

# A 140-year long historical water isotope simulation with the 20<sup>th</sup> century reanalysis and its comparison with climate proxy data

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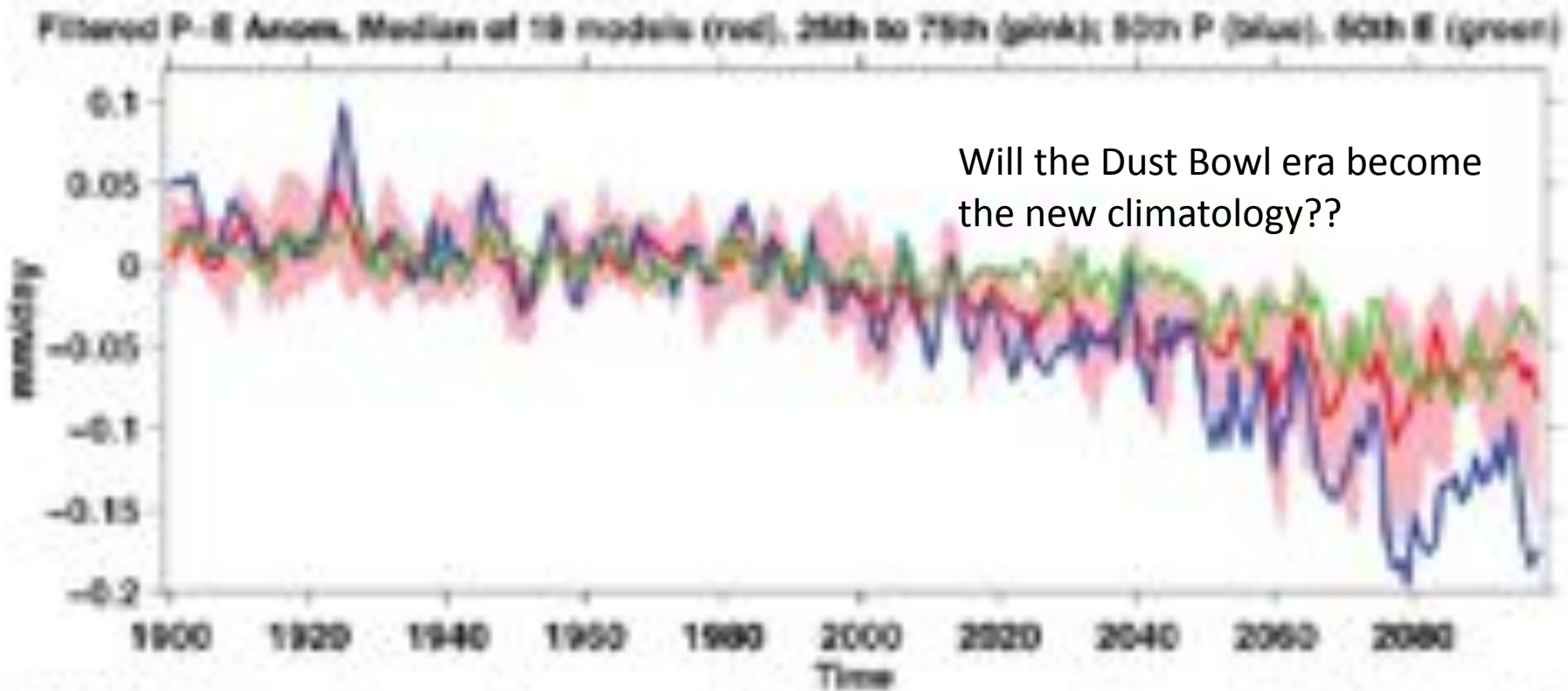
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preliminary work

# Model Projections of an Imminent Transition to a More Arid Climate in Southwestern North America

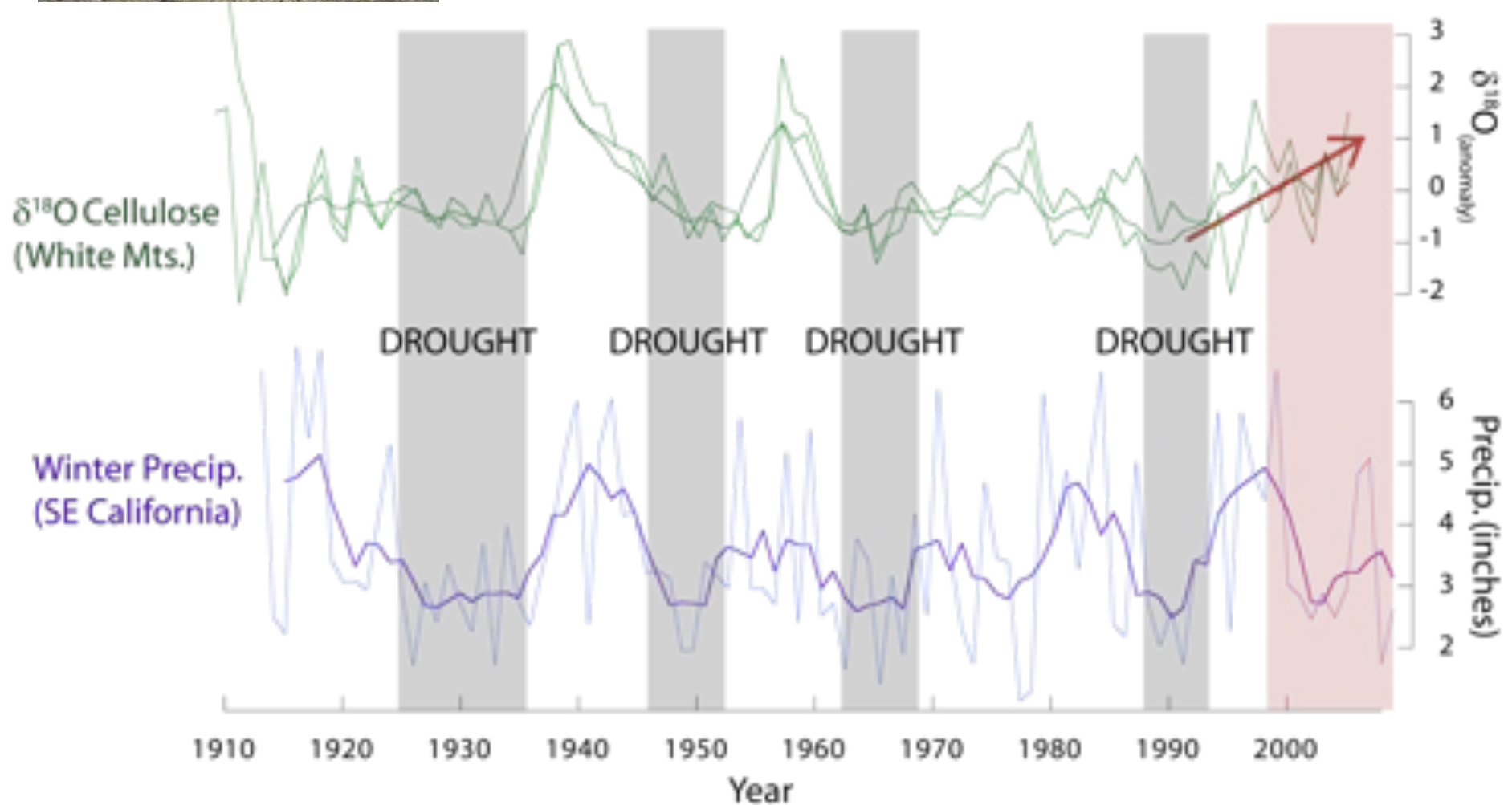
Seager et al., 2007



Bristlecone pine tree at SE CA



$\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in cellulose seems good indicator for historical drought events, but **not for the current drought.**



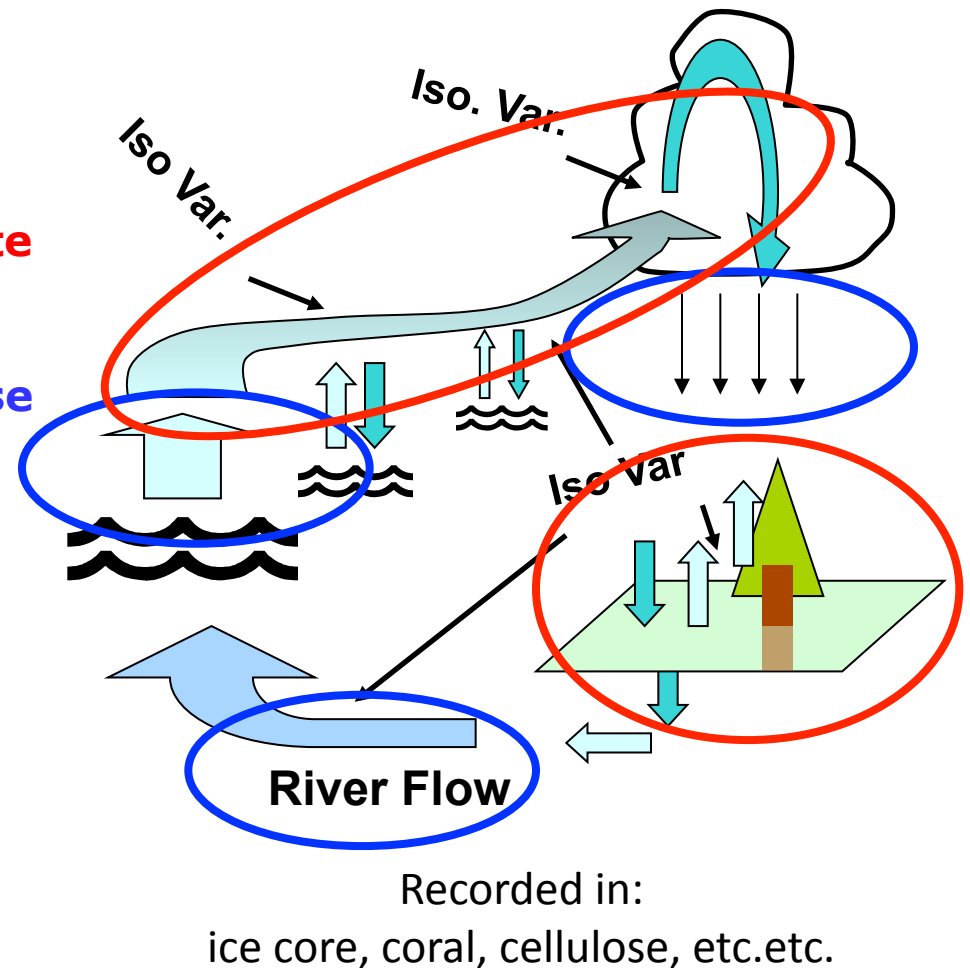
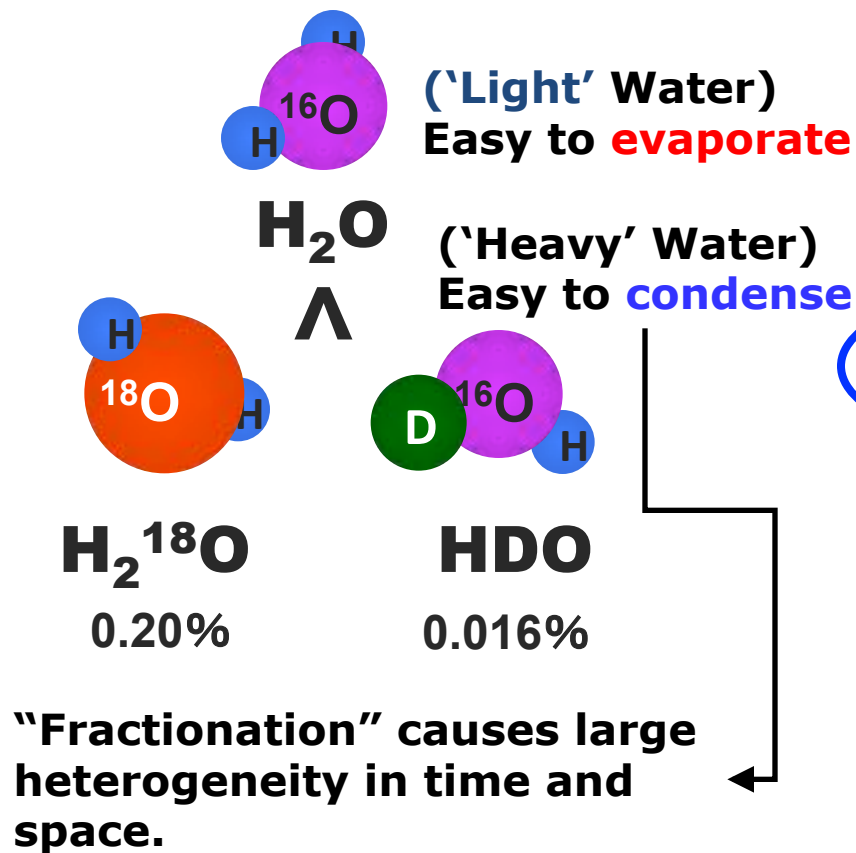
Berkelhammer et al., 2009; Stott and Yoshimura, in prep

# Motivation

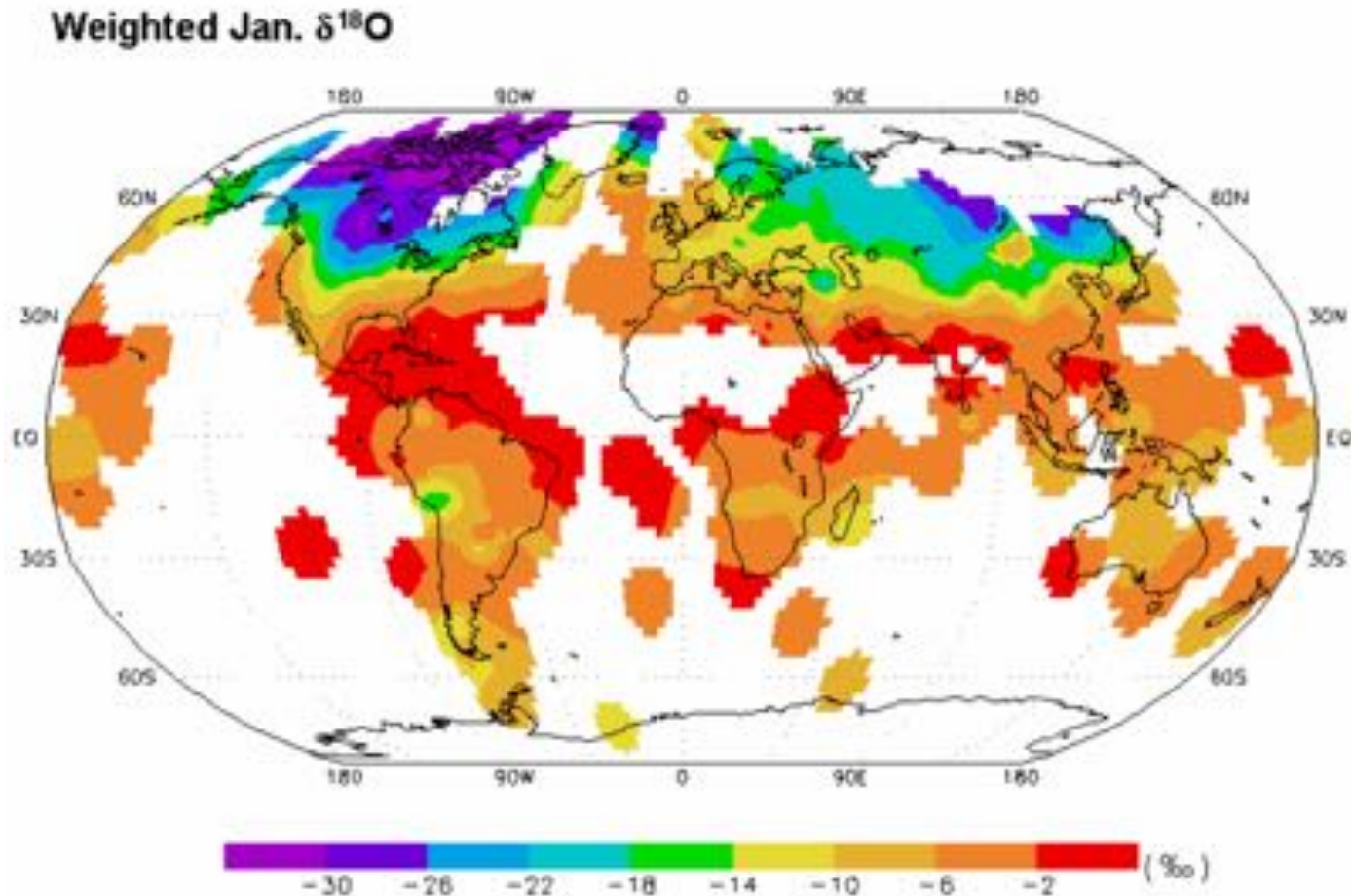
- Specific:  
Is the current SW-US drought attributable to the global warming? Is the isotopic data able to tell the uniqueness of this event?
- General:  
How accurate are isotopic proxies to reconstruct the recent climate? Is there any change in the relationships?

# Stable Water Isotopes and Hydrologic Cycle

- SWI have integrated records of phase changes during its transport.



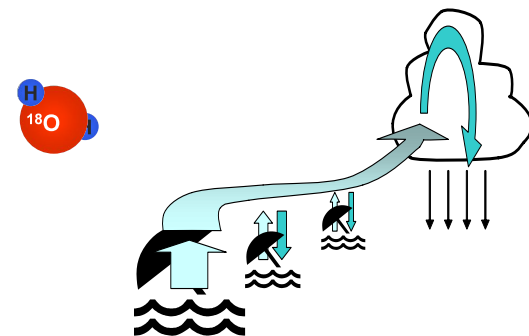
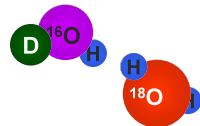
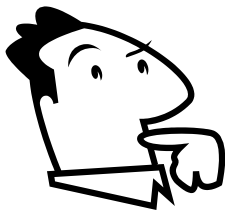
# GNIP Observation (1960s-, WMO/IAEA)



- Found good correlation between precipitation isotopes and surface temperature at mid-high latitude and precipitation amount at low latitude (Dansgaard, 1964). → Justification for Paleoclimate reconstruction

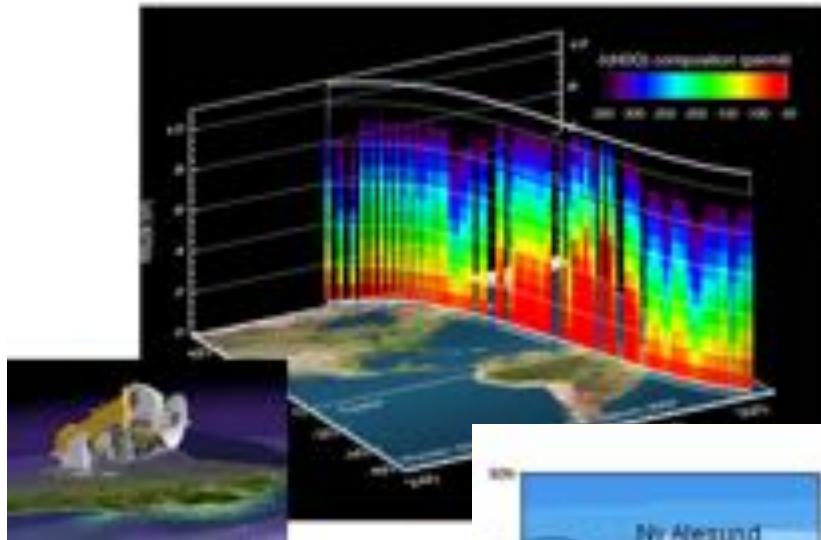
# Isotopes are useful...

- To **interpret** past and current climate information from ice cores, corals, stalagmite, etc., in various spatial/temporal scales.
- To **detect** an erroneous hydrologic process in the model and/or **evaluate** the model / reanalyses in an integrated manner.

