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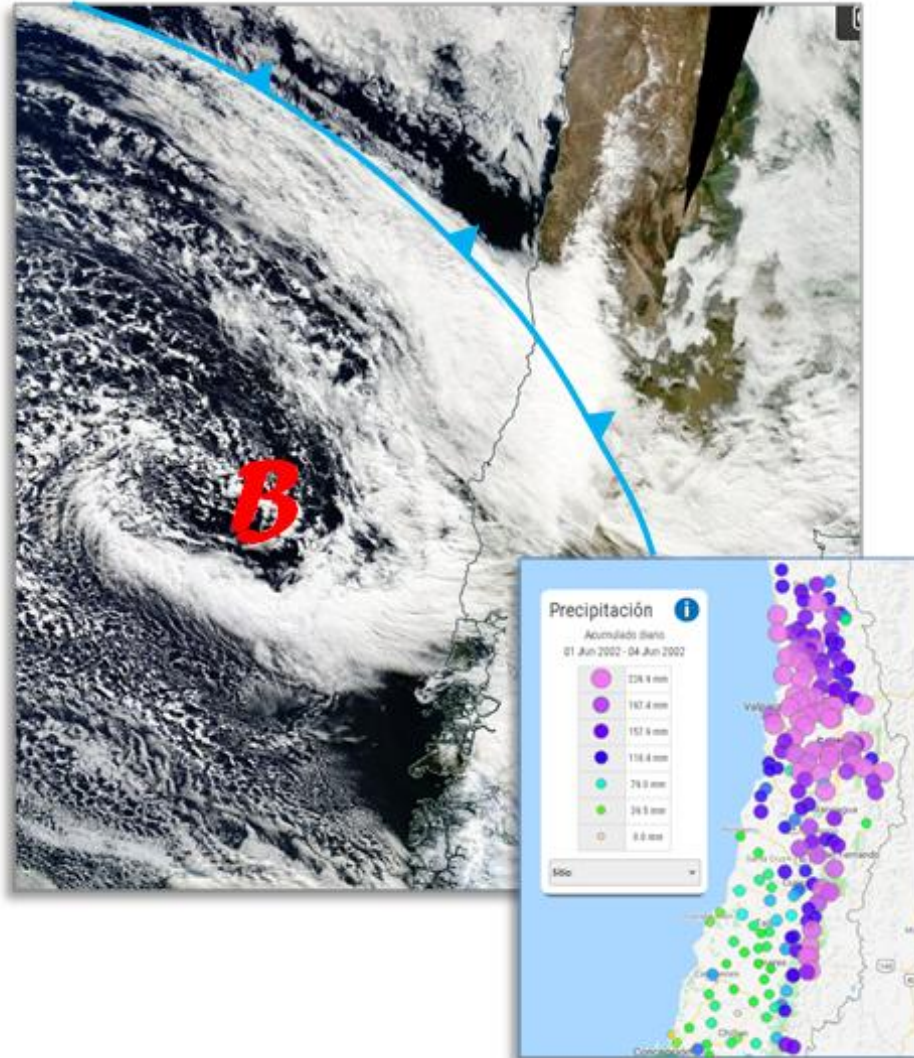
El rol del Pacifico Suroccidental  
en el hidroclima de Chile  
*(te pillamos po' compadre)*

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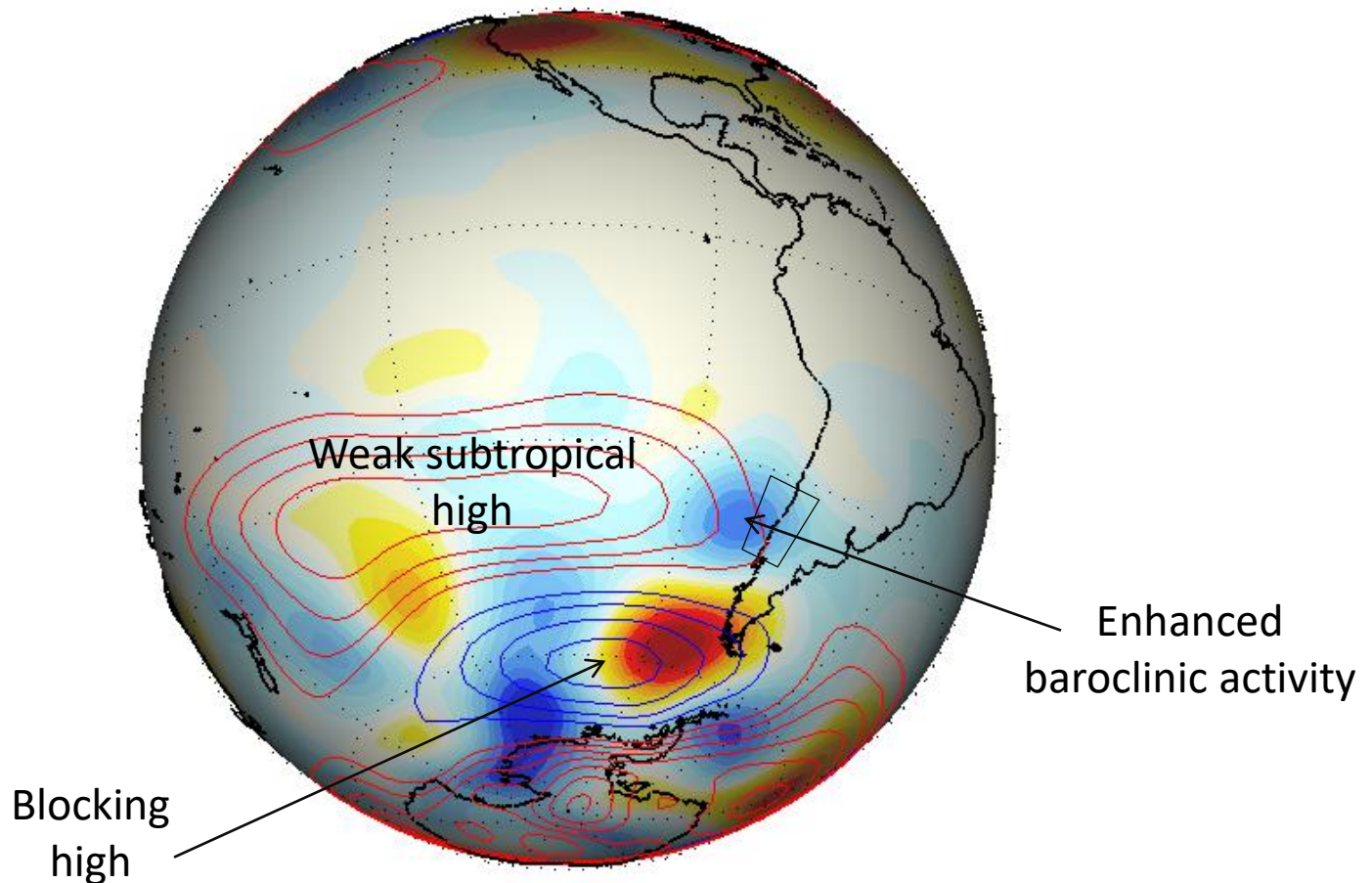




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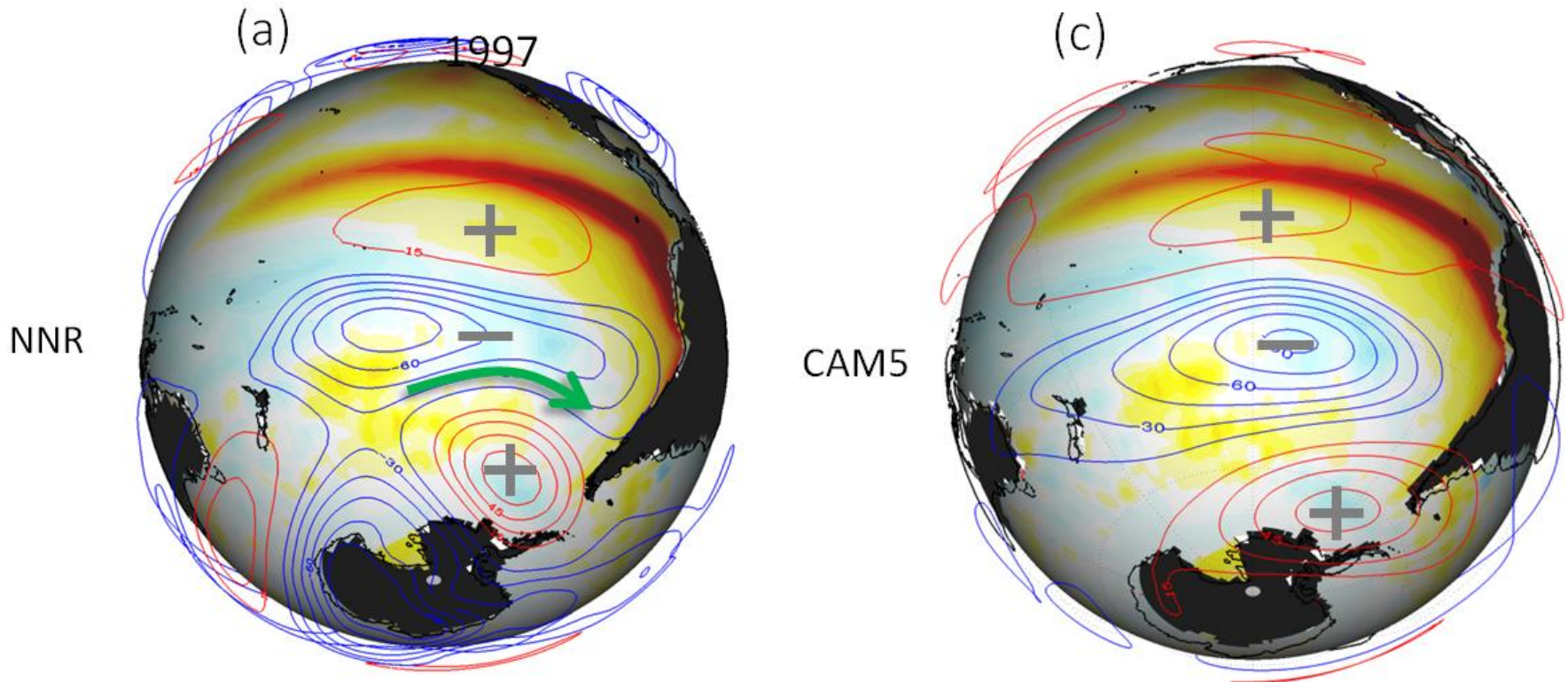
Composite Z500 anomalies for wet years in central Chile  
Contours: mean, Colors: std



