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PDO and AMO Modulation of the ENSO-Asian Summer Monsoon Teleconnection during the Last Millennium

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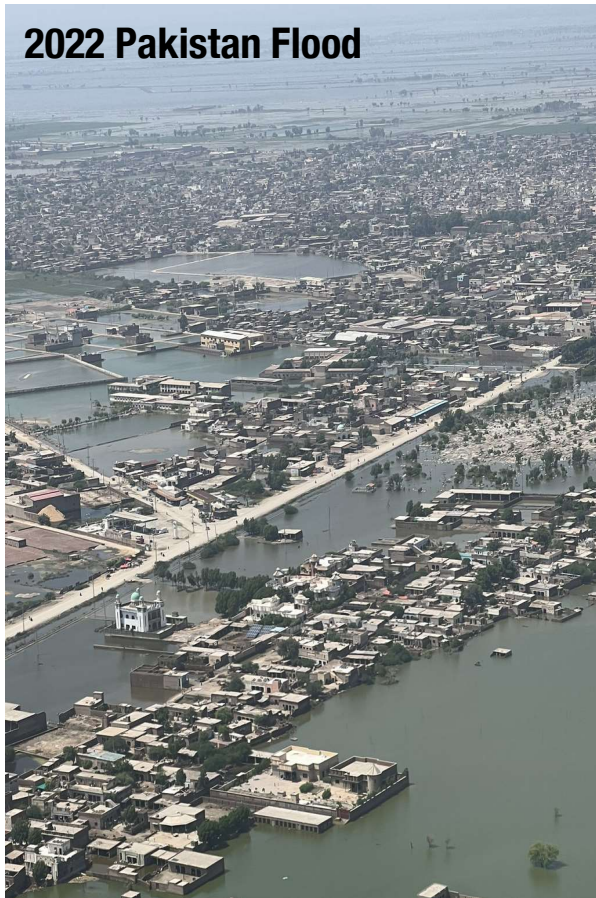


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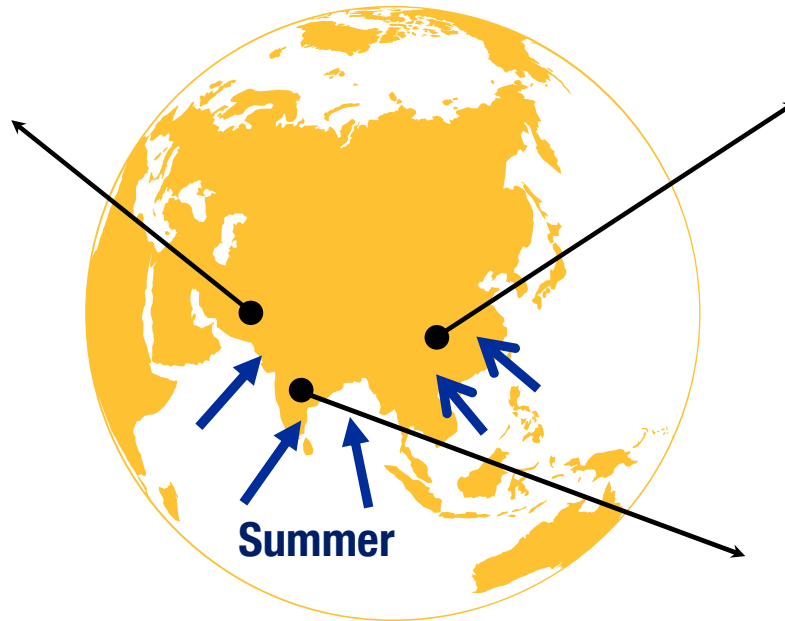
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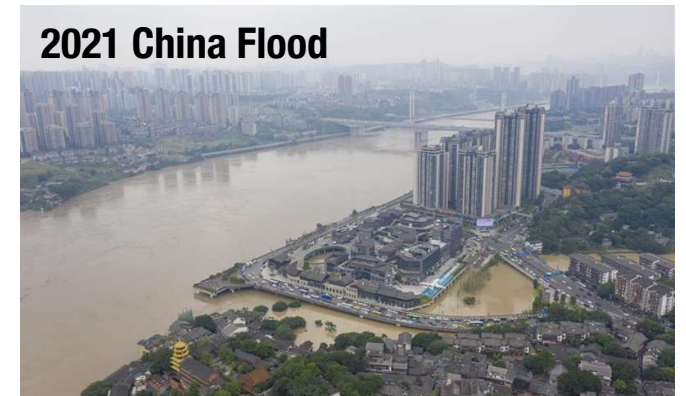
Asian Summer Monsoon Has Profound Socio-Economic Impacts



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Pakistan_floods



Monsoon rainfall prediction is of great significance



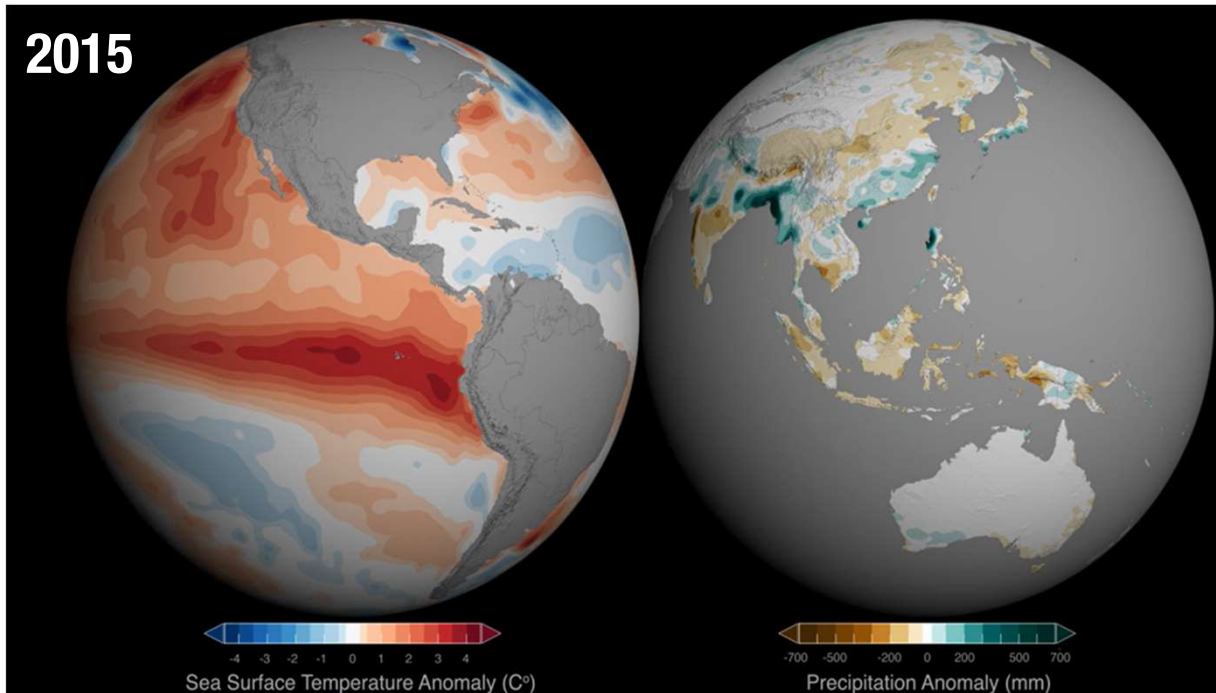
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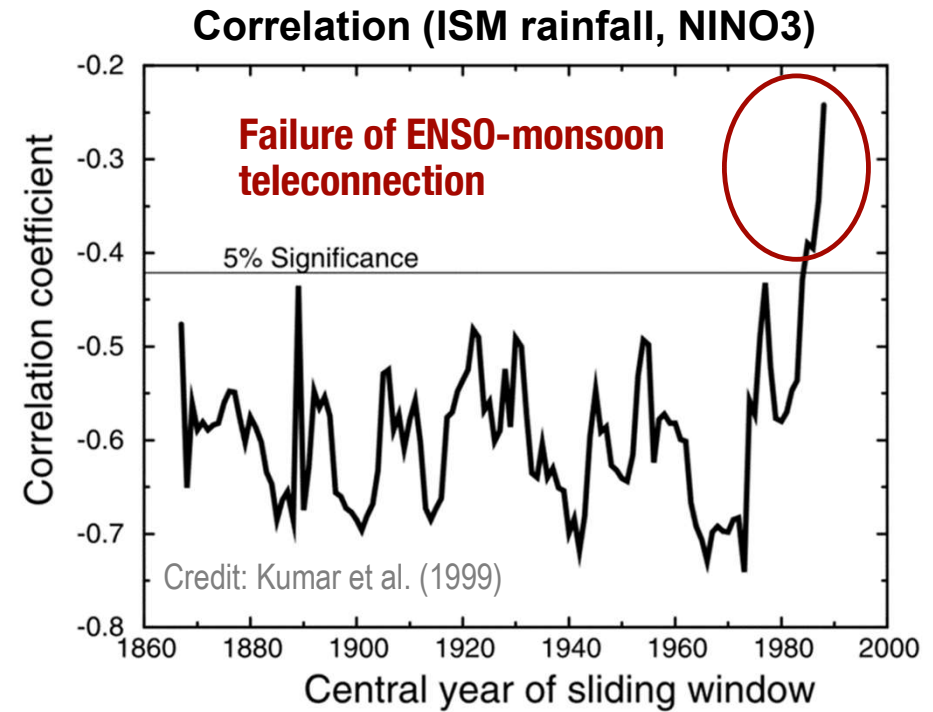
Source: <https://www.americanscientist.org/article/the-life-and-possible-death-of-the-great-asian-monsoon>

