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ENSO-neutral conditions continued during July 2008, as sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central equatorial Pacific Ocean remained near-average (**Fig. T18**). The latest monthly SST index was +0.1°C in the Niño-3.4 region, and -0.3°C in the Niño-4 region (**Table T2**). Across the equatorial Pacific, a deeper than average thermocline (**Fig. T16**) and above average temperatures (+1°C to +3°C) at thermocline depth also reflected the ENSO neutral conditions (**Fig. T17**).

However, the atmospheric circulation continued to reflect some aspects of La Niña, with enhanced low-level easterly winds and upper-level westerly winds over the western and central tropical Pacific (**Figs. T20, T21, Table T1**). Also, convection remained suppressed throughout the central equatorial Pacific and enhanced over the eastern equatorial Pacific. The latter is related to very active tropical cyclone activities in this region during July (**Figs. T25, E3**).

For the latest status of the ENSO cycle see the ENSO Diagnostic Discussion at:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/index.html

MONTH	SLP ANOMALIES		TAHITI minus DARWIN SOI	850-hPa ZONAL WIND INDEX			200-hPa WIND INDEX	OLR Index
	TAHITI	DARWIN		5N-5S 135E-180	5N-5S 175W-140W	5N-5S 135W-120W	5N-5S 165W-110W	5N-5S 160E-160W
JUL 08	0.8	0.6	0.2	2.0	0.1	-1.2	0.1	0.9
JUN 08	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.7	0.5	-1.1	0.5	0.4
MAY 08	0.8	1.3	-0.3	1.3	0.7	-1.2	0.7	1.2
APR 08	1.3	0.5	0.6	2.4	1.1	-1.1	1.6	1.5
MAR 08	2.7	1.0	1.1	2.8	1.1	-1.1	1.2	2.4
FEB 08	2.6	-1.7	2.7	2.7	1.6	-0.6	2.5	2.5
JAN 08	1.7	-1.3	1.9	1.1	1.6	-0.1	1.8	1.0
DEC 07	1.5	-1.3	1.8	3.7	1.7	-0.1	0.8	2.2
NOV 07	0.3	-1.1	0.9	1.3	1.8	1.0	1.7	0.8
OCT 07	0.3	-0.6	0.6	1.1	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.4
SEP 07	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.8
AUG 07	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.6
JUL 07	0.5	1.4	-0.5	1.1	0.1	-1.0	0.2	1.1

TABLE T1 - Atmospheric index values for the most recent 12 months. Indices are standardized by the mean annual standard deviation, except for the Tahiti and Darwin SLP anomalies which are in units of hPa. Positive (negative) values of 200-hPa zonal wind index imply westerly (easterly) anomalies. Positive (negative) values of 850-hPa zonal wind indices imply easterly (westerly) anomalies.

MONTH	PACIFIC SST								ATLANTIC SST				Global	
	NIÑO 1+2 0-10°S 90°W-80°W		NIÑO 3 5°N-5°S 150°W-90-°W		NIÑO 3.4 5°N-5°S 170°W-12-0°W		NIÑ0 4 5°N-5°S 160°E-150-°W		N. ATL 5N-20N 60W-30W		S. ATL 0-20S 30W-10E		TROPICS 10N-10S 0W-360W	
JUL 08	0.8	22.7	0.6	26.1	0.1	27.2	-0.3	28.3	0.3	27.4	0.6	24.2	0.1	27.4
JUN 08	0.6	23.7	0.2	26.6	-0.3	27.2	-0.6	28.1	0.2	26.8	0.7	25.5	0.0	27.9
MAY 08	0.1	24.4	0.0	27.1	-0.6	27.2	-0.8	27.9	0.0	26.3	0.9	26.9	-0.1	28.3
APR 08	0.4	25.9	-0.2	27.2	-0.9	26.8	-1.0	27.4	-0.1	25.7	0.7	27.5	-0.2	28.3
MAR 08	0.8	27.3	-0.6	26.5	-1.1	26.0	-1.3	26.8	0.0	25.5	0.7	27.6	-0.2	27.9
FEB 08	0.2	26.3	-1.4	25.0	-1.9	24.8	-1.6	26.4	-0.1	25.4	0.4	26.8	-0.3	27.4
JAN 08	-0.7	23.8	-1.5	24.1	-1.8	24.7	-1.5	26.6	0.1	26.0	0.2	25.6	-0.3	27.2
DEC 07	-2.0	20.8	-1.5	23.6	-1.5	25.0	-0.9	27.4	0.2	26.9	0.1	24.6	-0.2	27.2
NOV 07	-2.2	19.5	-1.8	23.2	-1.5	25.1	-0.9	27.4	0.2	27.7	0.0	23.9	-0.3	27.2
OCT 07	-2.1	18.8	-1.5	23.4	-1.4	25.2	-0.6	27.9	0.2	28.1	-0.1	23.3	-0.2	27.2
SEP 07	-1.9	18.6	-1.3	23.6	-0.8	25.8	-0.4	28.1	0.1	28.0	0.2	23.1	-0.1	27.0
AUG 07	-1.6	19.2	-1.1	23.9	-0.5	26.2	0.1	28.6	0.1	27.7	0.1	23.1	0.0	27.1
JUL 07	-1.6	20.3	-0.8	24.8	-0.3	26.8	0.2	28.8	0.2	27.2	0.2	23.8	0.1	27.4

TABLE T2. Mean and anomalous sea surface temperature (°C) for the most recent 12 months. Anomalies are departures from the 1971–2000 adjusted OI climatology (Smith and Reynolds 1998, *J. Climate*, **11**, 3320-3323).

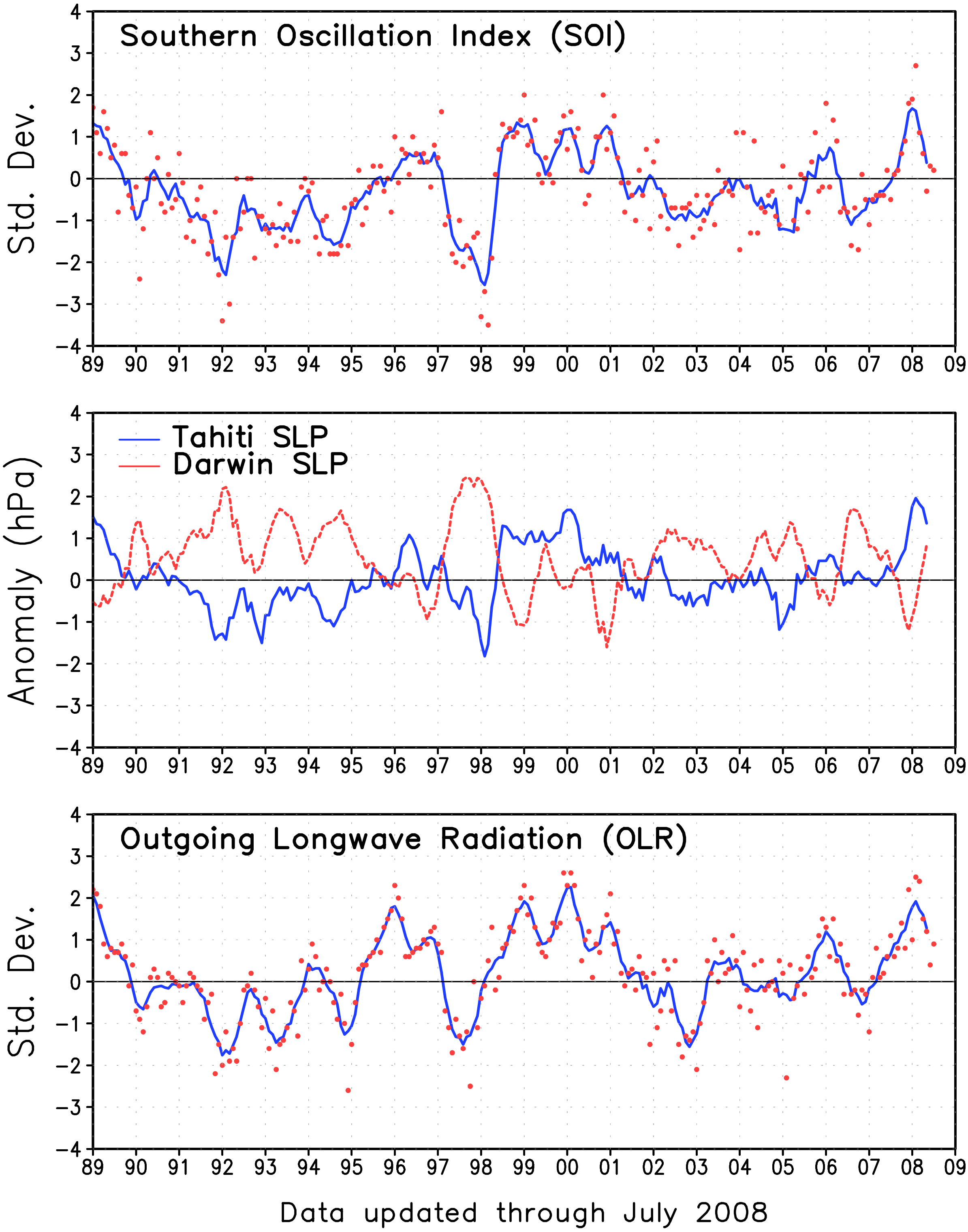
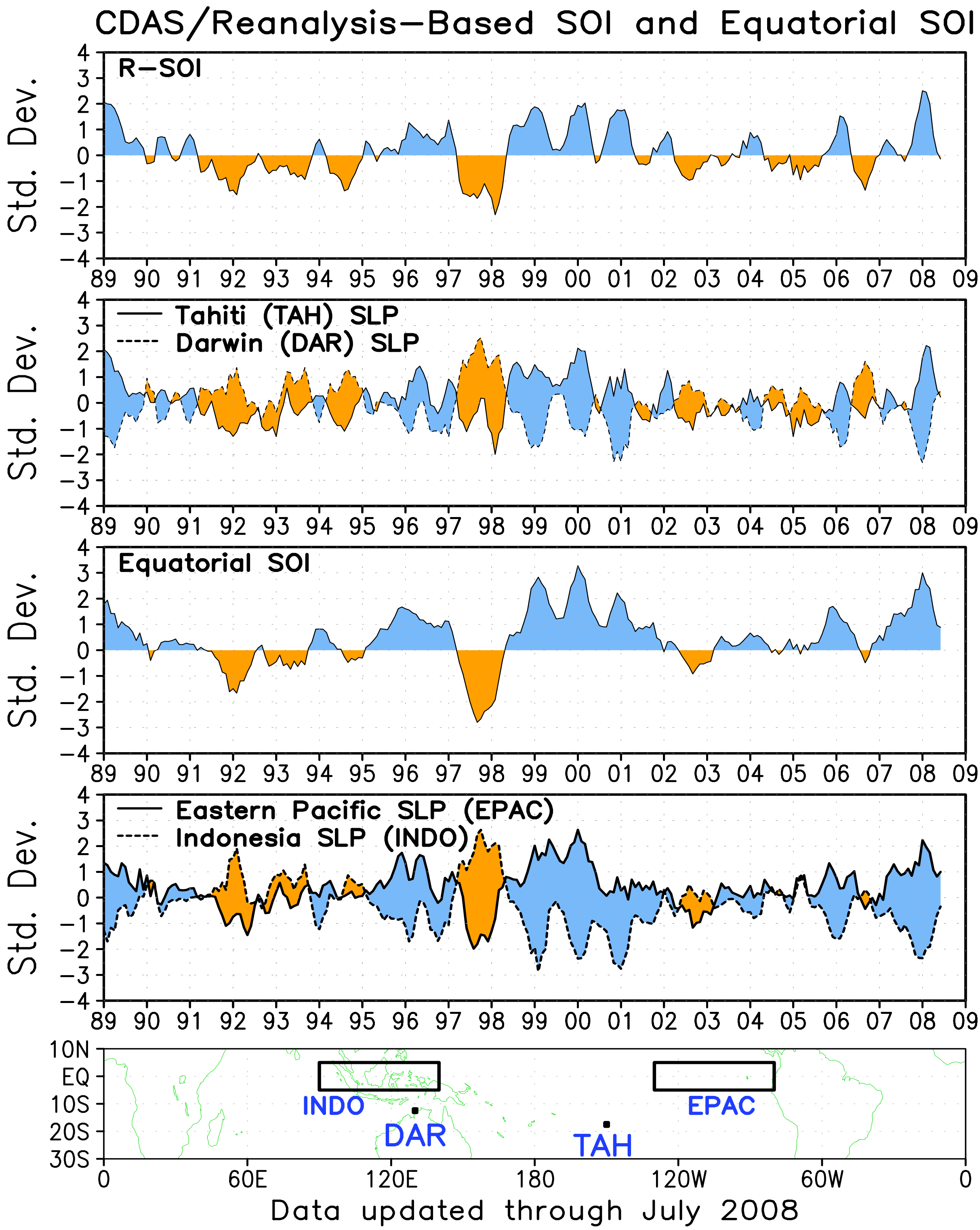


FIGURE T1. Five-month running mean of the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) (top), sea-level pressure anomaly (hPa) at Darwin and Tahiti (middle), and outgoing longwave radiation anomaly (OLR) averaged over the area 5N-5S, 160E-160W (bottom). Anomalies in the top and middle panels are departures from the 1951-1980 base period means and are normalized by the mean annual standard deviation. Anomalies in the bottom panel are departures from the 1979-1995 base period means. Individual monthly values are indicated by “x”s in the top and bottom panels. The x-axis labels are centered on July.



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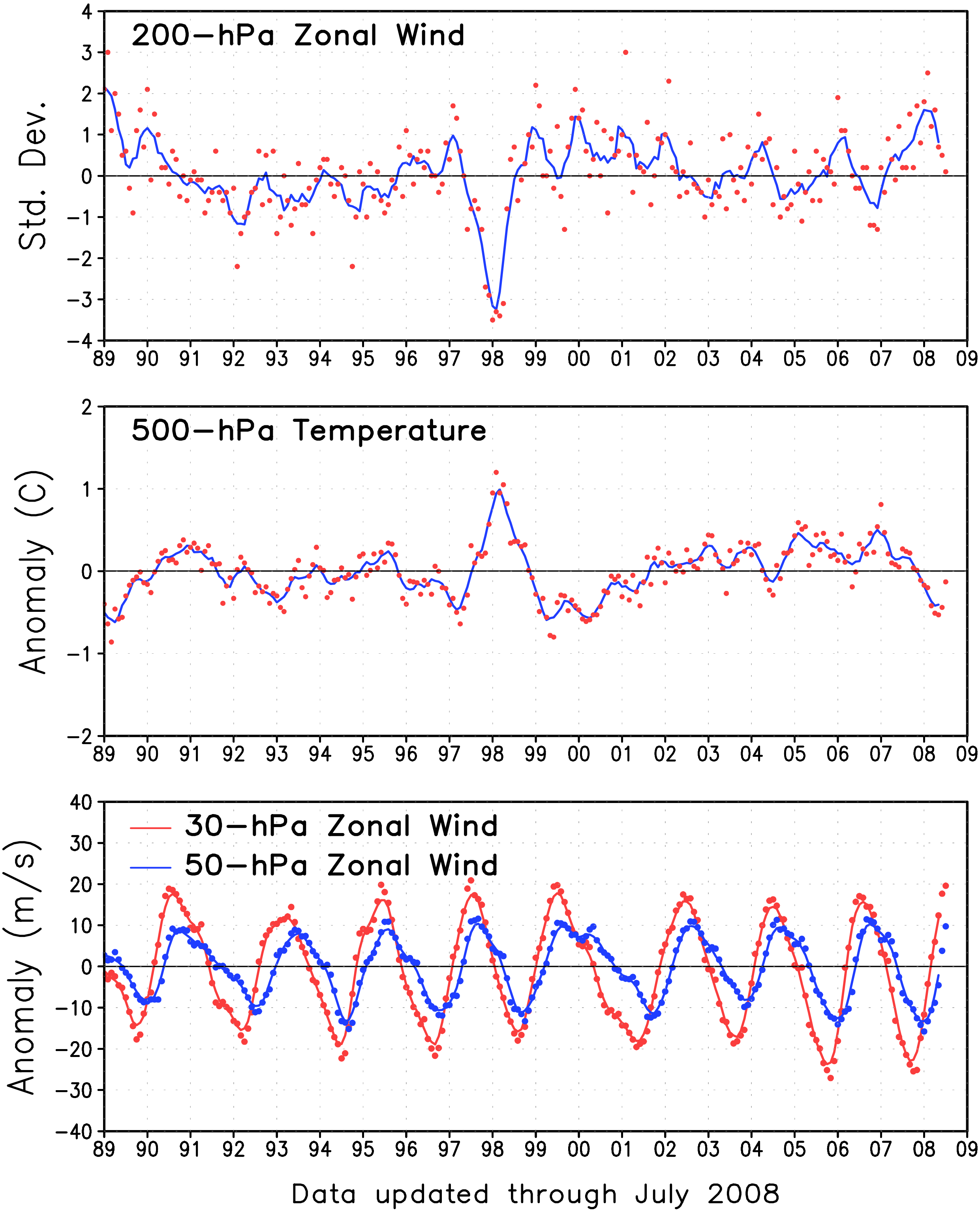

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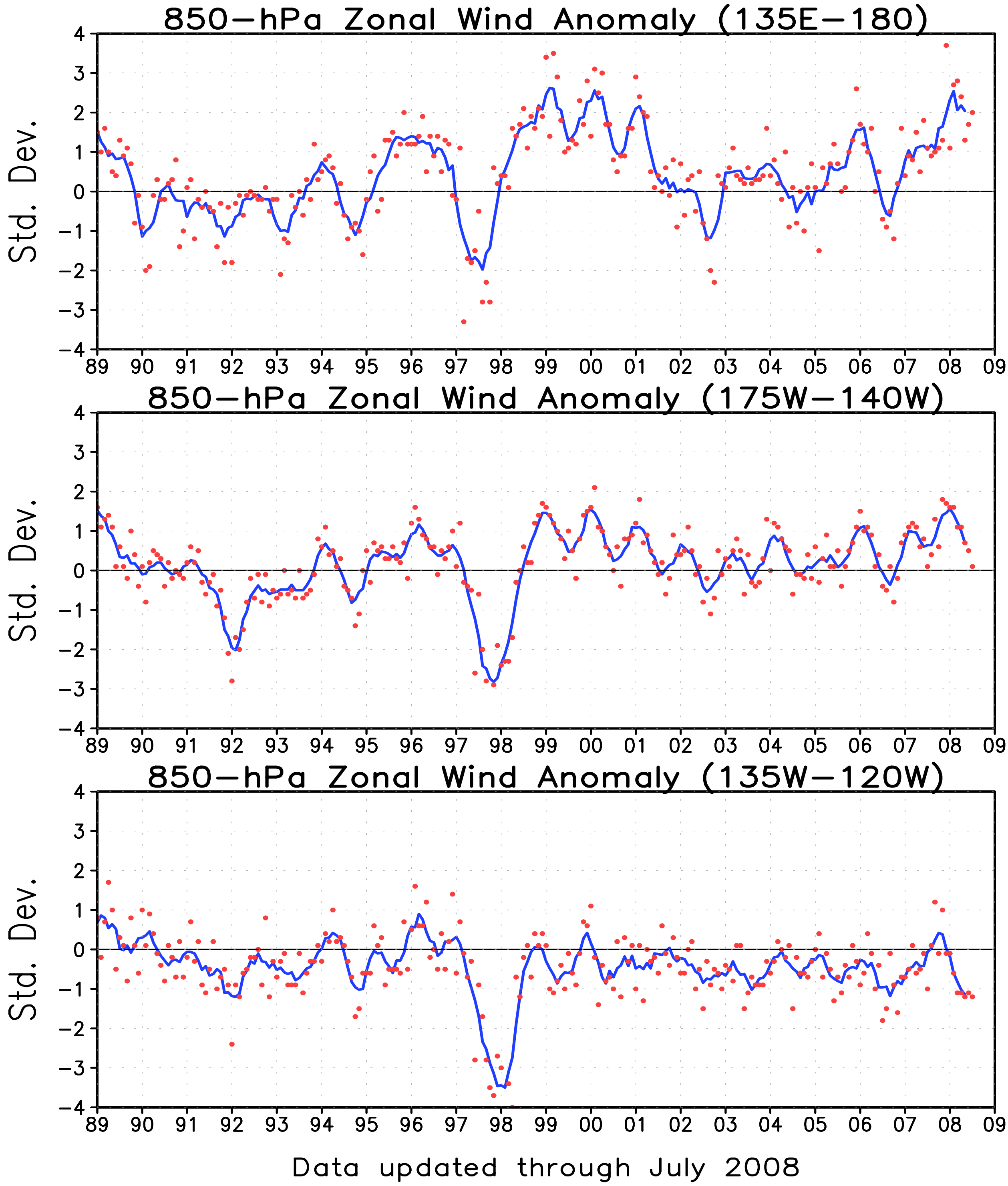

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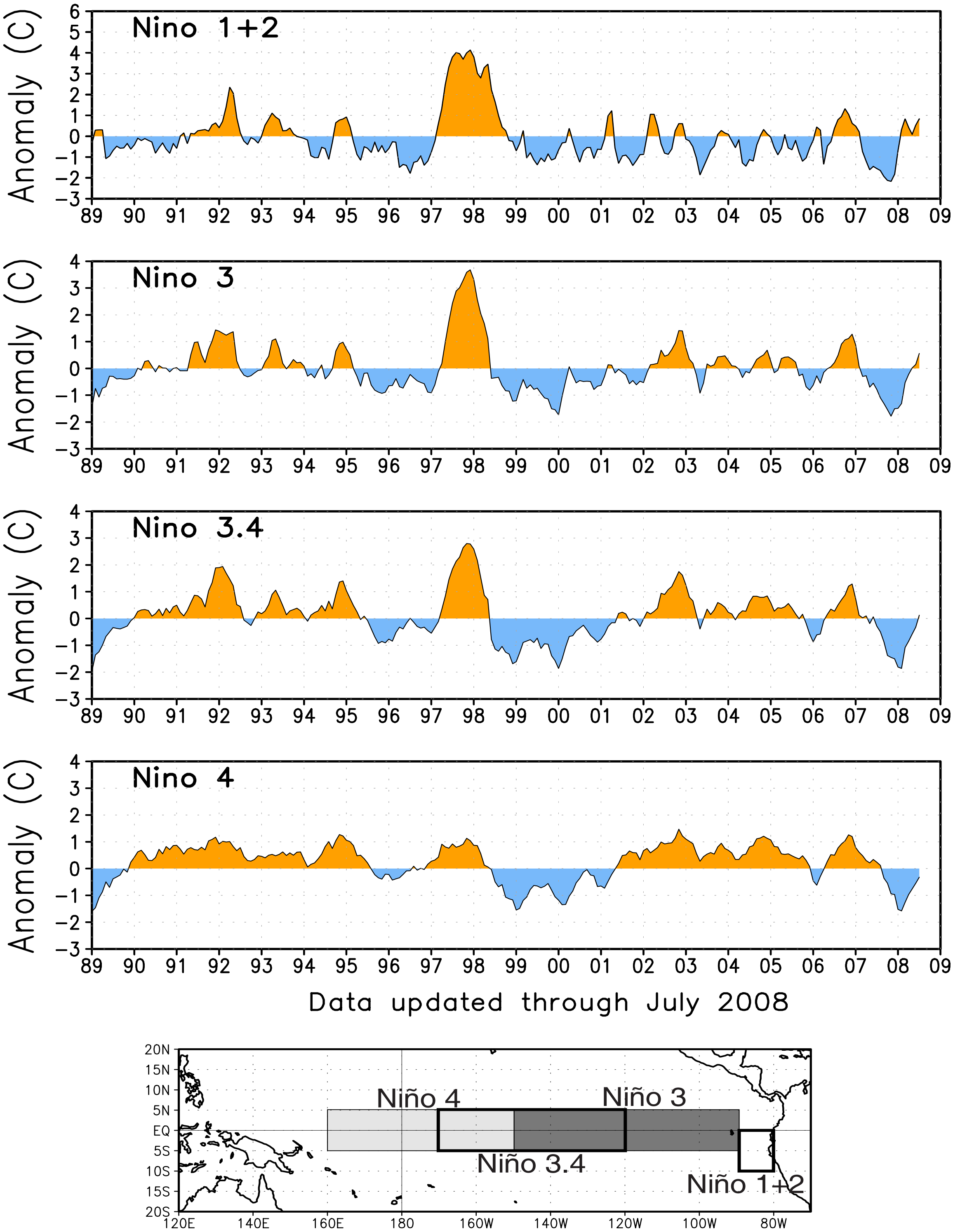

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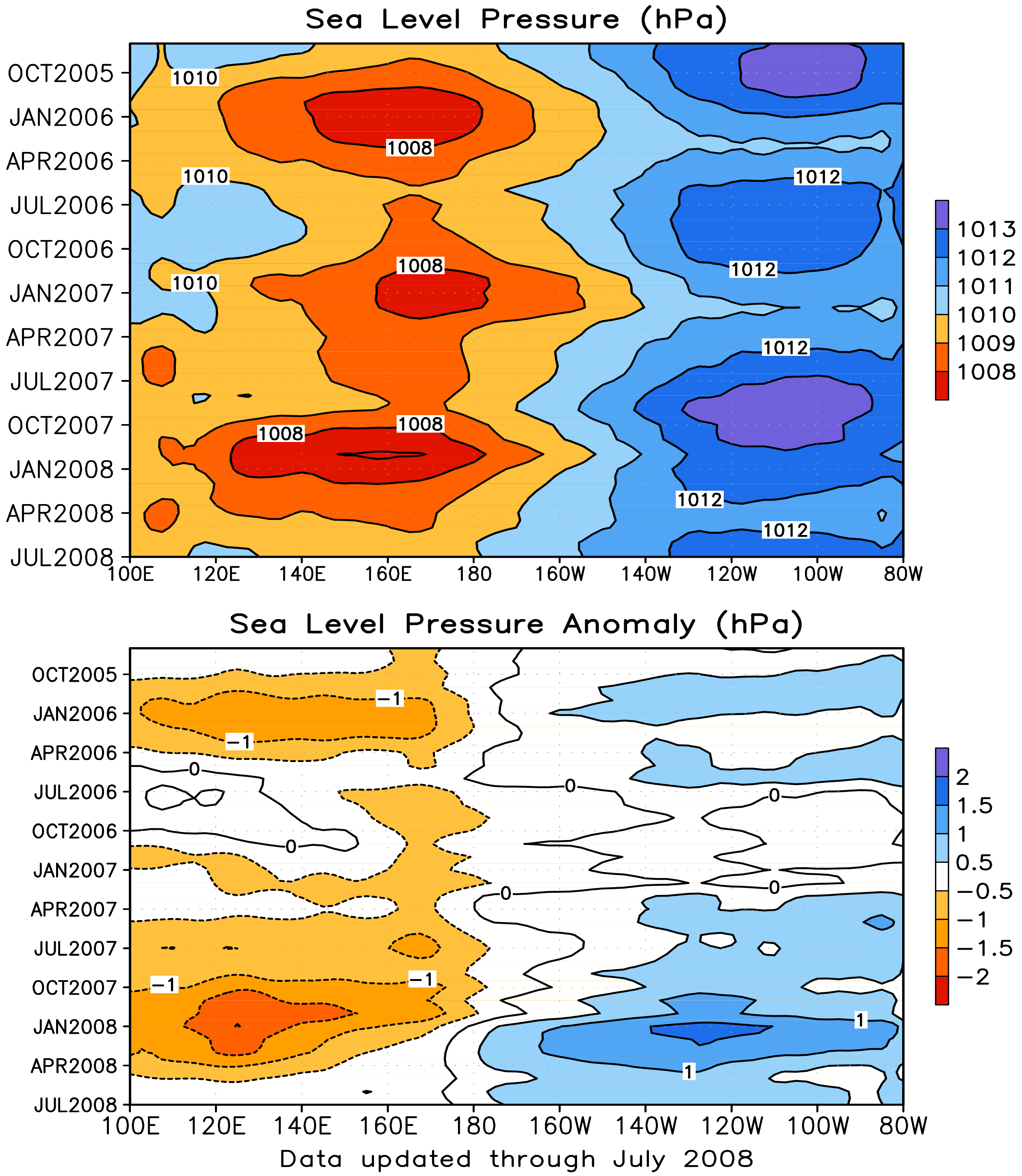

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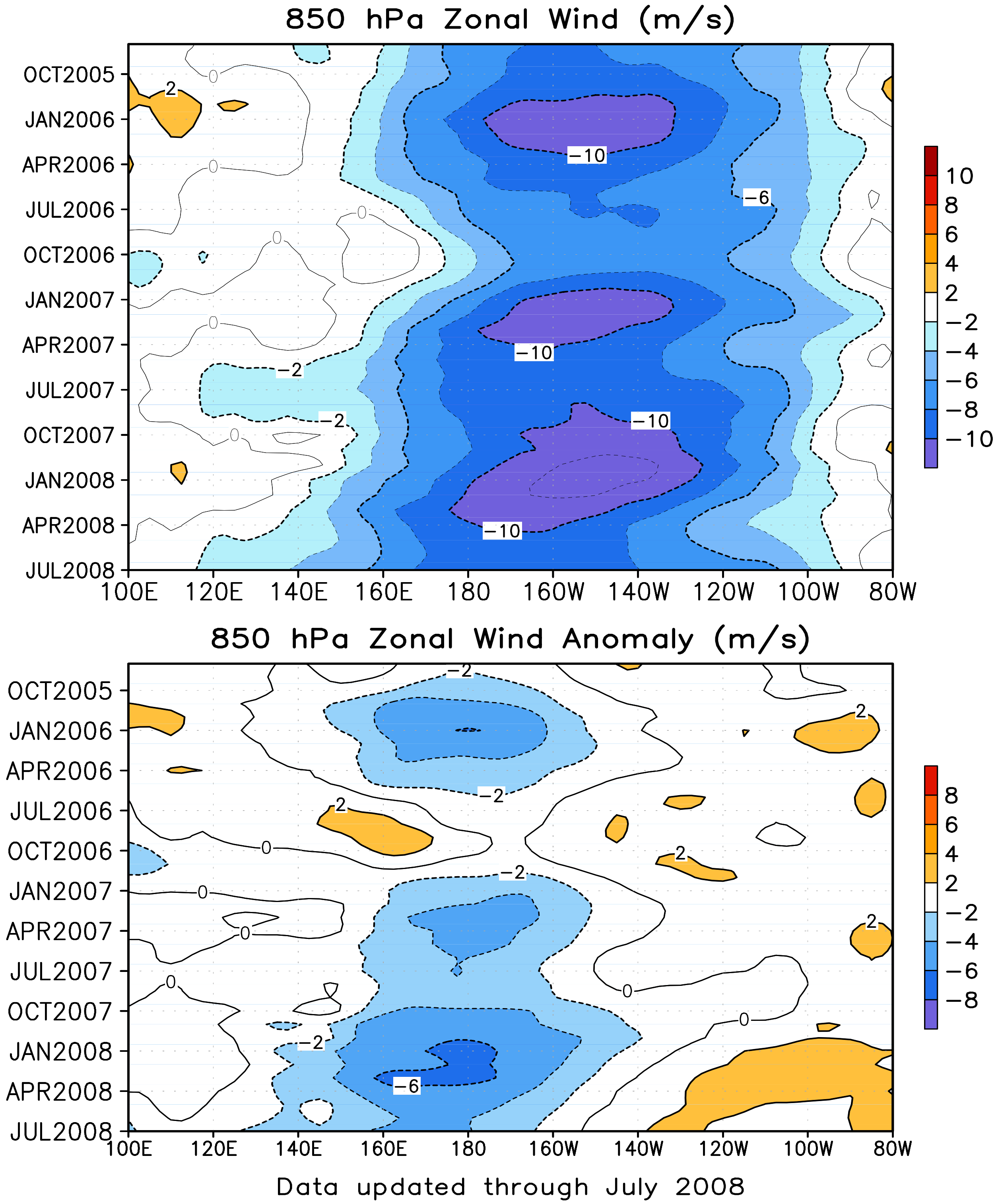

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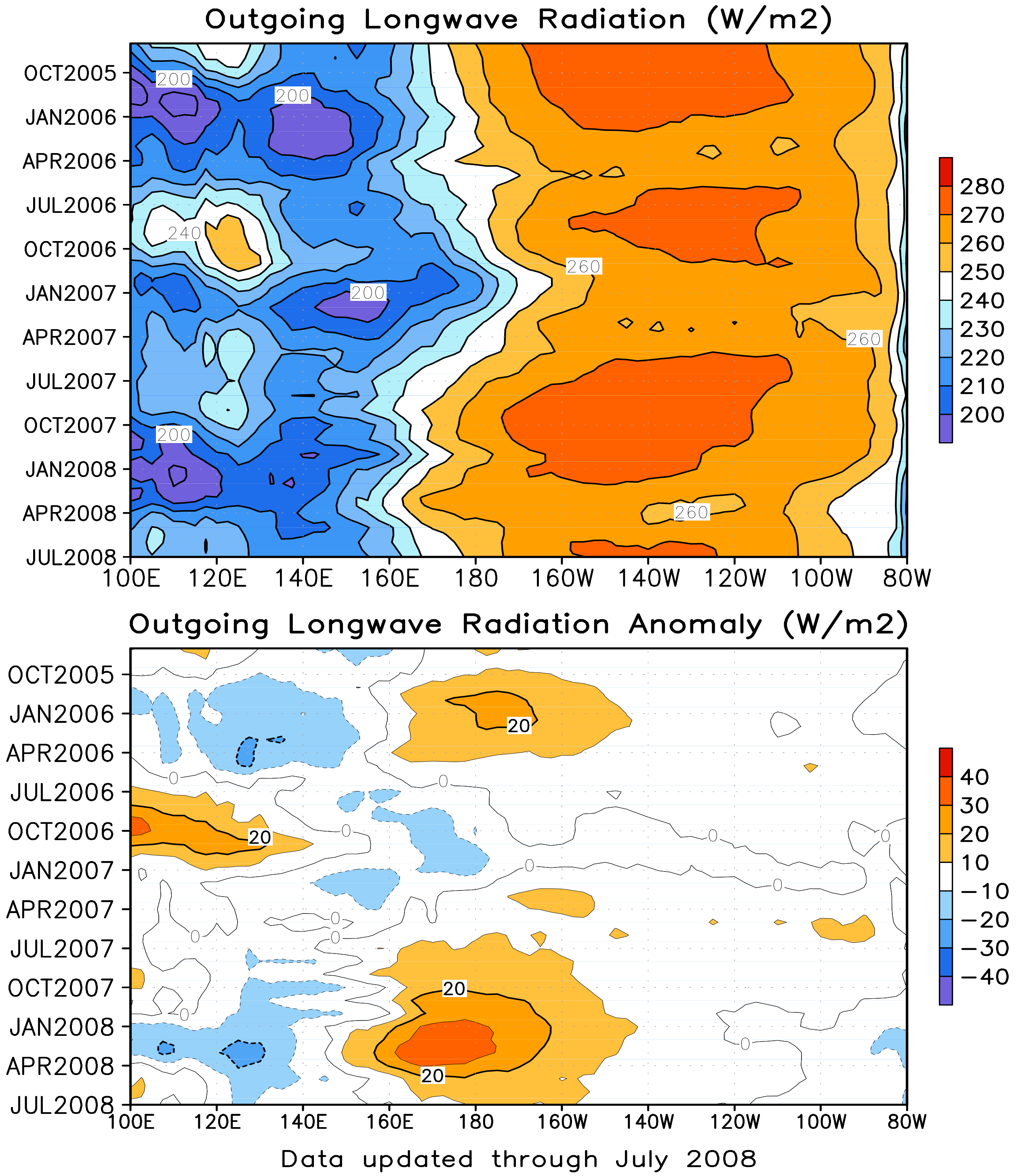

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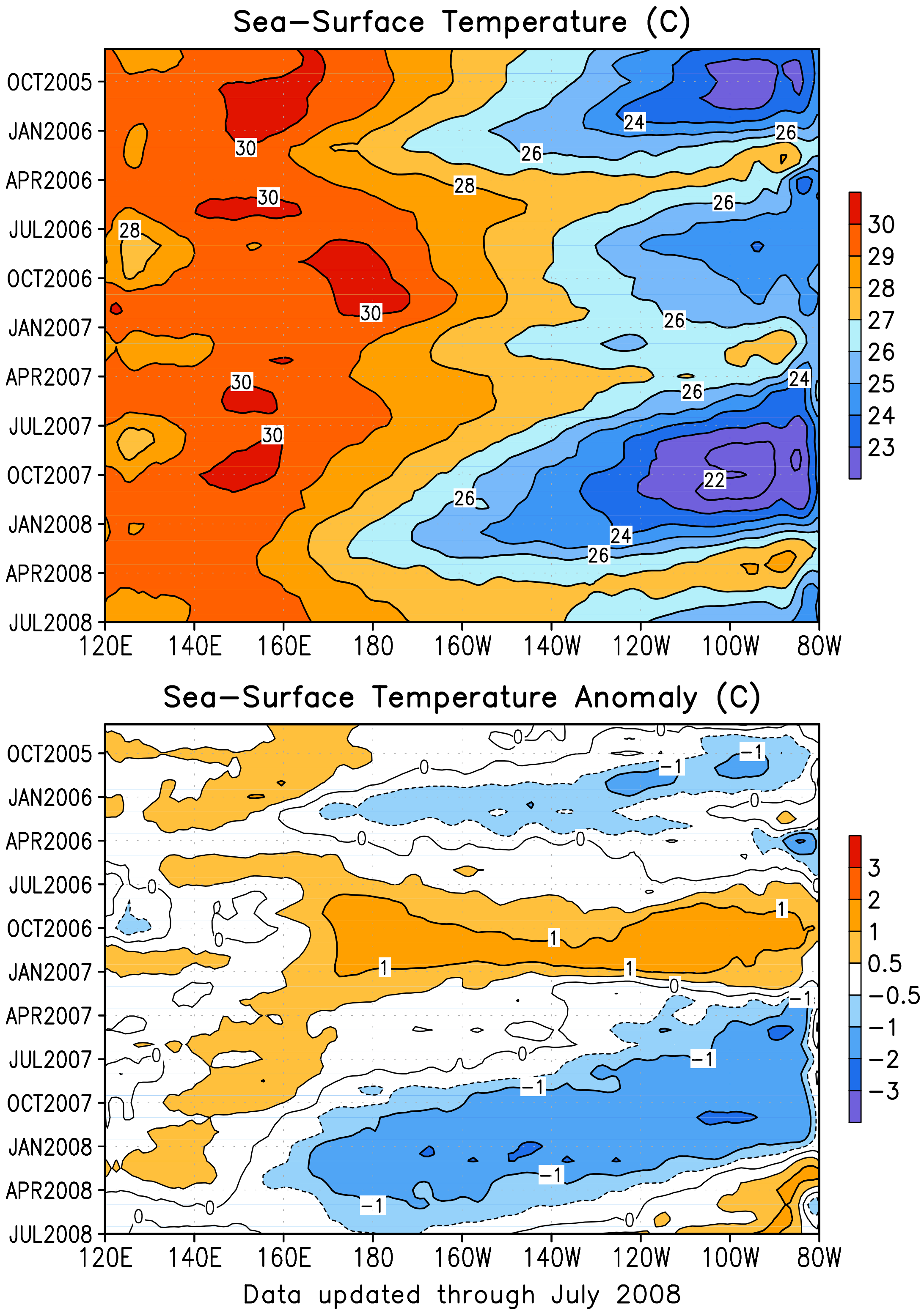

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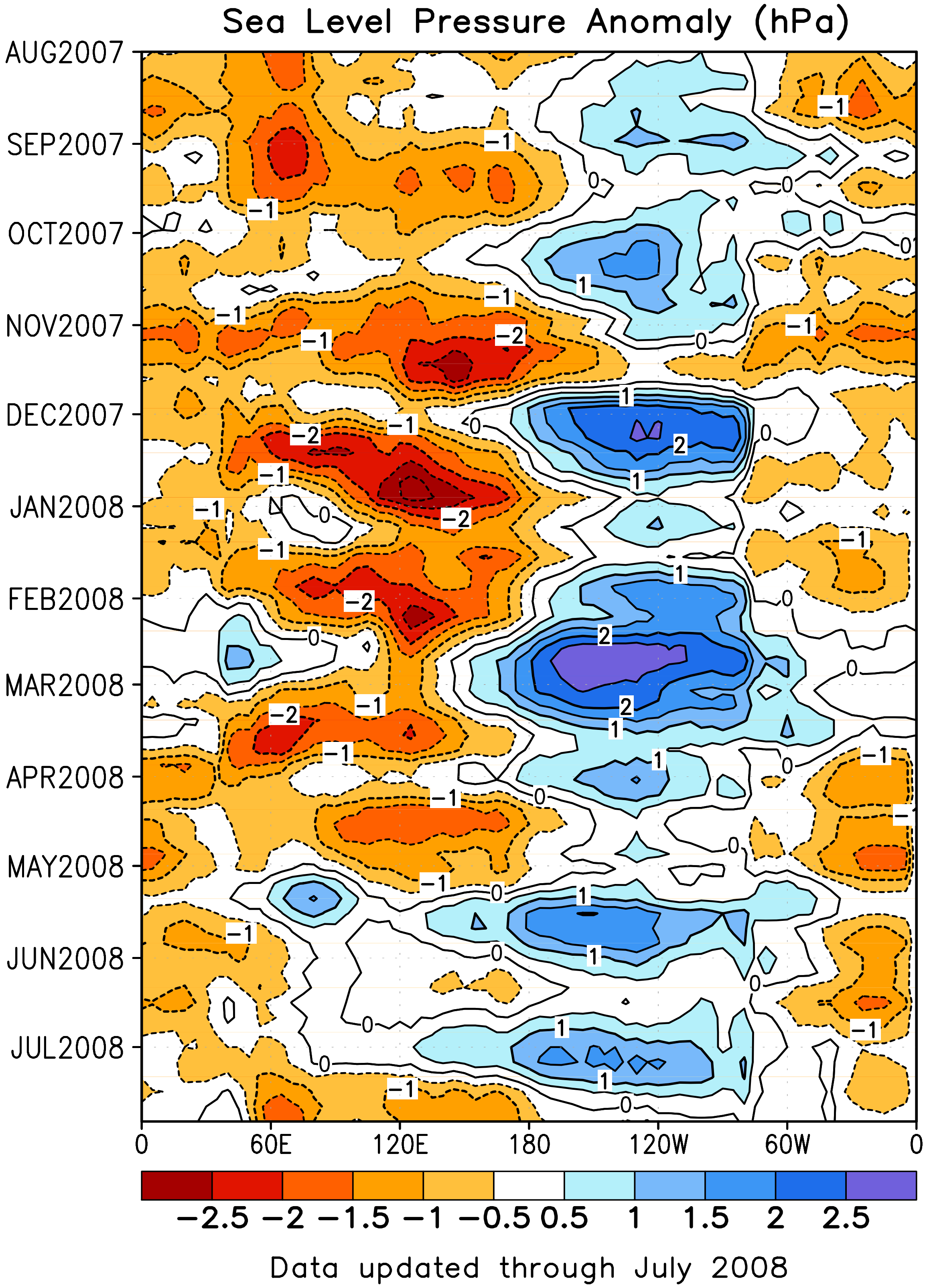

