

# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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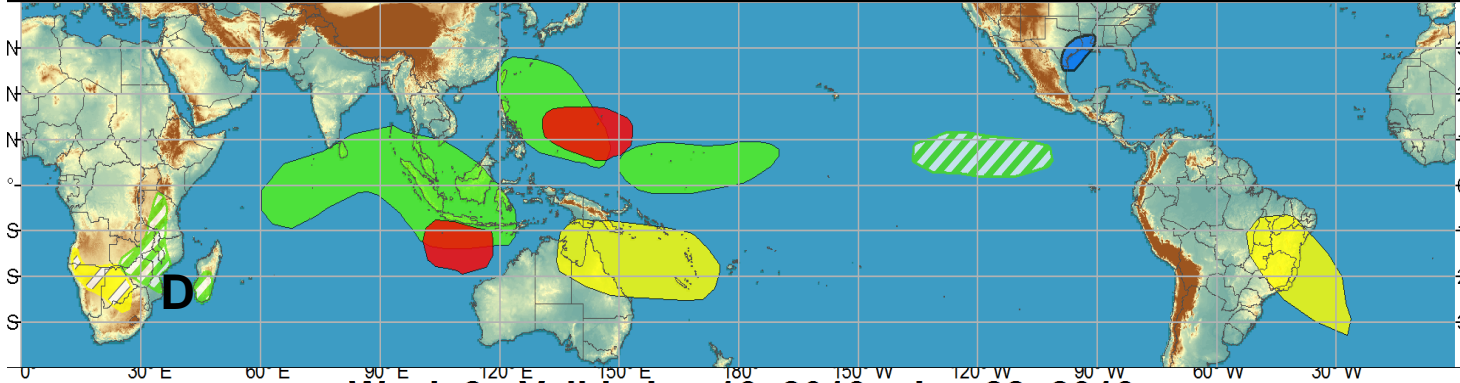
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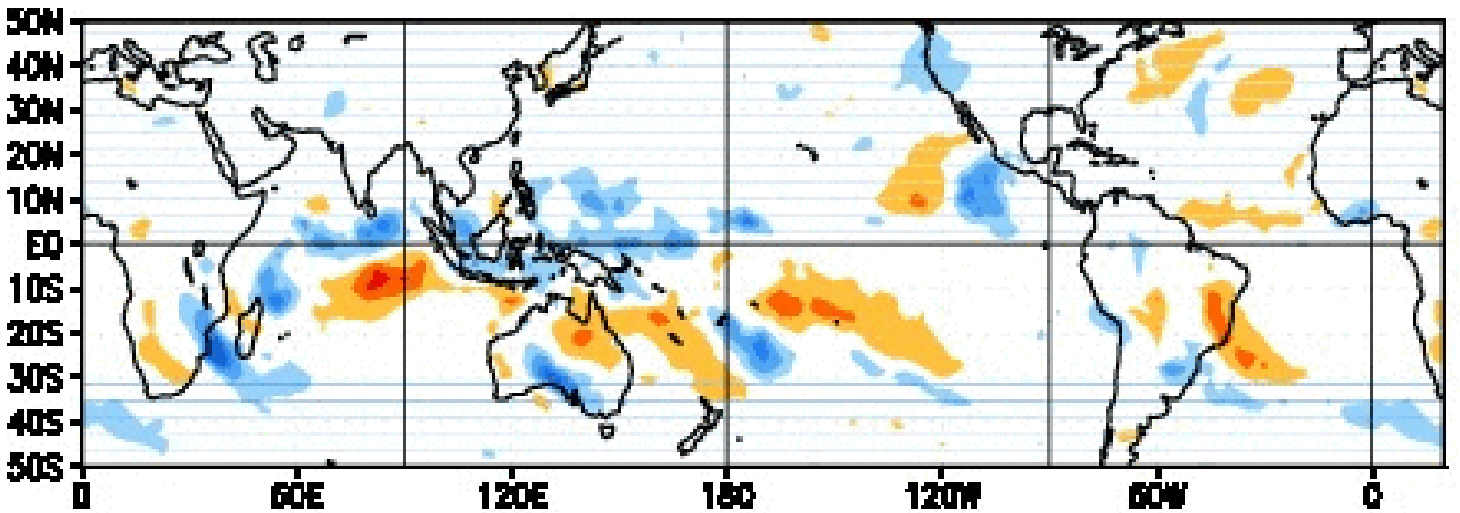
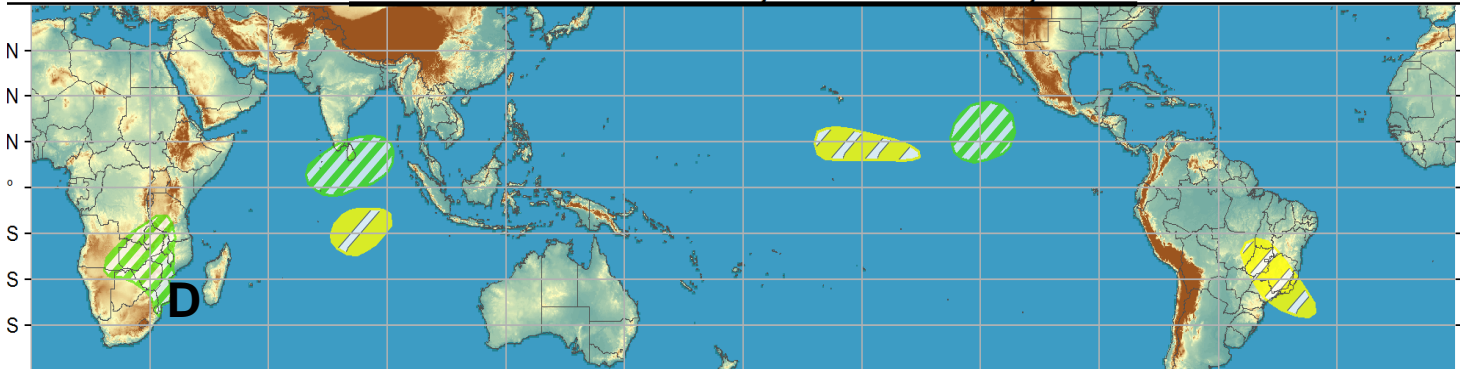
# Outlook Review

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1/20-1/21**

**Week 1 - Valid: Jan 16, 2019 - Jan 22, 2019**



**Week 2 - Valid: Jan 16, 2019 - Jan 22, 2019**



# Synopsis of Climate Modes

## ENSO: (10 January, 2019 Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: [El Niño Watch](#)
- El Niño is expected to form and continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring 2019 (~65% chance).
- Given the timing and that a weak event is favored, **significant global impacts are not anticipated** during the remainder of winter, even if conditions were to form.

## MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO rapidly crossed the Western Hemisphere the past week, and is presently over the Maritime Continent..
- Dynamical models indicate that the MJO is likely to enter the West Pacific during this week, before stalling and weakening ensues. Some of this could be a result of a competing signal currently over the Western Hemisphere, forced by the extratropics.

## Extratropics:

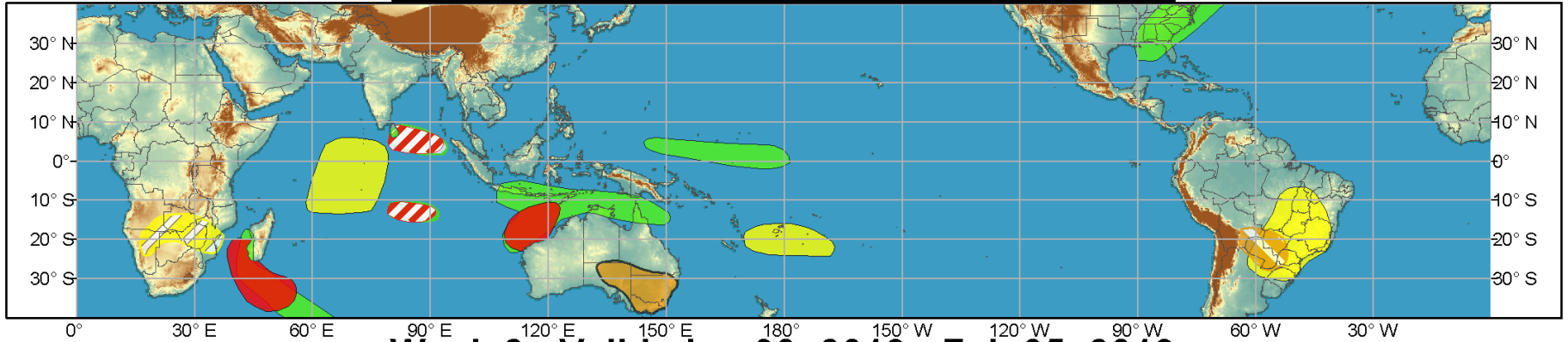
- The North American circulation pattern is not currently consistent with the MJO being over the Maritime Continent, but appears “locked in” to the negative Arctic Oscillation state expected from the signal crossing the Western Hemisphere a week ago. The MJO would support the potential for reinforcing shots of cold air into the eastern U.S. during the first half of February.



