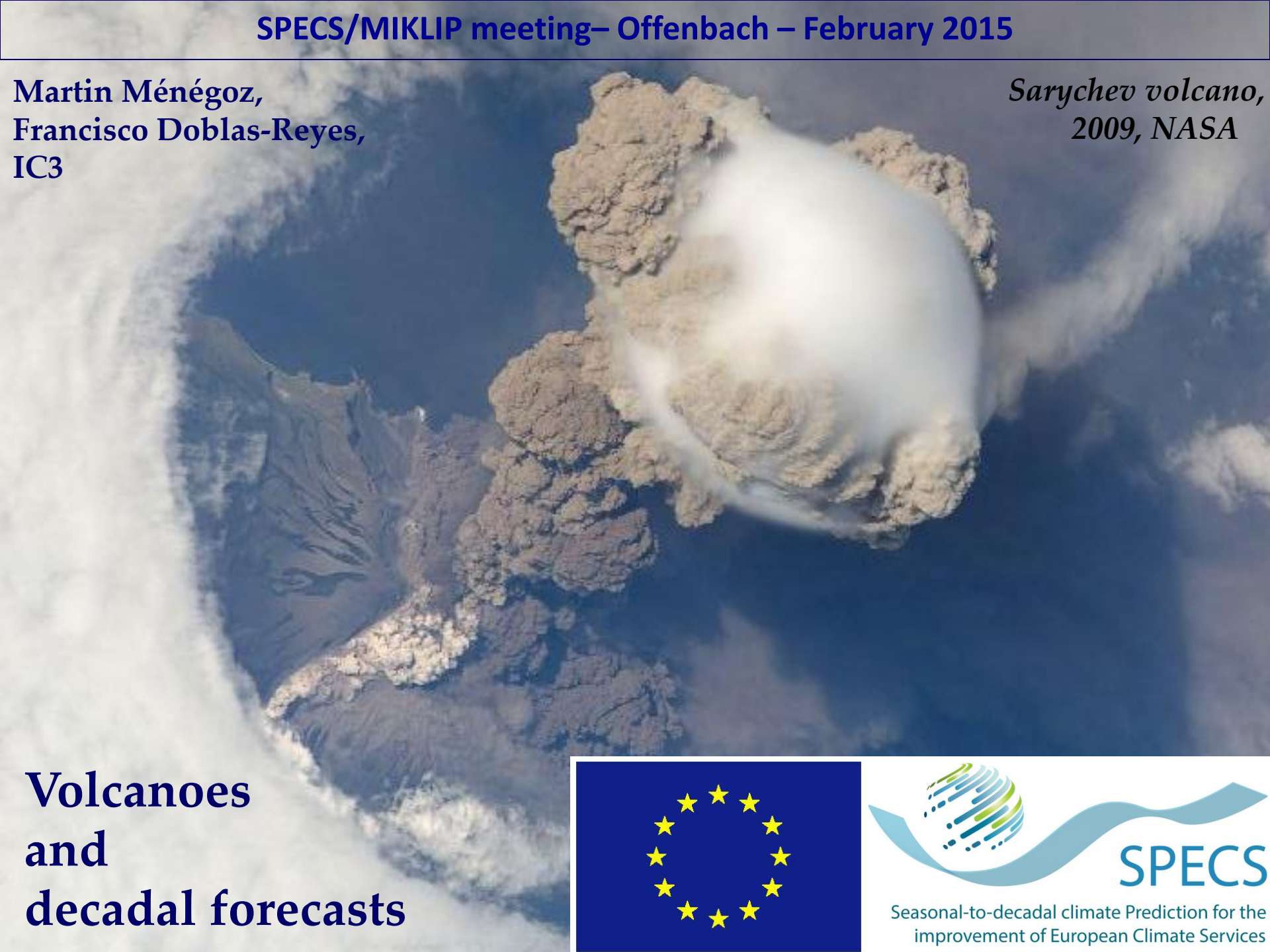


Martin Ménégoz,  
Francisco Doblas-Reyes,  
IC3

*Sarychev volcano,*  
2009, NASA



**Volcanoes  
and  
decadal forecasts**







## Climate response to volcanoes

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- Major eruptions bring large amounts (Tg) of particles in the stratosphere.
- Last large eruptions: Agung (1963), El Chichon (1982) and Pinatubo (1991).
- Global temperature decrease of  $0.1-0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ , atmospheric impacts noticeable during 5 years, and potential effects on ocean circulation during 10-20 years.
- Summer cooling, winter warming (?) in some parts of the NH. Climate impact difficult to understand, especially in forecasts!

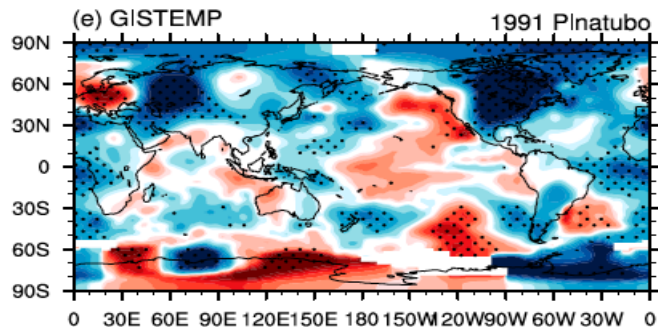
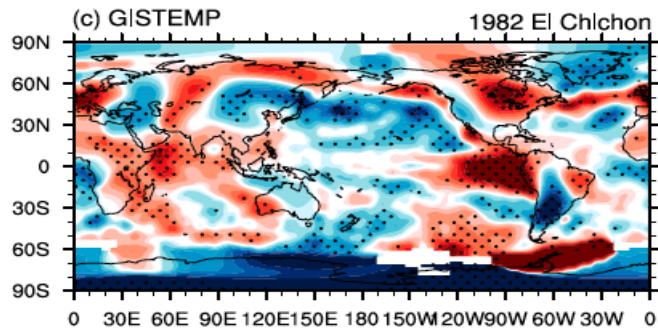
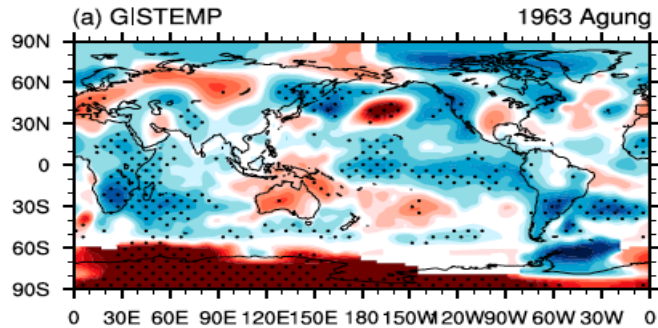
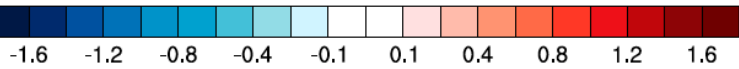
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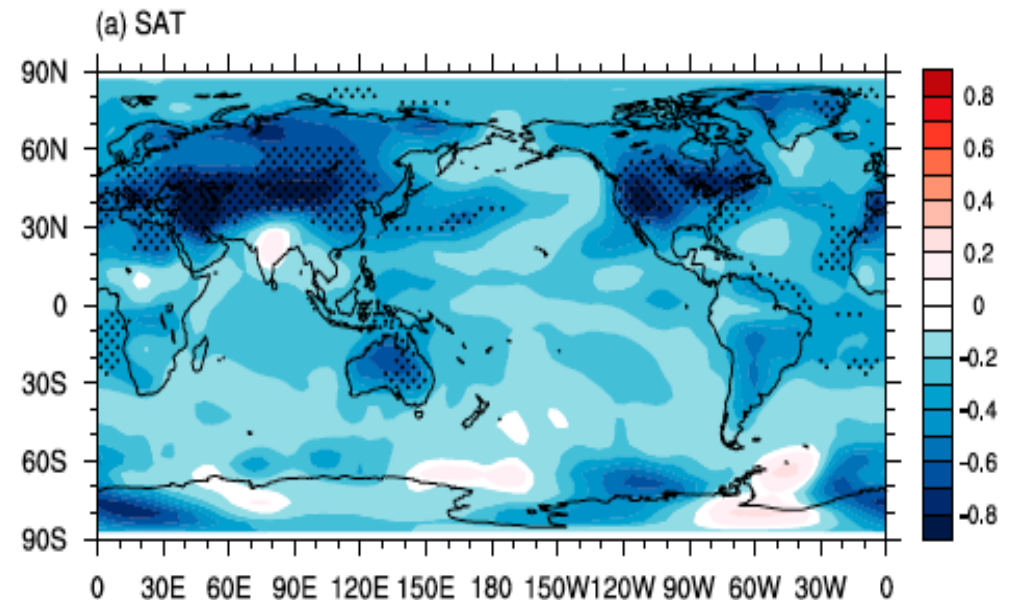
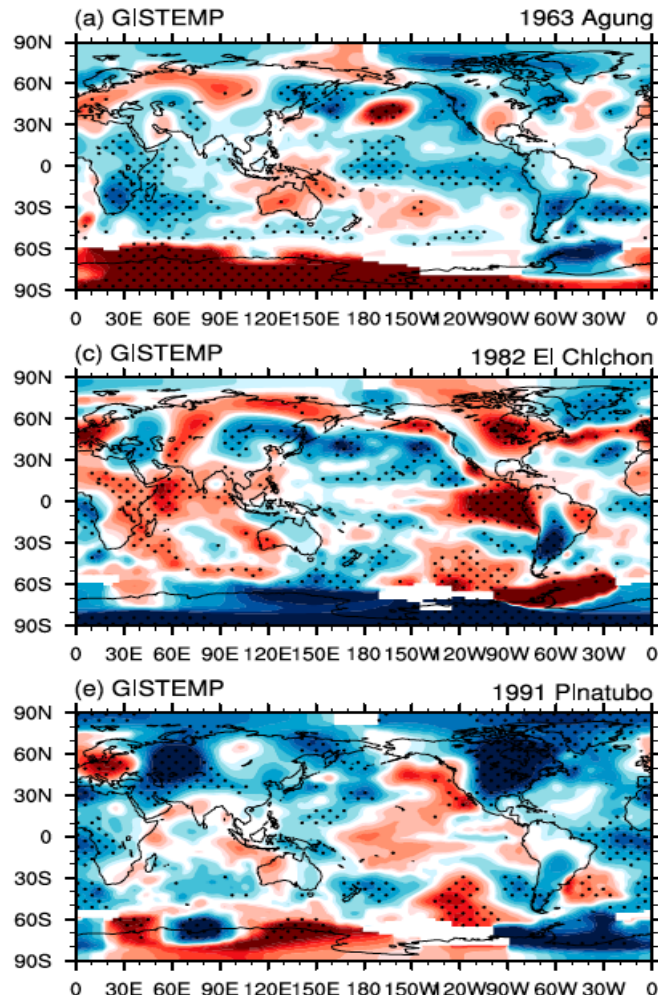
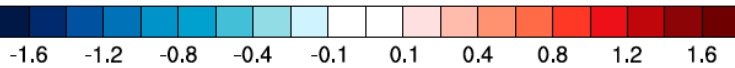
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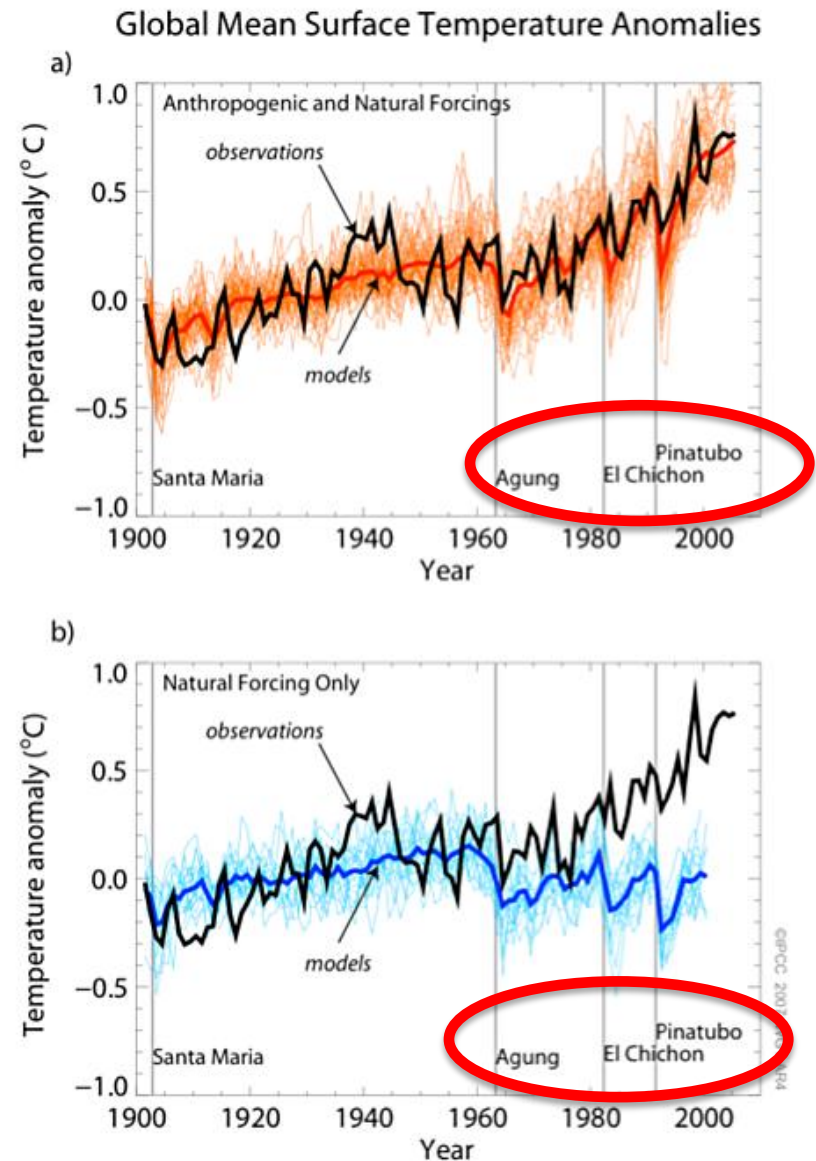
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## Global surface temperature response

