

# Shifting ENSO status- quote and beyond

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# ENSO

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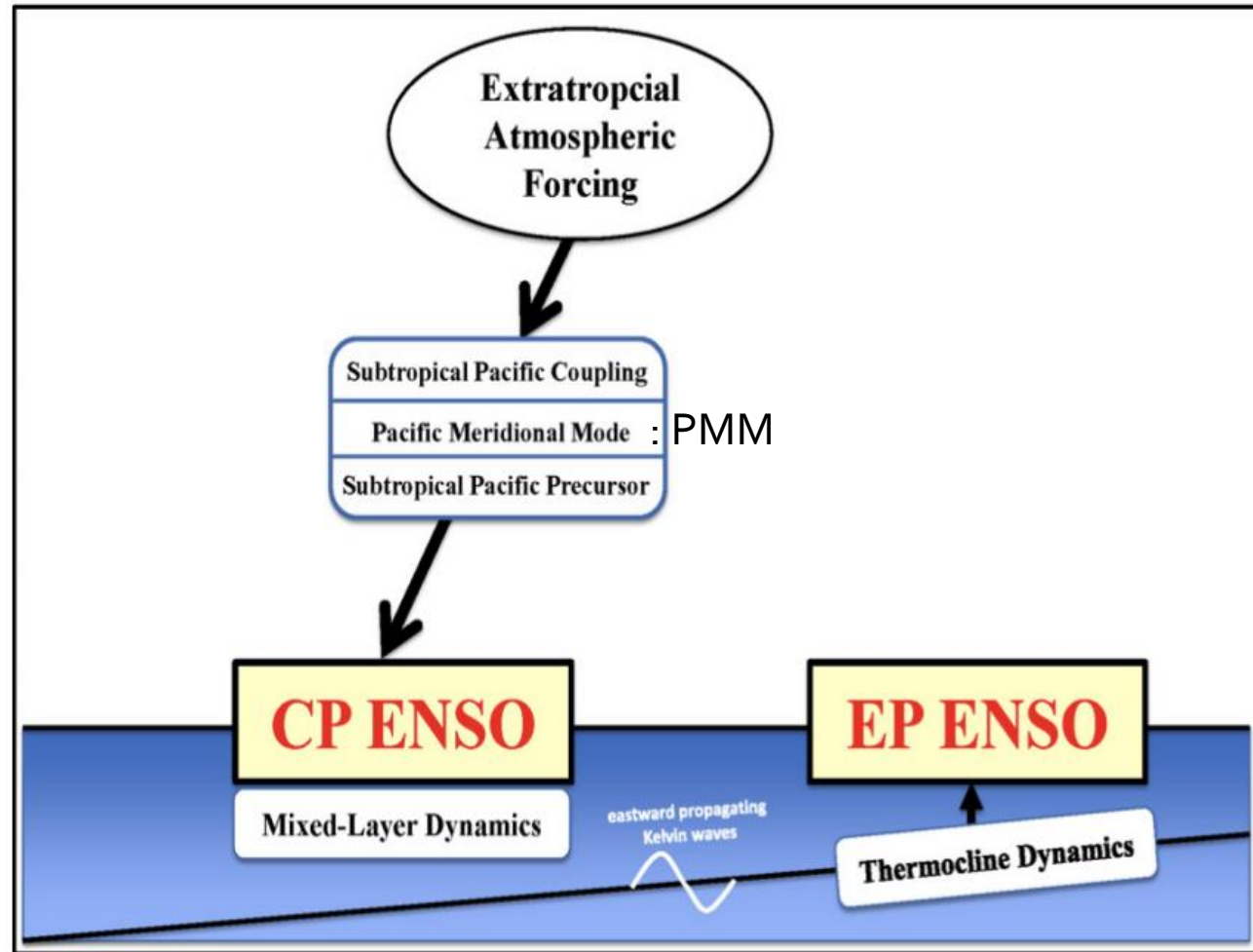
means the precursors  
to drawing a beautiful,  
round “enso”





# Major ENSO precursors

outside the tropics



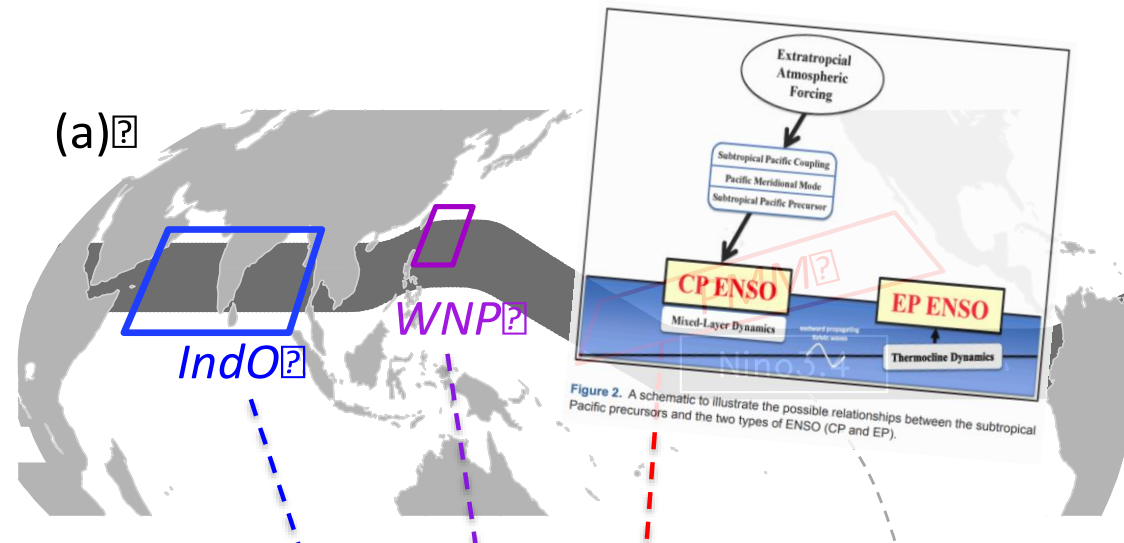
## Precursors of ENSO beyond the tropical Pacific

Jin-Yi Yu and Houk Paek

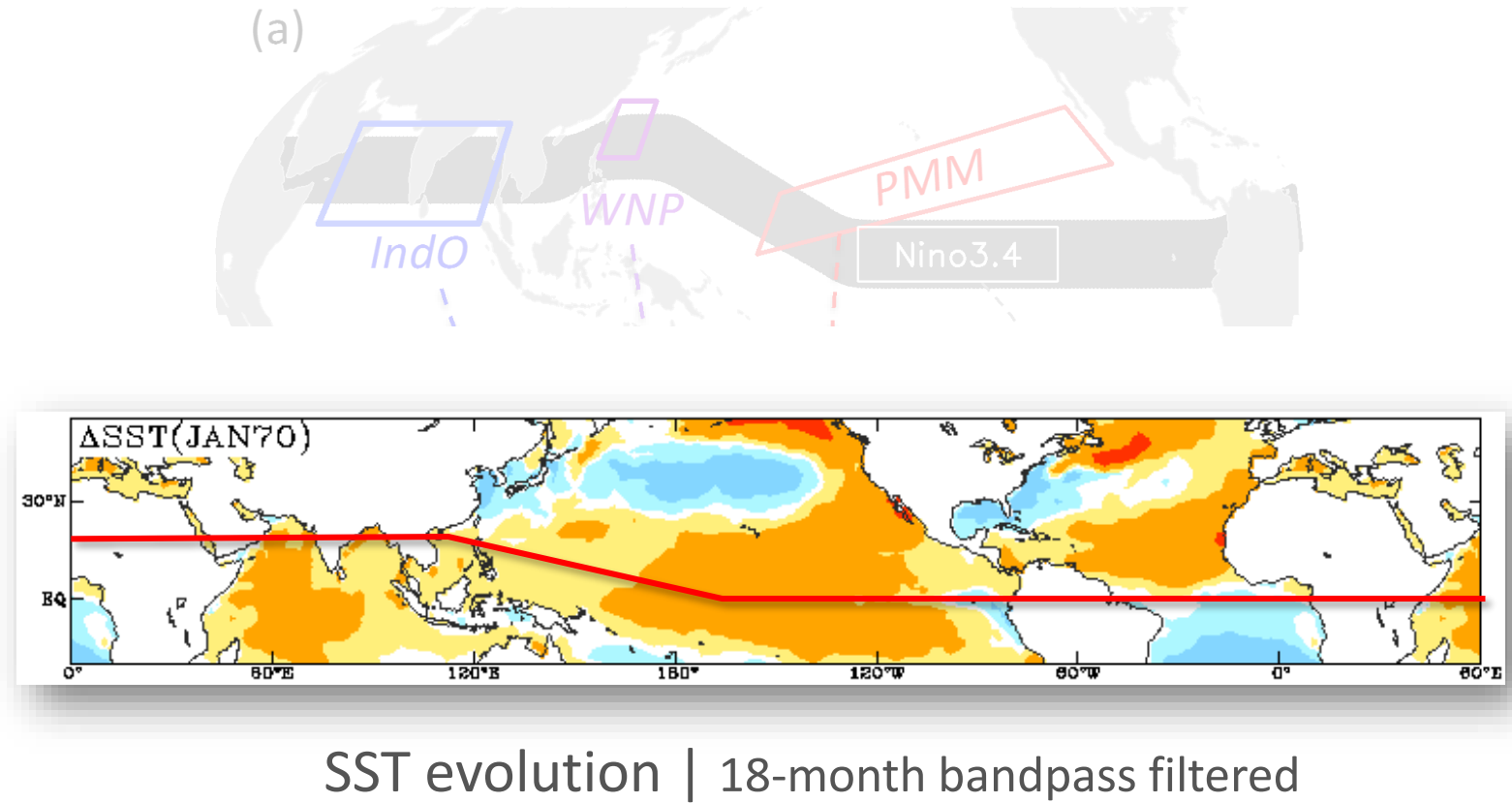
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# Major ENSO precursors

excluding Atlantic

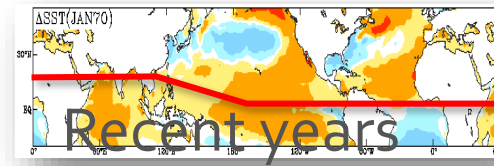


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Earlier years

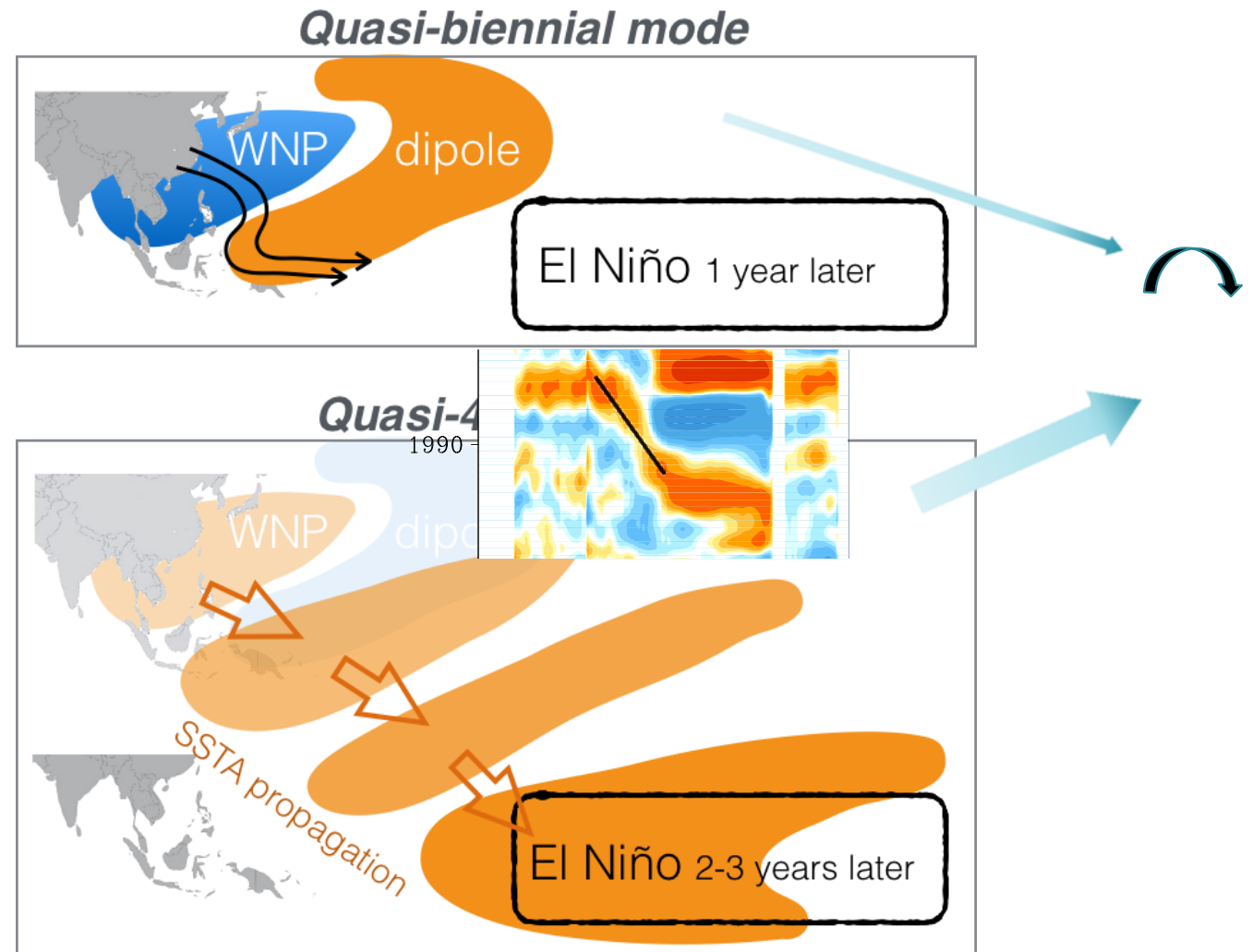


Time-longitude evolution



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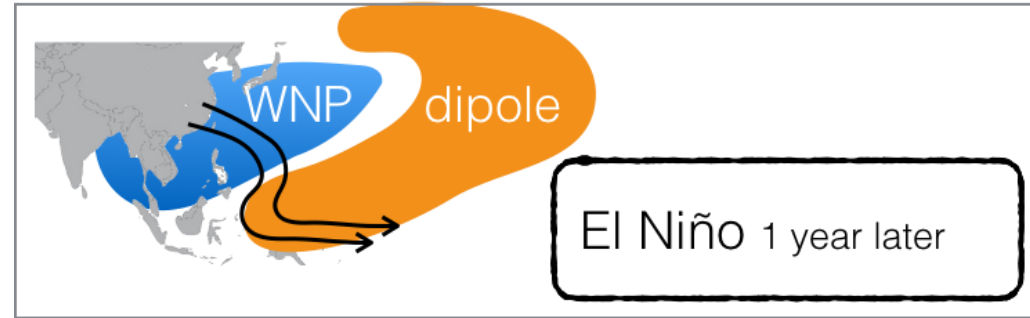
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### *Quasi-biennial mode*



**GRL**

Geophysical Research Letters

doi:10.1029/2012GL050909, 2012

## **ENSO prediction one year in advance using western North Pacific sea surface temperatures**

Shih-Yu Wang,<sup>1</sup> Michelle L'Heureux,<sup>2</sup> and Hsin-Hsing Chia<sup>3</sup>

