

# ENSO prediction using an earth system model incorporating a high-resolution tropical ocean nesting model

Eddy resolving  
(~0.1 degree)

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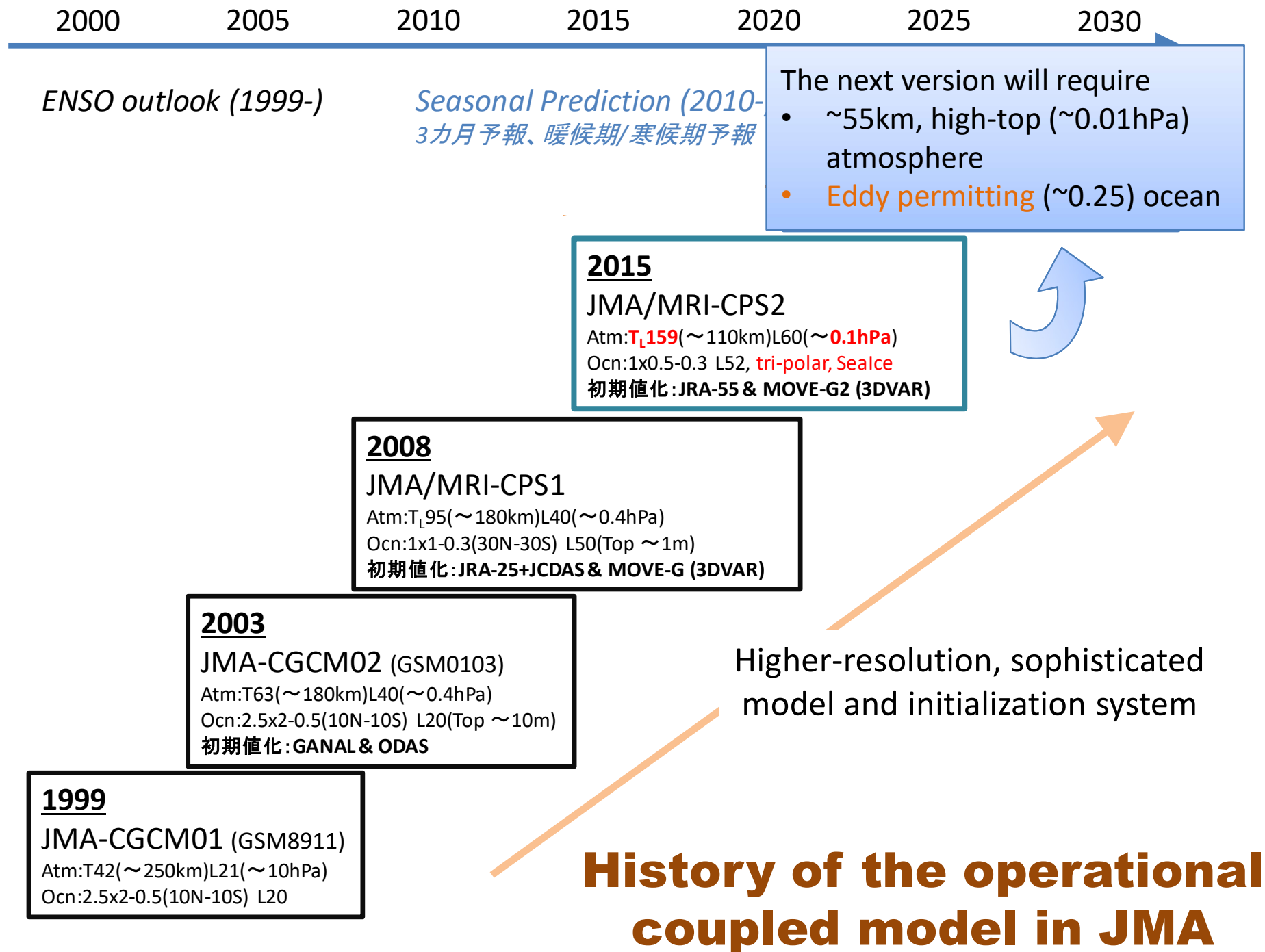
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2000

2005

2010

2015

2020

2025

2030

*ENSO outlook (1999-)**Seasonal Prediction (2010-)**月予報、暖候期/寒候期予報*

**Breakthrough in seasonal prediction of NAO with high-resolution (~60km), high-top atmosphere and eddy permitting (~0.25 degree) ocean.**  
(Scaife et al. 2016 GRL)

The next version will require

- ~55km, high-top (~0.01hPa) atmosphere
- **Eddy permitting** (~0.25) ocean

**2015**

JMA/MRI-CPS2

Atm: **T<sub>L</sub>159** (~110km) L60 (~**0.1hPa**)Ocn: 1x0.5-0.3 L52, **tri-polar, Sealce**

初期値化: JRA-55 &amp; MOVE-G2 (3DVAR)

**2008**

JMA/MRI-CPS1

Atm: T<sub>L</sub>95 (~180km) L40 (~0.4hPa)

Ocn: 1x1-0.3 (30N-30S) L50 (Top ~1m)

初期値化: JRA-25+JCDAS &amp; MOVE-G (3DVAR)

**2003**

JMA-CGCM02 (GSM0103)

Atm: T63 (~180km) L40 (~0.4hPa)

Ocn: 2.5x2-0.5 (10N-10S) L20 (Top ~10m)

初期値化: GANAL &amp; ODAS

**1999**

JMA-CGCM01 (GSM8911)

Atm: T42 (~250km) L21 (~10hPa)

Ocn: 2.5x2-0.5 (10N-10S) L20

Higher-resolution, sophisticated  
model and initialization system

**History of the operational  
coupled model in JMA**

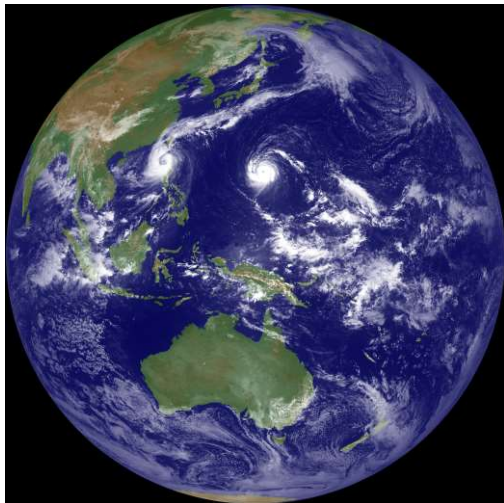
# Purpose

Higher than  
eddy-permitting

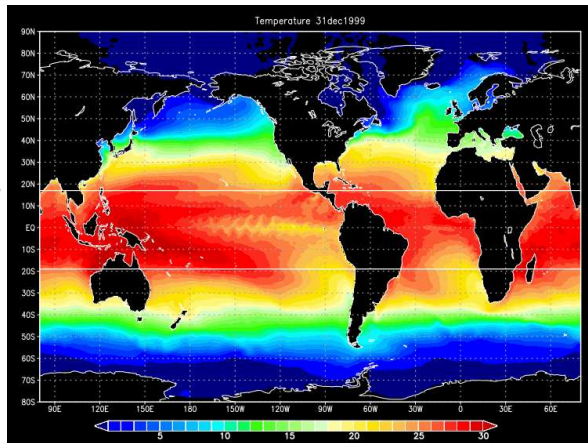
- Can an **eddy resolving** ( $\sim 0.1$  degree) **ocean** model improve the skill of seasonal prediction?
- The problem is computational costs

➔ **Ocean regional nesting model**

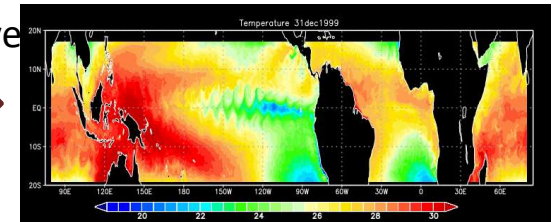
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(TL159xL80; CMIP6 version)



Global ocean model: **GONDOLA\_100**  
(1.0x0.5xL60bbl; CMIP6 version)



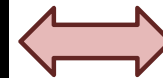
Tropical Ocean model  
(0.2x0.1xL60; 19°S-17°N)



Coupling  
every 1hr



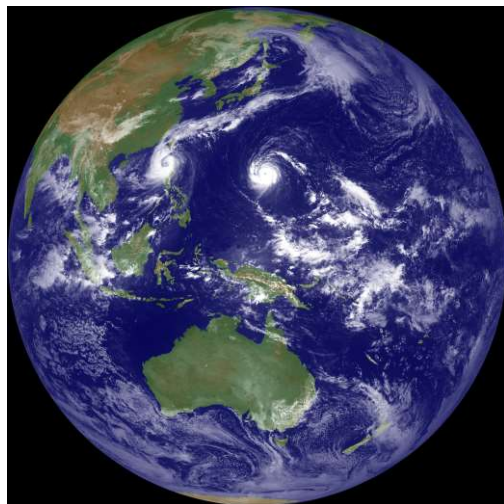
Every time  
step  
Interactive



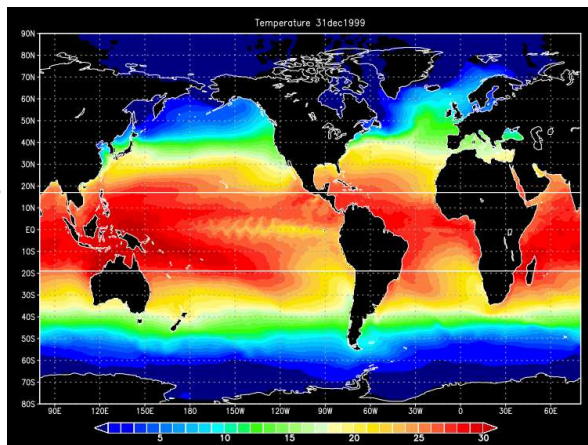
# Experimental Design

- CMIP6-type historical experiment
  - All anthropogenic and natural external forcing are given
  - **CTL**: 1951-2010, **Nesting**: 1951-2010
  - Spinup: first 10 years
- Application to seasonal forecasting (CTL vs Nesting)
  - Initialization: SST nudging (MGDSST,  $\tau=1\text{day}$ ), 1985-2015
  - Hindcast experiments:
    - Initial: 01 Jan, 1991-2015, Ensemble size: 3, 1year forecast

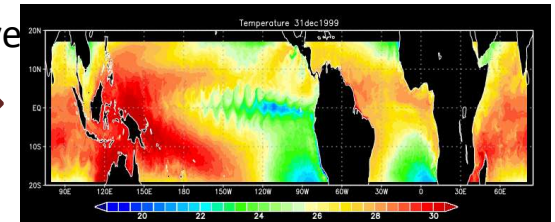
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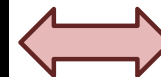
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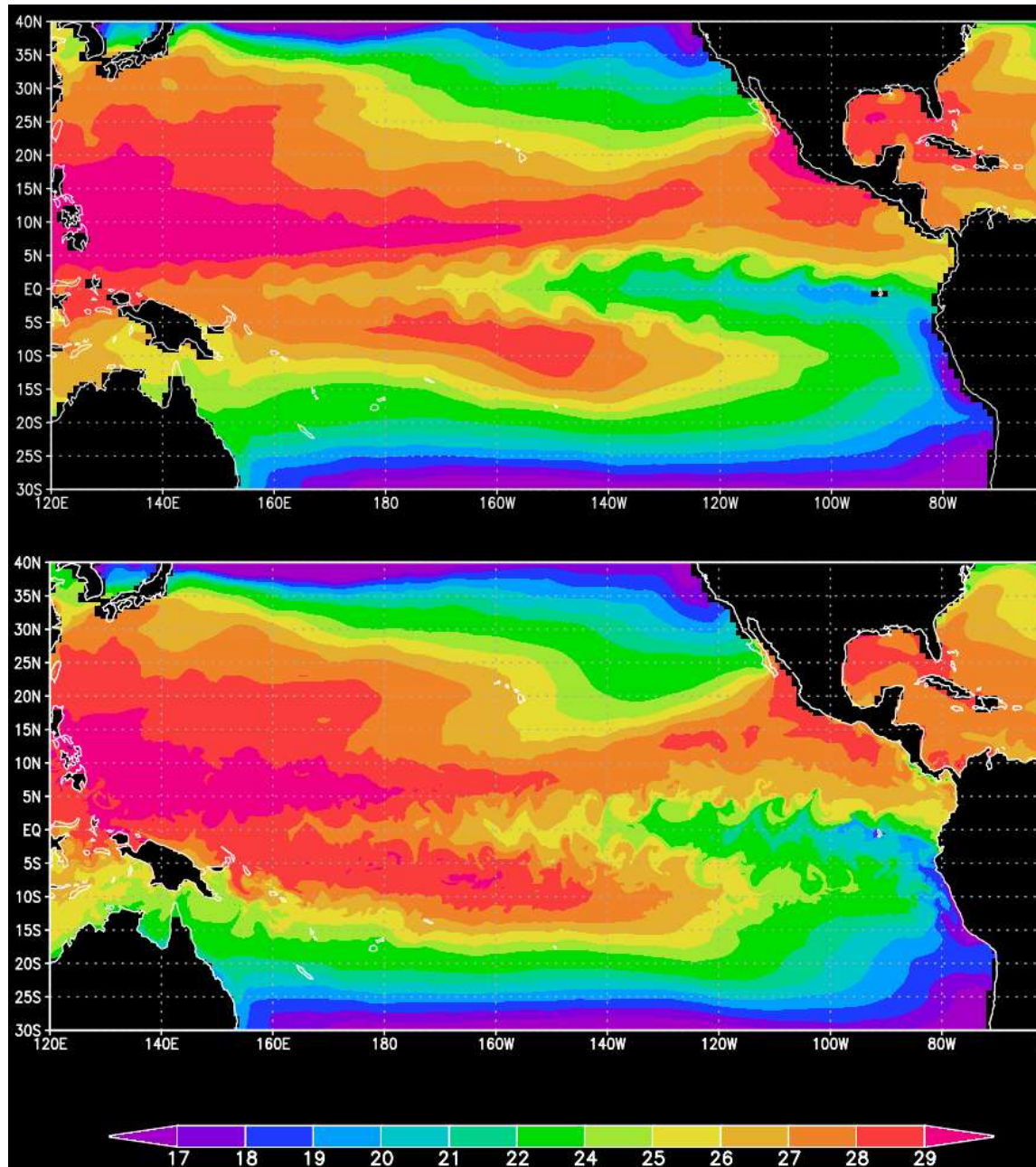
# SST snapshot

CTL

1.0x0.5

Nesting

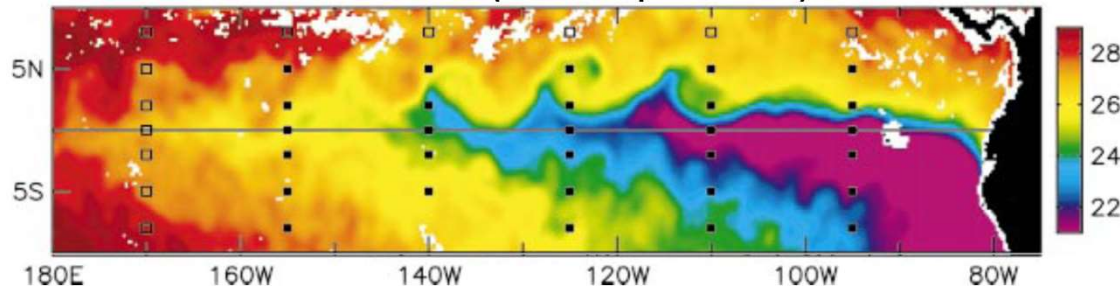
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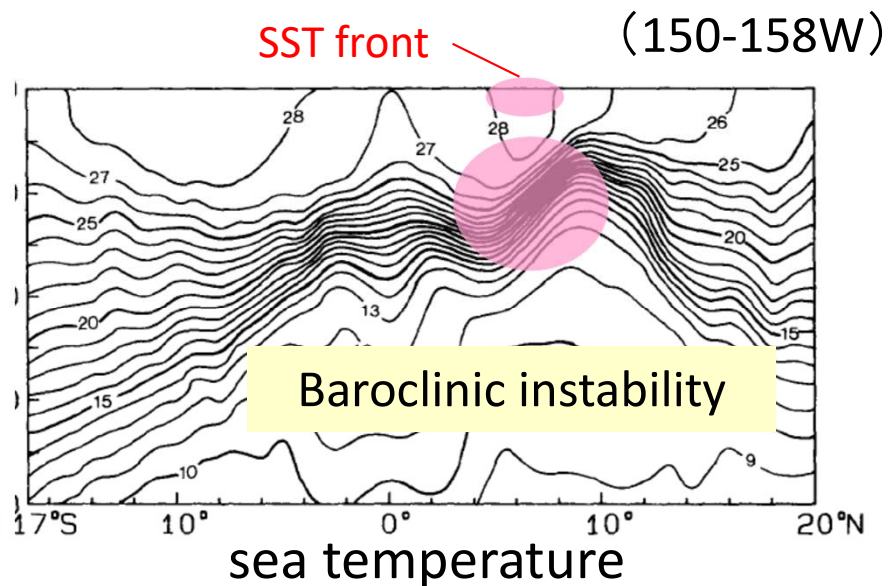
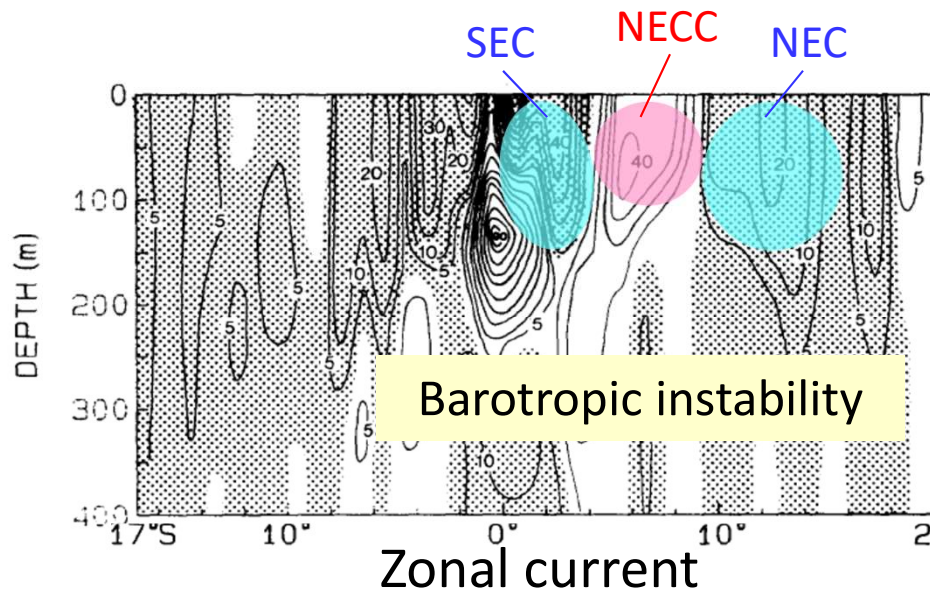
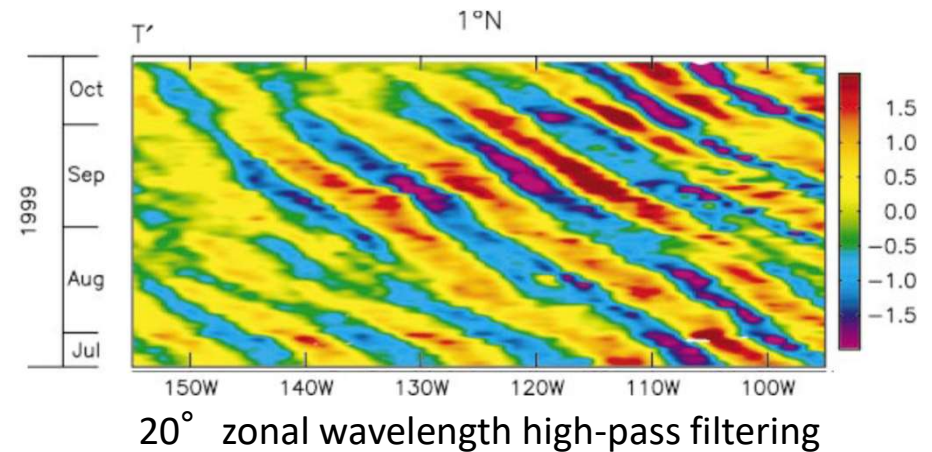
**WHAT IS EXPECTED?**

# Tropical Instability Waves (TIWs)

TMI SST (2-4 Sep. 1999)



- Period 20-40 days
- Wave length 1000—2000km
- Phase speed 0.4-0.6m/s westward
- Dominant during boreal summer and autumn



15 quasi-monthly cruises of the Hawaii-to-Tahiti Shuttle Experiment from Feb. 1979 to Jul. 1980



# Previous Studies

- Roberts et al. 2009 (J. Climate)

- Based on HadGEM1 resolution matrix

- Shidorenko et al. 2015, Rackow et al. 2016 (Clim. Dyn.)

