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MJO Simulation Metrics

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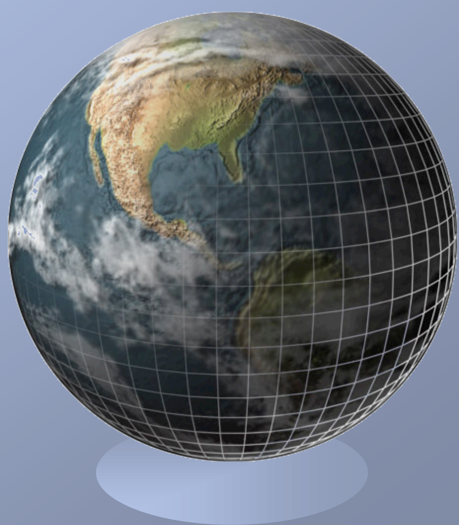

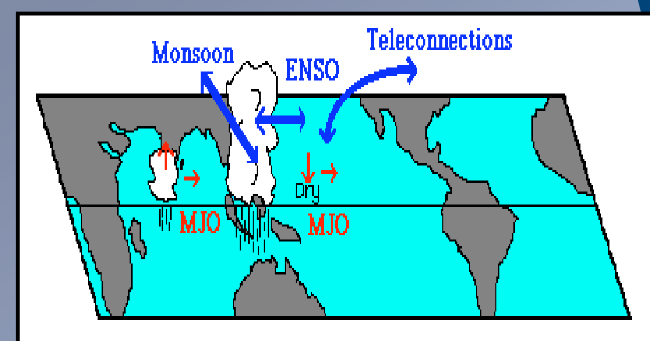

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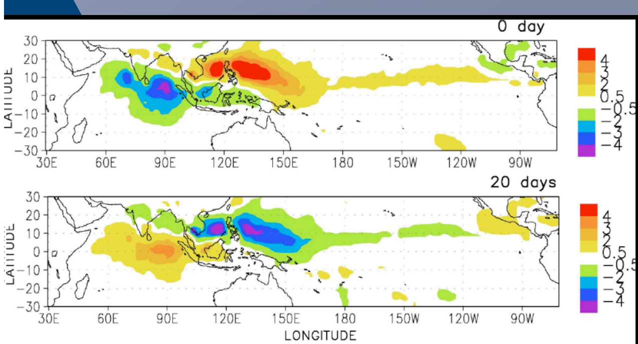

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Link to Metrics

Terms of Reference

- Develop a set of metrics to be used for assessing MJO simulation fidelity and forecast skill.
- Develop and coordinate model simulation and prediction experiments, in conjunction with model-data comparisons, which are designed to better understand the MJO and improve our model representations and forecasts of the MJO.
- Raise awareness of the potential utility of subseasonal and MJO forecasts in the context of the seamless suite of predictions.
- Help to coordinate MJO-related activities between national and international agencies and associated programmatic activities.
- Provide guidance to US CLIVAR and Interagency Group (IAG) on where additional modeling, analysis or observational resources are needed.

Membership & Terms of Reference

International participation is facilitated/ supported by International CLIVAR

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Near-Term Goals

1) Develop MJO WG Web Site. DONE
2) Metrics for Assessing/Diagnosing Model Simulations of the MJO. NEARLY DONE
3) Prediction Targets and Metrics for MJO Forecasts. STARTED
4) Using the Above, Develop an Experimental/ Diagnostics Theme for Modeling/Predicting the MJO in Conjunction With a Workshop. HORIZON

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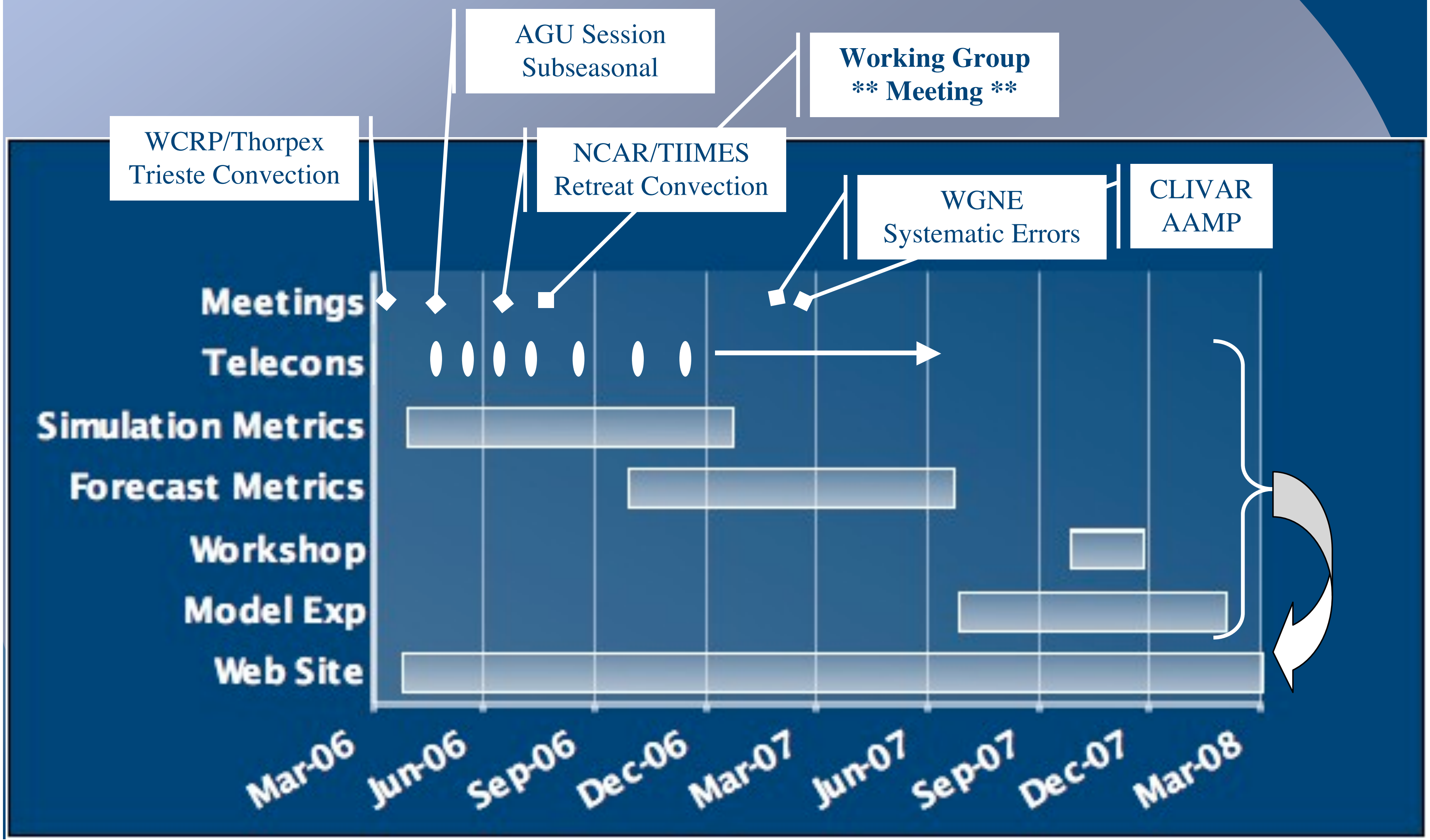
Time Line of Activities



