CAM3.5 Model Changes

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Modifications CAM3->CAM3.5

Deep Convection

- Convective momentum transports (Richter)
- Dilute instead of undilute plume calculation (Neale)

Cloud Fraction

- Polar cloud freeze-drying (Vavrus)
- Calculation update (Park)

Land Model Changes

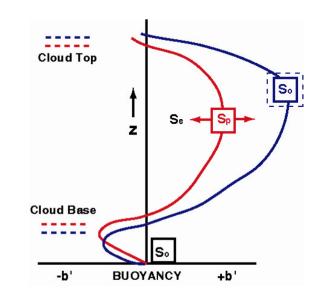
New hydrology, surface datasets, canopy integration

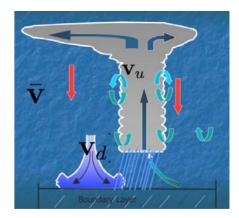
Other Changes

– New chemistry modules (GHGs, aerosols)

Deep Convection Changes Zhang-McFarlane Scheme (1995)

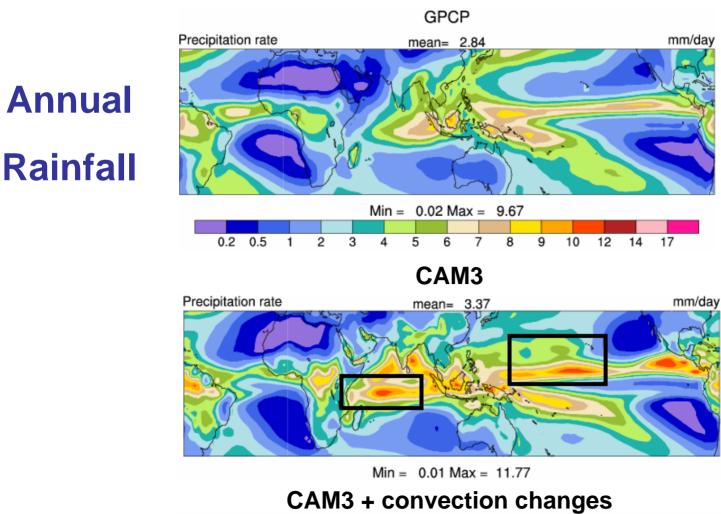
- Change from an Undilute to a Dilute Reference Parcel (DIL, Raymond and Blythe, 1986)
 - Improve diurnal cycle over land
 - Sensitivity to tropospheric drying
- 2. Introduction of Convective Momentum Transports (CMT, Gregory et al. 1997)
 - Include a *missing* process
 - Decrease excessive surface trades
 - Couple convection and dynamics du/dt = ...+d[u'w']/dz (dq/dt = ...+d[q'w']/dz)

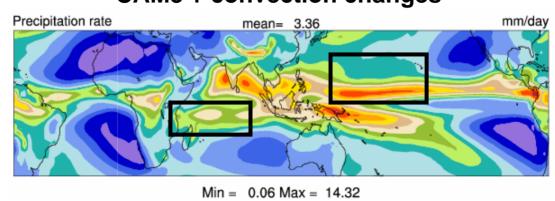




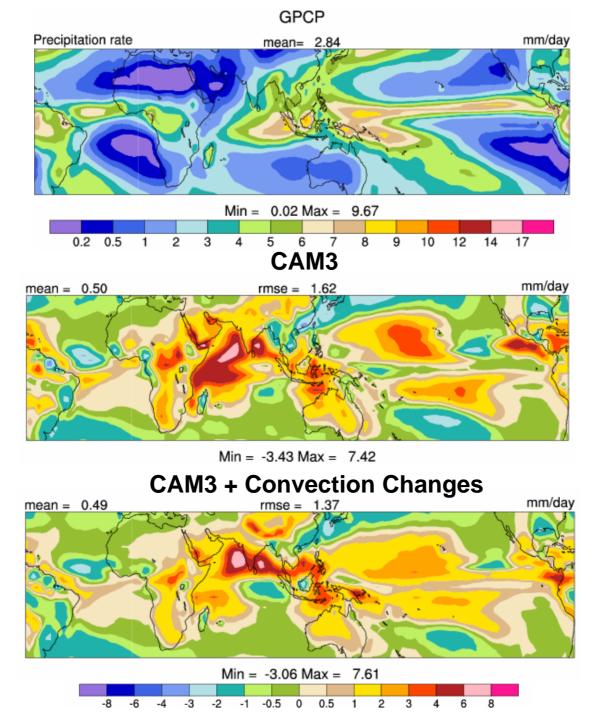
CAM3.5 Convection Changes Summary

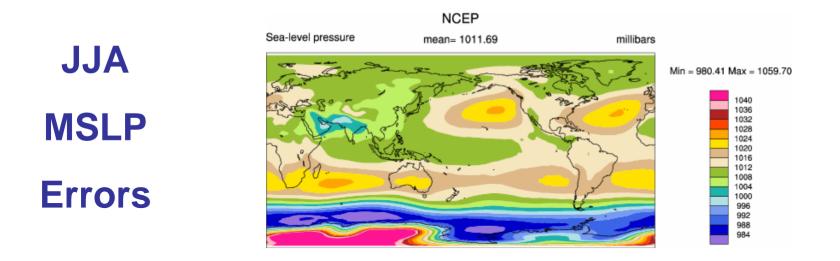
- AMIP-type experiments (1979-2000)
- FV 1.9x2.5 deg / 26 levels





