

Variations of Western North Pacific Tropical Cyclone Activity on Decadal Time Scales and Longer

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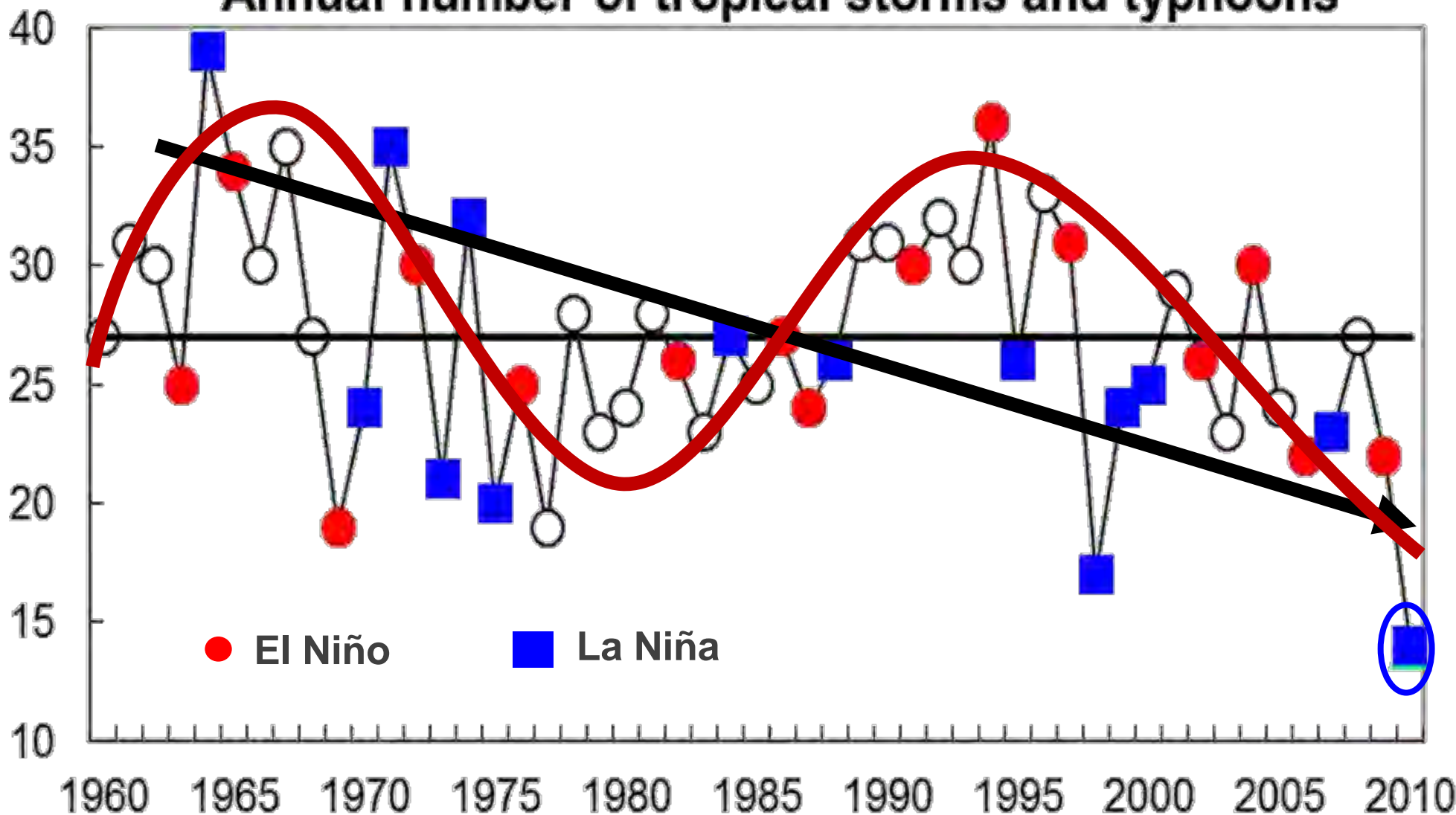
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Outline

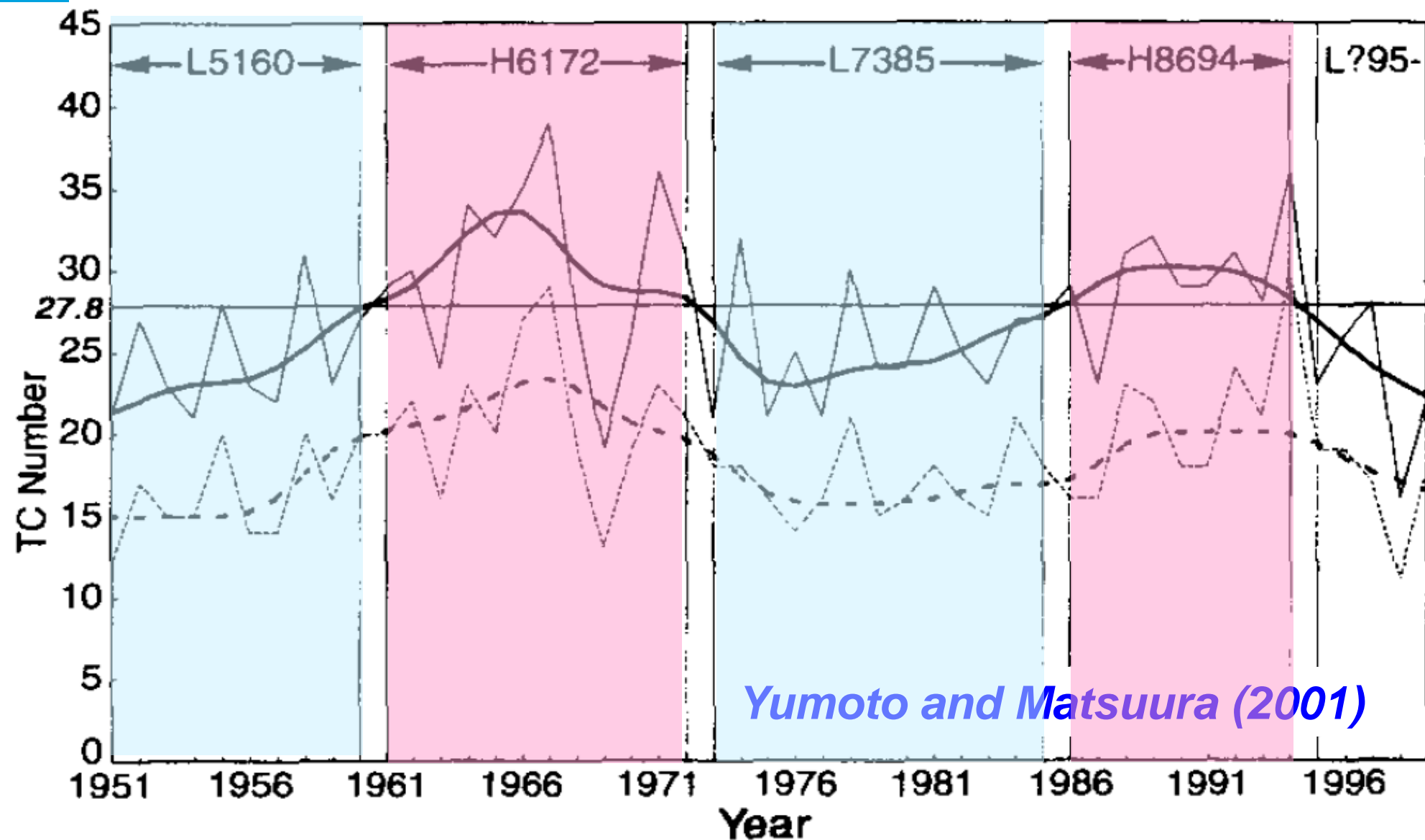
- **Number variations**
- **Intensity variations**
- **Track variations**
- **Landfall variations**
- **Summary**

Annual No. of TS & TY in the western North Pacific

Annual number of tropical storms and typhoons

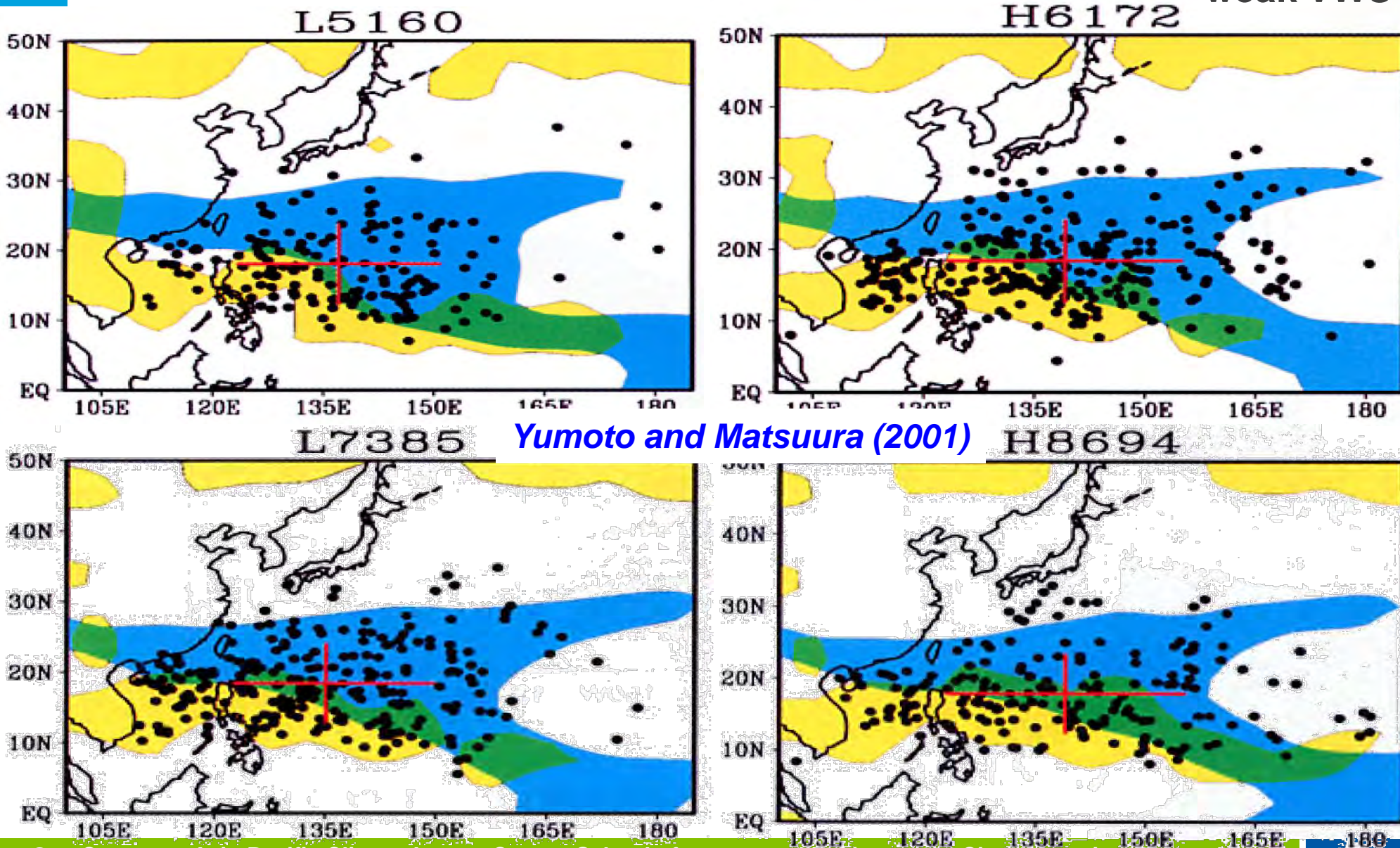


Annual No. of TC & TY in the western North Pacific



Relative vorticity and vertical wind shear

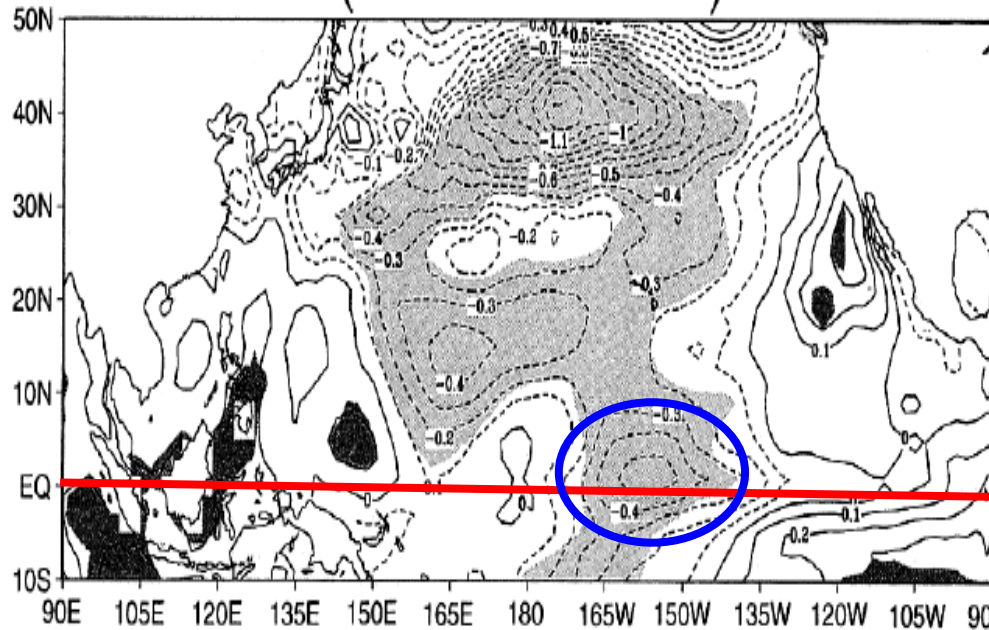
rel. vort.
weak VWS



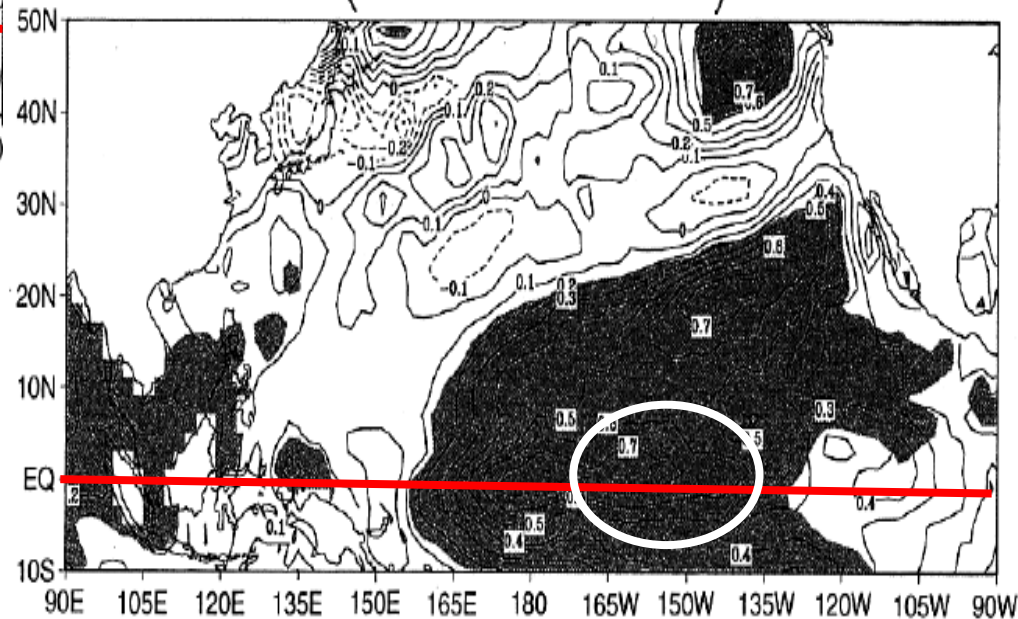
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SST Difference

(L7385-H6172)



(H8694-L7385)

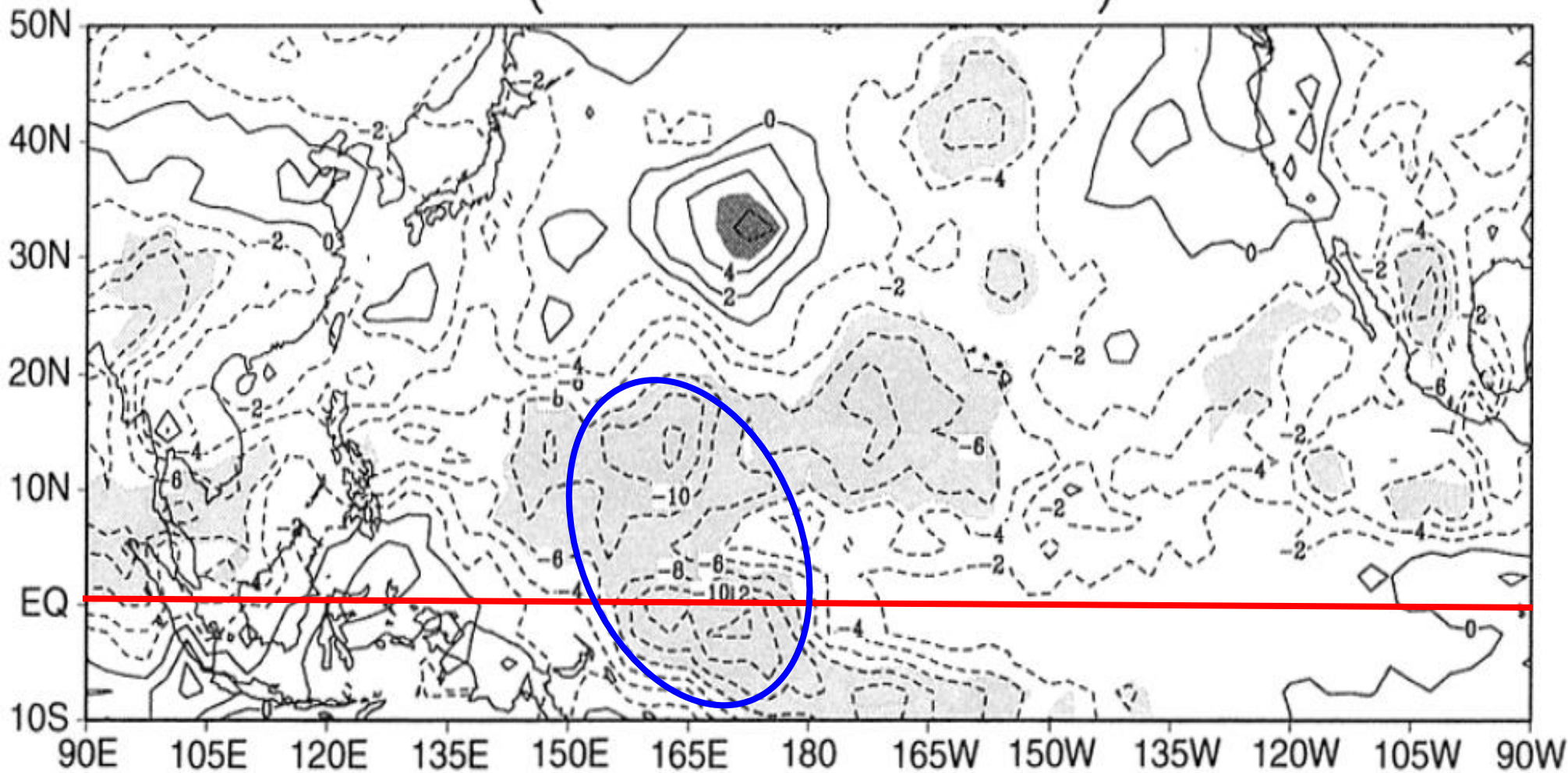


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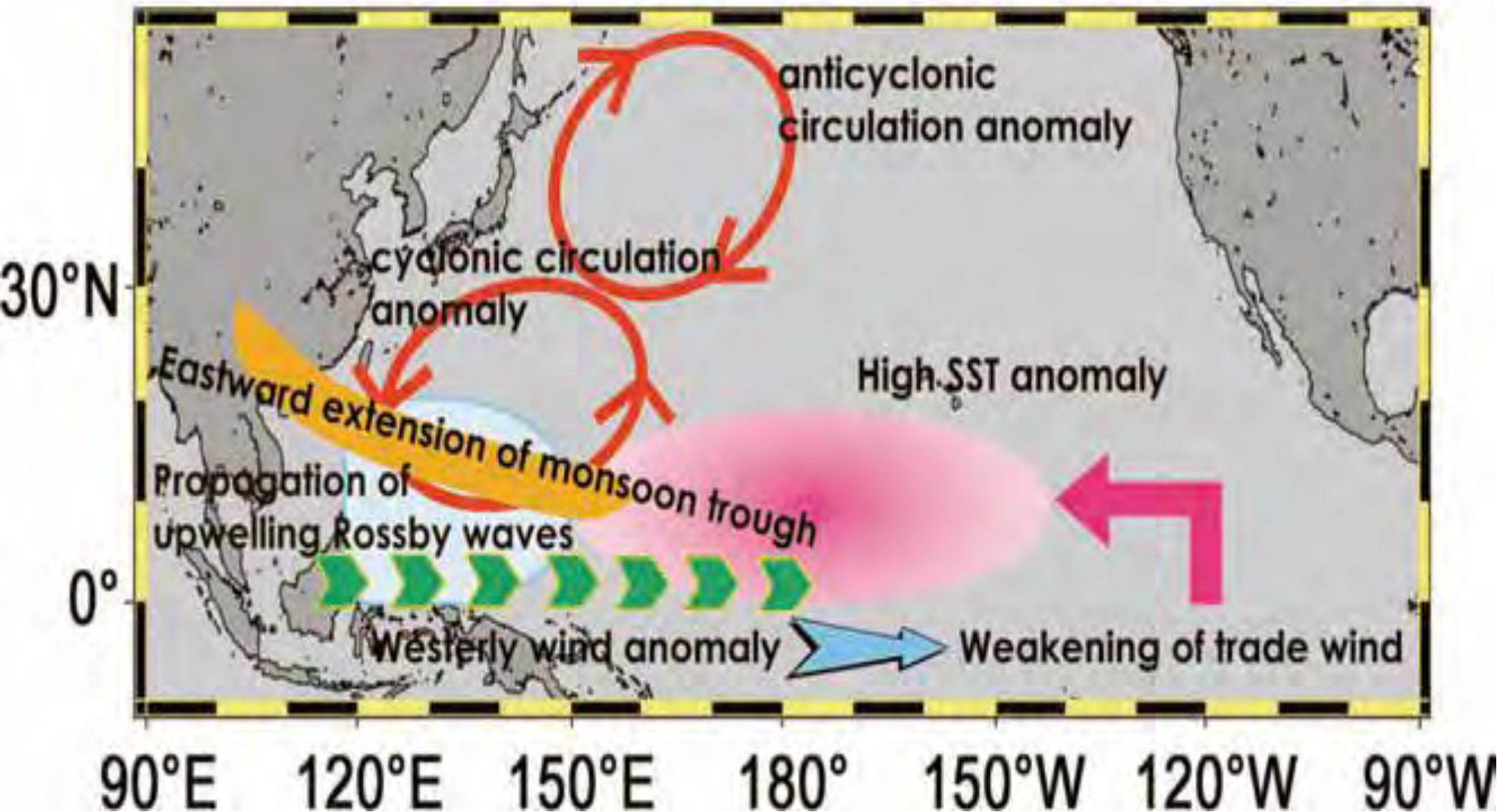
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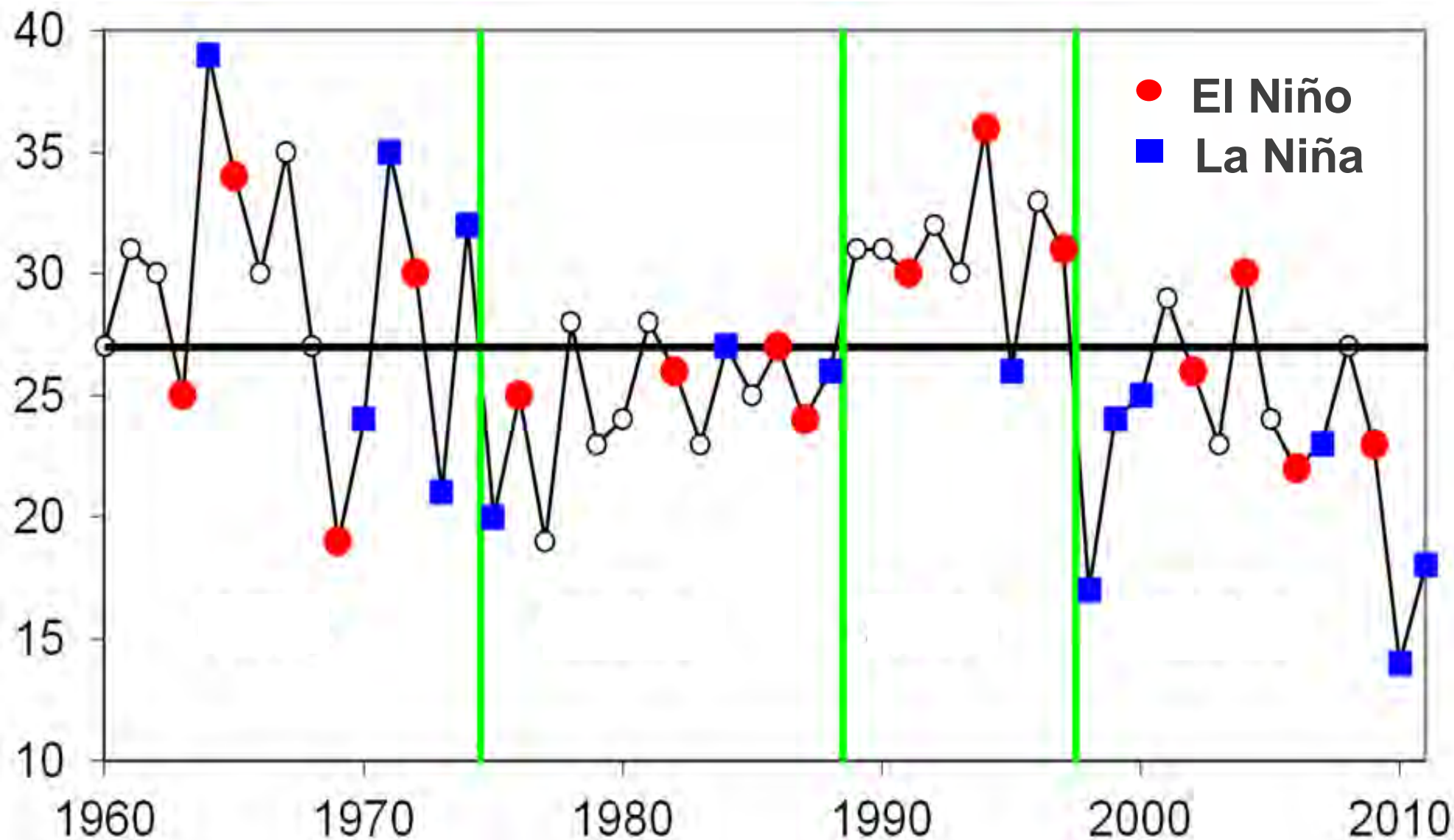


Possible mechanism

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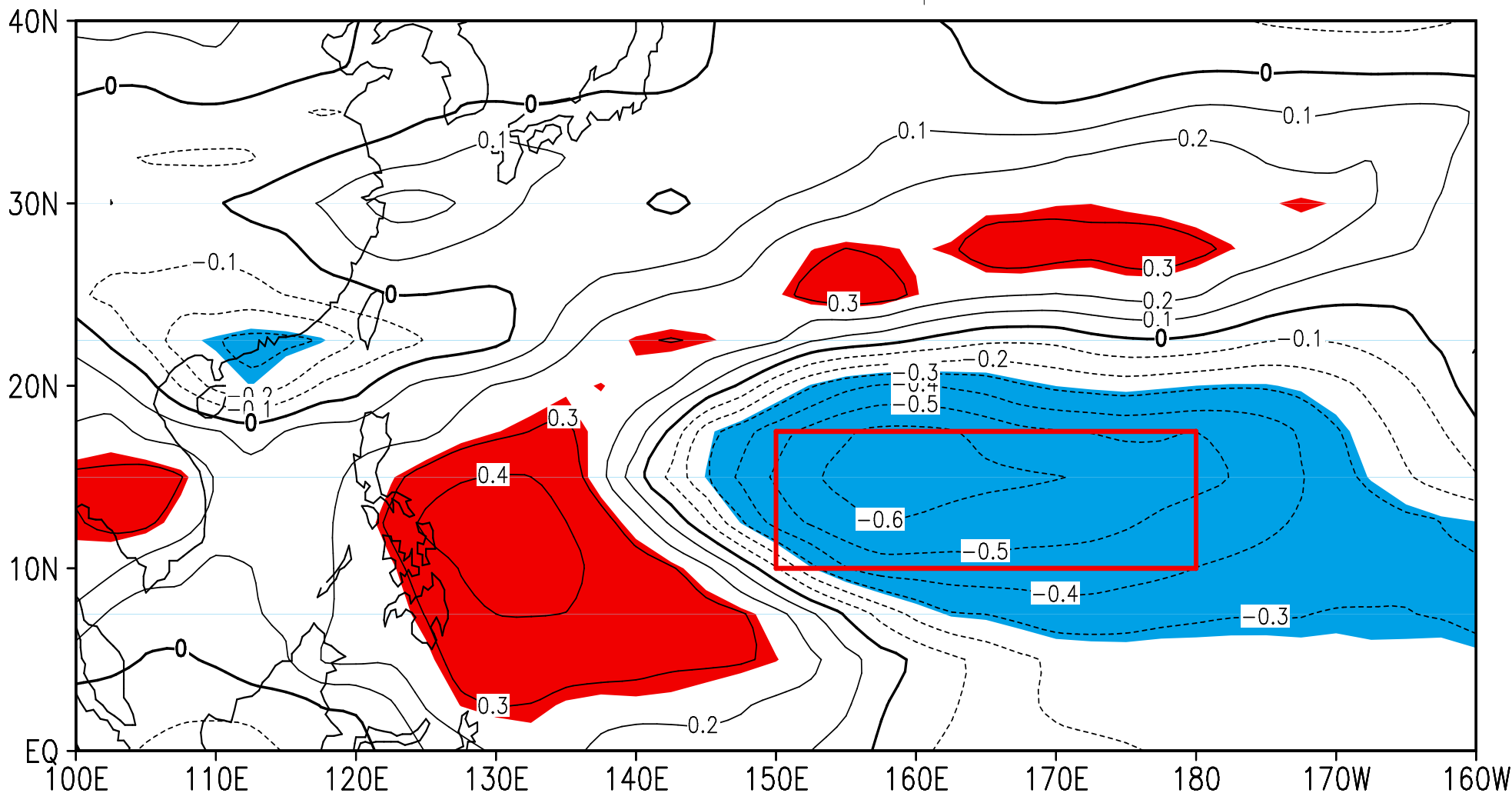


