Global Ocean Monitoring: Recent Evolution, Current Status, and Predictions

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(Possibility of occurrence of an El Nino in 2014/15)

Overview

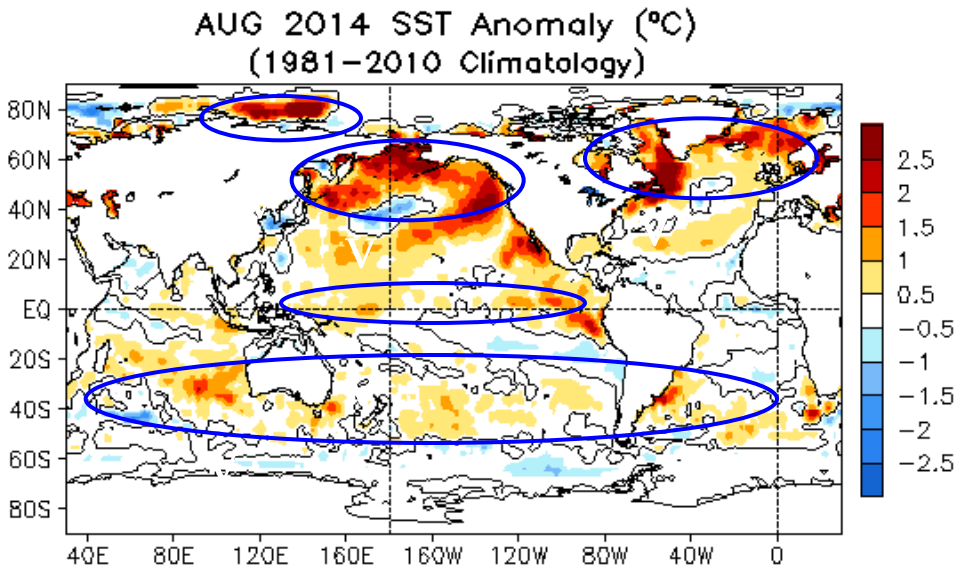
- **Pacific Ocean**
  - **ENSO neutral condition continued with OIv2 NINO3.4=0.2°C in August 2014.**
  - **Subsurface warming emerged in the central-eastern equatorial Pacific.**
  - **NOAA "ENSO Diagnostic Discussion" on September 4, 2014 continually issued "El Nino Watch" .**
  - **PDO remained positive phase in August.**
  - **Strong positive SSTA continued in the high latitudes of the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans.**

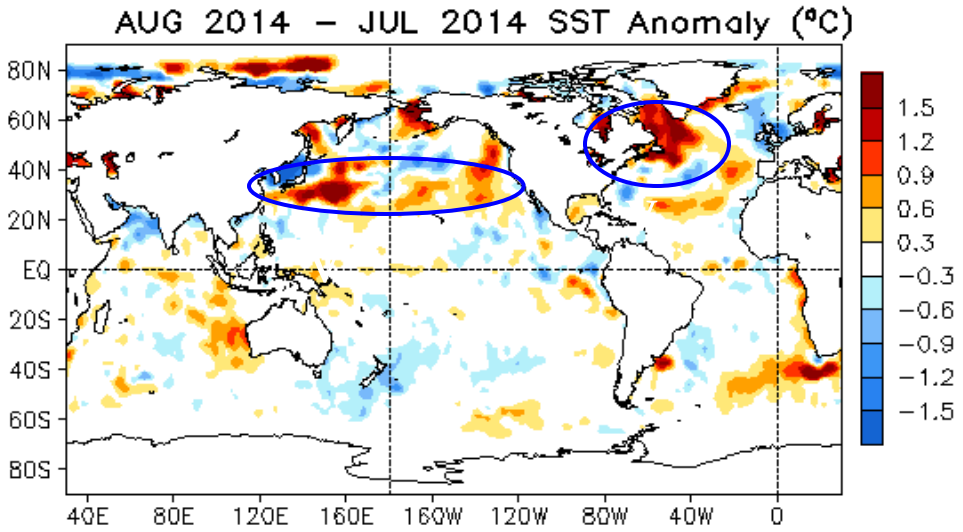
- **Indian Ocean**
  - **Indian dipole index remained below -0.4 in August.**

- **Atlantic Ocean**
  - **Below-average SST continued in the hurricane Main Development Region.**
  - **NAO was well below-normal , with NAO index = -2.3 in August 2014.**

Global Oceans

Global SST Anomaly (°C) and Anomaly Tendency



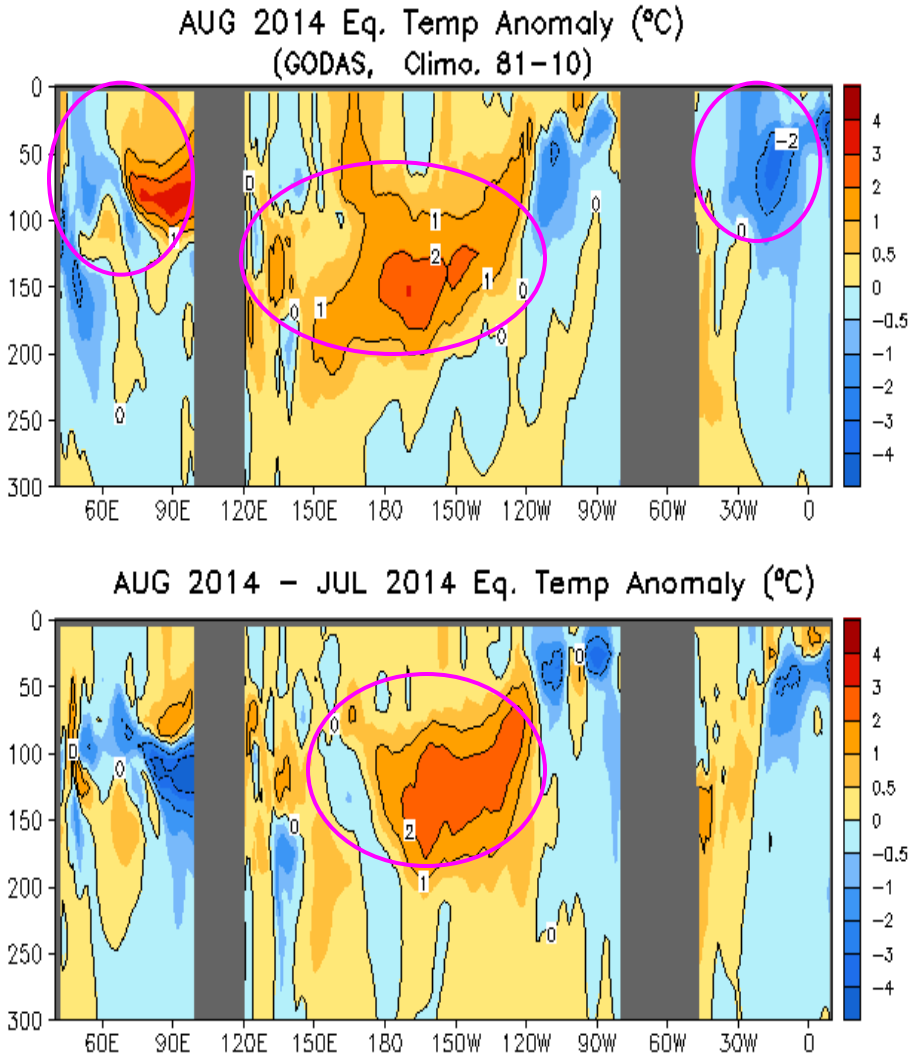


- **Strong warming continued in the high-latitude of North Pacific and the Arctic Ocean**
- **Large positive SST anomalies presented near the subpolar North Atlantic.**
- **SST were above-average in the equatorial eastern and western Pacific Ocean.**
- **Positive SSTA dominated in the South Ocean.**

- **Both negative and positive SSTA tendencies were observed across the equatorial Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.**
- **A strong warming presented in the Labrador basin.**
- **Positive SSTA tendency occupied the mid-latitude of N. Pacific.**

Fig. G1. Sea surface temperature anomalies (top) and anomaly tendency (bottom). Data are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

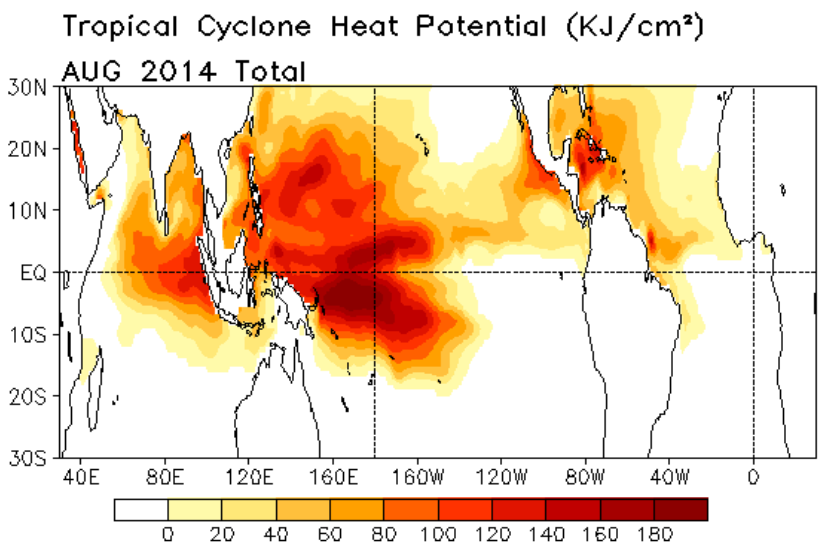
Longitude-Depth Temperature Anomaly and Anomaly Tendency in 2°S-2°N

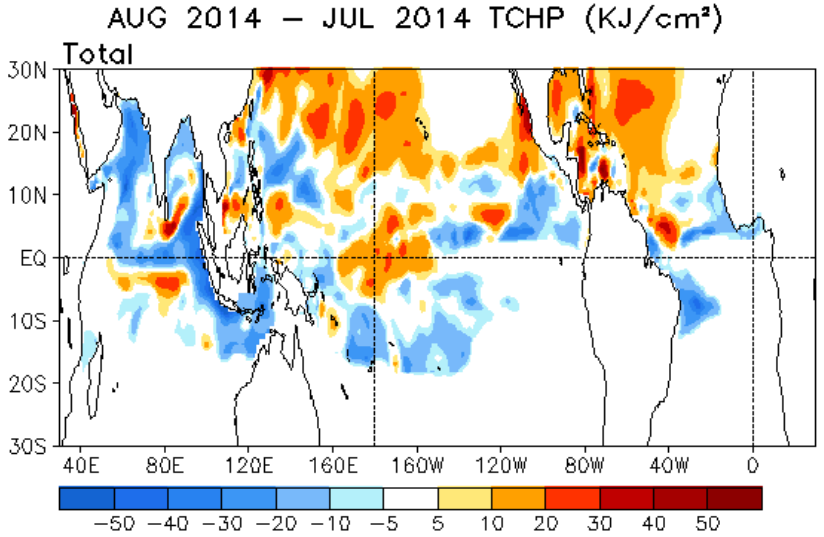


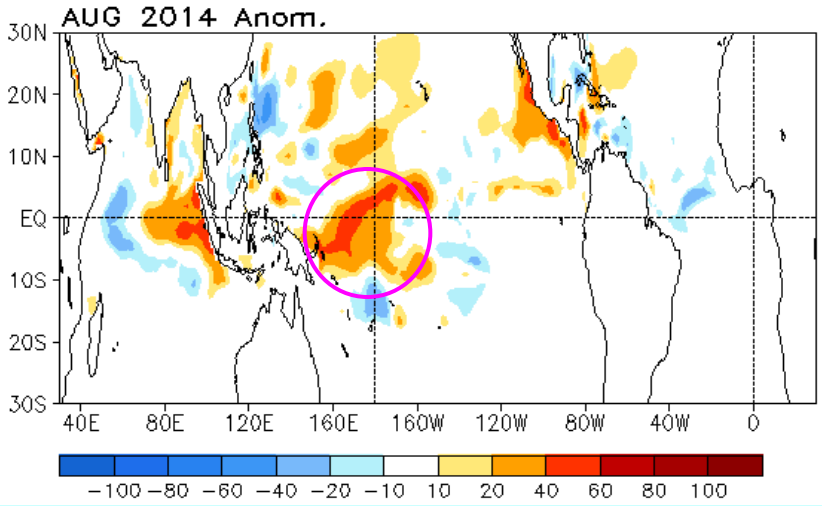
- **Positive subsurface temperature anomalies developed across the western and central-east equatorial Pacific.**
- **Positive temperature tendency was evident near the thermocline in the western-central Pacific.**
- **Negative subsurface anomalies occupied the upper Atlantic Ocean.**
- **Positive (negative) subsurface temperature anomalies presented in the eastern (western) Indian Ocean.**

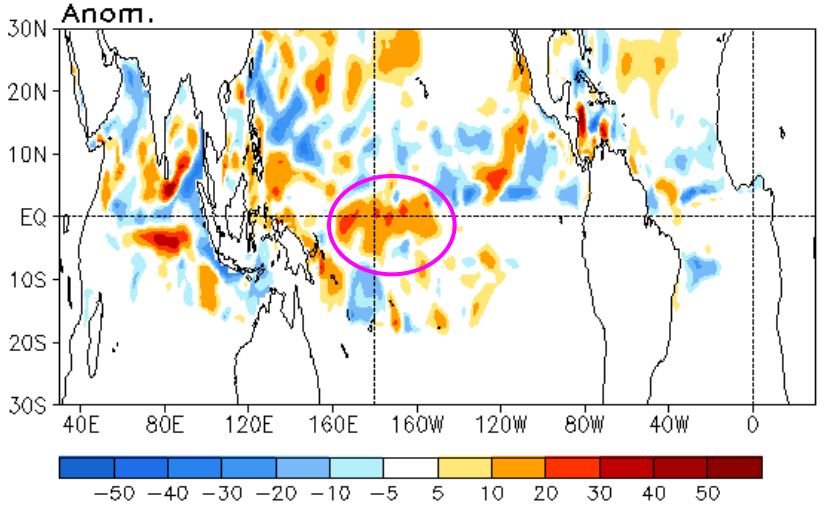
Fig. G3. Equatorial depth-longitude section of ocean temperature anomalies (top) and anomaly tendency (bottom). Data are derived from the NCEP's global ocean data assimilation system which assimilates oceanic observations into an oceanic GCM. Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

Tropical Cyclone Heat Potential and Tendency









- **TCHP was above-normal west of the date line.**
- **Positive TCHP anomaly tendency presented near the date line.**
- **Near-normal TCHP occupied in the tropical Atlantic Ocean.**

TCHP field is the anomalous heat storage associated with temperatures larger than 26 ℃.

NOAA's 2014 Hurricane Outlooks

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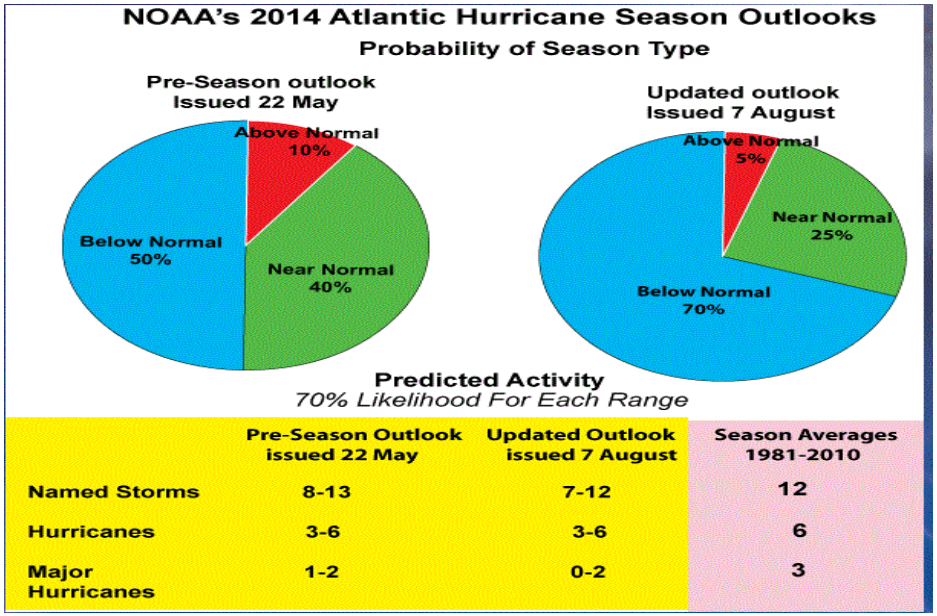


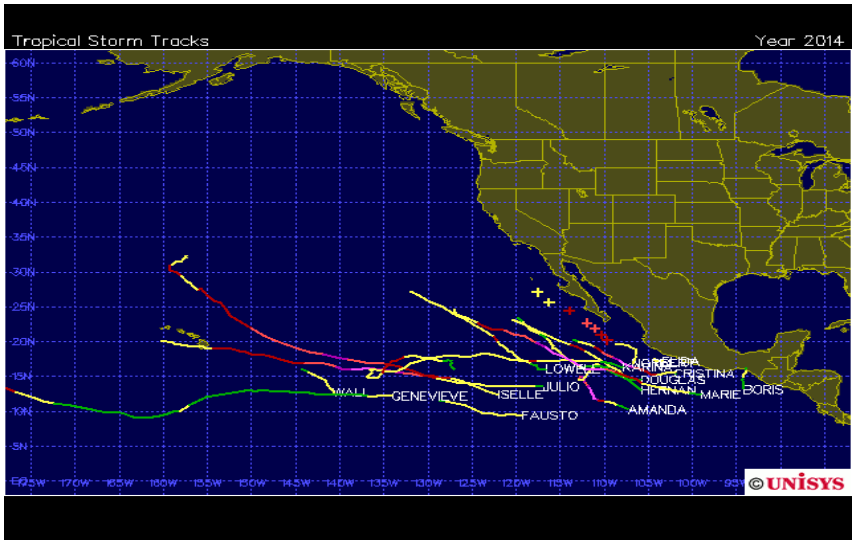
	Pre-Season Outlook issued 22 May	Updated Outlook issued 7 August	Season Averages 1981-2010
Named Storms	8-13	7-12	12
Hurricanes	3-6	3-6	6
Major Hurricanes	1-2	0-2	3

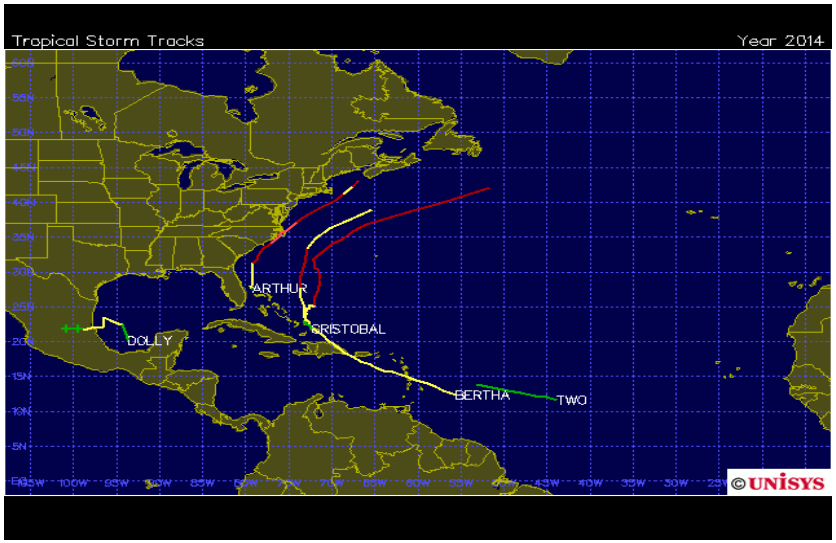
- **NOAA's 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season outlooks issued in Aug. call for a 70% chance of a below-normal season in Atlantic.**

-**Outlook issued in May suggested a 50% chance of a above-normal season in E. Pacific.**

- **Four tropical storms including three hurricanes were formed in Atlantic by Sep. 3.**

- **Fifteen tropical storms including nine hurricanes were formed in E. Pacific by Sep.3.**

