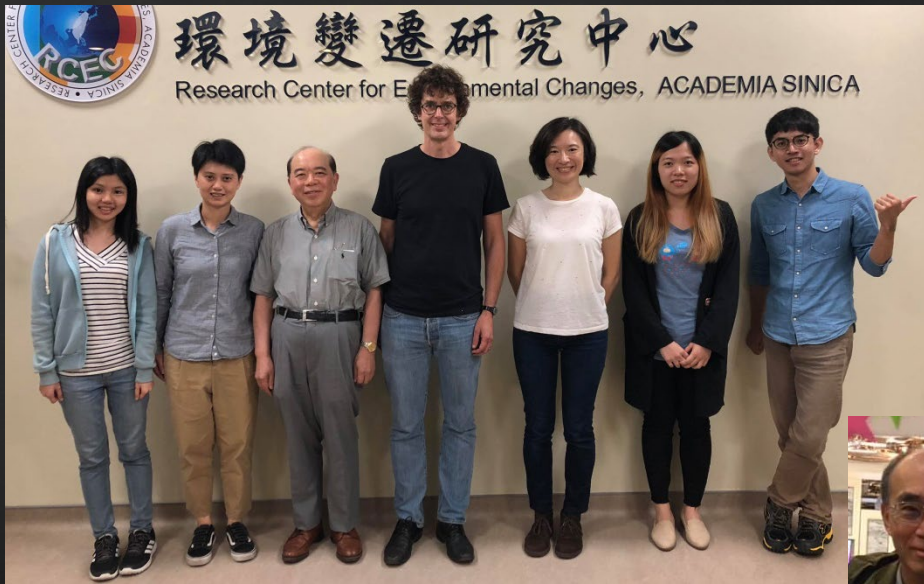


Reconstructed typhoon series 1644-1911 and implications of general atmospheric-oceanic circulation



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& **Motivation and objectives**

& **Research data**

& **reconstruction method**

& **Results**

Typhoon series in 1644-1911

Spatial-temporal pattern of typhoon activities

Intercomparison and validation

Implications of linkages with general oceanic-atmospheric circulation

& **Summary**

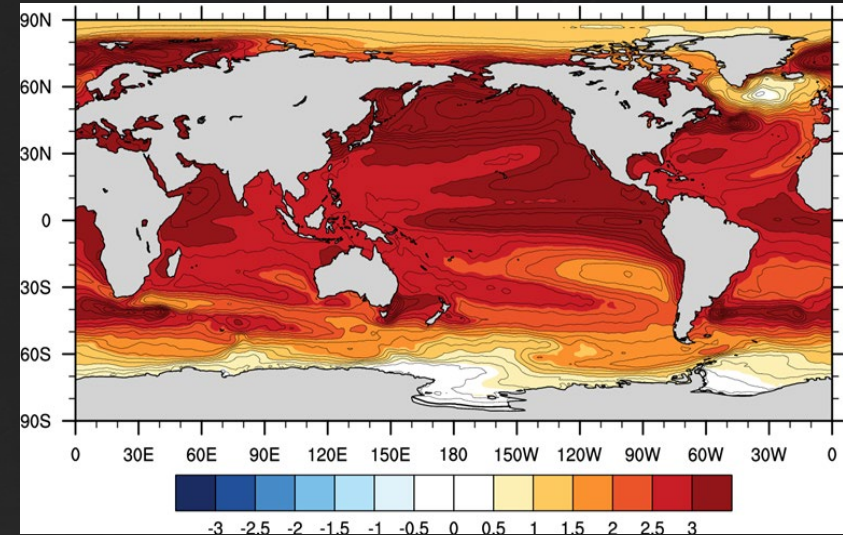
Outline

Under global warming

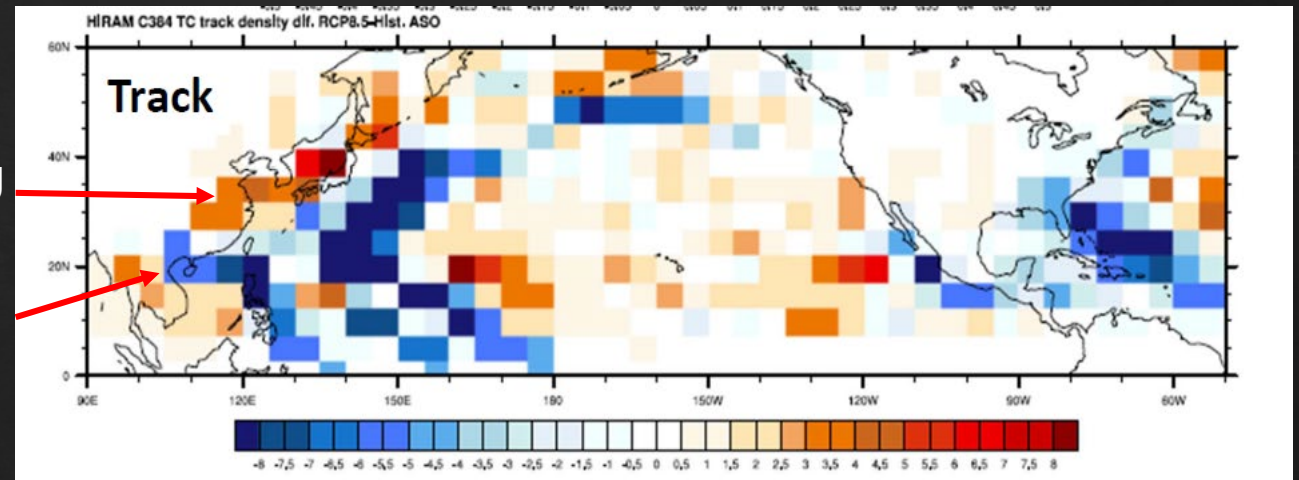
Northward shift of typhoon tracks under global warming

(MRI model, RCP8.5 scenario)
(Sugi et al. 2015: decreasing number of typhoons & increasing intensity)

SST: Future (2086-2095) – Present (1979-2008)



Tropical cyclone track density: Future – Present



Motivation

Peak TC activity in Guangdong during 1660-1680, the coldest period during Little Ice Age.

