

Supporting Information for

**The Lifecycle of New Zealand Atmospheric Rivers and Relationship with the
Madden-Julian Oscillation**

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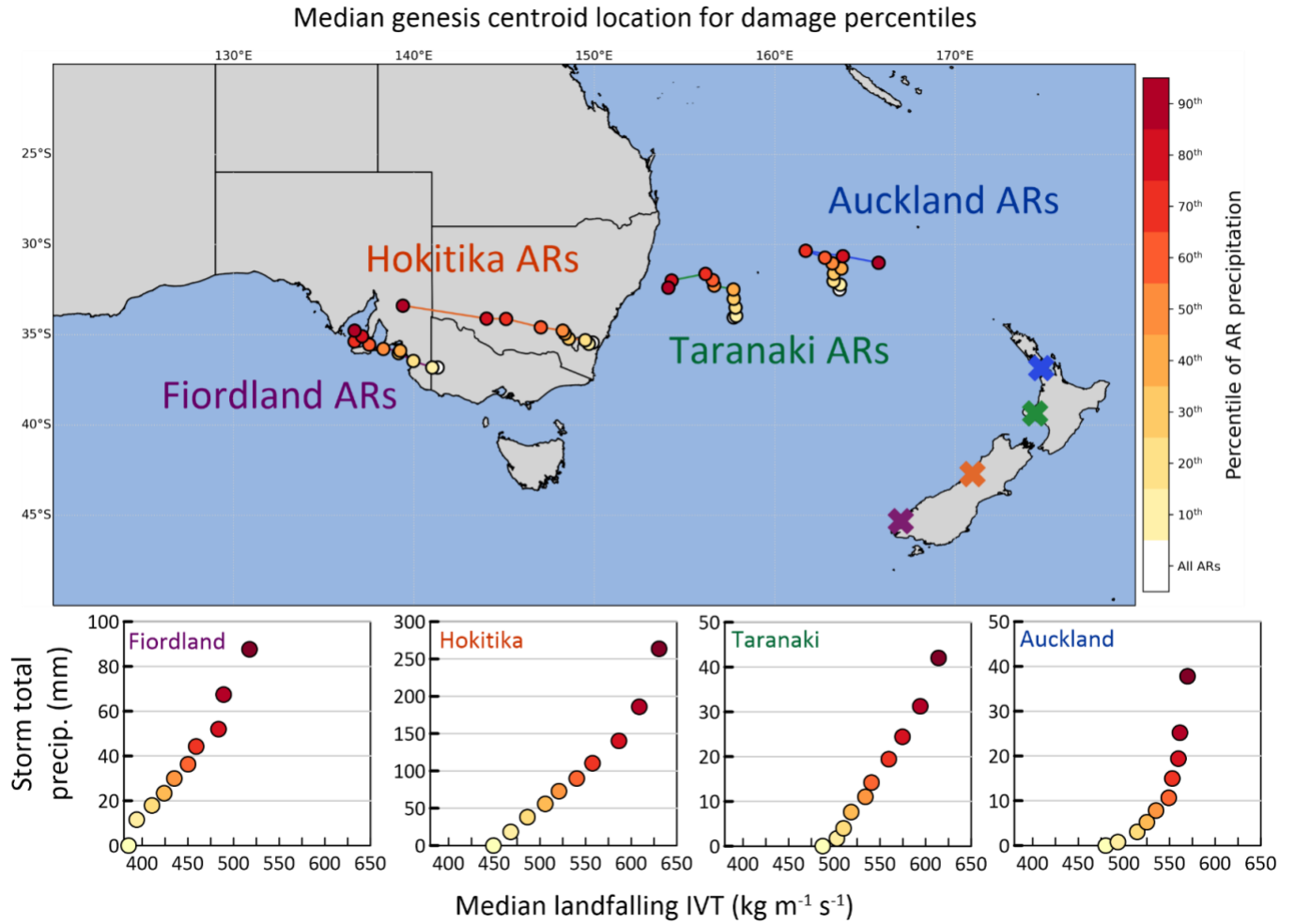


Figure S1. (upper) Median genesis location for ARs that make landfall at each weather station separated by precipitation percentile. (lower) The relationship between median landfalling IVT and storm total precipitation at the four weather stations.