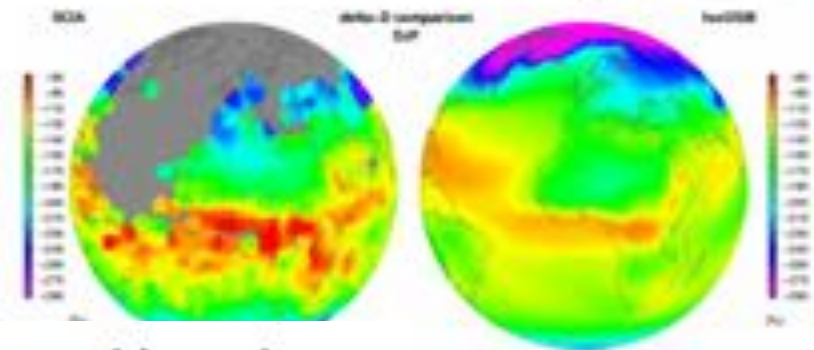
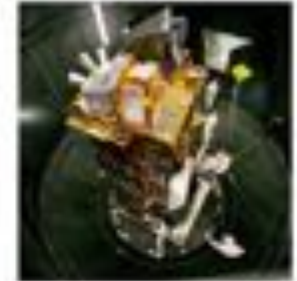


# Isotope studies are *hot* these days due to new remote sensing technology

TES/Aura: mid troposphere vapor HDO  
(Worden et al., 2007, Nature)



SCIAMACHY/Envisat:  
surface vapor HDO  
(Frankenberg et al., 2009, Science)



Ground-based  
FTS observations

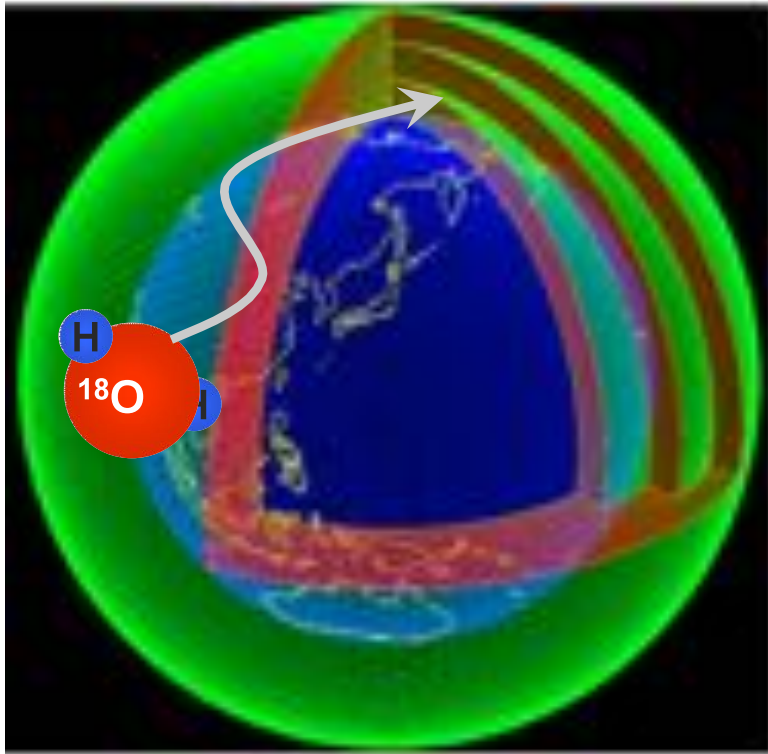


Potential for direct data assimilation for isotopes!!  
→ different ongoing study



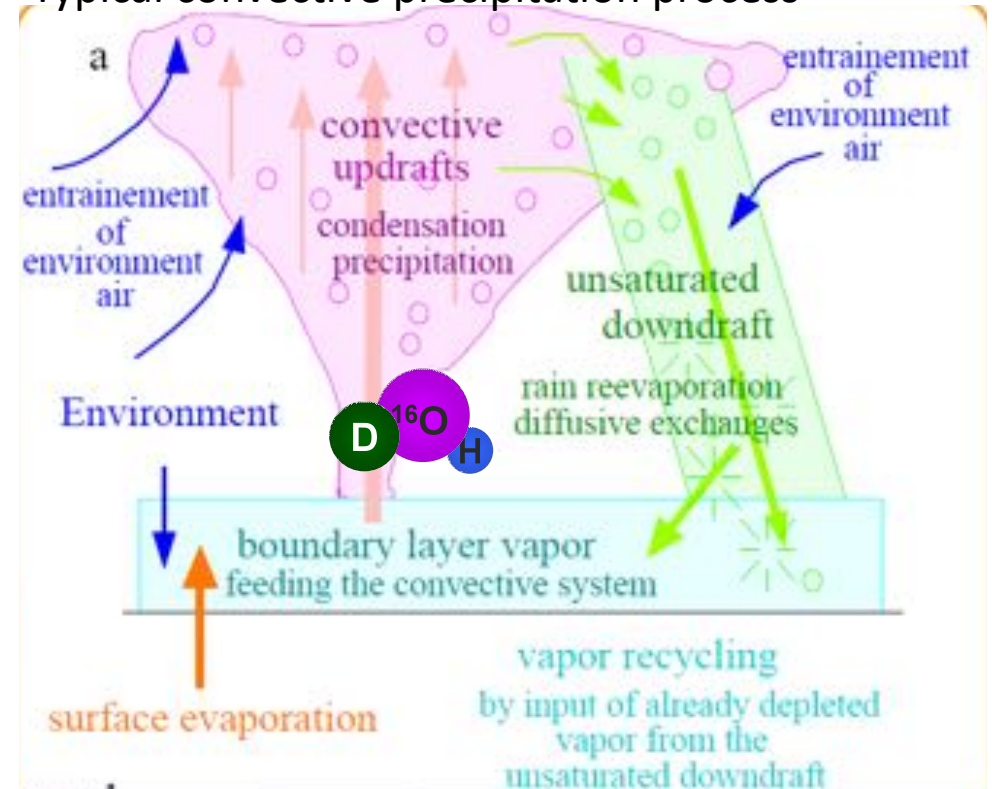


# Isotopes in GCM/RCM



Courtesy of JMA

Typical convective precipitation process



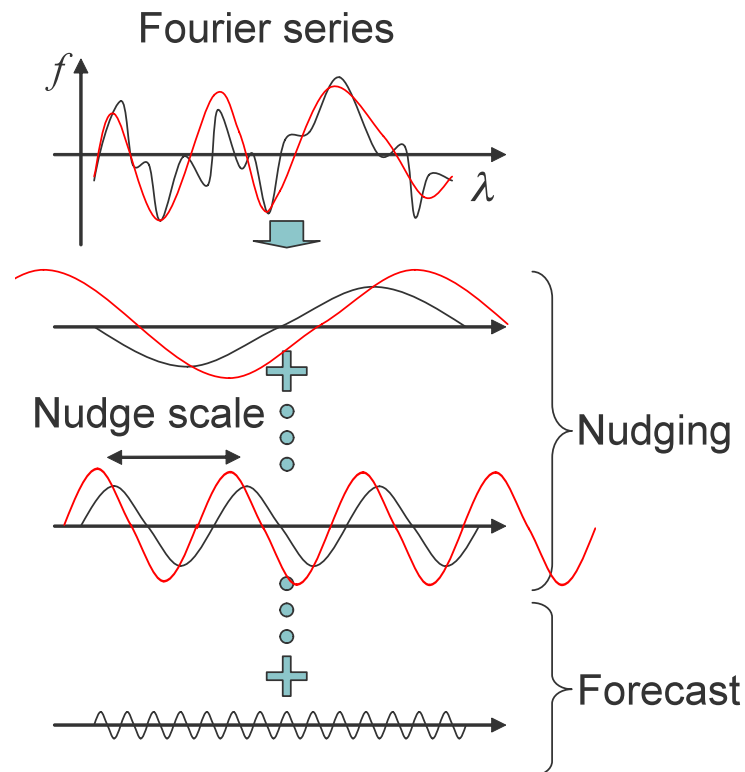
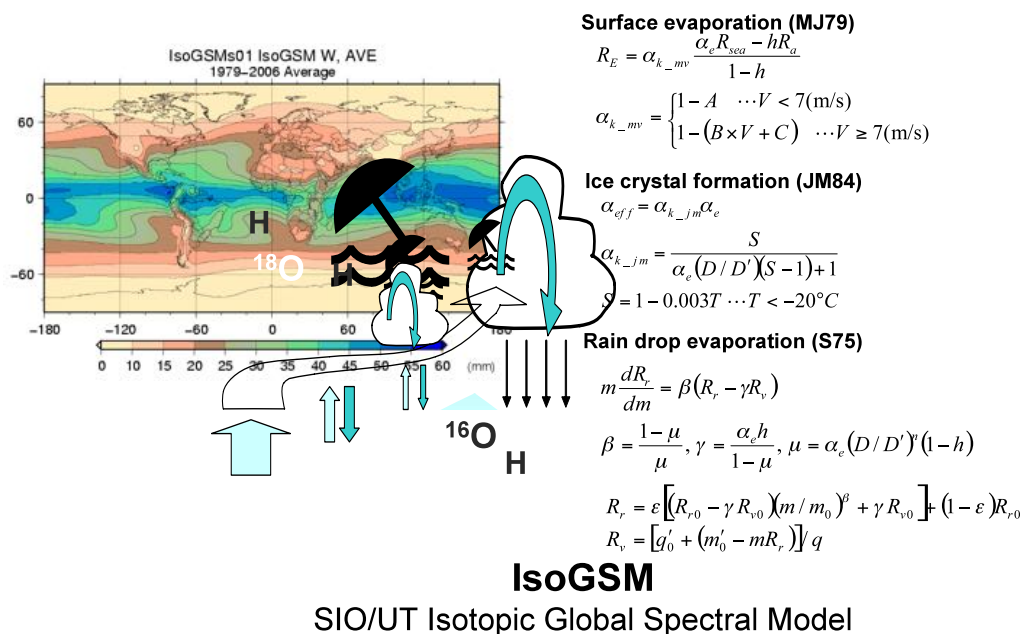
Risi et al. 2008

- Incorporate water isotopes as passive tracers in GCMs/RCMs. Whenever water phase change takes place, isotopic water ( $\text{HDO}$ ,  $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$ ) behave differently to ordinary water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

Previous works

# Spectral Nudging + Isotope GSM

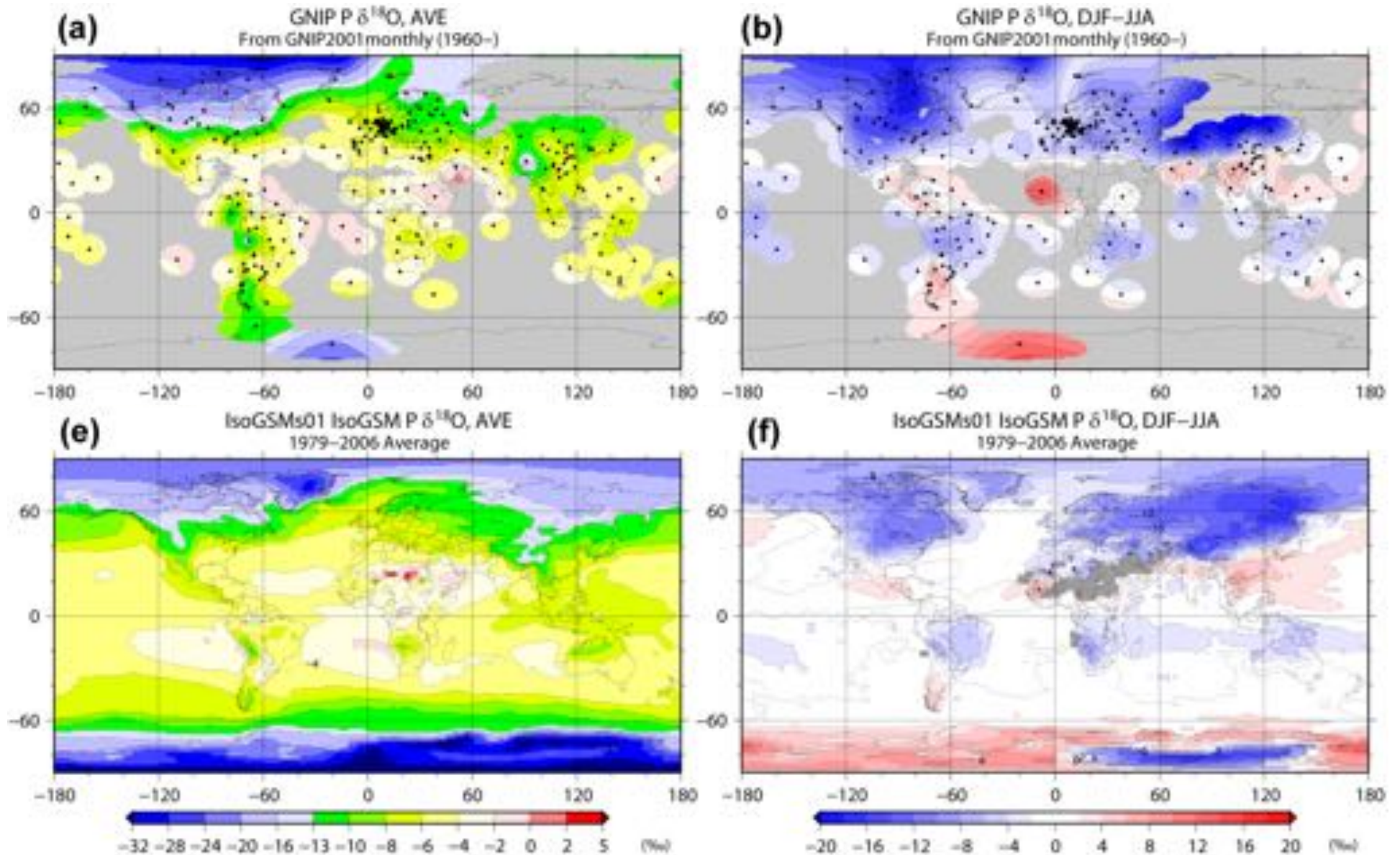
– *Poor man's data assimilation for isotopes* –  
<http://meteora.ucsd.edu/~kyoshimura/IsoGSM1>



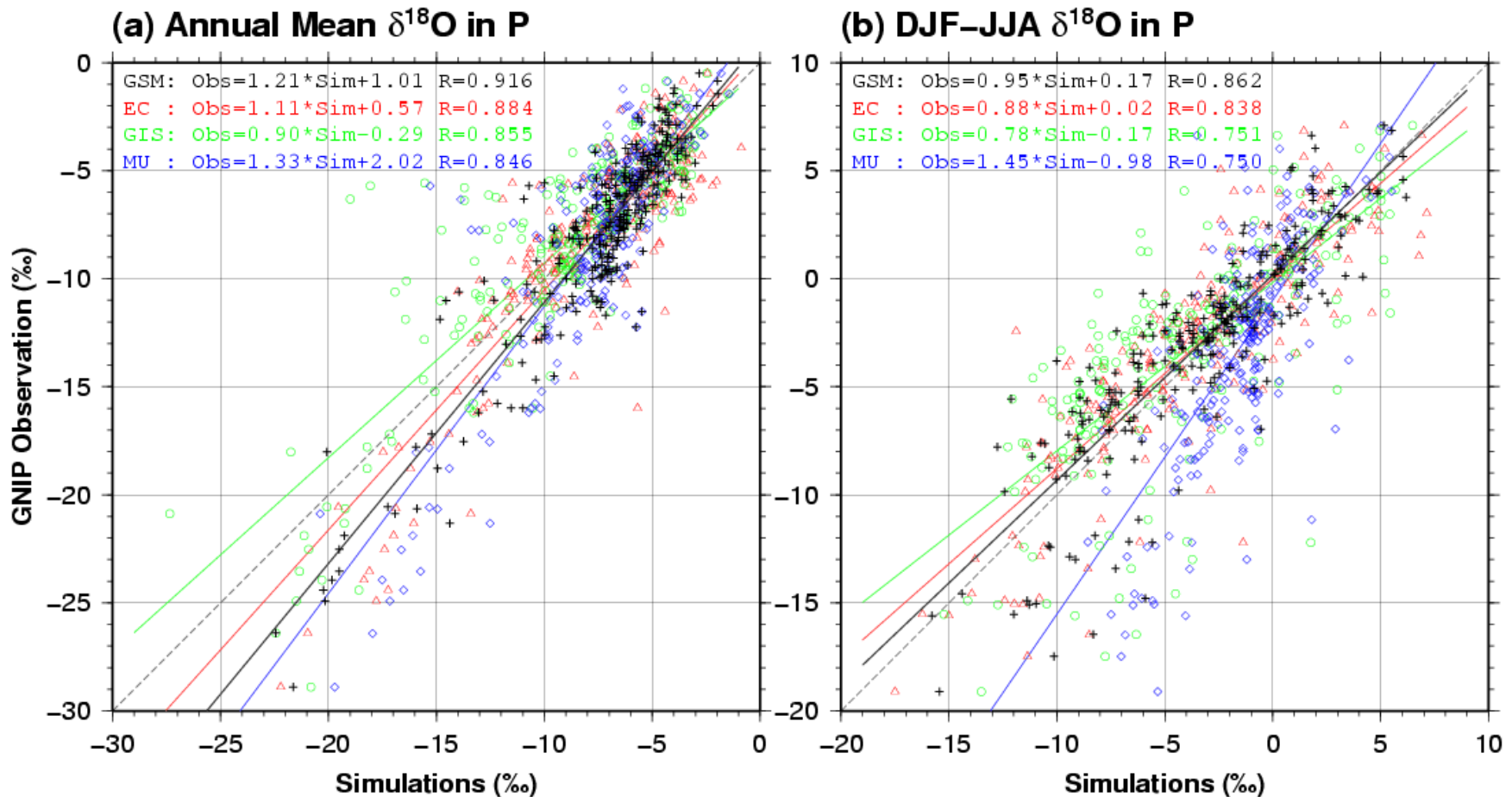
Use large scale (>1000km) winds from R2 to constrain dynamical field, so that the isotopic field is also constrained and reproduced in daily to inter-annual time scales.

Yoshimura and Kanamitsu, 2008; Yoshimura et al., 2008

# Comparison with GNIP Climatology



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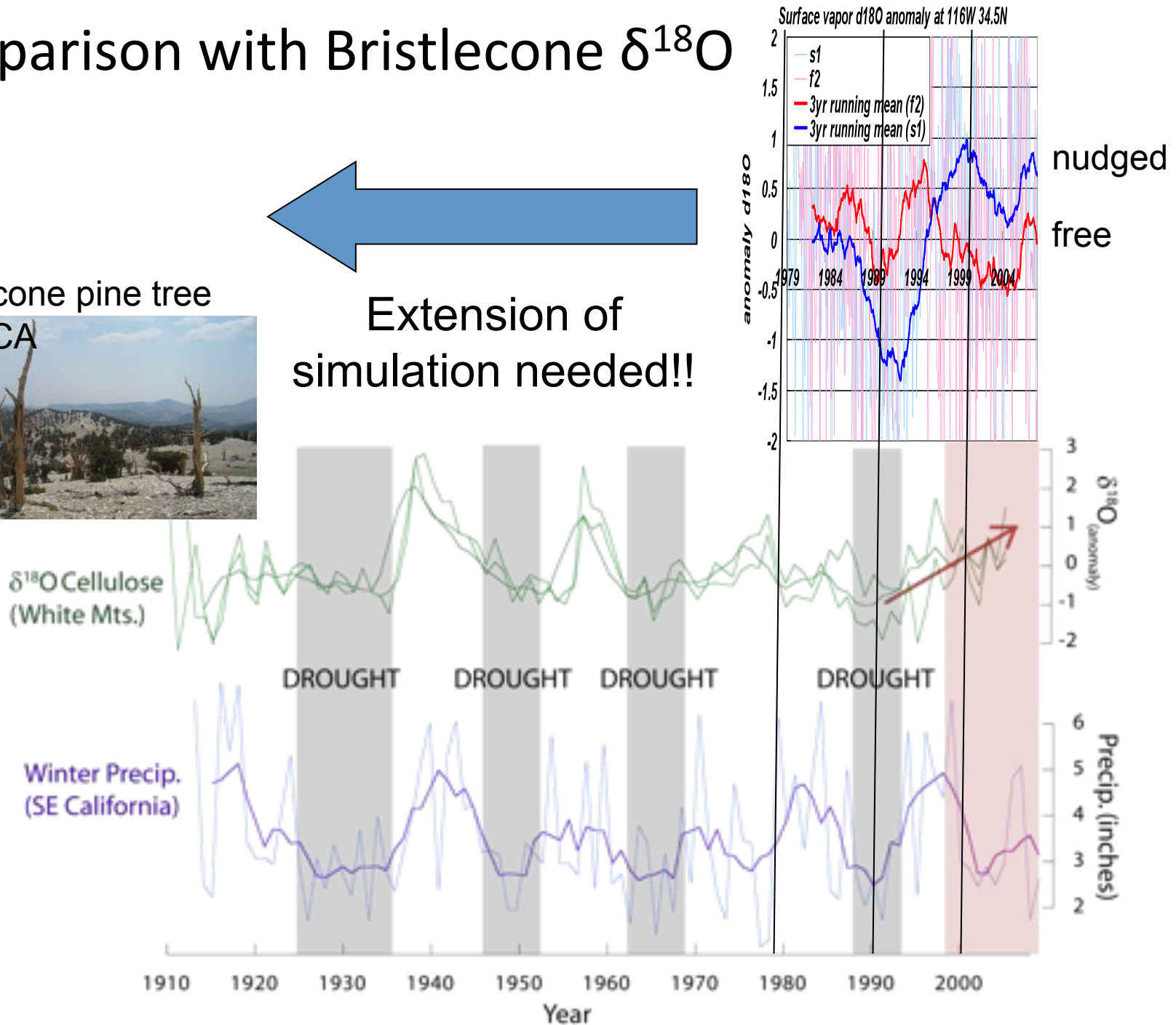
- Many other verification studies available.  
Uemura et al., 2008; Abe et al., 2009; Frankenberg et al., 2009; Pfahl and Wernli, 2009;  
Schneider et al, 2010; Galewsky and Hurley, 2010; Yoshimura et al., 2010, Berkelhammer et al., 2011; etc.

