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MODELLING SYSTEM**

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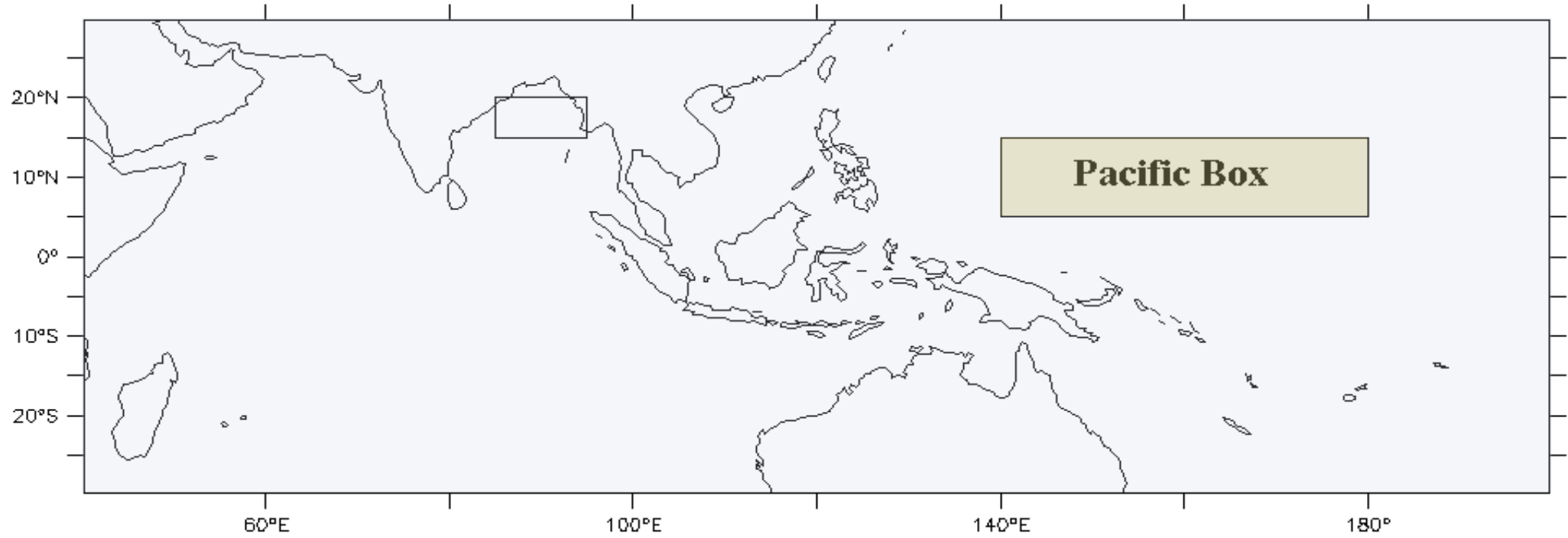
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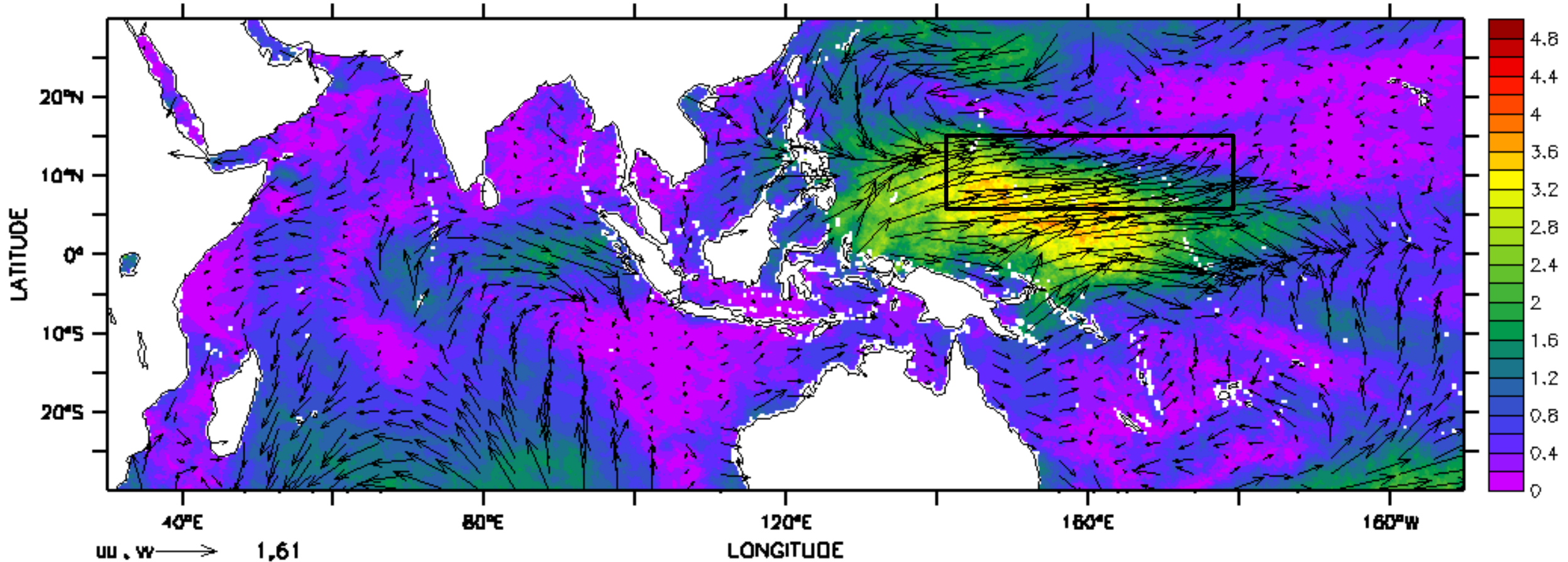
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“ Our aim is to study the output of the NCEP-CFS coupled model runs done by IITM to see whether the ocean variability in monsoon season is realistically reproduced in the model particularly the Mixed Layer Depth (MLD) and SST variations on the time scale of the Active-Break cycle in normal, La Nina and El-Nino years. We also aim to study the air-sea fluxes of heat in relation to the Active-Break cycle. ”

Study Area



El Nino (2002,04,09) minus Non El Nino
(2000,01,03,05,06,07,08)

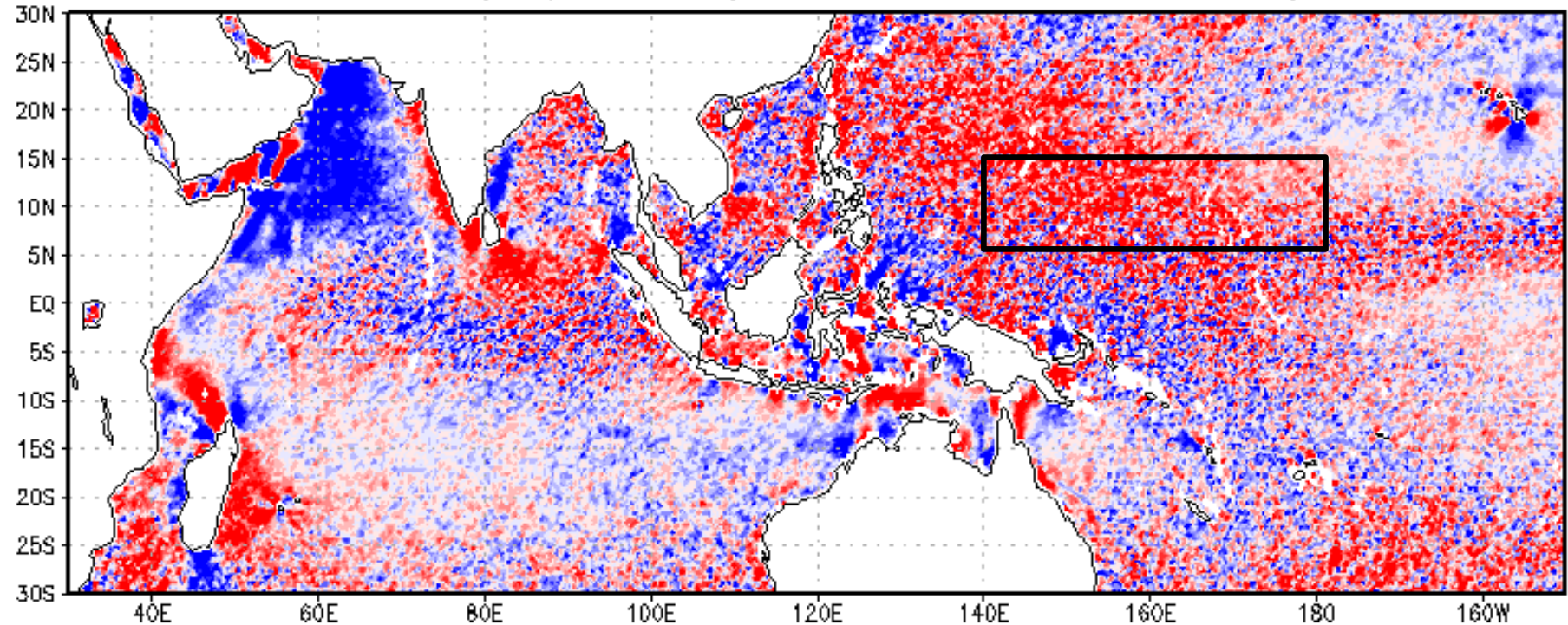


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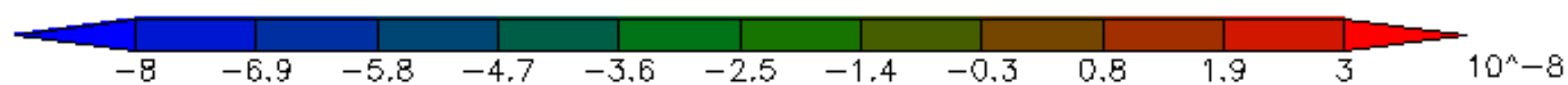
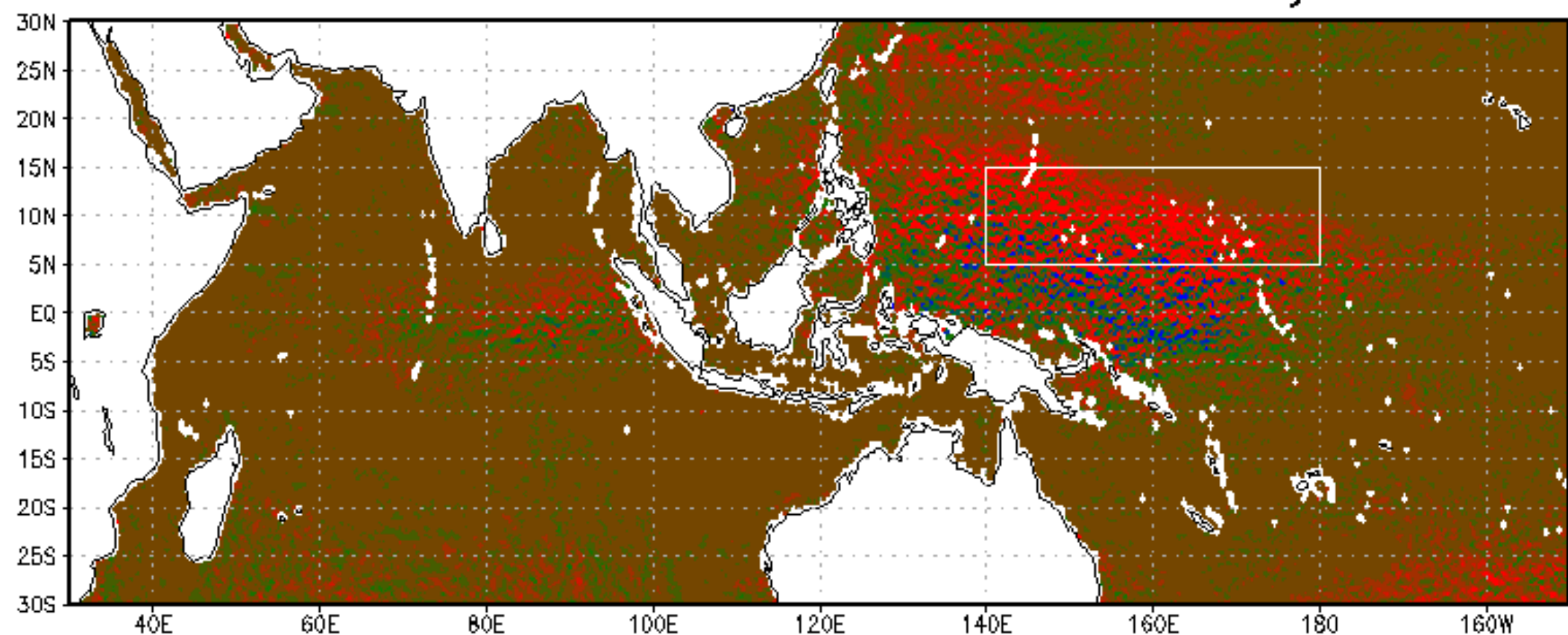
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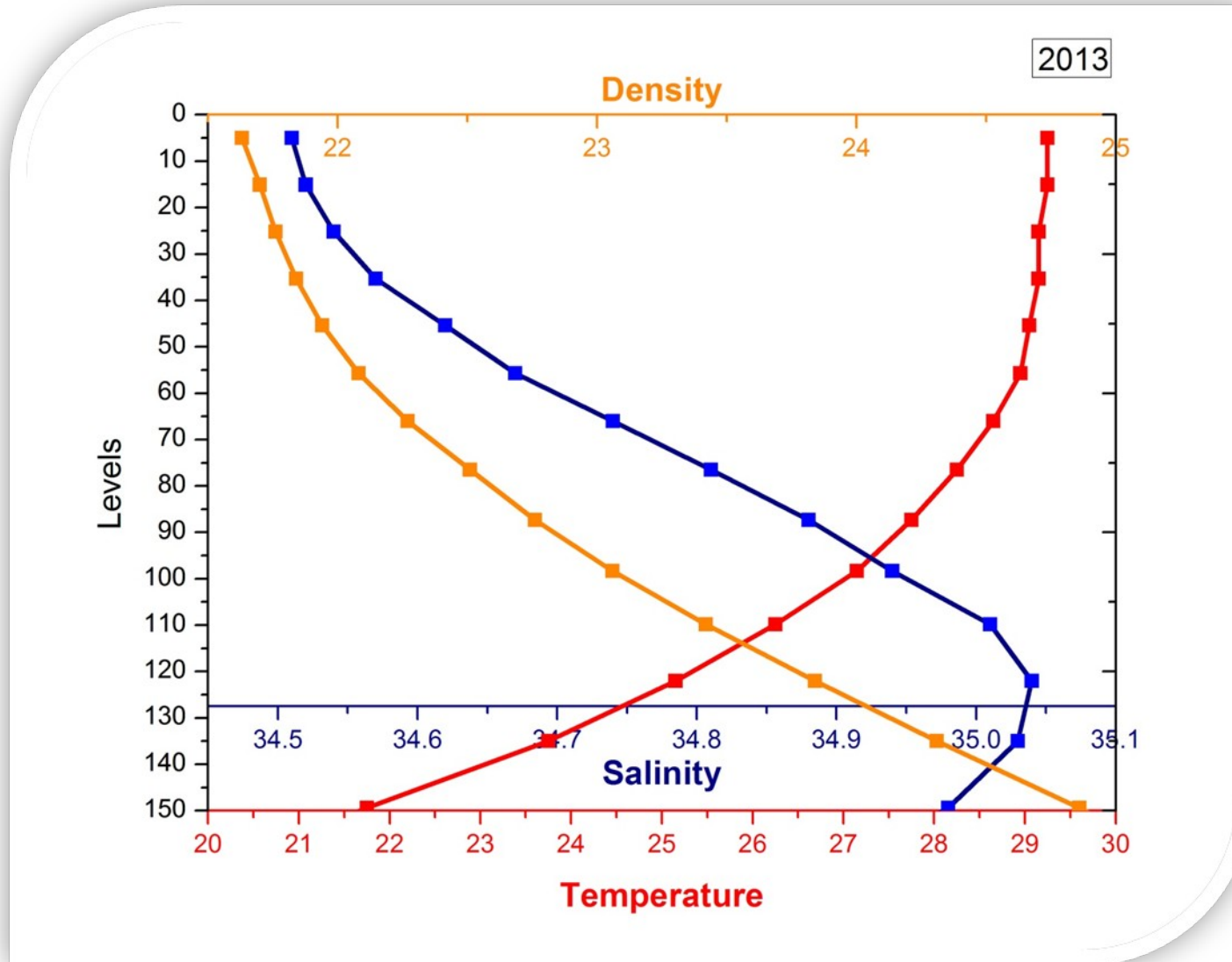
EI NINO VORTICITY ANOMALY

Vorticity (surface): JJAS El Nino anomaly



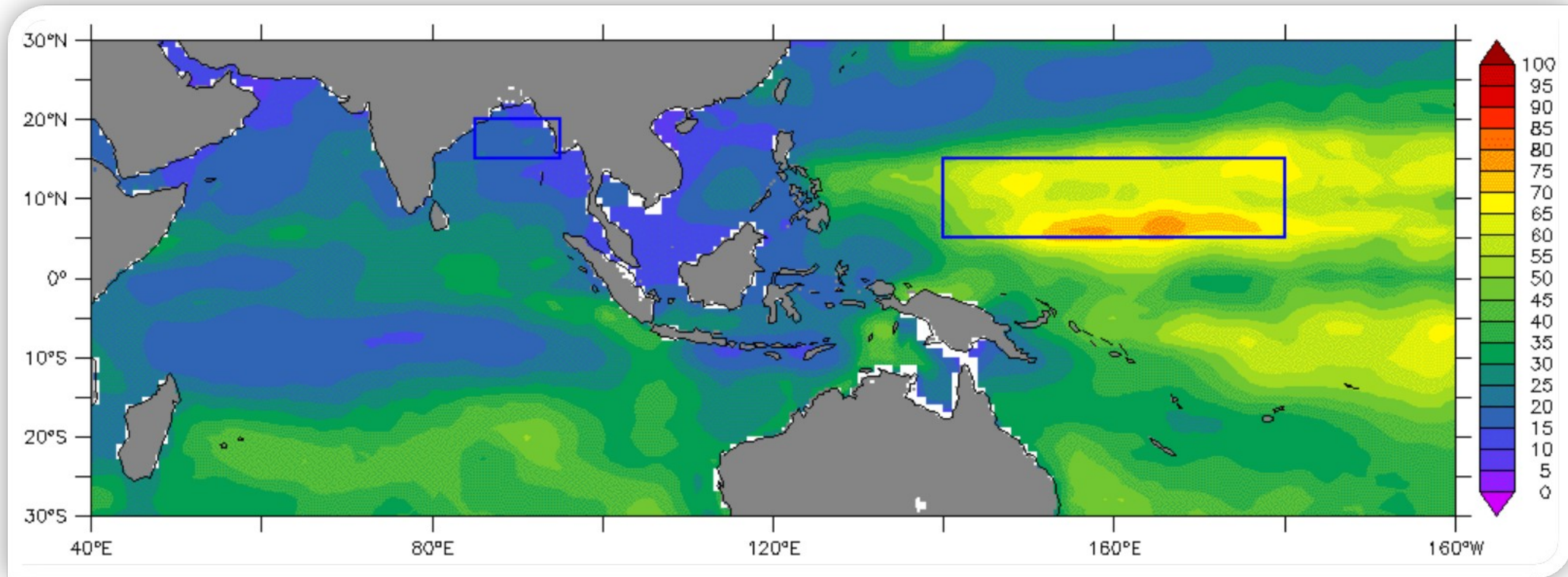
Wind Stress Curl : JJAS El Nino anomaly





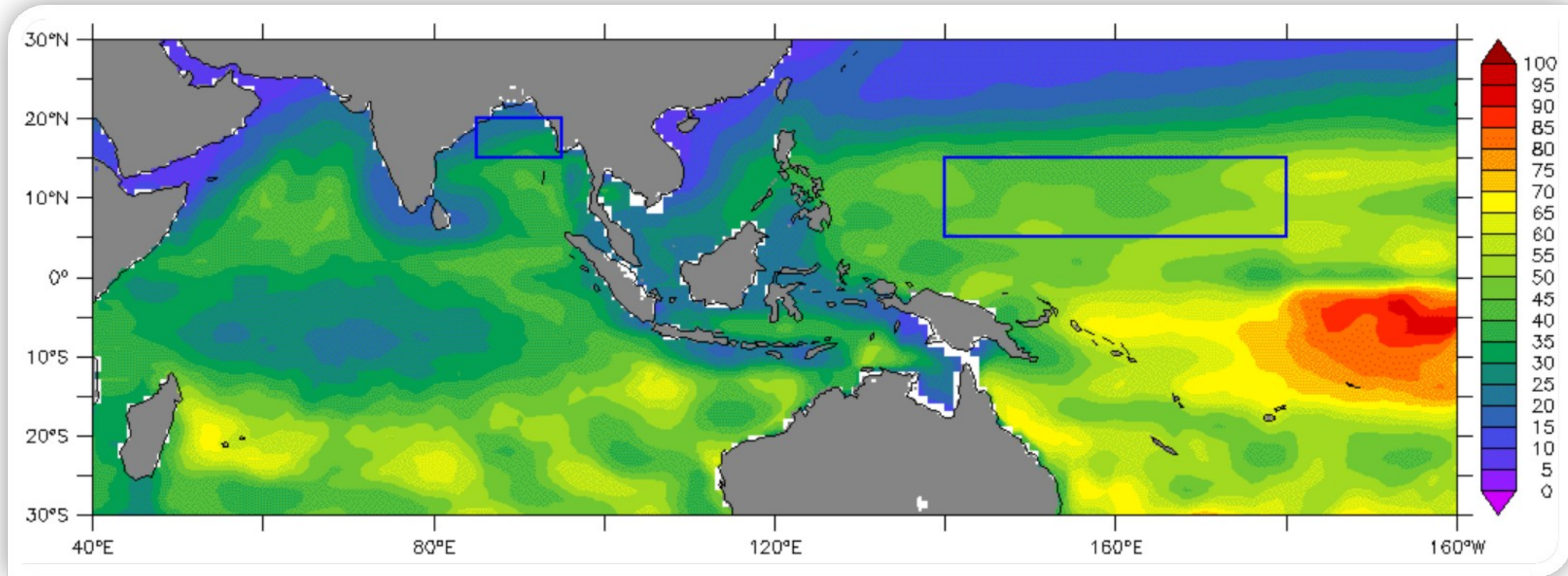
Vertical profiles of temperature, salinity and density in the west Pacific Box (140° to 180° & 5° to 15°) during the monsoon season of 2013 (Hadley center Reanalysis data with inputs from ARGO)

MAM climatology of MLD (Pre monsoon) 1998 TO 2013



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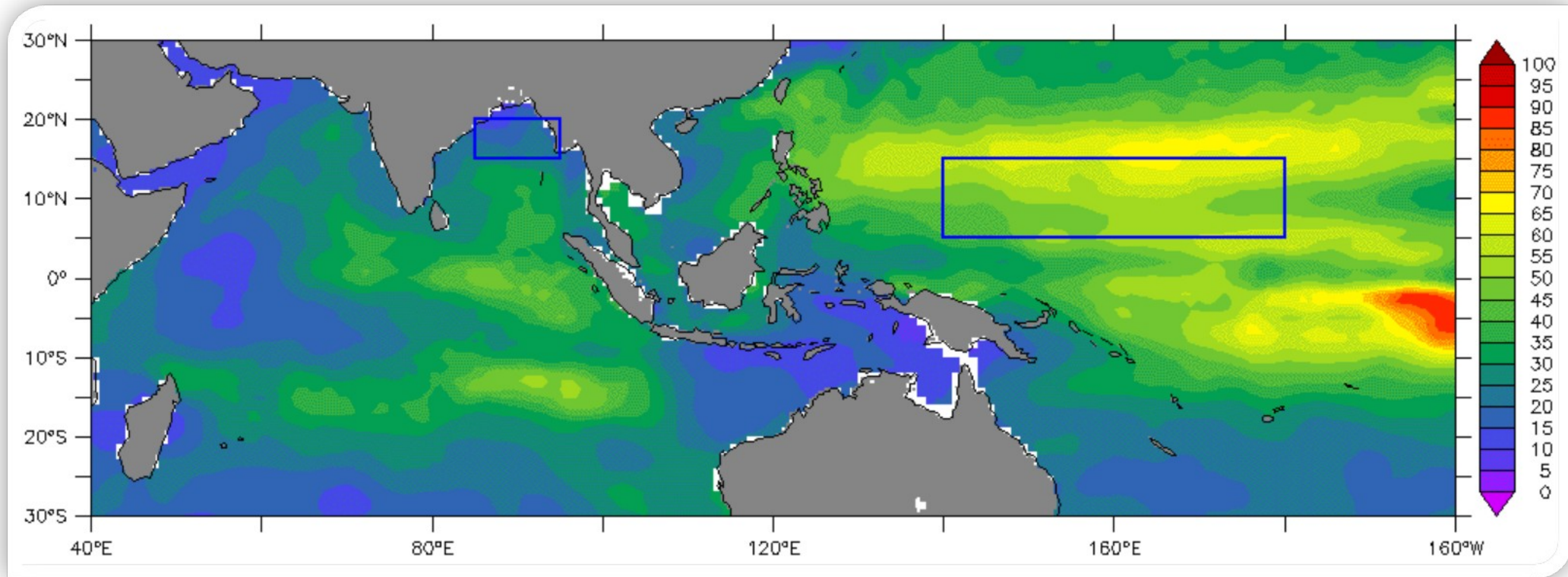
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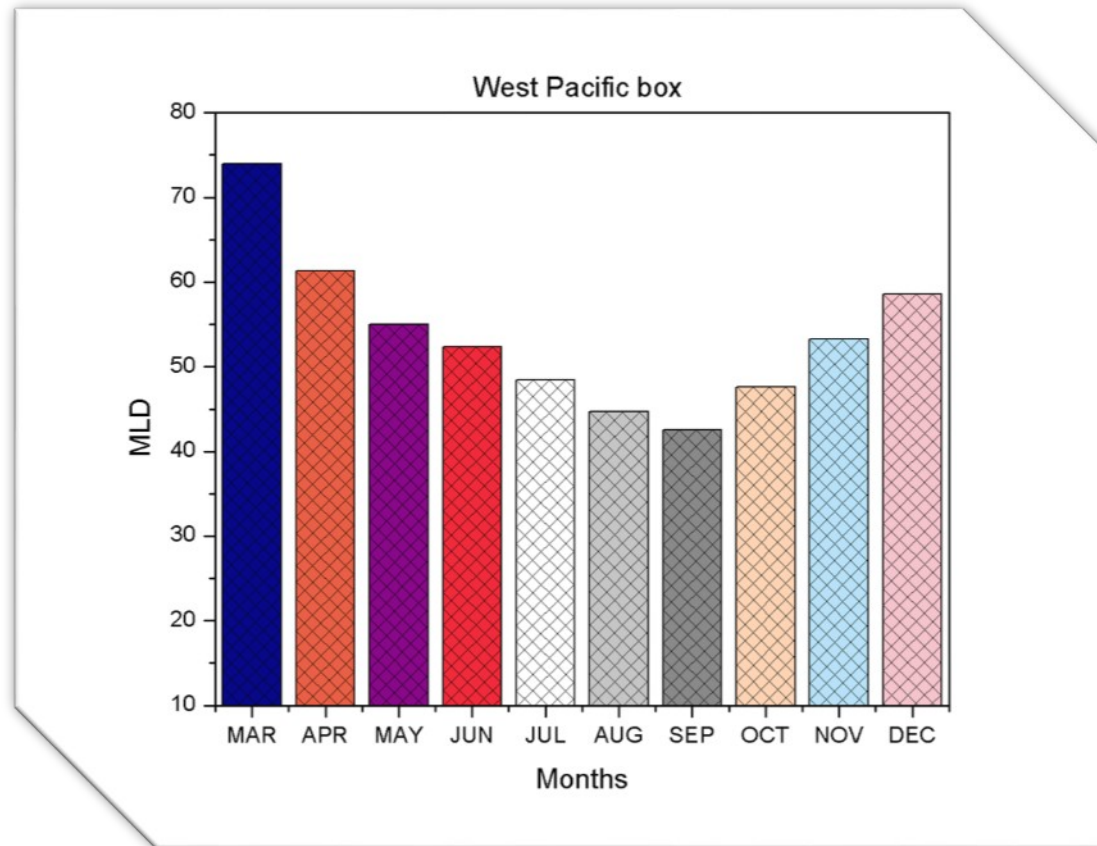
OND climatology (Post monsoon)

