Correction of Tibetan Plateau Soil Temperature bias and regional and global subseasonal-to-seasonal precipitation predictability: The GEWEX/LS4P Project

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Impact of Initialized Land Temperature and Snowpack on Sub-Seasonal to Seasonal Prediction (LS4P)

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GEWEX/LS4P Project Goals:

- ***What is the impact of the initialization of large-scale land surface temperature/subsurface temperature (LST/SUBT) in high mountains in climate models on the S2S prediction over different regions?***
- ***What is the relative role and uncertainties in these land processes versus in SST in S2S prediction?***

Phase I: Tibetan Plateau LST/SUBT Effect is the focus; June 2003 is the first case.

Phase II: Rocky Mountain LST/SUBT Effect is the focus; June-Aug. 1998 is the first case

Xue et al., (2021, GMD)

Major LS4P Participants

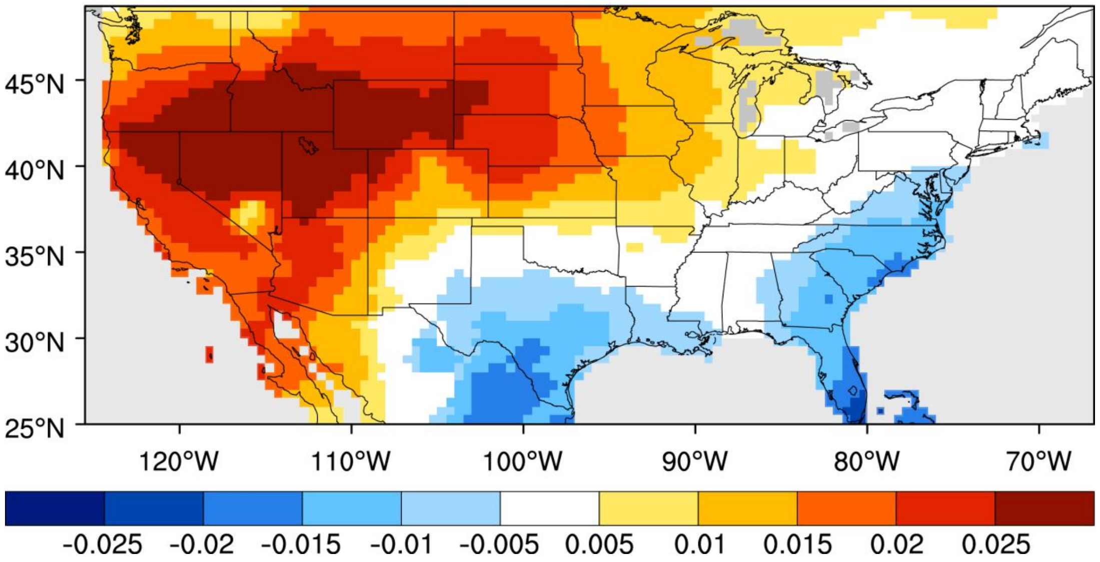
21 ESM Groups;
9 RCM Groups;
7 Data Groups;
1 Data Base

Five workshops (1998, 1999, 2022, 2023 AGU, 1999 Nanjing University)

WECS, Nepal

LS4P Website: http://ls4p.geog.ucla.edu

(a) First May 2-m temperature MCA Mode



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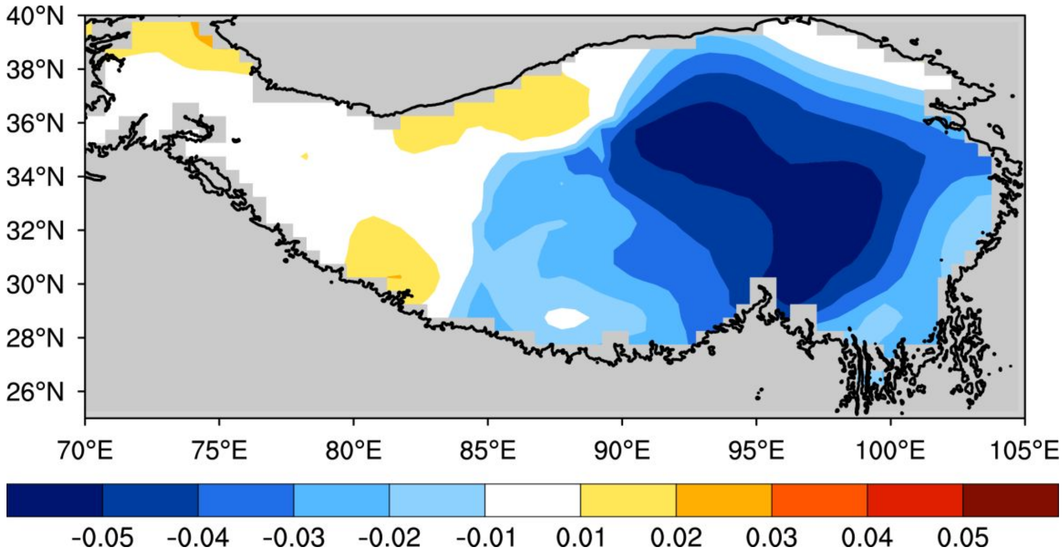

