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Supporting Information for

Disentangling the mechanisms of ENSO response to tropical volcanic eruptions

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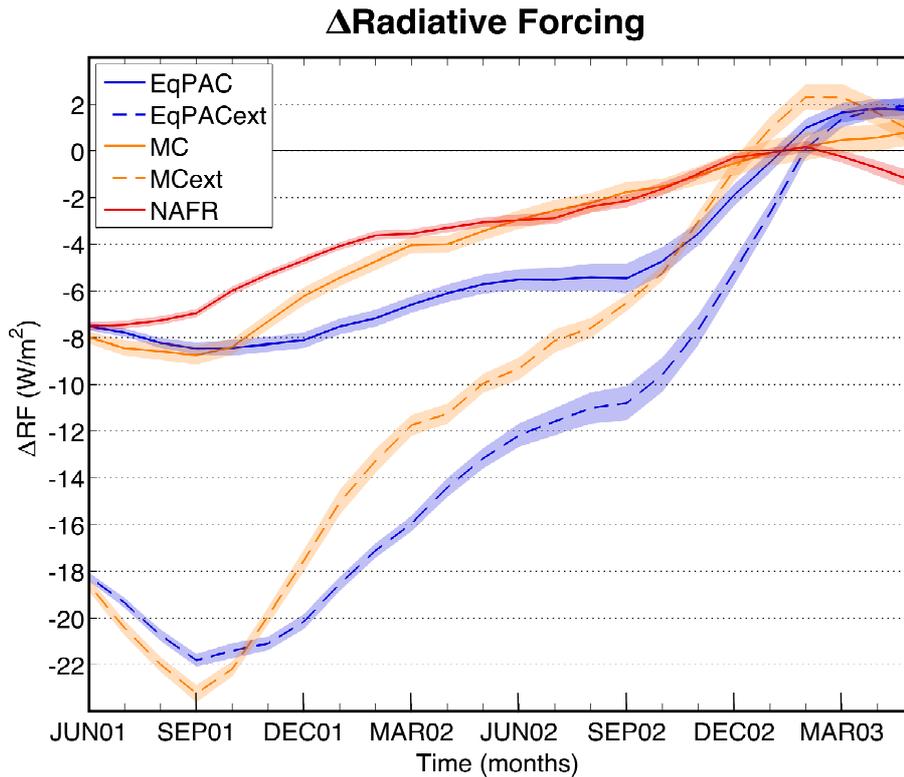


Figure S1. Radiative forcing. Changes in the net radiative forcing at the top of the atmosphere for each ensemble experiment relative to the no-volcano case. Shading represents twice the standard error of the mean (approximate 95% confidence intervals).

