

# Attribution and predictability of climate-driven variability in global ocean color

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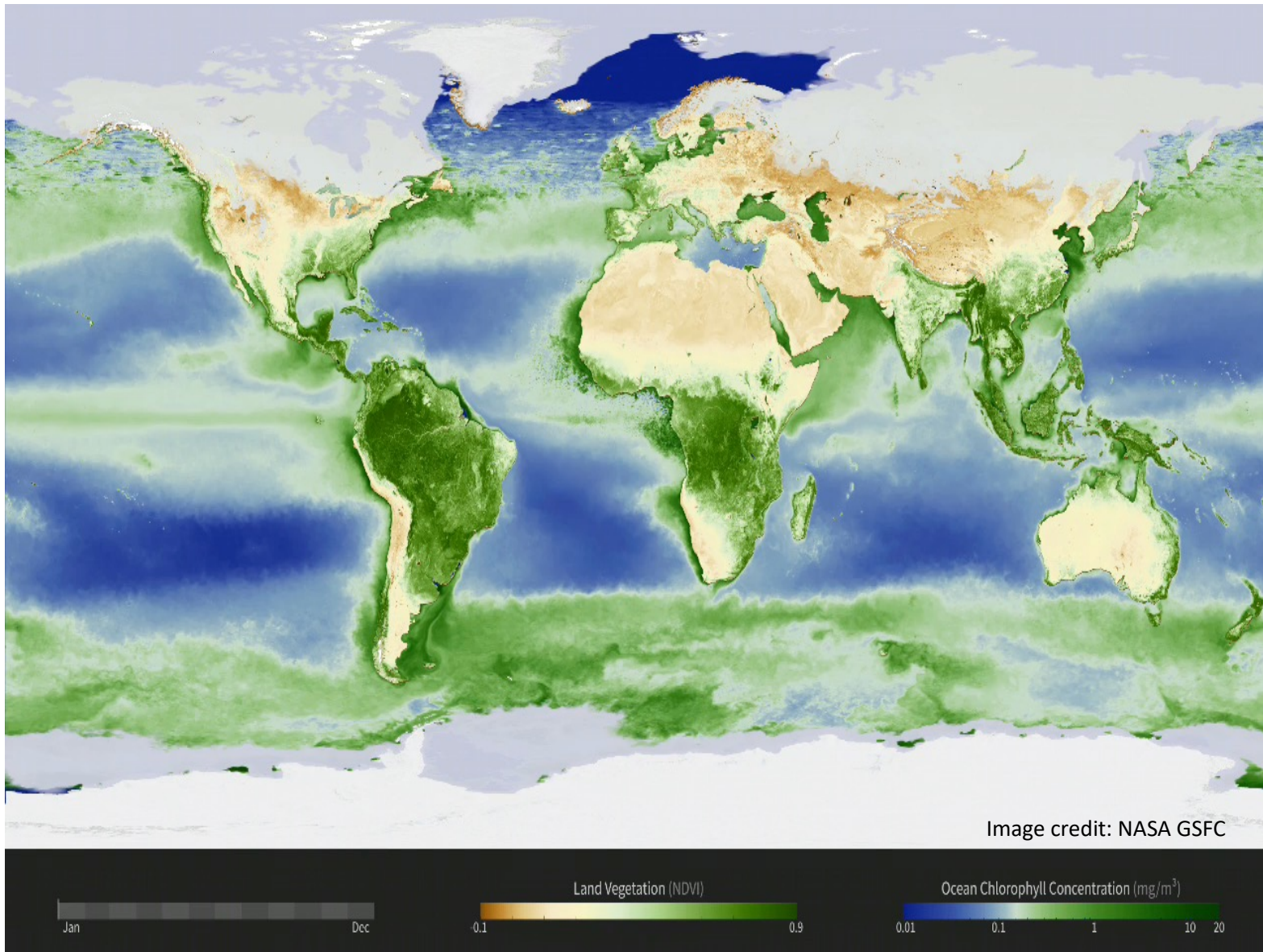
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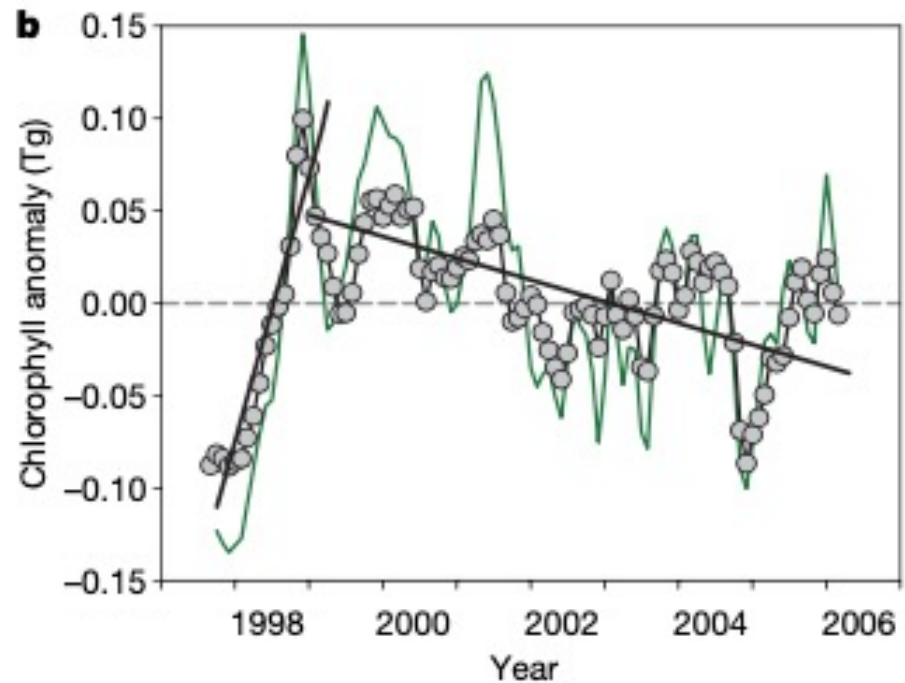
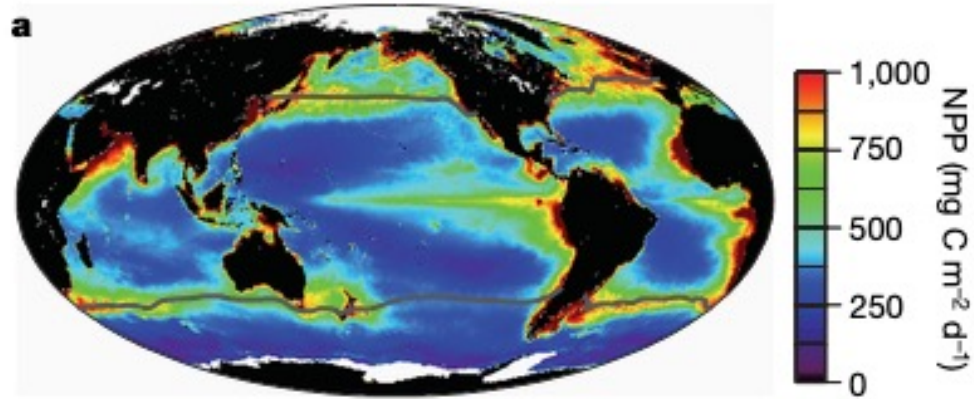
# Chlorophyll seasonal cycle



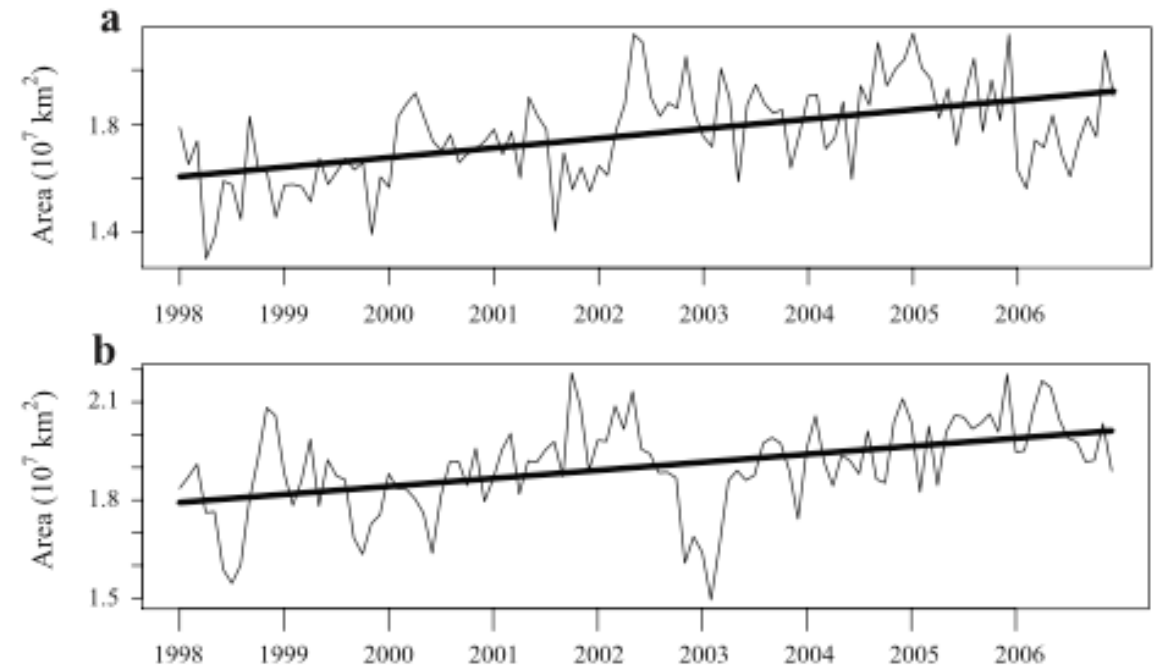
- Optical proxy of marine phytoplankton biomass
- Basis of marine food web resources
- primary production, carbon uptake and carbon export into ocean
- Controlling absorption coefficients of incoming shortwave in ocean layer (Manizza et al. 2005)
- air-sea-bio feedback in Pacific, Indian, Arctic Oceans in GCMs (Anderson et al. 2009; Park et al. 2013;2014;2015; Kim et al. 2015; Kang et al. 2017; Lim et al. 2018;2019;2021)

# Chlorophyll timeseries in Satellite era

- Chlorophyll and NPP are decreasing [Behrenfeld et al 2006 Nature]



- Oligotrophic region ( $<0.07 \text{mg/m}^3$ ) are expanding [Polovina et al. 2008]



- ✓ Decreasing CHL trend in addition to events in interannual timescale

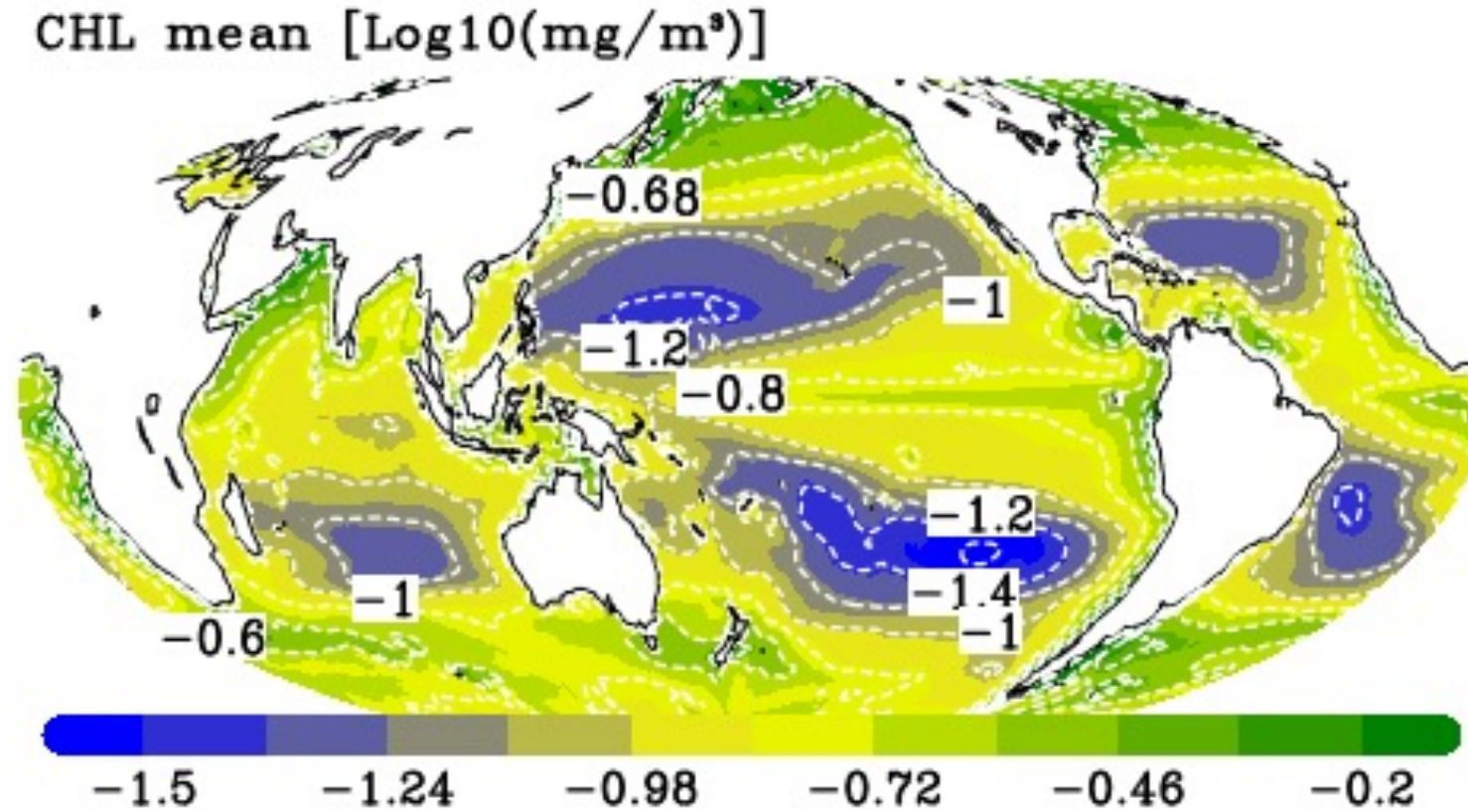
# Motivation

- To provide the statistical model of SST climate modes (ERSSTv5) related chlorophyll variability using continuous 24-yr satellite ocean color (**GlobColour-GSM**, AVM, ESA-OC-CCI-v5.0) from Sep 1997 to Dec 2021
- Ultimate goals are a combination of improved physical prediction for general climate studies and marine ecosystem prediction for living marine resource management

# CHL climatology

## ✓ Distributions

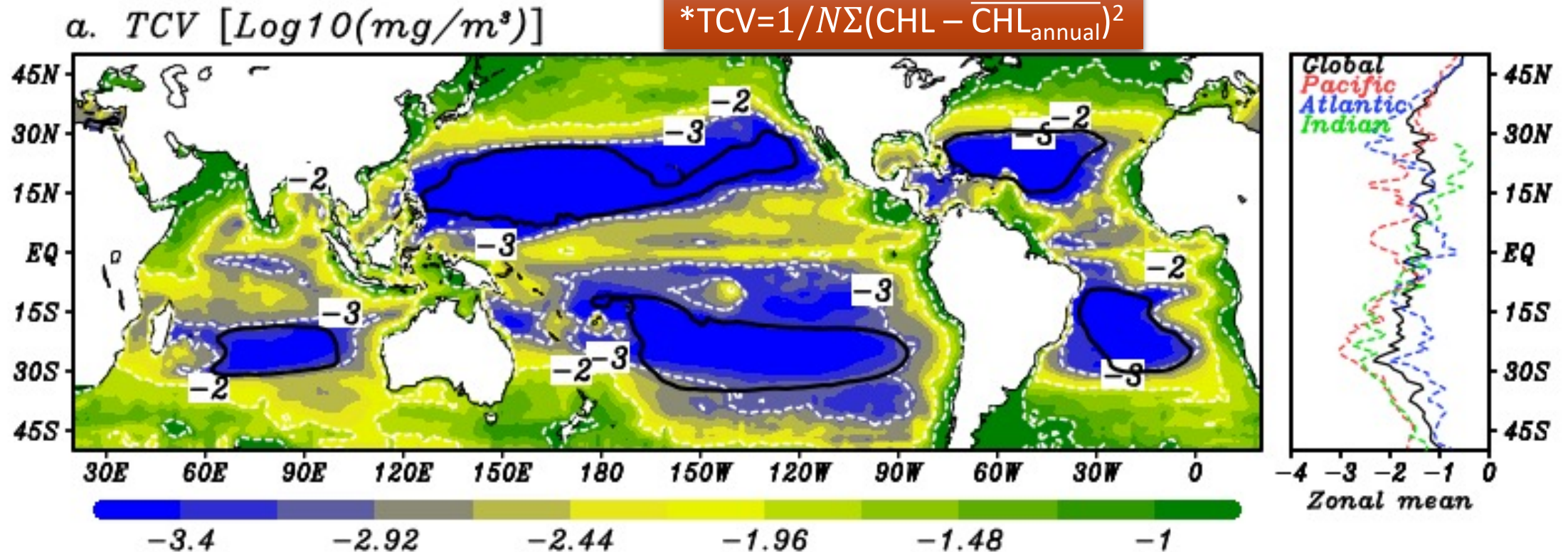
- High CHL in tropics
- Low CHL in subtropics



\*ESA-CCI-v4.2 sep1997~Apr2020

# Total CHL variance (seasonal cycle + interannual variability)

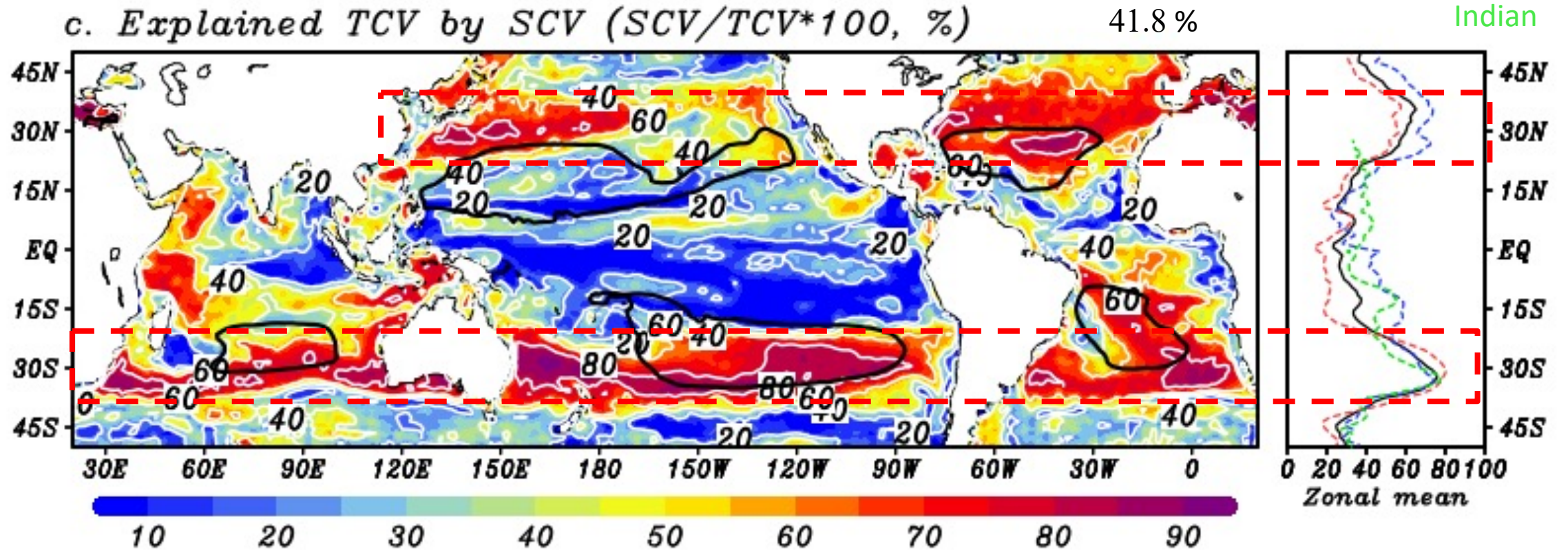
- ✓ Define the major target on CHL variation
  - High CHL concentration region have high TCV
  - Oligotrophic region have low TCV



# Seasonal cycle contribution on TCV

- Seasonal cycle contributes over 60% in midlatitude (~30°)

