

# Volcanism and ENSO

## A Re-appraisal with Paleoclimate Data Assimilation

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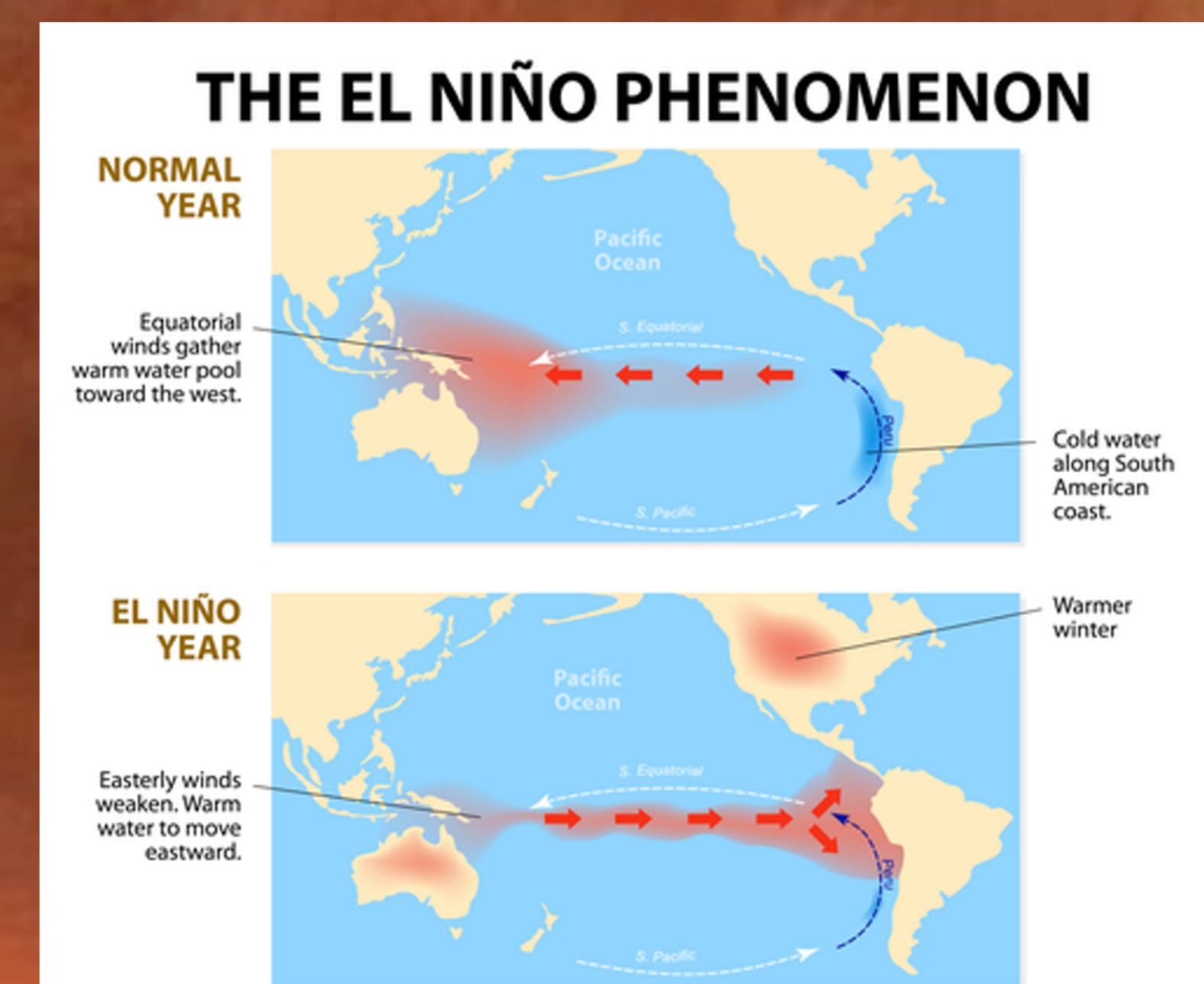