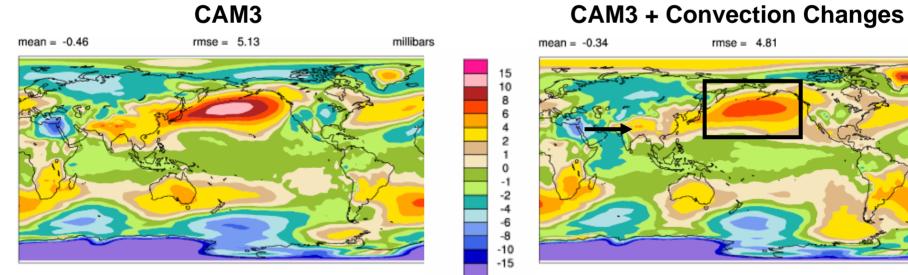
Annual Rainfall Error

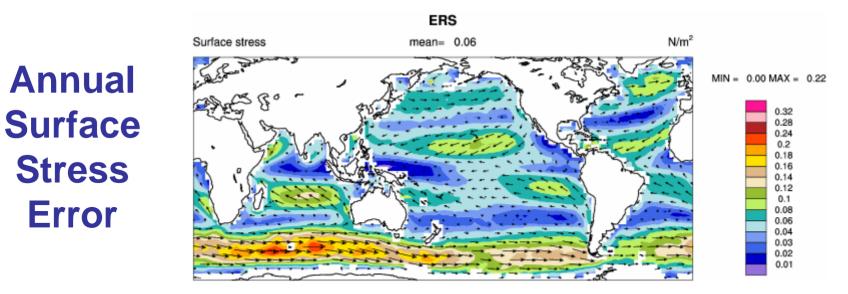




millibars

CAM3

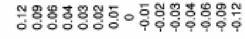




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Surface stress mean= 0.01 N/m² Surface stress mean= 0.01 N/m²

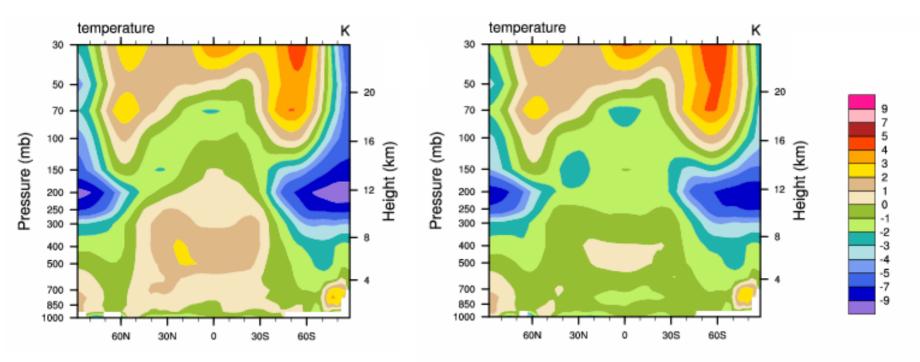




Temperature Errors Warm to Cold Bias (de-stabilization)

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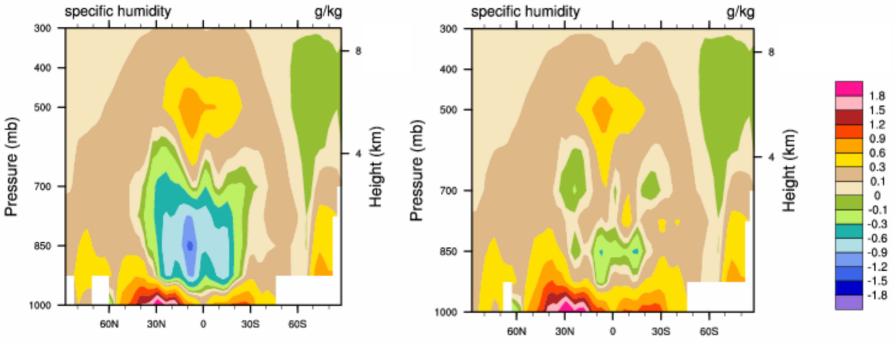


Annual Means (ECMWF)