Global  
Pacific  
Atlantic  
Indian



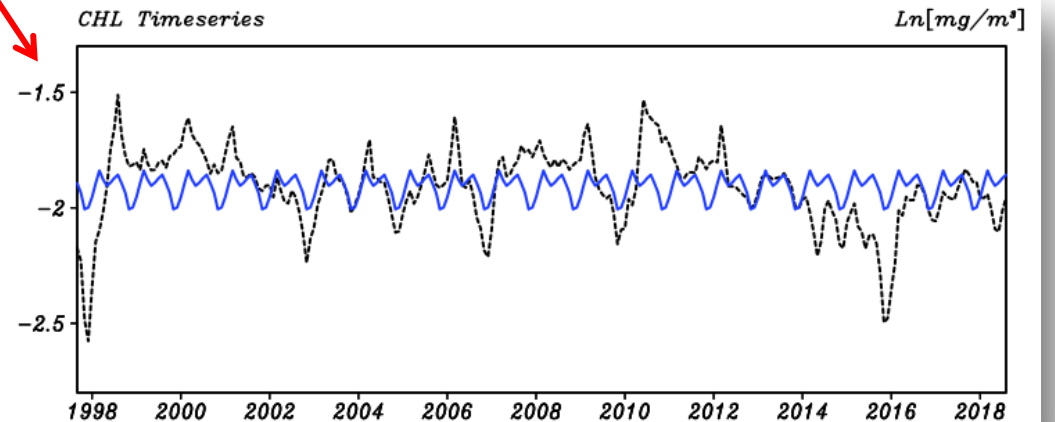
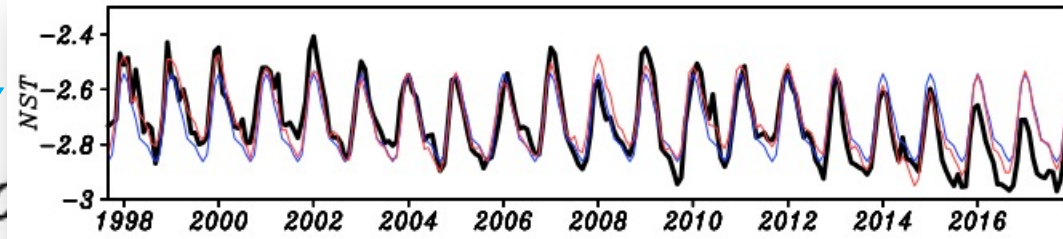
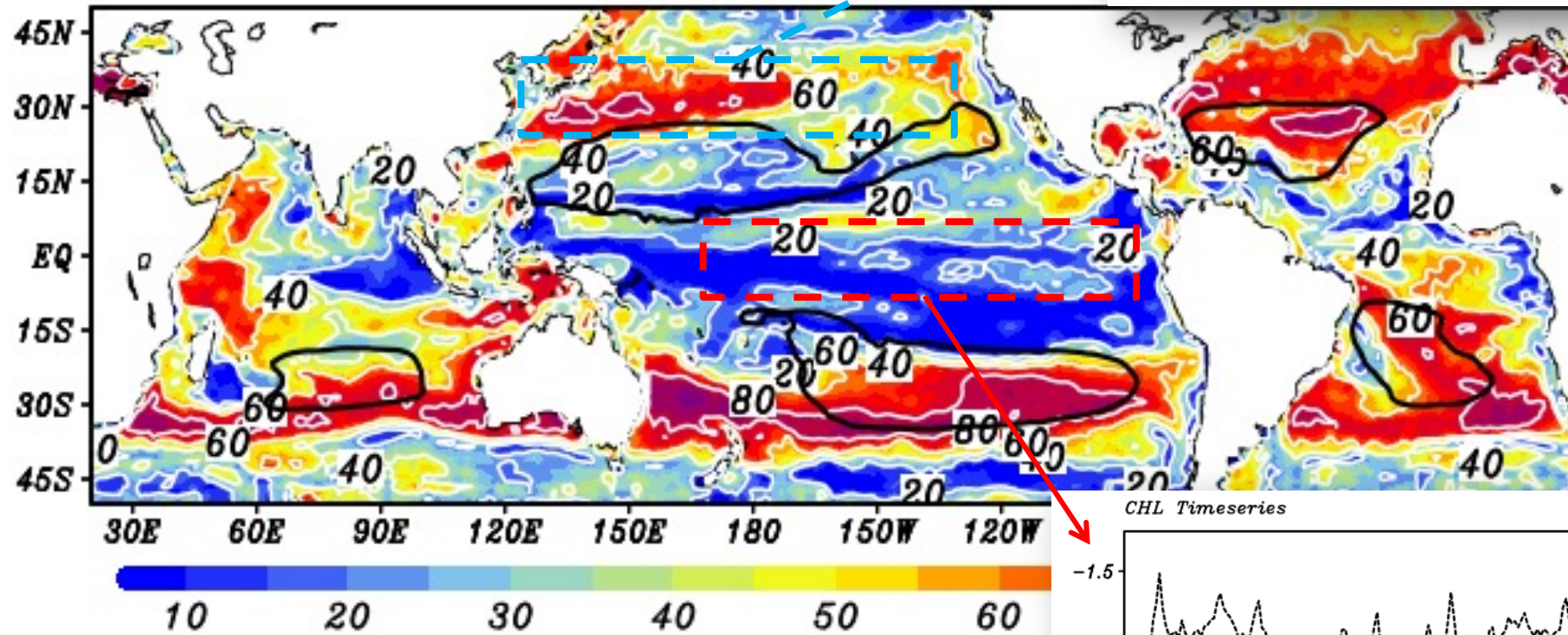
✓ Explained TCV =  $\text{Var}(\text{CHL\_SC})/\text{TCV}*100$

CHL\_SC: Reconstructed CHL via Seasonal cycle of CHL only

# Seasonal cycle contribution on TCV

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c. Explained TCV by SCV ( $SCV/TCV \times 100$ )



✓ Strong influence of interannual variability on TCV in tropics



# Climate variability indices

Climate variability	Index	SSTa index domain	Reference
Eastern Pacific (Cold Tongue) ENSO	<b>NINO3</b>	(5°N–5°S, 150°W–90°W)	Trenberth (1997); Kug et al. (2009); Yeh et al. (2009)
Central Pacific (Warmpool) ENSO	<b>NINO4</b>	(5°N–5°S, 160°E–150°W)	
Pacific Decadal Oscillation	<b>PDO</b>	EOF 1st PC (120°E–60°W, 20°N–60°N)	Mantua et al. (1997)
North Pacific Gyre Oscillation (Victoria Mode)	<b>NPGO</b>	EOF 2nd PC (120°E–60°W, 20°N–60°N)	Bond et al. (2003); Di Lorenzo et al. (2008)
Atlantic Niño	<b>ATL3</b>	(20°W–0°, 3°S–3°N)	Zebiak (1993); Vallès-Casanova et al. (2020)
Atlantic Meridional Mode	<b>AMM</b>	(5°–15°N, 50°–20°W) minus (5°–15°S, 20°W–10°E)	Xie and Carton (2004); Doi et al. (2010)
Indian Ocean Dipole Mode	<b>DMI</b>	(50°E–70°E, 10°S–10°N) minus (90°E–110°E, 10°S–0°)	Saji et al. (1999)
Indian Ocean Basin Mode	<b>IOBM</b>	(20°S–20°N, 40°–105°E)	Klein et al. (1999); Hong et al. (2010)

Thanks to Young-Ji Joh (NOAA-GFDL), Sang-Ki Lee (NOAA-AOML)

# Chlorophyll reconstruction

$$\begin{aligned} rCHLa_t &= \sum_{\tau=0}^4 (\beta_{1,t-\tau} \cdot NINO3_{t-\tau} + \beta_{2,t-\tau} \cdot NINO4_{t-\tau} + \beta_{3,t-\tau} \cdot PDO_{t-\tau} + \beta_{4,t-\tau} \\ &\cdot NPGO_{t-\tau} + \beta_{5,t-\tau} \cdot ATL3_{t-\tau} + \beta_{6,t-\tau} \cdot AMM_{t-\tau} + \beta_{7,t-\tau} \cdot IOBM_{t-\tau} \\ &+ \beta_{8,t-\tau} \cdot DMI_{t-\tau}) \end{aligned}$$

$\tau$  : Lagged time scales of seasonal climate indices

$\beta$  : Partial Regression coefficients

“Leave One out Cross-validated”

$$rTCV = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (rCHLa_t + CHL\_SC_t - \mu)^2$$

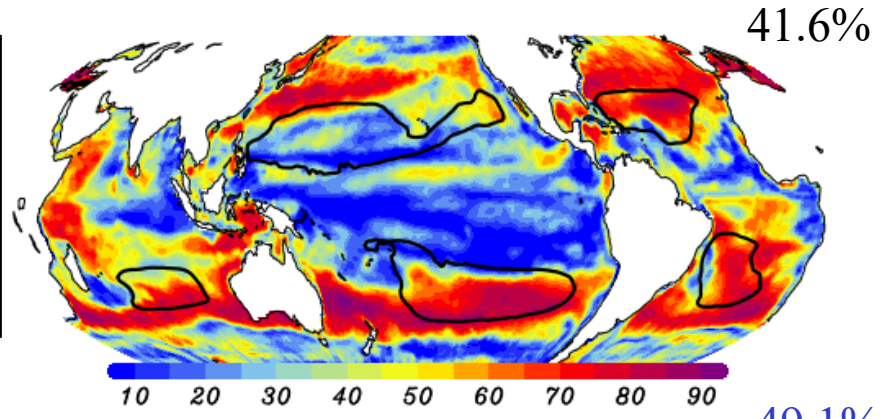
$n$  : degree of freedom #292

$\mu$  : Chlorophyll annual mean

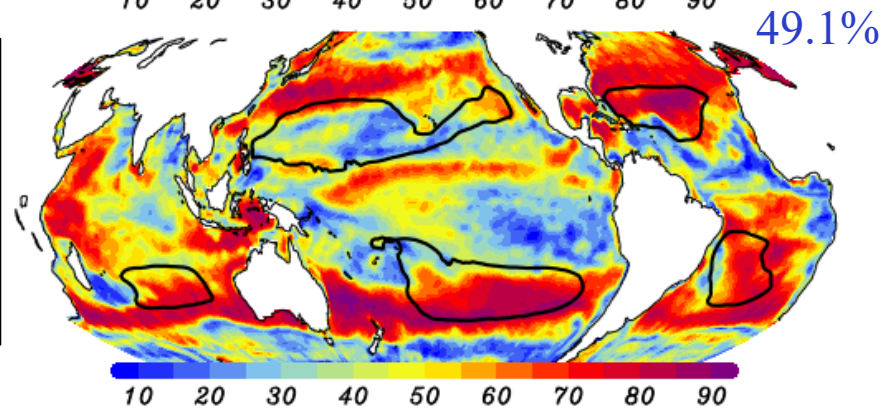
$CHL\_SC$  : Chlorophyll seasonal cycle

# Reconstructed TCV

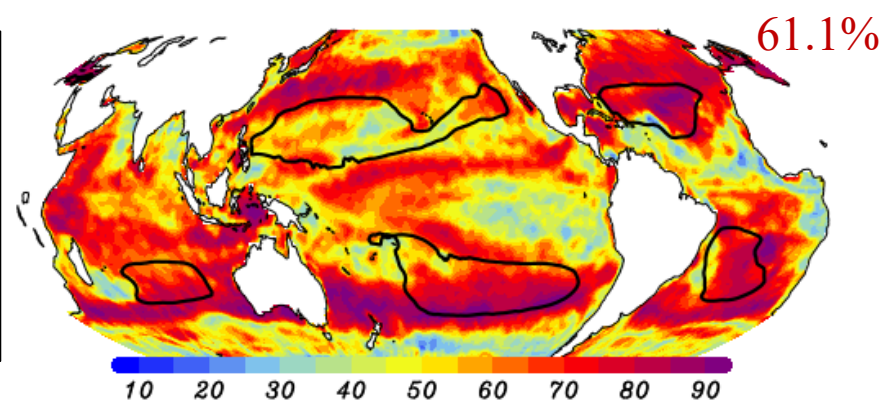
**Case 1)**  
  
**Seasonal Cycle**



**Case 2)**  
**Seasonal Cycle**  
+  
**Instantaneous climate modes**



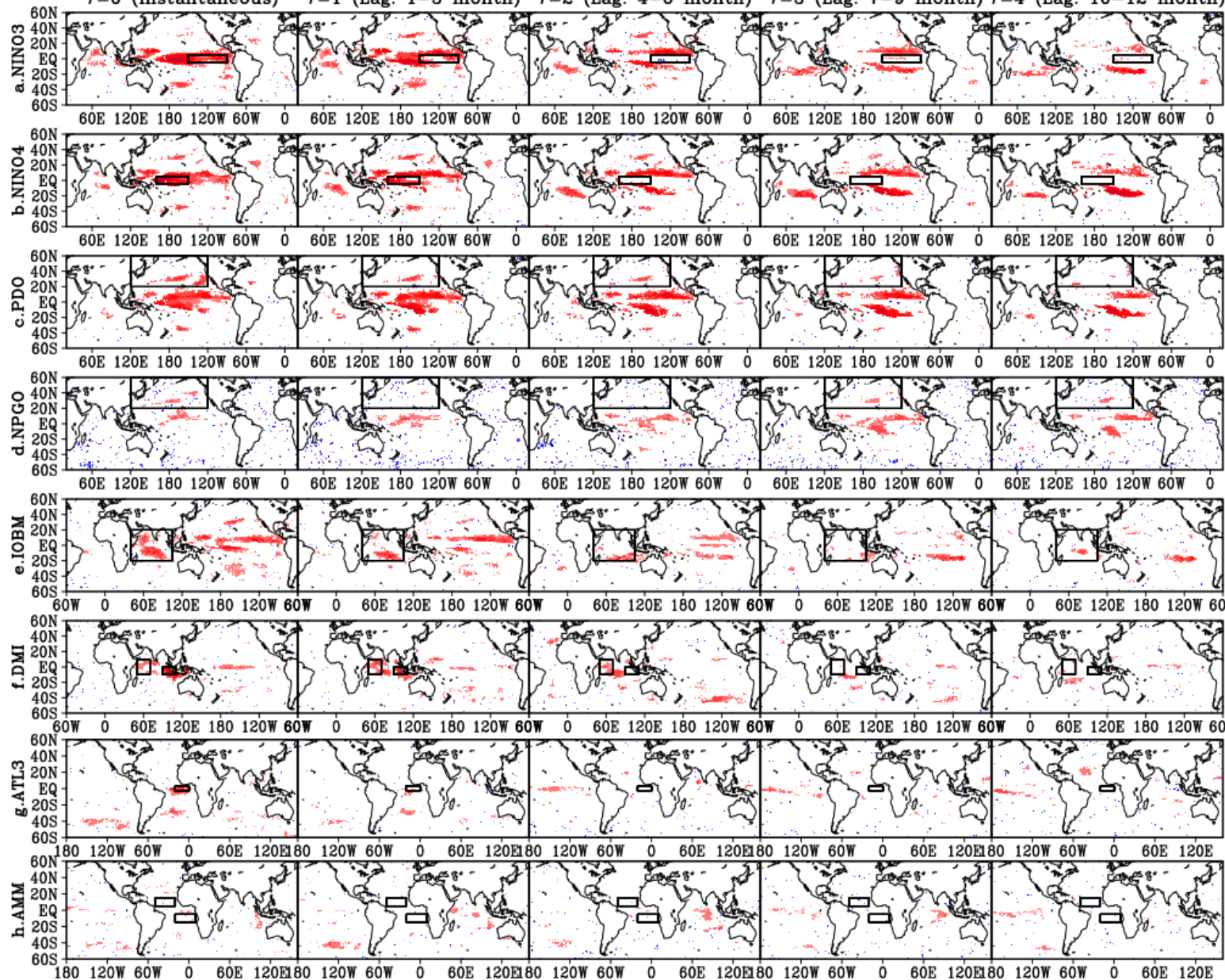
**Case 3)**  
**Seasonal Cycle**  
+  
**Instantaneous climate modes**  
+  
**Delayed climate modes**



# Delayed climate impacts on CHL anomaly

Corr. (CHLa\_Obs, rCHLa)

$\tau=0$  (Instantaneous)  $\tau=1$  (Lag: 1-3 month)  $\tau=2$  (Lag: 4-6 month)  $\tau=3$  (Lag: 7-9 month)  $\tau=4$  (Lag: 10-12 month)



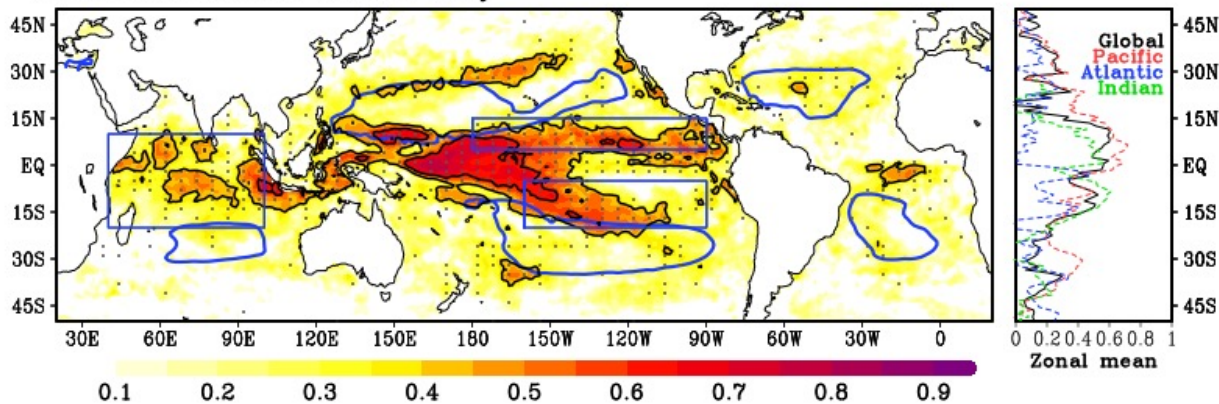
\*Memory effects of ocean climate variability  
~ 12 months

- 1) Evolution of climate variability itself
- 2) Pacific meridional mode
- 3) Inter-basin ocean influences

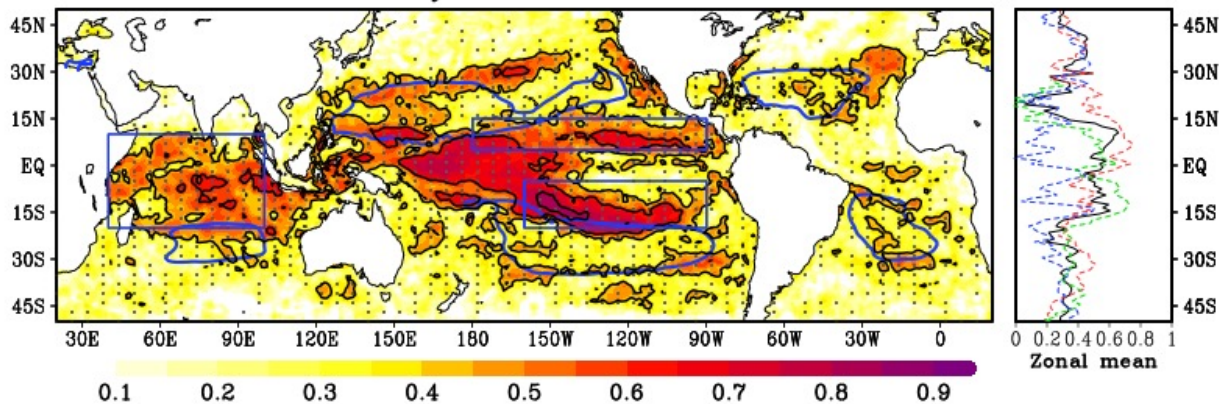
# Reconstructed CHL anomaly correlation coefficient (ACC) skill

Corr. (CHLa\_Obs, rCHLa)

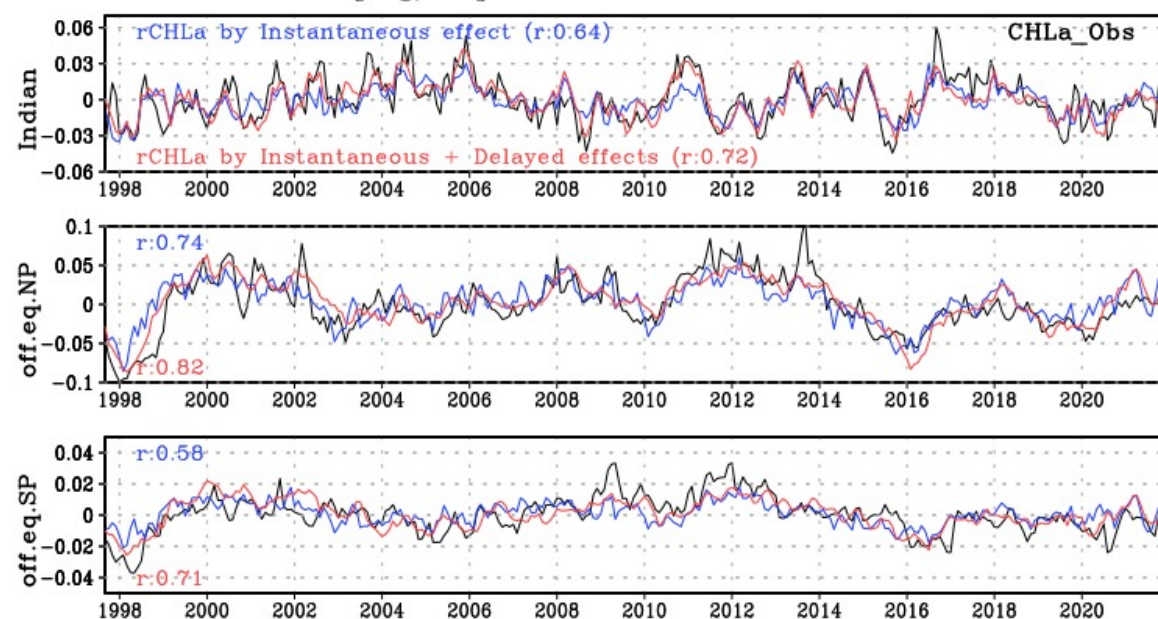
a. Instantaneous effect only



b. Instantaneous + Delayed effects



c. CHLa Timeseries [mg/m<sup>3</sup>]



