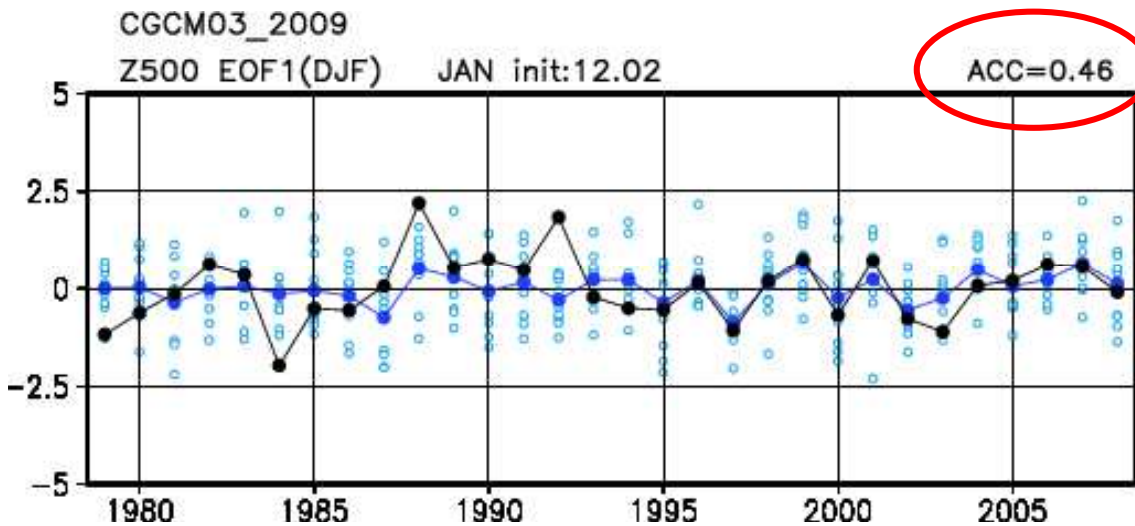
hindcast: 1979 – 2008, Lead-time: one-month



***AO index: EOF1 of Z500**



Dec. – Feb.



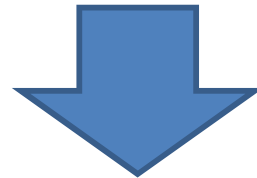
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Summary

- ENSO has significant impacts on world climate.
- ENSO cycles are relatively slower than those of internal atmospheric variations.
- Prediction skill for ENSO is significantly high, while that for atmospheric inherent variations is low.



It is very important to focus on ENSO in seasonal forecasting.

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Monitoring products

- TCC routinely updates various kinds of monitoring products on climate and climate system.
- Please see [Appendix I](#) for more information on monitoring products.

ITACS : Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System

- The ITACS developed by TCC is available on the TCC website.
- Please see [Appendix II](#) for more information (function and application)

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Appendix I

JMA's Climate system monitoring products

Monthly Highlights on Climate System

- This monthly report contains climate in Japan and the world, atmospheric and oceanographic conditions for the previous month,
- issued around 16th every month,
- provided through the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/clisys/highlights/index.html>

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Monthly Highlights on Climate System (October 2010)

Highlights in October 2010

- Monthly mean temperatures were above normal in the whole Japan.
- Monthly precipitation amounts were extremely heavy around the South China Sea and Indonesia.
- In the 500-hPa height field, a wavy pattern of anomalies was found from the Pacific to North America.
- Convective activities were enhanced from the eastern Indian Ocean to Indonesia and around the South China Sea.
- Remarkably negative SST anomalies were dominant in the equatorial Pacific.

Climate in Japan (Fig. 1):

Due to the large influence of fronts and cyclones, cloudy and rainy weather was dominant compared to the normal. Monthly sunshine durations were below normal in most of Japan. In the latter period of the middle 10 days, Amami region experienced record-breaking heavy rains.

Temperatures were above normal in the first and middle 10 days in the whole Japan, while in the last 10 days they were below normal in Northern and Eastern Japan due to severe cold-air outbreaks.

World Climate (Figs. 2 and 3):

The monthly anomaly of the global average surface temperature in October 2010 (i.e. the average of the near-surface air temperature over land and the SST) was +0.26 °C (10th warmest since 1891) (Fig.2). On a longer time scale, global average surface temperatures have been rising at a rate of about 0.60°C per century. Extreme climate events are

the lower troposphere were below normal in eastern and southern China. Zonally-averaged tropospheric air temperature in the middle and high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere decreased but remained remarkably higher than normal from summer 2010, which was the fifth highest on record for October since 1979.

Tropics (Figs. 6, 7 and 8):

Convective activities were enhanced from the eastern Indian Ocean to Indonesia, from India to the Philippines, around the Caribbean Sea, and in the intertropical convergence zone of Africa, while they were suppressed across the equatorial Pacific (Fig. 6). The active phase of the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) moved eastward around Indonesia early this month (Fig. 7). In the lower troposphere, easterly wind anomalies were dominant from July 2010 (Fig. 7). Corresponding with this, the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) was -1.8. In the upper troposphere,

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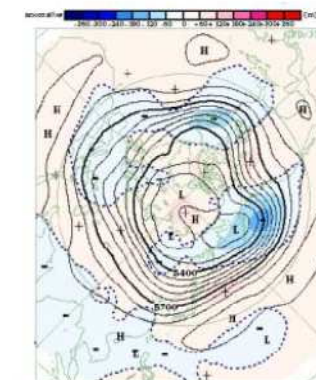


Fig. 4 Monthly mean 500-hPa height and anomaly in the Northern Hemisphere (October 2010). Contours show heights at an interval of 60 m. Shaded patterns show height anomalies. Base period for the normal is 1979-2004.



