

A convection permitting model: IITM HGFM to improve High Impact weather prediction

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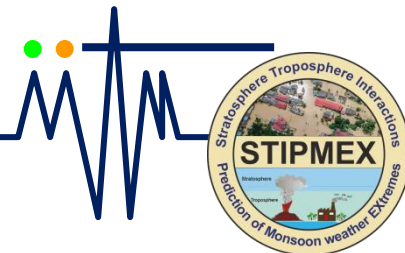
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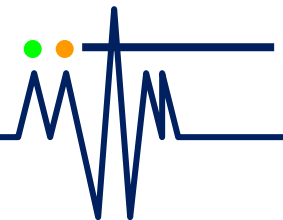
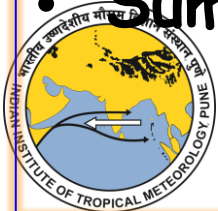
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Outline of the talk



- The backdrop: Increasing trend of extreme rainfall events
- The extreme events over Kerala August 2018 & 2019 and its forecast (Deterministic vs Ensemble: GFS vs GEFS)
- Approaches to improve the dynamical model (GFS)
- Development of IITM HGFM (Tco 6.5km resolution)
- Summary



What did we hear so far on Dynamical model since day 1 of STIPMEX

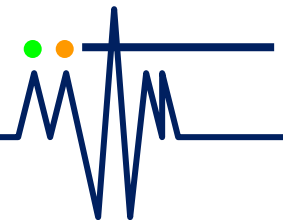
KM scale model

Stochastic Approaches

EPS: Ensemble Prediction System

Vertical Resolution

Hybrid NWP+AI



Increasing Trend of Extreme Rain Events Over India in a Warming Environment

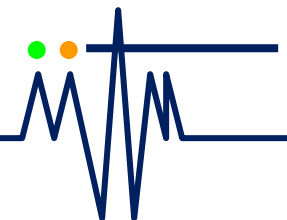
Goswami et al. 2006

Analysis of variability and trends of extreme rainfall events over India using 104 years of gridded daily rainfall data

Rajeevan et al. 2008

A threefold rise in widespread extreme rain events over central India

Roxy et al. 2017



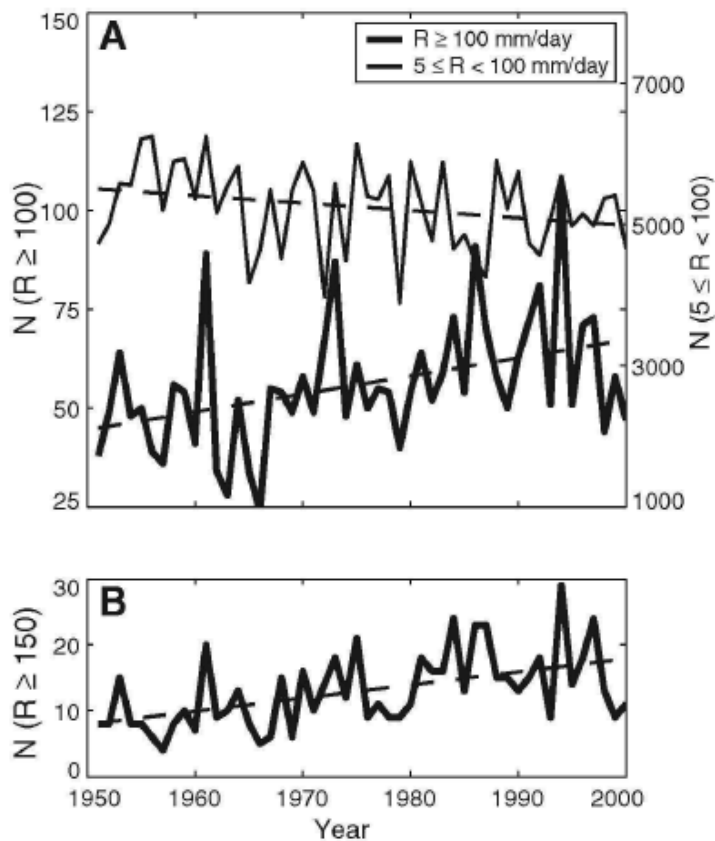
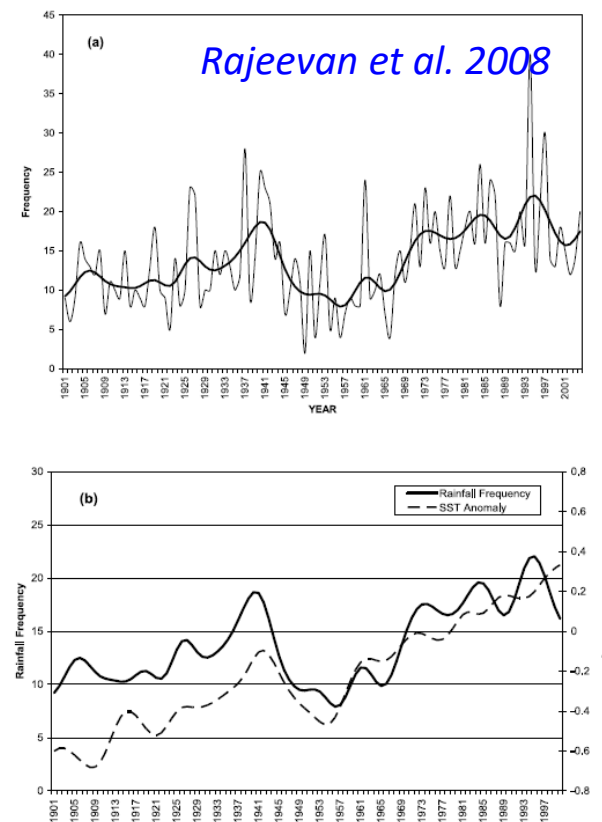
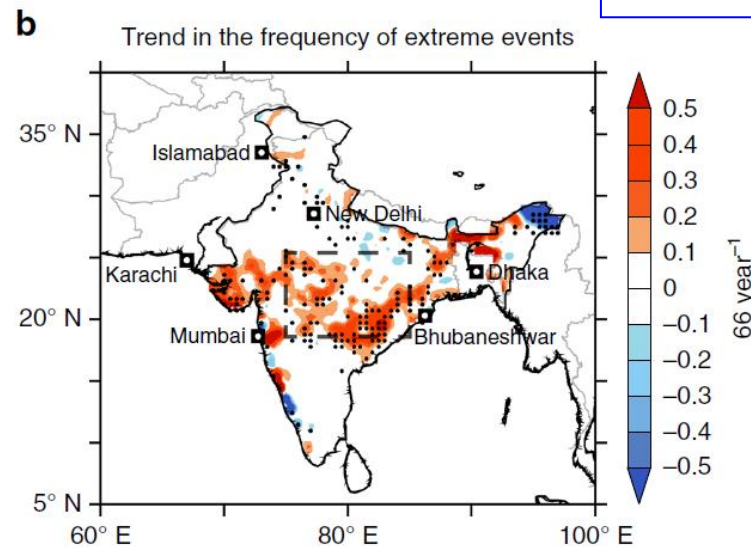


Fig. 3. Temporal variation (1951 to 2000) in the number (N) of **(A)** heavy ($R \geq 100$ mm/day, bold line) and moderate ($5 \leq R < 100$ mm/day, thin line) daily rain events and **(B)** very heavy events ($R \geq 150$ mm/day) during the summer monsoon season over CI. The statistical significance of the trends (dashed lines) was calculated as in Fig. 2.

Goswami et al. 2006



(a) Temporal variation of frequency of very heavy rainfall events ($R \geq 150$ mm/day) over central India (thin solid line) and its smoothed variation (thick solid line) for the period 1901–2004. **(b)** Smoothed variation of frequency of very heavy rainfall events over central India and SST anomalies over the Equatorial Indian Ocean. The smoothing has been done to remove the sub-decadal fluctuations using a 13-point filter [IPCC, 2007].



Roxy et al. 2017

THE KERALA DELUGE AUGUST 2018



Ref: CWC Report, Sept, 2018

RAINFALL % DEPARTURES FROM THE LONG PERIOD AVERAGES FOR DISTRICTS IN KERALA.

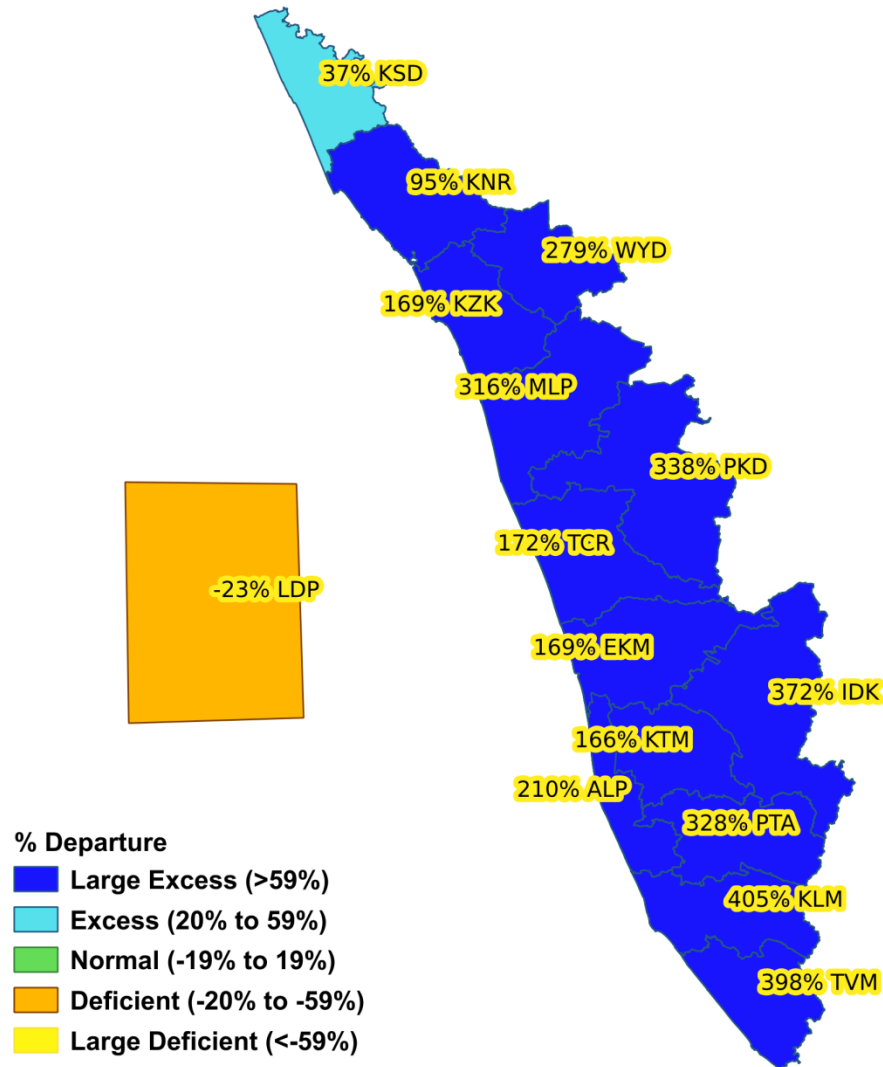
Period 06.08.18 to 19.08.18

Actual: 704 mm

Normal: 209 mm

Dep From Normal: 236%

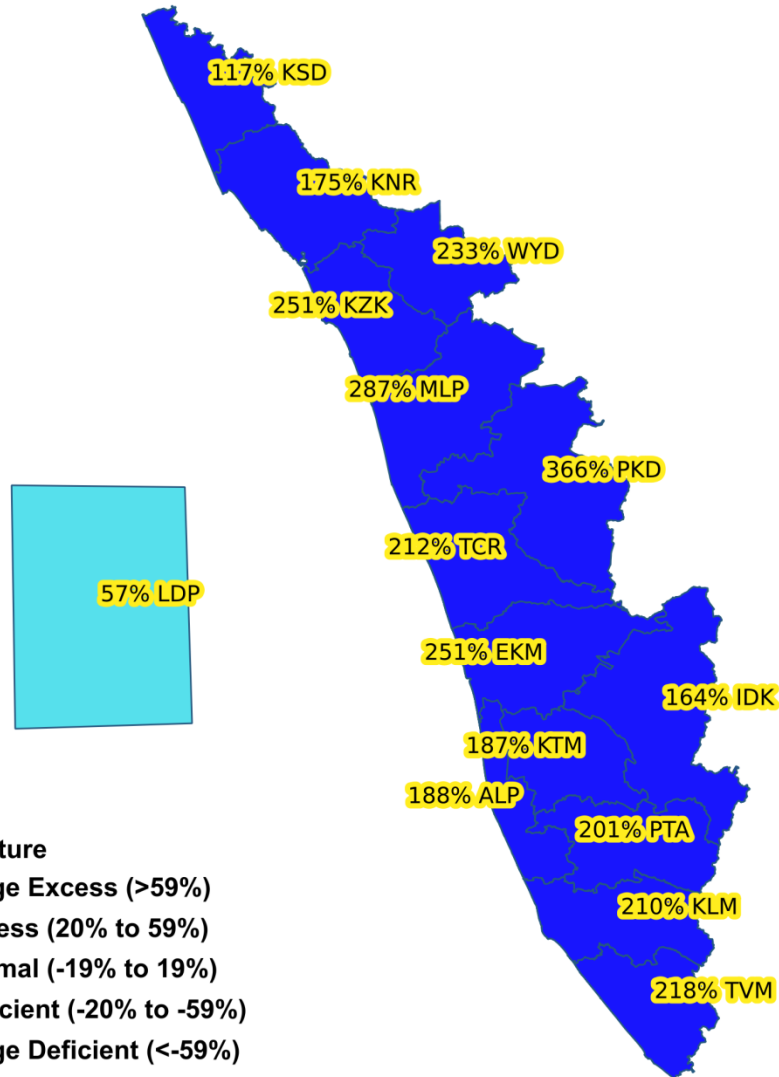
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RAINFALL % DEPARTURES FROM THE LONG PERIOD AVERAGES FOR DISTRICTS IN KERALA.

Period 06.08.19 to 19.08.19
 Actual: 668 mm
 Normal: 209 mm
 Dep From Normal: 219%

- KSD - KASARAGOD
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- % Departure
- Large Excess (>59%)
 - Excess (20% to 59%)
 - Normal (-19% to 19%)
 - Deficient (-20% to -59%)
 - Large Deficient (<-59%)

	06.08.2018 to 19.08.2018				06.08.2019 to 19.08.2019			
	Climatological Mean (mm)	Climatological SD(mm)	Actual Mean(mm)	Actual SD(mm)	Climatological Mean(mm)	Climatological SD(mm)	Actual Mean(mm)	Actual SD(mm)
Kerala	14.95	1.12	50.29	41.67	14.95	1.12	47.74	44.43
Alappuzha	11.21	1.38	34.76	31.25	11.21	1.38	32.33	28.48
Ernakulam	14.25	1.61	38.31	46.78	14.25	1.61	50.08	46.25
Idukki	19.94	1.99	94.09	74.47	19.94	1.99	52.65	54.22
Kannur	19.39	1.74	37.97	32.16	19.39	1.74	53.49	49.30
Kasaragod	23.52	2.87	32.24	22.22	23.52	2.87	51.26	46.18
Kollam	8.22	1.11	41.58	37.59	8.22	1.11	25.56	24.07
Kottayam	13.19	2.08	35.16	29.82	13.19	2.08	37.91	31.36
Kozhikode	18.73	2.74	50.48	54.31	18.73	2.74	65.79	72.00
Malappuram	13.97	1.33	58.21	52.12	13.97	1.33	54.12	59.49
Palakkad	12.00	1.11	52.61	50.82	12.00	1.11	55.99	76.67
Pathanamthitta	11.10	1.20	47.59	42.21	11.10	1.20	33.42	32.62
Thiruvananthapuram	4.62	0.86	23.02	26.50	4.62	0.86	14.71	18.46
Thrissur	16.88	2.13	45.92	64.83	16.88	2.13	52.78	49.50
Wayanad	19.97	3.47	64.78	49.89	19.97	3.47	66.64	78.95
Lakshadweep	6.69	1.12	5.15	5.74	6.69	1.12	10.52	14.15

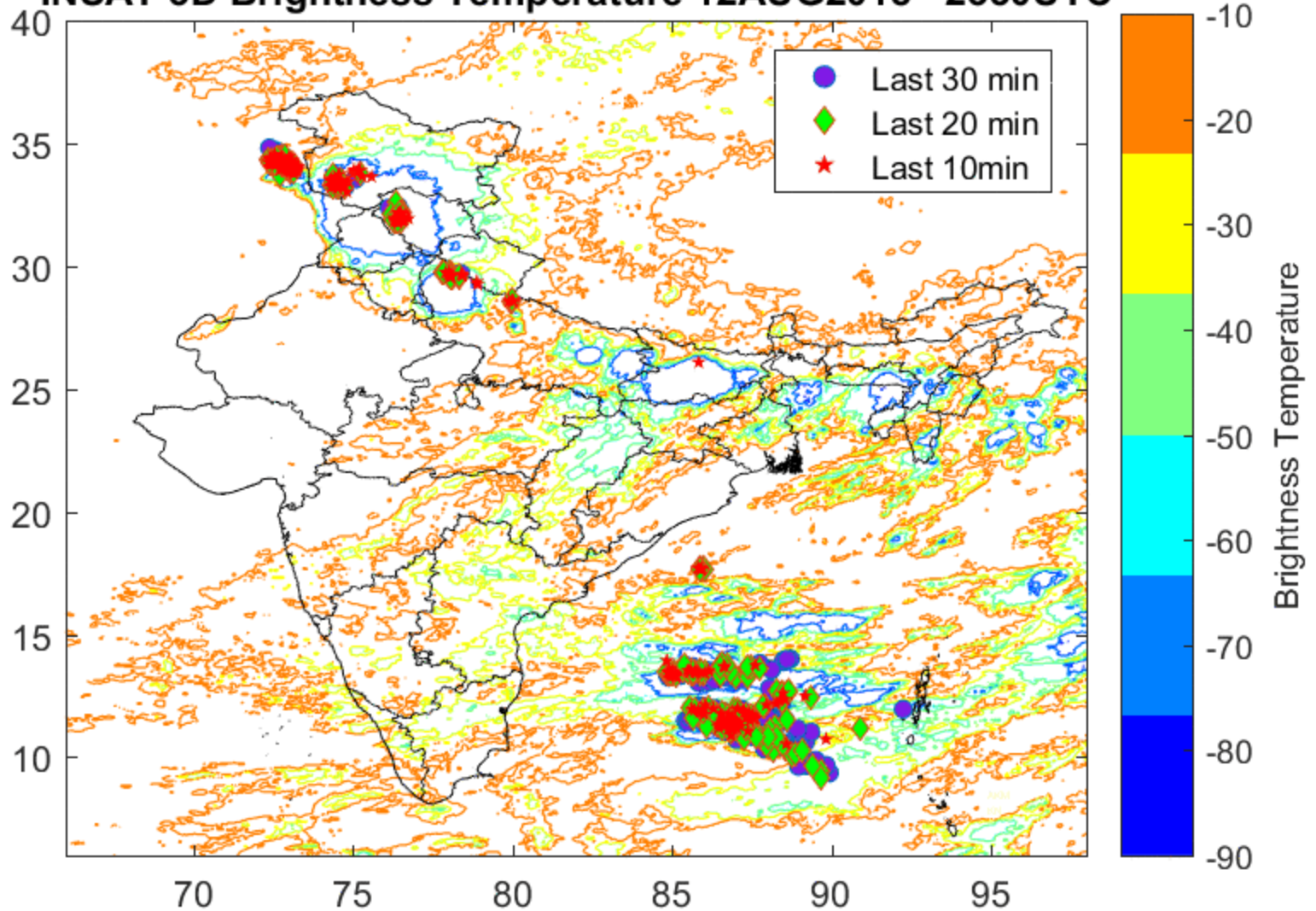




INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

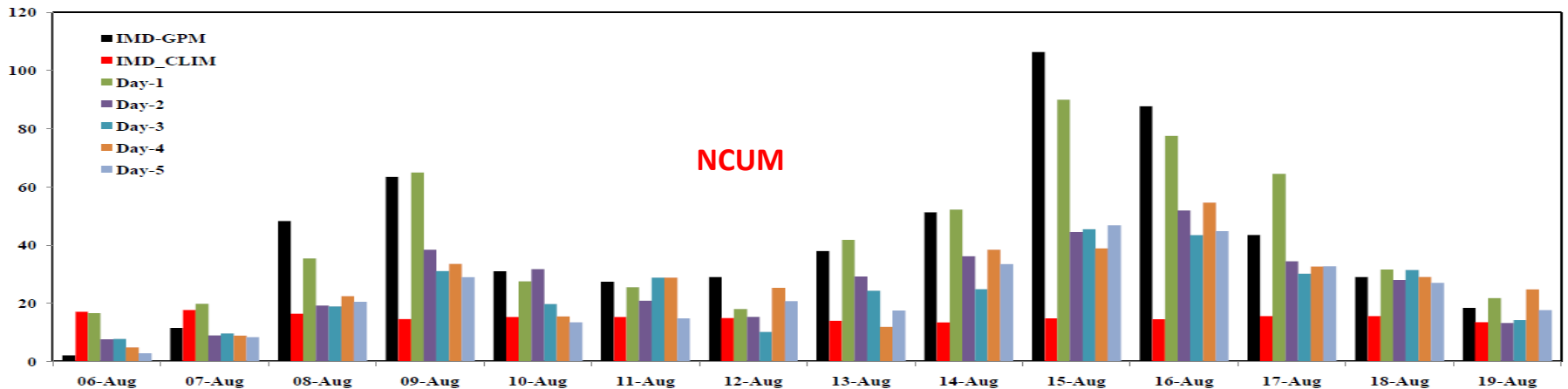
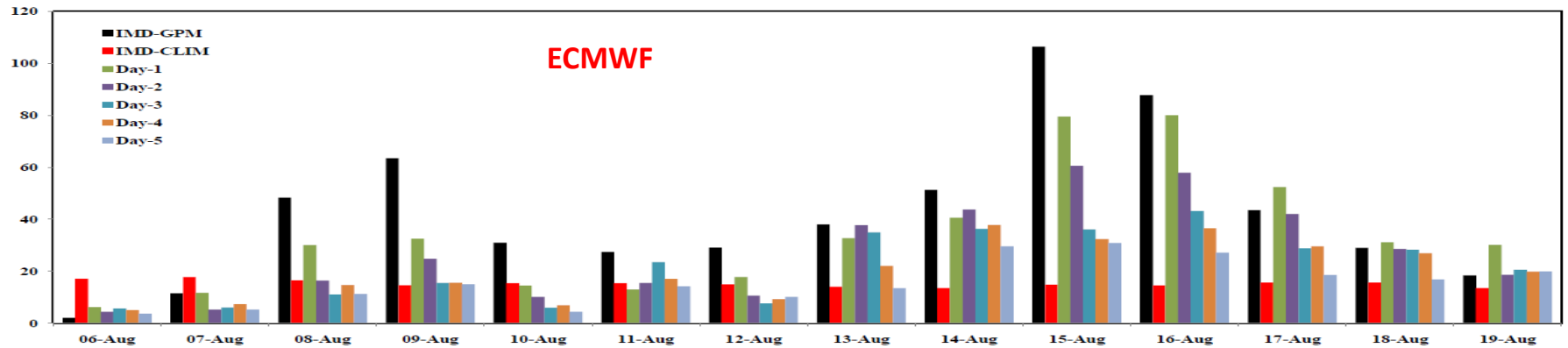
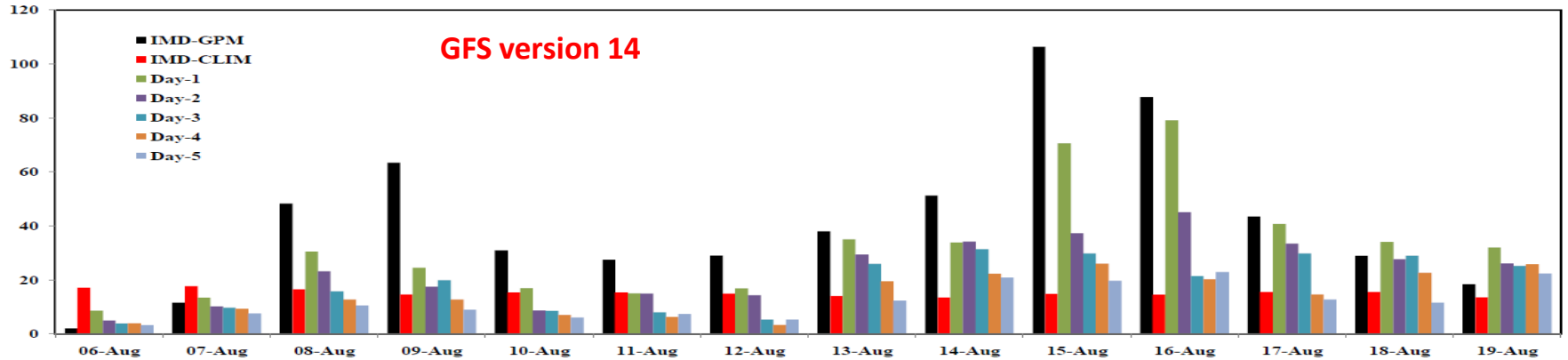
Lightning 2018-08-13 0029UTC