Humidity Errors Moister lower troposphere

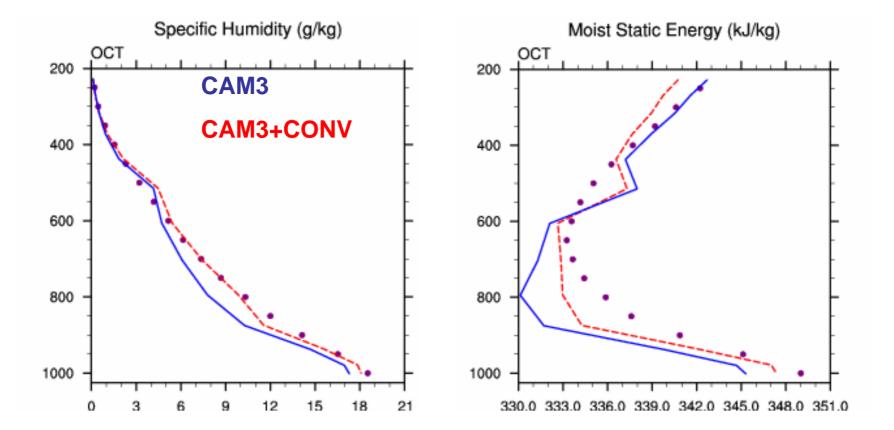
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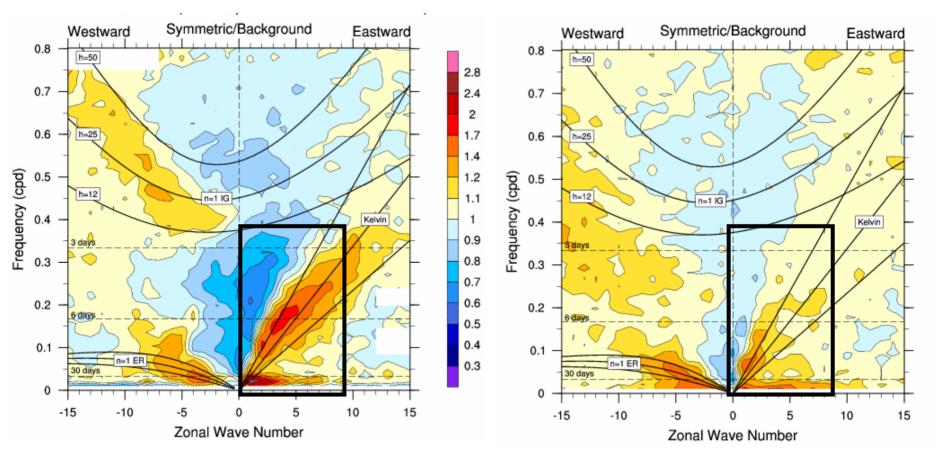
Vertical Humidity Distributions Truk Island (W Pacific)



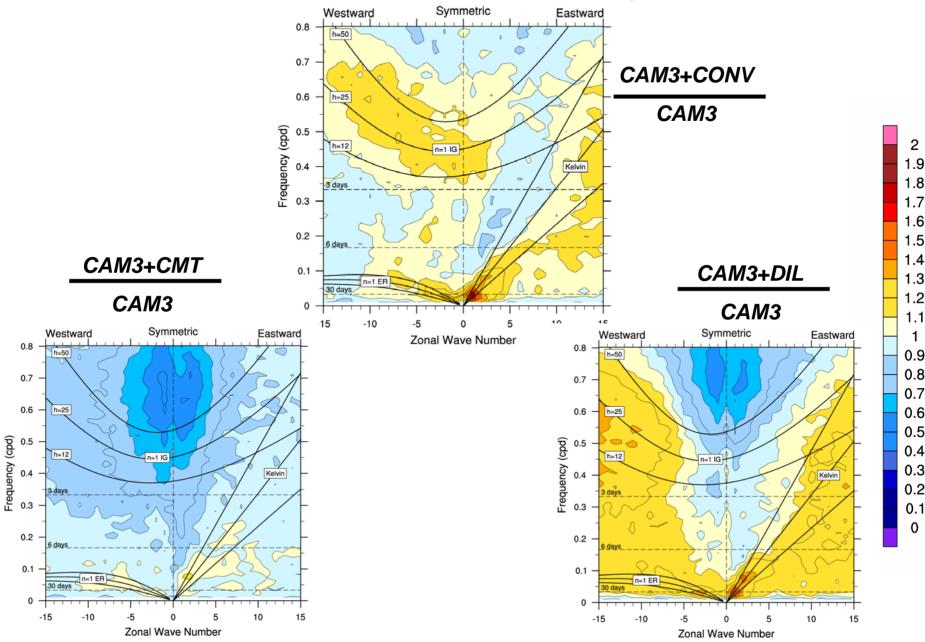
Intra-Seasonal Variance Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) and Kelvin Waves Deficient OLR (15N-15S)

Observed (NOAA)

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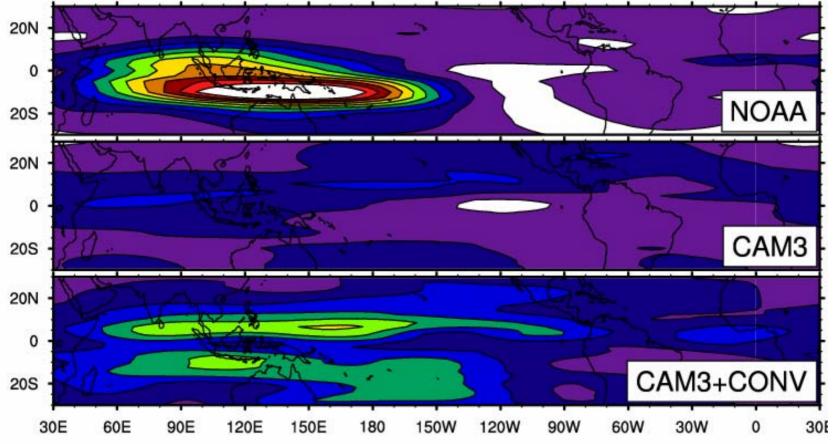
Intra-Seasonal Variance Improvements



MJO Variance

OLR filtered for MJO wavenumbers (1-5) and periods (30-90days)

Winter (November-April)

