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**Supplementary Information**

**Fire-precipitation interactions amplify the quasi-biennial variability  
of fires over southern Mexico and Central America**

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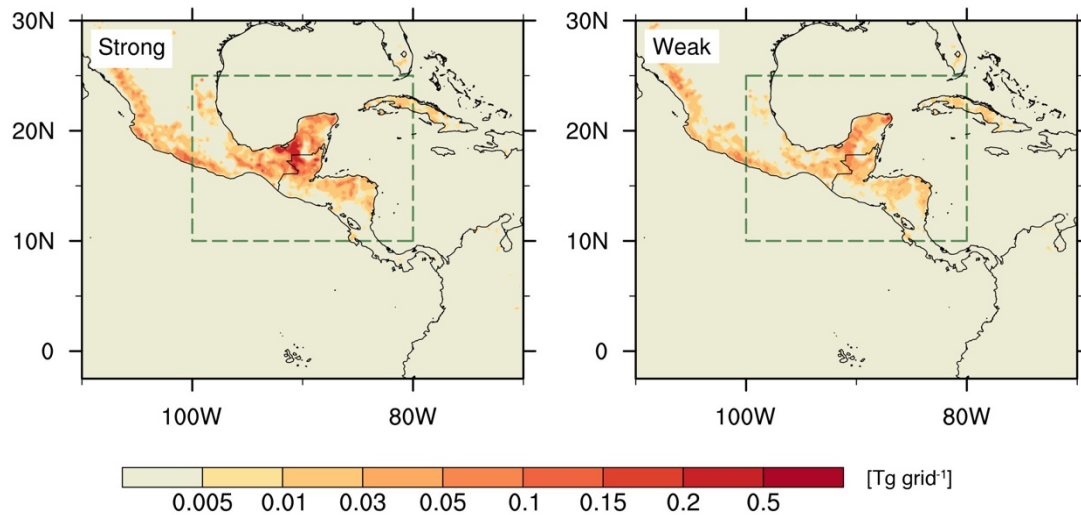
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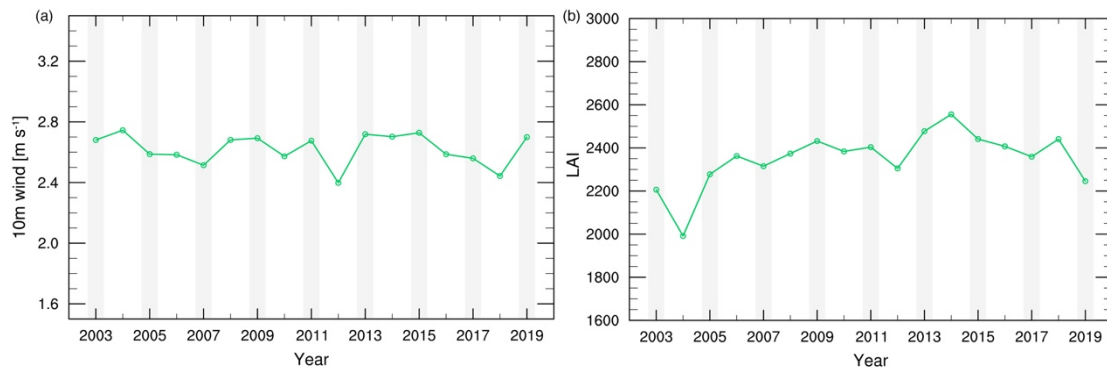
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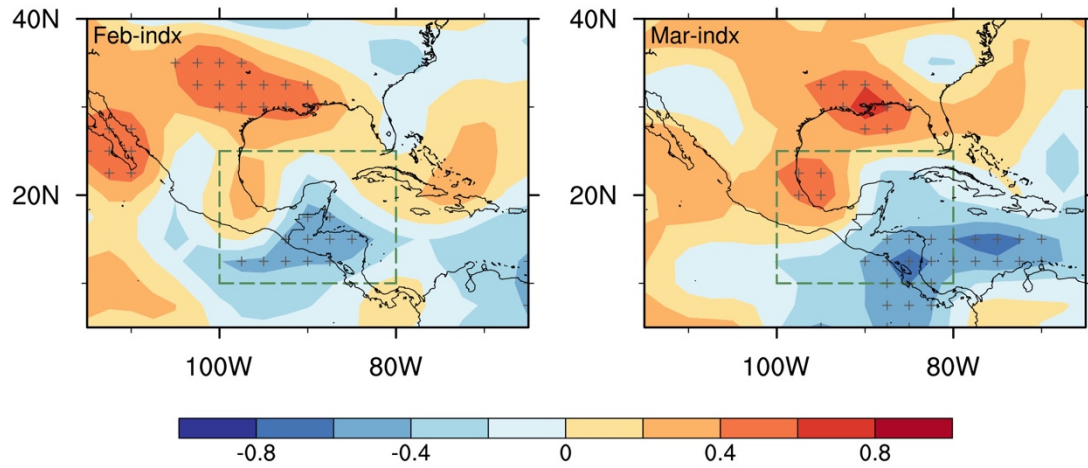
15 **Figure S1.** Comparison of fire activities during strong and weak fire years over SMCA.  
 16 Spatial distributions of fire-consumed total dry matter composited in strong and weak  
 17 years respectively.

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20 **Figure S2.** Temporal variations of the regional mean 10m wind speed and leaf area  
 21 index averaged over SMCA in and 10 days previous to the peak burning season (Apr-  
 22 May).



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24 **Fig. S3** Spatial distributions of correlations of EP/NP index in February and March with  
 25 the mean vertical pressure velocity (reversed signs) in the peak fire months (Apr-May)  
 26 during 2003-2019. Stippling indicates the correlations are statistically significant based  
 27 on the student's T-test.