Annual no. of tropical storms and typhoons in the western North Pacific

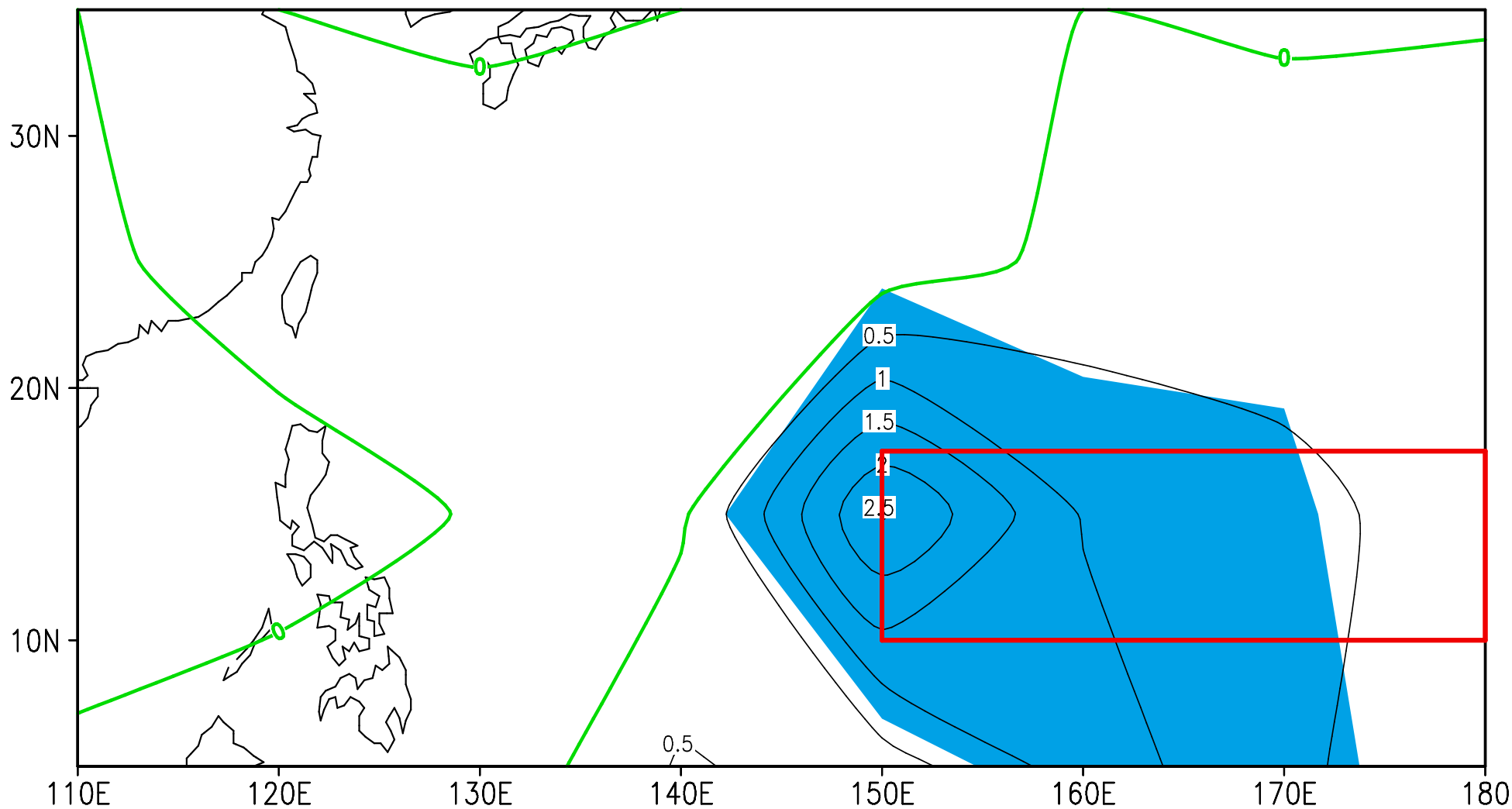


Correlation between TC number and the 850-200-hPa vertical shear of zonal wind

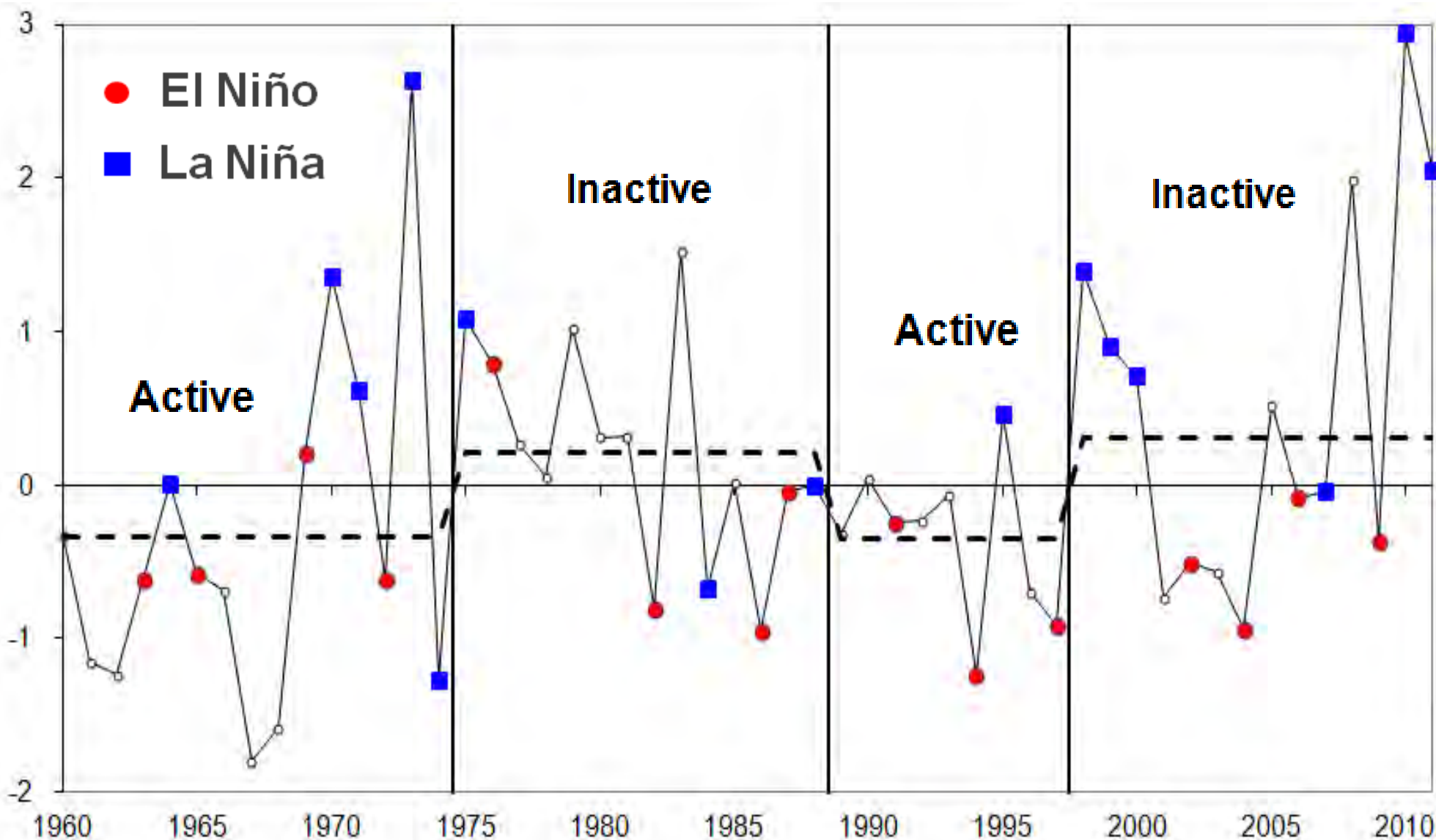
Wind shear vs no. of tropical storms



Difference in TC number between weak and strong vertical wind shear years

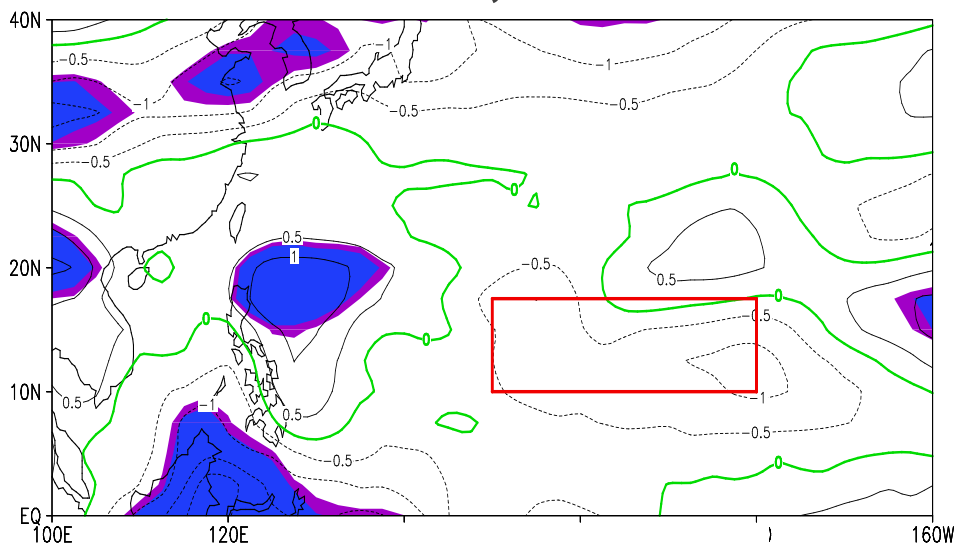


Time series of the vertical wind shear index

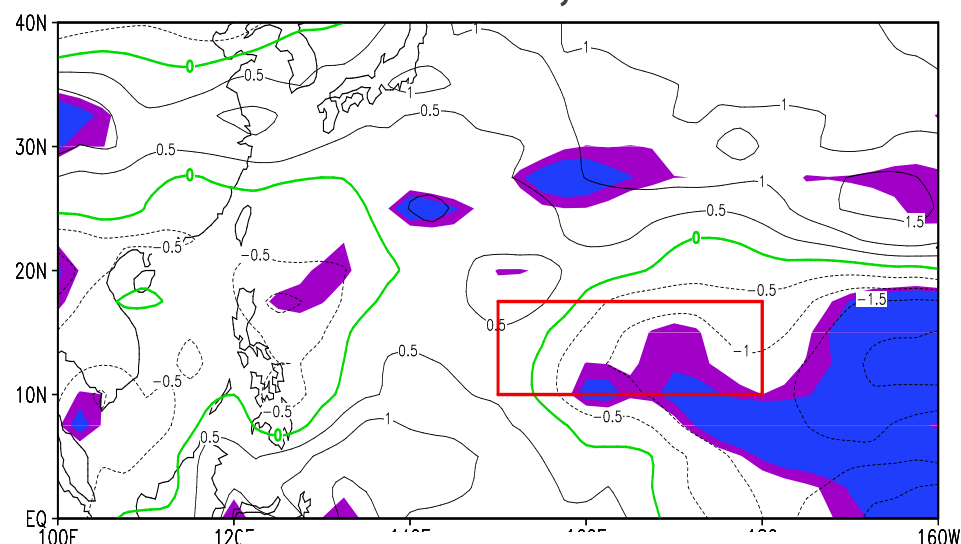


Mean Jun-Oct vertical shear of zonal wind

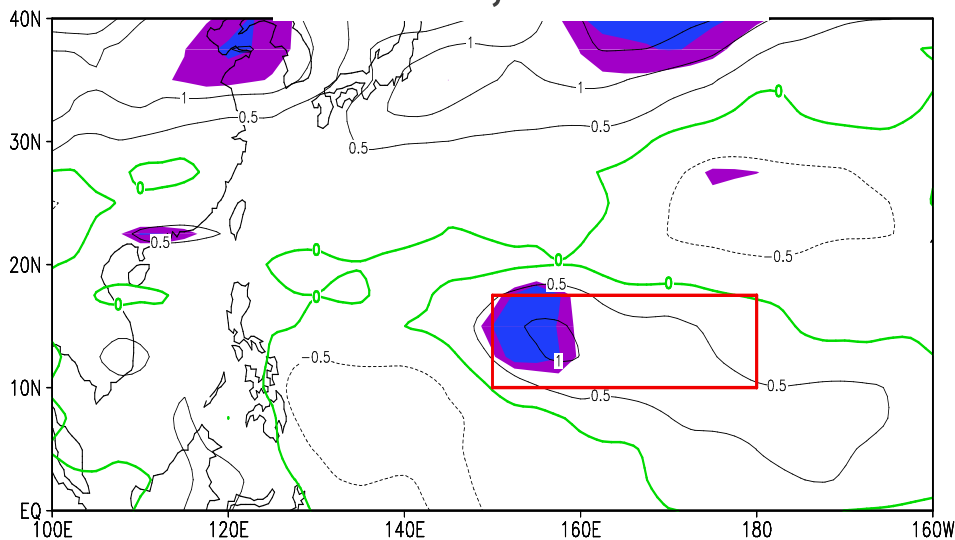
1960-74, active



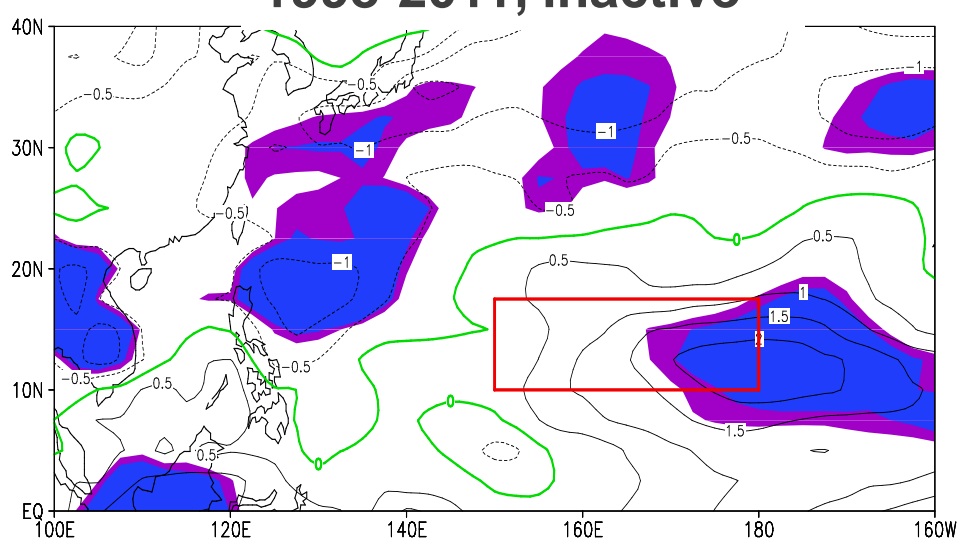
1998-97, active



1975-88, inactive

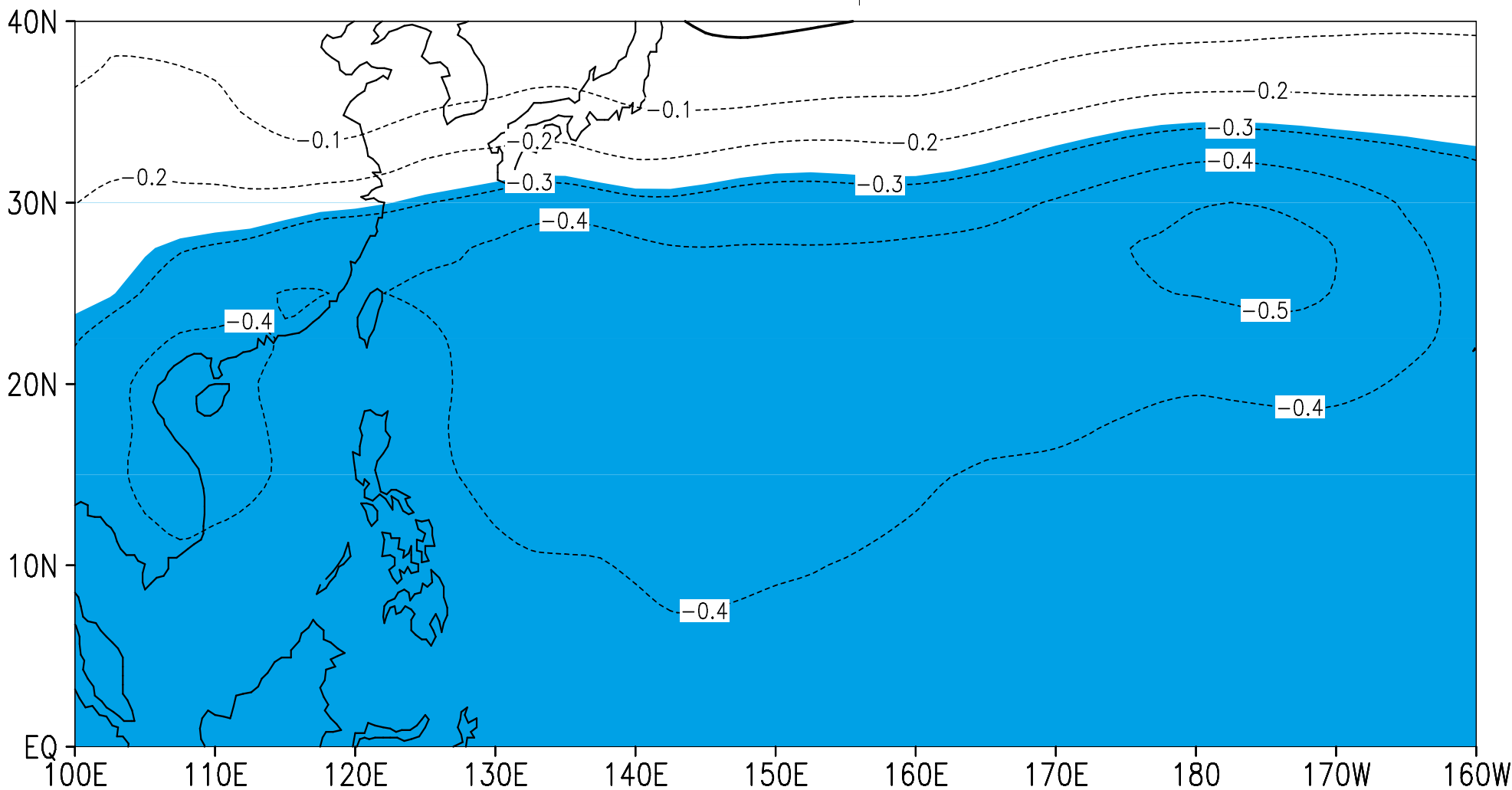


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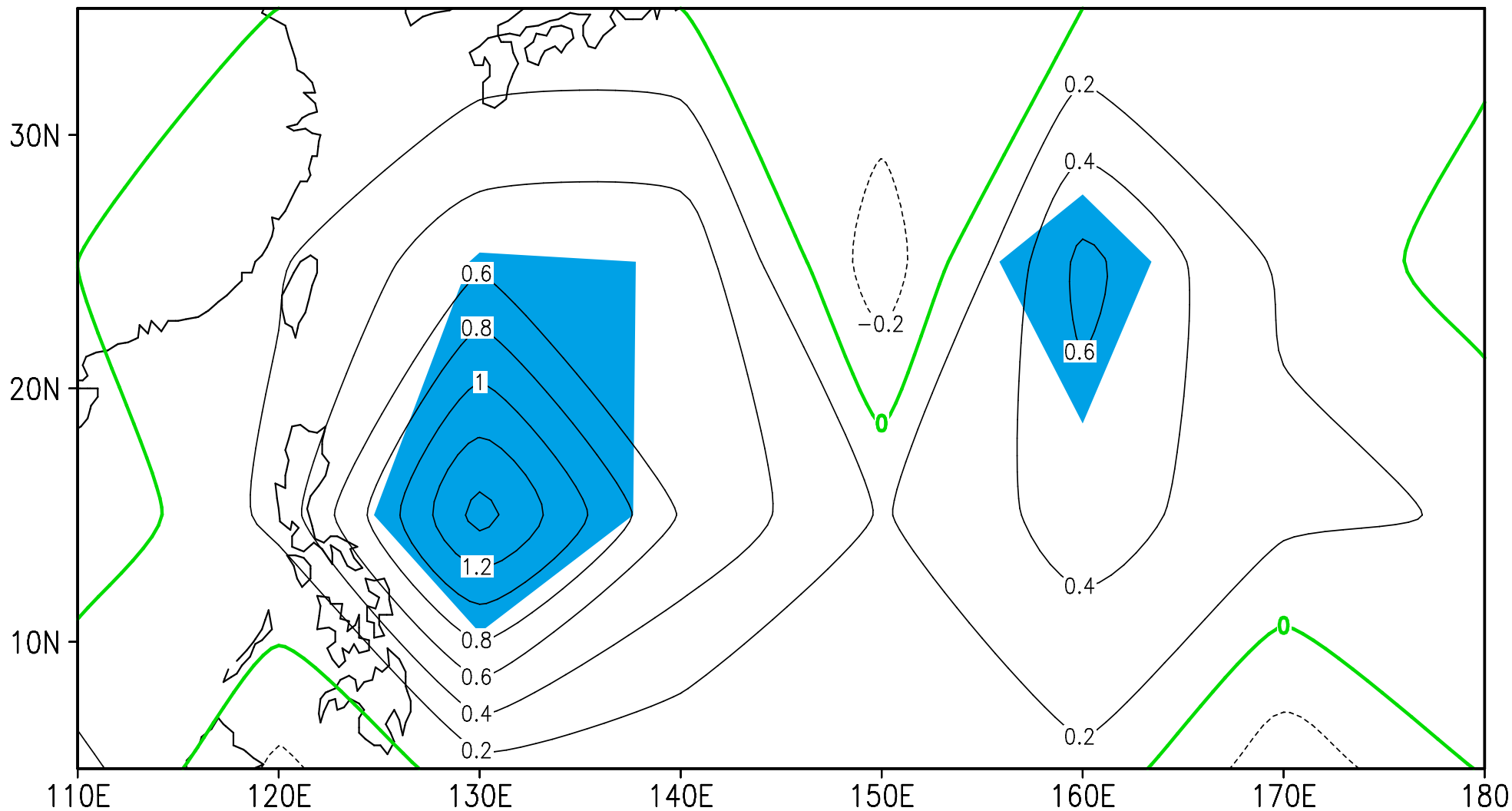


Correlation map between TC number and 500-hPa geopotential height

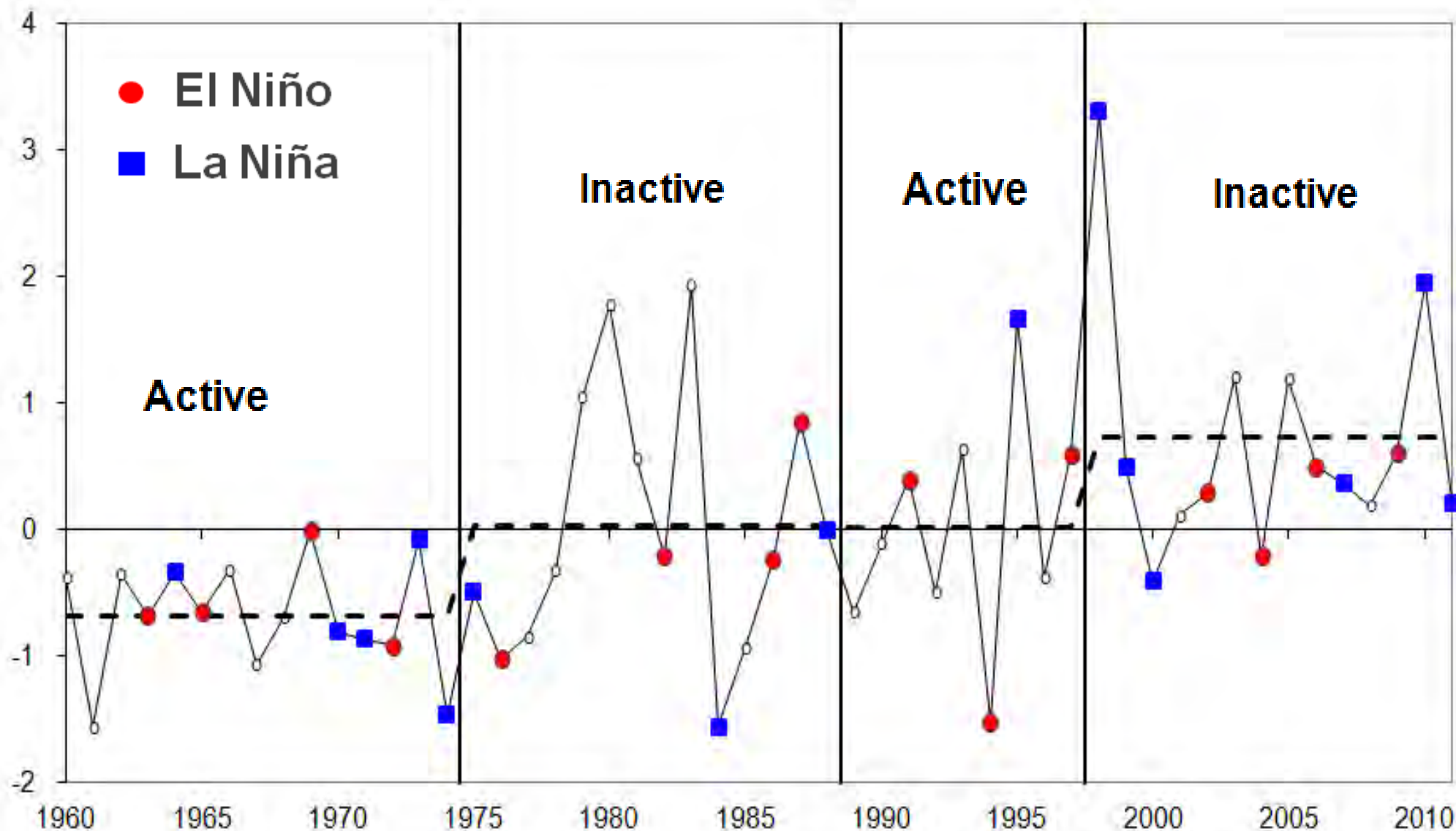
H500 vs no. of tropical storms



Difference in number of TC formations between the weak and strong subtropical high years