→ Signature of large eruptions seems to be obvious

*Global temperature anomaly over the XXth century (IPCC, AR4)*

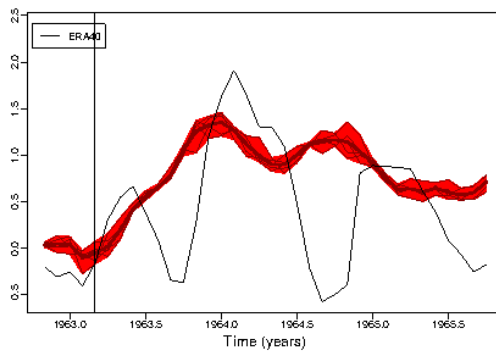




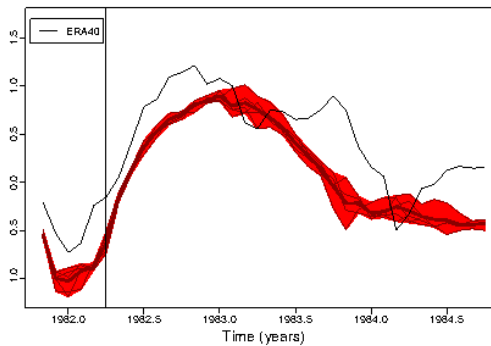
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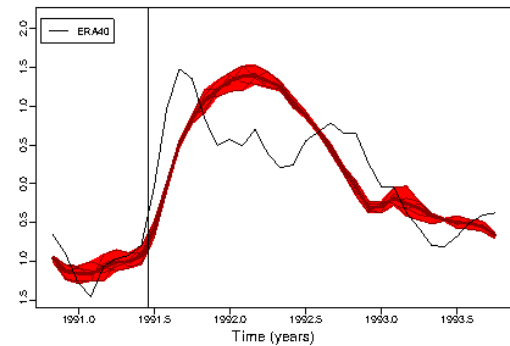
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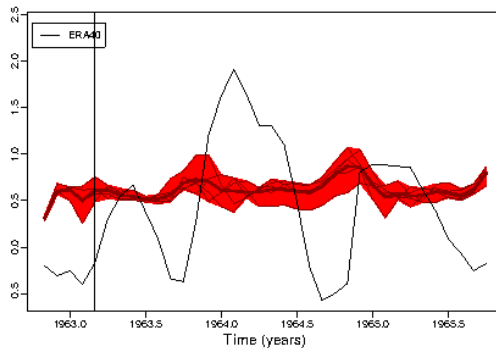


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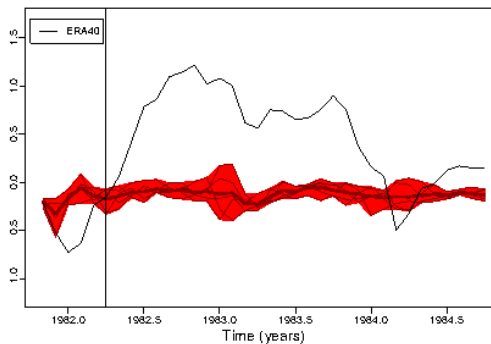


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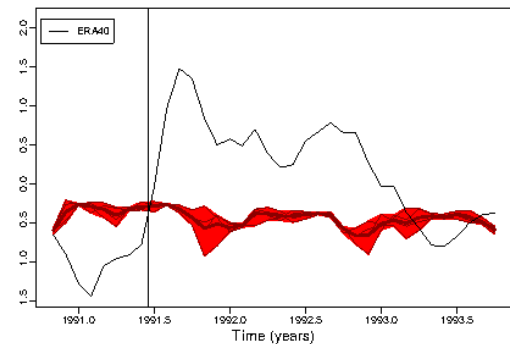
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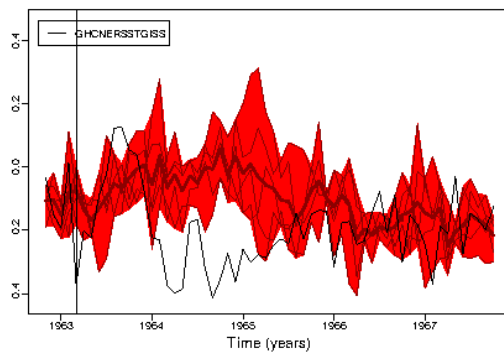




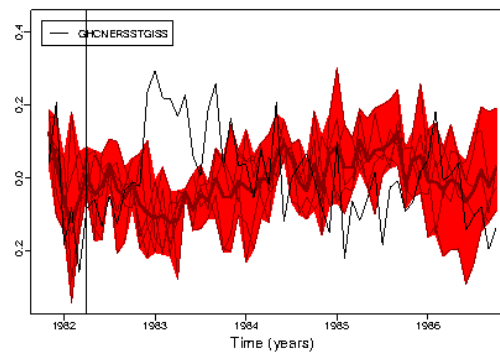
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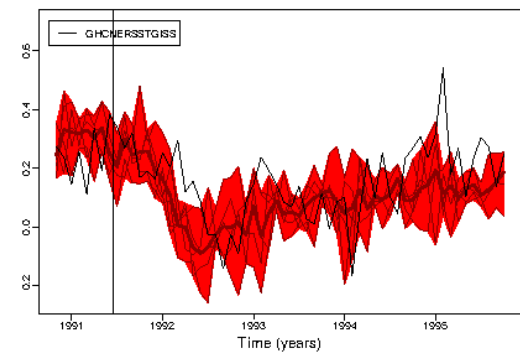
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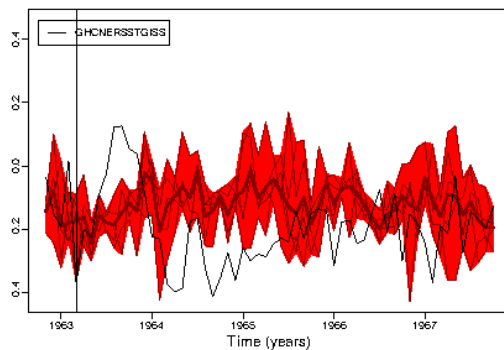


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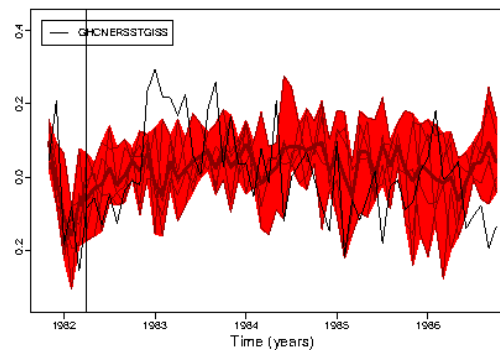


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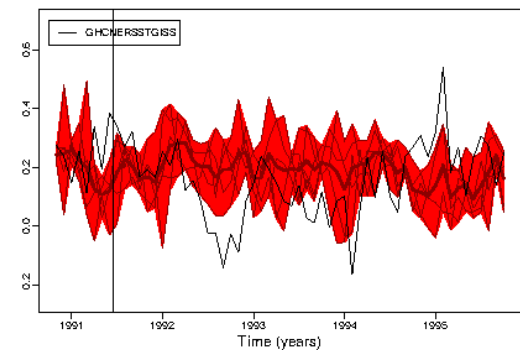
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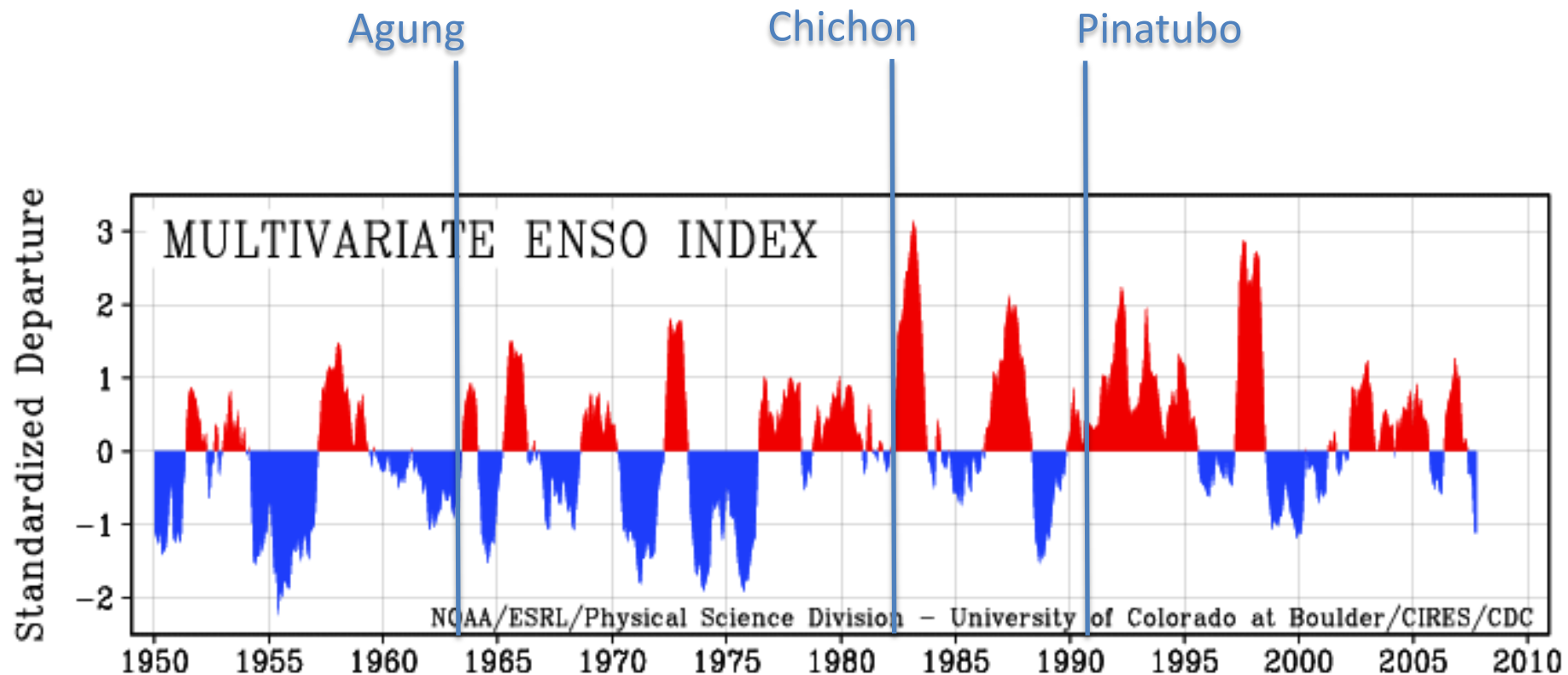


Pinatubo



## Global surface temperature response

→ Mixing between ENSO and volcanoes !



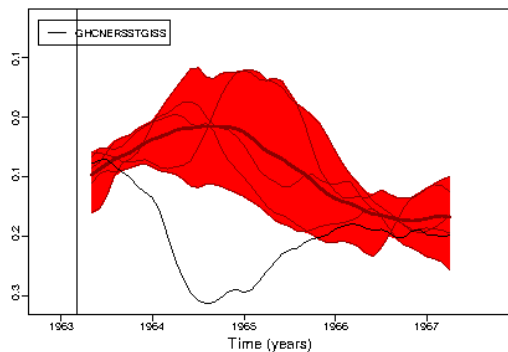
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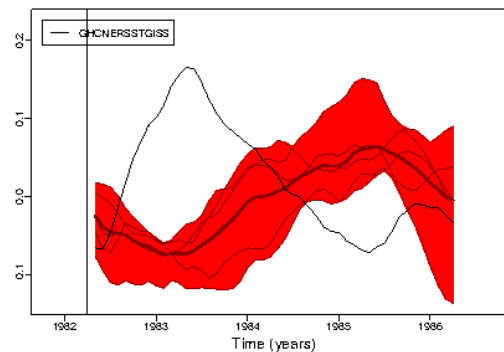
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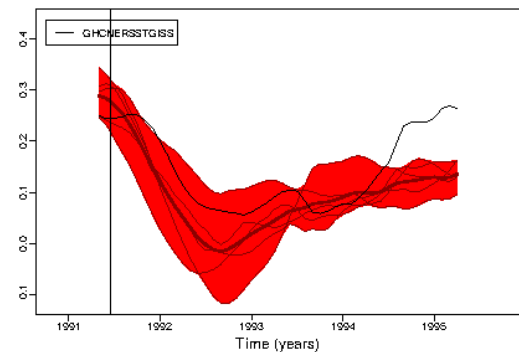
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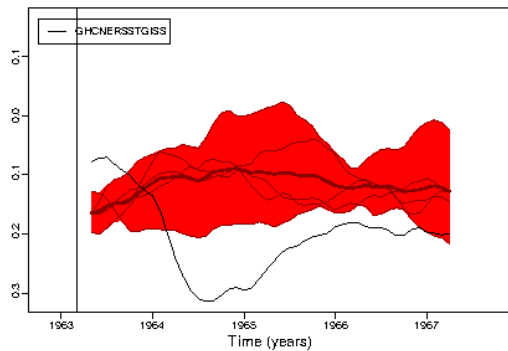


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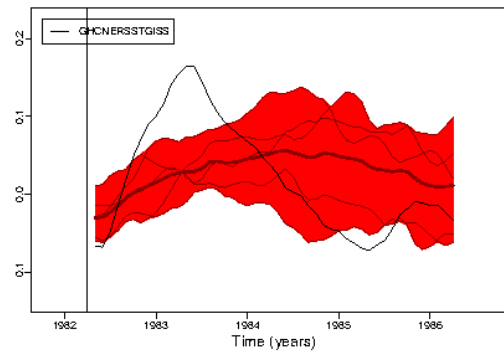


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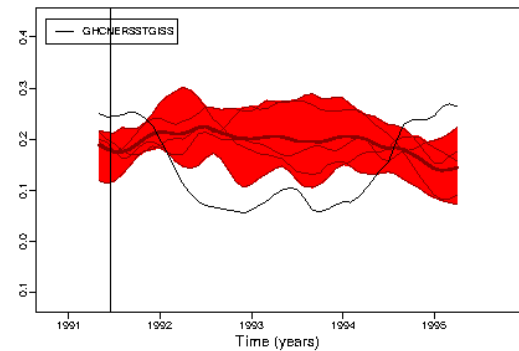
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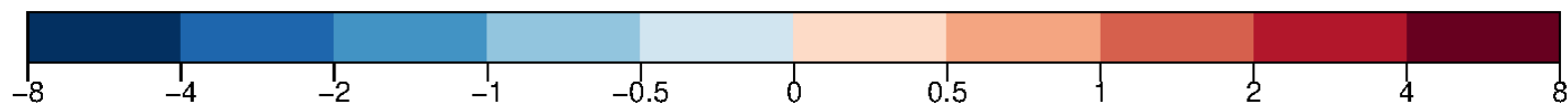
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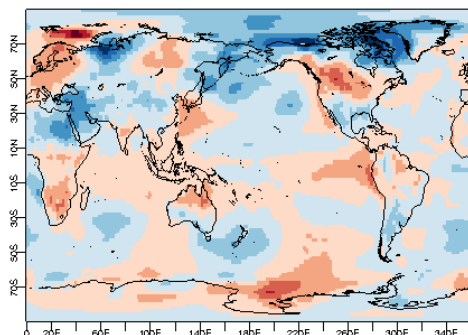
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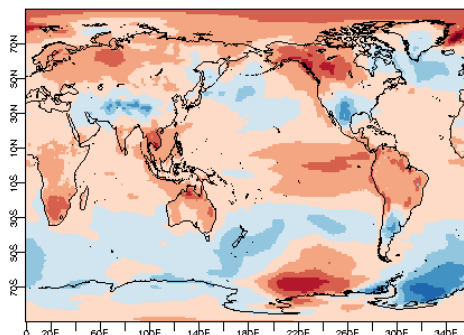
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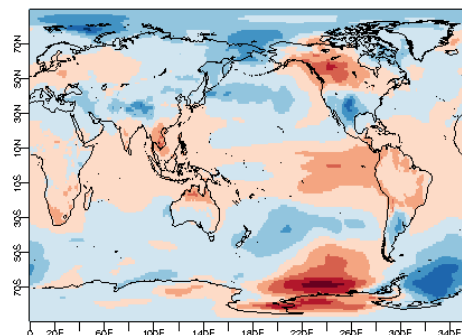
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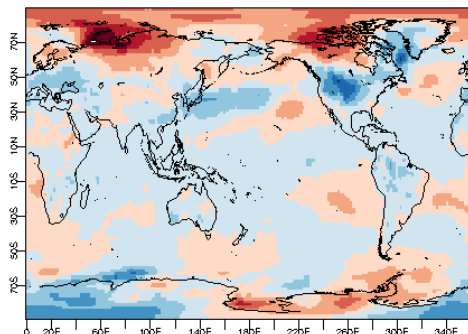


