

What have we learned about our climate by using networks and nonlinear analysis tools?

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- About 25 published or accepted papers, available at climatelinc.eu
- The journals reveal the interdisciplinary nature of the LINC project: PRL, GRL, Nonlinear Processes in Geophys., Chaos, Entropy, etc.
- Software and database also available in our web page.
- 1 thesis completed (Ignacio Deza, UPC, 2/2015), several are scheduled for the next months.



- First LINC school (Mallorca, Spain, September 2012)
- Second LINC school and Workshop 1 (The Netherlands, April 2013)
- Workshop 2 (Potsdam, Germany, November 2013)
- Workshop 3 (Montevideo, Uruguay, April 2014)
- Workshop 4 (Lucca, Italy, Sep. 2014 co-located with the European Conference on Complex Systems)
- Final Conference (Wien, April 2015, co-located with EGU)



- Ordinal analysis
- Results
- Summary
- Ongoing and future work

- Ignacio Deza (UPC)
- Giulio Tirabassi (UPC)
- Fernando Arismendi
- Marcelo Barreiro
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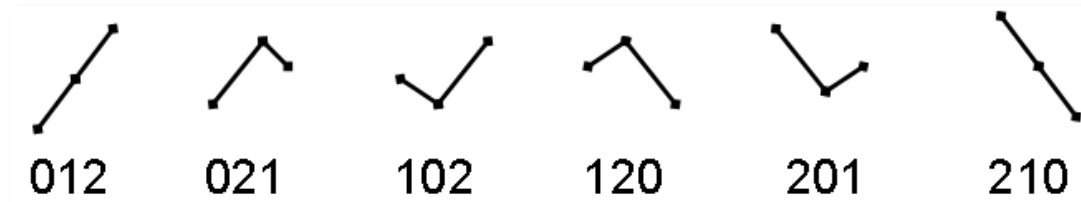
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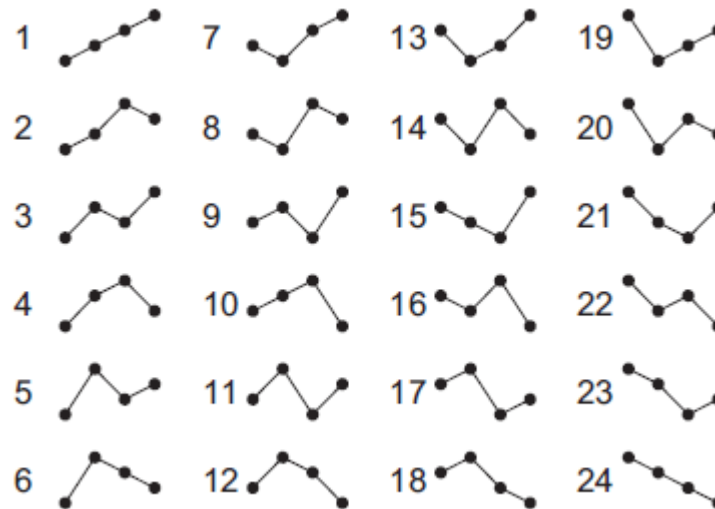
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- Consider a time series $\{\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots\}$ and compute the frequency of occurrence of patterns defined by the **order relation** among D values.

- For **D=3**



- For **D=4**



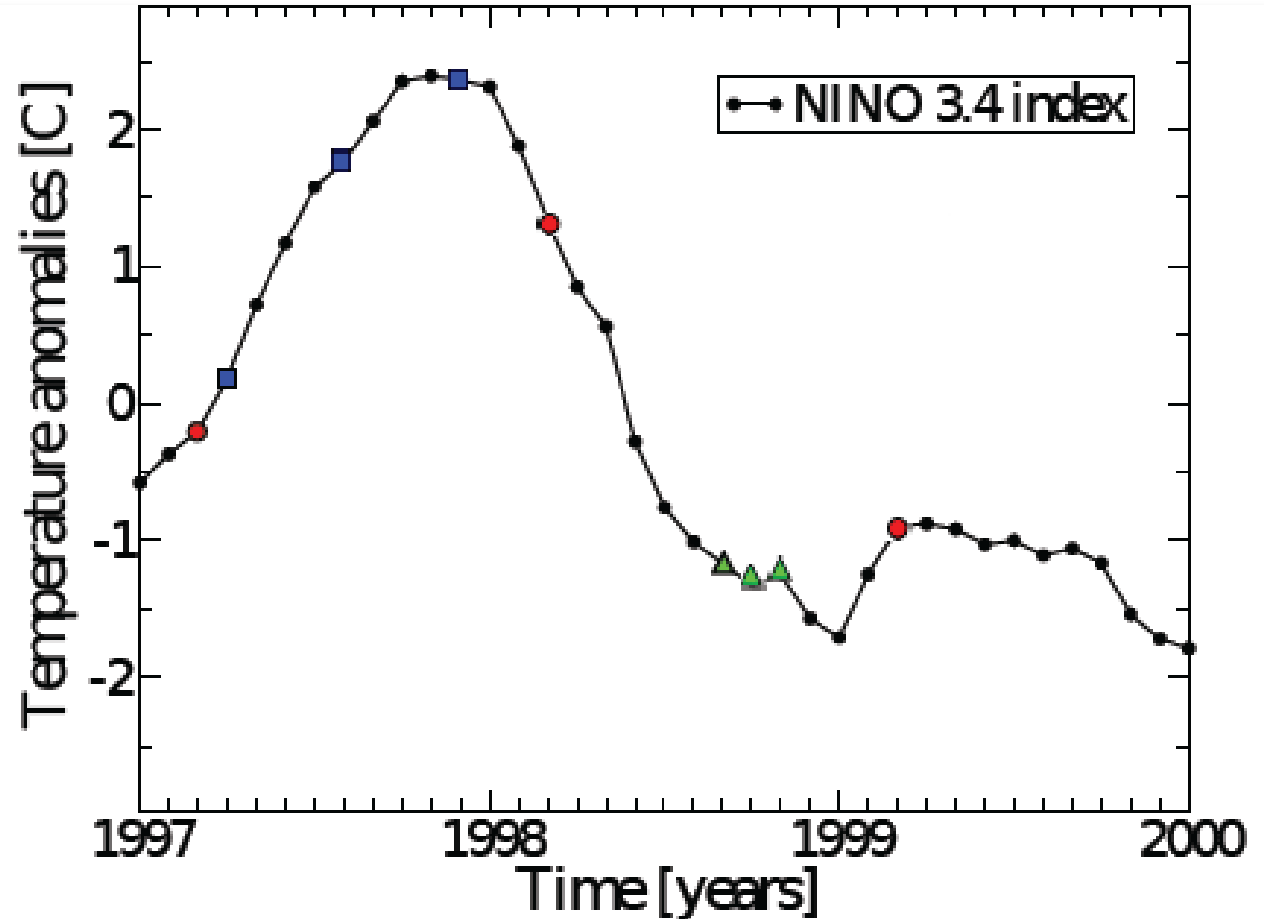
- D=5** : $5! = 120$

Intra-season 102

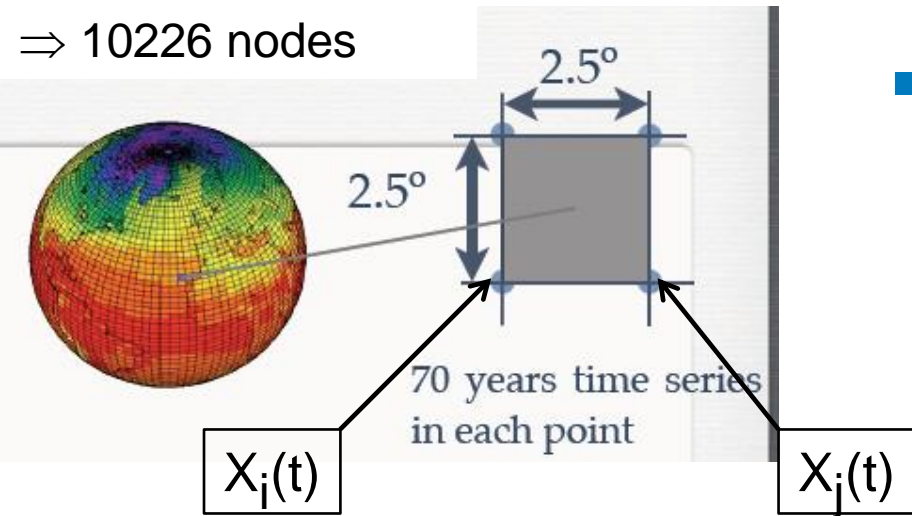
Intra-annual 012

Inter-annual 120

- Drawback: the actual values are not taken into account.



Regular grid
2.5° x 2.5°
⇒ 10226 nodes



- Data used: monthly-averaged SAT reanalysis
- Similarity measure: mutual information

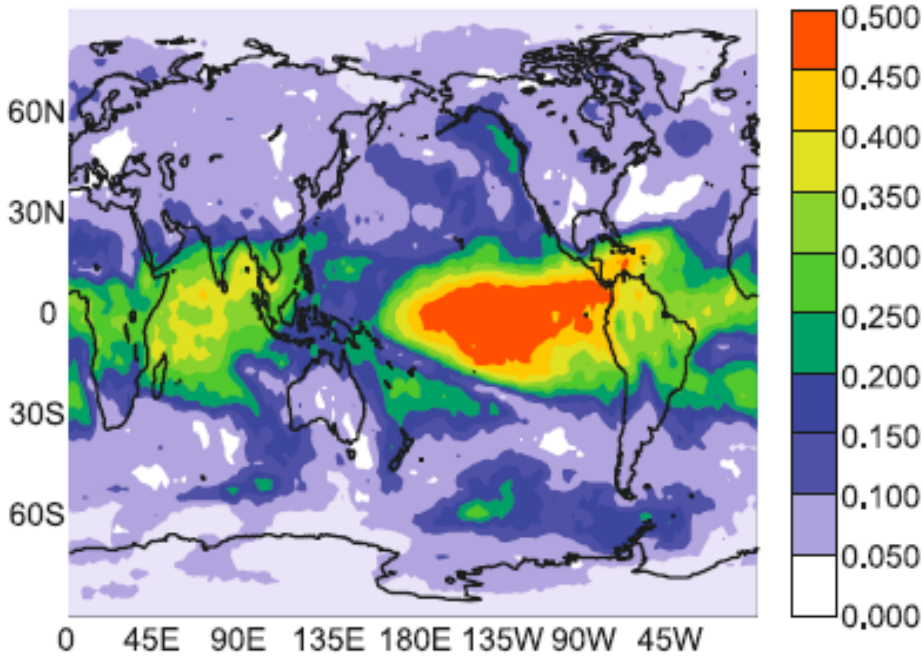
$$M_{ij} = \sum_{m,n} p_{ij}(m,n) \log \frac{p_{ij}(m,n)}{p_i(m)p_j(n)}$$

- Network representation: area weighted connectivity (weighted degree)

