



# **A new and improved coherent, prescribed parameterization of stratospheric aerosol for all flavors of CESM**

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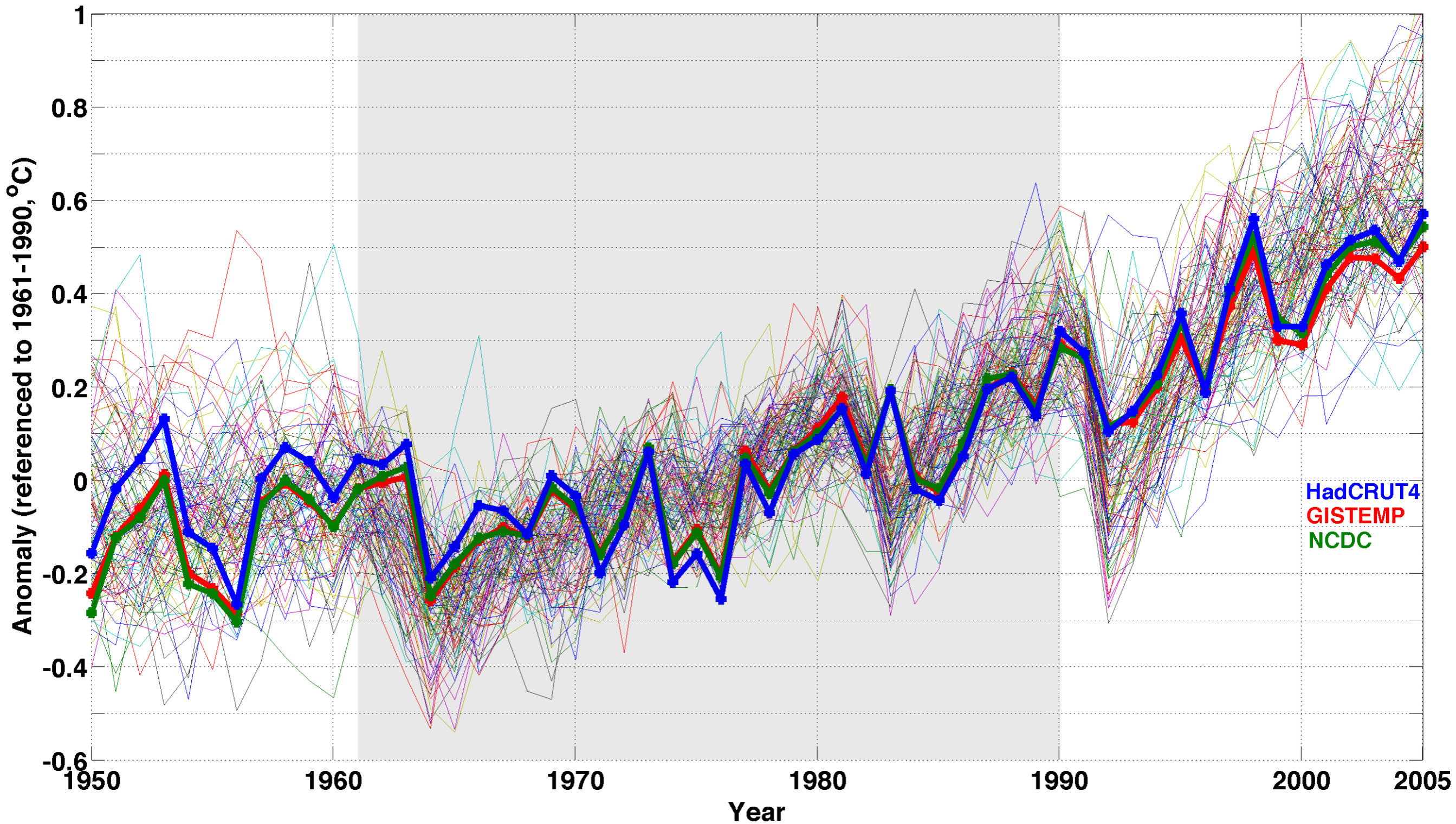
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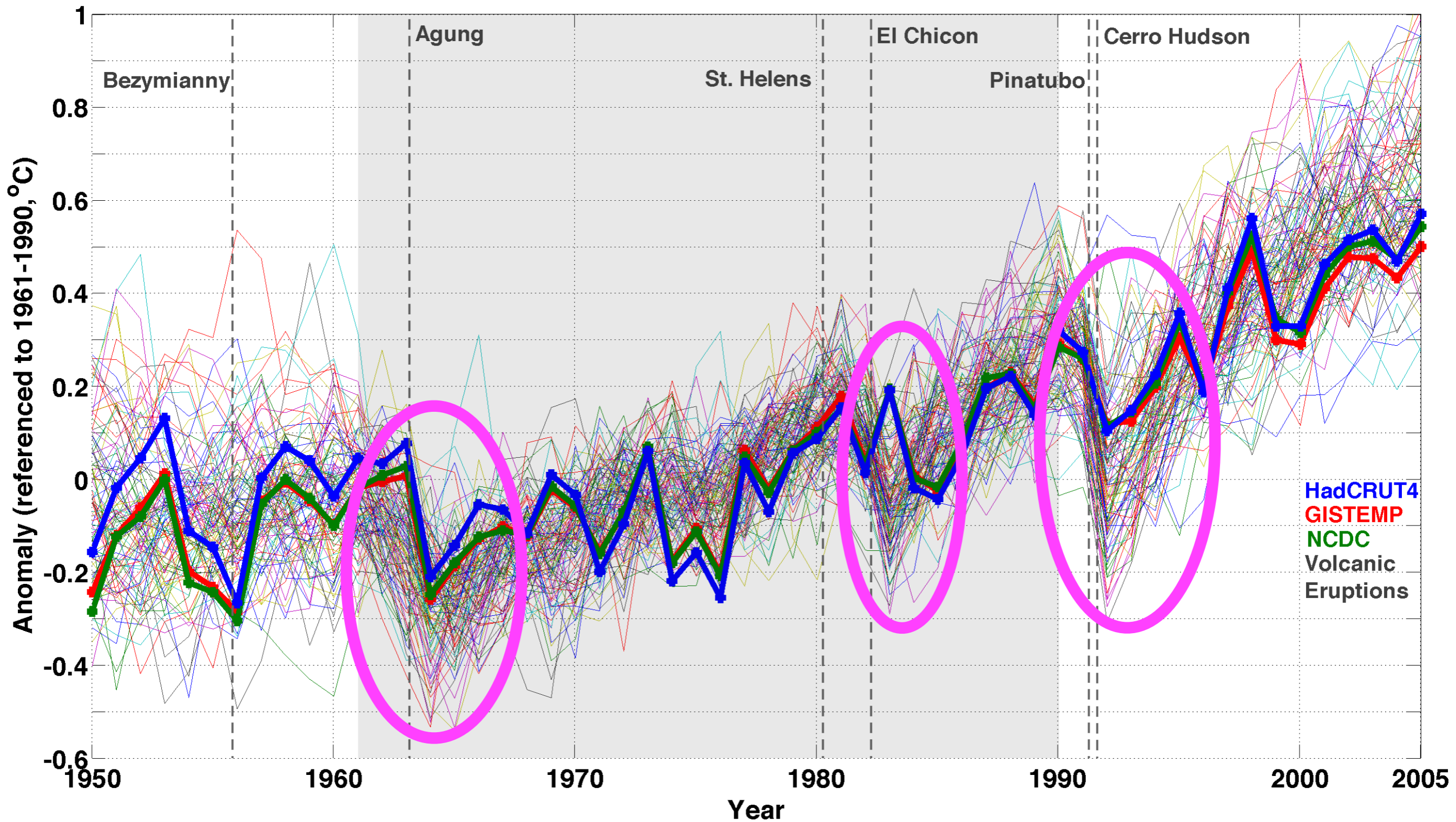
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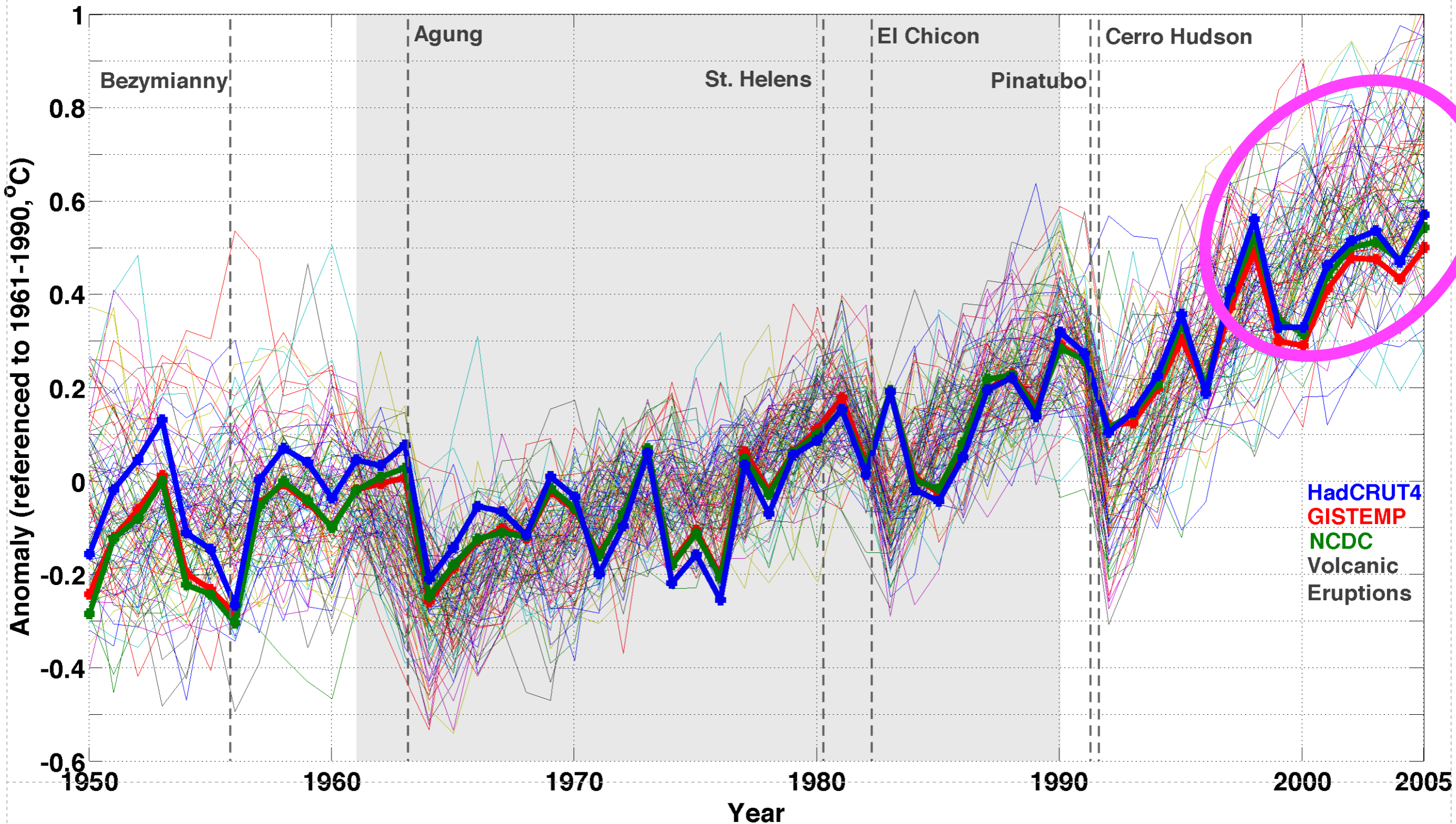
# Motivation: Bad and Ugly Volcanoes

