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Distributed Environmental Proxy Signals and ENSO Regime Behaviour

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Abstract

The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) represents one of the most significant climate variability modes within the Earth system. ENSO events influence atmospheric circulation, ocean dynamics, and environmental conditions across multiple regions of the world.

Within the **Earth Proxy System (EPS) framework**, such climate regime behaviour may be interpreted through patterns of distributed proxy observations appearing across atmospheric, oceanic, and environmental domains.

This observational note examines the relationship between ENSO regime behaviour and distributed environmental signals appearing across multiple observational datasets.

1 Introduction

ENSO is a major driver of global climate variability, influencing atmospheric circulation, ocean temperatures, precipitation patterns, and environmental conditions across multiple regions.

ENSO events involve complex interactions between the tropical Pacific Ocean and atmospheric circulation systems.

These interactions produce observable signals across multiple environmental domains.

Within the **EPS framework**, such signals may be interpreted as distributed proxy expressions of Earth-system variability.

2 Observational Signals Associated with ENSO

ENSO regime behaviour is associated with variability appearing across multiple observational indicators including:

- ocean surface temperature anomalies
- atmospheric pressure differences
- trade wind behaviour
- regional precipitation patterns
- ocean–atmosphere coupling signals

These observations represent distributed environmental indicators associated with ENSO variability.



3 Distributed Proxy Variability

Observations associated with ENSO frequently appear across multiple environmental datasets simultaneously.

These include signals appearing in:

- ocean temperature datasets
- atmospheric circulation indices
- hydrological observations
- environmental monitoring networks

Within the EPS perspective, these observations represent **distributed proxy signals reflecting climate regime behaviour**.

4 Temporal Behaviour of ENSO Signals

Environmental signals associated with ENSO often display **temporal relationships** including:

- precursor behaviour appearing prior to regime transitions
- synchronous signals occurring during ENSO events
- lagging responses in environmental systems following regime changes

Such temporal behaviour illustrates how distributed proxy signals may correspond with evolving Earth-system dynamics.

5 EPS Interpretation

Within the EPS framework, ENSO variability may be interpreted as a manifestation of Earth-system behaviour expressed through distributed environmental proxy signals.

Conceptually:

$$V_{ES} \leftrightarrow S_d | \{I_p, C_{es}\}$$

ENSO regime behaviour therefore represents an example of Earth-system variability observable through distributed proxy observations.

6 Conclusion

ENSO represents a prominent example of Earth-system variability expressed through distributed environmental signals.

The observational relationships examined in this note illustrate how climate regime behaviour may correspond with distributed proxy observations appearing across multiple environmental domains.

Such observations are consistent with the conceptual structure proposed within the **Earth Proxy System (EPS) framework**.