

Figure 1: Representative patterns in daily 500-hPa geopotential height anomalies [m, shaded] for all months from 1948-2019 calculated using Self-Organizing Maps. The domain covers 30°N-80°N and 180-60°W (midlatitude North America/NE Pacific). Percentages indicate the frequency of occurrence of each node during winter (JFM) and summer (JAS; in parentheses). Numbers to left of each node are for reference purposes. Data to generate the SOM were obtained from the NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis (Kalnay et al. 1996).

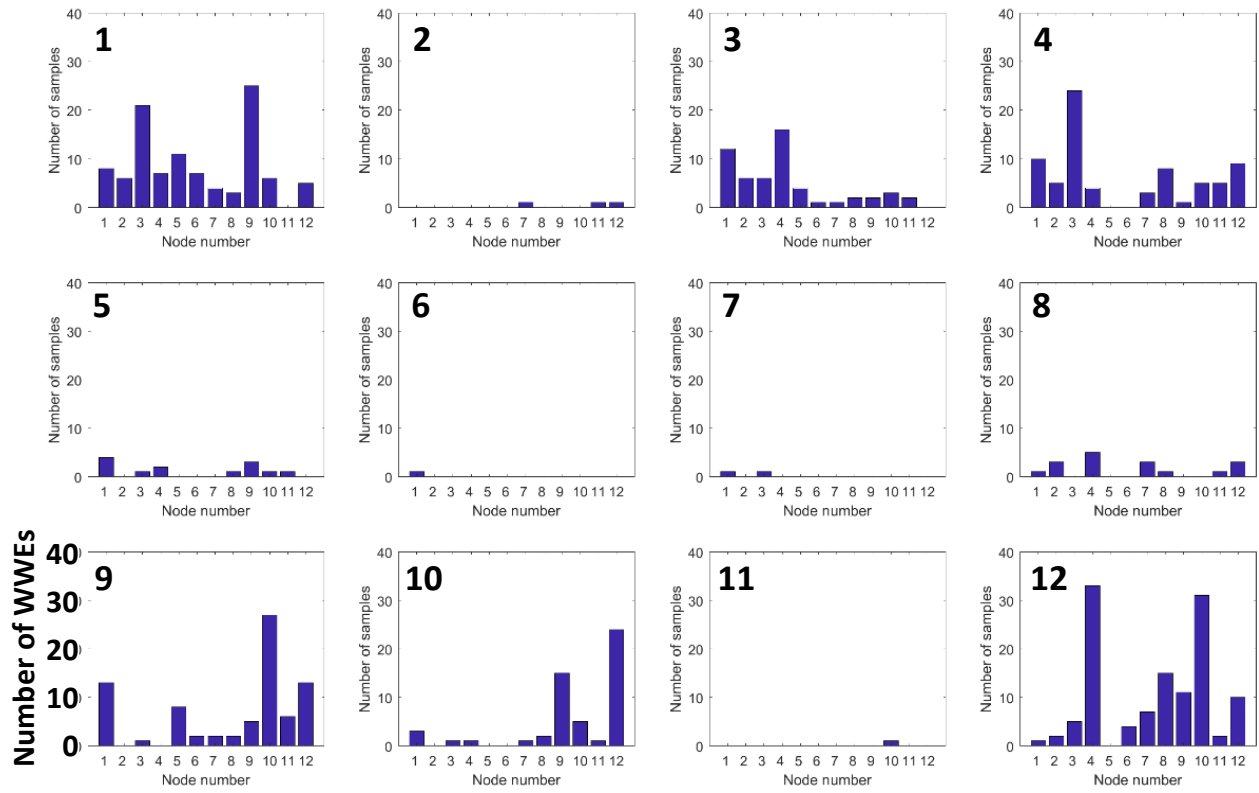


Figure 2: Distributions of days (y-axis) of node number (1-12, x-axis) corresponding to two days following a long-duration event (LDE) in a particular node during winter. The matrix corresponds to node placement in the master SOM shown in Fig. 1, indicated with bold numbers in upper left corners.