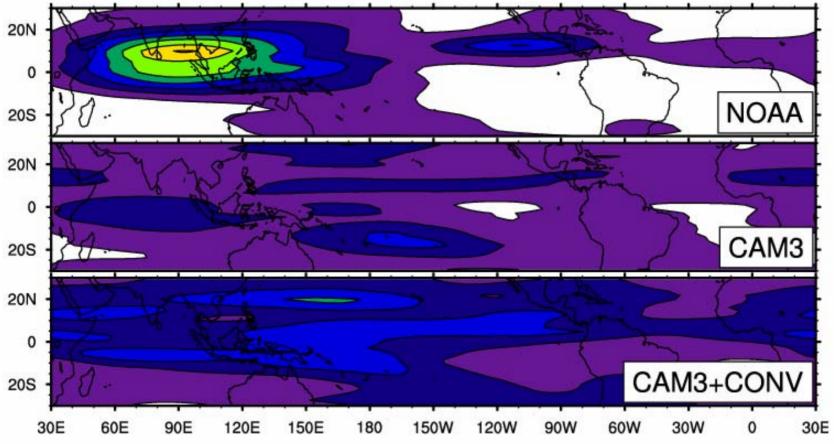


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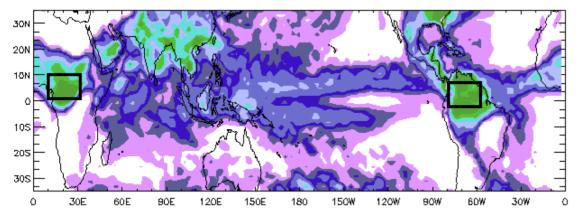
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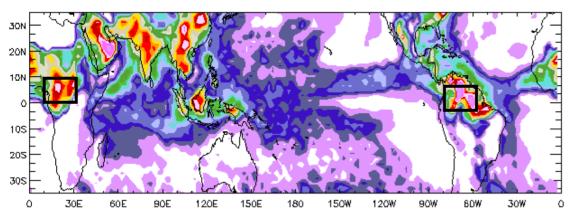
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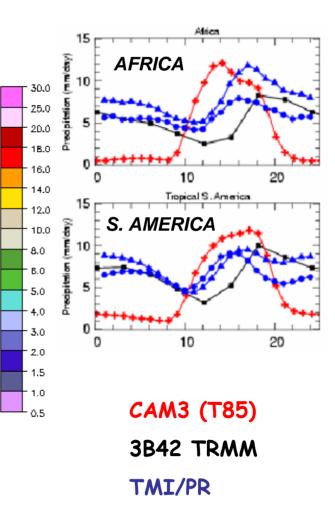
Amplitude of Diurnal Cycle (mm/day) (JJA 1984)

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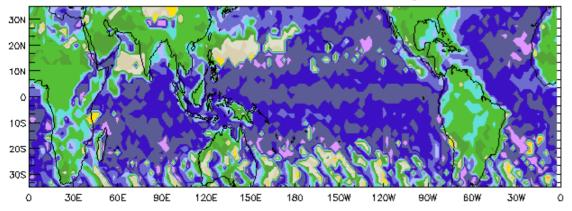
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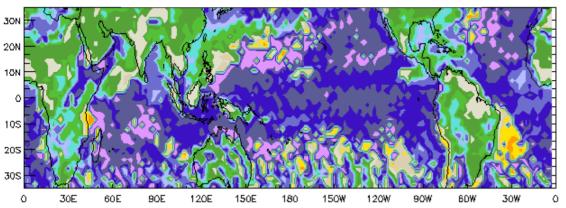


