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Investigating the Impact of Climate Variability and Change on the California Current System

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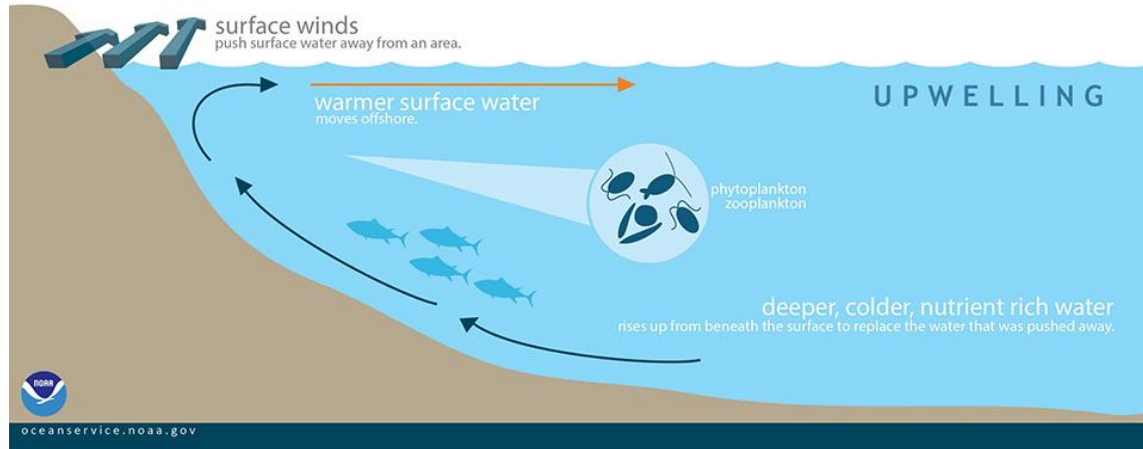
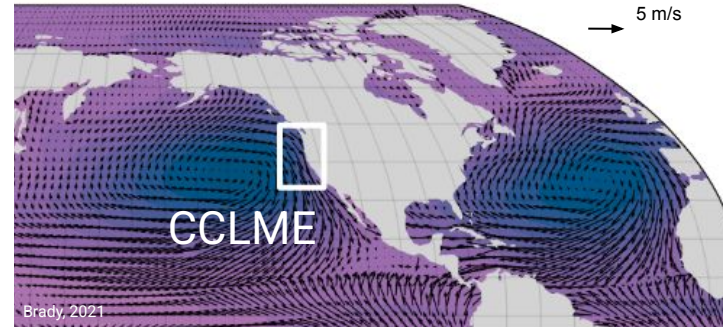
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The California Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME)



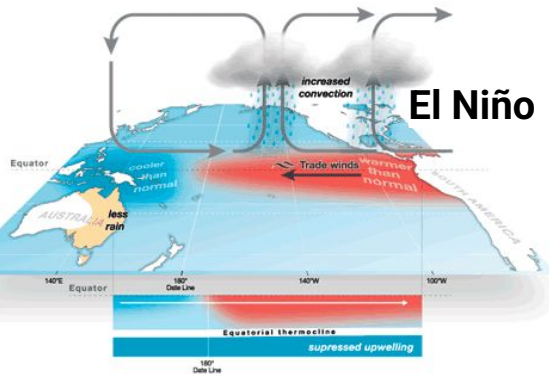
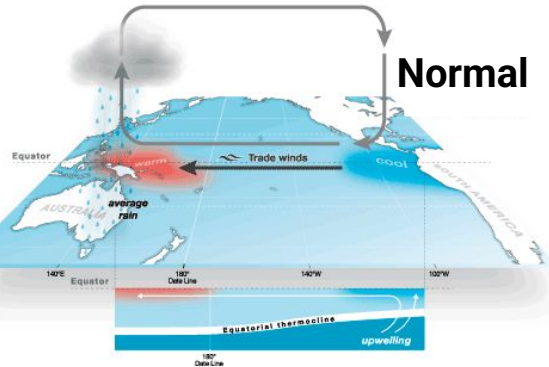
Upwelling Supports High Productivity in the CCLME



High Productivity Supports Valuable Living Marine Resources

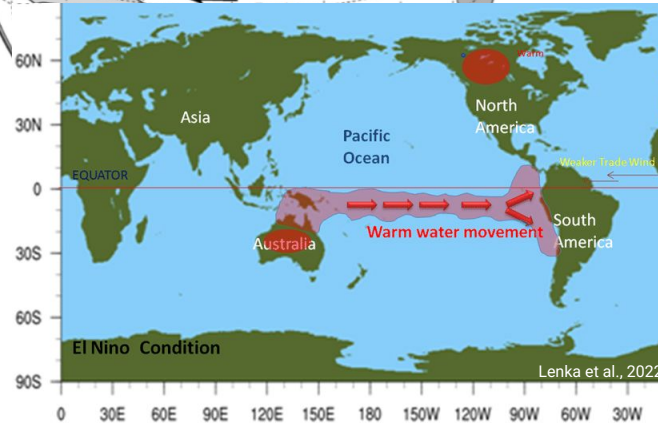
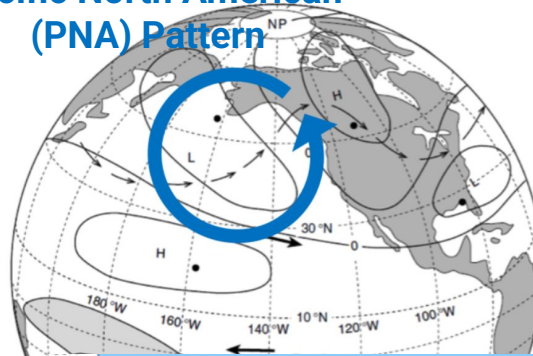
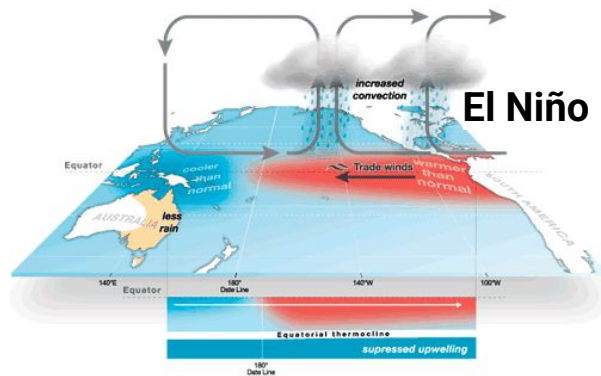
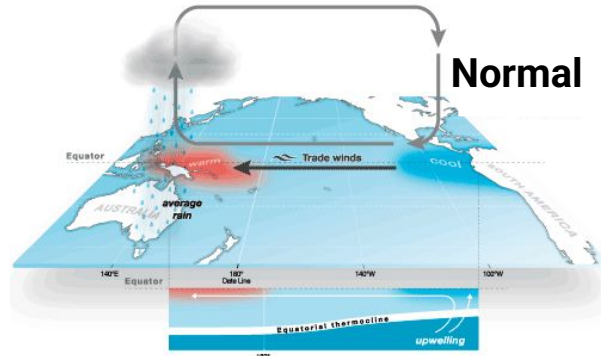


El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)