1998 TO 2013

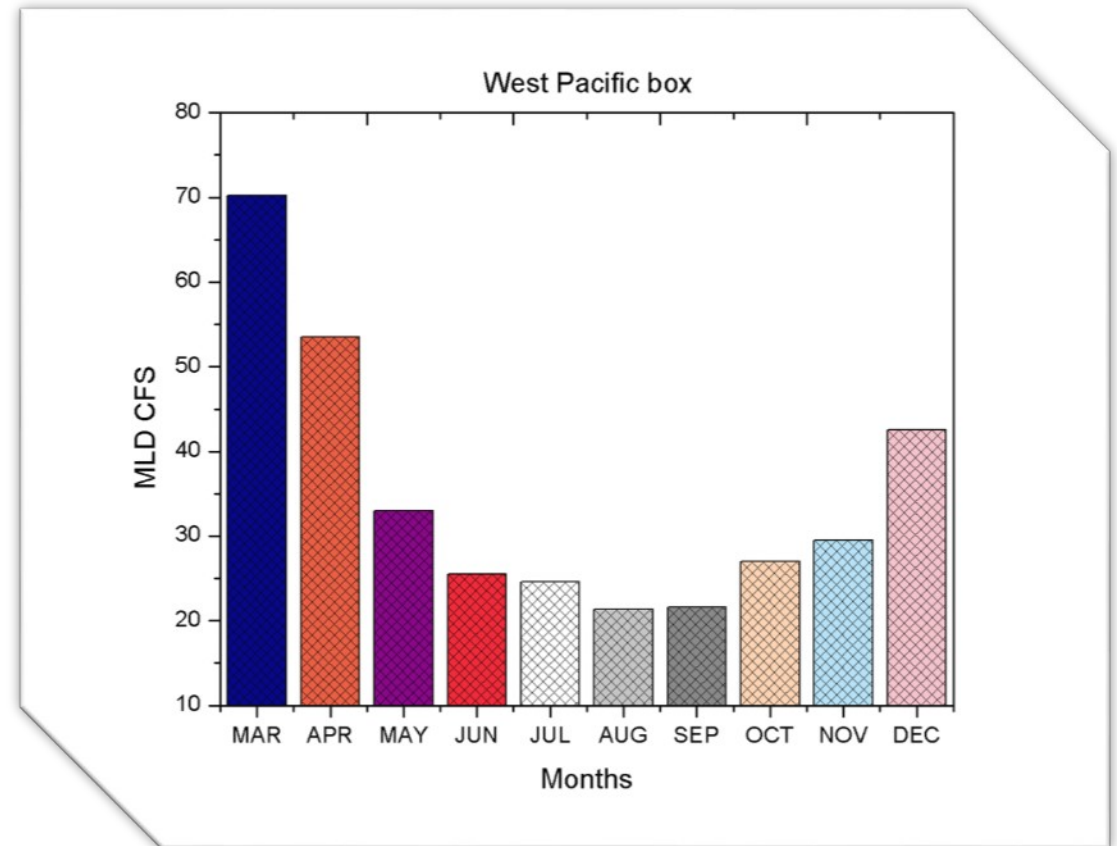


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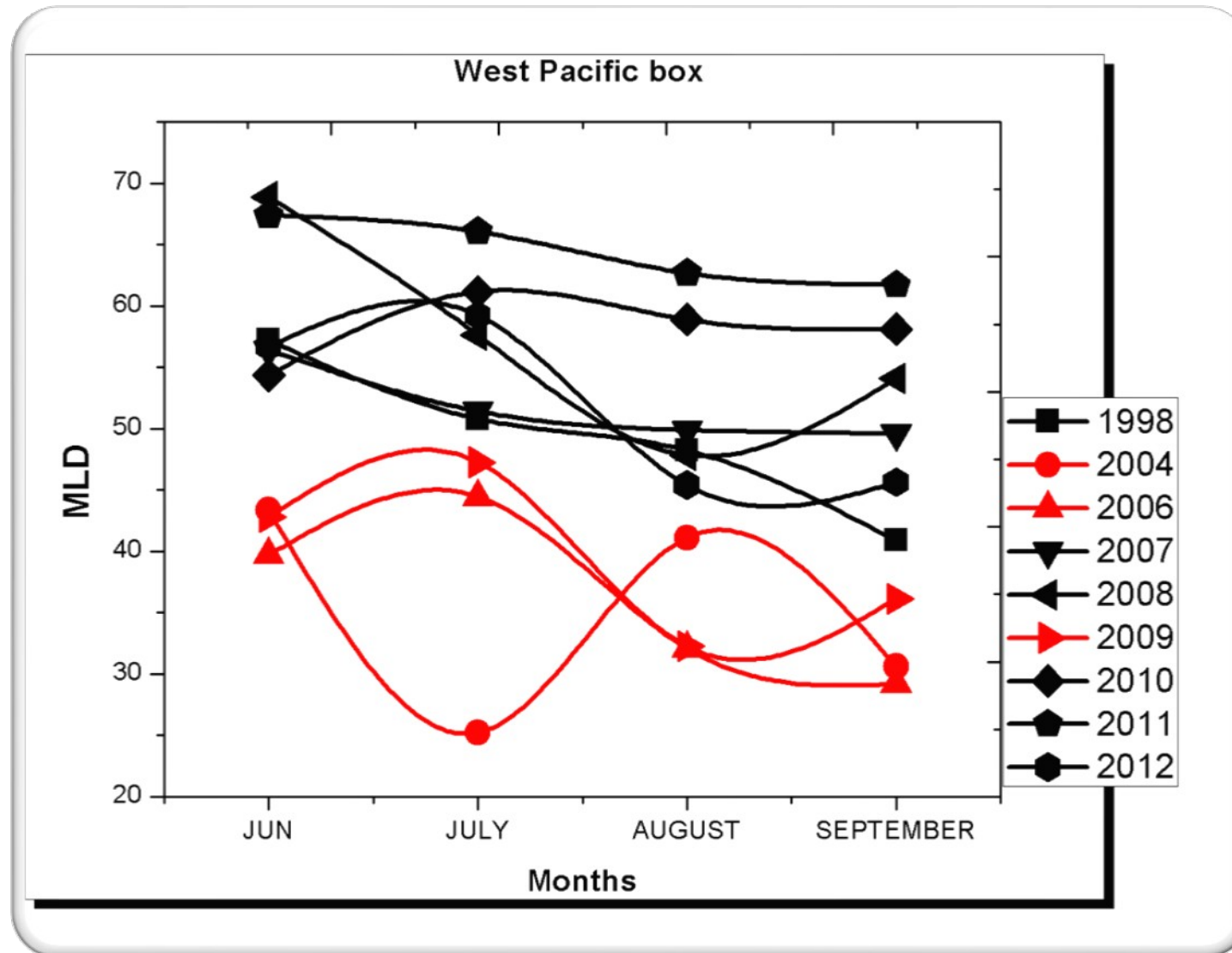
Climatology of MLD (Met Office Hadley Center Data)

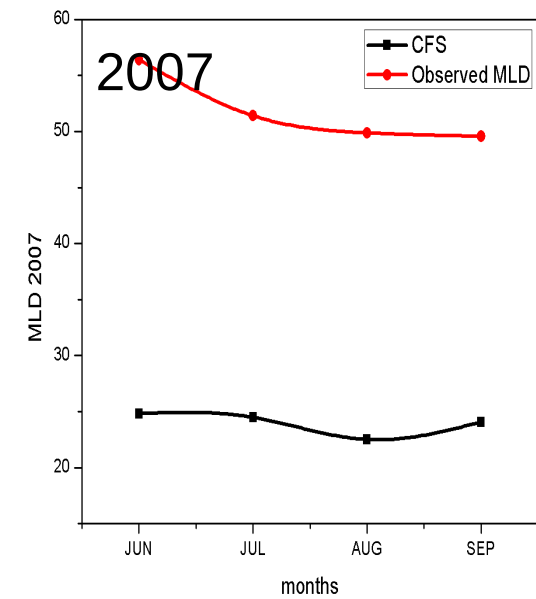
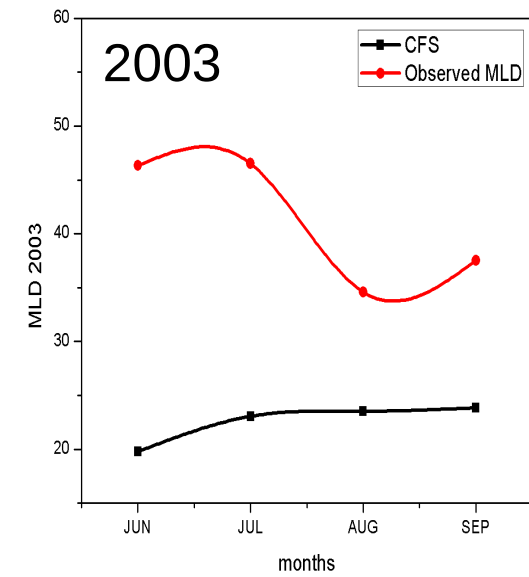
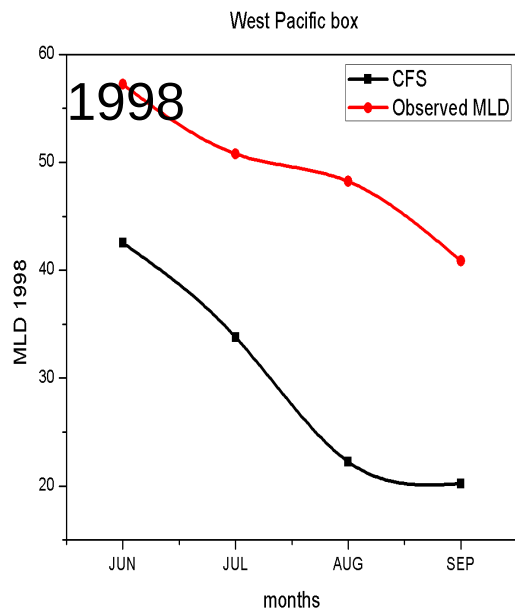
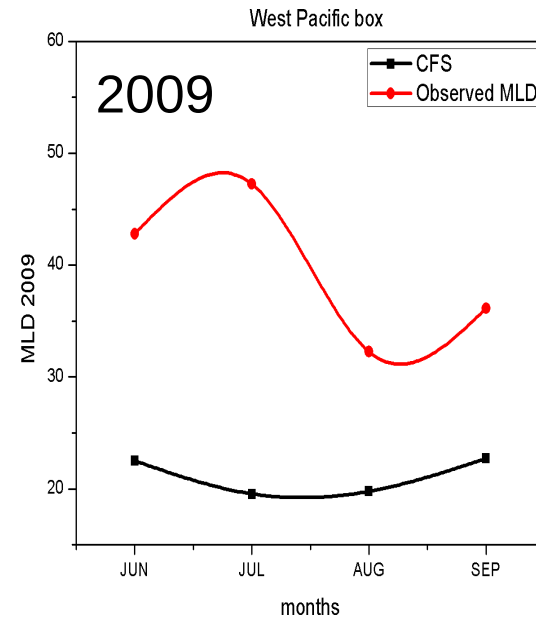
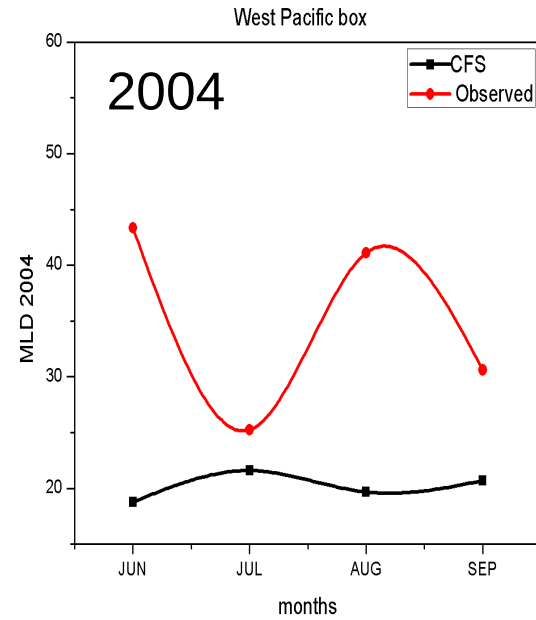
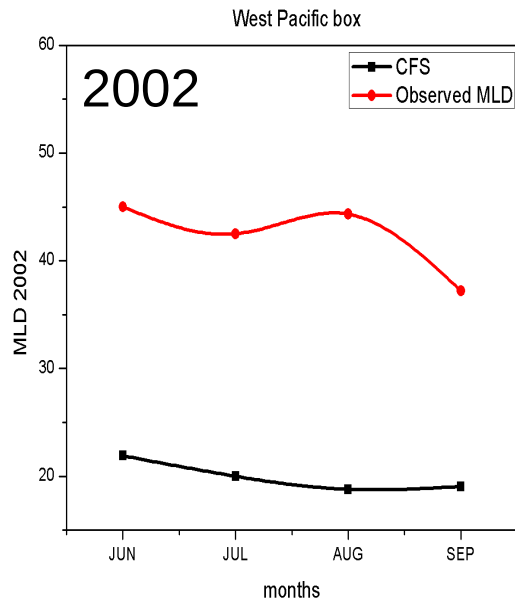


1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007 Composite (CFS)



MLD from Hadley Reanalysis of El Nino (red) and Non El Nino (black) years

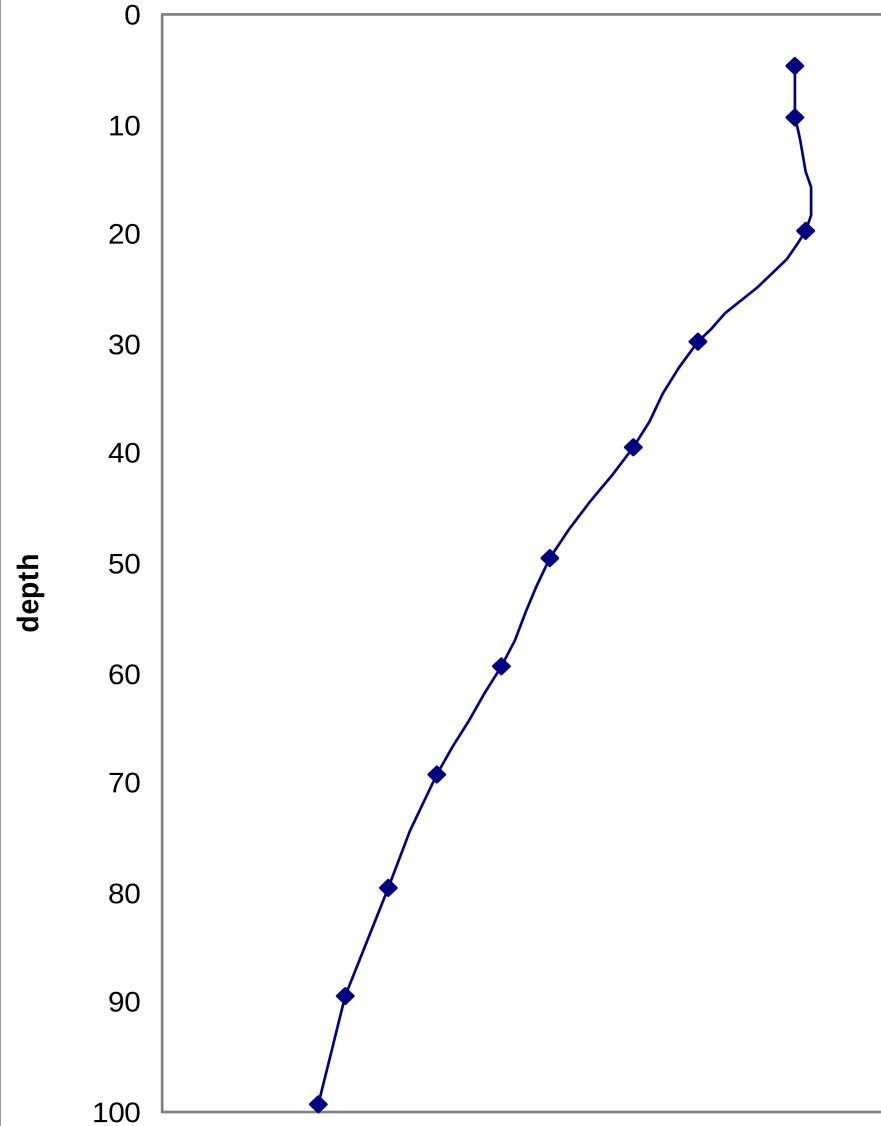




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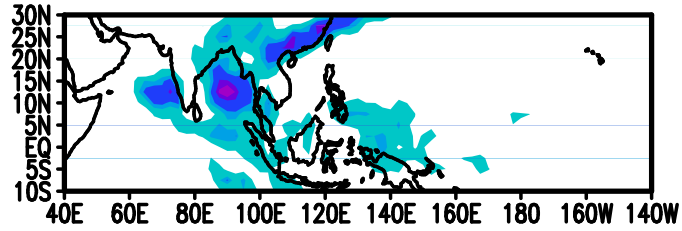
temp

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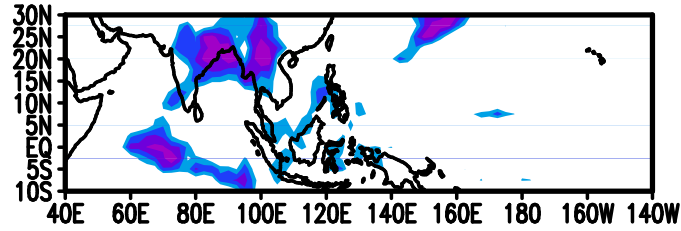


A typical vertical profile of ocean temperature (ARGO) in North Bay of Bengal during the monsoon season. The mixed layer thickness of 20 metres is typical.

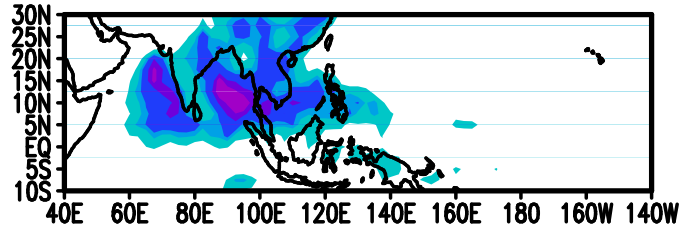
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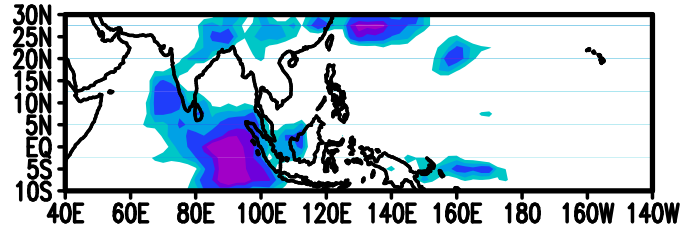
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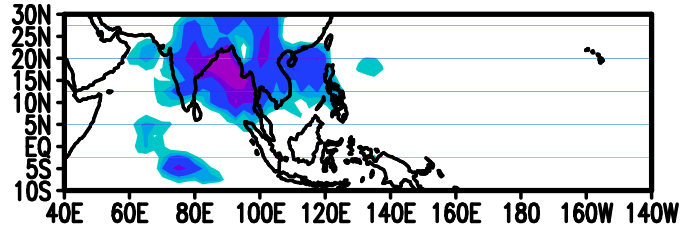
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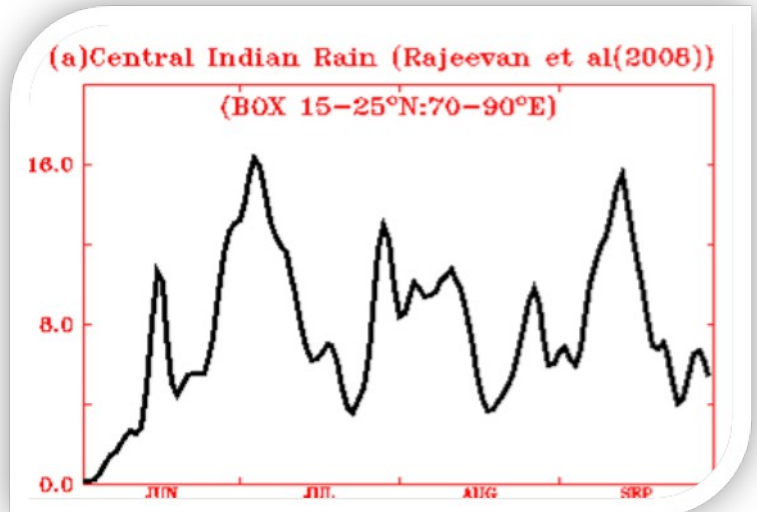
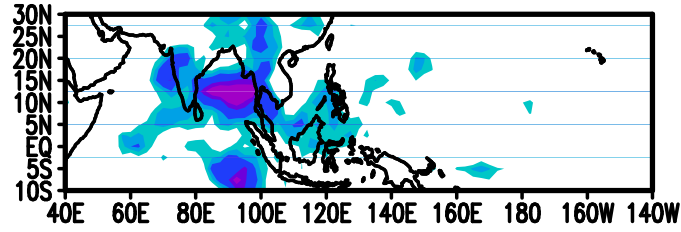
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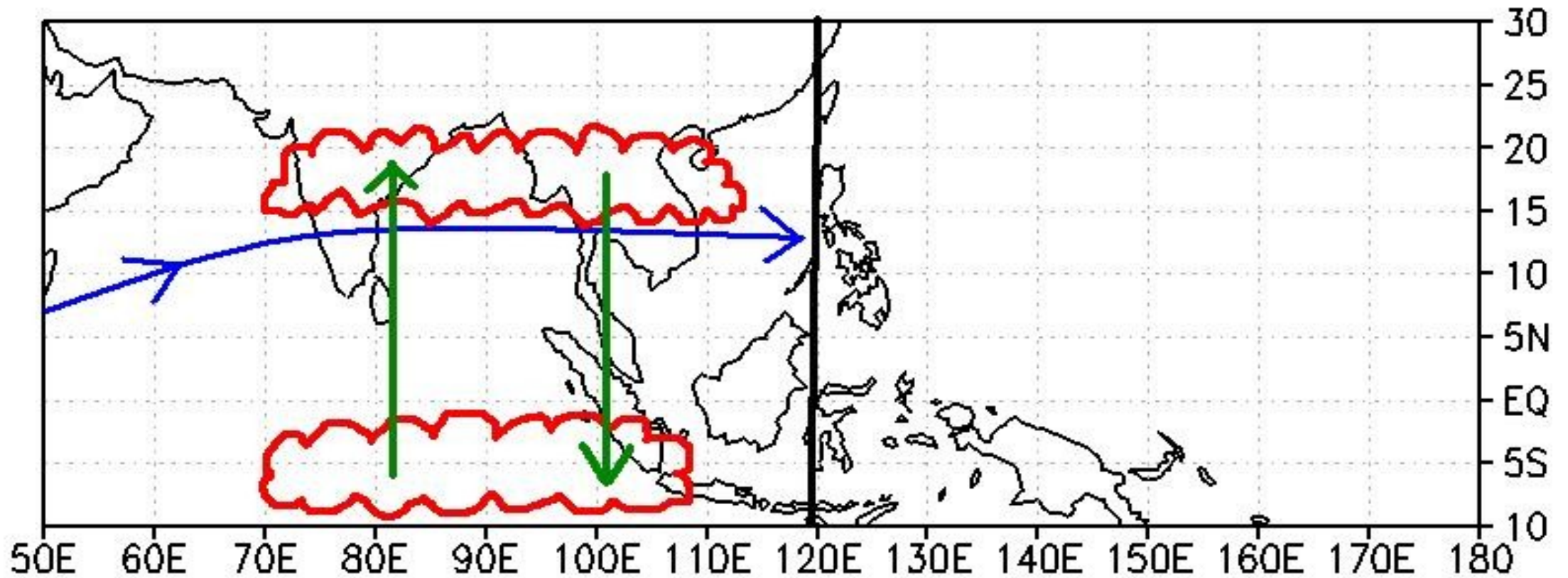


3rd (01–07 July 1998)



6th (24–31 July 1998)



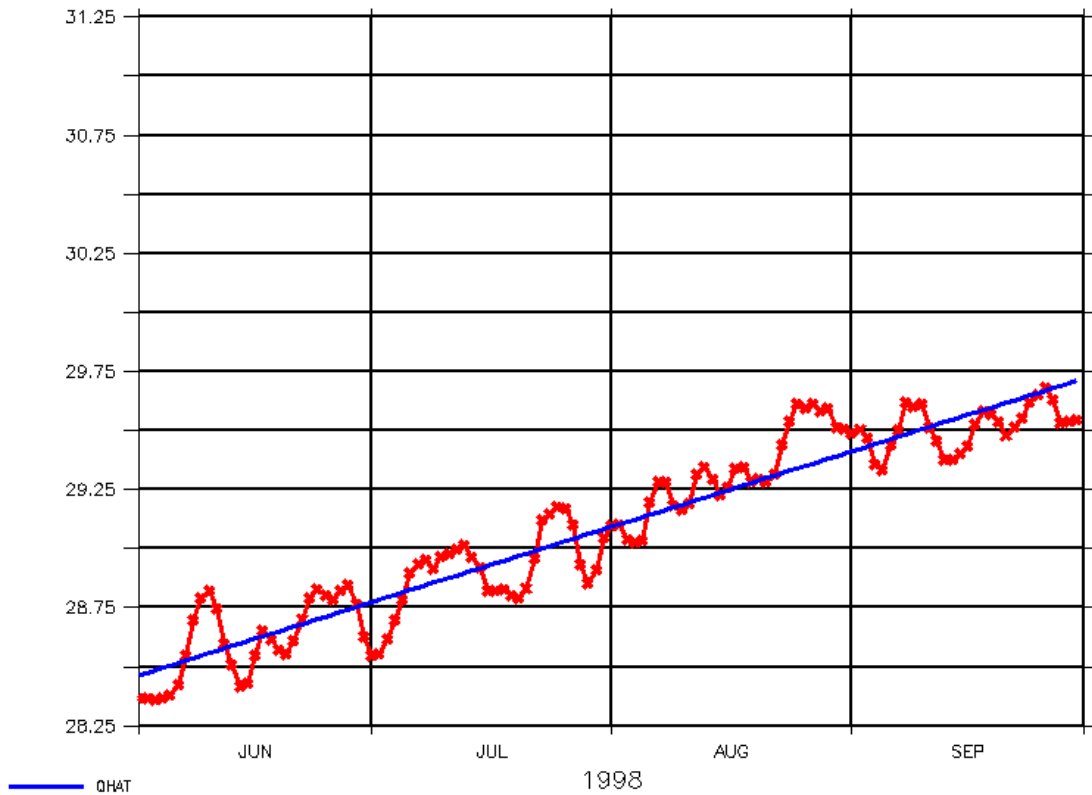


In La Nina, the LLJ is over Asian continent only and the convection is confined to west of 120E fluctuating between equator and 20 N. In the absence of convection Pacific box SST increases steadily. In CFS, since MLD is only 20m the rate of increase of SST (mixed layer temperature) is much larger than climatology

