

CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CHANGE DURING THE LAST MILLENNIUM

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HUNTER IN THE SNOW

1565 by Pieter Bruegel the Elder

One of the “common & severe” winter during the
16th century



**WINTER
LANDSCAPE
WITH A BIRD
TRAP**

in Netherlands

1601 by Pieter Bruegel the Younger

Freeze over Dutch canal in winter; nowadays ice free



LITTLE ICE AGE (1450-1850) & MEDIEVAL WARM PERIOD (950-1250)

- *With colder/warmer than normal temperature*
- *Due proposed to solar variability (Lean, 2010), tropical volcanic eruptions (LIA, Schurer, 2014), declining NH summer insolation (Kaufman, 2009), land cover/use (He, 2014)*
- *Conventionally a “more European” climate phenomenon*
- *Medieval warm period (climate anomaly) often has more heterogeneity*

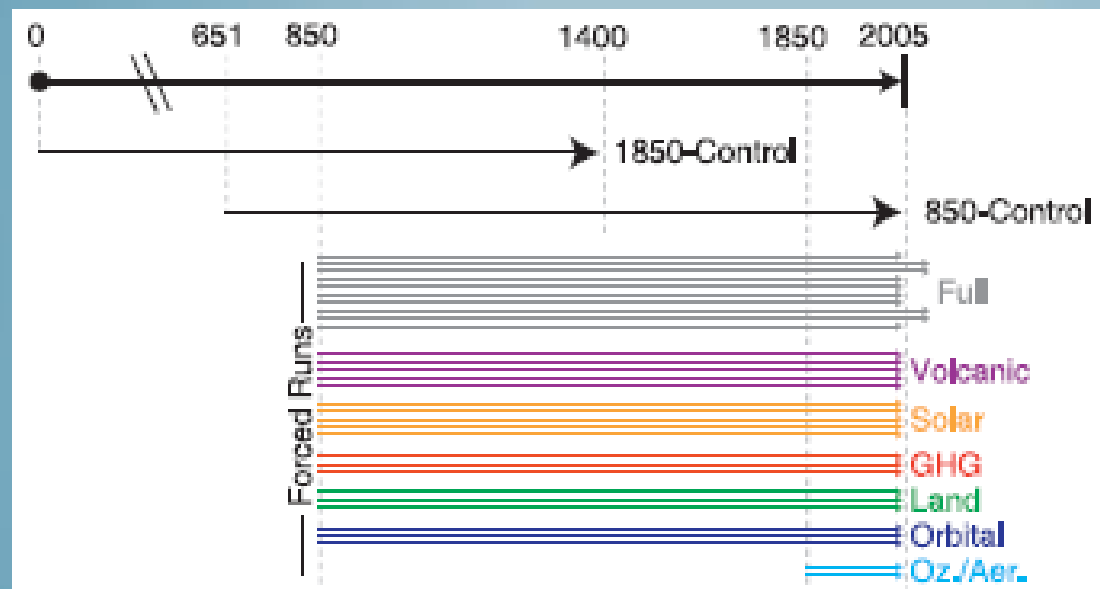
WHY THEN AND WHY US

- *High data density and the ability to quantify the relative importance of forcings with downside of smaller changes*
- *CMIP5 Last Millennium simulations organized by PMIP3*
- *Test the ability of state-of-the-art climate models in explaining climate changes*
- *NCAR-CESM-LME expands from CMIP5 LM that provides full and single forcing member*

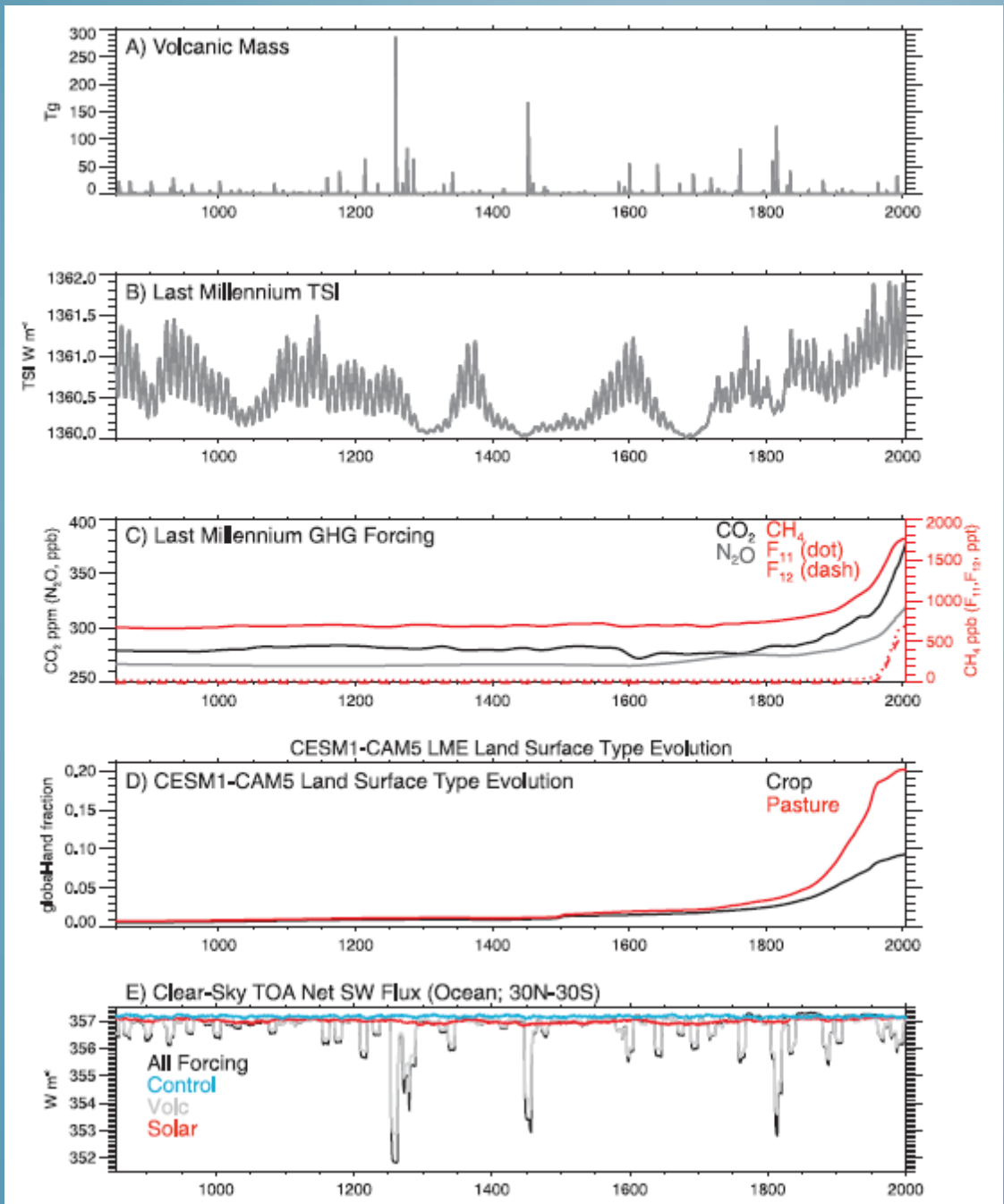
MODEL & DESIGN

	CESM-LME	CCSM-TraCE21k
Model	CESM1 (CAM5)	CCSM3_LPJ
Resolution	2-degree (atm, clm) 1-degree (pop, csim) F19-g16	4-degree (atm,clm) 3-1 degree (pop) T31_gx3v5
Purpose	Since 850CE	Since LGM
Transient	YES	YES but no really for LM
Forcings	Solar, orbital, volcanic, LCLU, GHG, (ozone-aerosol)	Orbital, GHG, Ice-5G, paleogeography, meltwater

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- Spin-up from 1850 control
- 850 control branched out
- Started from year 850