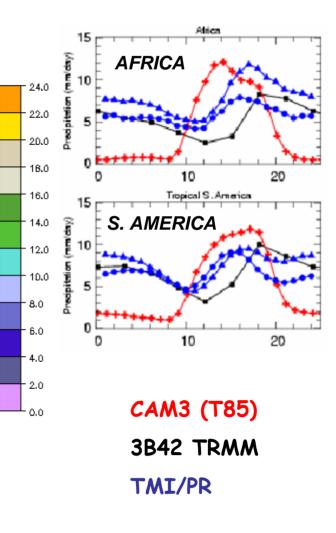
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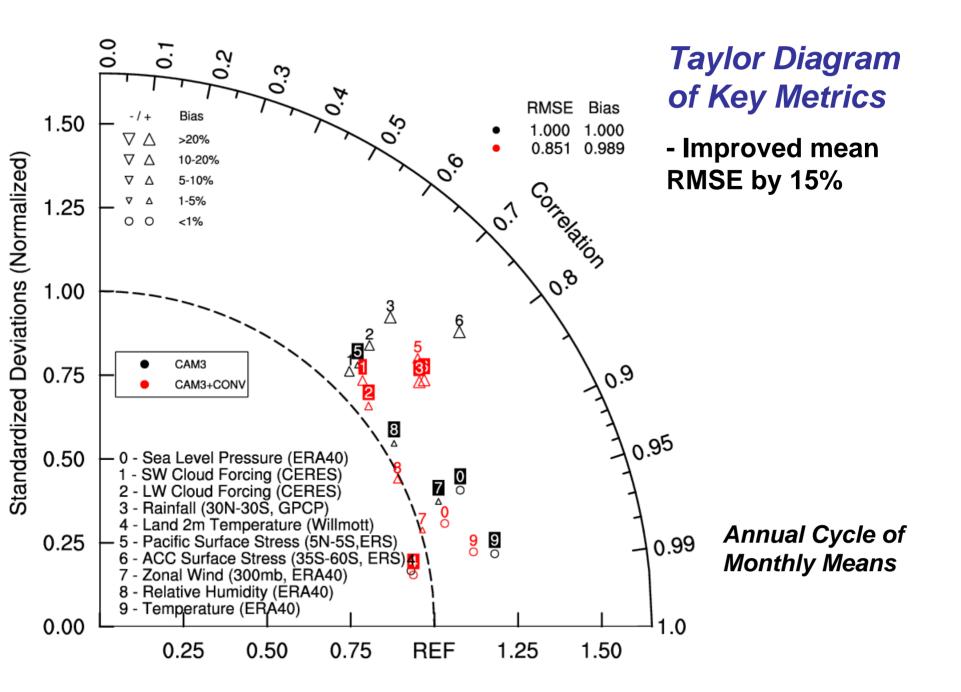
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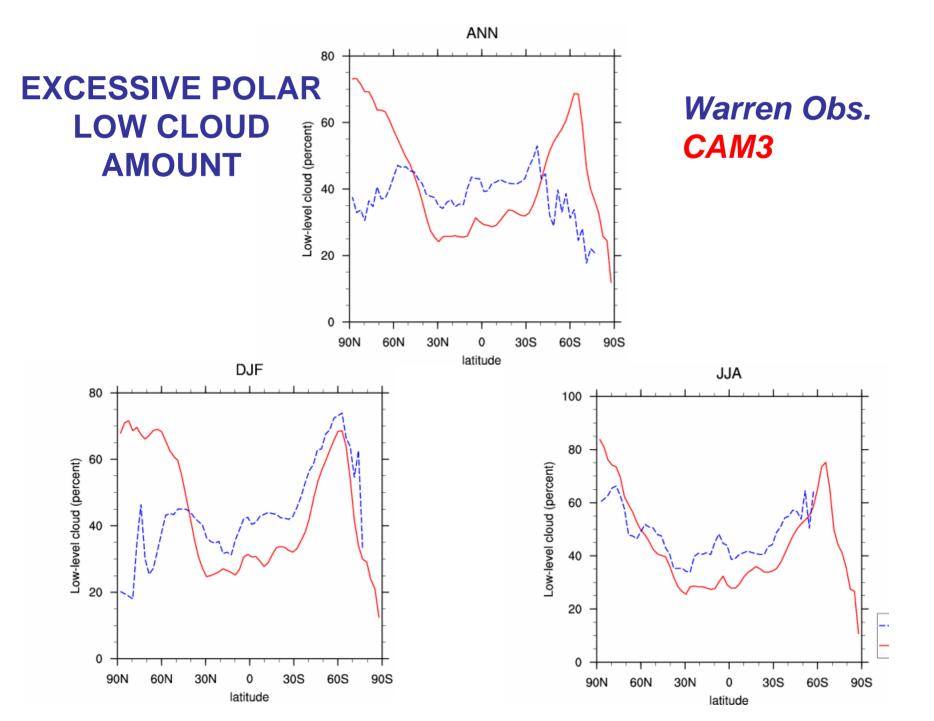


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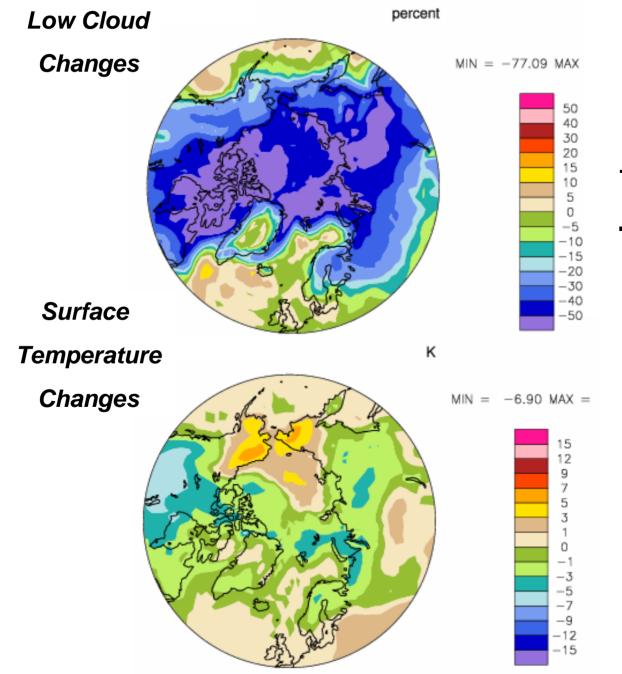
Freeze Drying (Steve Vavrus)

Cloud Fraction – CAM3

 $-Frac = [(RH-RH_{min})/(1-RH_{min})]^2$

Cloud Fraction – Freeze Dry

 $-Frac=Frac*[max(0.15,min(1.0,q_c/0.003))]$



DJF - Cloud/Ts Improvements

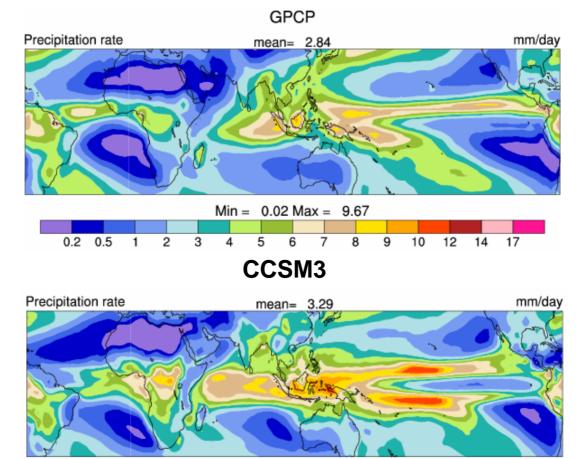
-Increased LW loss

-Cools surface temp

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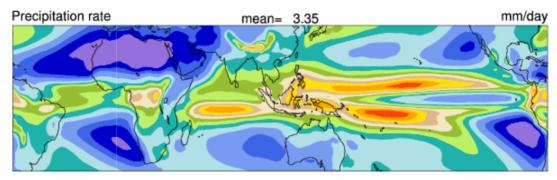
100-year experiments 80-year averages

