

Hydroclimate over the Common Era from Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ records of corals

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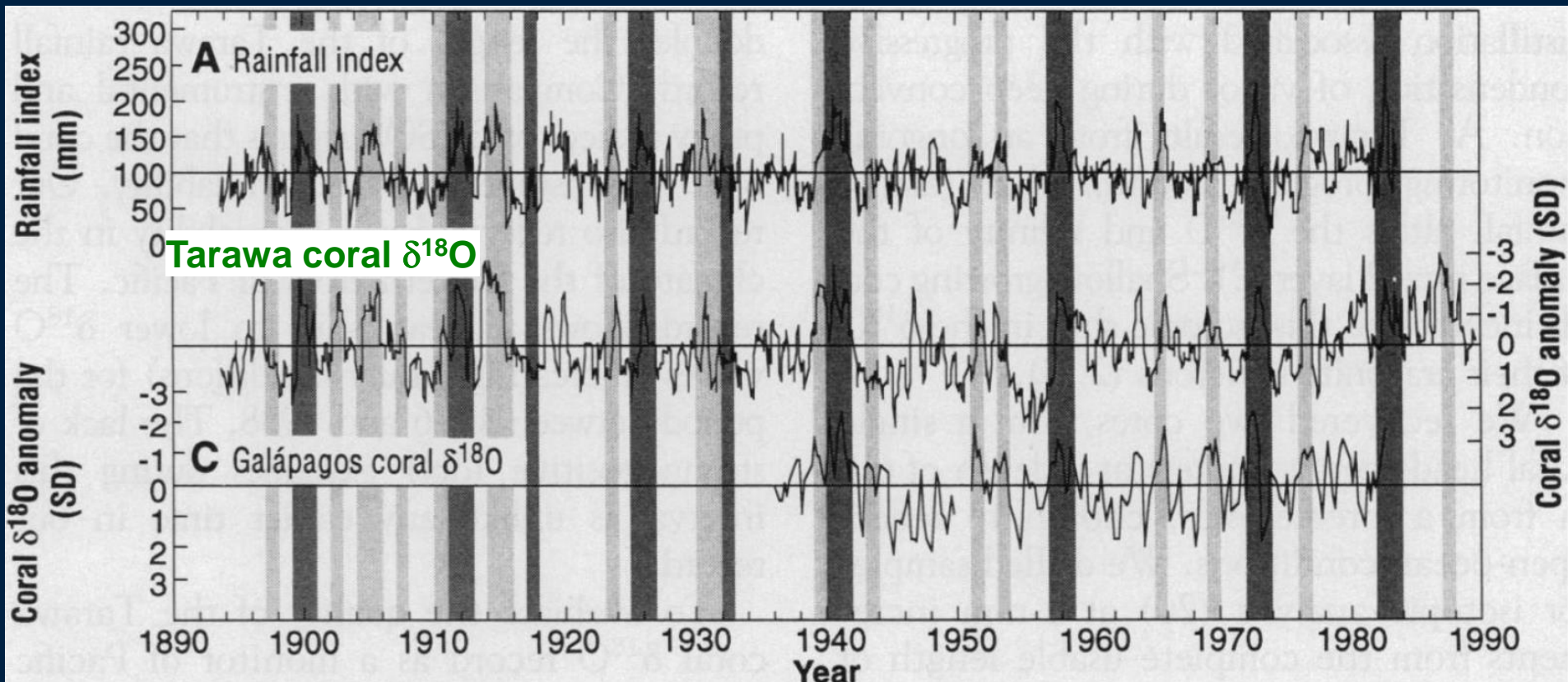
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*Comparing data and model estimates of hydroclimate variability
and change over the Common Era*

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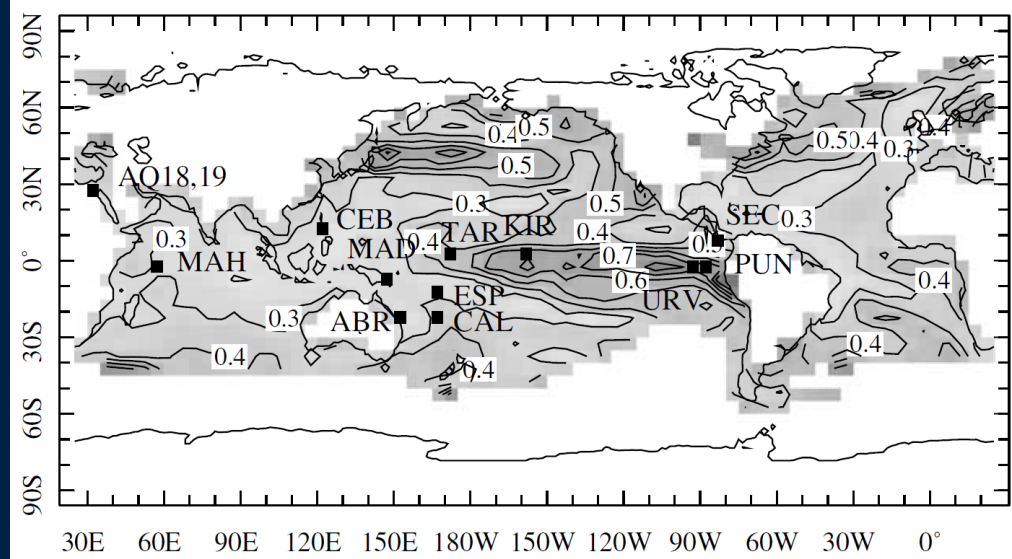
Tarawa coral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ – ENSO rainfall proxy



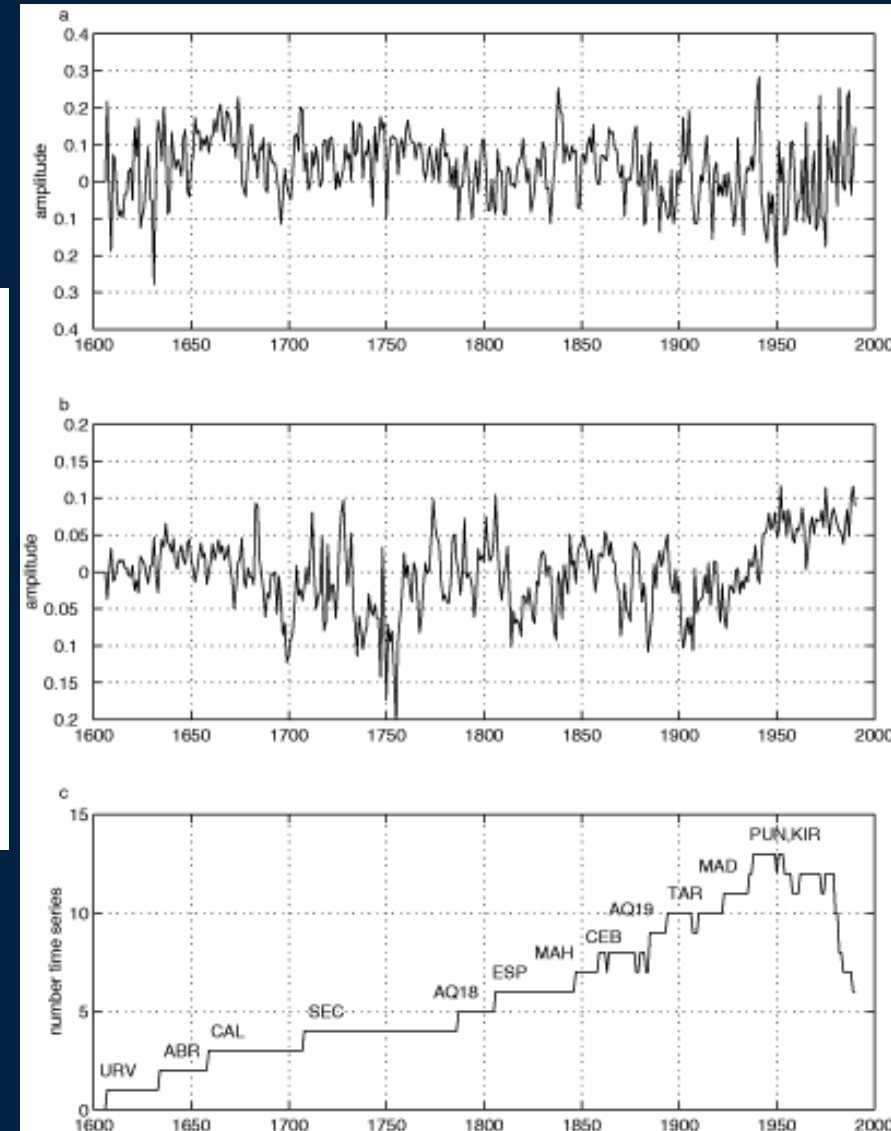
Cole et al., 1993, *Science*

SST field reconstruction from coral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

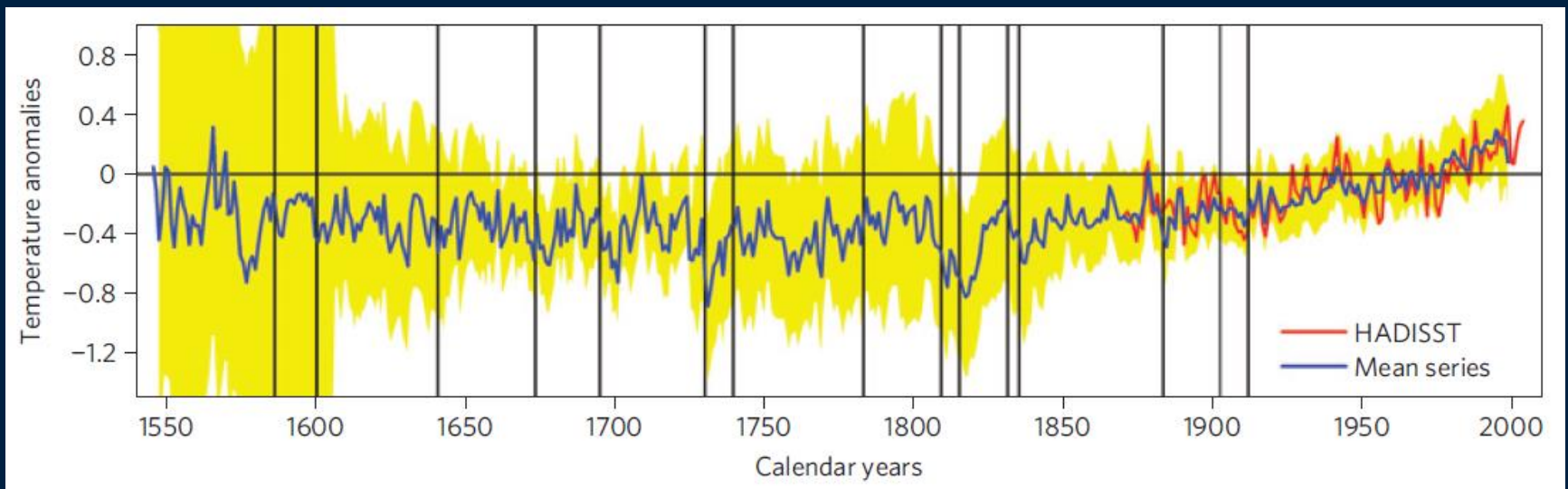
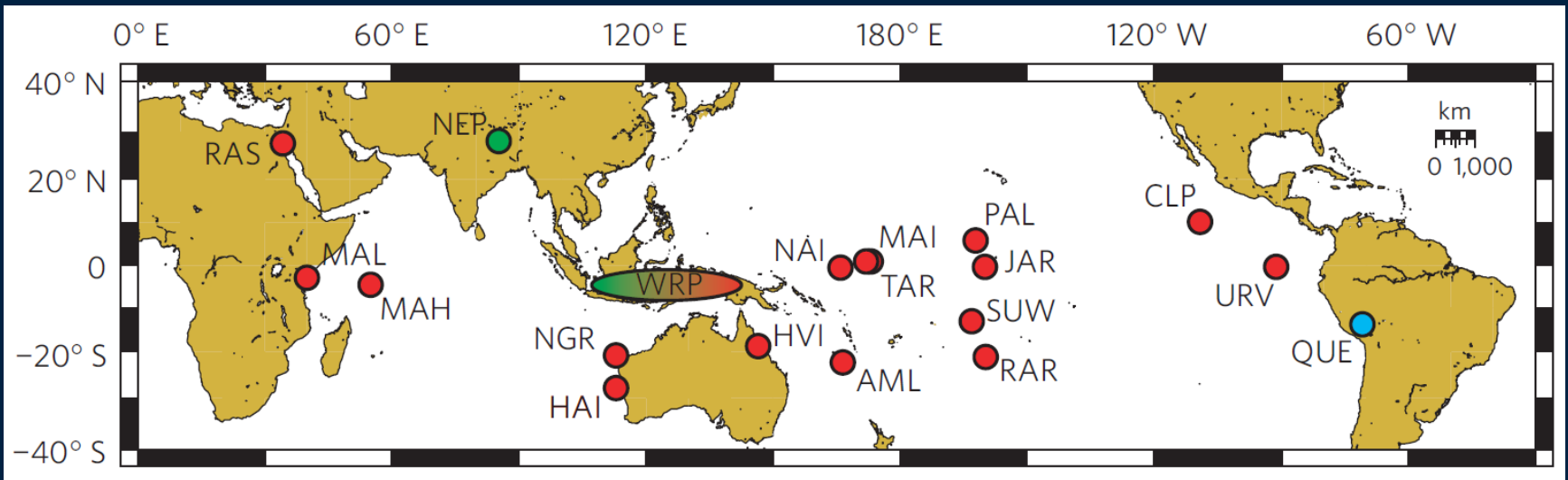
11 coral records