Fig. 5 Monthly mean 200-hPa wind speed and vectors in the Northern Hemisphere (October 2010). Black lines show wind speeds at an interval of 20 m/s. Blue shading shows values greater than 40 m/s. Green lines show normal wind speeds at an interval of 40 m/s. Base period for the normal is 1979-2004.

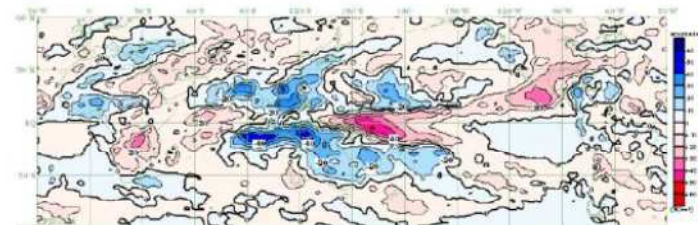


Fig. 6 Monthly mean Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) anomaly (October 2010). Contour interval is 10 W/m². Base period for the normal is 1979-2004. Original data are provided by courtesy of NOAA.

Annual Report on Climate System

- This annual report contains reports on major climate events (e.g. summary on El Nino/La Nina events, Asian summer monsoon) as well as overviews on climate in Japan and the world, atmospheric and oceanographic conditions,
- issued in March every year,
- provided through the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/clisys/arcs.html>

2.7 Summary of the Asian Summer Monsoon in 2009

The figures referred to in this section can be found on pp. 66 – 68.

Observing Asian summer monsoon activity is very important, since fluctuations in convective activities and atmospheric circulation associated with it can influence the summer climate in Asia, including that of Japan. In this section, the characteristics of the Asian summer monsoon from June to September 2009 are described.

2.7.1 Asian summer monsoon activities and atmospheric circulation in summer 2009

Asian summer monsoon activities inferred from the seasonal mean (i.e., from June to September) of Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) were enhanced from the east of the Philippines to the western Pacific (Fig. 2.7.1), and were suppressed over western Indonesia and from India to the area around Taiwan.

Asian summer monsoon activities were generally suppressed throughout the season except in the West North Pacific Monsoon (WNP) region (Table 2.7.1). In the lower troposphere, monsoon circulation was stronger than normal over the eastern Indian Ocean, though its northward penetration was weaker than normal (Fig. 2.7.2a). Cyclonic circulation anomalies were observed around the Philippines, indicating that the monsoon trough was deeper than normal and

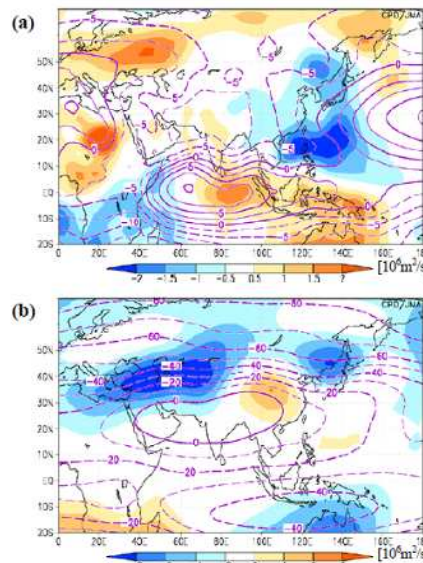


Fig. 2.7.2 Four-month mean stream function and its anomaly for June – September 2009

(a) The contours indicate the 850-hPa stream function (m^2/s) at intervals of $2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, and the color shading indicates 850-hPa stream function anomalies. (b) The contours indicate the 200-hPa stream function (m^2/s) at intervals of $10 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, and the color shading indicates 200-hPa stream function anomalies.

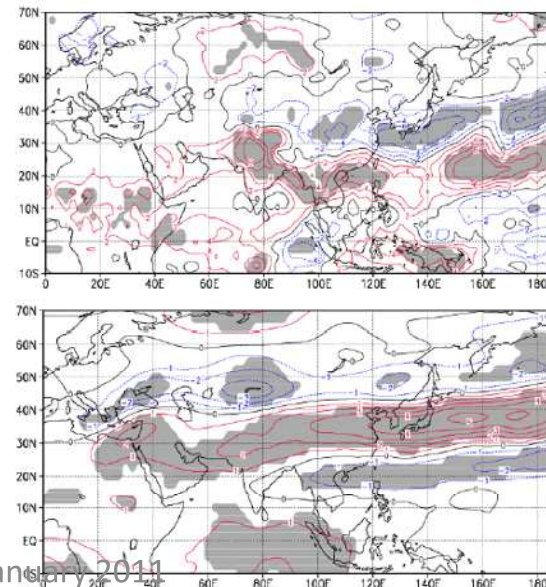


Fig. 4.3.8 Monthly mean linear regression coefficient of OLR (top) and 200 hPa zonal wind (bottom) with part of southward mode score not predicted by NINO.3.

The contour interval is 2 W/m^2 on the left and 1 m/s on the right. The shading shows a 95% confidence level based on F-testing.

El Niño Outlook

- This report contains current condition of and outlook for ENSO,
- issued around 10th every month,
- provided through the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/outlook.html>

El Niño Outlook

(January 2011 - July 2011)

Last Updated: **11 January 2011**

- **La Niña conditions are likely to persist during boreal winter and decay in boreal spring.**

[Pacific Ocean]

In December 2010, the SST deviation from a sliding 30-year mean SST averaged over the NINO.3 region was -1.5°C. The five-month running-mean value of the NINO.3 SST deviations was -1.4°C for October. The Southern Oscillation Index for December was +3.0 (Table and Fig.1). In December, negative SST anomalies prevailed over most of the equatorial Pacific, except near Indonesia (Fig.2 and Fig.4). Subsurface temperature anomalies were remarkably positive in the western equatorial Pacific, and were remarkably negative in the central and the eastern parts (Fig.3 and Fig.5). In the equatorial Pacific, convective activities in the western part and near the date line were below normal. Easterly wind anomalies in the lower troposphere prevailed in the western and the central equatorial Pacific (Fig.6, Fig.7 and Fig.8). The oceanic and atmospheric features mentioned above reflect La Niña conditions.

