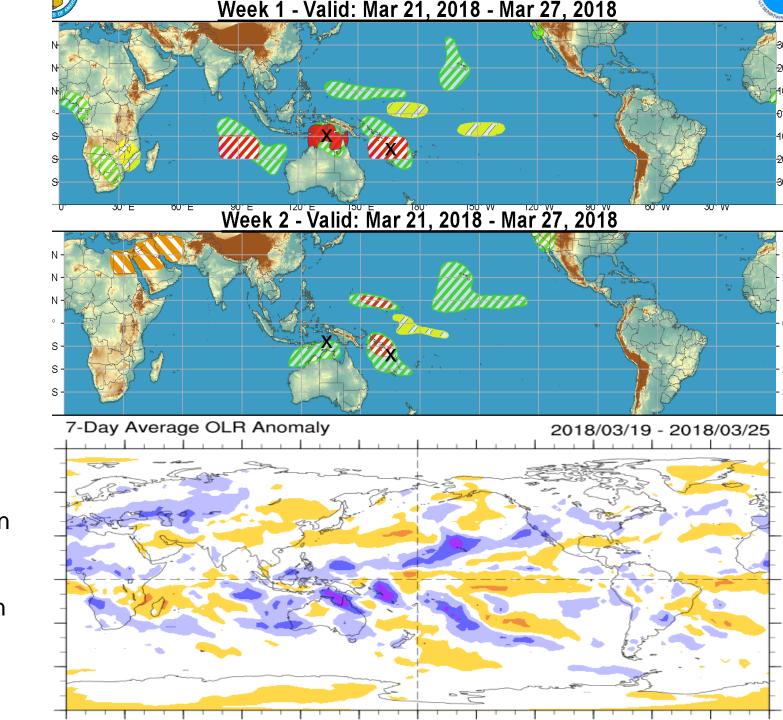
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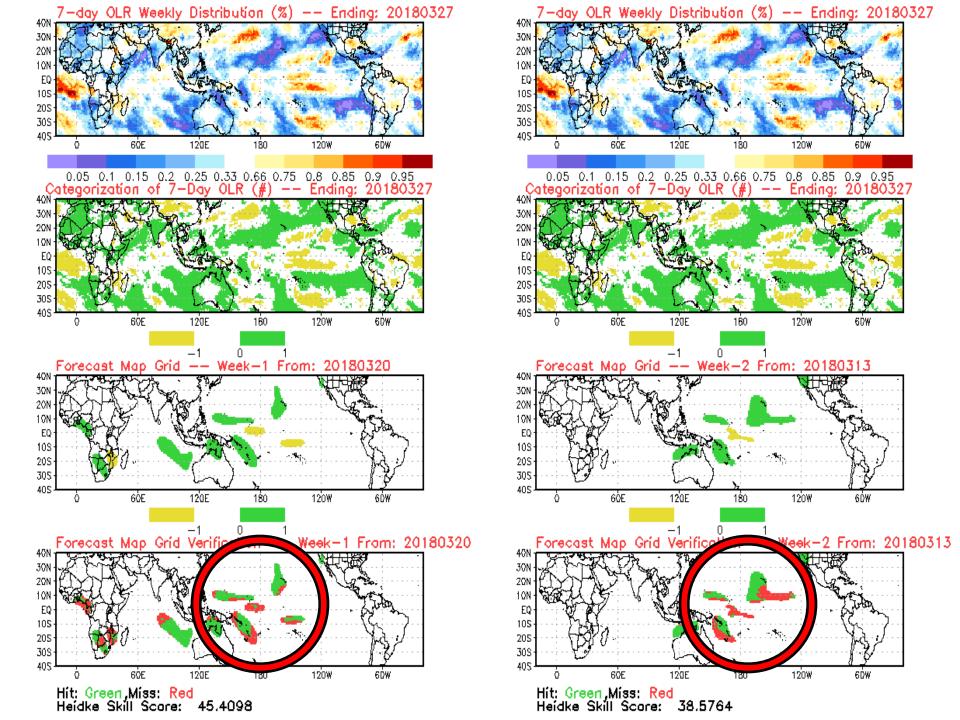
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Outlook Review