Evans et al., 2002,
Paleoceanography

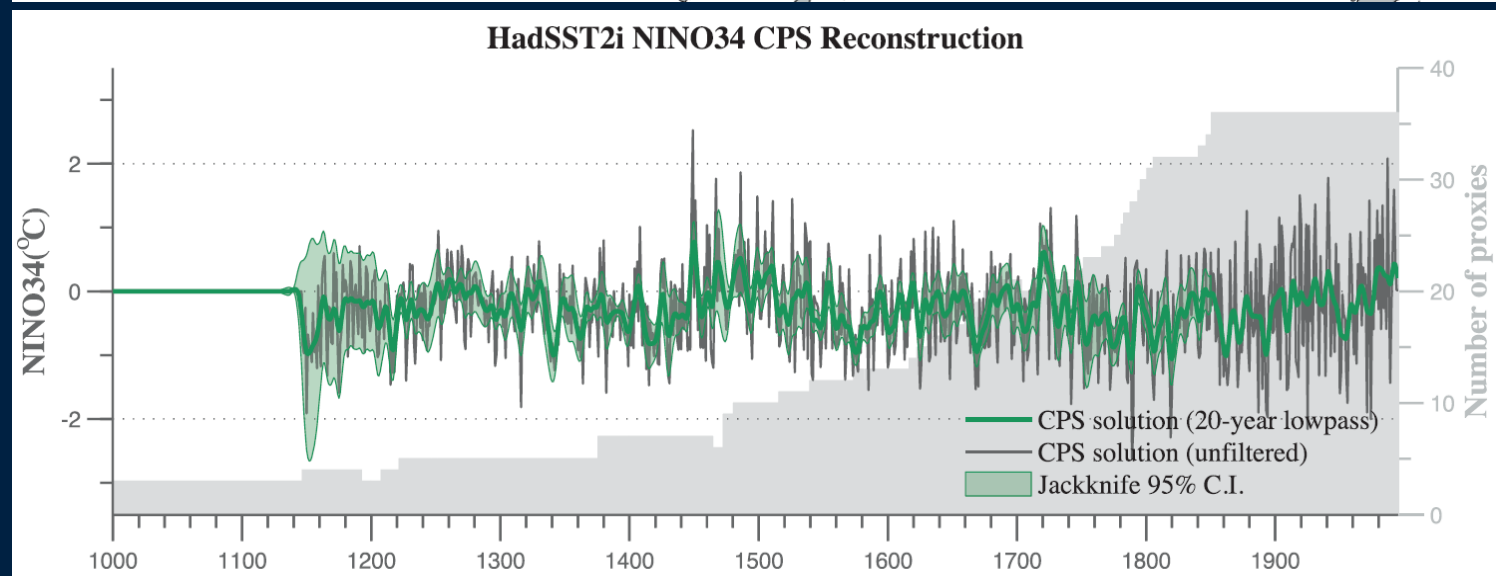
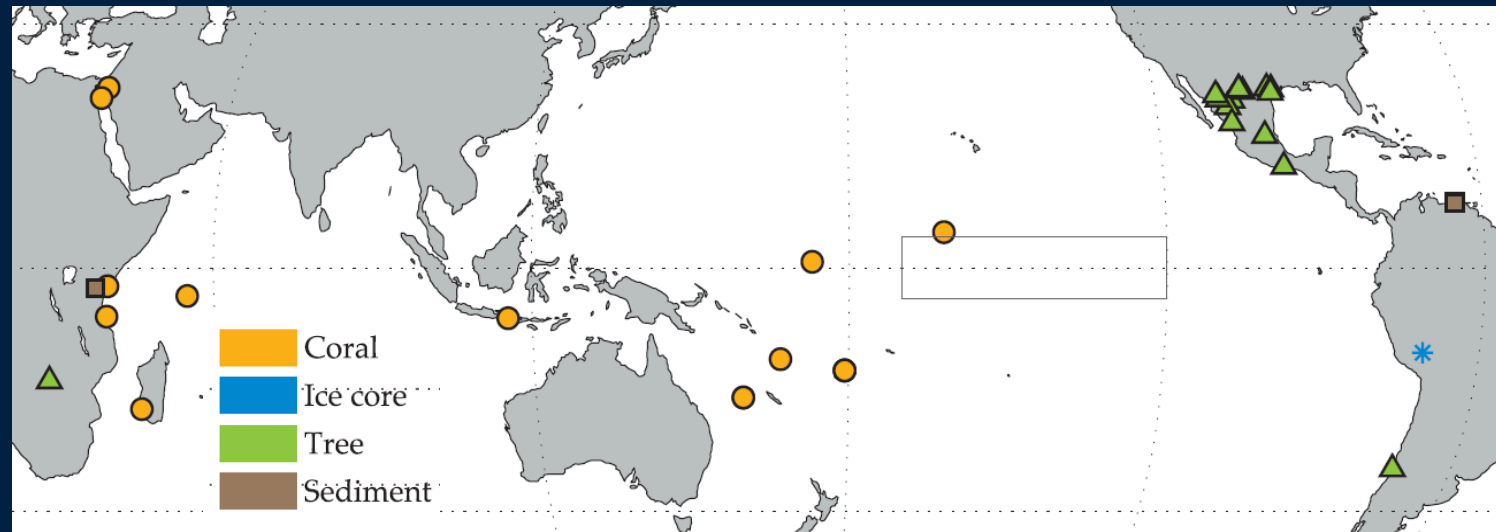


Volcanic forcing & tropical temperatures



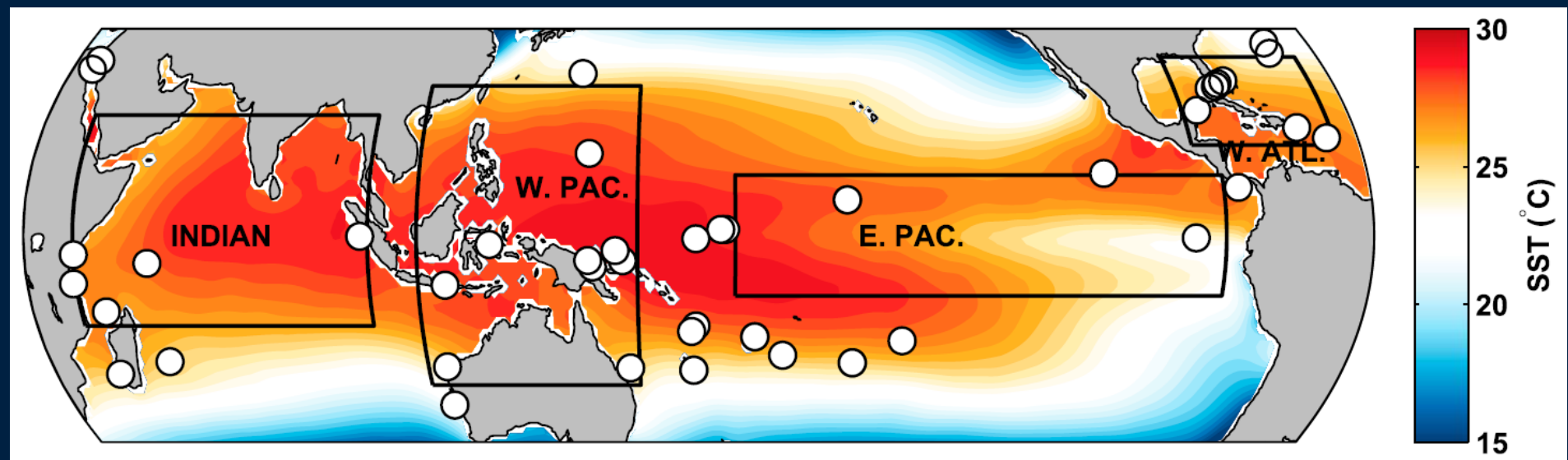
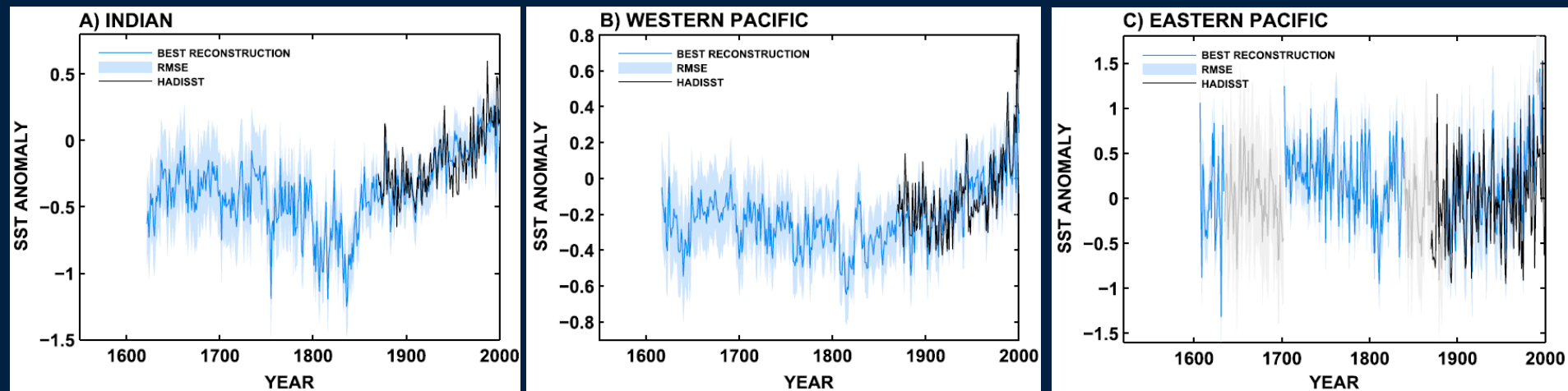
D'Arrigo et al., 2009, *Nature Geoscience*