ENSO-Monsoon Teleconnection is Crucial for Monsoon Prediction

BUT NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE



Source: NASA Scientific Visualization Studio

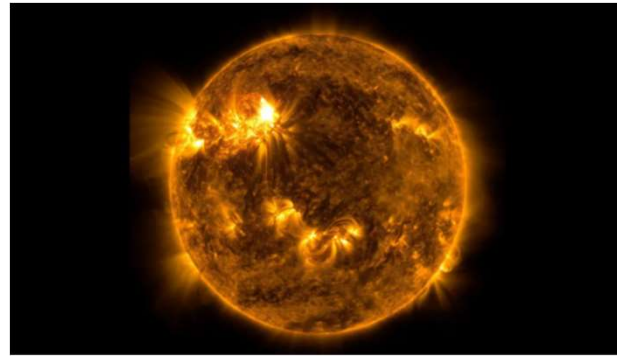


How did the ENSO-Monsoon Teleconnection Change in the Past?

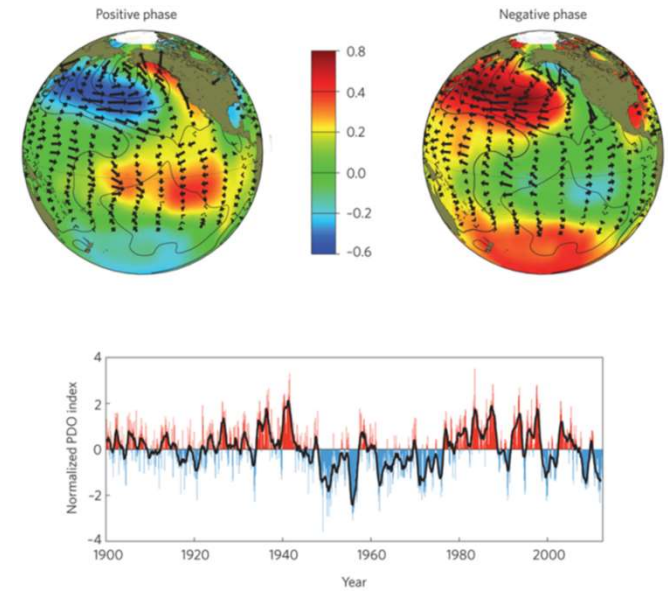
- **Anthropogenic Warming** (e.g., Xu et al., 2023)
- **Natural External Forcing** (e.g., Du et al., 2023)
- **Internal Climate Variability** (e.g., Shi & Wang, 2018; Hau et al., 2023) **-Our Focus!**



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How did the ENSO-Monsoon Teleconnection Change in the Past?

Last Millennium

Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

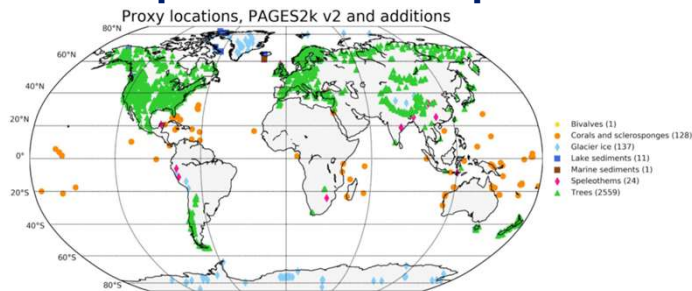
Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation (AMO)

- **How do the PDO and AMO, in combination with ENSO, influence the Asian Summer Monsoon (ASM) variability?**
- **How do the PDO and AMO influence the ENSO-monsoon relationship (correlation strength)?**
- **Can we improve ASM prediction using insights from the Last Millennium?**

Methods: Paleoclimate Data Assimilation

LMRv2.0 : Last Millennium Reanalysis version 2.0 (Tardif et al., 2019)

Temperature-sensitive proxies



CCSM4-LM



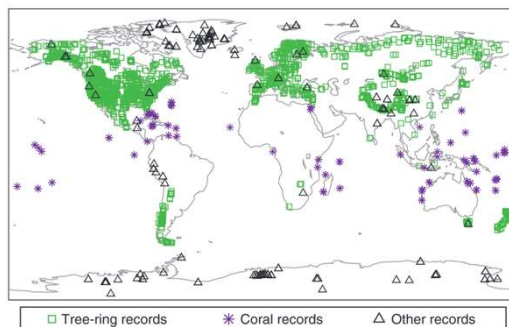
✓ Global gridded data

✓ Multiple variables

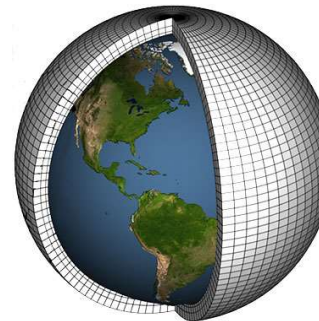
✓ Constrained by both physical laws and proxy records

PHYDA : Paleo Hydrodynamics Data Assimilation Product (Steiger et al., 2018)