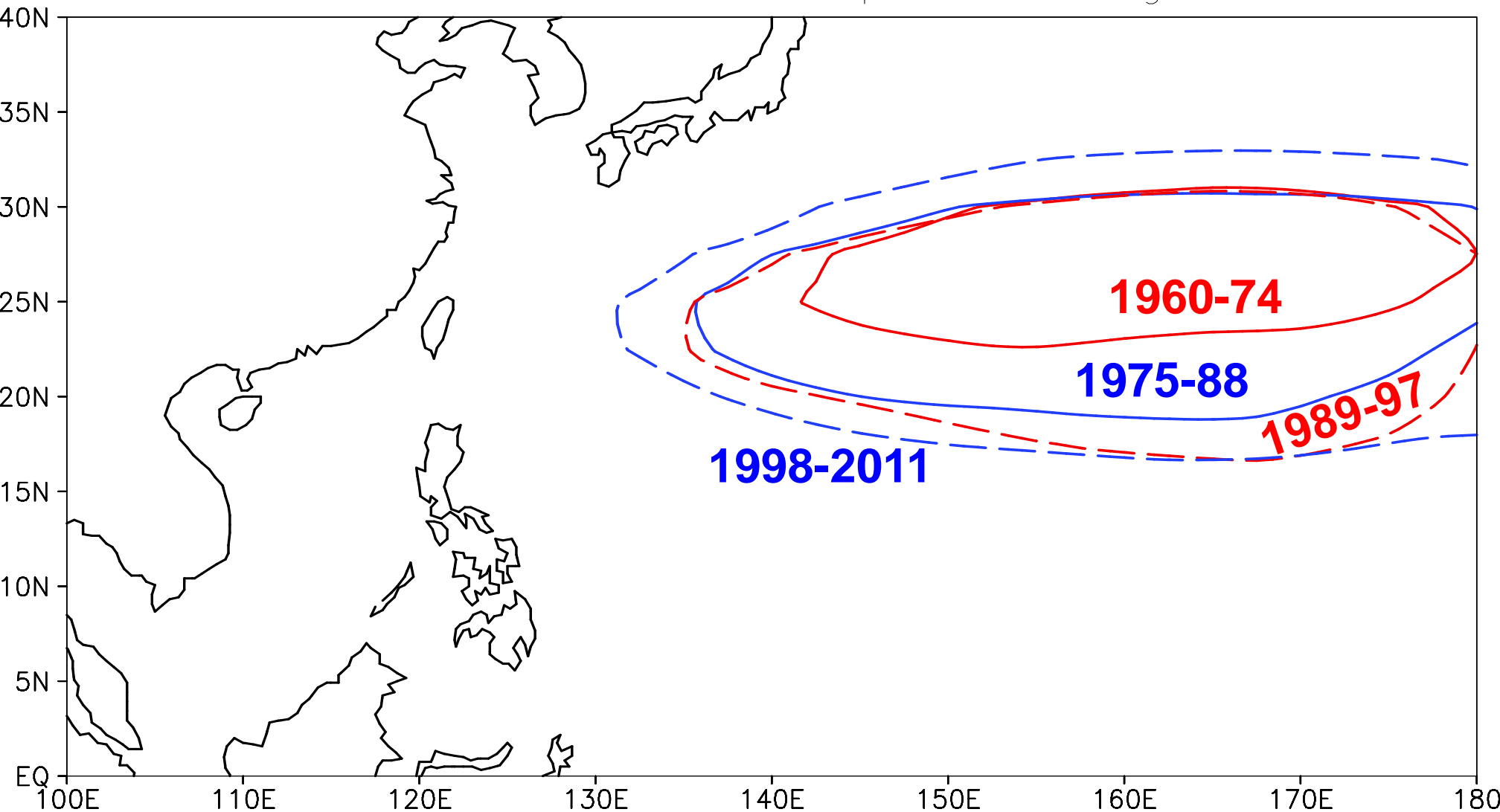


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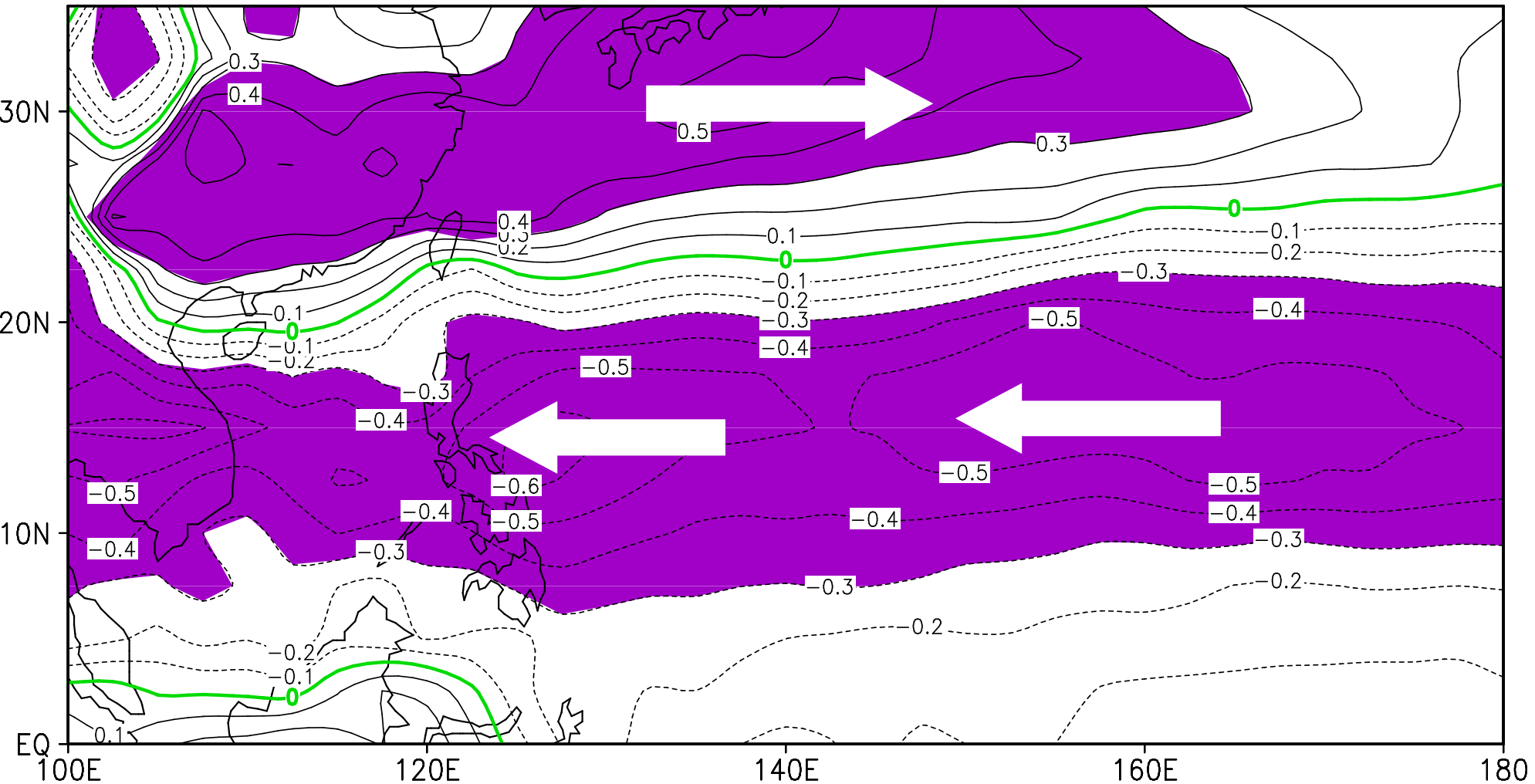
Mean Jun-Oct 5880 gpm lines at 500 hPa

Jun-Oct 500-hPa Geopotential height



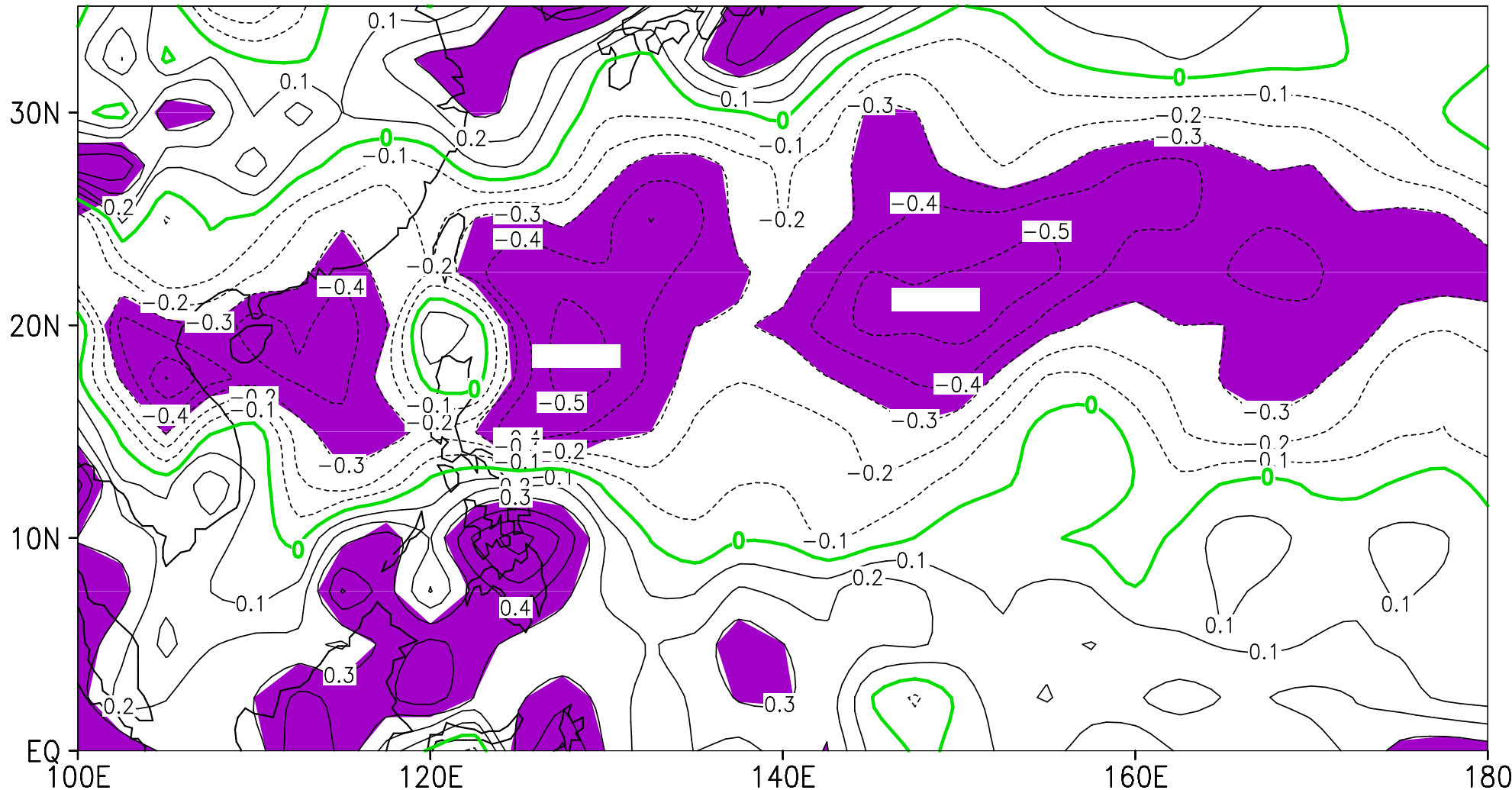
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850-hPa zonal wind (Jun–Oct) vs SHAI



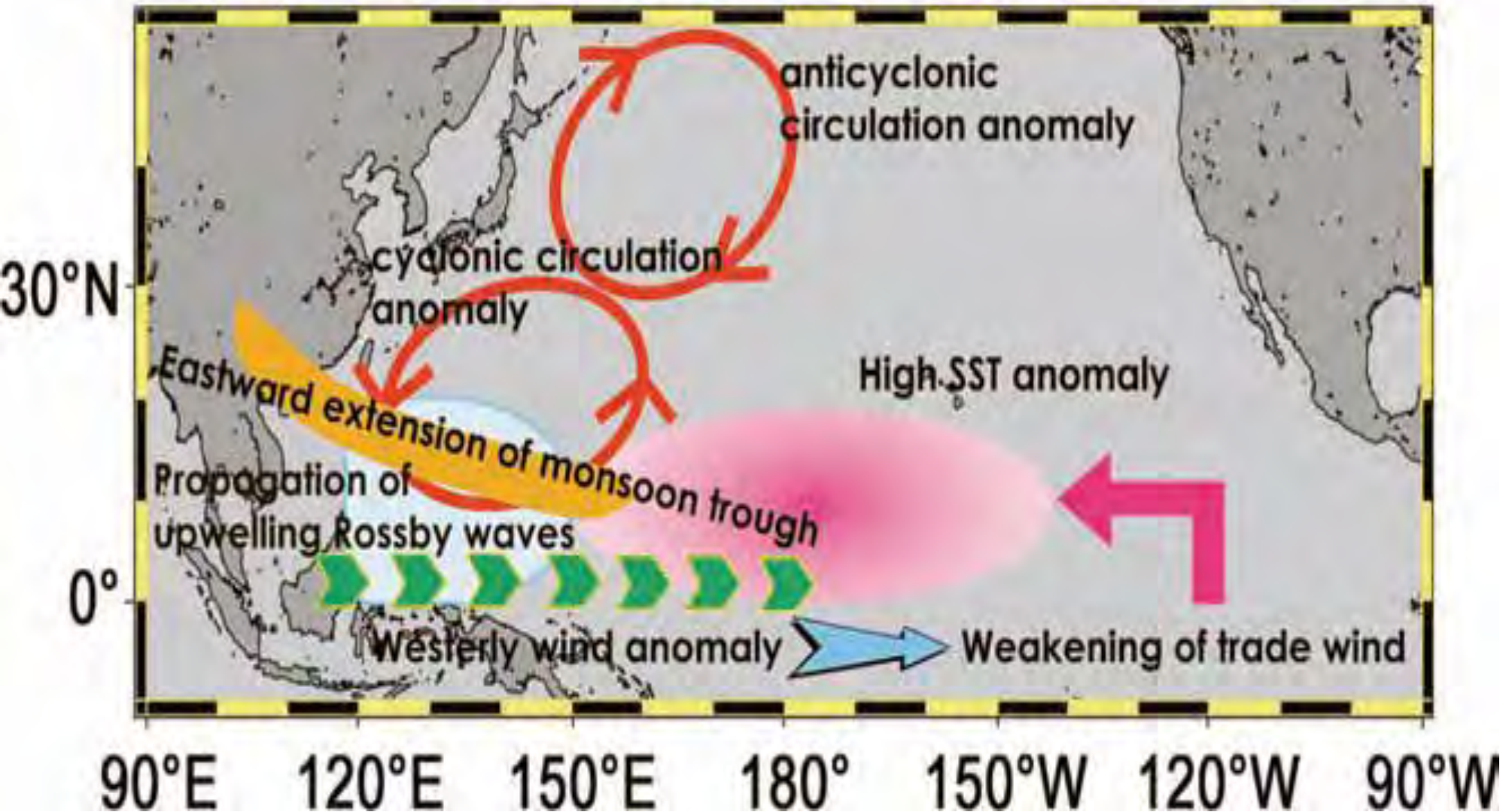
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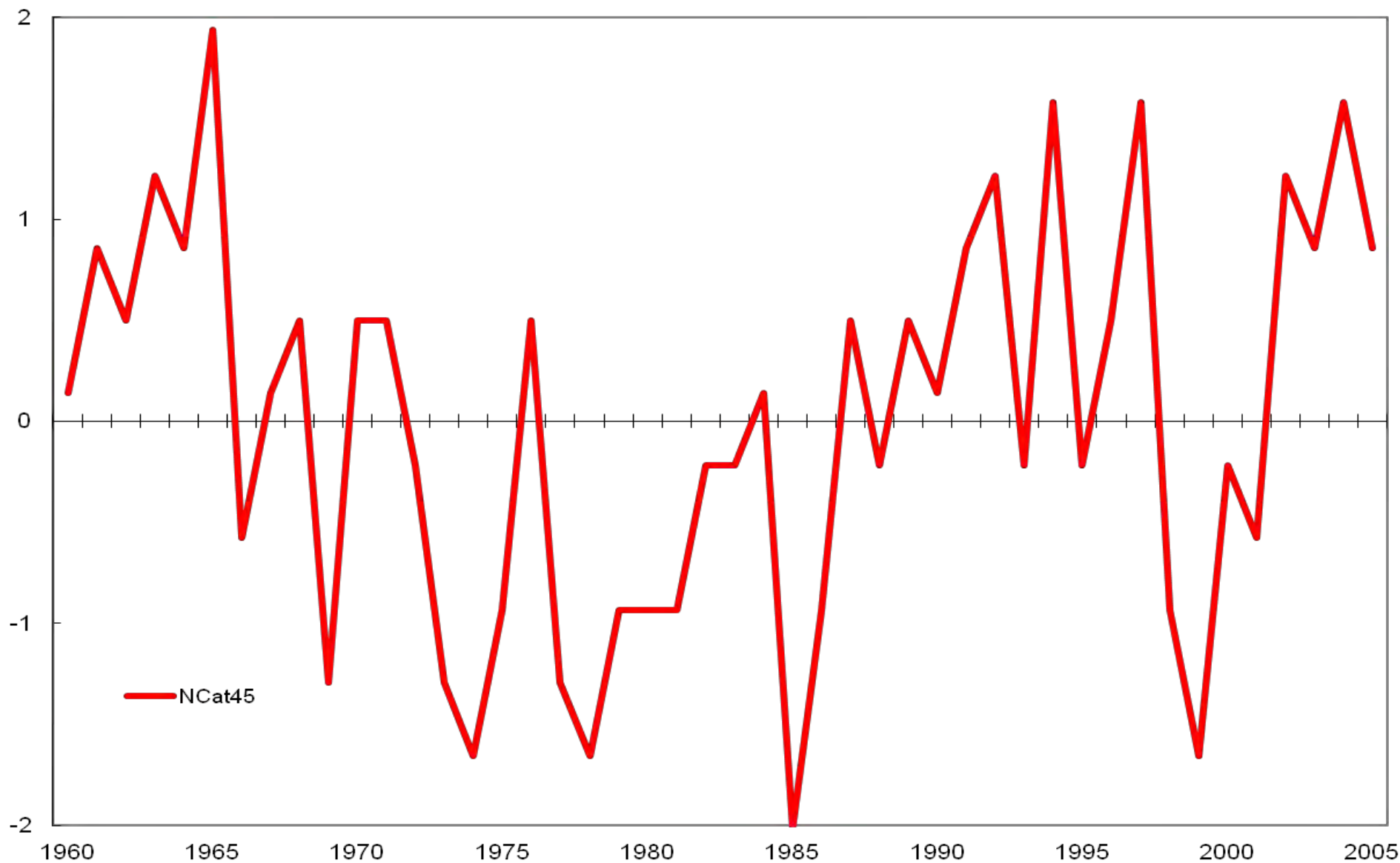


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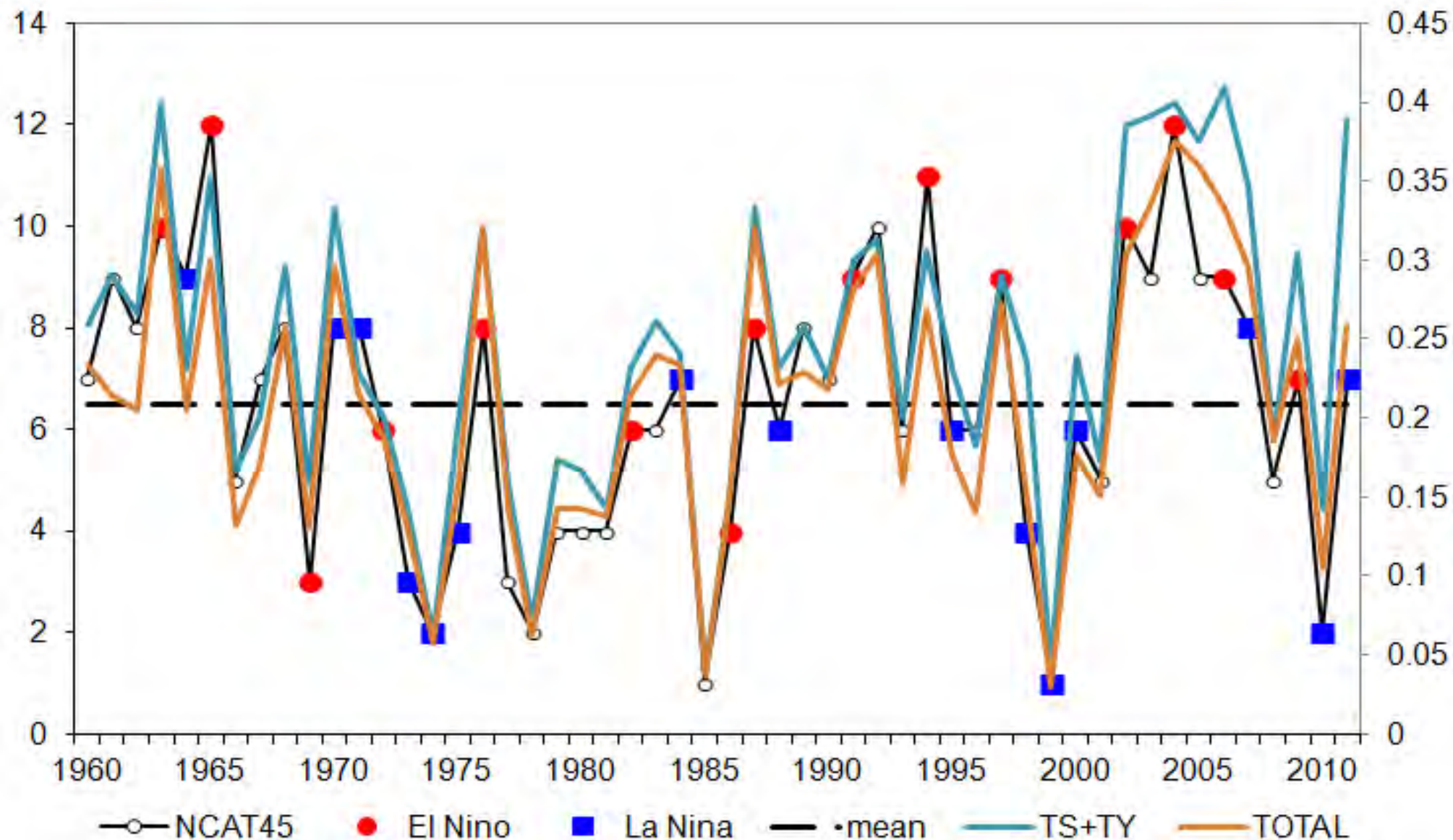
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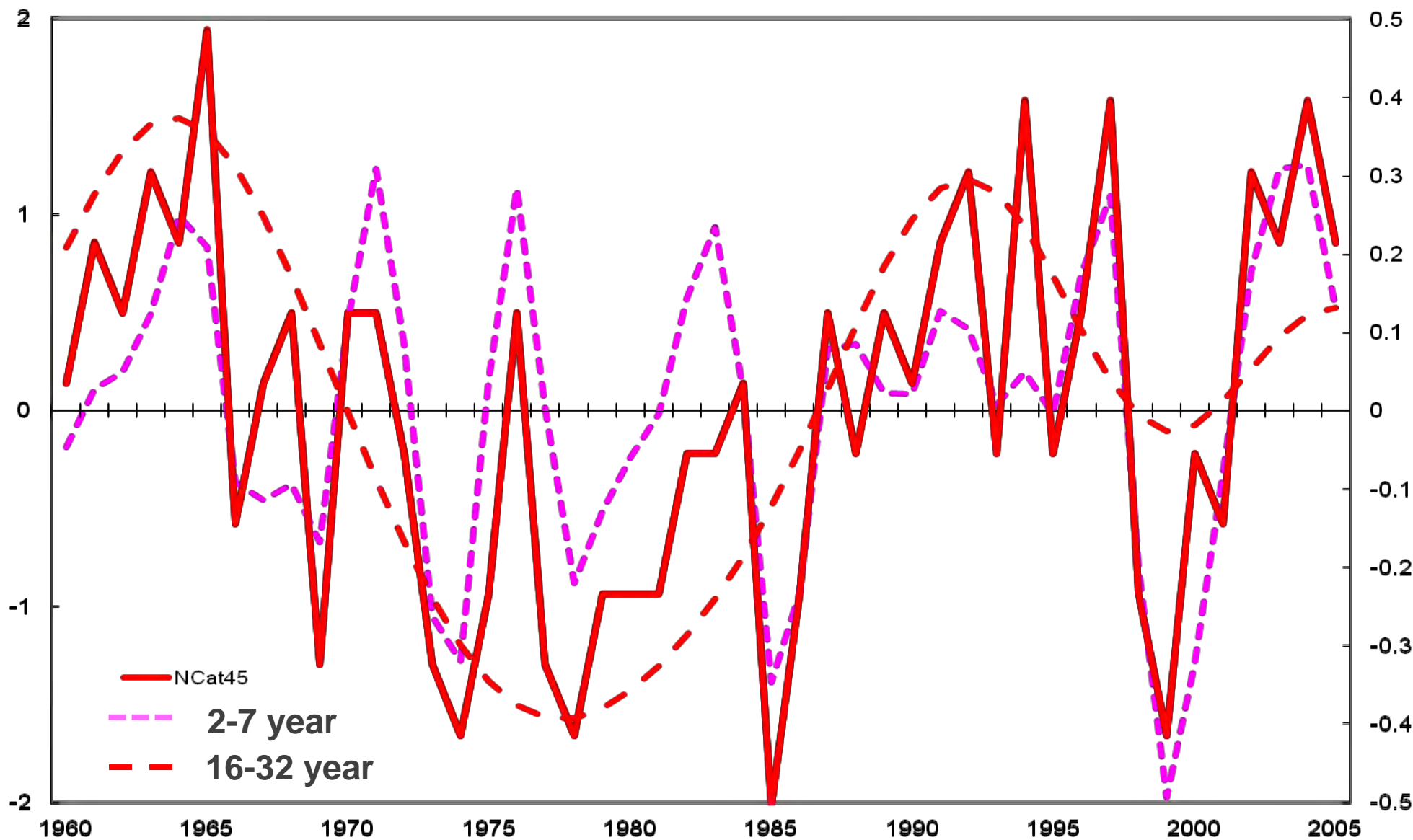
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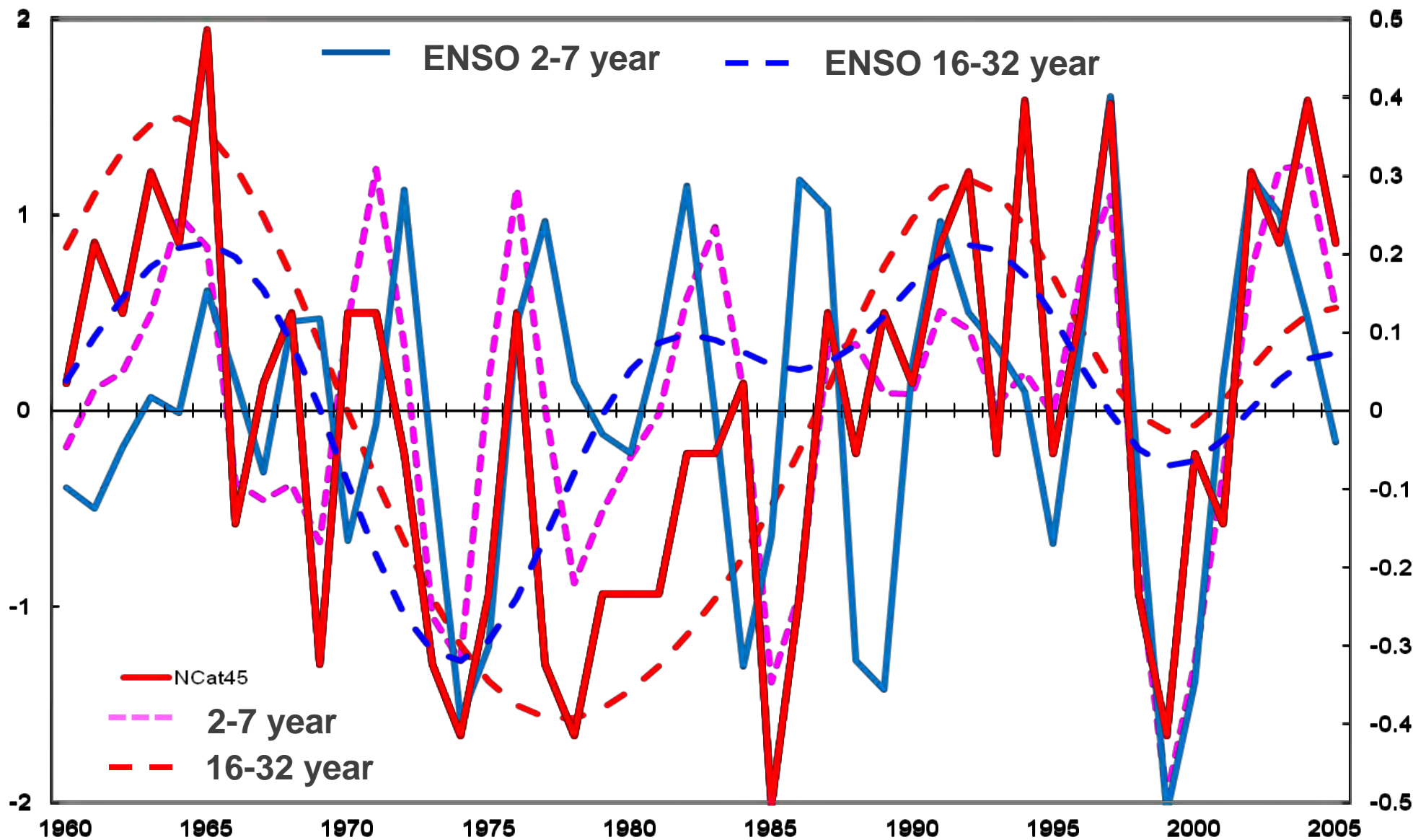
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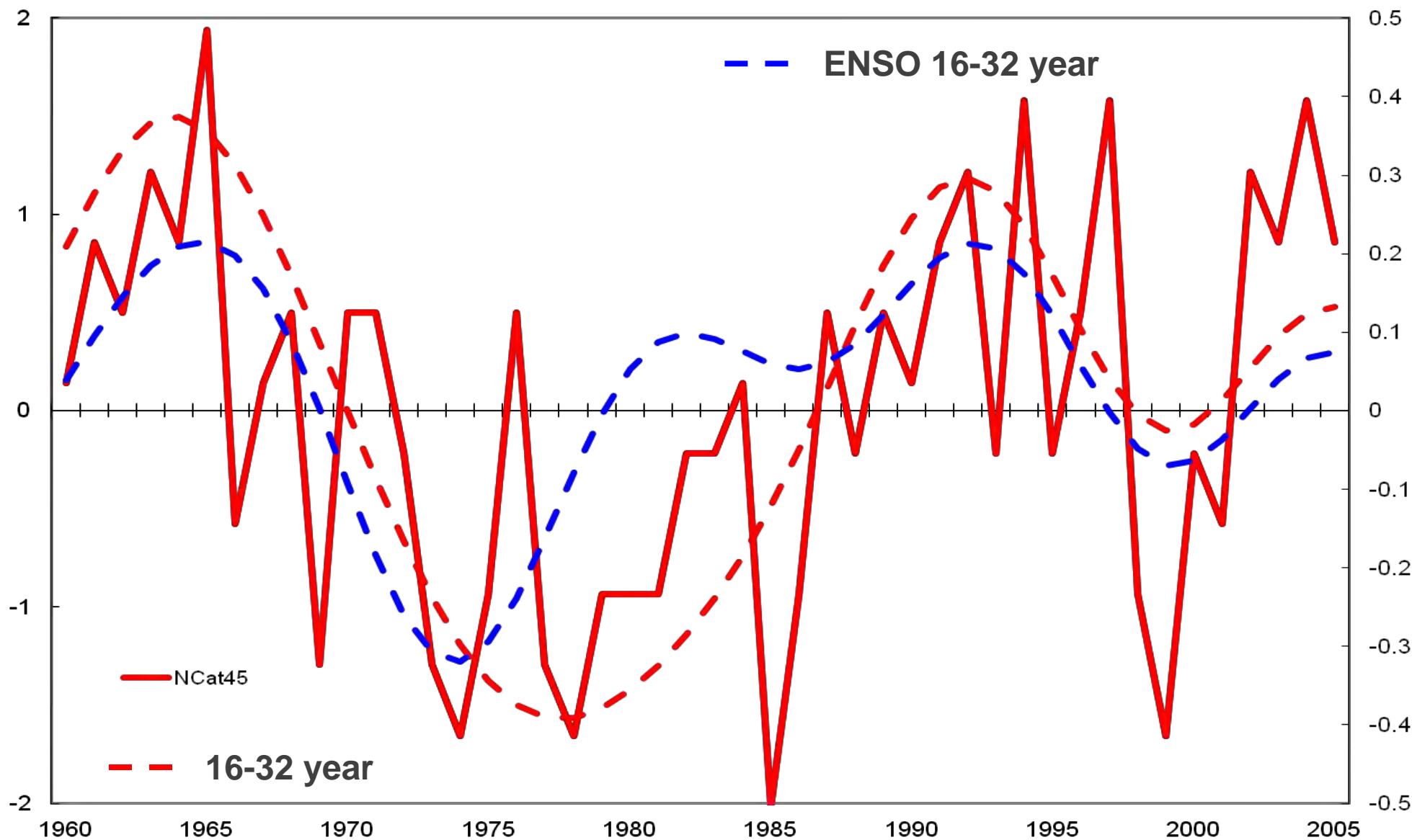
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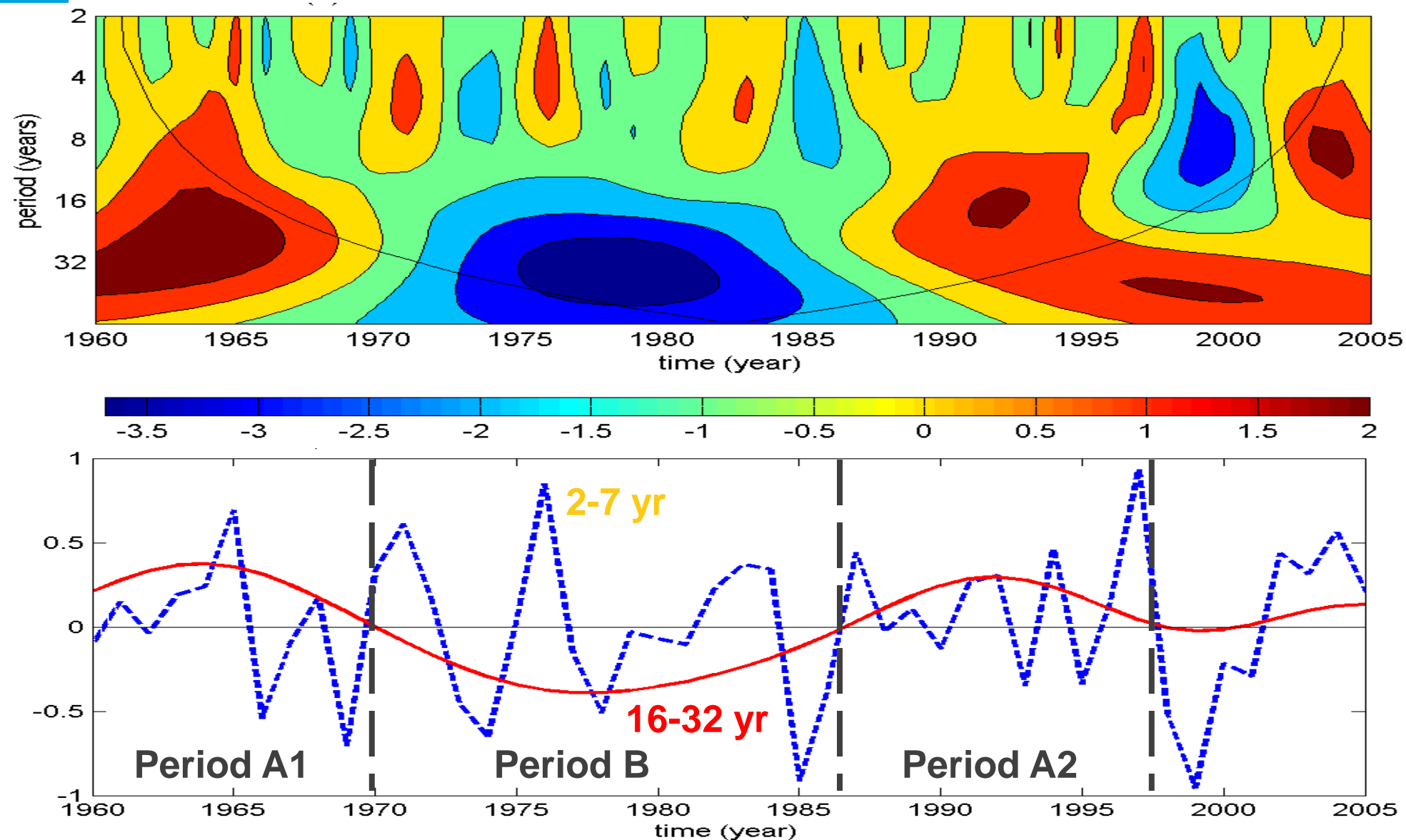
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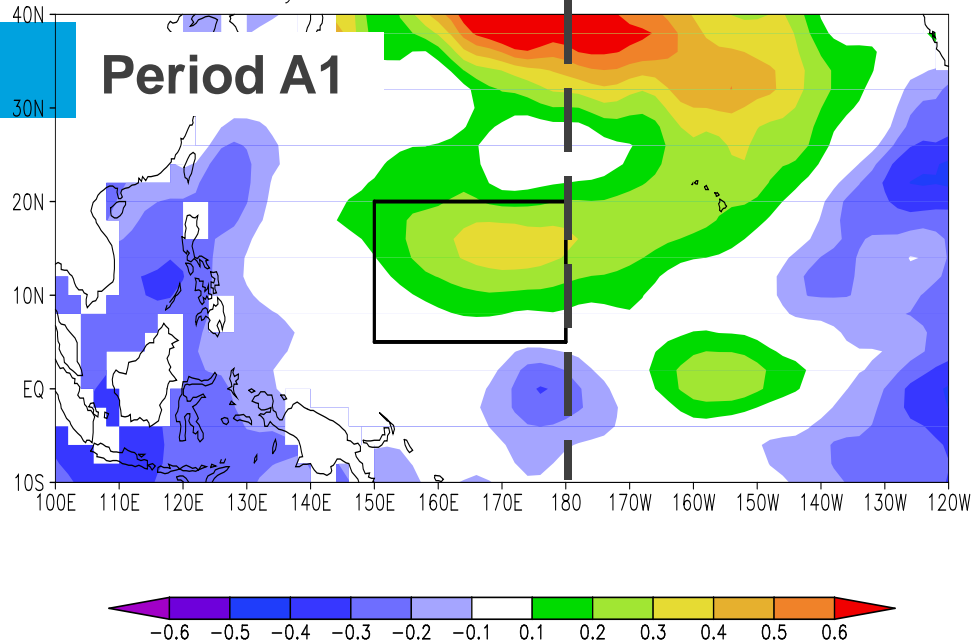
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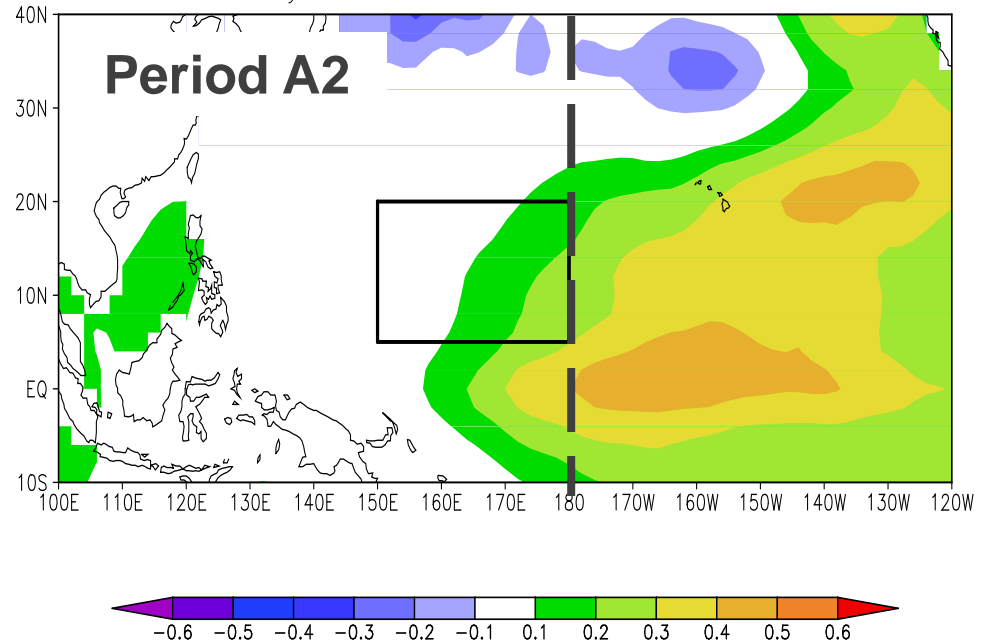
Wavelet Analysis of Intense Typhoon Occurrence Frequency