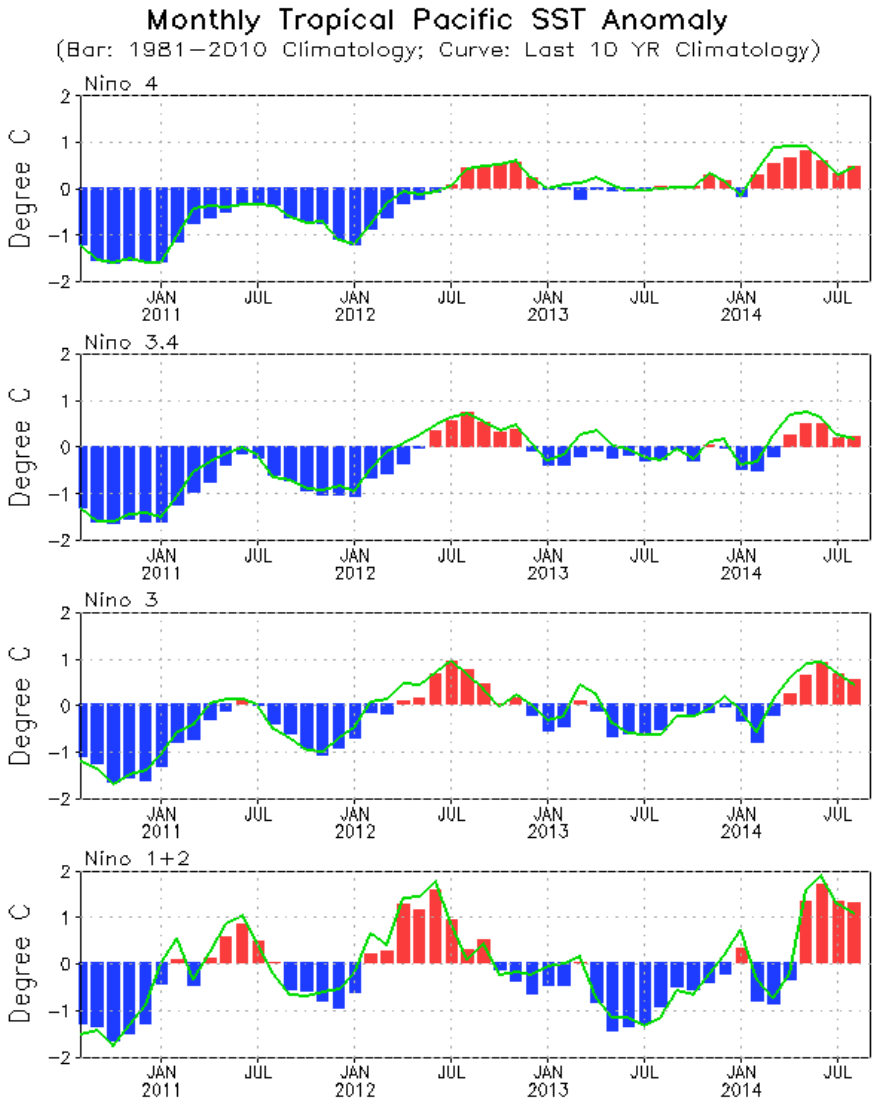


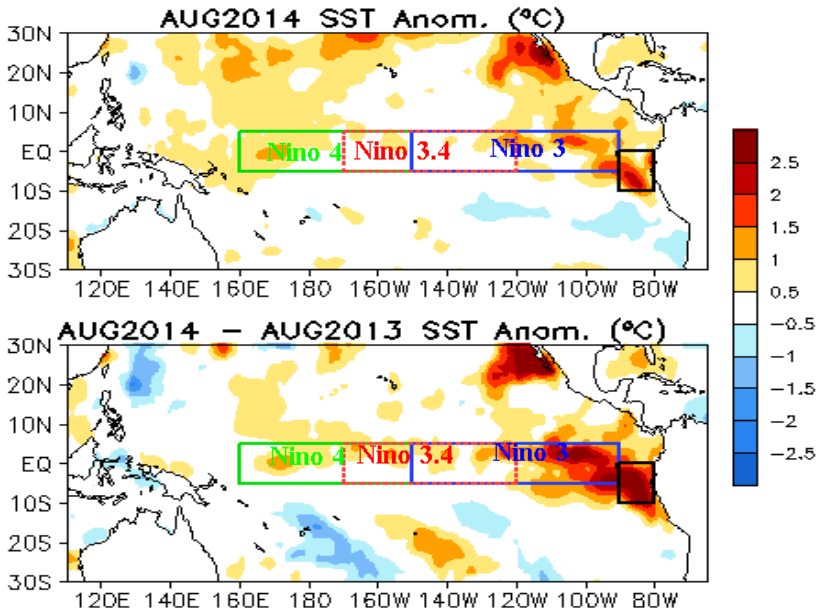


(http://weather.unisys.com/hurricane/)

Tropical Pacific Ocean and ENSO Conditions

Evolution of Pacific NINO SST Indices





- **NINO 3 decreased slightly in August 2014.**

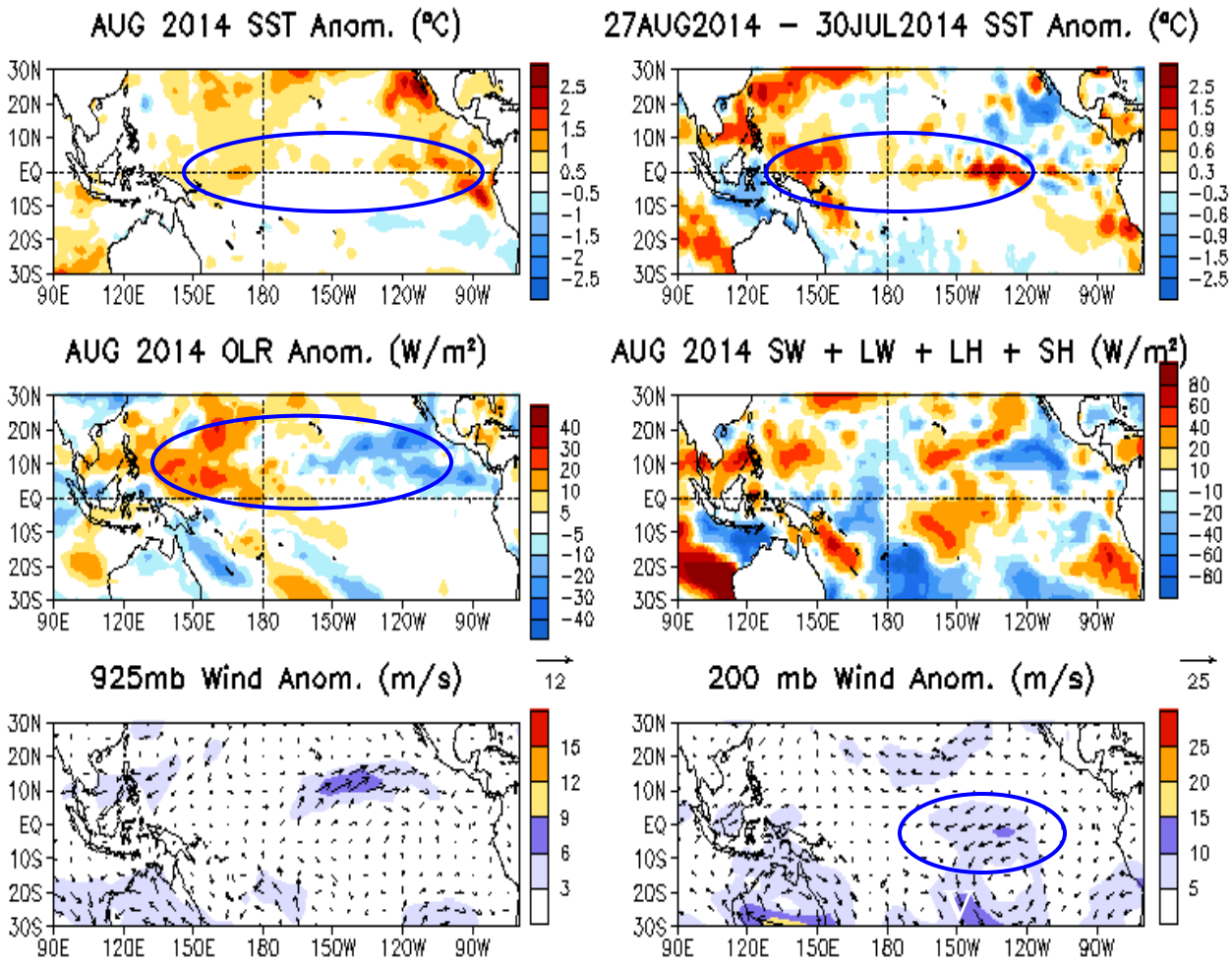
- **Nino3.4 = +0.2°C in August.**

- **SST in August 2014 was much warmer than that in August 2013 in the eastern Pacific Ocean.**

- **The indices were calculated based on OISST. They may have some differences compared with those based on ERSST.v3b.**

Fig. P1a. Nino region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean sea surface temperature anomalies (°C) for the specified region. Data are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

Tropical Pacific: SST Anom., SST Anom. Tend., OLR, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx, 925-mb & 200-mb Winds



- **SST were above-normal in the eastern Pacific and west of date line.**

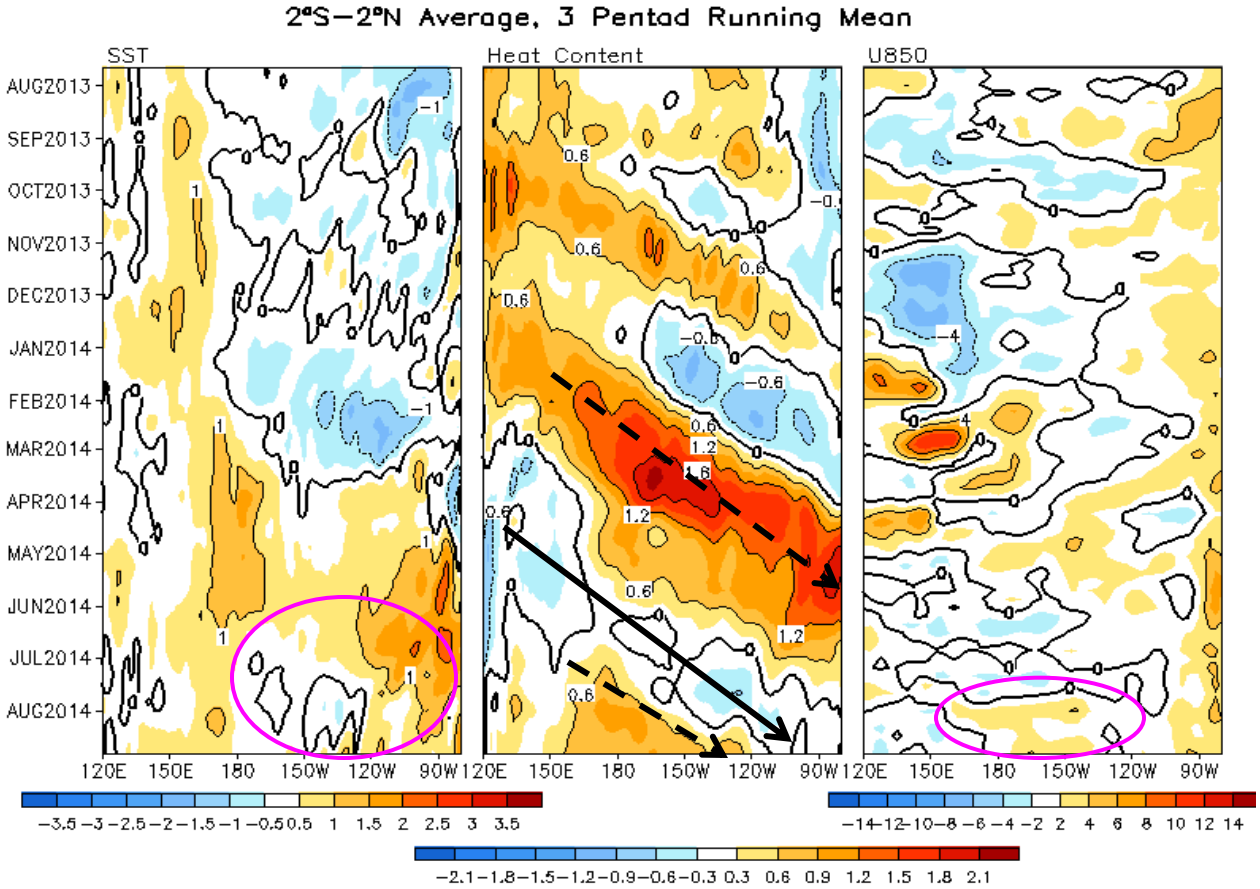
- **SST tendency was positive in the western Pacific and central-eastern equatorial Pacific.**

-**Positive (negative) OLR anomalies were observed in the western-central (eastern) Pacific, mostly north of equator.**

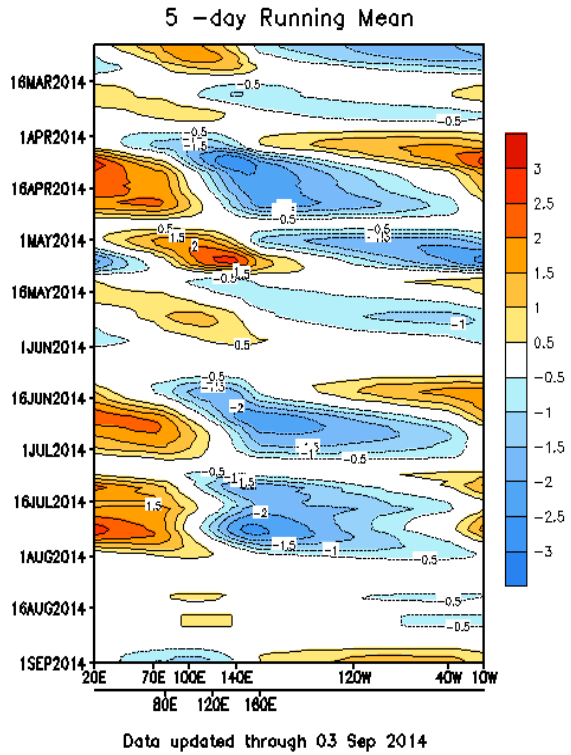
- **Easterly upper-level wind anomalies prevailed in August.**

Fig. P2. Sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies (top-left), anomaly tendency (top-right), Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR) anomalies (middle-left), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation, latent and sensible heat flux anomalies (middle-right), 925-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-left), 200-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-right). SST are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, OLR from the NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS, winds and surface radiation and heat fluxes from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

Equatorial Pacific SST (ºC), HC300 (ºC), and u850 (m/s) Anomalies



CPC MJO Indices



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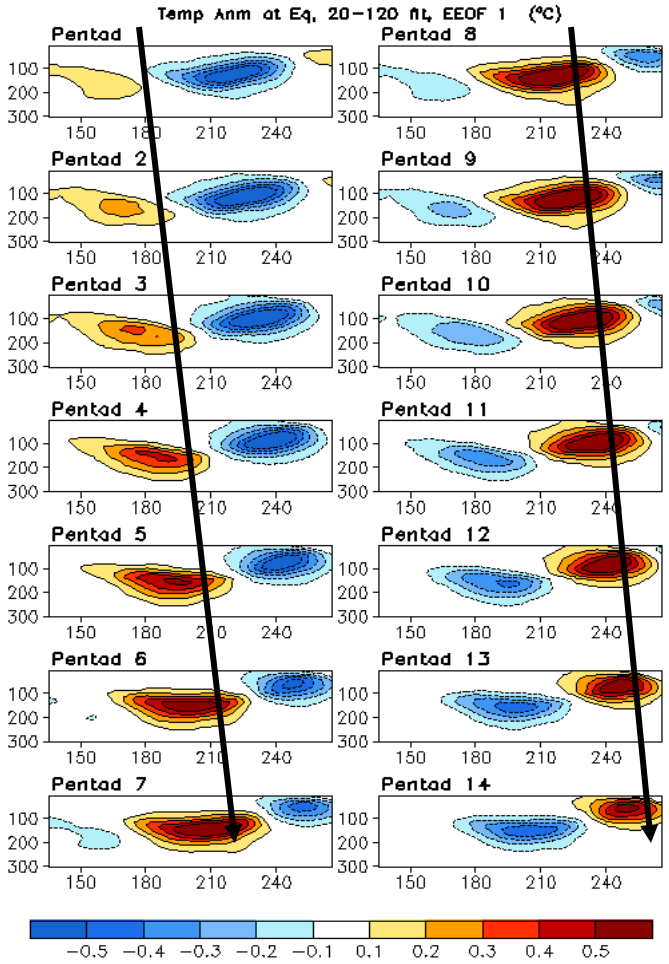
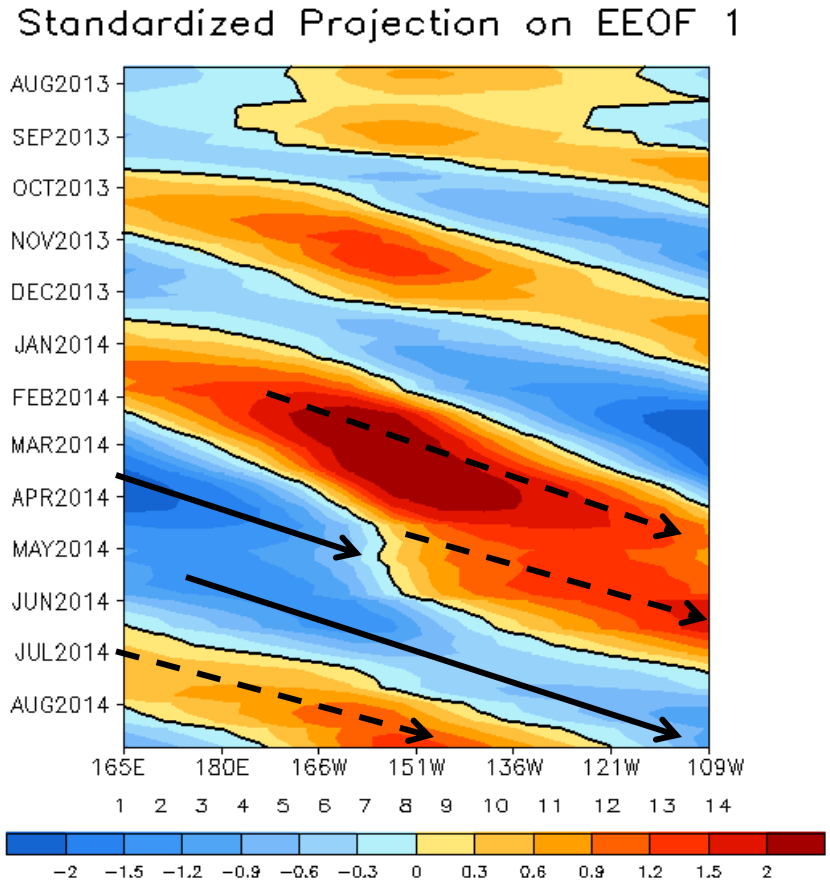
- **Low-level westerly anomaly was observed in the central-eastern Pacific in August.**
- **Positive H300 anomaly west of dateline extended to central-eastern Pacific, owing to a downwelling Kelvin wave triggered by westerly wind anomalies in July(next slide).**
- **Positive SSTA re-emerged in the central-eastern Pacific in late August.**

Fig. P4. Time-longitude section of anomalous pentad sea surface temperature (left), upper 300m temperature average (heat content, middle-left), 850-mb zonal wind (U850, middle-right) averaged in 2ºS-2ºN and Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR, right) averaged in 5ºS-5ºN. SST is derived from the NCEP OI SST, heat content from the NCEP's global ocean data assimilation system, U850 from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies for SST, heat content and U850/OLR are departures from the 1981-2010 base period pentad means respectively.