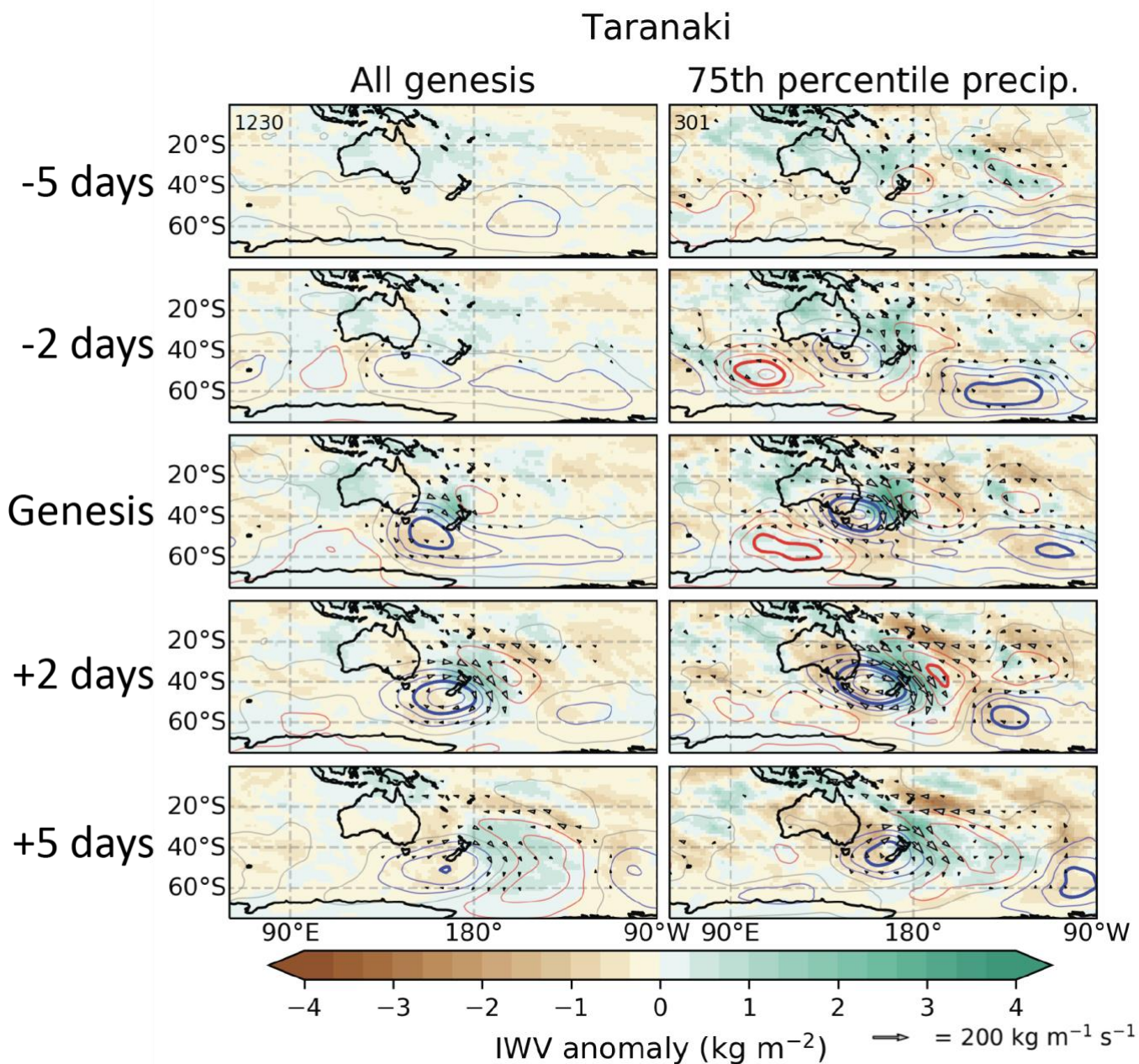


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