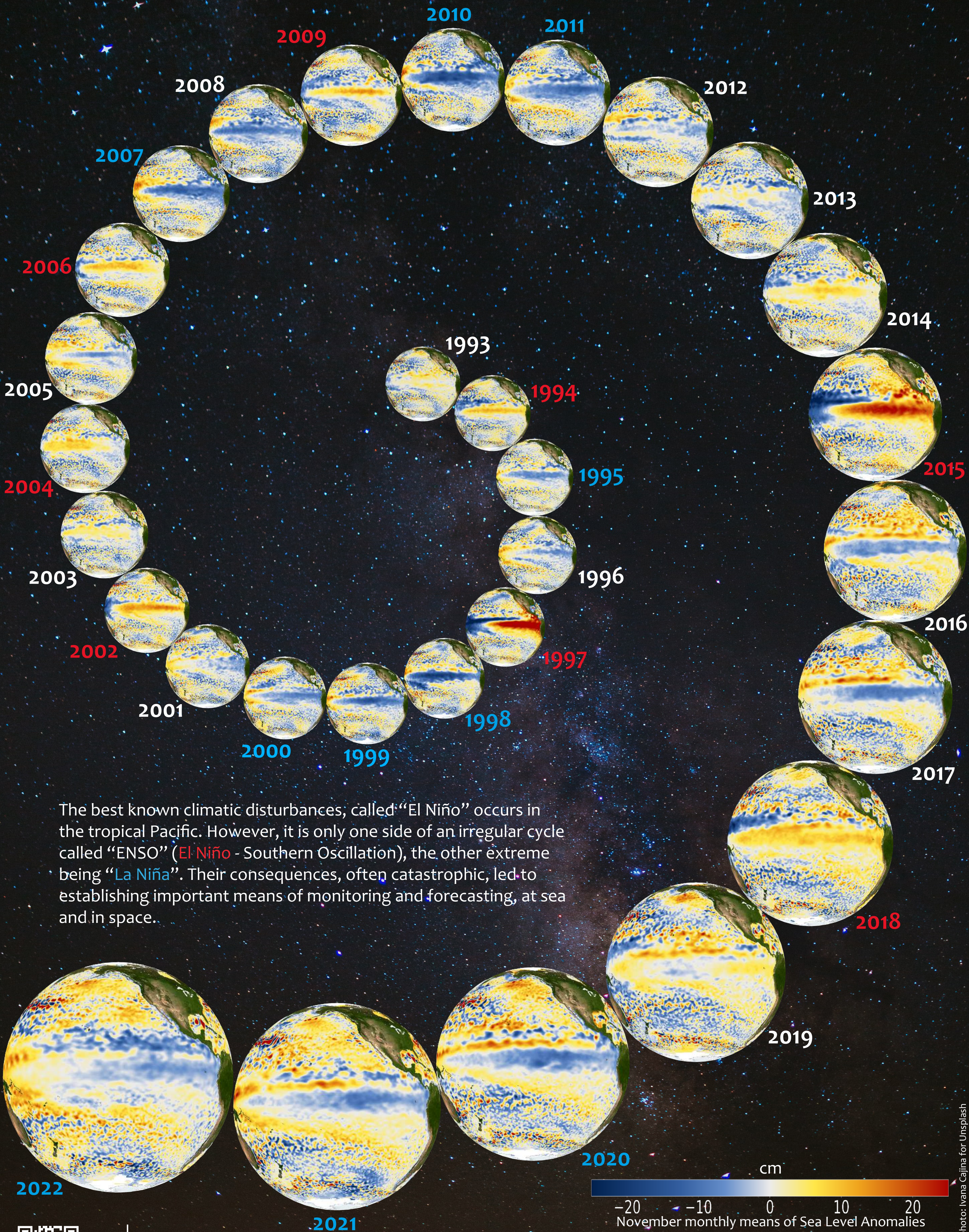


30 years of El Niño by altimetry



The best known climatic disturbances, called “El Niño” occurs in the tropical Pacific. However, it is only one side of an irregular cycle called “ENSO” (El Niño - Southern Oscillation), the other extreme being “La Niña”. Their consequences, often catastrophic, led to establishing important means of monitoring and forecasting, at sea and in space.

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November monthly means of Sea Level Anomalies
(annual and seasonal cycles removed)