Oceanic Kelvin Wave (OKW) Index





- **A upwelling OKW (solid line) initiated in the W.Pacific around May, and reached the eastern Pacific in July.**

- **A downwelling OKW (dashed line) emerged since July in the W. Pacific and propagated into the central-eastern Pacific in August.**

-**OKW index is defined as standardized projections of total anomalies onto the 14 patterns of Extended EOF1 of equatorial temperature anomalies (Seo and Xue , GRL, 2005).**

Real-Time Multiple Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison

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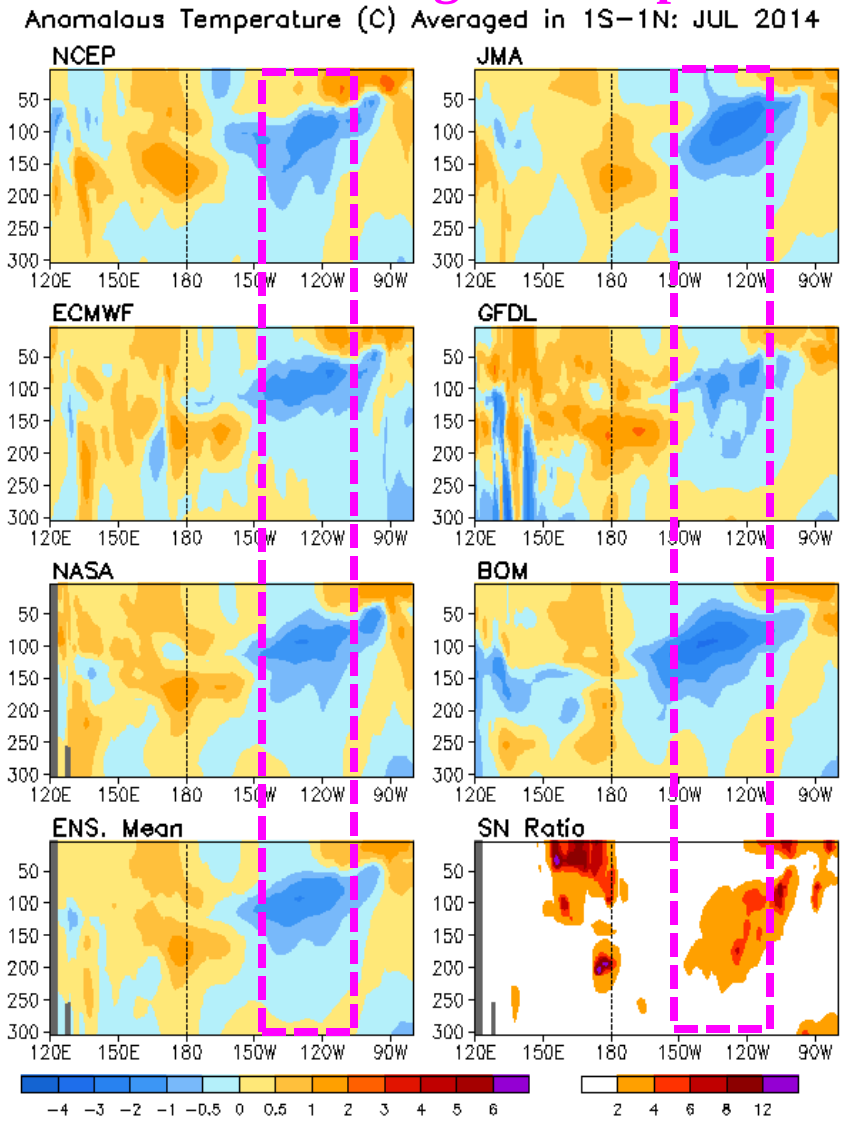
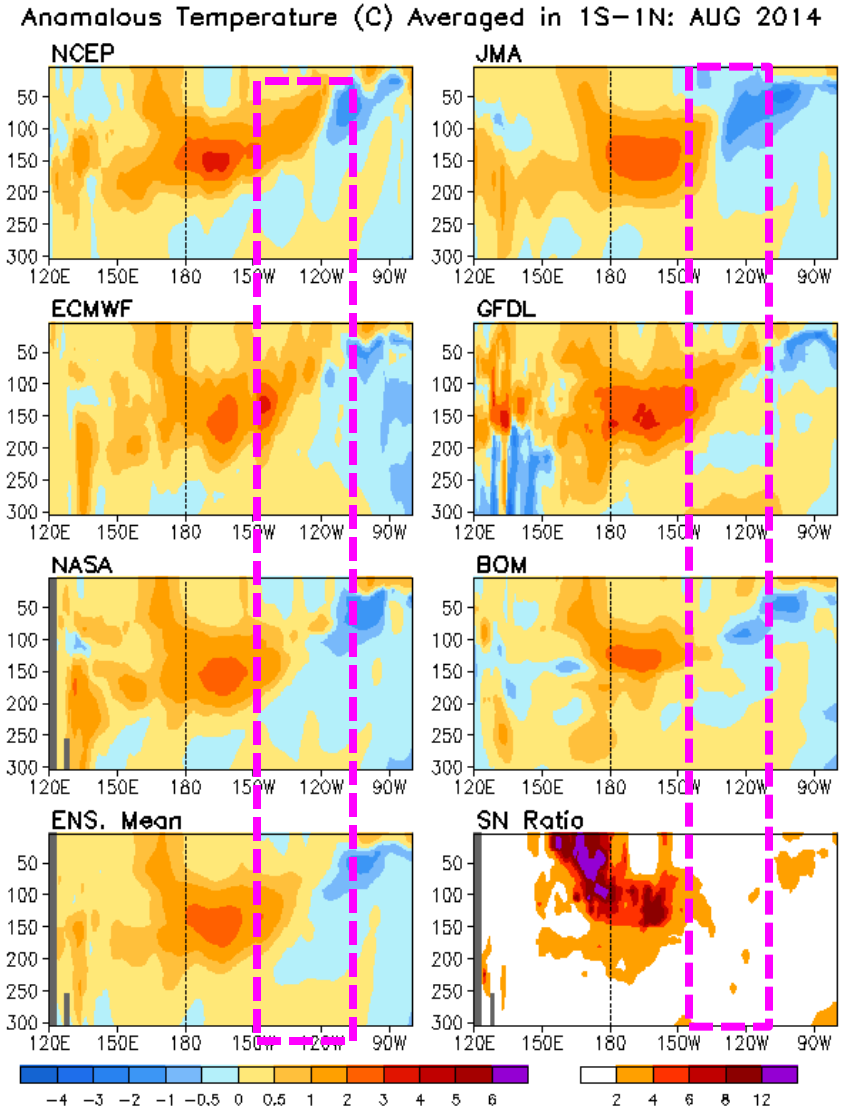
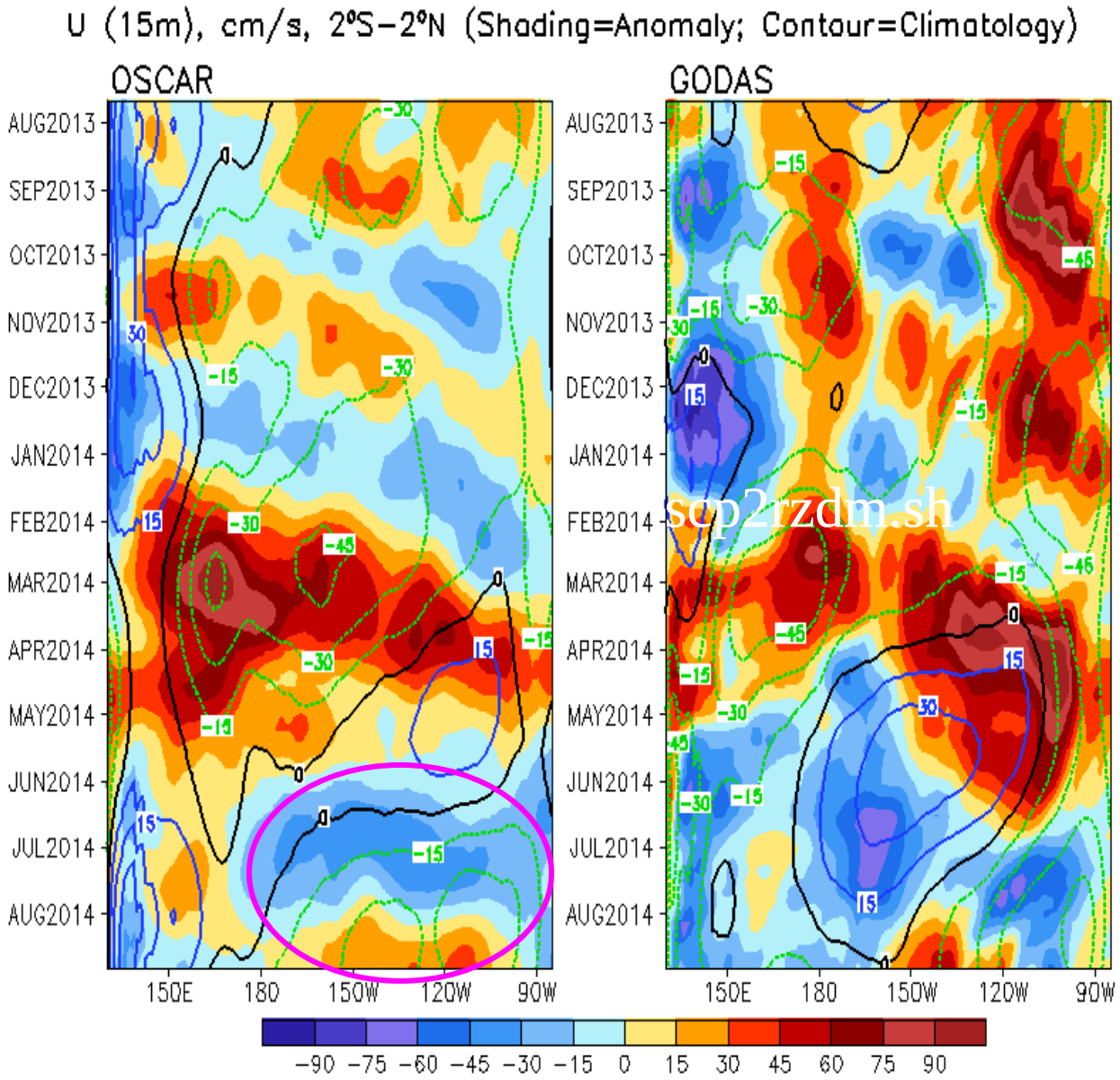
Longitude-Depth Temperature Anomaly in 1S-1N



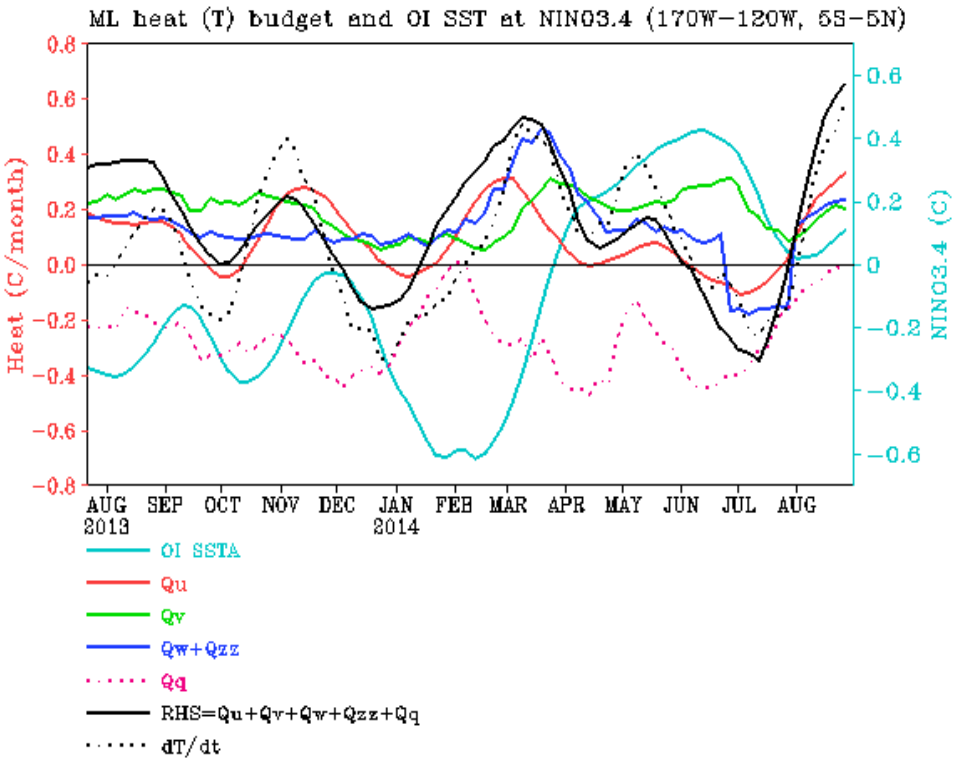


Evolution of Equatorial Pacific Surface Zonal Current Anomaly (cm/s)



- **Negative zonal current anomaly east of dateline switched to positive anomaly in August .**
- **Changes in zonal current might be associated with emergence of westerly wind in August.**
- **Some detailed differences were noted for both anomaly and climatology between OSCAR and GODAS.**

NINO3.4 Heat Budget



- **SSTA tendency (dT/dt) in NINO3.4 (dotted line) was positive in Aug. 2014**

- **Qu , Qw+Qzz and Qv were positive in August.**

Huang, B., Y. Xue, X. Zhang, A. Kumar, and M. J. McPhaden, 2010 : The NCEP GODAS ocean analysis of the tropical Pacific mixed layer heat budget on seasonal to interannual time scales, J. Climate., 23, 4901-4925.

Qu: Zonal advection; Qv: Meridional advection;

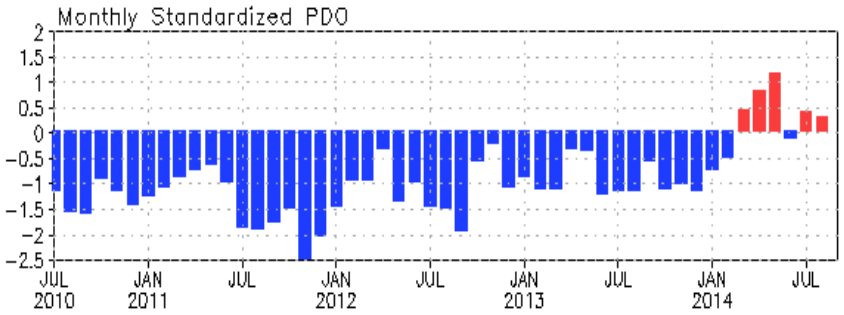
Qw: Vertical entrainment; Qzz: Vertical diffusion

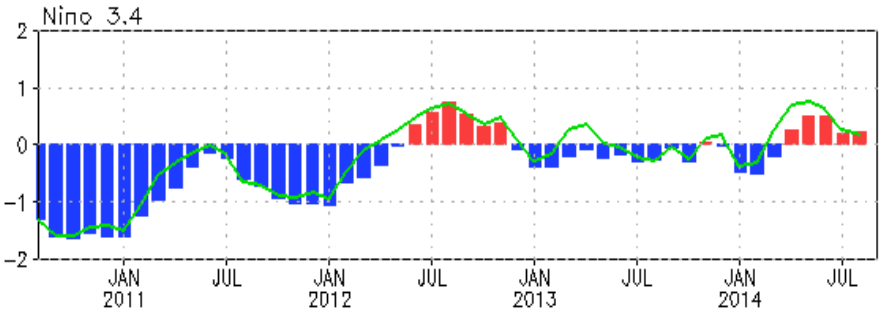
Qq: (Qnet - Qpen + Qcorr)/ρcph; Qnet = SW + LW + LH +SH;

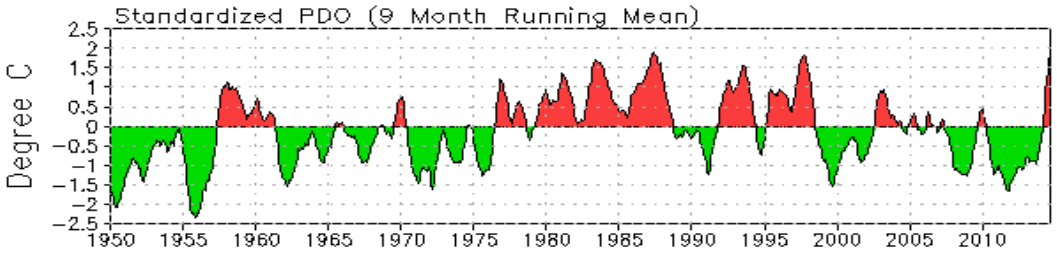
Qpen: SW penetration; Qcorr: Flux correction due to relaxation to OI SST

North Pacific & Arctic Oceans

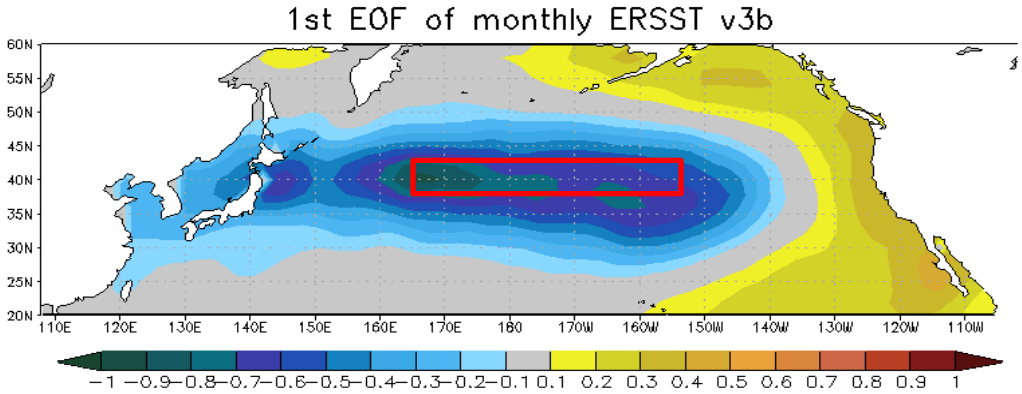
PDO index





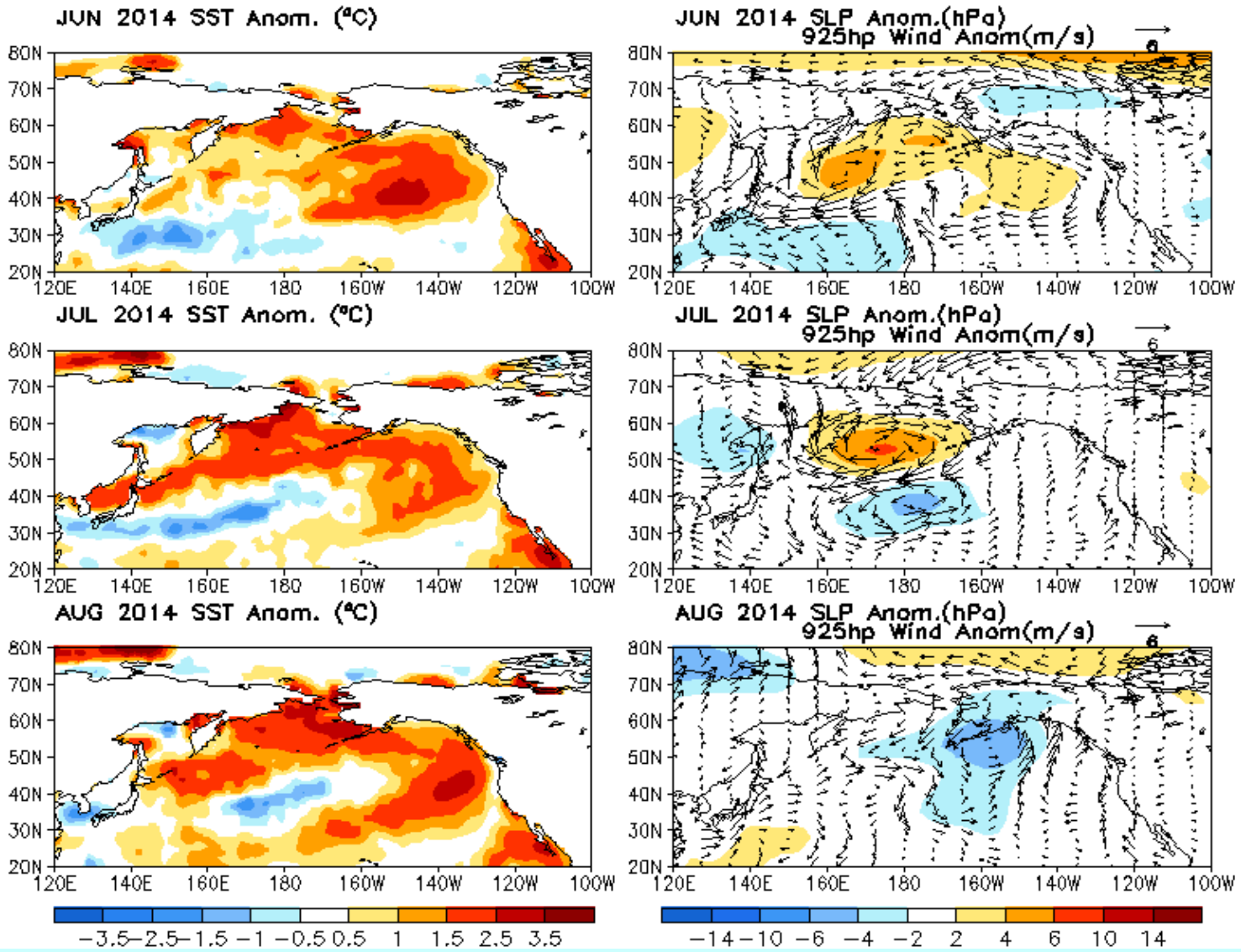


- **PDO remained positive phase in August with PDO index = 0.3.**



- **Pacific Decadal Oscillation is defined as the 1st EOF of monthly ERSST v3b in the North Pacific for the period 1900-1993. PDO index is the standardized projection of the monthly SST anomalies onto the 1st EOF pattern.**
- **The PDO index differs slightly from that of JISAO, which uses a blend of UKMET and OIv1 and OIv2 SST.**

Last Three Month SST, OLR and 925hp Wind Anom.