In the equatorial Pacific, persistent easterly anomalies in the lower troposphere maintained the negative subsurface temperature anomalies in the central and the eastern parts. The negative subsurface temperature anomalies will, in turn, keep SSTs below normal.

The JMA's El Niño prediction model predicts that the NINO.3 SST will be below normal during boreal winter, and will gradually become near normal during boreal spring, and will be near or above normal during boreal summer (Fig.9).

Considering all the above, La Niña conditions are likely to persist during boreal winter and decay in boreal spring.

It is likely that the SST in the NINO.WEST will be above normal during boreal winter, and will gradually become near normal during boreal spring and summer (Fig.10).

[Indian Ocean]

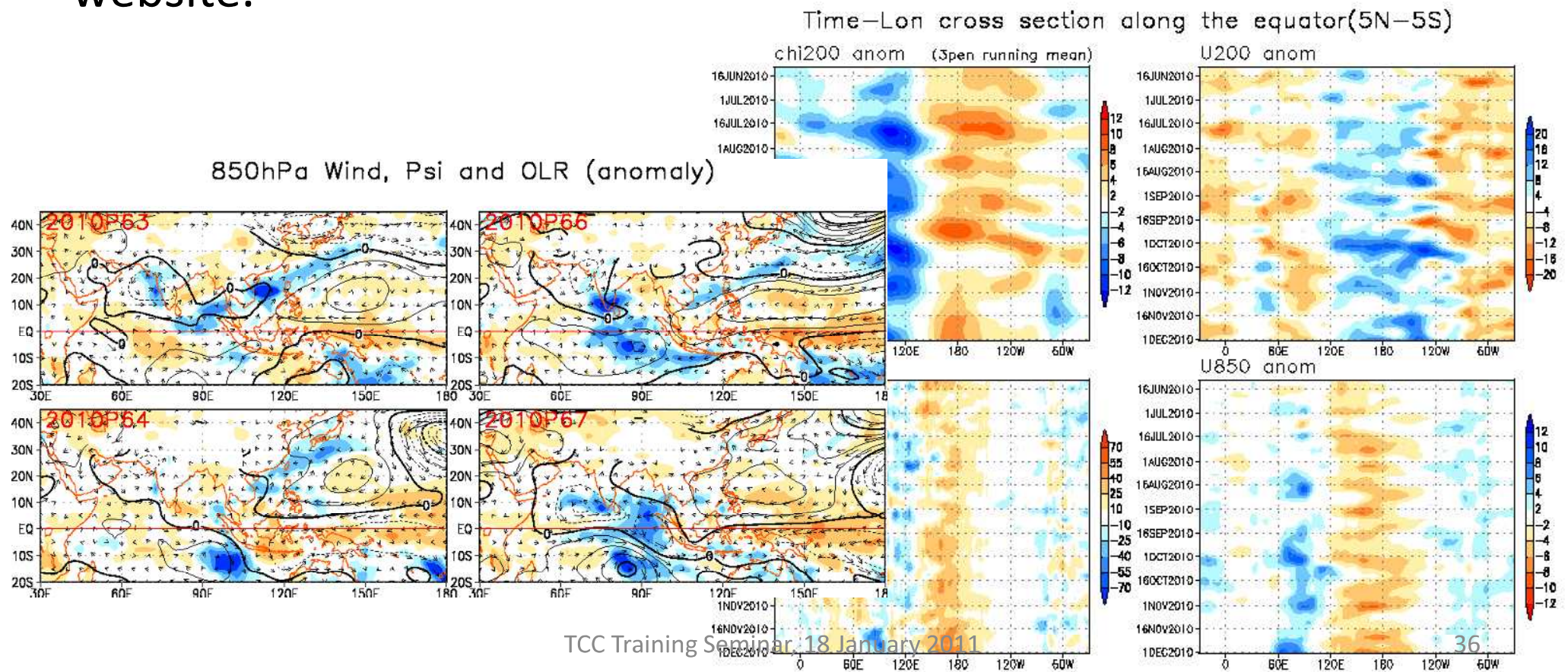
The SST averaged over the tropical Indian Ocean (IOBW) region became below normal in December (Fig.1). It is likely that the SST in the IOBW region will be below normal during boreal winter, and near or below normal during boreal spring and summer (Fig.11).

Asian Monsoon Monitoring

- This product contains a variety of analysis products (figures) to assess the current condition of climate system related to Asian,
- provided through the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/clisys/index.html>

- In addition to this, **MJO Monitoring** is provided through the website.