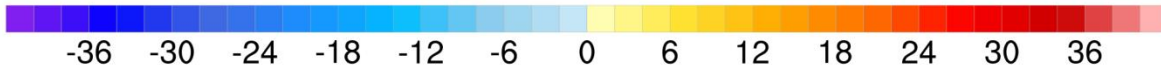
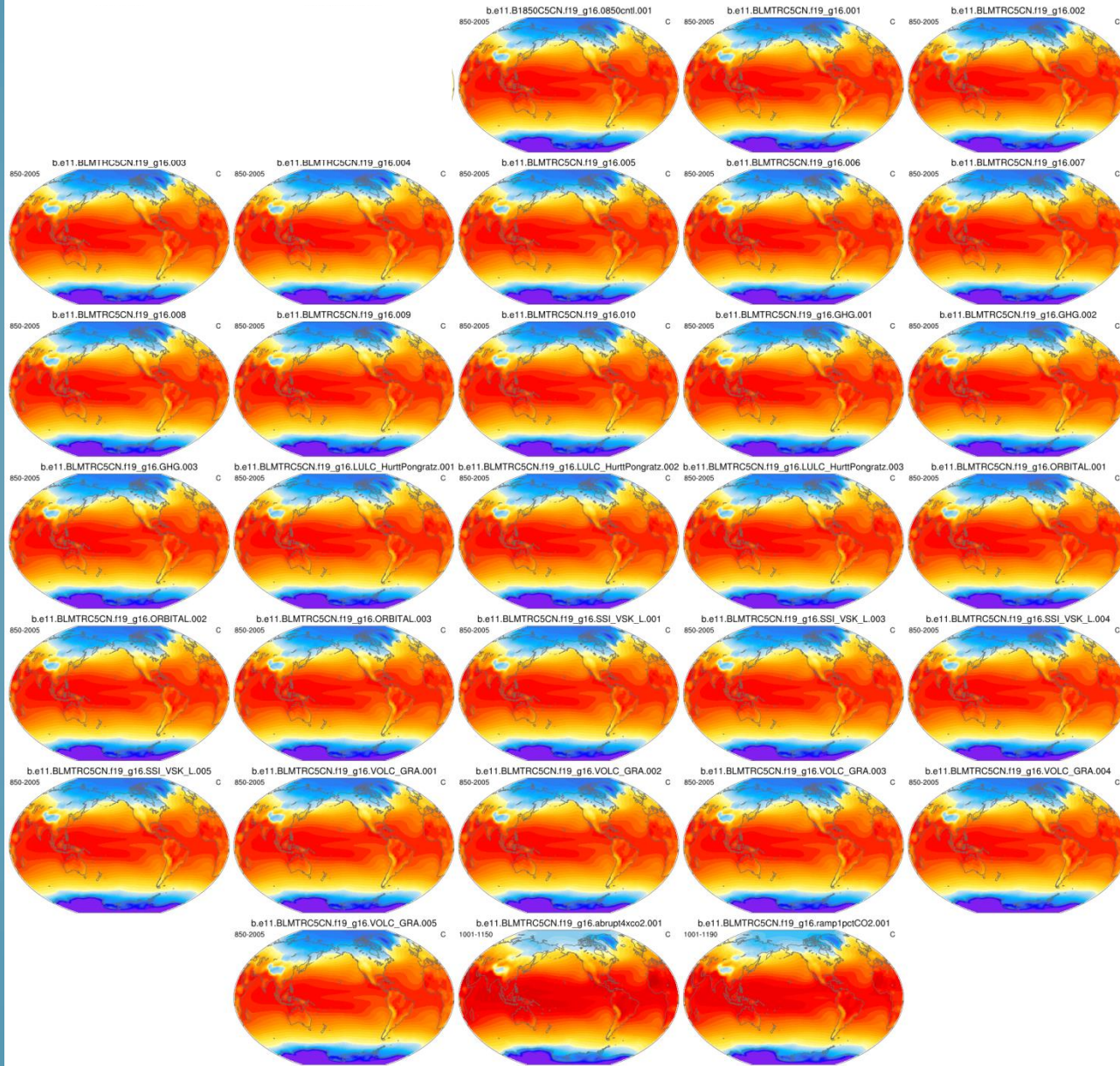
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HOW DOES IT GO?