# What planetary-scale mode can produce conditions favorable for central Chile winter rainfall?

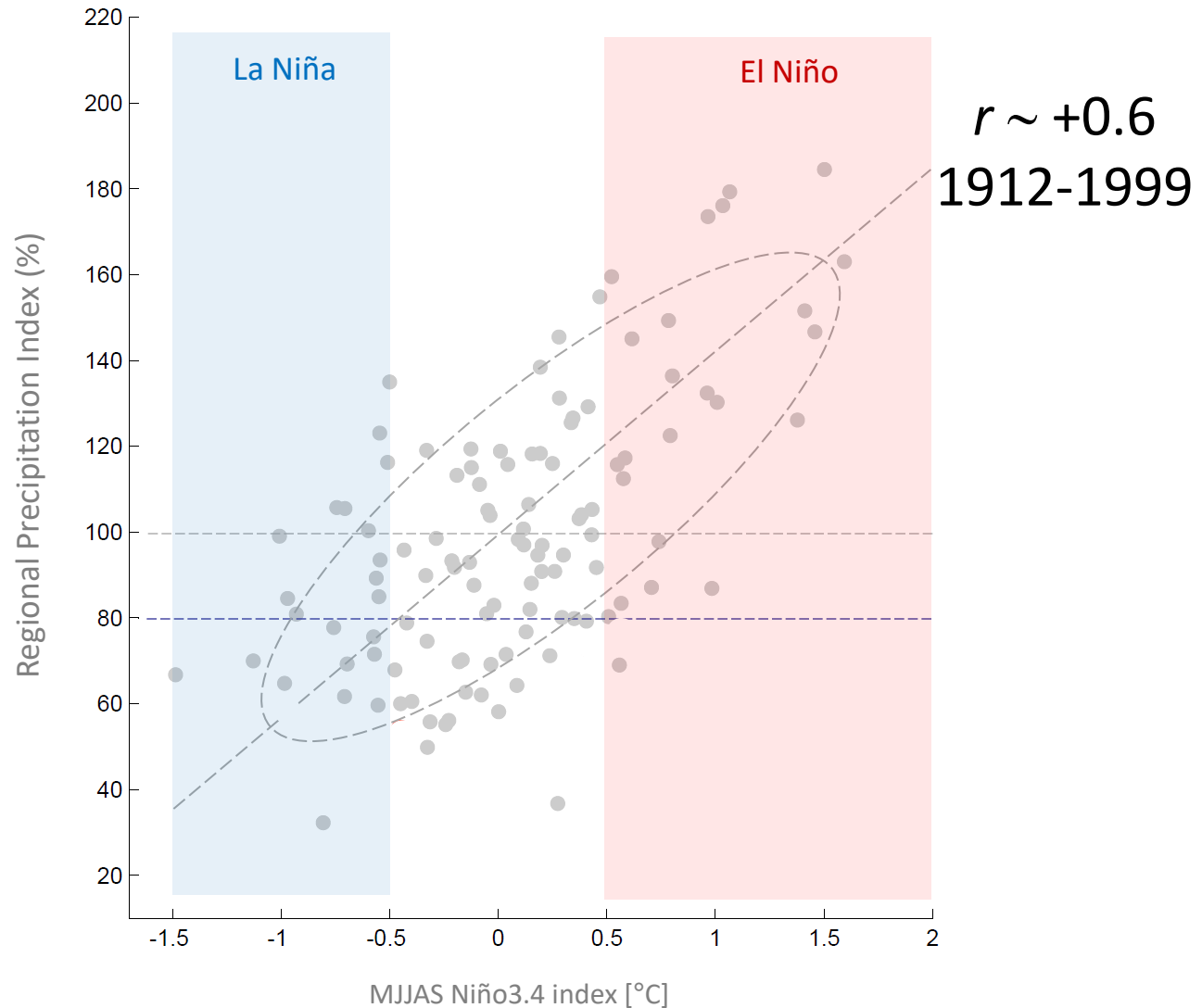
El Niño, of course! Let's start with a good example: 1997  
(>700 mm of rainfall, 2-3 larger than long-term-mean)

