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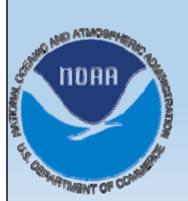
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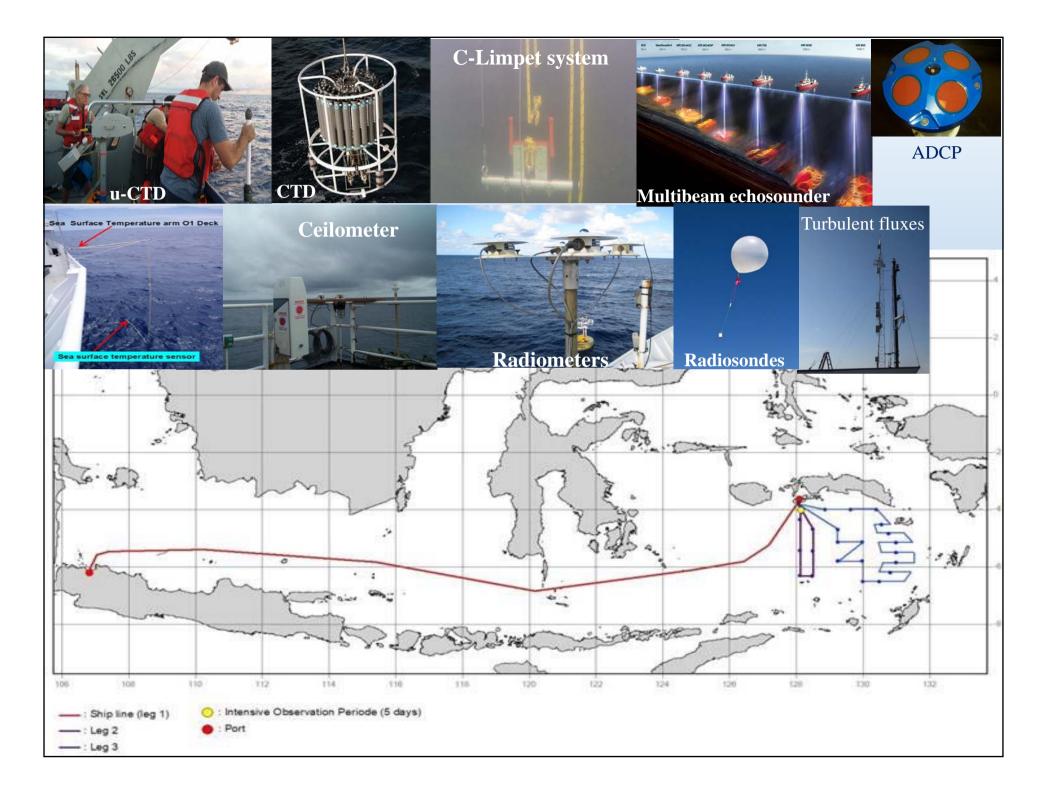
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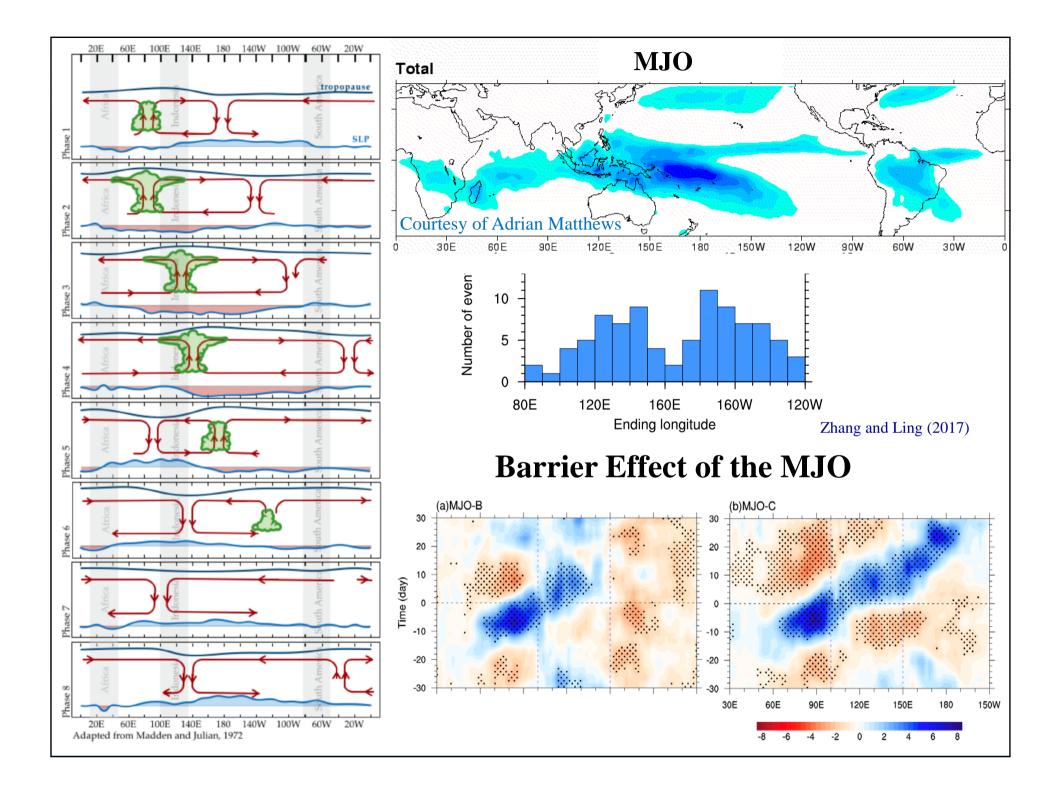
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Objective: To study

