

# S2S Updates

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- S2S Steering Group meeting (held online, 22-24 Sep. 2020)  
Bill reported the recent WGSIP activity.
- Ocean, Land sub-projects

# S2S Ocean Project (potential link to WGSIP LRFTIP)

## 1. S2S prediction and the ocean

- **model**: ocean initialization/bias
  - **model**: SST drift
  - **nature**: ocean initial state
  - **nature**: ocean evolution
- Recent studies involving MJO:
    - ocean feedbacks to mean state moisture may be key (H. Kim et al., 2016; Son et al., 2017)
    - ocean evolution is important for some MJO events (Fu et al., 2015; Zhao and Nasuno, 2020)
  - Overview paper on these topics is in preparation (C. DeMott, N. P. Klingaman, and possibly others)

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## 2. Systematic coupled bias in the tropical Indian Ocean

- joint project involving BoM-UKMO-ECMWF:
  - share a common ocean model (NEMO-ORCA25)
  - will use all available data (including S2S) to look at daily evolution of bias
- focus on May 1 starts, when largest EIO cold biases develops
- ocean variables: SST, SSH, OHC

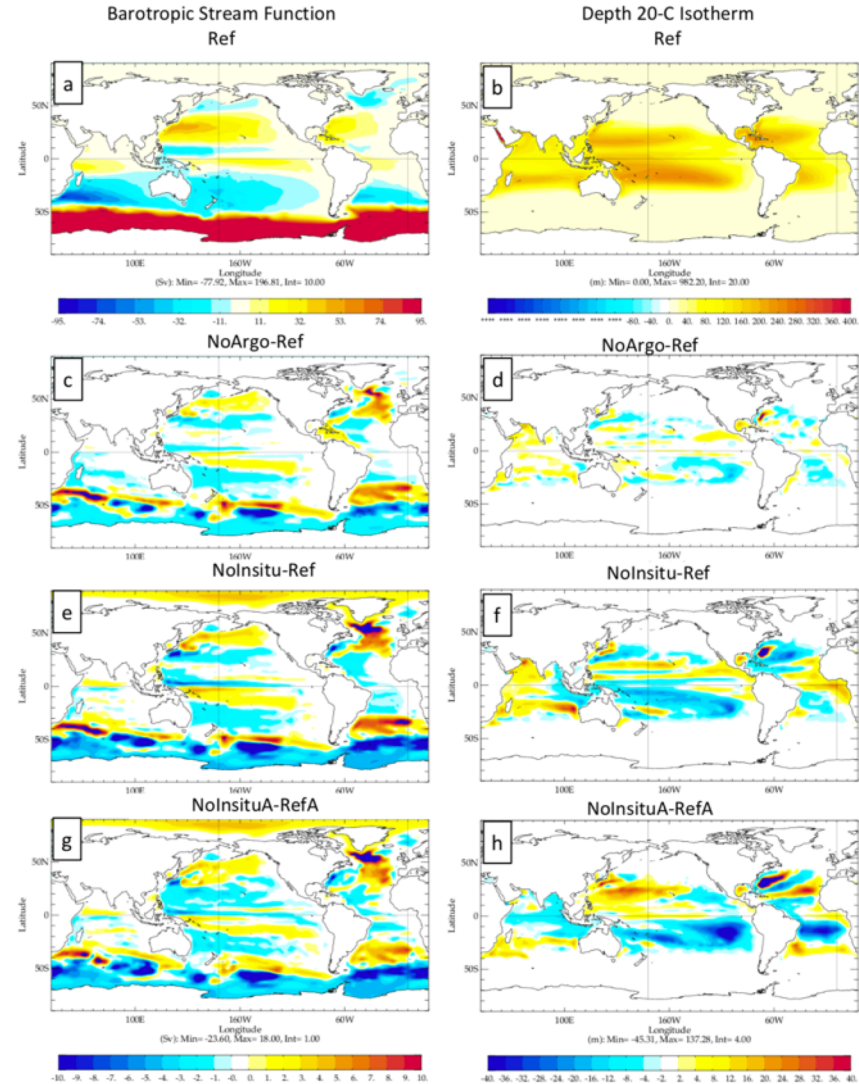
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## 3. Tropical Pacific OSEs

Magdalena Balmaseda,  
Frederic Vitart, and  
Beena Balan Sarojini (ECMWF)

Aneesh Subramanian and  
Kris Karnauskas (CU Boulder)

Charlotte DeMott (CSU)



# Land sub-project (potential link to WGSIP SNOWGLACE)

## LS4P = Land Surface for Prediction

- Focus: large-area land temperature anomalies (and systematic biases in models) over elevated terrain (elevated heat sources have greater impact on circulation than lowland temperature anomalies).
  - Tibet (Third Pole) has been initial area of study
  - Intent to spread to W. North America (Rockies and associated high plateaus) and Andes (including Bolivian *Altiplano*).
- Currently 21 global model participants, 9 regional models.
- Three tasks:
  1. May-June 2003 baseline runs, determine model biases.
  2. Compare to retrospective forecast suites, determine model anomalies.
  3. Rerun with masked anomaly initialization, bias adjusted.