# Comparison with Bristlecone $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

Bristlecone pine tree at SE CA



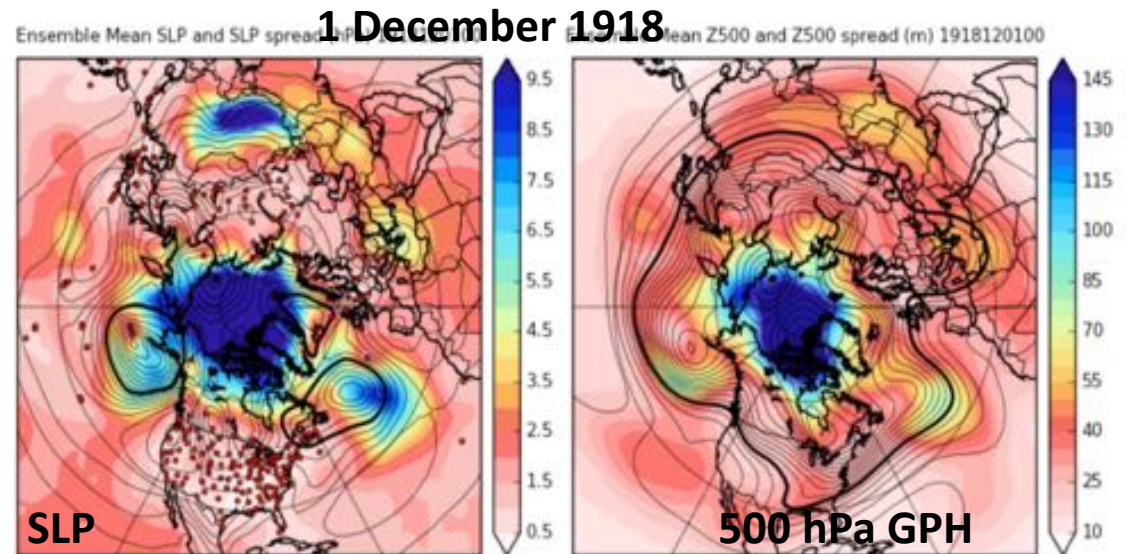
Extension of simulation needed!!



# 20<sup>th</sup> century Reanalysis

(Compo et al., 2010)

- Using only surface pressure data historically recorded since 1870's
- Ensemble Kalman Filter for data assimilation (56 member)
- T62L28 GFS with NOAH LSM
- Reanalysis skill is comparable to current Day-3 forecast skill (Whitaker et al., 2009)



Whitaker et al. (2009)

# Simulation Design

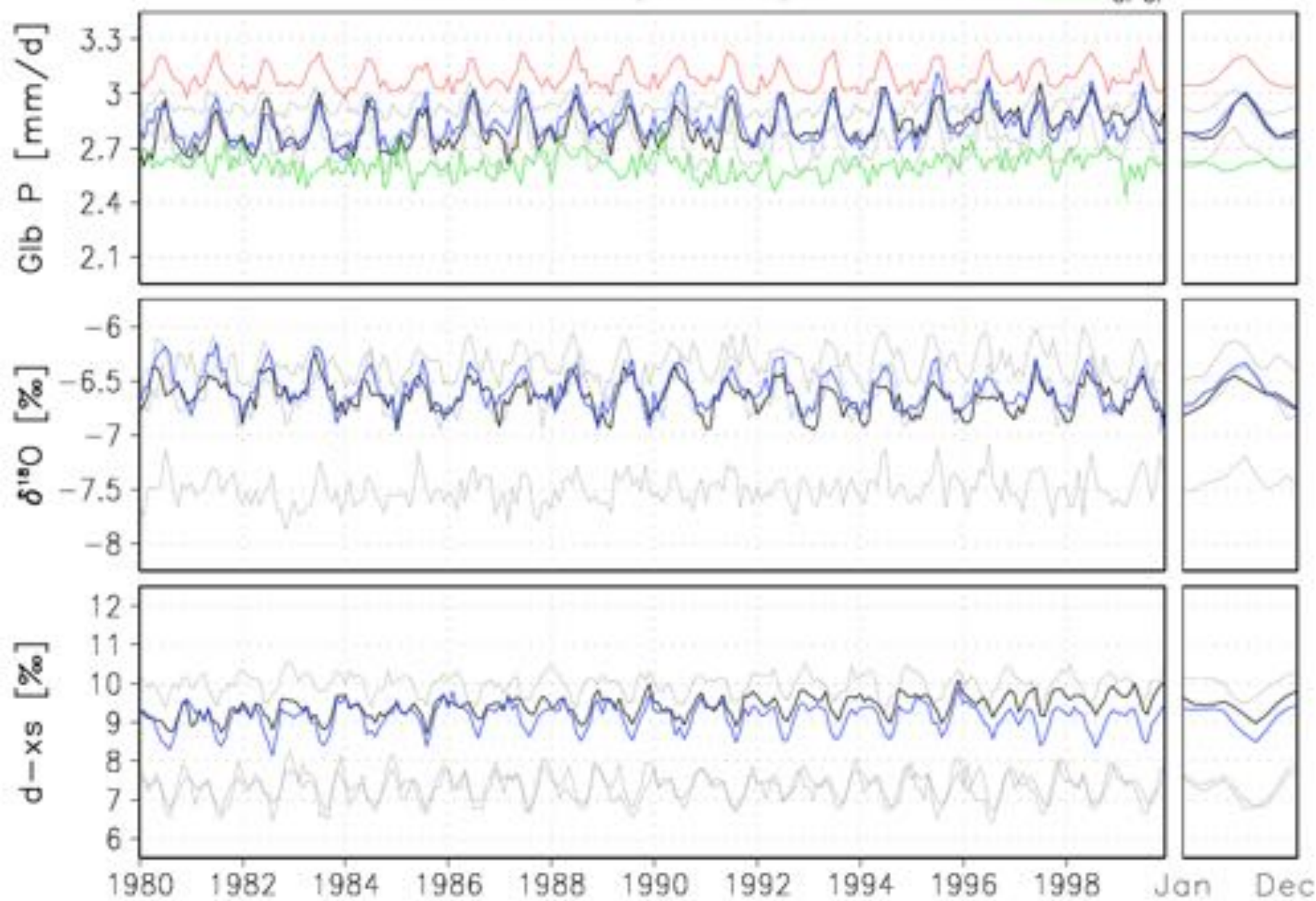
- **Model: IsoGSM** (Yoshimura et al., 2008) & **River** (Yoshimura et al., 2004) & **Simple Biochem** (Roden et al., 2000)
- **Atmospheric forcing: 20C Reanalysis** (Compo et al., 2010) spectral files, 6-hourly ensemble mean field
- **Boundary forcing: HadISST**
- **Period: 1871-2008**
  - Stream 1: 1871-1980
  - Stream 2: 1979-2008 (for comparison with Y08)

# Results

- Performance in the recent decades  
(→ poster available)
  - Comparison in global means with other global datasets
  - Comparison with GNIP monthly precipitation isotope data
  - Isotope signal related with AO
  - Isotope signal related with ENSO
- Comparison with >100-year proxy isotope data
  - Tree-ring cellulose  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in Cambodia
  - Coral  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  near Philippines



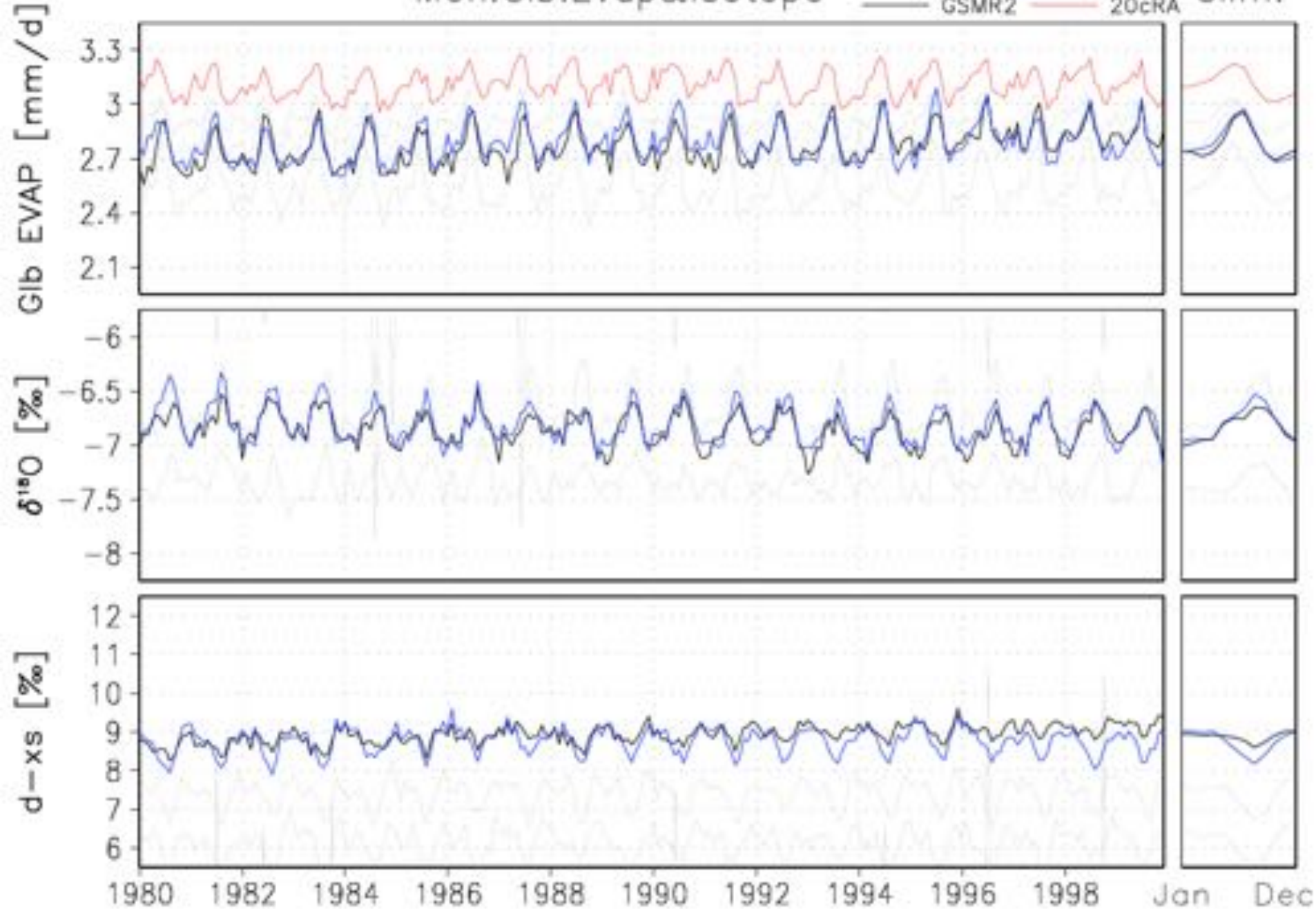
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— GSMR2

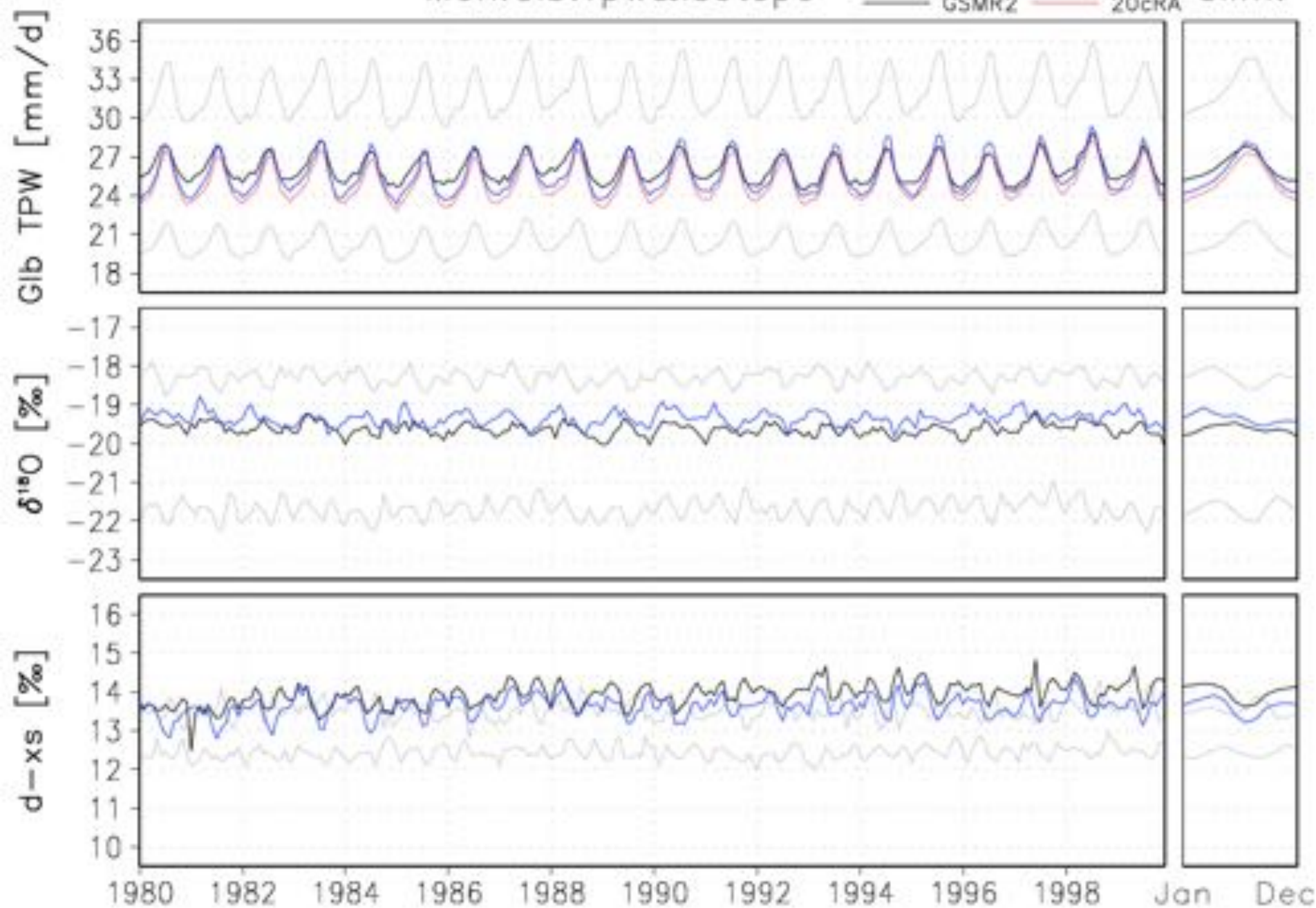
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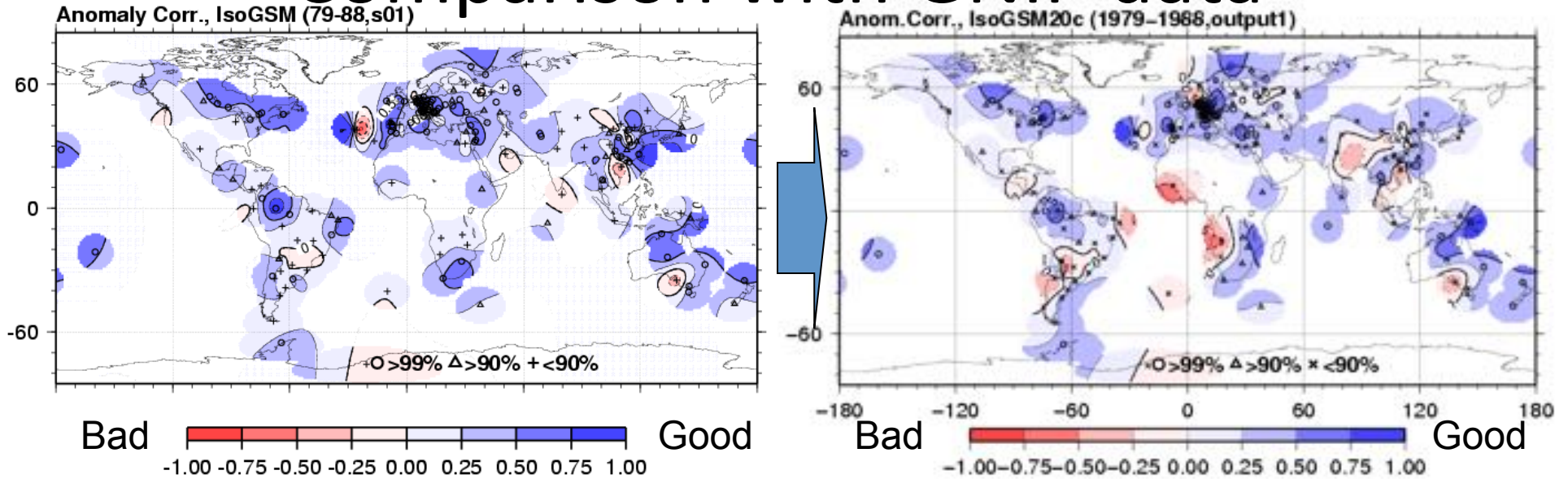
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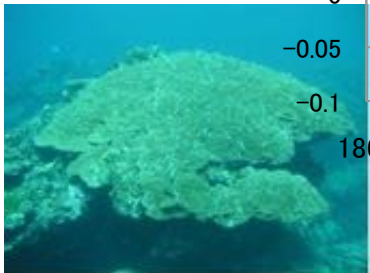
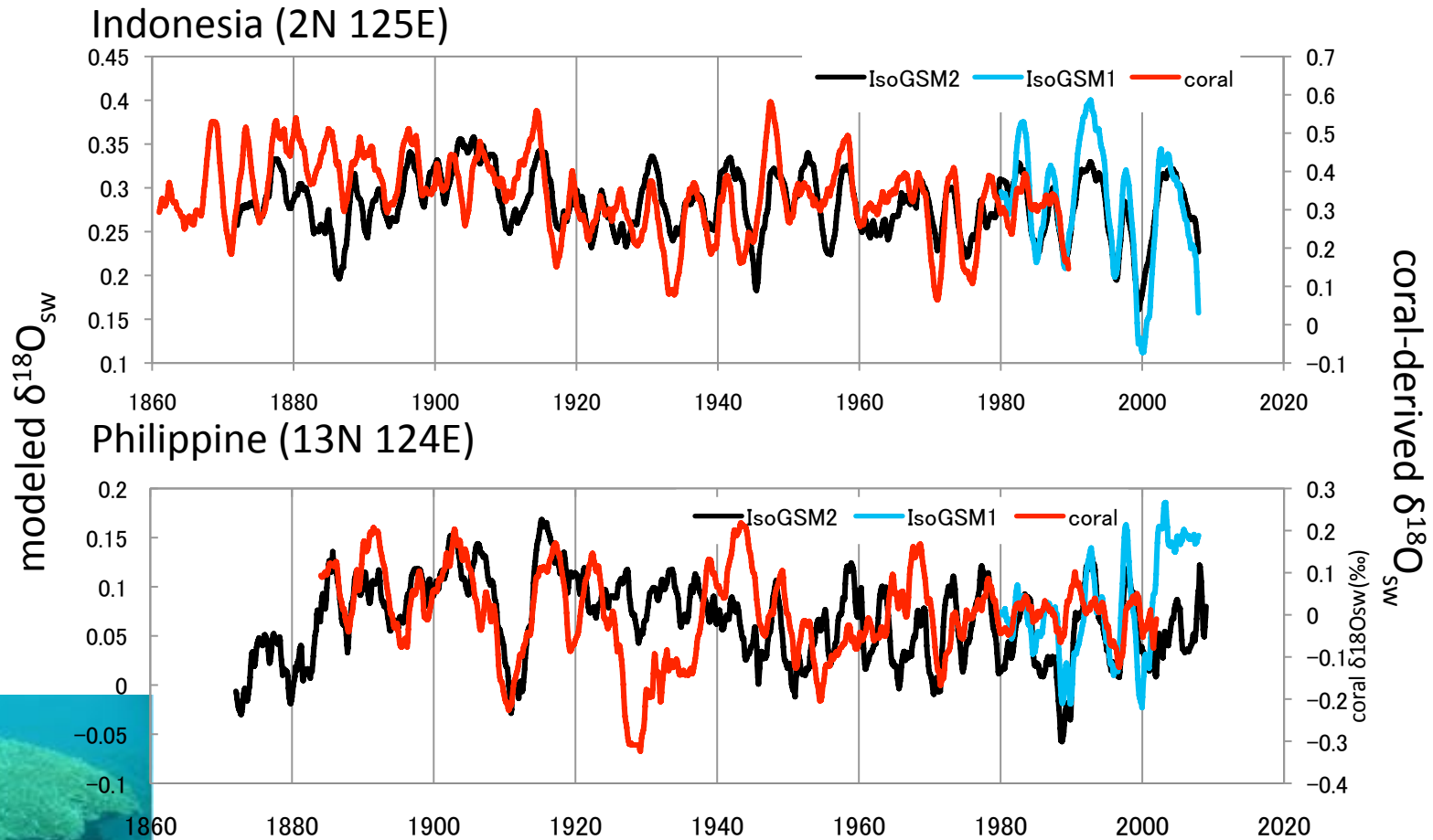
# Comparison with GNIP data