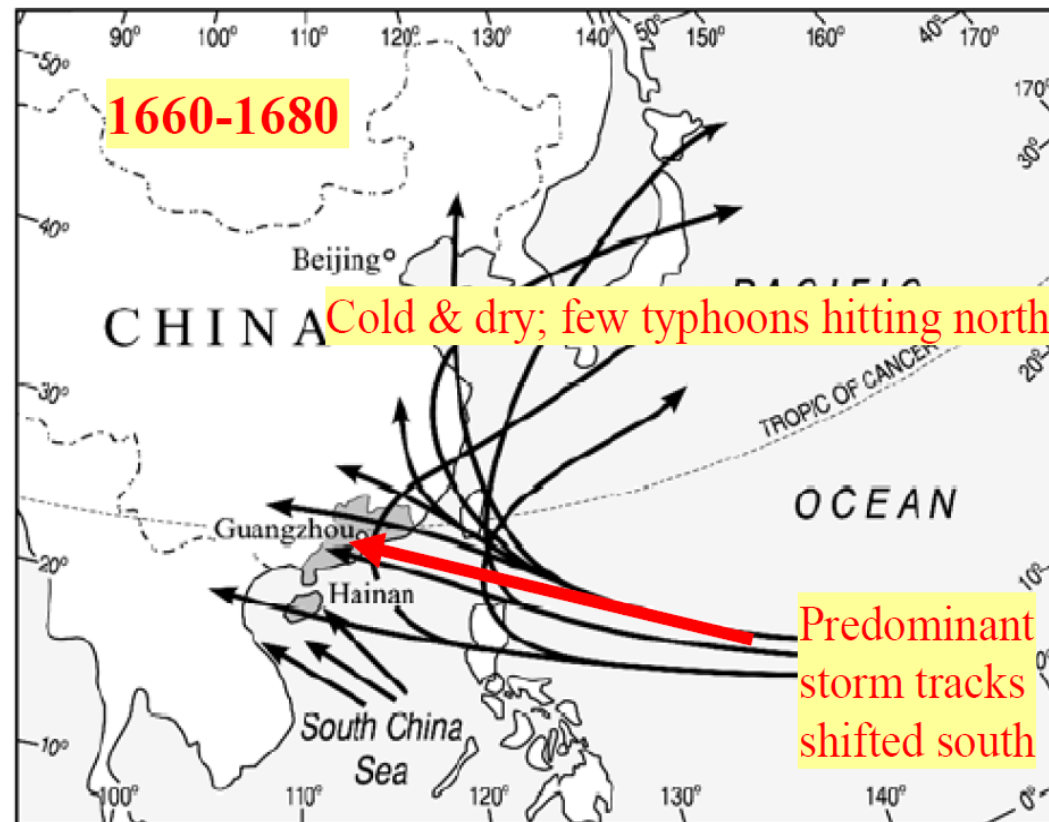
⌘ **Hypothesis:**

May southward shift of TC during 1660-1680 due to WP SST (esp. La Nina conditions) and interactions with general atmospheric circulations?

Motivation

Hypothesis:

Southward shift of typhoon tracks during AD 1660-1680



Liu et al., 2001

- ⌘ Typhoon as extreme event and natural disaster
- ⌘ Lack of instrumental data for sufficiently long time period to analyze typhoon activities
- ⌘ Development of Paleotempestology

Building High resolution and quality data for reconstructing *annual* typhoon frequencies (and/or activities) in the last hundreds of years

Objectives

SCIENTIFIC DATA

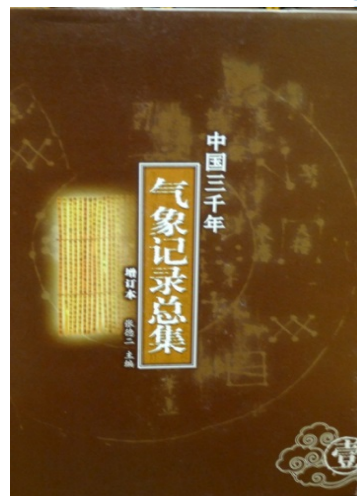
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Data Descriptor: Construction of the REACHES climate database based on historical documents of China

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A Compendium of Chinese Meteorological Records in the Last 3,000 Years (Zhang De'er eds. 2004,2013)

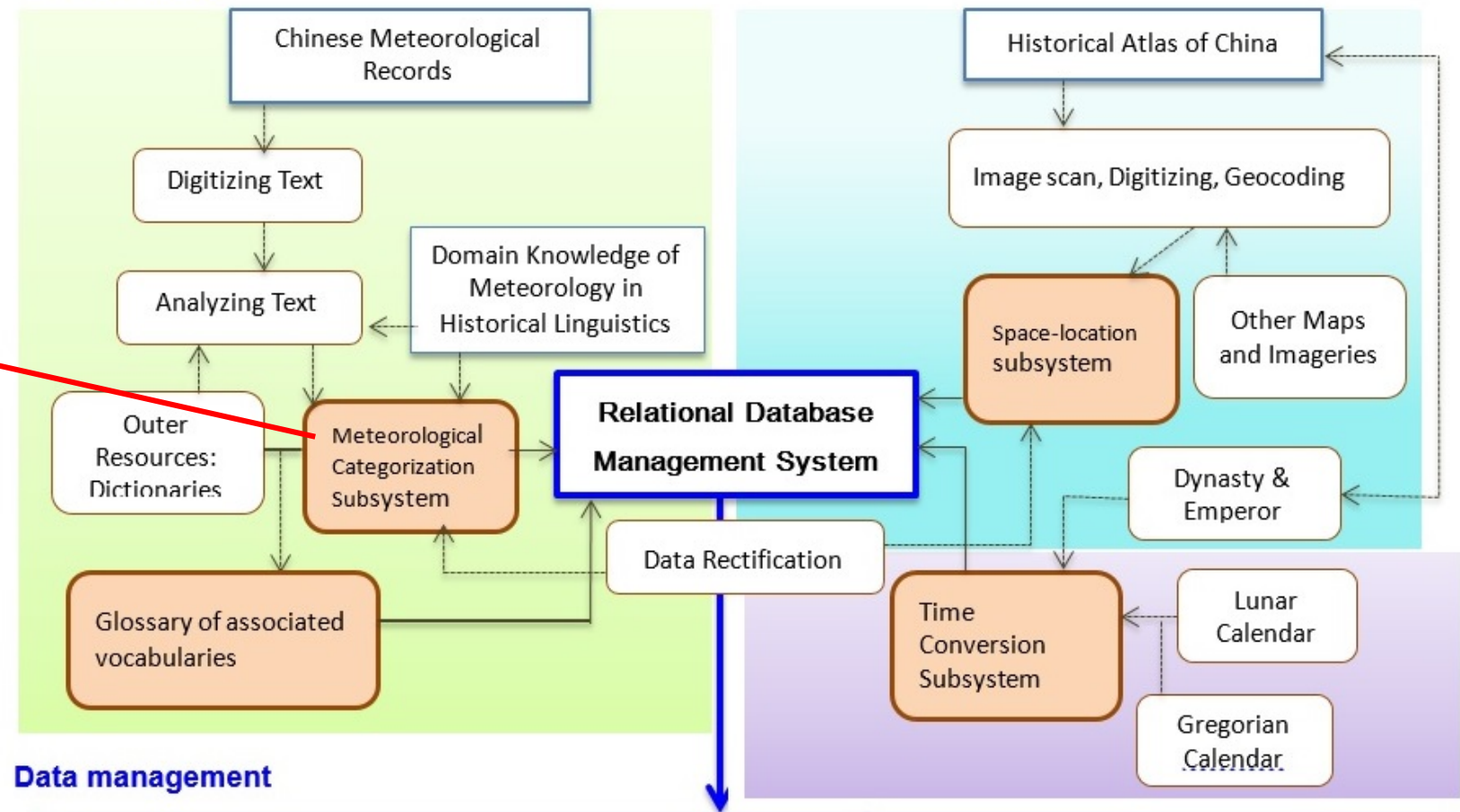
typical contents which contain time, location and type of events. Chinese historical times and location names are converted into Gregorian calendar and latitudes and longitudes. A hierarchical database system is developed that consists of the hierarchies of domains, main categories, subcategories, and further details. Historical events are then digitized and categorized into such a system. Code systems are developed at all levels such that the original descriptive entries are converted into digitized records suitable