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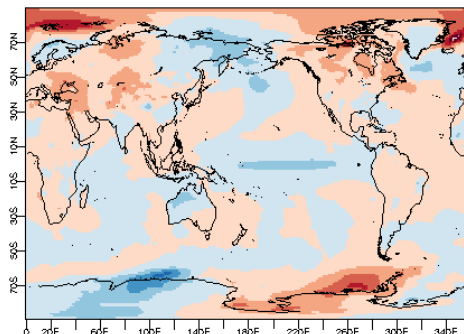


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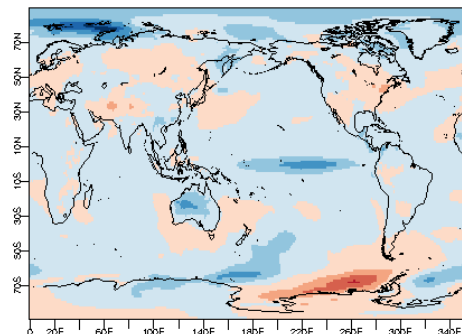
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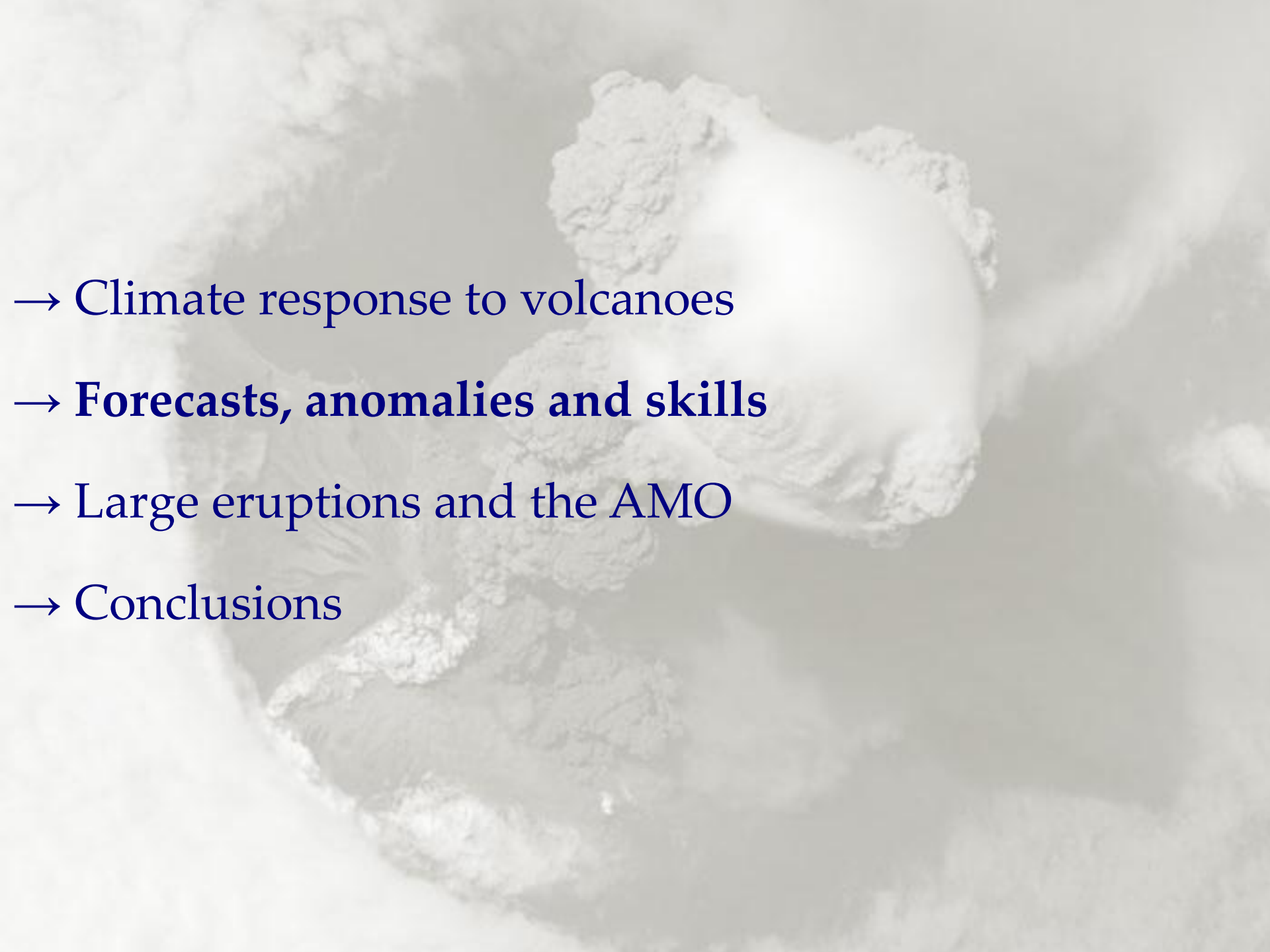
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initialisation and volcanoes forcing

→ 1 observation versus (5 members x 3 startdates = 15) simulations

→ Volcanic signal => significant cooling, but partly masked by ENSO !

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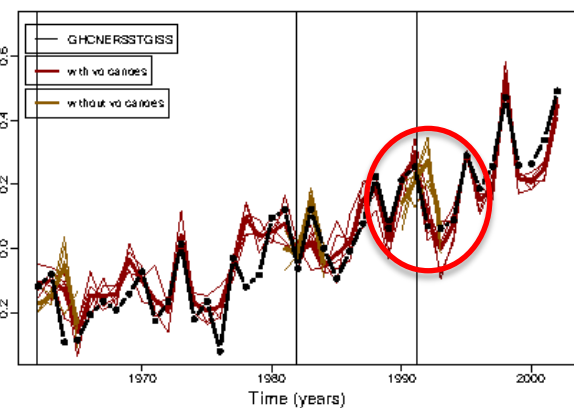




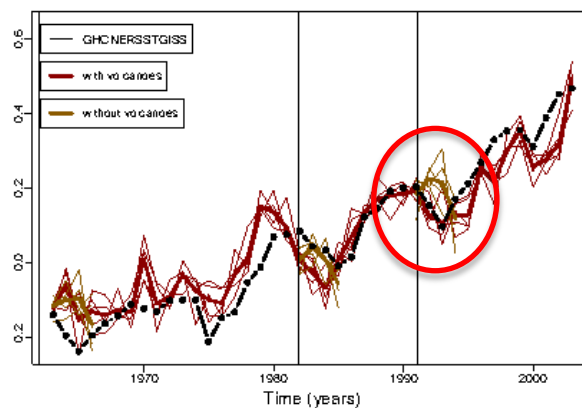
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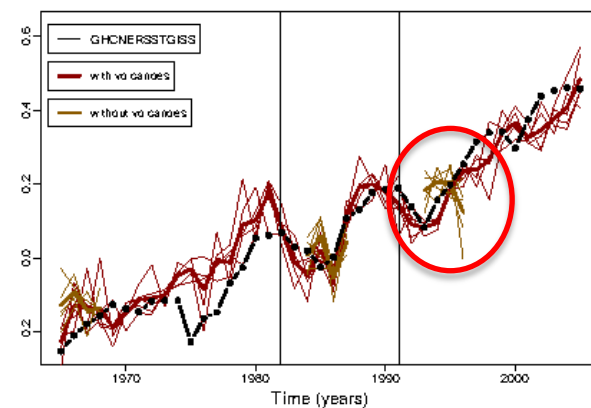
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forecast year 1



forecast years 1-3



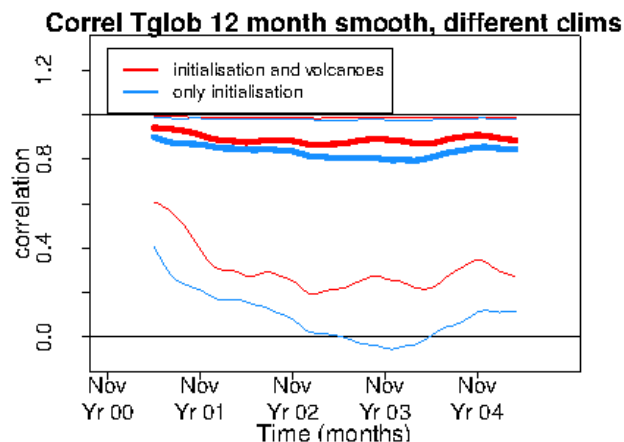
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 *Observation*  
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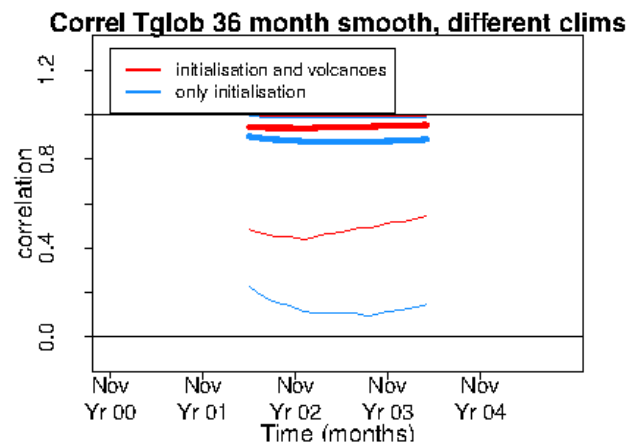


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## Correlation for global TAS anomalies

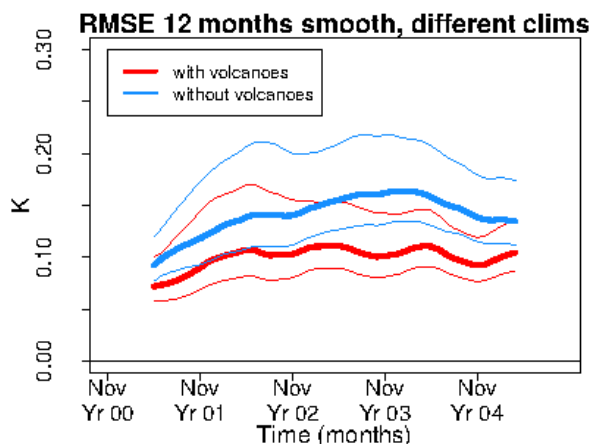


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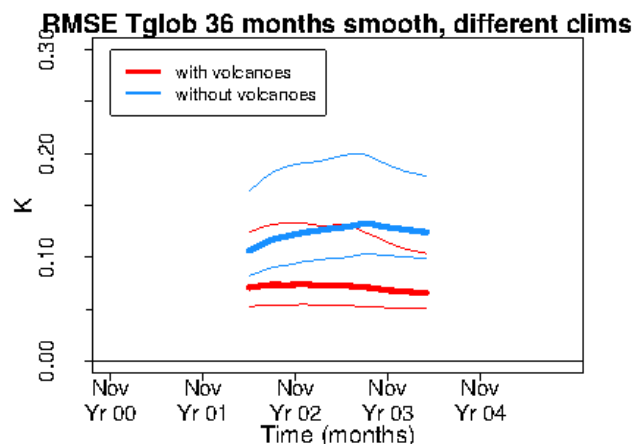


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## RMSE for global TAS anomalies



1-year average



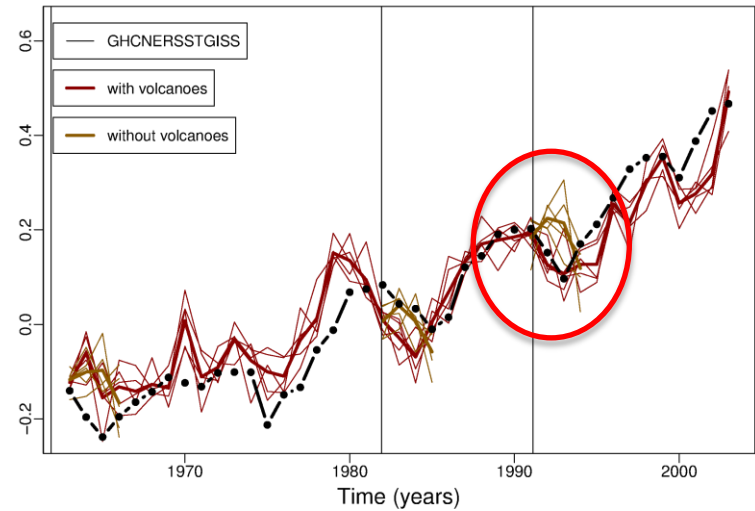
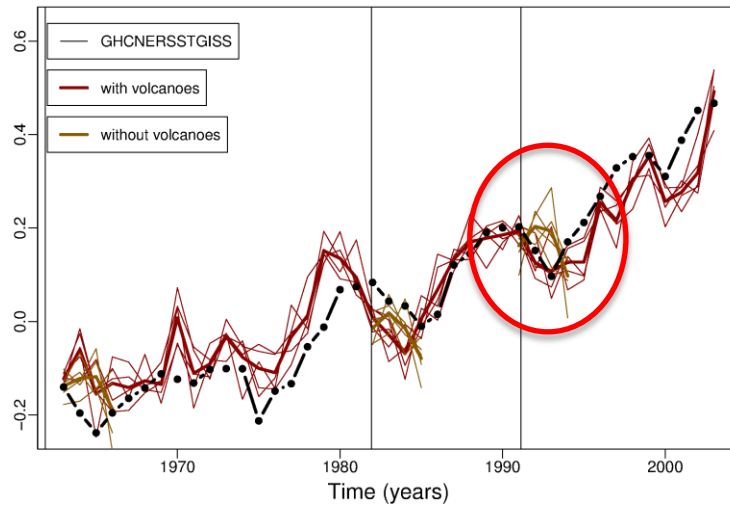
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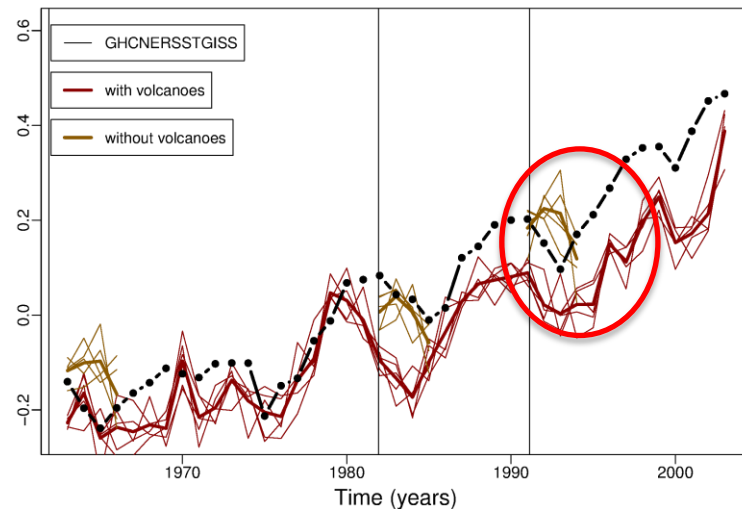
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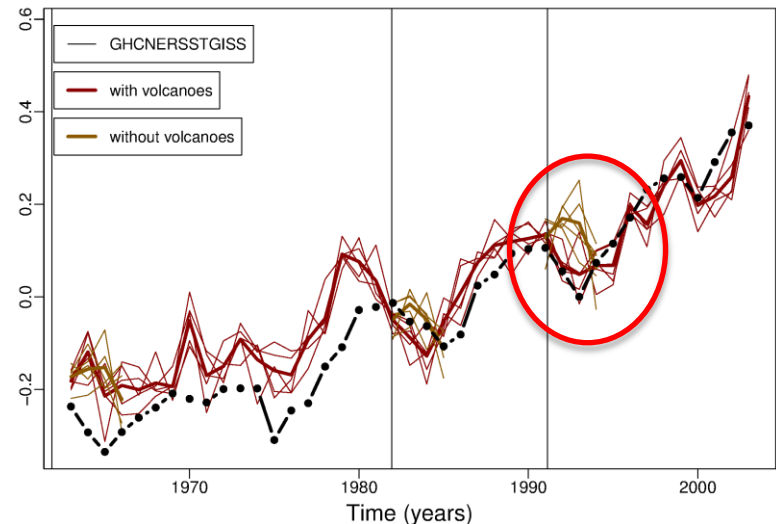
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*Over the years with eruptions (12 stardates) Each simulation with its own climatology*