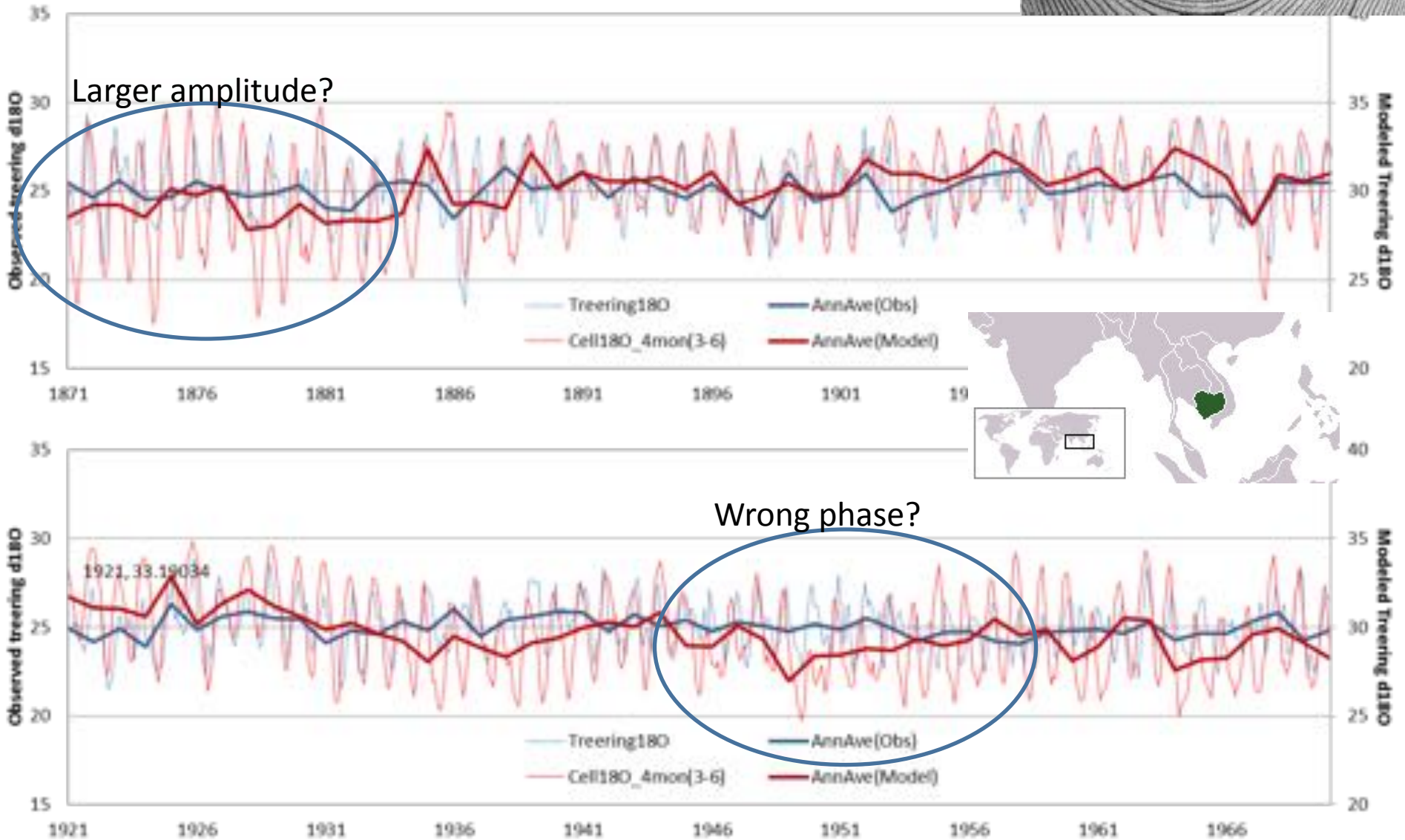
**Number of GNIP sites where correlation is significant for 1980-1999**

		ECHAM	GISS-E	IsoGSM-R2	IsoGSM-20C
<b>Correlation</b>	NH (210)	147	171 (81%)	174 (83%)	174 (83%)
	Tropics (142)	68	82 (58%)	96 (68%)	<u>105 (74%)</u>
	SH (37)	22 (60%)	18	25 (68%)	27 (73%)
<b>Anomaly Correlation</b>	NH (146)	13 (9%)	12	114 (78%)	<u>93 (64%)</u>
	Tropics (67)	9	12 (18%)	32 (48%)	28 (42%)
	SH (29)	1	3 (10%)	12 (41%)	11 (38%)

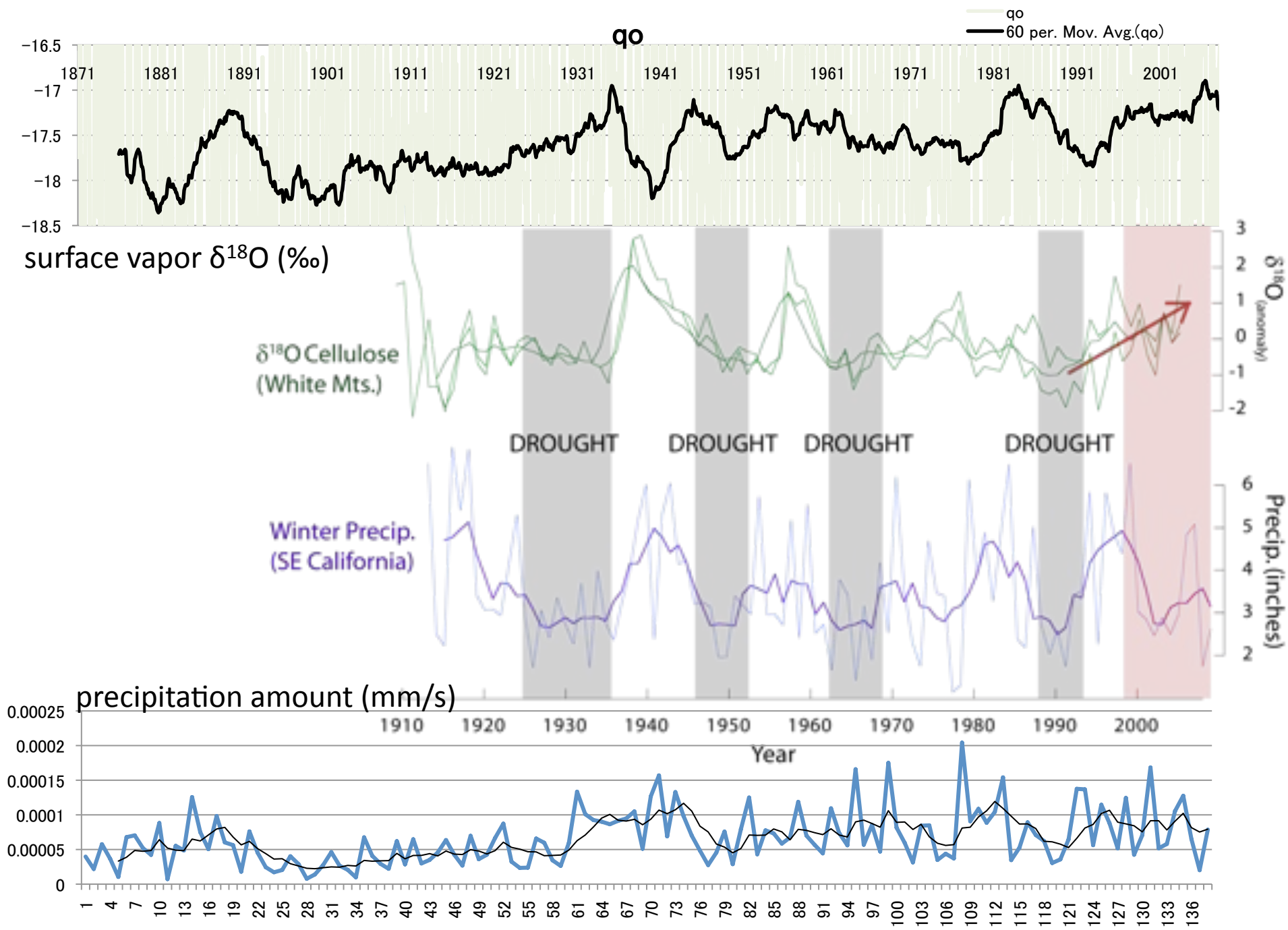
# coral-derived $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ vs. modeled $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ (Annual average)



# Cambodian Treering Cellulose $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

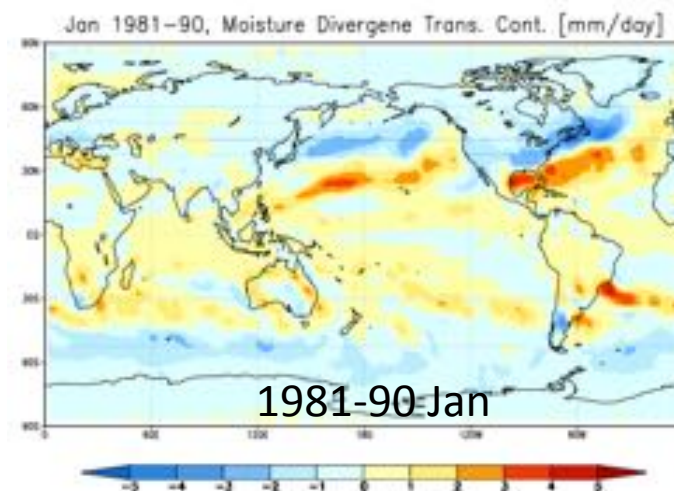
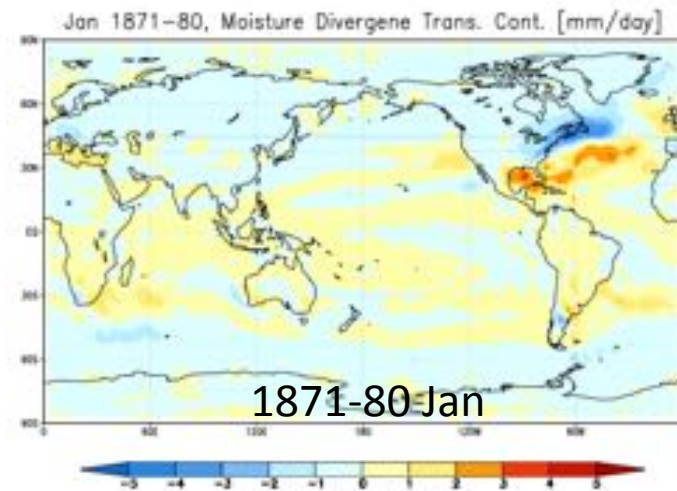


# Comparison with Bristlecone $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (preliminary)



# Issues

- Relationship between Bristlecone  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in surface vapor remains unclear.
  - Limitation of Roden et al. (2000) biochem model?
- Did ensemble mean wind field properly work?
  - A single member run is necessary.



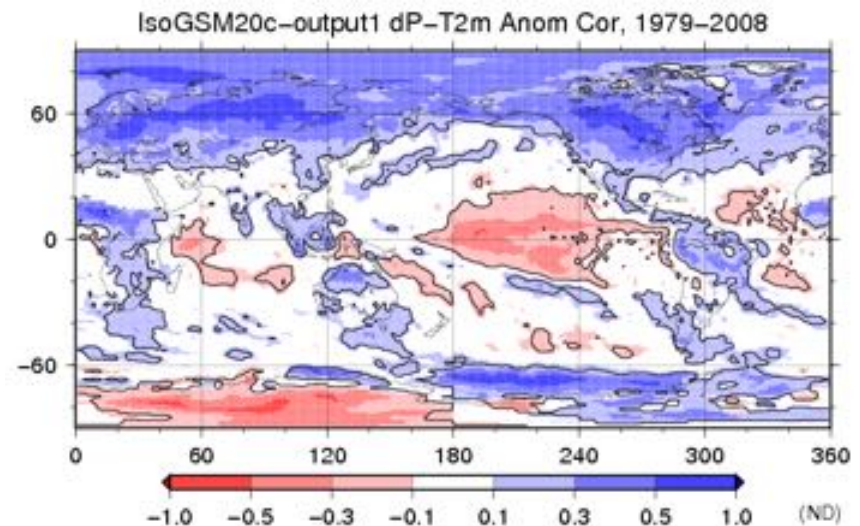
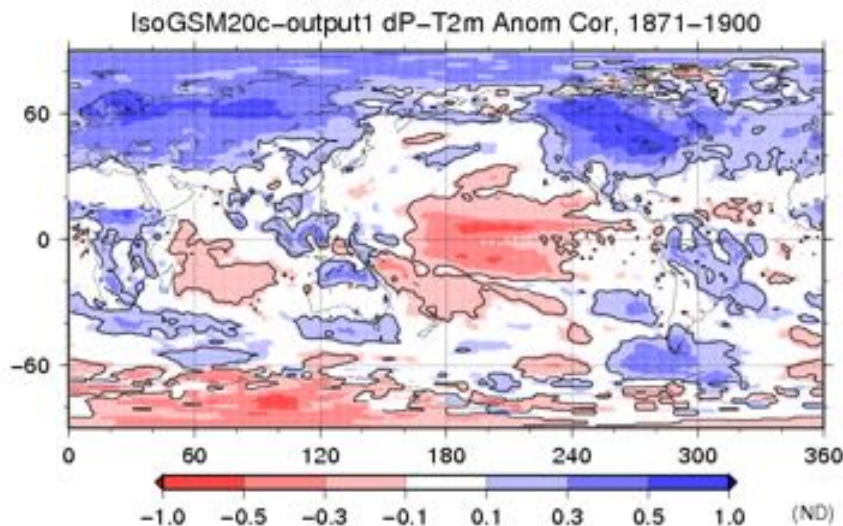
Monthly climatology of moisture divergence contribution from transient term

- More comparison/verification is needed.



# Challenges

- Is climate proxy relationship changing?
  - More accurate and comprehensive climate reconstruction will be achievable.



Correlation between temperature and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in precipitation

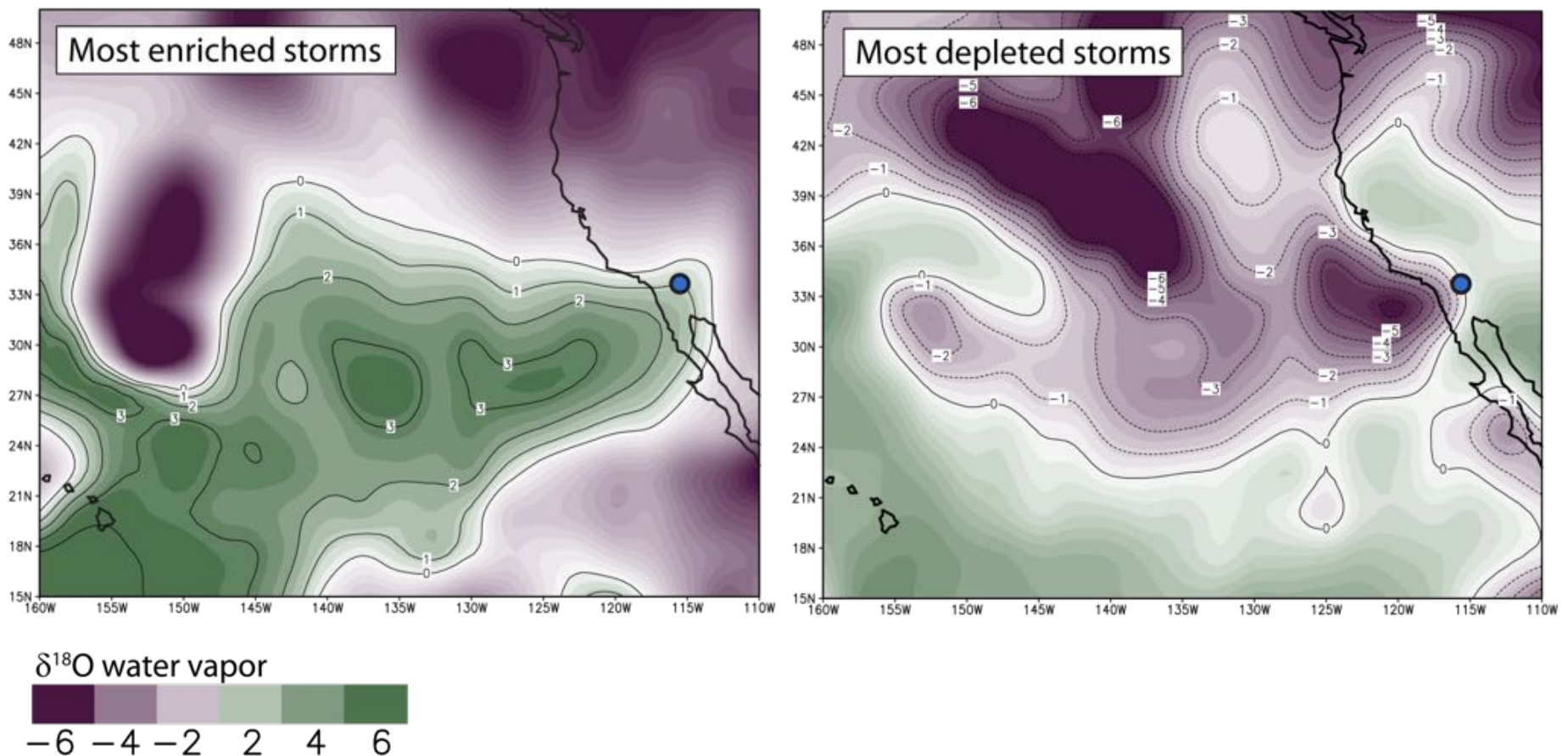
- A climate reanalysis with isotope information?
  - Simpler model is newly needed. But how?