Hydroclimate-sensitive proxies



CESM-LME



Methods: CESM-LME

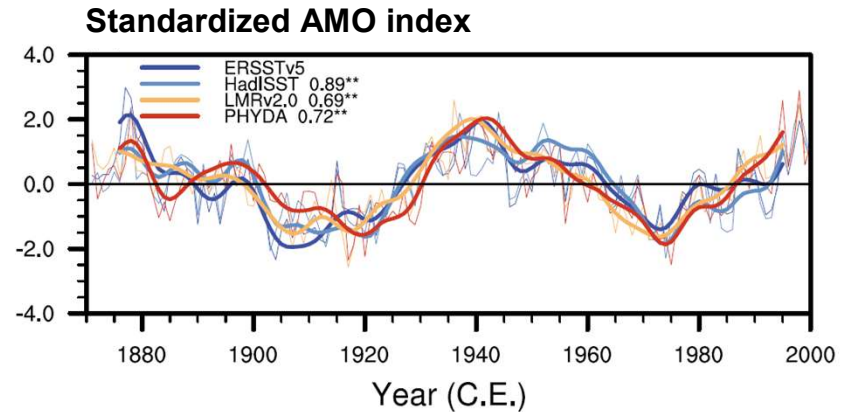
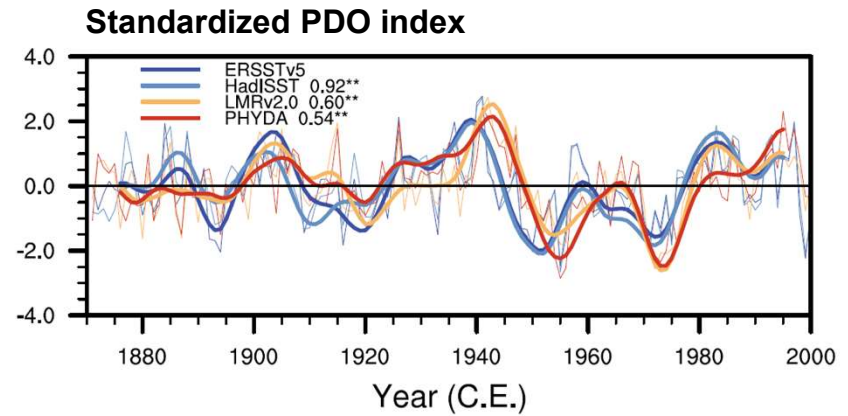
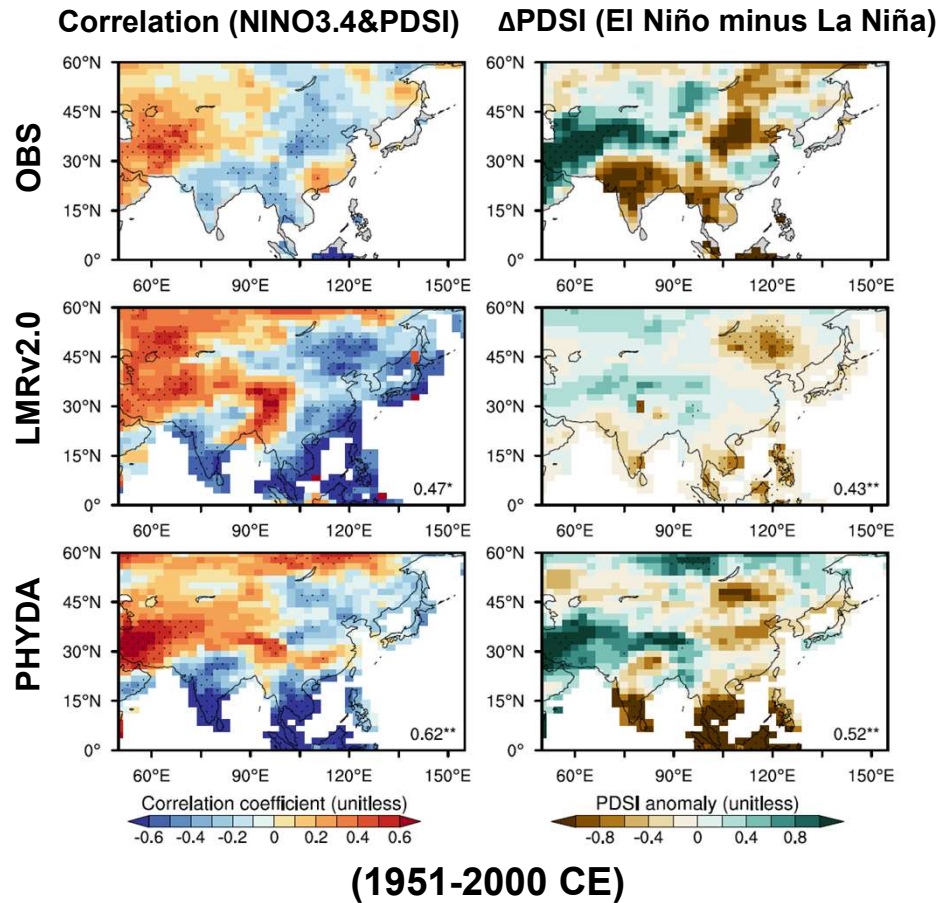
TABLE 1. CESM-LME simulations. Additional information about the simulations including the forcing datasets, saved variables, diagnostics, model support and known issues can be found at the CESM-LME website (www2.cesm.ucar.edu/models/experiments/LME).

Expt	No. of runs	Solar variability	Volcanic eruptions	Land use	GHGs	Orbital changes	Ozone-aerosols
Full forcings	10	Transient 850–2005	Transient 850–2005	Transient 850–2005	Transient 850–2005	Transient 850–2005	Transient 1850–2005
Solar only	4	Transient 850–2005	None	*	*	*	1850
Volcanic only	5	*	Transient 850–2005	*	*	*	1850
Land use only	3	*	None	Transient 850–2005	*	*	1850
GHG only	3	*	None	*	Transient 850–2005	*	1850
Orbital only	3	*	None	*	*	Transient 850–2005	1850
Ozone-aerosol only	2	*	None	*	*	*	Transient 1850–2005

* Fixed at 850 values.

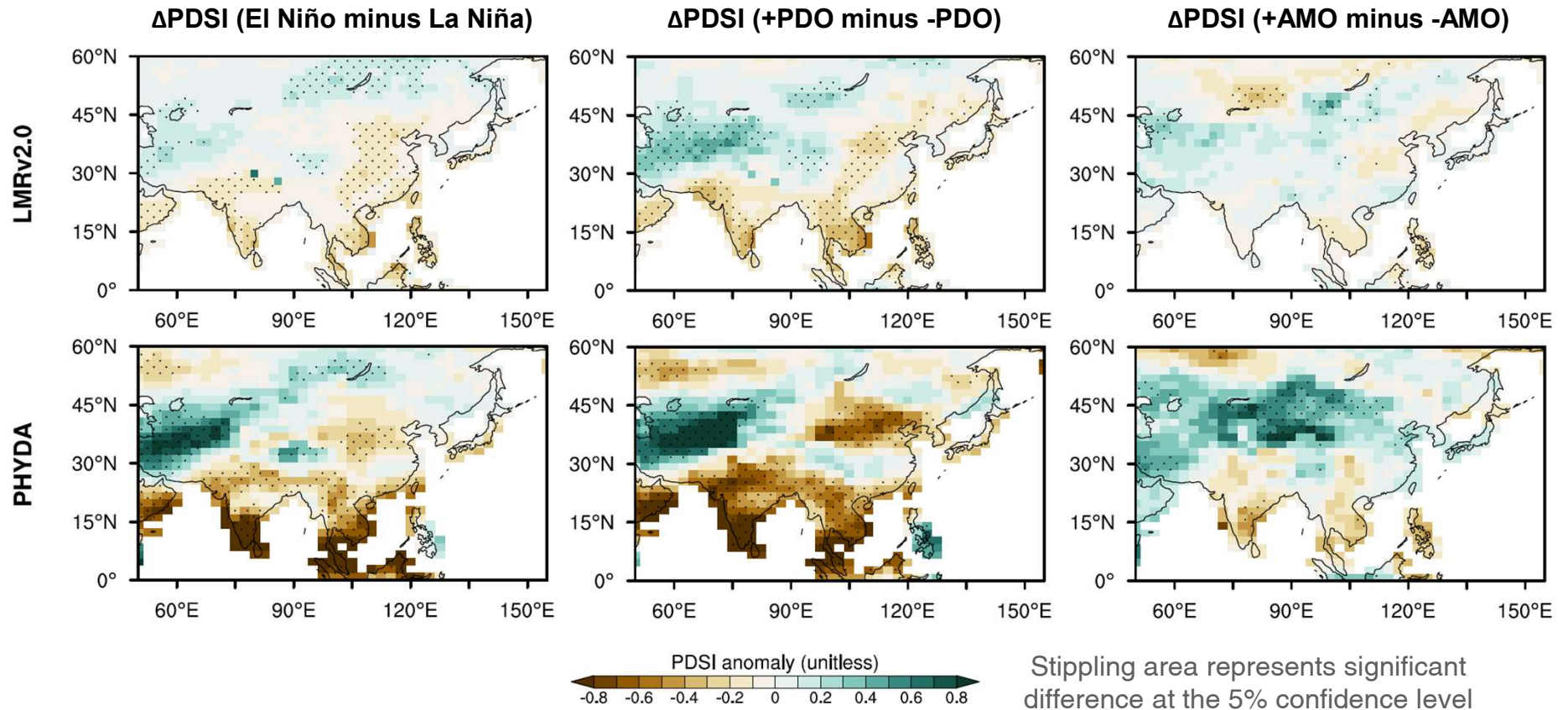
Credit: Table 1 in Otto-Bliesner et al. (2016)

Q0: Are the Paleoclimate Data Assimilation Products reliable for this study?



