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# El Niño

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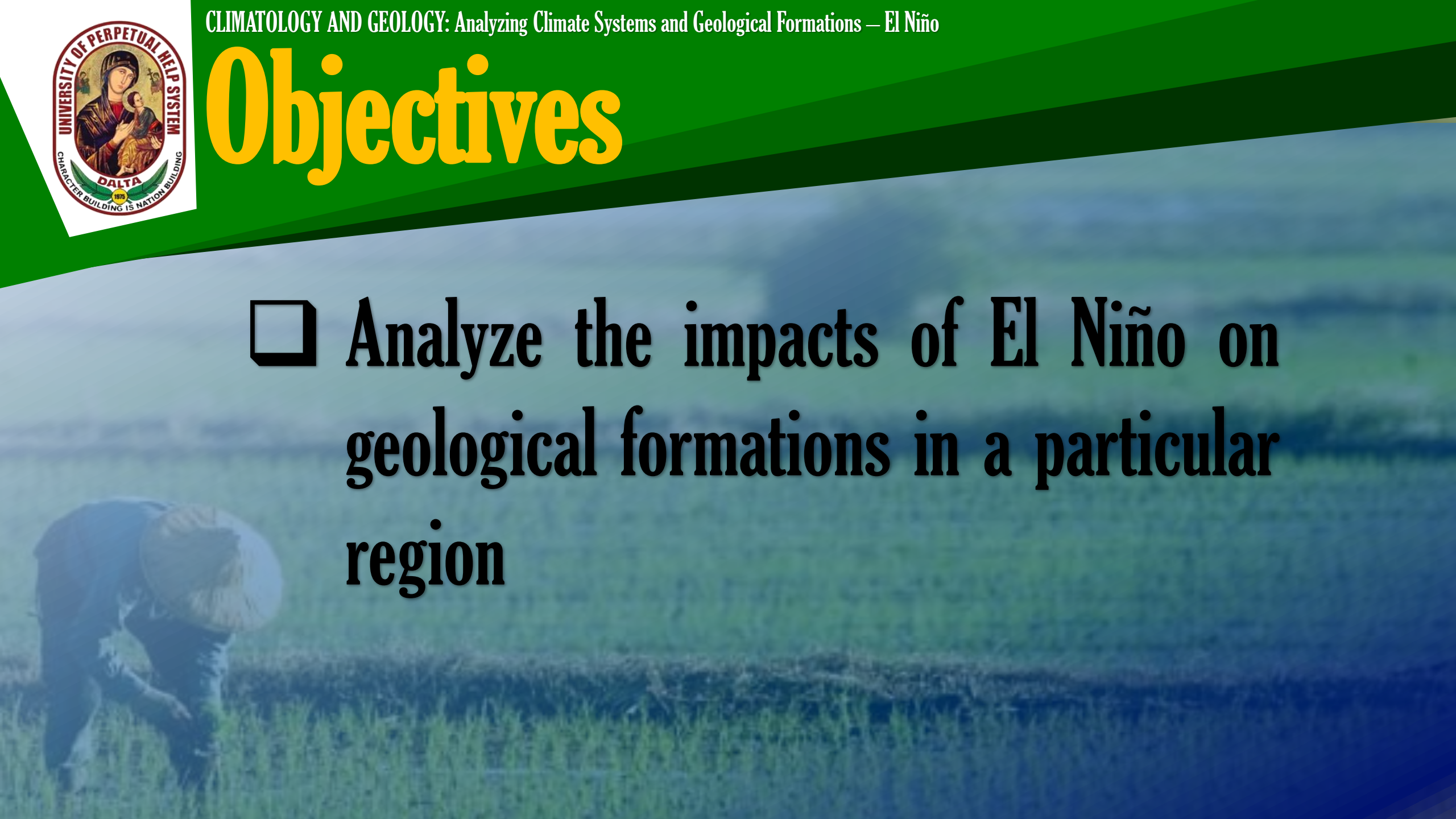


# Introduction



# Objectives

- ❑ Analyze the impacts of El Niño on geological formations in a particular region







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- ❑ Discuss the geological records as evidence of past climatic conditions and how they have shaped the physical landscape.



# Objectives

- ❑ Explore predictive models that link climate systems with geological changes and discuss their accuracy and implications for future geological forecasts.