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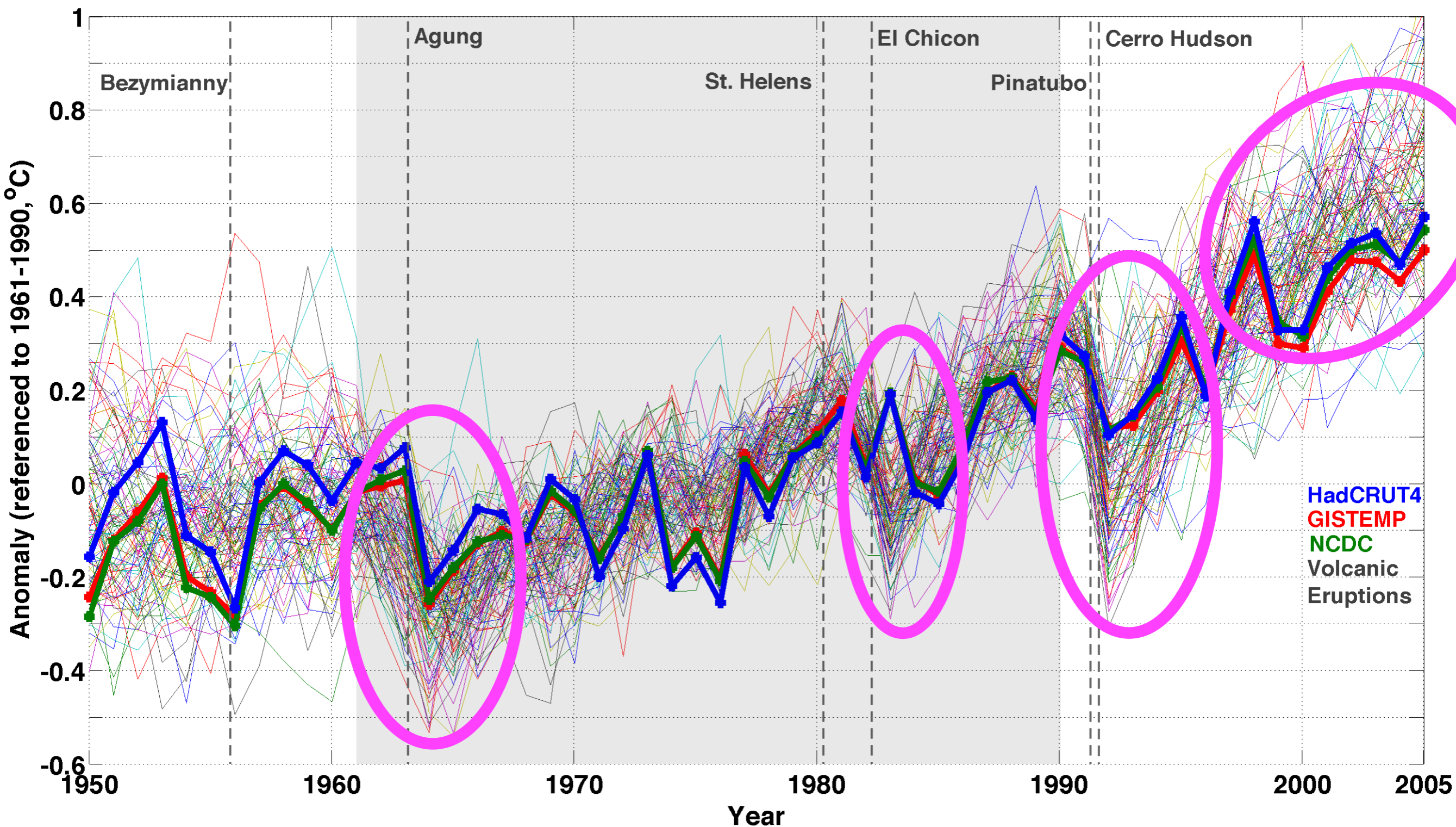
# Motivation: "The Hiatus"

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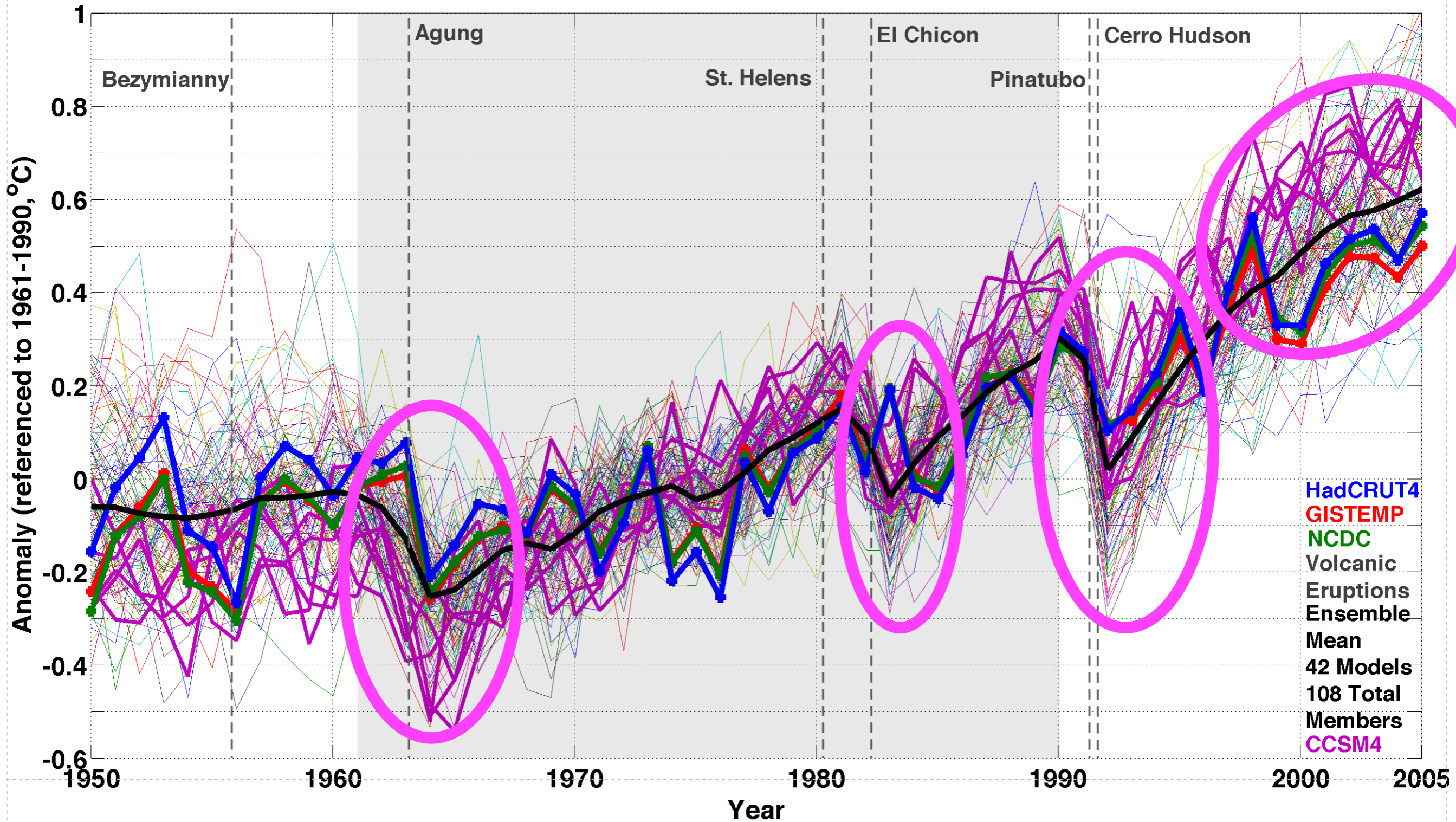
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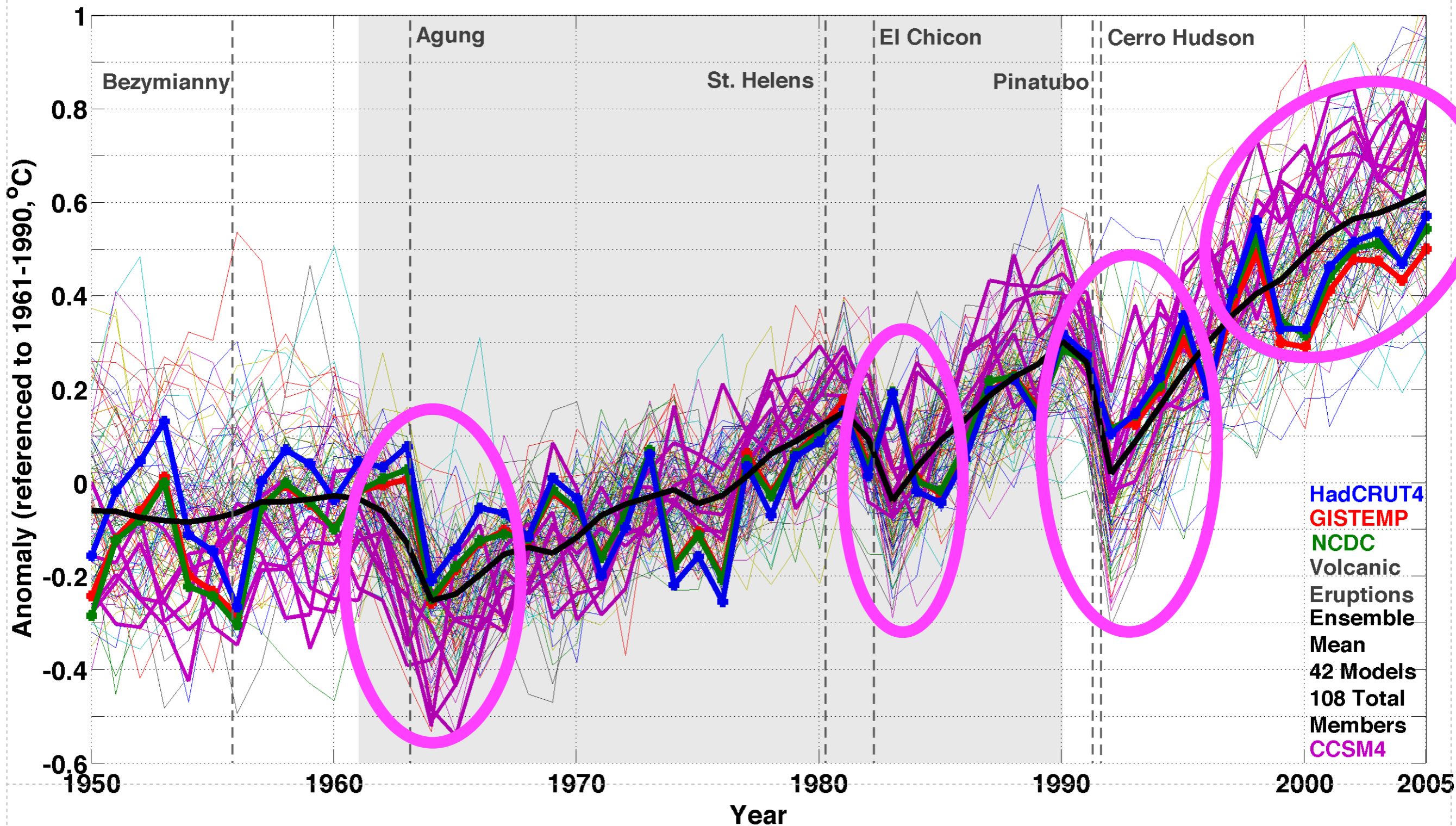
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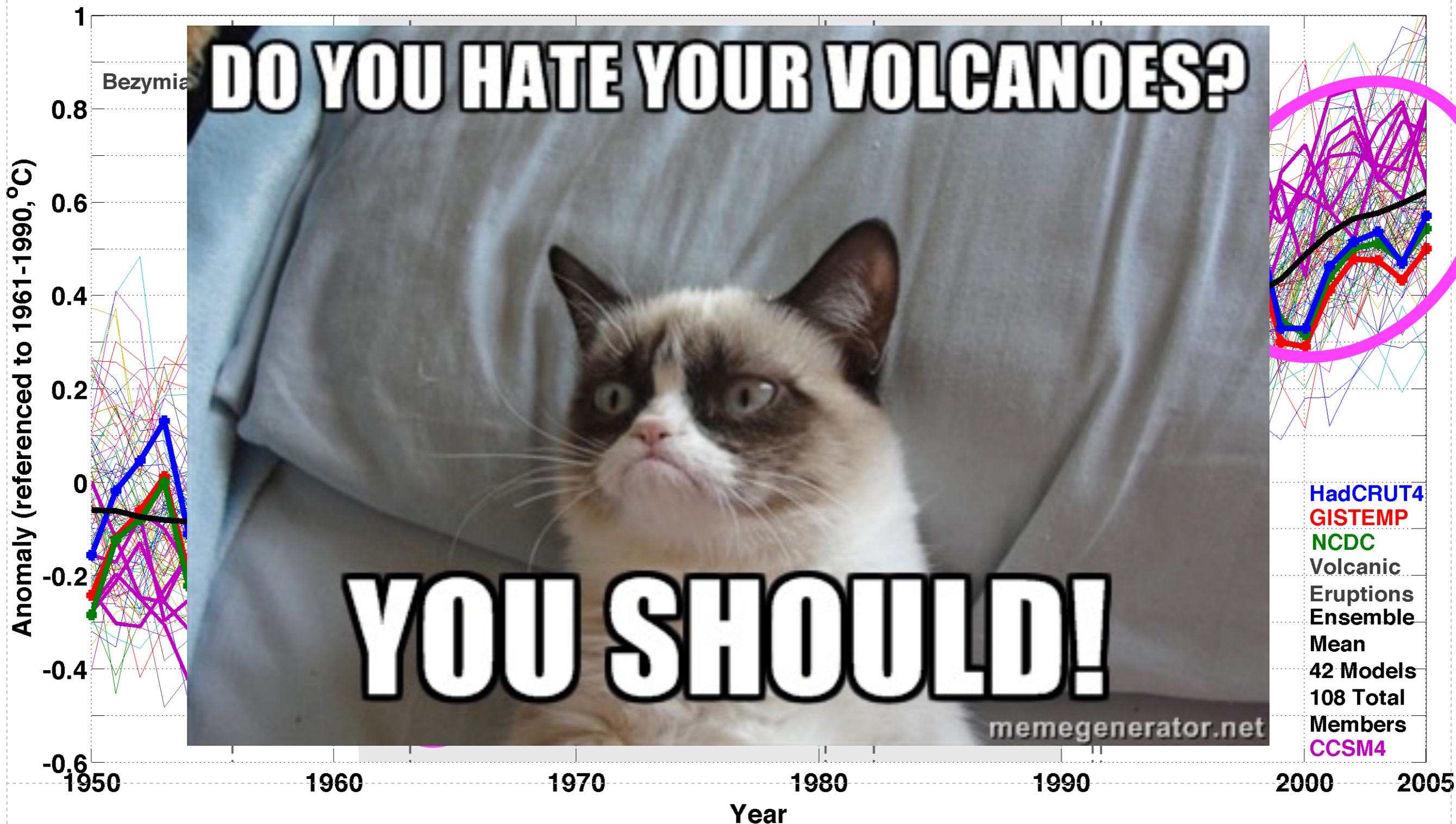
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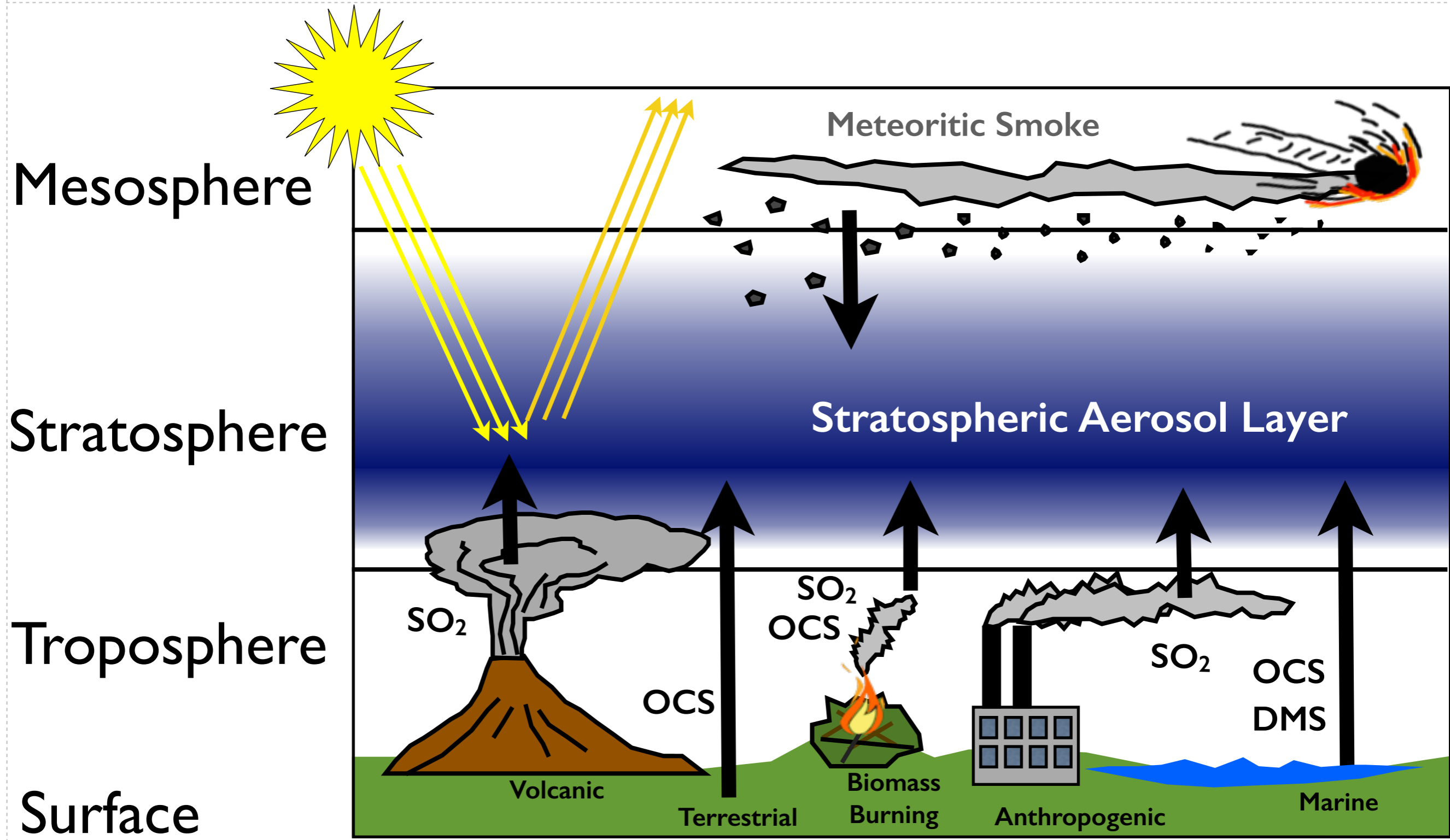
CMIP5 Global Annual Mean Surface Temperature Anomaly