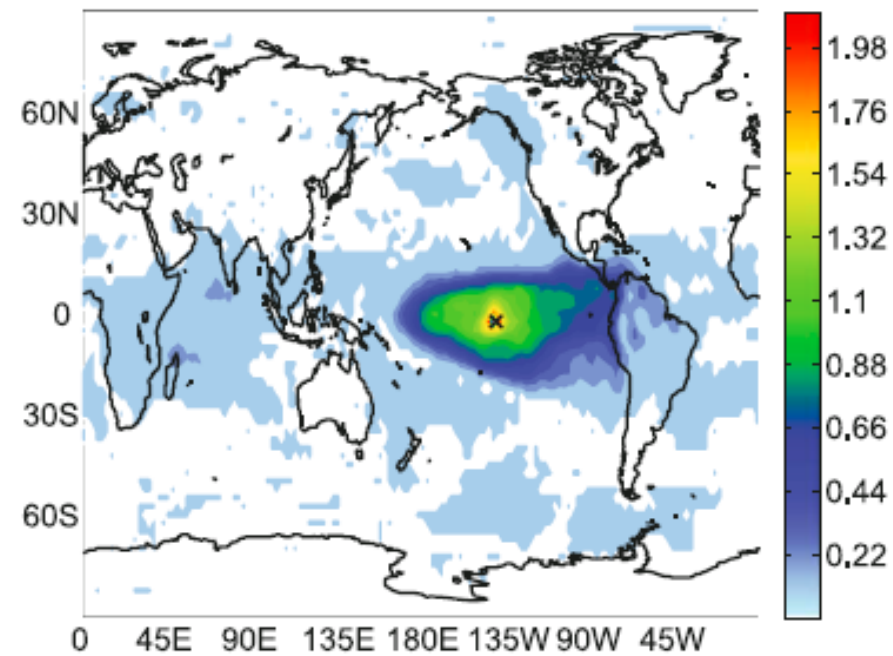
$$AWC_i = \frac{\sum_j^N A_{ij} \cos(\lambda_j)}{\sum_j^N \cos(\lambda_j)}$$

Inter-annual (3 consecutive years)

AWC



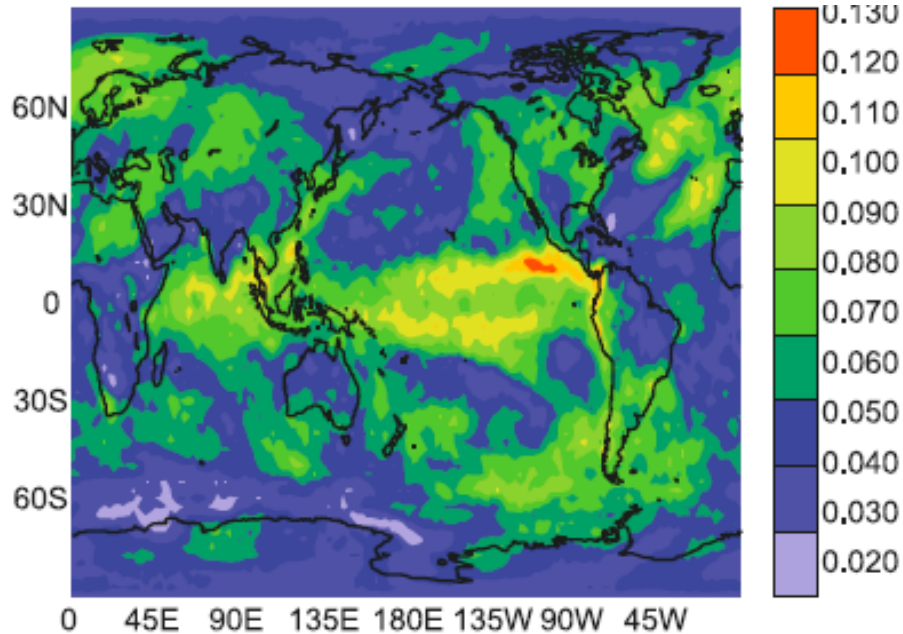
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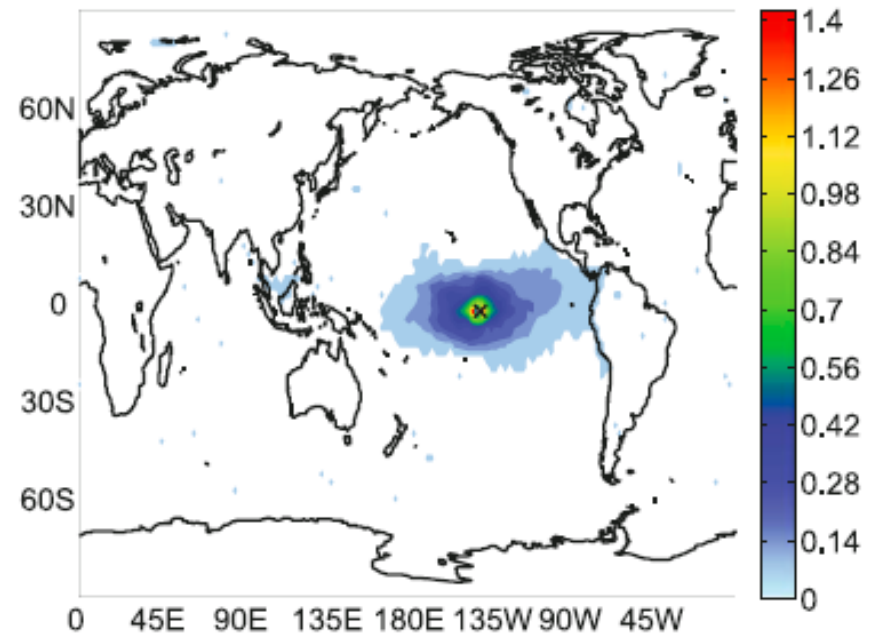
J. I. Deza, M. Barreiro, and C. Masoller, Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics 222, 511 (2013)

Intra-season (3 consecutive months)

AWC

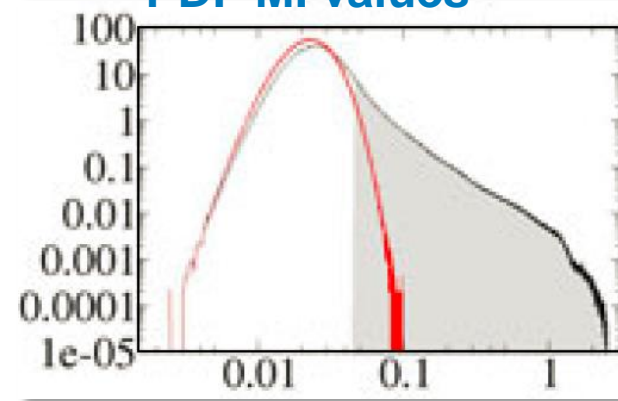


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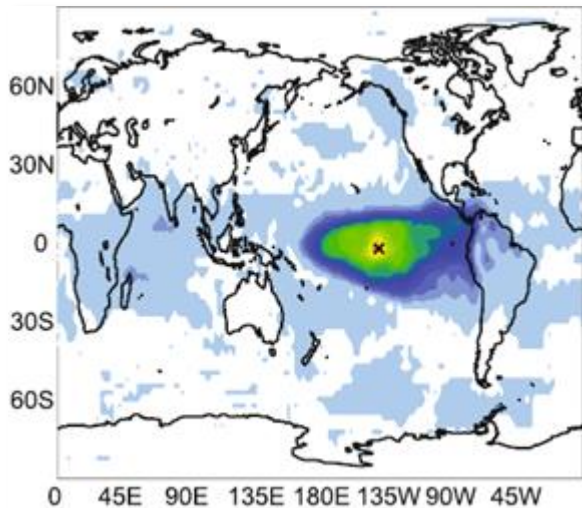
Significance test

PDF MI values

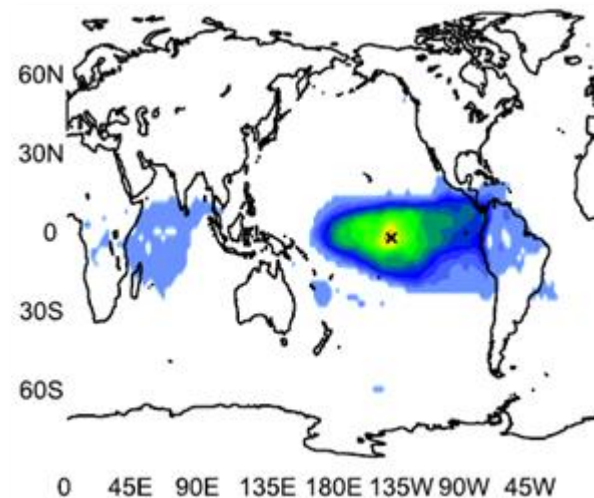


Surrogated data
Original data

Low threshold



Higher threshold



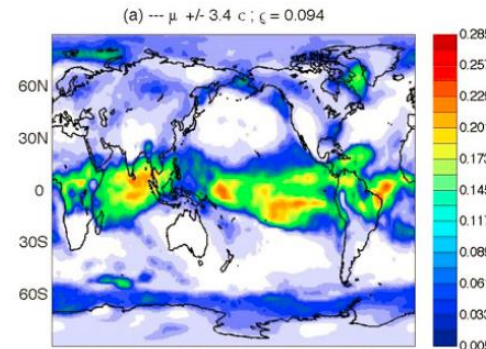
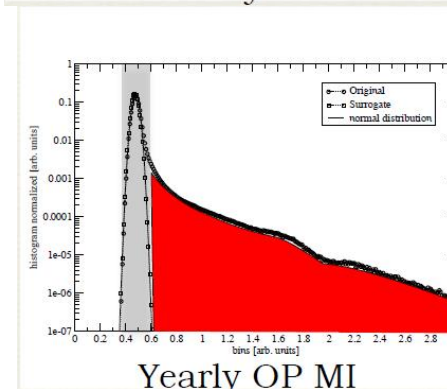
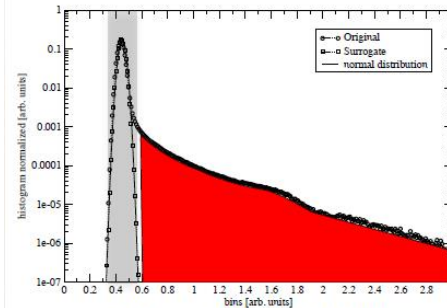
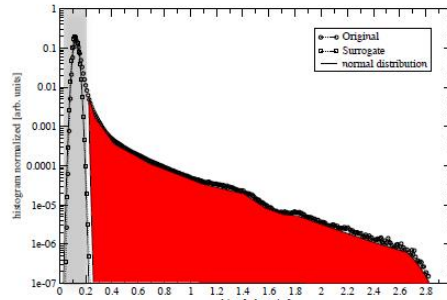
Comparison AWC maps

- MIH

- Intra-season
(4 months)

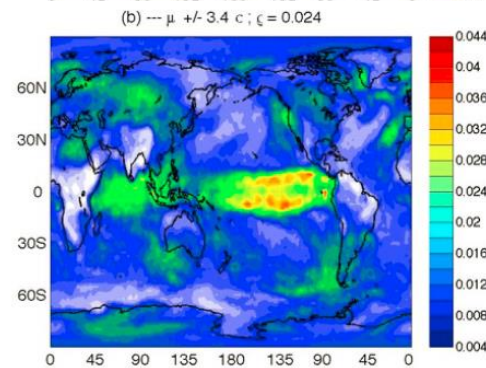
- Inter-annual
(4 years)

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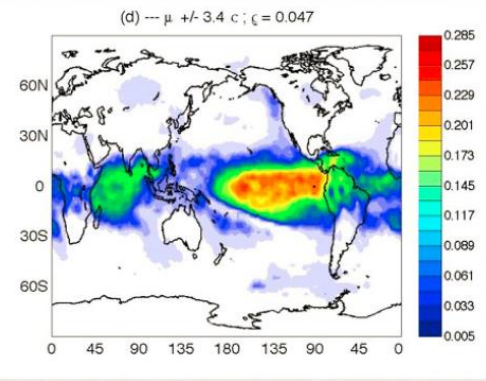


