

**Interactive comment on** “On the Role of the North Equatorial Counter Current in Transporting Heat during a Strong El Niño” by David J. Webb

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Dear Dr. Webb, one request that may be a firm one regards the generalization from one event to all El Ninos. That claim could be better supported with the investigation of additional El Nino events (as you propose in doi:10.5194/os-2017-99-AC2). Even then, it should perhaps be qualified as a hypothesis supported, if this proves to be the case, by the limited number of events that have been studied.

I wish you well with this and other issues that were raised, including that of style of presentation (where again there will be some expectation of accommodation).

Sincerely Yours, –Matthew Hecht