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2 **Statistical Analysis of Remote Precipitation in Japan**

3 **Caused by Typhoons in September**

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## Abstract

During the autumn rainy season, typhoons located far from Japan sometimes cause significant precipitation in Japan. In this study, we characterized remote precipitation events in September for 40 years from 1980 to 2019. We also analyzed cases in which remote precipitation did not occur despite approaching typhoons, as well as cases in which heavy precipitation was not affected by typhoons. We characterized the environmental fields of the remote precipitation cases by comparing them with these other two cases.

Statistical analysis showed that remote precipitation tended to occur when the typhoons were located over the southern or southwestern oceans of mainland Japan and when the tracks of the typhoons were northward or recurving. The composite analysis of the remote precipitation cases showed that the extension of the subtropical high was retreating to the east for the two days before the remote precipitation. By contrast, the cases in which remote precipitation did not occur showed the opposite pattern: the extension of the subtropical high was strengthening to the west when typhoons were approaching over the southern or southwestern oceans of the Japanese archipelago. Furthermore, the remote precipitation occurred to the equatorward jet streak entrance of the 200 hPa jet, whereas the 200 hPa jet streak was shifted to the west in the cases where remote precipitation did not occur. The vertical cross-section of the northward water vapor flux showed that the northward water vapor inflow from the middle troposphere was larger in cases of remote precipitation than in cases in which heavy precipitation was not caused by typhoons. In addition, our results

52 suggest that the contribution of the wind speed to this difference in the water vapor flux was  
53 greater than that of the water vapor mixing ratio.

54 **Keywords** typhoon; remote precipitation; water vapor flux; autumn rainy season

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56 **1. Introduction**

57 During the autumn rainy (Akisame, in Japanese) season, typhoons located far from Japan  
58 can increase the supply of water vapor in Japan, resulting in significant precipitation. Wang  
59 et al. (2009) referred to this type of precipitation as remote precipitation due to the indirect  
60 effect of typhoons and distinguished it from precipitation due to the direct effect of typhoons,  
61 i.e., the effects of the eyewall and spiral rain bands. Remote precipitation is thought to be  
62 caused generally by warm and moist northward winds to the east of the typhoons, which  
63 stimulate the Akisame front.

64 There have been several studies on remote precipitation in Japan caused by the indirect  
65 effect of typhoons during the Akisame season. Wang et al. (2009) conducted the  
66 hypothetical typhoon vortex removal experiment for Typhoon Songda in 2004, which  
67 suggested the importance of the northward water vapor transport enhanced by the typhoon.  
68 Murata (2009) argued that in addition to the supply of water vapor, the dynamic effect of  
69 mountainous terrain contributed to the remote precipitation for Typhoon Meari in 2004.  
70 Ninomiya (2013) pointed out the influence of a weak shortwave mid-latitude trough on the  
71 remote precipitation caused by Typhoon TRIX in 1965. Moreover, Kitabatake (2002)  
72 suggested that the involvement of frontogenesis and associated vertical motion was  
73 responsible for the heavy remote precipitation caused by Typhoon Saomai in 2000. Saito  
74 (2019) and Saito and Matsunobu (2020) have described the influence of upper-level  
75 ageostrophic winds on the remote precipitation caused by Typhoon Melor in 2009.

76 Remote precipitation caused by typhoons is also observed in the Baiu season (early  
77 summer rainy season). Using potential vorticity analysis, Yoshida and Itoh (2012) revealed  
78 that the indirect supply of water vapor from Typhoon Maggie in 1999 caused remote  
79 precipitation. Hirata and Kawamura (2014) statistically analyzed the remote impact on Japan  
80 of two primary tracks of typhoons in the Baiu season. In addition, Kawamura and Ogasawara  
81 (2006) and Yamada and Kawamura (2007) studied the interaction between typhoons and  
82 the Pacific-Japan pattern from the Baiu season to the Akisame season and found that the  
83 remote precipitation is related to the strengthening of the subtropical high to the east of  
84 Japan.

85 Research on East Asian regions other than Japan has also been conducted. Byun and  
86 Lee (2012) performed a statistical analysis of remote precipitation cases on the Korean  
87 Peninsula, distinguishing between typhoons that made landfall in China and those that did  
88 not. Yuan et al. (2018) conducted a statistical analysis of the remote precipitation caused by  
89 tropical cyclones in the Bay of Bengal.

90 By contrast, a region of precipitation caused indirectly by the effects of tropical cyclones  
91 over North America is called a predecessor rain event (PRE) (Cote 2007). PRE is generally  
92 explained as a phenomenon in which tropical cyclones in the Atlantic Ocean recurve and  
93 move northward into the mid-latitudes, forming a rain band that stagnates on North America  
94 about 1000 km north of the tropical cyclones, resulting in heavy precipitation (Kitabatake  
95 2012). Galarneau et al. (2010) conducted a statistical analysis of PRE in a 14-year period

96 and analyzed in more detail the case of tropical cyclone Erin in 2007. Schumacher et al.  
97 (2011) studied the same tropical cyclone by conducting a sensitivity experiment with removal  
98 of water vapor. They showed that although the precipitation was enhanced by water vapor  
99 from Erin, it was the environmental field that generated the precipitation, even in the absence  
100 of Erin. Moreover, Schumacher et al. (2012) extracted both recurved and non-recurved  
101 conditions from the 2007 Erin and the 2008 Ike ensemble forecasts and found that the  
102 increased water vapor transport due to recurving did not necessarily enhance the  
103 precipitation. Many other studies have aimed to clarify the mechanism of PRE and the  
104 indirect effects of tropical cyclones (Bosart and Carr 1978; Ross and Kurihara 1995; Bosart  
105 et al. 2012; Moore et al. 2013).

106 The environmental fields of PRE in North America and of remote precipitation in Japan  
107 are very different, and their underlying mechanisms are not necessarily the same. PRE in  
108 North America occurs over land, while remote precipitation in Japan occurs mainly over the  
109 ocean or adjacent areas. However, they have some factors in common, such as the mid-  
110 latitude systems and water vapor transport from tropical cyclones. Despite many individual  
111 case studies, there have been no statistical analyses to clarify the mechanism of remote  
112 precipitation in Japan during the Akisame season. The purpose of this study is to identify the  
113 differences between the environmental fields of remote precipitation cases and those of  
114 cases in which remote precipitation did not occur even when typhoons were approaching.  
115 In addition, we compare remote precipitation cases with heavy precipitation cases that are

116 not influenced by typhoons and clarify the effect of typhoons on remote precipitation from  
117 the viewpoint of water vapor flux.

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## 119 **2. Data and methods**

### 120 *2.1 Data*

121 In this study, we used Best Track Data from the Regional Specialized Meteorological  
122 Center (RSMC) Tokyo-Typhoon Center, which provides information on typhoons occurring  
123 from 1951 to the present. For precipitation and other physical parameters, we used the  
124 European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) Reanalysis v5 (ERA5)  
125 data, which provides a variety of physical parameters from 1950 to the present with a  
126 horizontal resolution of 0.25 degrees in latitude and longitude and 37 pressure levels from  
127 1000 hPa to 1 hPa. Hourly data on pressure levels (Hersbach et al. 2018a), hourly data on  
128 single levels (Hersbach et al. 2018b) and monthly averaged data on single levels (Hersbach  
129 et al. 2019) were used in this study. The Global Satellite Mapping of Precipitation (GSMaP)  
130 (Kubota et al. 2007) was used to analyze the distribution and intensity of precipitation areas  
131 and to confirm the reproducibility of the ERA5 precipitation data. The GSMaP provides  
132 hourly data for rainfall intensity from 2000 to the present in the region 60°S–60°N with a  
133 horizontal resolution of 0.1 degrees in latitude and longitude.

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### 135 *2.2 Methods*

136 The analysis period of this study is every September from 1980 to 2019. We first extracted  
137 the days when daily precipitation of 40 mm or more was recorded at 33 or more grid points  
138 in the rectangular domain covering the major part of Japan [130–150°E, 30–40°N],  
139 regardless of whether or not typhoons were approaching. The daily precipitation was  
140 obtained by totaling the hourly precipitation from 00 UTC to 23 UTC from the ERA5 data.  
141 The threshold value of 40 mm was selected to ensure that representative remote  
142 precipitation cases were included. The minimum number of 33 grid points was chosen  
143 because this represents about 1% of all grid points in the rectangular domain and excludes  
144 rainfall events that are too localized. The rectangular domain was chosen because it  
145 includes the area with mean September precipitation of about 250 mm or more, calculated  
146 from the 40 years of ERA5 data covering our study period. As a result, we obtained 618  
147 precipitation days. Up to this point, we had not considered whether or not the precipitation  
148 was due to the indirect effects of typhoons.

