



*Supplement of*

**Compensatory effects conceal large uncertainties in the modelled processes behind the relationship between the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and CO<sub>2</sub>**

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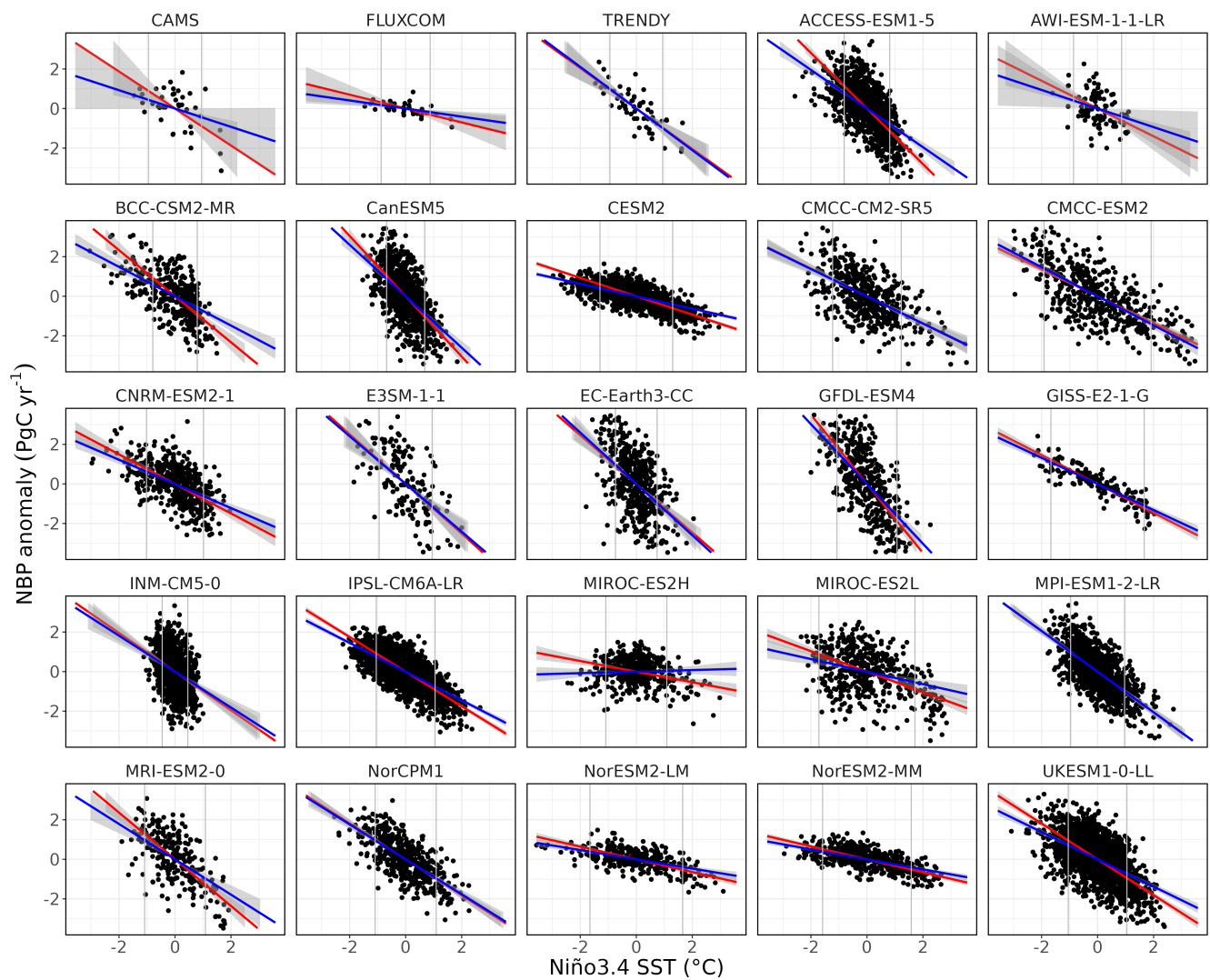


Figure S1: Global annual NBP anomalies against Niño3.4 SSTA in observational and ESM data. The red regression lines are fitted to SSTA values  $> 0$  and the blue lines to values  $< 0$ , the grey area represents the 95% confidence interval of the regression lines. The grey vertical lines are the 10th and 90th percentile of ENSO SSTAs.