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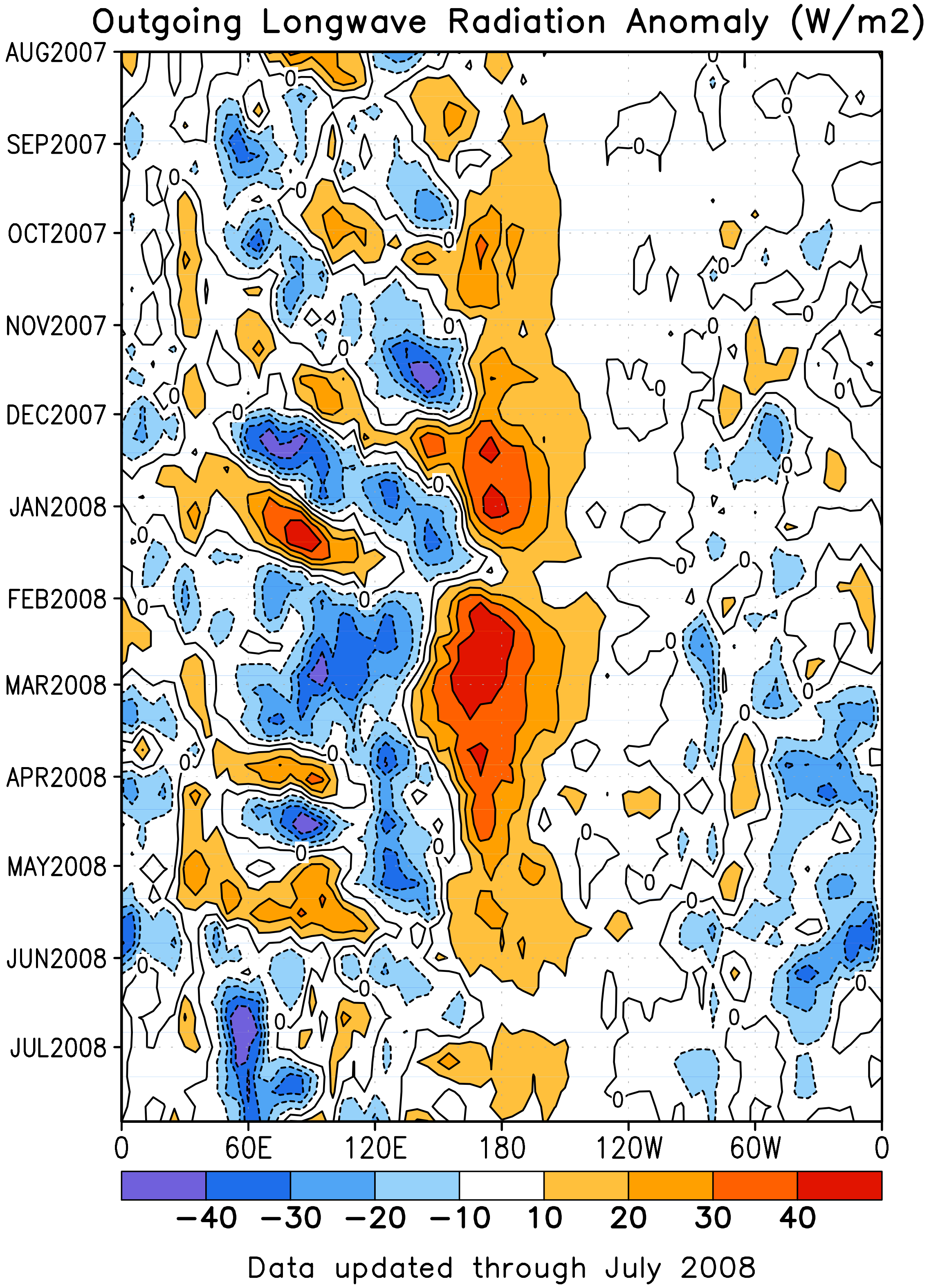

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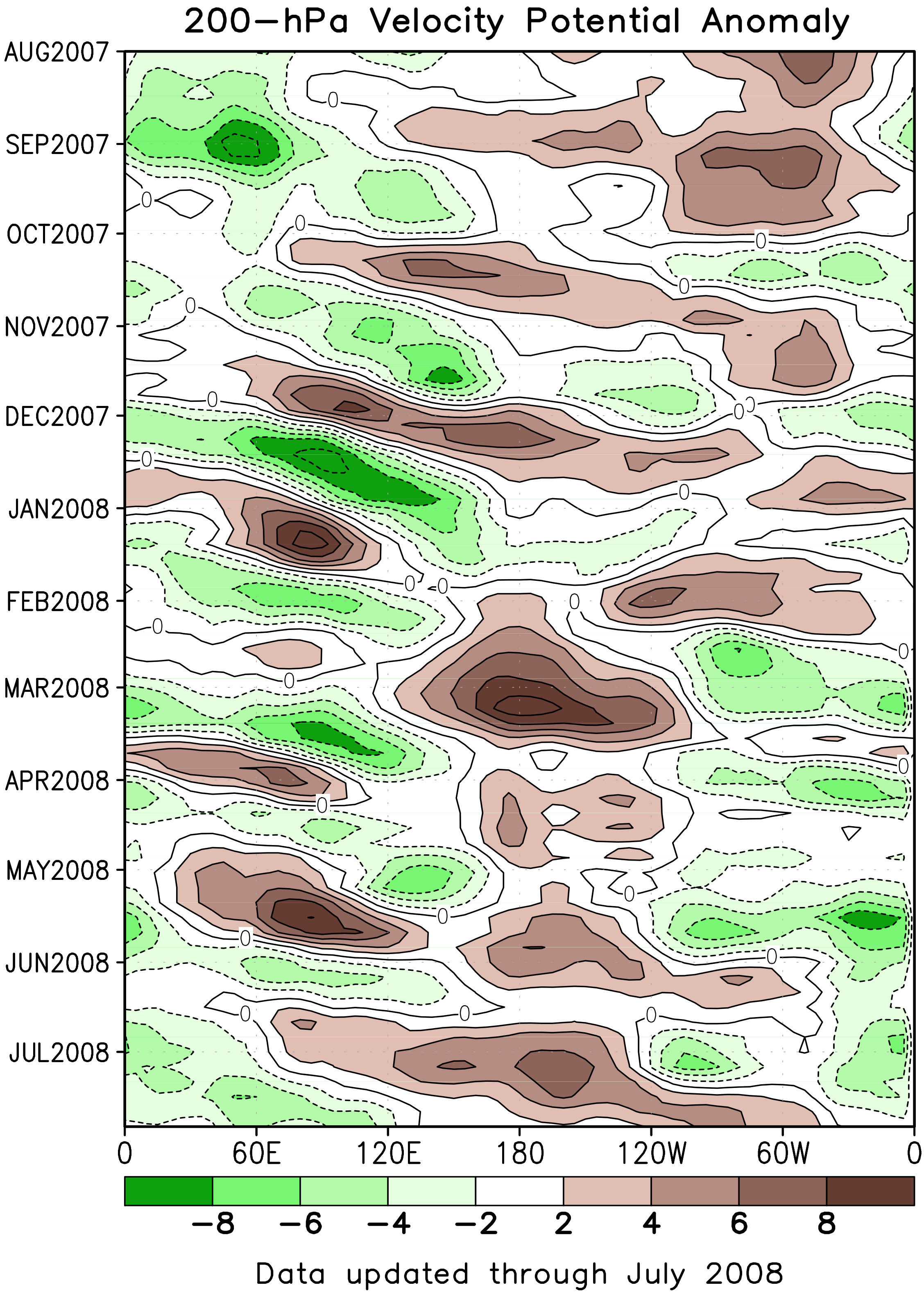

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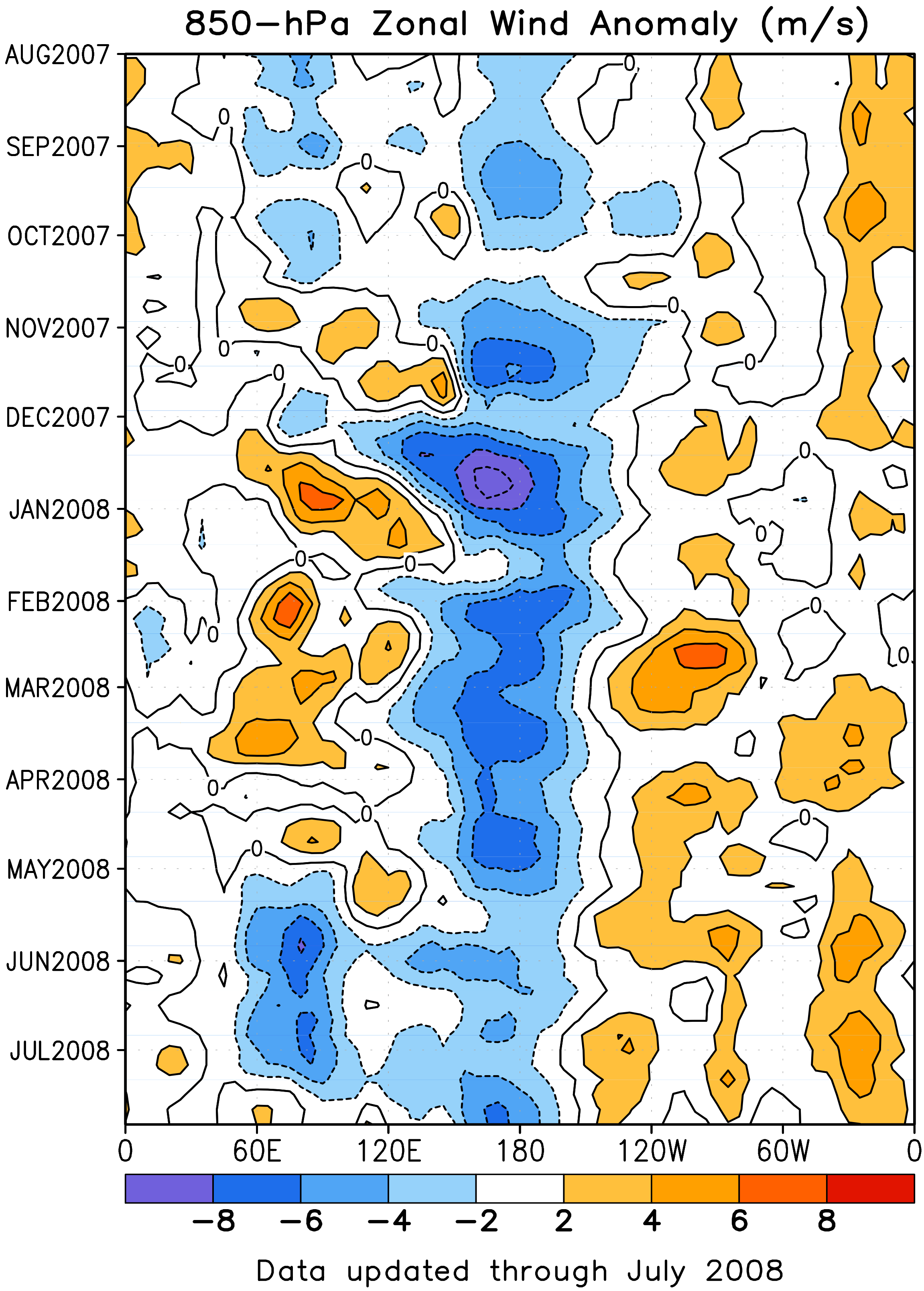

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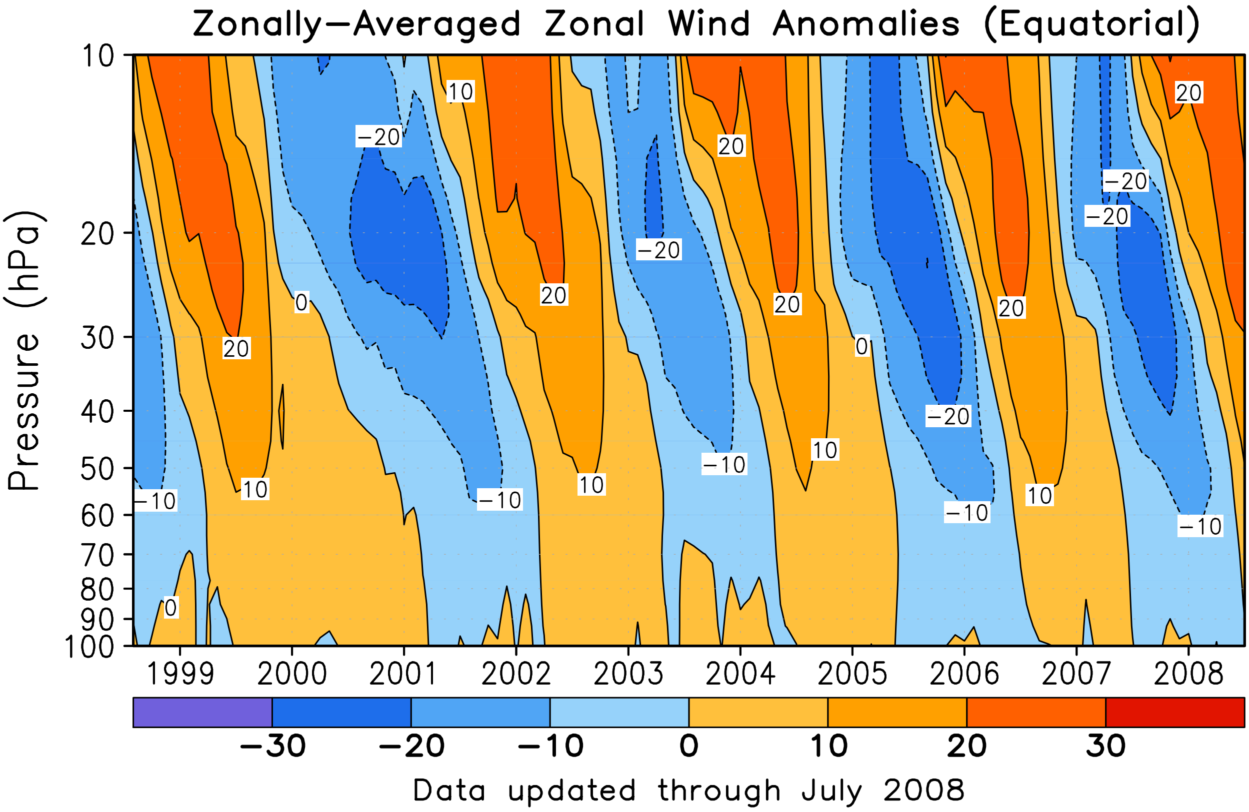

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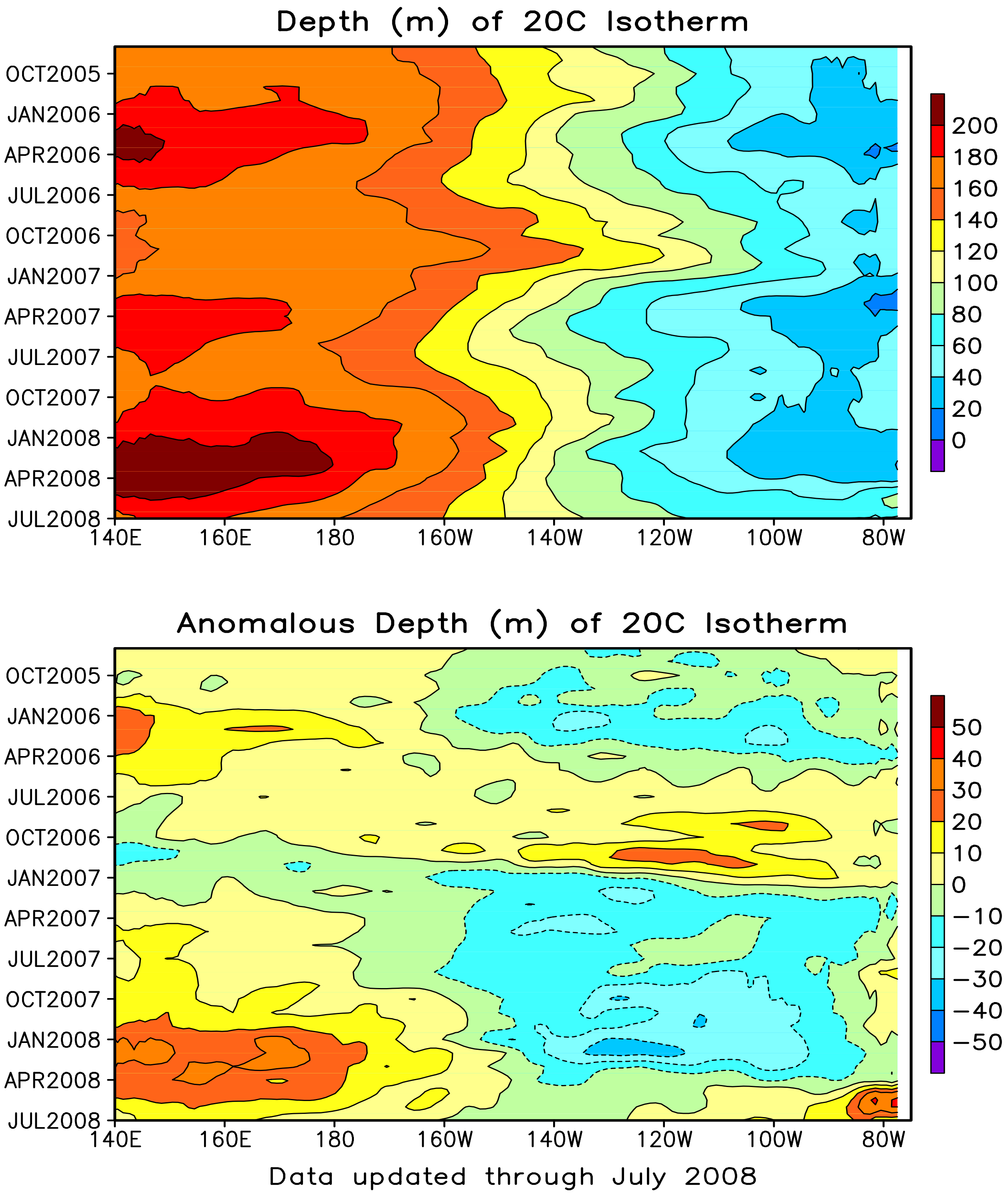

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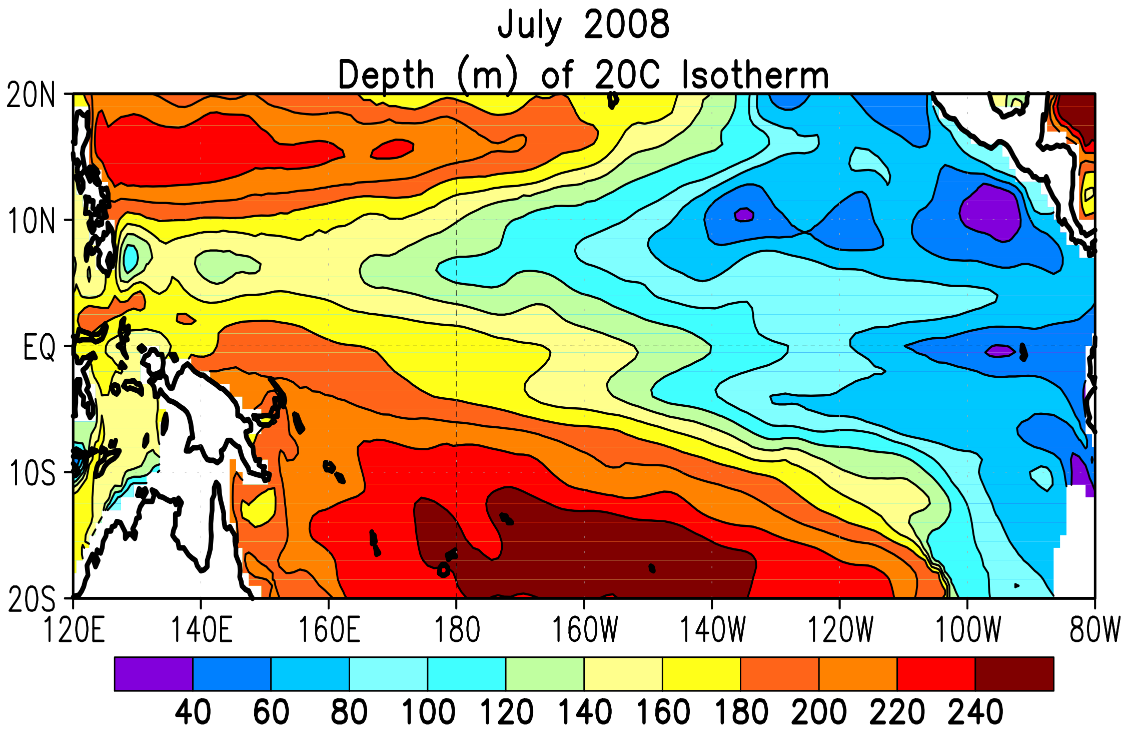

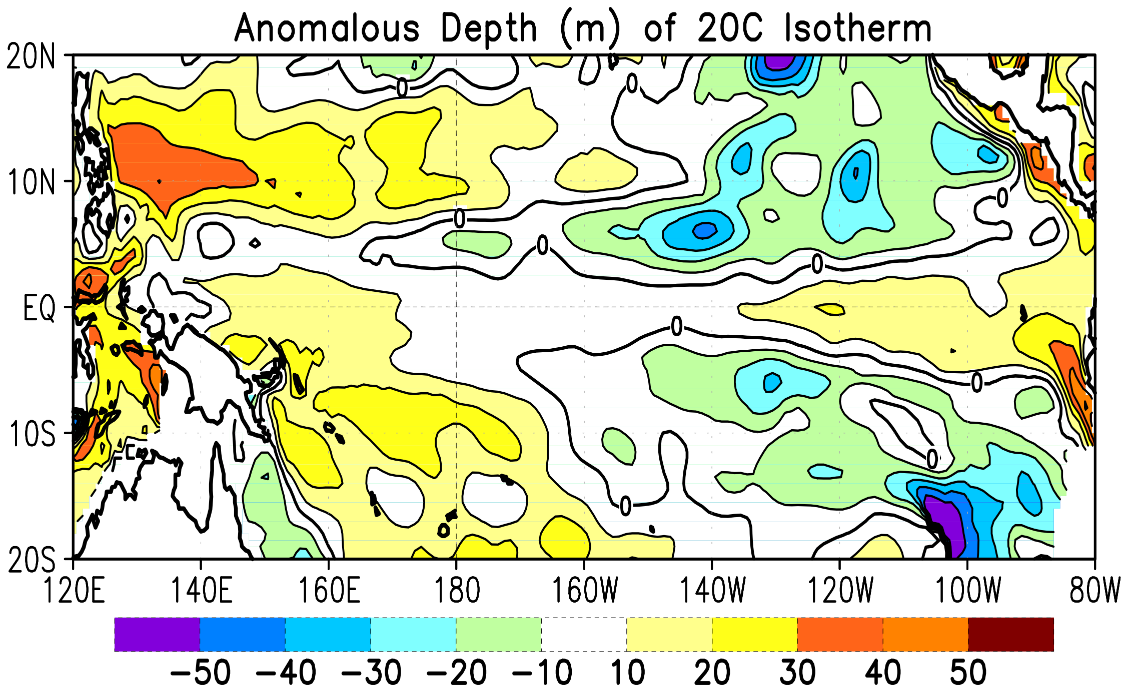

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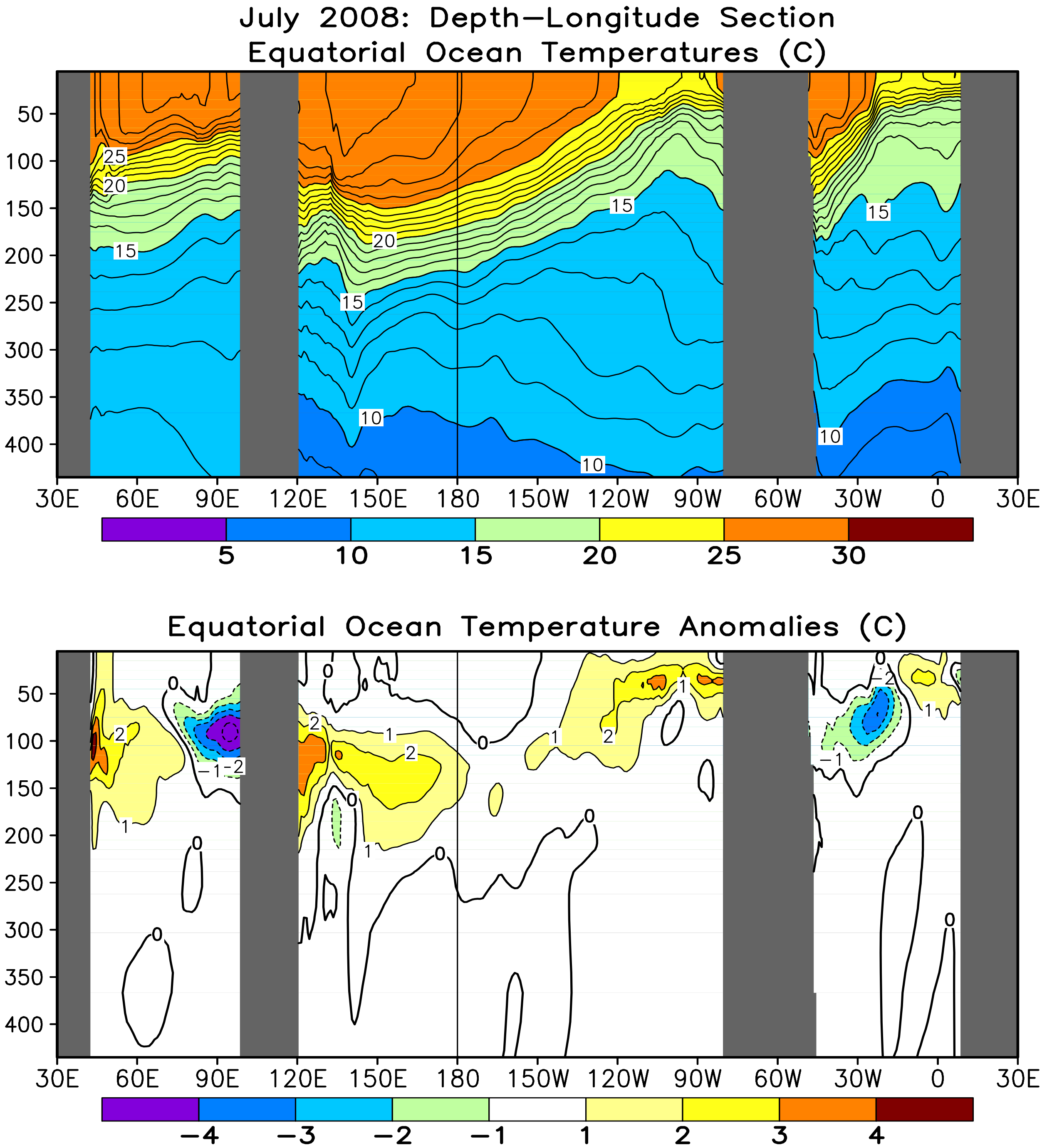

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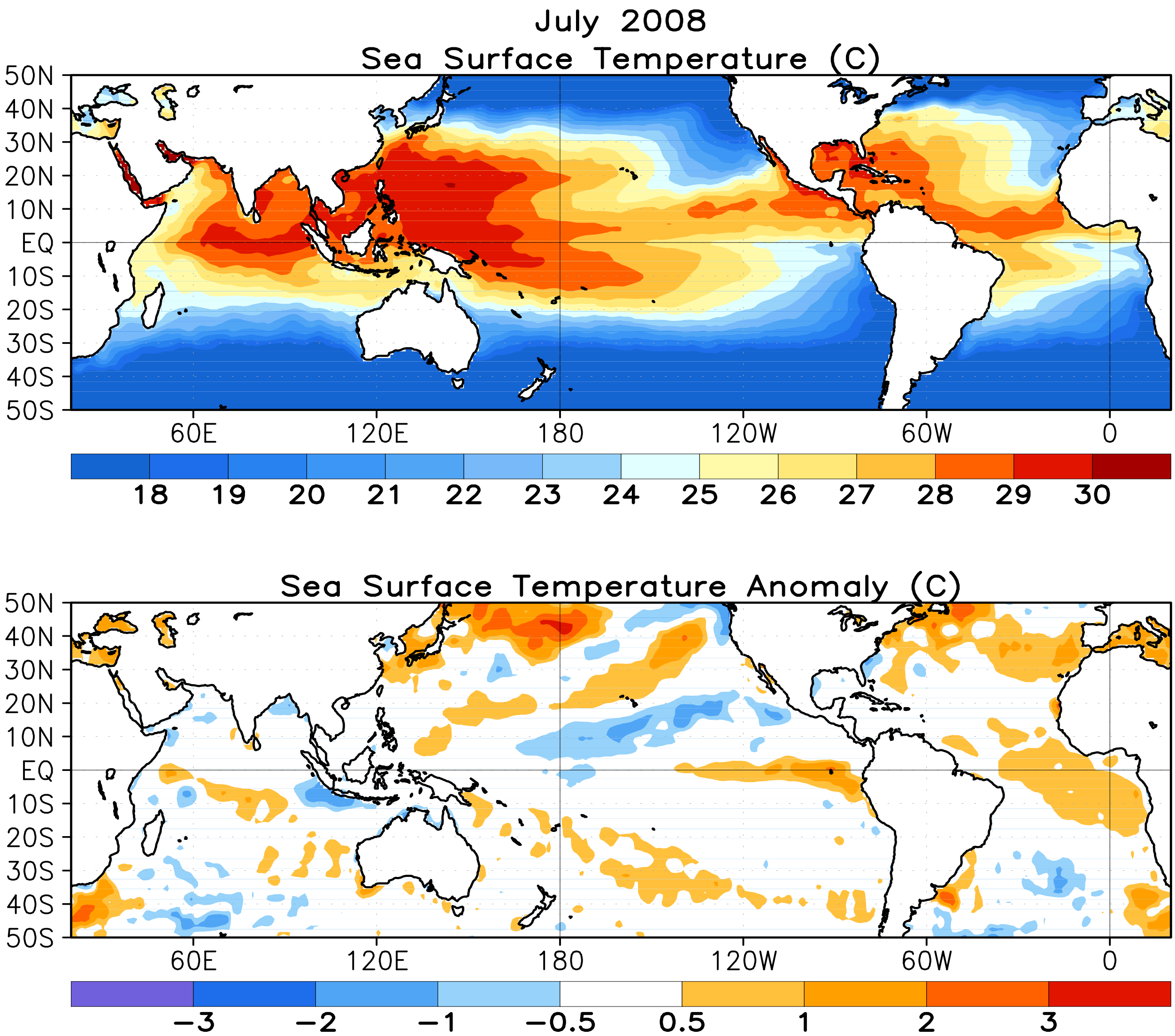

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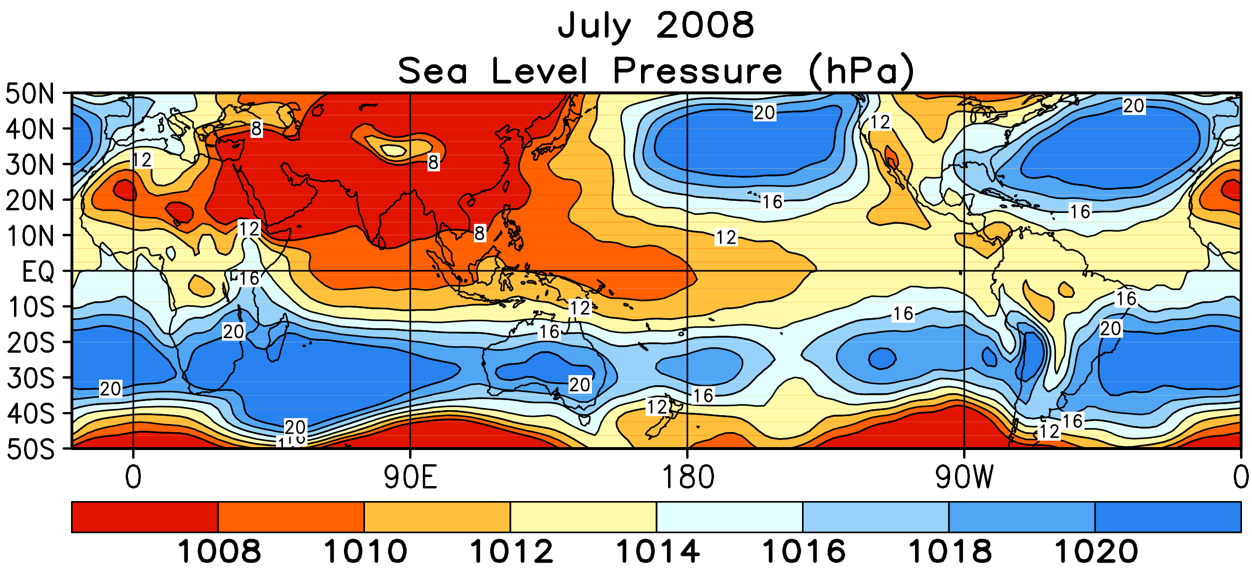

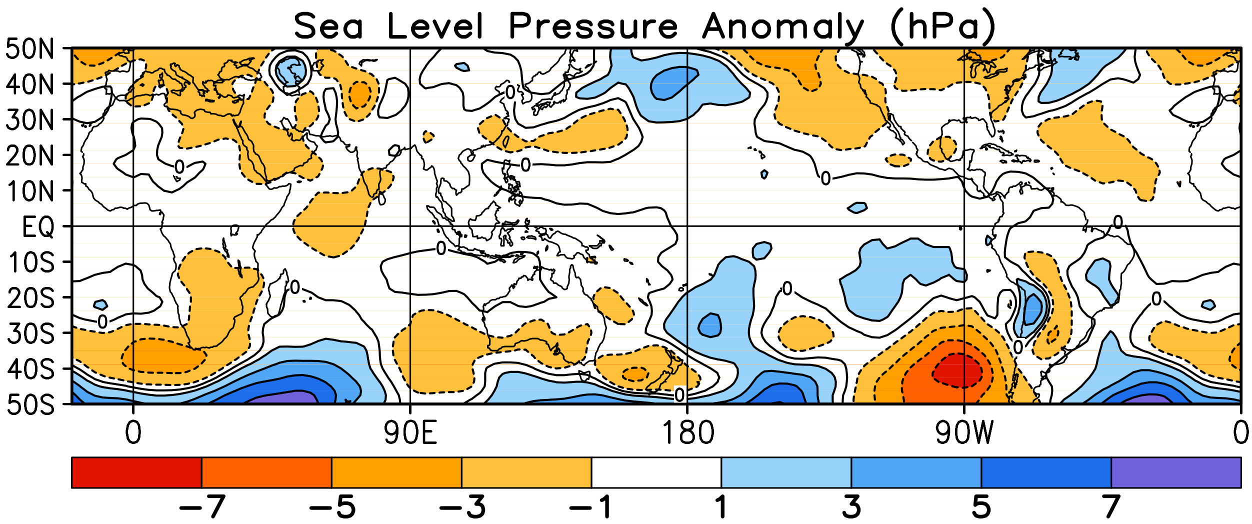

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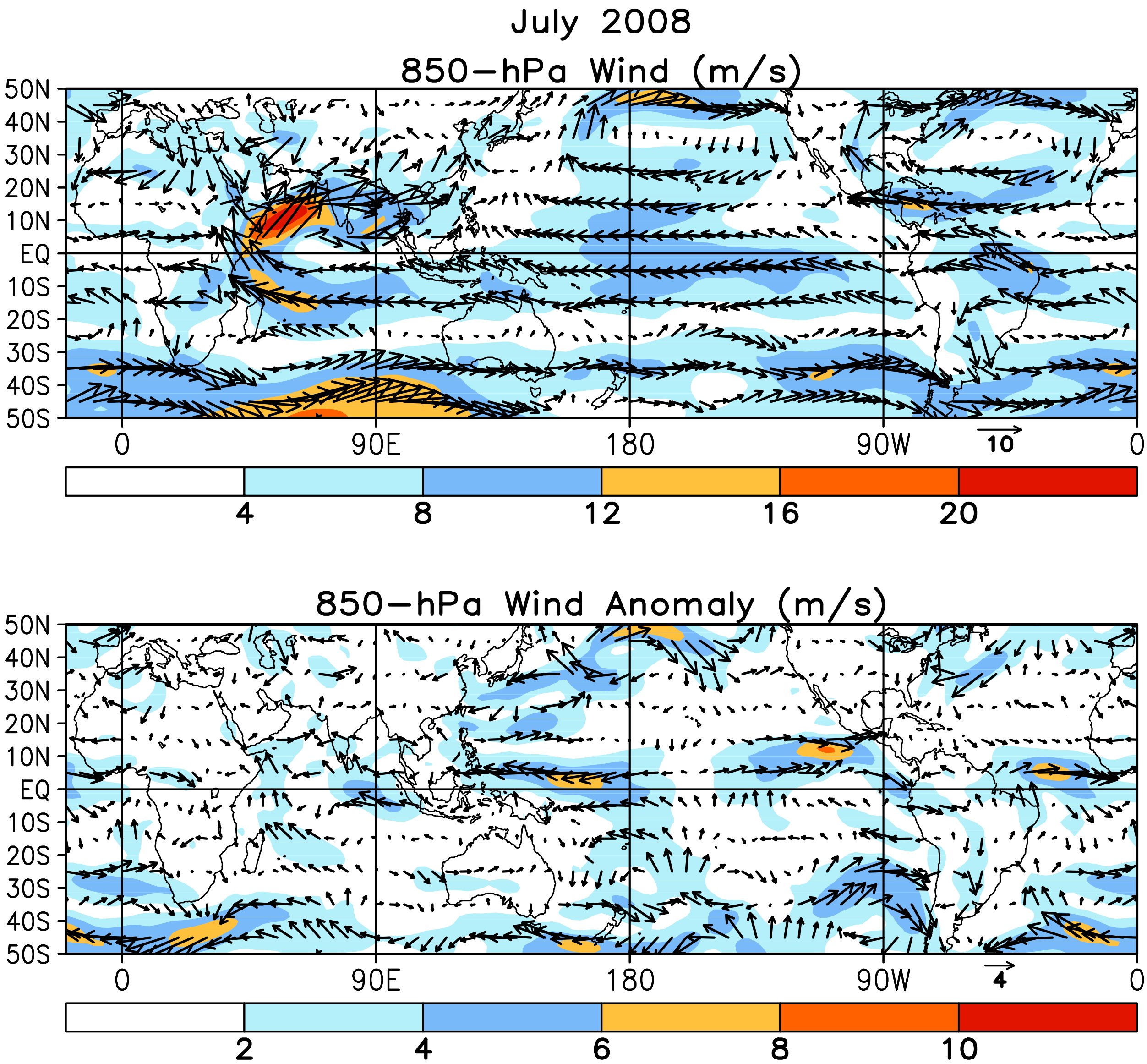

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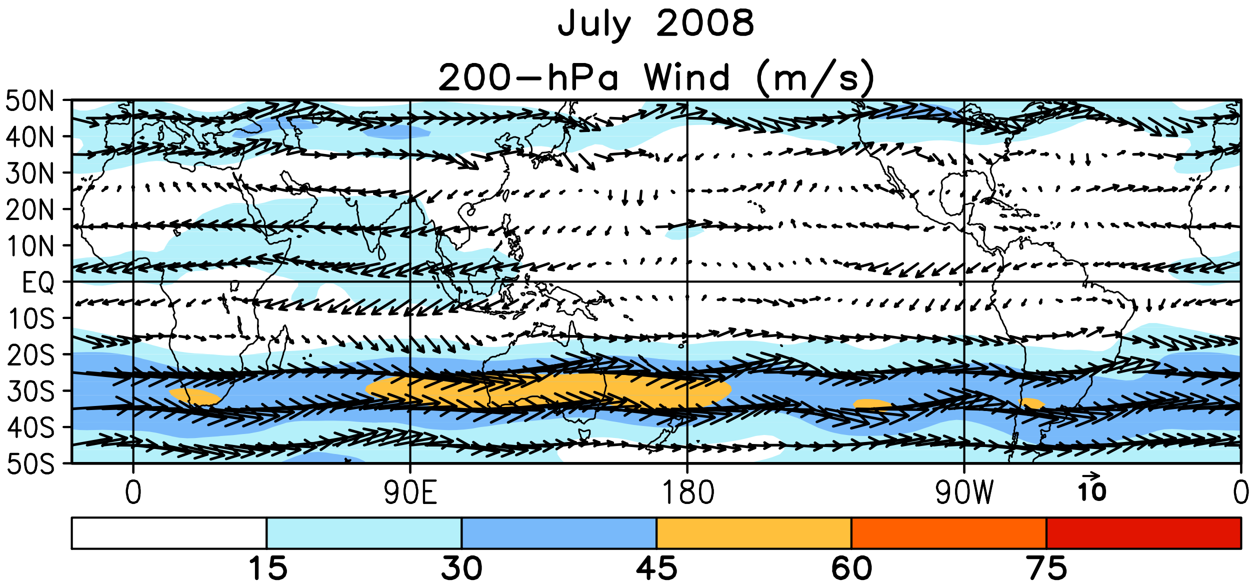