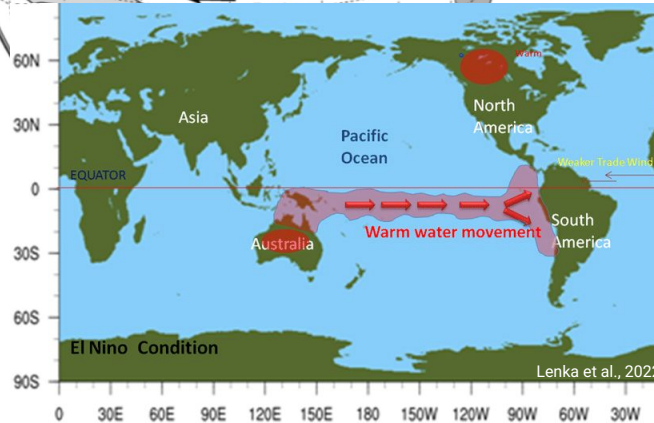
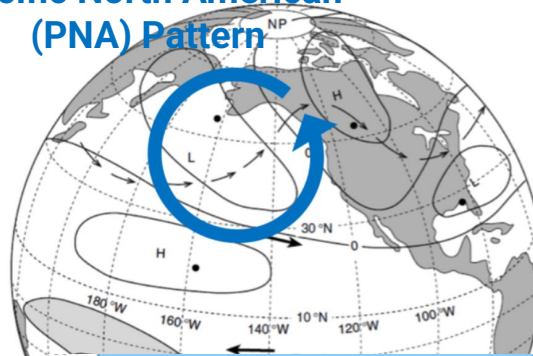
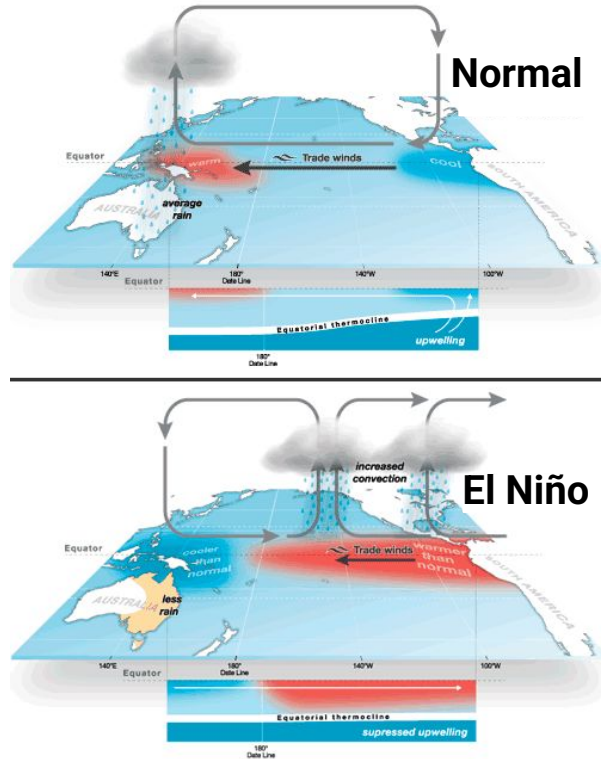
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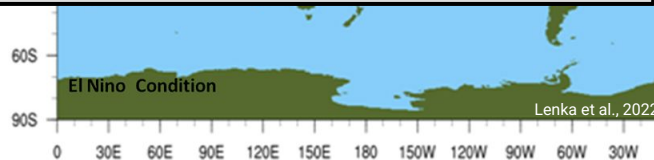
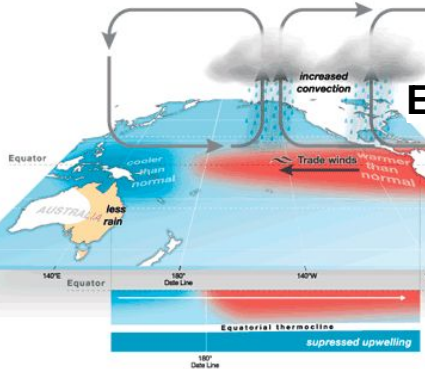
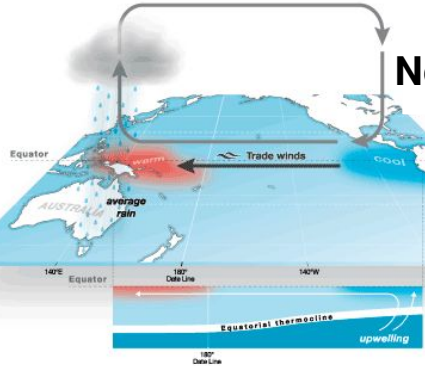
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Normal

Motivation:
Short observational records

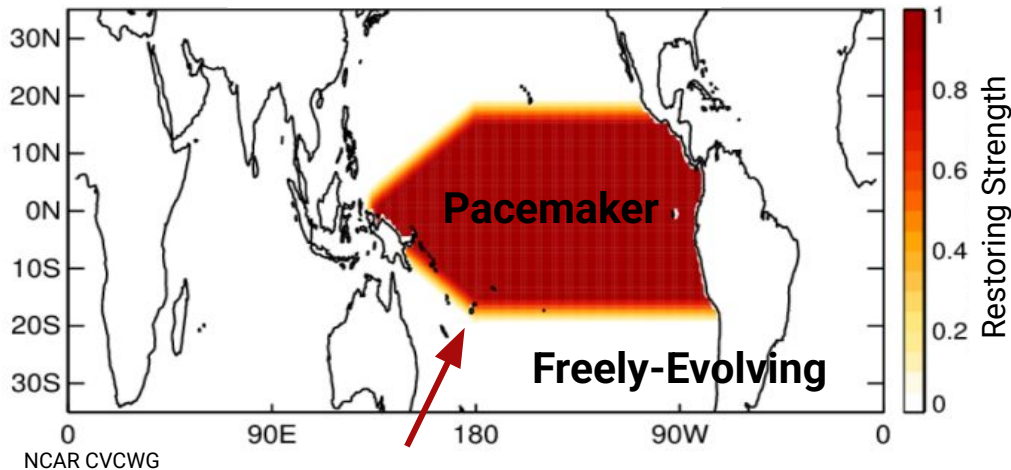
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Model the relationship between
ENSO and the CCLME

→ Dampened
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CESM2 Pacific Pacemaker Ensemble

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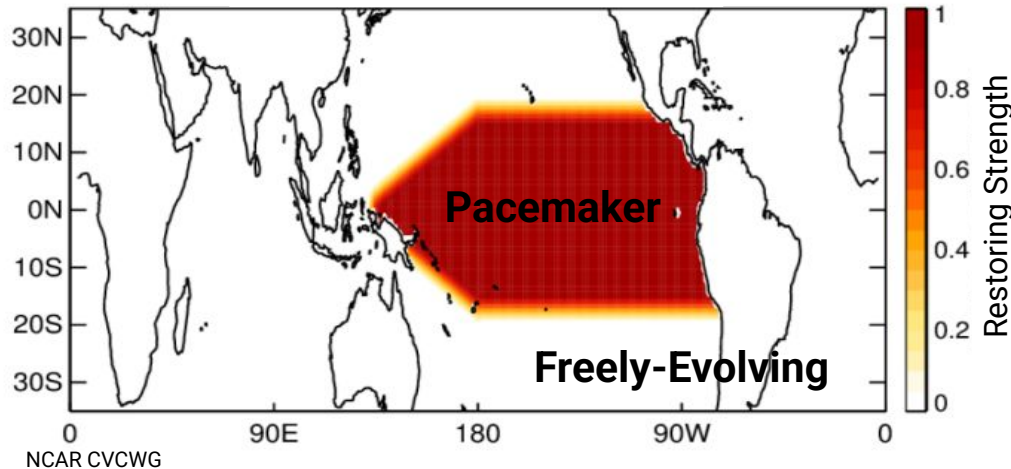


Observed SST anomalies

- Fully-coupled model, 1° resolution
- 10 ensemble members
- 1880-2019, monthly output
- ERSSTv5 SST anomalies