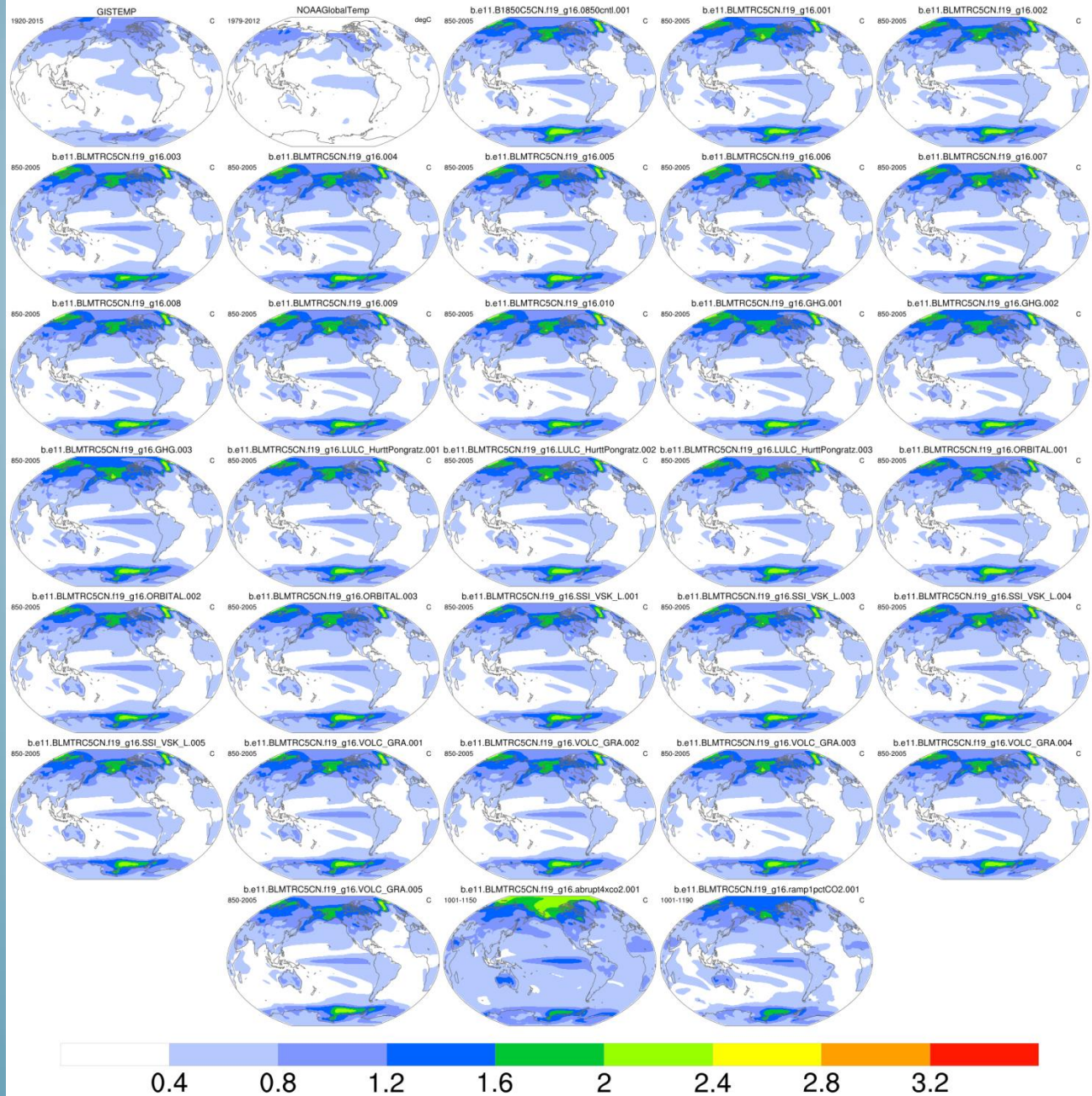
... In a global sense

From 850-1850

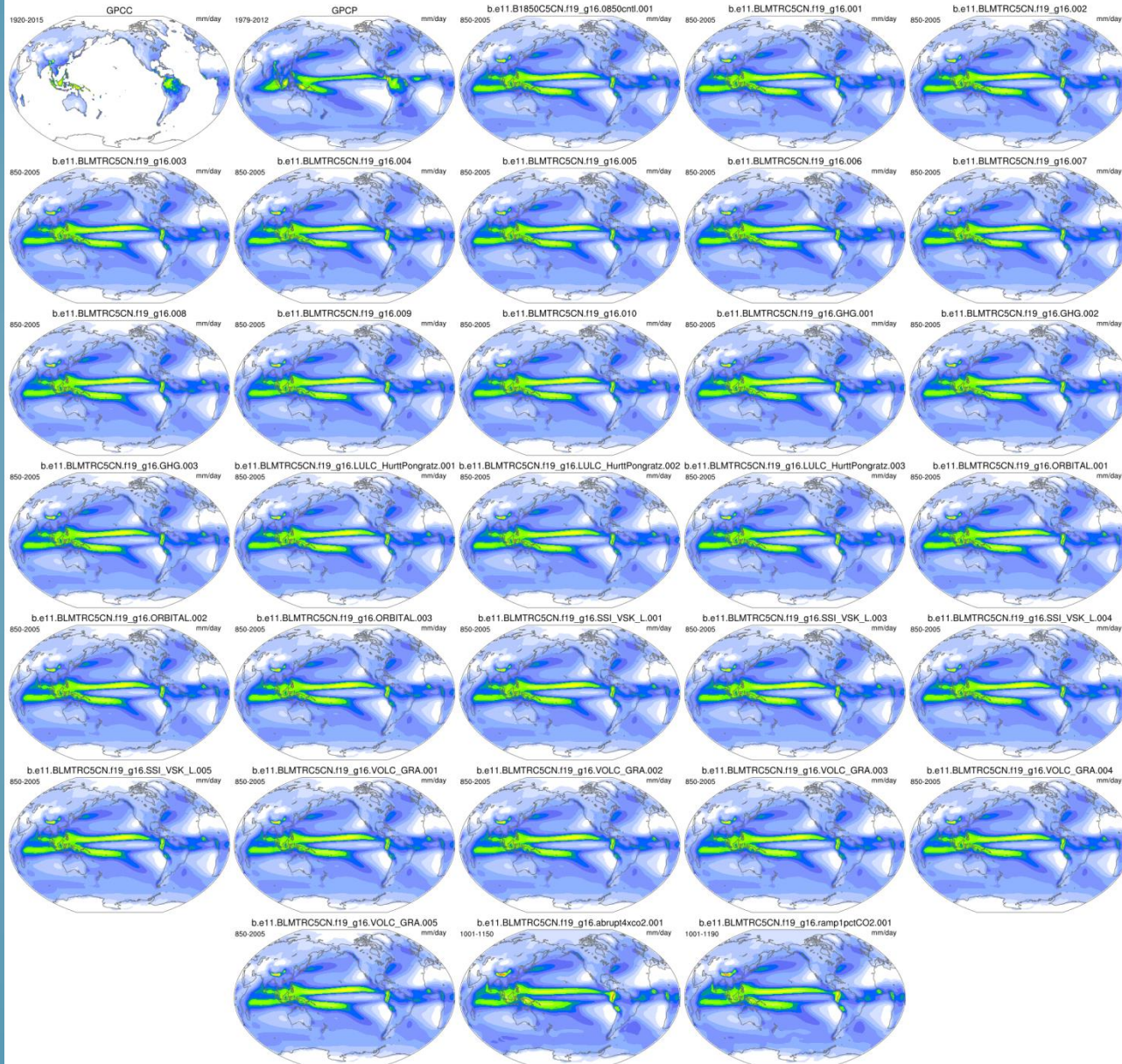
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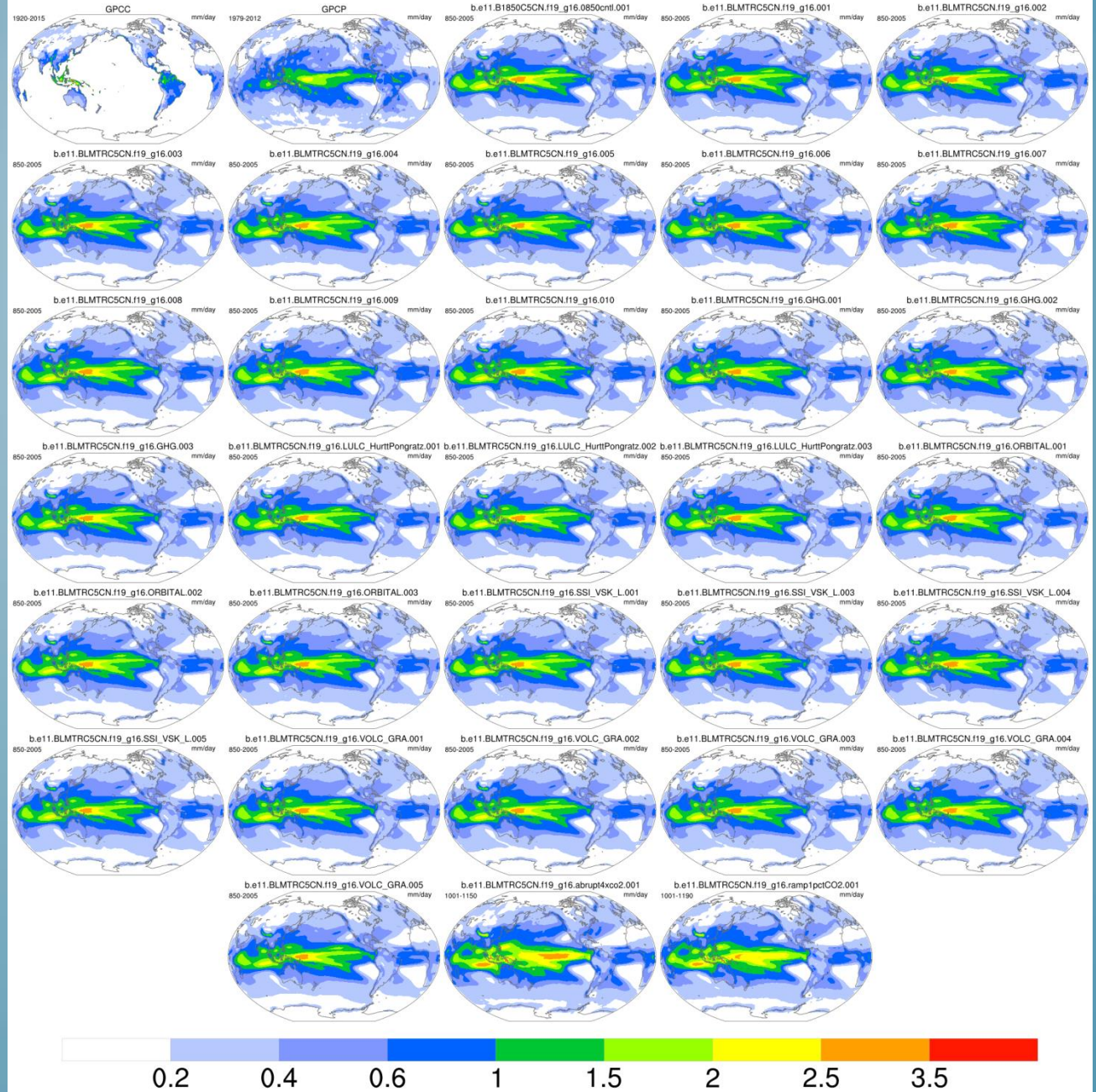
TAS Standard Deviations (Annual)



