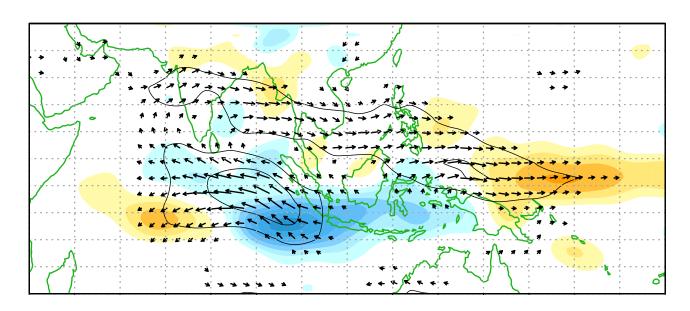
Monsoon teleconnections and impact of correcting tropical diabatic heating





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Outline

- Model and re-forecast experiments
- What happens to SST in re-forecasts when we intervene with atmospheric heating above it?
- Improvement in representation of heating related to ENSO and EQWIN
- Impact on model representation of monsoon teleconnections
- Prediction of monsoon circulation

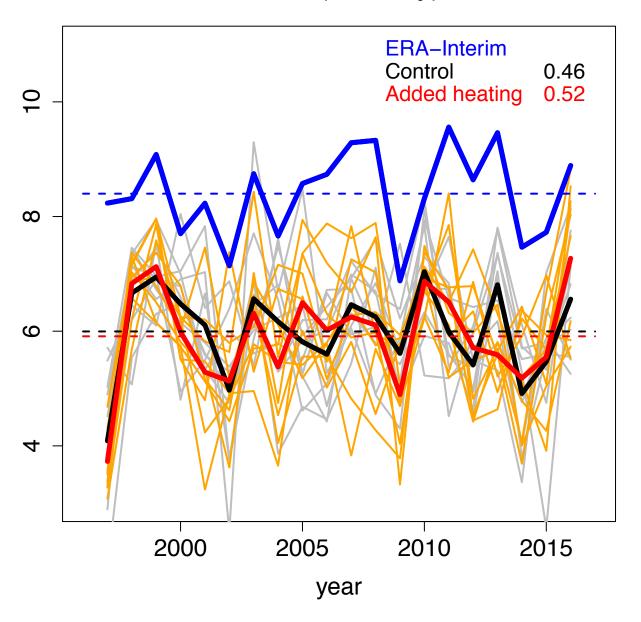
CFSv2 re-forecasts

- NCEP Climate Forecast System, version 2 (CFSv2)
- 1° horizontal resolution (T126), 64 vertical layers
- Summer re-forecasts made each year for 20 years (1997-2016)
- Initialized from CFSR on May 1st-10th (10 ensemble members)
- Analyze June September (JJAS)

Added heating experiments

- Control: Control set of re-forecasts with no added heating
- Added Heating: Re-forecasts repeated in same manner, but with an additional temperature tendency applied over the tropical Indo-Pacific such that the total diabatic heating rate is much closer to estimate from ERA-Interim
- Domain: Indian Ocean (60°E-120°E, 15°S-5°N) and Pacific Ocean (120°E-100°W, 15°S-20°N) decaying outside boundaries (5° e-folding scale); all vertical variation at and above 850 hPa level (p < 850 hPa)
- Target: JJAS mean + trend + parabolic fit during season
- 10-day turn-on period prior to 00Z01Jun

ISMR (mm/day)



Tropical indices in CFSv2 ensemble mean

Correcting the tropical heating \rightarrow

- Reduces tropical mean biases
- Increases SST variance (in ensemble spread also)

Index	Nine	03.4	EN	ΜI	DI	ΜI	EQV	VIN
1997-2016	MEAN	VAR	MEAN	VAR	MEAN	VAR	MEAN	VAR
Control	-0.82	1.47	-0.93	0.82	-0.26	0.54	-1.72	0.68
Added Heating	-0.70	1.74	-0.80	0.88	-0.04	1.25	0.02	0.47

