

Centro Euro-Mediterraneo  
per i Cambiamenti Climatici

## Intraseasonal Hindcasts at CMCC.

### Outline:

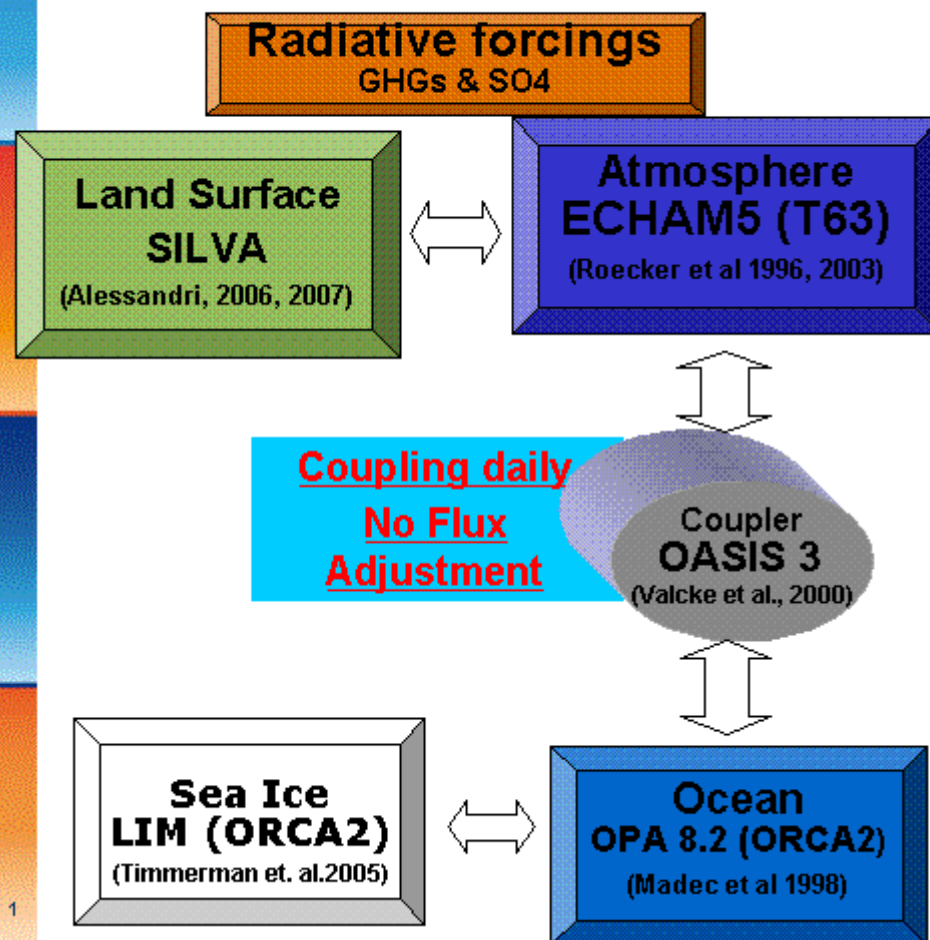
- CMCC-INGV Prediction system
- Preliminary ISO results
- ISM onset prediction

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## The coupled Model components

Alessandri et al. 2010



Atmosphere: Ecam-5 -Spectral T63 (~1.8°x1.8°) & 19 vertical levels

Land Surface: SILVA (Surface Interactive Land Vegetation)

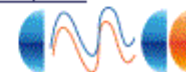
Ocean: OPA8.2 – 2° longitude - 0.5° - 2° latitude - 31 Vertical Levels

Coupler: OASIS3 (Ocean Atmosphere Sea Ice Soil)

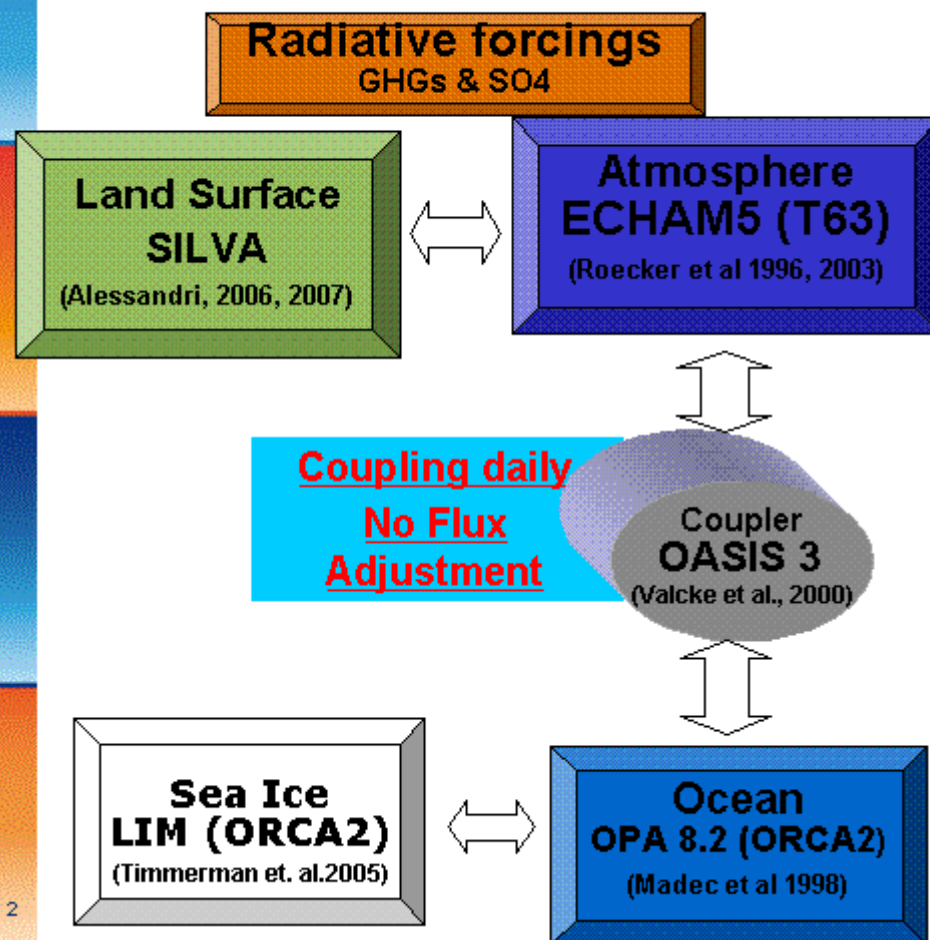
Sea Ice Dynamics: LIM (Louvain laeneuve sea-Ice system)