- air-sea interaction, the diurnal cycle, and the MJO
- validation of NWP and wave models
- water quality
- distribution of scrombidae larva associated with air-sea interaction, influence of ocean dynamic on the primary production and micro plastic, upper-ocean bio-physical response to the MJO
- bathymetric mapping for submarine hydrothermal activities, gas seeps and marine activities around the seamount at the Banda volcanic arc



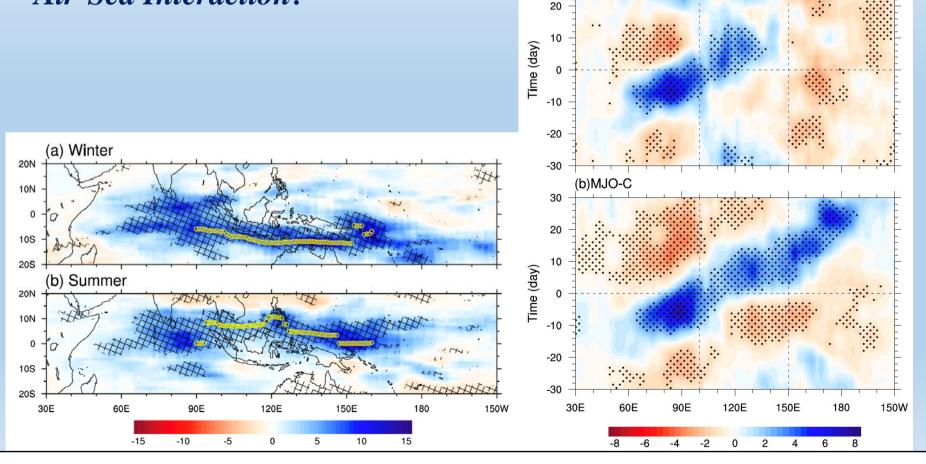


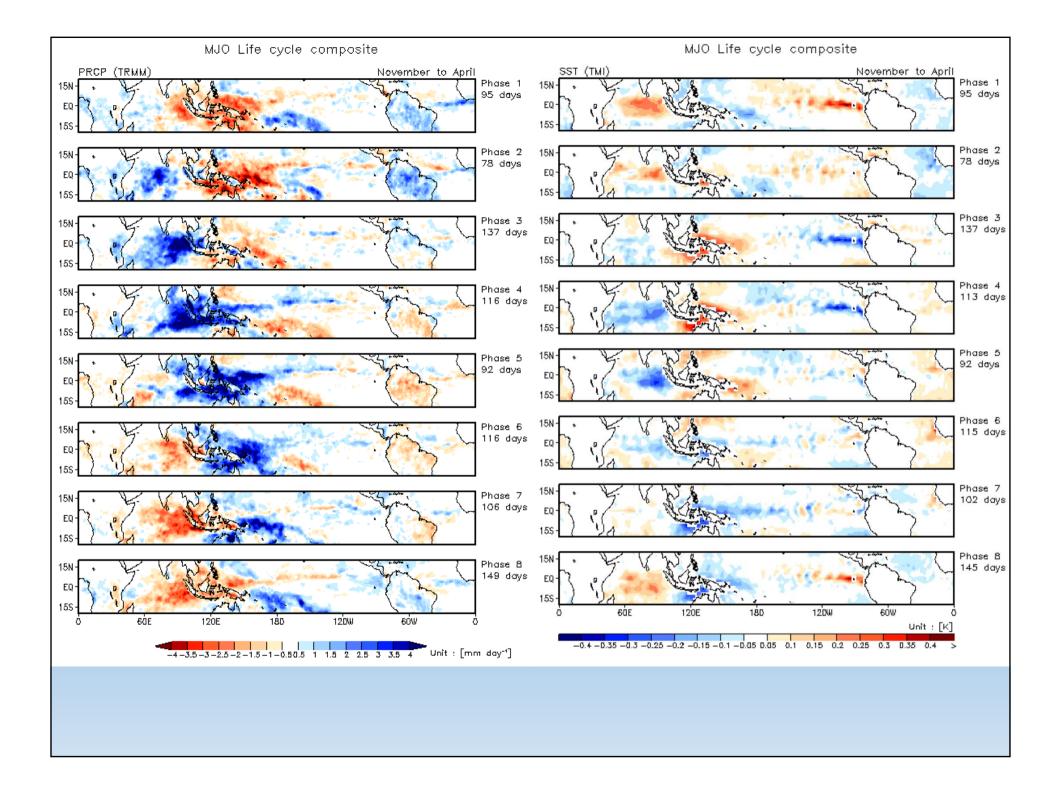
Possible Mechanisms for the Barrier Effect:

- Topographic interference with the MJO low-level circulation
- Reduction in surface evaporation by land
- Background state in moisture and circulation

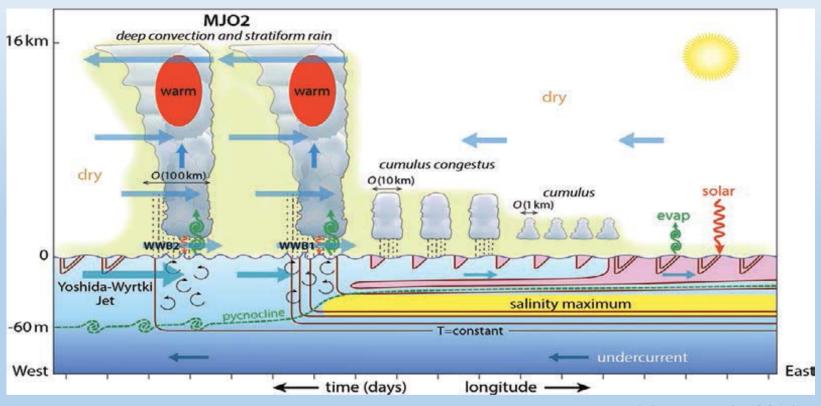
Diurnal cycle

• Air-Sea Interaction?





