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Supporting Information for

Disruption of drought teleconnections between ENSO-influenced regions around 1700 CE

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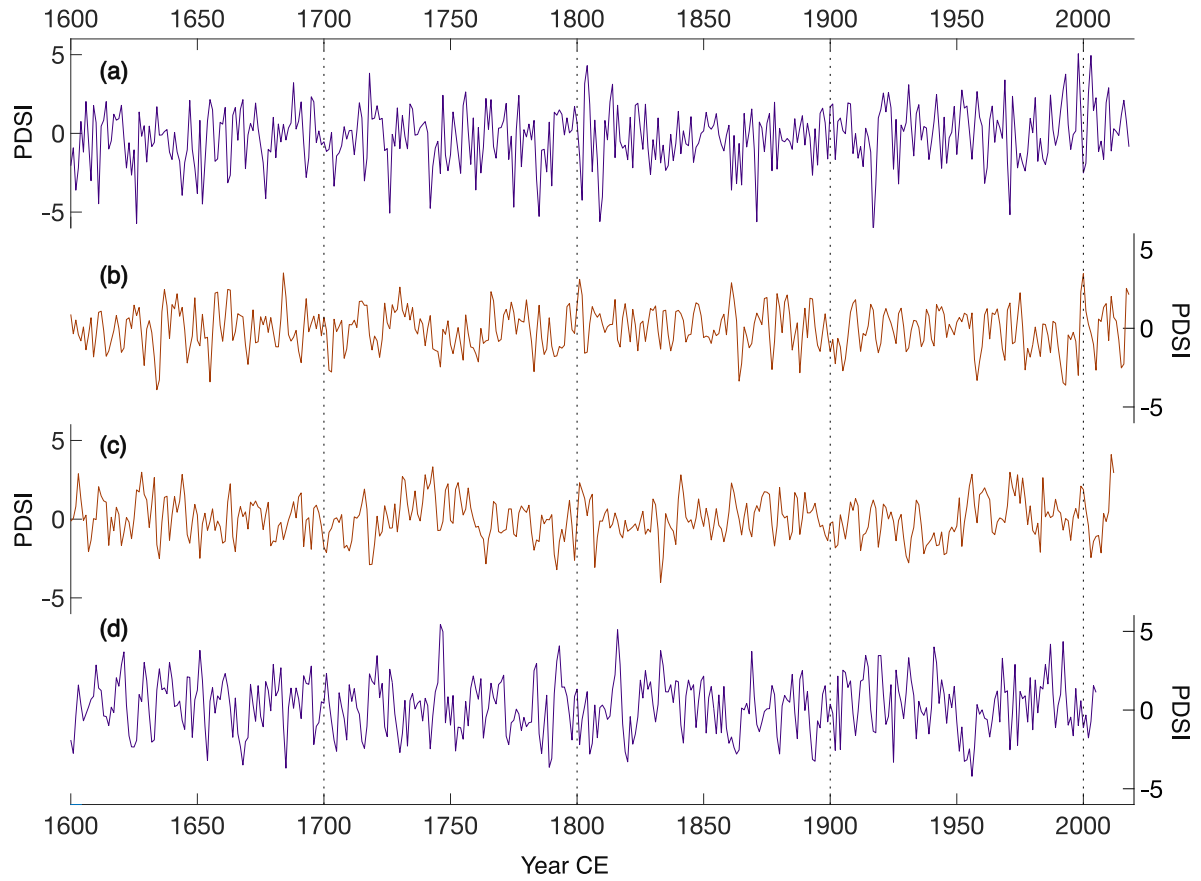
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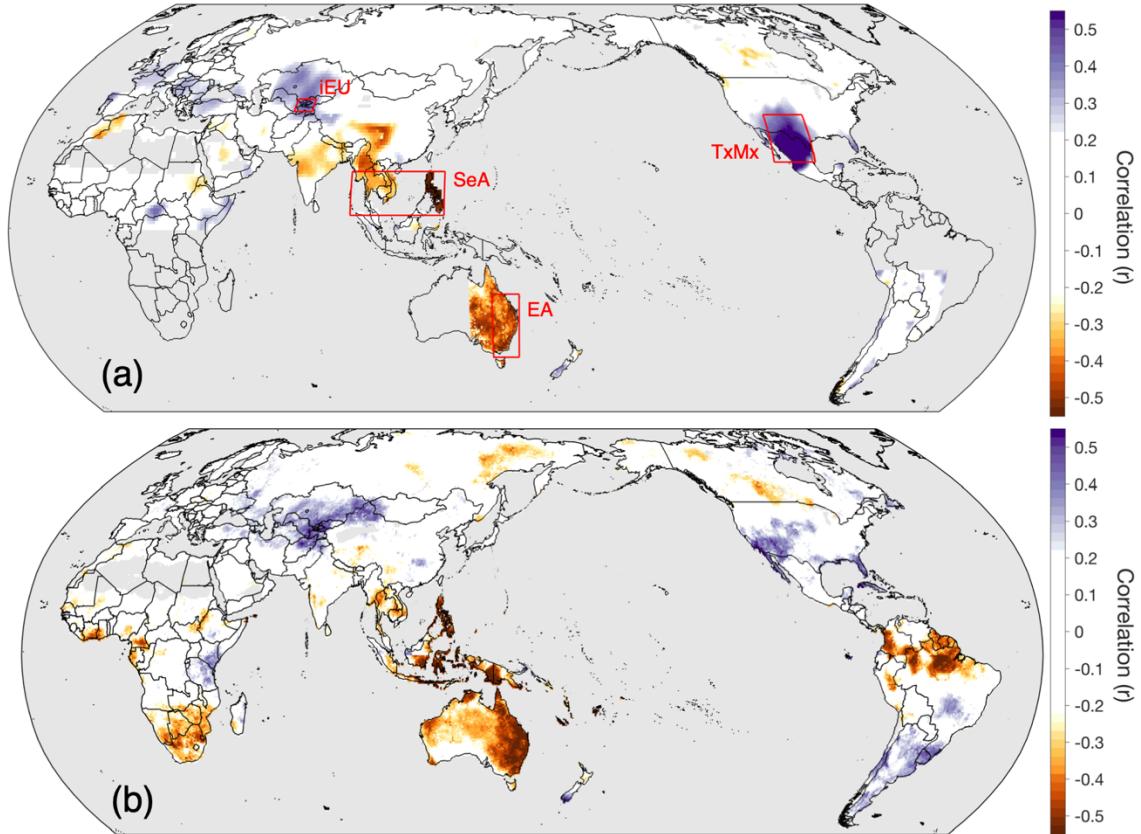
	Drought atlases				PHYDA			
	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
iEU	0.75	0.63	0.17	-0.03	0.94	-0.31	0.14	0.04
SeA	-0.56	0.01	0.66	-0.50	-0.64	-0.03	0.19	0.75
EA	-0.54	0.21	0.48	0.66	-0.64	-0.14	0.75	-0.11
TxMx	0.72	-0.64	0.28	0.08	0.63	0.75	0.21	0.03
eMEI	0.72	-0.11	-0.20	0.01	0.62	0.11	0.05	-0.34

Supplementary Table 2. Dates of the ten tropical volcanic events considered in the analysis, with estimated volcanic stratospheric sulfur injections (VSSI) in Tg sulfur ([Toohey & Sigl 2017](#)). Model number and corresponding year of lowest inter-regional correlation in the CESM-LME runs are also given.

