



Exploring the ENSO Impact on Basin-Scale Floods toward Better Monthly-to Seasonal Flood Forecast

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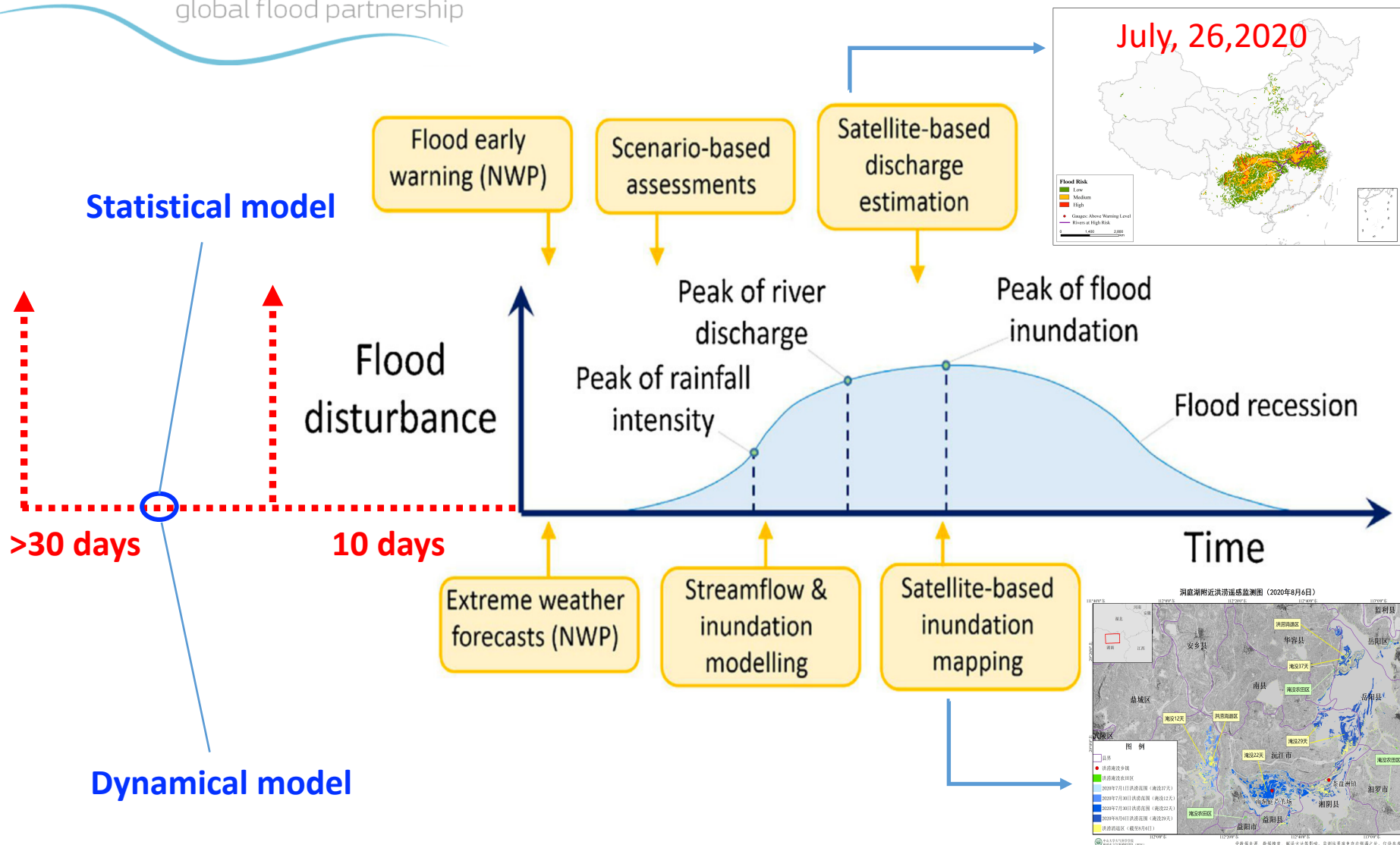




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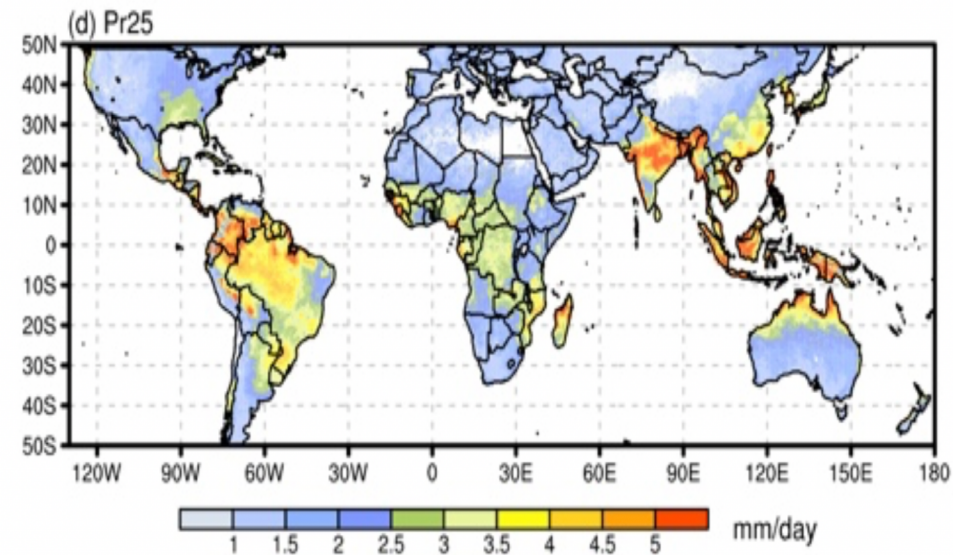
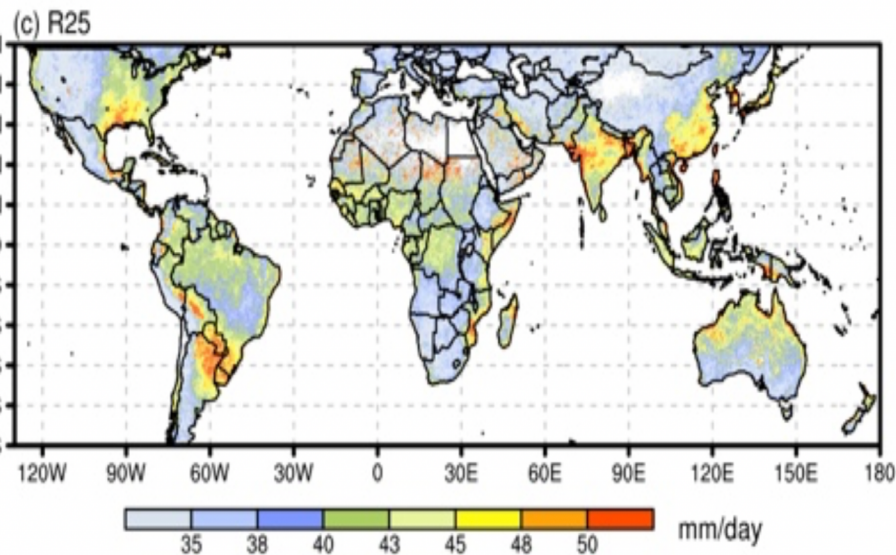
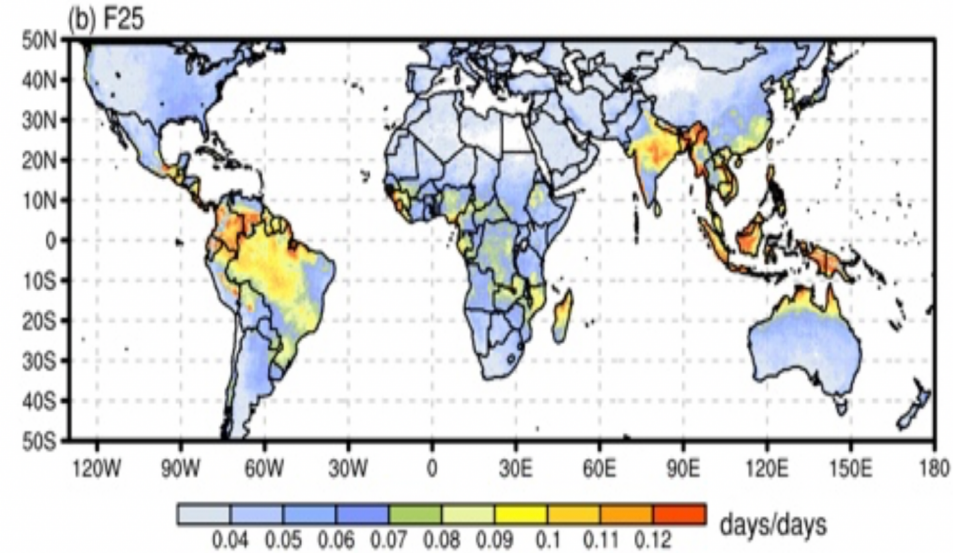
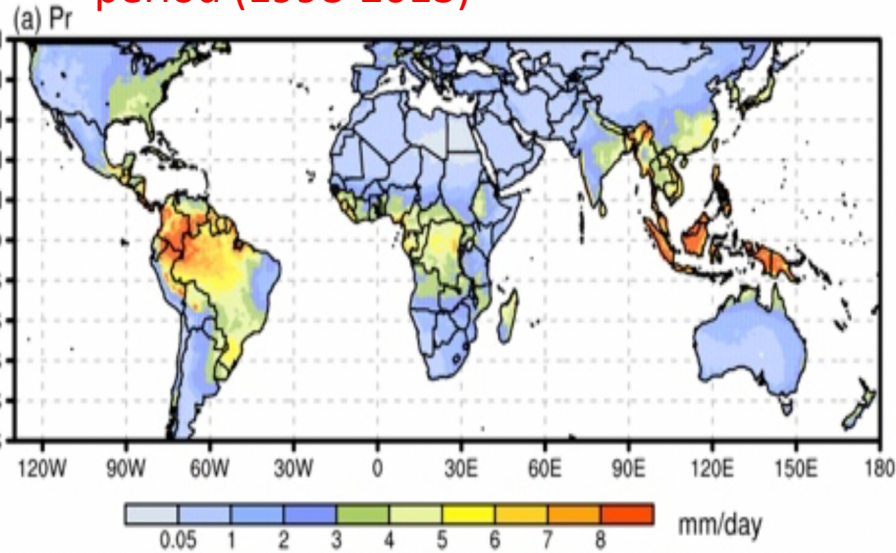
Alfieri et al., *Environmental Science and Policy*, 2018