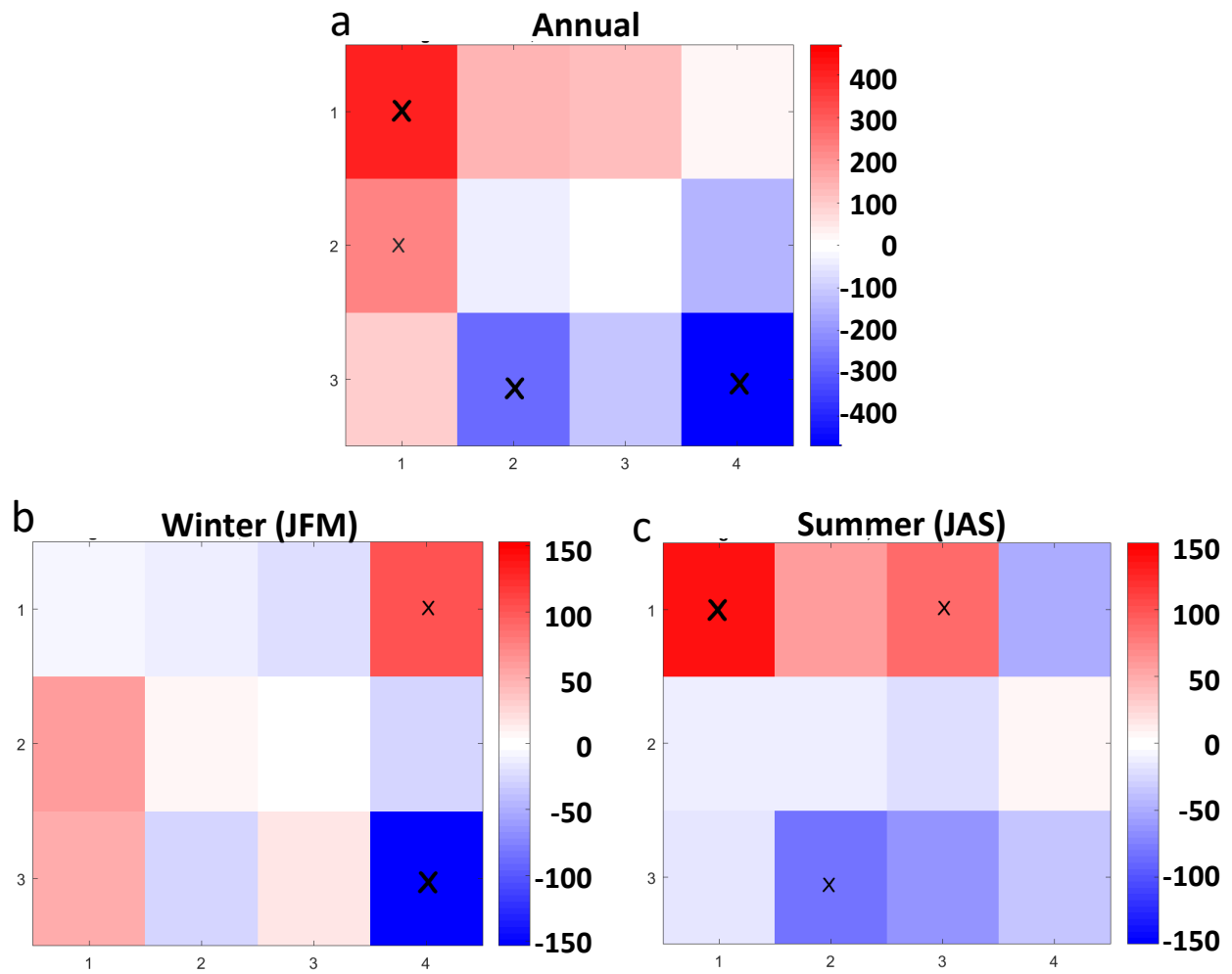


Figure 3: Change in the frequency of occurrence (days) of each node from 1961-1989 to 1991-2019 during (a) all months, (b) winter (JFM), and summer (JAS) based on NCEP reanalysis data. The small (large) Xs indicate changes that are statistically significant with 90% (95%) confidence using a students-t test.

