



# Vertical Structure and Diabatic Processes of the MJO: *Global Model Evaluation Project*

MJO Task Force and GASS

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World Climate Research Programme

**MJO TF THORPEX**  
A World Weather Research Programme

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World Weather Research Programme

**GASS** **gelex** **YOTC**  
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# Central role of vertical structure & diabatic/moistening processes in MJO mechanisms/theories & simulation quality

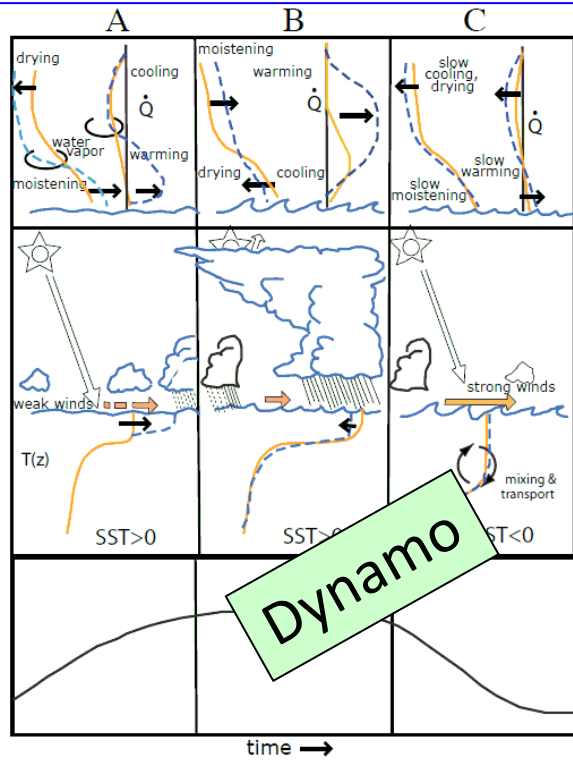
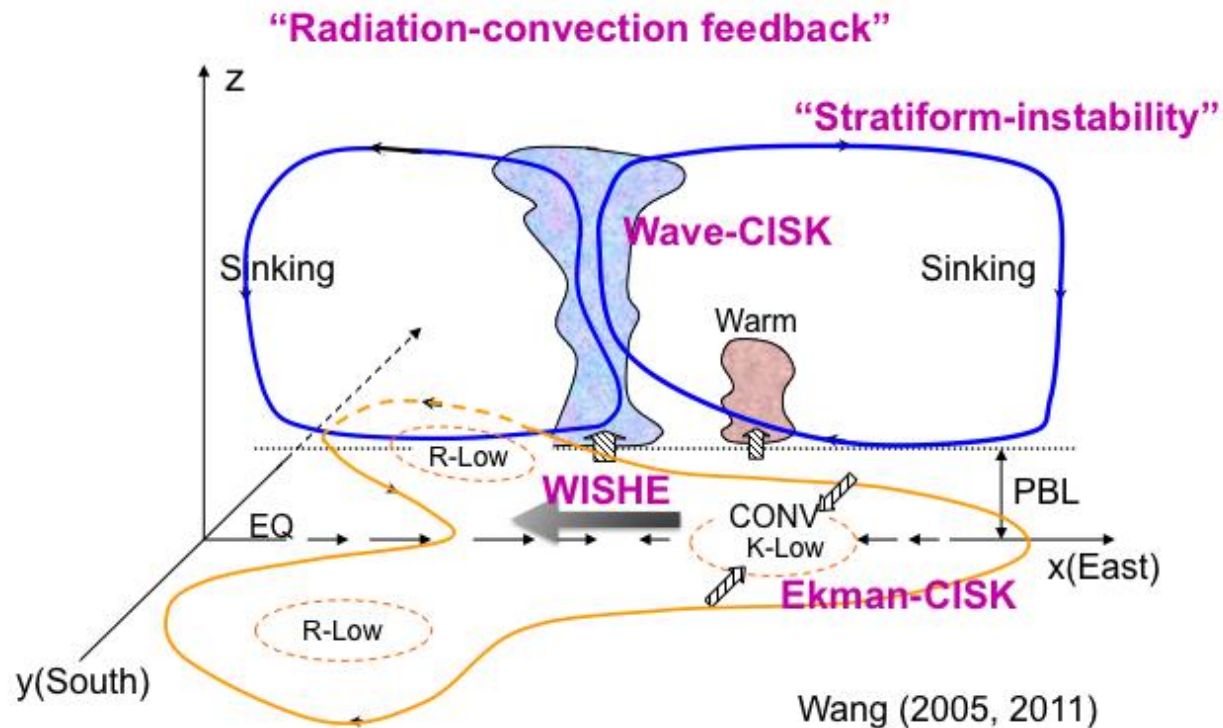


Figure 4 Schematic of a conceptual model for MJO initiation processes at a fixed location over the Indian Ocean. Upper panels illustrate tendency of moisture and diabatic heating profiles; middle panels depict cloud compositions, surface winds, and upper-ocean temperature profiles; lower-panel shows the SST evolution. (After Stephens et al. 2004)



Wang (2005, 2011)

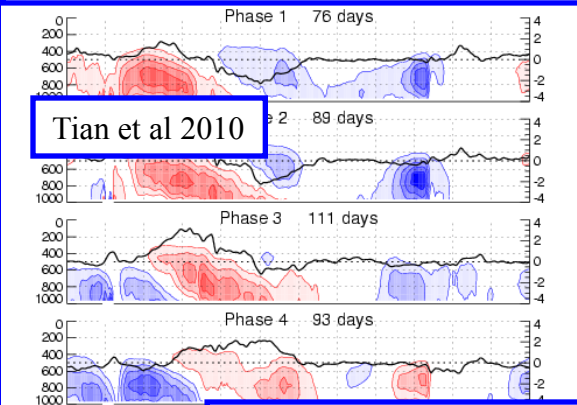
Beyond interactions between heating components and large-scale circulation => multi-scale interaction, moistening processes and convective momentum transport.

Majda and Stechmann (2011)