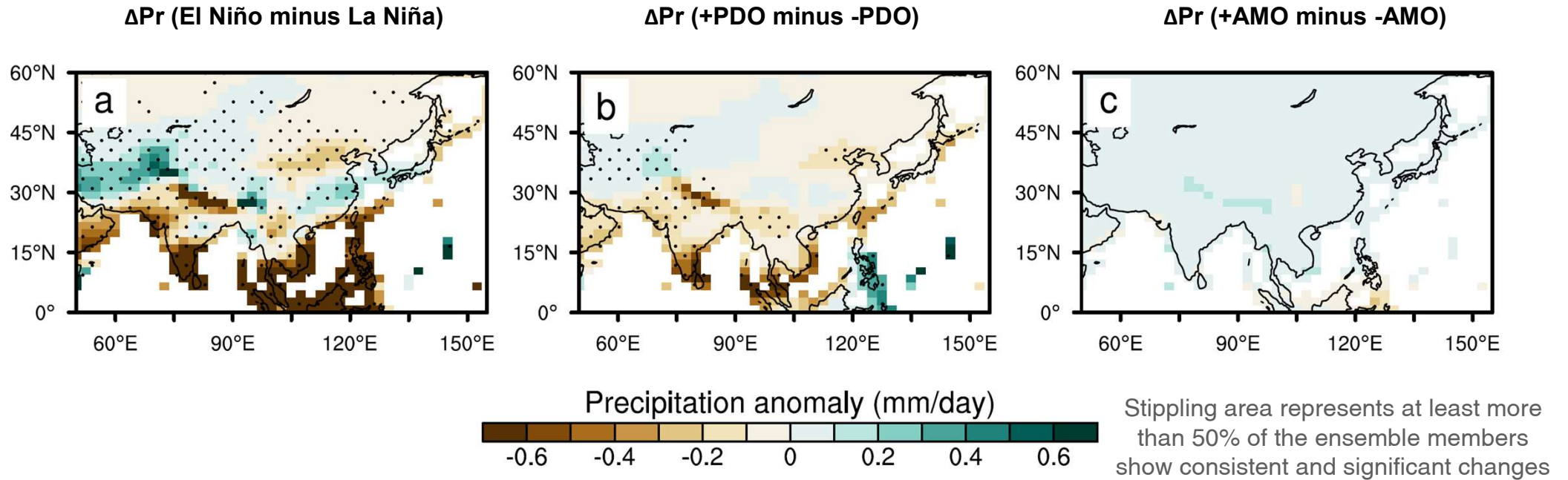
Answer: Yes!

Q1: How do the PDO and AMO, in combination with ENSO, influence Asian Summer Monsoon (ASM) variability?



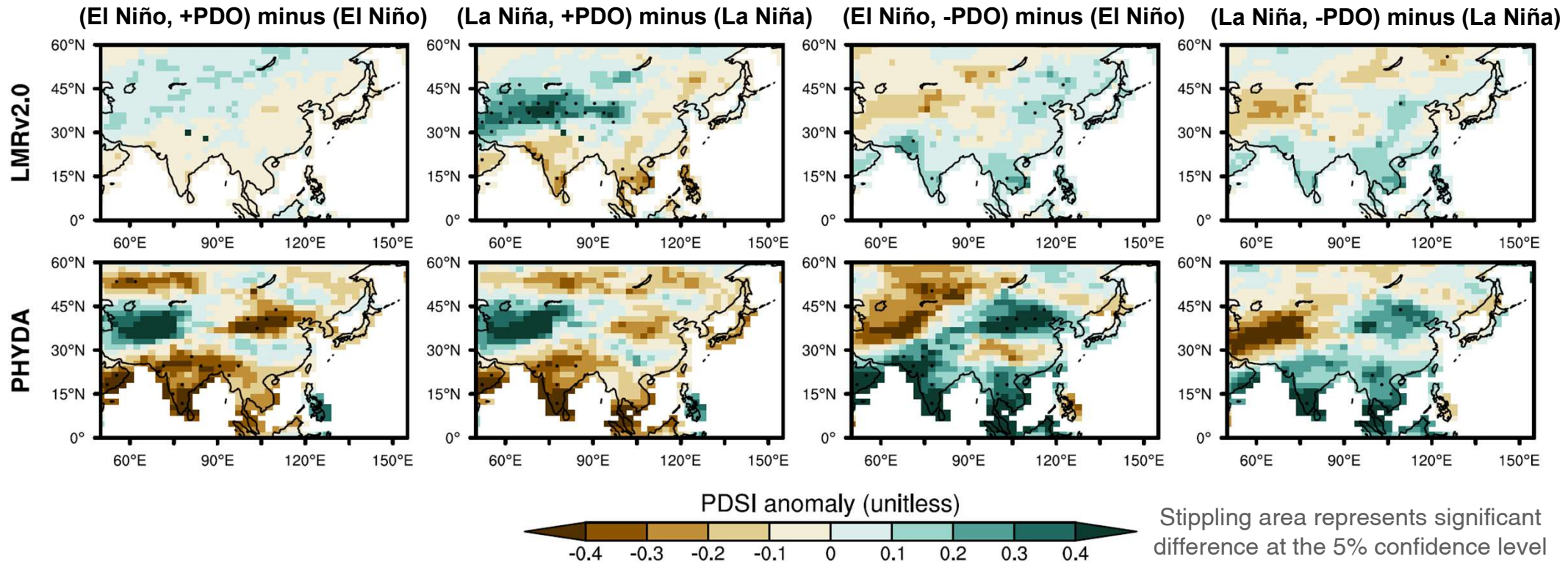
Warm (cold) phases of the ENSO/PDO/AMO are associated with drier (wetter) conditions

CESM-LME: individual influence of ENSO/PDO/AMO on ASM



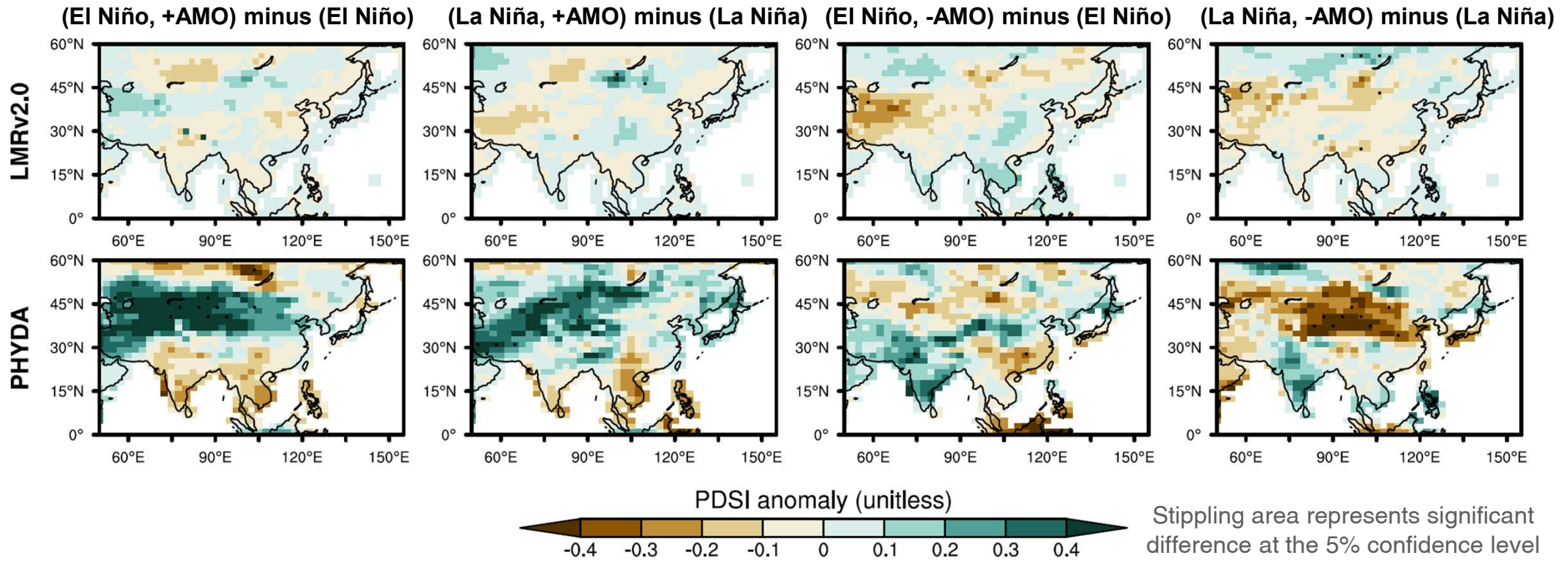
The Paleo-DA products results are consistent with the CESM-LME

