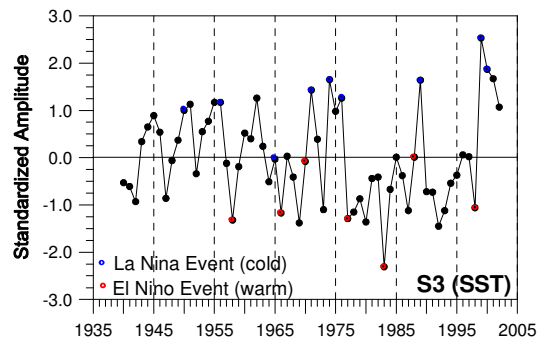
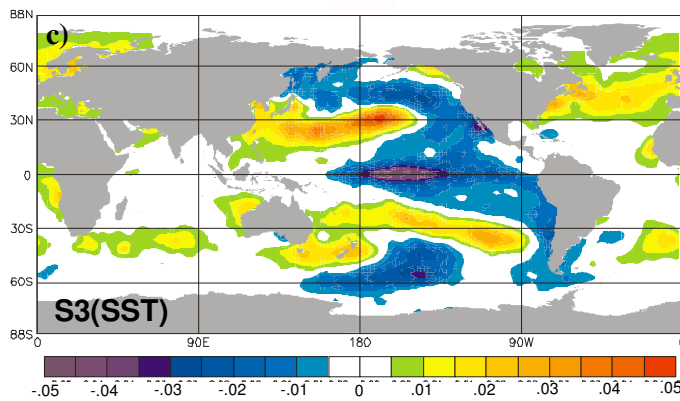
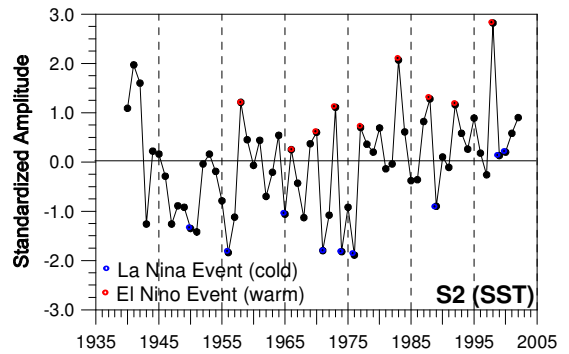
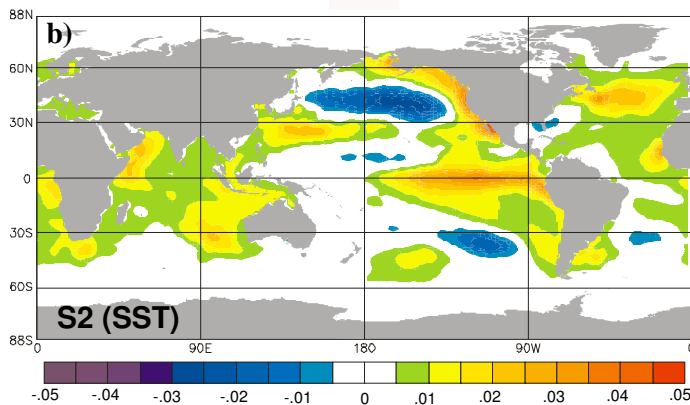
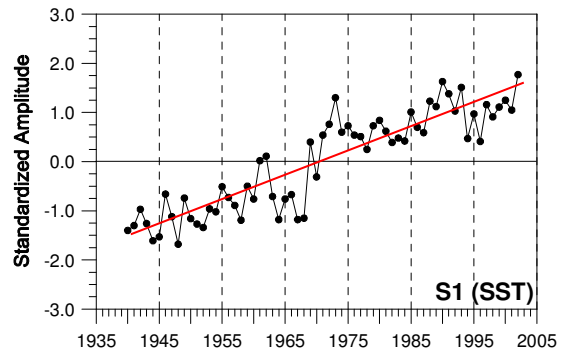
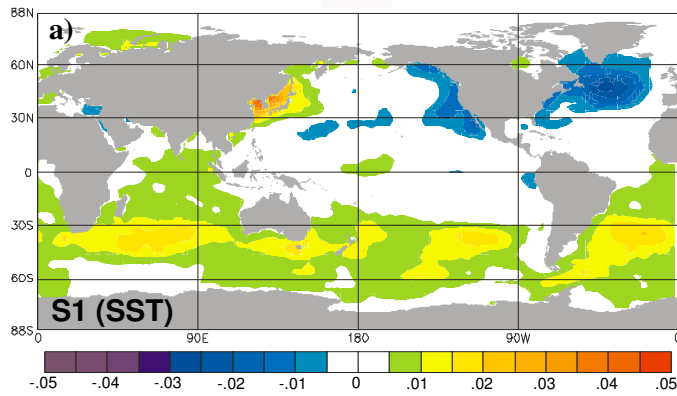