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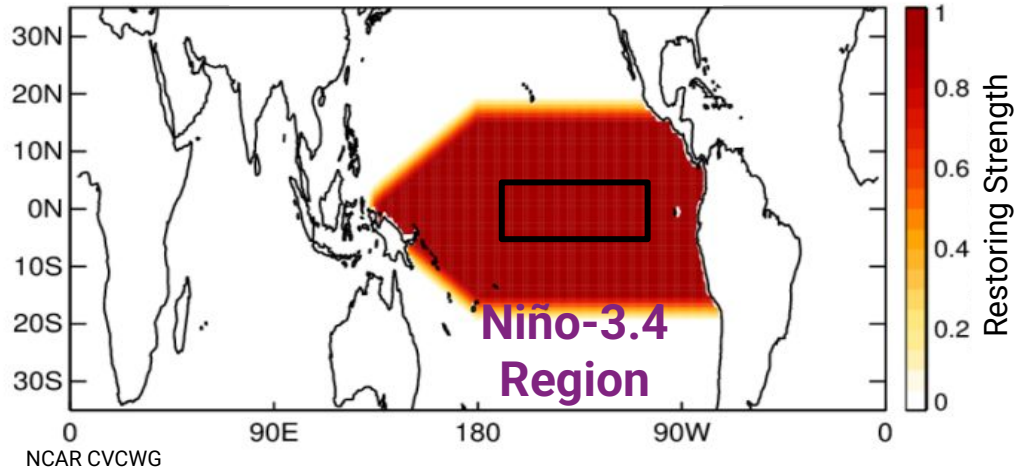
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- Physical variables:
 - Sea Surface Temperature (SST), Vertical Velocity (40-meter depth), and Mixed Layer Depth
- Biogeochemical (BGC) variables:
 - 100-meter depth
 - Nitrate, Oxygen, and Carbon