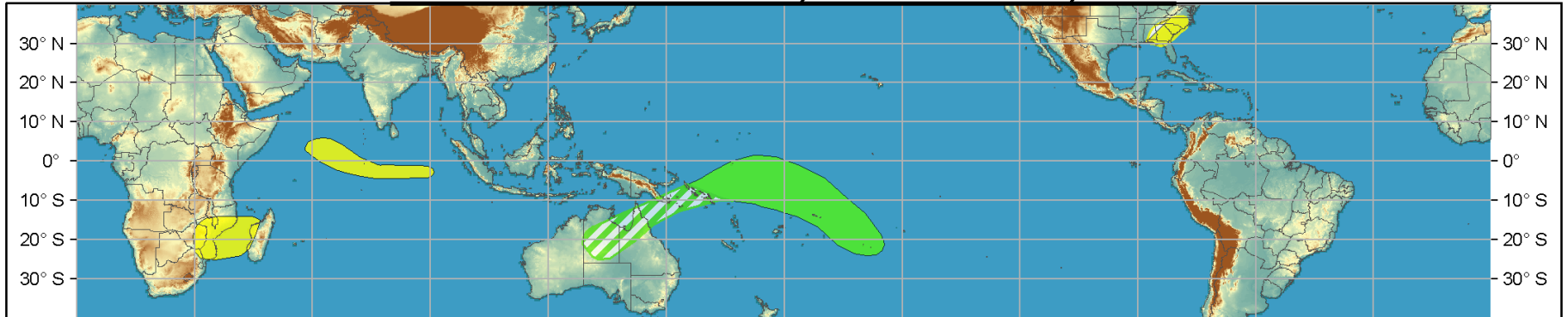
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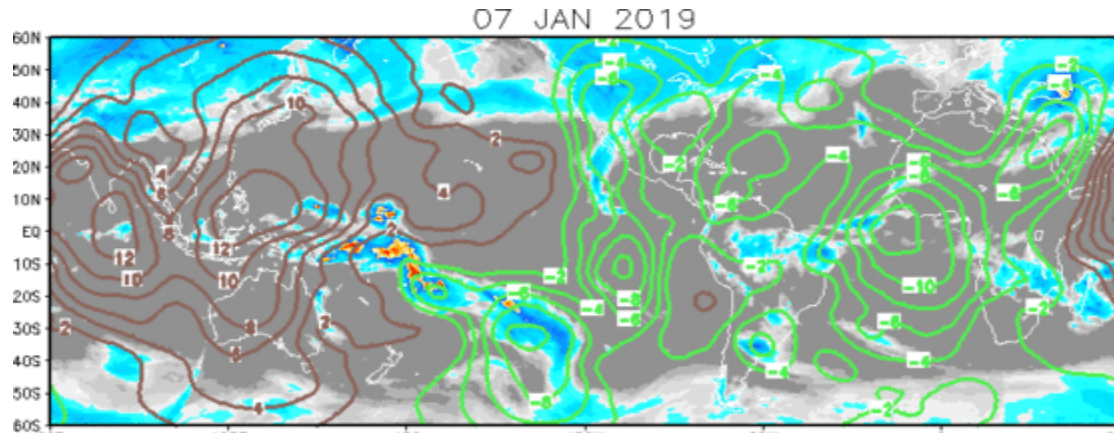


# IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

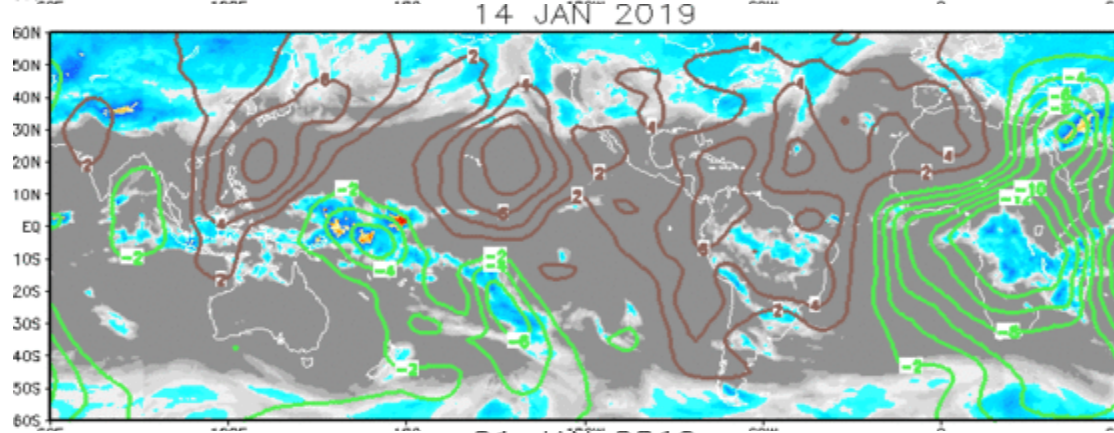
Green: Enhanced Divergence

Brown: Enhanced Convergence

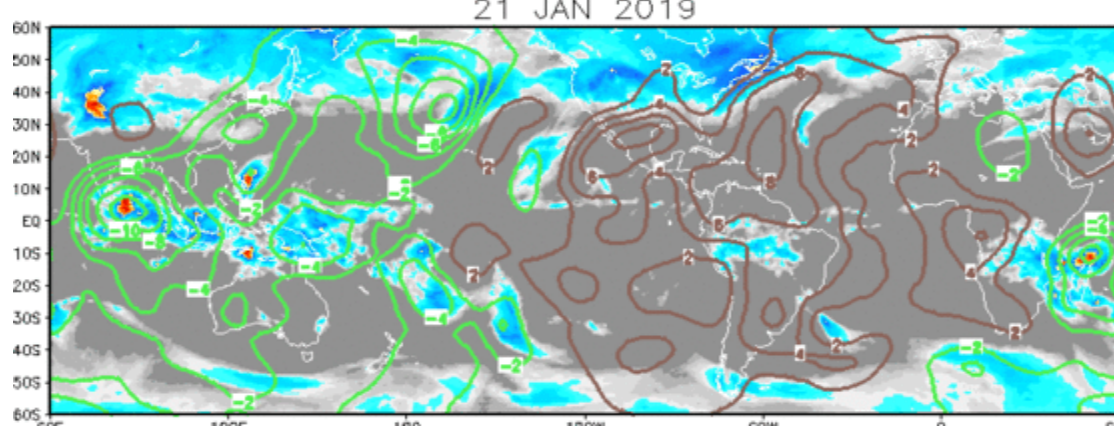
Wave-1 pattern, enhanced convergence from Indian Ocean stretching to Maritime Continent. Convective signal over eastern Pacific and Americas.



Noisy Wave-2 pattern, suppressed convection over the Americas and parts of the Maritime Continent. Enhanced moving from Africa into Indian Ocean, and over SPCZ.



Resumption of Wave-1 pattern with enhanced (suppressed) convection over the Eastern (Western) Hemisphere.

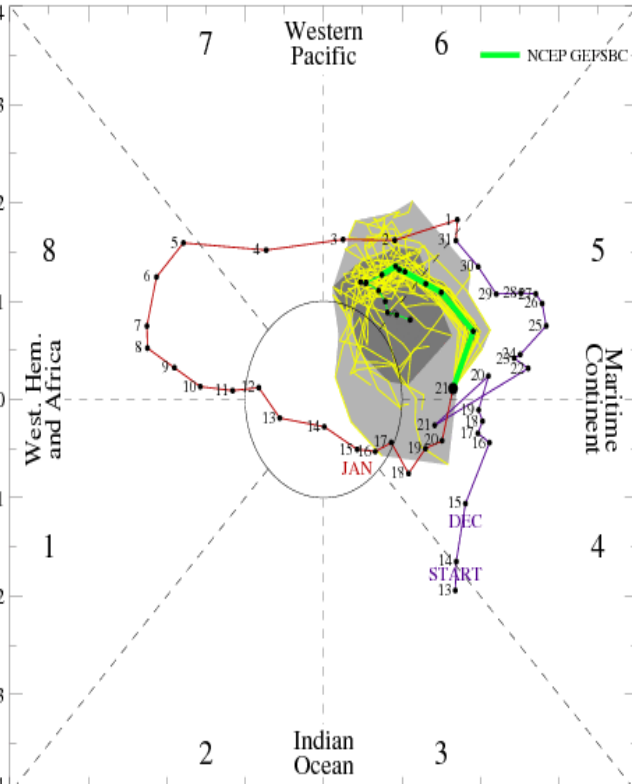


# MJO Observation/Forecast

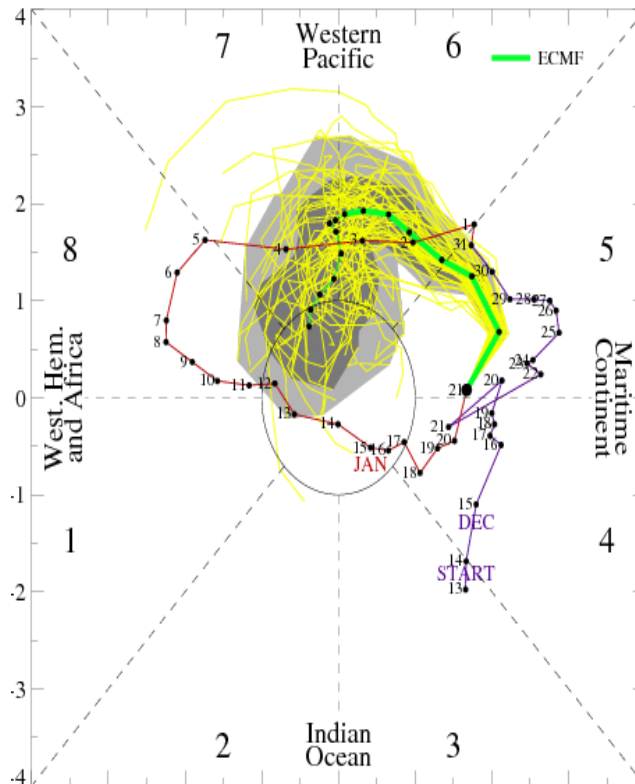
[RMM1, RMM2] forecast for Jan-22-2019 to Feb-05-2019

