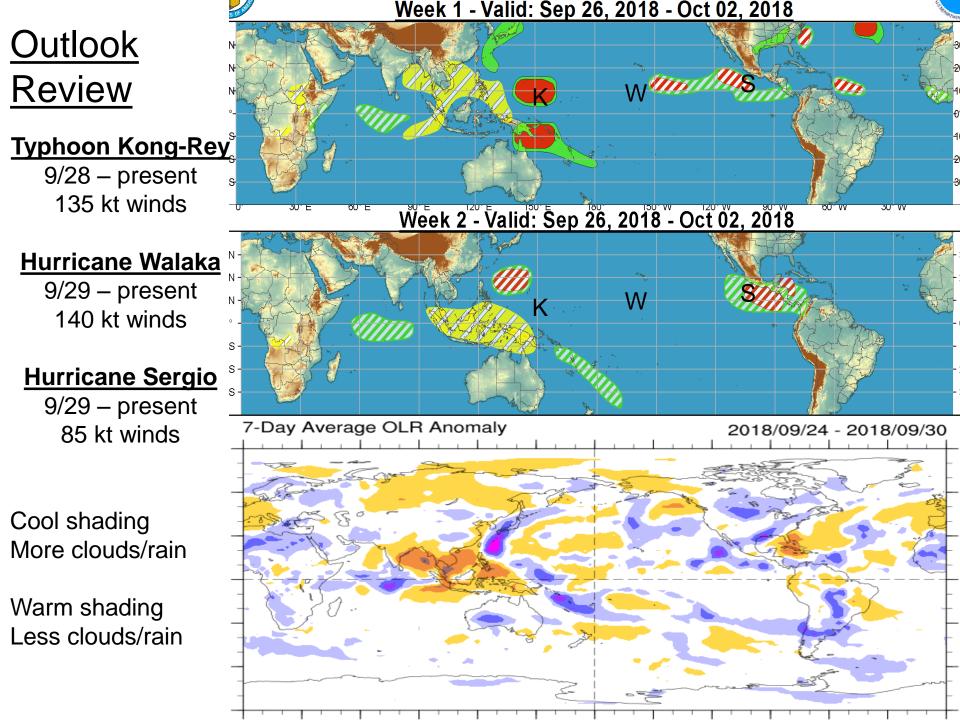
Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 10/2/2018

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Outline

- 1. Review of Recent Conditions
- 2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- ENSO Alert System Status as of 13 September: <u>El Niño Watch</u>
 - There is a 50-55% chance of El Nino onset during NH Fall (SON) 2018, increasing to 65-70% during winter 2018-19.
- The strong westerly wind burst east of New Guinea the last few weeks is likely to improve these odds for the next release (11 October).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO was present across the Western Hemisphere the past week, although it appears largely forced by the extratropics. A Kelvin wave is presently over the Indian Ocean.
- Models support the MJO presence in Phase 1 during Week-1, and a combination of Phase 1 and 2 during Week-2. RMM forecasts of decreasing amplitude late in Week-2 are to be taken with substantial caution, as they are likely tied to the transition towards El Niño conditions that biases the RMM index towards Phases 7 and 8.

Extratropics:

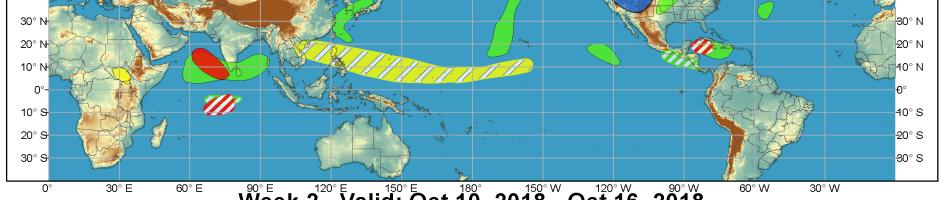
• The extratropics appear to be largely forcing the tropics, rather than the other way around at present, with a wave train across the Pacific crashing equatorward over the Western Hemisphere. Given this scenario, tropical cyclone activity appears the most likely tropical influence on the extratropics during the next two weeks.