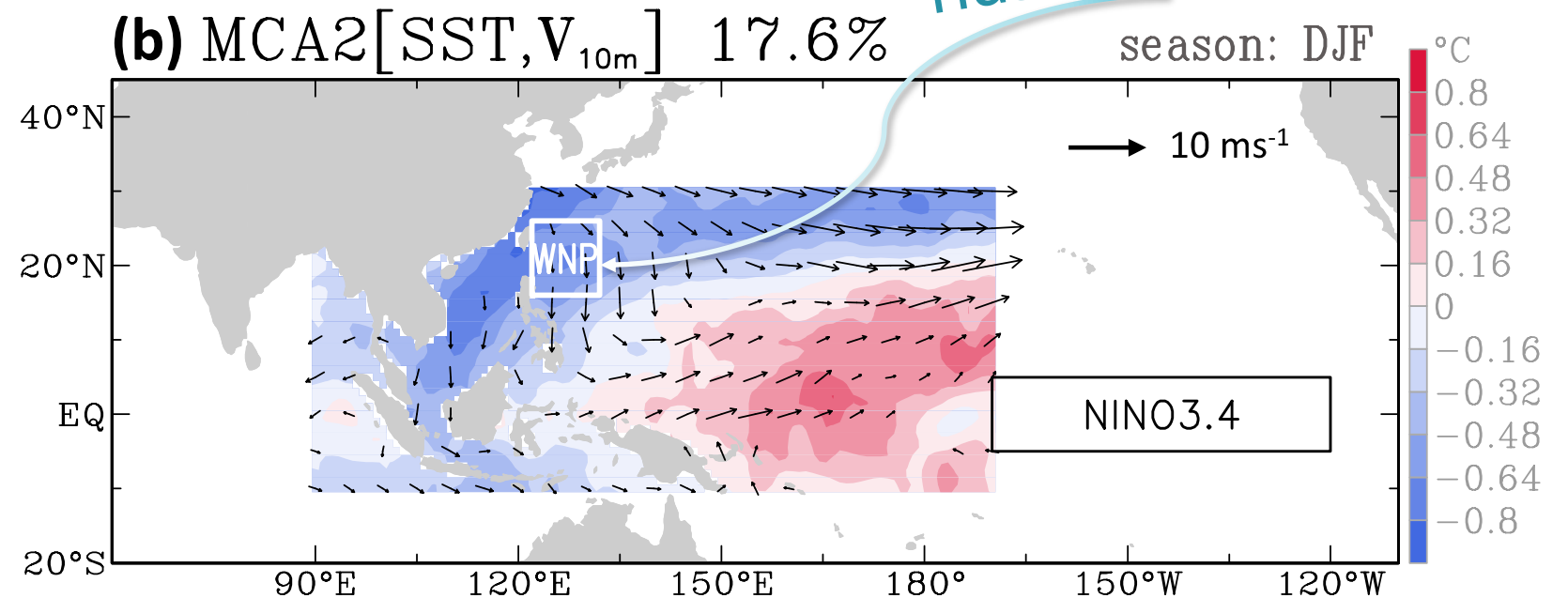
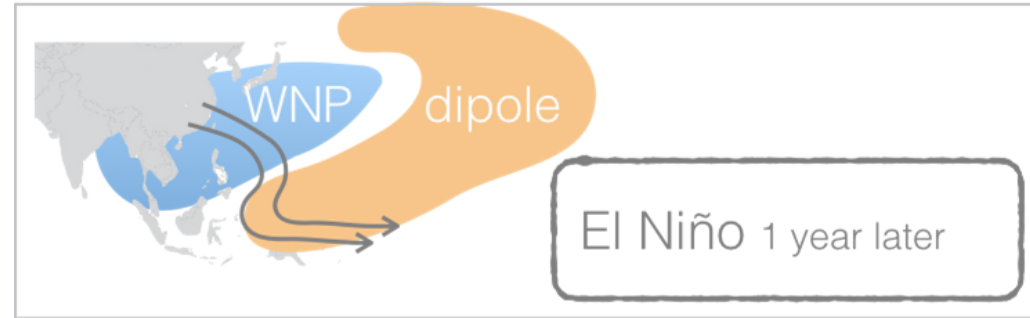
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# **Impact of Changjiang River Discharge on Sea Surface Temperature in the East China Sea**

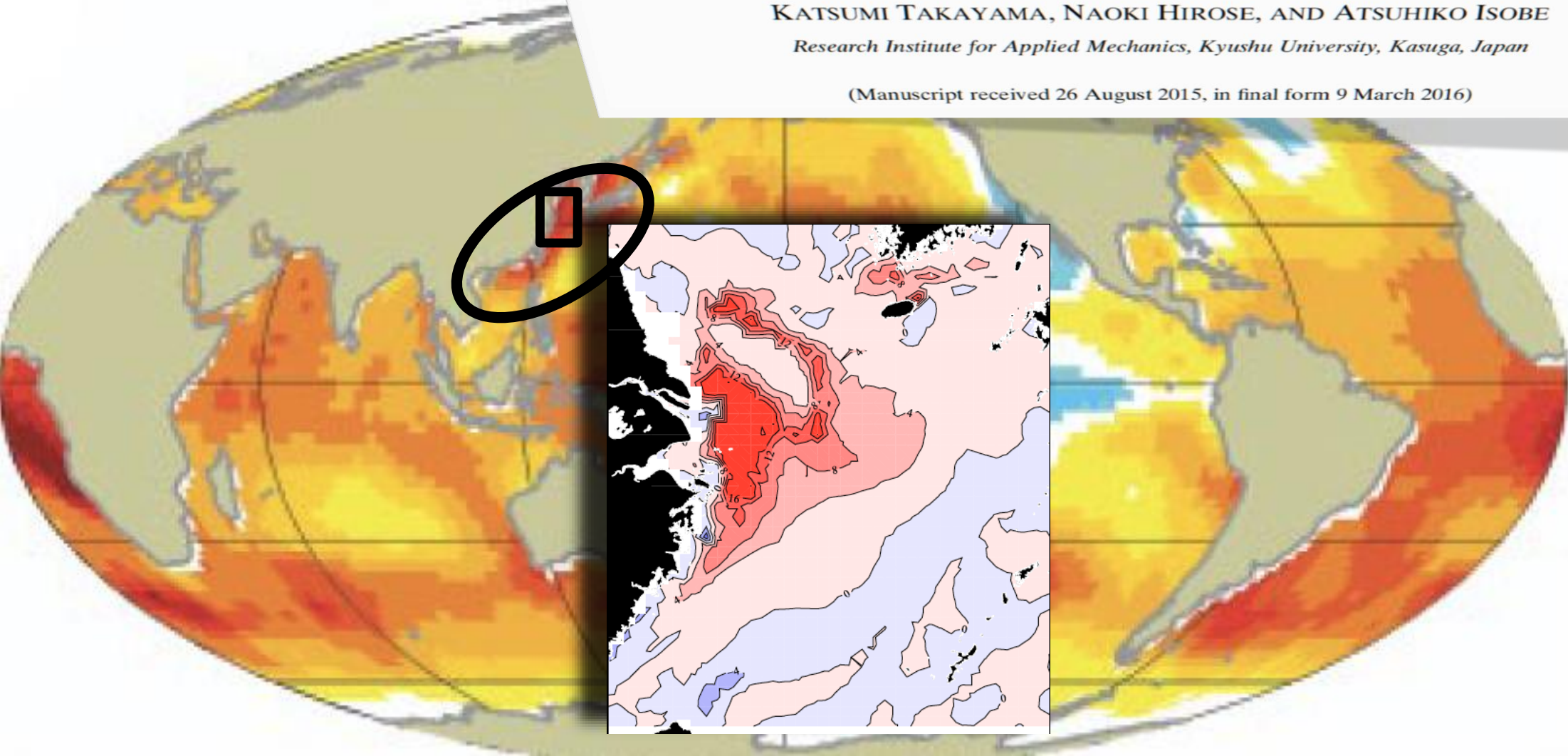
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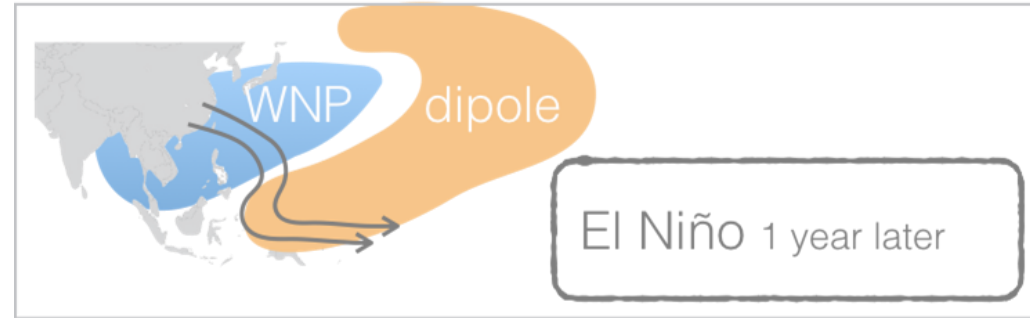
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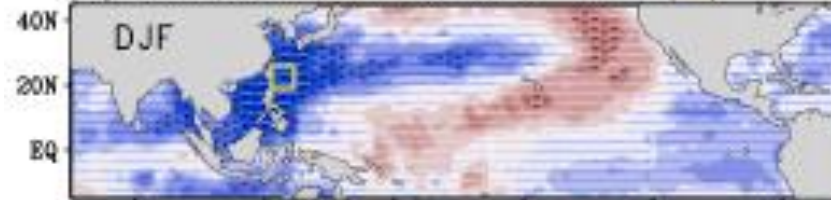
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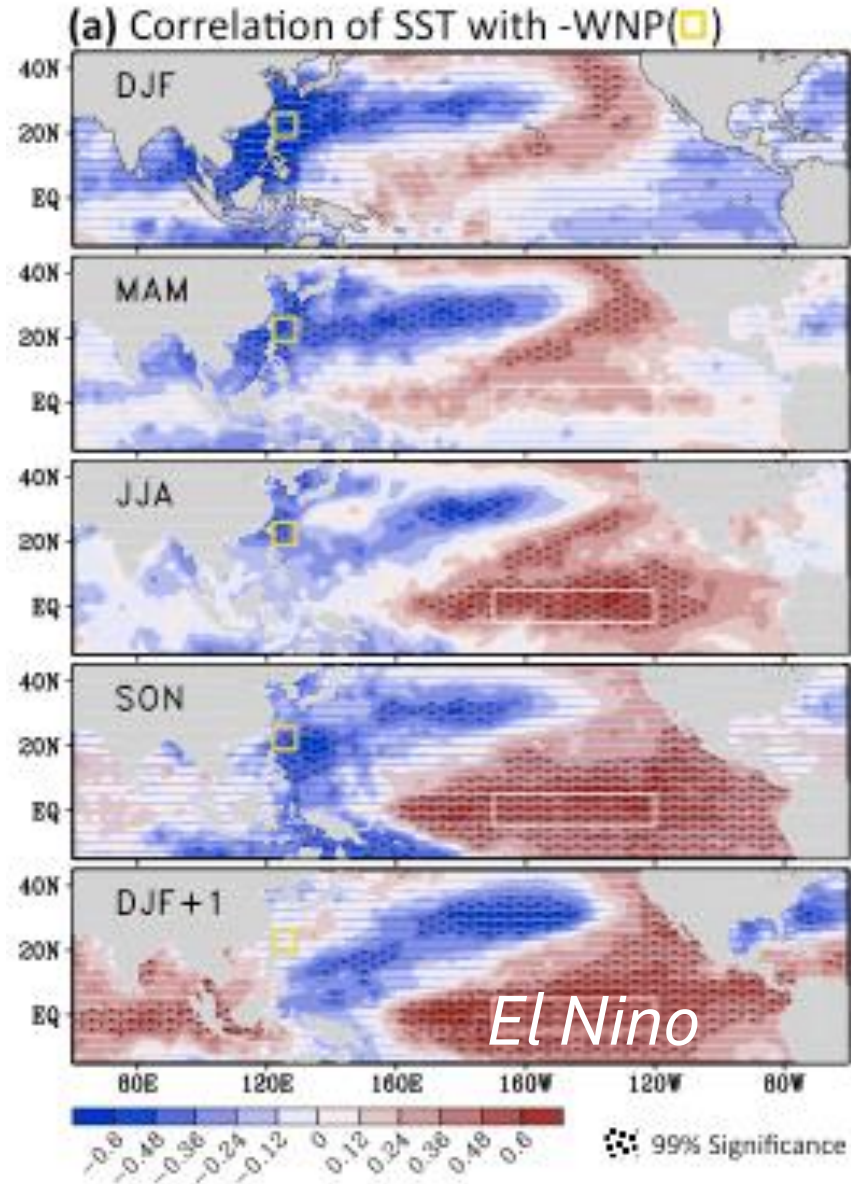
**(b) Regression of SST &  $V_s$  with -WNP(□)**