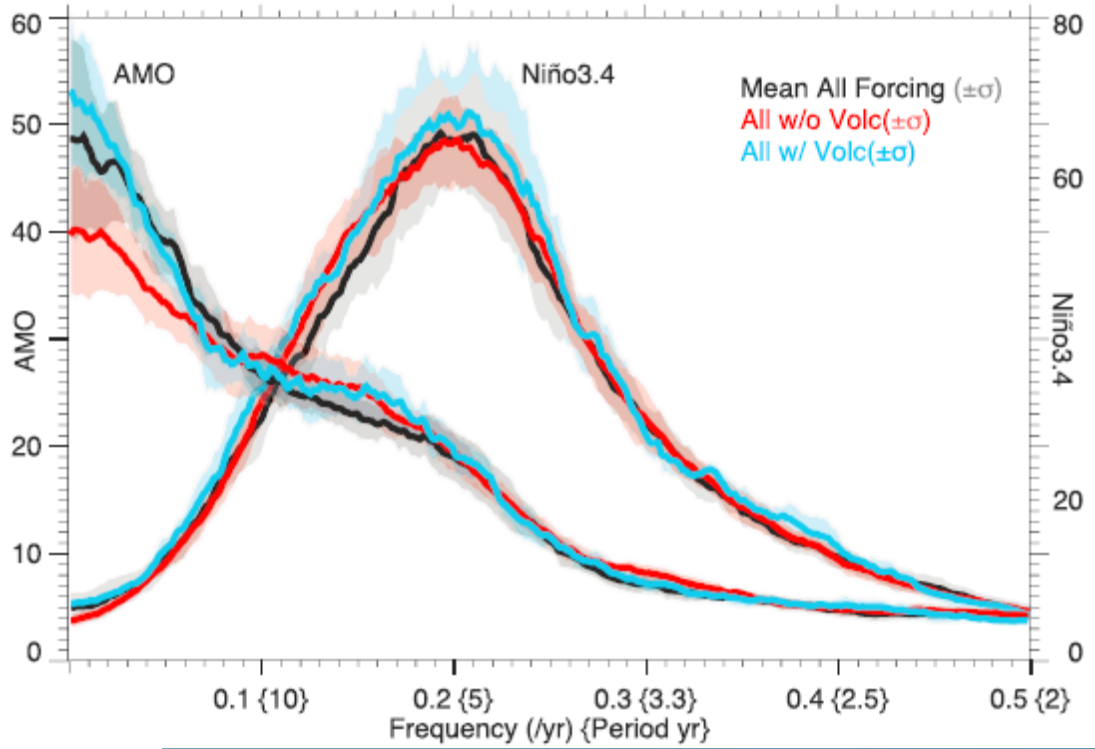
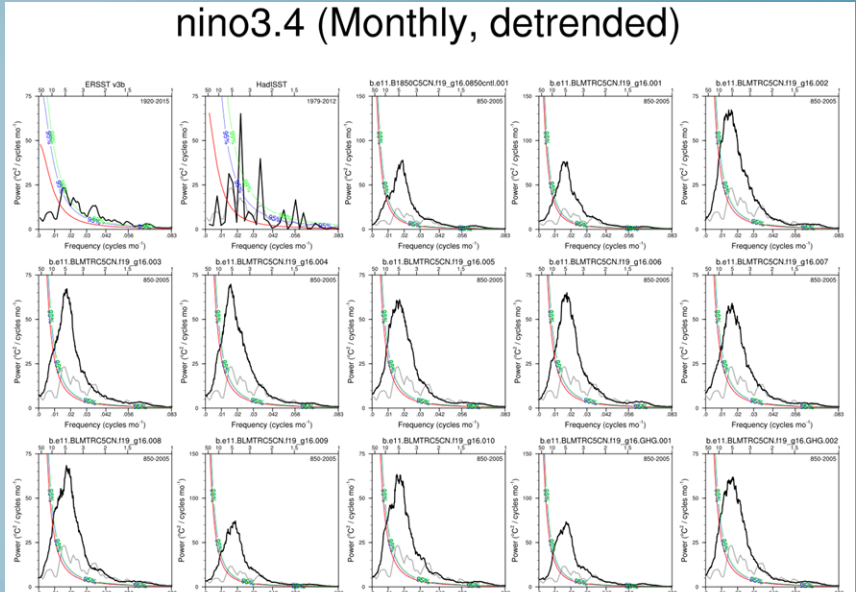
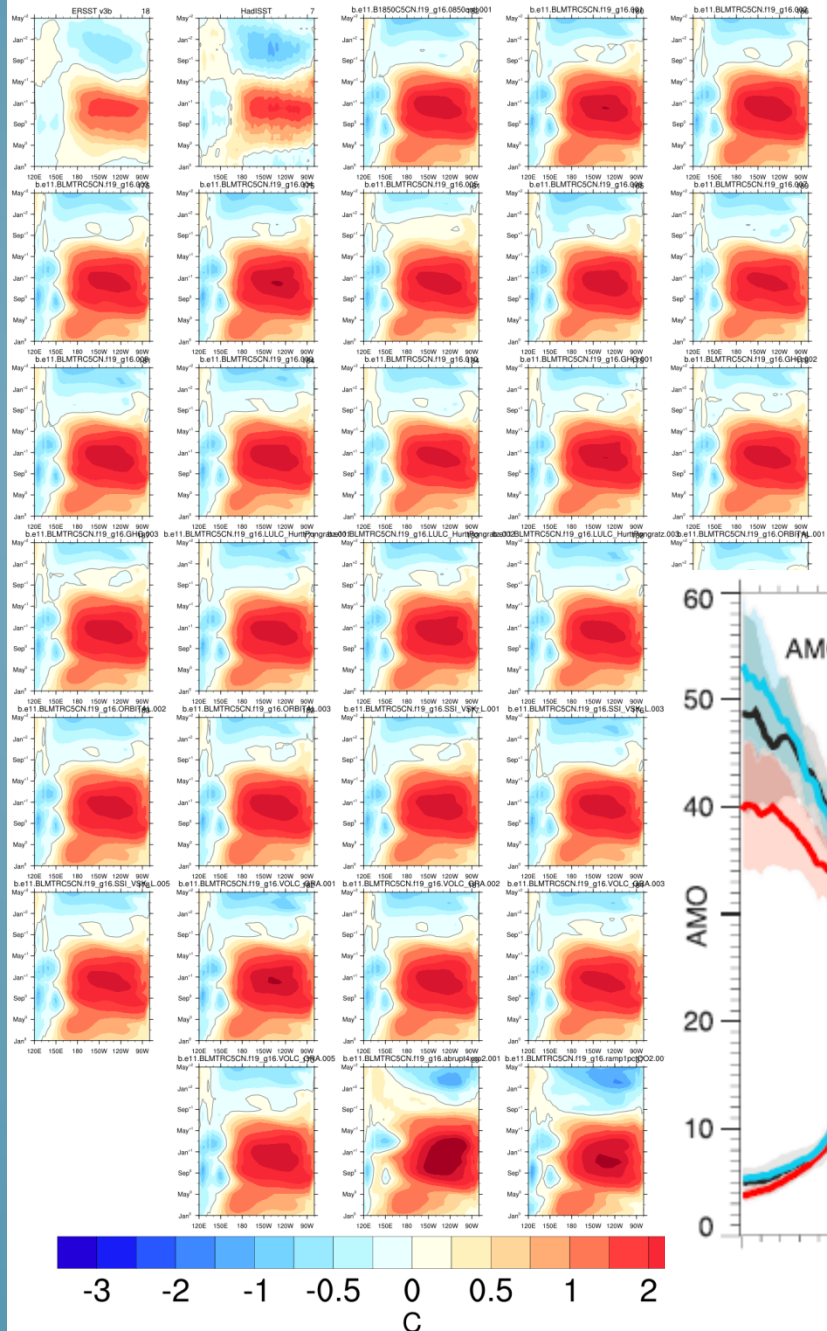
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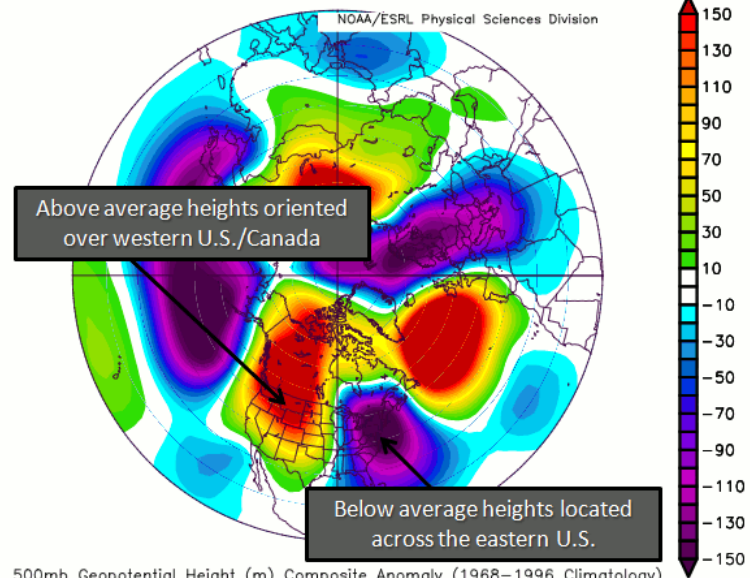
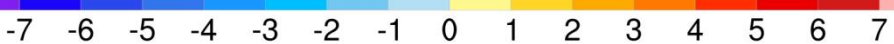
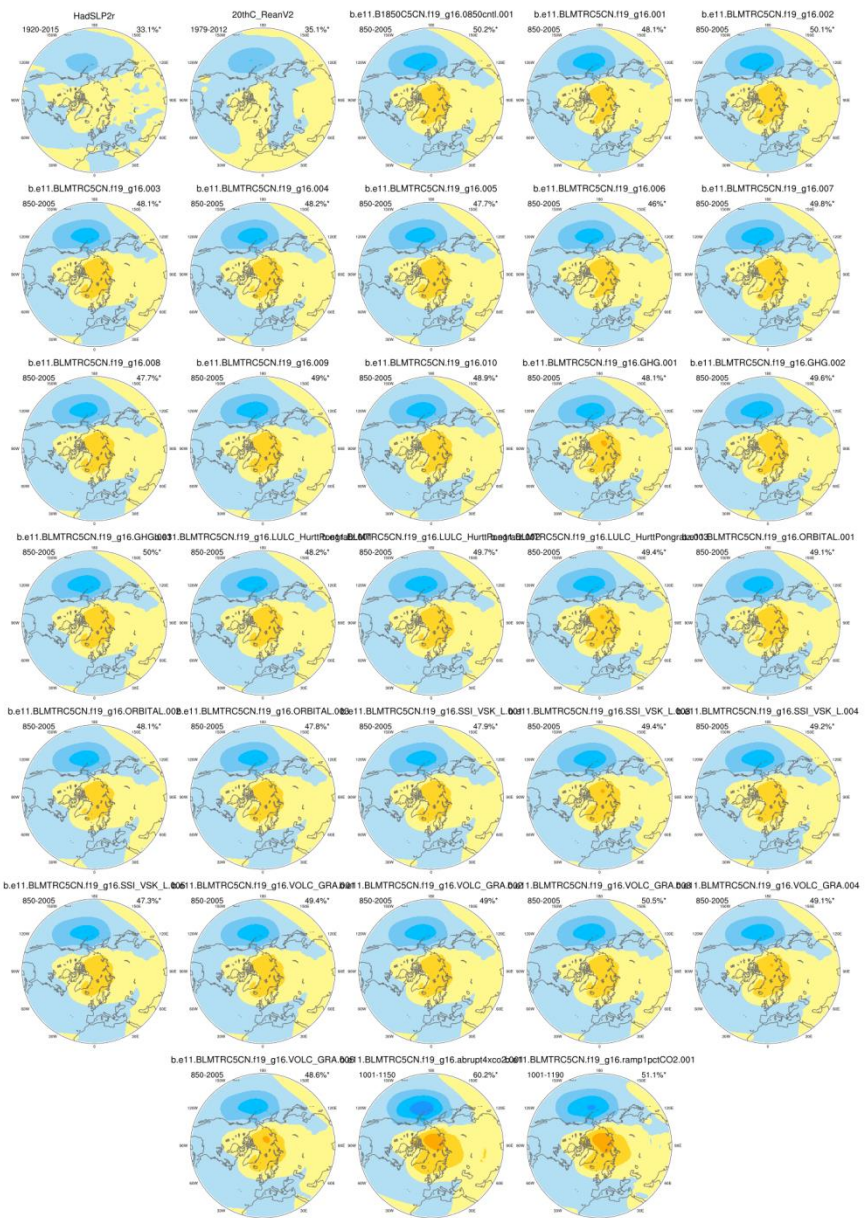
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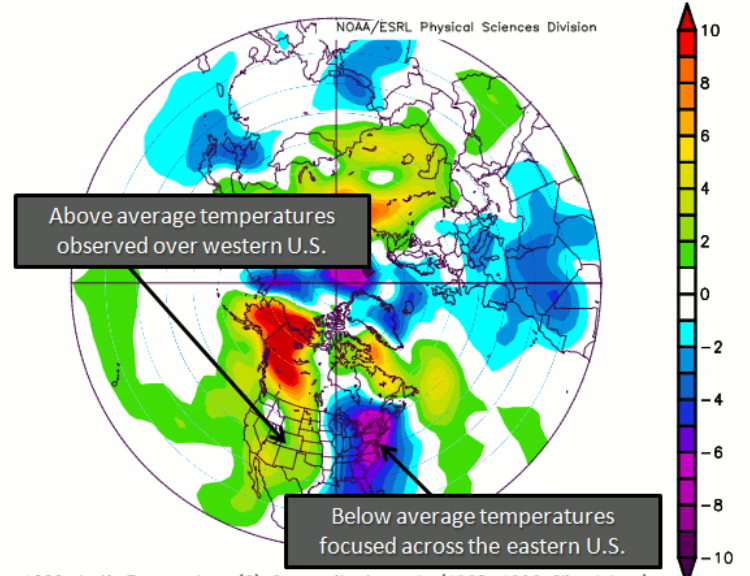
El Niño Composite (3°S:3°N)