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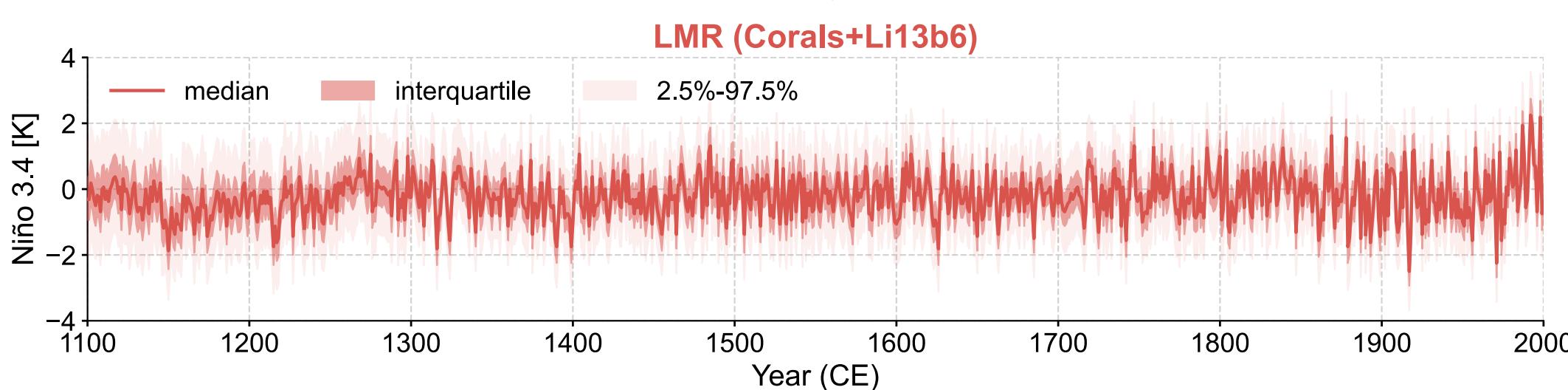
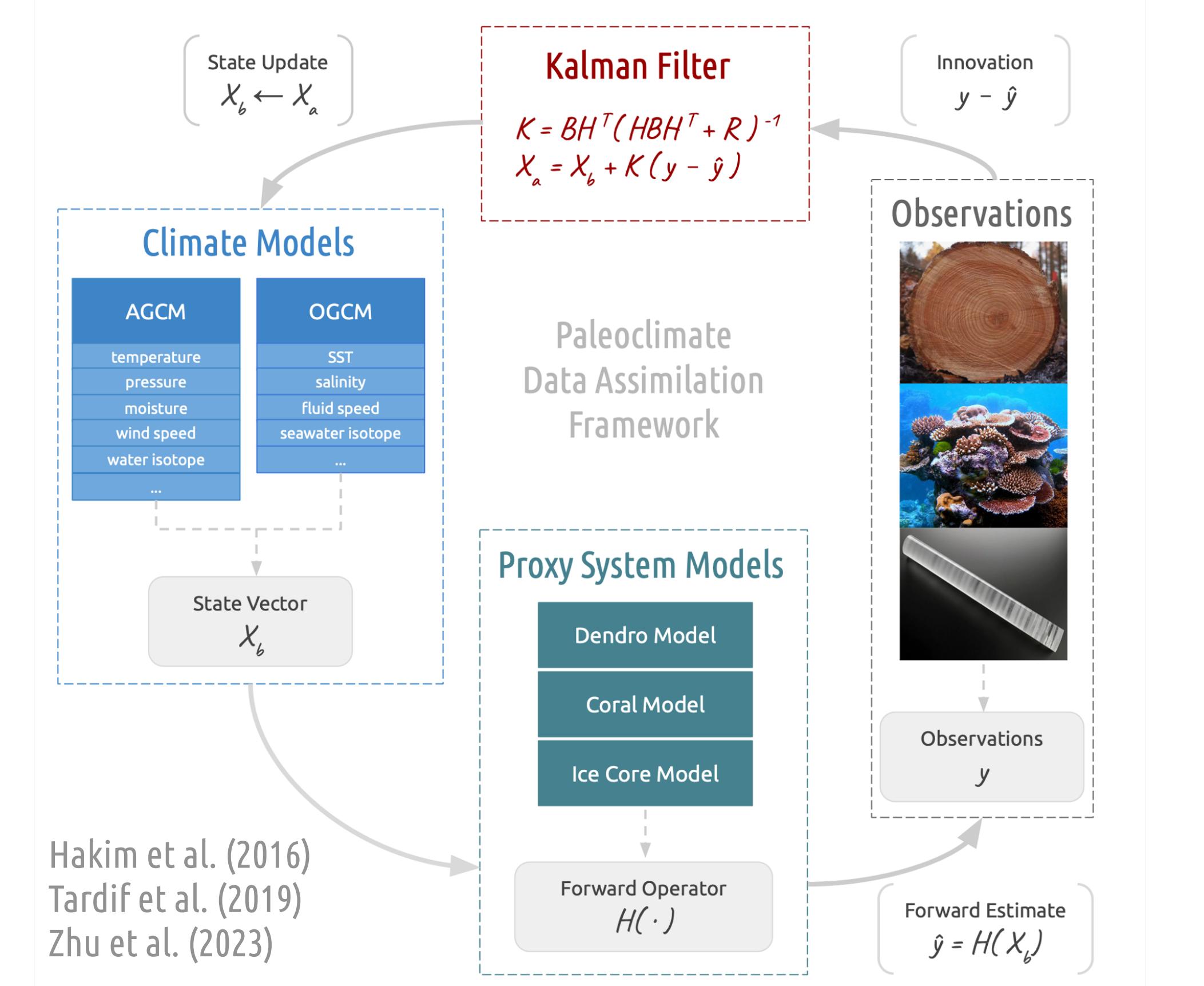