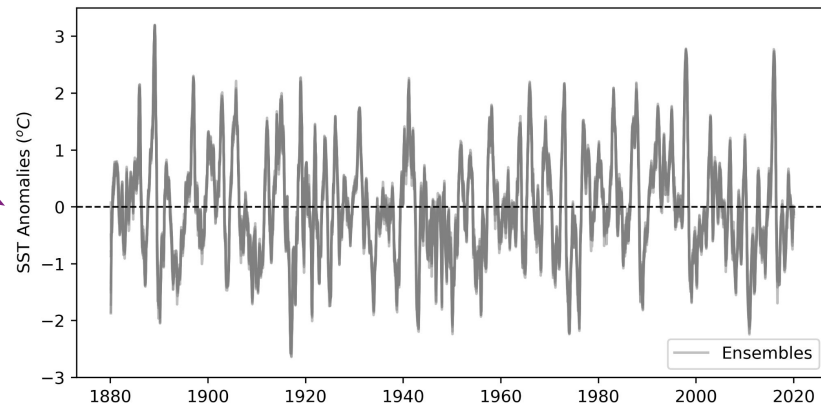
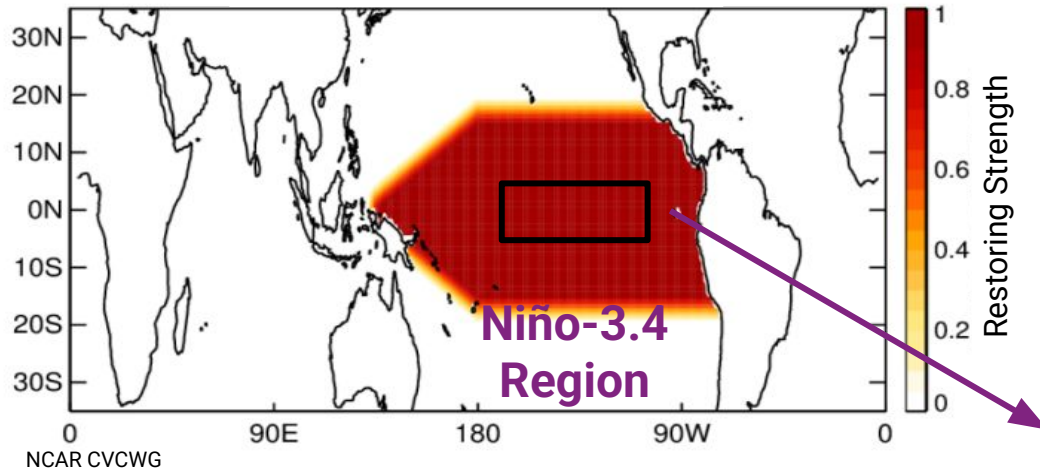
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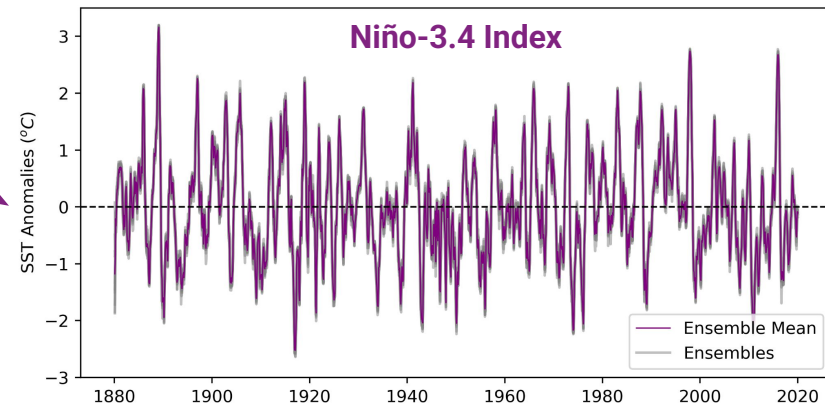
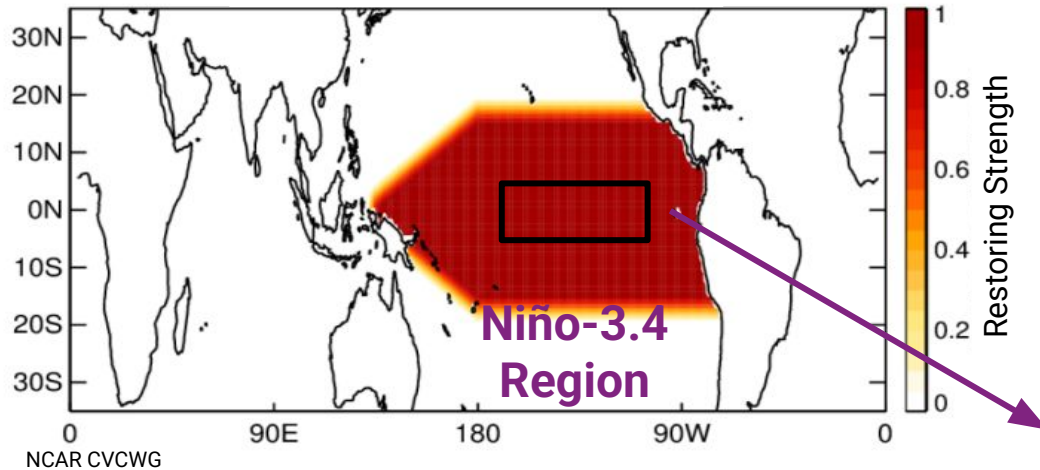
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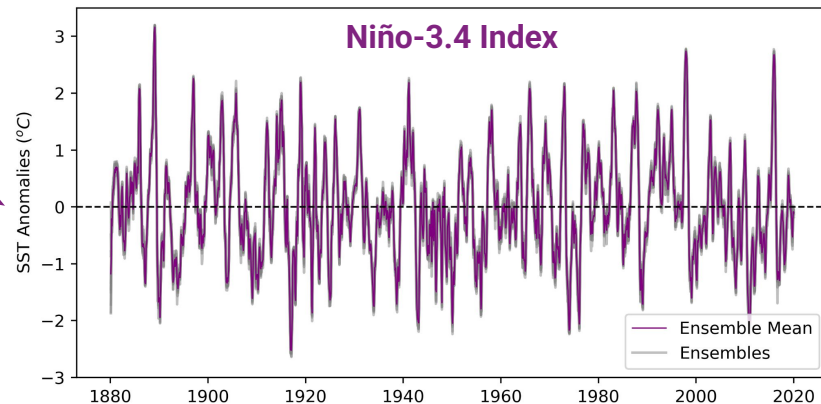
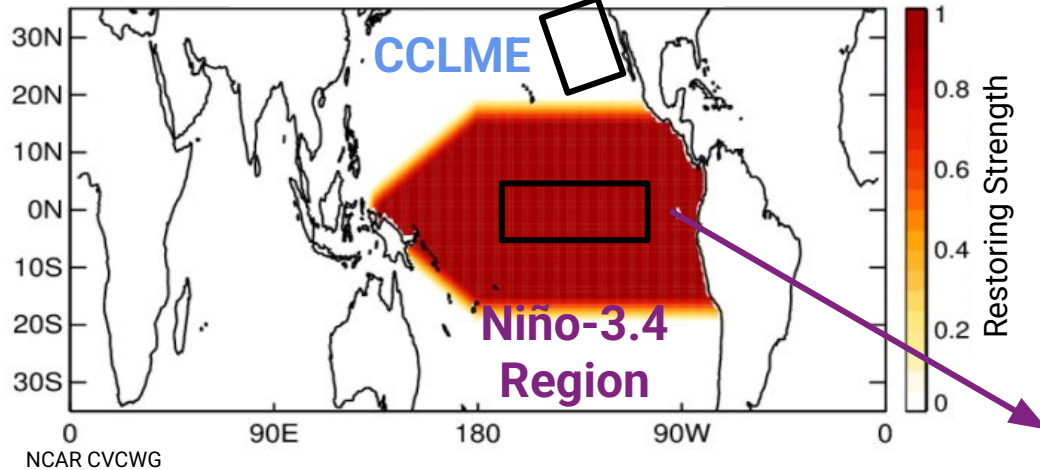
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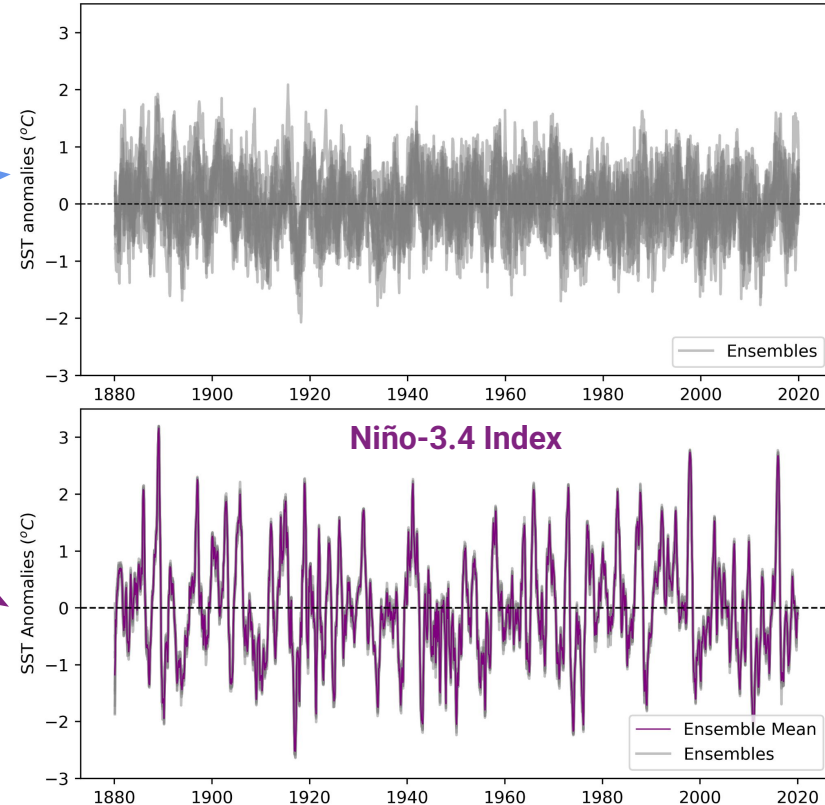
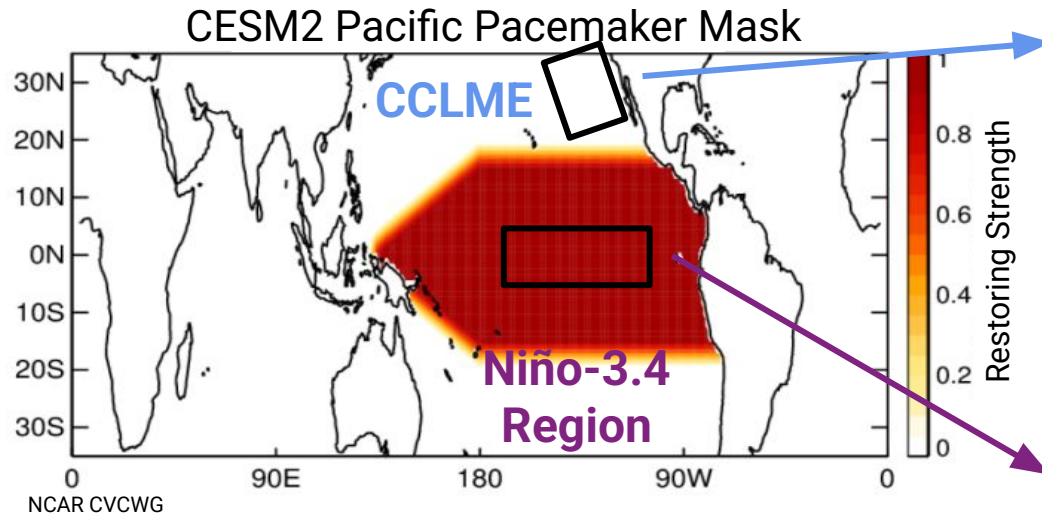