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

 A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral is most likely (~55% chance) during the March-May season, with neutral conditions likely to continue into the second half of the year (ENSO Diagnostic Discussion, March 8, 2018)

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- •The active region of the weak MJO moved over the Maritime Continent during the past week.
- •Constructive intereference between active regions of the MJO, Kelvin, and equatorial Rossby waves created an environment conducive to tropical cyclone development over the past week.
- Dynamical models forecast the MJO to strengthen during the forecast period as it propagates across the open Pacific.

Extratropics:

• The extended range temperature forecast for the U.S. is not heavily impacted by the MJO.



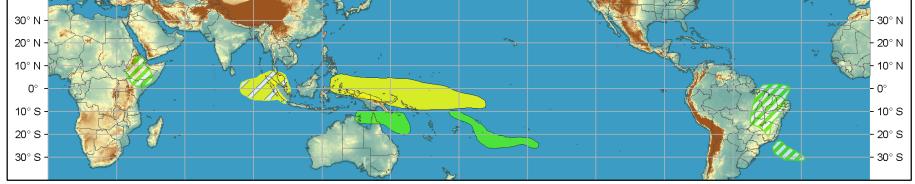
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Tropical Cyclone Formation













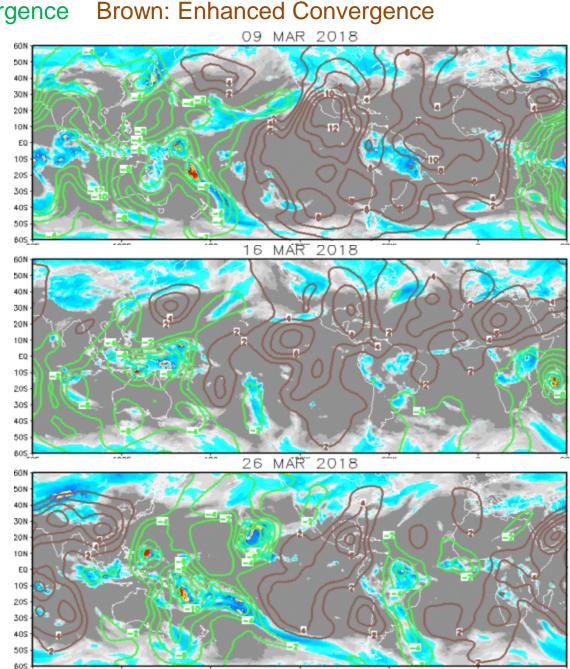
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

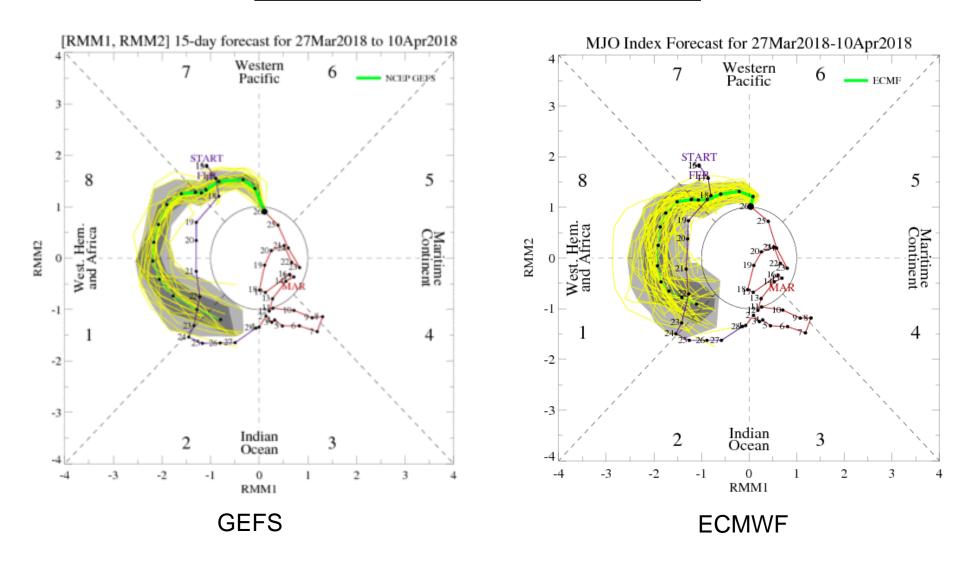
Wave-1 pattern largely due to MJO forcing.