**Detailed Experimentation and Comparison to Observed Vertical Structures Sorely Needed.**

# Availability of Vertical Profiling Satellite Products

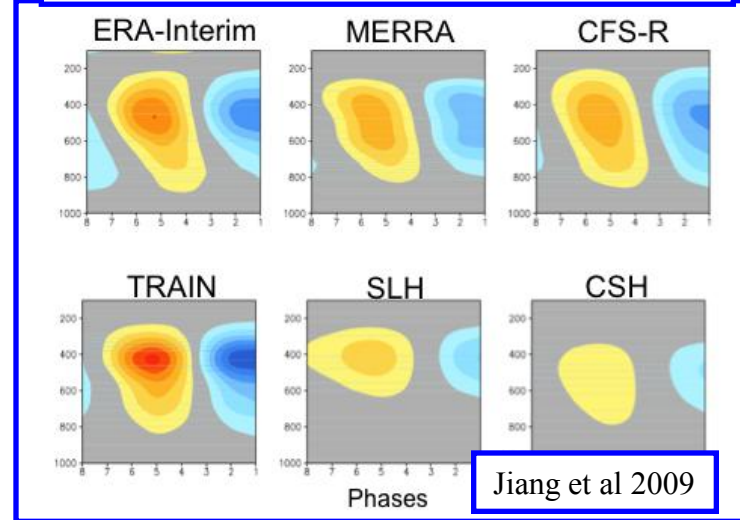
## AIRS Temp and WV



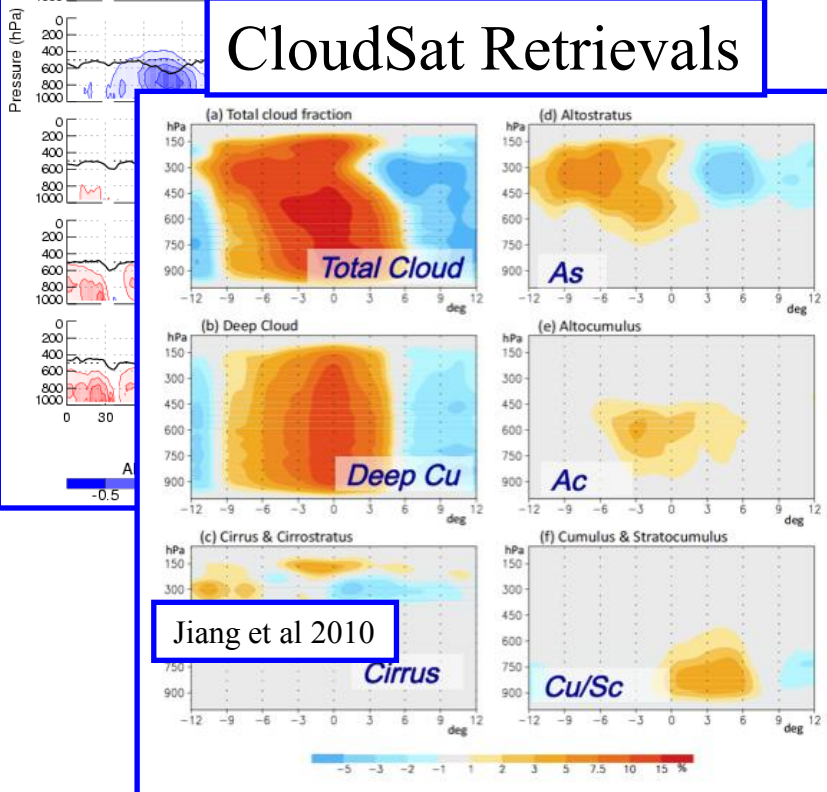
+ MLS,  
ISCCP,  
Calipso

C. Zhang (2011)

## TRMM Diabatic Heating

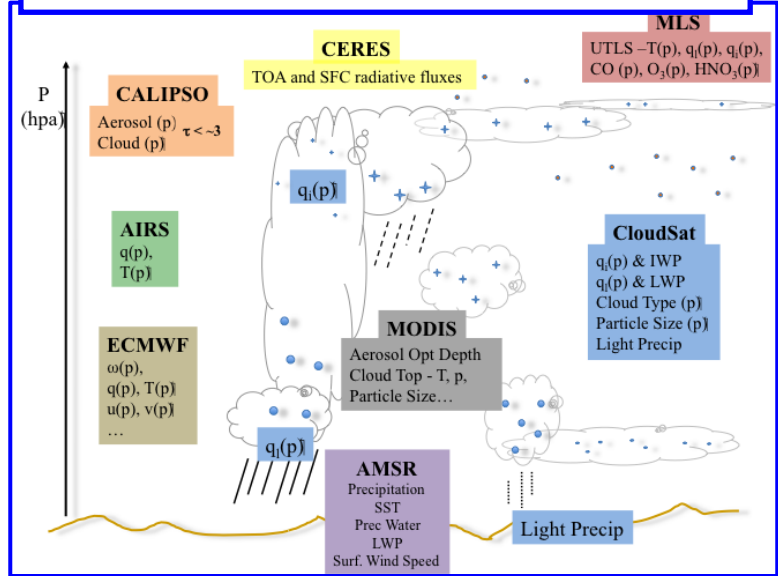


## CloudSat Retrievals



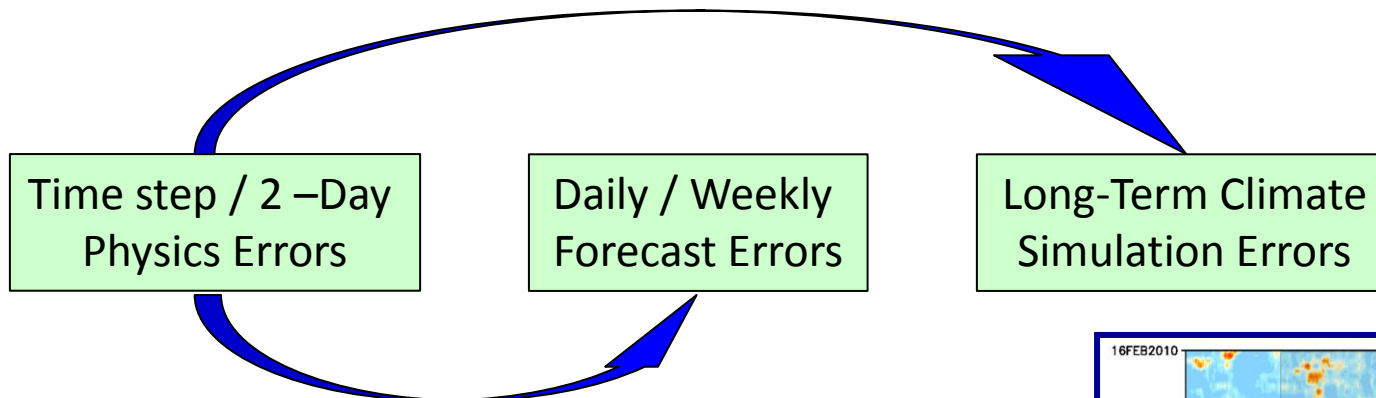
Jiang et al 2010

## YOTC Collocated A-Train



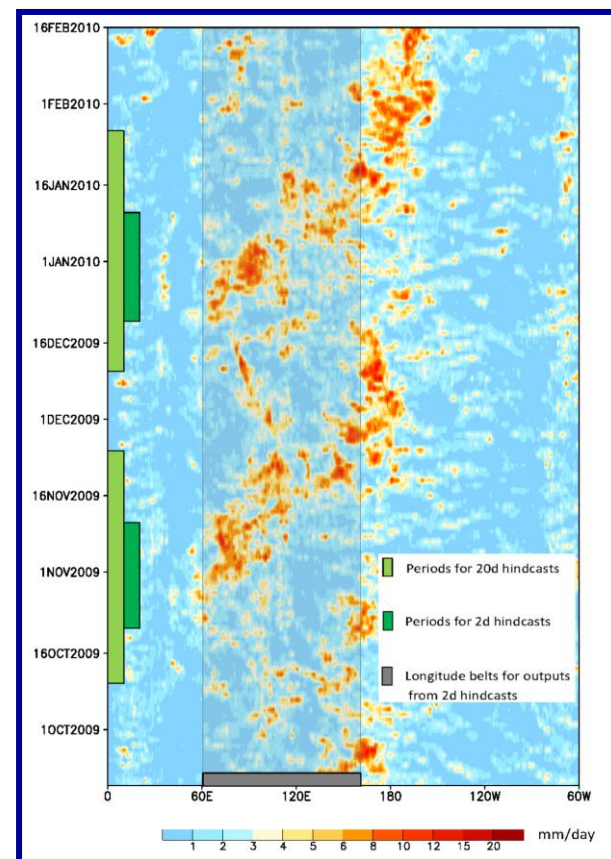
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1. **climate simulation** – multi-year simulations coupled or atmosphere only
2. **short range hindcasts** – daily 48hr lead during ~20 days of the MJO
3. **medium range hindcasts** – daily 20-day lead time

[www.ucar.edu/yotc/mjodiab.html](http://www.ucar.edu/yotc/mjodiab.html)



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## Model Experiment

## Science Focus

## Exp. POC

I. **20 Yr Climatological Simulations**  
 (1991-2010 if AGCM)  
 6-hr, Global Output  
 Vertical Structure, Physical Tendencies

Model MJO Fidelity  
 Vertical structure  
 Multi-scale Interactions:  
 (e.g., TCs, Monsoon, ENSO)

**UCLA/JPL**  
 X. Jiang  
 D. Waliser

II. **2-Day MJO Hindcasts**  
 YOTC MJO Cases E & F (winter 2009)  
 Time Step, Indo-Pacific Domain Output  
 Very Detailed Physical/Model Processes

All experiments have 3D tendency terms for T, q, u, v, condensate budgets, radiative profiles, surface fluxes, etc.