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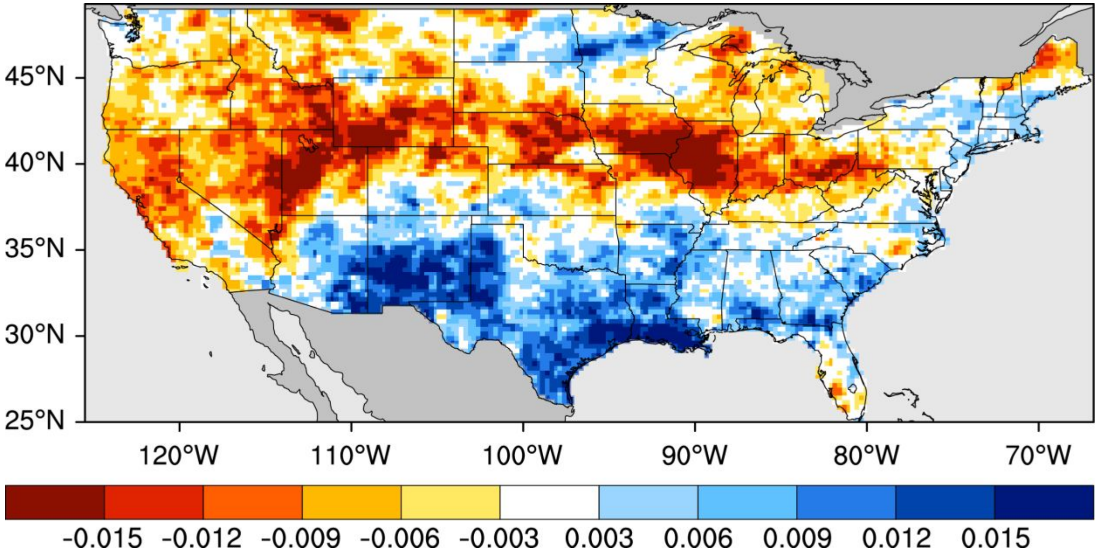
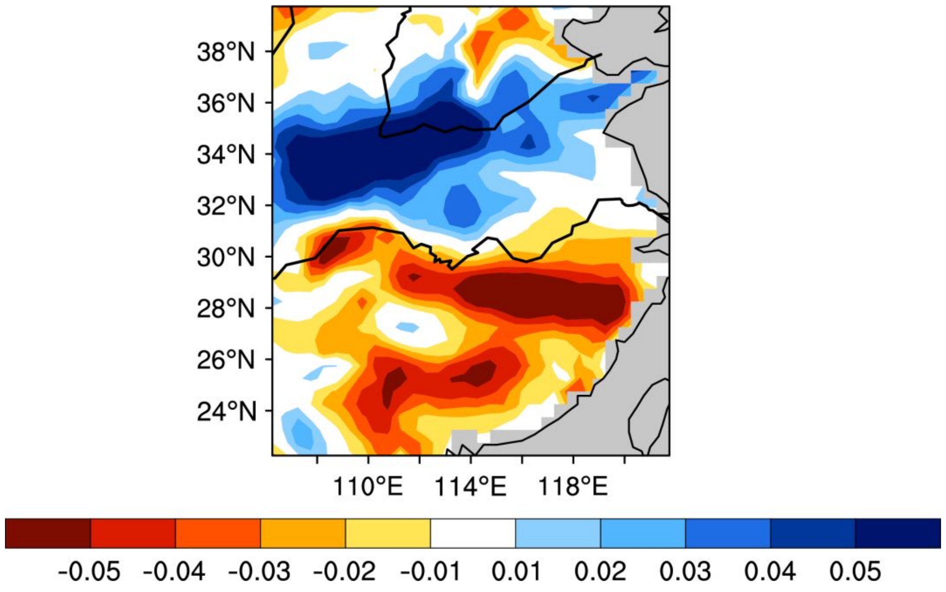
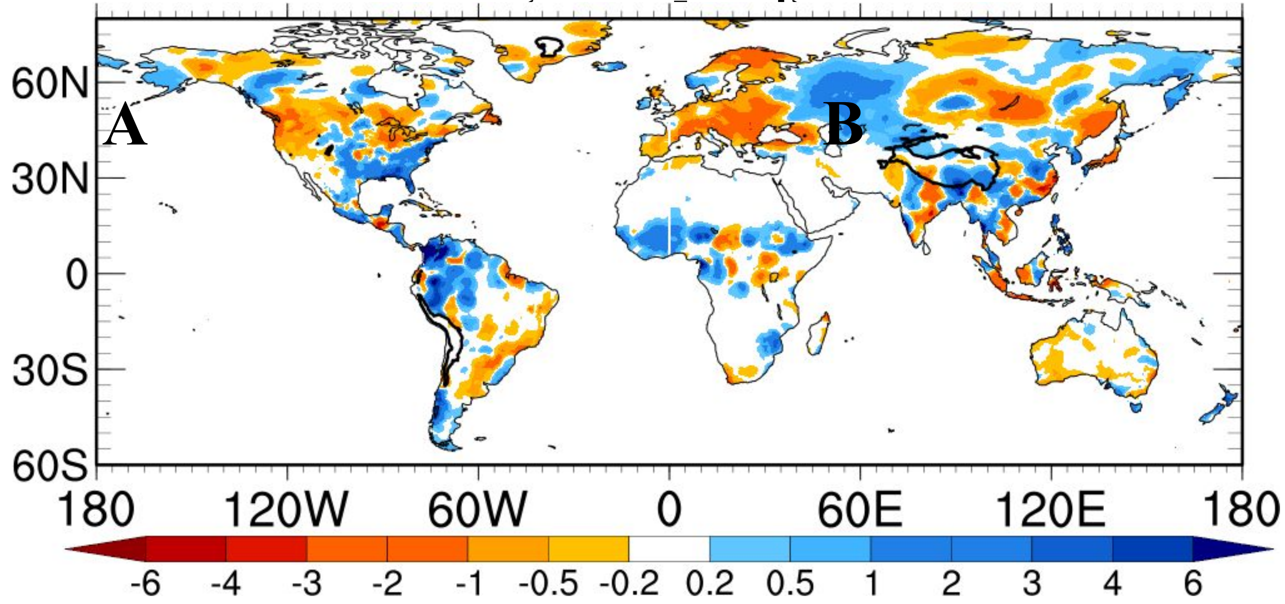




