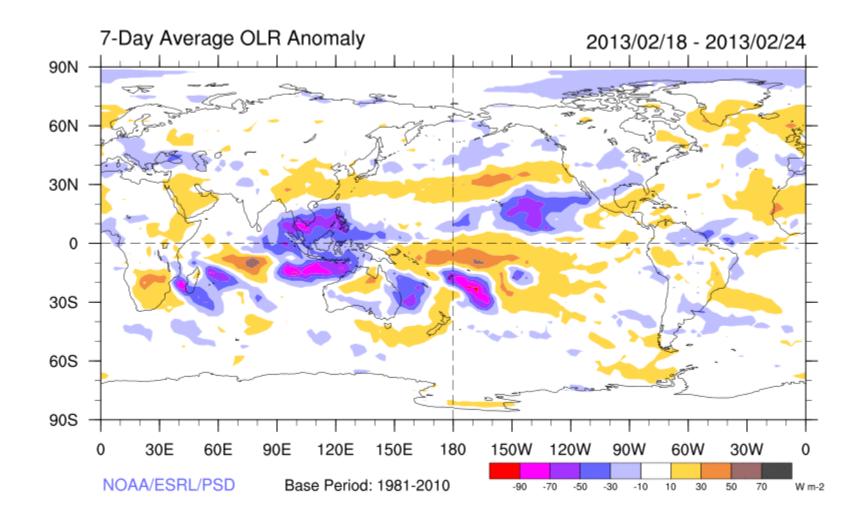
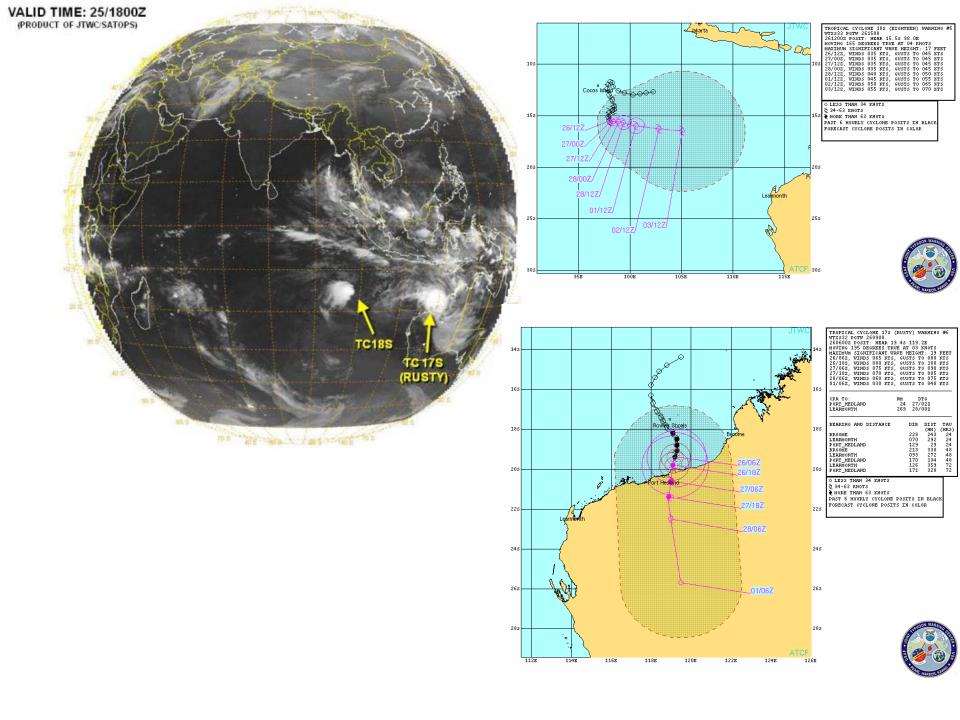
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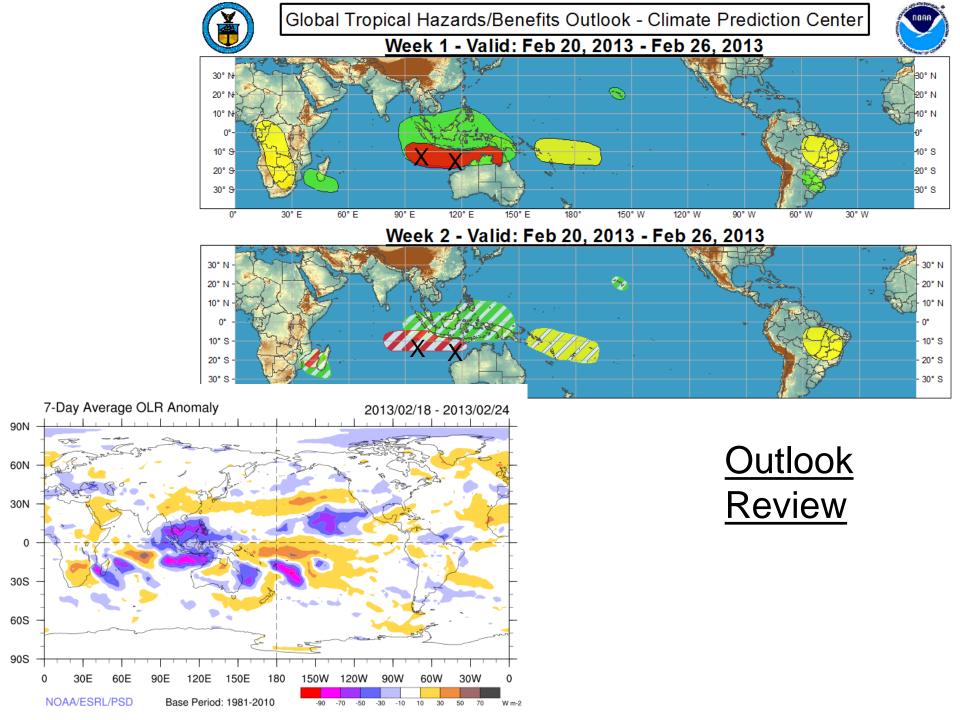
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Outline