Enhanced convection over the Maritime Continent can be attributed to MJO, Kelvin, and equatorial Rossby waves.

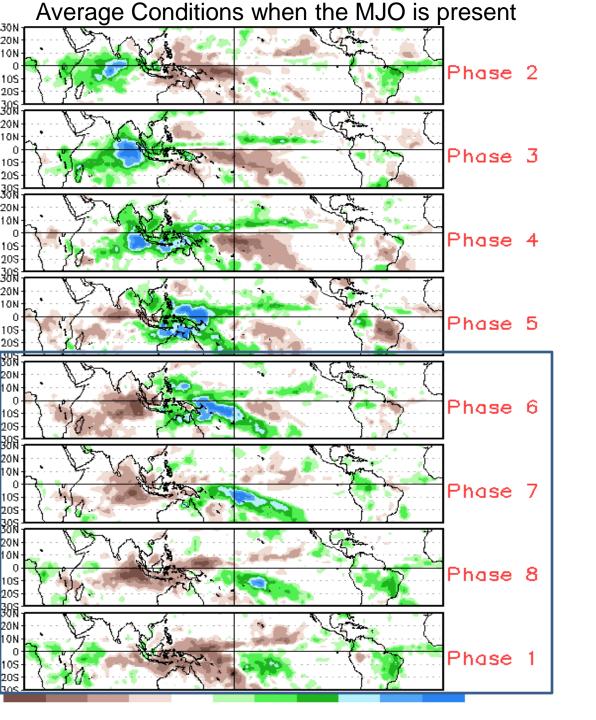
As the equatorial waves move eastward so does the area of broad-scale convection.



MJO Observation/Forecast

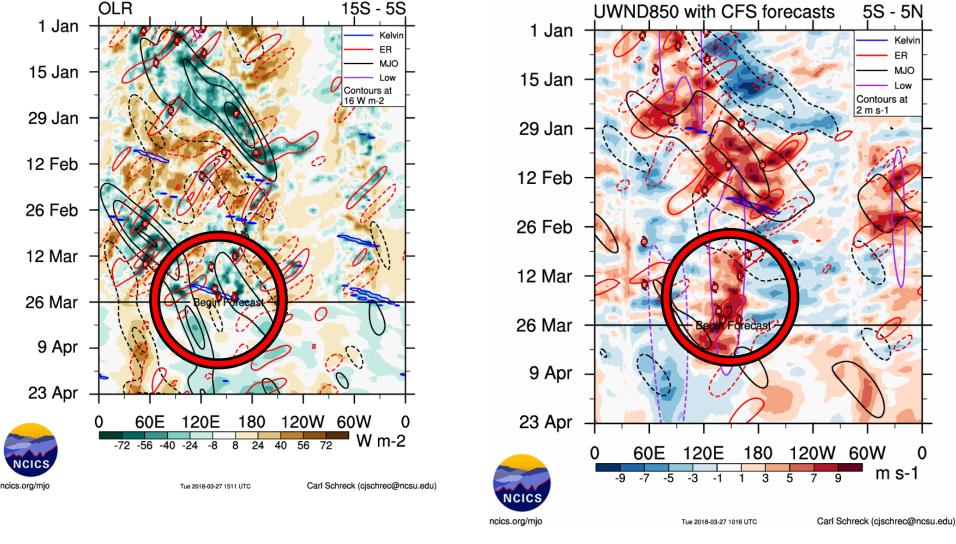


Dynamical guidance forecasts the MJO to strengthen during the Week-1 forecast period.

