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Sub-Seasonal Prediction skill of GEFSv12 for Atmospheric Rivers and Associated Precipitation Forecasts over the U.S. West Coast

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# Background:

- Accurate predictions of AR on sub-seasonal time scale can be beneficial for various risk management sectors and for planning hydrometeorological applications.
- GEFSv12 was made operational at NCEP in September 2020 to provide stakeholders with sub-seasonal forecasts for hydrological applications. The consistent reforecast data of this is available for 2000-2019.
- AR Prediction Skill of GEFSv12 Reforecasts is examined for Weeks 1, 2, 3 to 4, and Monthly scale along with inter-annual variability. ARs detected by using Guan & Waliser (2019) criteria.

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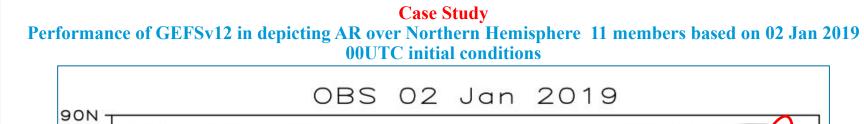
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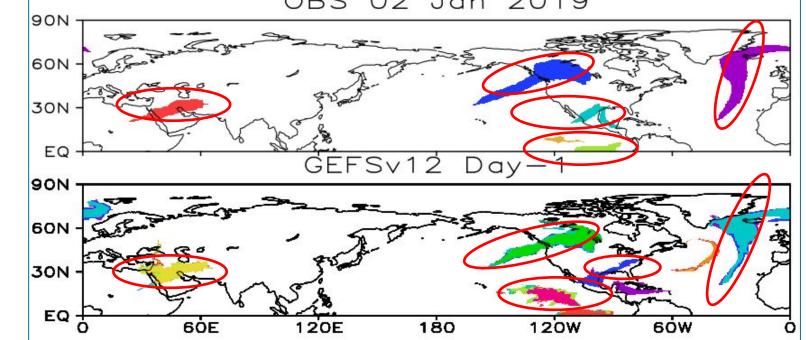
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- All members of GEFSv12 are good in detecting AR with Day-1 forecast lead time. The AR from all the members coincide.
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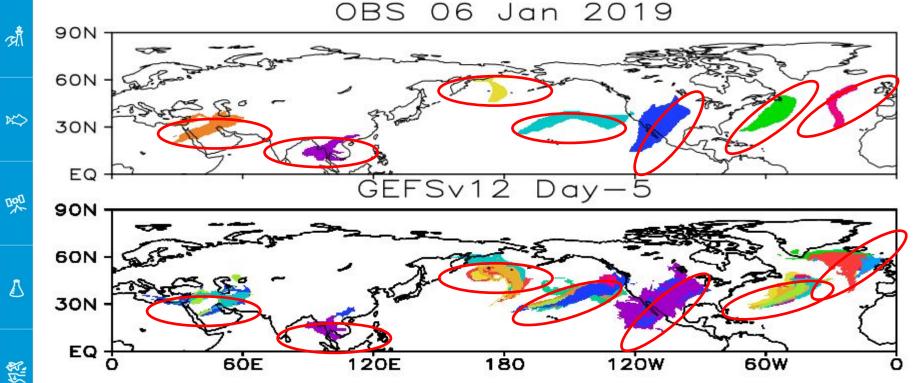
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#### Performance of GEFSv12 in depicting AR over Northern Hemisphere for Day-1 to 35 lead time forecast with 11 members based on 02 Jan 2019 00UTC initial conditions



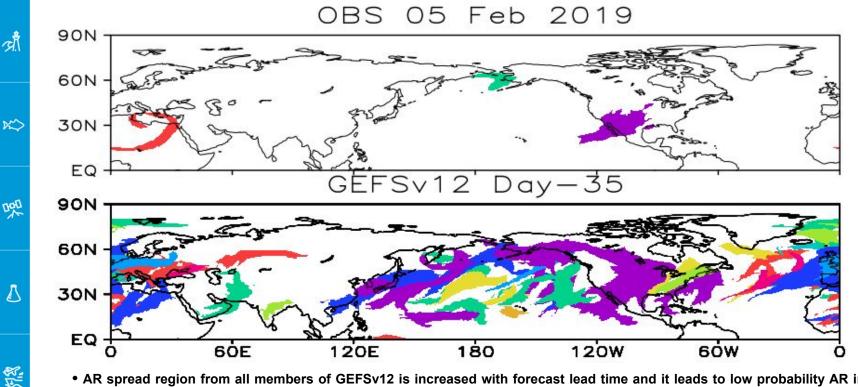
• All members of GEFSv12 are good in detecting AR with Day-5 forecast lead time. The AR from all the members are coincide.

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#### Performance of GEFSv12 in depicting AR over Northern Hemisphere for Day-1 to 35 lead time forecast with 11 members based on 02 Jan 2019 00UTC initial conditions



 AR spread region from all members of GEFSv12 is increased with forecast lead time and it leads to low probability AR in large area and causes to overestimation of AR.