INSAT 3D Brightness Temperature 12AUG2018 2330UTC



The merged lightning & satellite cloud top temperature operational product is a joint collaboration of IMD, IITM & IAF

Rainfall (mm/day) time series over Kerala during 06-19Aug, 2018



ENS weekly TP fc over India for 20180813-0819

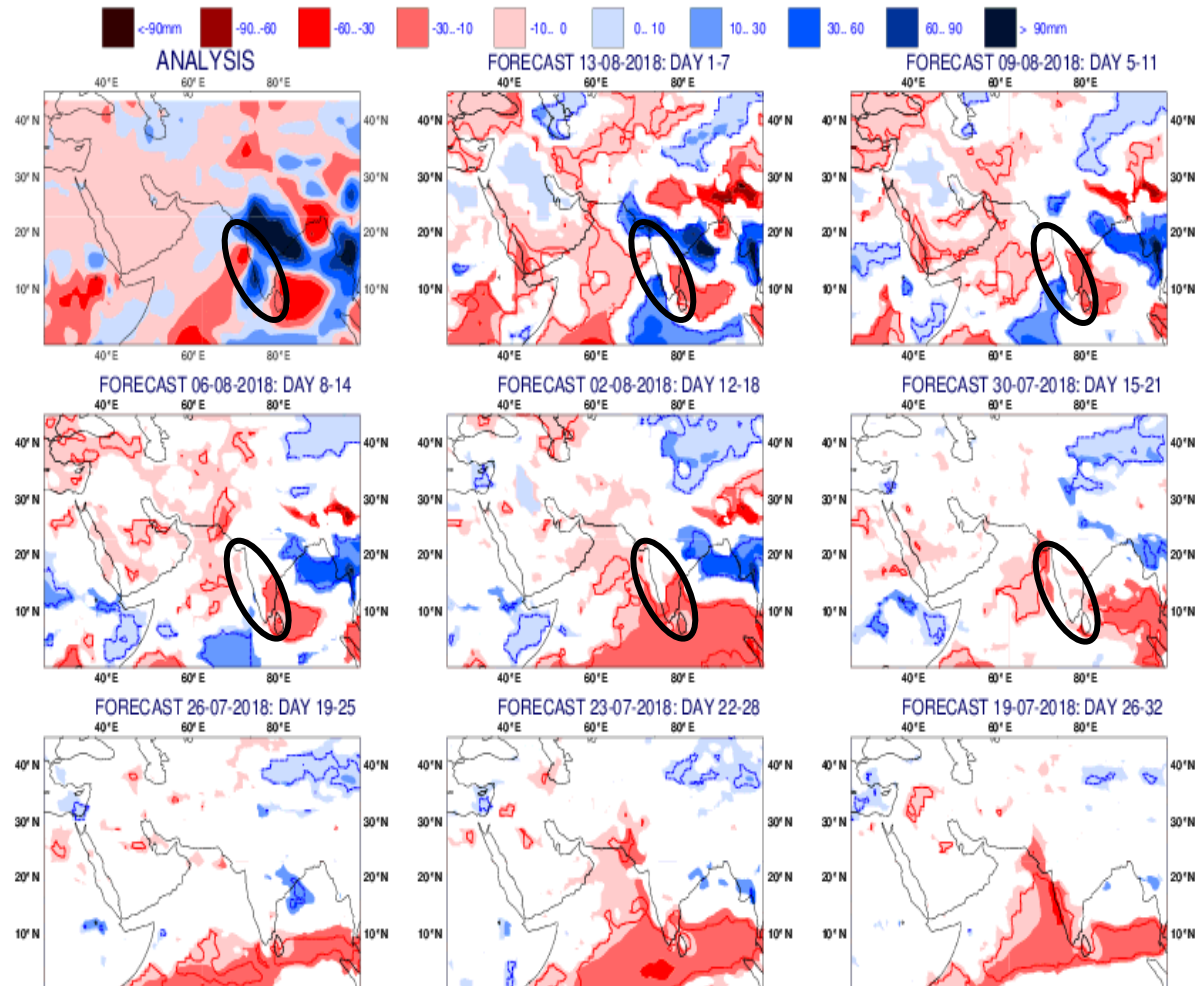
Analysis and ECMWF ENS Forecasting System

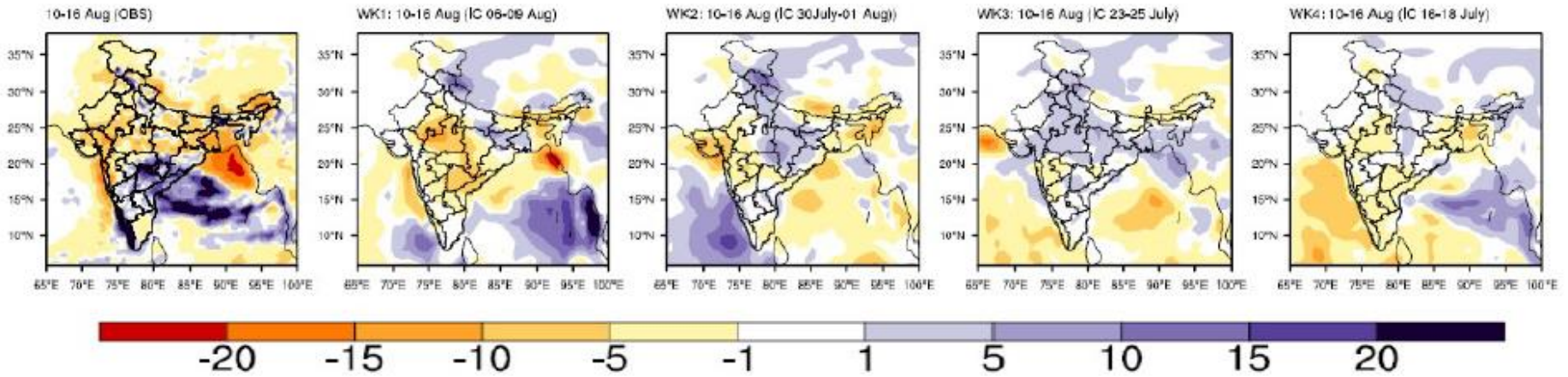
Precipitation anomaly

Verification period: 13-08-2018/TO/19-08-2018

ensemble size = 51 , climate size = 660

Shaded areas significant at 10% level, Contours at 1% level

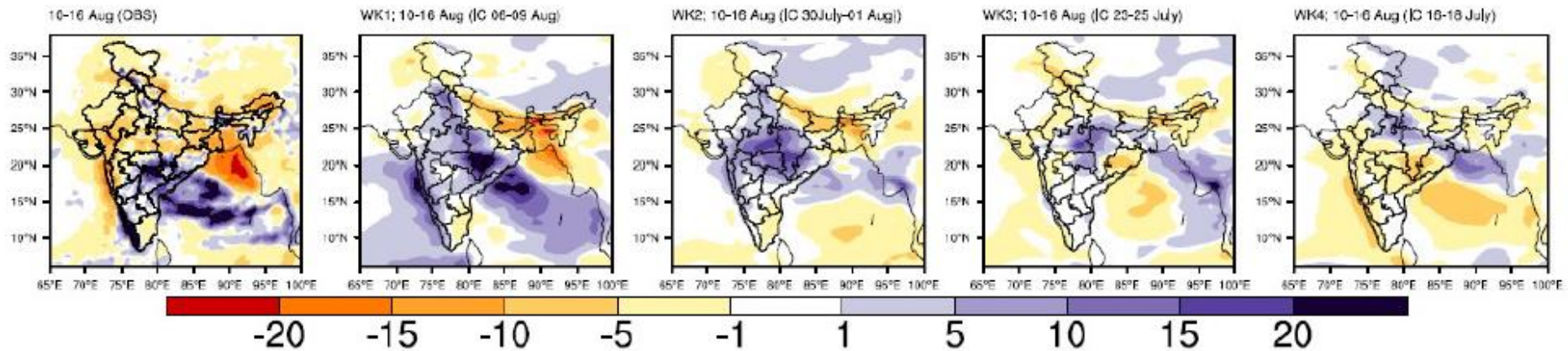




Valid period 10-16 Aug 2018

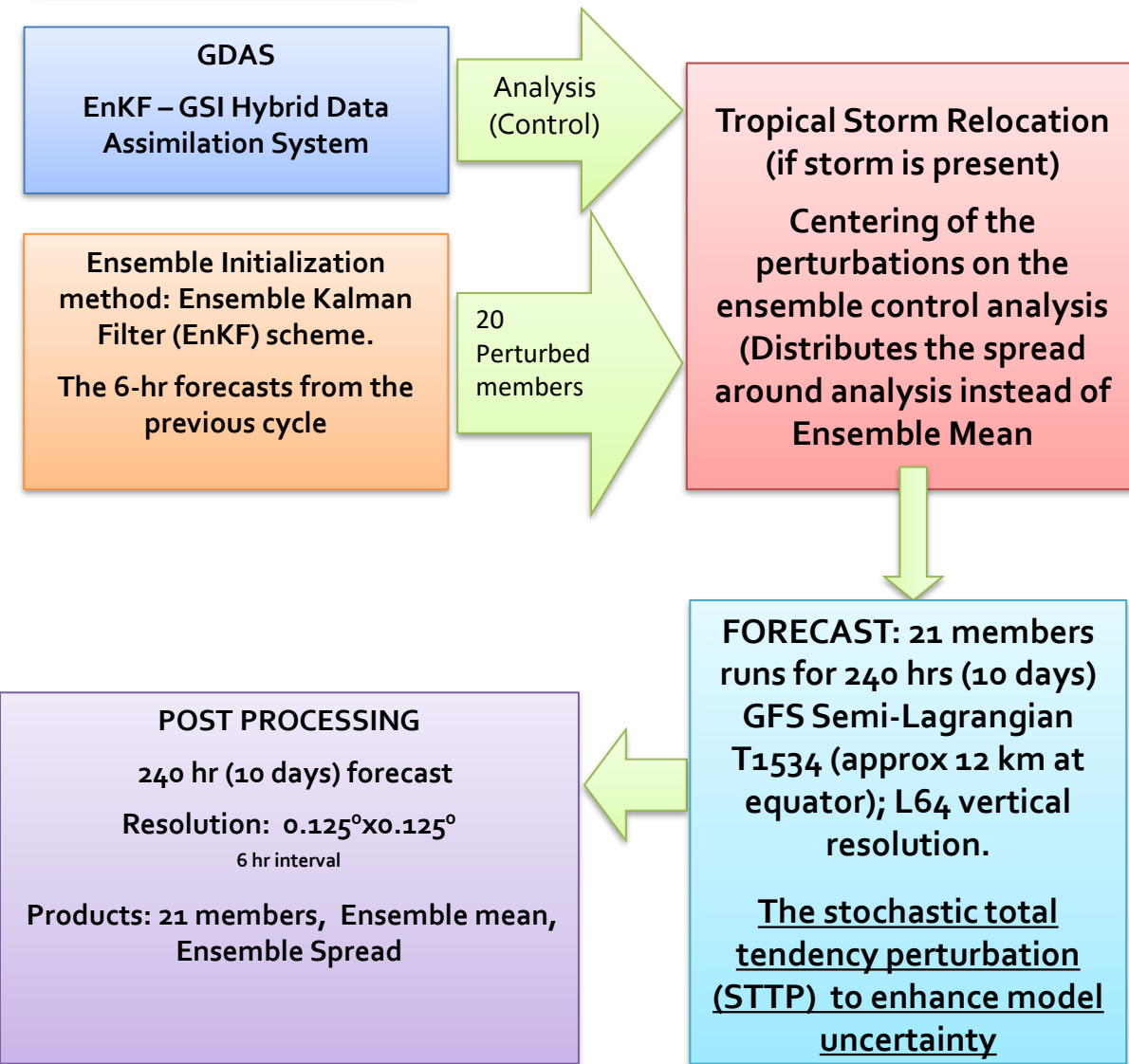
Above Plot: Rainfall anom from NCEP CFS (T126) ~ 100 km

Bottom Plot: rainfall anom from NCMRWF Coupled model ~ 60 km



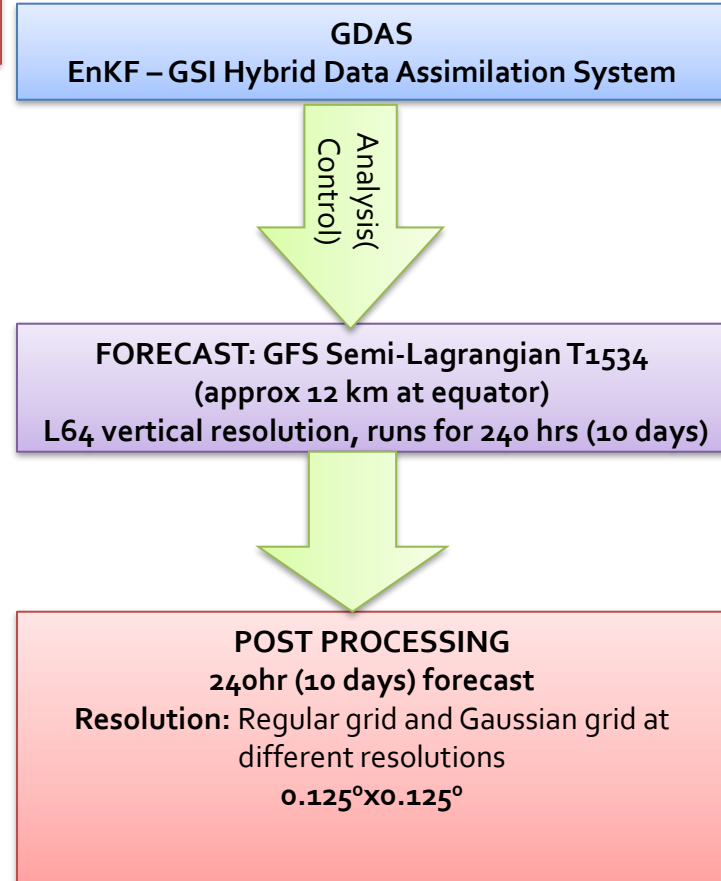
The Ensemble Approach

Flowchart of GEFS

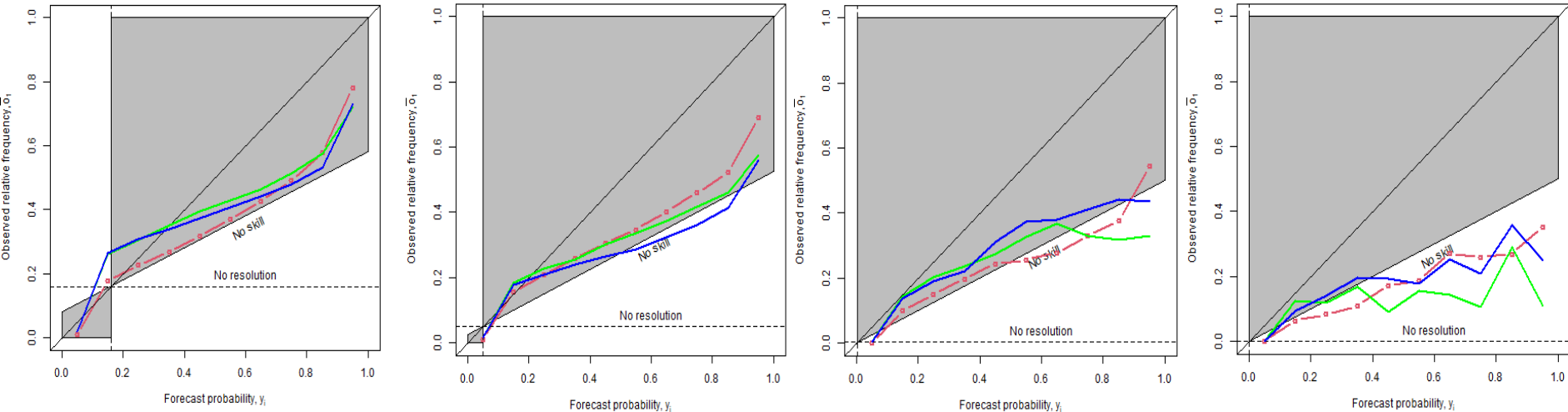


The Global (Ensemble) Forecast Model

Flowchart of deterministic GFS

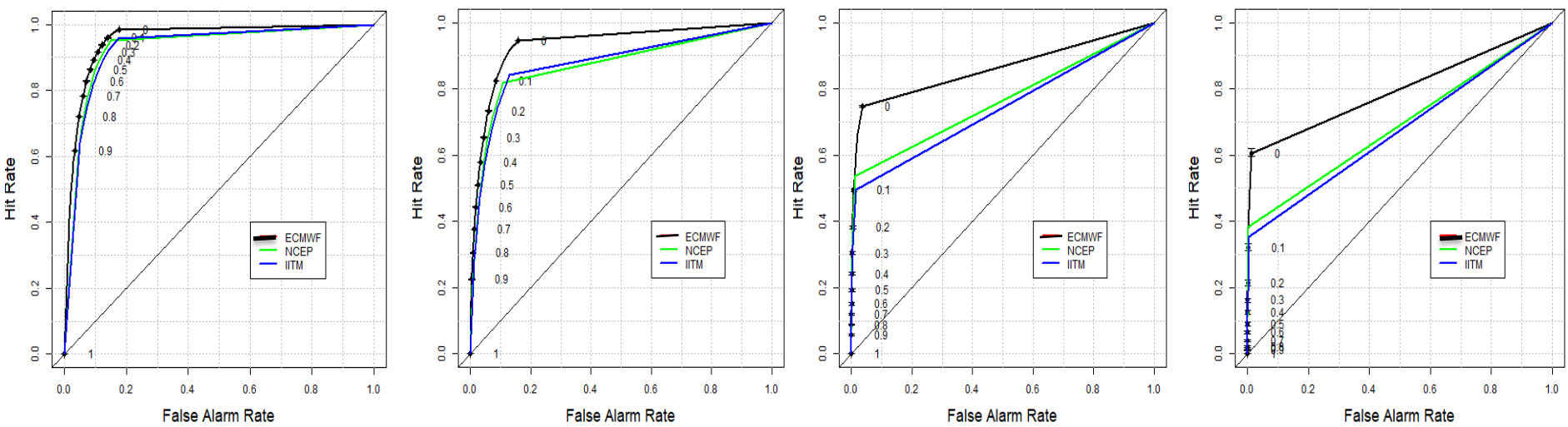


Verification EPS



↑ Reliability Diagram for **day 1** rainfall forecast from IITM (blue), NCEP (green) and ECMWF (red)

ROC curve for **day 1** rainfall forecast from IITM (blue), NCEP (green) and ECMWF (black)