**Thanks for your attention.**

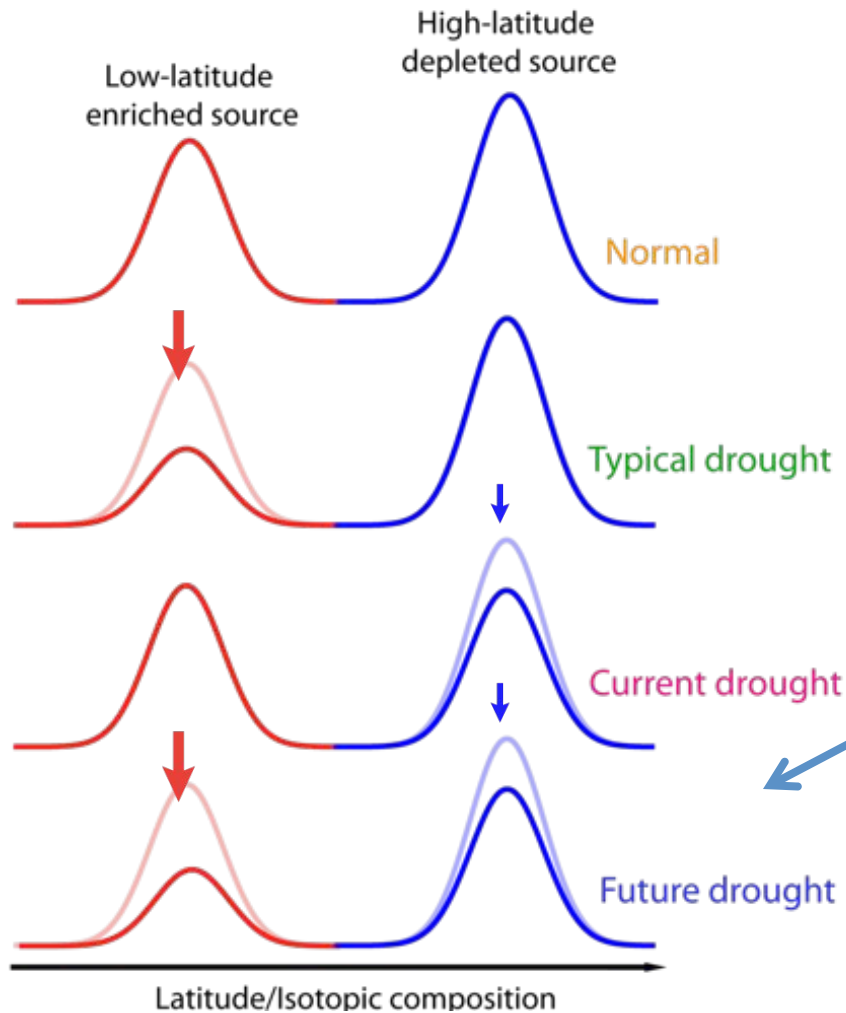
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# Model Simulates Individual Storms For the Past 30 Years

The most enriched isotopic events are associated with southwesterly flow tapping into a “heavy” vapor pool

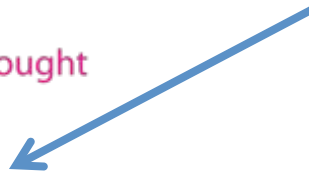


# The Current Drought is Different



## Open Questions:

**What implications do these ongoing changes have for aridity in the region?**

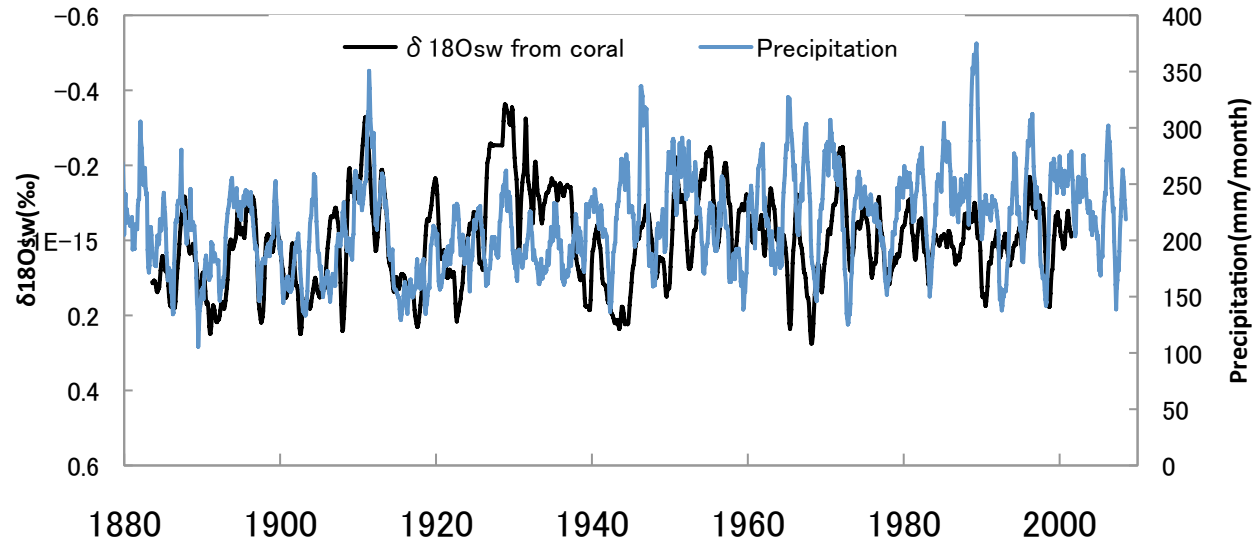


# Correlation between spring coral- $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{sw}$ (March to May) and previous season NINO34 (DJF)

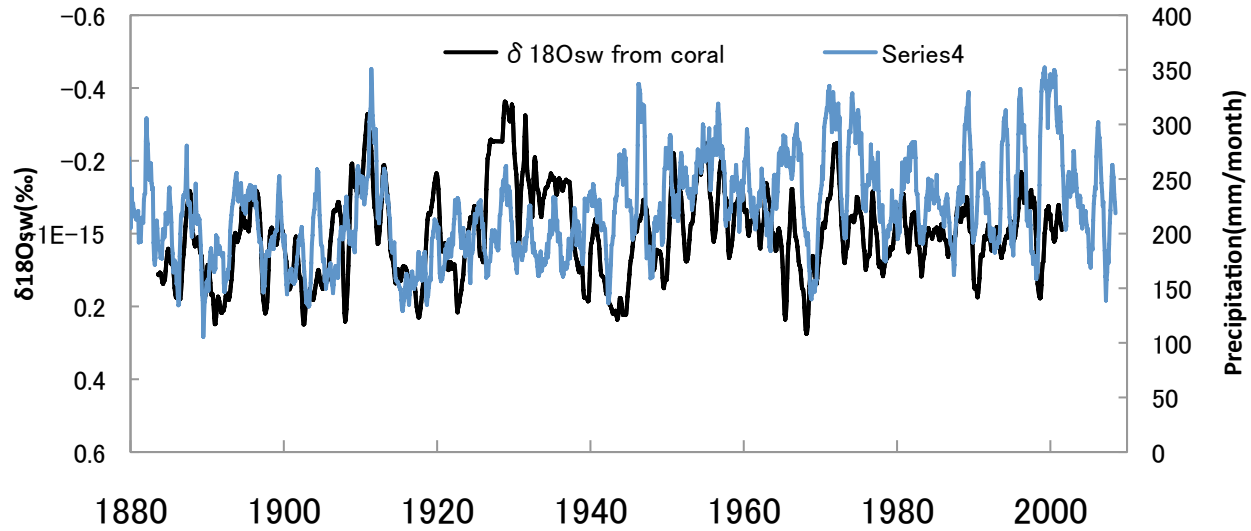


# $\delta^{18}O_{sw}$ from coral vs. precipitation (1year running average)

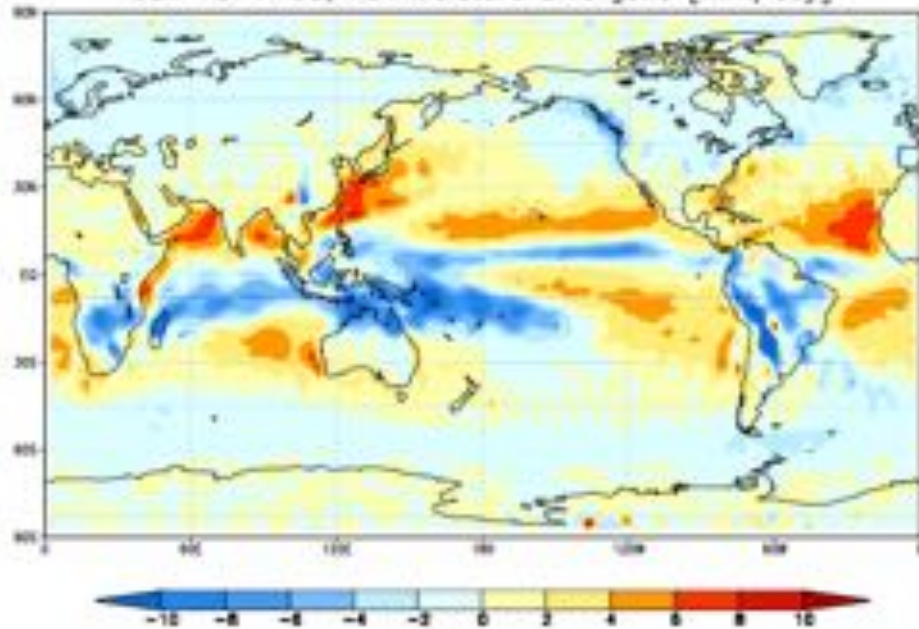
IsoGSM precipitation



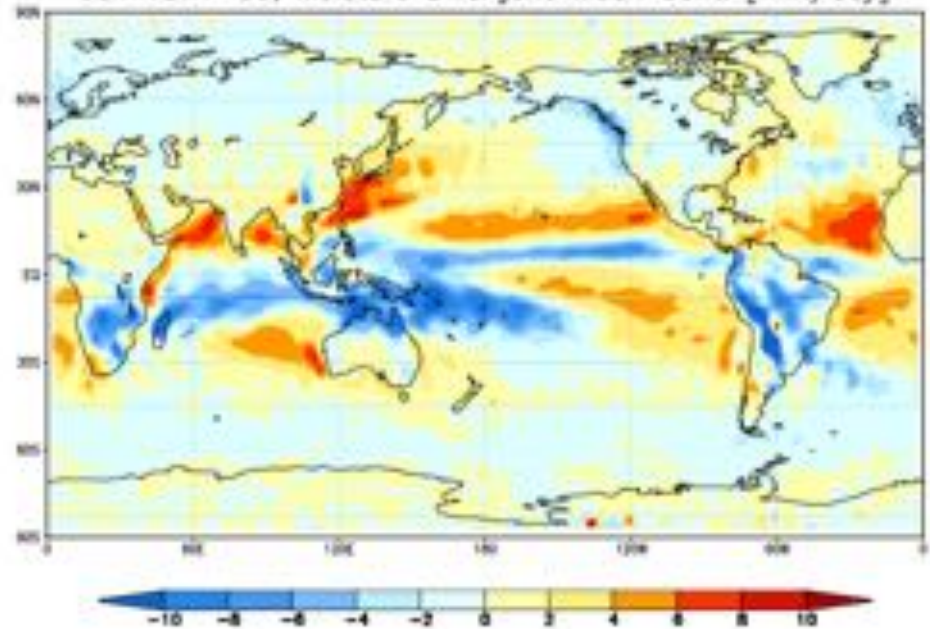
Local precipitation (1951~2000)



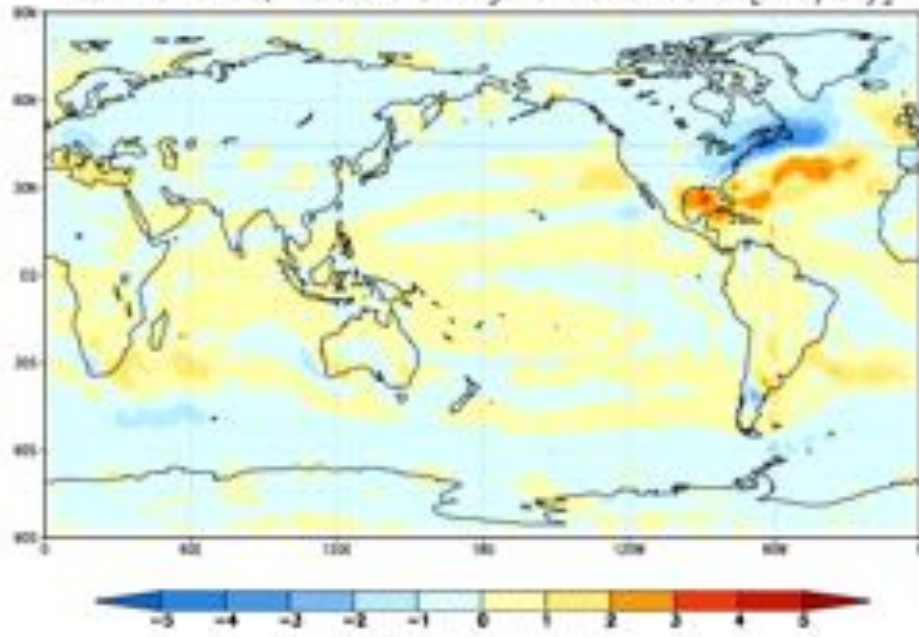
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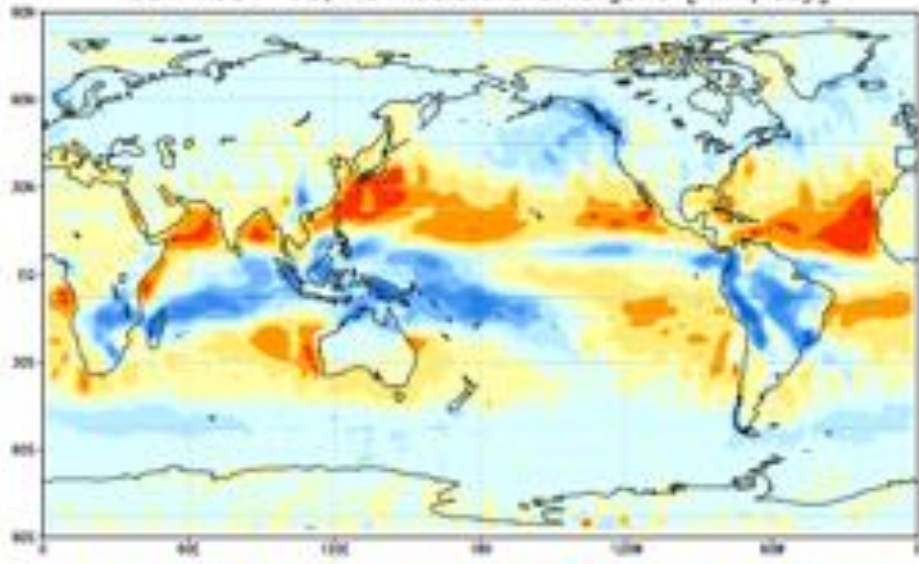
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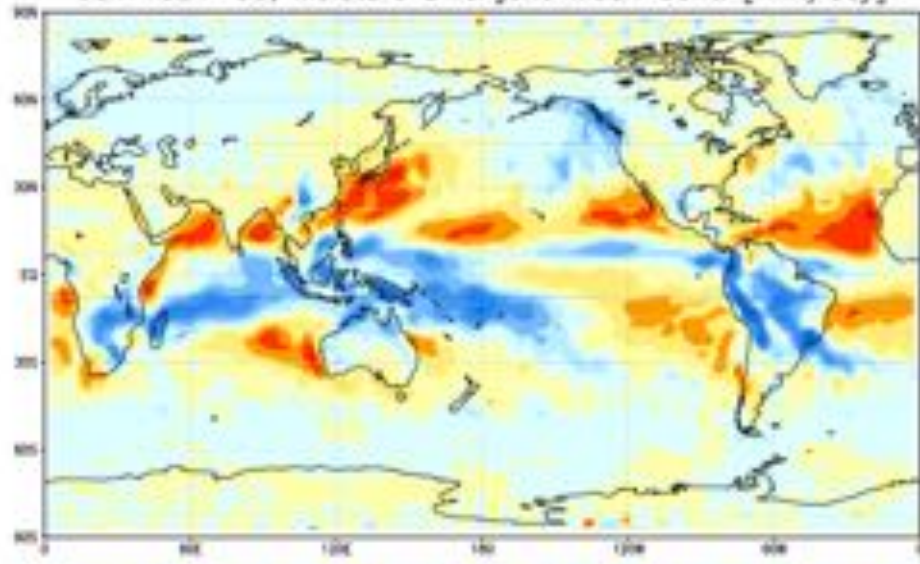
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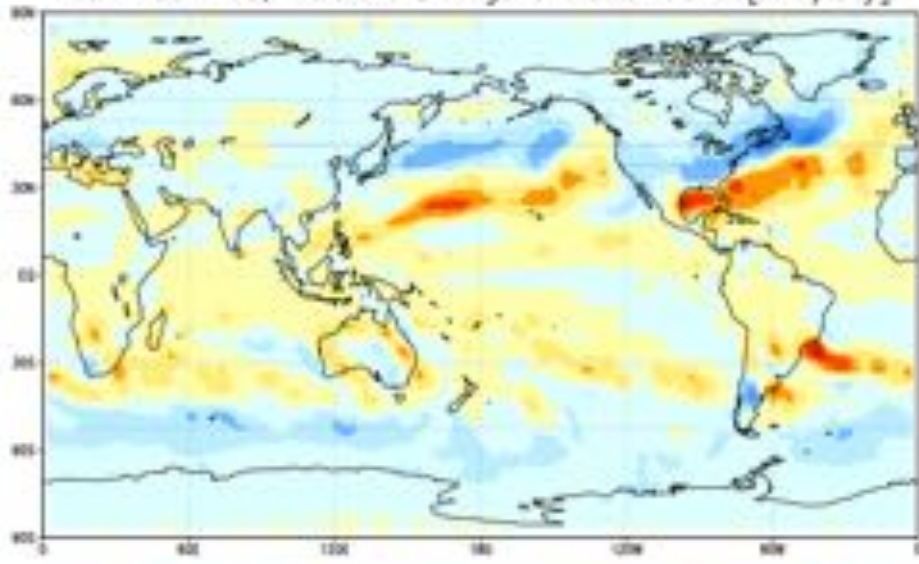
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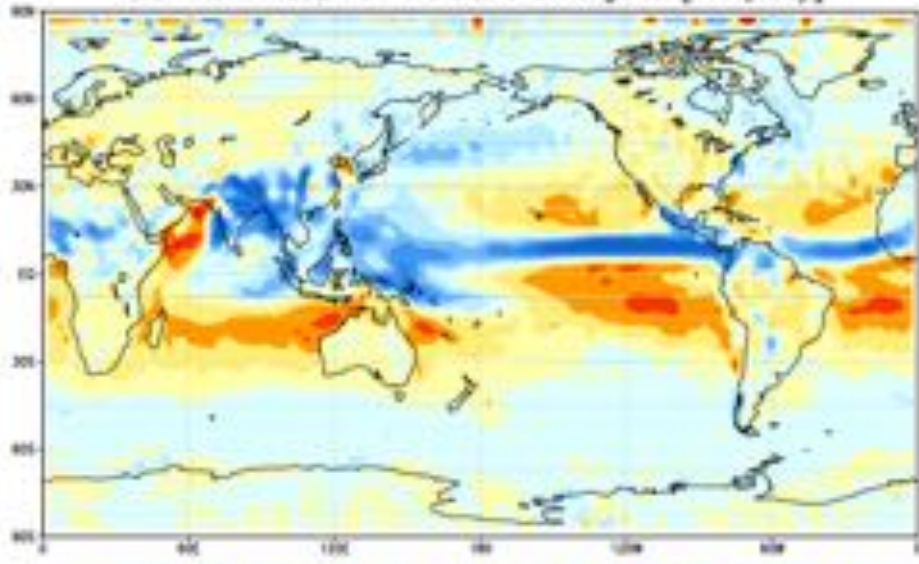


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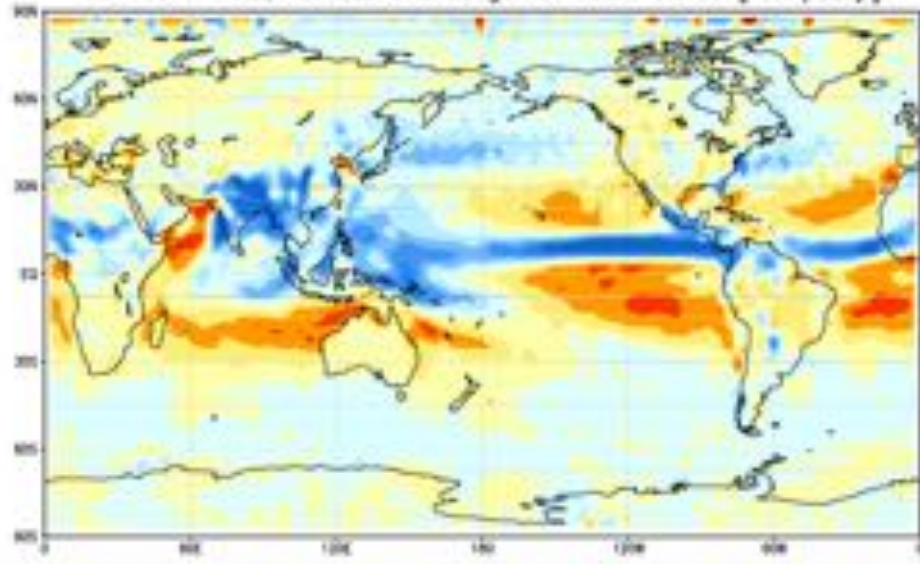