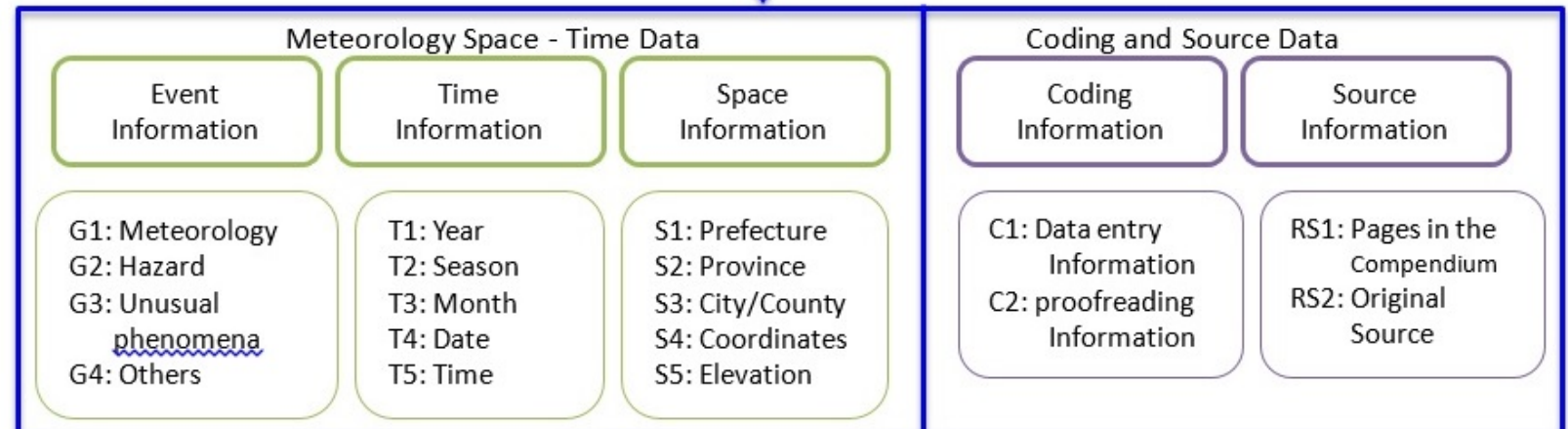
Digitization of records

4 domains
(meteorology, hazard, abnormal events, and others),
28 main categories,
231 subcategories,
and more than
1,350 vocabularies