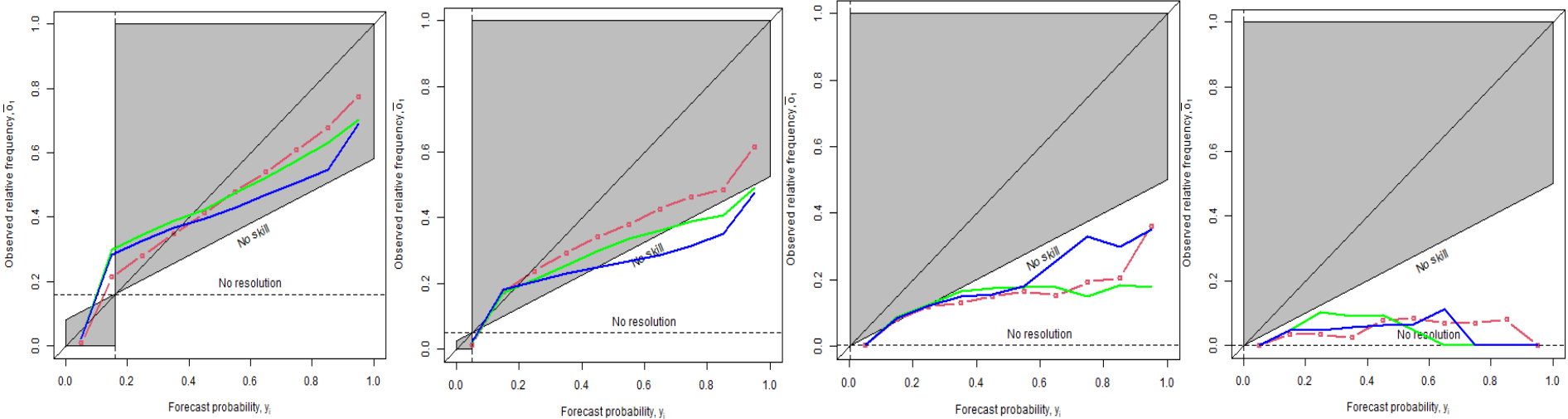
> 2.5 mm/day

> 15.6 mm/day

> 65.5 mm/day

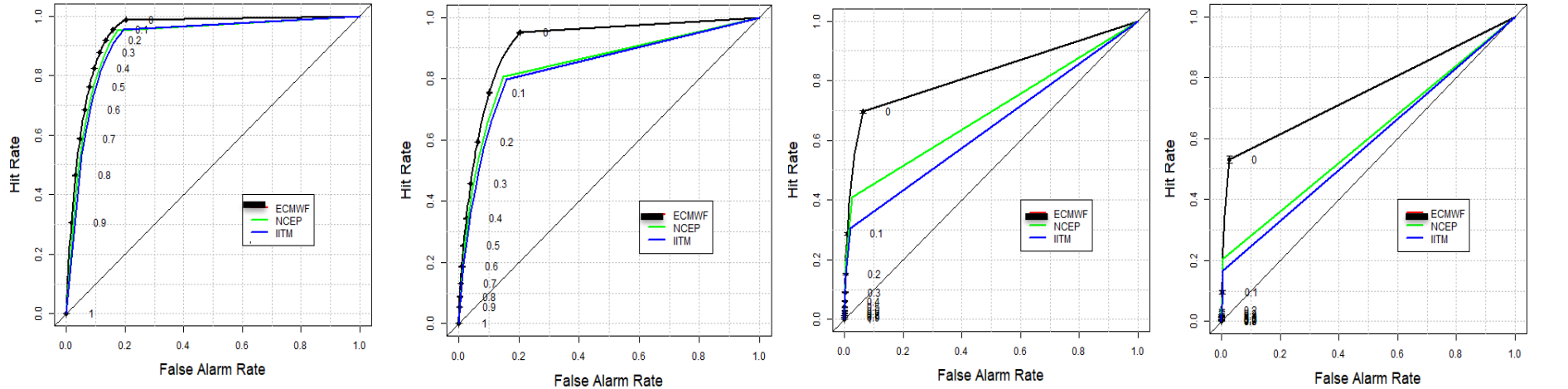
> 115 mm/day

Verification day 5



↑ Reliability Diagram for **day 5** rainfall forecast from IITM (blue), NCEP (green) and ECMWF (red)

ROC curve for **day 5** rainfall forecast from IITM (green), NCEP (red) and ECMWF (black) ↓



> 2.5 mm/day

> 15.6 mm/day

> 65.5 mm/day

> 115 mm/day

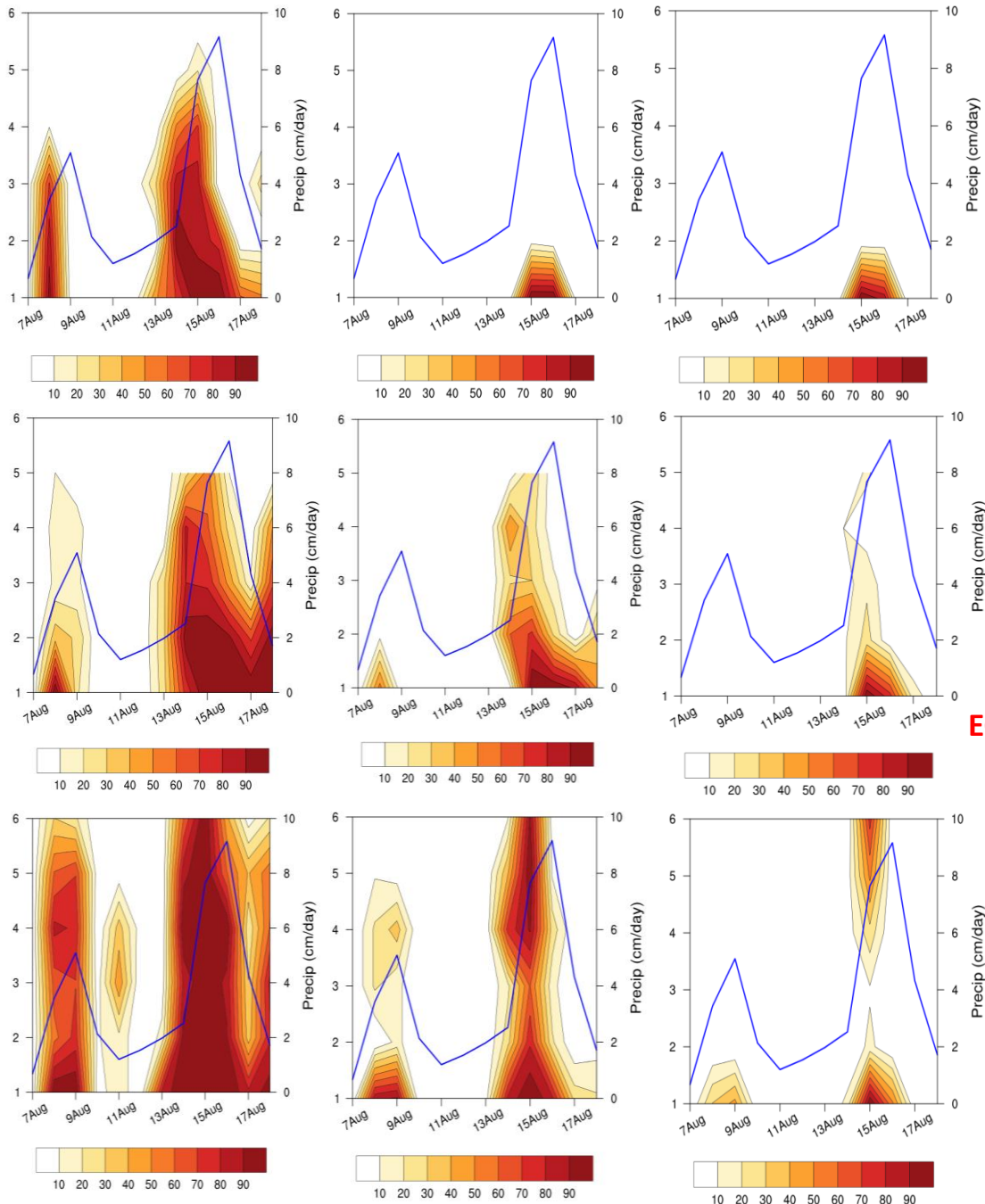
August 2018

GEFS

ECMWF

NEPS

Forecast lead time diagram of the probability (%) from (a)–(c) GEFS, (d)–(f) ECMWF, and (g)–(i) NCUM forecasts for the daily accumulated rain over Kerala (9.58–11.58N, 768–77.58E) exceeding the observed daily climatology (left) plus one standard deviation (SD), (center) two SD, and (right) three SD. The thick blue line represents the IMD-GPM rainfall (cm day⁻¹) averaged for the same region for the period 6–19 Aug 2018. The shading represents probability.



GEFS

6-19 August 2019

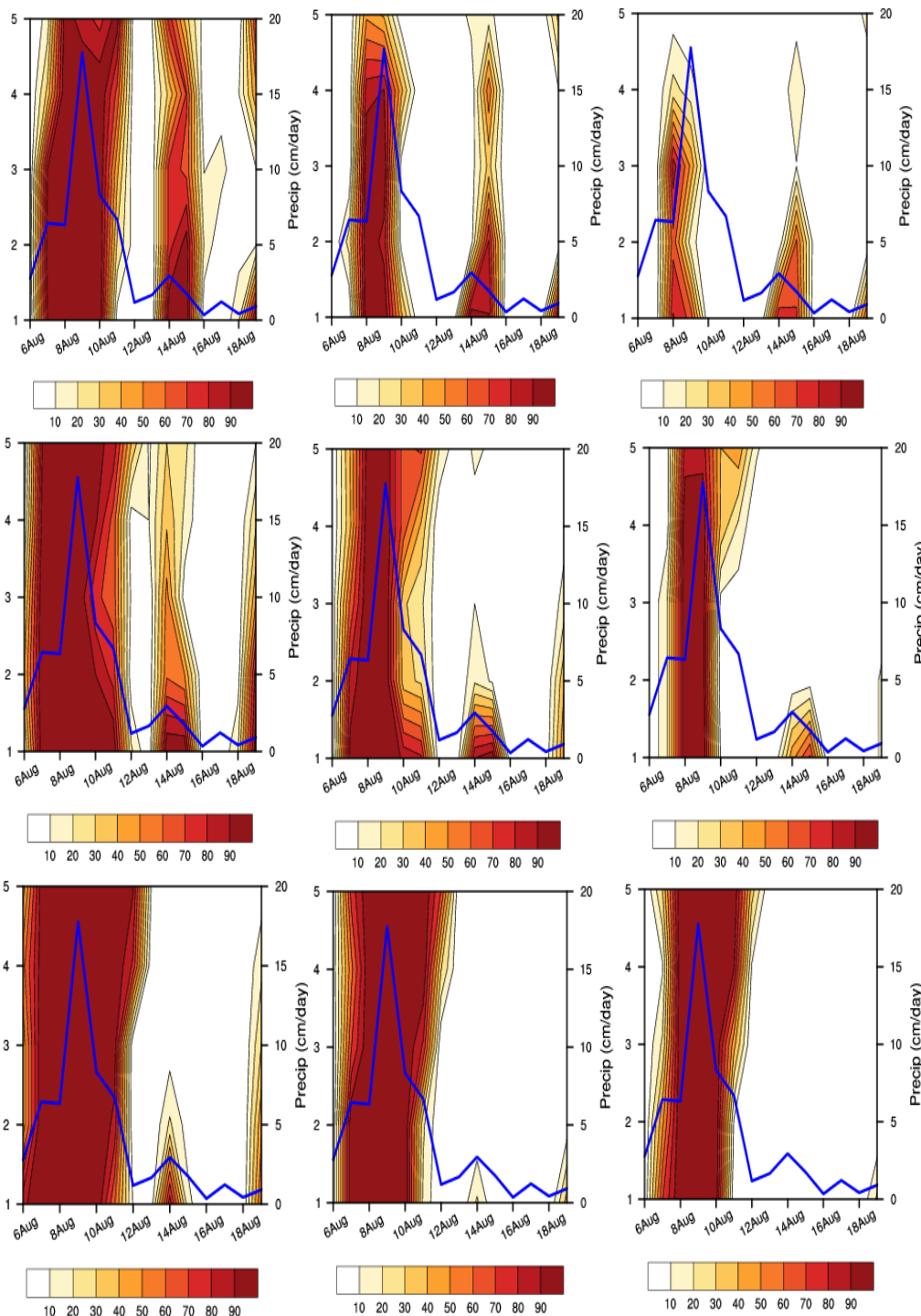
1st column (Climatology+1SD)

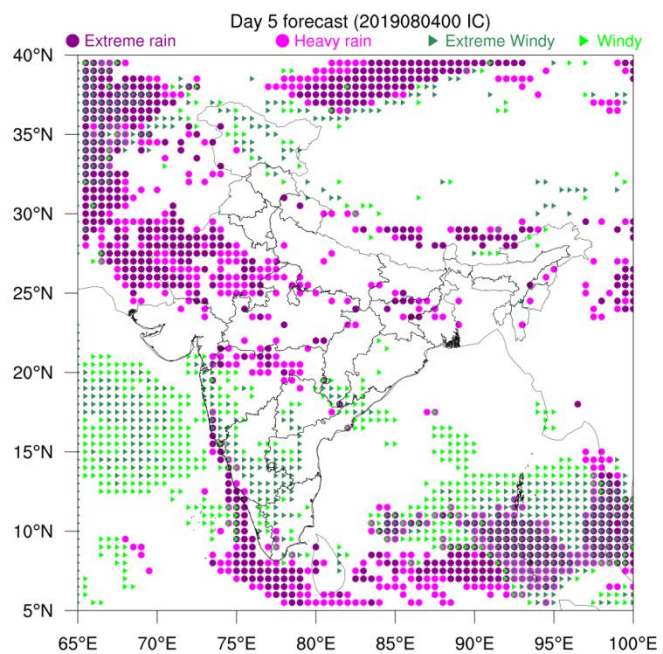
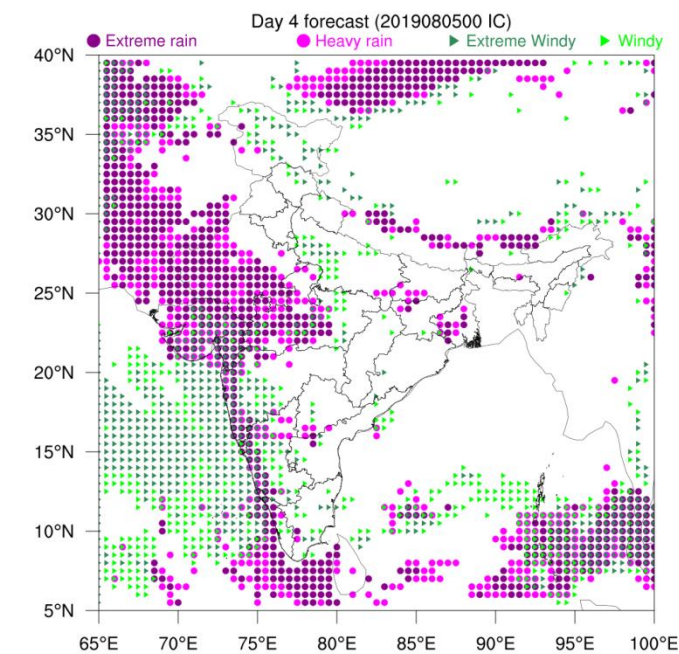
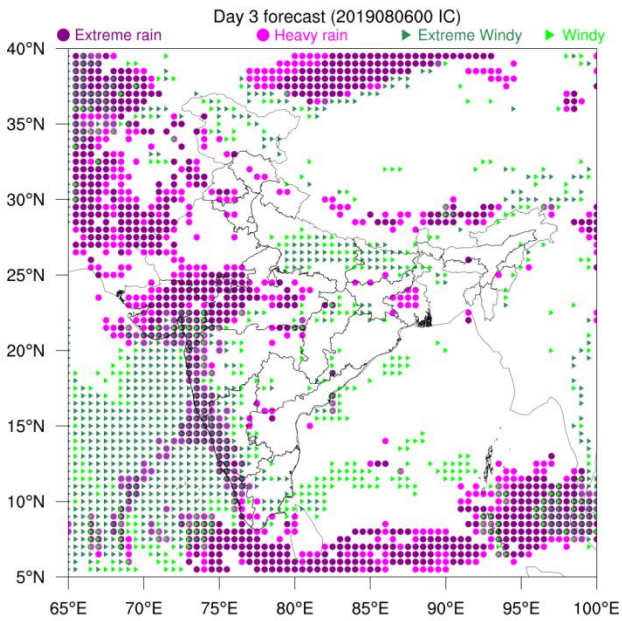
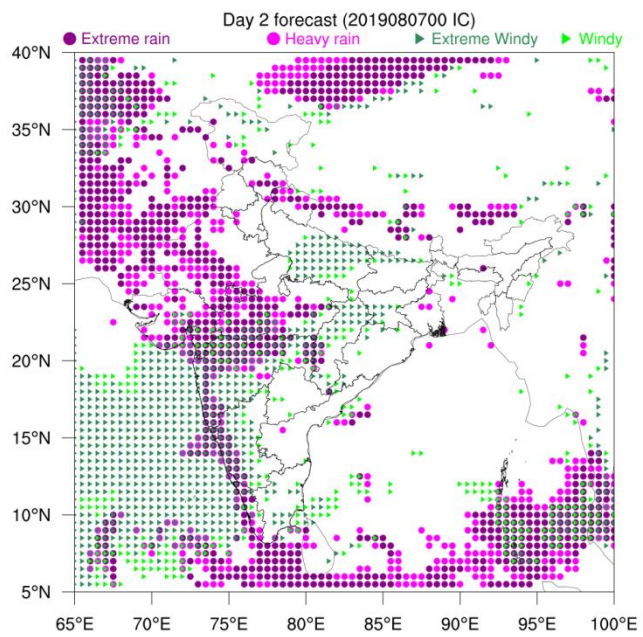
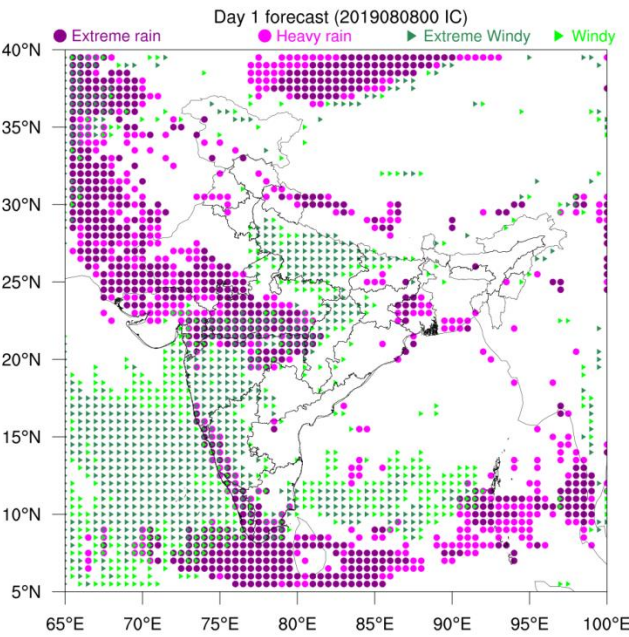
2nd column (Climatology+2SD)

3rd column (Climatology+3SD)

ECMWF

NEPS



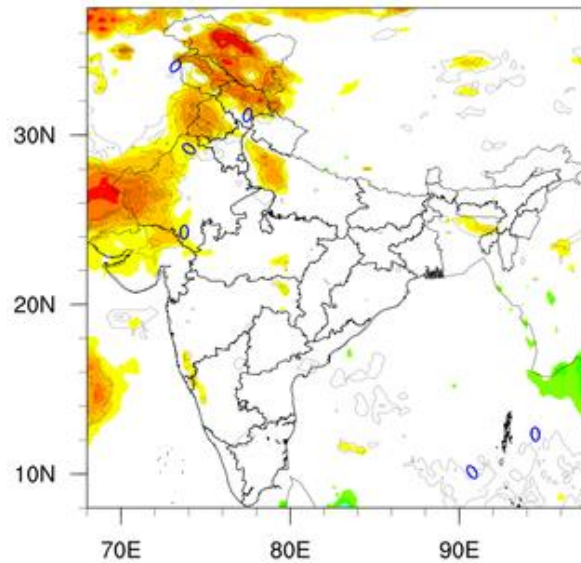
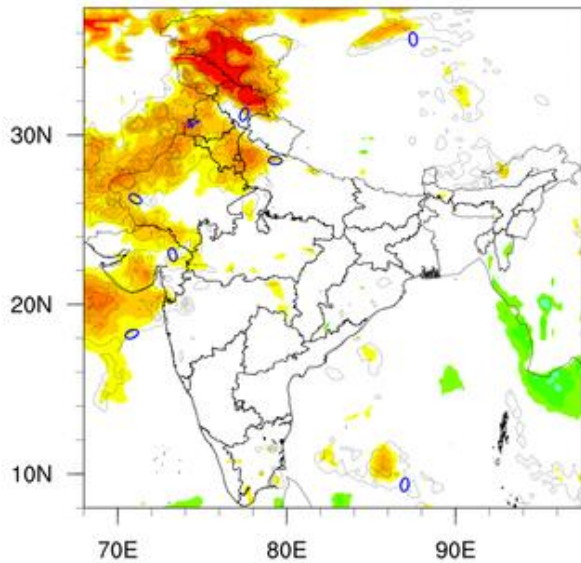
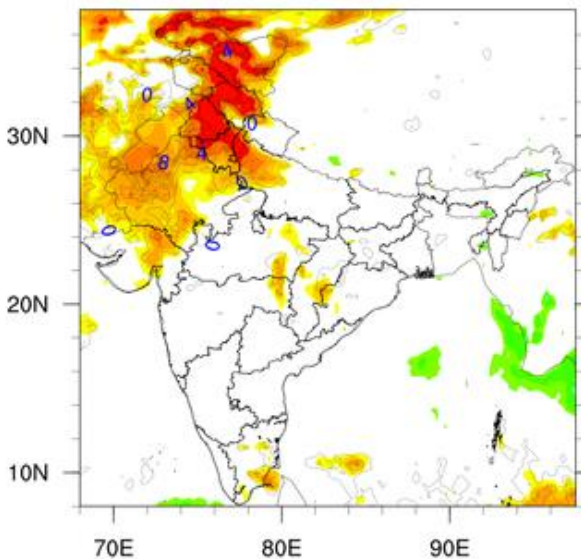


Day 1 to Day 5
forecast valid for
2019080900

Day 1 forecast (2023070800 IC)