MJO Index Forecast for 22Jan2019-05Feb2019

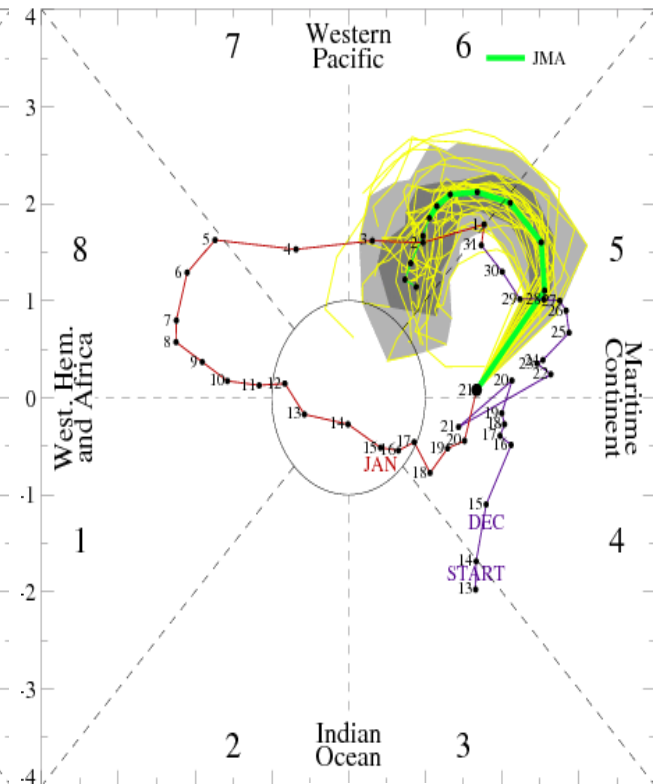
MJO Index Forecast for 22Jan2019-30Jan2019



GEFS



ECMWF



CMC

Model guidance consistently brings the MJO into the West Pacific during Week-1, before stalling the signal there in Week-2.

GEFS: Emphasizes Rossby wave activity, with the curl back into Phase 5.

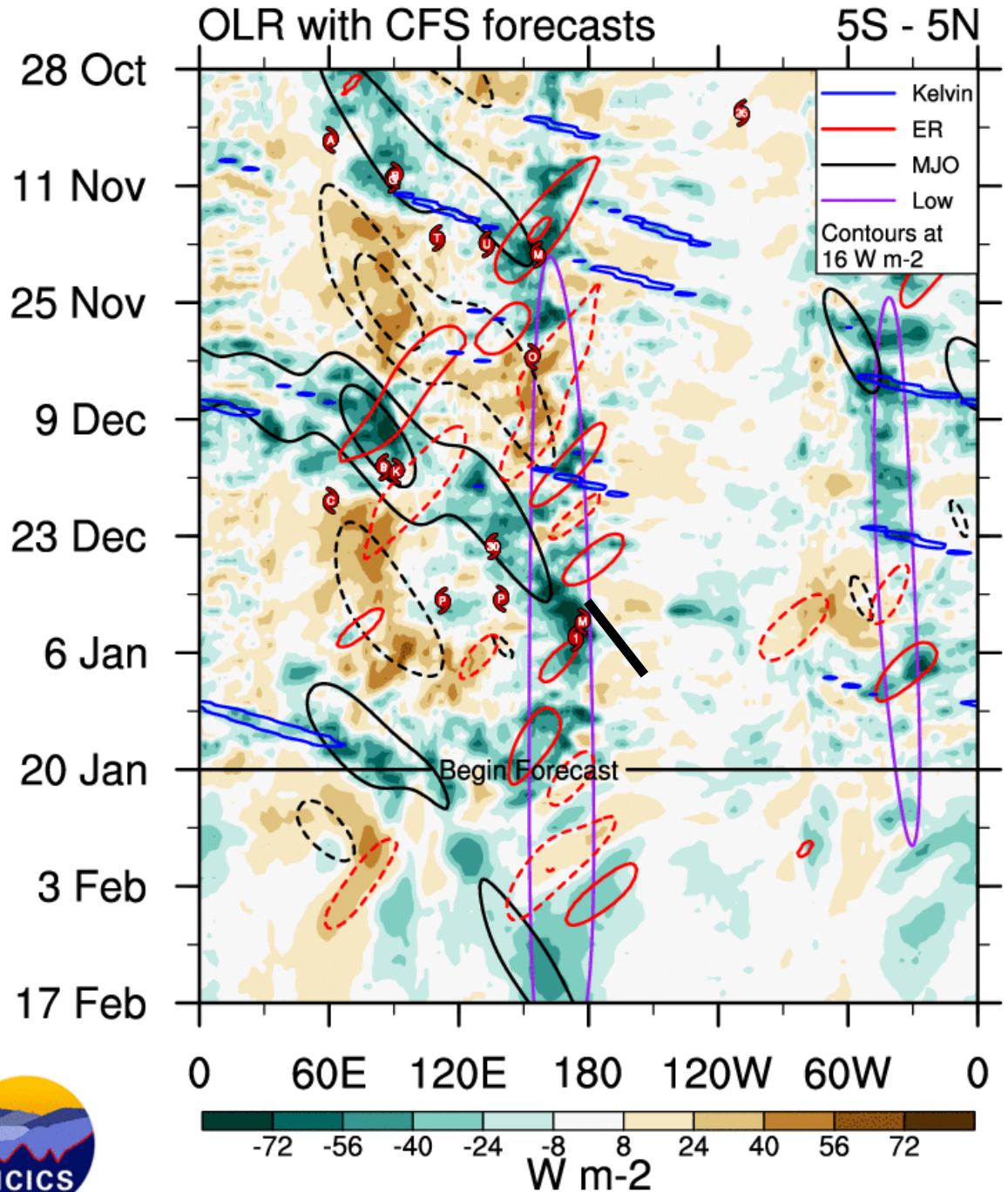
ECMWF: Some members continue into the WH, most cross towards Phase 2.

Canadian: Similar to ECMWF (forecast is 5 days shorter).

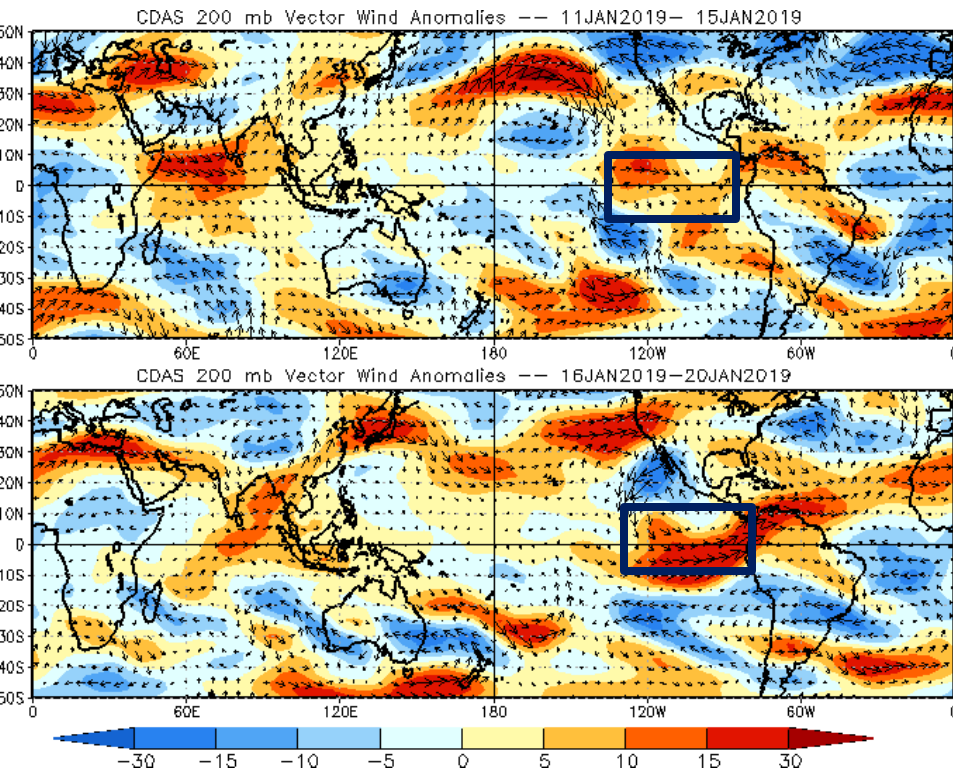
MJO is expected to be modest and forecast to propagate eastward over the Maritime Continent.

Rossby wave activity is also forecast to continue to be player in the tropics through the next 2 weeks.

The low-frequency pattern is likely to become more influential in the coming weeks.