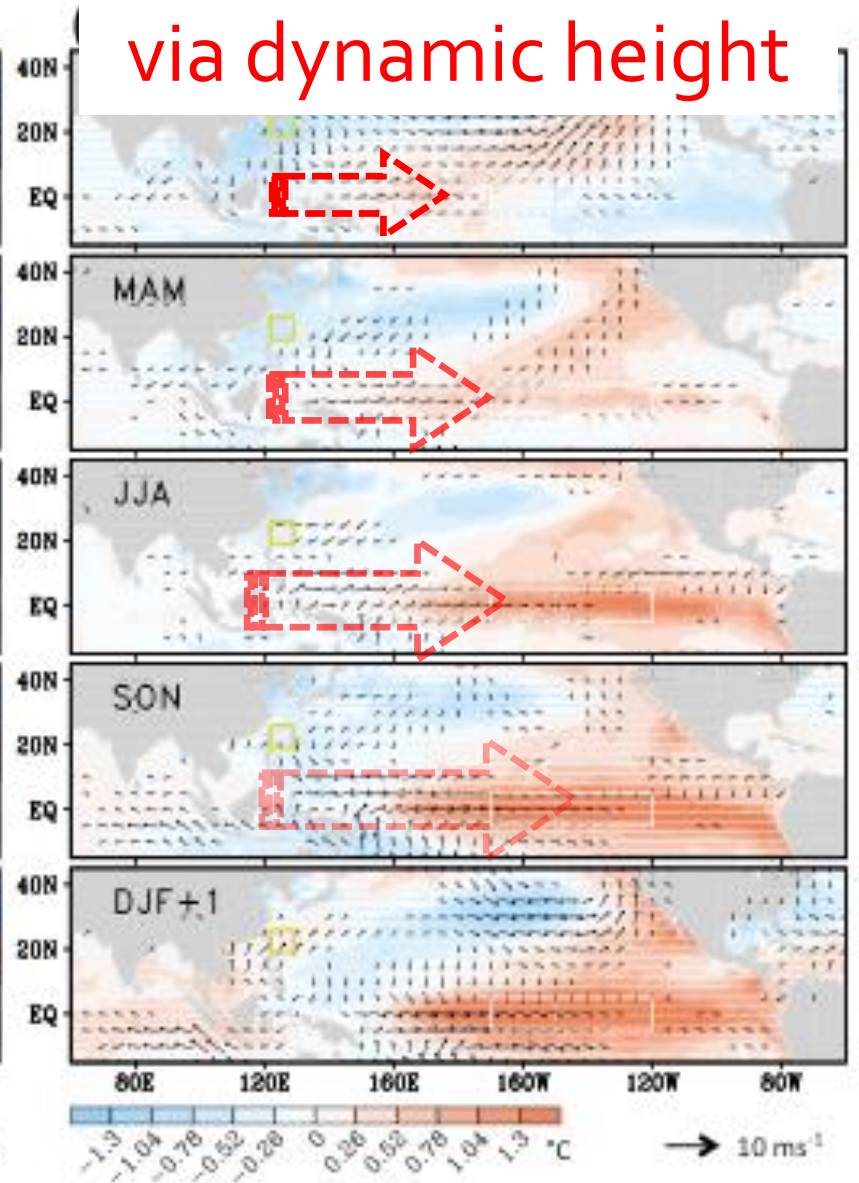


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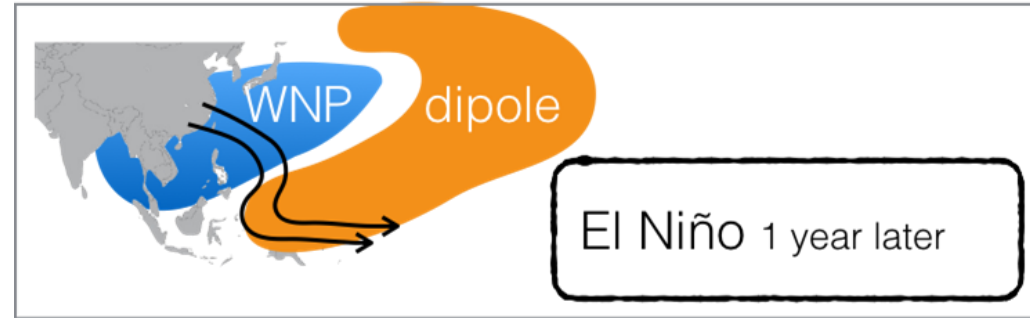
Oceanic Kelvin wave  
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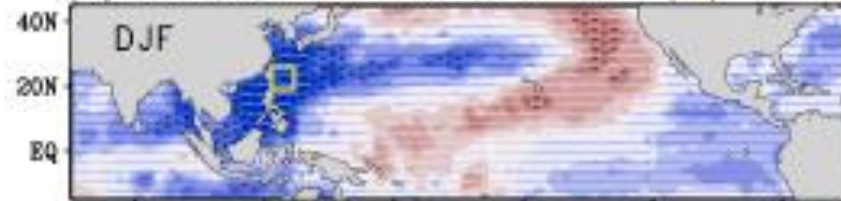
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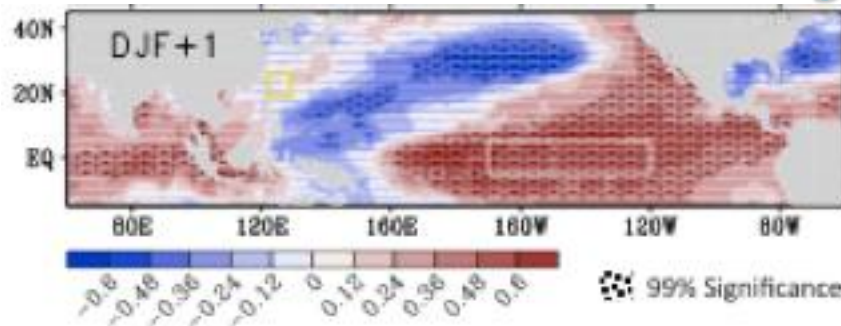
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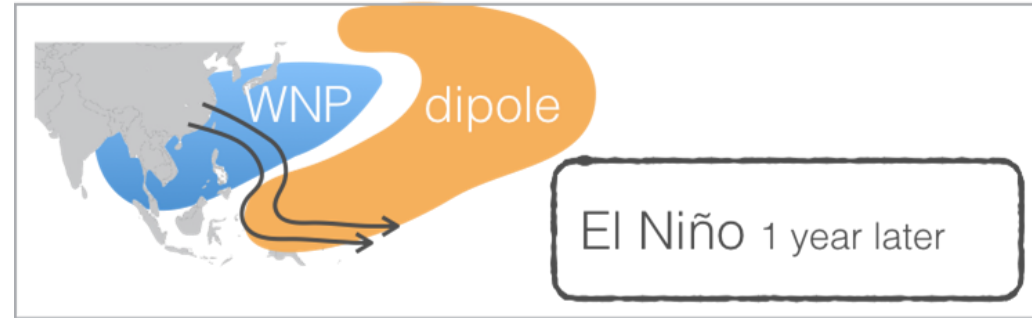
Negative WNP → positive ENSO



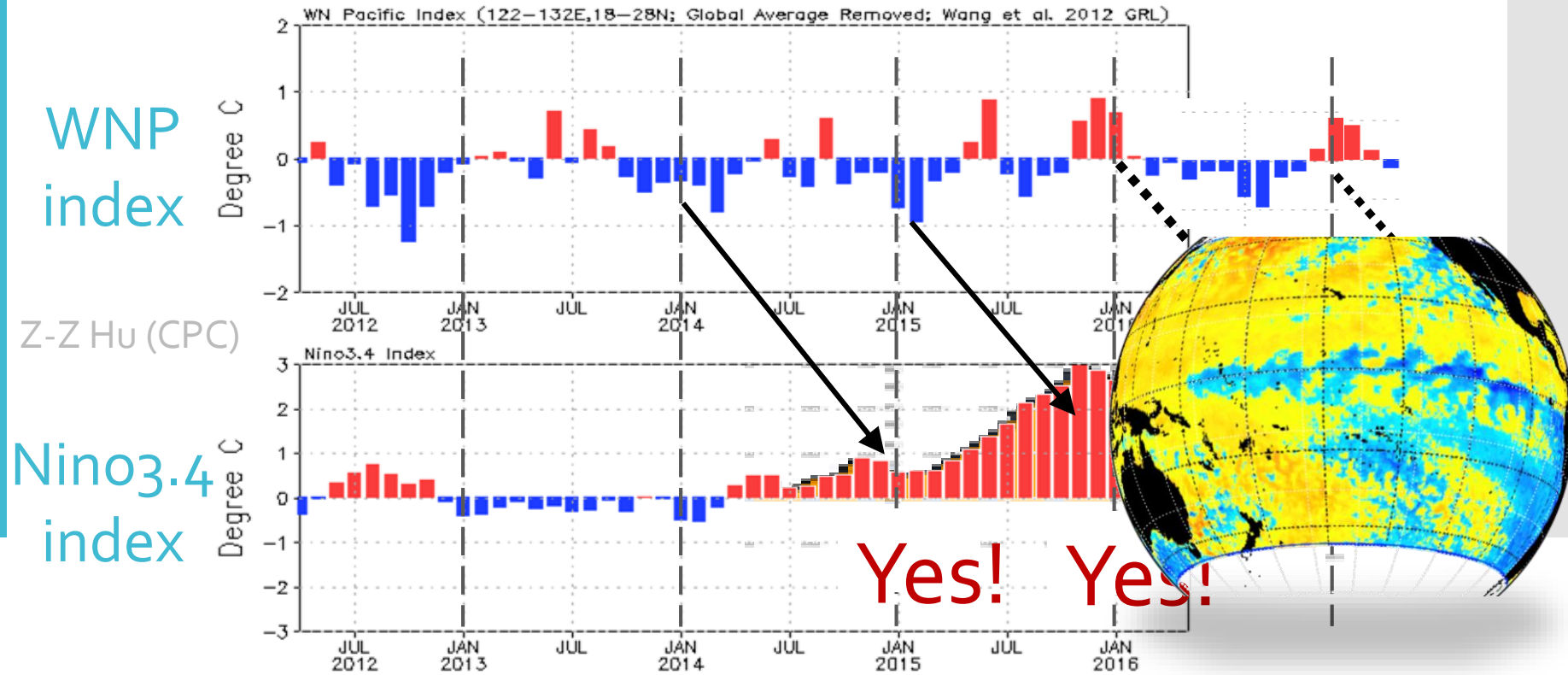
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### Monthly Tropical Pacific SST Anomaly





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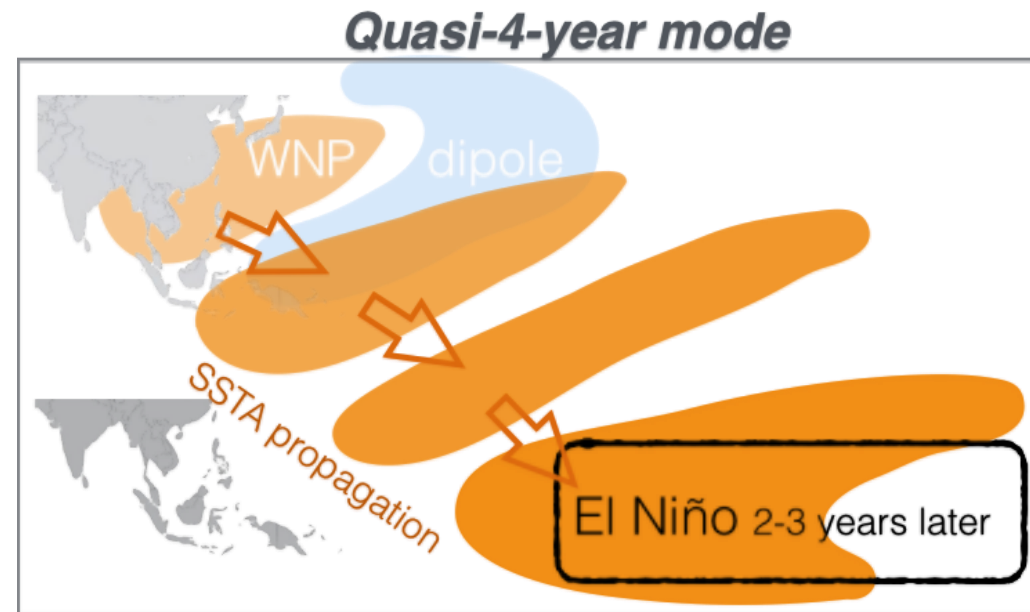
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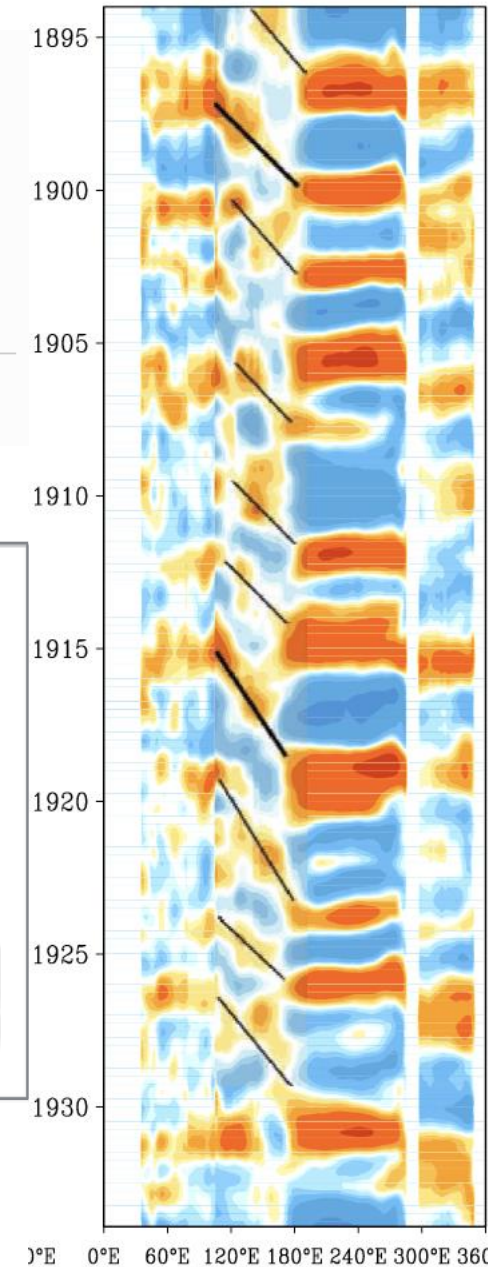
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SSTA propagation

