Atmospheric Rivers impacting the West Coast of South America

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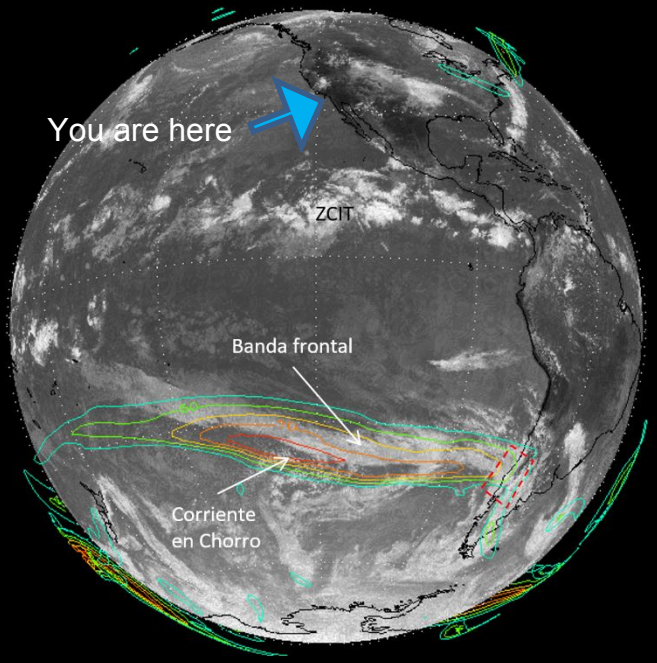

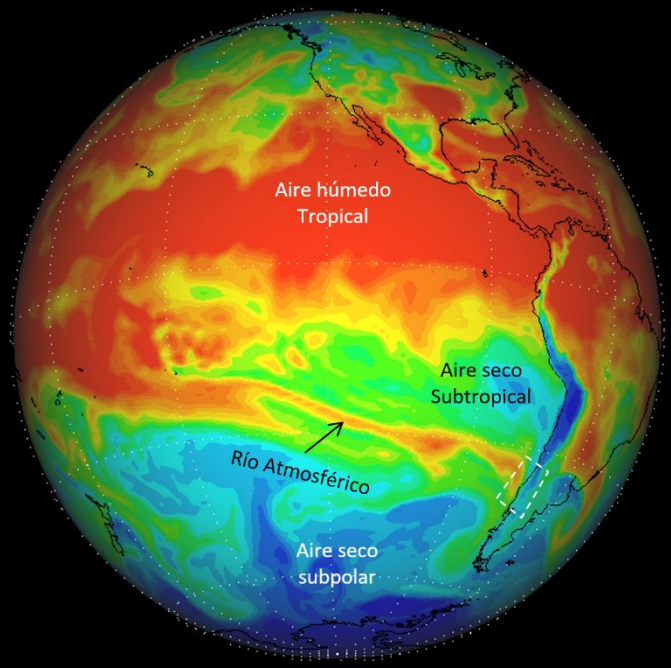

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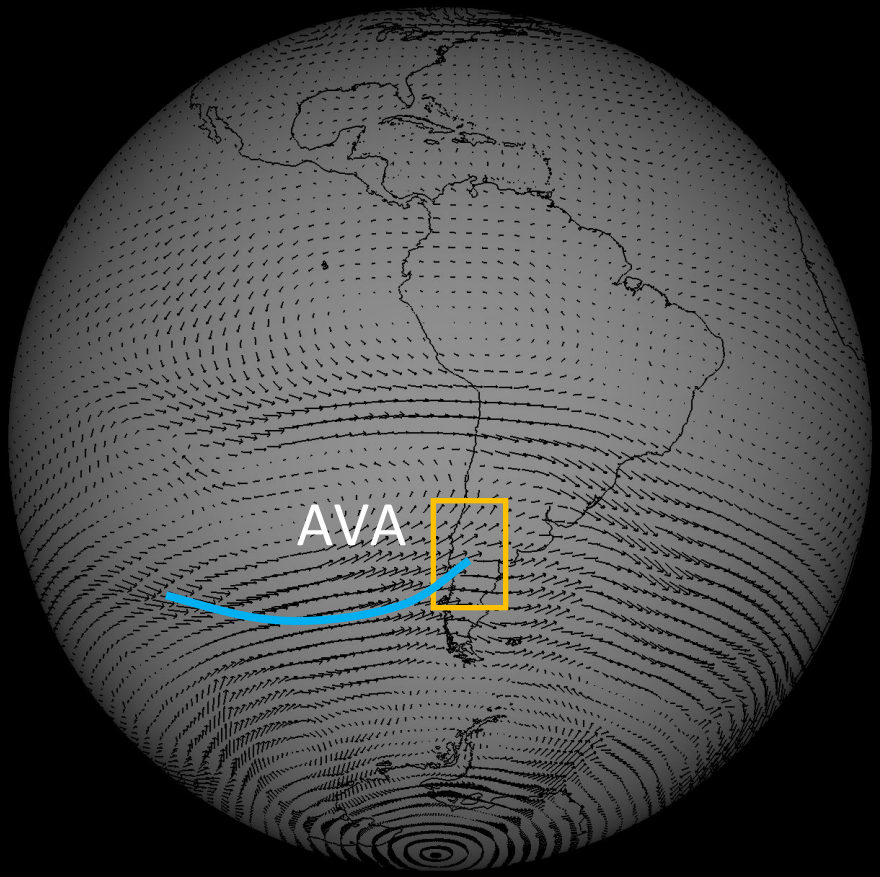
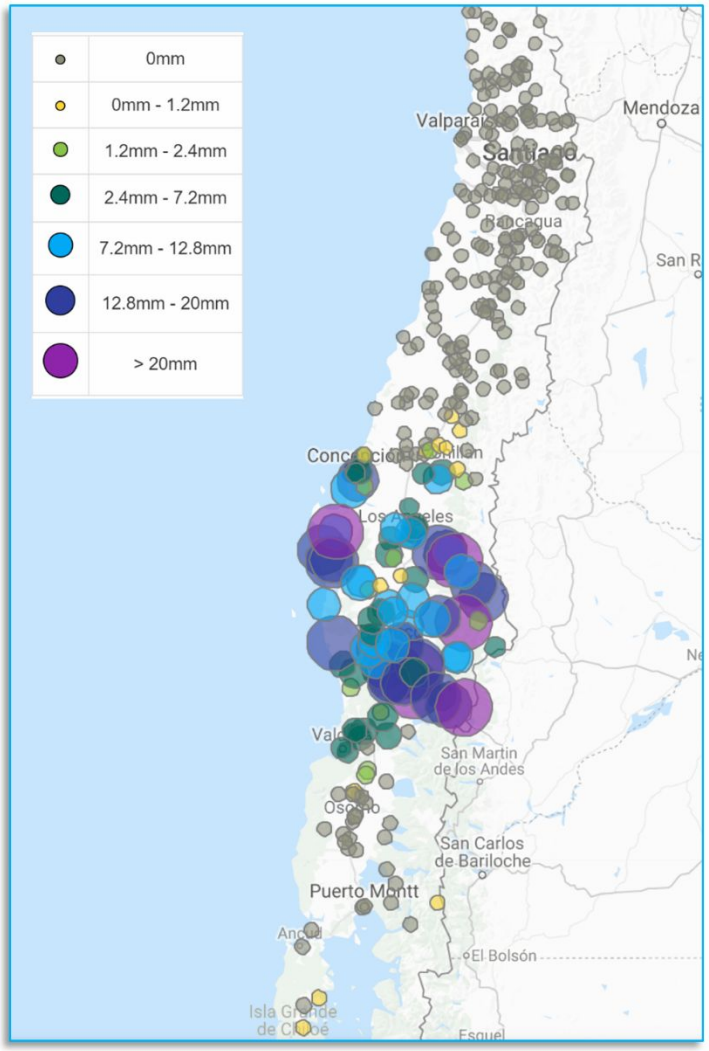
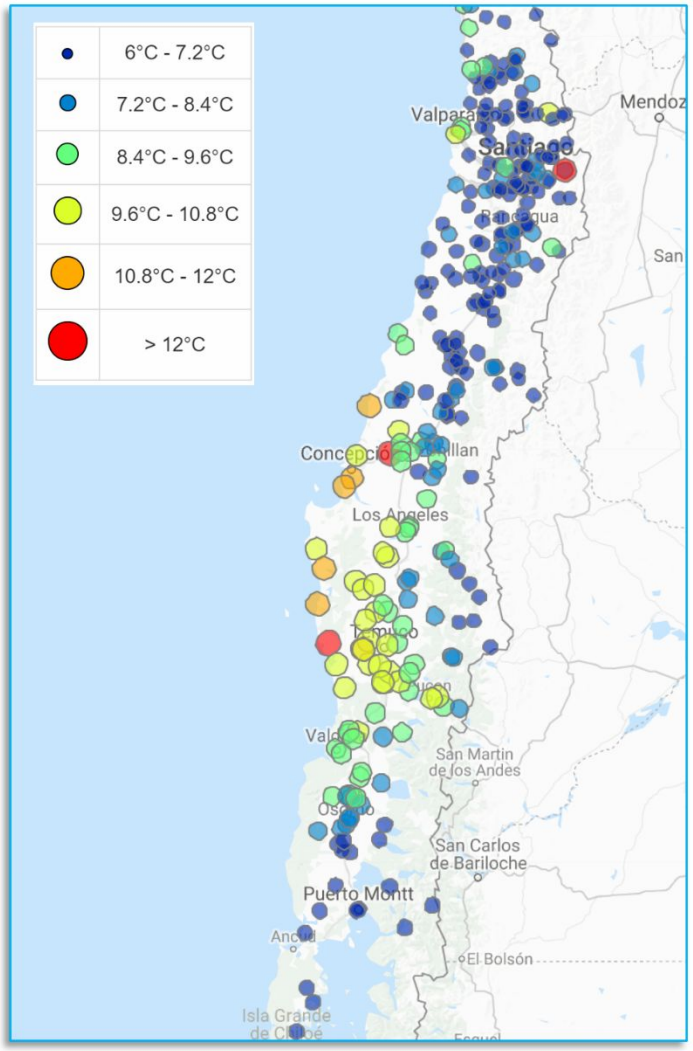
Monday night, winds at 300 hPa

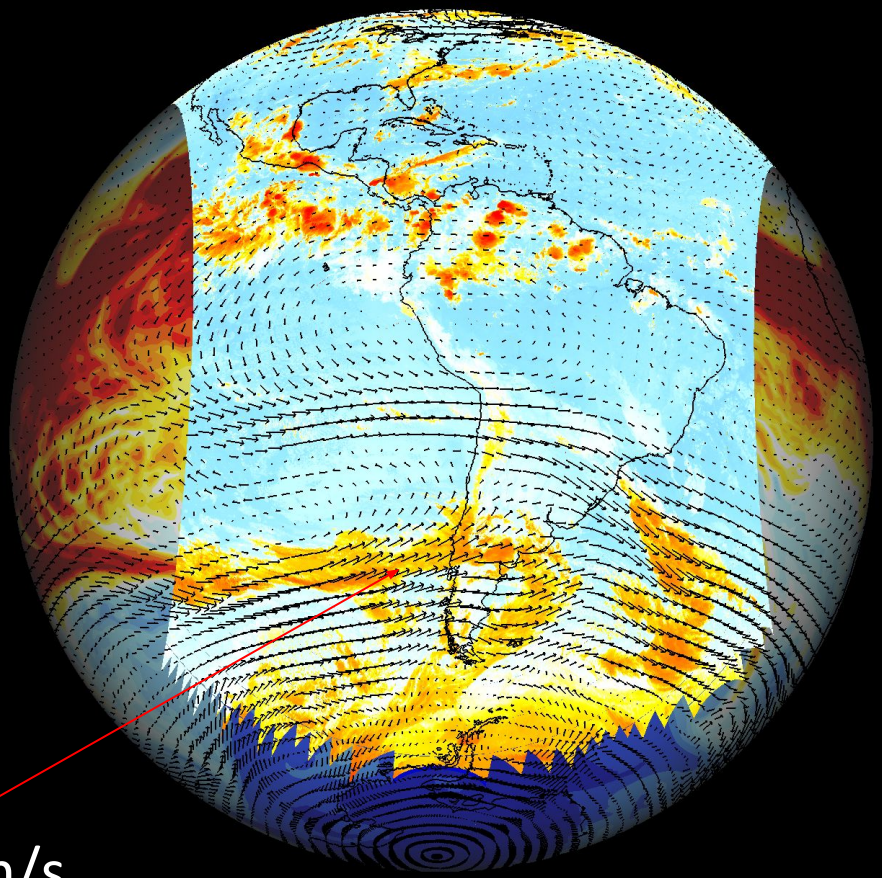


Monday night, 3-hr Precipitation
What did I drink?





Monday night, PW+GOES-IR
Ok…it wasn't the wine, it was an AR



700 kg/m/s
Cat 2-3?