# Discussion Points





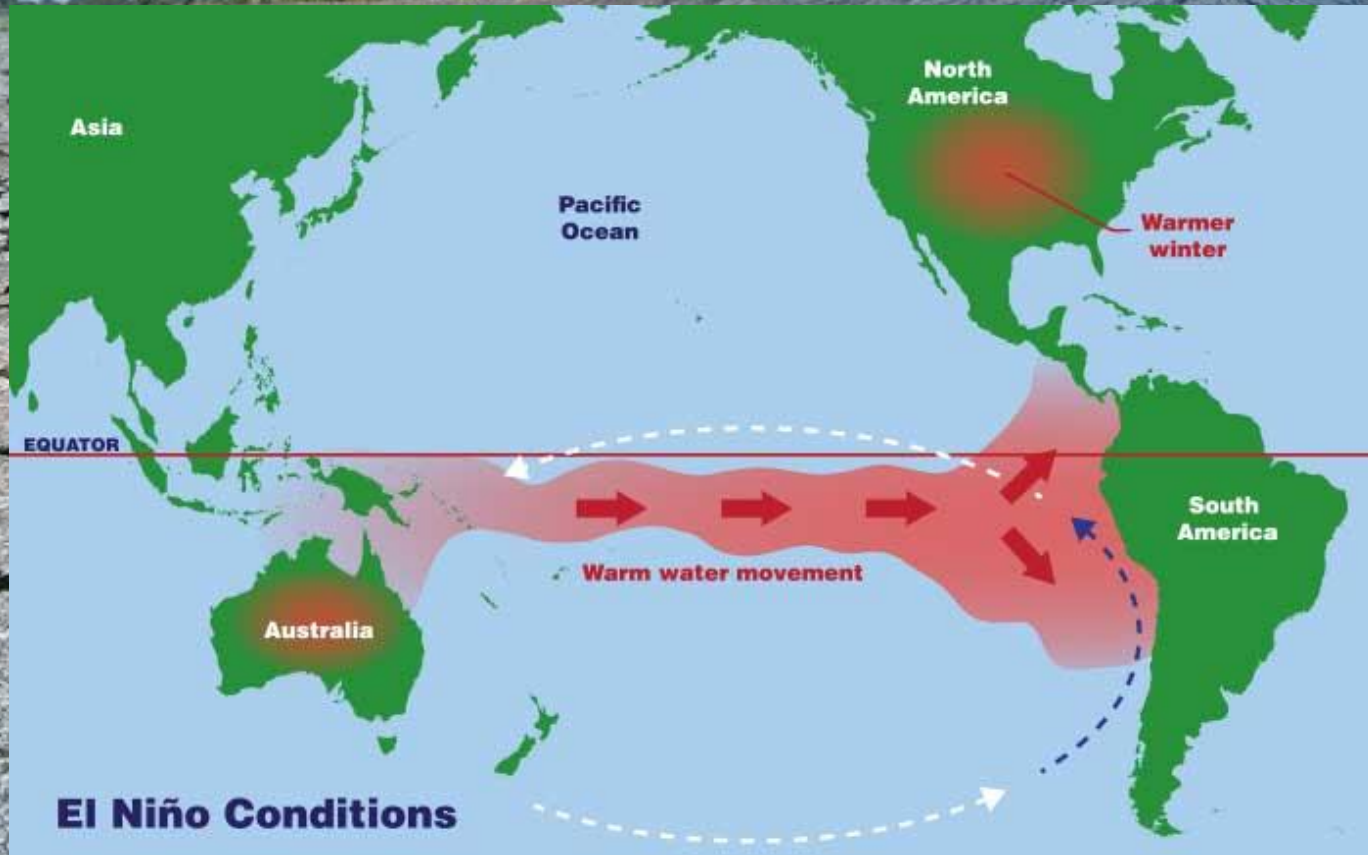
# Geological Impacts

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# El Niño



- ✓ Warmer than average sea surface temperatures
- ✓ Central and eastern equatorial Pacific
- ✓ Prolonged droughts, reduced rainfall, higher temperatures





# A. Geological Impacts

## Soil Erosion & Desertification

- ✓ Drought weakens vegetation
- ✓ Soil more vulnerable to erosion
- ✓ Reduced agricultural productivity



The 2015–2016 El Niño led to severe soil erosion in Northern Luzon (David et al., 2017).

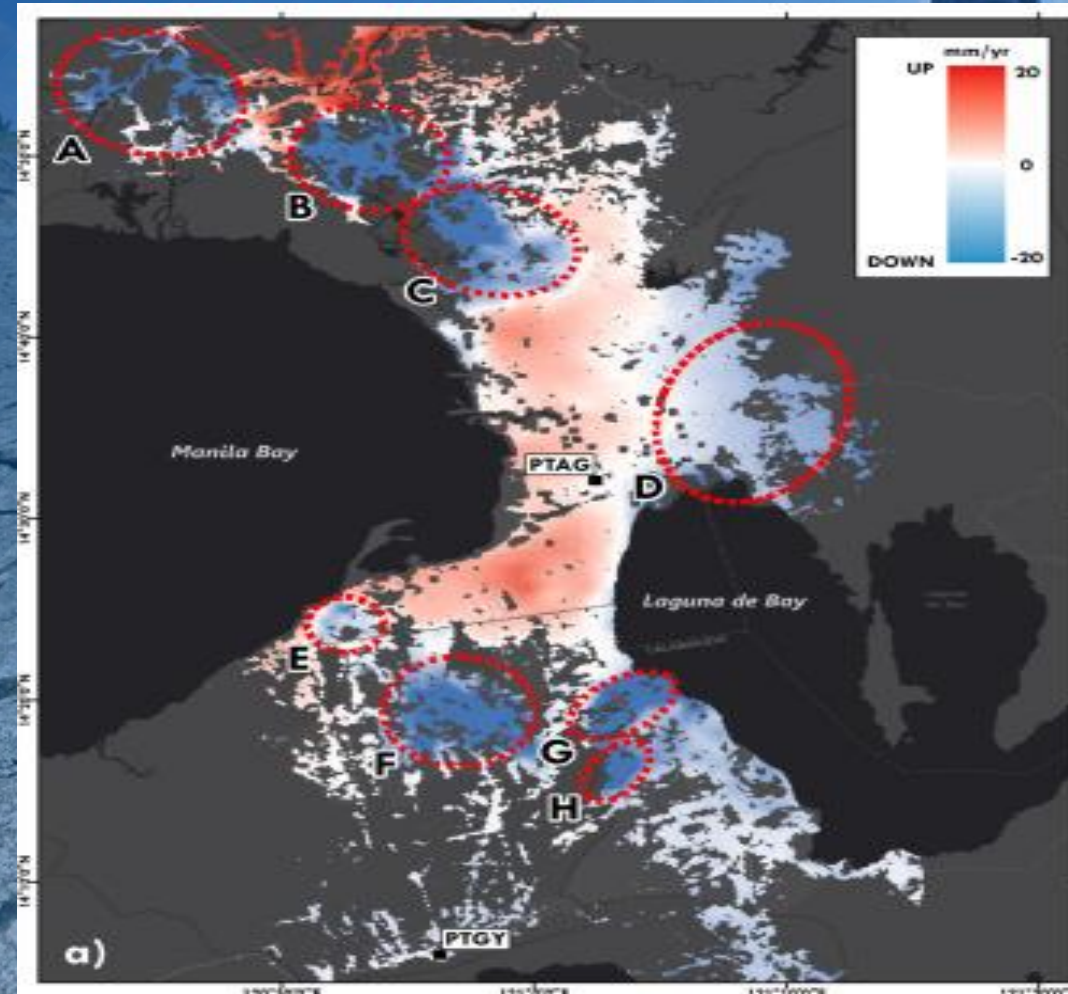




# A. Geological Impacts

## Land Subsidence

- ✓ Excessive groundwater extraction due to reduced rainfall
- ✓ Worsening coastal flooding



Pampanga & Bulacan face increasing flood risks due to groundwater depletion (Rodolfo & Siringan, 2006).





# A. Geological Impacts

## Drying of Rivers and Lakes

- ✓ Reduced river flow and shrinking of lakes due to lower rainfall
- ✓ Alterations of riverbeds and surrounding landscapes due to decreased sediment transport



Lake Lanao's water levels dropped significantly in 1997–1998, exposing lakebed sediments (Cruz et al., 2013).





# A. Geological Impacts

## Wildfires & Rock Weathering

- ✓ Prolonged dry conditions
- ✓ Weakened rock structures leading to cracks and weathering.



2016 wildfires in Mt. Apo and Sierra Madre destabilized rock formations (DENR, 2017).





# A. Geological Impacts

## Coastal Erosion

- ✓ Reduced river sediment transport
- ✓ Stronger waves accelerate coastal land loss



Cebu & Palawan experienced severe beach erosion and exposed coral reefs (Siringan & Rodolfo, 2003).