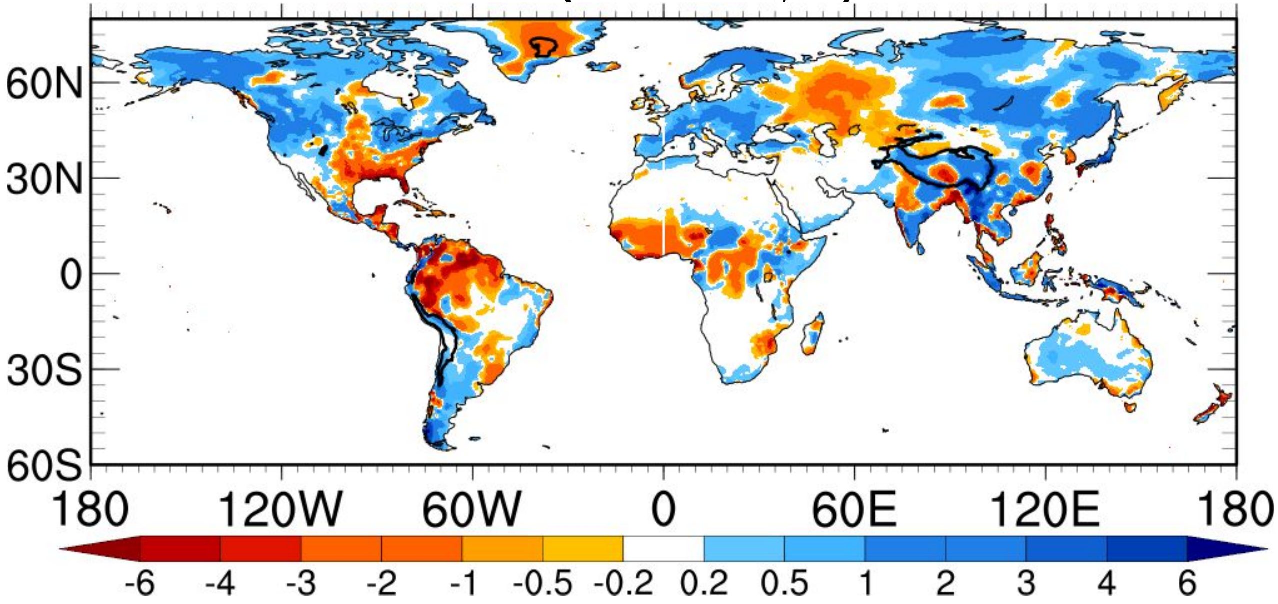
First MCA Mode (May 2-m Temperature vis June Precipitation)

MCA: Maximum Covariance Analysis (Xue et al., 2018)

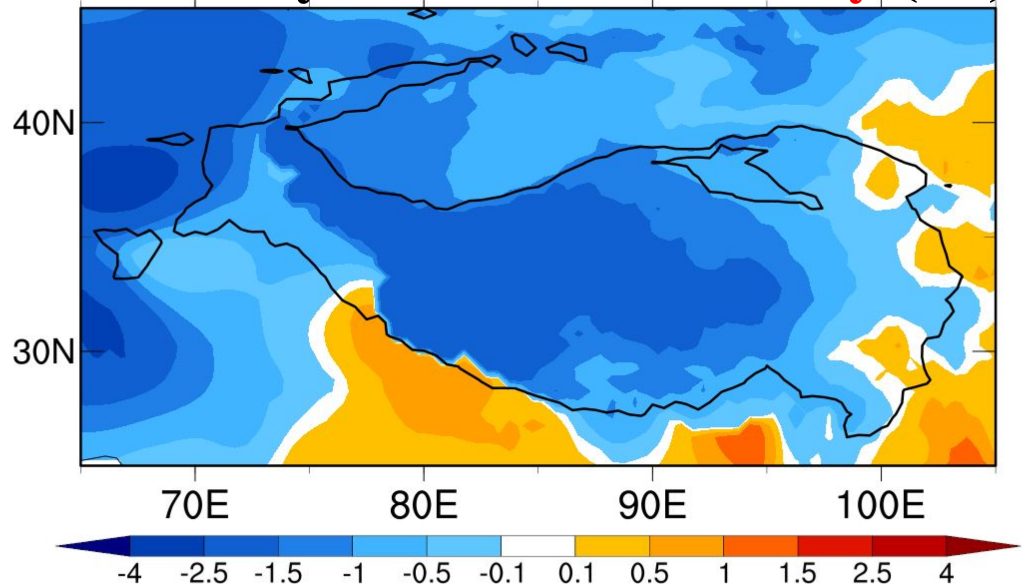
Observed June 2003 Precipitation anomaly



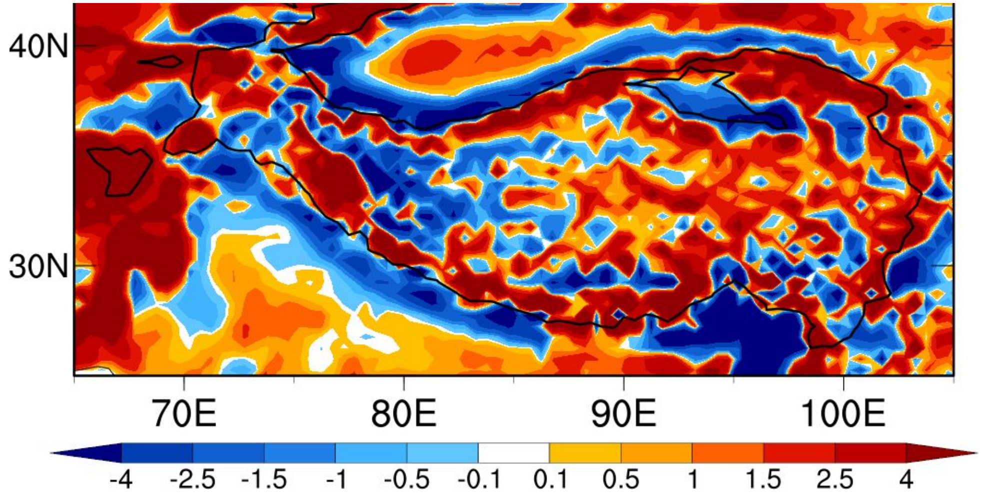
Ensemble Mean June 2003 Precipitation Bias (mm day^{-1})