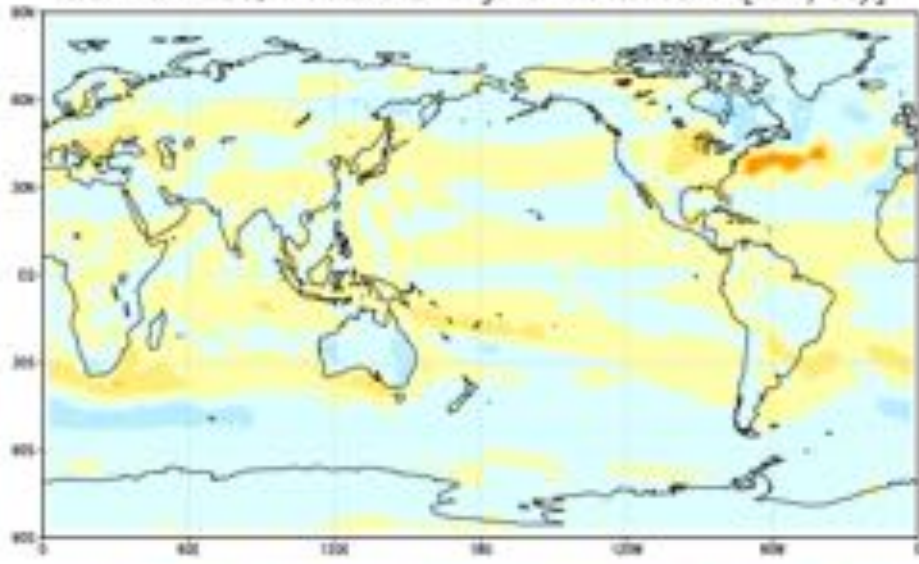
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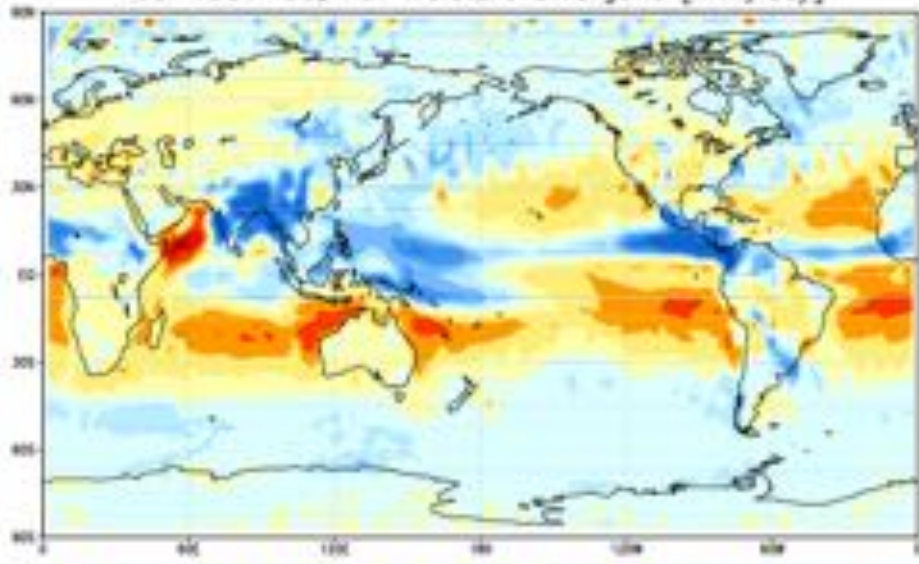
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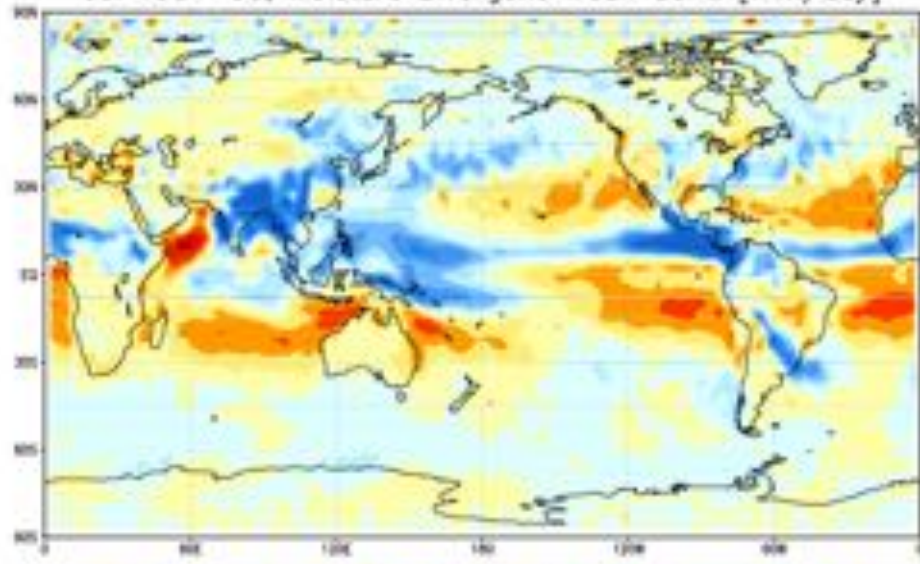
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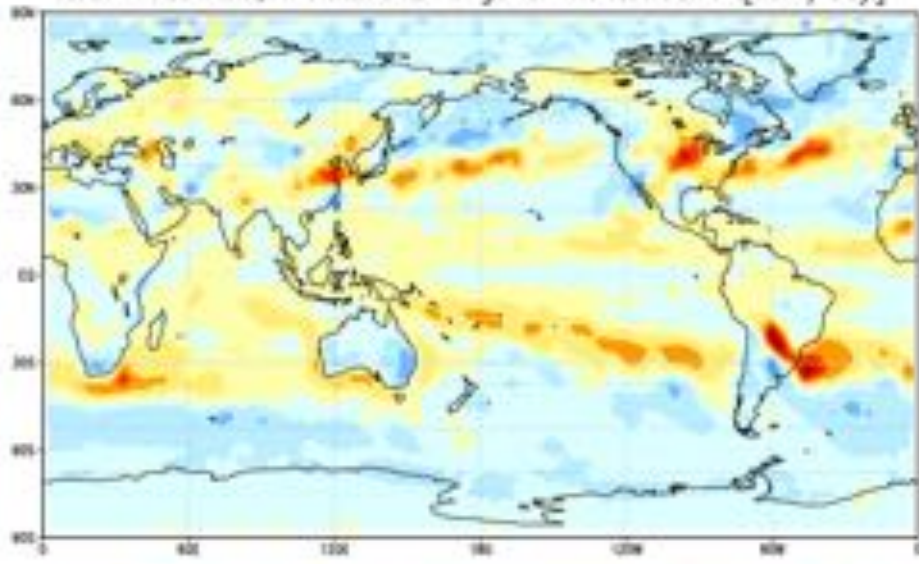
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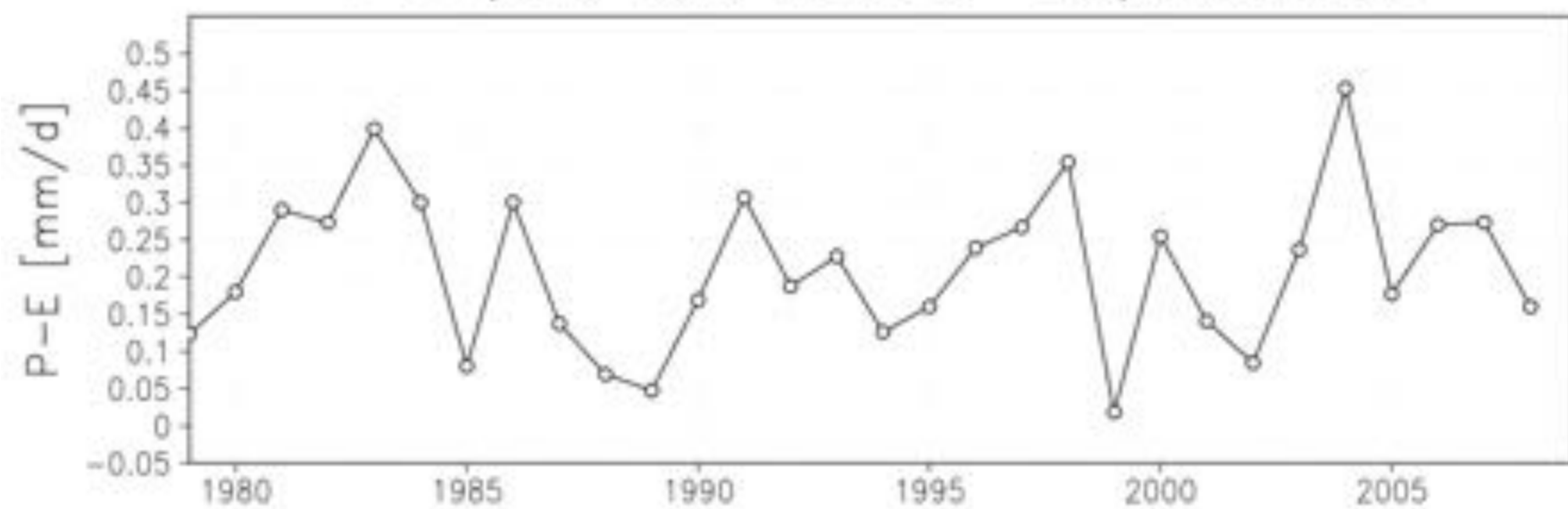
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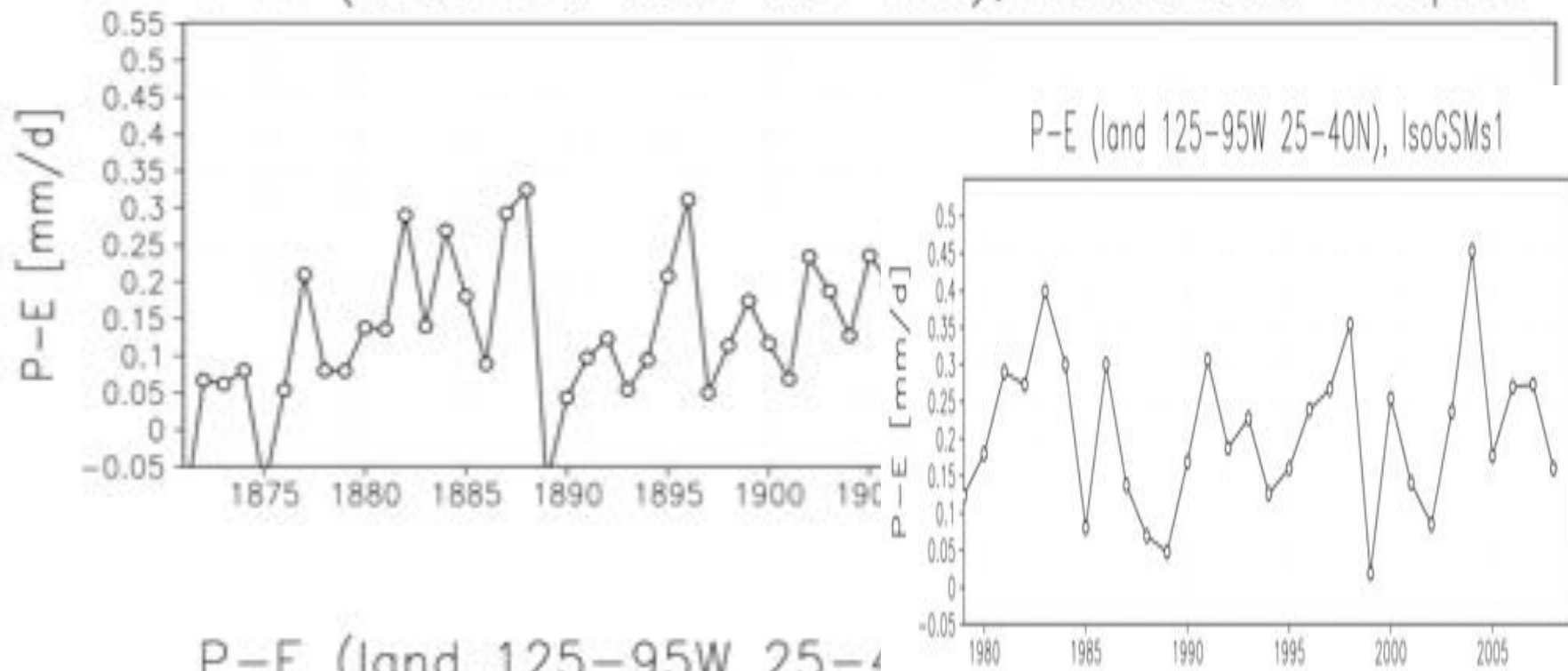
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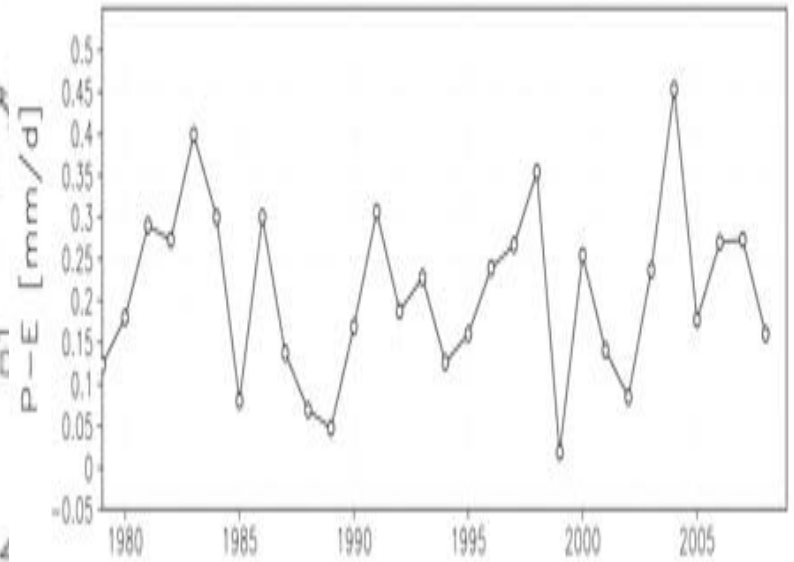
P-E (land 125-95W 25-40N), IsoGSMs1



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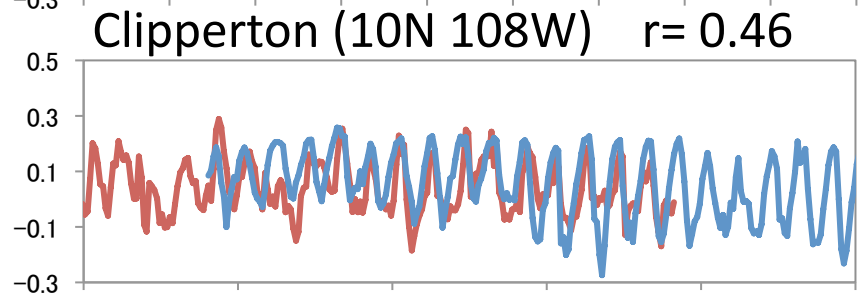
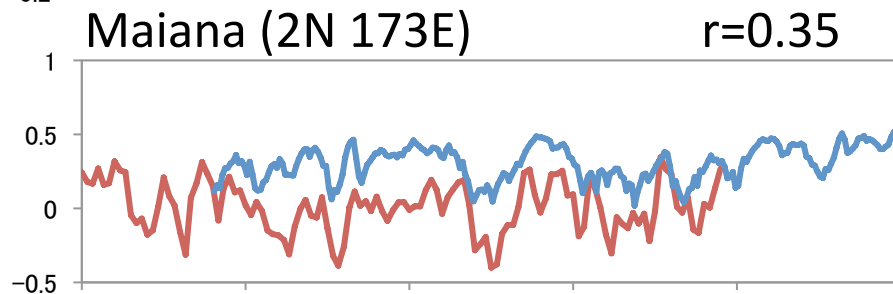
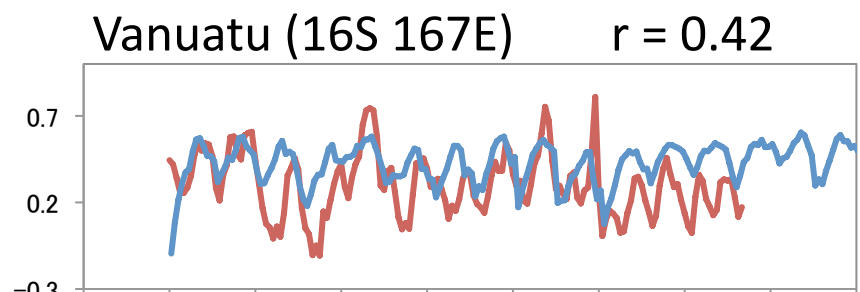
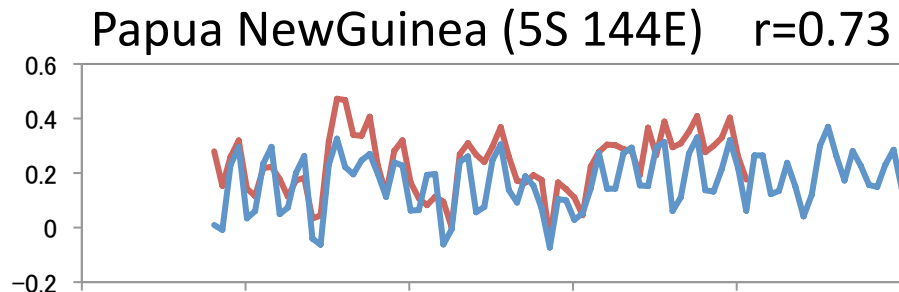
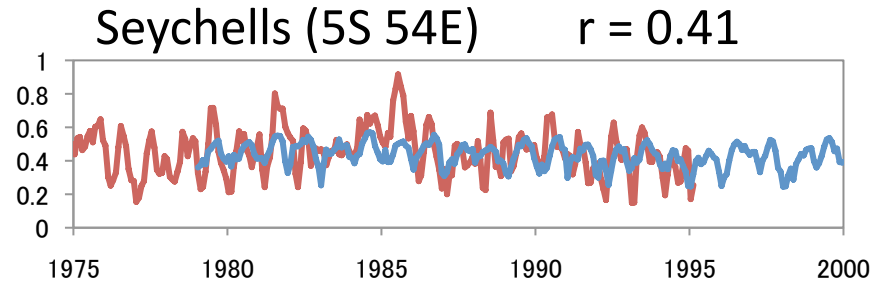
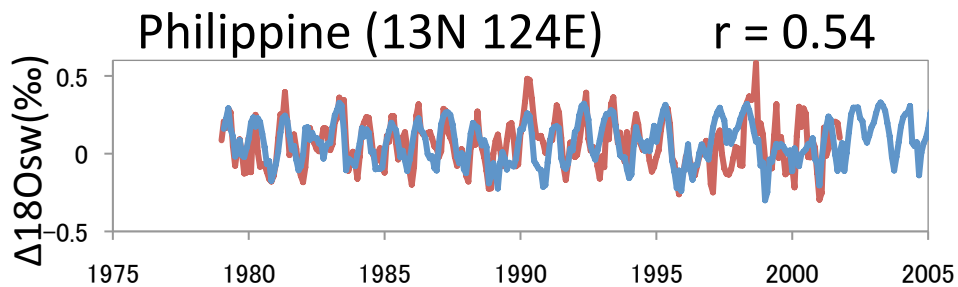
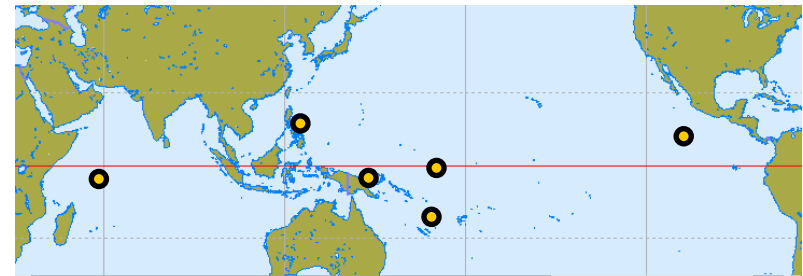
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# Simulating sea water isotopes (1979-2009)

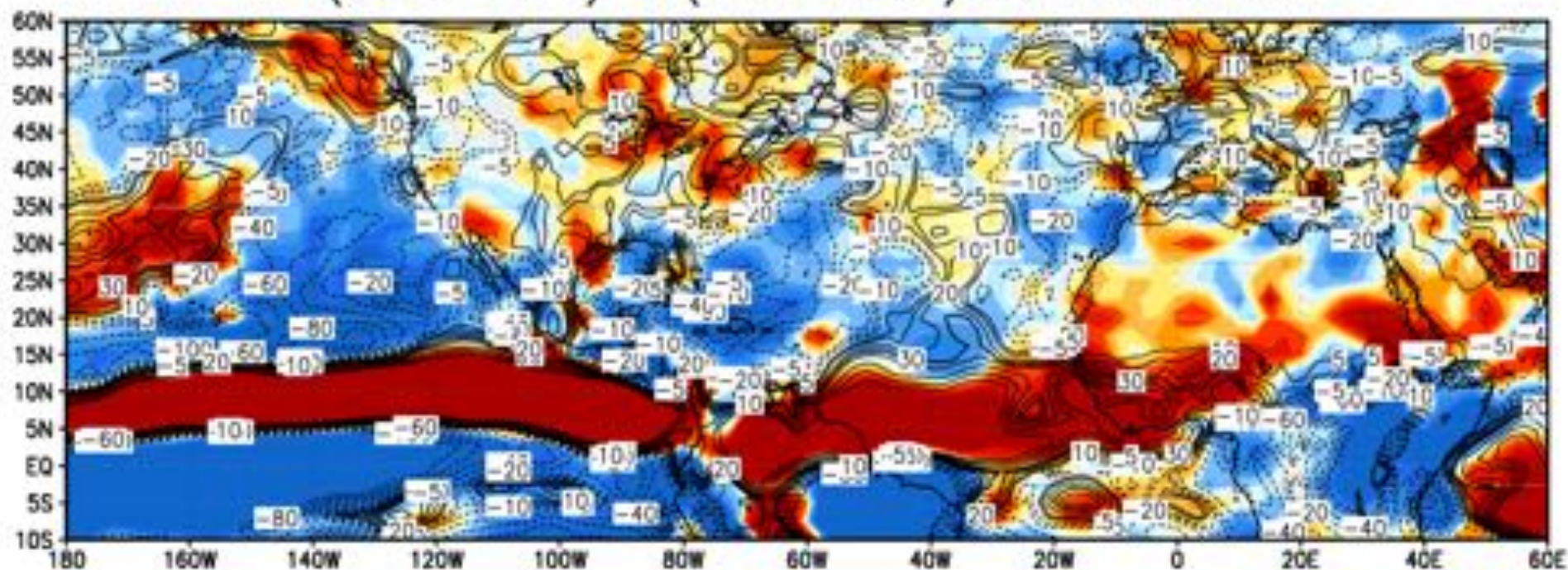
(Courtesy of Keitaro Kojima)

