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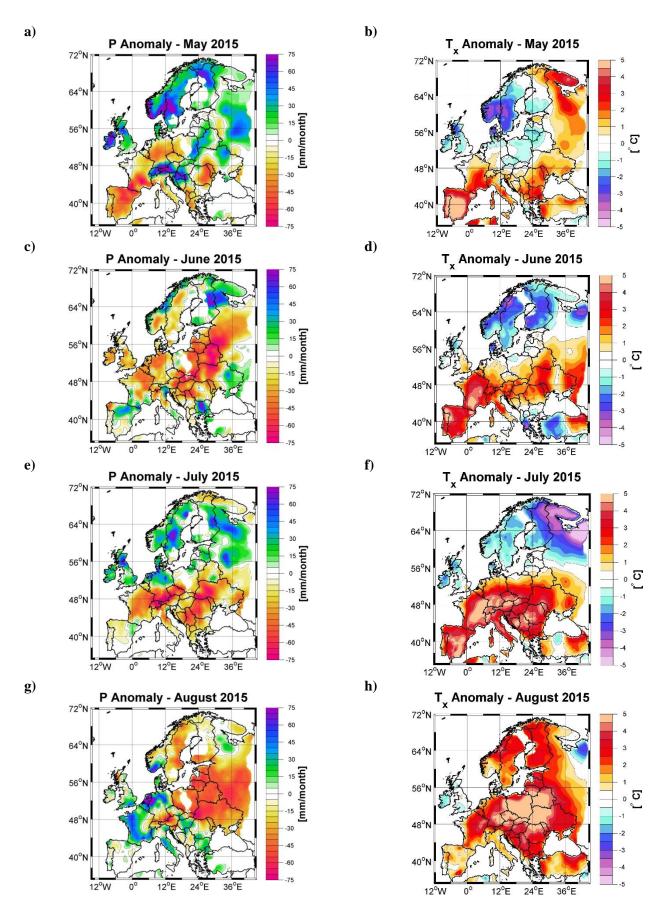
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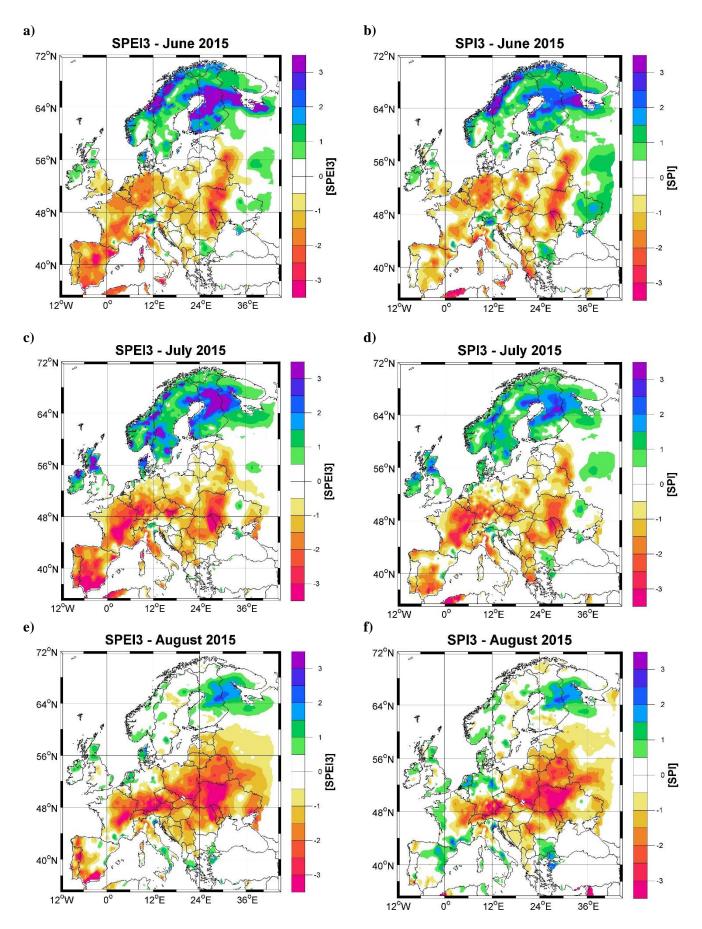
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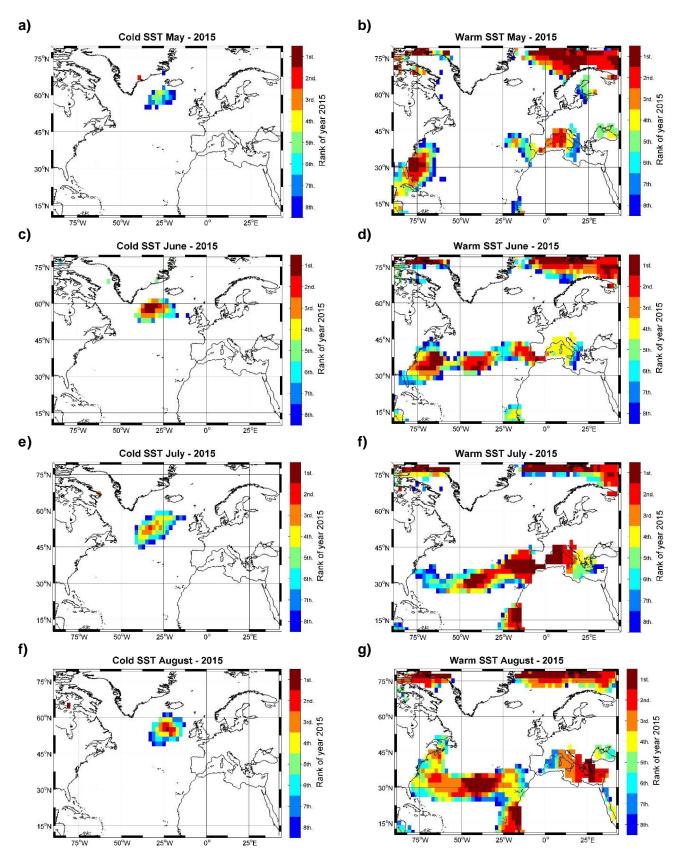
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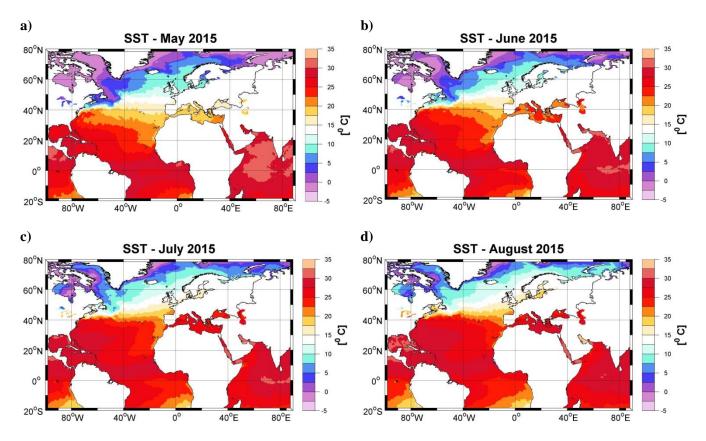