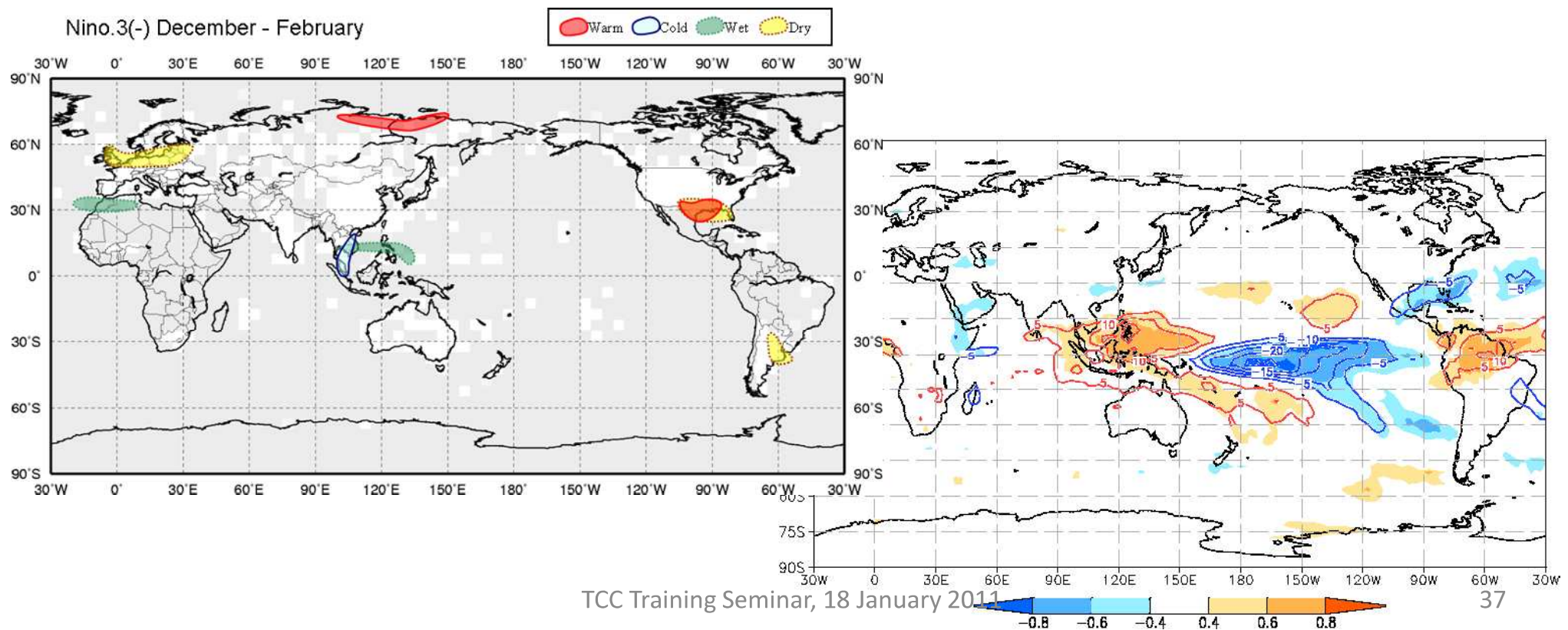
Statistical Research

- Regression and correlation analysis between atmospheric circulation and major monitoring indices related to ENSO:

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/clisys/newoceanindex/index.html>

- Composite maps of temperature and precipitation in El Nino/La Nina events:

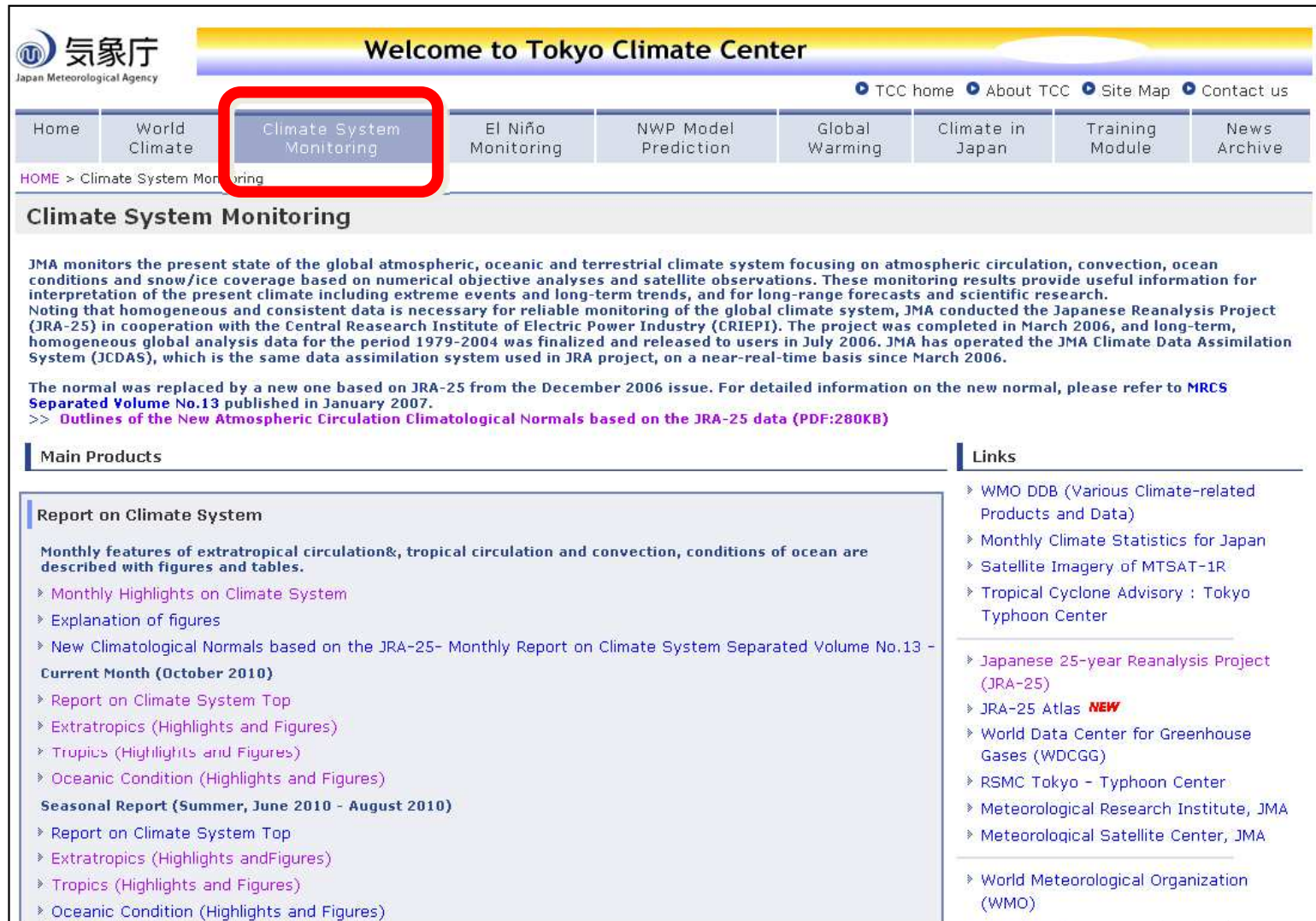
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Climate System Monitoring page of the TCC website

