

Multidecadal simulation of the tropical and subtropical South Atlantic Ocean with a high resolution ocean model forced by ERA-5 reanalysis data

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Motivation

Produce consistent oceanic model based datasets

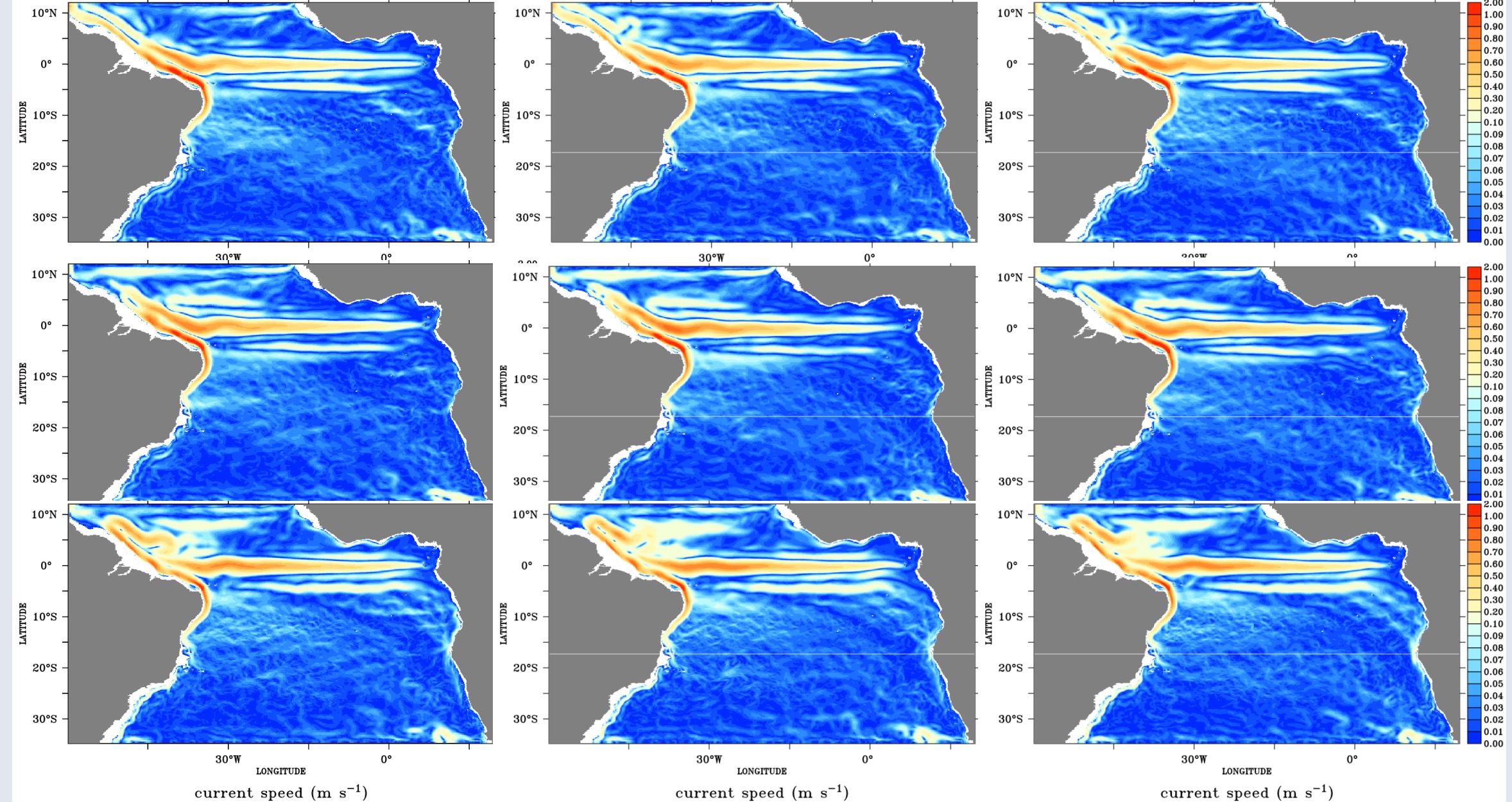
- Forced ocean only experiments
- Comparable with field and remote sensing data: validation
- Realistic span of hydrographic variability: ecosystem dynamics
- Consistency: interannual and interdecadal variability