Obs. May 2003 T2m Anomaly (°C)



LS4P Ensemble mean May 2003 T2m Bias (℃)



Development of Initialization Methodology

Principles Consideration: (1) Model bias; (2) Observed Anomalies; (3) Tuning parameter

Applying the mask, $\tilde{T}_0(i,j)$, will be defined as follows:

$$\tilde{T}_0(i,j) = T_0(i,j) + \Delta T_{mask}(i,j) = T_0(i,j) + \left[-n \times T_{obs\ anomaly}(i,j) - T_{bias}(i,j)\right],$$
$$\text{when } \bar{T}_{obs\ anomaly} \times \bar{T}_{bias} \geq 0, \quad (1a)$$

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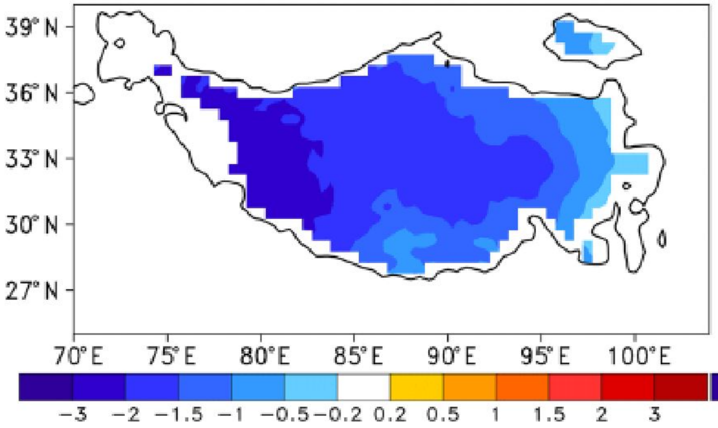
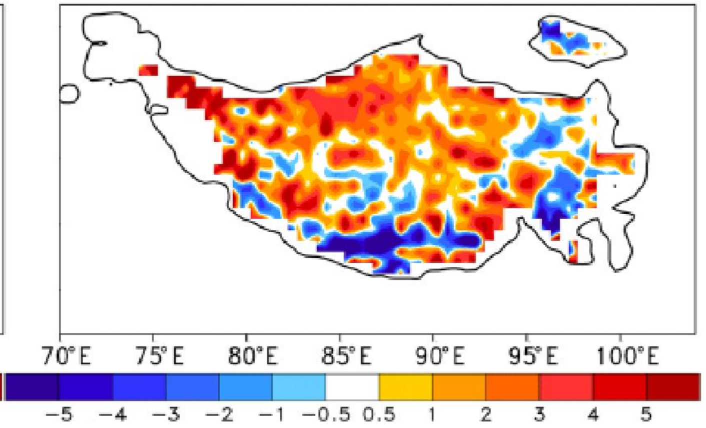
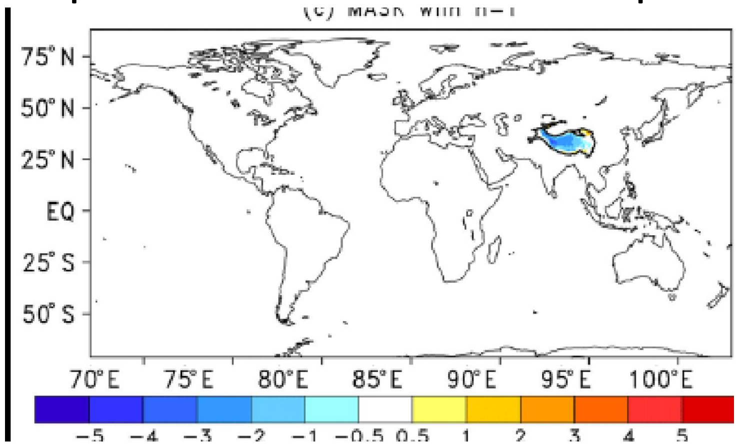
Observed May T2m Anomaly