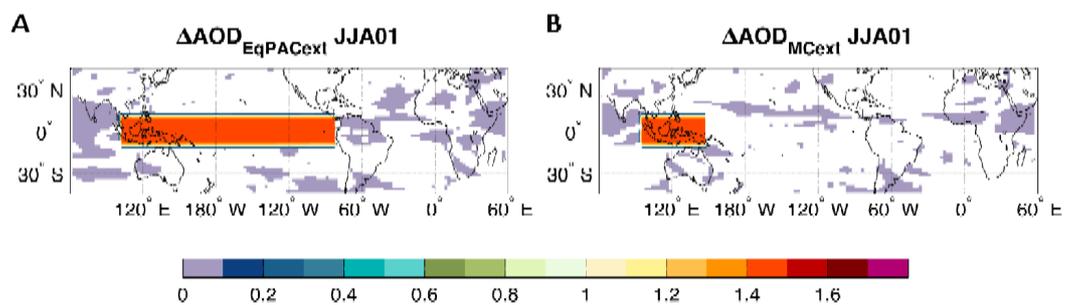


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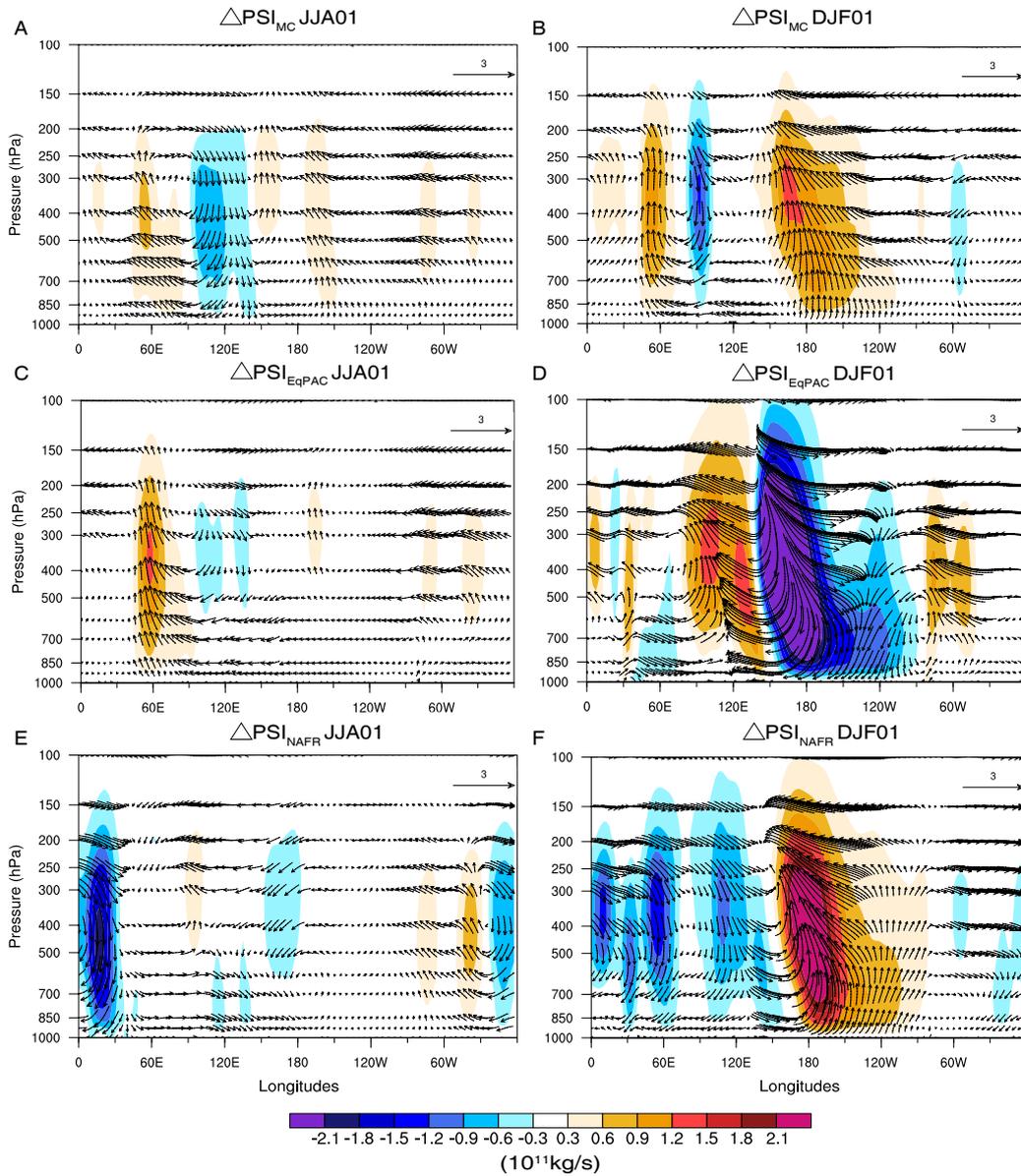