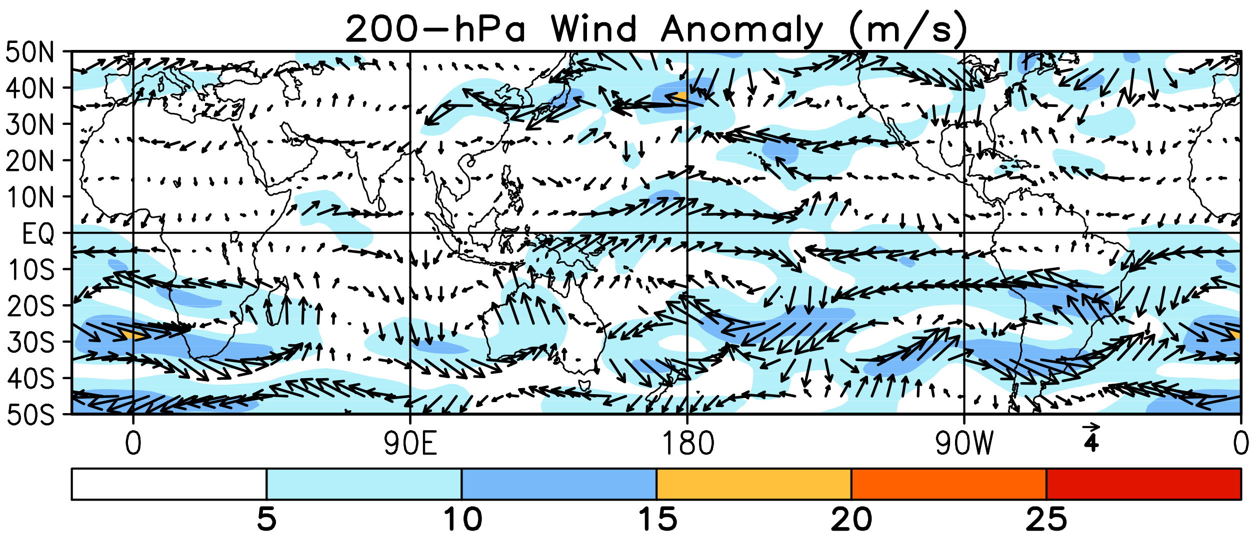

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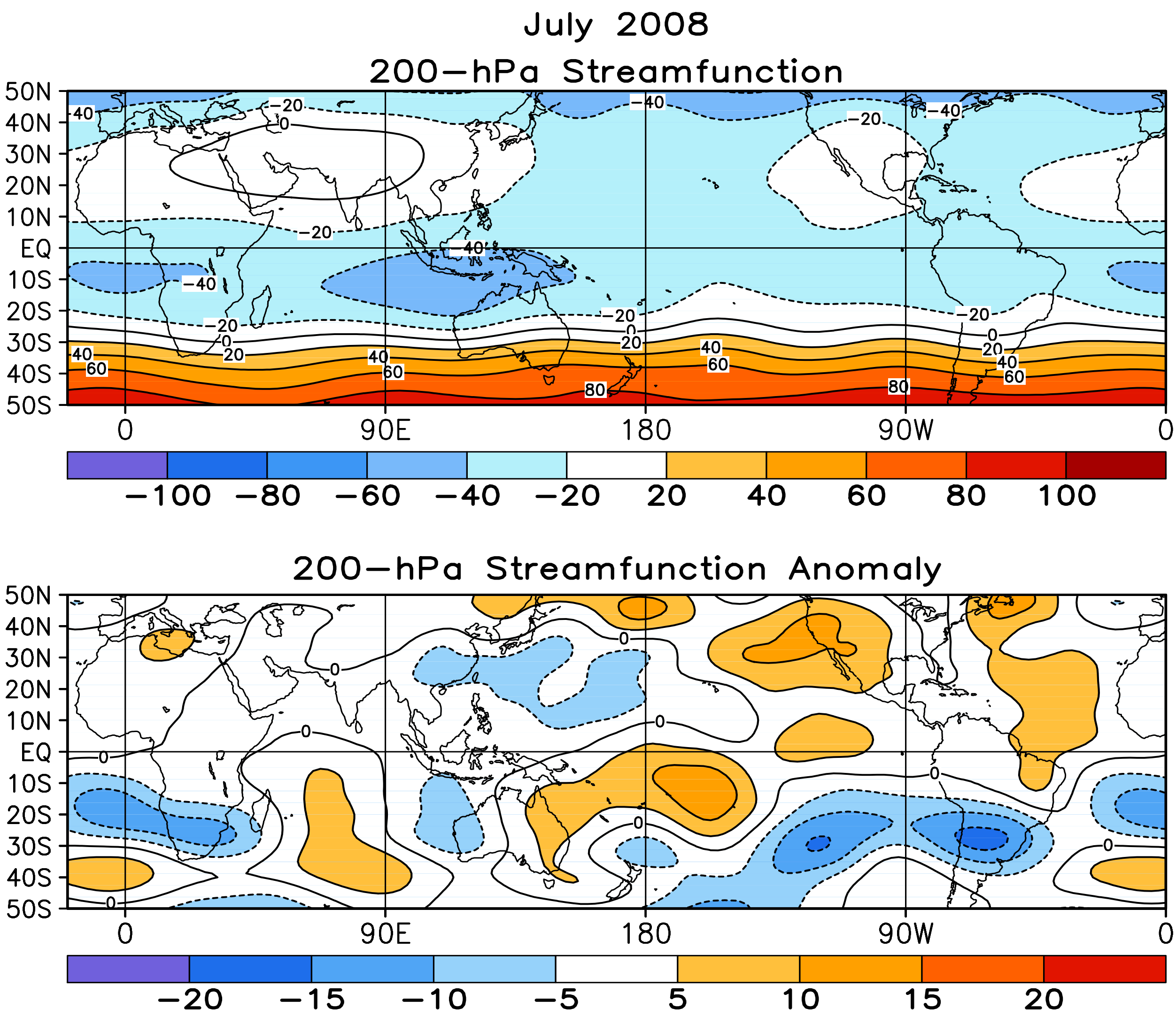

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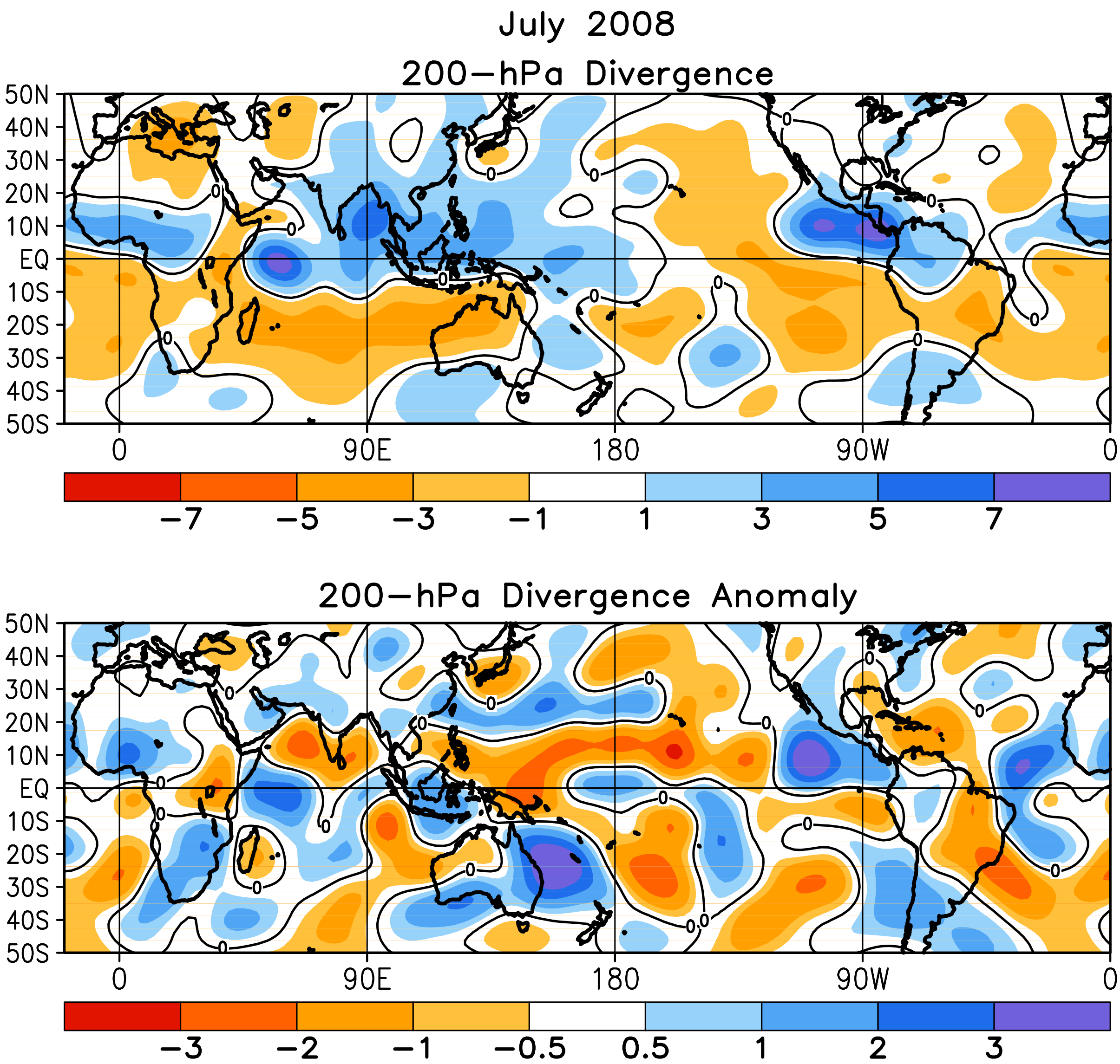

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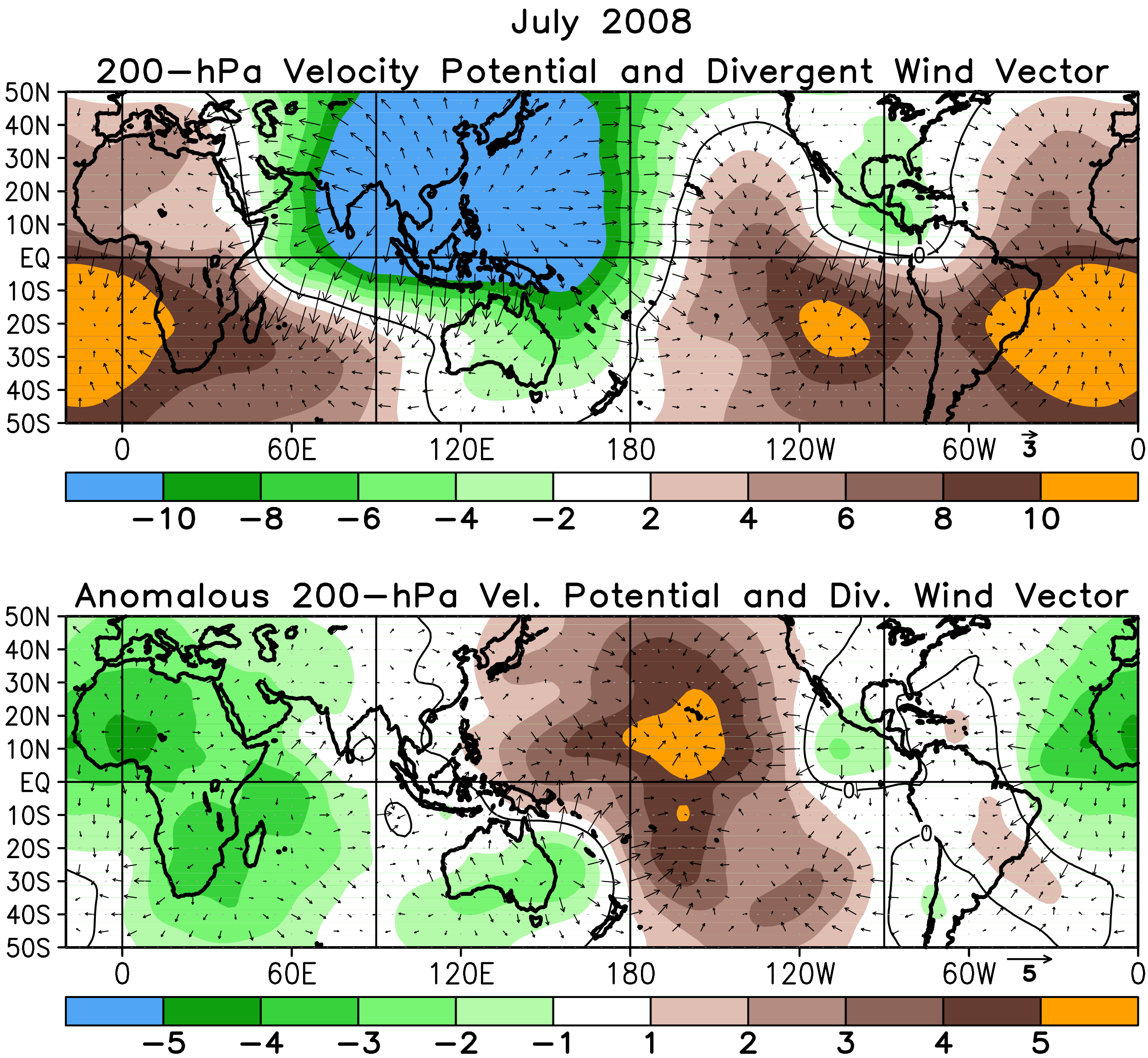

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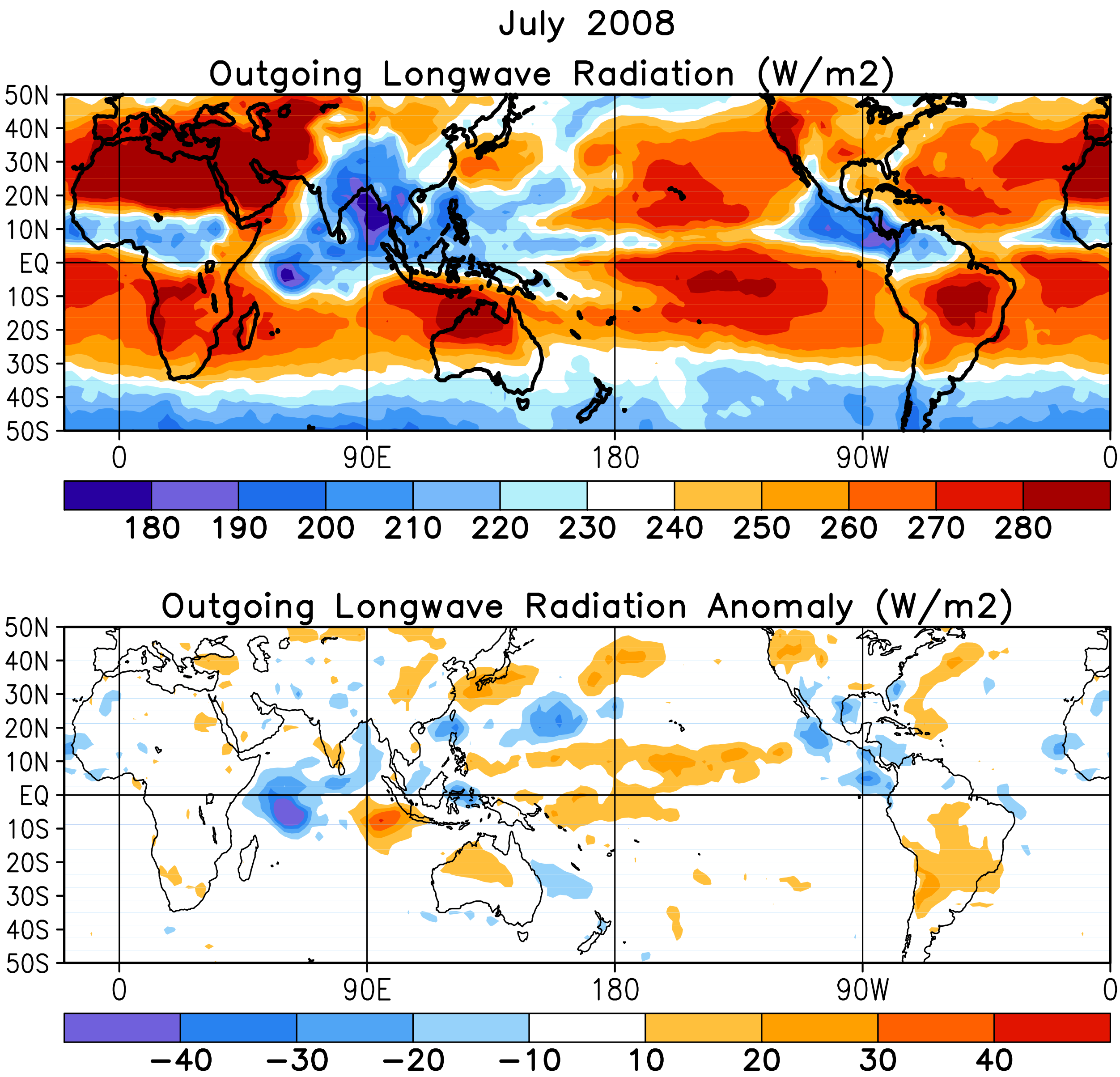


FIGURE T25. Mean (top) and anomalous (bottom) outgoing longwave radiation for JUL 2008 (NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS/ORA). OLR contour interval is 20 Wm^{-2} with values greater than 280 Wm^{-2} indicated by dashed contours. Anomaly contour interval is 15 Wm^{-2} with positive values indicated by dashed contours and light shading. Anomalies are departures from the 1979–95 base period monthly means.

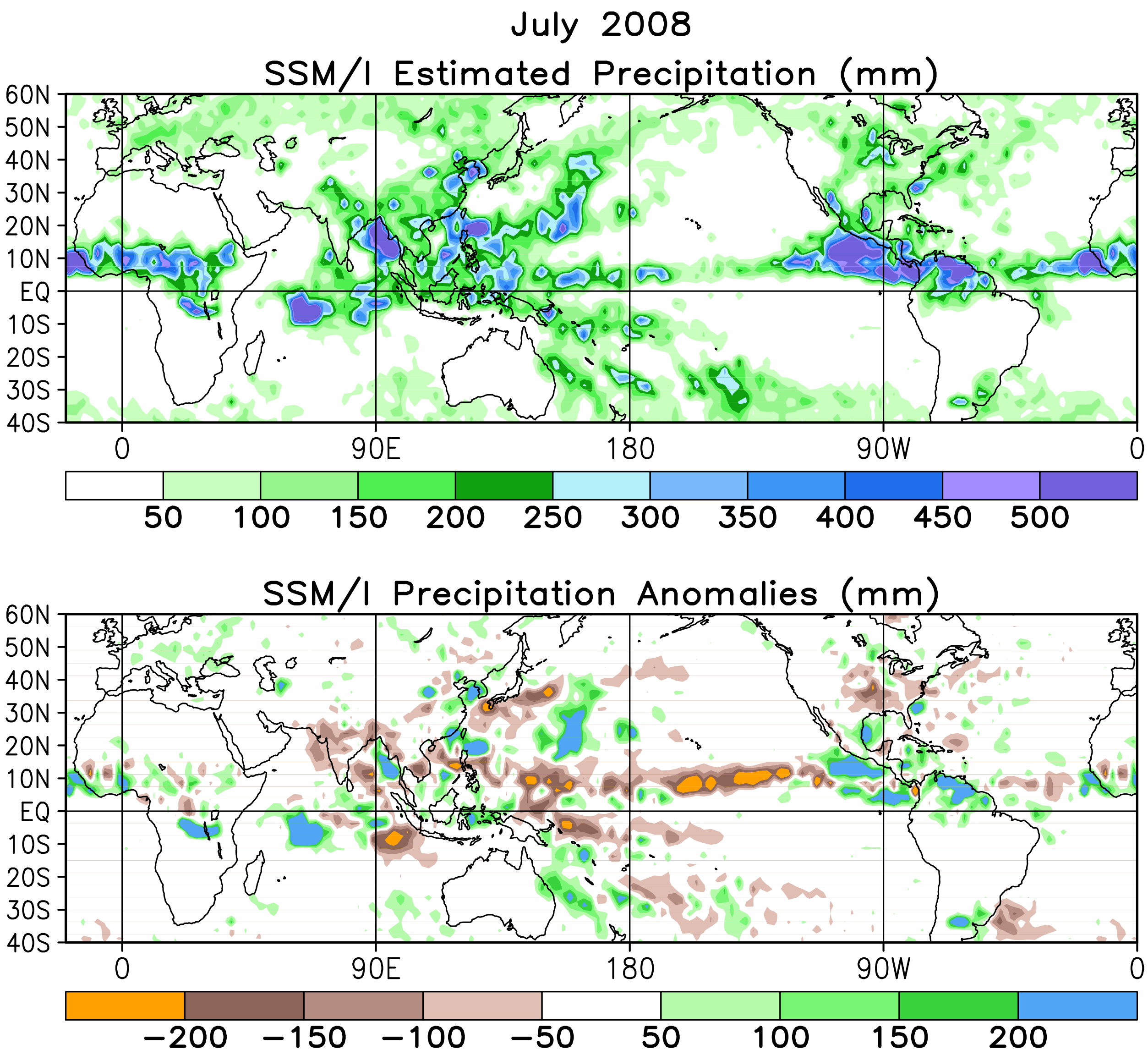
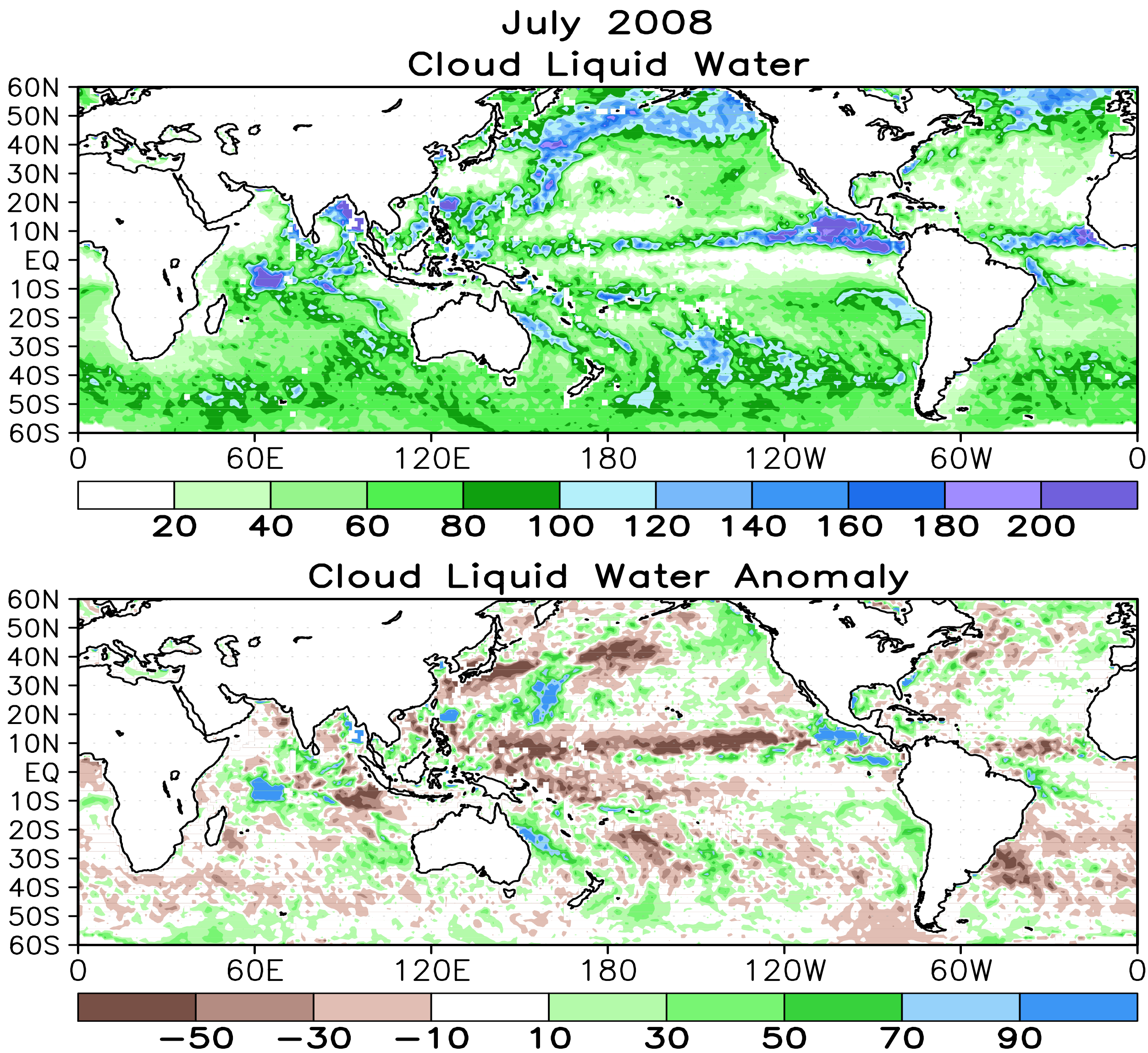


FIGURE T26. Estimated total (top) and anomalous (bottom) rainfall (mm) based on the Special Sensor Microwave/ Imager (SSM/I) precipitation index (Ferraro 1997, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **102**, 16715-16735). Anomalies are computed from the 1987-2006 base period monthly means. Anomalies have been smoothed for display purposes.



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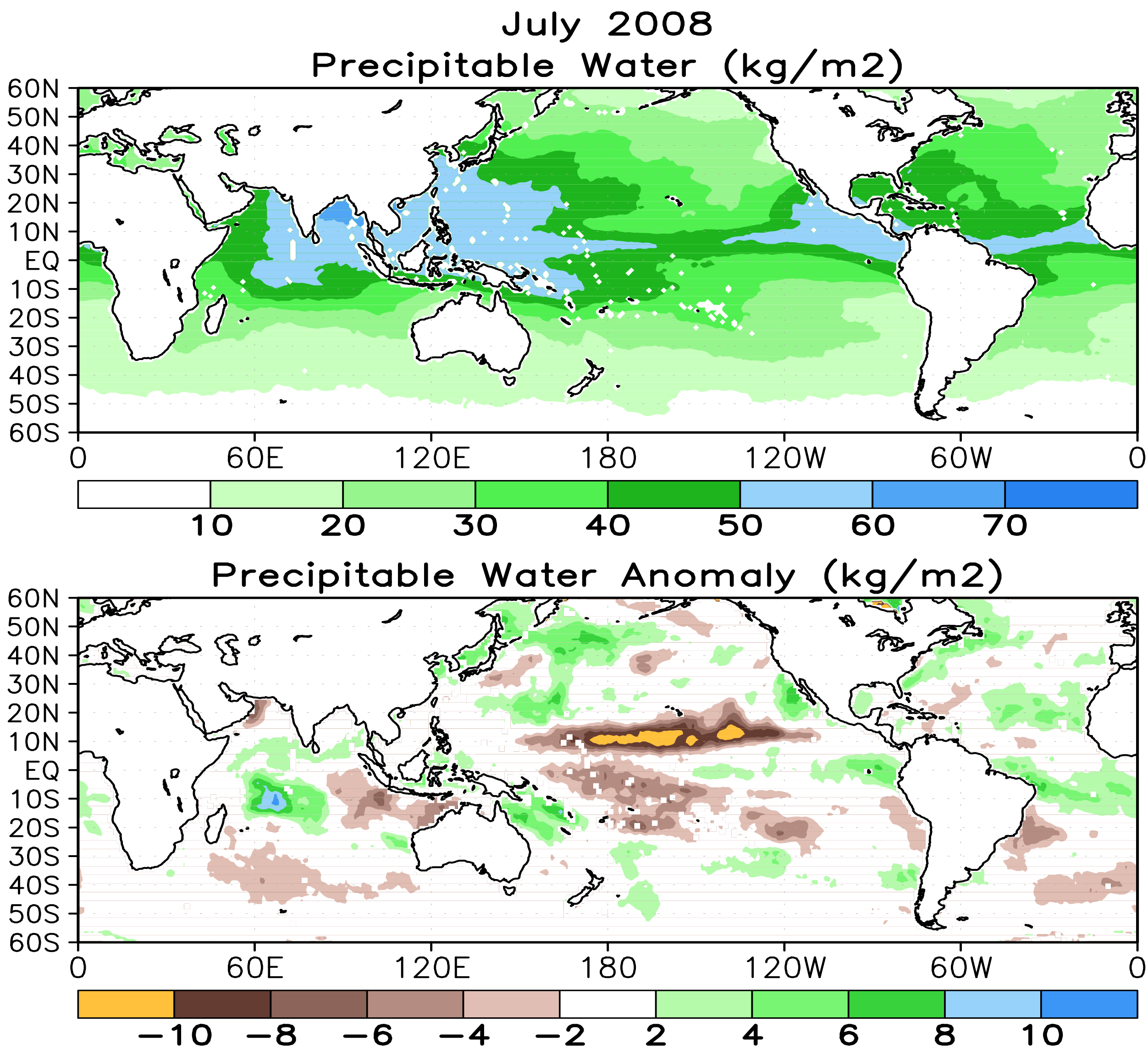

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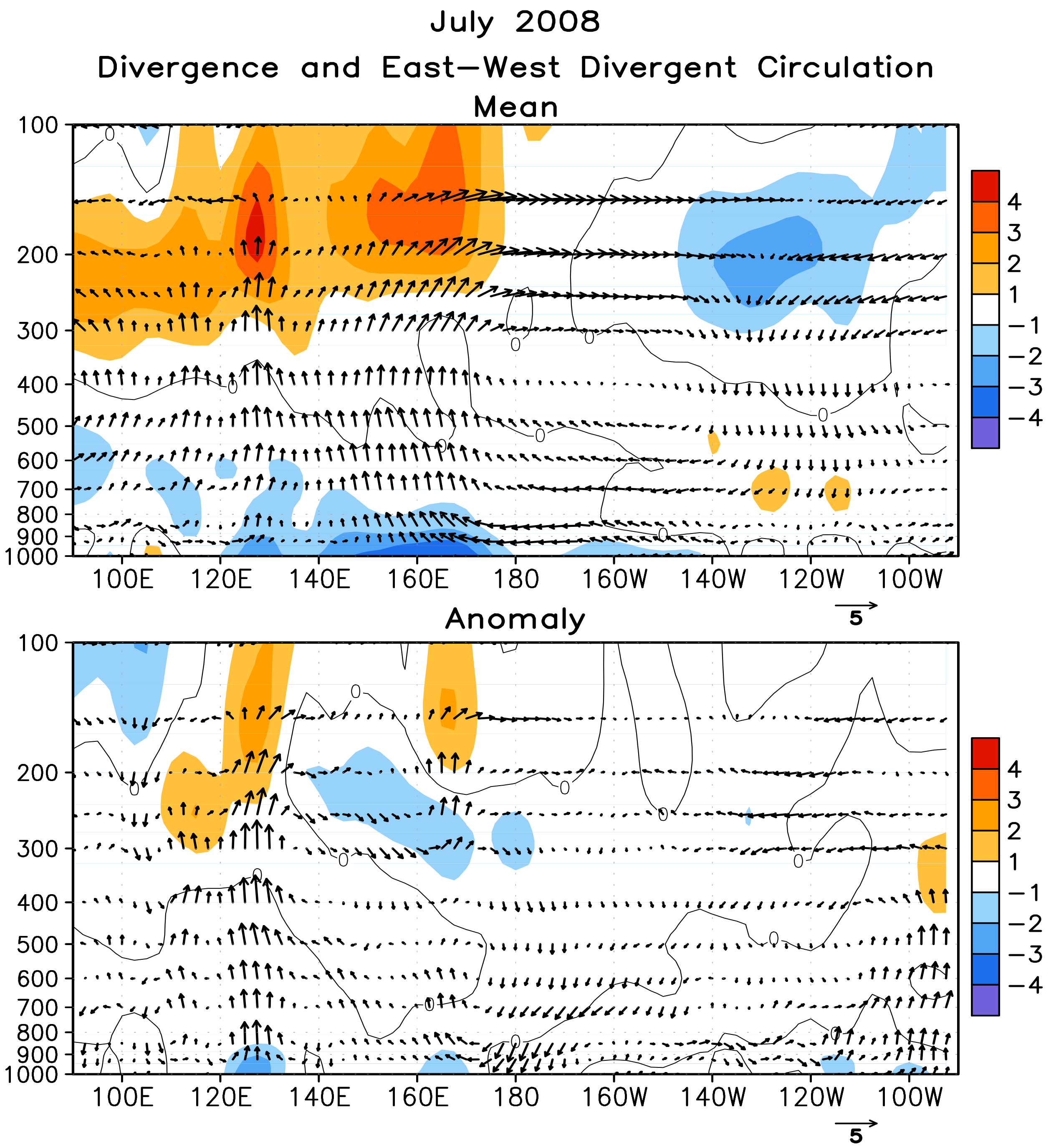
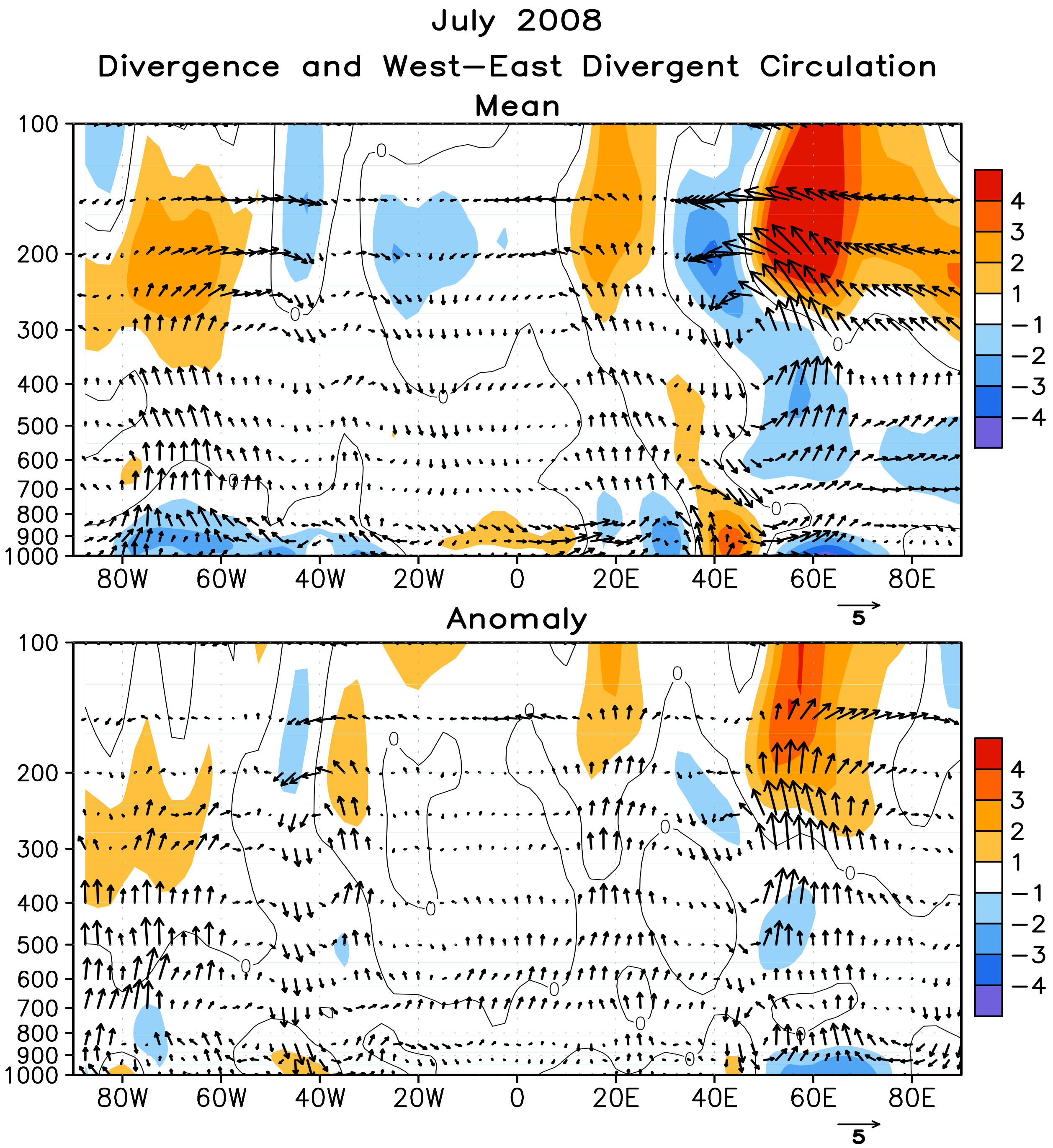


FIGURE T29. Pressure-longitude section (100E-80W) of the mean (top) and anomalous (bottom) divergence (contour interval is 1 x 10^{-6} s^{-1}) and divergent circulation averaged between 5N-5S. The divergent circulation is represented by vectors of combined pressure vertical velocity and the divergent component of the zonal wind. Red shading and solid contours denote divergence (top) and anomalous divergence (bottom). Blue shading and dashed contours denote convergence (top) and anomalous convergence (bottom). Anomalies are departures from the 1979-1995 base period monthly means.



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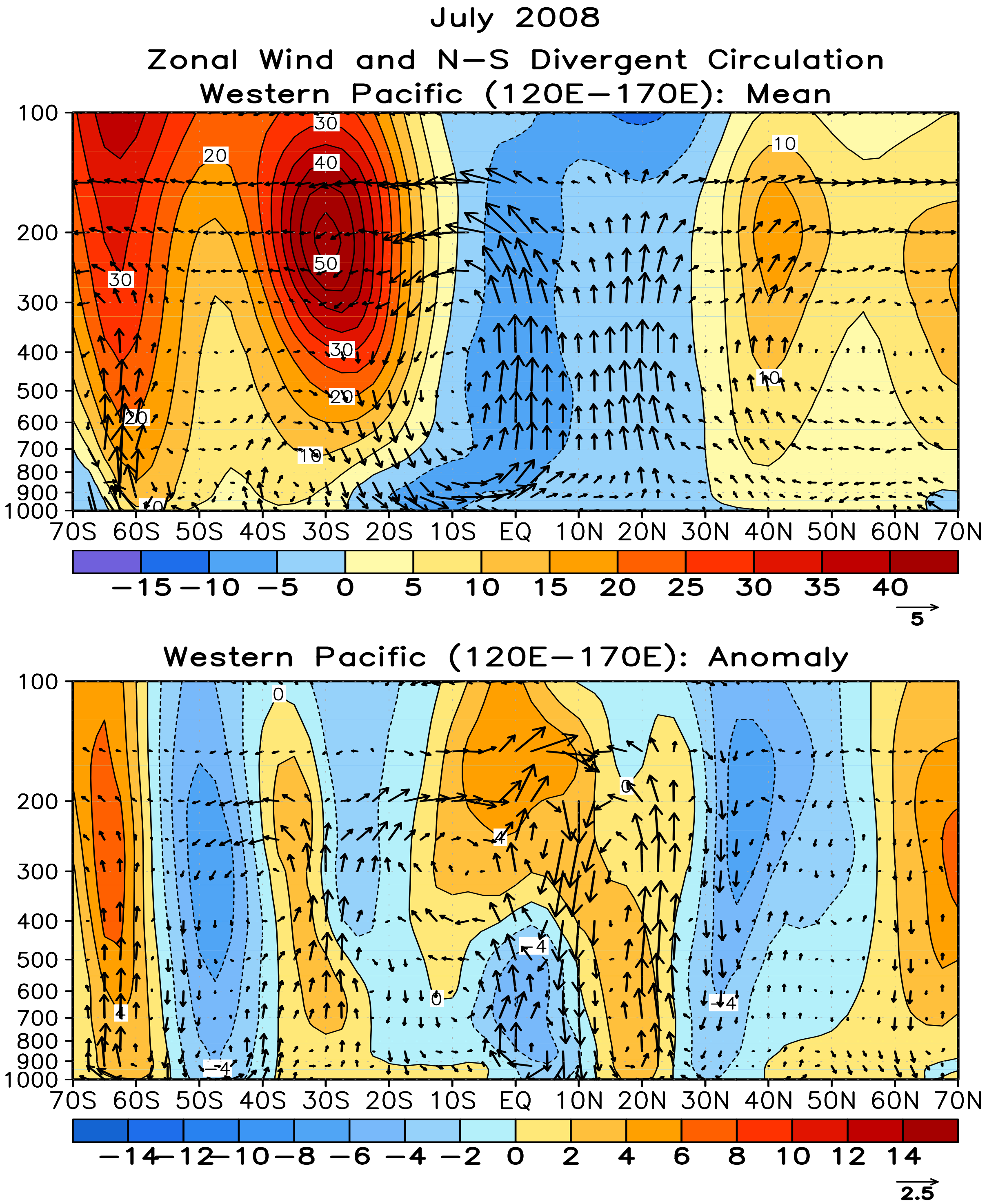


FIGURE T31. Pressure-latitude section of the mean (top) and anomalous (bottom) zonal wind (m s^{-1}) and divergent circulation averaged over the west Pacific sector (120E-170E). The divergent circulation is represented by vectors of combined pressure vertical velocity and the divergent component of the meridional wind. Red shading and solid contours denote a westerly (top) or anomalous westerly (bottom) zonal wind. Blue shading and dashed contours denote an easterly (top) or anomalous easterly (bottom) zonal wind. Anomalies are departures from the 1979-1995 base period monthly means.