## LS4P

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### Project Goals

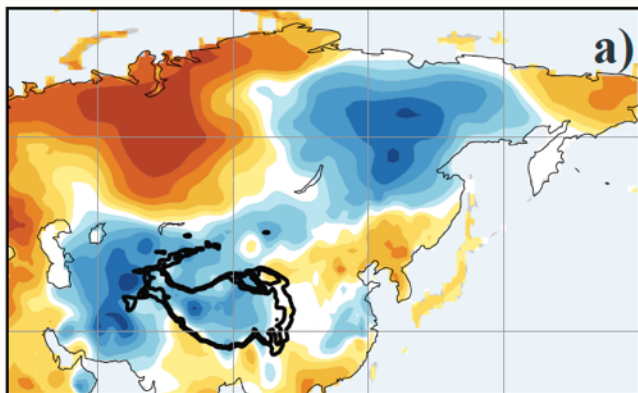
- What is the impact of the initialization of large scale **LST/SUBT** and **snow pack**, **including the aerosol in snow**, in climate models on the S2S prediction over different regions?
- What is the relative role and uncertainties in these land processes versus in SST in S2S prediction? How do they synergistically enhance the S2S predictability?

# Task 1 Results

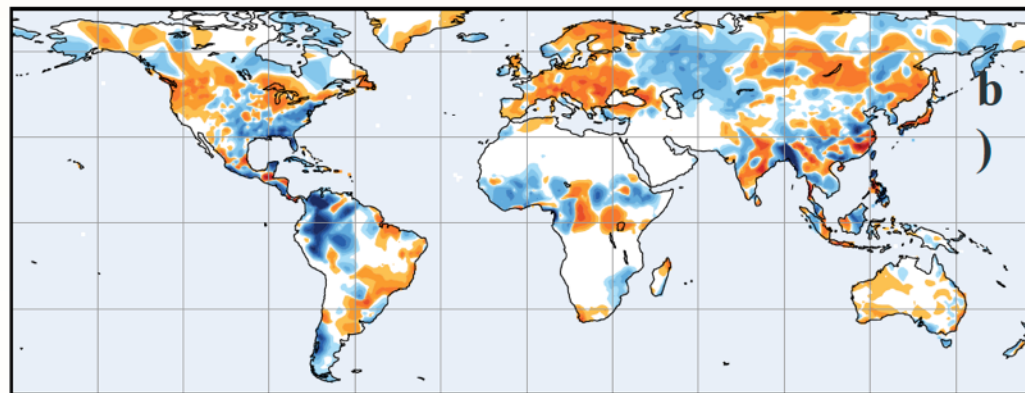
Paper to be submitted soon to GMD

## Comparison between observed anomalies and 20 LS4P Models ensemble mean BIAS

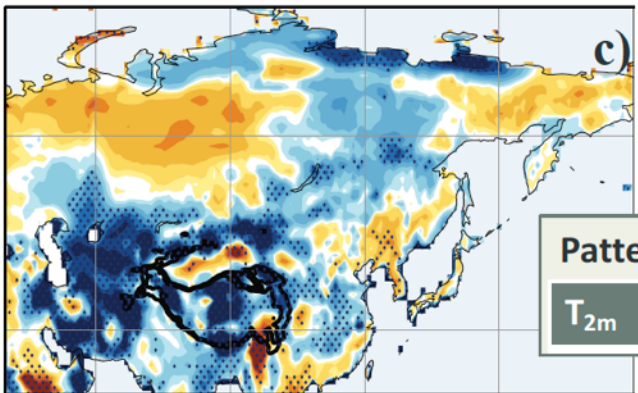
Observed May 2003  $T_{2m}$  anomalies ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