**Better ACC skills**

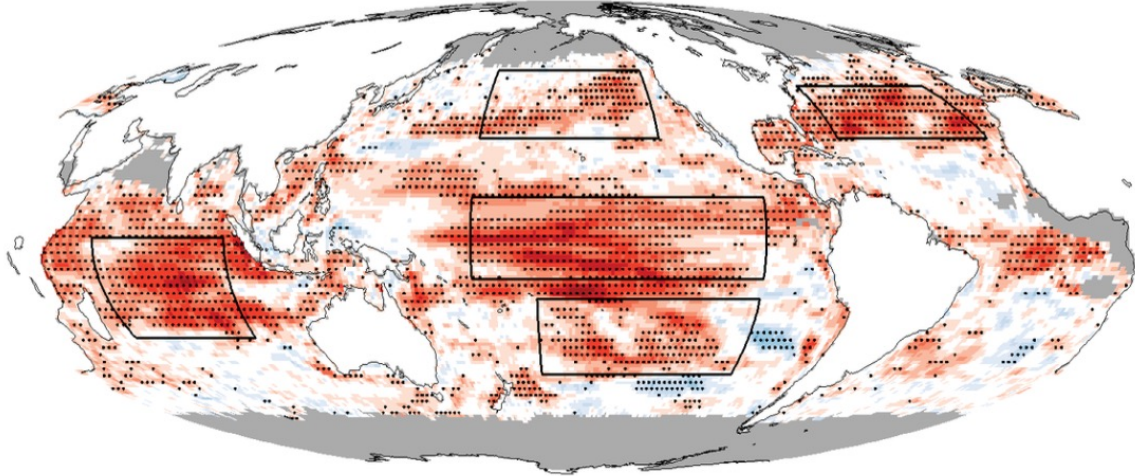
Instantaneous Climate variability -> 0.64, 0.74, 0.58

\*Delayed Climate variability -> 0.72, 0.82, 0.71

# CHL anomaly predictability driven by delayed climate variabilities

## Dynamical Modeling prediction

### A Chlorophyll Prediction Skill (Lead Time: 1-3 mon)

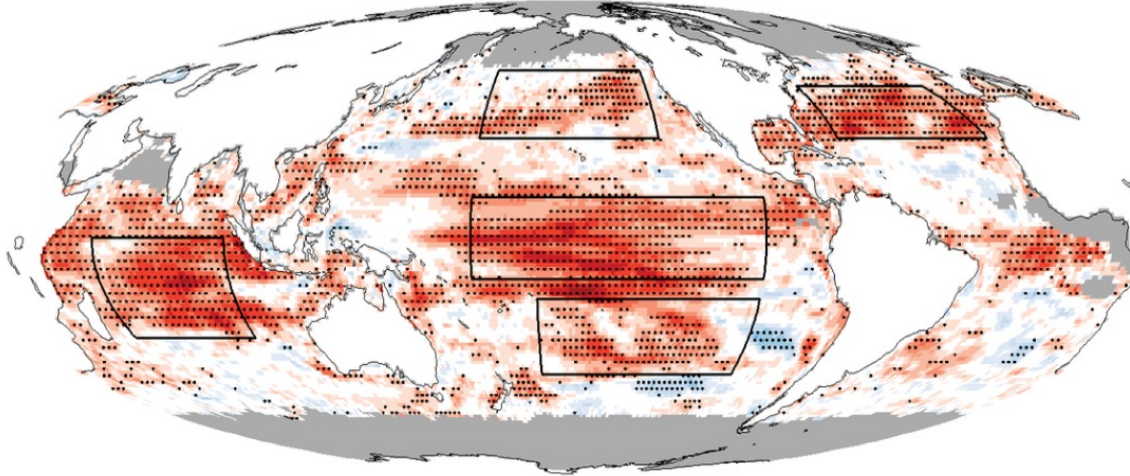


Park et al 2019

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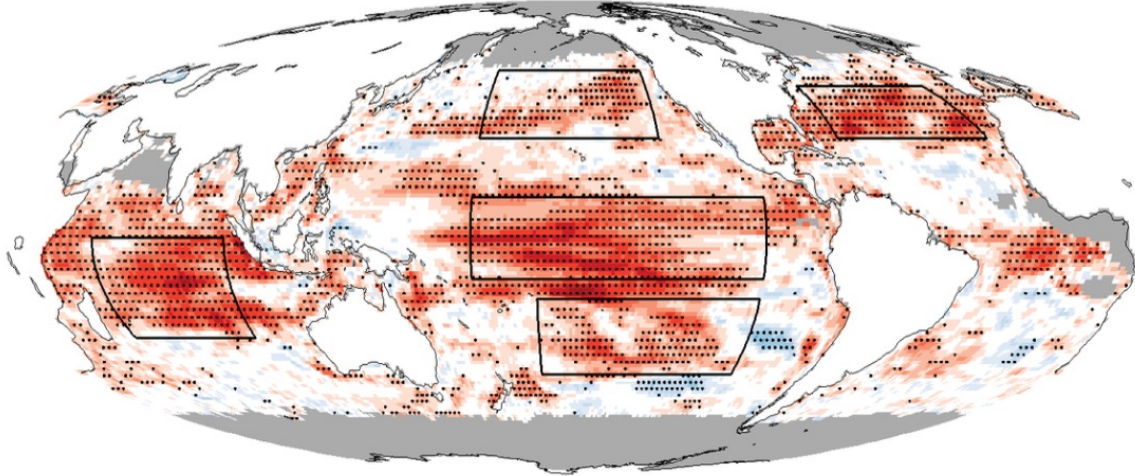
$rCHLa_{t\_predic}$

$$= \sum_{\tau=1}^4 (\beta_{1,t-\tau} \cdot NINO3_{t-\tau} + \beta_{2,t-\tau} \cdot NINO4_{t-\tau} + \beta_{3,t-\tau} \cdot PDO_{t-\tau} + \beta_{4,t-\tau} \cdot NPGO_{t-\tau} + \beta_{5,t-\tau} \cdot ATL3_{t-\tau} + \beta_{6,t-\tau} \cdot AMM_{t-\tau} + \beta_{7,t-\tau} \cdot IOBM_{t-\tau} + \beta_{8,t-\tau} \cdot DMI_{t-\tau})$$

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$rCHLa_{t\_predic}$

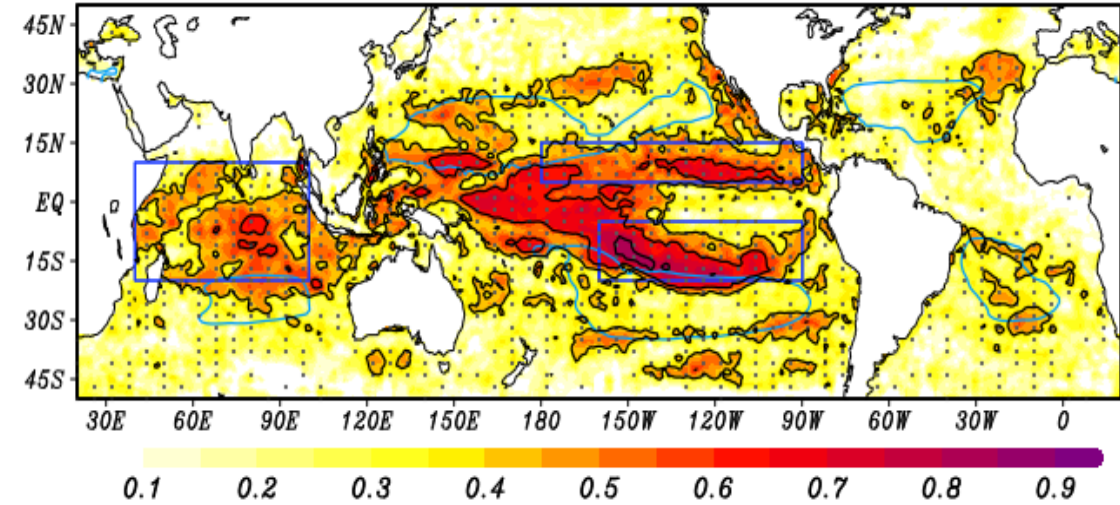
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## Statistical Modeling prediction

*CHLa Predictability based on Delayed Climate Effects*

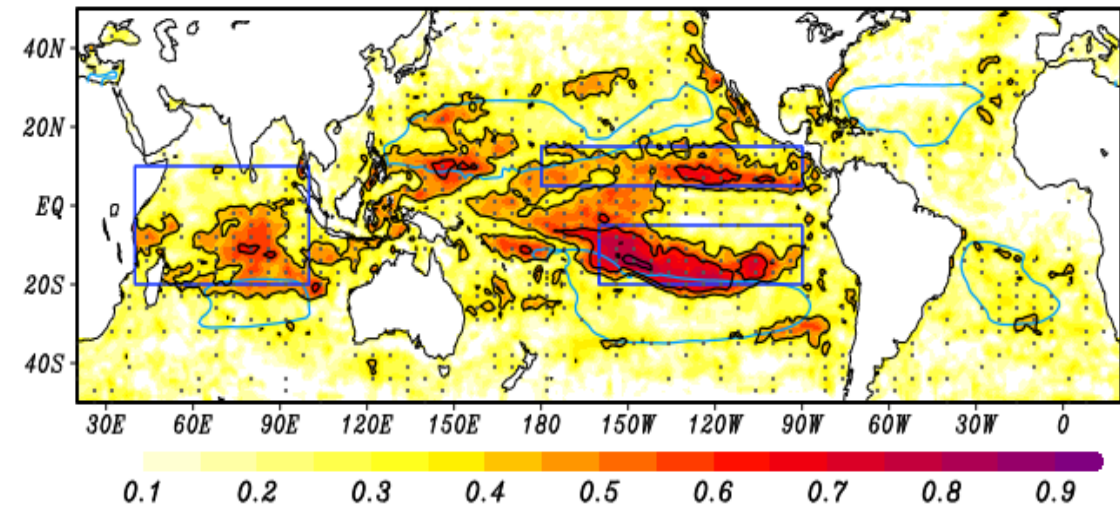
*a. Lead time: 2 Month*

\*  $\tau = 1 \sim 4$



*b. Lead time: 6 Month*

\*  $\tau = 2 \sim 4$

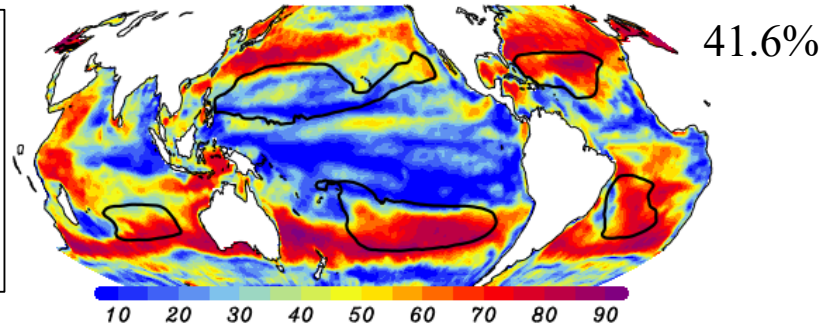




## Attribution of Total Chlorophyll Variance (%)

Case 1)

Seasonal Cycle

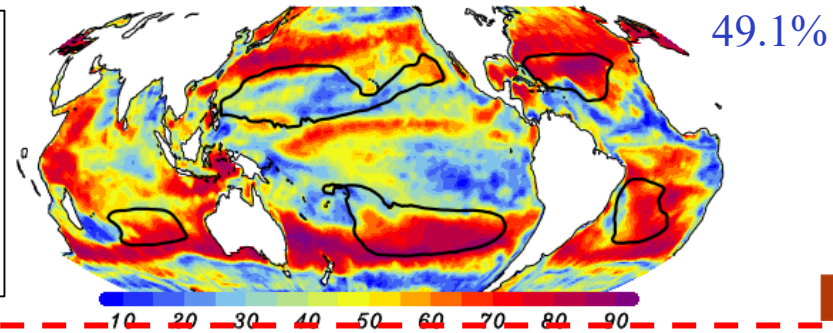


Case 2)

Seasonal Cycle

+

Instantaneous climate modes



Case 3)

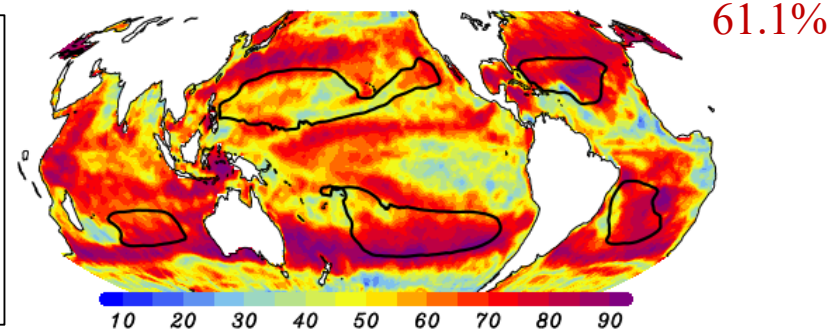
Seasonal Cycle

+

Instantaneous climate modes

+

Delayed climate modes



**\*Critical source in chlorophyll variance and predictability**

## Challenging points for residual (39%)

- Internal biogeochemical processes
- Mesoscale eddy
- Volcanic eruption
- Sea ice
- Stochastic atmospheric variabilities

## Future work

- CMIP6 ESMs assessment
- Chemical dissolved matter (CDM), pCO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> flux, and other BGC variables
- SST based hybrid chlorophyll model

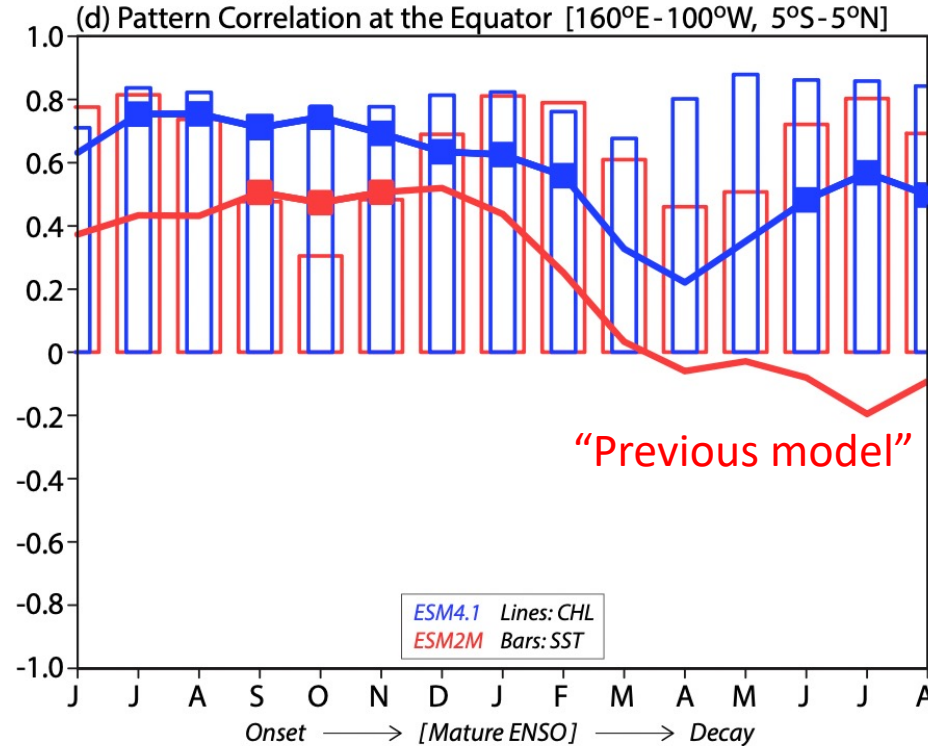
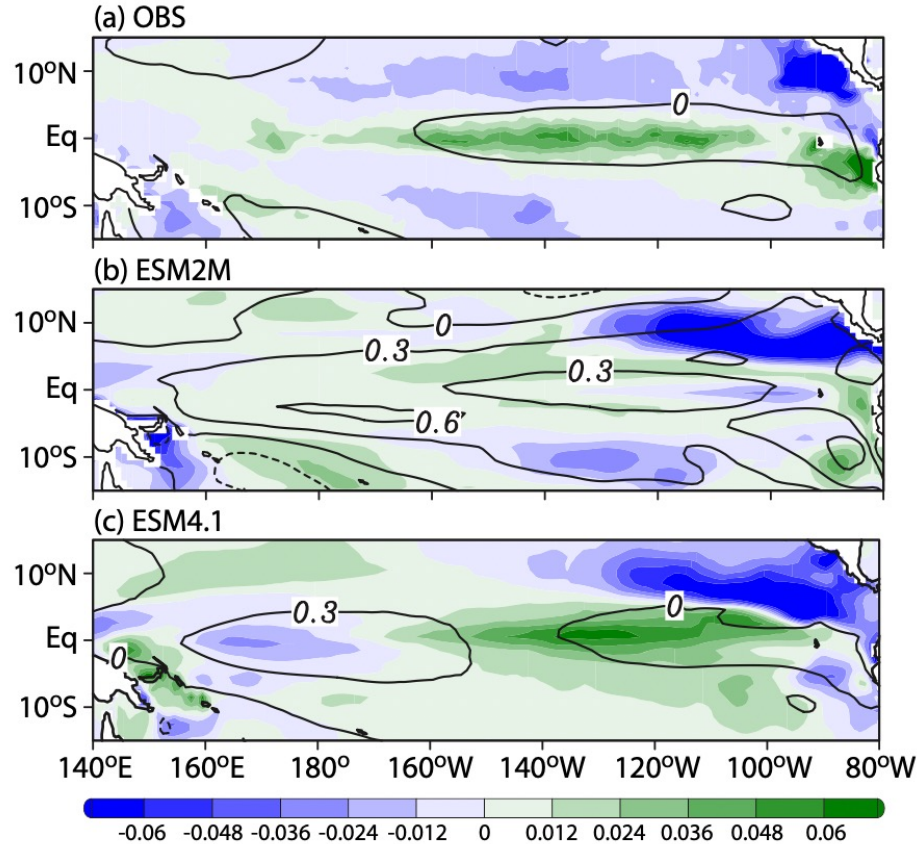
Adjusting “ocean memory effects”  
~ 12 month

\*Lim et al. (2022): Attribution and predictability of climate-driven variability in global ocean color. *JGR-Oceans*, 127, e2022JC019121. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022JC019121>

# “Poster” Post-El Nino Chlorophyll rebound in GFDL-ESM4.1

## Regression of SST and chlorophyll anomalies against ENSO

- 1) Oceanic Iron transport\*
- 2) Atmospheric mineral dust



Spatially resolved ENSO-regression of temperature (contours, °C/°C) and chlorophyll concentration (shading, mgm<sup>3</sup>/°C) anomalies against ENSO in (a) satellite, [Simple Ocean Data Assimilation \(SODA\)](#), (b) ESM2M, and (c) ESM4.1.

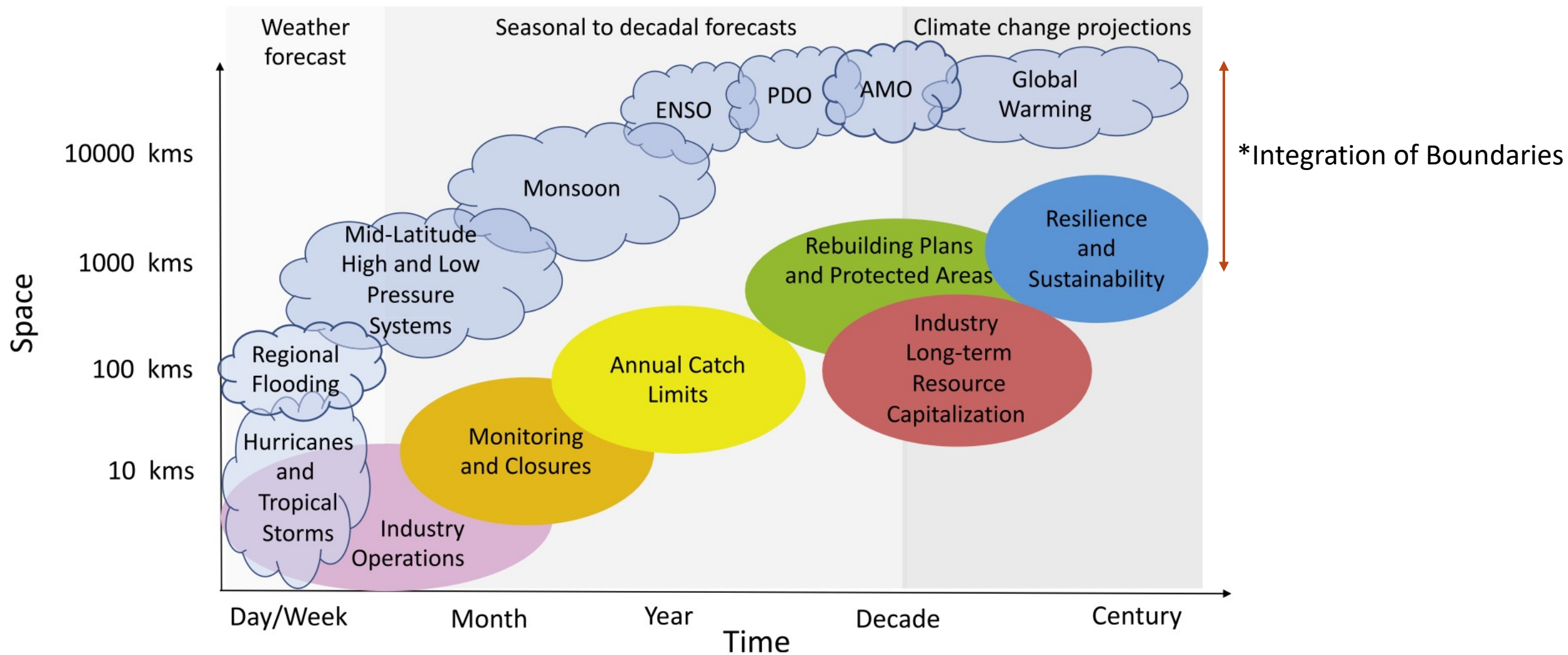
Values are shown for the ENSO decay state one year after the peak (JJA+1); (d) pattern correlations of ESM2M (red) and ESM4.1 (blue) regression coefficients (i.e., panels (b) and (c)) with SODA (bars) and satellite chlorophyll (lines; square symbols denote the Student’s t-test statistical significance at 95% confidence level) regression coefficients (i.e., panel (a)) in the EP (160°E–100°W, 5°N–5°S).