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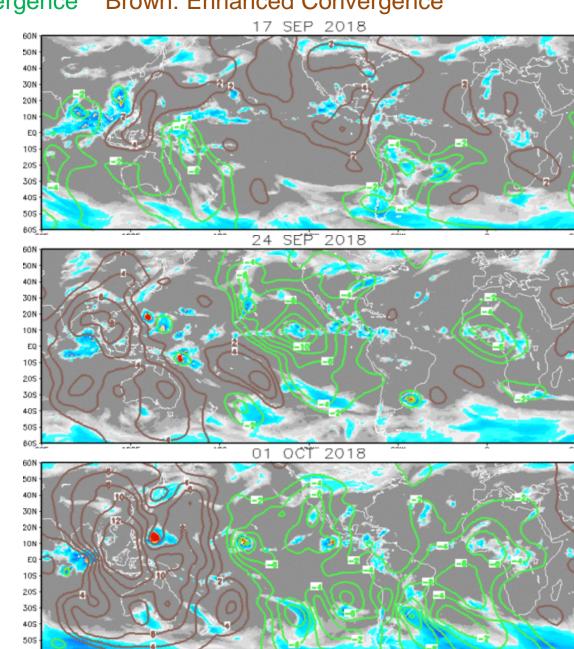
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

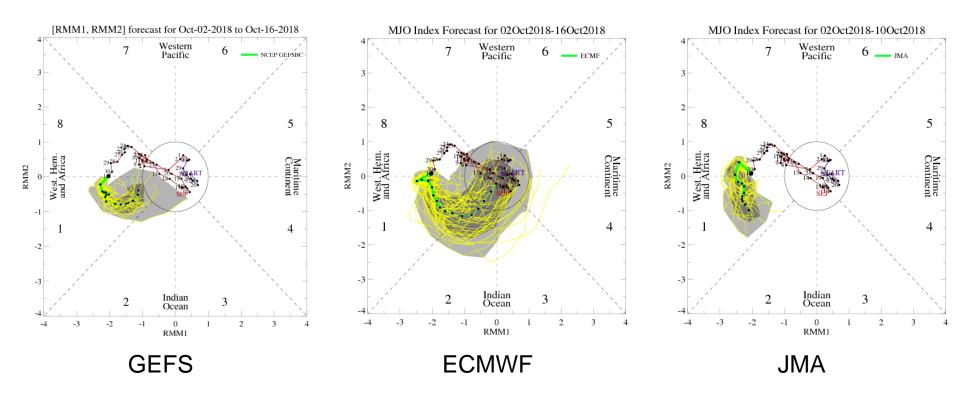
Mixed Wave-2 to Wave-1 pattern.

Full transition to a Wave-1 pattern, consistent with the MJO.

Slight eastward propagation, of the Wave-1 pattern. Kong-Rey shows up well despite the hostile large-scale conditions.