- HadCRUT4
- GISTEMP
- NCDC
- Volcanic Eruptions
- Ensemble Mean
- 42 Models
- 108 Total Members
- CCSM4



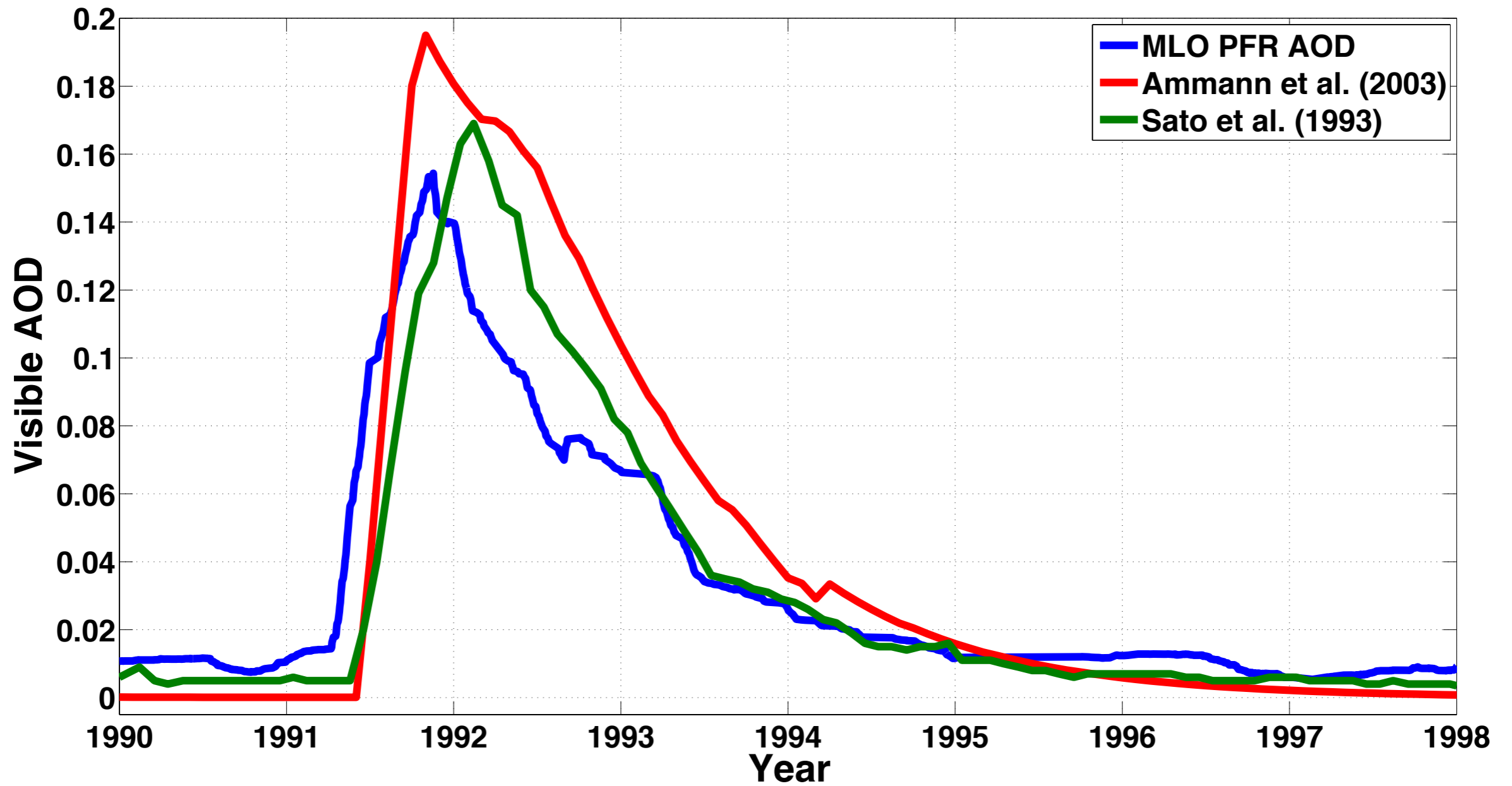
# Overview of Stratospheric Aerosols





# Problems with Stratospheric AOD Forcing

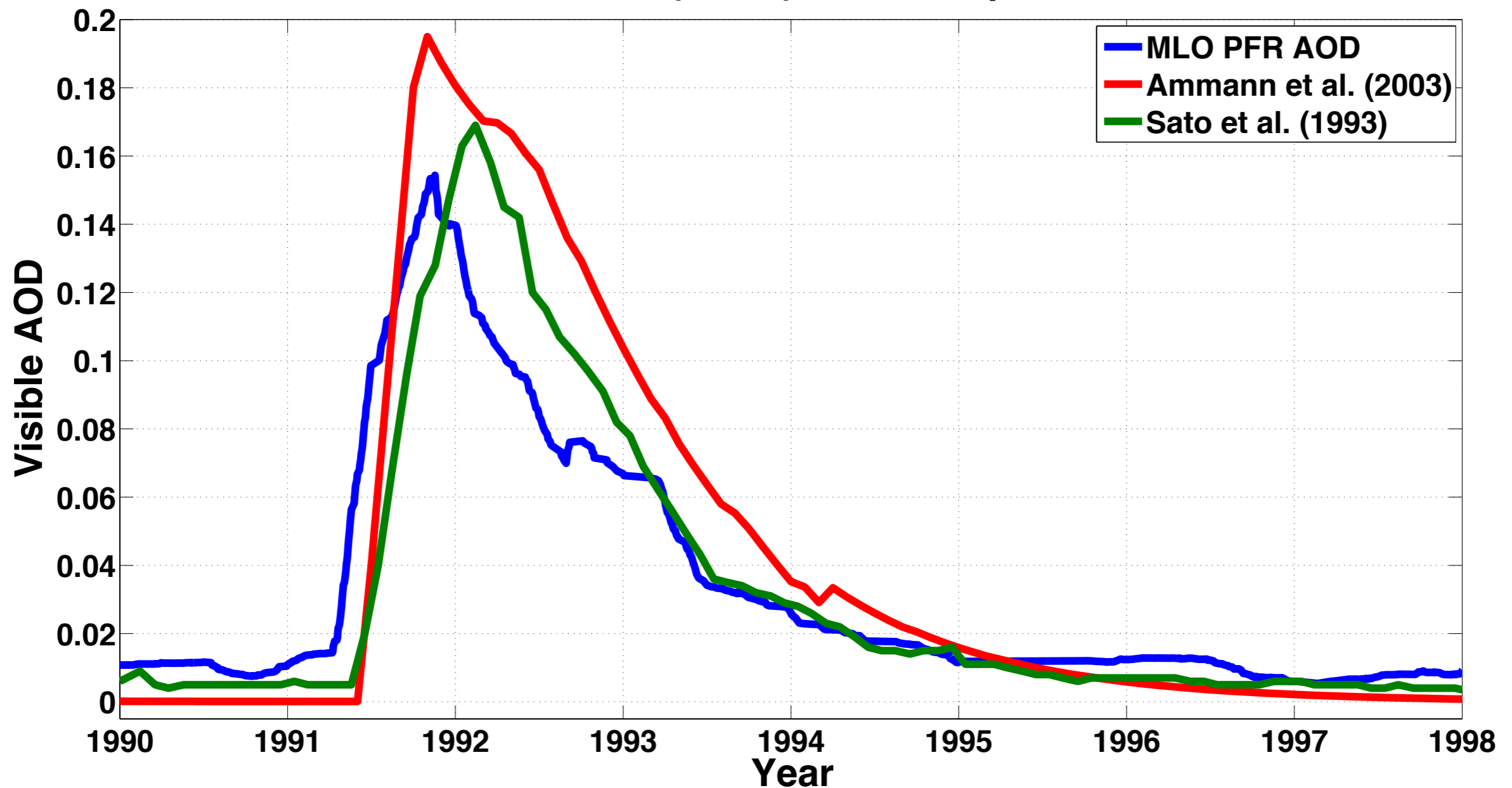
## Mauna Loa (19.5N) AOD Comparison





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**What are the best constraints for volcanic aerosol forcing?  
How can we make a better forcing file?**