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Thank you

# Scales of fisheries decisions related to weather & climate



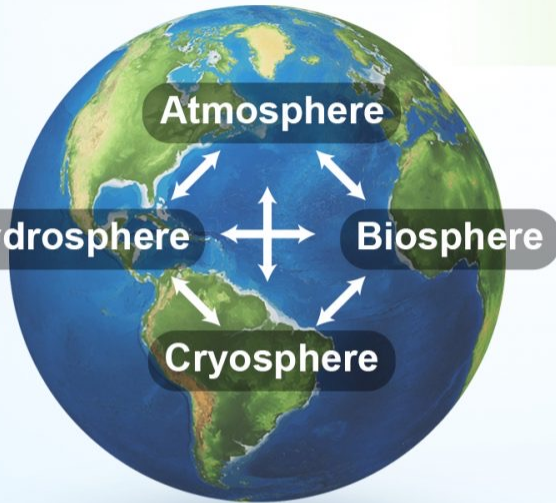
# Earth system model to Fisheries Size and Functional Type model (FEISTY)



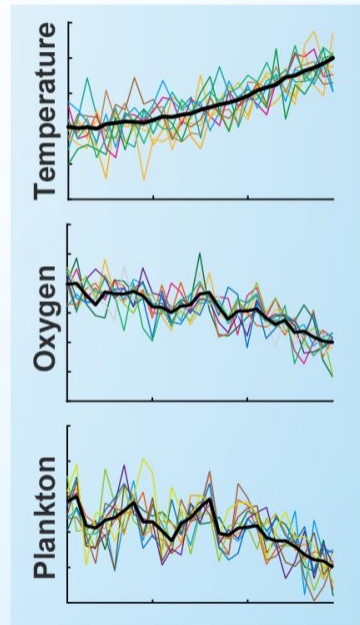
# NCAR

NOAA - Modeling, Analysis, Predictions and Projections (MAPP) project  
: Marine Ecosystem Task Force led by NOAA-PSL, NOAA-ESRL, UCSD-SIO, NOAA-GFDL

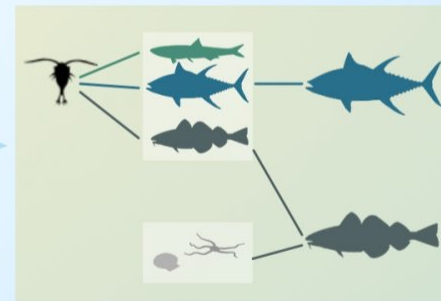
Earth system model (ESM)



Earth system model predictions

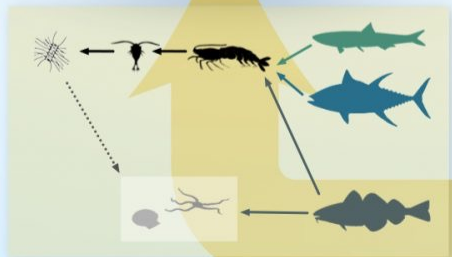


Ability of physics and biogeochemistry to explain fish variations

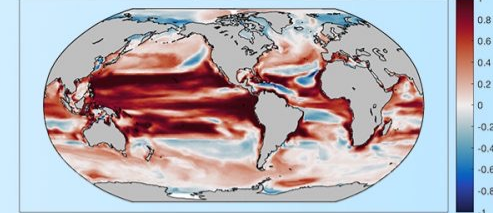


Fish model predictions

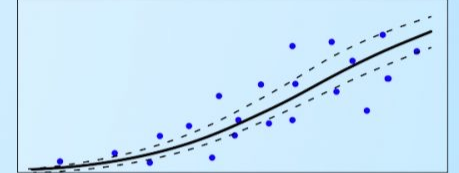
Effects of fish on biogeochemistry



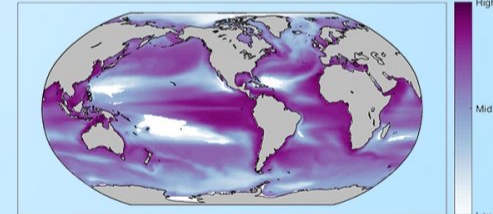
ESM plankton skill



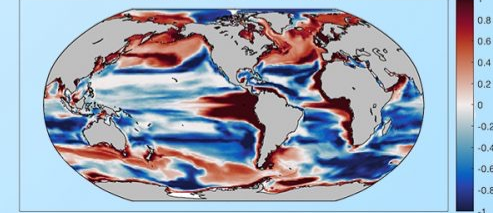
Plankton and fish correlation



Fish model prediction



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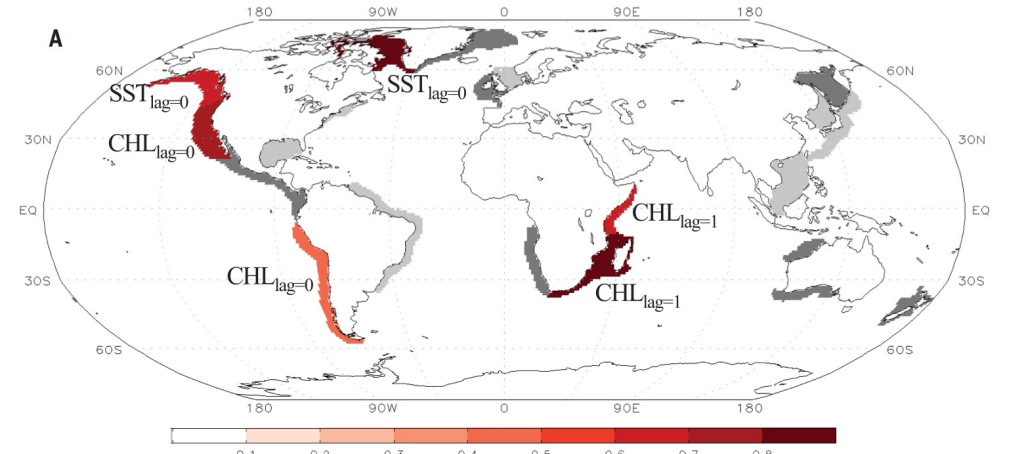
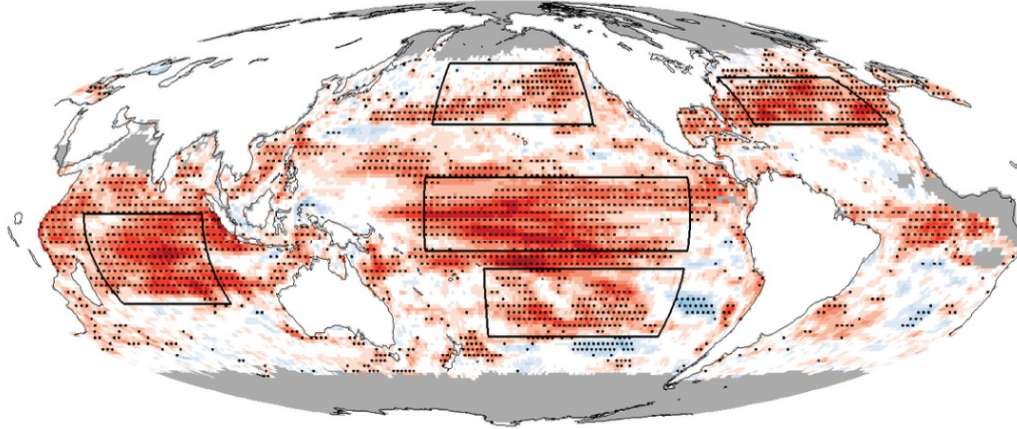
Courtesy : Colleen Petrik

# Multi-year prediction of Earth system model (GFDL-ESM2M-COBALT)

Chlorophyll, Temperature, pH, Oxygen prediction

Fish catch prediction

**A** Chlorophyll Prediction Skill (Lead Time: 1-3 mon)



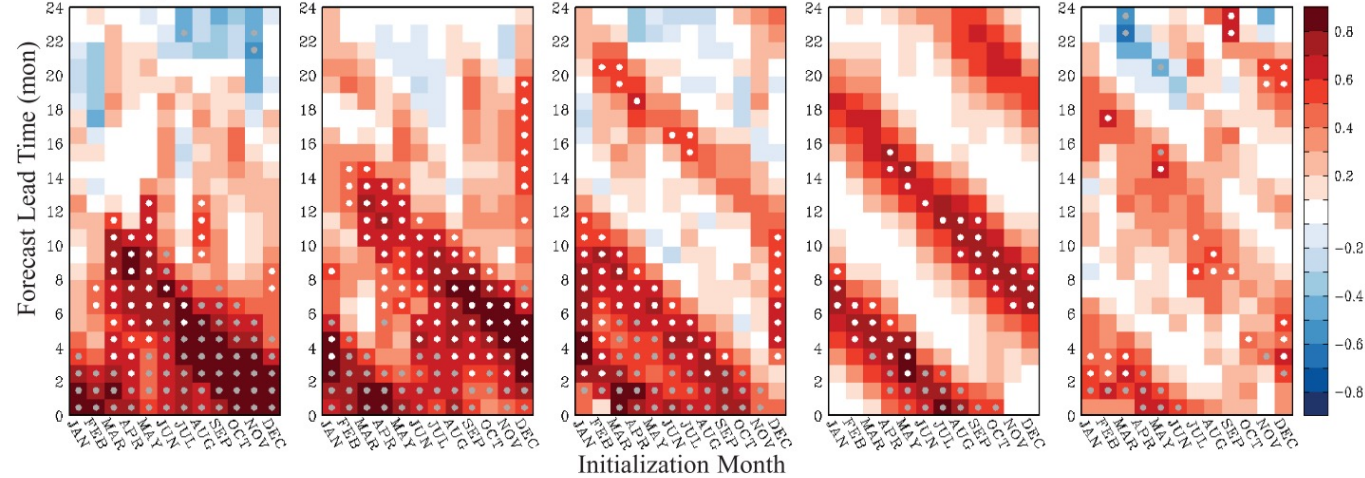
**B** Trop Pacific

**C** Indian

**D** North Atlantic

**E** South Pacific

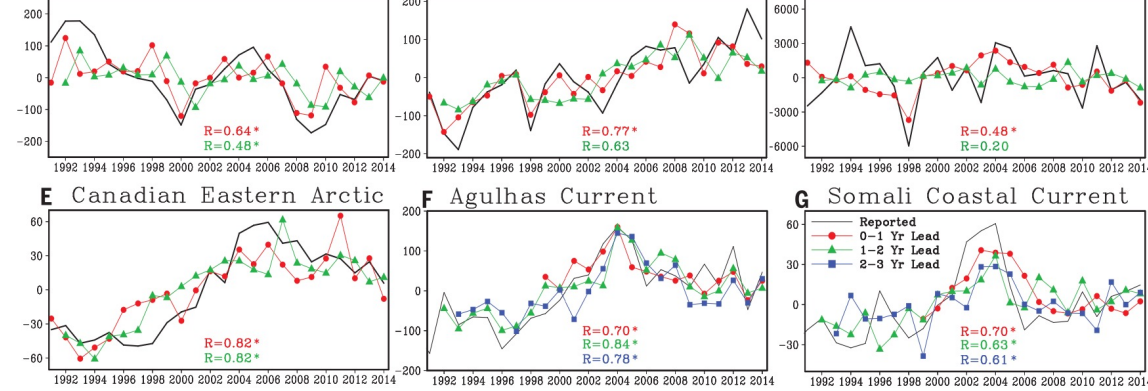
**F** North Pacific



**B** Gulf of Alaska

**C** California Current

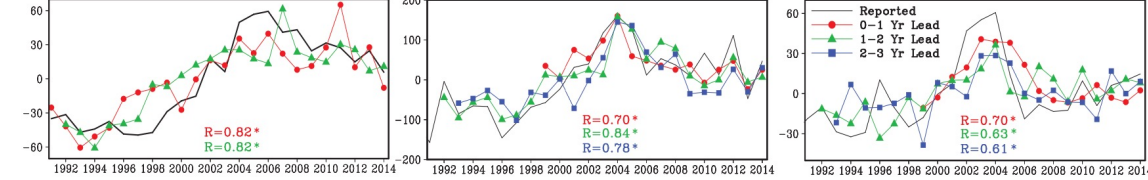
**D** Humboldt Current



**E** Canadian Eastern Arctic

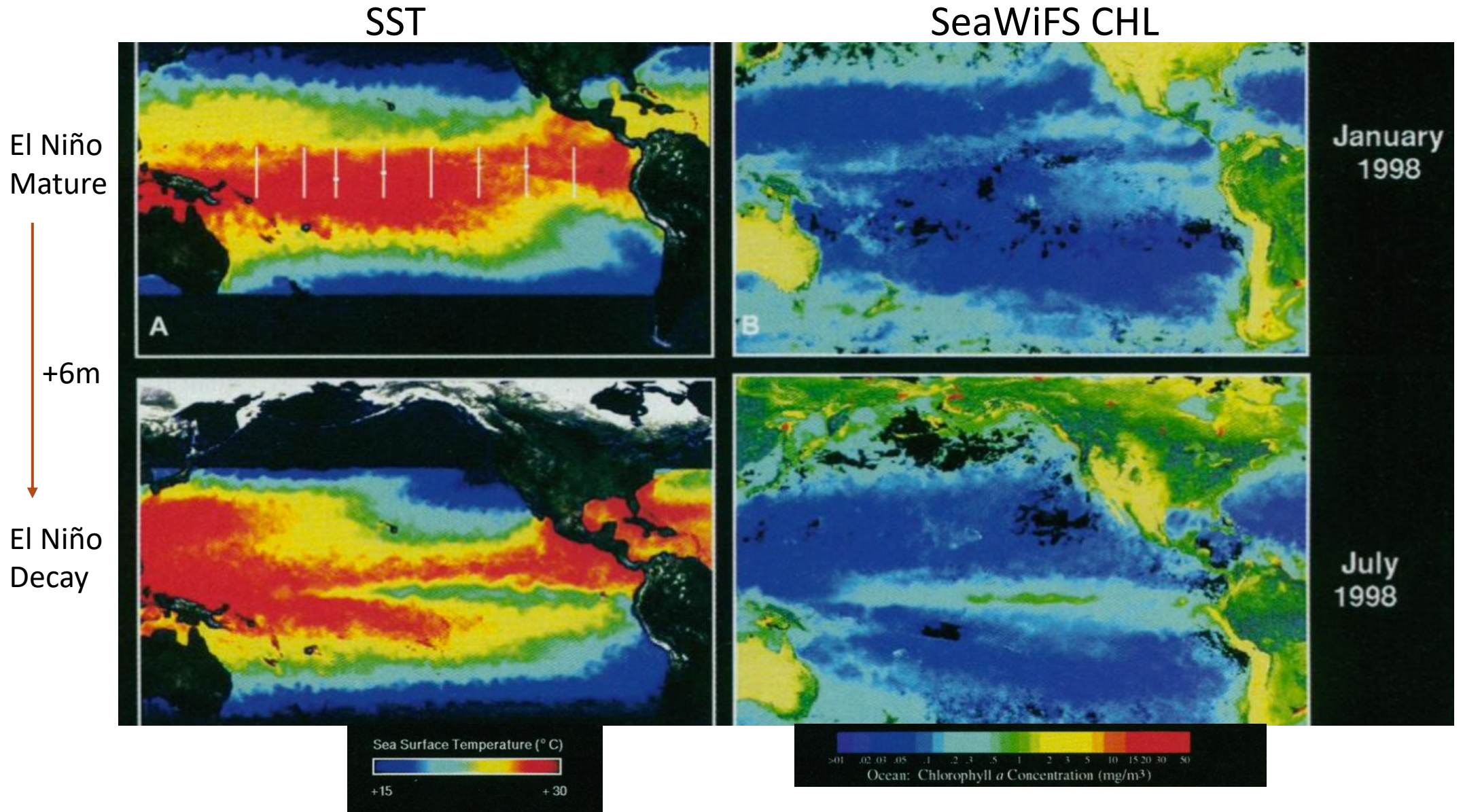
**F** Agulhas Current

**G** Somali Coastal Current



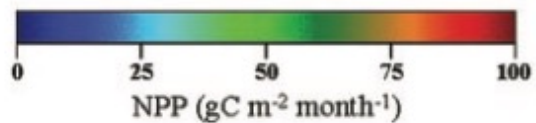
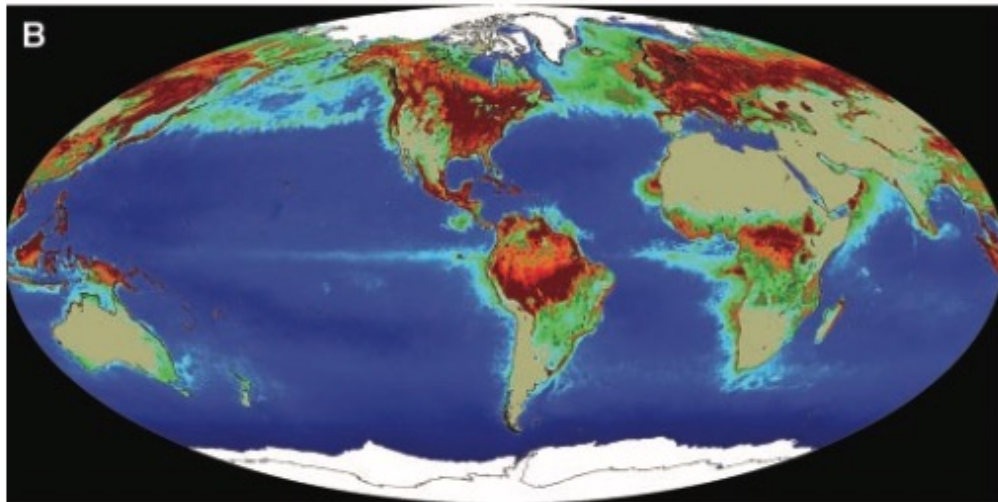
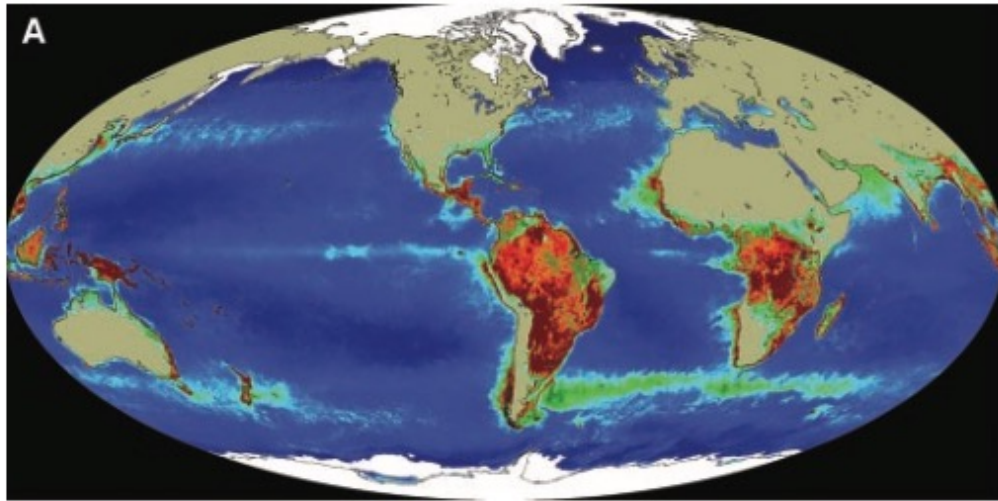
\*Comprehensive fully coupled earth system model development to represent marine ecosystem variability