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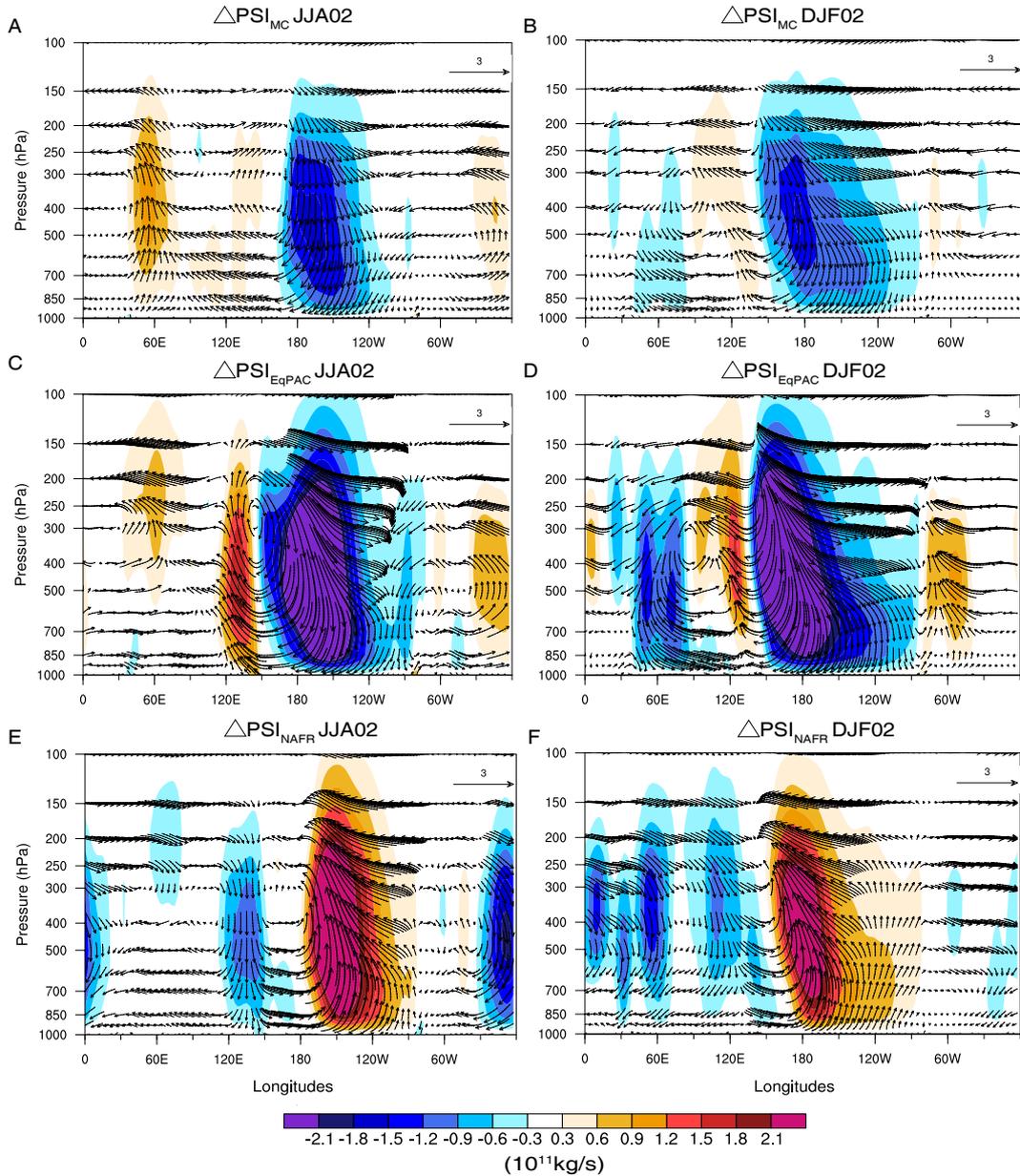