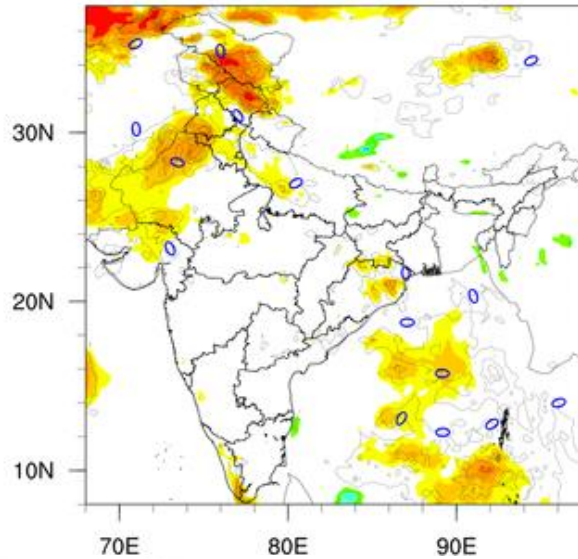
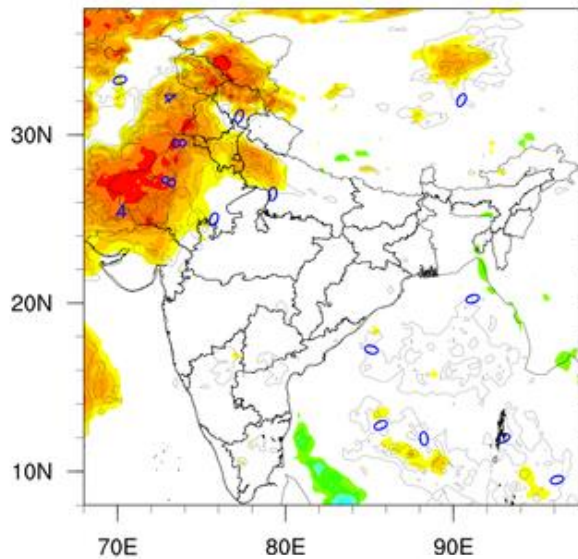
Day 2 forecast (2023070700 IC)

Day 3 forecast (2023070600 IC)

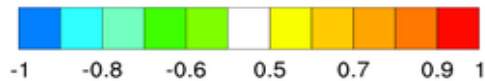


Day 4 forecast (2023070500 IC)

Day 5 forecast (2023070400 IC)



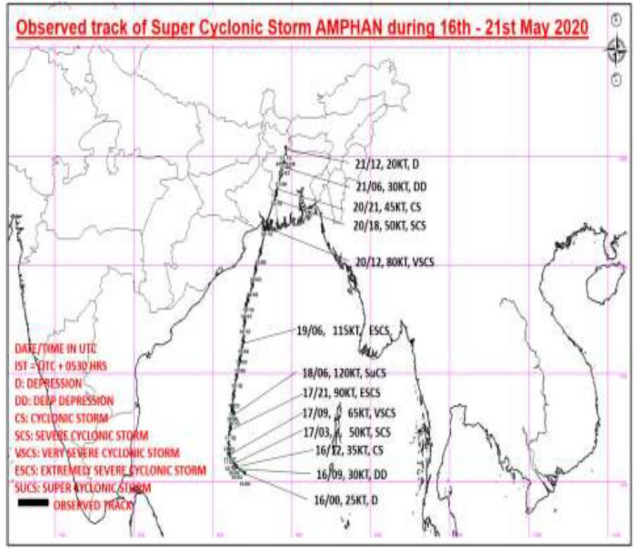
Day 1 to 5 EFI and SOT valid for the 9 July 2023 event



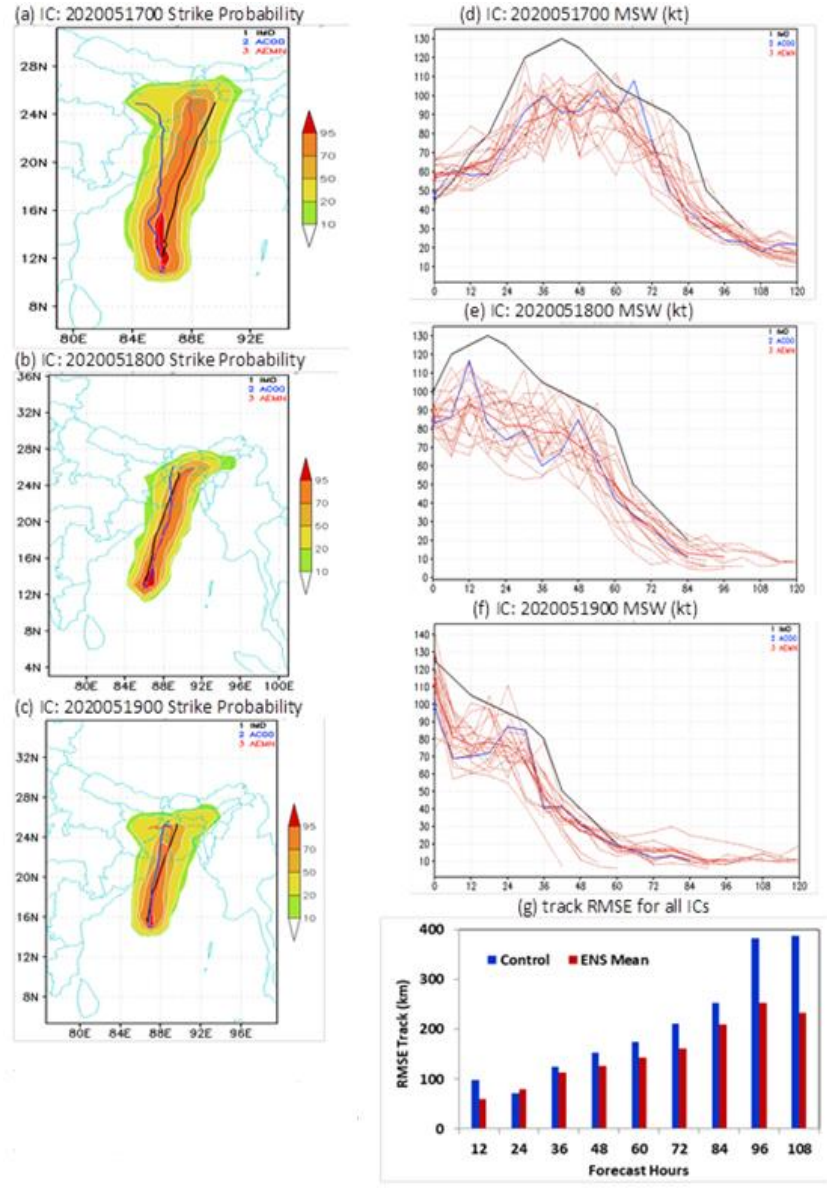
CONTOUR FROM 0 TO 8 BY 2

The Super Cyclonic Storm (SuCS) "AMPHAN"

- The system intensified into Cyclonic Storm "AMPHAN" over southeast BoB in the evening (1200 UTC) of 16th May, 2020.
 - It became a Super Cyclonic Storm (SuCS) around noon (0600 UTC) of 18th May, 2020 then weakened into an ESCS over westcentral BoB around noon (0600 UTC) of 19th May.
 - Thereafter, it crossed West Bengal – Bangladesh coasts as a VSCS, across Sundarbans during 1000-1200 UTC of 20th May, with maximum sustained wind speed of 155 – 165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph.
- Source: IMD*



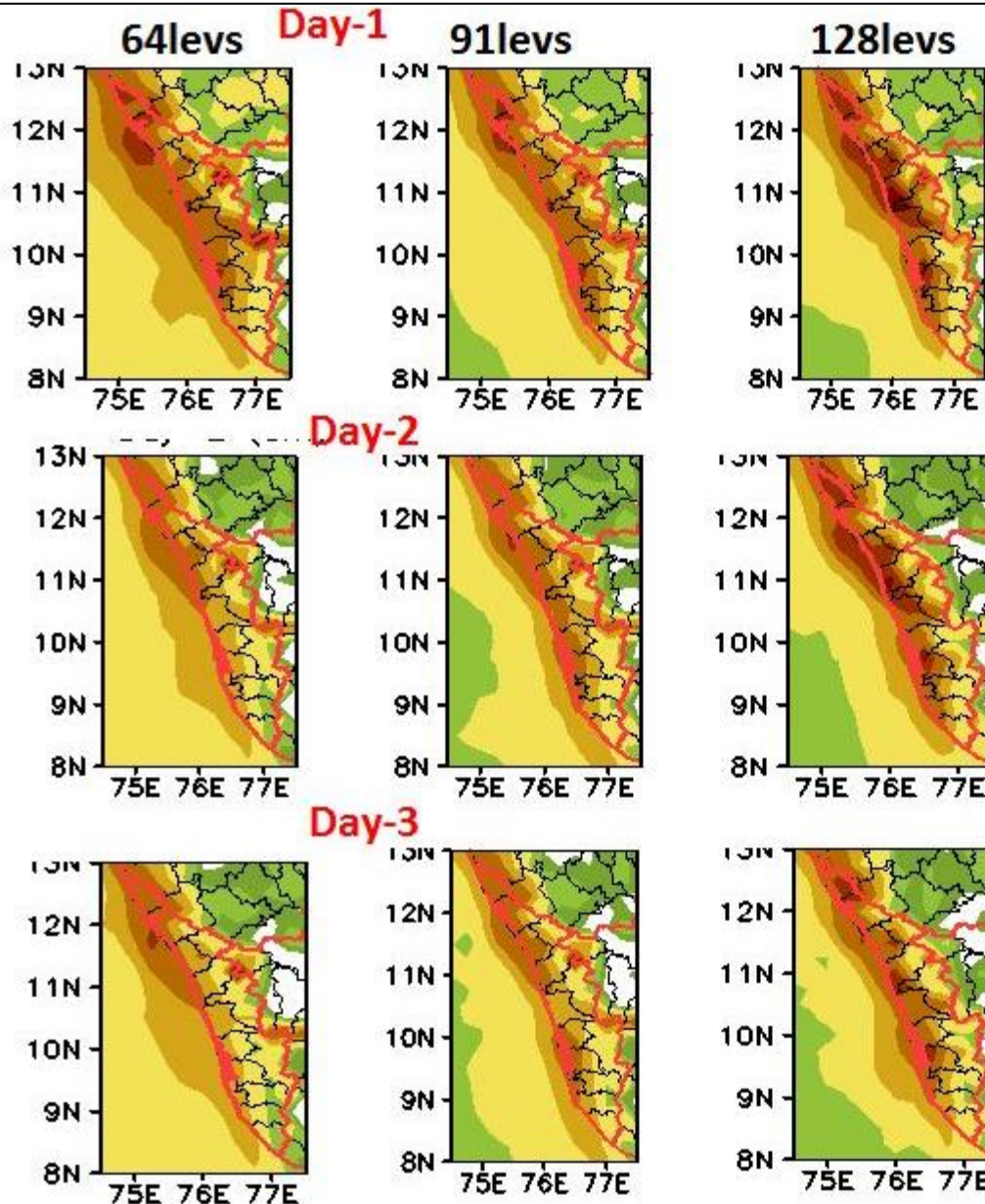
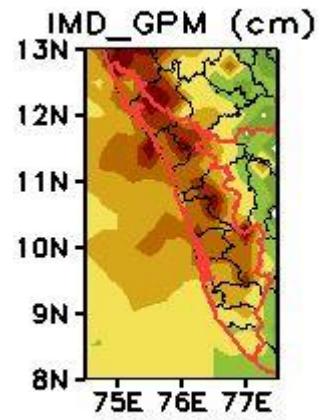
Observed Track



(a-c) Strike probability from GEFs, (d-f) Maximum sustained winds, (g) Track error

New Approaches

Accumulated rainfall (cm) 1-20th August 2019



GFS T1534

Increased vertical levels (L64 to L128) IN GFST1534 help to predict more realistic rainfall

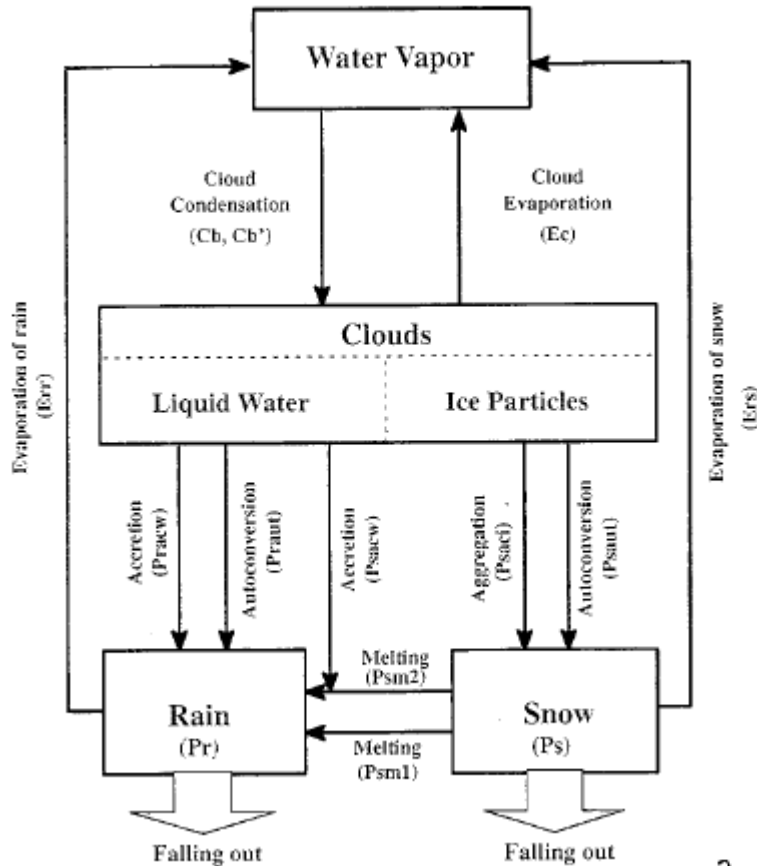
CFS/GFS Vertical levels
 CFST62L64
 CFST82L64
 CFST126L64
 GFST254L64
 CFST382L64
 GFST574L64
 GFST1534L64

GFST1534L128 (31 levels within 800hPa)



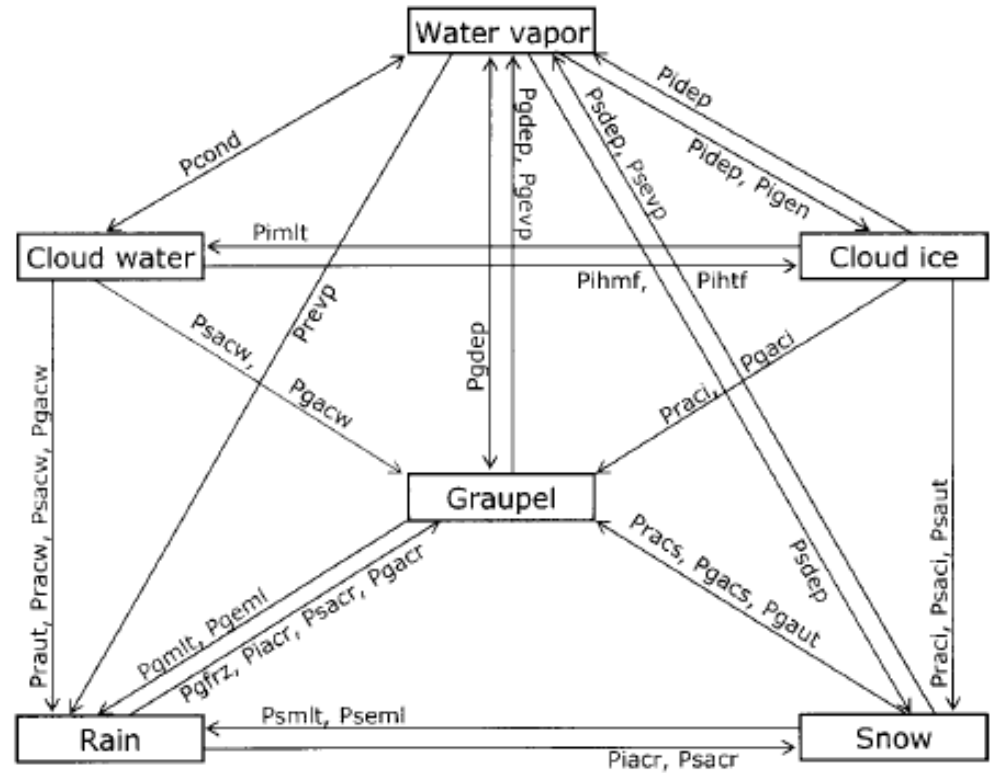
Zhao & Carr 1997

Default CFS Microphysics



Hong & Lim 2006

WSM6

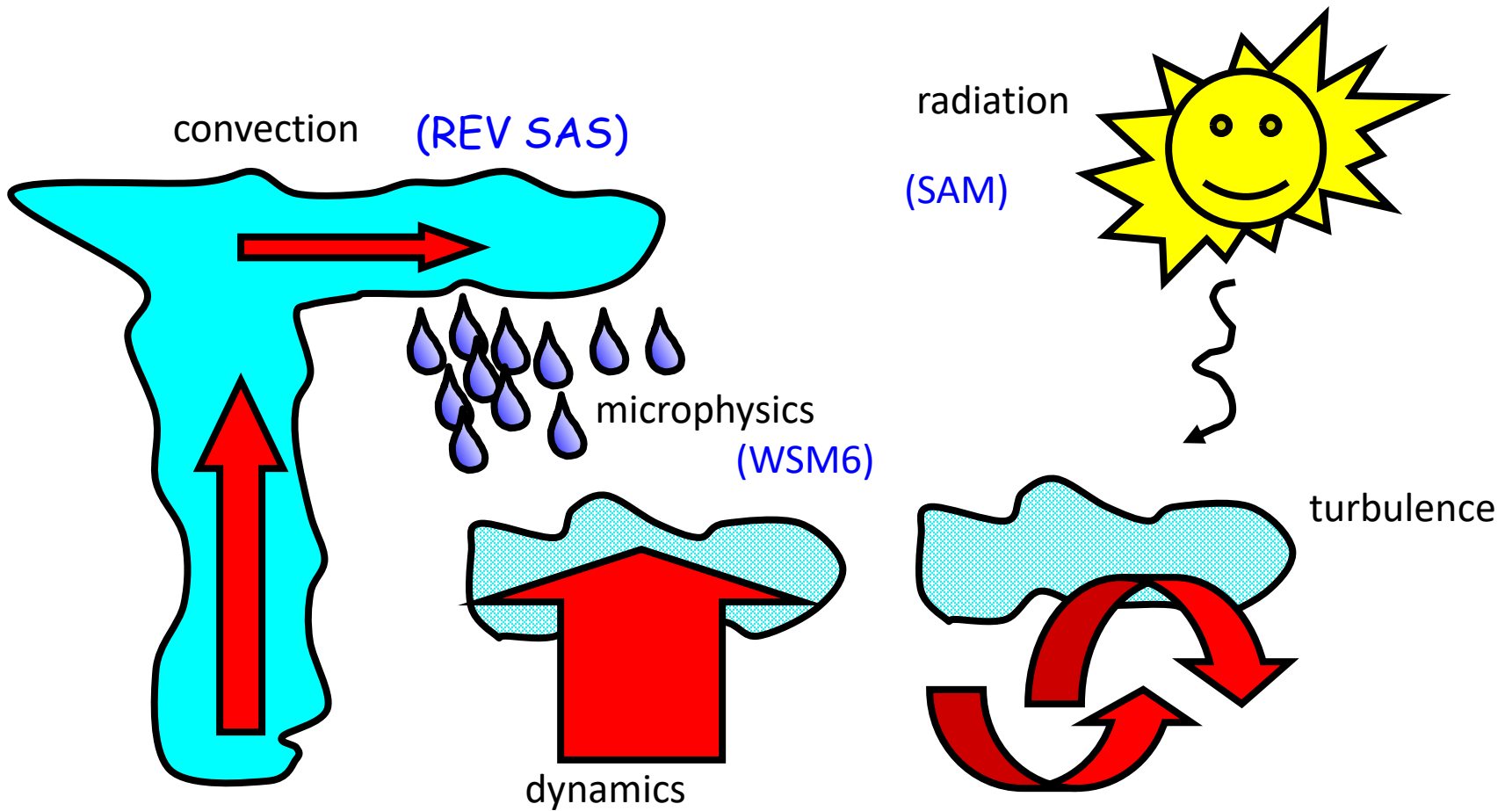


Tendencies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(n) = \text{ADV}(n) + \text{TURB}(n) + \text{SEDIM}(n) + \text{SOURCE}(n)$$

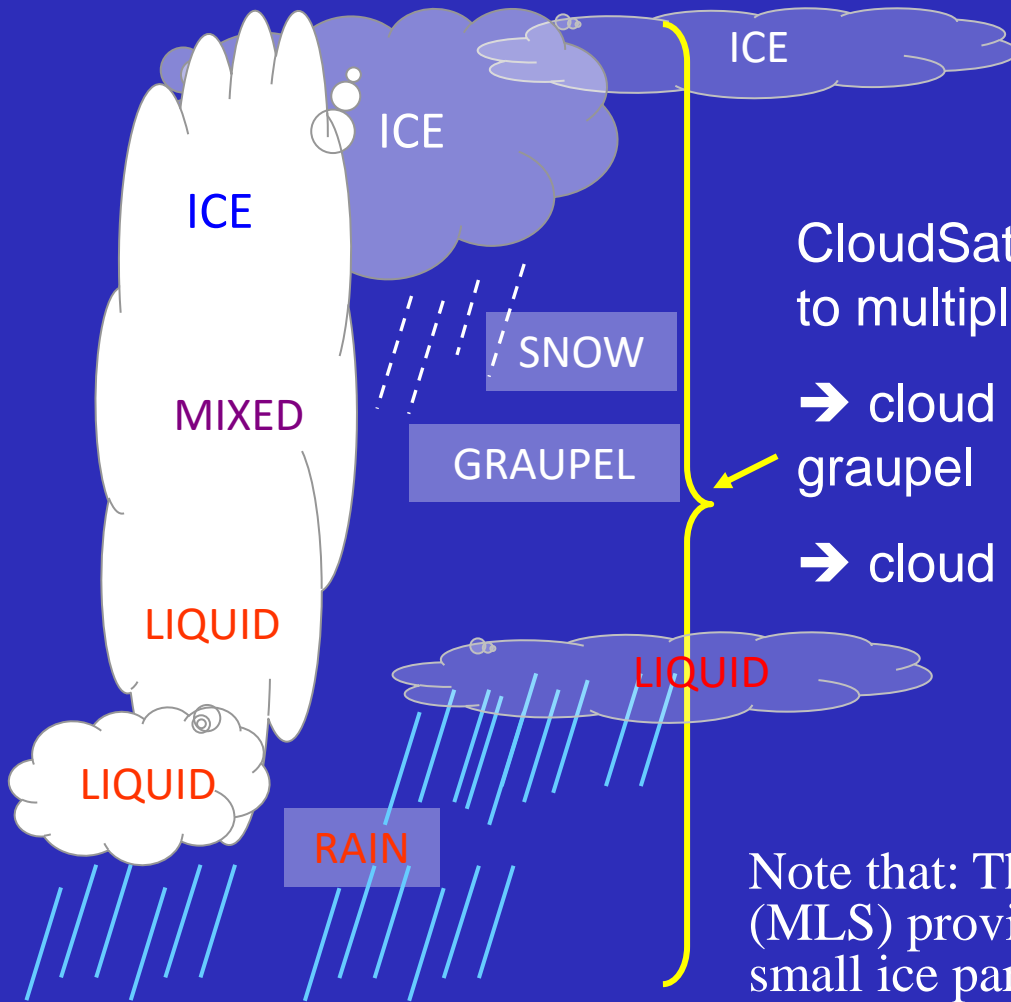
where $n = [n_r, n_i, n_s, n_{clw}, n_g, n_v]$ represents the concentration of rain, ice crystals, snow, graupel, cloud water, water vap.