Problem - missing consistent atmosphere data sets covering long time scales

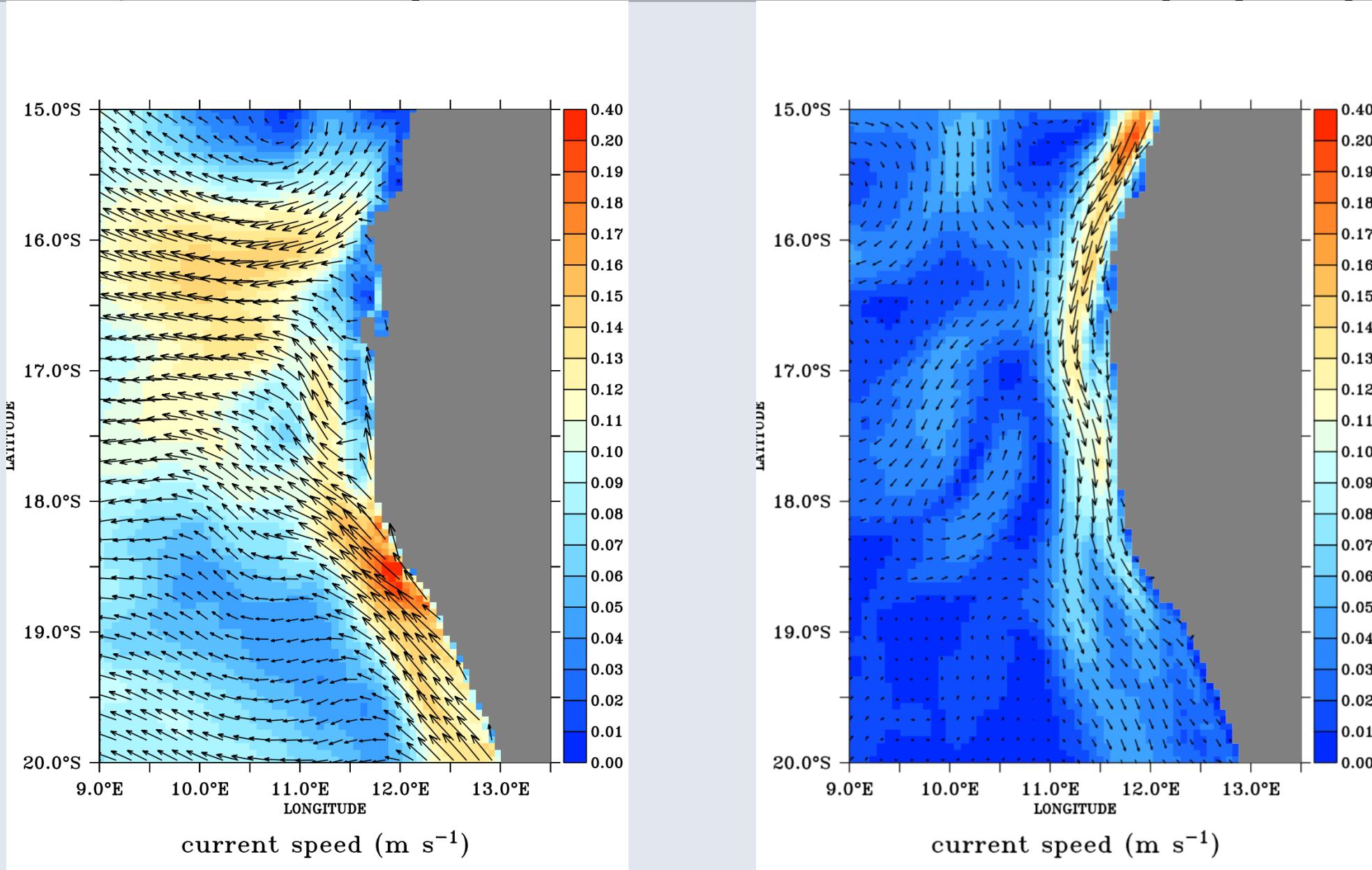
Era-interim, NCEP:

Overestimate poleward flow → “SST bias”, much tropical water in the Benguela upwelling system