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Spatial distributions of the four climatological precipitation indices during the TRMM period (1998-2013)





Three objectives of this study:

- (1) Furnish a climatological quantification of global floods (frequency, duration, and intensity) during the TRMM period (1998-2013)**
- (2) Quantify the likely relationships between flood events and various aspects of precipitation;**
- (3) Assess the possible impact of climate modes specifically the ENSO on both precipitation and floods.**



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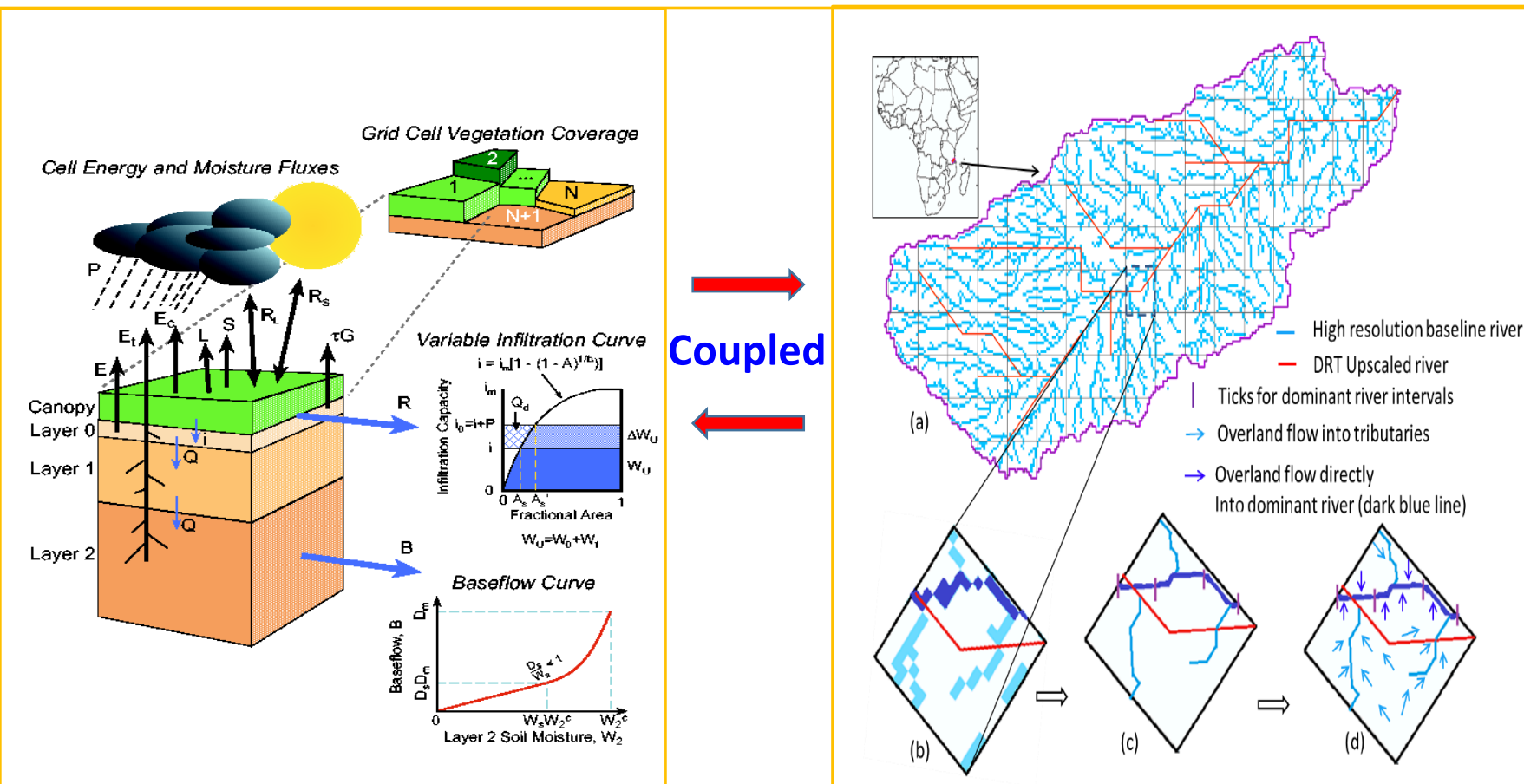
Real-time global flood estimation using satellite-based precipitation and a coupled land surface and routing model

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Key Points:

- Coupled VIC with a physically based routing model for real-time flood estimation
- GFMS gives promising flood estimation with satellite-based

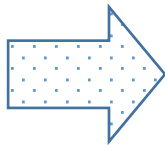
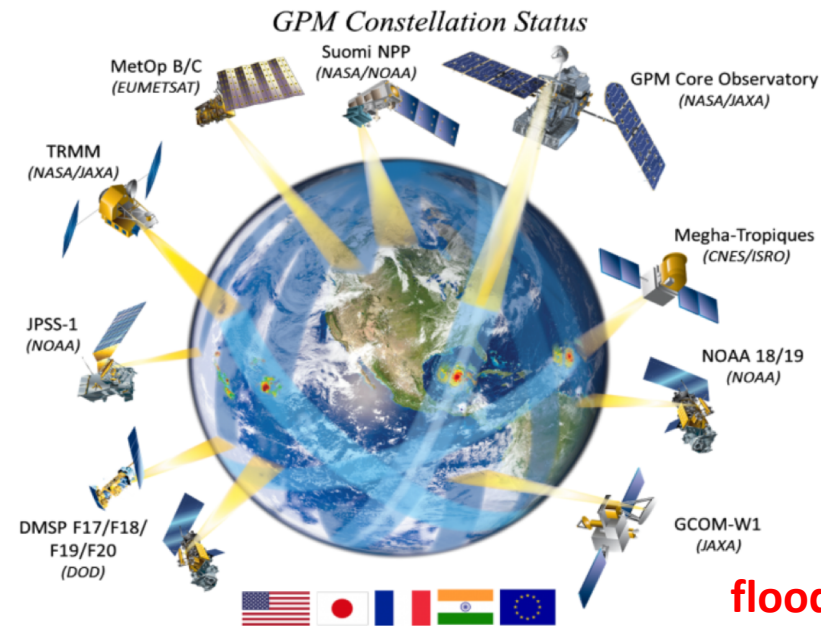
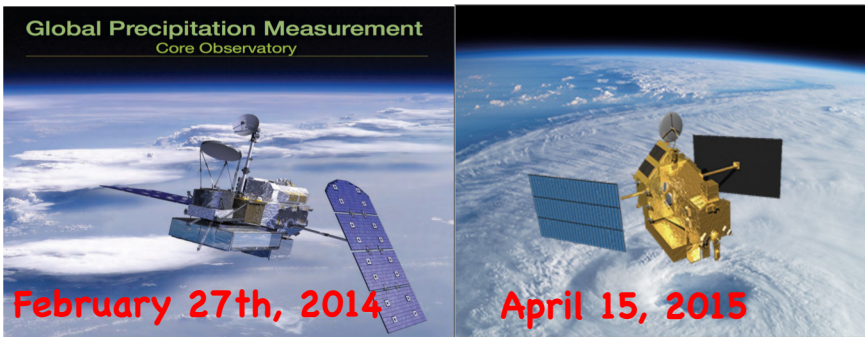