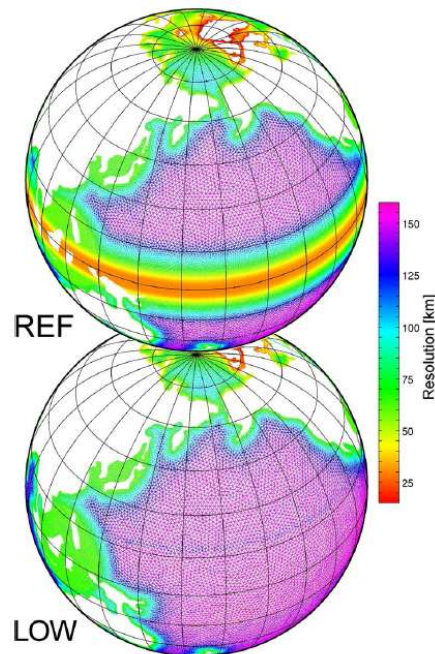
- ECHAM6-FESOM: (Atm: T63L47, top0.01hPa, Ocn: 150km ~ 25km)

- Comparison between default resolution and tropics-low-resolution (~1 deg) version

HadGEM1 resolution matrix

	N96: 1.5°	N144: 1.0°
1/3° ≈33 km	≈135 km Cross-resolution LoHi	≈90 km HiGEM1.1 HiHi
1°–1/3° ≈110 km	HadGEM1.1 LoLo	Cross-resolution HiLo

ECHAM6-FESOM

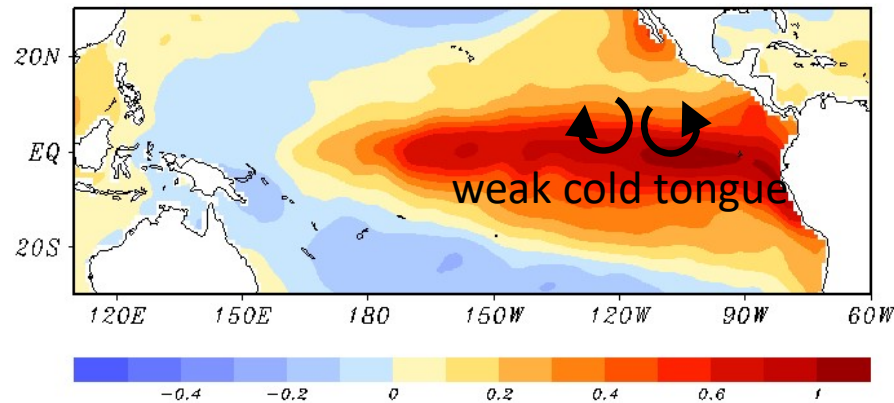


Improvement in

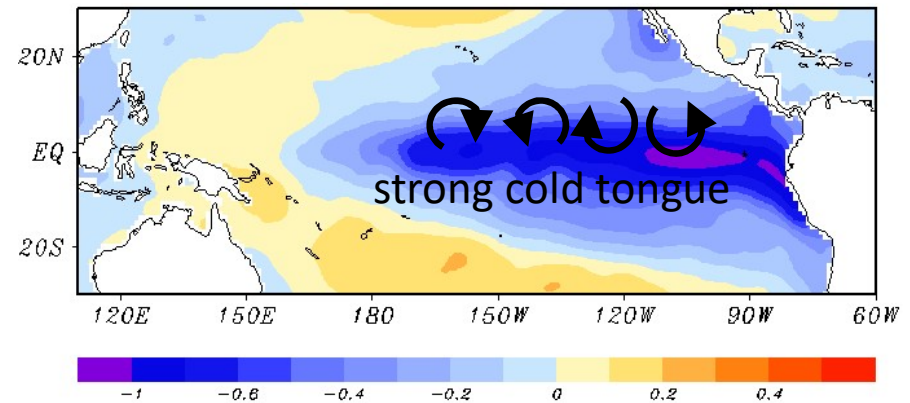
- ✓ **Eddy meridional heat flux due to TIWs -> reduce SST cold biases**
- ✓ Equatorial SST gradient
- ✓ Trade winds
- ✓ **Equatorial zonal currents**
- ✓ Thermocline structure
- ✓ **ENSO spatial distribution**
- ✓ Clearer ENSO peaks in power spectrum

# Asymmetric relationship between TIWs and ENSO

El Niño



La Niña

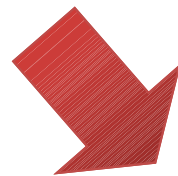


Weakened mean SST gradient Enhanced mean SST gradient



Inactive TIWs

Weak El Niño damping

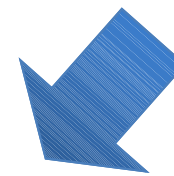


Induce ENSO skewness



Active TIWs

Strong La Niña damping



An (2008, *J. Clim.*)  
Imada et al. (2012, *J. Clim.*)

# Impacts of TIWs on ENSO skewness

- Imada and Kimoto (2012) J. Climate
  - Parameterization of eddy heat transport incorporated to the low-resolution CGCM MIROC3.

Skewness

$$\sqrt{b} = \frac{m_3}{m_2^{3/2}}$$

$$m_k = \overline{(x - \bar{x})^k}$$

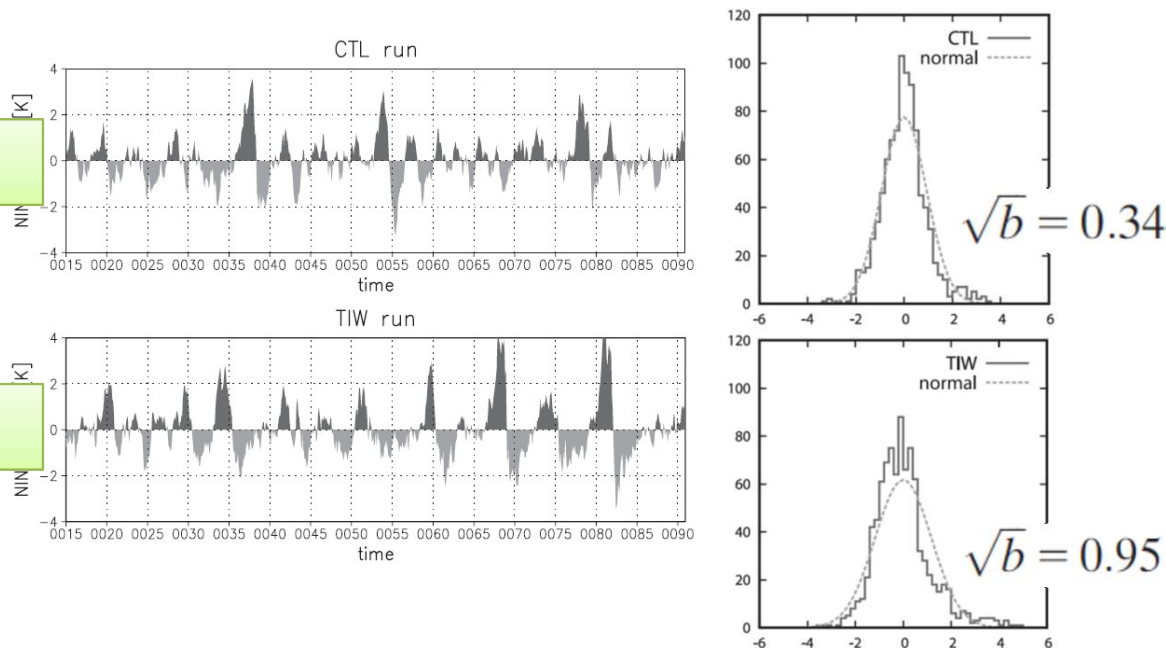
OBS (1950-97)

$$\sqrt{b} = 0.89$$

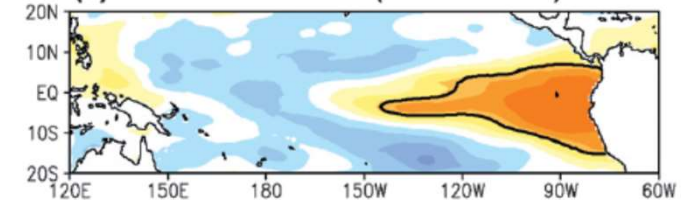
CTL

NINO3

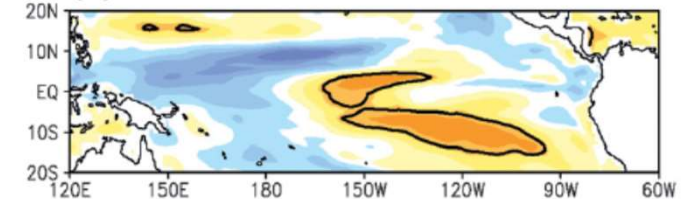
TIW run



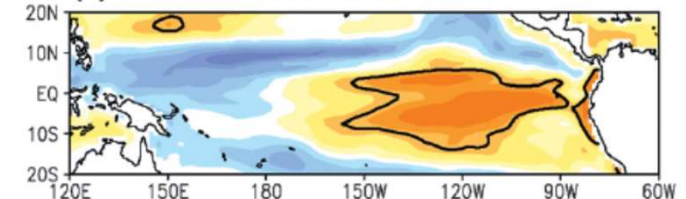
(a) Skewness OBS(1950-2009)



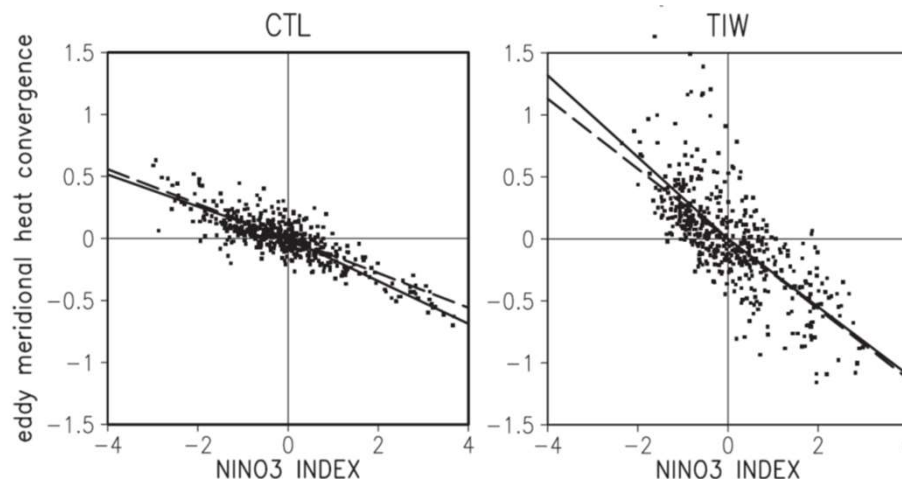
(b) Skewness CTL



(c) Skewness TIW



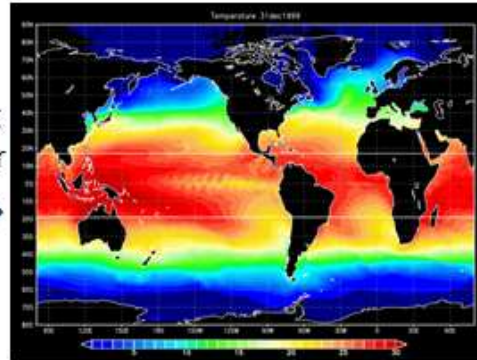
Nonlinear  
Dynamical  
Heating  
(NDH)



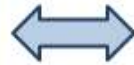
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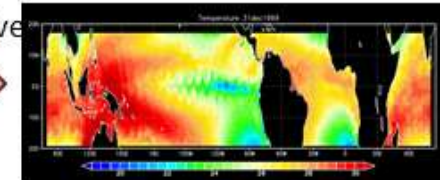
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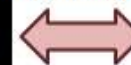
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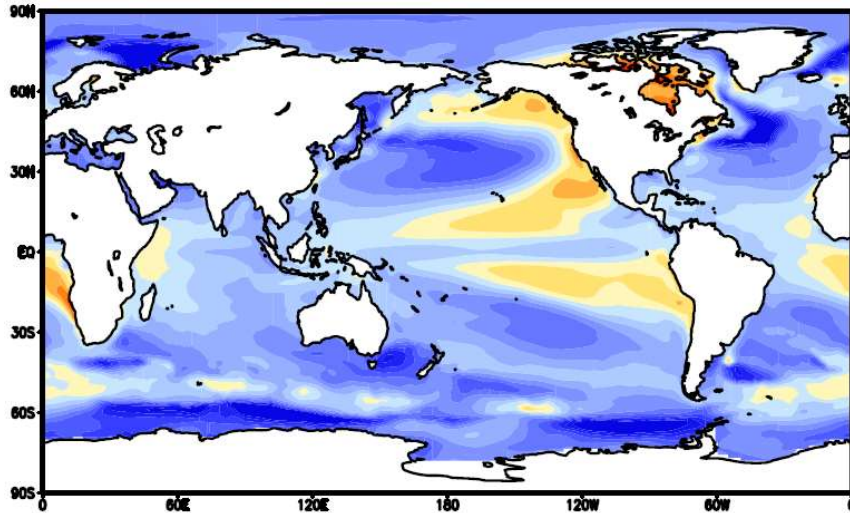
# IMPACTS ON ENSO REPRESENTATION