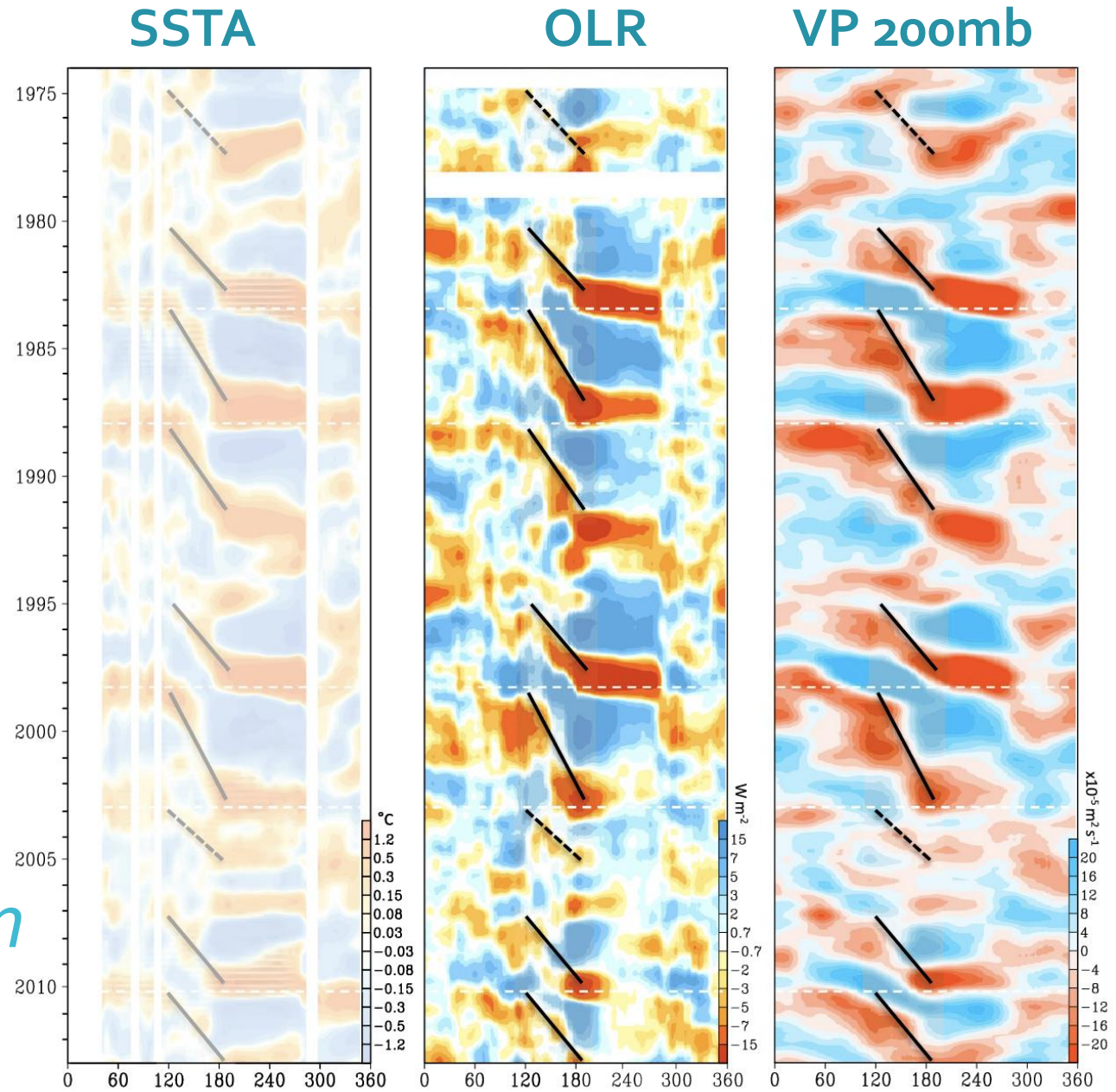


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→ *A coupled system*

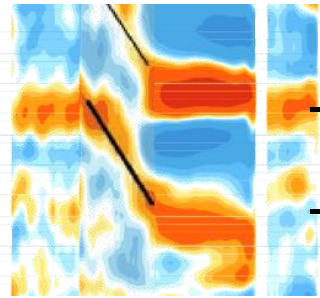


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Y-2

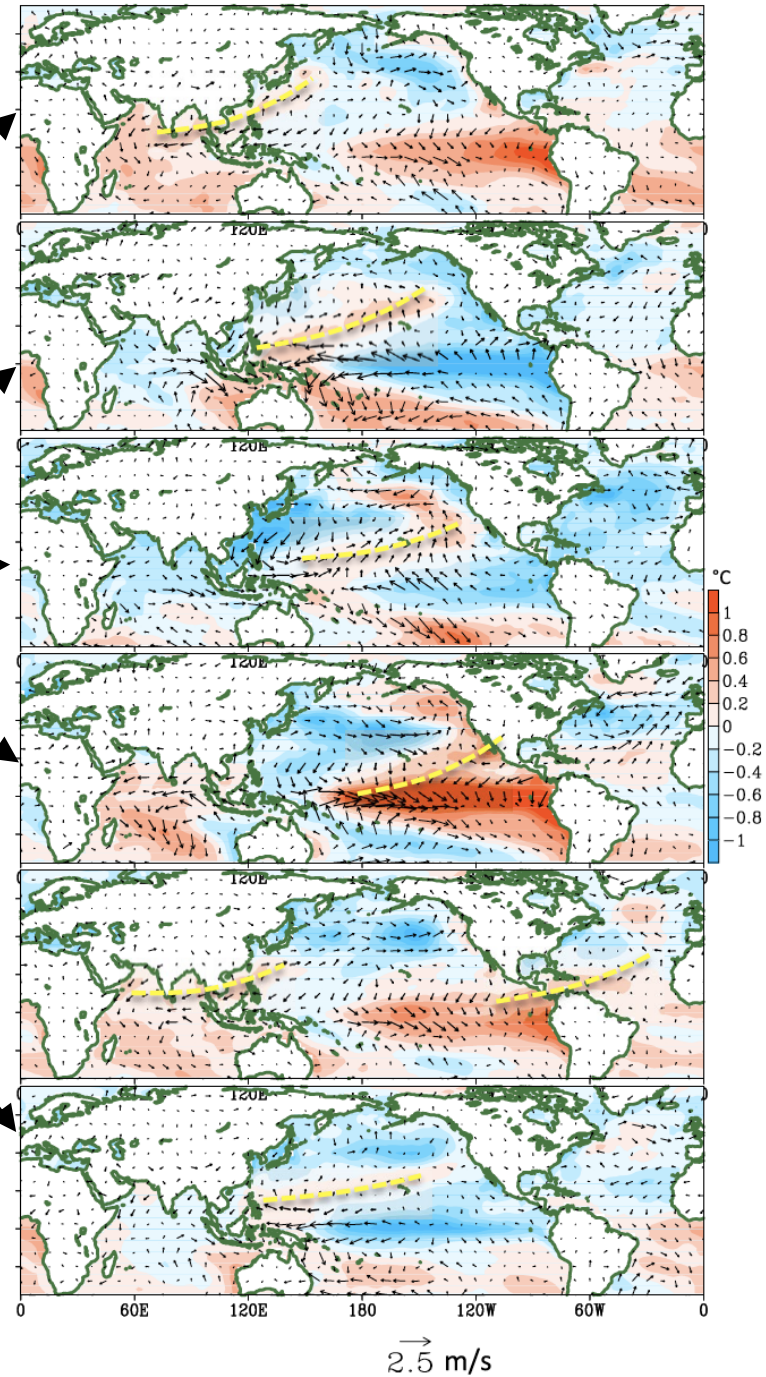
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(b) SSTA, surface winds

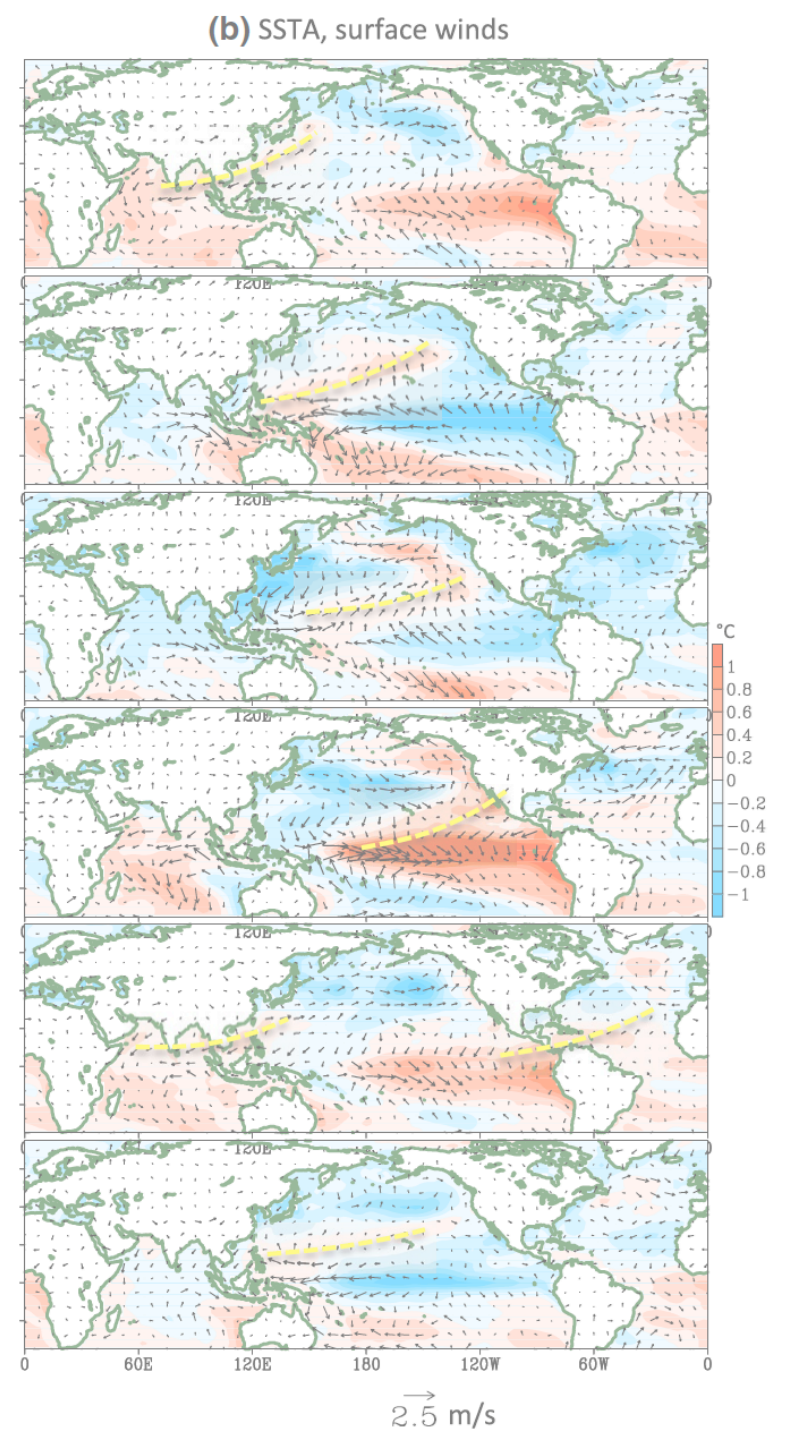
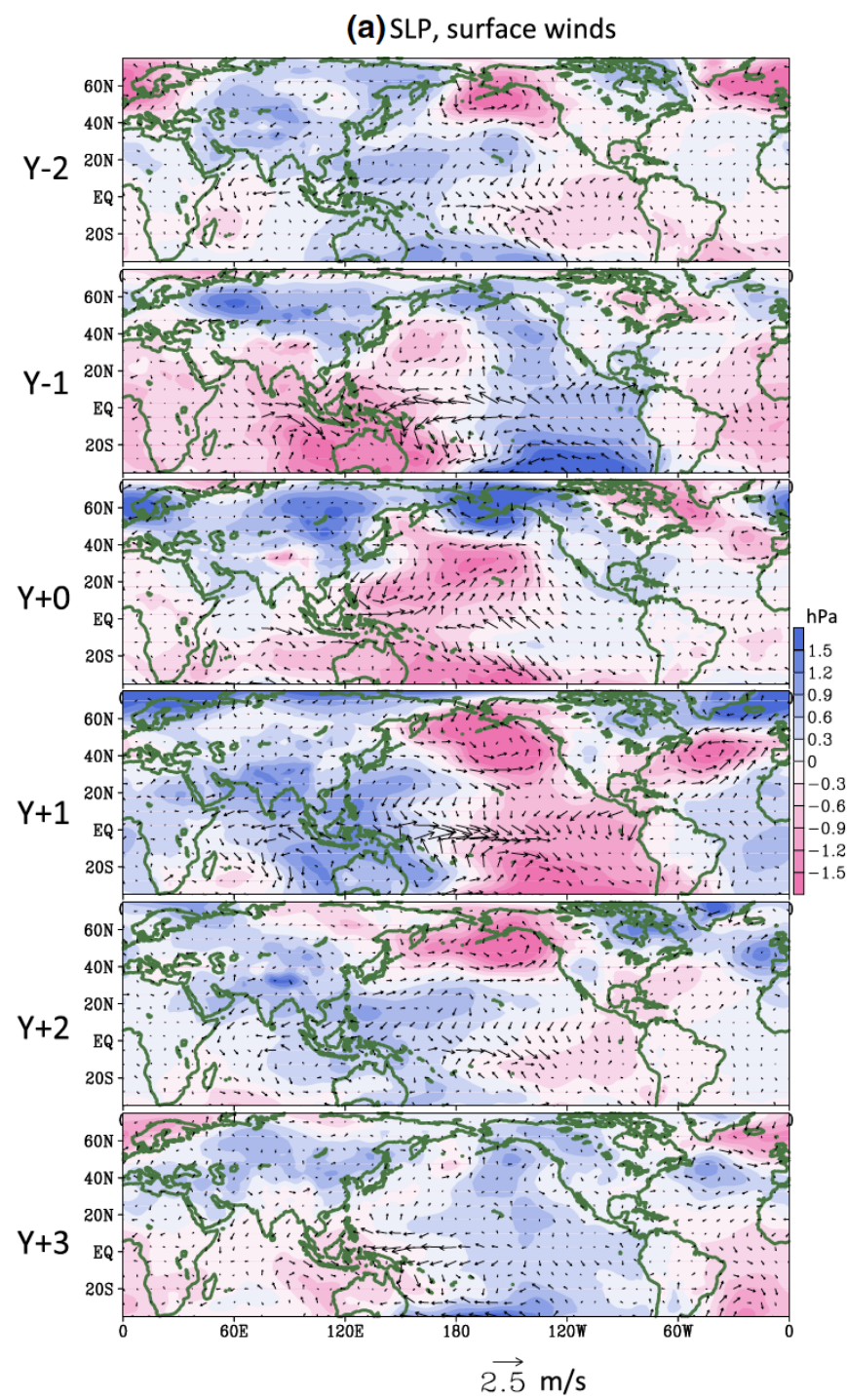




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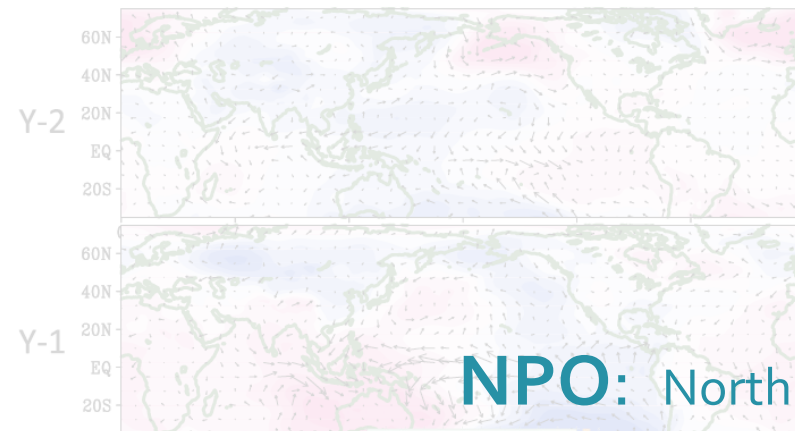


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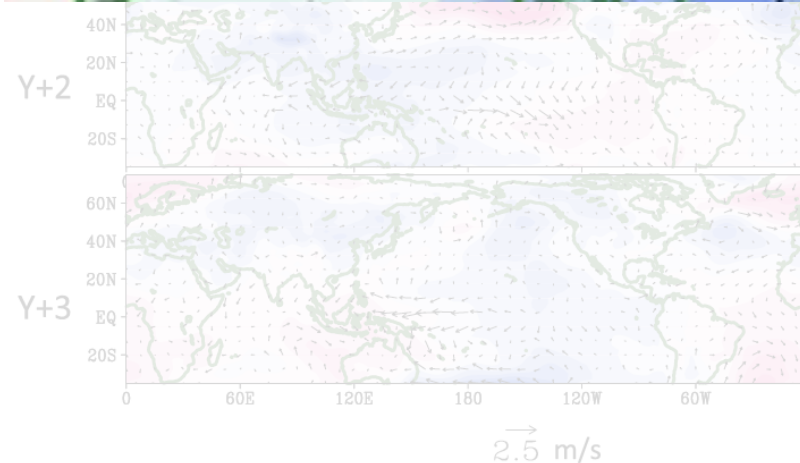
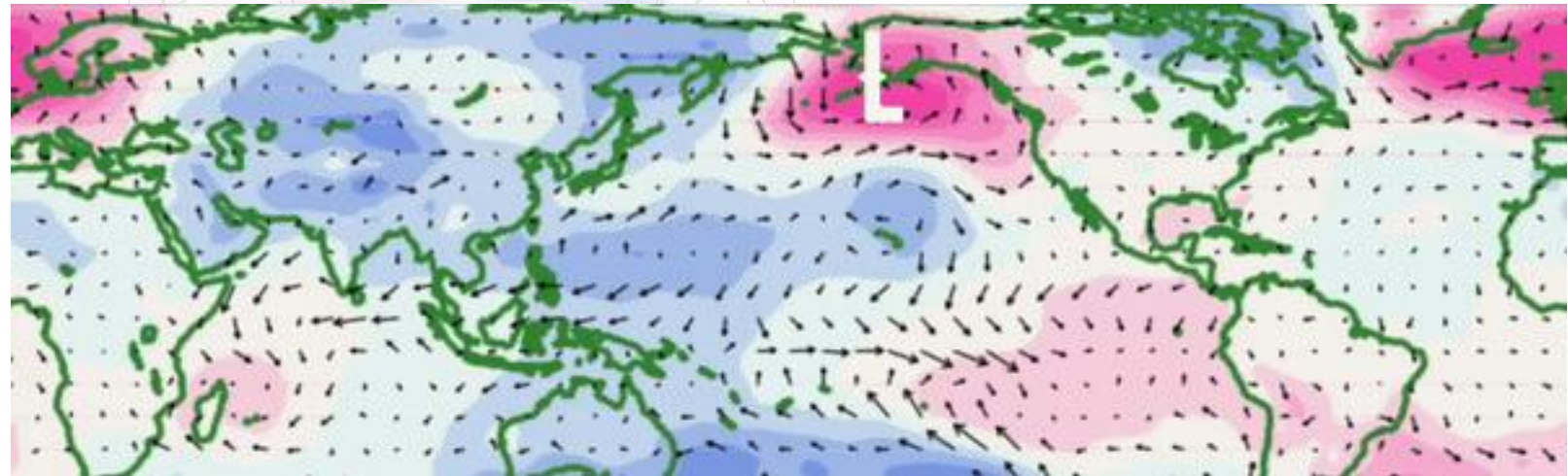
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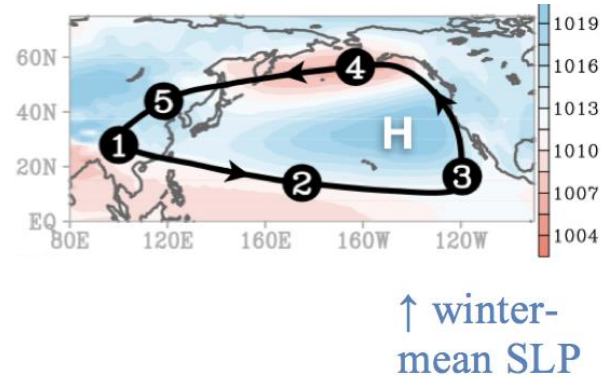
**NPO:** North Pacific Oscillation



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← SLP revolution

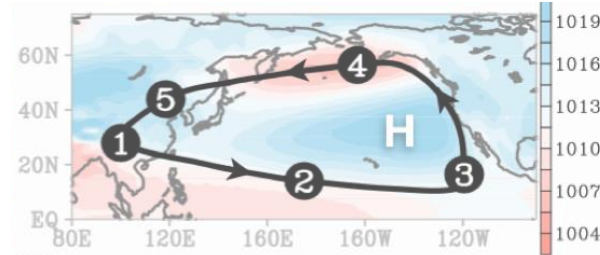


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## NPO rotational evolution?