Dominant river tracing-Routing Integrated with VIC Environment (DRIVE) model
 (Wu et al., 2011, 2012, 2014 *Water Resources Research*; Wu et al., 2017, *JHM*; Wu et al., 2018, 2019 *Wu et al. RSE*; Jiang et al., 2020, *RS*;))

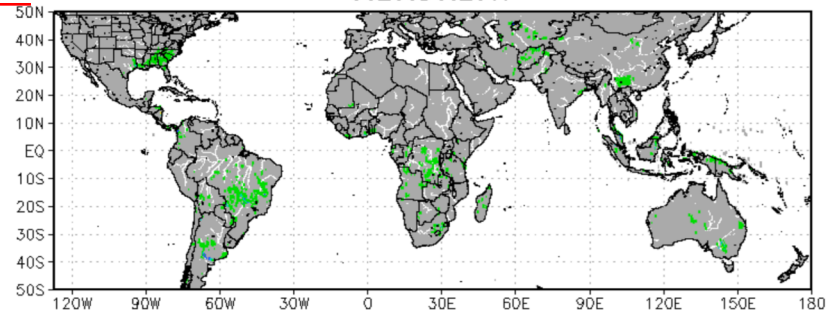


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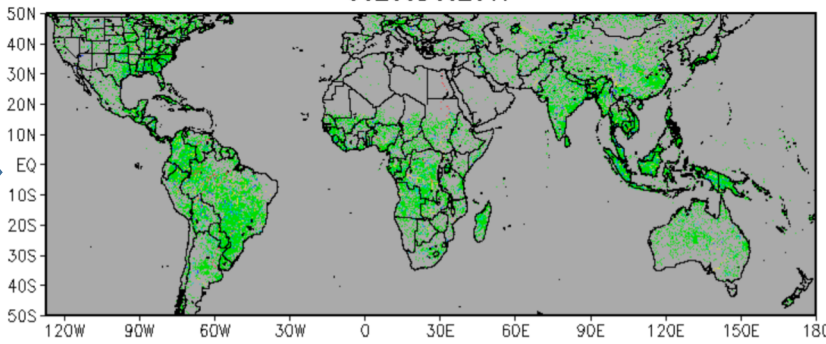
3-hourly, 8th and 1km global flood detection and inundation mapping with hydrological model



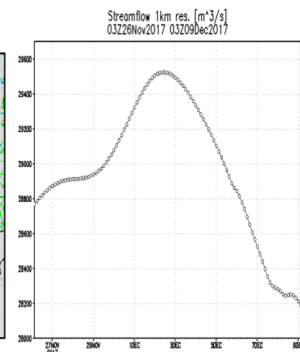
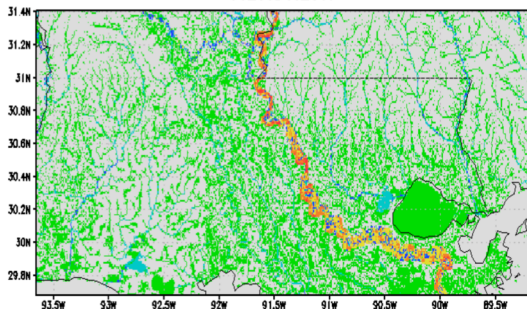
Flood Detection/Intensity (depth above threshold [mm]) 00Z09Dec2017



Streamflow 12km res. [m³/s] 00Z09Dec2017



Surface Storage 1km res. [mm] 00Z09Dec2017



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Global Flood Monitoring System (GFMS) with data since 1998

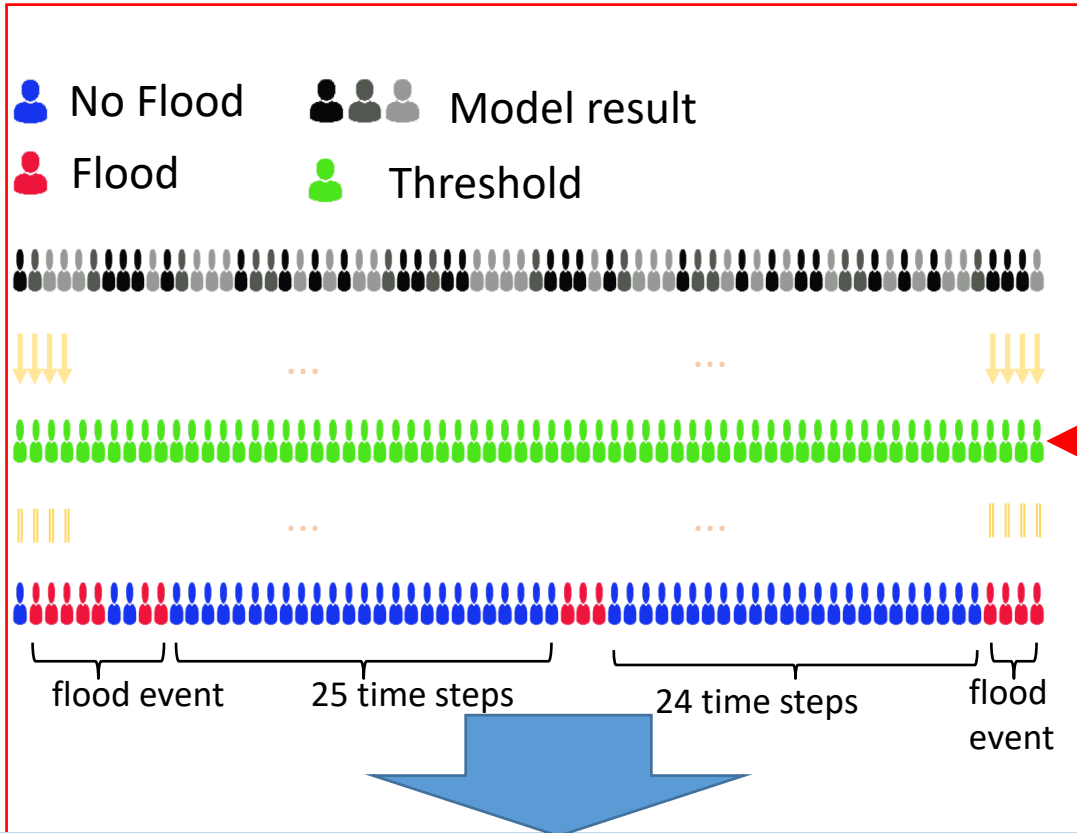


Evaluation of Global Flood Detection Using Satellite-Based Rainfall and a Hydrologic Model



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Flooding at a point

$$R > P_{95} + \delta$$

and

$$Q > 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

R : routed runoff (mm)

P_{95} : 95th percentile value of routed runoff

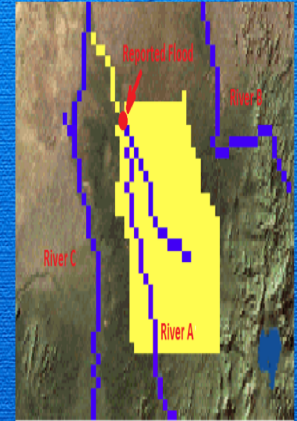
δ : temporal standard deviation of routed runoff

Q : discharge (m^3/s)

Matching floods between simulated and reported

Temporal window: ± 1 days

Spatial window: all upstream basin area within ~ 200 km & ~ 100 km downstream stem river



Flood Frequency (FF) ; Flood Duration (FD)
 Average flood intensity (FI); Total flood intensity (FTI)