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# Geological Records







# B. Geological Records

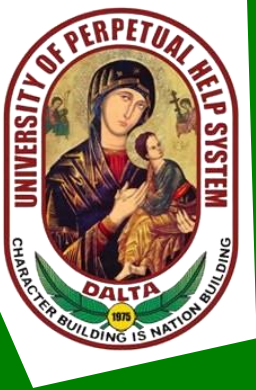
## 1. Sedimentary Deposits and Oceanic Conditions

### A. Ocean sediments

- Biological Indicators
- Sediment Layers and Isotopic Analysis



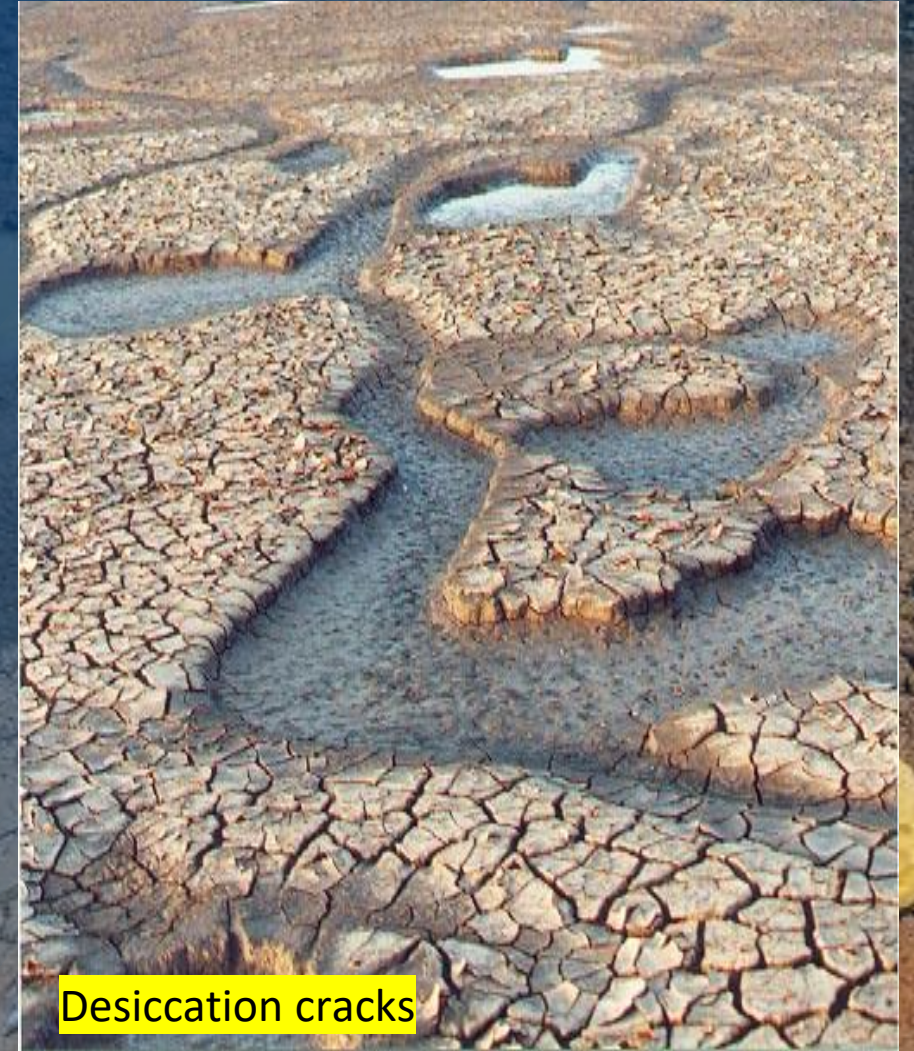




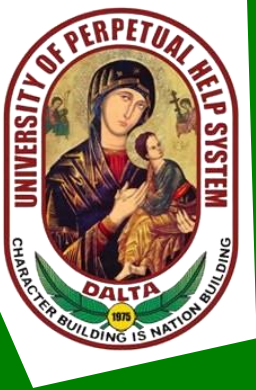
# B. Geological Records

## 1. Sedimentary Deposits and Oceanic Conditions

### B. Lake and River sediments







# B. Geological Records

## 2. Coral Reef Records

### A. Coral Growth Patterns

- Slows down due to warmer waters

### B. Coral Oxygen Isotopes

- Reflects the temperature of the surrounding water







# B. Geological Records

## 3. Terrestrial Climate Impact

### A. Flooding Events

- Sediment Deposition

### B. Drought and Erosion

- Erosion and Sediment Redistribution







# B. Geological Records

## 4. Paleoclimate Models and Proxy Data

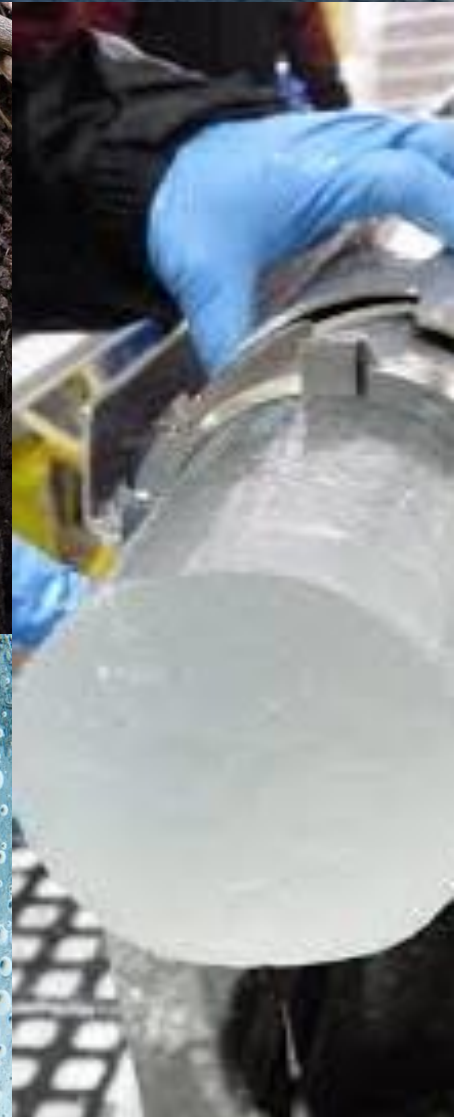
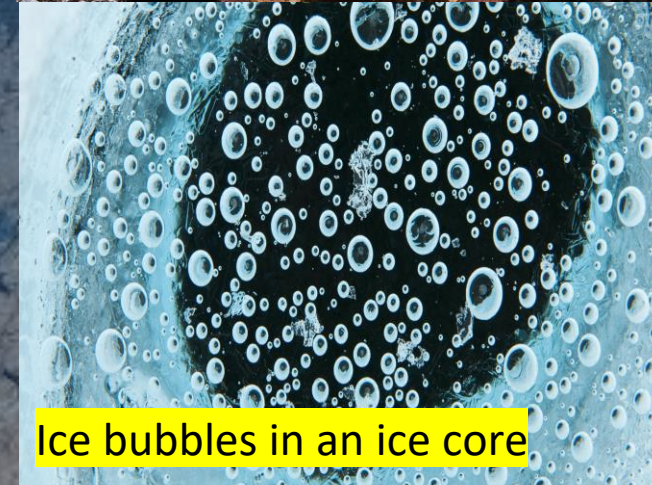
### A. Tree Rings

- Wider — above-average rainfall
- Narrow — drought



### B. Ice Cores

- Air bubbles hold records of past atmospheric composition







# B. Geological Records

## 5. Impact on Landscape Features

### A. Coastal Erosion

- Wave-cut platforms (sea stacks)