**Met Office**  
 P. Xavier  
 J. Petch

III. **20-Day MJO Hindcasts**  
 YOTC MJO Cases E & F (winter 2009)\*  
 3-hr, Global Output  
 Elements of I & II

MJO Forecast Skill  
 State Evolution/Degradation  
 Elements of I & II

**NCAS/Walker in.**  
 N. Klingaman  
 S. Woolnough

\*DYNAMO Case TBD

Commitments: Over 40 Modeling Groups with AGCM and/or CGCM



# Participants

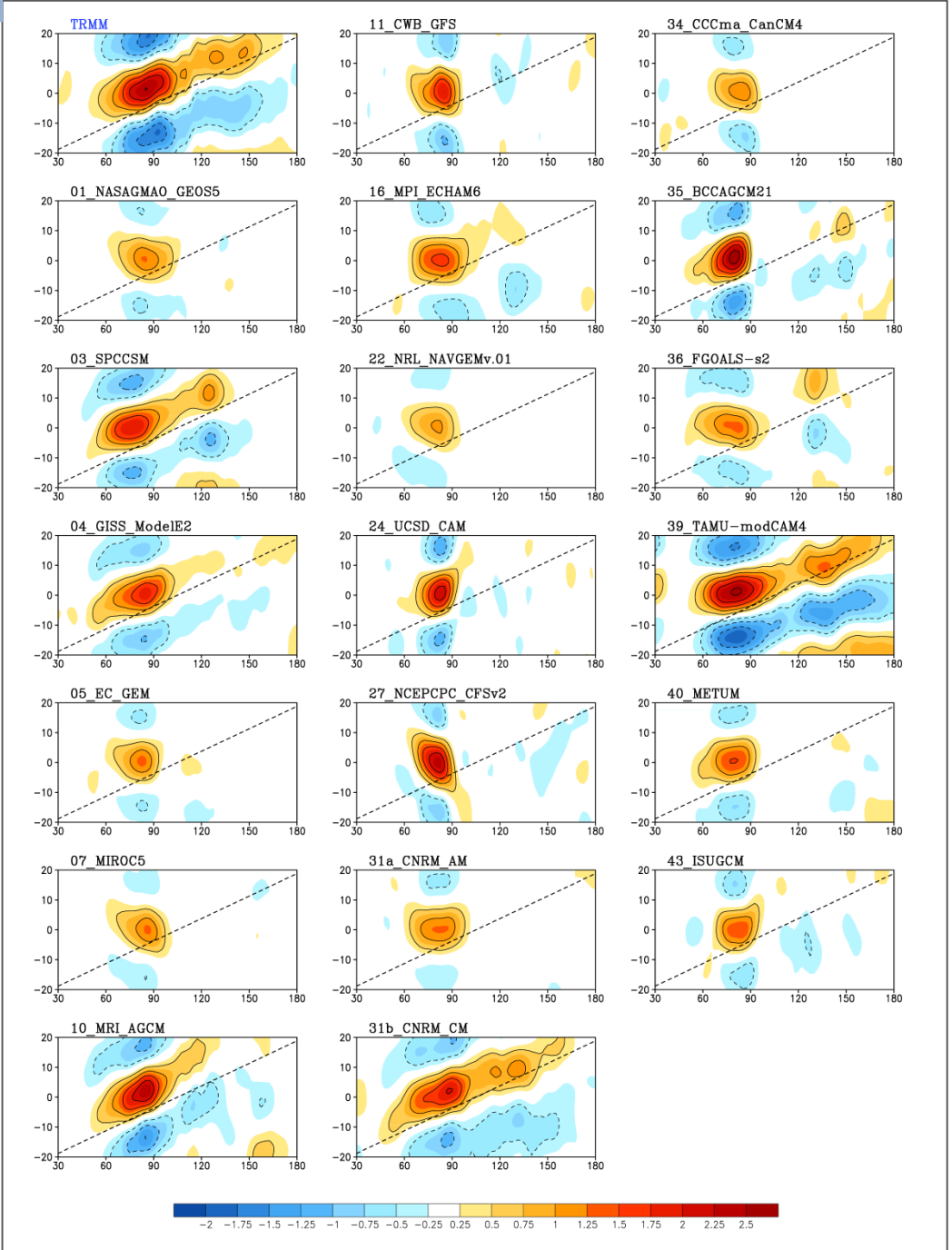


No	Model	Point of Contact	Institution	Experiment		
				Climatological Simulation	Short-term Hindcast	Long-term Hindcast
01	GEOS-5 AGCM	Siegfried Schubert; Hailan Wang	NASA/GMAO	X	X	X
02	IPRC GCM	Xiouhua Fu; Baoqiang Xiang	University of Hawaii	X		
03	SPCCSM / SPCAM	David Randall; Charlotte Demott; Cristiana Stan	Colorado State University COLA	X		
		Mike Pritchard (UW)	UCSD		X	X
04	NASA GISS	Daehyun Kim; Anthony Del Genio	LDEO	X		X
05	GEM model	Hai Lin	Environment Canada	X		
06	NICAM	Masaki Satoh ; Tomoe Nasuno	AORI, Univ. of Tokyo JAMSTEC	-		X
07	MIROC	Tomoki Miyakawa	AORI/Univ. Tokyo	X	X	X
10	MRI-GCM	Eiki SHINDO; Akio Kitoh	MRI	X	X	X
11	CWB AGCM	Mong-Ming Lu; Hsin-Hsing Chia; Hsiao-Chung Tsai	CWB, Taiwan	X		
12	WRF	Samson M Hagos	PNNL		X	
15	IFS	Frederic Vitart	ECMWF	-	X	X
16	ECHAM	Traute Crueger	ZMAW	X	-	-
17	MetUM GA3.0	Prince Xavier	Met Office UK		X	X
22	NAVGEM	Jim Ridout; Maria Flatau	NRL	X		X
24	CAM3/CAM5	Guang Zhang	UCSD	X	-	-
27	CFSv2	Wanqiu Wang	NCEP/CPC	X	-	-
30	GFSv2	Arindam Chakraborty	Indian Institute of Science	-	-	X
31a	CNRM_AM	Gilles Bellon	CNRM/France	X	-	-
31b	CNRM_CM					
34	CanCM4	John Scinocca; Bill Merryfield; Ajaya Mohan	CCCma	X	X	X
35	BCCAGCM2.1	Tongwen Wu, Jie Zhang	National Climate Center, China	X		
36	FGOALS2.0-s	Wenting Hu	LASG/IAP, China	X	-	-
37	ECHAM5-SIT	Wan-Ling Tseng; Noel Keenlyside	Univ of Bergen	X	-	-
39	Modified CAM4	Courtney Schumacher; Cara-Lyn Lappen	TAMU	X		
40	METUM	Hongyan Zhu	BoM, Australia	X	-	-
43	ISUGCM	Xiaoqing Wu	Iowa State University	X	-	-

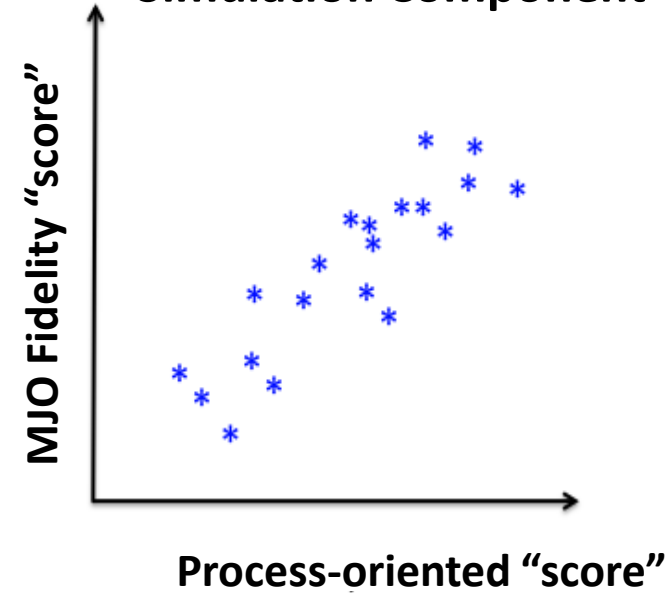
# Lag-regression of rainfall with Indian Ocean (70-90E; 5S-5N) base point