# CHL anomalies in 97/98 El Niño event

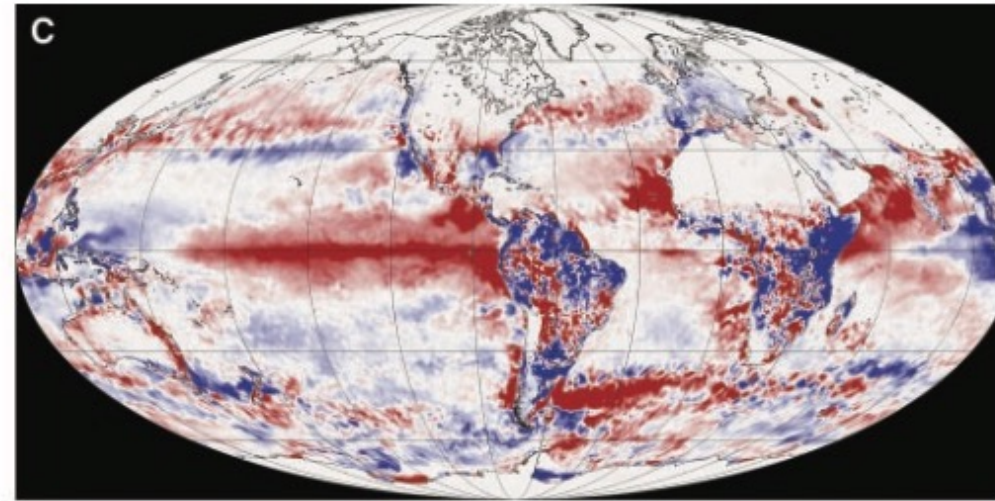


# Primary production changes [La Niña - El Niño]

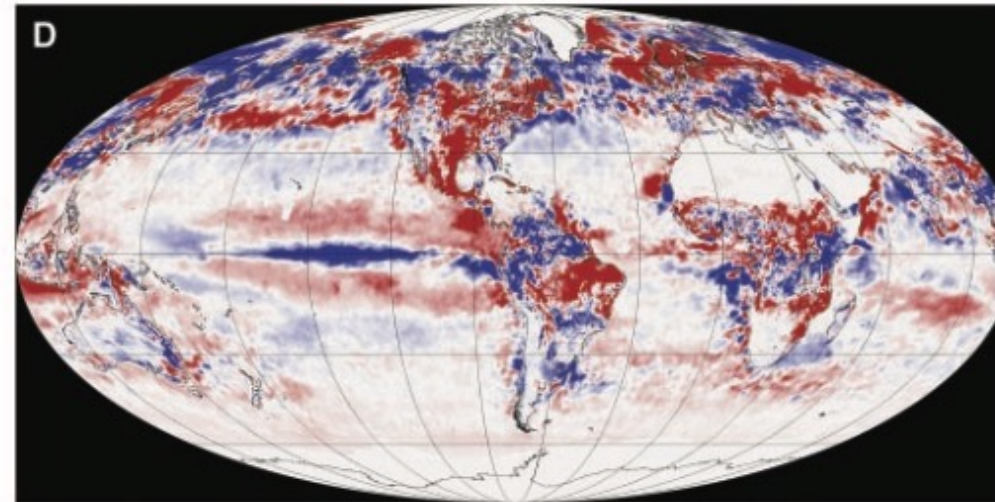
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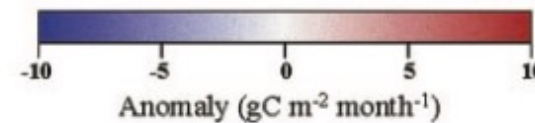
NPP Anomaly



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97/98  
winter

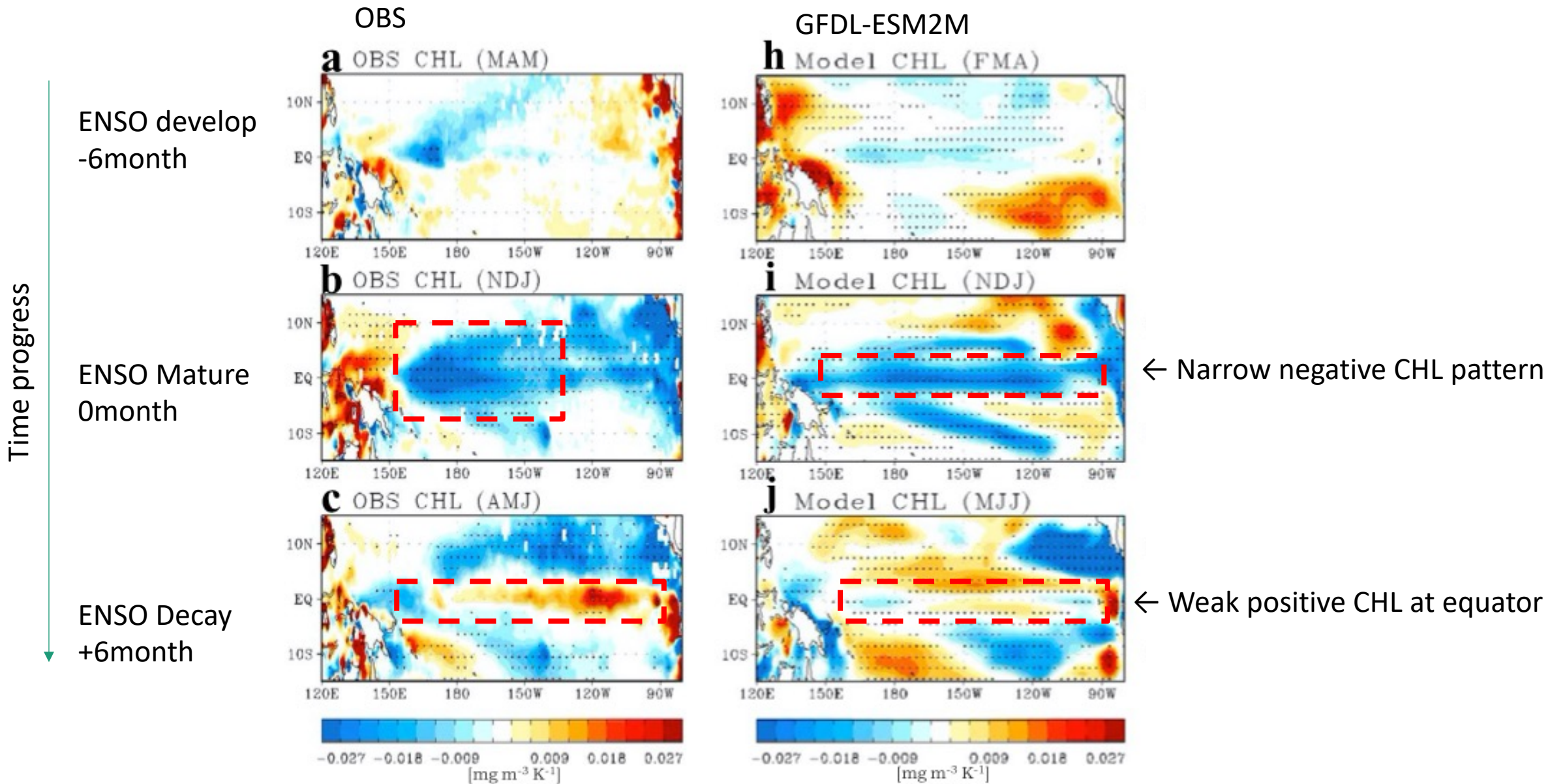


99 - 98  
Summer

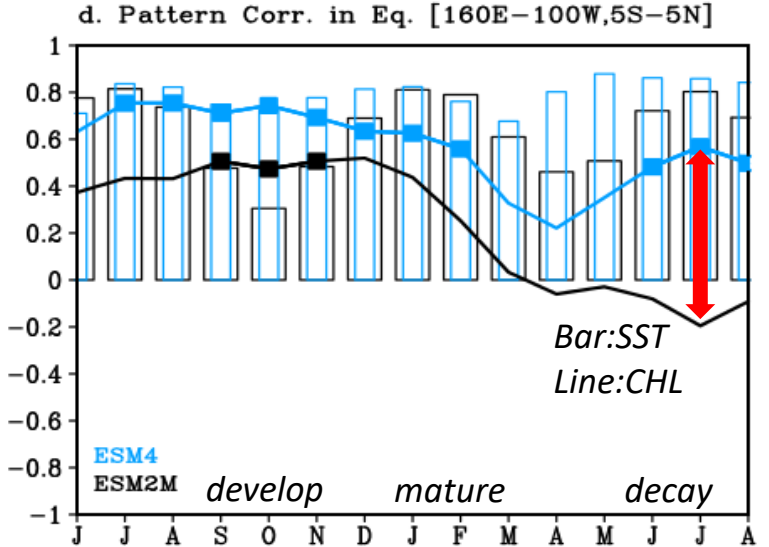
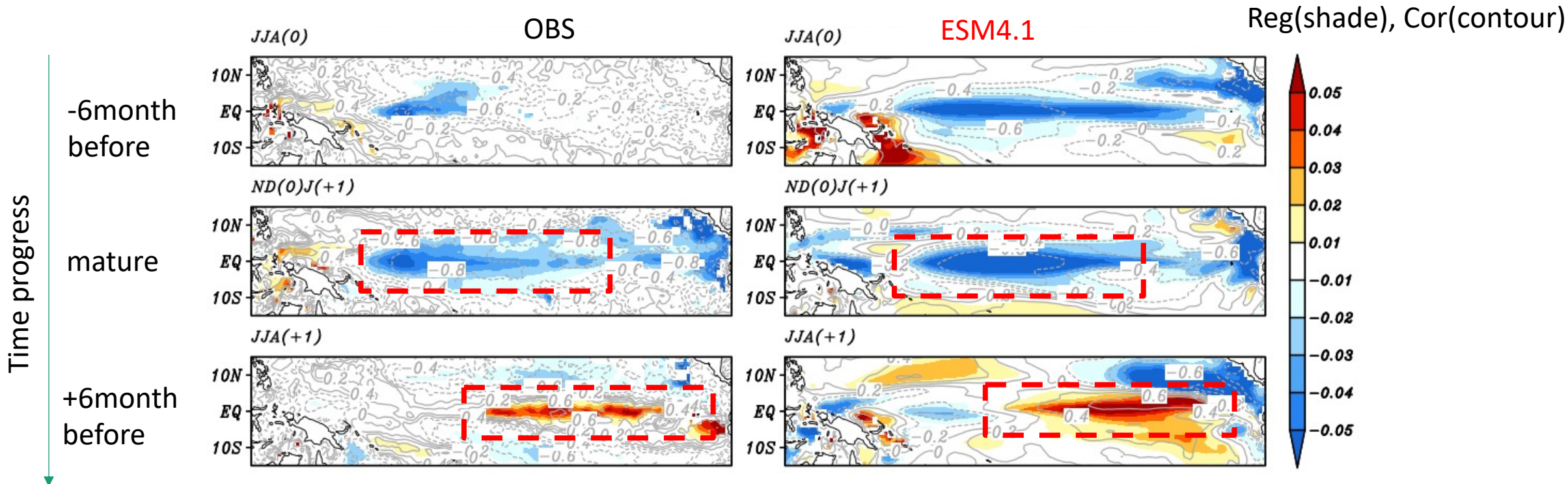




# Regression in chlorophyll against NINO3.4 index



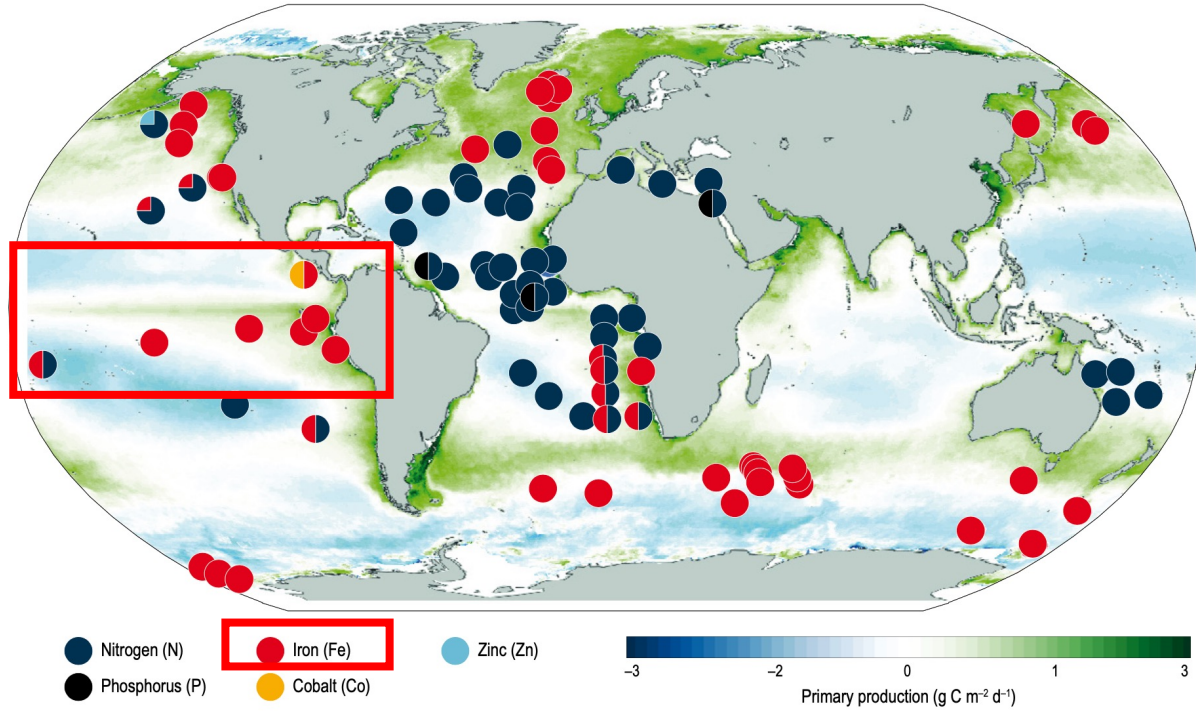
# Ocean dynamics “El Niño - Southern Oscillation”