149 To define the days when typhoons were remotely located, we referred to Tsuguti and Kato  
150 (2014); we extracted the cases in which the distance between a typhoon center and a  
151 precipitation center was between 500 km and 1500 km. Typhoons in this study are those  
152 with a maximum wind speed of at least 34 knots. Typhoons above 34 knots are classified as  
153 grades 3, 4, and 5 in the Best Track Data. The typhoon center was defined as the position  
154 at 12 UTC on the day of precipitation, and the precipitation center was defined as the location  
155 of maximum daily precipitation in the rectangular domain. In the case of multiple typhoons



156 within 500–1500 km of the precipitation center on the same day, only the typhoon closest to  
157 the precipitation center was considered. In addition, to confirm the remote impact of  
158 typhoons on precipitation areas, we referred to Galarneau et al. (2010) to check the  
159 connection between the typhoon and the precipitation; we defined the precipitation as  
160 remote if both the typhoon center and the precipitation center were surrounded by a contour  
161 with daily average precipitable water of 50 mm or more. For cases of remote precipitation  
162 caused by the same typhoon, we counted only the first day on which the above criteria were  
163 satisfied. As a result, we extracted 58 remote precipitation cases. Hereafter, we refer to  
164 these cases of remote precipitation in Japan as “PRE” cases, to acknowledge their similarity  
165 to PRE in North America.

166 We also extracted the cases in which PRE did not occur, i.e., heavy precipitation did not  
167 occur even though typhoons were approaching Japan. These cases are hereafter referred  
168 to as “non-PRE” cases. To obtain these cases, we first extracted the days when daily  
169 precipitation of less than 40 mm was recorded at all grid points in the rectangular domain.  
170 From this list, we selected the cases in which the distance between the typhoon center and  
171 the median precipitation point, which was defined from the precipitation centers of the 58  
172 PRE cases, was between 500 km and 1500 km. In addition, we excluded cases where the  
173 typhoons were determined to be typhoons of the extracted PRE cases. As with the PRE  
174 cases, for non-PRE cases caused by the same typhoon, we counted only the first day on  
175 which the above criteria were satisfied. As a result, 31 non-PRE cases were extracted.

176 Finally, we also extracted cases of heavy precipitation that was not due to the influence  
177 of typhoons. We defined the days when daily precipitation of 80 mm or more was recorded  
178 at 33 or more grid points in the rectangular domain. Next, we selected the cases in which  
179 the distance between the typhoon center and the precipitation center was more than 2000  
180 km, as well as cases for which typhoons were not observed on the Best Track Data.  
181 Precipitation cases due to tropical depression (maximum wind speed of less than 34 knots,  
182 grade 2 on the Best Track Data) or extratropical cyclone (grade 6 on the Best Track Data)  
183 were also excluded. For cases of heavy precipitation on consecutive days, we counted only  
184 the first day. As a result, 24 cases of heavy precipitation without the influence of typhoons  
185 were extracted. These cases are hereafter referred to as "non-typhoon" cases.

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### 187 **3. Results**

#### 188 *3.1 Statistical data*

189 Figure 1 shows the positions of typhoon centers and precipitation centers for PRE, non-  
190 PRE, and non-typhoon cases, as well as the rectangular domain used to define the  
191 precipitation location. Statistical analysis of the PRE cases showed that the typhoon centers  
192 at the time of PRE occurrence were widely distributed in the zonal areas over the southern  
193 and southwestern oceans of Japan between 120°E and 150°E (Fig. 1a). The precipitation  
194 centers were also widely distributed within the rectangular domain [130–150°E, 30–40°N]  
195 (Fig. 1b). Most of the tracks of the typhoons were northward or recurving, with few westward

196 typhoon tracks (Figs. 2a–2d). The distances between the typhoon center and the  
197 precipitation center were between 500 km and 1500 km, but distances of more than 1000  
198 km were more frequent (Fig. 3a). Examination of the direction of the precipitation centers  
199 from the typhoon centers indicated that PRE tended to occur to the north to northeast of the  
200 typhoons (Fig. 3b). In other words, PRE tended to occur when the typhoons were located  
201 over the southern or southwestern oceans of the Japanese archipelago. Four cases were  
202 excluded from Fig. 3b because their azimuths were not within 90 degrees. Examination of  
203 the central pressure of the typhoons at the time of PRE occurrence showed that typhoons  
204 above 980 hPa, which were relatively weak, still caused PRE (Fig. 3c). For the typhoons  
205 that persisted for more than 6 days, we compared the time of minimum central pressure with  
206 the time of central pressure at PRE occurrence. We found that six typhoons occurred before  
207 the time of minimum central pressure, five typhoons occurred at the time of minimum central  
208 pressure, and 18 typhoons occurred after the time of minimum central pressure. This result  
209 is similar to that of the statistical analysis of North American PRE (Galarneau et al. 2010), in  
210 which tropical cyclones tended to weaken when PRE occurred. Finally, Figure 4 shows the  
211 relationship between the central pressure of the typhoons and the maximum daily  
212 precipitation. One case with extremely high precipitation was excluded. Figure 4 indicates  
213 that the intensity of the remote precipitation is not affected by the intensity of typhoons.  
214 Based on this result, we did not take into consideration the effects of the difference in the  
215 strength of typhoons on precipitation in the following analysis. The mean of the maximum

216 daily precipitation of the 58 PRE cases was about 125 mm.

217 For the non-PRE cases, the typhoon centers were widely distributed, similar to those of  
218 the PRE cases (Fig. 1c vs 1a), but the typhoons tended to be located more eastward than  
219 those of the PRE cases. Most of the tracks of the typhoons were northward or recurving, but  
220 some typhoons moved westward without recurving (Figs. 2e–2h). We note that the typhoons  
221 with a relatively strong central pressure below 960 hPa did not cause remote precipitation  
222 in Japan, and were categorized as non-PRE typhoons (Fig. 3d).

223 The distribution of the precipitation centers of the 24 non-typhoon cases is shown in Fig.  
224 1d. It is not so different from that of the PRE cases (Fig. 1b). The mean daily maximum  
225 precipitation of the extracted cases was about 157 mm.

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## 227 3.2 *Composite analysis*

### 228 1) *PRE cases*

229 Time evolution of the horizontal distribution of the 500 hPa geopotential height (contour),  
230 the precipitable water (shaded), and the vertical integrals of water vapor flux (vector) were  
231 investigated by composite analysis (Fig. 5). These are the composite maps during the period  
232 from Day–2 (two days before PRE occurrence) to Day+1 (one day after PRE occurrence).  
233 In these composite analyses, we referred to Galarneau et al. (2010); the precipitation  
234 centers of the 58 PRE cases were shifted to their median values at Day0. The composite  
235 maps for Day–2, Day–1, and Day+1 were obtained after shifting the latitude and longitude

236 by the same amount as at Day0 in each case. The results show that the high precipitable  
237 water exceeding 50 mm entered the rectangular domain from Day-2 to Day0, and the  
238 extension of the subtropical high (represented by the 5880 m line) was retreating to the east  
239 from Day-2 to Day0. The retreat of the subtropical high is similar to the OT cases (tropical  
240 cyclones over the East China Sea) on the Korean Peninsula (Byun and Lee 2012). Moreover,  
241 the clear northward water vapor flux was observed between the typhoons and the  
242 subtropical high on Day0 and Day+1. Figure 6 shows the composite maps of the 200 hPa  
243 geopotential height (black contour), the 200 hPa isotach (blue contour), the 700 hPa vertical  
244 velocity (shaded), and the 850 hPa horizontal wind (vector) from Day-2 to Day+1. The  
245 precipitation area (represented by the median point of precipitation and the 700 hPa  
246 ascending basin) was located on the equatorward jet streak entrance of the 200 hPa jet on  
247 Day0. This positional relationship is consistent with the PRE statistical analyses for North  
248 America and East Asia (Galarneau et al. 2010; Byun and Lee 2012; Moore et al. 2013; Yuan  
249 et al. 2018). In the lower troposphere at 850 hPa, northward horizontal winds were also  
250 observed at Day0 and Day+1. The 850 hPa equivalent potential temperature gradient at  
251 Day0 is relatively large over Japan, indicating a frontal structure (Fig. 7a). To identify the  
252 layer in which water vapor entered the precipitation areas, we show the vertical cross-  
253 section between 130°E and 150°E along the latitude 30°N, which corresponds to the lower  
254 edge of the rectangular domain (Fig. 7b). This shows that the water vapor flux entered up to  
255 the middle troposphere at 500 hPa. The details of the water vapor flux are discussed below.