MEAN = mean bias

VAR = variance of index normalized by observed

Prediction of tropical indices with CFSv2 ensemble mean

Correcting the tropical heating \rightarrow

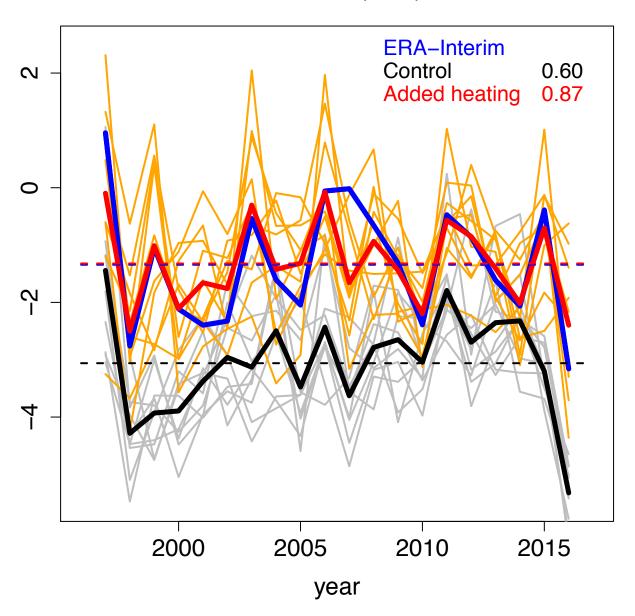
Improves interannual prediction of SST, especially in Indian Ocean (and with EQWIN)

Index	Nine	03.4	Eſ	ΜI	DI	VII	EQ\	WIN
1997-2016	FVE	COR	FVE	COR	FVE	COR	FVE	COR
Control	0.61	0.86	0.53	0.75	0.23	0.52	0.31	0.60
Added Heating	0.60	0.89	0.61	0.80	0.66	0.86	0.72	0.87

FVE = fraction of observed variance explained

COR = correlation with observed index

EQWIN (m/s)



CFSv2 teleconnections with tropical indices

Correcting the tropical heating →

- Consistent with Vishnu et al. (2019)
- Overly strong relationship with Pacific not improved
- Weakens artificial negative relationship with Indian Ocean dipole and equatorial easterlies

1997-2016	Nino3.4	EMI	DMI	EQWIN
Observed	-0.50	-0.28	0.2	0.28
Control mean	-0.8	-0.67	-0.58	-0.57
Control dev.	-0.18	-0.16	-0.10	-0.09
Control total	-0.52	-0.43	-0.30	-0.31
Add htg mean	-0.87	-0.67	-0.26	-0.32
Add htg dev.	-0.14	-0.12	0.11	0.13
Add htg total	-0.60	-0.45	-0.08	-0.05

Observed teleconnections in tropical heating

- What remote tropical diabatic heating modes of variability explain the most inter-annual variance of Indian rainfall?
- Partial least-squares (PLS) regression (Smoliak et al. 2010)

GPCP rainfall central India average (74.5°–86.5°E, 16.5°–26.5°N)

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ERA-Interim residual diabatic heating vertical average ($p \le 850 \text{ hPa}$) over Pacific Ocean (120°E–100°W, 15°S–20°N)

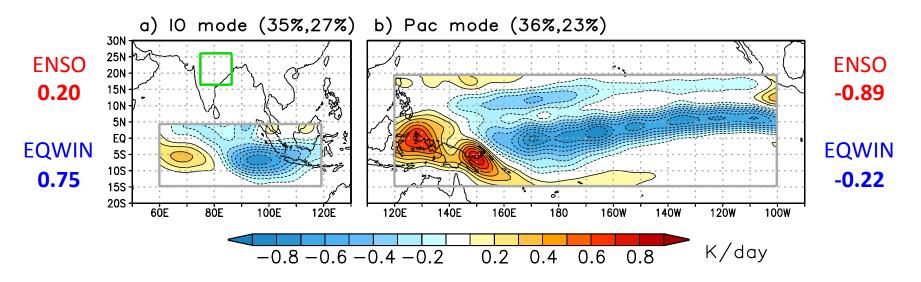
 $X_{P\Delta C}$

and Indian Ocean (60°E-120°E, 15°S-5°N)

X_{IO}

- PLS-1 $(X_{PAC}, y) \rightarrow$ Pac mode (ENSO signal) 1)
- Regress Pac mode out of X_{10} and $y \rightarrow X'_{10}$ and y'
- PLS-1 $(X'_{10},y') \rightarrow IO \mod (dipole/EQWIN)$ 3)