SST variability over past the millennium



Emile-Geay et al., 2013, *Journal of Climate*

Tropical SST for the past four centuries

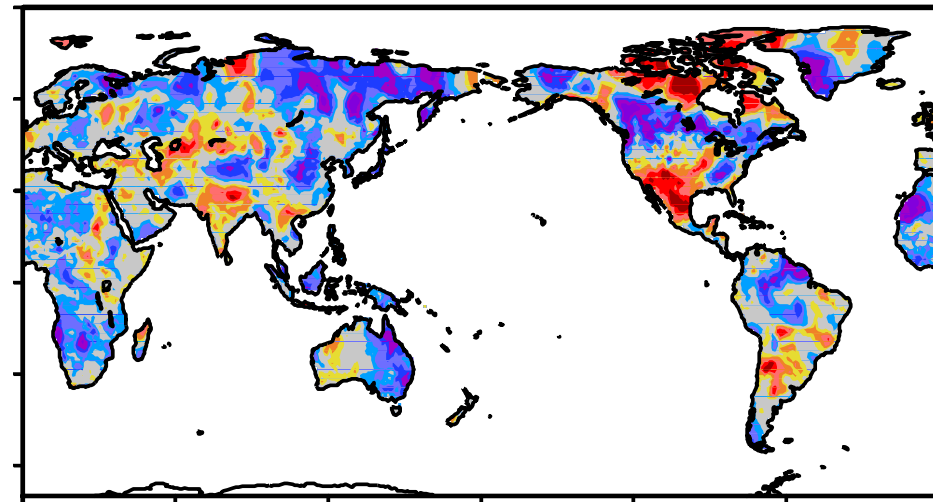
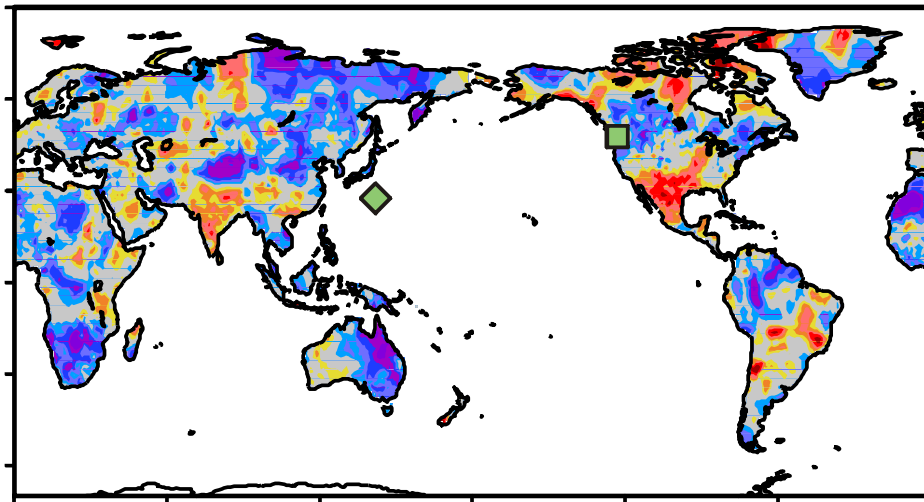


Hydroclimate signals in coral records

Correlation with land precipitation

Coral-geoduck index

Winter PDO index



CRU TS 2.1: Mitchell & Jones (2005)

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November-February (1902-1994)

3-year running averages



-0.5 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5

Felis et al., 2010, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*

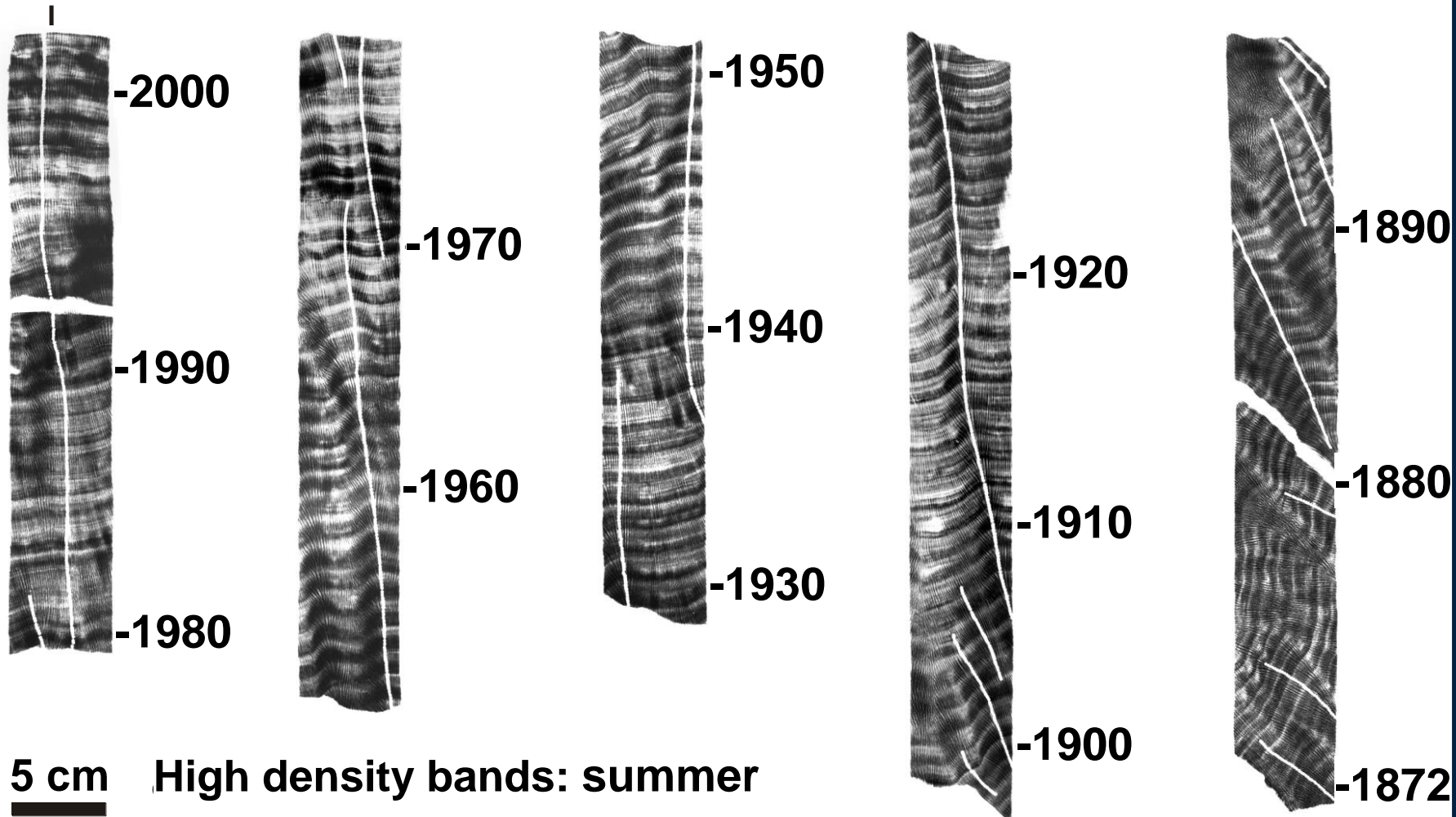
Shallow-water coral archives

- skeleton of aragonite (CaCO_3)
- growth rate: ~ 1 cm/year
- annual density band pairs
- incorporate isotopic and elemental tracers
- live for several centuries



Coral archives – Chronology

Oct 2002



5 cm

High density bands: summer
Low density bands: winter

Felis et al., 2009, *Geology*

Coral archives – Chronology

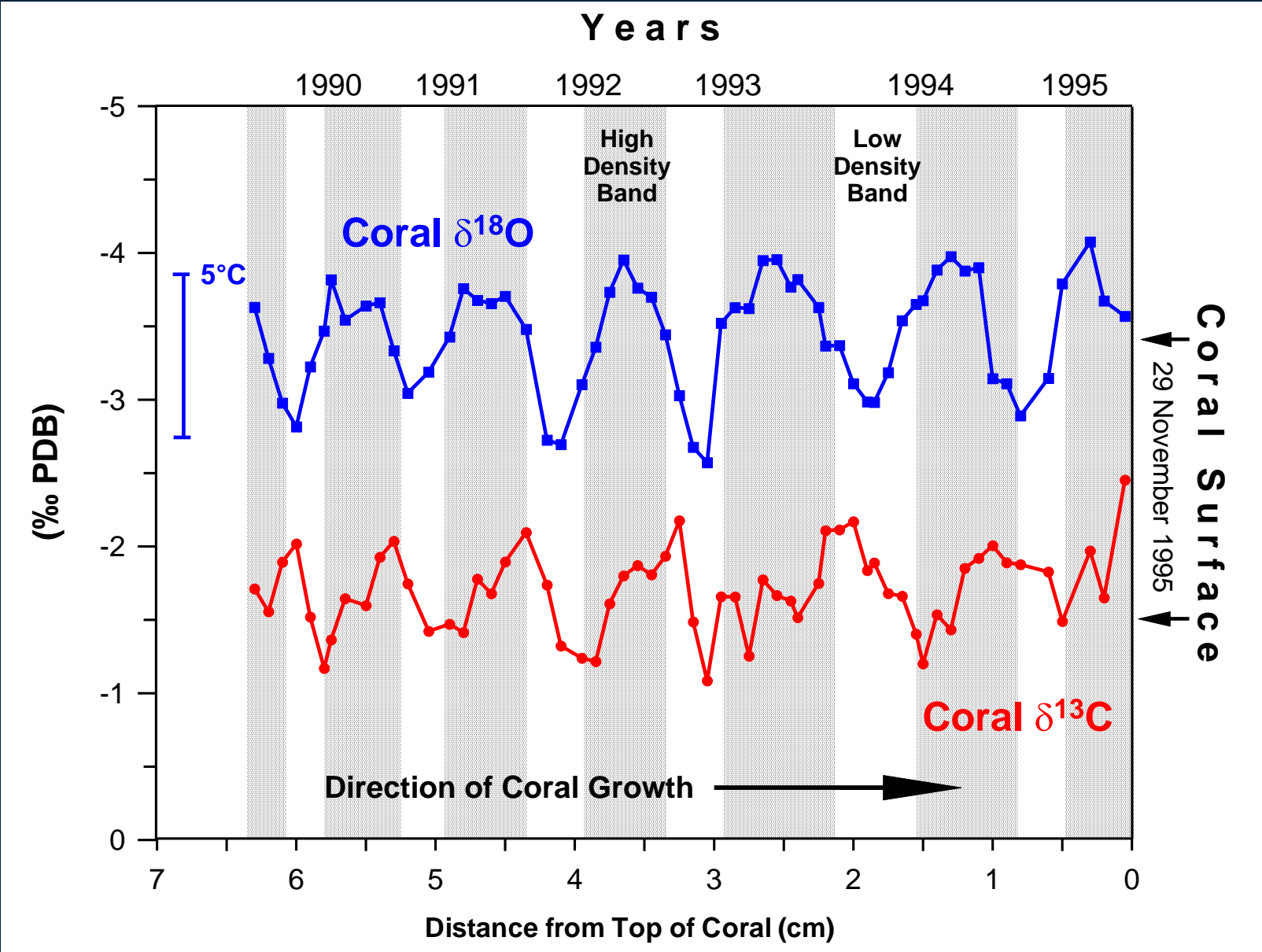


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Coral archives – Proxies

Coral growth rate

- Temperature
- Nutrients
- Food
- Light
- ...