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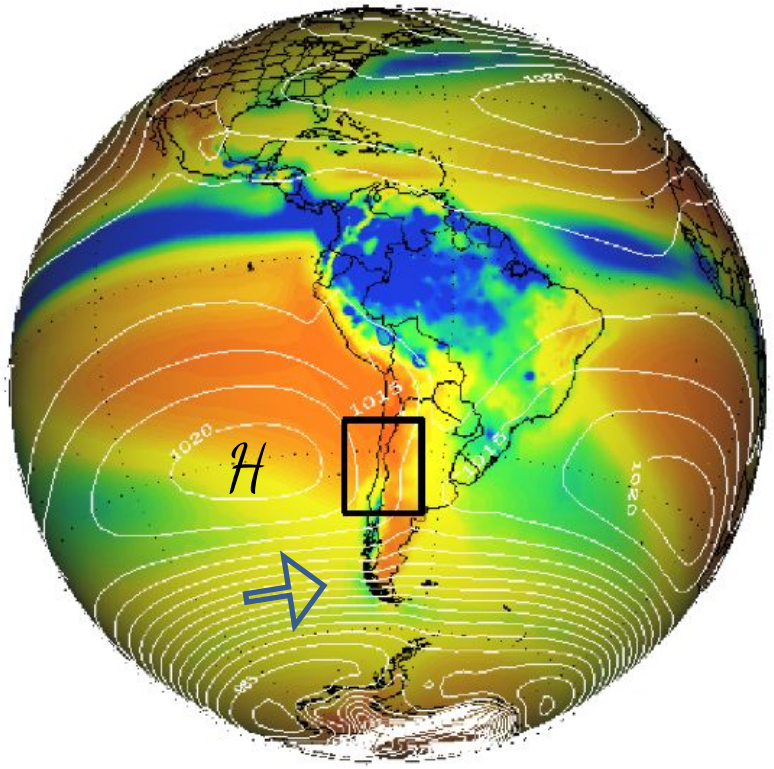
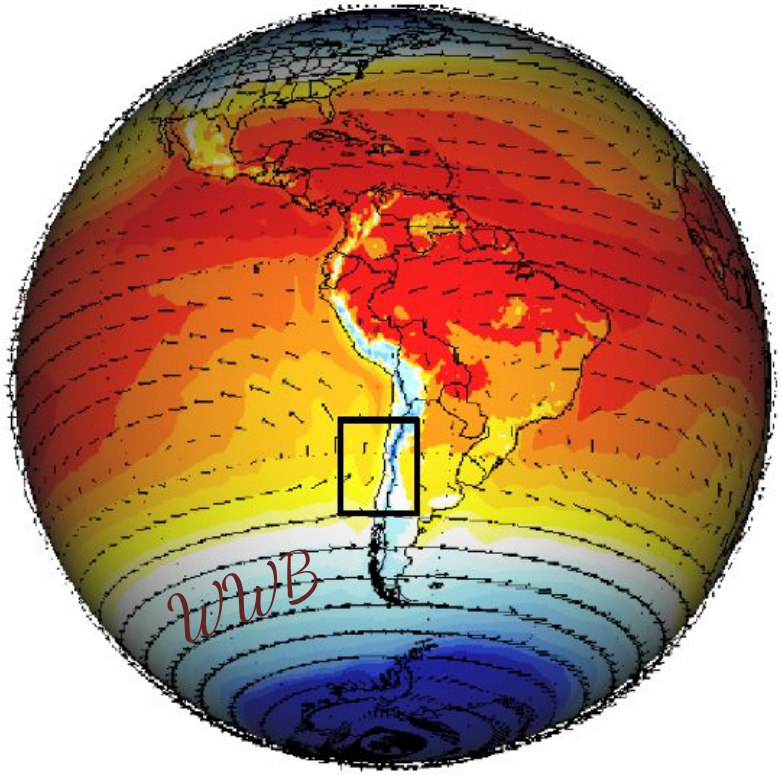
- Background (Falvey & Garreaud 2007)
- How did we study ARs without knowing ARs? (Garreaud 2013)
- ARs and extreme events (Valenzuela & Garreaud 2019)
- ARs climatology for the SE Pacific (Viale et al. 2018)
- Impact of local SST anomalies (Bozkurt et al. 2019)
- Come to join us….

Central Chile: subtropical (30-40°S) west coast of South America, bounded by the Andes cordillera (3-5 km). MAP from 100 to 1500 mm/year. Strongly impacted by ENSO

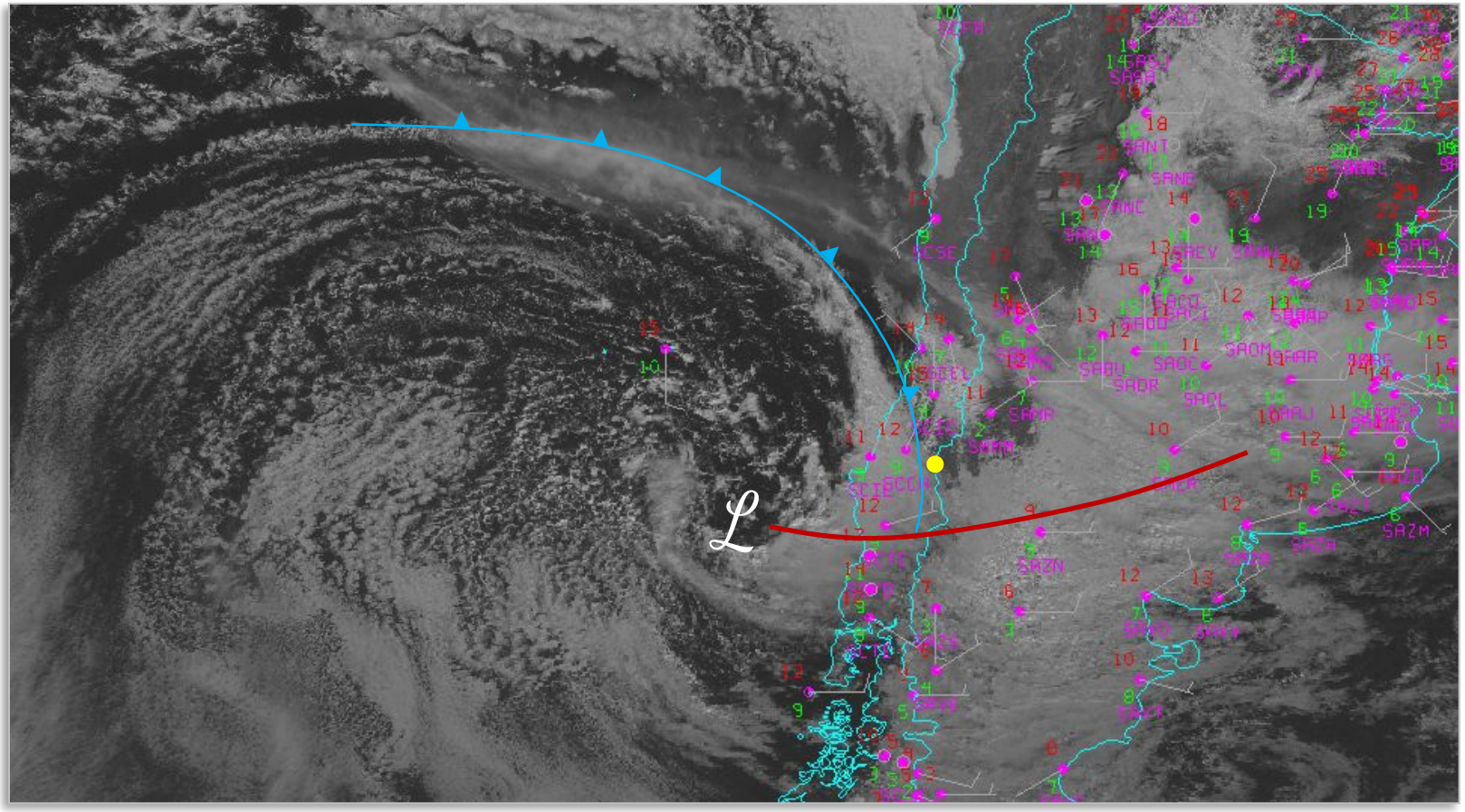
SLP & MAP



850 hPa winds & SAT



Typical winter (JJA) storm in central Chile: Cold front rooted in a midlatitude depression



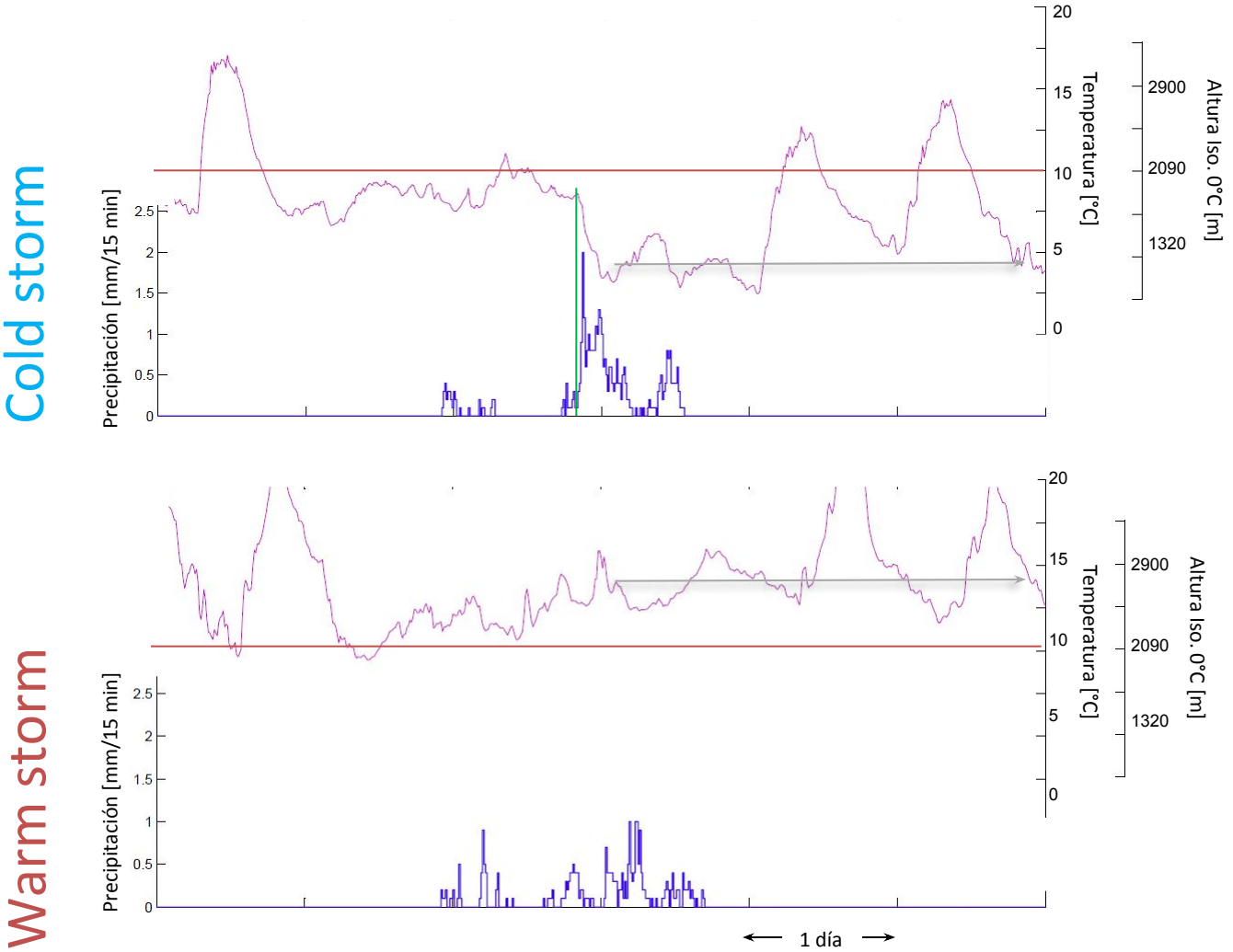
¿What synoptic scale variables are a good predictor for event-accumulated rainfall? U×q at 850 hPa