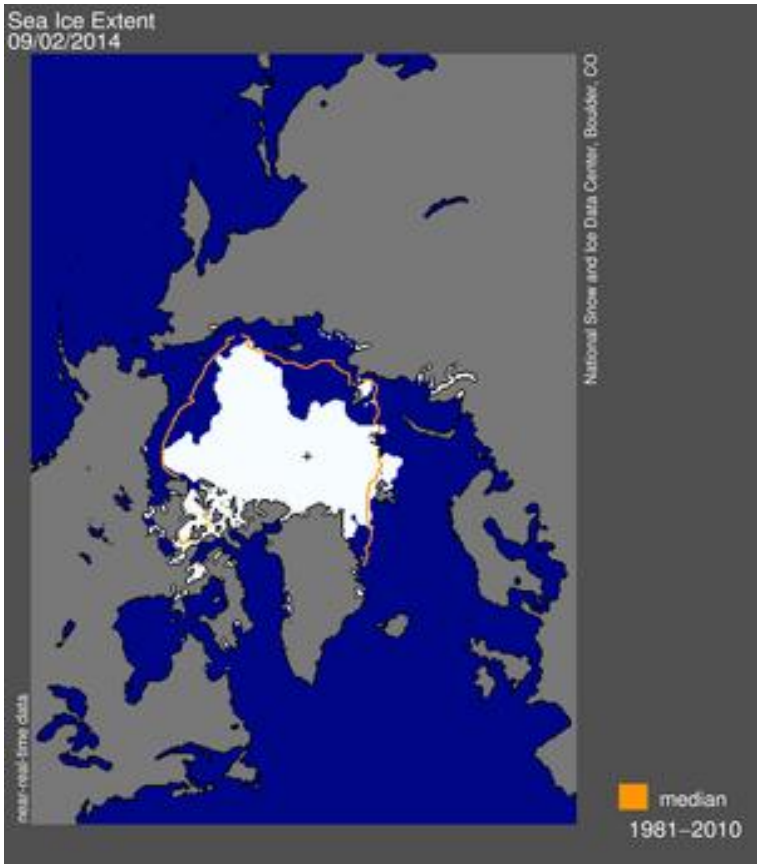


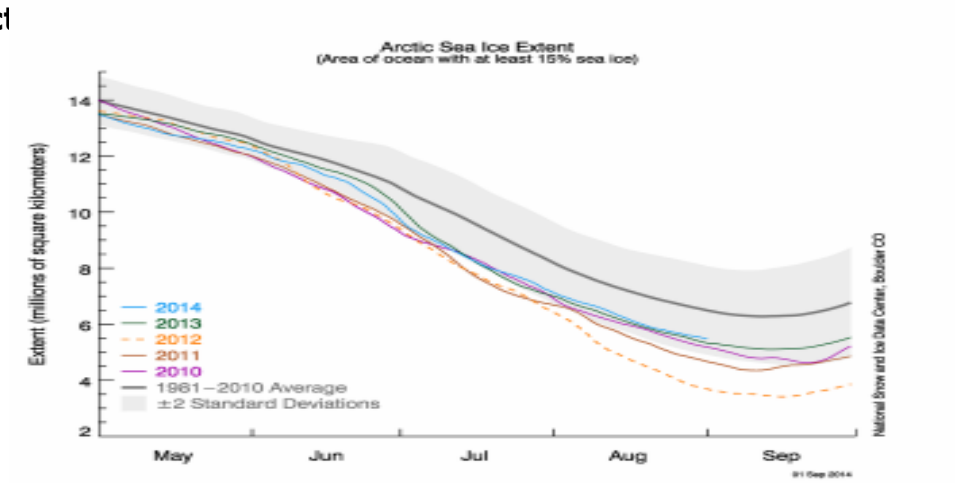
- **Strong SST warming persisted in the high-latitude of N. Pacific.**
- **Atmosphere circulation patterns varied over the past three months**

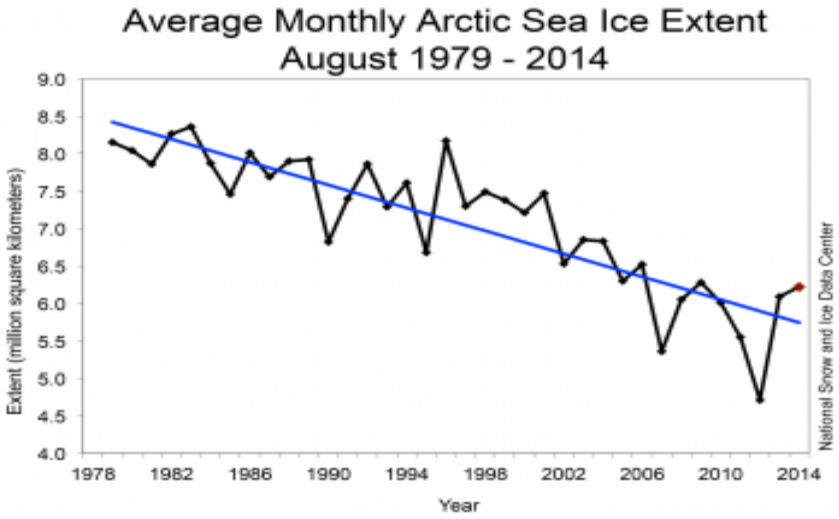
Arctic Sea Ice

National Snow and Ice Data Center

http://nsidc.org/arct



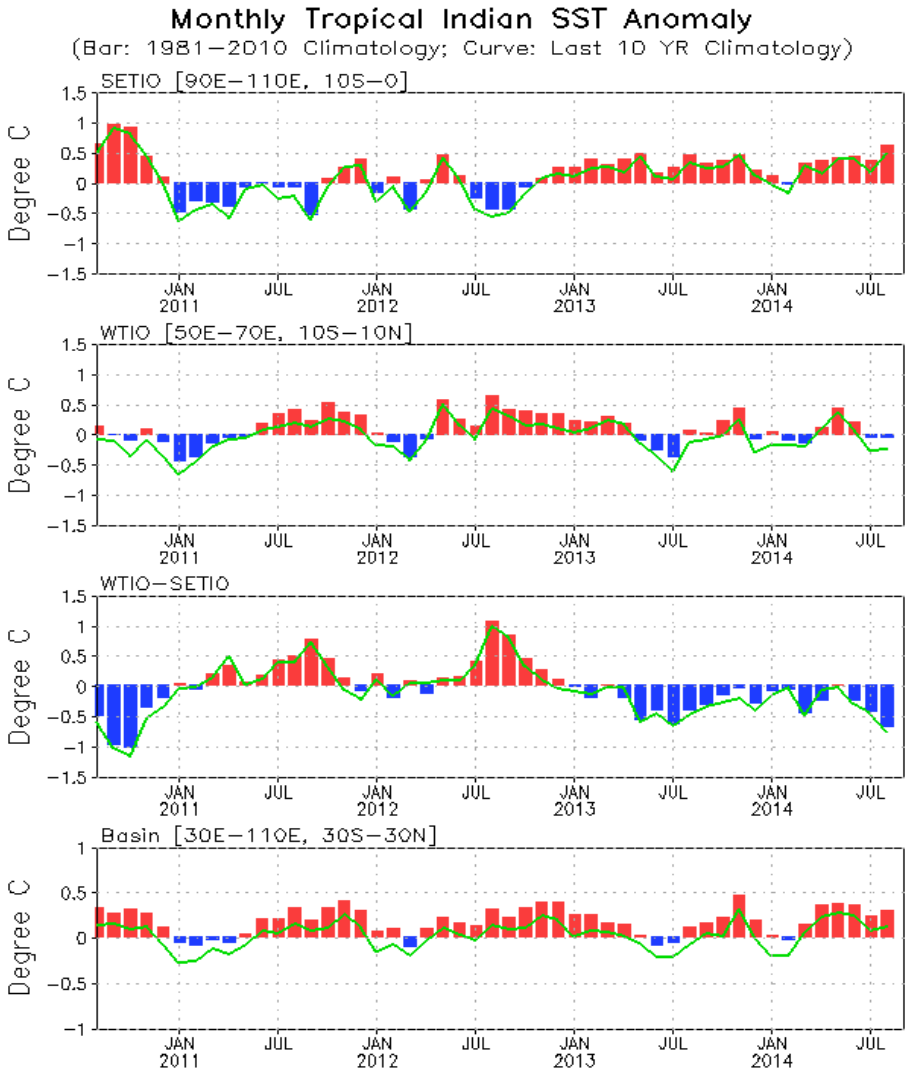


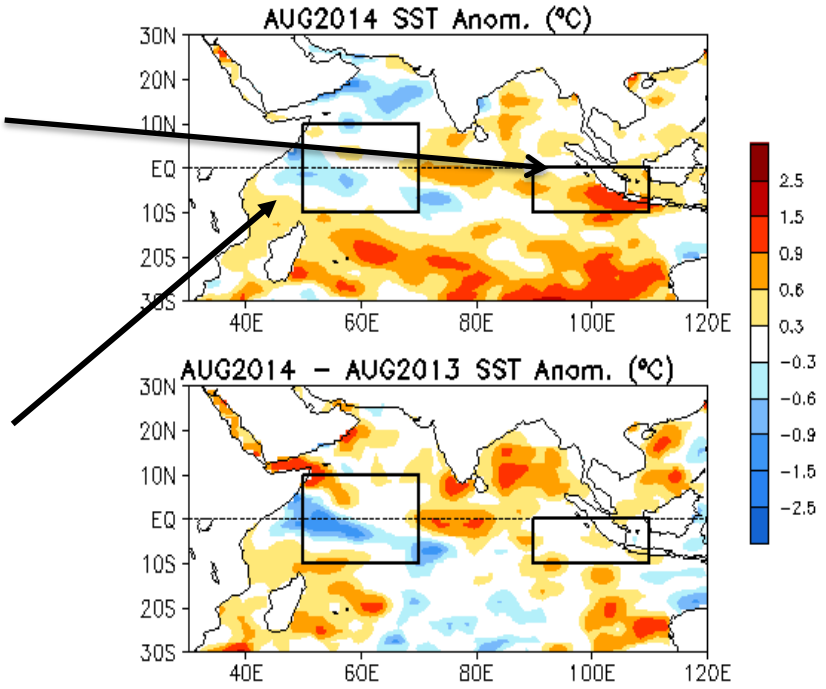


- **Arctic Sea ice extent declined at a near-average rate in August.**
- **August 2014 is the 7th lowest extent in the satellite record.**

Indian Ocean

Evolution of Indian Ocean SST Indices





- **Positive SSTA was observed in southern Indian Ocean and south of Indonesia.**
- **Negative DMI enhanced in August.**

Fig. I1a. Indian Ocean Dipole region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean sea surface temperature anomalies (°C) for the SETIO [90°E-110°E, 10°S-0] and WTIO [50°E-70°E, 10°S-10°N] regions, and Dipole Mode Index, defined as differences between WTIO and SETIO. Data are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

Tropical Indian: SST Anom., SST Anom. Tend., OLR, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx, 925-mb & 200-mb Wind Anom.

- Positive SSTA dominated across the whole Indian Ocean.
- During the last four weeks, changes in SSTA were mostly positive in India Ocean.
- SSTA tendency was largely consistent with surface heat flux anomalies.
- Convection was enhanced over the northern Indian Ocean.

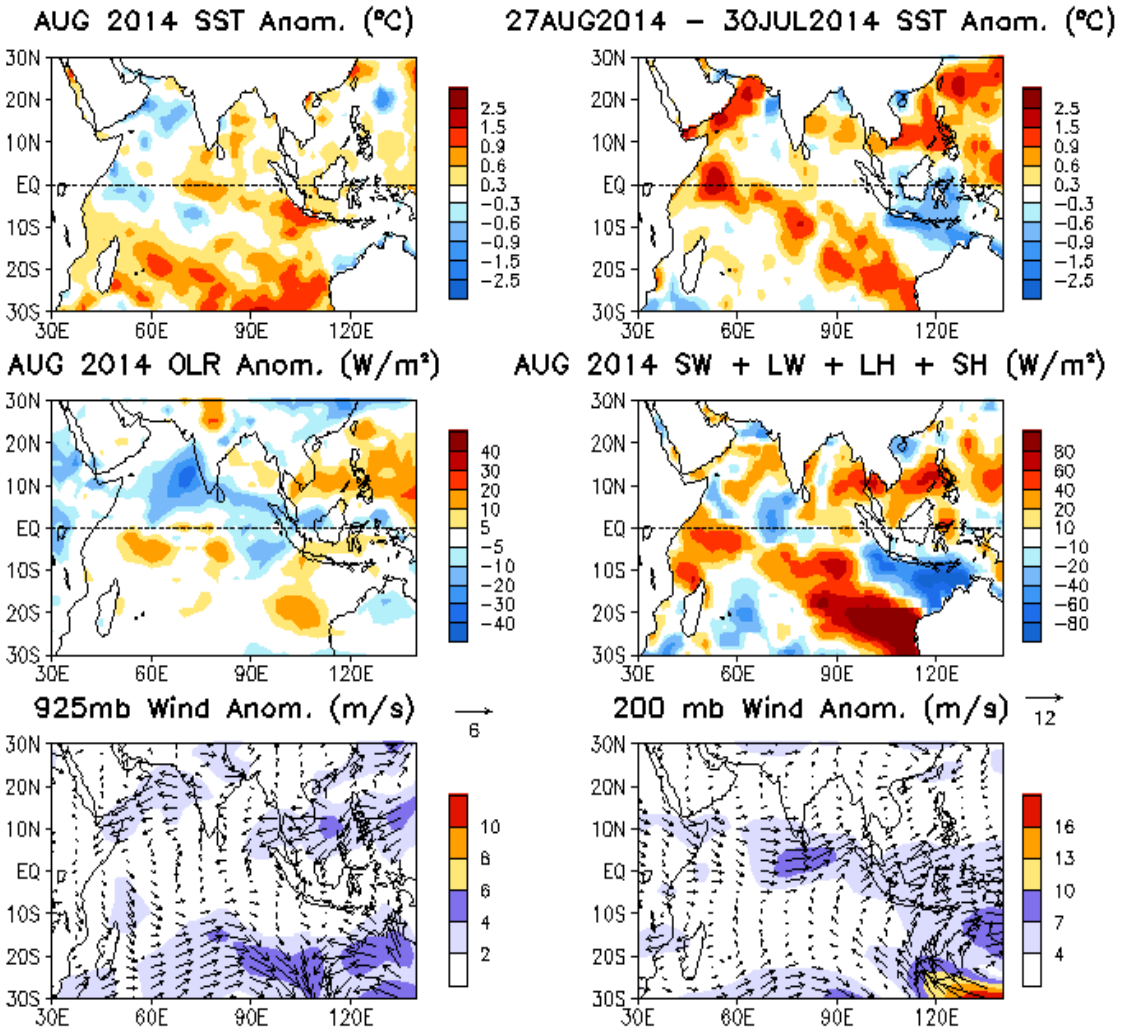
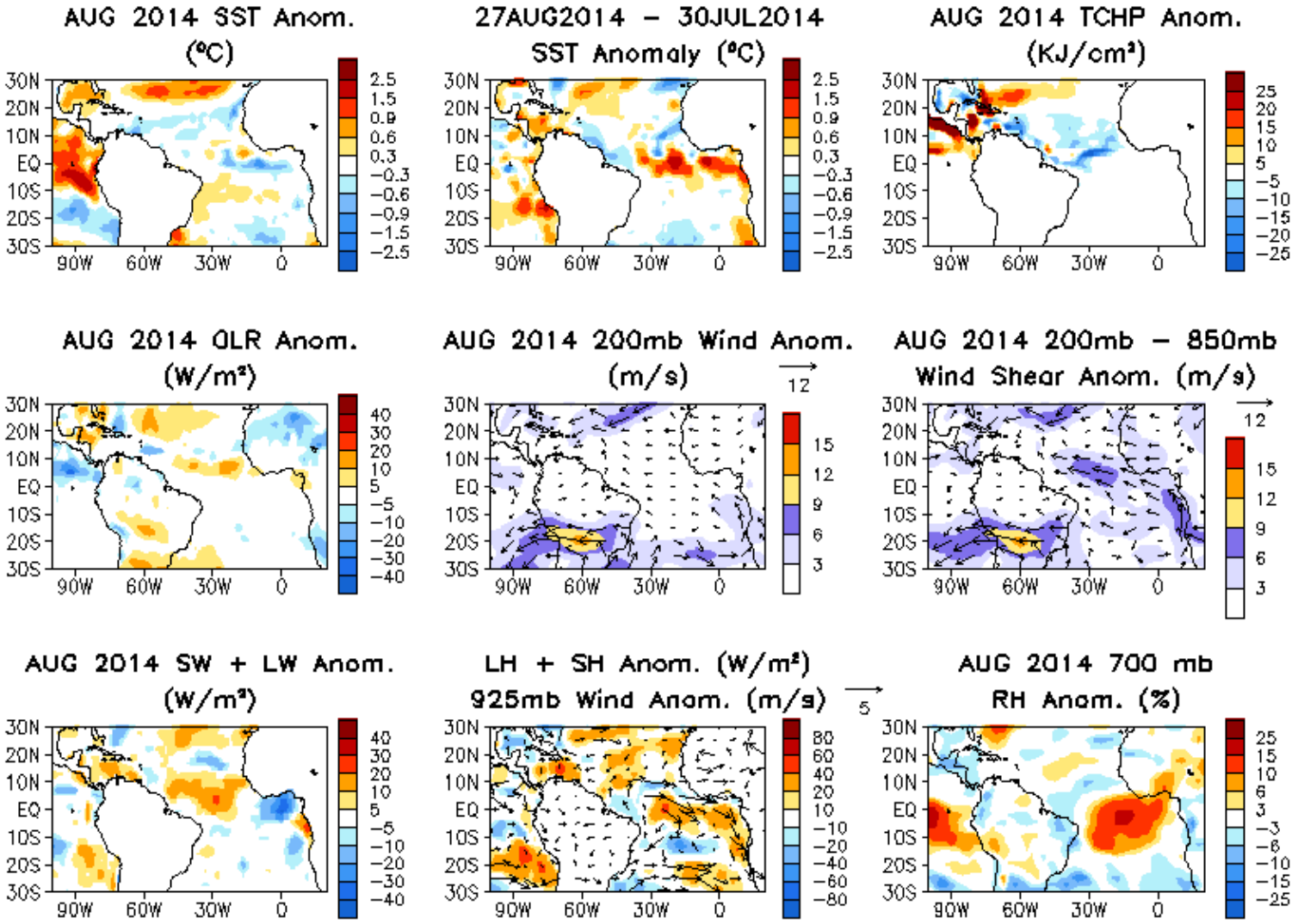


Fig. I2. Sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies (top-left), anomaly tendency (top-right), Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR) anomalies (middle-left), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation, latent and sensible heat flux anomalies (middle-right), 925-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-left), 200-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-right). SST are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, OLR from the NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS, winds and surface radiation and heat fluxes from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

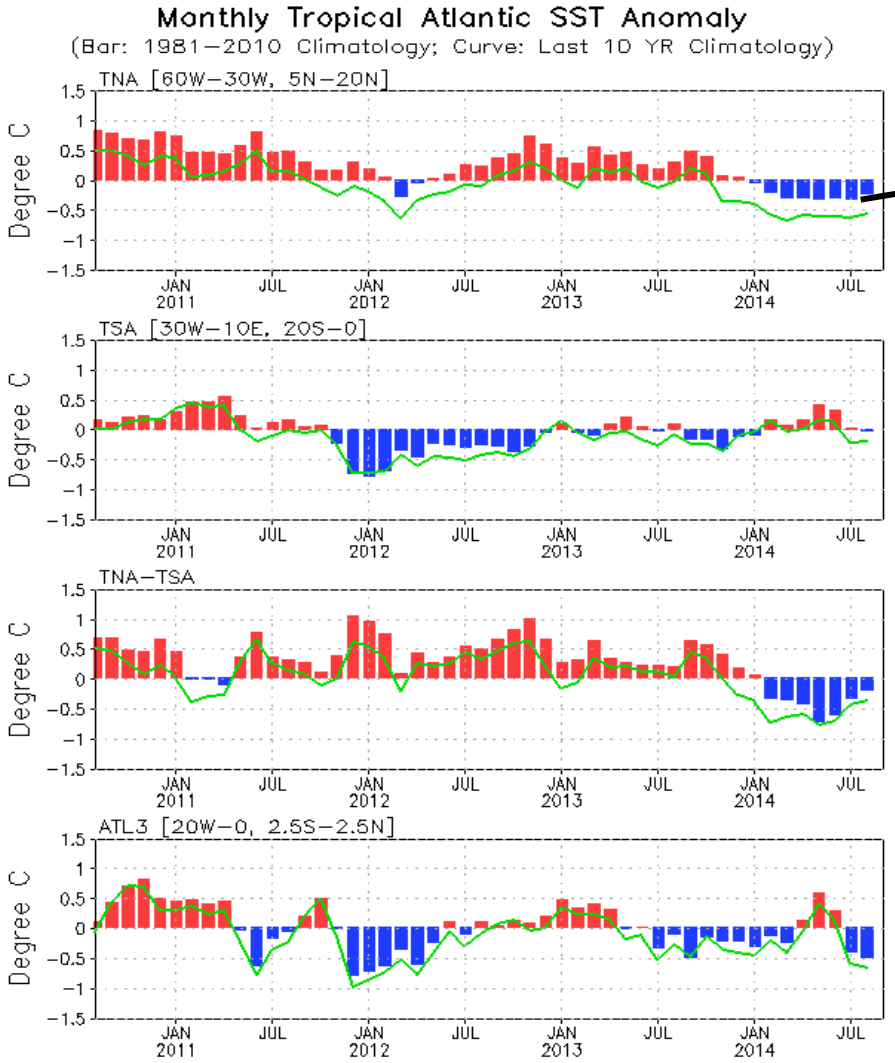
Tropical and North Atlantic Ocean

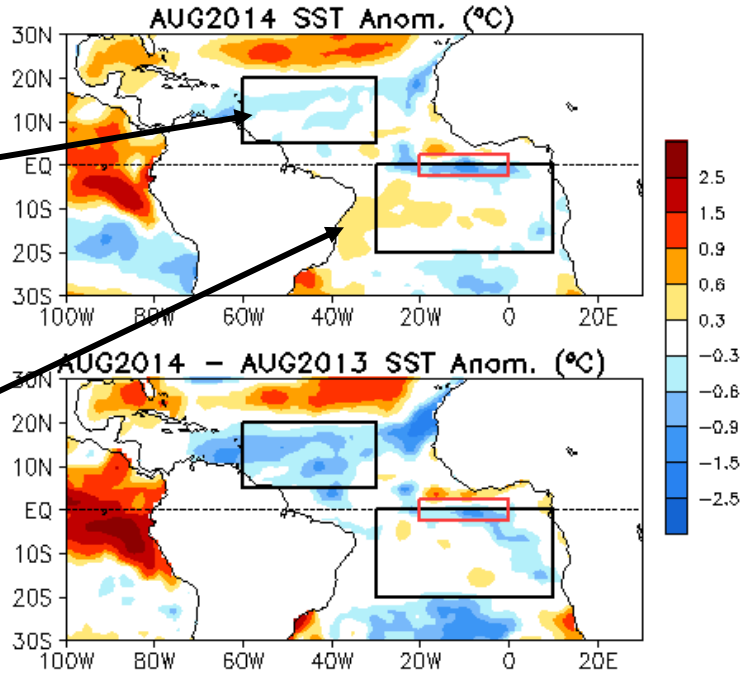
Tropical Atlantic:



- **Below-normal SSTA continued in the tropical North Atlantic.**
- **Convection was suppressed in the hurricane main development region.**

Evolution of Tropical Atlantic SST Indices

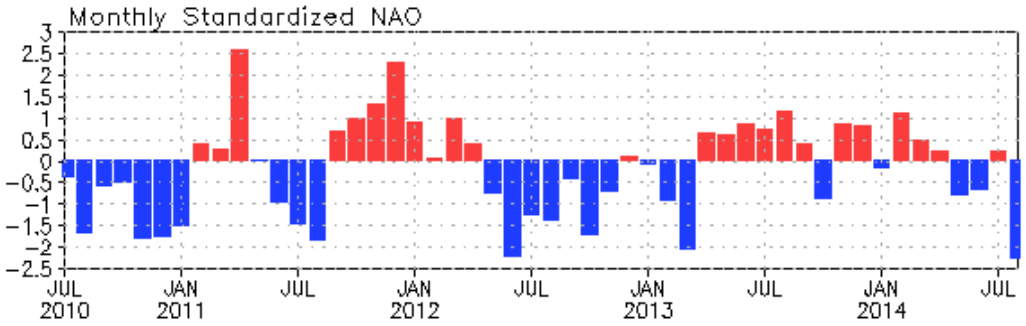


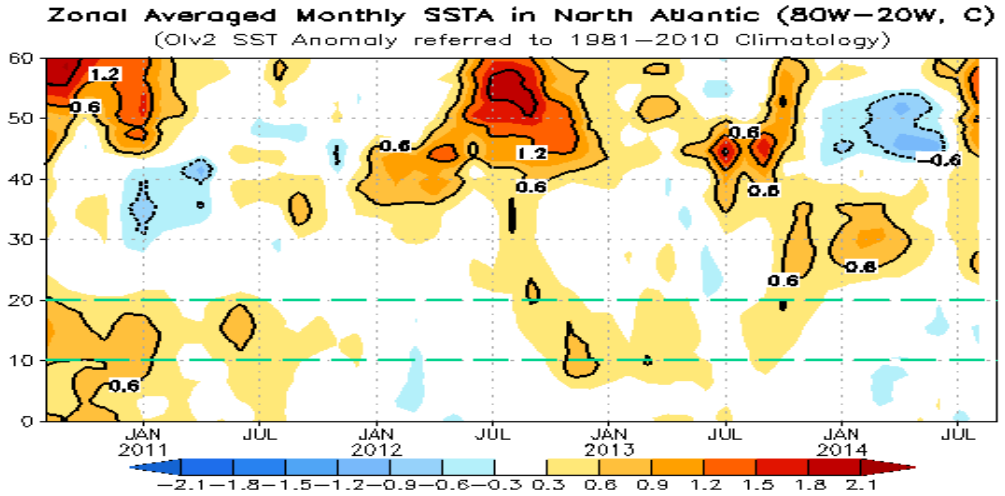


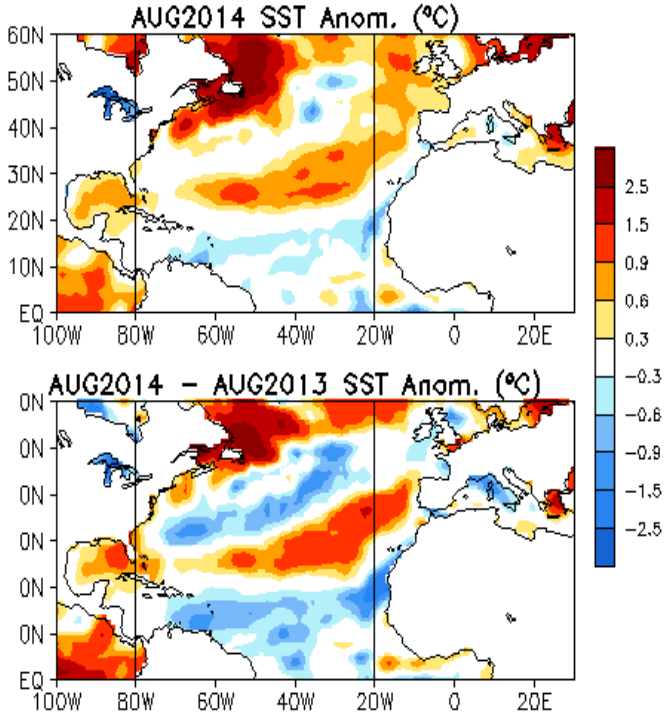
- **Tropical North Atlantic (TNA) index was negative since Jan 2014.**
- **Tropical South Atlantic (TSA) index continued to be near-normal .**
- **Meridional Gradient Mode (TNA-TSA) remained negative.**
- **Negative ATL3 SSTA strengthened in Aug. 2014.**

Fig. A1a. Tropical Atlantic Variability region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean sea surface temperature anomalies (°C) for the TNA [60°W-30°W, 5°N-20°N], TSA [30°W-10°E, 20°S-0] and ATL3 [20°W-0, 2.5°S-2.5°N] regions, and Meridional Gradient Index, defined as differences between TNA and TSA. Data are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

NAO and SST Anomaly in North Atlantic





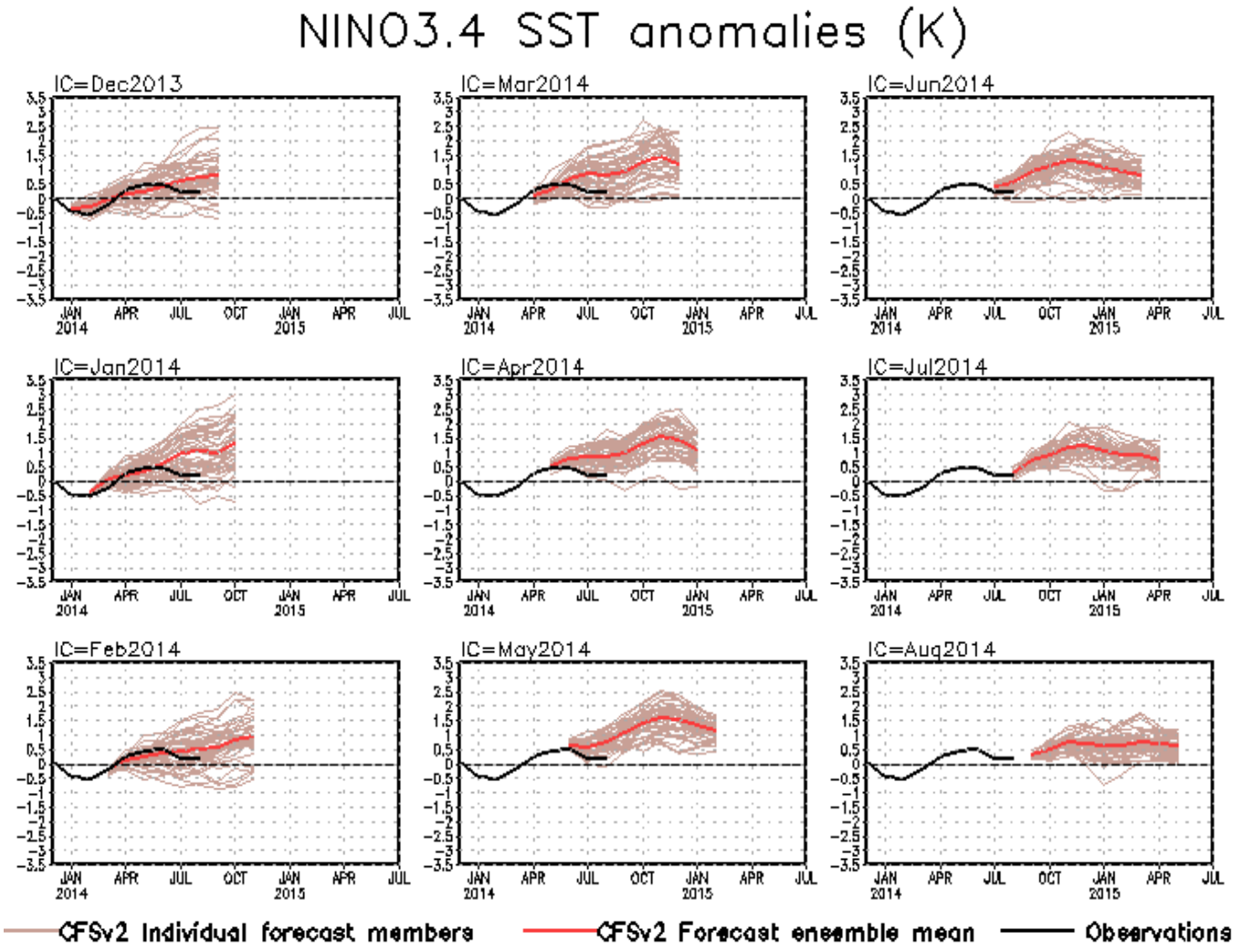


- **NAO was well below-normal , with NAO index= -2.3 in August 2014.**
- **Large positive SST anomaly presented near the east coast of Canada and Norwegian Sea.**
- **High-latitude North Atlantic SSTA are reversely related to NAO index (negative NAO coincides with SST warming).**

Fig. NA2. Monthly standardized NAO index (top) derived from monthly standardized 500-mb height anomalies obtained from the NCEP CDAS in 20°N-90°N (http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov). Time-Latitude section of SST anomalies averaged between 80°W and 20°W (bottom). SST are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

ENSO and Global SST Predictions

CFSv2 Niño3.4 SST Predictions from Different Initial Months



- **Latest CFSv2 prediction continued to predict an El Niño to develop in Sep. and peak at weak strength during winter 2014-15.**

Fig. M1. CFS Nino3.4 SST prediction from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1981-2010 base period means.

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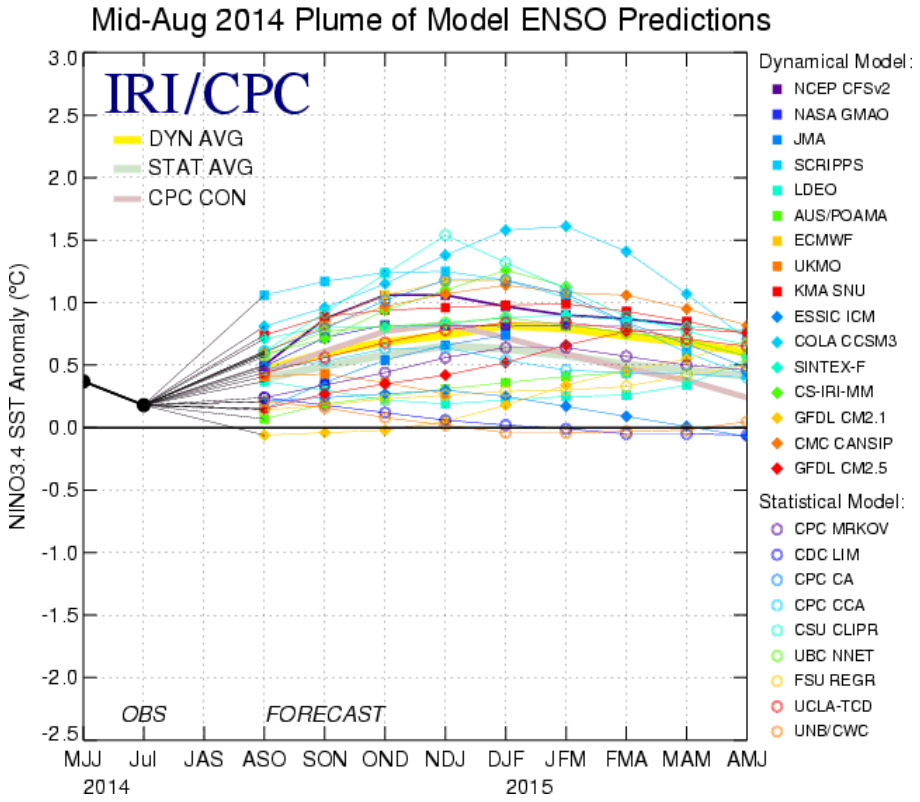
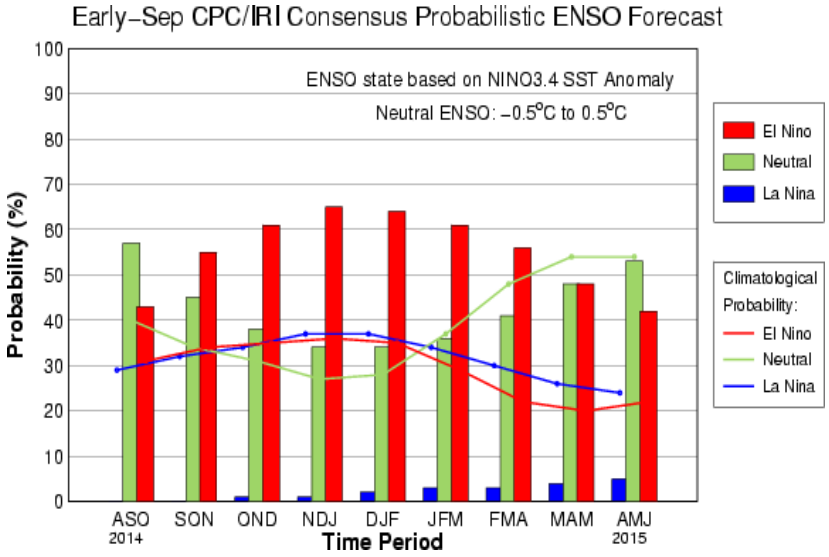
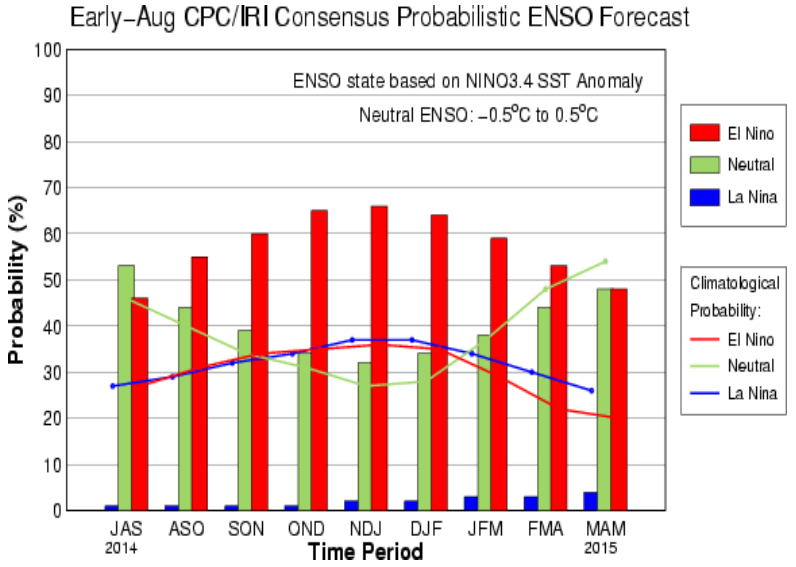




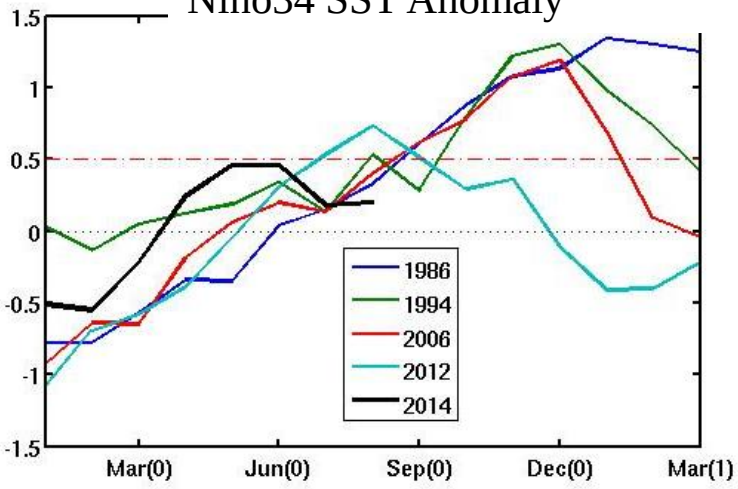


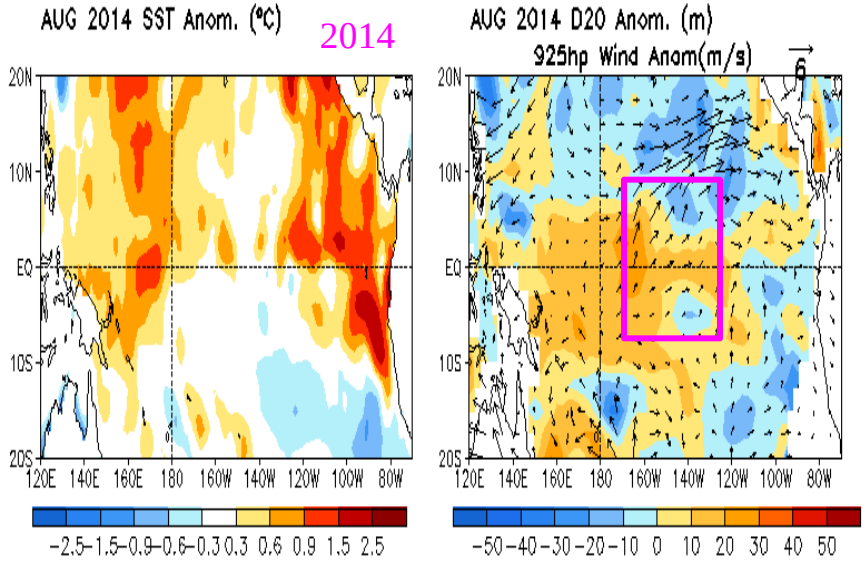
- **Most of models continued to predict El Niño to develop around early northern fall and persist through 2015 spring.**
- **NOAA "ENSO Diagnostic Discussion" on September 4, 2014 continually issued "El Nino Watch" and suggests that "Chances of El Niño are 60-65% during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter."**

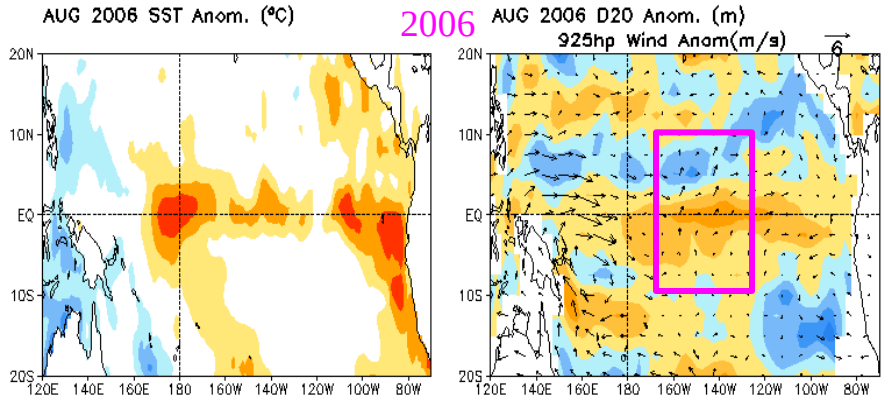
SST, D20 and 925hp Wind Anomalies in August