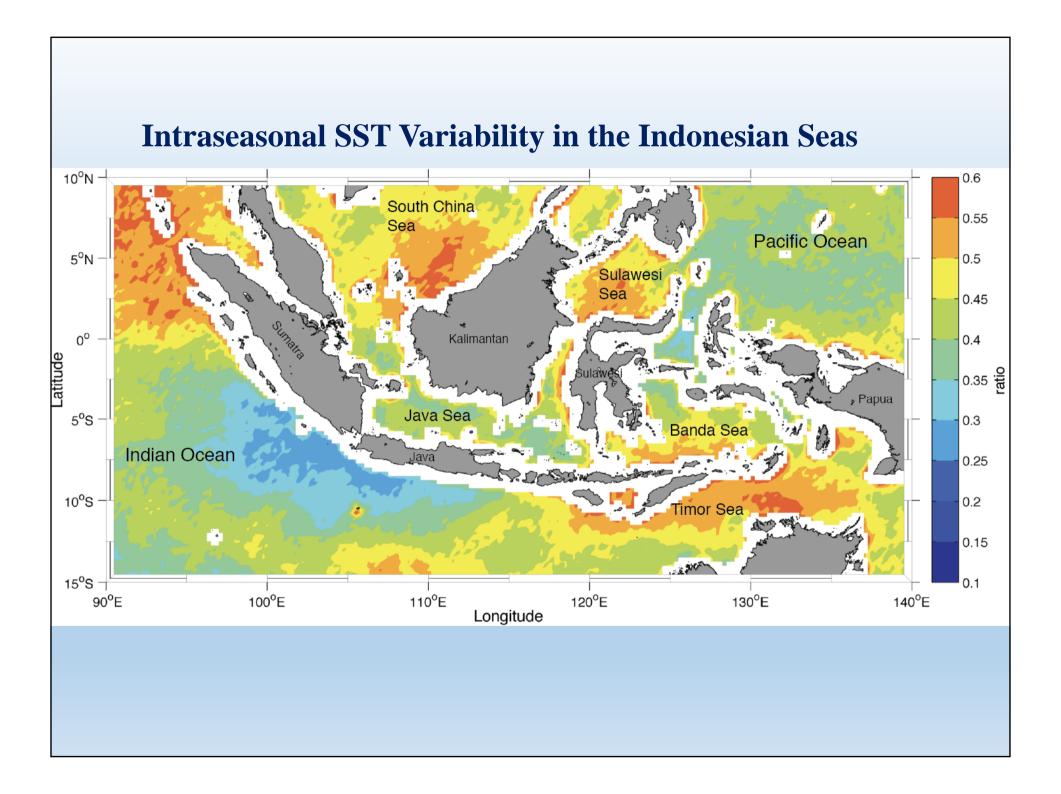
Schematic of MJO Air-Sea Interaction over the Open Ocean



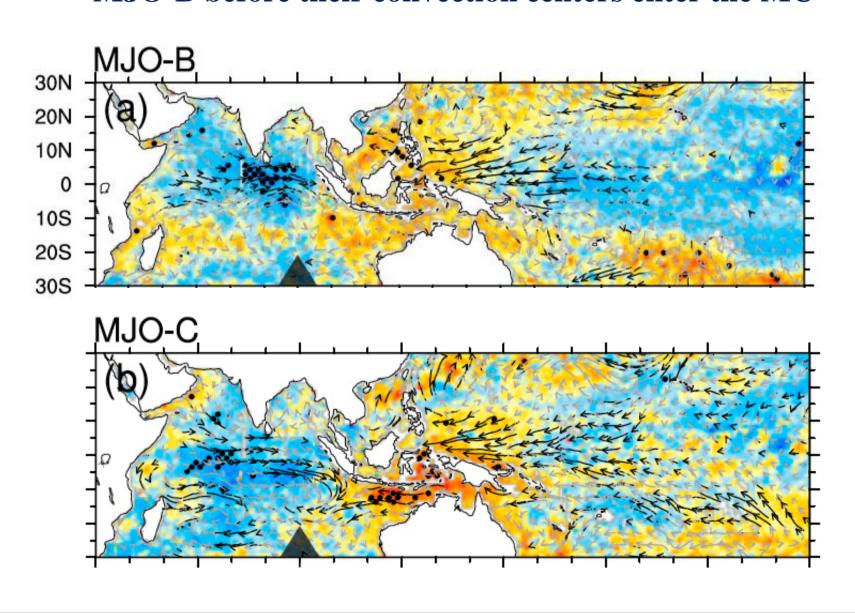