Radiative boundary forcing: GHGs, direct and indirect effects of anthropogenic sulphate aerosols

[http://www.ecmwf.int/research/EU\\_projects/ENSEMBLES/exp\\_setup/boundary/boundary\\_forcing.html](http://www.ecmwf.int/research/EU_projects/ENSEMBLES/exp_setup/boundary/boundary_forcing.html)



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### Off line Initialization Tools

CMCC-INGV Global Ocean Data Assimilation System(CIGODAS)

Assimilated Ocean initial condition production:

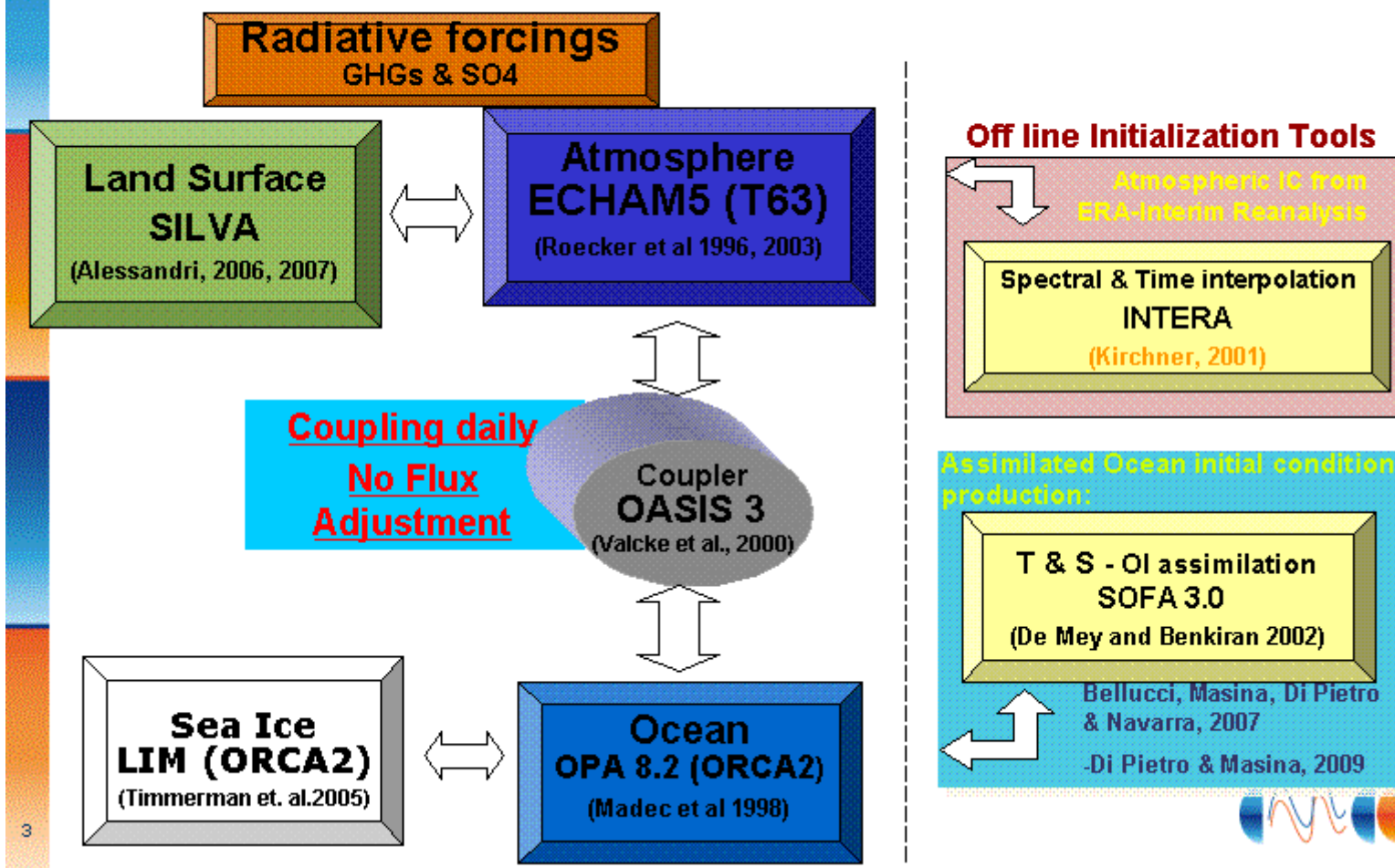
T & S - OI assimilation  
SOFA 3.0  
(De Mey and Benkiran 2002)