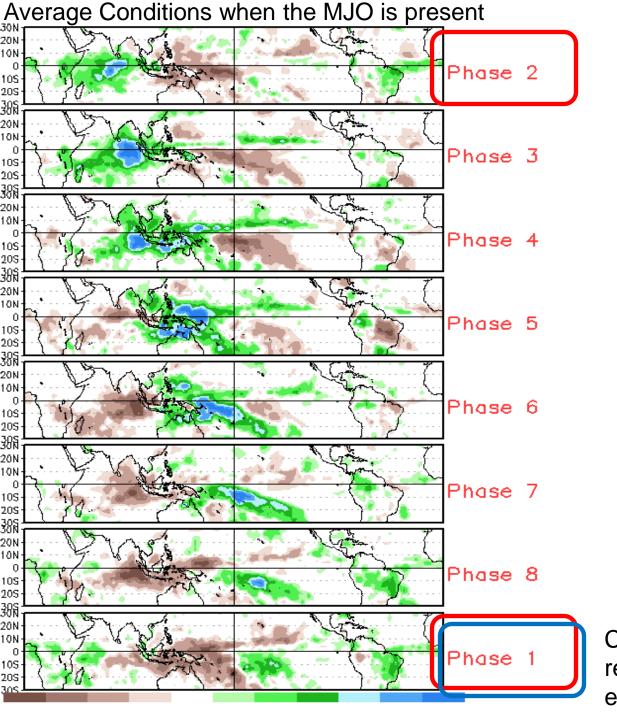


MJO Observation/Forecast



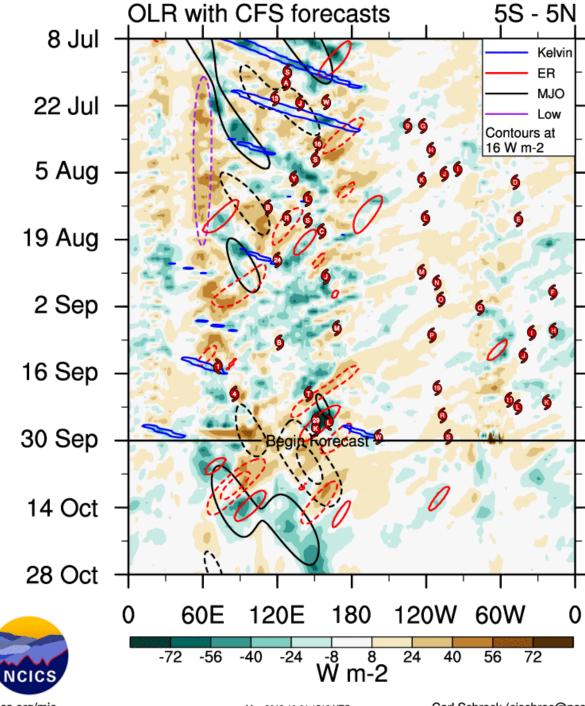
RMM index forecasts indicate the signal to be in Phase 1 this week, with possible transition into Phase 2 late in Week-2.

The GEFS and ECMWF weaken the signal substantially during Week-2, which may be tied to the building El Niño conditions in the Pacific that bias the RMM index towards Phases 7 and 8, rather than the MJO actually weakening.



Week-1 Week-2

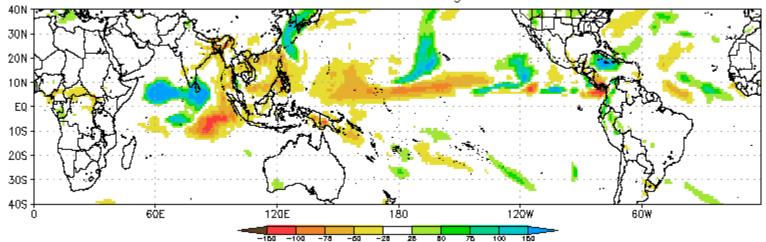
CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.



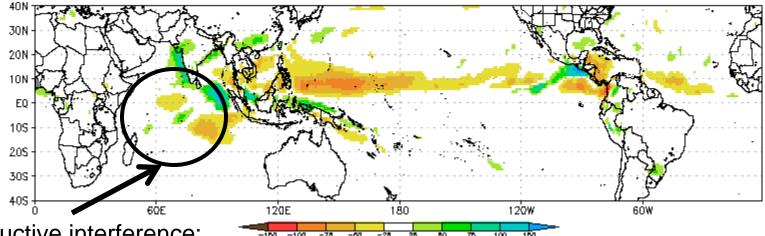
MJO competing with Rossby waves and TC's