20-90day filtered

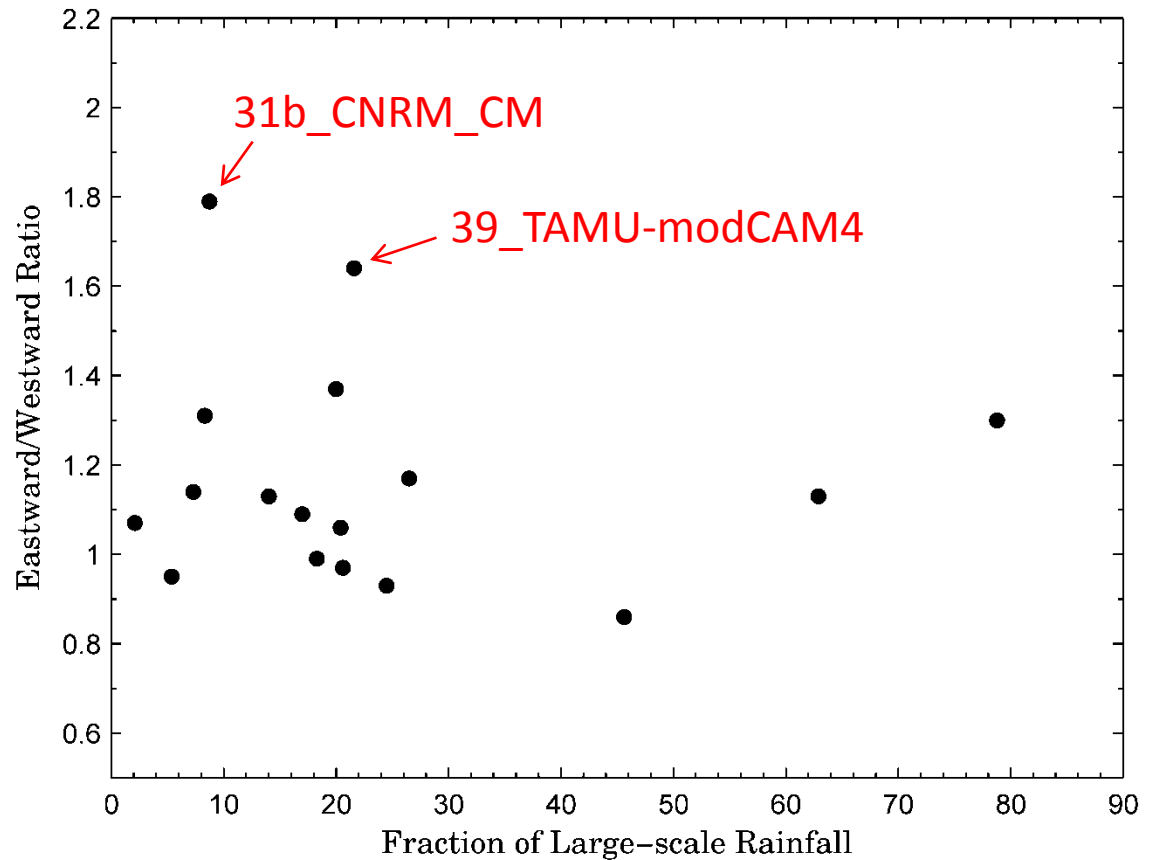
dash line – 5 m/s



### A Goal of the Climate Simulation Component



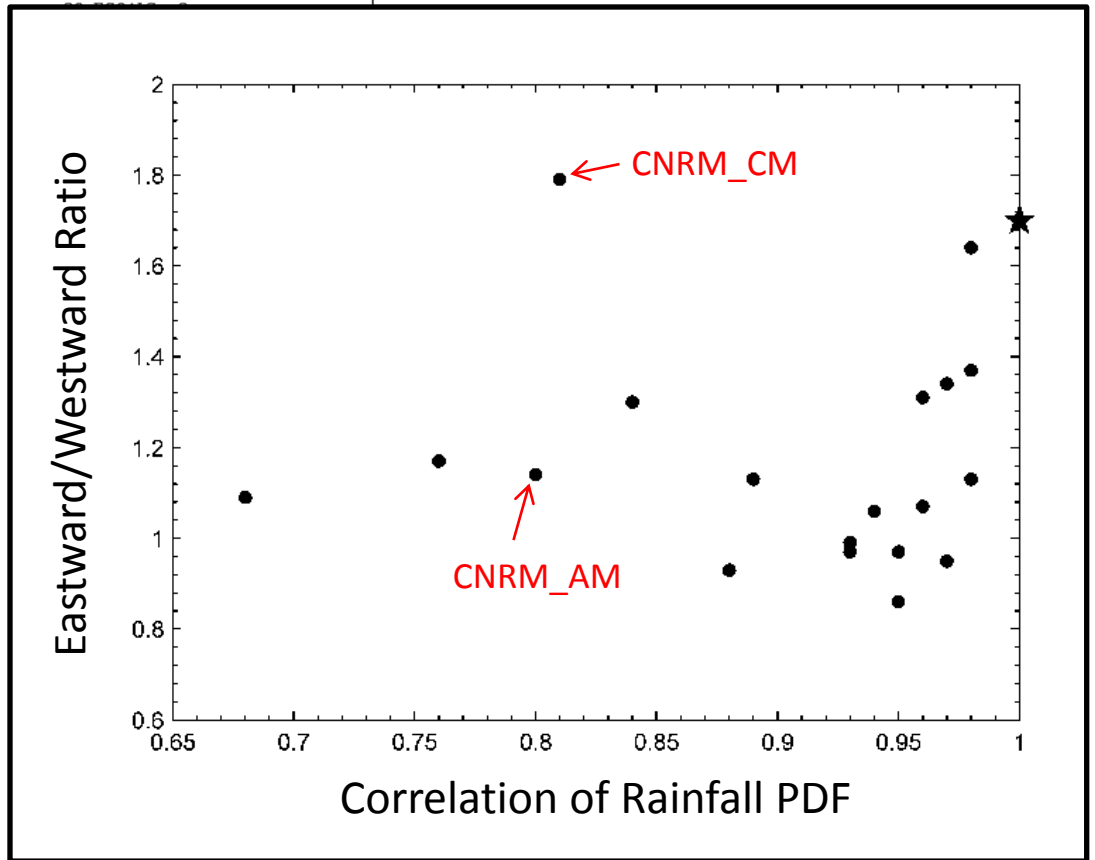
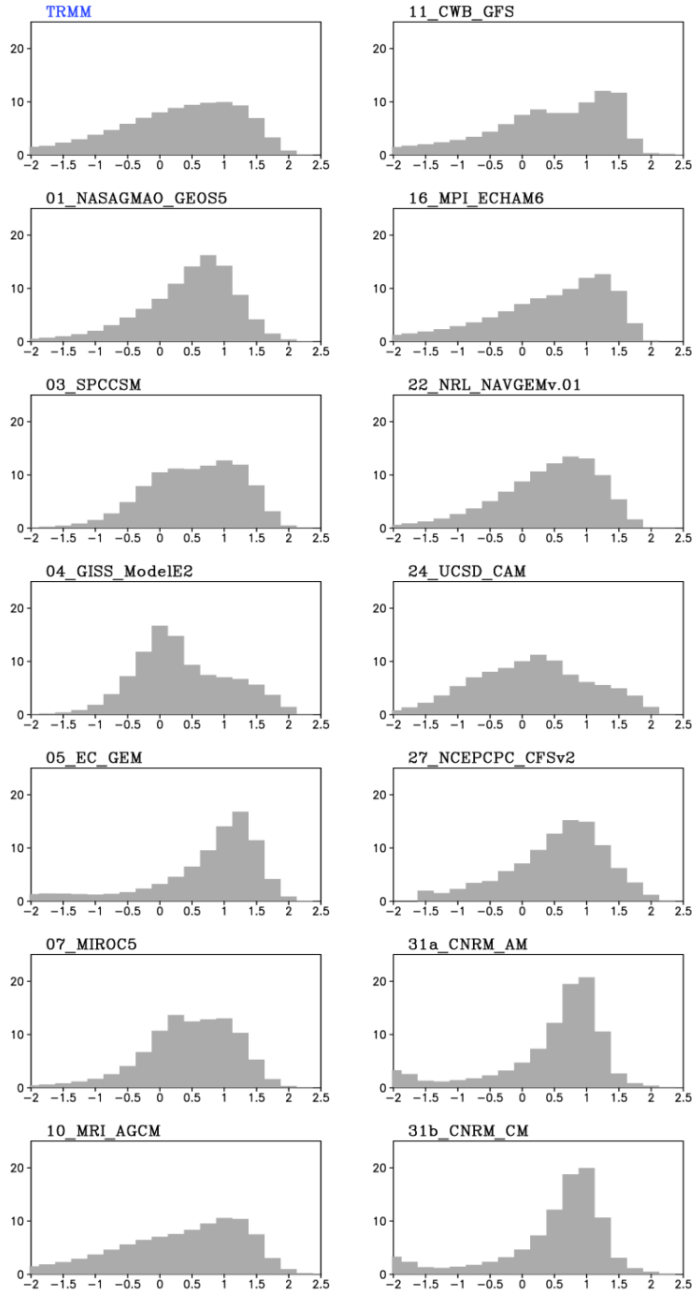
### MJO Fidelity vs Large-scale Rainfall Fraction