MJO & Weather-Climate Interactions

MJO Overview (coming soon for now see links)

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- ENSO
- Hurricanes
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Theme Pages & WG Activities

MJO Weather-Climate Theme Pages

The U.S. contribution to

Climate Variability and Predictability

Example: MJO & Hurricanes
by Eric Maloney

MJO Weather-Climate Interactions

The MJO and Hurricanes:

Could MJO Predictions Help Forecast Periods of Enhanced Hurricane Activity?

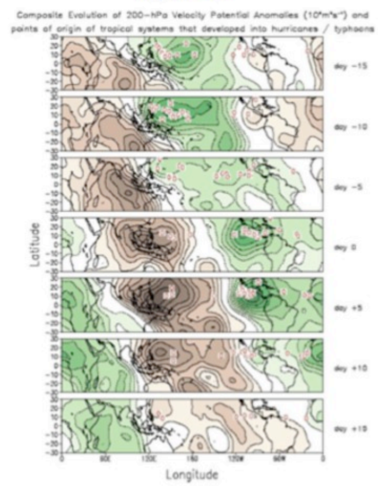
Motivation

The MJO produces a strong modulation of tropical cyclone activity in many regions of the tropics, including the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and east Pacific Ocean. The MJO is associated with variations in sea surface temperature, organized precipitation, low-level winds, vertical wind shear, and atmospheric humidity and temperature, important factors in tropical cyclone formation and maintenance. Forecasts of the MJO at 2-3 week lead times might aid in forecasting periods of enhanced tropical cyclone formation.

Research Summary

Tropical cyclogenesis preferentially occurs during certain phases of the MJO. Figure 1 shows the composite eastward propagation of Northern Hemisphere summer velocity potential and tropical cyclone genesis locations associated with the MJO during 1979-1997 (adapted from Higgins and Shi [2001]). Green areas indicate anomalous upper level divergence, where precipitation is enhanced and tropical cyclogenesis preferentially occurs. Brown areas indicate anomalous upper level convergence, where precipitation and tropical cyclogenesis are suppressed. One notable feature is the enhancement of tropical cyclogenesis in the Americas during periods of enhanced upper level divergence and enhanced precipitation (e.g. Day 0 and Day +5 of Figure 1). For example, an analysis during 1949-1997 indicates that the MJO strongly modulates Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea hurricanes and tropical storms (Figure 2, adapted from Maloney and Hartmann 2000). Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea hurricanes are four times more likely to occur when the MJO is producing enhanced precipitation and divergent upper level winds than when precipitation is suppressed and upper level winds are convergent. The modulation of major hurricanes (Categories 3-5) by the MJO is even more pronounced. Similarly, when the divergent (convergent) phase of the MJO is located over the Indian or west Pacific Ocean, typhoon activity in increased (decreased).

Figure 1.



Adapted from Higgins and Shi (2001)

Figure 2.

Maloney and Hartmann (2000)

Implications

Given the evidence that the MJO is predictable with 2-3 week lead-times, periods of enhanced or suppressed hurricane activity may be predicted at similar lead times. Such knowledge would have implications for public safety, energy production, recreation/tourism, among other interests.

Future Work

Two avenues of further investigation include: 1) understanding how the MJO modulates hurricane activity, and 2) determining whether 2-3 week predictions of the MJO can be used to predict periods of enhanced tropical cyclone activity.

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- MJO Working Group Prospectus revised Spring 2006 (pdf)
- BAMS report from ENSO-MJO workshop (pdf)
- Report from NASA subseasonal workshop (pdf)
- Report from NASA/USCLIVAR MJO workshop (pdf)
- Report from ECMWF-MJO workshop
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LINKS