Link density

0.094



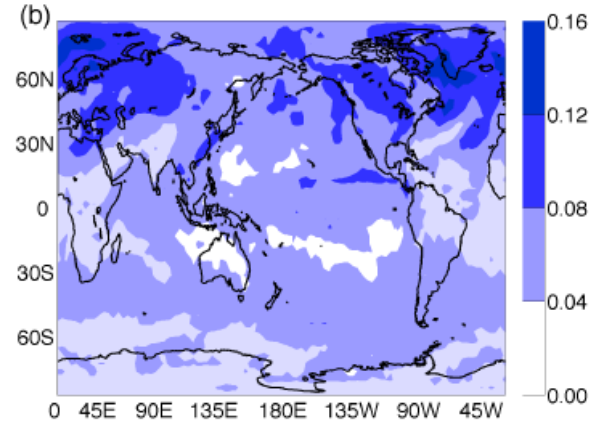
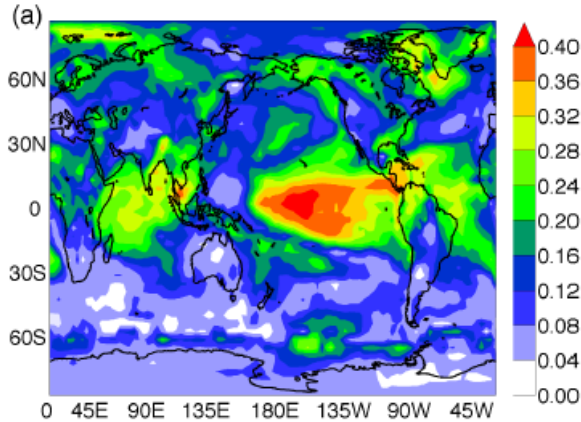
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0.047

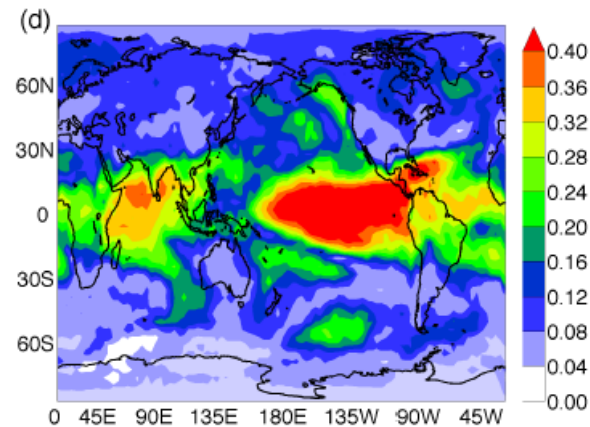
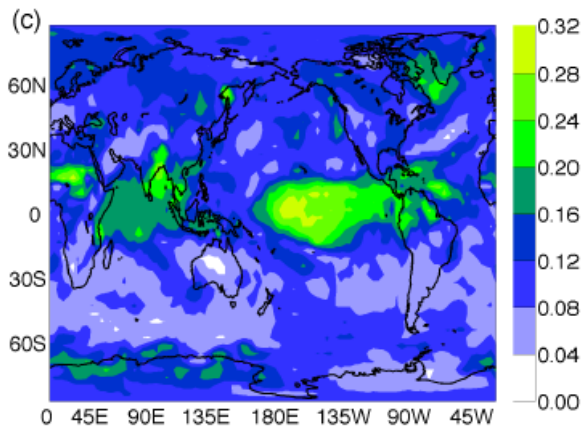
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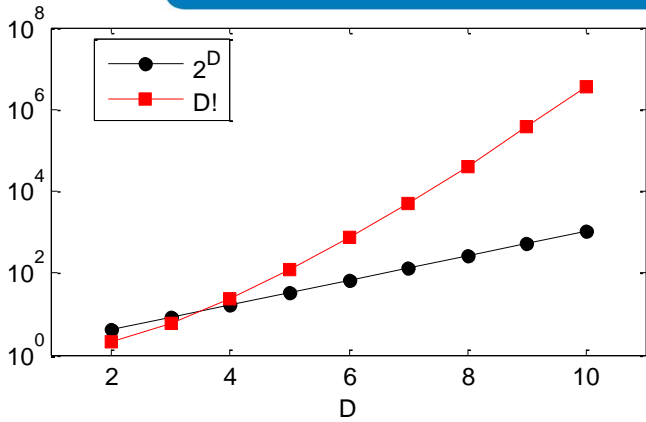
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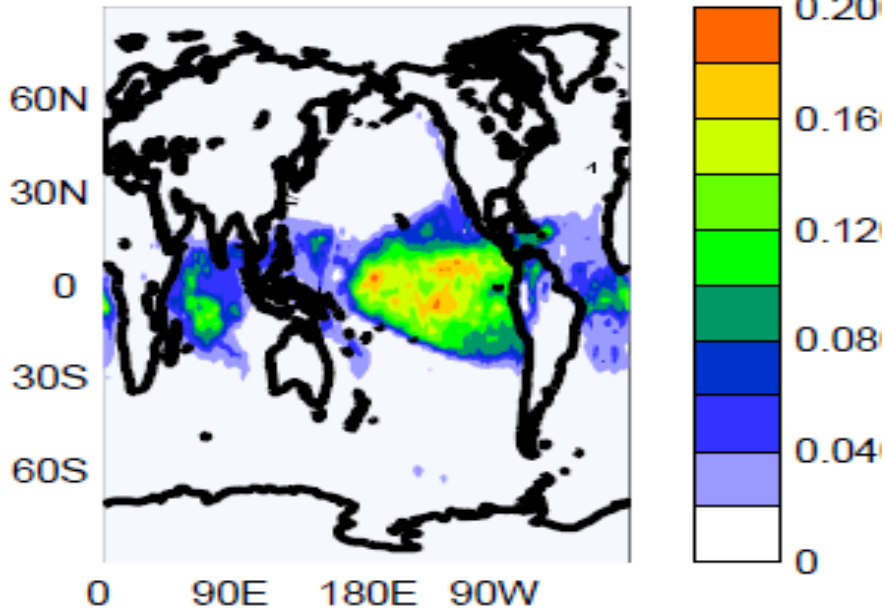
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Binary transformation