# Impacts on ocean climatology

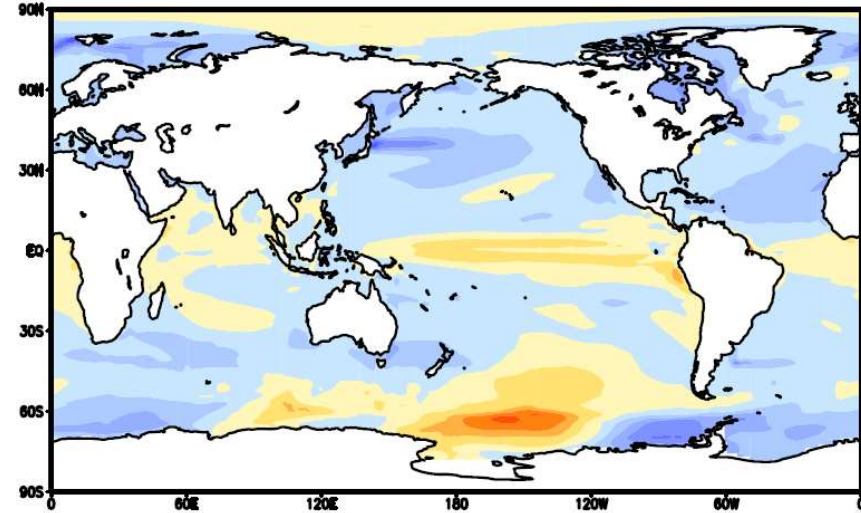
Original SST bias

SST bias Annual



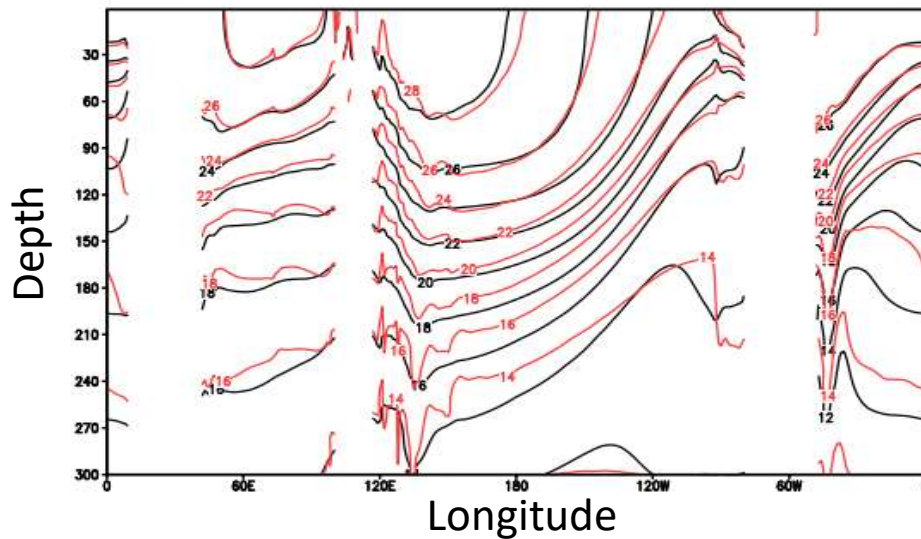
SST Nesting minus CTL

Nest-noNest Annual

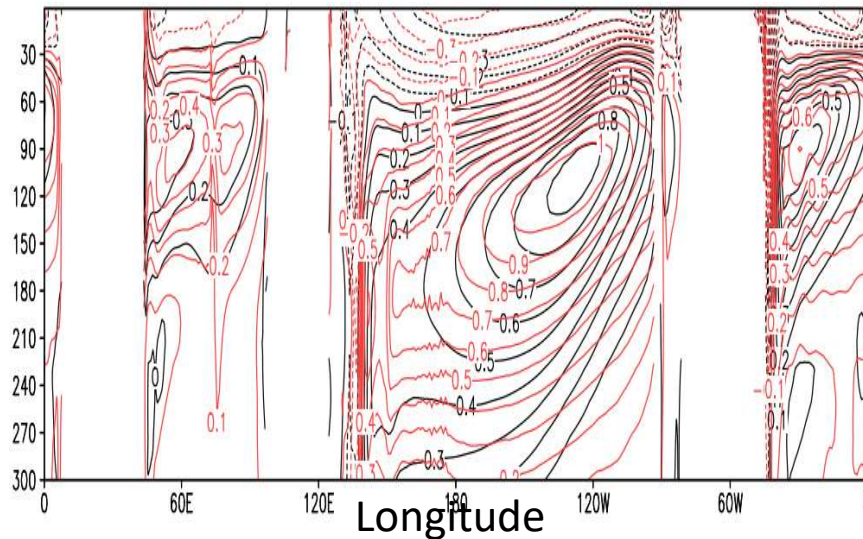


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Ocean temperature @EQ



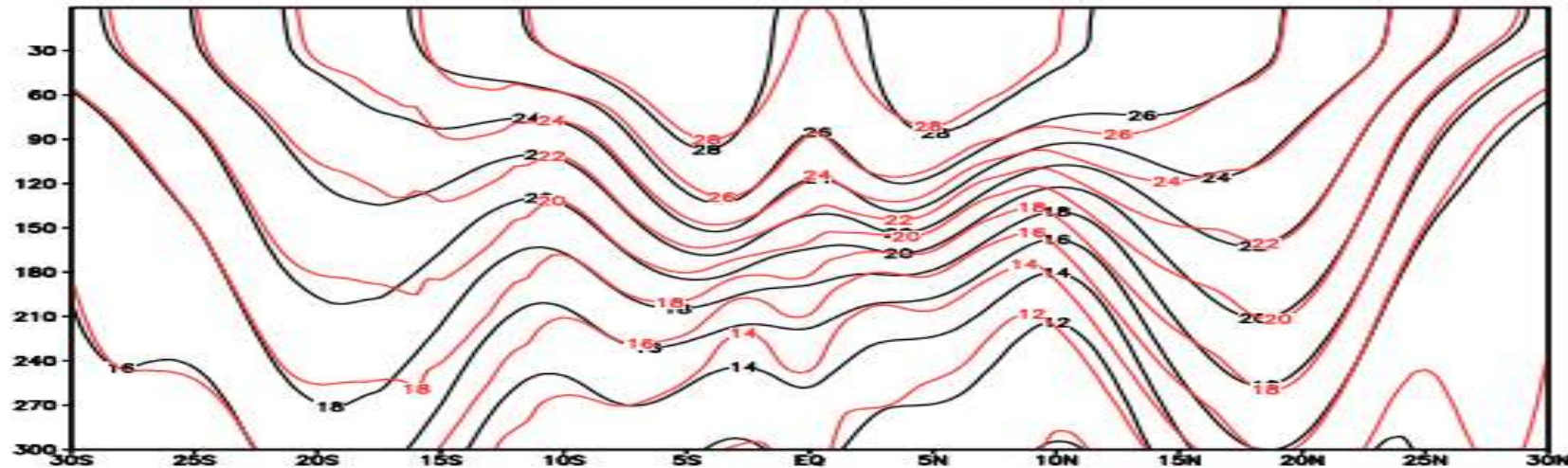
Zonal velocity @EQ



CTL  
Nest

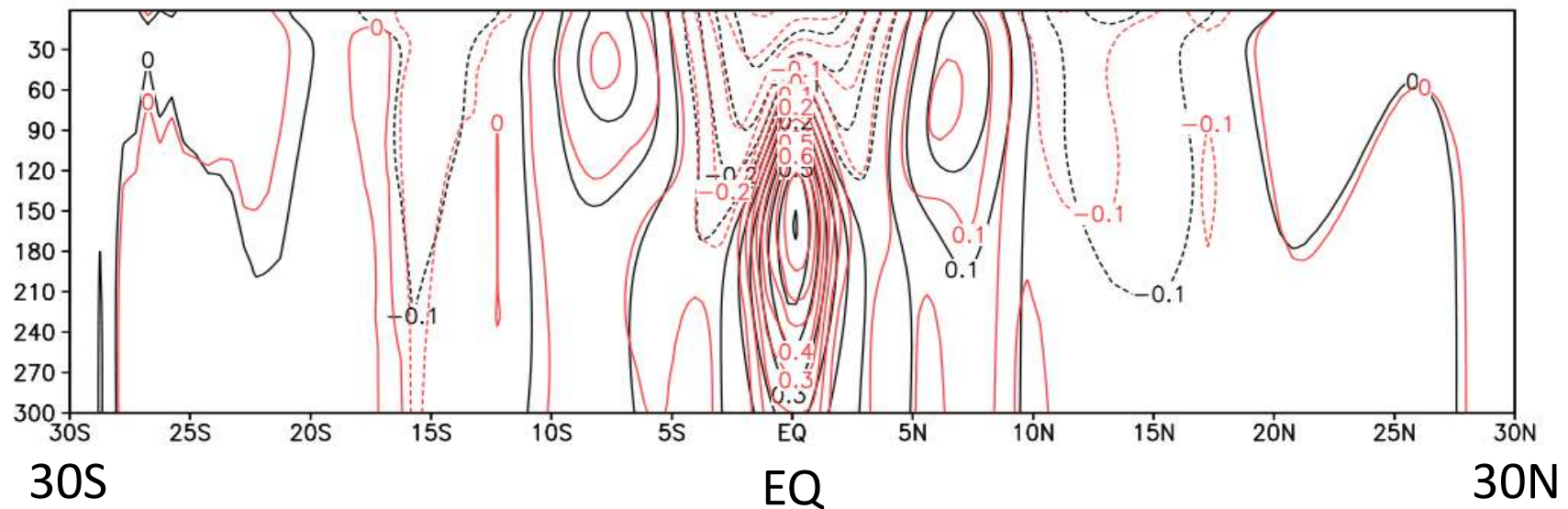
# Impacts on ocean climatology

Ocean temperature @dateline



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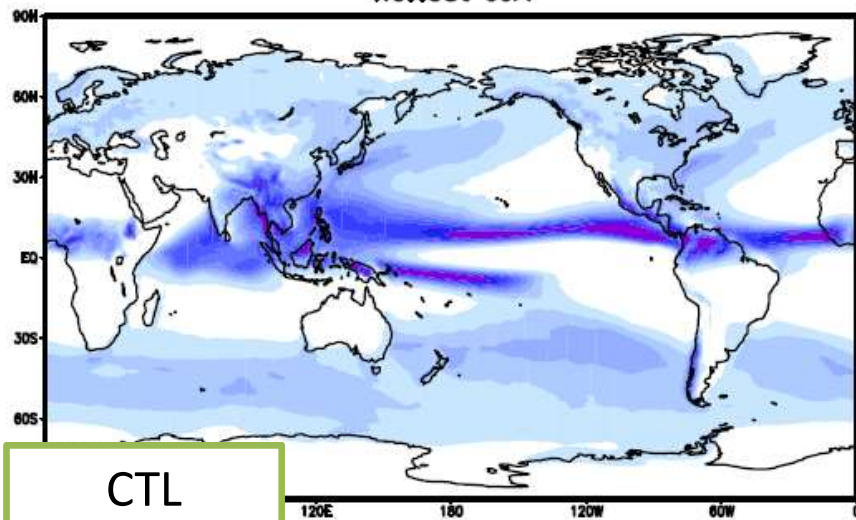
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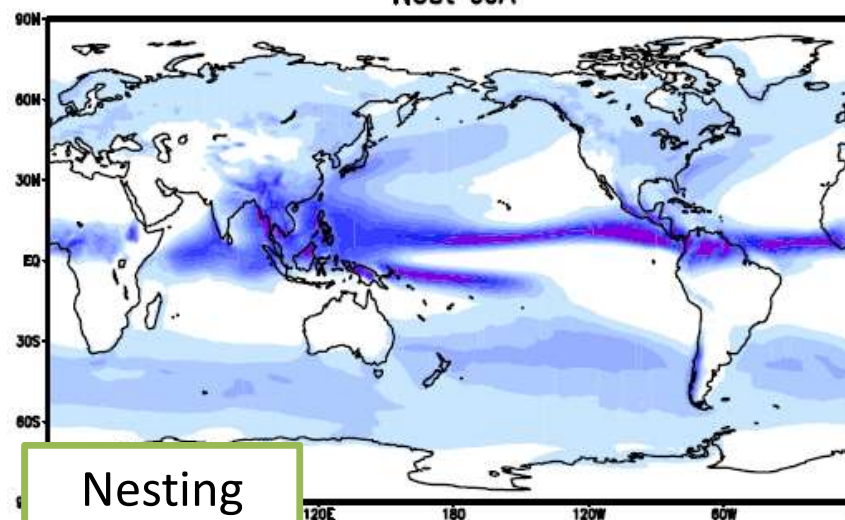


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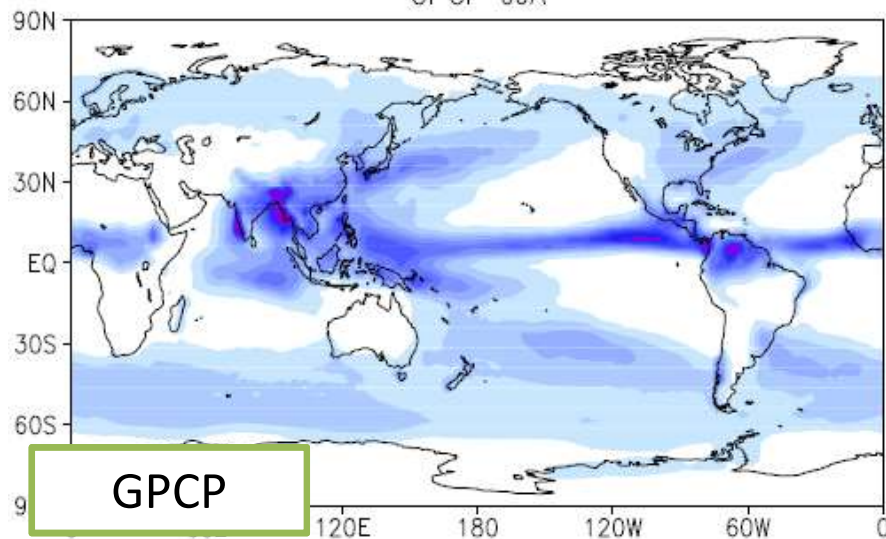
noNest JJA



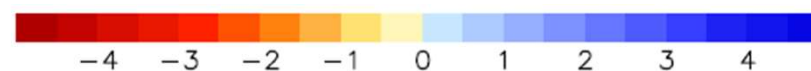
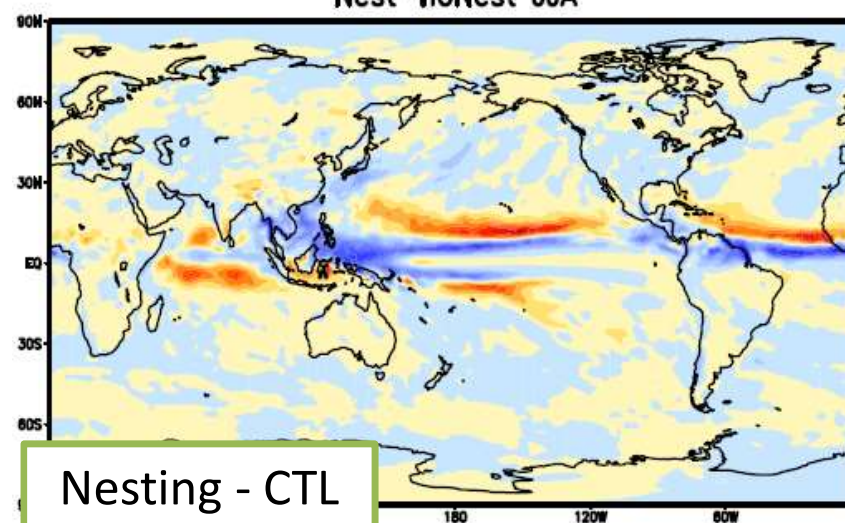
Nest JJA



GPCP JJA

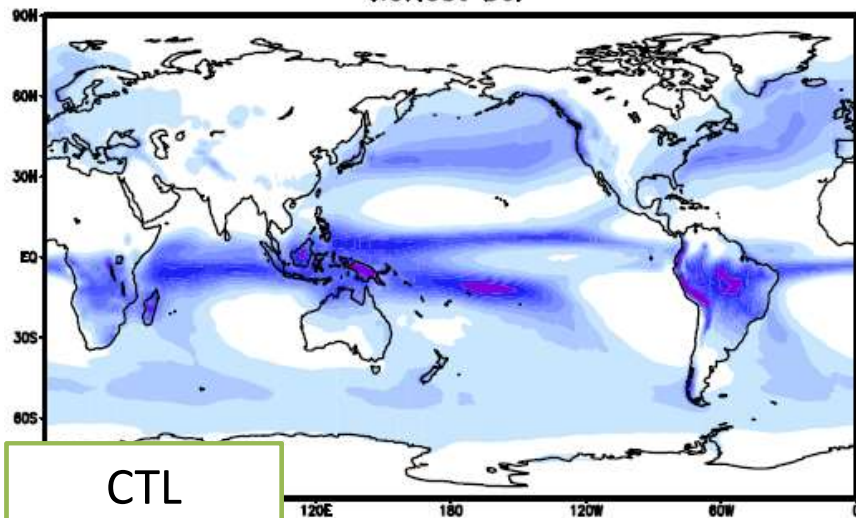


Nest-noNest JJA

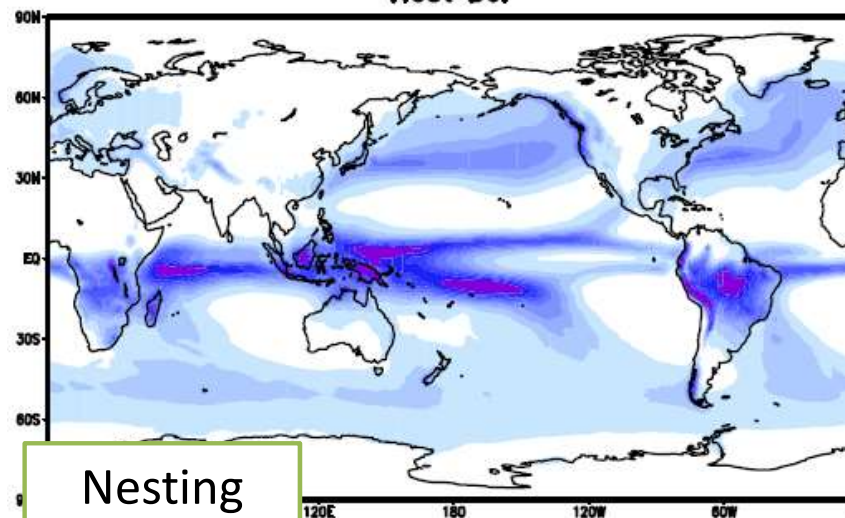


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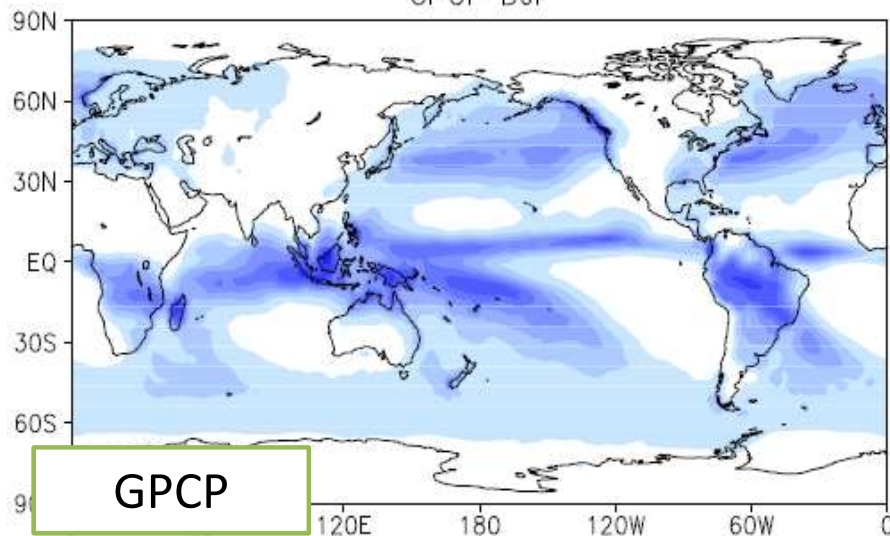
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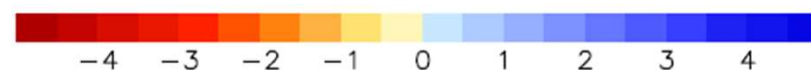
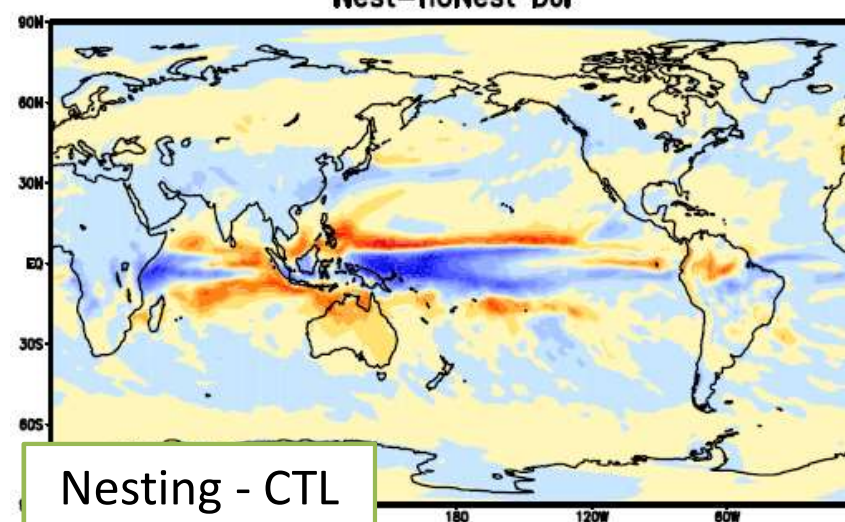
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GPCP DJF

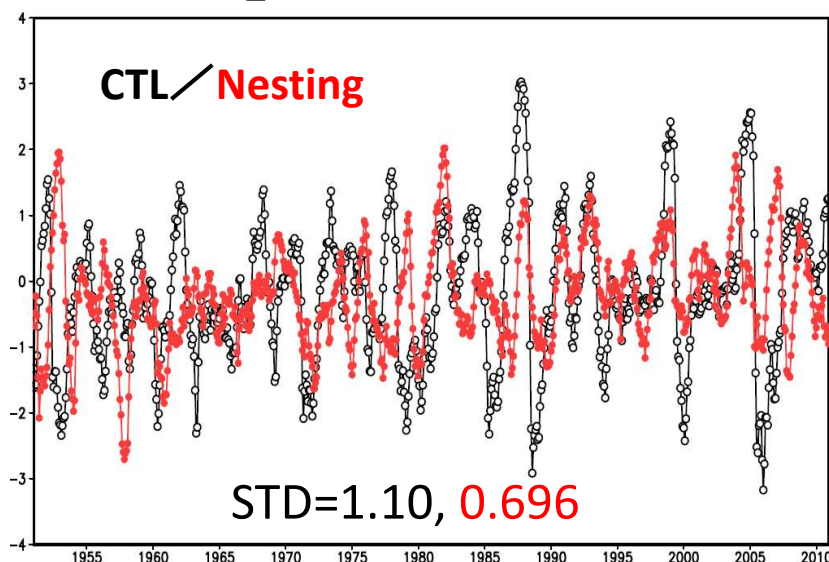


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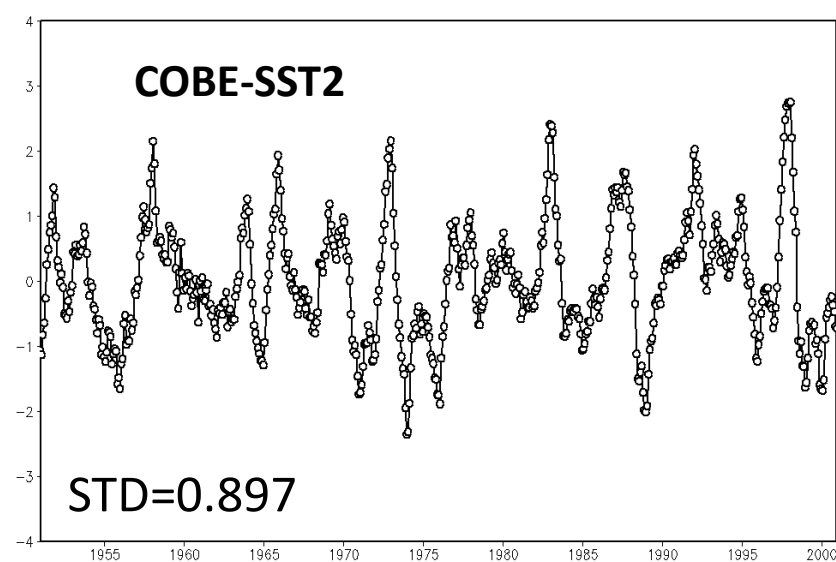




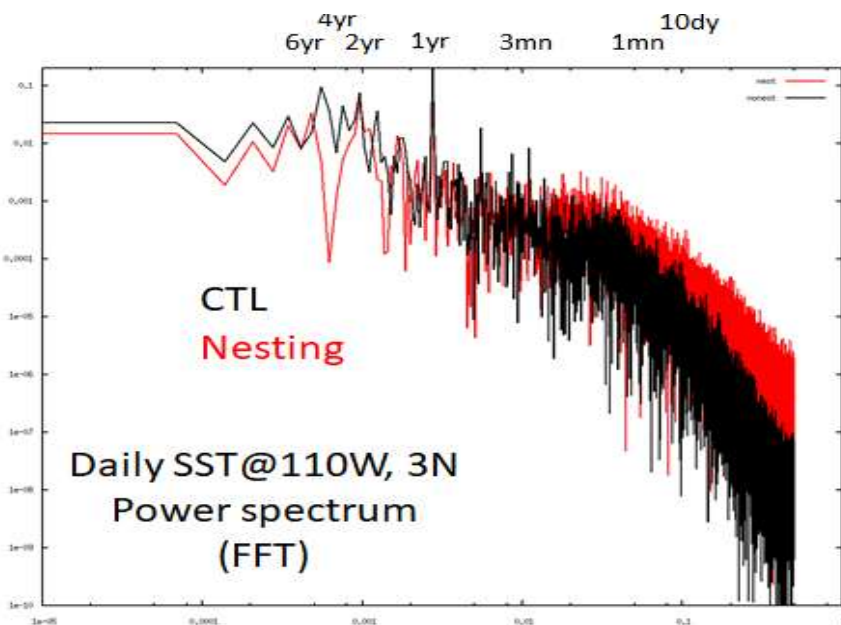
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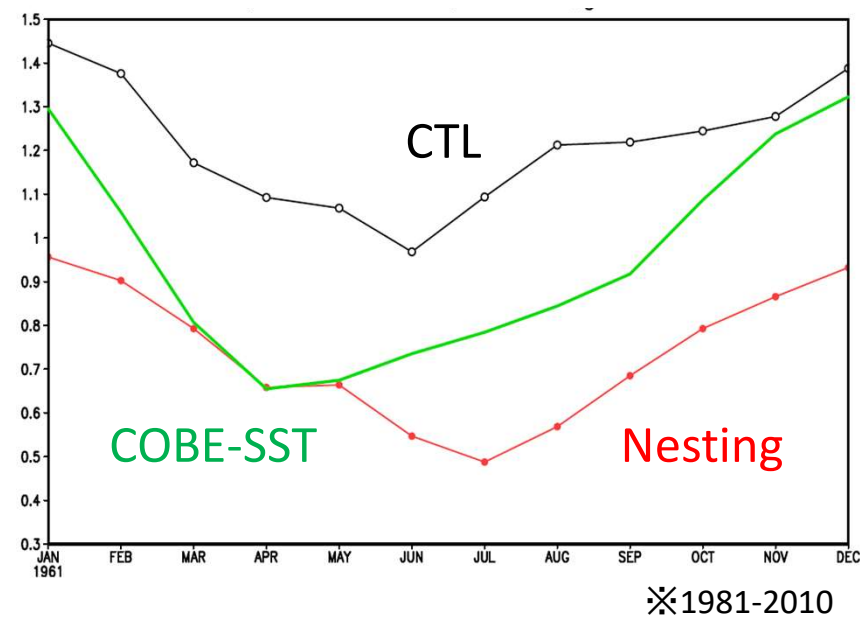
NINO3.4  
✱1961-2010



Power Spectrum for SST daily index at TIW active point



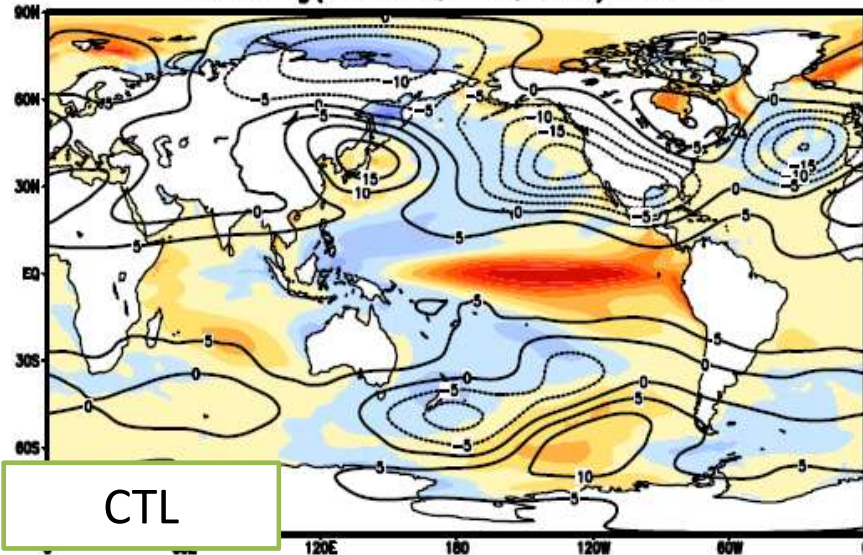
NINO3.4 seasonal phase lock  
(monthly standard deviation)