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257 2) *Non-PRE cases*

258 We constructed composite maps for the 16 non-PRE cases in which the typhoon centers  
259 were located within [130–140°E, 20–30°N] on Day0. The area was chosen because the  
260 typhoon centers were clustered there. Figure 8 shows the 500 hPa geopotential height  
261 (contour), the precipitable water (shaded), and the vertical integrals of water vapor flux  
262 (vector) from Day–2 to Day+1. In contrast to the PRE cases (Fig. 5), the high precipitable  
263 water exceeding 50 mm did not enter the rectangular domain from Day–2 to Day-0. In  
264 addition, the extension of the subtropical high was strengthening to the west from Day–2 to  
265 Day0; this was in contrast to the PRE cases, where the subtropical high was retreating.  
266 Moreover, the clear northward water vapor flux was not observed from Day–2 to Day0.  
267 Figure 9 shows the 200 hPa geopotential height (black contour), the 200 hPa isotach (blue  
268 contour), the 700 hPa vertical velocity (shaded), and the 850 hPa horizontal wind (vector)  
269 for 16 non-PRE cases from Day–2 to Day+1. This shows that the jet streak entrance was  
270 located more westward in the non-PRE cases than in the PRE cases. A similar result was  
271 obtained from previous East Asian PRE analysis (Yuan et al. 2018). The 850 hPa northward  
272 horizontal winds were not observed from Day–2 to Day0. In addition, the 850 hPa equivalent  
273 potential temperature for the non-PRE cases on Day0 had a weaker gradient than in the  
274 PRE cases, indicating that the front over Japan was more obscure than in the PRE cases  
275 (Fig. 10). The northward water vapor flux component was hardly seen compared to that of

276 the PRE cases (not shown).

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### 278 3) *Non-typhoon cases*

279 In the non-typhoon cases, as in the PRE cases, we made composite maps by aligning the  
280 precipitation centers of the 24 cases to the point of their median value. On Day0, the  
281 subtropical high extended far to the west, and the precipitation area was located on the  
282 equatorward jet streak entrance of the 200 hPa jet (Figs. 11a, b). The 850 hPa equivalent  
283 potential temperature on Day0 indicates that a frontal zone locates over mainland Japan, as  
284 in the PRE cases (Fig. 11c). Although the northward water vapor flux component was  
285 observed in the lower troposphere at around 900 hPa, it was not clearly seen in the middle  
286 troposphere (Fig. 11d). The northward water vapor flux was smaller than that in the PRE  
287 cases (Fig. 7b).

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## 289 4. Discussion

290 The composite analysis of the PRE cases showed that the extension of the subtropical  
291 high was retreating to the east from Day-2 to Day0, while the non-PRE cases showed it  
292 strengthening to the west; the tendencies of the extension of the subtropical high are  
293 opposite for the PRE cases and the non-PRE cases. Because the typhoons on Day0 in the  
294 non-PRE cases were located more eastward than in the PRE cases (Fig. 1), we compared  
295 the tendencies of the extension of the subtropical high using the cases in which the typhoons

296 are located in about the same area. Composite maps were created for 16 non-PRE cases  
297 in which the typhoon centers on Day0 were located within the area [130–140°E, 20–30°N].  
298 Then, we analyzed 18 PRE cases in which the typhoon centers were located within the  
299 same area. The time series of the composite of 500 hPa geopotential height averaged over  
300 the region [130–140°E, 27.5–32.5°N] is shown in Fig. 12, which shows the change in the  
301 geopotential height from 48 hours before PRE occurrence. The region [130–140°E, 27.5–  
302 32.5°N] was chosen because water vapor was particularly entering the precipitation area  
303 from that region. The periodic variations for both the PRE and non-PRE cases represent the  
304 daily variation in the subtropical high. The change in the geopotential height from Day–2 (–  
305 48 h) to Day0 shows a decreasing tendency in the PRE cases and an increasing tendency  
306 in the non-PRE cases, confirming the characteristic differences in the extension of the  
307 subtropical high between the two groups.

308 In the non-PRE cases, the area of the jet streak entrance was located more to the west  
309 than in the PRE cases, and there was no clear frontal area over Japan. Mid-latitude factors  
310 such as a jet streak and a front are important in determining whether remote precipitation  
311 will eventually occur. However, the extension of the subtropical high, which influences the  
312 amount of northward water vapor transport, may also be important in determining whether  
313 or not PRE occurs when typhoons are approaching. To clarify the mechanism of the  
314 extending change of the subtropical high during approaching typhoons, it is necessary to  
315 understand the dynamics of the interaction between typhoons and the subtropical high.



316 Vertical cross-sections of the northward water vapor flux component for the PRE cases  
 317 and the non-typhoon cases showed that water vapor flux was observed mainly in the lower  
 318 troposphere in both cases, but differed between the two cases in the middle troposphere  
 319 (Figs. 7b, 11d). We analyzed this difference in the northward water vapor flux component  
 320 further. The water vapor flux is a product of air density  $\rho$ , water vapor mixing ratio  $q_v$ , and  
 321 wind speed  $v$ . We investigated whether  $q_v$  or  $v$  contributed more to the difference in the  
 322 water vapor flux by ignoring the contribution of  $\rho$ , because its difference is smaller than that  
 323 of  $q_v$  or  $v$ . The difference in the water vapor flux between the PRE cases and the non-  
 324 typhoon cases can be expressed by linear decomposition as follows (1).

$$\begin{aligned}
 325 \quad \Delta(qv) &= (qv)_{PRE} - (qv)_{NT} \\
 326 \quad &= (q_{NT} + \Delta q)(v_{NT} + \Delta v) - (qv)_{NT} \\
 327 \quad &= q_{NT} \cdot \Delta v + \Delta q \cdot v_{NT} + \Delta q \cdot \Delta v + q_{NT} \cdot v_{NT} - (qv)_{NT} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

328 Here, the values with subscripts *PRE* and *NT* represent the PRE and non-typhoon cases,  
 329 respectively, and  $\Delta$  represents the difference between the two cases [ $\Delta(\cdot) = (\cdot)_{PRE} - (\cdot)_{NT}$ ].  
 330 The first term  $q_{NT} \cdot \Delta v$  of equation (1) represents the contribution from the anomaly in the  
 331 wind speed, the second term  $\Delta q \cdot v_{NT}$  represents the contribution from the anomaly in the  
 332 water vapor mixing ratio. The value of the fourth term  $q_{NT} \cdot v_{NT}$  minus the fifth term  $(qv)_{NT}$   
 333 is smaller than the third term  $\Delta q \cdot \Delta v$ . The results up to the third term in equation (1) are  
 334 shown in Fig. 13. The contribution from the anomaly in wind speed (Fig. 13a) was the largest;  
 335 that is, the contribution of the wind speed to the difference in the northward water vapor flux

336 component was larger than that of the water vapor mixing ratio. The difference in the water  
337 vapor flux between the PRE cases and the non-typhoon cases can be approximated by the  
338 first term of equation (1) [ $\Delta(qv) \cong q_{NT} \cdot \Delta v$ ]. It is interesting that the effect of the water vapor  
339 flux is also observed above the middle troposphere in the PRE cases. The cause of the  
340 enhanced water vapor flux in the middle troposphere is a topic for future studies.

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## 342 **5. Conclusions**

343 The purpose of this study is to clarify the statistical characteristics of precipitation in Japan  
344 associated with PRE, i.e., remote precipitation indirectly caused by typhoons, in September  
345 for 40 years from 1980 to 2019. In particular, we examined the locations, the tracks, and the  
346 intensity of the typhoons that cause PRE in Japan. In addition, we studied the differences in  
347 the environmental fields between three cases: the cases of PRE (PRE cases), the cases in  
348 which remote precipitation did not occur (non-PRE cases), and the cases in which heavy  
349 precipitation in Japan was not affected by typhoons (non-typhoon cases).

350 Statistical analysis of the PRE cases showed that PRE tended to occur when the typhoons  
351 were located over the southern or southwestern oceans of mainland Japan and were moving  
352 northward or recurving. The distance between the typhoons and the precipitation areas of  
353 PRE exceeded 1000 km in most cases. PRE occurred regardless of typhoon intensity; in  
354 some cases, PRE occurred when the central pressure of the typhoons was above 980 hPa.  
355 We also found that most of the PRE occurred in the weakening phase of the typhoons. No

356 characteristic relationship was found between the central pressure of the typhoons and the  
357 maximum daily precipitation at the time of PRE occurrence.

