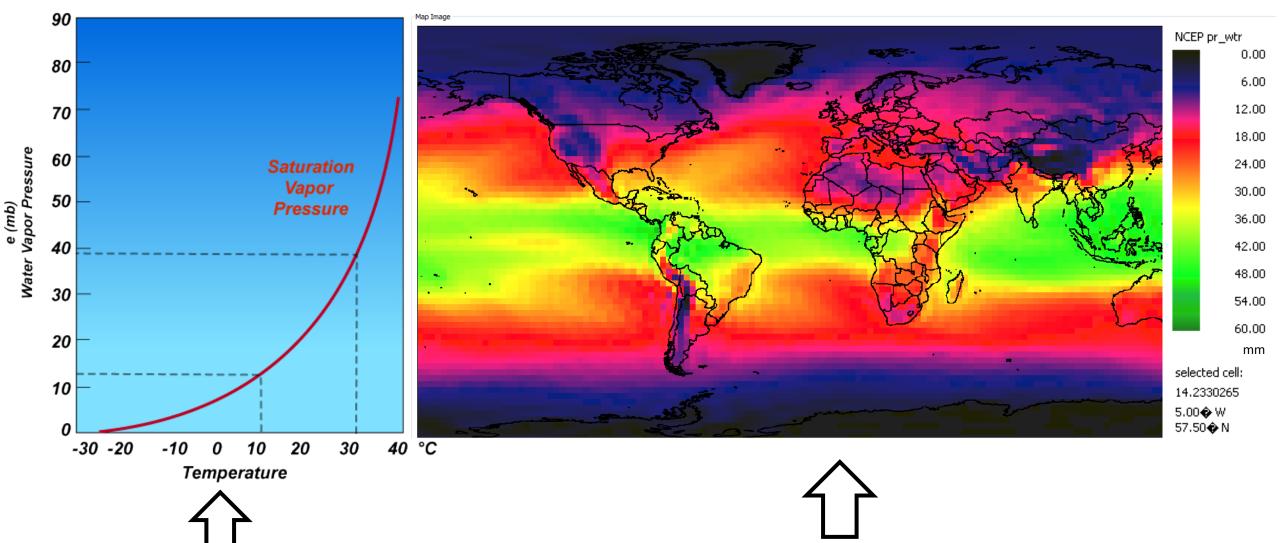
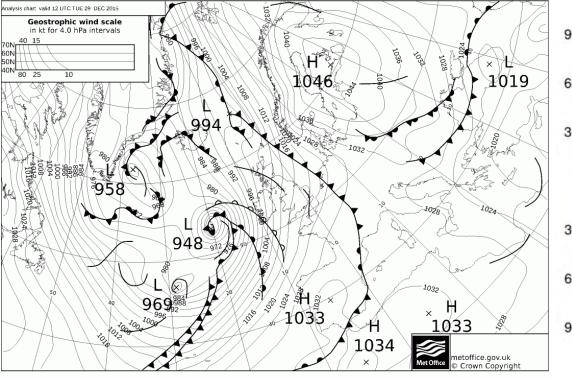
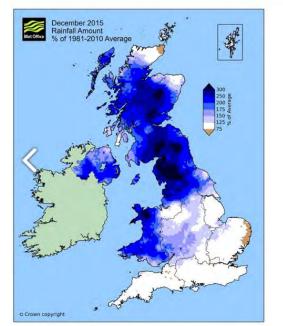
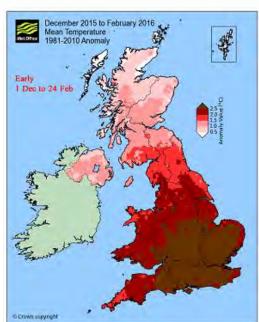
WATER VAPOUR, HEAVY PRECIPITATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

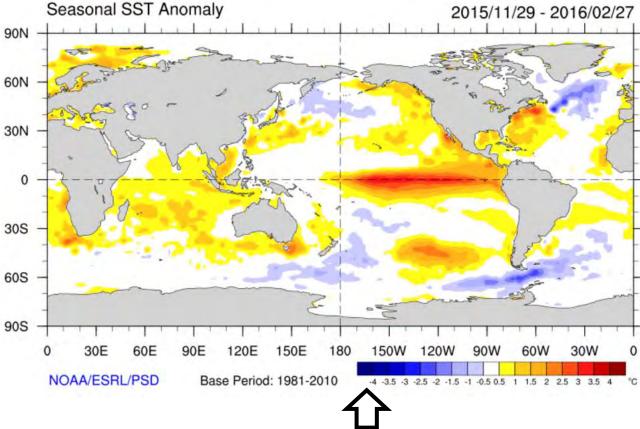


Water vapour "carrying-capacity" of air increases exponentially with increasing air temperature Approximate annual average global *"precipitable water vapour"* (after Graham 2005) – is the depth of water (mm) around your ankles should it be all precipitated from the atmosphere in a single instant









Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly – Winter 2015-16: http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/map/clim/sst.shtml

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