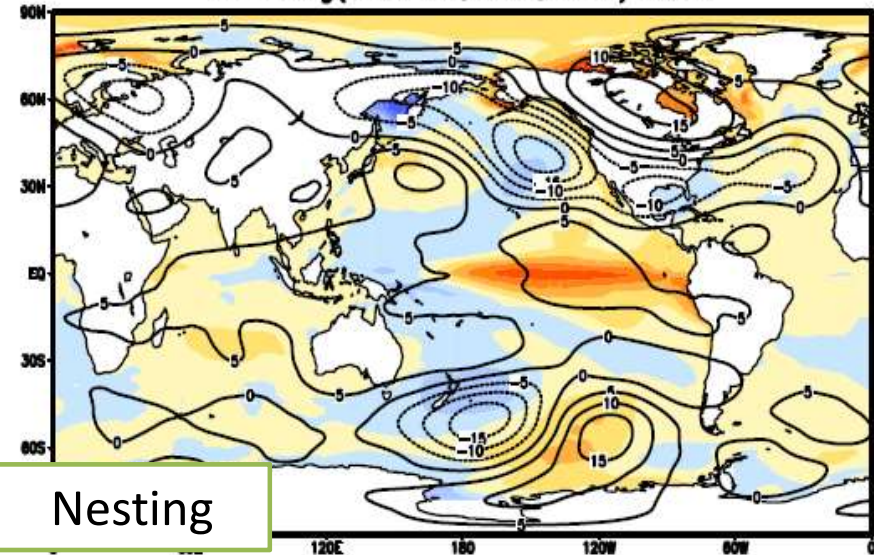


SST and Z500 regressed onto NINO34 (DJF)

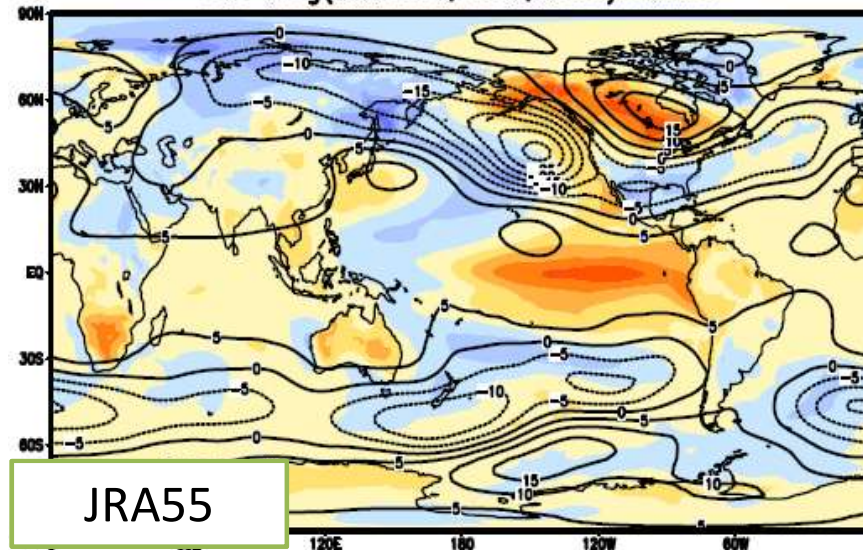
STD+Reg(NINO3.4, SST,Z500) noNest



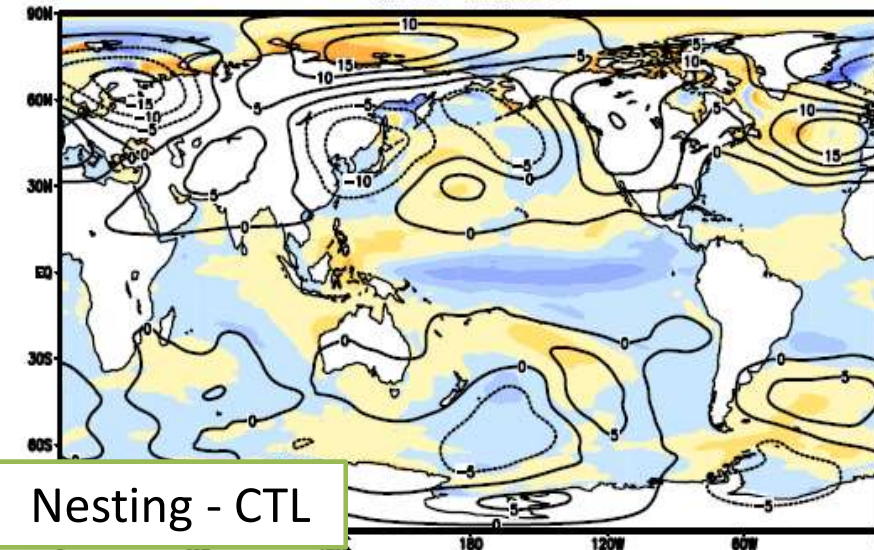
STD+Reg(NINO3.4, SST,Z500) Nest



STD+Reg(NINO3.4, SST,Z500) JRA55



Nest-noNest





Skewness:  $\sqrt{b} = \frac{m_3}{m_2^{3/2}}$   
 $m_k = \overline{(x - \bar{x})^k}$

## Impact on ENSO skewness

CTL

Nesting

OBS(ProjD)

SST

Skewness noNest

Skewness Nest

Skewness ProjD-V7.2

TO@EQ

Skewness noNest

Skewness Nest

Skewness ProjD-V7.2

TO@120W

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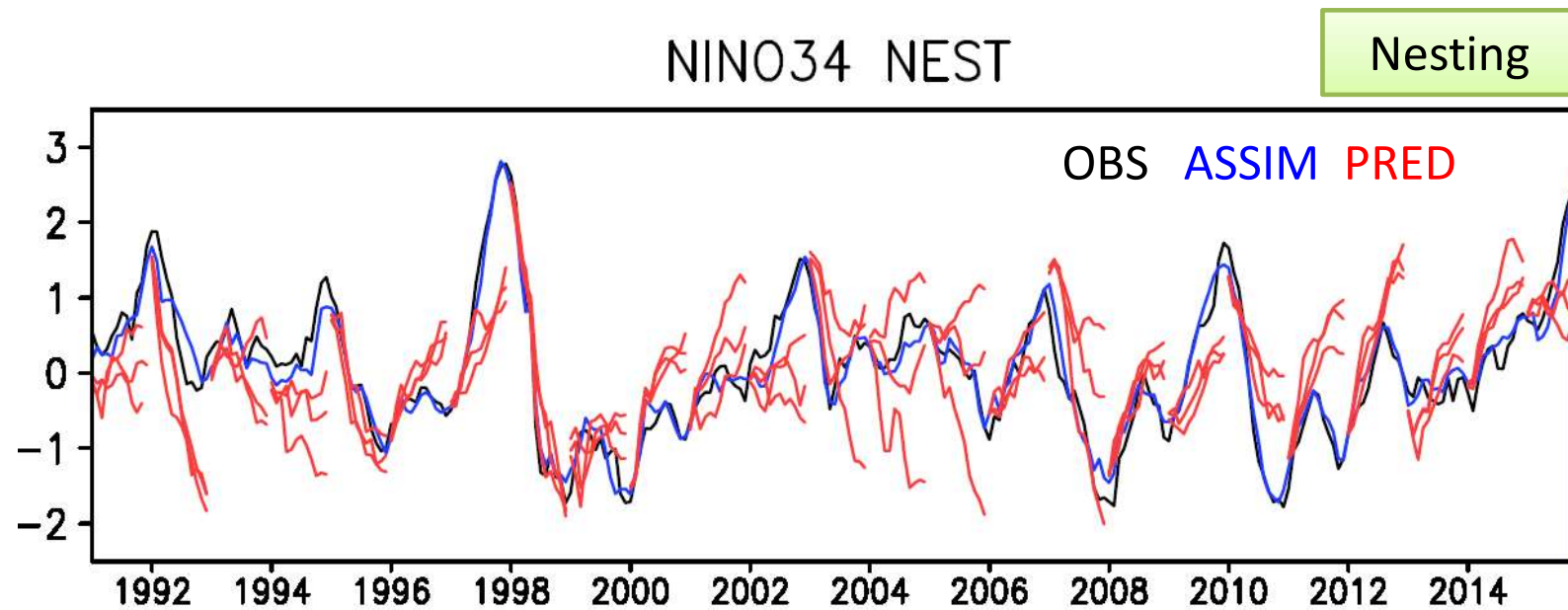
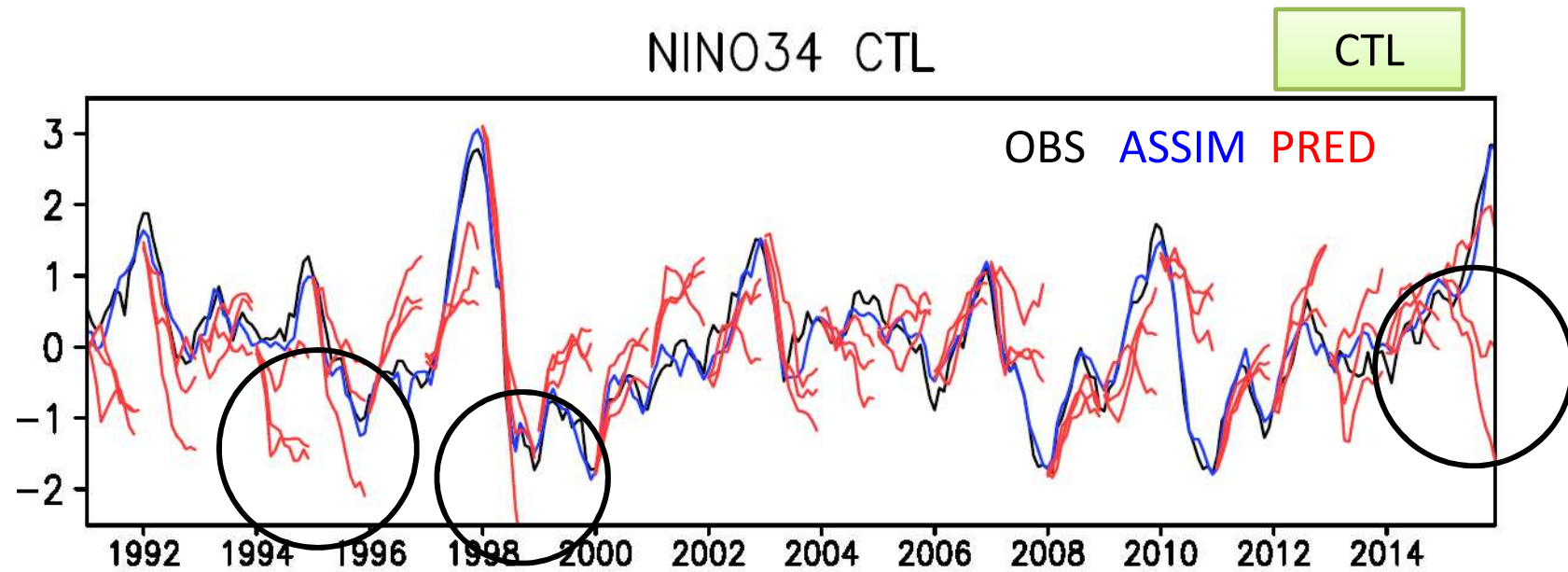
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✖1981-2010

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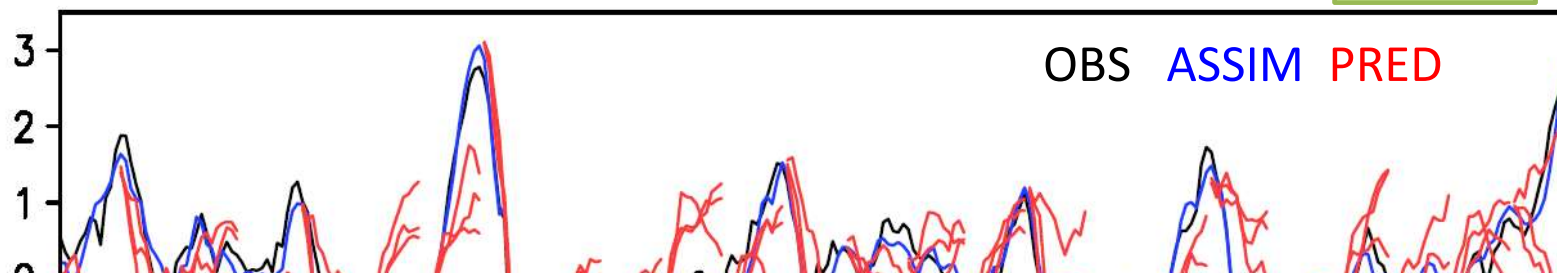




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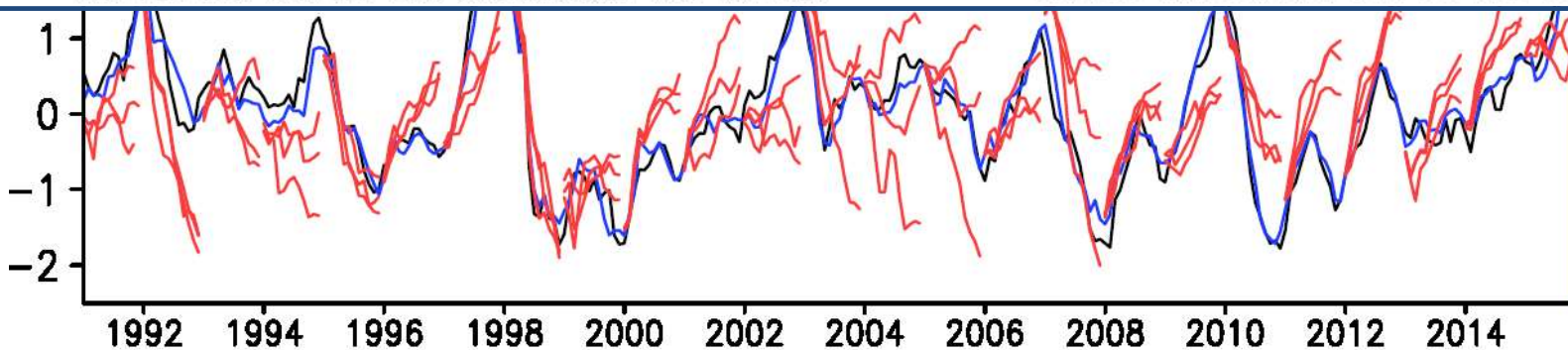
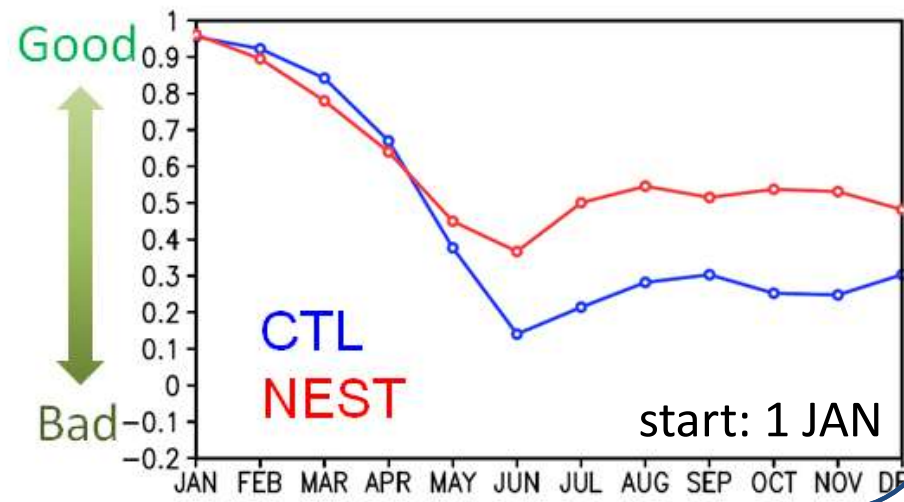
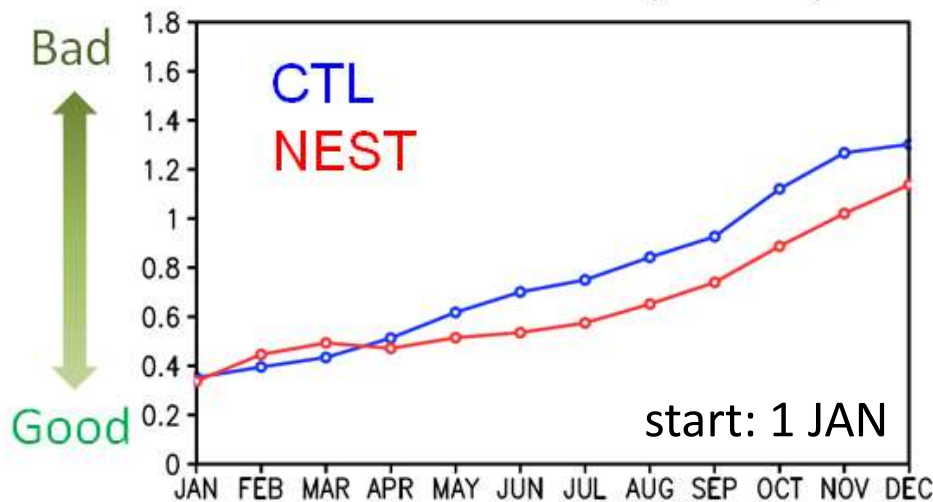
NINO34 CTL

CTL



NINO3.4 Error (RMSE)

NINO3.4 ACC score



# Summary

- For the future JMA operational seasonal prediction system, we assessed the impacts of high-resolution (eddy-resolving) tropical ocean nesting, and found that:
  - TIWs were reasonably simulated.
  - SST cold biases in the tropical Pacific ocean/underestimation of zonal equatorial currents were reduced.
  - Double ITCZ bias was reduced.
  - ENSO anomaly patterns and associated teleconnection patterns were improved.
  - ENSO skewness was improved in the subsurface Pacific Ocean.
- The seasonal prediction skill improved after the spring season. One possible reason is the improved representation of ENSO asymmetry.