- The JMA's climate system monitoring products are provided through the TCC website:

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/clisys/index.html>



The screenshot shows the Tokyo Climate Center website. At the top left is the JMA logo (気象庁 Japan Meteorological Agency). The main header says "Welcome to Tokyo Climate Center". Below this is a navigation menu with items: Home, World Climate, **Climate System Monitoring** (highlighted with a red box), El Niño Monitoring, NWP Model Prediction, Global Warming, Climate in Japan, Training Module, and News Archive. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: HOME > Climate System Monitoring. The main content area is titled "Climate System Monitoring" and contains text about JMA's monitoring activities, including the Japanese Reanalysis Project (JRA-25). There are two columns of links: "Main Products" and "Links". The "Main Products" column includes a "Report on Climate System" section with sub-links for monthly features, highlights, and seasonal reports. The "Links" column includes links to WMO DDB, Monthly Climate Statistics for Japan, Satellite Imagery of MTSAT-1R, Tropical Cyclone Advisory, Japanese 25-year Reanalysis Project (JRA-25), JRA-25 Atlas (NEW), World Data Center for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG), RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center, Meteorological Research Institute, JMA, Meteorological Satellite Center, JMA, and World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Global Surface Climate Monitoring

- Weekly, monthly and seasonal monitoring reports on extreme climate events with brief descriptions on disastrous events are available on the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/climate/index.html>

The screenshot displays the Tokyo Climate Center (TCC) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the JMA logo and the text 'Welcome to Tokyo Climate Center'. Below this, a menu bar contains several options: 'Home', 'World Climate' (highlighted with a red box), 'Climate System Monitoring', 'El Niño Monitoring', 'NWP Model Prediction', 'Global Warming', 'Climate in Japan', 'Training Module', and 'News Archive'. The main content area is titled 'World Climate' and includes a paragraph explaining that JMA monitors global climate with CLIMAT and SYNOP reports from NMHSs through the Global Telecommunication System (GTS) of WMO. It also mentions that quality-checked data on temperature and precipitation are assembled to assess extreme climate events, and that weekly, monthly, and seasonal monitoring reports on extreme climate events with brief descriptions of disastrous events are available on this page. Below this text, there are two columns of links. The left column is titled 'Main Products' and includes 'Extreme Climate Monitoring' (with links for Weekly Report, Seasonal Report, Weekly Anomaly, Annual Report, and Monthly Report) and 'Normal & Historical Data' (with links for ClimatView, Normals of Monthly Mean Temperature and Precipitation, and Monthly Normals Data). The right column is titled 'Links' and includes various external resources such as WMO DDB, Monthly Climate Statistics for Japan, Satellite Imagery of MTSAT-1R, Tropical Cyclone Advisory, Japanese 25-year Reanalysis Project (JRA-25), JRA-25 Atlas, World Data Center for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG), RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center, Meteorological Research Institute, JMA, Meteorological Satellite Center, JMA, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), GCOS Surface Network Monitoring Center (GSNMC), CBS Lead Centres for GCOS, Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration, Korea Meteorological Administration, Asian Disaster Reduction Center, and Severe Weather Information Center.

El Niño Monitoring

- Monthly diagnosis reports, ENSO monitoring products, ENSO indices and El Niño outlooks are available on the TCC website.

<http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/index.html>

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The main content area is titled "El Niño Monitoring and Outlook". It features a blue banner with the text: "JMA operates the Ocean Data Assimilation System and the El Niño Prediction System (an ocean-atmosphere coupled model) for monitoring and prediction of El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Monthly diagnosis reports, ENSO monitoring products, ENSO indices and El Niño outlooks are available on this page."

Below the banner, there are three main sections:

- Main Products:** Includes "Latest Products" (last updated: 13 Dec 2010) with links for "El Niño Outlook", "Figures and Tables", "Download El Niño Monitoring Indices", and "Model forecast of SST anomalies for Niño regions". It also lists "Animations" (SST and Anomaly, Longitude-Depth Cross Section along the Equator) and "Grid Point Values" (Download SST (COBE-SST from 1891 to the latest month) **NEW**).
- ENSO Impacts:** A sub-section with links for "Global Climate", "Atmosphere", and "Circulation".
- Model Descriptions & Analysis Procedures:** Includes links for "Explanation of El Niño Monitoring Indices", "Description of Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere General Circulation Model (JMA/MRI-CGCM) **NEW** since March 2009", "Description of Ocean Data Assimilation System (MOVE/MRI.COM-G) since March 2008", "Description of Daily Sea Surface Analysis for Climate Monitoring and Predictions (COBE-SST)", and "The Characteristics of the Global Sea Surface Temperature Data (COBE-SST)".

On the right side, there is a "Links" section with various external resources, including WMO DDB, Monthly Climate Statistics for Japan, Satellite Imagery of MTSAT-1R, Tropical Cyclone Advisory: Tokyo Typhoon Center, Japanese 25-year Reanalysis Project (JRA-25), JRA-25 Atlas **NEW**, World Data Center for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG), RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center, Meteorological Research Institute, JMA, Meteorological Satellite Center, JMA, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), GCOS Surface Network Monitoring Center (GSNMC), CBS Lead Centres for GCOS, Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration, Korea Meteorological Administration, Asian Disaster Reduction Center, and Severe Weather Information Center.

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ITACS: Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System

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ITACS : Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System

What is the ITACS?