Annual Rainfall



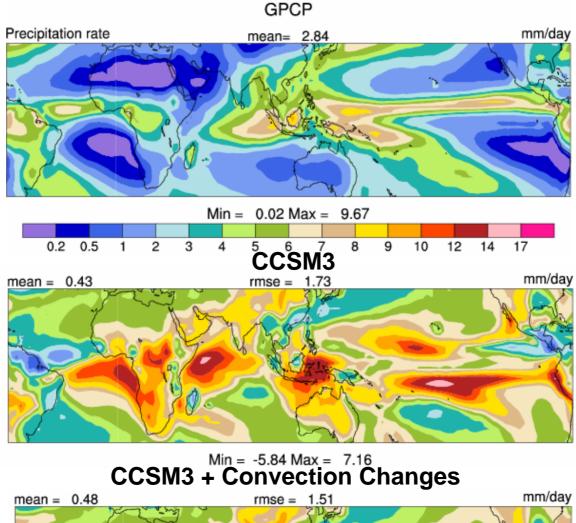
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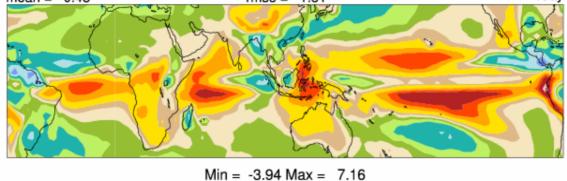
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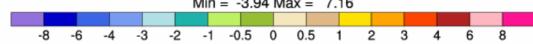


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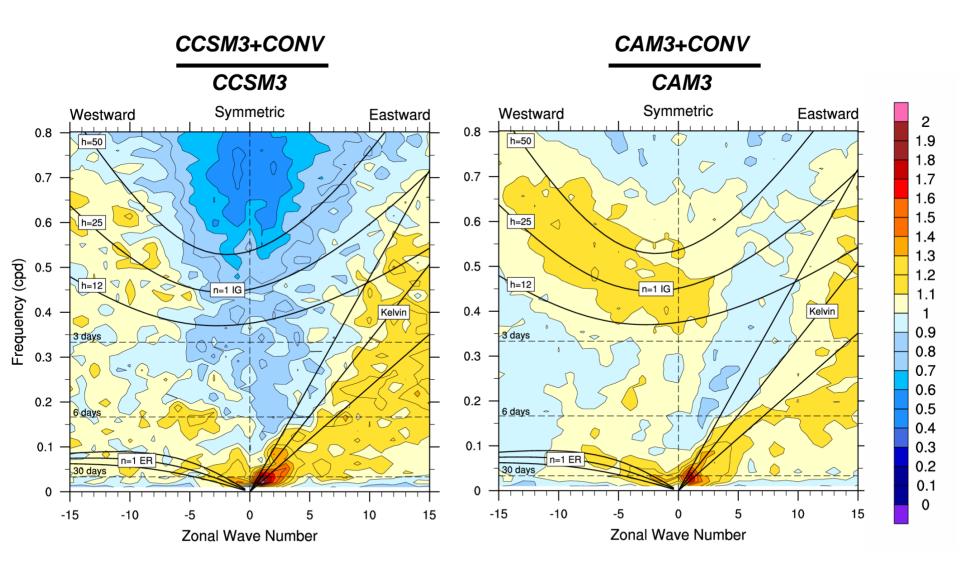
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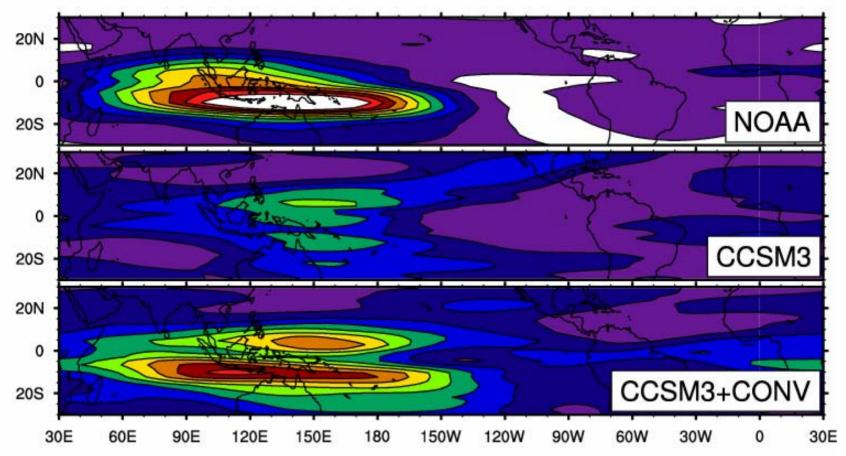
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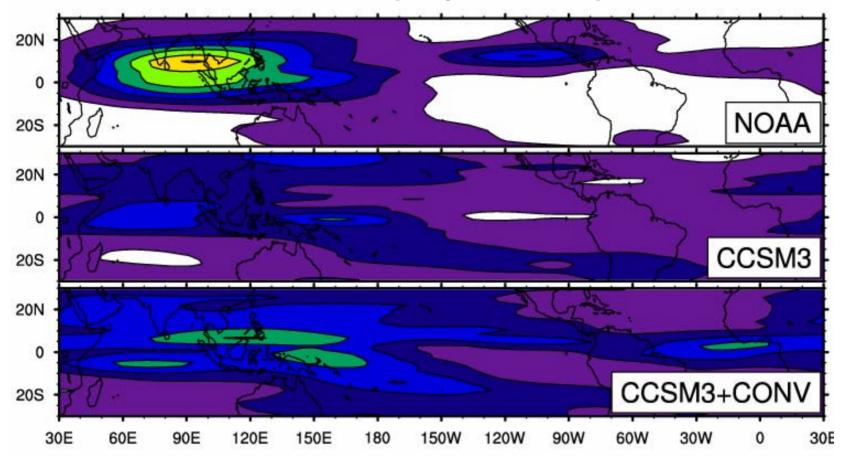