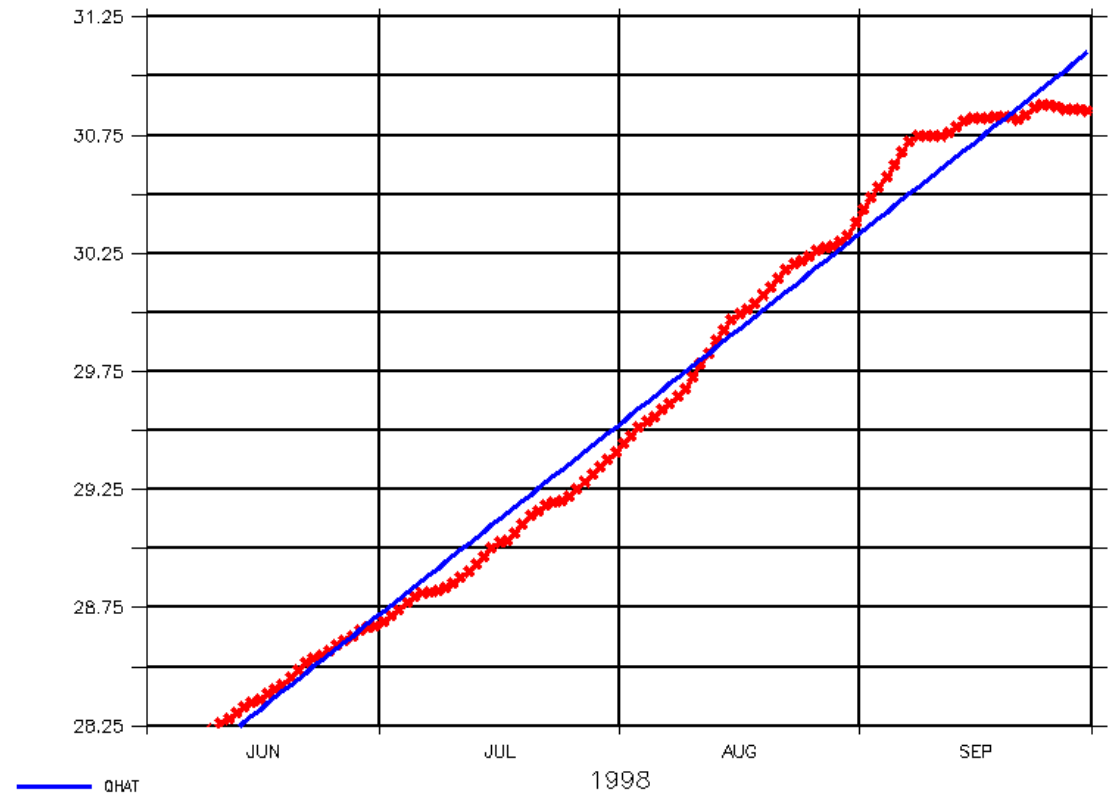
West Pacific Box

(140°E to 180°E & 5° to 15°)

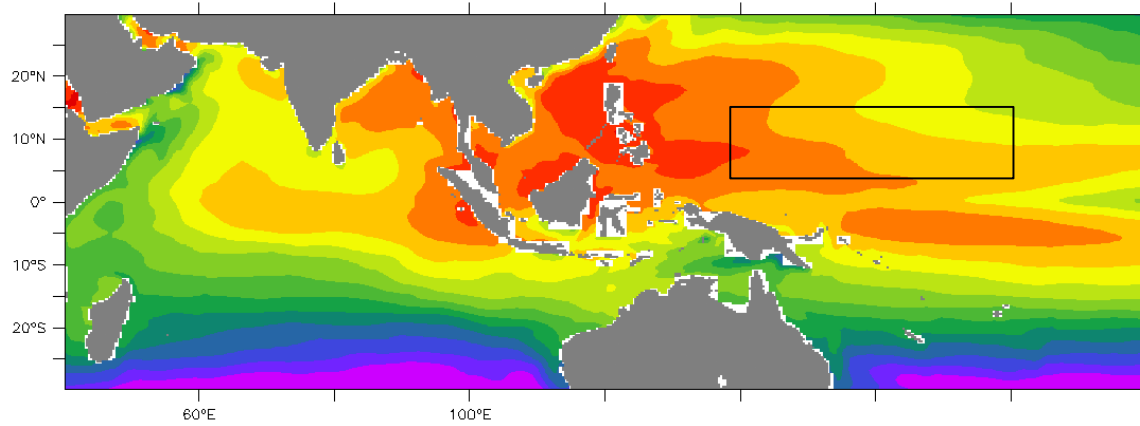
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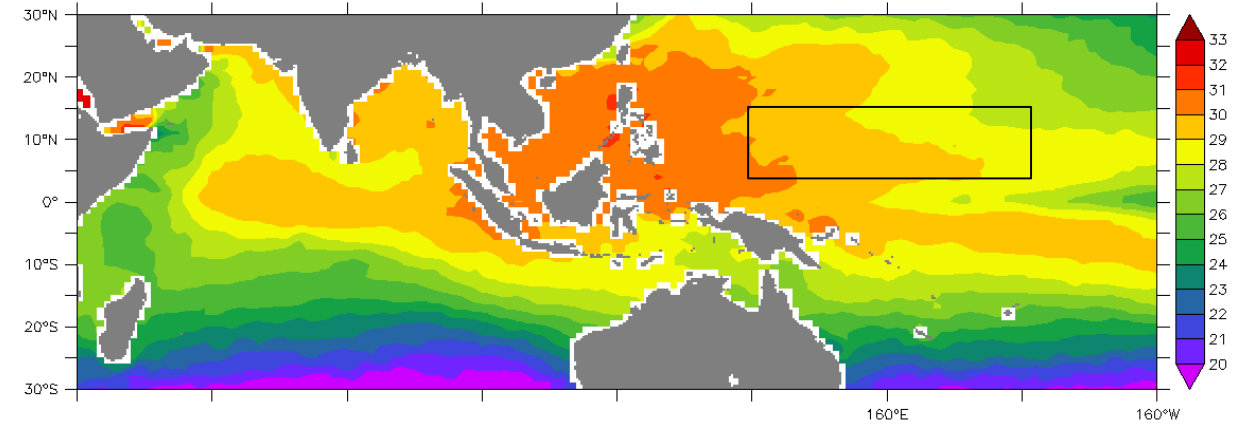
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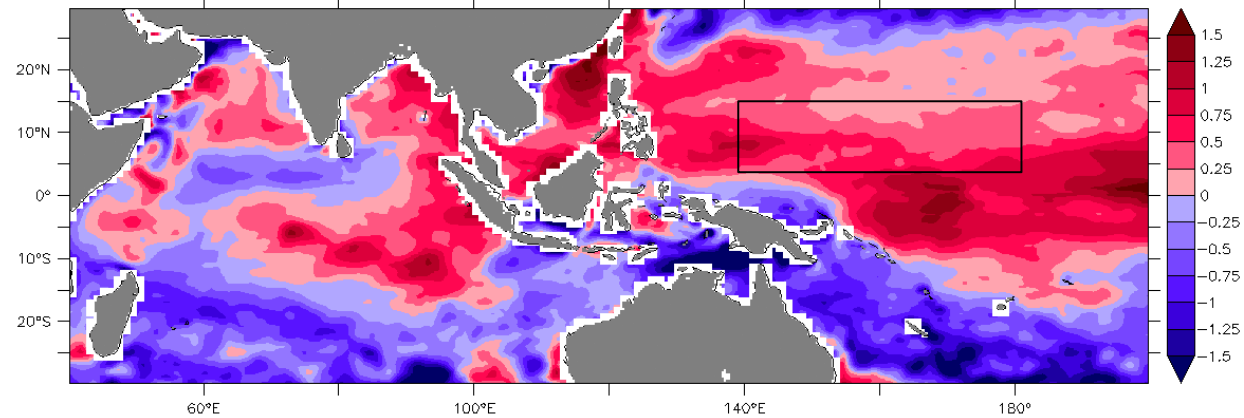
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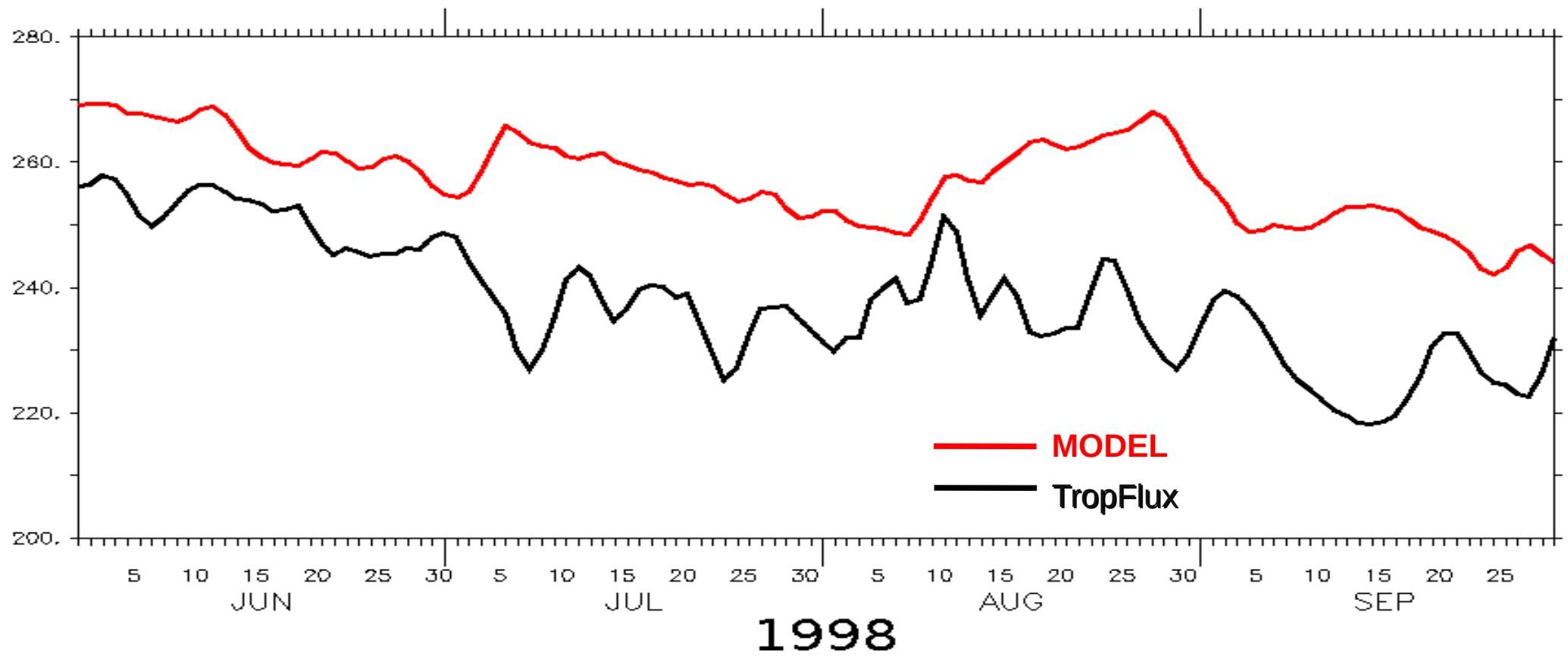
SST-TMI JJAS 1998



CFS-SST minus TMI-SST JJAS 1998



OLR - PACIFIC BOX

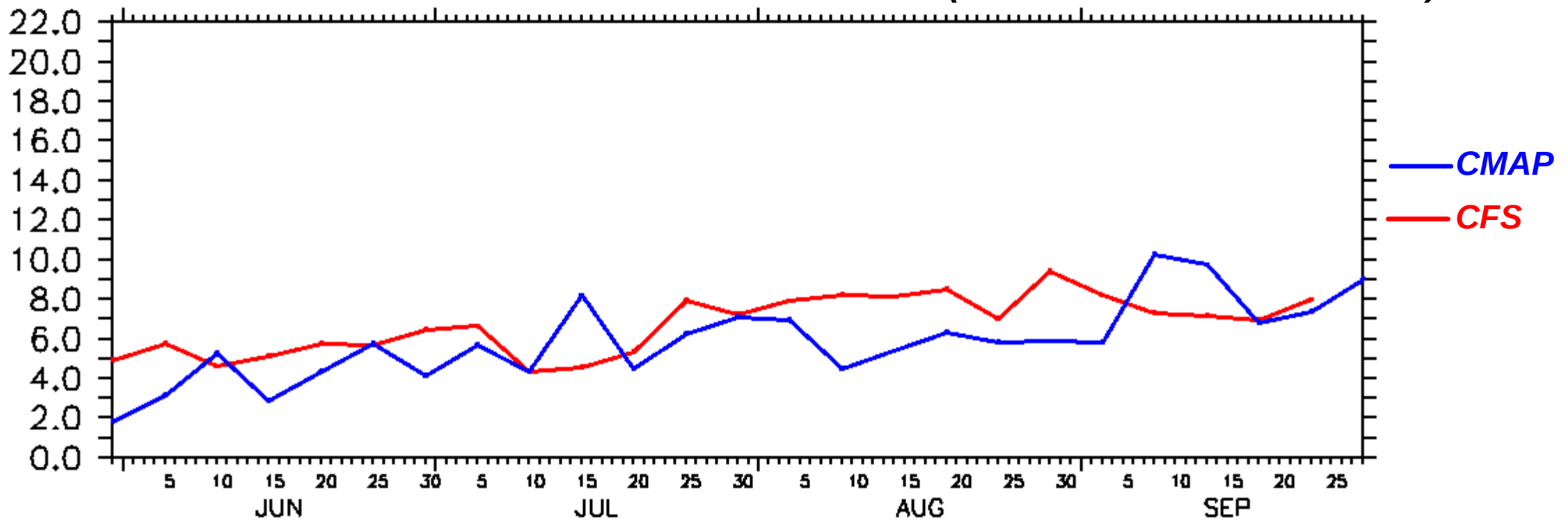


Precipitation rate (mm/day) 1998

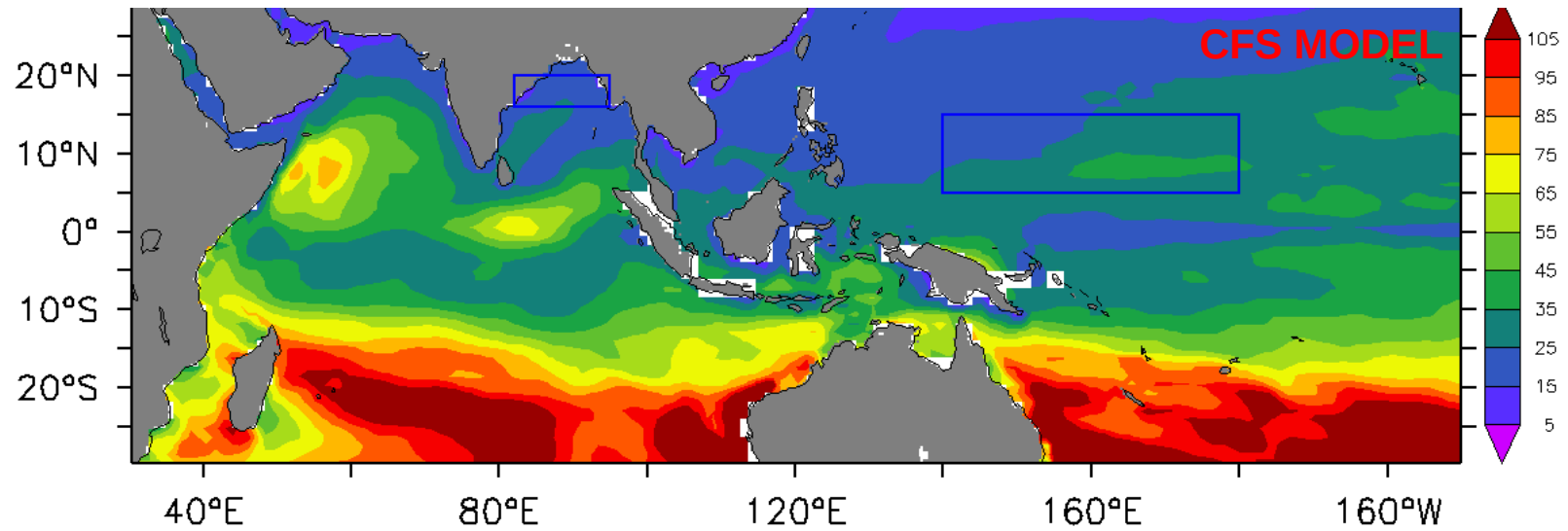
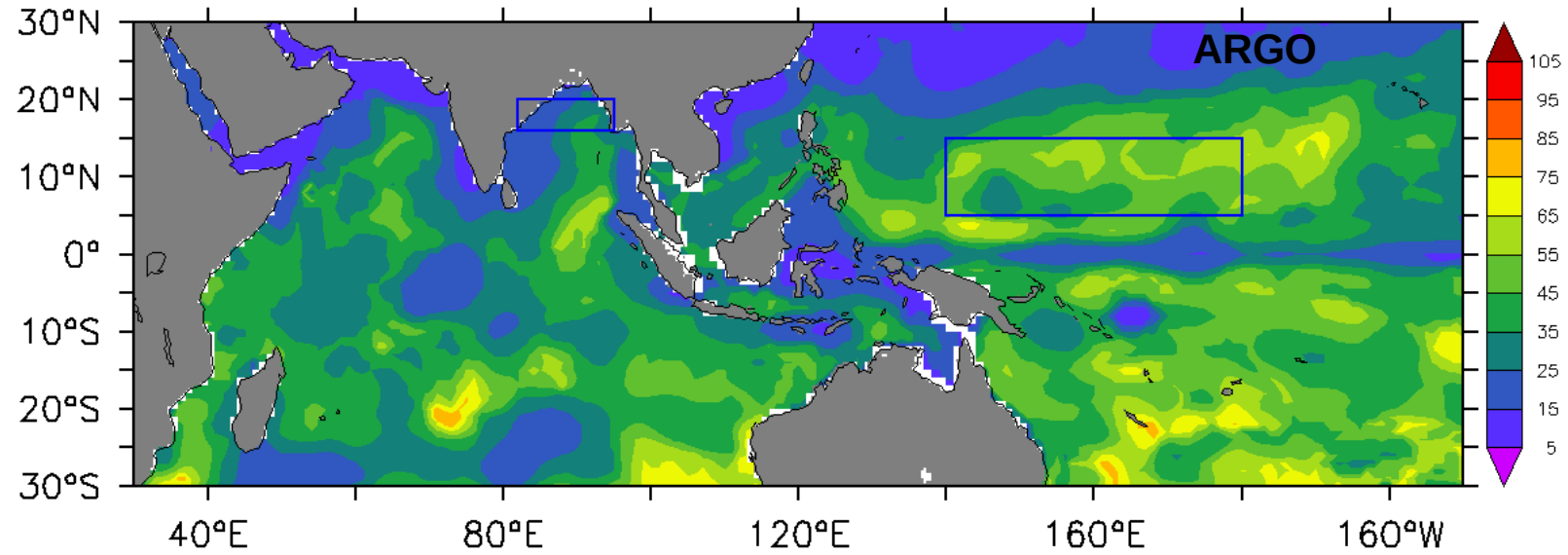
RED-CFS

BLUE- CPC Merged Analysis of Precipitation

(140°E to 180°E & 5°N to 15°N)

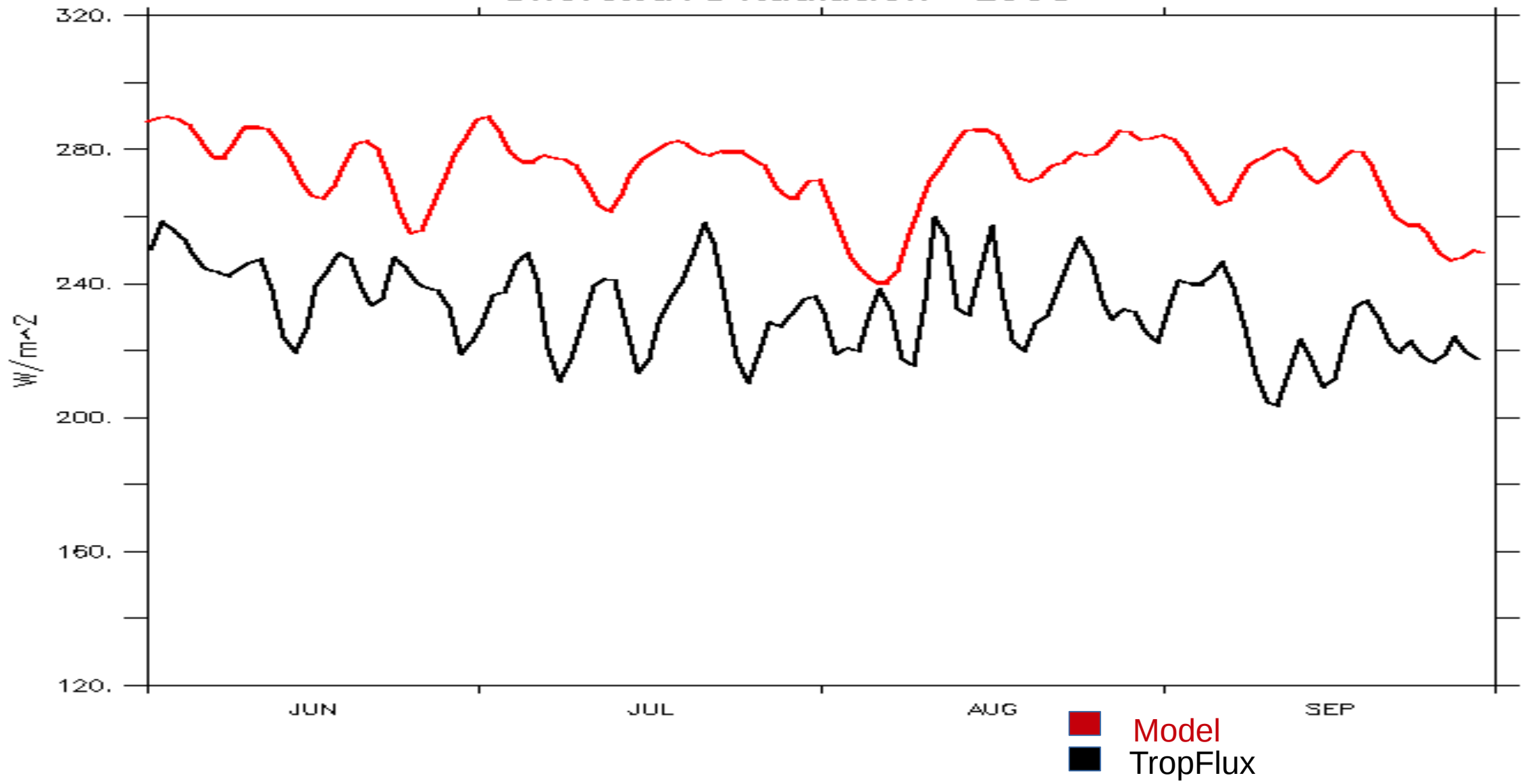


Mixed Layer Depth (01-Jun to 30 Sep 1998)



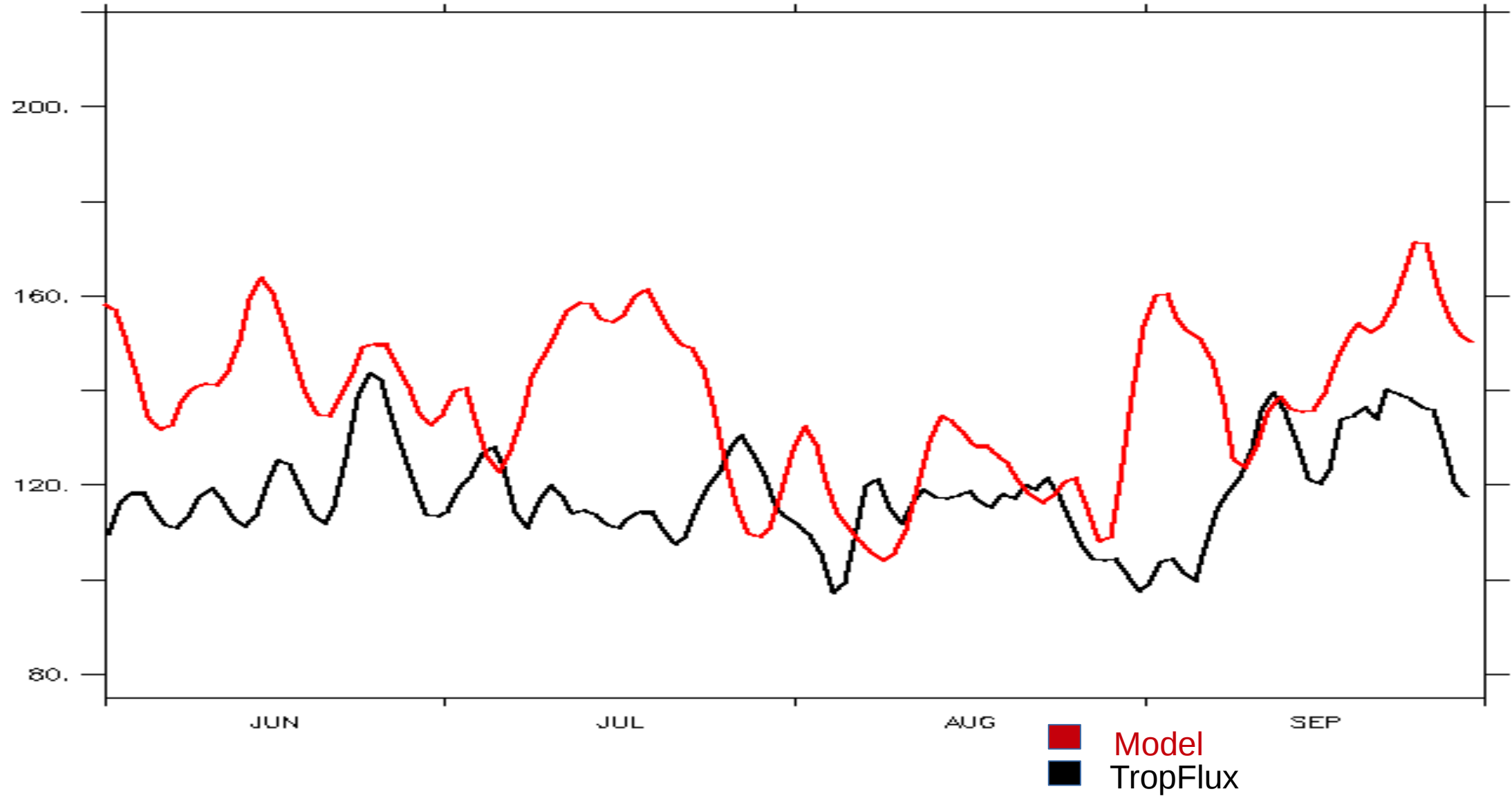
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LATITUDE : 5N to 15N

Shortwave Radiation - 1998



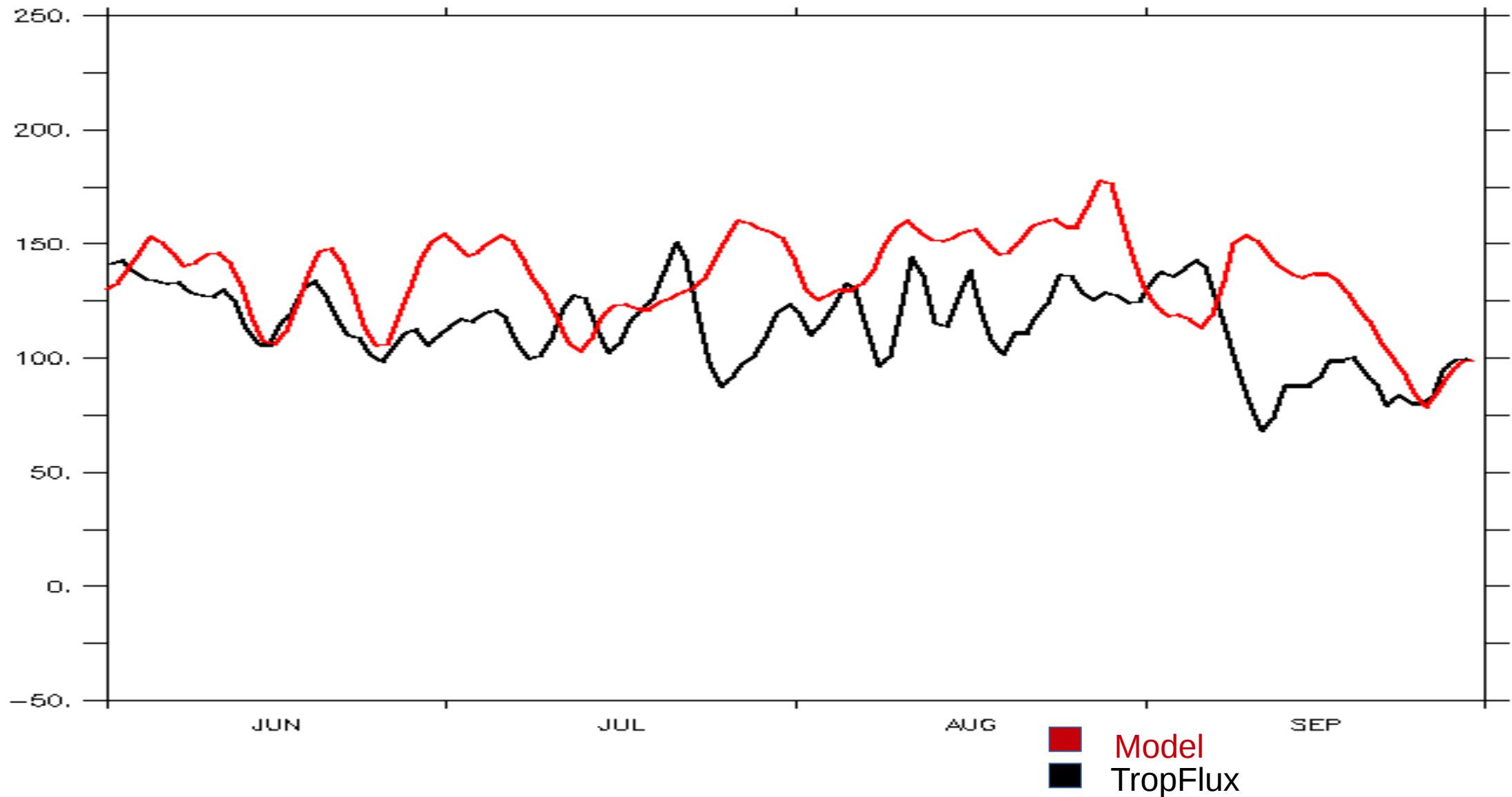
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Latent Heat Flux - 1998