**Thank you for your kind attention**

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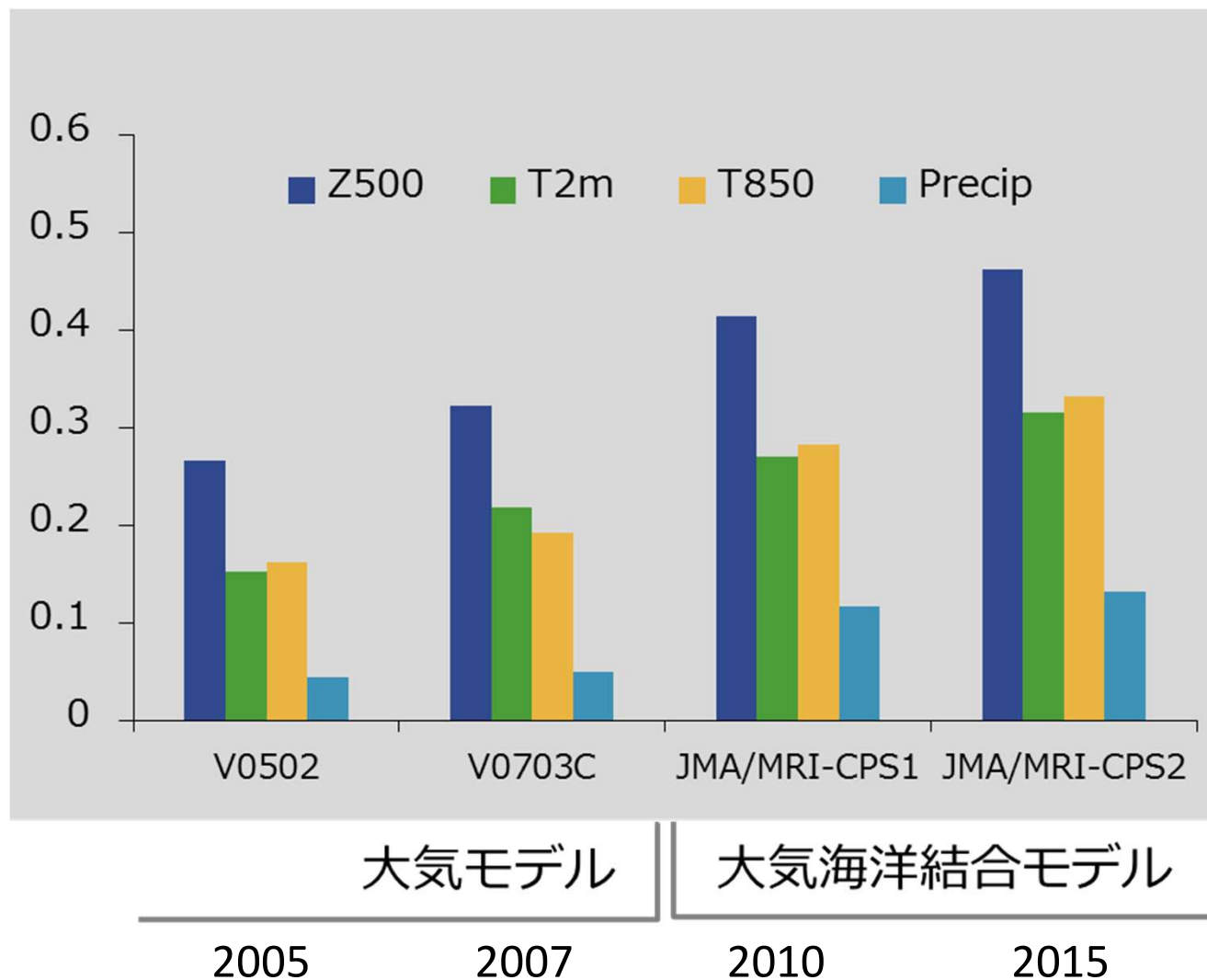
**BACKUP**

# History of operational seasonal prediction in JMA

## 3か月予測のアノマリー相関係数

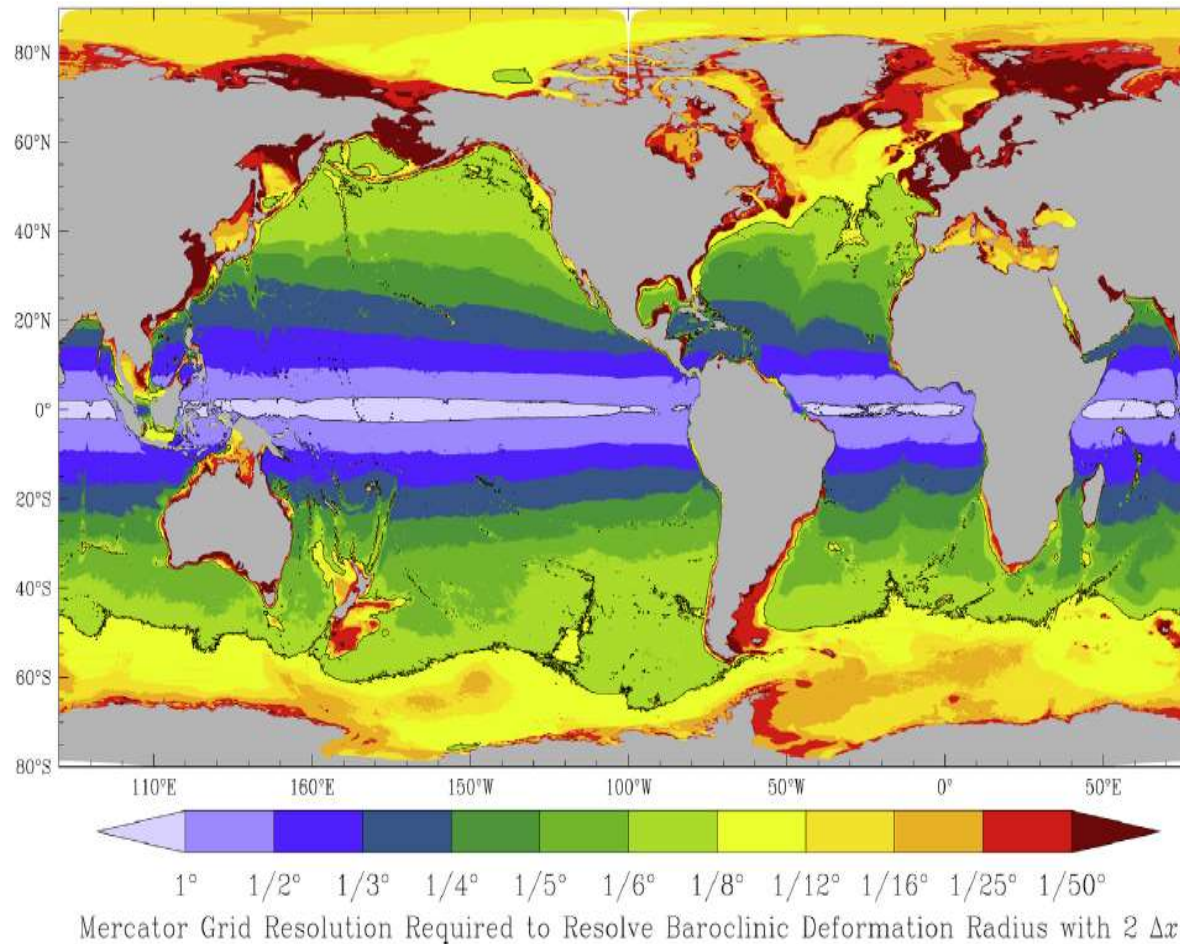
夏季(6~8月) 全球平均 | 2月初期値

1984~2004年の20年間の予測実験により比較



# Eddy-resolving model

- 格子サイズ( $\Delta$ )が傾圧ロスビー変形半径( $R$ )を解像可:  $2\Delta < R$
- $R = \sqrt{c_g^2 / (f^2 + 2\beta c_g)}$ : 緯度・成層・水深に依存
- $R$ を解像するには熱帯域で $\Delta \sim 100\text{km}$ 、高緯度沿岸域で $\Delta \sim 2\text{km}$ 以下が必要



- 0.25° モデル:  
南北30度より赤道側  
で $R$ を解像

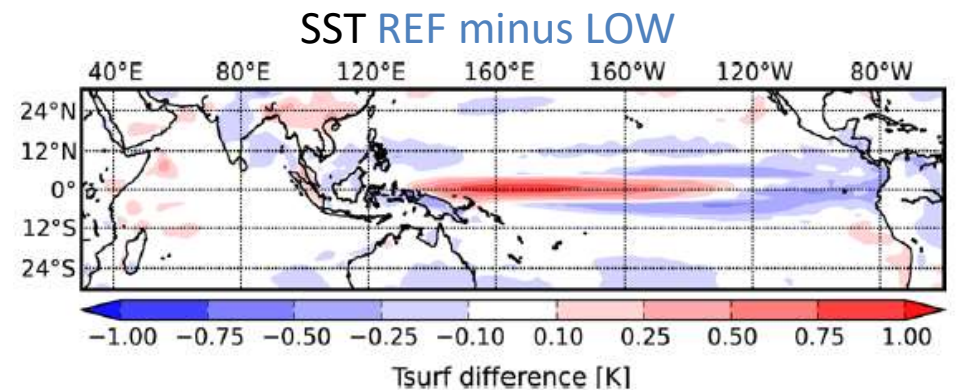
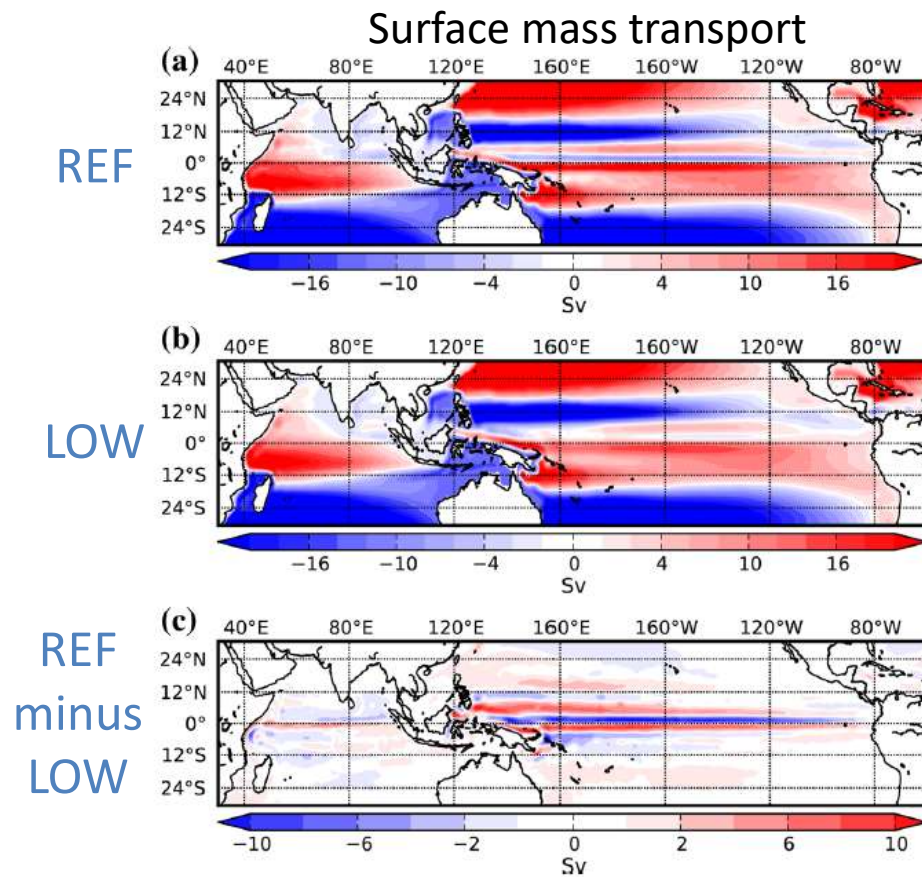
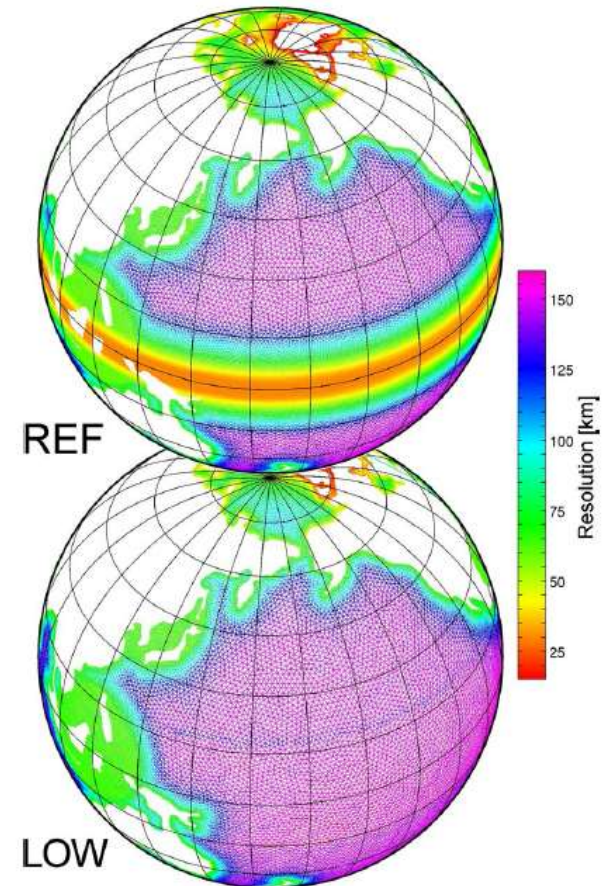
- 0.1° モデル:  
南北50度より赤道側  
で $R$ を解像

Hallberg  
(2013)



# Previous Studies

- Shidorenko et al. 2015, Rackow et al. 2016 (Clim. Dyn.)
  - ECHAM6-FESOM:
    - 大気T63L47(top0.01hPa)、海洋150km~25km
  - デフォルトモデルREFを、熱帯低解像度(~1度)版LOWと比較

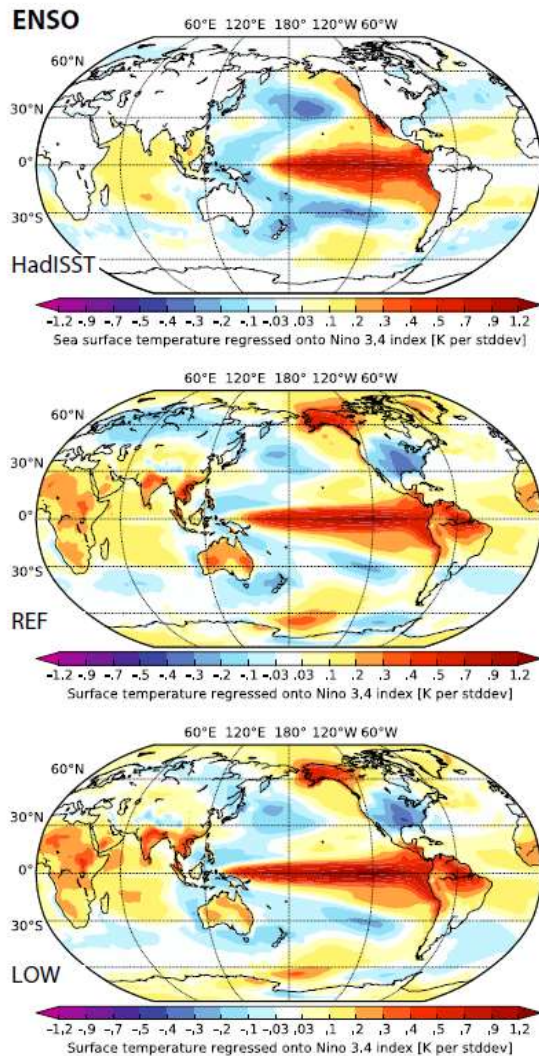




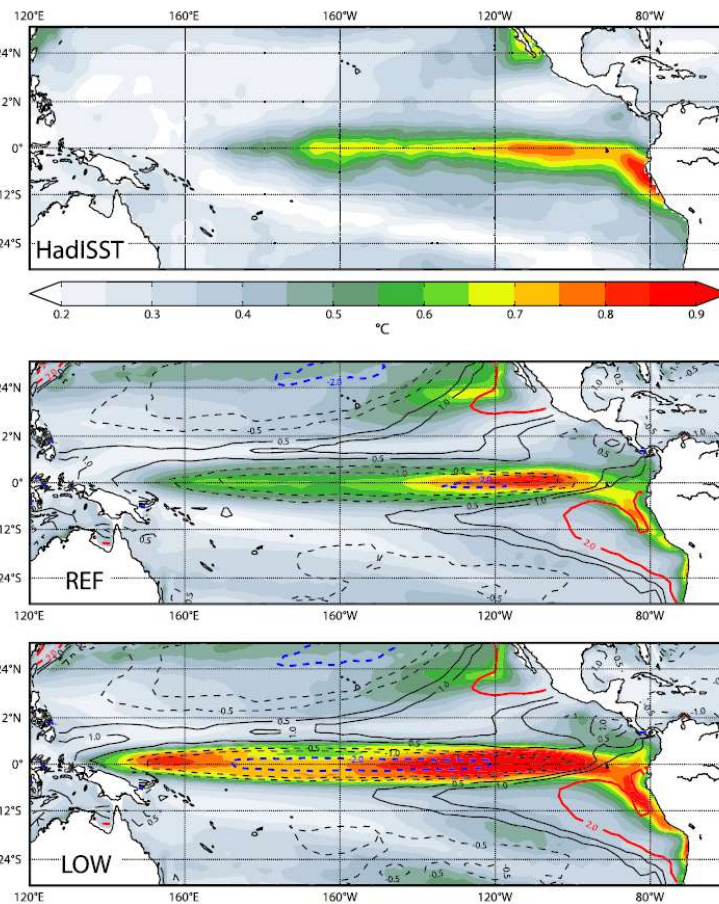
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  - ECHAM6-FESOM: REFとLOWの比較

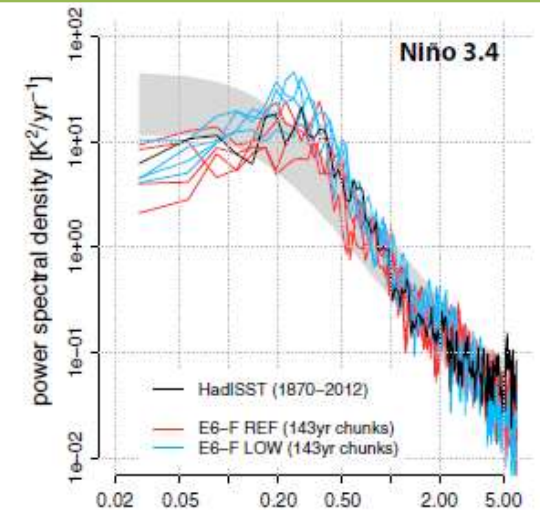
Reg(NINO3.4, SST)



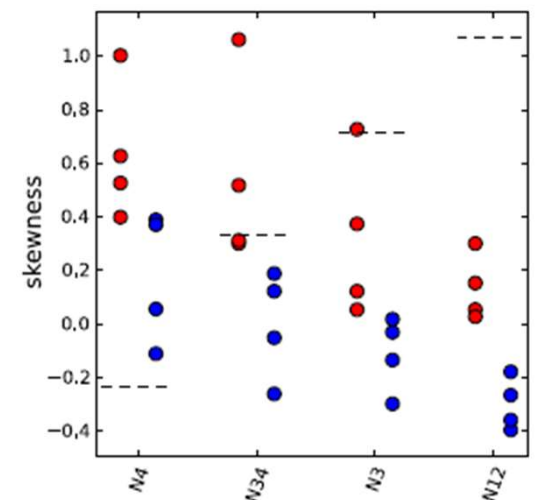
SSTバイアス(線)と  
標準偏差(色)



NINO3.4 Power Spectrum



NINO3.4 Skewness

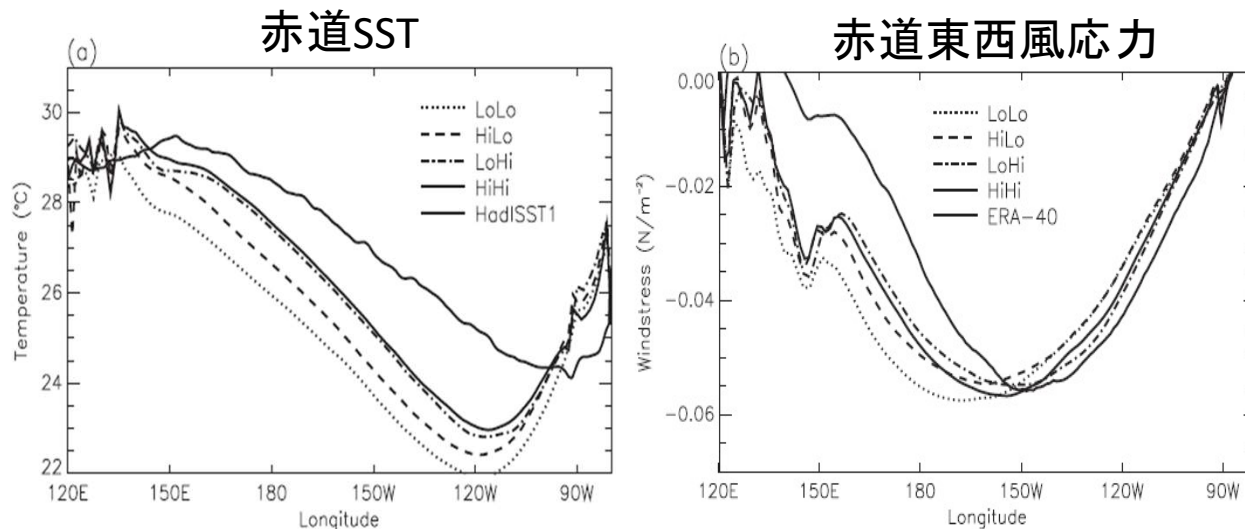


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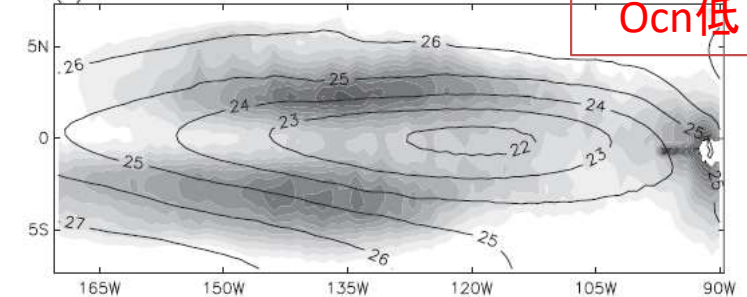
- Roberts et al. 2009 (J. Climate) -HadGEM1 resolution matrix

TABLE 1. UJCC model matrix showing resolutions of atmosphere (columns) and ocean (rows) models.

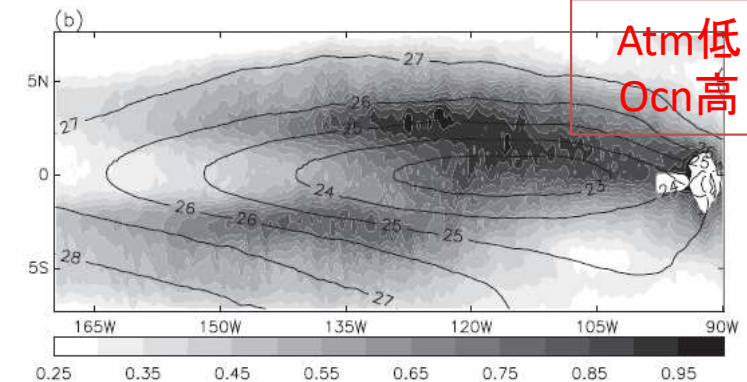
	N96: 1.5°	N144: 1.0°
	≈135 km	≈90 km
1/3°	Cross-resolution	HiGEM1.1
≈33 km	LoHi	HiHi
1°–1/3°	HadGEM1.1	Cross-resolution
≈110 km	LoLo	HiLo



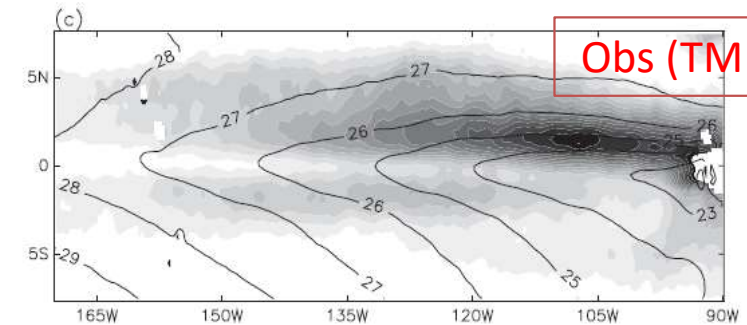
海水温とTIW活動度



Atm低  
Ocn低



Atm低  
Ocn高



Obs (TMI)

FIG. 6. Mean SST (contours) and std dev of zonally filtered 5-day SST for (a) LoLo and (b) LoHi, years 40–50. (c) Mean SST and std dev of zonally filtered daily SST from TMI (1999–2002), combined with TMI AMRS-E (2003–05)-observed SST.