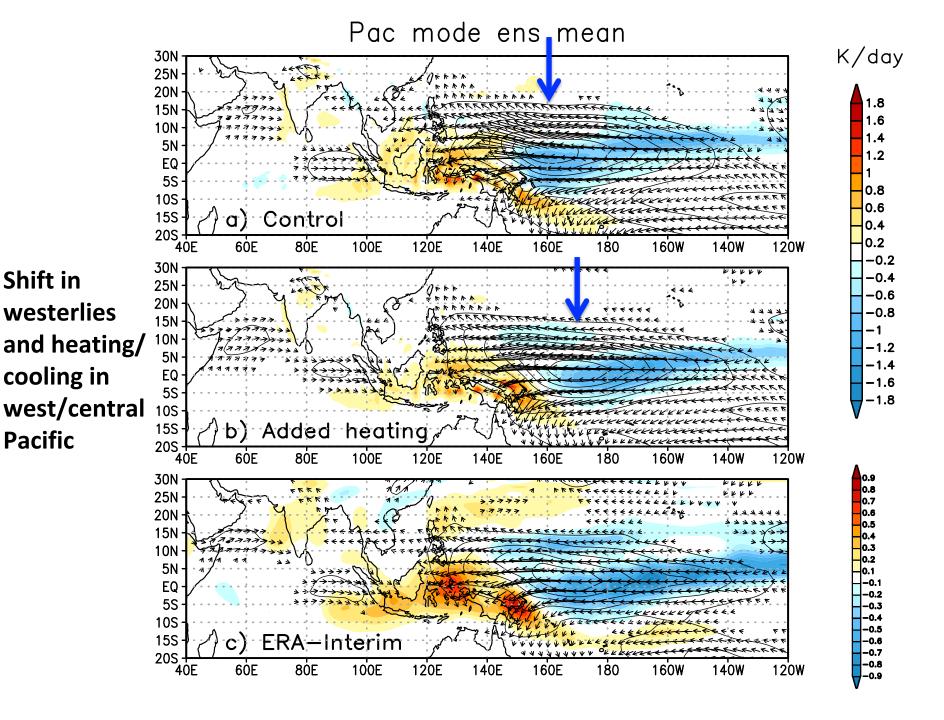
Teleconnections in ERA-Interim tropical heating



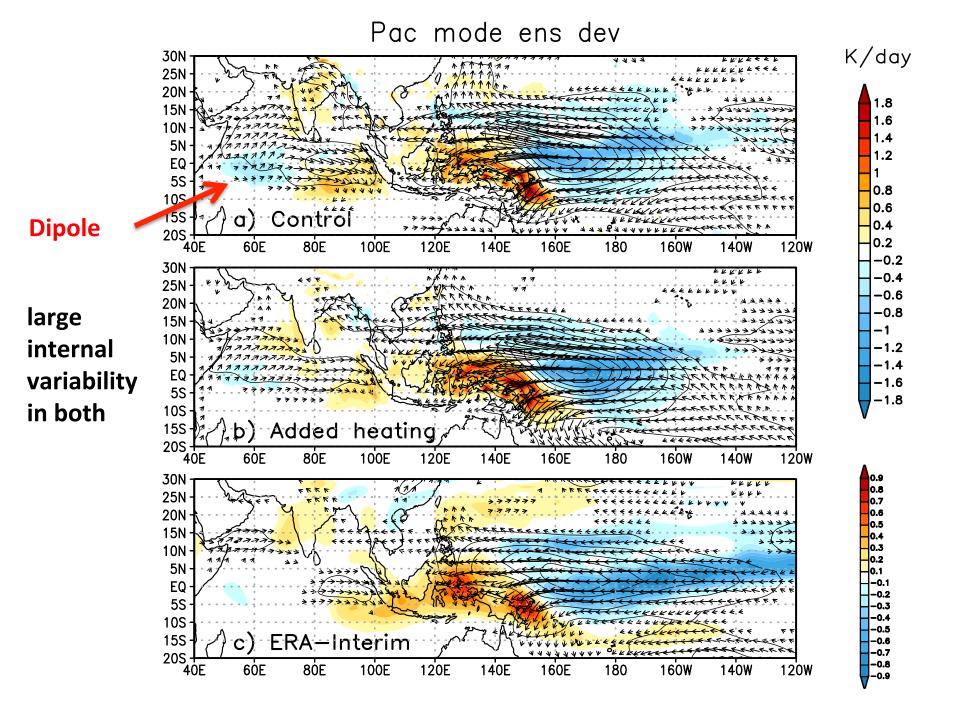
CFSv2	IO mode		
1997-2016	VAR	COR_Q	COR _P
Control	0.46+0.68	0.55	-0.69
Added Heating	1.18+0.97	0.96	-0.07
ERA-Interim	1.05		0.69

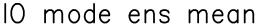
Pac mode					
VAR	COR_Q	COR _P			
0.86+0.08	0.96	0.76			
1.25+0.13	0.99	0.77			
1.20		0.61			

VAR = variance of index normalized by observed COR_Q (COR_P) = correlation between model and observed mode (mode and ISMR)