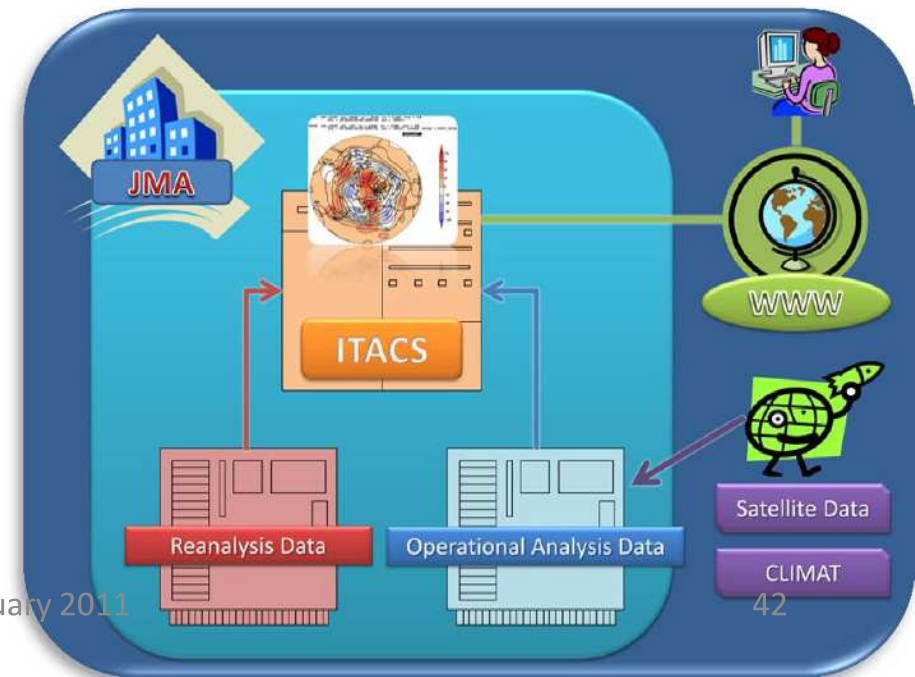
- A web-based application software with various data-sets developed by JMA

Supposed Users of the ITACS

- National Meteorological and Hydrological Services

Usefulness of the ITACS in ...

- Monitoring current climate status
- Investigating factors behind climatic condition



Features of the ITACS

Various Style Charts

Latitude-Longitude map, polar Stereographic map

Vertical cross section, time-longitude(Latitude) cross section

Time-series graph

Built-in Statistical Functions

Composite analysis, regression and correlation analysis, significance test

EOF analysis, SVD analysis

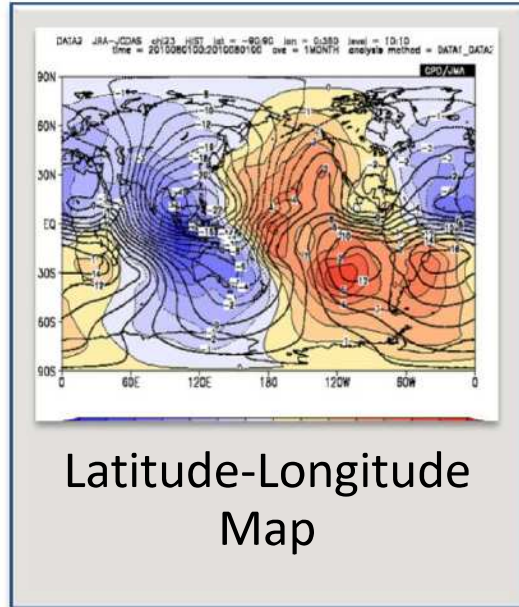
Fourier analysis, wavelet analysis

Programing Free

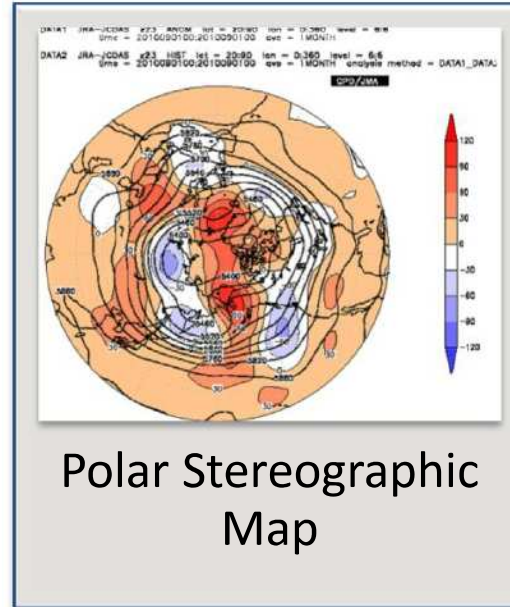
Only Internet-accessibility and a web-browser are required