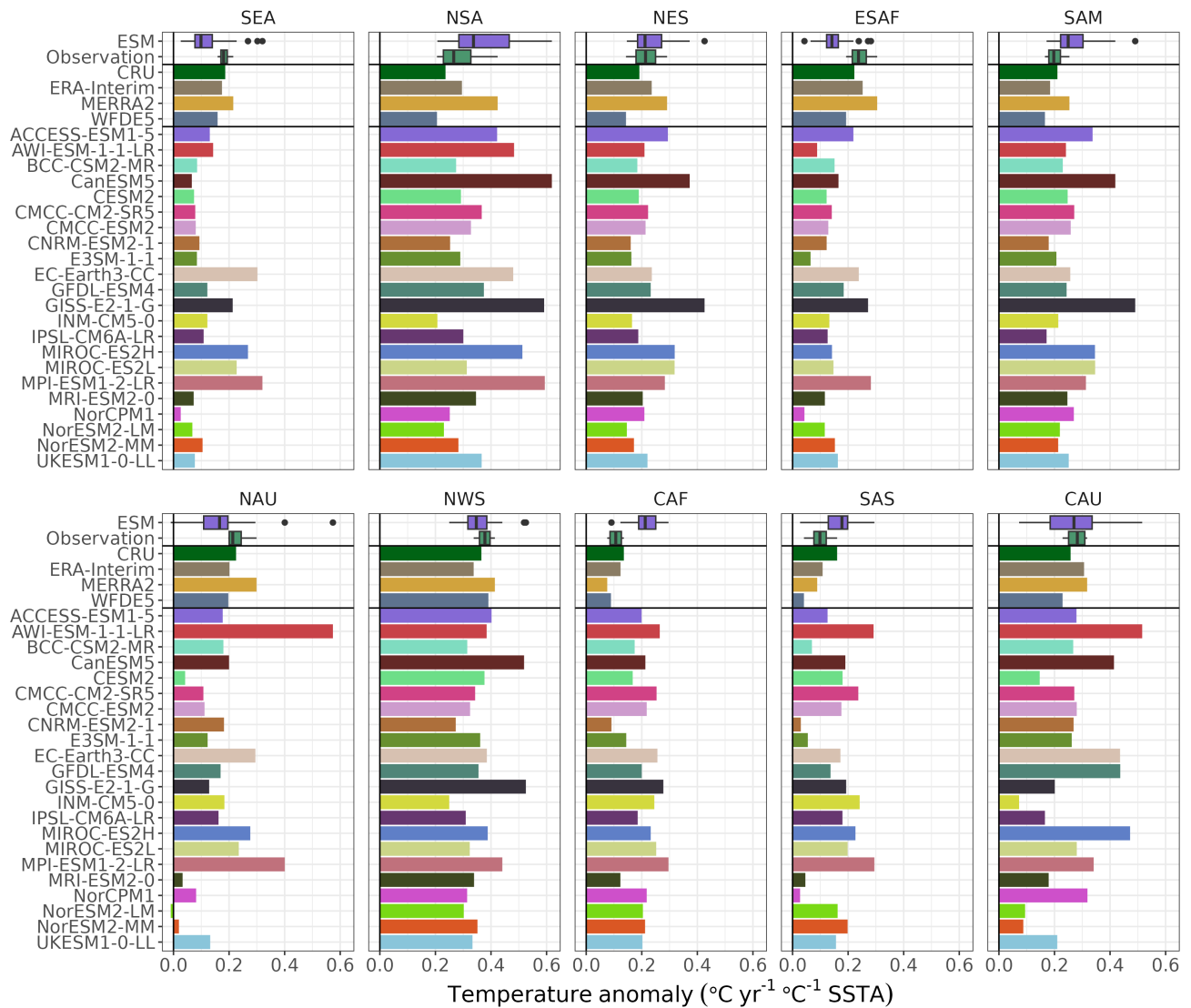


Figure S2: Regional ENSO-induced annual temperature anomalies. The values are the sensitivity of annual temperature anomalies to Niño3.4 SSTA ( $\beta_{ET}$ ).