# A New Dataset for CCMI for 1960-2013

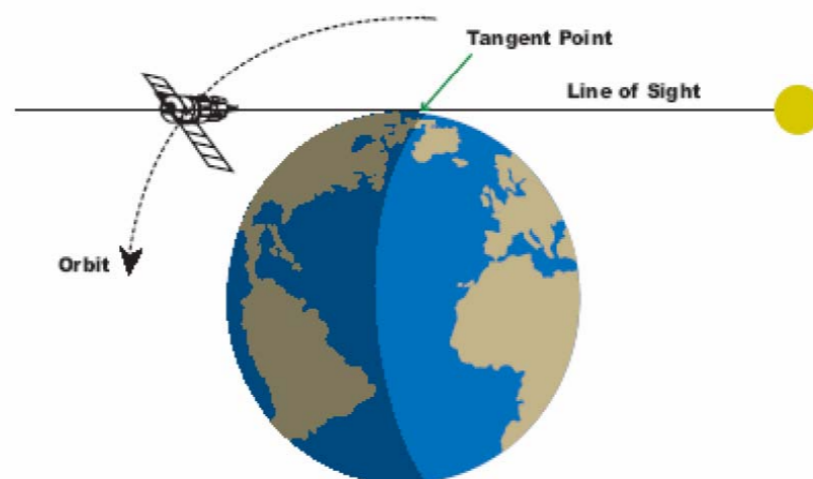
1960-1978



Photometer

Ground photometers:  
Optical depths at 550 nm.

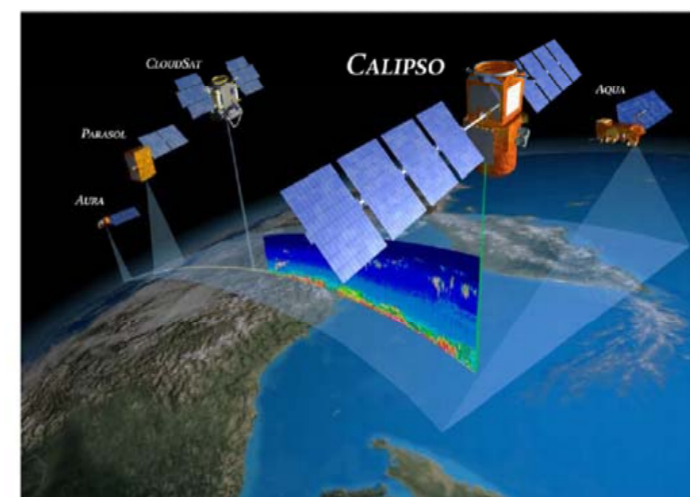
1979-2005



SAGE I, SAM II, SAGE II

- (1) SAGE I: 1979-1980, extinction coefficients at 1020 nm
- (2) SAM II: 1981-1984, extinction coefficients at 1020 nm
- (3) SAGE II: 1984-2005, extinction coefficients at 1020, 525, 452 and 386 nm.

2006-2011



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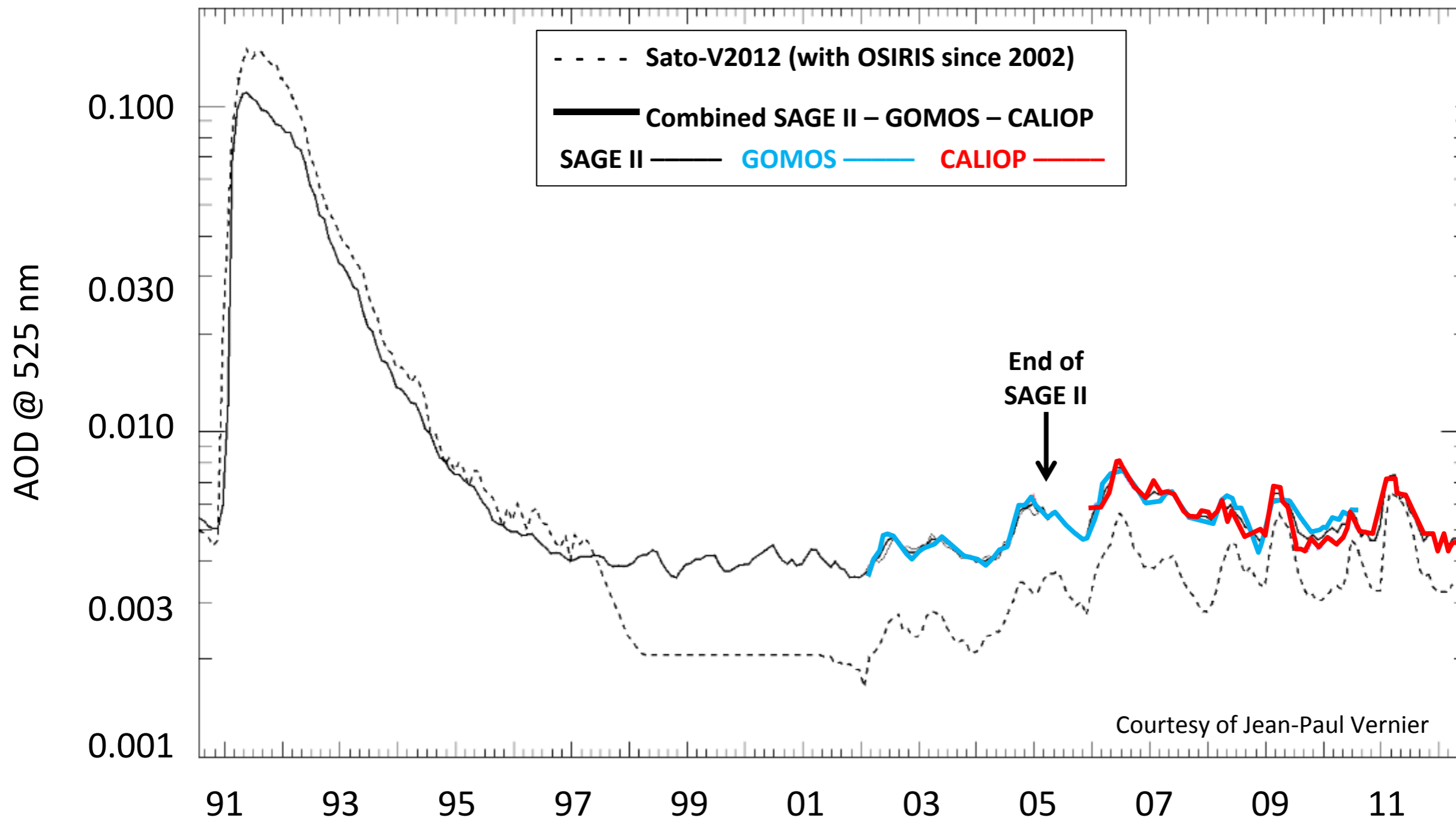
CALIOP: Backscatter and extinction coefficients at 532 nm.

Chemistry-Climate Model Initiative (CCMI, <http://www.igacproject.org/CCMI>)

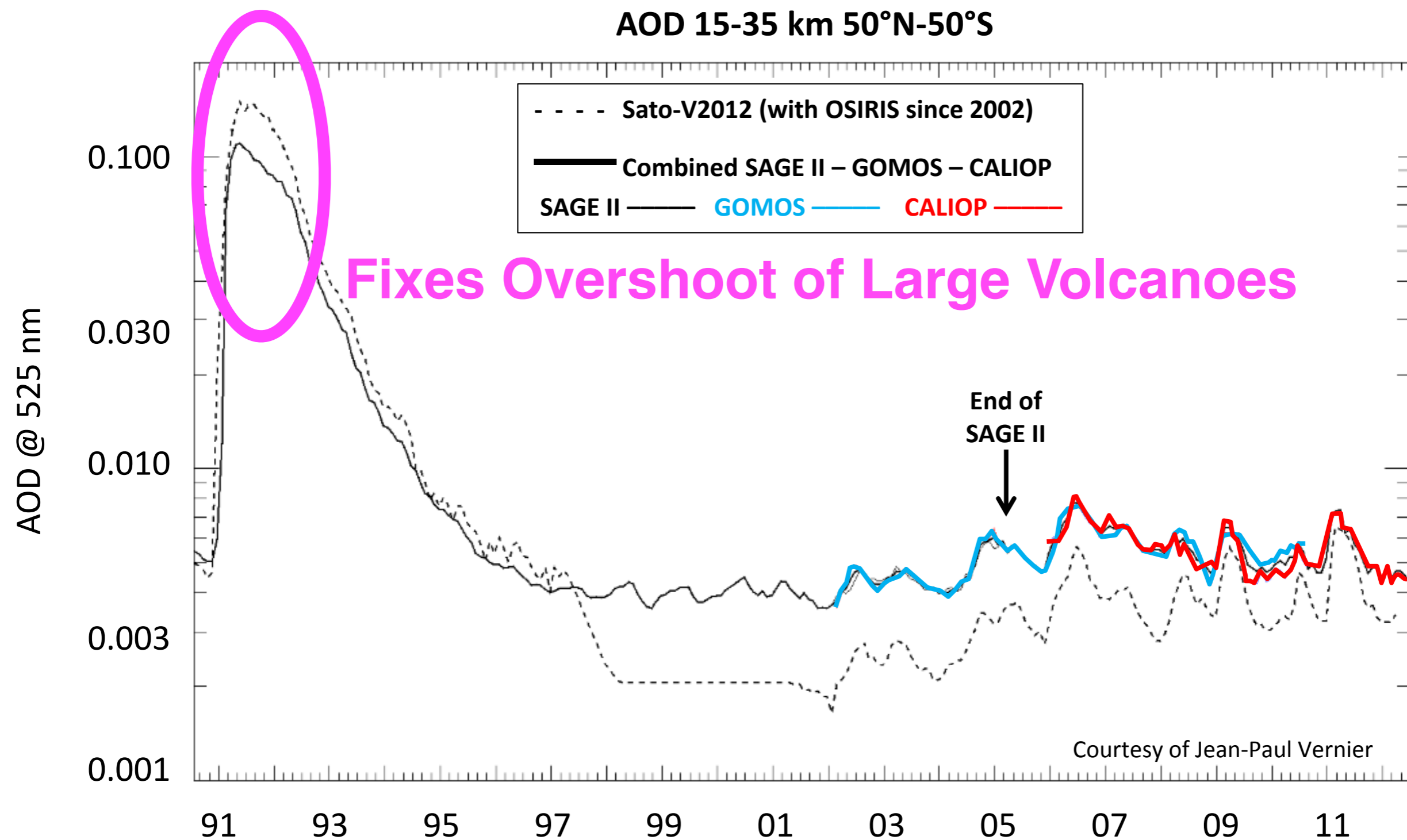
**For more details see: Arfeuille, F., and B.-P. Luo (2013), Uncertainties in modeling the stratospheric warming following Mt. Pinatubo eruption, ACP**