*Climatologies without volcanoes*

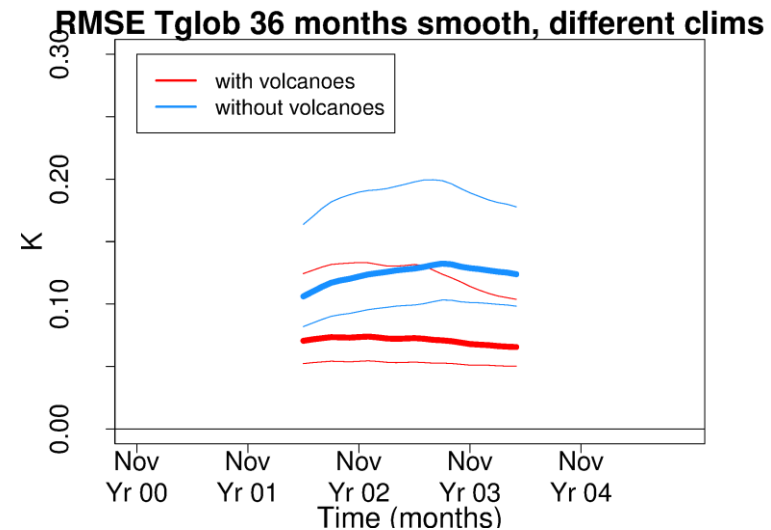
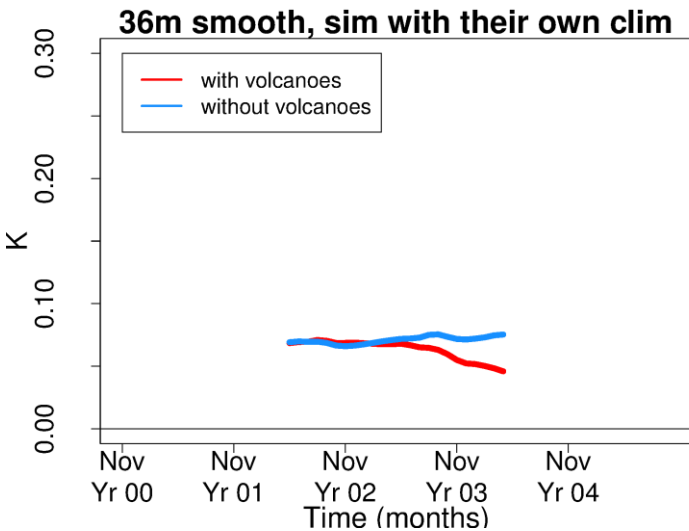


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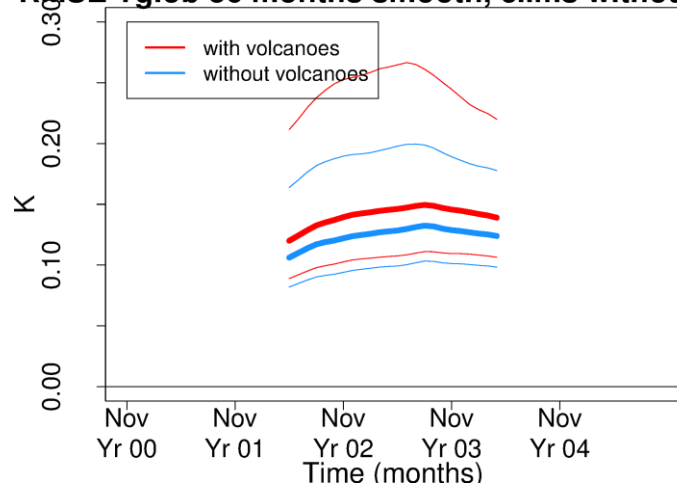
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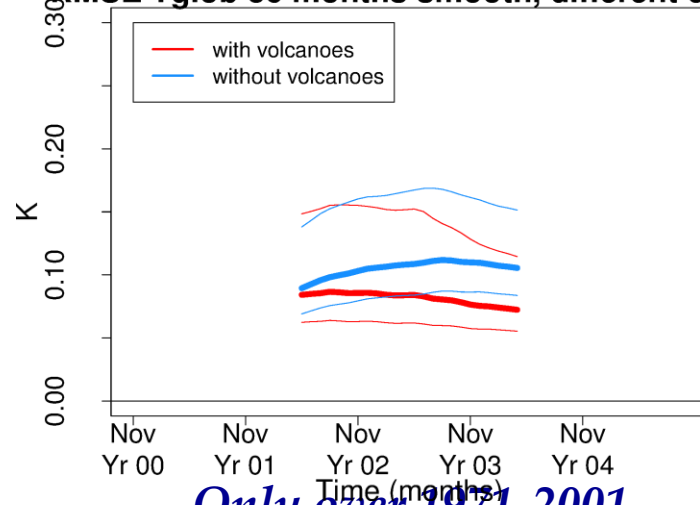
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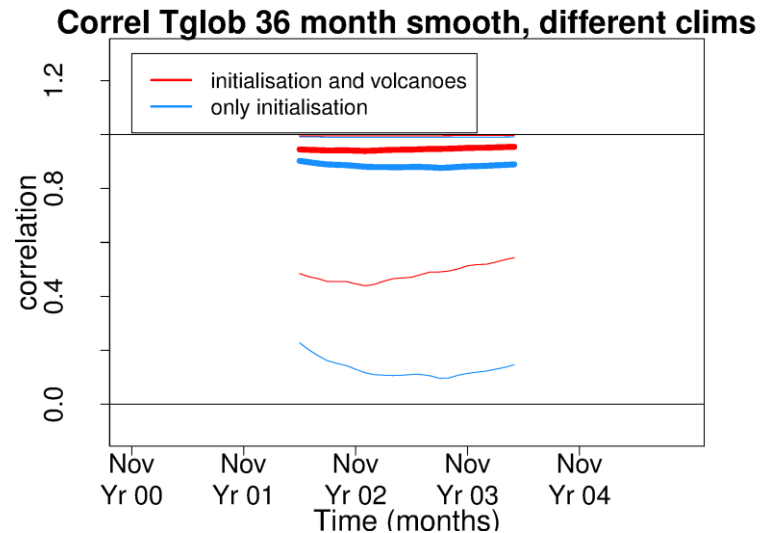
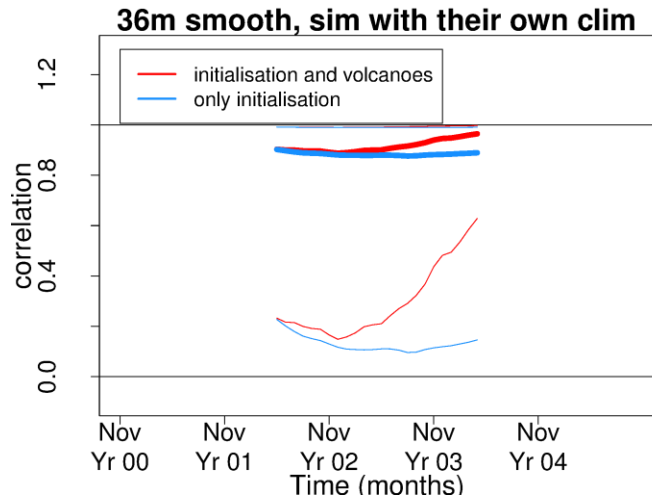


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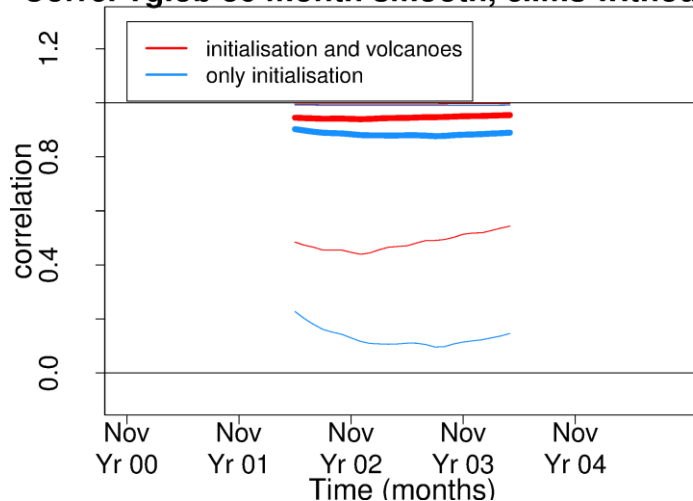
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## → Correlations



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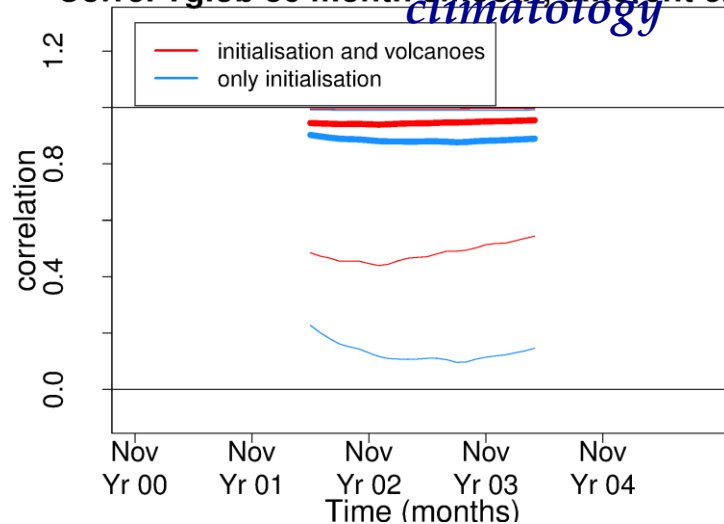
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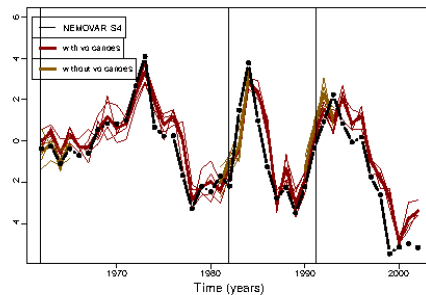


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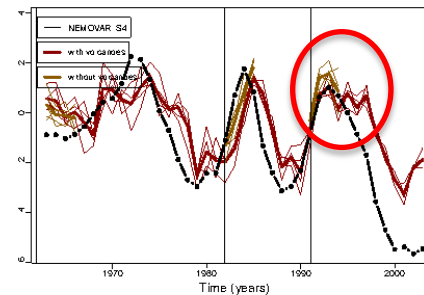




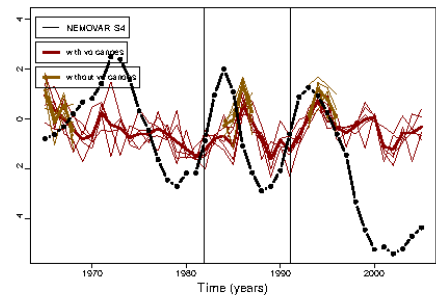
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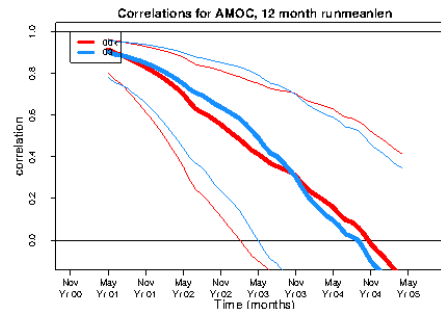
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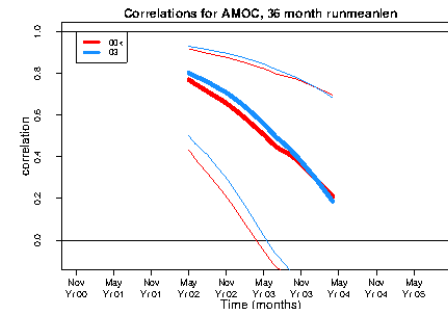
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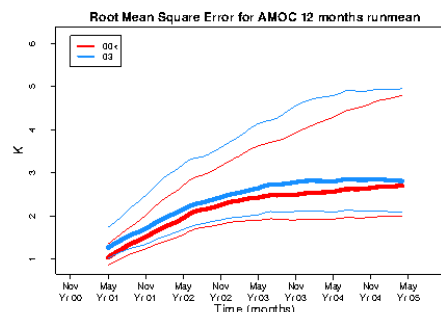


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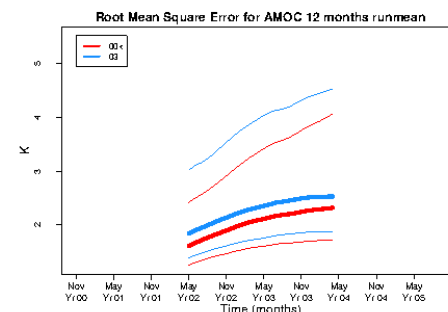


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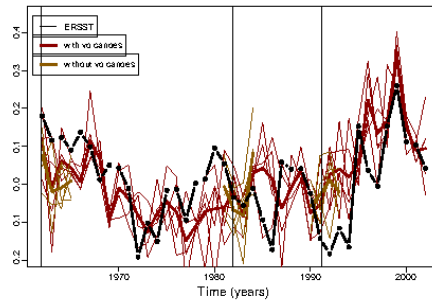