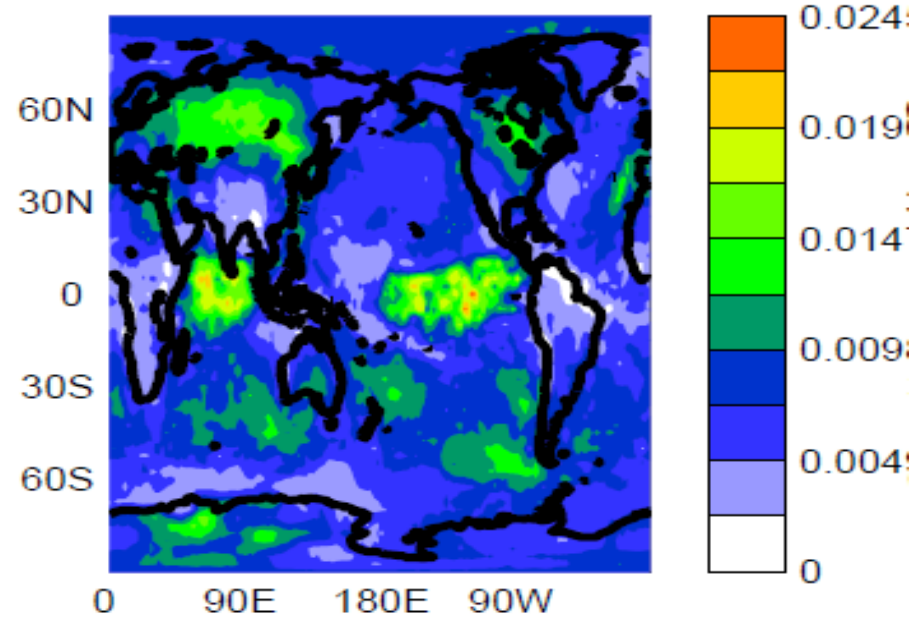
5 consecutive years

$\tau = 0$ $\rho = 0.021$

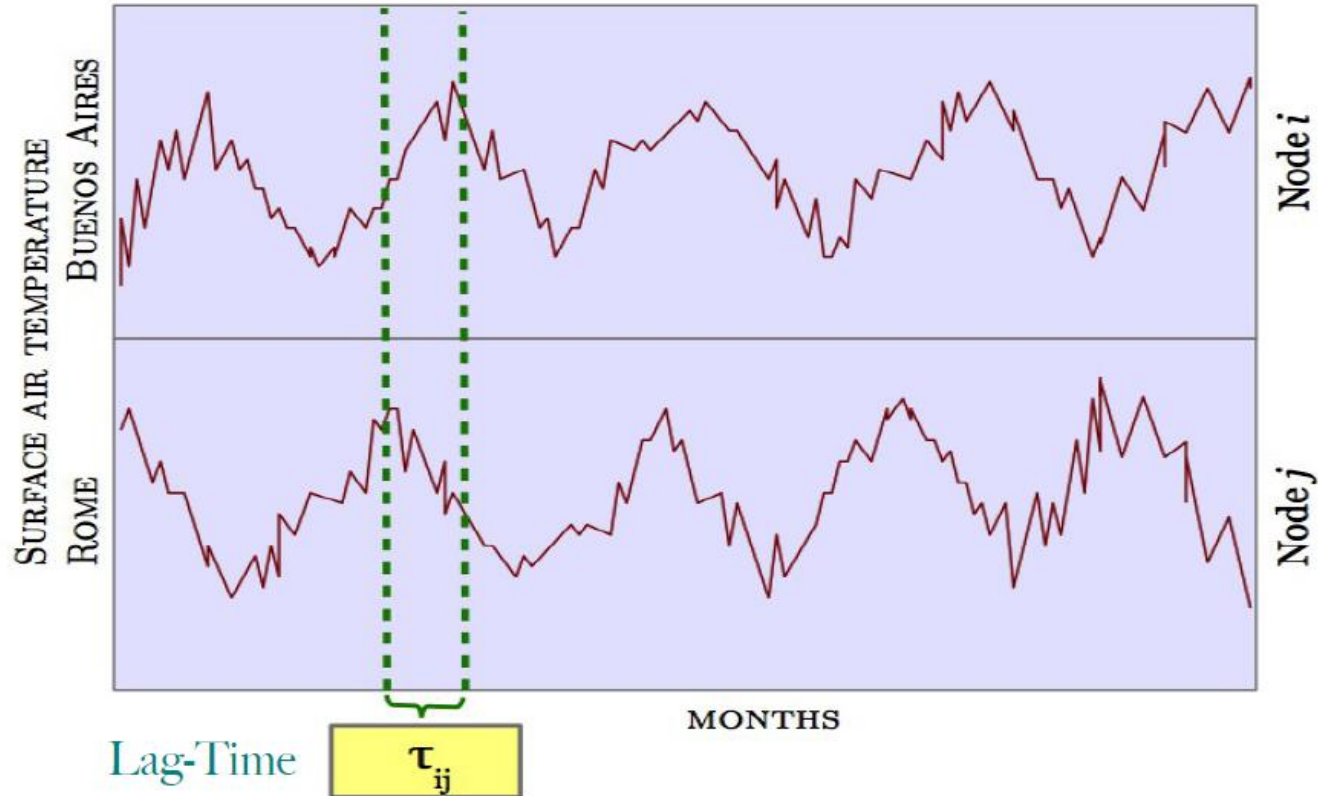


5 consecutive months

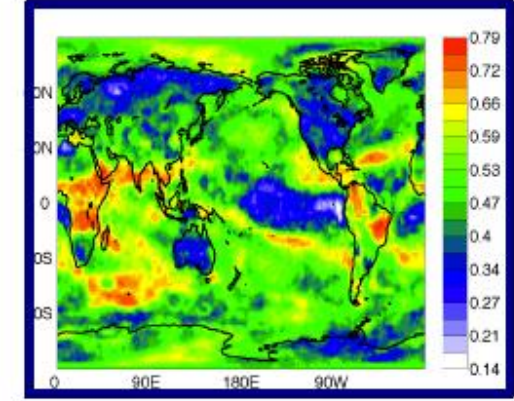
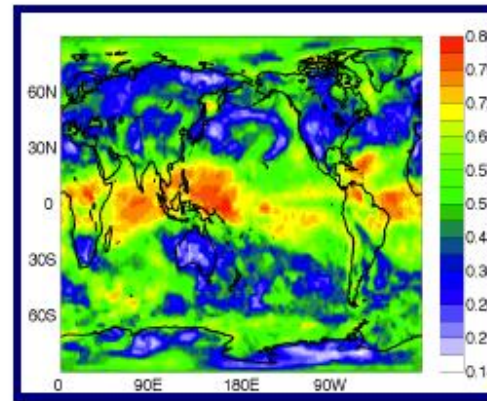
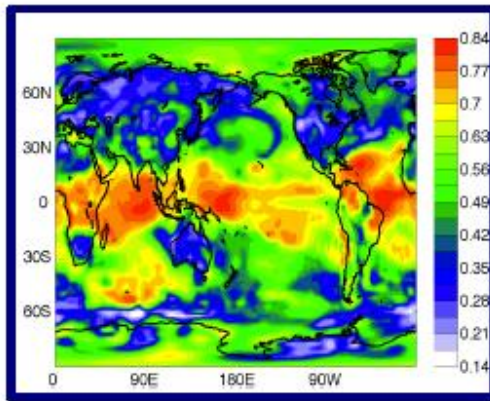
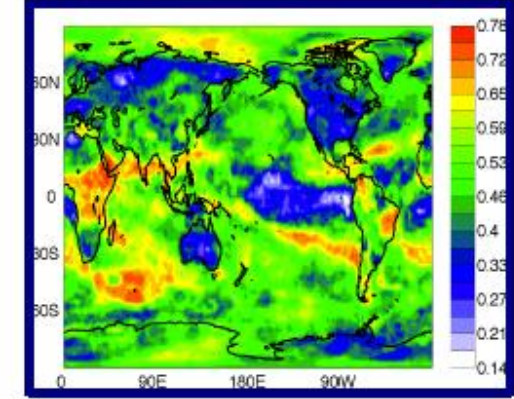
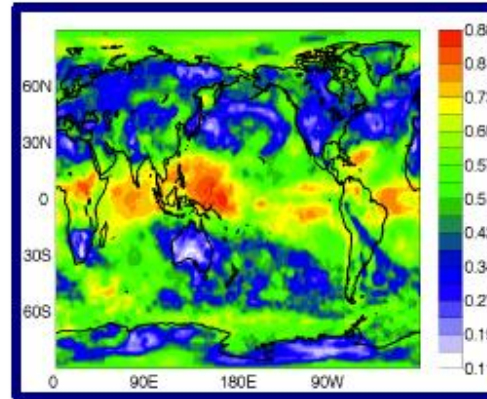
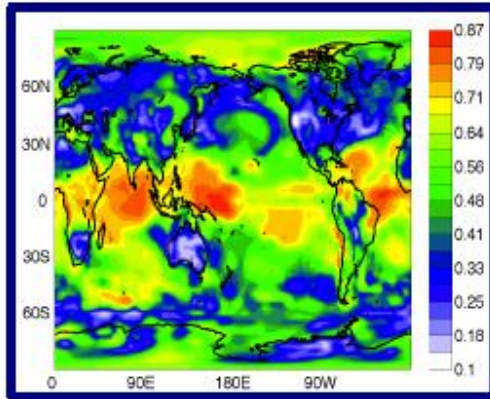
$\tau = 0$ $\rho = 0.012$



Question: can the average connectivity increase if the cycles are synchronized?

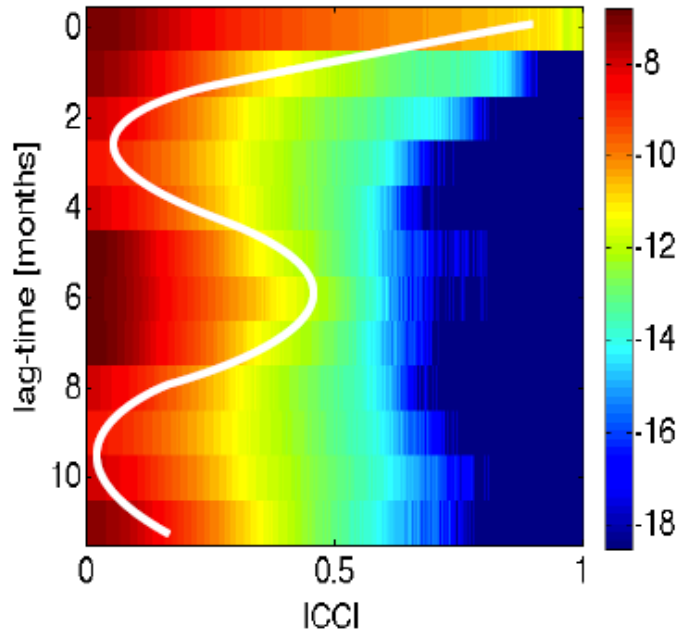


AWC with 50% strongest links

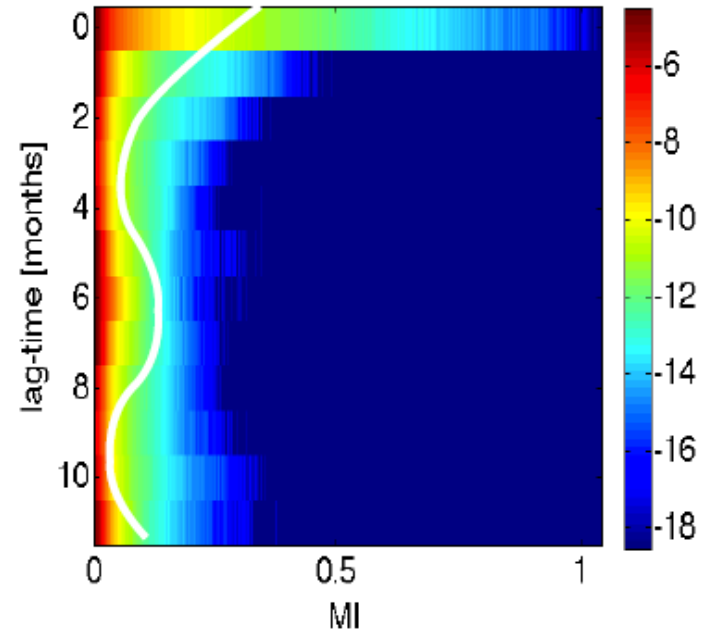


Links: distribution of strengths and lag-times

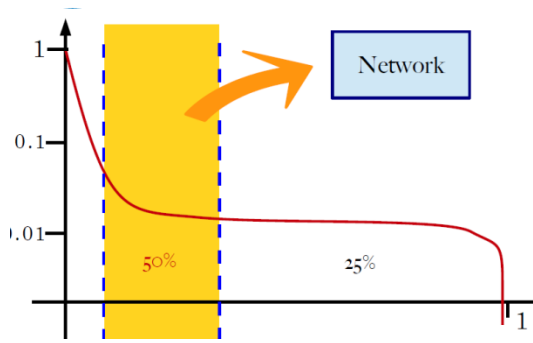
Cross Correlation



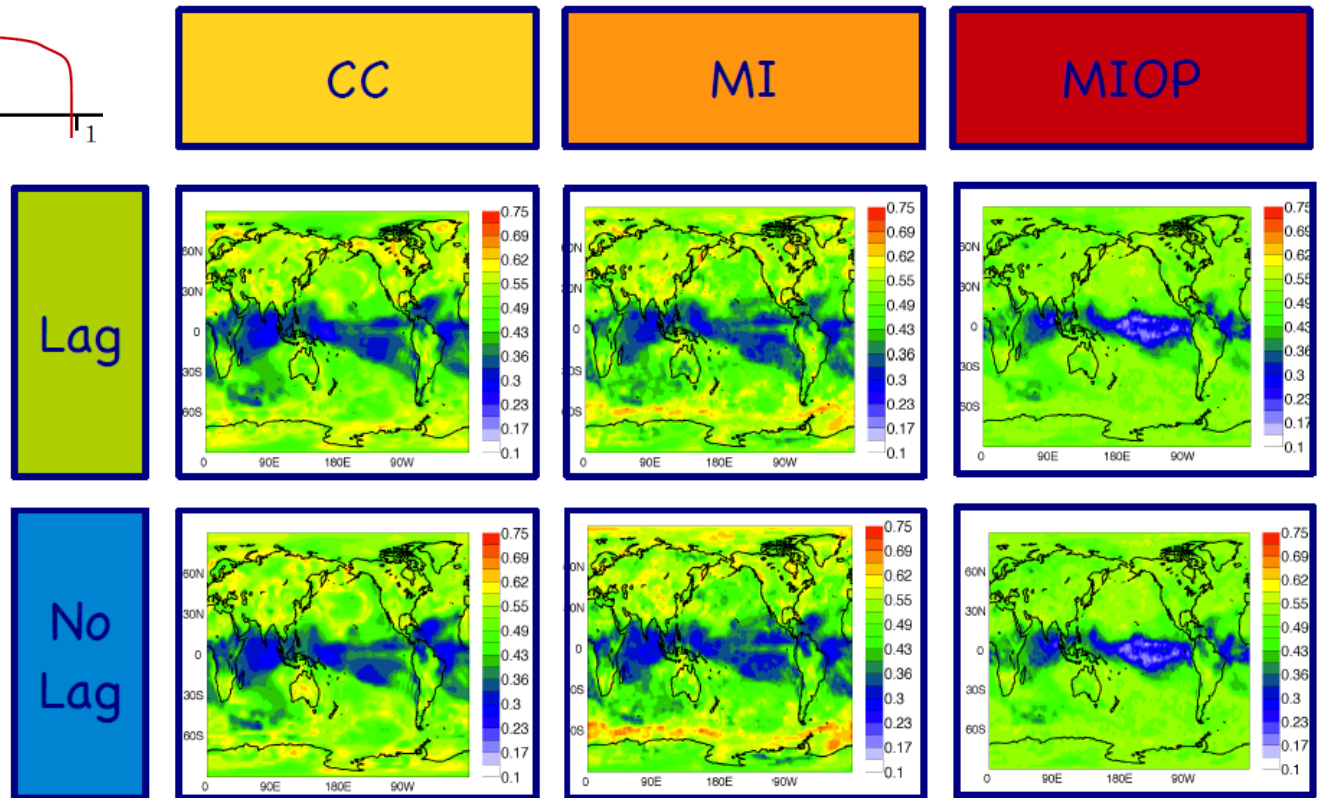
Mutual Information



Strongest links have lag-time = 0; most of the links with non-zero lags are weak



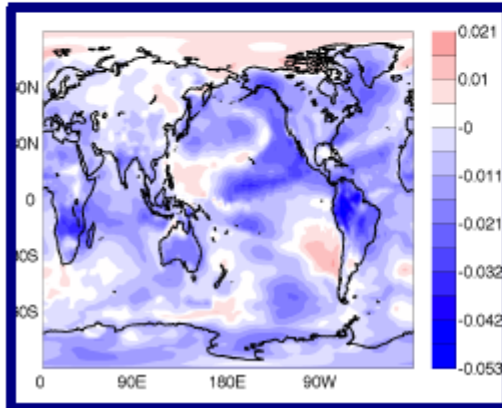
AWC density 50%, the strongest and the weakest links are removed



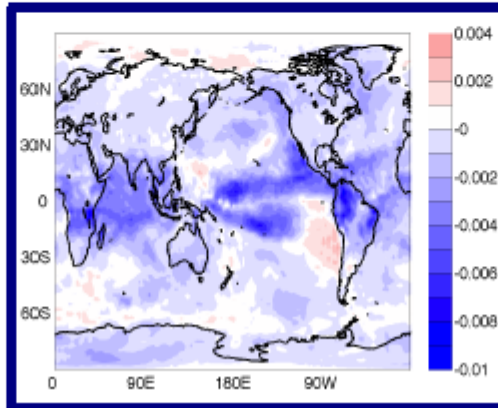
For links with non-zero lags, the time-shifting changes their similarity values; however, these changes appear to be random and the effects are washed out when computing the AWC.

Increase of connectivity?