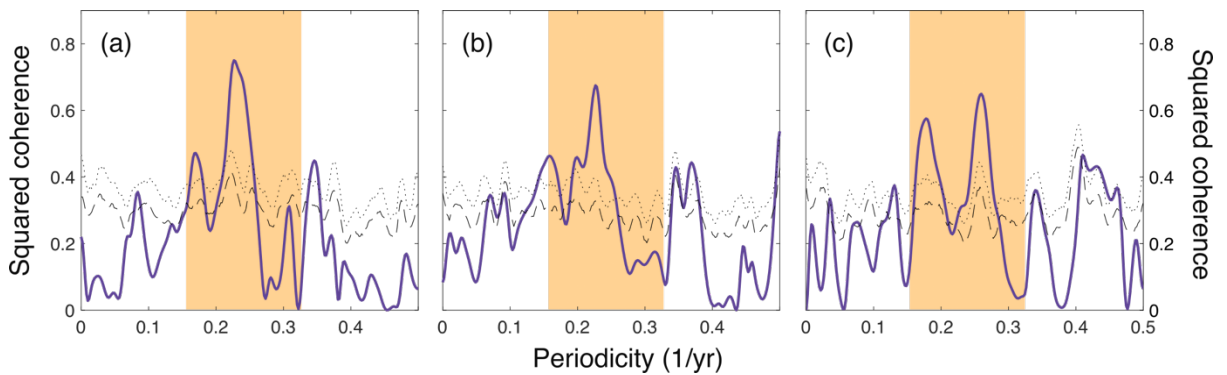
Year CE	VSSI	CESM-LME # (year)
1108	19.1	9 (1111)
1171	18.0	
1230	23.8	7 (1246)
1257	59.4	
1345	15.1	
1458	32.9	2 (1466)
1600	18.9	8 (1618)
1640	18.6	4 & 6 (1657 & 1652)
