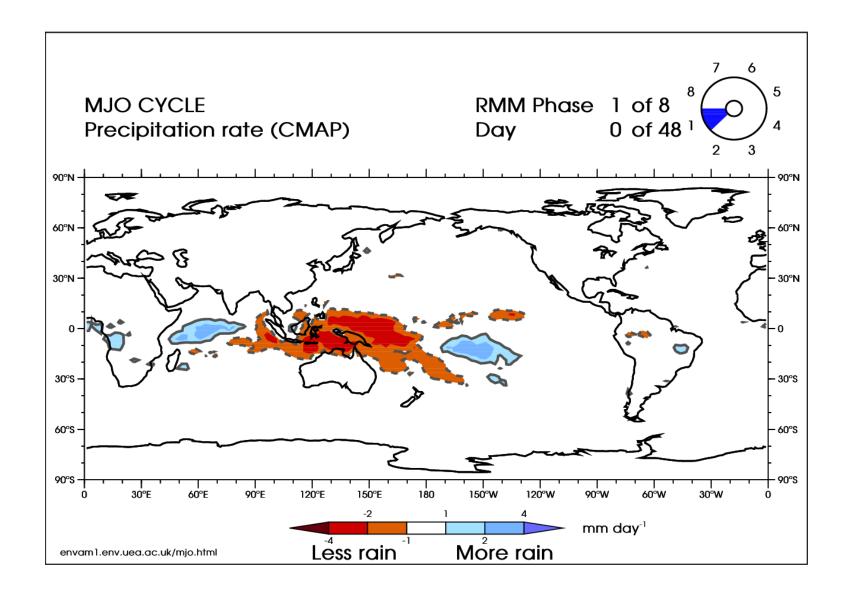
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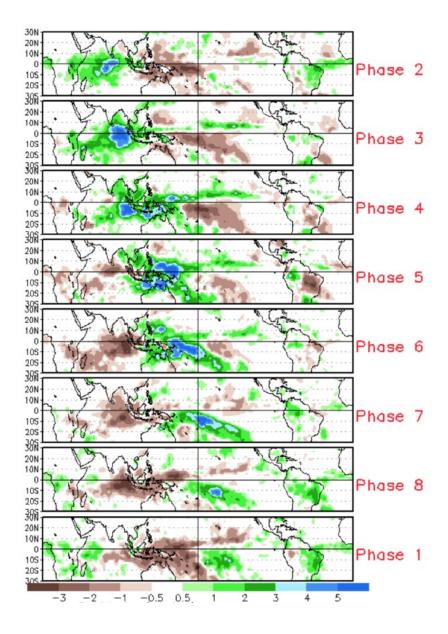
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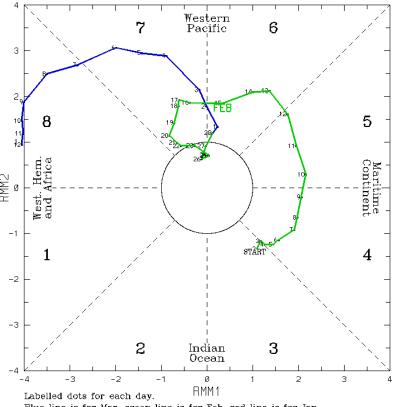
What is MJO?



Wheeler and Hendon (2004)

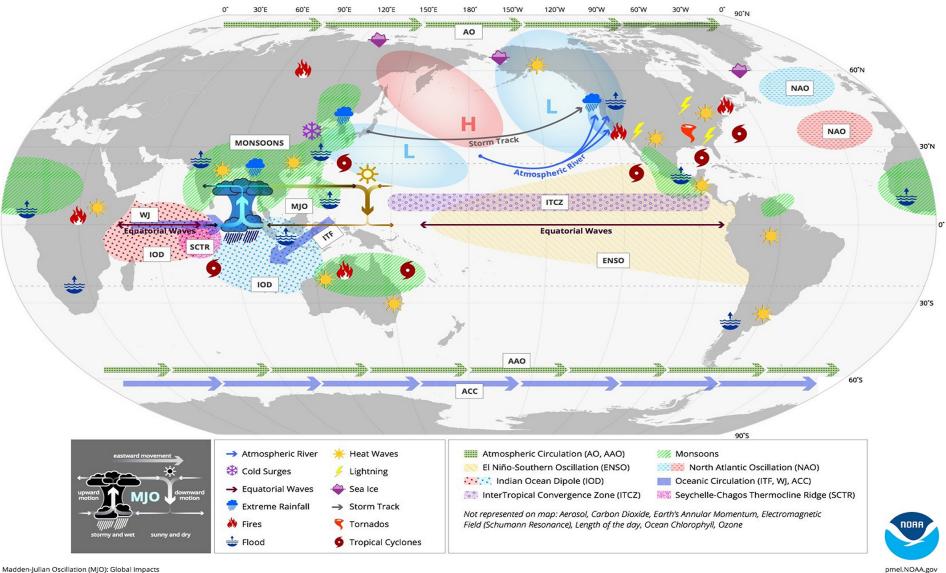


(RMM1,RMM2) phase space for 1-Feb-2023 to 12-Mar-2023



Blue line is for Mar, green line is for Feb, red line is for Jan. (C) Copyright Commonwealth of Australia2023. Bureau of Meteorology 2023

MADDEN-JULIAN OSCILLATION (MJO): GLOBAL IMPACTS



Is "global warming" really happening?