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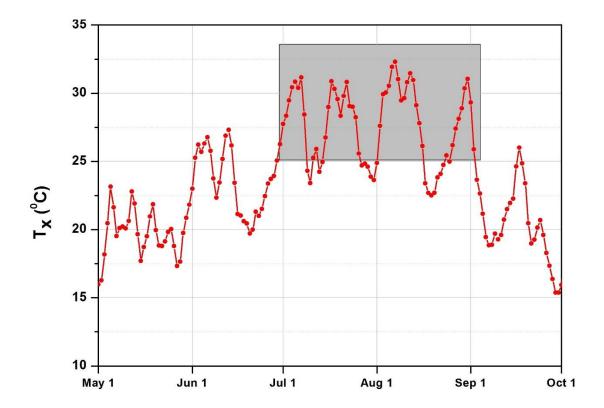
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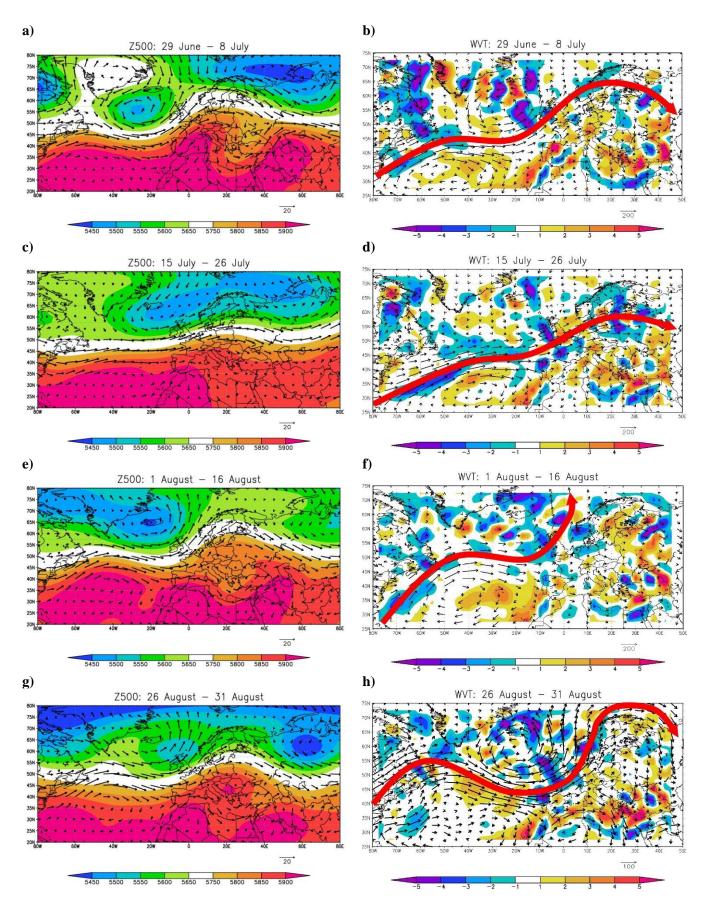
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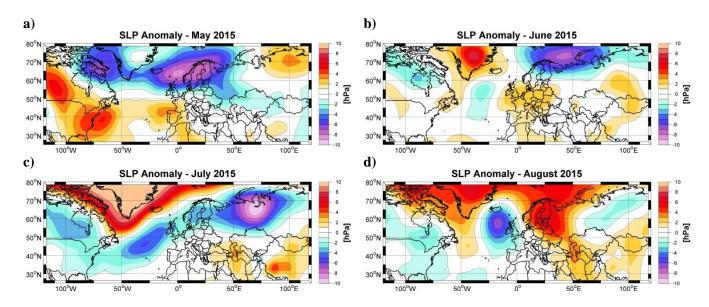