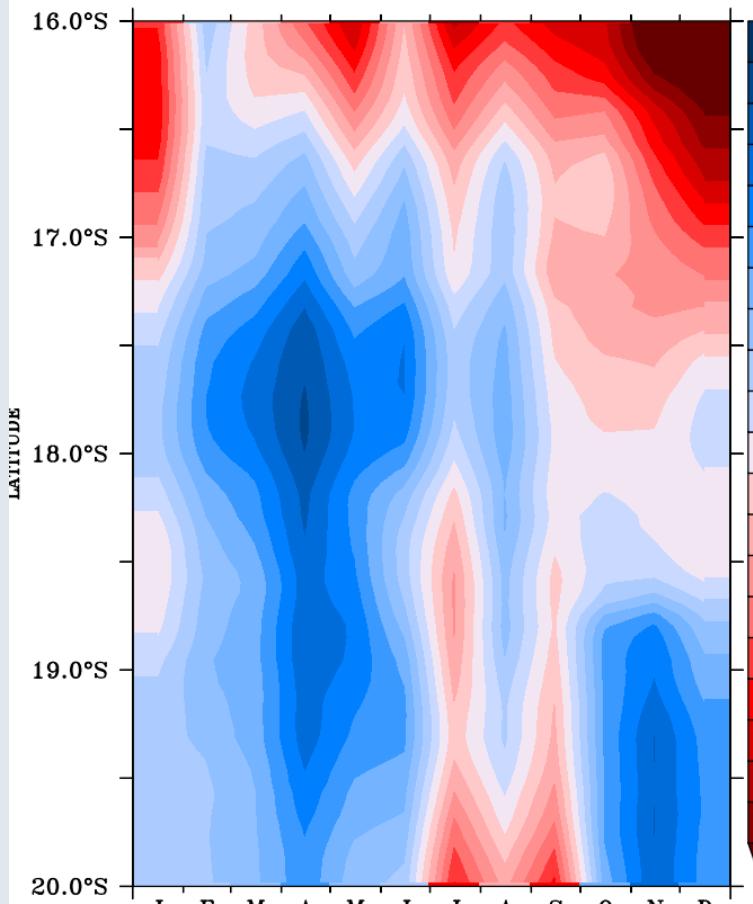
Climatology (2000-2008)



Transports in Kunene cell (April)