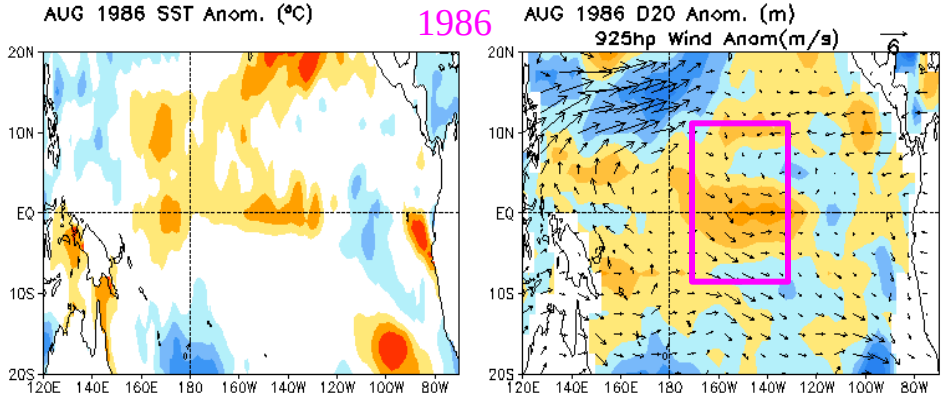
Late El Nino : 1986, 1994, 2006

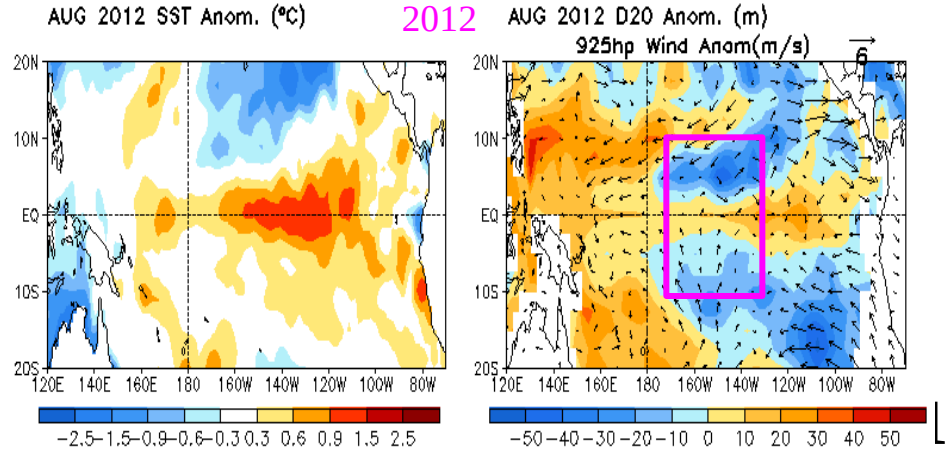
Drop off El Nino: 2012



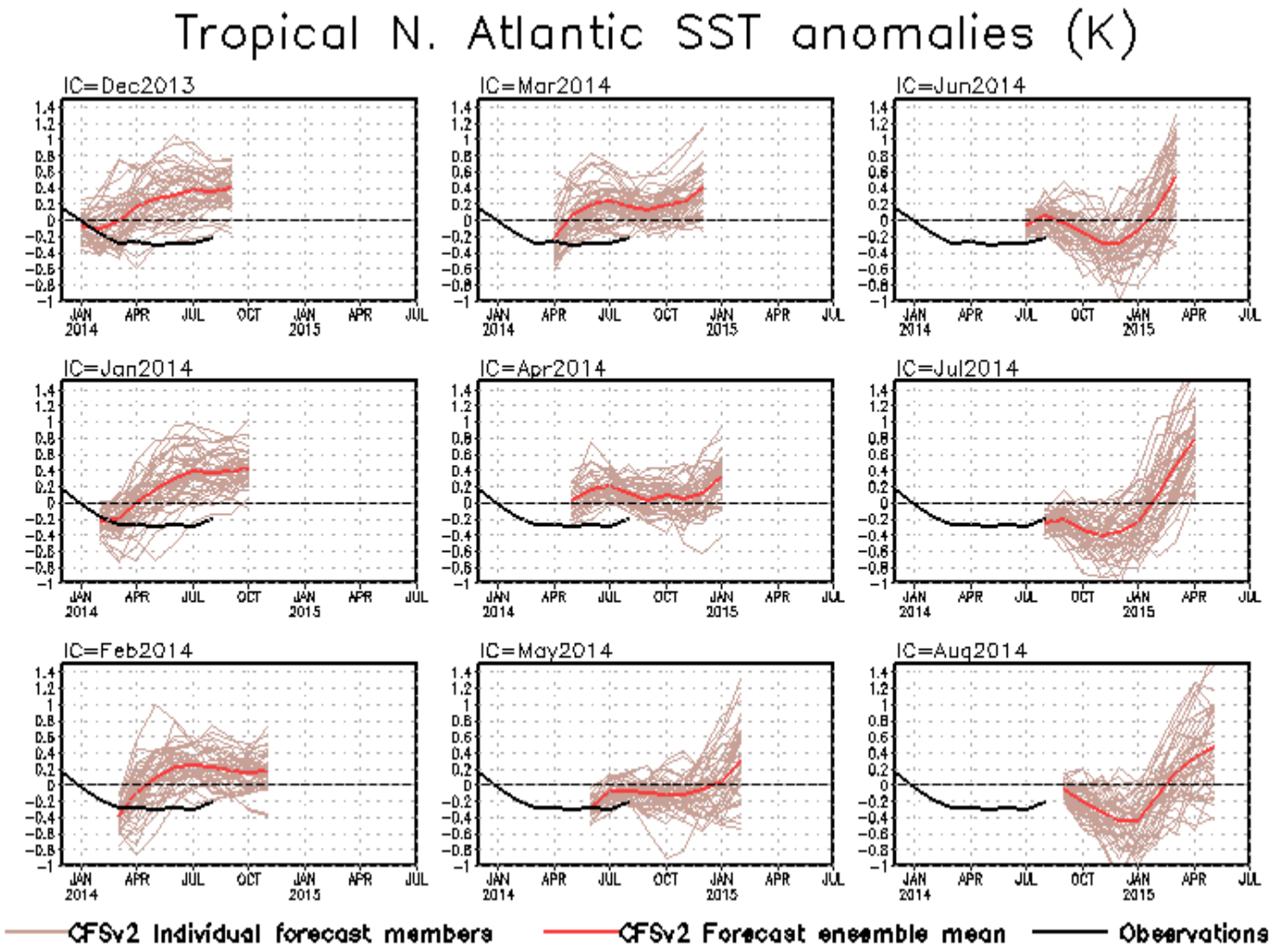








CFSv2 Tropical North Atlantic (TNA) SST Predictions from Different Initial Months



- **Forecast from August 2014 IC suggests below-normal SST in the tropical North Atlantic will persist through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2014-15.**

TNA is the SST anomaly averaged in the region of [60°W-30°W, 5°N-20°N].

Fig. M3. CFS Tropical North Atlantic (TNA) SST predictions from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1981-2010 base period means.

Overview

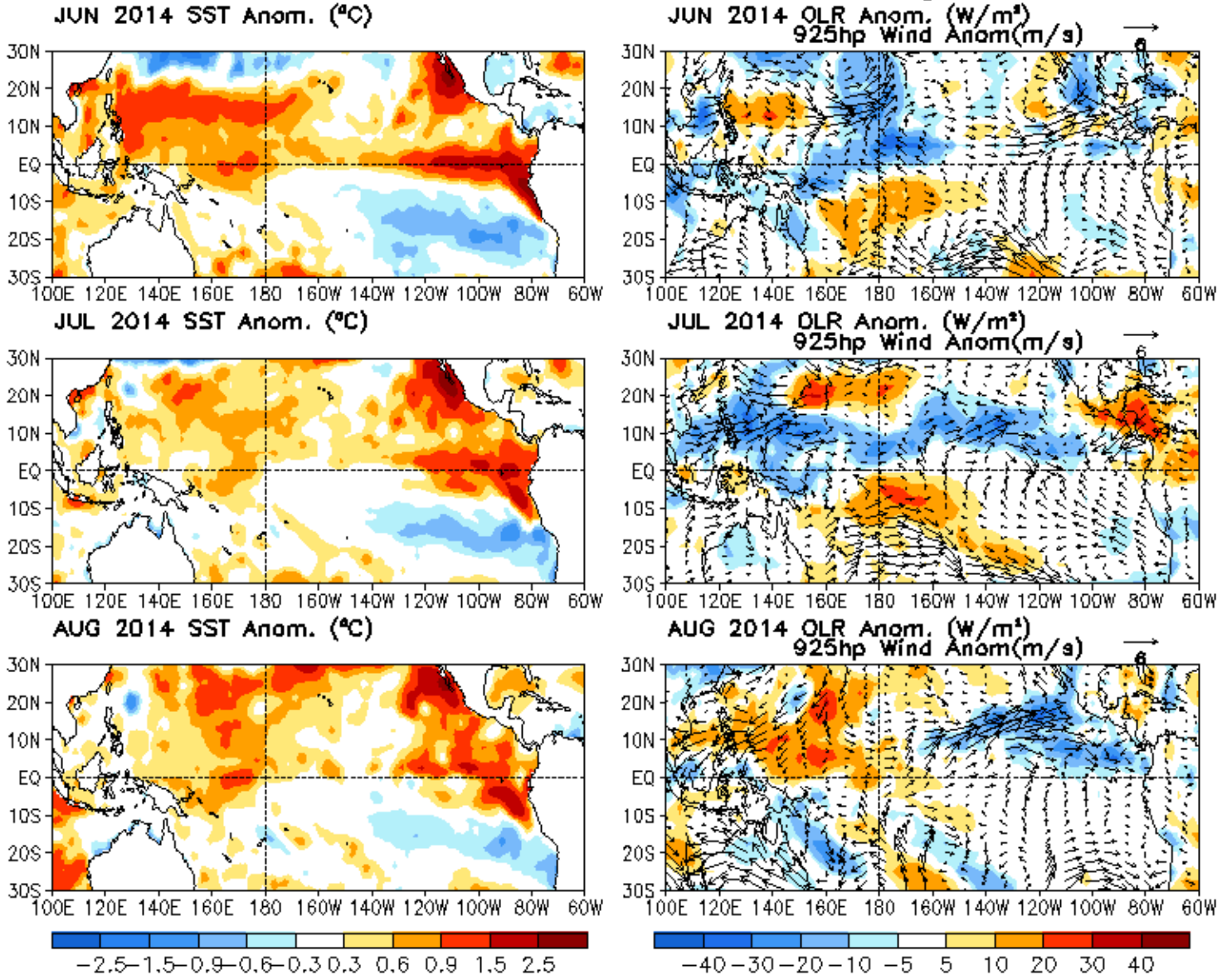
- **Pacific Ocean**
  - **ENSO neutral condition continued with OIv2 NINO3.4=0.2°C in August 2014.**
  - **Subsurface warming emerged in the central-eastern equatorial Pacific.**
  - **NOAA "ENSO Diagnostic Discussion" on September 4, 2014 continually issued "El Nino Watch" .**
  - **PDO remained positive phase in August.**
  - **Strong positive SSTA continued in the high latitudes of the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans.**

- **Indian Ocean**
  - **Indian dipole index remained below -0.4 in August.**

- **Atlantic Ocean**
  - **Below-average SST continued in the hurricane Main Development Region.**
  - **NAO was well below-normal , with NAO index = -2.3 in August 2014.**

Backup Slides

Last Three Month SST, OLR and 925hp Wind Anom.



Last Five Month W at 50m and Surface Windstress Anom.

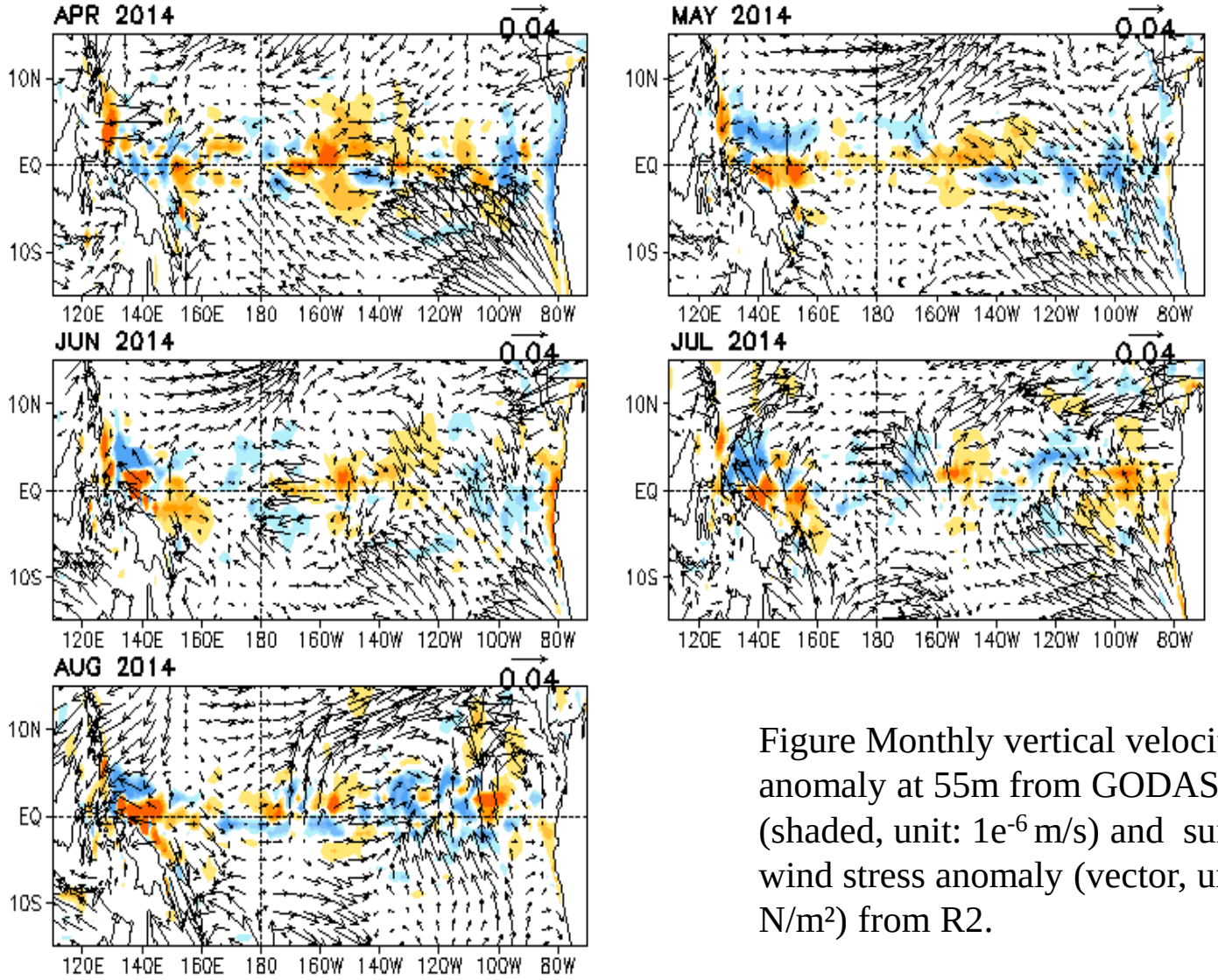
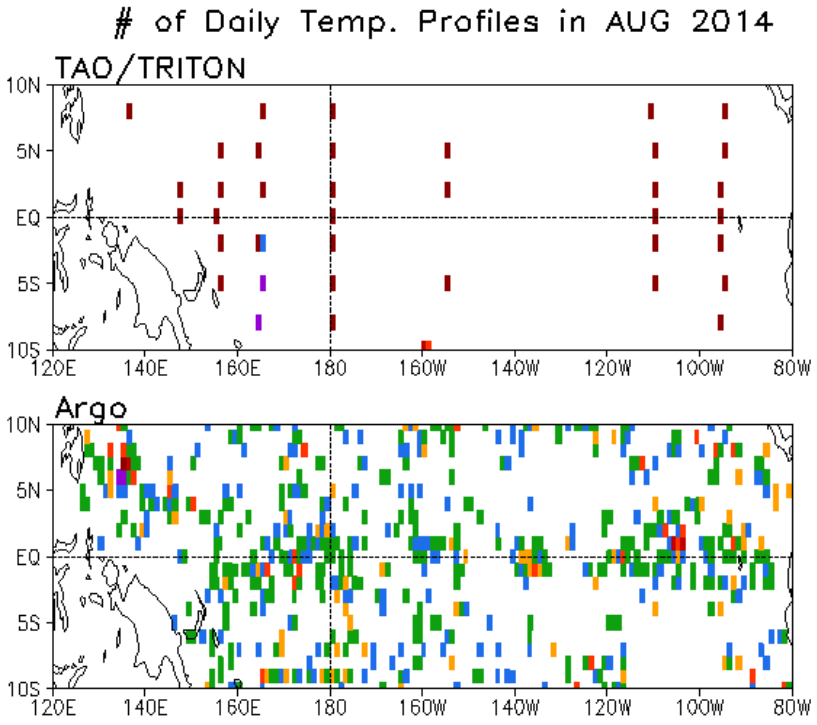
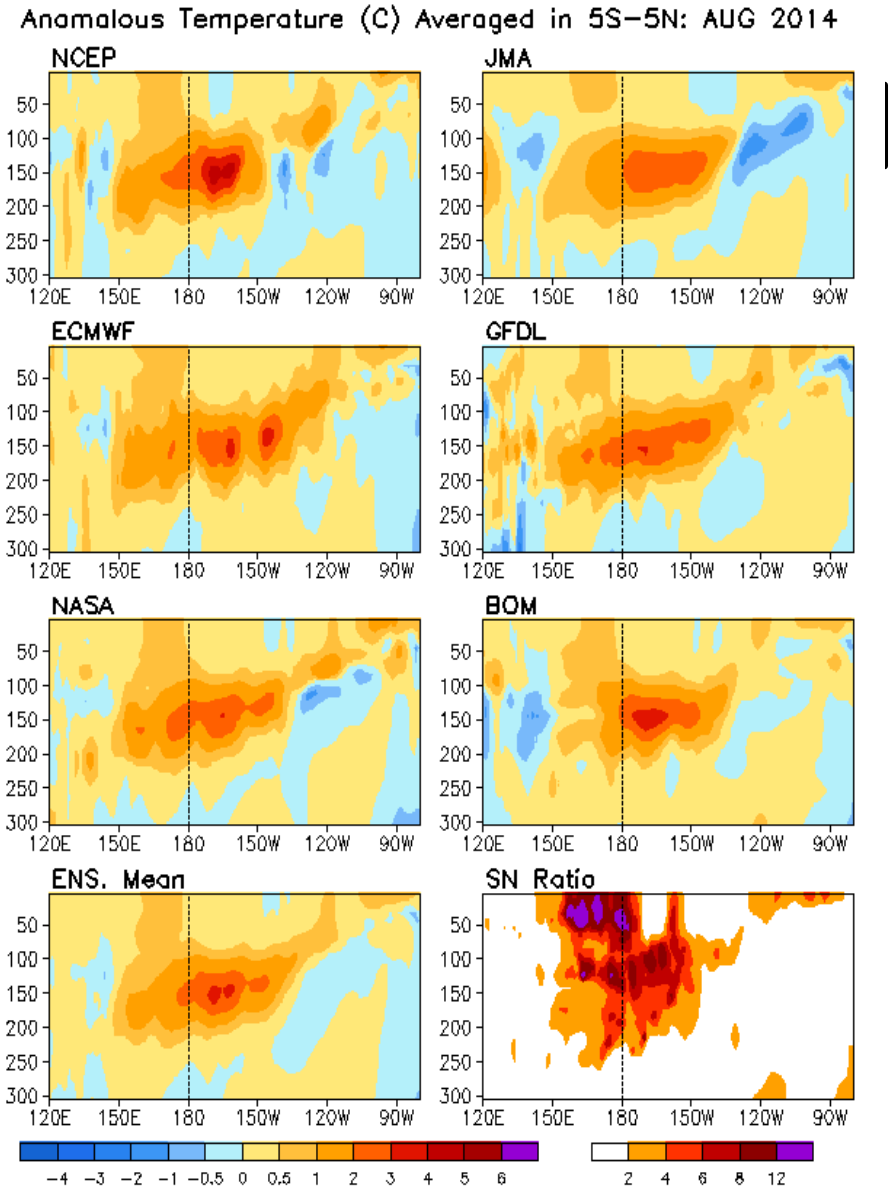


Figure Monthly vertical velocity anomaly at 55m from GODAS (shaded, unit: $1e^{-6}$ m/s) and surface wind stress anomaly (vector, unit: N/m^2) from R2.