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Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

• ENSO-neutral conditions are favored to continue through Northern Hemisphere spring 2013

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO remained active with the enhanced phase crossing the Maritime continent during the past week.
- There is some spread in the dynamical model MJO index forecasts with some models persisting the signal over the Maritime continent while others show some eastward propagation into the western Pacific.
- Statistical forecasts are more in line with the latter, however, westward moving subseasonal tropical variability supports a more slow eastward evolution of large-scale convection.

Extratropics:

- High latitude blocking (-AO / -NAO) playing a large role across the central and eastern U.S. despite MJO forcing
- AO / NAO indices are forecast to be negative during the next two weeks
- Circulation across the Pacific has been more consistent with the MJO



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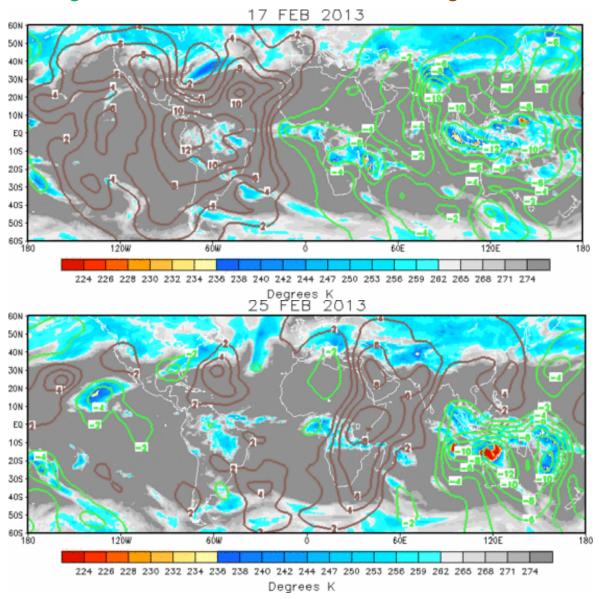