- MJO Simulation Metrics
- CPC Intraseasonal Monitoring, Outlooks, Links to Weather and Educational Material
- CPC hazards assessment
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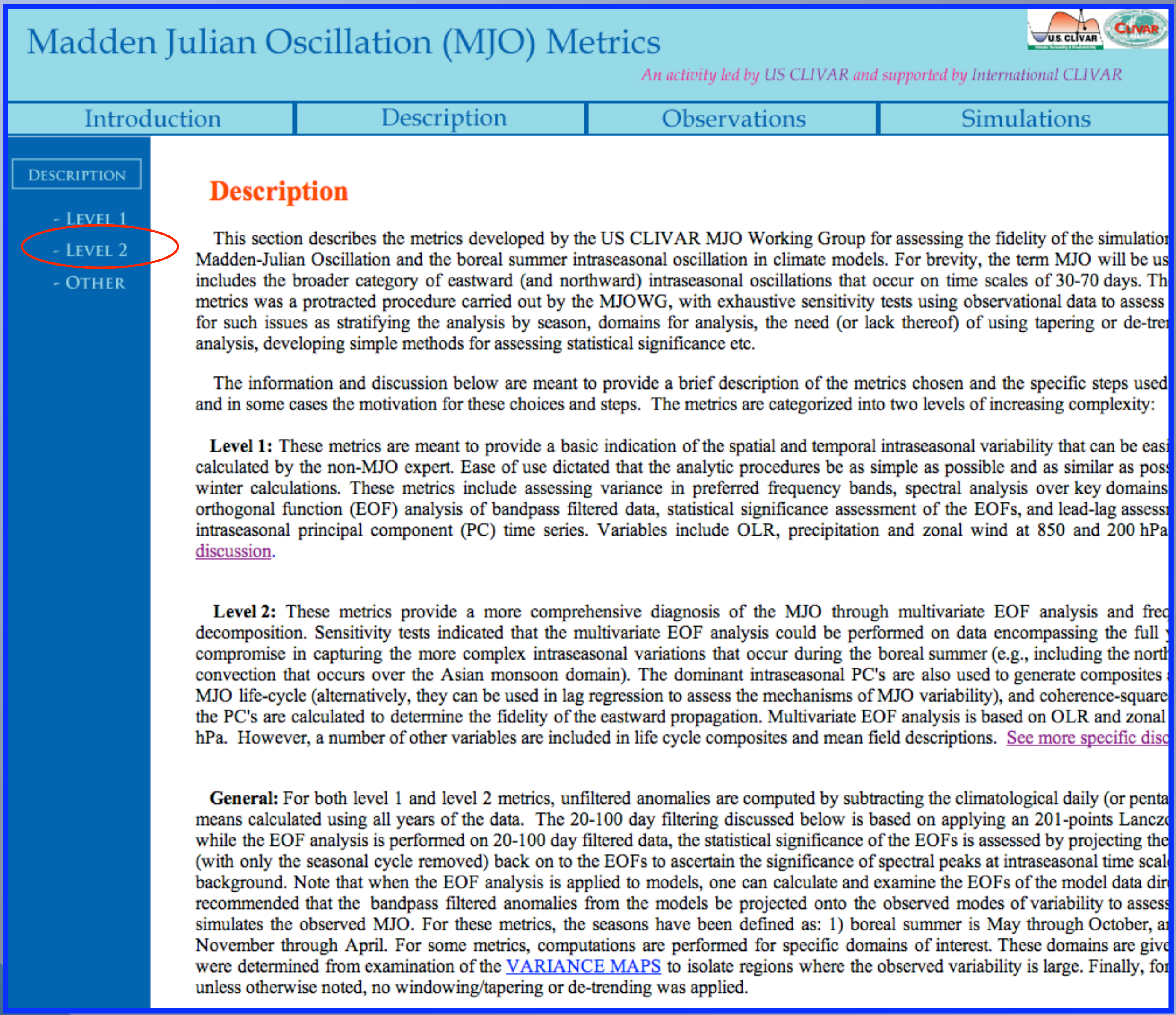
General Strategy & Description



Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) Metrics

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Description
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Other

Description

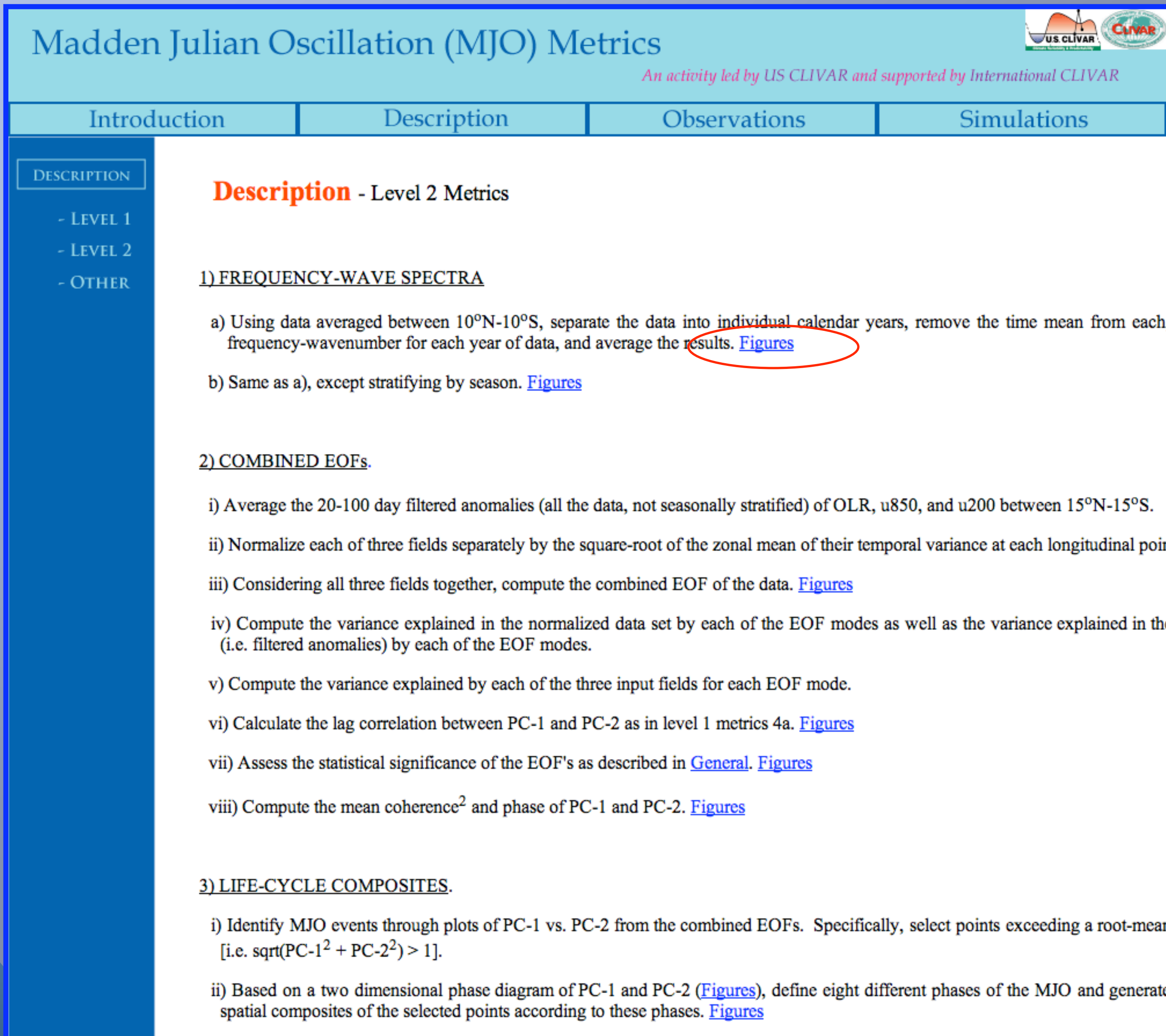
This section describes the metrics developed by the US CLIVAR MJO Working Group for assessing the fidelity of the simulatio Madden-Julian Oscillation and the boreal summer intraseasonal oscillation in climate models. For brevity, the term MJO will be us includes the broader category of eastward (and northward) intraseasonal oscillations that occur on time scales of 30-70 days. Th metrics was a protracted procedure carried out by the MJOWG, with exhaustive sensitivity tests using observational data to assess for such issues as stratifying the analysis by season, domains for analysis, the need (or lack thereof) of using tapering or de-tre analysis, developing simple methods for assessing statistical significance etc.