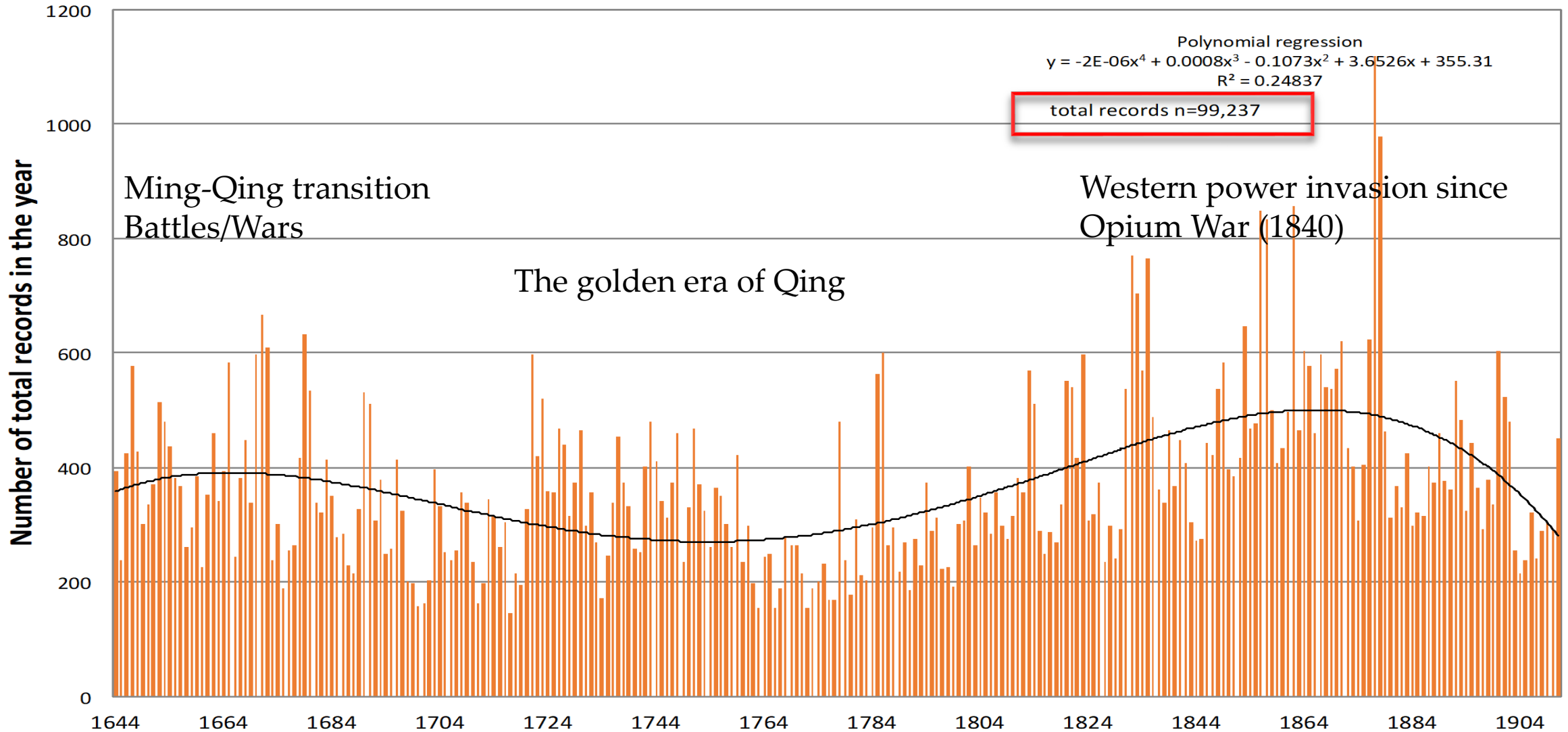
Data Building

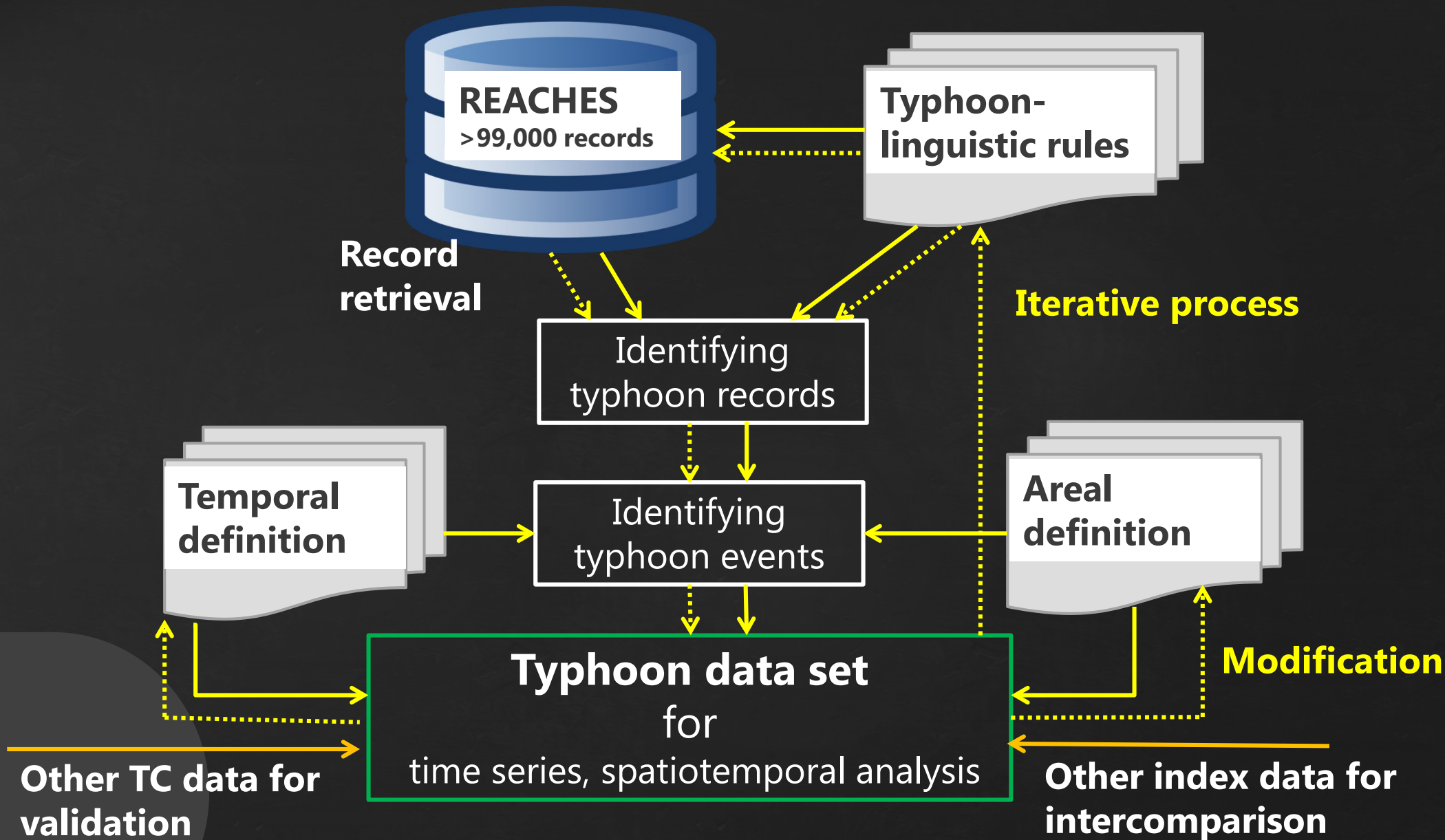


Data management



Statistics of REACHES records, Qing dynasty 1644-1911





Methods: Reconstructing typhoon series

**Typhoon-
linguistic rules**

Records documented with 'typhoon' (風) or 'hurricane' (颶) (MUST)(Code 1501****), with descriptions of other compounding effects such as strong wind, torrential rain and storm surge

1,538 records retrieved from REACHES

**Temporal
definition**

± 1 days

Records of the proximity were combined to account for one single typhoon event.

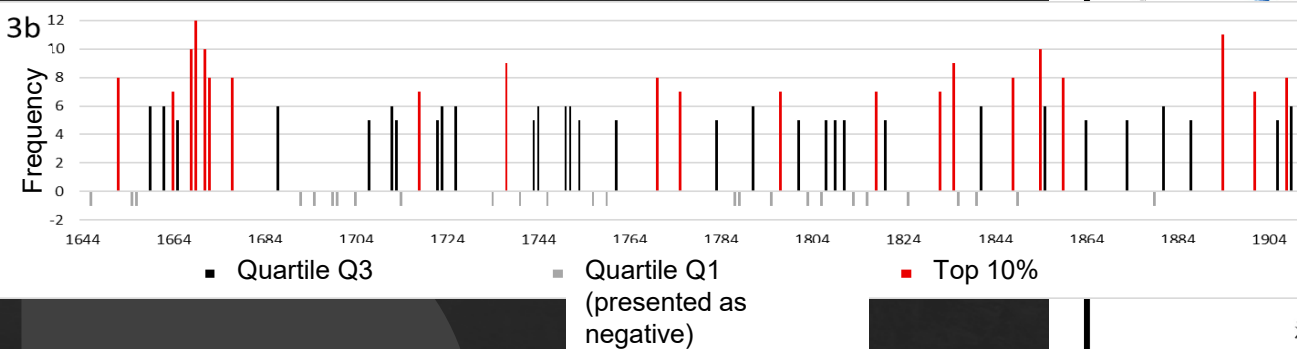
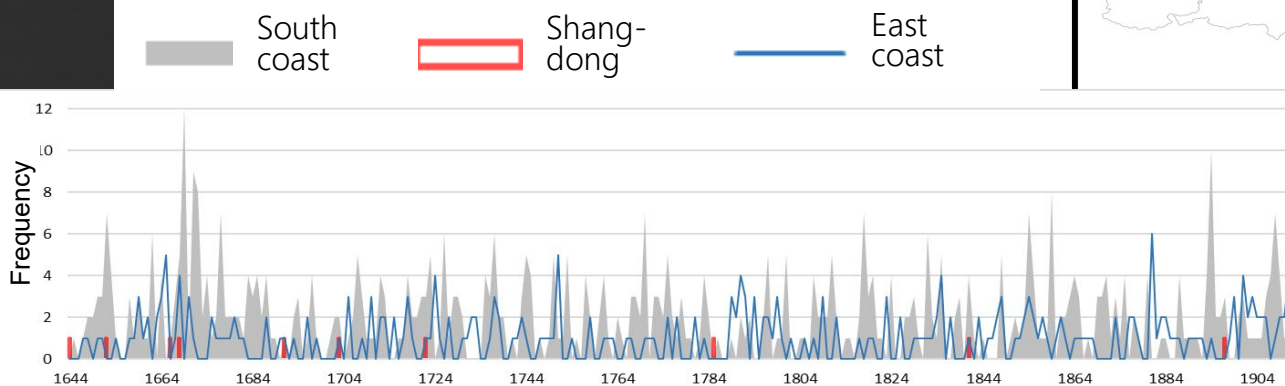
**Areal
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± 2 degree
latitude/longitude