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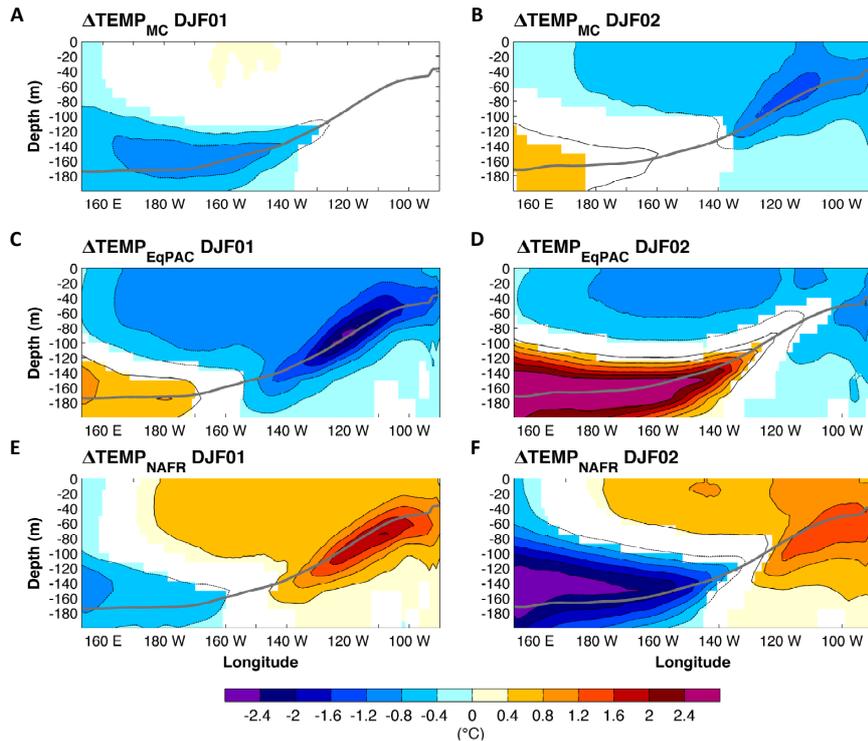


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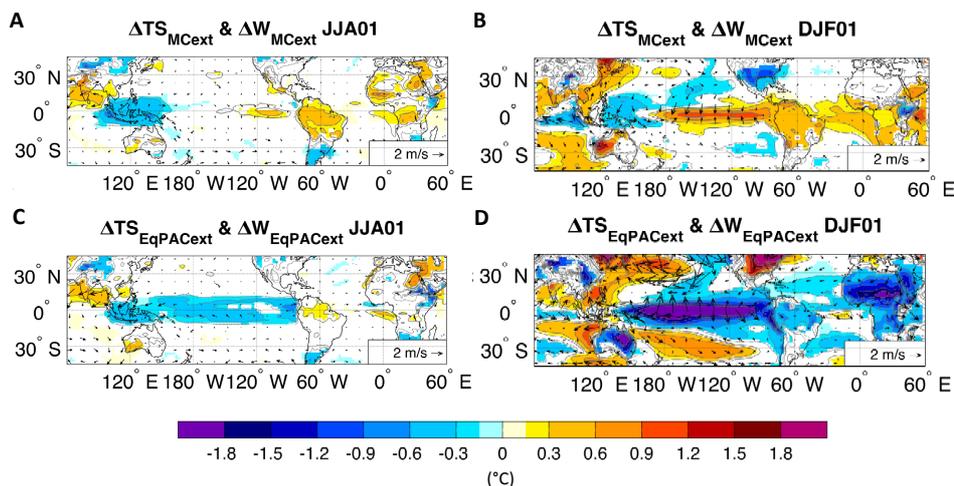