Low-frequency pattern less of an influence

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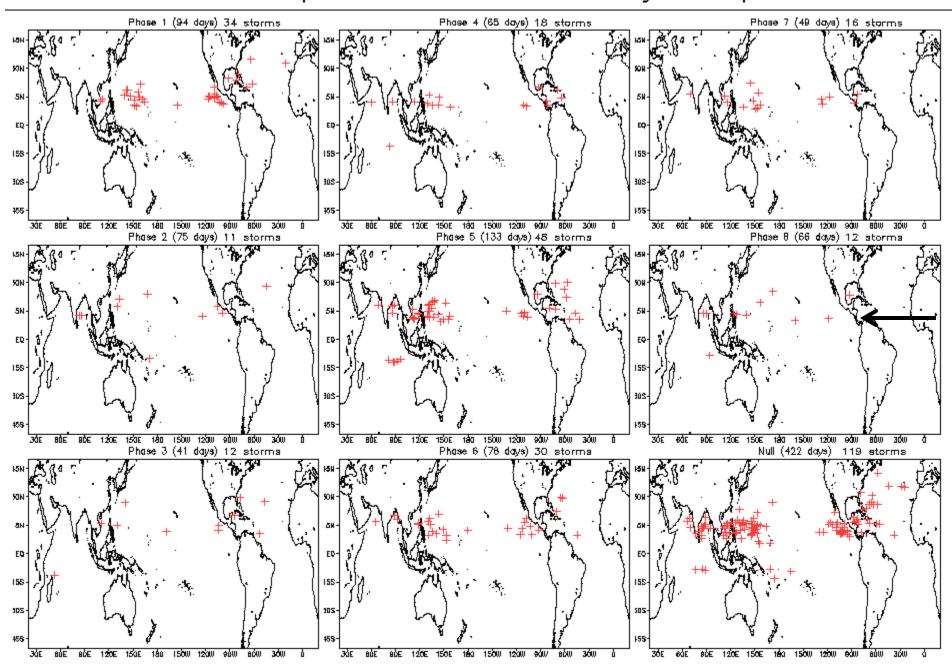


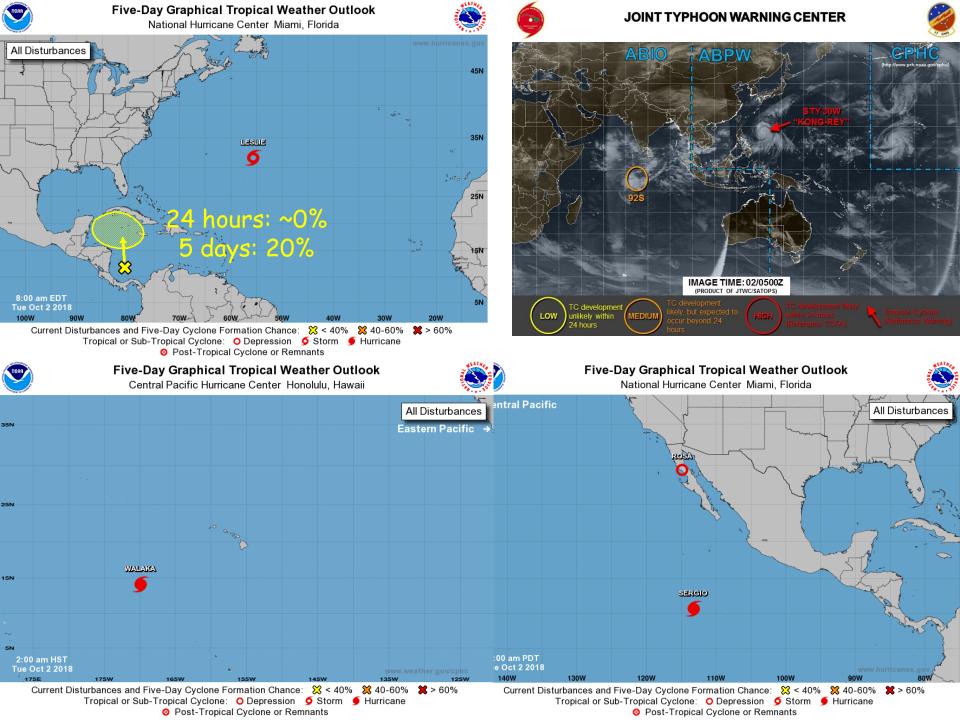
CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 010ct2018 Week-2 Forecast Ending 160ct2018