358 The results of the composite analysis of the three cases showed the following  
359 characteristics. First, the extension of the subtropical high south of Japan was retreating for  
360 the PRE cases during the two days before PRE occurrence, while it was strengthening for  
361 the non-PRE cases. Second, the 200 hPa jet streak entrance was close to the precipitation  
362 area for the PRE cases; specifically, the precipitation occurred on the equatorward jet streak  
363 entrance. By contrast, for the non-PRE cases, the 200 hPa jet streak entrance was located  
364 to the west compared to the PRE cases, and thus heavy precipitation was not enhanced  
365 around Japan. Third, the 850 hPa equivalent potential temperature showed that the  
366 precipitation area was characterized by the frontal zone for the PRE cases. Fourth, the  
367 vertical cross-section of the northward water vapor flux component showed that the water  
368 vapor was transported to Japan in the PRE cases and the non-typhoon cases. In both cases,  
369 water vapor transport from the lower troposphere was prominent; in the PRE cases, water  
370 vapor transport from the middle troposphere was also observed. In addition, the contribution  
371 of the wind speed to this difference in the water vapor flux was greater than that of the water  
372 vapor mixing ratio.

373 We have shown in this study that various factors were involved in PRE occurrence in  
374 Japan. Although several characteristics were consistent with previous PRE studies, there  
375 are still factors that are not yet clear. The mechanism of interaction between typhoons and

376 the subtropical high and the extent to which water vapor around typhoons contributes to  
377 PRE will require further investigation. Based on the results obtained in this study, it is hoped  
378 that the mechanisms of PRE occurrence and strengthening in Japan will be clarified.

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## 380 **Declaration**

381 The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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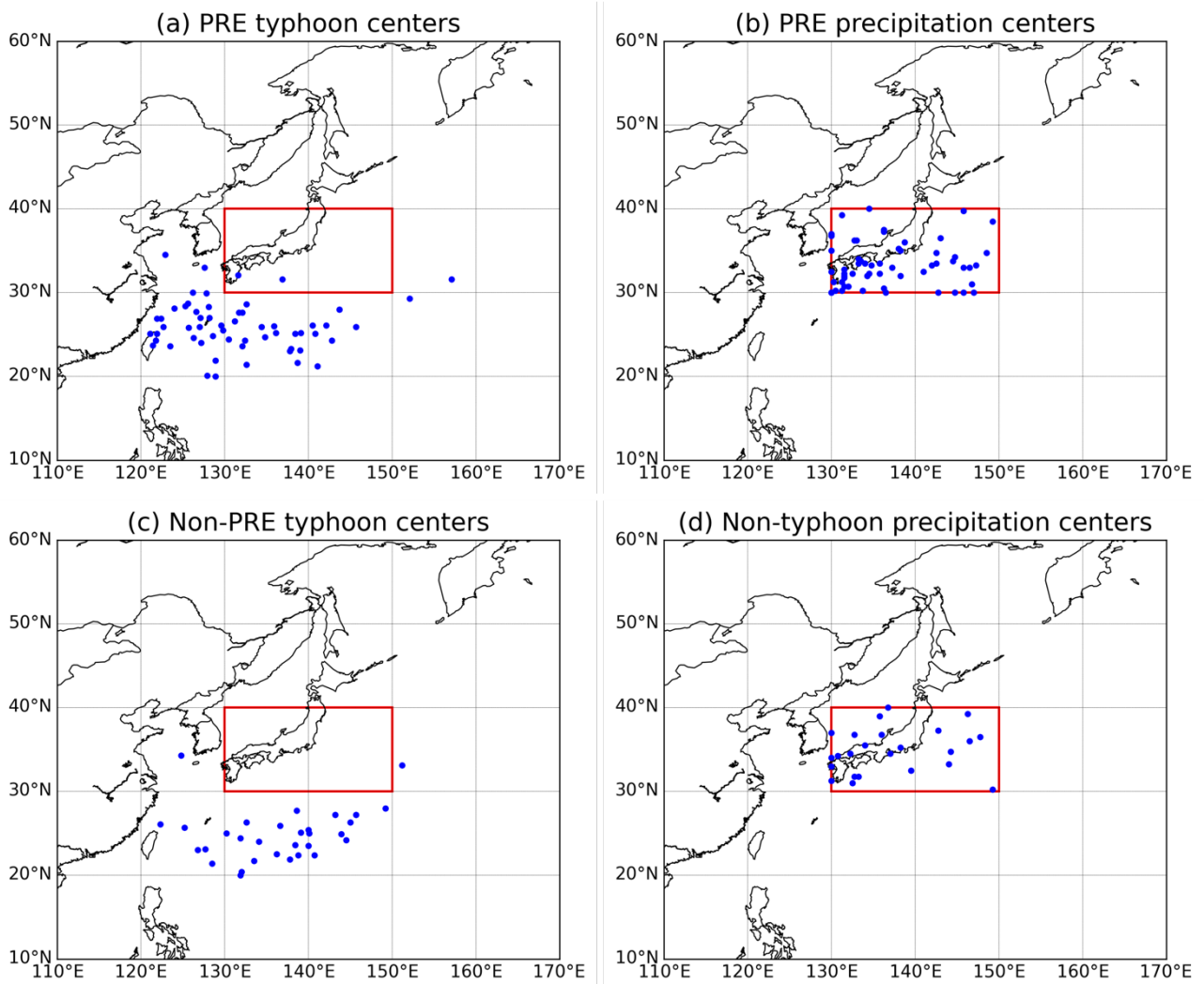
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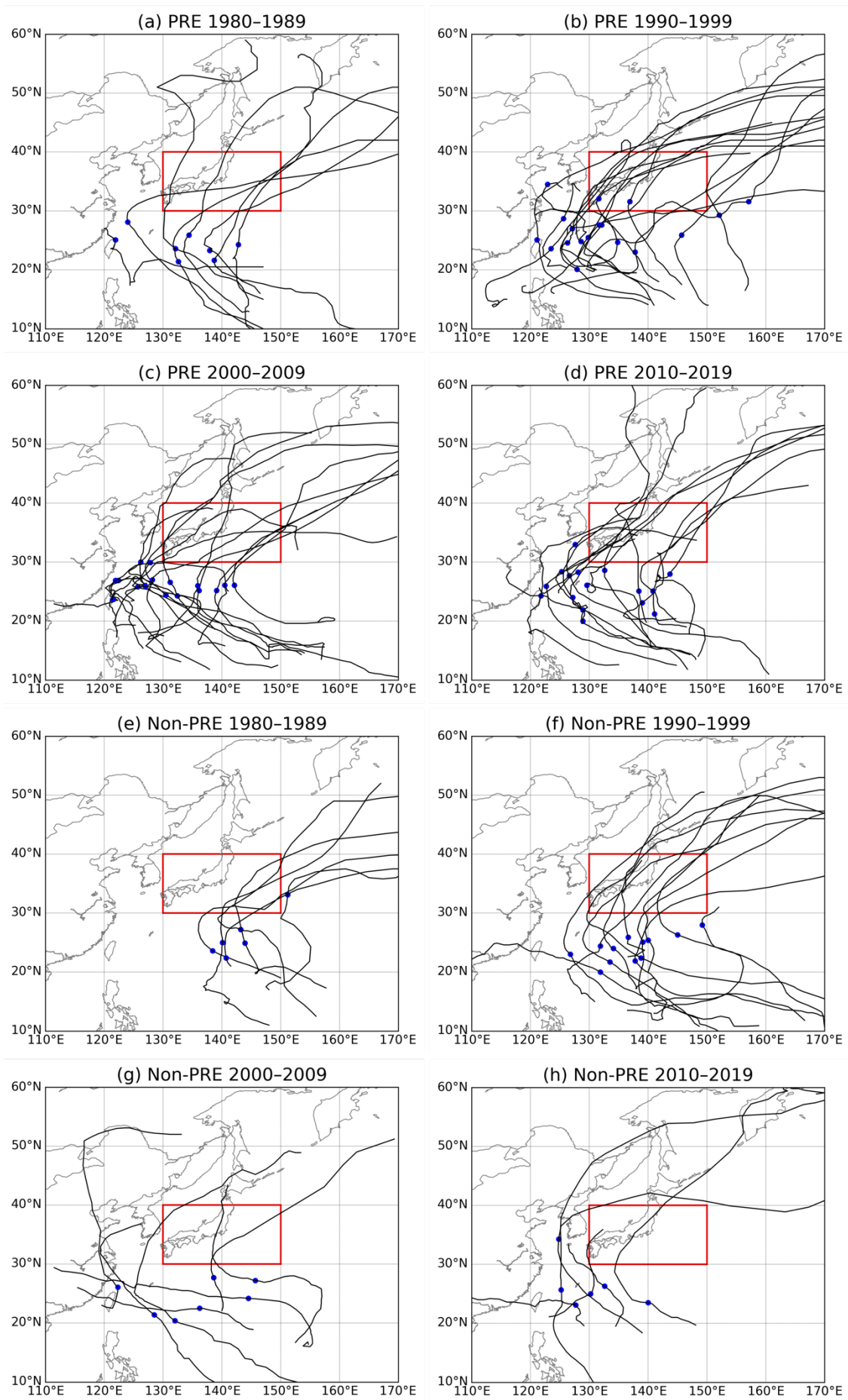