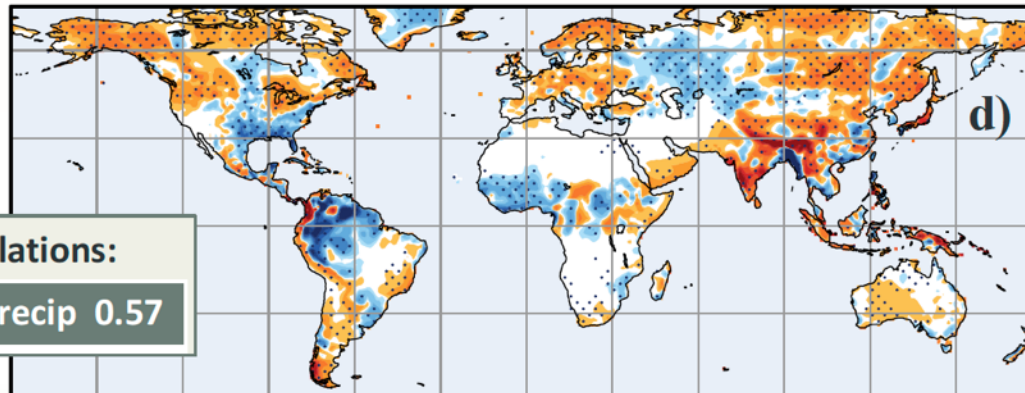
Observed June 2003 Precipitation anomalies (mm/day)



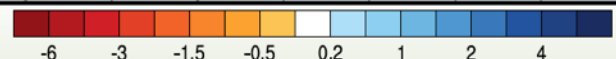
Model Ensemble mean May 2003  $T_{2m}$  Bias



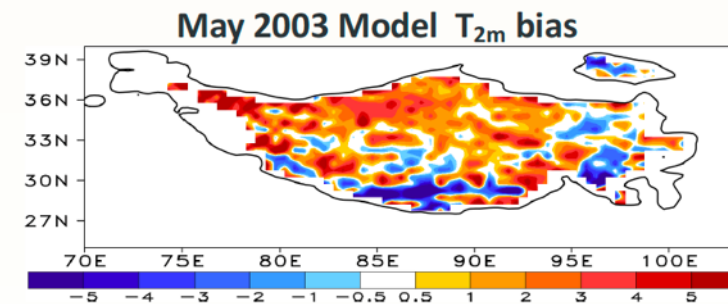
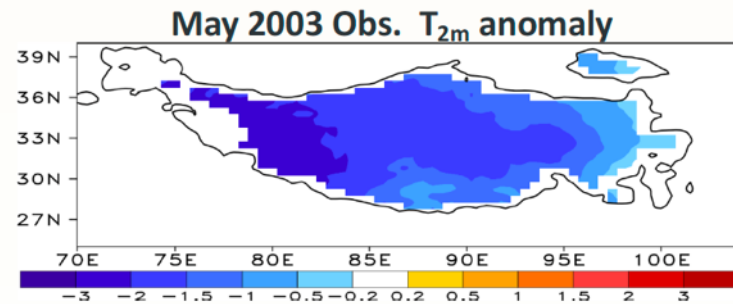
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Pattern Correlations:  
 $T_{2m}$  0.37 | Precip 0.57

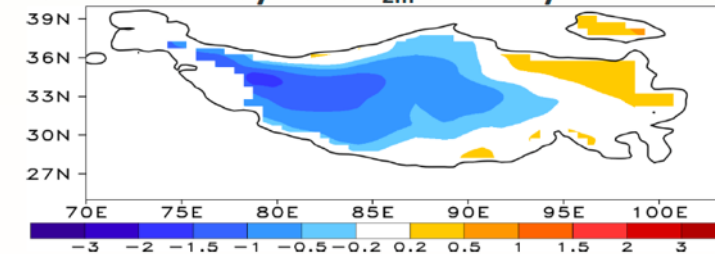


# Accounting for Biases over TP

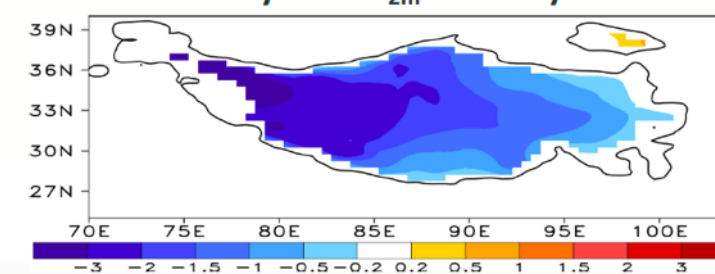


- A tuning factor  $n$  scales the IC anomaly to account for the lack of heat capacity in the shallow soil column in forecast models.
- A mask over TP is used to persist the IC anomaly by reintroducing it 1-14 days later, to counteract model surface energy balance biases that cause drift.