PNA (Annual)



500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Anomaly (1968–1996 Climatology) 1/1/81 to 1/14/81
NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis



1000mb Air Temperature (C) Composite Anomaly (1968–1996 Climatology) 1/1/81 to 1/14/81
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From NCEP website

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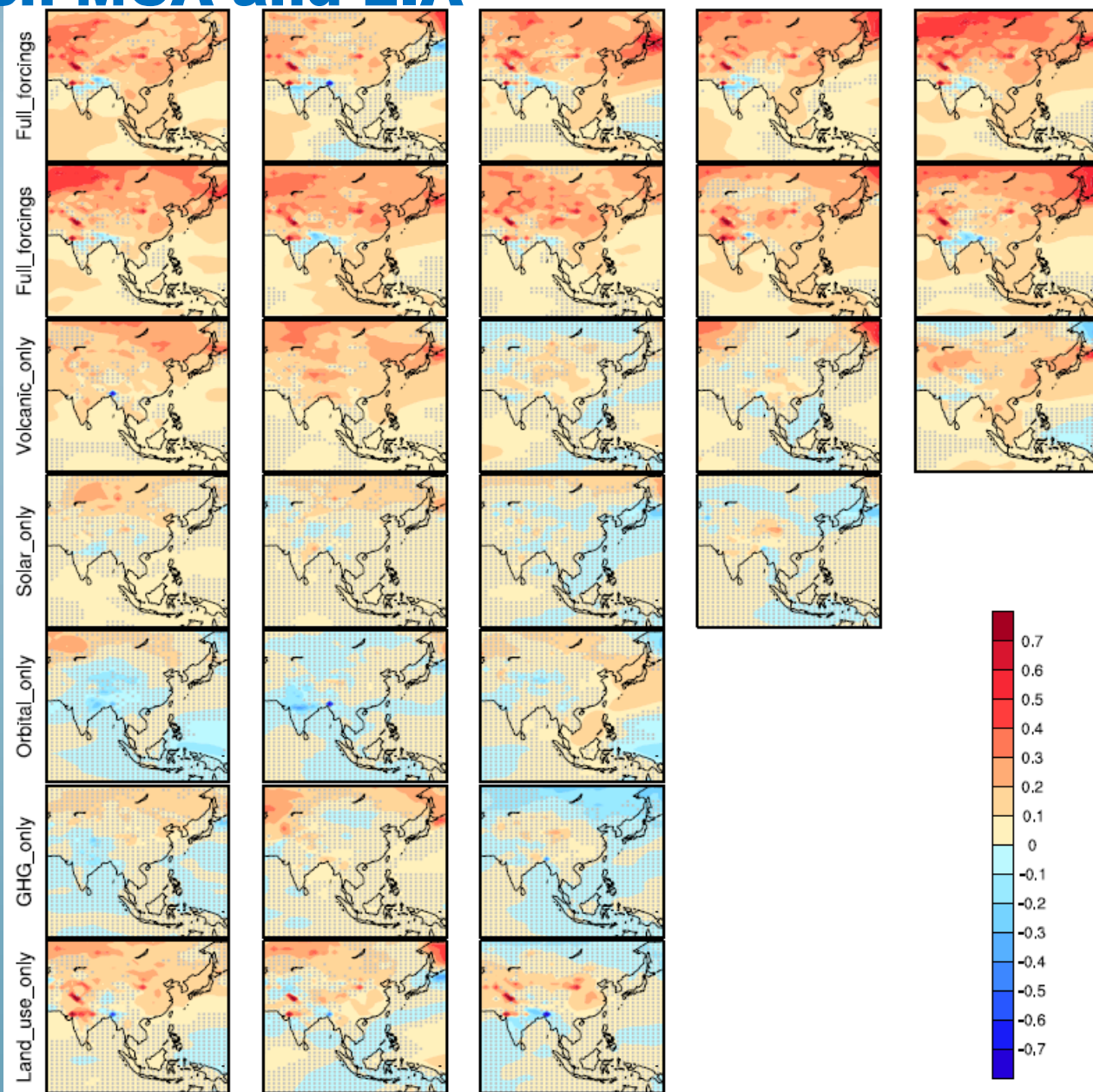
... In our yard

HOW DIFFERENT?