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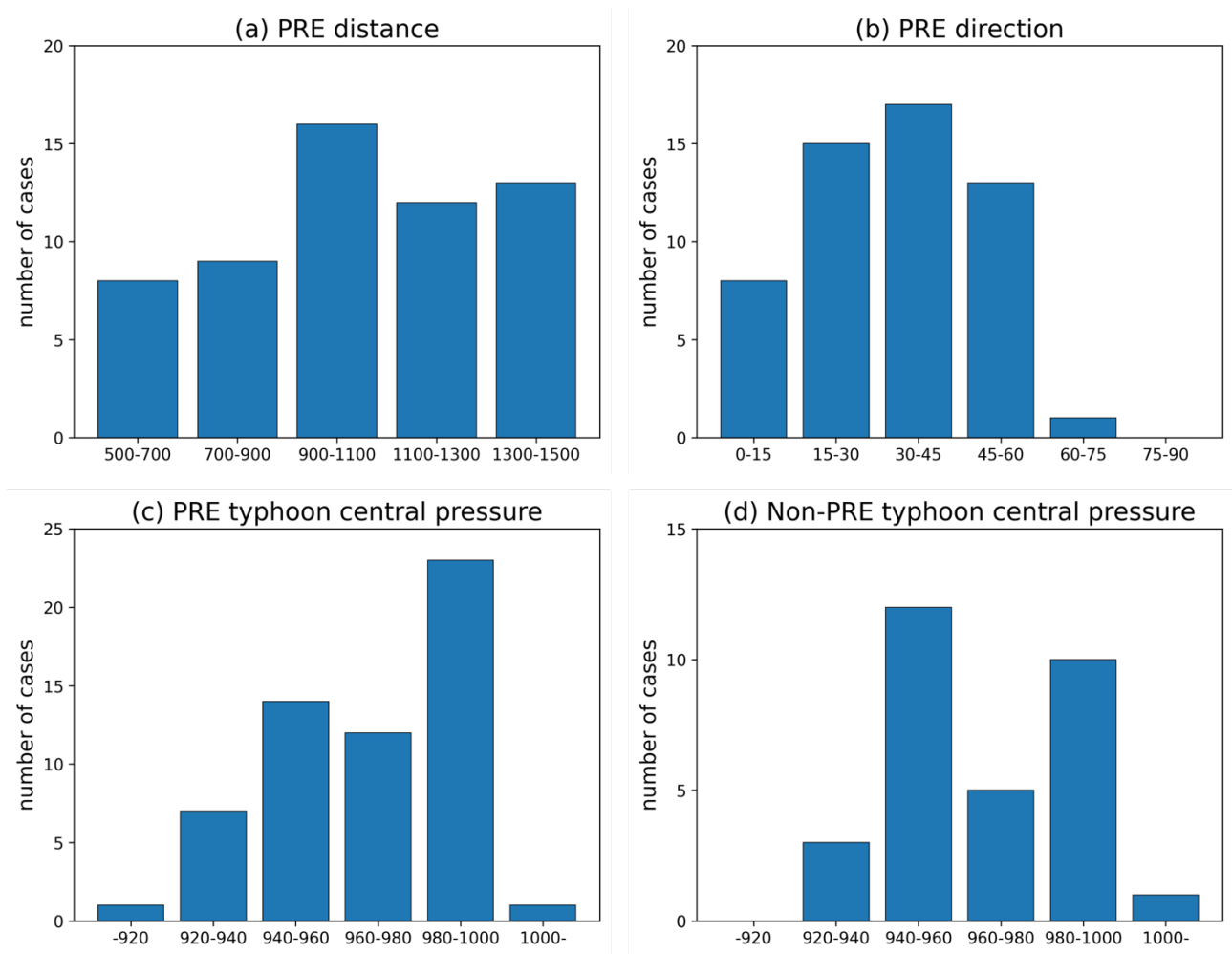
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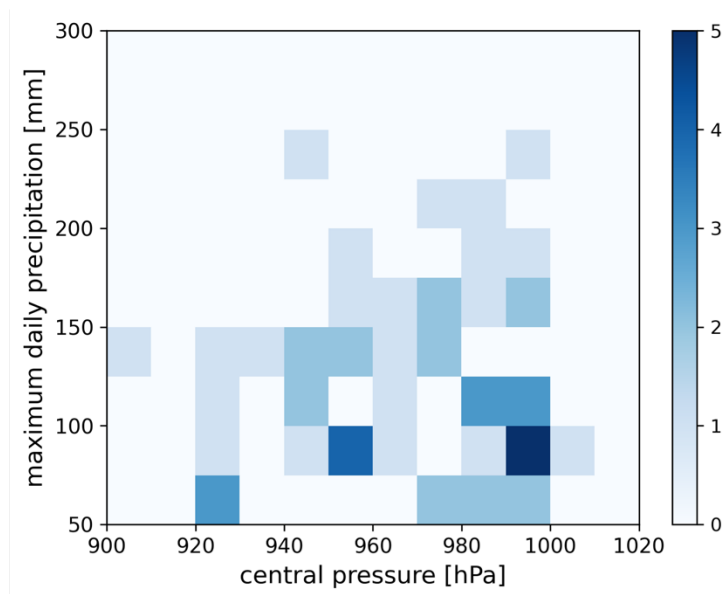
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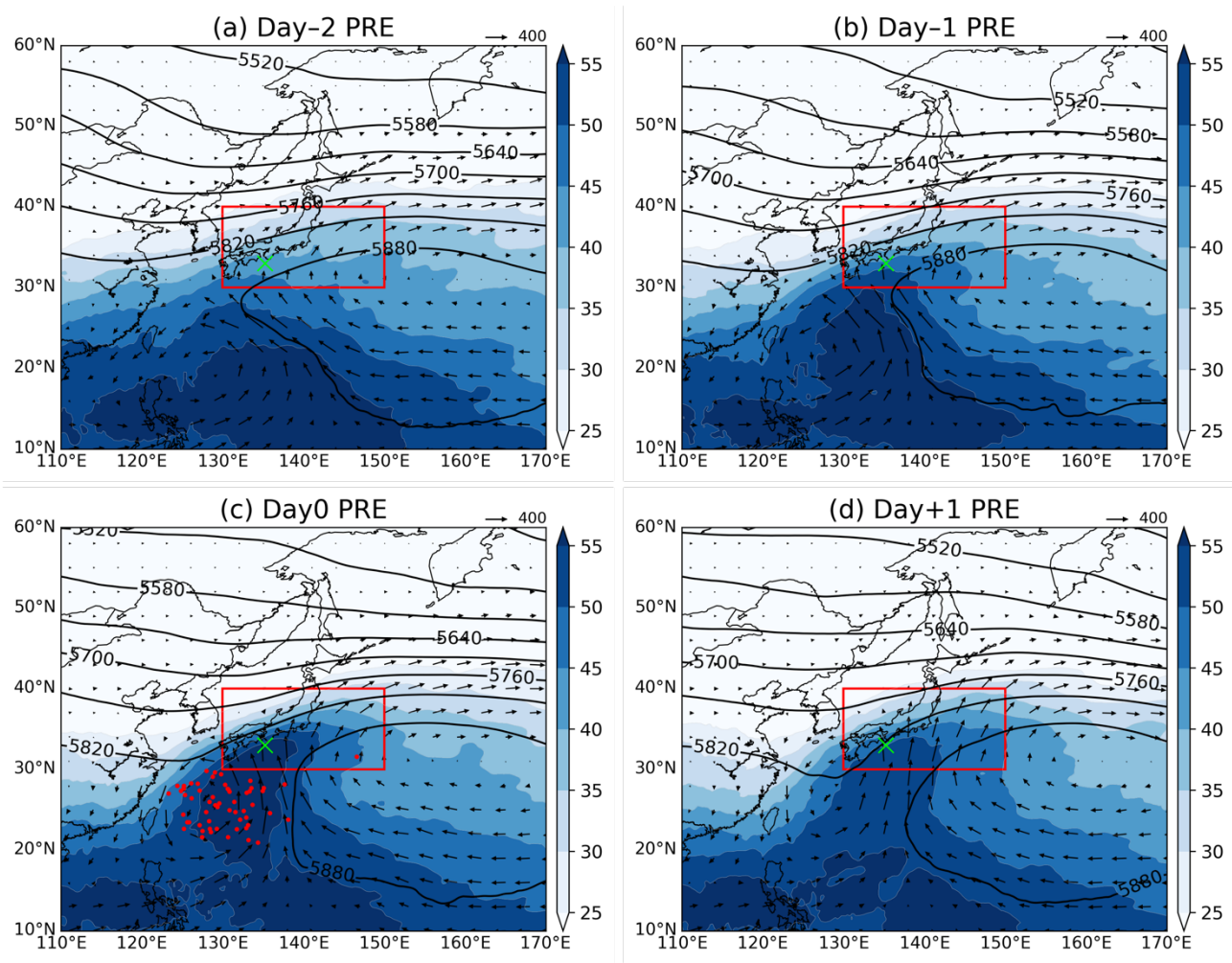
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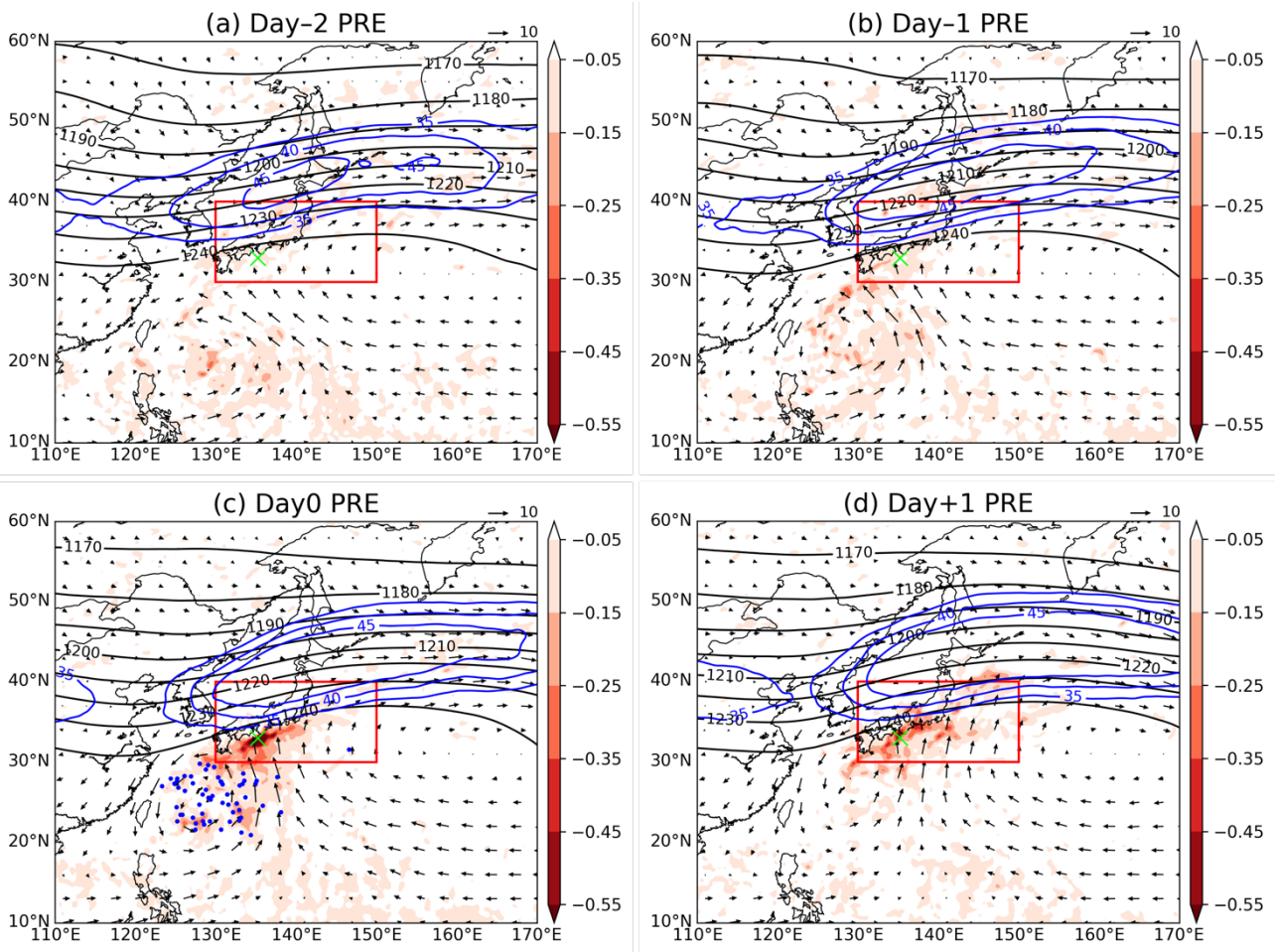