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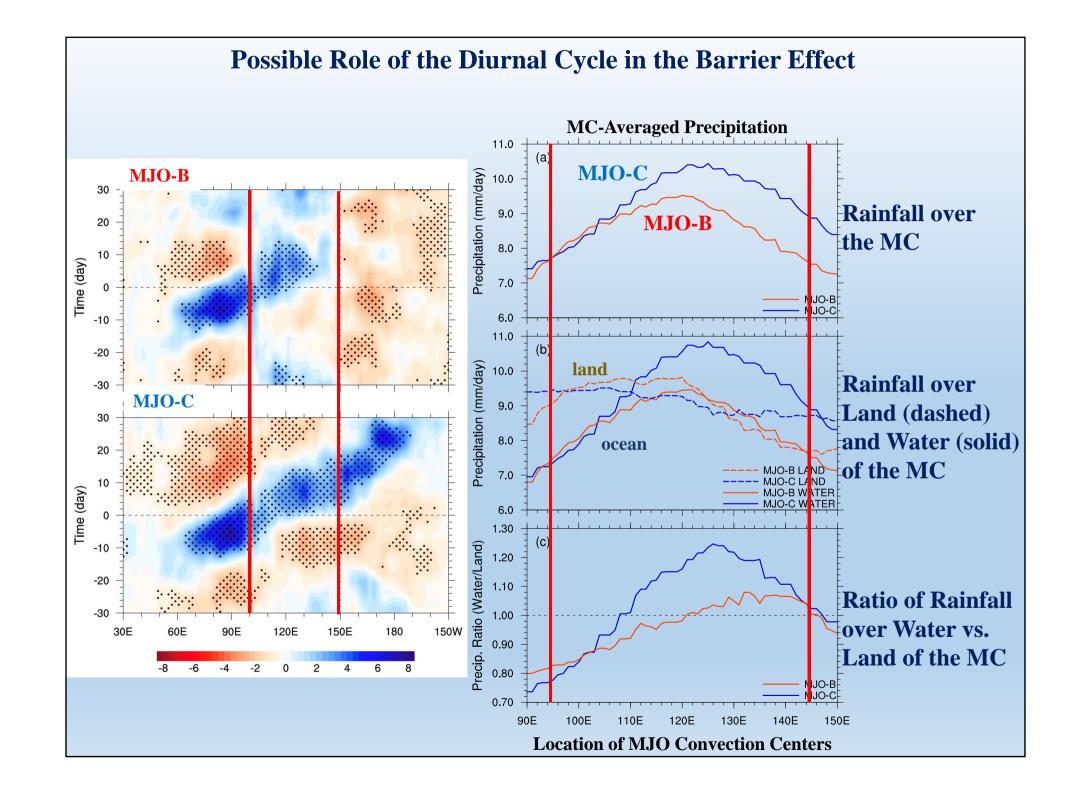
Complication of MJO Air-Sea Interaction due to the MC