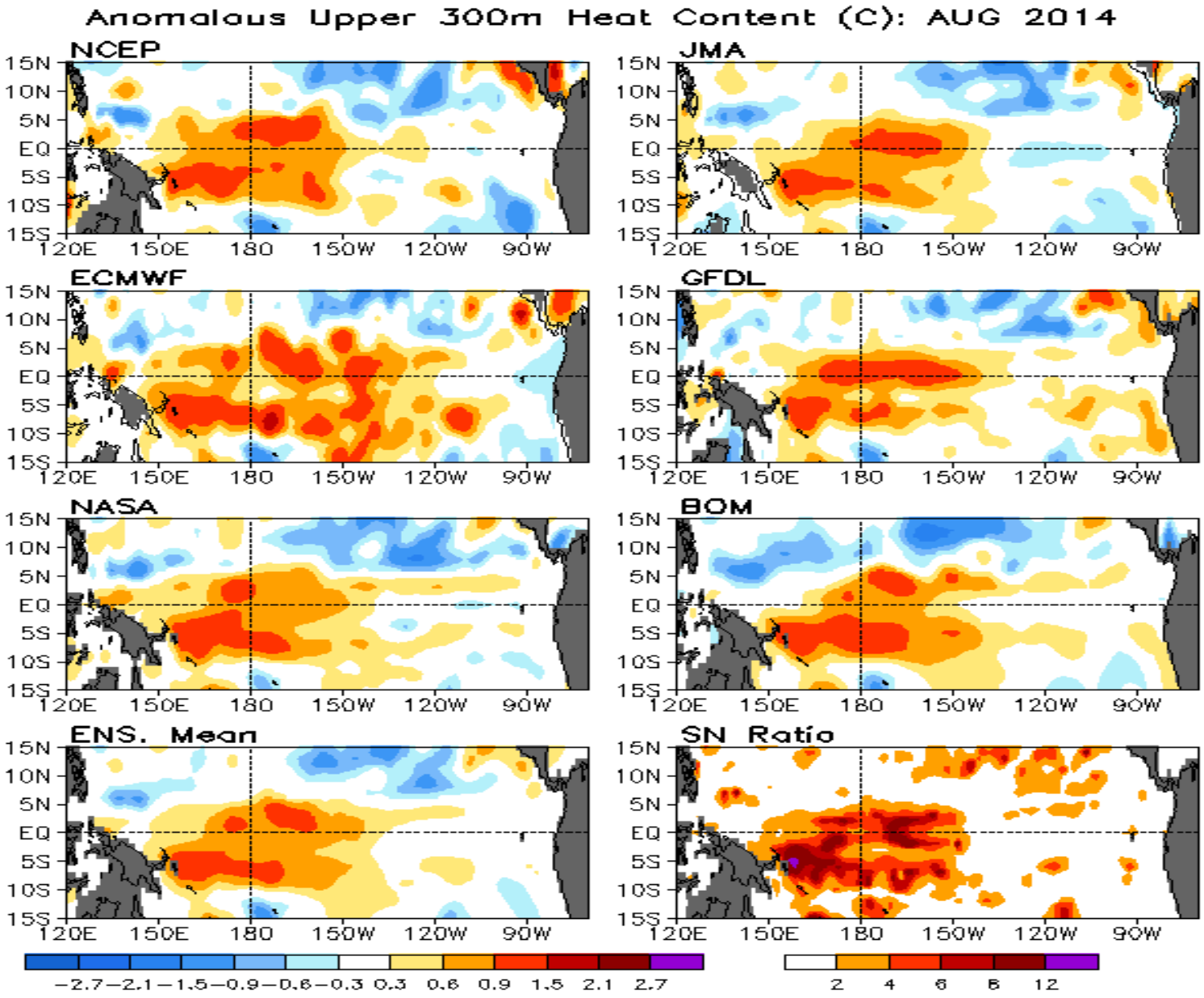
Real-Time Multiple Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison



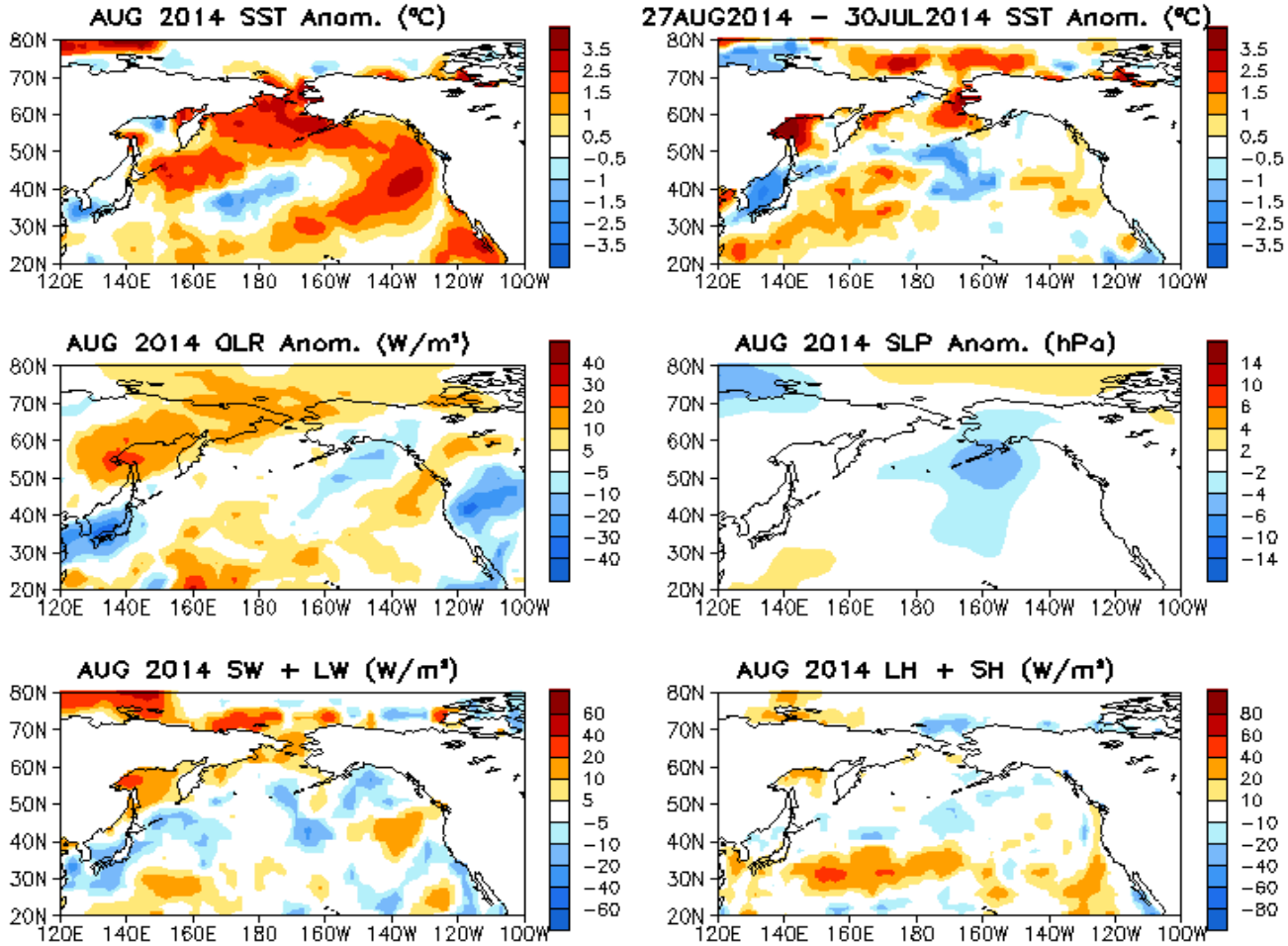


1981-2010 Clim

Upper 300m Heat Content Anomaly (1981-2010 Clim.)



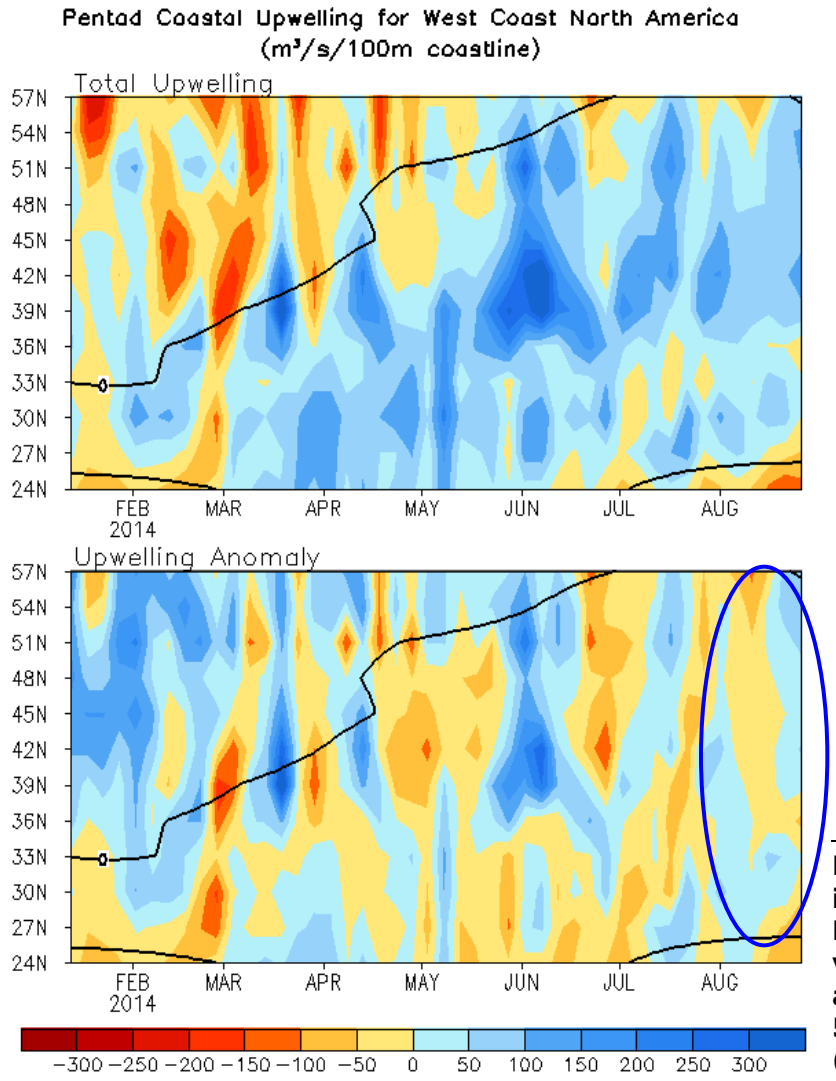
North Pacific & Arctic Ocean: SST Anom., SST Anom. Tend., OLR, SLP, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx

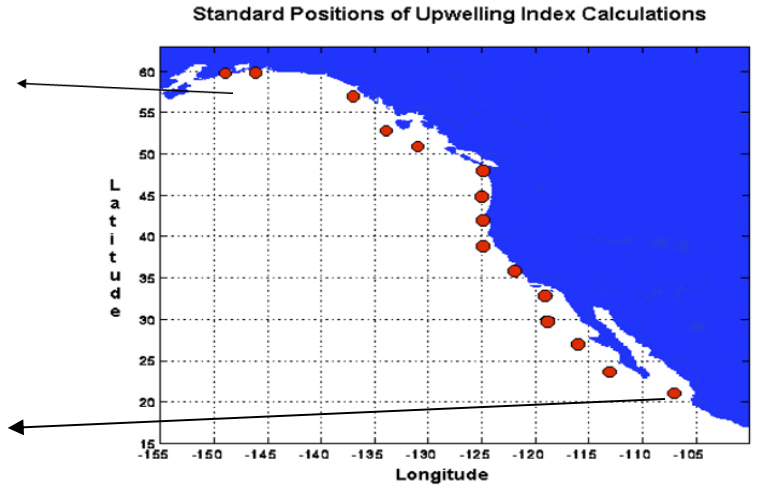


- **Large positive SST anomalies continued to dominate the high-latitude of North Pacific.**
- **Large positive SST tendency was observed near the East Siberian Sea , Bering Sea and west coast of Russia .**

Fig. NP1. Sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies (top-left), anomaly tendency (top-right), Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR) anomalies (middle-left), sea surface pressure anomalies (middle-right), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation anomalies (bottom-left), sum of latent and sensible heat flux anomalies (bottom-right). SST are derived from the NCEP OI SST analysis, OLR from the NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS, sea surface pressure and surface radiation and heat fluxes from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

North America Western Coastal Upwelling





- **Upwelling was near normal along the west coast of N. American in August.**

Fig. NP2. Total (top) and anomalous (bottom) upwelling indices at the 15 standard locations for the western coast of North America. Upwelling indices are derived from the vertical velocity of the NCEP's global ocean data assimilation system, and are calculated as integrated vertical volume transport at 50 meter depth from each location to its nearest coast point ($m^3/s/100m$ coastline). Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period pentad means.

- **Area below (above) black line indicates climatological upwelling (downwelling) season.**
- **Climatologically upwelling season progresses from March to July along the west coast of North America from 36ºN to 57ºN.**

Warm Water Volume (WWV) and NINO3.4 Anomalies

- WWV is defined as average of depth of 20°C in [120°E-80°W, 5°S-5°N]. Statistically, peak correlation of Nino3 with WWV occurs at 7 month lag (Meinen and McPhaden, 2000).

- Since WWV is intimately linked to ENSO variability (Wyrtki 1985; Jin 1997), it is useful to monitor ENSO in a phase space of WWV and NINO3.4 (Kessler 2002).

- Increase (decrease) of WWV indicates recharge (discharge) of the equatorial oceanic heat content.

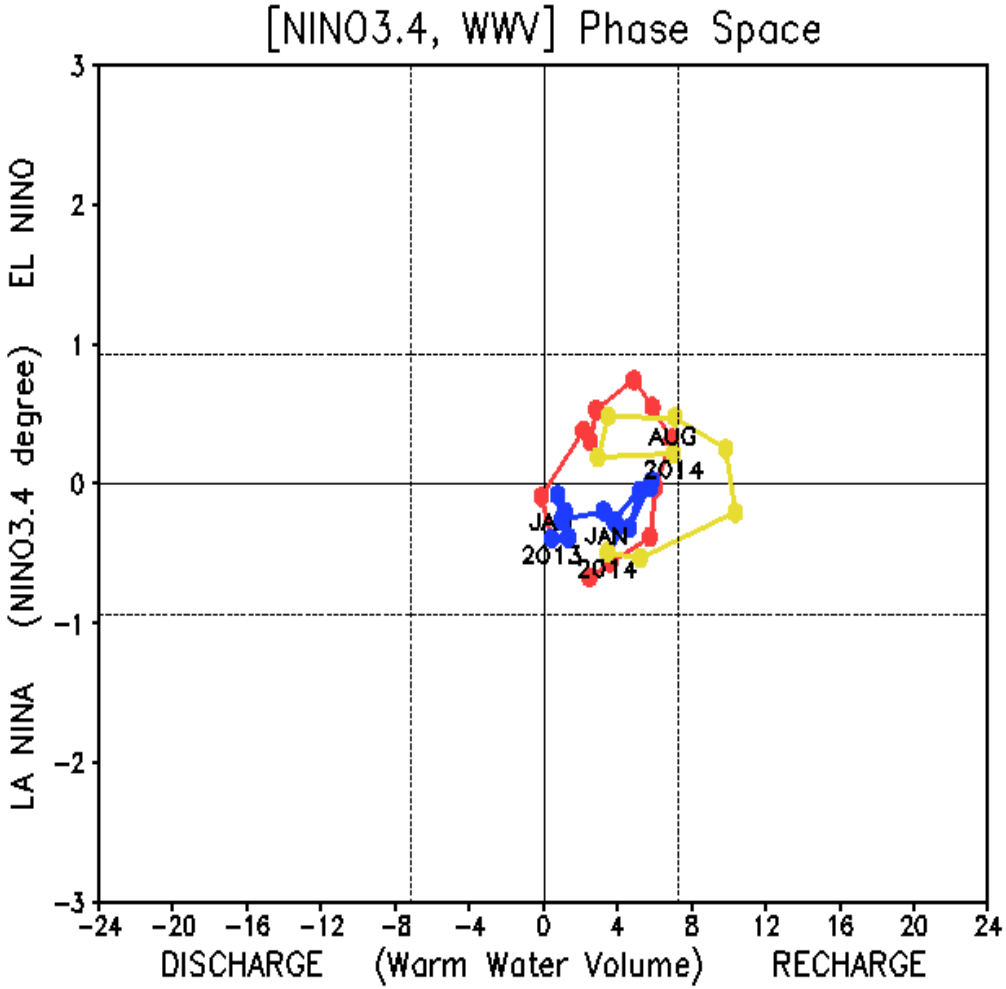


Fig. P3. Phase diagram of Warm Water Volume (WWV) and NINO 3.4 SST anomalies. WWV is the average of depth of 20°C in [120°E-80°W, 5°S-5°N] calculated with the NCEP's global ocean data assimilation system. Anomalies are departures from the 1981-2010 base period means.

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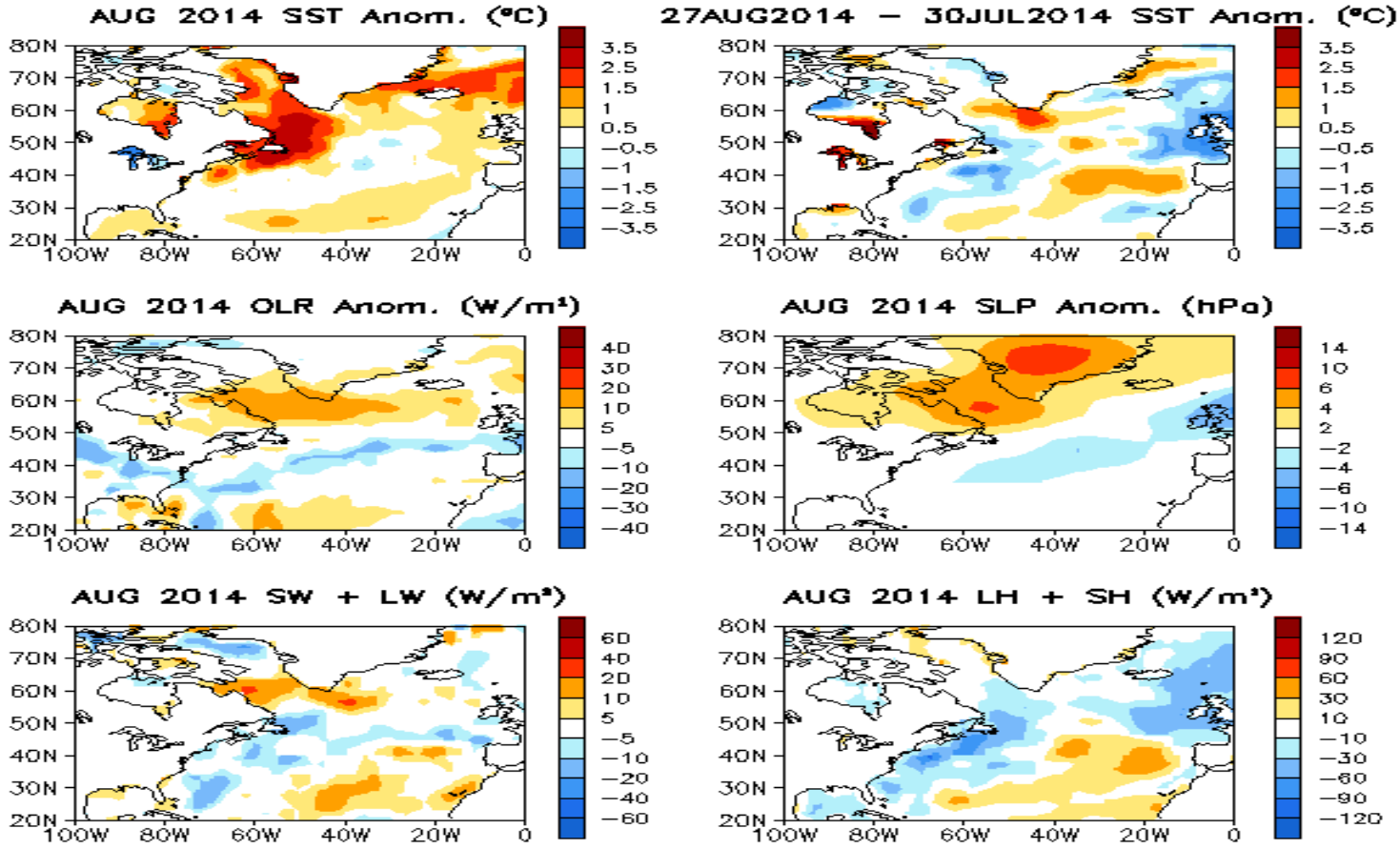