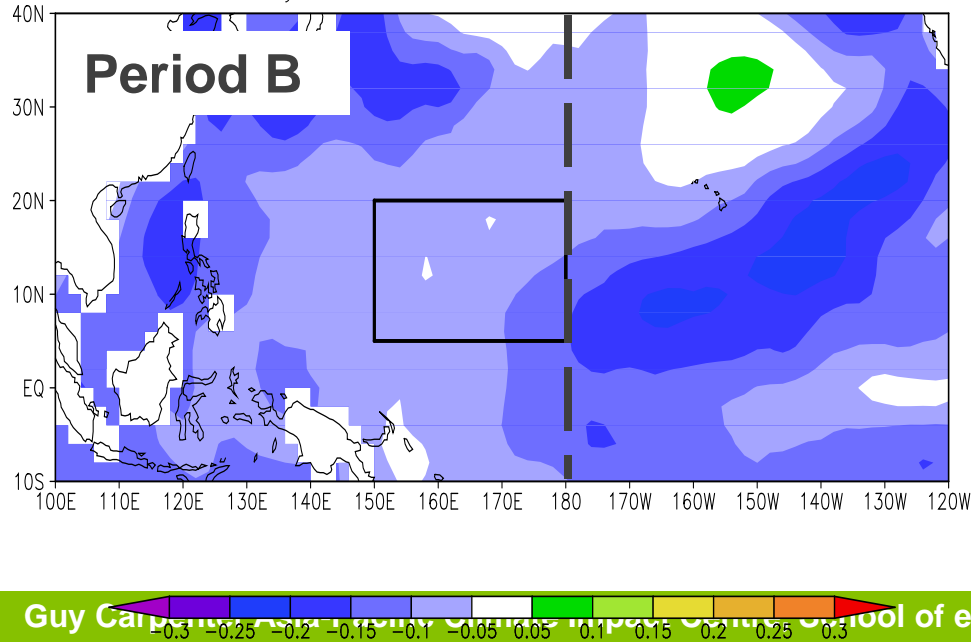
May–Nov SST anomalies 1960–70



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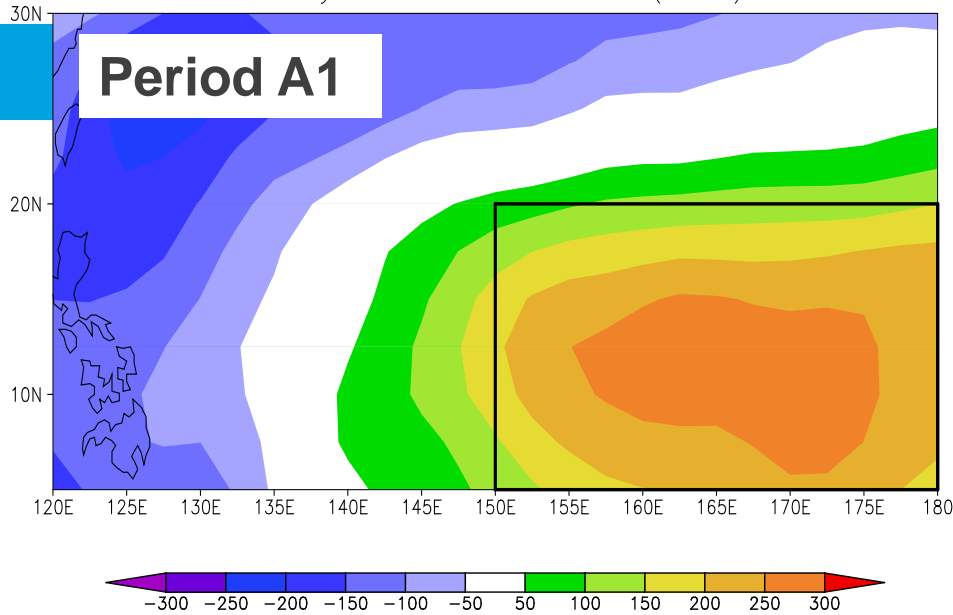


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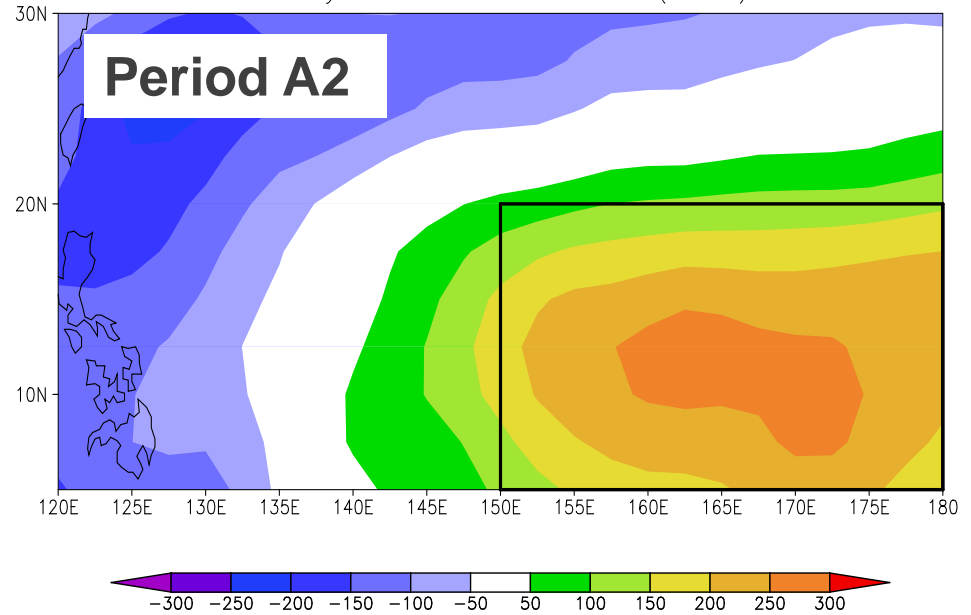


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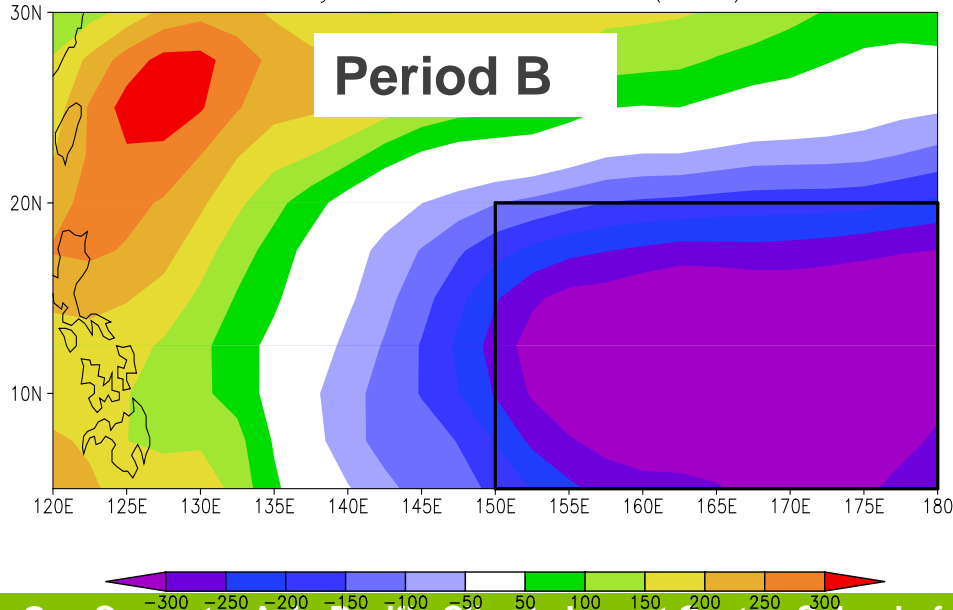
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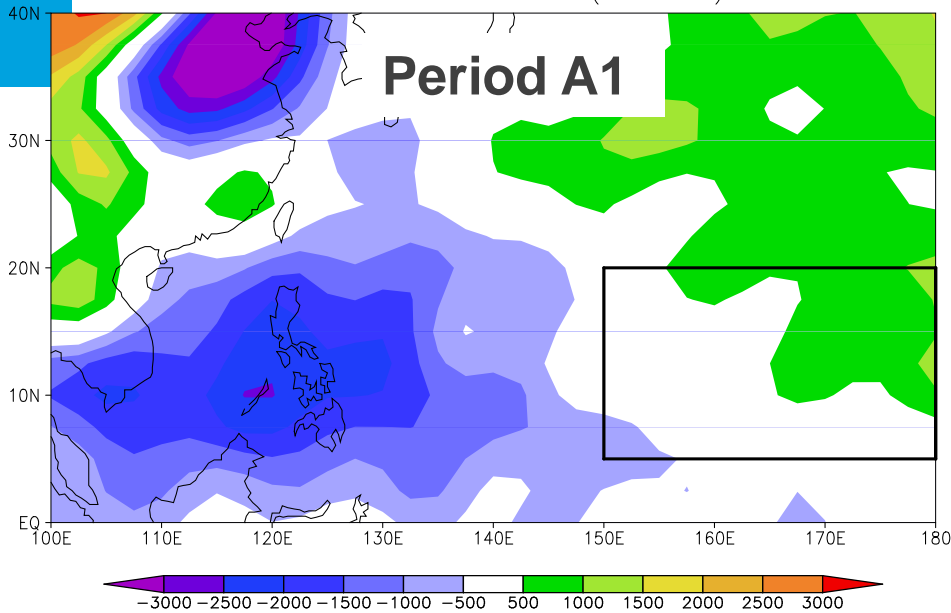


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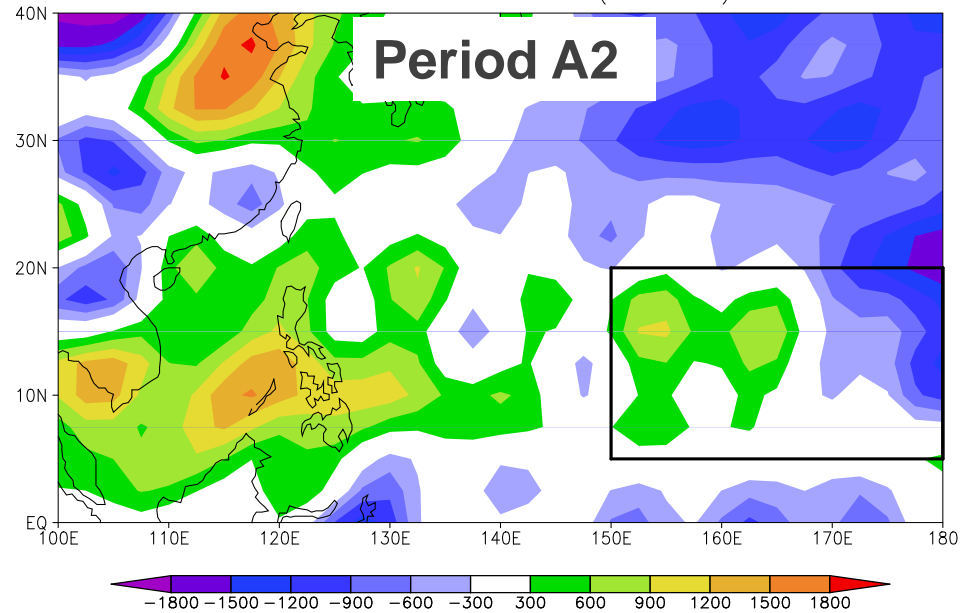


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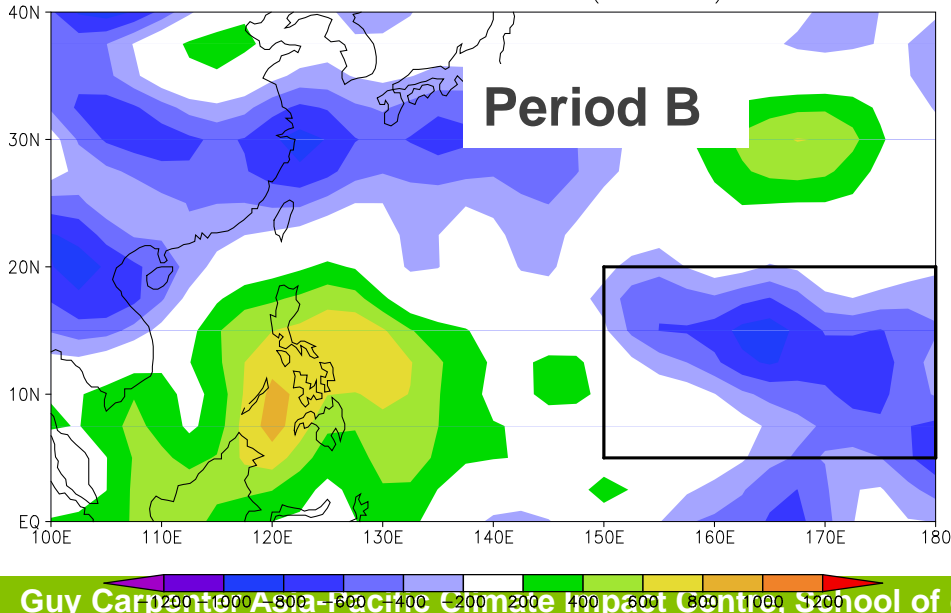
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1000hPa minus 600hPa (1960–70)



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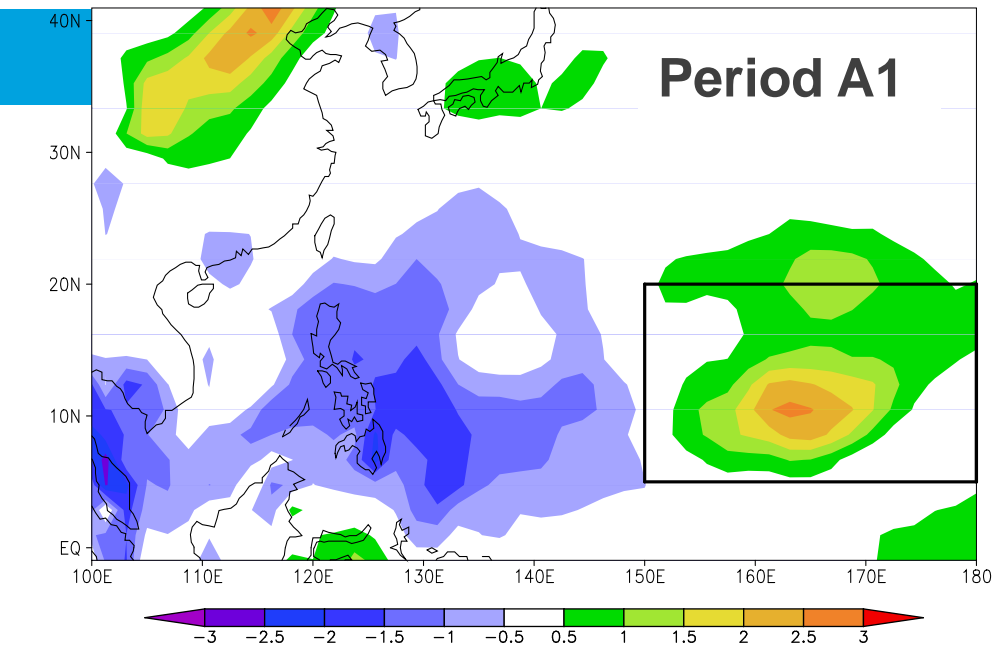


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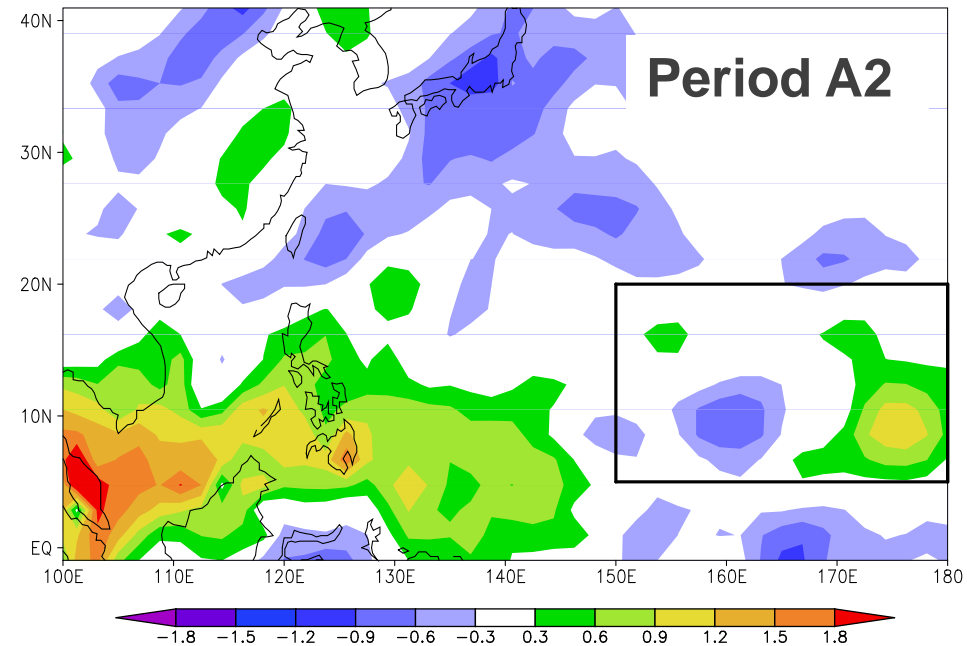


