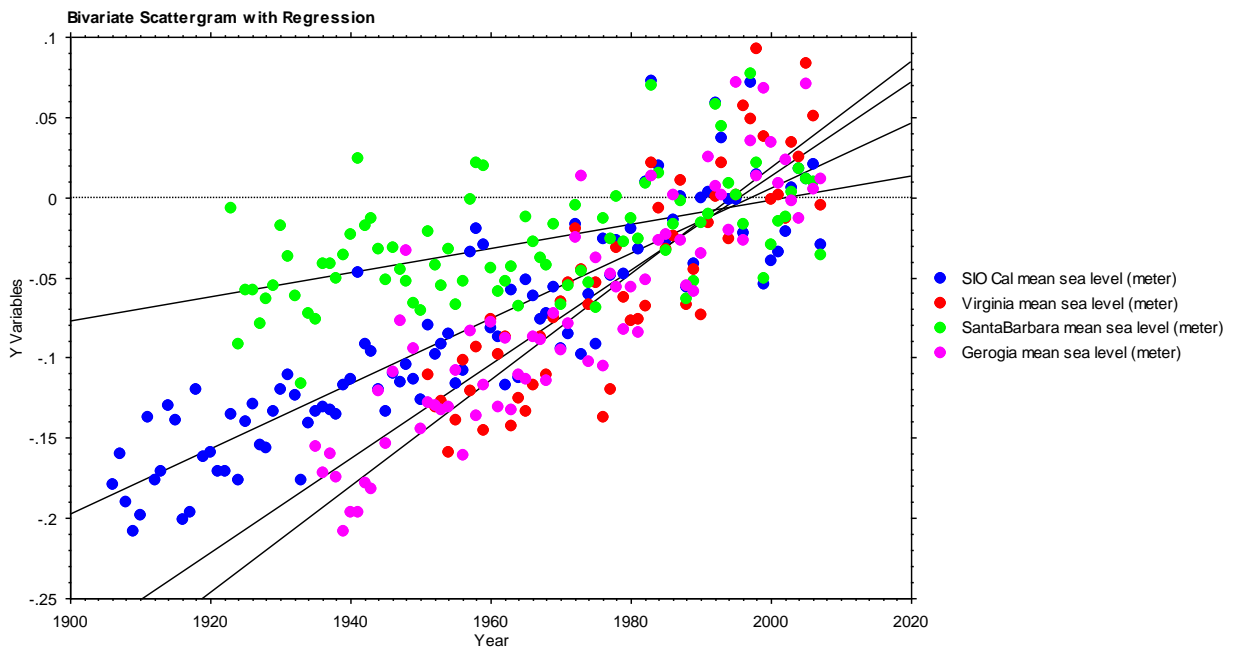
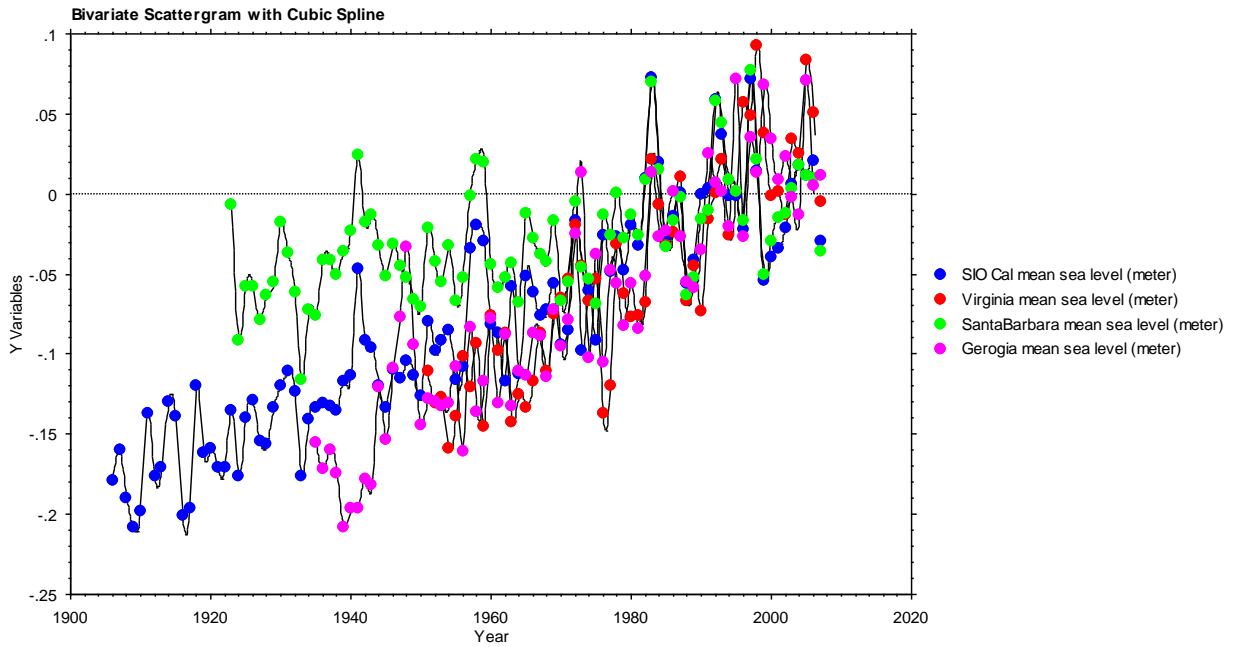