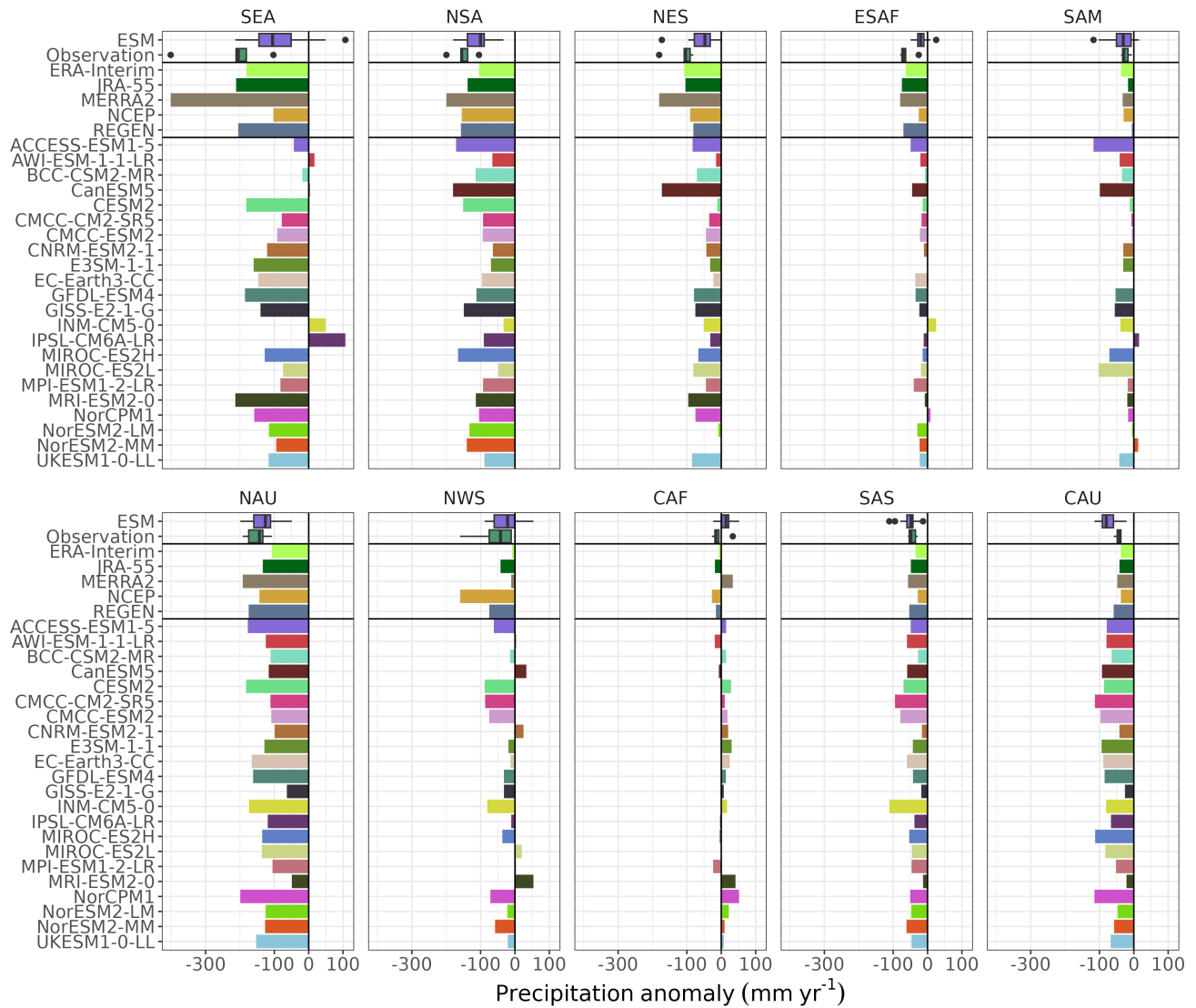


Figure S3: Regional ENSO-induced annual precipitation anomalies. The values show the sensitivity of annual precipitation anomalies to Niño3.4 SSTA ( $\beta_{Ep}$ ).

