

Background on seasonal forecasts for the Pacific

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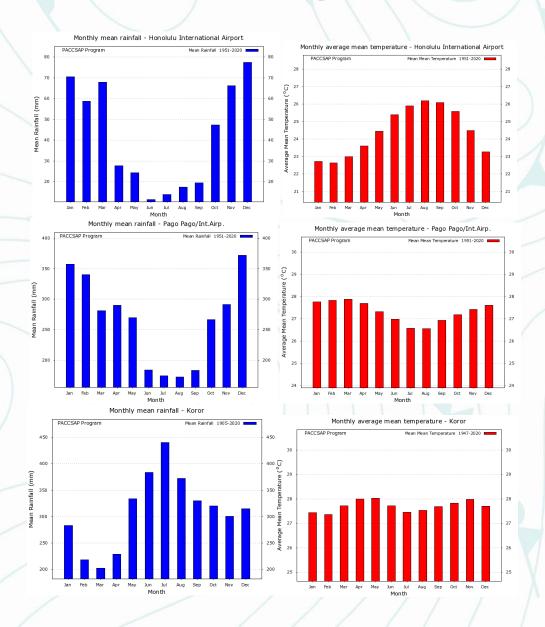








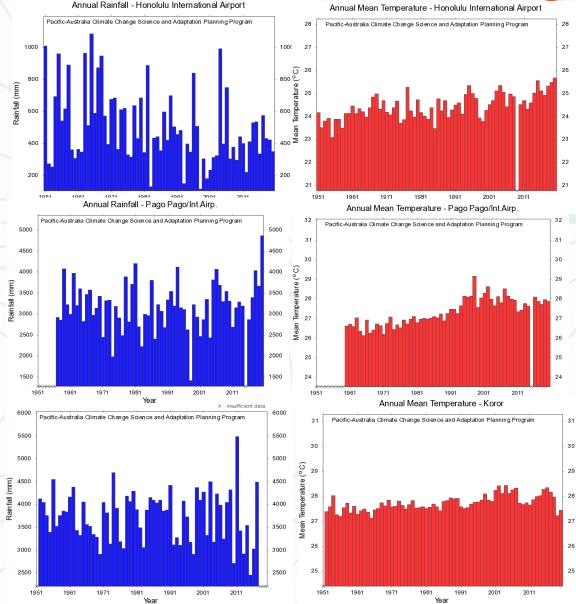
Average Pacific climate



- Assume energy companies would appreciate a near constant climate with only seasonal variation
- This way they'd know exactly what rainfall, temperature, wind pattern and number of tropical cyclones to expect
- Highly beneficial for planning purposes

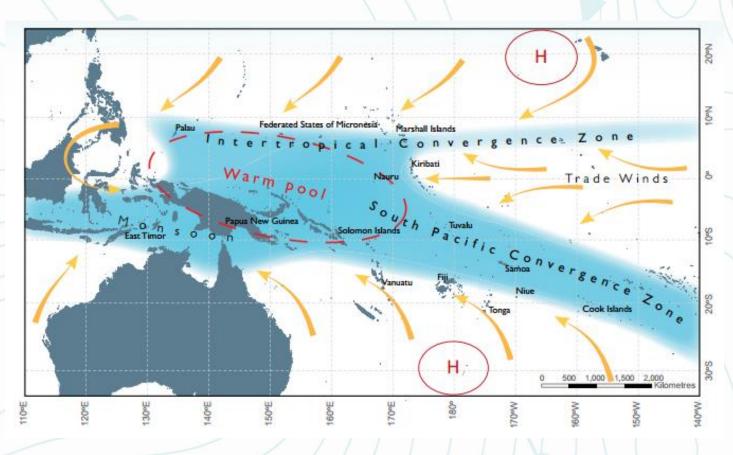
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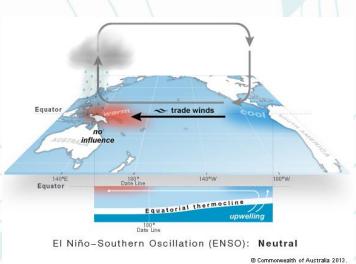
- What we experience is a lot more chaotic.
- Significant year to year variability
- Decade to decade variability
- Climate change makes the situation even more complicated

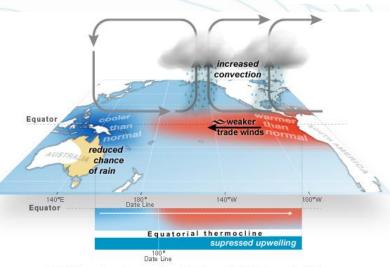
Drivers of Pacific climate



- Trade winds
- Western Pacific Warm Pool (WPWP)
- Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)
- South Pacific Convergence Zone
- Monsoon

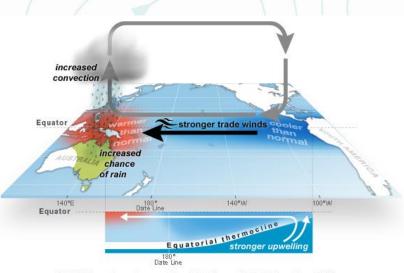
El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO)





El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO): El Niño

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El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO): La Niña

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We can predict future climate months ahead with reasonable accuracy

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