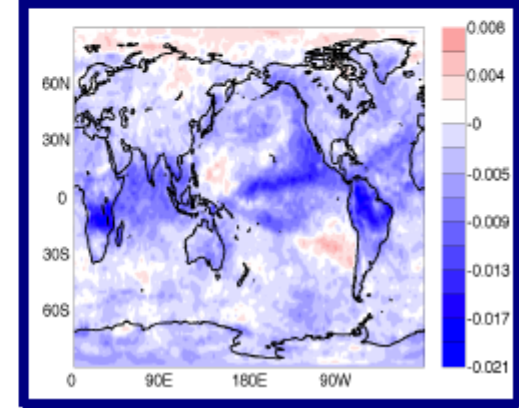
ΔCC



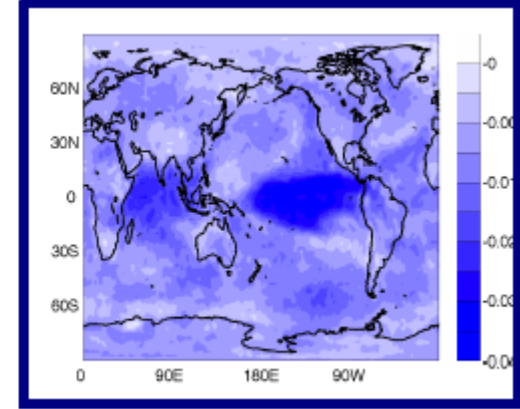
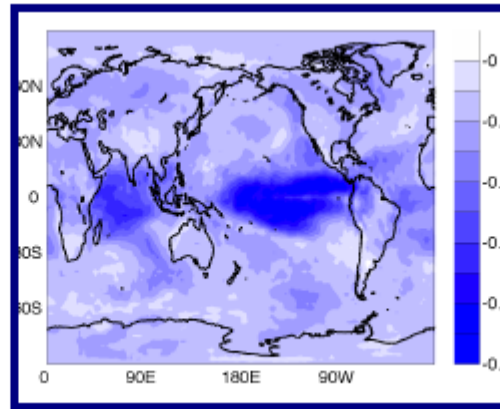
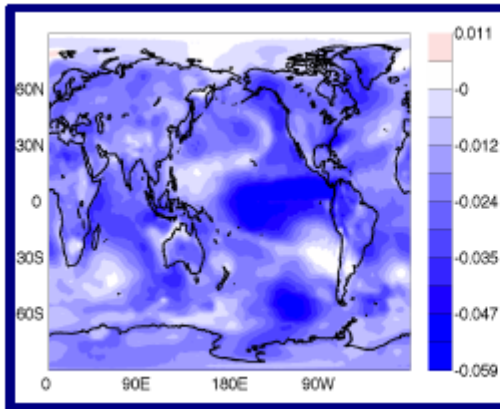
ΔMI



$\Delta MIOP(4)$

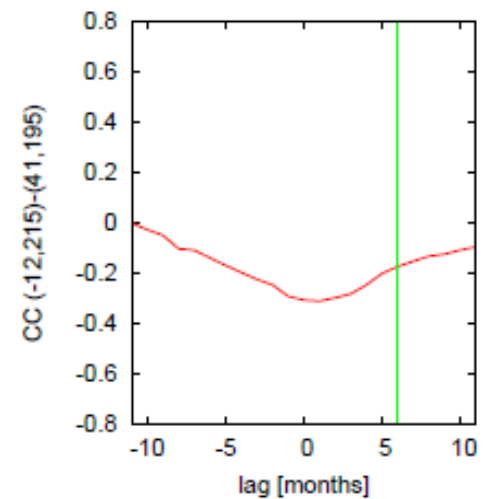
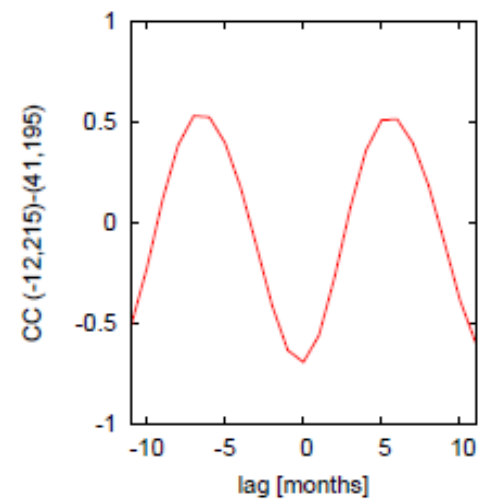
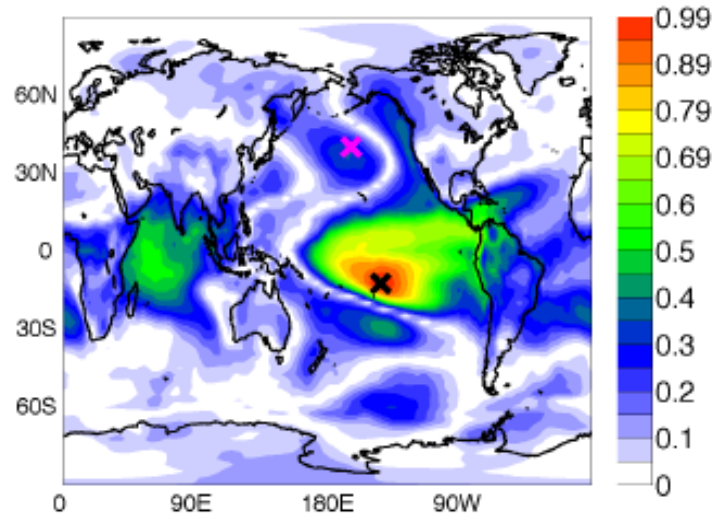
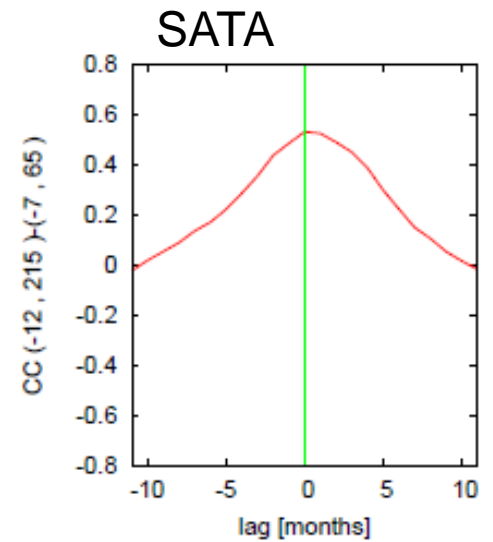
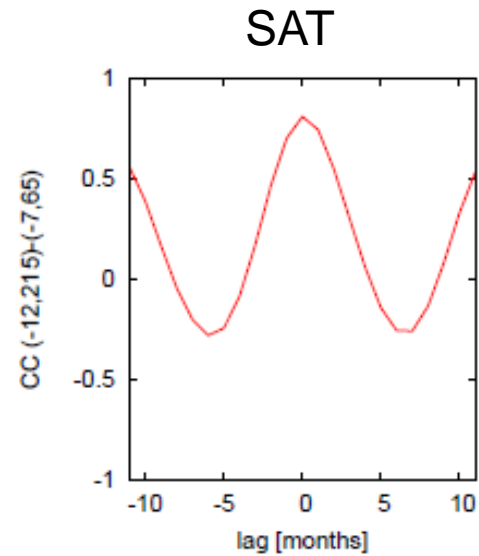
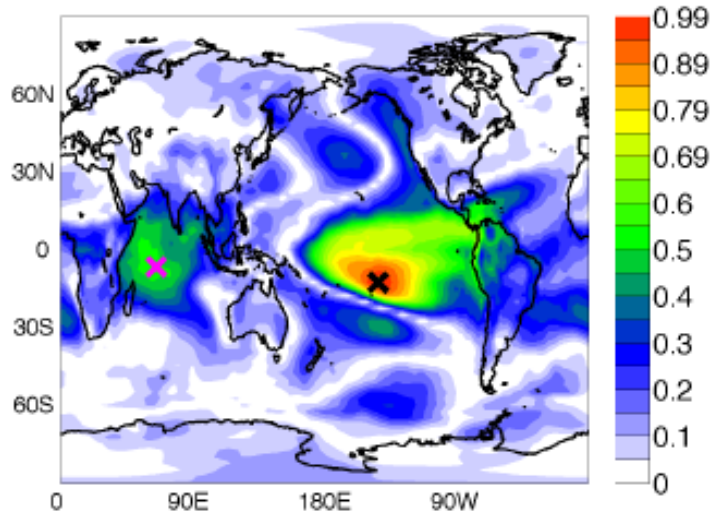


Ran.
Lag



Why?

$$C_{ij}(\tau) = \sum_{t=1}^N x_i(t + \tau) x_j(t)$$

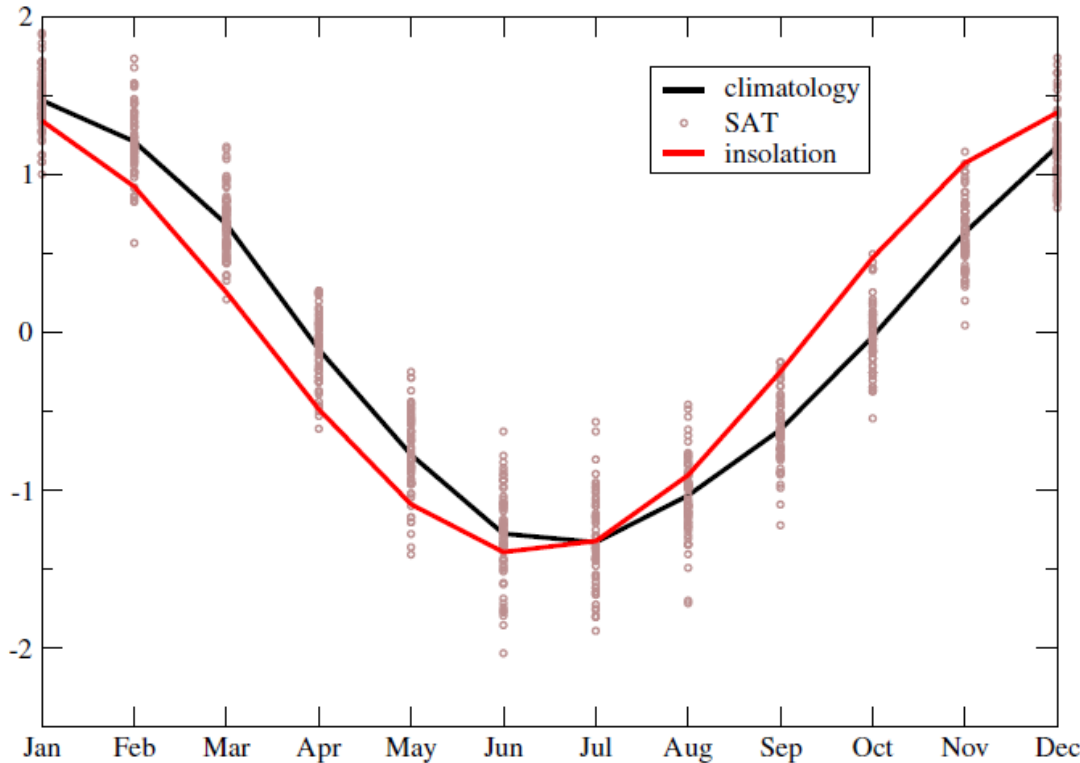


To further understand the role of the annual solar cycle

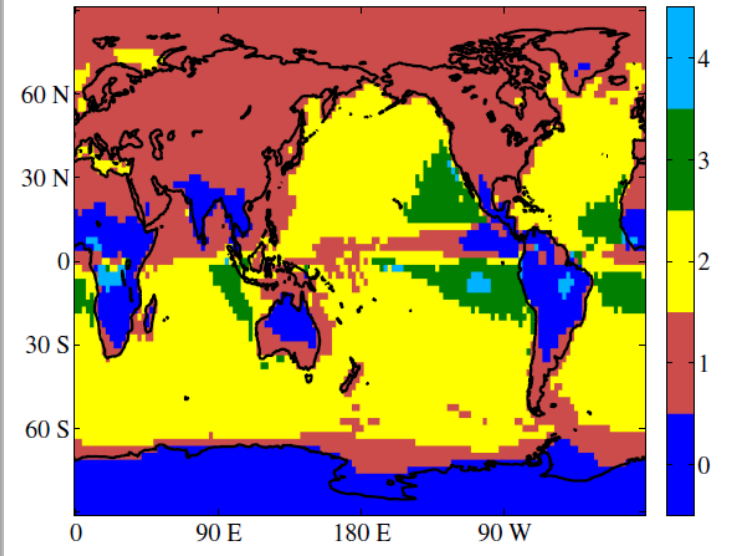
- where are the regions with strongest nonlinear climate?
- where are the regions where the climate is more stochastic?
- A first step: univariate analysis of monthly SAT data to quantify atmospheric nonlinearity and stochasticity.