SST and Z200 anomalies



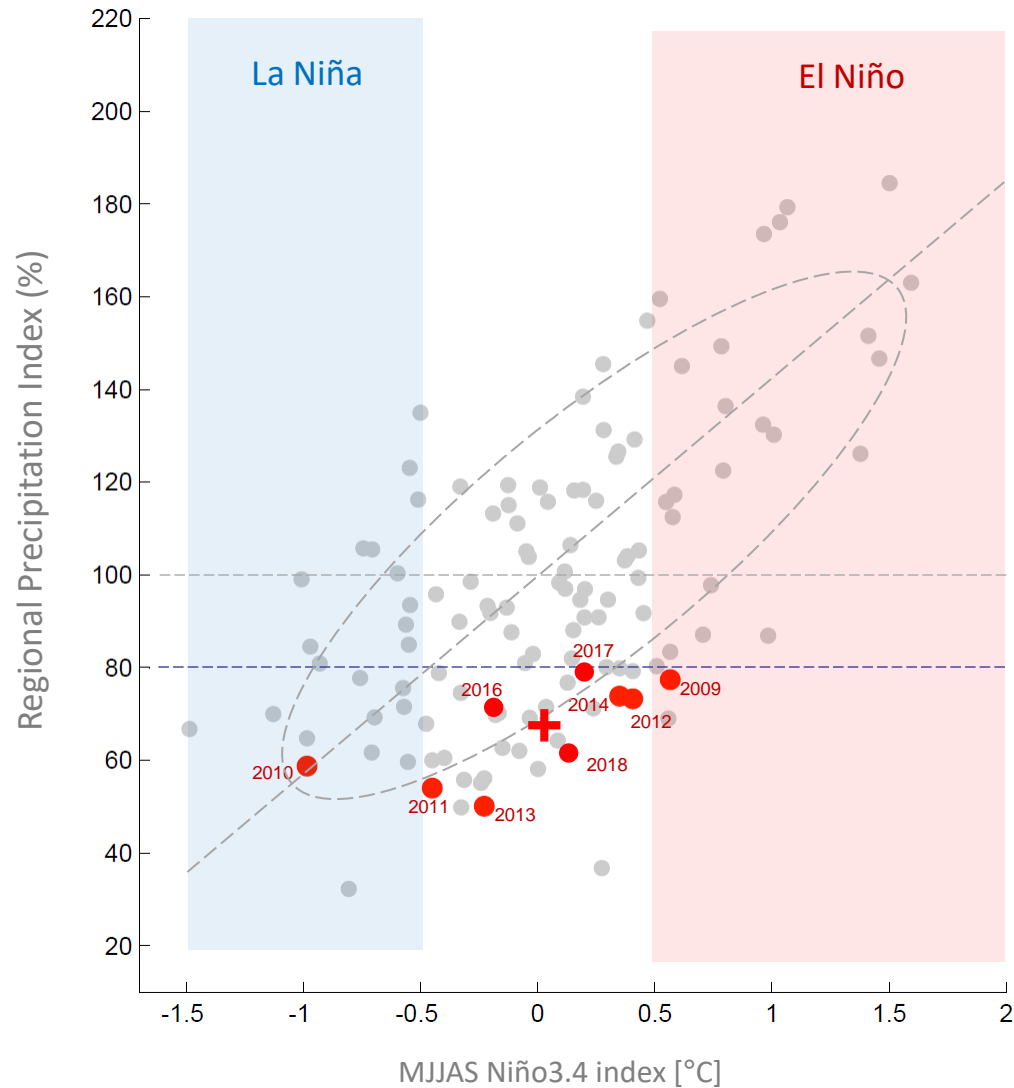
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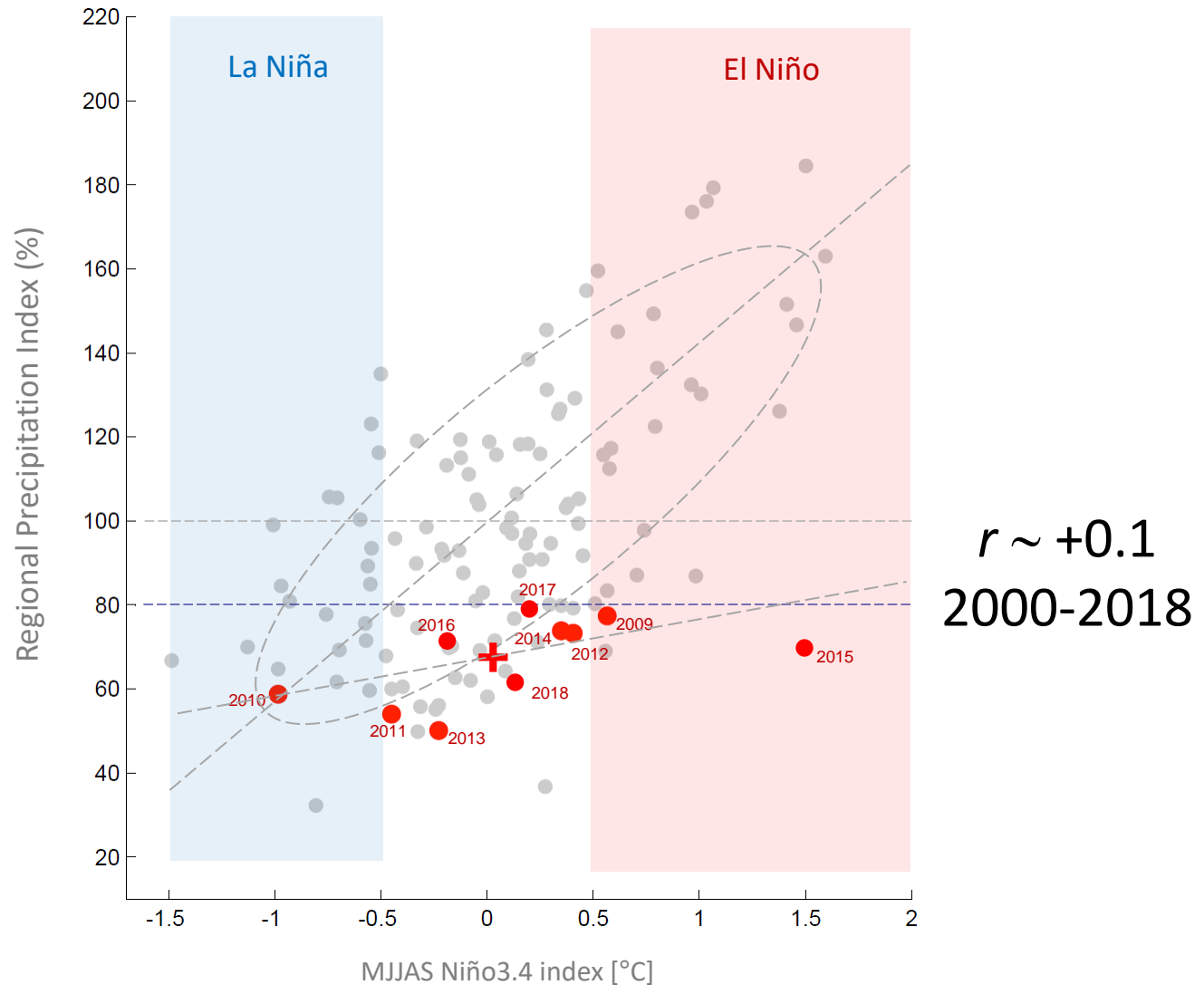
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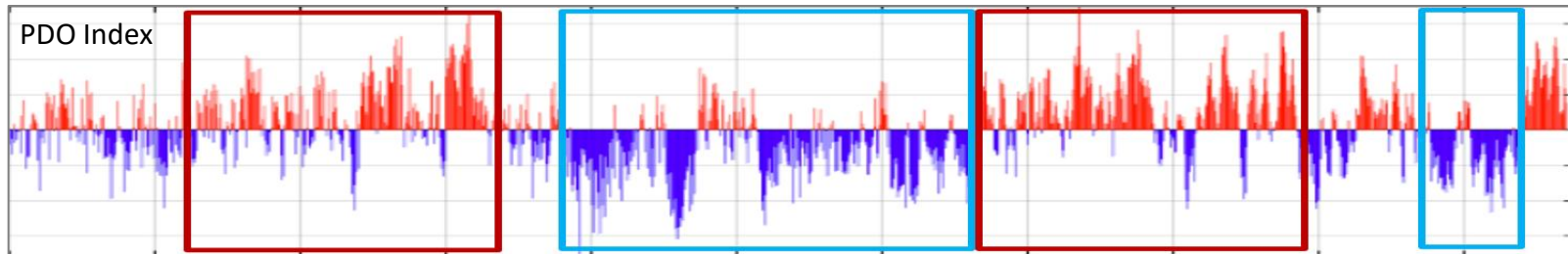
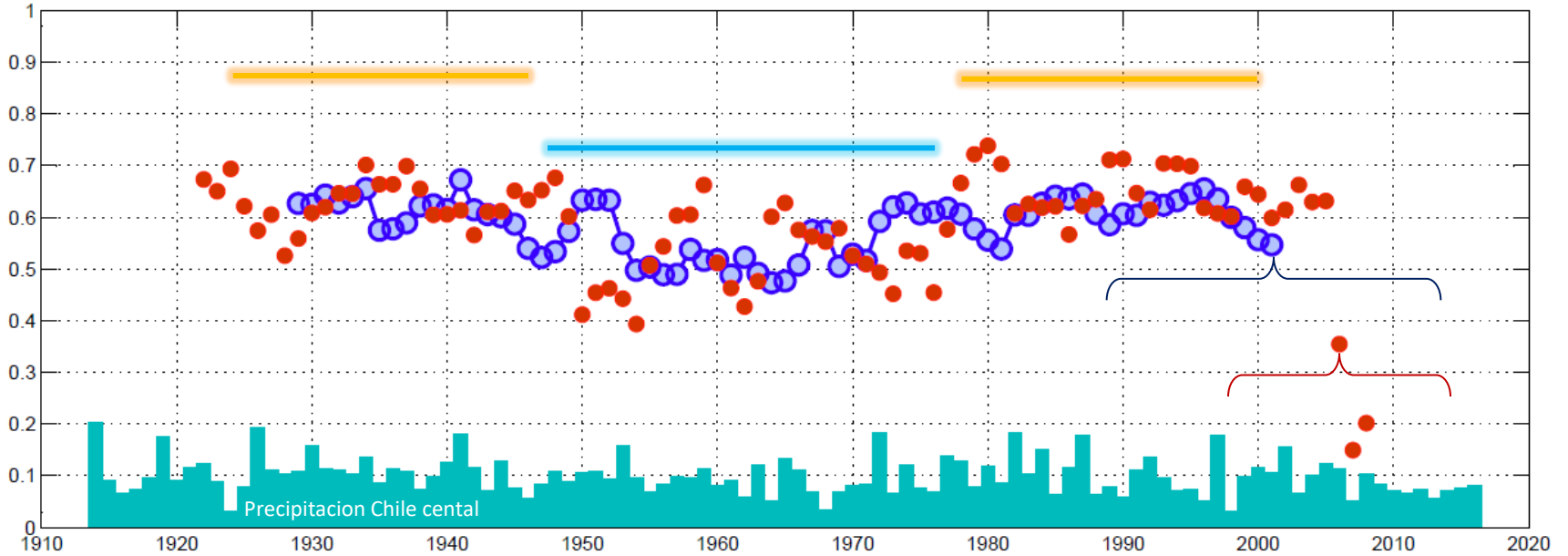


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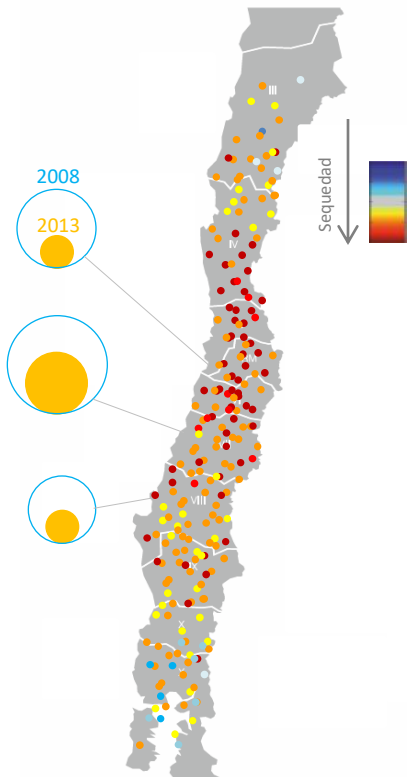
$r(\text{PP-Chile Central, Nino3.4-MJJAS})$   
Ventanas de  $\pm 15$  años centradas en año  $j$   
Ventanas de  $\pm 8$  años centradas en año  $j$