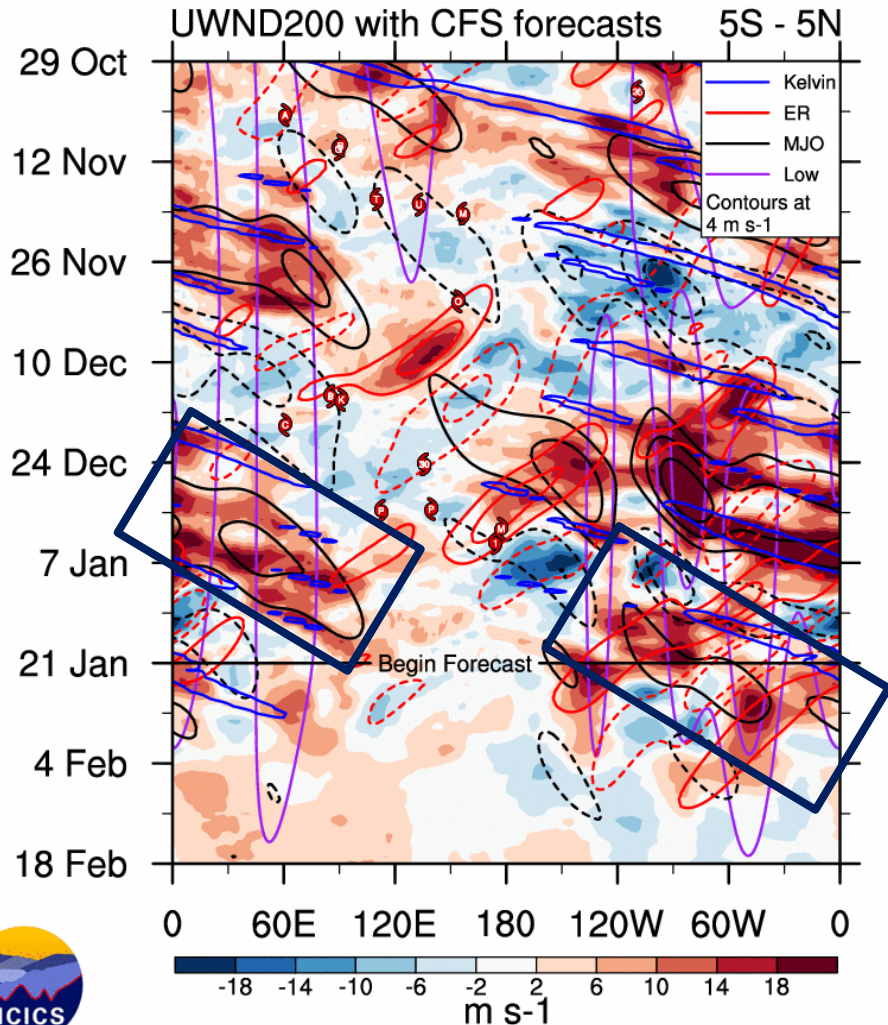


# So, what's up with the ECMWF?



Cyclonic wavebreaking from the extratropics is causing anomalous westerlies over the East Pacific.

The ECMWF keys on this feature being the primary intraseasonal mode, the CFS (seen at right) shows something similar.



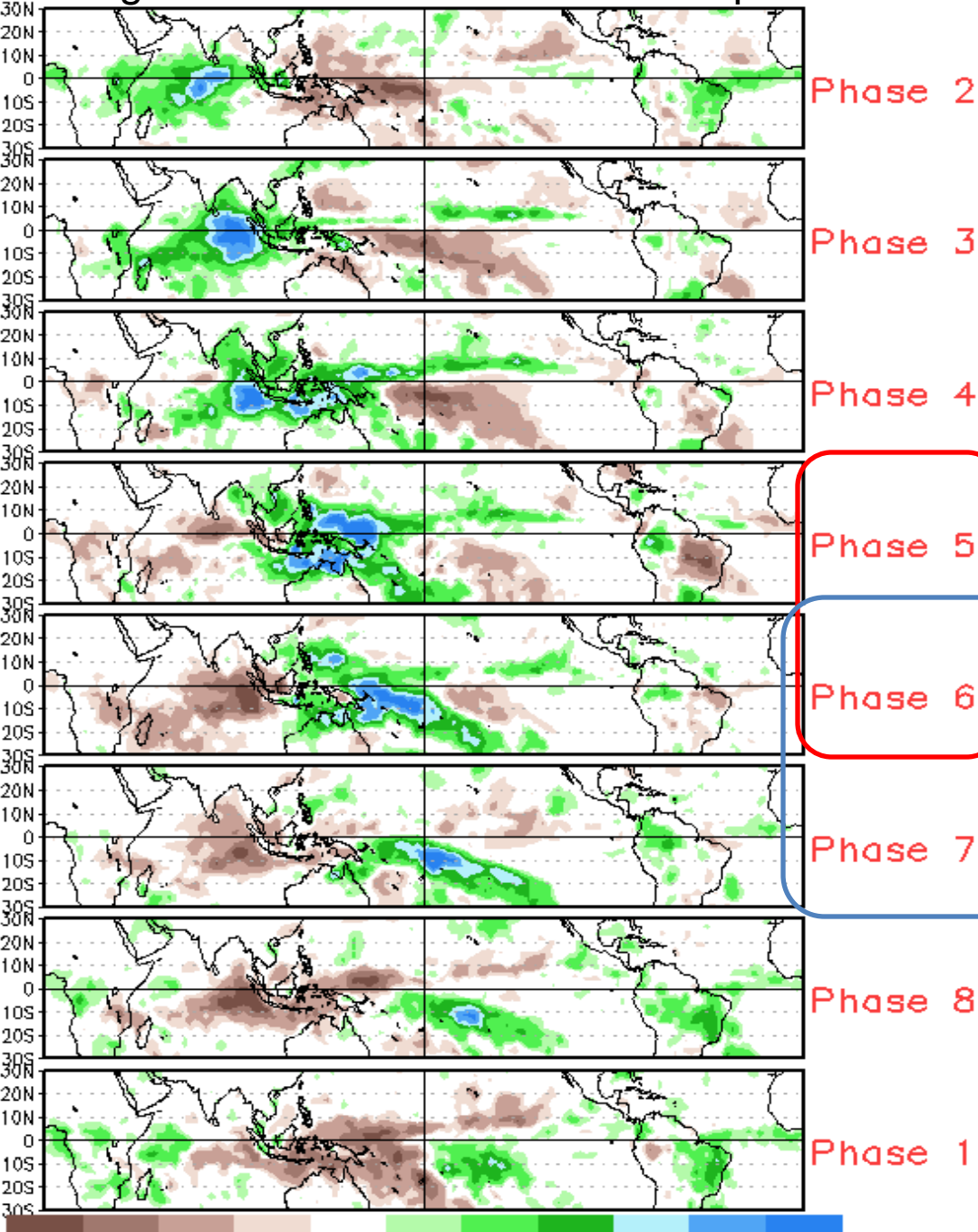
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# Average Conditions when the MJO is present

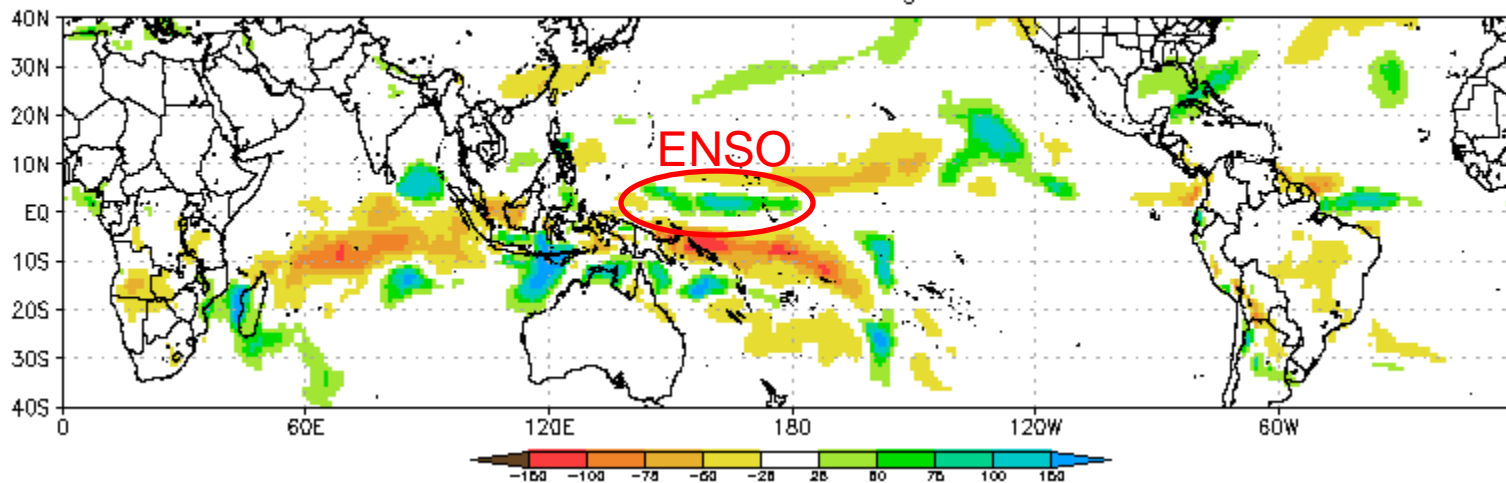


Week-1: Phase 5/6

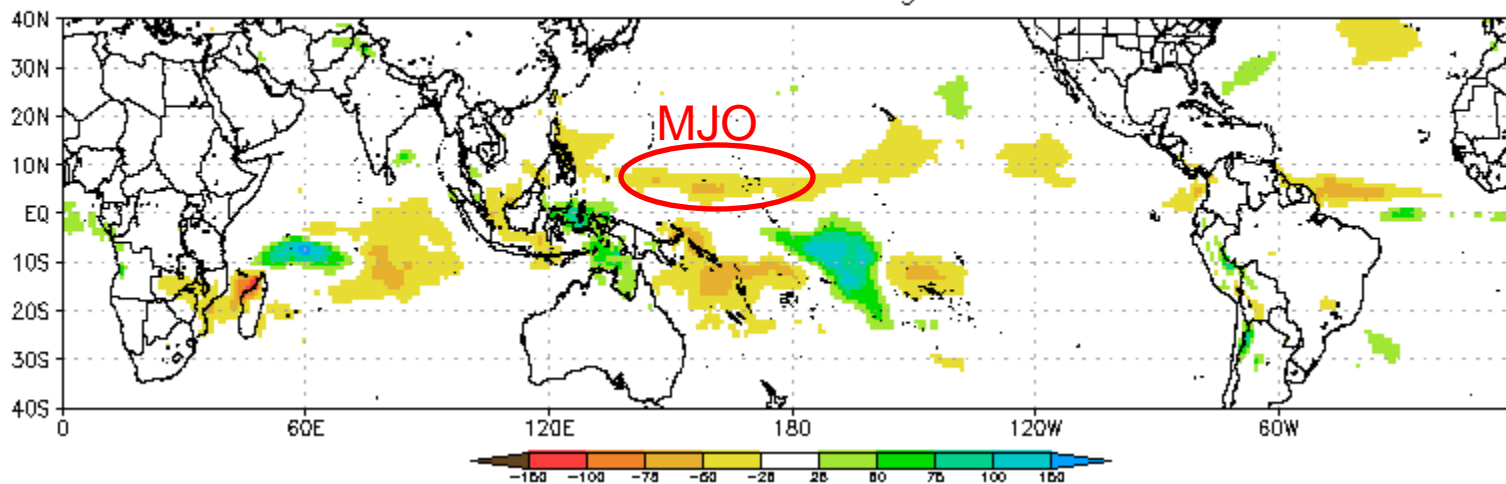
Week-2: Phase 6/7

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 21Jan2019  
Week-1 Forecast Ending 29Jan2019