### B. Changes in Vegetation

- Landslides or sediment transport
- Wildfires







# Predictive Models

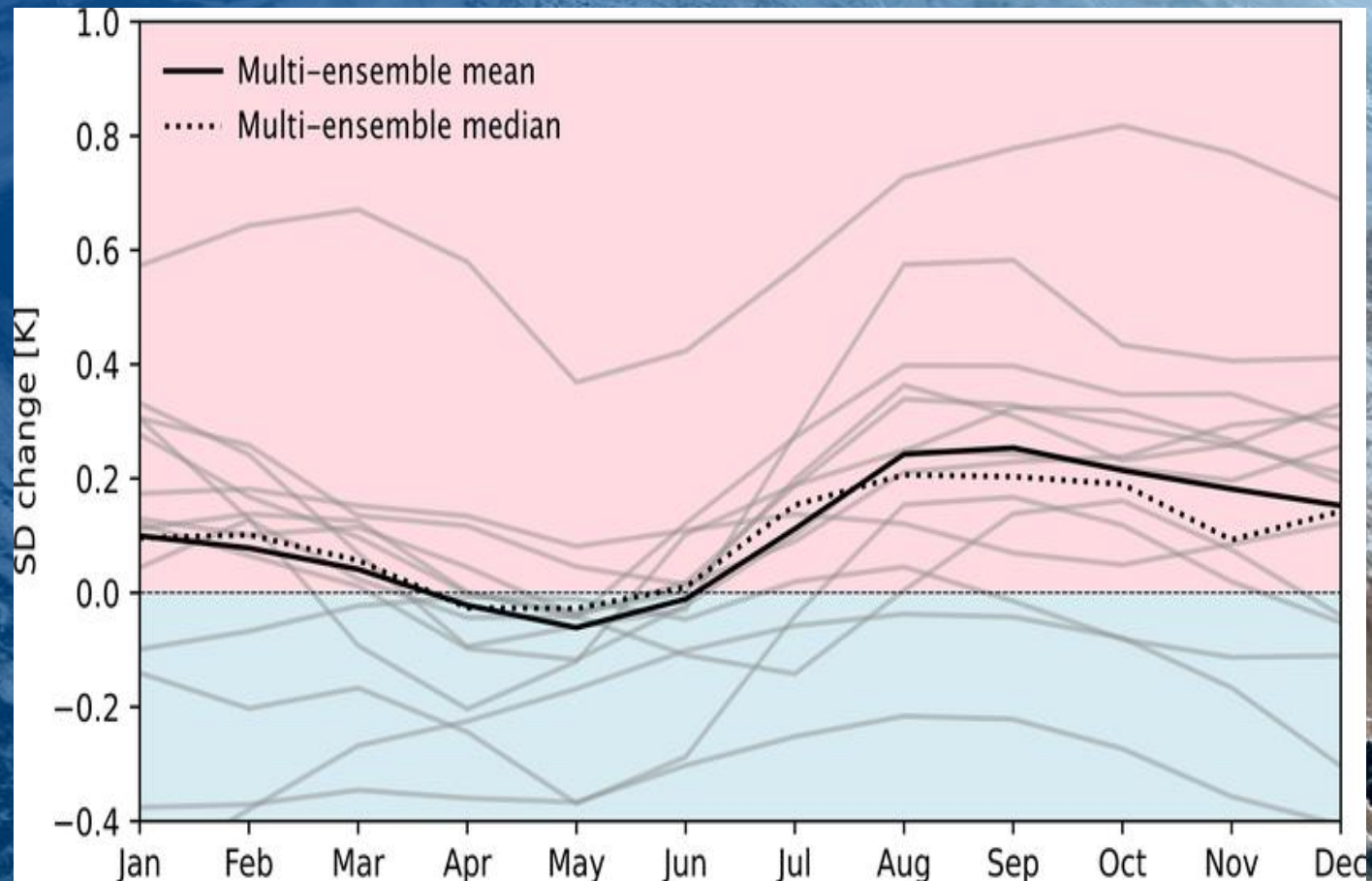




# C. Predictive Models

## How do we predict El Niño events?

- Temperature, humidity, and wind
- Ensemble technique
- Probabilistic estimates





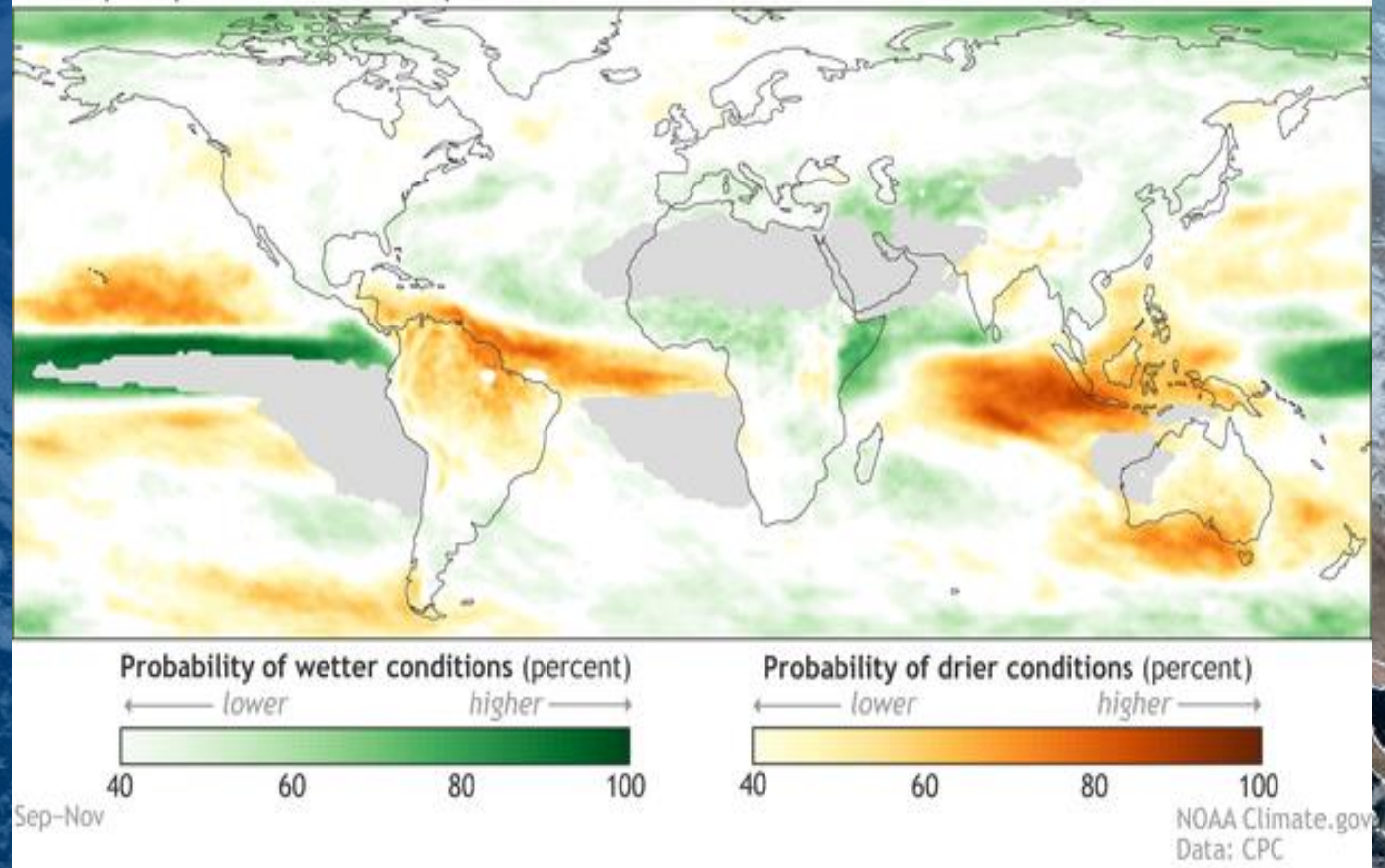


# C. Predictive Models

## North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)

- Computer Climate Models