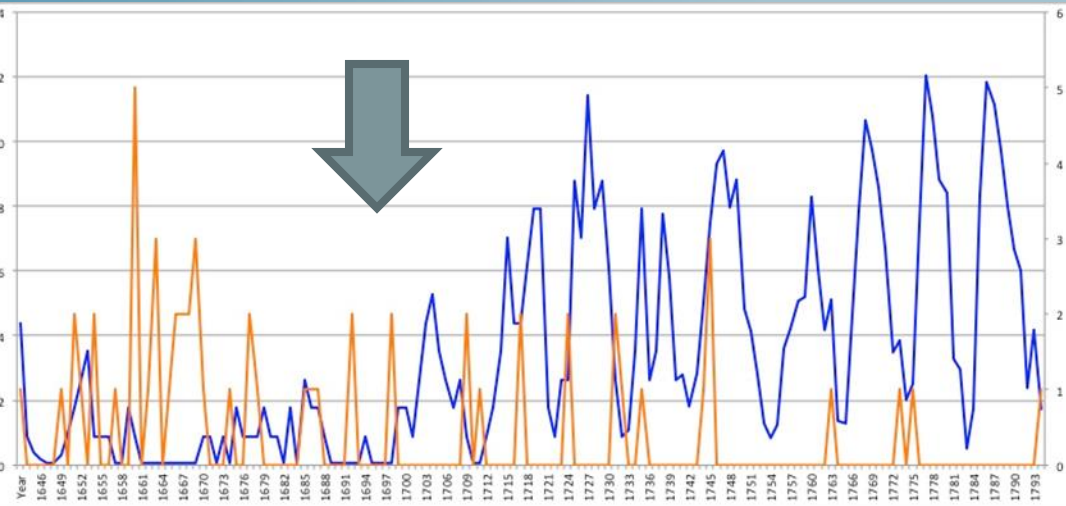
Changes between MCA and LIA (950-1250)-LIA(1450-1850)

-- Anomalies from two phase as a test

-- LME results shows mostly significant but not the TraCE-21k



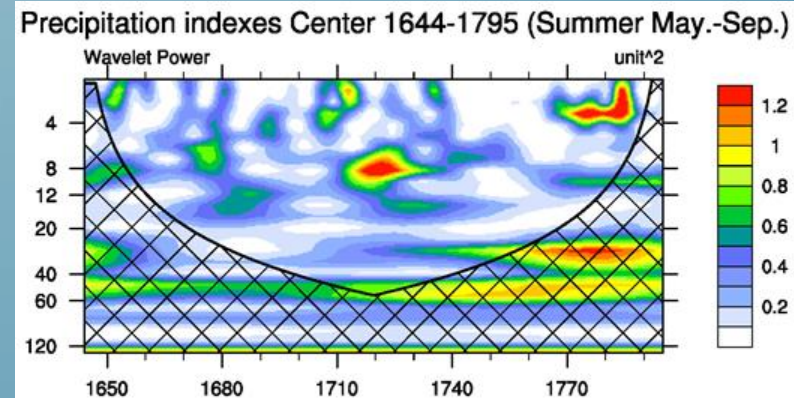
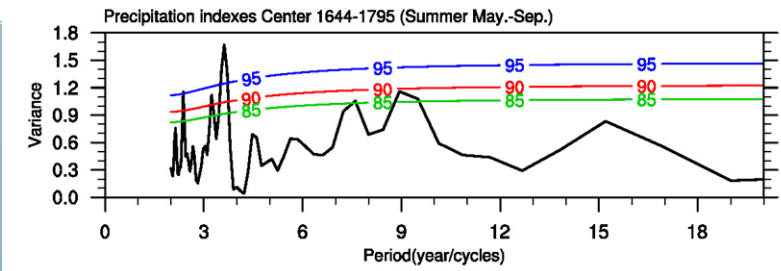
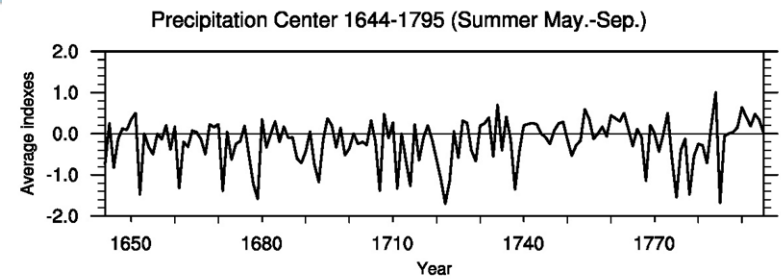
Working with reconstruction



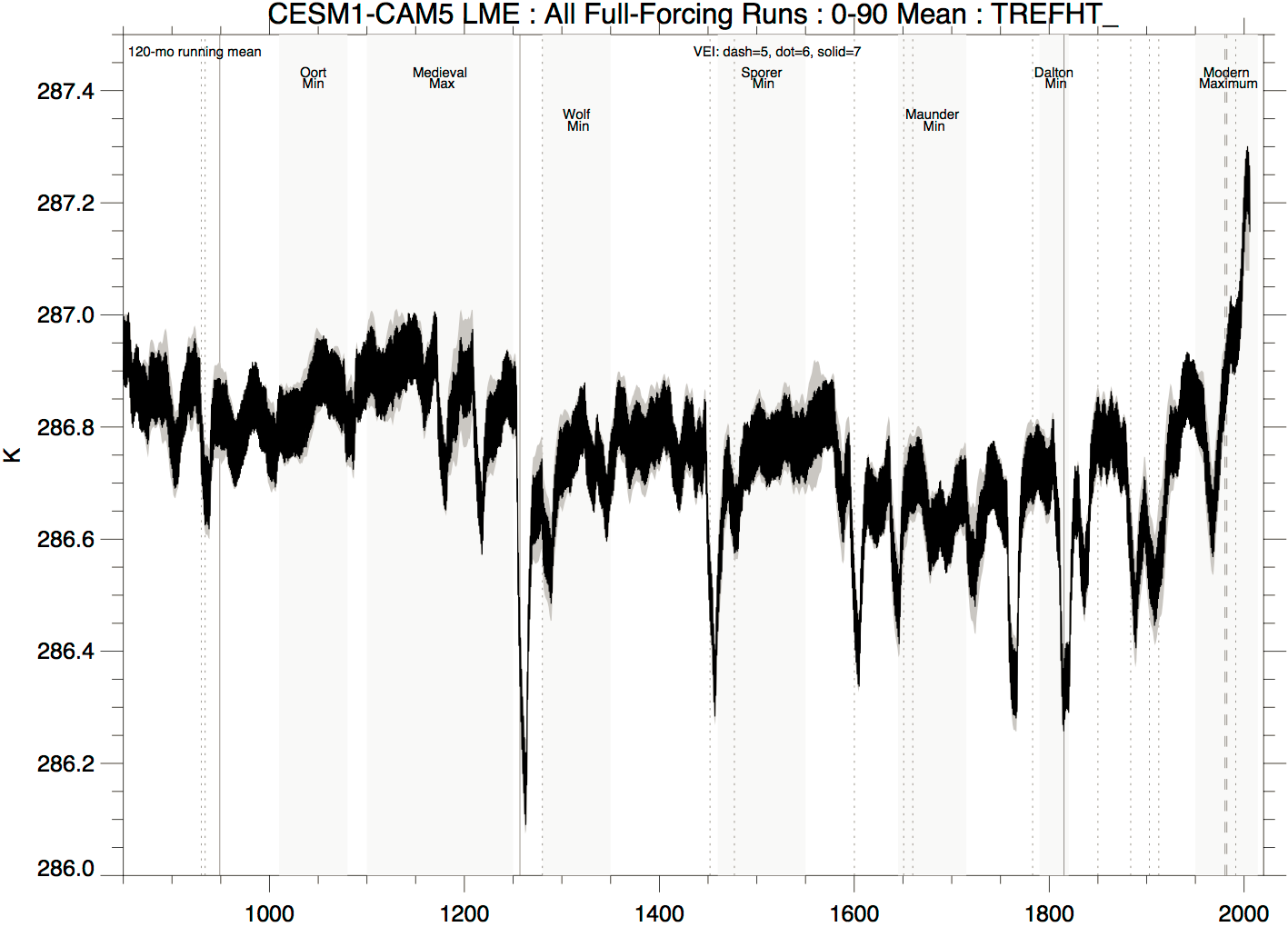
-- Wei shows speleothem isotopic data suggest precipitation in southern China correlate with Be-10 solar activity (sunspot)

-- REACHS reconstruction also shows summer snow in Eastern China correlate with group sunspot number