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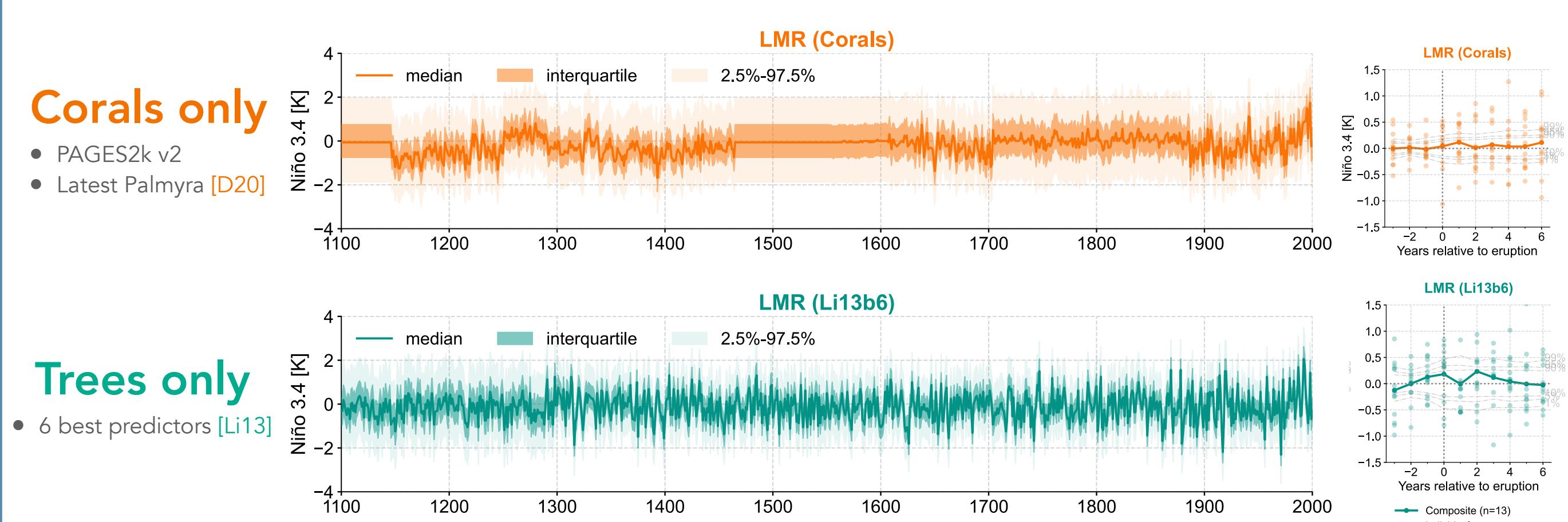
## Takeaways