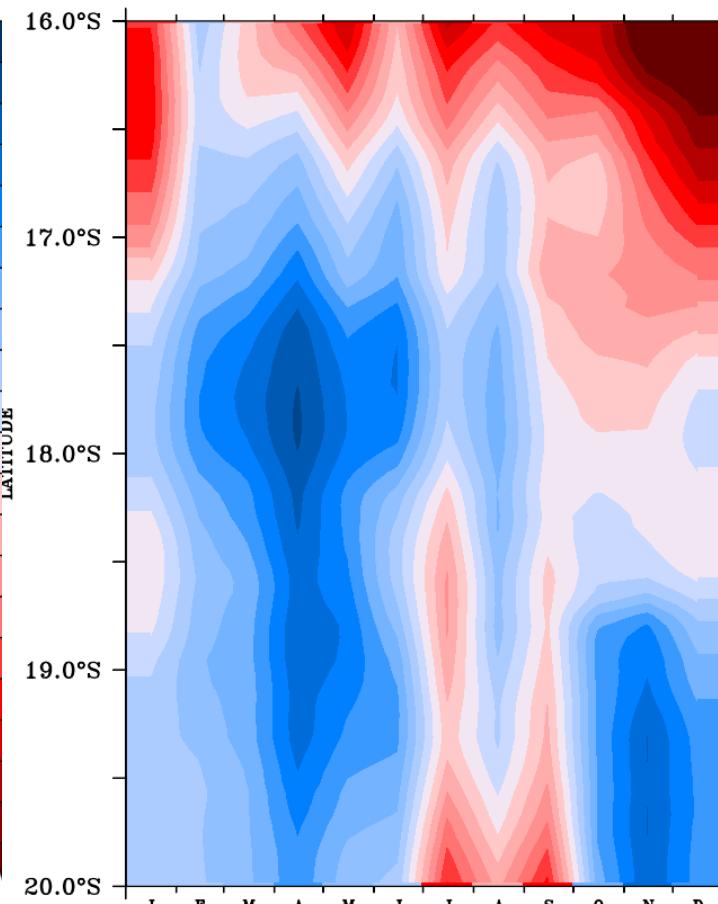


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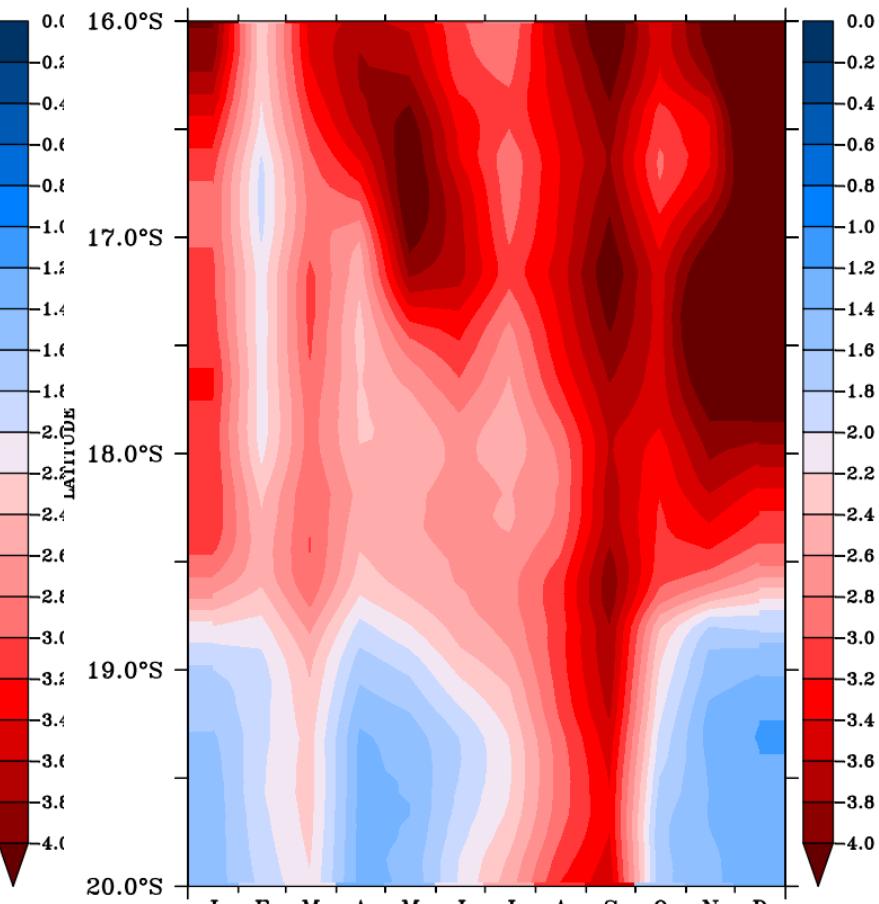
poleward transport (Sv)