- Three-month Averages
- Better than single model

NMME precipitation forecast September–November 2023





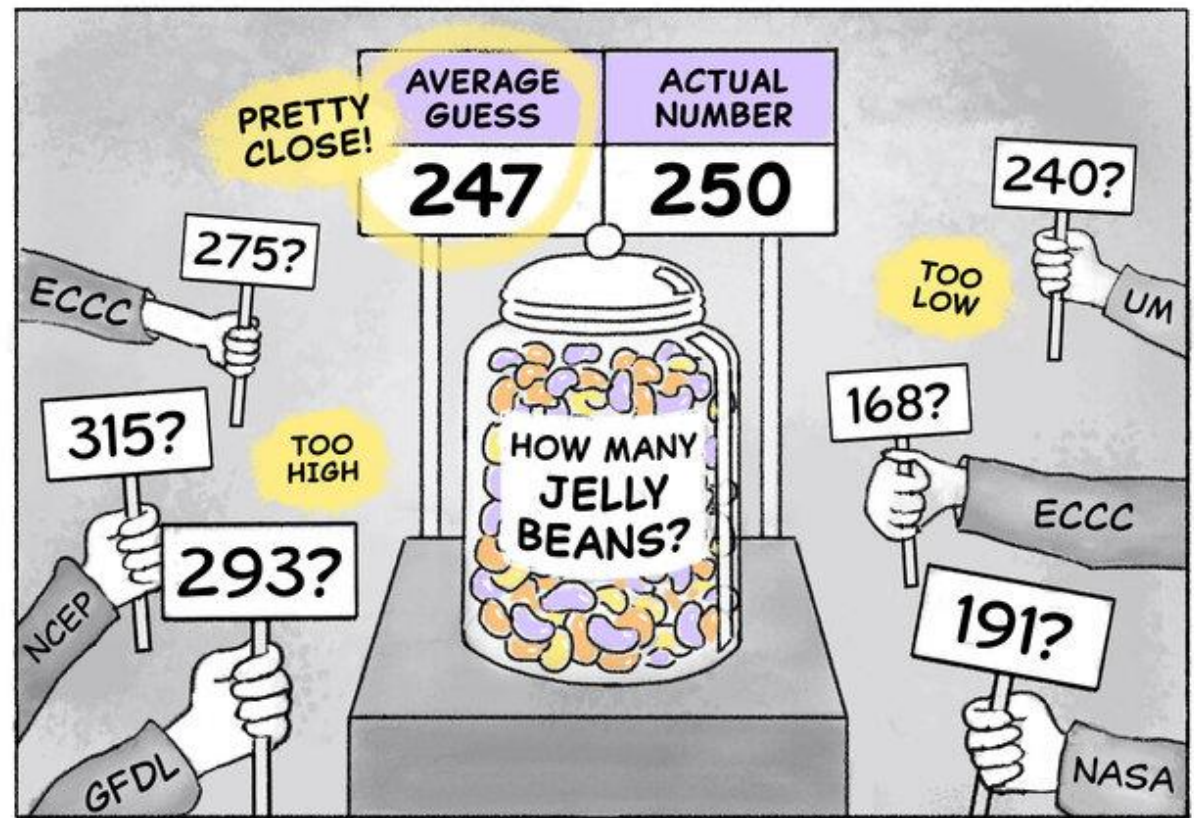


# C. Predictive Models

## North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NCEP, GFDL, CPC)
- International Research Institute for Climate and Society
- University of Miami

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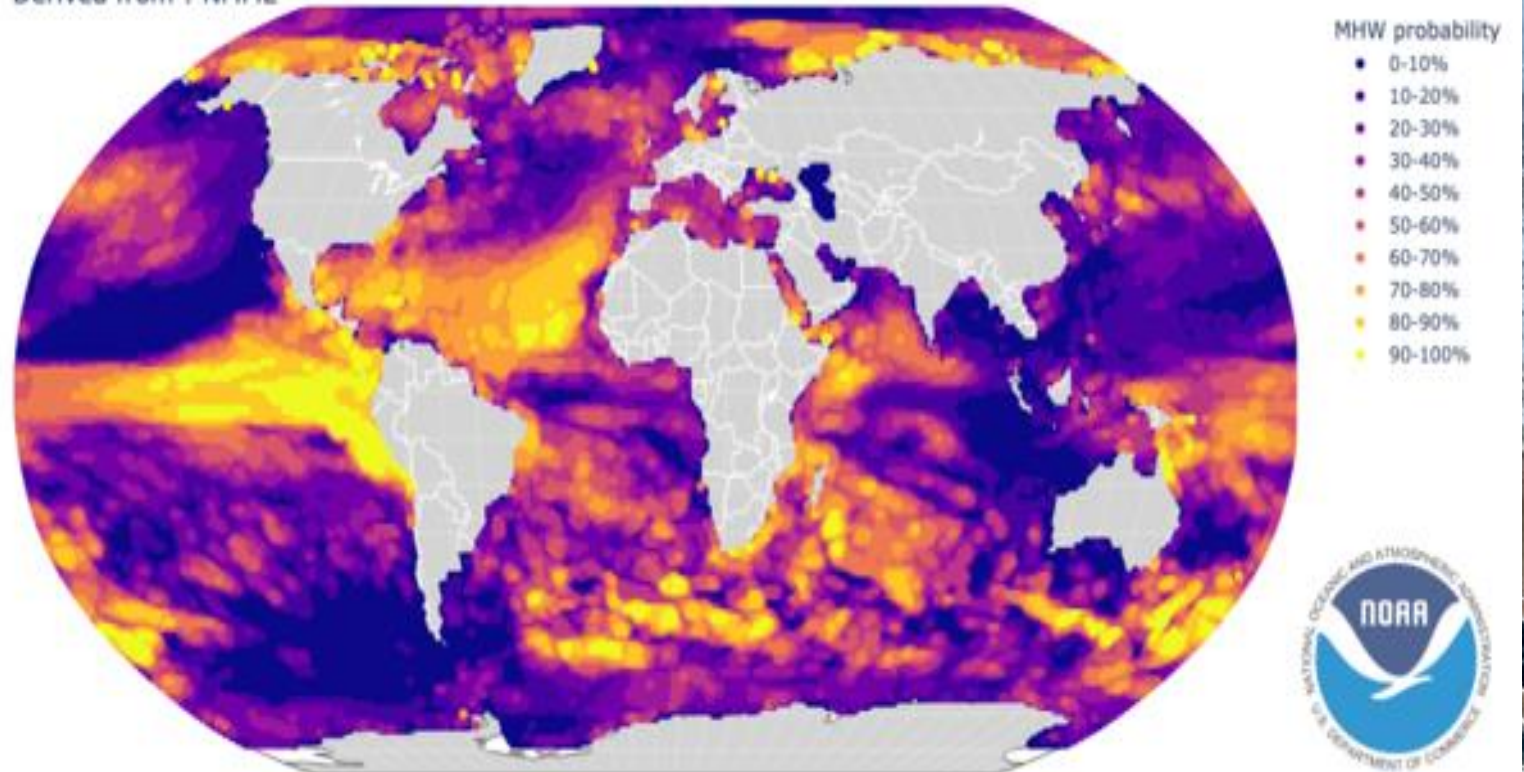