**Vertical Gradient of
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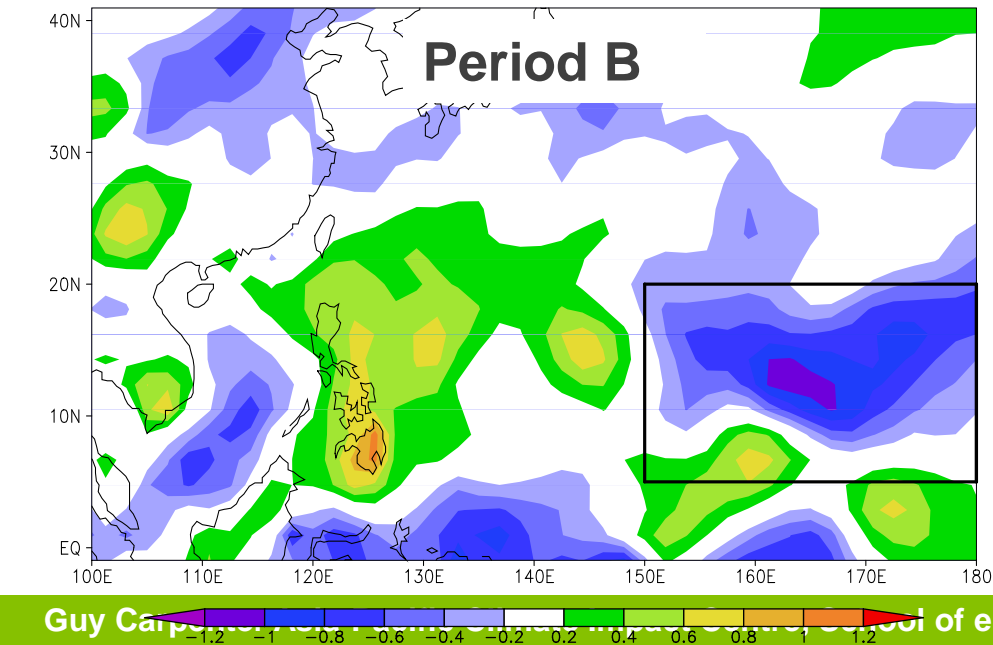
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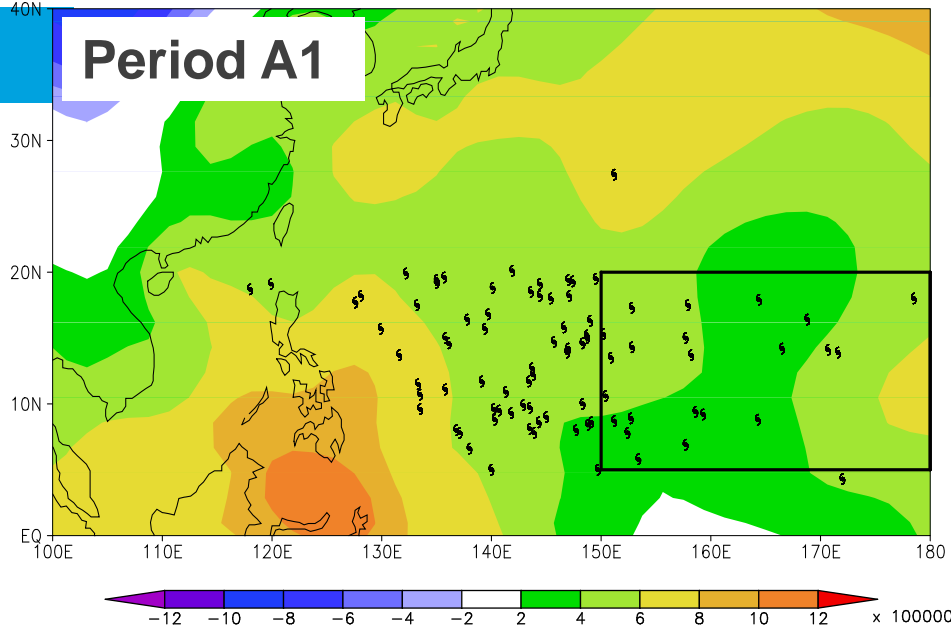


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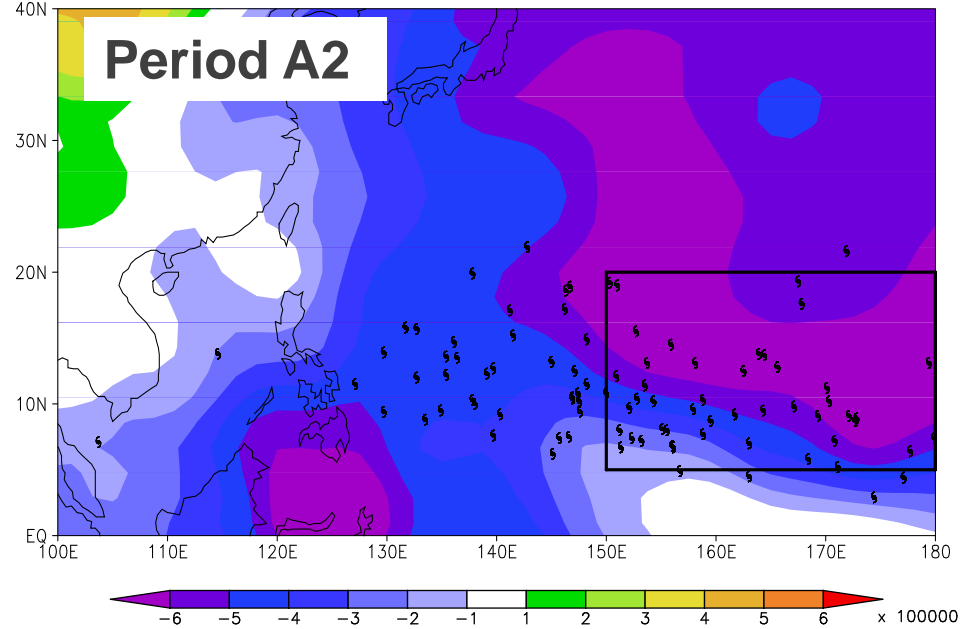


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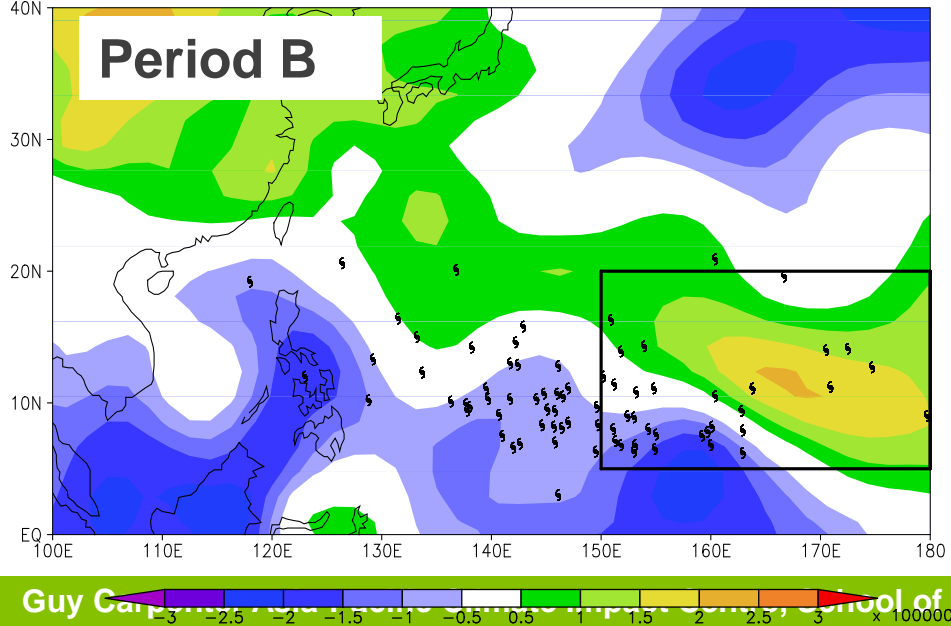
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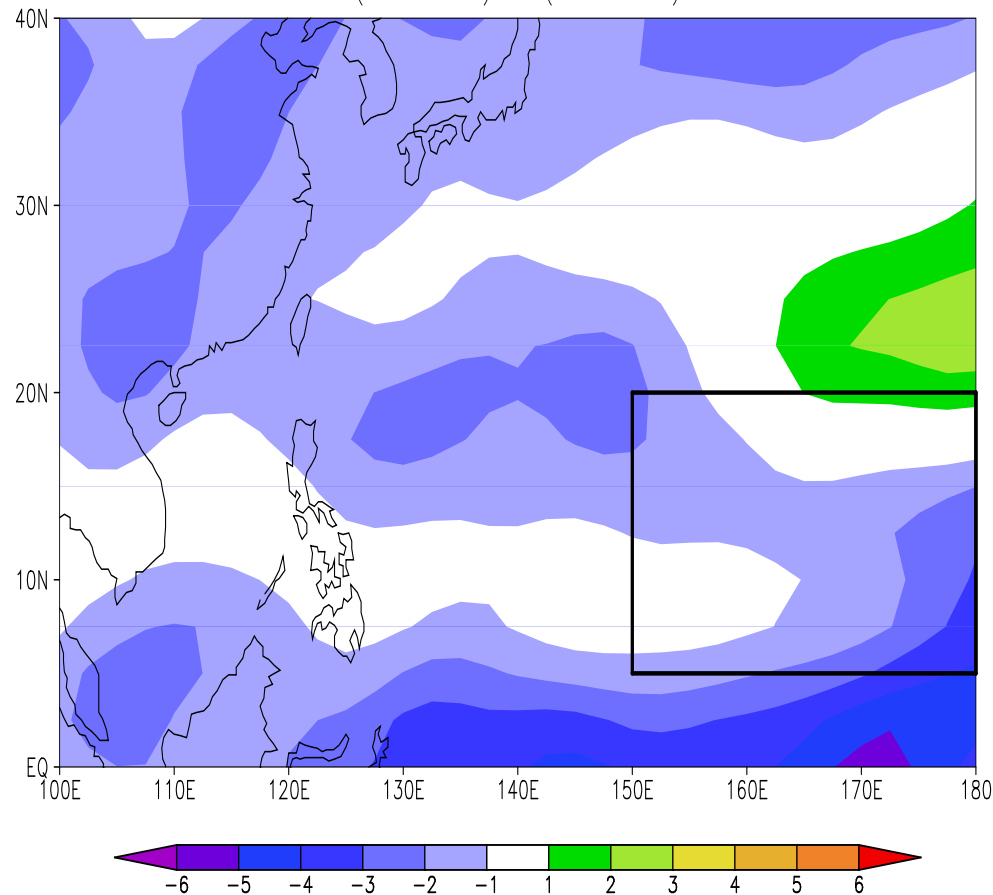


Lower Tropospheric Streamfunction Anomalies

200-hPa minus 850-hPa Zonal Wind Shear

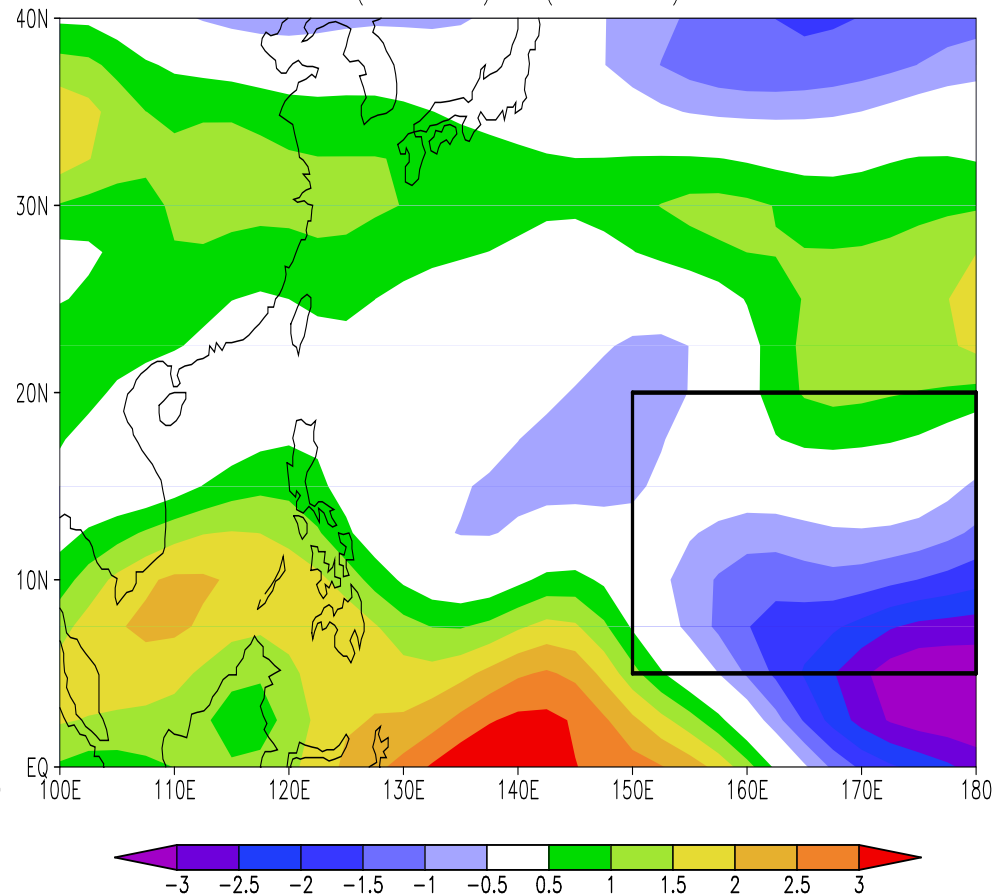
Period A1 minus Period B

May–Nov 200–850 hPa zonal wind shear
(1960–70) – (1971–86)

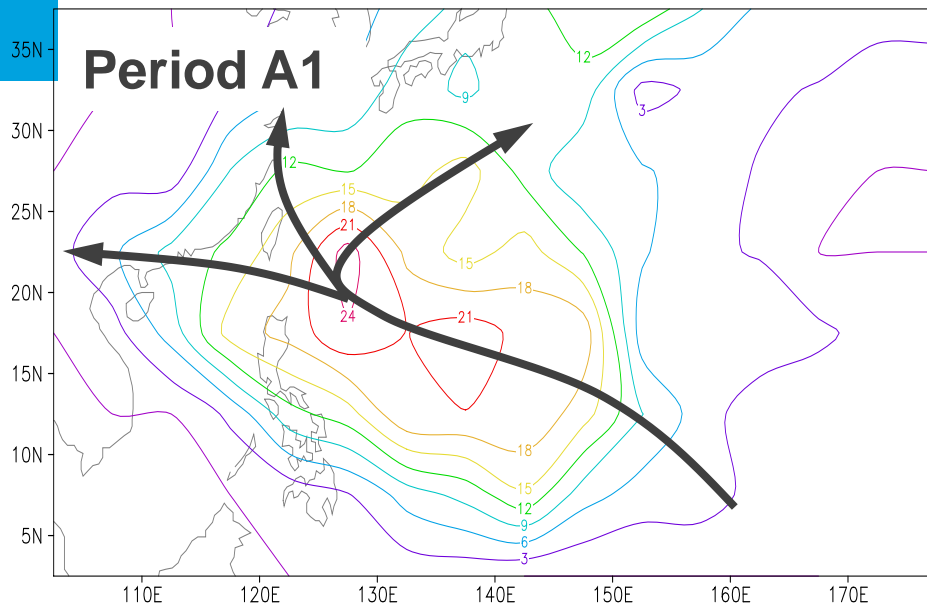


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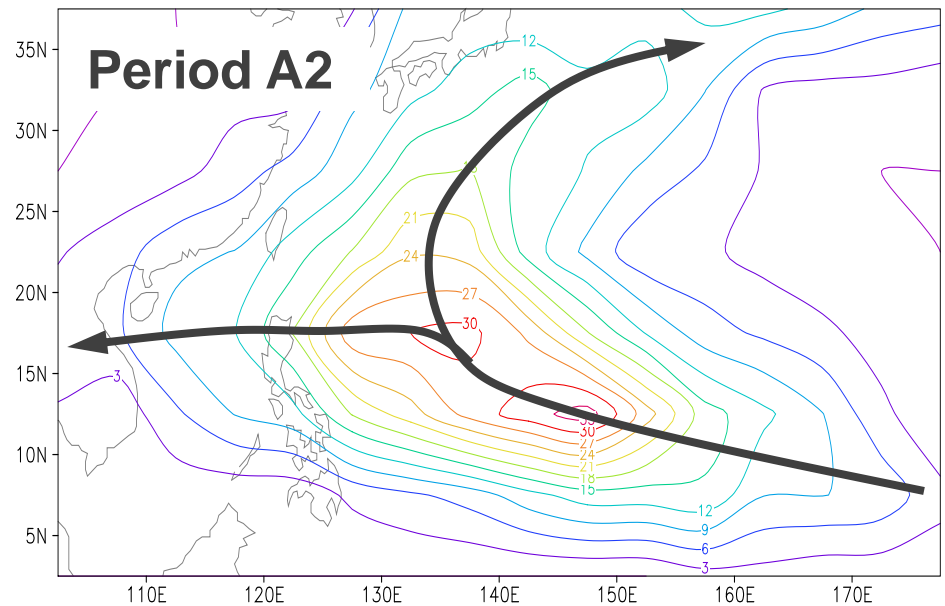
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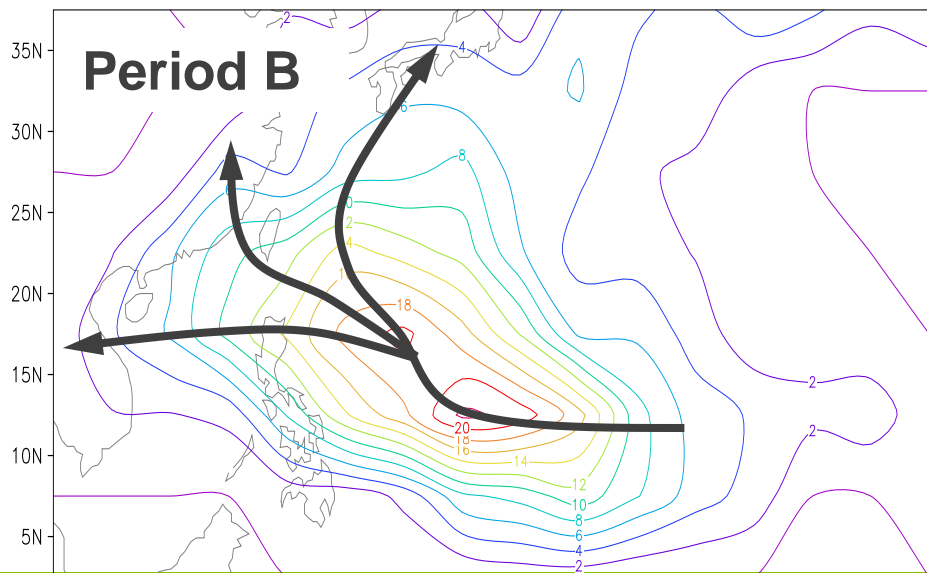
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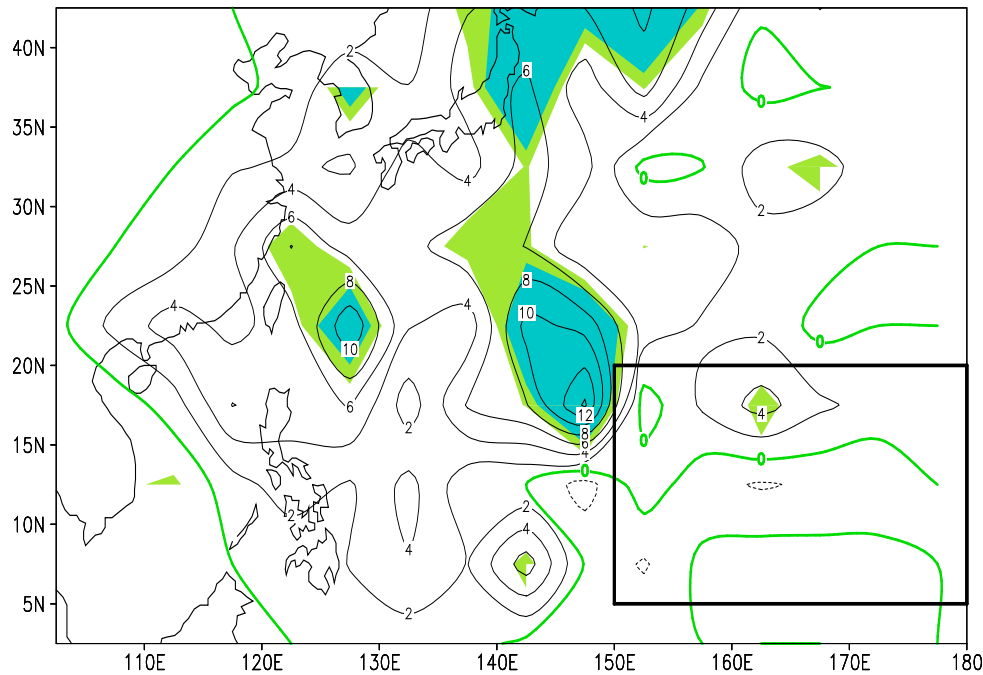


Frequency of Occurrence of Intense Typhoons

Difference in the Frequency of Occurrence of Intense Typhoons

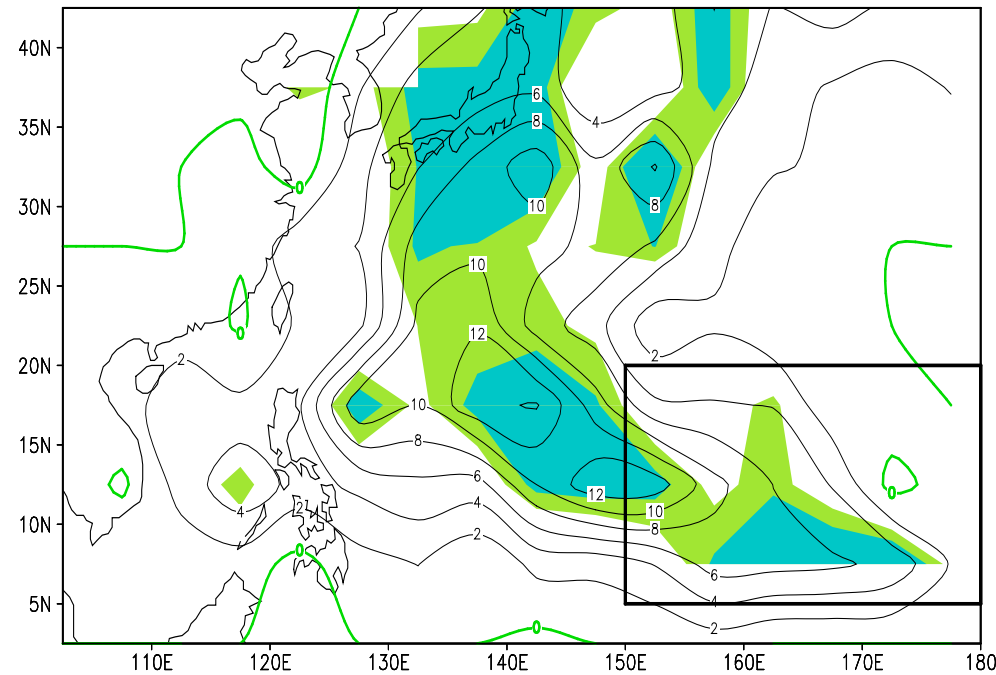
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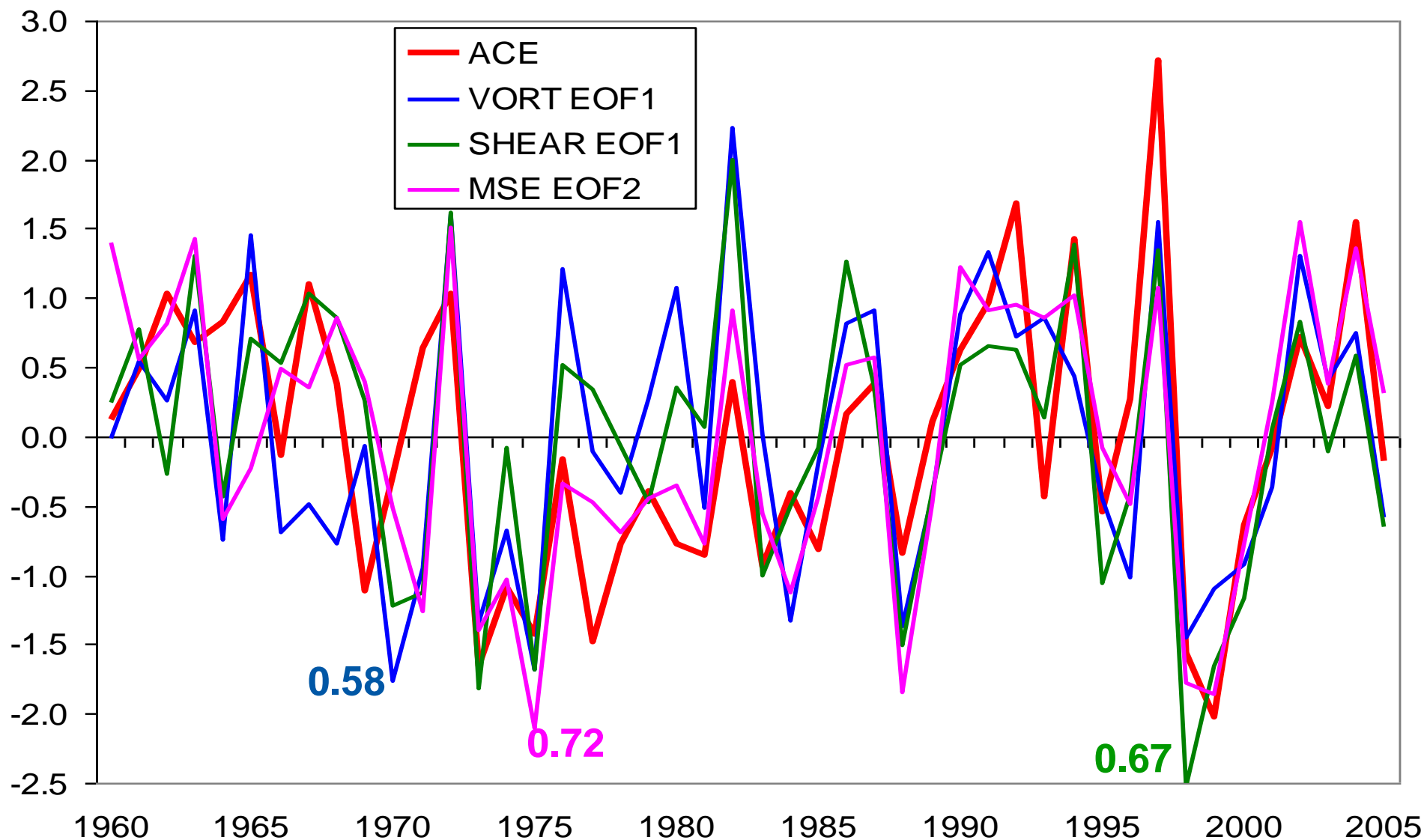
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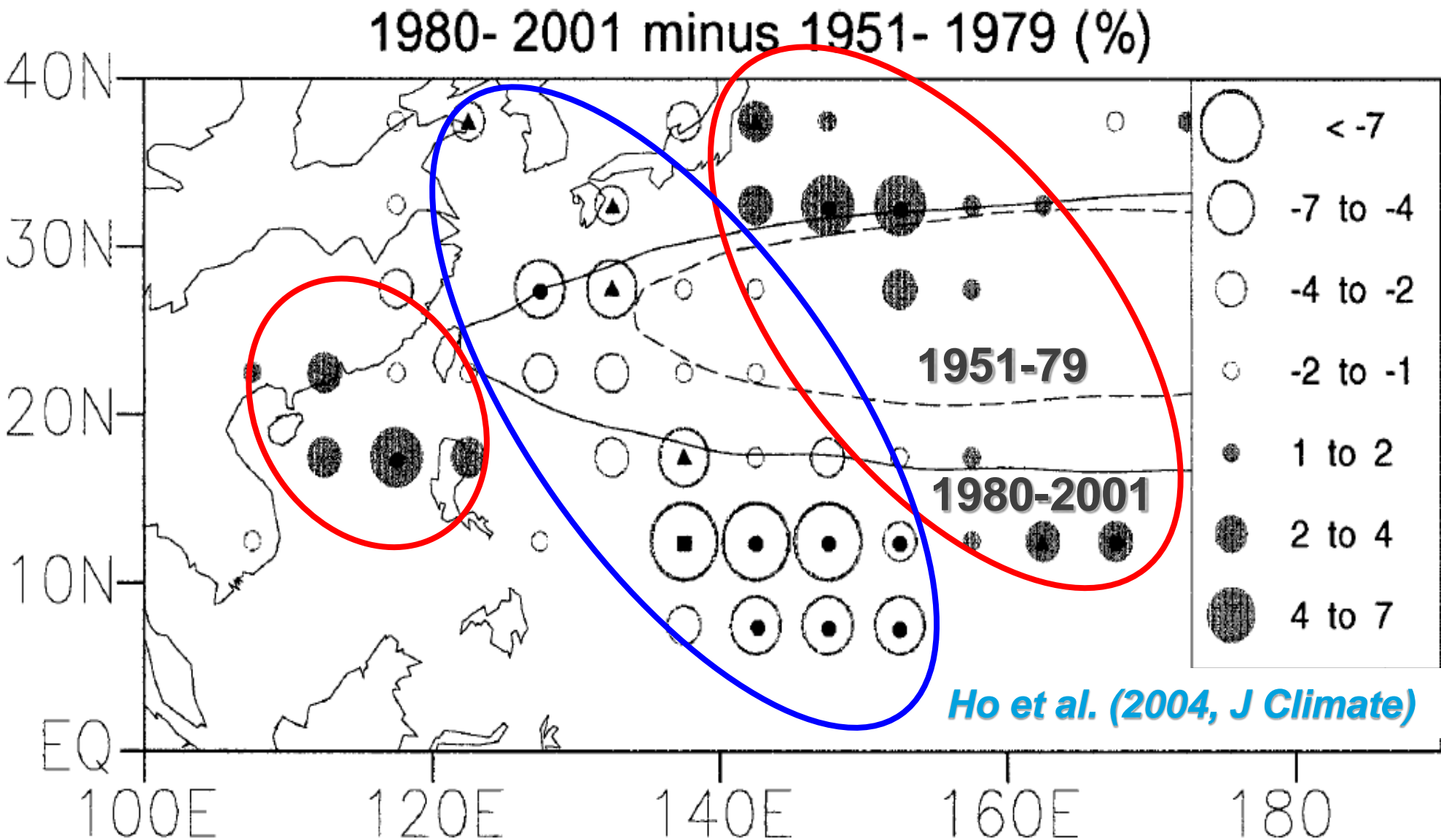
Blue shading: 95%