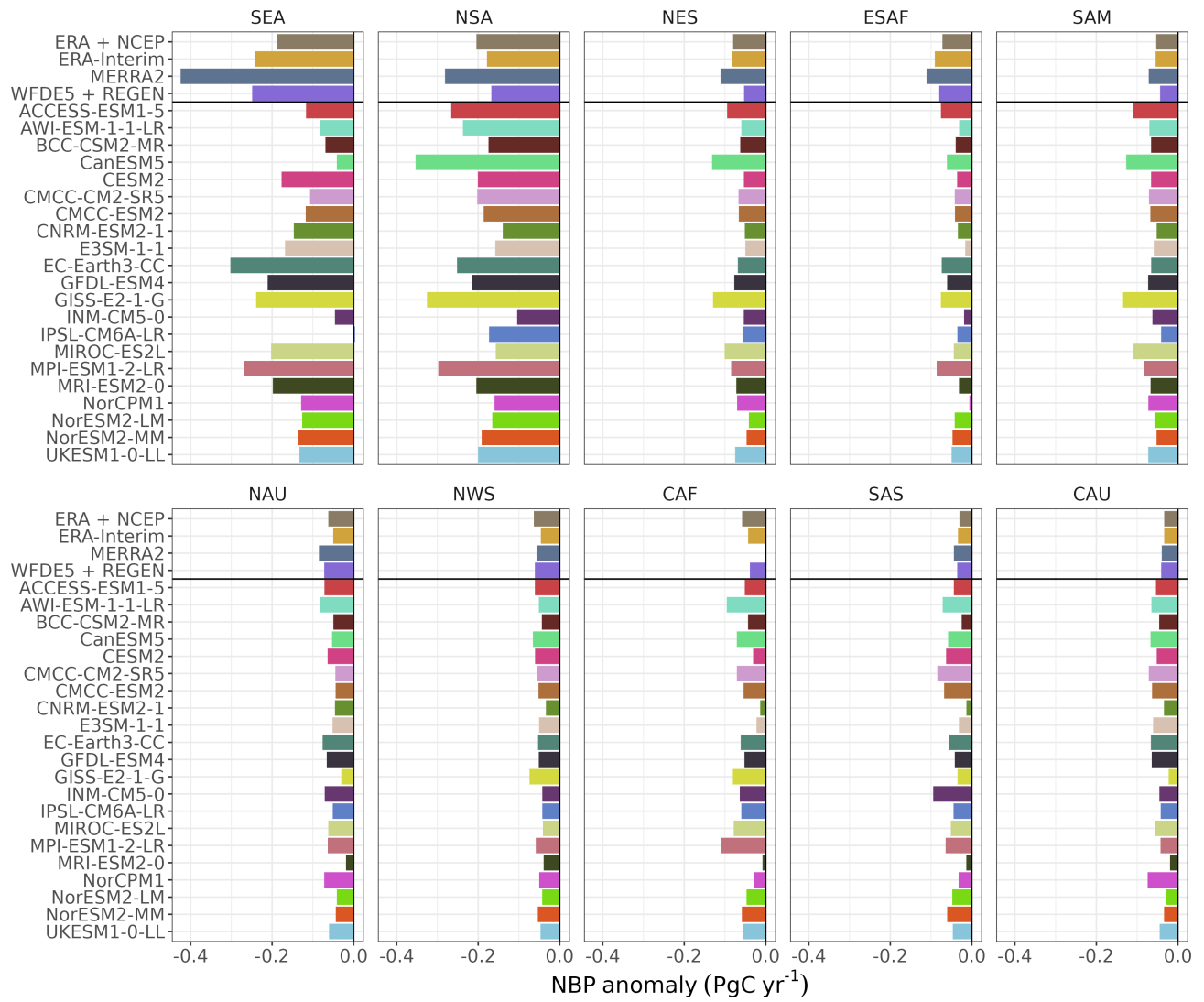


Figure S4: The effect of differences in ENSO-induced climate anomaly patterns on regional NBP anomalies. The climate anomaly patterns of a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile El Niño from ESMs and climate reanalysis products are applied to a linear regression model to reproduce global NBP anomalies.