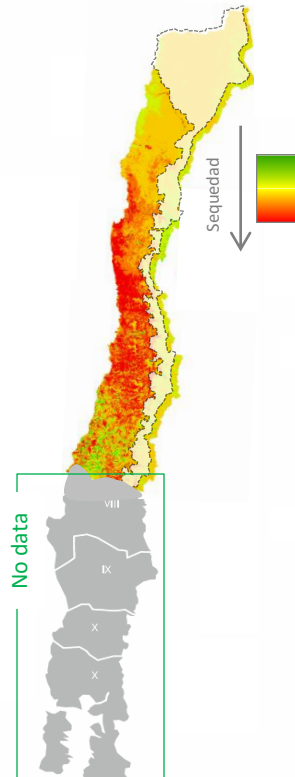


# Impactos de la Msequia 2010-2015

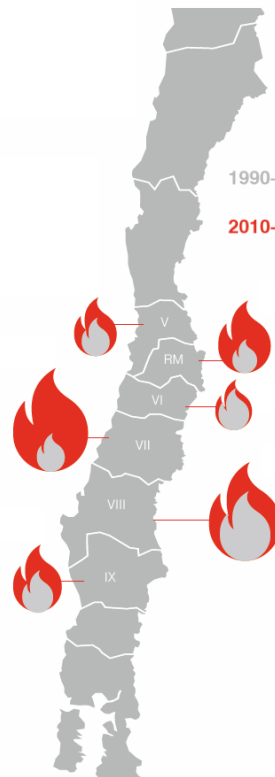
Transporte de sedimentos en invierno



Déficit Pluviométrico (2010-2014)

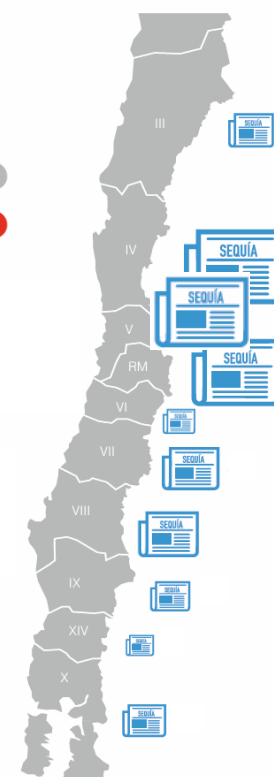


Deterioro vegetación Agosto 2010-2015



Incendios forestales de magnitud

Apariciones en prensa escrita (2014)

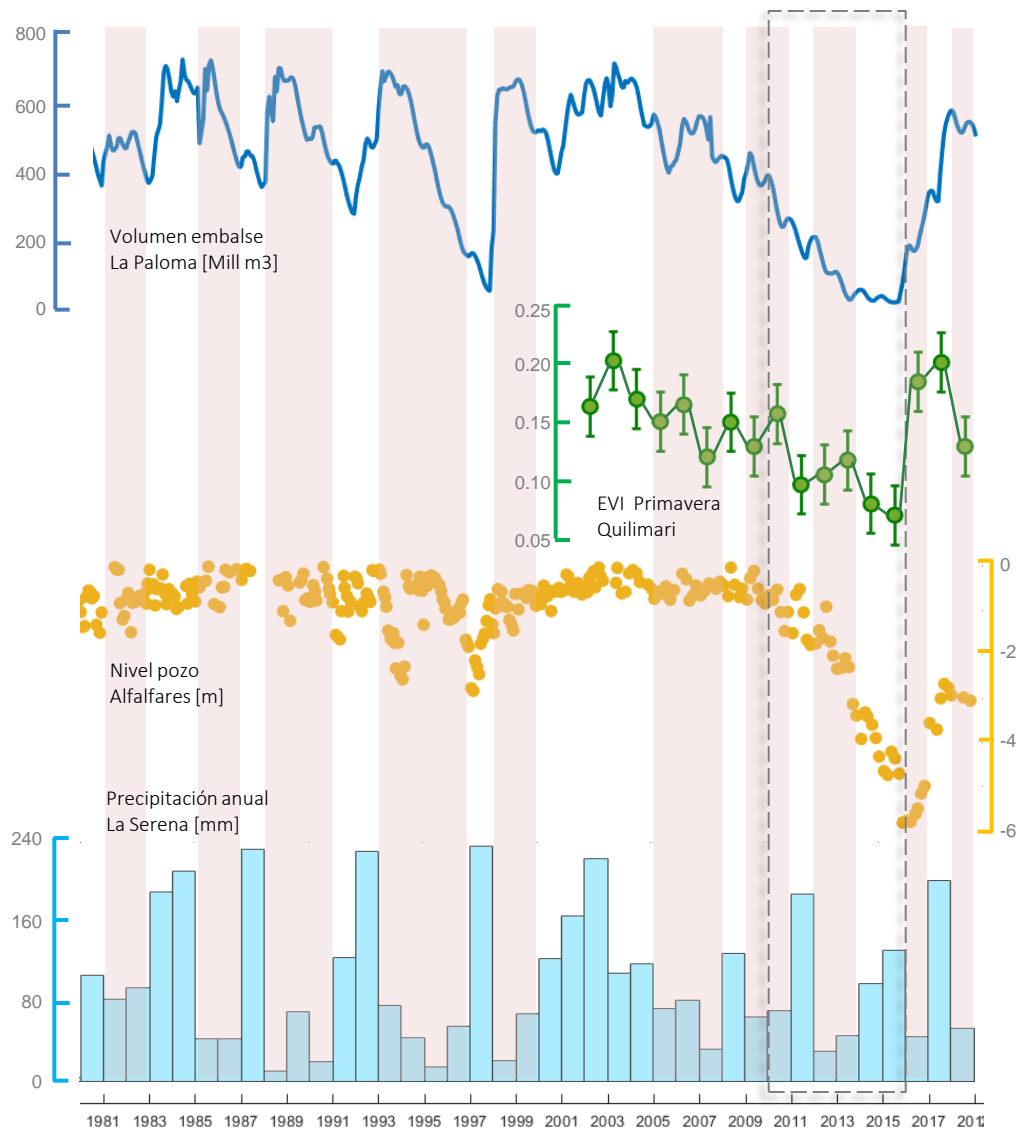


Gastos en Camiones Aljibes (Mill\$)