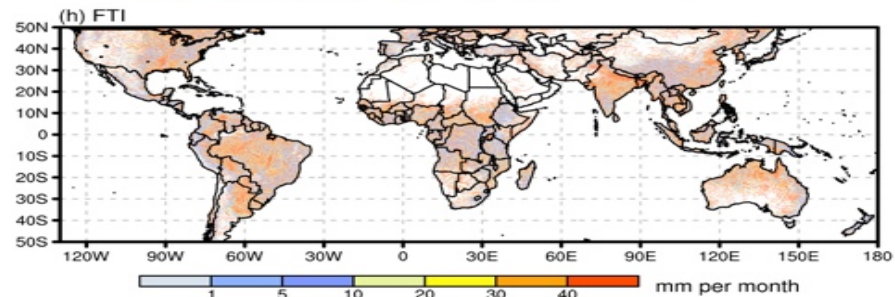
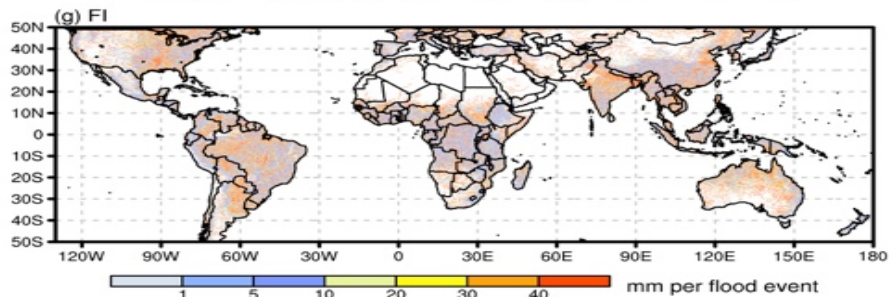
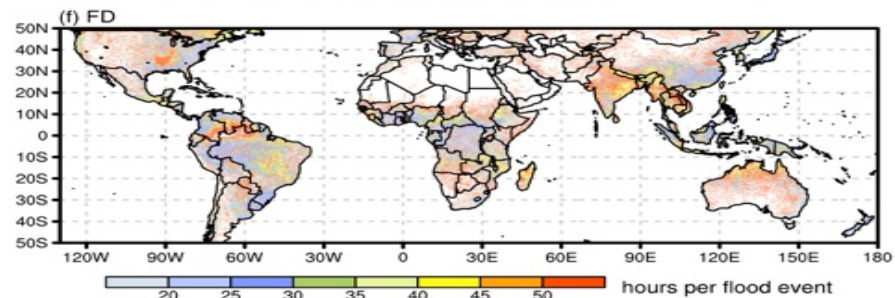
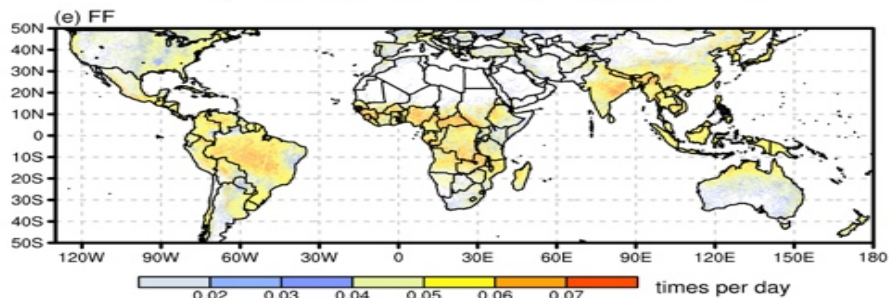
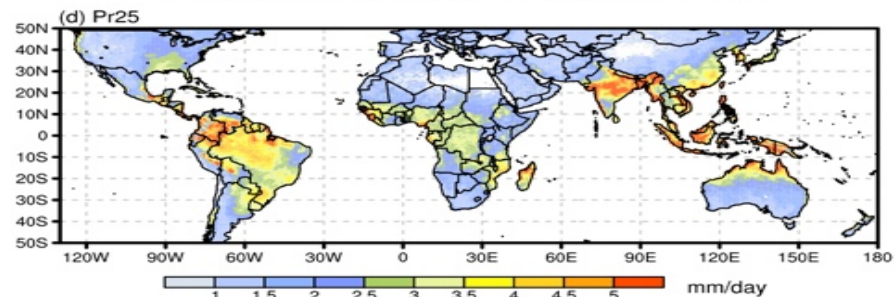
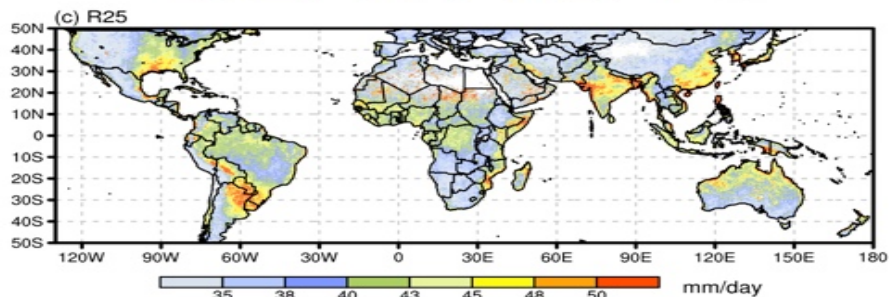
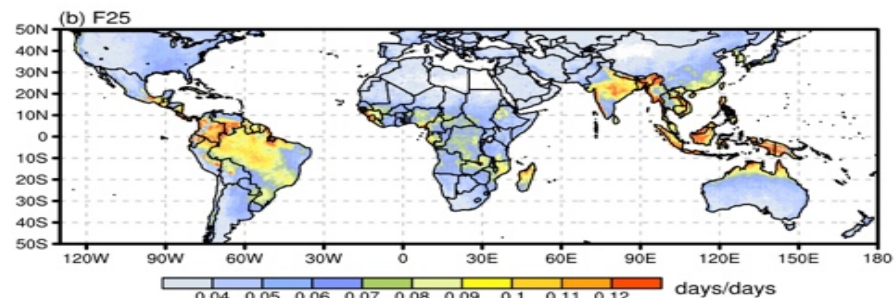
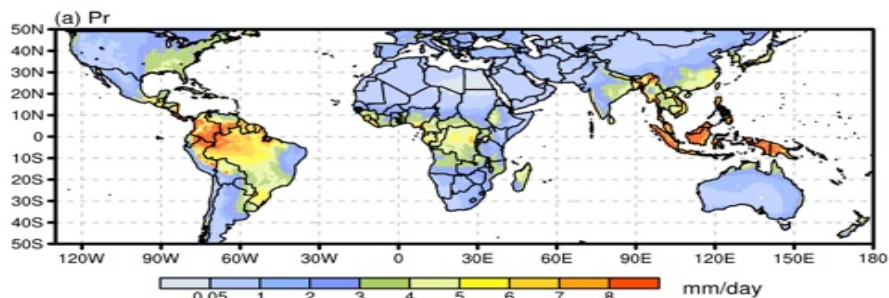


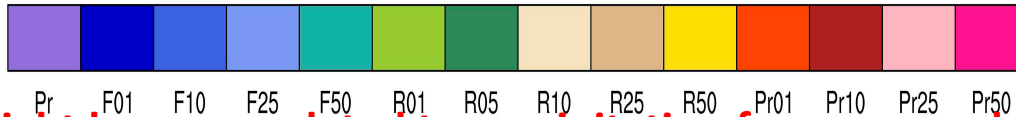
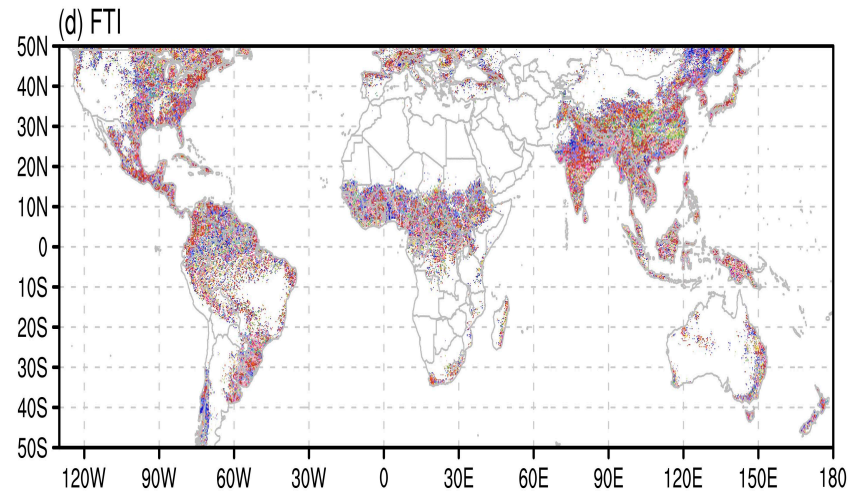
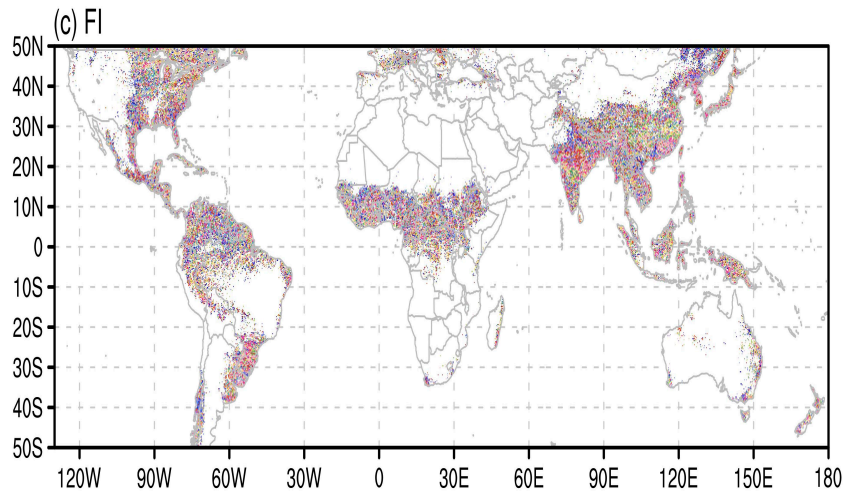
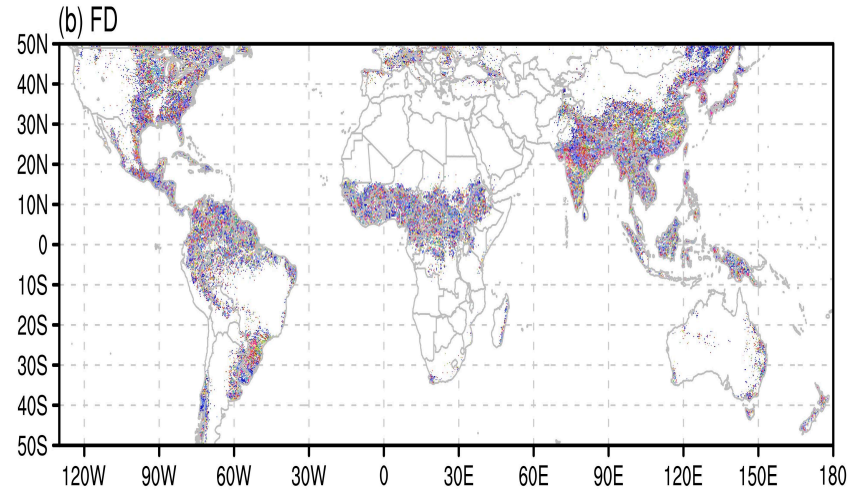
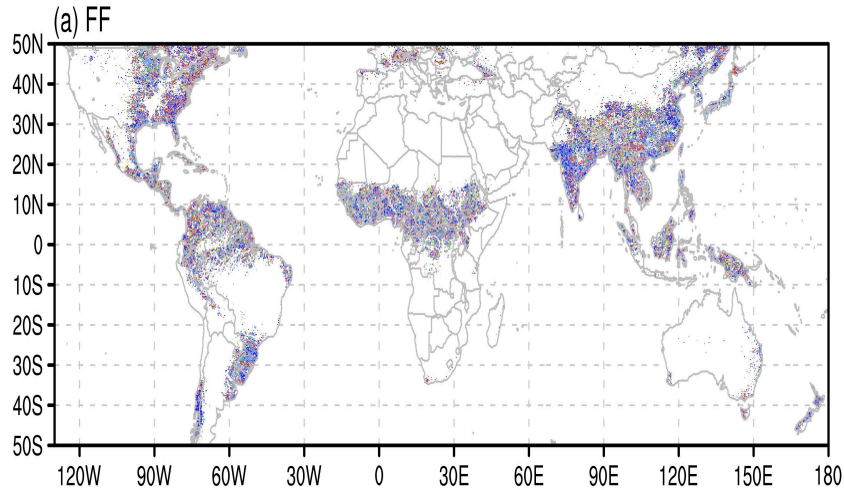
14 precipitation/extreme precipitation indices:

Pr (mm/day) ↵	Monthly precipitation rate ↵	↵
F01 (days/days) ↵	Total rainy days ($R \geq 1 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$) / total days in a month ↵	↵
F10 (days/days) ↵	Total rainy days ($R \geq 10 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$) / total days in a month ↵	↵
F25 (days/days) ↵	Total rainy days ($R \geq 25 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$) / total days in a month ↵	↵
F50 (days/days) ↵	Total days with $R \geq 50 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ / total days in a month ↵	↵
R01 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 1 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / days with $R \geq 1 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ in a month ↵	↵
R10 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 10 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / days with $R \geq 10 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ in a month ↵	↵
R25 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 25 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / days with $R \geq 25 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ in a month ↵	↵
R50 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 50 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / days with $R \geq 50 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ in a month ↵	↵
Pr01 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 1 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / total days in a month ↵	↵
Pr10 (mm/day) ↵	Total $R \geq 10 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ precipitation / total days in a month ↵	↵
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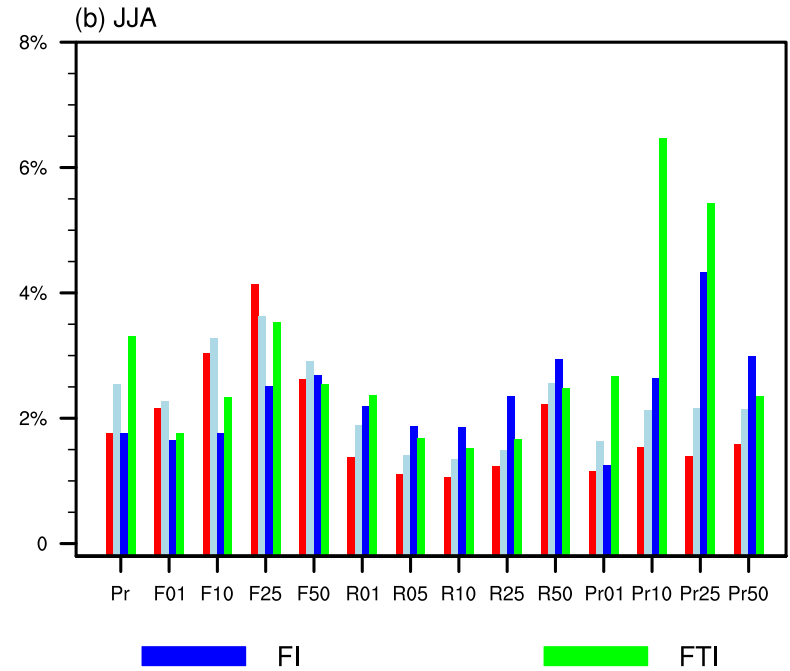
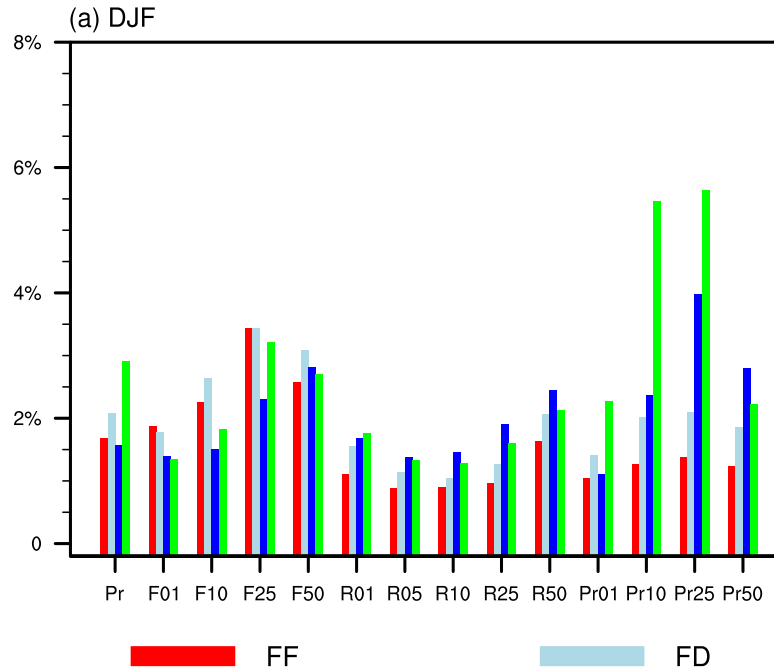


Climatological mean precipitation and floods (1998-2013)