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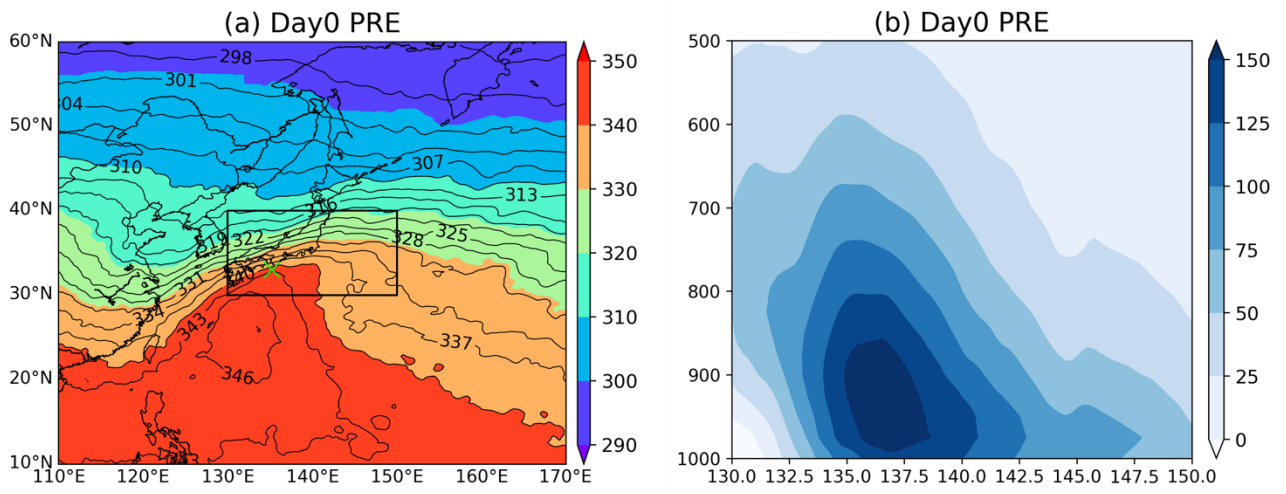
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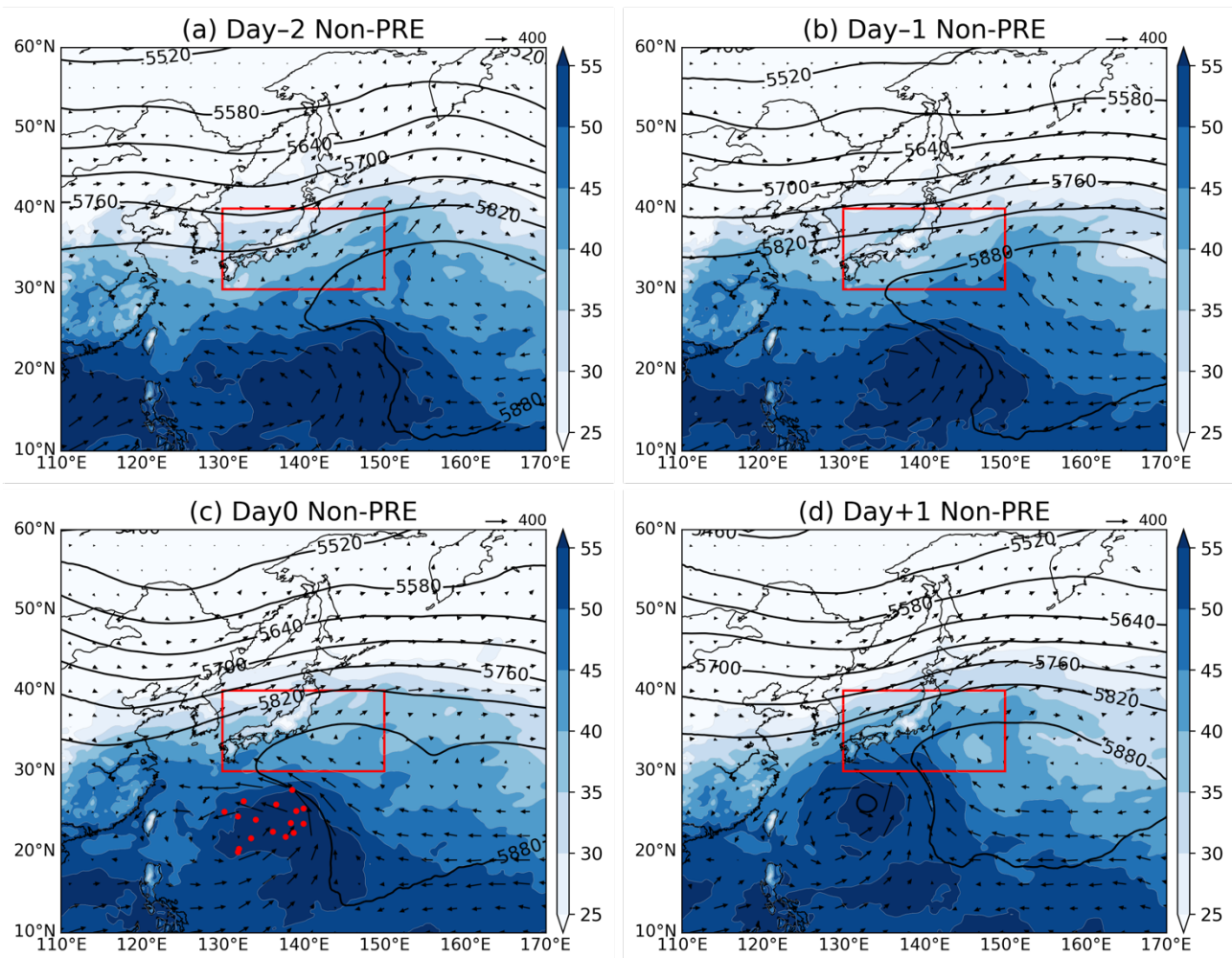
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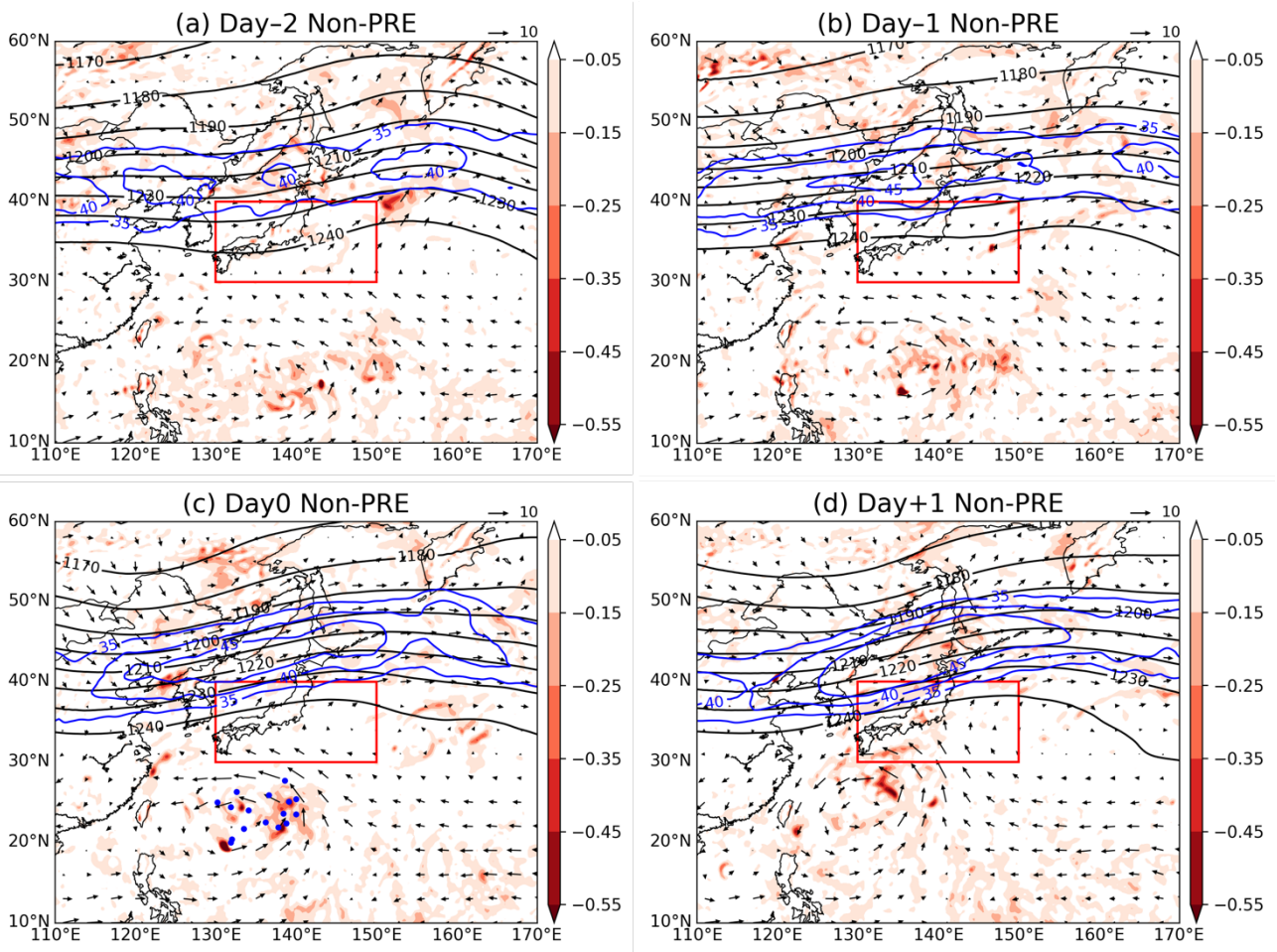