Simulated May 2003  $T_{2m}$  anomaly with Mask  $n=1$

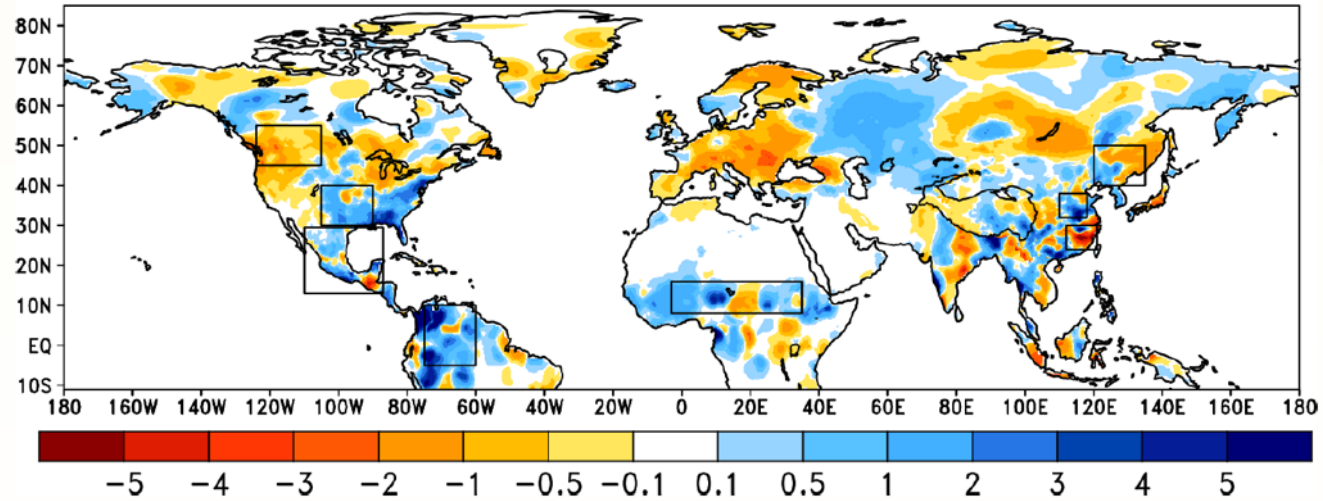


Simulated May 2003  $T_{2m}$  anomaly with Mask  $n=3$

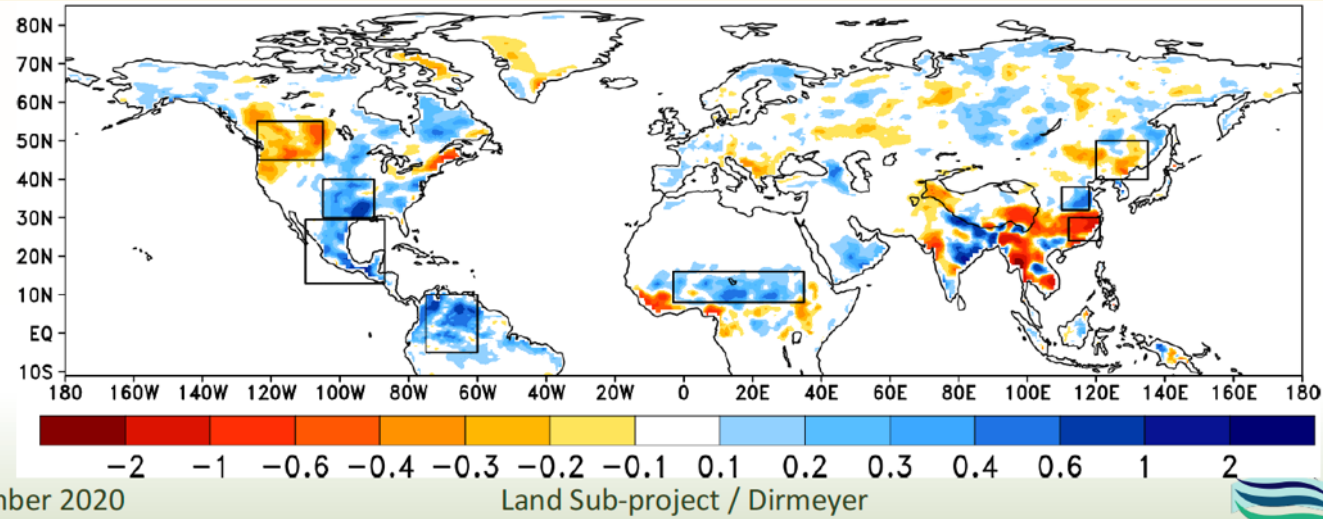




### Observed June 2003 Precipitation Anomaly



**Task 3 results: 14-model Ensemble Mean: June 2003 precipitation anomaly due to LST/SUBT effects**



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# GPC-SSF, LC-MMESSF

- It was originally planned to propose the designation criteria for sub-seasonal GPCs (GPC-SS) and associated Lead Centre (LC-SSFMMME) for approval by WMO Executive Council later this year.
- → It was decided that this proposal is postponed due to the WMO procedure during the WMO reform.
- The proposal will be discussed by INFCOM (and tabled at the next Cg?).