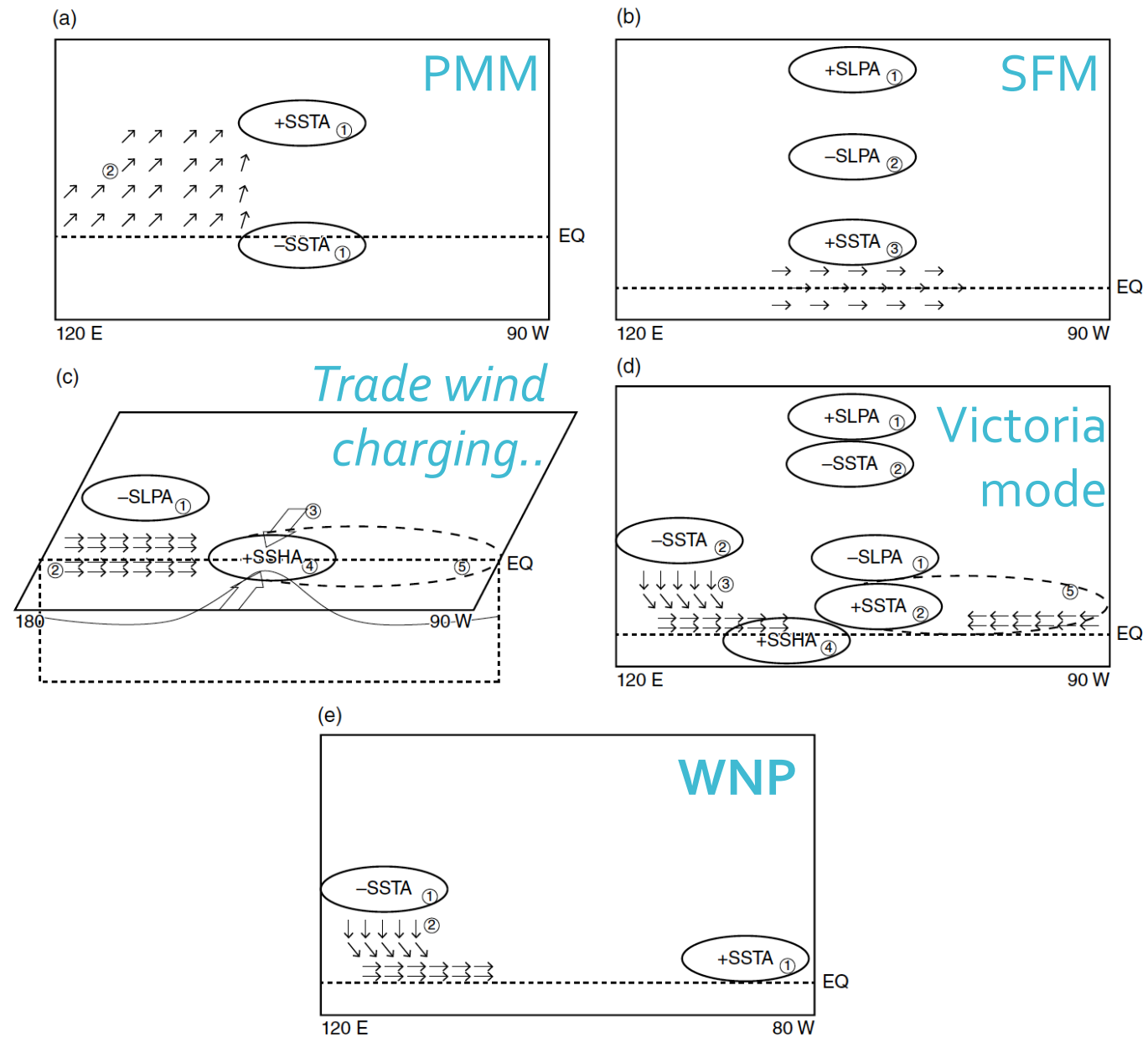


“...probabilistic predictions of ENSO following a positive or negative NPO event are generally less reliable than when the NPO is not active.”

- *Pegion and Alexander (2013 CliDy)*

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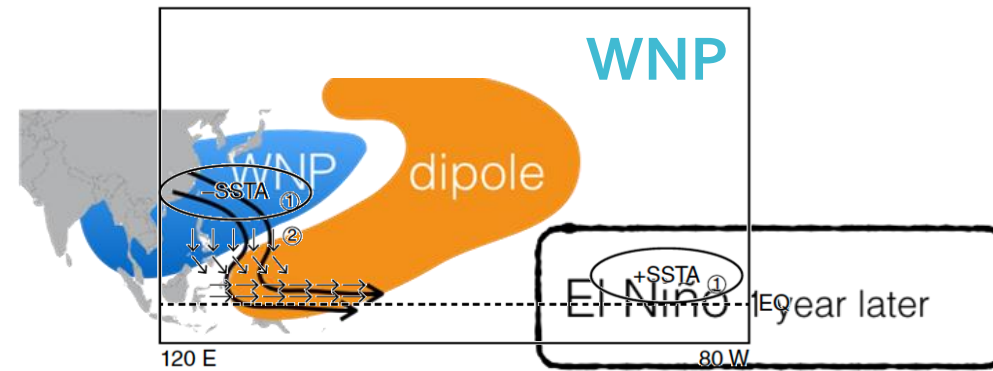
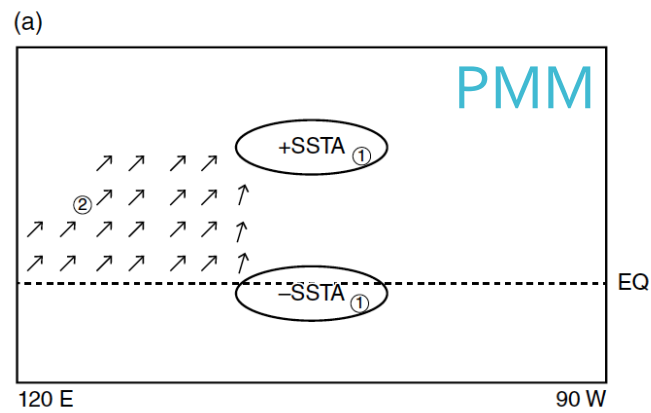
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Extratropical Precursors of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation

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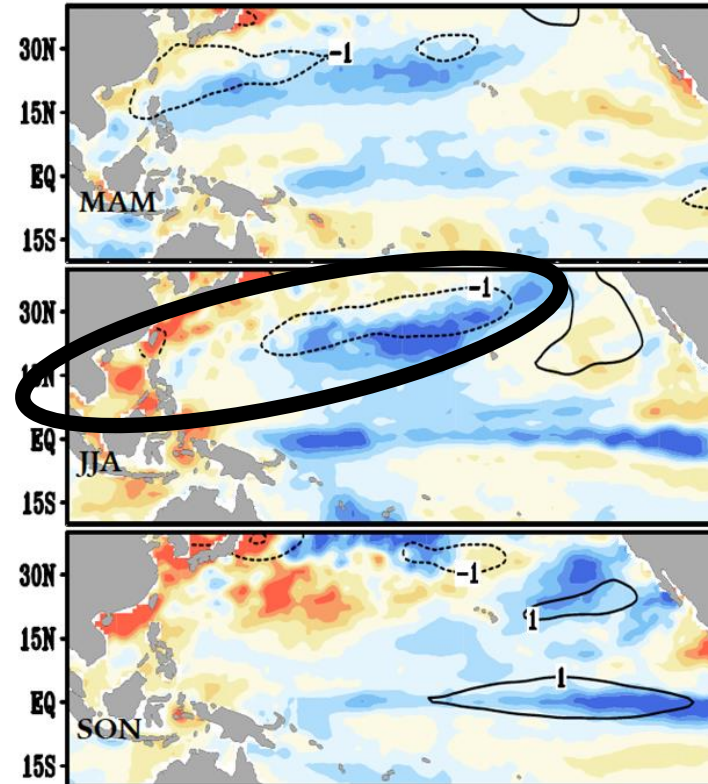
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*regressed on Air-sea (heat) fluxes - shading*

WNP

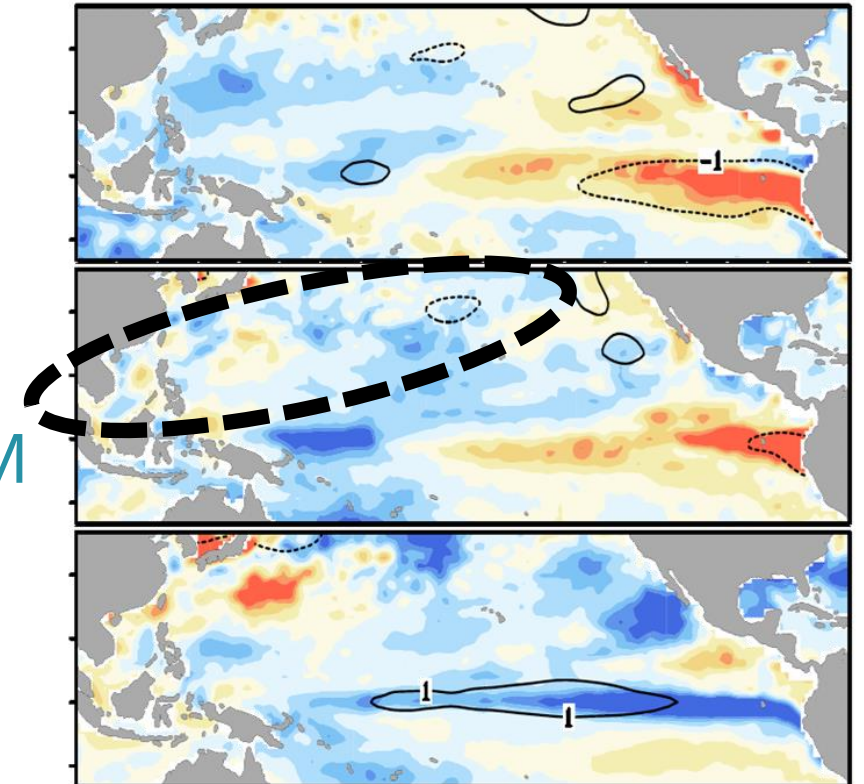


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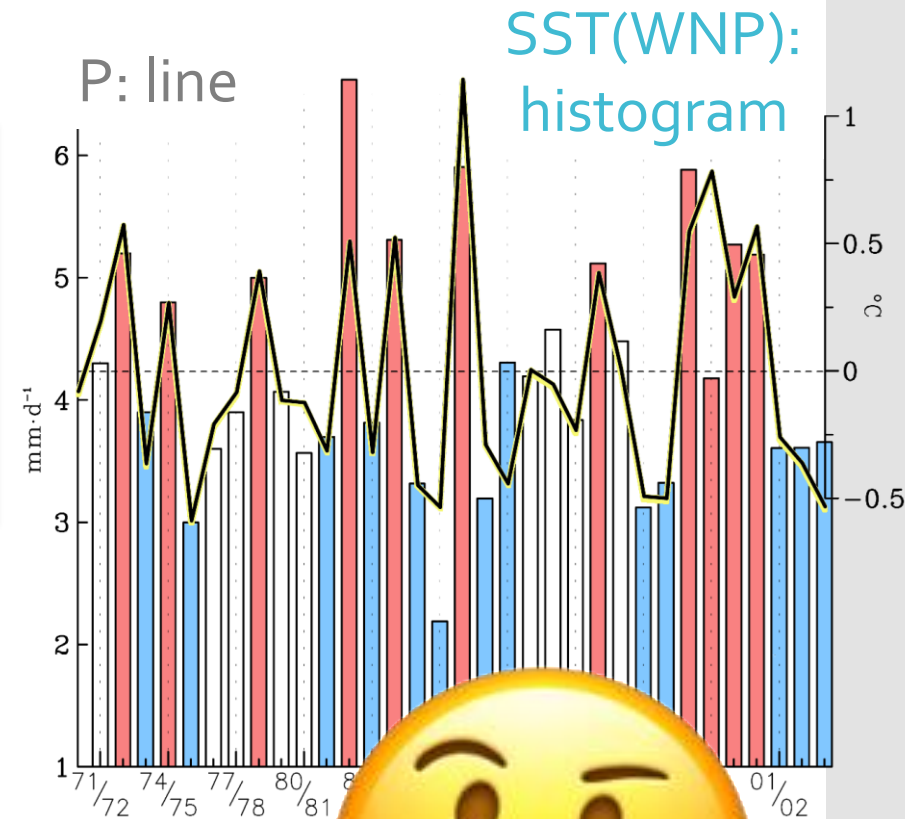
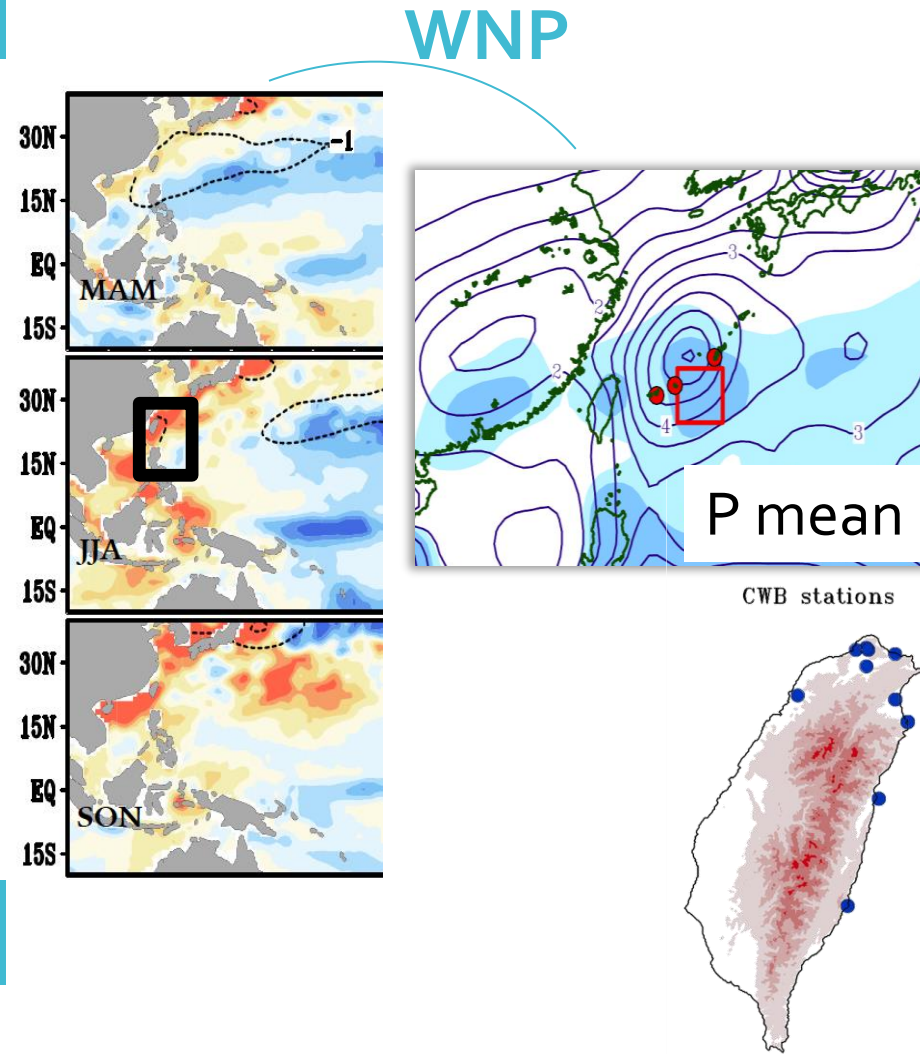
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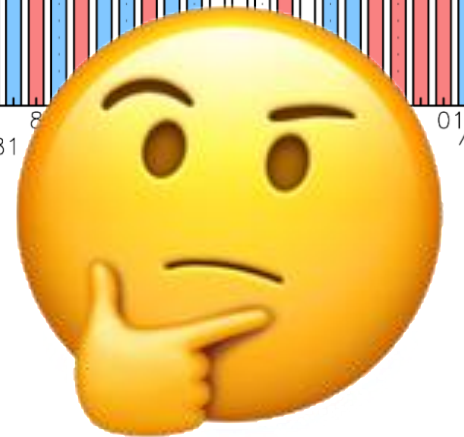
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$r=0.84!$