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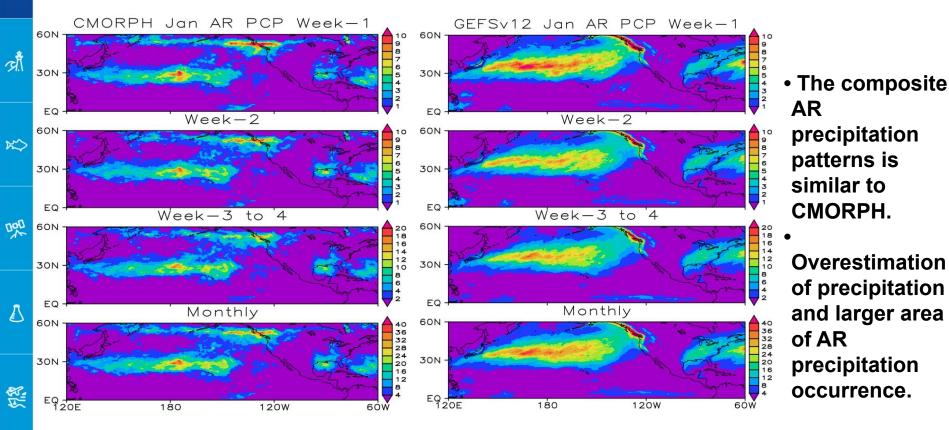
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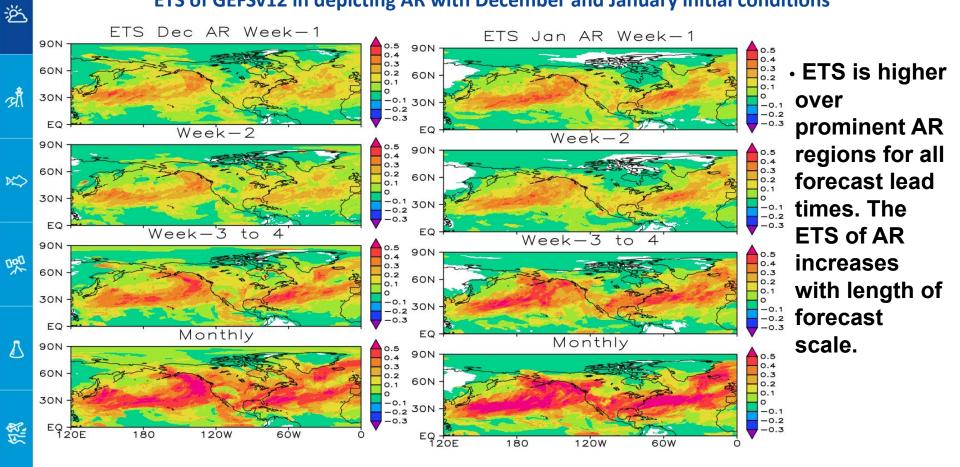
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# Composite AR precipitation mean (mm) for Week-1, 2, 3 to 4 and Monthly scale from CMORPH and GEFSv12 in with January conditions based on ERA5 AR.



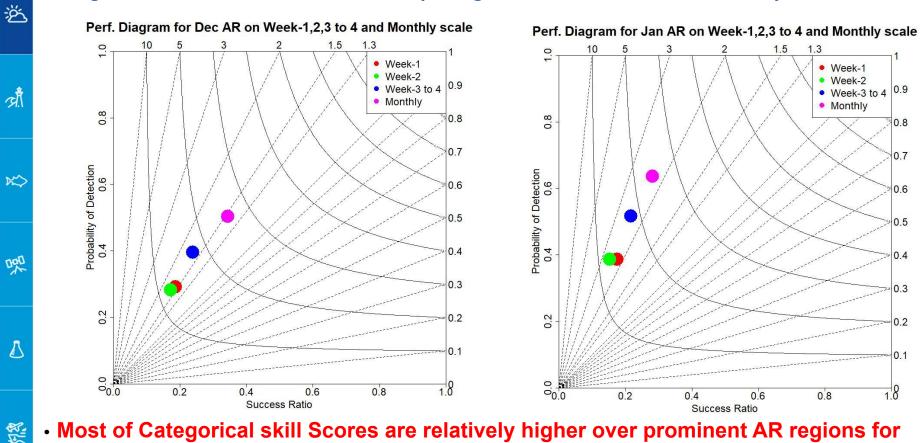
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#### ETS of GEFSv12 in depicting AR with December and January initial conditions



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# Categorical skill Scores of GEFSv12 in depicting AR with December and January initial conditions



 Most of Categorical skill Scores are relatively higher over prominent AR regions for all forecast lead times. These skill score are increases with length of forecast scale.

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# **Summary & Conclusions**

- GEFSv12 was able to capture the spatial patterns of ARs over the North Pacific for Week-1, 2, 3 to 4, and Monthly time scales. Interannual Variability (IAV) is overestimated for longer lead times and Coefficient of Variation decreased with lead time.
- GEFSv12 has good prediction skills (CC and IOA) for Weekly ARs, particularly in regions where ARs are prominent.
- Hit rate/ POD (>0.8), ETS, SR, FAR, and TS are all higher over prominent AR regions with low false alarm rate and a high success rate (SR > 0.6) in prominent AR regions.
  - The accuracy of weekly/monthly ARs can be improved by implementing an appropriate calibration technique.

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