The information and discussion below are meant to provide a brief description of the metrics chosen and the specific steps used and in some cases the motivation for these choices and steps. The metrics are categorized into two levels of increasing complexity:

Level 1: These metrics are meant to provide a basic indication of the spatial and temporal intraseasonal variability that can be easi calculated by the non-MJO expert. Ease of use dictated that the analytic procedures be as simple as possible and as similar as poss winter calculations. These metrics include assessing variance in preferred frequency bands, spectral analysis over key domains orthogonal function (EOF) analysis of bandpass filtered data, statistical significance assessment of the EOFs, and lead-lag assess intraseasonal principal component (PC) time series. Variables include OLR, precipitation and zonal wind at 850 and 200 hPa discussion.

Level 2: These metrics provide a more comprehensive diagnosis of the MJO through multivariate EOF analysis and fre decomposition. Sensitivity tests indicated that the multivariate EOF analysis could be performed on data encompassing the full compromise in capturing the more complex intraseasonal variations that occur during the boreal summer (e.g., including the nort convection that occurs over the Asian monsoon domain). The dominant intraseasonal PC's are also used to generate composites MJO life-cycle (alternatively, they can be used in lag regression to assess the mechanisms of MJO variability), and coherence-square the PC's are calculated to determine the fidelity of the eastward propagation. Multivariate EOF analysis is based on OLR and zonal hPa. However, a number of other variables are included in life cycle composites and mean field descriptions. See more specific disc

General: For both level 1 and level 2 metrics, unfiltered anomalies are computed by subtracting the climatological daily (or penta means calculated using all years of the data. The 20-100 day filtering discussed below is based on applying an 201-points Lancz while the EOF analysis is performed on 20-100 day filtered data, the statistical significance of the EOFs is assessed by projecting the (with only the seasonal cycle removed) back on to the EOFs to ascertain the significance of spectral peaks at intraseasonal time scal background. Note that when the EOF analysis is applied to models, one can calculate and examine the EOFs of the model data dir recommended that the bandpass filtered anomalies from the models be projected onto the observed modes of variability to assess simulates the observed MJO. For these metrics, the seasons have been defined as: 1) boreal summer is May through October, a November through April. For some metrics, computations are performed for specific domains of interest. These domains are giv were determined from examination of the VARIANCE MAPS to isolate regions where the observed variability is large. Finally, fo unless otherwise noted, no windowing/tapering or de-trending was applied.



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DESCRIPTION
- LEVEL 1
- LEVEL 2
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Description - Level 2 Metrics

1) FREQUENCY-WAVE SPECTRA

a) Using data averaged between 10°N-10°S, separate the data into individual calendar years, remove the time mean from each, frequency-wavenumber for each year of data, and average the results. Figures

b) Same as a), except stratifying by season. Figures

2) COMBINED EOFs.

i) Average the 20-100 day filtered anomalies (all the data, not seasonally stratified) of OLR, u850, and u200 between 15°N-15°S.

ii) Normalize each of three fields separately by the square-root of the zonal mean of their temporal variance at each longitudinal poin

iii) Considering all three fields together, compute the combined EOF of the data. Figures

iv) Compute the variance explained in the normalized data set by each of the EOF modes as well as the variance explained in the (i.e. filtered anomalies) by each of the EOF modes.

v) Compute the variance explained by each of the three input fields for each EOF mode.

vi) Calculate the lag correlation between PC-1 and PC-2 as in level 1 metrics 4a. Figures

vii) Assess the statistical significance of the EOF's as described in General. Figures

viii) Compute the mean coherence^2 and phase of PC-1 and PC-2. Figures

3) LIFE-CYCLE COMPOSITES.

i) Identify MJO events through plots of PC-1 vs. PC-2 from the combined EOFs. Specifically, select points exceeding a root-mean [i.e. sqrt(PC-1^2 + PC-2^2) > 1].