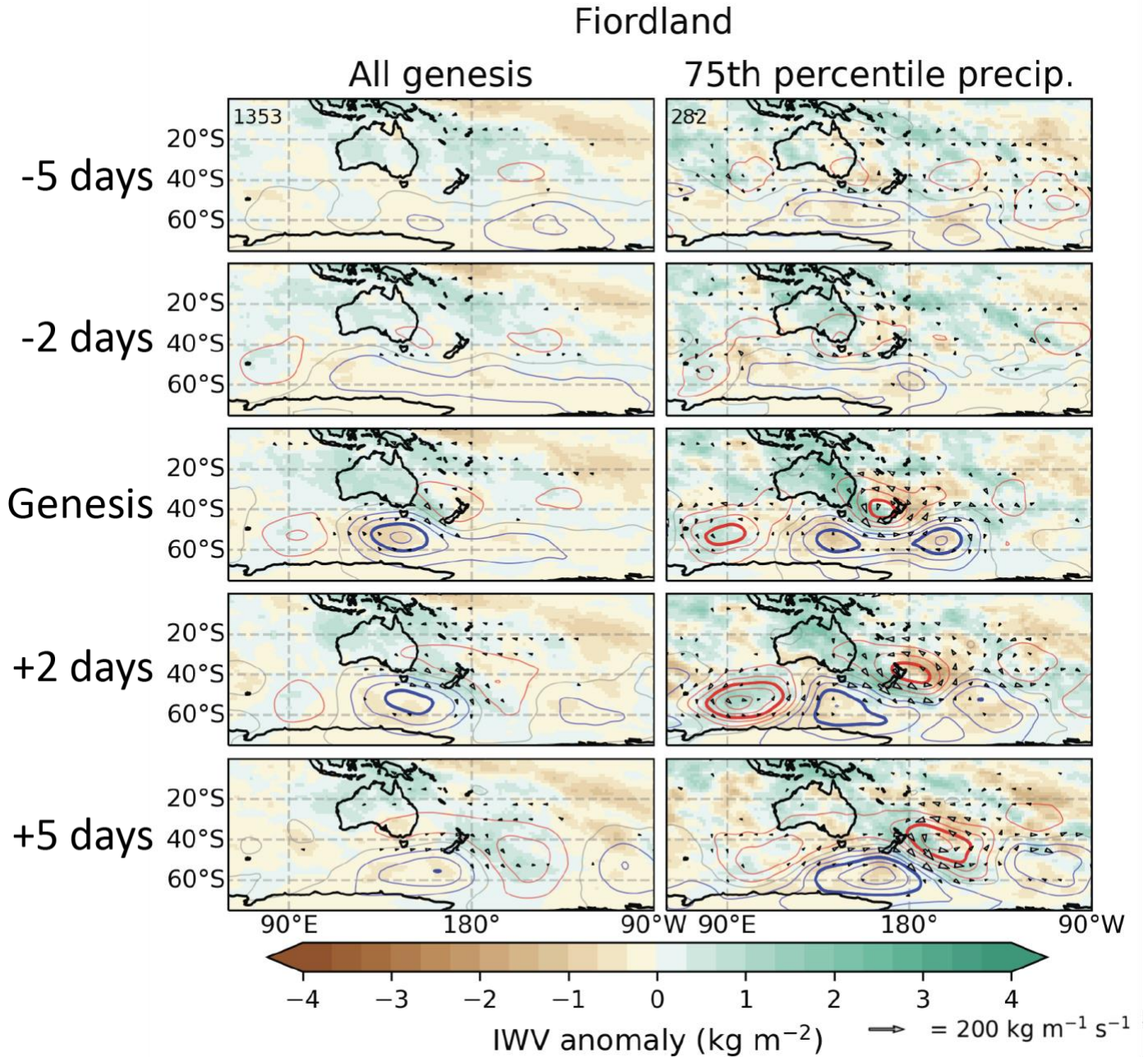