ERA-5



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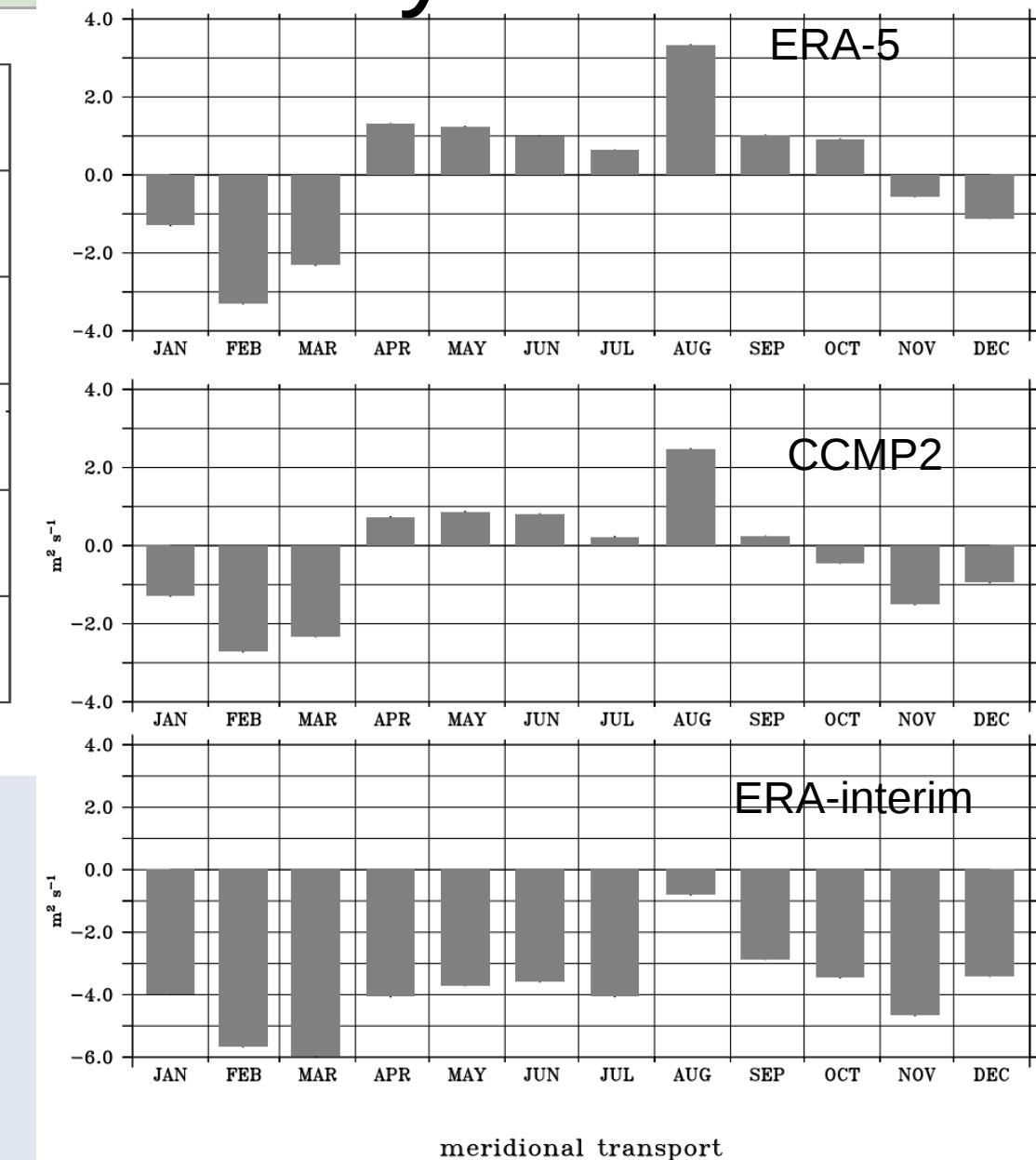
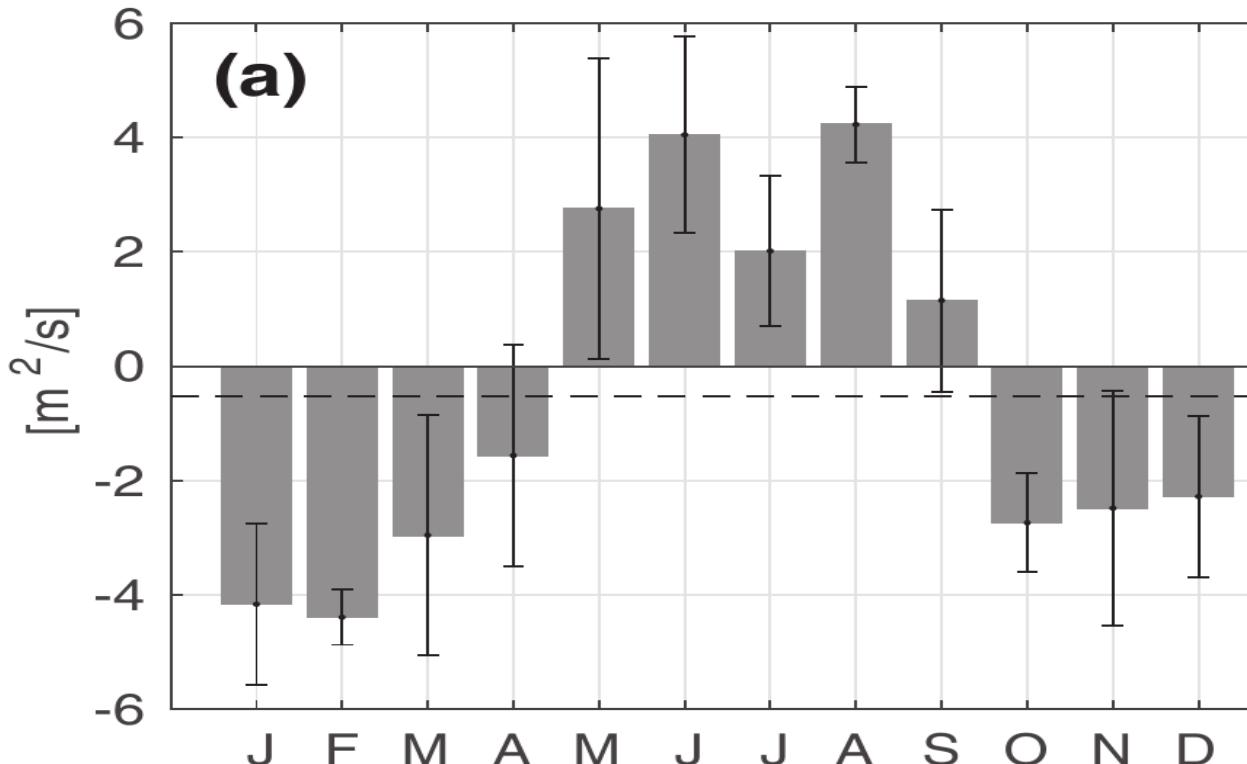
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ERA-interim

Transports off Walvis Bay



SST variability