➤ ESM4.1 captures better simulation in ENSO-CHL coupling than ESM2M

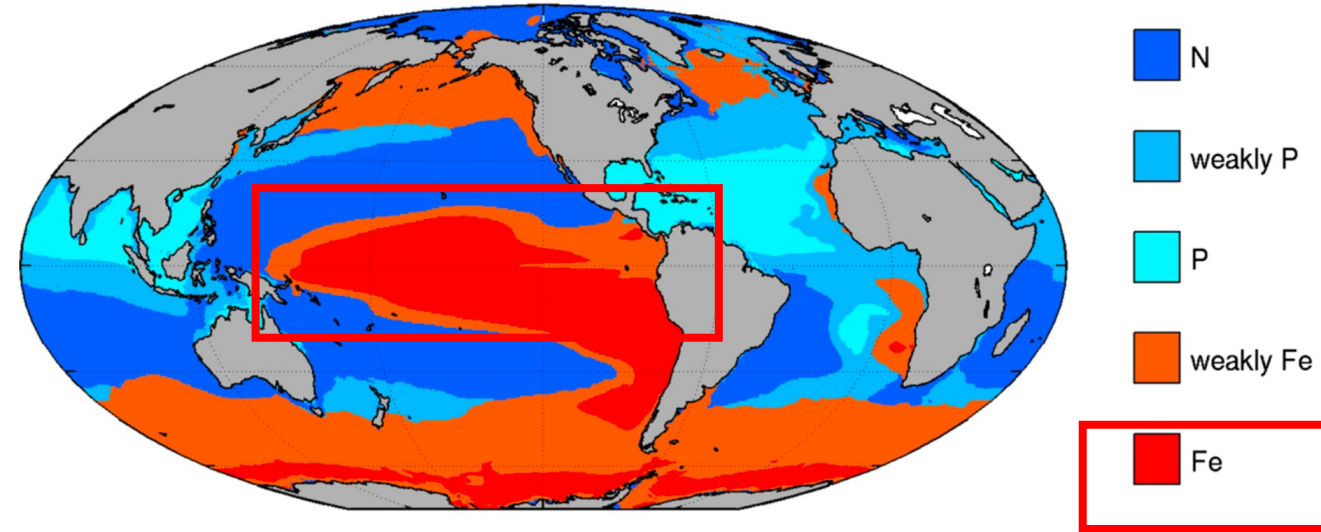
# Iron limitation in Tropical Pacific

## Observation



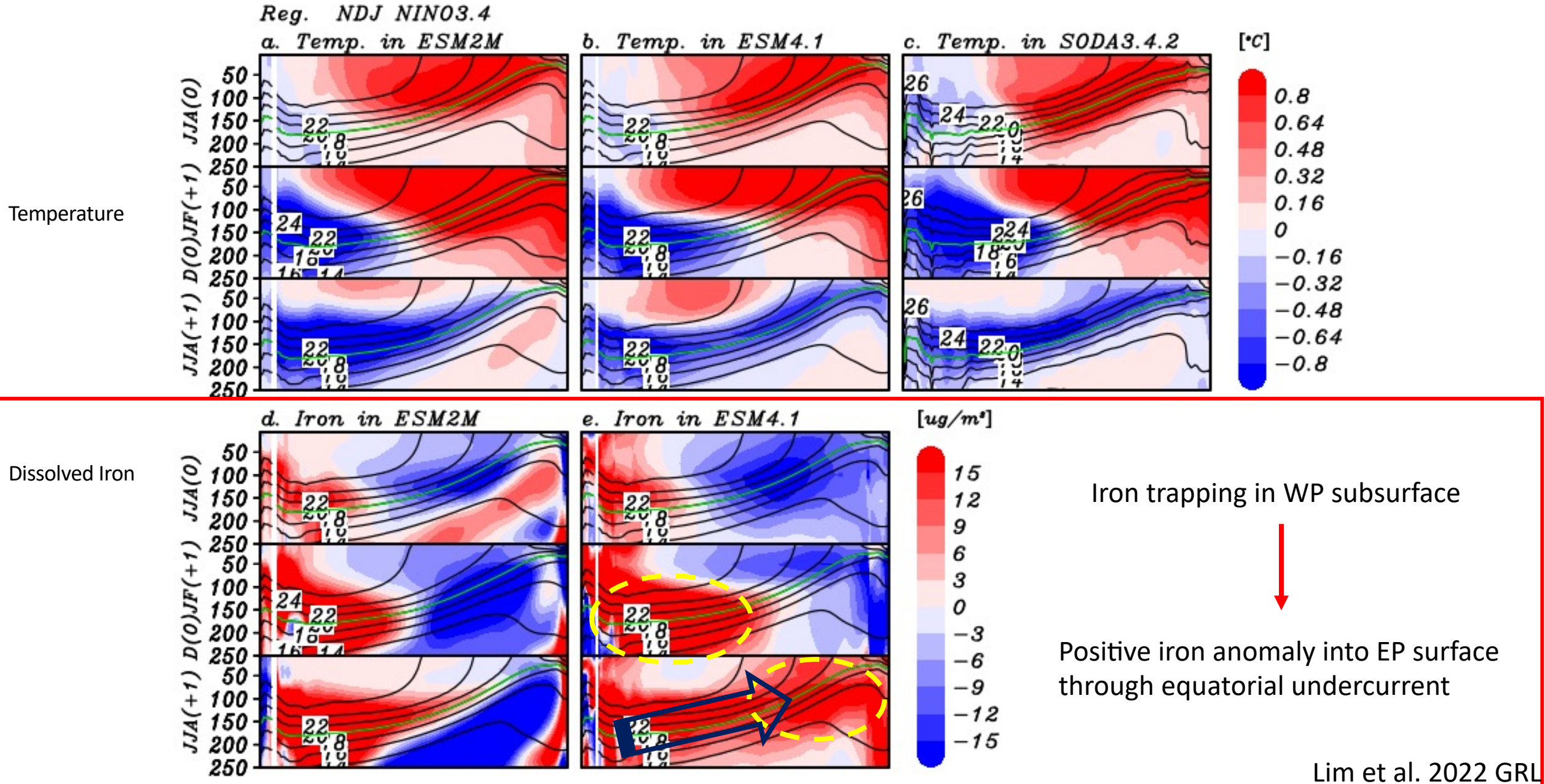
## GFDL-ESM4.1

### Phytoplankton Limiting Nutrient

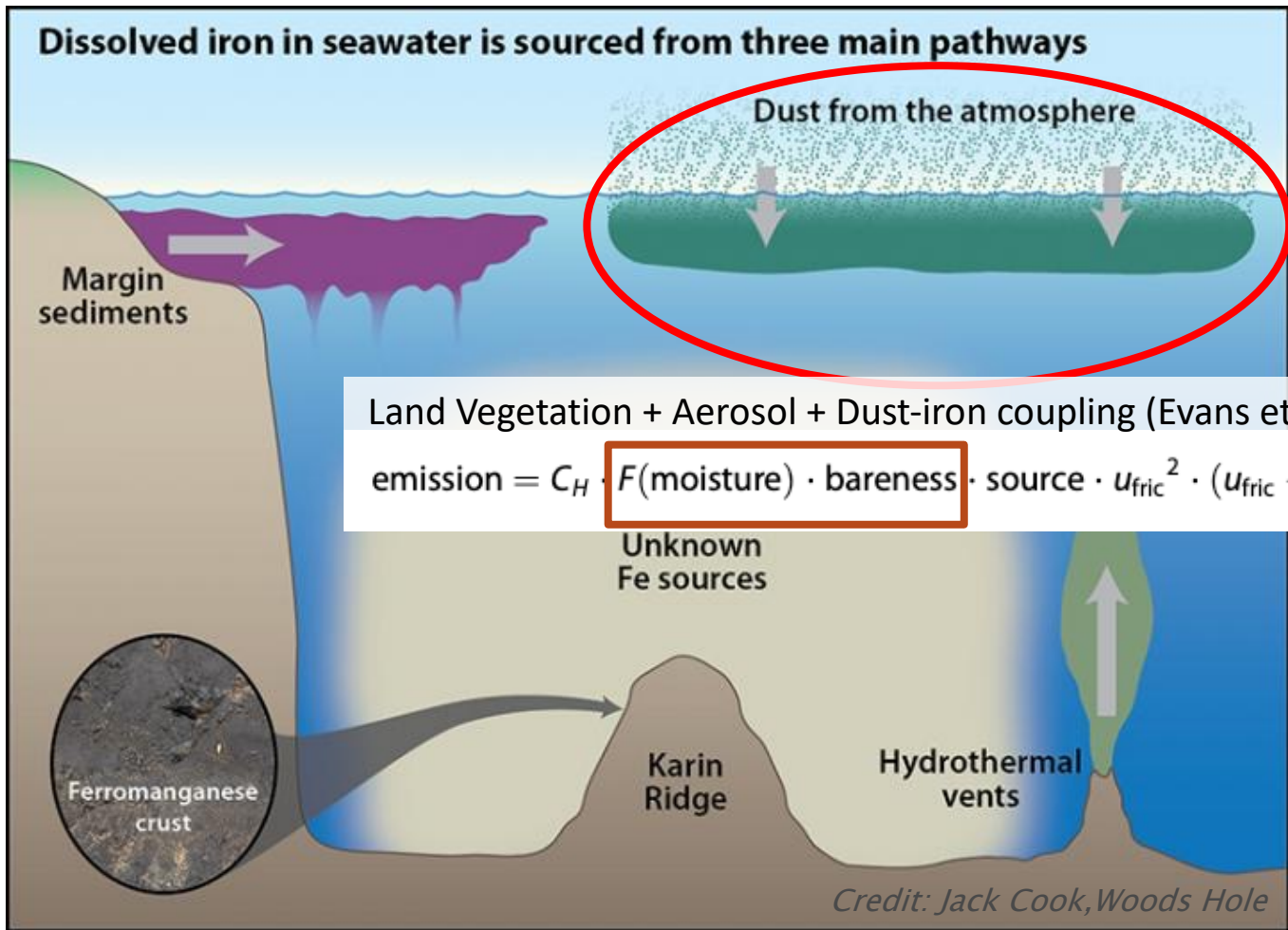


**Figure 5.11** | Map of the dominant limiting resource (Moore et al. 2013), updated to include new experiments from the north Pacific, tropical Atlantic and south east Atlantic (Browning et al. 2017; Shilova et al. 2017). The background is depth integrated primary productivity using the Vertically Generalized Production Model algorithm. Colouring of the circles indicates the primary limiting nutrients inferred from chlorophyll and/or primary productivity increases following artificial amendment of: N (blue), P (black), Fe (red), Co (yellow) and Zn (cyan). Divided circles indicate potentially co-limiting nutrients, for example, a red-blue divided circle indicates Fe-N co-limitation.

# “Nutrient transport of ocean current”



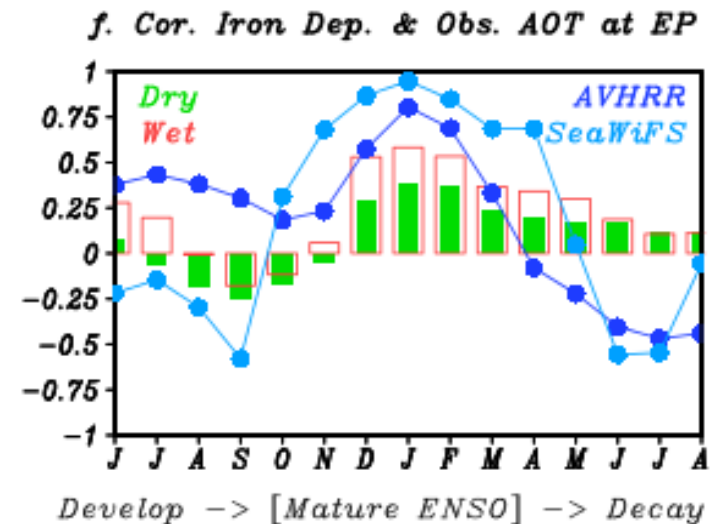
# Mineral dust: "New" iron source of ESM4.1



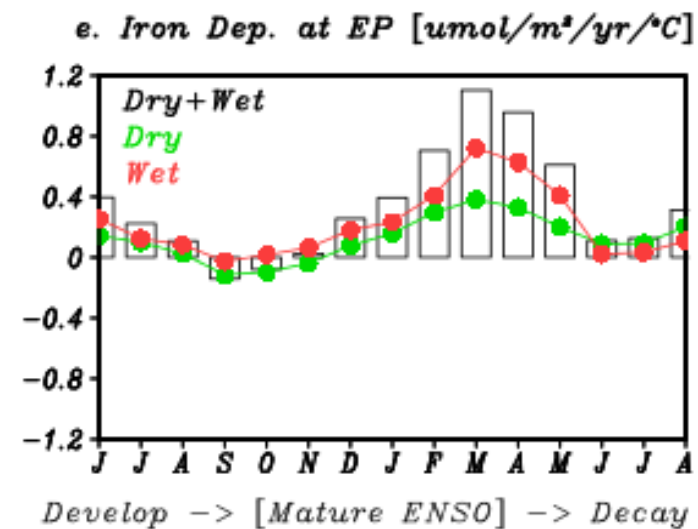
Land Vegetation + Aerosol + Dust-iron coupling (Evans et al 2016)

$$\text{emission} = C_H \cdot F(\text{moisture}) \cdot \text{bareness} \cdot \text{source} \cdot u_{\text{fric}}^2 \cdot (u_{\text{fric}} - u_{\text{thresh}})$$

## Aerosol Optical Depth



## ESM4.1 Iron deposition



# Regressed Precipitation, windstress and AOT in OBS

GPCP 2002-2018

AOT\_AVHRR 2002-2018

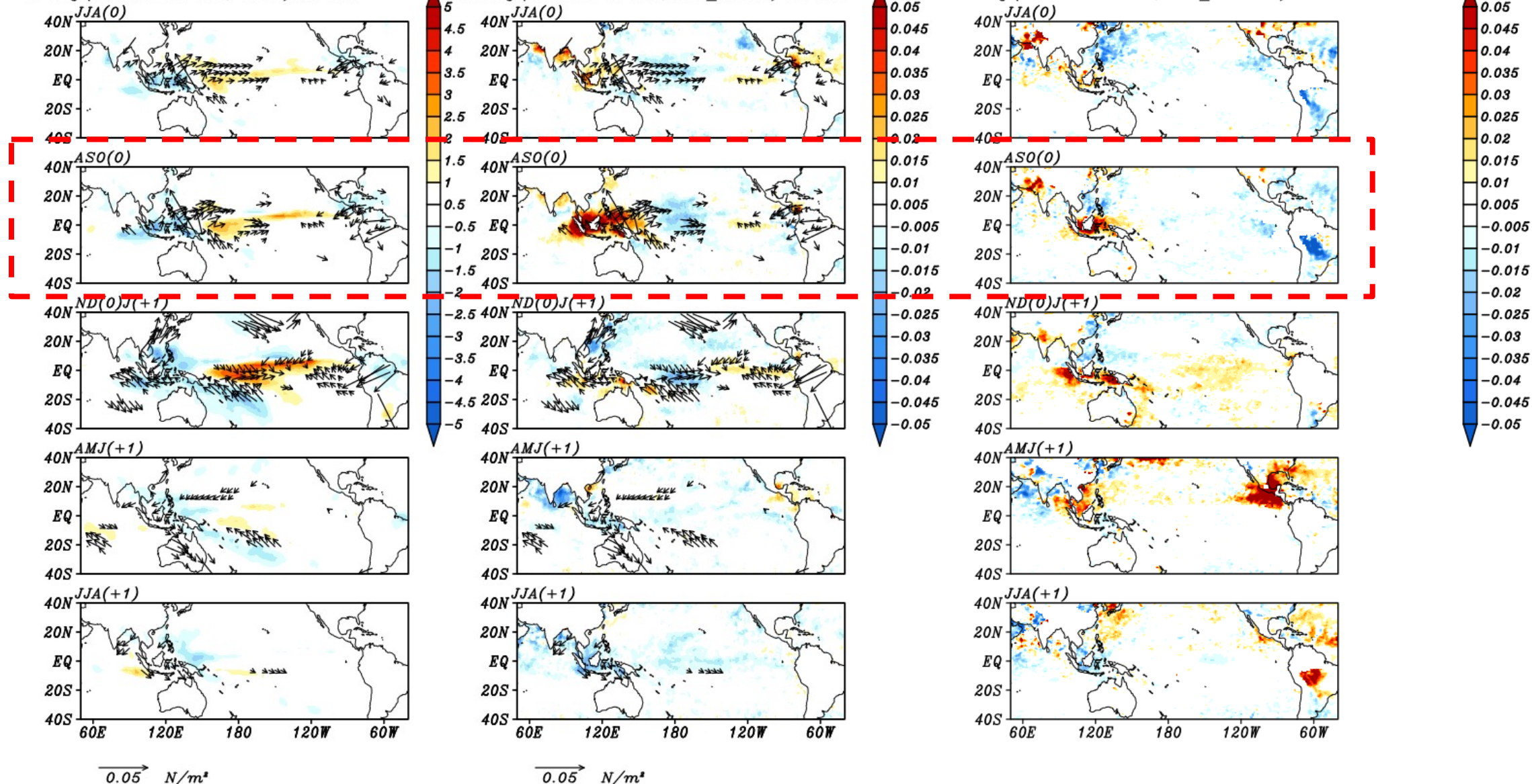
AOT\_SeaWiFS Sep1997-Dec2007

a. Reg.(NIN03.4 in NDJ, GPCP) in OBS

b. Reg.(NIN03.4 in NDJ, AOT\_AVHRR) in OBS

c. Reg.(NIN03.4 in NDJ, AOT\_SeaWiFS) in OBS

Time progress

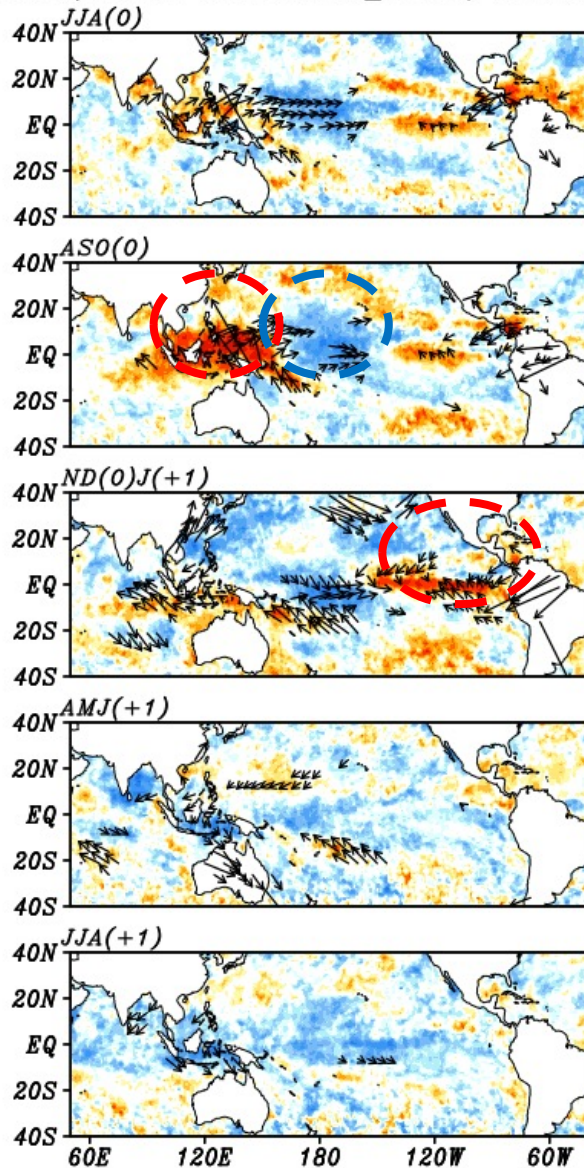


# ENSO-correlated AOT response

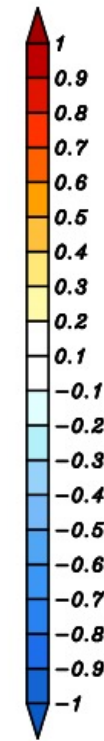
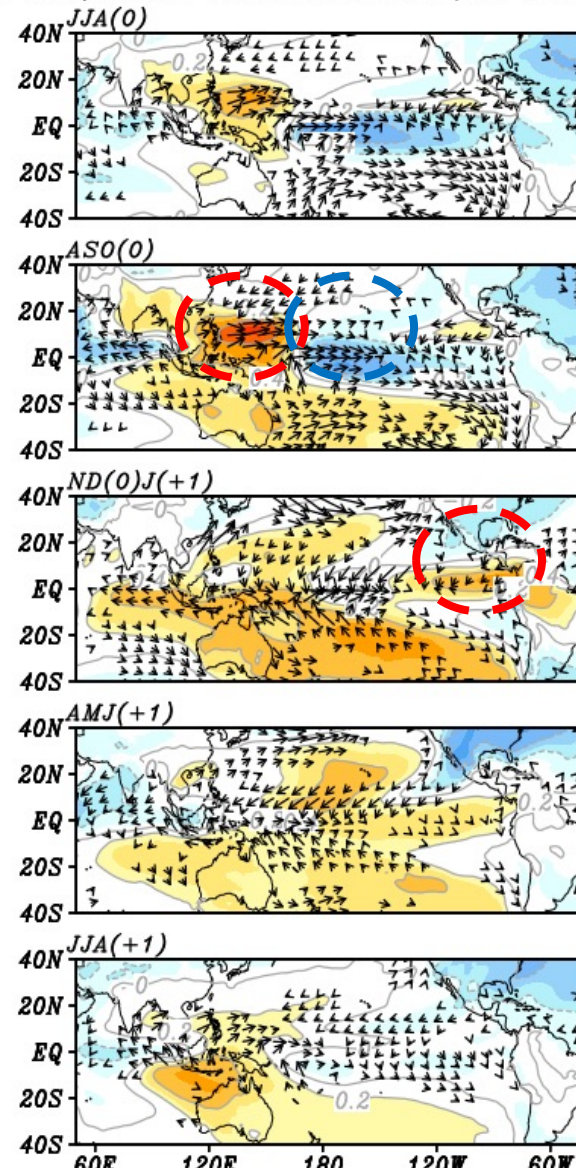
Time progress

OBS

b. Cor.(NIN03.4 in NDJ, AOT\_AVHRR) in OBS



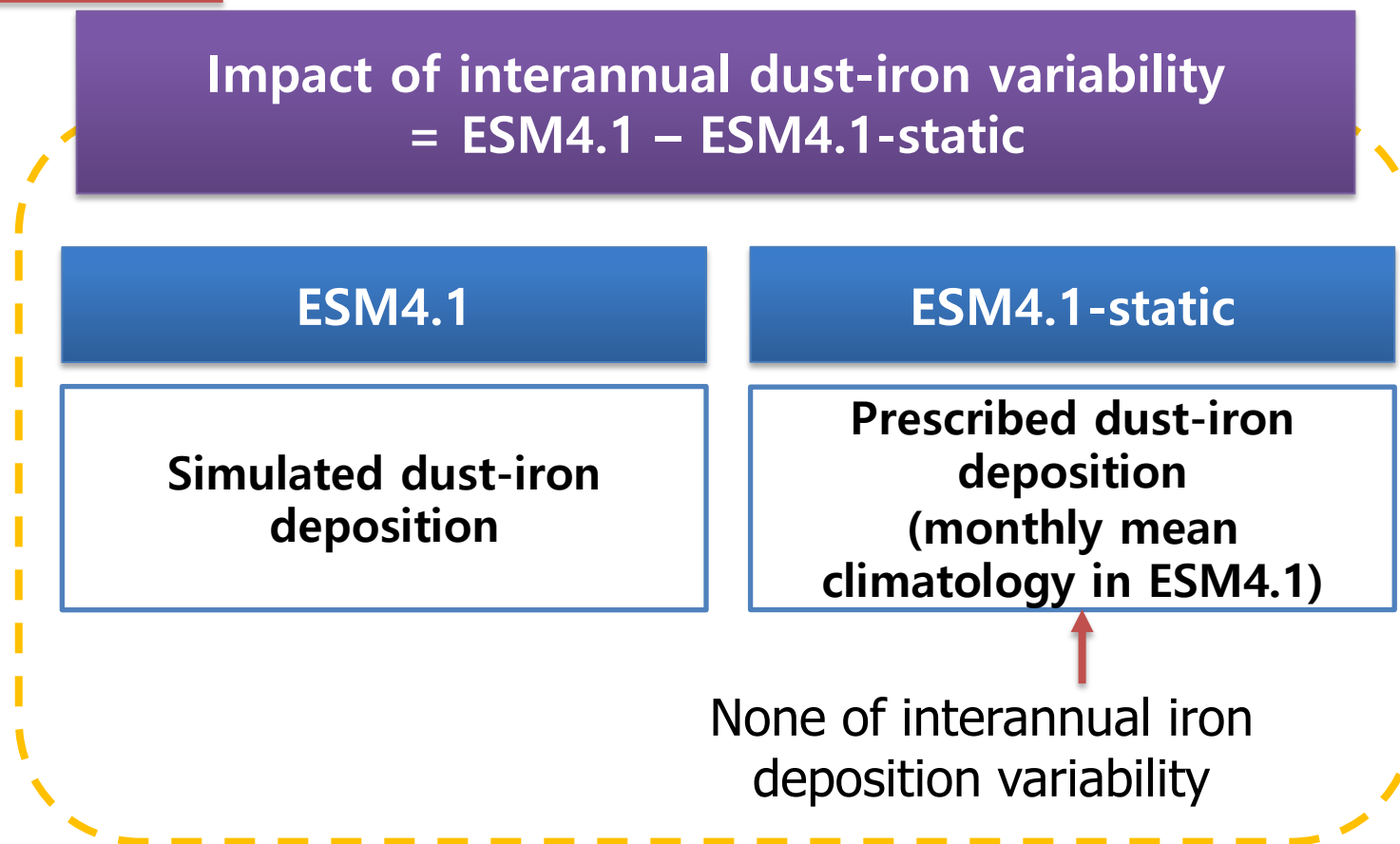
ESM4.1 a. Cor.(NIN03.4 in NDJ, od550dust) in ESM4.1



Vector: Windstress

od550dust: Ambient Aerosol Optical Thickness at 550 nm

## GFDL-ESM4.1



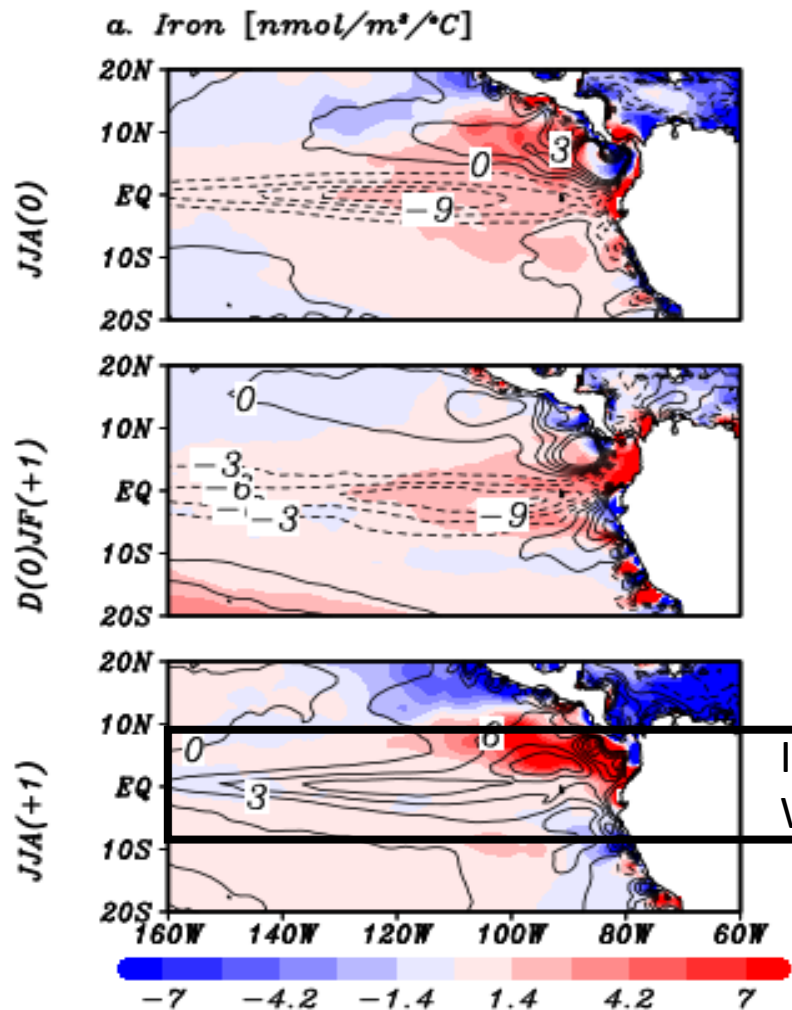
### \*Integration

- ESM4.1: 145-yr (501-645yrs) of CMIP6 picontrol
- ESM4.1-static : 145-yr runs (501-645yrs) from 499yr initial condition of ESM4.1