Bellucci, Masina, Di Pietro & Navarra, 2007

-Di Pietro & Masina, 2009



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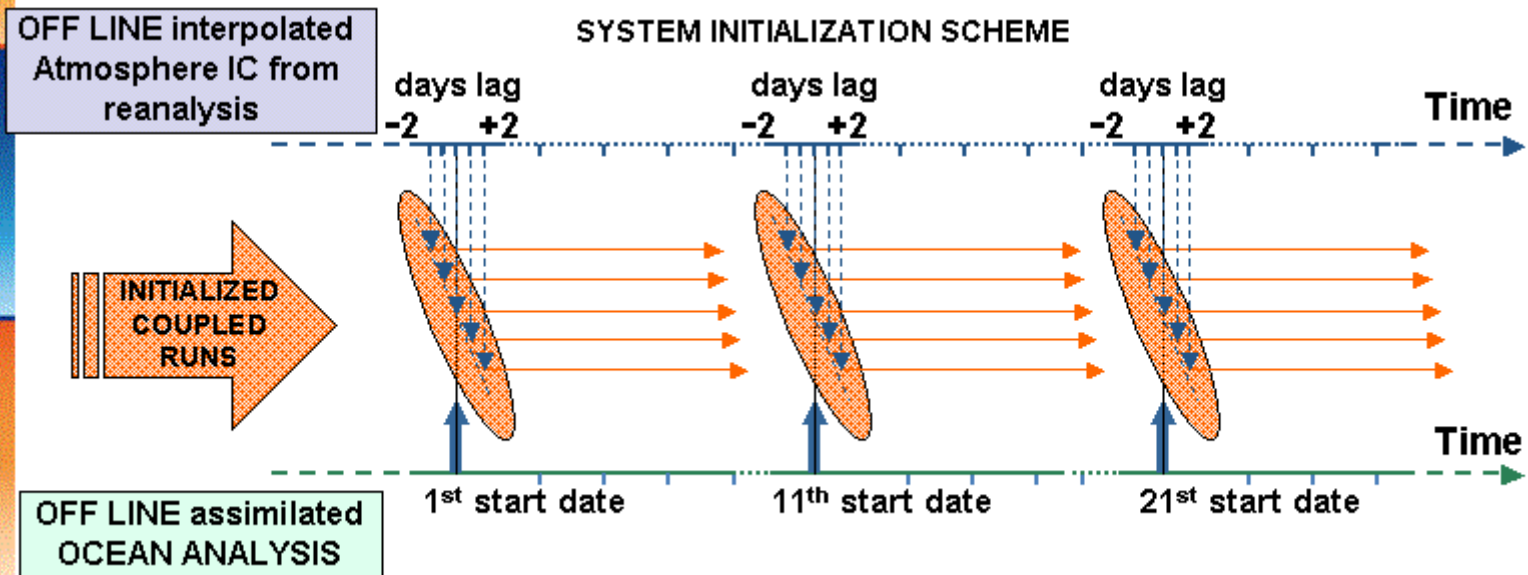
## Retrospective forecasts performed

Hindcasts have been performed for the period **1989-2009**  
3 start dates each month for each year  
Ensembles of 5 forecasts, each integration 2 months long

5 Atmospheric IC  
from lagged  
days (-2:0:+2)

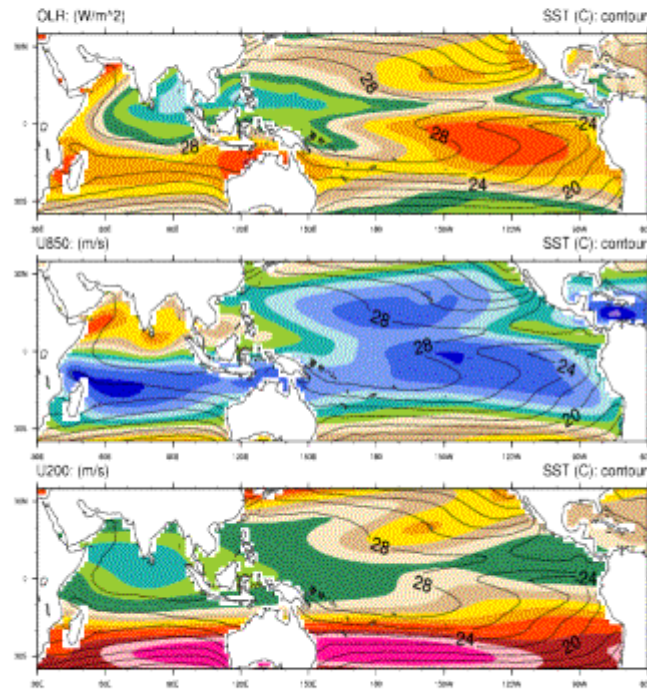


5 perturbed i.c. for each  
start date, each year



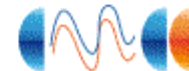
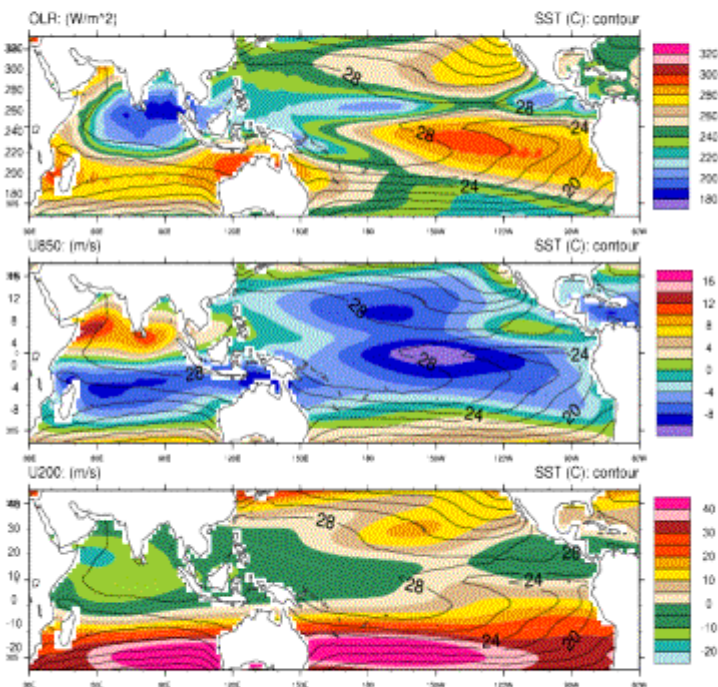
# Climatologies - Boreal Summer (MJJASO, 1989-2008)