Falvey & Garreaud 2007

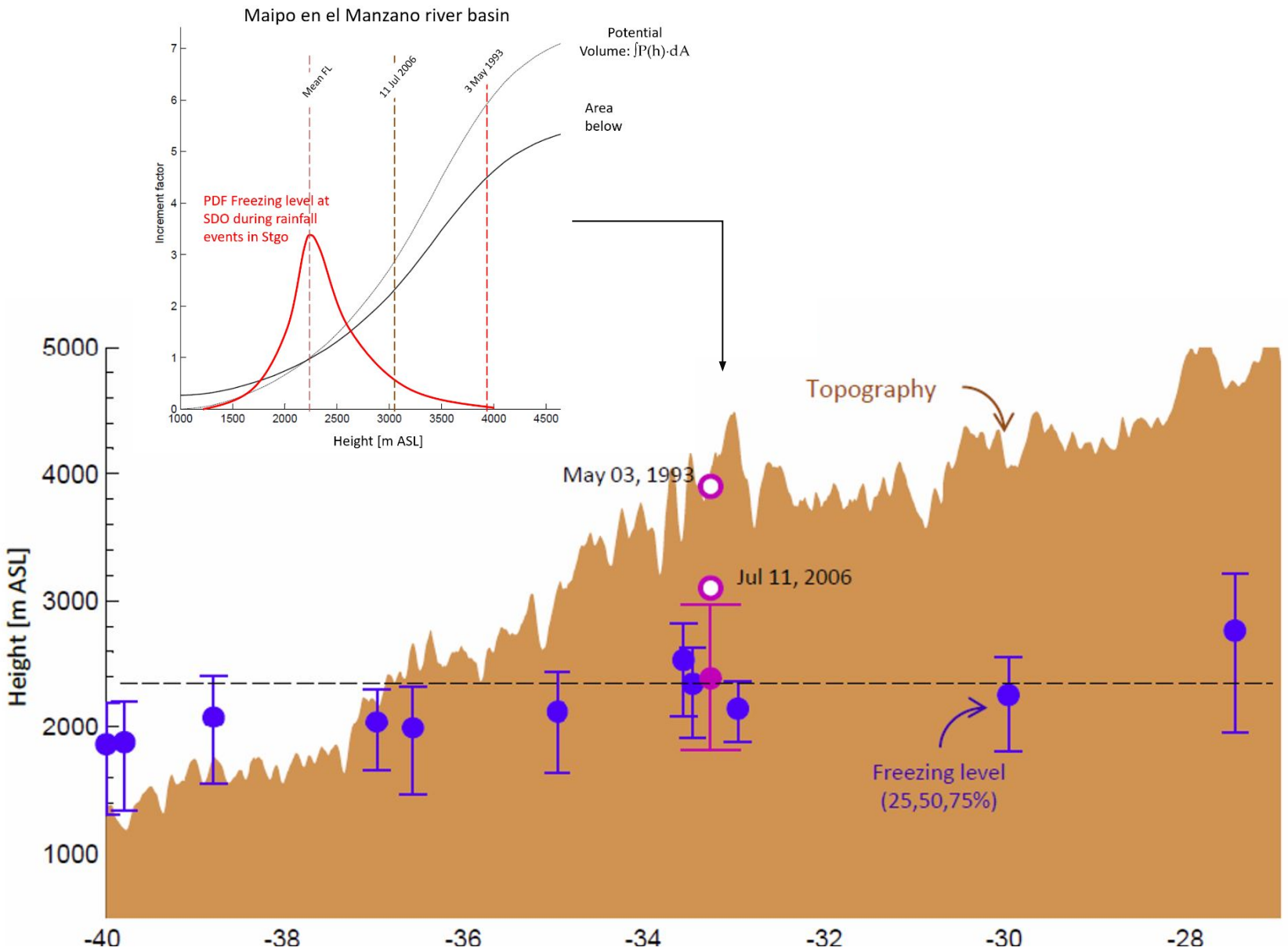
Precipitation events also differ in their temperature

Implications for the freezing level height

Garreaud 2013



Hydrological Impacts



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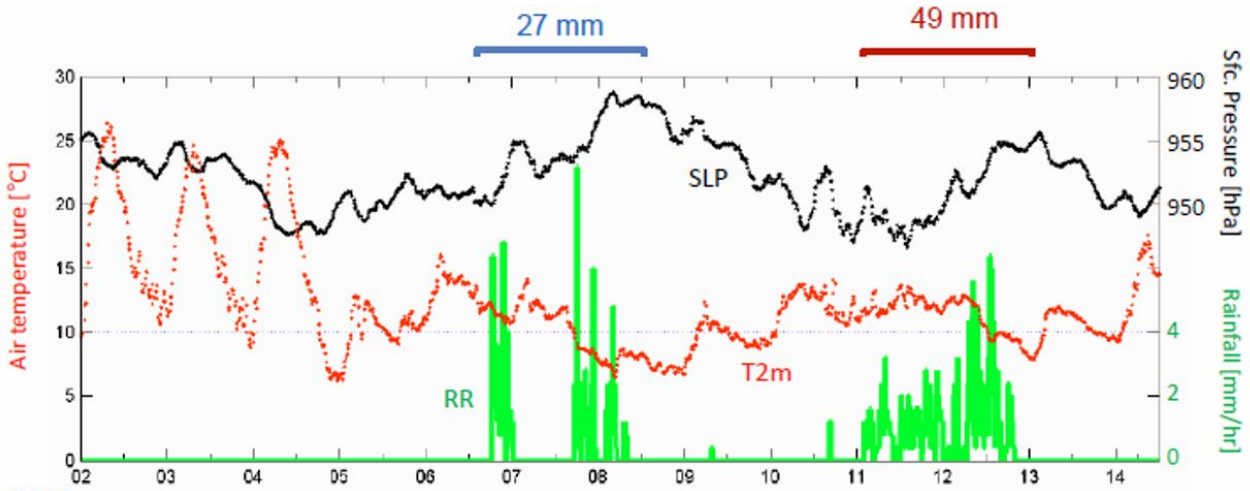

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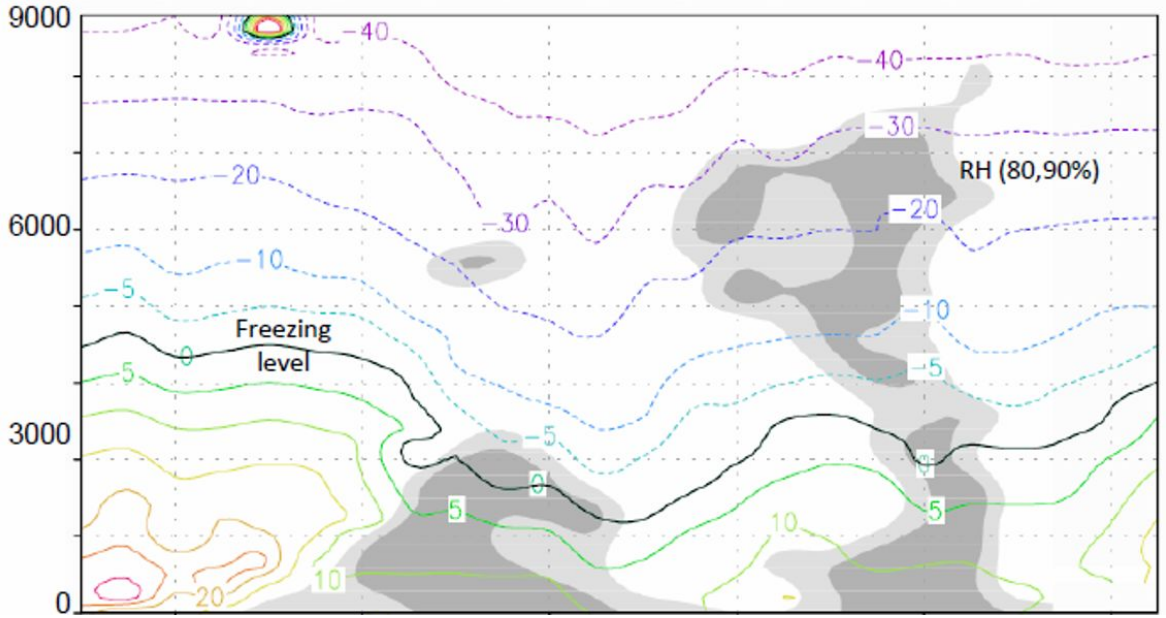

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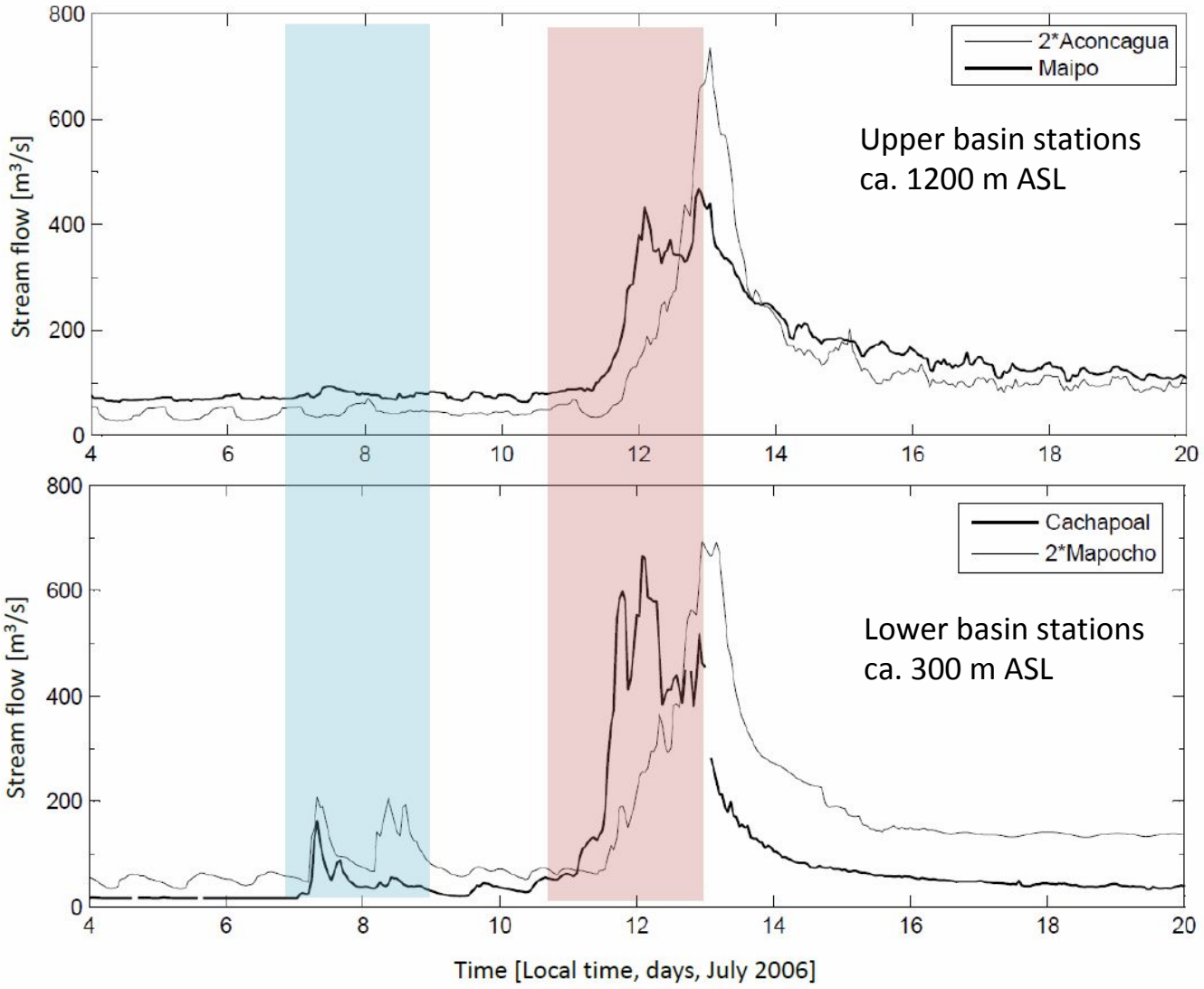

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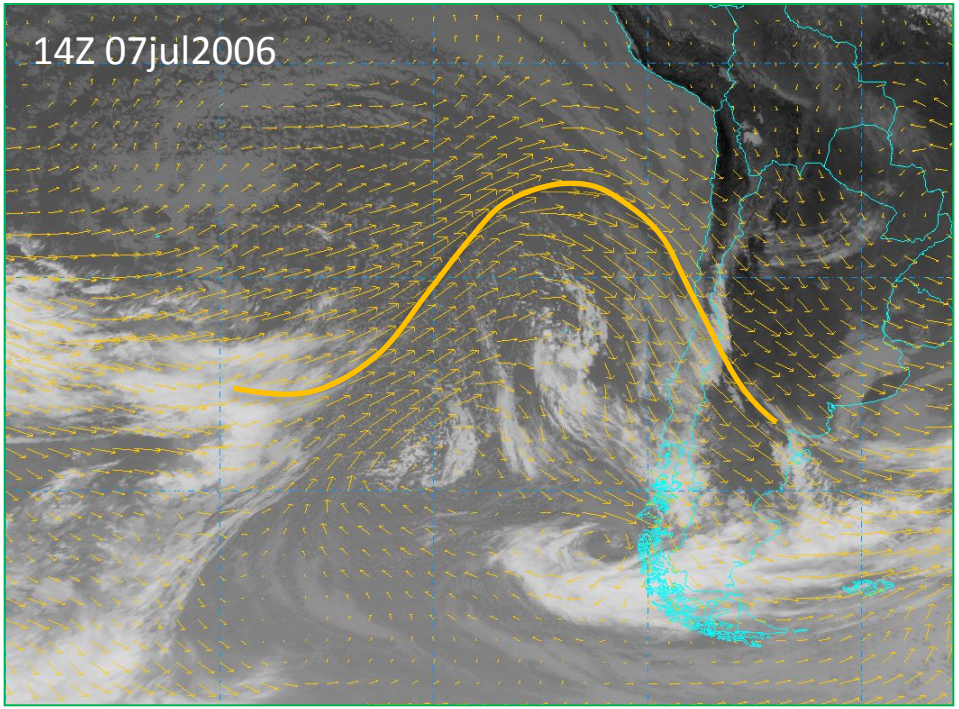
GOES12 IR2 + CFSR
500 hPa winds