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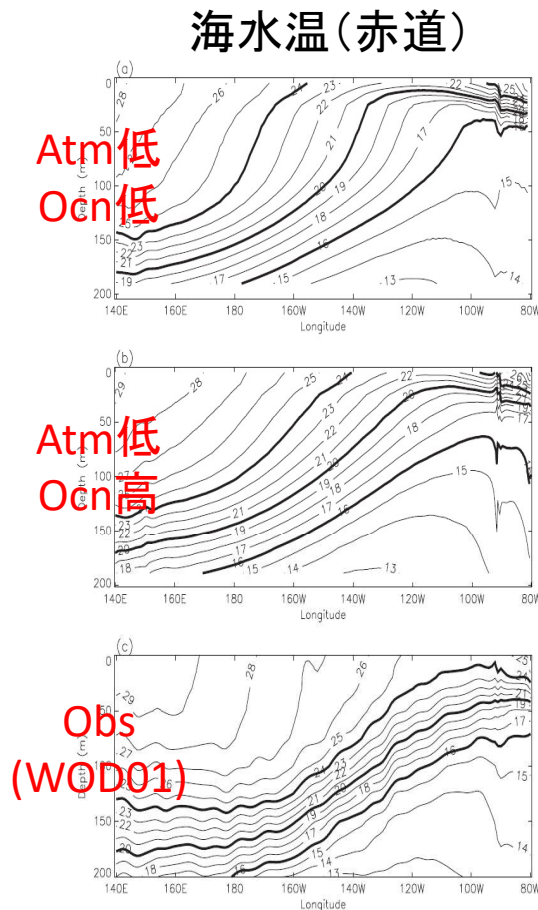


FIG. 3. Temperature cross section at the equator for the (a) LoLo, (b) LoHi, and (c) WOD01 climatology. Model mean years 30–50.

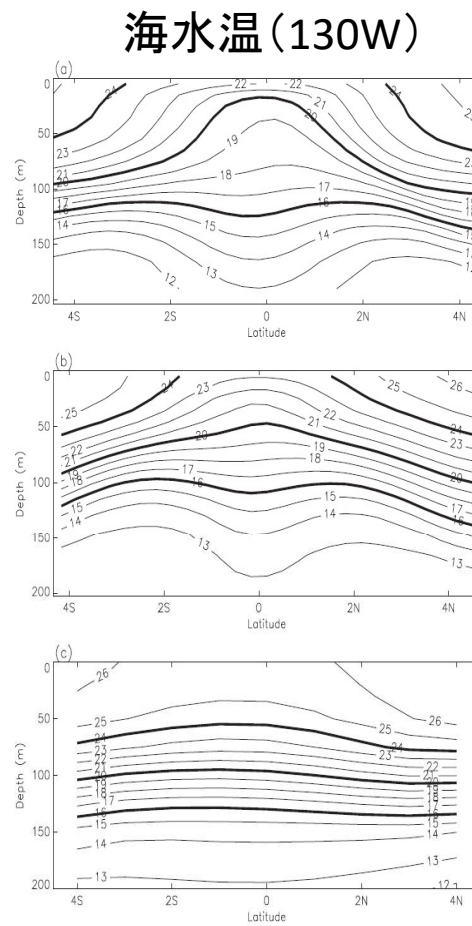
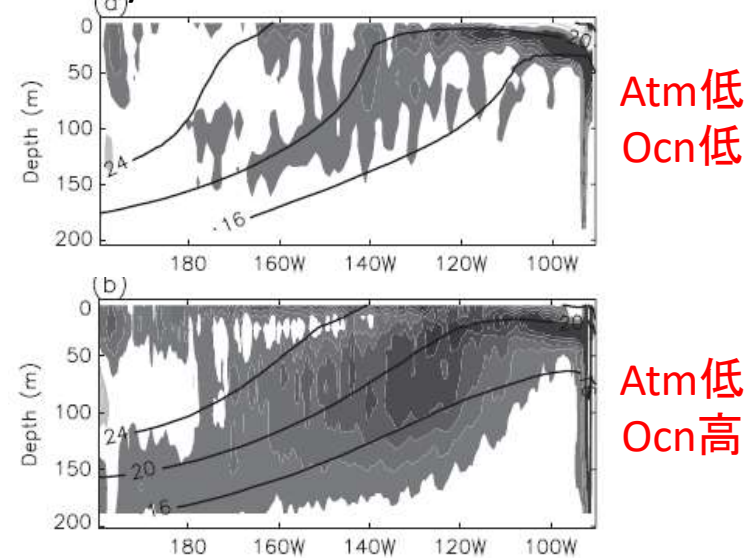
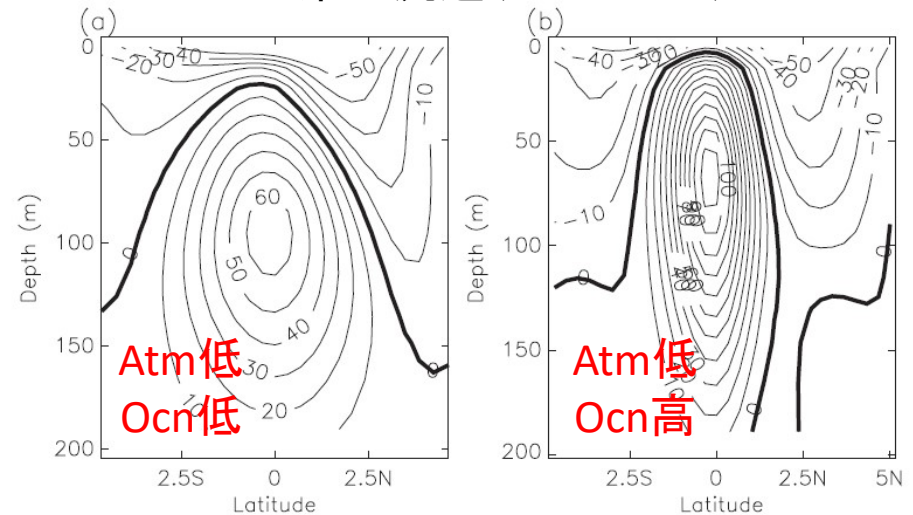


FIG. 4. Temperature cross section at 130°W for (a) LoLo, (b) LoHi, and (c) WOD01 climatology. Model mean years 30–50.

Eddy meridional heat flux(赤道)



東西流速(140-110W)



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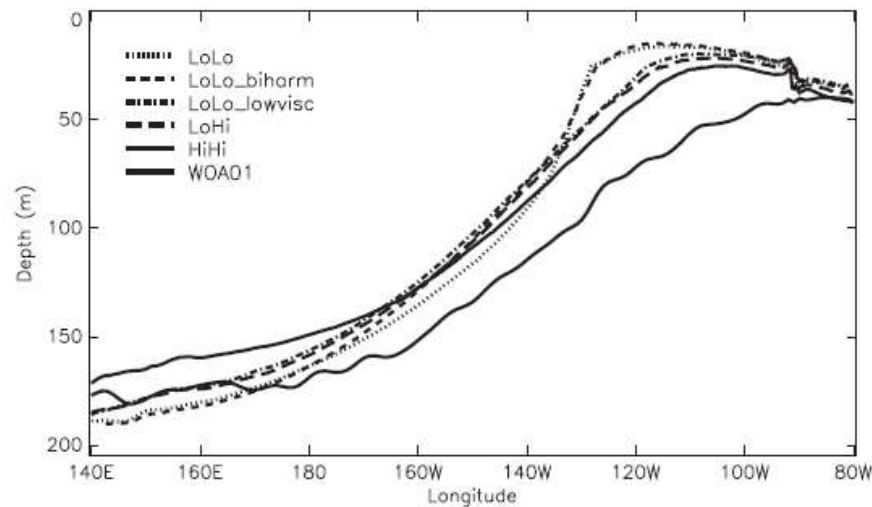


FIG. 13. Depth of the 20° isotherm in the ocean along the equator for LoLo (dotted), LoLo-biharm (short dashed), LoLo-lowvisc (short dash-dot), LoHi (long dashed), HiHi (dash-three dot), and WOA01 observations (solid). Model mean years 5–10.

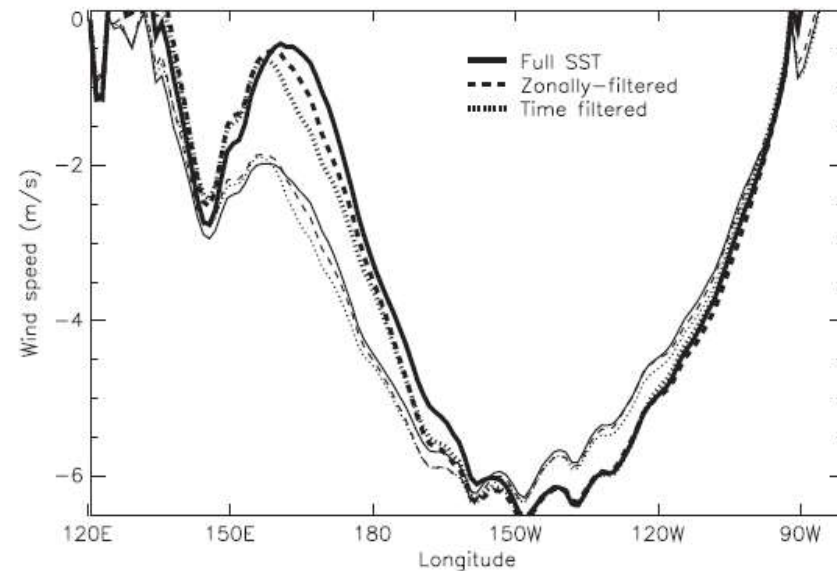
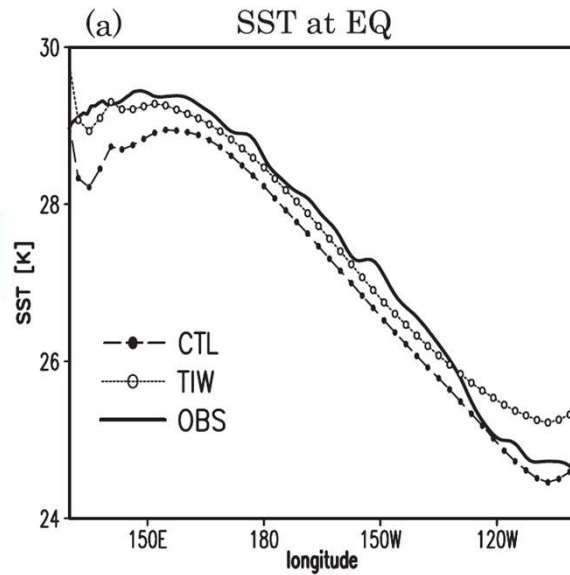


FIG. 14. 10-m winds from atmosphere models forced by SSTs diagnosed from the HiHi-coupled model, averaged between 2°S and 2°N. The thick lines correspond to averages between August and December, and the thin lines to annual means, both averaged over 5 yr.

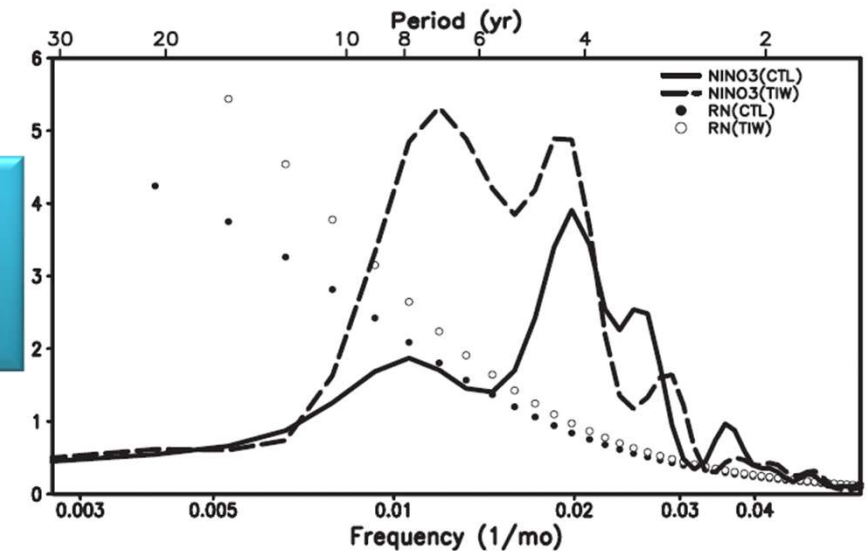
# Impacts of TIWs on ENSO

- Imada and Kimoto (2012) J. Climate
  - Parameterization of eddy heat transport

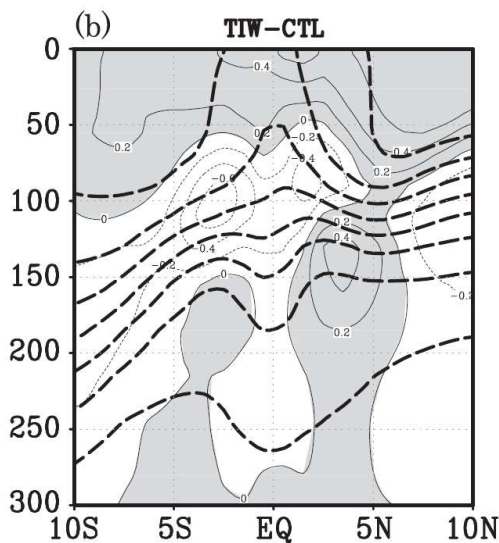
SST



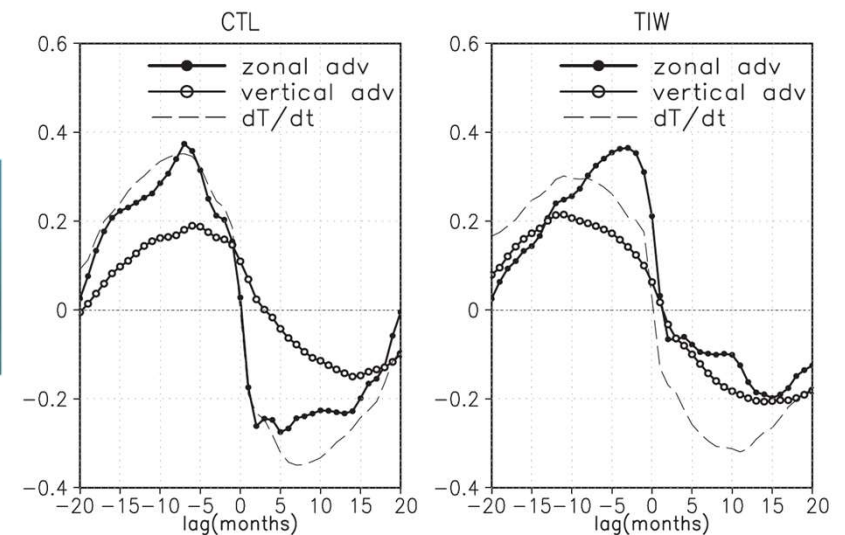
Nino3  
Power  
Spectrum



海水温  
の変化  
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Nino3  
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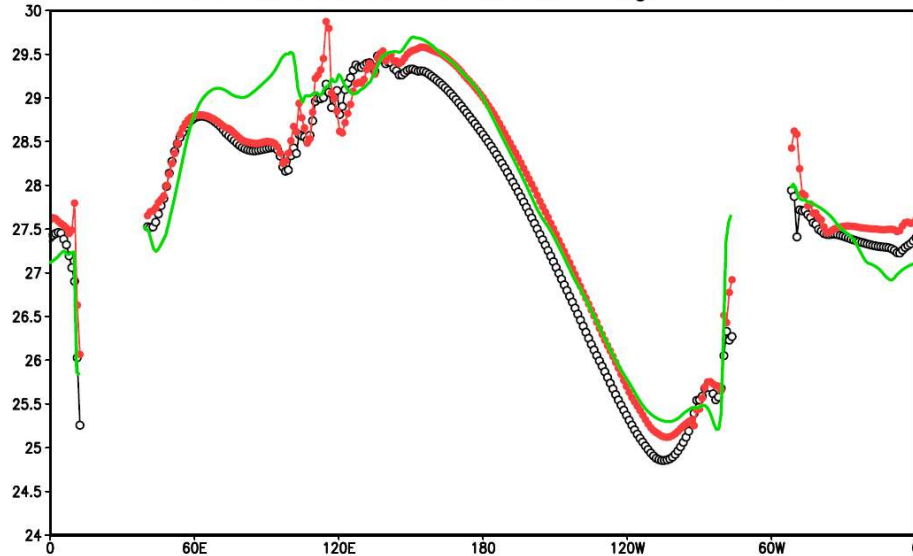