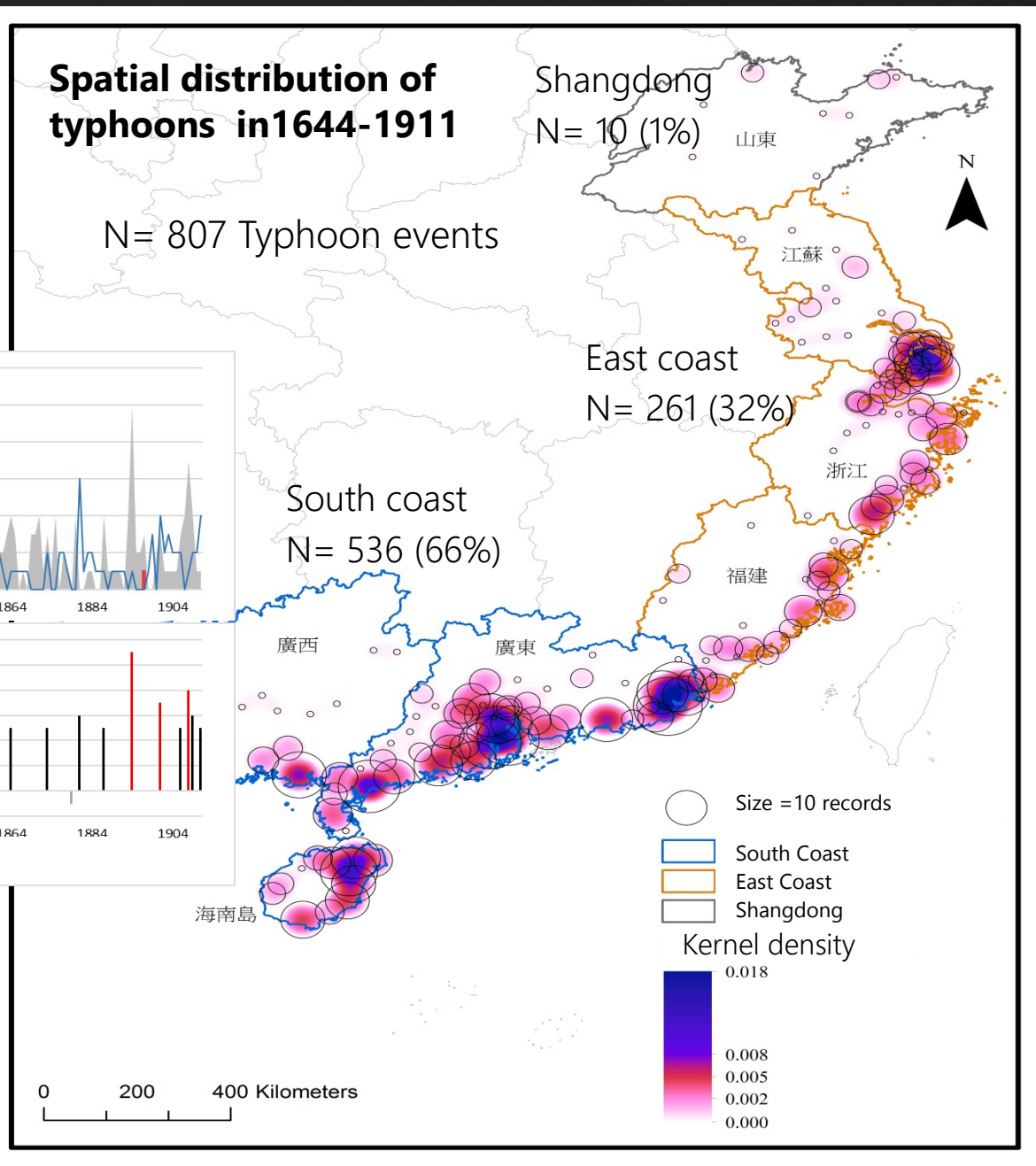
**N=807 typhoon events in
1644-1911**

Method: reconstructing typhoon series

1644-1911 annual average: 3.02
1650-1680 annual average: 4.5

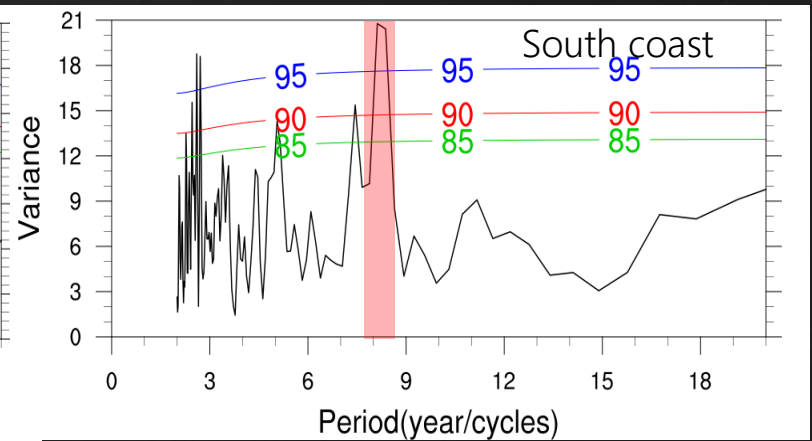
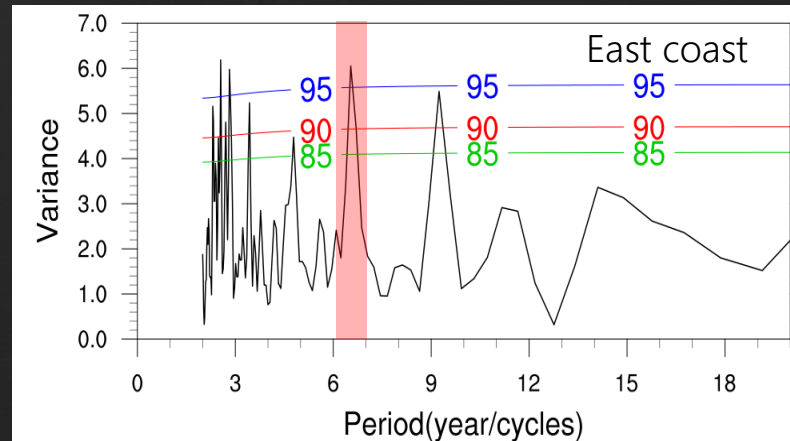
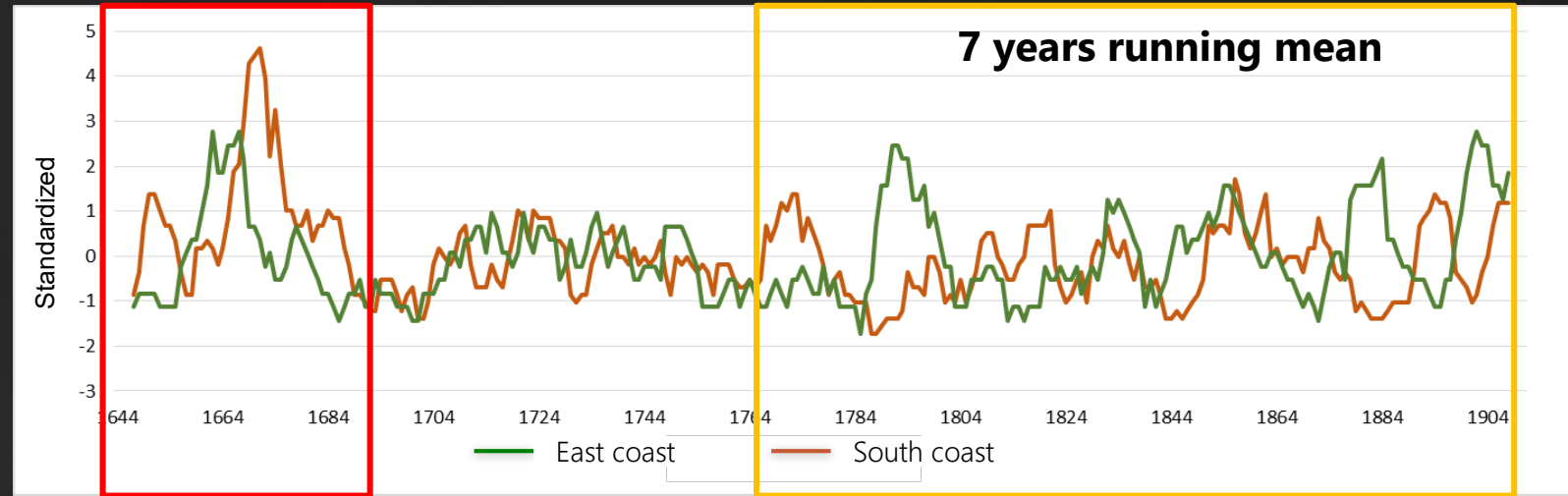