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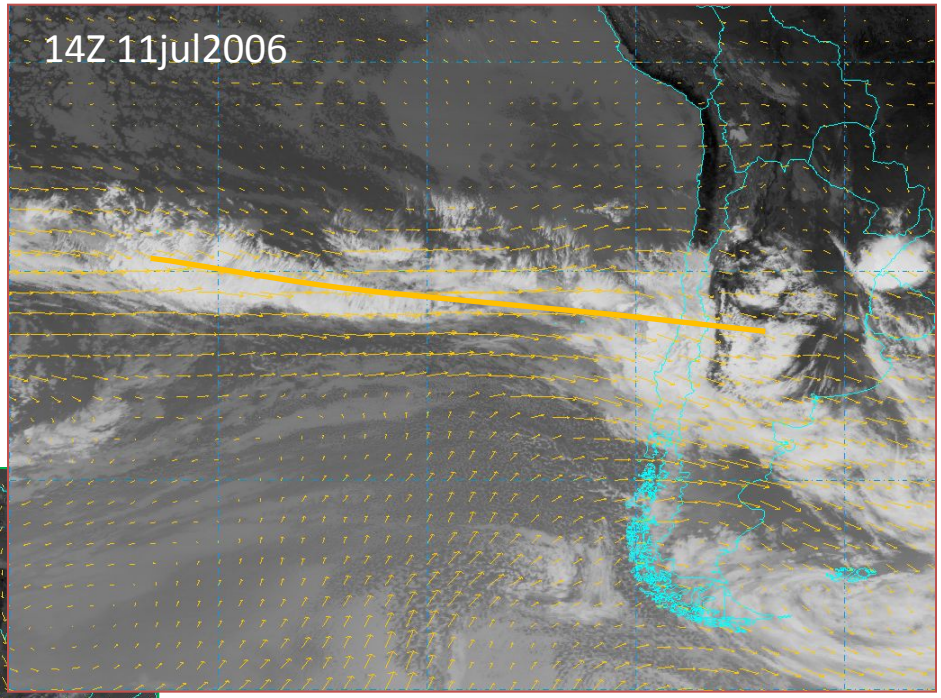

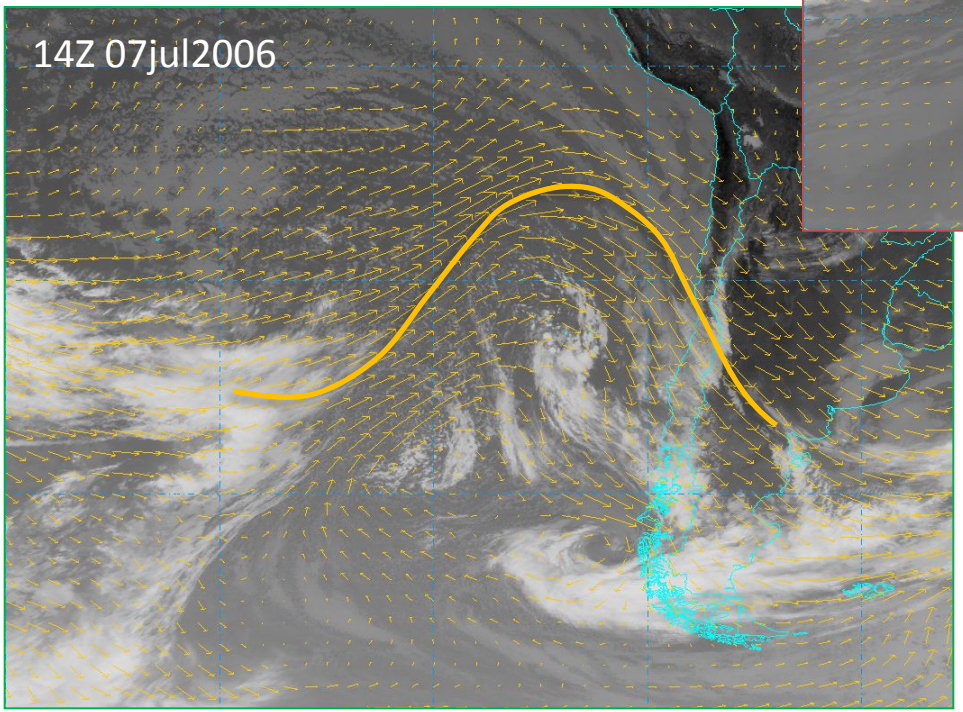

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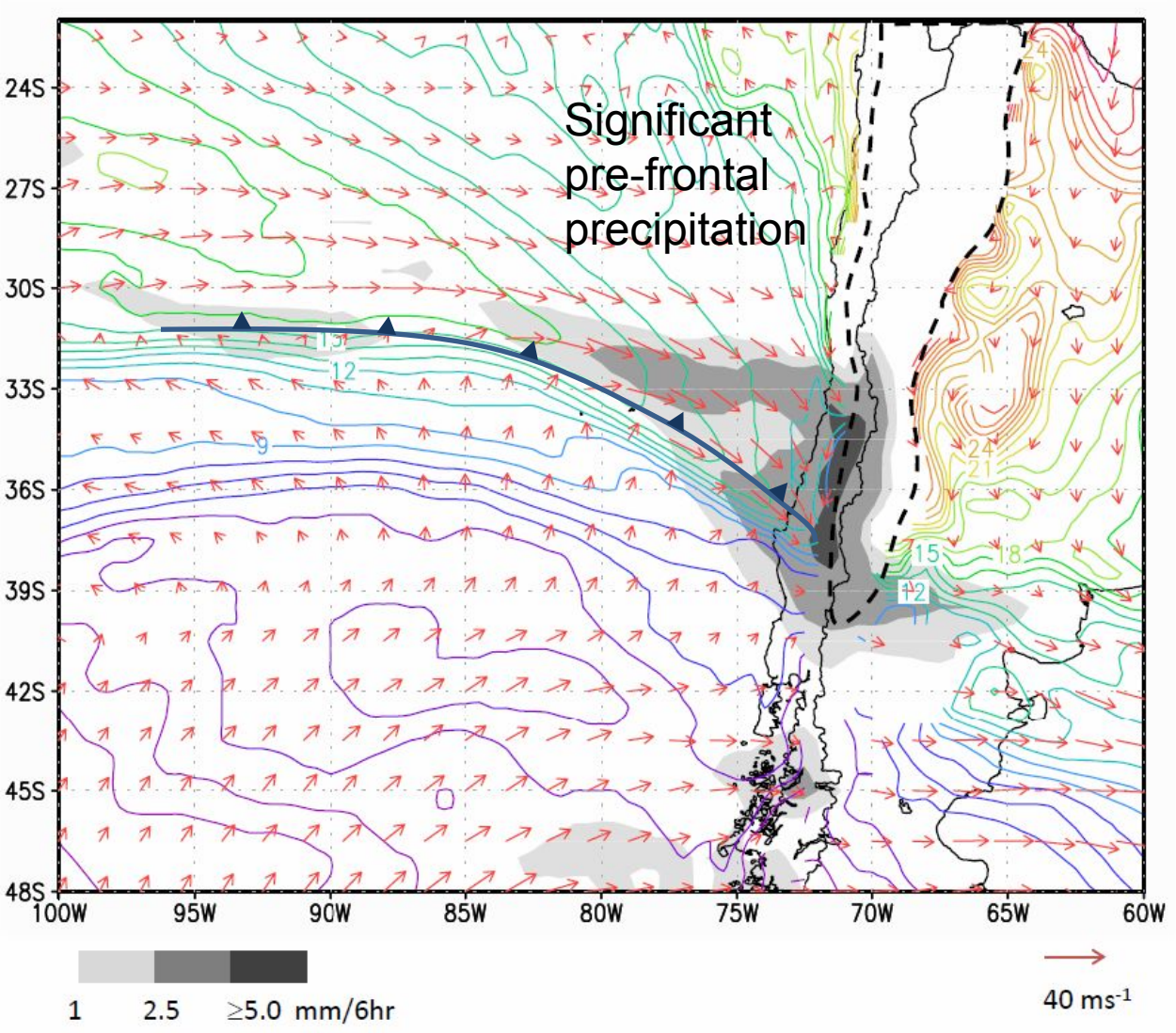
950 hPa winds, temperature and precipitation 18Z 11 Jul 2006



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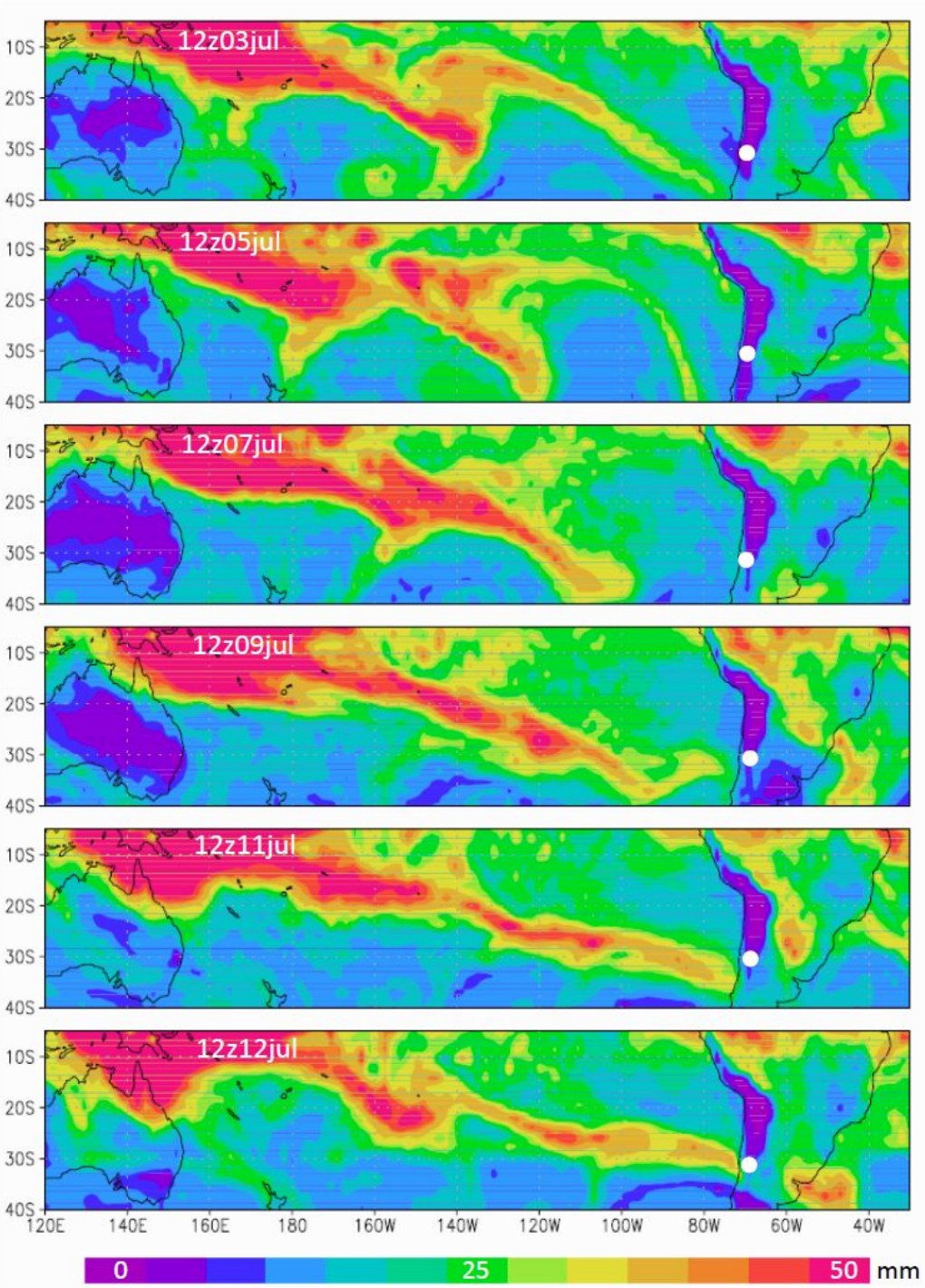
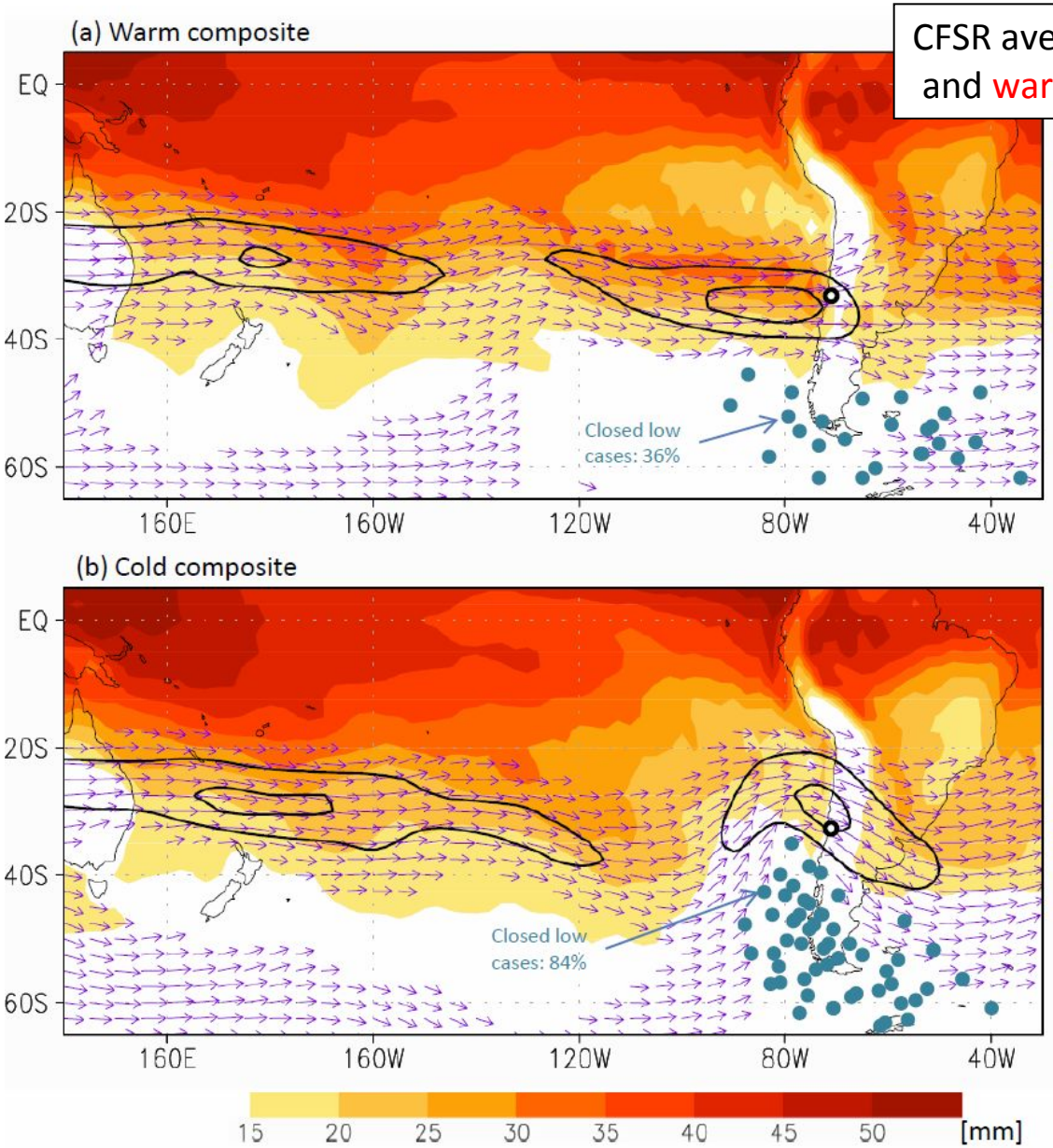