## Era Interim



## Model (lead-time 6-15 days)

### Boreal Summer - MJJASO

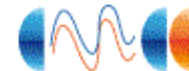
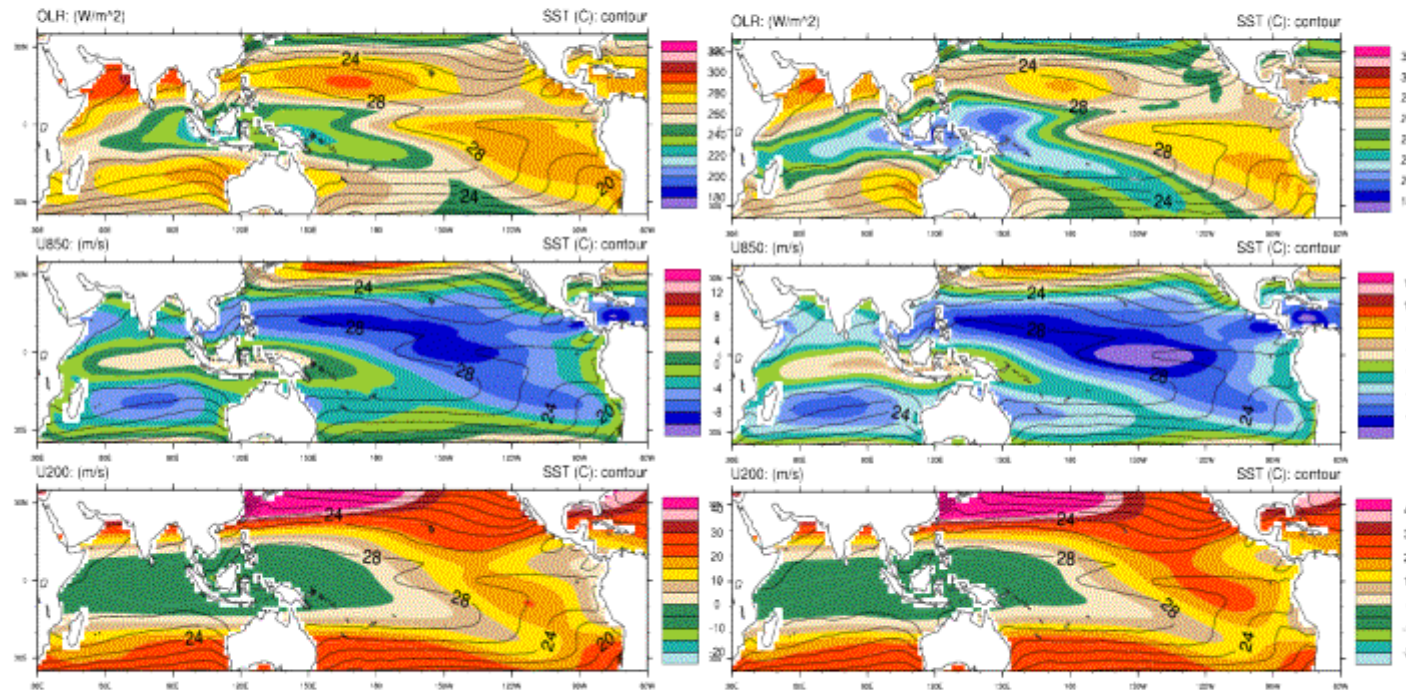