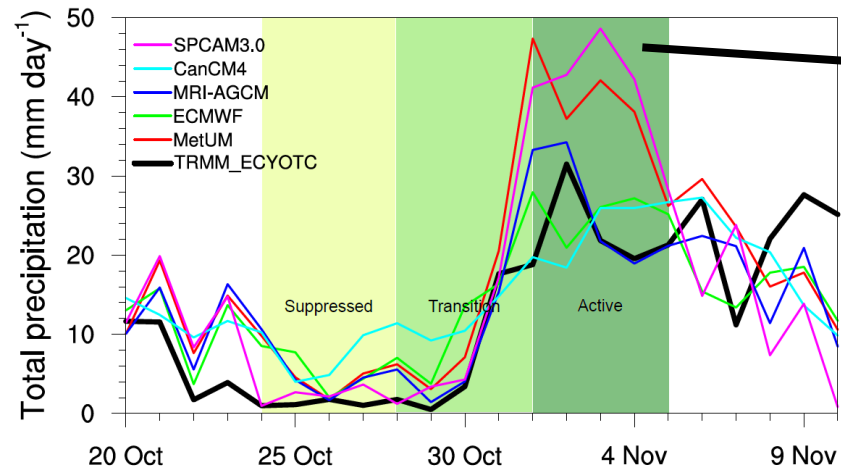
# MJO fidelity vs Rainfall PDF

(15°S-15°N; 50-180°E)  
Nov-Apr





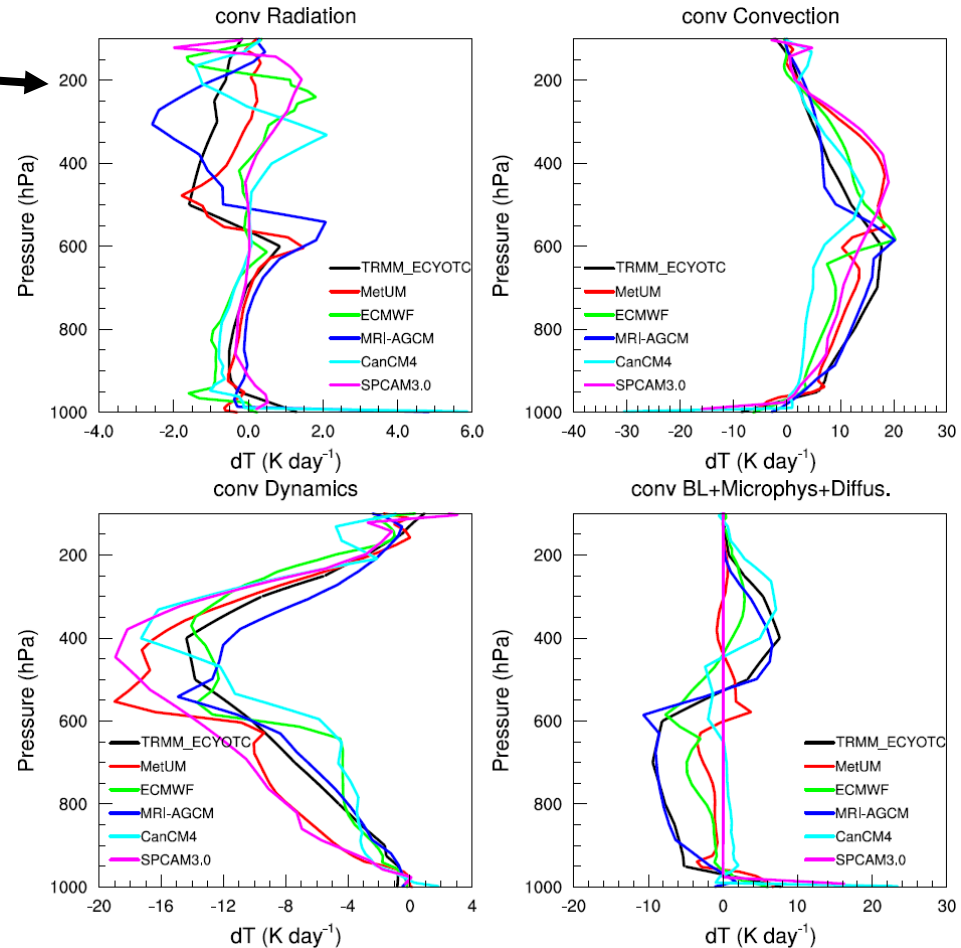
# Phase selection



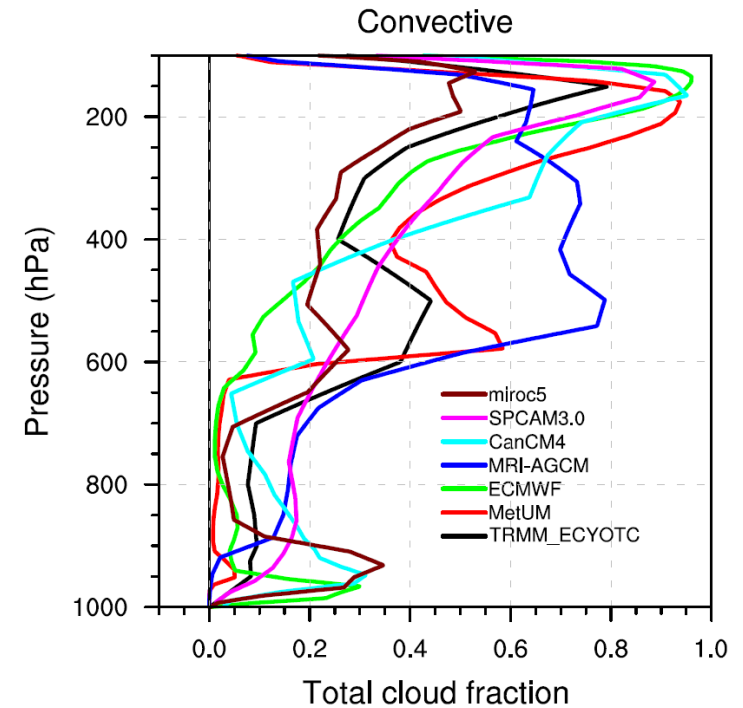
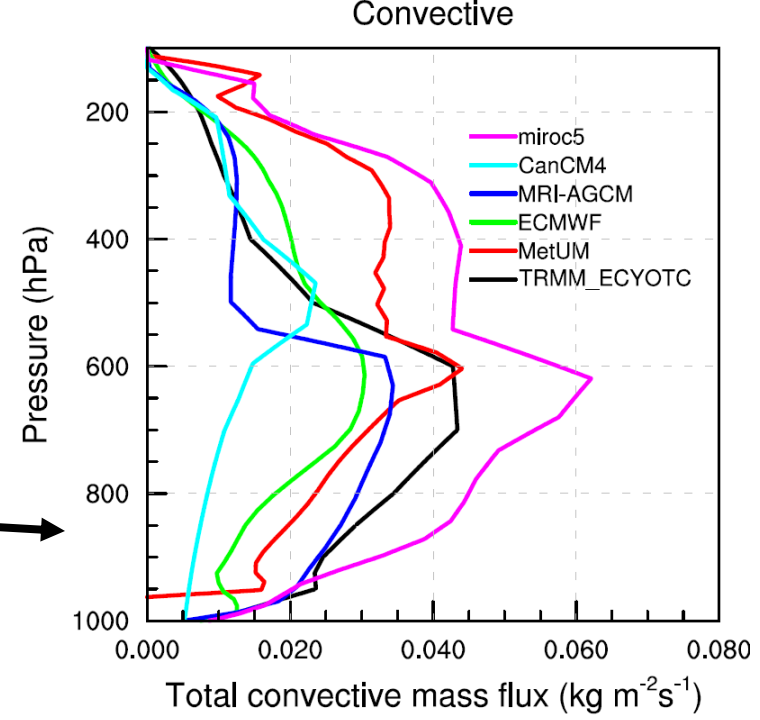
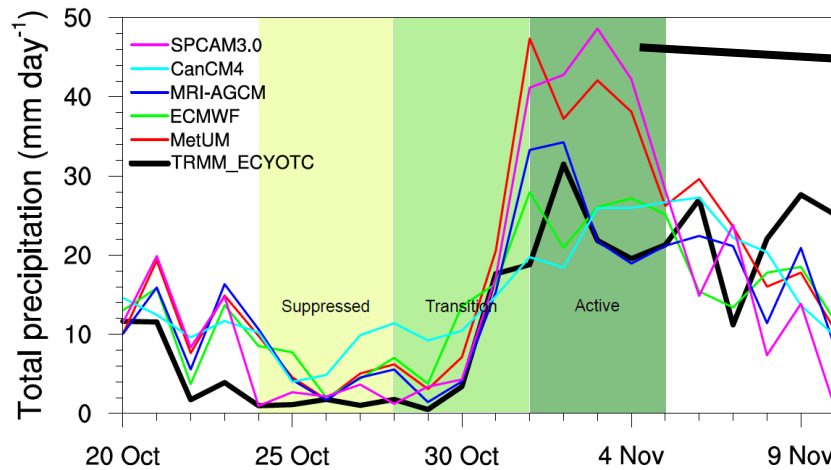
Indian Ocean  
75-80E, 0-5N