# C. Predictive Models

## North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)

- Real-time forecasts
- Extensive research
- Retrospective forecasts

Marine Heatwave (MHW) Forecast [Jacox et al., 2022]  
Derived from : NMME



Lead time = 2.5 months (07/2023)





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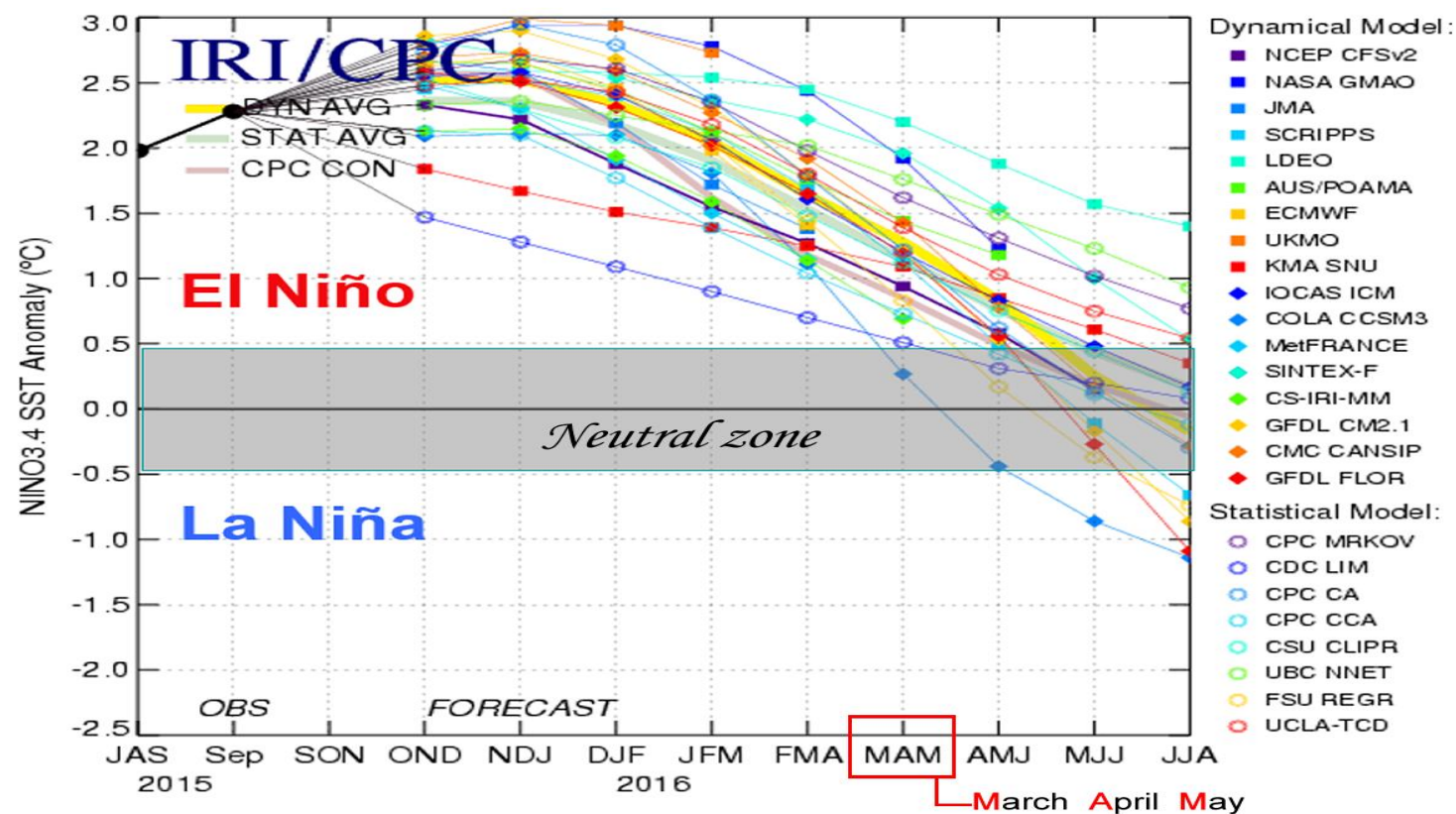
How good have models been at predicting ENSO in the 21st century?

## Types of Models

- **Dynamical** (observational data to simulate future climate using equations)
- **Statistical** (historical data to find patterns)

