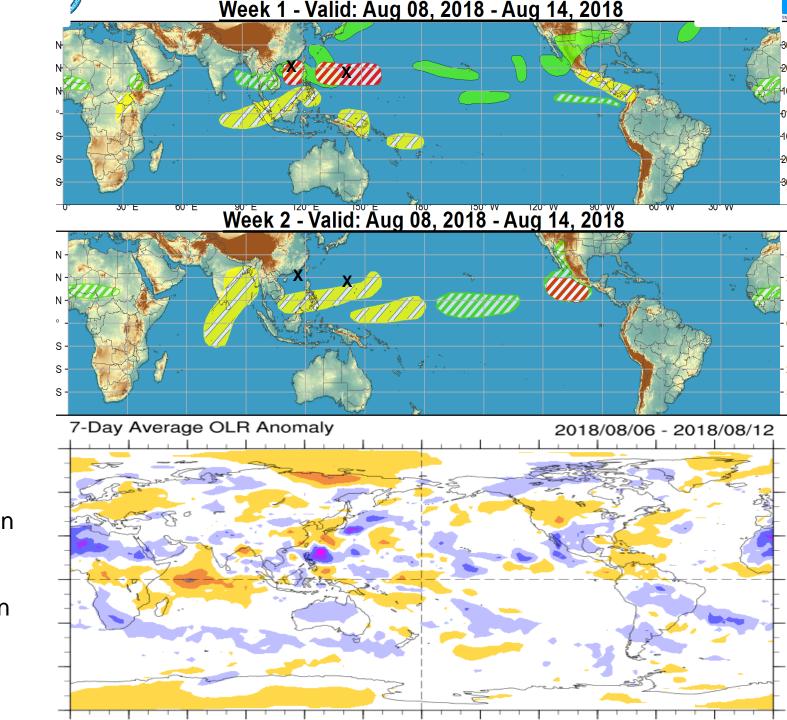
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<u>Outline</u>

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Outlook Review



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain

Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (August 9, 2018 Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: El Niño Watch
- ENSO-neutral conditions are expected to give way to El Niño conditions, with the chance for El Niño increasing to about 60% during fall, and to about 70% during winter 2018-19.

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The convective pattern broadly resembles a West Pacific MJO event, but the signal has been fairly stationary for the past couple of weeks.
- Dynamical models generally depict a generally weak MJO signal during Week-1. Both the GEFS and the ECMWF track a Kelvin wave from the East Pacific to the Maritime Continent during Week-2, developing into a slower subseasonal signal by the end of the period.

Extratropics:

- A prominent wave train over the North Pacific is likely influenced by recent TC activity over the West Pacific.
- MJO evolution does not support Atlantic TC activity during the next two weeks, and a lull in East Pac activity is favored following development early in Week-1.



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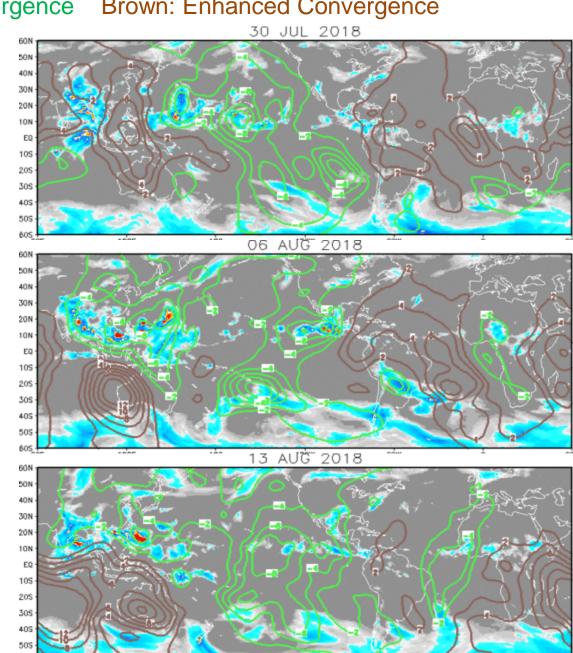
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