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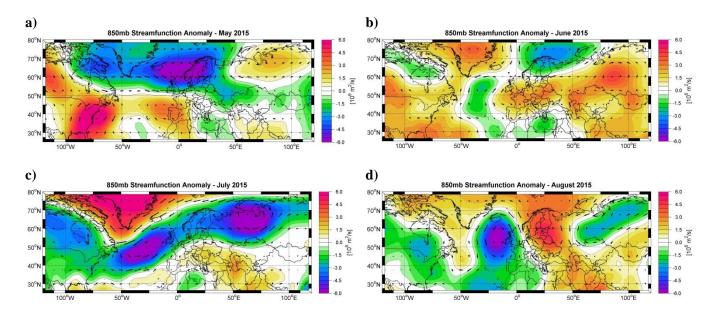
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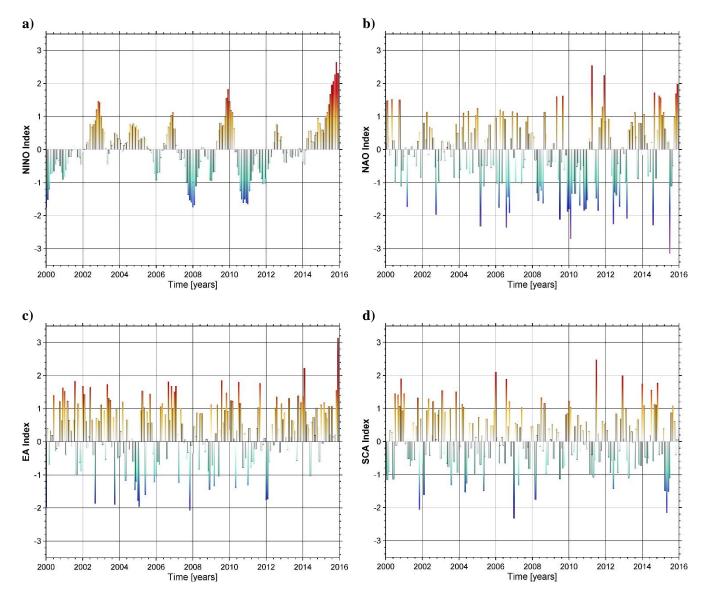
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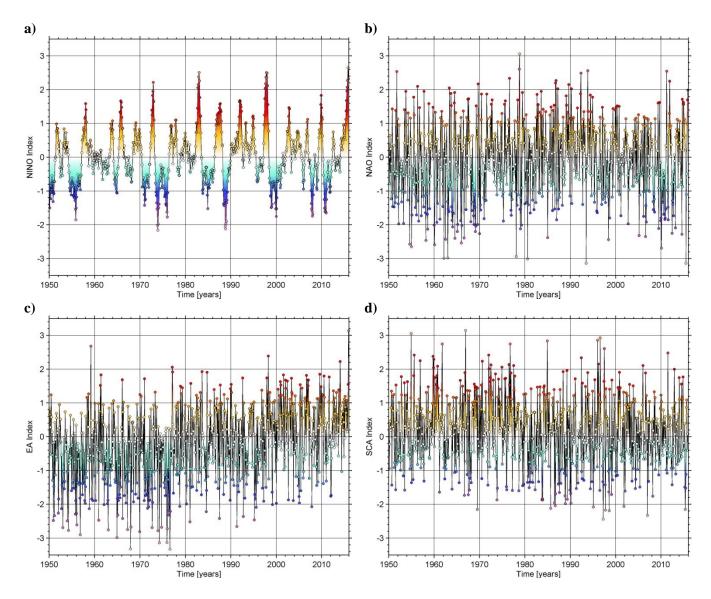
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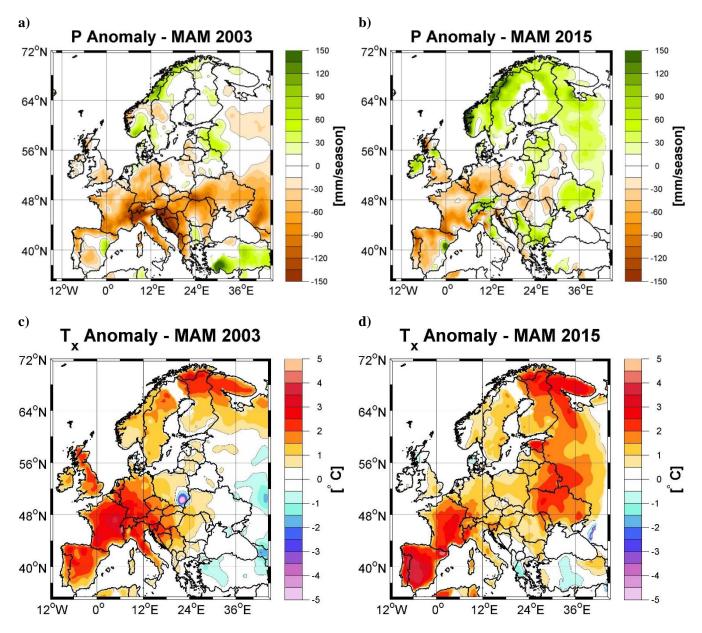