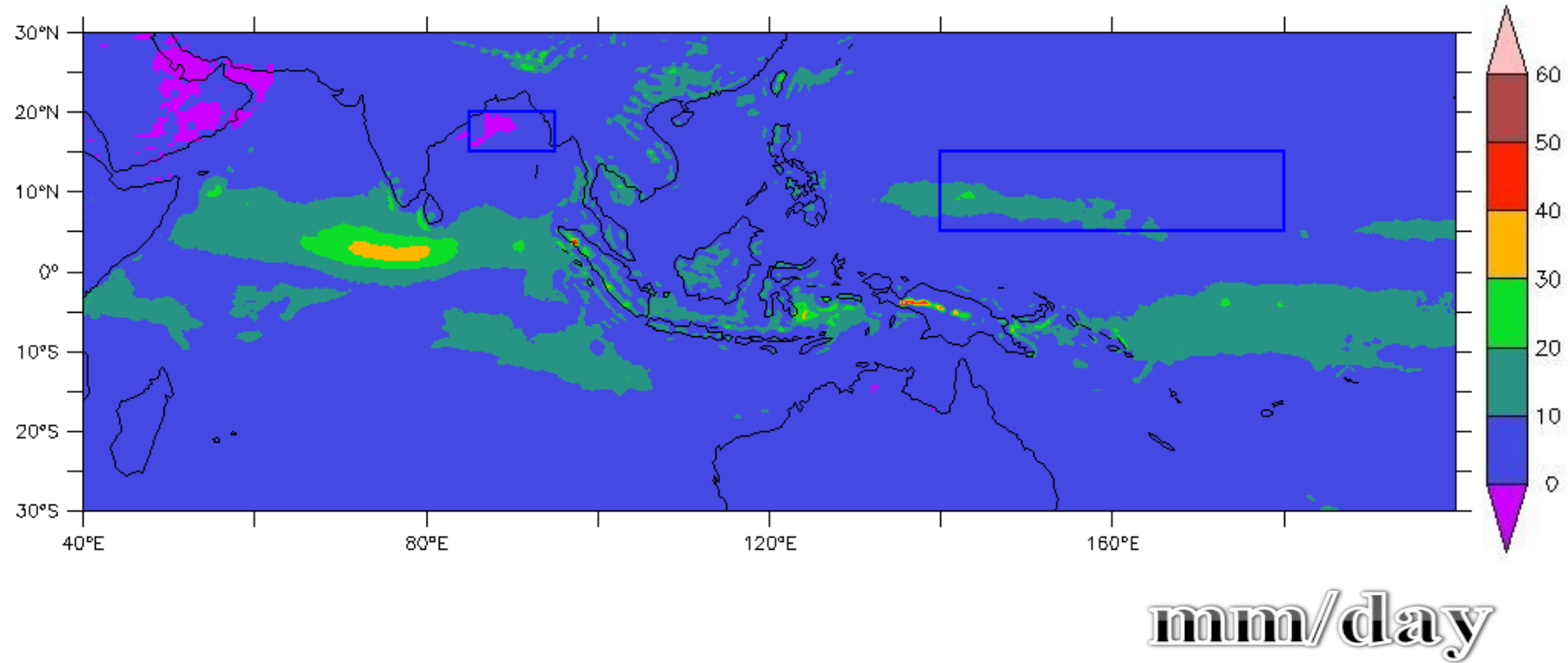


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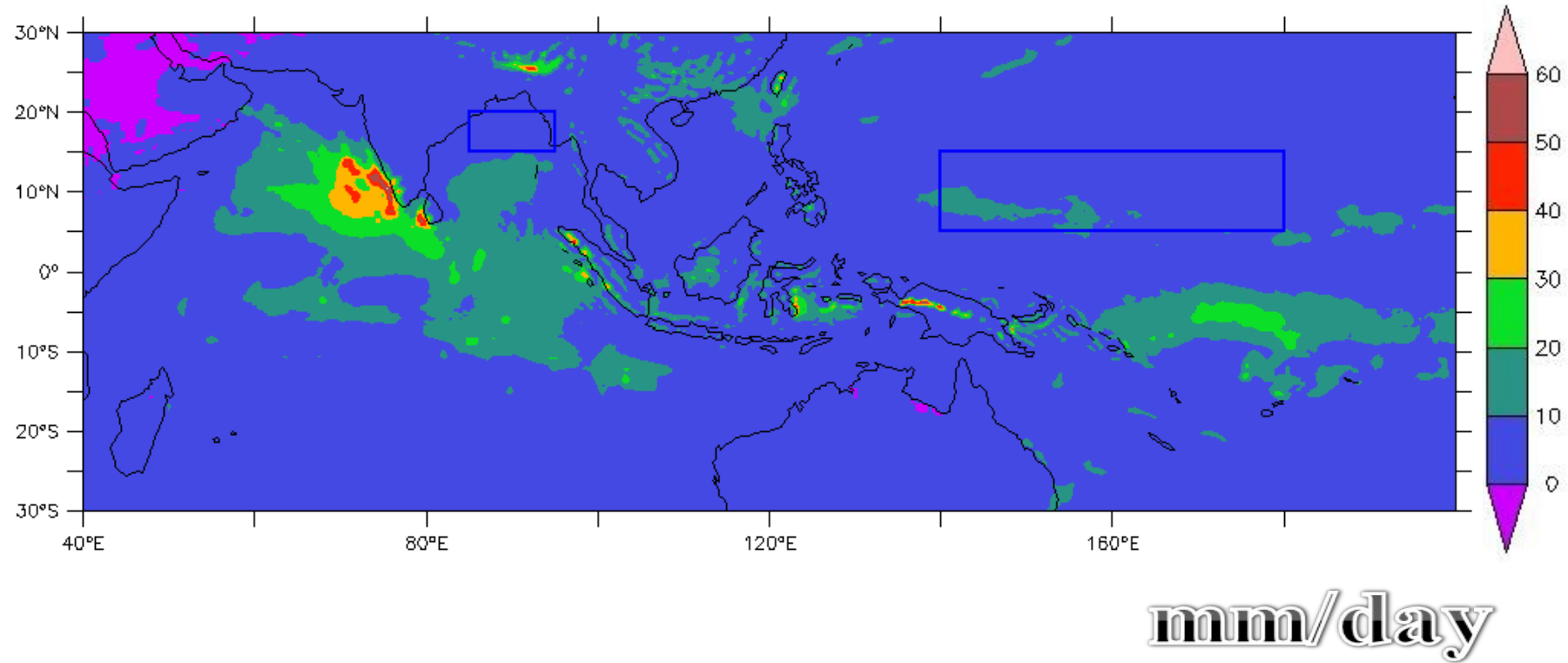
Net Heat Flux W/m2 (1998)



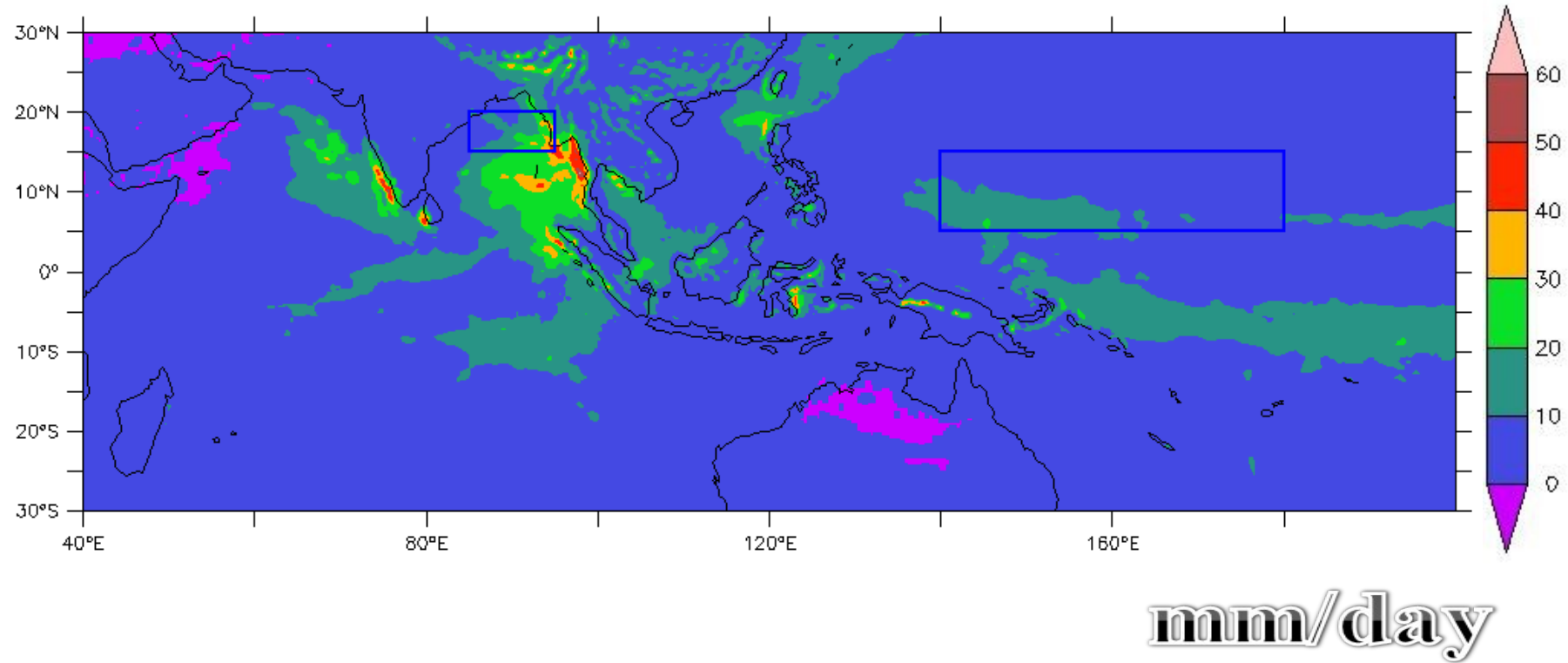
1st-10th average of June 1998



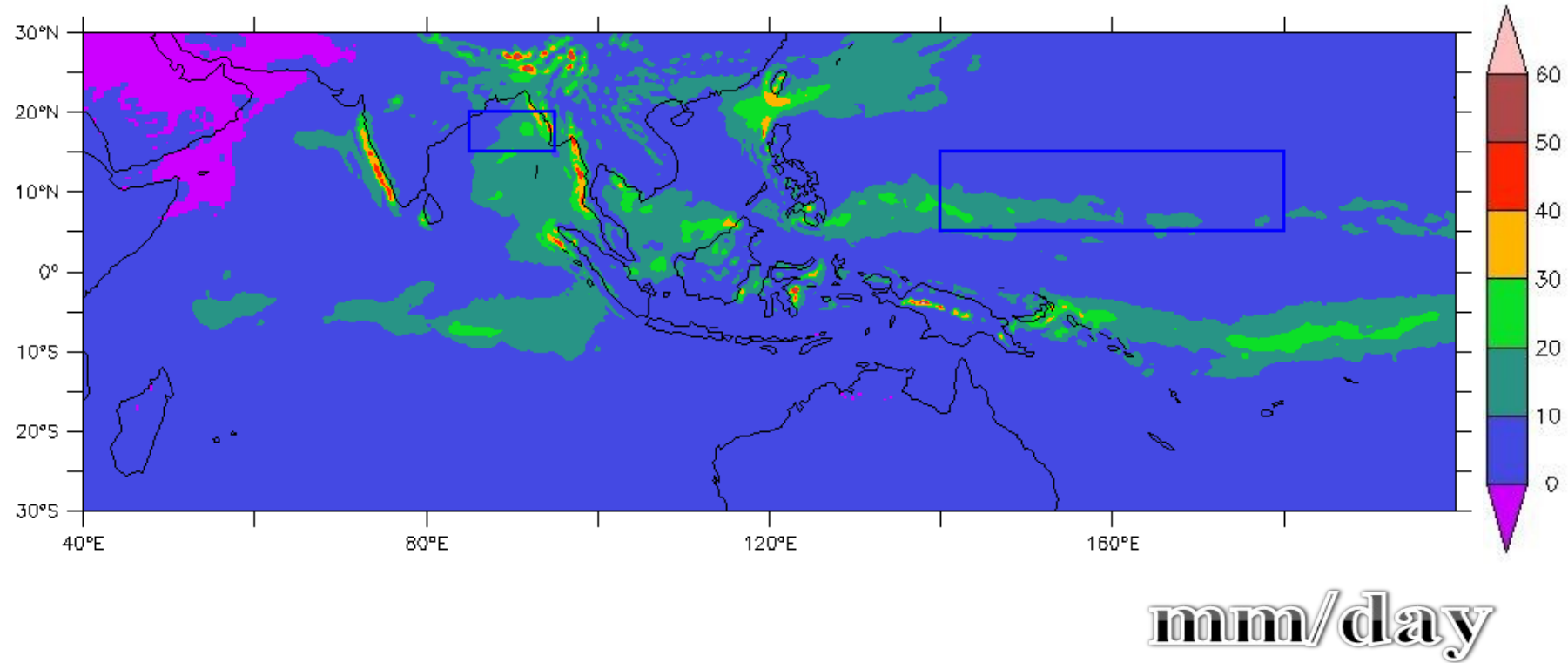
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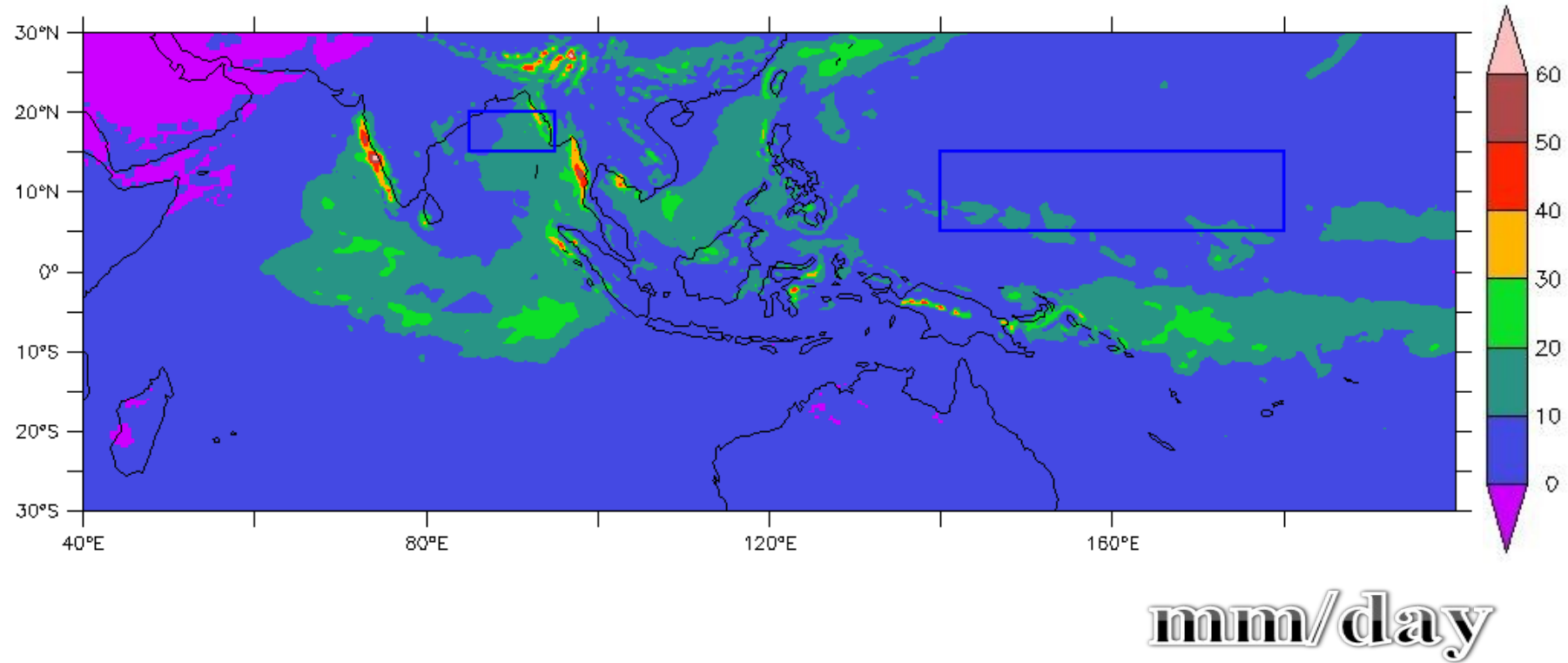
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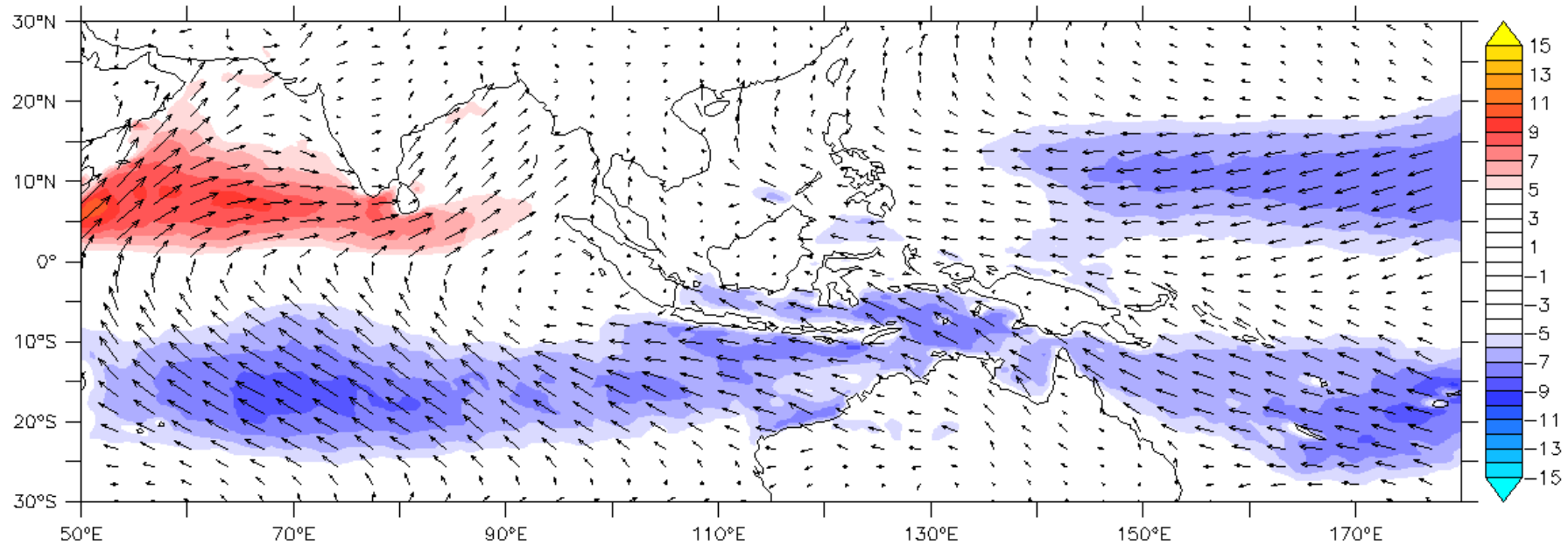
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CFS

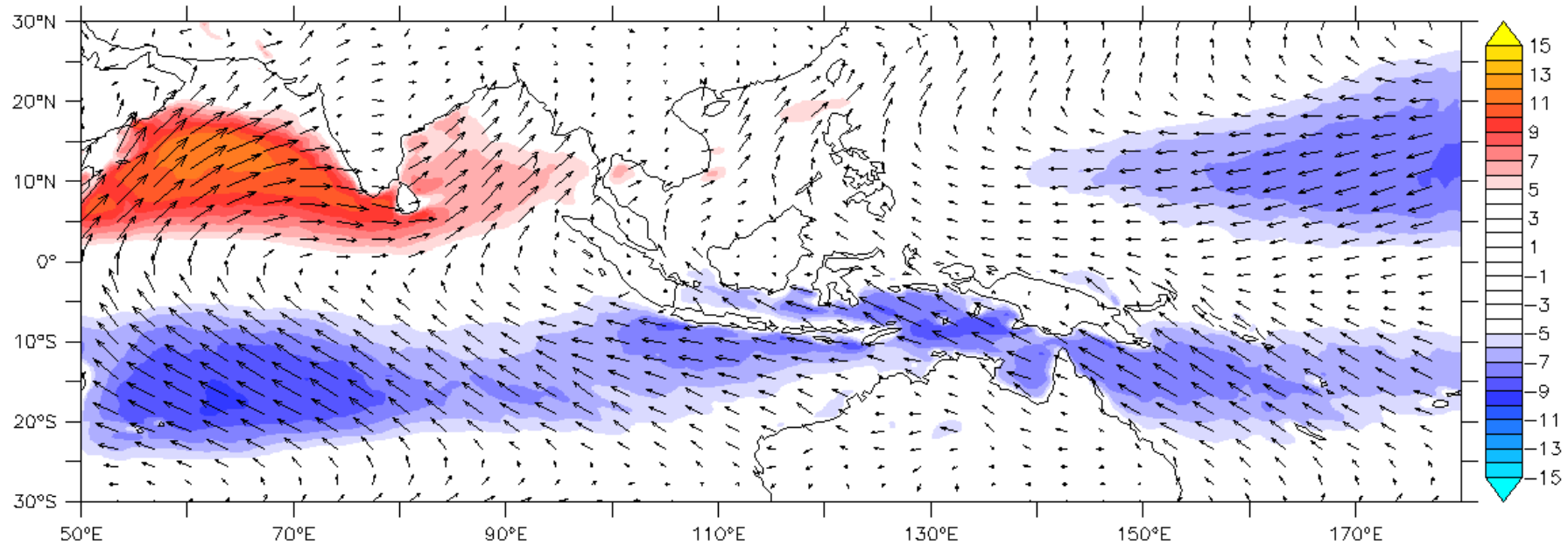
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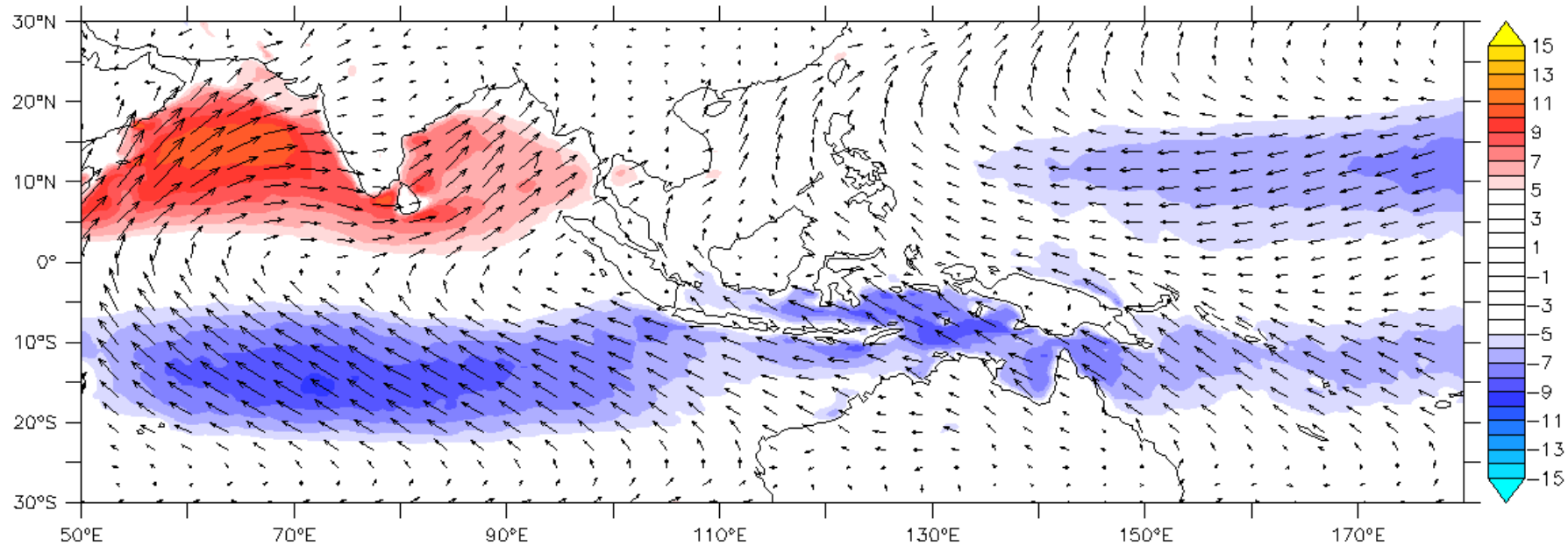
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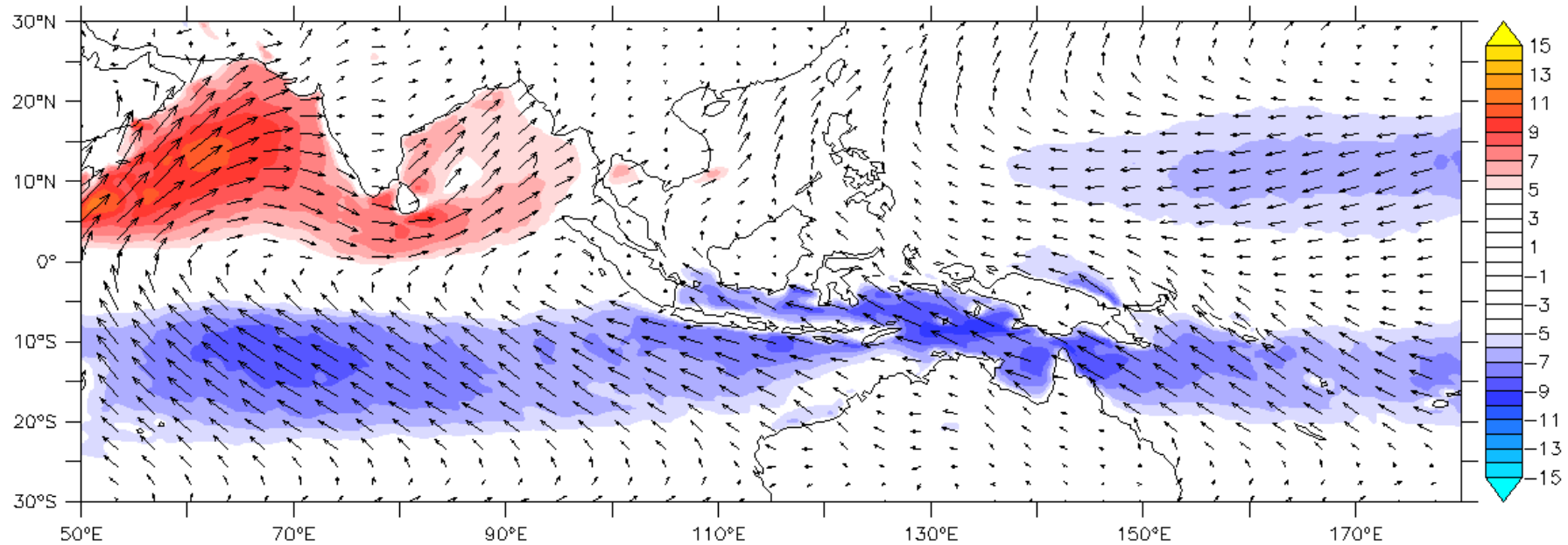
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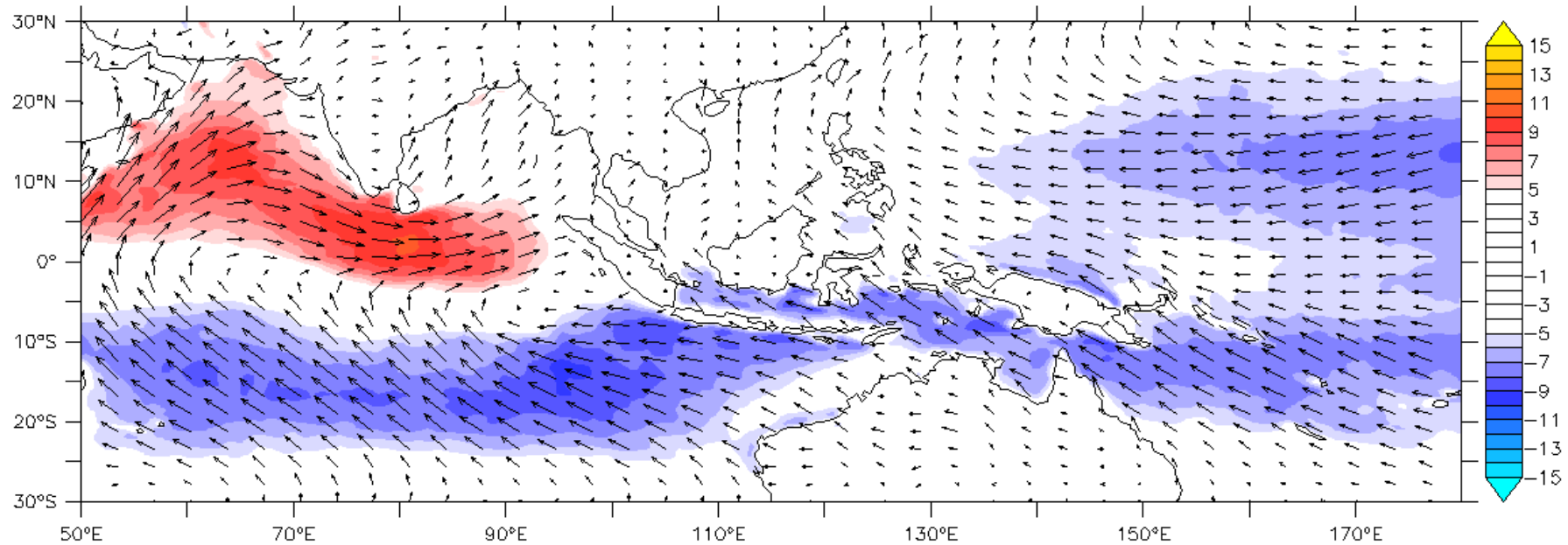
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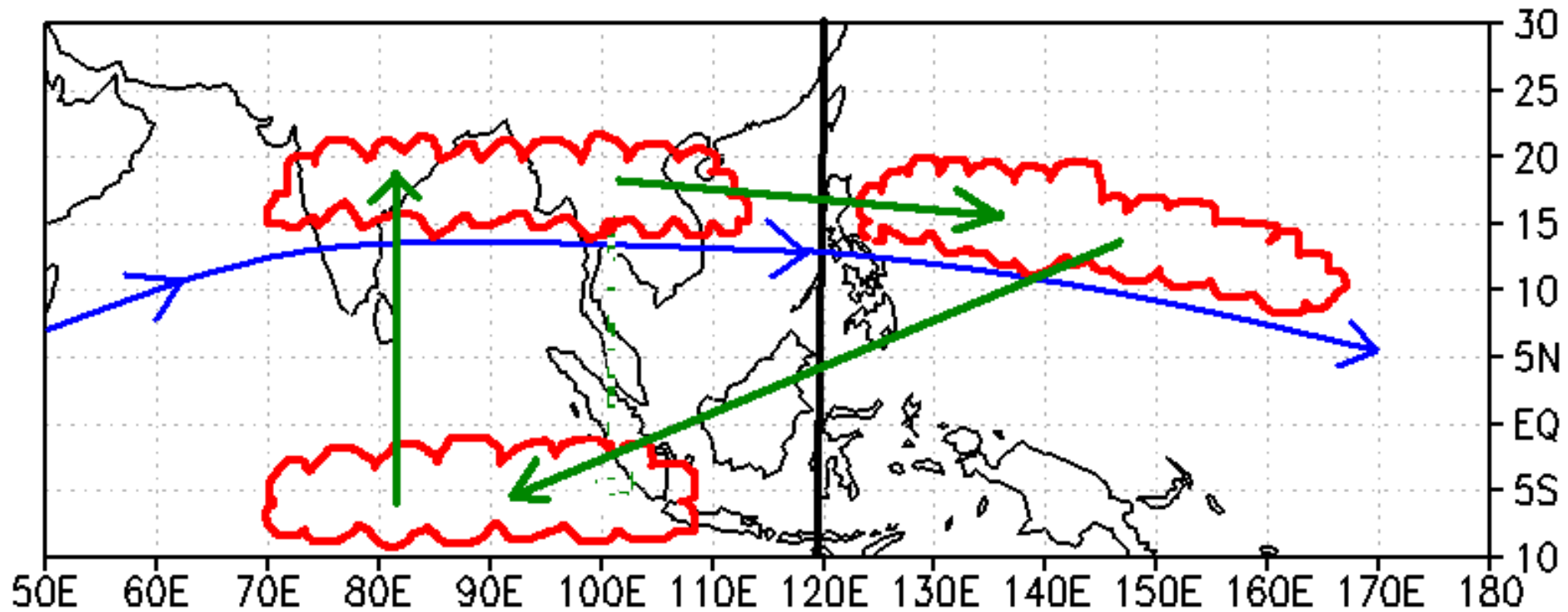