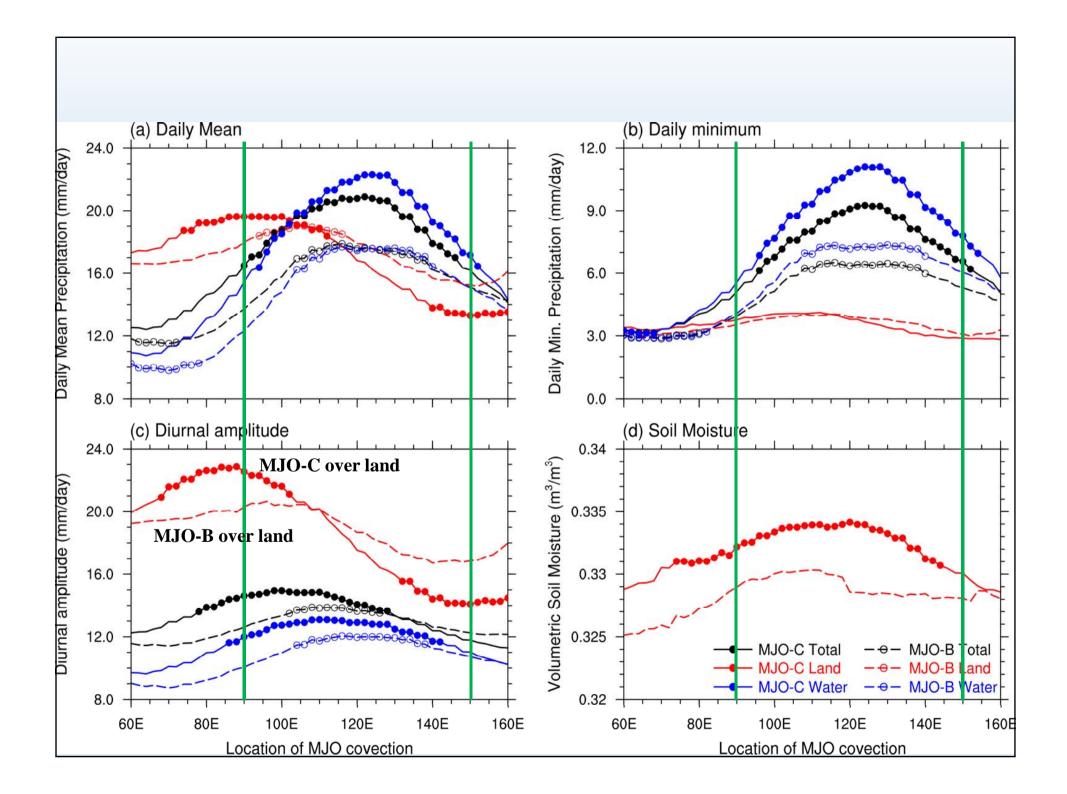
Surface flux blocked islands Deep diurnal convection over land MJO₂ deep convection and stratiform rain 16km warm warm dry Surface wind and dry cumulus congestus O(100km) O(10km) low-level wind cumulus O(1 km) pattern distorted by elevated terrain salinity maximum -60 m constant undercurrent West East longitude time (days) Complicated ocean currents Freshwater input from river runoff Additional mixing mechanisms