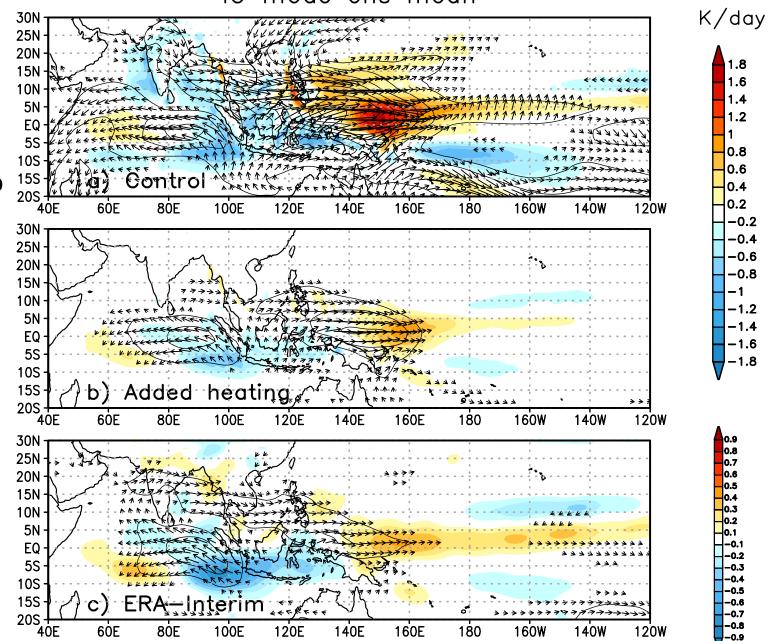
Pacific





too strong
association
with West
Pacific;
opposite
relationship
with
monsoon

opposite relationship broken



10 mode ens dev **30N** 25N 20N K/day 15N 10N 5N 0.9 EQ **5**S 0.8 **10S** 0.7 **15S** Control 0.6 **20S** 80E 6ÒE 100E 120E 140E 160E 180 160W 140W 120W 40E 0.5 30N 0.4 25N 20N 0.3 dipole is 15N 0.2 10N 0.1 more noise 5N -0.1EQ than signal 5S -0.210S -0.3b) Added heating **15S** -0.4205 80E 100E 160W 6ÒE 120E 140E 160E 180 140W 40E 120W -0.530N -0.625N -0.720N 15N -0.810N -0.95N EQ 5S **10S 15S**

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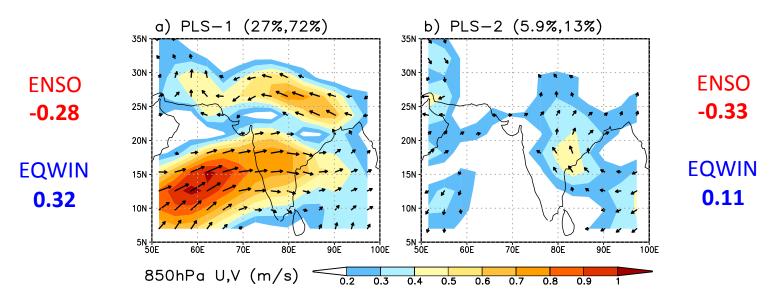
160W

140W

120W

100E

Monsoonal circulation patterns



CFSv2	PLS-1		
1997-2016	VAR	COR _v	COR _P
Control	0.27+0.44	0.10	0.77
Added Heating	0.33+0.49	0.45	0.92
ERA-Interim	0.82		0.82

PLS-2				
VAR	COR _v	COR _P		
0.33+0.28	0.52	0.66		
0.23+0.42	0.71	0.57		
1.13		0.42		

VAR = variance of index normalized by observed COR_{v} (COR_{p}) = correlation between model and observed mode (mode and ISMR)

Summary

- Correcting tropical heating doesn't screw up the ocean improves SST mean bias and interannual prediction of SST
- Improved representation of ENSO heating and especially for heating dipole in tropical IO; associated low-levels winds greatly improved for both
- Heating dipole in IO is quite noisy in CFSv2
- CFSv2 monsoon over-dependence on ENSO not reduced
- CFSv2 has a strong opposite relationship between Indian rainfall and IO heating –
 possibly related to overly-strong co-occurrence of West Pacific heating/cooling (dipole
 forced by West Pacific in CFSv2?)
- Correcting tropical heating kills this bad relationship, but does not reverse it as is observed
- Correcting tropical heating only leads to modest improvement in Indian rainfall prediction, but more significant improvement in monsoon circulation