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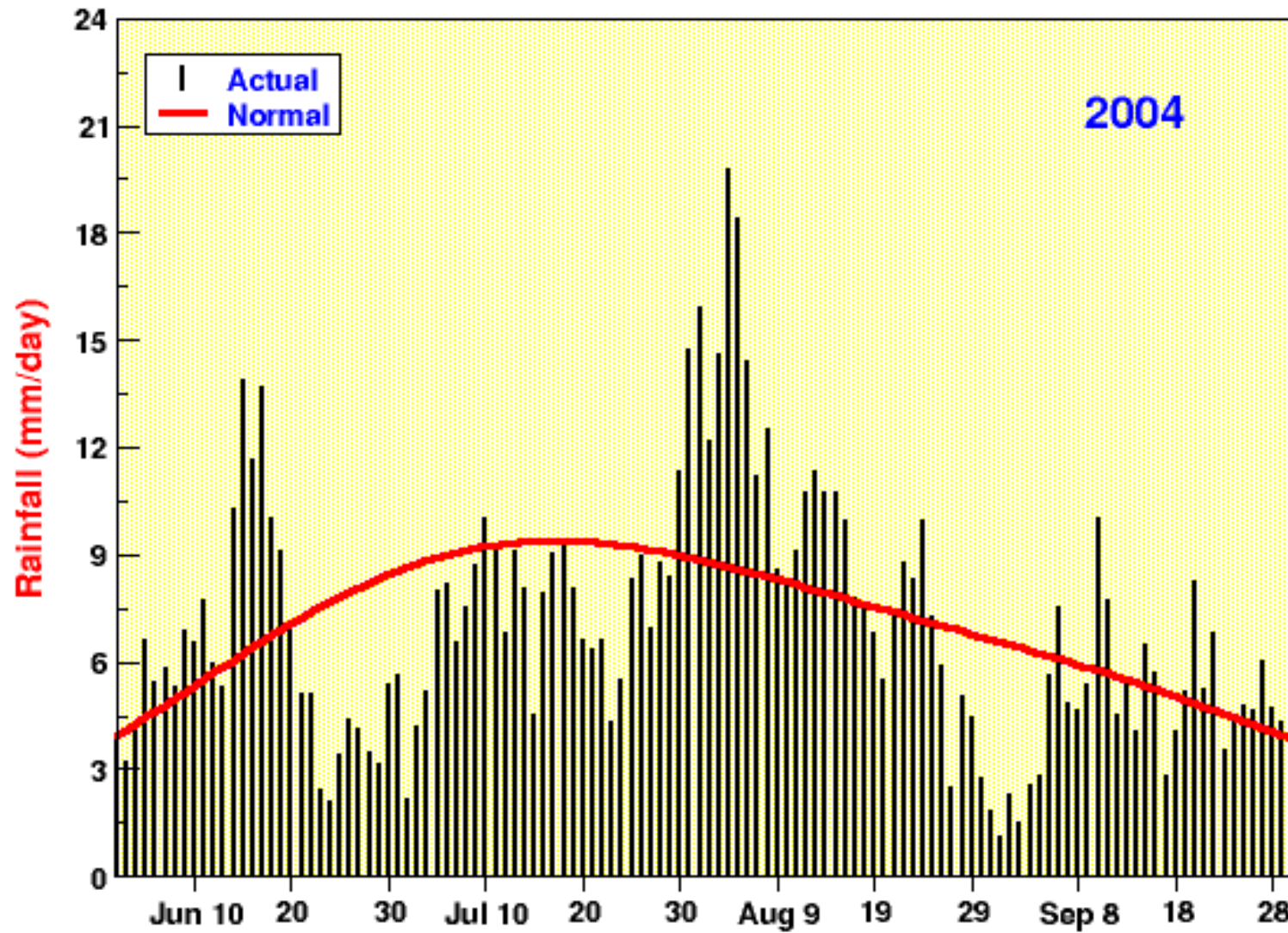
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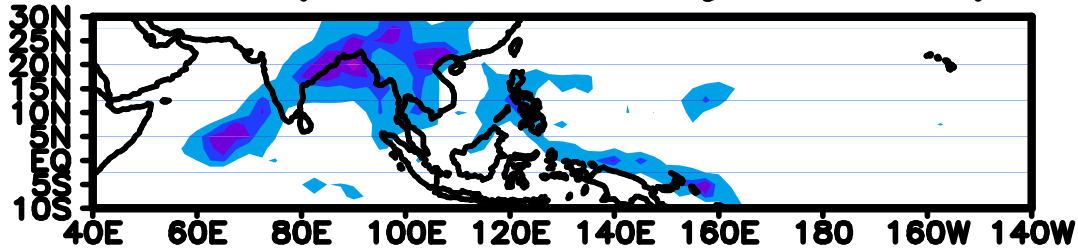


In an El Nino situation, LLJ extends into the Pacific and creates an environment for convection (cyclonic vorticity and moisture). The West Pacific Box having shallow MLD of about 40m in real ocean warms while there is active convection at A. When A cools, convection shifts to B. When area B cools, convection shifts to C. From C convection shifts to A and the AB cycle lasts 2 months.

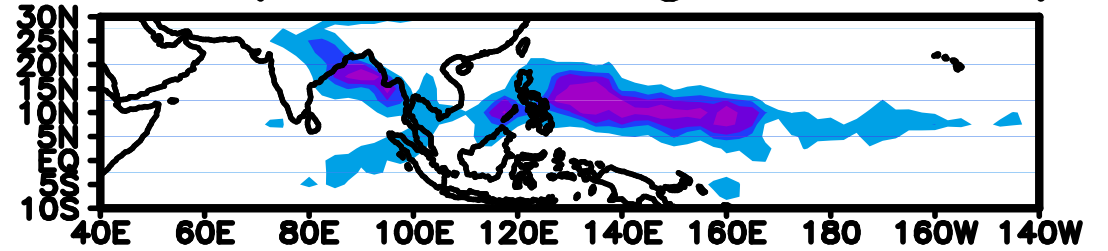


Daily mean rainfall of India (01-Jun to 30 Sep 2004)

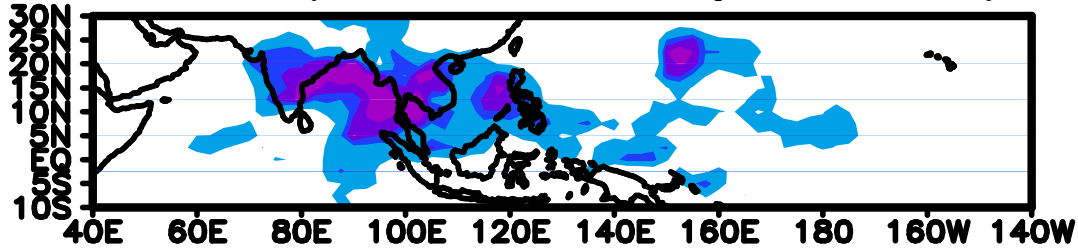
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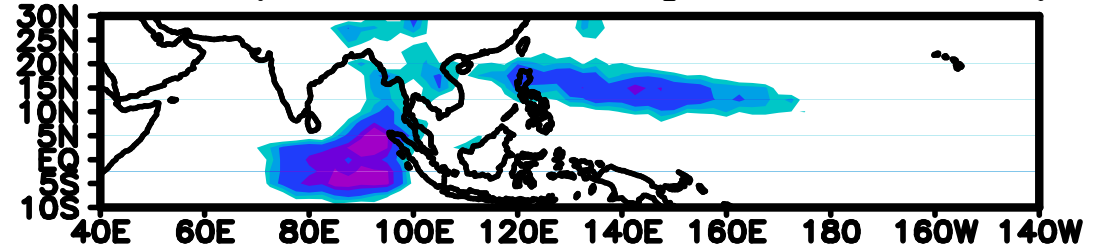
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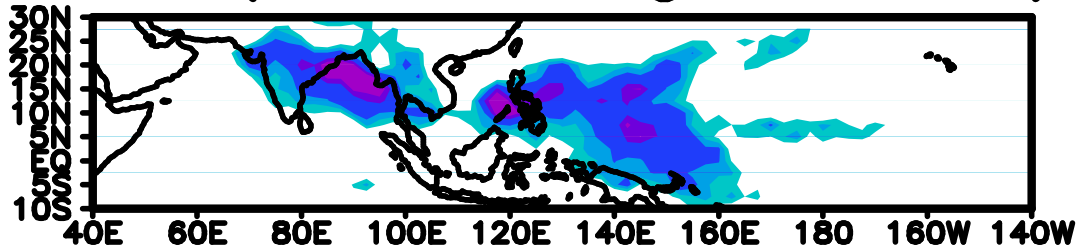
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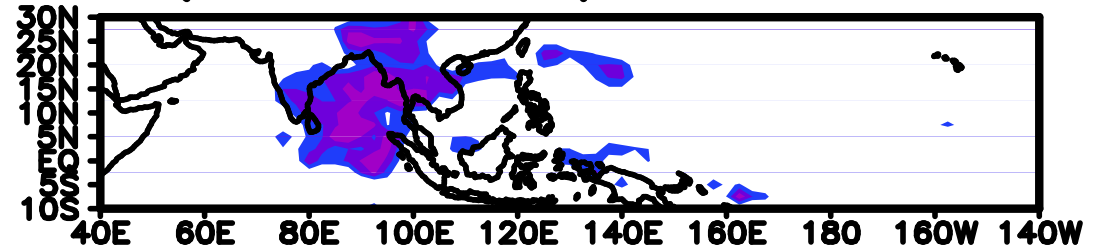
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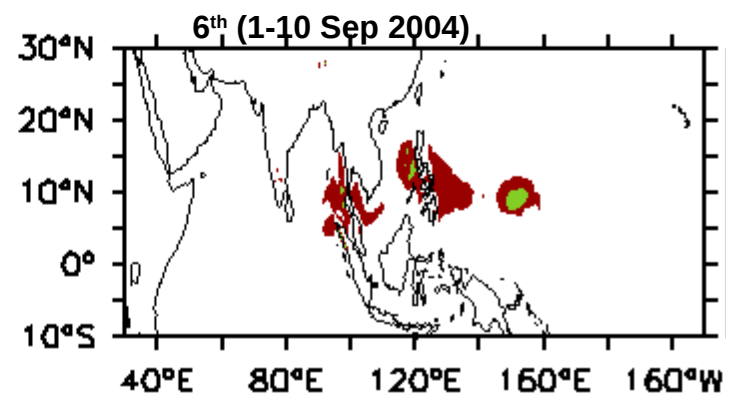
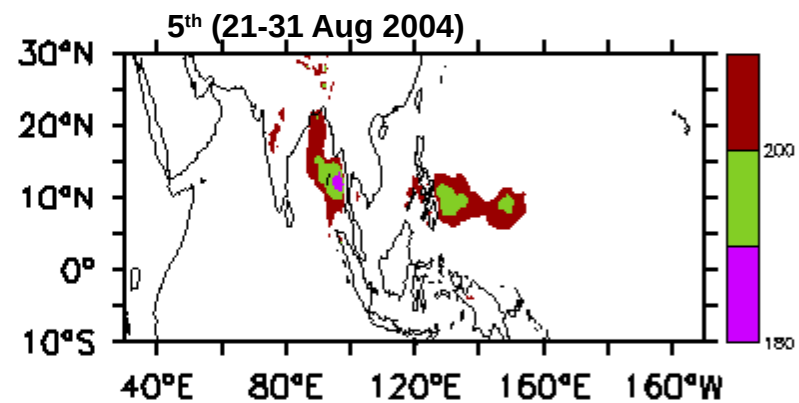
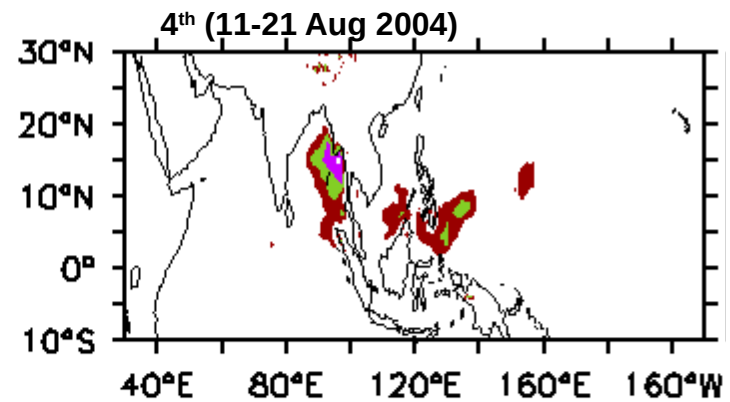
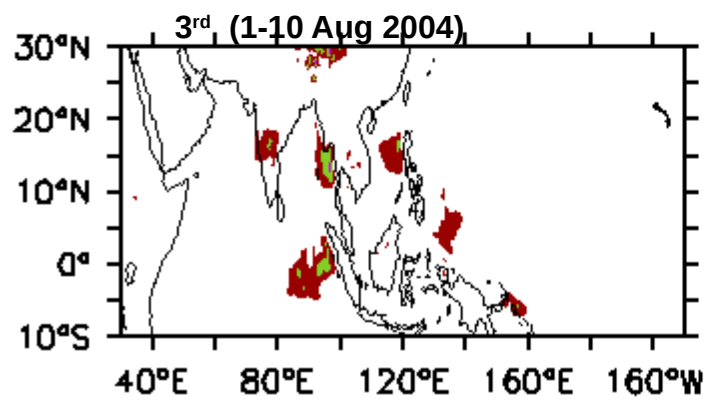
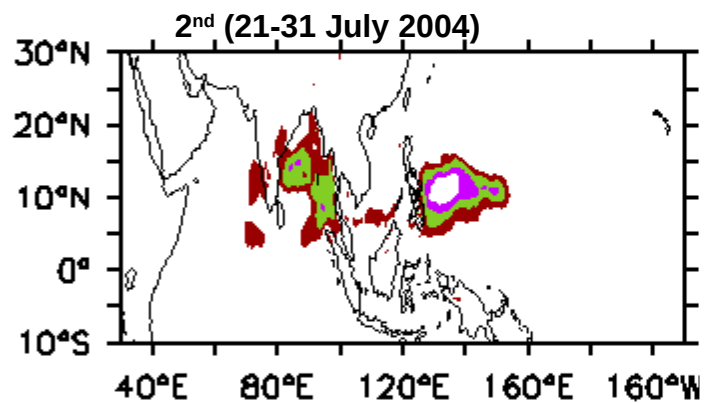
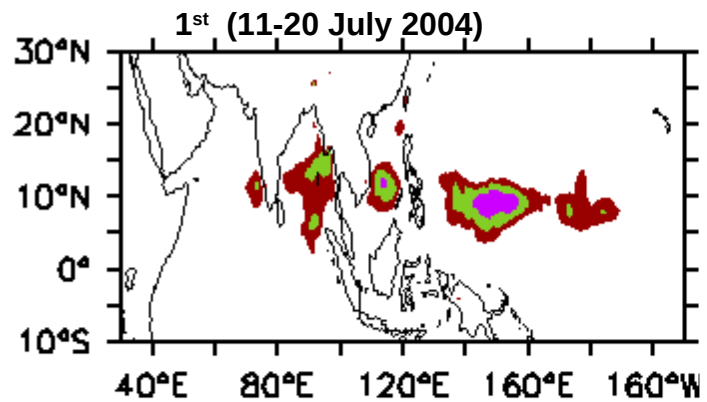


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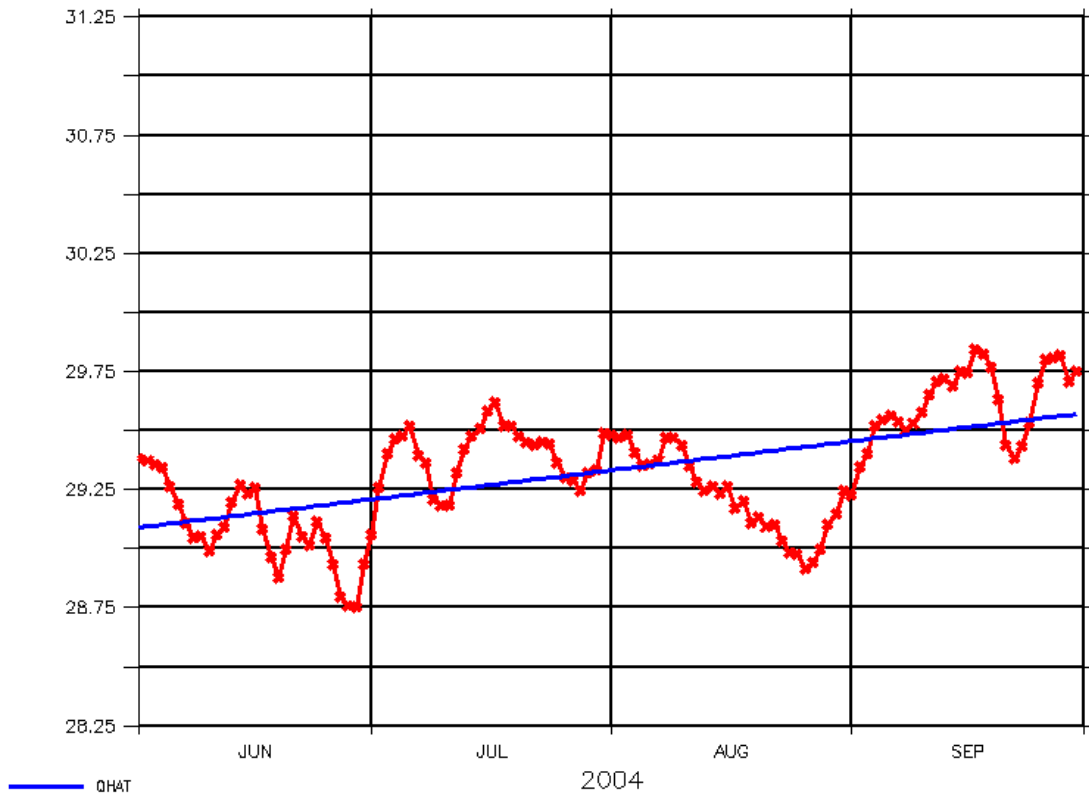