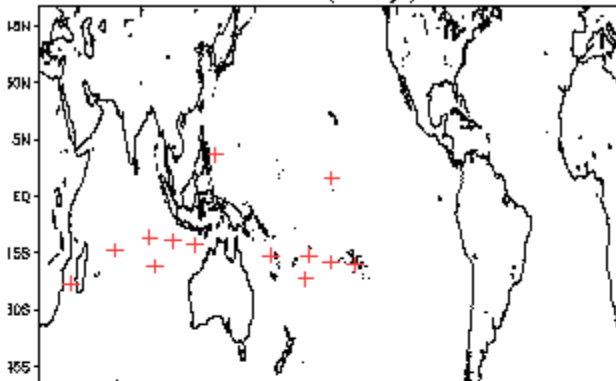


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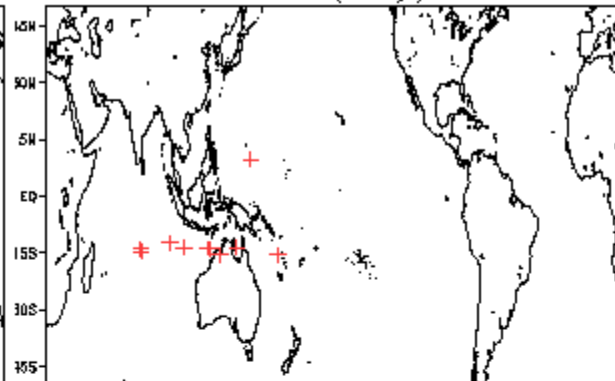