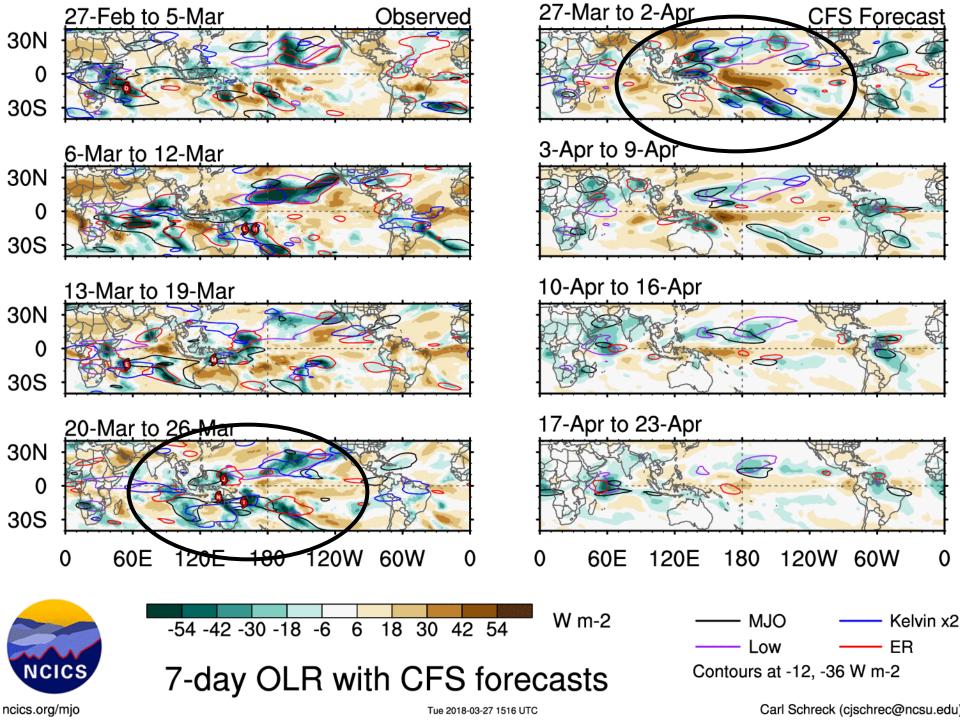


Week-1: Phases 6-8 Week-2: Phases 8-1

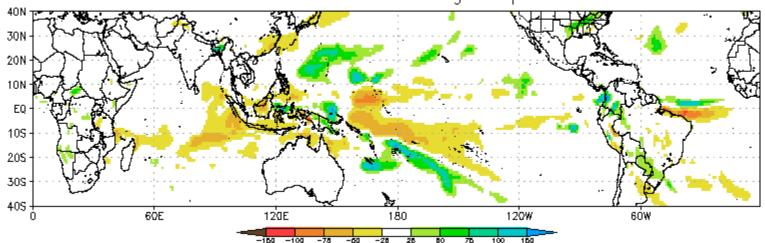
CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.