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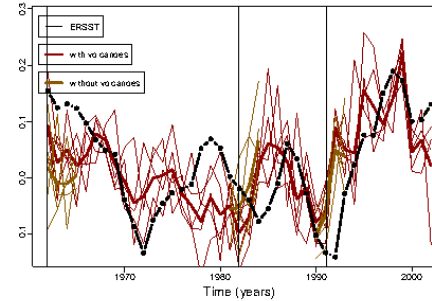
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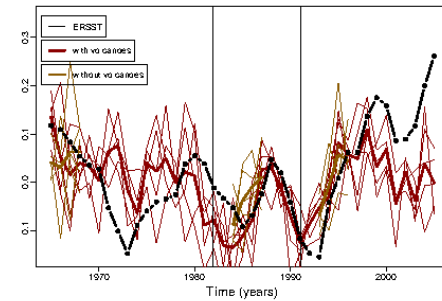
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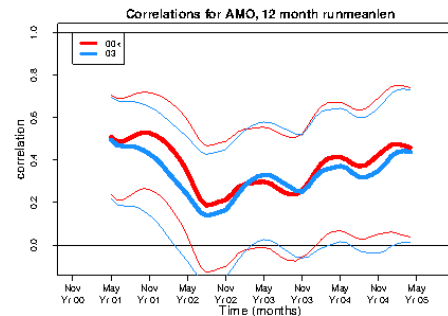
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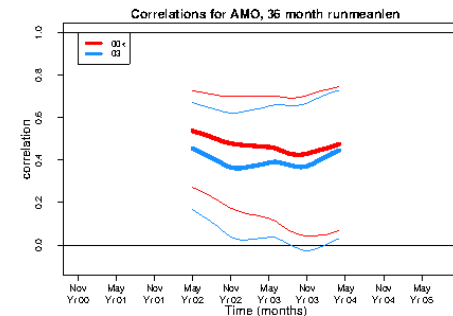
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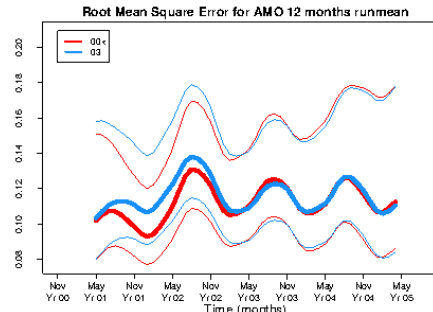


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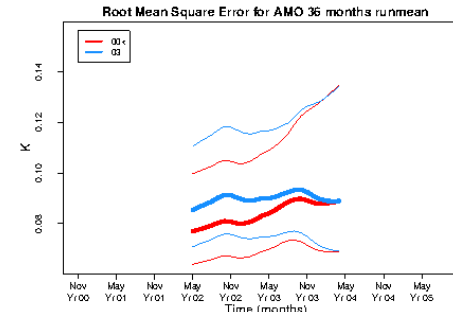


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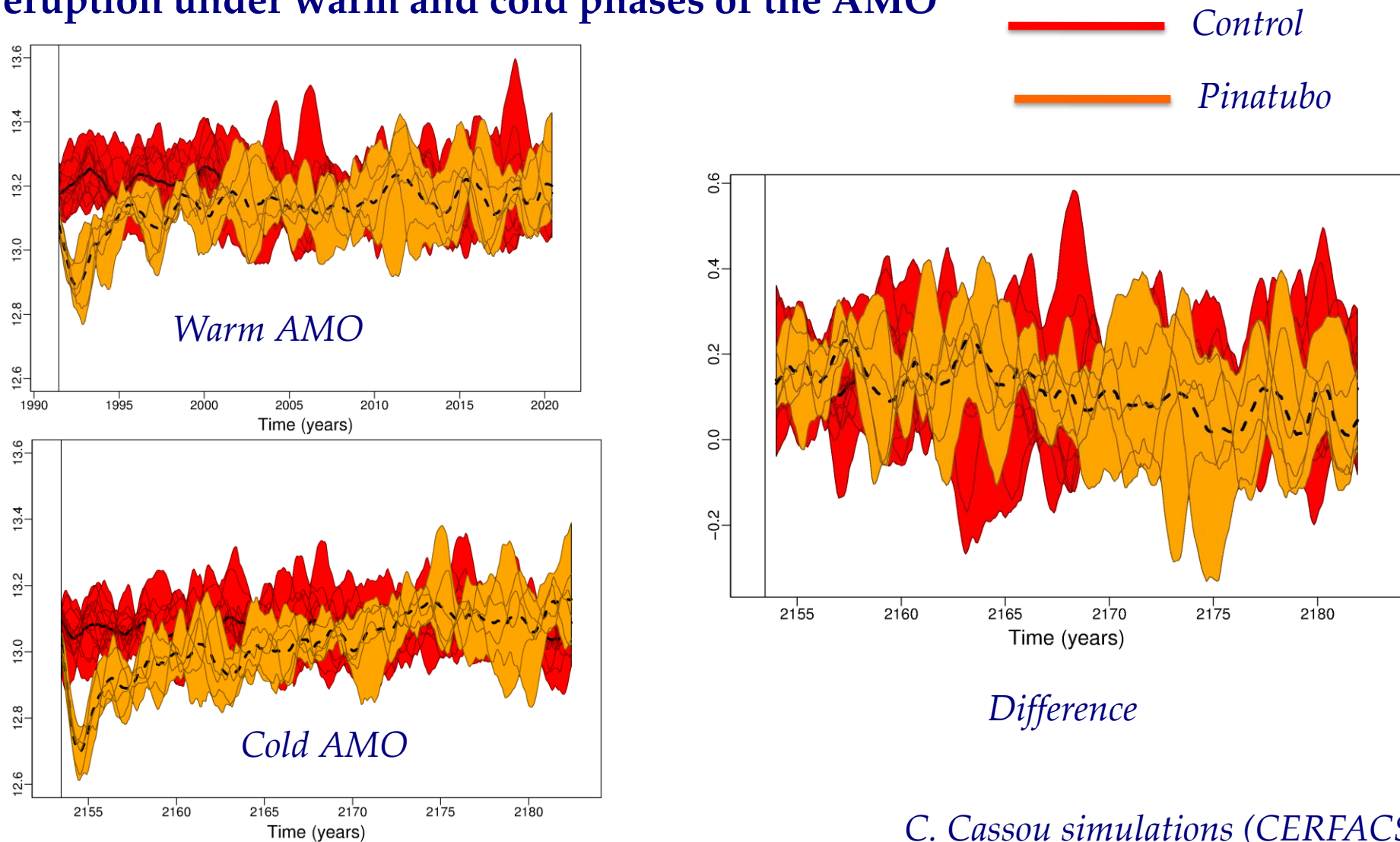
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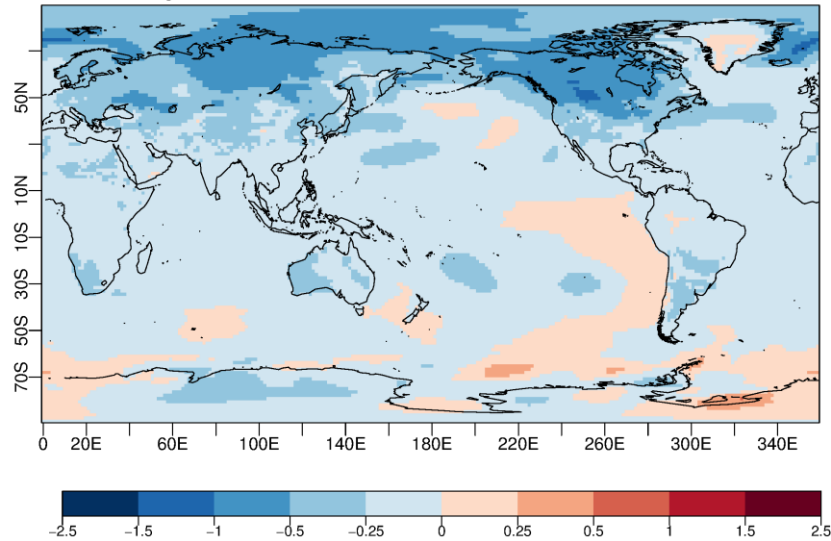




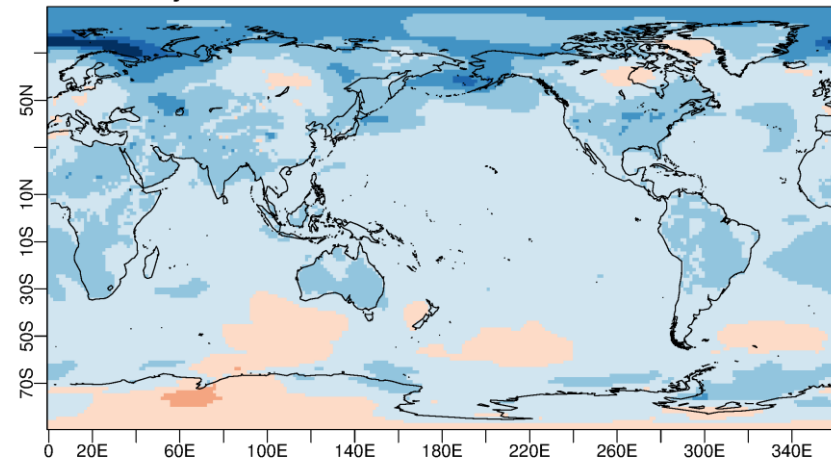
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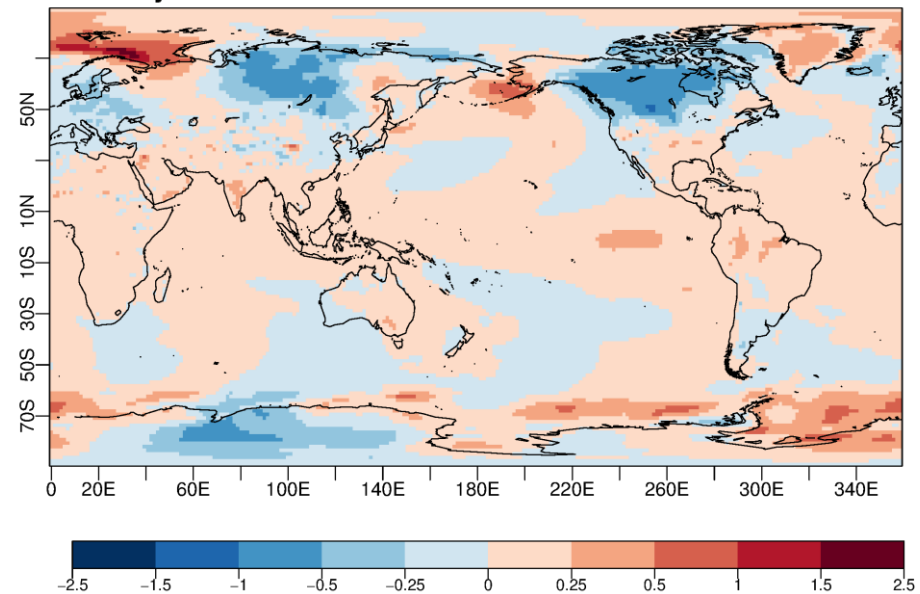


5 years annual mean T ano after Pinatubo 2153



*Warm AMO*

5 years annual mean T ano diff Pinatubo 1991–2153




*Difference*

*Cold AMO*

*C. Cassou simulations (CERFACS)*



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## Conclusions

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- Large eruptions cool the climate, but the signal is difficult to understand, to simulate and to forecast because of the high natural variability.
- Which climatology has to be used to compute the anomalies?
- Small increase of the skills related to AMO/AMOC when adding volcanic forcing in forecasts.
- The AMO does not impact the global temperature response to large eruptions. The difference in regional response need to be more investigated.

### *Next step:*

- To investigate further these preliminary results.
- New experiments using idealized volcanoes forcing for real-time forecasts
- Testing stratospheric background levels changes based on recent observations

Thank you





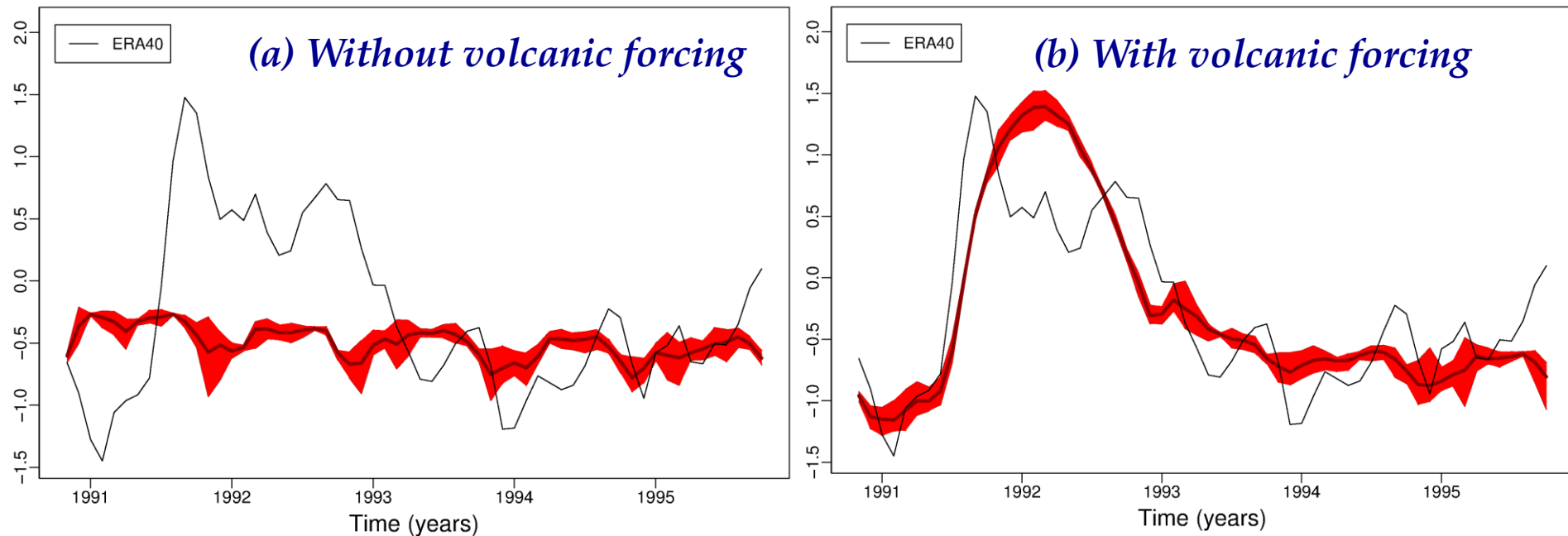
# Appendix



## EC-Earth experiments

→ CMIP5 Decadal hindcasts

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*Stratospheric temperature anomaly after Pinatubo eruption in EC-Earth simulations*