# Mineral dust coupling: Dynamic Dust effect in ESM4.1

Dynamic dust effect (ESM4.1 - ESM4.1-static)

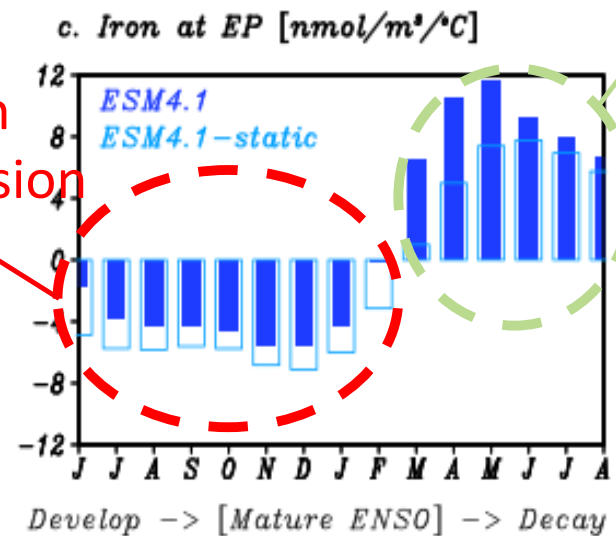


Iron rebound  
Without dust

El Niño -> Dry Land -> high dust emission

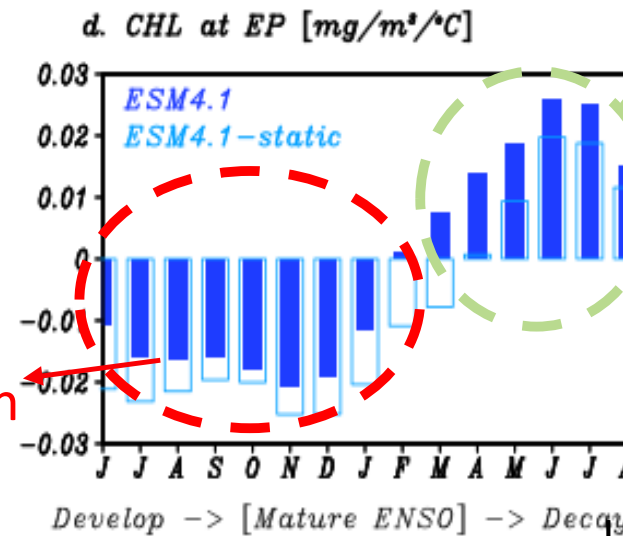
Less Iron  
suppression

more Iron

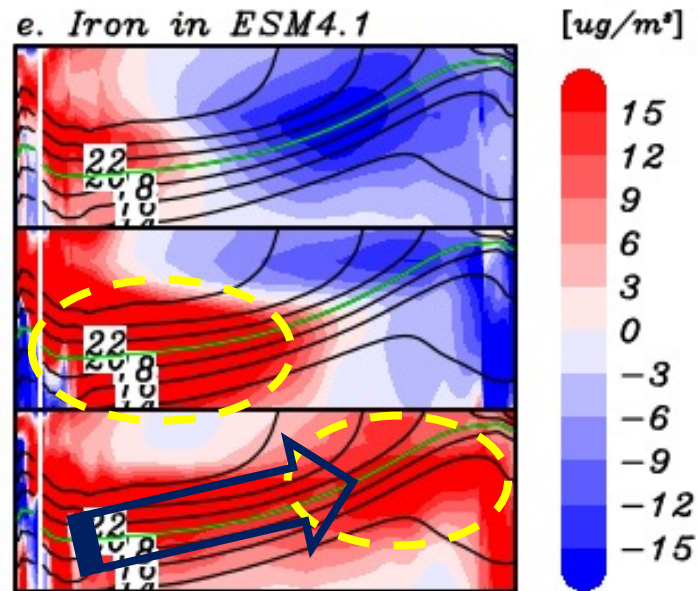
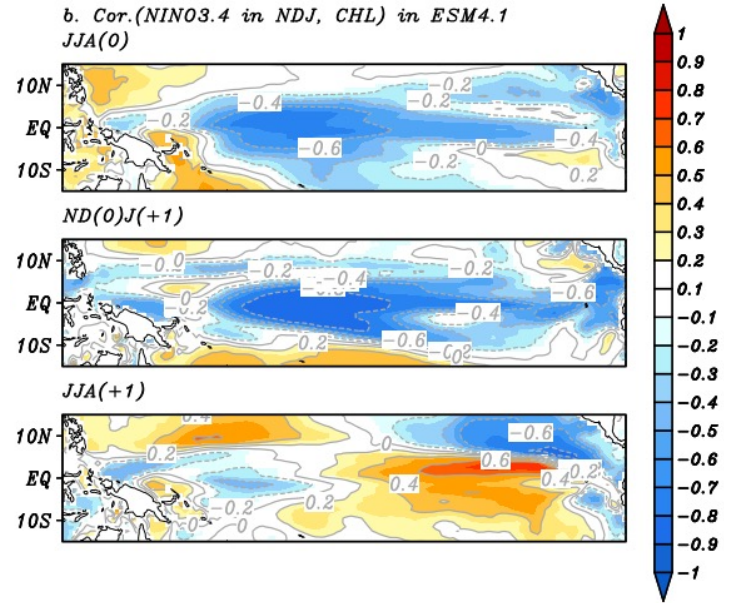
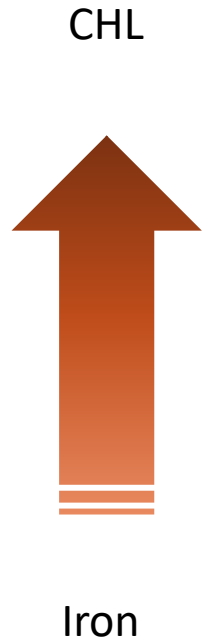


Less CHL  
suppression

more Bloom



# Summary II



## Better capturing ENSO-CHL patterns in ESM4.1

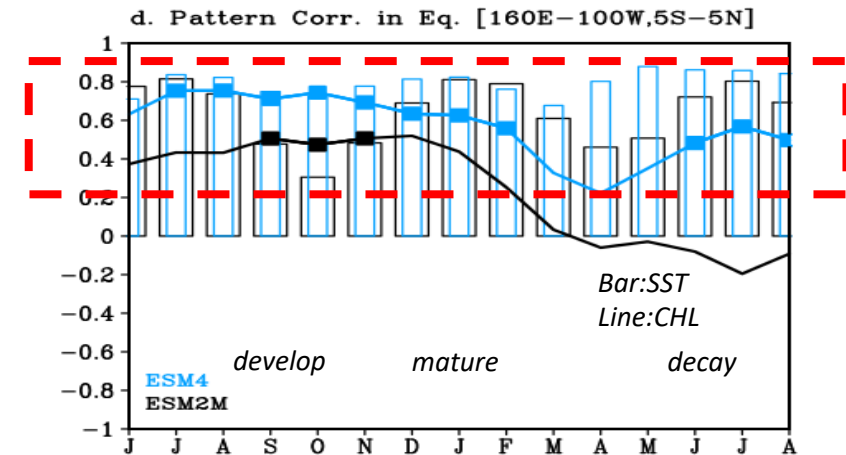
- Negative CHL in WP in mature ENSO
- Positive CHL in EP in decaying ENSO
- WP iron anomalies propagates EP through equatorial undercurrent
- ENSO-related Iron deposition enhances CHL variability

## Challenging points

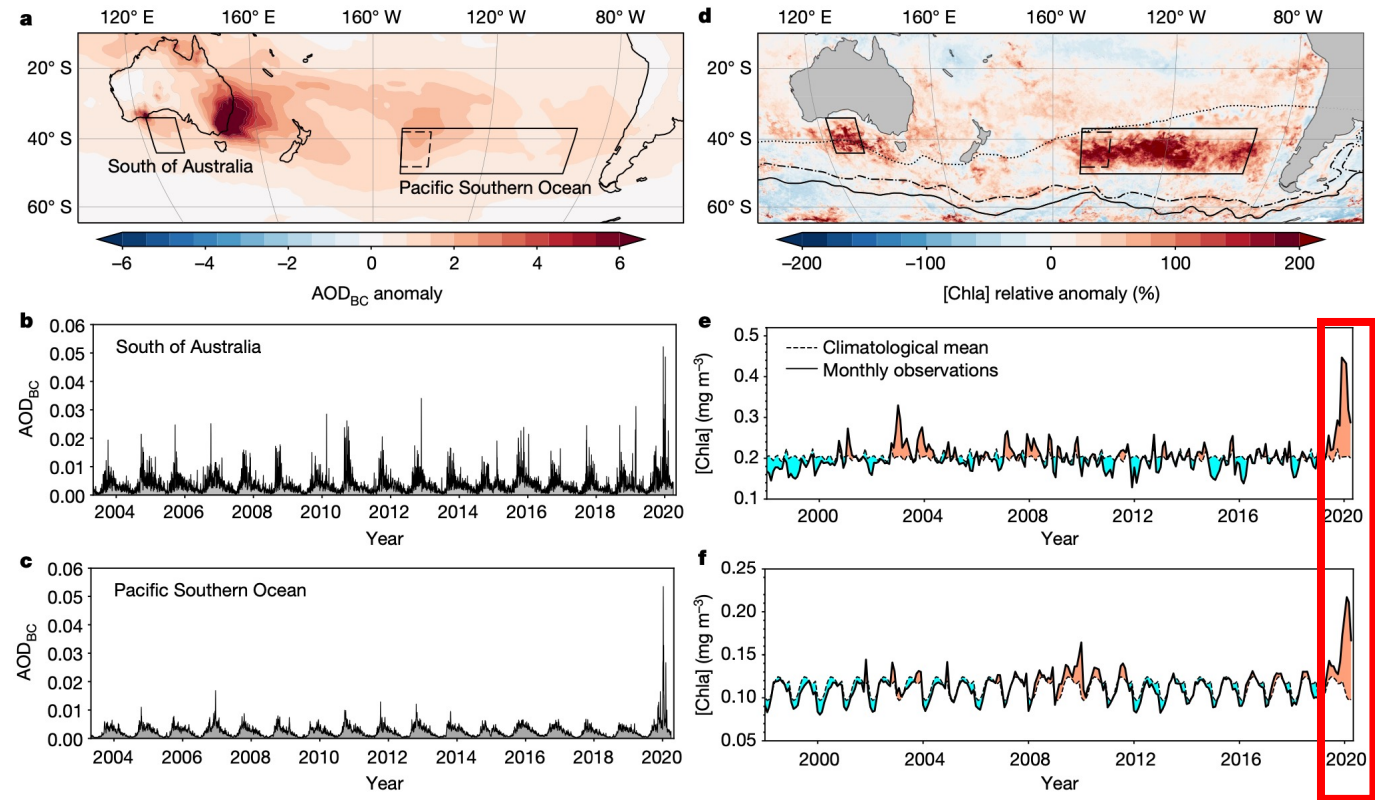
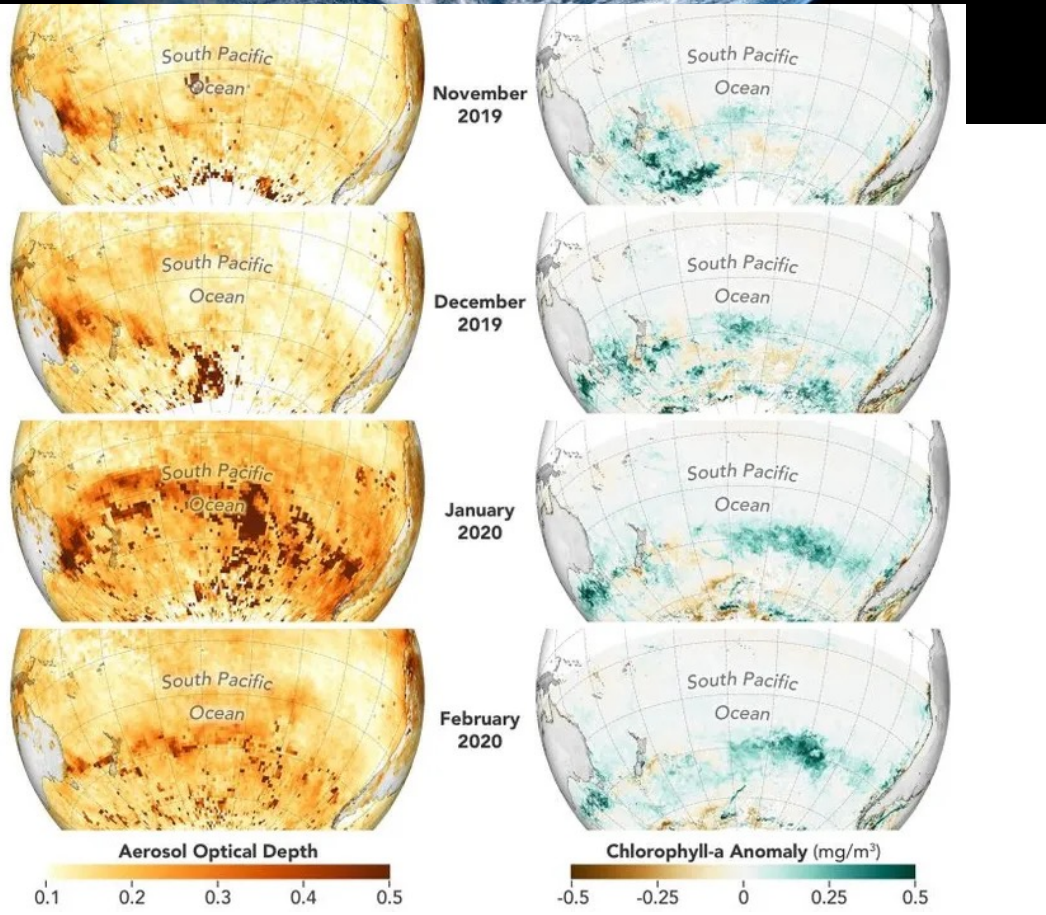
- Spring barrier
- Fire activity

## Future work

- ENSO-CHL diversity
- Asymmetric ENSO related CHL, pCO<sub>2</sub> rectification on mean fields
- Other climate modes related CHL responses



# Wildfire-mineral dust coupling: Australia fire -> Blooms in Southern Ocean



**Fig. 1 | Maps of black carbon AOD and [Chla] anomalies and their historical records.** **a**, Cumulative black carbon AOD ( $AOD_{BC}$ ) anomaly for the 2019–2020 austral summer. **b**, Daily time-series of black carbon AOD for waters south of Australia (solid black box in panels **a** and **d**). **c**, Daily time-series of black carbon AOD in the Pacific Southern Ocean (solid black box in panels **a** and **d**). **d**, [Chla] relative anomaly for the 2019–2020 austral summer. The dashed box within the ‘Pacific Southern Ocean’ box is used to show temporal variations of black carbon AOD and [Chla] time-series during the 2019–2020 Australian wildfires

in Fig. 2. **e**, Monthly time-series of [Chla] in waters south of Australia (solid black line). Monthly climatological values are shown with a dotted black line. Red and cyan areas denote monthly data higher or lower than climatological values, respectively. **f**, Monthly time-series of [Chla] in the Pacific subantarctic Southern Ocean (south of the Subtropical Front). Dotted, dot-dashed and solid black lines in **d** represent the climatological positions of the Subtropical Front, Subantarctic Front and Polar Front, respectively<sup>48</sup>.

# Nitrogen loaded by River runoff & Nitrogen depositions in the Arctic Ocean

## Human-induced N fertilization in Arctic Ocean

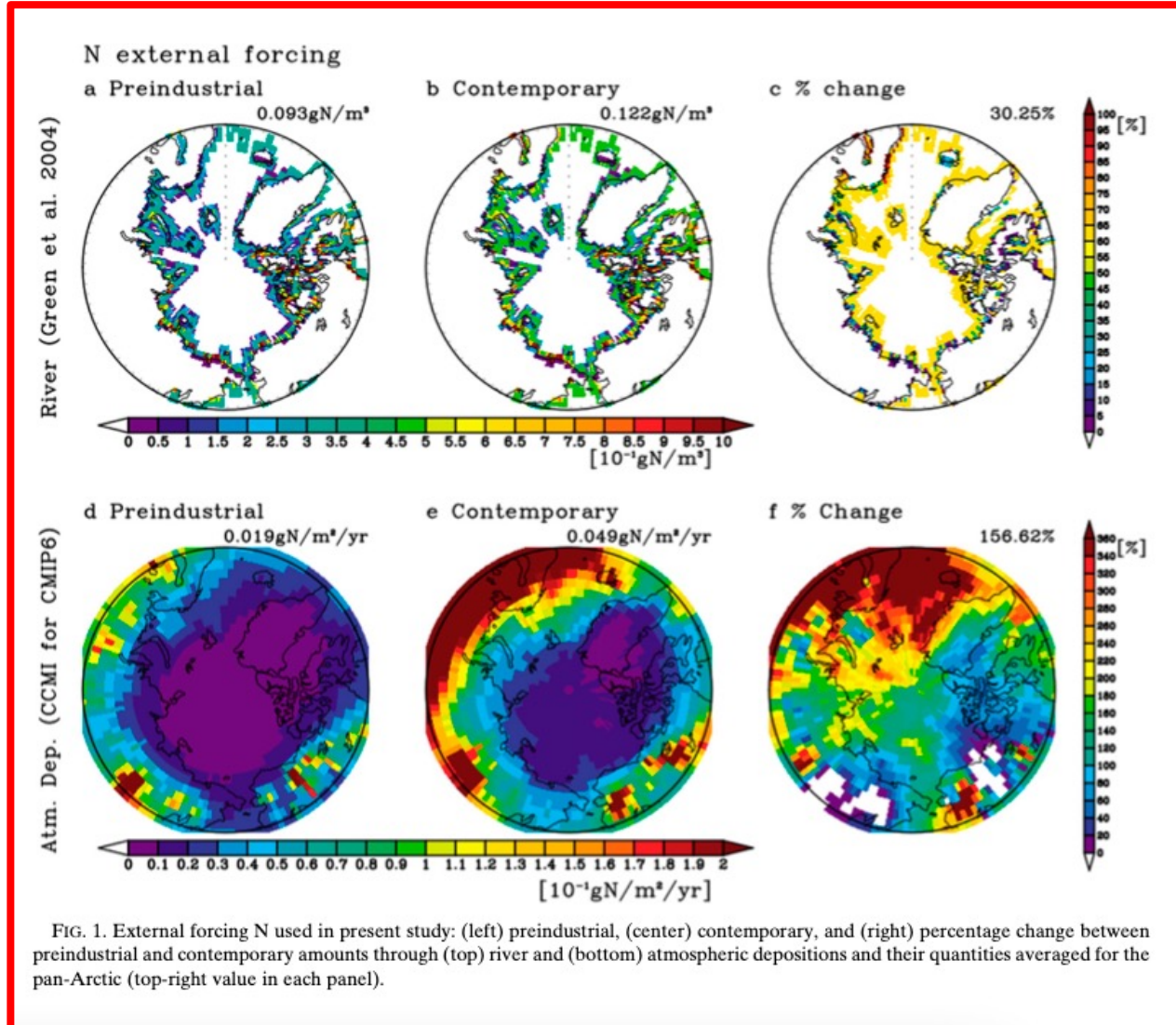
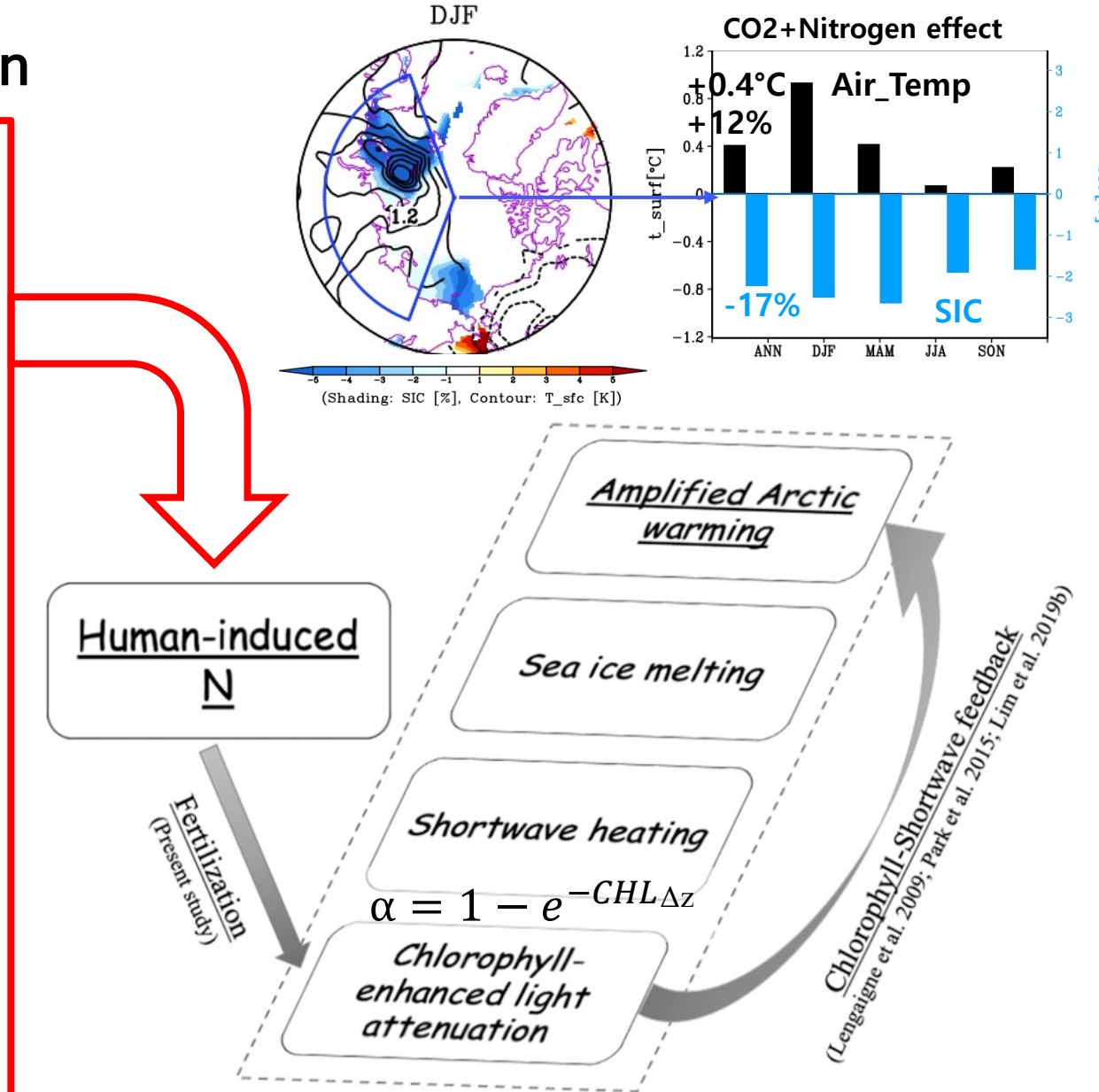