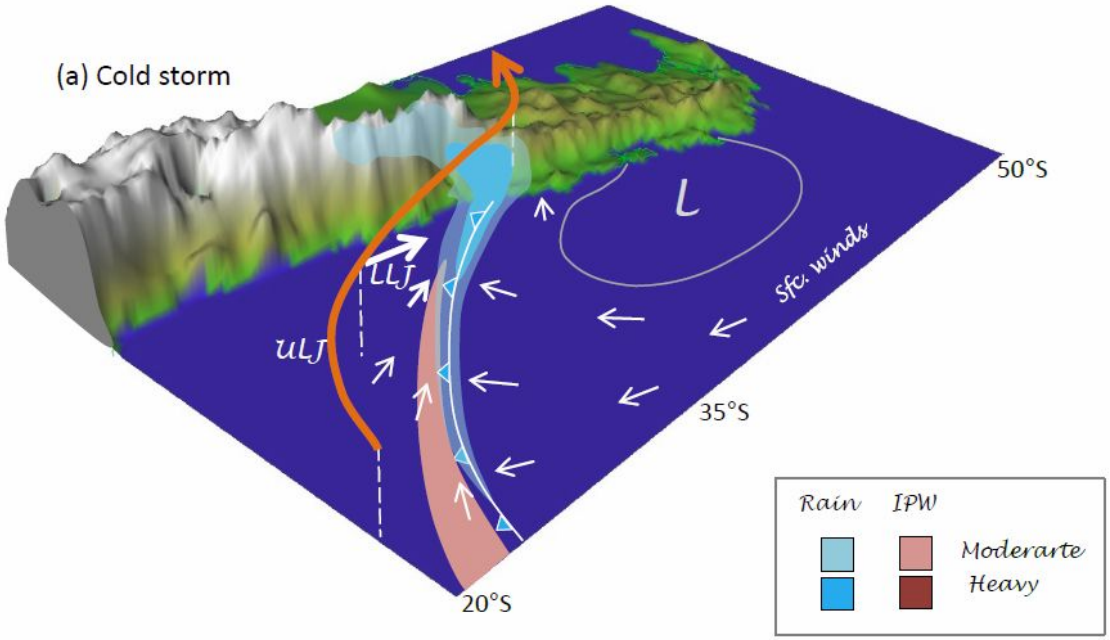
Large scale composite analysis: IPW & 200 hPa wind

CFSR averages for cold (44) and warm (22) rainstorms

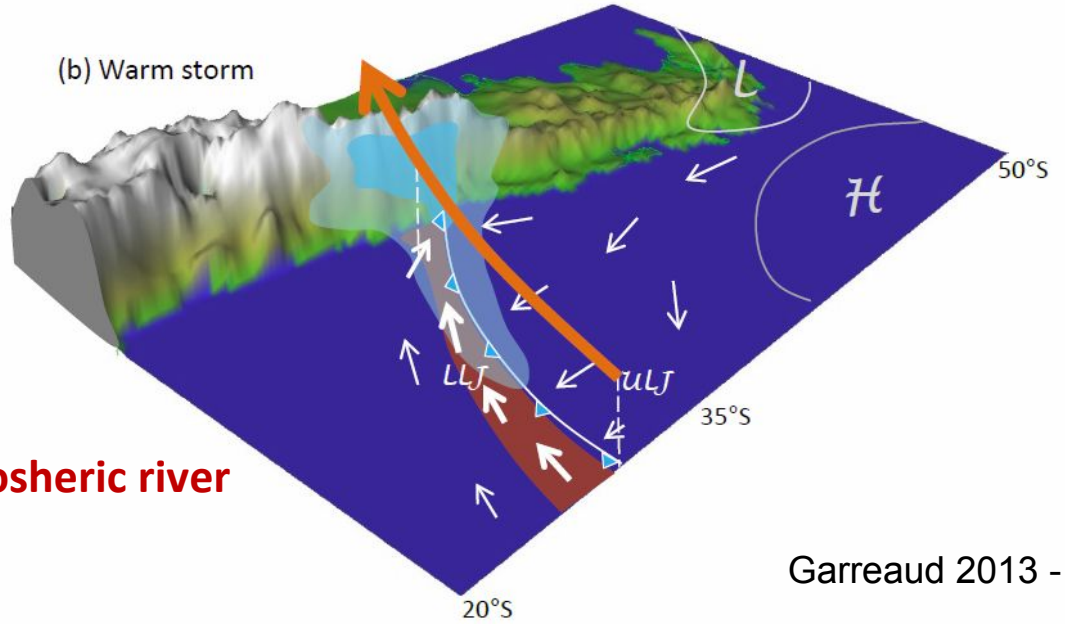


Conceptual Model

- Rainfall at and behind cold front
- H0 < 2500 m ASL
- Prefrontal rainfall up in the Andes
- Well defined baroclinic wave
- Deep cyclone off southern Chile
- NW flow aloft
- Strong topographic blocking
- Northerly low-level jet

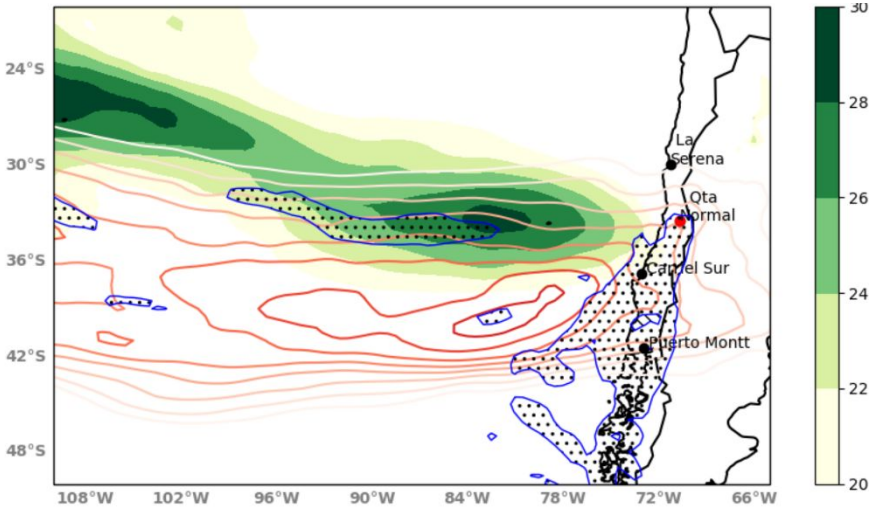


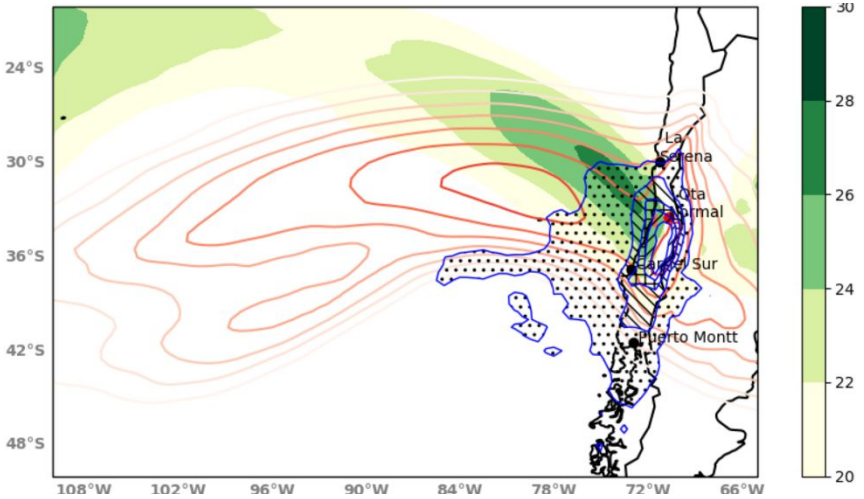
- Rainfall well ahead cold front
- H0 > 2500 m ASL
- Strong W flow aloft
- Conditionally unstable environment
- Reduced topographic blocking
- Wide, deep layer of ascent
- Weak trough farther south
- Blocking anticyclone farther west
- **TransPacific zonal jet and troposheric river**



Garreaud 2013 - JHM

Mean IWV for rainy days ≥ 35.0mm (n=22)
300hPa Isotacs (min:30m/s, interval:3 m/s)





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Impacts of Atmospheric Rivers on Precipitation in Southern South America