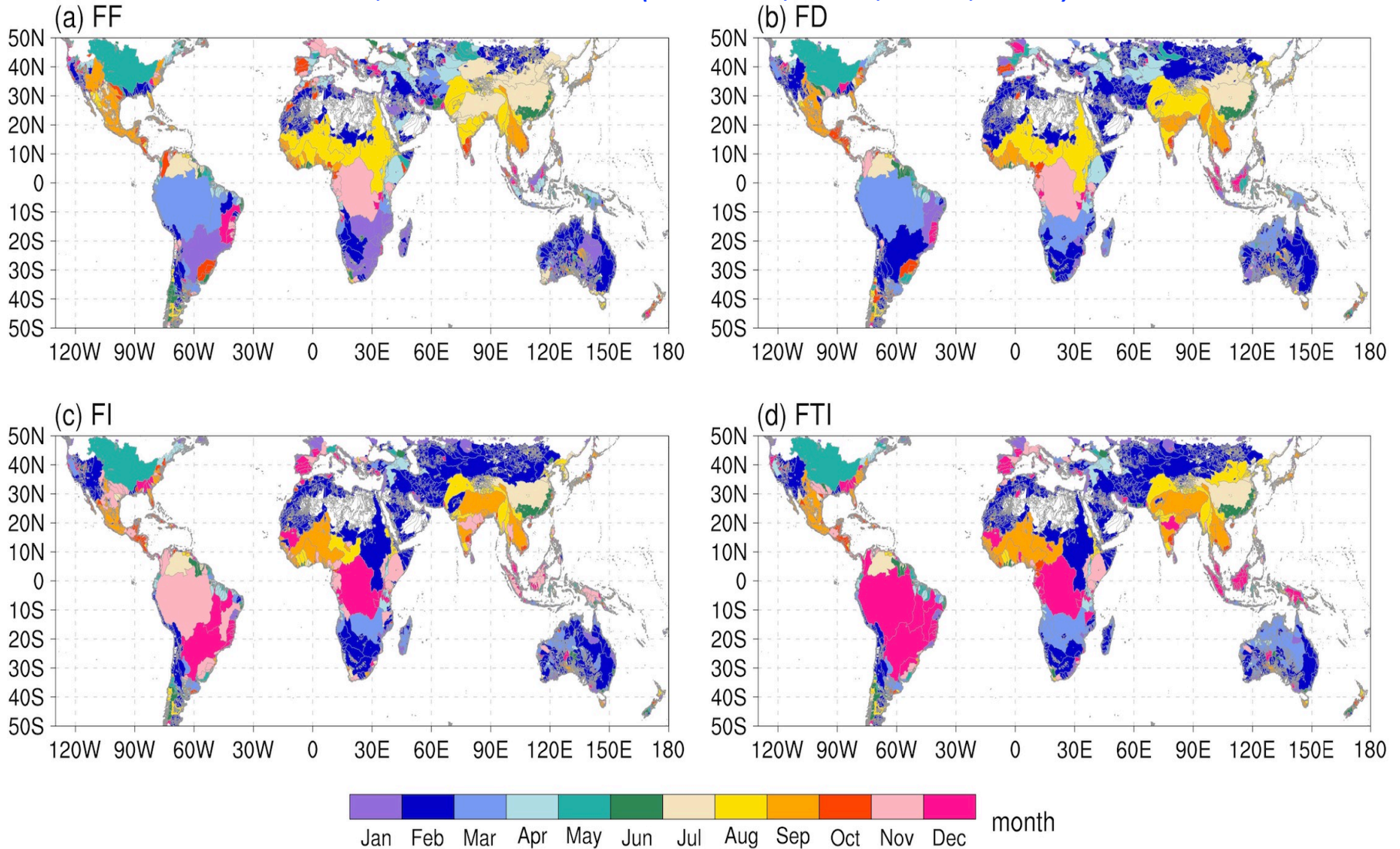
FF and FD might be more related to precipitation frequency, while precipitation amount and/or intensity tend to be more relevant to FI and FTI.



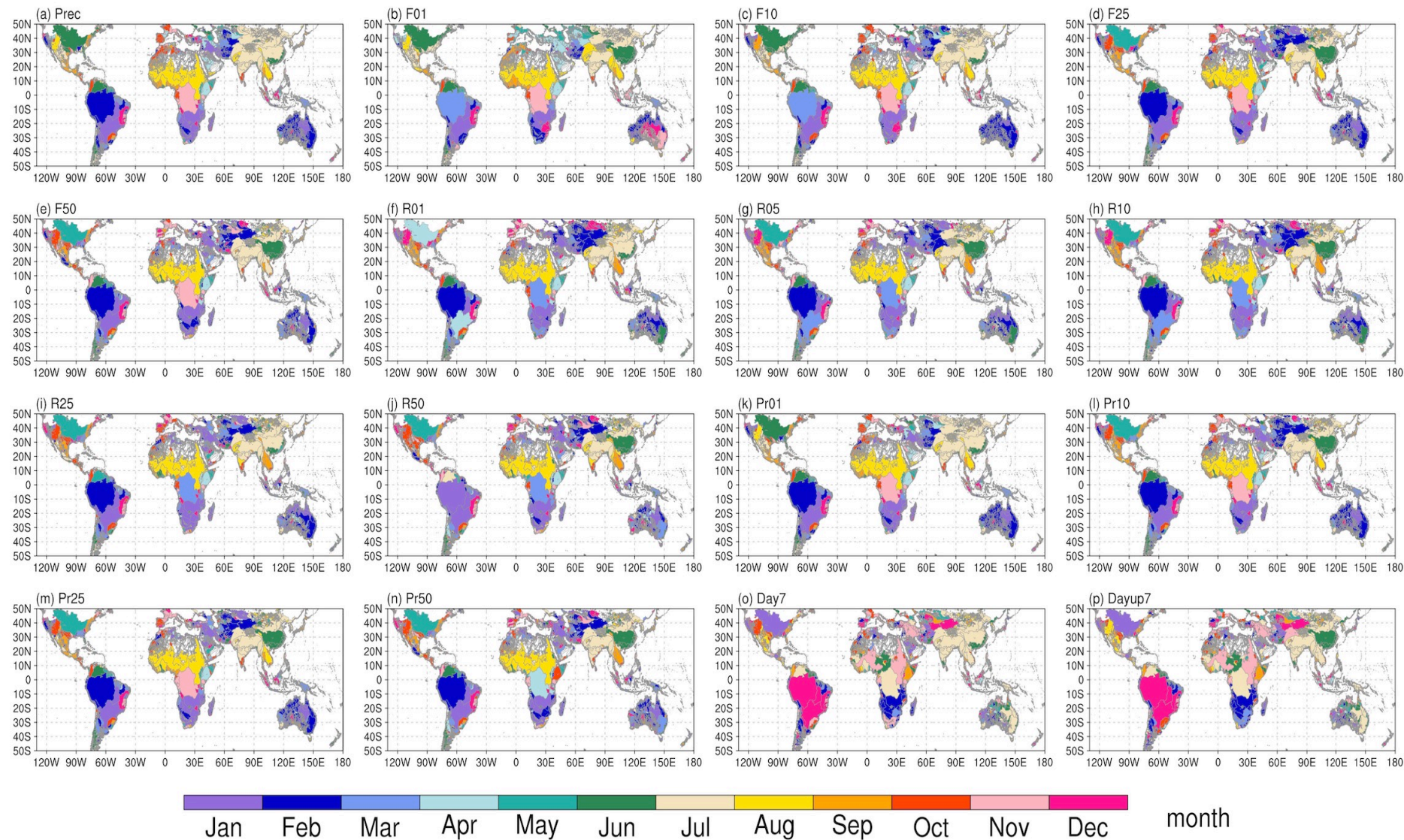
- The dominant role of the frequency of extreme precipitation events in the occurrence and duration of floods.
- Flood intensity (FI and FTI) tends to be more associated with total precipitation volume especially for those extreme precipitation events.



49,101 River Basins (Wu et al., 2011, 2012, WRR)



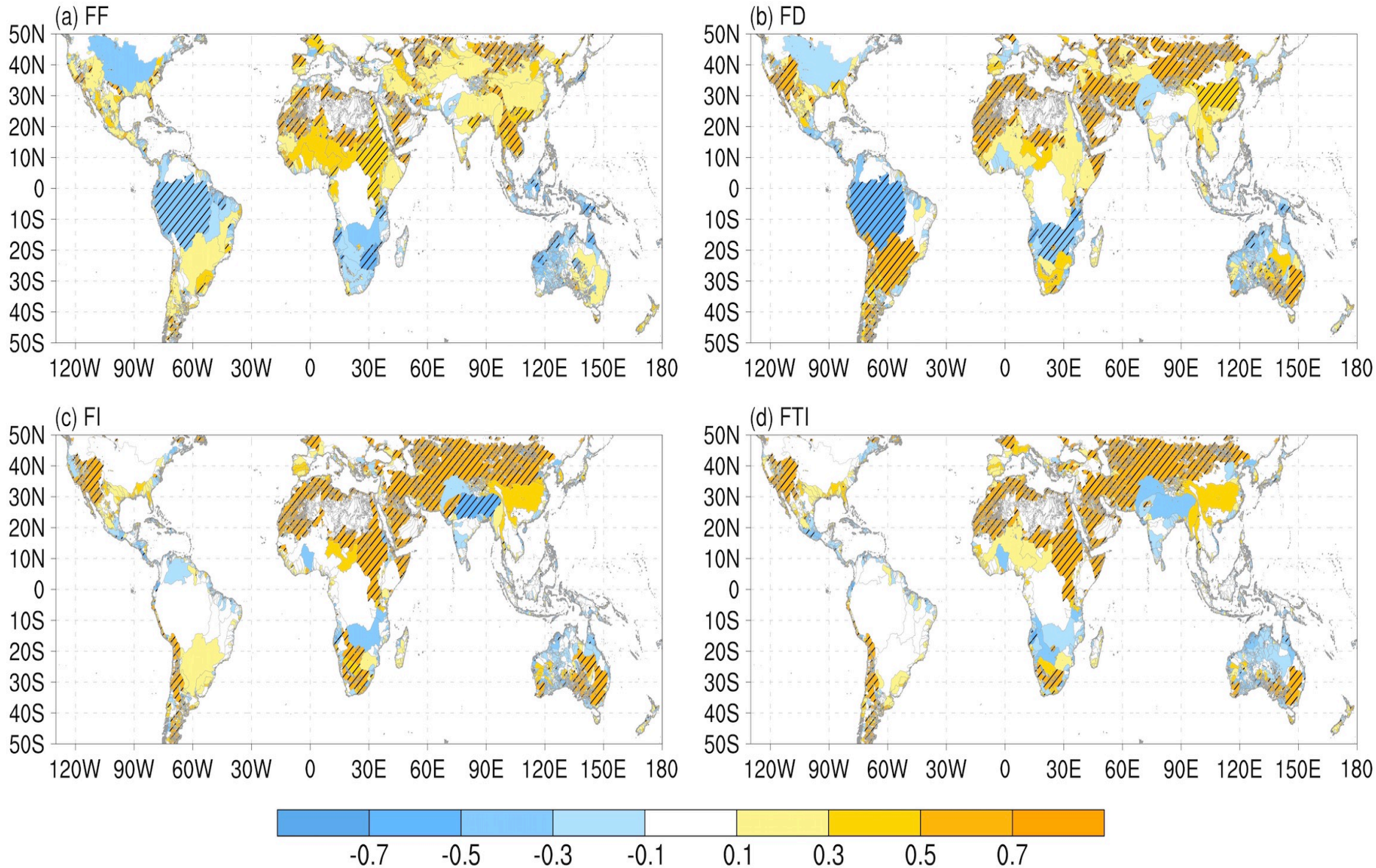
The most frequent flood month for a river basin might not necessarily be the month with those (most) intense flood events.