Coral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

- Temperature
- Seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
(related to salinity)

Coral Sr/Ca

- Temperature



Coral archives – Proxies

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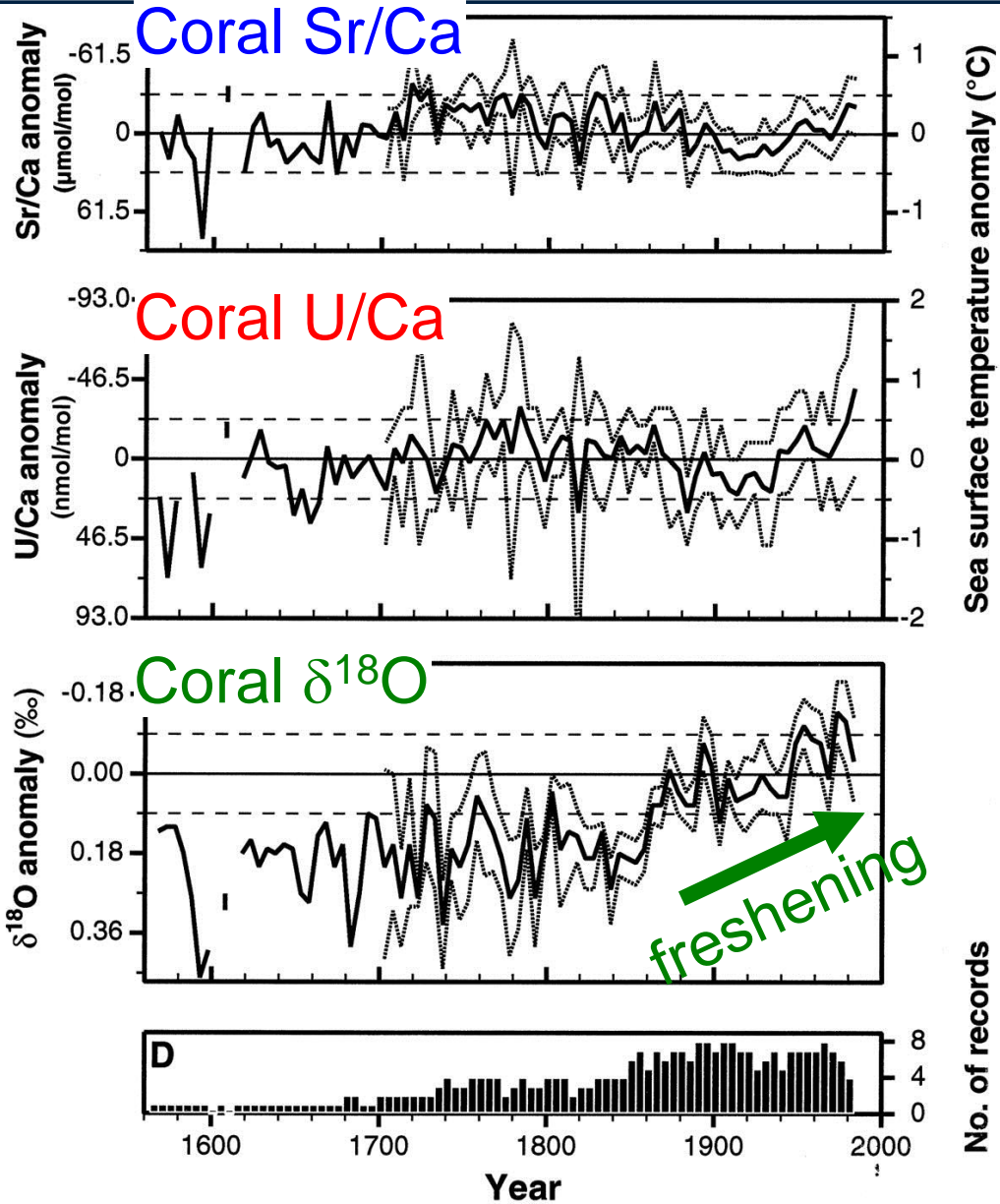
- Temperature
- Seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ > Hydrologic balance
> Oceanic processes

Coral Sr/Ca

- Temperature

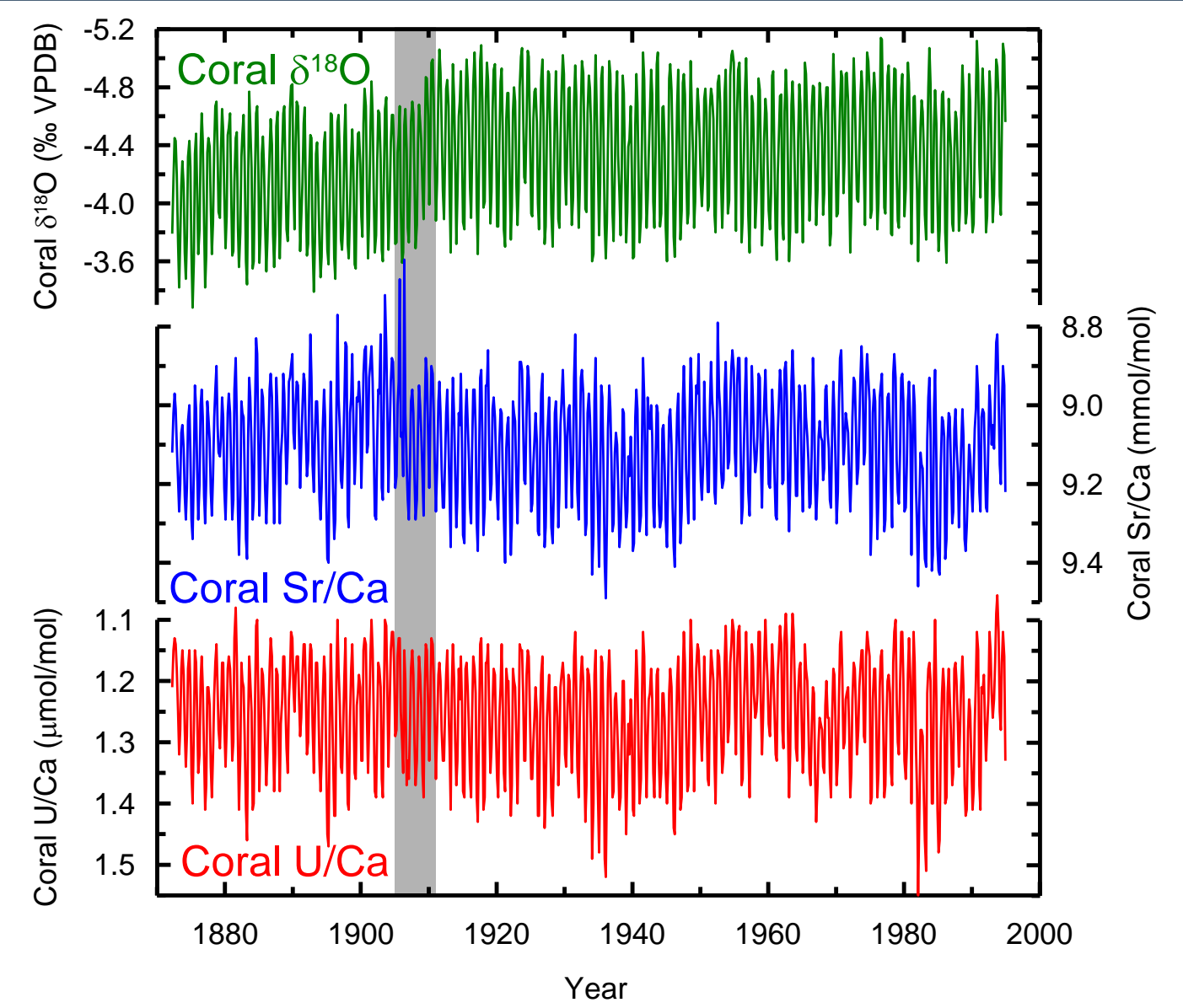


Great Barrier Reef coral Sr/Ca, U/Ca, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



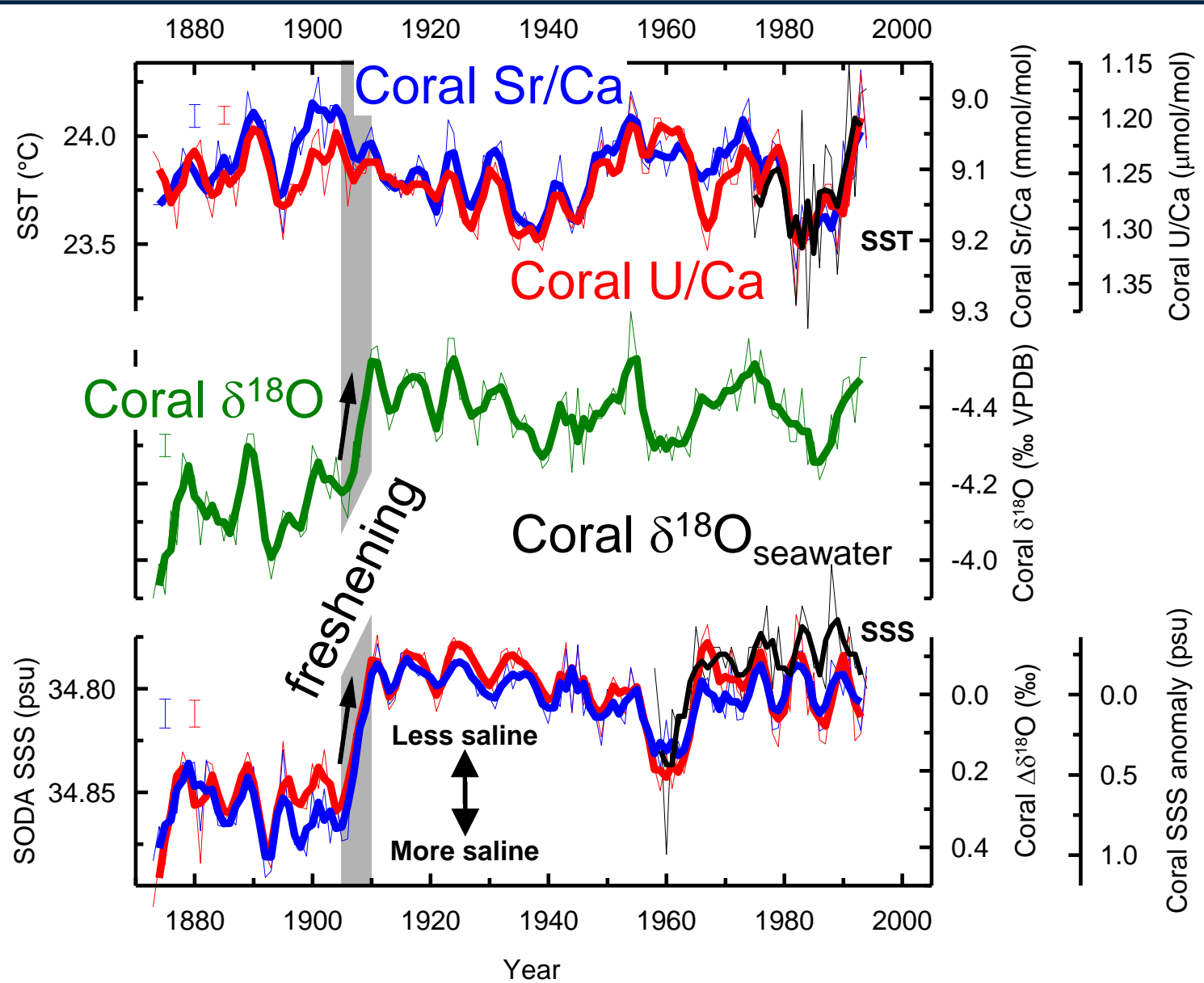
Hendy et al., 2002, Science

North Pacific coral Sr/Ca, U/Ca, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