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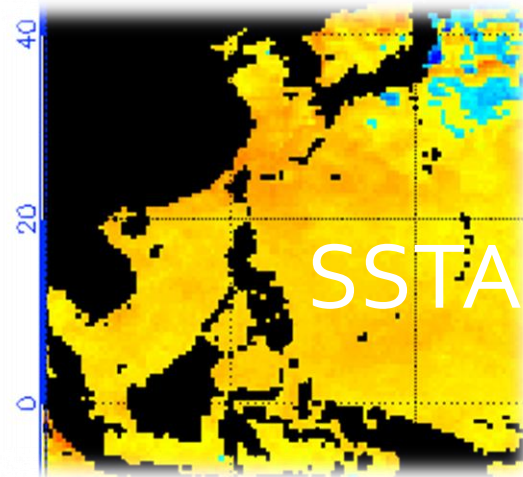
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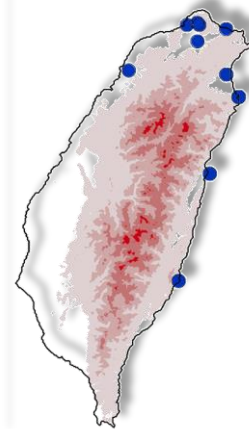
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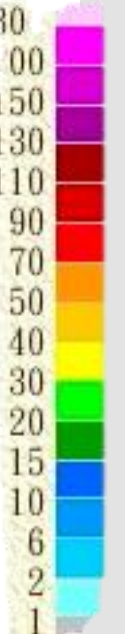
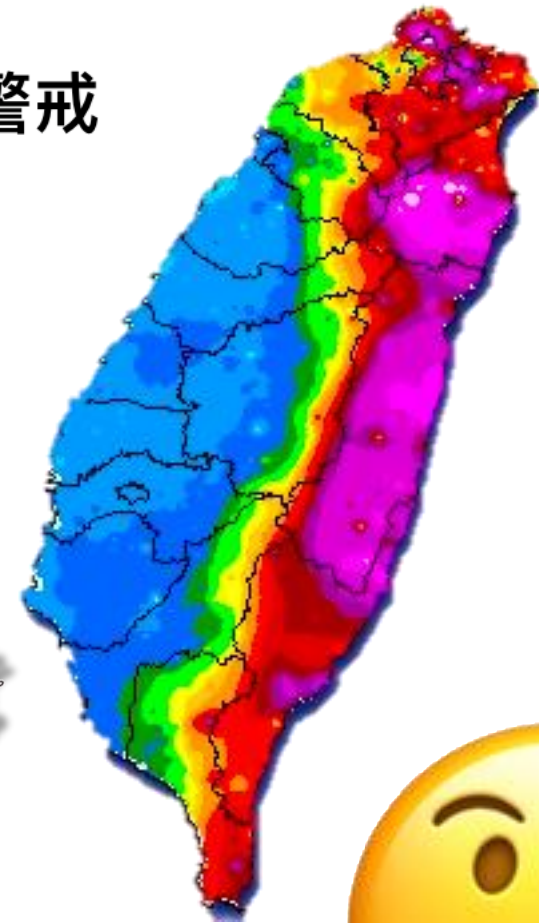


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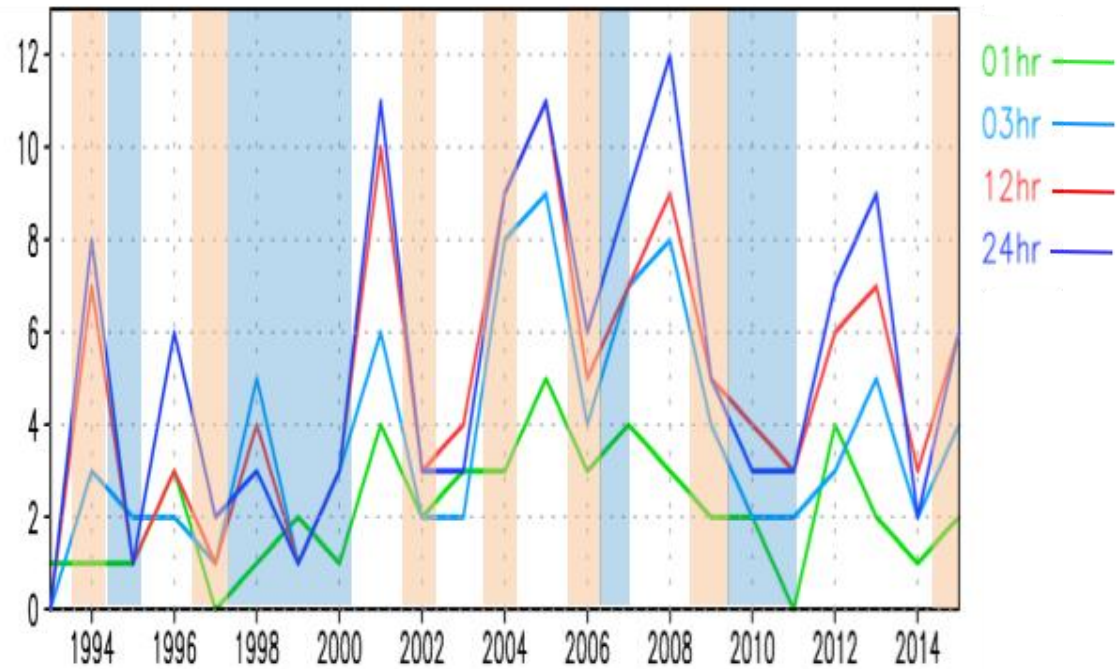


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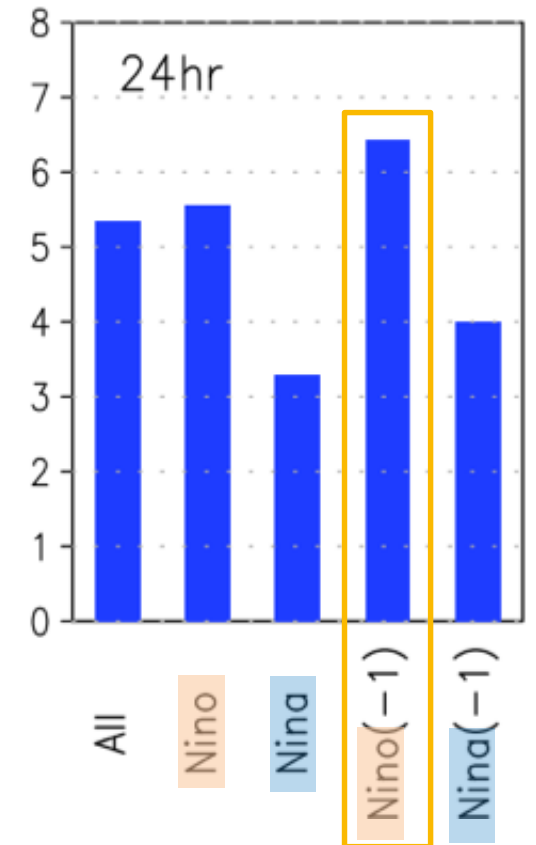
## Taiwan 24-h extreme precipitation *events* due to tropical cyclones

(a) Annual (TC type)



El Nino winter

La Nina winter



# A seasonal prediction for the wet–cold spells leading to winter crop damage in northwestern Taiwan with a combined empirical–dynamical approach

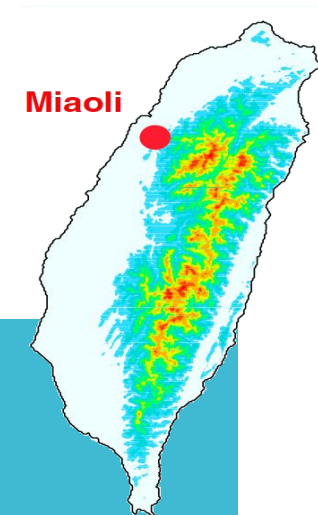
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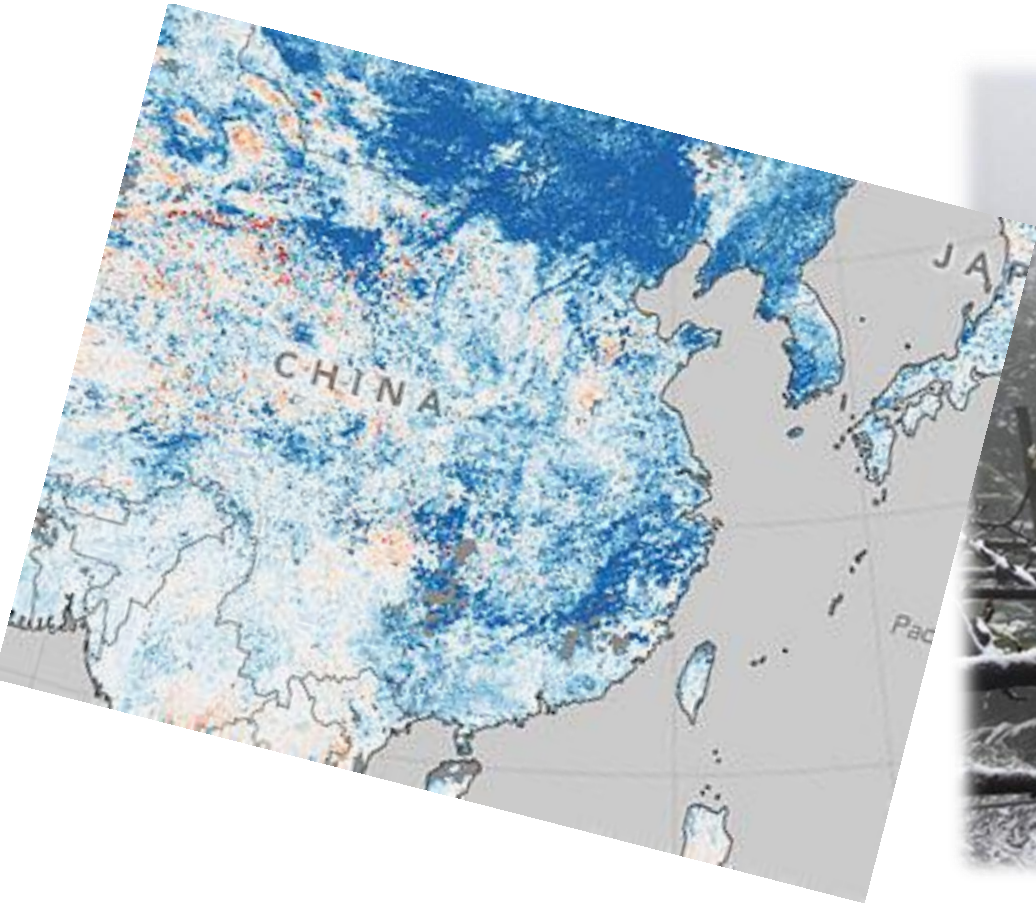
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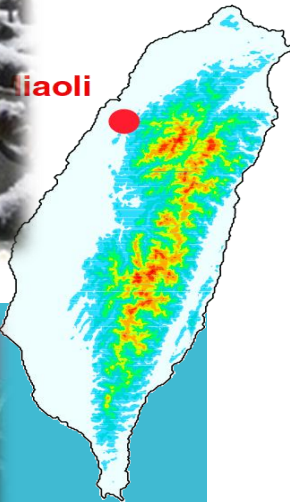


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Application of S2S forecasting



