Dear authors,

This is a very interesting study exploring how the balance between positive and negative extremes in NBP shift over time and how these shifts are related to different driving mechanisms. We have done something very similar a while back using CMIP5 data and found the opposite result, see Fig. 3 in Zscheischler et al., 2014. The methodology is slightly different -- we focused on large spatiotemporal contiguous extremes and used a suite of different models -- but I was wondering whether you could comment on these differences and possibly offer some hypotheses for an explanation. As far as I can see, the data preprocessing is quite similar.

Best regards,

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