## Plume of El Niño Predictions

Each colored line is a different model prediction

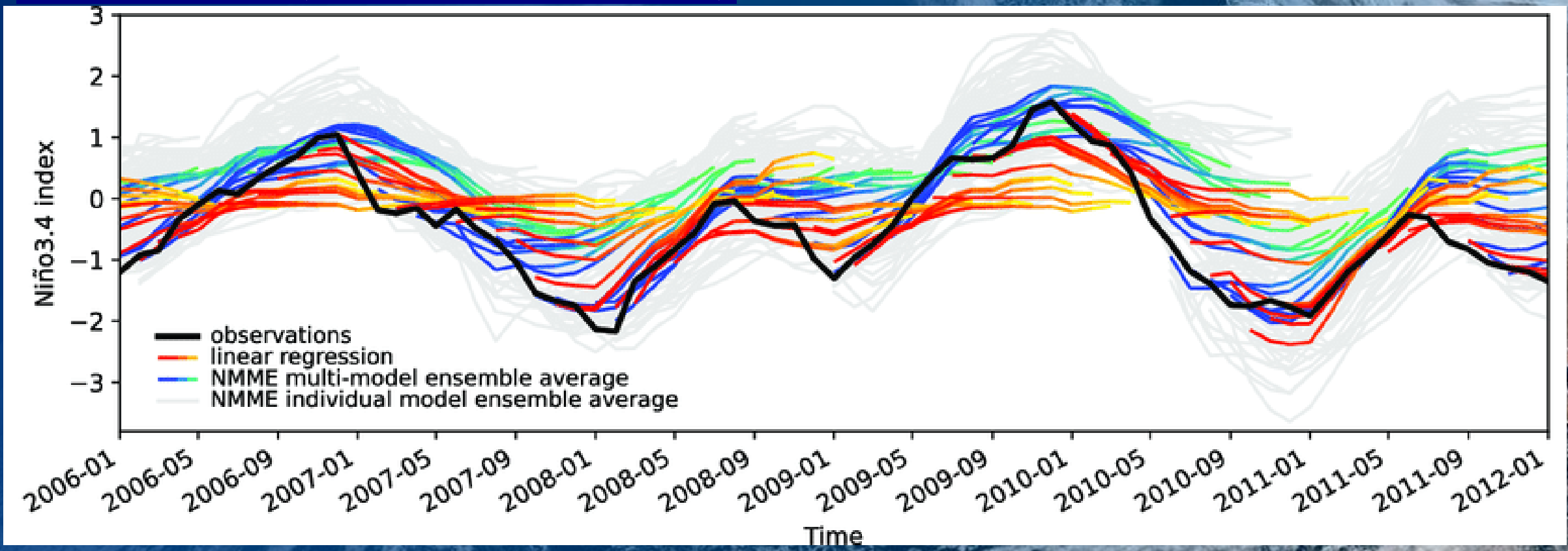






# C. Predictive Models

## Hybrid Model (Statistical-Dynamical)

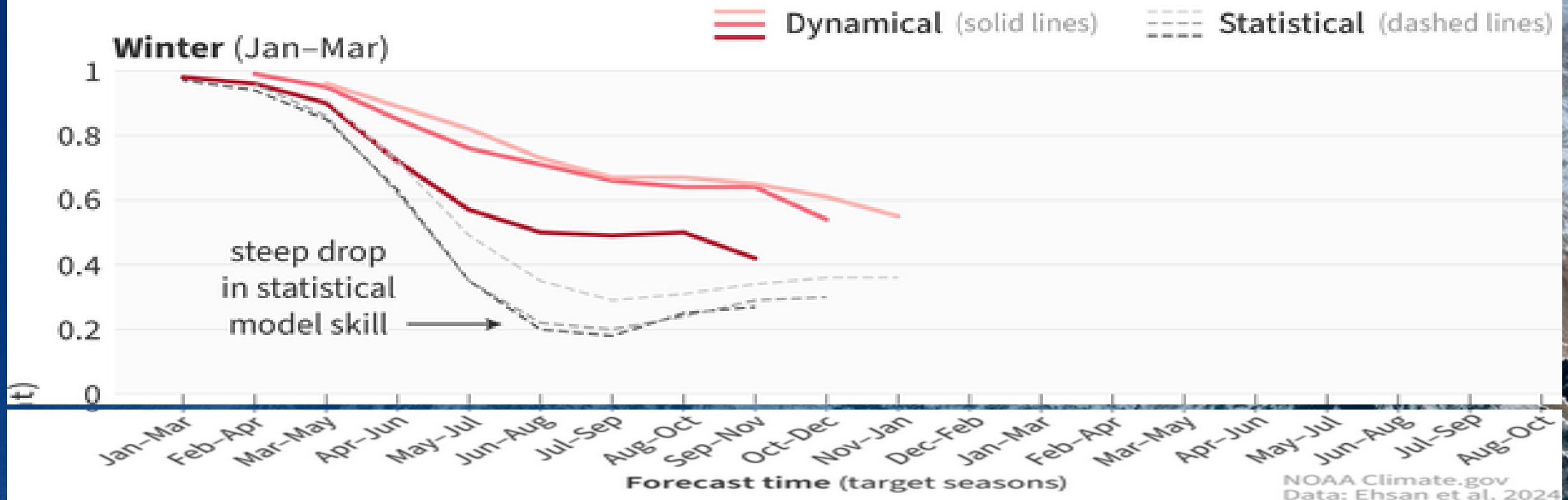






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How well models perform based on the month forecasts are made