ii) Based on a two dimensional phase diagram of PC-1 and PC-2 (Figures), define eight different phases of the MJO and generate spatial composites of the selected points according to these phases. Figures

Web Site Metrics

Recipe for Calculating Metrics

Plan To Make Calculation Codes Available

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Observations - Level 2 metrics figure tables

1) FREQUENCY-WAVE SPECTRA (see Description)

a) Annual data

OLR	PRCP	U200	U850	Usfc
All season sptectra (with annual cycle)				
AVHRR	CMAP TRMM GPCP	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1

b) Seasonally stratified data

OLR	PRCP	U200	U850	Usfc
Seasonally stratified spectra (Winter : November to April, without annual cycle)				
AVHRR	CMAP TRMM GPCP	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1
Seasonally stratified spectra (Summer : May to October, without annual cycle)				
AVHRR	CMAP TRMM GPCP	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1 NCEP2 ERA40	NCEP1

2) COMBINED EOFs (see Description)

a) Combined EOFs

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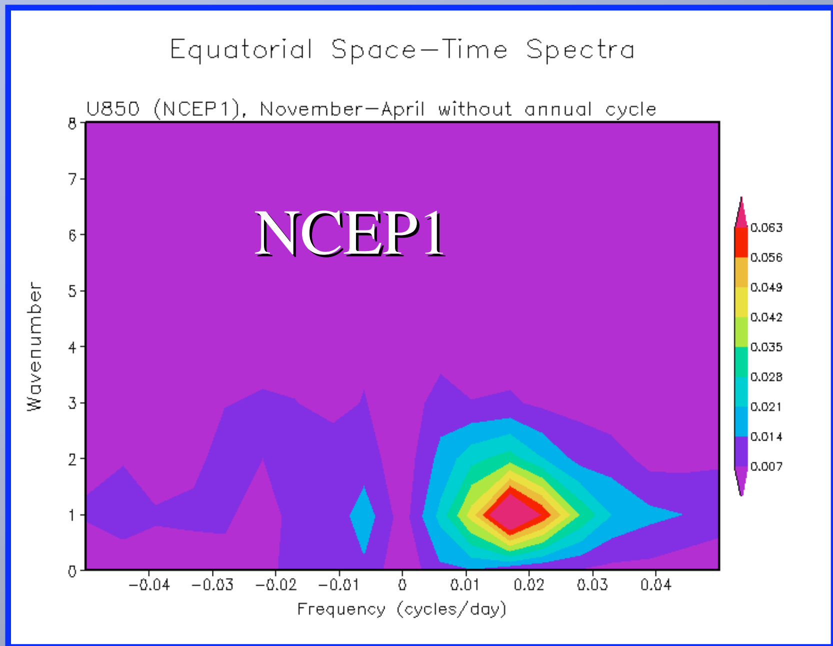
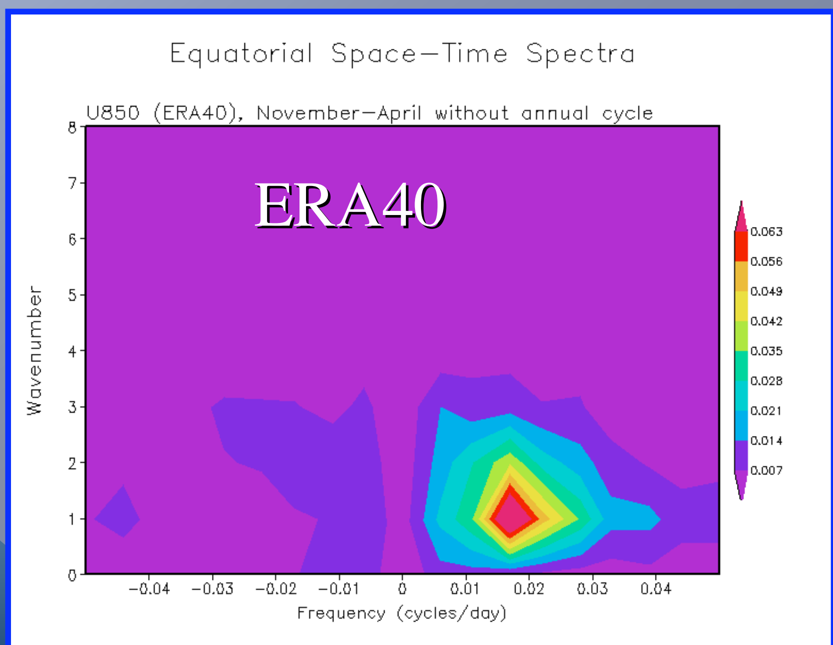
Plan To Make The Actual Map/Plot Data Available

Summarize Results in a Journal Article





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Equatorial Space-Time Spectra U, Rain, OLR

NCEP1, NCEP2, & ERA40

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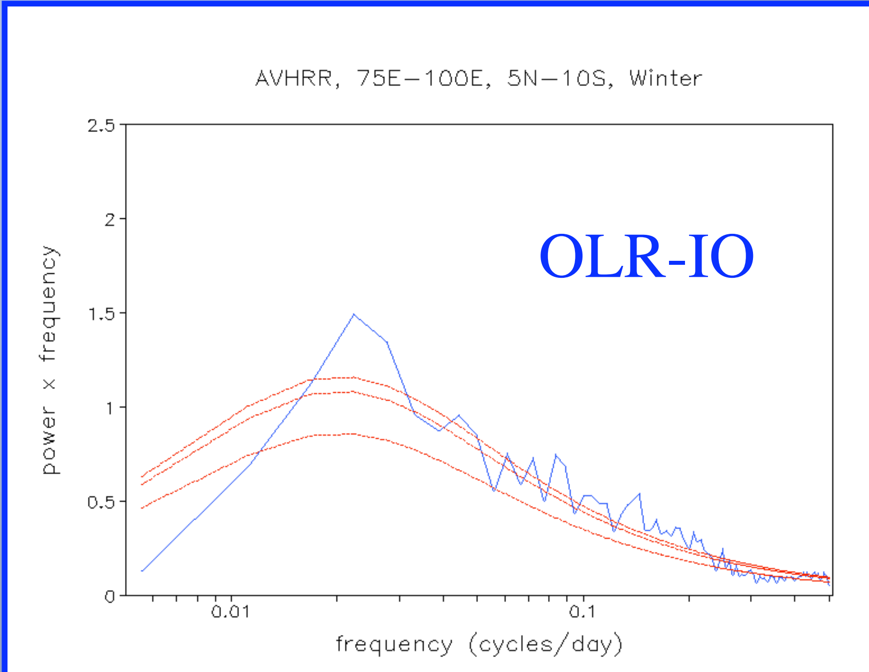
Time Series Spectra U, Rain, OLR