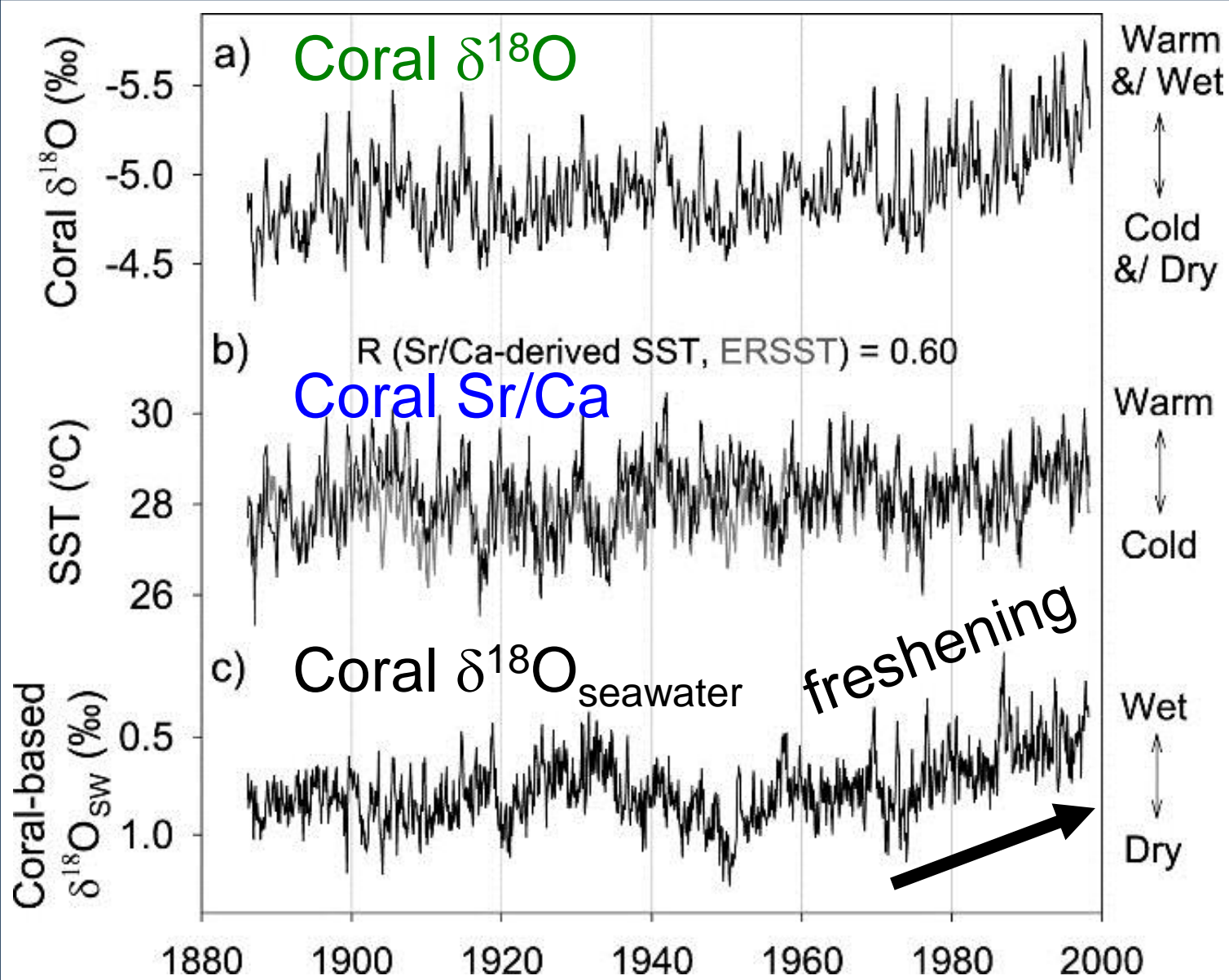
Felis et al., 2009, Geology

N. Pacific coral Sr/Ca, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ seawater



Felis et al., 2009, Geology

Cent. Pacific coral Sr/Ca, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{seawater}}$

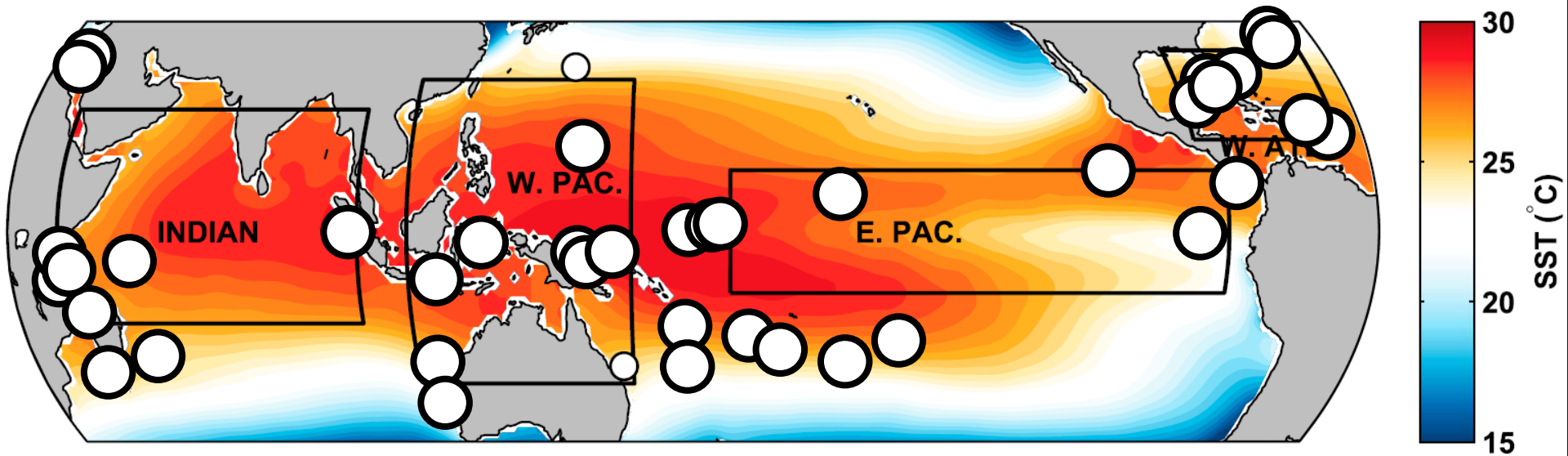


Cobb et al., 2001, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*

Nurhati et al., 2011, *J. Clim.*

Coral records (PAGES Ocean2k)

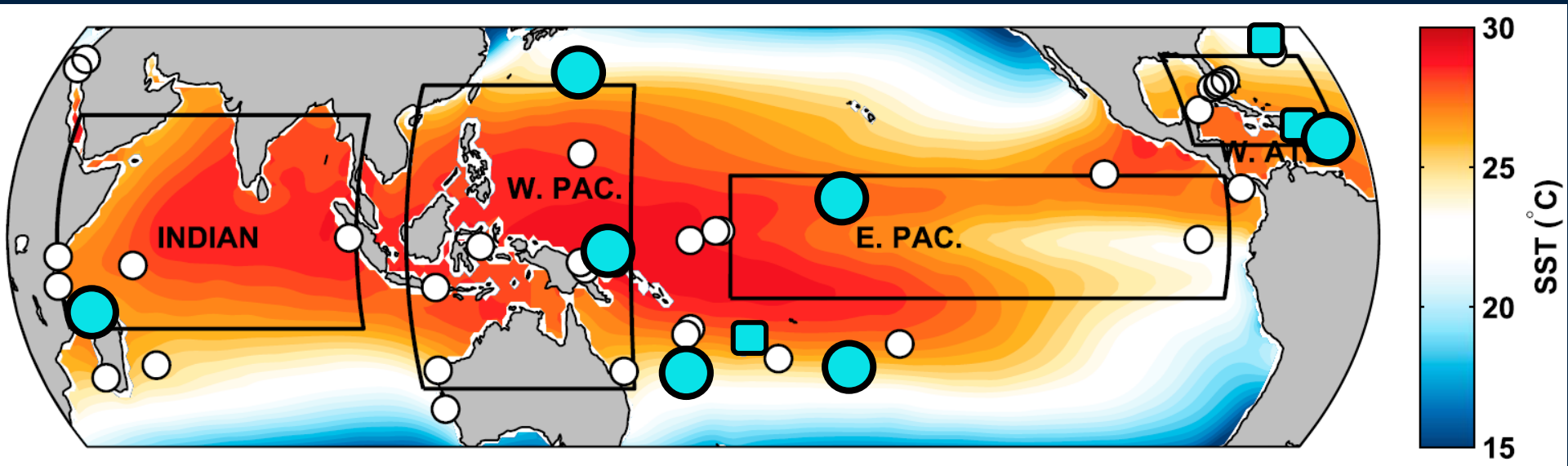
39 coral records



Tierney et al., 2015, *Paleoceanogr.*

Coral records (PAGES Ocean2k)

