

What can we learn about underlying physical processes from data ?

- **Primary tool: Causal Discovery methods, i.e. finding *potential* cause-effect relationships from data using conditional independence tests.**
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Examples:

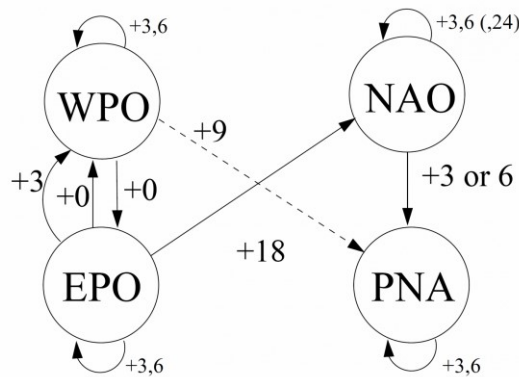


Fig. 1: Interactions between four different modes of the climate system (in days)

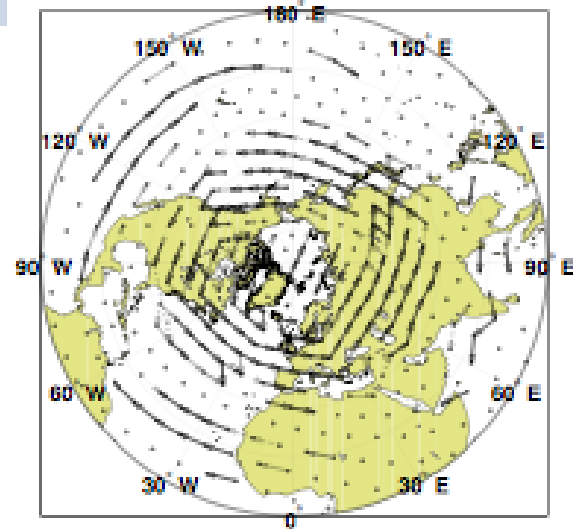


Fig. 2: Interactions between locations (due to storm tracks) deduced from geopotential height data.

Collaborations I'm looking for:

- **New applications to try these methods on.**
- **Would you like to learn more about underlying processes from data?**
- **Goals: (1) Derive new hypotheses about interactions from data. (2) Learn new details about patterns of interactions.**
- **Needs large sample size. Can be spatio-temporal.**