Domains of Interest



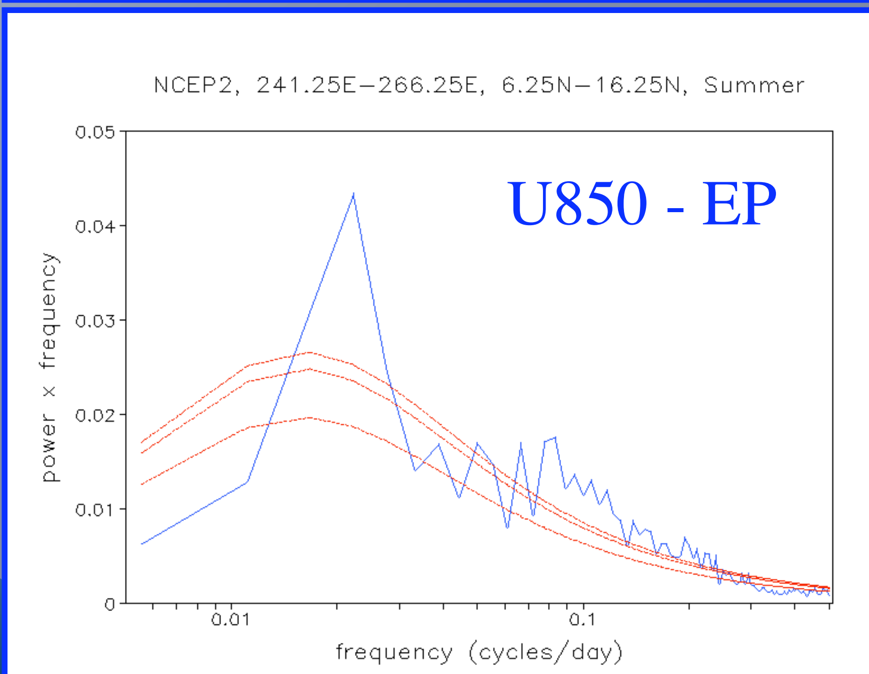


Table 1. Domains for time series power spectra metrics

	OLR	Precipitation	u_{850}	u_{200}
	Boreal Winter (November to April)			
IO	10S-5N, 75-100E	10S-5N, 75-100E	1.25°S-16.25°S, 68.75°E-96.25°E	3.75N-21.25N, 56.25E-78.75E
WP	20S-5S, 160E-185E	20S-5S, 160E-185E	1.25°N-13.75°S, 163.75°E-191.25°E	3.75N-21.25N, 123.75E-151.25E
MC	2.5S-17.5S, 115-145E	2.5S-17.5S; 115-145E		
EP				1.25N-16.25S, 256.25E-278.75E
	Boreal Summer (May to October)			
IO	10S-5N, 75-100E	10S-5N, 75-100E	21.25°N-3.75°N, 68.75°E-96.25°E	1.25°N-16.25°S, 43.75°E-71.25°E
BB	10-20N, 80-100E	10-20N, 80-100E		
WP	10-25N, 115-140E	10-25N, 115-140E	3.75°N-21.25°N, 118.75°E-146.25°E	3.75N-21.25N, 123.75E-151.25E
EP			6.25N-16.25N, 241.25E-266.25E	1.25°N-16.25°S, 238.75E-266.25E

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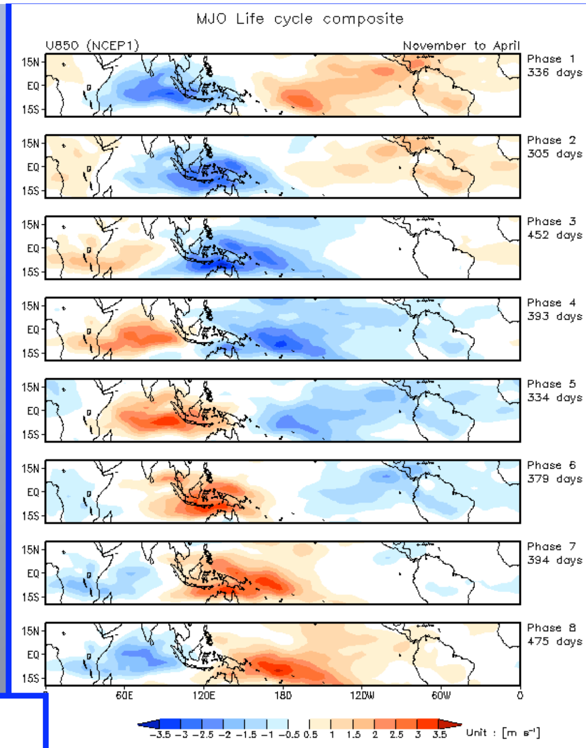
Life-Cycle Composites
U, Rain, OLR, SLP, SF