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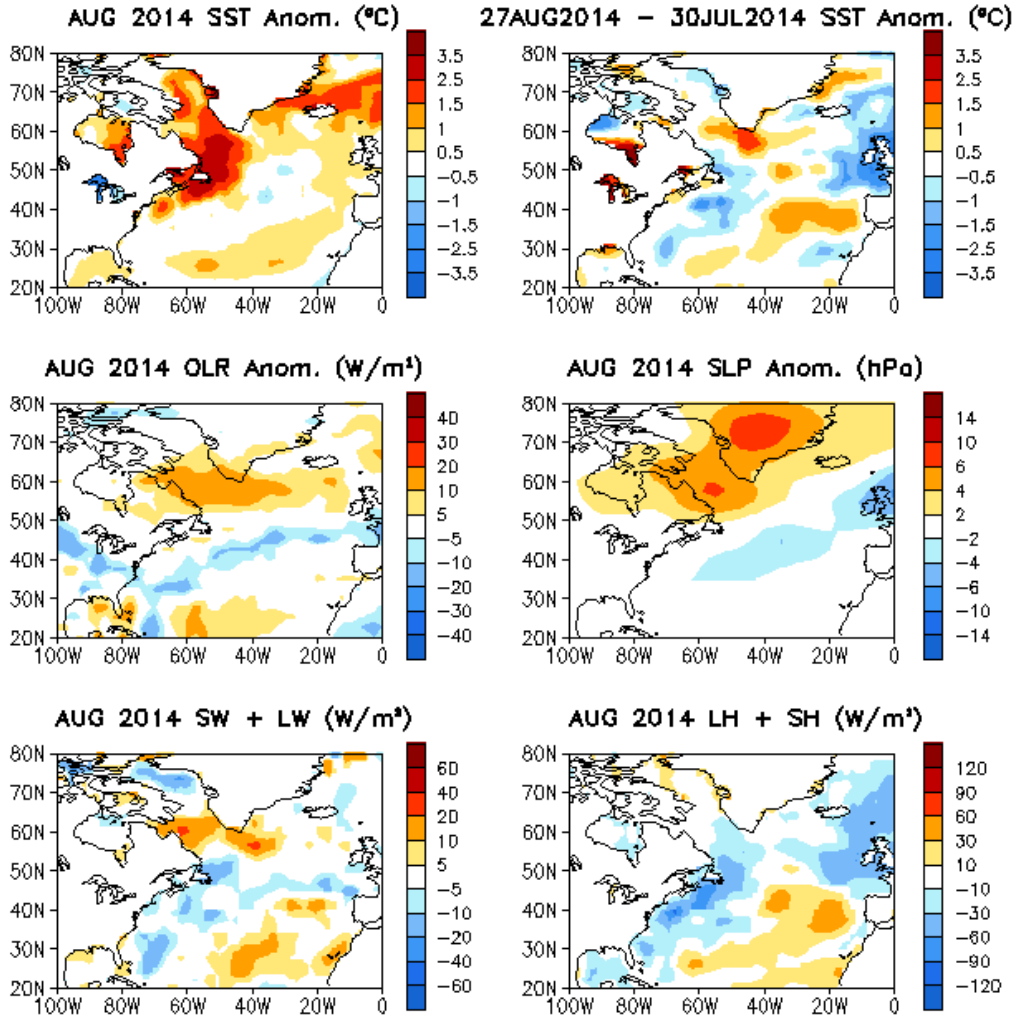

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Individual Model Forecasts: Predict an El Nino/neutral in 2014

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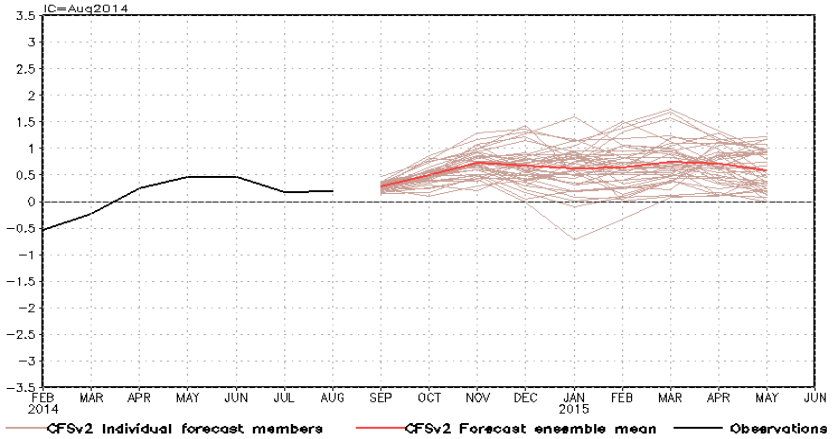
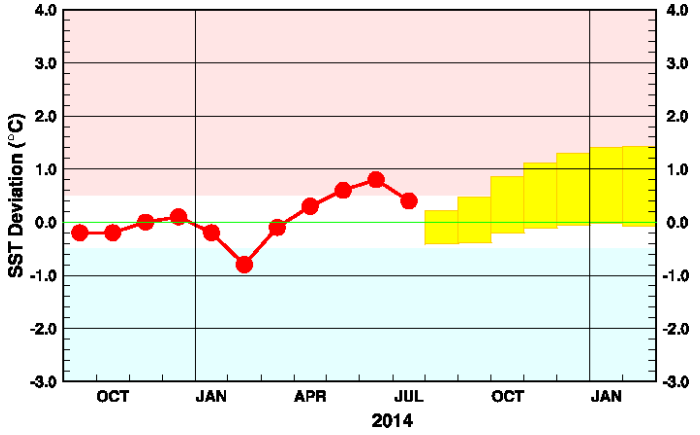
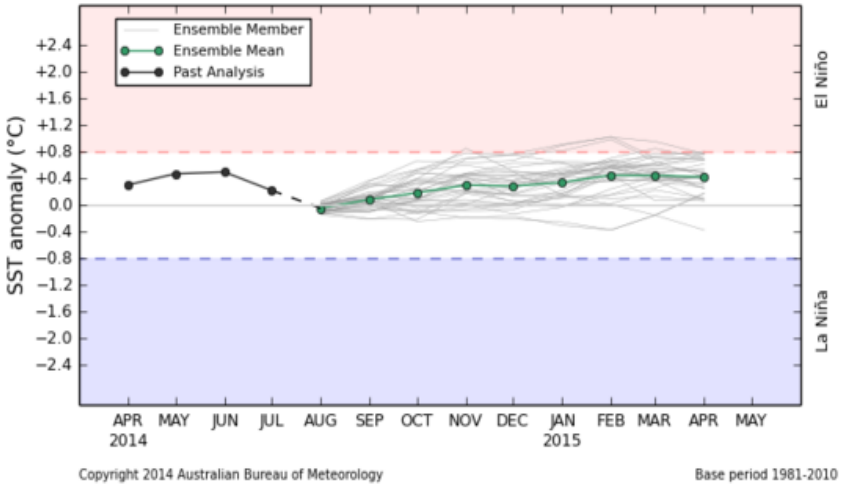
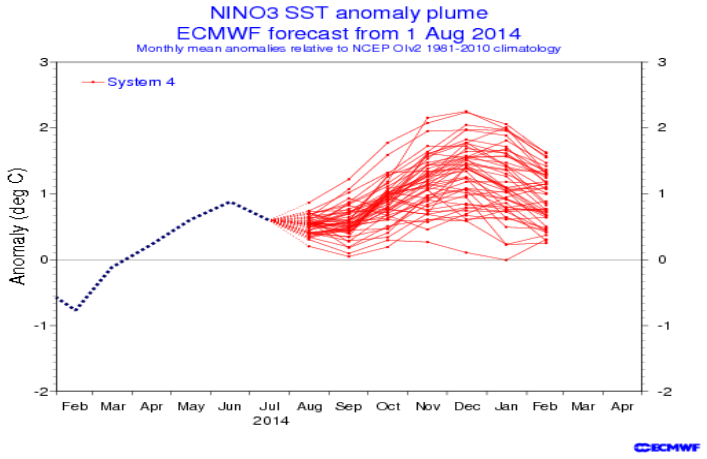


JMA: Nino3, IC=July2014



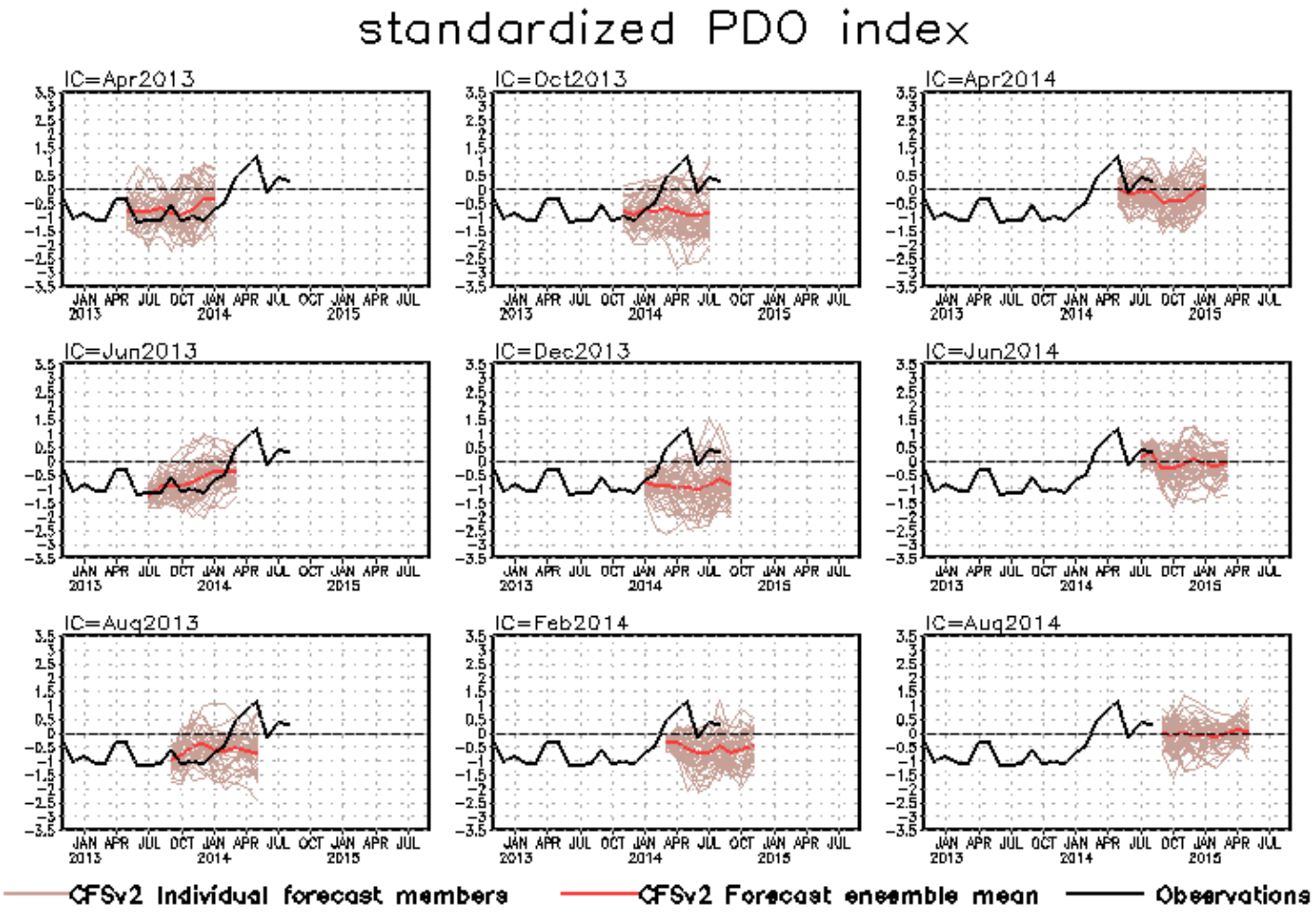
Australia:Nino3.4, IC= 4Sep 2014





- Differences in model forecasts might be partially related with differences in ocean initializations provided by ocean reanalyses.

CFS Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) Index Predictions from Different Initial Months

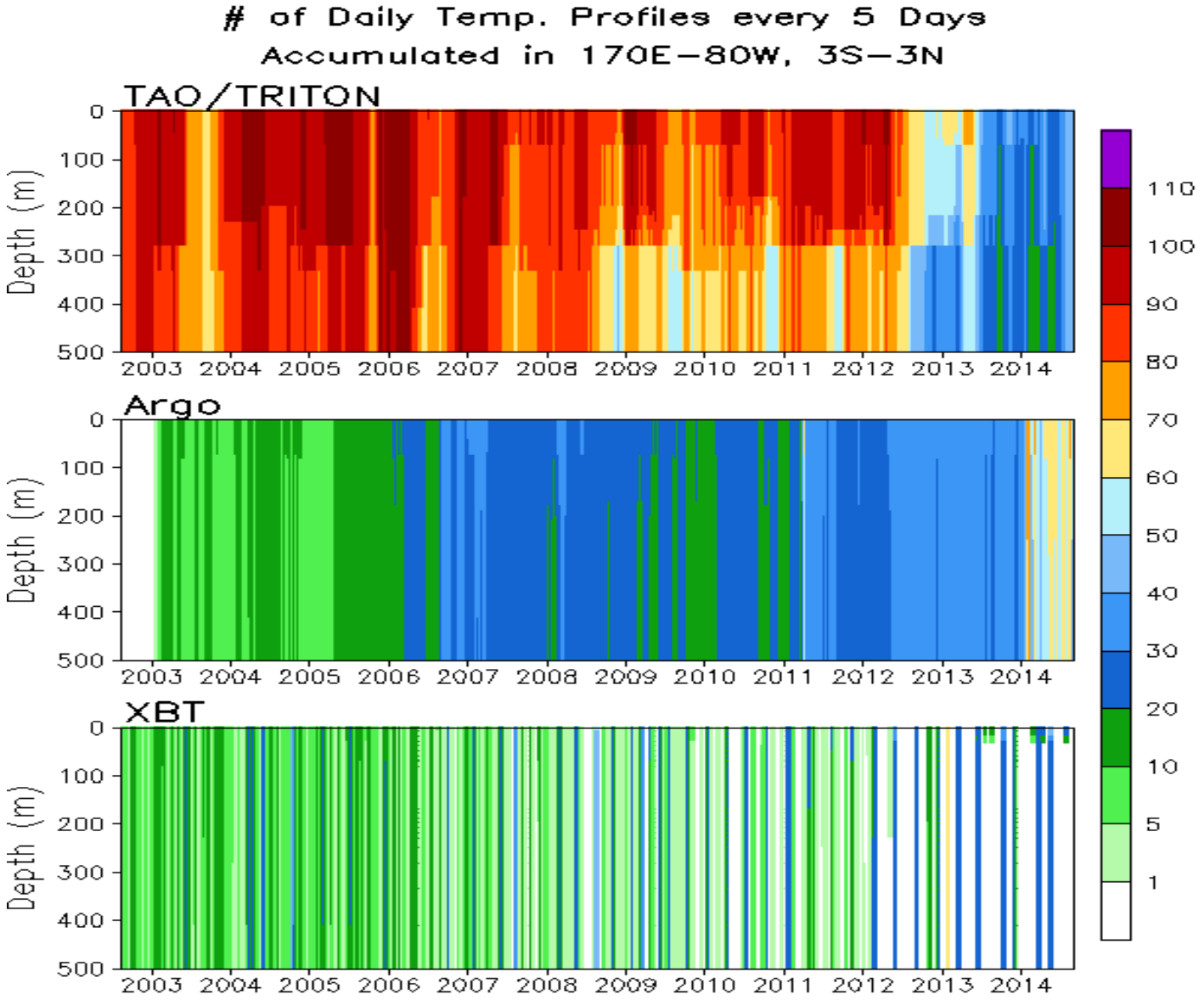


- **Forecast in August 2014 IC calls for near-normal PDO in next 9 months.**

PDO is the first EOF of monthly ERSSTv3b anomaly in the region of [110°E-100°W, 20°N-60°N].

CFS PDO index is the standardized projection of CFS SST forecast anomalies onto the PDO EOF pattern.

Fig. M4. CFS Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) index predictions from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1981-2010 base period means.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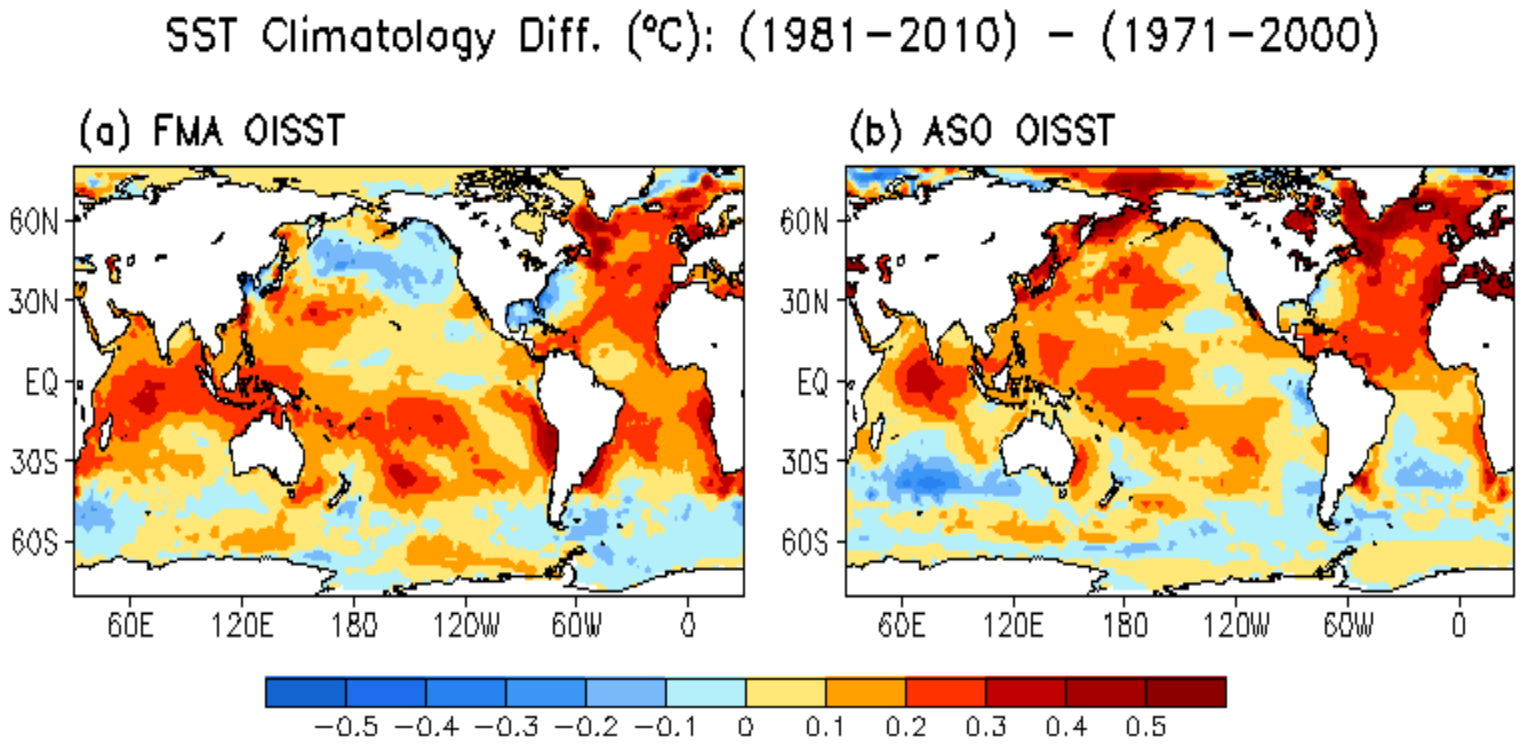

1971-2000 SST Climatology (Xue et al. 2003):
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/SSTs/sst_clim.htm

1981-2010 SST Climatology: http://origin.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/people/yxue/sstclim/

- **The seasonal mean SST in February-April (FMA) increased by more than 0.2°C over much of the Tropical Oceans and N. Atlantic, but decreased by more than 0.2°C in high-latitude N. Pacific, Gulf of Mexico and along the east coast of U.S.**

- **Compared to FMA, the seasonal mean SST in August-October (ASO) has a stronger warming in the tropical N. Atlantic, N. Pacific and Arctic Ocean, and a weaker cooling in Gulf of Mexico and along the east coast of U.S.**

Switch to 1981-2010 Climatology

- **SST from 1971-2000 to 1981-2010**
  - **Weekly OISST.v2, monthly ERSST.3b**
- **Atmospheric fields from 1979-1995 to 1981-2010**
  - **NCEP CDAS winds, sea level pressure, 200mb velocity potential, surface shortwave and longwave radiation, surface latent and sensible fluxes, relative humidity**
  - **Outgoing Long-wave Radiation**
- **Oceanic fields from 1982-2004 to 1981-2010**
  - **GODAS temperature, heat content, depth of 20°C, sea surface height, mixed layer depth, tropical cyclone heat potential, surface currents, upwelling**
- **Satellite data climatology 1993-2005 unchanged**
  - **Aviso Altimetry Sea Surface Height**
  - **Ocean Surface Current Analyses – Realtime (OSCAR)**

Data Sources and References

- **Optimal Interpolation SST (OI SST) version 2 (Reynolds et al. 2002)**
- **NCEP CDAS winds, surface radiation and heat fluxes**
- **NESDIS Outgoing Long-wave Radiation**
- **NDBC TAO data (http://tao.noaa.gov)**
- **PMEL TAO equatorial temperature analysis**
- **NCEP's Global Ocean Data Assimilation System temperature, heat content, currents (Behringer and Xue 2004)**
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Real Time Multiple Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison

(with contributions from NCEP, ECMWF, JMA, GFDL, NASA, BOM based on 1981-2010 Climatology)

(Background Information)

Tropical Pacific Ocean

- **Climate Indices**
  - Depth of 20C isotherm anomaly in NINO3: last 4 years last 15 years 1979-present
  - Depth of 20C isotherm anomaly in NINO4: last 4 years last 15 years 1979-present
  - Upper 300m heat content anomaly in NINO3: last 4 years last 15 years 1979-present
  - Upper 300m heat content anomaly in NINO4: last 4 years last 15 years 1979-present
  - Warm Water Volume: last 4 years last 15 years 1979-present
  - Warm Water Volume average in last two months ending in:
    Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

- **Spatial Maps**
  - Equatorial temperature anomaly: last month month before last month 1979-present
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http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GODAS/multiora_body.html