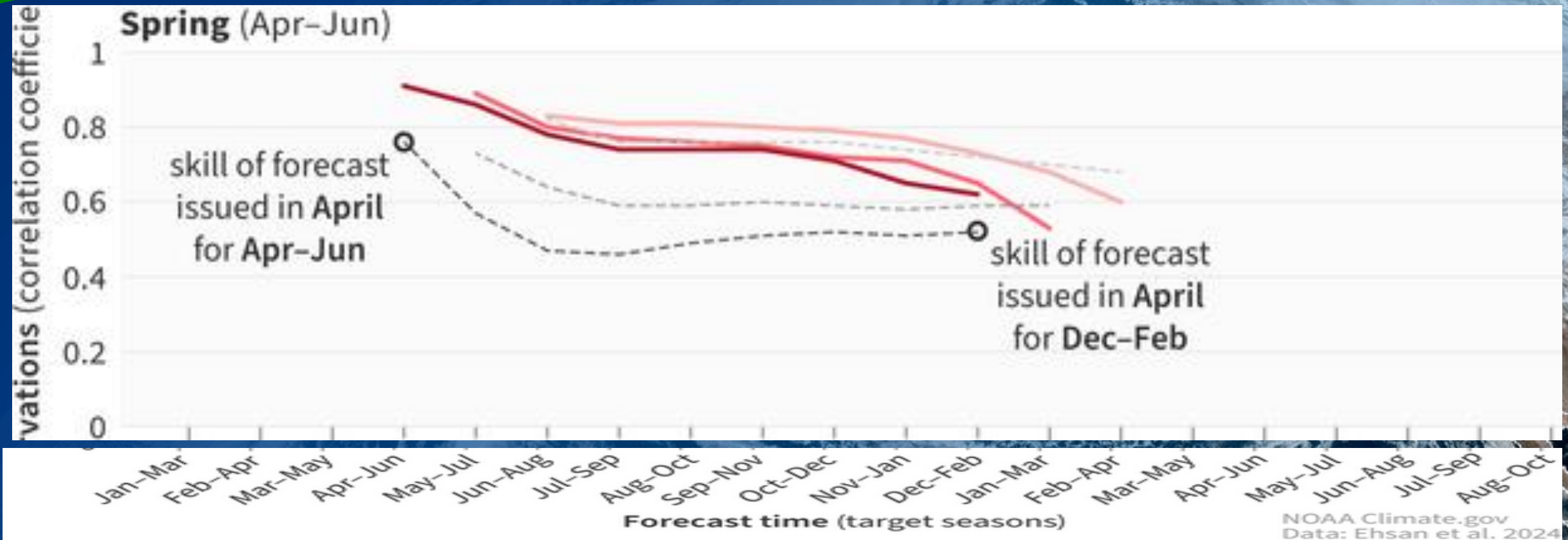




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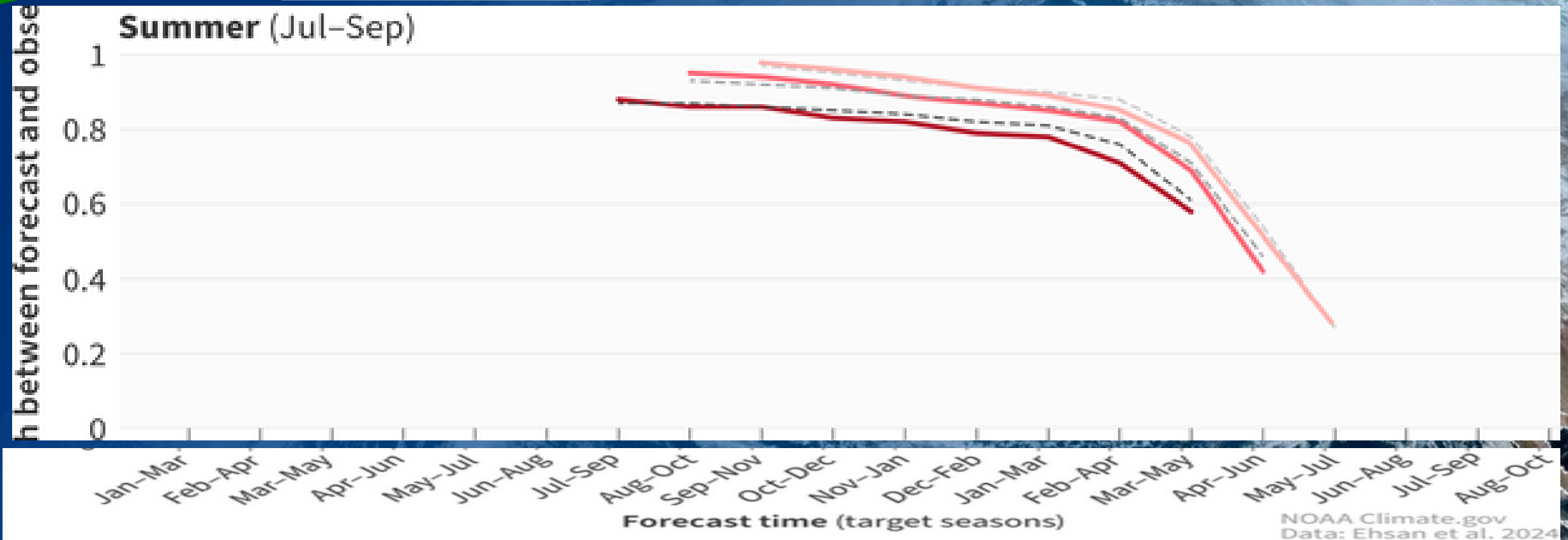




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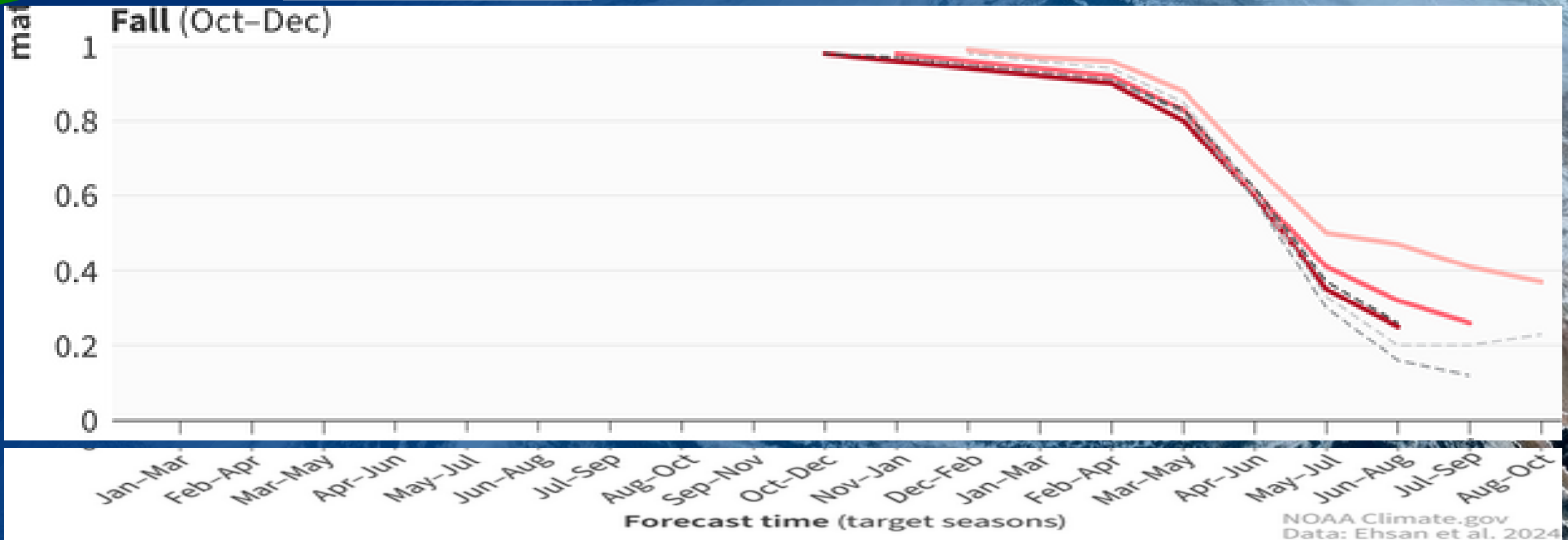




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# Conclusion



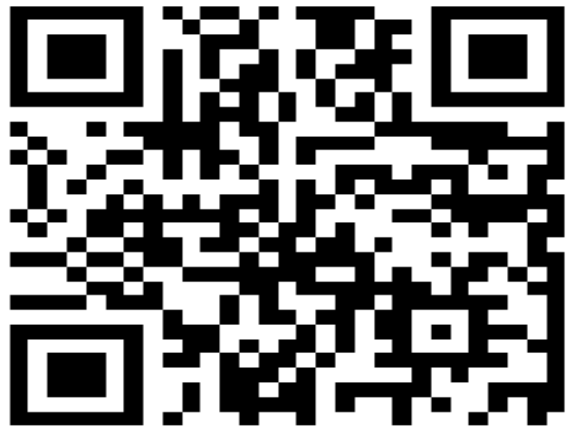


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# Checking My Understanding

#El Niño: What is a clear and concise way to explain El Niño?



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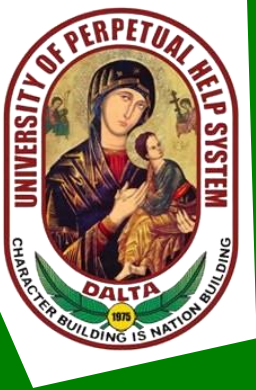






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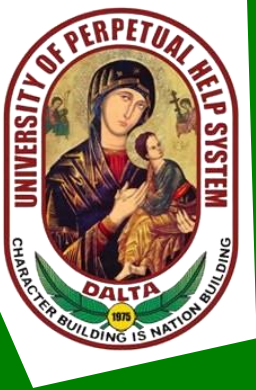
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