1695	15.7	
1815	28.0	



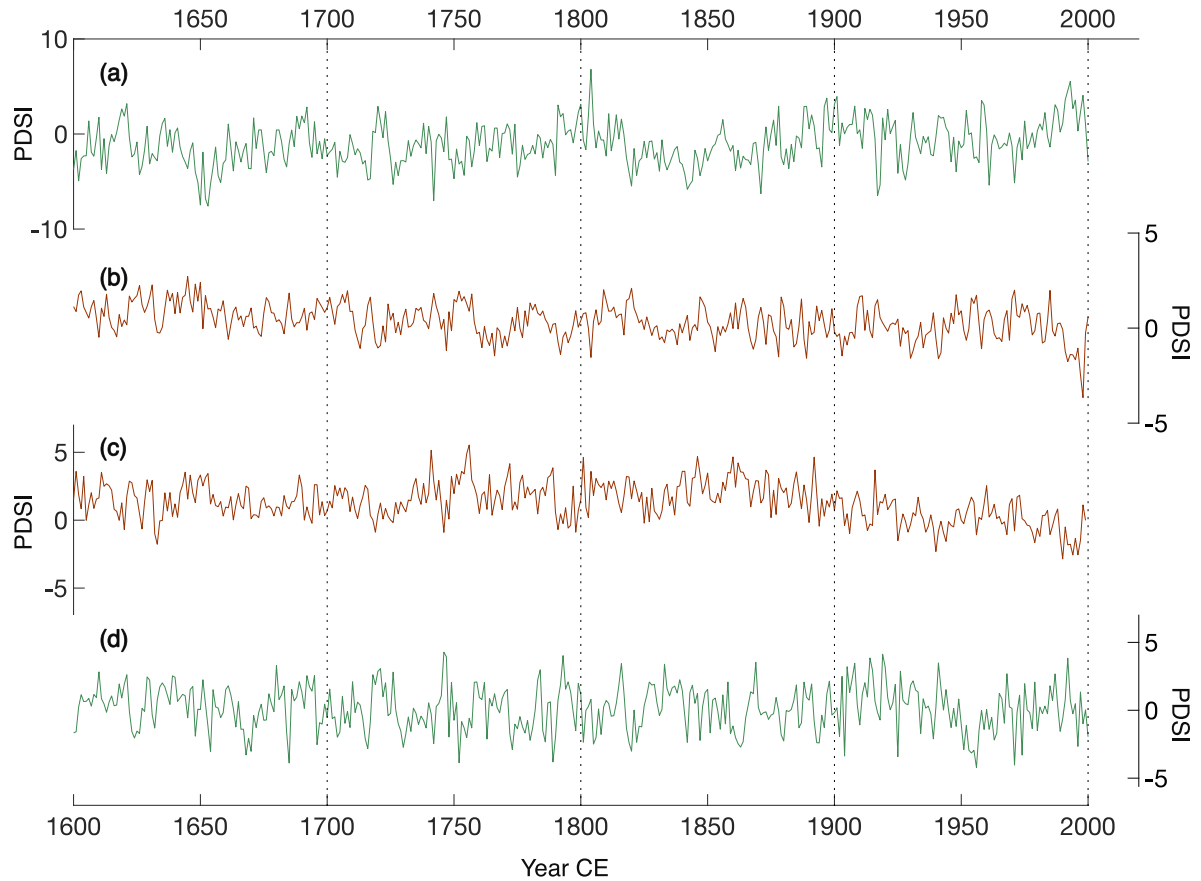
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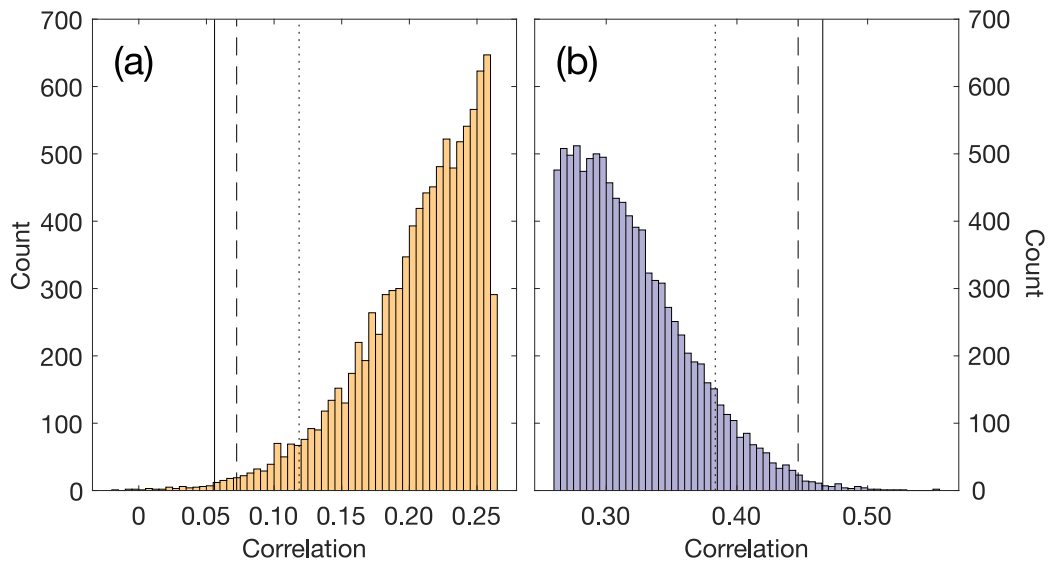
