## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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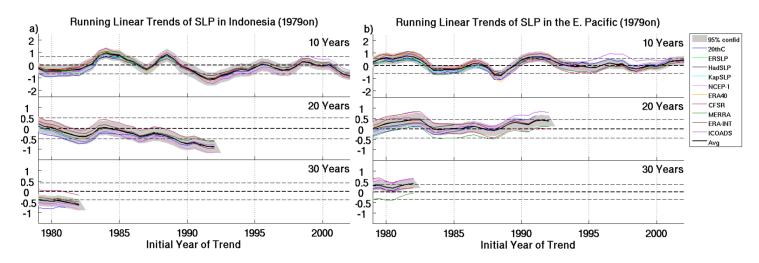
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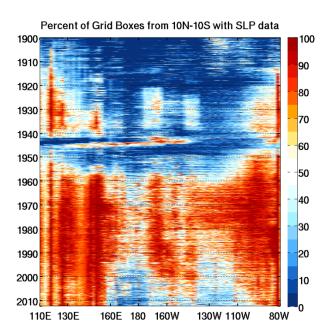
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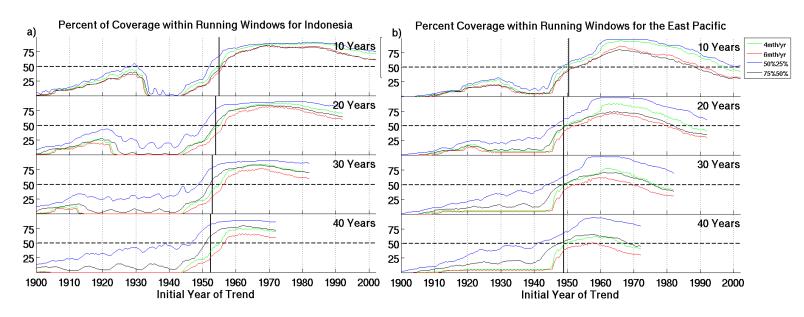
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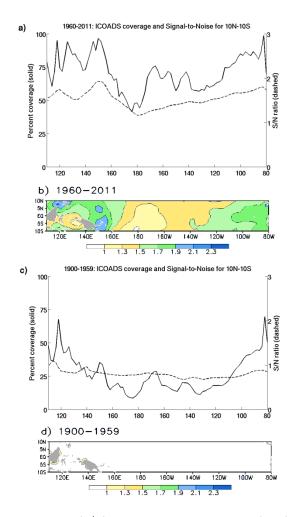
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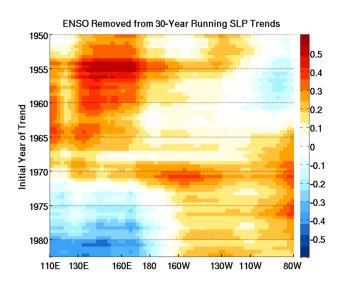
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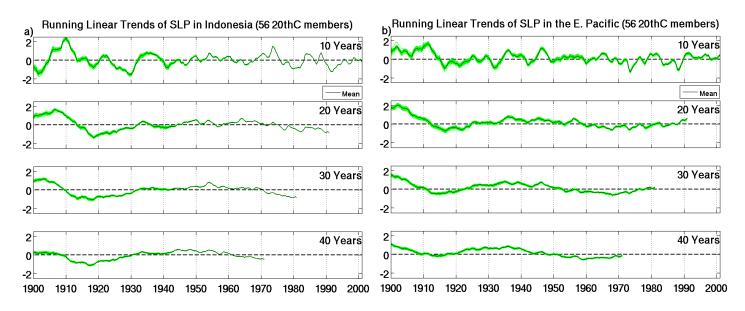
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#### **Supplementary Methods**

<u>Information on Sea Level Pressure datasets used in this study:</u>

CFSR: Saha, S. & co-authors. The NCEP Climate Forecast System Reanalysis. *Bull. Am. Meteorol. Soc.* 91, 1015-1057 (2010).

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