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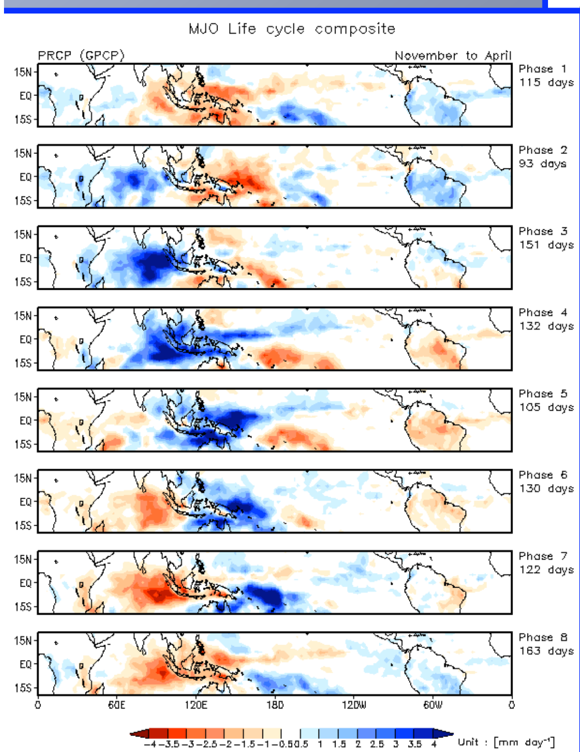
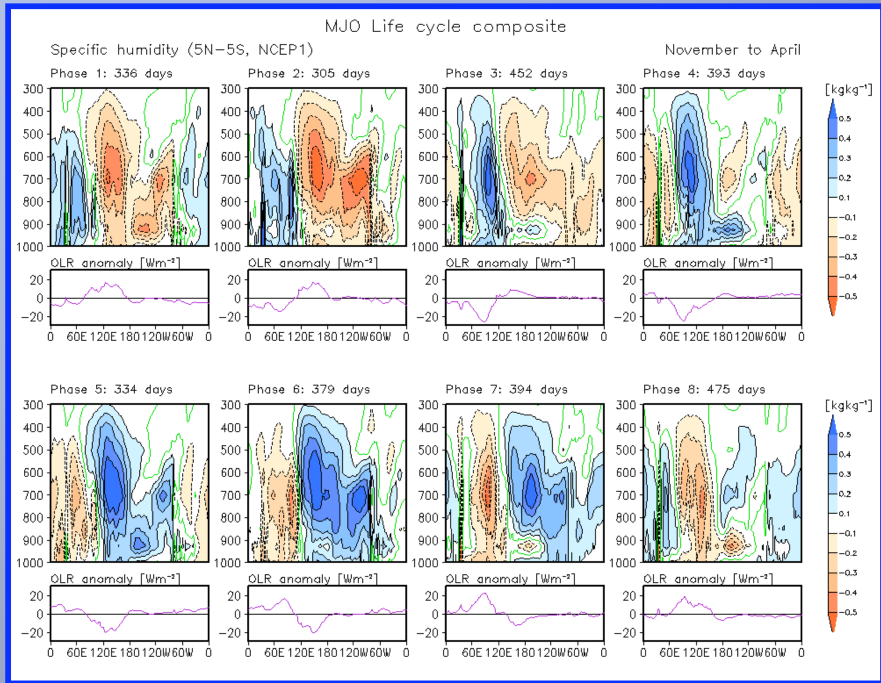
Rainfall



Satellite Rain/Cloud: AVHRR, GPCP, TRMM

Analysis Data: NCEP1,NCEP2



Specific Humidity (x,p)

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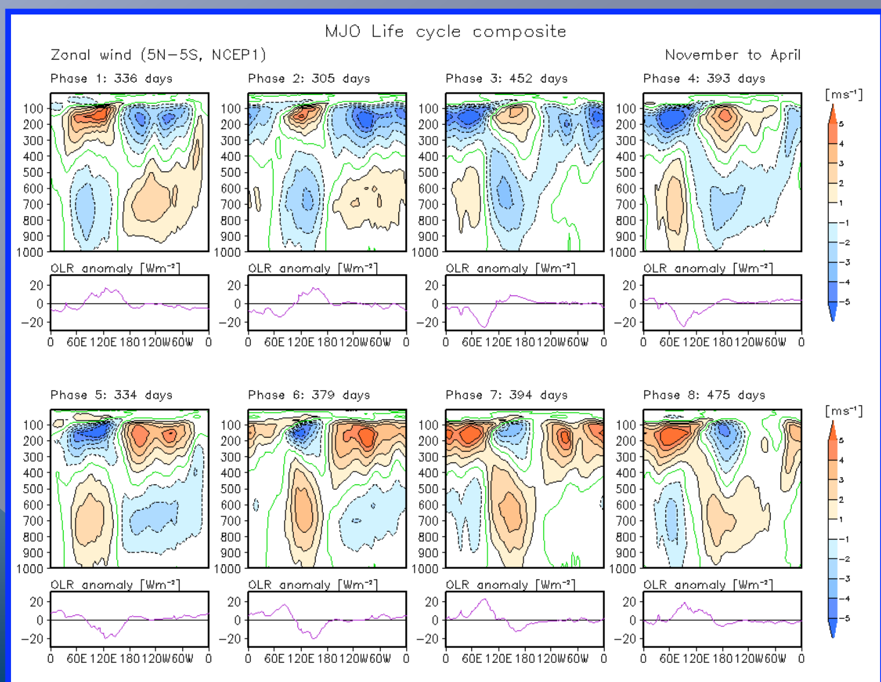
Life-Cycle 3D Composites T, Q, U, W



Zonal Wind (x,p)

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Important Mean State Quantities