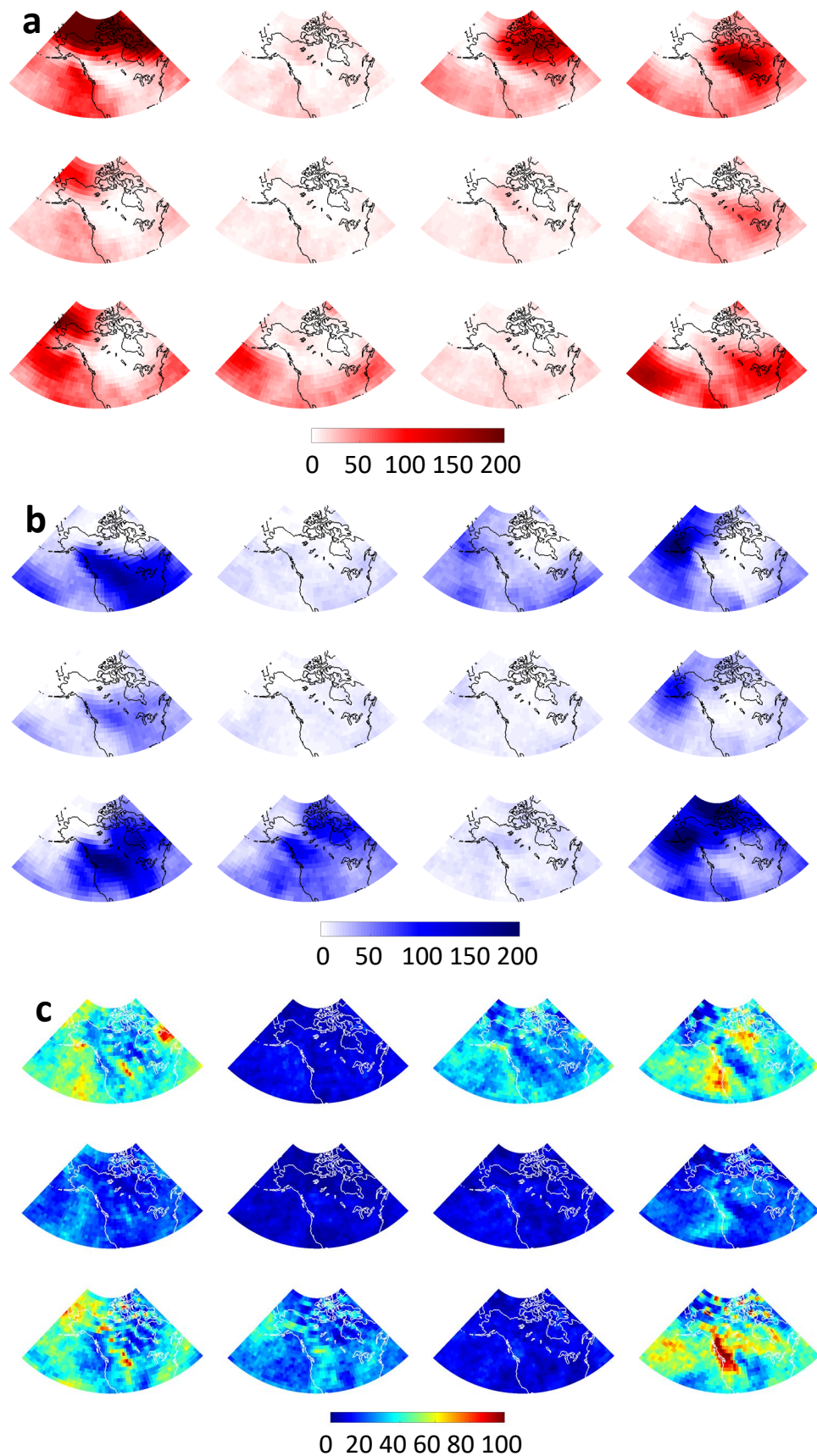


Figure 4: Winter (JFM) temperature and precipitation extremes associated with each node of the master SOM. (a) Number of days (shading) that air temperature anomalies at 925 hPa exceed 1.5σ . (b) Same as (a) but for anomalies below -1.5σ . (c) Same as (a) but for daily precipitation anomalies exceeding 1.5σ . Data are from the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis.