# Climatologies – Boreal Winter (NDJFMA, 1989-2008)

## Era Interim

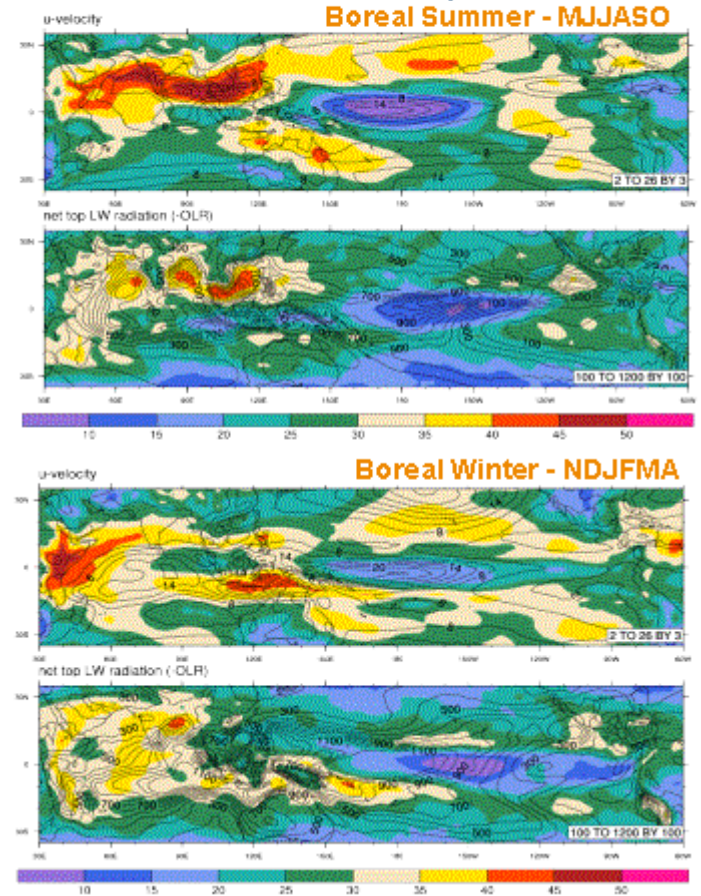
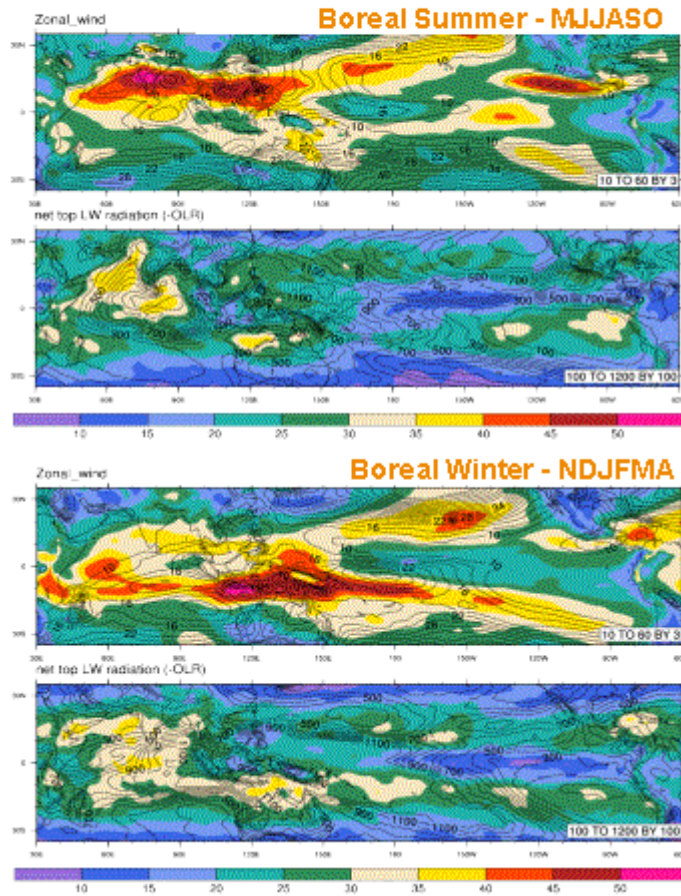
## Model (lead-time 6-15 days)

Boreal Winter - NDJFMA



# Total variance (1989-2008) & Filtered (20-100d) vs unfiltered

**Contour: Total Variance -- Shaded: Filtered (20-100d)/Total Variance ratio**  
**Era Interim Model ensemble means (lead-time 6-15d)**



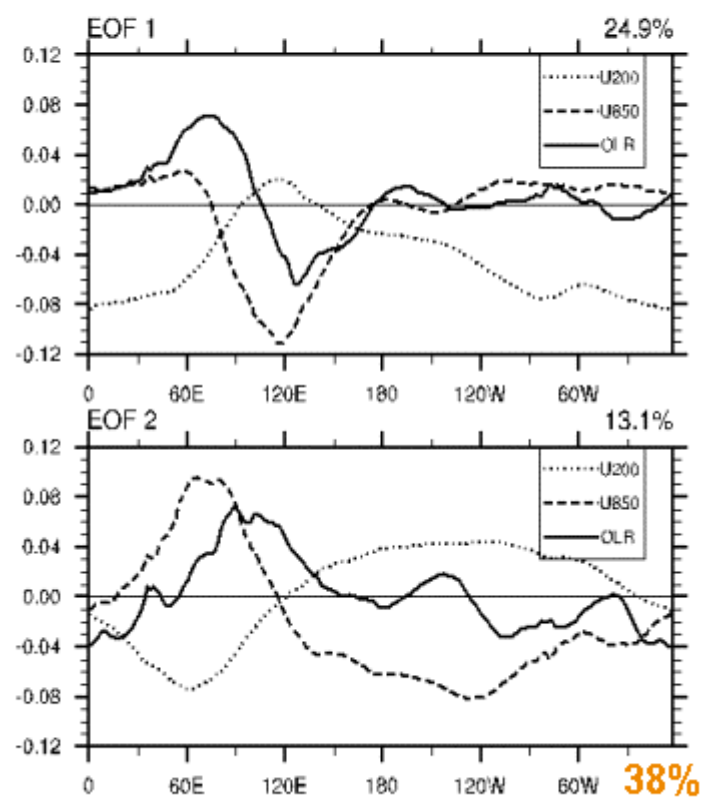
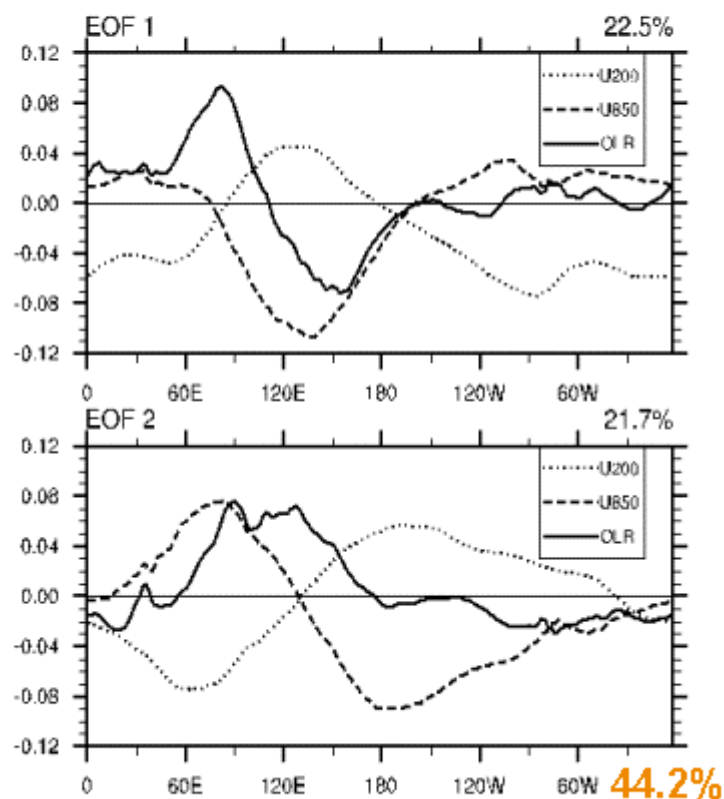