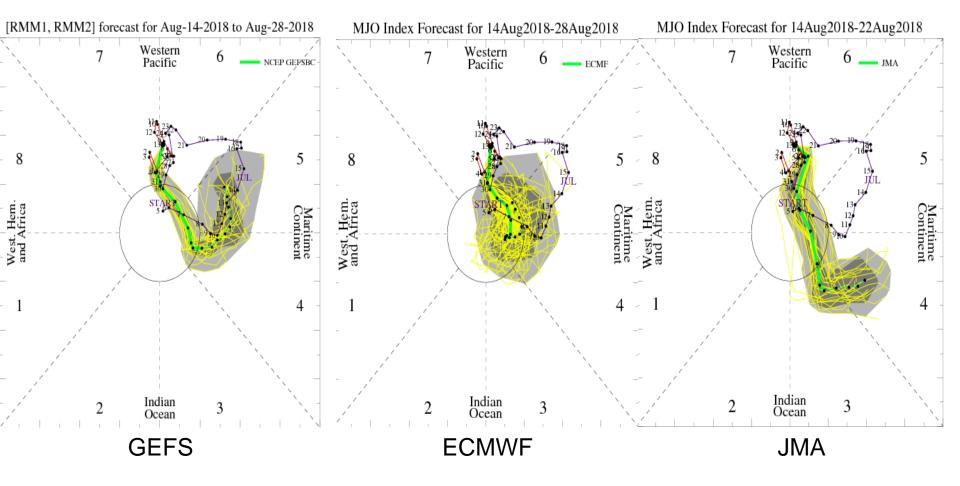
Nearly wave-1 pattern, enhanced convection over the Pacific.

Less organized pattern due to enhanced TC activity over both the western and eastern Pacific.

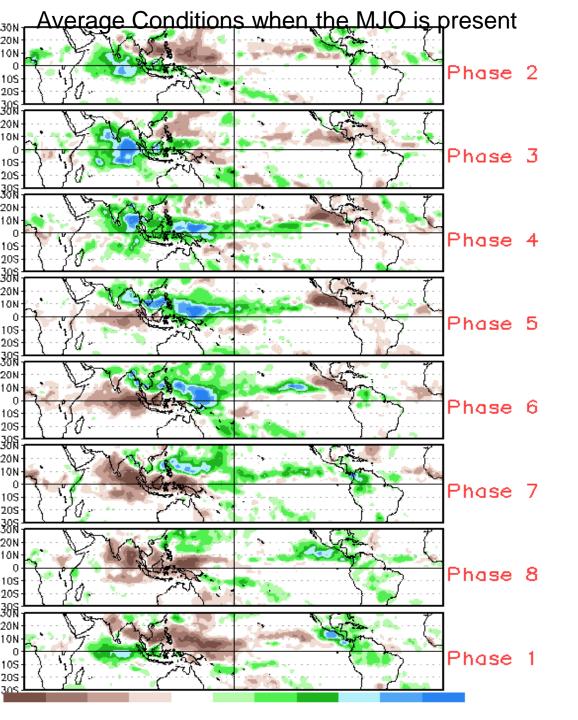
Anomalous upper-level divergence remains in place over the Pacific.