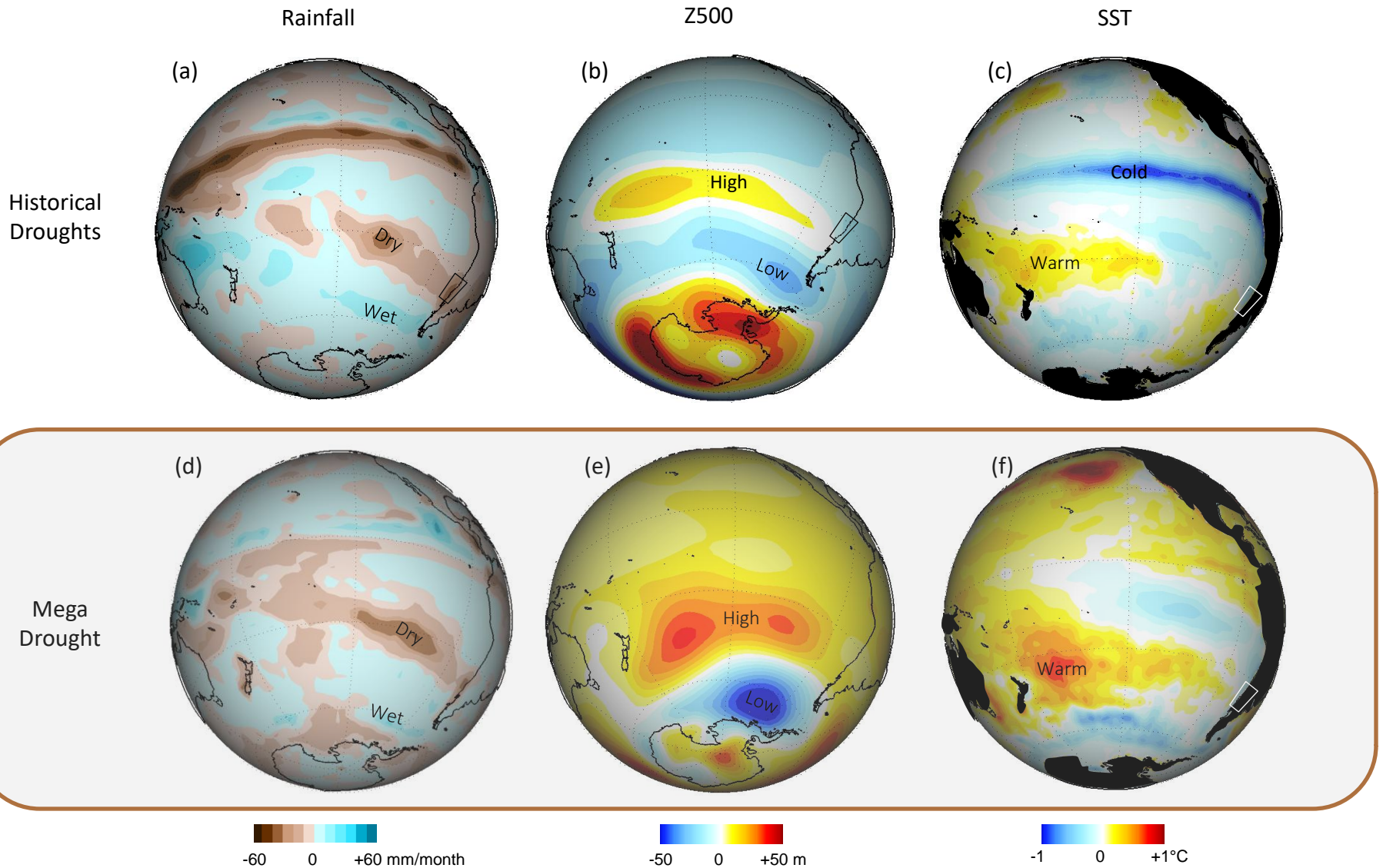


# Hidroclima de la zona árida

(actualizado Dic. 2018)

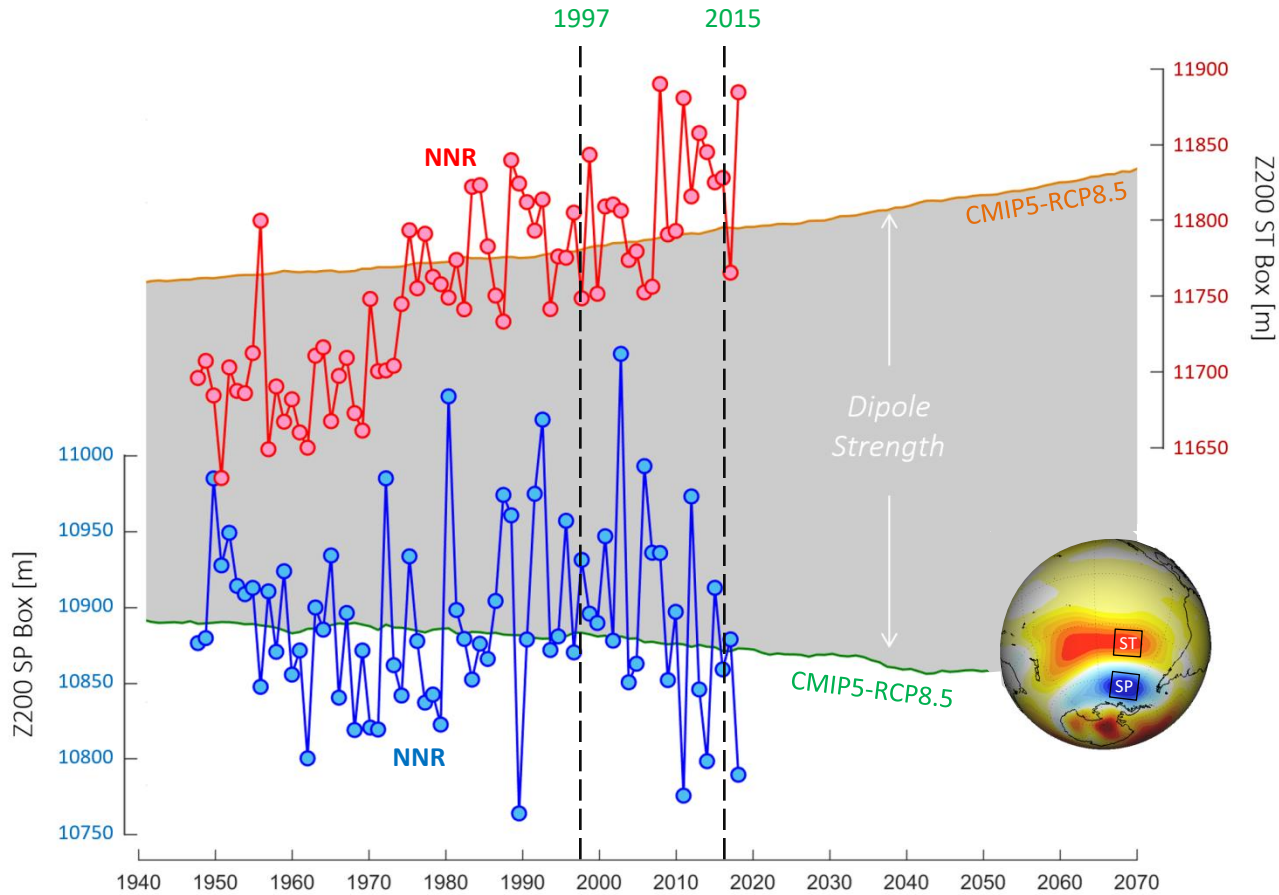


# The 2010-2018 drought in Central Chile



# Variabilidad y Tendencia

Recall that rainy winters require positive (negative) pressure anomalies over the Amundsen Bellinhausen Sea (subtropical SE Pacific)...





# Attribution of the 2010-2018 mega drought

## AMIP-X simulations: Atmospheric Global Circulation Model (AGCM) forced by

- Observed SST & Sea Ice Distribution
- Observed Radiative Forcing (CO<sub>2</sub>, aerosols, O<sub>3</sub>,...)
- **Special AMIP simulations with natural-historical RF (1900')**
- 10-30 “runs” of several decades long with slightly different initial conditions
- **Ensemble mean reveals the “natural” SST forced response**
- Ensemble spread reveals impact of internal variability (weather)
- **Ensemble mean with NH-RF excludes *direct* anthropogenic impact**

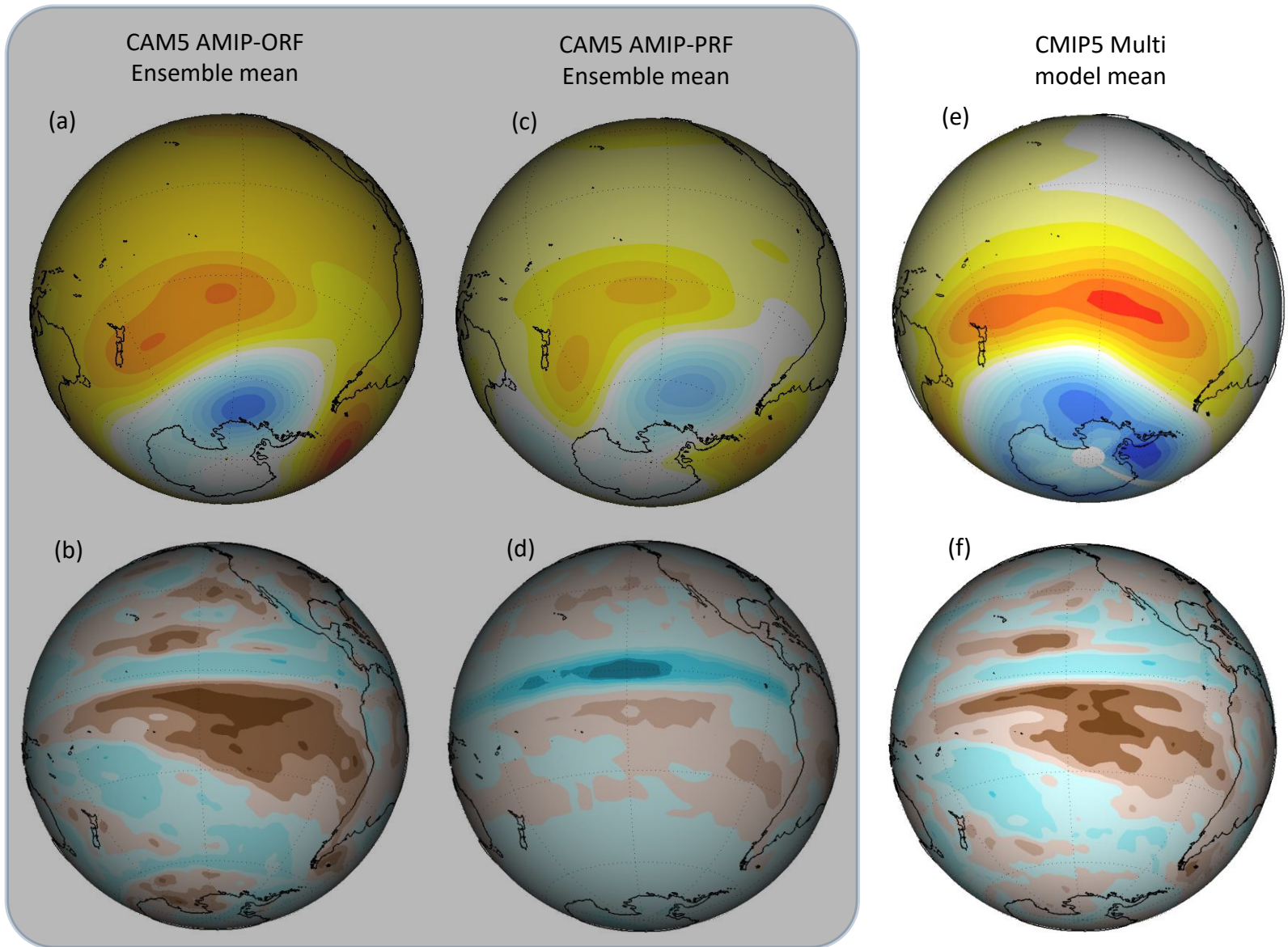
## CMIP-X simulations: AO coupled Global Circulation Model (AOGCM) forced by