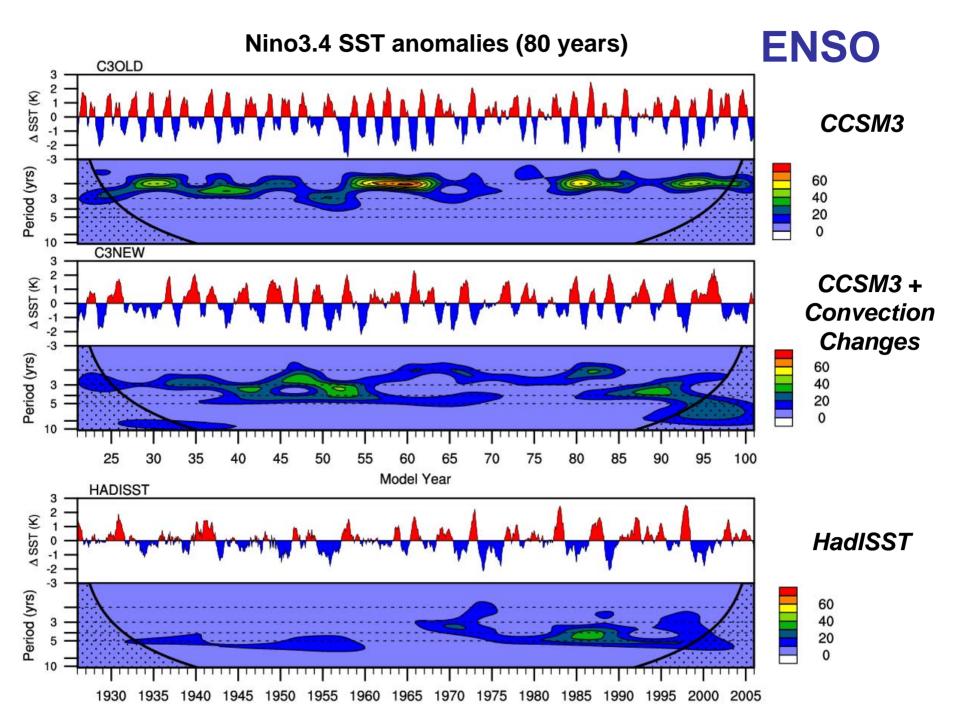
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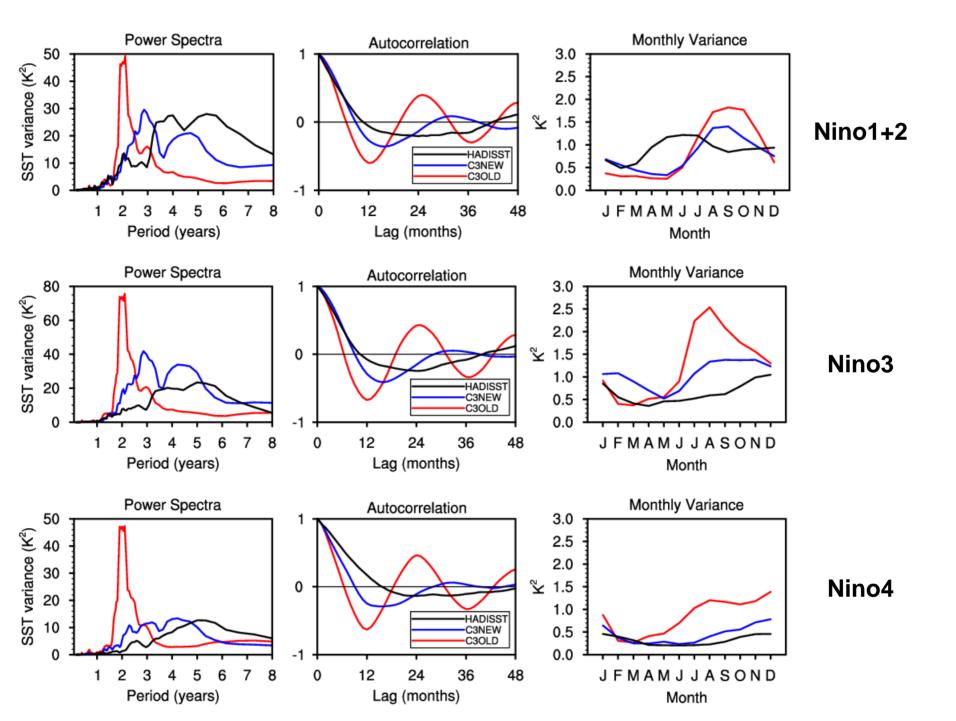
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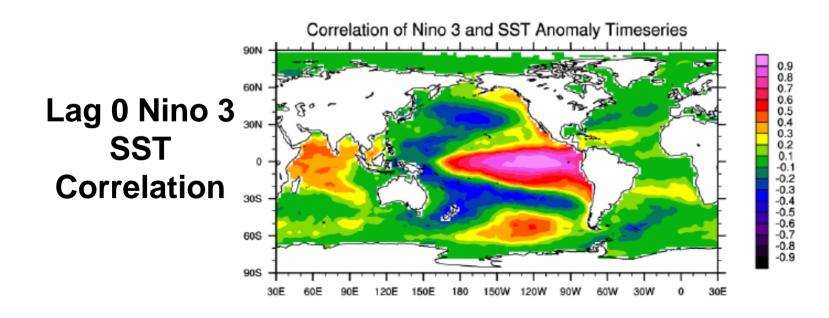
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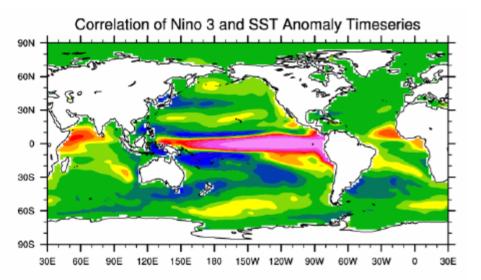