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All MJO

NZ AR MJO

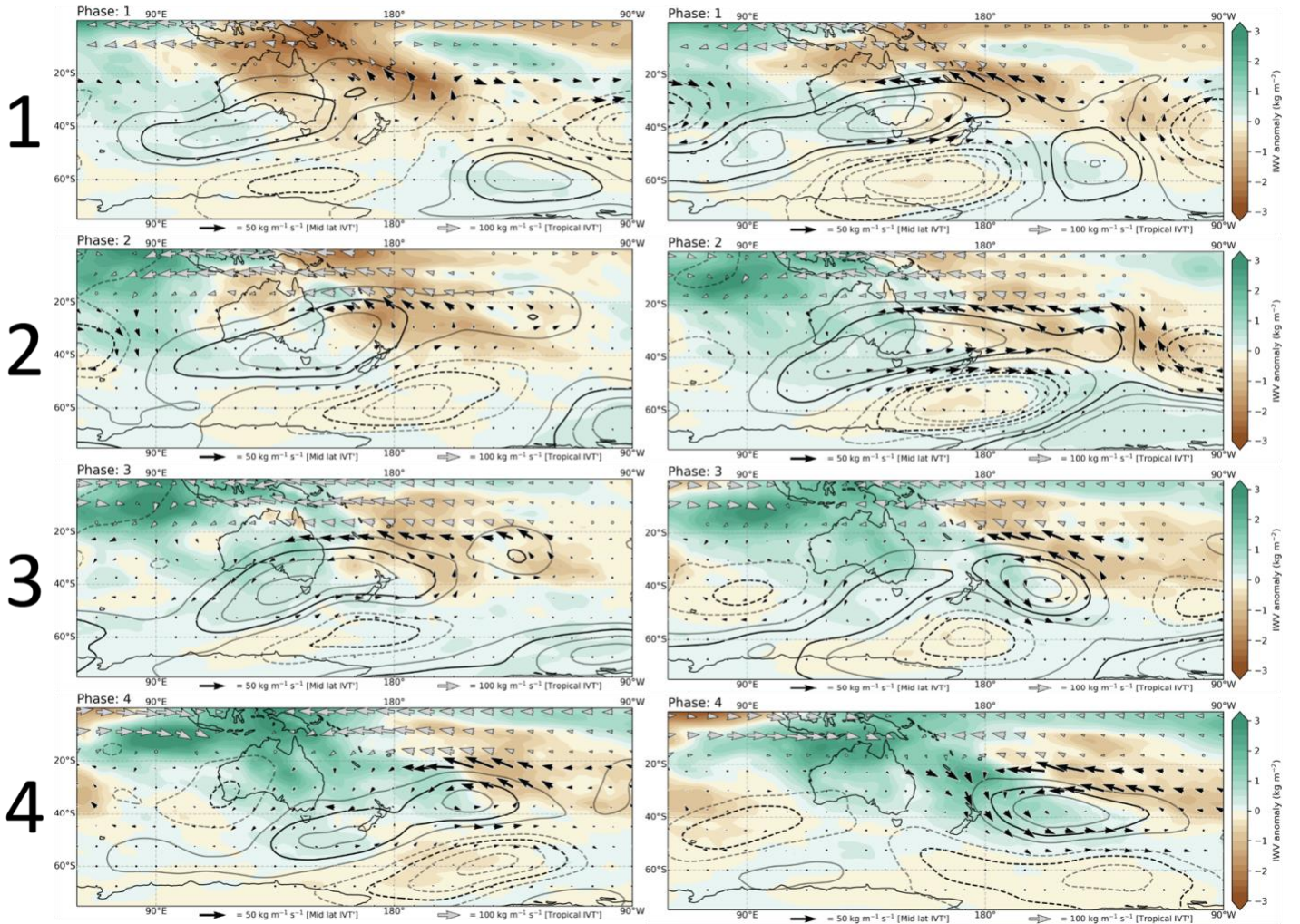