Results



- Consistent centennial scale fluctuation:
Active in 1640-1690
Less active in 1690-1760
Active in 1760-1910

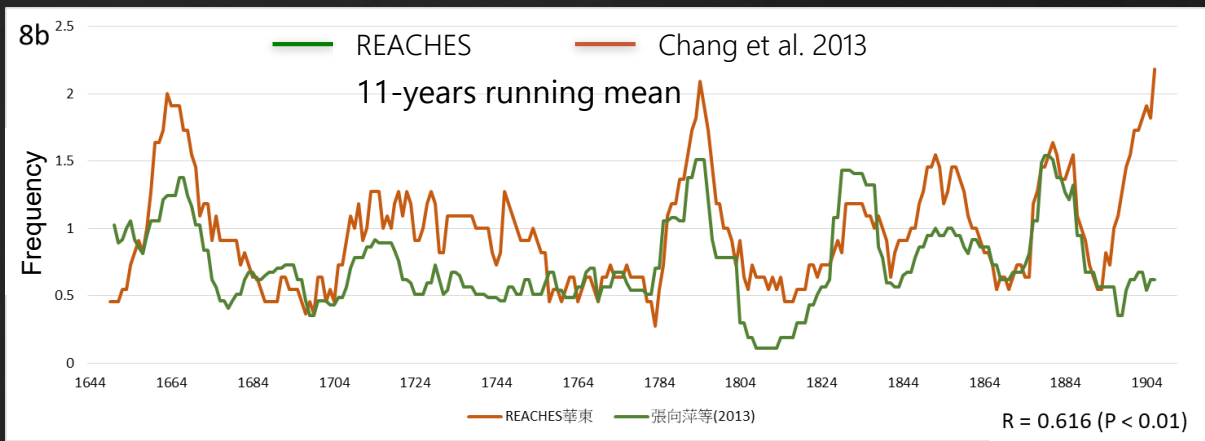
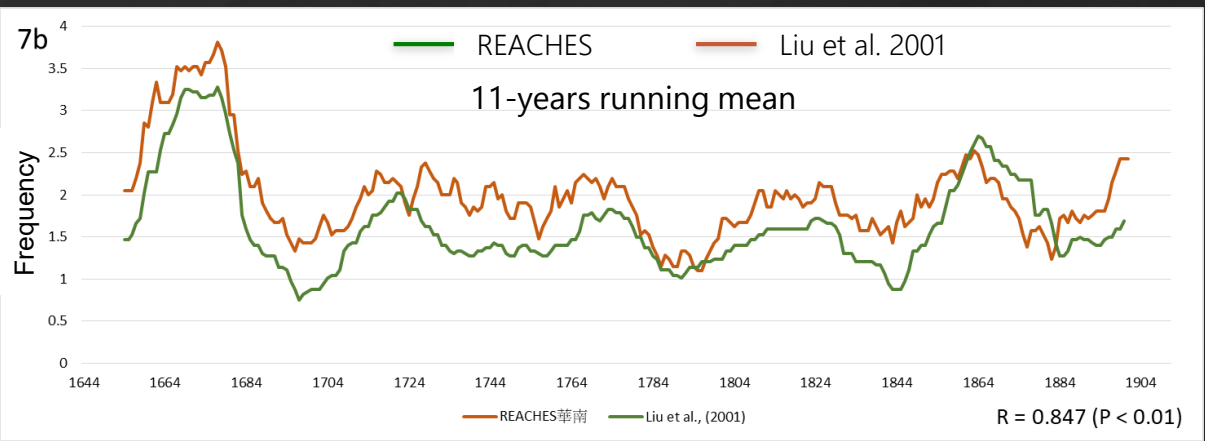
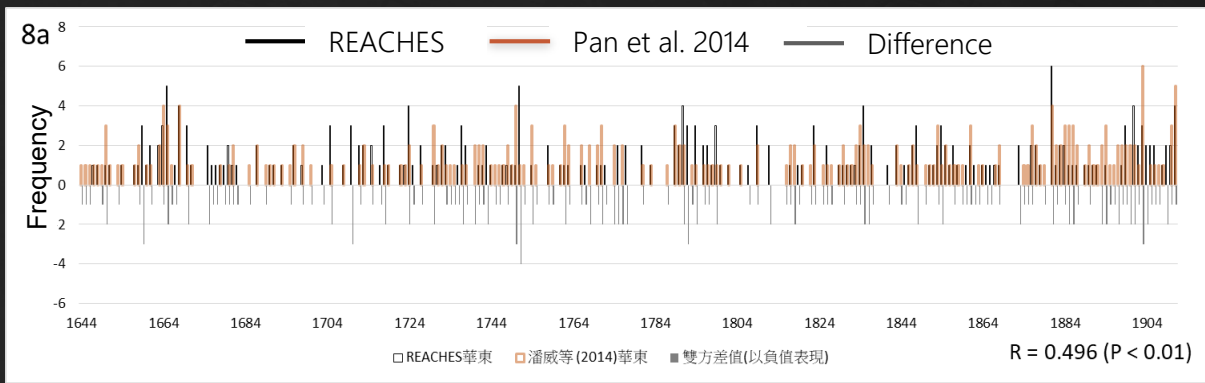
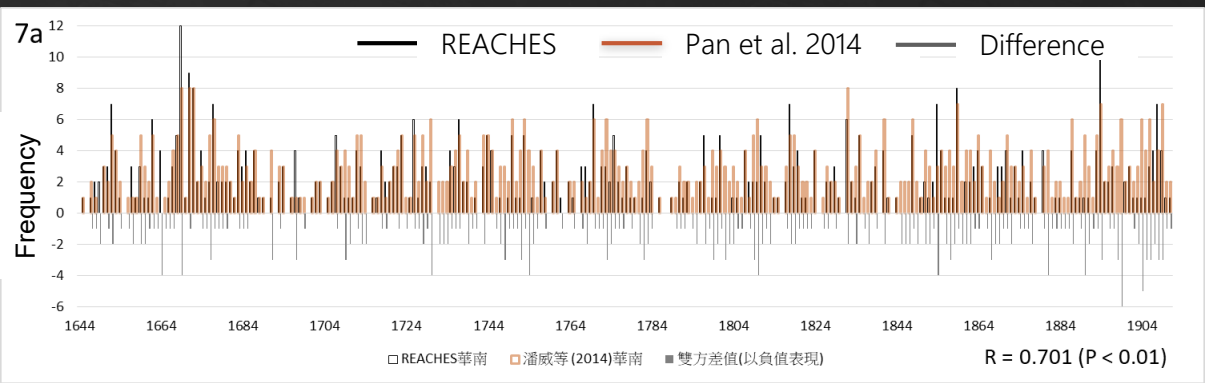
- Out of phase interannual variabilities can be observed between East and South coasts