## Multivariate EOF technique applied on filtered (20-100d) data

Era-Interim

Model (lead-times 6-15 days)

Multivariate EOF 15N-15N 1989-2008

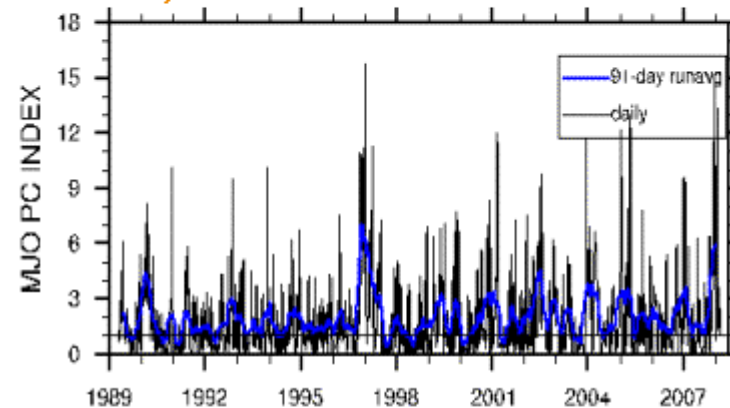
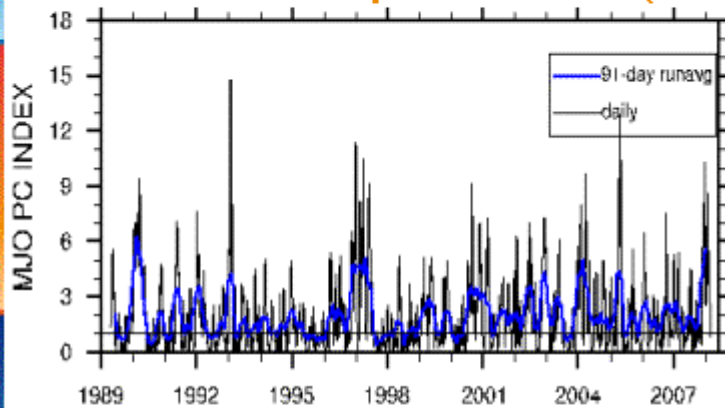


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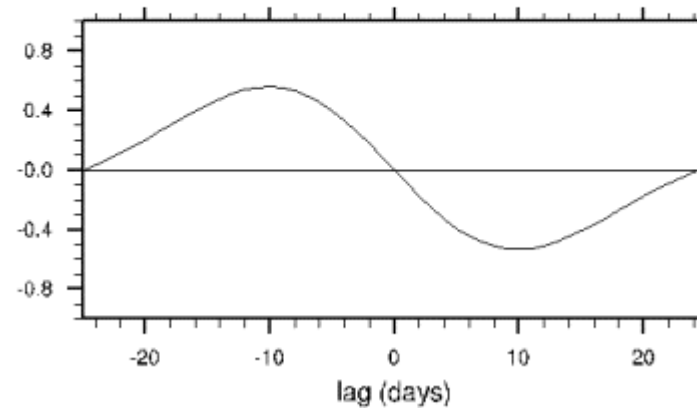
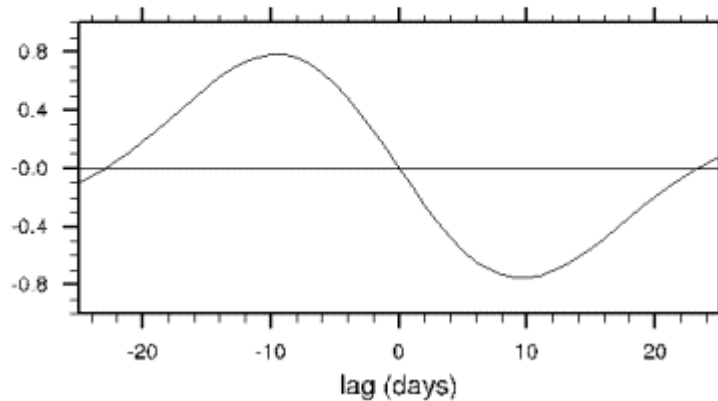
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Model (lead-times 6-15 days)