Revised Cloud-Convection-Radiation in CFSv2 T126



Clouds are the result of **complex interactions** between a large number of processes
SAM: System of Atmospheric Model

CloudSat IWC/LWC Retrieval



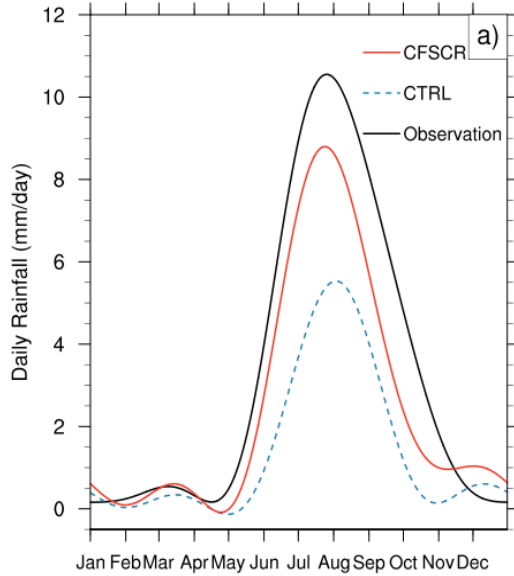
CloudSat measurements are sensitive to multiple particle types:

- cloud ice (~small particle), snow, graupel
- cloud liquid (~small particle), rain

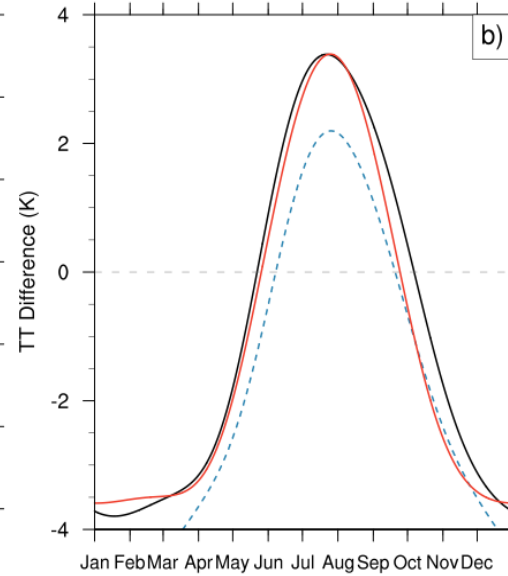
Note that: The Micro Wave Limb Sounder (MLS) provides IWC estimates described as small ice particles at levels in the upper-troposphere

Revised convection, modified microphysics and radiation is able to improve the mean state and Intraseasonal variability of CFSv2T126

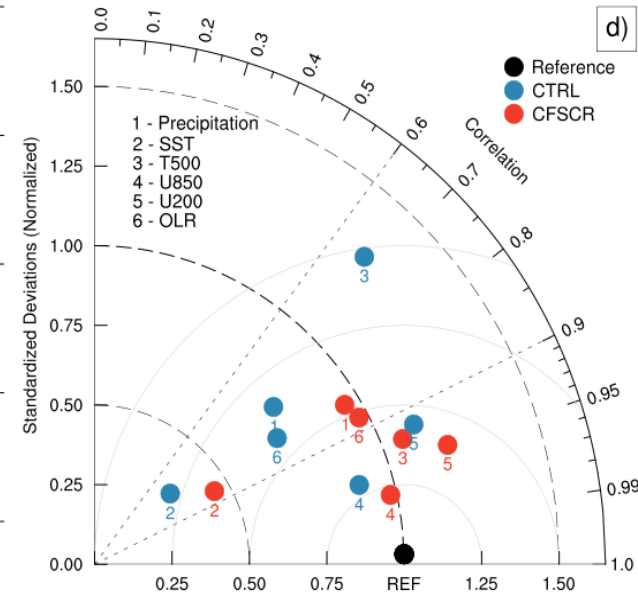
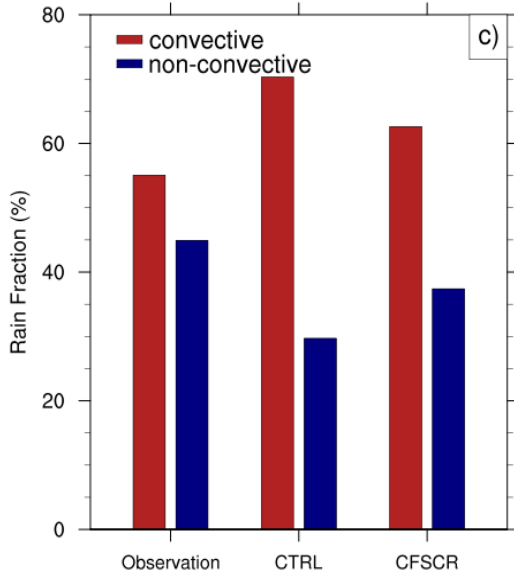
Annual Rainfall Cycle
 $\langle 73^{\circ}-85^{\circ}\text{E}, 15^{\circ}-25^{\circ}\text{N} \rangle$



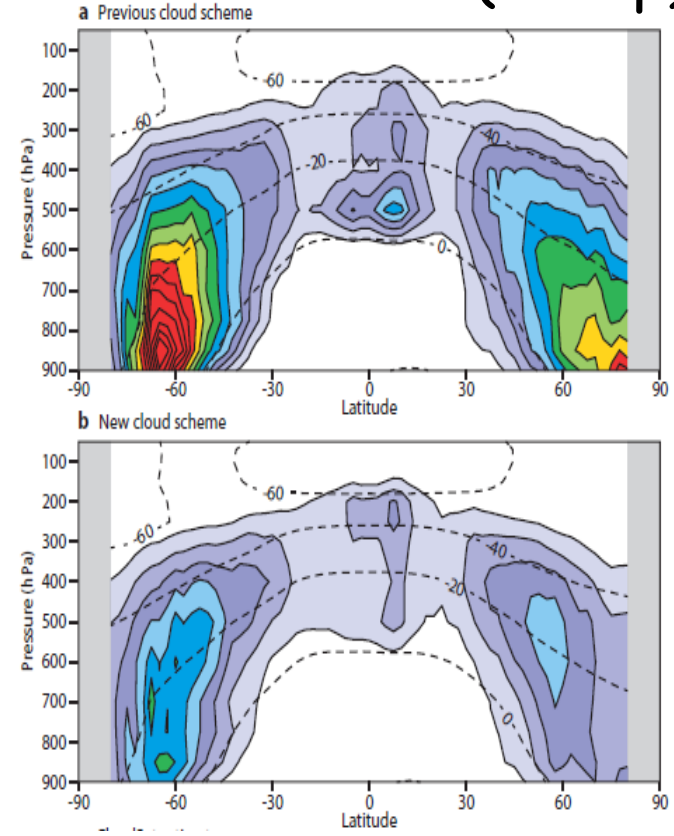
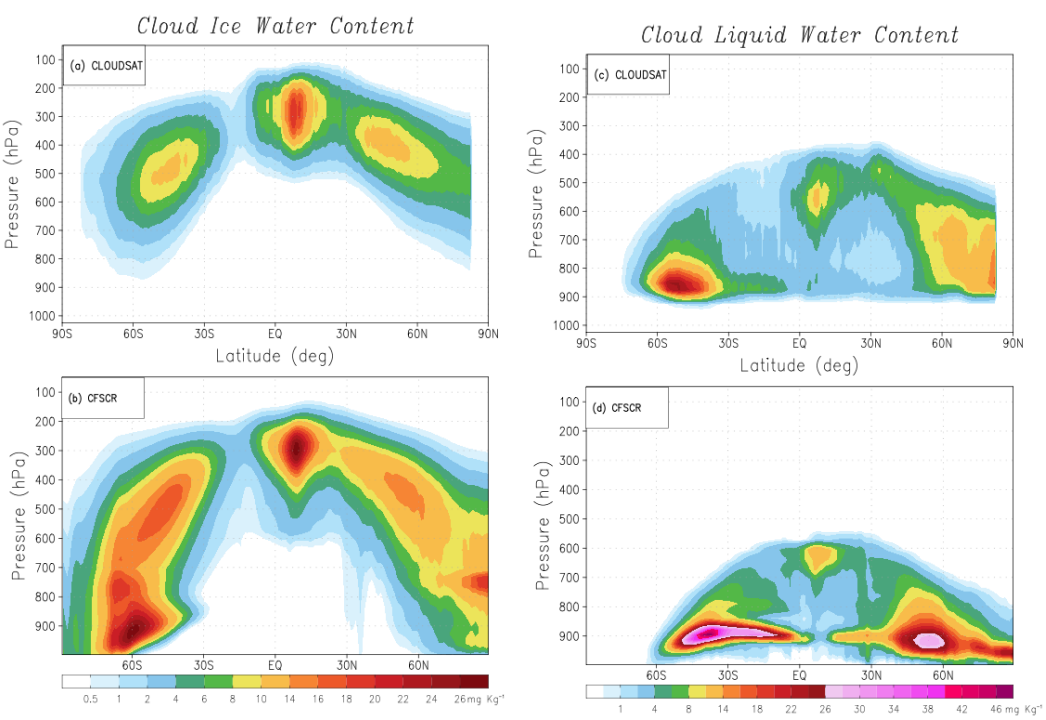
Annual TT Difference
 $\langle 40^{\circ}-100^{\circ}\text{E}, 5^{\circ}-35^{\circ}\text{N} \rangle - \langle 40^{\circ}-100^{\circ}\text{E}, 15^{\circ}\text{S}-5^{\circ}\text{N} \rangle$



$\langle 40^{\circ}-120^{\circ}\text{E}, 15^{\circ}\text{S}-30^{\circ}\text{N} \rangle$

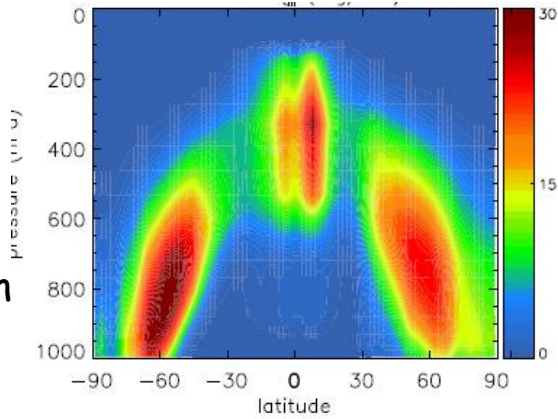


ECMWF IFS cloud ice Betchold+Bulk (comp)



Abhik et al. 2017, JAMES

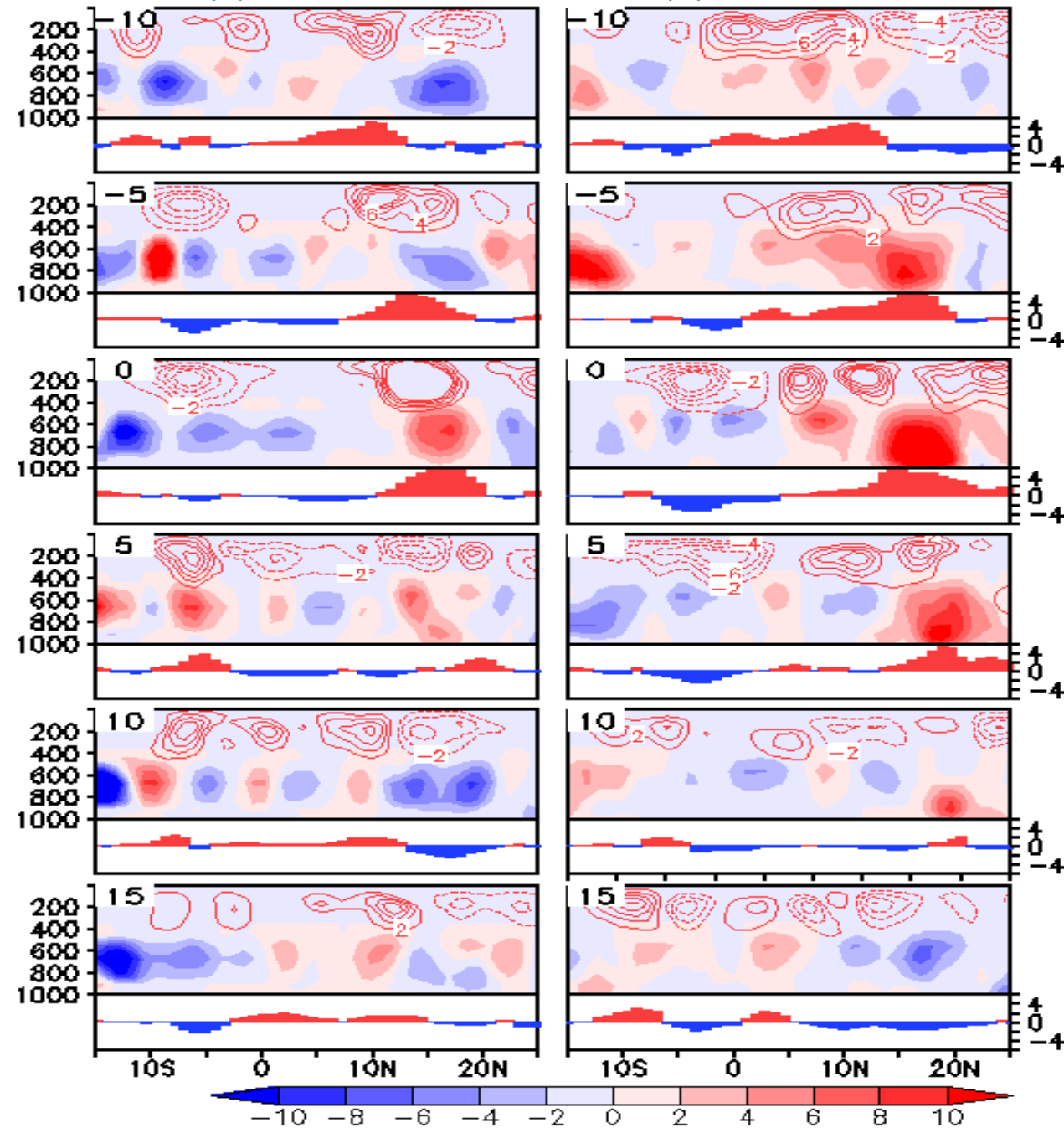
GFDL AM3+Morrisson



Zonally averaged annual mean vertical distribution of cloud ice water content (mg kg⁻¹) obtained from (a) CFSCR; and cloud liquid water content (mg kg⁻¹) from (b) CFSCR model.
CFSCR: Modified CFSv2 with revised Cloud Microphysics, Convection and radiation

(a) RSAS-ZC

(b) RSAS-WSM



Lag composite of CLW (shaded) and CLI (red contour, solid (+ve) and dashed (-ve)) during strong event averaged over 70E-90E, corresponding rainfall anomalies plotted in the bottom in each plot.

Ganai et al. 2019, Clim. Dyn.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-019-04657-9>

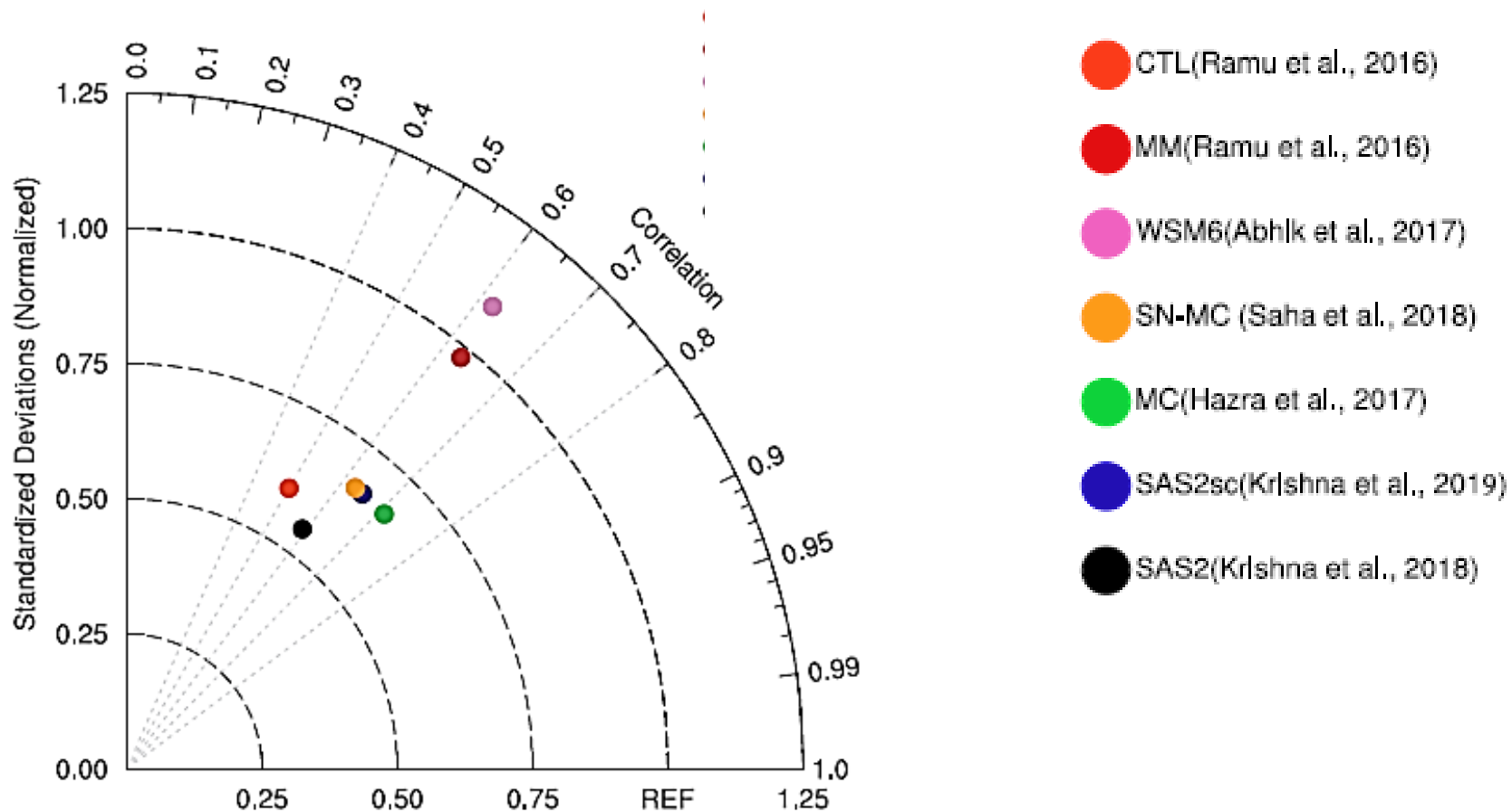


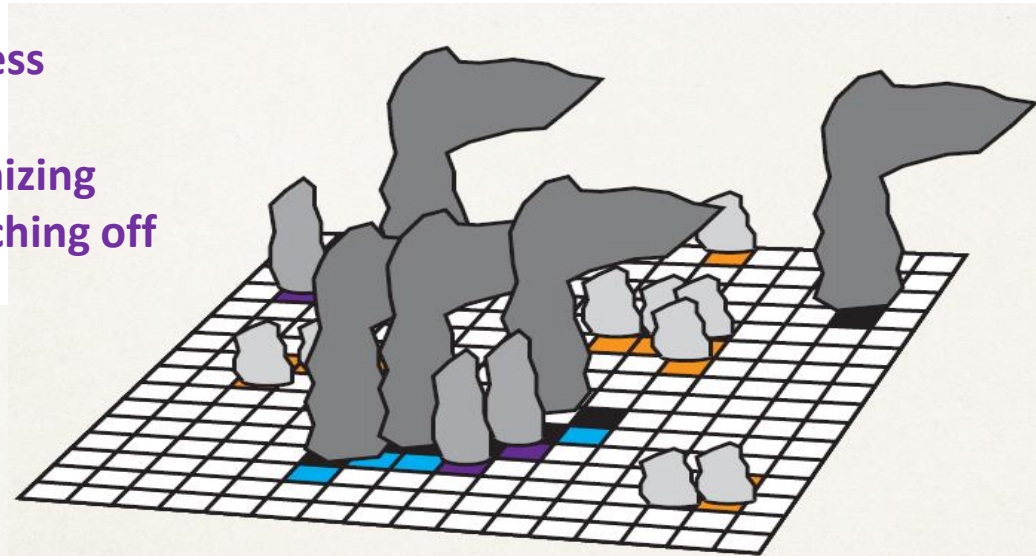
FIG. 6. Taylor diagram showing the skill of ISMR prediction using reforecasts from the control run (CTL) and the developmental activities under MM, namely, the revised microphysics (WSM6) along with revised convection (SAS2) and a modified radiation scheme, new cloud physics parameterization (MC), the new snow model (SN) and MC together (SN-MC), the revised convection parameterization scheme (SAS2), and SAS2 with a revised shallow convection scheme (SAS2sc). The improvement in skill over the CTL run is notable in the experiments. The period of the hindcast is 1981–2010.