MJO Observation/Forecast

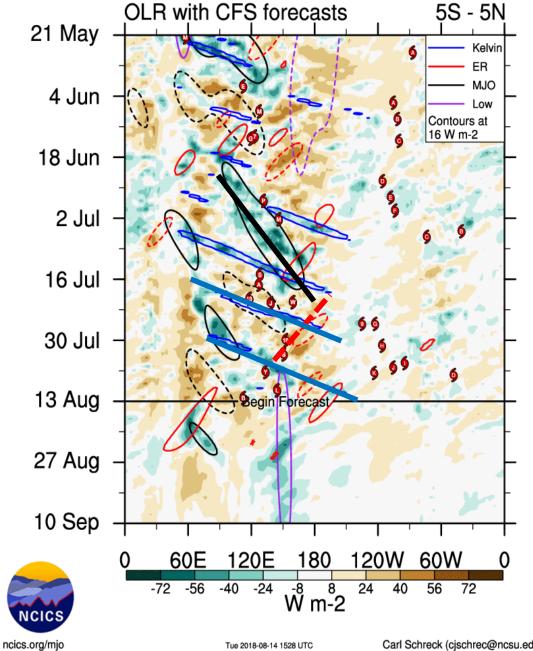


All three models key in on Kelvin wave (and potential westward-moving variability) and develop a stronger signal over the far eastern IO and Maritime Continent during Week-2.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

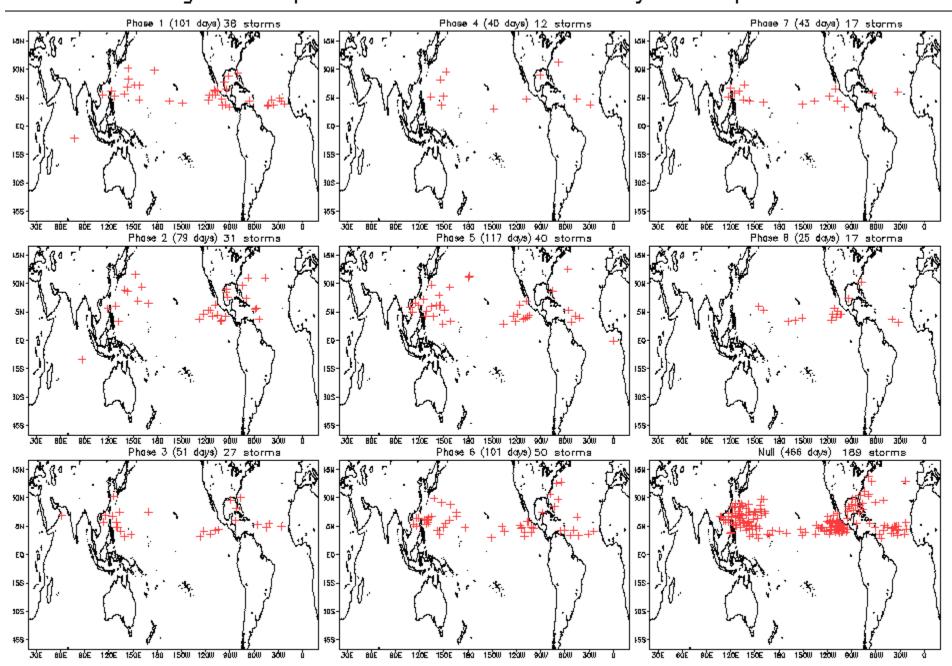
Kelvin wave evident over East Pacific, as is lowfrequency state over West Pacific.