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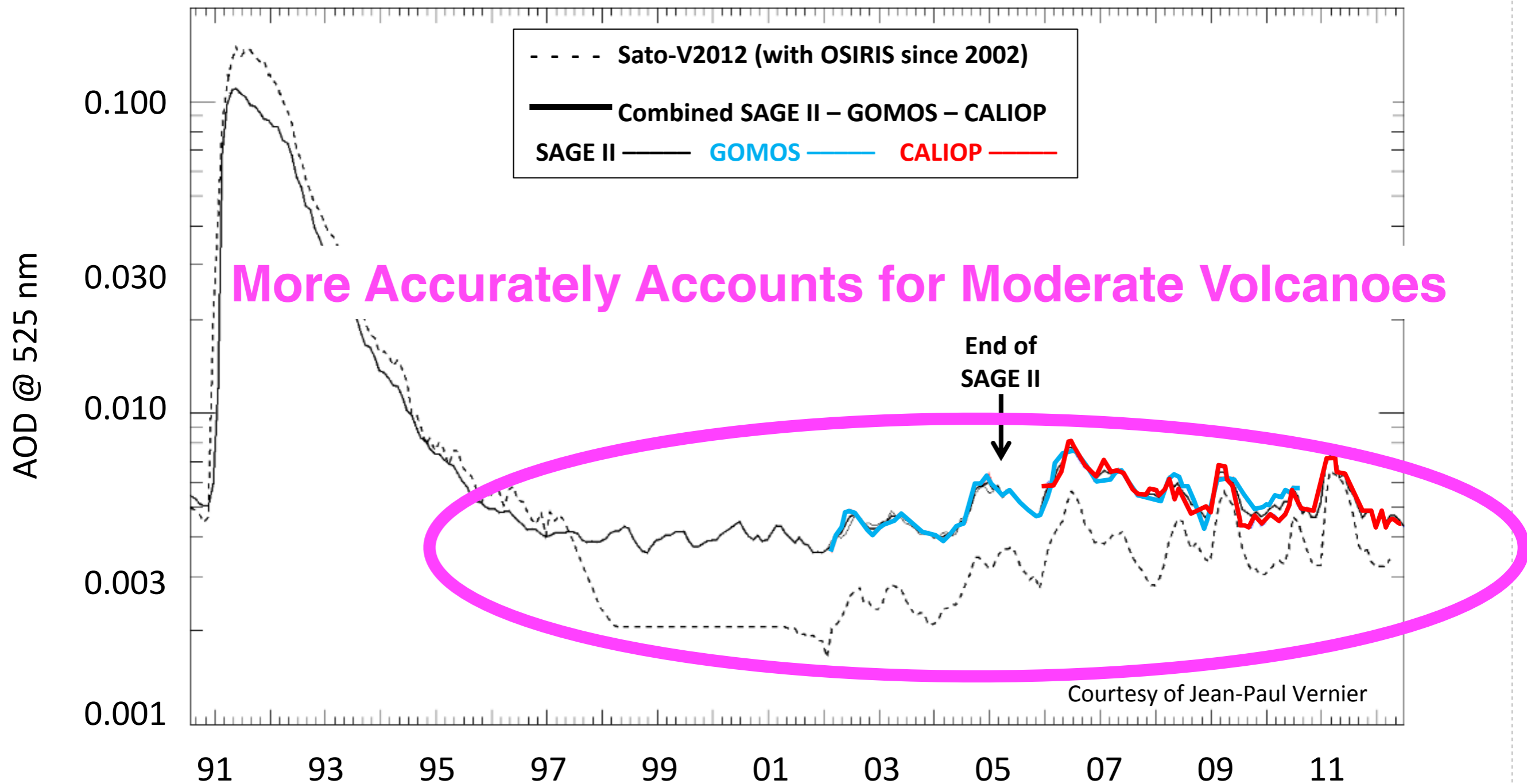


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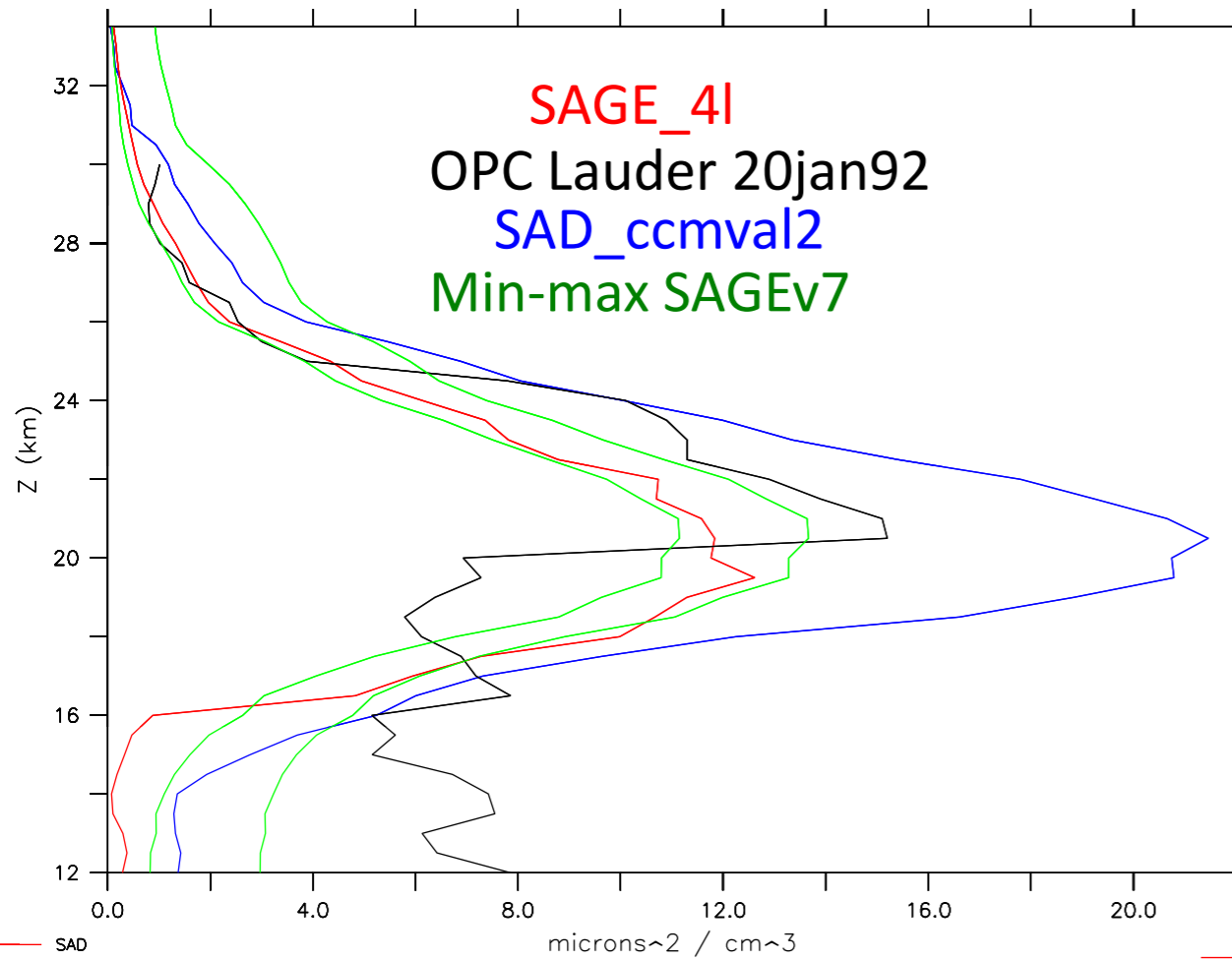
# A New Dataset for CCMI: SAD

SAD

January 1992, 45°S

FERP

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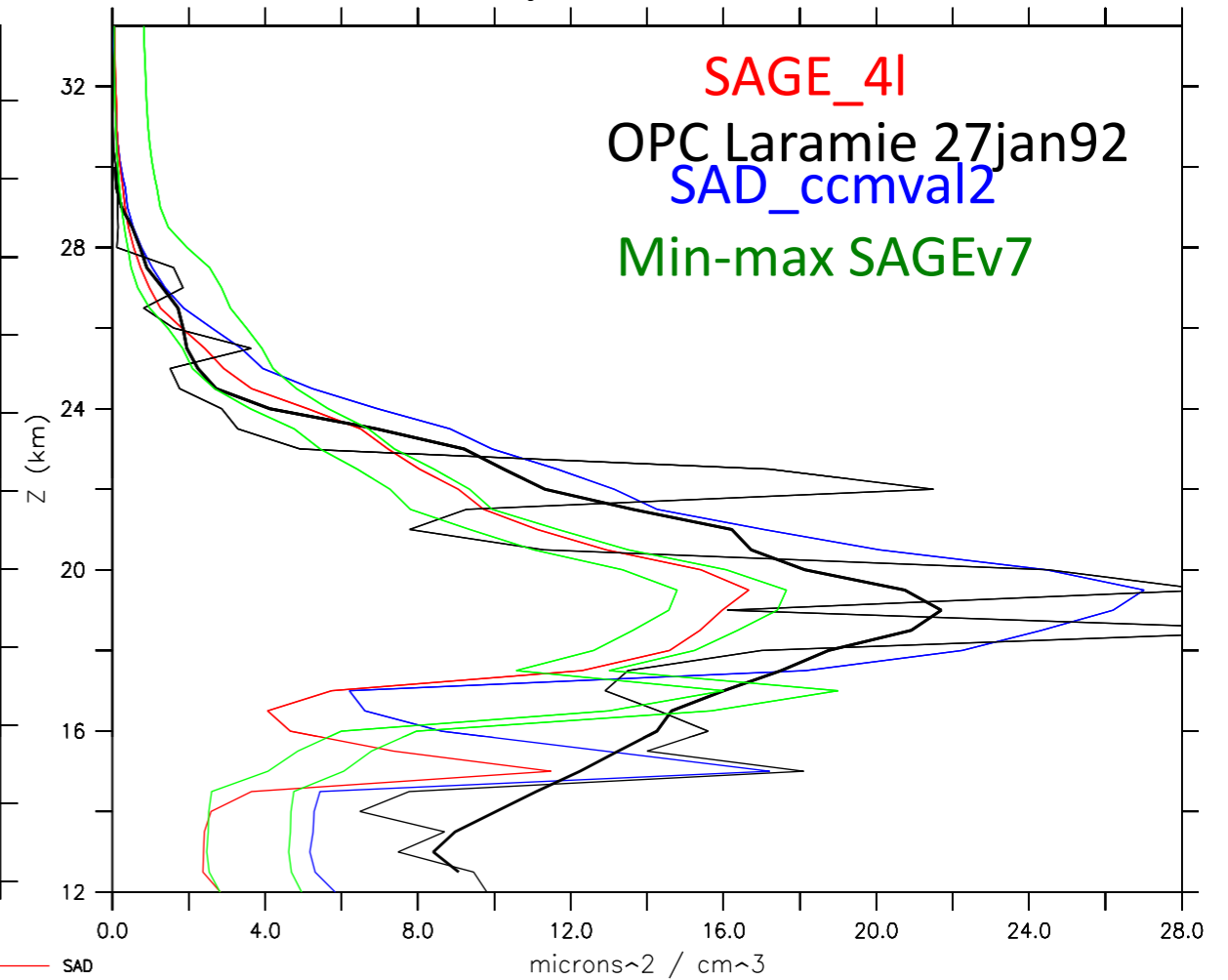


SAD

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Courtesy of Arfeuille, F., and B.-P. Luo (2013, CCMI Meeting)



# Implementation in CESM(All Flavors)

- **New mass, radius and SAD inputs** based on CCMI reanalysis
- **Improved optical lookup tables** for **CAMRT and RRTMG**
- **Coherent** treatment of input for **radiation** and **chemistry** parameterizations
- Test Setup:
  - Focus on Pinatubo (June, 1991)
  - Ensemble of 5 each for the **Old, New, and Background**