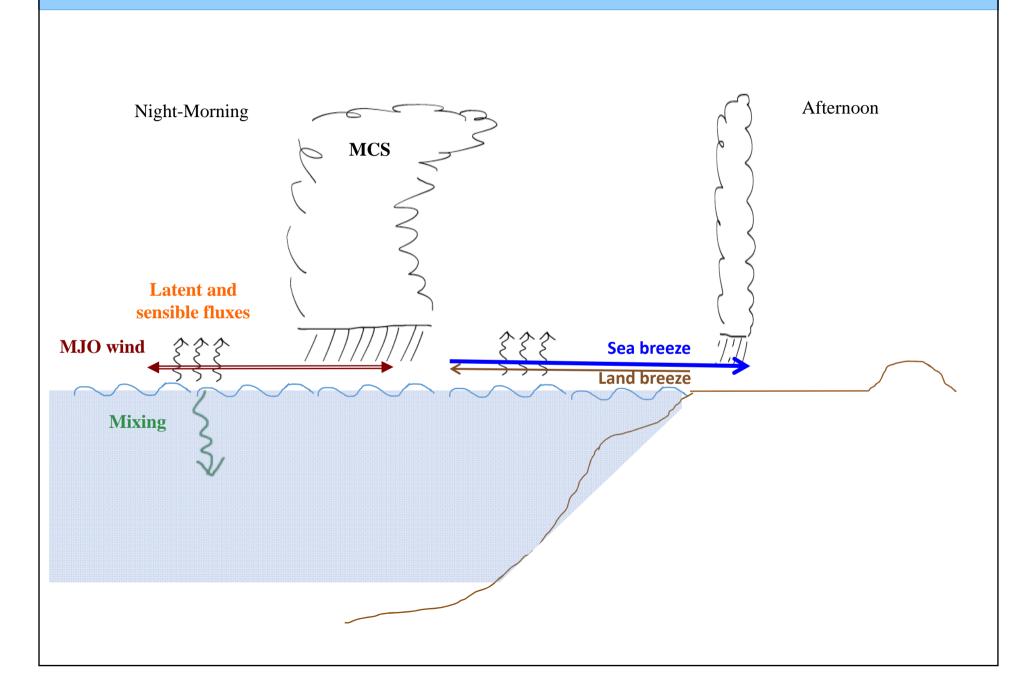
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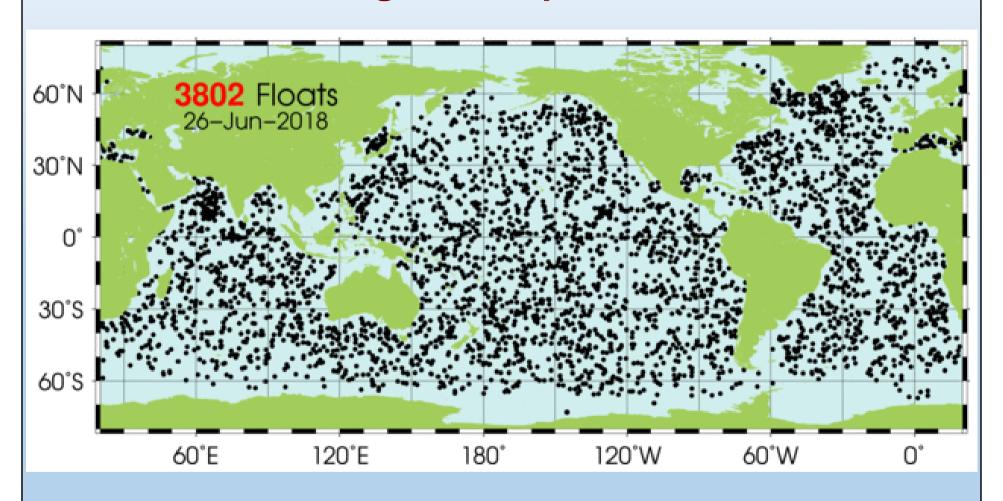