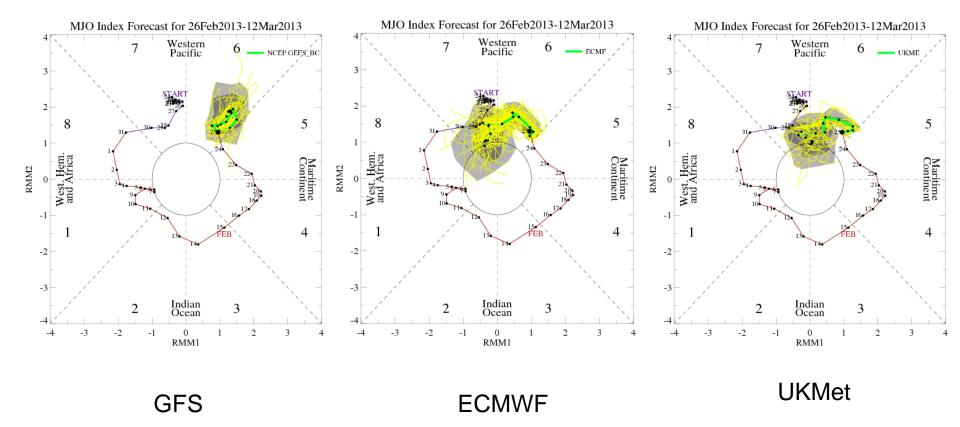


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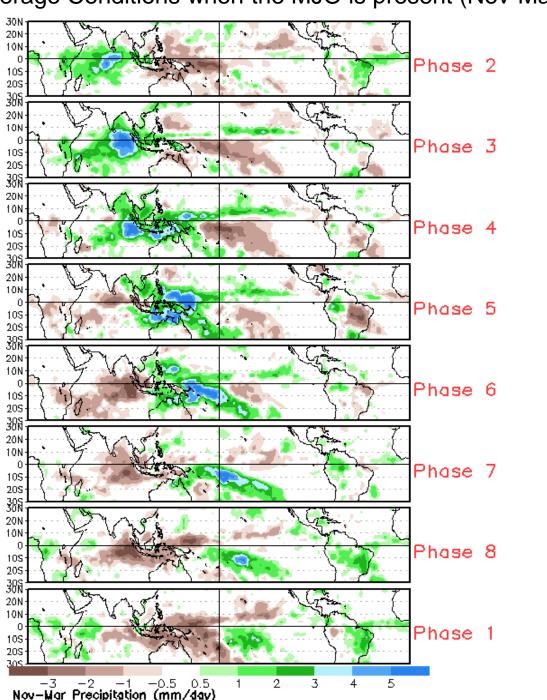
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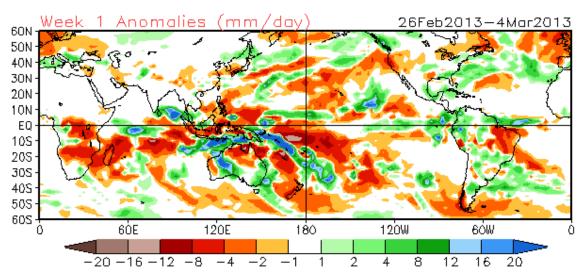
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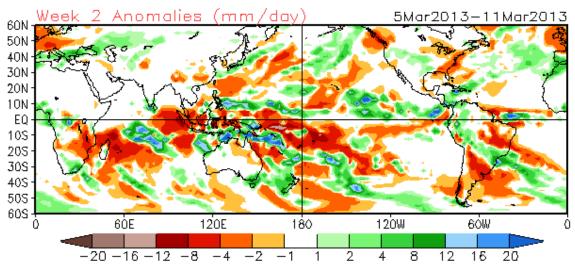


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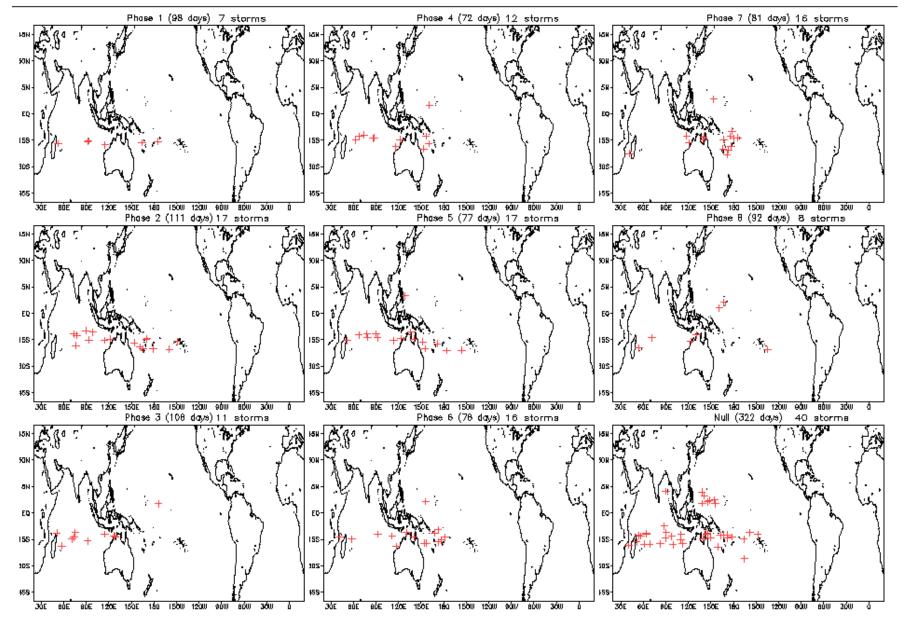