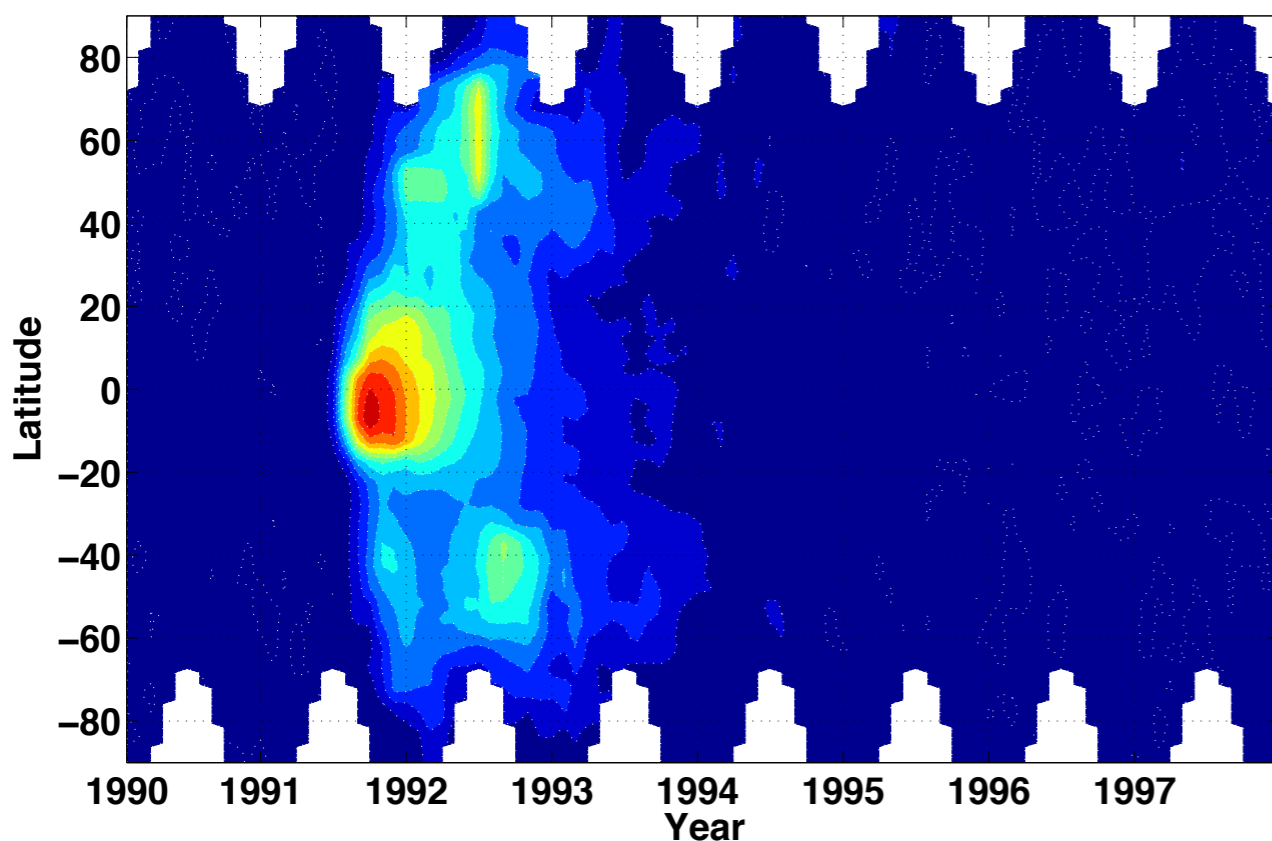


**Mt. Pinatubo, June 12, 1991, USGS**

# Changes in Stratospheric AOD

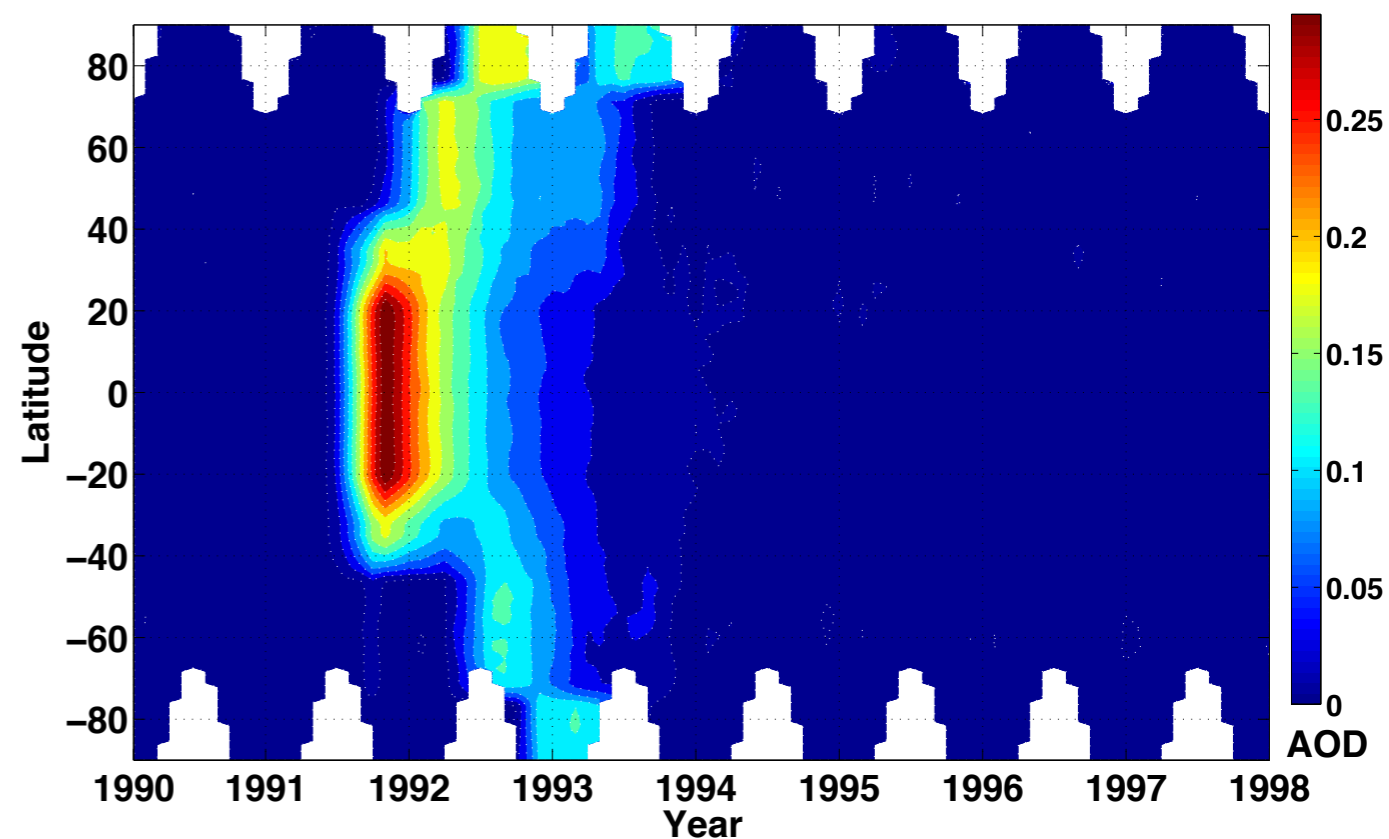
## New/CCMI

CAM4: New Volcanoes – Background, AEROD<sub>v</sub>



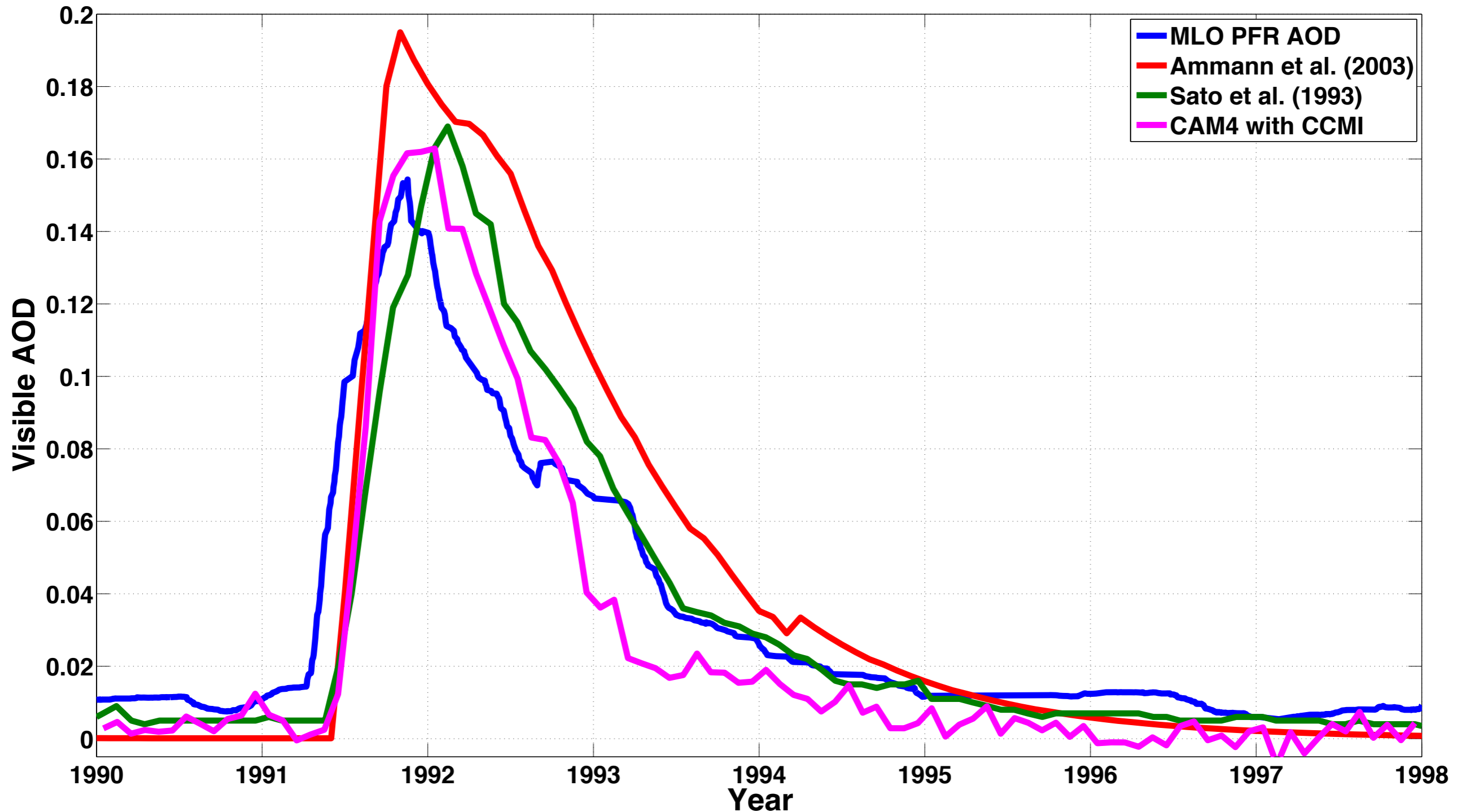
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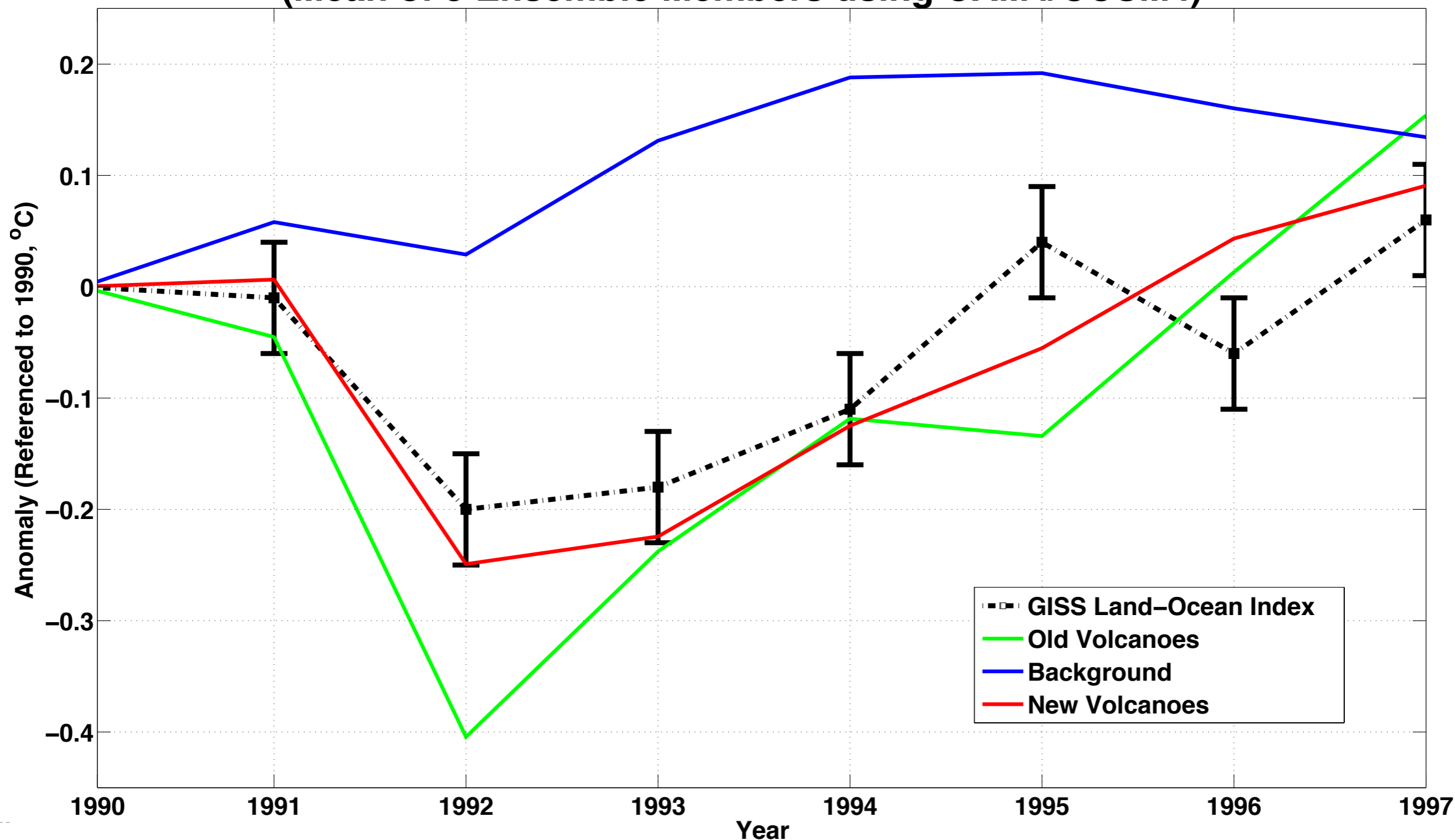
# Changes in MLO Stratospheric AOD