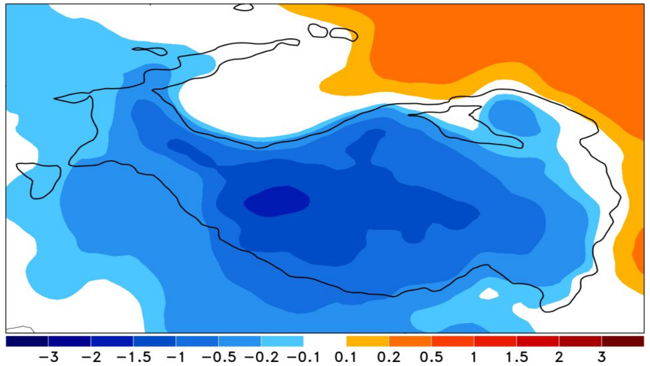
Simulated May T2m Bias



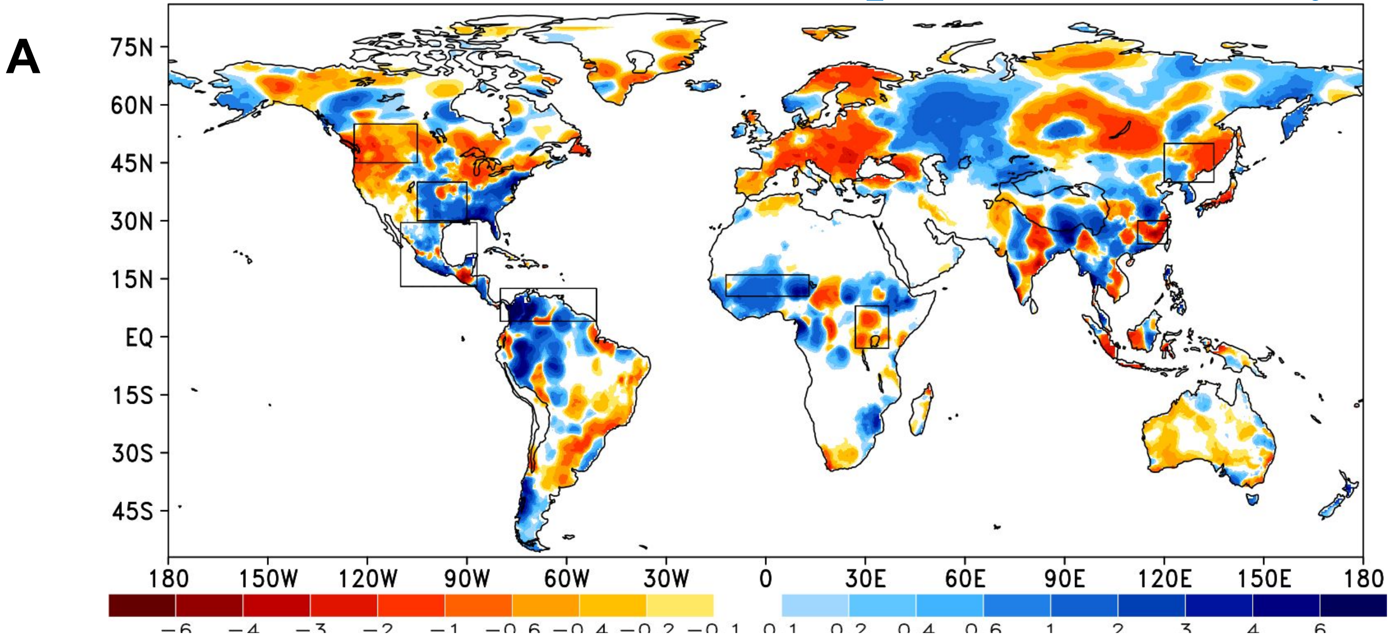
Imposed Mask at 1st time step



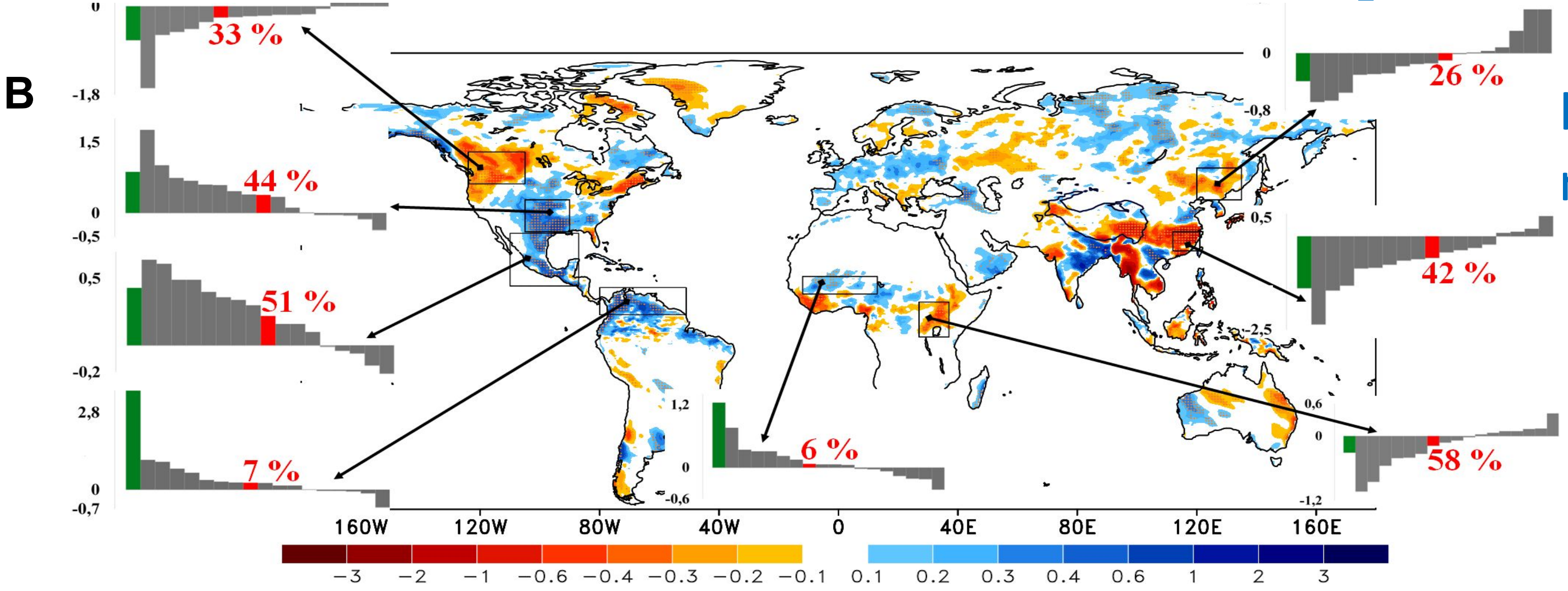
Simulated May T-2m difference after imposing mask for initial condition