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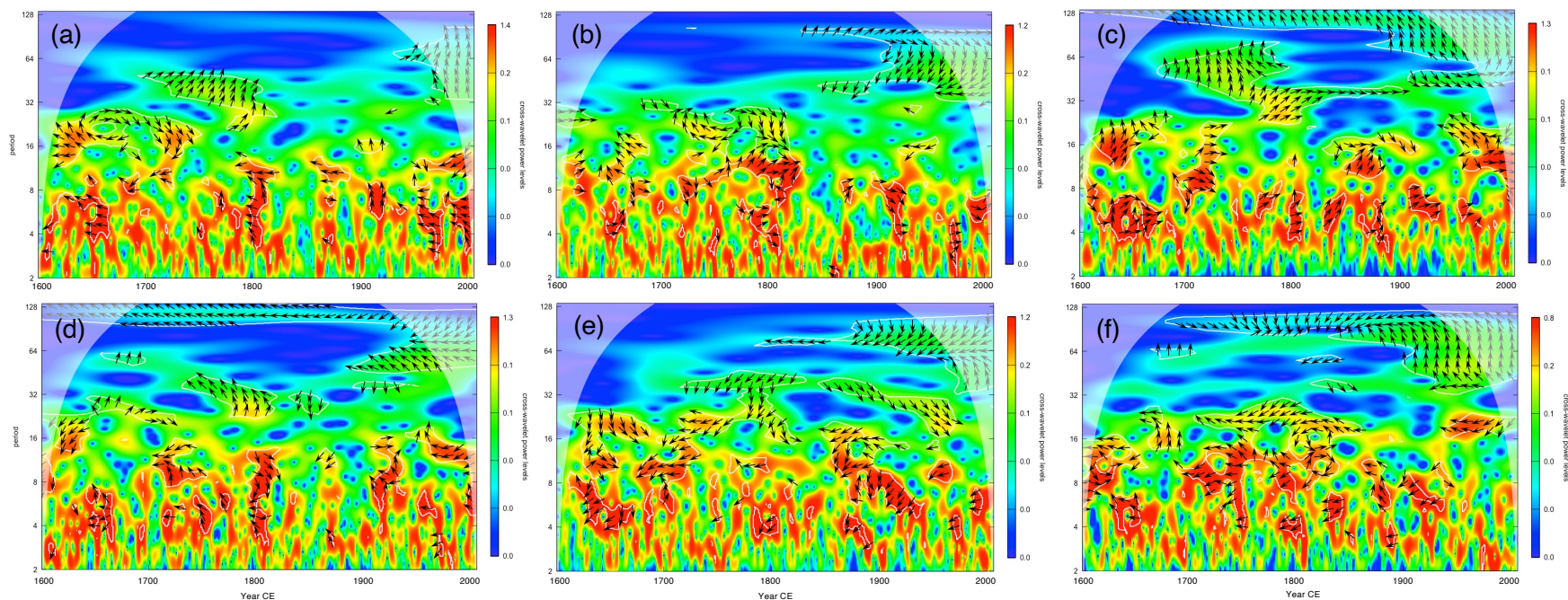
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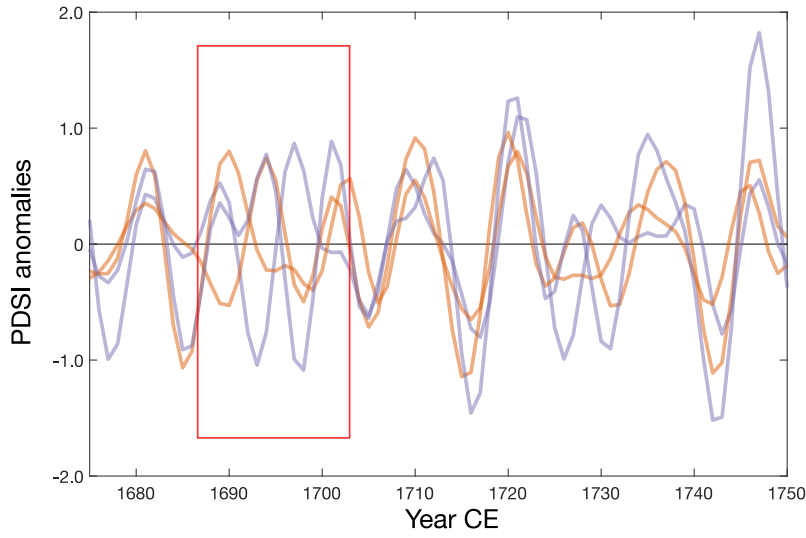
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