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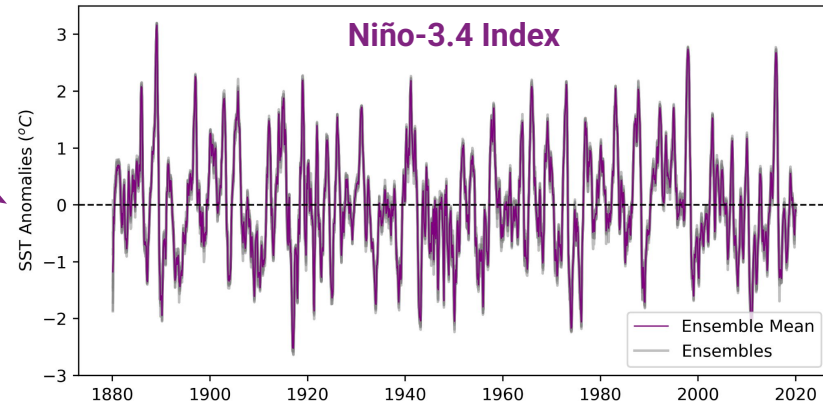
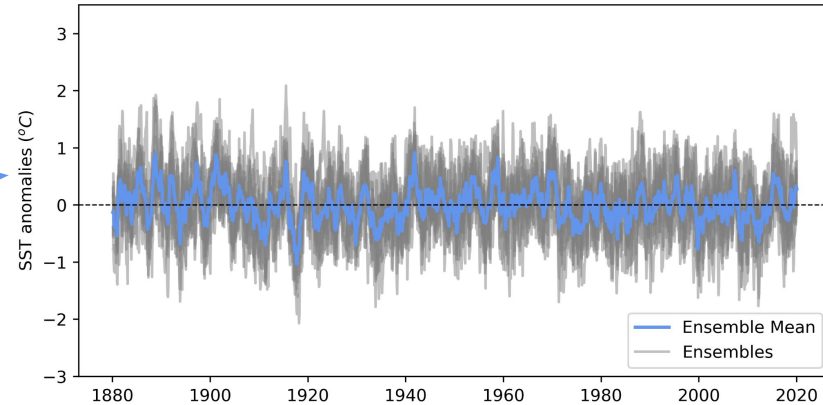
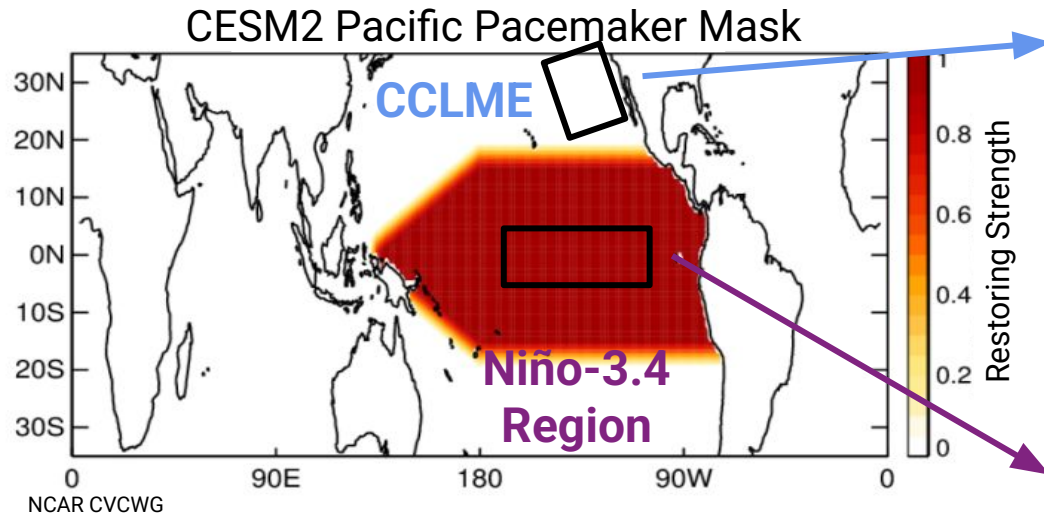
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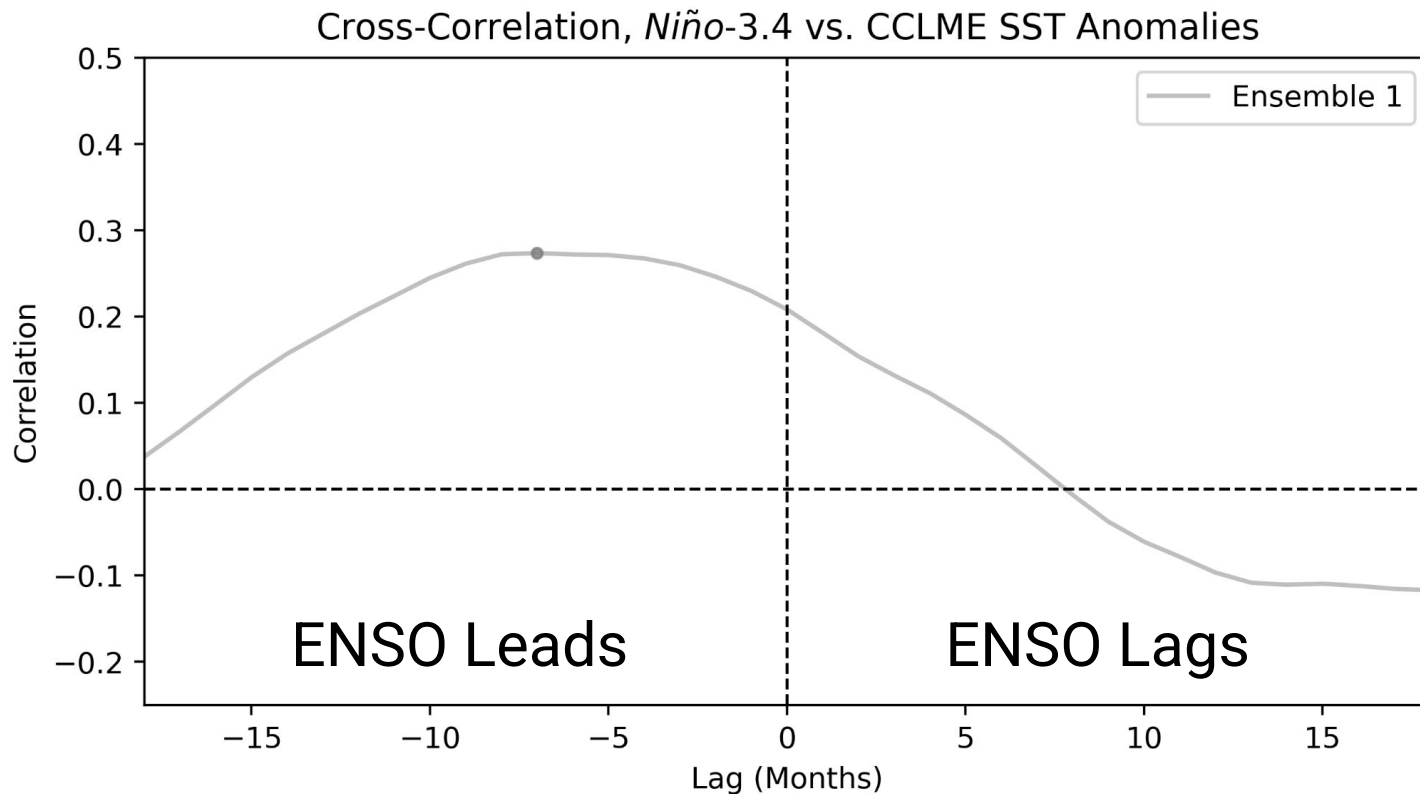