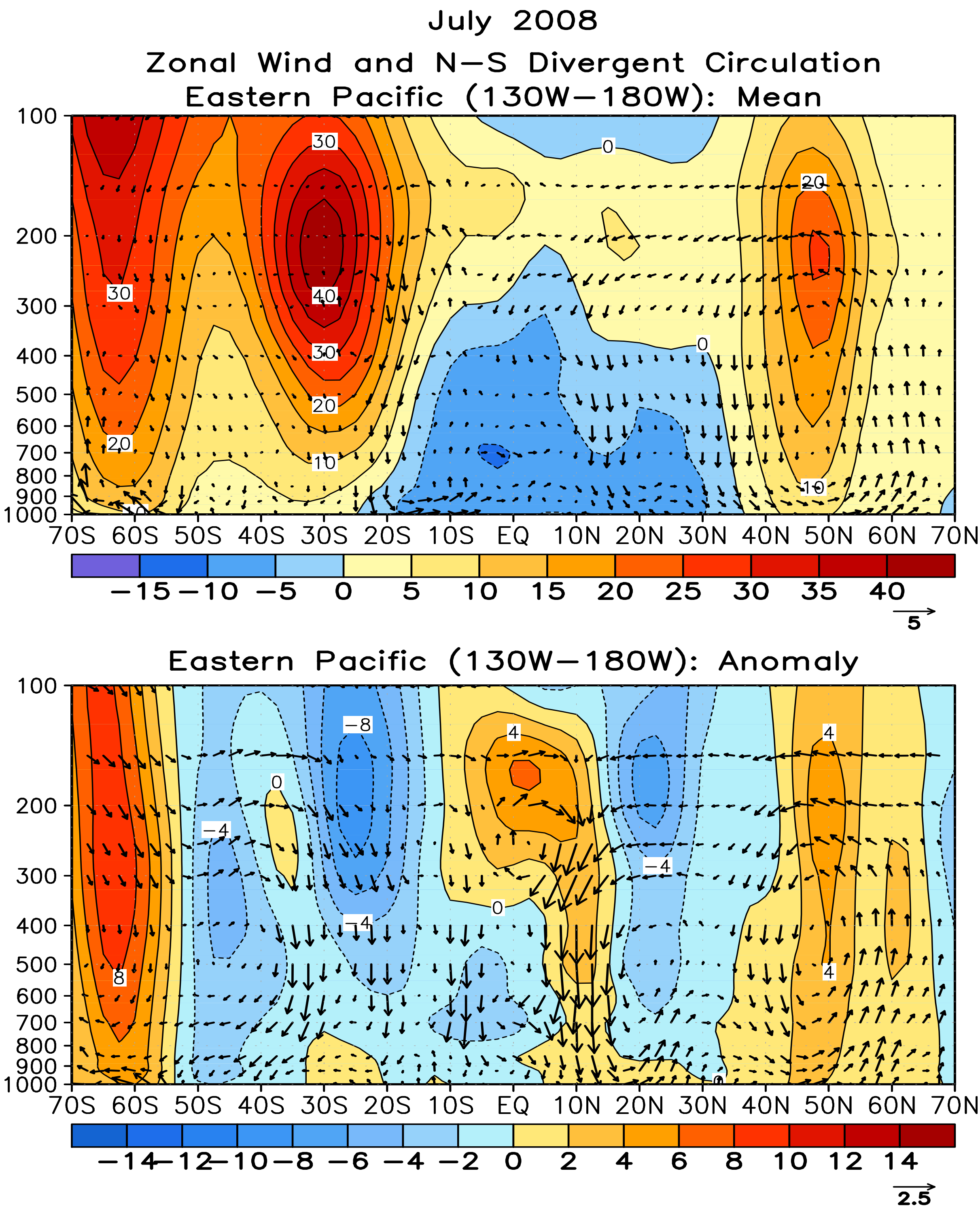


FIGURE T32. Pressure-latitude section of the mean (top) and anomalous (bottom) zonal wind (m s^{-1}) and divergent circulation averaged over the central Pacific sector (130W-180W). The divergent circulation is represented by vectors of combined pressure vertical velocity and the divergent component of the meridional wind. Red shading and solid contours denote a westerly (top) or anomalous westerly (bottom) zonal wind. Blue shading and dashed contours denote an easterly (top) or anomalous easterly (bottom) zonal wind. Anomalies are departures from the 1979-1995 base period monthly means.

Tropical Pacific Drifting Buoys R. Lumpkin/M. Pazos, AOML, Miami

During July 2008, 322 satellite-tracked surface drifting buoys, 82% with subsurface drogues attached for measuring mixed layer currents, were reporting from the tropical Pacific. Eastward anomalies in the eastern equatorial basin, which had been strong in June, were weaker in July. Outside the band 5S-5N, currents were near their climatological zonal strengths. Cold SST anomalies (-0.5 to -1.5C) were measured by most drifters in the central north Pacific (160E to 120W, 5N-30N), while warm anomalies (+0.5 to +1.5C) were measured in the southeastern and southern (below 10S) tropical Pacific basin and in the northwest corner of the basin (west of 170E, north of 10N).

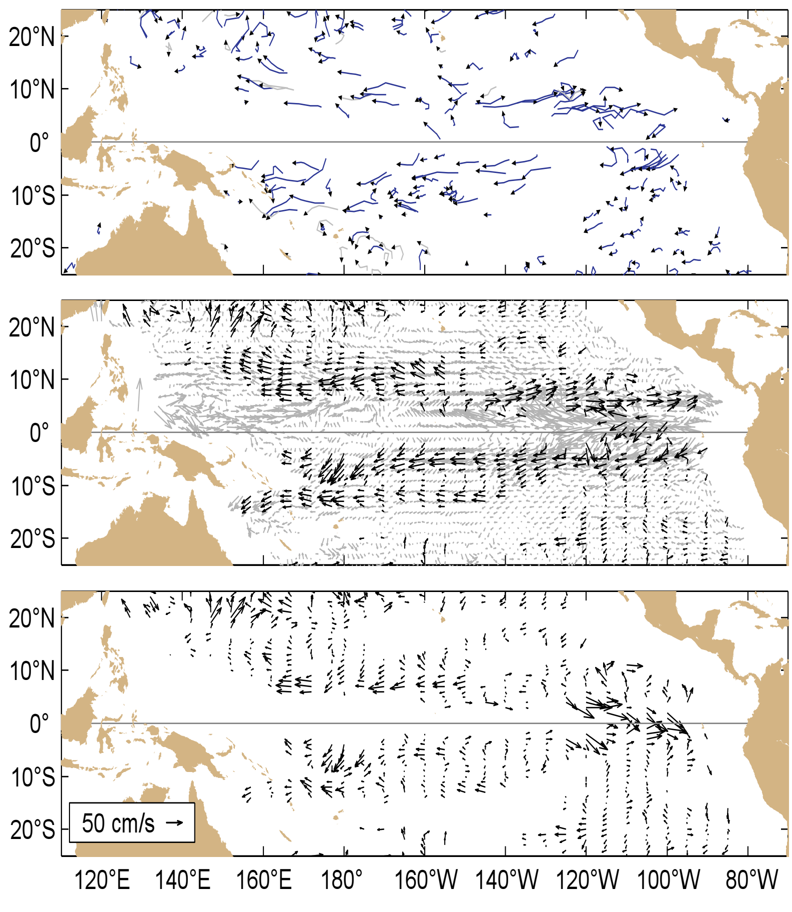


Figure A1.1 Top: Movements of drifting buoys in the tropical Pacific Ocean during July 2008. The linear segments of each trajectory represent a one week displacement. Trajectories of buoys which have lost their subsurface drogues are gray; those with drogues are black.
Middle: Monthly mean currents calculated from all buoys 1993-2002 (gray), and currents measured by the drogued buoys this month (black) smoothed by an optimal filter.
Bottom: Anomalies from the climatological monthly mean currents for this month.

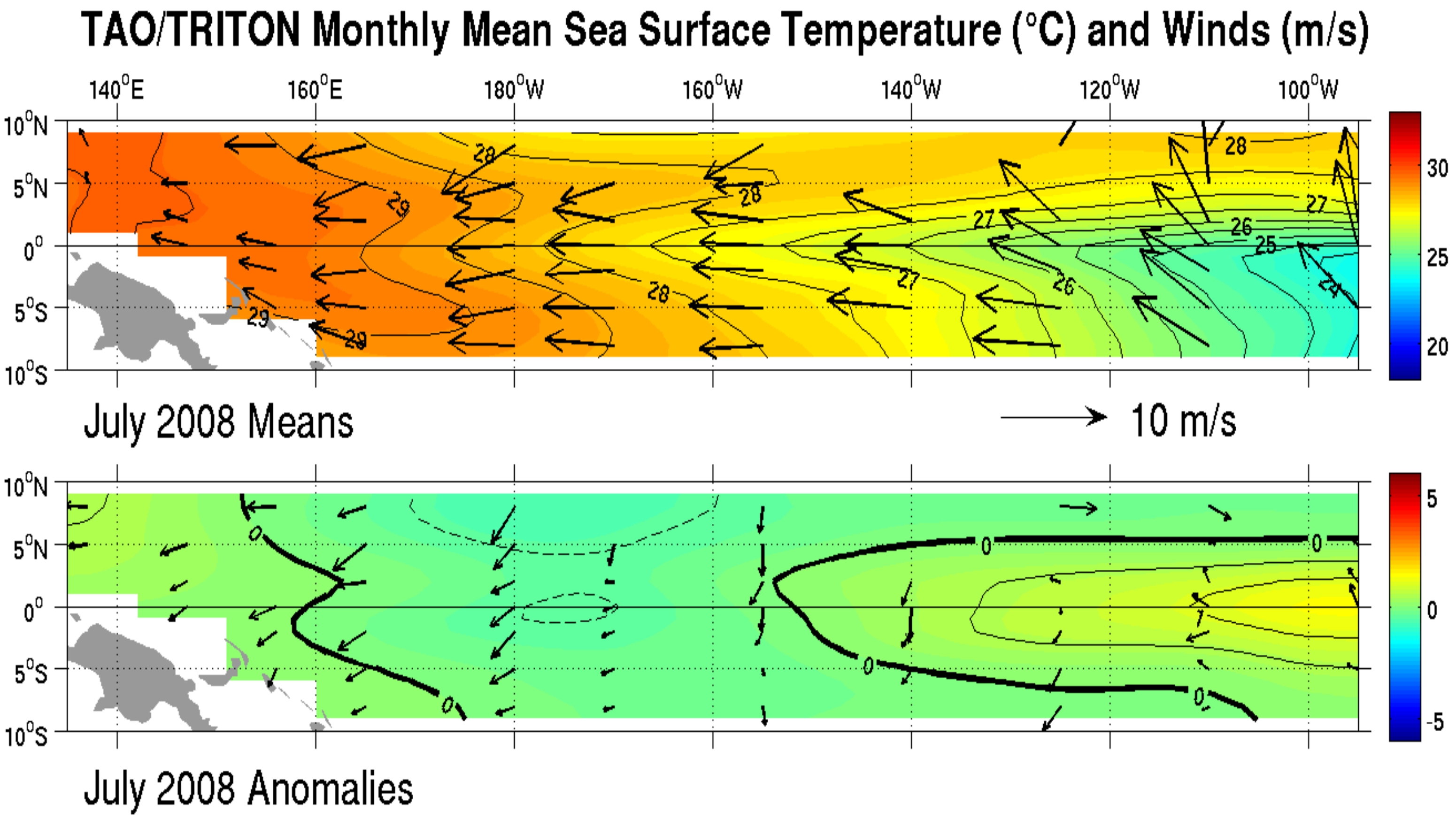


FIGURE A1.2. Wind Vectors and sea surface temperature (SSTs) from the TAO/TRITON mooring array. Top panel shows monthly means; bottom panel shows monthly anomalies from the COADS wind climatology and Reynolds SST climatology (1971-2000). The TAO/TRITON array is presently supported by the United States (NOAA), Japan (STA), and France (IRD). Further information is available from Richard L. Crout (NOAA/NDBC).

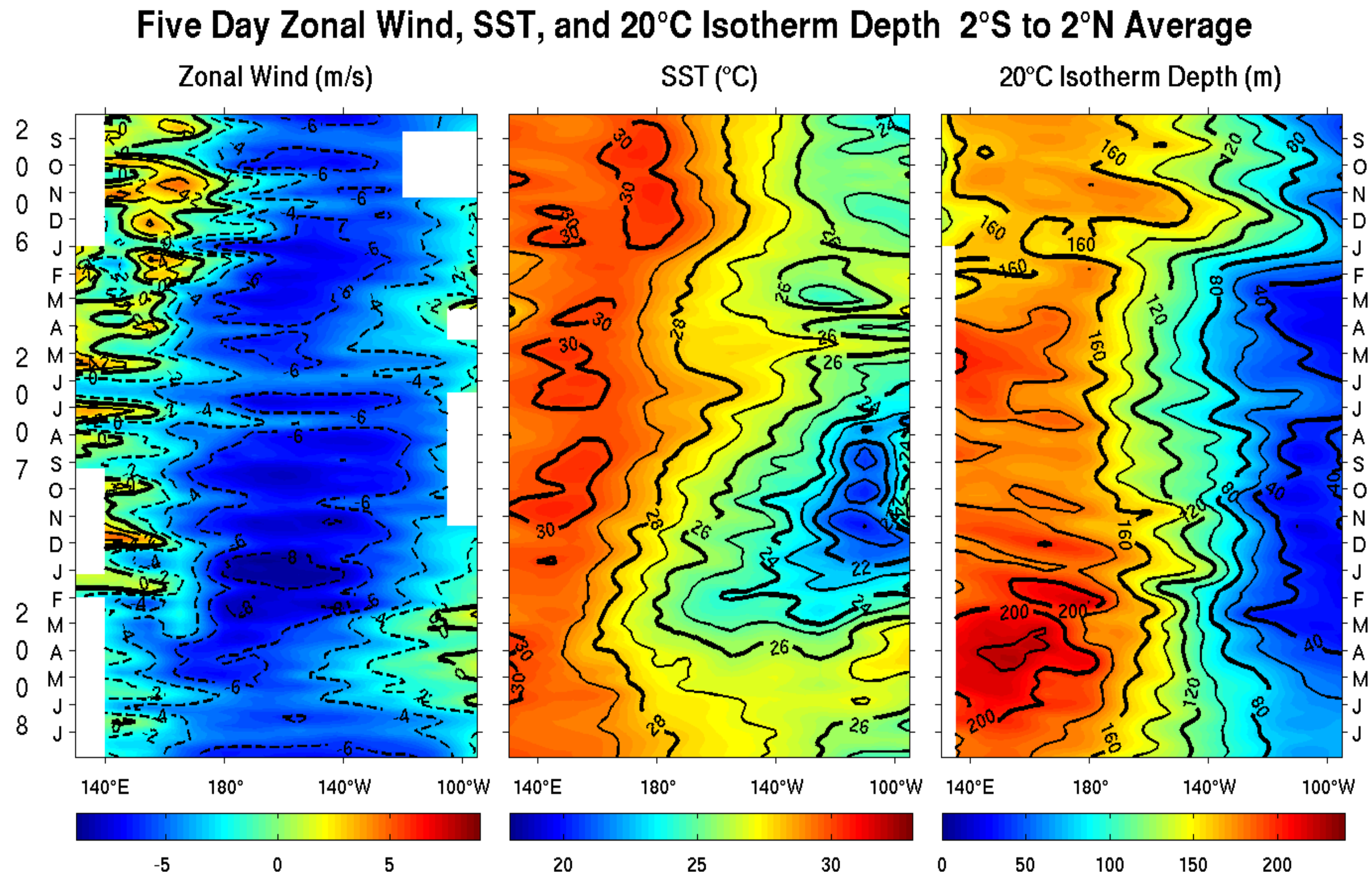
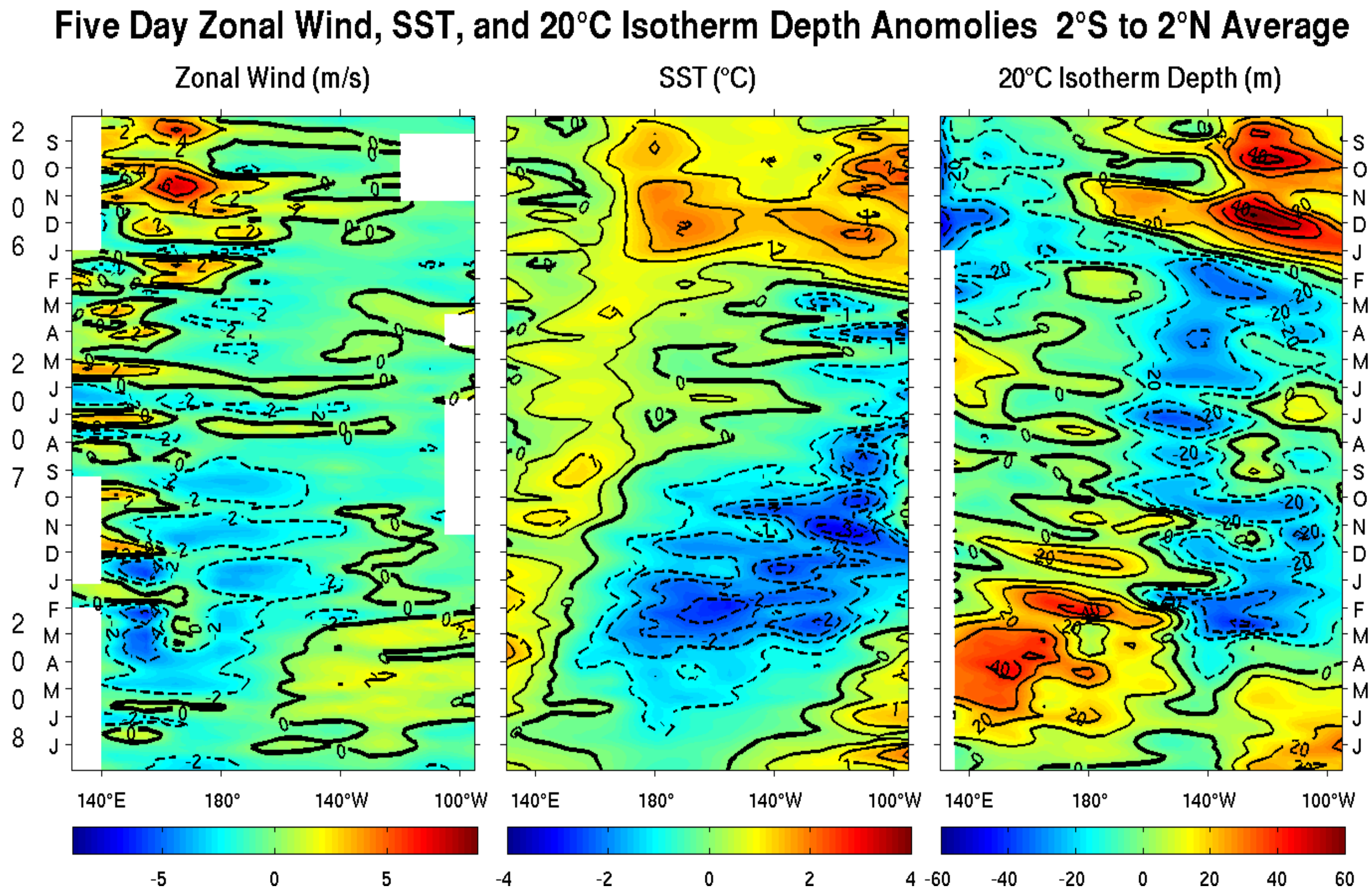


FIGURE A1.3. Time-longitude sections of surface zonal winds (m s^{-1}), sea surface temperature (C) and 20C isotherm depth (m) for the past 24 months. Analysis is based on 5-day averages of moored time series data from the TAO/TRITON array. Positive winds are westerly. Squares on the abscissas indicate longitude where data were available at the start of the time series (top) and end of the time series (bottom). The TAO/TRITON array is presently supported by the United States (NOAA), Japan (STA), and France (IRD). Further information is available from Richard L. Crout (NOAA/NDBC)



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Sea Surface Temperature and Sea Level From Eastern Pacific GOES Stations

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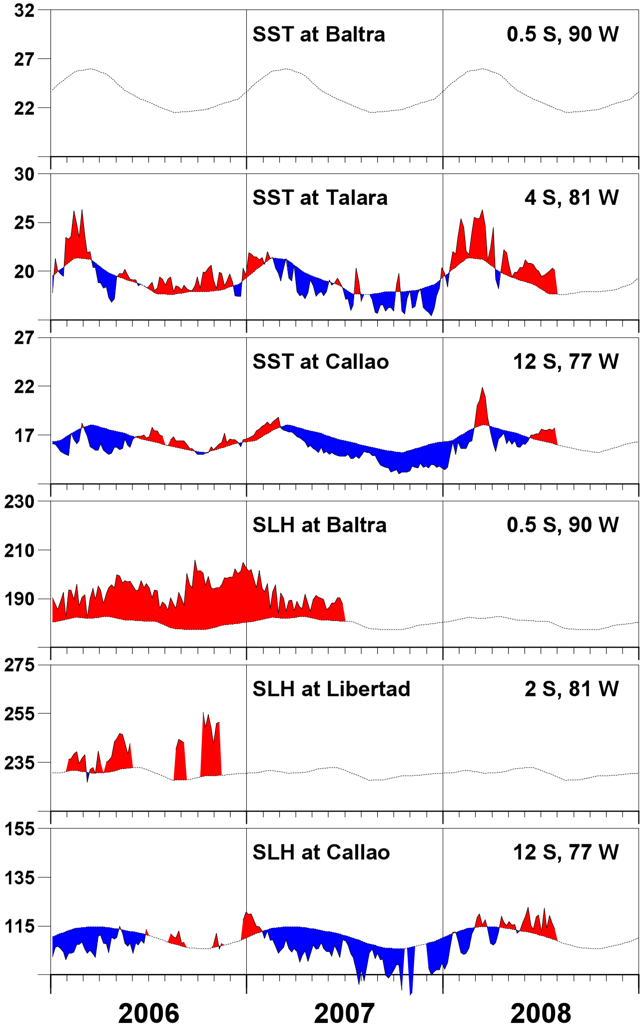
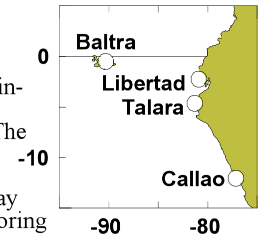


FIGURE A1.5. Five-day averages of sea surface temperature (SST,°C) and sea level height (SLH,cm) from GOES receiving stations in Ecuador & Peru. Dashed line and shading show climatology, departures.



In cooperation with institutions in Peru and Ecuador, NOAA-AOML maintained a network coastal stations reporting SST and sea level in real time (via satellite downlink) during the TOGA program, from 1985 to 1995. The South American partners took over full operational responsibility thereafter while NOAA-AOML assumed a data management role, continuing publication of these monthly reports along with their partners.The five-day averages (pentads)at critical stations give us an effective means of monitoring coastal conditions with good time resolution and compact data volume.

The main points of interest regarding July are (1) that the positive SST anomalies -- heretofore seen at Talara in recent months, have now appeared at Callao, and (2) that positive sea level anomalies at Callao have persisted for more than two months and now exceed the typical time scale of intraseasonal Kelvin wave surges.

	Sea Sfc Temperature			Sea Level Height		
JUL	Baltra	Talara	Callao	Baltra	Libertad	Callao
2	**	19.5	17.6	**	**	112.5
7	**	19.6	17.5	**	**	122.4
12	**	19.8	17.5	**	**	114.2
17	**	20.0	17.6	**	**	119.3
22	**	20.3	17.5	**	**	116.0
27	**	20.1	17.7	**	**	113.6

Anomalies

JUL	Baltra	Talara	Callao	Baltra	Libertad	Callao
2	**	1.4	1.2	**	**	1.5
7	**	1.6	1.2	**	**	11.7
12	**	2.0	1.2	**	**	3.8
17	**	2.3	1.4	**	**	9.2
22	**	2.6	1.4	**	**	6.4
27	**	2.4	1.6	**	**	4.4

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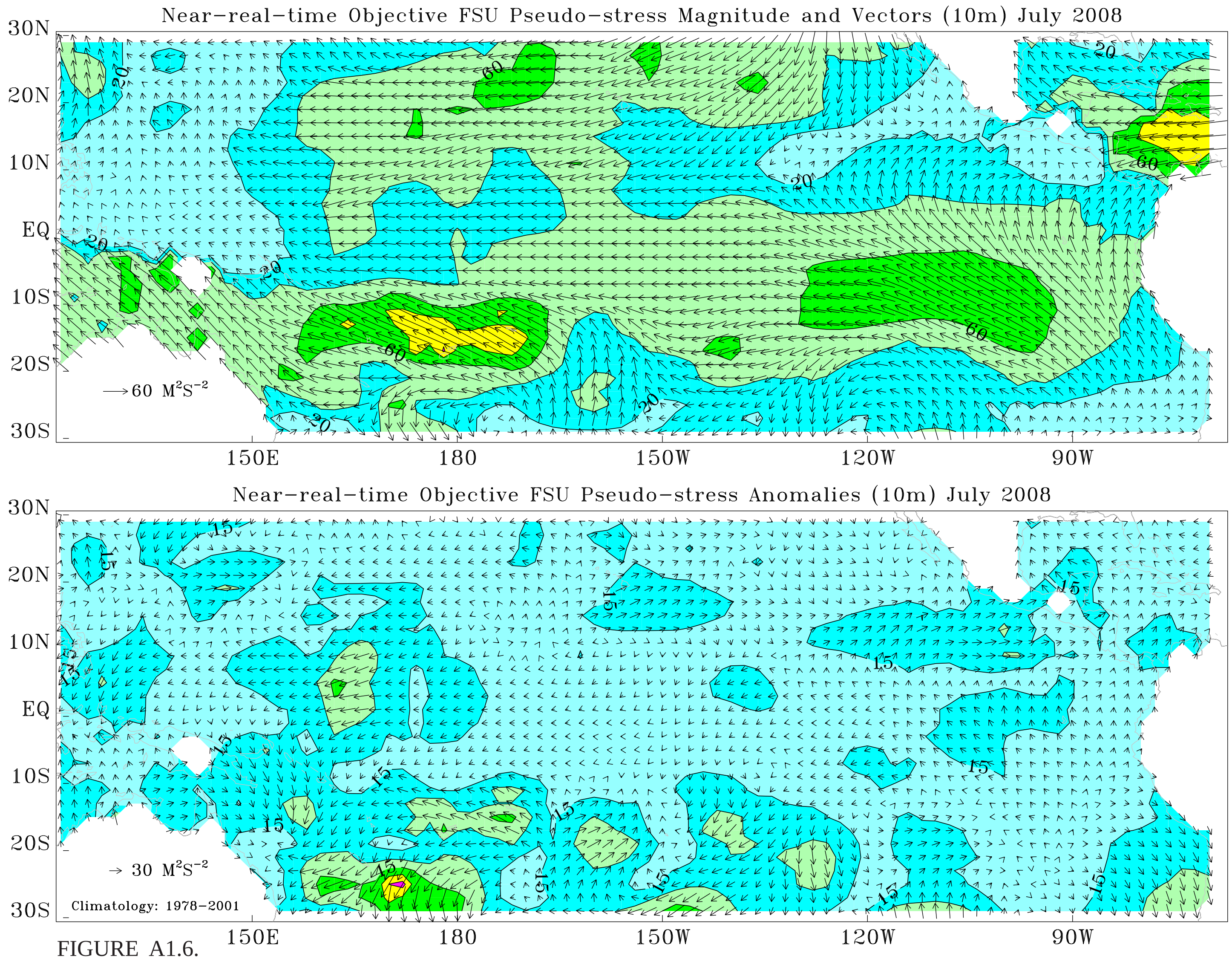
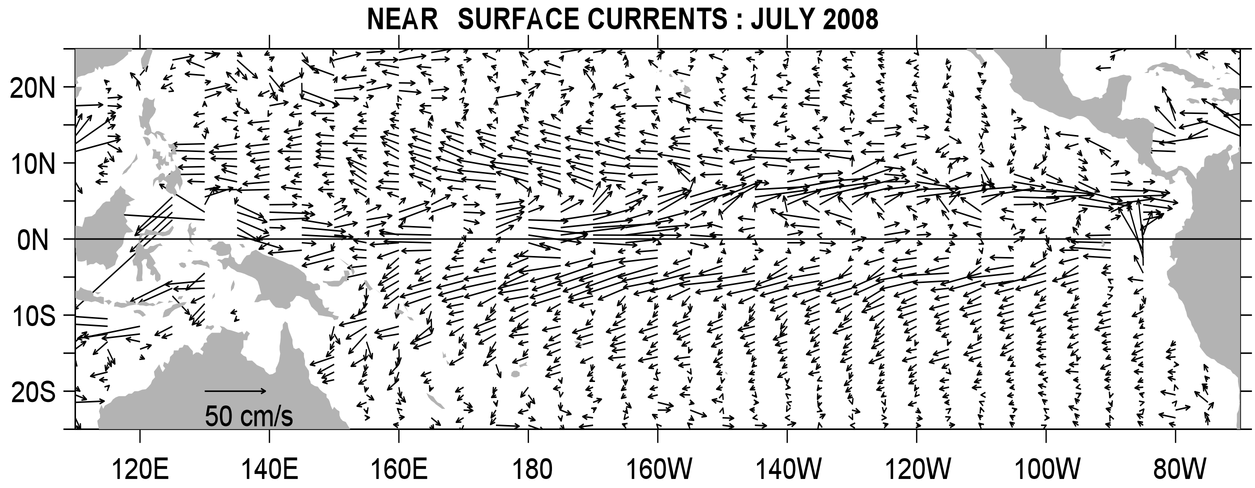


FIGURE A1.6.

FSU SURFACE PSEUDO–STRESS VECTORS AND ANOMALIES: July 2008. Pseudo–stress vectors (top) are objectively analyzed from ship and buoy winds on a 2° grid. Ship and buoy data are independently weighted and the background field is created from the data. Contour interval of the vector magnitudes is 20 M^2S^{-2}. Anomalies (bottom) are departures from 1978–2001 mean. The contour interval is 15 M^2S^{-2}. For more information, please visit our web site at http://www.coaps.fsu.edu/RVSMDC/html/winds.shtml. Produced by Jeremy Rolph, Mark A. Bourassa, and Shawn R. Smith, Center for Ocean–Atmospheric Prediction Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306–2840, USA.



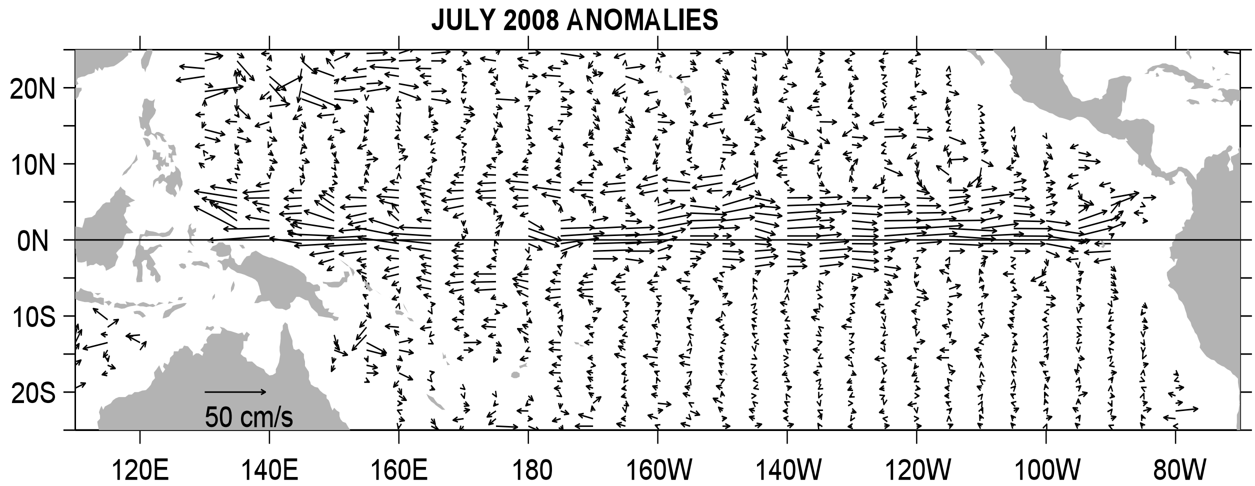


FIGURE A1.7. Ocean Surface Current Analysis-Real-time (OSCAR) for JUL 2008 (Bonjean and Lagerloef 2002, J. Phys. Oceanogr., Vol. 32, No. 10, 2938-2954; Lagerloef et al. 1999, JGR-Oceans, 104, 23313-23326). (top) Total velocity. Satellite data included JUL 2008 Jason sea level anomalies and QuickScat winds. (bottom) Velocity anomalies. The subtracted climatology was based on SSM/I and QuickScat winds and Topex/Poseidon and Jason from 1993-2003. See also http://www.oscar.noaa.gov.

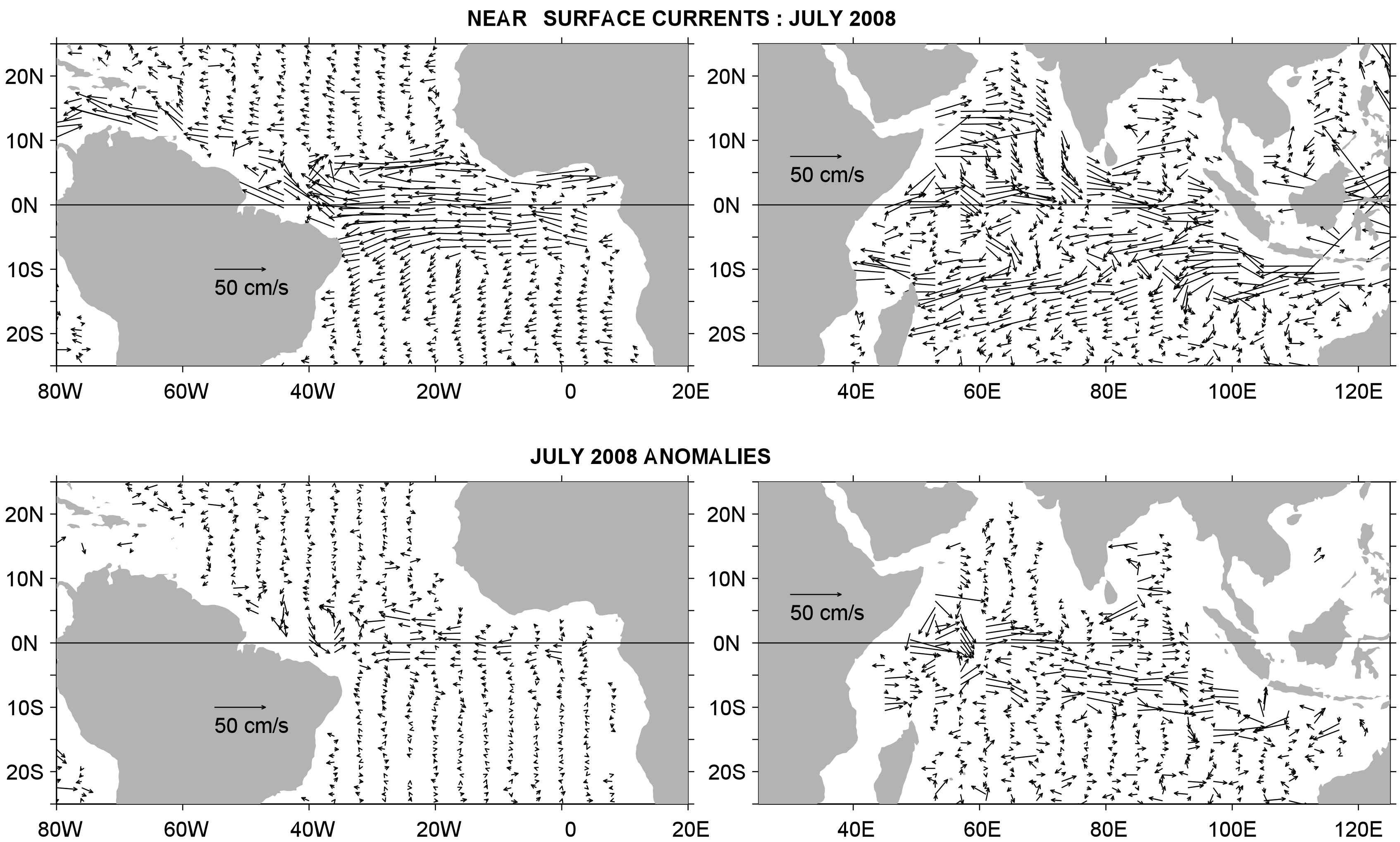


FIGURE A1.8. Ocean Surface Current Analysis-Real-time (OSCAR) for JUL 2008 (Bonjean and Lagerloef 2002, J. Phys. Oceanogr., Vol. 32, No. 10, 2938-2954; Lagerloef et al. 1999, JGR-Oceans, 104, 23313-23326). (top) Total velocity. Satellite data included JUL 2008 Jason sea level anomalies and QuickScat winds. (bottom) Velocity anomalies. The subtracted climatology was based on SSM/I and QuickScat winds and Topex/Poseidon and Jason from 1993-2003. See also http://www.oscar.noaa.gov.

Forecast Forum

The canonical correlation analysis (CCA) forecast of SST in the central Pacific (Barnett et al. 1988, *Science*, **241**, 192196; Barnston and Ropelewski 1992, *J. Climate*, **5**, 13161345), is shown in **Figs. F1 and F2.** This forecast is produced routinely by the Prediction Branch of the Climate Prediction Center. The predictions from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Coupled Forecast System Model (CFS03) are presented in **Figs. F3 and F4a, F4b**. Predictions from the Markov model (Xue, et al. 2000: *J. Climate*, **13**, 849871) are shown in **Figs. F5 and F6.** Predictions from the latest version of the LDEO model (Chen et al. 2000: *Geophys. Res. Let.*, **27**, 25852587) are shown in **Figs. F7 and F8**. Predictions using linear inverse modeling (Penland and Magorian 1993: *J. Climate*, **6**, 10671076) are shown in **Figs. F9 and F10.** Predictions from the Scripps / Max Planck Institute (MPI) hybrid coupled model (Barnett et al. 1993: *J. Climate*, **6**, 15451566) are shown in **Fig. F11.** Predictions from the ENSOCLIPER statistical model (Knaff and Landsea 1997, *Wea. Forecasting*, **12**, 633652) are shown in **Fig. F12.** Niño 3.4 predictions are summarized in **Fig. F13**, provided by the Forecasting and Prediction Research Group of the IRI.

The CPC and the contributors to the **Forecast Forum** caution potential users of this predictive information that they can expect only modest skill.

Outlook

ENSO-neutral conditions are expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere Fall 2008.

Discussion

ENSO-neutral conditions continued during July 2008, as sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central equatorial Pacific Ocean remained near-average (**Fig. T18**). As is typical with ENSO-neutral conditions, atmospheric and oceanic indicators were mixed, with certain areas in the equatorial Pacific Ocean suggesting a lingering influence of La Niña and others reflecting an increase in above-average temperatures, particularly in the eastern Pacific.

From west to east, the monthly SST index values range from “0.3°C in the Niño-4 region to +0.8°C in the Niño 1+2 region (**Table T2**). The subsurface oceanic heat content (average temperatures in the upper 300m of the ocean) has also increased in response to positive temperature anomalies along the thermocline (**Fig. T17**). However, a weak, shallow region of below-average temperatures still remains near the International Date Line.

The atmospheric circulation over the western and central tropical Pacific continues to reflect some aspects of La Niña. Enhanced low-level easterly winds and upper-level westerly winds persist in this region (**Figs. T20 and T21**), while convection remains generally suppressed over the central Pacific (**Fig. T25**). In contrast, the eastern equatorial Pacific features weak-to-average low-level easterly winds and average precipitation. Despite recent increases in SST anomalies, the actual SSTs are not warm enough to support convection (**Fig. T18**). Collectively, these atmospheric and oceanic anomalies are consistent with ENSO-neutral conditions.

Most of the recent dynamical and statistical SST forecasts for the Niño 3.4 region indicate ENSO-neutral conditions (“0.5 to 0.5 in the Niño-3.4 region) will continue into the Northern Hemisphere Spring 2009 (**Figs. F1- F13**). However, due to the positive heat content anomalies in the Pacific Ocean, the development of El Niño cannot be ruled out during the later part of the year, although chances remain low. Based on current atmospheric and oceanic conditions, recent trends, and model forecasts, ENSO-neutral conditions are expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere Fall 2008.

Weekly updates of oceanic and atmospheric conditions are available on the Climate Prediction Center homepage (El Niño/La Niña Current Conditions and Expert Discussions).