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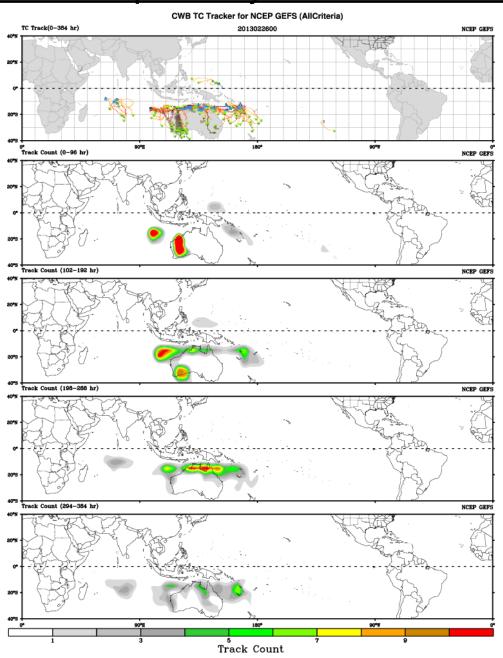


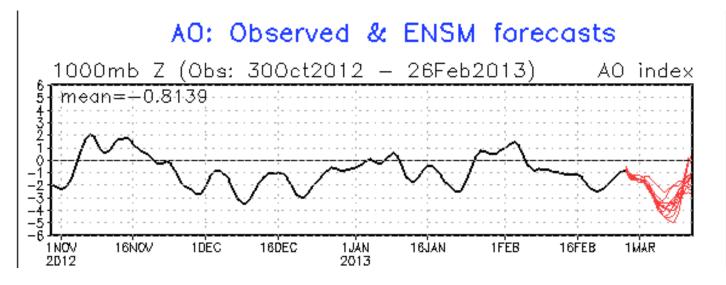


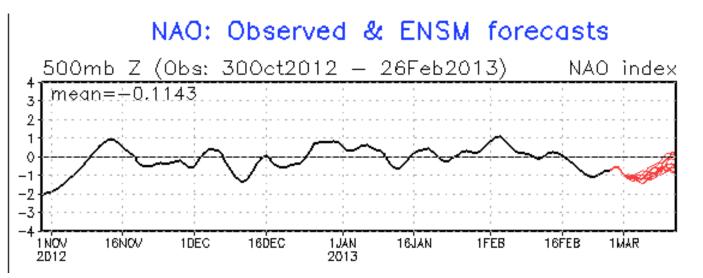
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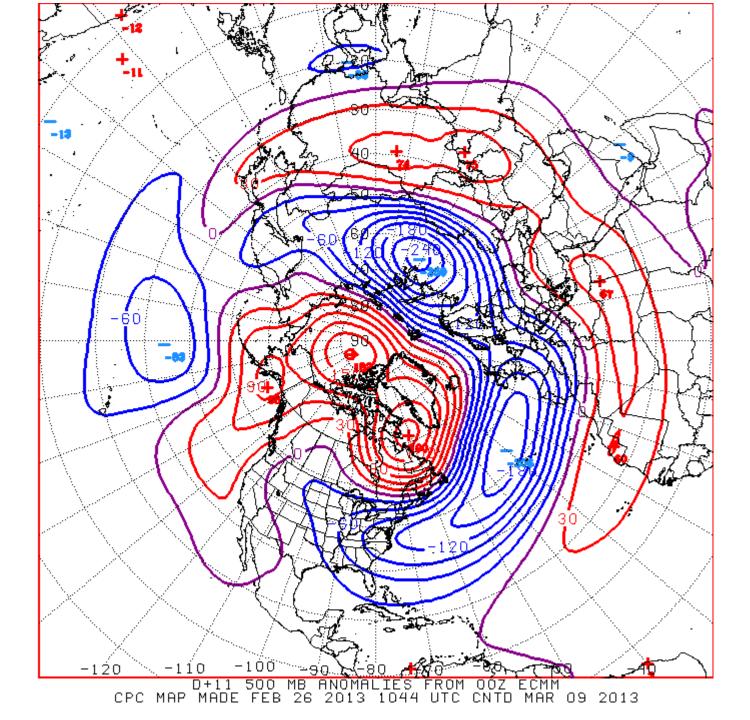