- Paleoclimate data assimilation enables the comparison and optimal fusion of different proxy records within a consistent dynamical framework.
- We see no real contradiction between trees and corals, and the event selection is more consequential.
- Recent modeling studies suggest that multiple factors can affect the response: location, intensity, season, preconditioning of the ENSO state...
- Last millennium is not enough. More and longer proxy records are needed.

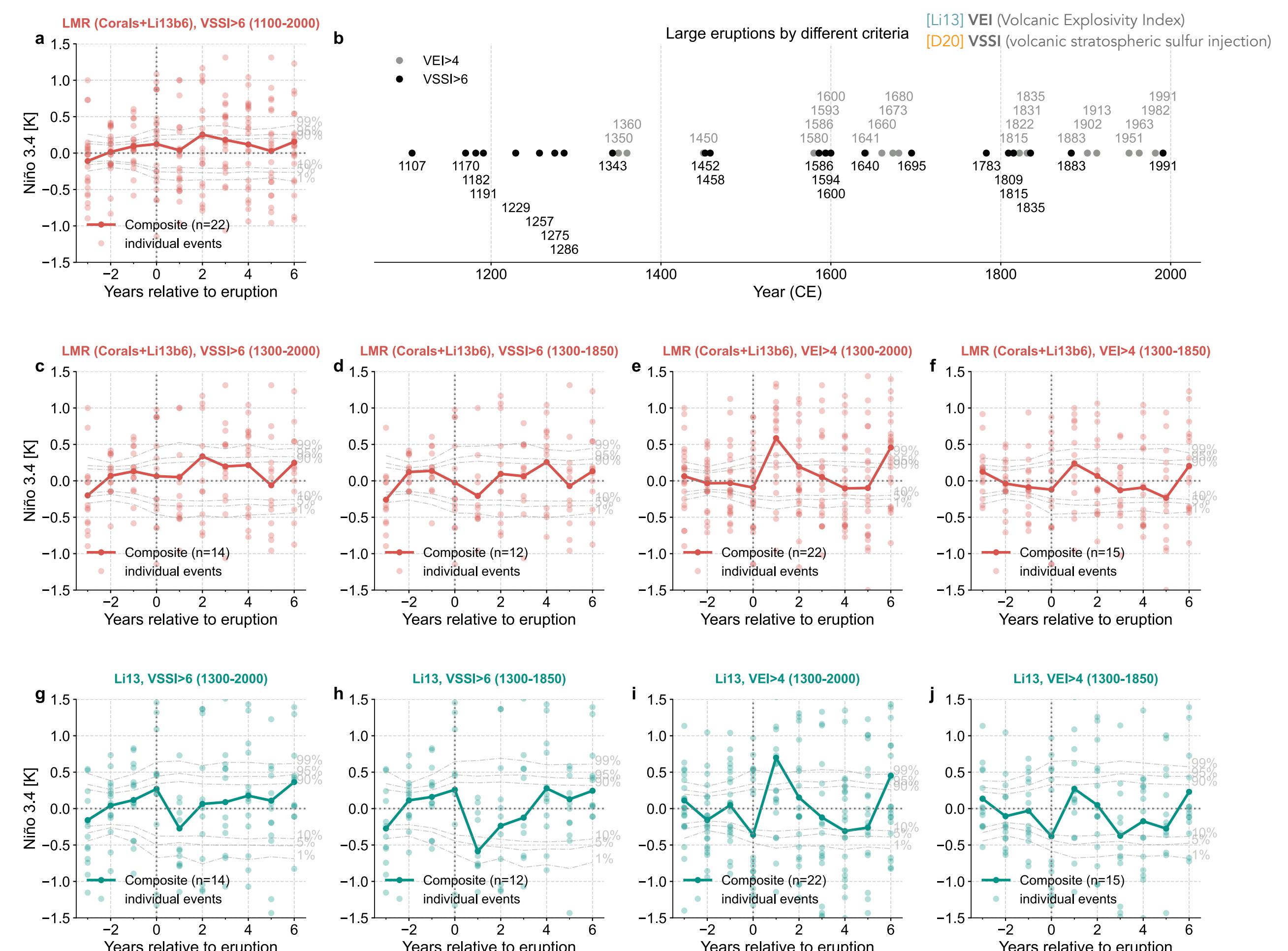
## PDA: comparison and optimal fusion



## Trees vs Corals: consistent conclusions



## Trees ⊕ Corals: event selection is consequential



## Key Refs

Tree ring-based Study [Li13] Li et al. (2013)

Coral-based Study [D20] Dee et al. (2020)

PAGES2k v2 Database PAGES2k Consortium (2017)

Last Millennium Reanalysis PDA framework Hakim et al. (2016), Tardif et al. (2019), Zhu et al. (2023)