Q1: How do the PDO and AMO, in combination with ENSO, influence Asian Summer Monsoon (ASM) variability?



PDSI anomalies in South and Southeast Asia are enhanced when El Niño (La Niña) under the warm (cold) phase of the PDO, while the opposite combination results in a neutralizing effect

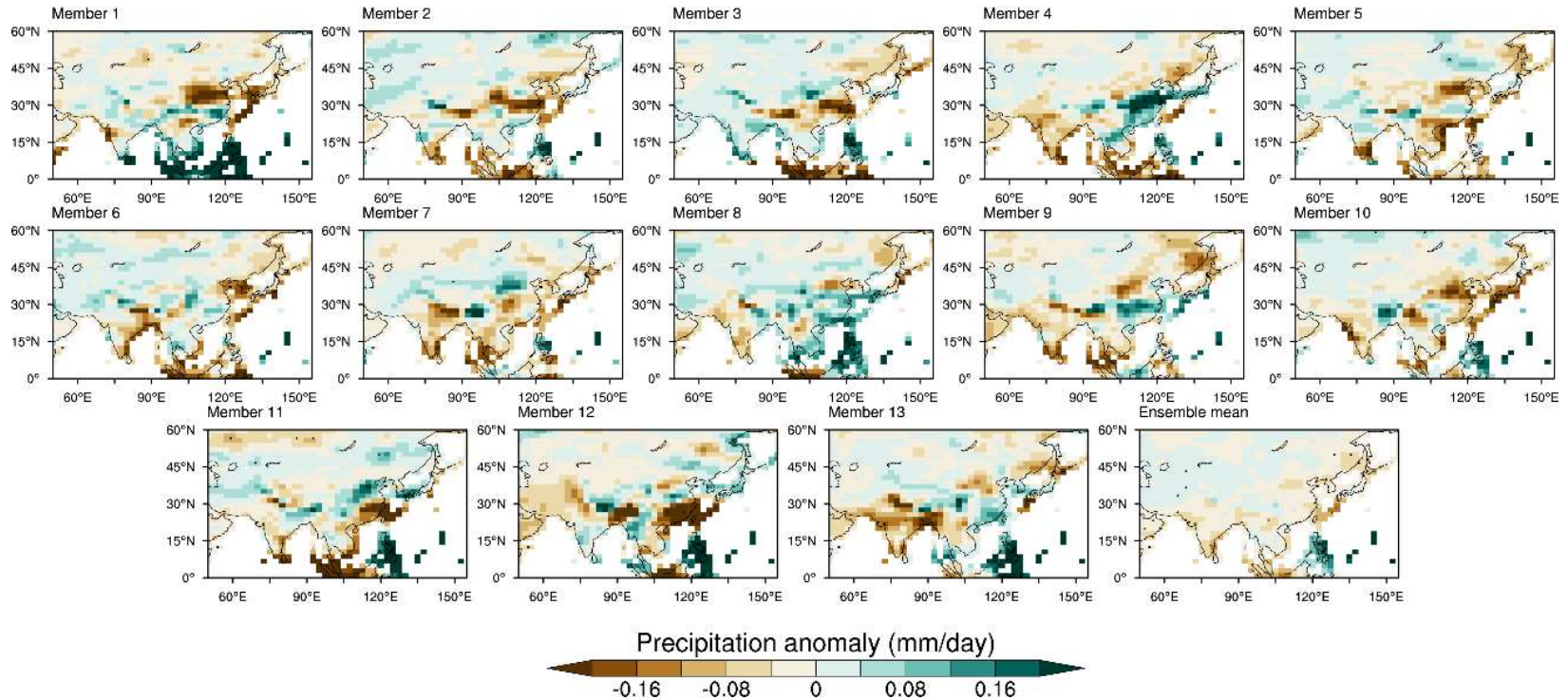
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The compounding effects of AMO and ENSO on the ASM do not differ significantly from the individual effects of ENSO

CESM-LME: compounding effects of ENSO and PDO relative to ENSO alone

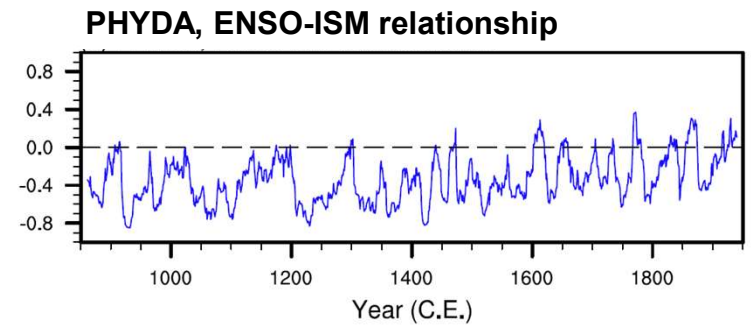
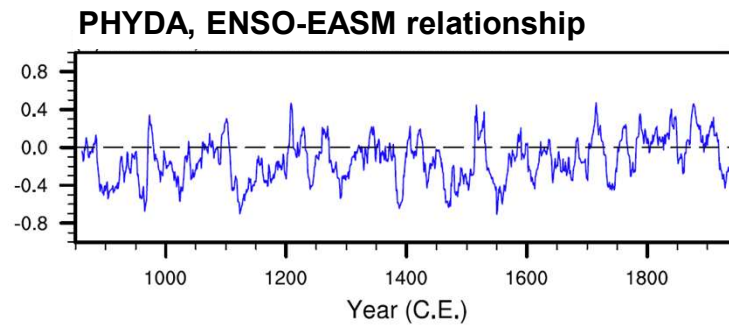
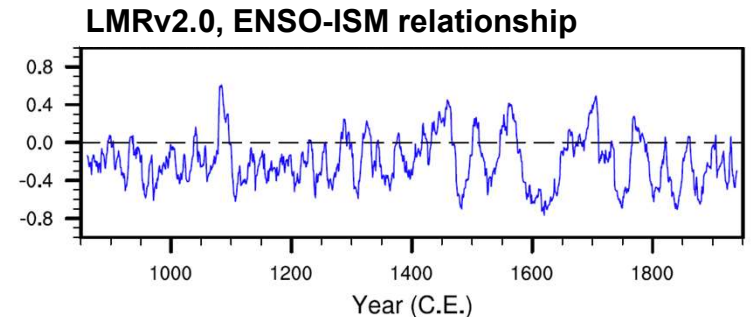
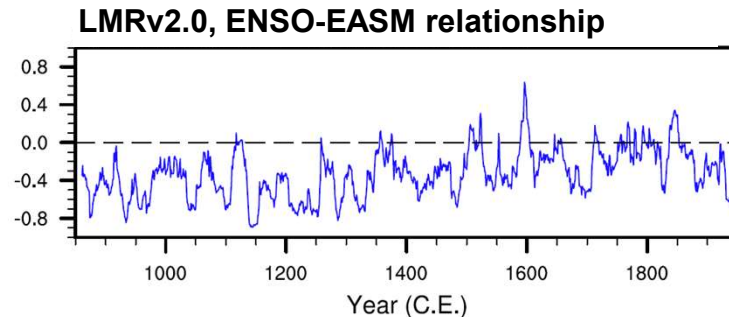
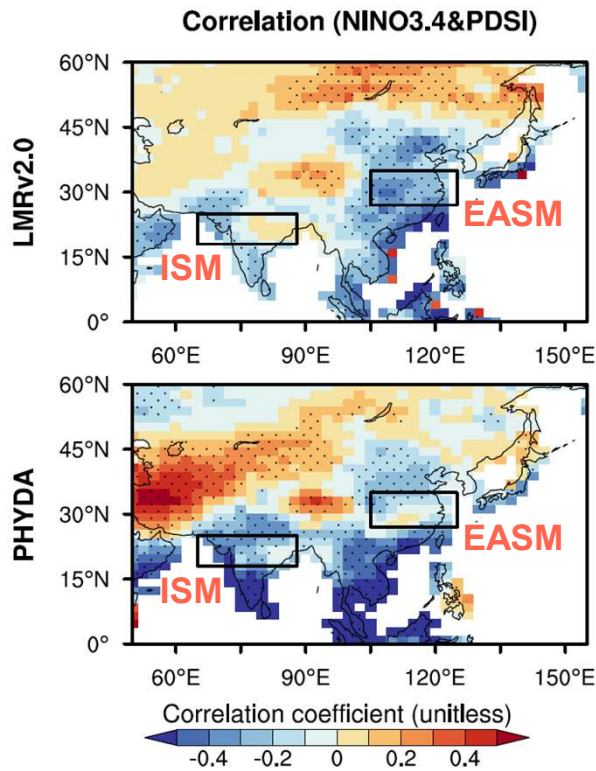
Δ Precipitation (El Niño+PDO minus El Niño)