## 2016 “King”Cold Surge



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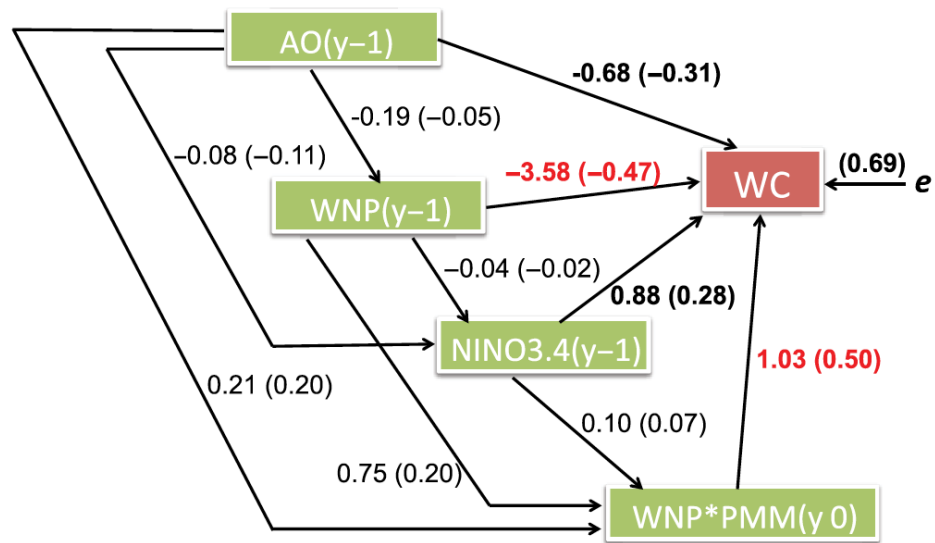
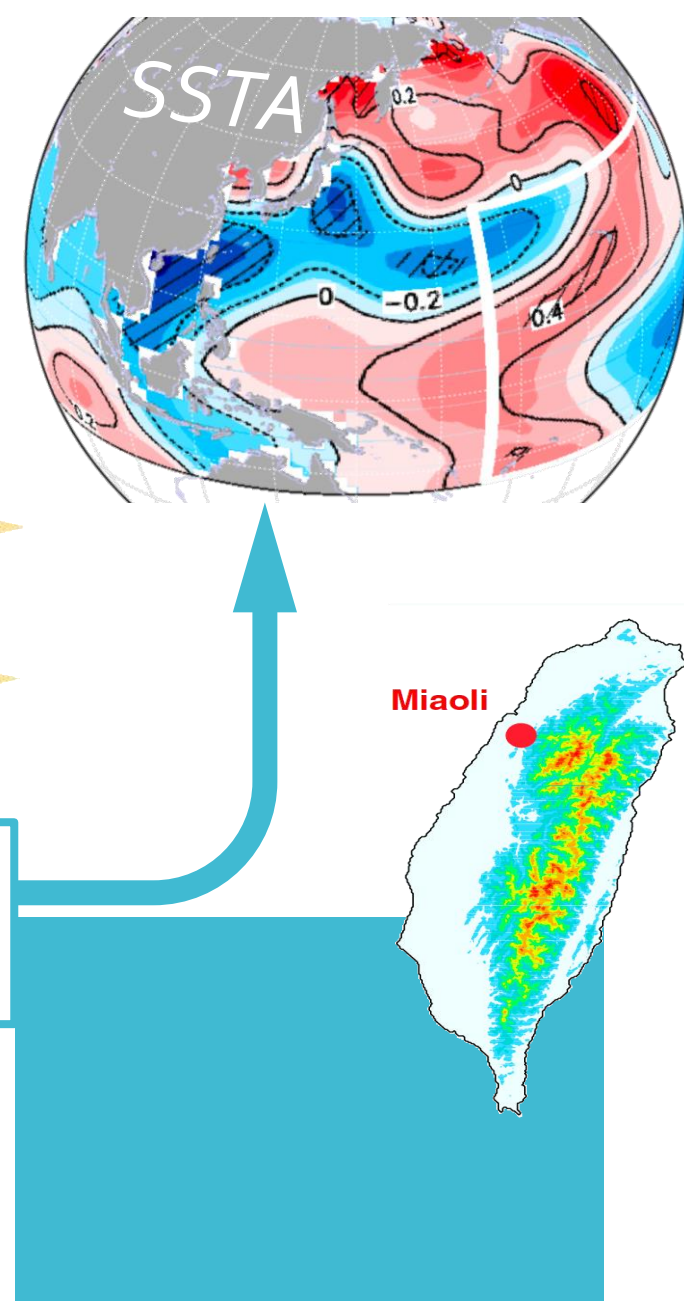
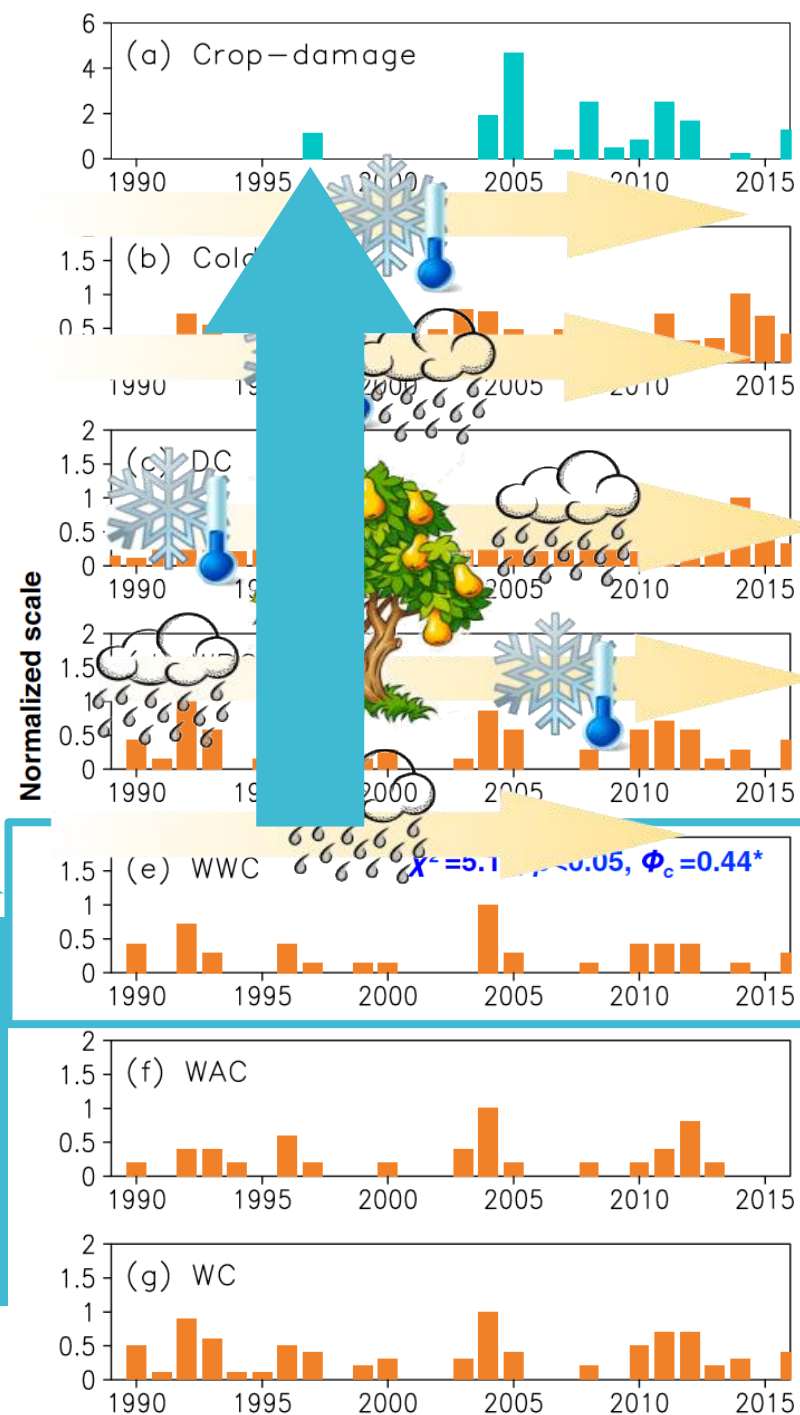
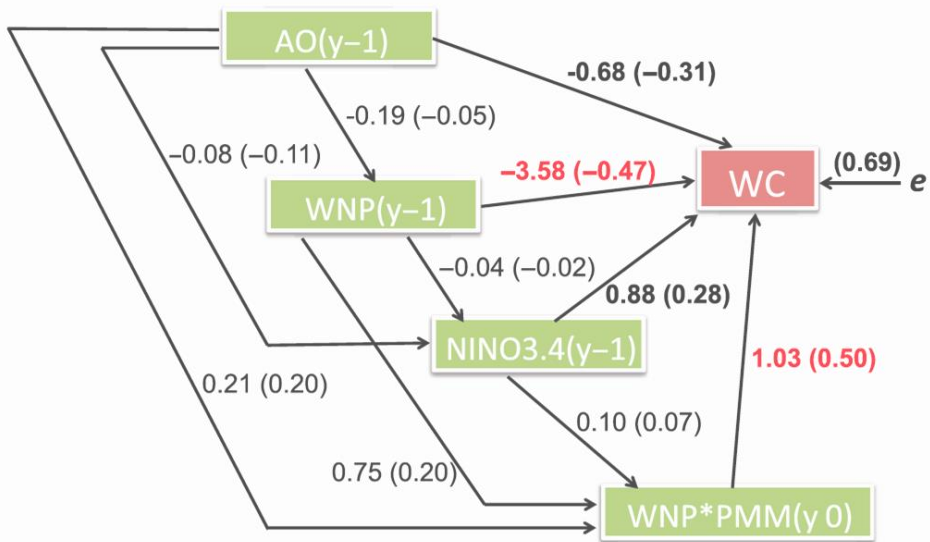


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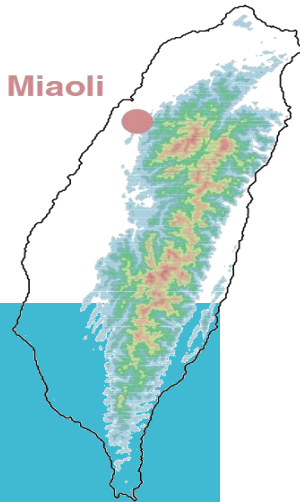
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(h) JF: WC days (Model 2)

lead month	6	0.56*						
	5		0.59*					
	4			0.53*				
	3				0.56*			
	2					0.63*		
	1						0.63*	
	0							0.69*
PMM'								0.70*
Obs.								0.71*
	JA	AS	SO	ON	ND	DJ	JF	

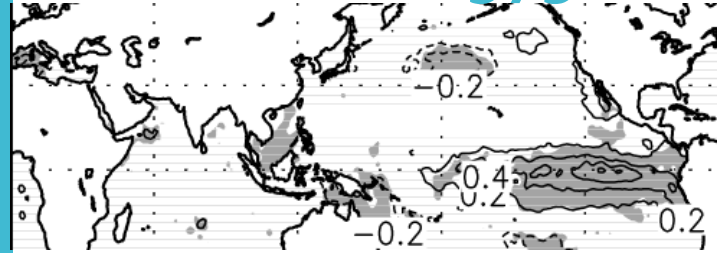


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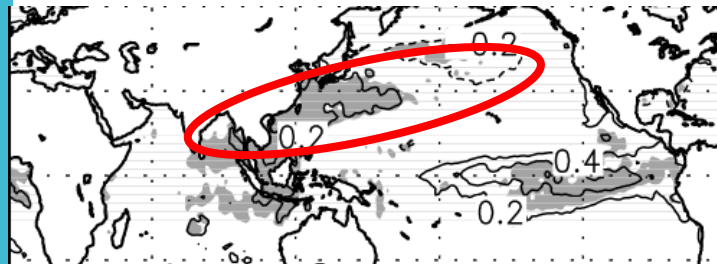


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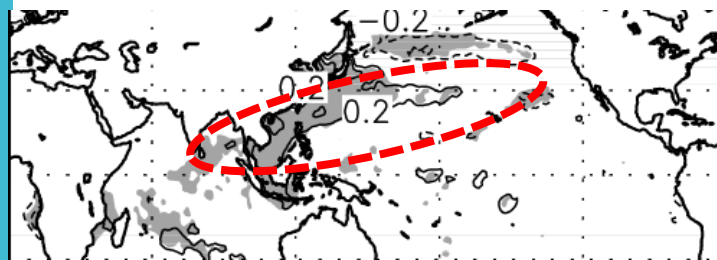
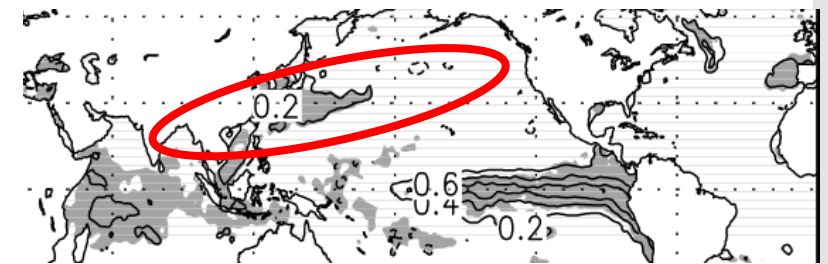
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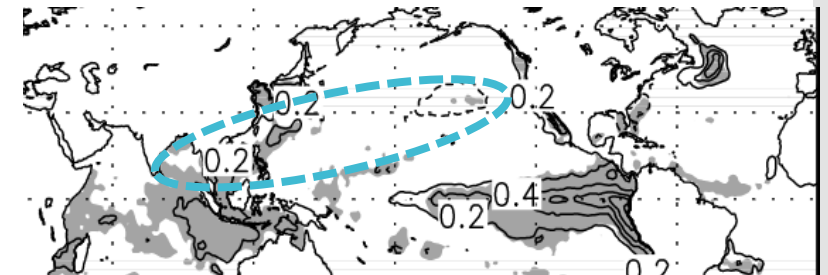
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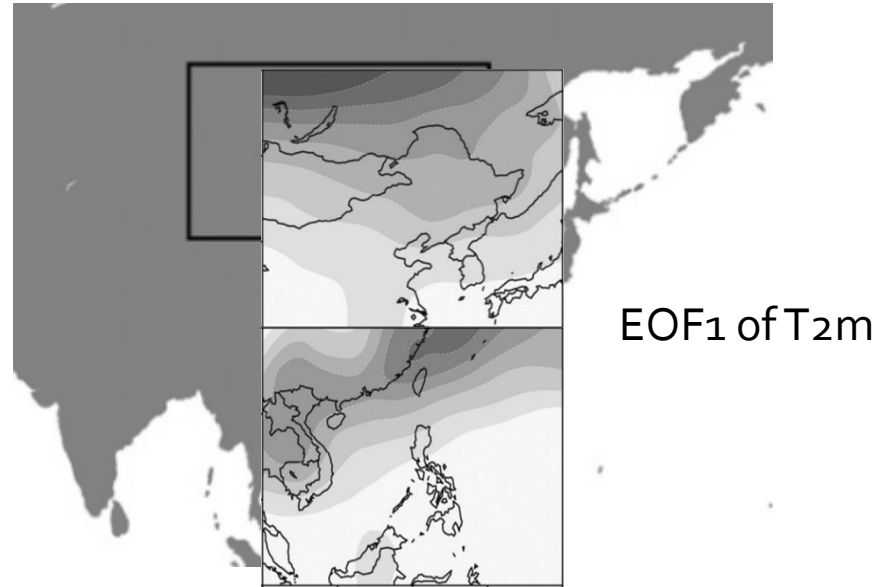