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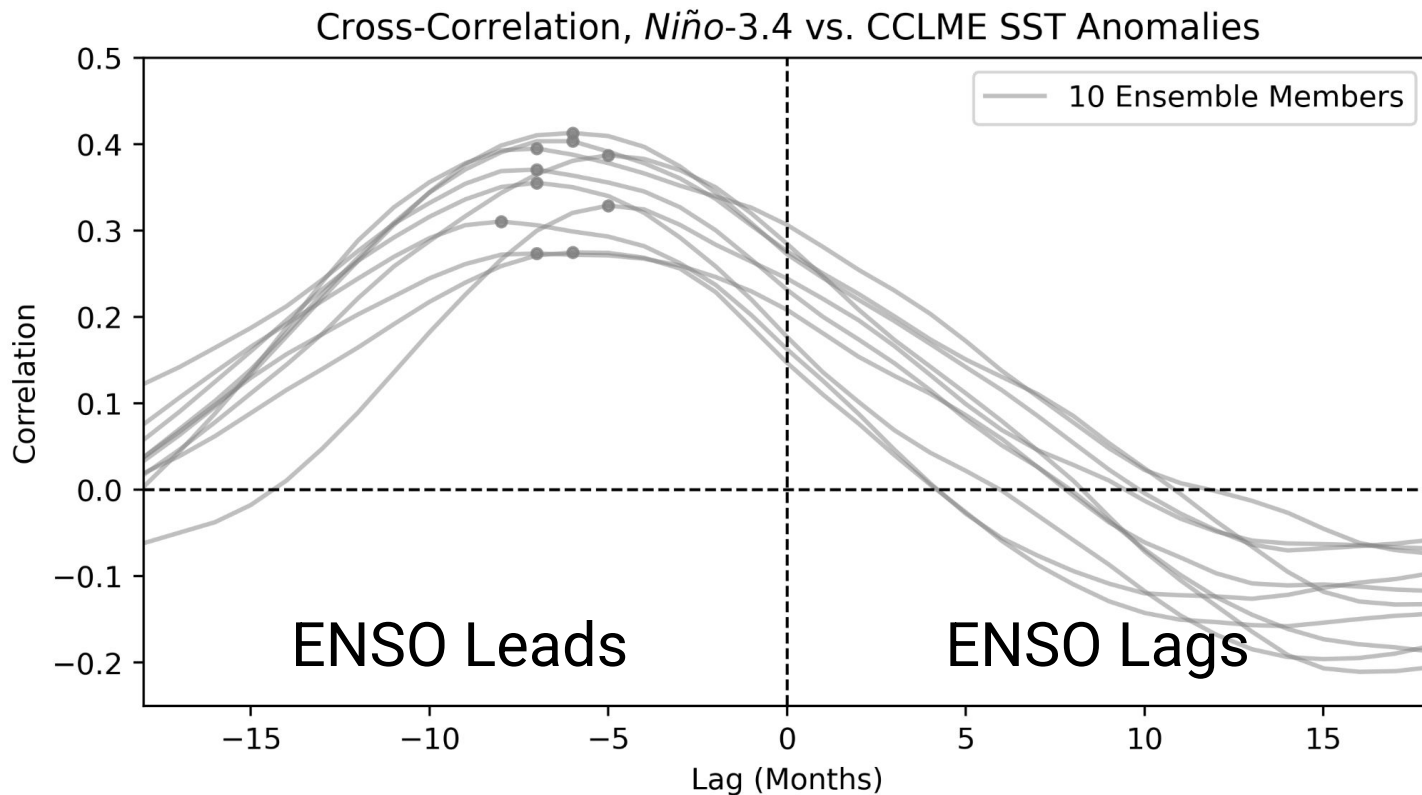
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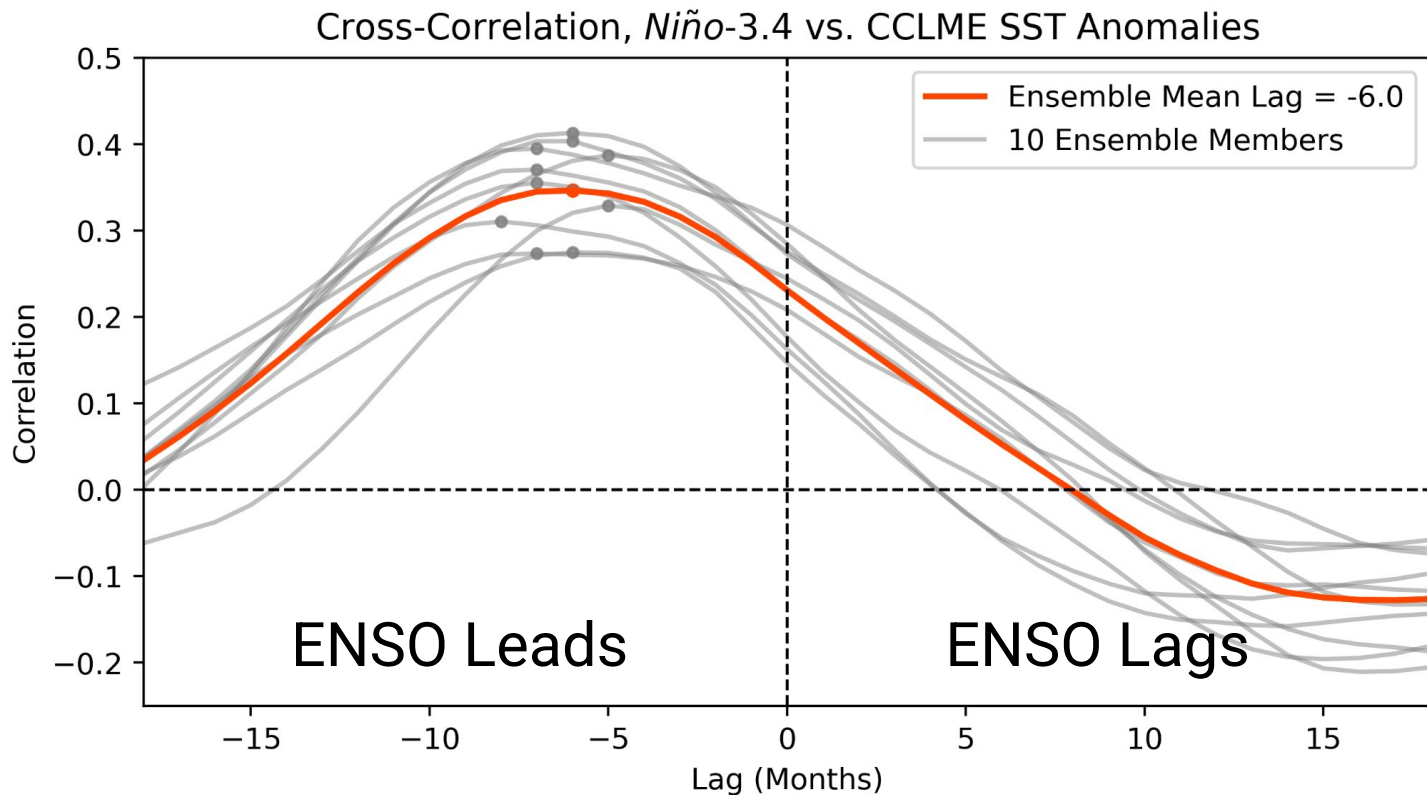
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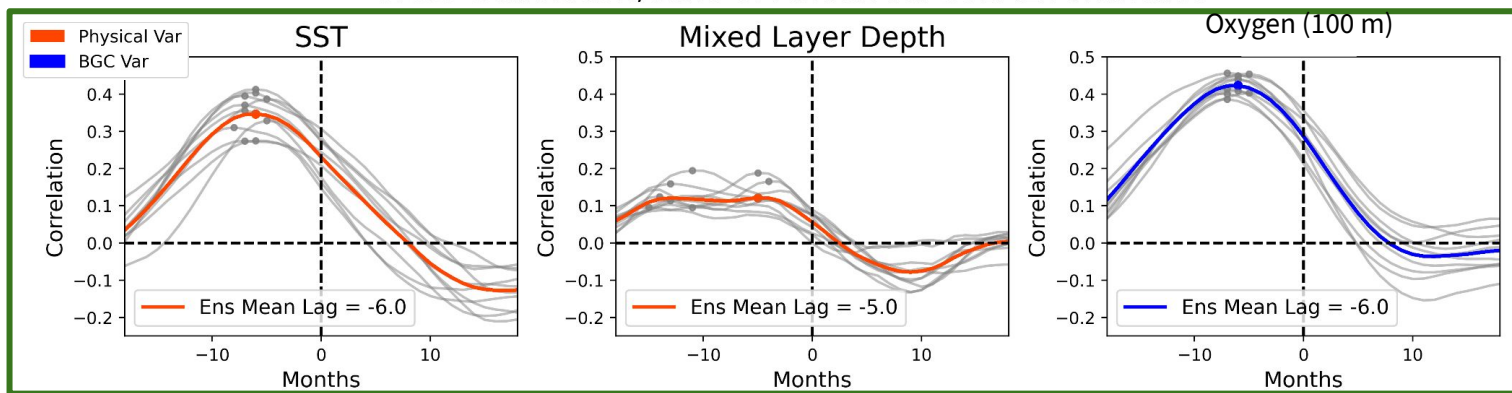