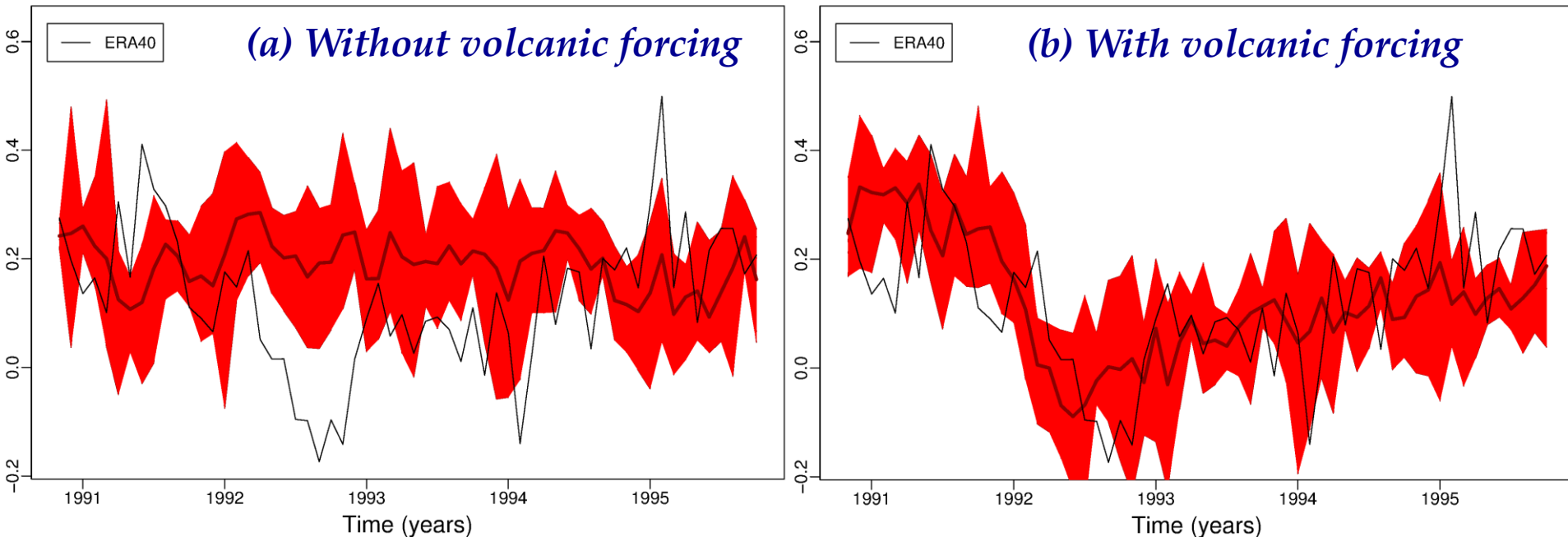




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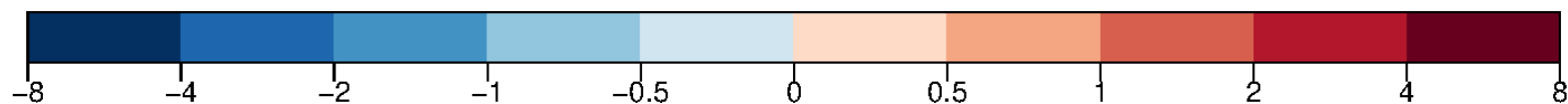
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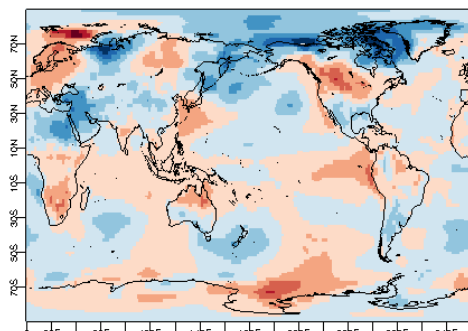
*Tropospheric temperature anomaly after Pinatubo  
eruption in EC-Earth simulations*



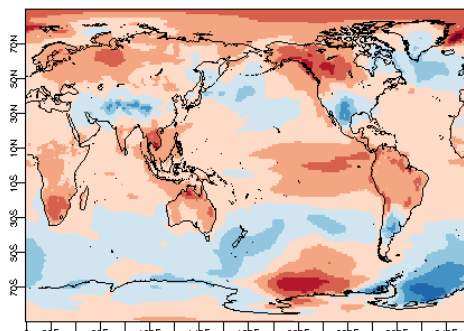
## Modelled climate response to volcanoes: temperature anomalies ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



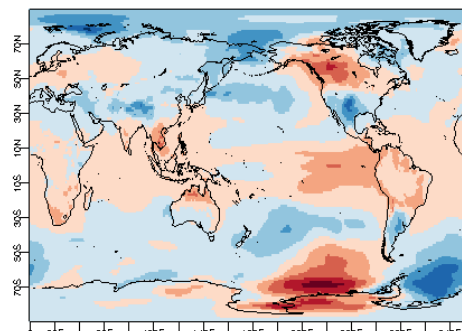
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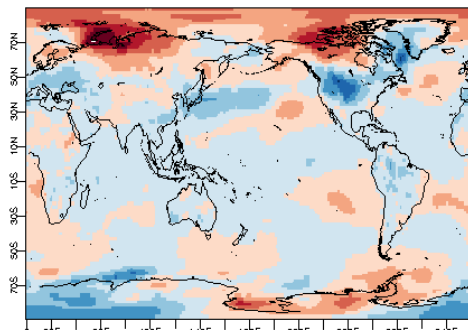


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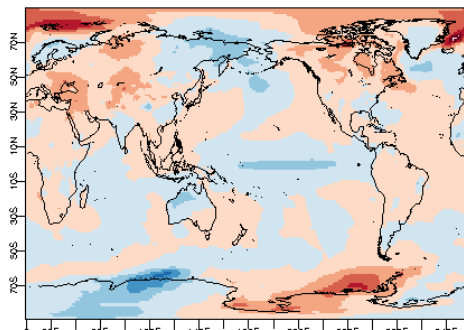


initialisation and volcanoes forcing

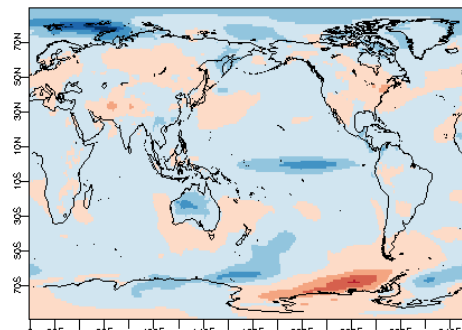
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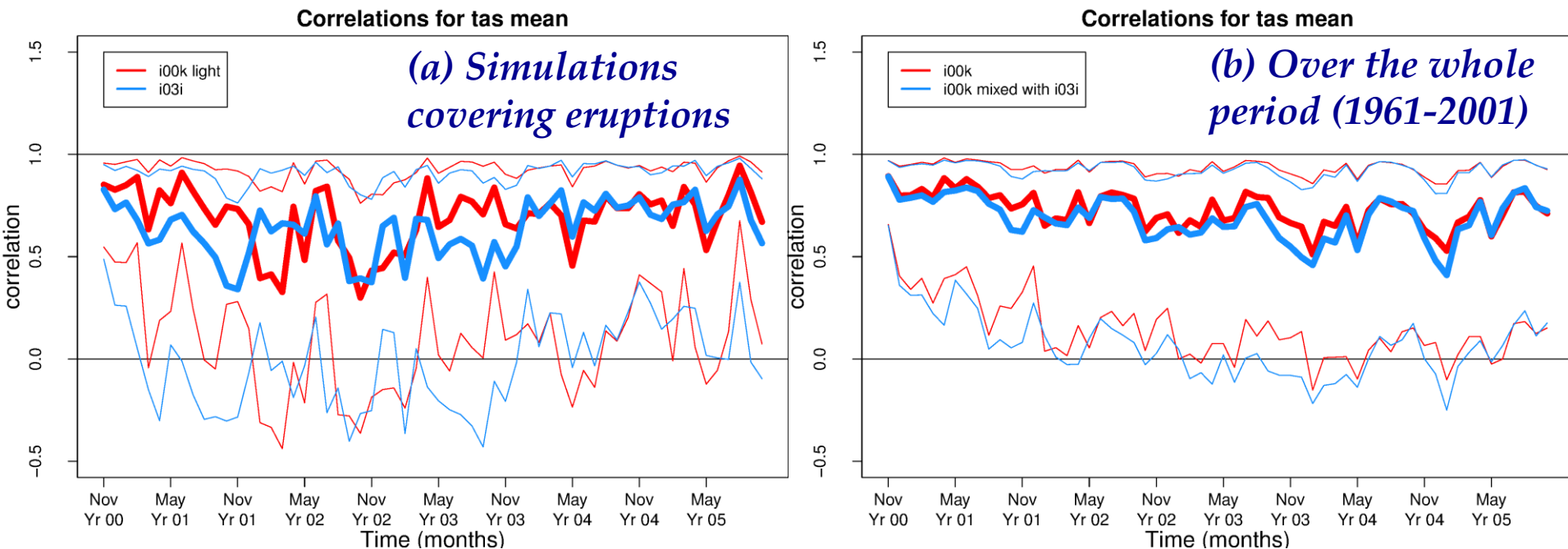
initialisation and volcanoes forcing

→ 1 observation versus (5 members x 3 startdates = 15) simulations

→ Volcanic signal => significant cooling, but partly masked by ENSO !



# Skills



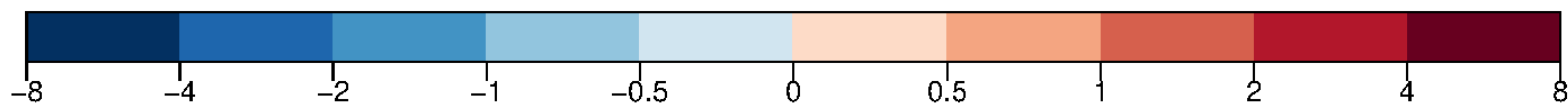
Without volcanoes

With volcanoes

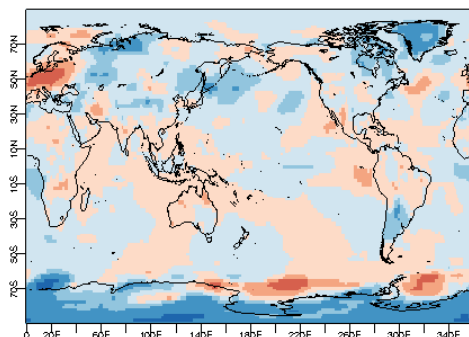
- Increase of TAS correlation when adding volcanic forcing for years 1 and 3
- Limited skill increase when computing it over all the startdates (1961-2001)



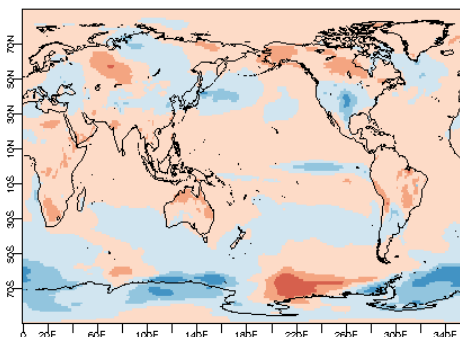
## Modelled climate response to volcanoes: surface temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C)



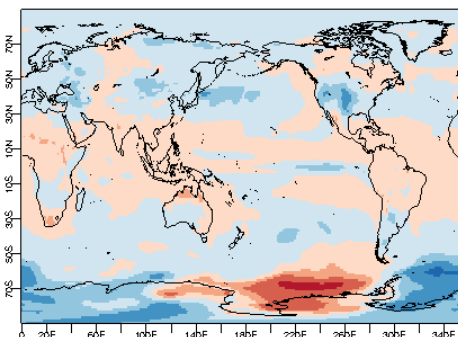
*JJA 1*



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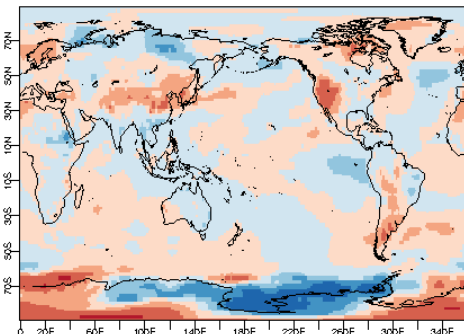


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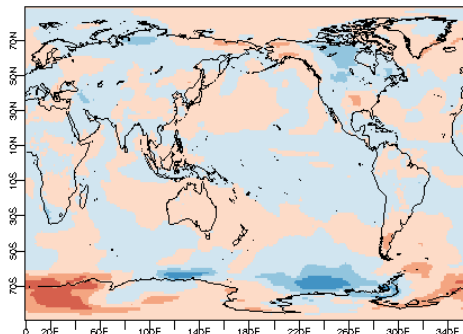


initialisation and volcanoes forcing

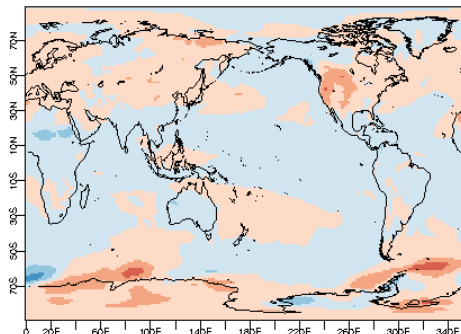
*JJA 3*



obs



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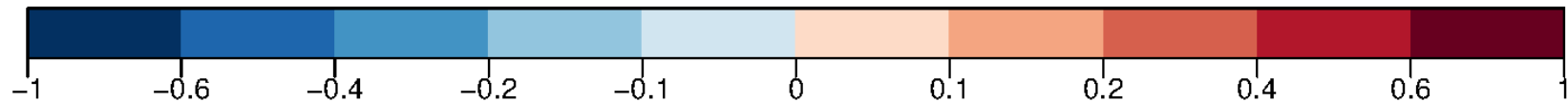
initialisation and volcanoes forcing

→ General cooling better simulated with volcanic forcing during JJA 1

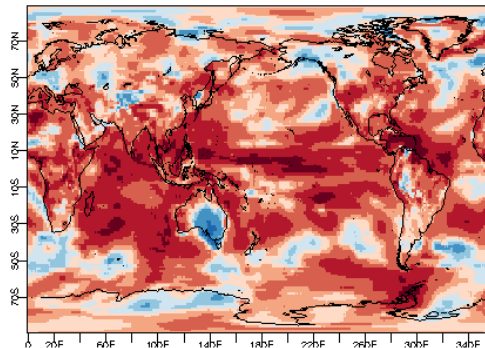
→ Warming in some NH continental areas with volcanic forcing during JJA 3