10 paired Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ records

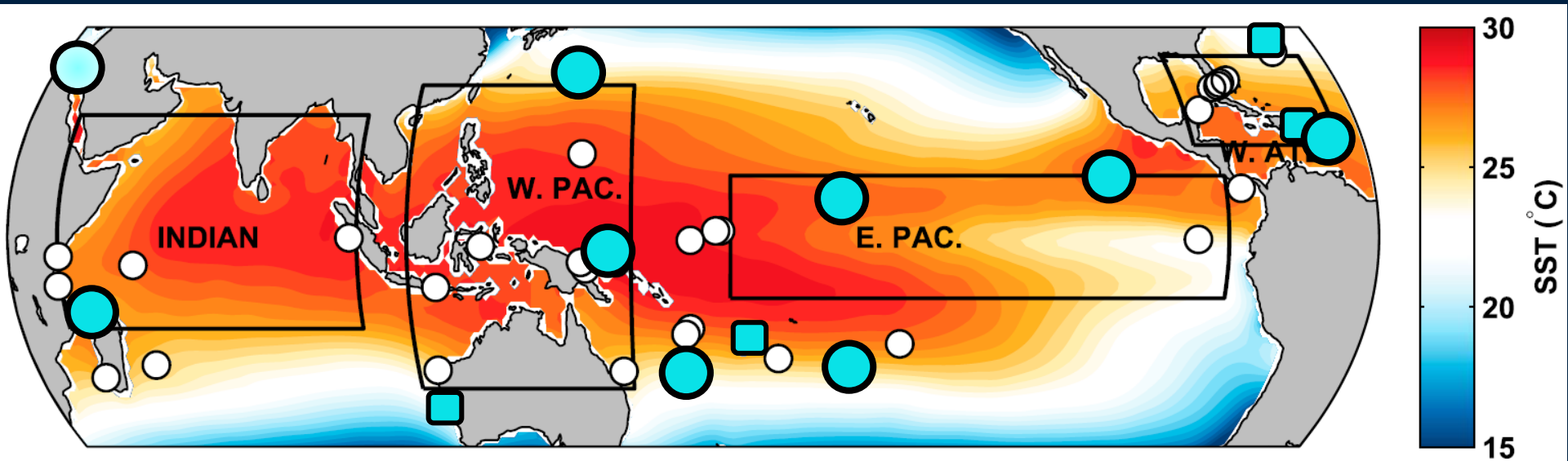


Tierney et al., 2015, *Paleoceanogr.*

- seasonal to monthly resolution
- annual resolution

Coral records

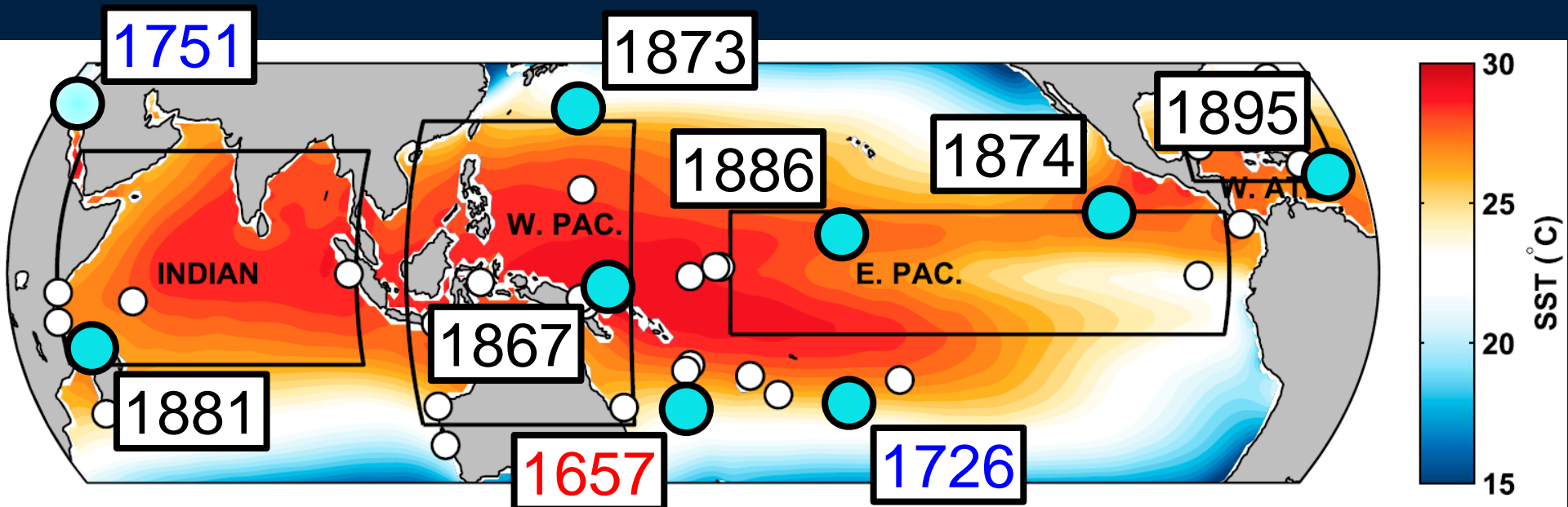
12 paired Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ records (+1 unpublished)



- seasonal to monthly resolution (● unpublished)
- annual resolution

Coral records

9 paired Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ records (1 unpublished)

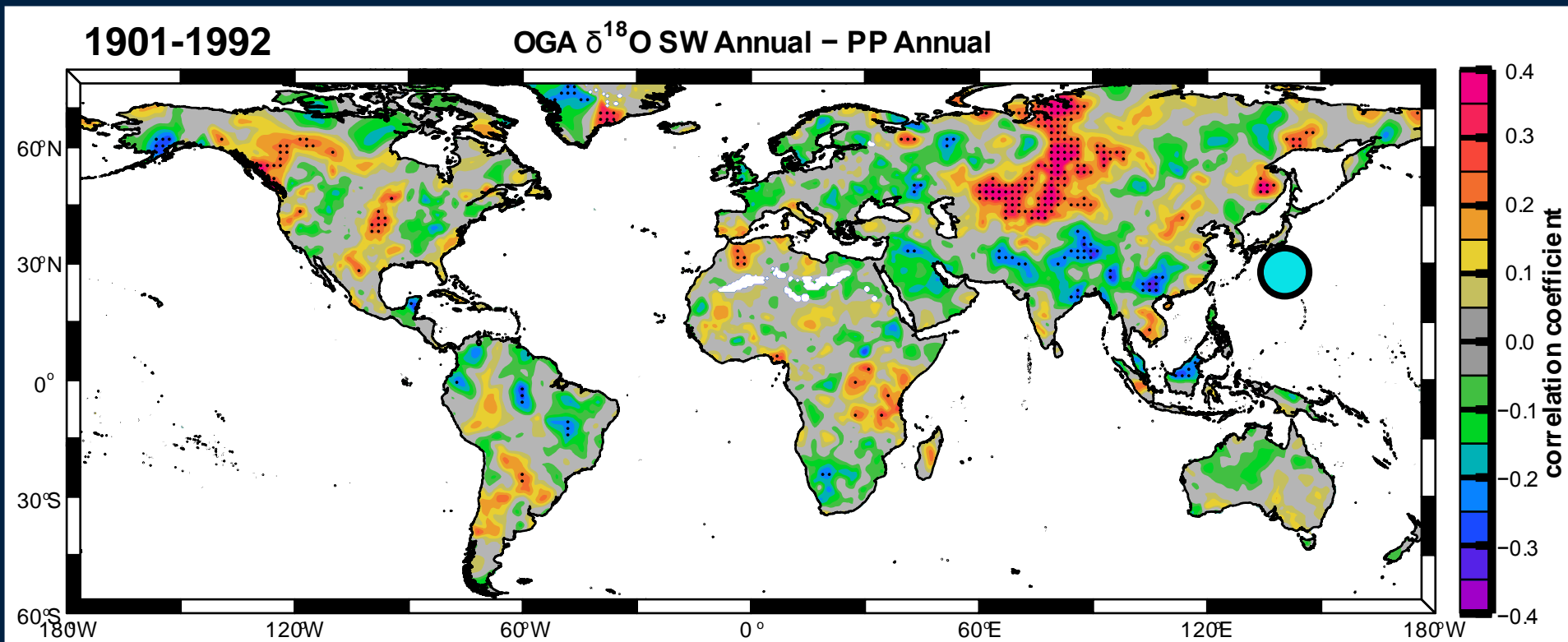


● seasonal to monthly resolution (● unpublished)

North Pacific coral seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

correlation with precipitation
(CRU TS3.22)

Harris et al., 2014, *Int. J. Climatol.*

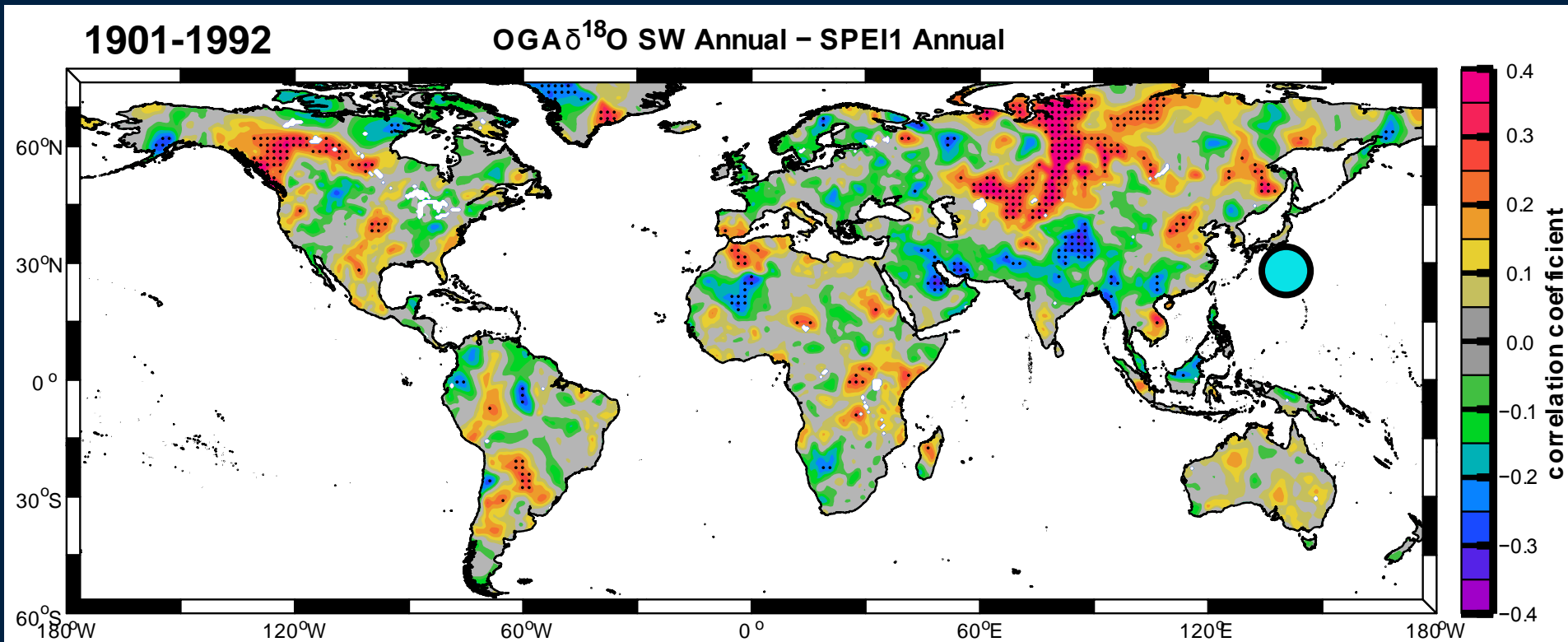


Ogasawara coral record - Felis et al., 2009, *Geology*

North Pacific coral seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

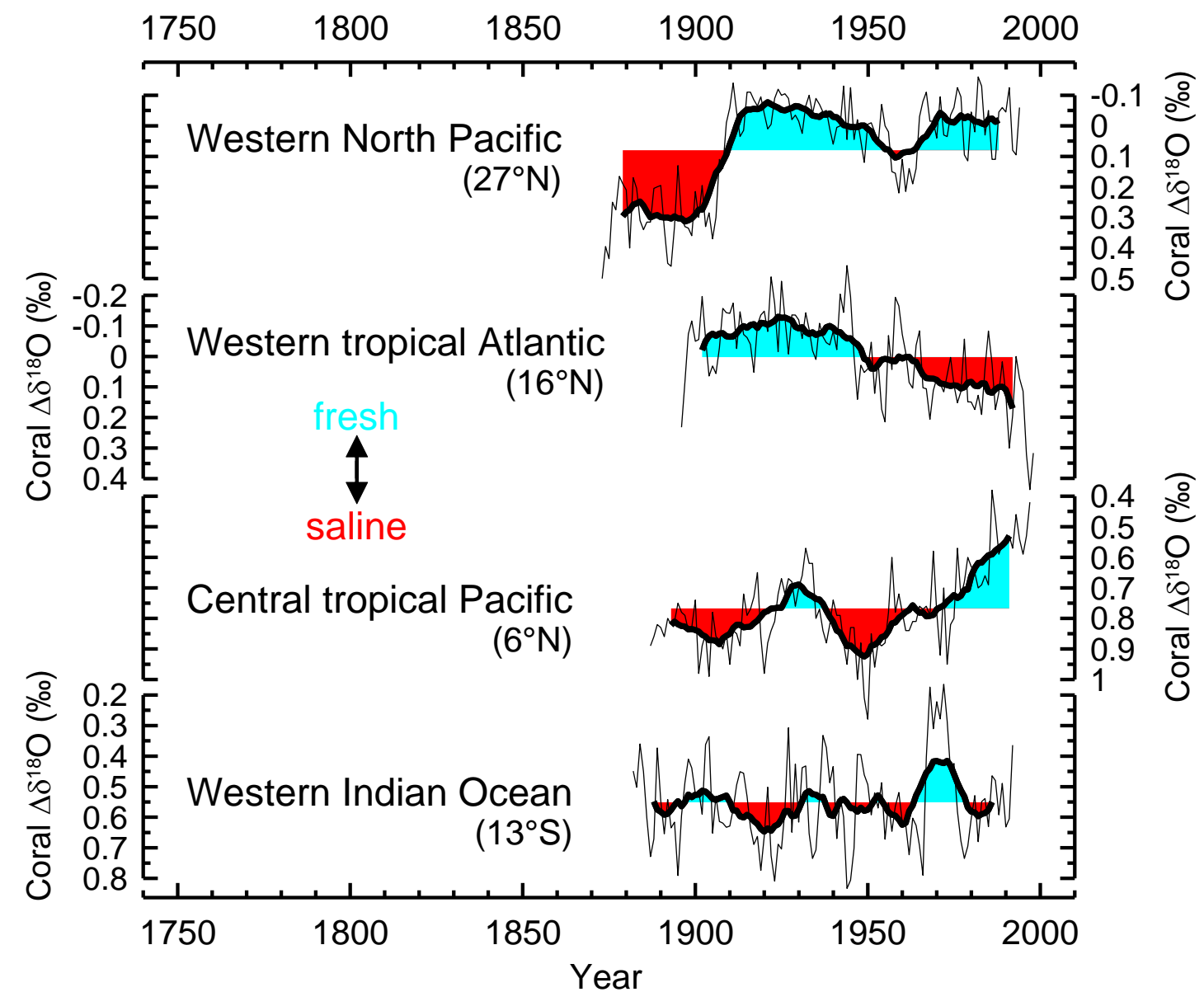
correlation with SPEI
(Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index)

