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I have a basic comment relating to correlations of a common-moe type. Consider Fig 5 with caption "The variation of Sun-Earth distance since 1978 (in black) is compared to the annual component of SHSI (in red). 330 (bottom) The phase difference between the two."

Why look at Sun-Earth distance when the simple seasonal cycle will likelyy give the same correlation? And surface atmospheric pressure relates to temperature most straightforwardly by the ideal gas law, which also shows a seasonal pattern. I don't understand pursuing these common-mode-related correlations.