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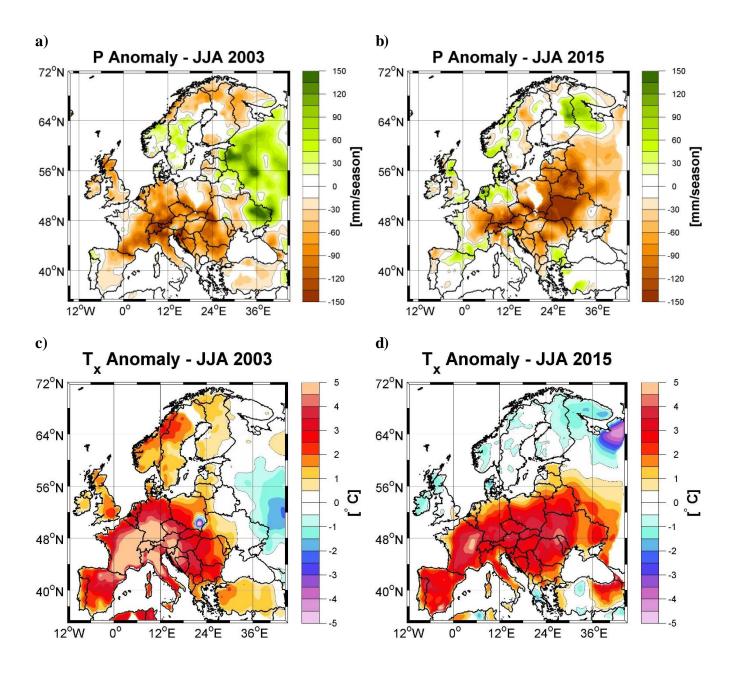
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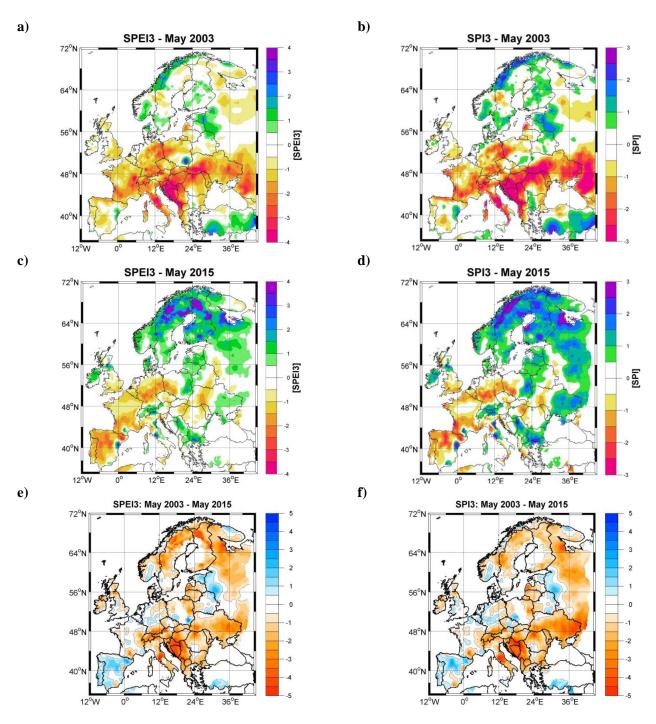
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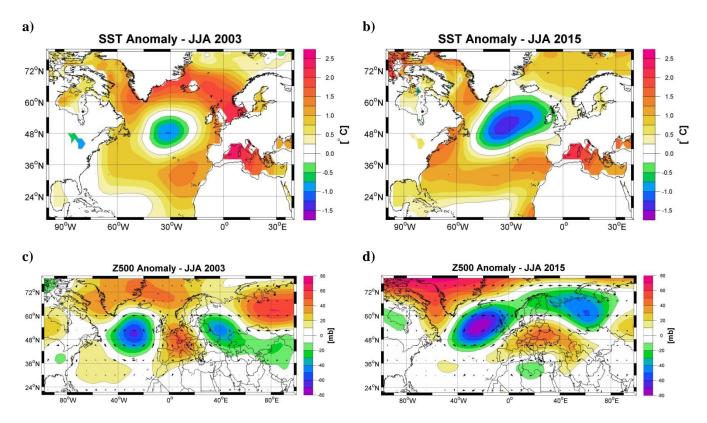
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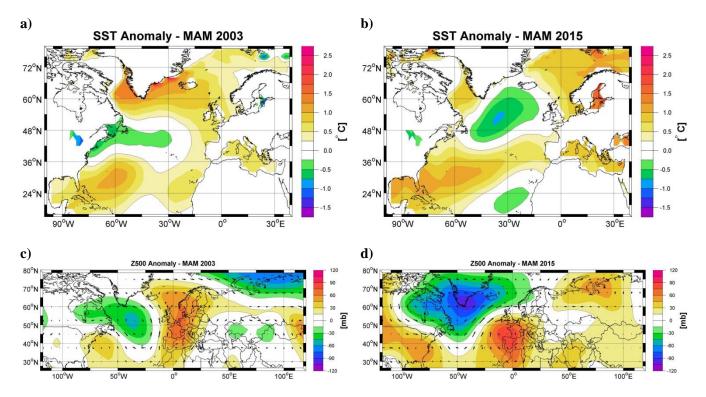