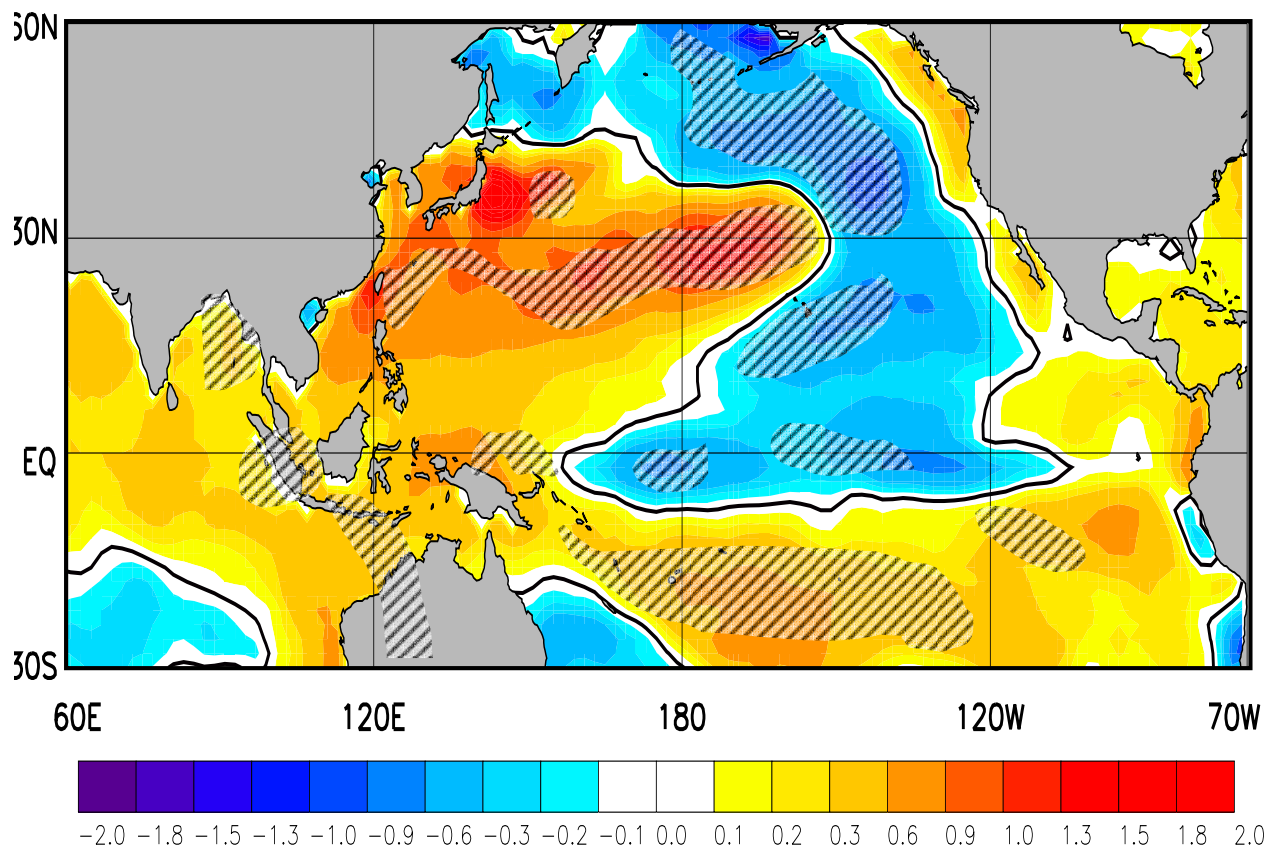


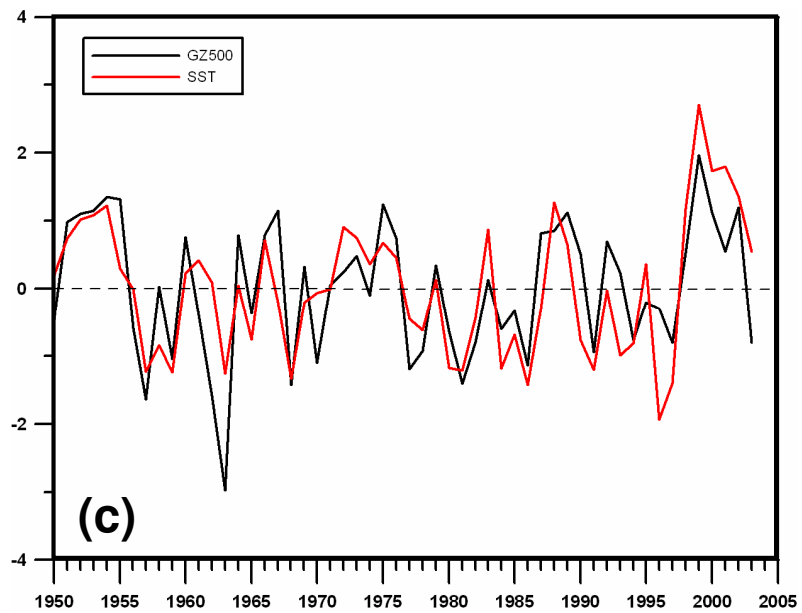
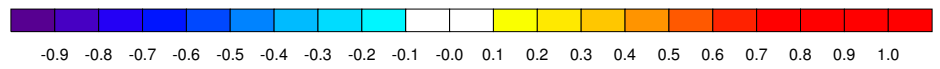
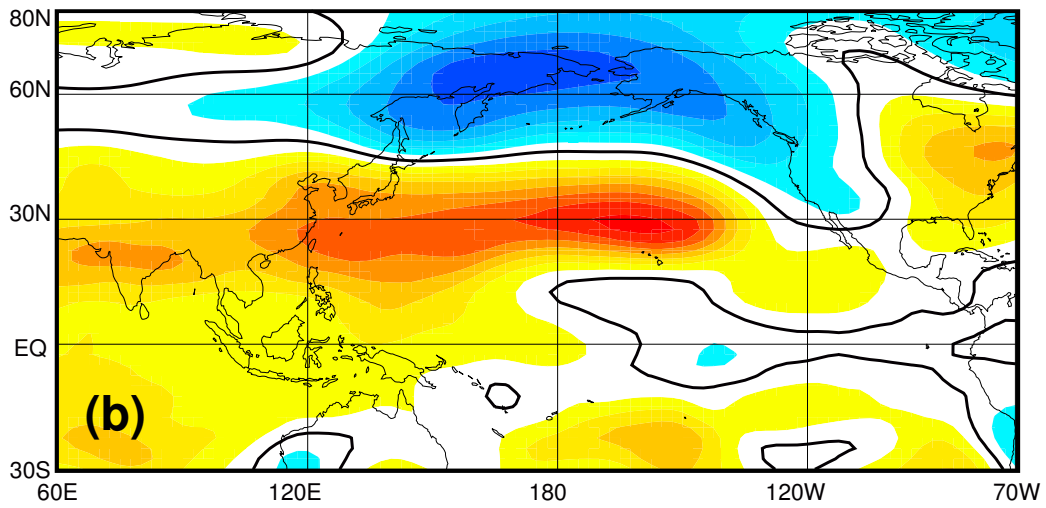
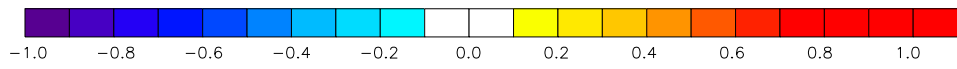
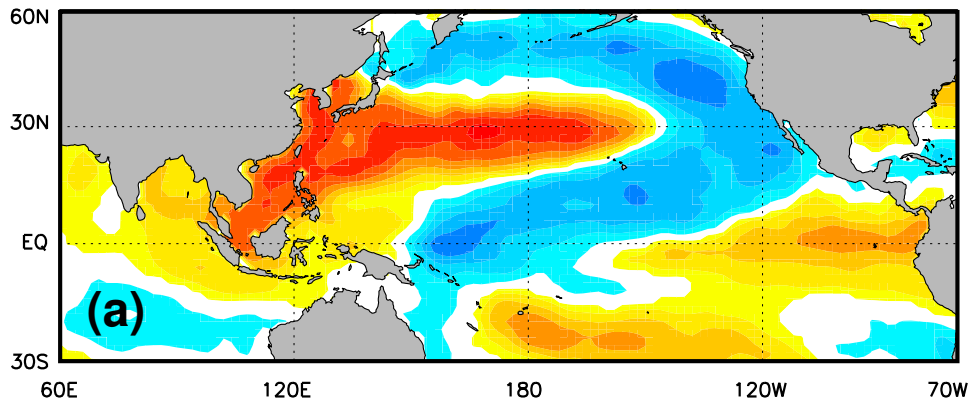
Spatial correlation pattern obtained by (a) correlating amplitude of first MCA SST with PDSI, (b) same as (a) except correlating amplitude of second MCA SST with PDSI, (c) same as (a) except correlating amplitude of third MCA SST with PDSI.