Green shading: 90%

ACE vs. VORT, SHEAR and MSE

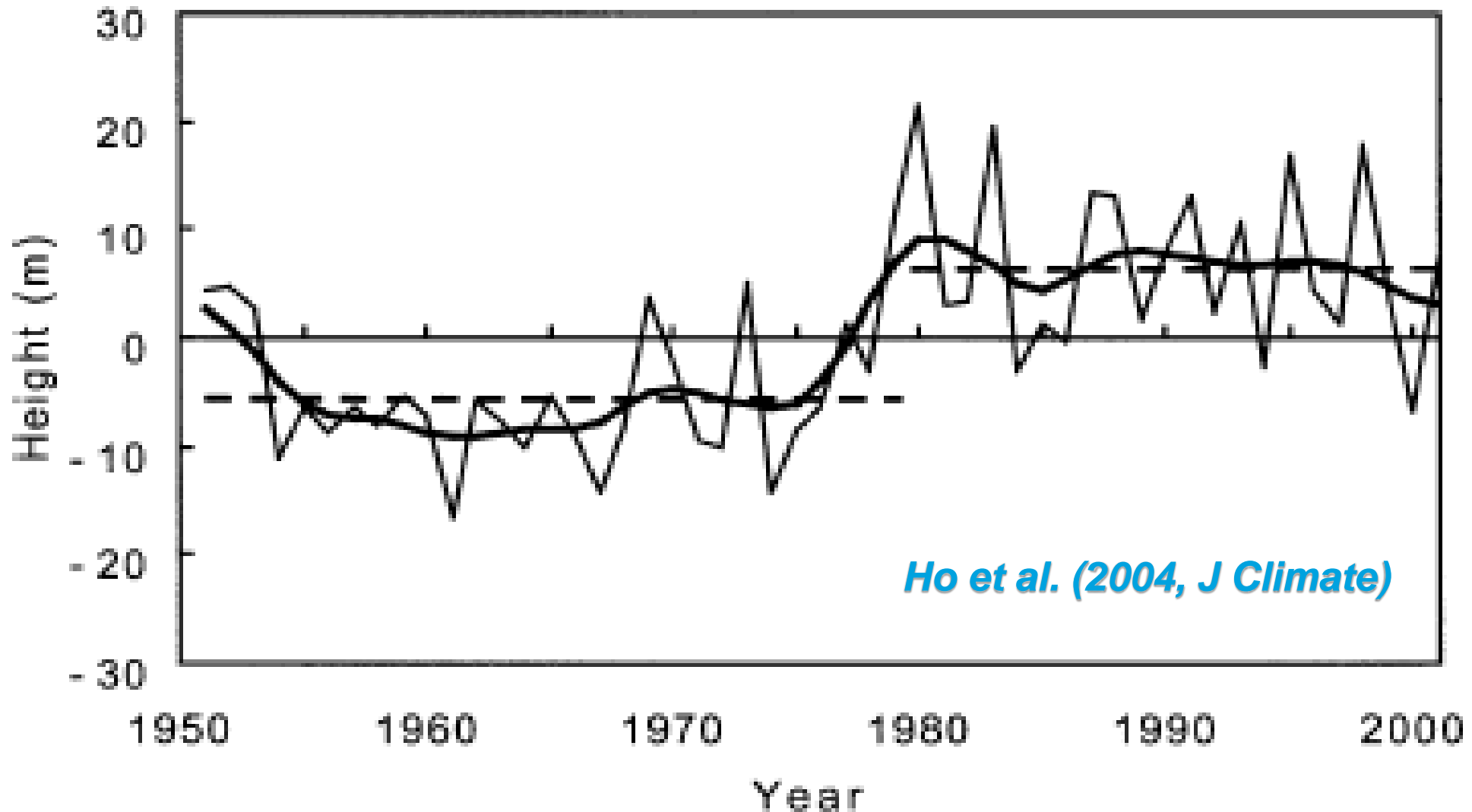


Difference in Typhoon Passage Frequency (JJAS)



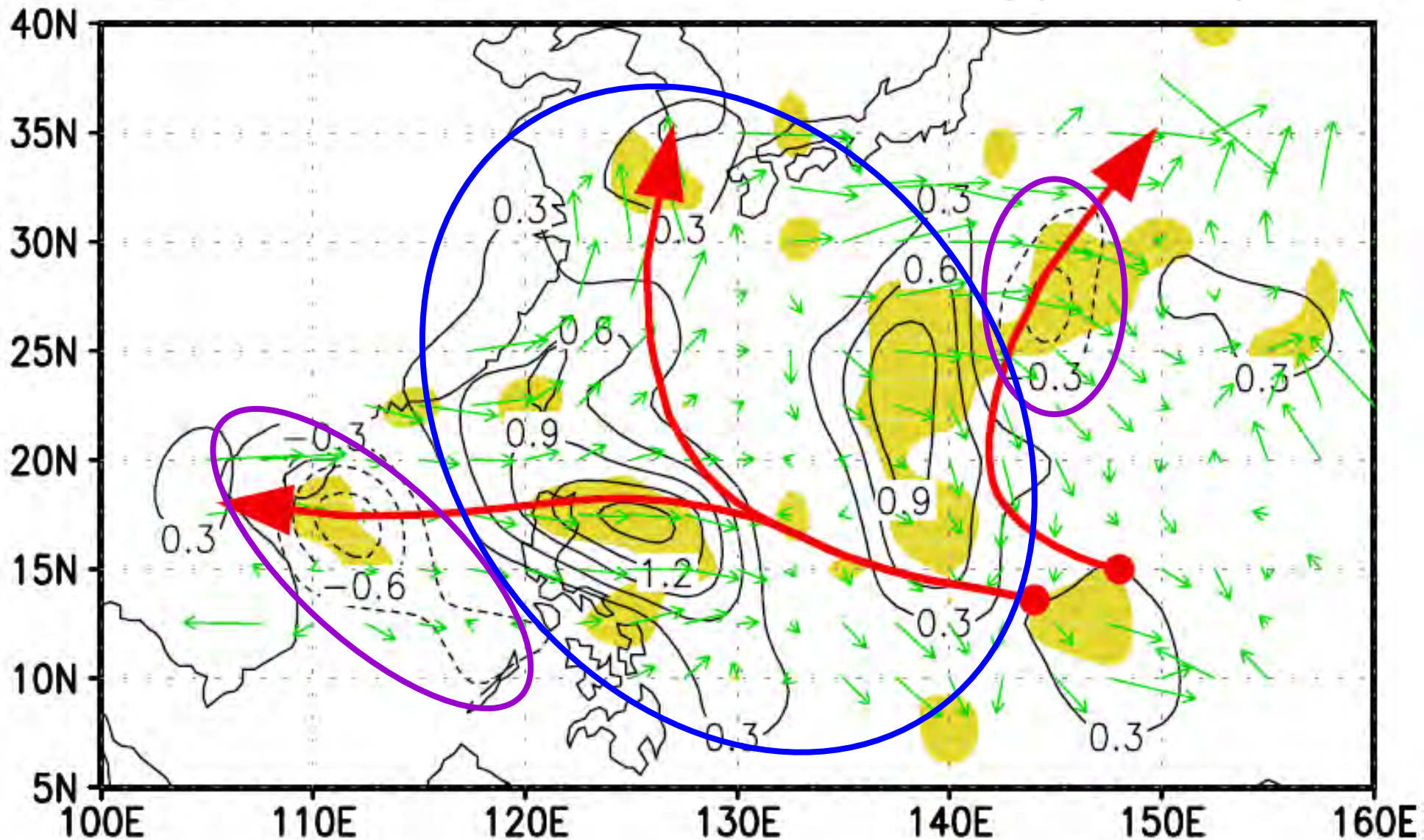
JJAS 500-hPa Height Anomaly (20-25°N, 125-140°E)

500 hPa Height Anomaly



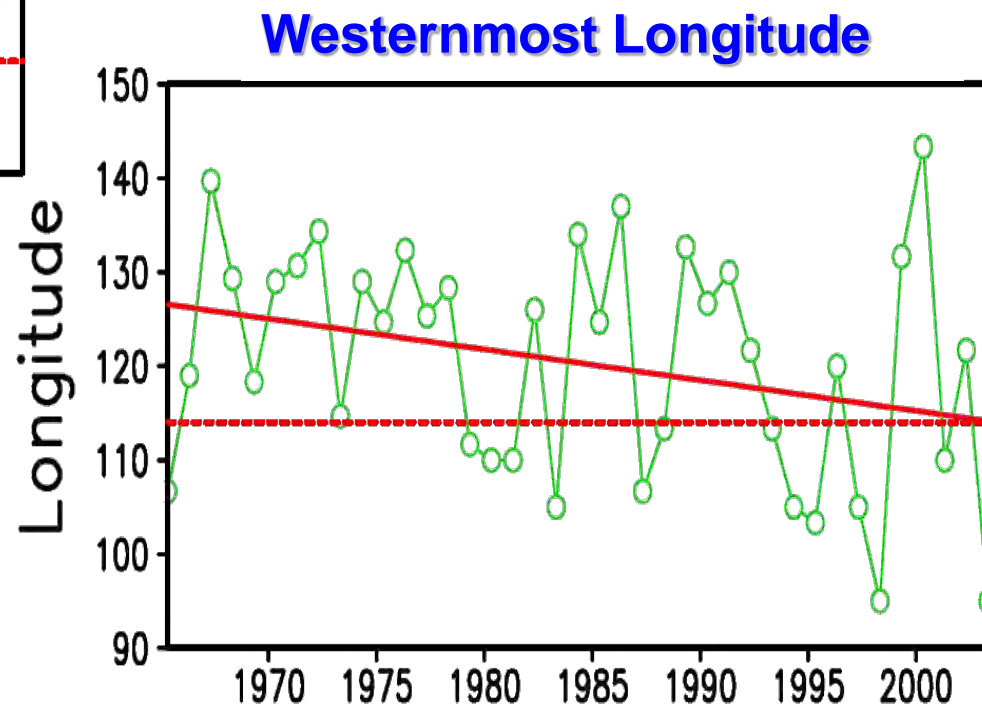
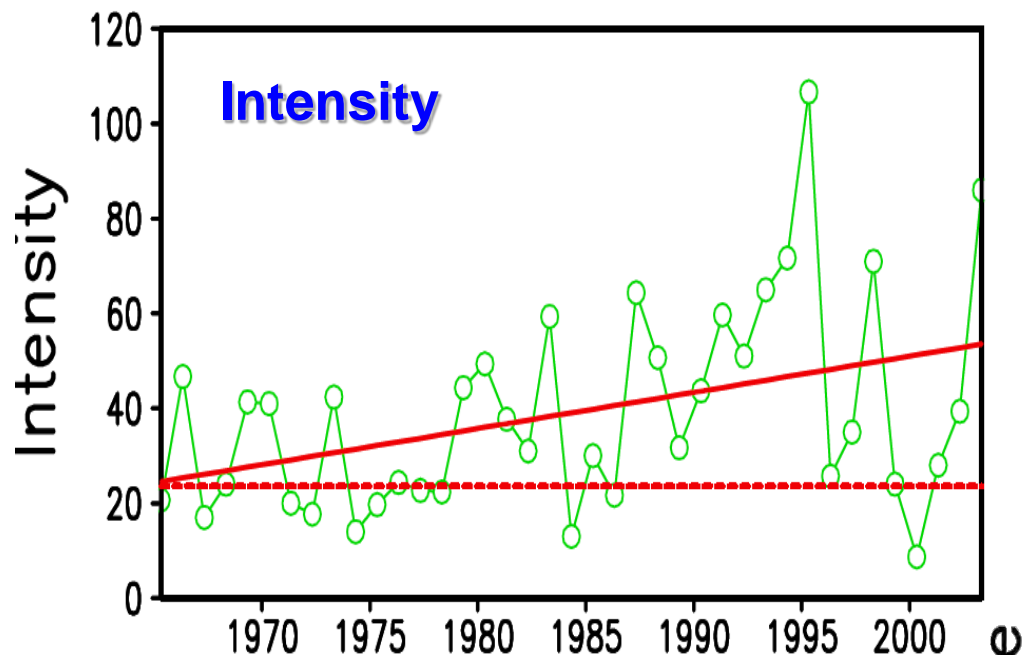
Difference in Typhoon Passage Frequency (JJASO) 1965-83 minus 1984-2003

Wu and Wang (2005, GRL)



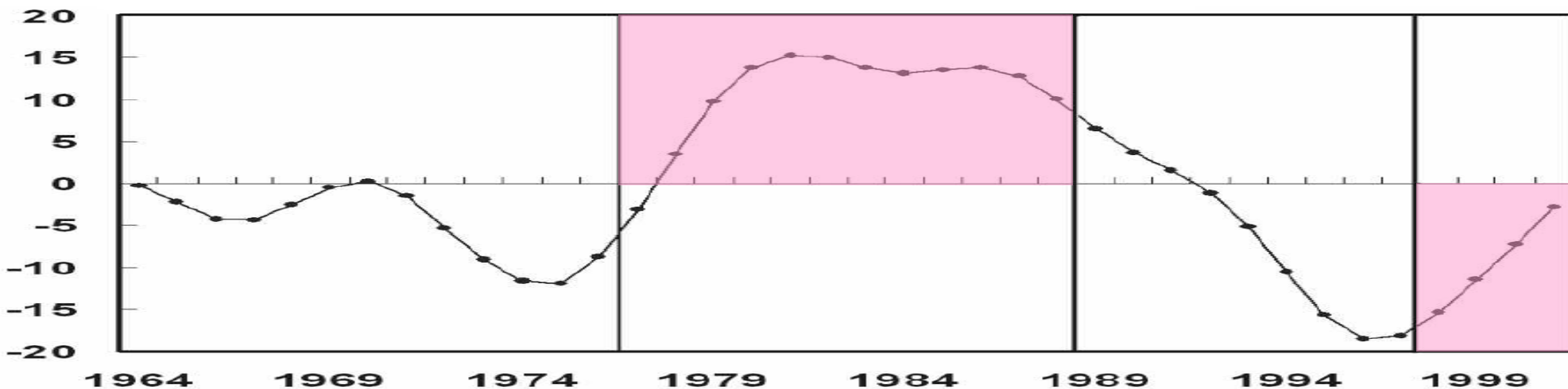
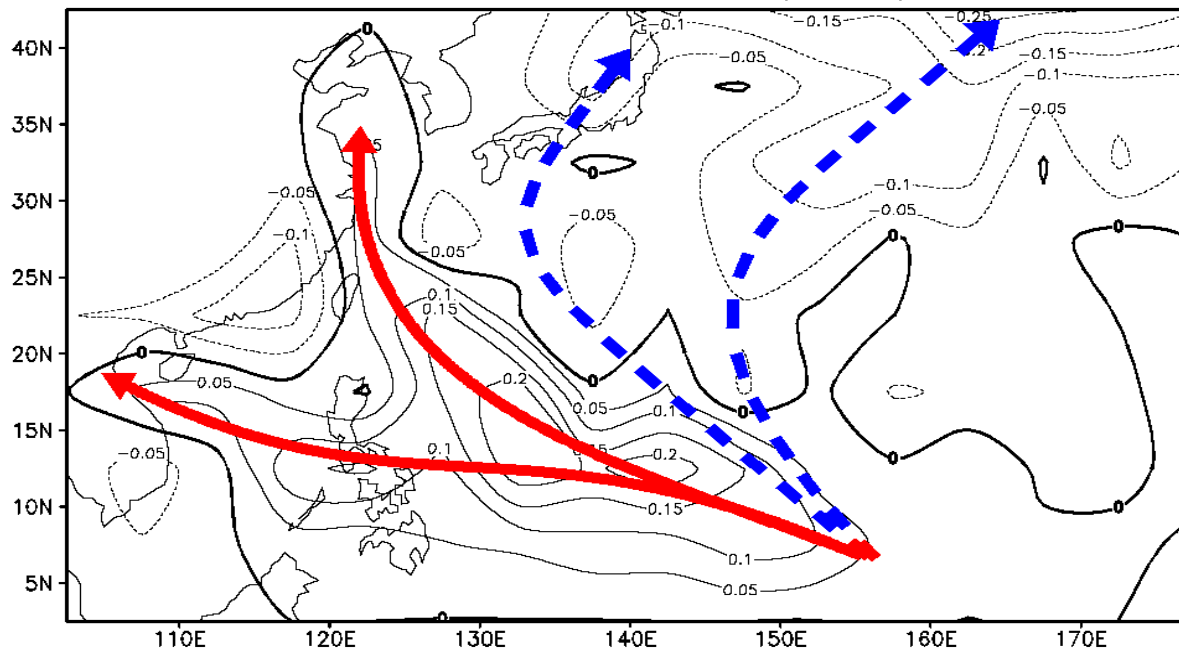
JJAS Subtropical High Intensity and Westernmost Longitude

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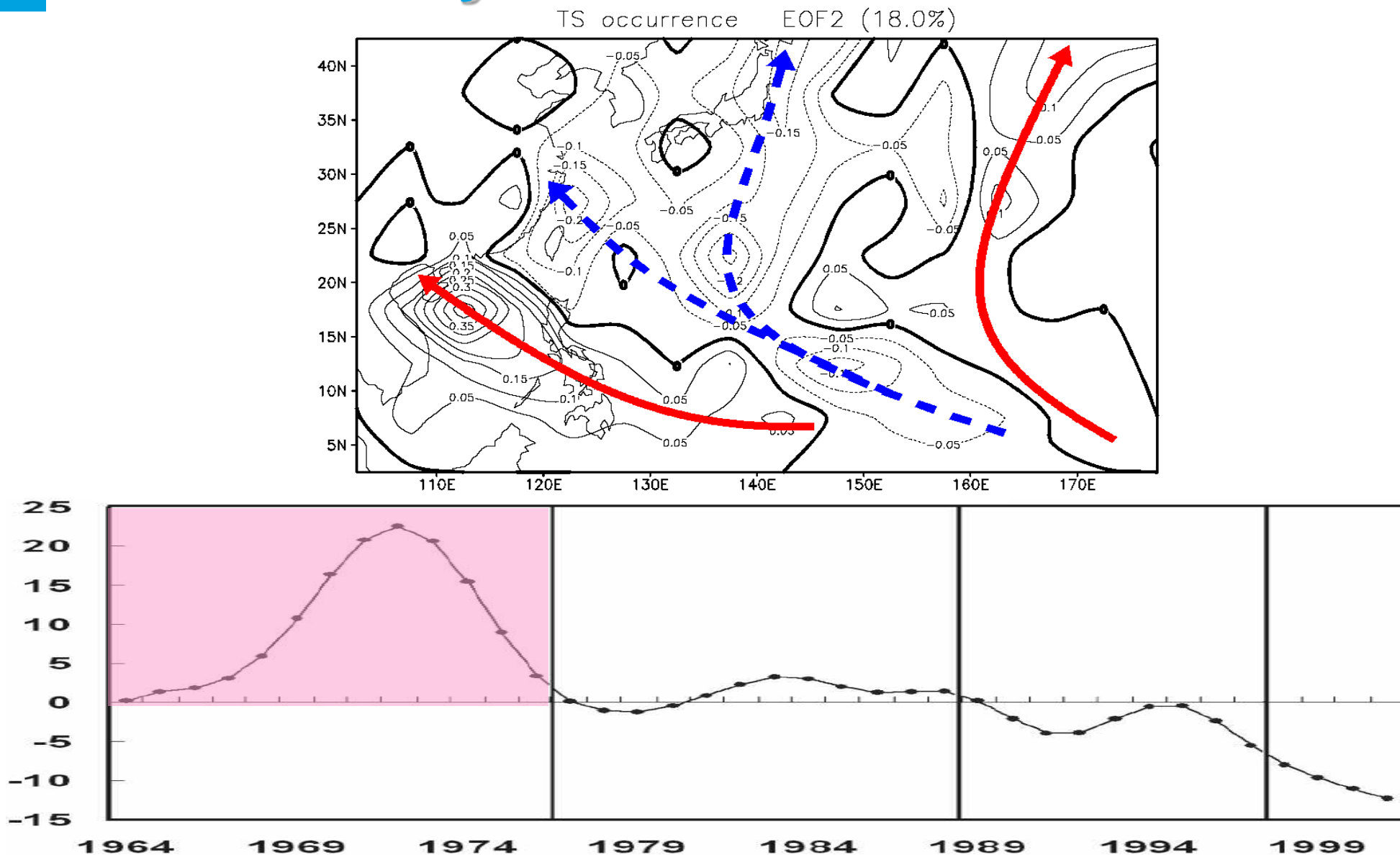


EOF1 of 10-year-filtered TC occurrence

TS occurrence EOF1 (25.8%)

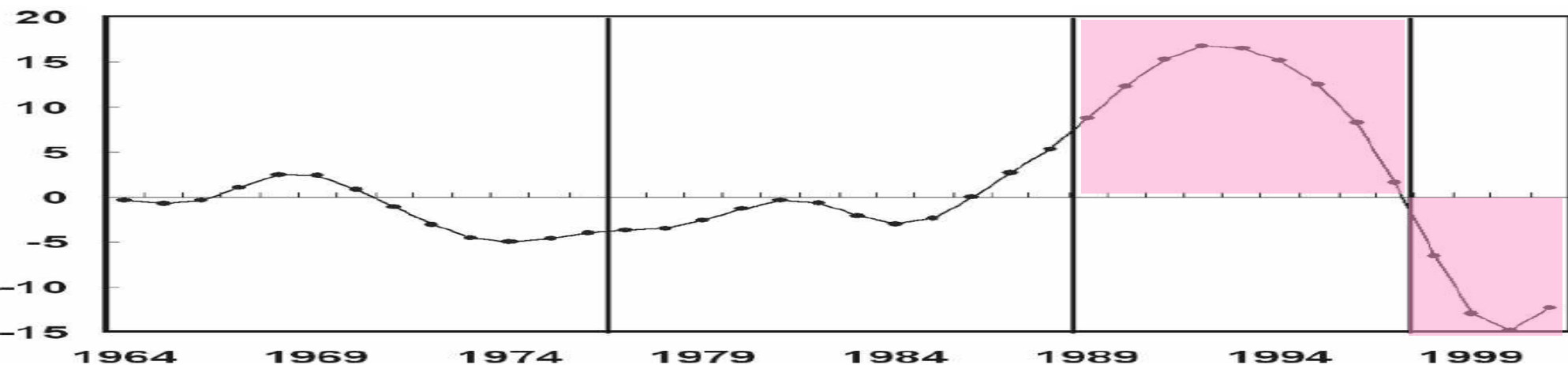
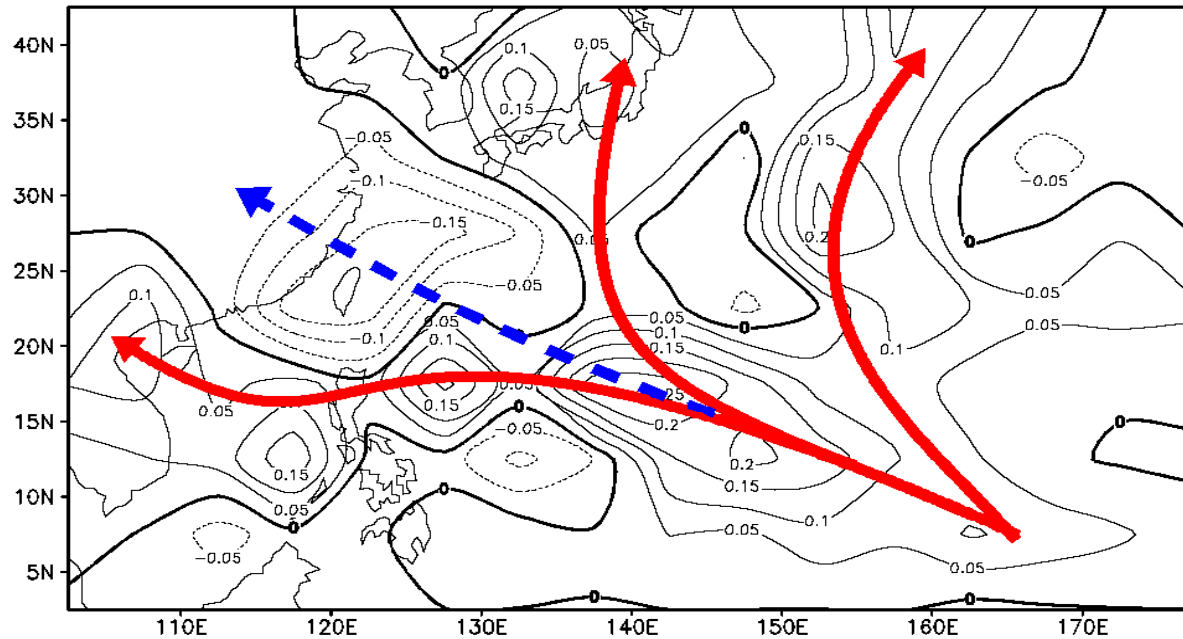


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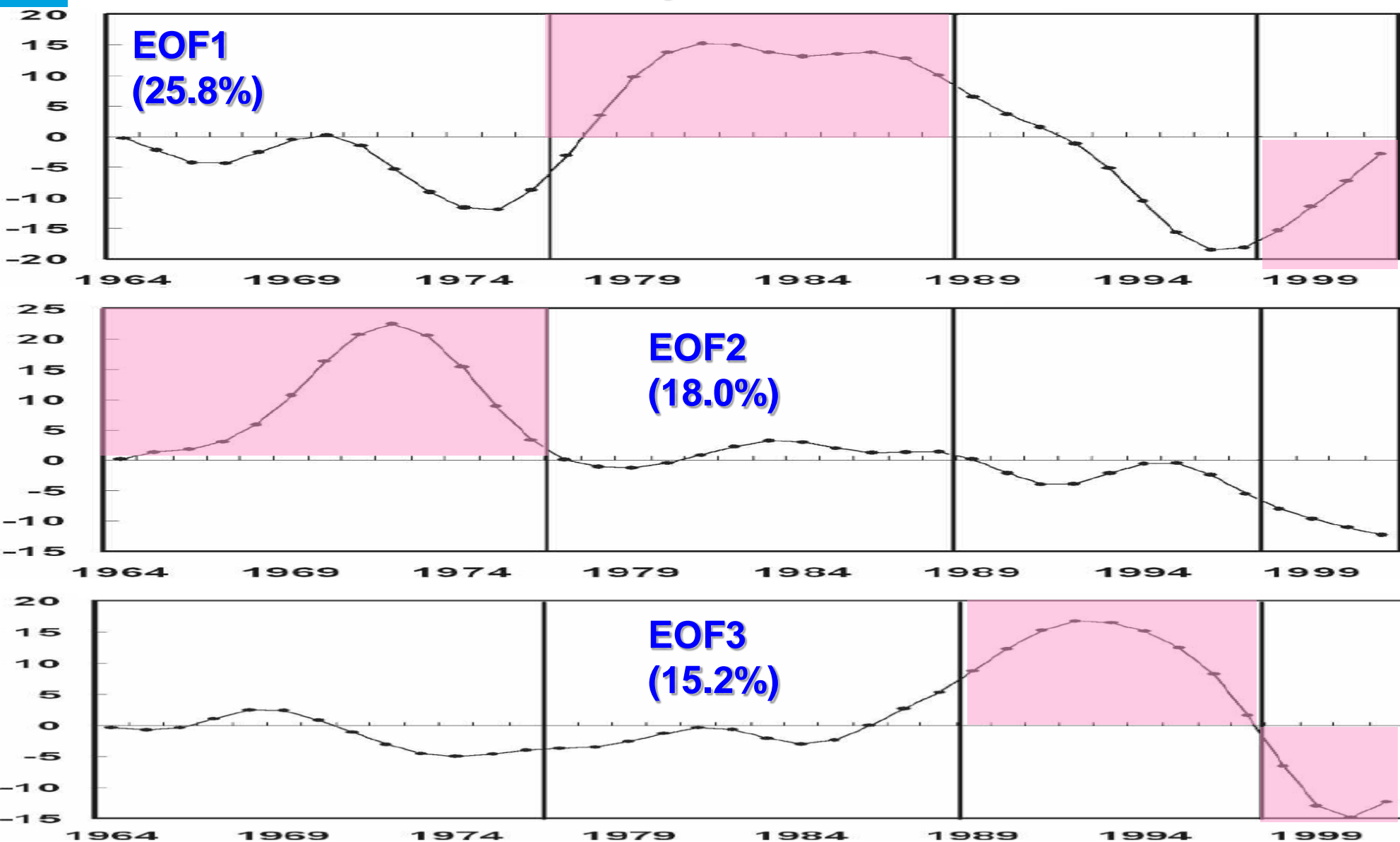


