

#### **LDC Natural Gas Forum**

Most Wonderful Time of the Year Presentation

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## La Niña Schmiña

#### Unprecedented Northern Ocean Warmth



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NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis

## Analog years 2005, 2013, 2014, 2020 & 2021



-1.6 -1.4 -1.2 -1 -0.7 -0.5 -0.3 -0.1 0.1 0.3 0.5 0.7 1 1.2 1.4 1.0



### All these years had strong cold periods

#### > 2005-06

- > Early cold period then gone
- > 20|3-|4
  - > Early cold period and then came back.
- > 2014-15
  - November cold but then it disappeared in December
  - > Then came back.
- > 2020-21 and 2021-22
  - > January and February rocked



## Blend of all of them for Nov-Mar





## Wild variance - 2005-06





## 2014-15



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## Result





## By the month - November





## By the month - December





#### I will explain later why I may be a moron

You Gotta be a Moron, a complete moron to want to be a fighter (Rocky Balboa) Weather: You gotta be a moron, a complete moron to forecast a cold December. Yet..



## By the month - January





## American Pie February (it made me shiver with each forecast I'd deliver).

NOAA/NCEI Climate Division Composite Temperature Anomalies (F) Feb 2006,2014,2015,2021,2022 Versus 1991-2020 Longterm Average





## By the month - March



NOAA PSL and CIRES-CU



## 500 mb (halfway up) analog



Nov 1- Nov 0000 0011 0015 0001 0000



#### The Euro Seasonal Last month had Alaskan Ridge (-EPO) developing



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#### This month's forecast pulls it back (but implies more blocking)



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## Models can't see longer term cold

- > There has been a major distortion of the pattern.
- The models simply wash out cold air and make everything warm or near normal.
  - > This is unreasonable
- > There is going to be cold somewhere.
  - The average temperature of the planet is not warm all over.
  - Warmth in the colder drier areas has been outdueling the cold elsewhere for that total.
- It means that the atmosphere is capable of producing major cold outbreaks and the best a model ca do is hint at it.



#### Europe is a huge forecast headache. For the Euro model this is a cold run





## **Pioneer Statistical Model**



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## Here is how I am a moron

- > The Hurricane analog relies on the MJO rotation.
- > MJO rotations in late September and October produce a certain pattern.
- > The rotation comes back around later in November and December.
- > The result in October is widespread warmth. A wet Southeast with hurricane threats
- > The result in December is cold!

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> There are too many examples to ignore.

## The MJO forecast



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#### October MJO Phases 8,1,2 & 3 Lots of warmth



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#### December

#### The same phases have plenty of cold air



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## Also look at all the precipitation



Cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/precip/CWlink/MJO/Composites/Precipitation/SON/com



#### Precipitation in years with hurricane hits





## The Euro's precipitation forecast



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## **CFSv2 October Forecast**





## **October Hurricane Hit Analog**





## The following Heating Season





## November





## December





### The Euro had the best it could do





# It then went back to what the last 5 Decembers have averaged ...



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#### It makes little sense It flipped the opposite in Europe (teleconnects to the U.S.)





## New run





## So here is the test

- > I.Widespread warm October
- > 2.Wet over the Southeast
- > 3. Hurricane hit



#### Realtime testing to see if I am a Moron

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## Snowfall





# You've been a good audience so here is the forecast







November-March USA Gas-Weighted HDDs	
Gas-Weighted HDDs	3981
Change from last forecast	N/A
Forecast Range	3642-4320
1991-2020	3874
2012/13-2021/22	3826
2021/22	3743



## Questions