MJO amplitude index ( $PC1^2 + PC2^2$ ) 15S-15N: 1989-2008

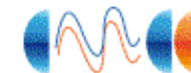
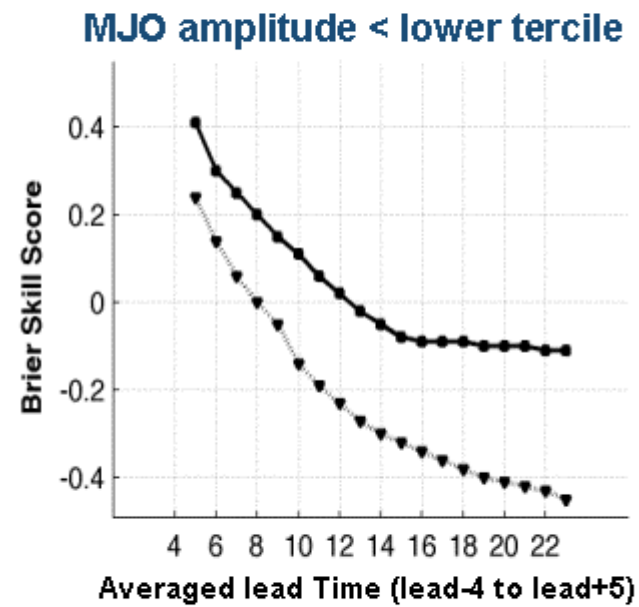
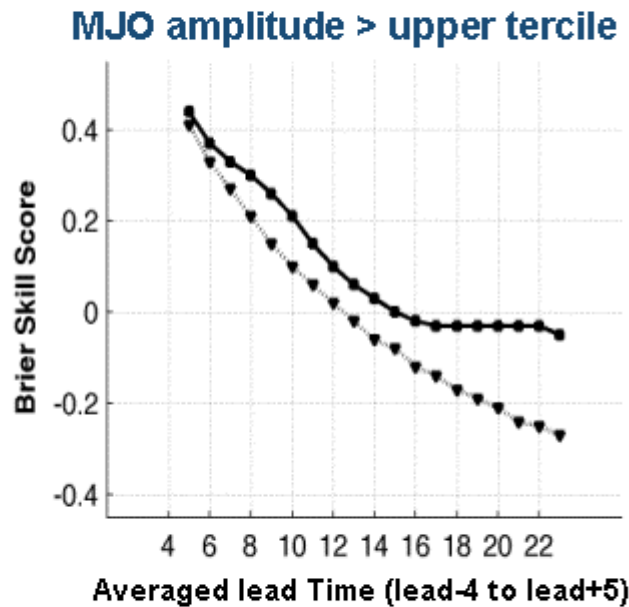
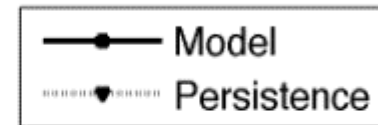


Cross Correlation: PC1 vs PC2 - 1989-2008



## Anomalous MJO amplitude (PC1<sup>2</sup> + PC2<sup>2</sup>) prediction: above normal (upper tercile) & below normal (lower tercile)

Skill as a function of lead time (Model vs persistence)



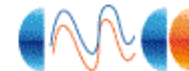


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## Predictability of the Indian Summer Monsoon onset Sensitivity to realistic atmospheric initial conditions

**See also Poster at the Monsoon Intraseasonal Variability Workshop**

Alessandri et al., 2010, In preparation



## Sensitivity to Atmosphere ICs

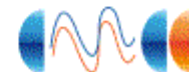
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Atmosphere ICs from ERA-  
Interim (*ERA-Interim*)

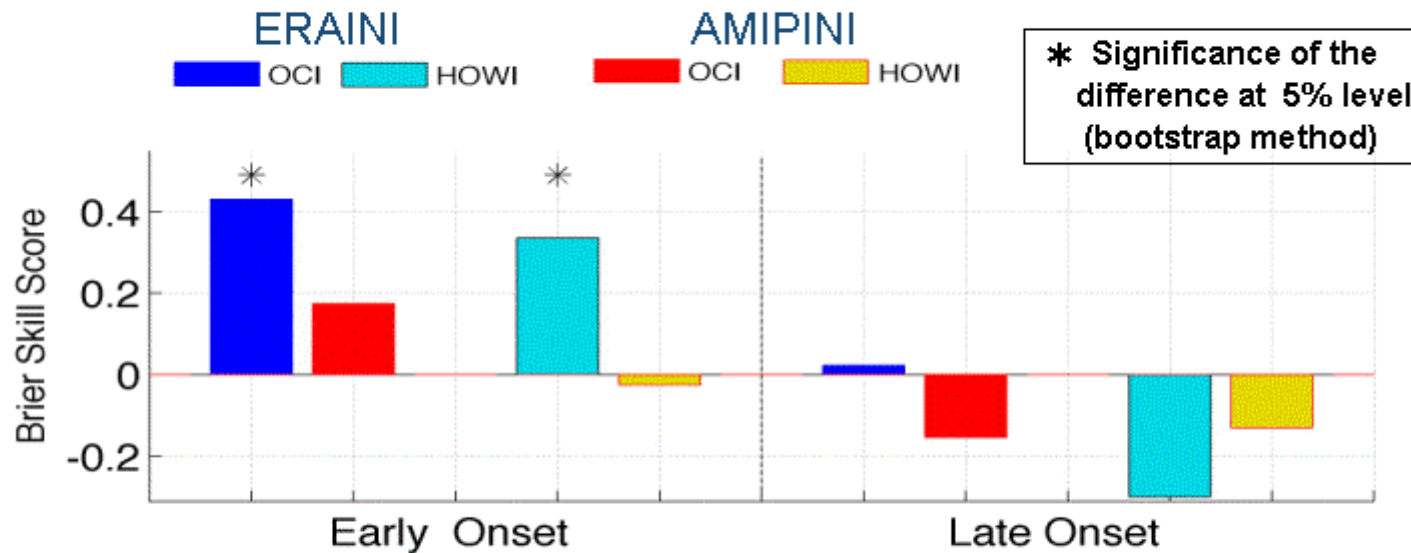
Experiment Ics from AMIP-  
Type runs (*AMIP-Interim*)