— : Model    — : Obs (Coral)

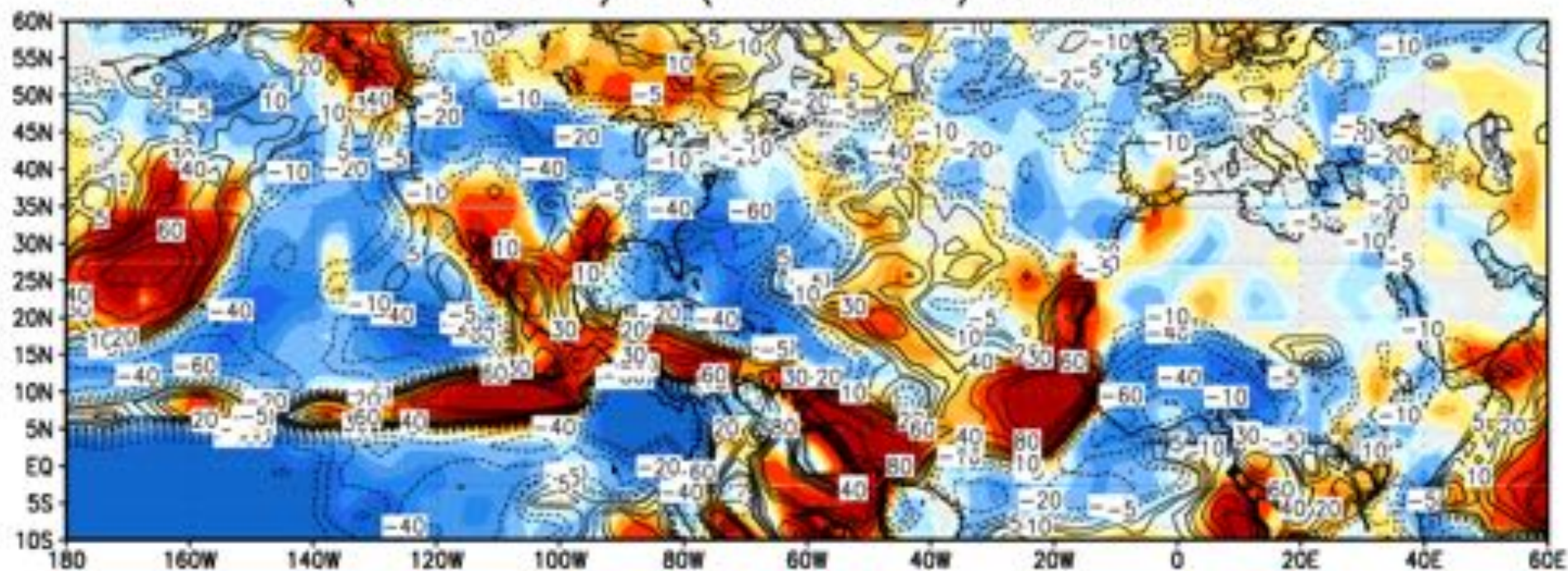


Better reproducibility ( $R=0.25\sim 0.73$ ) at humid climate sites

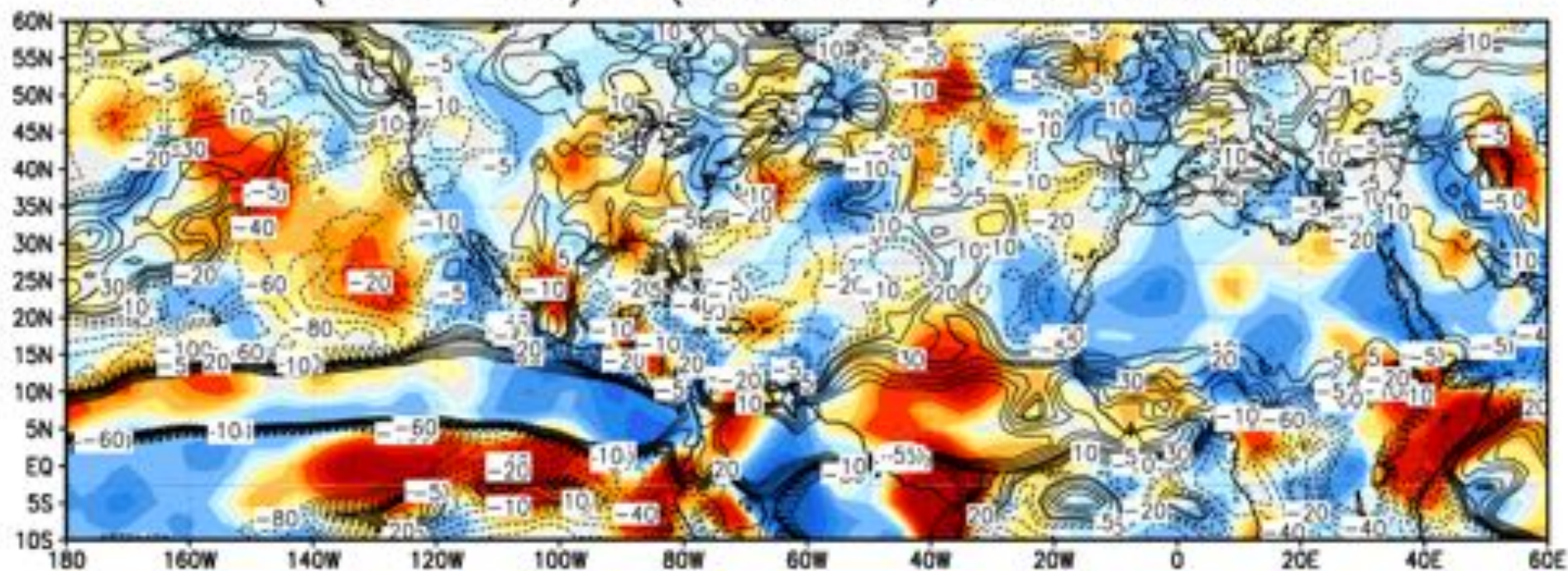
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(2008–1999) – (1979–1998)  $\Delta a = 0.0383766$



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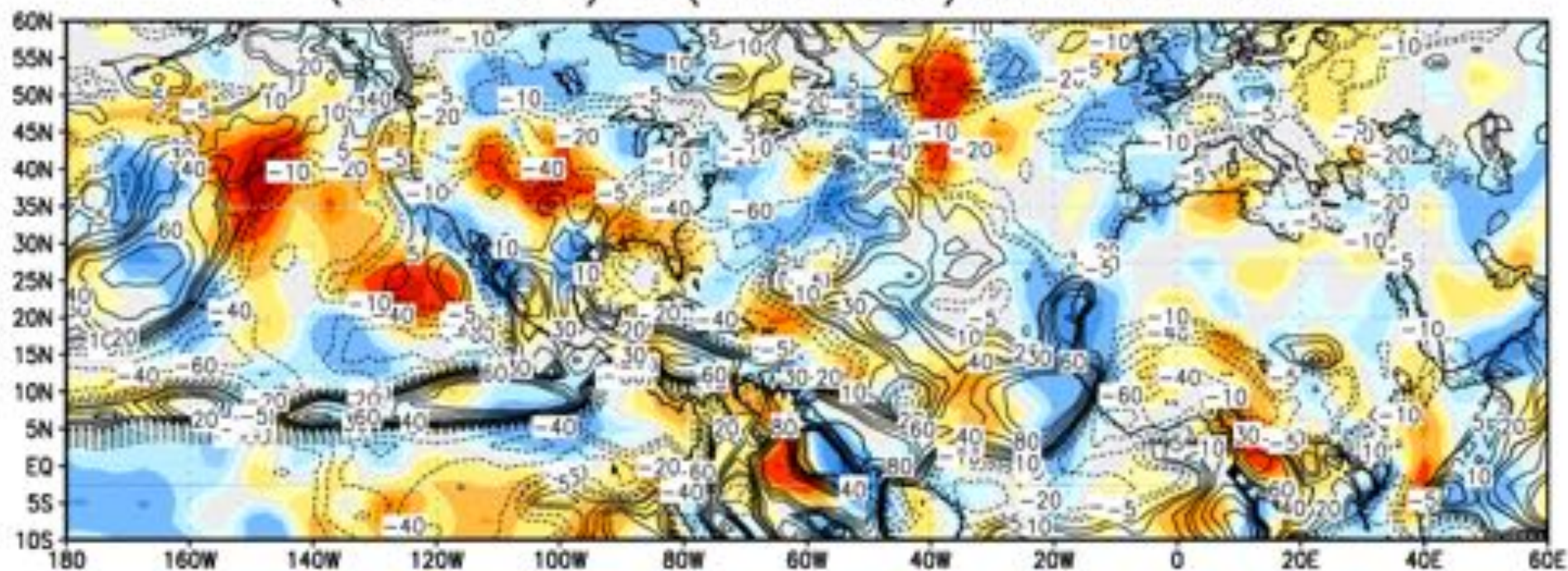


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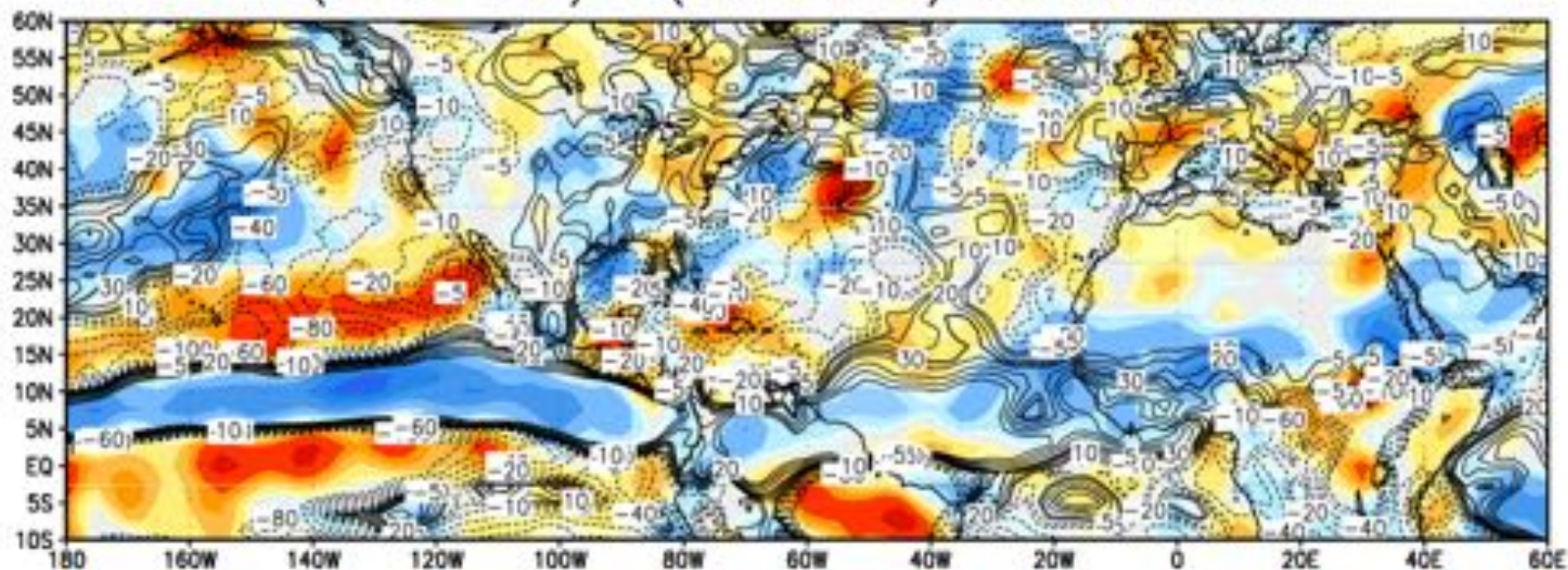




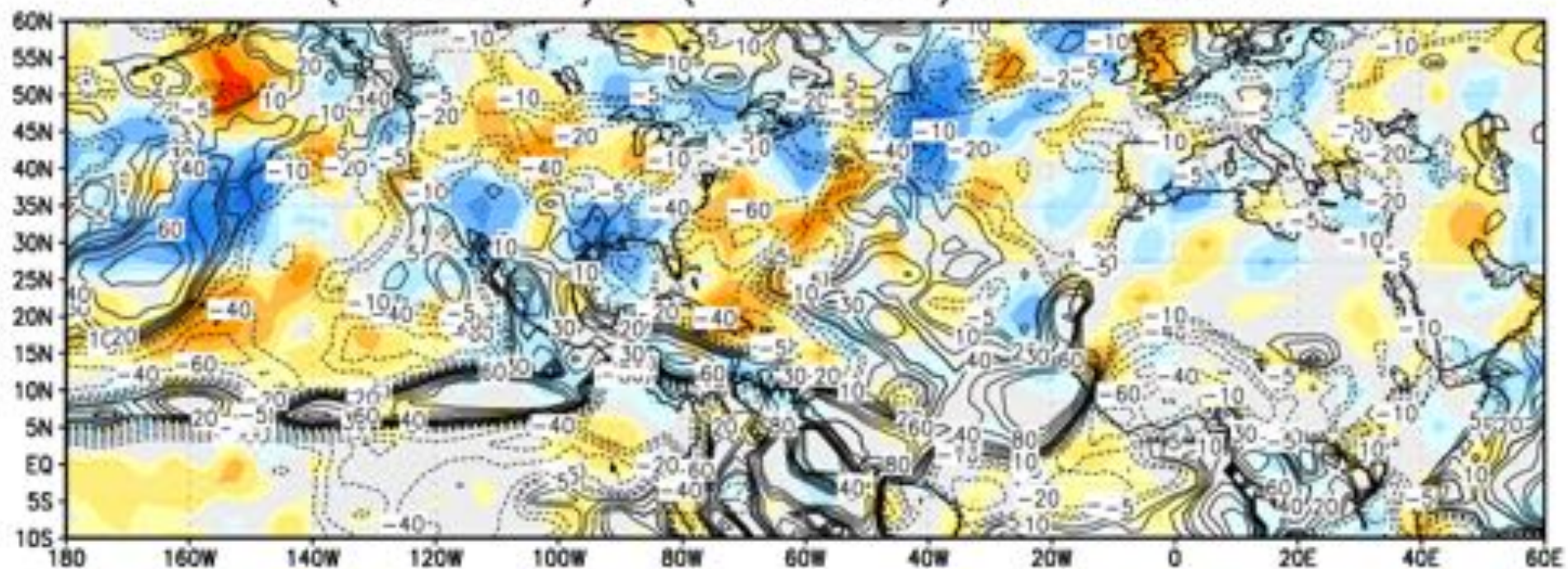
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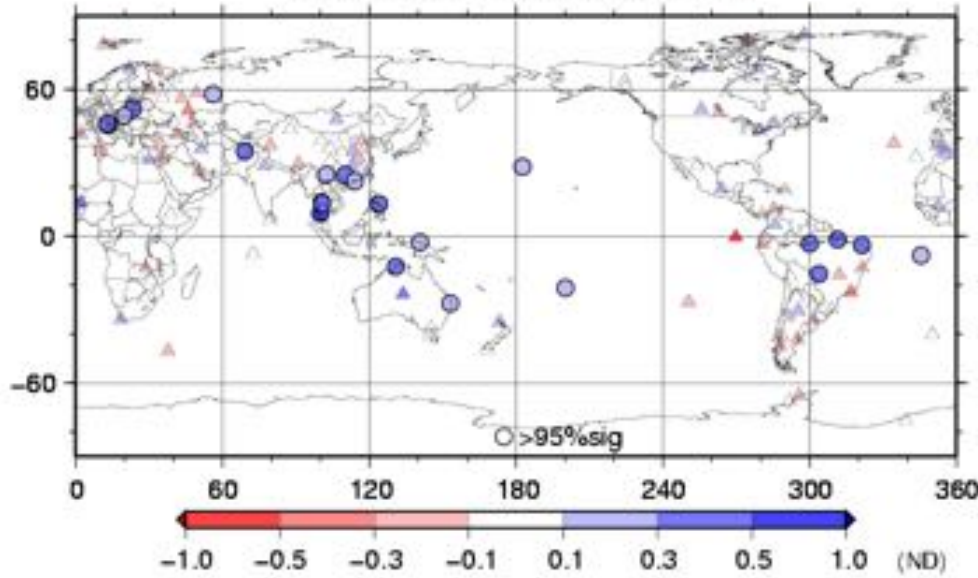


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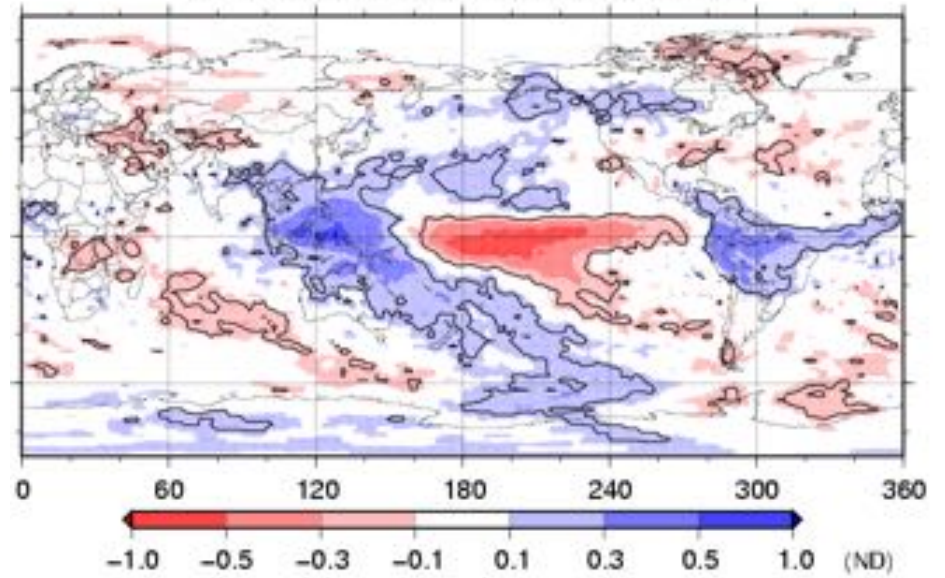


