

The figure is a scatter plot titled "monthly variation of the normalized difference between observed and simulated precipitation". The horizontal axis is labeled "half-months" and has major ticks at 01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23. The vertical axis has major ticks at 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20. There are approximately 15 different colored symbols used to represent data points, including diamonds, squares, asterisks, crosses, triangles, and circles. The data shows a clear seasonal cycle, starting at a value of about 4-5 at half-month 01, rising to a maximum of nearly 18 around half-month 14, and then falling back down to about 4-5 by half-month 23.