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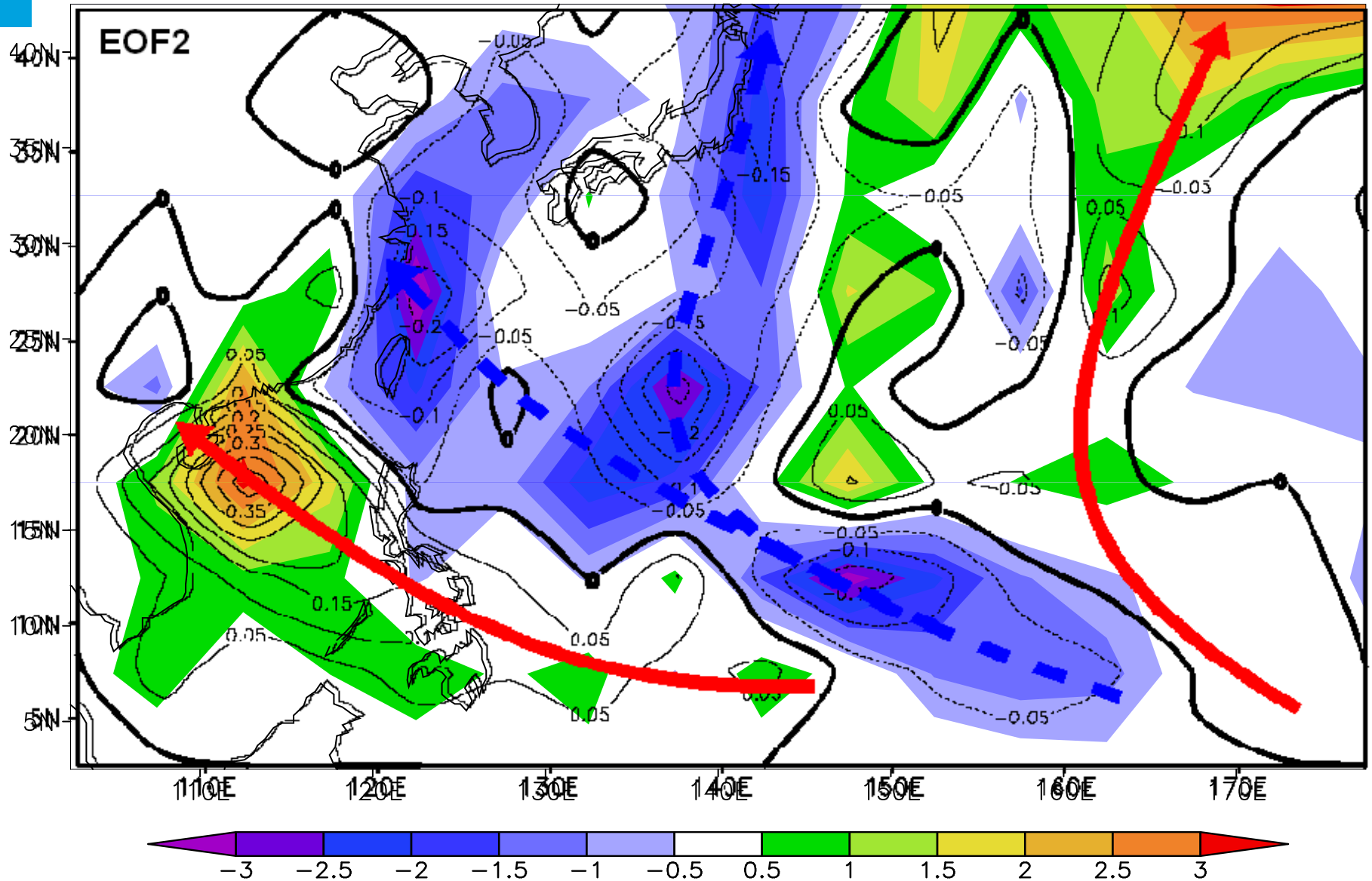
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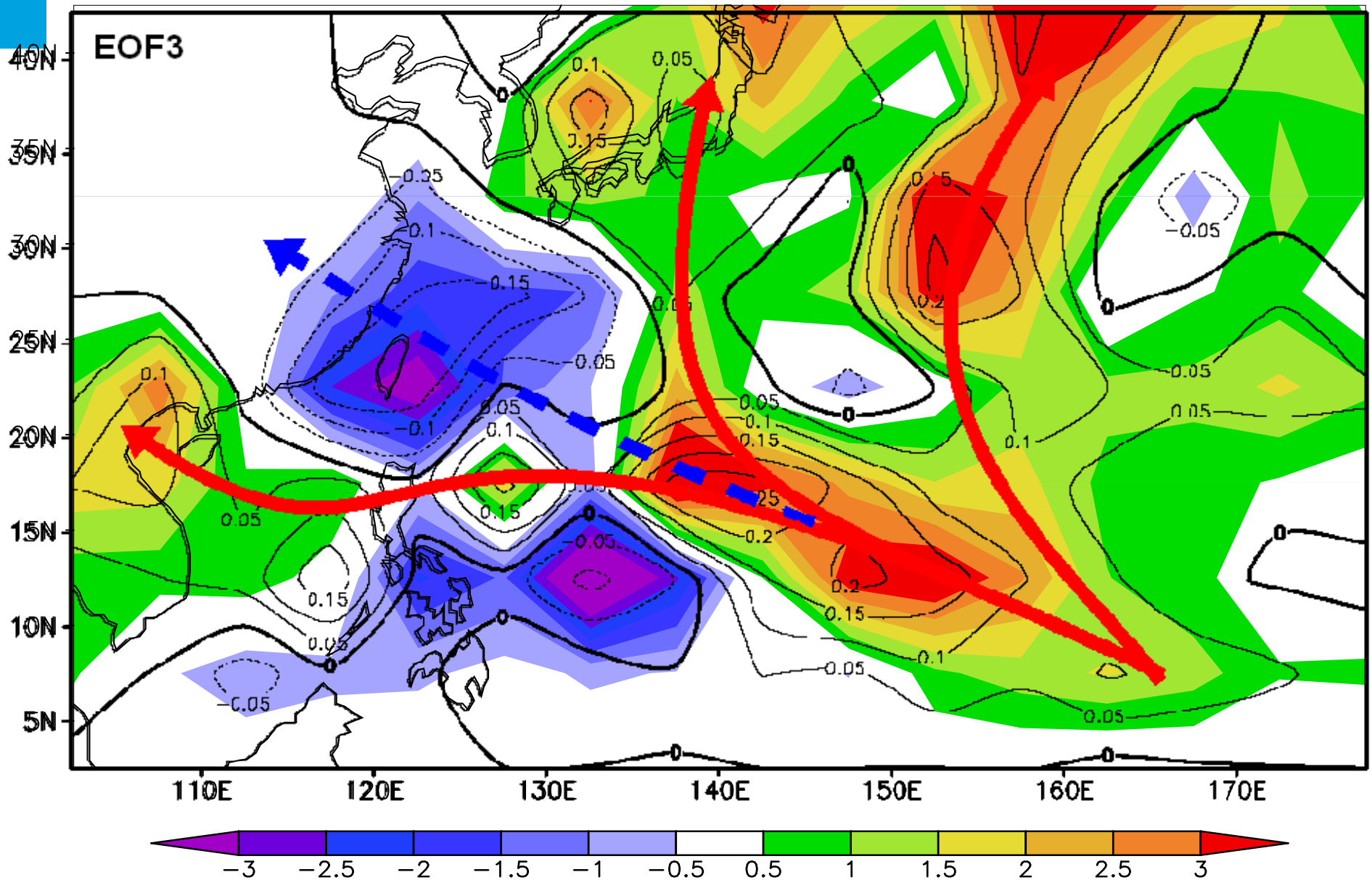
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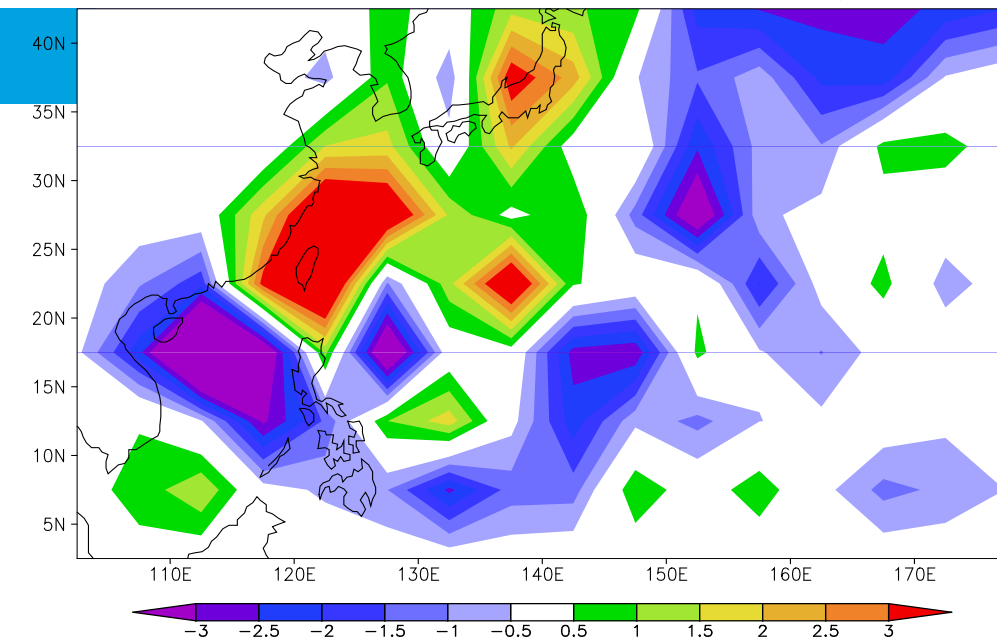
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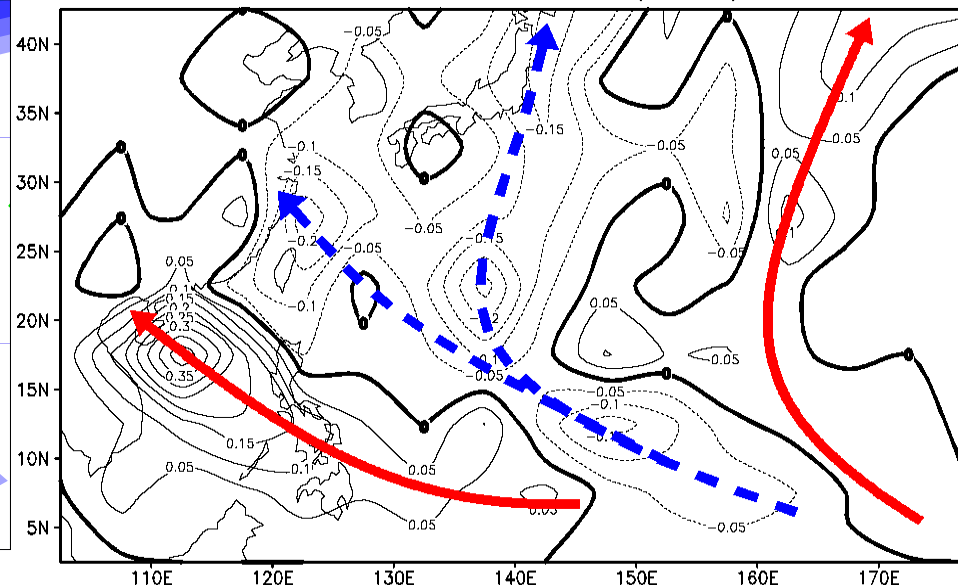
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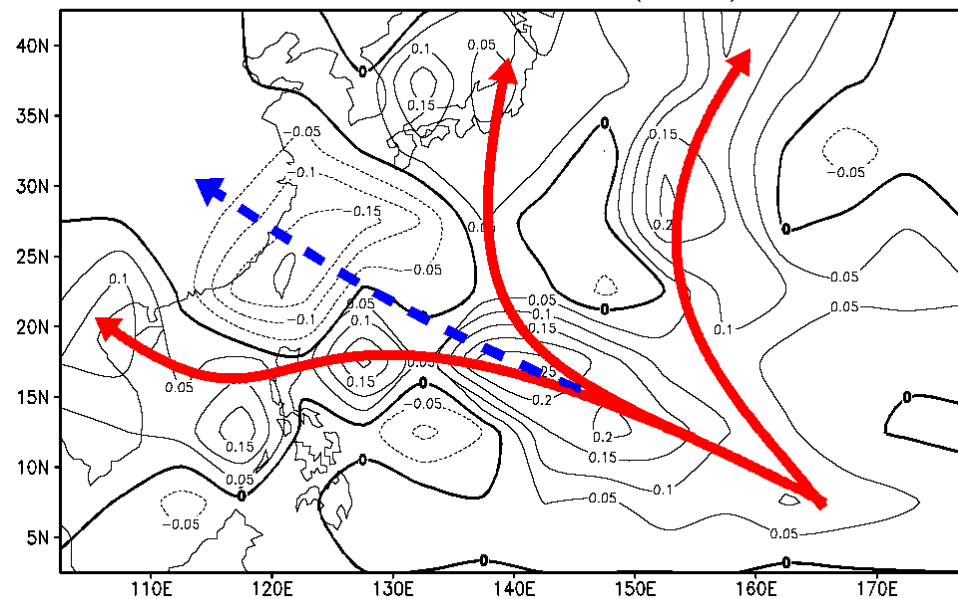
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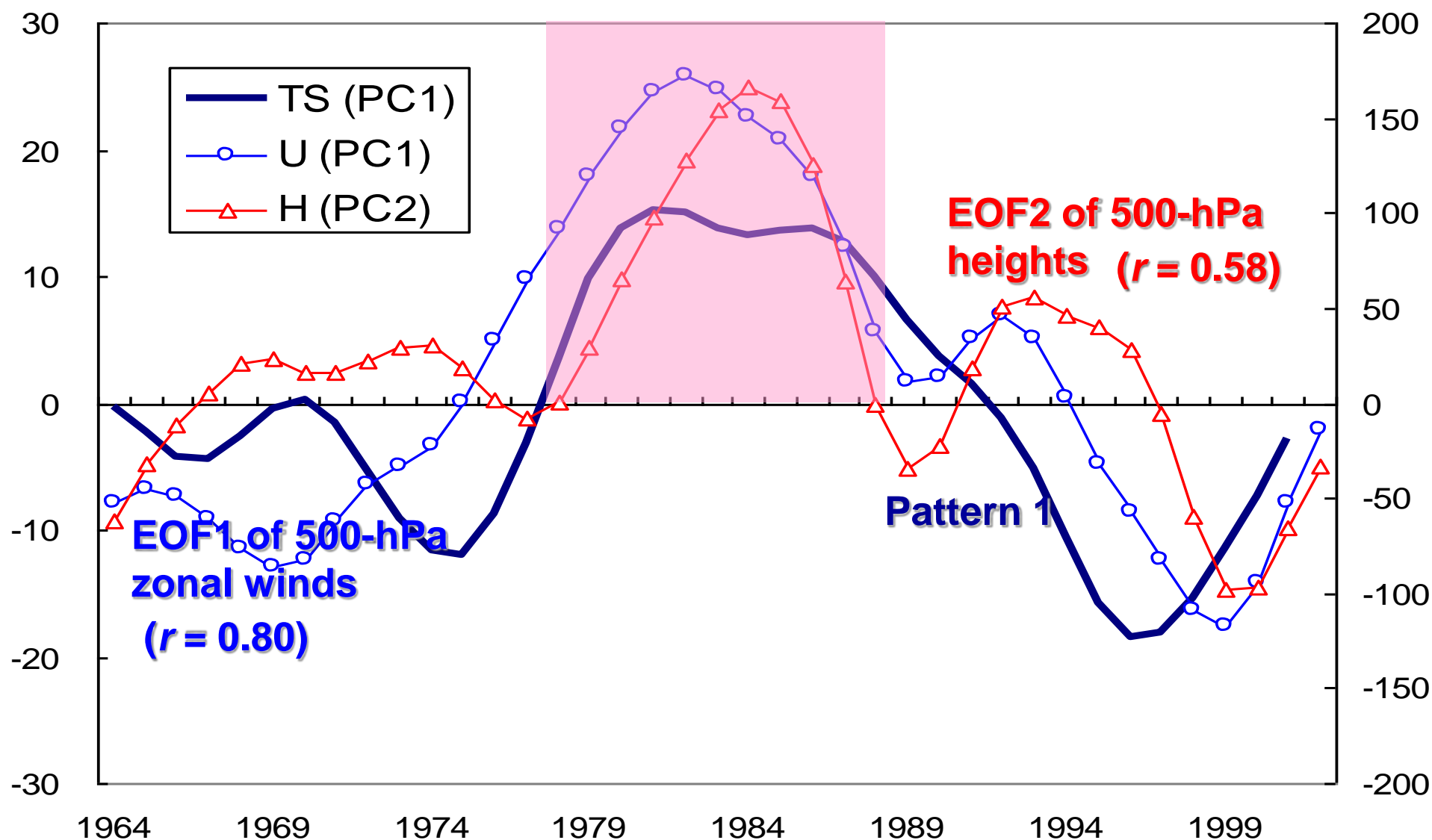
TS occurrence EOF2 (18.0%)



TS occurrence EOF3 (15.2%)

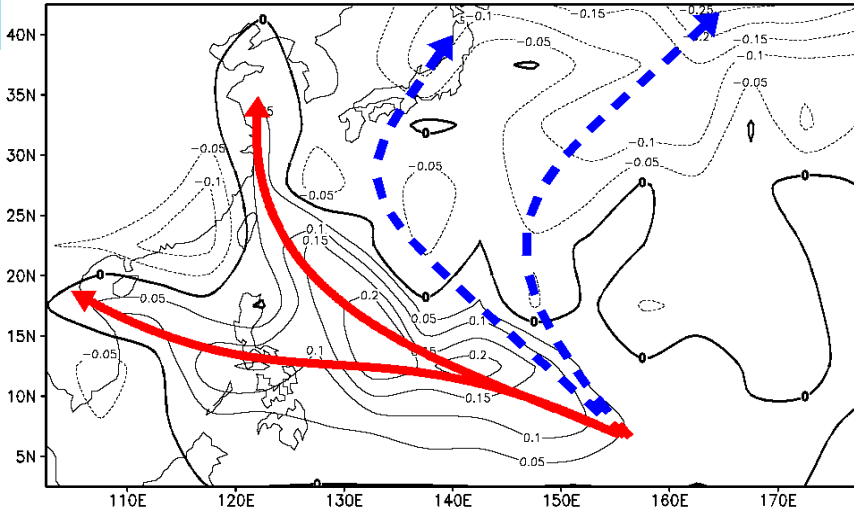


Time series of EOFs of 10-year-filtered 500-hPa Heights and Zonal Winds

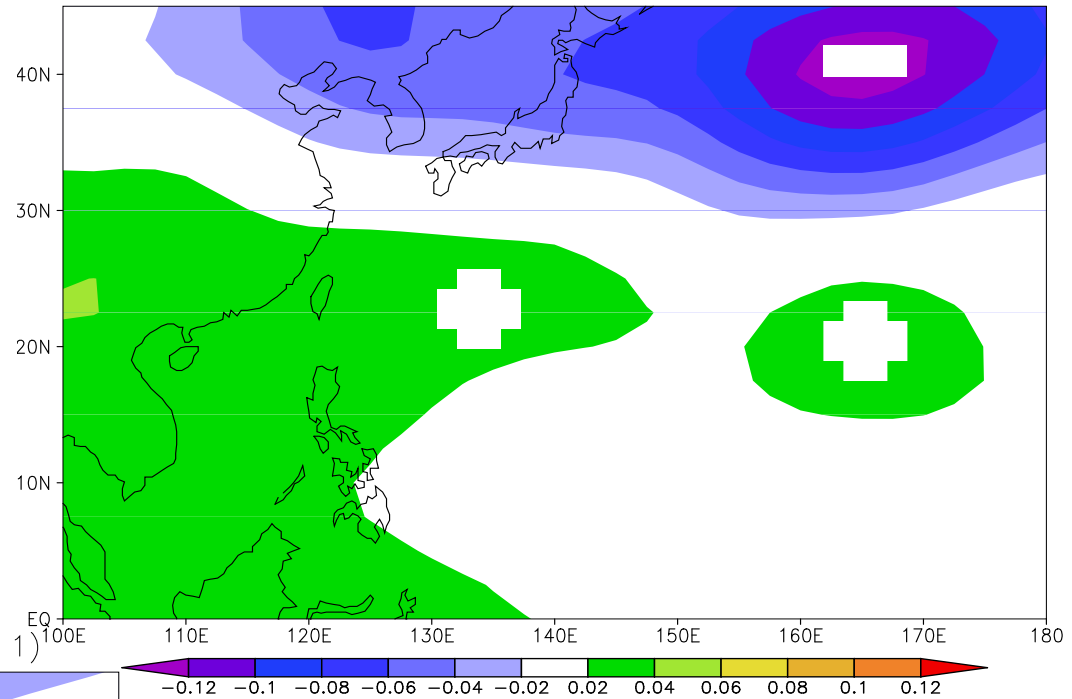


1977-88 Pattern 1

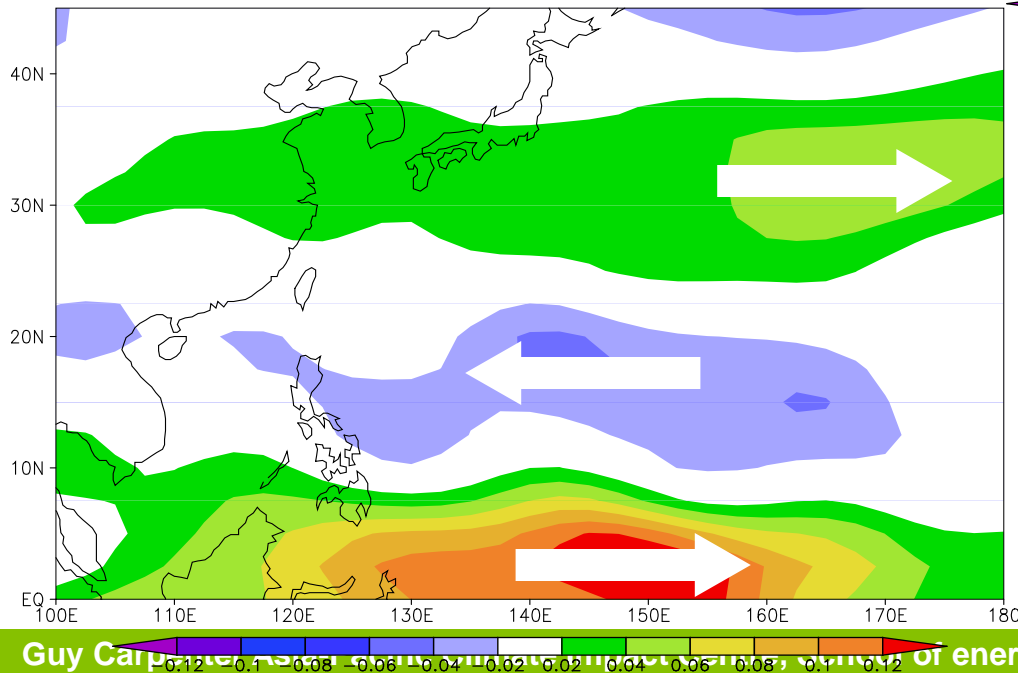
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Jul-Oct 500-hPa geopotential height EOF2 (Pattern 1)



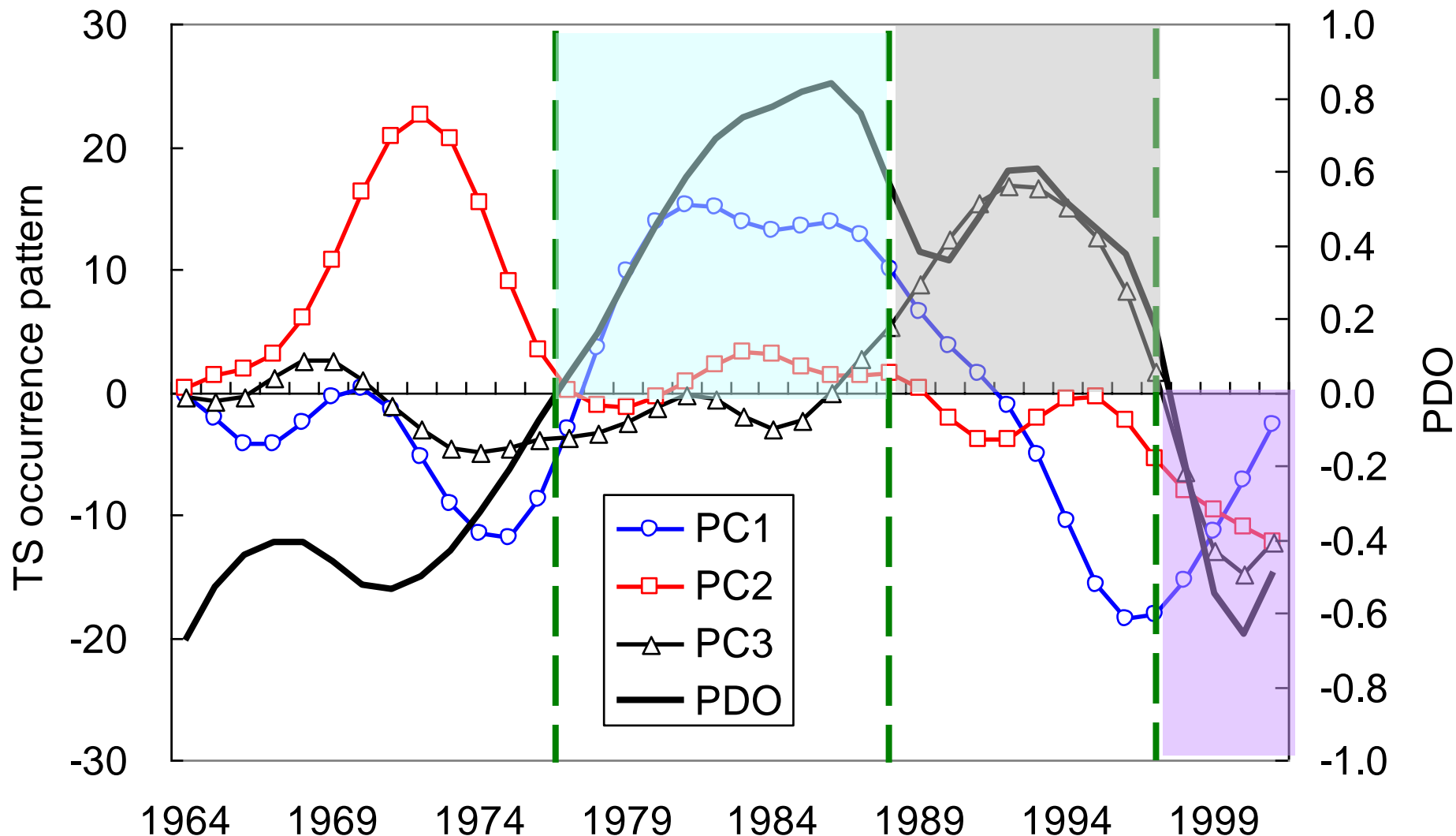
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EOF2 of 500-hPa Heights