-- precipitation follows solar 11-year cycles



Surface temperature



From 1644 - 1795 TS

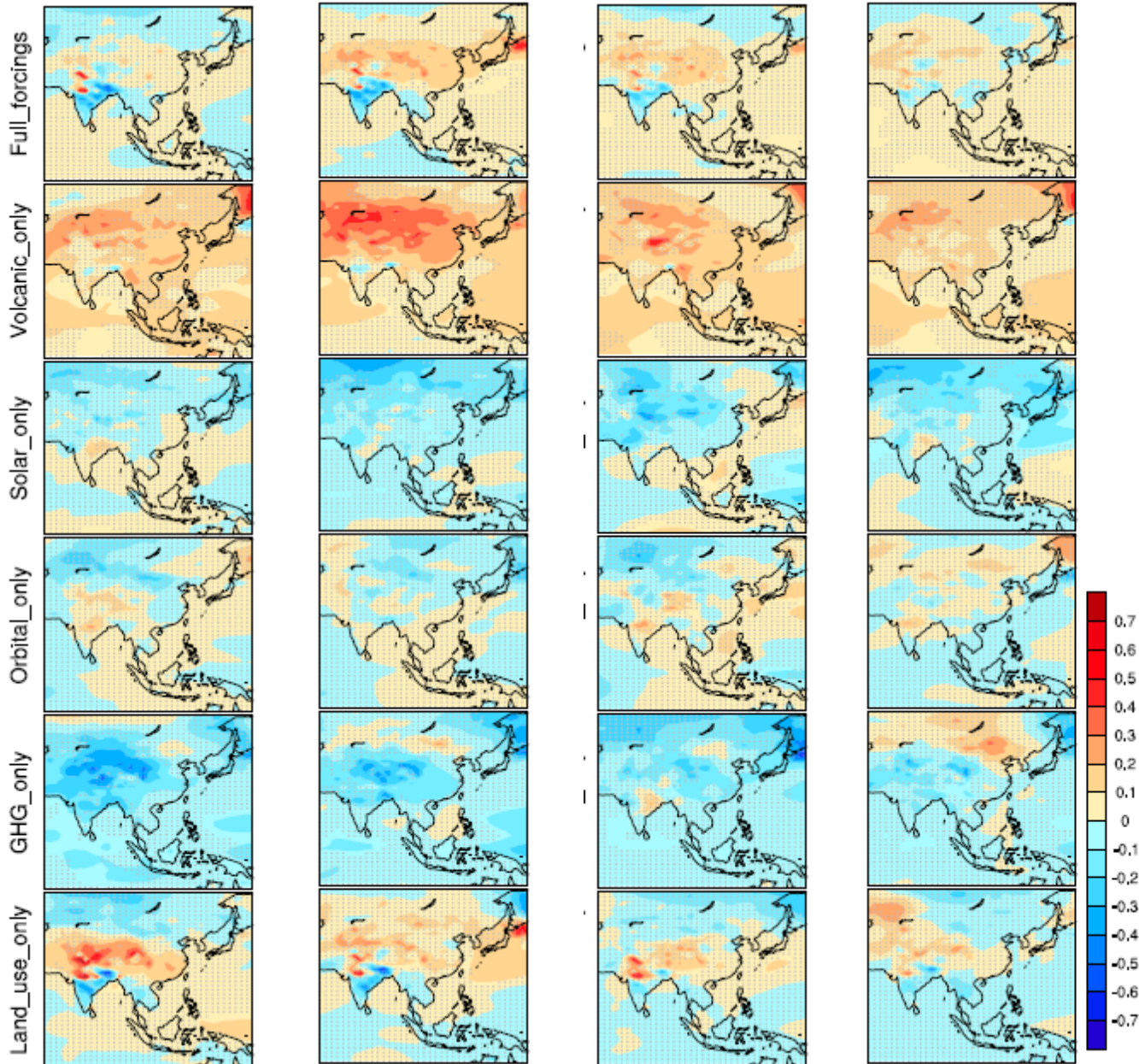
1600-1649

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1800-1850



From 1644 - 1795 std precipitation index

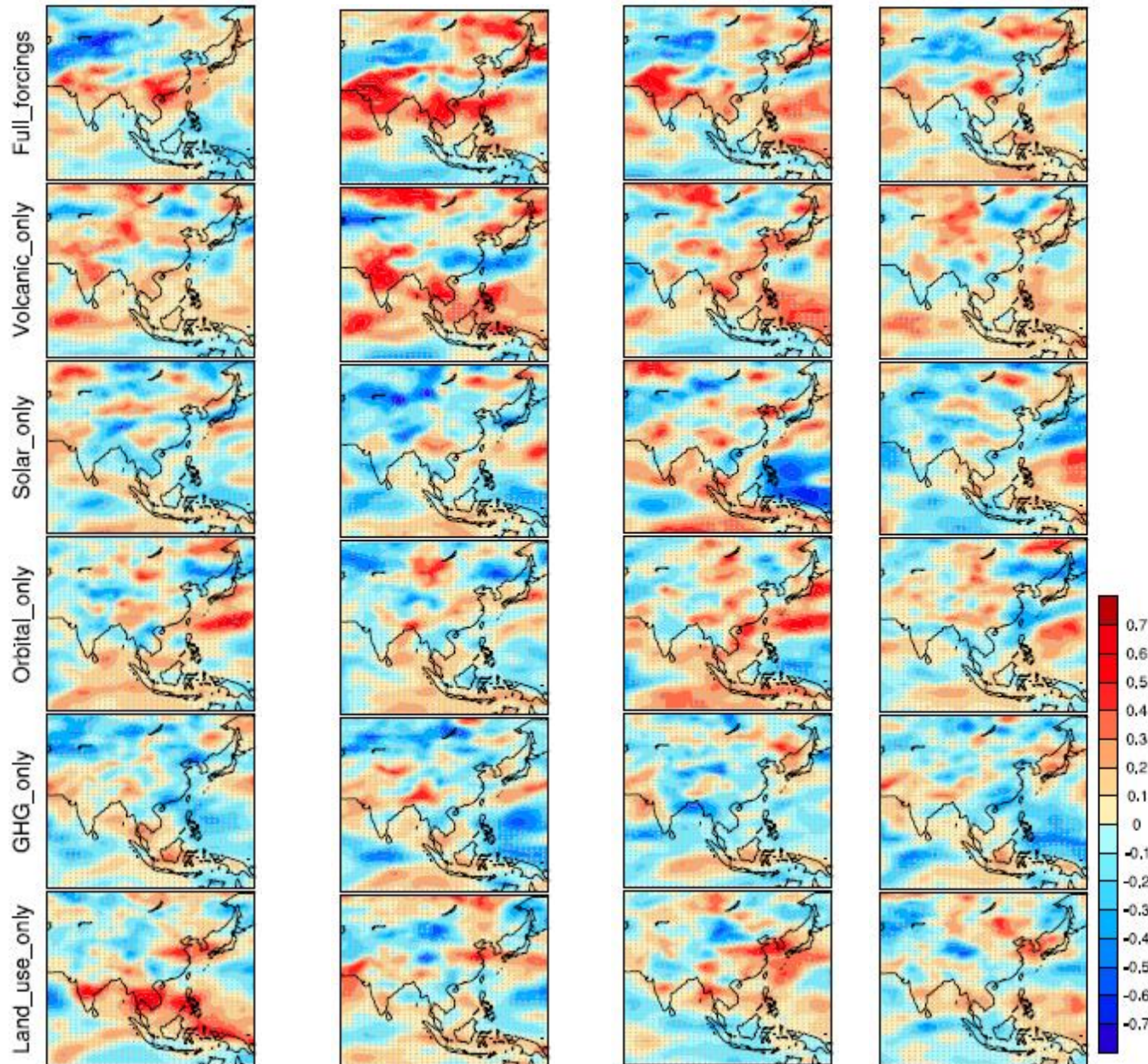
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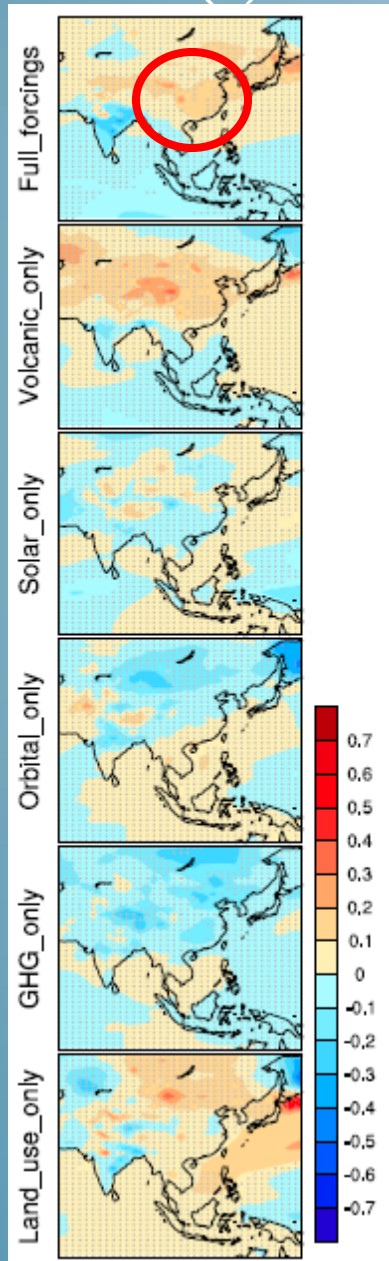
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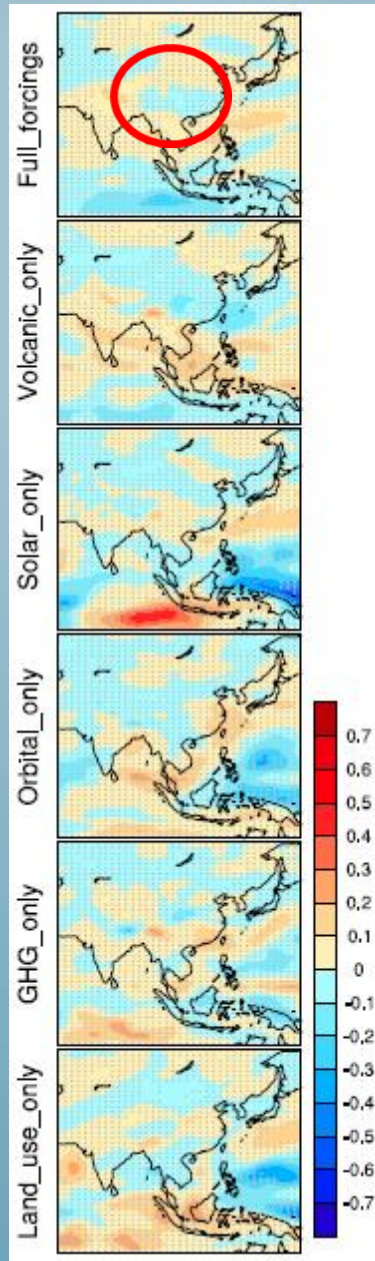