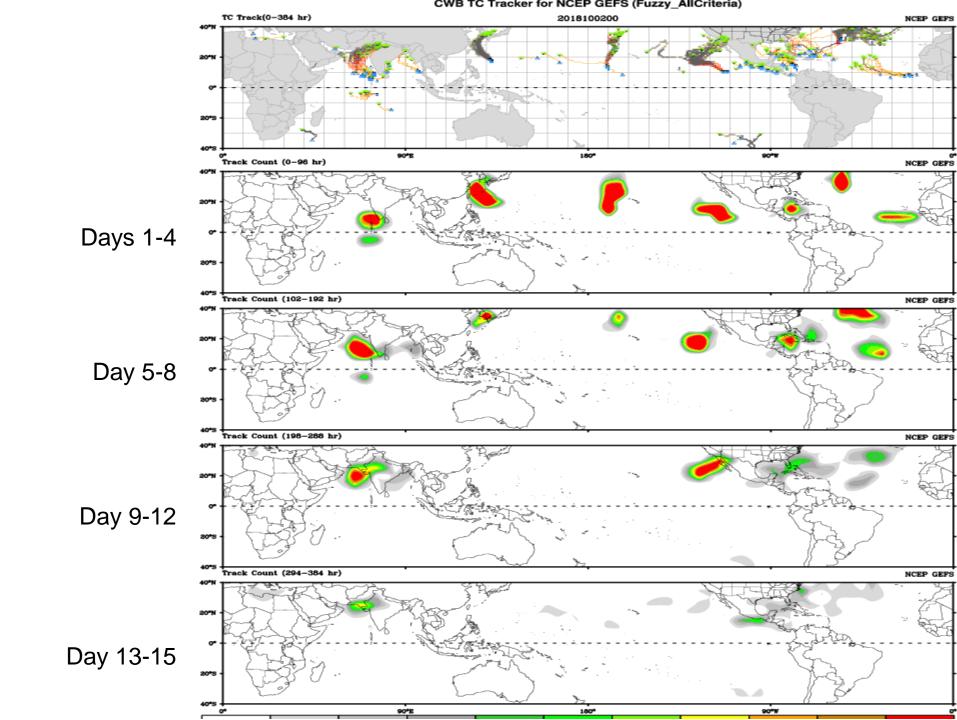


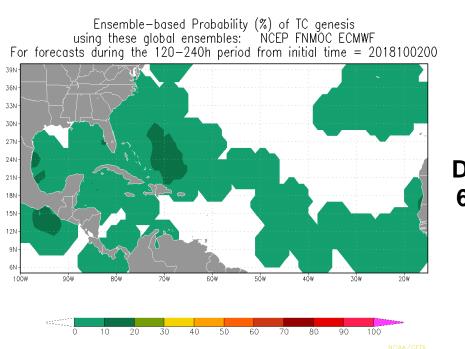
Destructive interference: MJO versus low frequency and equatorial Rossby wave

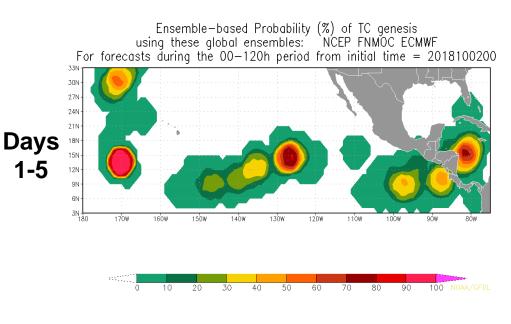
October Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