Stochastic modelling in Climate Forecast System (CFSsmcm)

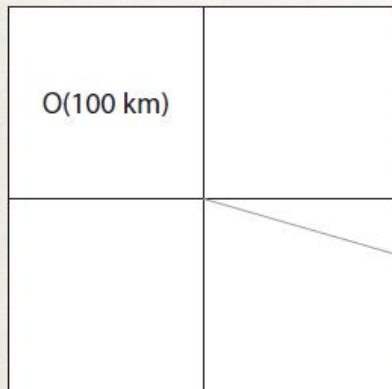
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A Framework for the implementation of the Stochastic model in CFS

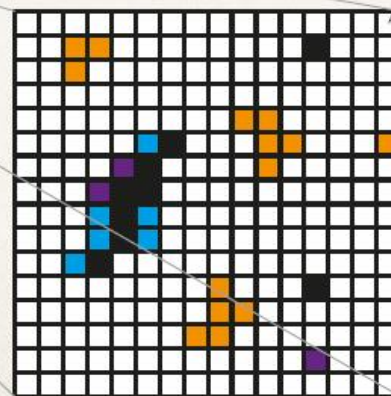
- Stochastic nature in the convective process
- Existence of different clouds
- Distinguishing different clouds and organizing
- Resolution awareness and dynamic switching off in convection



GCM grid



O(1 km)

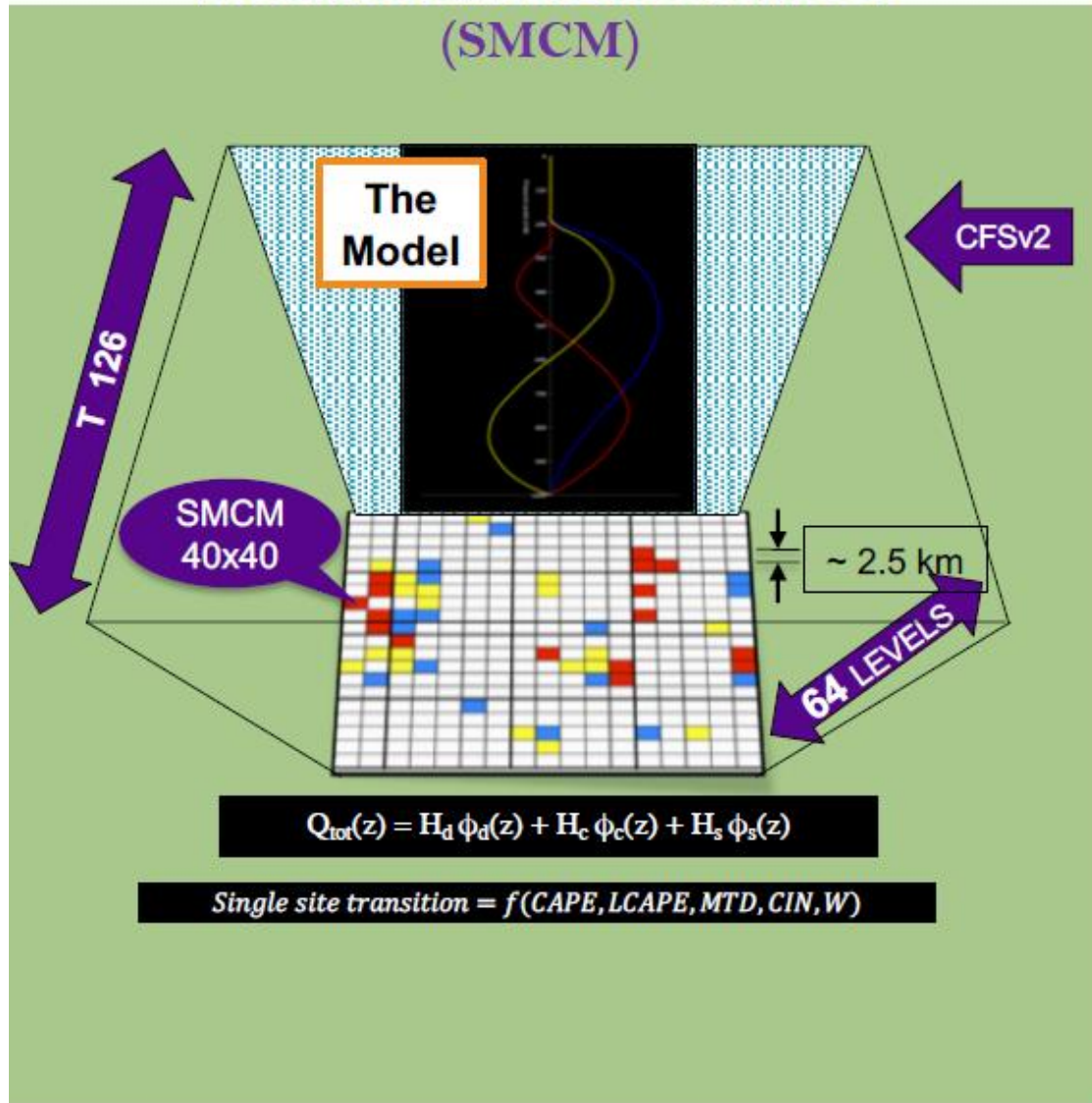


- Deep convection
- Congestus
- Shallow
- Cold Pools

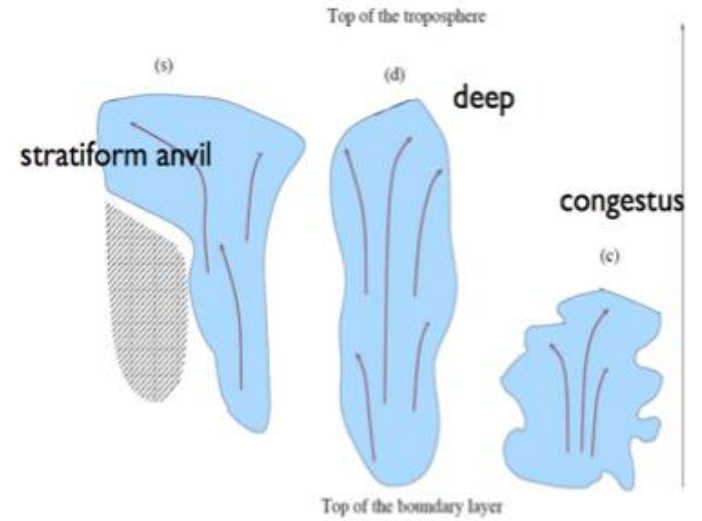
SMCM grid

Roy et al. 2021, AGU ESS
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Stochastic multi-cloud model (SMCM)



Main cloud types of tropical weather



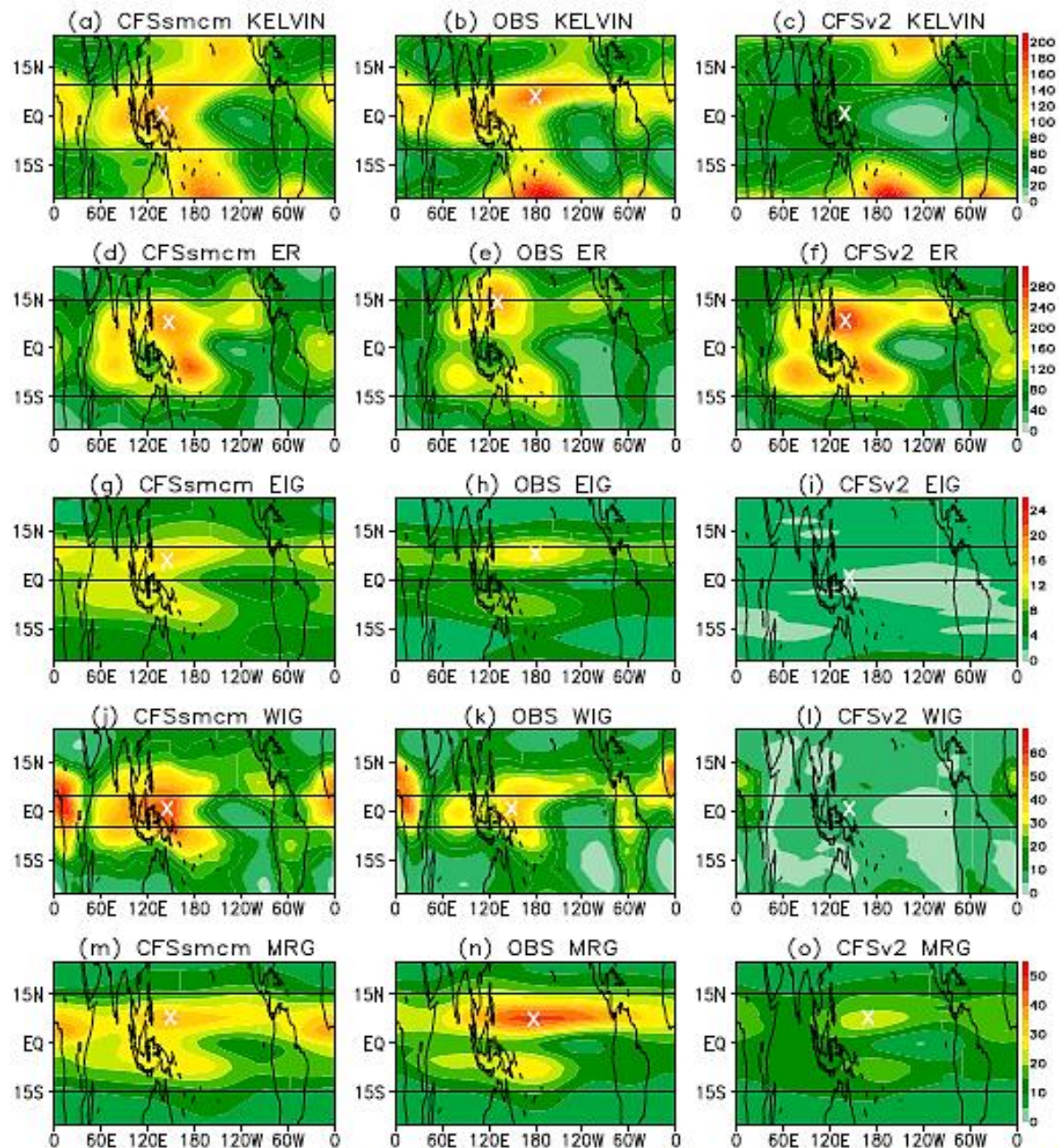


FIG. 7. Daily variance of different equatorial waves for OLR [$W m^{-2}$] anomalies filtered respectively for the different waves. (left) CFSsmcm simulation, (center) observations, and (right) CFSv2. The black lines in each panel show the zonal belt used for averaging the anomalies to plot Fig. 8. The white cross marks identify the location at which the respective indices are considered for the different equatorial waves used in the analyses in plotting Figs. 8–10.

Update in Dynamic Core: Spectral Cubic Octahedral grid

Conventional Spectral grid:

- Not scalable
- I/O
- Artificial diffusion damping
- Negative tracer

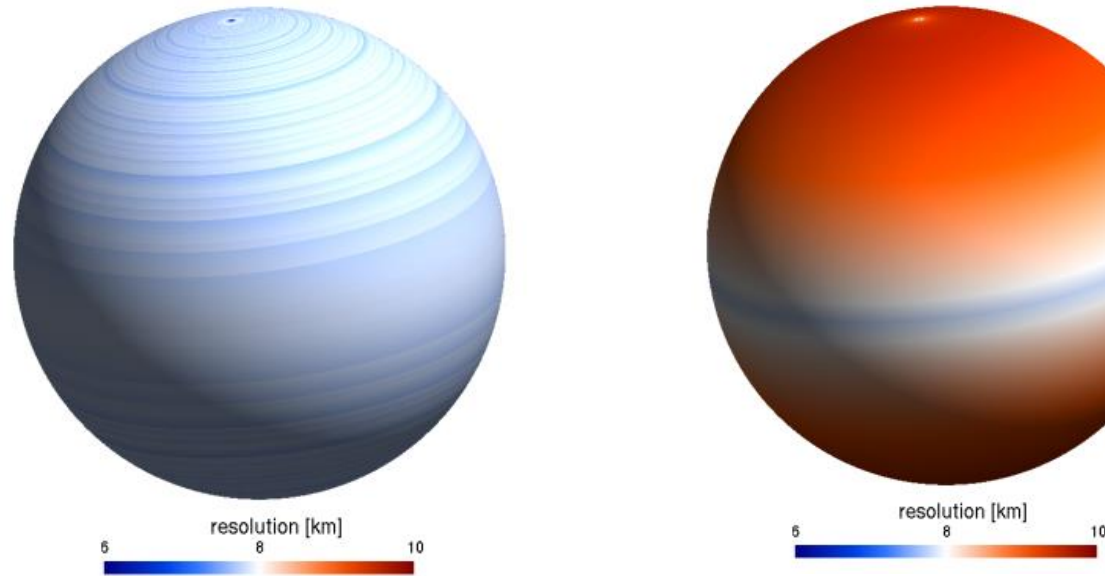
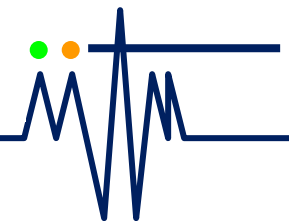
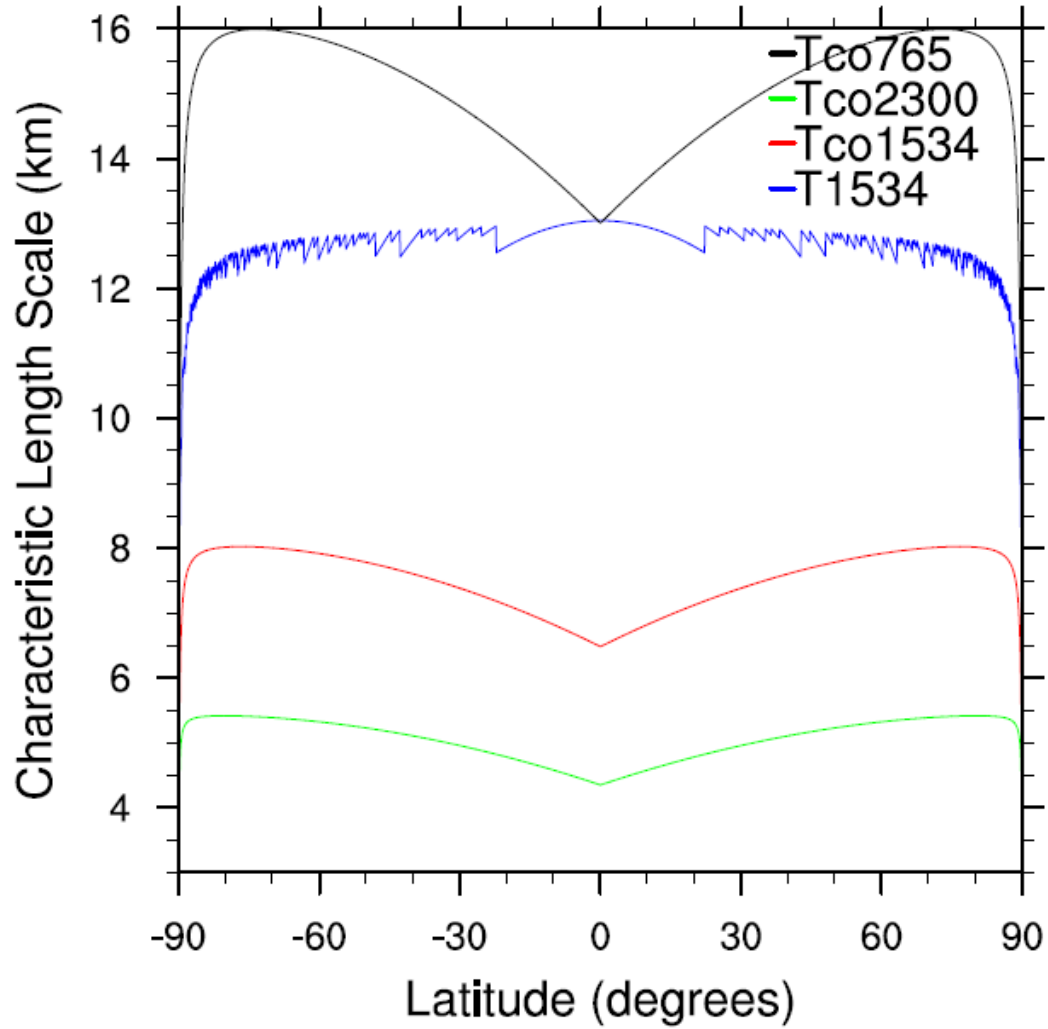


Figure (adopted from ECMWF News Letter 146) demonstrates that the octahedral mesh (right) has a locally more uniform dual-mesh resolution than the mesh (left).

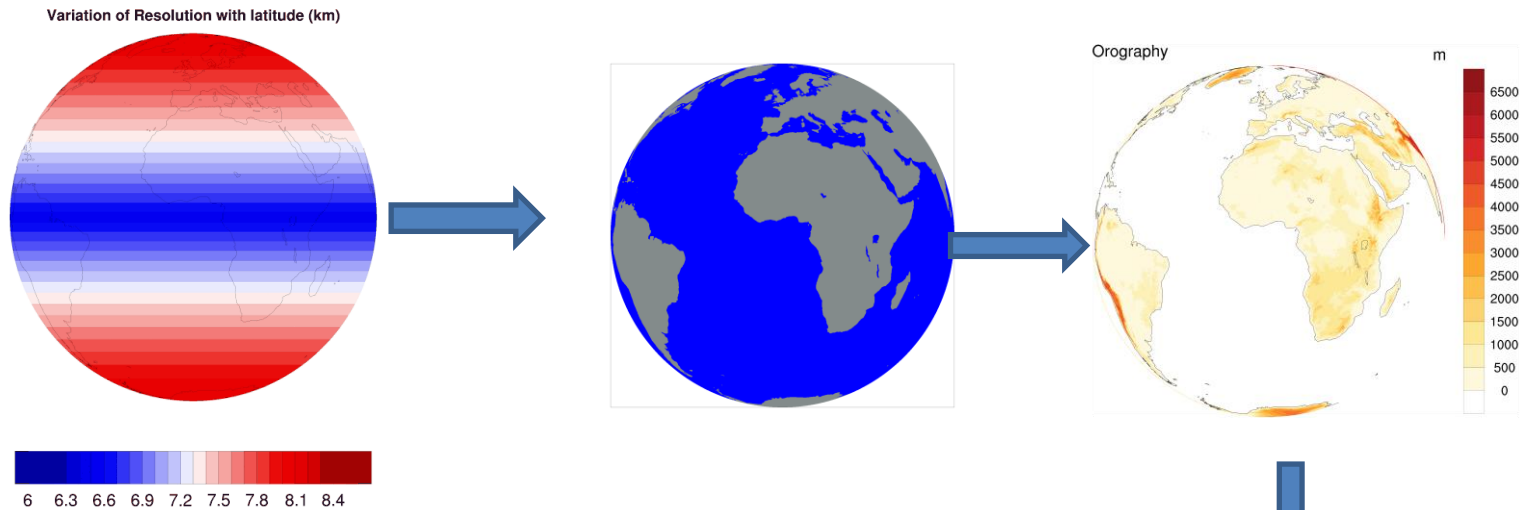
Numerical simulation of an idealised baroclinic instability, conducted using IFS model on both the mesh showed the octahedral grid results in higher accuracy and substantially reduced unphysical flow distortions accuracy mainly as the approach depends on the underlying mesh which defines the shape of the elementary volumes around which the computations are made (ECMWF New Letter, No. 146, 2015).