Vicente-Serrano et al., 2010, *J. Clim.*



Ogasawara coral record - Felis et al., 2009, *Geology*

Coral seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ reconstructions



Felis et al.,
2009

Hetzinger et al.,
2010

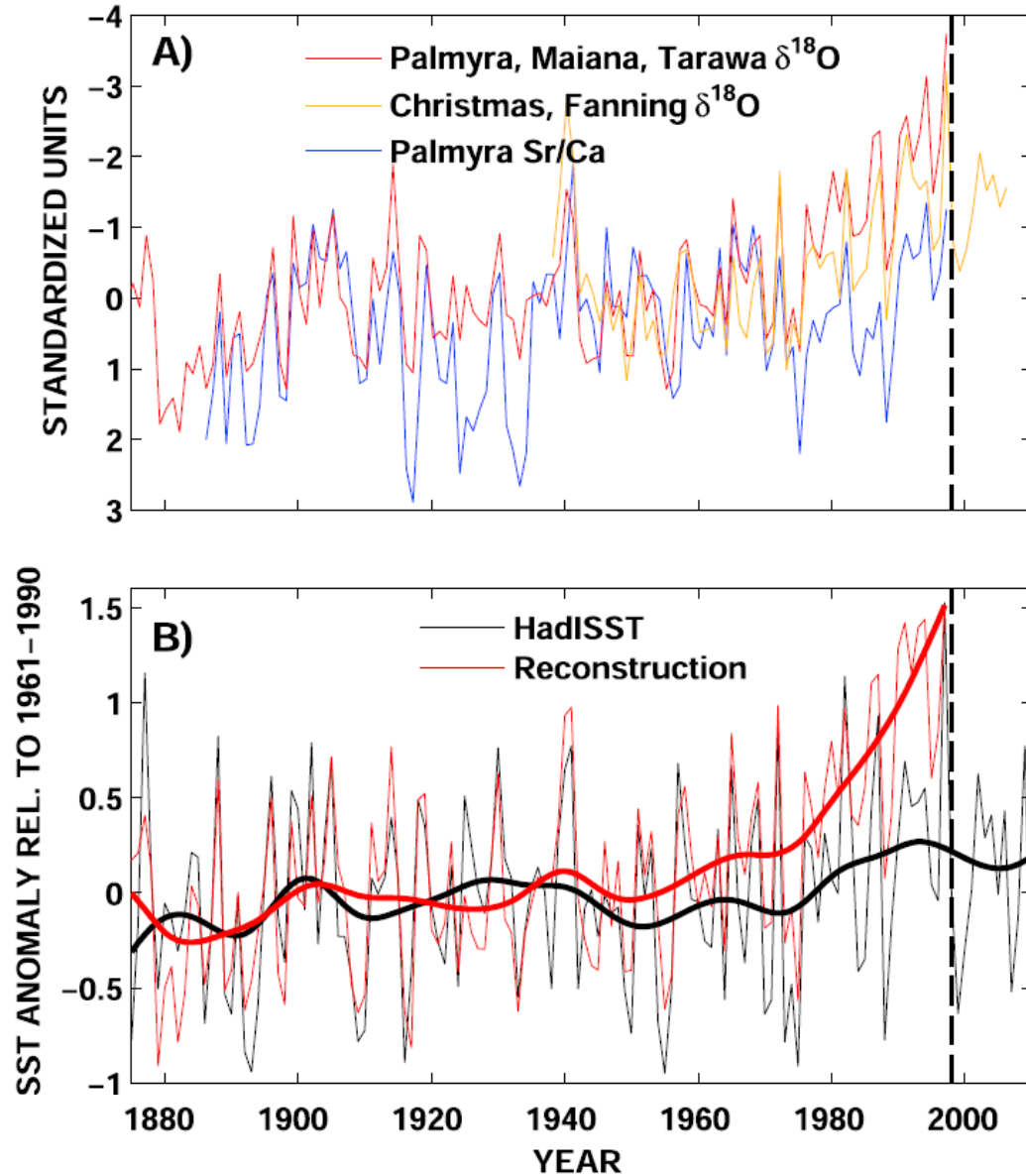
Cobb et al.,
2001
Nurhati et al.,
2011

Zinke et al.,
2008

Central Pacific coral Sr/Ca, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, SST

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Tierney et al., 2015, *Paleoceanogr.*



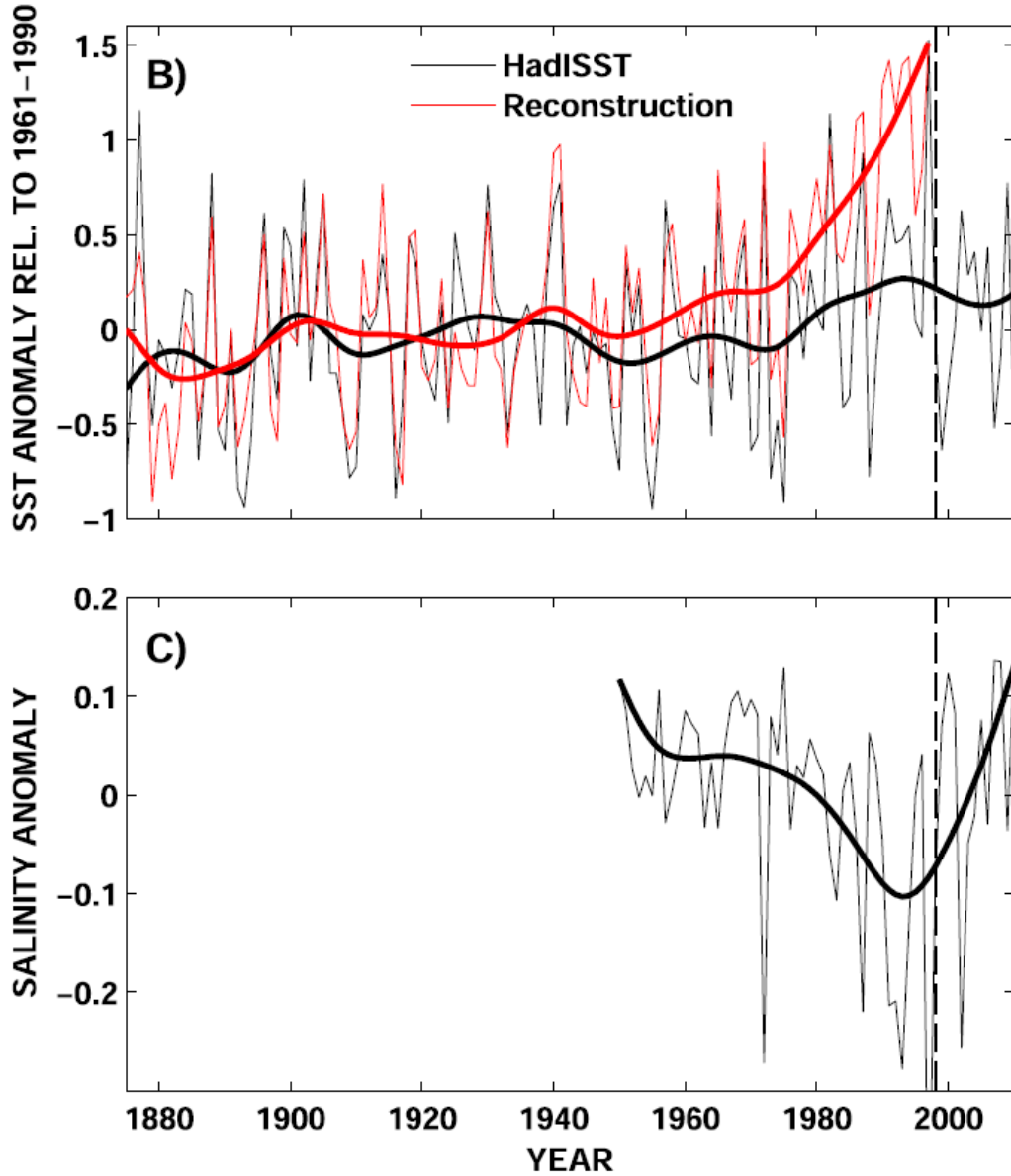
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Nurhati et al., 2011, *J. Clim.*

Central Pacific coral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, SST, salinity

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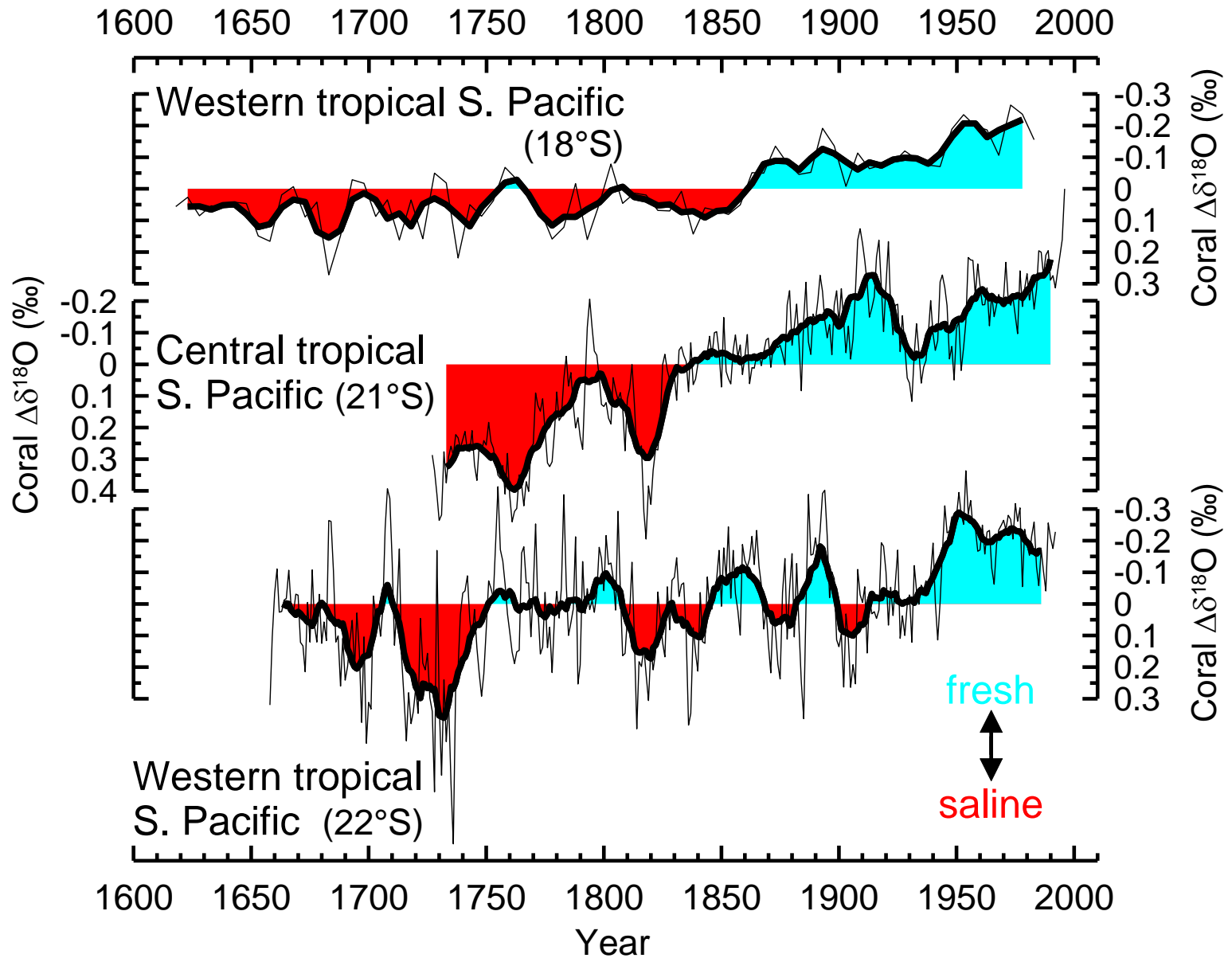
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Cobb et al., 2001, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*