- Observed or projected RF (CO<sub>2</sub>, aerosols, O<sub>3</sub>,...)
- **Multi-model, multi-run mean reveals the RF forced response**

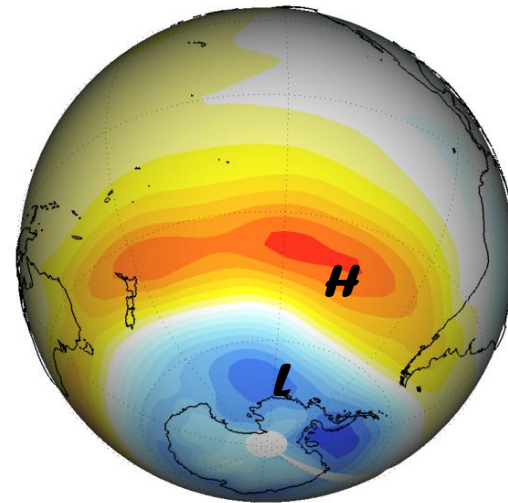
# May-September, 2010-2018

“Natural” (ocean) signal

Climate change



SLP Anomalies (hPa)  
Antropoghenic



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2010-2018 Central Chile MD

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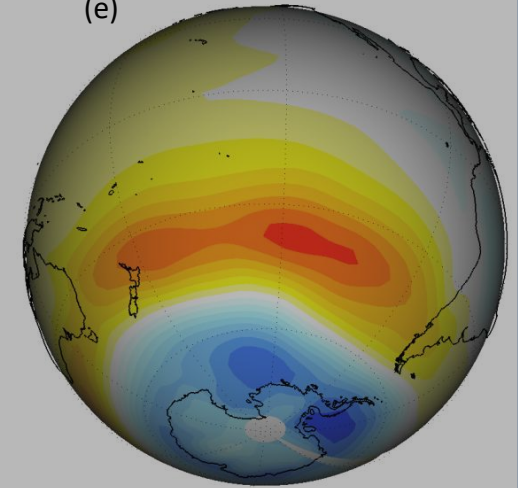
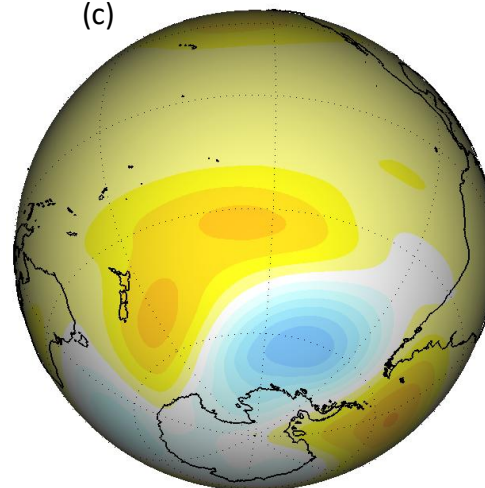
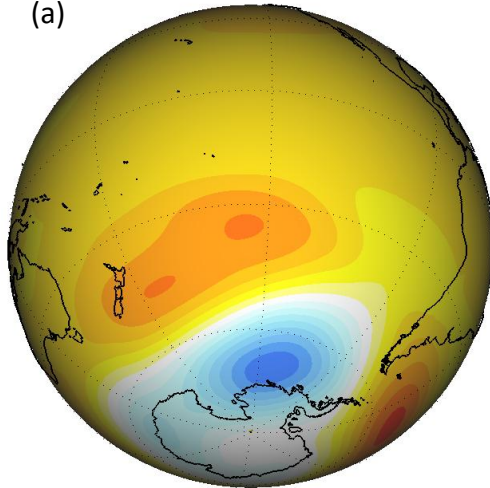
CMIP5 Multi  
model mean

(a)

(c)

(e)

Z500  
anomalies

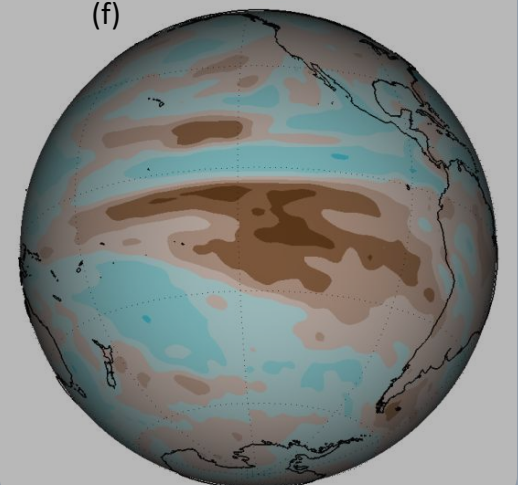
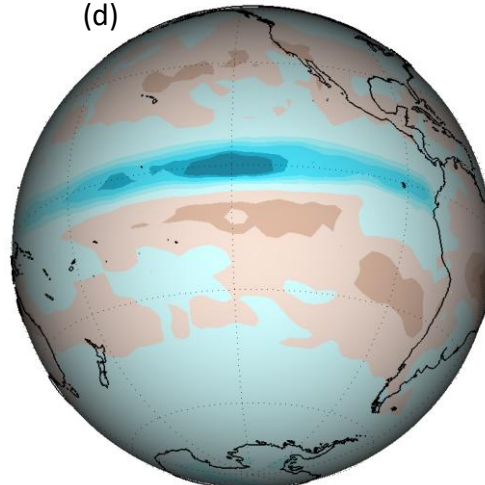
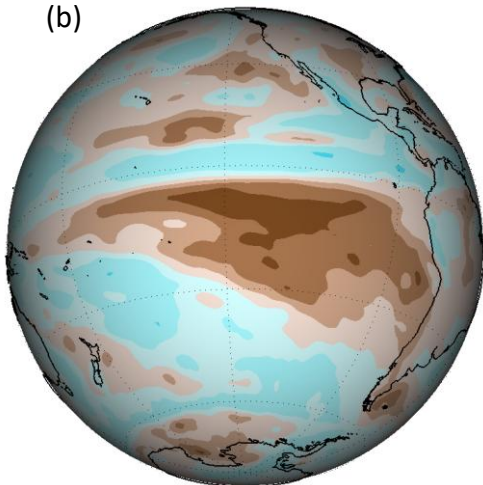
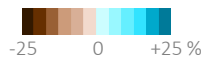


(b)

(d)

(f)