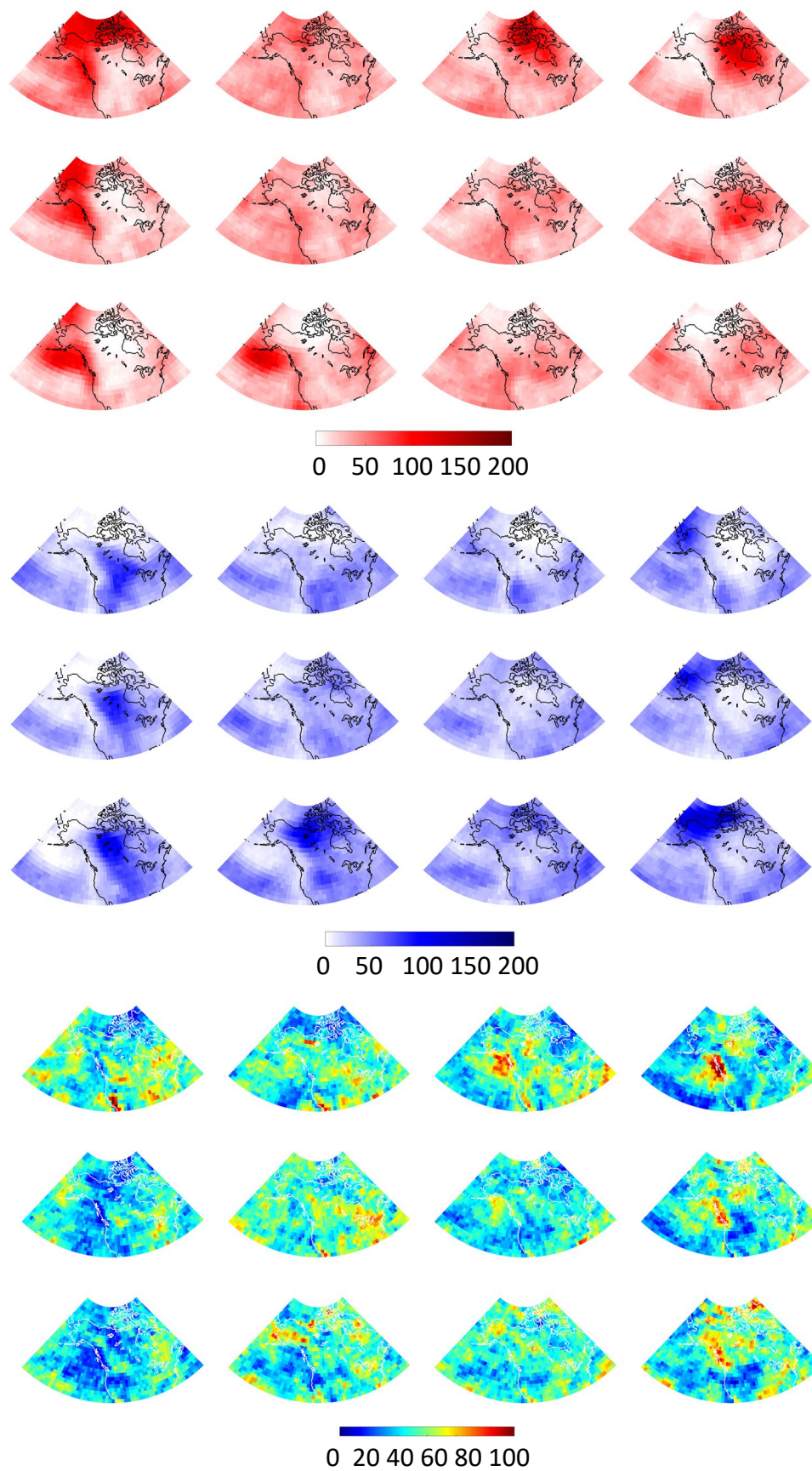


Figure 5: Same as Figure 4, but for summer (JAS).