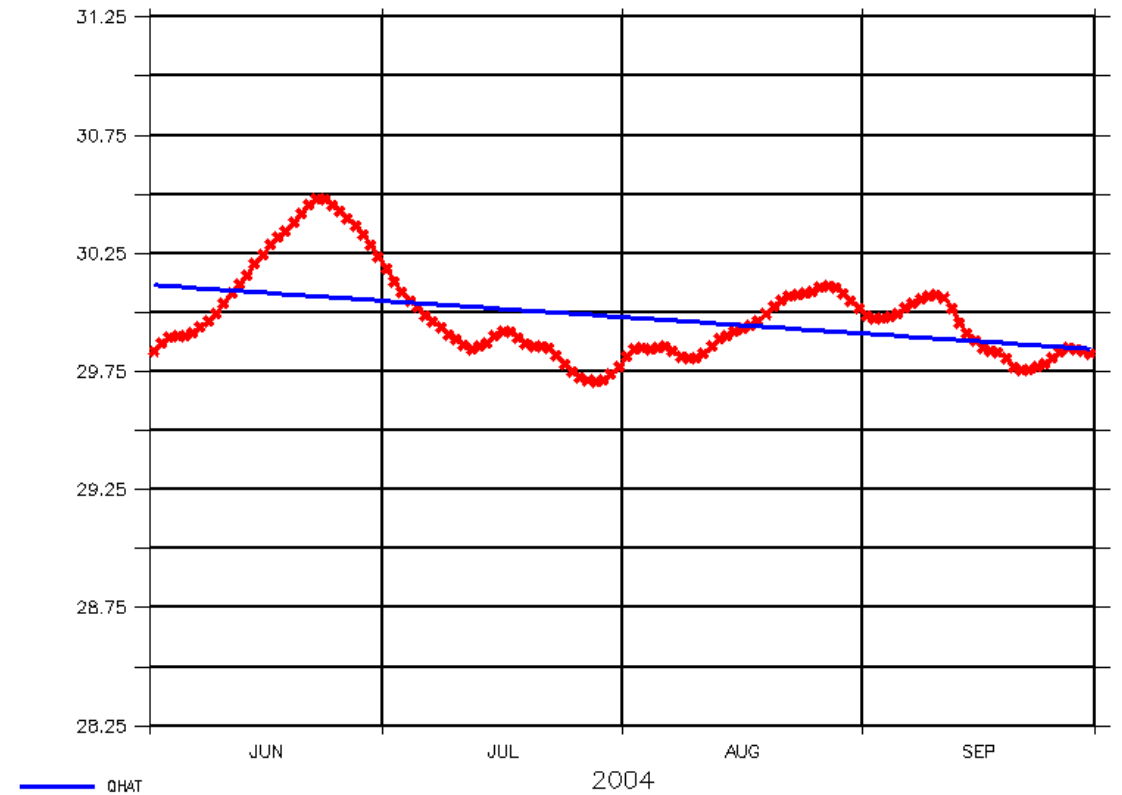
West Pacific Box

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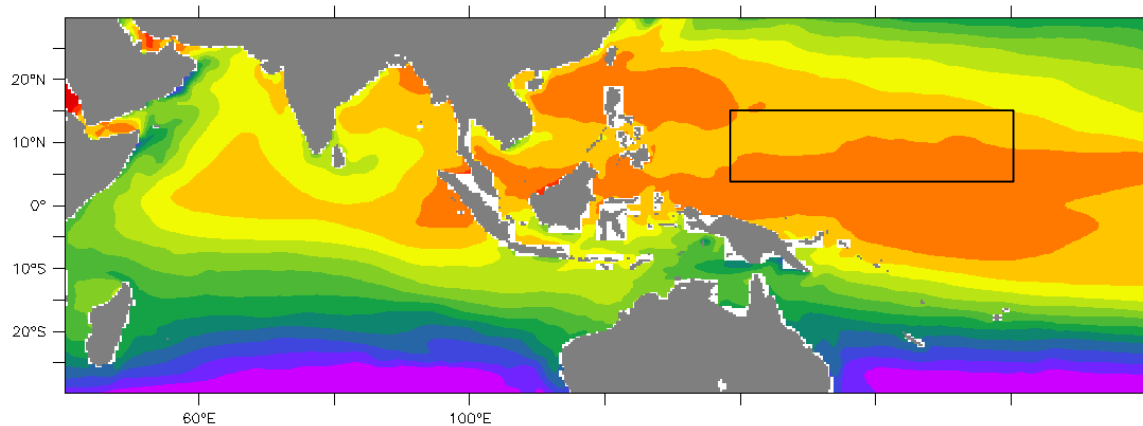
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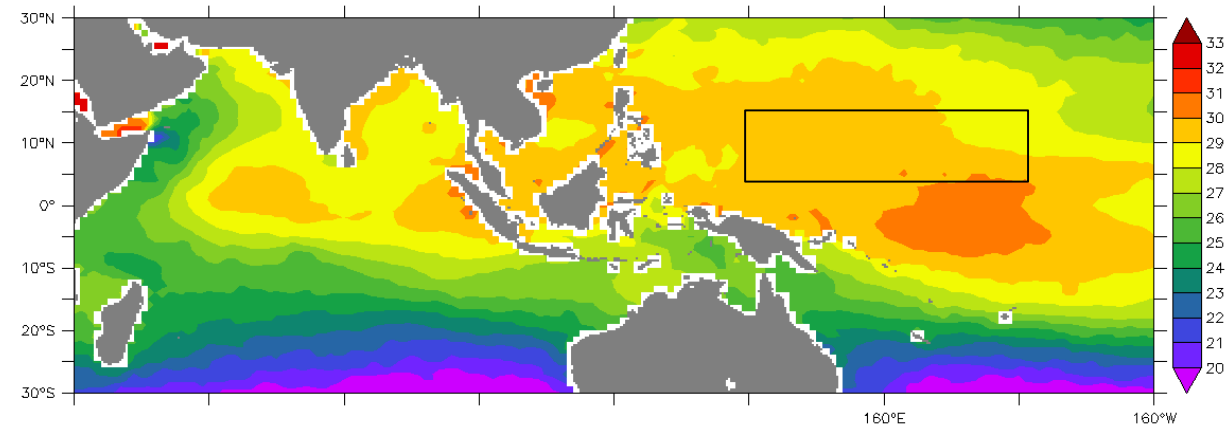
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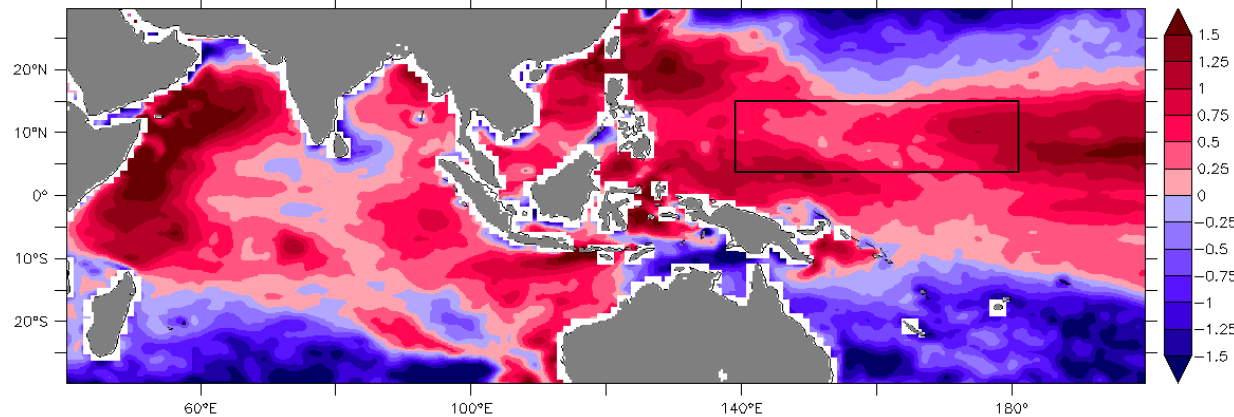
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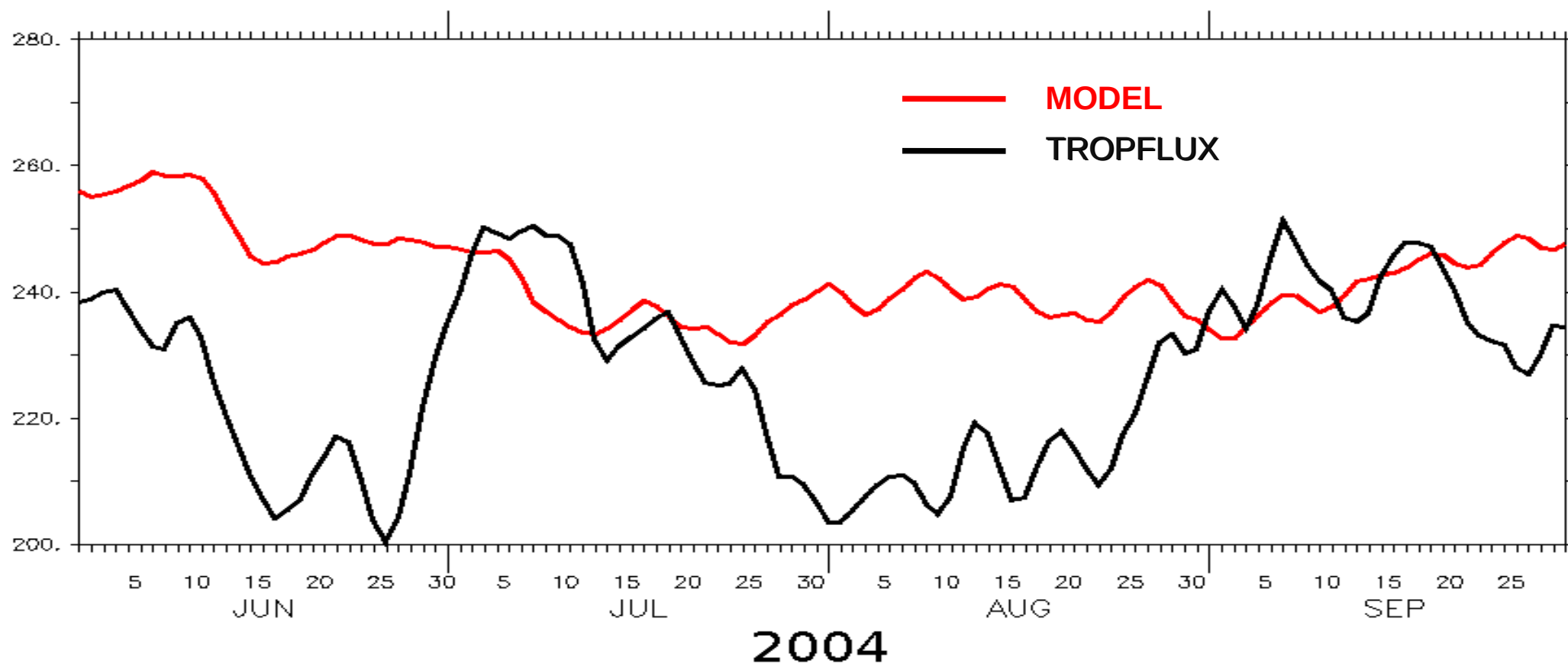
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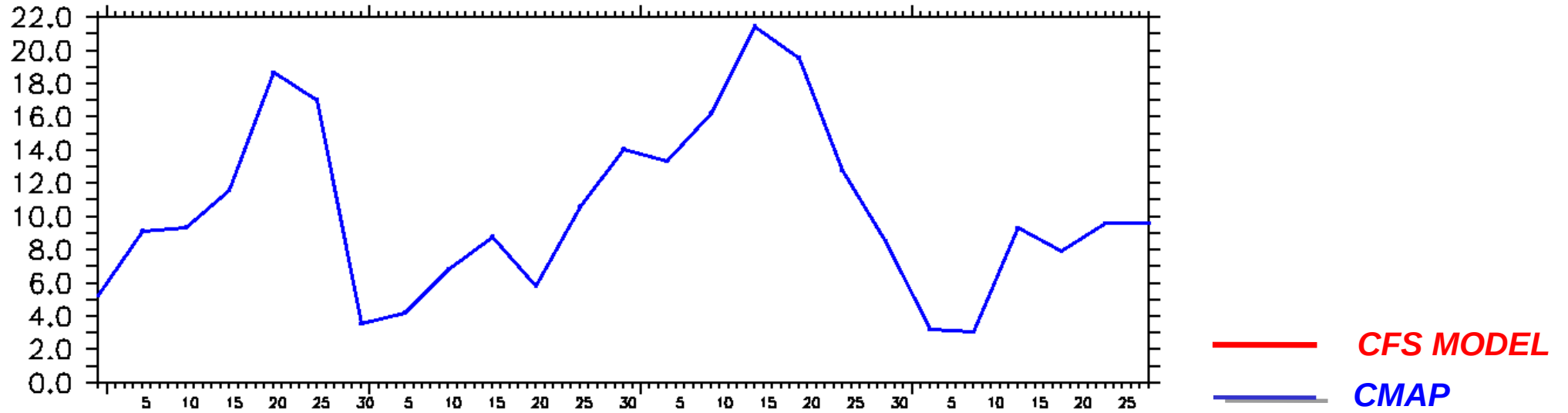


OLR - PACIFIC BOX



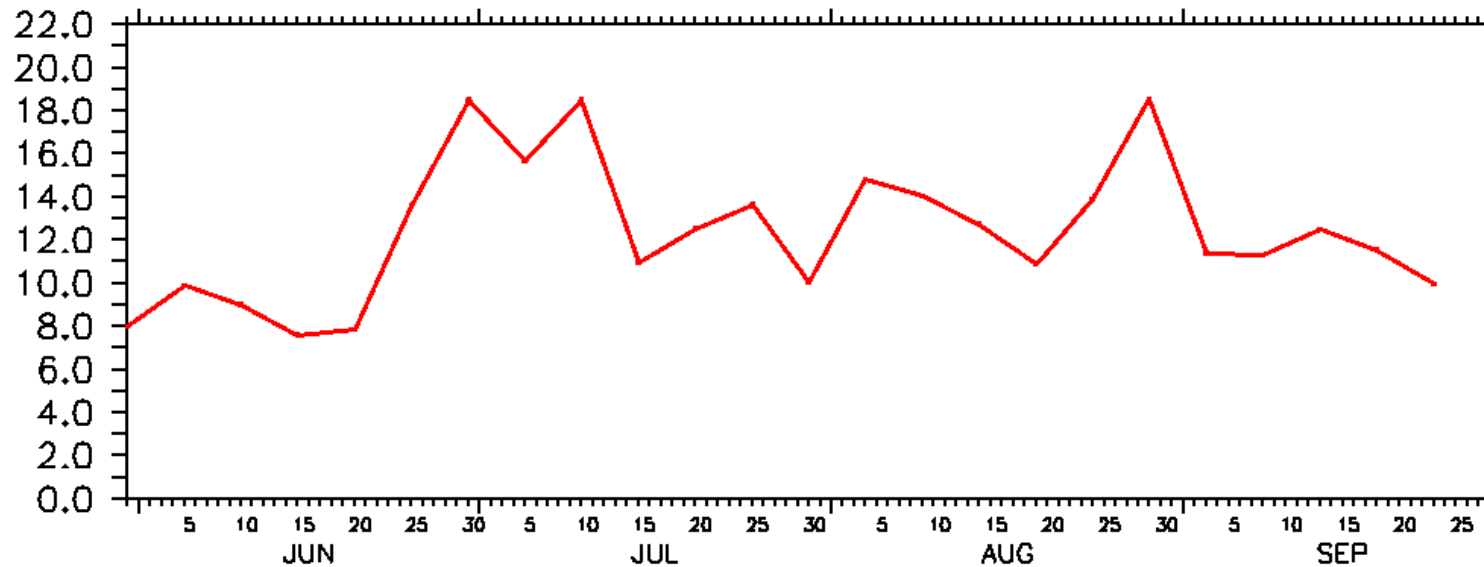
Precipitation rate (mm/day) - 2004 (140° to 180° & 5° to 15°)

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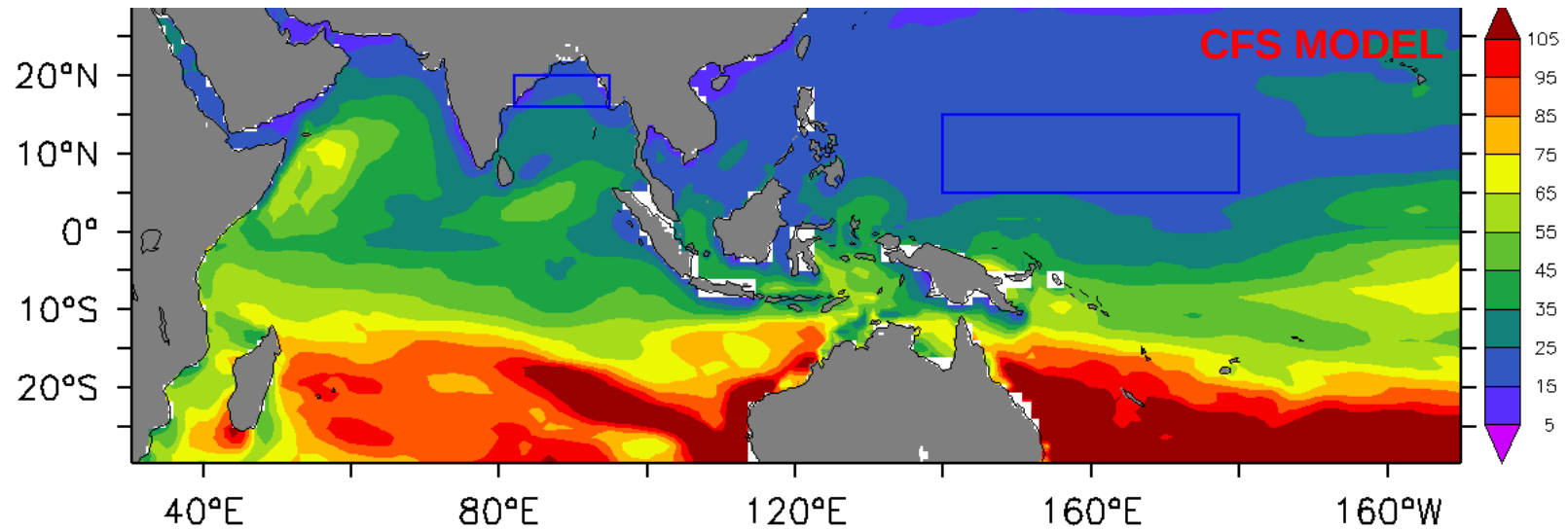
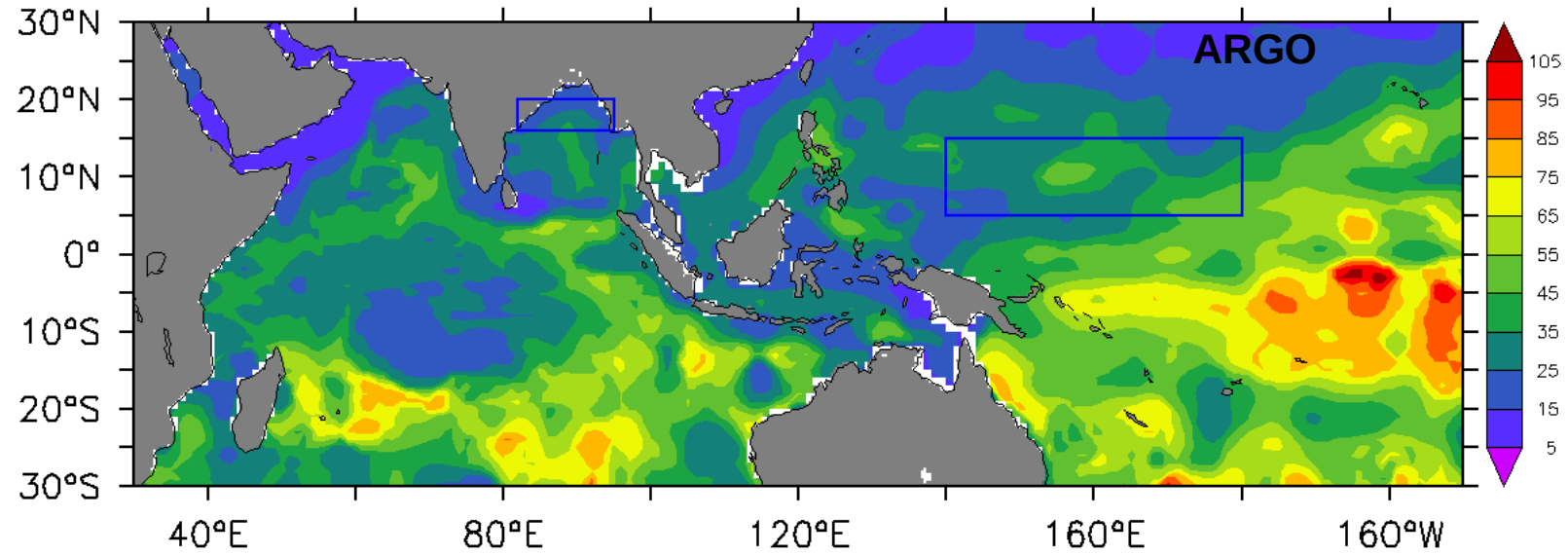


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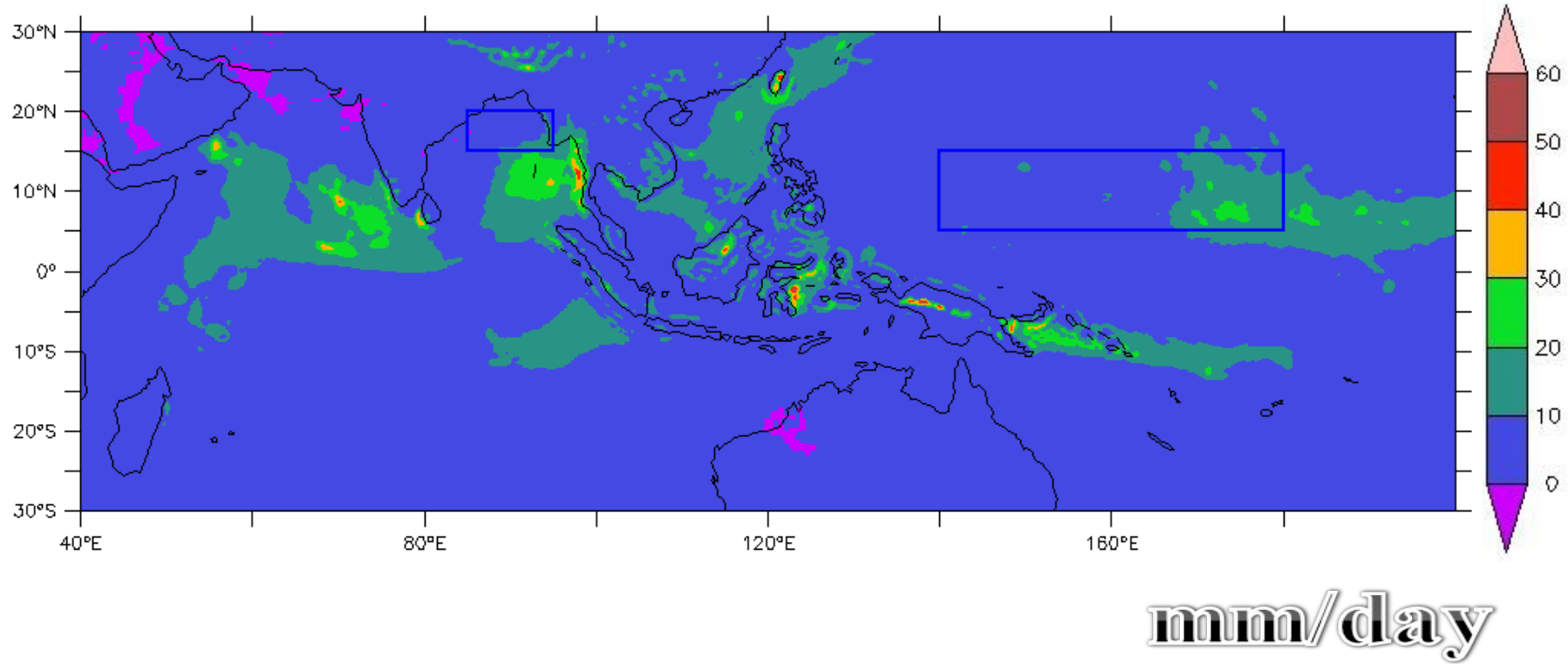
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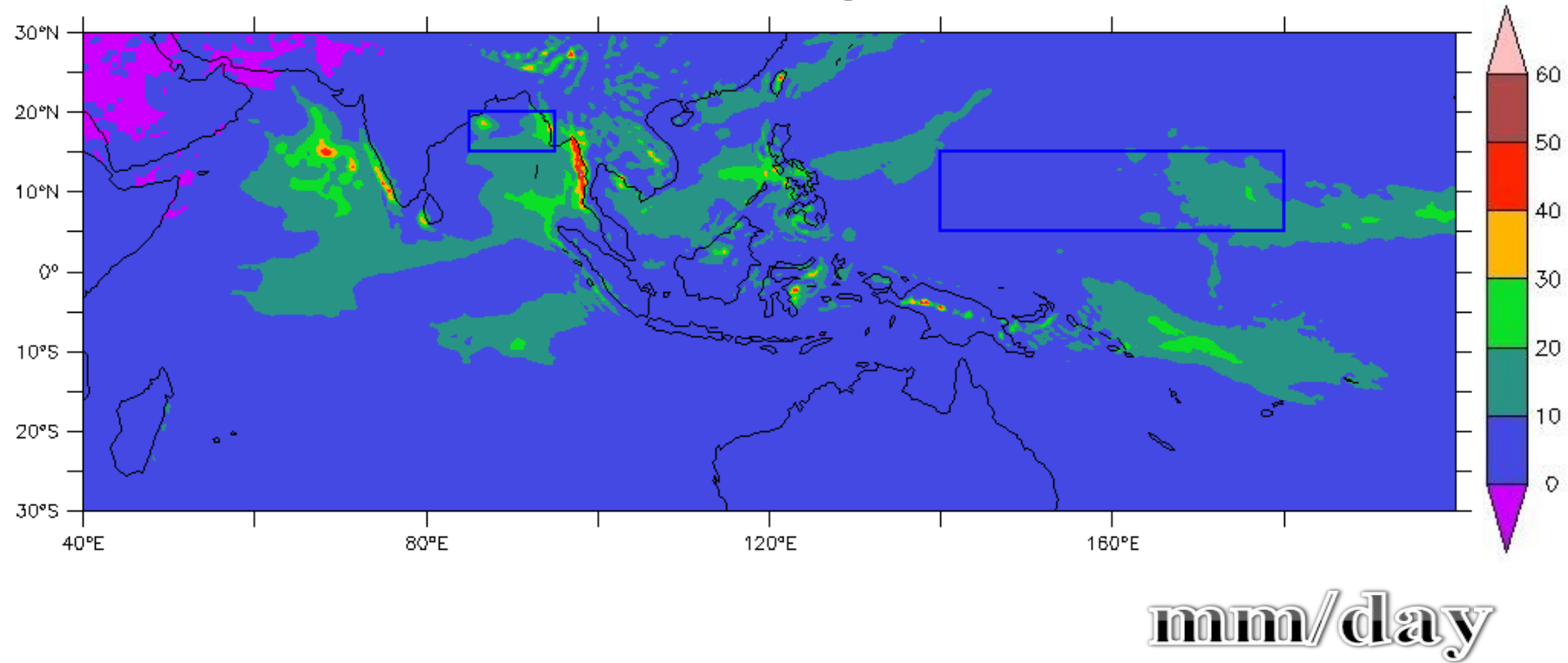
Mixed Layer Depth (01-Jun to 30 Sep 2004)



1st-10th average of June 2004 CFS



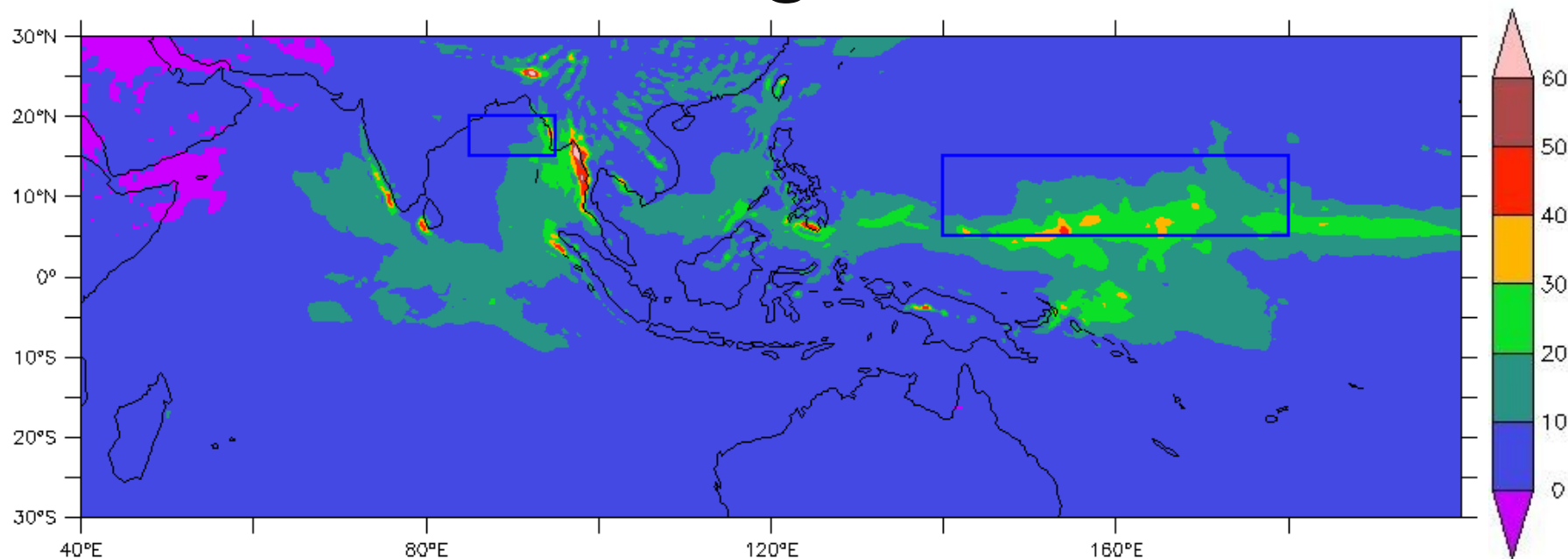
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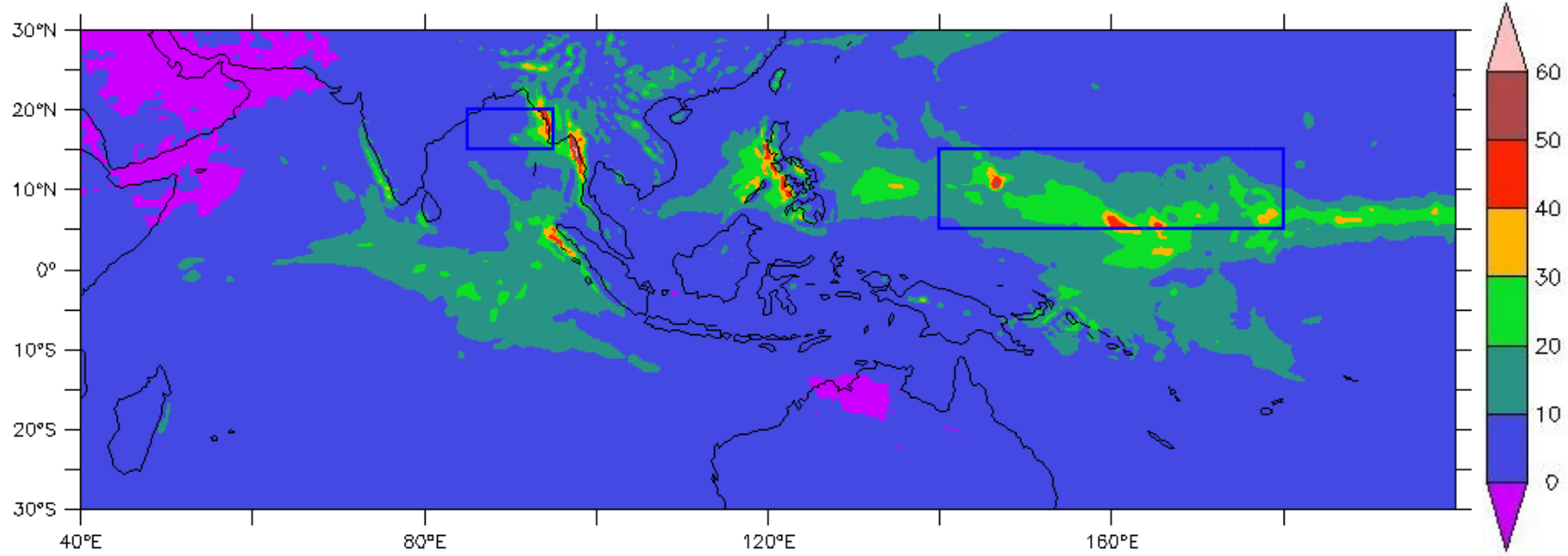