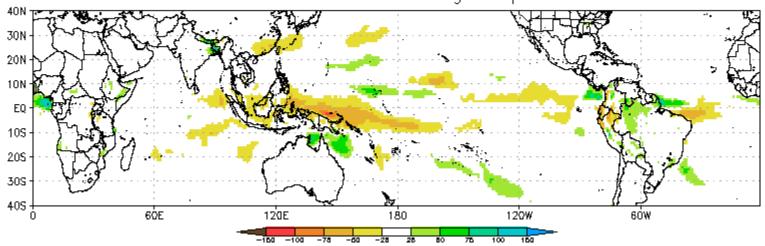
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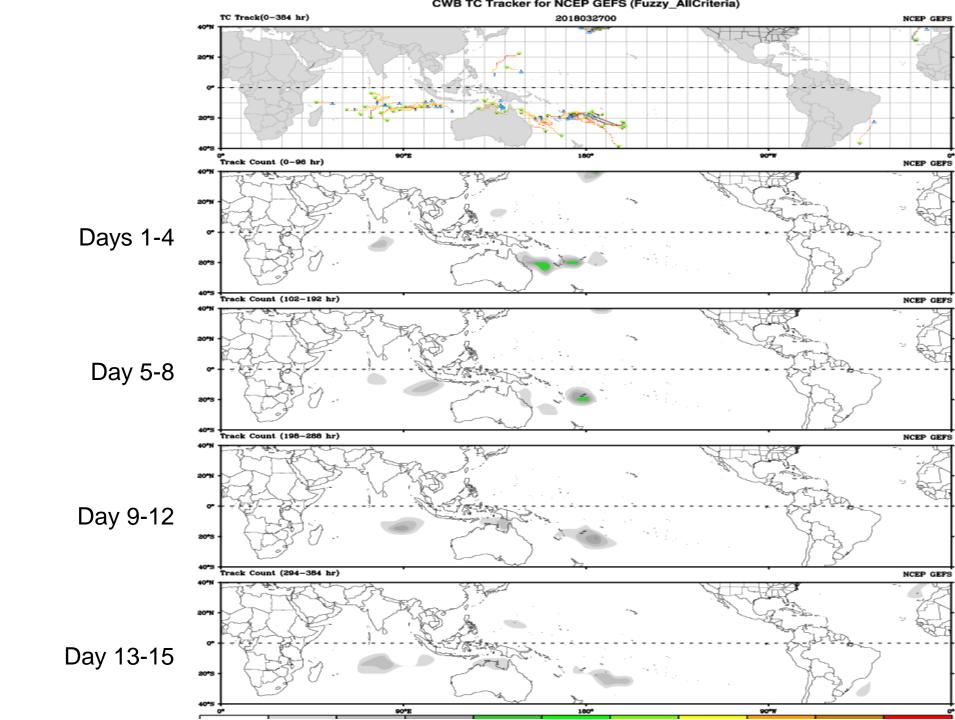


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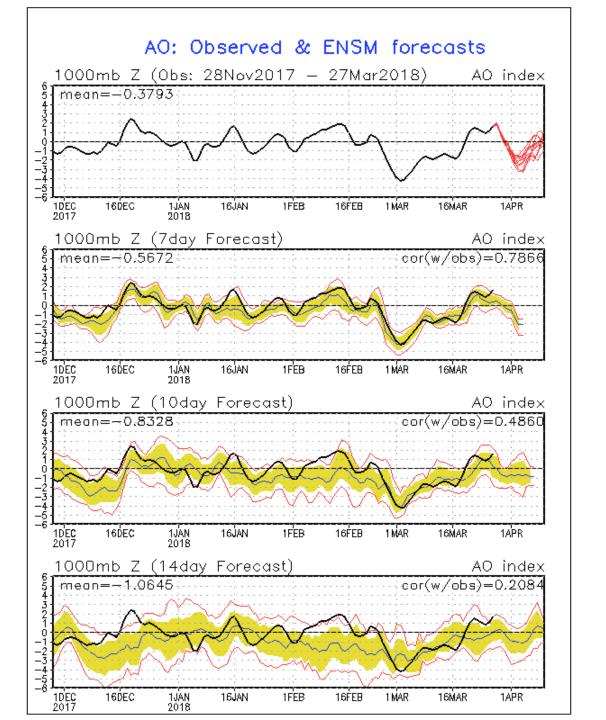