Observed June 2003 Precipitation Anomaly

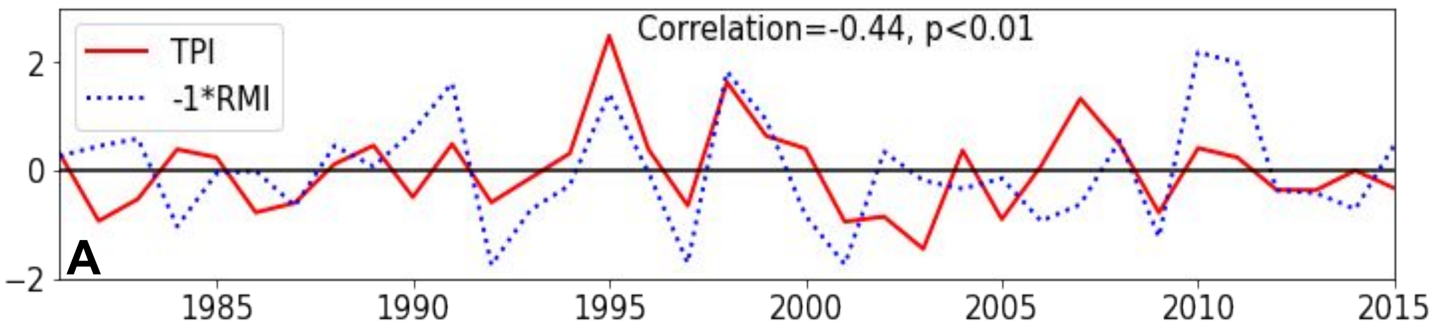


Simulated TP LST/SUBT effect on June 2003 Precipitation

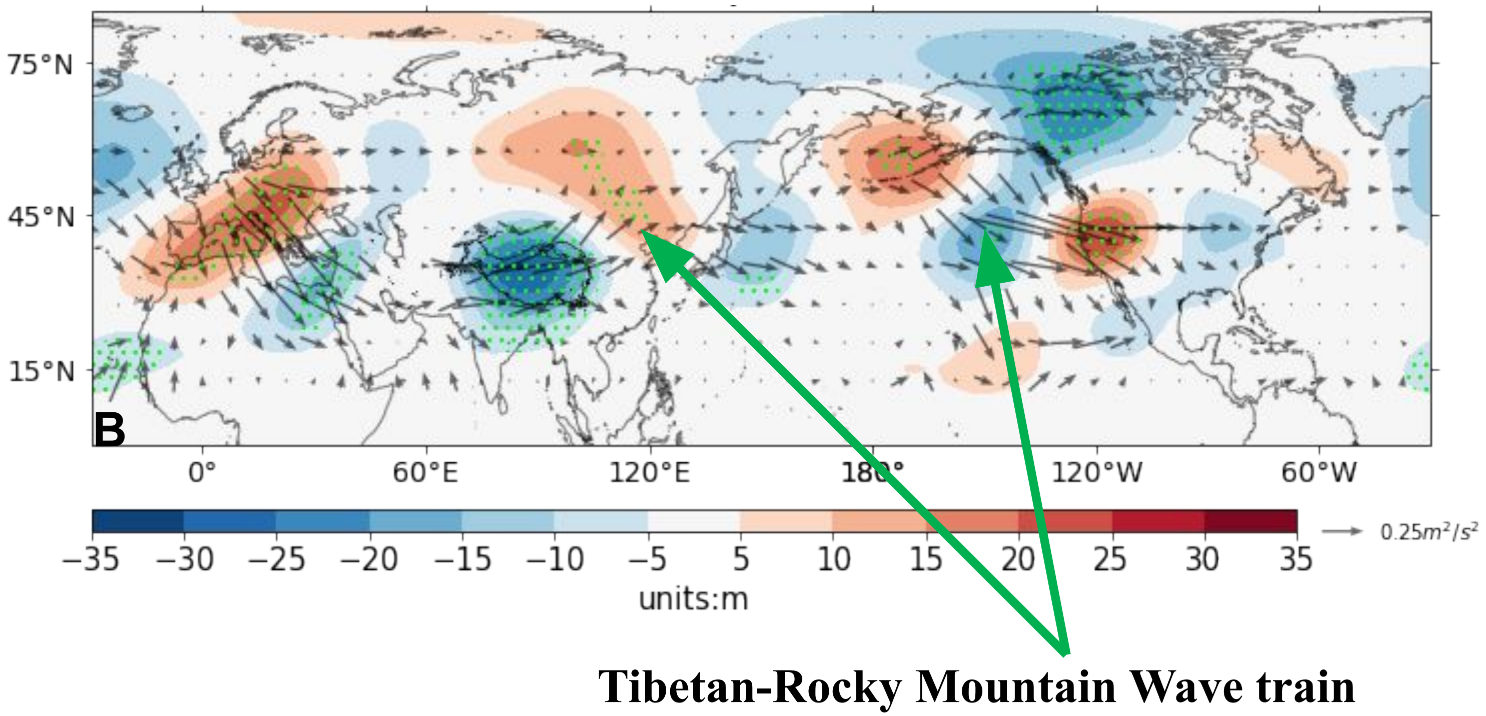


Identify 8 hotspot regions

Observed May TPI and RMI time series from 1981-2015

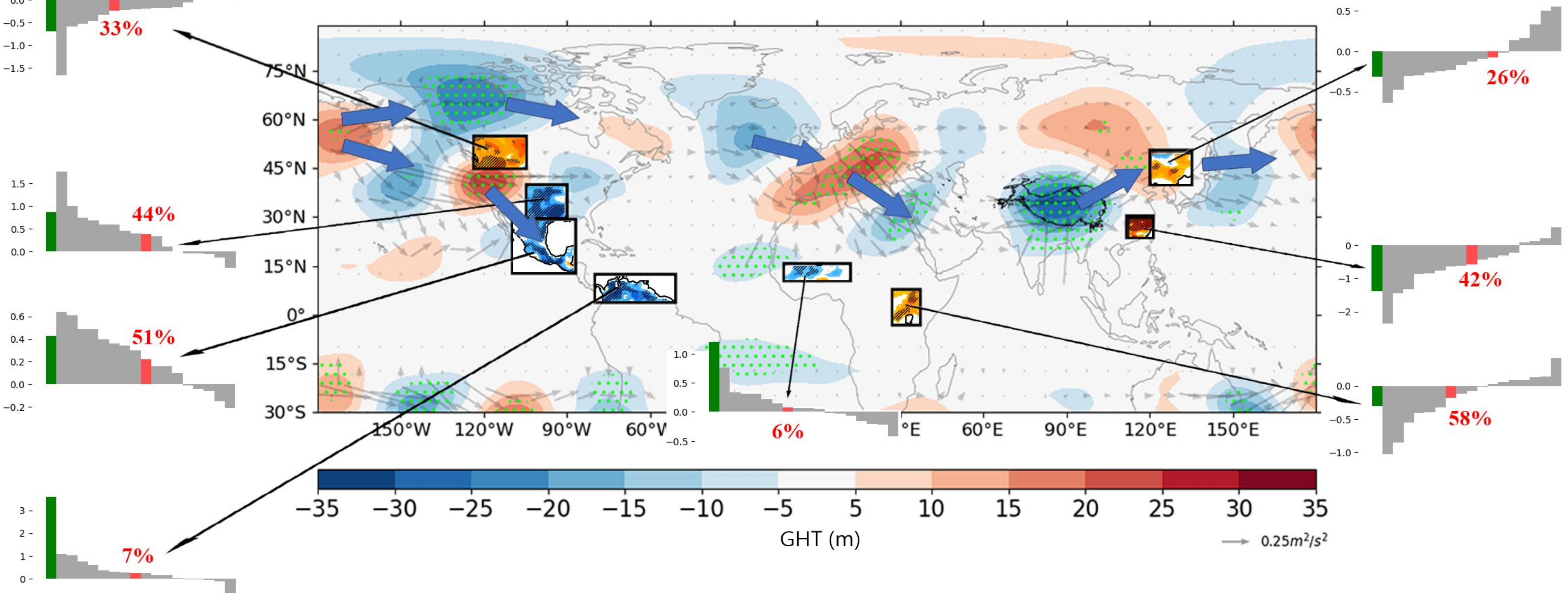


Observed Wave Train due to TP May T2m anomaly