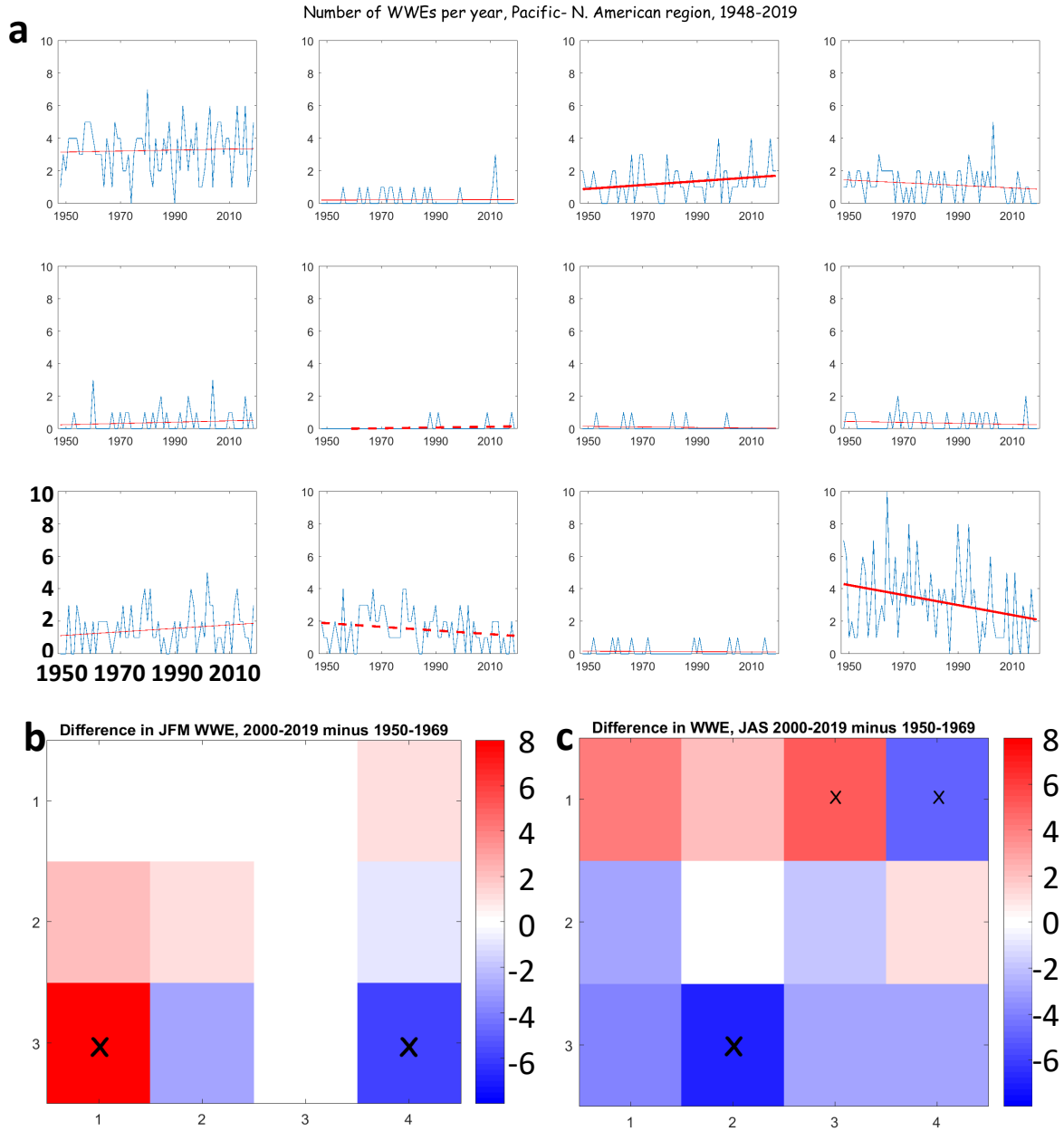


Figure 6: (a) Time series of WWEs per year for all months during 1948-2019. Solid (dashed) red lines indicate significant trends at the 95% (90%) confidence level based on an f-test. (b,c) Differences in the total number of WWEs in each node between two 20-year intervals: 1950-1969 to 2000-2019 during winter (JFM, b) and summer (JAS, c), derived using data from the NCEP reanalysis. Small (large) Xs indicate statistical significance > 90% (> 95%) based on student's t-test.

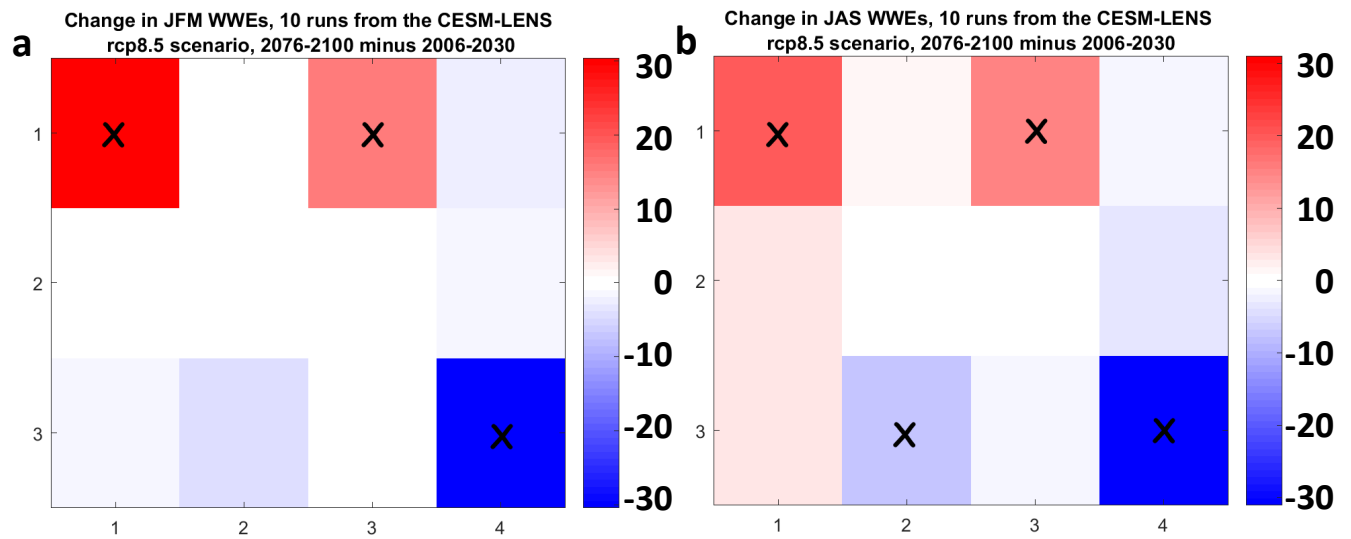


Figure 7: Projected changes in the total number of WWEs from 2006-2030 to 2076-2100 in (a) winter and (b) summer based on ten simulations by CESM assuming RCP 8.5 forcing. The Xs indicate statistical significance > 95% based on a student's t-test. Note difference in scales between annual and seasonal counts.