Precipitation  
anomalies

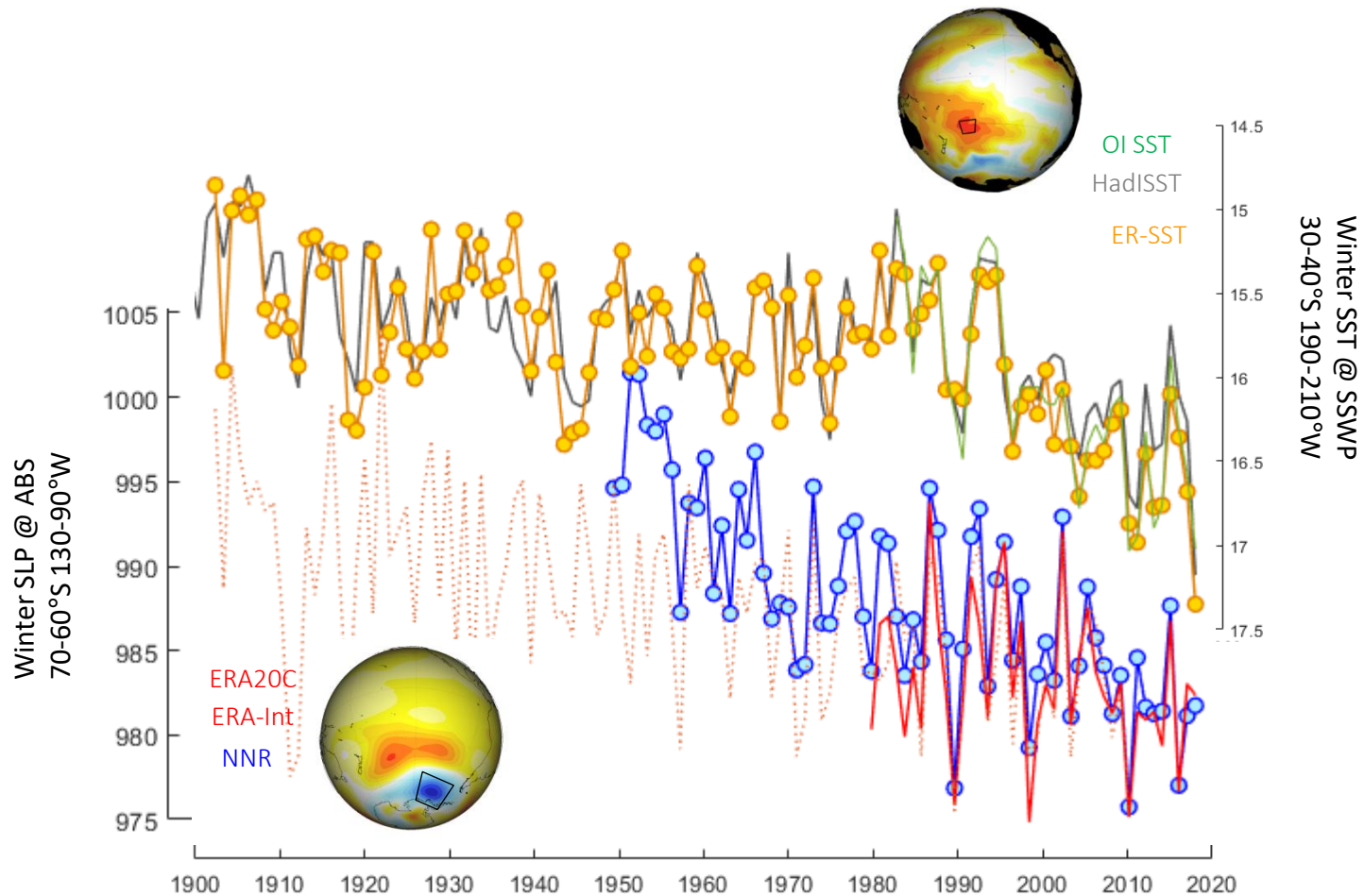




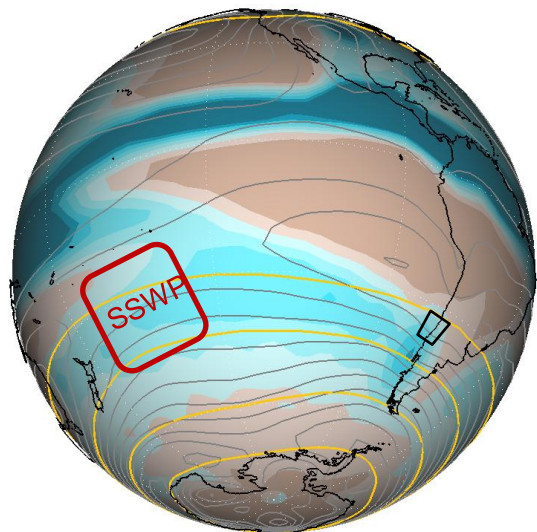
# Are long term trends (Climate Change) interfering with ENSO teleconnections in western SA?

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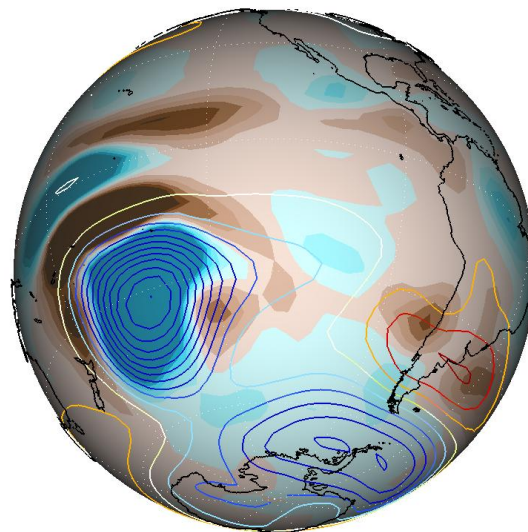
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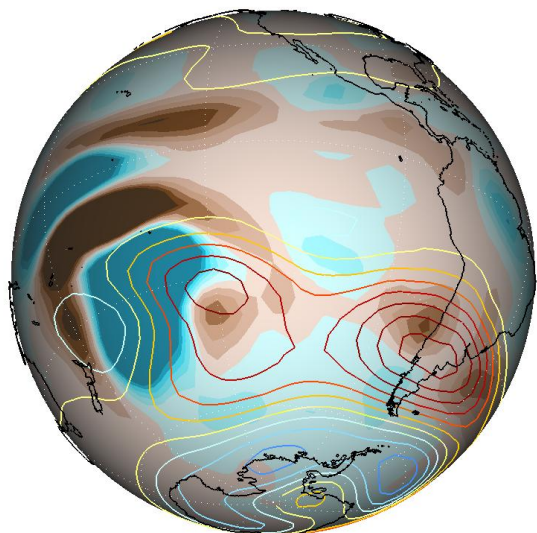
(a) Control Simulation (CTI)  
Precip – SLP – Z500



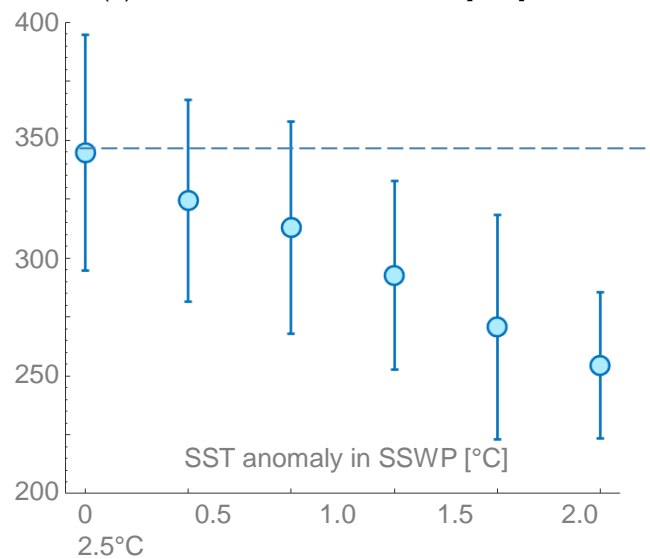
(b) SSWP+2.5 minus CTI  
Precip – SLP



(c) SSWP+2.5 minus CTR  
Precip – Z500

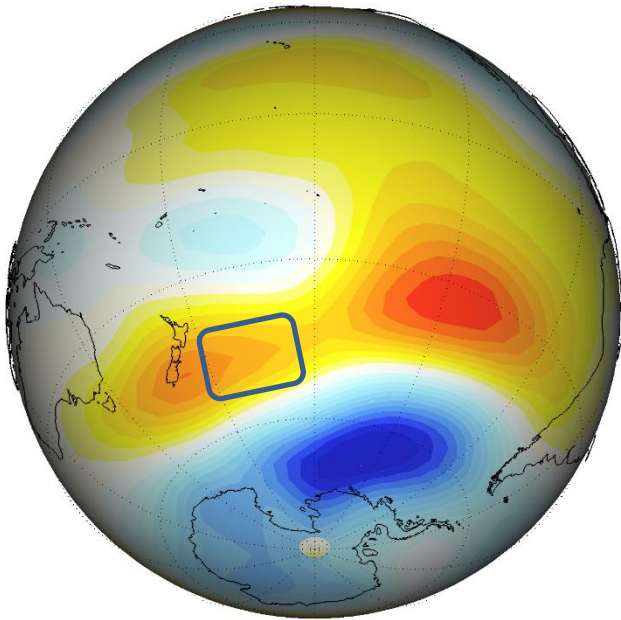


(d) Central Chile winter rainfall [mm]

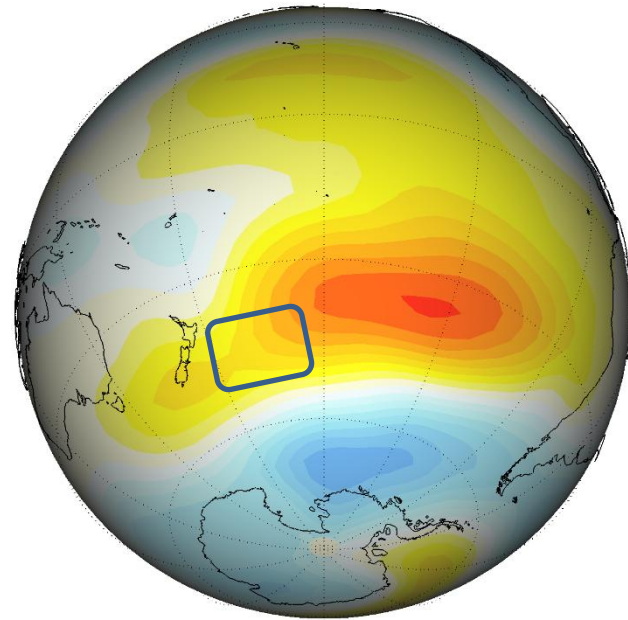


Is the southwest subtropical Pacific  
causing the pressure drop over the ABS?  
SLP Trend 1980 – 2015 calculated with SPEEDY