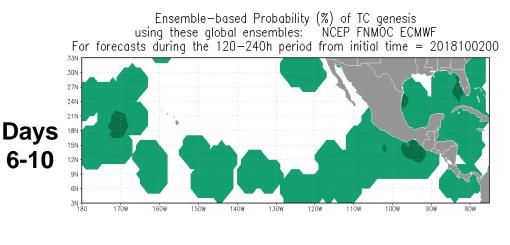




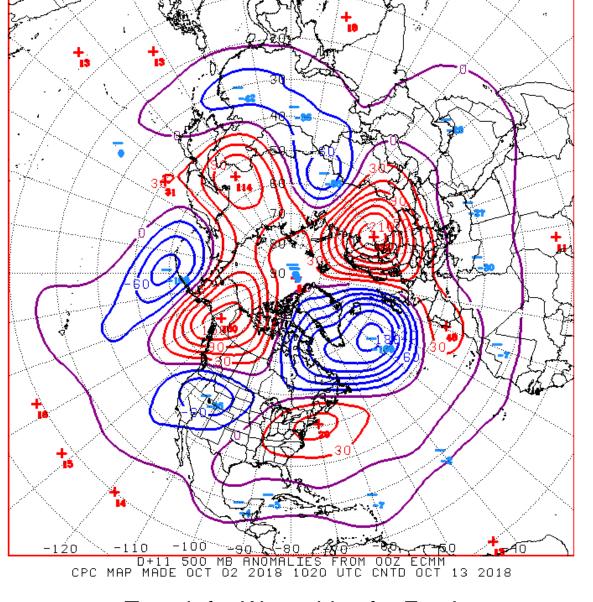








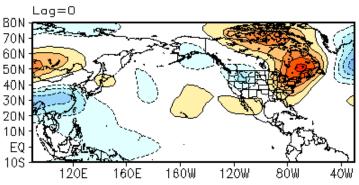
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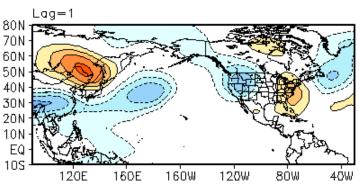


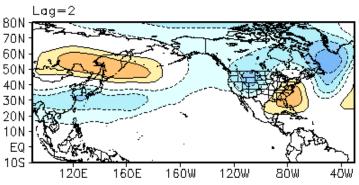
Trough for West, ridge for East!

But... Pacific/Alaska look nothing like typical Phase 1

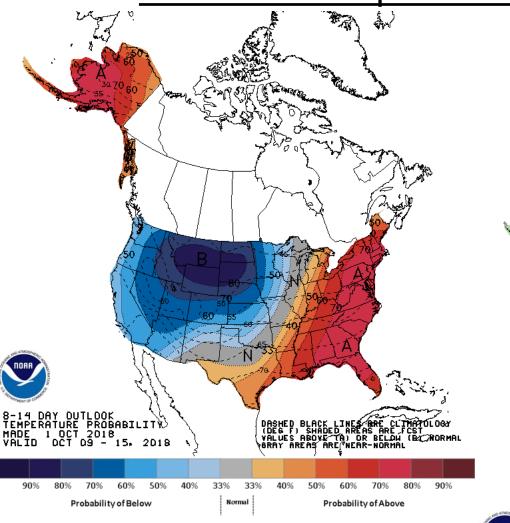
September - November RMM Phase 1 200-hPa Heir



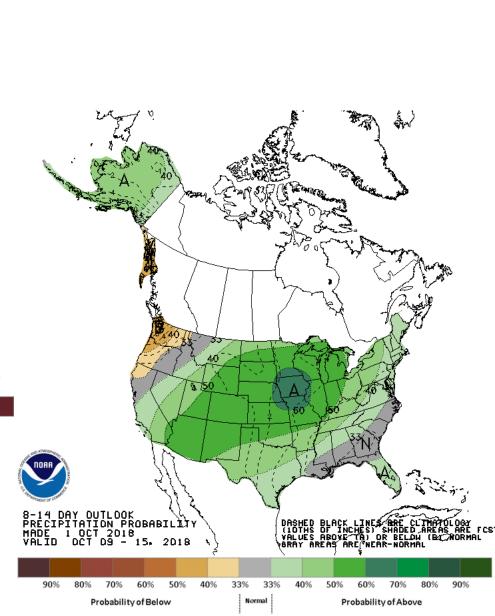




Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



Should be more of the same today given the high-amplitude pattern





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