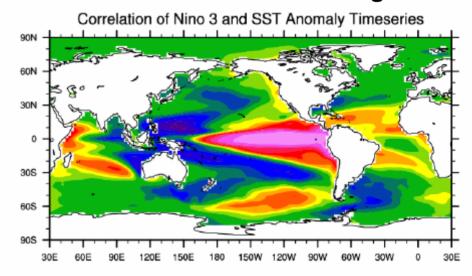


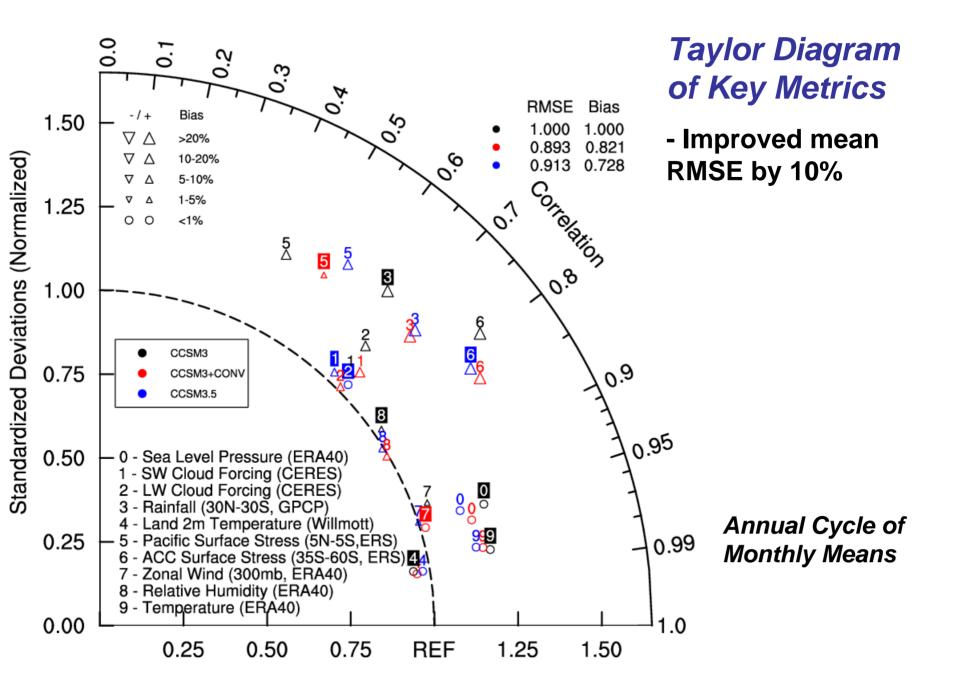


CCSM3



CCSM3 + Convection Changes





Summary (CAM3.5)

- Improved Indian Ocean rainfall distribution
- Removal of Central Pacific local rainfall maximum
- Reduced North Pacific surface pressure errors
- Reduced excess southern ocean surface stresses
- Reduced excessive trade eastelies
- Improved vertical humidity/temperature structure
- Minor increases in intraseasonal variability (MJO)
- Reduced magnitude in the diurnal cycle over land
- Excessive polar cloud/Ts reduced
- Overall reduction of mean RMSE by 15%

Summary (CCSM3.5)

- Reduced Central Pacific cold tongue bias
- First annual harmonic of SST dominates in East Pacific
- Reduced Gulf of Guinea excess rainfall
- Reduced excess rainfall over land in DJF
- Twin ITCZ remains
- Substantial improvements in MJO variance
- Improved ENSO variance, period, teleconnections
- Overall reduction in RMSE of 10%