YOTC Case E

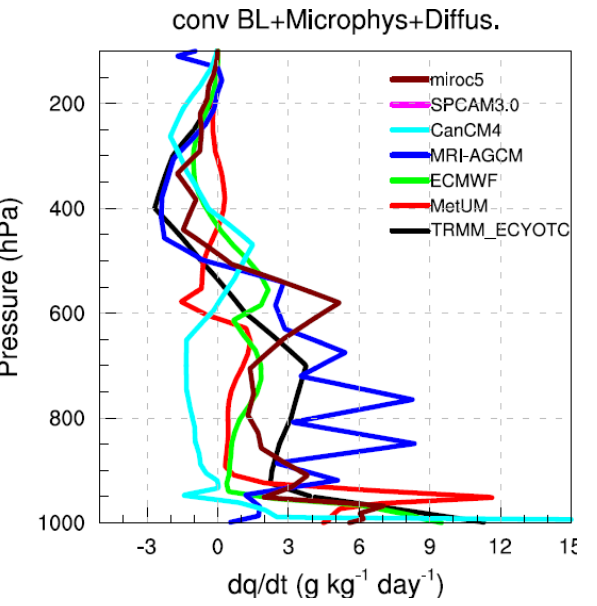
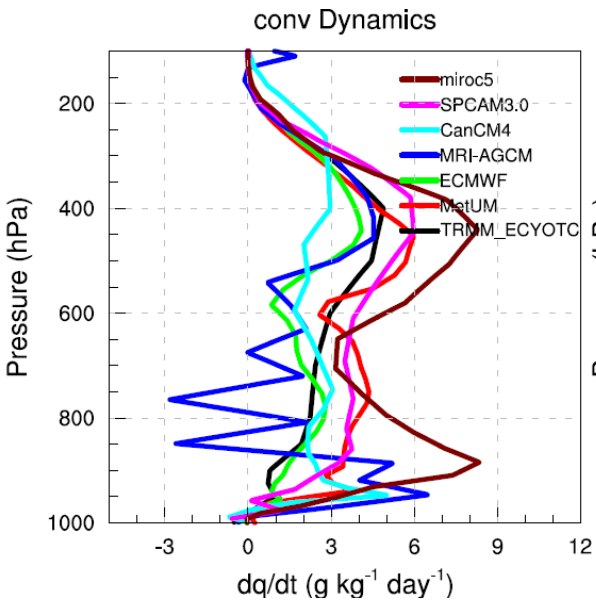
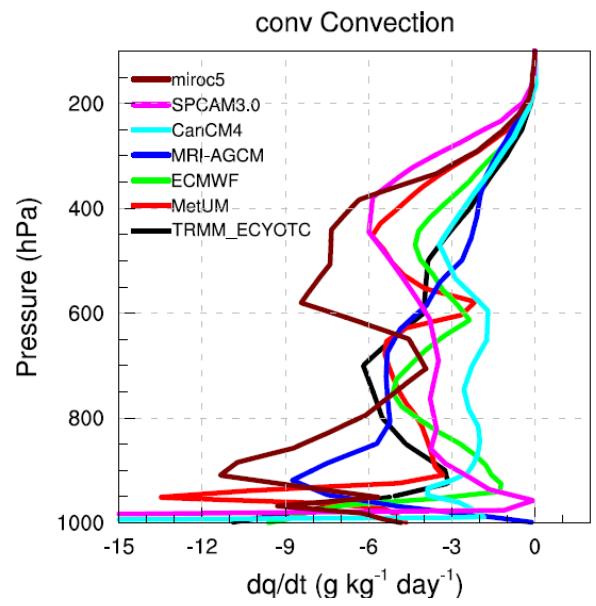
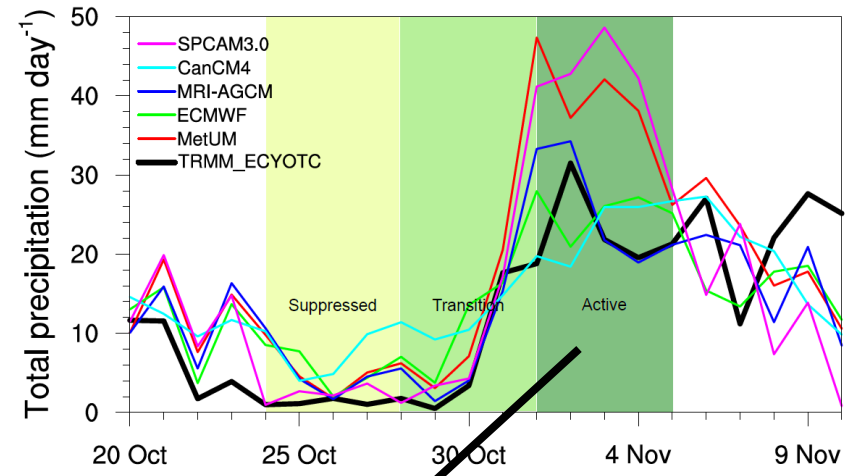
## dT convective phase