. Linkage between the TP and North America. (A) TPI and RMI time series. (b) Wave train. Notes: Fig. 4B is the regression of May 200-hPa geopotential height (m) of NCEP Reanalysis I from 1981-2015 onto (-1) * normalized May TPI and corresponding wave activity flux (WAF; m2/s2). Shadings denote the geopotential height, vectors denote the WAF.

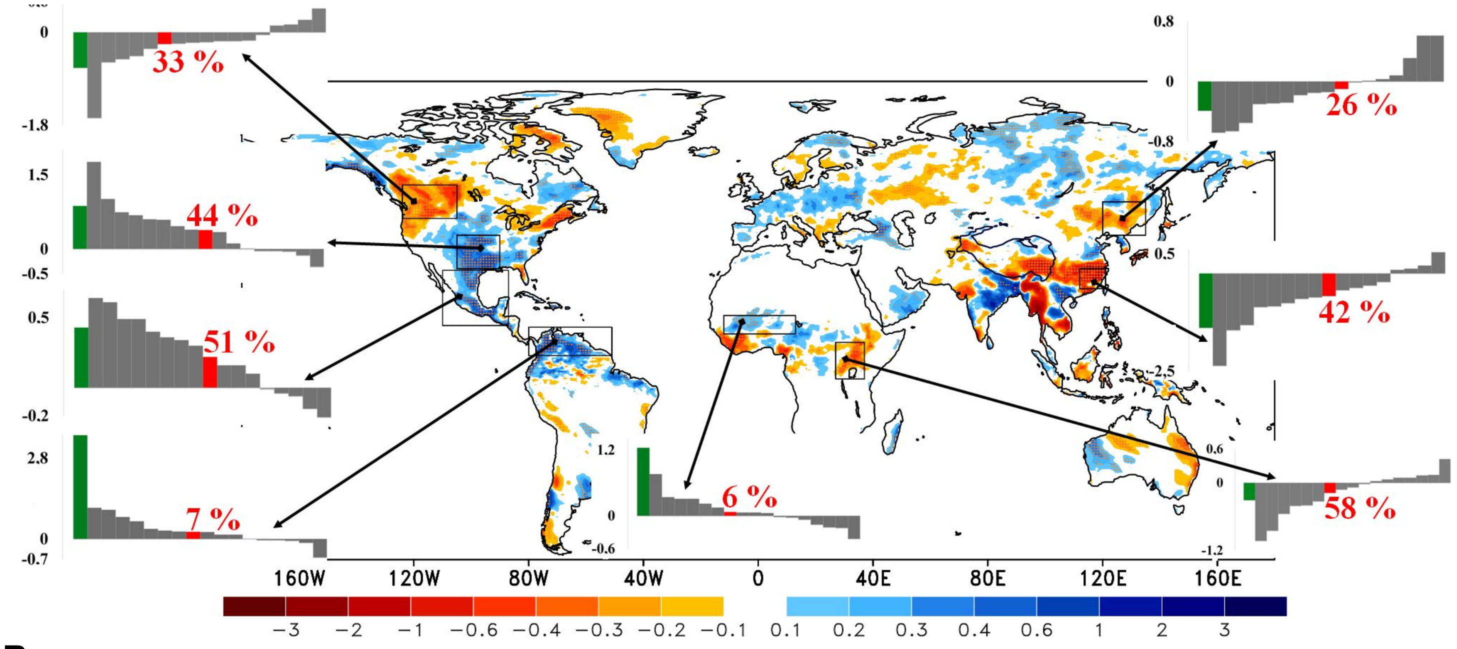
Tibetan Plateau – Rocky Mountain Circumglobal Wave Train (TRC) and TP LST/SUBT Effect Hotspots