Every global indicator shows warming:

- Sea ice: retreating
- Permafrost and glacier: melting
- Species migrations: poleward
- Tree-ring derived temperature: upward
- Spring thaws: earlier
- And, underwear ...



MJO changes under global warming

When? How? Impacts?

• When the change signal is detectable?

- Precipitation
- Wind

Climate model



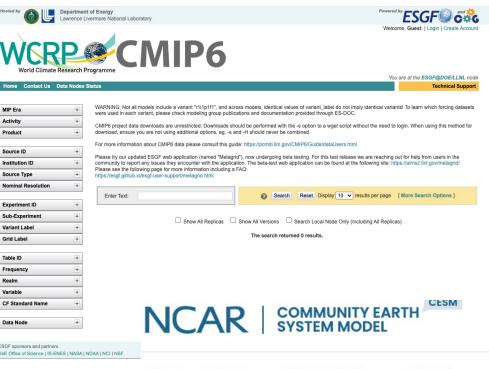
Internal/Natural climate variability

CMIP6 Modeling Groups (click on flags to reveal identity)



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Climate models



CESM2-LE (100 members)

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results/mjo metrics/mjo ewr cmip5and6 overlap runs average sorted standalone.html

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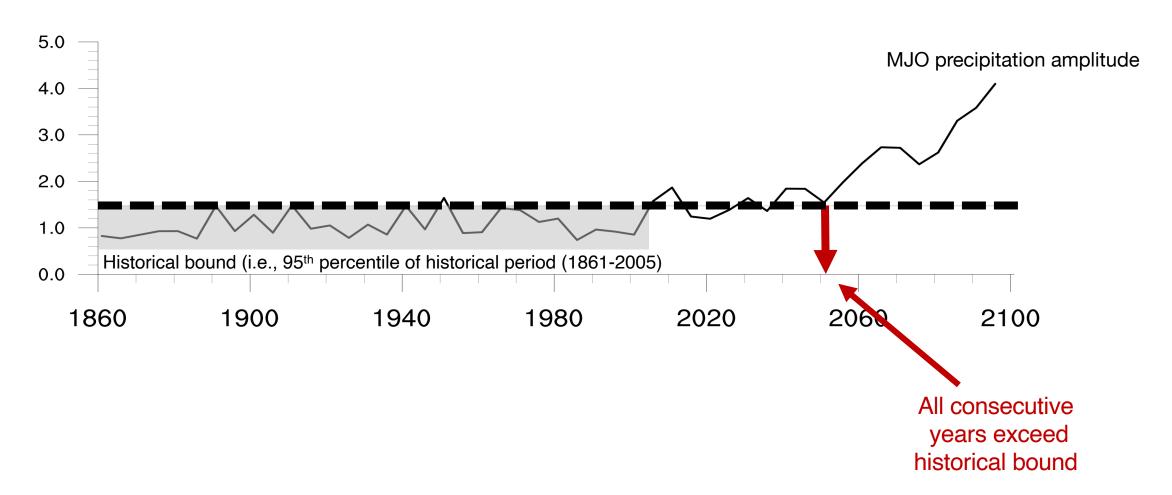
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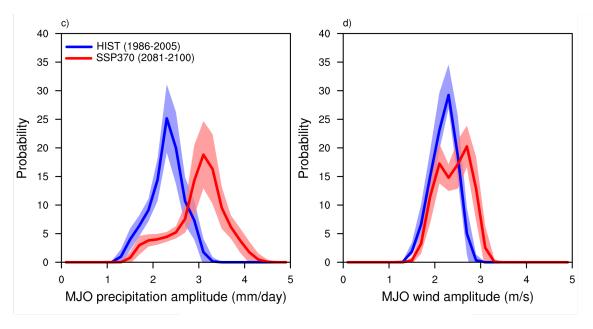
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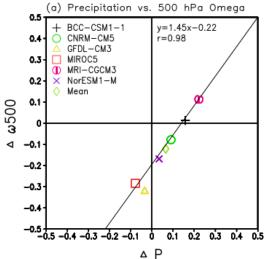
CESM2 Large Ensemble Community Project (LENS2)