Quantifying atmospheric nonlinearity and stochasticity

South America (37.5S,65W)



$$d_i(\varphi_i) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T |x_i(t) - I_i(t + \varphi_i)|$$

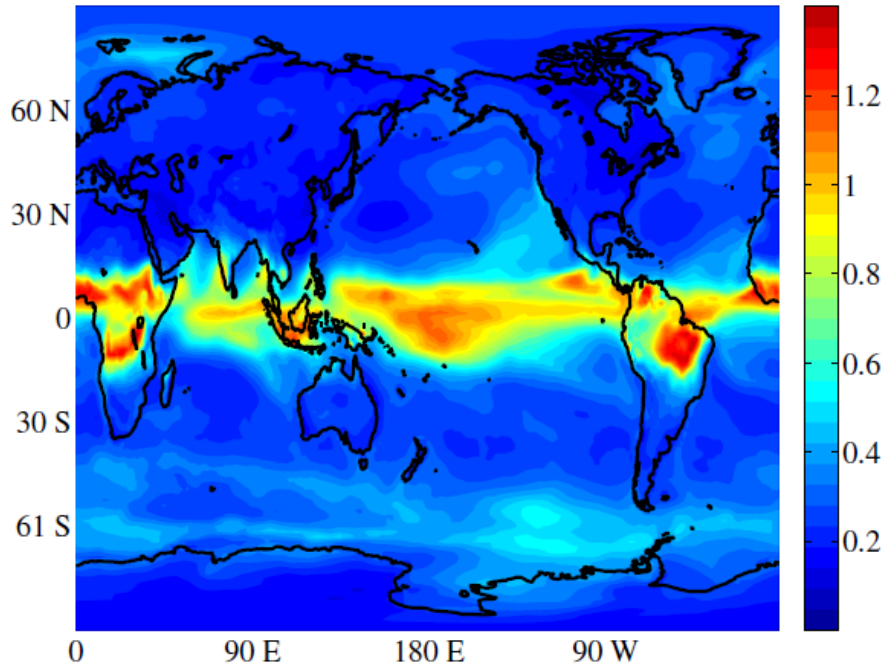


shift in [0-4 months] that minimizes d_i

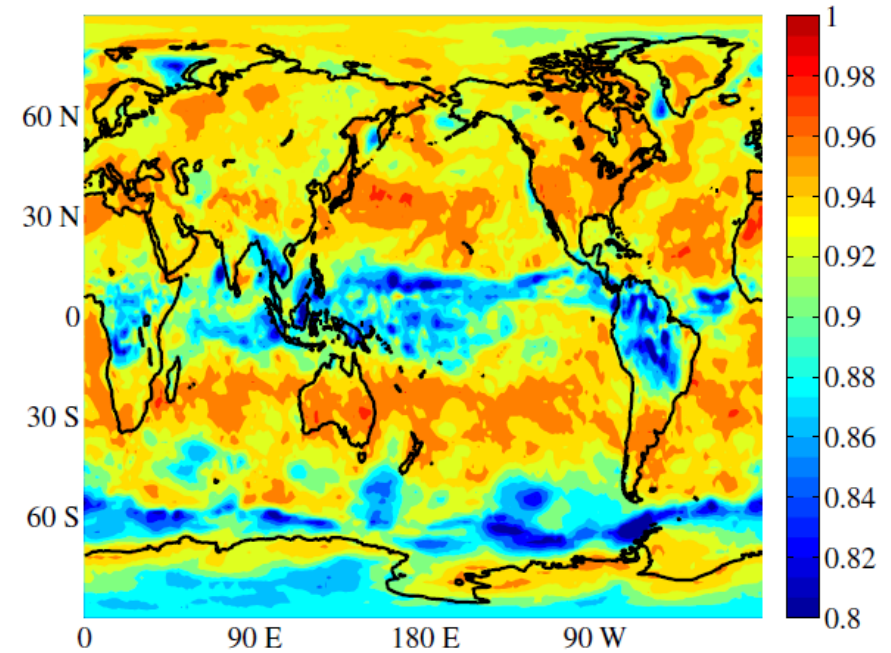
Computed from SAT anomalies

$$H = - \int p(x) \log p(x) dx$$

Nonlinear measure



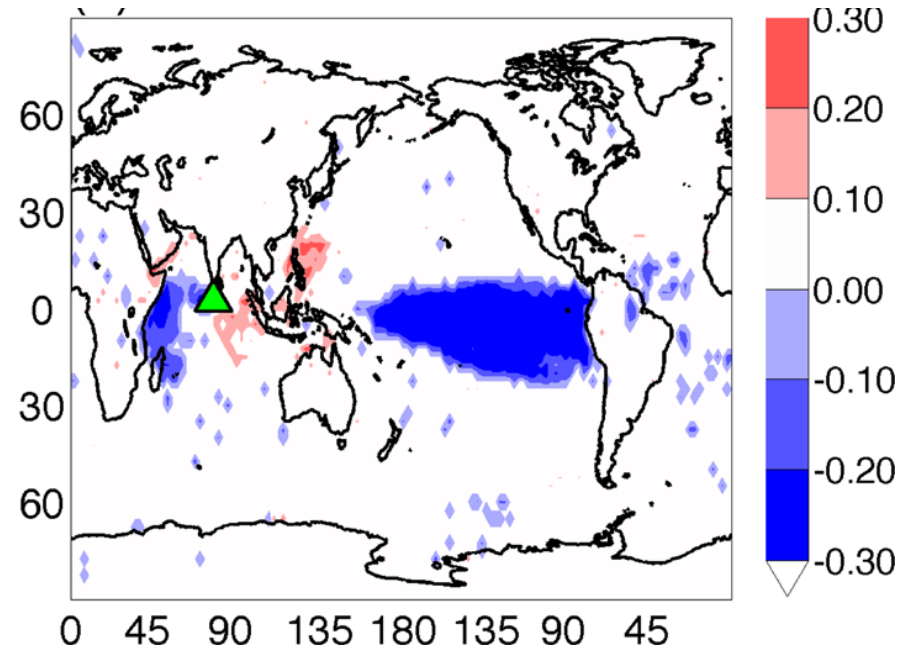
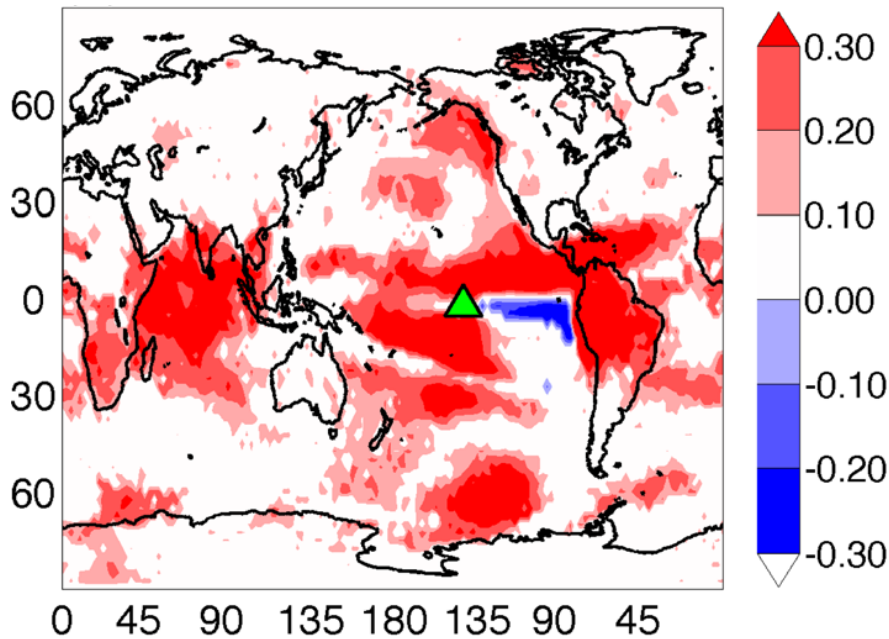
Anomaly Entropy



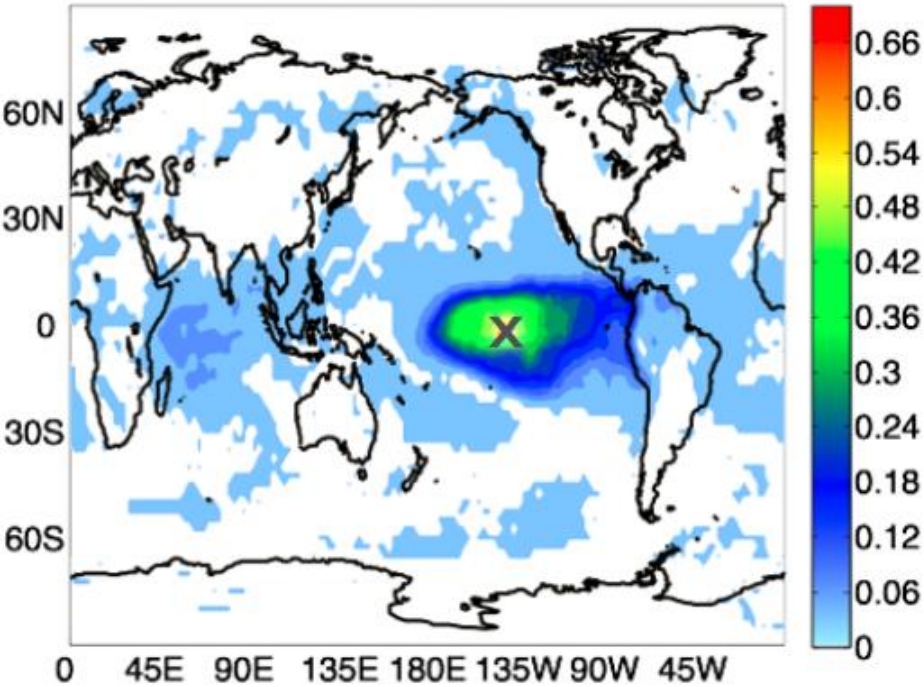
F. Arismendi et al, submitted (2015)

- $I_{xy}(\tau)$: conditional mutual information
- D : net direction of information transfer