# 2- Day Hindcast Component: Prince Xavier

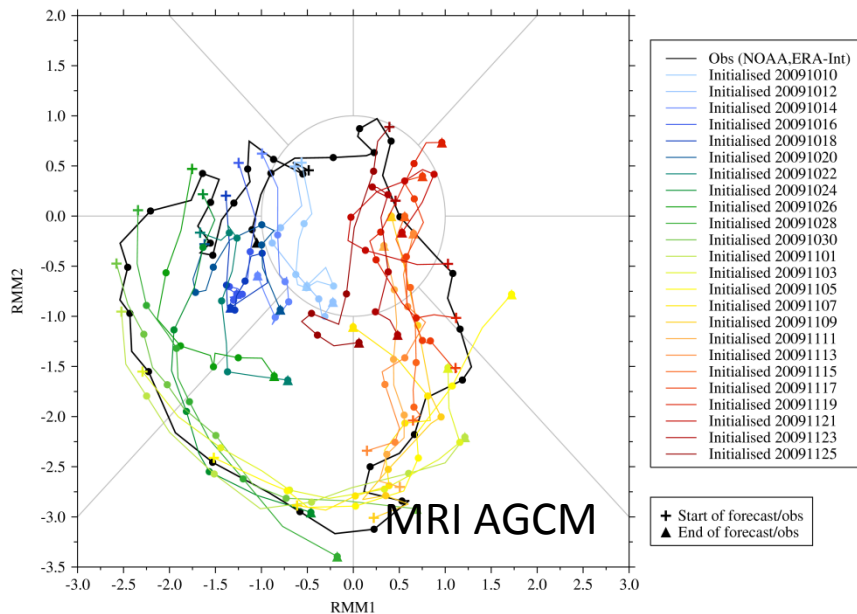


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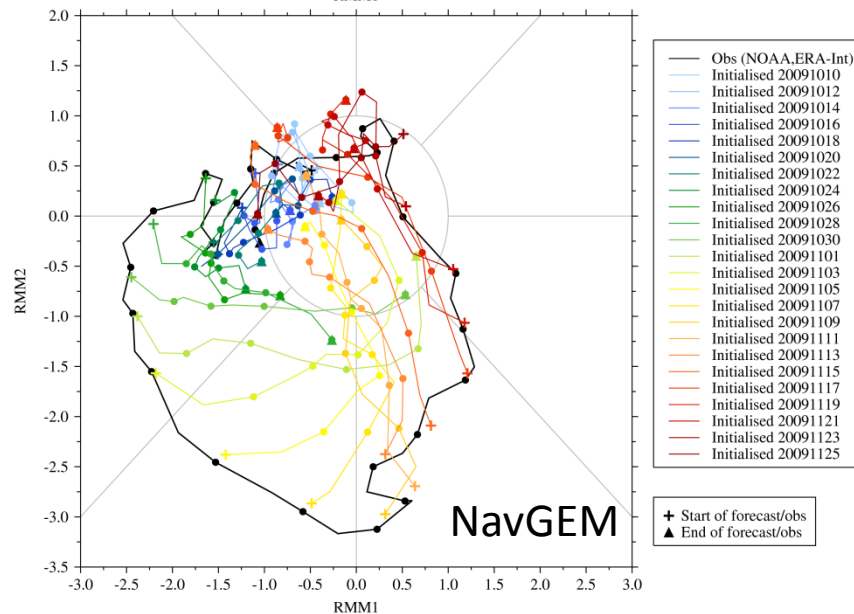
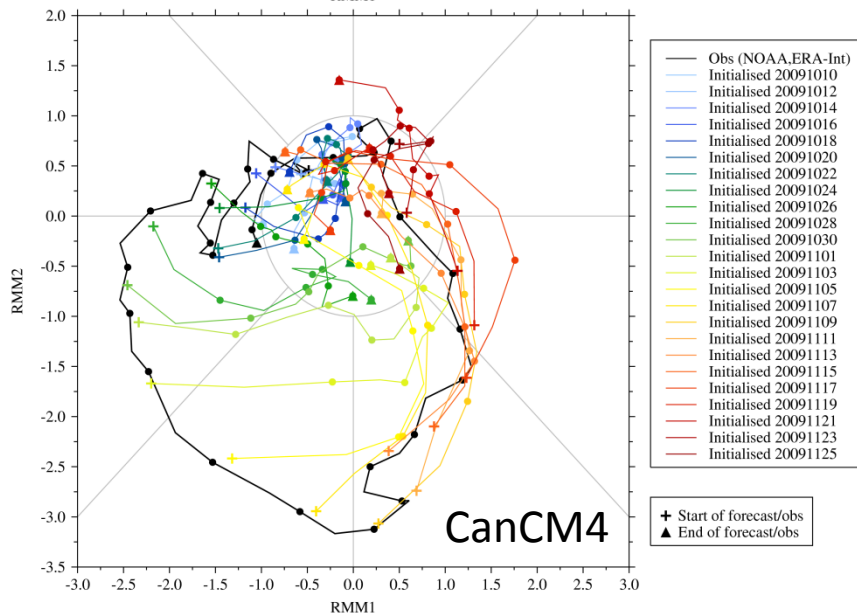
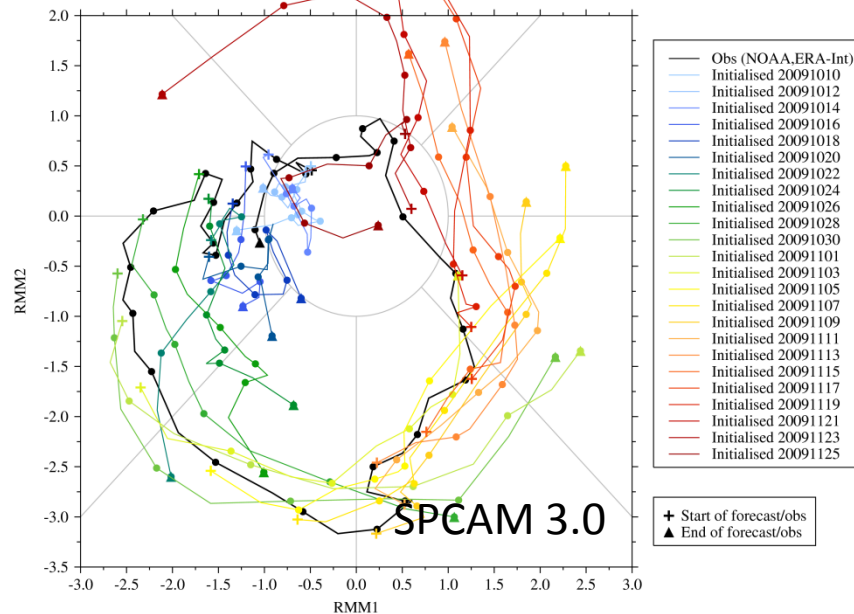


# RMM indices at constant start date

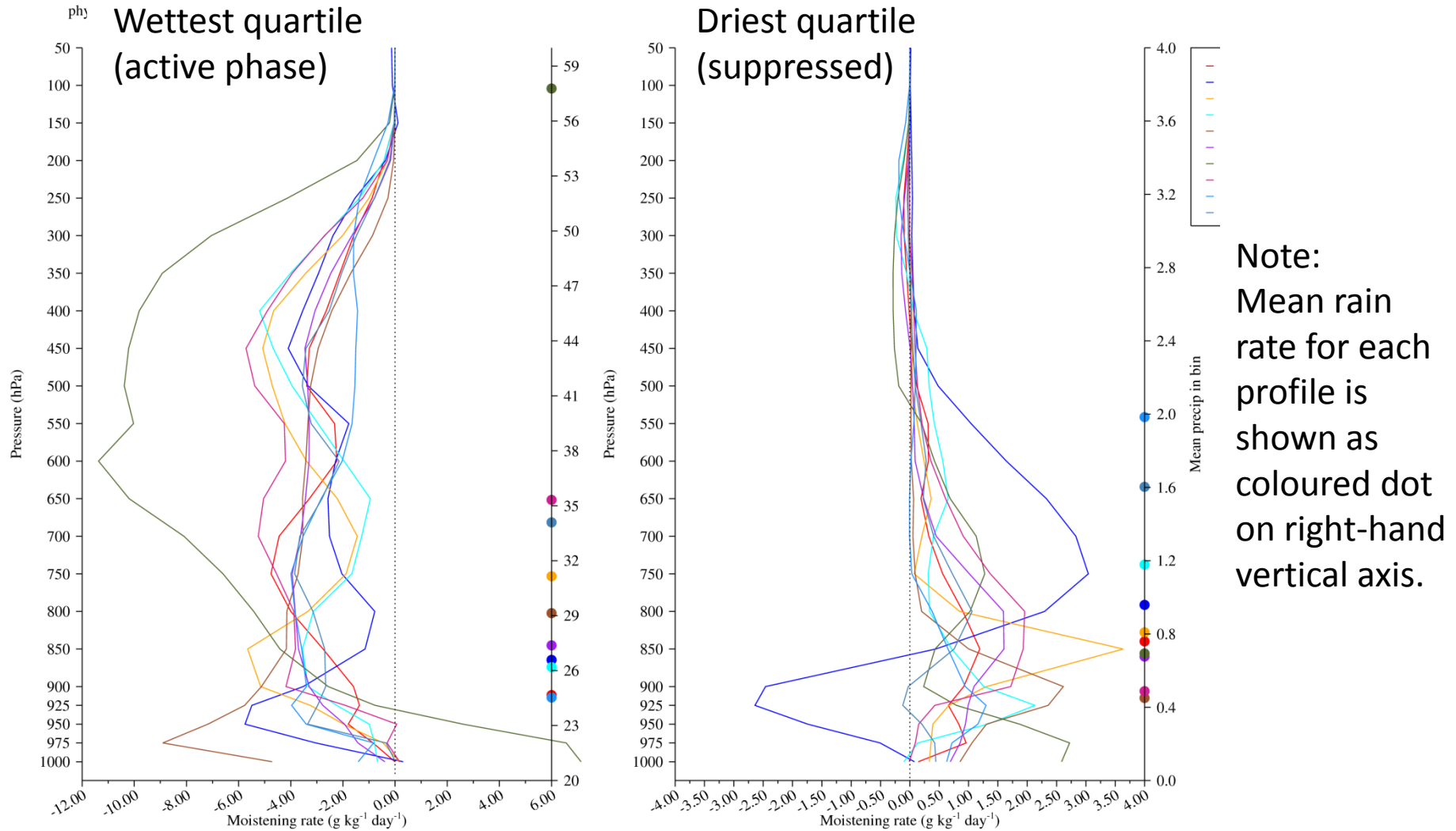
RMM indices with lead time from MRI-AGCM for initialisation dates 20091010-20091125