Estimate the time of emergence



Changes in MJO amplitude



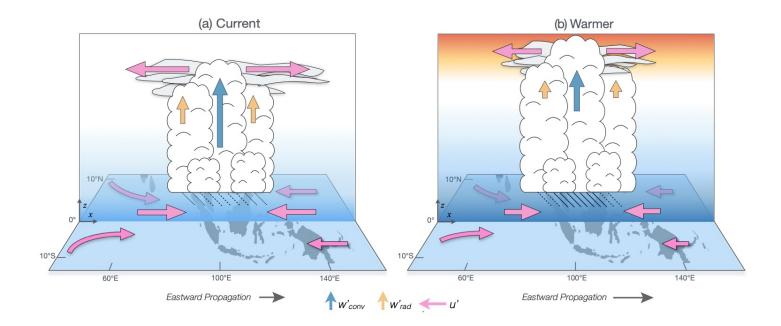


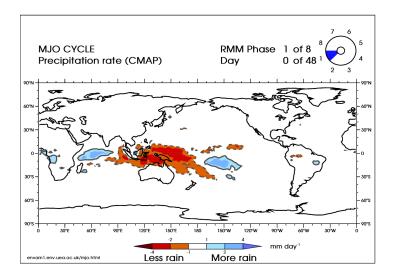
- ➤ MJO precipitation tends to increase
- ➤ MJO wind tends to weaken (or increase with a slower rate compared to precipitation)
- ➤ These differences can be explained by Weak Temperature Gradient (WTG)

$$P pprox \omega \frac{\partial s}{\partial p}$$

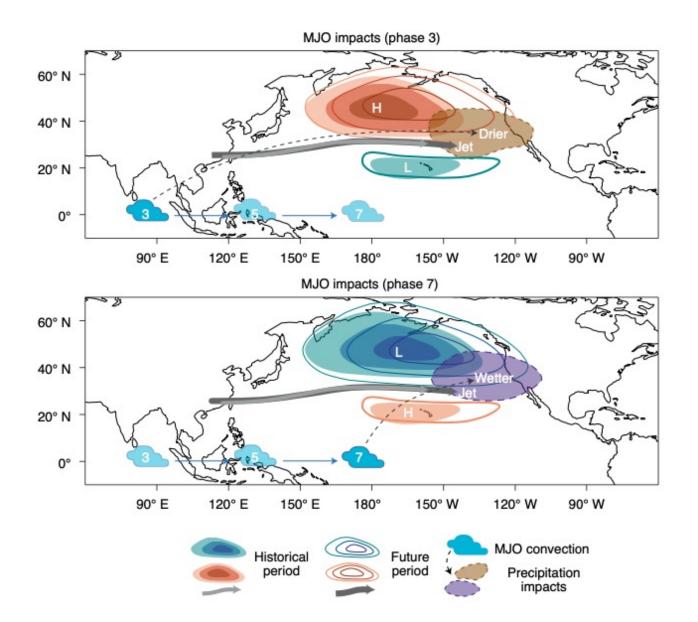
Other changes

- ☐ Faster eastward propagation
- ☐ Extend further eastward
- Changes in the seasonal cycle (delay in seasonal phase)
- ☐ Depending on SST warming pattern





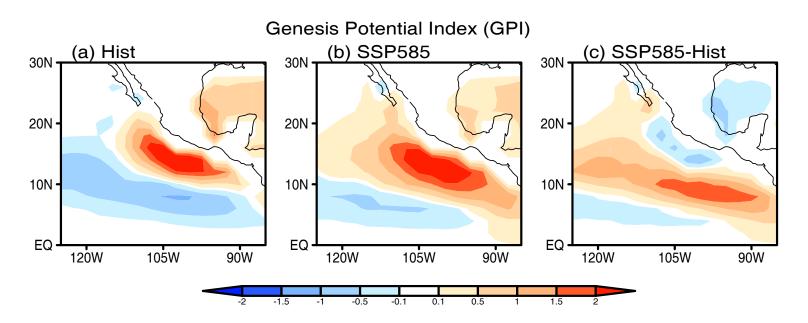
Impacts on winter rainfall variability



The Northern Hemisphere teleconnection pattern associated with the MJO tends to extend further east under global warming

→ Impact of MJO on the northeast Pacific and North American West Coast will be stronger

Impacts on tropical cyclogenesis



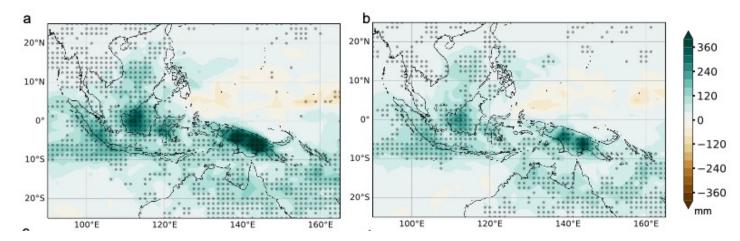
Boreal summer GPI (Tropical Cyclone Genesis Potential Index) associated with the MJO from 8 CMIP6 models

→ The MJO's modulation of GPI weakens near the coast of Mexico and Central America with warming, associated with a southward shift of GPI anomalies

Impacts on extreme rainfall

Changes in boreal winter extreme rainfall amount





https://www.nature.com/articles/s41612-022-00291-1

- Nearly 60% increase in extreme rainfall over tropical Asia and Australia by the end of the 21st century under the fossil-fueled warming scenario (SSP5-8.5)
- ➤ 84% of this change is associated with MJO-induced extreme rainfall

In summary, ...

When the changing signal detectable

Changes in MJO amplitude and other characteristics

MJO impacts

Multi-model/ensembles from CMIP and CESM2-LE

Thank you!