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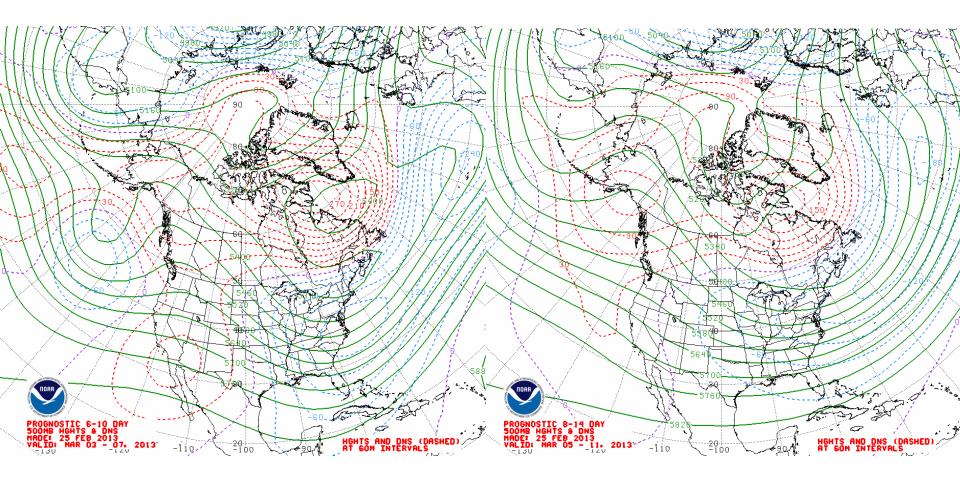






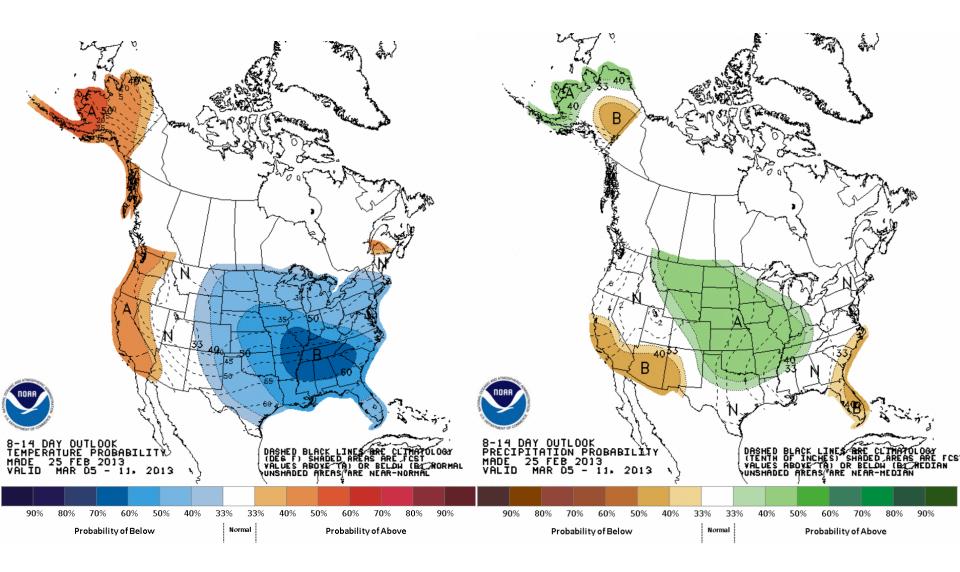


500-hPa Height Manual Blend Chart



6-10 Day 8-14 Day

Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation





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