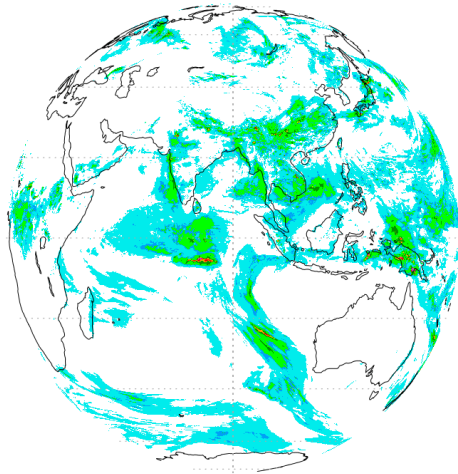
Horizontal resolution T1534, Tco_765, 1534, 2300



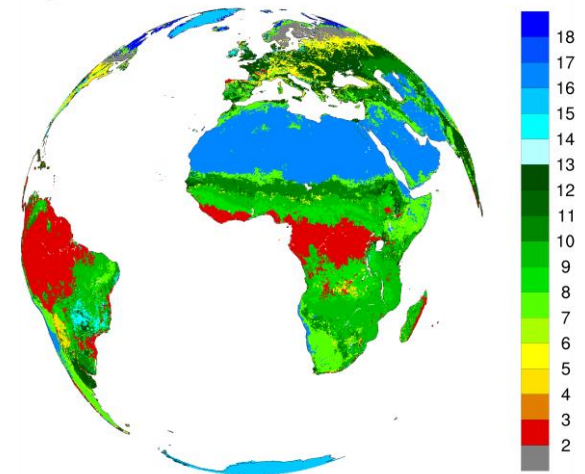
Sequence of IITM HGFM Development



Rainfall

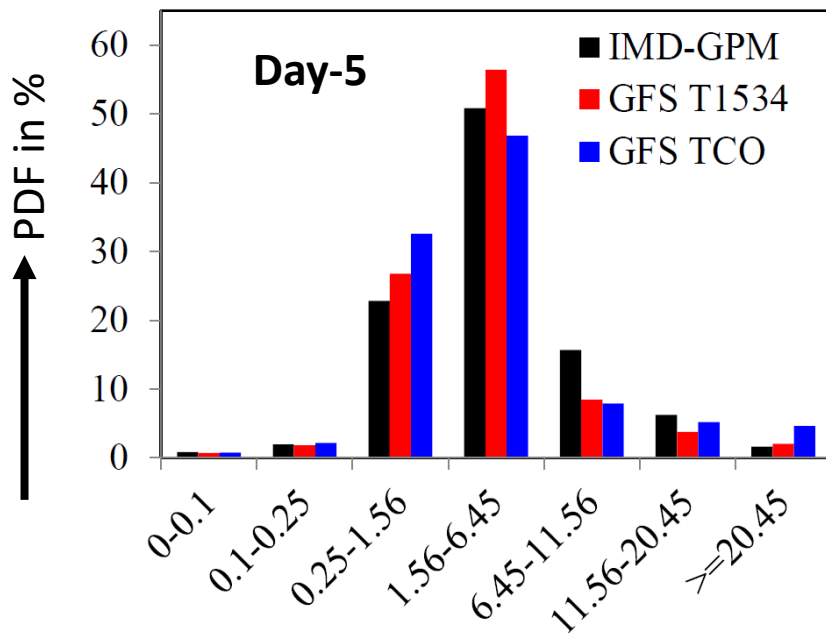
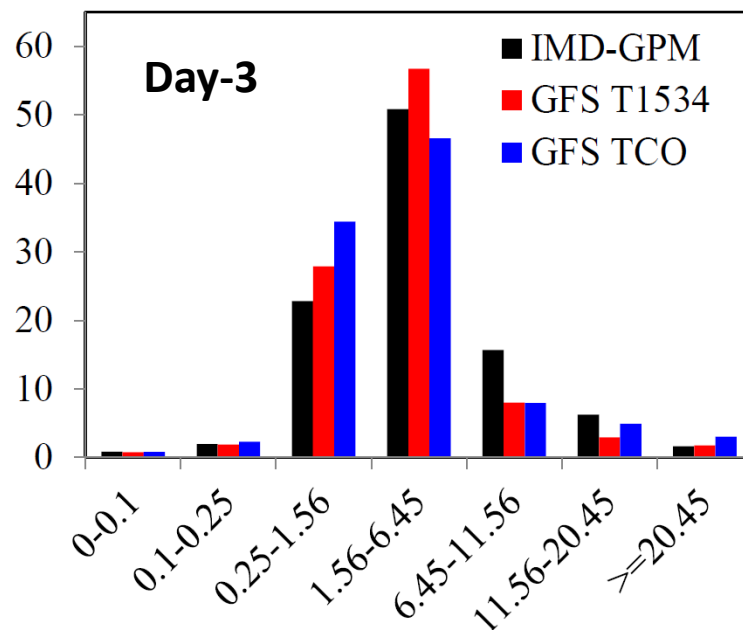
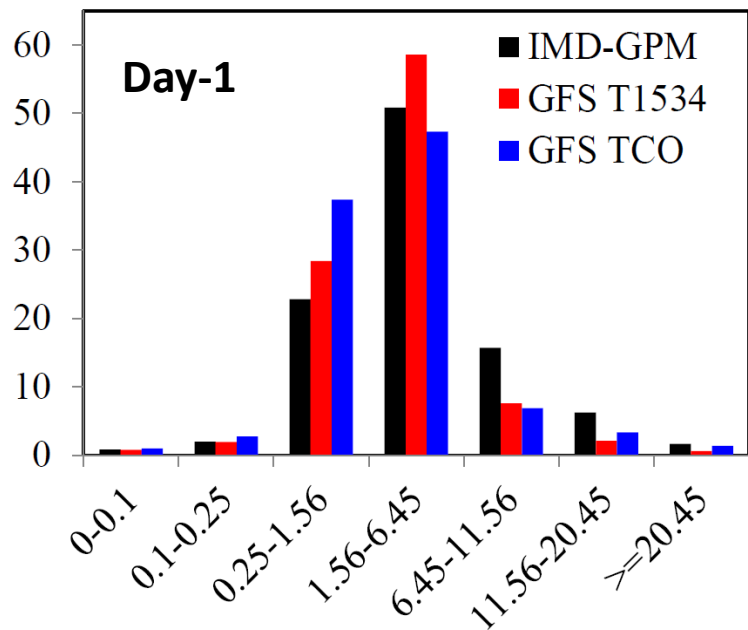


Vegetation



[Link for a film on the development of the model https://youtu.be/dxacESa28bY](https://youtu.be/dxacESa28bY)

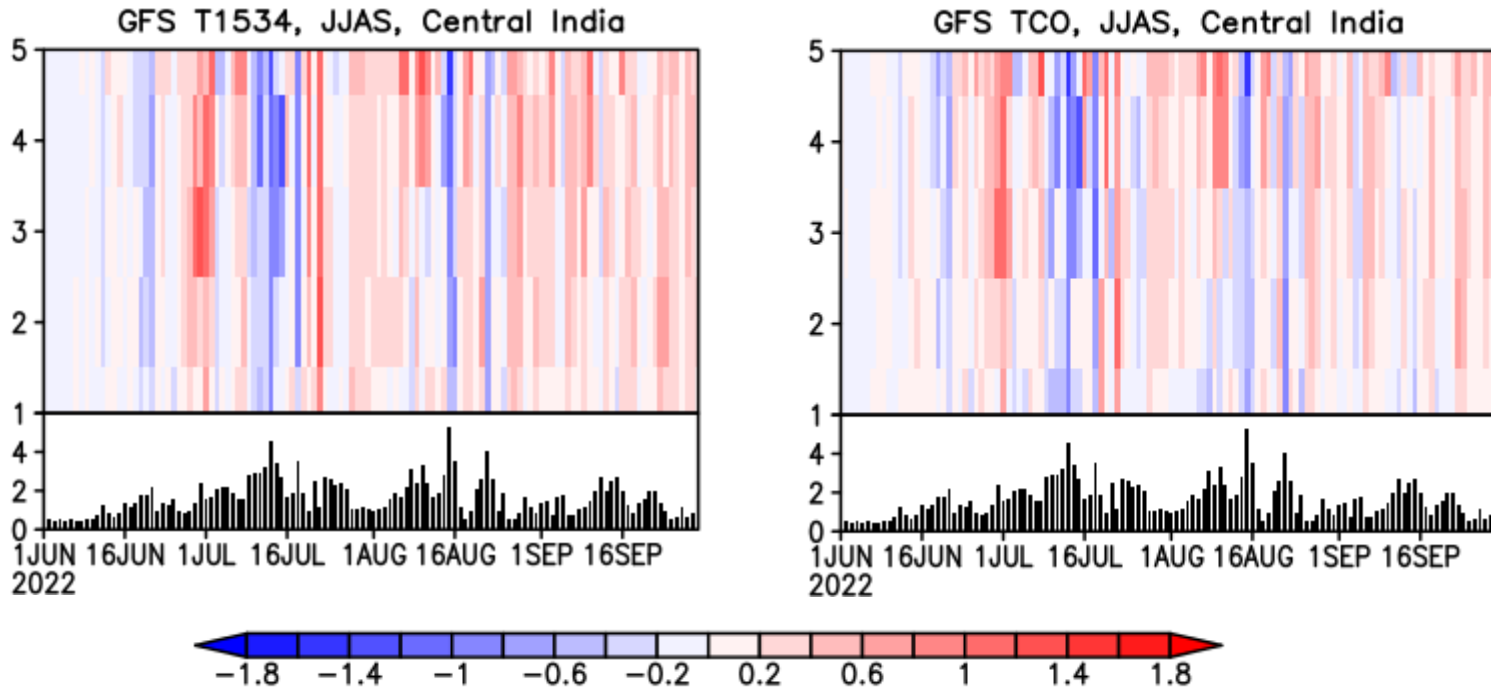
JJAS rainfall PDF over continental India during 2022



GFS TCO better captures the heavier rainfall categories

→ Rainfall bins in cm/day

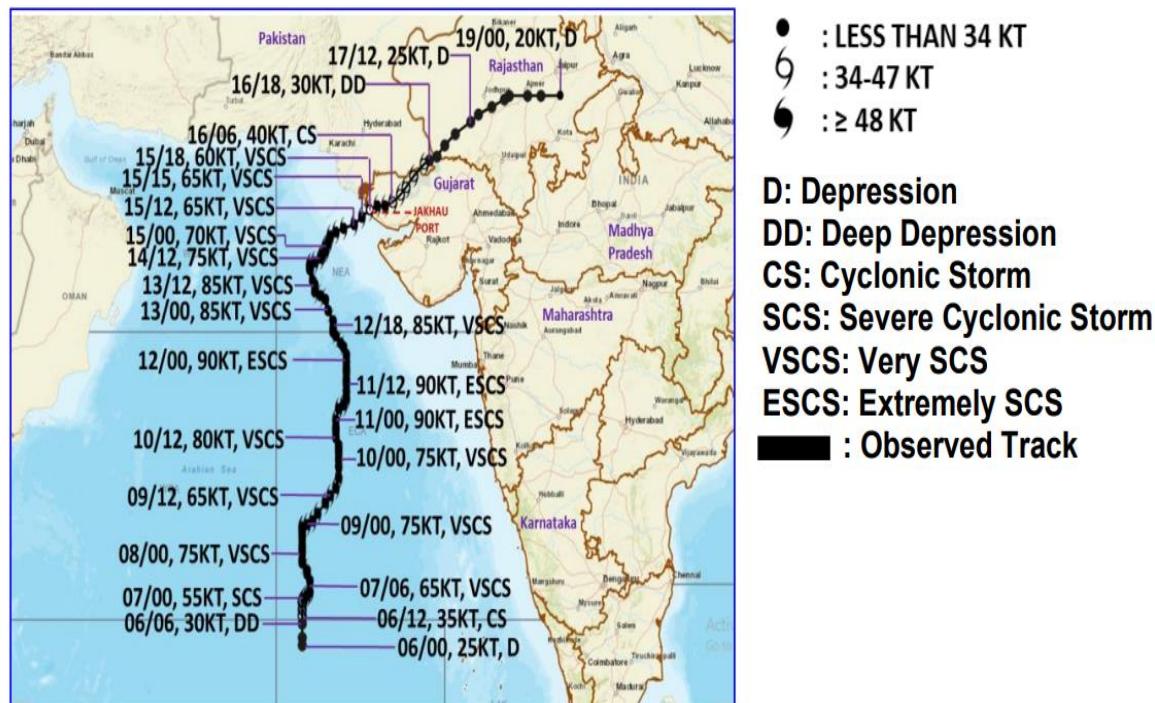
Chiclet diagram of daily precipitation bias (cm day⁻¹) for GFS T1534 and GFS TCO during JJAS 2022



With respect to observation as a function of the verification date (x axis) and lead time (y axis) Time series of daily mean precipitation (cm day⁻¹) is plotted in the lower panel in each plot

ESCS Biparjoy 06-19June 2023

A depression is formed over Arabian Sea on 00Z 06 June 2023. It further intensified into cyclone Biparjoy within 12hrs of formation of Depression and into VSCS within 18hrs of formation of cyclonic storm. It intensified further to ESCS and maintained intensity as VSCS and ESCS throughout its life period over ocean. It crossed Saurashtra and Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi (Gujrat) and Karachi (Pakistan) close to Jakhau port (Gujarat) near 23.28°N/68.56°E between 17-18Z 15June 2023. It attained its maximum intensity in terms of maximum sustained wind speed of 90kts and minimum central sea level pressure as 958hPa.

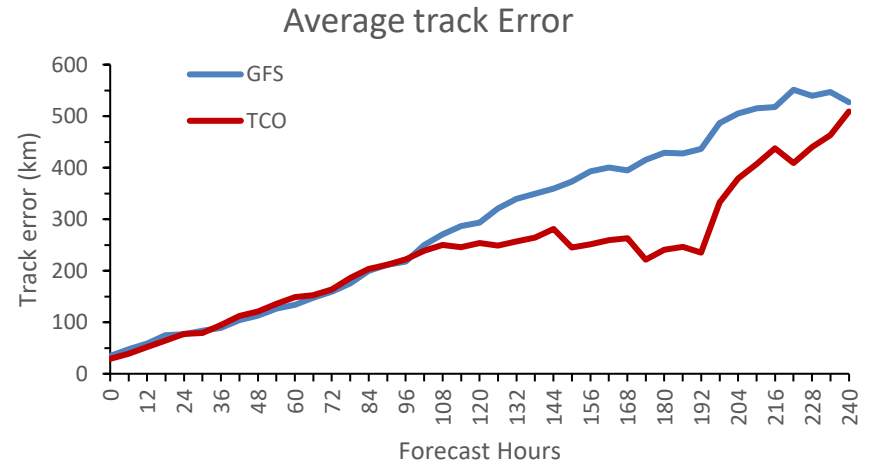
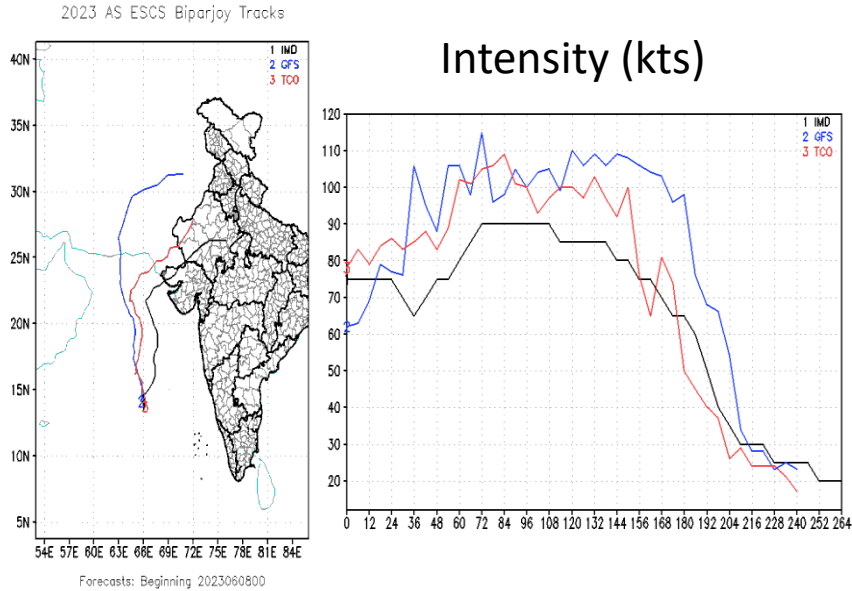


Observed track of extremely severe cyclonic storm 'BIPARJOY' over the AS during 6th-19th June, 2023

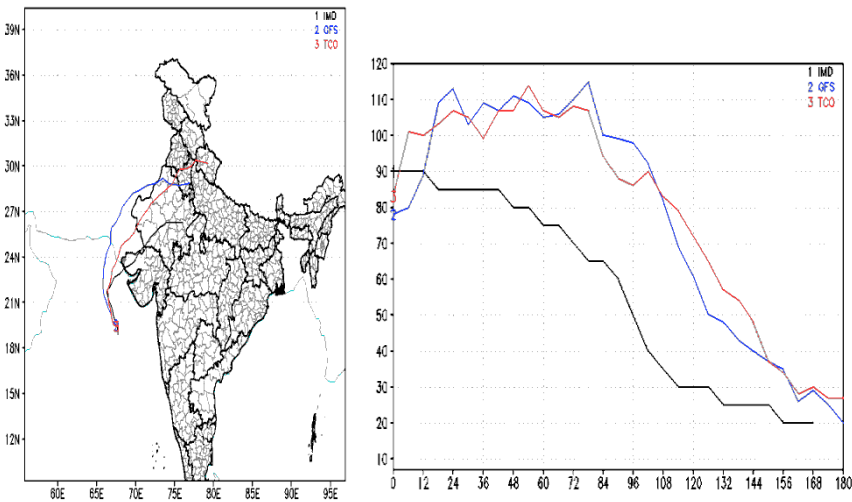
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GFST1534 and TCO

GFS T1534 operational is mentioned as GFS
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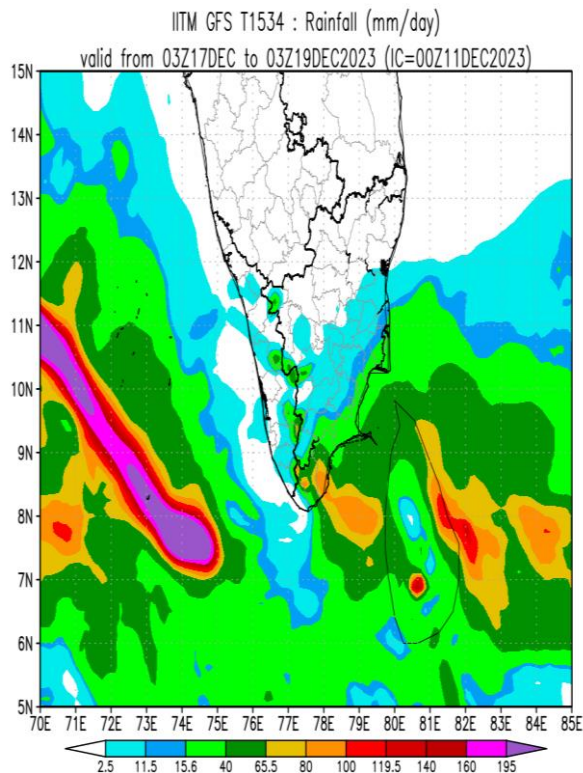
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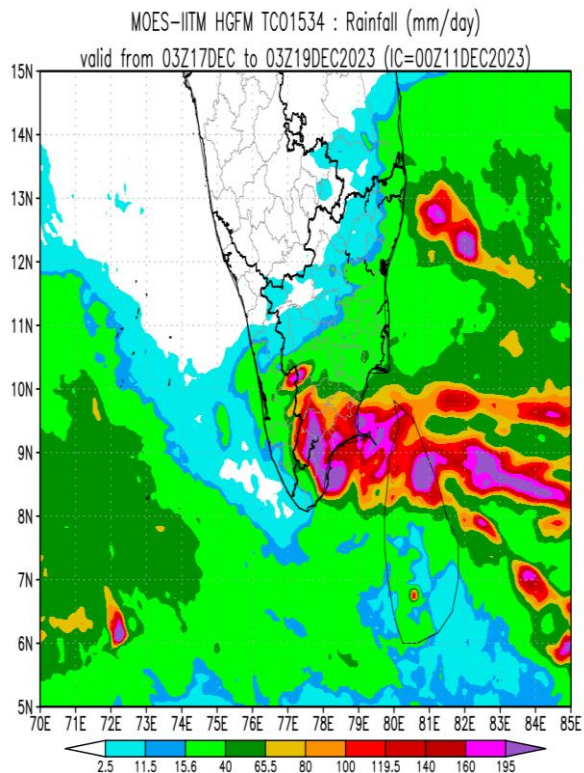
LANDFALL ERRORS		GFS	TCO	GFS	TCO
Lead Hours	IC	positions error (km_		Time Errors(hr)	
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204hr	2023060700	No landfall			
180hr	2023060800	616	201	0	0
156hr	2023060900	349	197	12	12
132hr	2023061000	428	197	12	6
108hr	2023061100	197	7	6	-18
84hr	2023061200	279	123	12	12
60hr	2023061300	197	163	6	6
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12hr	2023061500	57	53	0	0

2days accumulated rainfall (mm/day) from 03Z17 Dec to 03Z19 Dec 2023

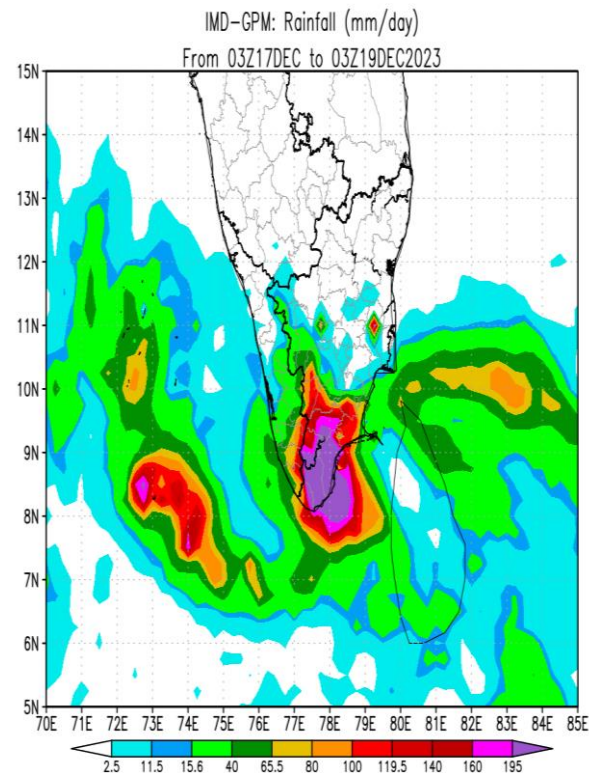
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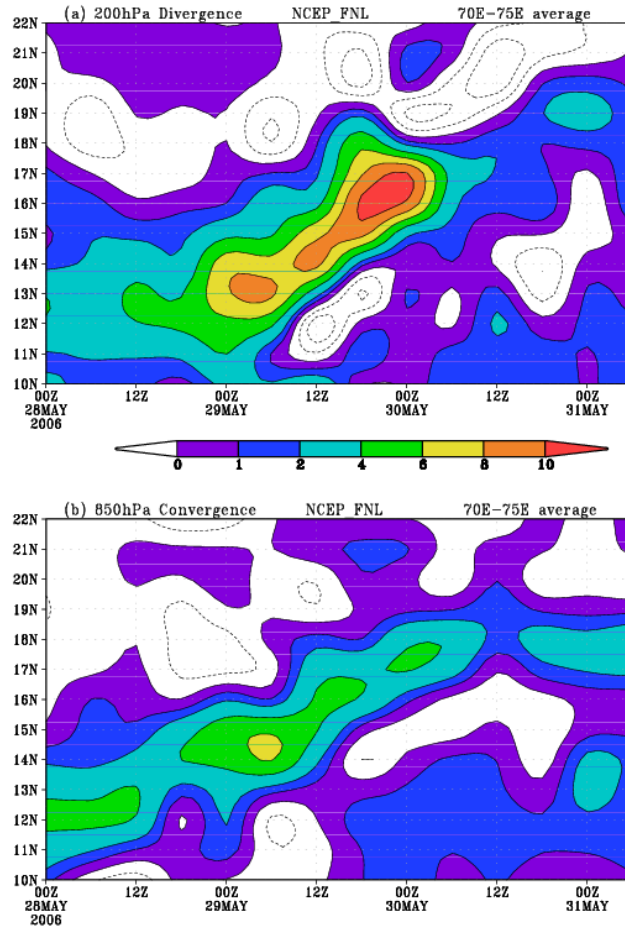