# January Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

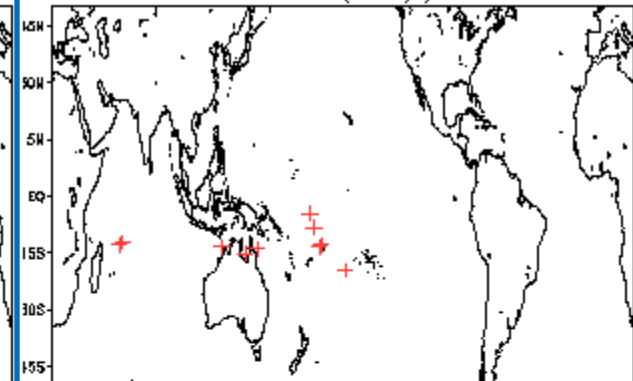
Phase 1 (67 days) 14 storms



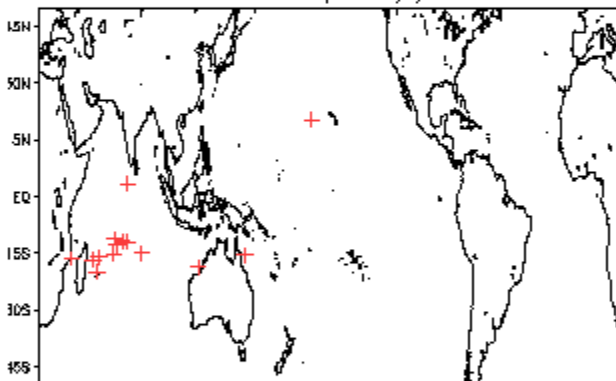
Phase 4 (88 days) 11 storms



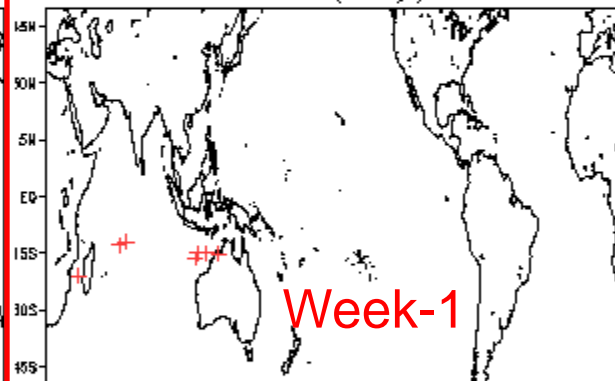
Phase 7 (81 days) 11 storms



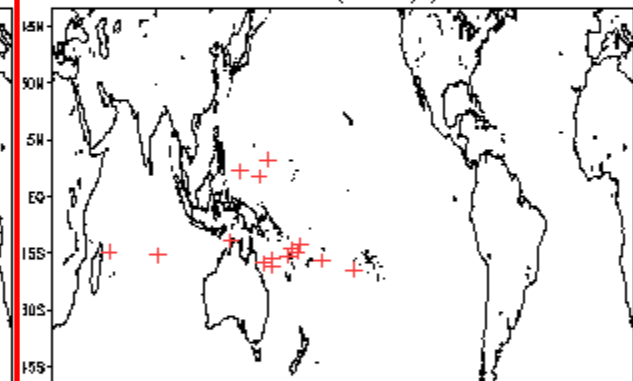
Phase 2 (101 days) 15 storms



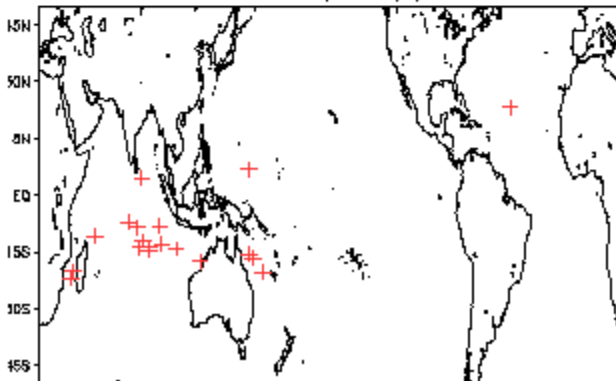
Phase 5 (67 days) 8 storms



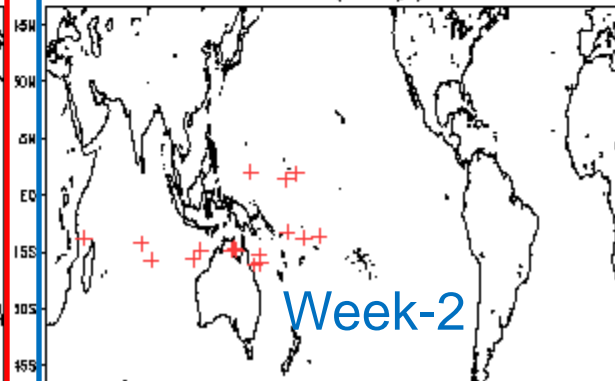
Phase 8 (105 days) 15 storms



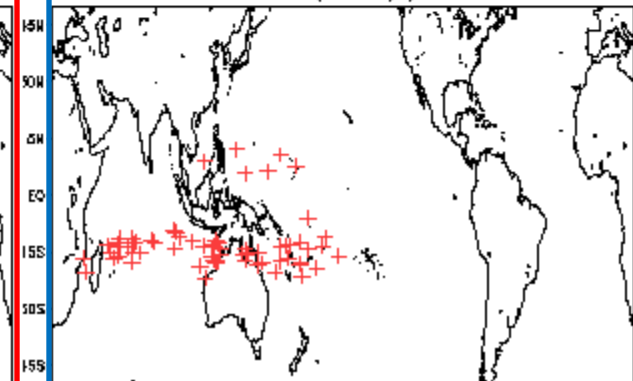
Phase 3 (112 days) 20 storms

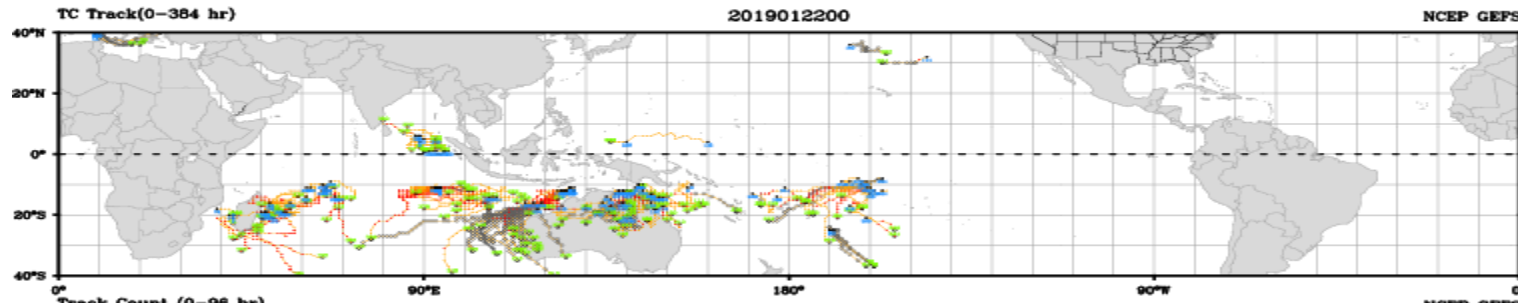


Phase 6 (88 days) 18 storms



Null (364 days) 67 storms



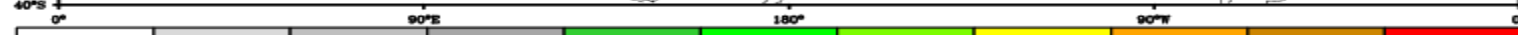
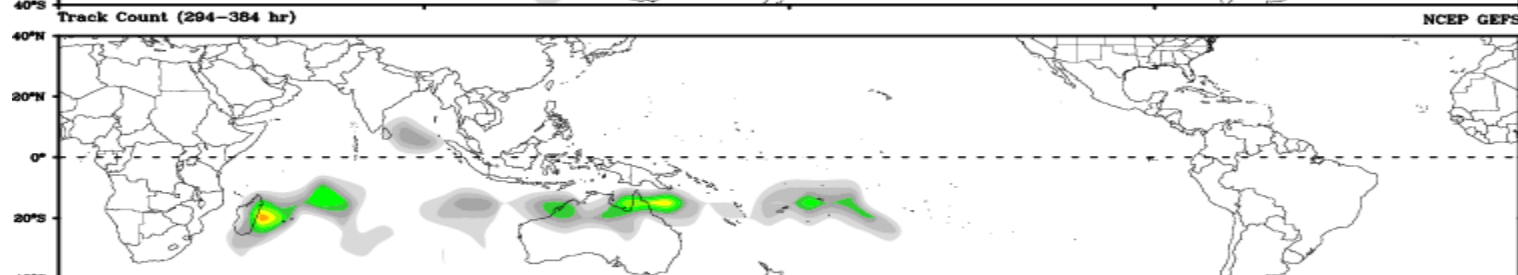
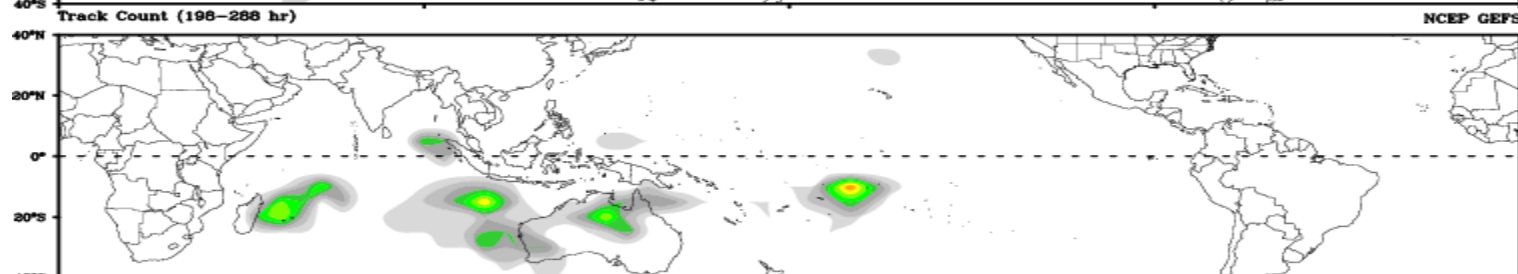
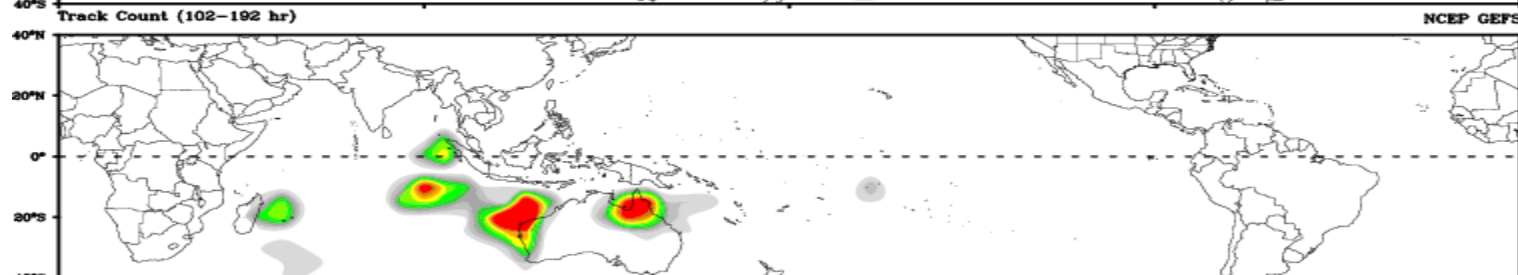
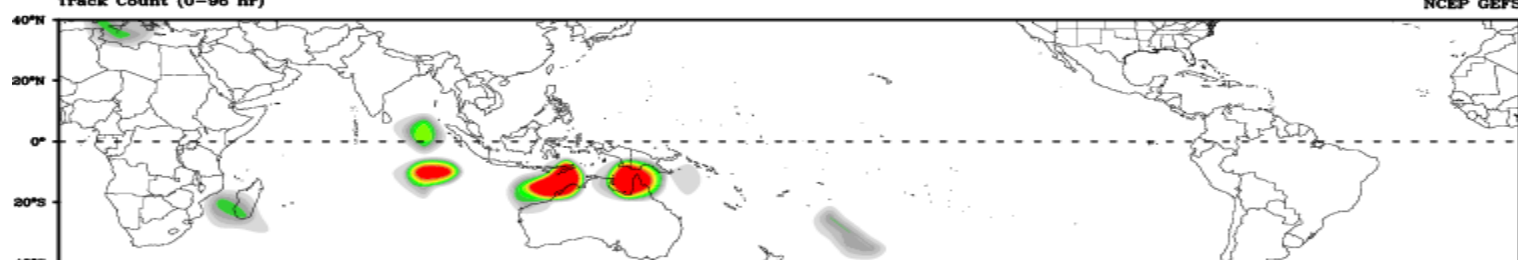


