

Interactive comment on “One plausible reason for the change in ENSO characteristics in the 2000s” by V. N. Stepanov

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Figure 2: why plot the transport of the drake passage, it apparently has no relationship with the other two time series. What is the magnitude of the Nino 4 region SSTA? If the Drake passage transports are removed from this plot you could use one of the y-axis to display the N4 region units. The fact annual averages appear to be plotted here does not help differentiate cause and effect, so perhaps using monthly anomalies would be more helpful.

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