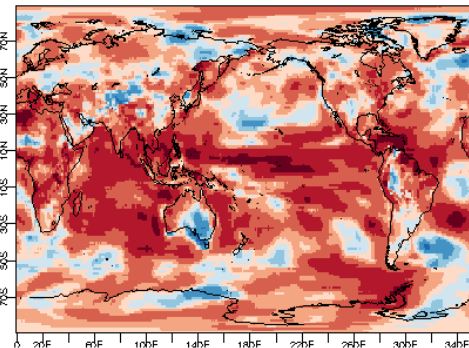
## Skills for surface temperature



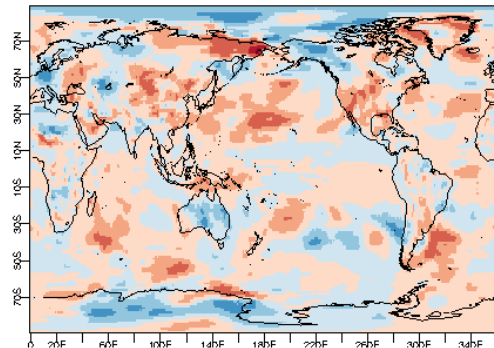
*JJA 1*



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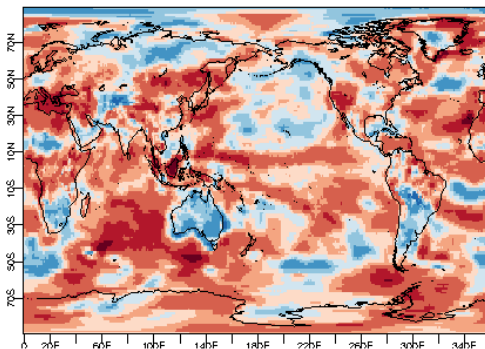


without volcanoes

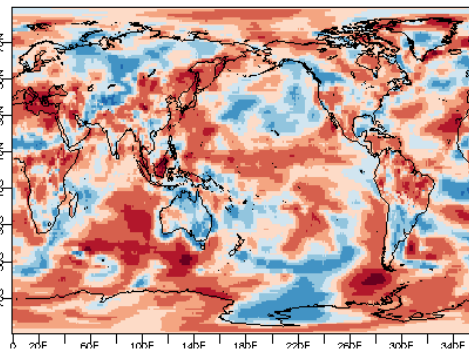


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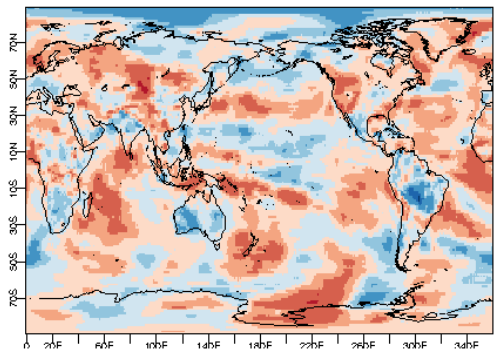
*JJA 3*



all forcings



without volcanoes



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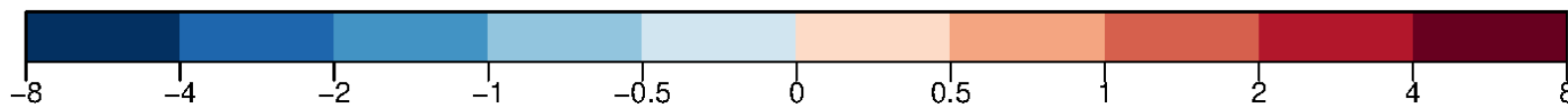
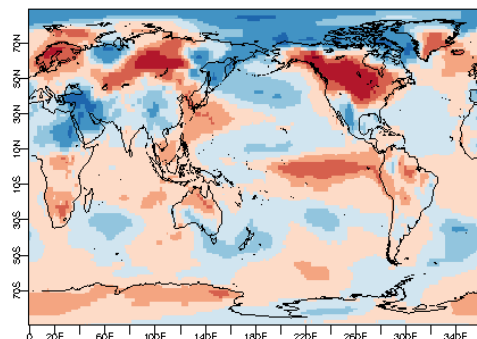
→ General increase of correlation during JJA, significant but noisy



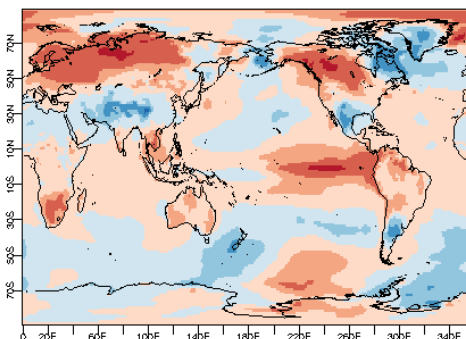


# Modelled climate response to volcanoes (surface temperature anomalies)

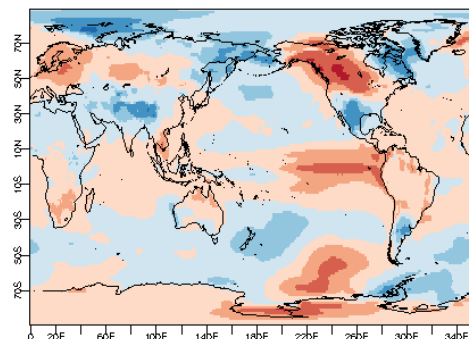
°C

*DJF 1*

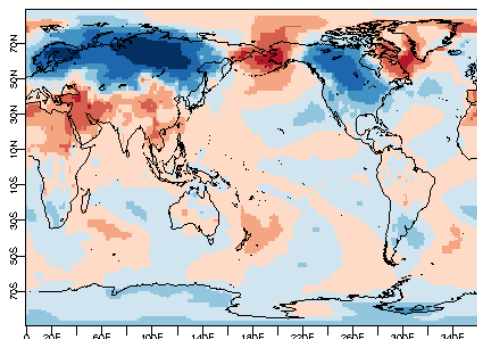
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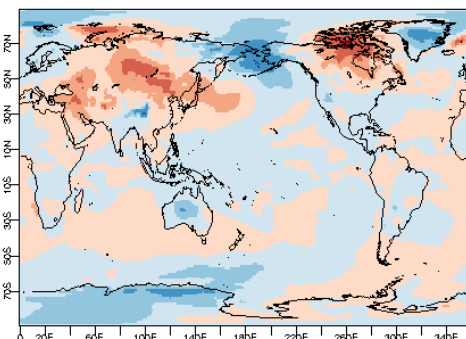
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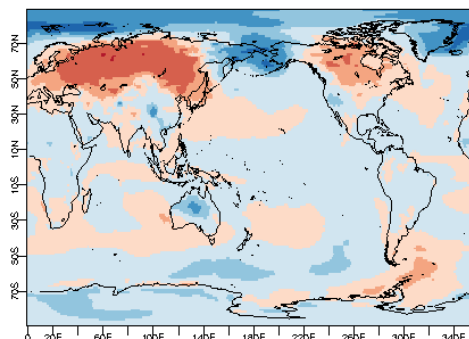
initialisation and volcanoes forcing

*DJF 3*

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only initialization



initialisation and volcanoes forcing

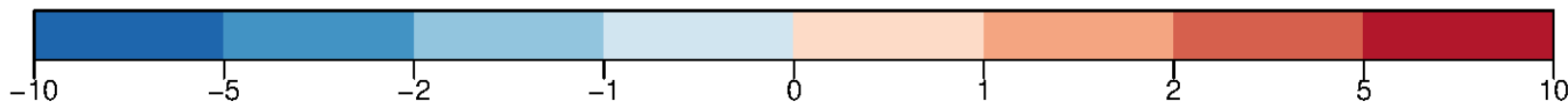
→ General cooling better simulated with volcanic forcing in NH winter 1

→ Potential winter dynamical response in NH?

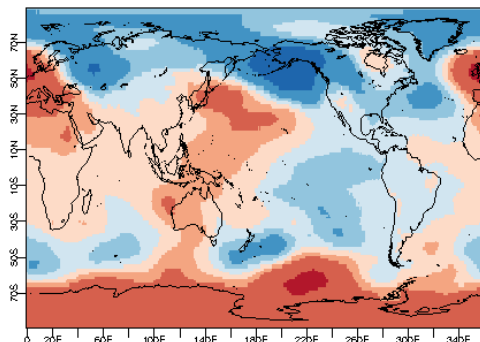




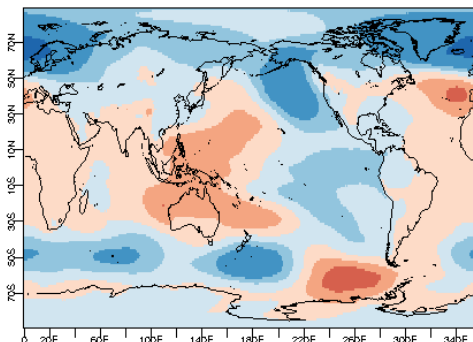
## Modelled climate response to volcanoes (Sea level pressure anomalies hPa)



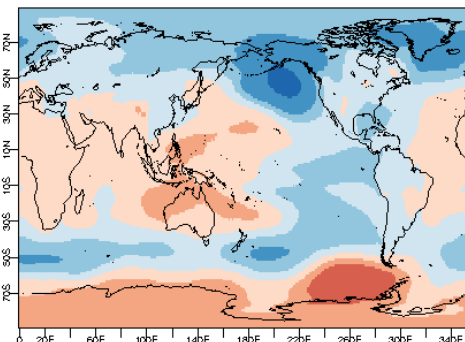
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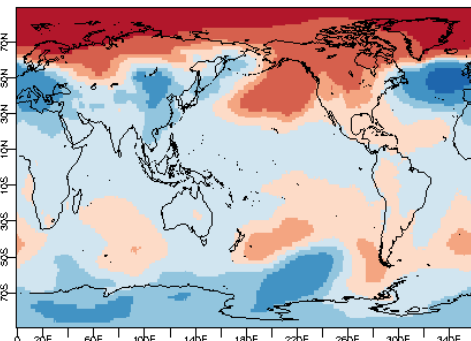


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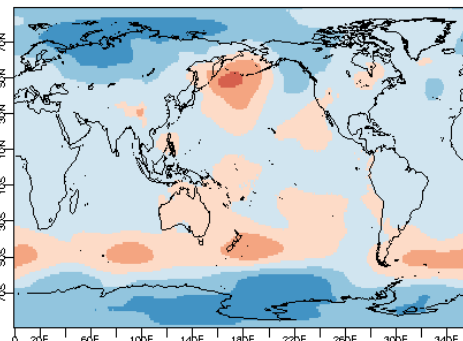


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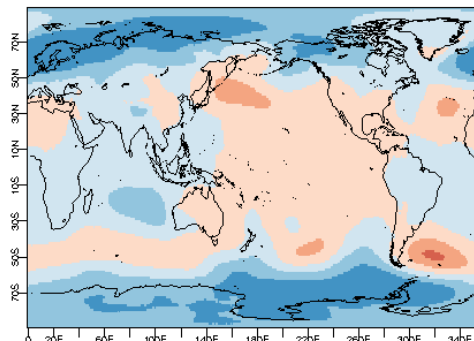
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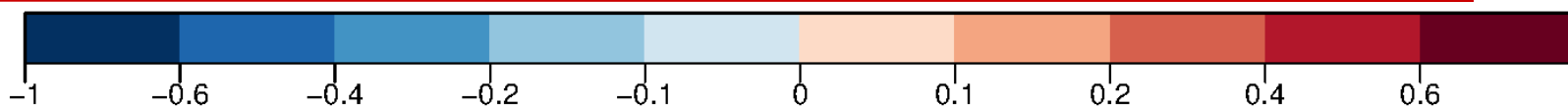
initialisation and volcanoes forcing

→ SLP increase in SH better simulated with volcanic forcing during DJF 1

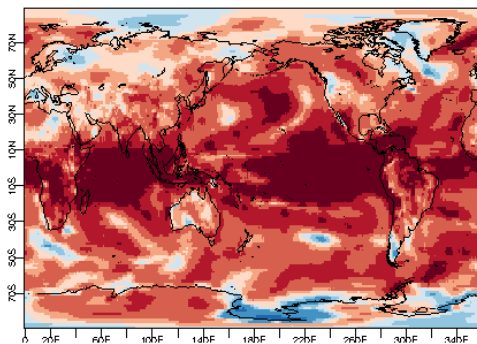
→ Potential winter dynamical response in NH difficult to catch with models



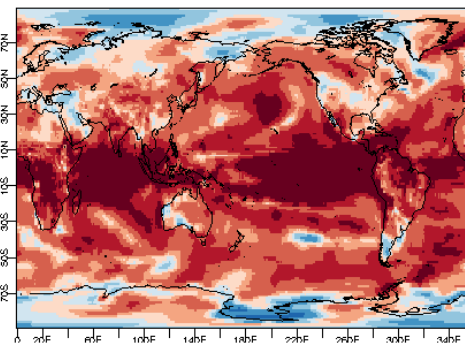
## Skills for surface temperature



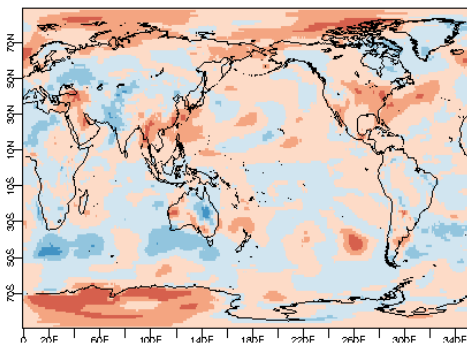
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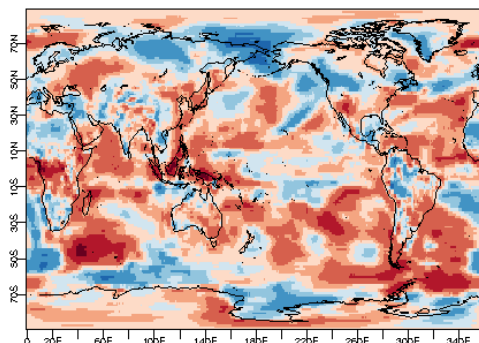


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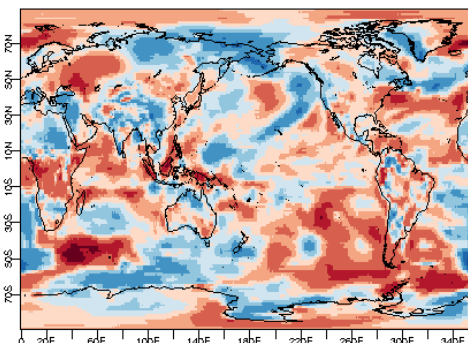


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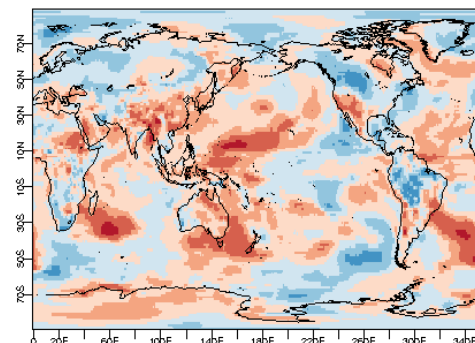
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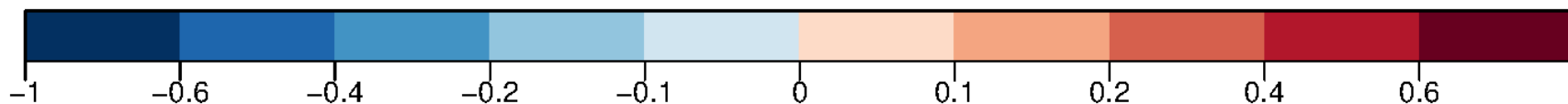
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→ Significant increase of correlation at high latitudes during DJF 1

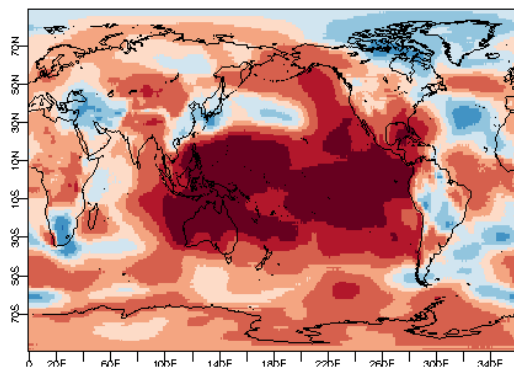
→ Skill increase in the tropics in DJF 3