(a) The first MCA pattern (S1) of SST and standardized amplitude based on data for 63 winter (Dec-Jan-Feb). (b) Same as (a) except for second MCA pattern (S2) of SST. (c) Same as (a) except for the third MCA pattern (S3) of SST. El Niño and La Niña years are indicated by red and blue dots in standardized amplitude.

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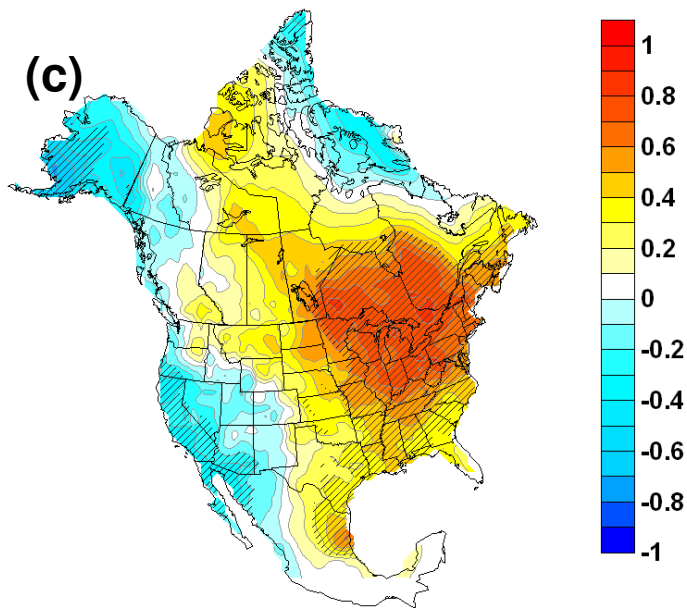
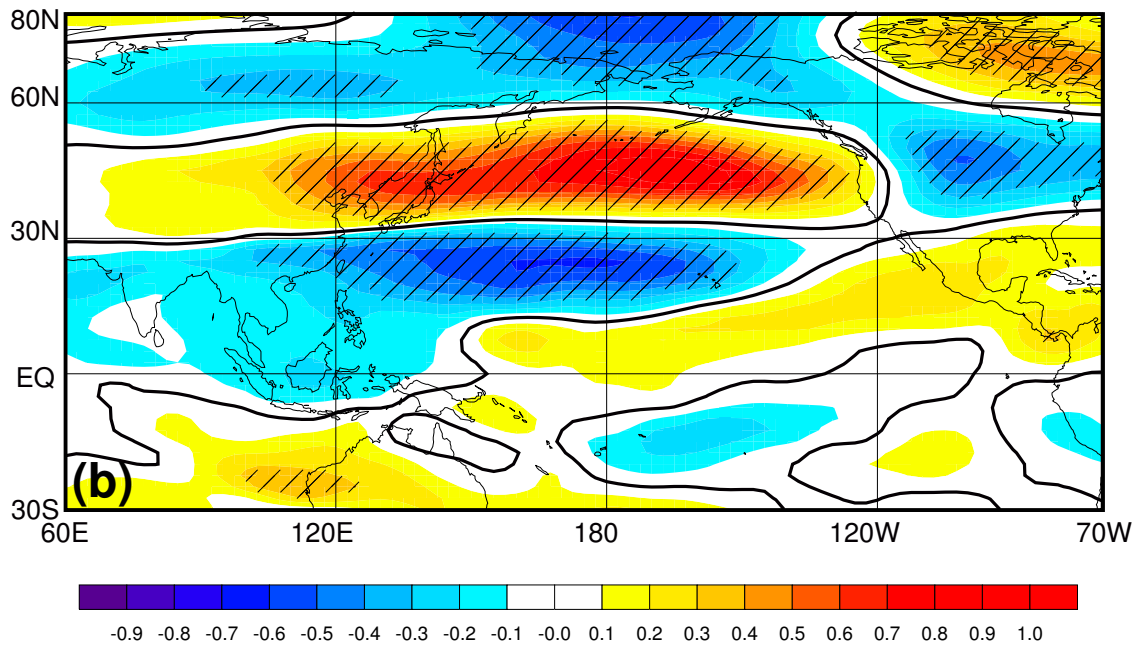


Figure 10. Correlation coefficient between the winter normalized time series of the second SST SVD mode and (a) tropical precipitation, (b) 200 hPa zonal winds, and (c) North American temperatures. Hatching indicates areas significant at the 5% level.