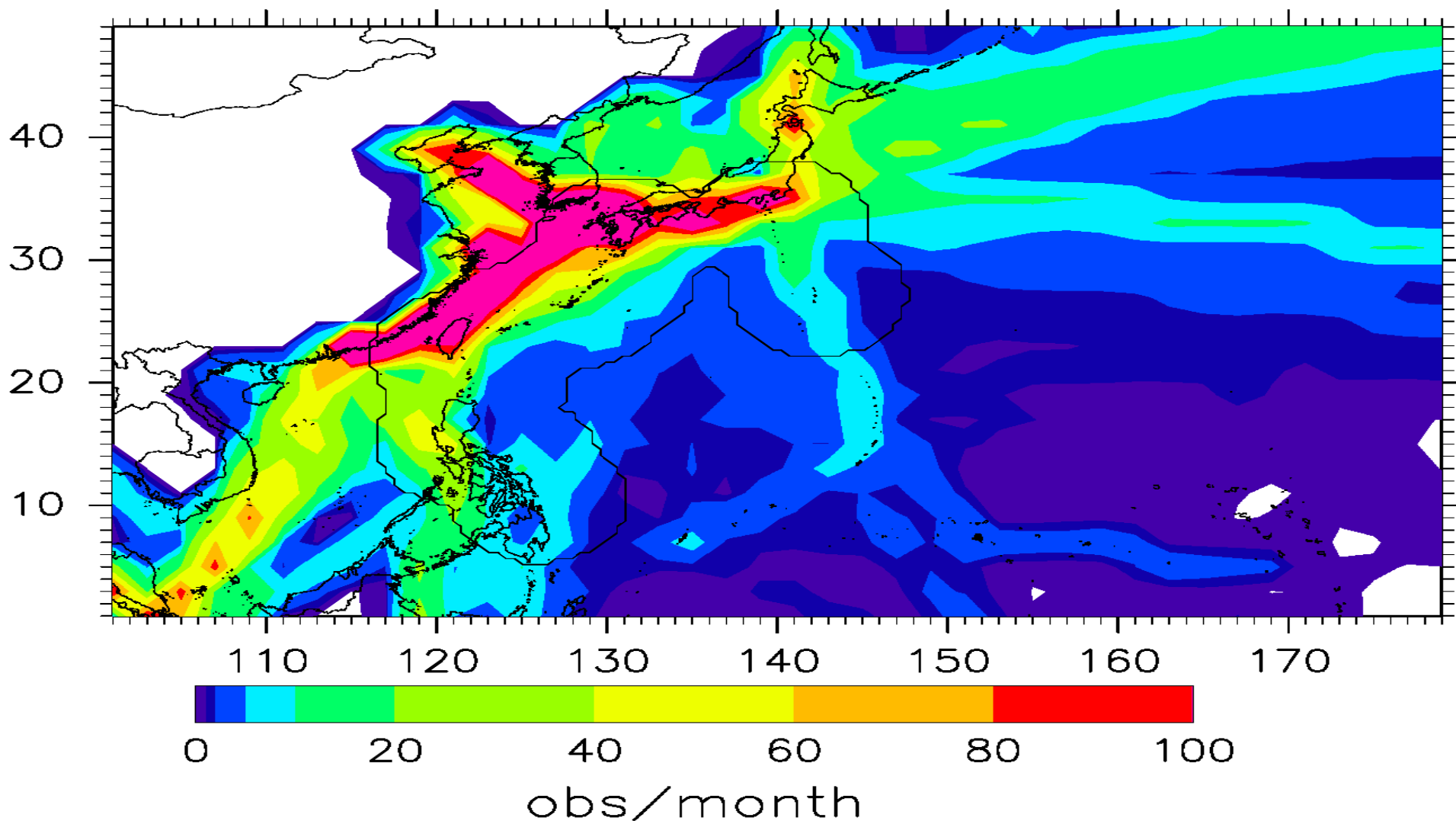
EOF1 of 500-hPa zonal winds

Time Series of EOFs of Track Patterns & PDO

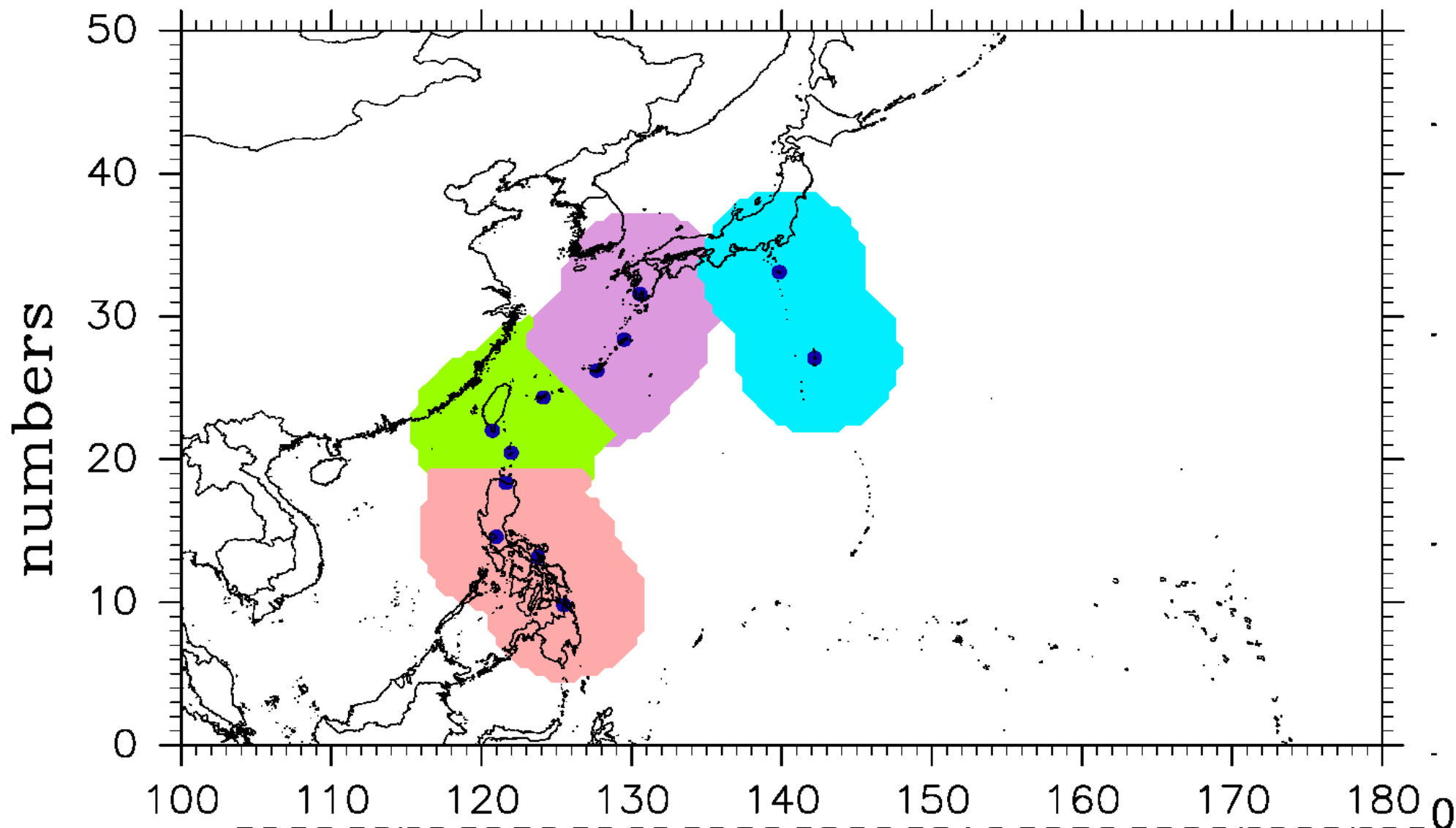


No. of surface pressure observations/month

ICOADS 1910–1940

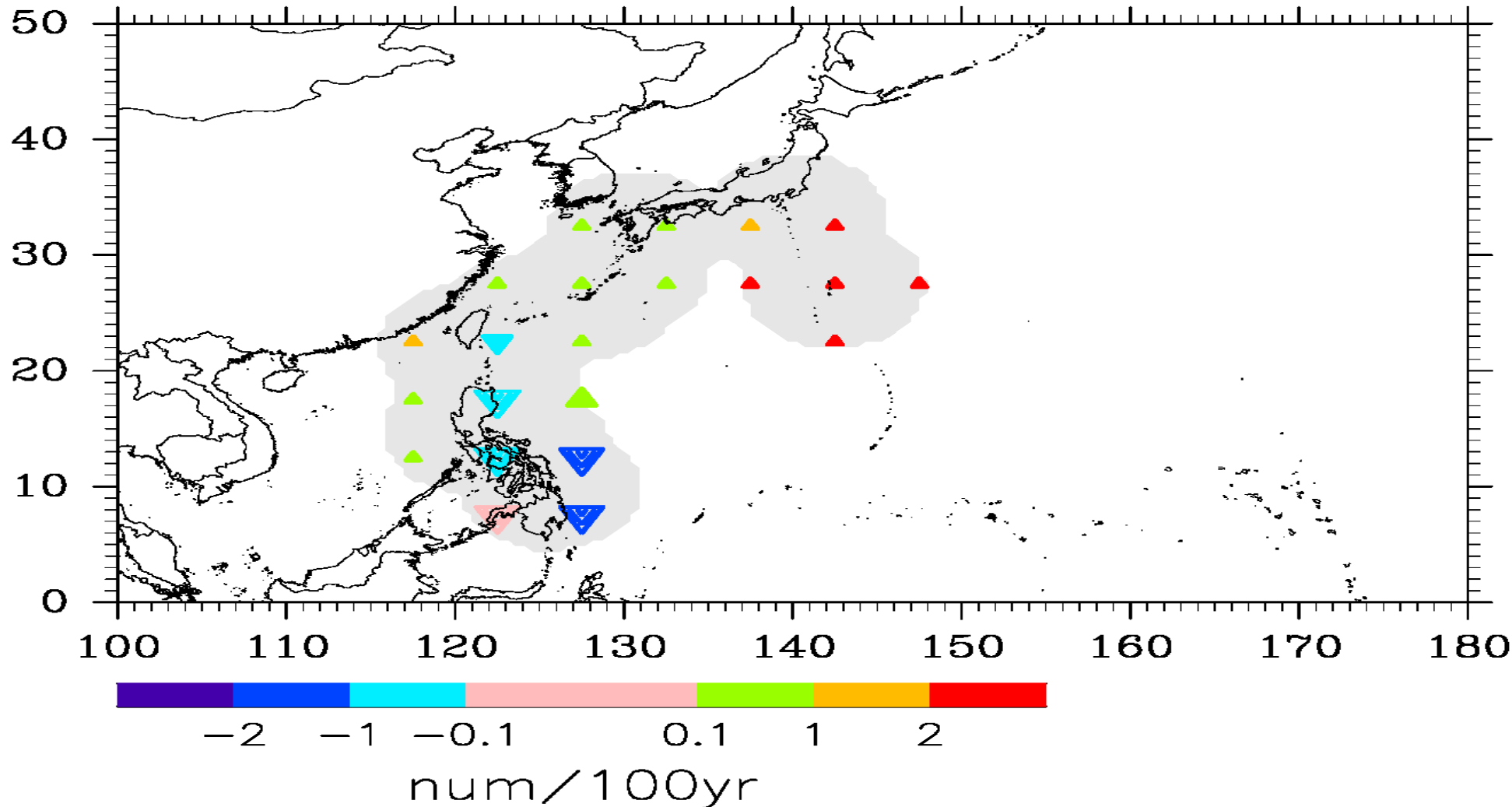


Typhoon numbers of the target area over the Western North Pacific



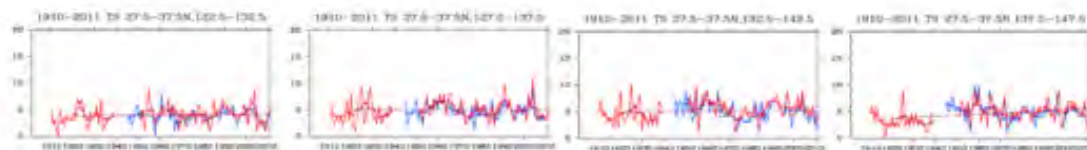
Tropical Cyclone Trends

1923–2011 TS trend JMA (unadjusted)

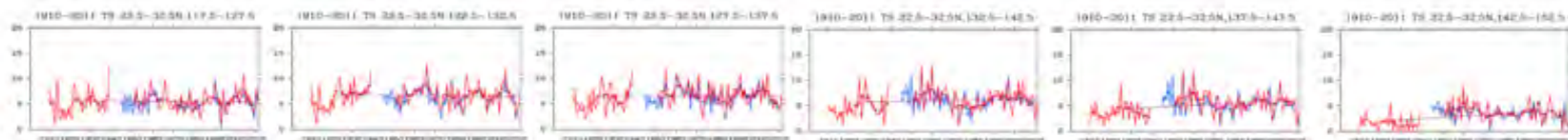


Tropical Cyclone Variations and Trends

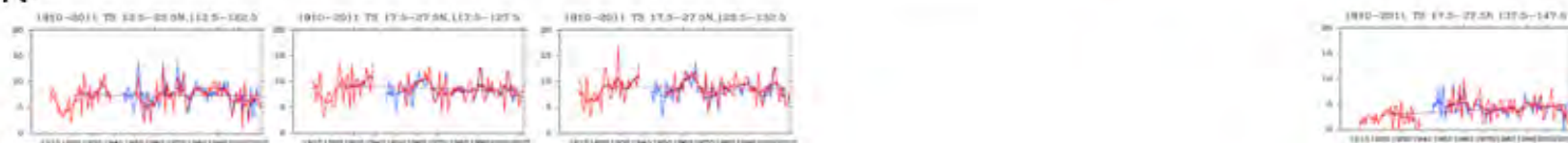
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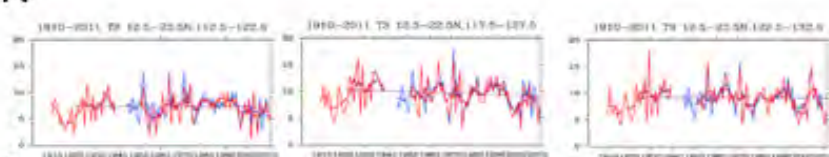
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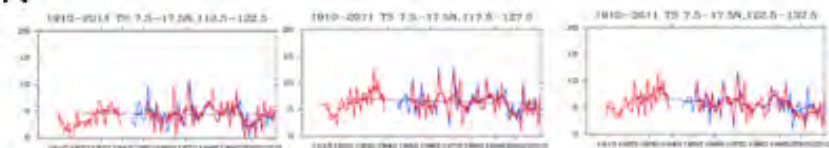
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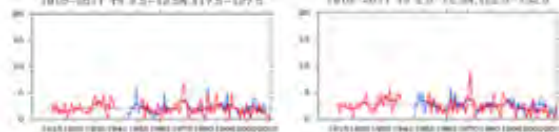
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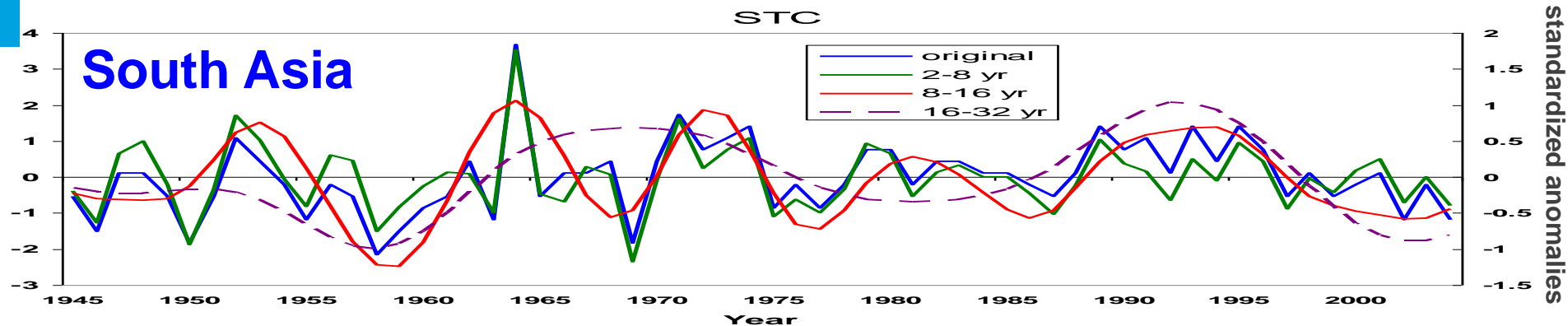
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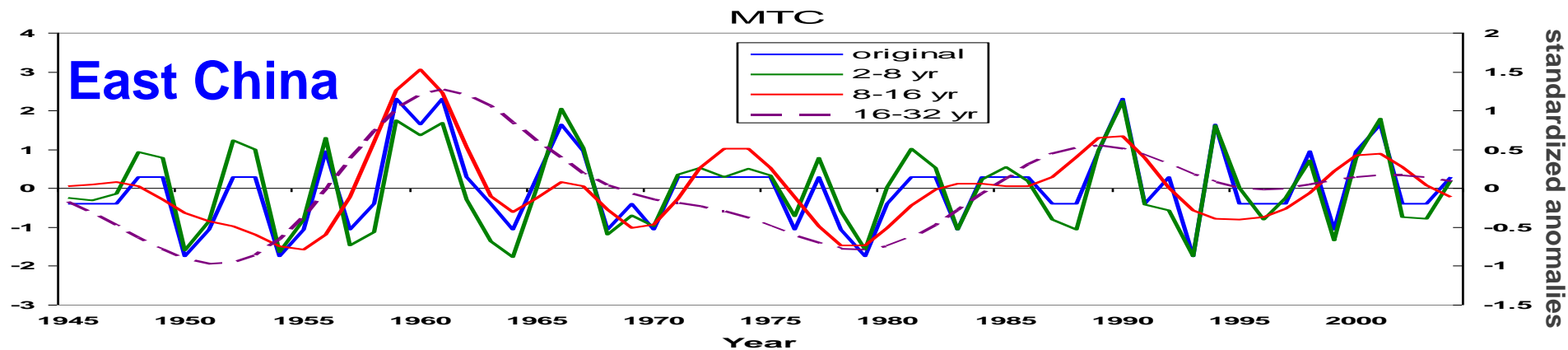
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Variations of Landfall in Each Area at Various Oscillation Periods

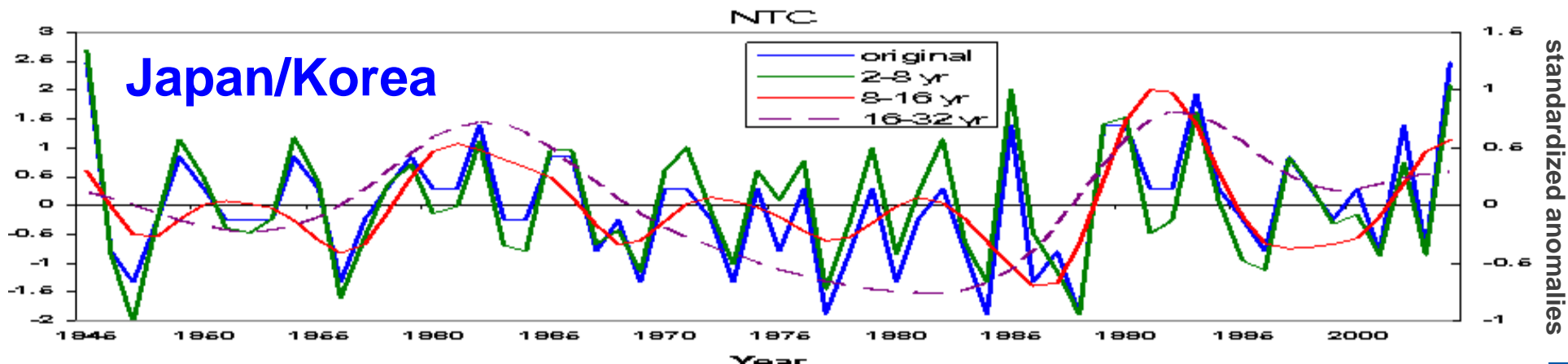
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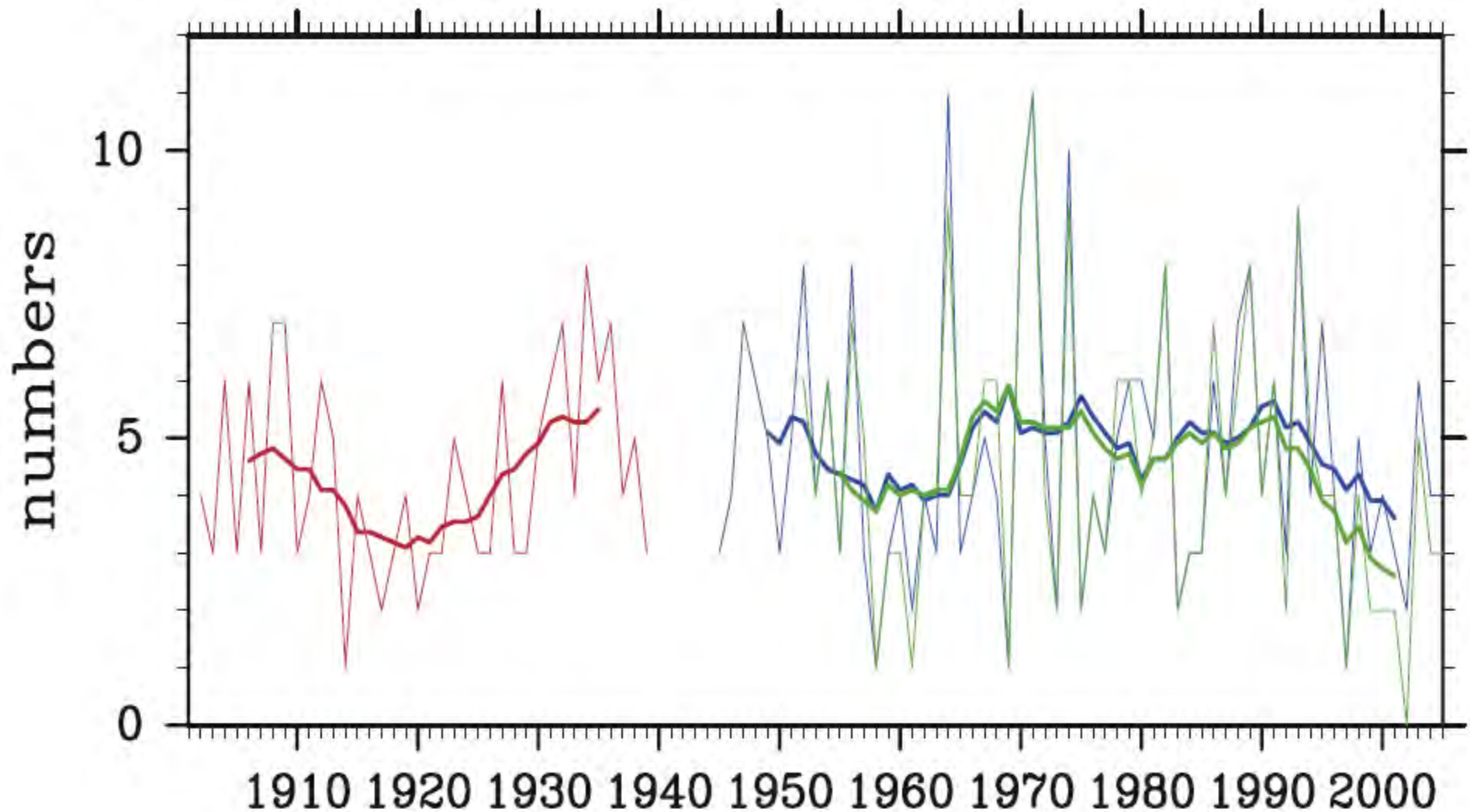


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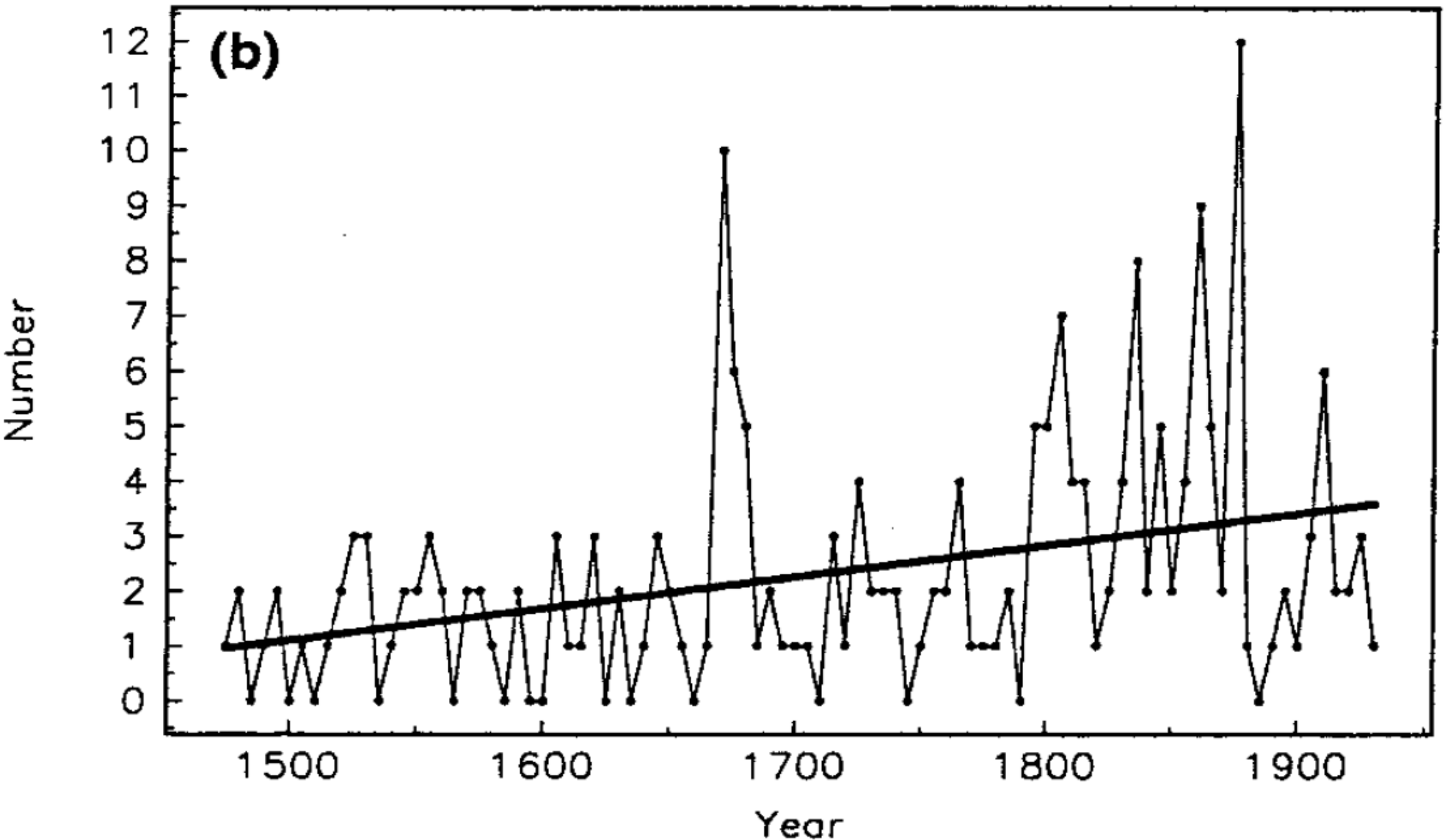


No. of Landfalling TCs in the Philippines

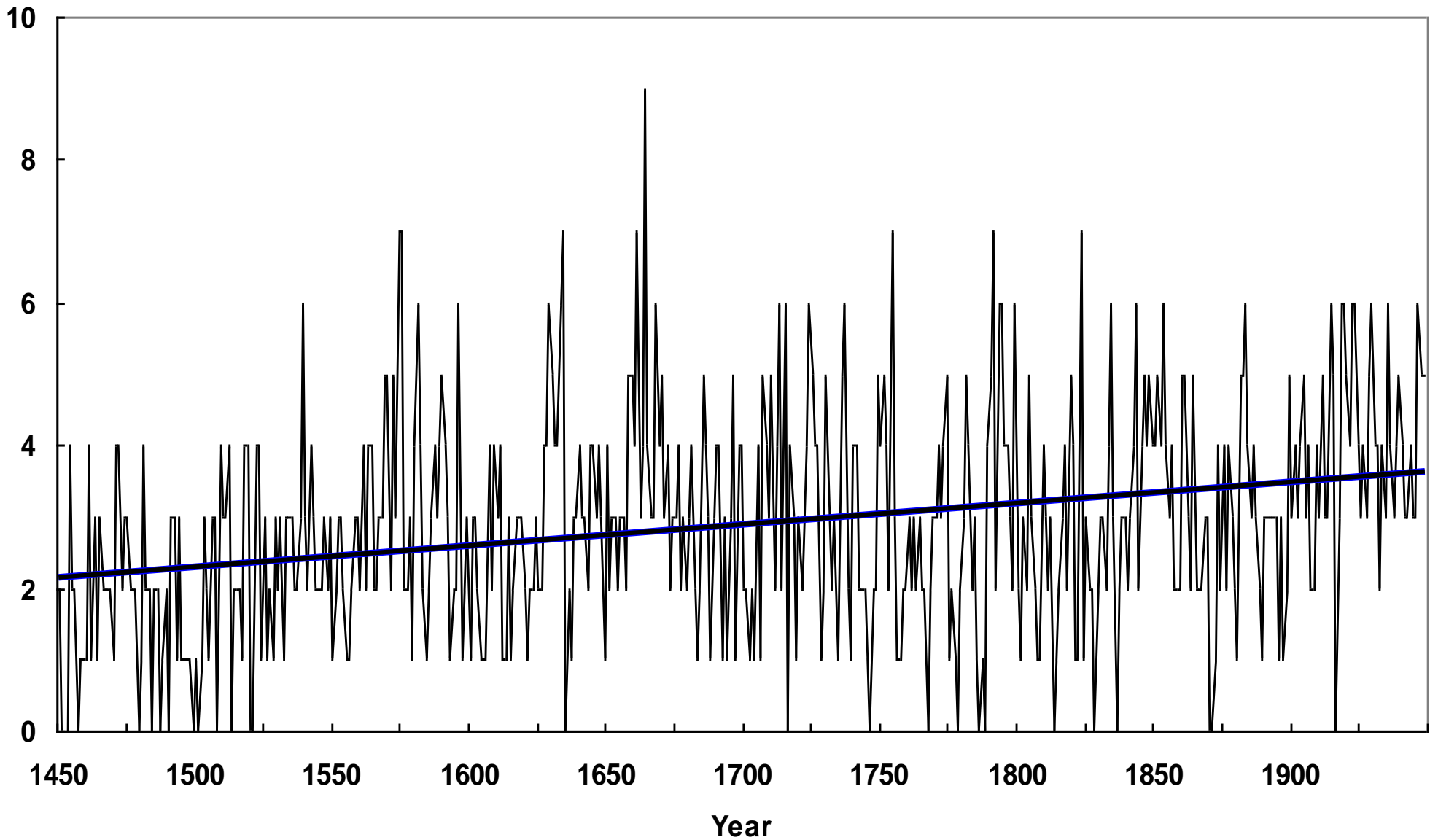
a) 1902–2005 TS Philippines landfall



No. of Landfalling TCs in South China



No. of Landfalling TCs in East China



No. of Landfalling TCs in East China

PDO status	Number of years	Mean number of typhoons	Standard deviation
EN			
PDO+	34	3.41	1.62
PDO–	55	3.18	1.47
$t = 0.68$ (not significant)			
LN			
PDO+	16	2.38	1.46
PDO–	31	3.36	1.02
$t = 2.41$ (significant at 99%)			

Summary

- **Variations of TC activity on decadal time scales or longer in the western North Pacific are large.**
- **Dynamic factors (horizontal and vertical shear), which can be forced by remote SST variations, such as ENSO and PDO, are mainly responsible for the observed TC variability in these regions.**