Spatial-temporal patterns

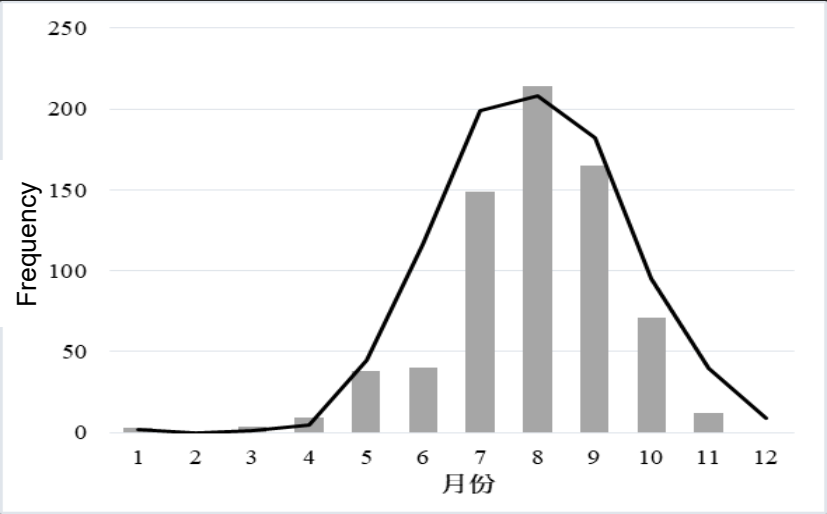
South coast

East coast

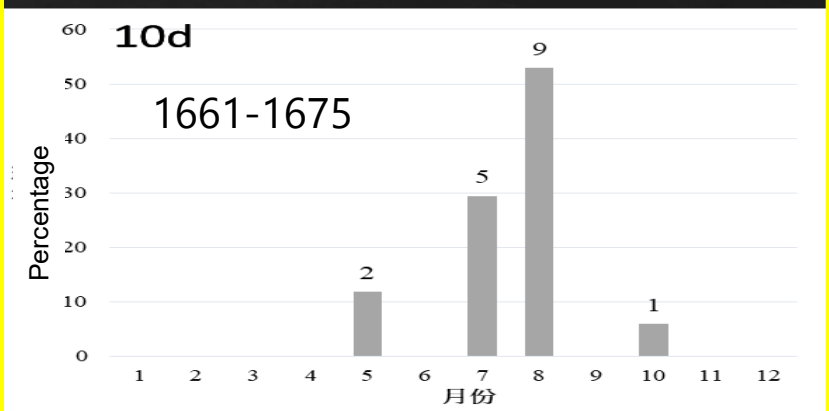
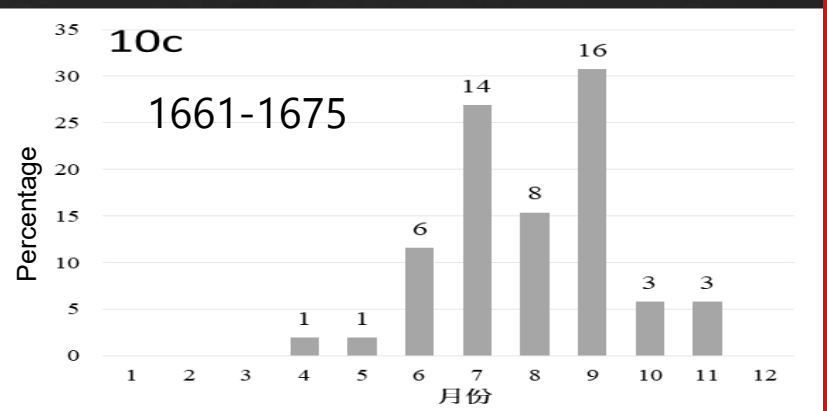
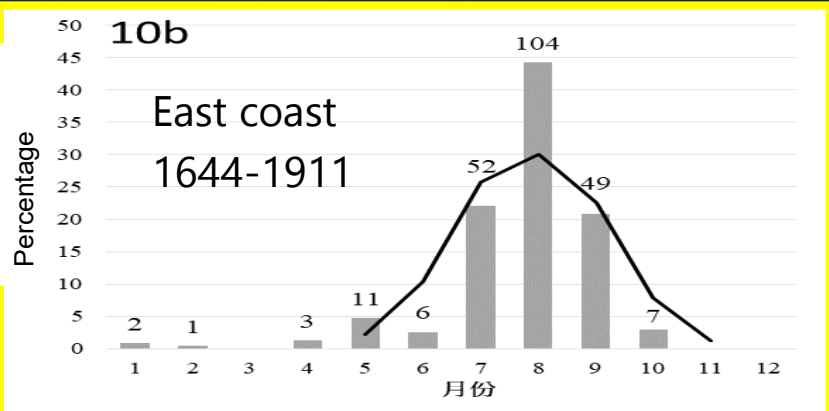
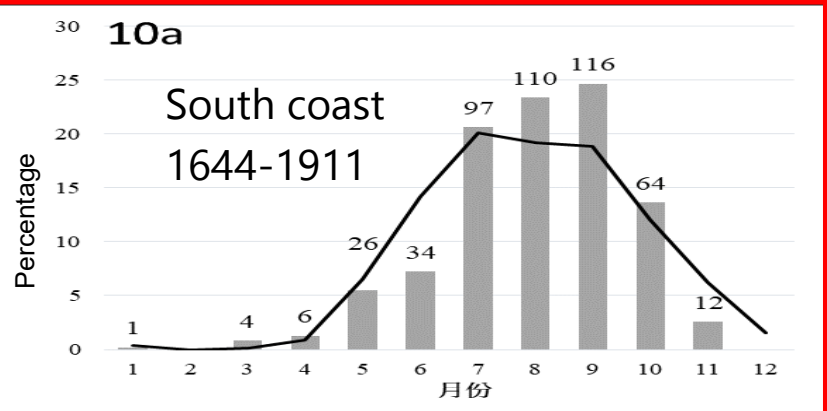