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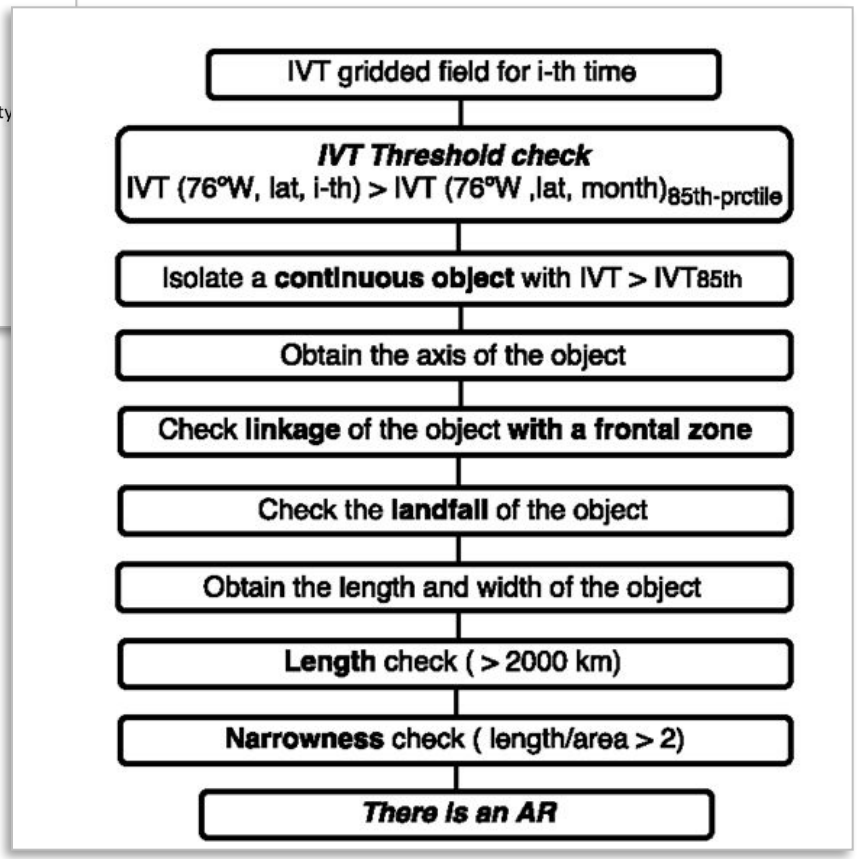
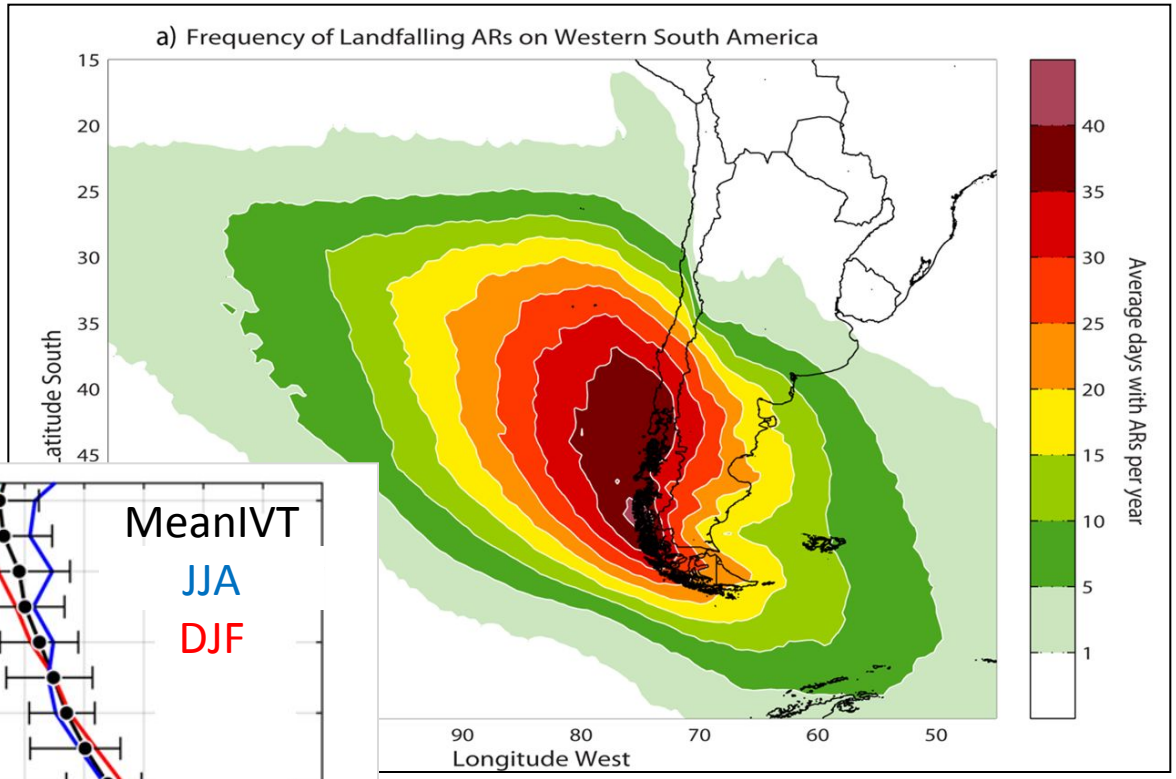
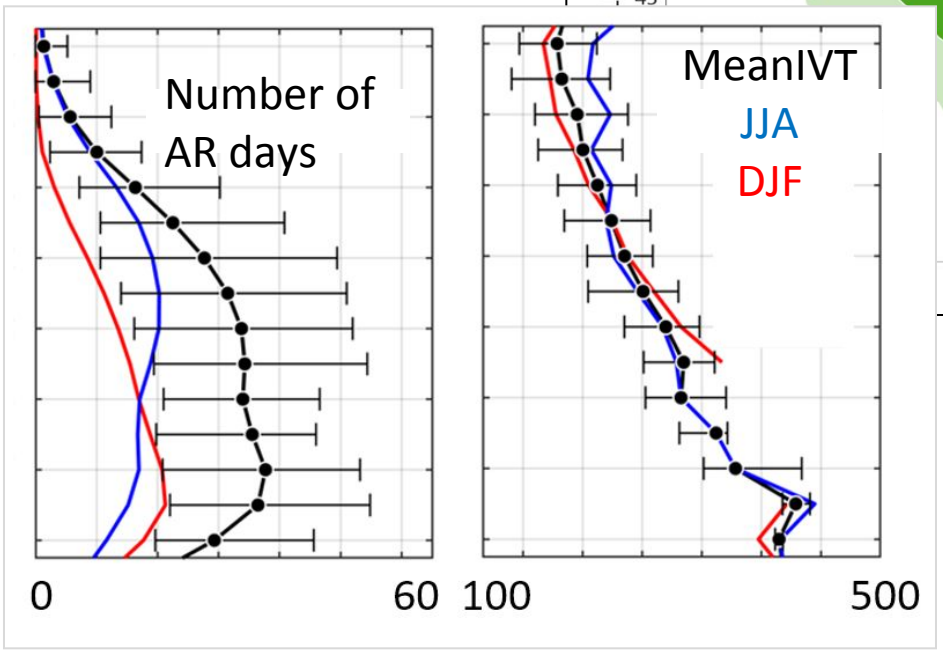
Modified Guan and Waliser (2015) approach
Uses CFSR 2001-2016
IVT as a key variable



15 year landfalling AR climatology

Viale et al. 2018





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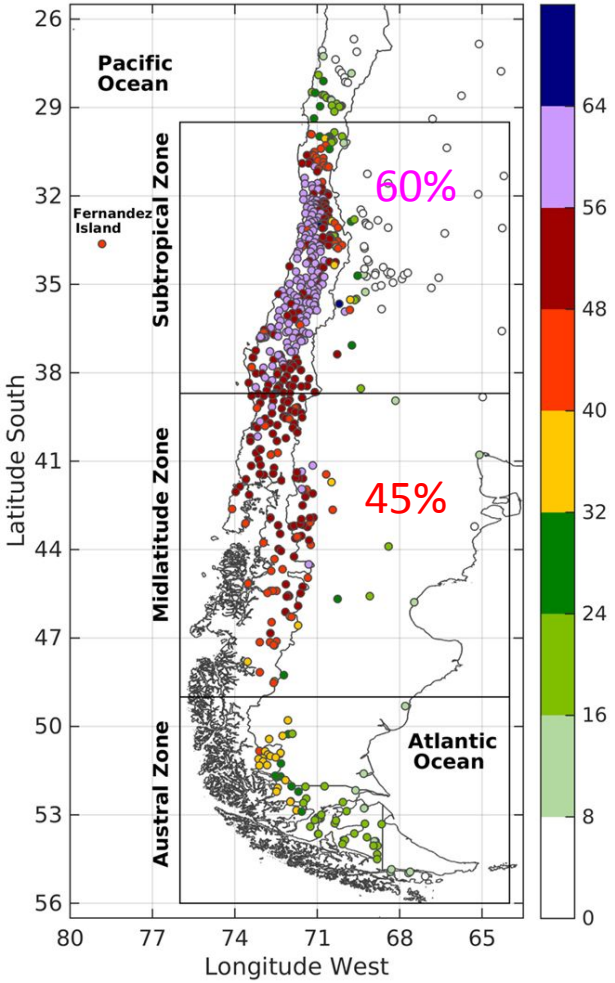
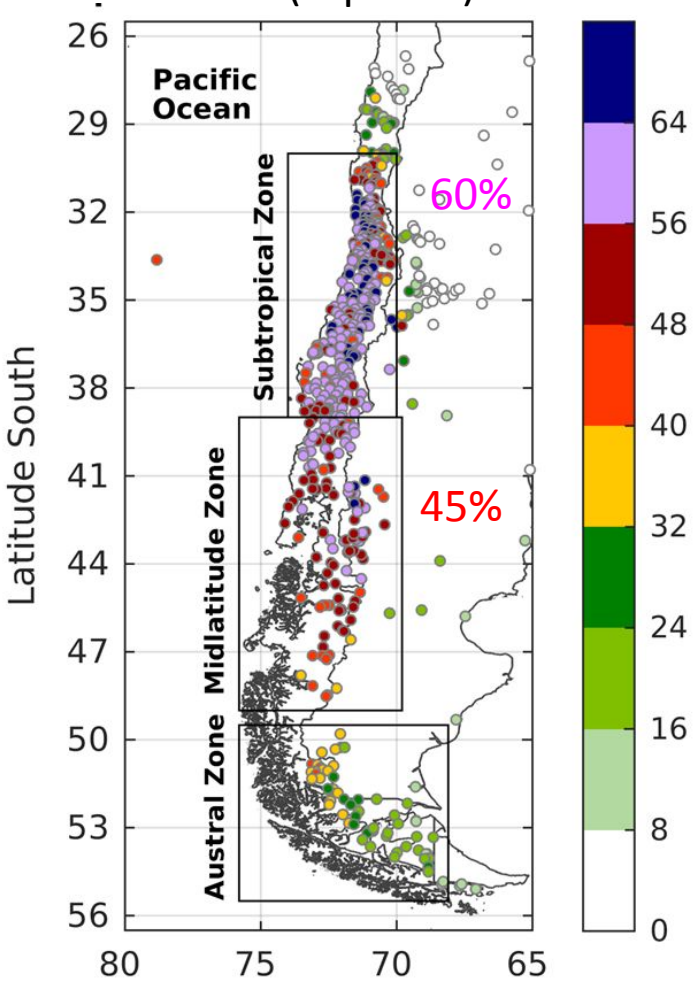
AR contribution to annual rainfall



Fraction of AR-related EPEs (top 25%)



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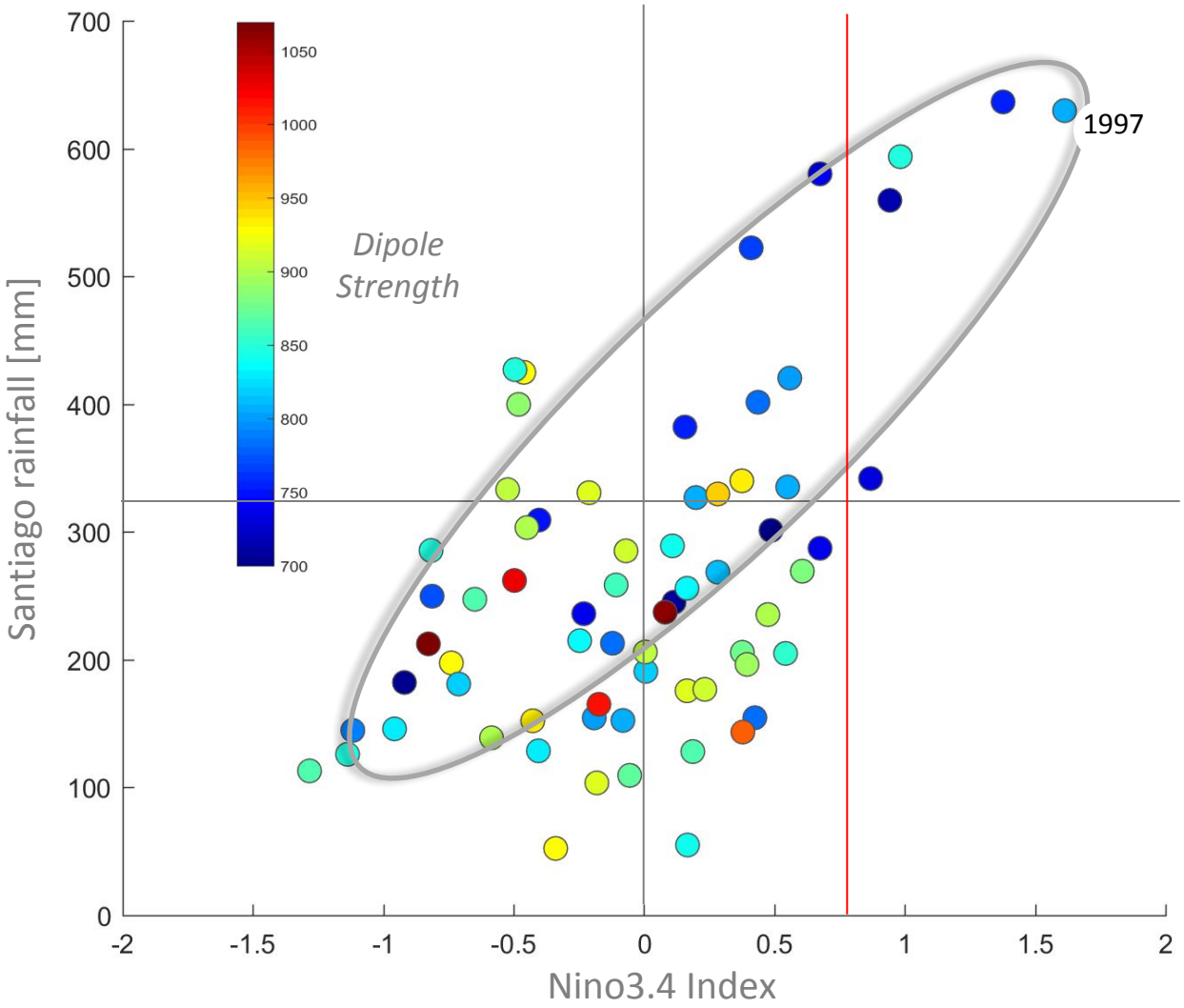