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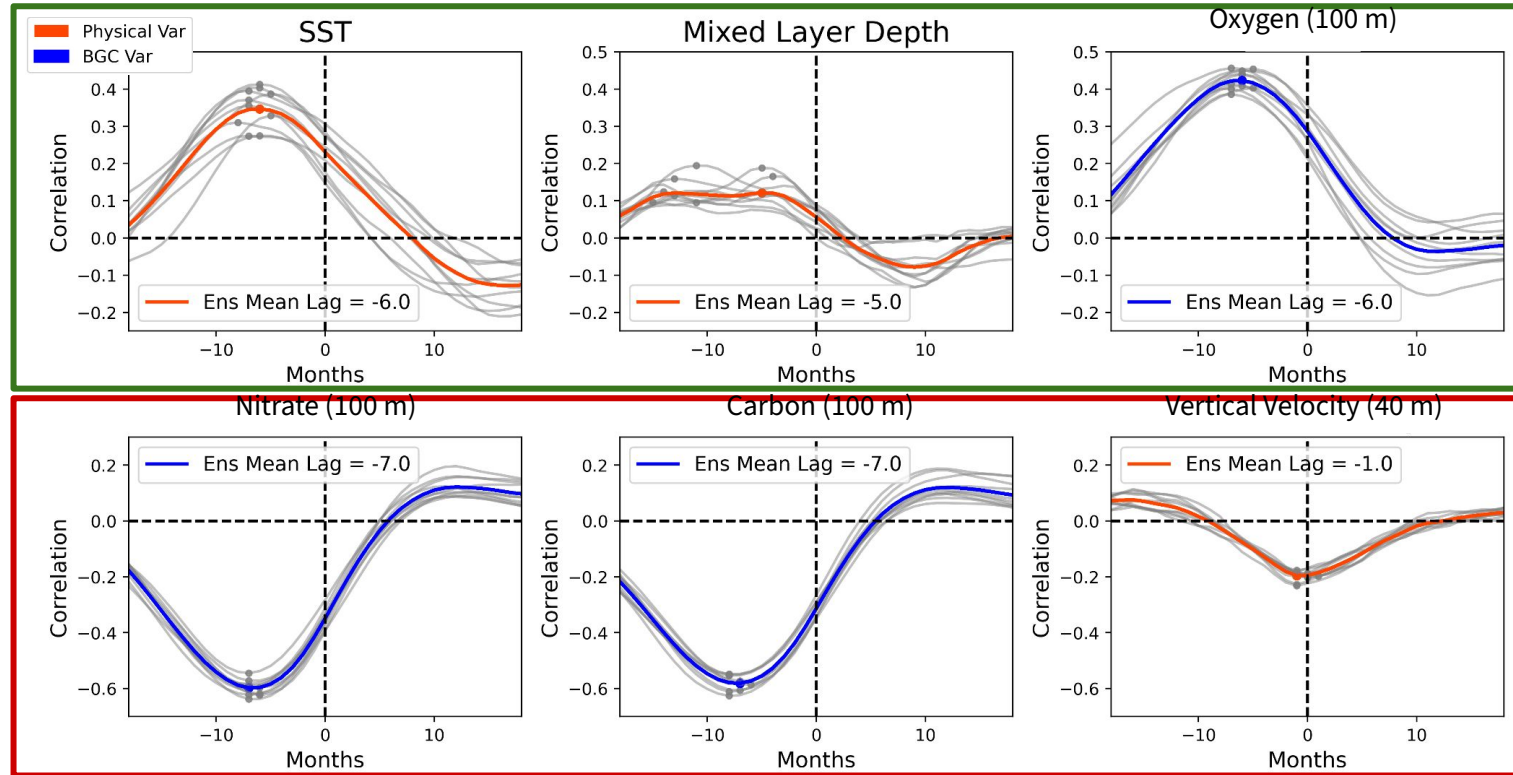
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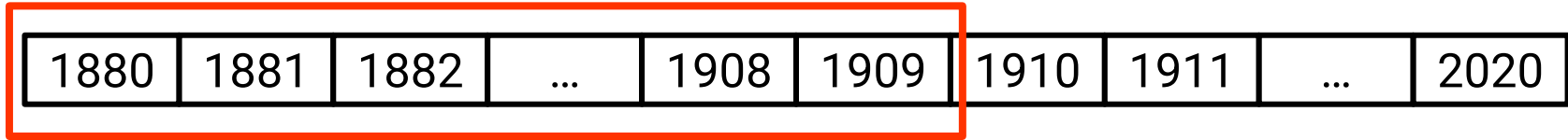