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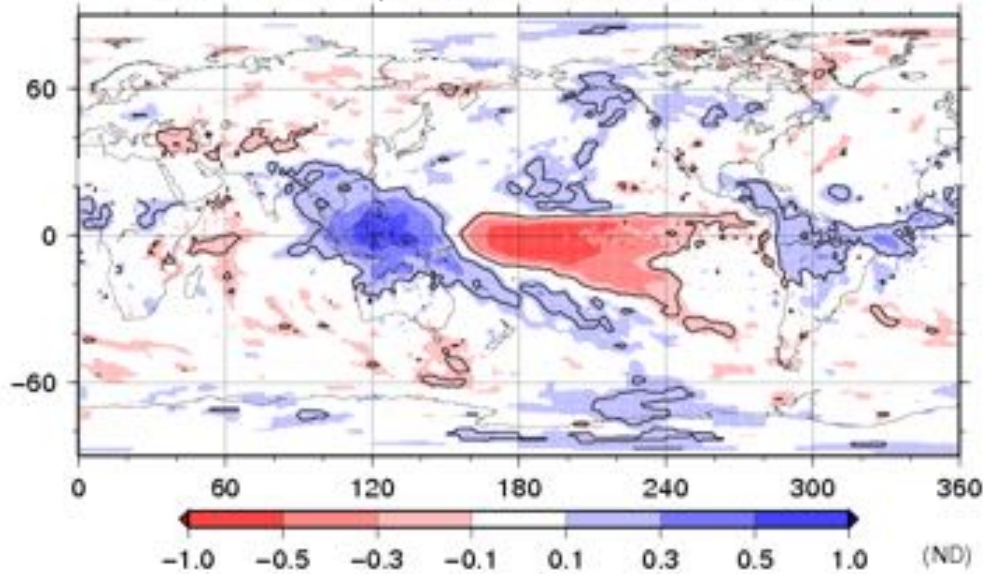
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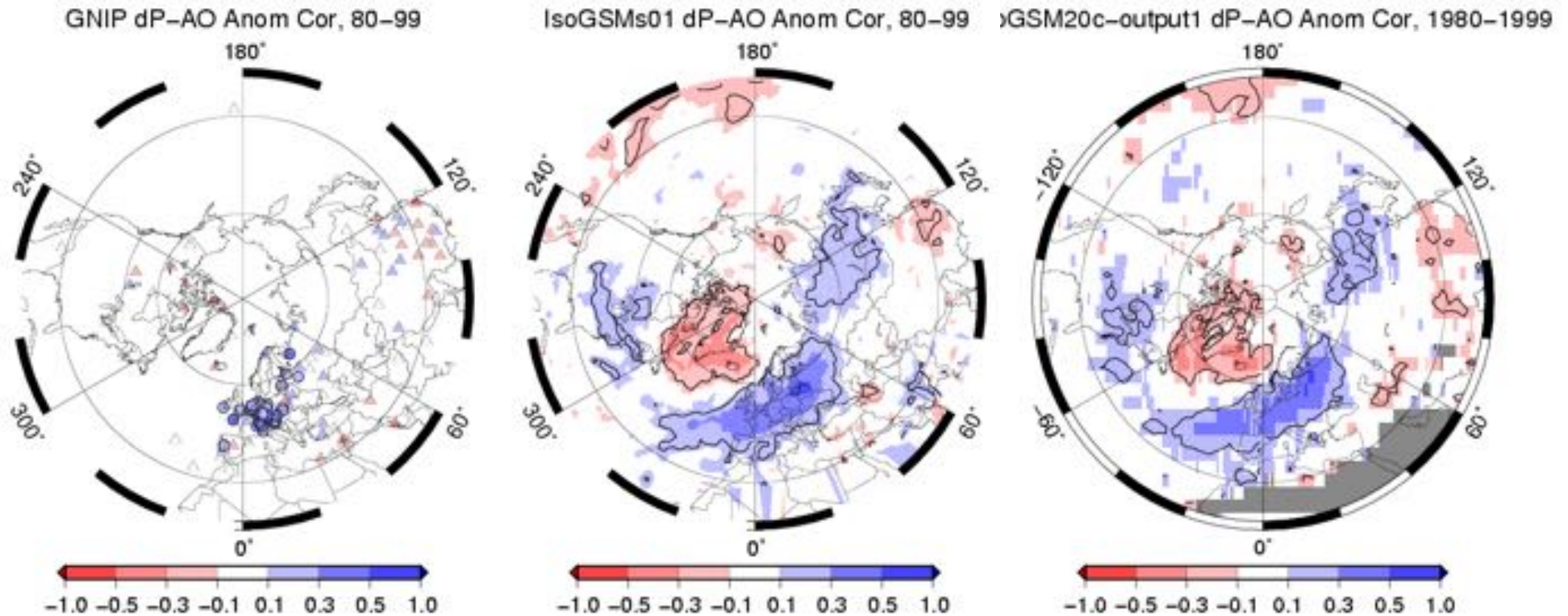
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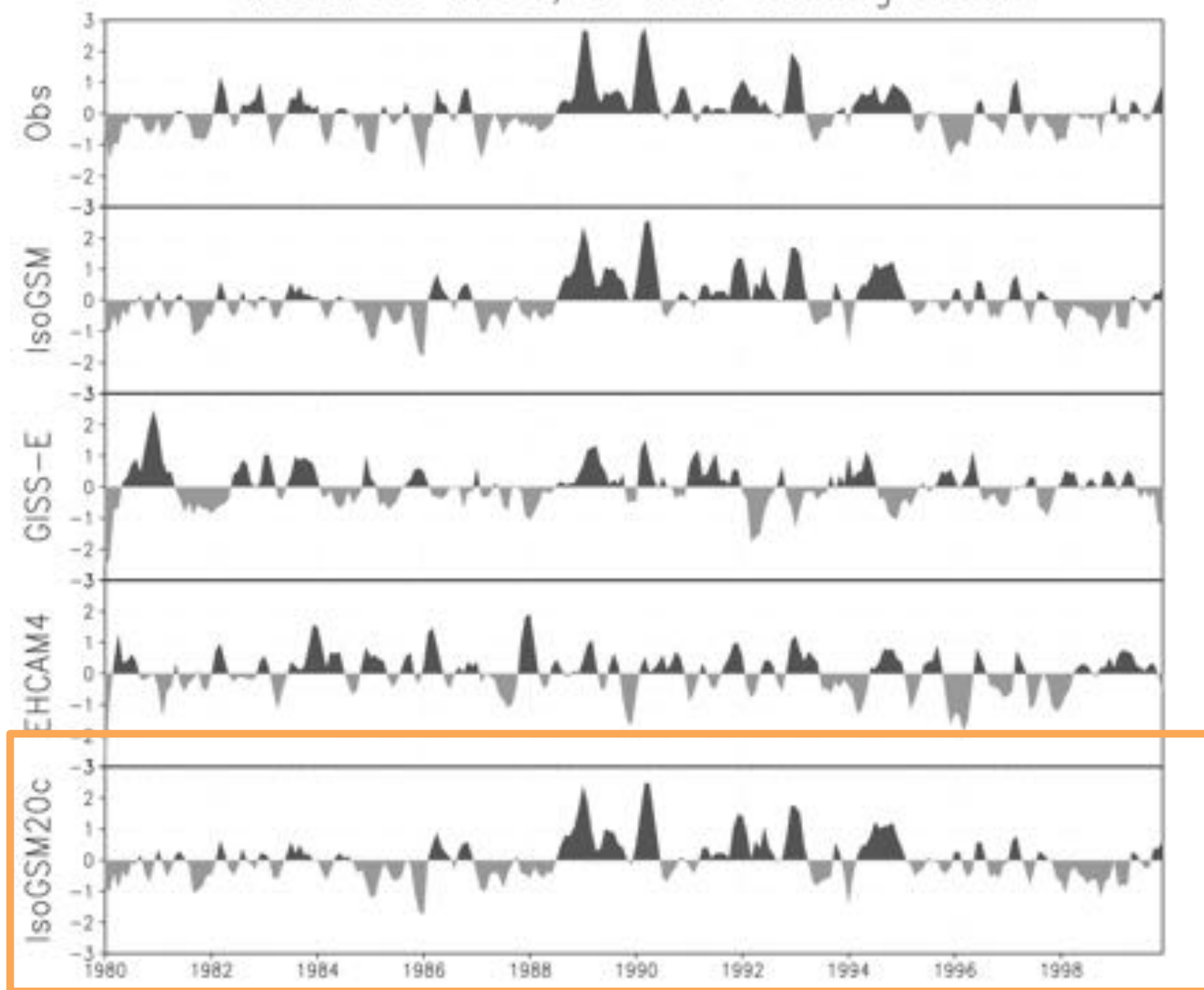
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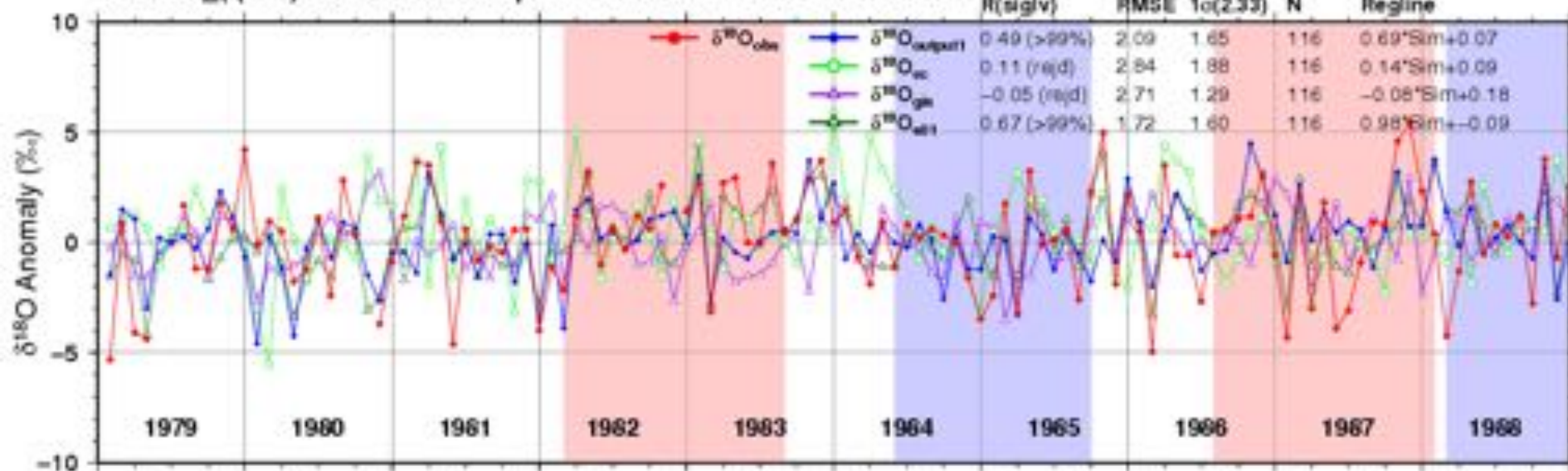
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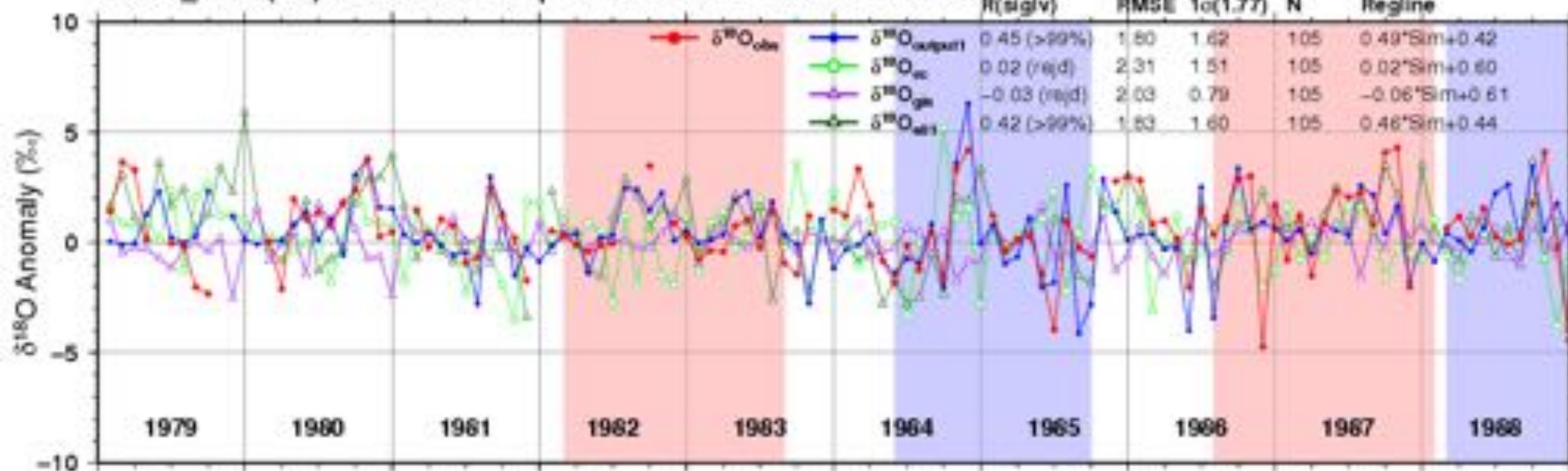
Model A0 index, 3-mon running mean



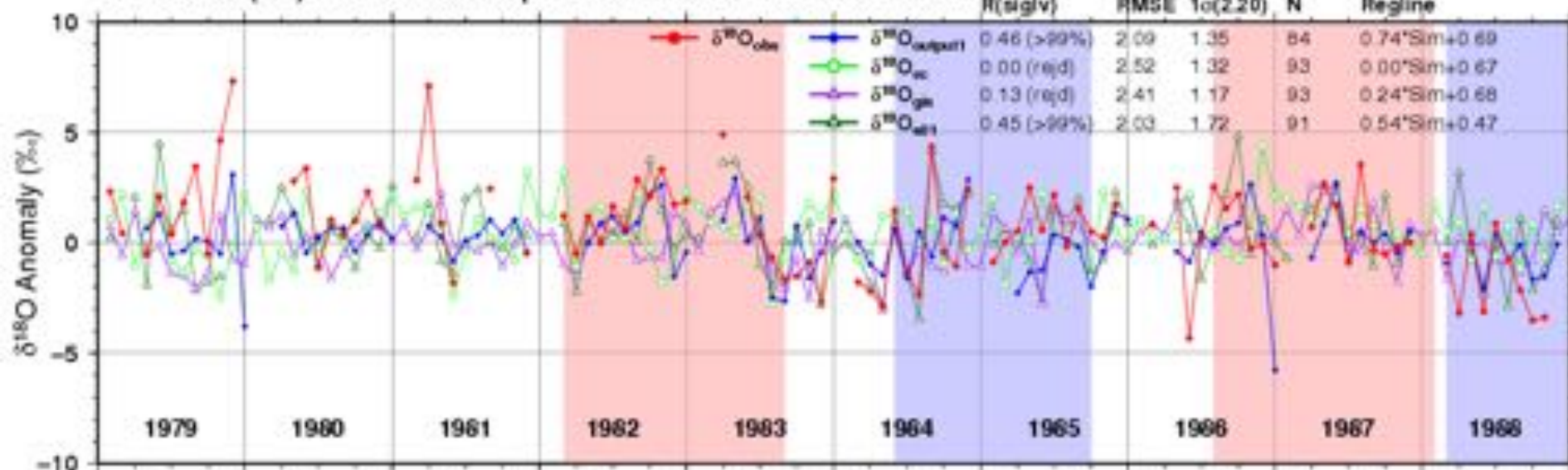
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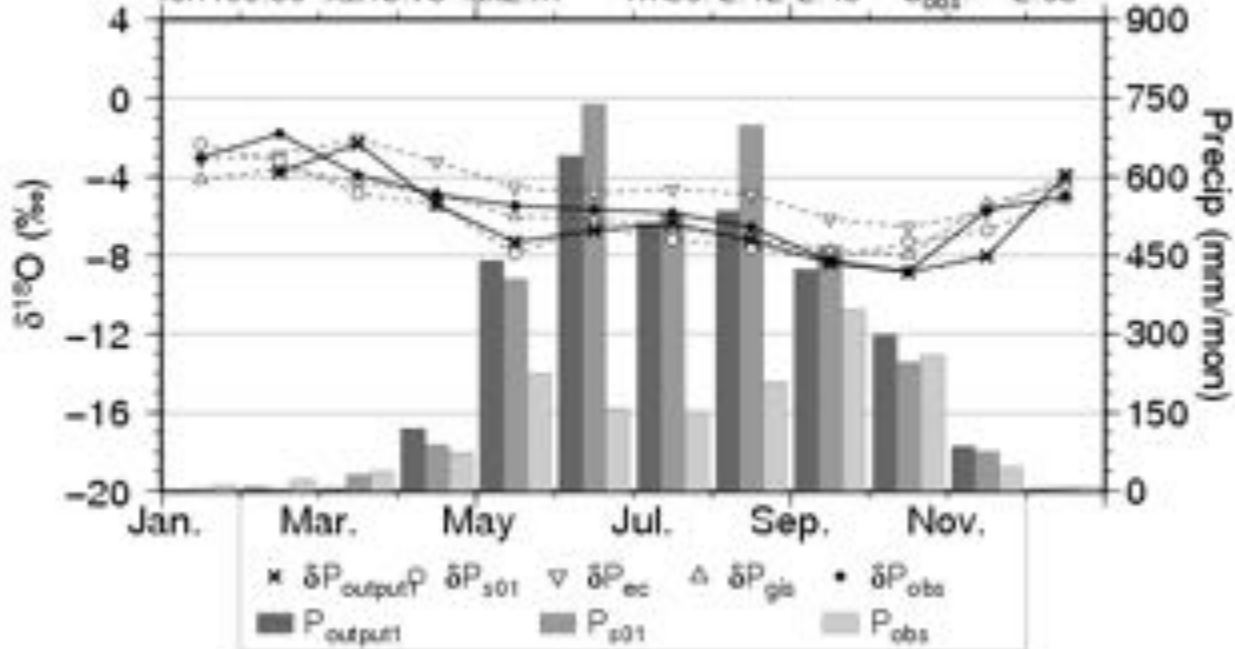
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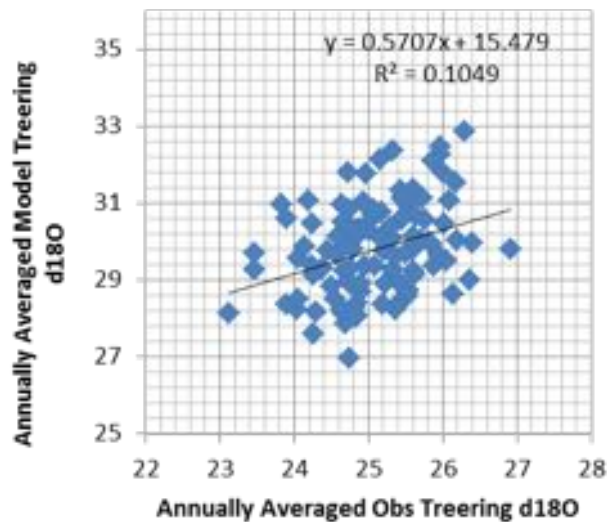
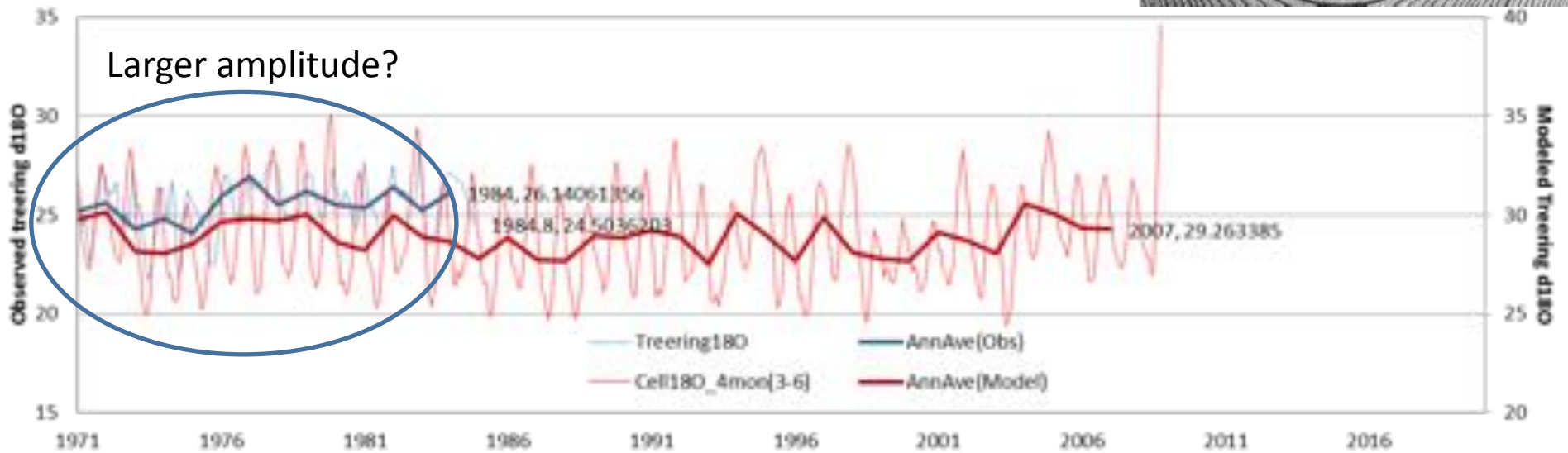
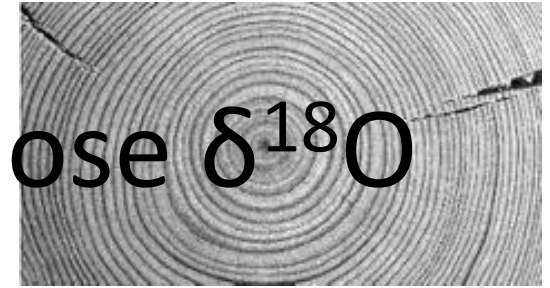
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output1	s01	output1	s01
N: 85	91	Sig >99%	>99%
R: 0.68	0.64	$\sigma_{\text{sim}}$ : 2.76	2.81
rmse: 2.42	2.45	$\sigma_{\text{obs}}$ : 2.03	





# Cambodian Treering Cellulose $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



$R=0.324, >99\%$  sig.