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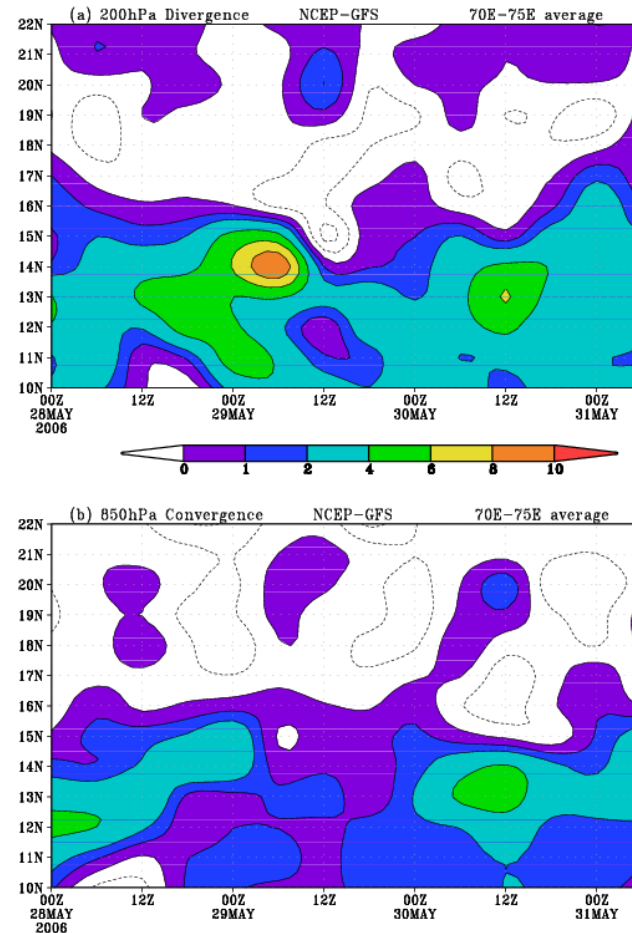


The spatial and temporal structure of the sub daily movement of convergence zones associated with onset of monsoon 2006 is revealed based on the higher resolution NCEP GFS analyses and forecasts (28-31 May 2006)

ANALYSES

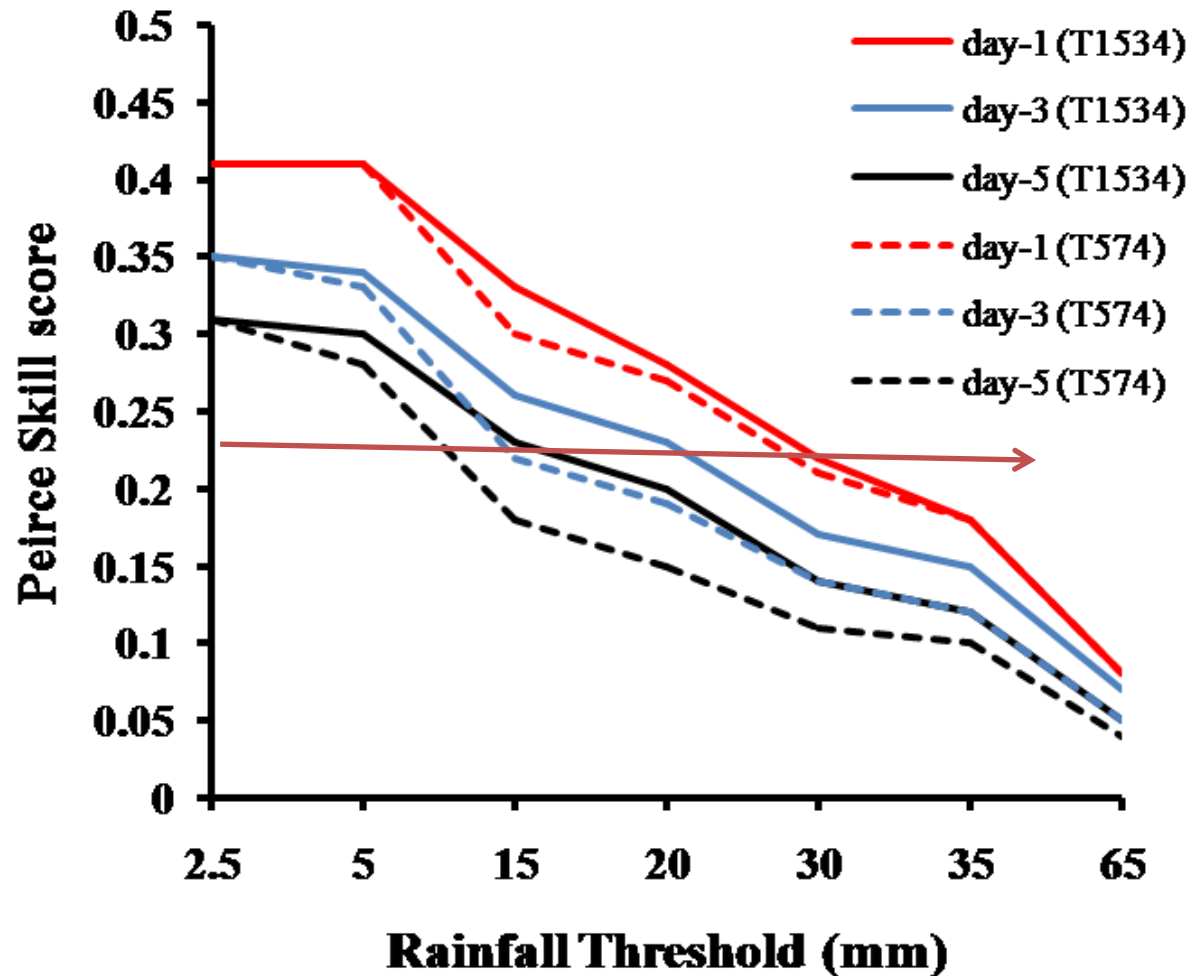


FORECASTS



Poor representation of vertical advection of zonal wind in the middle atmosphere leads to misrepresentation of convective processes and thus deteriorates the forecast beyond 24 hour

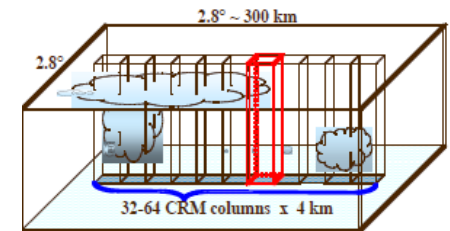
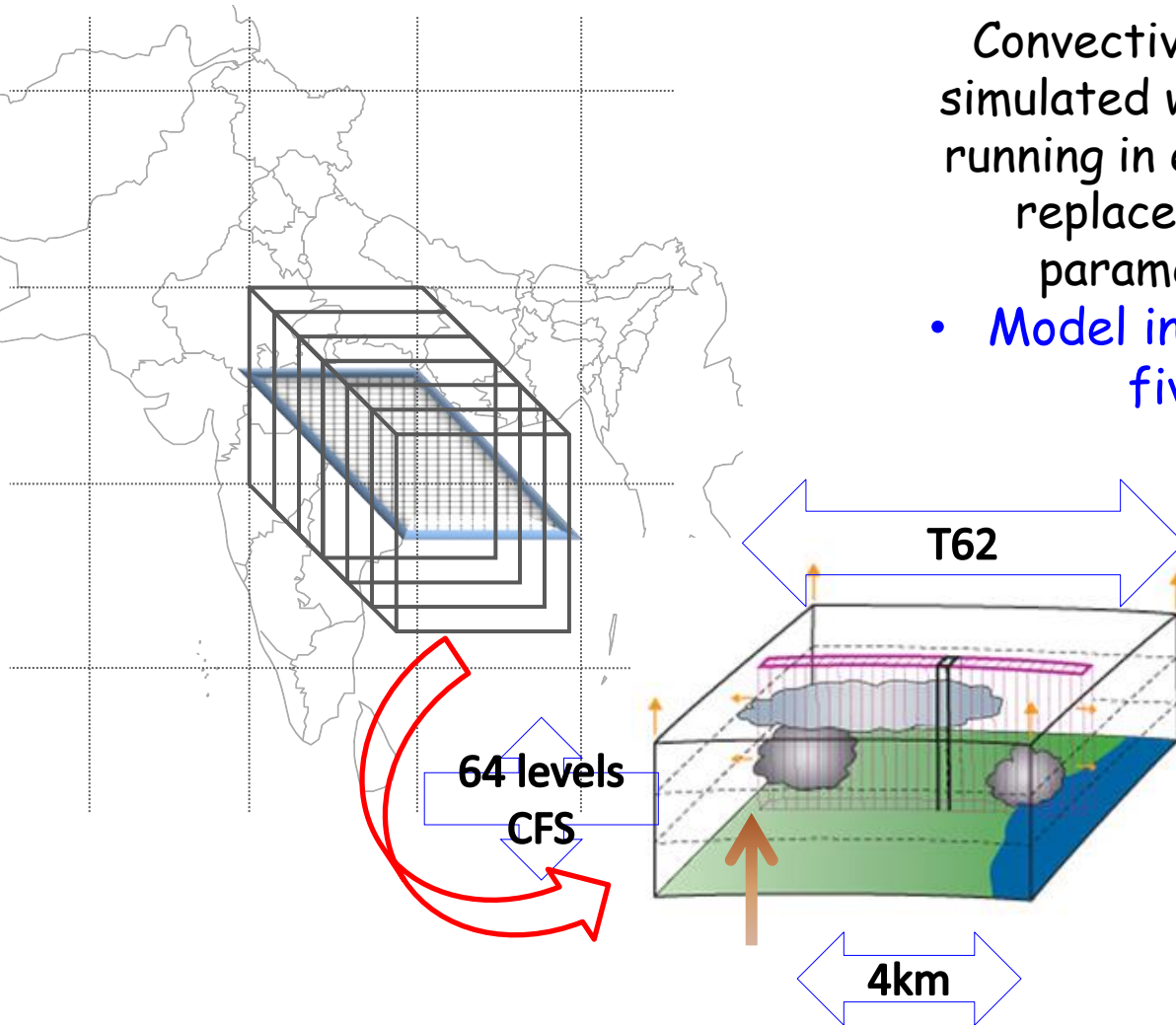
Peirce Skill Score (High Resolution global 12.5 km model gives better skill (The skill of GFS T574 with 3 day lead is now extended to 5 days with T1534 ~12.5 km global GFS



Superparameterized CFSv2-T62 (SPCFS) Analyses of 6.5 year free run

Convective tendencies are explicitly simulated with a **C**loud **R**esolving **M**odel running in each GCM grid column which replaces the traditional cumulus parameterization of the GCM.

- Model integrated for 6.5 years and five years are analyzed

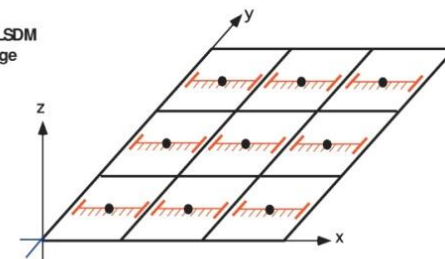


Cloud-Resolving Convection Parameterization or Super-Parameterization

Grabowski (2001), Khairoutdinov and Randall (2001)

Application of a 2D CSRM within each column of a large-scale dynamical model (LSDM) with periodic lateral boundary conditions

At the • points, the LSDM and the domain-average of the CSRM interact.

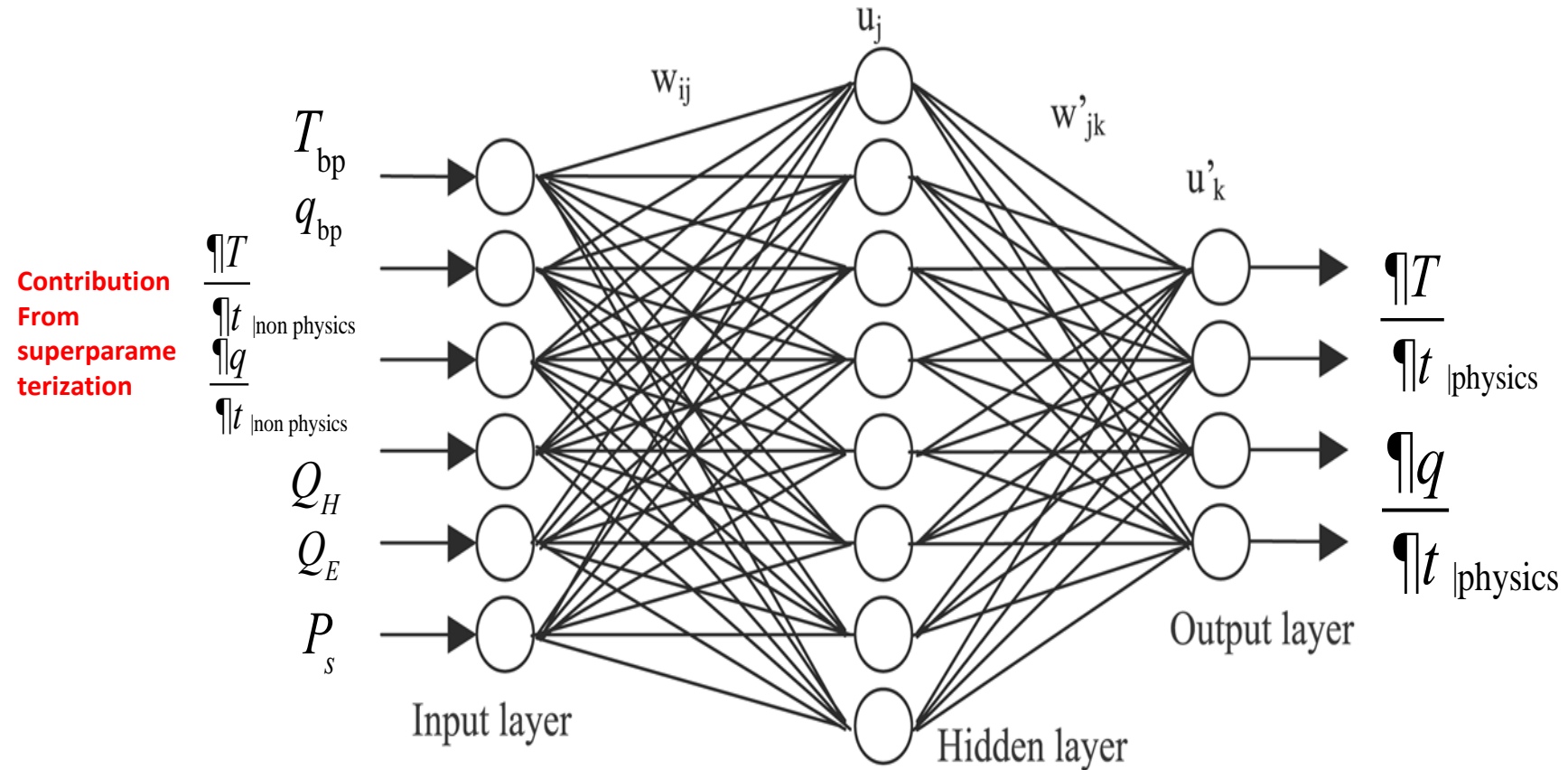


Concept and viewgraph from Akio Arakawa

Bidyut B. Goswami, R. P. M. Krishna, P. Mukhopadhyay, Marat Khairoutdinov, and B. N. Goswami, 2015: Simulation of the Indian Summer Monsoon in the Superparameterized Climate Forecast System Version 2: Preliminary Results. *J. Climate*, 28, 8988–9012

AI/ML in Weather Forecasting

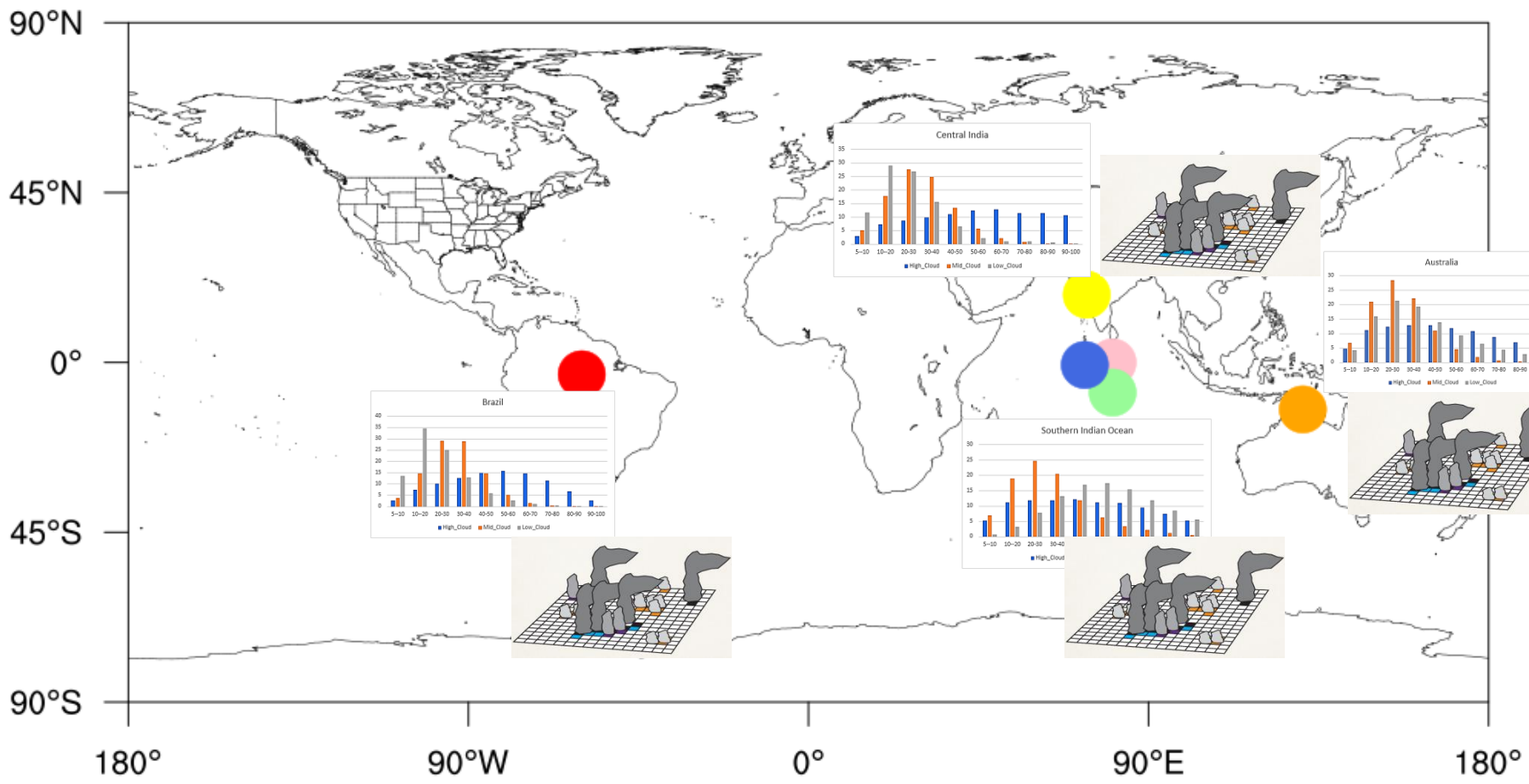
Presentation of a feed forward neural network architecture and the inputs used as well as the predicted tendencies



The deep layers will be trained from the cloud resolving model tendencies embedded in CFS (i. e. from Sp-CFS)

The trained tendencies will be given to CFS grid and the conventional cumulus parameterization will be switched off.

Radar Locations for estimations of cloud fractions



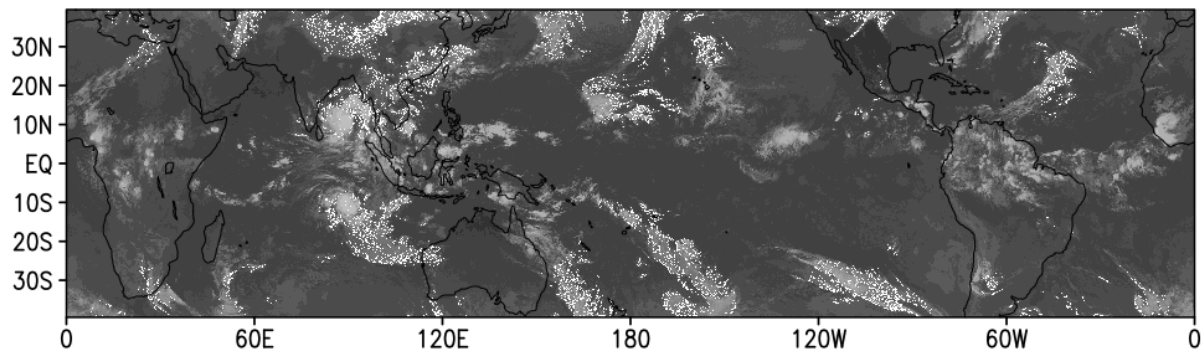
- GoAmazon
- DYNAMO (Revelle)
- DYNAMO (Gan)
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- DYNAMO (Mirai)
- DARWIN

Constraining the cloud transition probability with global RADAR observations

Summary and Conclusion

- For extreme events/high impact weather events Ensemble forecast provides longer lead which is useful for disaster managers/forecasters
- However, the GEFS forecast is under-dispersive (not shown), which needs further model improvement
- Stochastic parameterization helps improving tropical variability.
- Realistic microphysics help improving the stratiform and convective proportion in the model
- Vertical resolution helps improving heavy rainfall forecast
- Tco (6km) global model shows higher skill in longer lead for Heavy rain forecasts and tropical cyclone forecasts and mostly resolves the spurious orographic rainfall and Gibbs wave issues (not shown) providing efficient computer time.
- Further Improvement may be achieved through NWP (SP-GFS) and AI combined forecast system.

Observation 00Z08MAY2022
Brightness Temperature (K)



TC ASANI

MOES-IITM HGFM TCO-1534 Forecast valid for 00Z08MAY2022 (IC=00Z07MAY2022)
Brightness Temperature (K)

Thank You !