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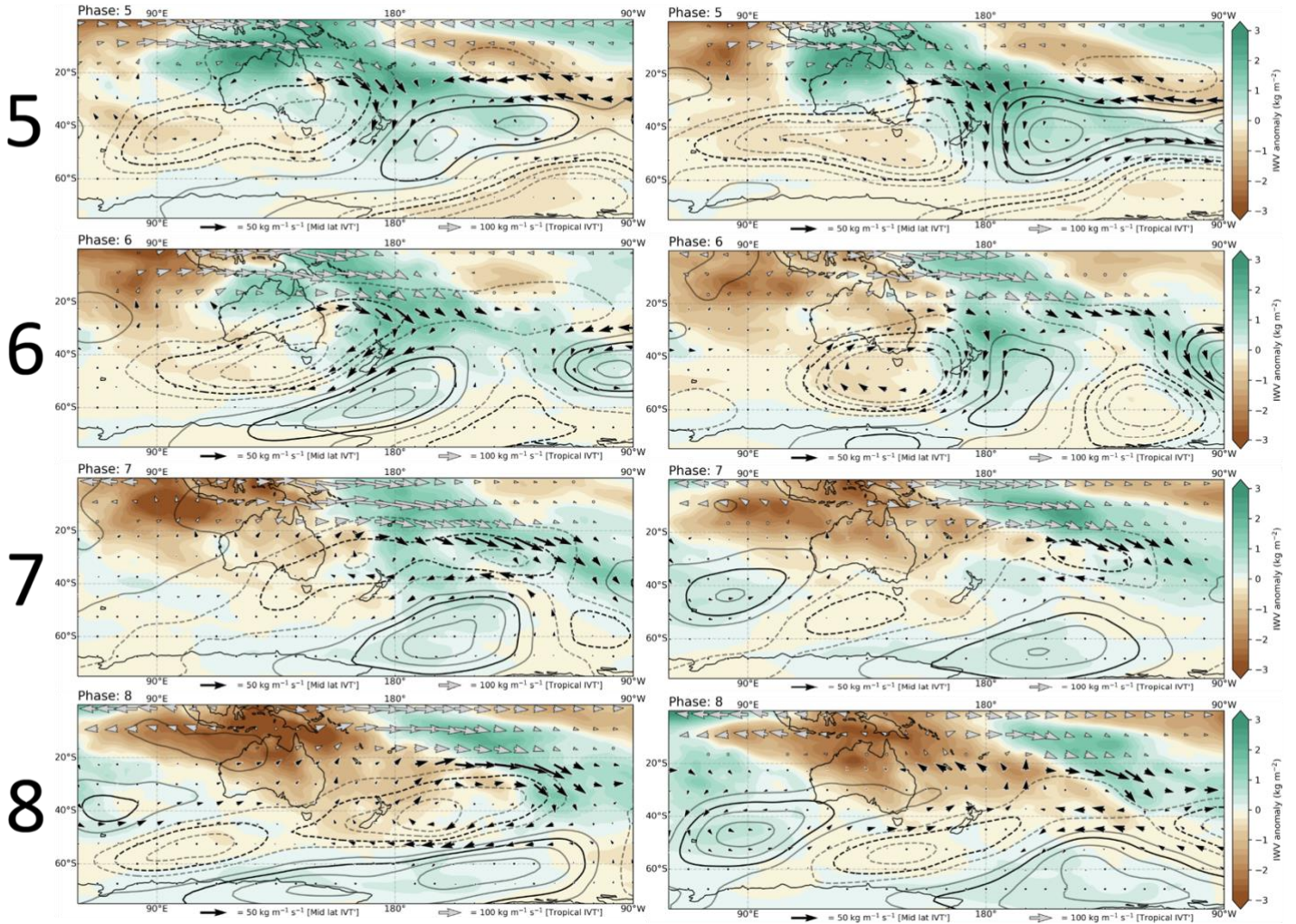


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