mm/day

1st-10th average of July

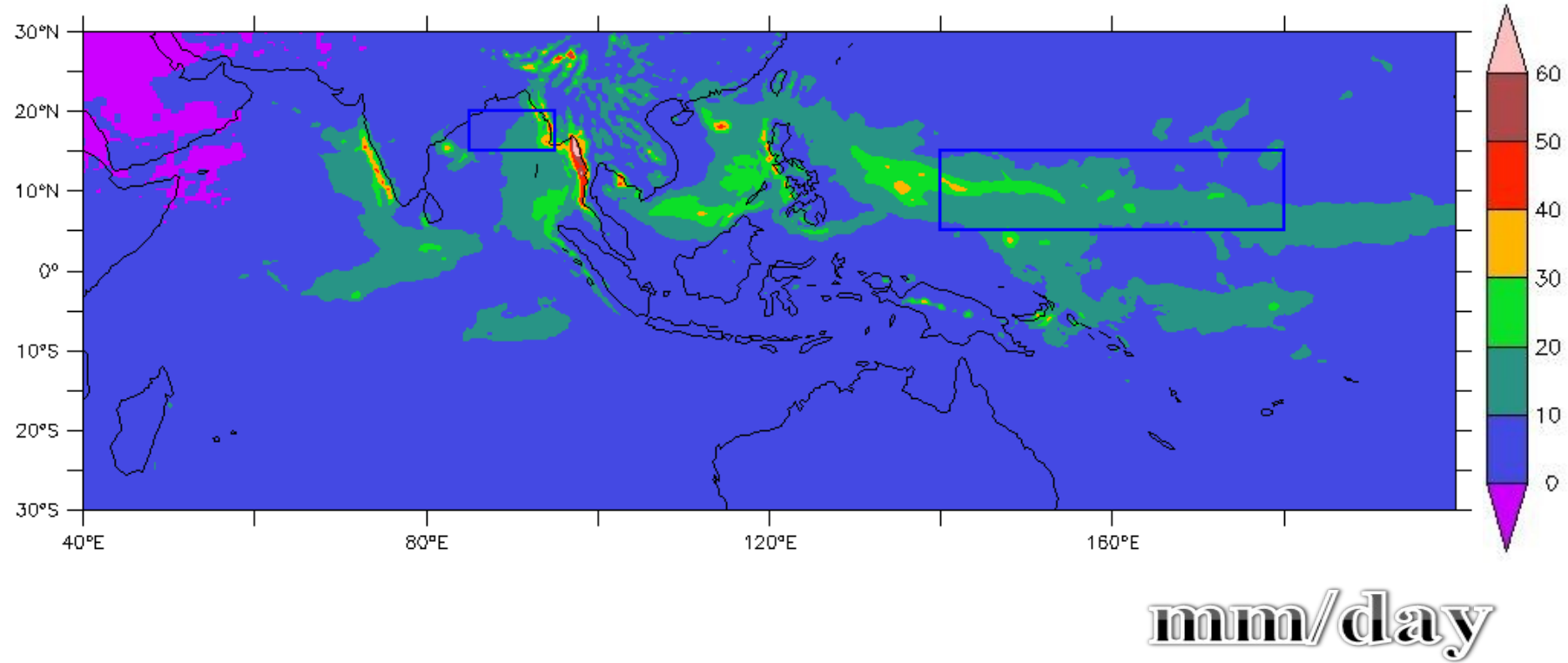
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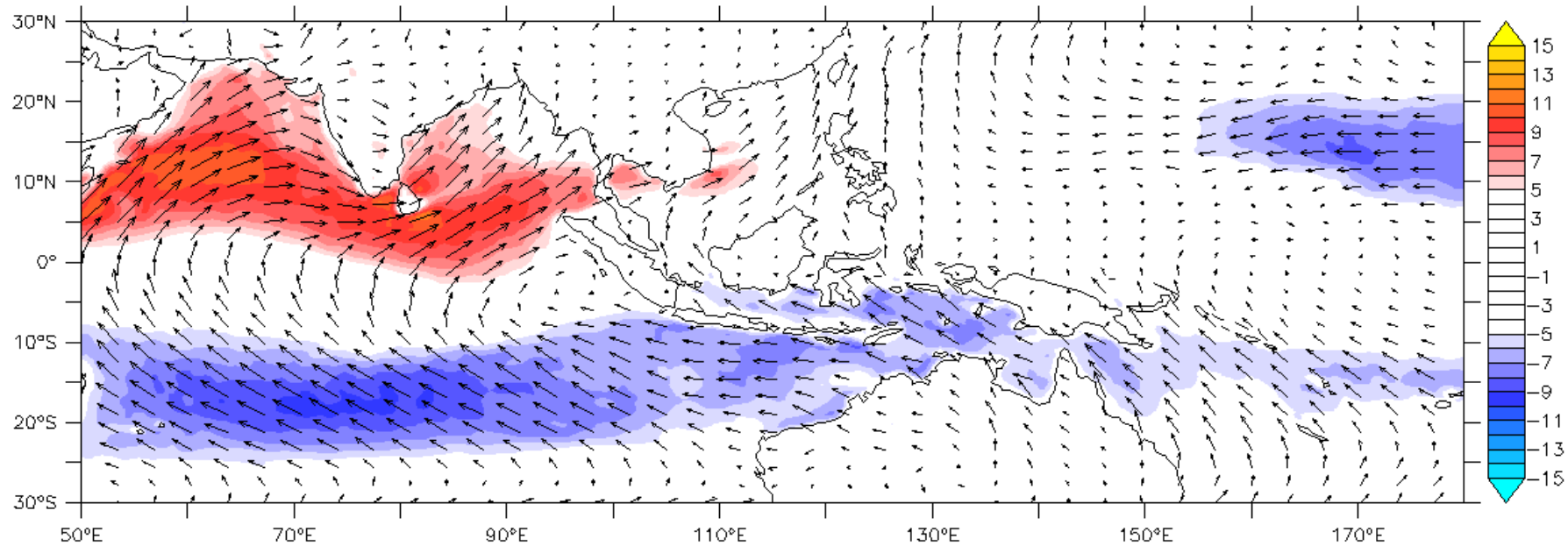
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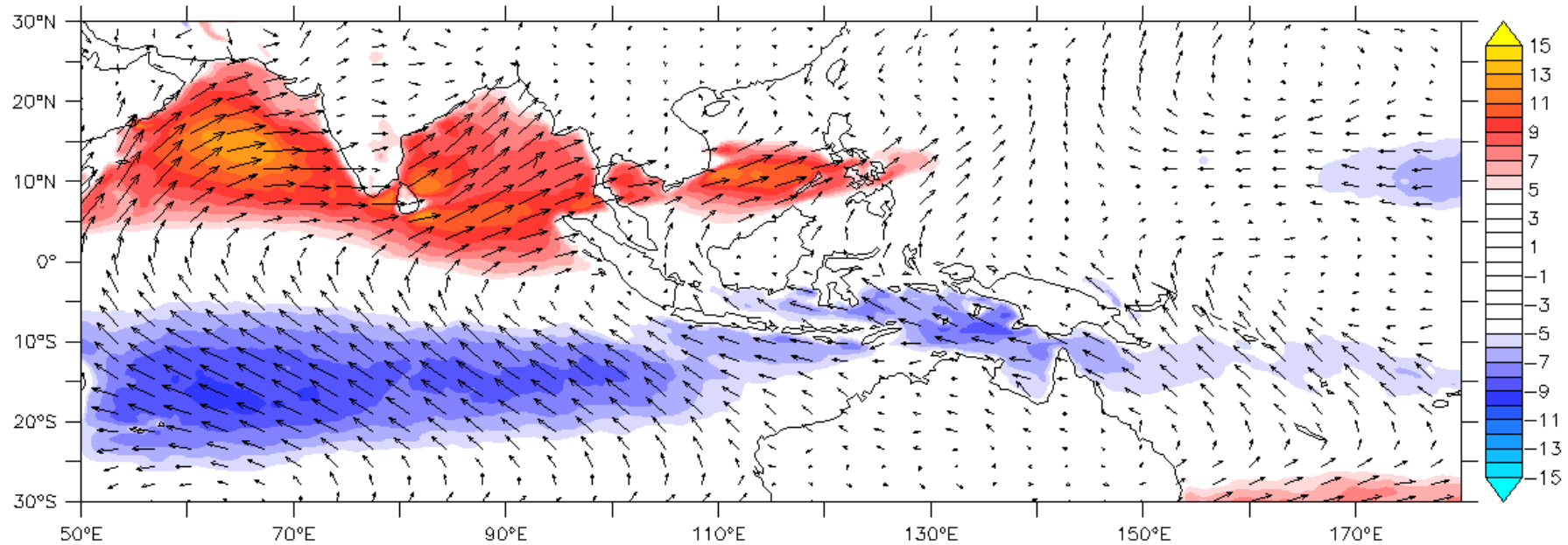
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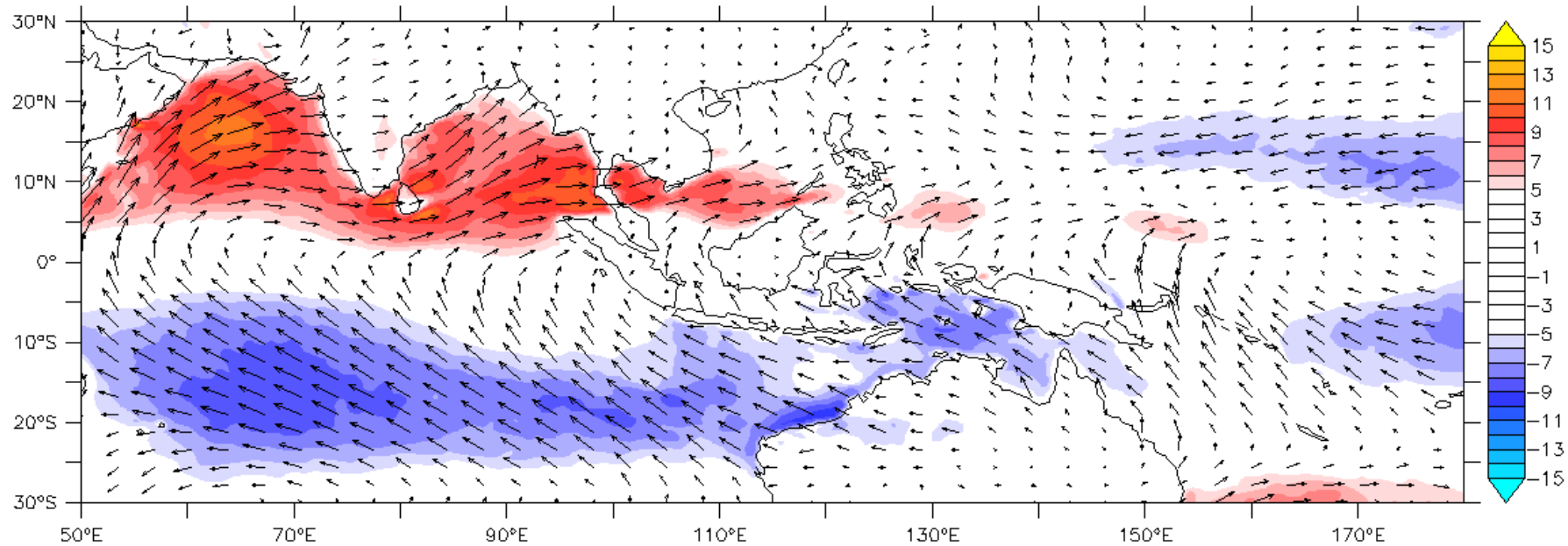
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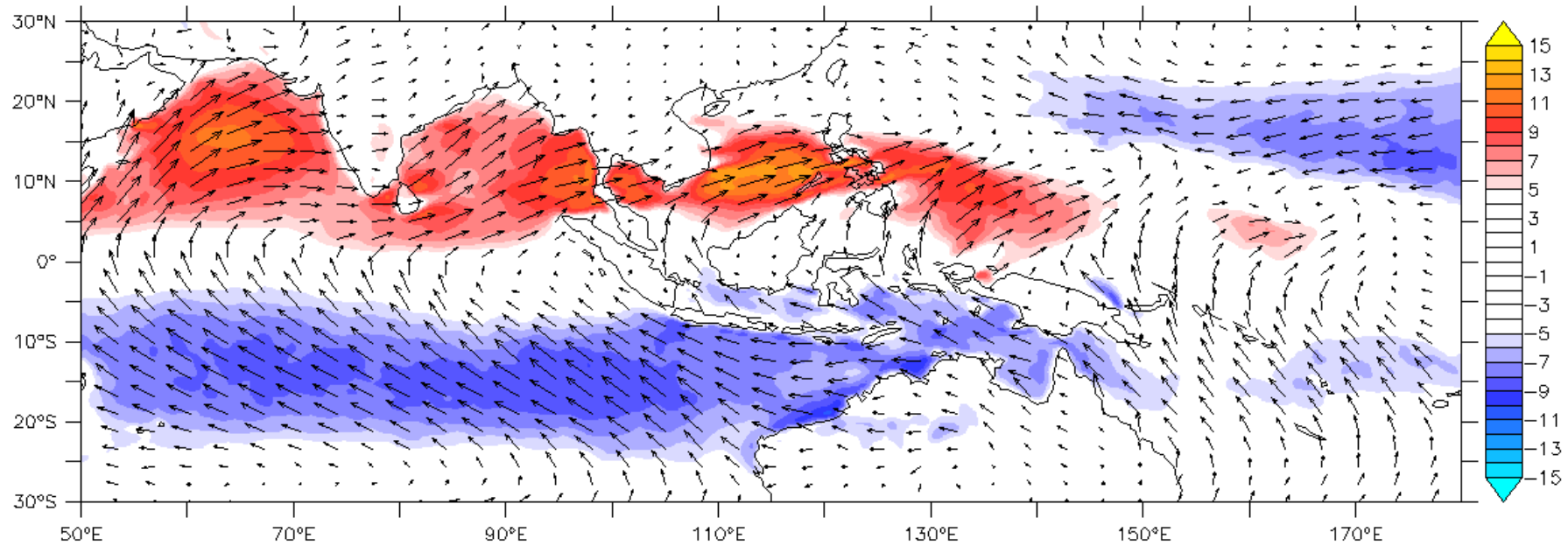
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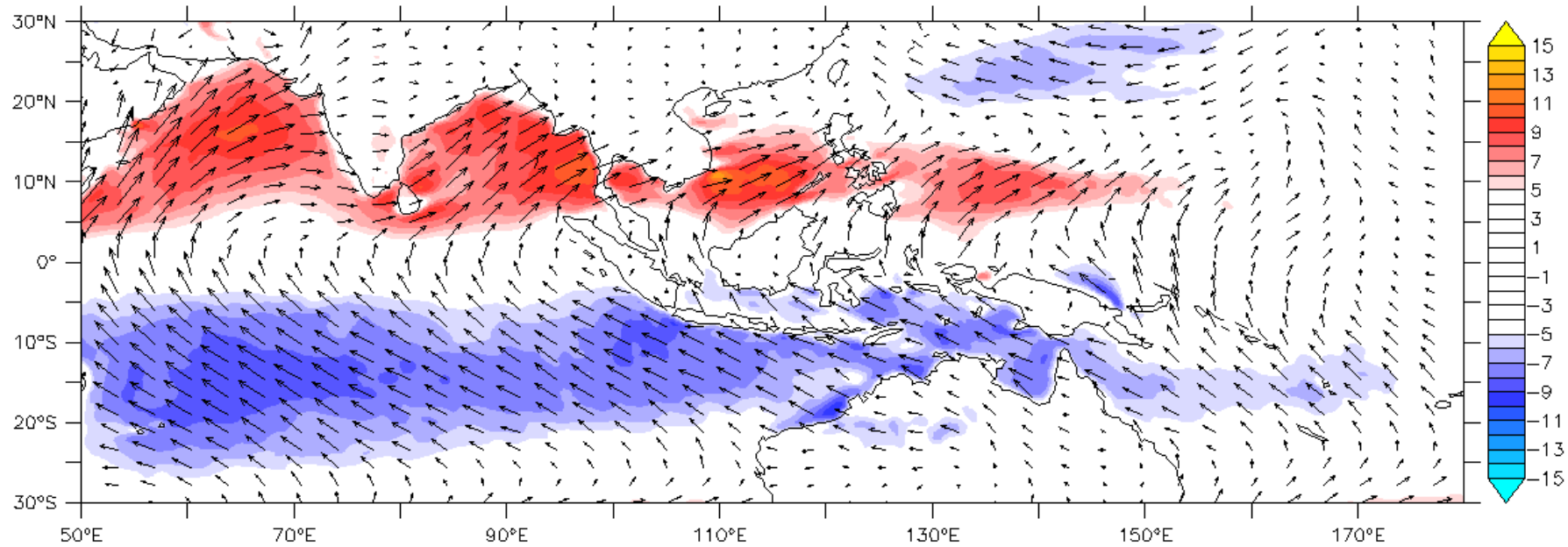
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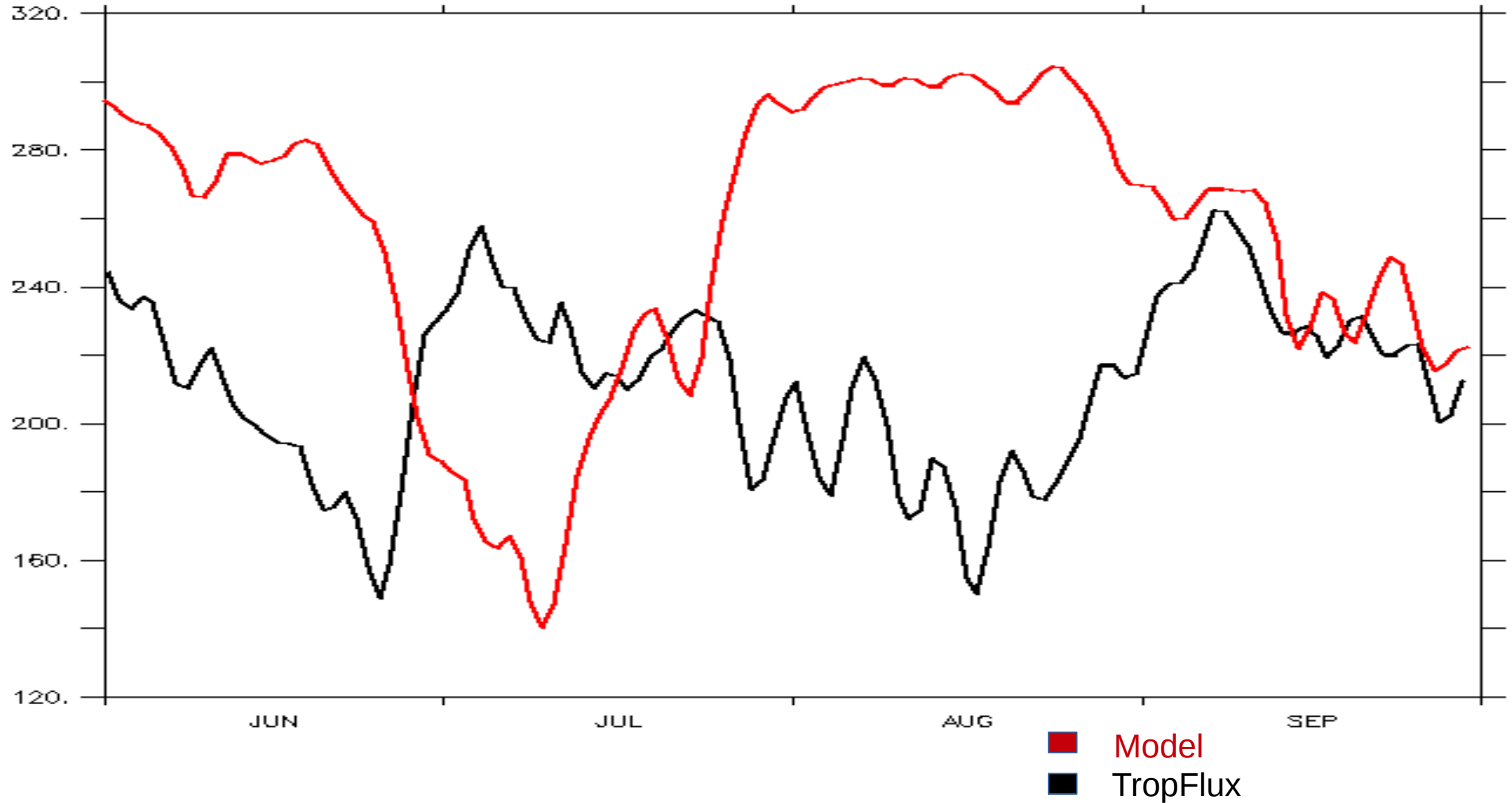
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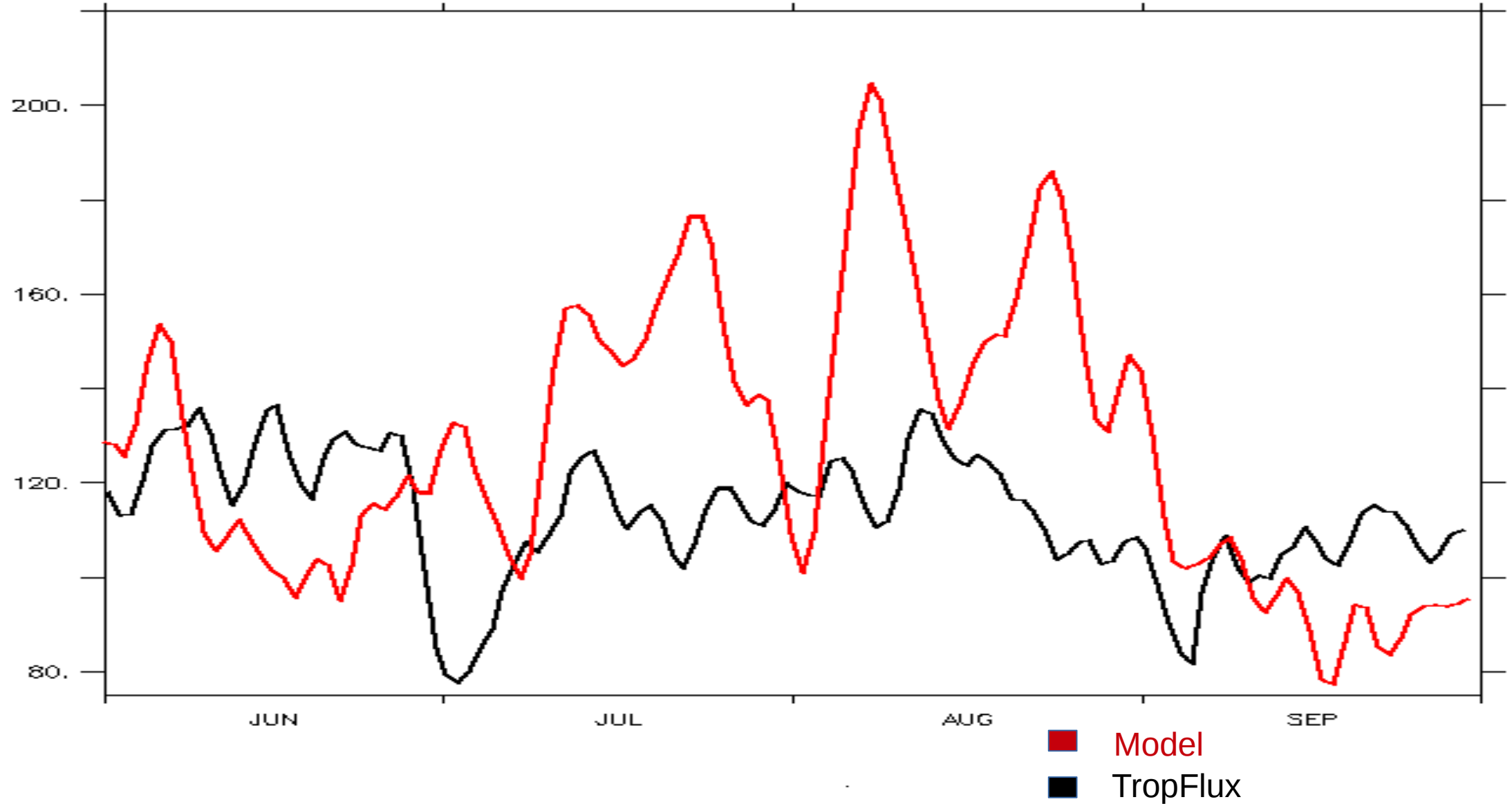
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Shortwave Radiation W/m² (2004)