Validation

Monthly distribution
consistent with
IBTrACS obs. Data



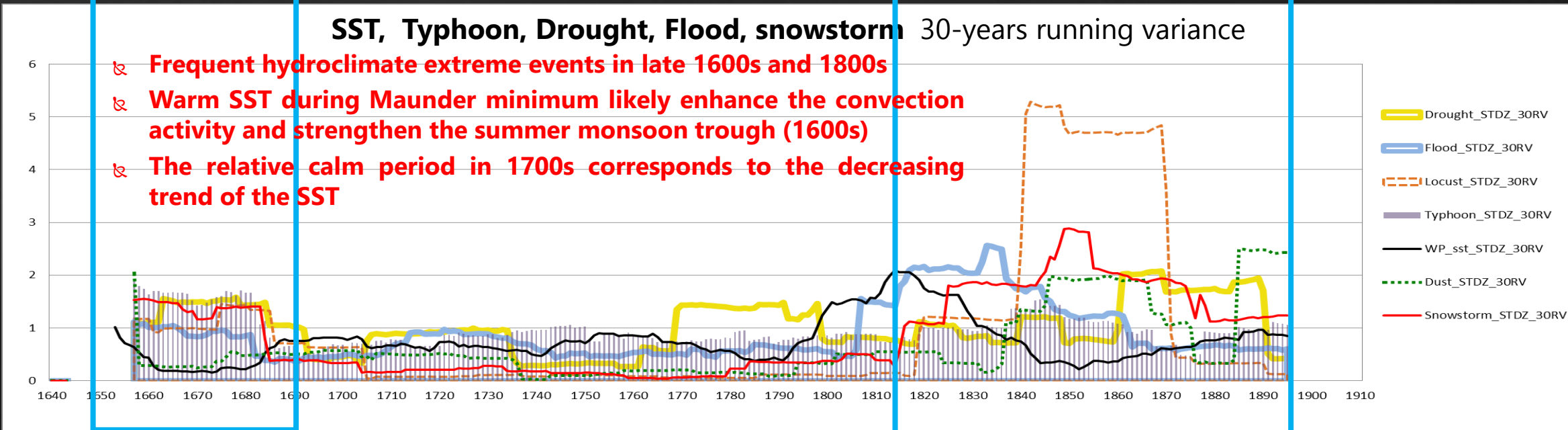
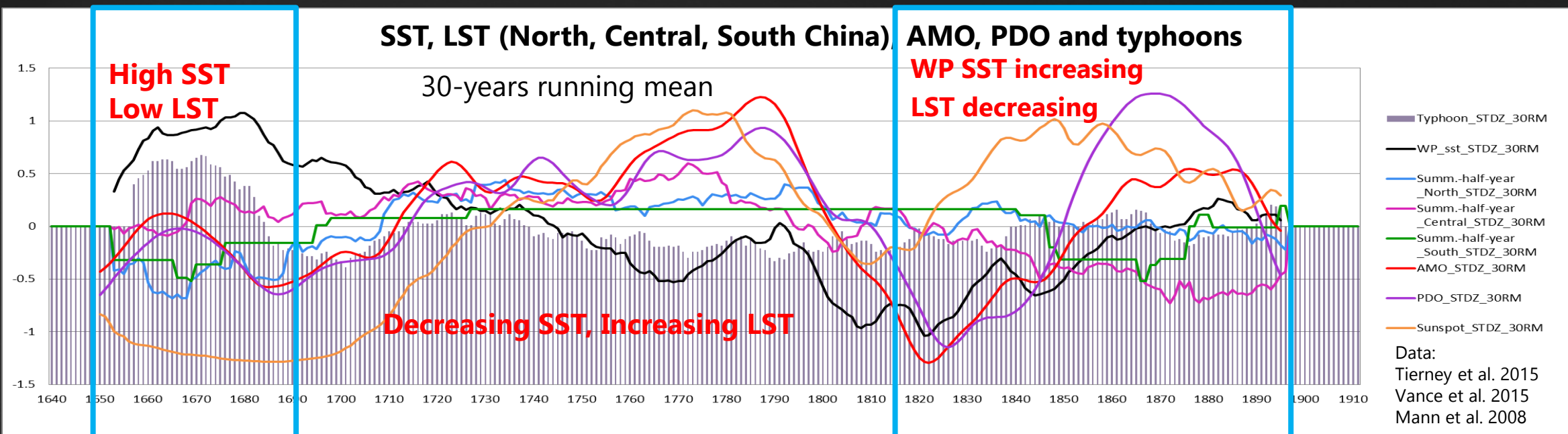
Monthly distribution of
typhoon frequency.
Bars show REACHES
reconstructed typhoon
frequency 1664-1911; **black**
curves are IBTrACS 1884-
2013 typhoon data

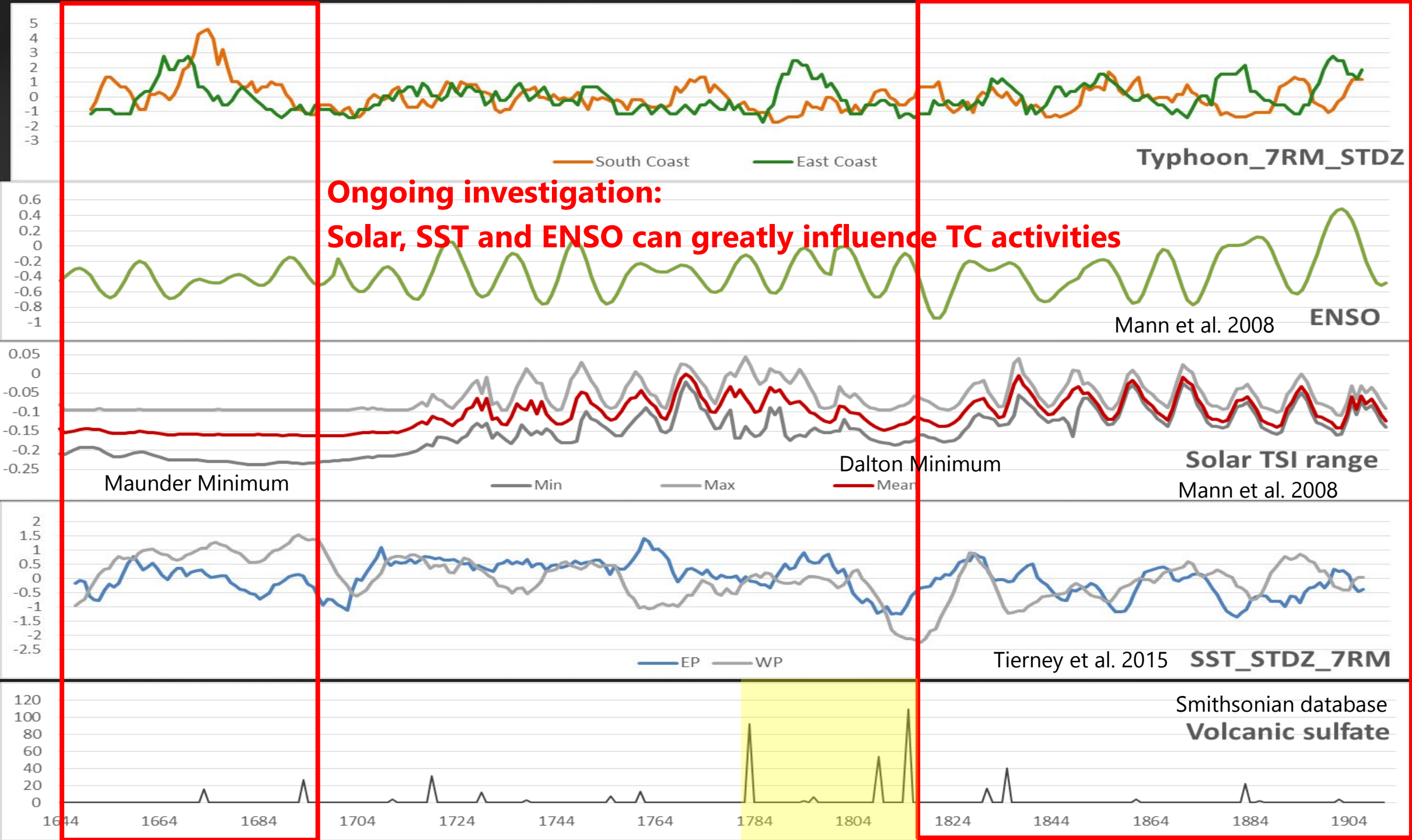


Monthly



Implications of general atmospheric-oceanic circulation





- **Tropical cyclone records exhibit interannual and decadal fluctuations in both east and south coasts of China.**
- **Frequent hydroclimate extreme events in late 1600s and 1800s, in contrast to the relative stable period in 1700s.**
- **The western Pacific SST dominates convection activity and strengthen the summer monsoon trough which may play an important role during Maunder Minimum.**
- **The circulation characteristics in different periods remain further studies.**

Summary