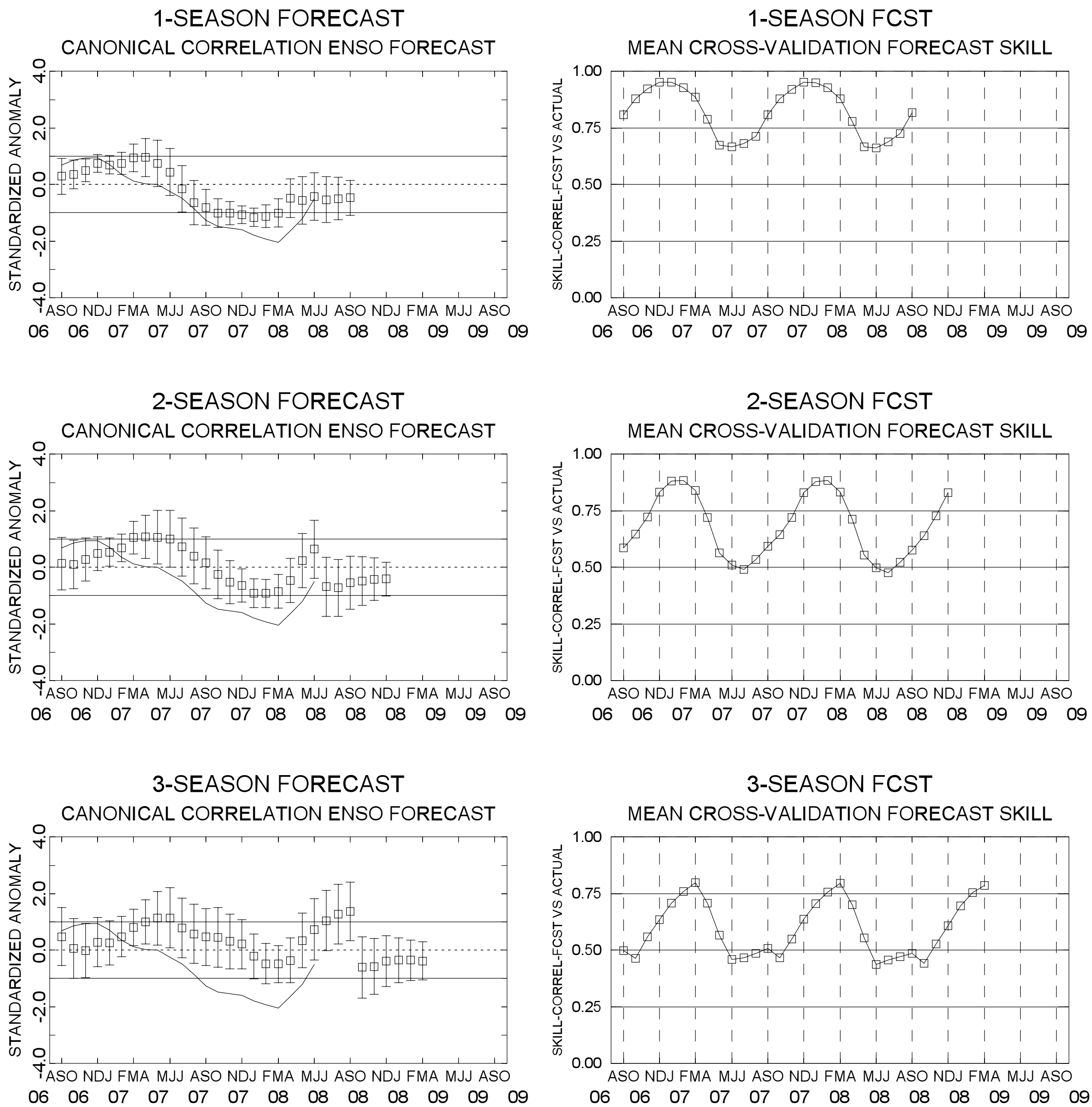


FIGURE F1. Canonical correlation analysis (CCA) sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly prediction for the central Pacific (5˚N to 5˚S, 120˚W to 170˚W (Barnston and Ropelewski, 1992, *J. Climate*, **5**, 1316-1345). The three plots on the left hand side are, from top to bottom, the 1-season, 2-season, and 3-season lead forecasts. The solid line in each forecast represents the observed SST standardized anomaly through the latest month. The small squares at the mid-points of the forecast bars represent the real-time CCA predictions based on the anomalies of quasi-global sea level pressure and on the anomalies of tropical Pacific SST, depth of the 20˚C isotherm and sea level height over the prior four seasons. The vertical lines represent the one standard deviation error bars for the predictions based on past performance. The three plots on the right side are skills, corresponding to the predicted and observed SST. The skills are derived from cross-correlation tests from 1956 to present. These skills show a clear annual cycle and are inversely proportional to the length of the error bars depicted in the forecast time series.

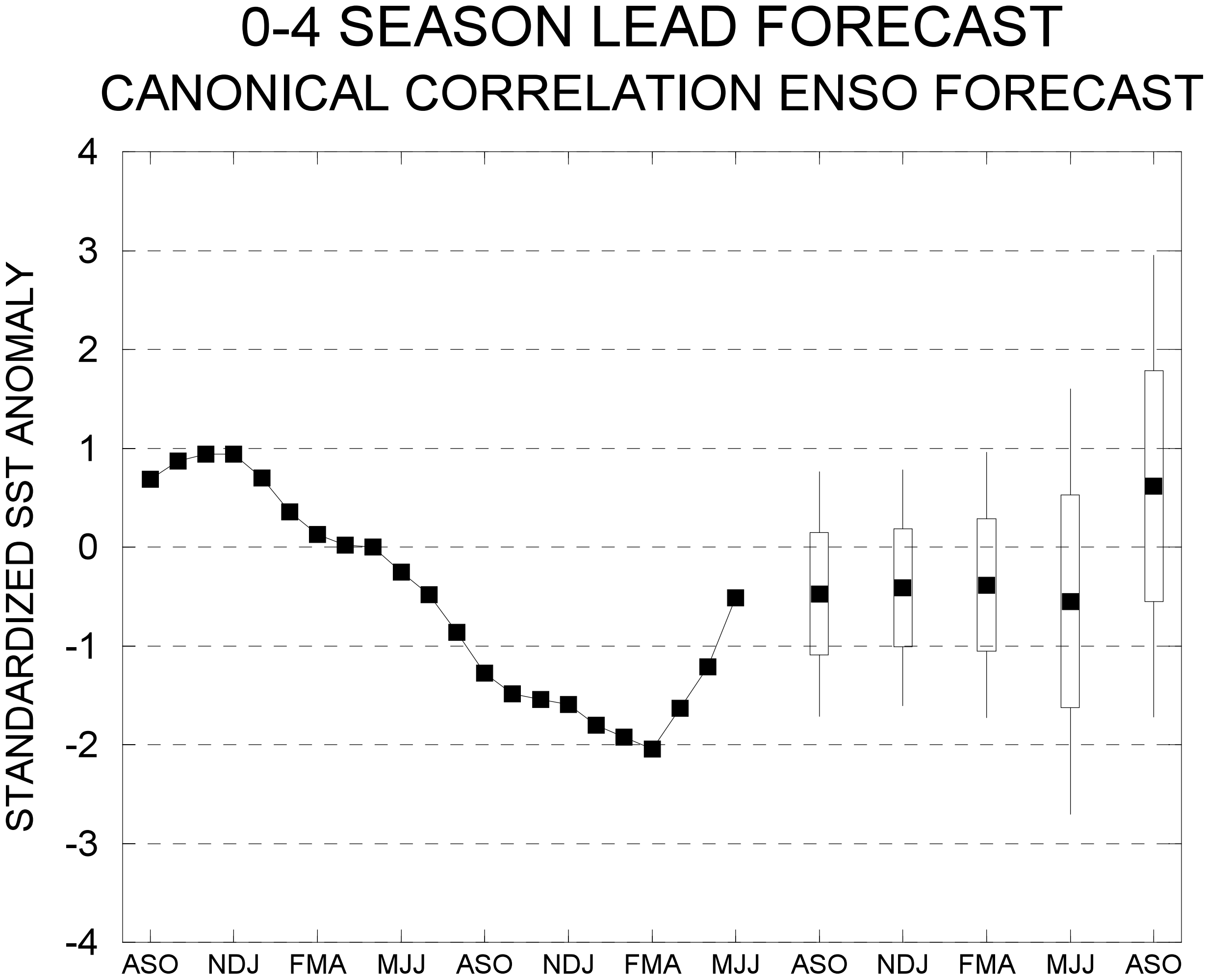


FIGURE F2. Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA) forecasts of sea-surface temperature anomalies for the Nino 3.4 region (5N-5S, 120W-170W) for the upcoming five consecutive 3-month periods. Forecasts are expressed as standardized SST anomalies. The CCA predictions are based on anomaly patterns of SST, depth of the 20C isotherm, sea level height, and sea level pressure. Small squares at the midpoints of the vertical forecast bars represent the CCA predictions, and the bars show the one (thick) and two (thin) standard deviation errors. The solid continuous line represents the observed standardized three-month mean SST anomaly in the Nino 3.4 region up to the most recently available data.

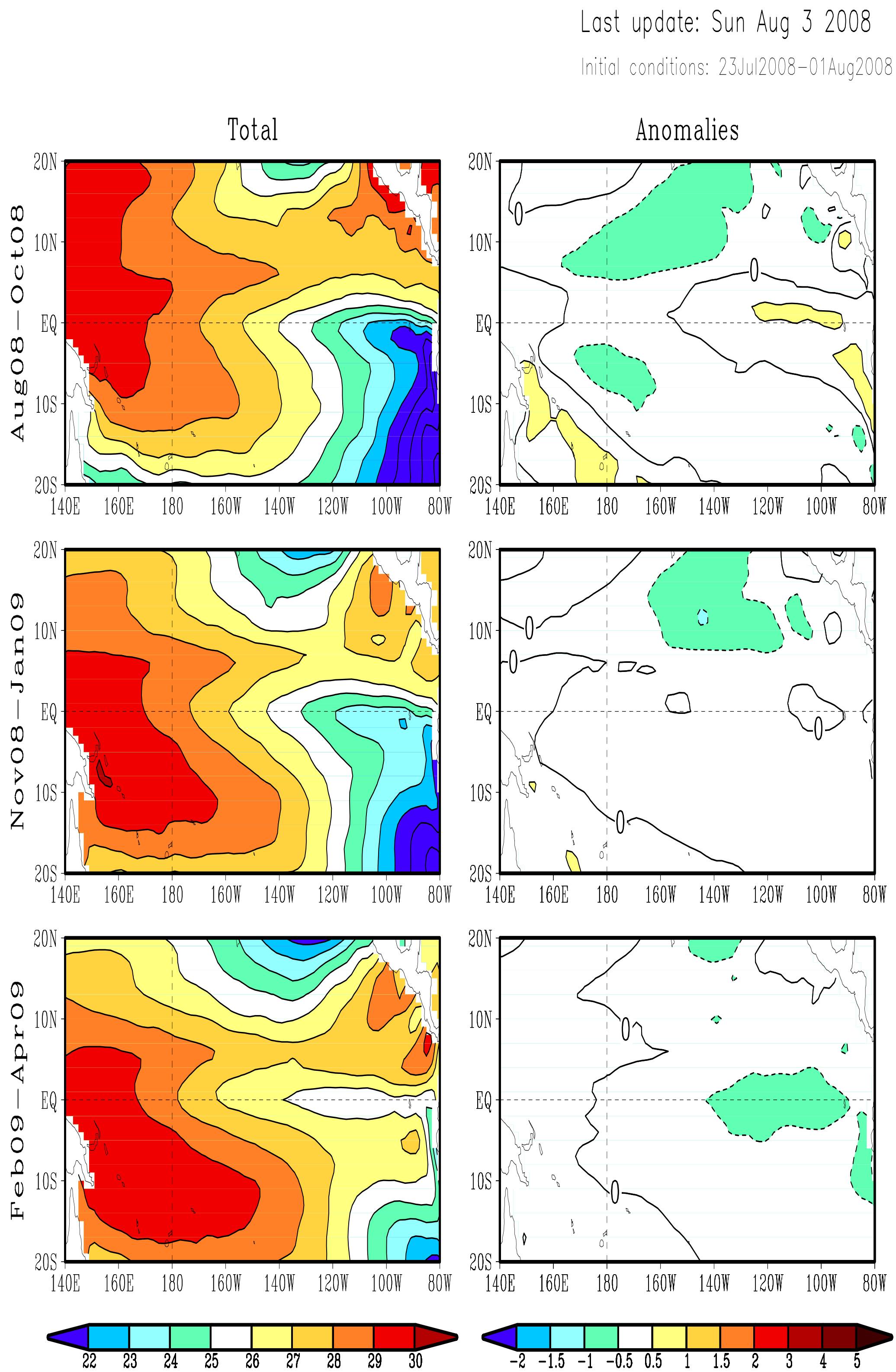


FIGURE F3. Predicted 3-month average sea surface temperature (left) and anomalies (right) from the NCEP Coupled Forecast System Model (CFS03). The forecasts consist of 40 forecast members. Contour interval is 1°C, with additional contours for 0.5°C and -0.5°C. Negative anomalies are indicated by dashed contours.

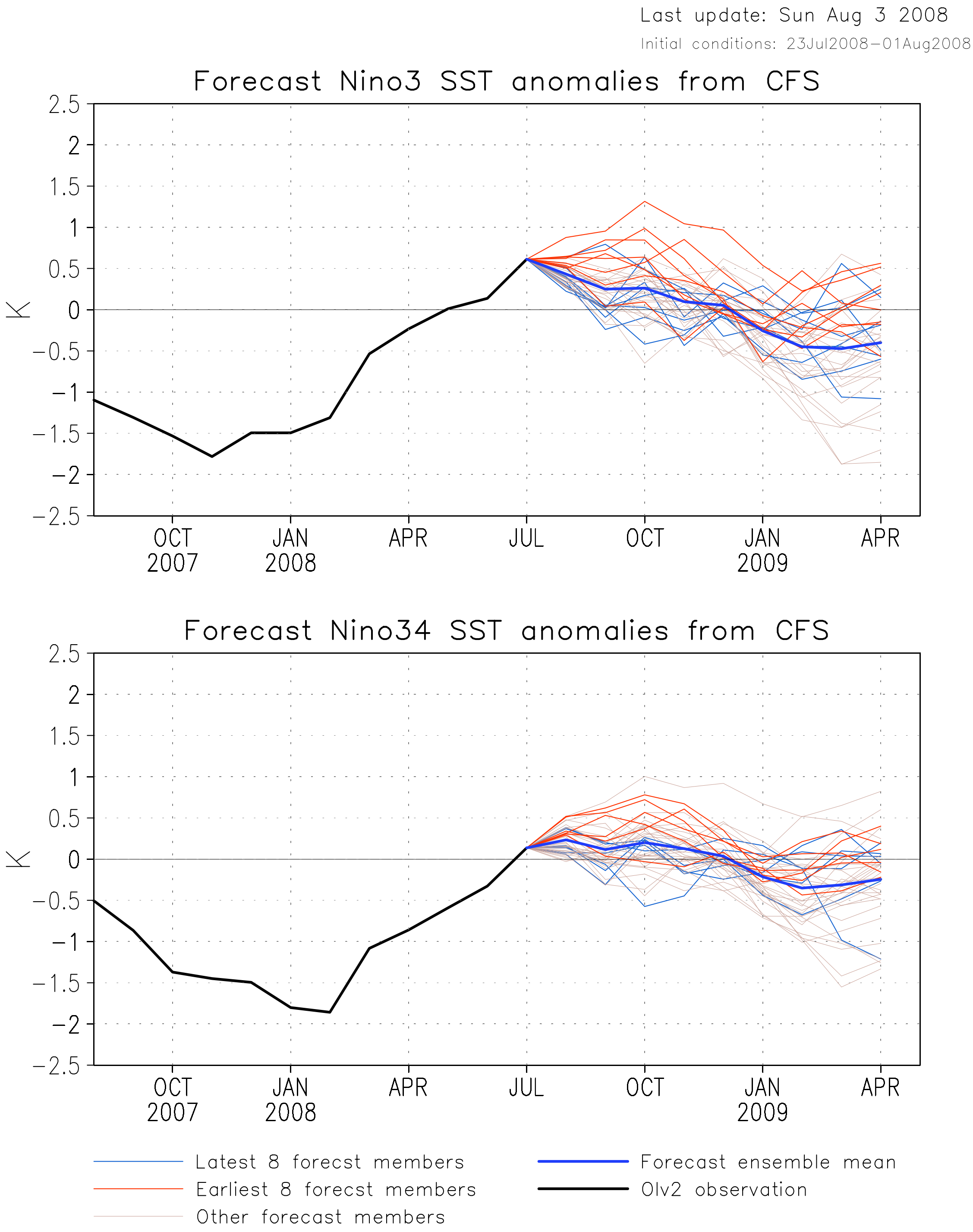


FIGURE F4. Predicted and observed sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies for the Nino 3 (top) and Nino 3.4 (bottom) regions from the NCEP Coupled Forecast System Model (CFS03). The forecasts consist of 40 forecast members. The ensemble mean of all 40 forecast members is shown by the blue line, individual members are shown by thin lines, and the observation is indicated by the black line. The Nino-3 region spans the eastern equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 150W-90W. The Nno 3.4 region spans the east-central equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 170W-120W.

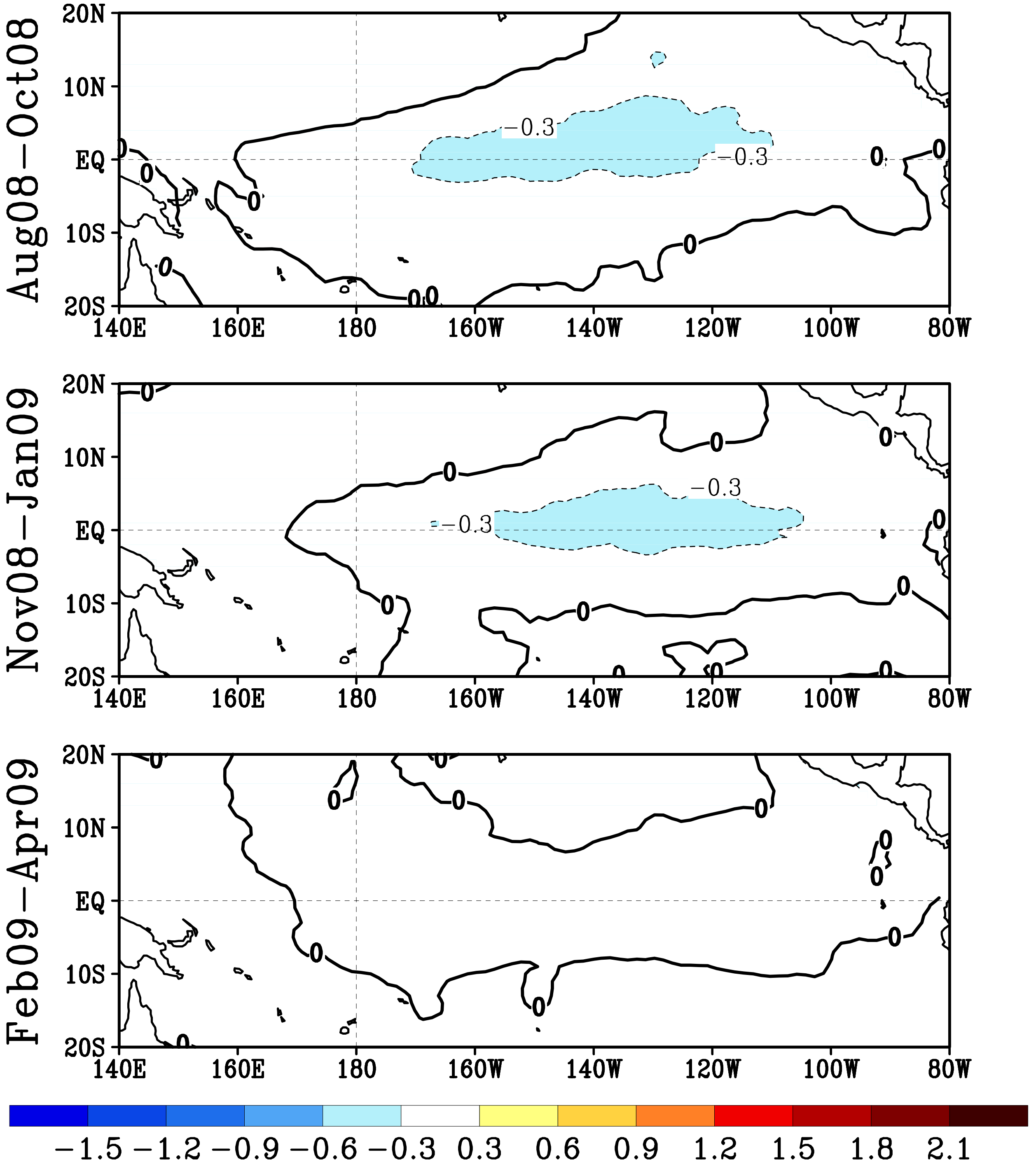


FIGURE F5. Predicted 3-month average sea surface temperature anomalies from the NCEP/CPC Markov model (Xue et al. 2000, *J. Climate*, **13**, 849-871). The forecast is initiated in JUL 2008 . Contour interval is 0.3C and negative anomalies are indicated by dashed contours. Anomalies are calculated relative to the 1971-2000 climatology.

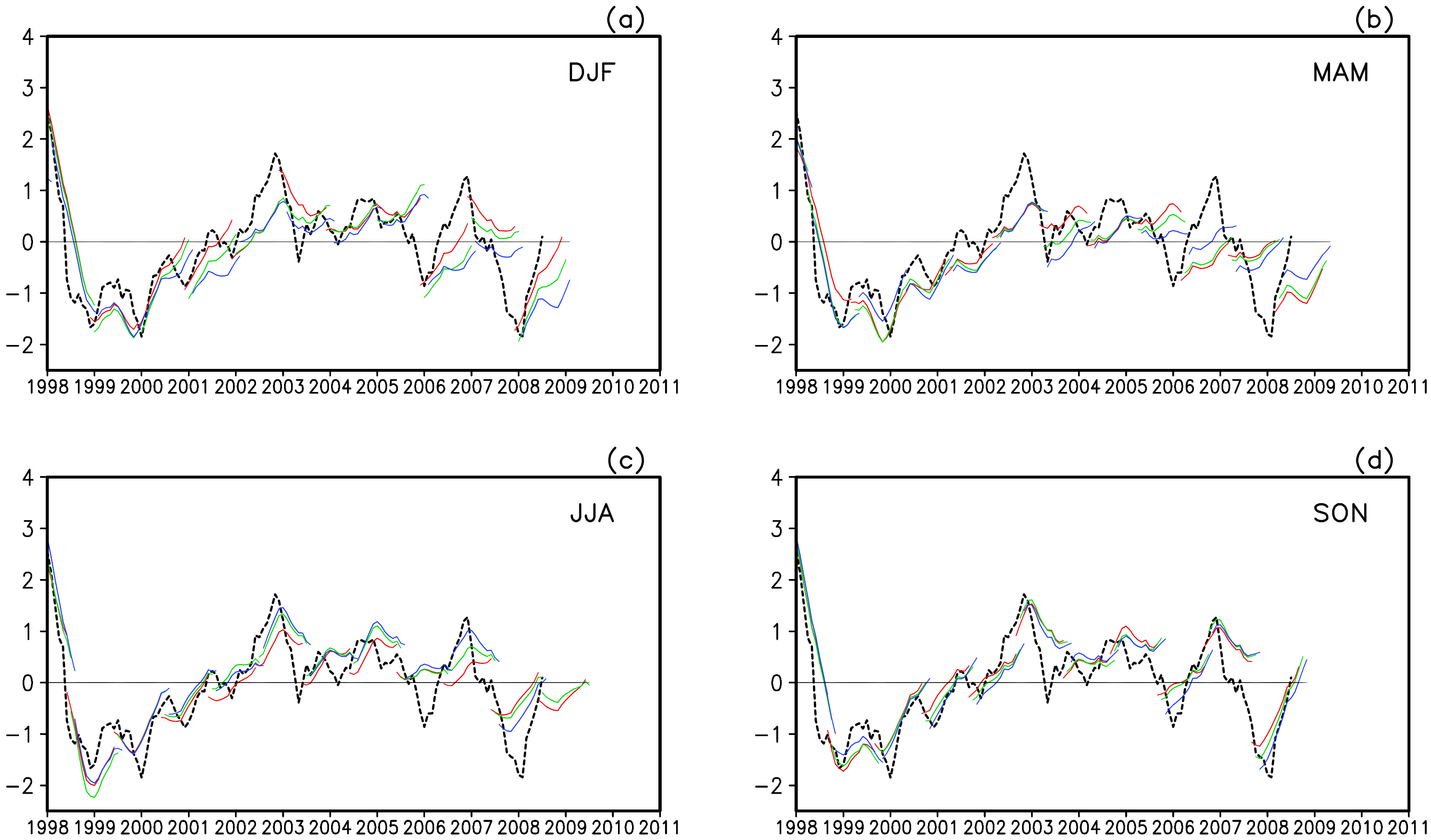


FIGURE F6. Time evolution of observed and predicted SST anomalies in the Nino 3.4 region (up to 12 lead months) by the NCEP/CPC Markov model (Xue et al. 2000, *J. Climate*, **13**, 849-871). Anomalies are calculated relative to the 1971-2000 climatology. Shown in each panel are the forecasts grouped by three consecutive starting months: (a) is for December, January, and February, (b) is for March, April, and May, (c) is for June, July, and August, and (d) is for September, October, and November. The observed Nino 3.4 SST anomalies are indicated by the black dashed lines. The Nino 3.4 region spans the east-central equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 170W-120W.

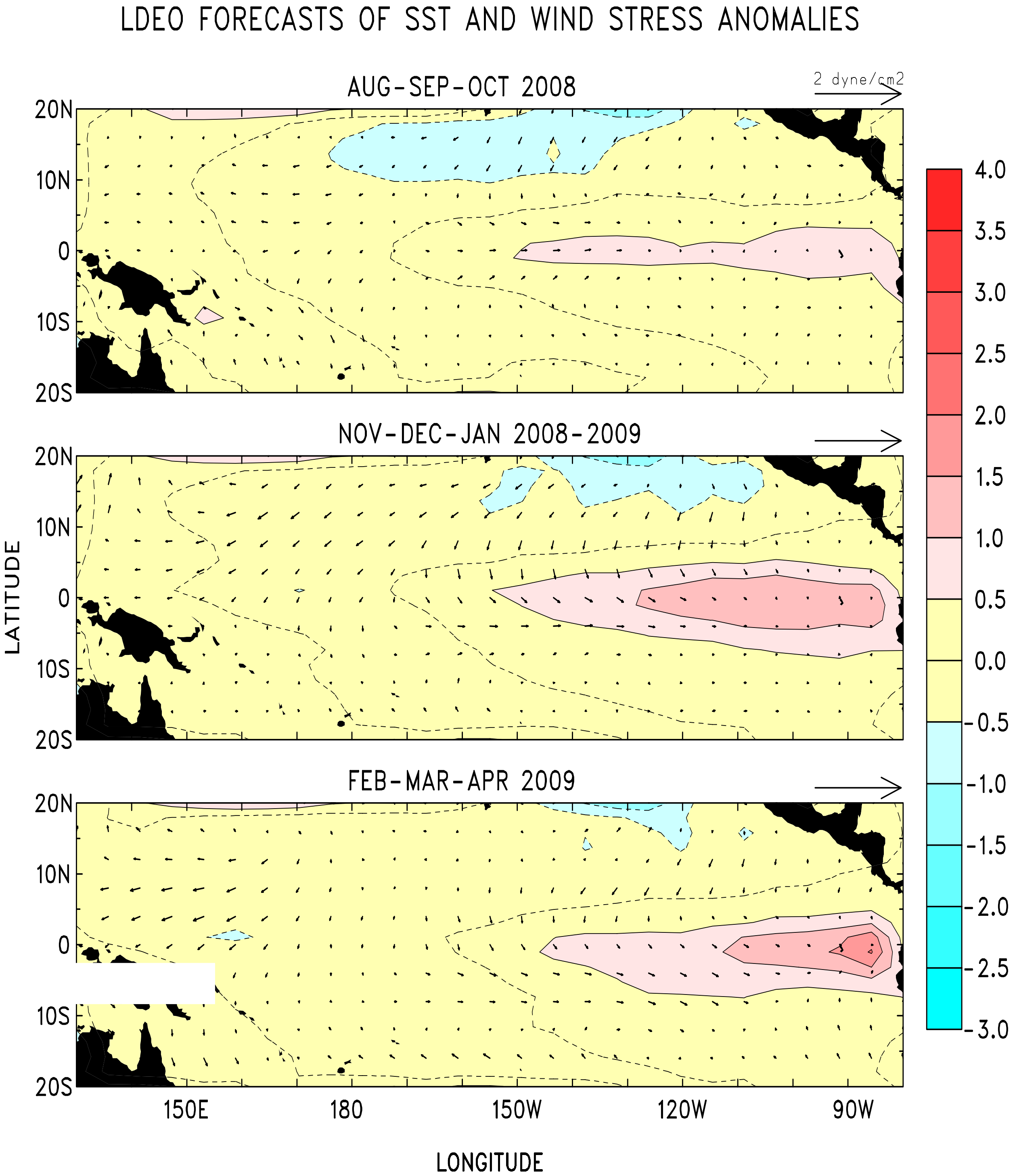


FIGURE F7. Forecasts of the tropical Pacific Predicted SST (shading) and vector wind anomalies for the next 3 seasons based on the LDEO model. Each forecast represents an ensemble average of 3 sets of predictions initialized during the last three consecutive months (see Figure F8).

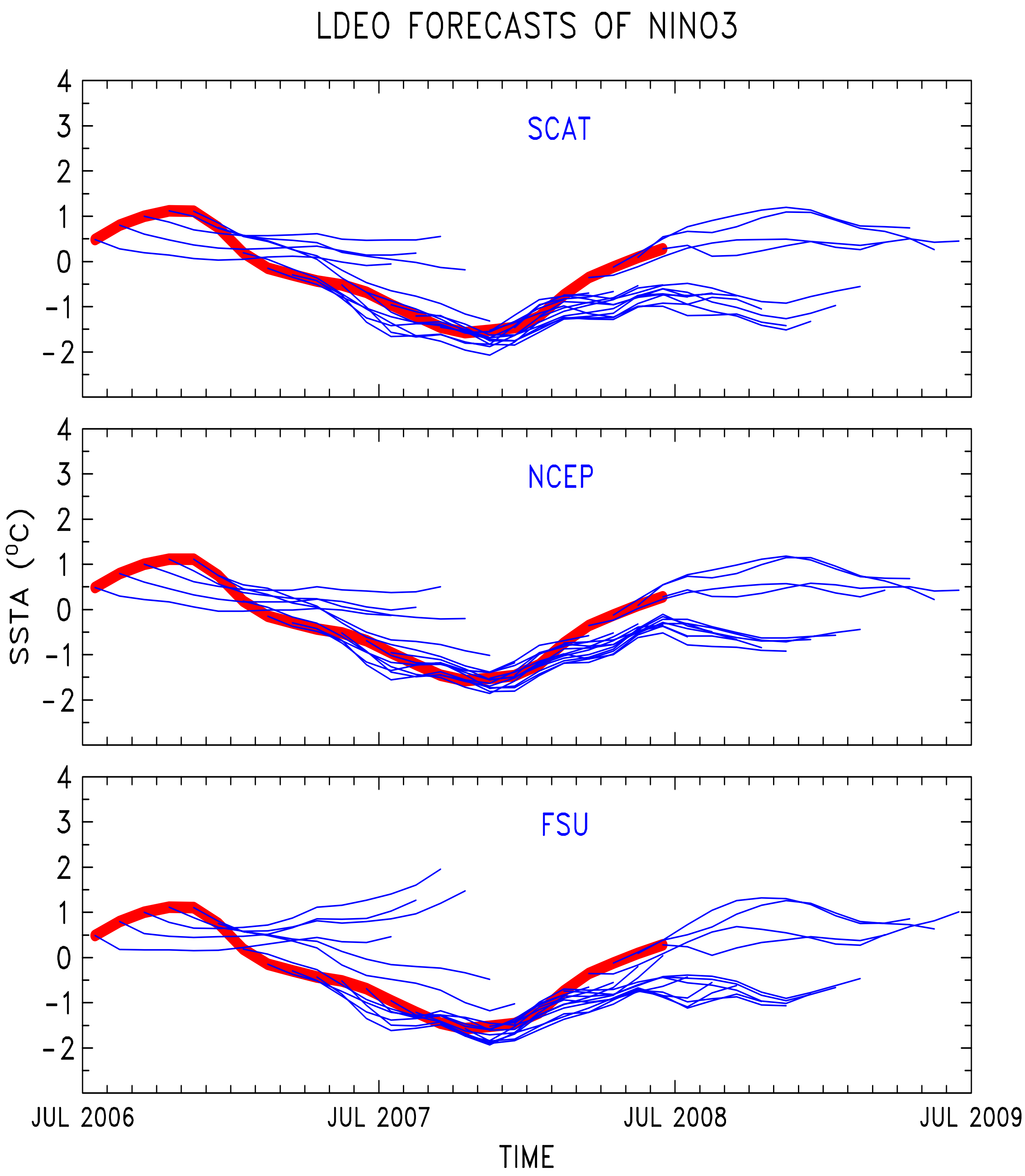


FIGURE F8. LDEO forecasts of SST anomalies for the Nino 3 region using wind stresses obtained from (top) QuikSCAT, (middle) NCEP, and (bottom) Florida State Univ. (FSU), along with SSTs (obtained from NCEP), and sea surface height data (obtained from TOPEX/POSEIDON) data. Each thin blue line represents a 12-month forecast, initialized one month apart for the past 24 months. Observed SST anomalies are indicated by the thick red line. The Nino-3 region spans the eastern equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 150W-90W.

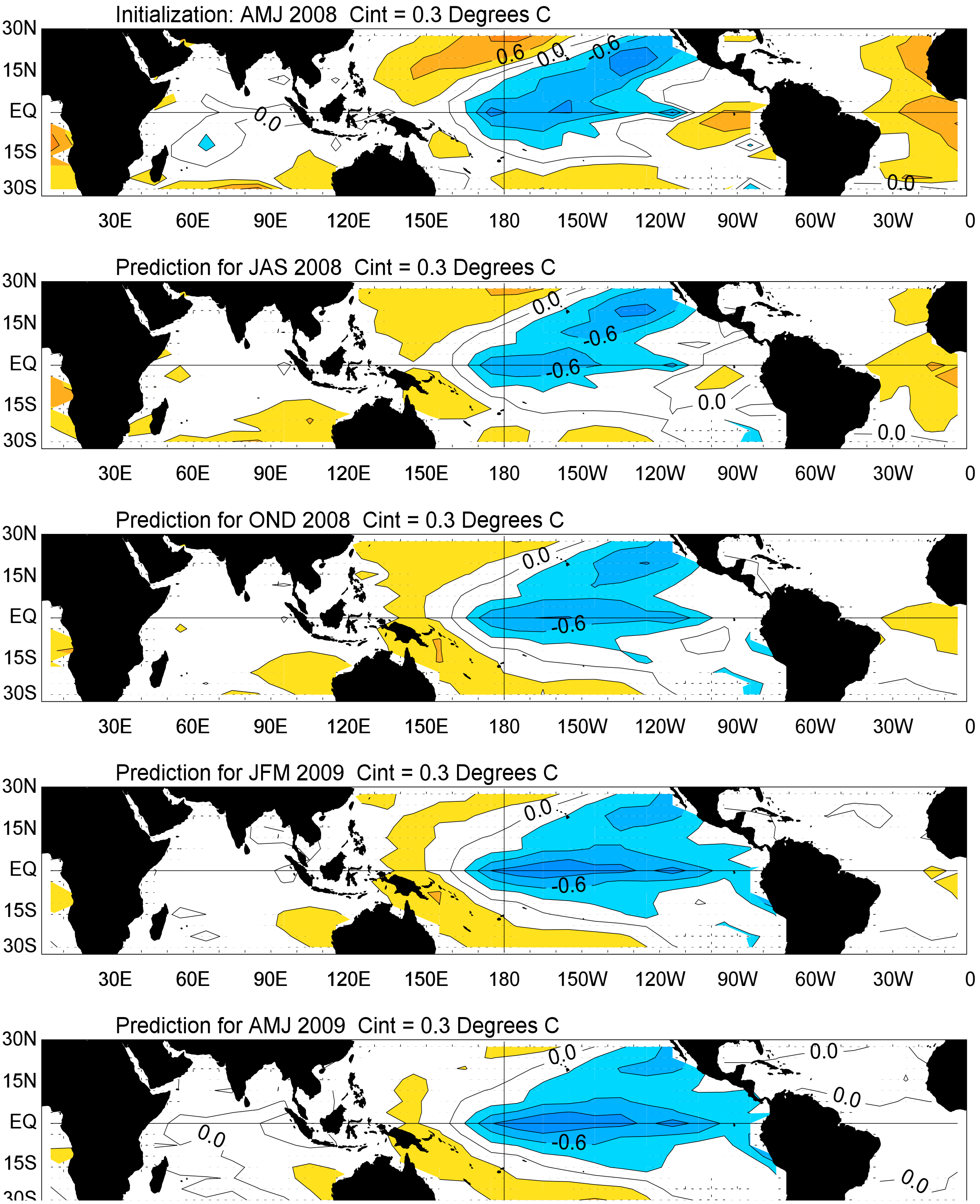


FIGURE F9. Forecast of tropical SST anomalies from the Linear Inverse Modeling technique of Penland and Magorian (1993: *J. Climate*, **6**, 1067-1076). The contour interval is 0.3C. Anomalies are calculated relative to the 1951-2000 climatology and are projected onto 20 leading EOFs.

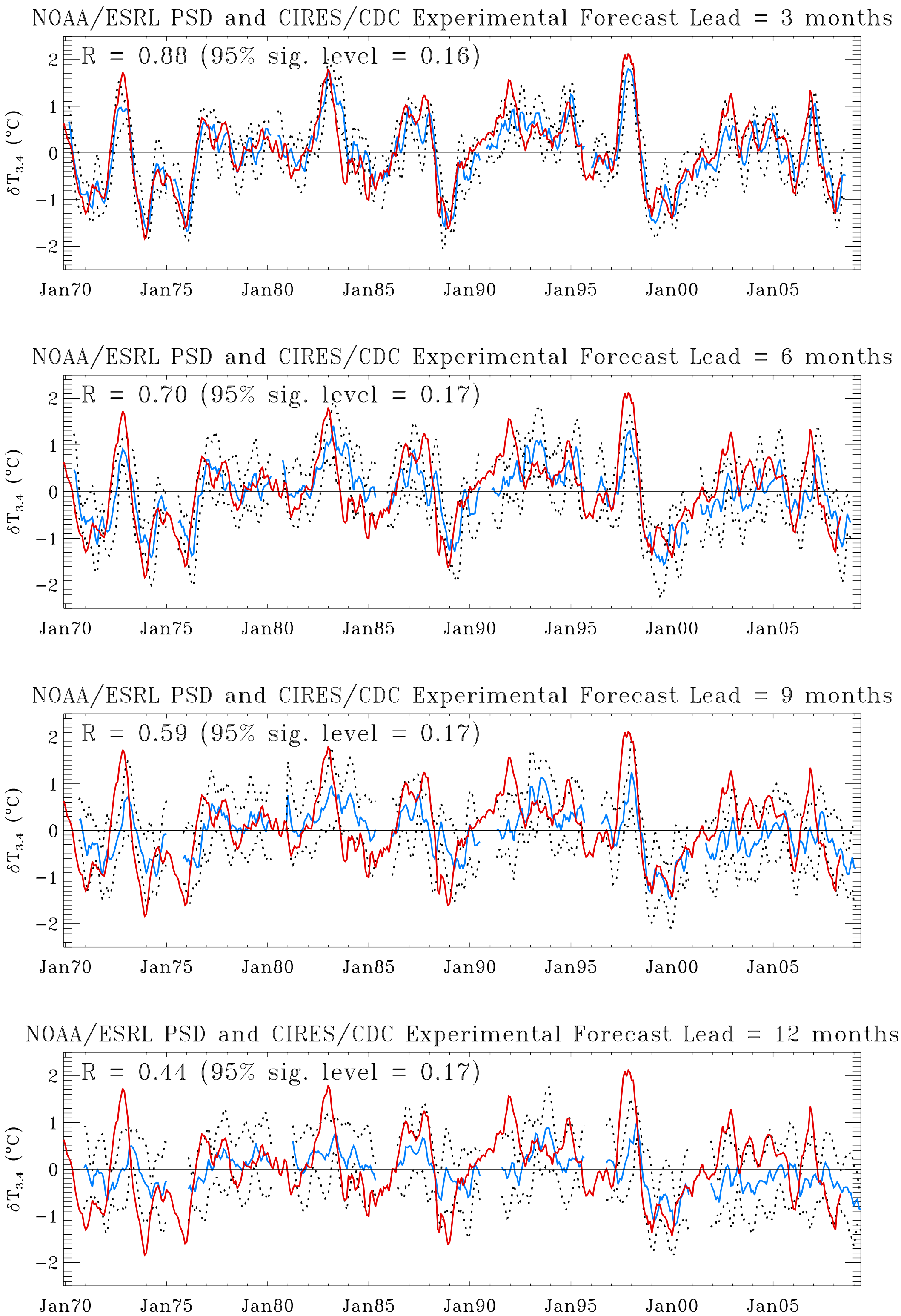


FIGURE F10. Predictions of SST anomalies in the Nino3.4 region (blue line) for leads of three months (top) to 12 months (bottom), from the Linear Inverse Modeling technique of Penland and Magorian (1993: *J. Climate*, **6**, 1067-1076). Observed SST anomalies are indicated by the red line. Anomalies are calculated relative to the 1951-2000 climatology and are projected onto 20 leading EOFs. The Nino 3.4 region spans the east-central equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 170W-120W.

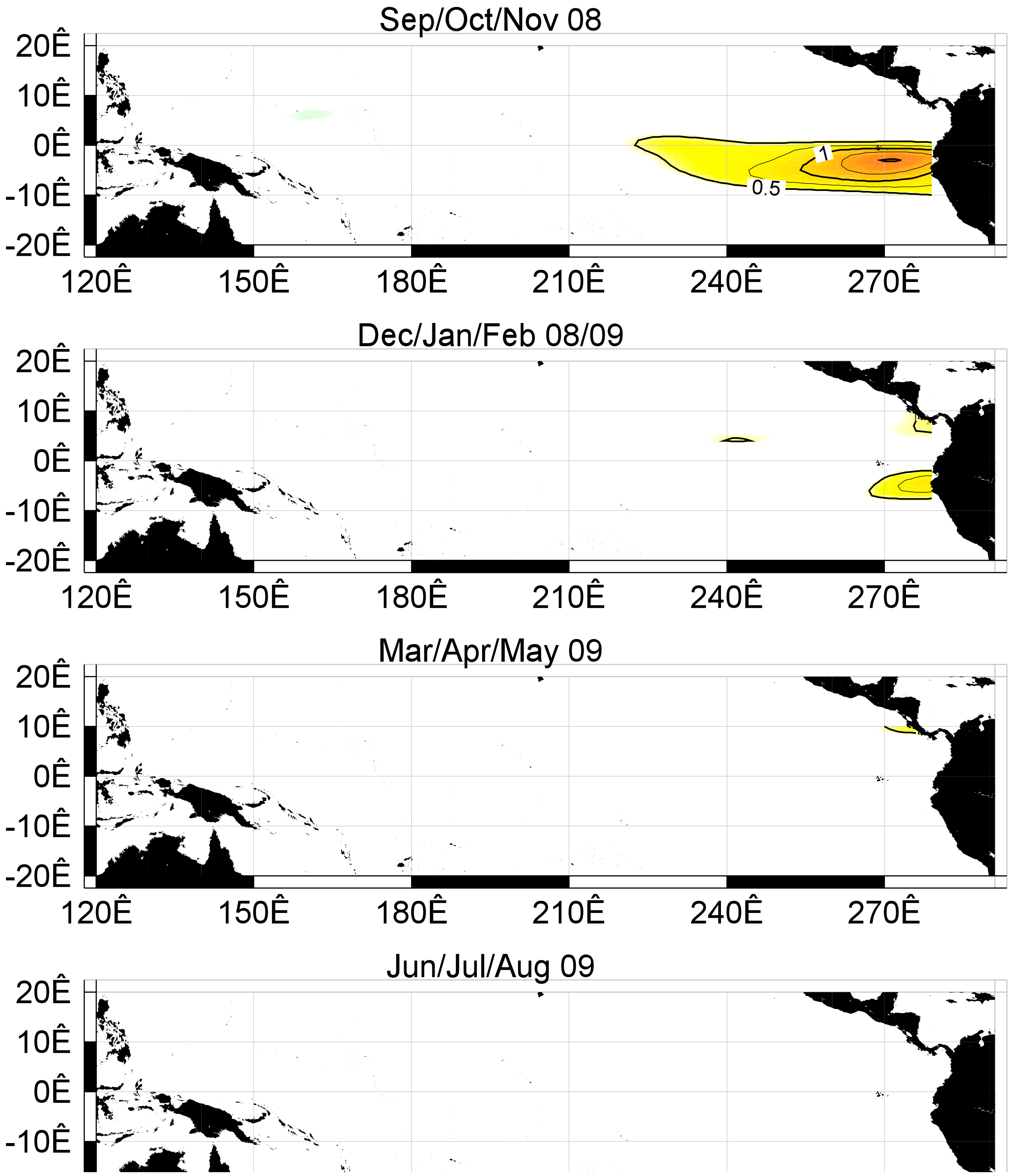


FIGURE F11. SST anomaly forecast for the equatorial Pacific from the Hybrid Coupled Model (HCM) developed by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the Max-Plank Institut fuer Meteorlogie.