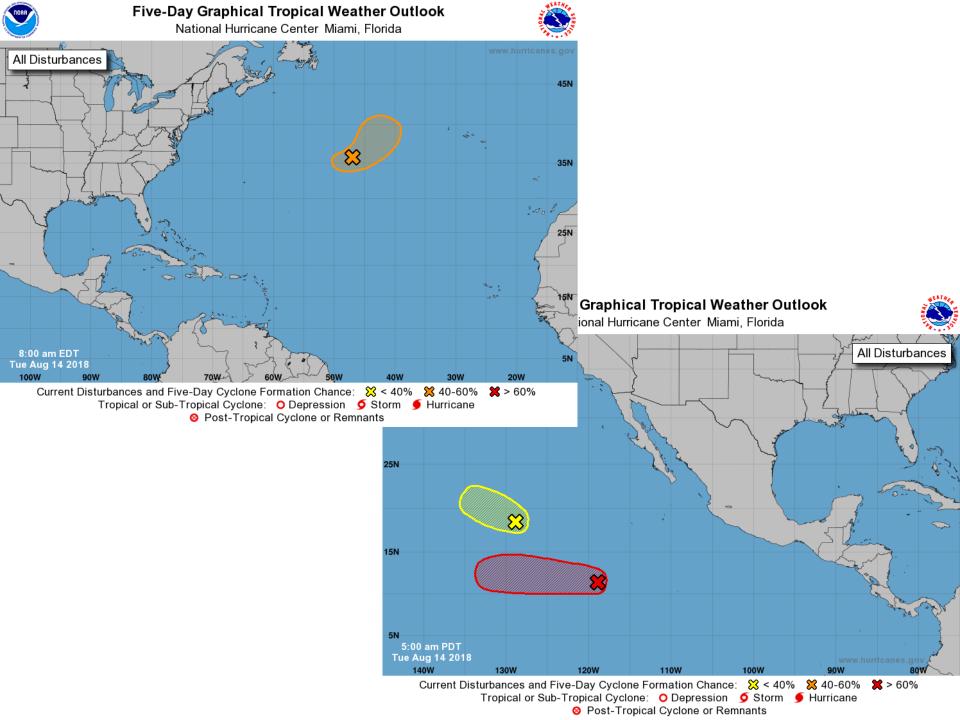


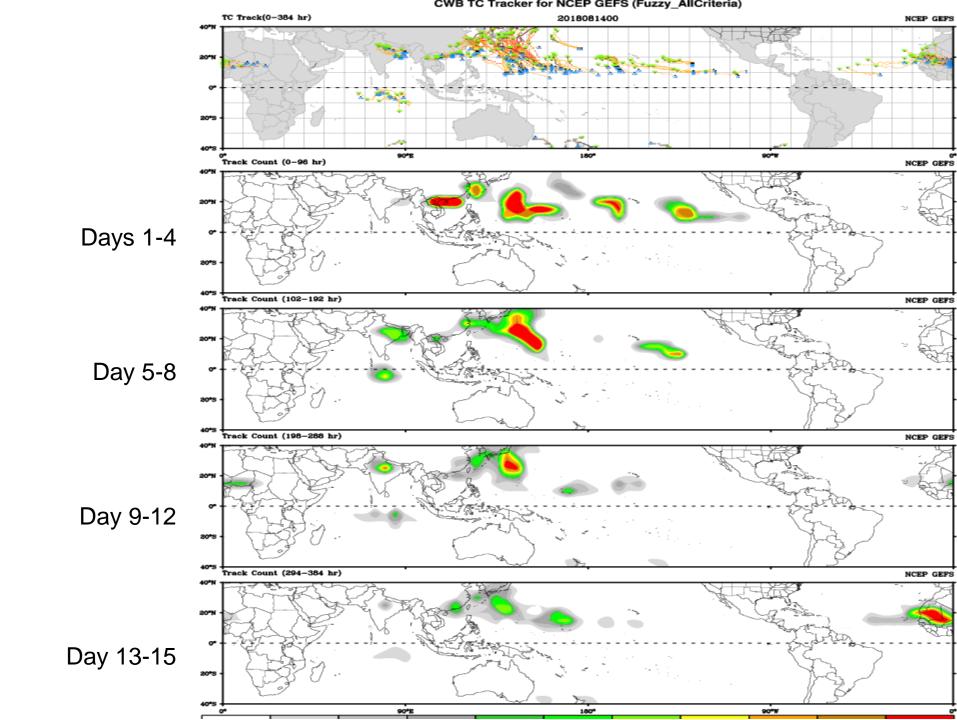
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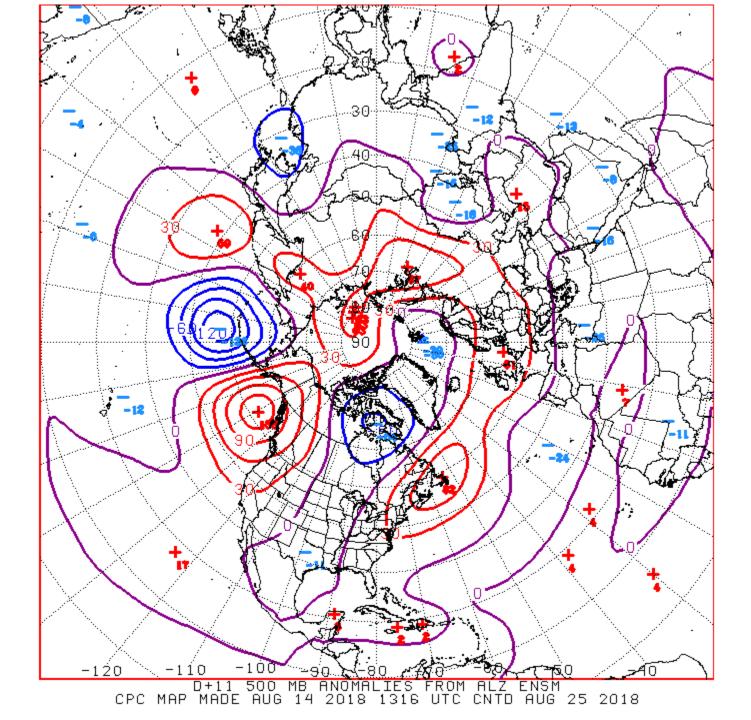
August Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase



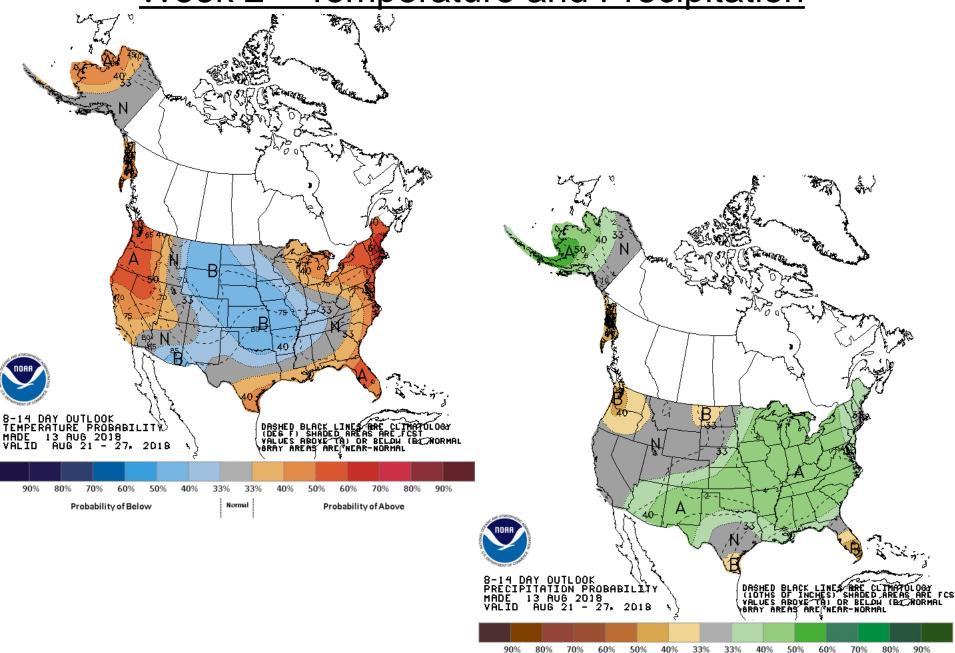




Connections to U.S. Impacts



Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



Probability of Below

Normal

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