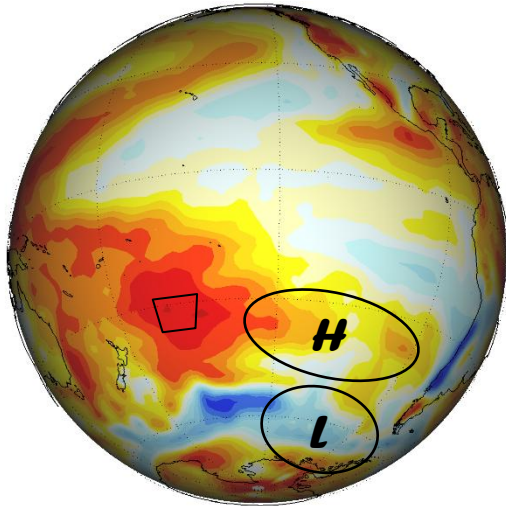
Control (Full SST)



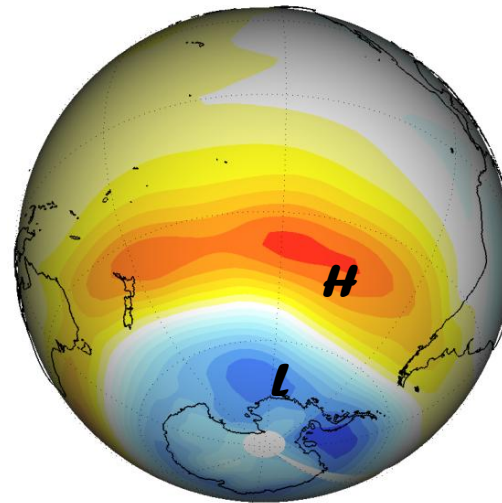
No SSWP SST



Observed SAT Anomalies (°C)  
Natural (+ Trend?)



SLP Anomalies (hPa)  
Antropogenic



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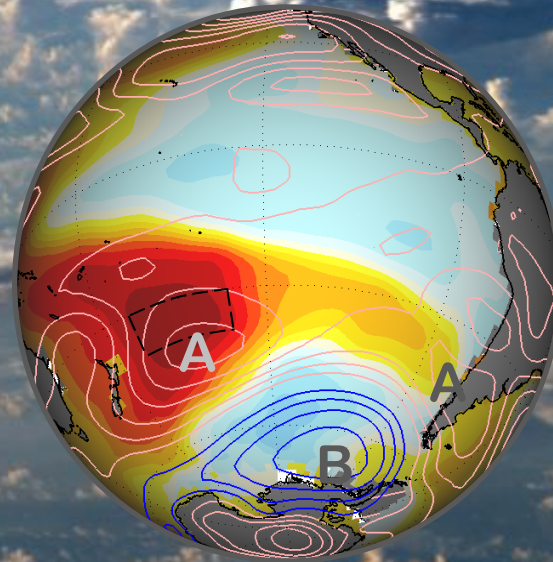
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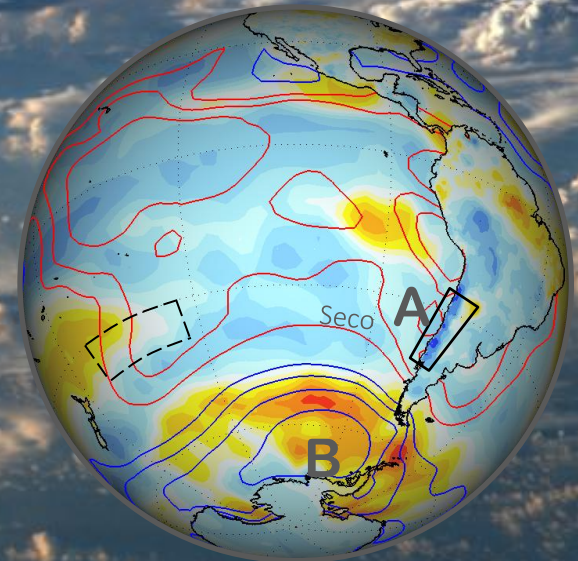
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El hidroclima de Chile central también es controlado, parcialmente, desde el sector subtropical del Pacífico occidental (SSWP).

Un calentamiento en esa zona genera una teleconexión con una baja sobre el mar de Bellinhausen y una alta sobre Chile central...la receta de nuestras sequías



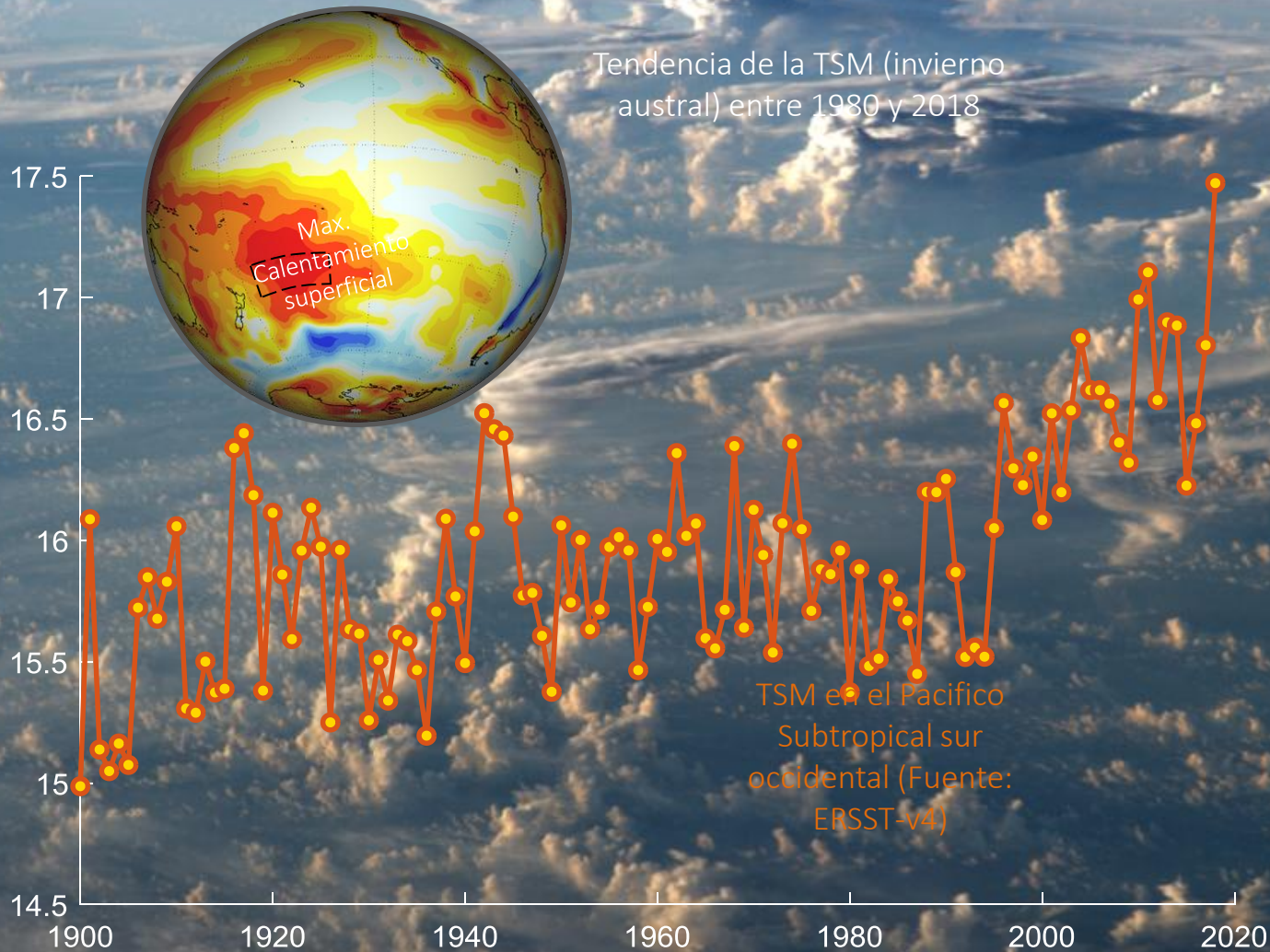
(a) Correlación de la TSM-SSWP con TSM (colores) y Z500 (contornos)



(b) Correlación de la TSM-SSWP con Precipitación (colores) y PNM (contornos)



# El SSWP y la Mega Sequía



El SSWP ha experimentado un marcado calentamiento en los últimos 30 años, alcanzando valores record desde el año 2000.

Lo anterior podría estar contribuyendo a las condiciones secas que han prevalecido en Chile central, independiente de la señal de ENOS

# Average SST Anomalies

28 APR 2019 – 25 MAY 2019