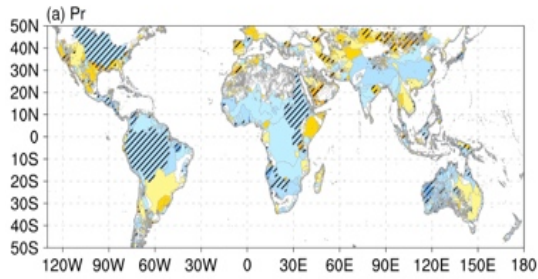


The existence of different effects on floods of these precipitation indices, representing various precipitation characteristics (Yan et al., 2020).

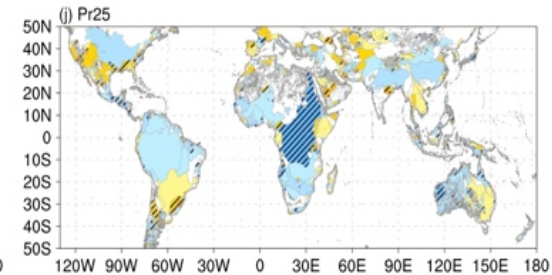
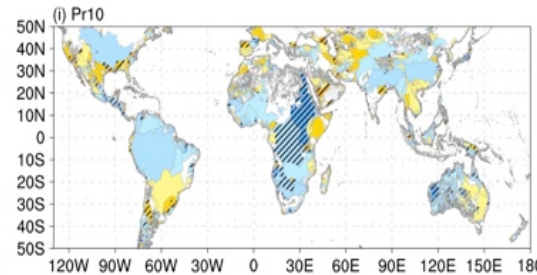
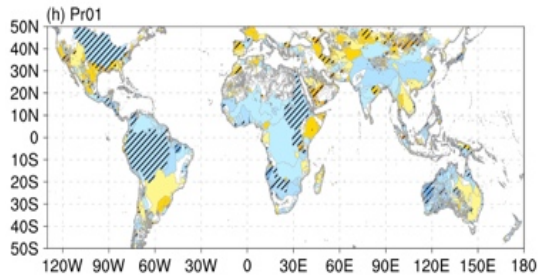
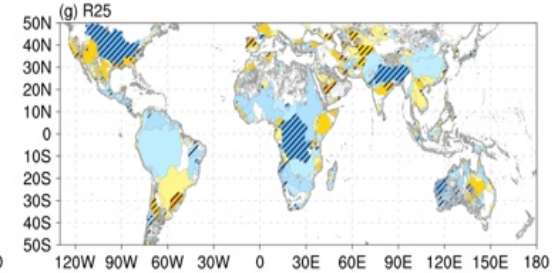
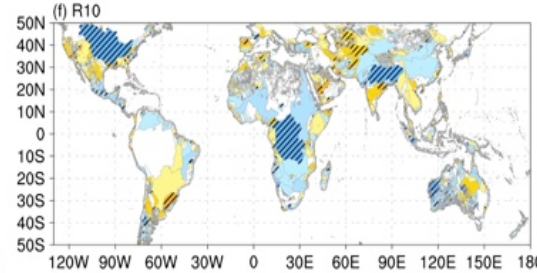
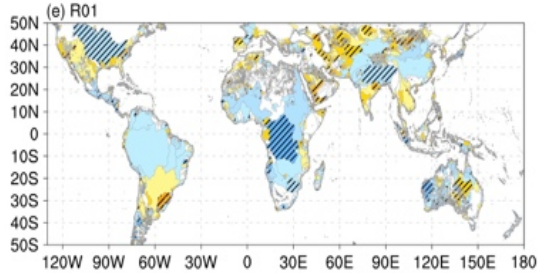
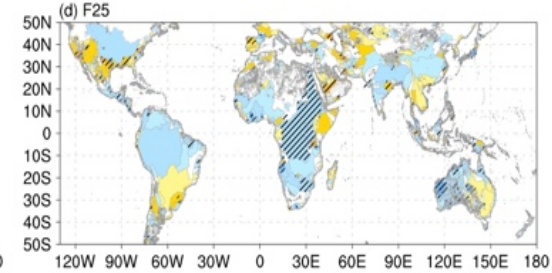
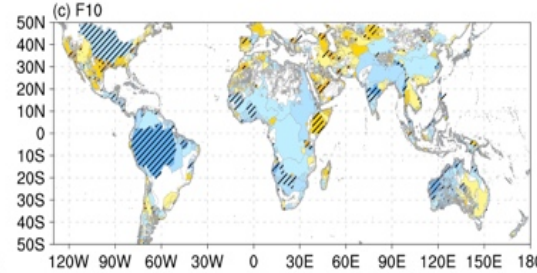
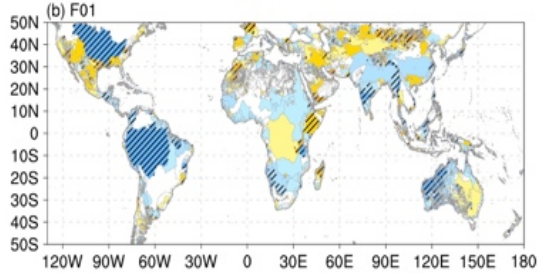


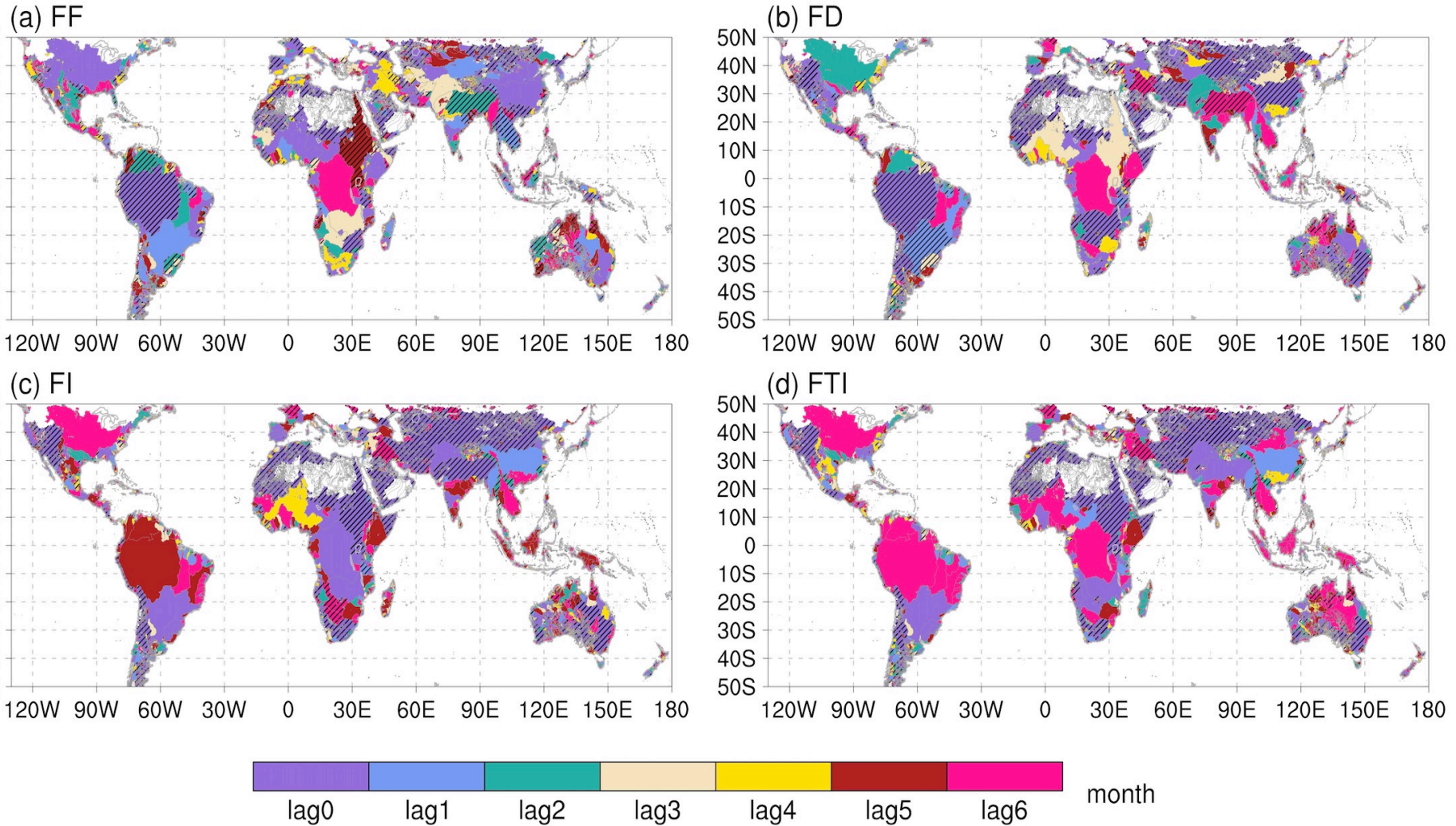
Simultaneous correlations between flood indices and Nino 3.4 in the respective peak months