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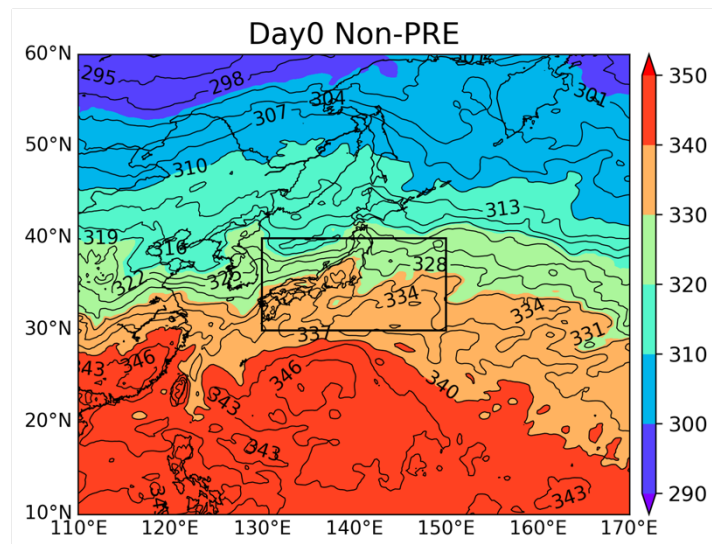