Days 1-4

Day 5-8

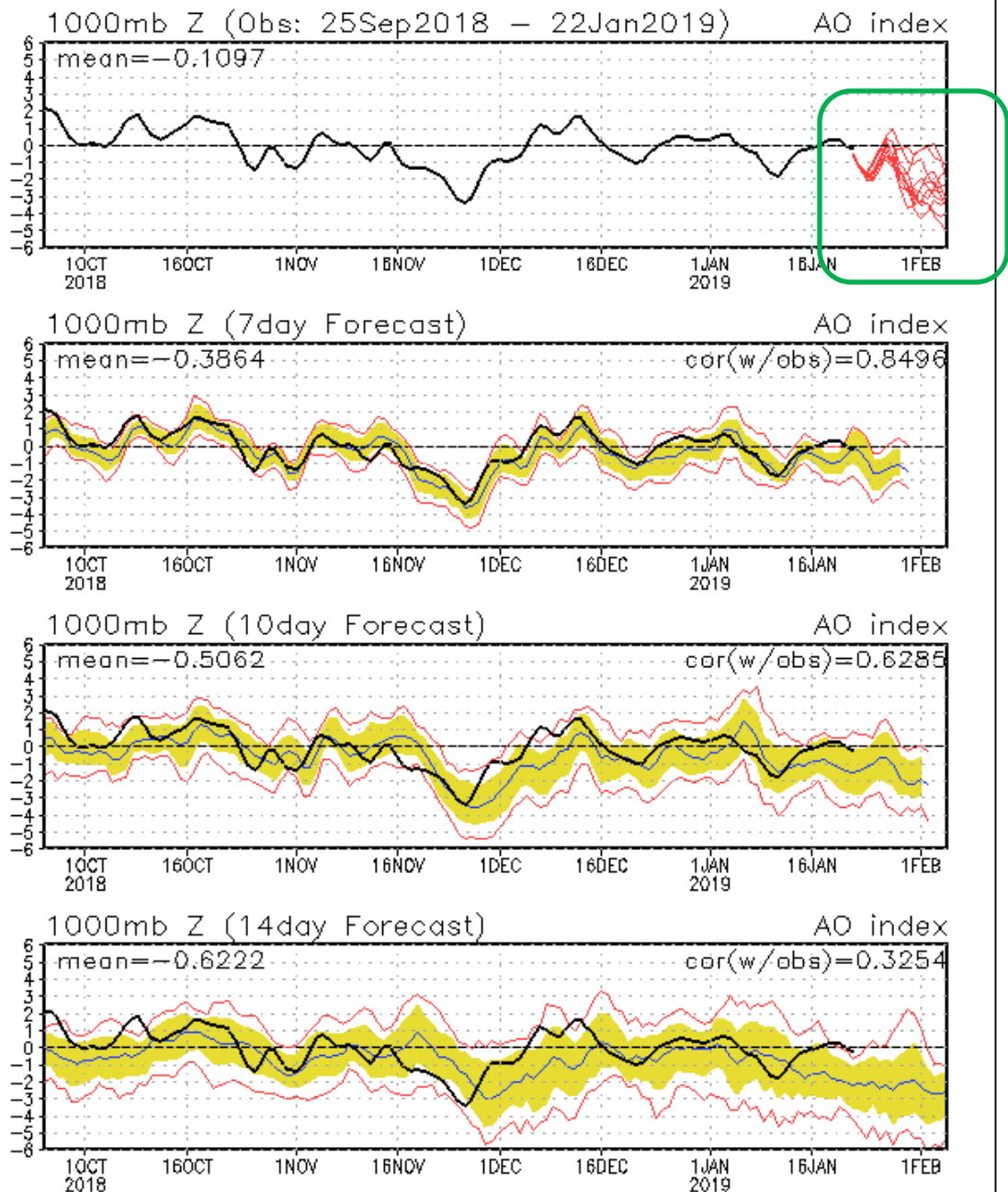
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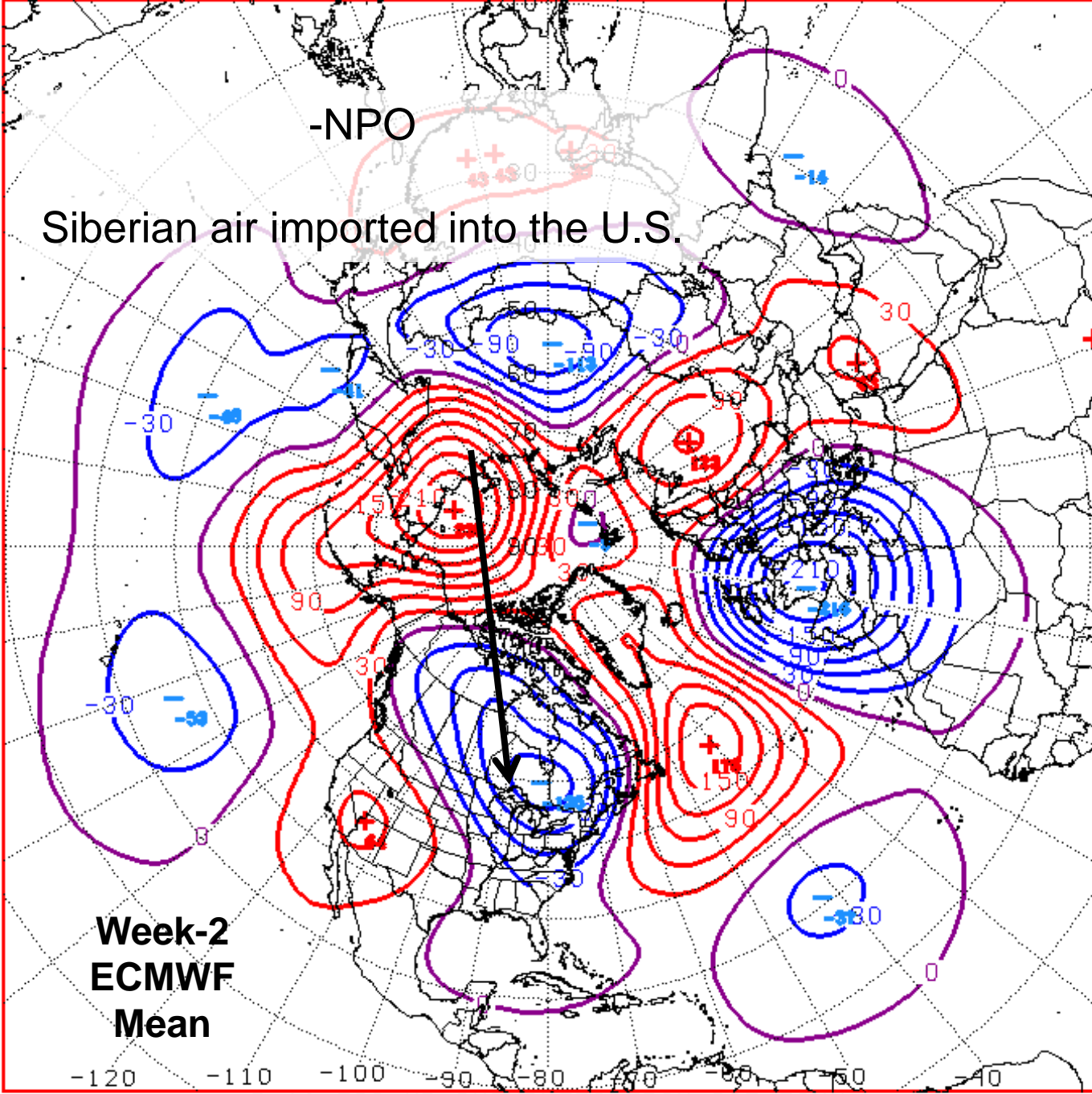
Day 13-15



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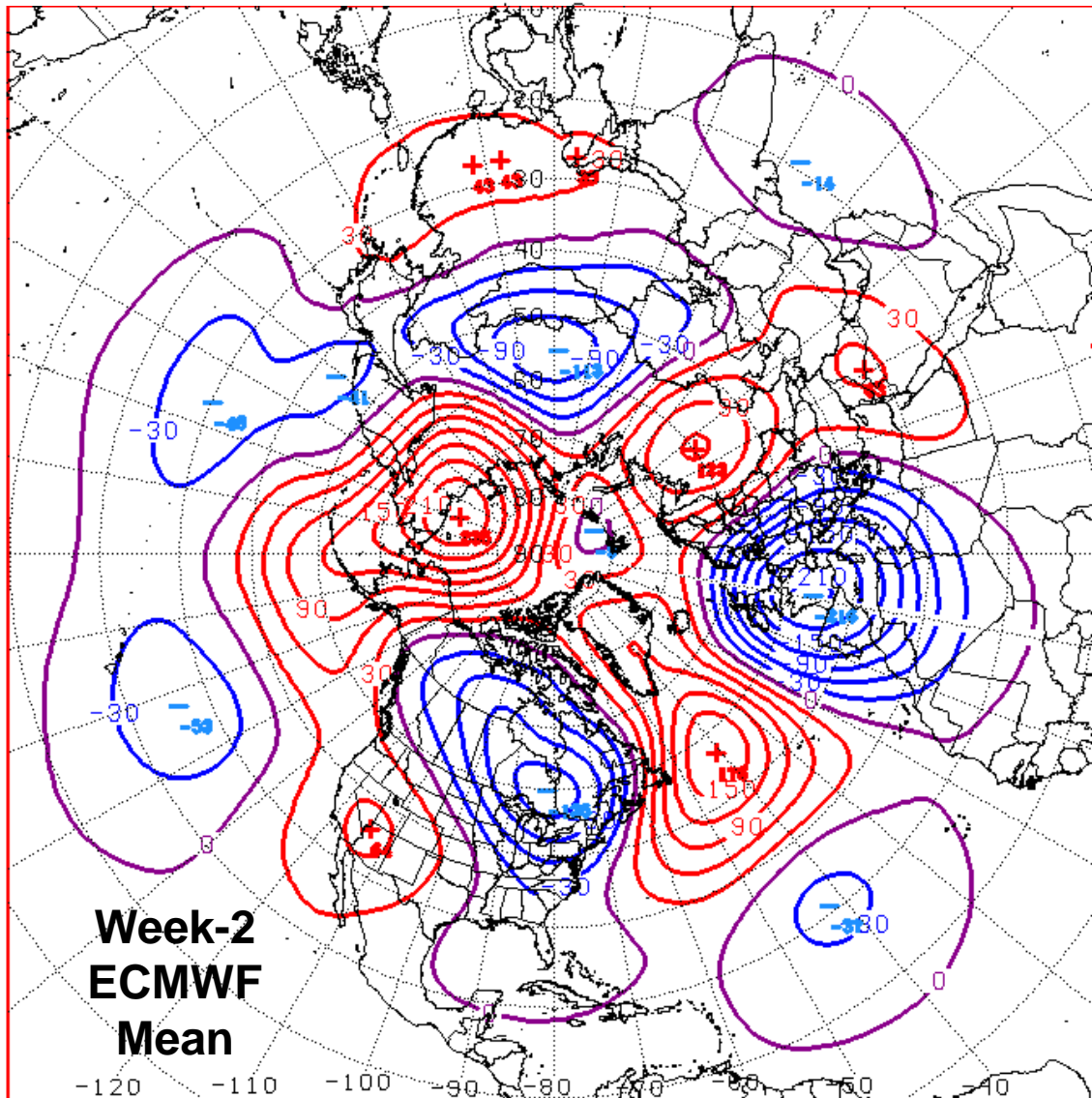
## AO: Observed & ENSM forecasts





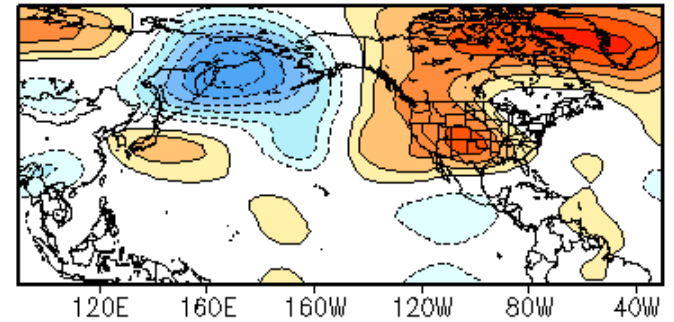
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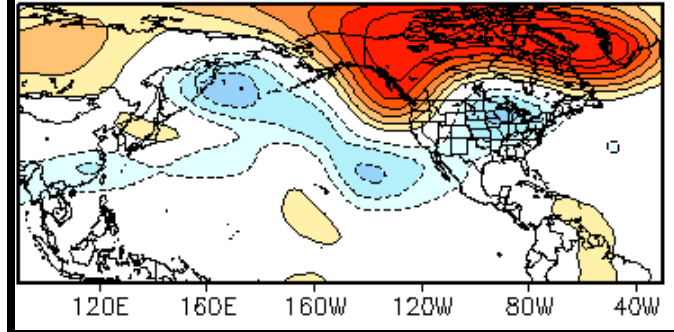