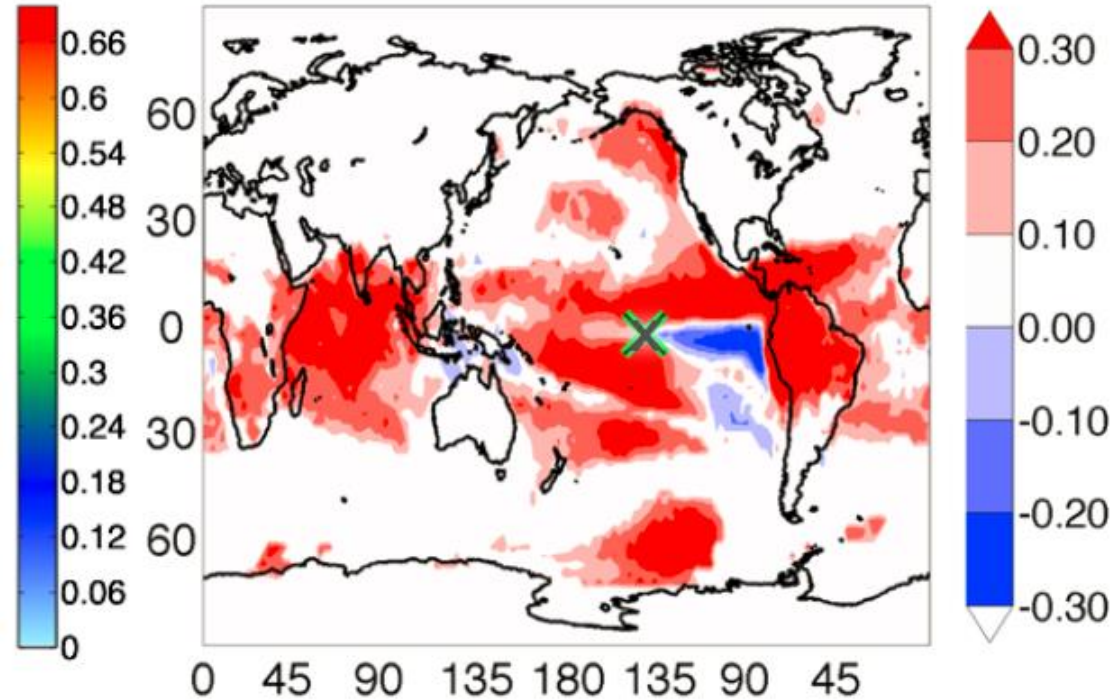
$$D_{XY}(\tau) = \frac{I_{XY}(\tau) - I_{YX}(\tau)}{I_{XY}(\tau) + I_{YX}(\tau)}$$



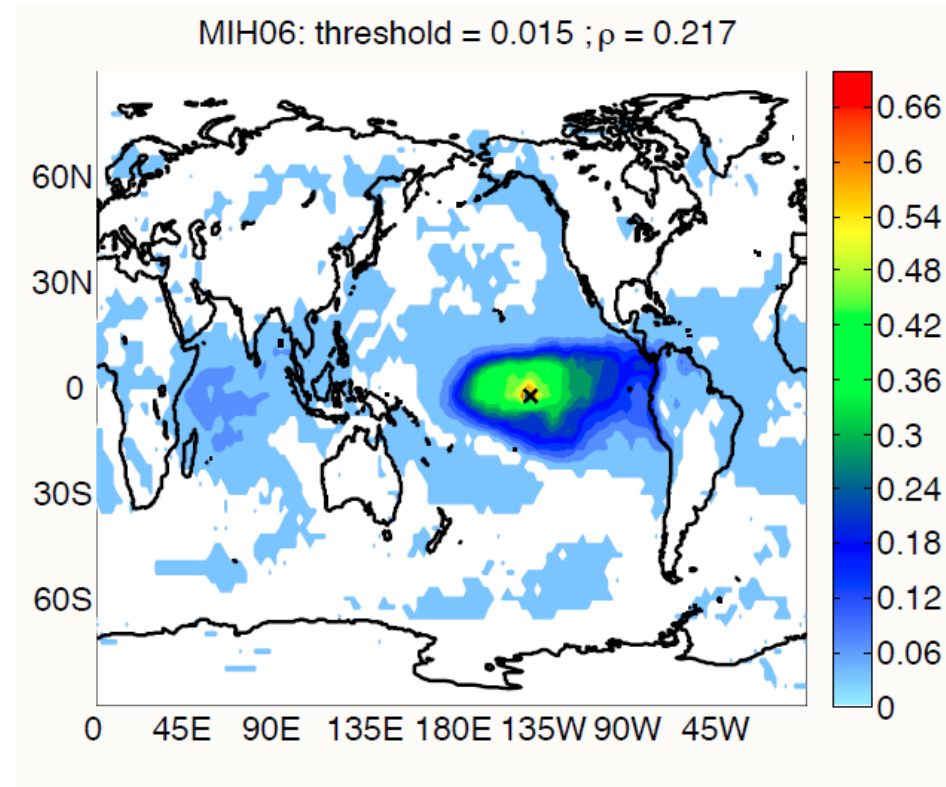
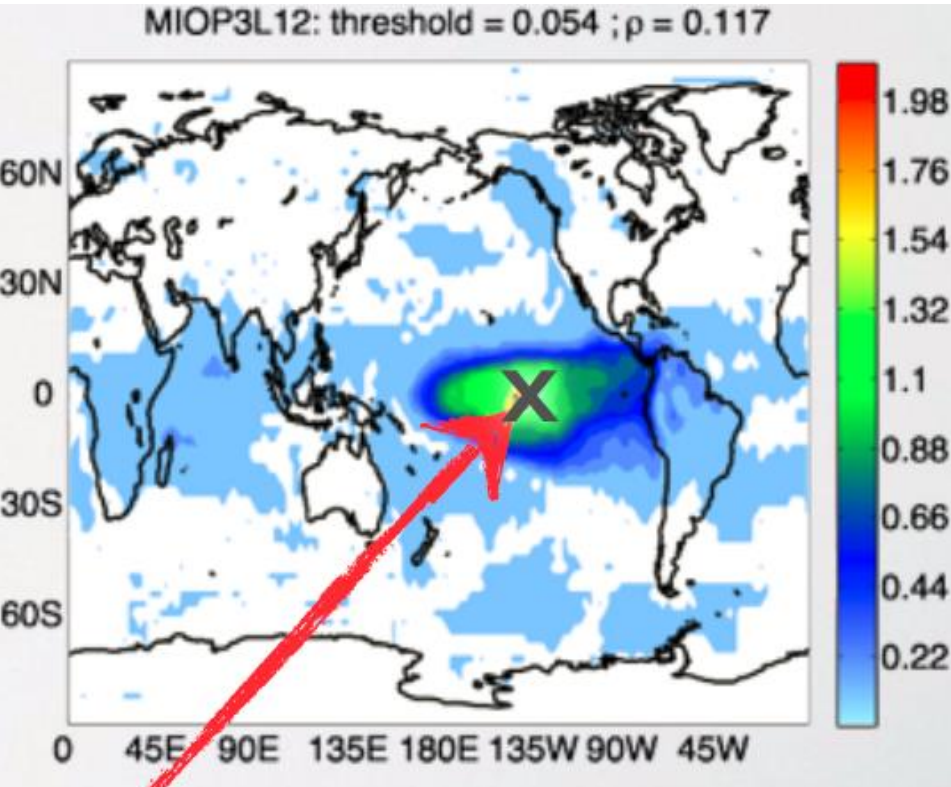
MIH06: threshold = 0.015 ; $\rho = 0.217$



MIH



DIH



Assessing link directionality via Granger causality: analysis of the SACZ region

South Atlantic Convergence Zone (South America Monsoon)

When SACZ is active (summer) heavy precipitation over Amazonas and low precipitation over Uruguay.

Also possible the opposite (heavy precipitation over Uruguay and low precipitation over Amazonas).

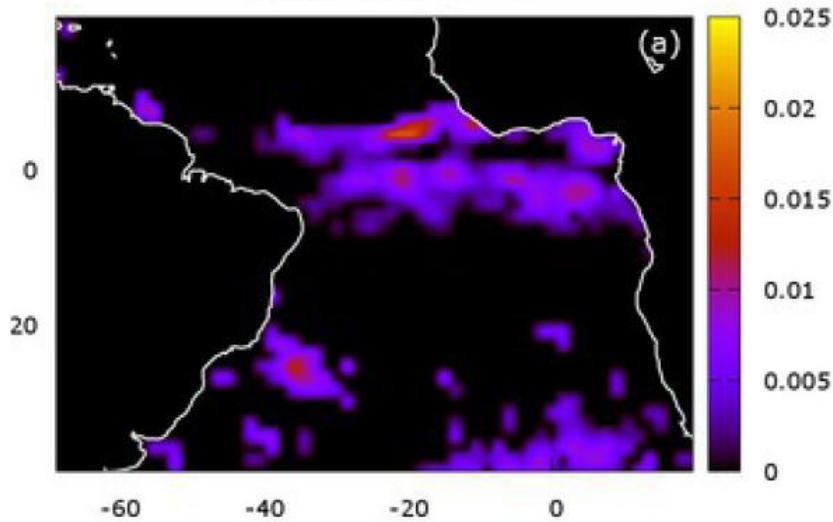
Question: how atmospheric circulation patterns associated with SACZ are influenced by surface ocean conditions?

- Sea surface temperature (SST)
- Vertical wind velocity at 500 hPa (ω , “proxy” for rainfall)

Granger Causality Estimator: Local analysis

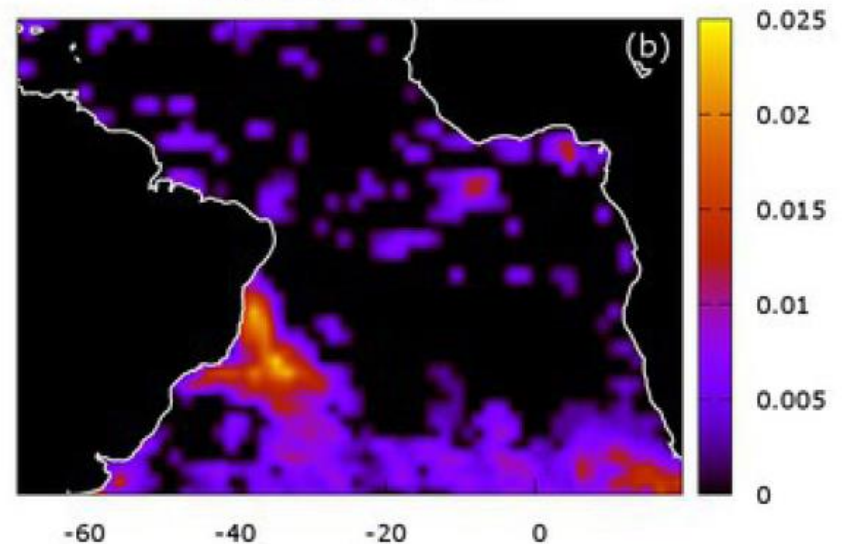
Ocean \rightarrow wind

Granger Causality SST \rightarrow ω



Wind \rightarrow ocean

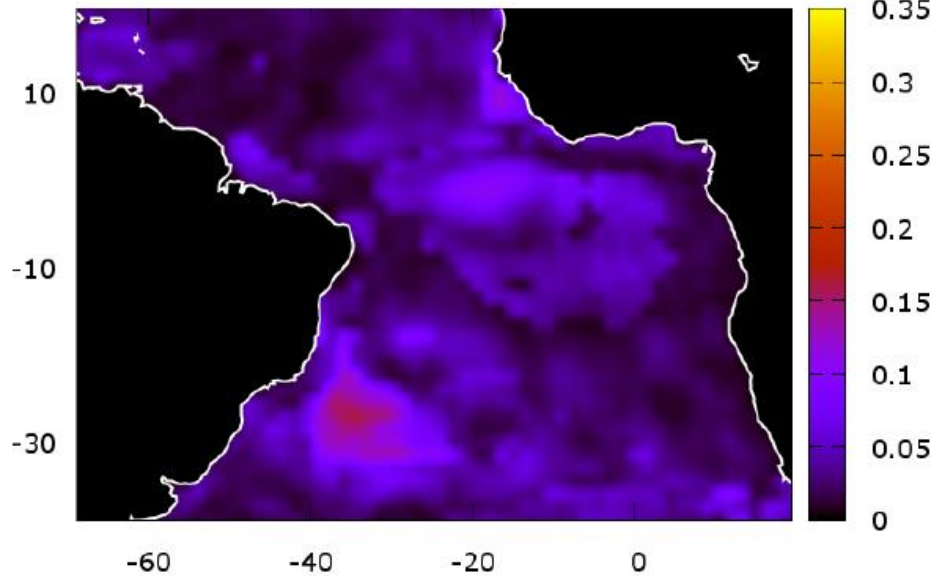
Granger Causality $\omega \rightarrow$ SST