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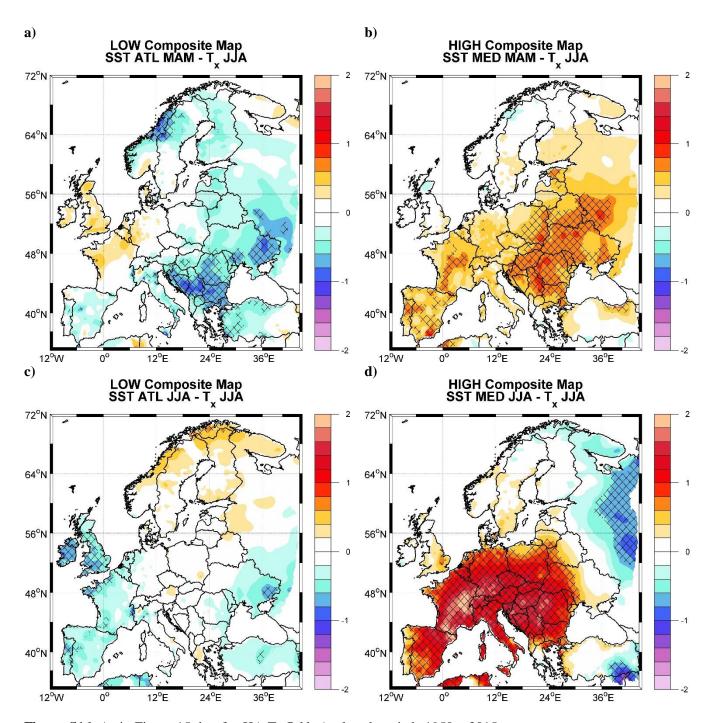
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**Figure S14.** a) Summer 2003 SST anomalies; b) as in a) but for summer 2015; c) Summer 2003 Z500 anomalies and d) as in c) but for summer 2015. The anomalies are computed relative to the period 1971 - 2000.



**Figure S15.** a) Spring 2003 SST anomalies; b) as in a) but for spring 2015; c) Spring 2003 Z500 anomalies; d) as in c) but for spring 2015. The anomalies are computed relative to the period 1971 - 2000.



**Figure S16.** As in Figure 15, but for JJA  $T_x$  field. Analyzed period: 1950 - 2015.