Climate models show little distinction between the compounding effects of the PDO/AMO and ENSO and the average effects of ENSO on the ASM

Q2: How do the PDO and AMO influence the ENSO-monsoon relationship (correlation strength)?

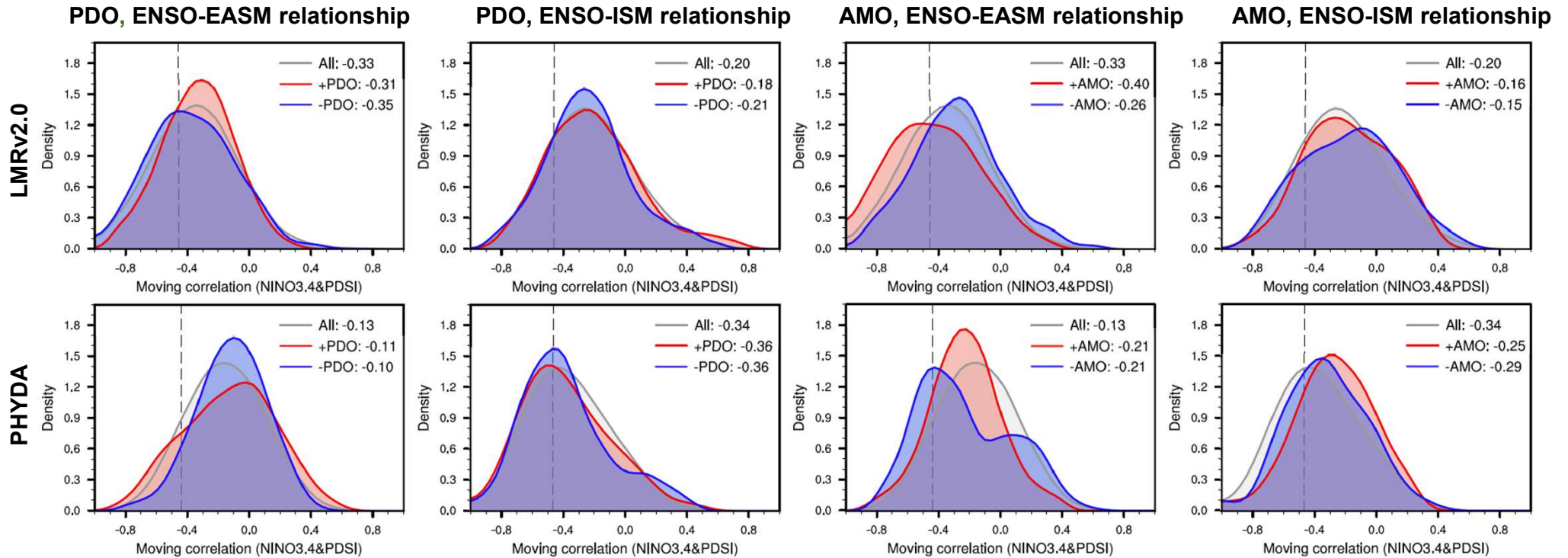
21-year sliding correlations between NINO3.4 index and regional mean PDSI



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PDO

AMO

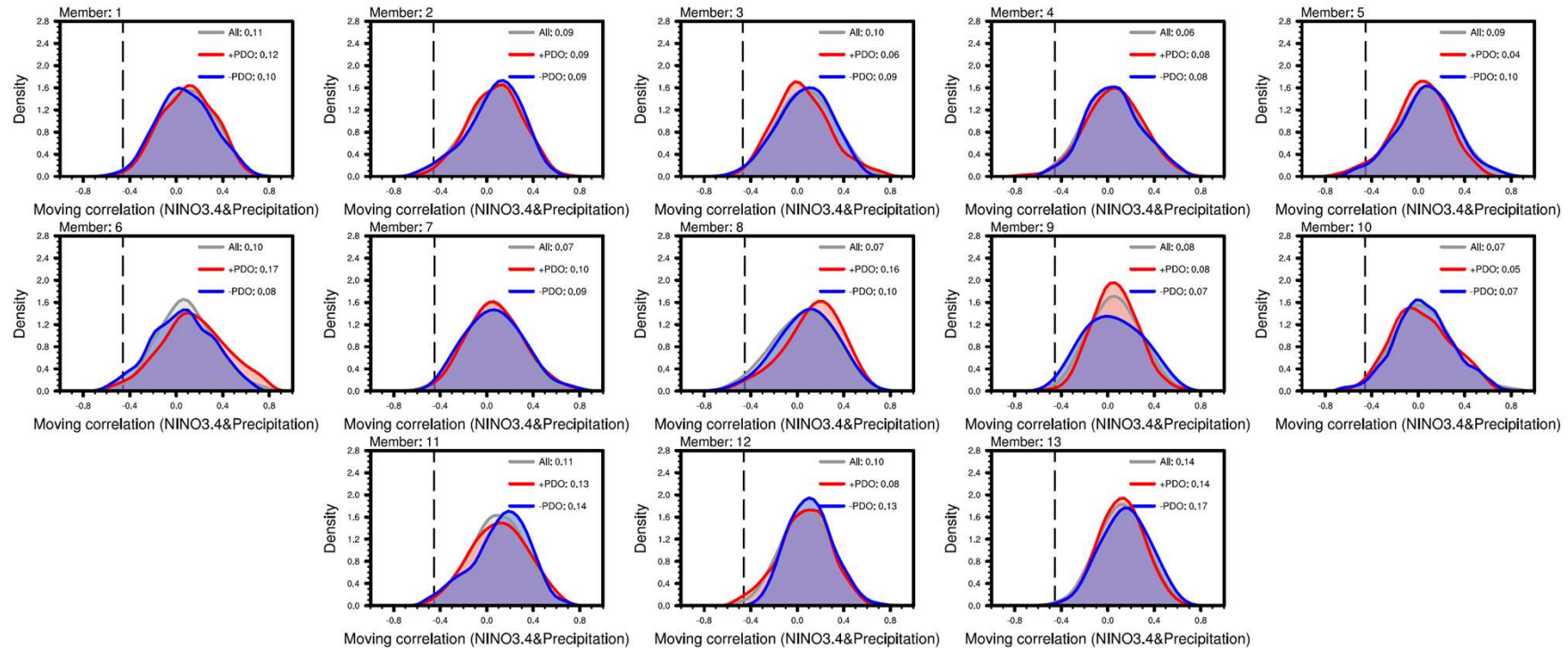


Differences in the mean ENSO-monsoon correlations between warm and cold phases of PDO/AMO are **NOT statistically significant**