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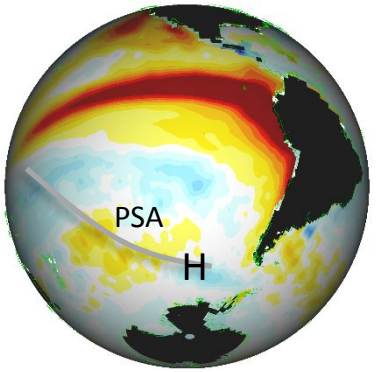

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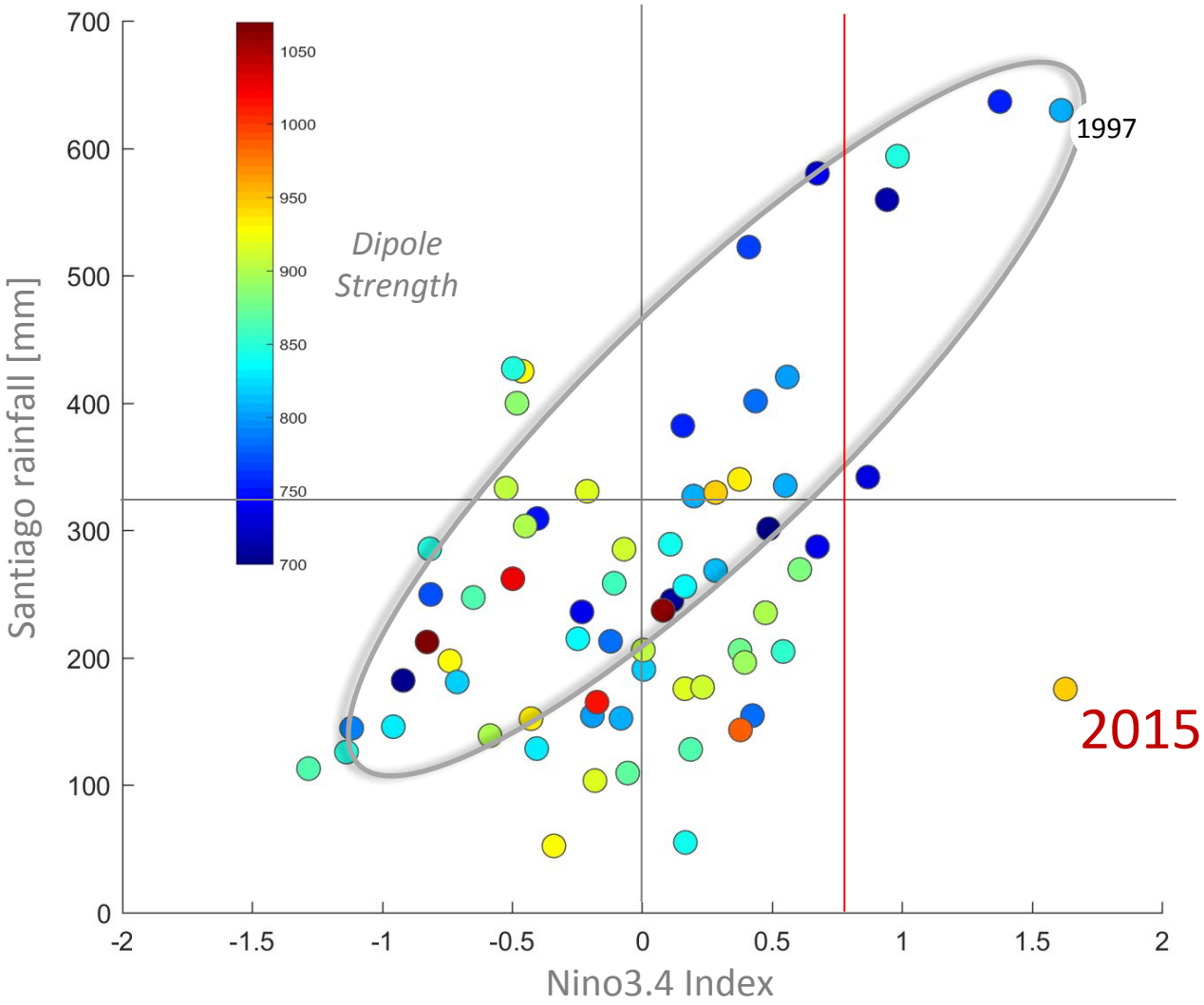

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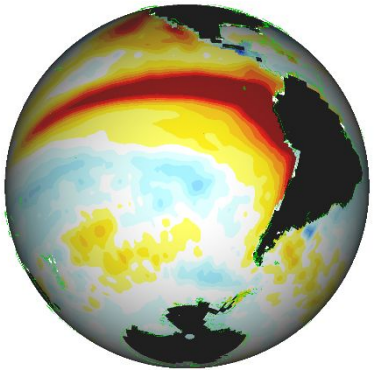

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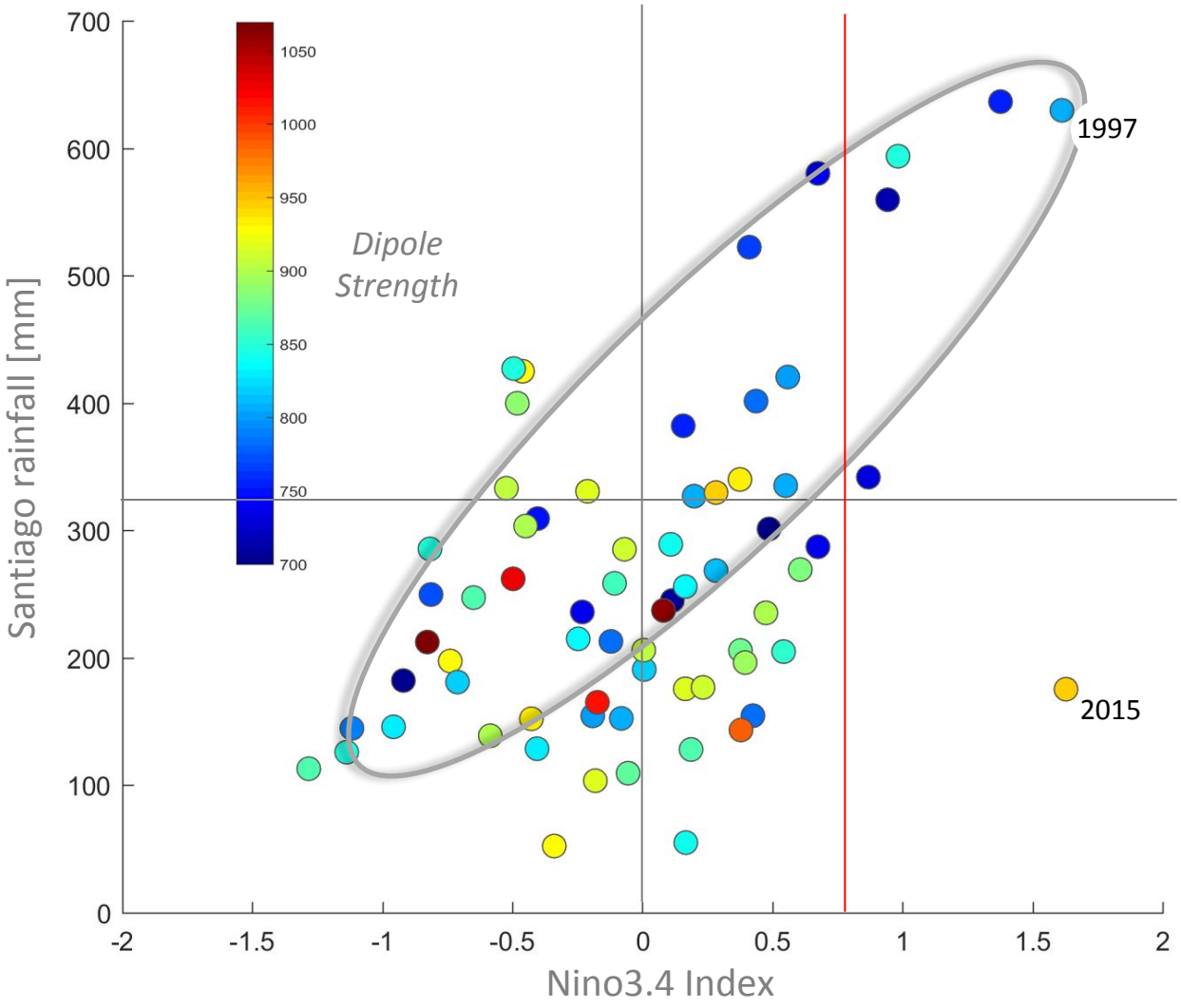

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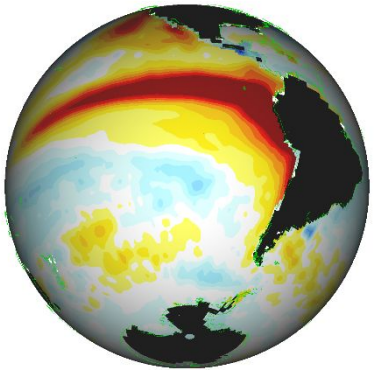
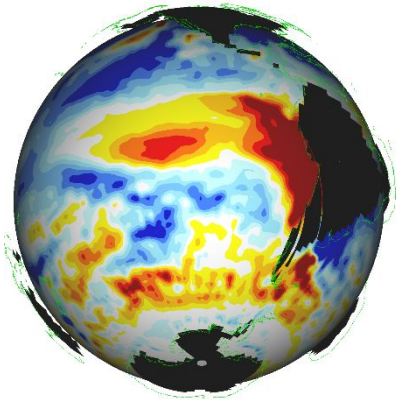
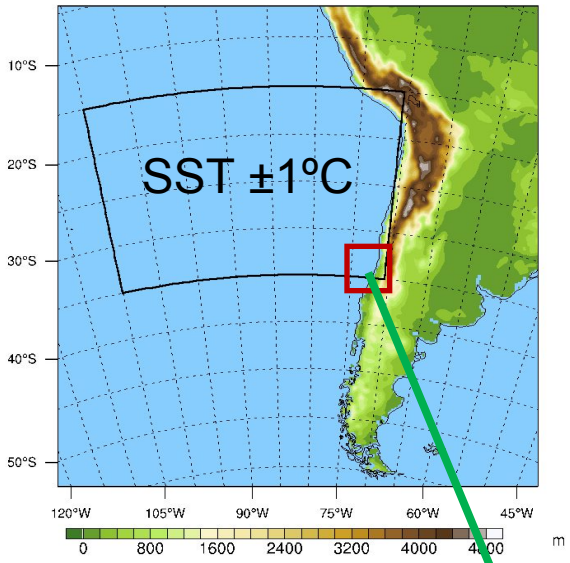


SST 1997 - 2015



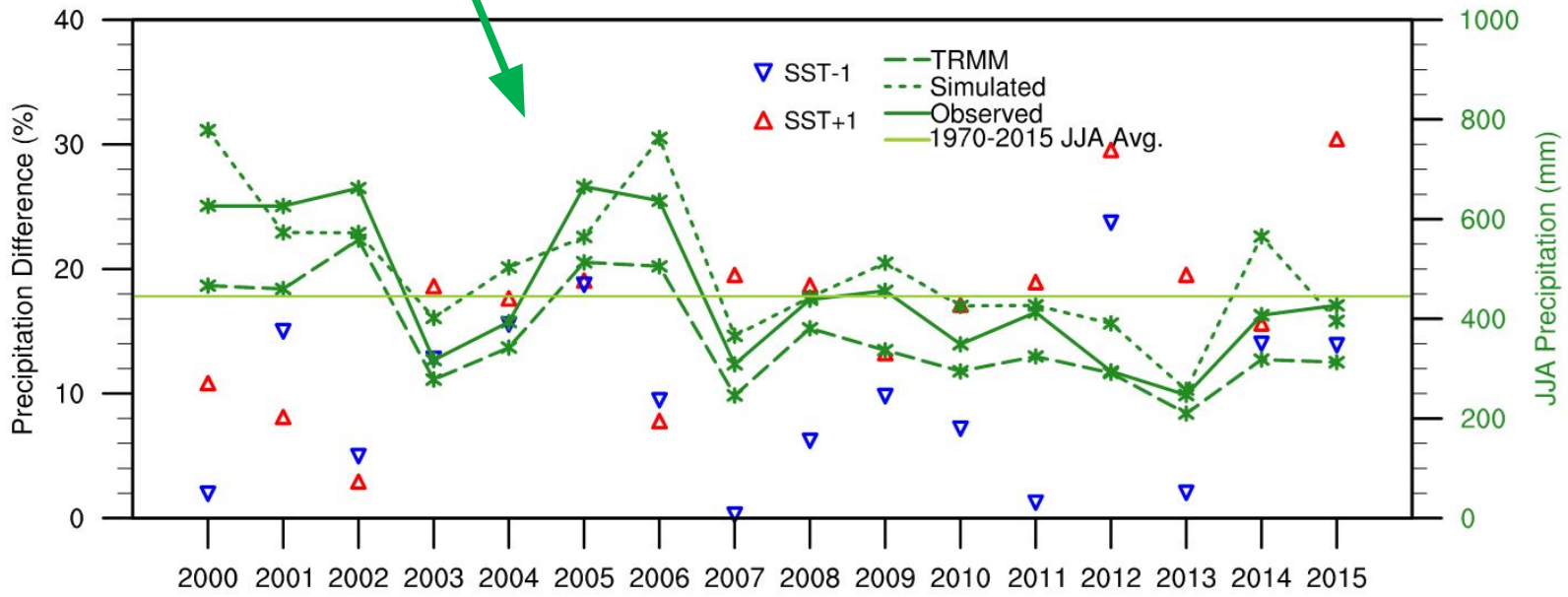


Coastal SST linked to open-ocean conditions. To isolate the signal we did a 10 year long simulation with RegCM (10 km res). Three experiments:

Control: Observed SST

Warm SEP: +1ºC in coastal box

Cold SEP: -1ºC in coastal box



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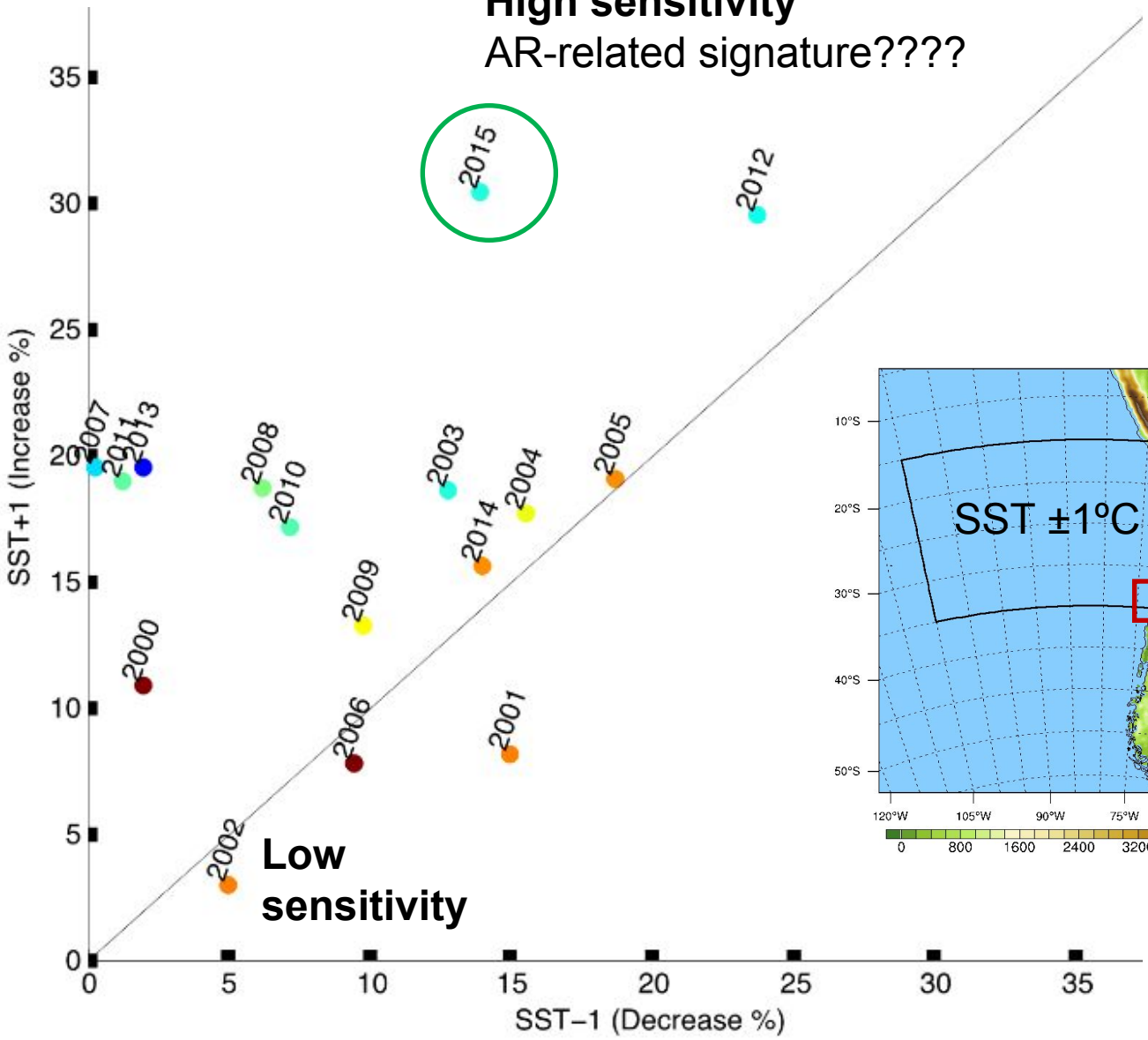
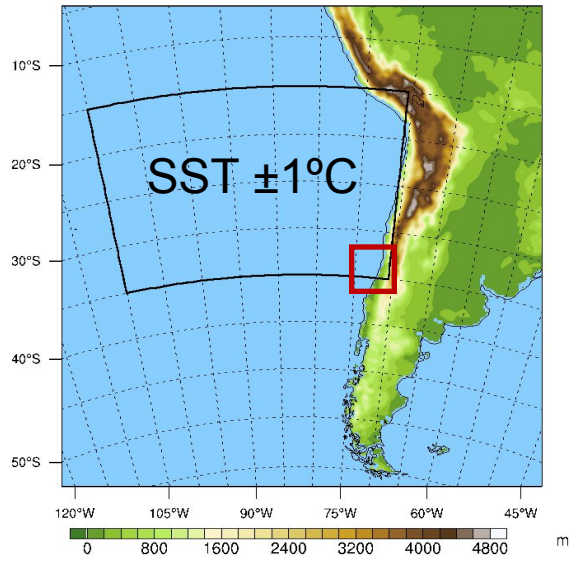
High sensitivity
AR-related signature????





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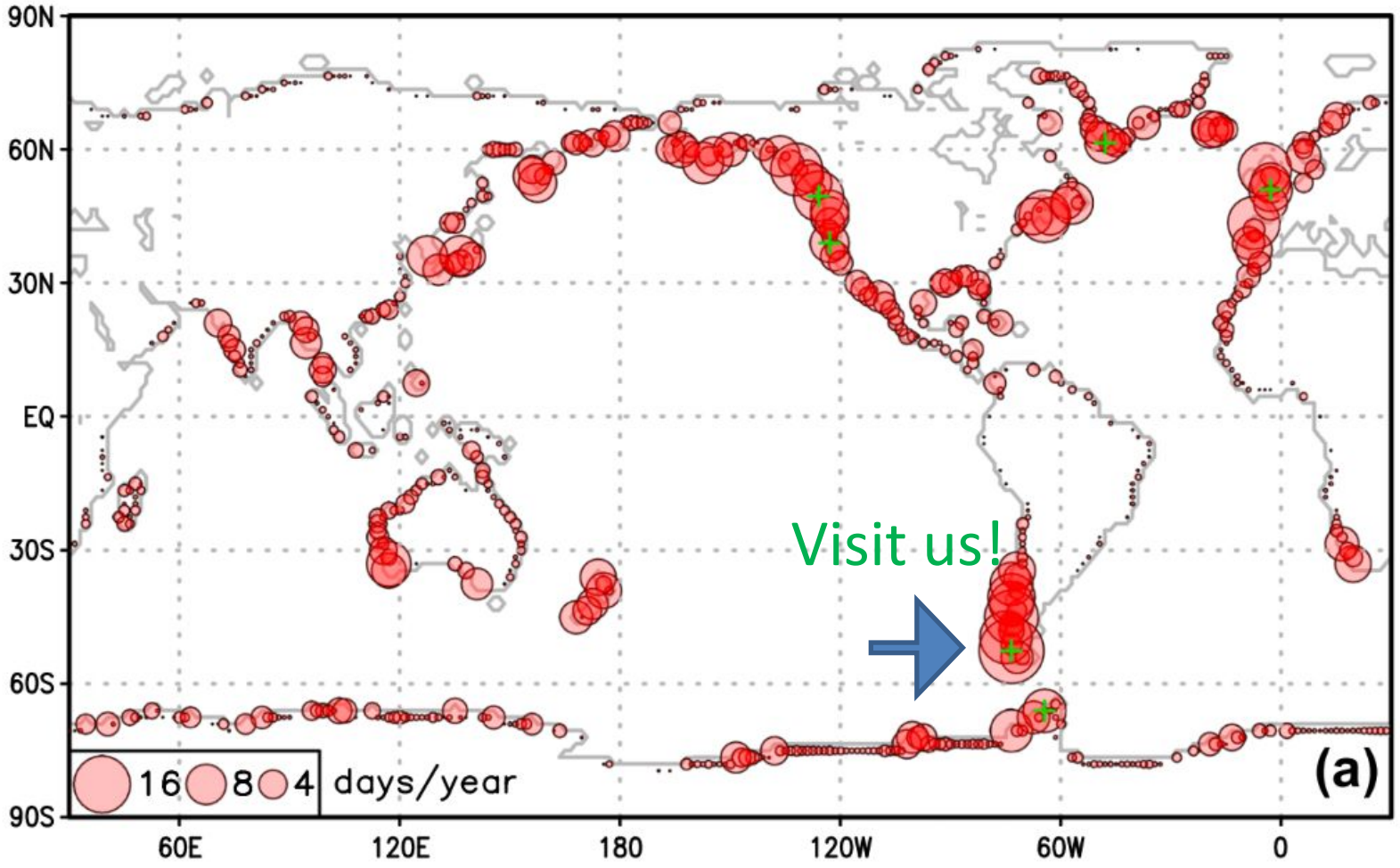

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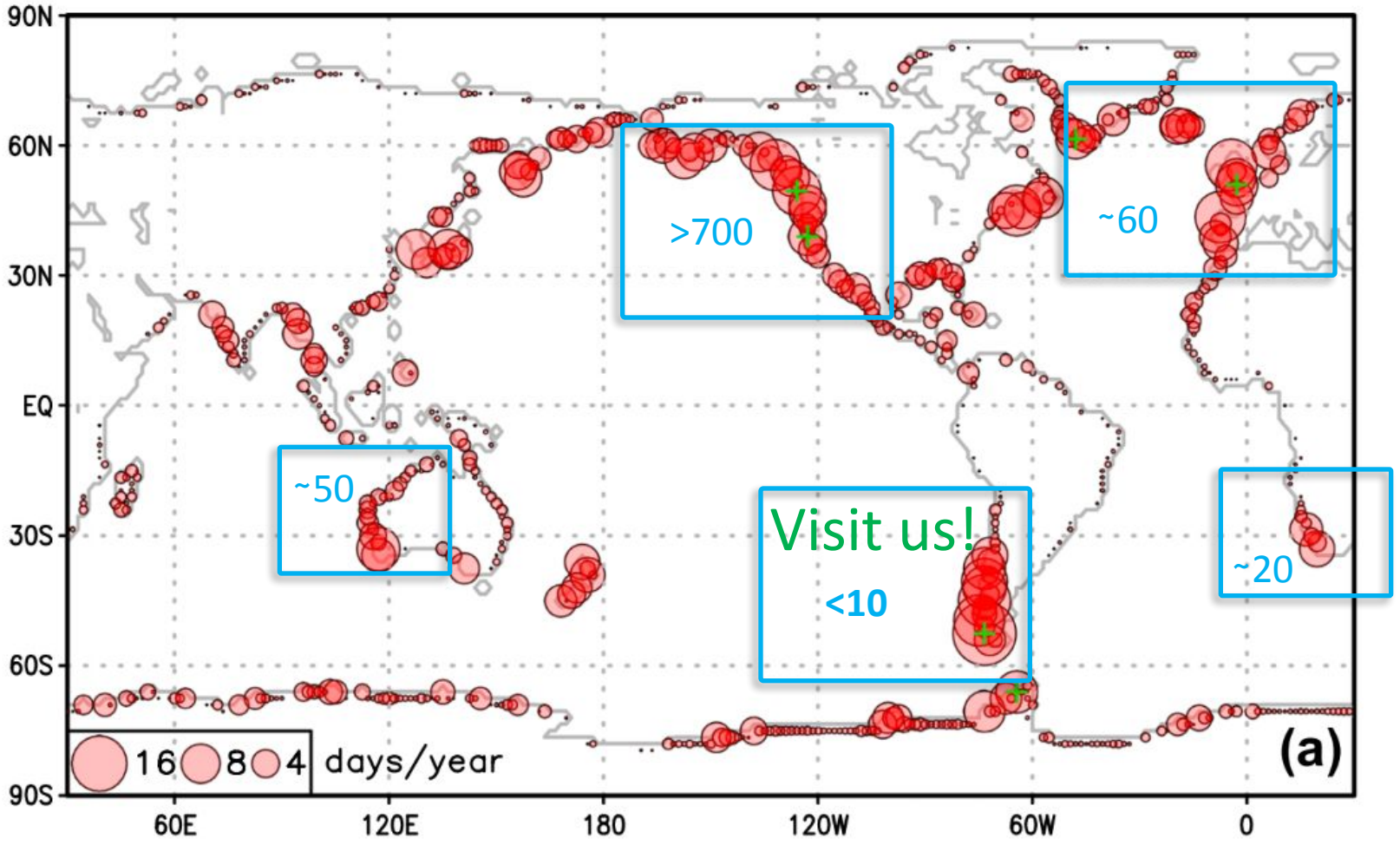

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