Nurhati et al., 2011, *J. Clim.*

Coral seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ reconstructions



Hendy et al.,
2002

Linsley et al.,
2000
Ren et al.,
2002

Quinn et al.,
1998
DeLong et al.,
2012

Hydroclimate from coral Sr/Ca - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

- **Coral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$:**
 - **temperature AND seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$**

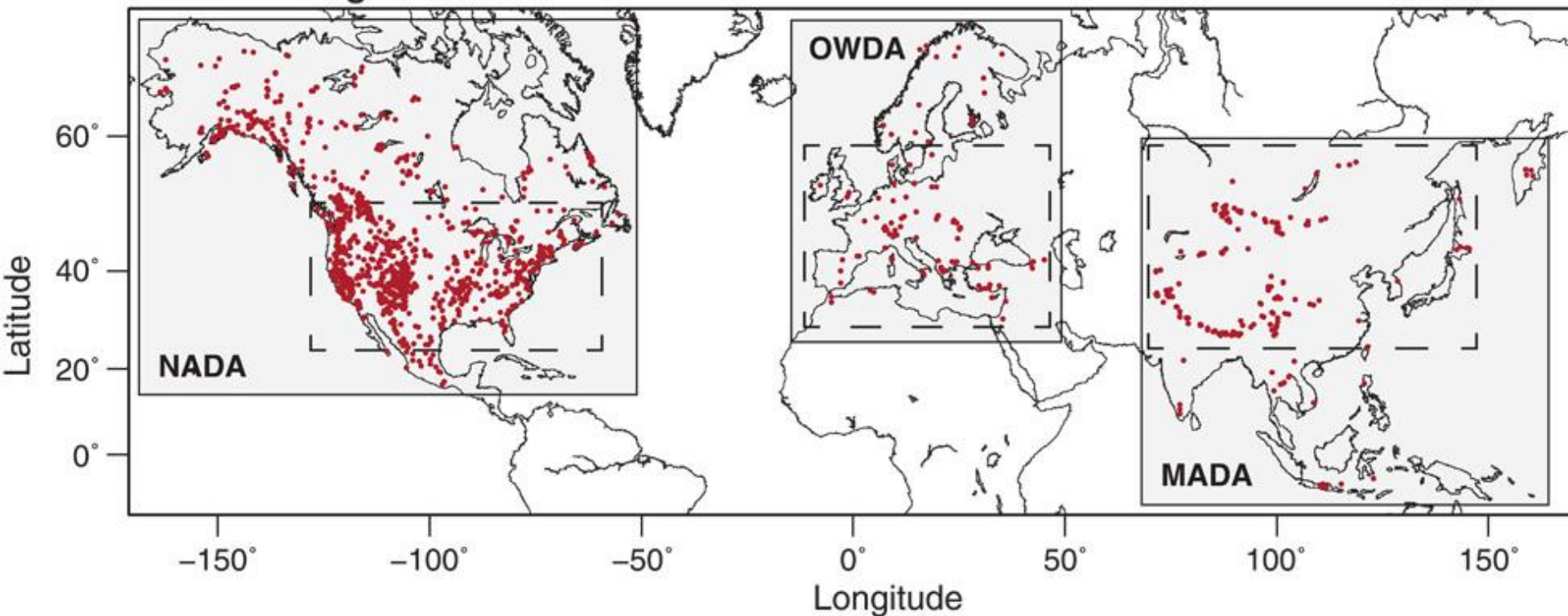
- **Coral Sr/Ca:**
 - **temperature**

- **Paired coral Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$:**
 - **seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (calculated)**

- **Seasonally resolved records:**
 - **better chronology**

- **~13 paired coral Sr/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ records available**
 - **many back to the 1880s to 1870s**
 - **some back to the 18th and 17th century**

Last millennium hydroclimate - tree rings



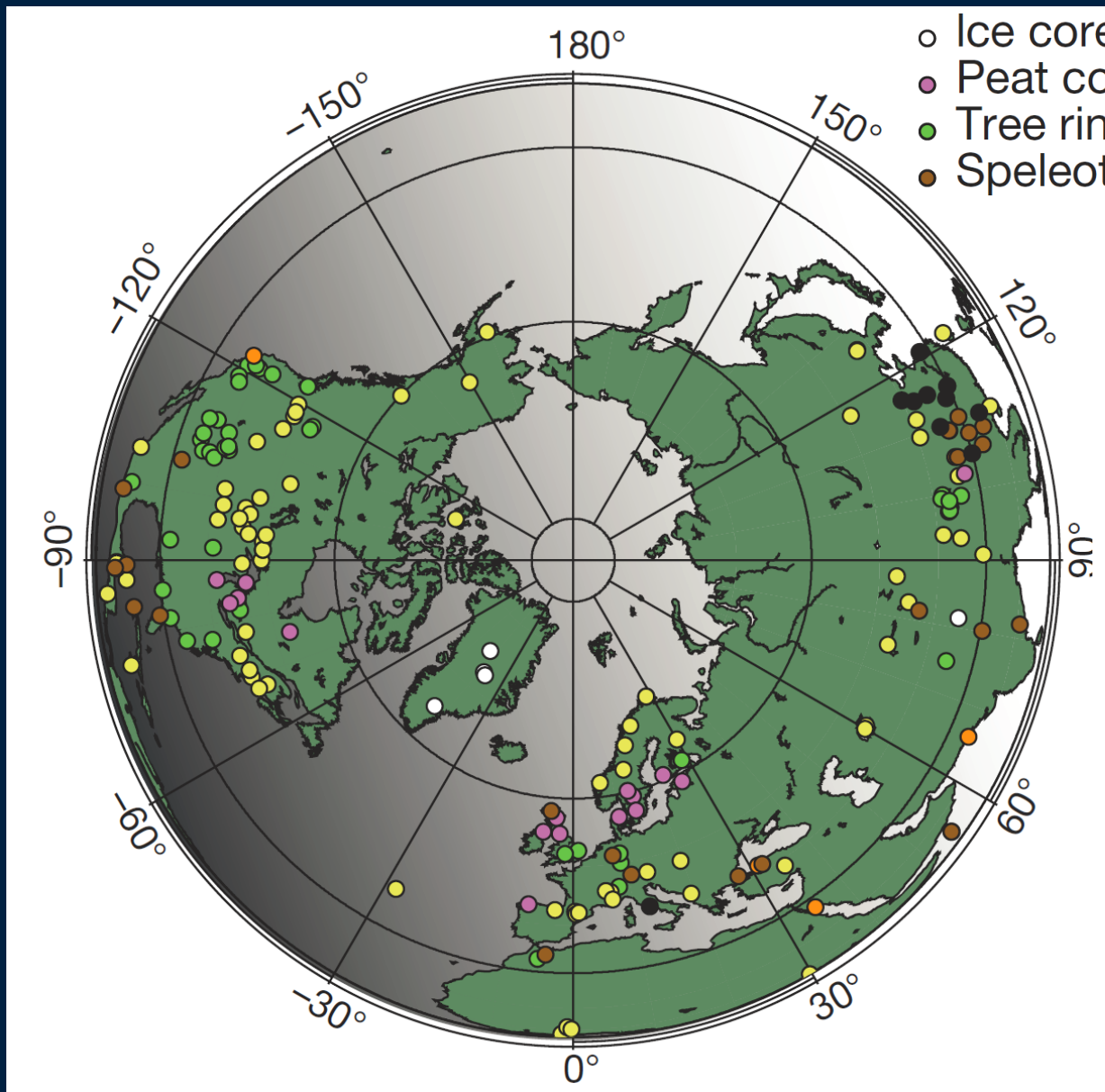
Cook et al., 2015, *Sci. Adv.*

NADA: North American Drought Atlas

OWDA: Old World Drought Atlas

MADA: Monsoon Asia Drought Atlas

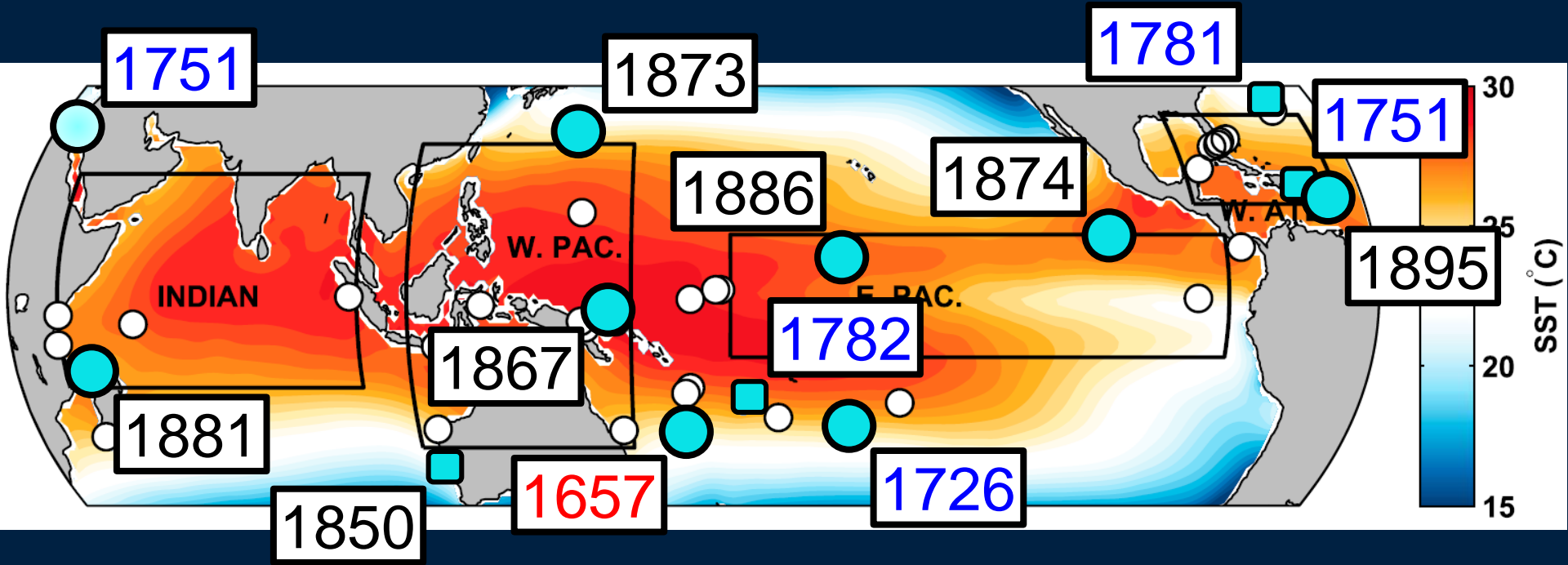
Last millennium hydroclimate - multiproxy



- Ice cores
- Documentary
- Peat cores
- Lake sediments
- Tree rings
- Marine sediments
- Speleothems

Ljungqvist et al., 2016, *Nature*

~13 coral seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ reconstructions



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