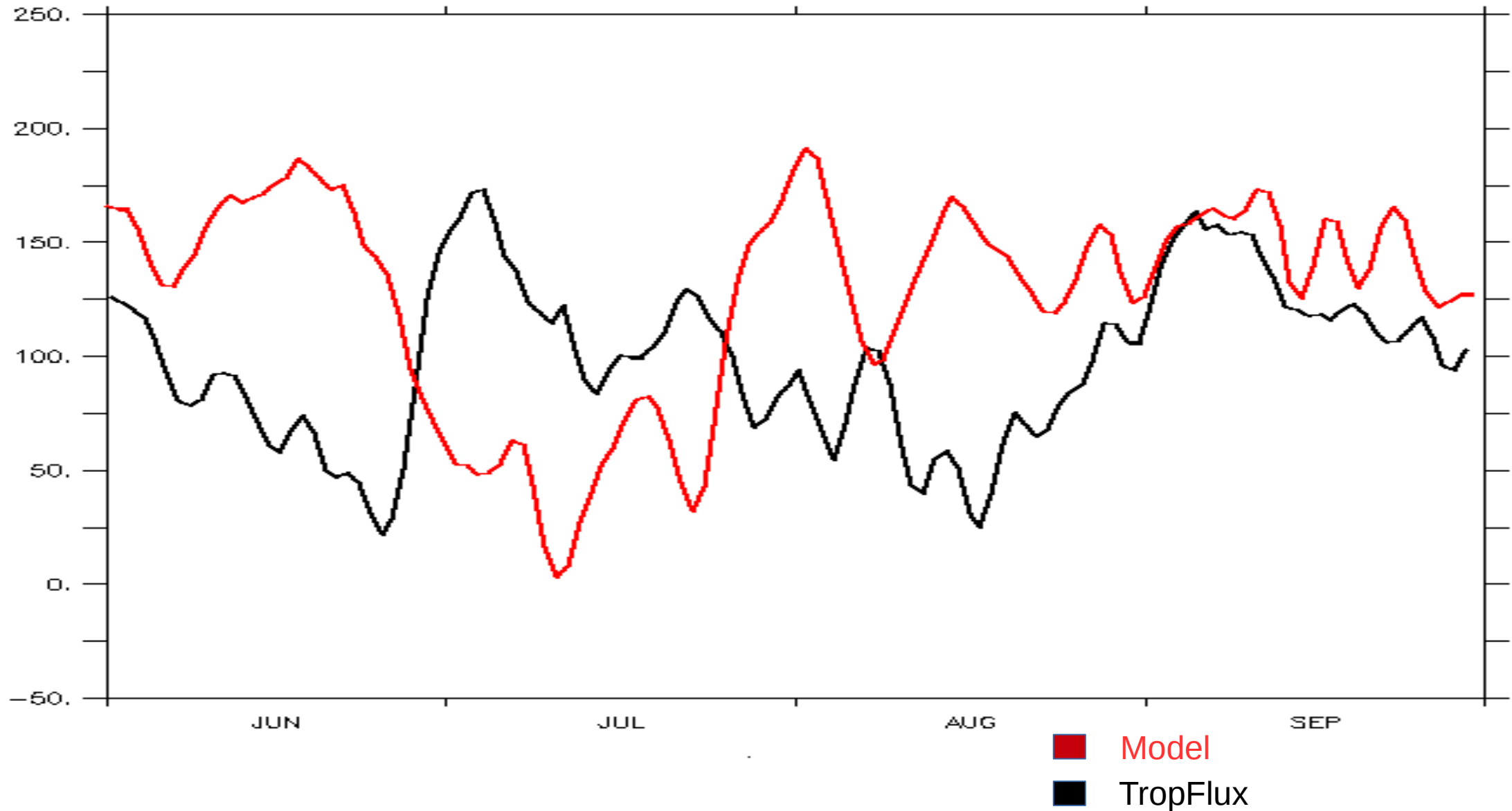
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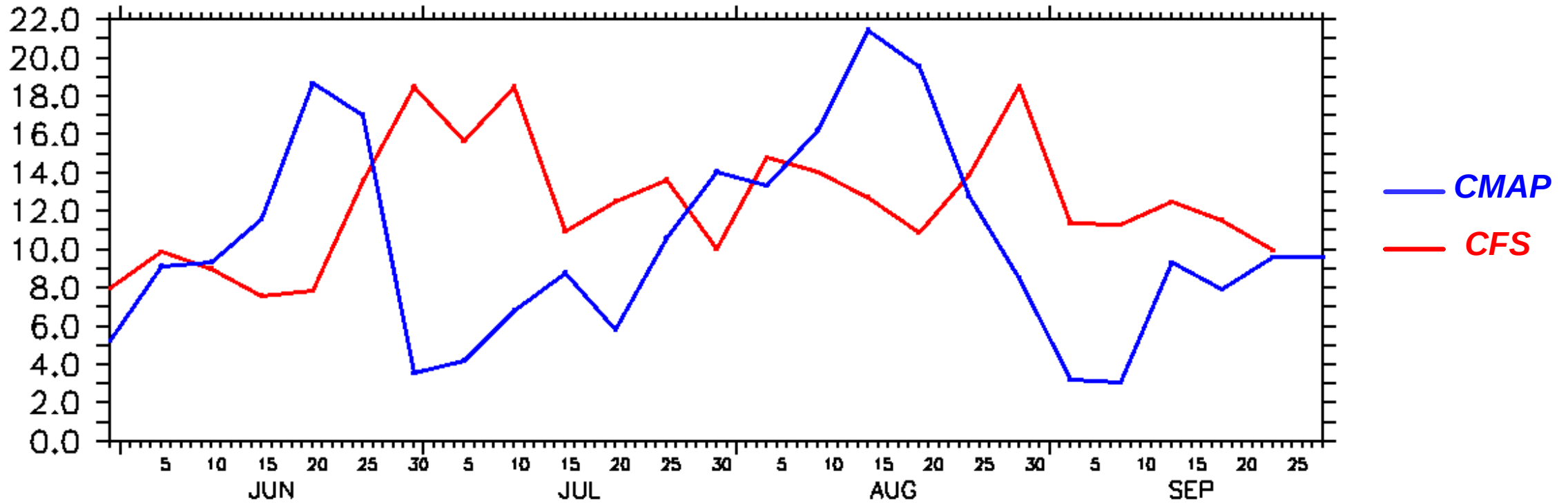
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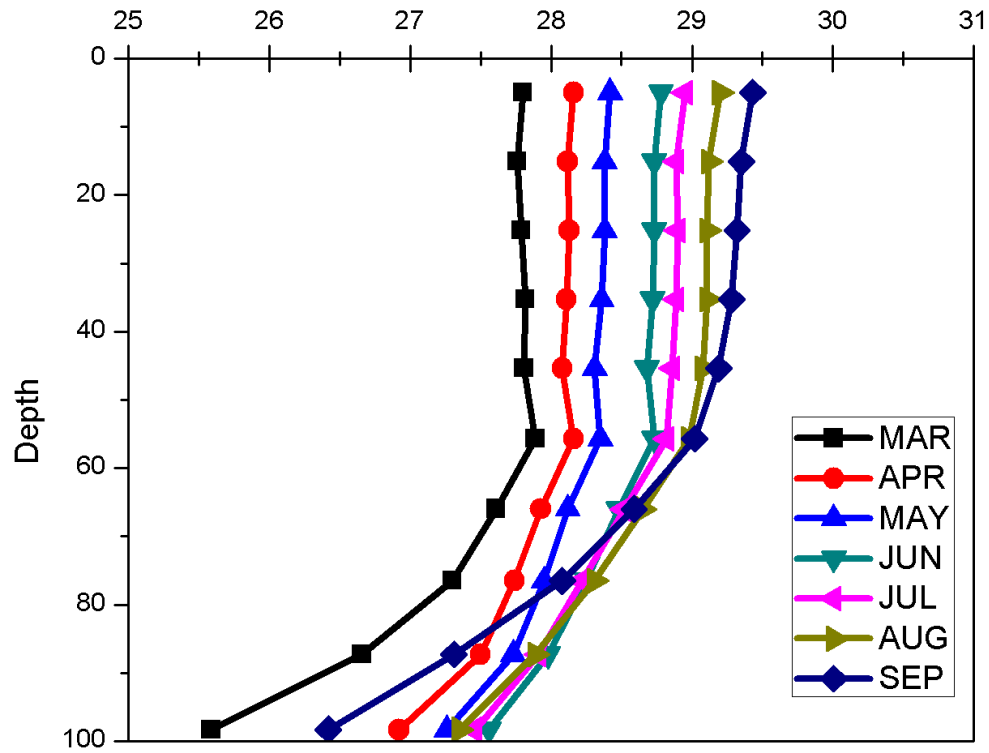
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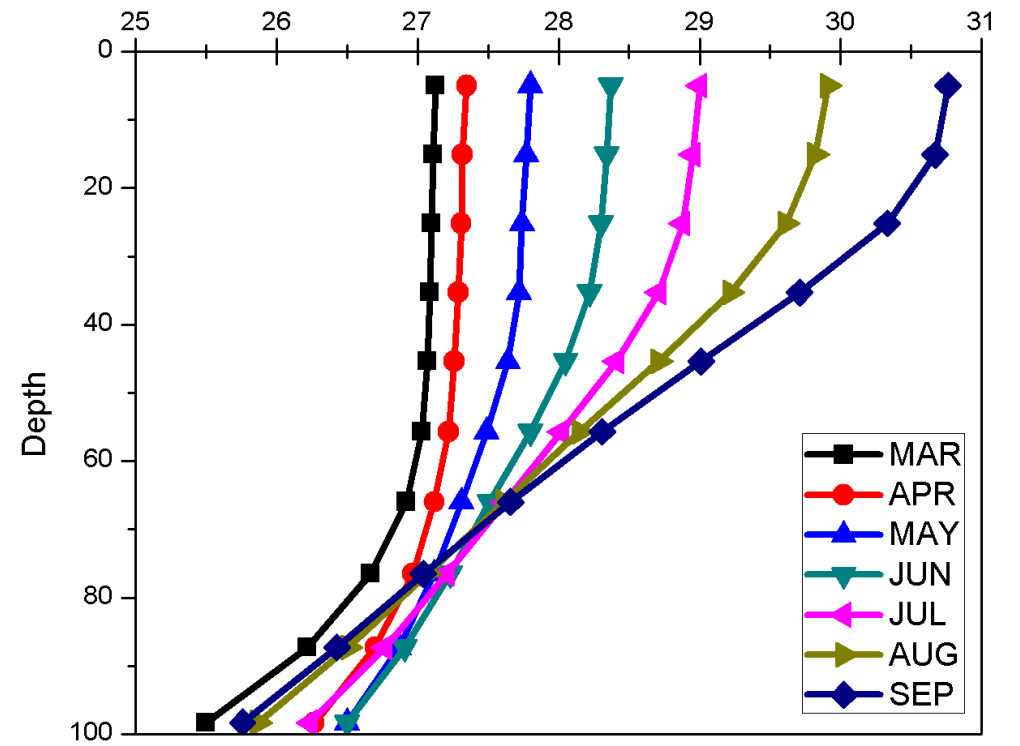


1998

Hadley Centre Data

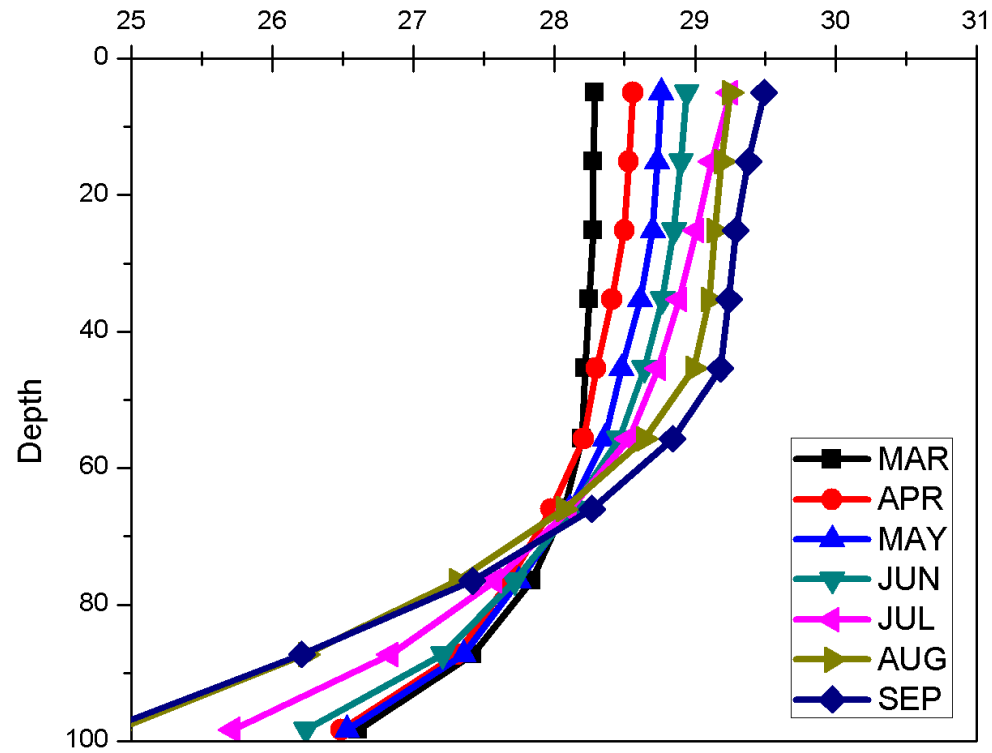


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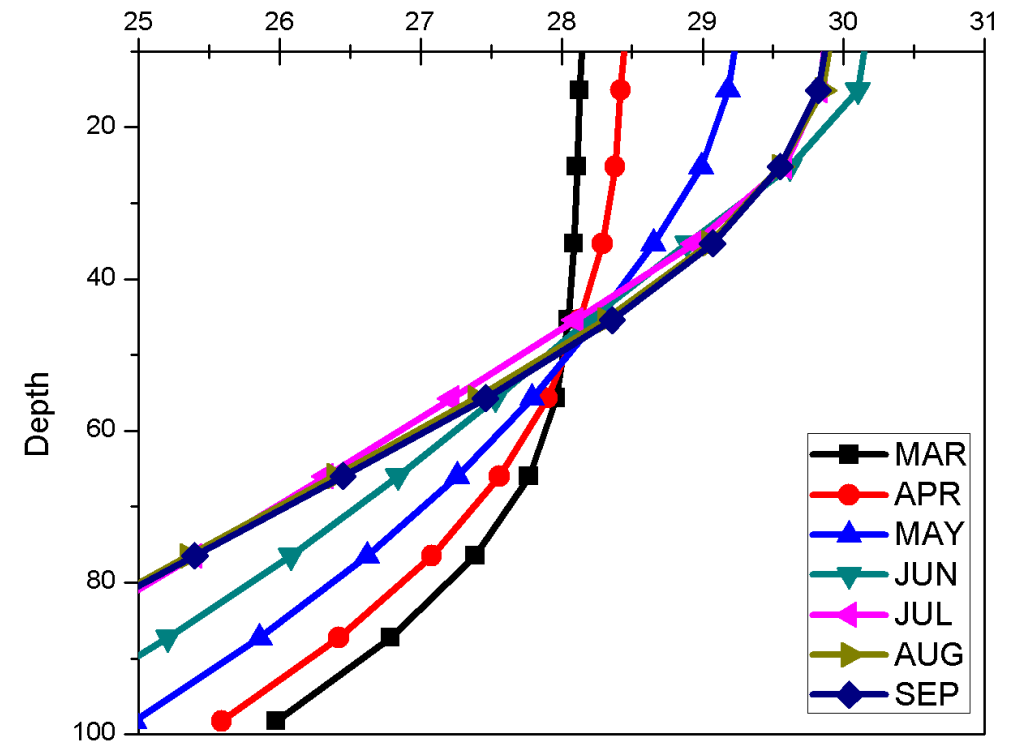


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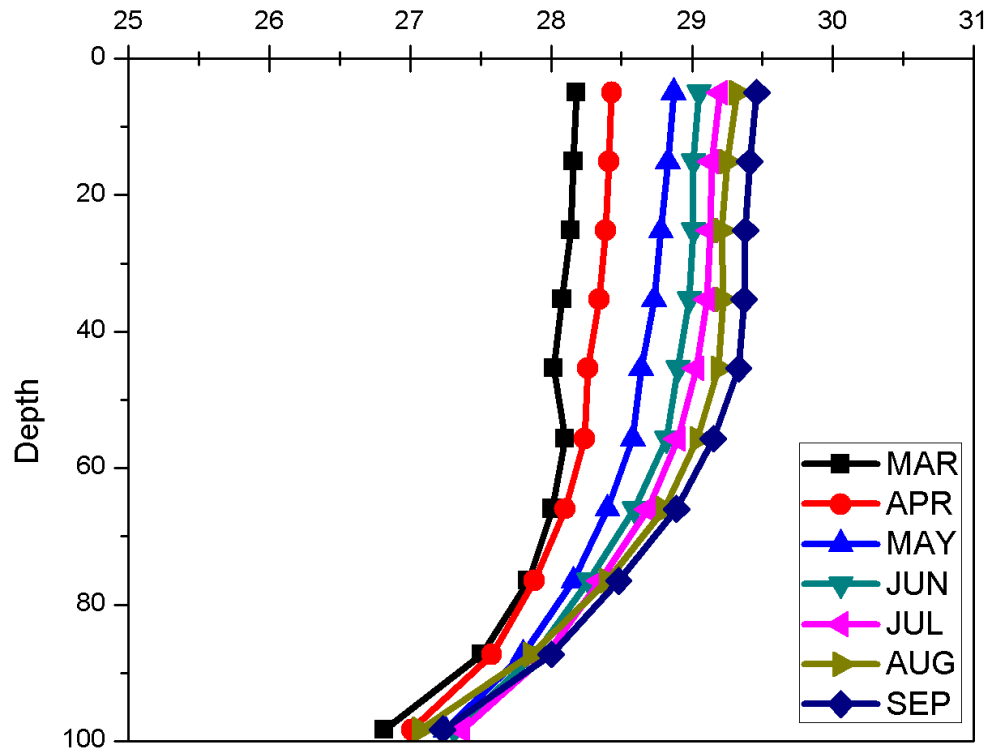


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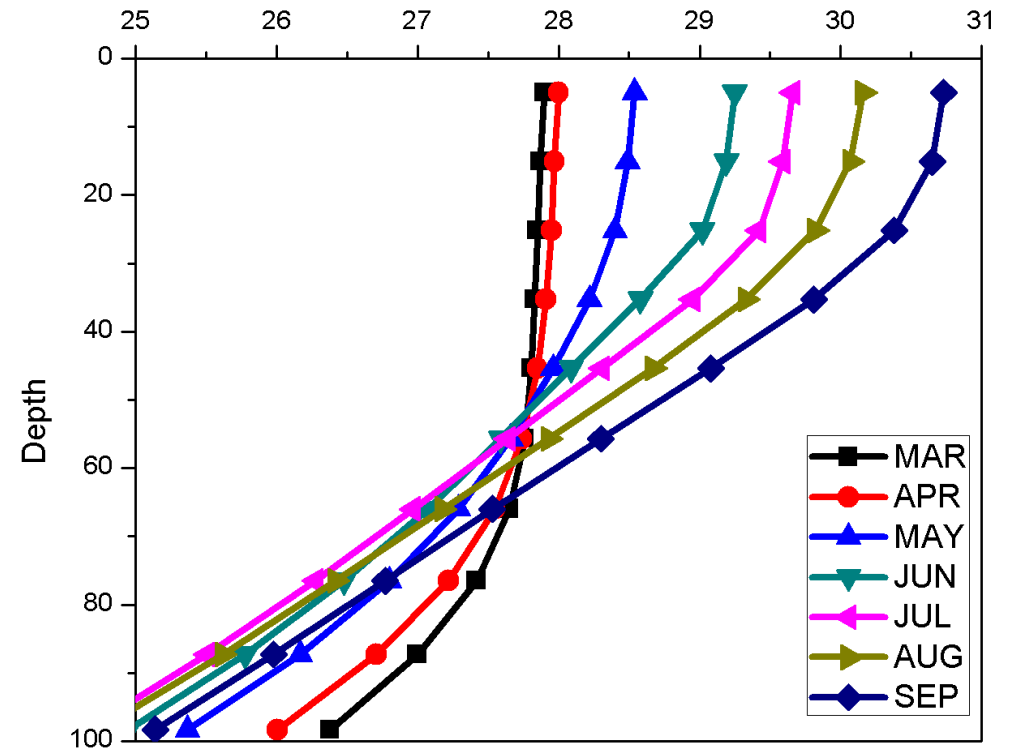


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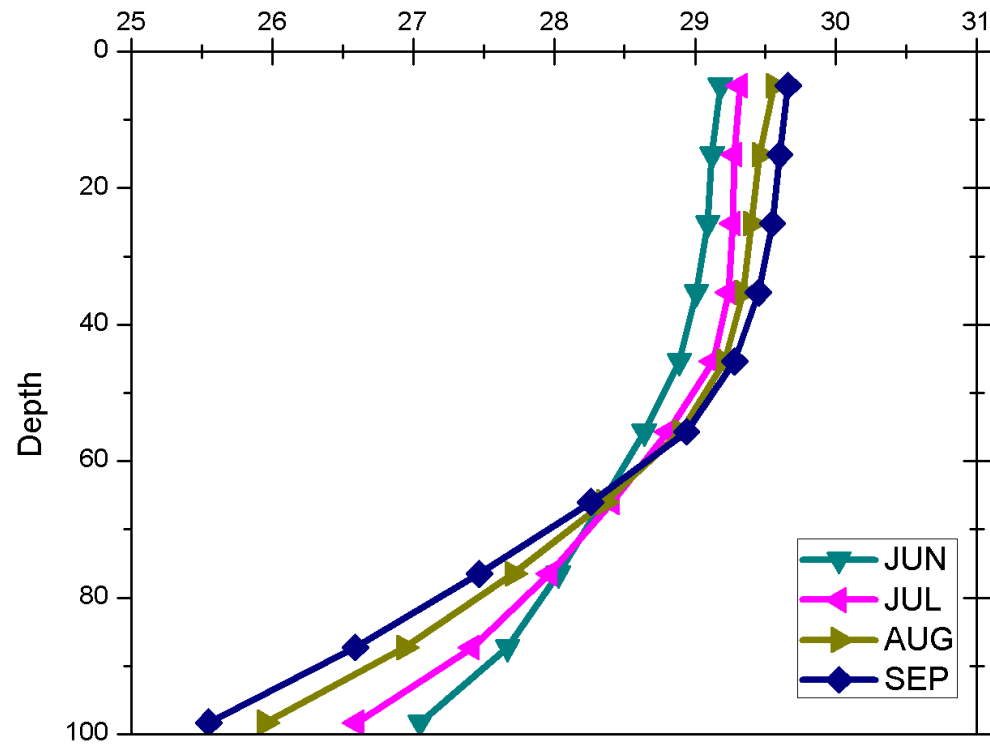


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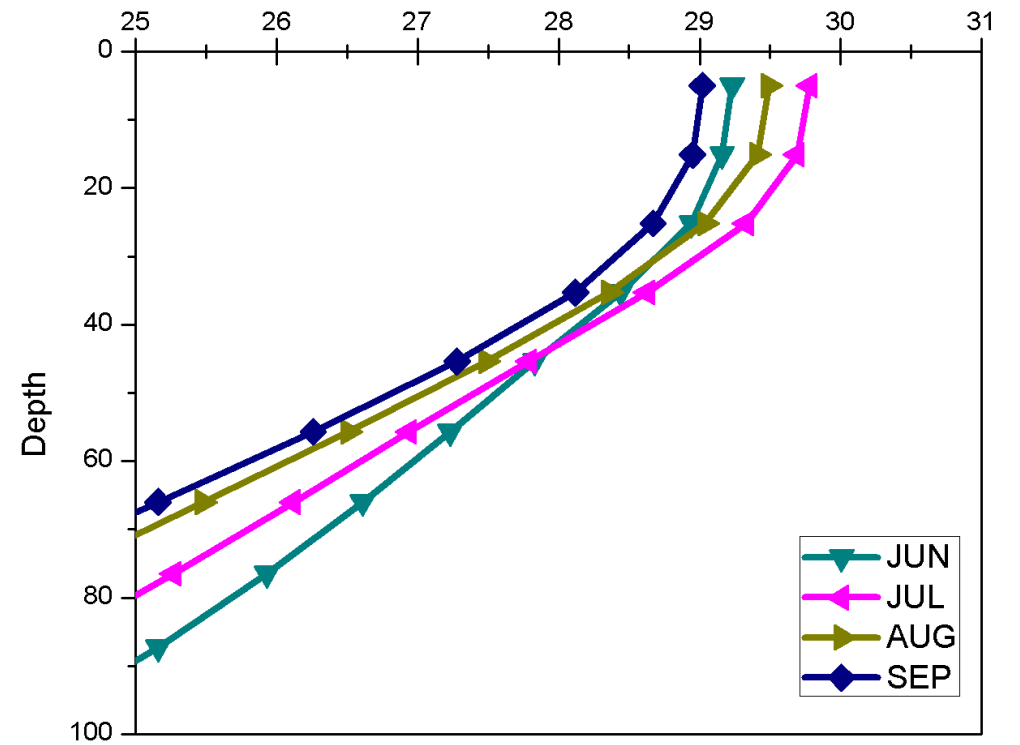


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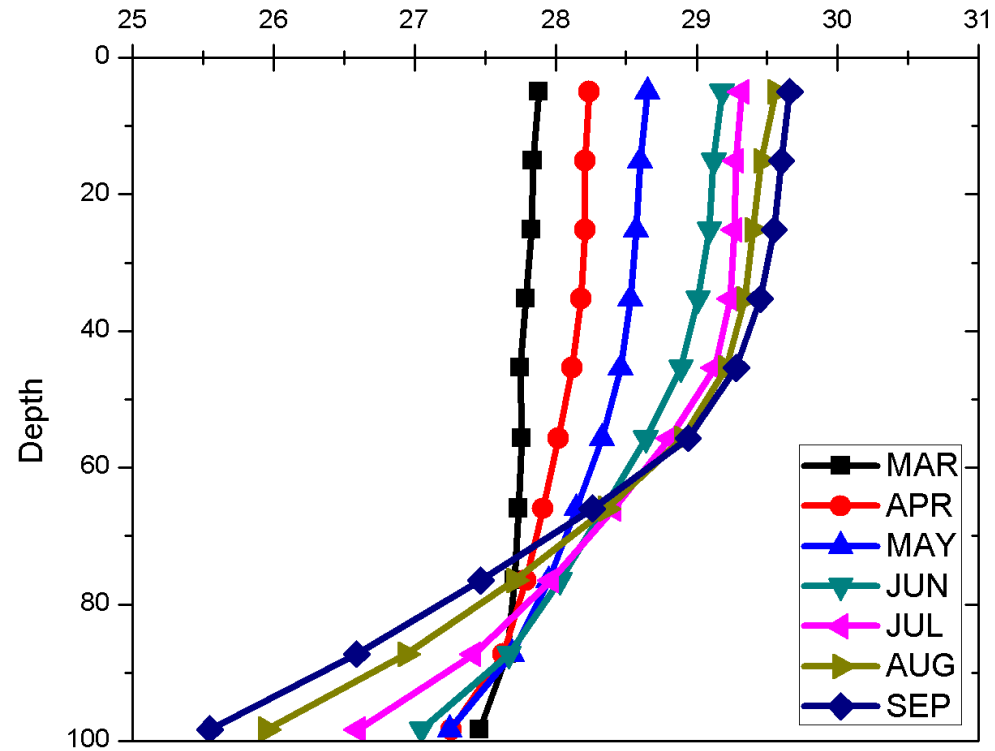
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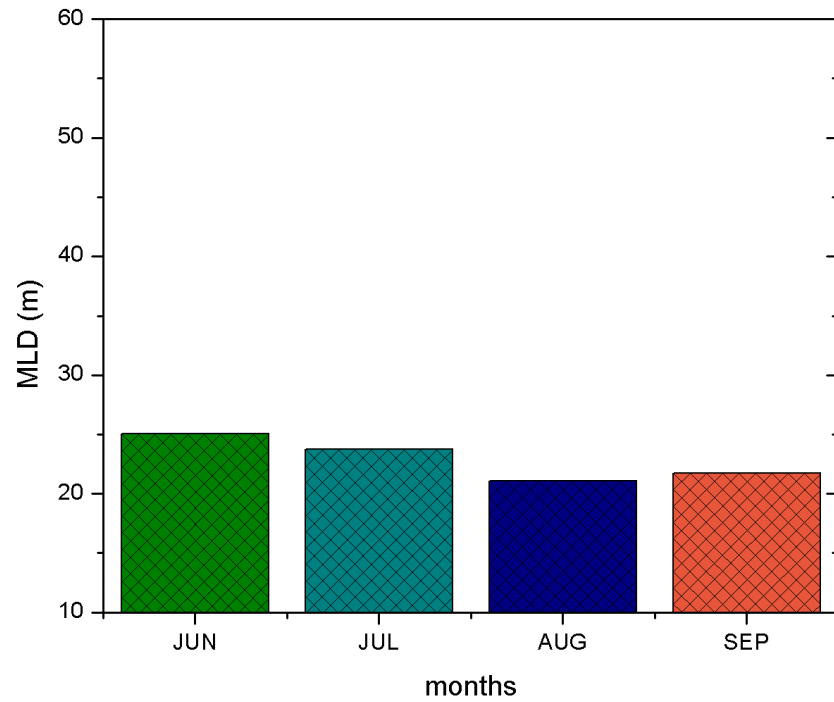


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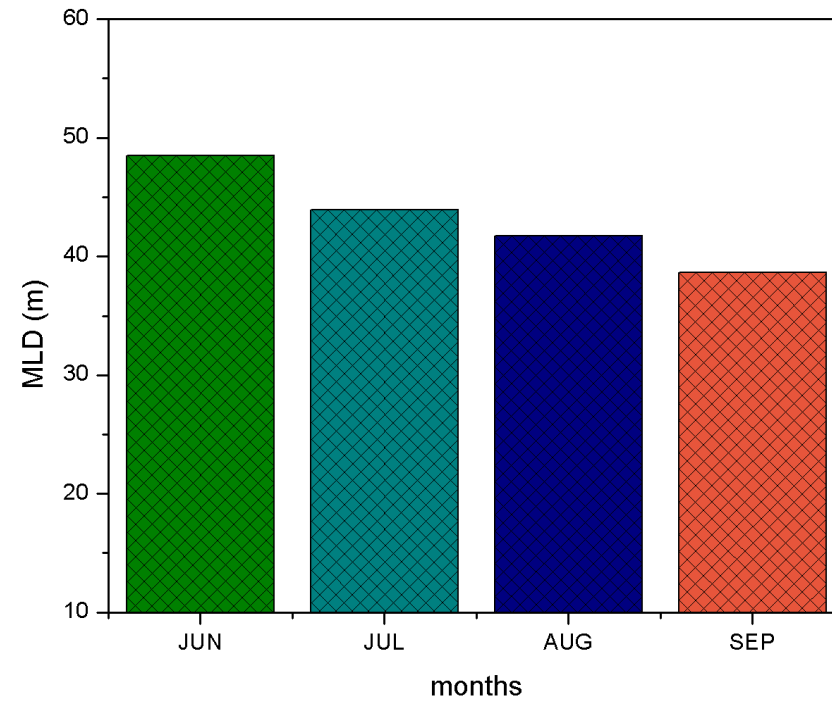


MLD Composite of 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009

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Climatology of MLD (Met Office Hadley Center Data)



1) In the CFS model, the MLD of the Pacific box rapidly decreases during the pre-monsoon season and reaches a value close to 20m during the monsoon season both in El-Nino and La-Nina years. In La-Nina year 1998 with no convection over west Pacific ocean during monsoon season (monsoon convection extends eastwards only up to longitude 120E), SST of Pacific box has increased at a rate more than double the rate of increase in the real ocean due to the model mixed layer depth being 20m. (In a La Nina year the real mixed layer depth is about 50m).

2) In El-Nino year 2004, in the first month of monsoon season (June), SST increased rapidly in the CFS model in the Pacific box with a mixed layer depth of 20m causing a spell of convection and strong westerly winds at 850 hPa there in July whereas in the real atmosphere/ocean the warming of SST was slower and the convection and increased westerly winds in the Pacific occurred in August. In the model, the Pacific box convection has intra-seasonal oscillation of period less than a month, whereas in the real atmosphere/ocean with a mixed layer depth of about 40 m, the period was close to two months.

3) We studied the short wave radiation flux, latent heat flux and net heat flux and their variations in the Pacific box during the monsoon season and found that the net heat flux (sum of short wave flux and latent heat flux, others being small) varied in phase with SST in Pacific box.

We suggest that the CFS model formulation (codes) that generate ocean temperatures in the top 100 meters of the ocean may be modified to produce realistic vertical profile of temperature (mixed layer depth) in the Pacific box during the monsoon season (in normal , El Nino and La Nina years), to enable the model to produce realistic growth rate of SST in the Pacific Box and intra seasonal oscillation.

Thank You

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