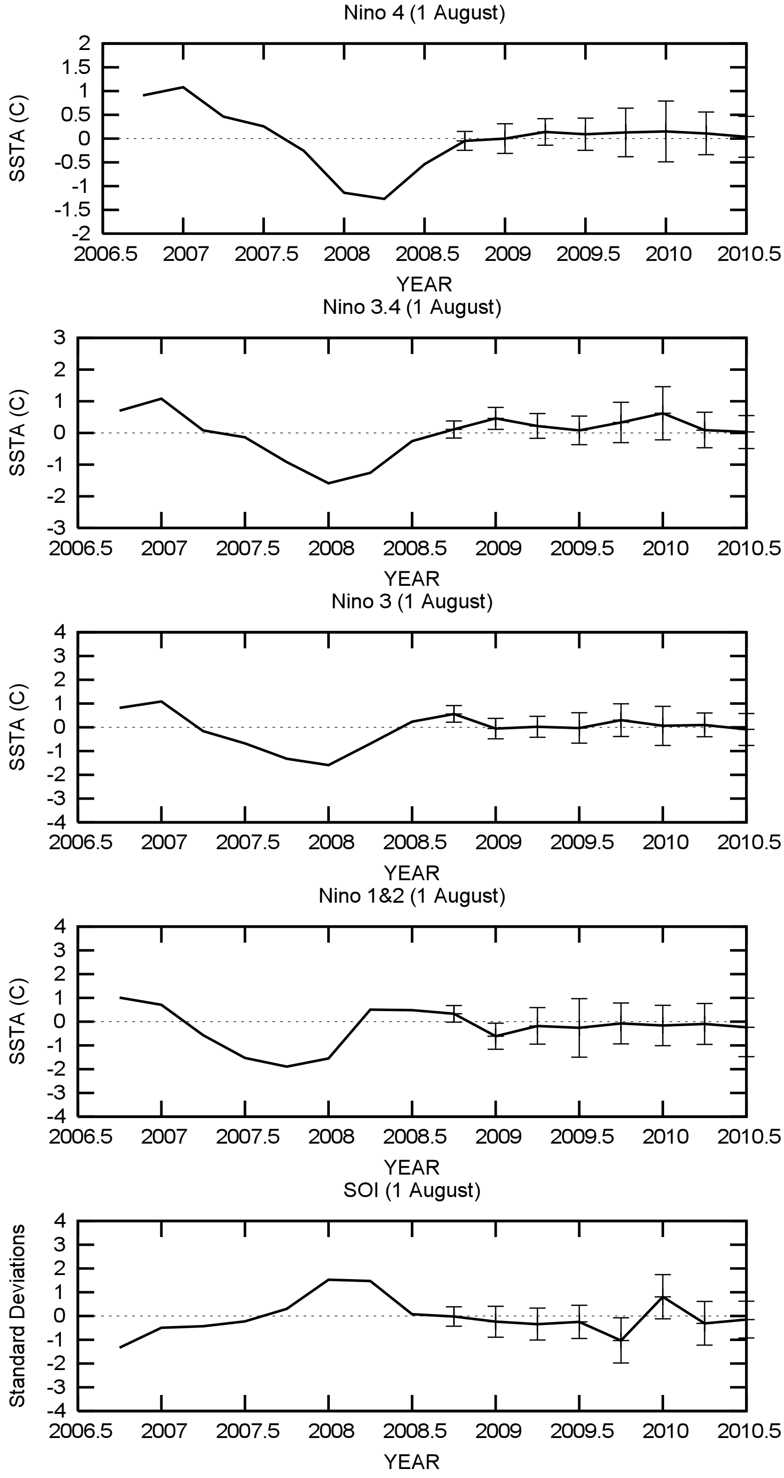


FIGURE F12. ENSO-CLIPER statistical model forecasts of three-month average sea surface temperature anomalies (green lines, deg. C) in (top panel) the Nino 4 region (5N-5S, 160E-150W), (second panel) the Nino 3.4 region (5N-5S, 170W-120W), (third panel) the Nino 3 region (5N-5S, 150W-90W), and (fourth panel) the Nino 1+2 region (0-10S, 90W-80W) (Knaff and Landsea 1997, *Wea. Forecasting*, **12**, 633-652). Bottom panel shows predictions of the three-month standardized Southern Oscillation Index (SOI, green line). Horizontal bars on green line indicate the adjusted root mean square error (RMSE). The Observed three-month average values are indicated by the thick blue line. SST anomalies are departures from the 1971-2000 base period means, and the SOI is calculated from the 1951-1980 base period means.

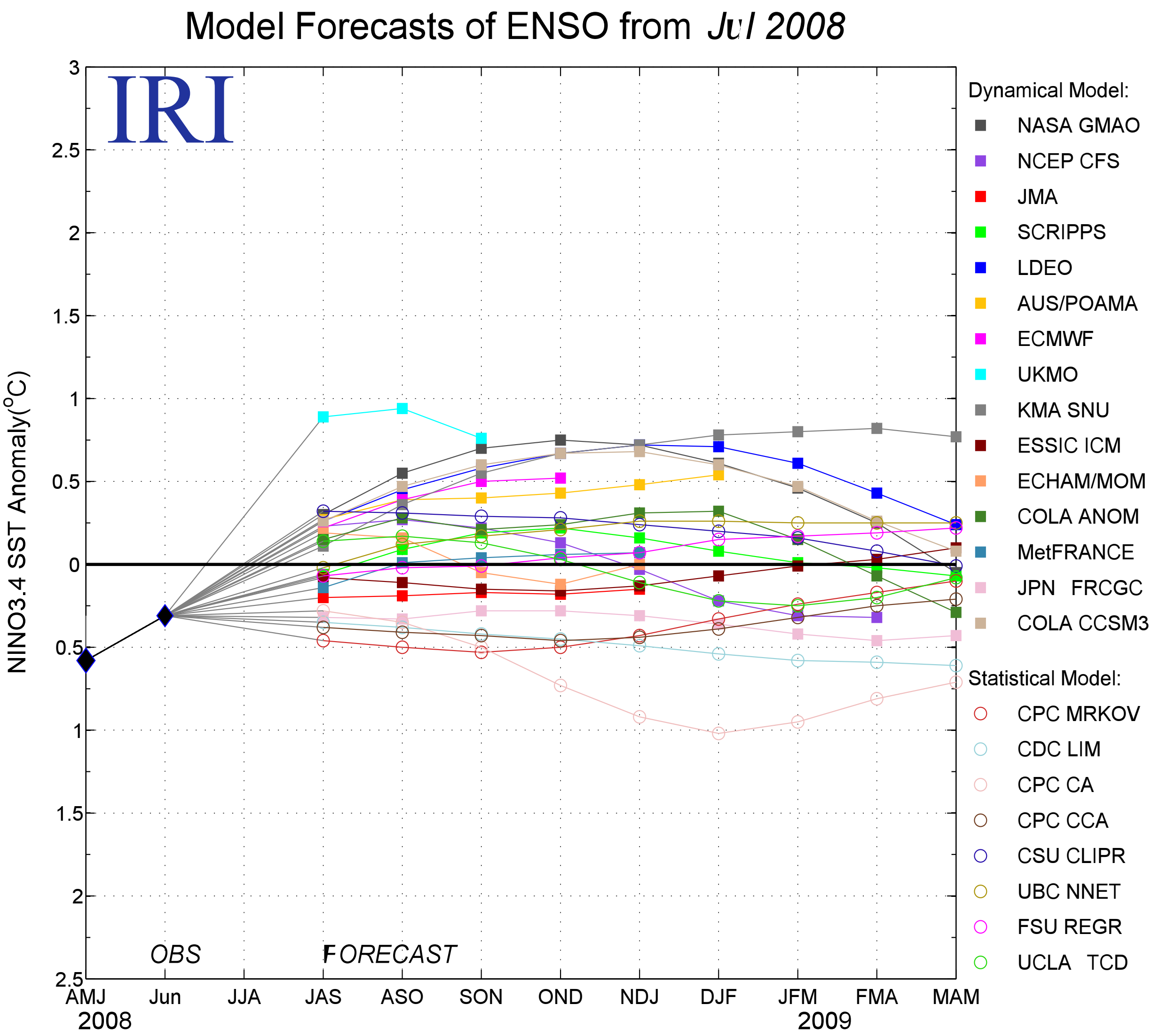


FIGURE F13. Time series of predicted sea surface temperature anomalies for the Nino 3.4 region (deg. C) from various dynamical and statistical models for nine overlapping 3-month periods. The Nino 3.4 region spans the east-central equatorial Pacific between 5N-5S, 170W-120W. Figure provided by the International Research Institute (IRI).

Extratropical Highlights – July 2008

1. Northern Hemisphere

The 500-hPa height pattern during July 2008 featured positive anomalies over the high latitudes of the central North Pacific, eastern Canada, and Greenland, and negative anomalies over Alaska, south-central Canada, and the eastern North Atlantic (**Fig. E9**). Over the central Pacific Ocean, the subtropical circulation at 200-hPa reflected a lingering La Niña signal, with cyclonic anomalies in both hemispheres flanking the suppressed convection over the central equatorial Pacific (**Fig. T22**).

The main surface temperature departures during July reflected warmer than average conditions in the southwestern U.S., eastern Canada, and portions of Europe, and below-average temperatures in Alaska and extreme western Canada (**Fig. E1**). The main precipitation anomalies included above average totals in the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions of the U.S. (**Fig. E5**), portions of northern and eastern Europe, and eastern China, and below-average totals in the Pacific Northwest U.S. (**Fig. E3**).

a. North Pacific/ North America

Even though La Niña has dissipated, as measured by the Niño 3.4 SST index, there remained a complete disappearance of tropical convection from the central equatorial Pacific (**Fig. T25**). Impacts from this anomalous convection continued to be reflected in cyclonic streamfunction anomalies over the central subtropical Pacific of both hemispheres (**Fig. T22**).

The 500-hPa height pattern during July featured amplified troughs over Alaska and eastern North America, and a persistent ridge over the southwestern US. This overall pattern was associated with a continuation of below-average precipitation in northern California and the Pacific Northwest (**Fig. E5**). In northern California many locations have recorded almost no rainfall since late March, which set the stage for numerous (1781) uncontrolled wildfires that burned over 702,000 acres during June and early July.

In contrast the Midwest and Great Lakes regions of the U.S. recorded above-average precipitation during July. Both regions have seen well above-average precipitation since February (**Fig. E5**).

b. Southeastern China

In China, the eastern flank of the normal Asian monsoon ridge at 200-hPa was weaker than average for the second straight month (**Fig. T22**). This pattern has favored well above-average precipitation, with totals during both June and July in the upper 90th percentile of occurrences.

2. Southern Hemisphere

The 500-hPa height field during July featured large areas of above-average heights centered south of both New Zealand and South Africa, and below-average heights located over the eastern South Pacific and over the central South Atlantic and Indian Oceans (**Fig. E15**). In the subtropics, ongoing positive 200-hPa streamfunction anomalies over the central Pacific Ocean indicated an anomalous cyclonic circulation consistent with a lingering La Niña signal (**Fig. T22**).

The main surface temperature anomalies during July reflected exceptionally warm conditions over central South America, where departures exceeded the 90^{th} percentile of occurrences (**Fig. E1**). This region was situated downstream of the mean upper-level trough, and also experienced anomalous poleward flow at 850-hPa (**Fig. T20**). These conditions were associated with a poleward shift of the mean cold frontal boundary, and with an anomalous southward incursion of mild air into central South America.

TELECONNECTION INDICES

NORTH ATLANTIC NORTH PACIFIC EURASIA

MONTH	NAO	EA	WP	EP-NP	PNA	TNH	EATL/ WRUS	SCAND	POLEUR
JUL 08	-1.3	1.6	-0.6	-1.0	-0.1	---	0.2	1.1	-0.2
JUN 08	-1.4	1.0	-0.5	-0.6	-1.8	---	-0.3	-0.6	0.4
MAY 08	-1.7	-0.6	-1.2	0.4	1.3	---	0.7	0.4	-0.1
APR 08	-1.1	1.2	0.1	-0.3	-1.0	---	-0.2	0.1	-0.7
MAR 08	0.1	0.4	-1.4	-1.4	-0.3	---	-0.4	-2.0	-0.3
FEB 08	0.7	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.5	1.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.2
JAN 08	0.9	0.3	1.2	-1.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.5
DEC 07	0.3	0.3	0.5	---	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.2	-0.5
NOV 07	0.6	-1.7	-0.1	0.8	0.7	---	-0.3	-1.1	-0.7
OCT 07	0.4	0.1	0.1	-2.3	0.6	---	-1.4	-0.4	-1.2
SEP 07	0.7	-0.3	1.3	-2.0	1.9	---	-0.9	-0.5	1.4
AUG 07	-0.1	0.7	-0.3	-1.5	2.0	---	-1.6	-0.4	2.0
JUL 07	-0.6	0.6	-0.7	0.4	2.2	---	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3

TABLE E1-Standardized amplitudes of selected Northern Hemisphere teleconnection patterns for the most recent thirteen months (computational procedures are described in Fig. E7). Pattern names and abbreviations are North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO); East Atlantic pattern (EA);West Pacific pattern (WP); East Pacific - North Pacific pattern (EP-NP); Pacific/North American pattern (PNA); Tropical/Northern Hemisphere pattern (TNH);East Atlantic/Western Russia pattern (EATL/WRUS-called Eurasia-2 pattern by Barnston and Livezey, 1987, *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, **115**, 1083-1126); Scandanavia pattern (SCAND-called Eurasia-1 pattern by Barnston and Livezey 1987); and Polar Eurasia pattern (POLEUR). No value is plotted for calendar months in which the pattern does not appear as a leading mode.

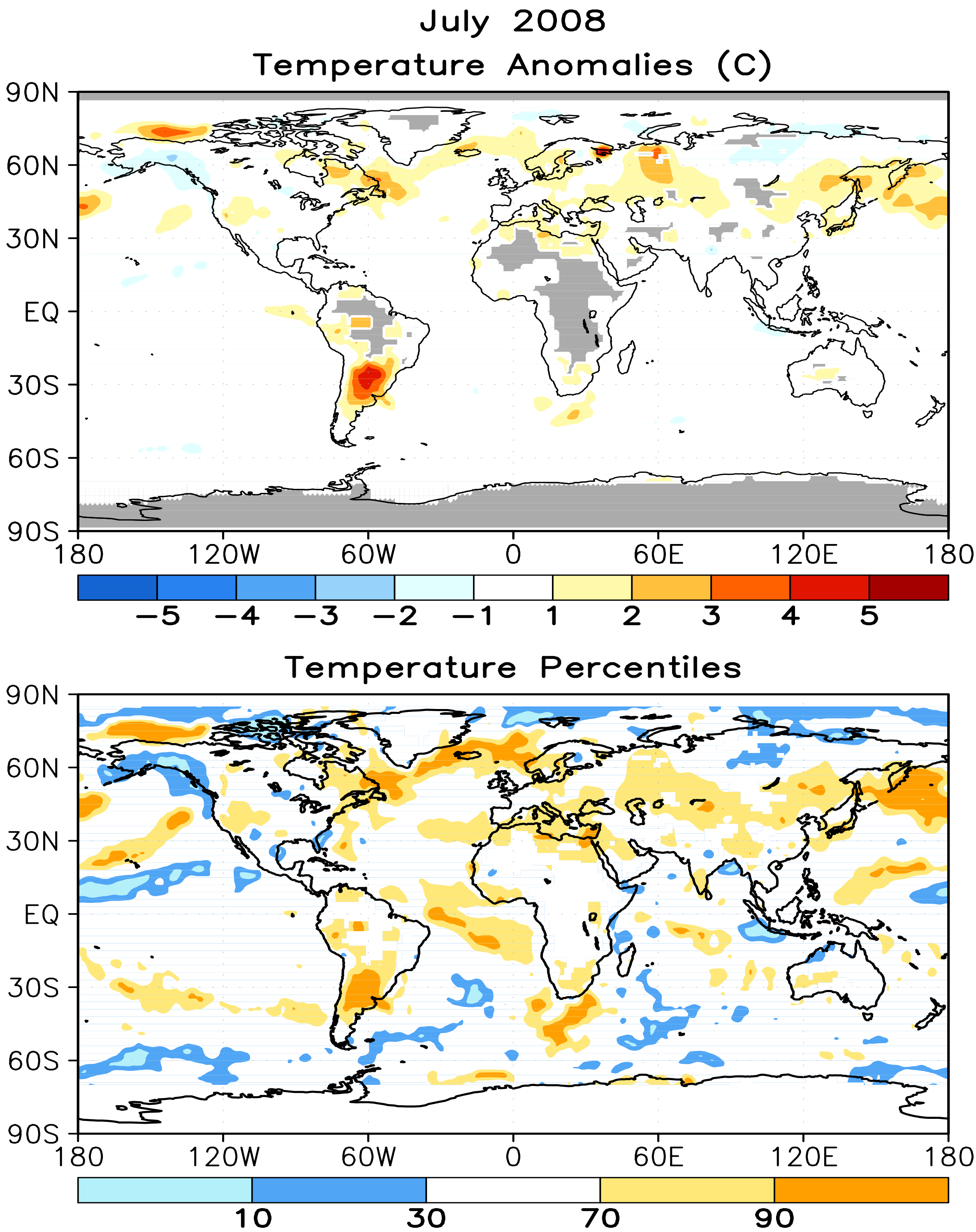


FIGURE E1. Surface temperature anomalies (°C, top) and surface temperature expressed as percentiles of the normal (Gaussian) distribution fit to the 1971–2000 base period data (bottom) for JUL 2008. Analysis is based on station data over land and on SST data over the oceans (top). Anomalies for station data are departures from the 1971–2000 base period means, while SST anomalies are departures from the 1971–2000 adjusted OI climatology. (Smith and Reynolds 1998, *J. Climate*, **11**, 3320-3323). Regions with insufficient data for analysis in both figures are indicated by shading in the top figure only.

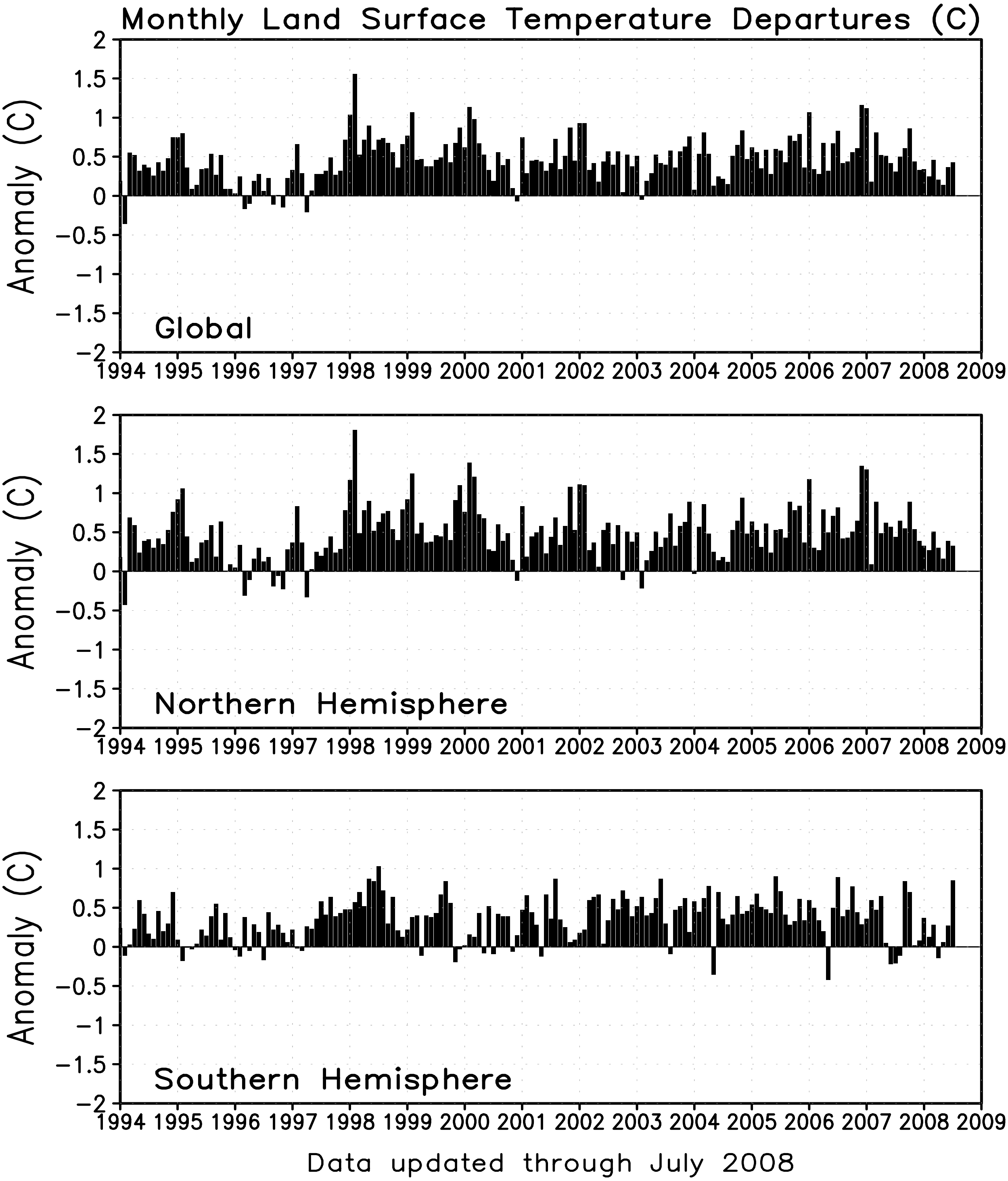


FIGURE E2. Monthly global (top), Northern Hemisphere (middle), and Southern Hemisphere (bottom) surface temperature anomalies (land only, ˚C) from January 1990 - present, computed as departures from the 1971–2000 base period means.

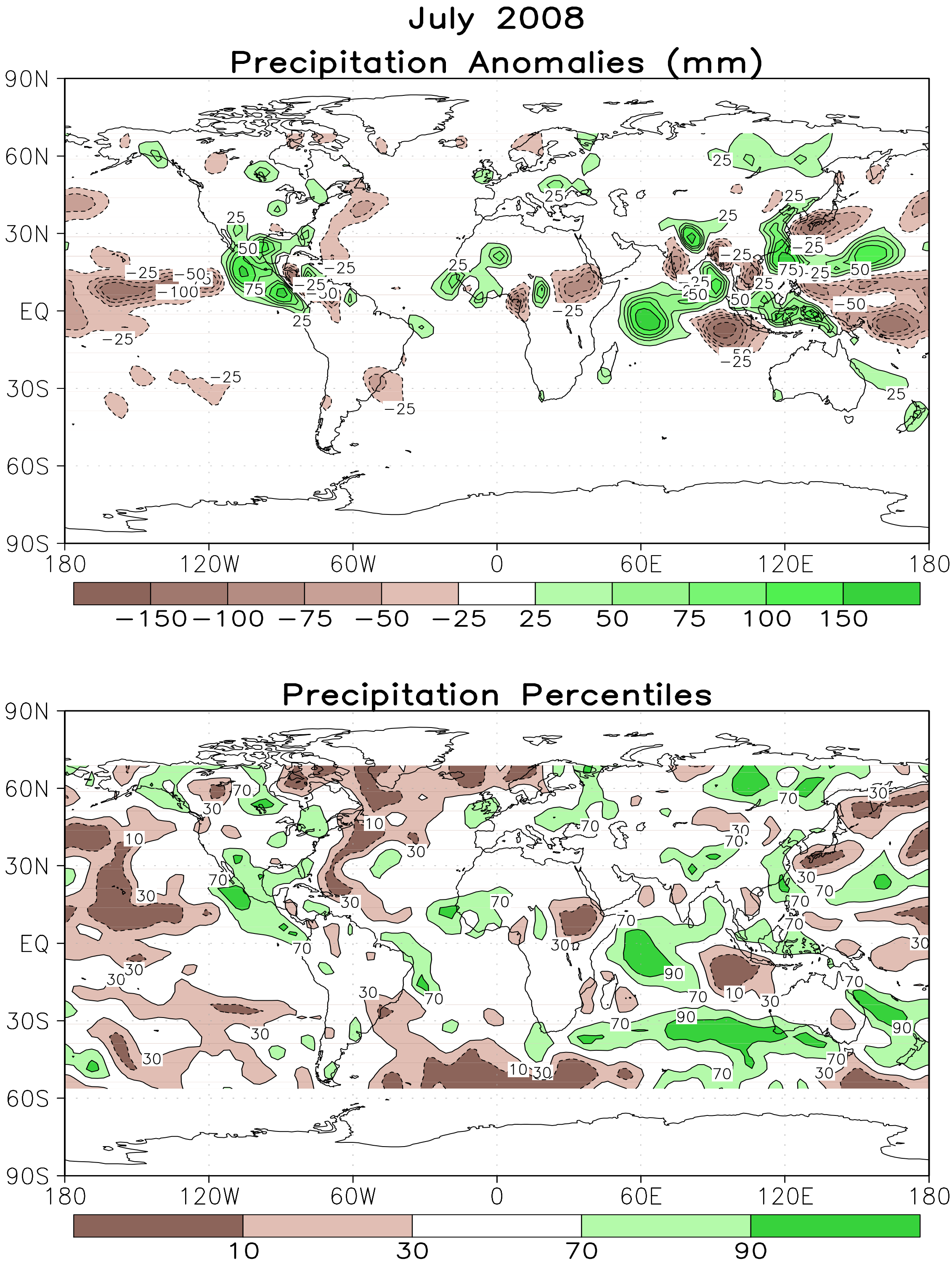


FIGURE E3. Anomalous precipitation (mm, top) and precipitation percentiles based on a Gamma distribution fit to the 1979–2000 base period data (bottom) for JUL 2008. Data are obtained from a merge of raingauge observations and satellite-derived precipitation estimates (Janowiak and Xie 1999, *J. Climate*, **12**, 3335–3342). Contours are drawn at 200, 100, 50, 25, -25, -50, -100, and -200 mm in top panel. Percentiles are not plotted in regions where mean monthly precipitation is <5mm/month.

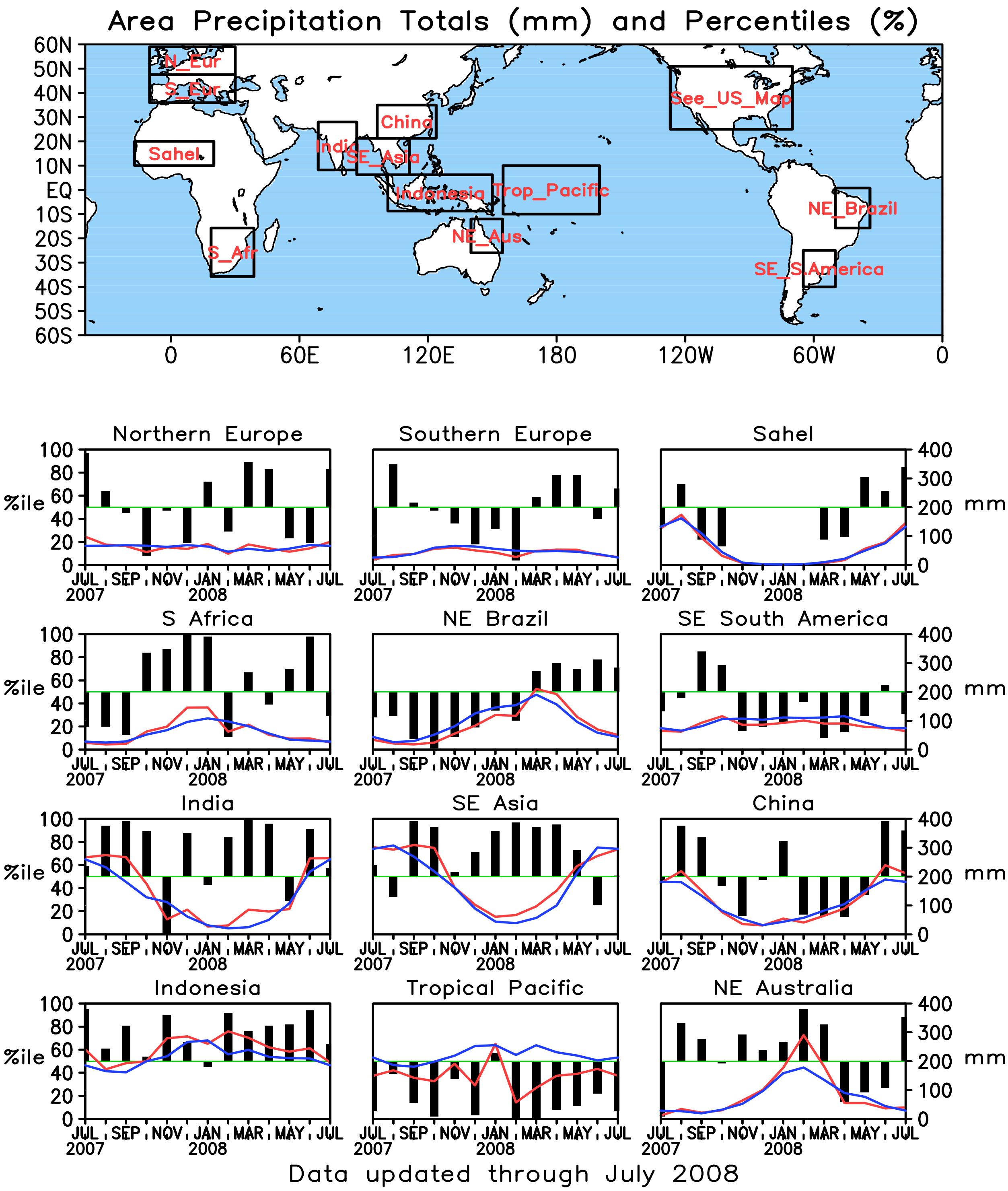
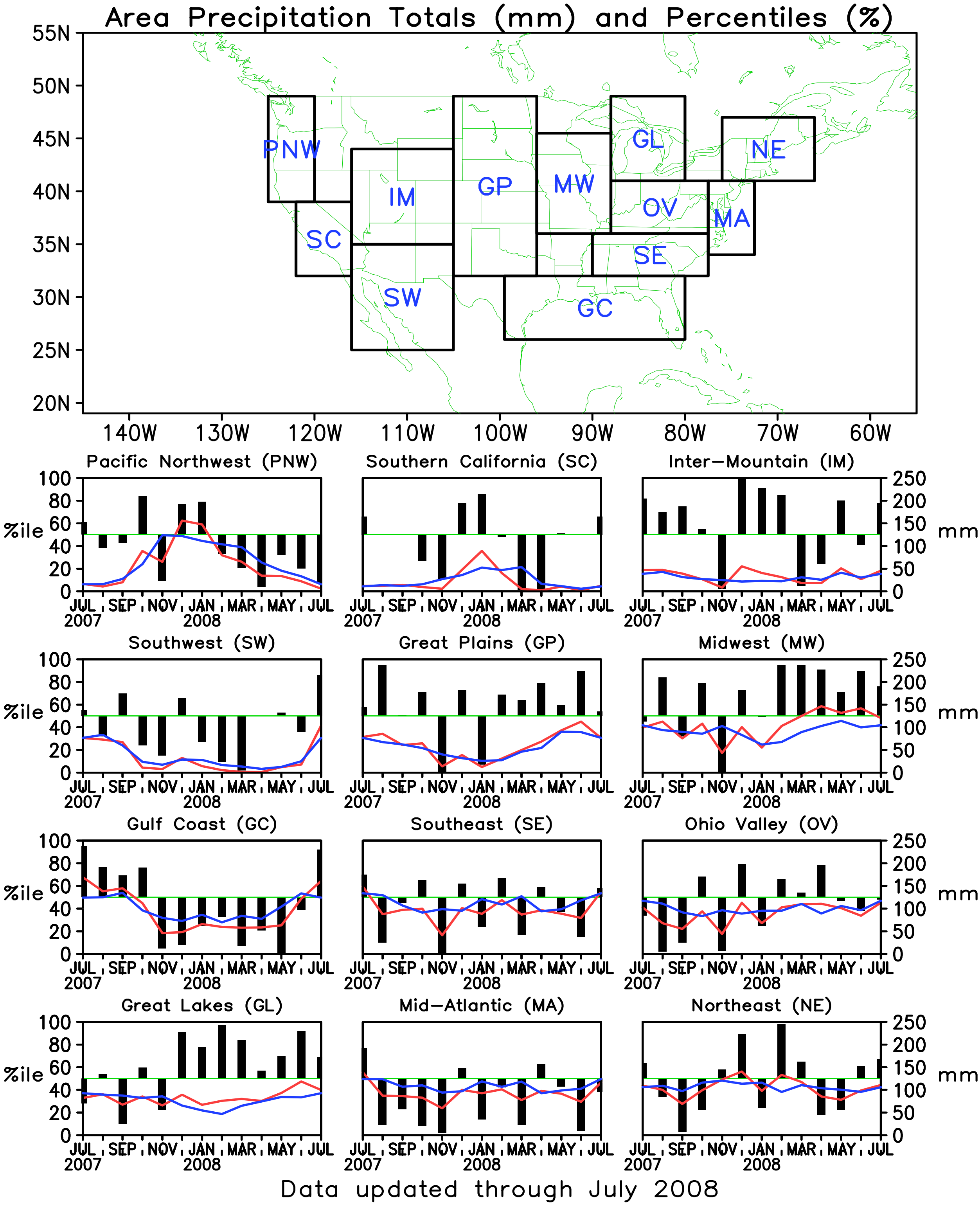


FIGURE E4. Areal estimates of monthly mean precipitation amounts (mm, solid lines) and precipitation percentiles (%, bars) for the most recent 13 months obtained from a merge of raingauge observations and satellite-derived precipitation estimates (Janowiak and Xie 1999, *J. Climate*, **12**, 3335–3342). The monthly precipitation climatology (mm, dashed lines) is from the 1979–2000 base period monthly means. Monthly percentiles are not shown if the monthly mean is less than 5 mm.



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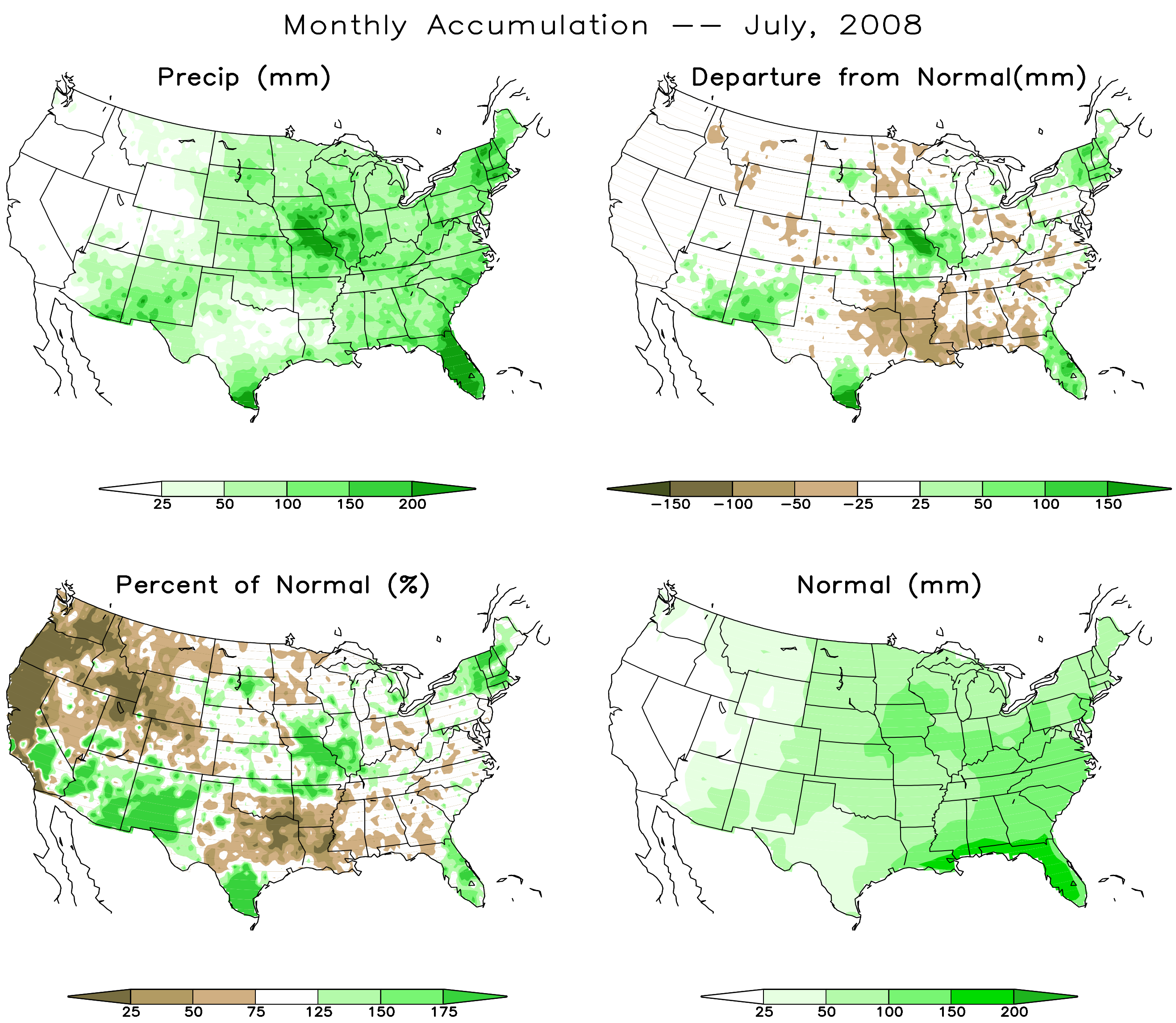


FIGURE E6. Observed precipitation (upper left), departure from average (upper right), percent of average (lower left), and average precipitation (lower right) for JUL 2008. The units are given on each panel. Base period for averages is 1971–2000. Results are based on CPC's U. S. daily precipitation analysis, which is available at http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/prodcuts/precip/realtime.

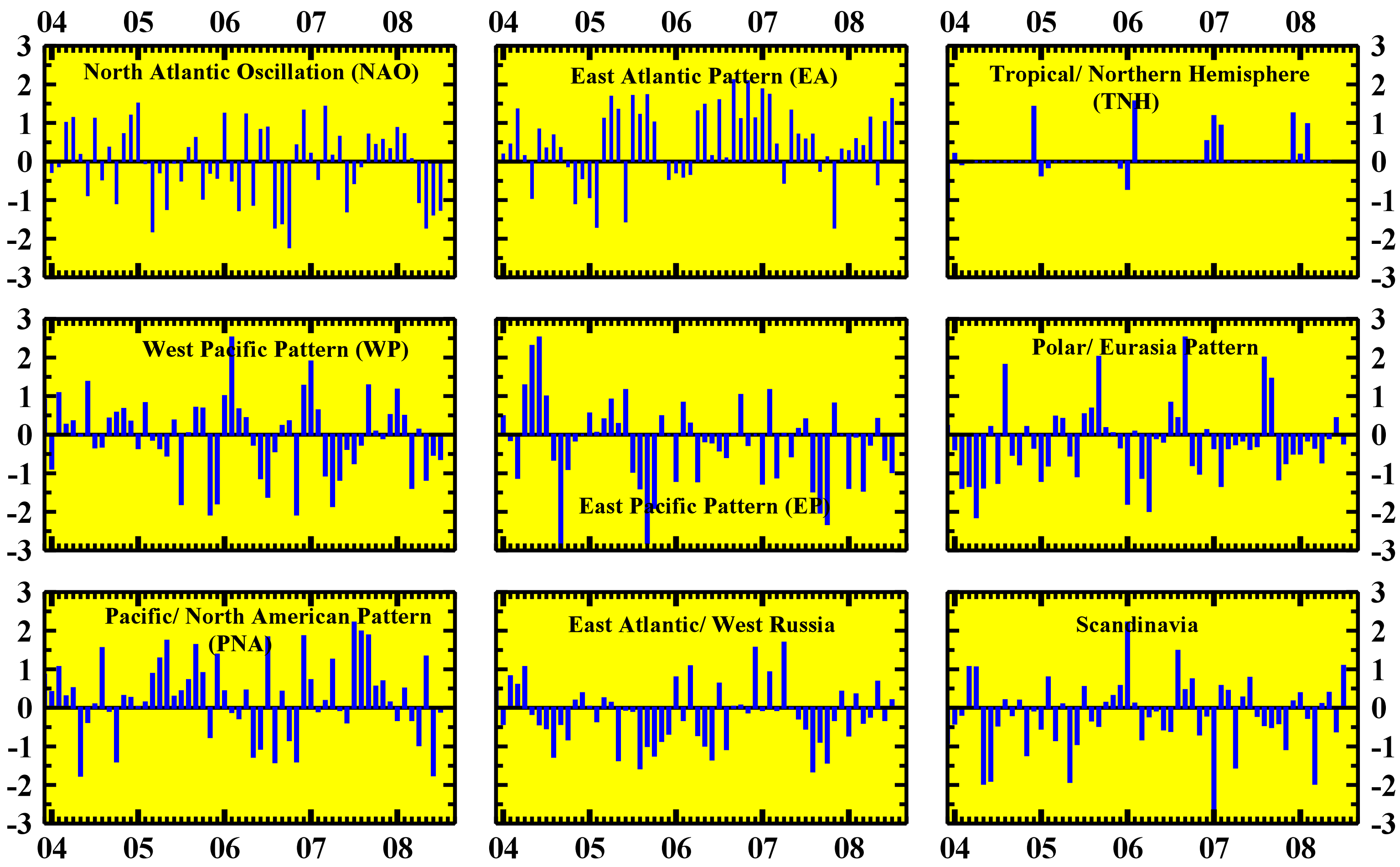


FIGURE E7. Standardized monthly Northern Hemisphere teleconnection indices. The teleconnection patterns are calculated from a Rotated Principal Component Analysis (RPCA) applied to monthly standardized 500-hPa height anomalies during January 1950 – December 2000. To obtain these patterns, ten leading un-rotated modes are first calculated for each calendar month by using the monthly height anomaly fields for the three-month period centered on that month: [i.e., The July modes are calculated from the June, July, and August standardized monthly anomalies]. A Varimax spatial rotation of the ten leading un-rotated modes for each calendar month results in 120 rotated modes (12 months x 10 modes per month) that yield ten primary teleconnection patterns.The teleconnection indices are calculated by first projecting the standardized monthly anomalies onto the teleconnection patterns corresponding to that month (eight or nine teleconnection patterns are seen in each calendar month). The indices are then solved for simultaneously using a Least-Squares approach. In this approach, the indices are the solution to the Least-Squares system of equations which explains the maximum spatial structure of the observed height anomaly field during the month. The indices are then standardized for each pattern and calendar month independently. No index value exists when the teleconnection pattern does not appear as one of the ten leading rotated EOF's valid for that month.