RMM indices with lead time from SPCAM3 for initialisation dates 20091010-20091125



# Physics moistening tendencies

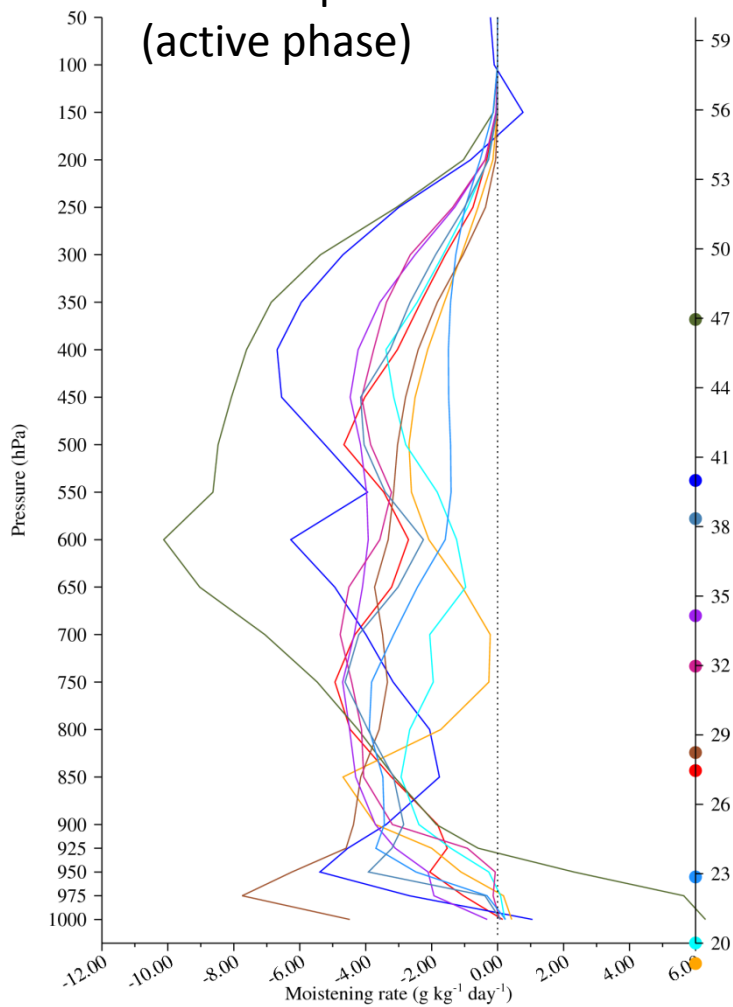


For a box in the western Indian Ocean (10S-10N, 60-80E),  
dq/dt from physics at a lead time of **1 day** for start dates 10/10/2009 through  
25/11/2009 (YoTC case E). Computed from three-hourly values.

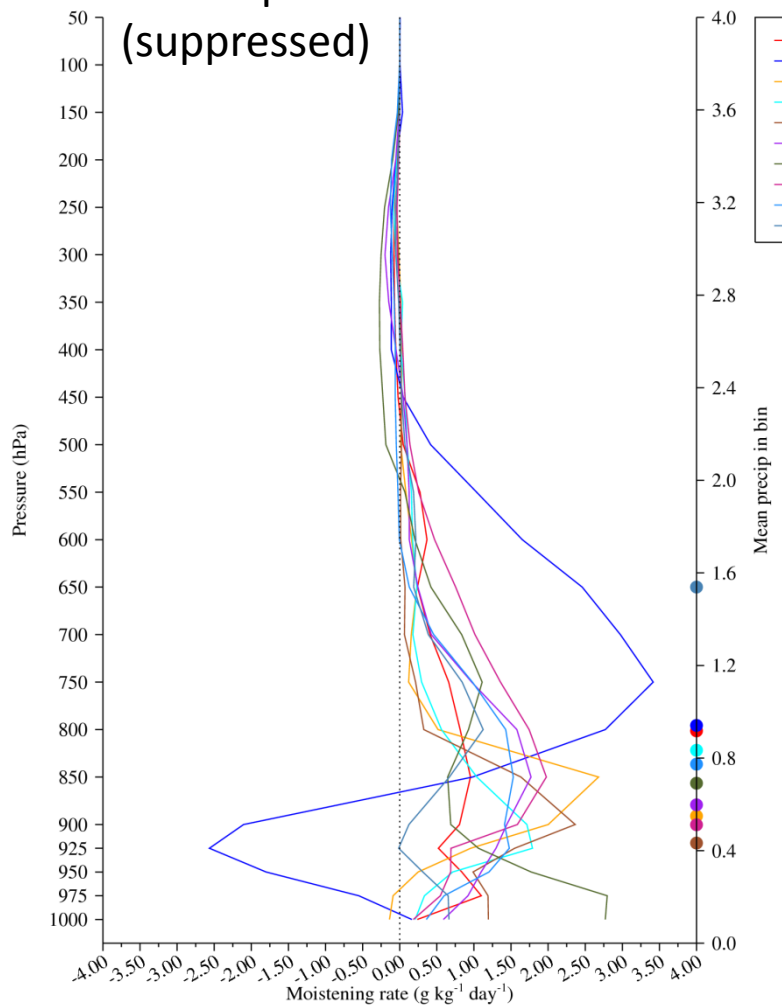
# Physics moistening tendencies



Wettest quartile  
(active phase)



Driest quartile  
(suppressed)



Mean precip in bin

Note:  
Mean rain  
rate for each  
profile is  
shown as  
coloured dot  
on right-hand  
vertical axis.

For a box in the western Indian Ocean (10S-10N, 60-80E),  
dq/dt from physics at a lead time of **9 days** for start dates 10/10/2009 through  
25/11/2009 (YoTC case E). Computed from three-hourly values.

## Plans and Approximate Timeline

*Apr 2012 : Initial Deadline for Model Submission*

*Sep 2012 : Very Preliminary Results at Pan-GASS Meeting*

*Sep 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hindcast Case from DYNAMO Identified*

*Dec 2012 : FINAL Deadline for Submissions for Initial Publications*

*Exp framework optimized for DYNAMO case; Initial call to modeling groups*

*Apr 2013 : Potential Side Workshop w/ WGNE SE Workshop*

*Jun 2013 : Draft Papers & Public Availability of Model Output*

*Sep 2013 : Submission of 3 Initial Papers on 3 Components*

*Fall 2013 : Summary Paper/Workshop: Recommend high-priority process modelling needs identified from the 3 initial analyses.*

*-> Likely to utilize DYNAMO case for GASS-like process modelling study*

