



## **Predicting El Niño in 2014 and 2015**

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Early in 2014 many experts and several forecast models were suggesting a strong 1997/98-like El Niño event for the following northern hemisphere winter. The Met Office seasonal prediction model indicated a modest warming that verified well with the eventual outcome. In contrast, winter 2015/16 has seen one of the strongest El Niño events on record. Again the Met Office seasonal prediction model has given good guidance throughout the development of this event. I will compare the ensemble forecasts for these two years with observations to understand the reasons underlying the very different development and outcomes for these two years.