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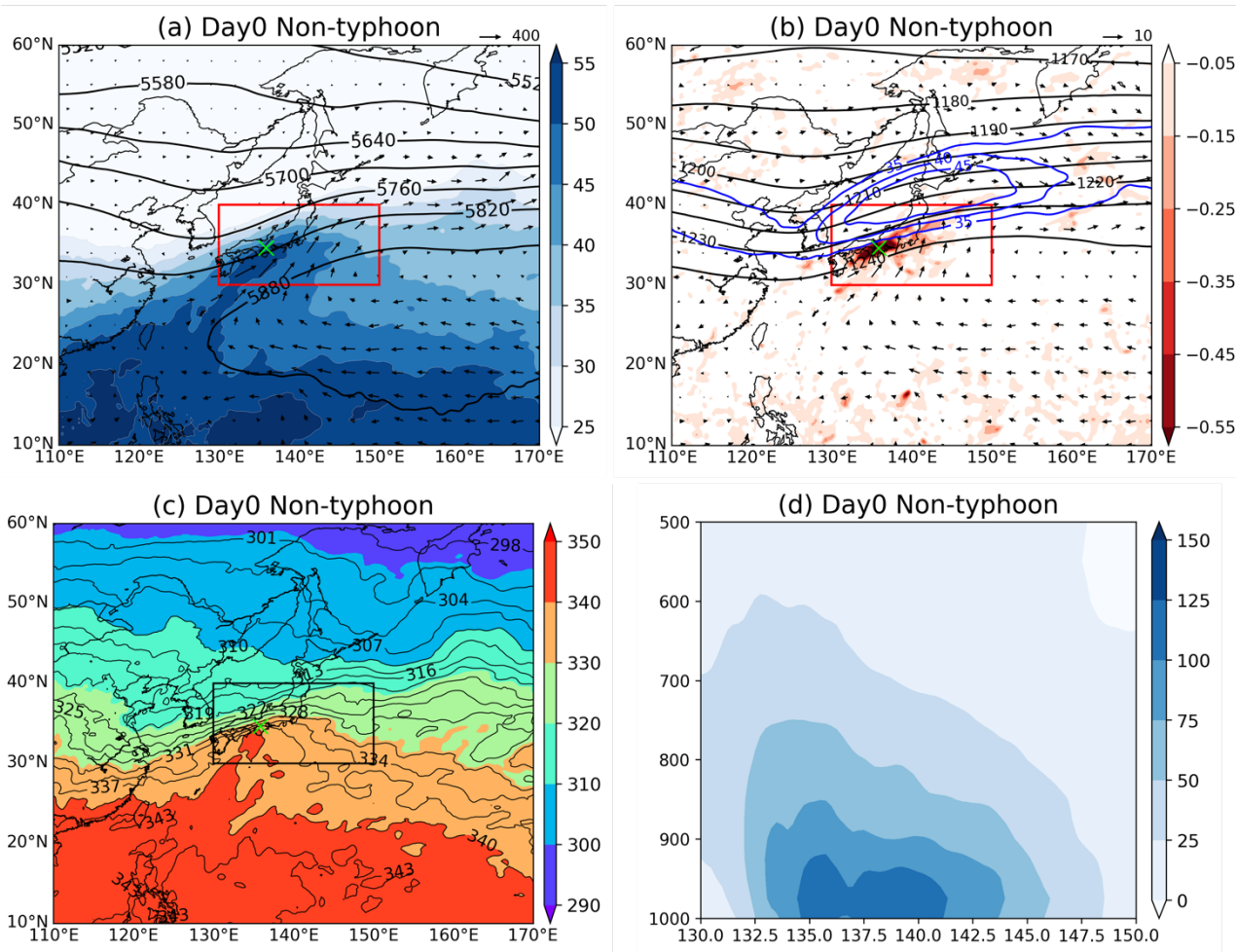


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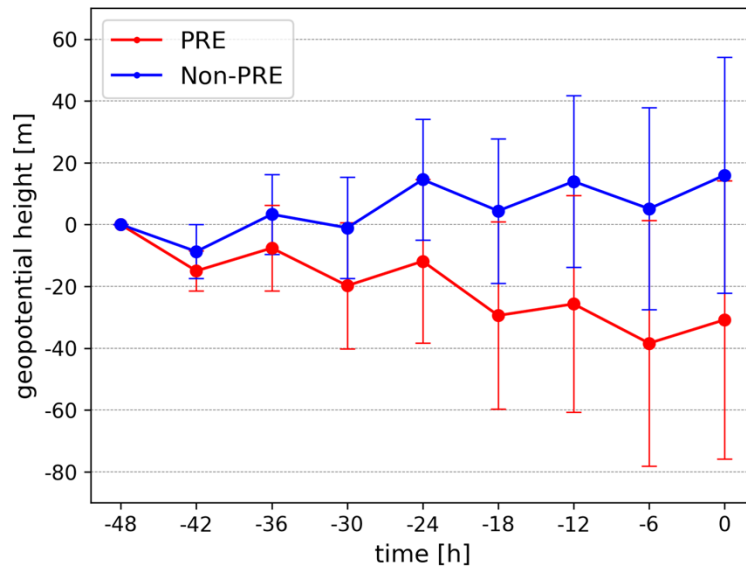
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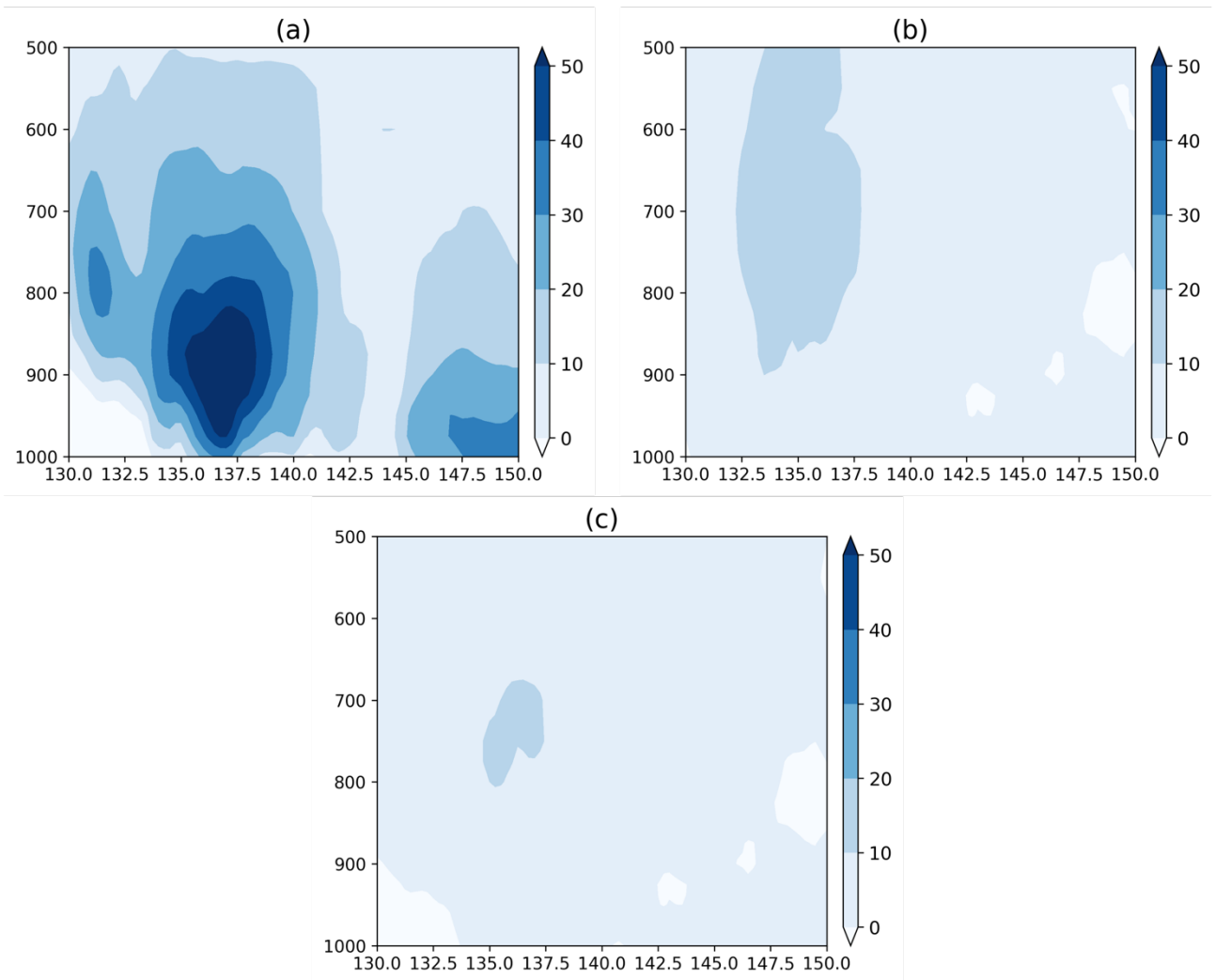
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