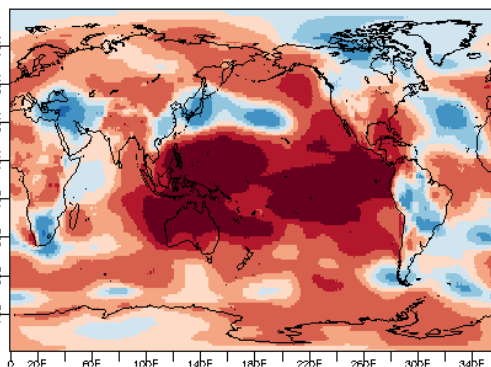
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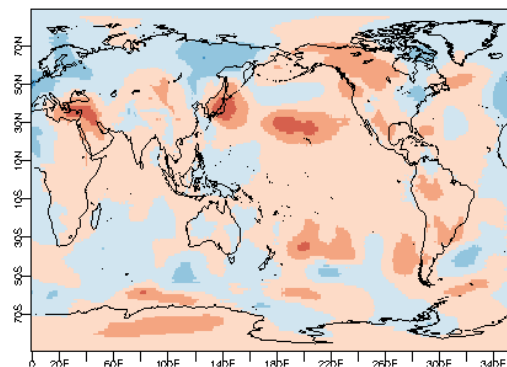
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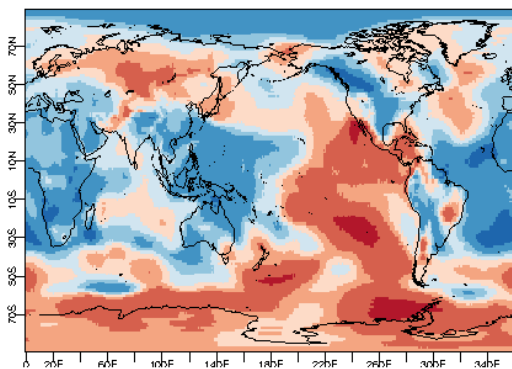
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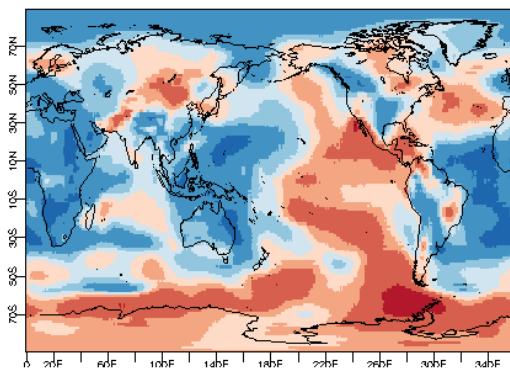
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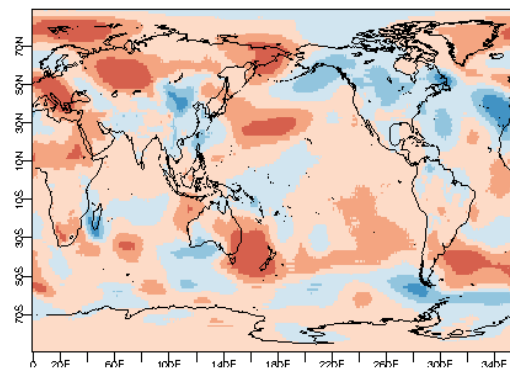
additional cor with volcanoes



all forcings



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→ Increase of correlation during DJF 3, more pronounced than for DJF 1, and especially marked for middle to high latitudes



## Conclusions

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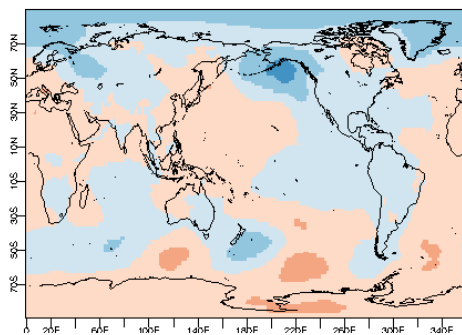
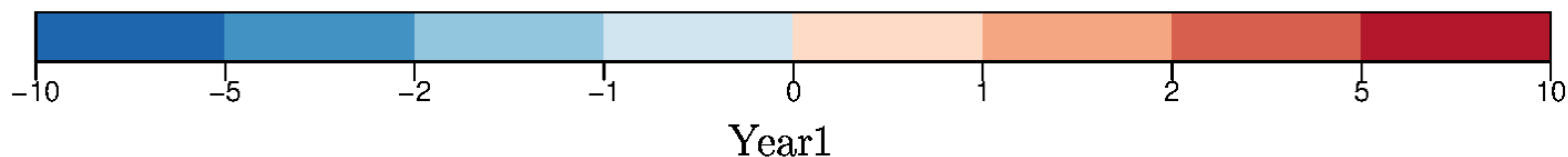
- Increase of skills related to volcanoes forcing in years 1 and 3 in EC-Earth simulations
- Increase explained by the significant general cooling of the atmosphere that follows an eruption (radiative forcing).
- It is challenging to understand the dynamical response with the limited number of observations; it is also tricky to simulate it with models.

### *Next step:*

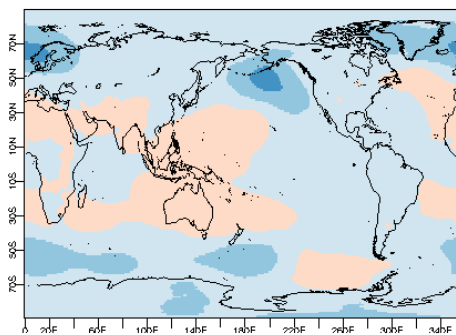
- New experiments using idealized volcanoes forcing for real-time forecasts
- Testing stratospheric background levels changes based on recent observations



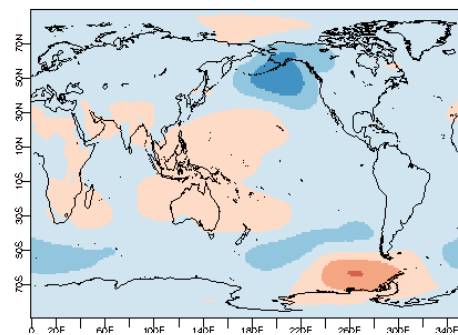
## Modelled climate response to volcanoes: pressure anomalies



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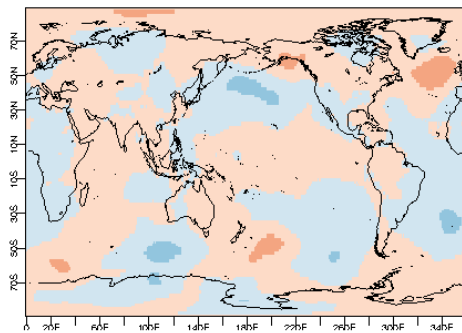


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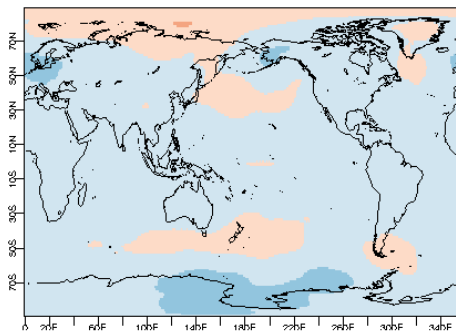


initialisation and volcanoes forcing

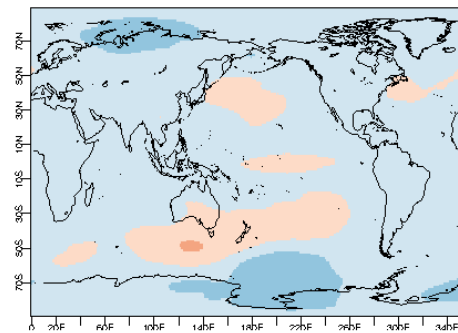
Year2



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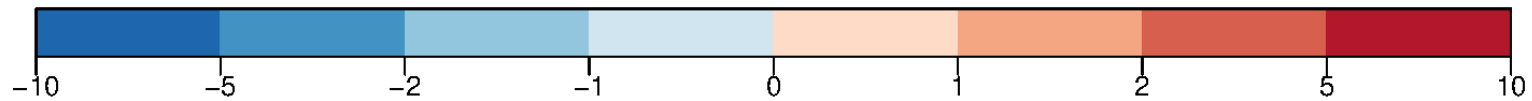
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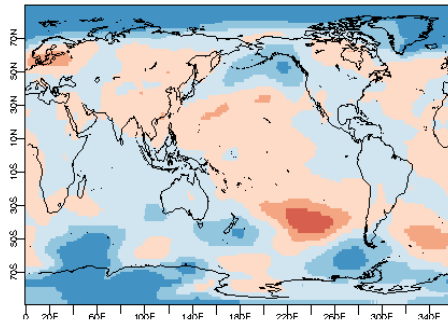
→ No significant signal of volcanoes on sea level response at yearly scale



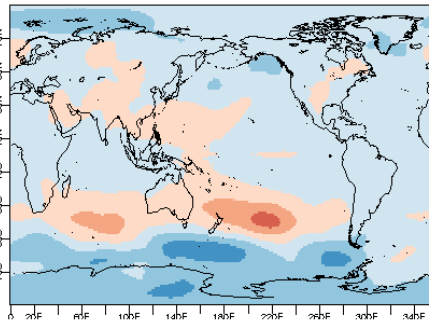
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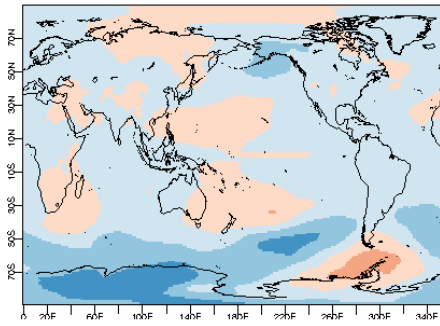
*JJA 1*



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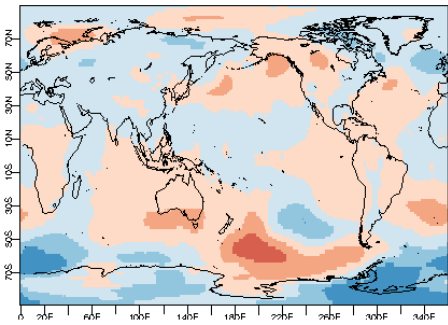


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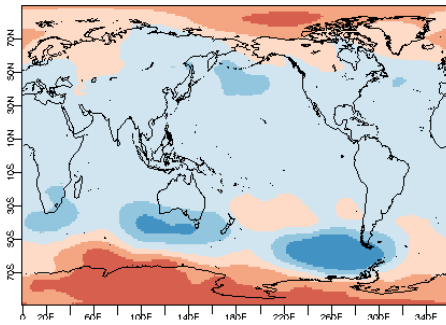


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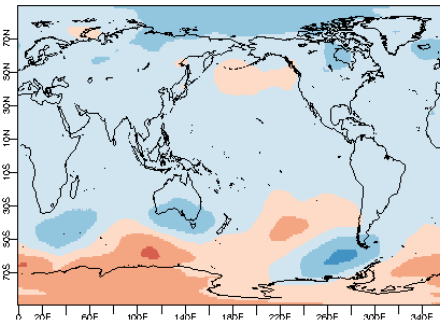
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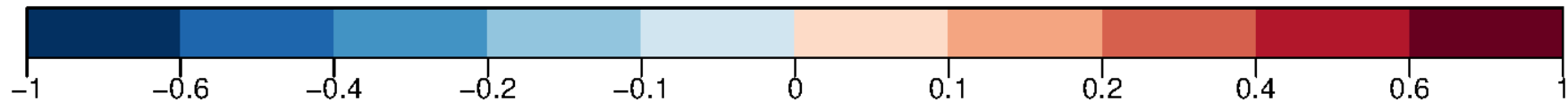
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→ SLP response to volcanoes during austral winter ?

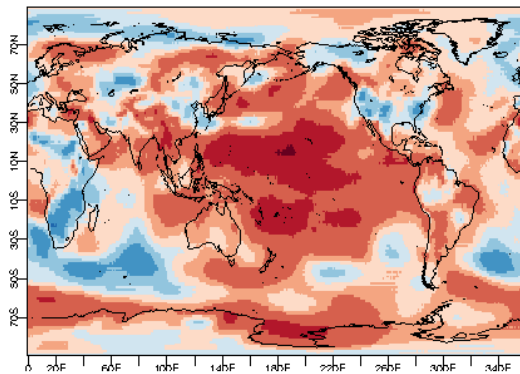




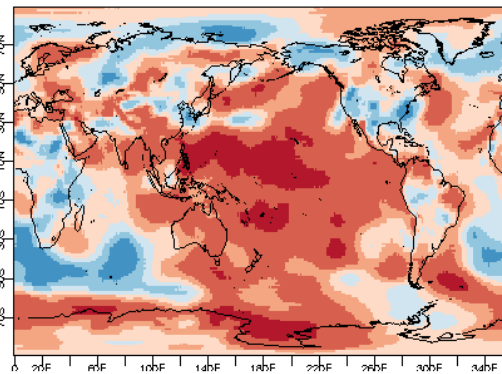
## Skills for sea level pressure



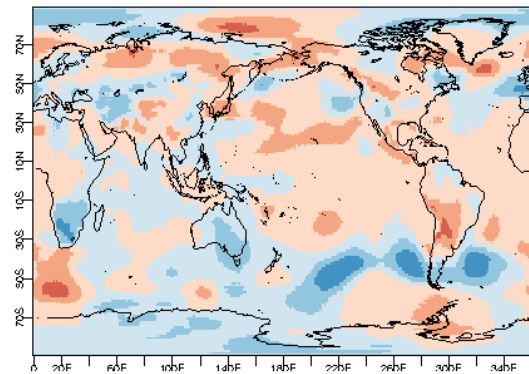
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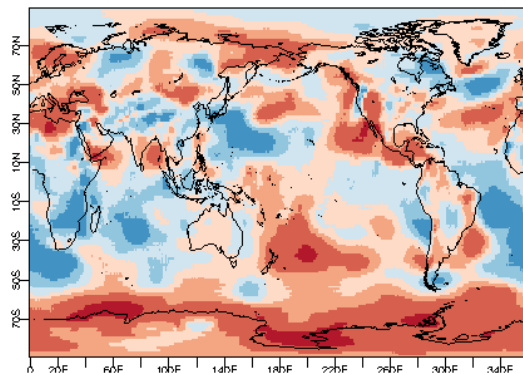


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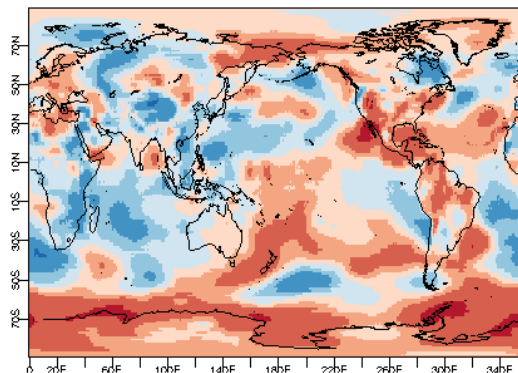


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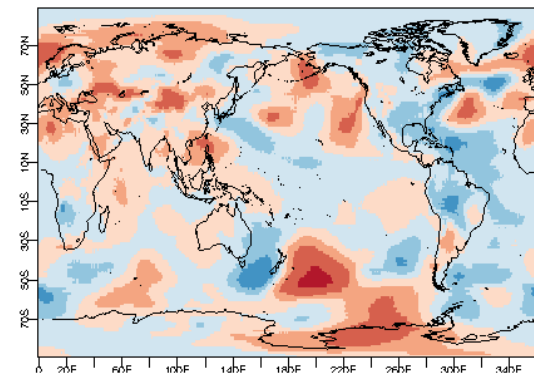
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all forcings



without volcanoes



additional cor with volcanoes

→ General increase of correlation during JJA, significant but noisy



## Appendix

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→ precipitation, Z500 and SLP analysis

→ comments of Paco:

Linear trend not excluded when computing skills

Cross-validation for volcanoes anomalies?