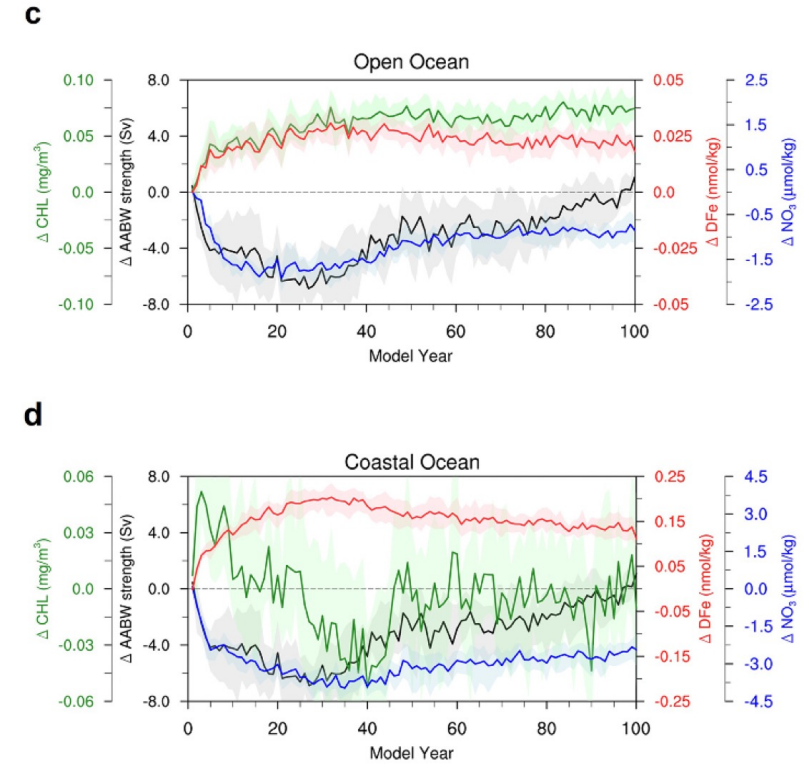
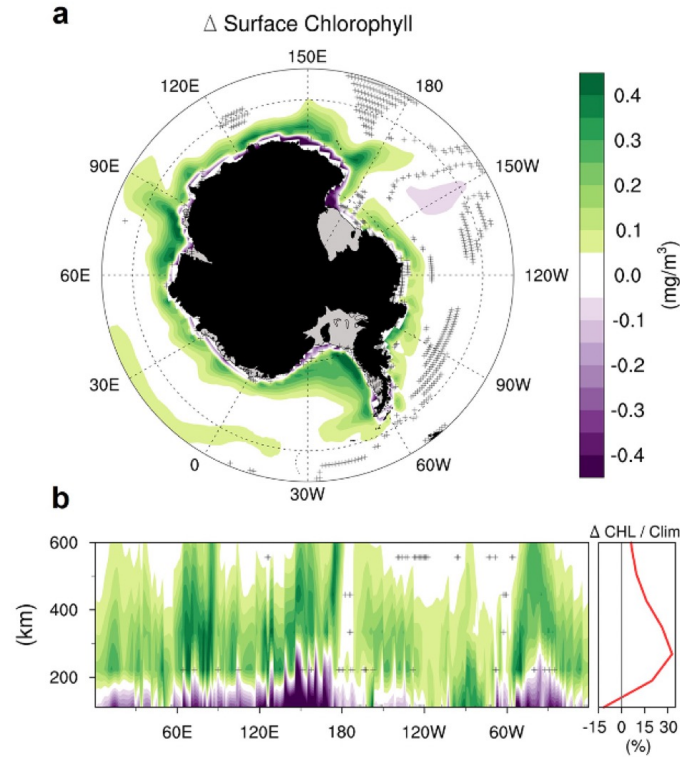
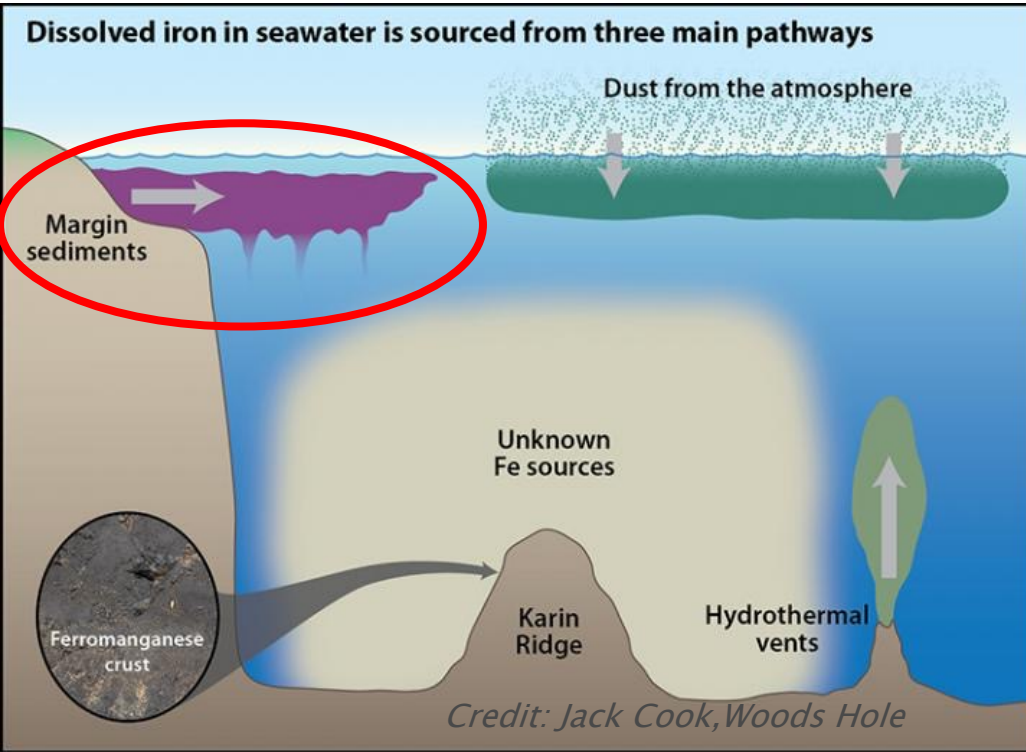
FIG. 1. External forcing N used in present study: (left) preindustrial, (center) contemporary, and (right) percentage change between preindustrial and contemporary amounts through (top) river and (bottom) atmospheric depositions and their quantities averaged for the pan-Arctic (top-right value in each panel).



" Arctic warming amplified by Human-induced N "

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# Iron export from terrestrial sediment

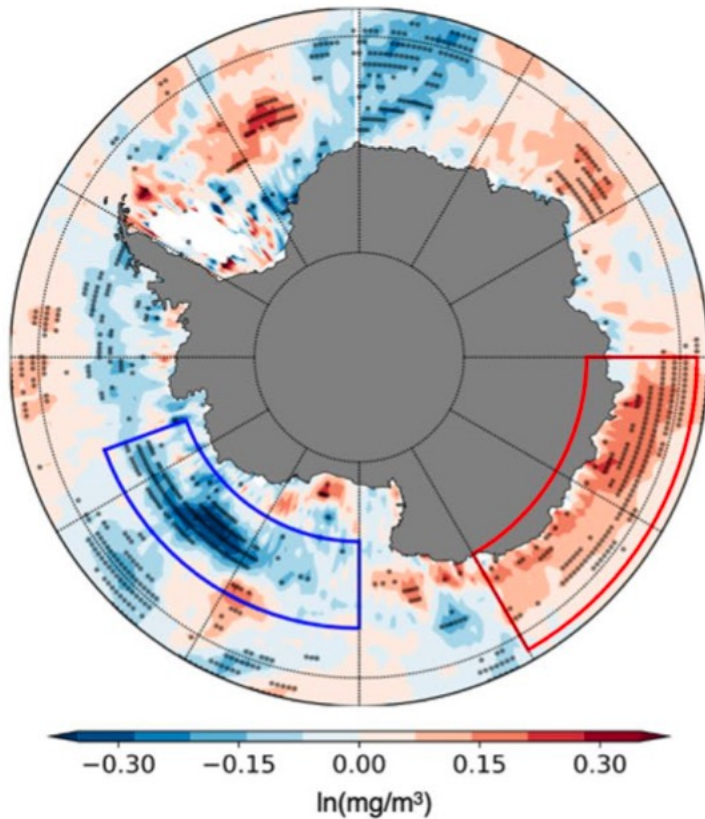


Meltwater driven stratification -> less upwelling of subsurface nitrate

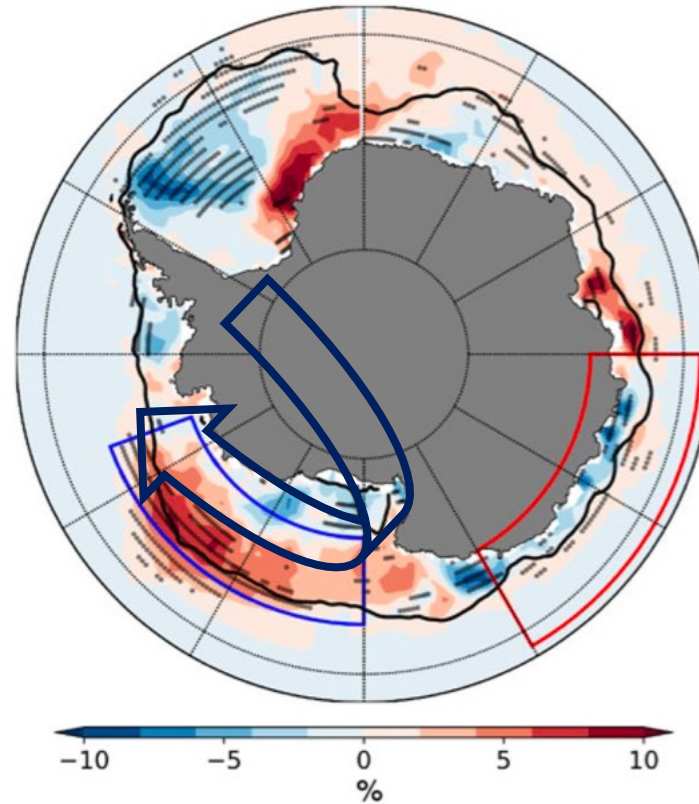
Increased river runoff -> more terrestrial sediment iron source in Antarctic coastal environment

# Atmospheric circulation driven ice and chlorophyll variabilities

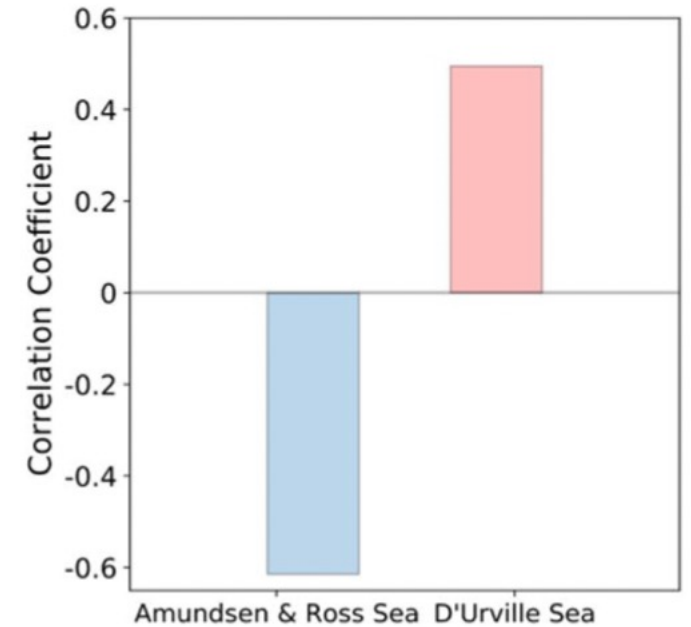
(b) Regression (SAM, CHL)



Regression (SIC, SAM)



(c) Local Correlation (SAM, CHL)



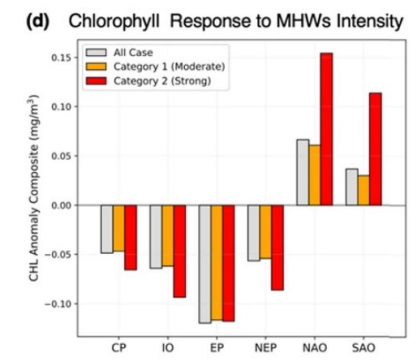
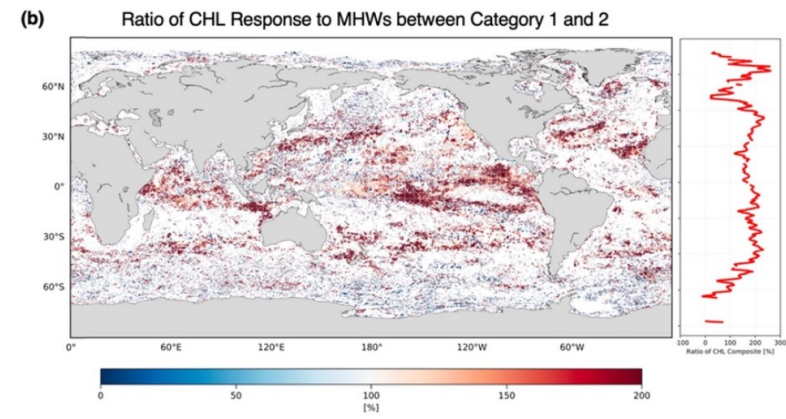
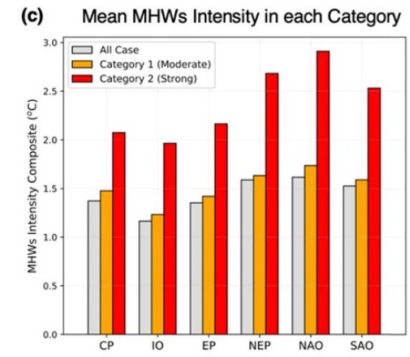
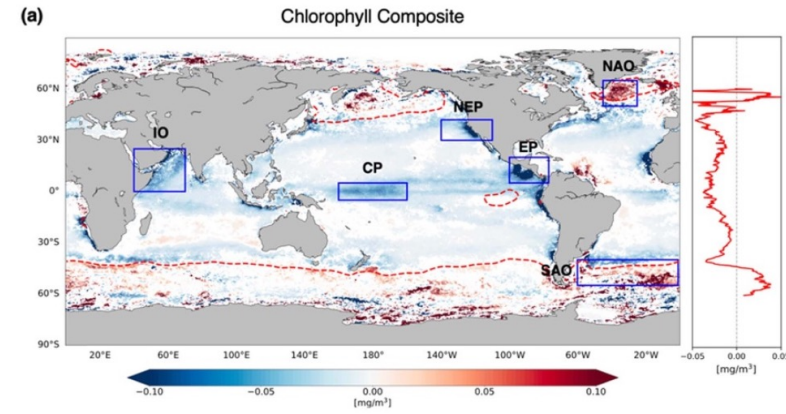
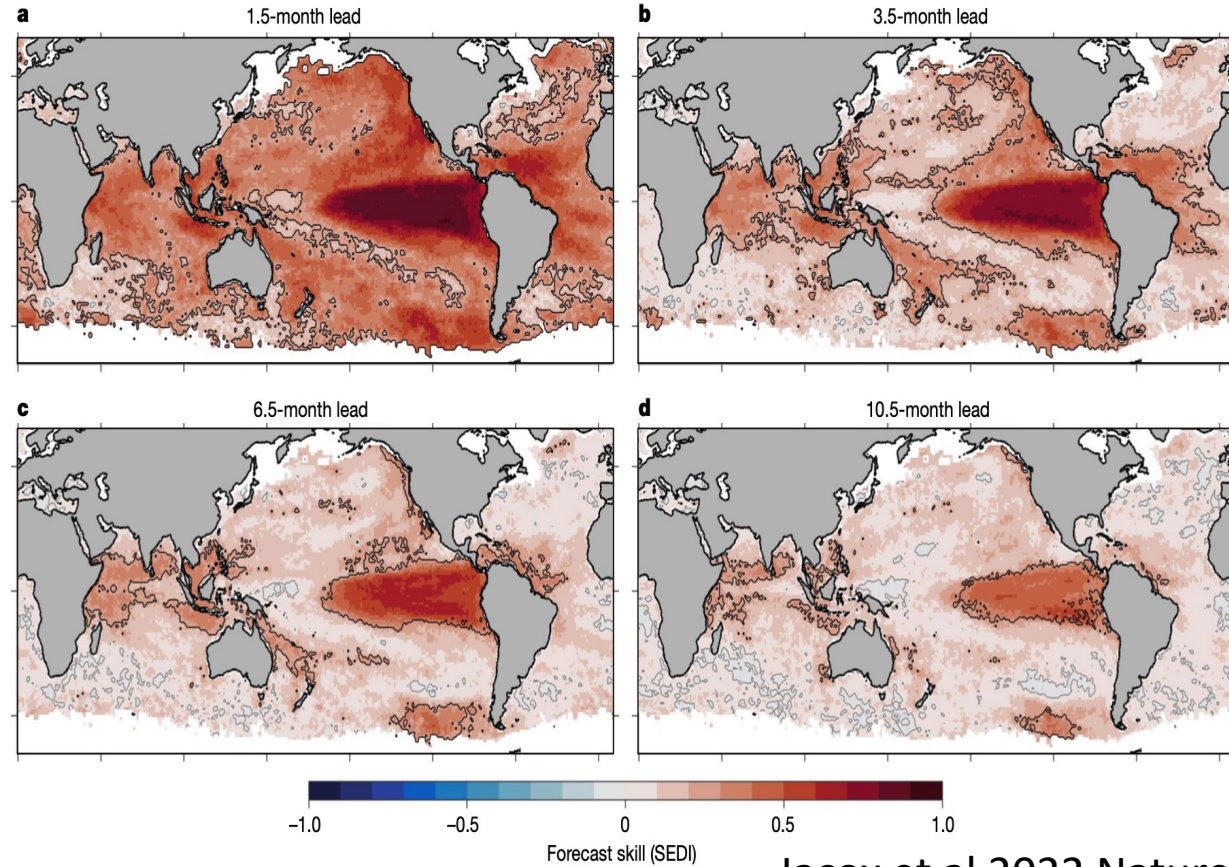
western Amundsen–Ross Sea low pressure -> Sea ice export -> light reflection

# Prediction of Marine heatwave driven ecosystem vulnerability

## Successful Prediction of Marine Heatwaves



## MHWs-Satellite Ocean color extremes



Noh et al 2022 ERL

\*Forecasting system for marine heatwaves-driven ecosystem extremes to provide fisheries managements

Comprehensive coupling processes “**physical ocean circulation – Biogeochemistry – Land – Atmosphere**” should be considered in the Earth System Model.

- **Current Climate Extreme:** Physical and Biogeochemical dynamics
  - **Changing Climate:** Aerosol, dust, meltwater, sediment, ocean current transport of nutrient
- **Increasing chances of predictability** in the model to support decision making for policy makers for long term **marine ecosystem resilience** and **fisheries managements**

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