- Atm **T63** (1.87°x1.87°)
- Same ocean model & oceanic ICs
- Retrospective forecasts have been performed for the period **1989-2005**
- Start dates **May**

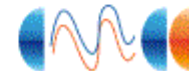


## Sensitivity to Atmosphere ICs: Monsoon onset predictability

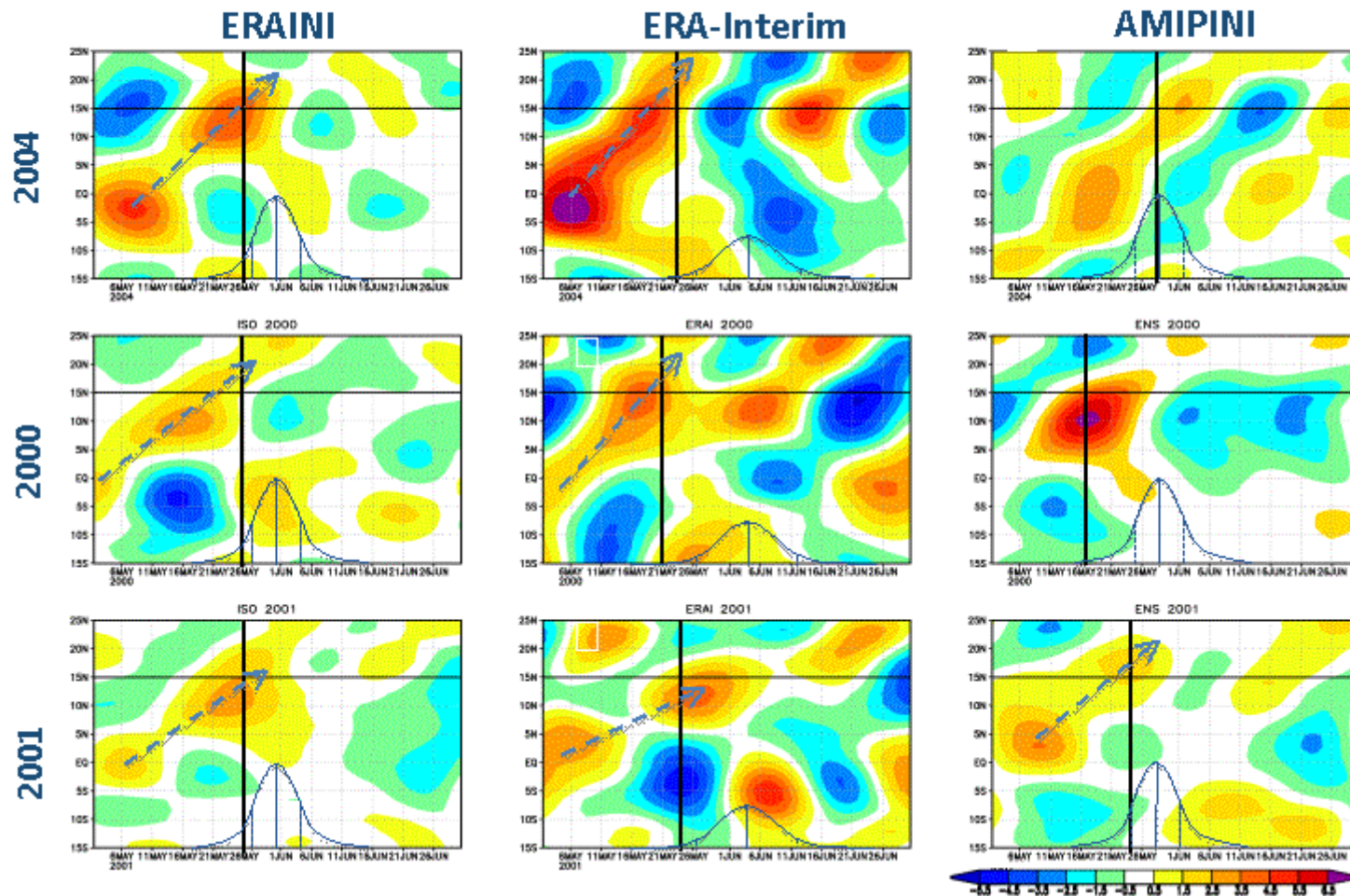


**OCI:** Onset Circulation Index (Wang et al., 2009)

**HOWI:** Hydrological Onset & Withdrawal Index (Fasullo and Webster, 2003)



## Sensitivity to Atmosphere ICs: Intraseasonal Variability (20-100d filtered zonal wind; 65-85E average)



## Summary

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- CMCC-INGV contributes to the ongoing CliPAS ISO hindcast experiment with the latest development of its short term climate prediction system.
- Preliminary analysis shows that the system is able to reproduce eastward propagating intraseasonal wind and precipitation anomalies in good agreement with observations.
- The system shows a considerable skill in predicting above normal (upper tercile) & below normal (lower tercile) MJO amplitude ( $PC1^2 + PC2^2$ ).
  - It always performs better than persistence
  - It display a positive skill till leads 11-20 (8-17) for above (below) normal MJO amplitude
- Realistic initialization of the atmospheric component is shown to significantly contribute to the predictability of early than normal monsoon onsets.
  - In three out of the 5 earliest monsoon years, northward propagating ISV modes appear to trigger onset. Phase initialization of this modes contribute to predictability.

... analysis just started ...