No Installation

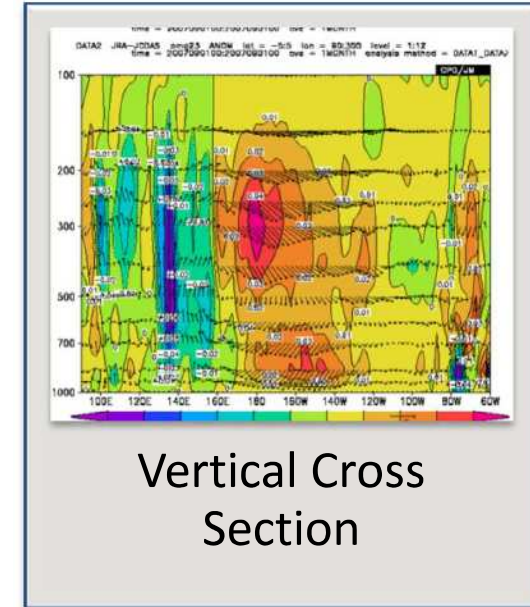
Example Charts



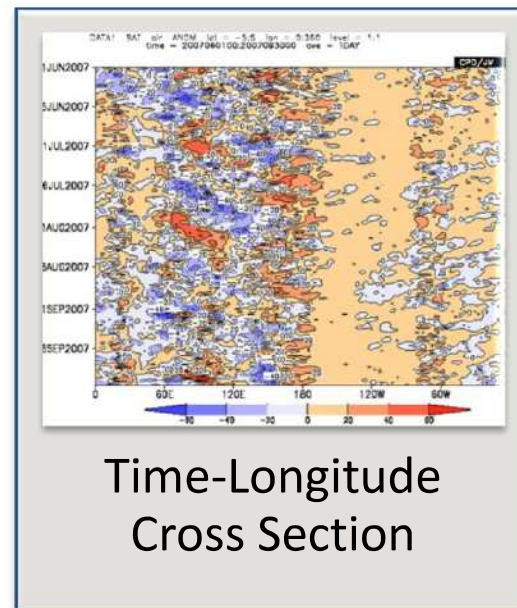
Latitude-Longitude
Map



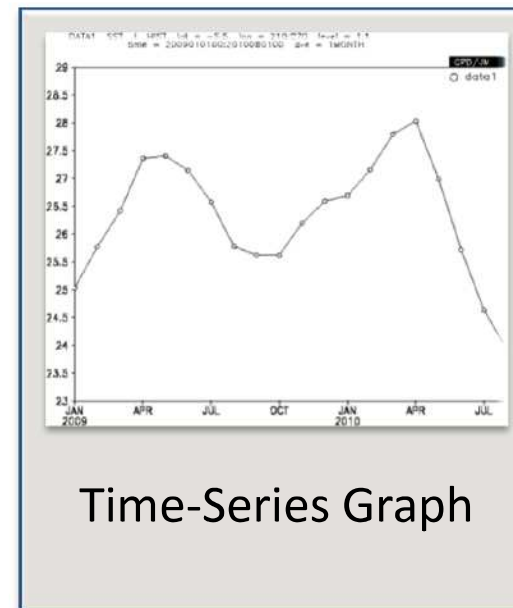
Polar Stereographic
Map



Vertical Cross
Section

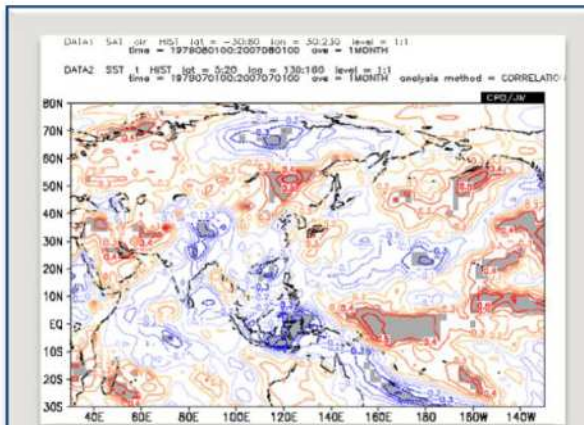


Time-Longitude
Cross Section

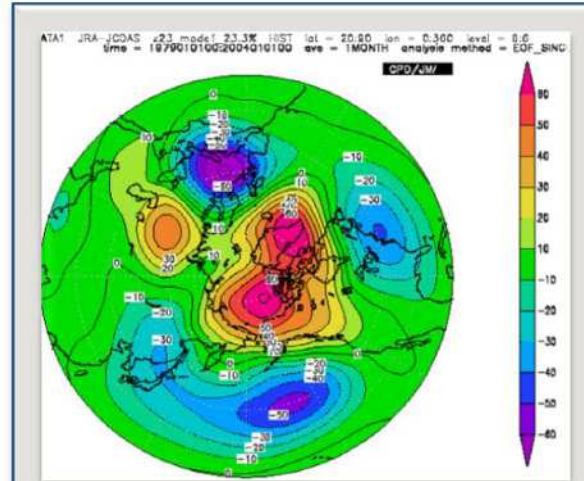


Time-Series Graph

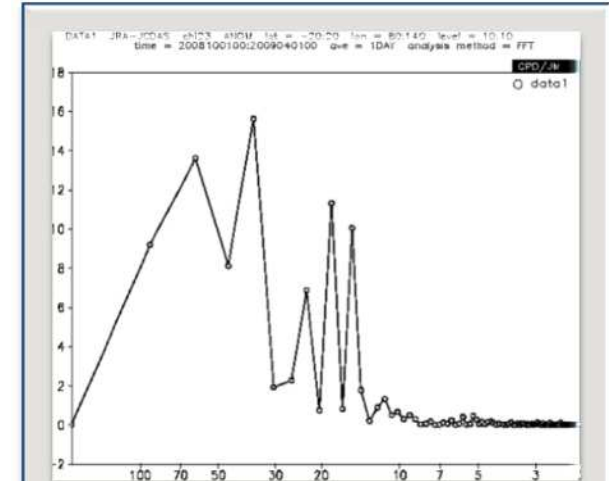
Examples of Statistical Analysis



A Correlation Analysis between SST over East of Philippines and OLR with one-month Lag