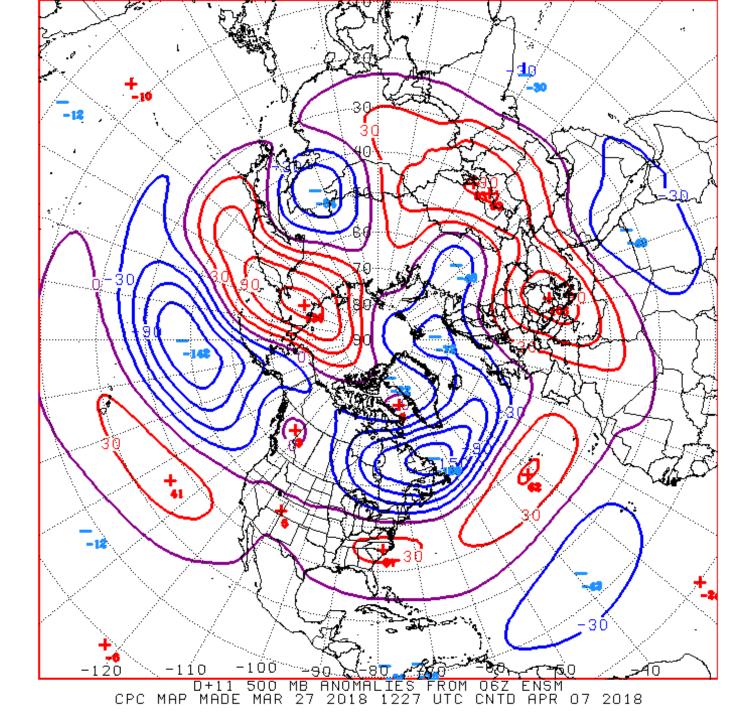
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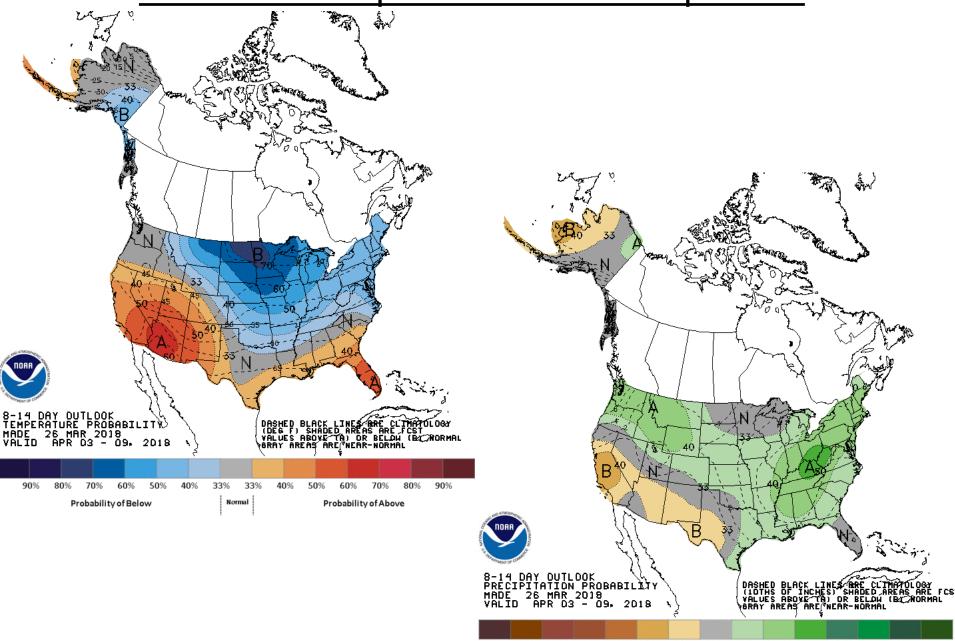


Connections to U.S. Impacts





Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



70%

Probability of Below

33%

Normal

Probability of Above



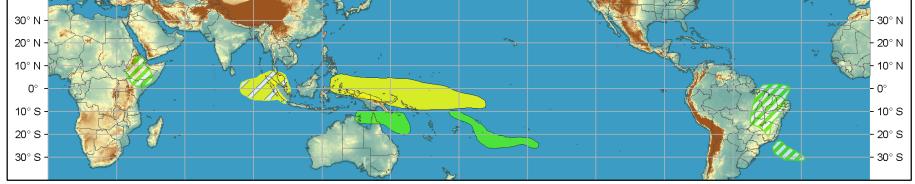
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