# Impacts on equatorial climatology

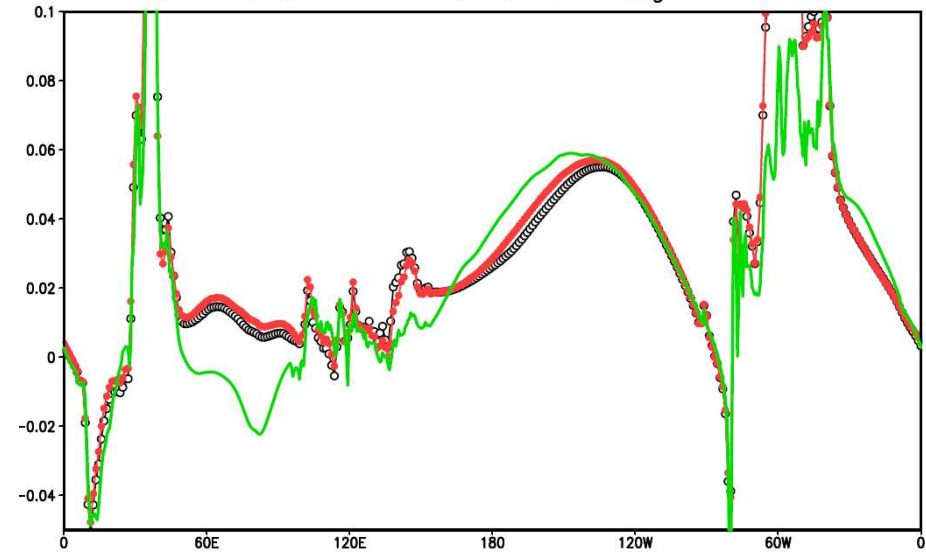
SST@EQ

SST@EQ, black:noNest,red:Nest,green:JRA55

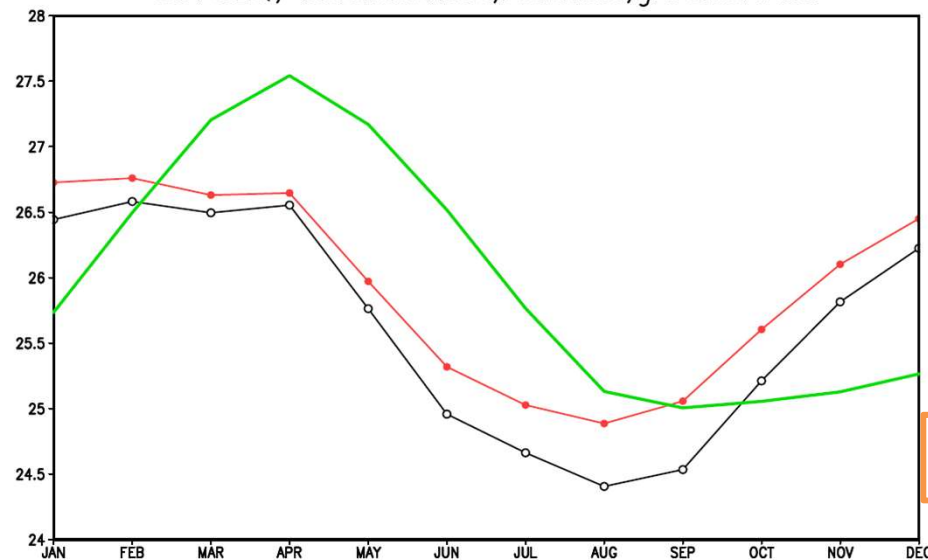


Zonal wind stress@EQ

TAUX@EQ, black:noNest,red:Nest,green:JRA55



SST@EQ, black:noNest,red:Nest,green:JRA55



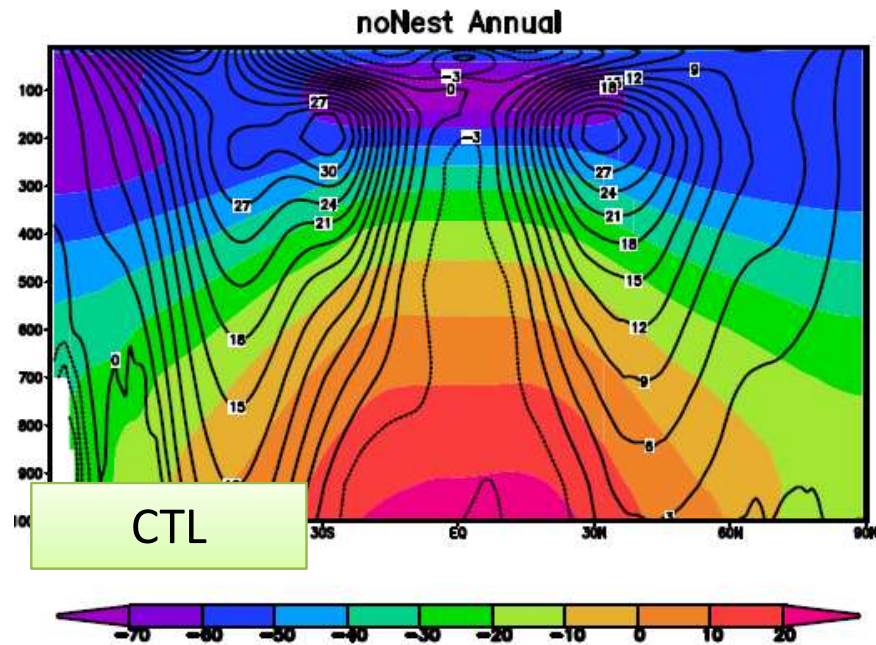
COBE-SST/JRA55

CTL

Nesting

← SST monthly climatology @NINO3

# Impacts on atmospheric meridional circulation (zonal mean T, U)

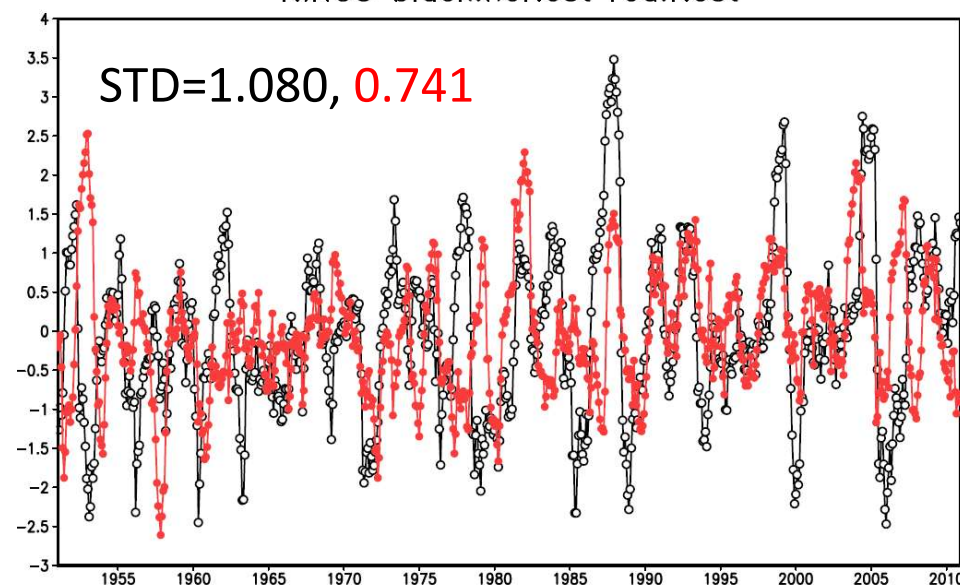




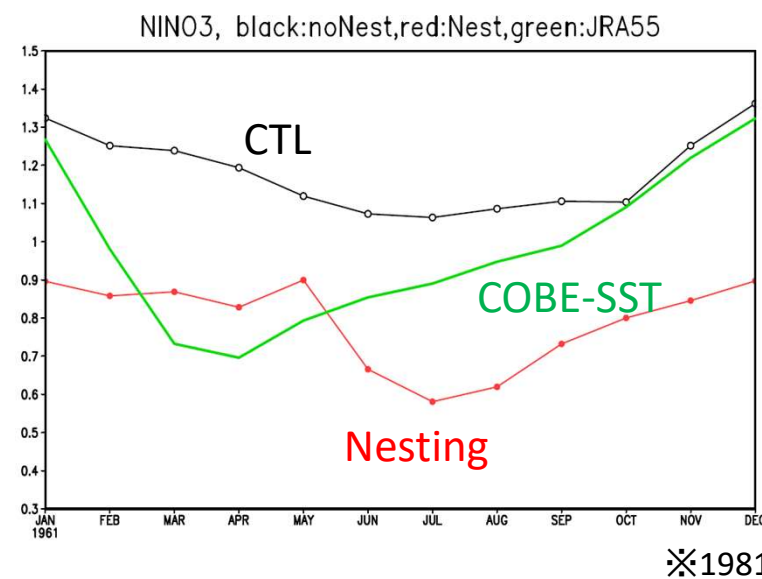
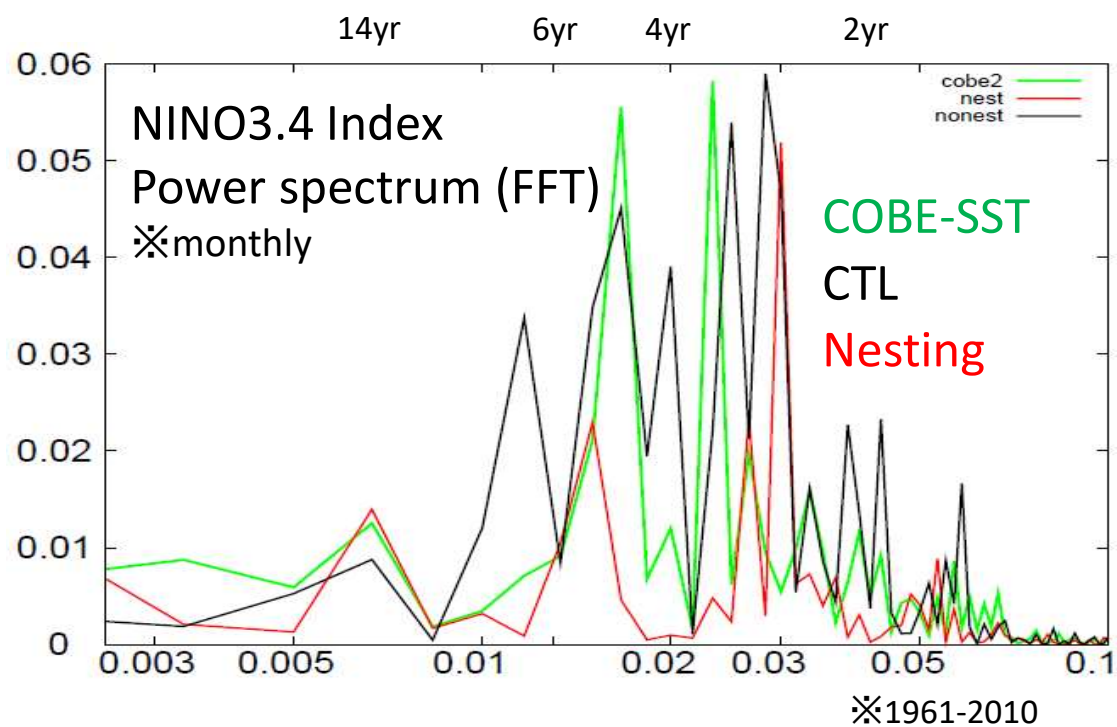
(NINO3)

※1961-2010

NINO3 black:noNest red:Nest

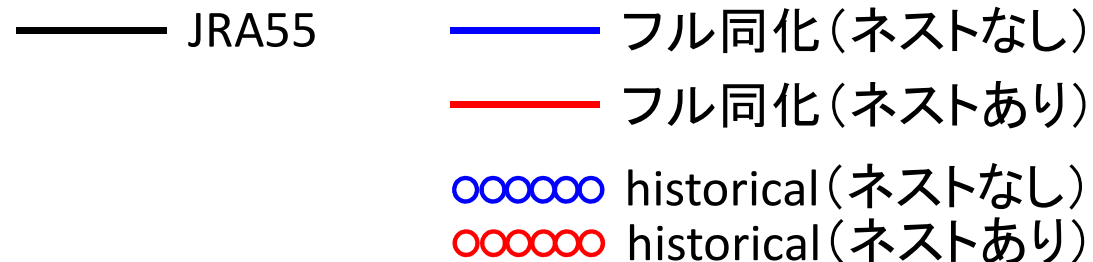
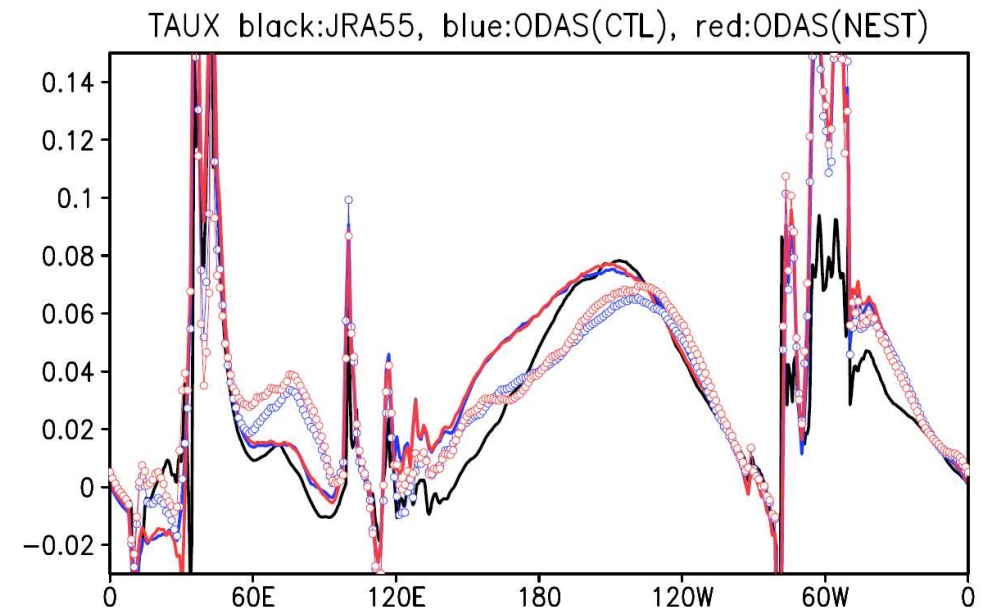
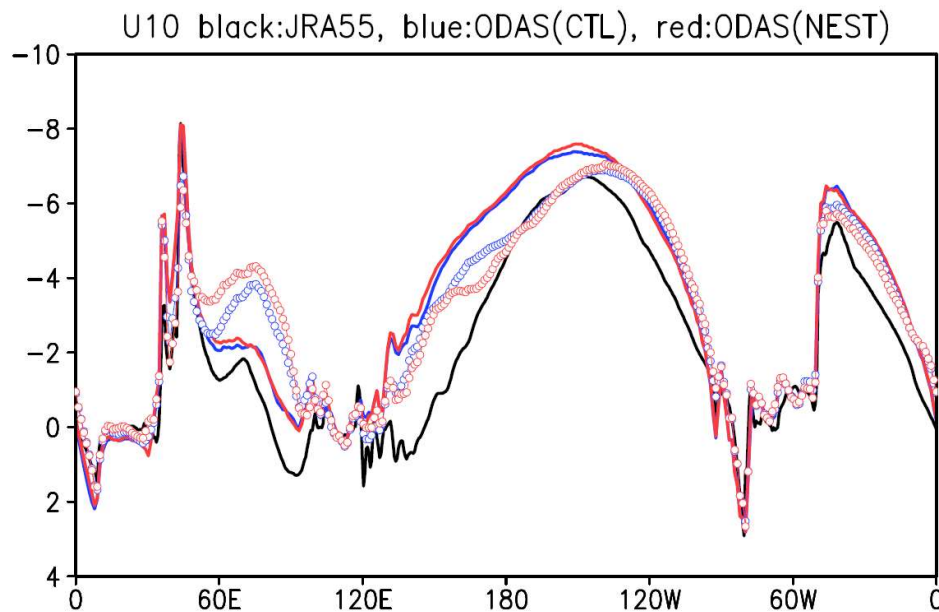


※COBE-SST2: STD=0.908





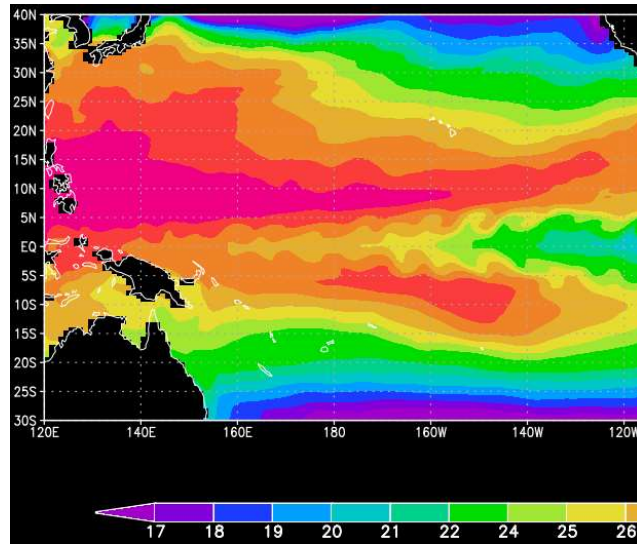
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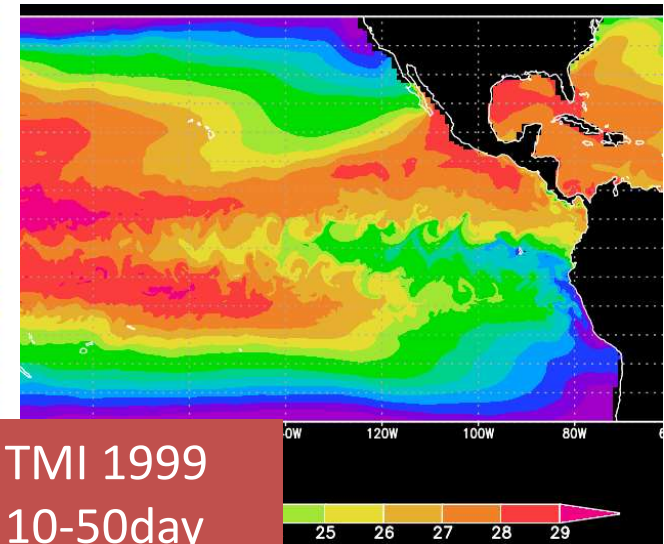
# TIWs

SSTA 2N

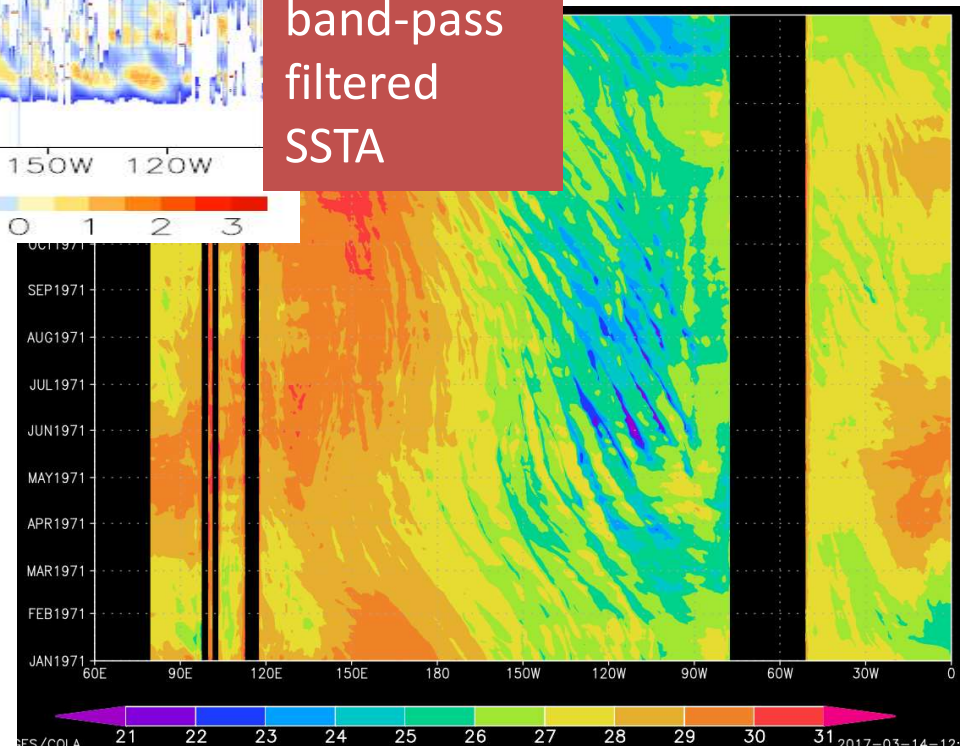
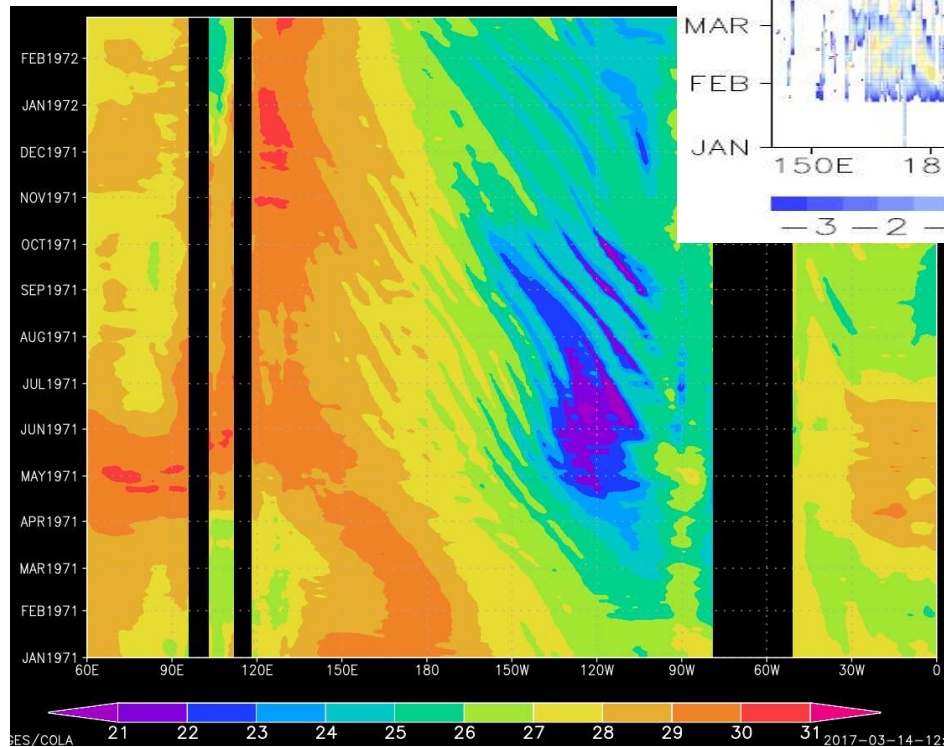
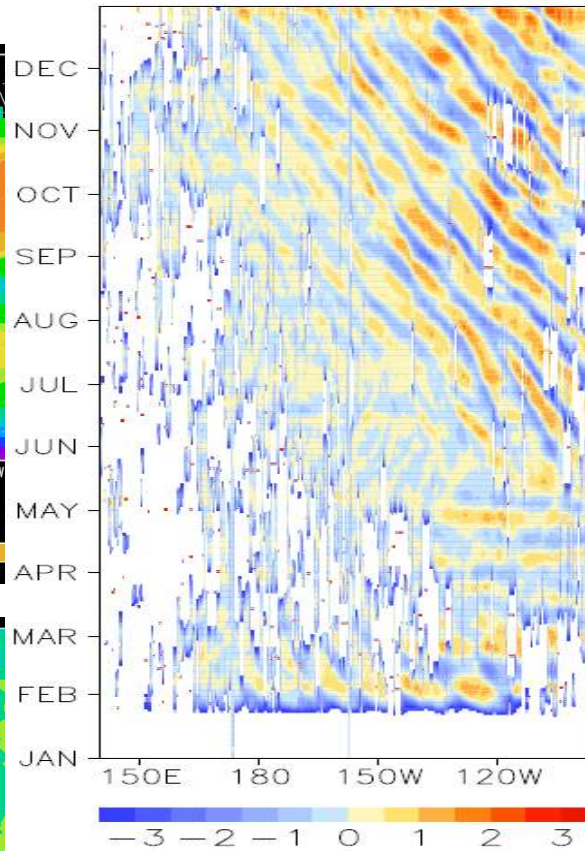
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Nesting