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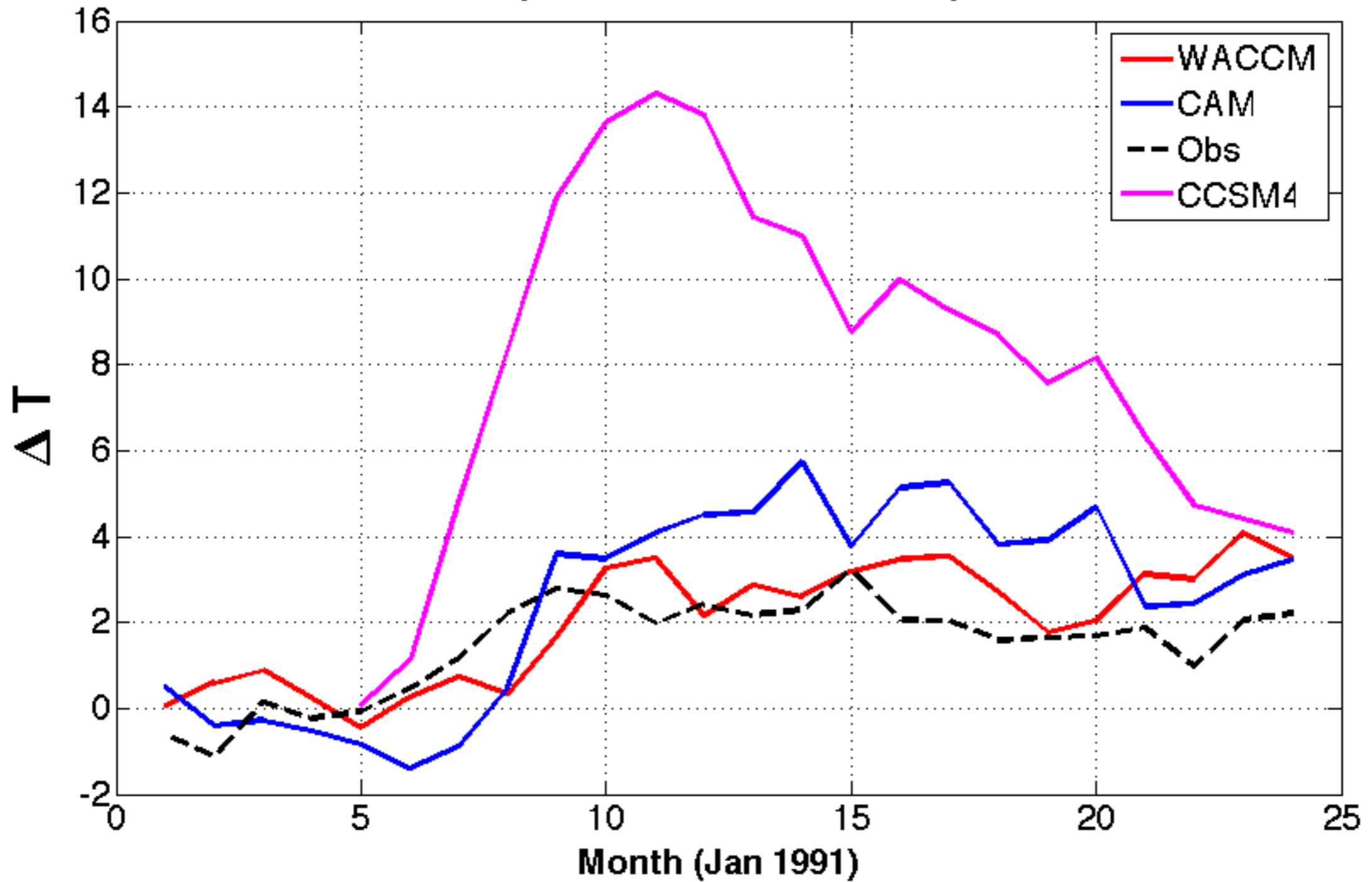
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**Global Annual Mean Surface Temperature  
(Mean of 5 Ensemble Members using CAM4/CCSM4)**



# Upper Atmosphere Warming

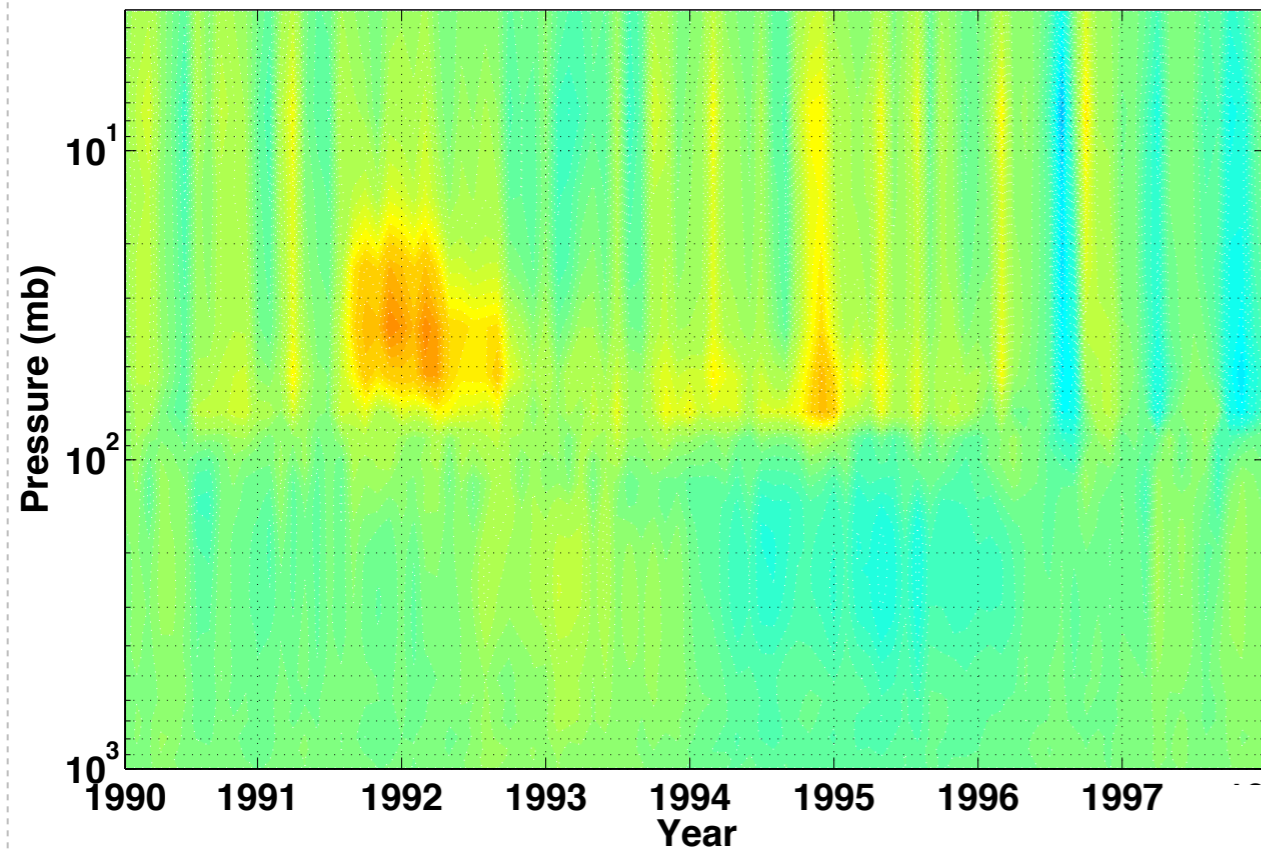
Temperature Difference at 50hpa



# Changes in Stratospheric Heating

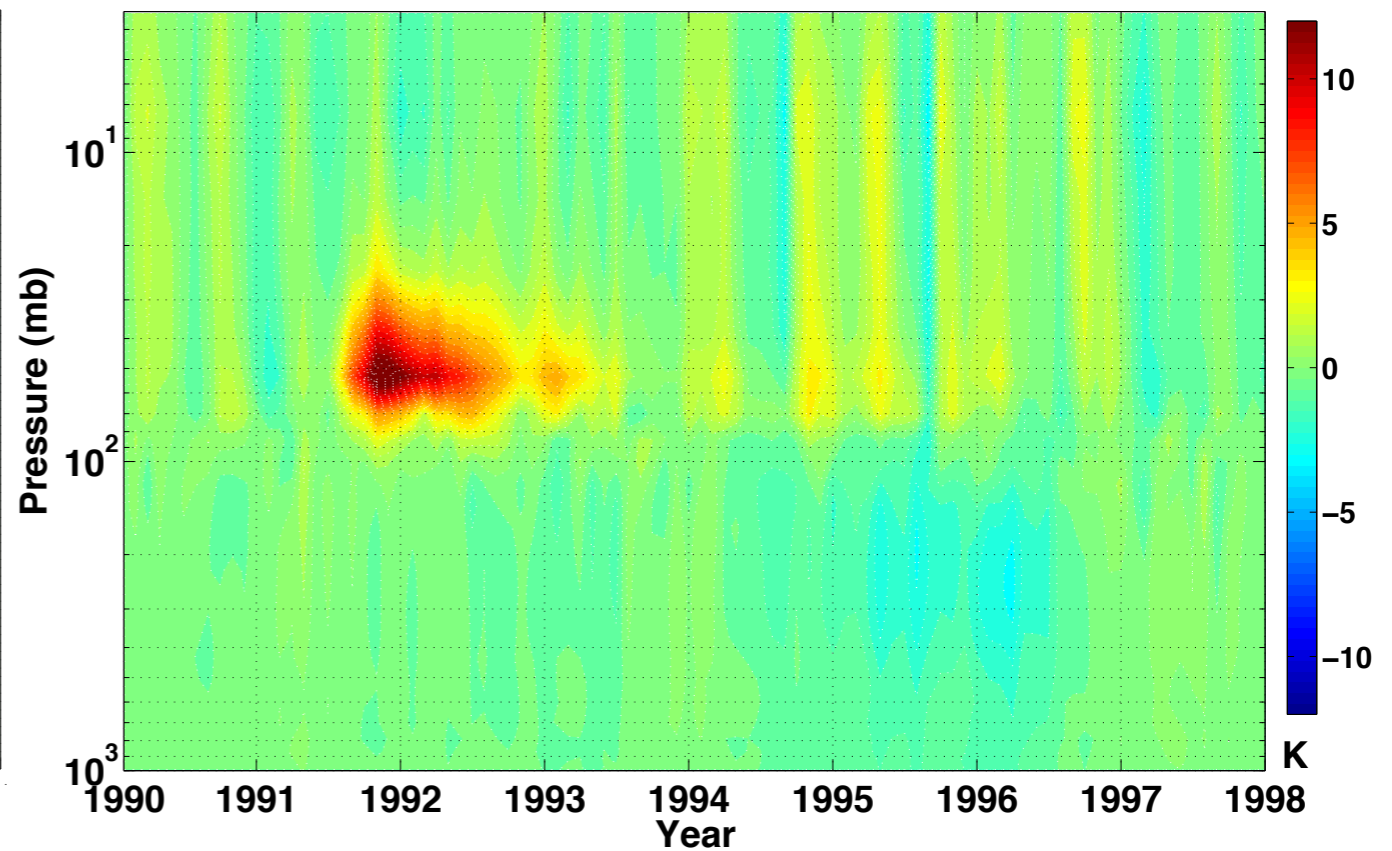
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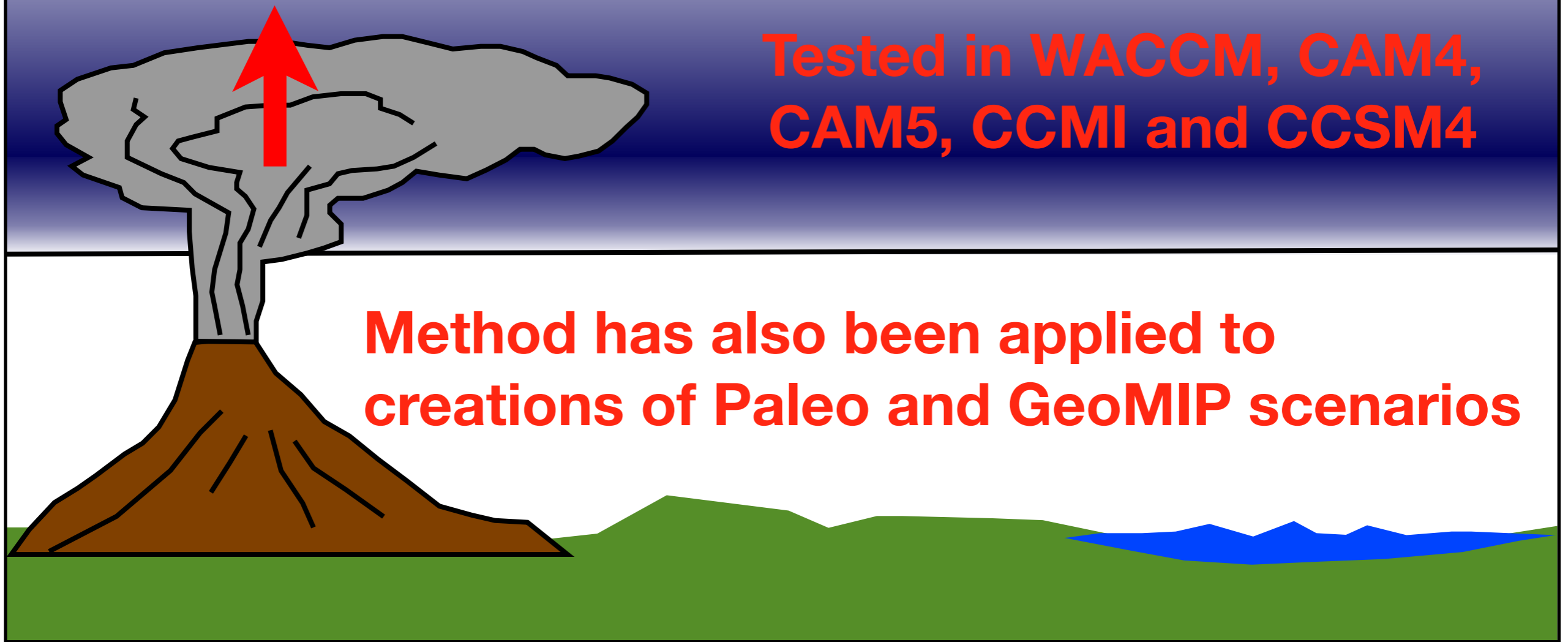


