Subseasonal prediction of wintertime East Asian temperature based on atmospheric teleconnections

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# **Motivation**



- Weekly probabilistic forecast of the wintertime North American
  T2m out to 6 weeks based on the MJO, ENSO, and linear trend.
- The **phase** information is the key to capture changes in the **Gaussian distribution** of the extratropical T2m response.

Johnson et al., *Weather and Forecasting*, 2014 NOAA CPC Week 3-4 Outlooks

# Why the atmospheric teleconnection patterns?

- Low-frequency variability of the atmosphere can be predominantly described by recurrent and persistent teleconnection patterns.
  - With strong tropical convection, teleconnections can persist longer than 2 weeks (Dai et al. 2017).
  - The surface temperature anomalies may last longer than the circulation anomalies do.
- East Asia may *not be geographically suited* to benefit from the impact of the ENSO or MJO.
  - The poleward propagating Rossby waves, excited by ENSO or MJO, propagate downstream to North America.

### Wintertime T2m hindcast of GloSea5

#### simulated by KMA



DJF HSS (GloSea5)

#### **Domain averaged HSS values**



# **NH teleconnection patterns**

- North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO)
- East Atlantic (EA)
- East Atlantic/Western Russia (EAWR)
- Scandinavia (SCAND)
- Polar/Eurasia (PE)
- West Pacific (WP)
- East Pacific-North Pacific (EP-NP)
- Pacific/North American (PNA)
- Tropical/Northern Hemisphere (TNH)\*
- Pacific Transition (PT)

Rotated Principal Component Analysis on Z500 over 20N-90N (Barnston and Livezey MWR 1987)

#### **Composites of DJF T2m anomalies**



by 0.5 stddev

# **Phase model construction**

- The 7-day running averaged T2m anomaly
  - 1 week (day 4 10)
  - 2 week (day 11 17)
- Terciles at each grid point for each calendar day
  - T2m distribution centered at the chosen day with 21-d window
- Gaussian distribution
  - for a climate mode, its phases, and chosen lags,
  - compute mean and stddev.
- Validation
  - Cross-year-out validation

# **Statistical model prediction based on EAWR**

Dots: the statistical significance at the 95th percentile using Monte Carlo resampling by reshuffling individual seasons

DJF HSS (EAWR)



### **Active phases only**

# Enhanced skillsNonlinear relations



#### **Domain averaged HSS for EAWR**



### **Including the linear trend**



#### Predictions for lead time of 1 week

#### DJF HSS (Lag +1 wk)



### **Including the linear trend**



# **Calibration func.**

Each star contains 10% of the forecasts.



### <u>Summary</u>

- Seven NH atmospheric teleconnection patterns are employed for wintertime subseasonal prediction of SAT.
  - For East Asia, the EAWR, SCAND, and PE patterns, which are positioned upstream of the region, make a substantial contribution.
    - Our approach using atmospheric teleconnections has implications for other regions of the globe.
- The statistical model generates forecasts that show comparable skill with that of dynamical model at a lead time of 3-4 wks and longer.

# Thank you



### The results of Johnson et al.



# Heidke Skill Score (HSS)

$$HSS = \frac{(H - E)}{(T - E)} \times 100$$

- H: the number of categories forecast correctly
- E: the expected number of categories forecast correctly just by chance
- T: the total number of forecasts
- HSS = -50 : completely wrong set of forecasts
- HSS = 100 : perfect set of forecasts
- HSS = 0 : the expected HSS for a randomly generated forecast