An EOF Analysis on 500hPa Height



A Fourier Analysis on Area-Averaged 200hPa Stream Function

Available Datasets

Dataset	Data Description
JRA/JCDAS	<p>Atmospheric Circulation Data by Climate Data Assimilation System of JMA Period for normal : 1979-2004 http://jra.kishou.go.jp/JRA-25/index_en.html</p>
SAT	<p>Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Derived from observations by polar orbital satellites of NOAA Provided by CPC/NCEP/NOAA Period for normal : 1979-2004</p>
ODAS	<p>Oceanic Circulation Data by Ocean Data Assimilation System of JMA Period for normal : 1987-2006</p>
SST	<p>Sea Surface Temperature Analysis for Climate Monitoring by JMA Period for normal : 1971-2000 http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/cobesst_doc.html</p>
INDEX	<p>El Niño Monitoring Indices calculated from monthly Sea Surface Temperature Period for normal : 1971-2000 http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/index/Readme.txt</p>
CLIMAT	<p>Monthly World Climate Data from CLIMAT CLIMAT : Messages via the GTS line from WMO members Period for normal : Temperature and Precipitation ,1971-2000 Other elements, 1961-1990 http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/elnino/index/Readme.txt</p>

How to obtain an account of the ITACS (1)

Access to the web site of Tokyo Climate Center

Go to the Introduction page of the ITACS

URL <http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/index.html>

ITACS : Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System

The ITACS is a web-based application for climatological analysis.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) has developed the ITACS to assist National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in analyzing the causes of extreme climate events. The ITACS will enable users not only to monitor current climate conditions but also to analyze the characteristics and factors that are related with extreme and extreme climatic events. Those who are, basically, NMHSs, interested in using the ITACS are required to submit application to JMA in order to receive permission of the use ([Application for using the ITACS page](#)).

For using the ITACS, users are required only to access the Internet through major web browsers, but not necessary to set up any programs and download any data sets.

Welcome to Tokyo Climate Center

Home World Climate Climate System Monitoring El Niño Monitoring NWP Model Prediction Global Warming Climate in Japan Training Module News Archive

HOME

Main Products

- World Climate
- Climate System Monitoring
- El Niño Monitoring
- NWP Model Prediction
- Global Warming
- Climate and Outlook in Japan

What's New

- 26 October 2010 **W NE**
Grounds for Three-month Outlook (November 2010 to January 2011)
- 15 October 2010 **W NE**
New Release: Monthly Highlights on Climate System (September 2010)
- 14 October 2010 **W NE**
Updated Information: Global Average Surface Temperature Anomalies - Monthly Anomalies (September 2010)
- 14 October 2010 **W NE**
Updated Information: World Climate - Monthly Report (September 2010)
- 13 October 2010 **W NE**
Updated Information: El Niño Outlook (October 2010 - January 2011)
- 12 October 2010 **W NE**
Updated Information: Climate in Japan - Monthly Report (September 2010)
- 30 September 2010 **W NE**
Proceedings of Regional Workshop on Climate Monitoring and Analysis of Climate Variability: Implementation of Climate Watch System in RA II with focus on monsoon affected areas (Beijing, China, 10-13 October 2009)
- 29 September 2010 **W NE**
Grounds for Cold Season Outlook (December 2010 - February 2011)
- 28 September 2010 **W NE**
Grounds for Three-month Outlook (October - December 2010)
- 16 September 2010 **W NE**
Primary Factors of Extremely Hot Summer 2010 in Japan

Links

- RA II Regional Climate Center (RCC) Network Homepage
- WMO DDB (Various Climate-related Products and Data)
- Monthly Climate Statistics for Japan
- Satellite Imagery of AMSAT-1R
- Tropical Cyclone Advisory ; Tokyo Typhoon Center
- Japanese 25-year Reanalysis Project (JRA-25)
- JRA-25 Atlas **W NE**
- World Data Center for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG)
- RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center
- Meteorological Research Institute, JMA
- Meteorological Satellite Center, JMA
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- GCOS Surface Network

TCC News (latest issue)

- Introduction to ITACS**

Tutorial

Tutorial of the ITACS is available as a PDF file.

- [Tutorial of the ITACS](#) (2.85MB)

Application for using the ITACS

If you are interested in using the ITACS, please move to [Application for using the ITACS page](#).

How to obtain an account of the ITACS (2)

Read Conditions of Use
and, if agree, click "Accept" button

Fill Required Information and
Submit (click "OK")

Application for using the ITACS

Please read the *Conditions of Use* outlined below before applying to JMA to use the *Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System* (ITACS). The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) will examine applications and, if the application is accepted, issue ID and password.

JMA permits persons at National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to use the ITACS.

Conditions of Use

1. Users should provide user information including name, affiliation, e-mail address and purpose of data use.
2. The use of figures and/or data produced by ITACS for commercial purposes is prohibited.
3. Users should not let any third party use the ID/password information issued, and should keep this information private at all times.
4. The use of ITACS should be duly acknowledged in scientific or technical publications, press releases or other communications.

Sample of citation:

- The figures and statistical analysis in this study were obtained from the Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System (ITACS) of the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The data source used in ITACS should be properly acknowledged in scientific or technical publications, press releases or other communications. If the user causes excessive server load or inappropriate use, e.g., if a user causes excessive server load, the Japan Meteorological Agency will disable the offending ID. IDs disabled for more than one year. Those wishing to reactivate IDs should contact the ITACS administrator.

Disclaimer

Please note that although JMA has taken the utmost care in creating the functions of ITACS, it assumes no responsibility regarding the system's reliability. JMA accepts no responsibility for any damage that may result from the use of ITACS.

JMA reserves the right to change or delete information on this site without prior notice. JMA accepts no responsibility for any inconvenience that may result from such changes or deletion.

Accept

Decline

ITACS User Application

Please fill in the following blanks in English.

Name:(Full name)

Affiliation: Please write an organization name in detail.

(e.g. Climate Prediction Division, Japan Meteorological Agency)

(If you are a retiree or resigned person, please write your former affiliation like former XXXX.)

Address of affiliation: (Country only. e.g. Japan, USA, UK, ... etc.)

E-mail address:

(A specific domain name of your affiliation is required.)

Purpose of use:

Simply giving "study" or "research" is not acceptable.

(e.g. Research of activities of East Asian summer monsoon)

OK

A guidance mail will be sent to the applied address within a few days.

Acceptable characters are followings

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