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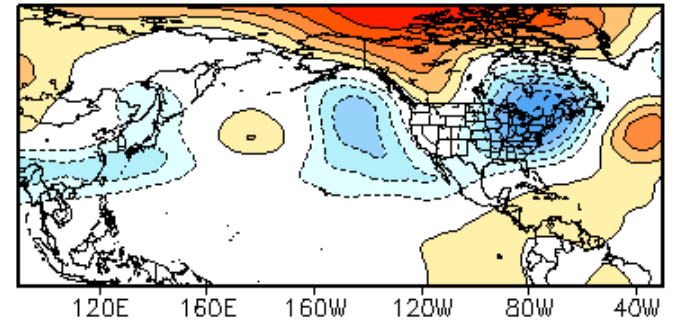
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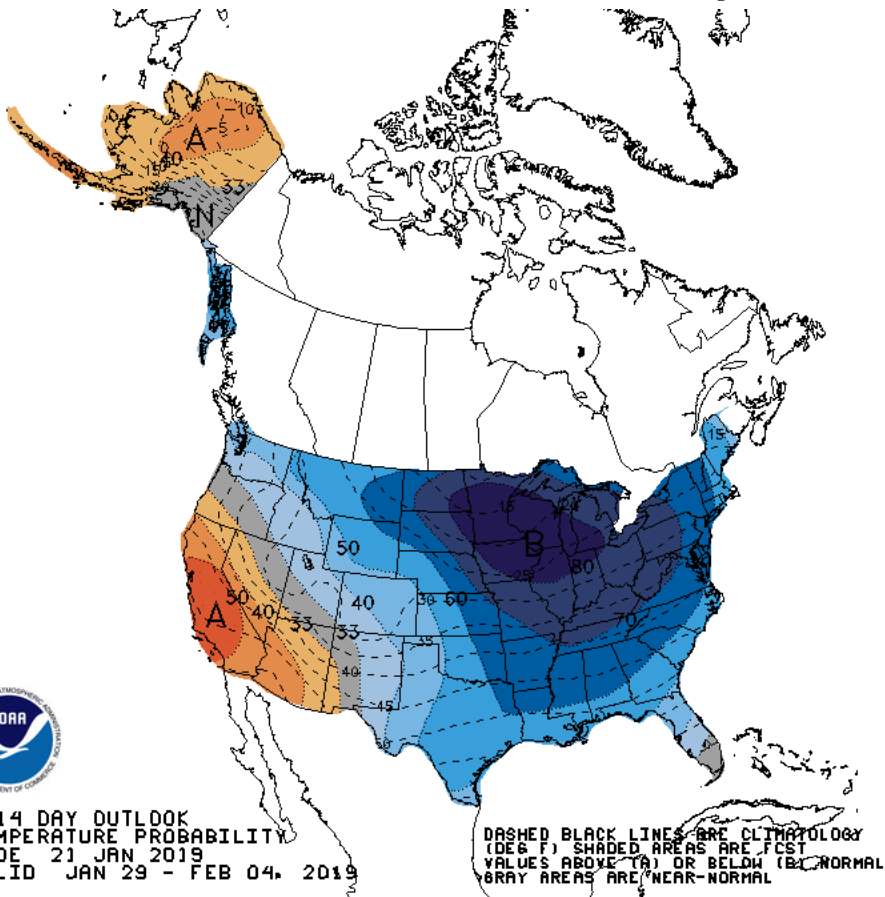
**Lag-4 (days 15-19) similarities:**

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Alaska ridge (displaced west)

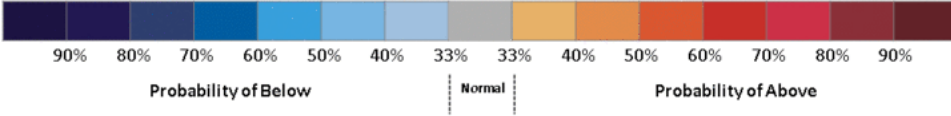
Troughing over Great Lakes  
Ridging across polar latitudes



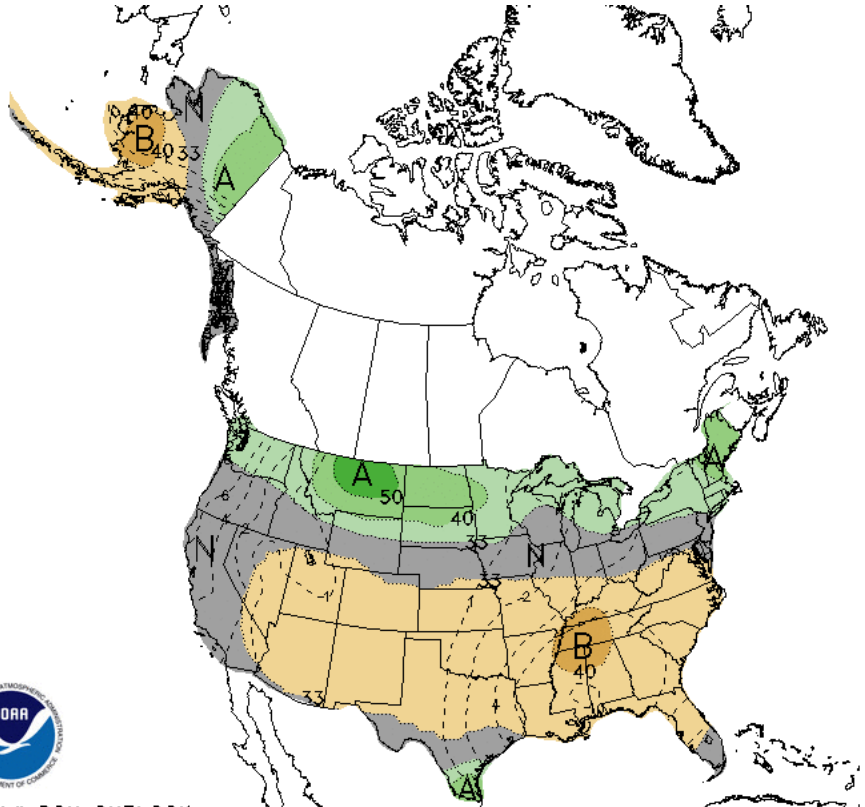
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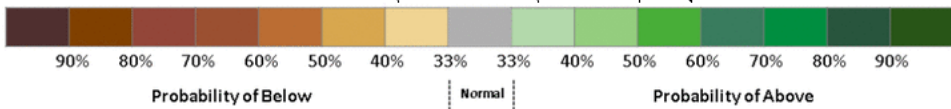
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TEMPERATURE PROBABILITY  
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Eastward shift in the ridge-trough today, likely resulting in increasing probabilities for warmth in the Western US.



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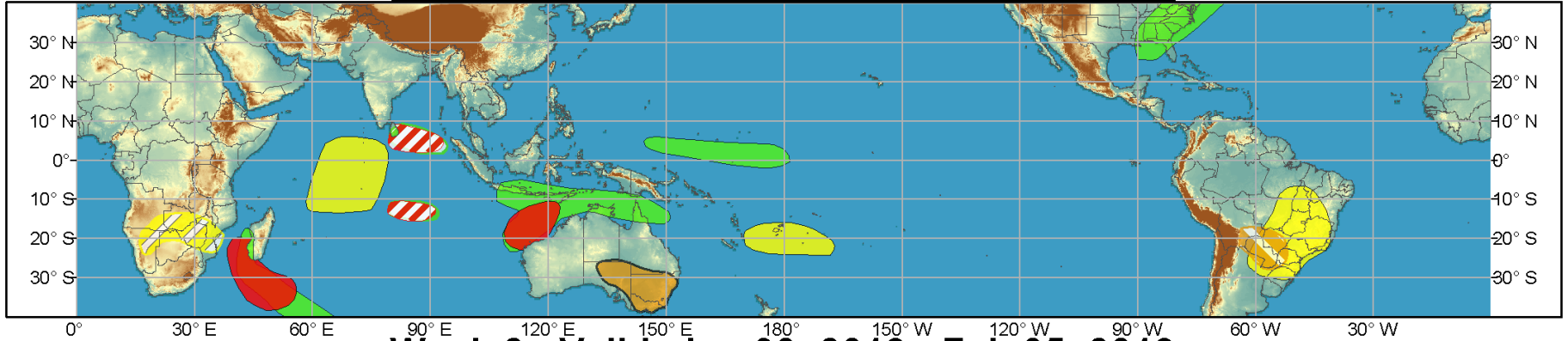




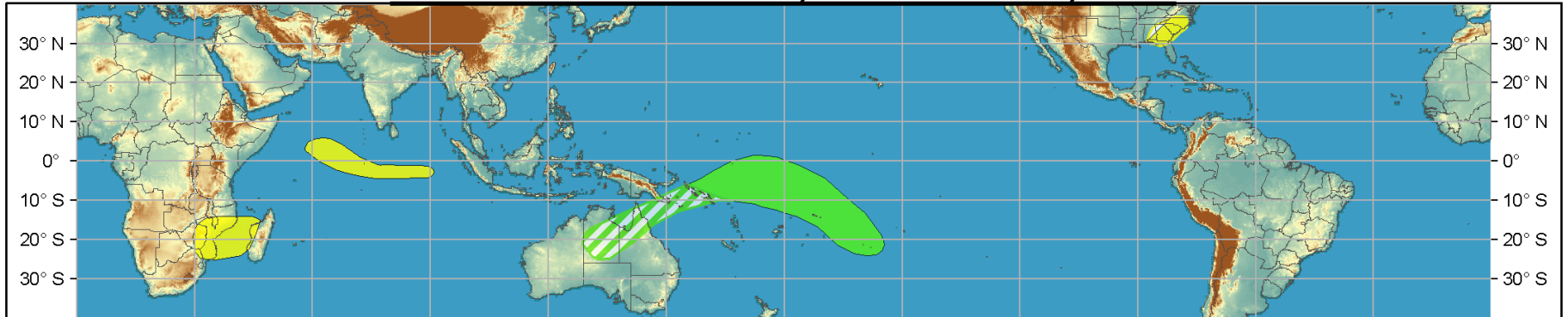
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