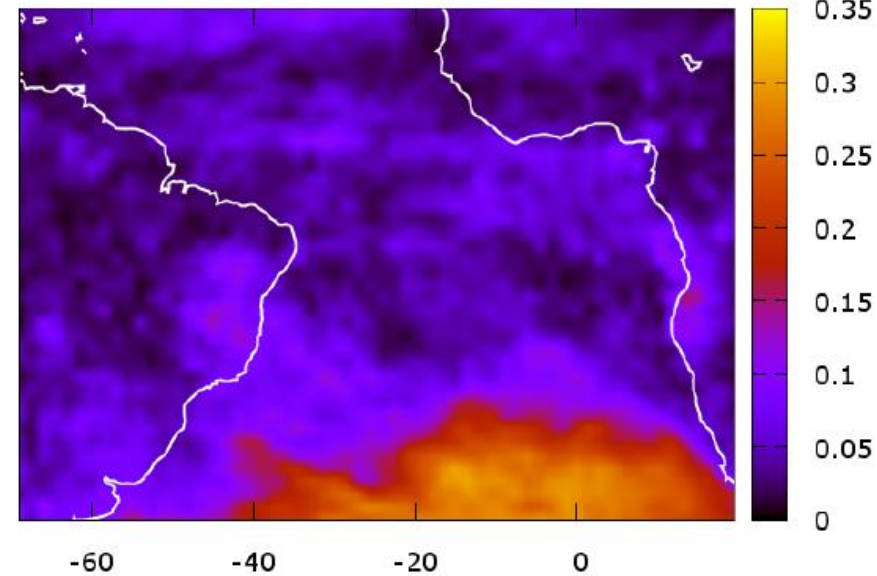
Tirabassi et al, Int. J. of Climatology 2014 DOI: 10.1002/joc.4218

Granger Causality Estimator: Bilayer network

AWC Granger Causality SST \rightarrow ω



AWC Granger Causality $\omega \rightarrow$ SST



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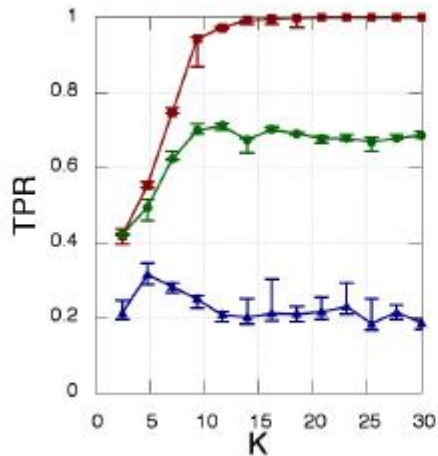
Contrasting structural and functional connectivity

Goal: to test the method of network inference on Kuramoto oscillators with known coupling topology (A_{ij})

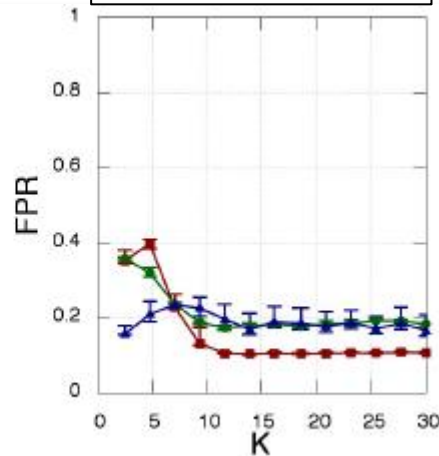
$$d\theta_i = \omega_i dt + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) dt + D dW_t^i$$

N=12 time-series with 10^4 data points

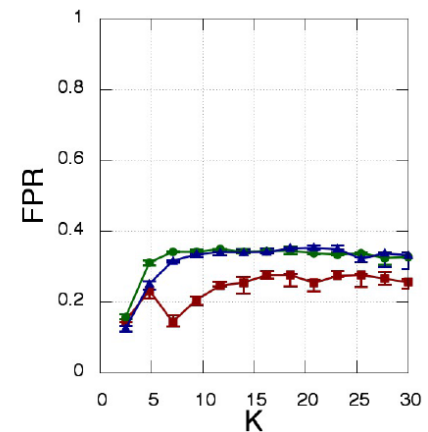
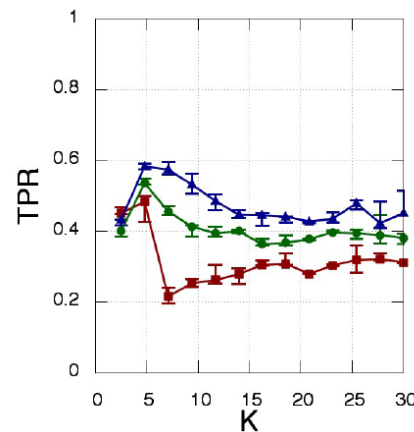
Phases (θ)



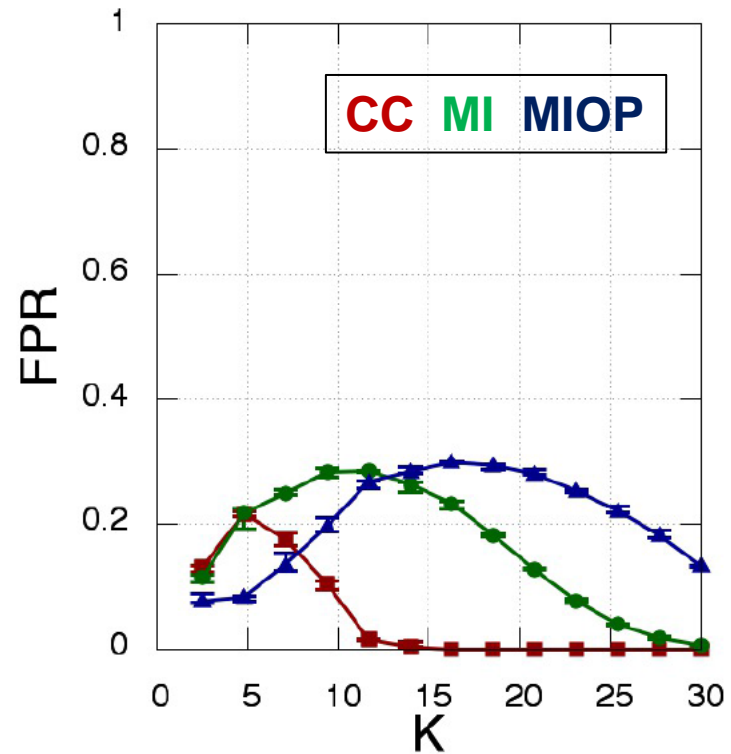
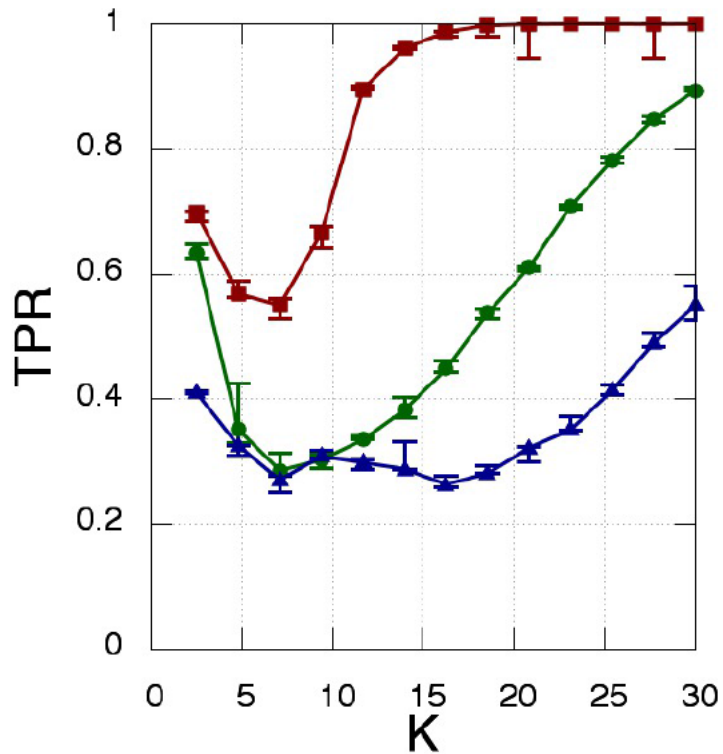
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“Observables” $Y = \sin(\theta)$



Instantaneous frequencies ($d\theta/dt$)



Tirabassi et al submitted (2015)

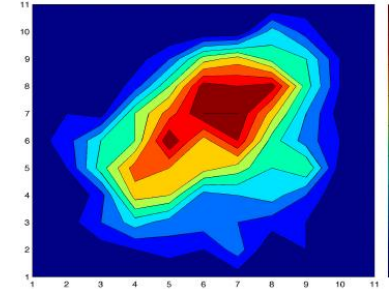


Summary: what did we learn?

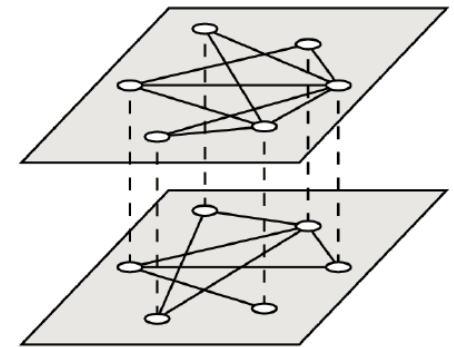
- Ordinal analysis allows to identify characteristic time-scales of teleconnections, consistent with well-known climate phenomena.
- No increase of connectivity was obtained by taking into account lag-times between annual solar cycles. This was interpreted as due to the fact that lags produce small, apparently random changes that are washed out when calculating the AWC.
- Regions with strong atmospheric nonlinearity have, in general, low anomaly entropy.
- The Directionality Index allowed to identify the net direction of teleconnections and the time-scale of information transfer.
- Granger Causality Estimator allowed to disentangle air-ocean interactions in the South Atlantic Convergence Zone.
- In a small synthetic network, the cross-correlation analysis of the instantaneous frequencies allowed perfect network inference.

- “missing” / improbable patterns in climate dynamics?
- Quantifying climate similarities via Transition Probabilities.

$$w_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n[s(t) = i, s(t+1) = j]}{\sum_{t=1}^{L-1} n[s(t) = i]}$$



- Symbolic analysis & multiplex networks:
 - in different seasons (winter, summer) or years (El Niño / La Niña)
 - from different fields (pressure, wind velocity, etc.)



- Networks in shorter time-scales (weather, sub-seasonal).
- Networks constructed from “frequencies” (Hilbert transform).

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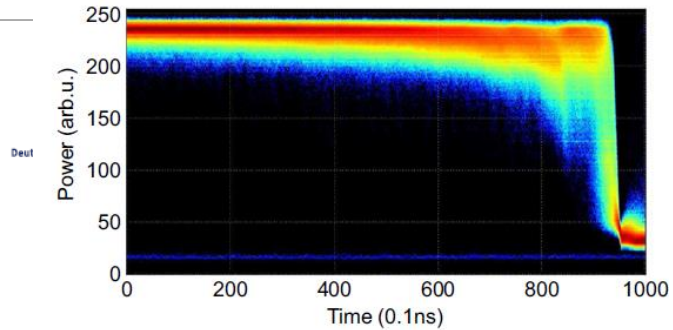
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Quantifying sudden changes in dynamical systems using symbolic networks

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- Symbolic network representation for identifying
 - early warning indicators of climate transitions
 - precursors of extreme events
 - synchronization periods.
- Directionality analysis of SST and relation with Lagrangian Networks.



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