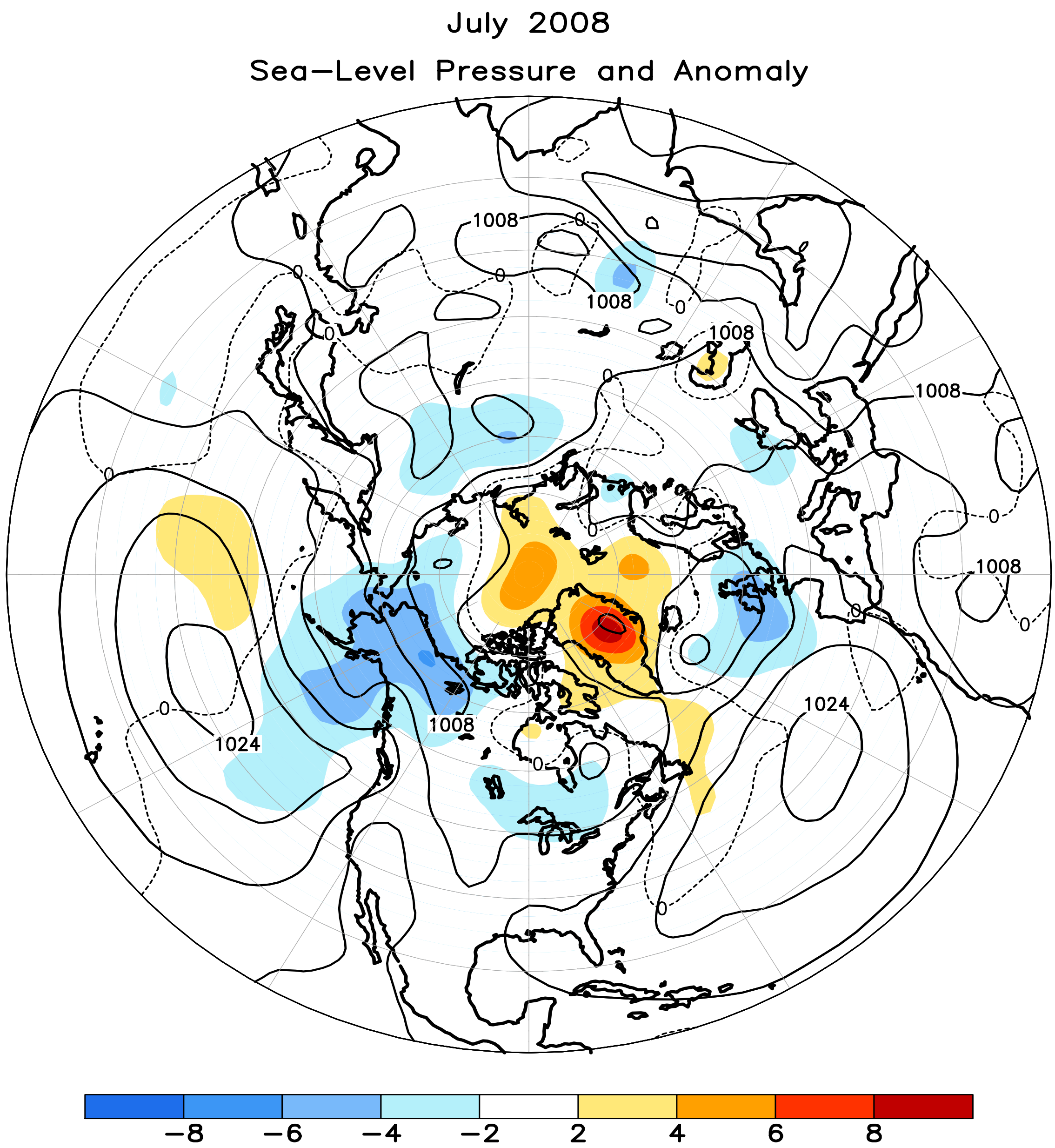


FIGURE E8. Northern Hemisphere mean and anomalous sea level pressure (CDAS/Reanalysis) for JUL 2008. Mean values are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 4 hPa. Anomaly contour interval is 2 hPa with values less (greater) than -2 hPa (2 hPa) indicated by dark (light) shading. Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1979-95 base period monthly means.

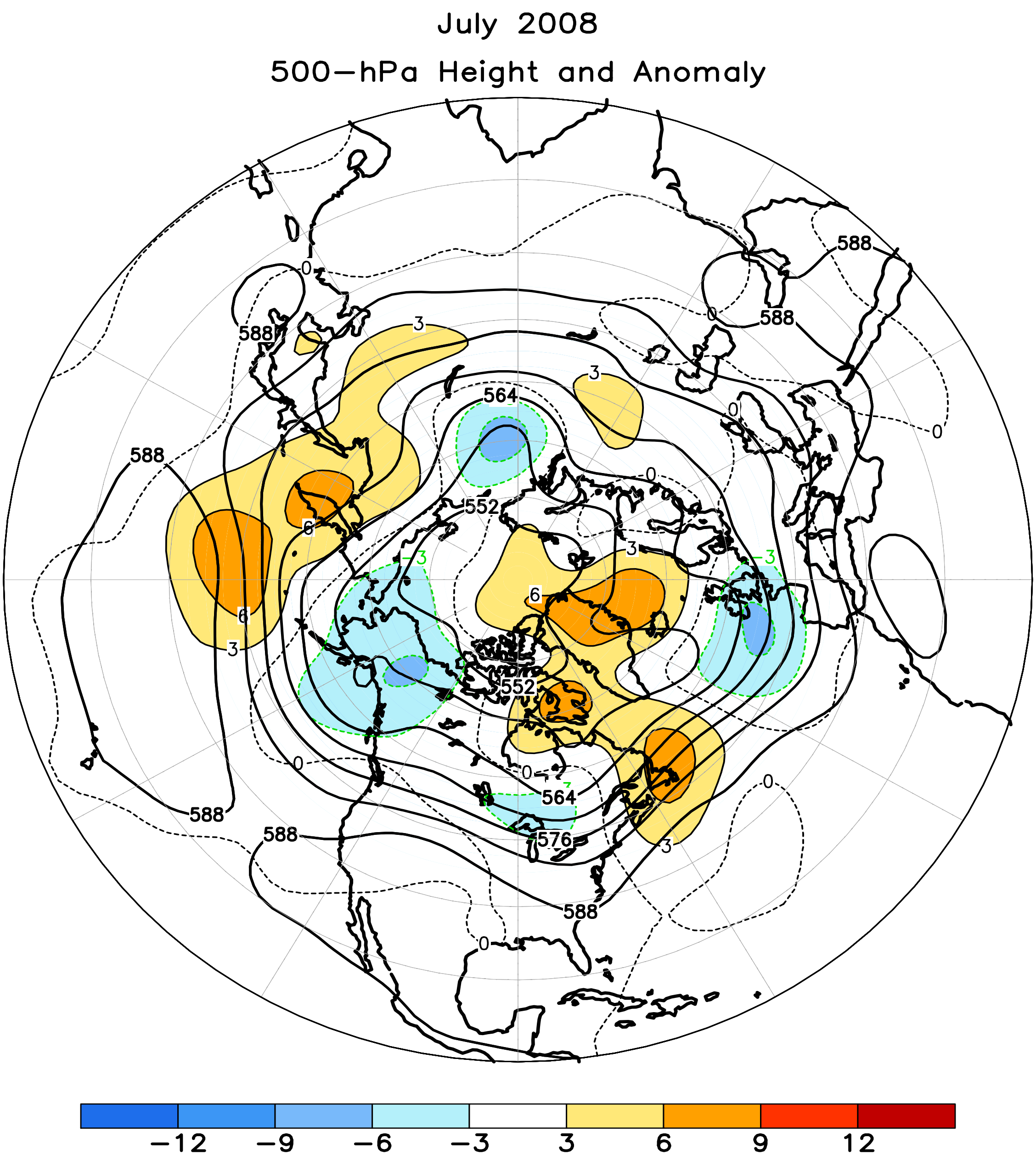
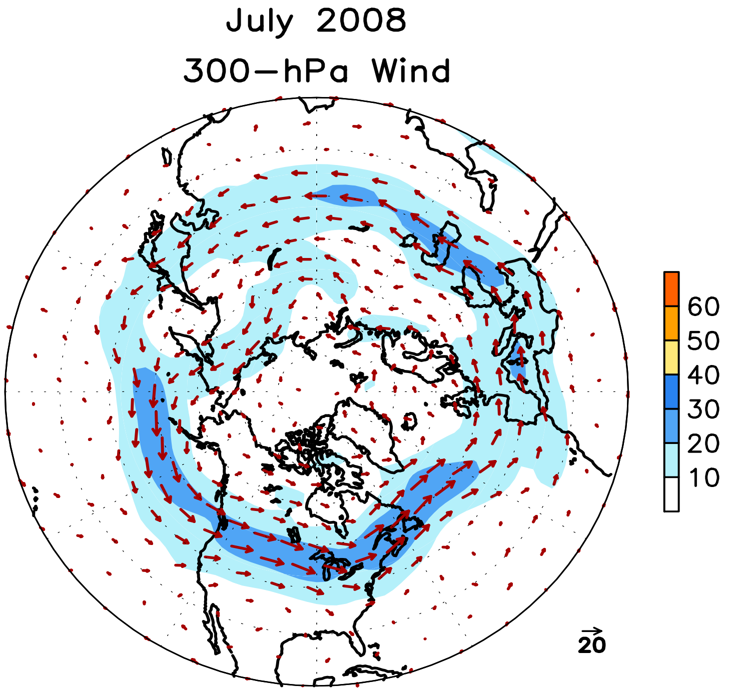


FIGURE E9. Northern Hemisphere mean and anomalous 500-hPa geopotential height (CDAS/Reanalysis) for JUL 2008. Mean heights are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 6 dam. Anomaly contour interval is 3 dam with values less (greater) than -3 dam (3 dam) indicated by dark (light) shading. Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1979-95 base period monthly means.



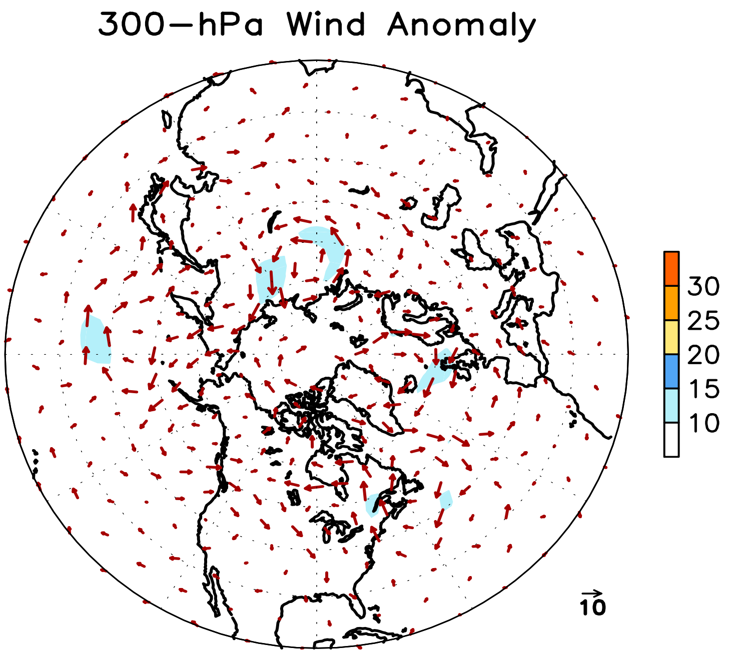


FIGURE E10. Northern Hemisphere mean (left) and anomalous (right) 300-hPa vector wind (CDAS/Reanalysis) for JUL 2008. Mean (anomaly) isotach contour interval is 10 (5) ms^{-1}. Values greater than 30 ms^{-1} (left) and 10 ms^{-1} (rights) are shaded. Anomalies are departures from the 1979-95 base period monthly means.

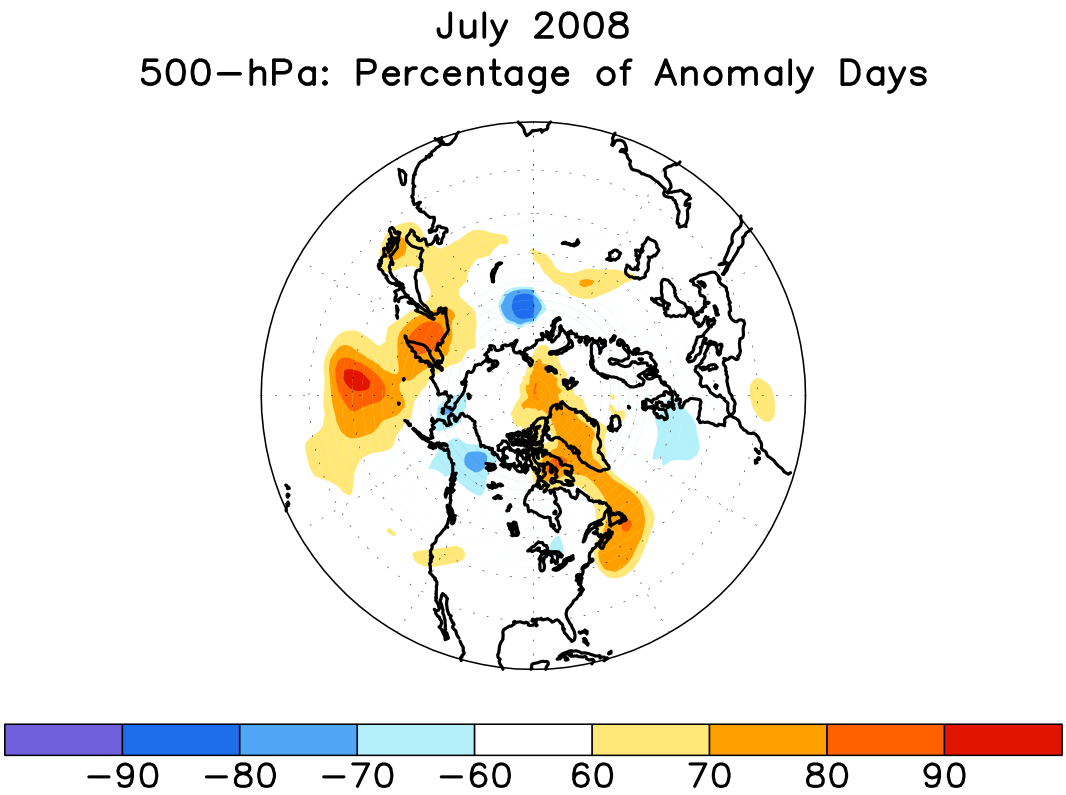


FIGURE E11. Northern Hemisphere percentage of days during JUL 2008 in which 500-hPa height anomalies greater than 15 m (red) and less than -15 m (blue) were observed. Values greater than 70% are shaded and contour interval is 20%.

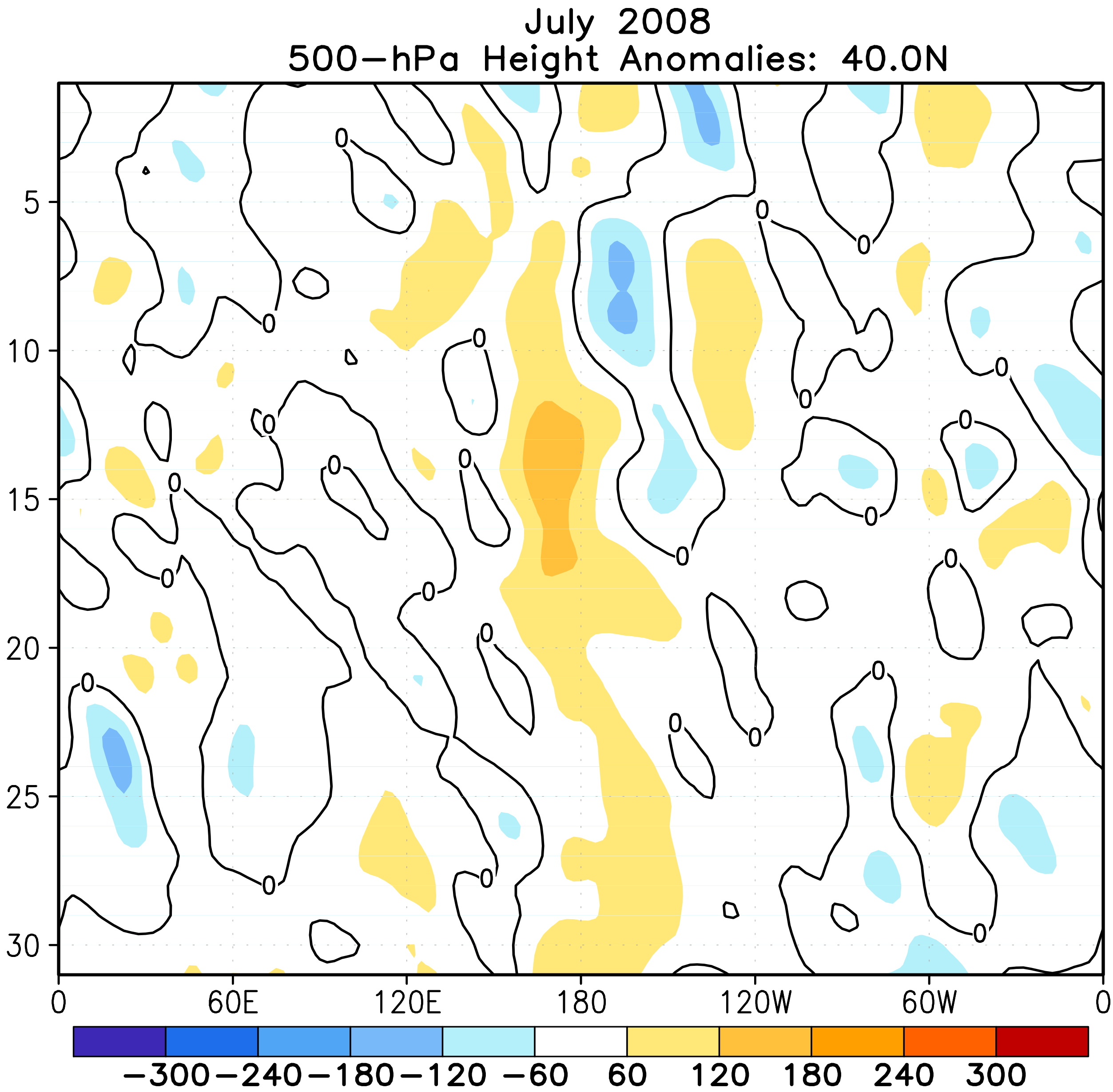


FIGURE E12. Northern Hemisphere: Daily 500-hPa height anomalies for JUL 2008 averaged over the 5° latitude band centered on 40°N. Positive values are indicated by solid contours and dark shading. Negative values are indicated by dashed coutours and light shading. Contour interval is 60 m. Anomalies are departures from the 1979-95 base period daily means.

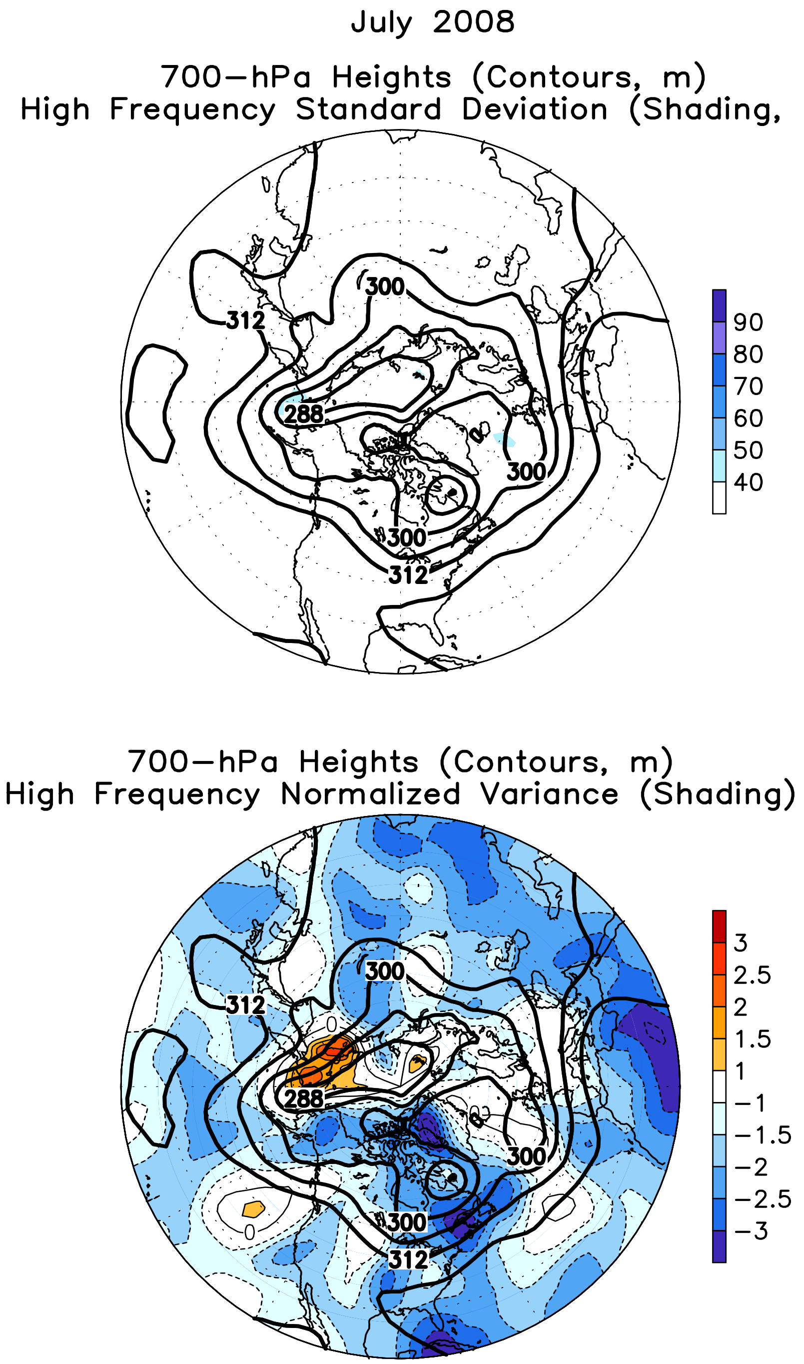


FIGURE E13. Northern Hemisphere: 700-hPa heights for JUL 2008 overlaid with standard deviation of high-pass filtered height (left) and normalized anomalous variance of high-pass filtered height (right). Heights are indicated by thick solid contours in both panels (interval is 60 m). High-pass filtered fields reflect fluctuations having periods less than 10 days, and are indicated by thin contours and shading. Contour interval for standard deviation is 15 m with values > 45 m shaded. Contour interval for normalized variance is 1 standard deviation, with positive values shown by solid contours and dark shading and negative values shown by dashed contours and light shading. Anomalies are departures from the 1964-93 base period monthly means.

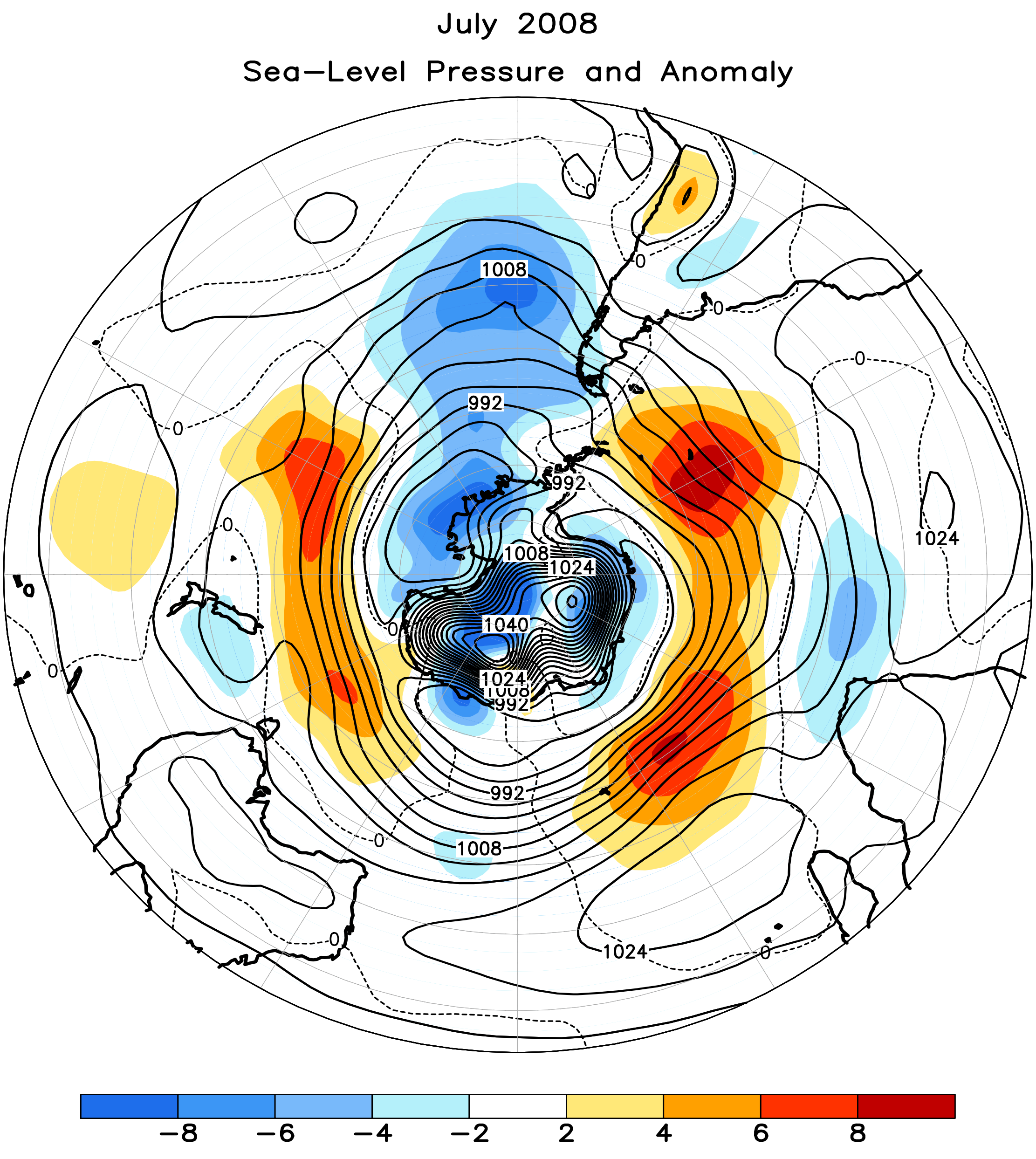
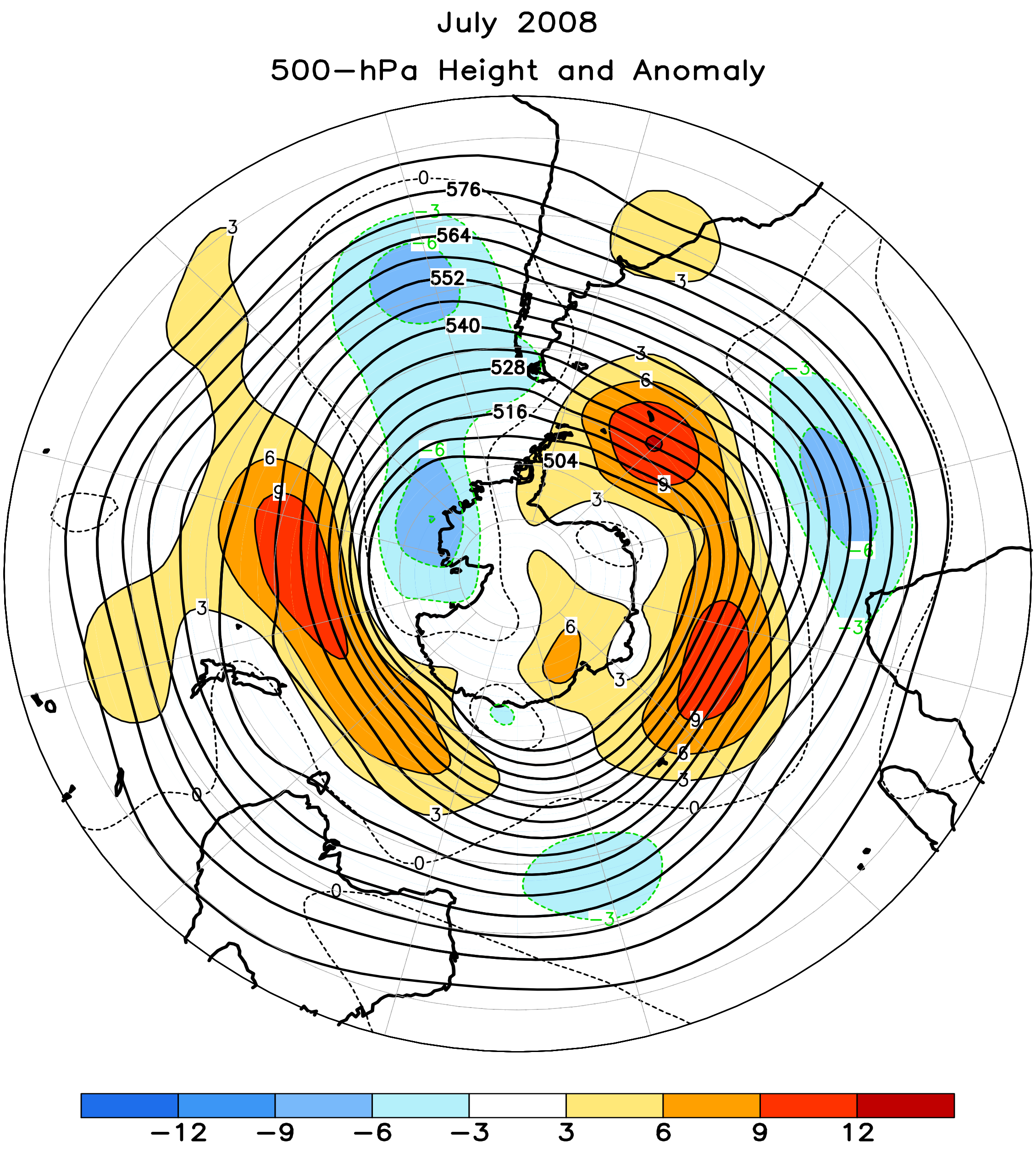


FIGURE E14. Southern Hemisphere mean and anomalous sea level pressure(CDAS/Reanalysis) for JUL 2008. Mean values are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 4 hPa. Anomaly contour interval is 2 hPa with values less (greater) than -2 hPa (2 hPa) indicated by dark (light) shading. Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1979-95 base period monthly means.



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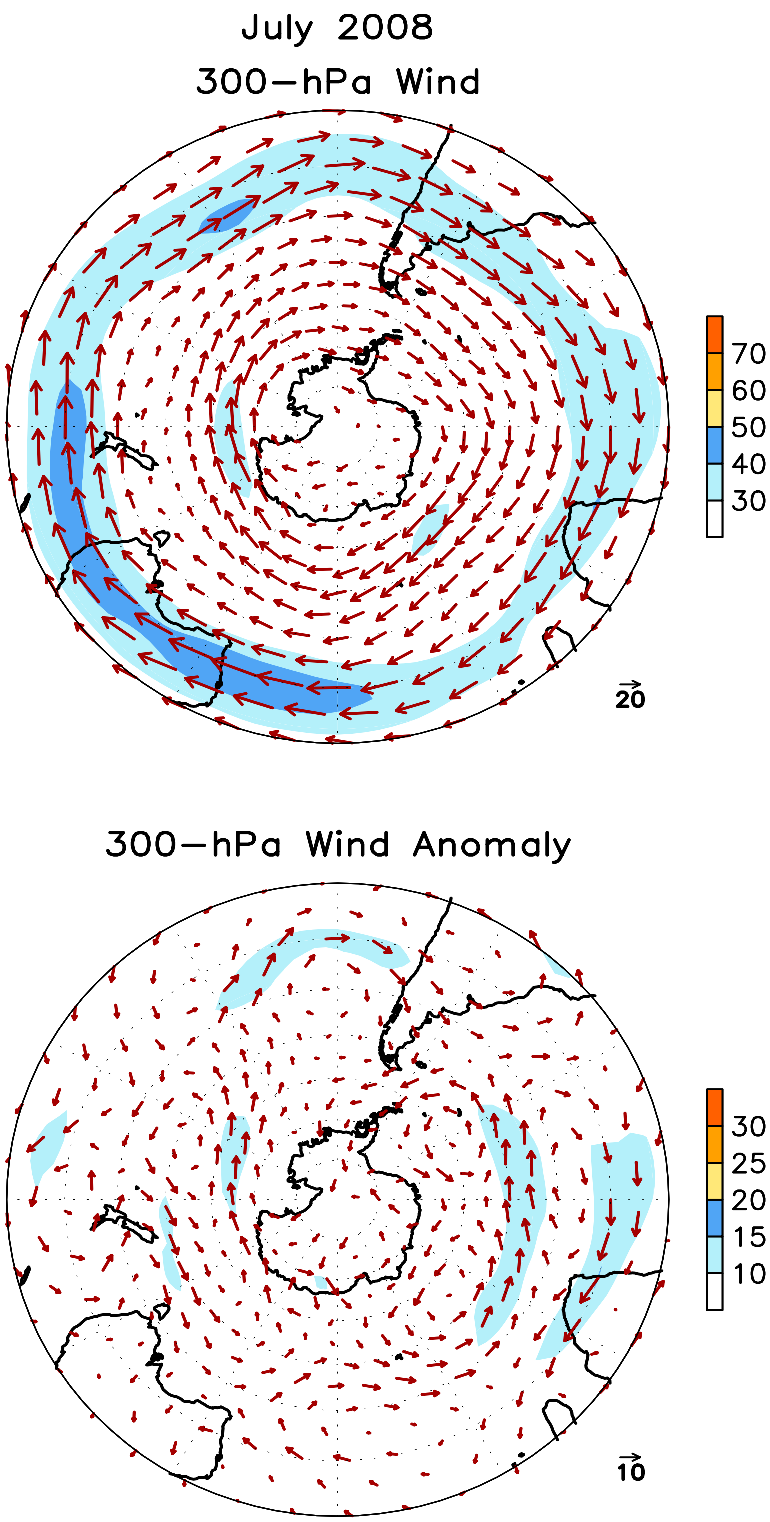

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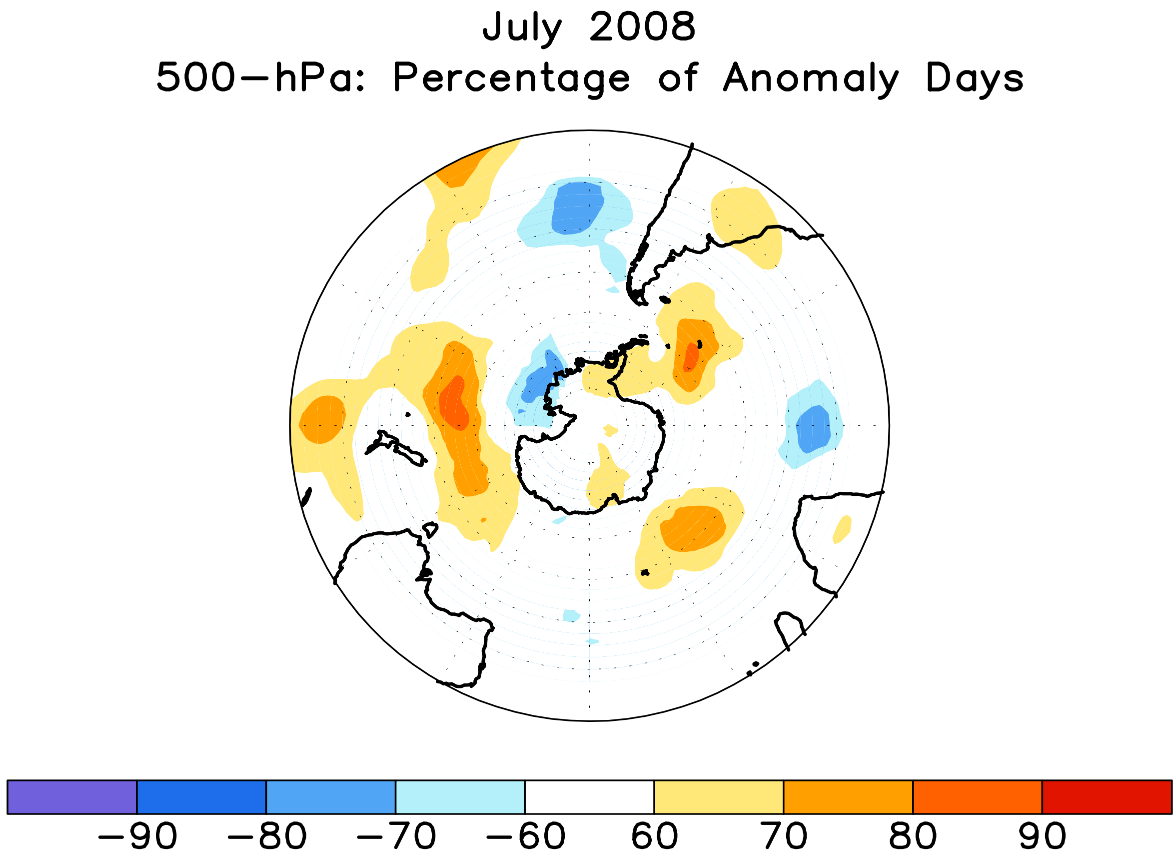

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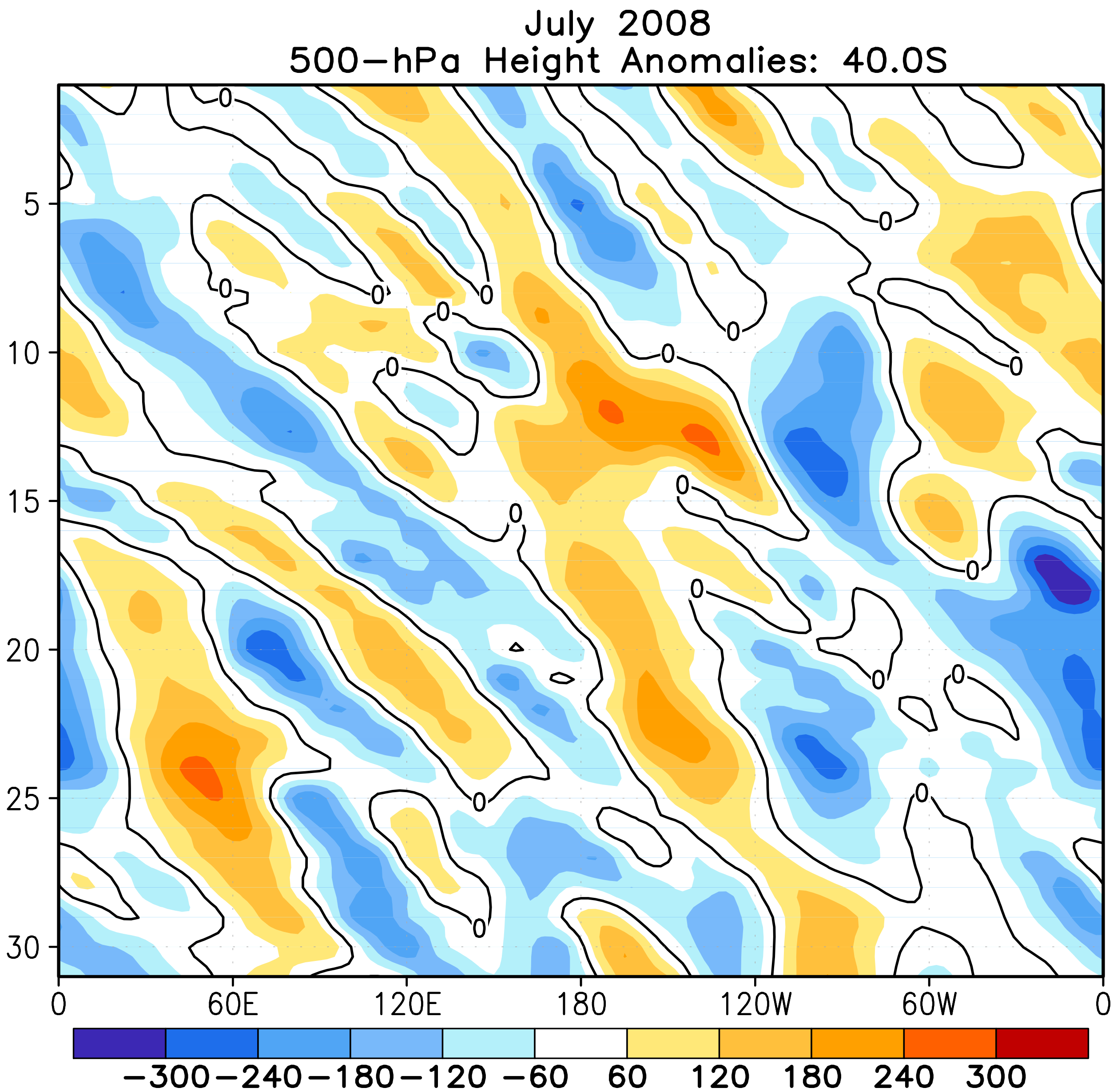

FIGURE E18. Southern Hemisphere: Daily 500-hPa height anomalies for JUL 2008 averaged over the 5° latitude band centered on 40°S. Positive values are indicated by solid contours and dark shading. Negative values are indicated by dashed coutours and light shading. Contour interval is 60 m. Anomalies are departures from the 1979-95 base period daily means.