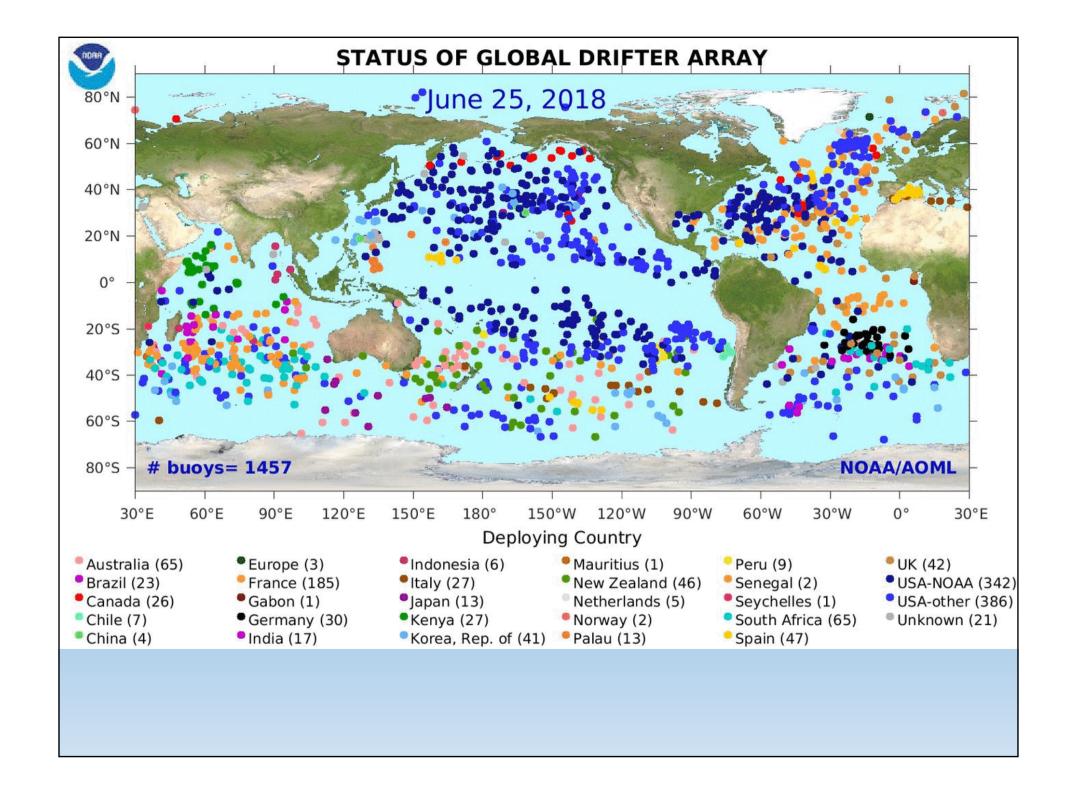


Interaction between the diurnal cycle and MJO



Argo floats-present





Summary:

The Indonesia-US Joint YMC Banda Sea Cruise will be the first one in the Banda Sea to make simultaneous measurements of the upper ocean, atmosphere, and air-sea interaction in the Band Sea.

It is anticipated that the observations to be collected from the cruise will shed lights to the role of the Banda Sea in the barrier effect and MJO-diurnal cycle interaction.

The synergy between the Banda Sea cruise, Investigator cruise, and Terra Maris will provide broader perspectives regarding the general issues of the YMC.