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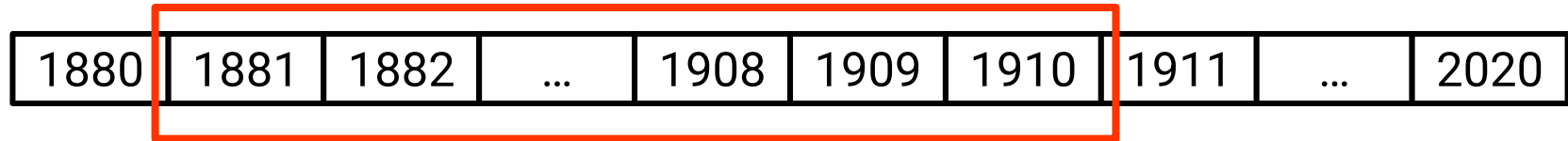
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30-Year Sliding Window Resampling

Initial Window

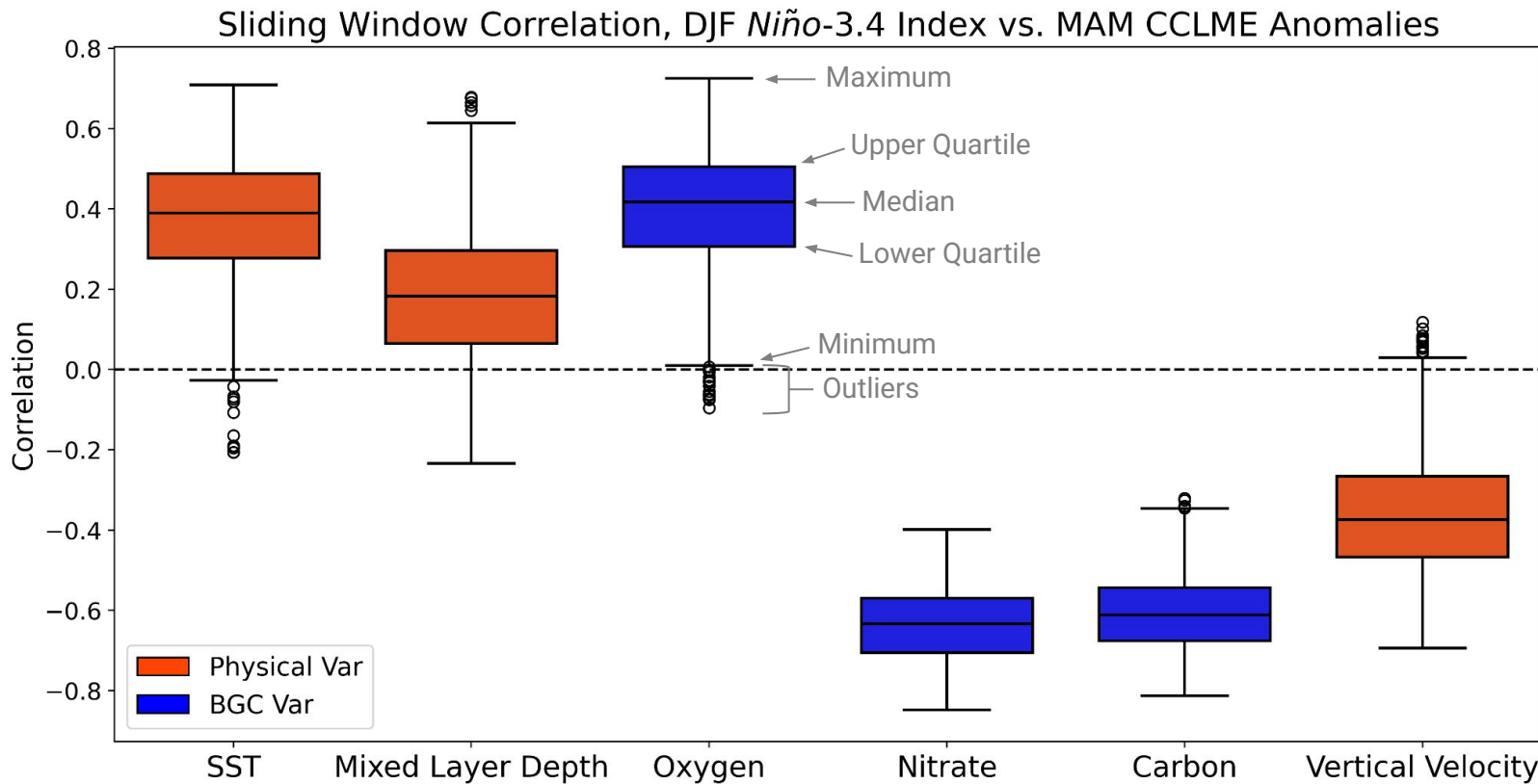


Window Slides →

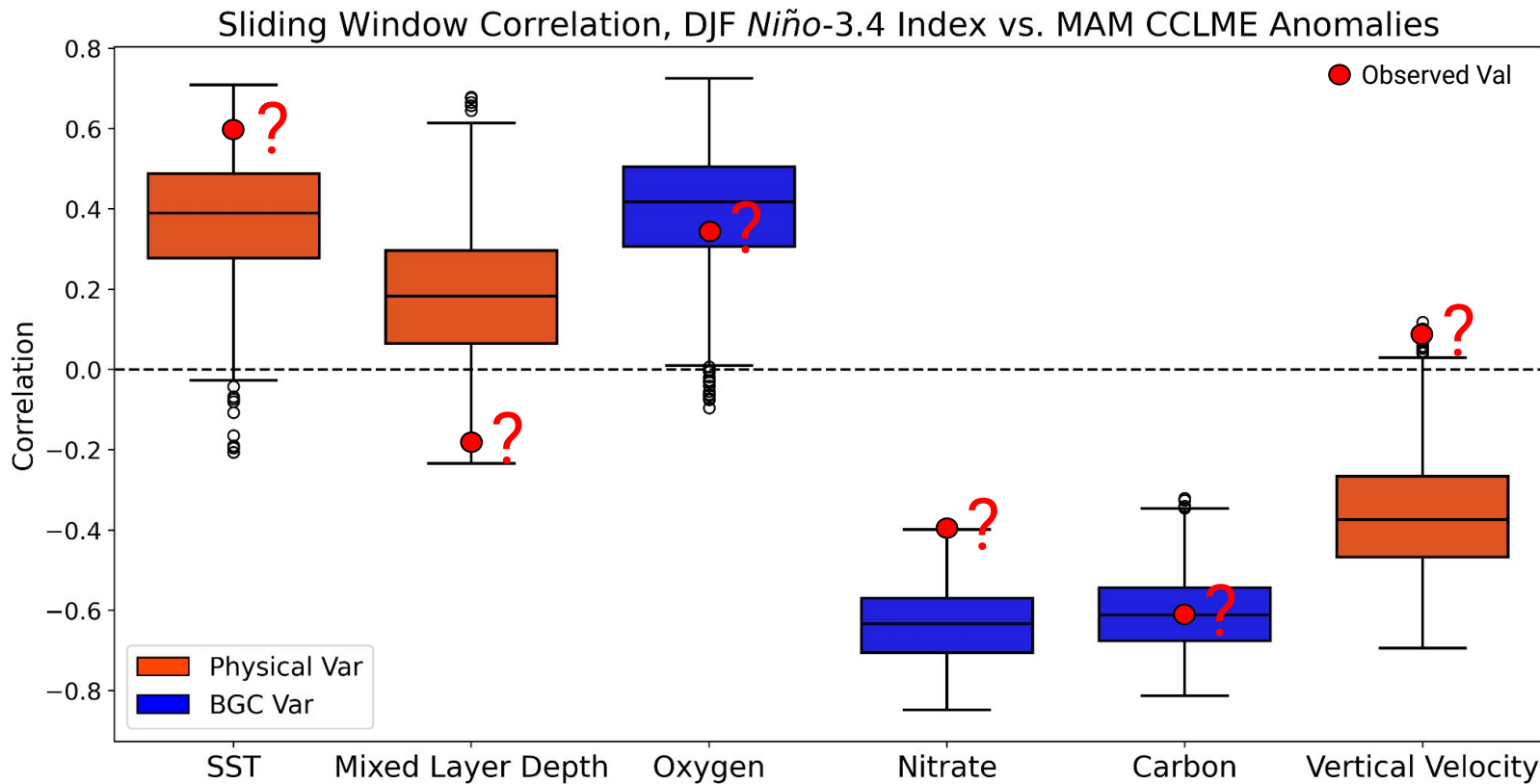


10 correlation values → 1090 correlation values

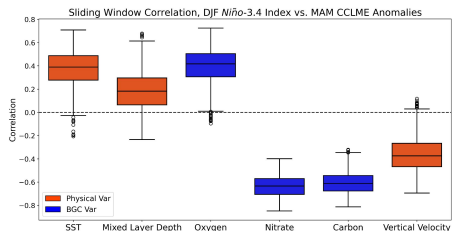
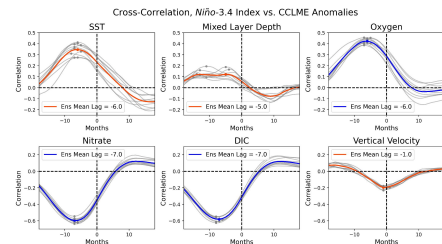
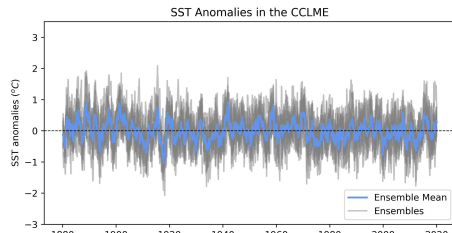
Spread in Possible Correlation Values



Future Work: Observed Correlation



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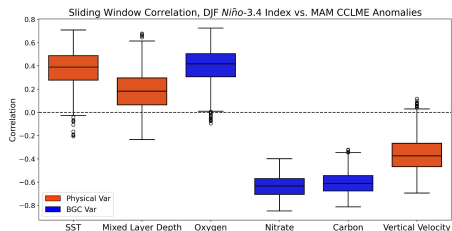
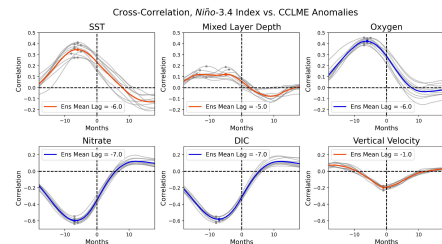
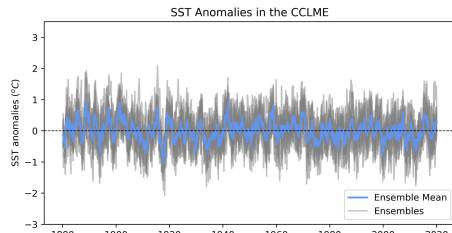


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