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SIO Cal mean sea level (meter) =  $-4.048 + .002 * \text{Year}$ ;  $R^2 = .806$   
Virginia mean sea level (meter) =  $-6.617 + .003 * \text{Year}$ ;  $R^2 = .739$   
SantaBarbara mean sea level (meter) =  $-1.507 + .001 * \text{Year}$ ;  $R^2 = .28$   
Georgia mean sea level (meter) =  $-5.874 + .003 * \text{Year}$ ;  $R^2 = .788$

**Correlation Matrix**

	Year	SIO Cal mean sea level (meter)	Virginia mean sea level (meter)	SantaBarbara mean sea level (meter)	Gerogia mean sea level (meter)
Year	1.000				
SIO Cal mean sea level (meter)	.898	1.000			
Virginia mean sea level (meter)	.860	.677	1.000		
SantaBarbara mean sea level (meter)	.529	.846	.509	1.000	
Gerogia mean sea level (meter)	.888	.719	.861	.419	1.000

**Counts**

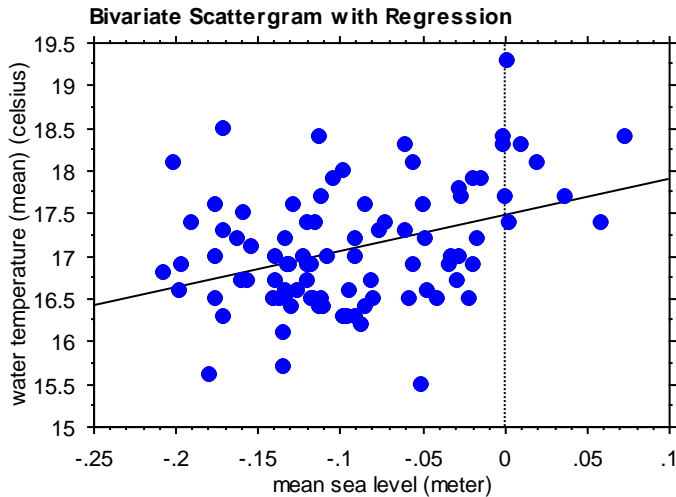
	Year	SIO Cal mean sea level (meter)	Virginia mean sea level (meter)	SantaBarbara mean sea level (meter)	Gerogia mean sea level (meter)
Year	102	102	57	85	73
SIO Cal mean sea level (meter)	102	102	57	85	73
Virginia mean sea level (meter)	57	57	57	57	57
SantaBarbara mean sea level (meter)	85	85	57	85	73
Gerogia mean sea level (meter)	73	73	57	73	73

**SIO California Current**

**Correlation Matrix**

	mean sea level (meter)	w ater temperature (mean) (celsius)
mean sea level (meter)	1.000	.376
w ater temperature (mean) (celsius)	.376	1.000

91 observations were used in this computation.  
 11 cases were omitted due to missing values.



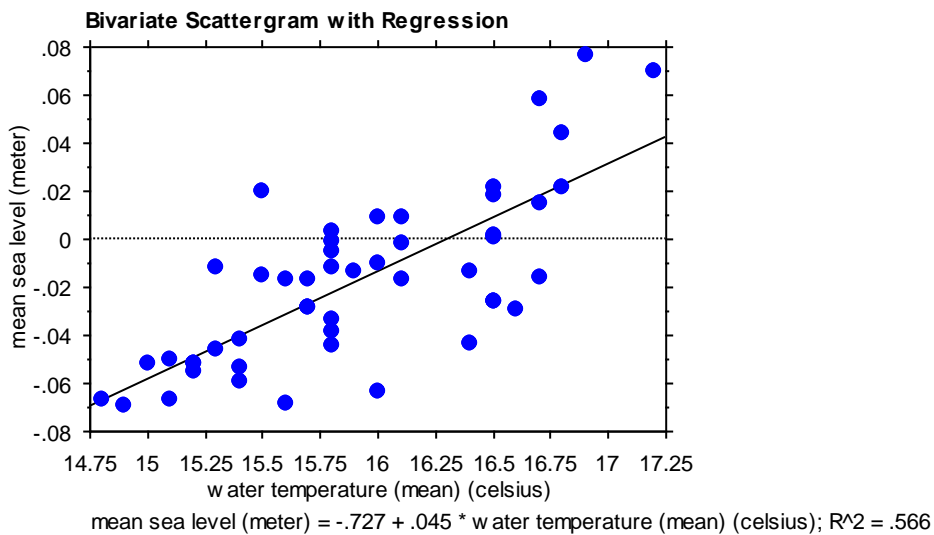
water temperature (mean) (celsius) = 17.483 + 4.227 \* mean sea level (meter); R<sup>2</sup> = .141

**Santa Barbara**

**Correlation Matrix**

	Year	mean sea level (meter)	w ater temperature (mean) (celsius)
Year	1.000	.413	.400
mean sea level (meter)	.413	1.000	.752
w ater temperature (mean) (celsius)	.400	.752	1.000

50 observations were used in this computation.  
 35 cases were omitted due to missing values.



1. Hypothesis: Global warming drives observed sea level rises (mechanisms – expansion of water as a consequence of heating + some input from melting). Predictions: Sea level rise through time correlated across sites, including both ocean basins (Pacific & Atlantic).

Results: Qualitatively confirmed.

Alternate interpretations: Parallel local climatic effects?

Constraints: few adequate data sets.

2. Hypothesis: Changes in local temp drive sea level rises. Prediction: sea level and mean annual temp to be positively correlated.

Only adequate data for two Pacific Coast sites in California.

Results: Qualitatively confirmed.

Alternative. Water temperature and Sea Level both reflect global climate drivers (global warming). Year – of sample makes a good predictor of each factor. Thus both are increasing in parallel as a consequence of global warming.