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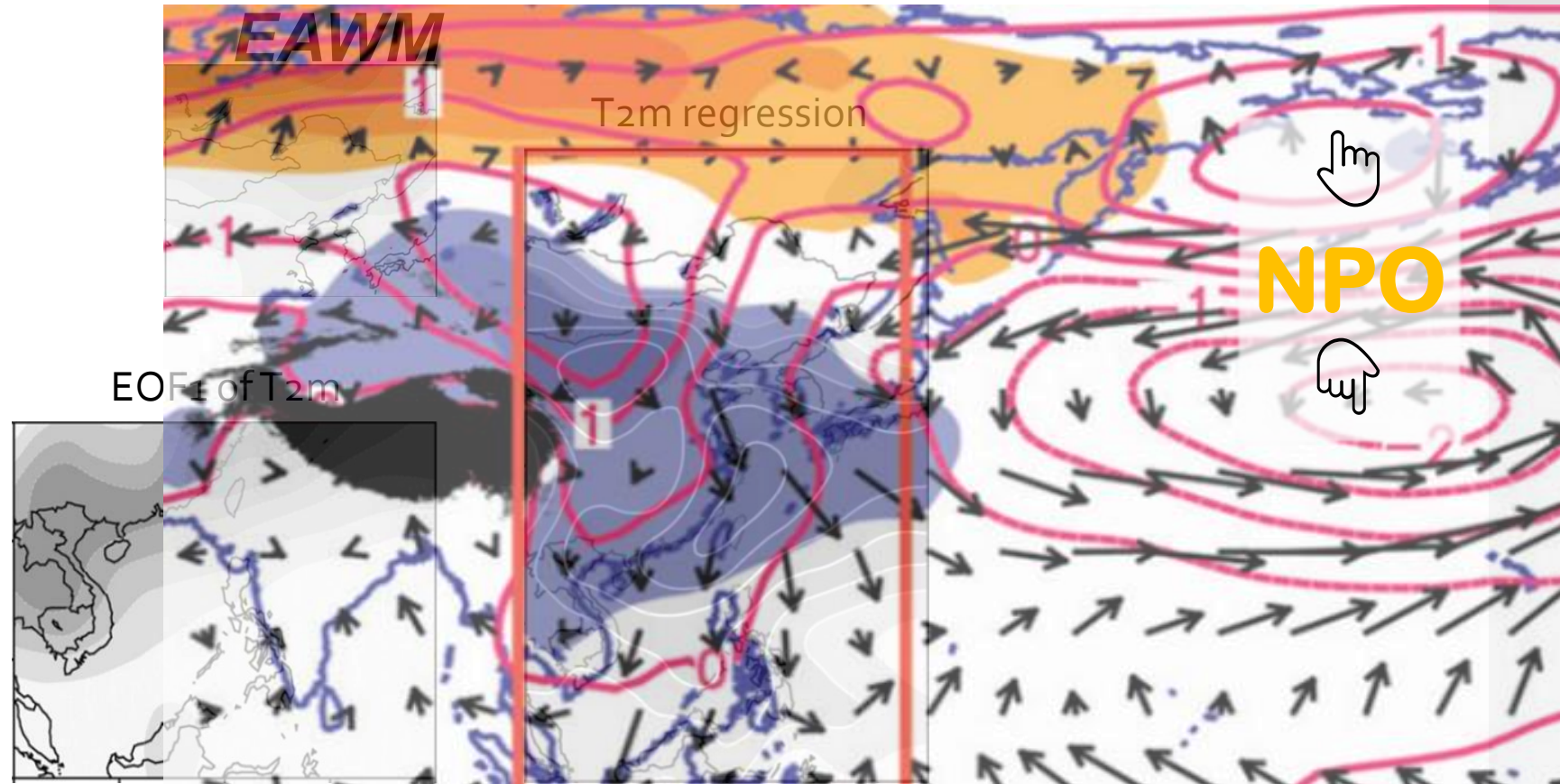
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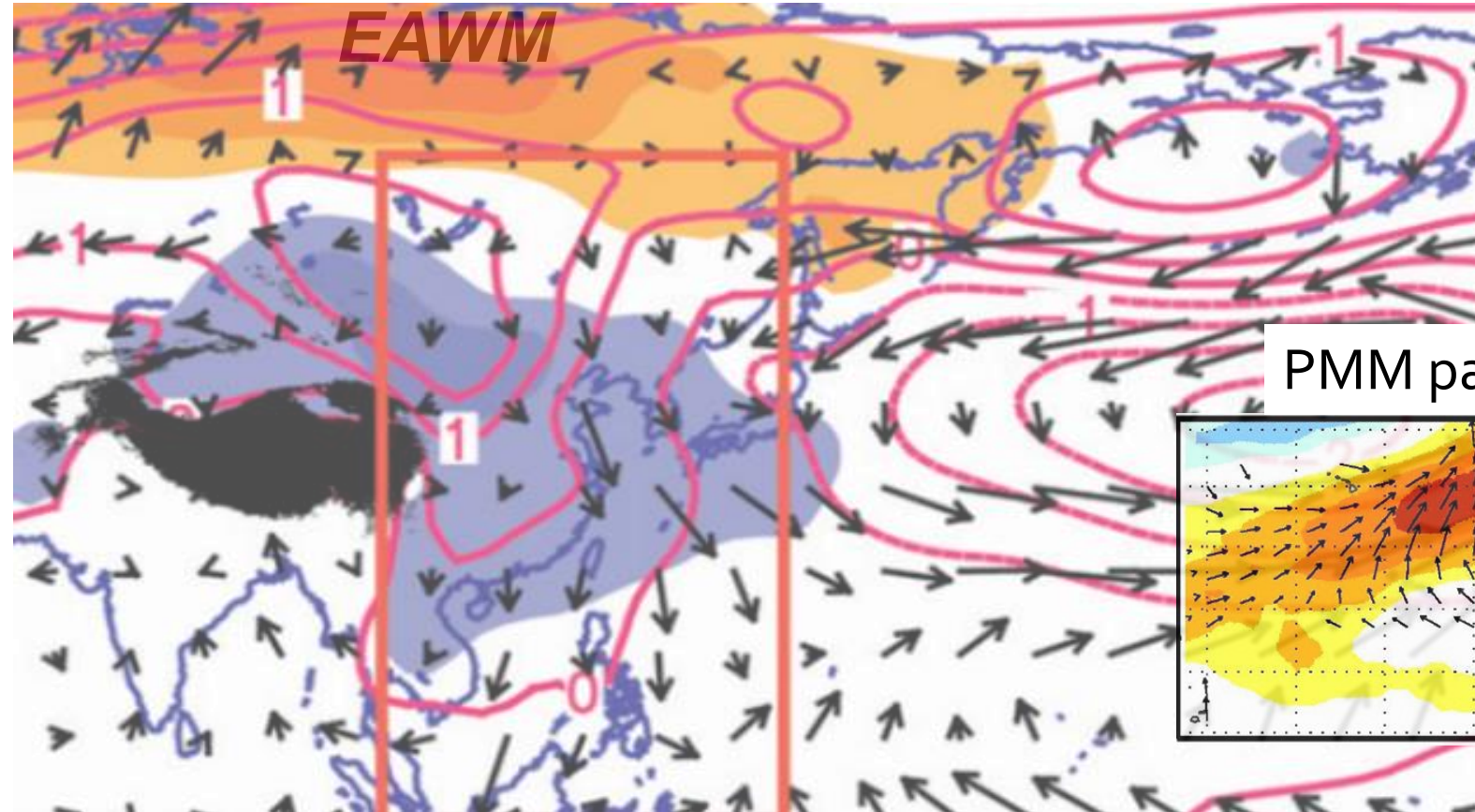
SLP (contours, hPa), Ts (color shadings, °C), and surface winds (vectors, m s<sup>-1</sup>)



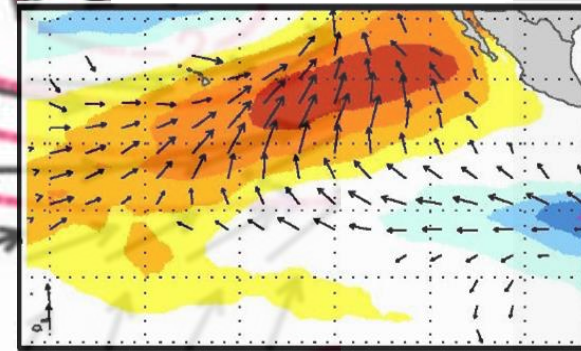
EAWM  
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PMM pattern



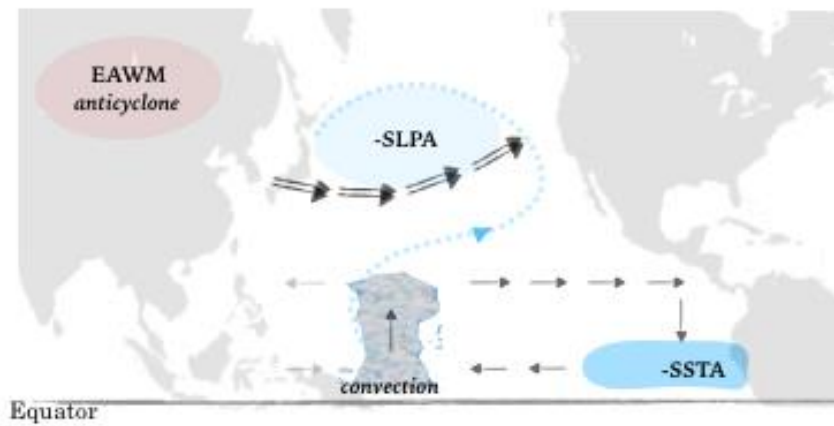
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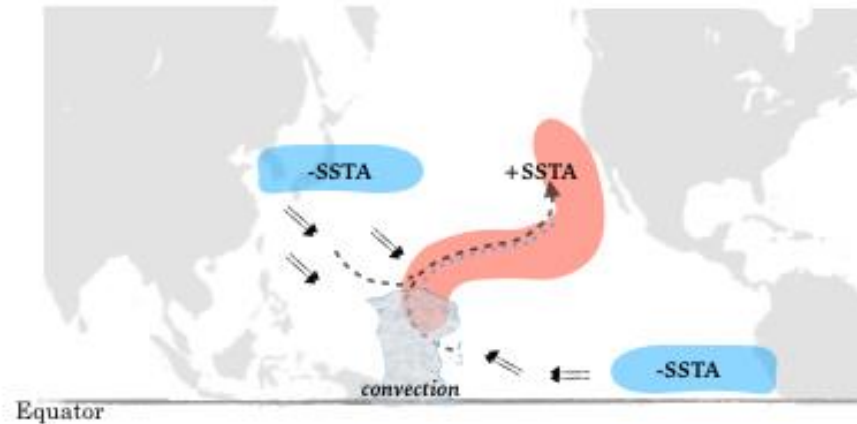
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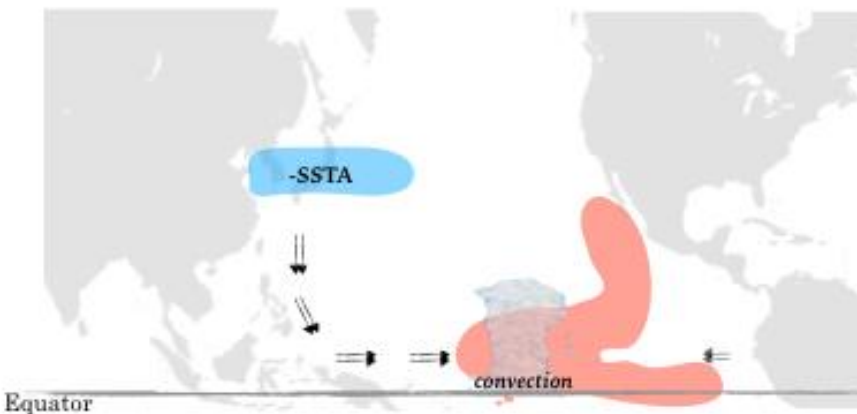
## Pressure pattern and streamline

The EAWM is characterized by strong NW winds resulting in basin wide-wide NP low. Together with the Pacific Walker circulation, which has a convection center around the maritime continent, a north-south temperature gradient between the two areas is created.

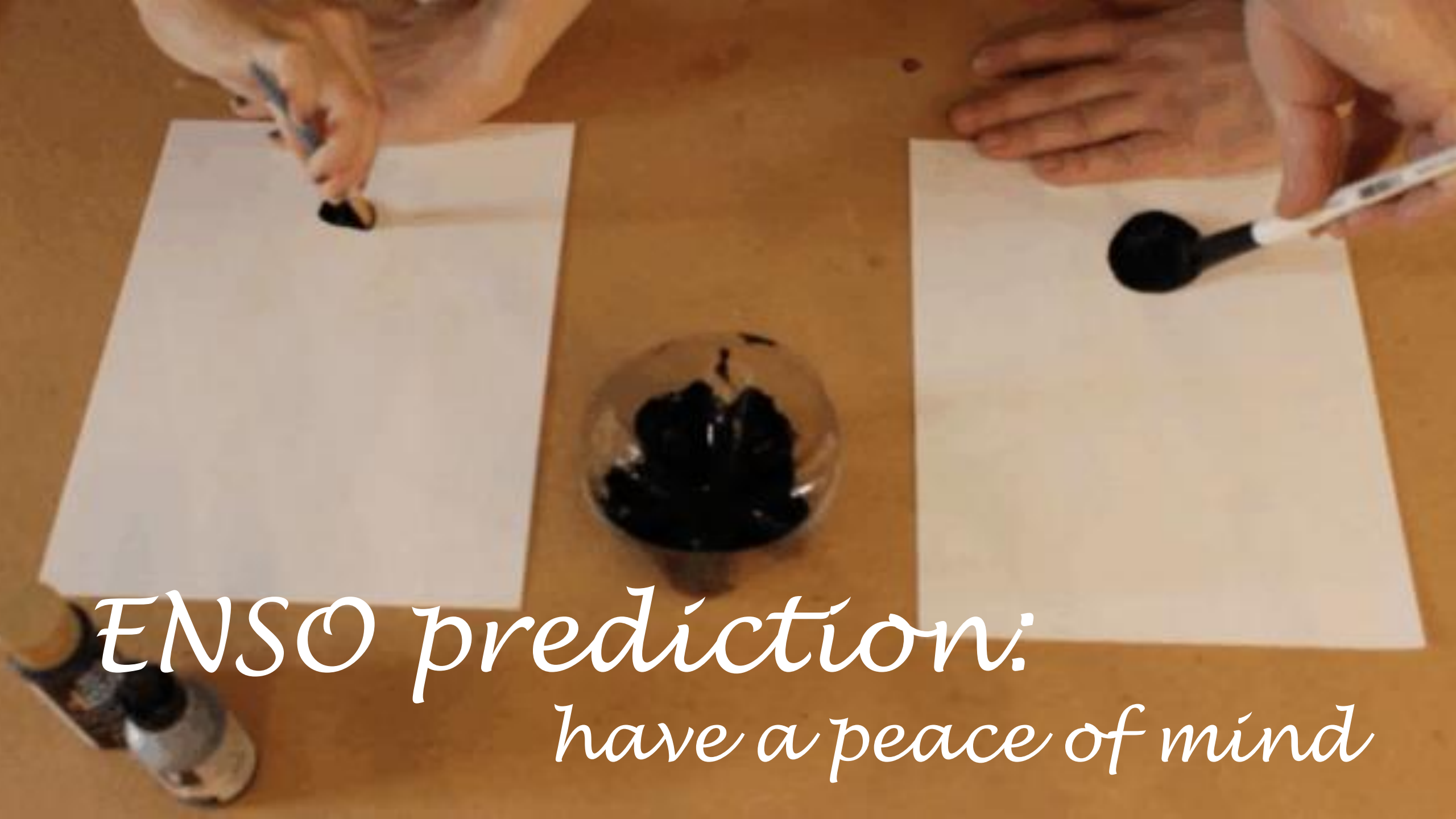


## General wind direction and convergence zone (....)

In response, cold air advection is enhanced in the WNP region along with the development of an SST dipole.



Wind vectors are then directed from the cold WNP region to the warm tropical region. The persistent westerlies triggers equatorial Kelvin waves that push the tropical convection centre and the tropical warm water volume eastward. The persistent westerlies feed back to weaken the trades and generate more Kelvin waves, eventually leading to an El Nino.



*ENSO prediction:  
have a peace of mind*