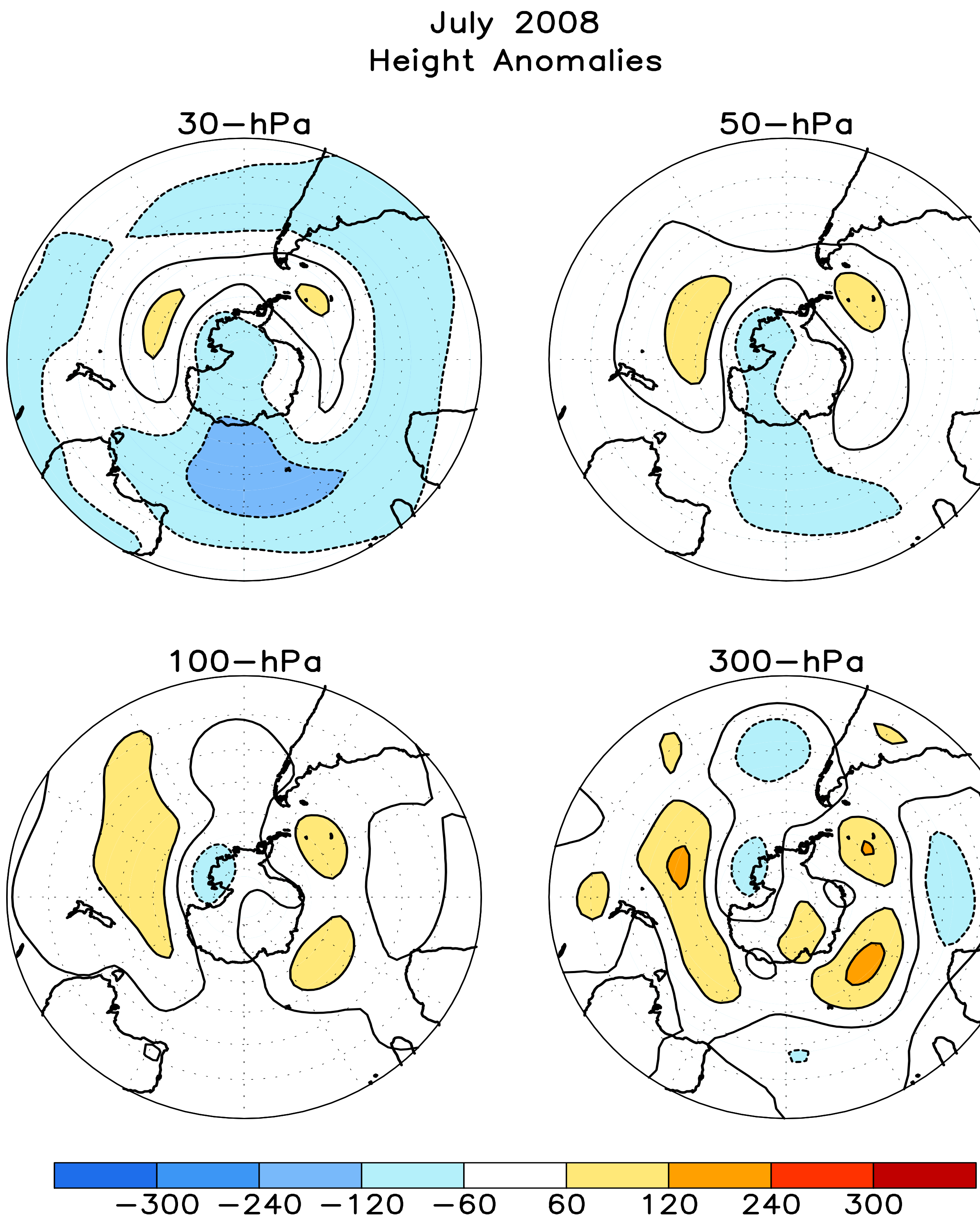

FIGURE S1. Stratospheric height anomalies (m) at selected levels for JUL 2008. Positive values are indicated by solid contours and dark shading. Negative values are indicated by dashed contours and light shading. Contour interval is 60 m. Anomalies are calculated from the 1979–95 base period means. Winter Hemisphere is shown.

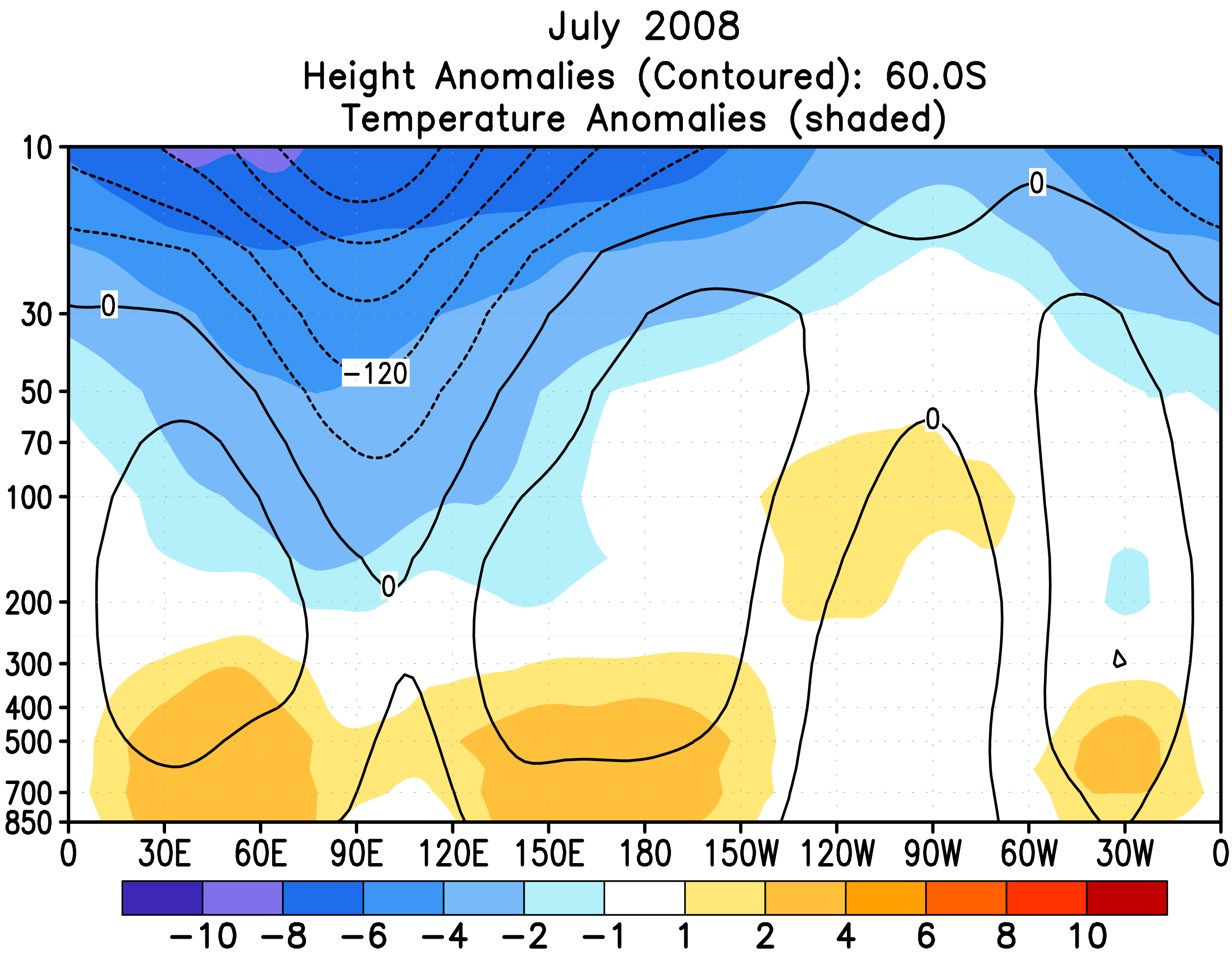

FIGURE S2. Height-longitude sections during JUL 2008 for height anomalies (contour) and temperature anomalies (shaded). In both panels, positive values are indicated by solid contours and dark shading, while negative anomalies are indicated by dashed contours and light shading. Contour interval for height anomalies is 60 m and for temperature anomalies is 2°C. Anomalies are calculated from the 1979–95 base period monthly means. Winter Hemisphere is shown.

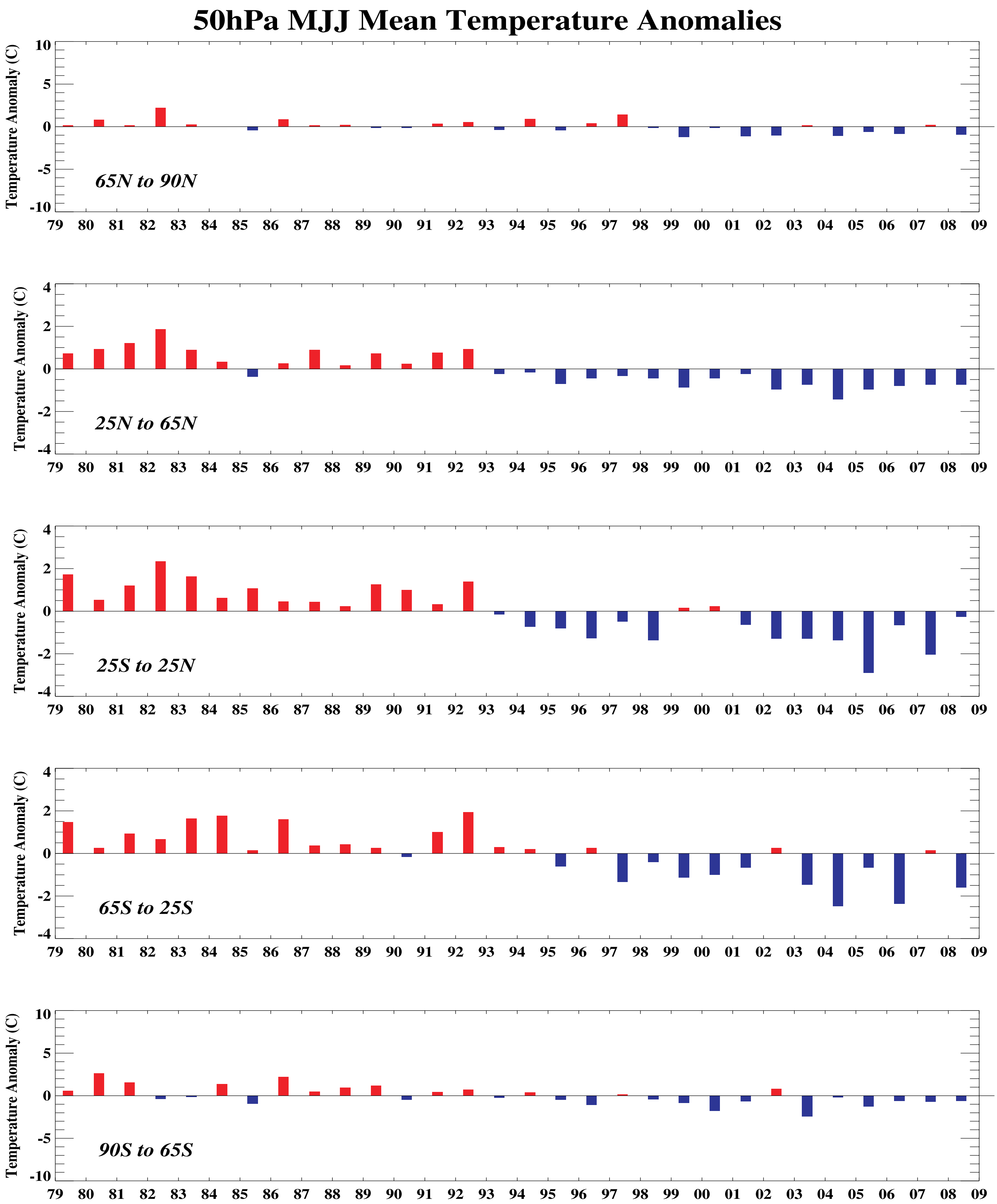

FIGURE S3. Seasonal mean temperature anomalies at 50-hPa for the latitude bands 65°–90°N, 25°–65°N, 25°N–25°S, 25°–65°S, 65°–90°S. The seasonal mean is comprised of the most recent three months. Zonal anomalies are taken from the mean of the entire data set.

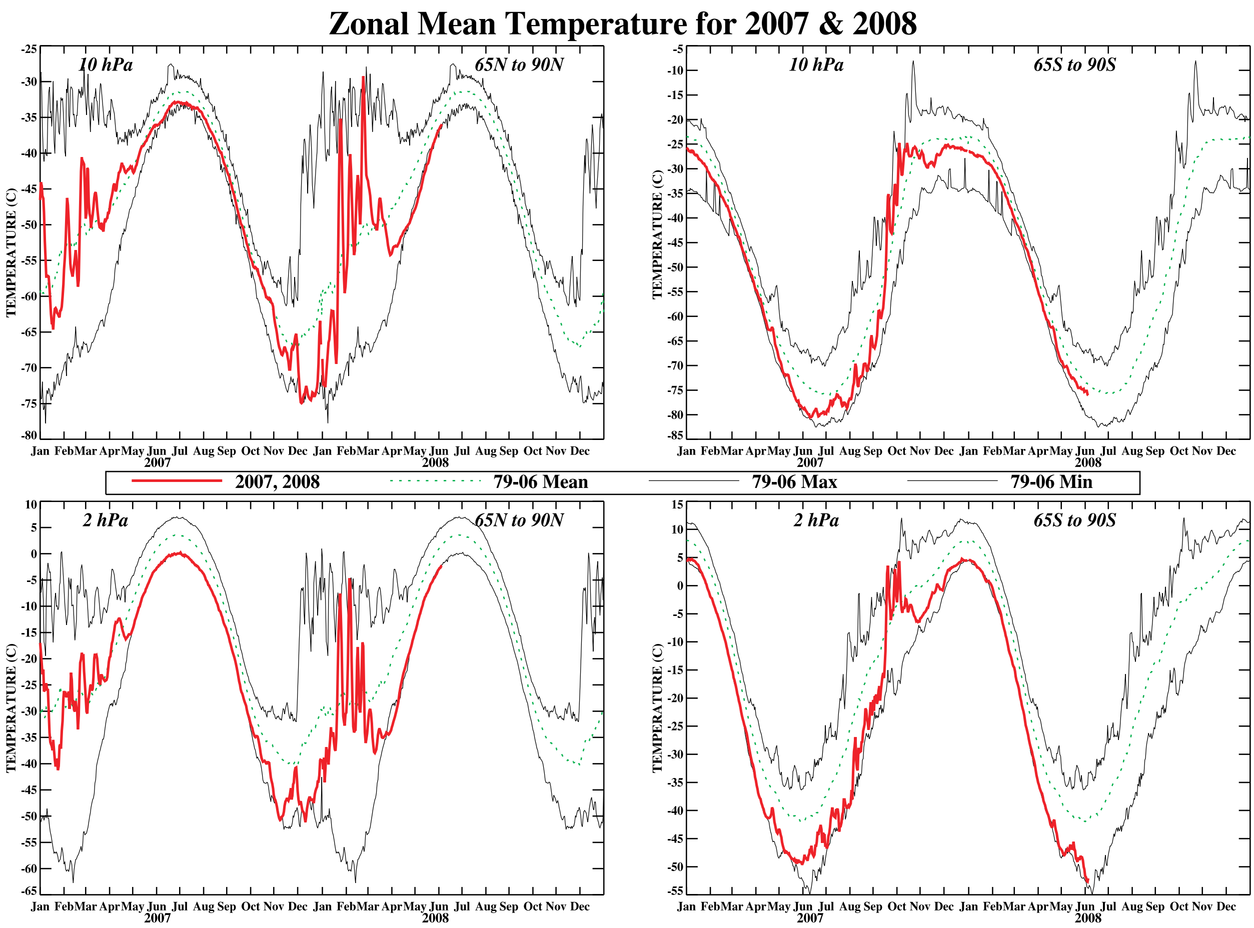

FIGURE S4. Daily mean temperatures at 10-hPa and 2-hPa (thick line) in the region 65°–90°N and 65°–90°S for the past two years. Dashed line depicts the 1979–99 base period daily mean. Thin solid lines depict the daily extreme maximum and minimum temperatures.

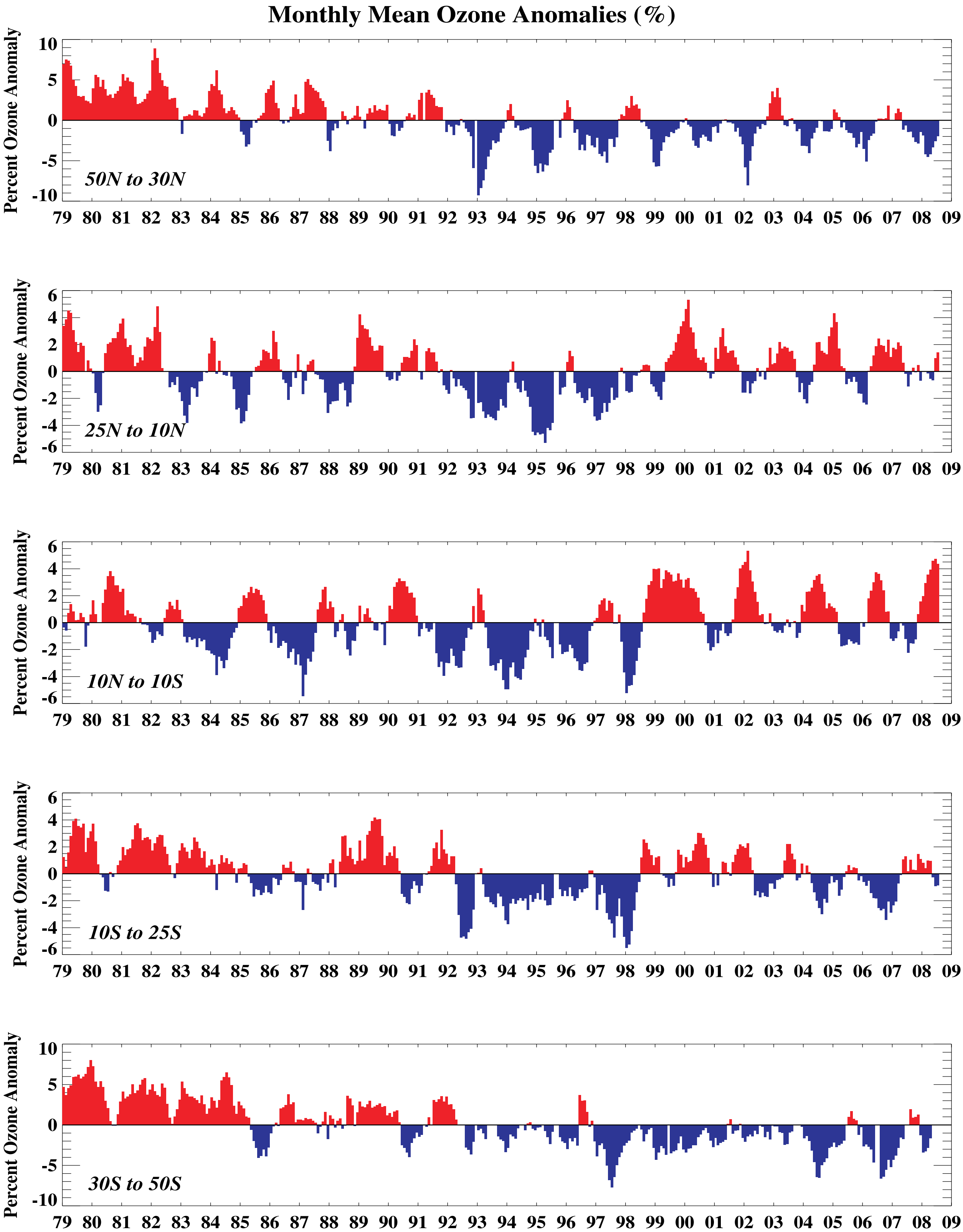

FIGURE S5. Monthly ozone anomalies (percent) from the long term monthly means for five zones: 50N-30N (NH mid-latitudes), 25N-10N (NH tropical surf zone), 10N-10S (Equatorial-QBO zone), 10S-25S (SH tropical surf zone), and 30S-50S (SH mid-latitudes). The long term monthly means are determined from the entire data set beginning in 1979.

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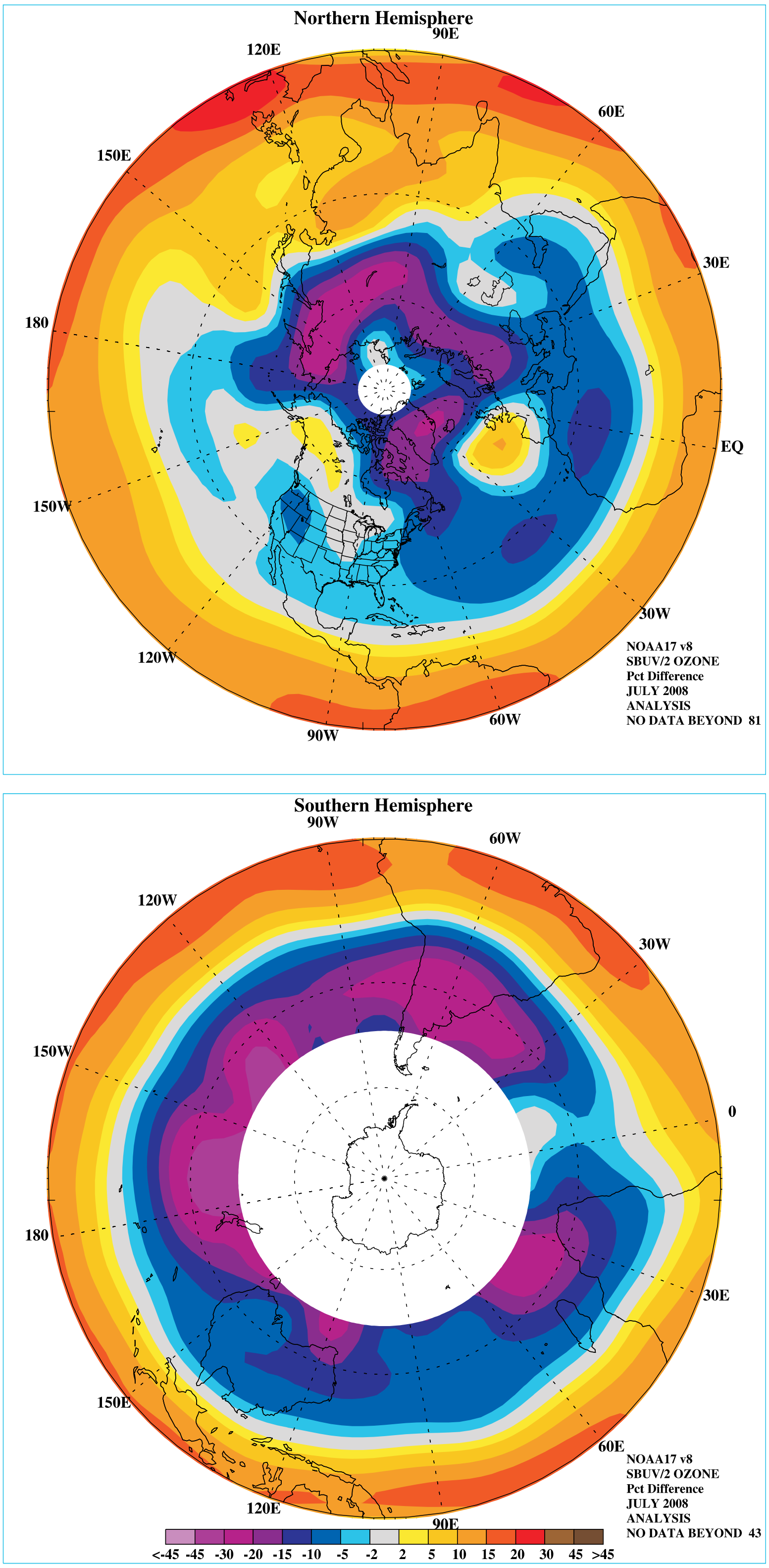

FIGURE S6. Northern (top) and Southern (bottom) Hemisphere total ozone anomaly (percent difference from monthly mean for the period 1979–86). The region near the winter pole has no SBUV/2 data.

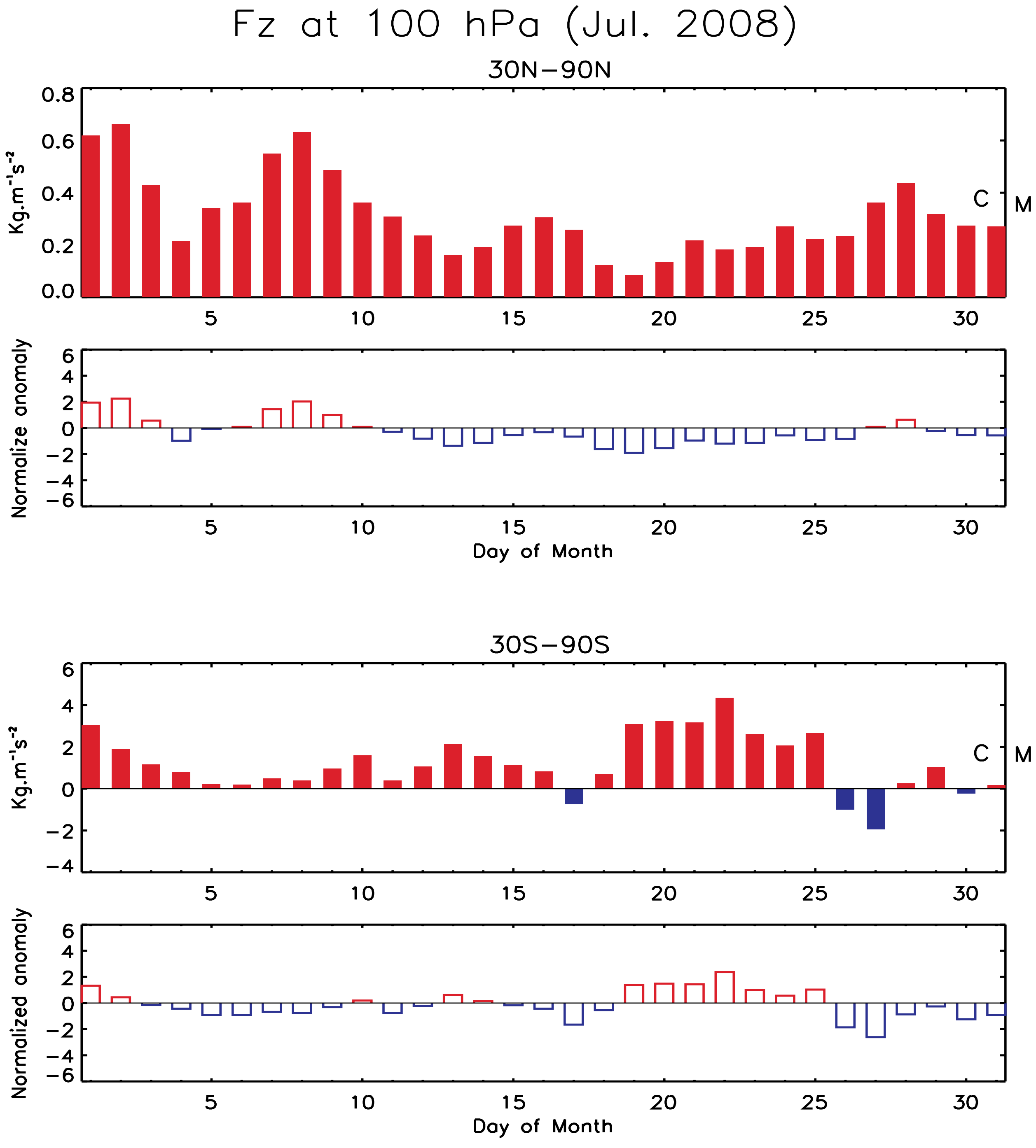

FIGURE S7. Daily vertical component of EP flux (which is proportional to the poleward transport of heat or upward transport of potential energy by planetary wave) at 100 hPa averaged over (top) 30°N–90°N and (bottom) 30°S–90°S for JUL 2008. The EP flux unit (kg m^{-1} s^{-2}) has been scaled by multiplying a factor of the Brunt Vaisala frequency divided by the Coriolis parameter and the radius of the earth. The letter 'M' indicates the current monthly mean value and the letter 'C' indicates the climatological mean value. Additionally, the normalized departures from the monthly climatological EP flux values are shown.

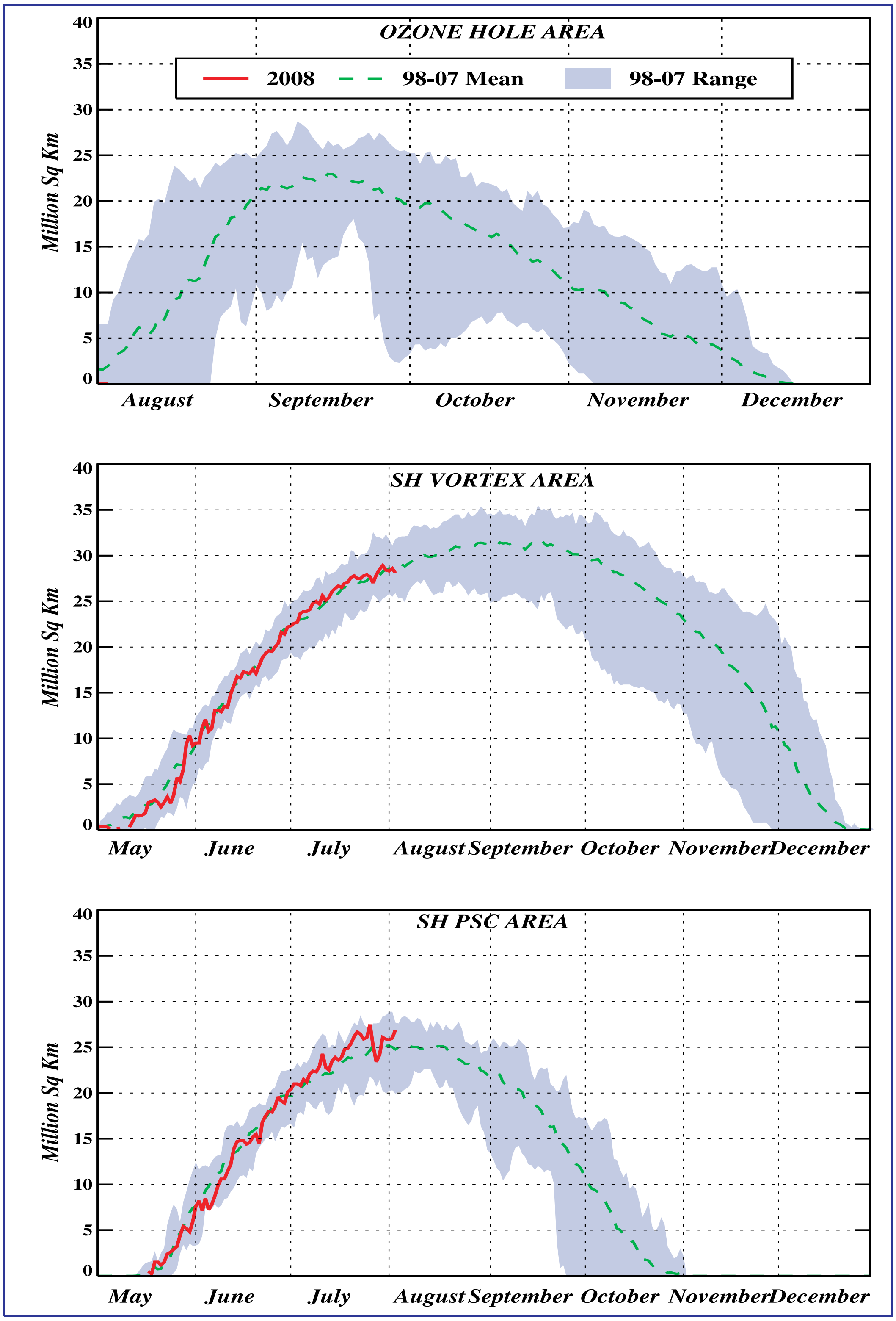

FIGURE S8. Daily time series showing the size of the NH polar vortex (representing the area enclosed by the 32 PVU contour on the 450K isentropic surface), and the areal coverage of temperatures < -78C on the 450K isentropic surface.

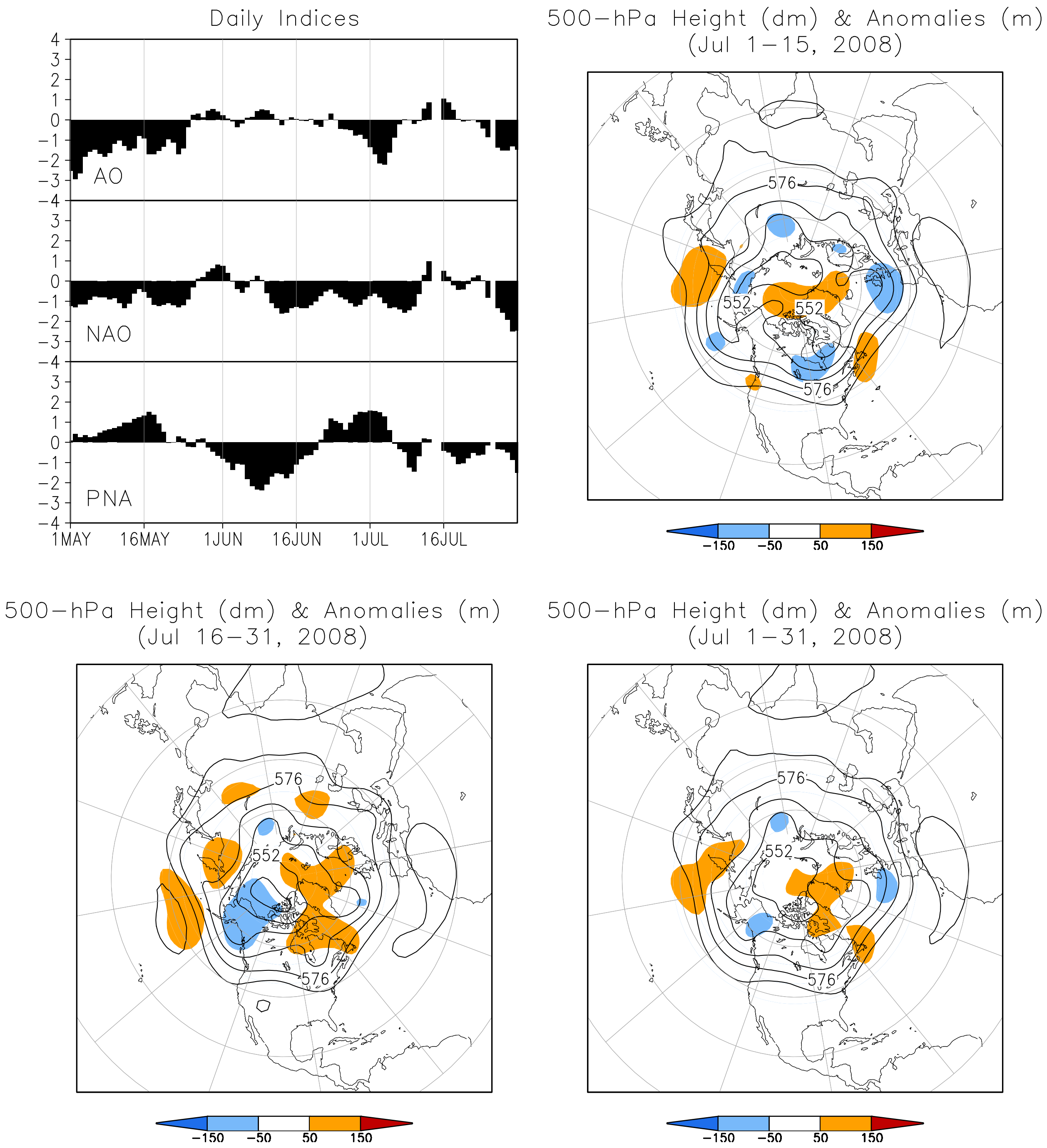

FIGURE A2.1. (a) Daily amplitudes of the Arctic Oscillation (AO) the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO), and the Pacific-North American (PNA) pattern. The pattern amplitudes for the AO, (NAO, PNA) are calculated by projecting the daily 1000-hPa (500-hPa) height anomaly field onto the leading EOF obtained from standardized time- series of daily 1000-hPa (500-hPa) height for all months of the year. The base period is 1979–2000.

(b-d) Northern Hemisphere mean and anomalous 500-hPa geopotential height (CDAS/Reanalysis) for selected periods during JUL 2008 are shown in the remaining 3 panels. Mean heights are denoted by solid contours drawn at an interval of 8 dam. Dark (light) shading corresponds to anomalies greater than 50 m (less than -50 m). Anomalies are calculated as departures from the 1979–95 base period daily means.

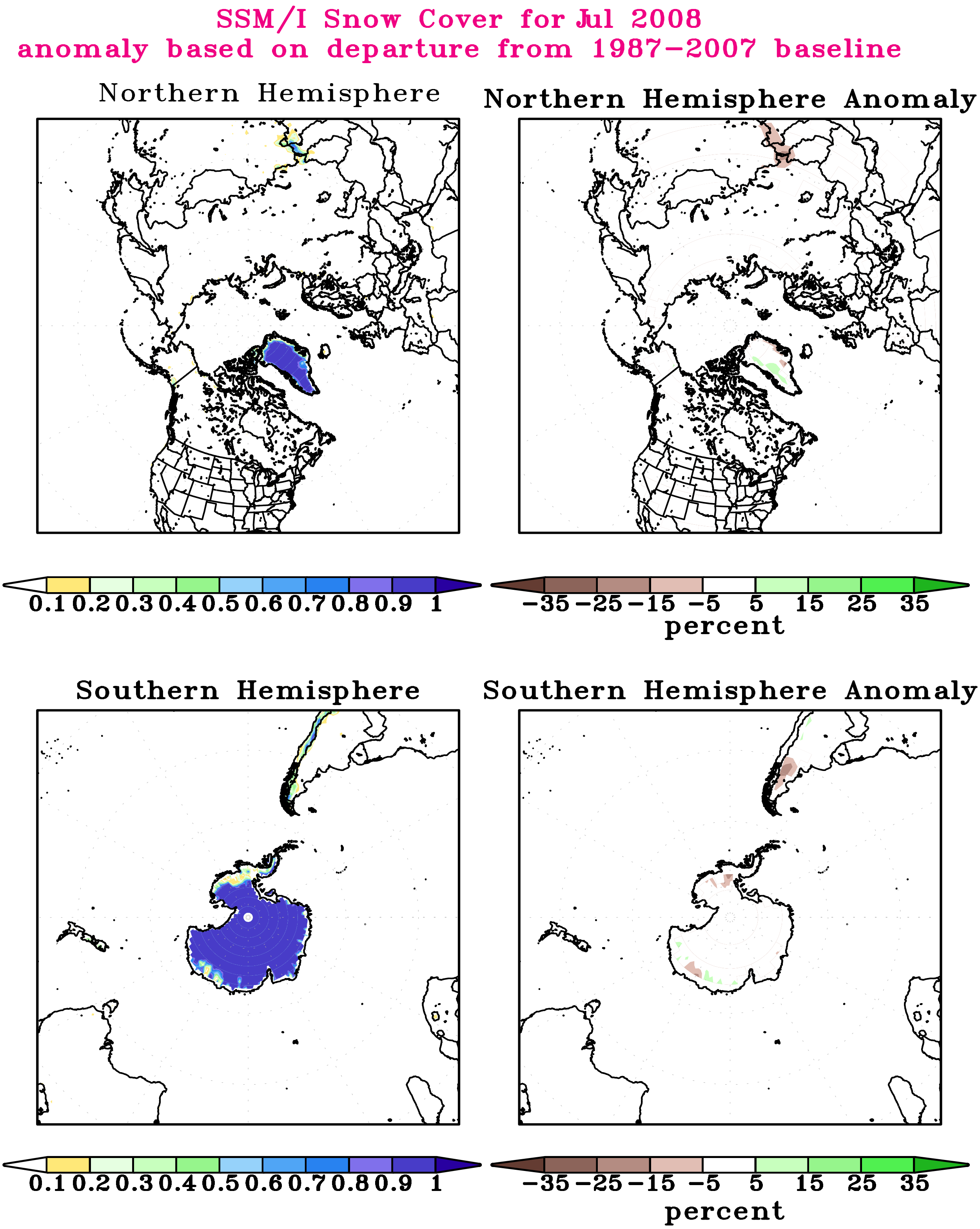

FIGURE A2.2. SSM/I derived snow cover frequency (%) (left) and snow cover anomaly (%) (right) for the month of JUL 2008 based on 1987 - 2006 base period for the Northern Hemisphere (top) and Southern Hemisphere (bottom). It is generated using the algorithm described by Ferraro et. al, 1996, Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc., vol 77, 891-905.