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CESM-LME:

Influence of PDO on the ENSO-EASM teleconnection



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PDO

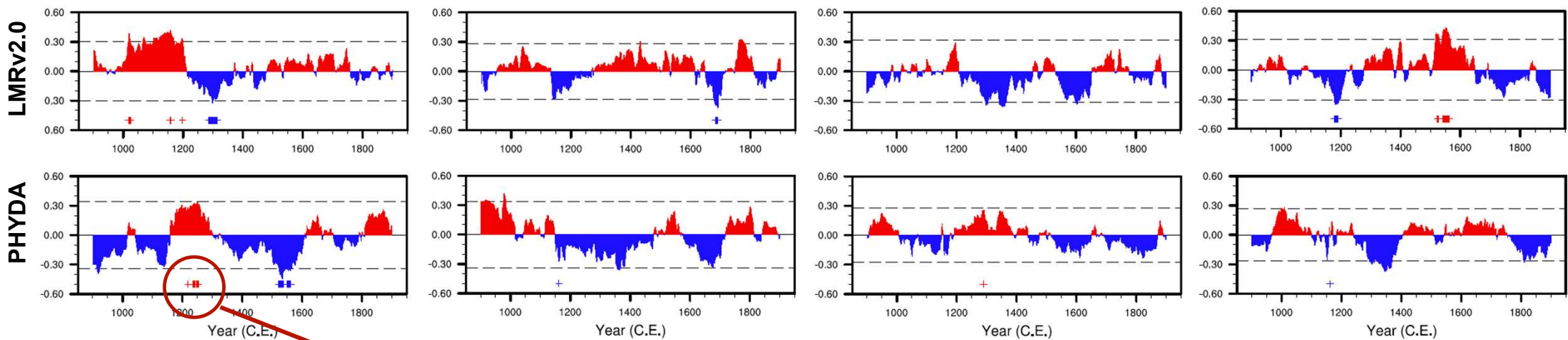
AMO

Correlation (PDO, ENSO-EASM)

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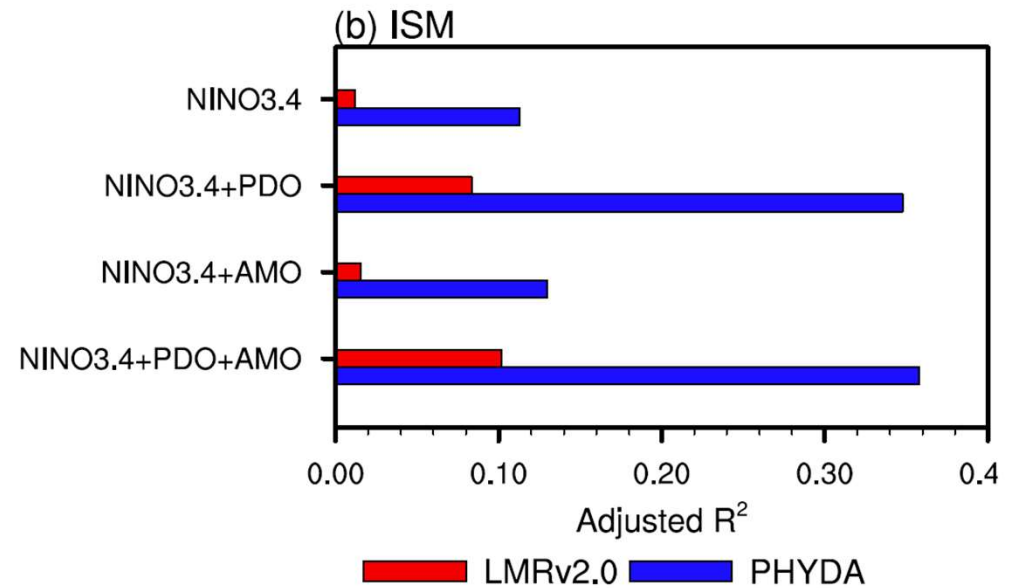
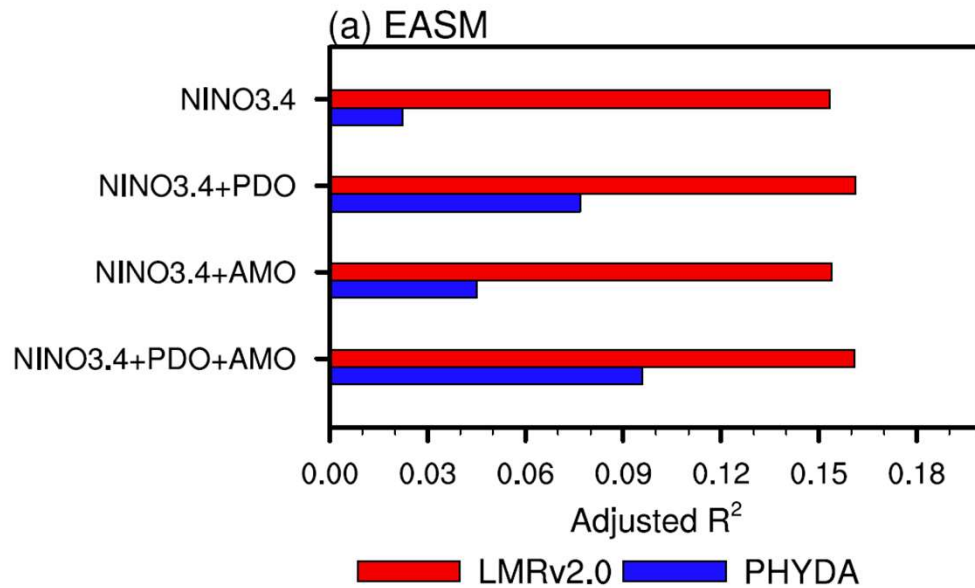


The central year of the 101-year sliding window, during which period the correlation between the PDO/AMO index and the ENSO-monsoon relationship is statistically significant

Significant influence of the PDO/AMO on the ENSO-monsoon relationship occurred only over a limited period within the last millennium

Q3: Can we improve ASM prediction using insights from the Last Millennium?

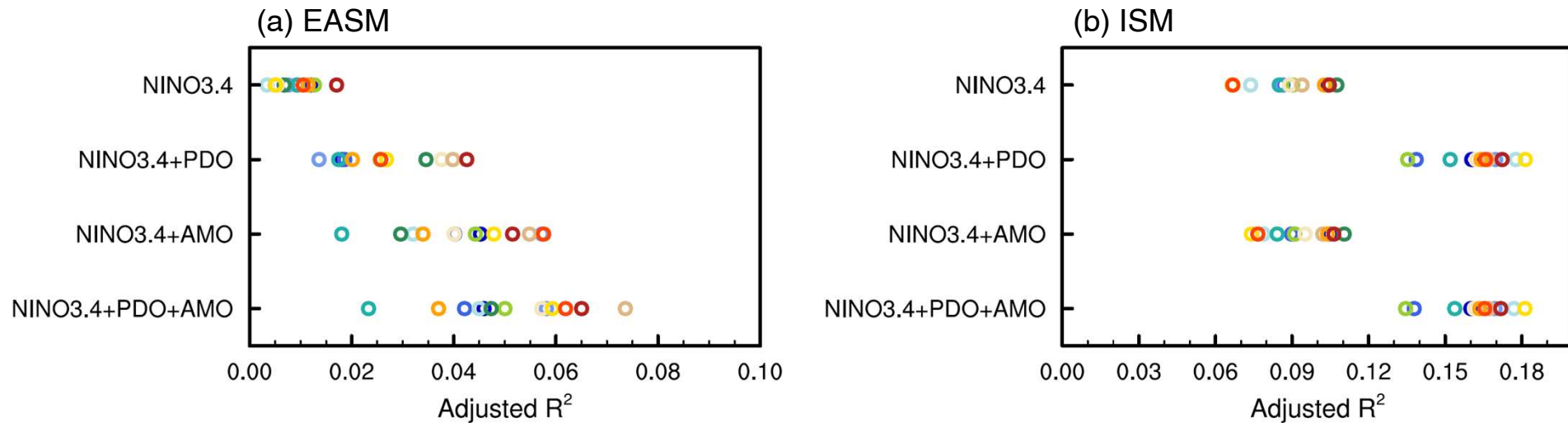
Adjusted R^2 for different linear regression models for monsoon prediction