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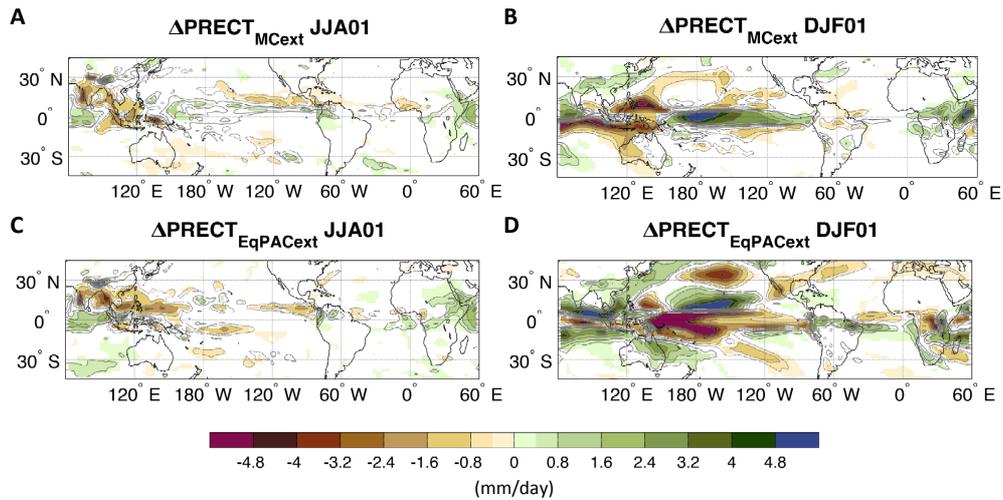


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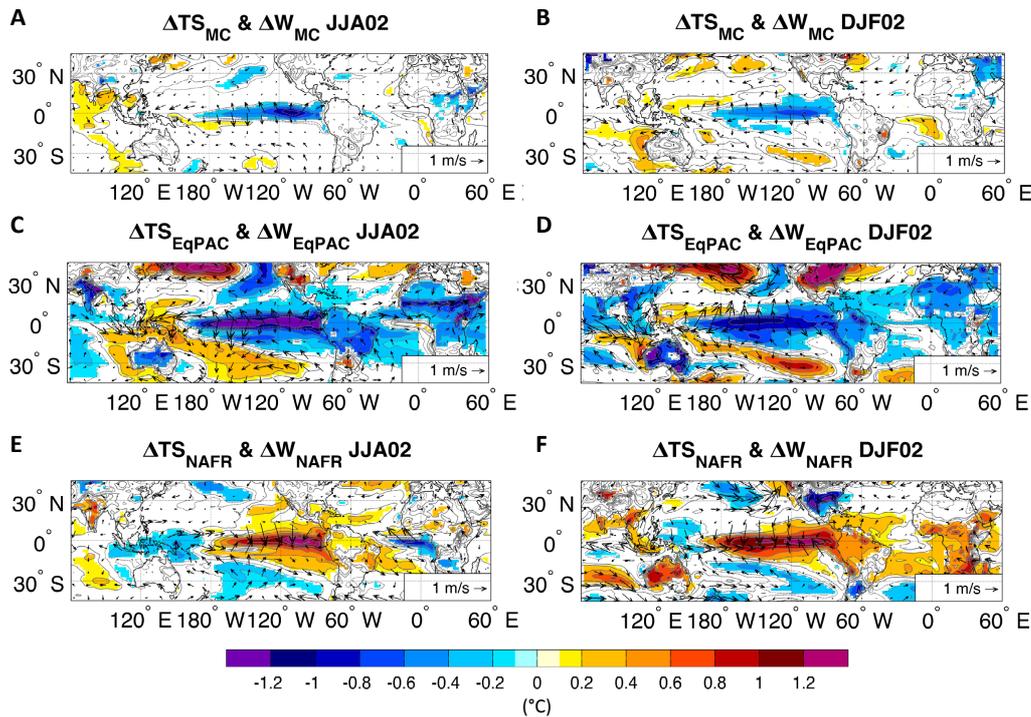


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