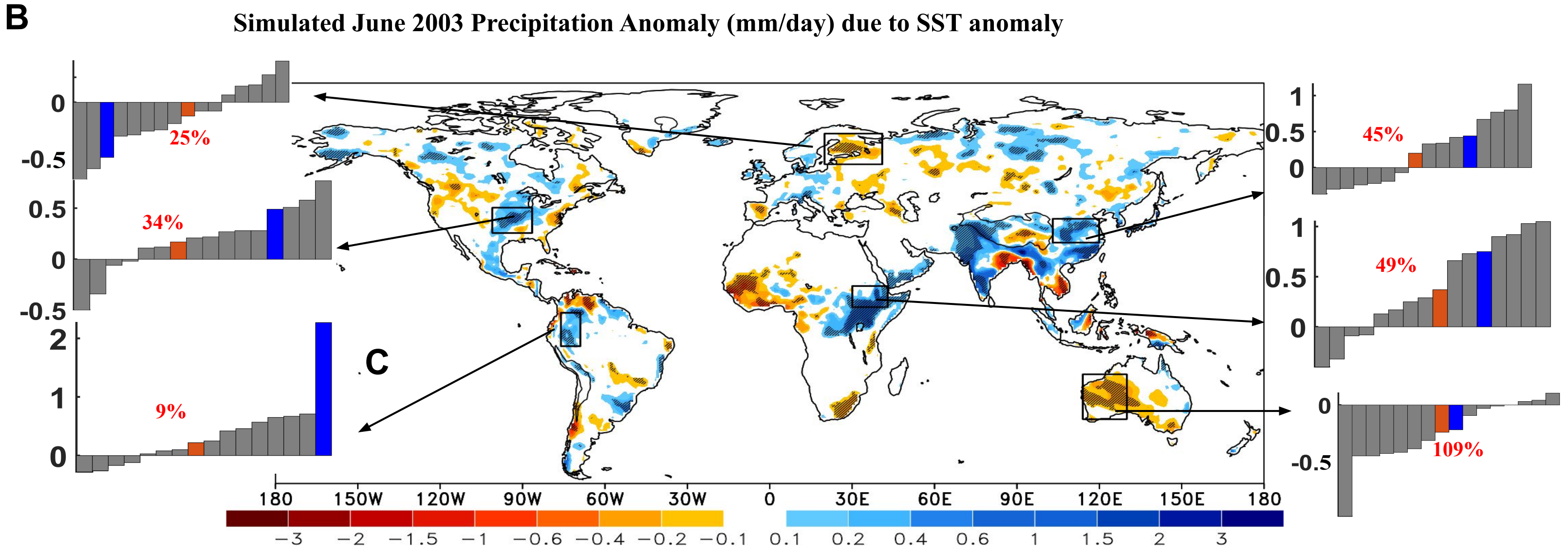
The schematic demonstrates the TRC global influence and possible hotspots. The color shadings within the boxes are snapshots of the LS4P multi-model--simulated June 2003 precipitation anomalies due to the effect of cold Tibetan Plateau land surface and subsurface temperature (LST/SUBT), and elsewhere the shaded areas show the observed 200-hPa geopotential height (GHT) anomalies due to the cold Tibetan Plateau temperature. The green bar corresponds to the observations and the red bar is the ensemble mean in each hot spot. Green dots represent a statistical significance at $p<0.1$. The light vectors are wave activity flux, and the heavy blue arrows indicate the TRC propagation. The figure is based on Xue et al. (BAMS, 2022, Climate Dynamics 2023).

Comparison of June 2003 Precipitation Anomaly due to LST/SUBT and SST Effect(mm/day)

TP LST/SUBT hot spots



Global SST hot spots



LS4P Phase II

Major Objevtives:

(1). Case study for 1998:Warm Tibetan Plateau and Cold Rocky Mountains in Spring and June flood in Yangtze River and drought in Southern Great Plains.

(2). RCM Protocol

LS4P Phase III (~2027)

One of the southern hemisphere mountain effect

EVMWF-IFS Sensitivity Statistics (Preliminary)

	May 1998 2m Temperature (^{o}C)	June 1998 Precip mm/day
	Tibetan Plateau	**S. Yangtze Basin**
Obs. Anomaly	1.404	5.668
Bias in CONTROL	-3.314	-5.281
Sensitivity Experiments	**Experiment minus CONTROL**	
TP Δt n=1	0.618	0.672
TP Δt n=3	0.717	1.759

Observed and Simulated Jun 1998 precipitation anomaly (mm/day) Over Yangtze River Basin and South Great Plains

	Obs anomaly	RM Cold LST/SUBT effect	TP Warm LST/SUBT effect	SST effect
Yangtze River Basin (26-31N;104-120 E)	3.26	1.11	1.44	1.04
South Great Plains (27-37N;107W-80W)	-1.45	-0.71	-0.61	-0.11

Note: The 1998 was a very strong El Niño Year. The SST has very strong impact in the tropical regions, such as Sahel, Central Africa, Amazon, and Central America at S2S scale (not listed in the table).

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Summary

1). Observational data show a potential for the LST/SUBT to provide land memory at the S2S time scale, and a lag relationship between May T2m anomaly over the TP/RM and June precipitation anomaly downstream.

2). In ESM experiments, by correcting the TP spring LST bias, the S2S predictions over hot spot regions improve. The consideration of the TP LST/SUBT effect has produced about 25%-50% of observed precipitation anomalies in most of 8 hotspot regions. For comparison, 6 regions with significant SST effects were identified in the 2003 case, explaining about 25-50% of precipitation anomalies over most of these regions.

3). The TP LST/SUBT influence is underscored by an observed out-of-phase oscillation between the TP and RM surface temperatures and a downstream TP-RM Circumglobal (TRC) wave train linking the TP to North America