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Take Home Messages:

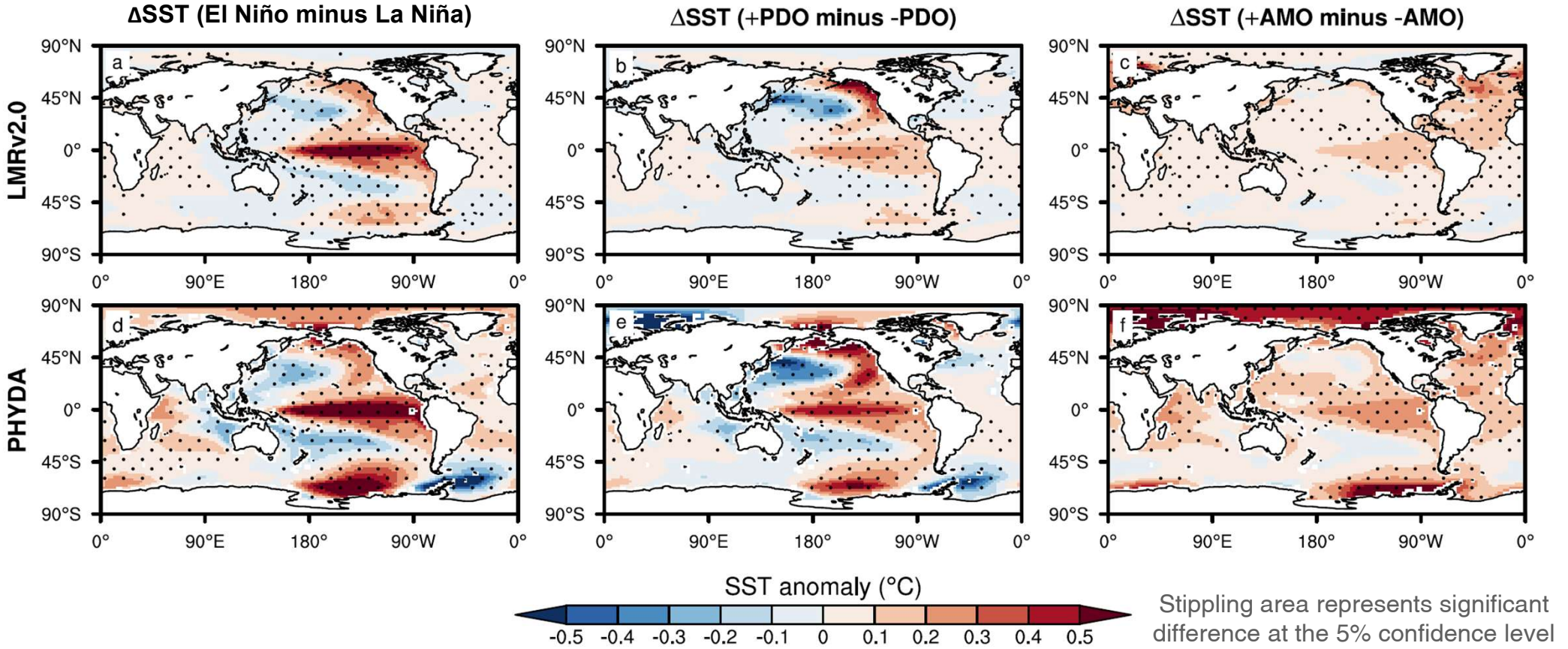
- **The PDO impacts ASM variability more than the AMO, and its consideration yields improved Indian summer monsoon predictions**

The dry (wet) anomalies caused by El Niño (La Niña) in India will be enhanced during the positive (negative) PDO phases due to compounding effects

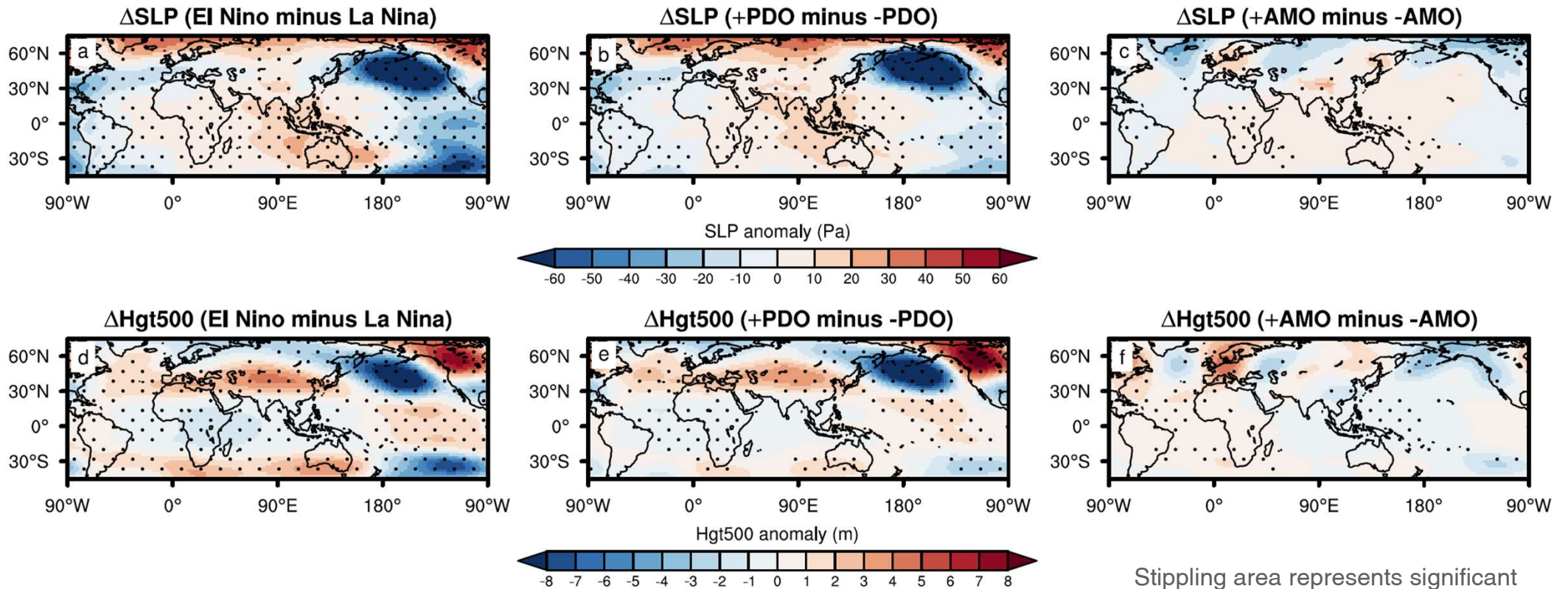
- **The influence of the PDO and AMO on the ENSO-ASM relationship is non-stationary across the last millennium**
- **Paleo-DA products generate similar results as in CESM-LME**

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Sea surface temperature pattern related to ENSO, PDO, and AMO



Sea level pressure and 500-hPa geopotential height patterns related to ENSO, PDO, and AMO



Stippling area represents significant difference at the 5% confidence level