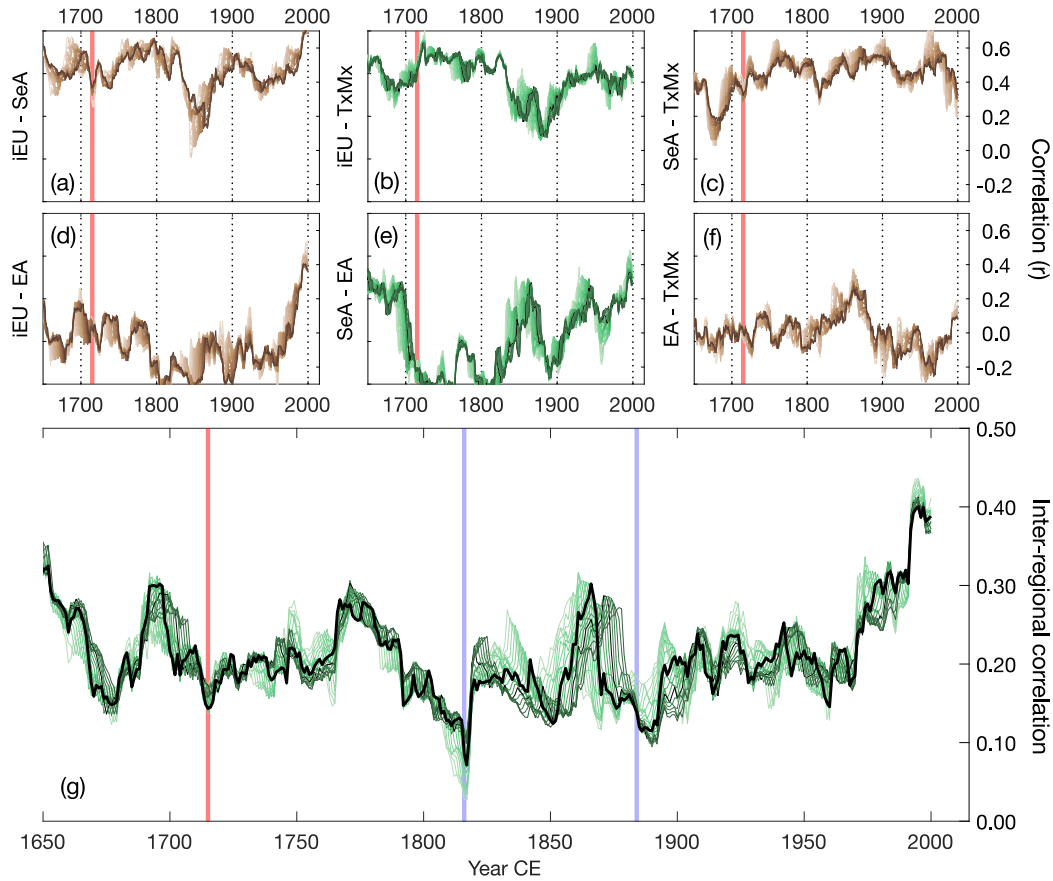
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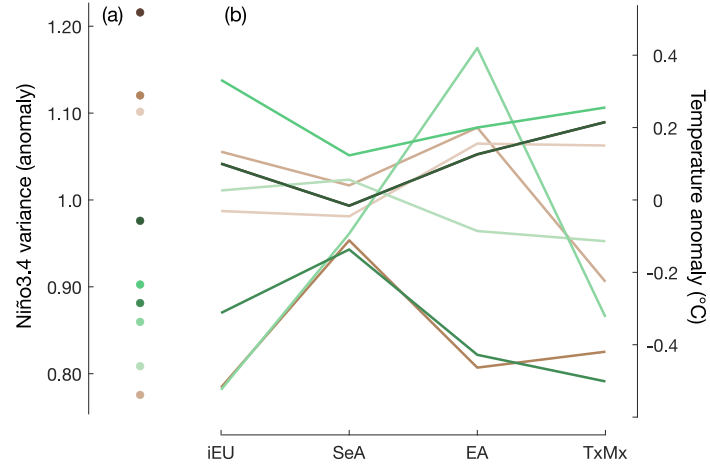
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