For (1650-1699)-(1750-1799)

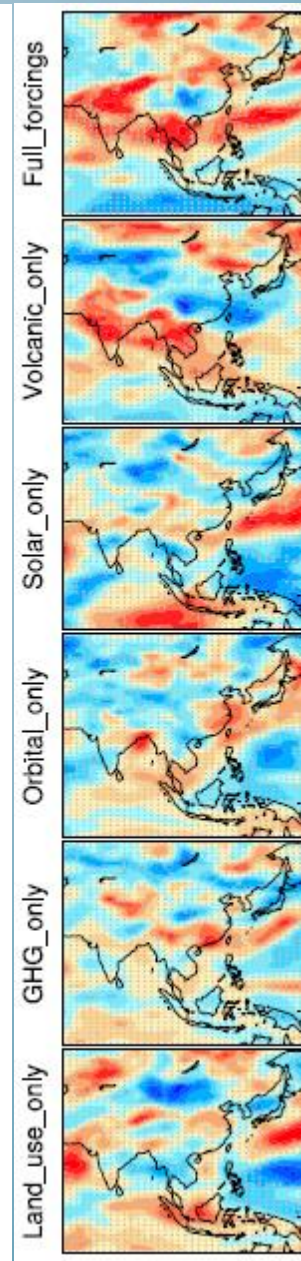
TS (K)



Precip (mm/day)



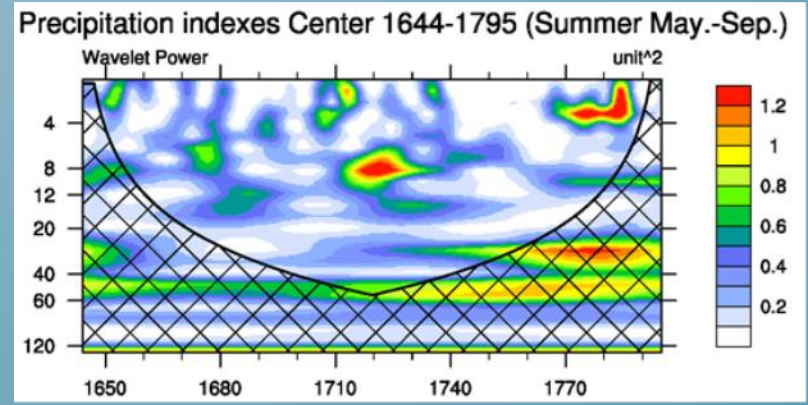
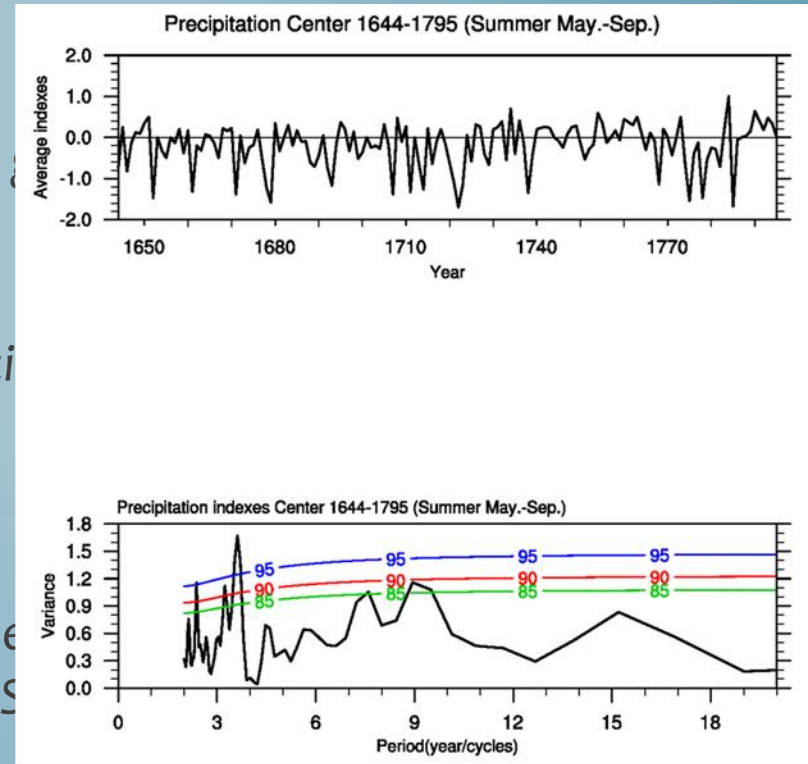
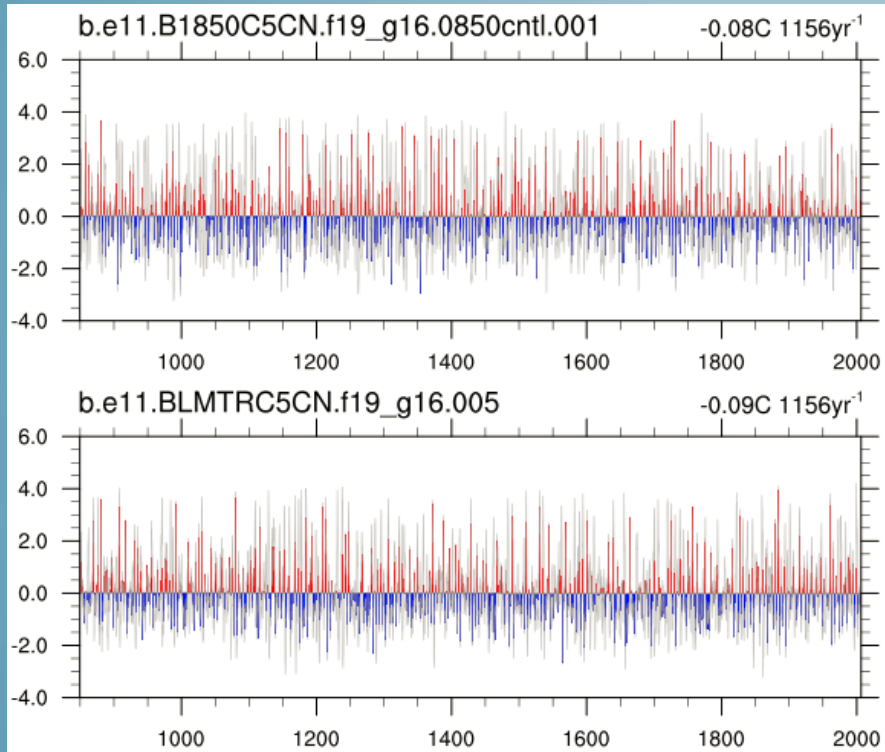
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 - LIA and MCA in China (Asia)
 - Monsoon/Maiyu front evolution

Data Driven & Thank you