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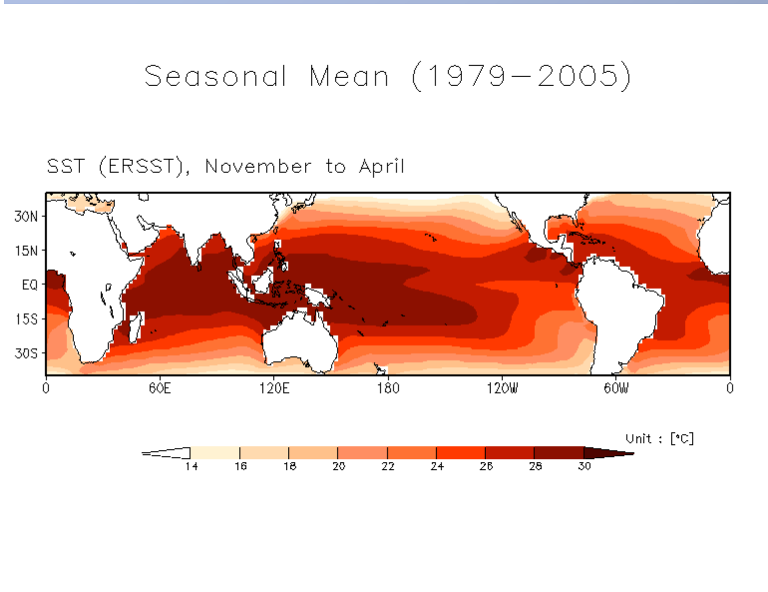

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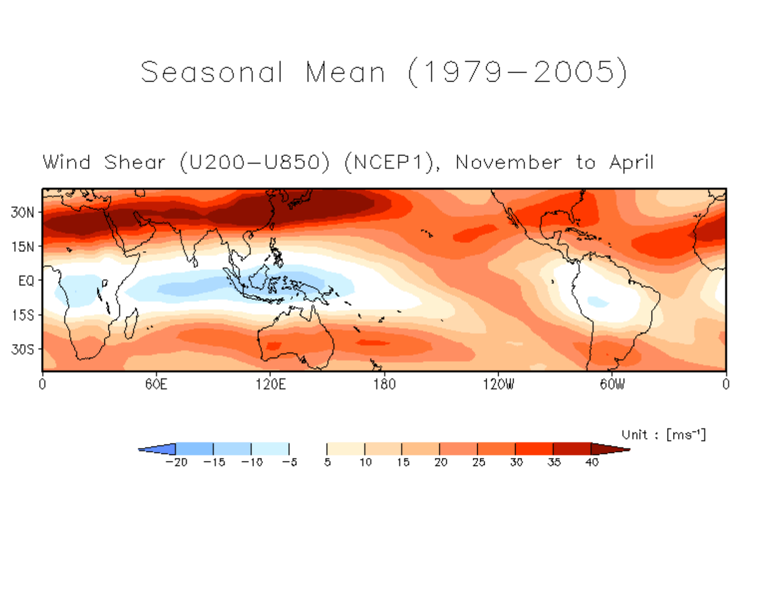
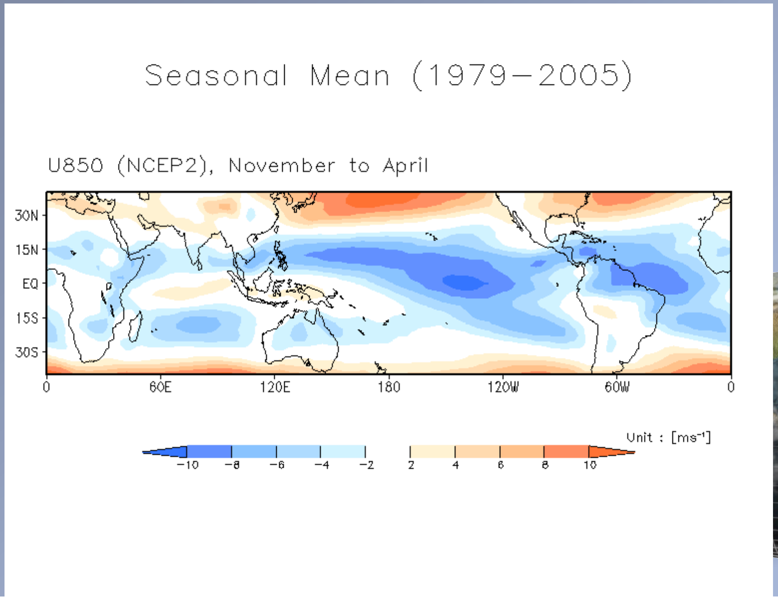


Mean 850 hPa Zonal Wind



MJO Forecast Metrics

Metrics to Assess in Common Terms MJO Forecast Skill/Predictability and Prediction Targets Focused on Users and Applications

- Similar Considerations as with Simulations Metrics
- Connect to the Simulation Metrics As Much as Possible
- Real-time Constraints Introduce Challenges in Identifying the MJO
- Less Groundwork to Rely On - Will Need to Entrain Operational Weather and Seasonal Forecast Expertise.
- Dissemination - Similar to Simulation Metrics

Hope to be here by Summer

Proposed Workshop Theme

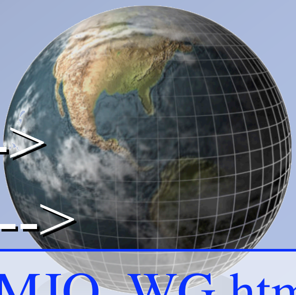
New Thinking, Tools & Resources for Assessing & Improving simulations and forecasts of the MJO

-> WGNE INPUT WELCOME

- **New Thinking**:
  Multi-scale structure, Emphasis on Vertical Structure Analysis, Utility of Forecast Framework, A Bridge Between Weather-Climate

- **New Tools & Resources:**
  New Era of Satellite Observations, GOOS/IO Array, Multi-Scale Modeling.

- **Principle Focus Areas:**
  ----> Metrics Application & Vertical Structure ->
  -> Experimental Framework for Multi-Scale Models --->
  -> Experimental Framework for Forecast Experiments --->



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