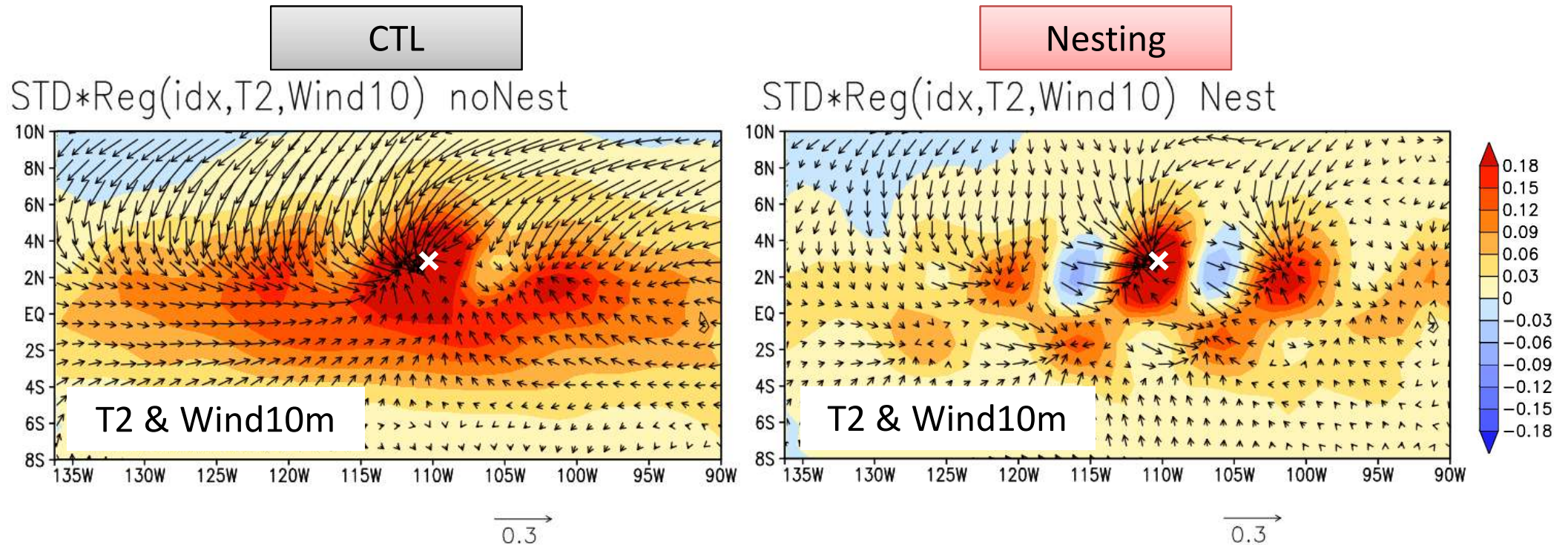
TMI 1999  
10-50day  
band-pass  
filtered  
SSTA





# TIWs-scale atmospheric anomalies

Regression onto high-path filtered SST@110W, 3N



Regression (OBS)

SLP-driven

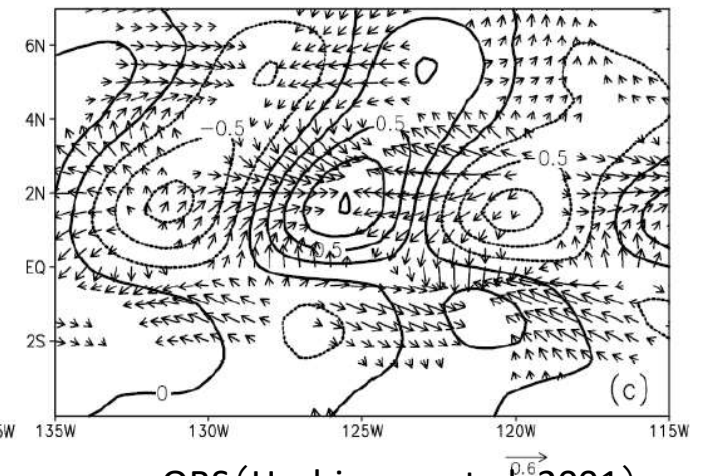
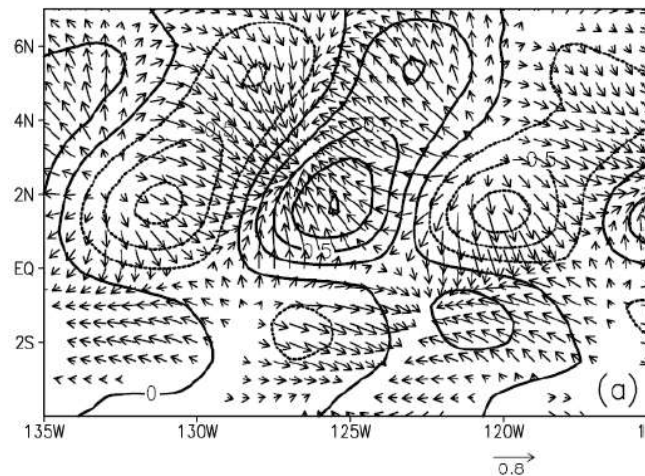
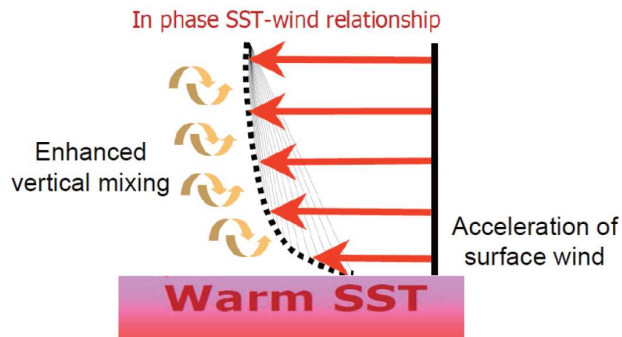


Figure 1.5: Schematic representation of the vertical mixing mechanism.

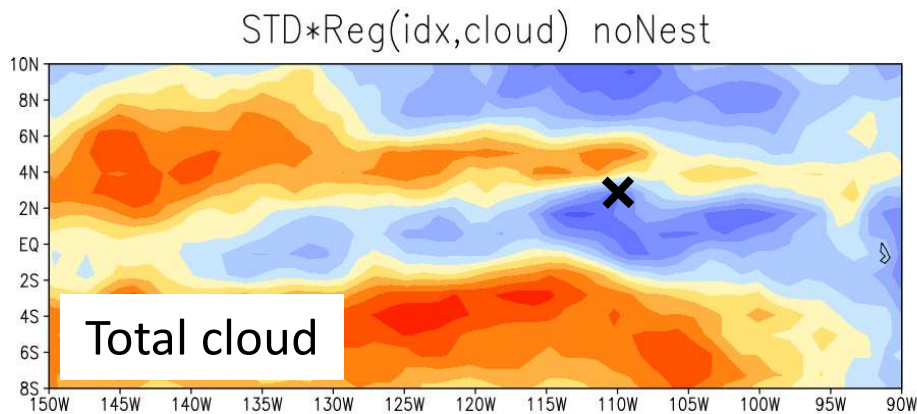
OBS (Hashizume et al. 2001)



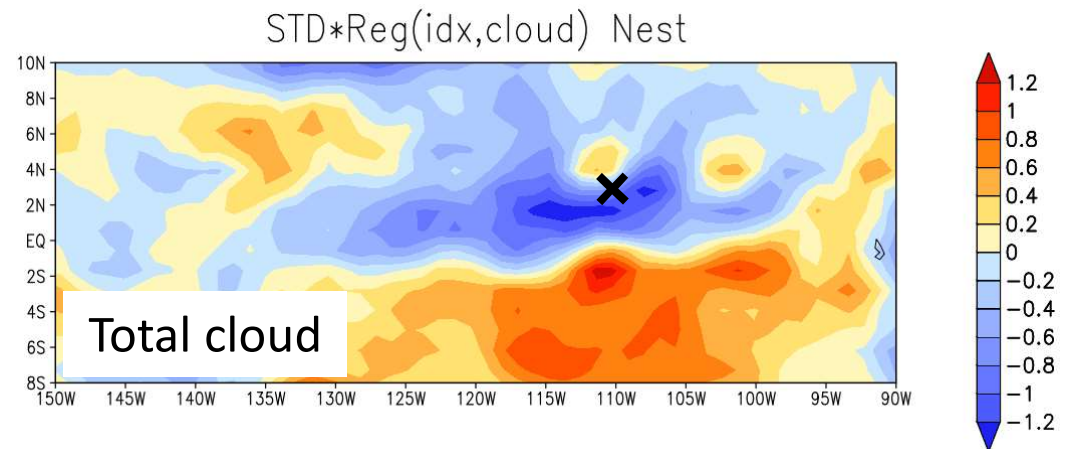
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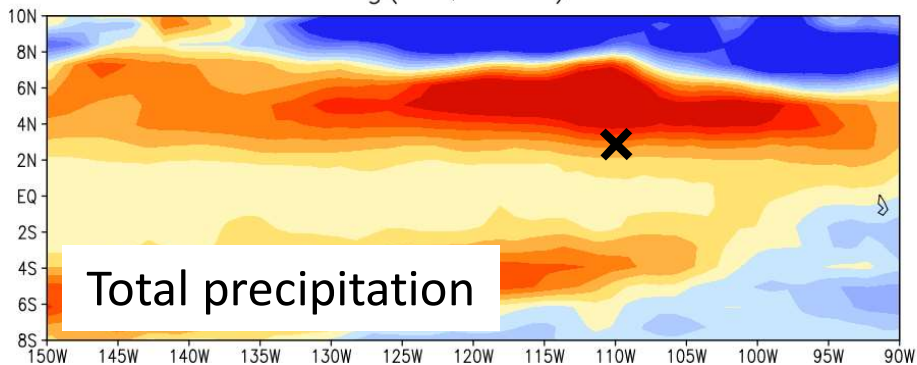
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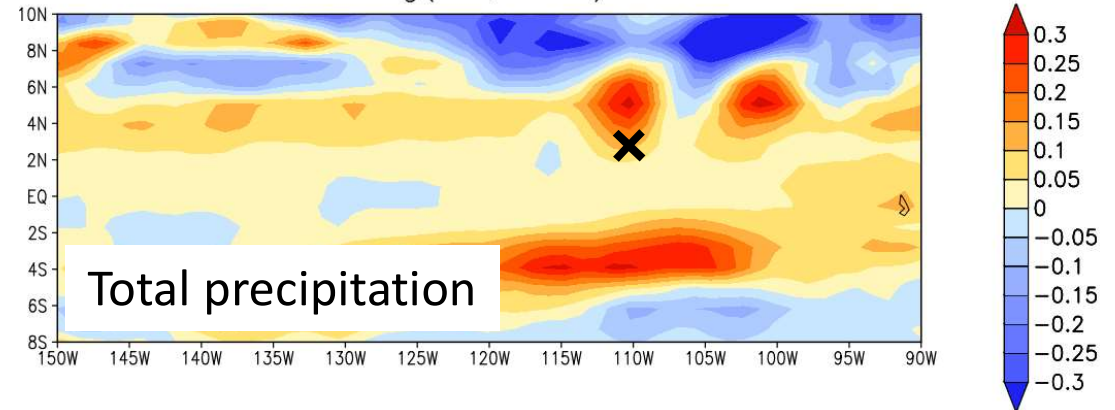
Nesting



STD\*Reg(idx,PRCP) noNest

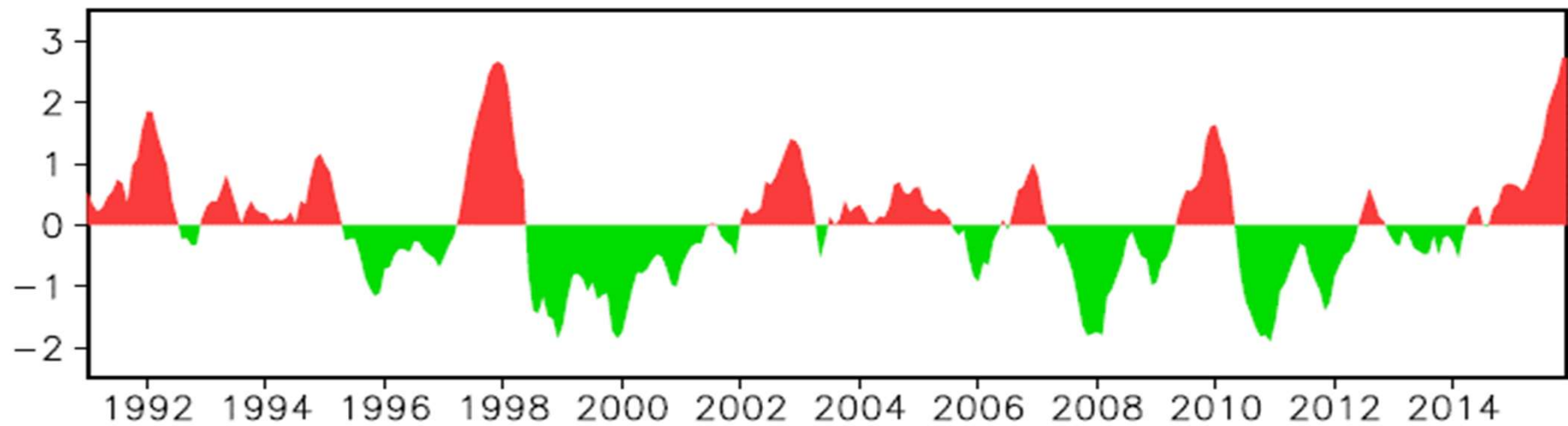
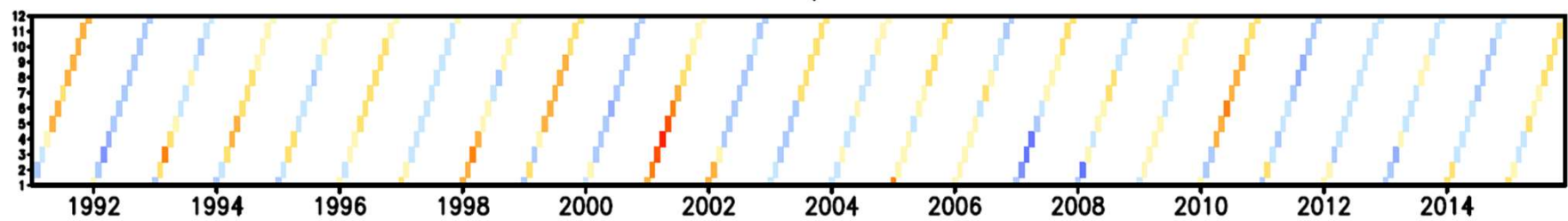


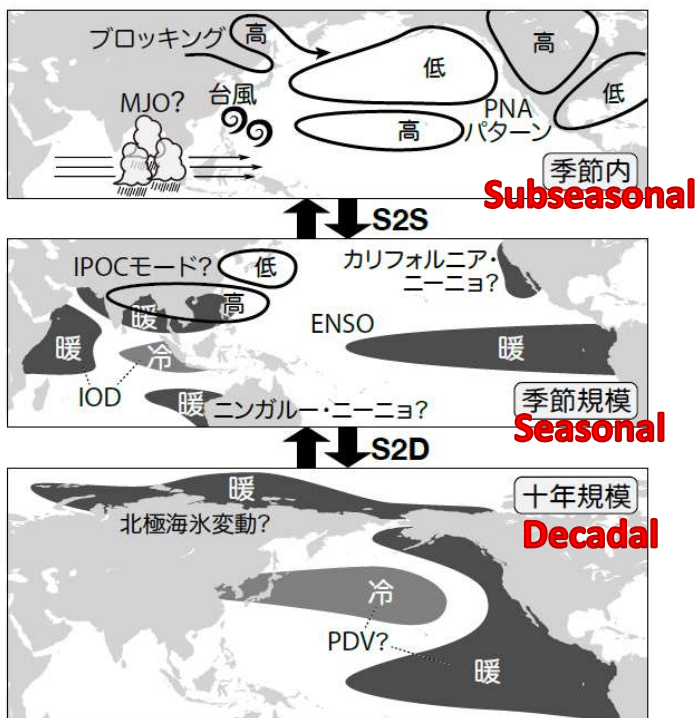
STD\*Reg(idx,PRCP) Nest



Low-level cloud responses to TIWs (Deser et al. 1993)

## Rate of improvement



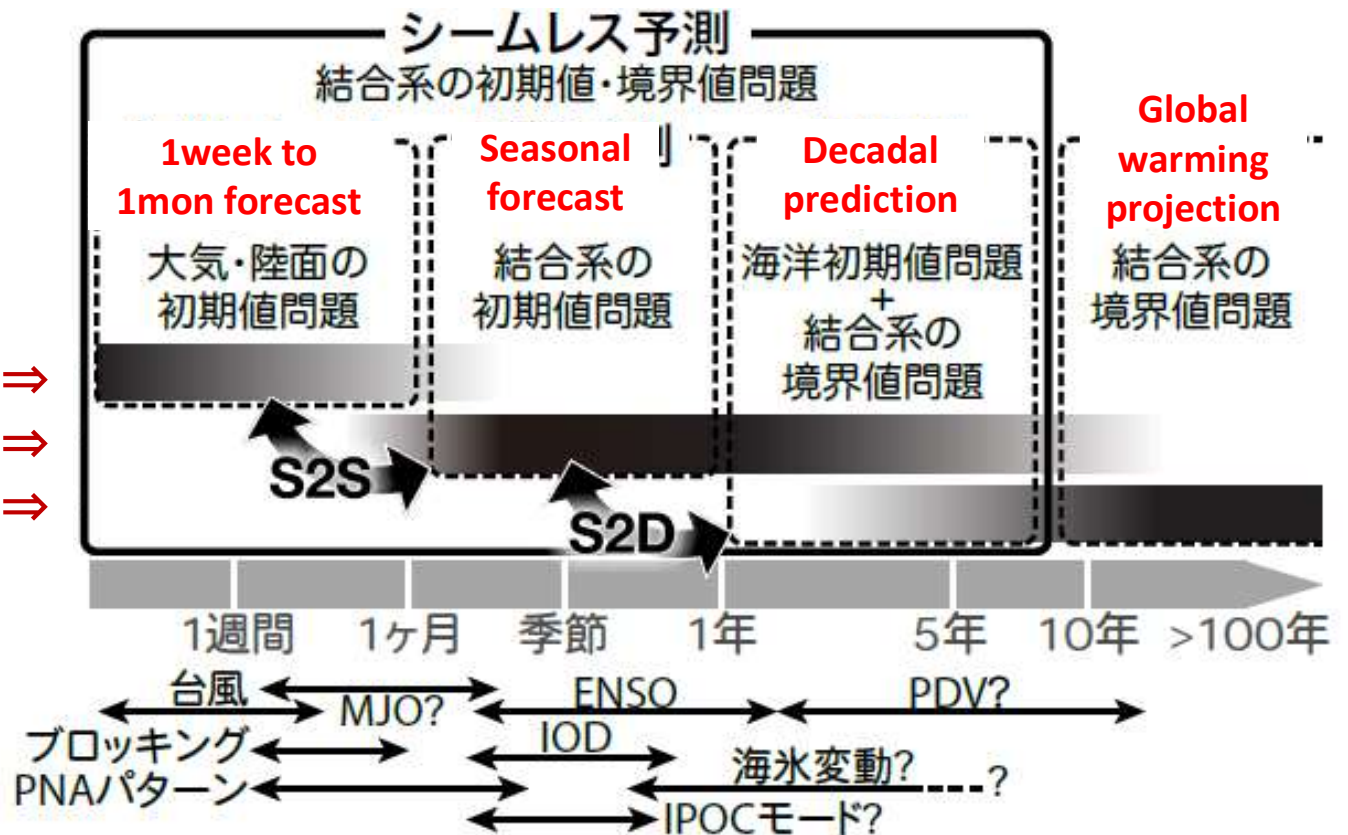


## JMA Forecasts:

- ◆ Short-term Forecasts
  - ◆ Daily Forecasts
  - ◆ One-week Forecasts
  - ◆ One-month Forecasts
  - ◆ Three-month Forecasts
  - ◆ El Nino prompt report (エルニーニョ監視速報)
  - ◆ Warm/Cold Seasonal Forecasts (暖候期・寒候期予報)
- Global coupled model is needed

### Key of predictability

Atmosphere/land initial condition ⇒  
 Ocean initial condition ⇒  
 External forcing ⇒





# 大気と海洋の空間スケールの違い

大気の典型的なパラメータ:

$$H \sim 10\text{km}, U \sim 10\text{ms}^{-1}, N \sim 10^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

○ロスビー変形半径:

$$L_d = NH/f \approx 10^{-2}10^4/10^{-4} \approx 1000 \text{ km}$$

○Eady問題での最も傾圧不安定な空間スケール:

$$L_{\max} \approx 3.9 L_d \approx 4000 \text{ km}$$

○成長率:

$$\sigma \approx 0.3 U/L_d \approx 0.3 \times 10 / 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1} \approx 0.26 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

海洋の典型的なパラメータ:

$$H \sim 1\text{km}, U \approx 0.1\text{ms}^{-1}, N \sim 10^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

○ロスビー変形半径:

$$L_d = NH/f \approx 10^{-2}10^3/10^{-4} \approx 100 \text{ km}$$

○Eady問題での最も傾圧不安定な空間スケール:

$$L_{\max} \approx 3.9 L_d \approx 400 \text{ km}$$

○成長率:

$$\sigma \approx 0.3 U/L_d \approx 0.3 \times 0.1 / 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1} \approx 0.026 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

Vallis (2006)より

ロスビー変形半径を考えると、例えば格子間隔60kmの大気モデルの解像度は、格子間隔6kmの海洋モデルの解像度と同等