- The ENSO effect on floods in many regions might mostly go through the ENSO related variations in precipitation characteristics.
- Higher correlations with ENSO is seen in FF/FD than in precipitation indices for many basins.

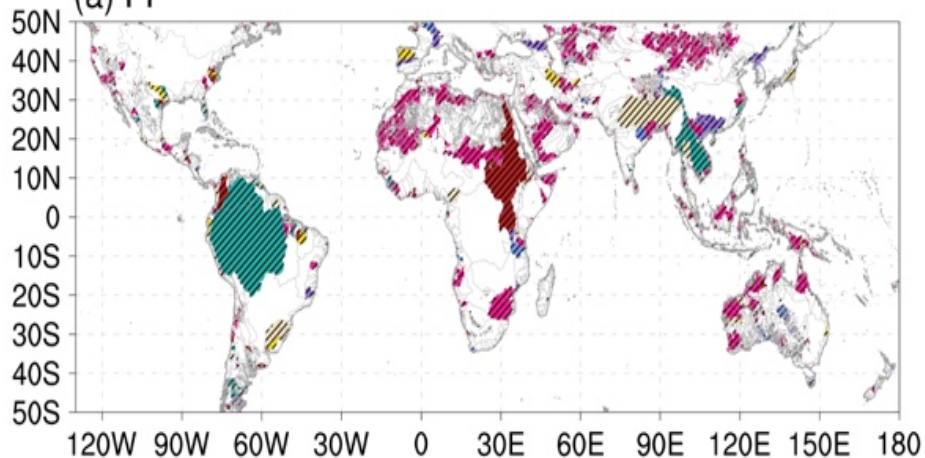




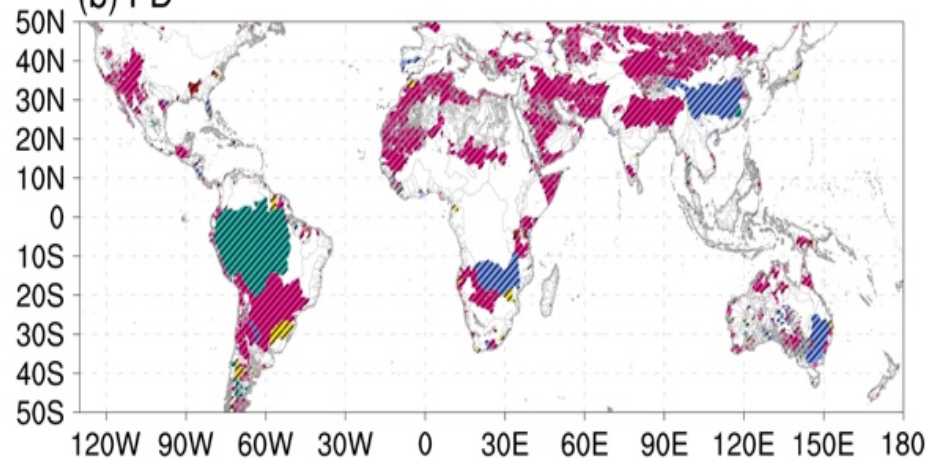
Maximum correlations with Nino 3.4 leading Flood indices by one to five months appear in many river basins and can reach the 90% confidence level.



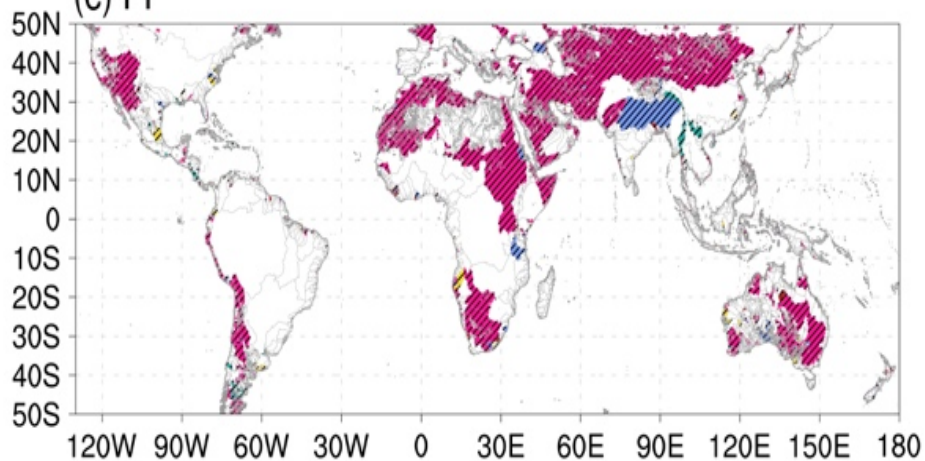
(a) FF



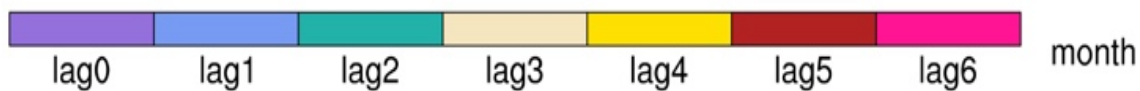
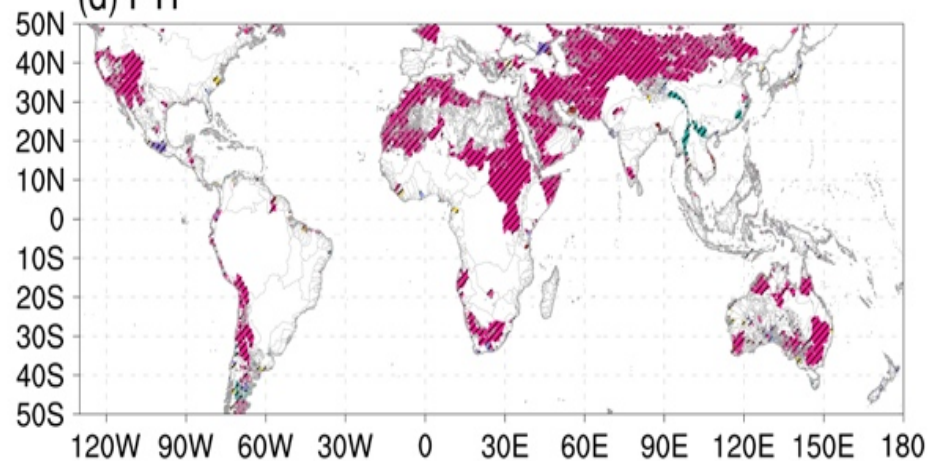
(b) FD



(c) FI



(d) FTI





- **Flood frequency (FF) and duration (FD) tend to be more related to daily precipitation frequency** globally especially to the mid-to-high-end daily frequencies (F10, F25, F50). **Flood intensity (FI and FTI) tend to be more associated with daily precipitation volume corresponding to those extreme precipitation events (>Pr10)**, while with a weak relation to daily precipitation intensity except the very high end one (R50) .
- **Significant simultaneous correlations and ENSO-leading-floods relations** between flood indices and Nino 3.4 appear in many flood-prone river basins across the world.
- The ENSO impact on floods can sometimes be traced back to the modulation of various characteristics of precipitation events by ENSO, which **further confirms the ENSO-precipitation relations in these regions/river basins.**
- The ENSO-floods-relations especially the ENSO-leading-floods relations identified here for river basins/catchments of interest can greatly enhance our understanding of how floods may vary on the interannual time scale and can further be applied to **improve monthly-to-seasonal flood forecasting.**



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