# Conclusion

**A New Parameterization of Stratospheric Aerosol has been implemented in CESM**

**Tested in WACCM, CAM4, CAM5, CCMI and CCSM4**

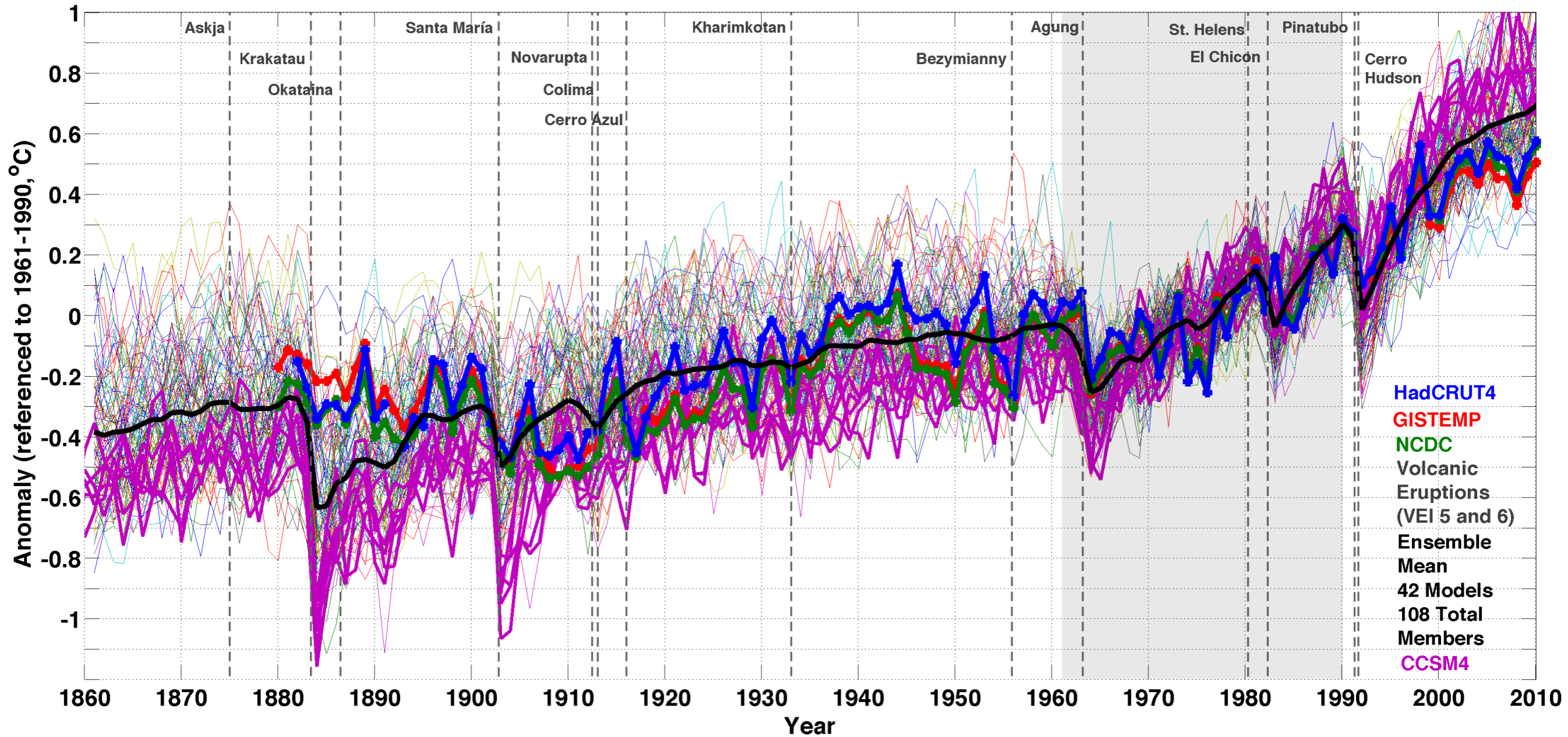
**Method has also been applied to creations of Paleo and GeoMIP scenarios**





# Next Steps... What about Prior 1960?

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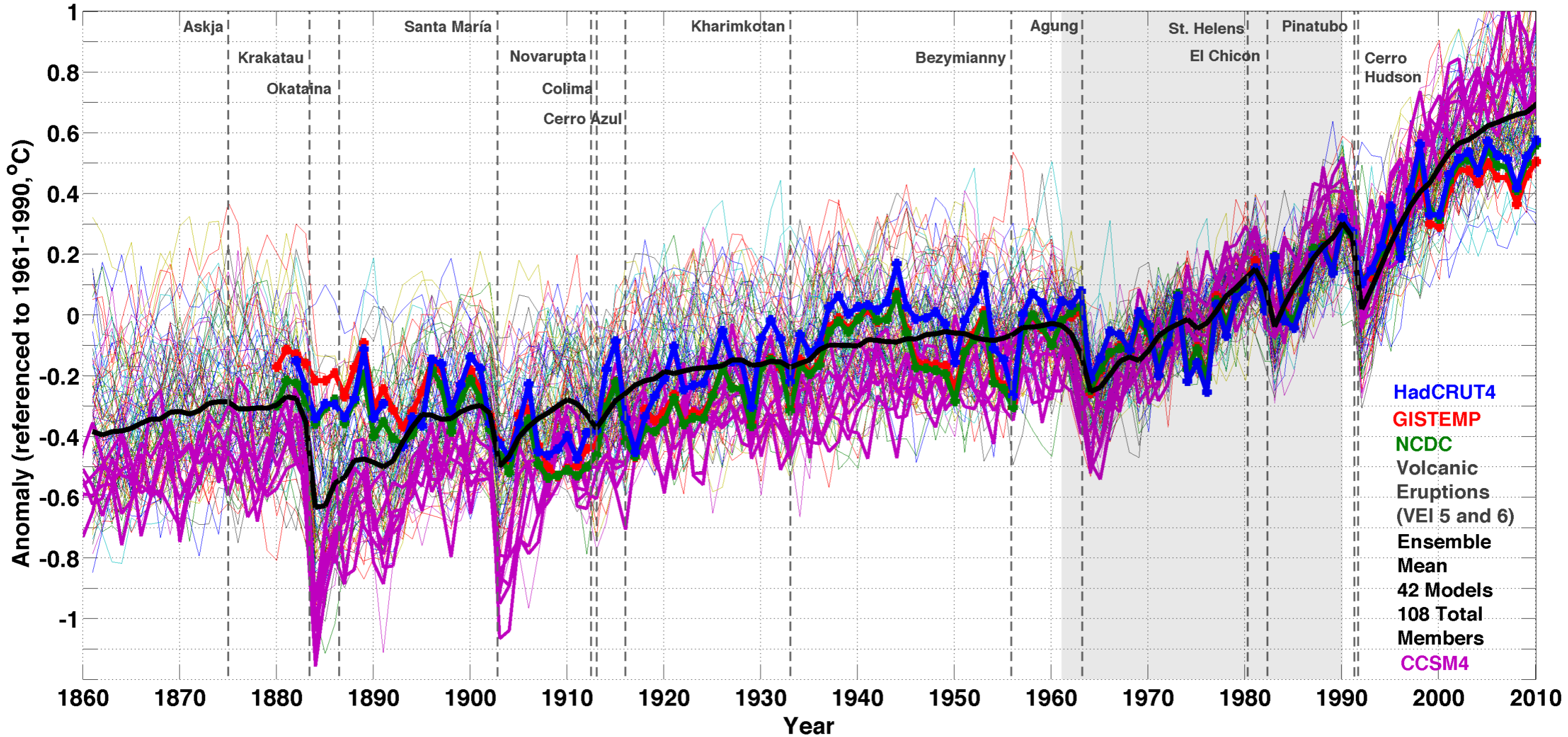






# What about Prognostics Stratospheric Aerosols?

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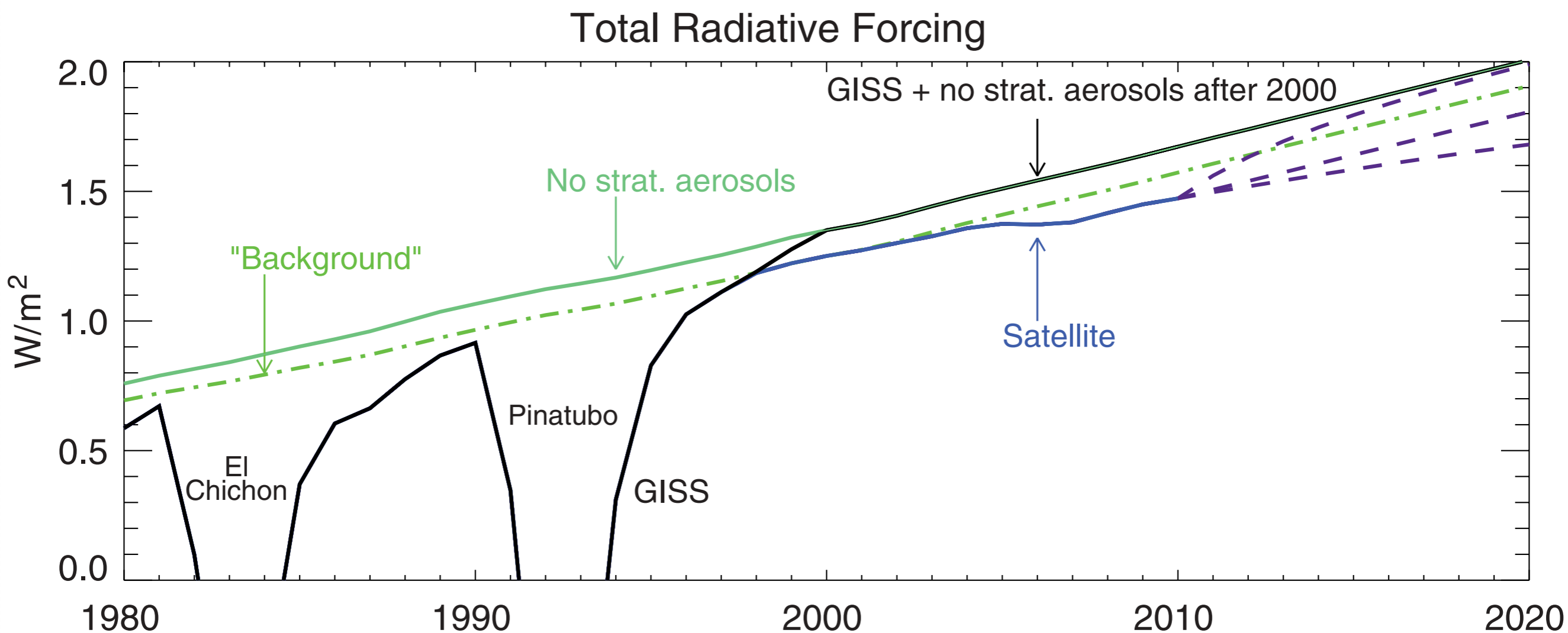




# Questions?

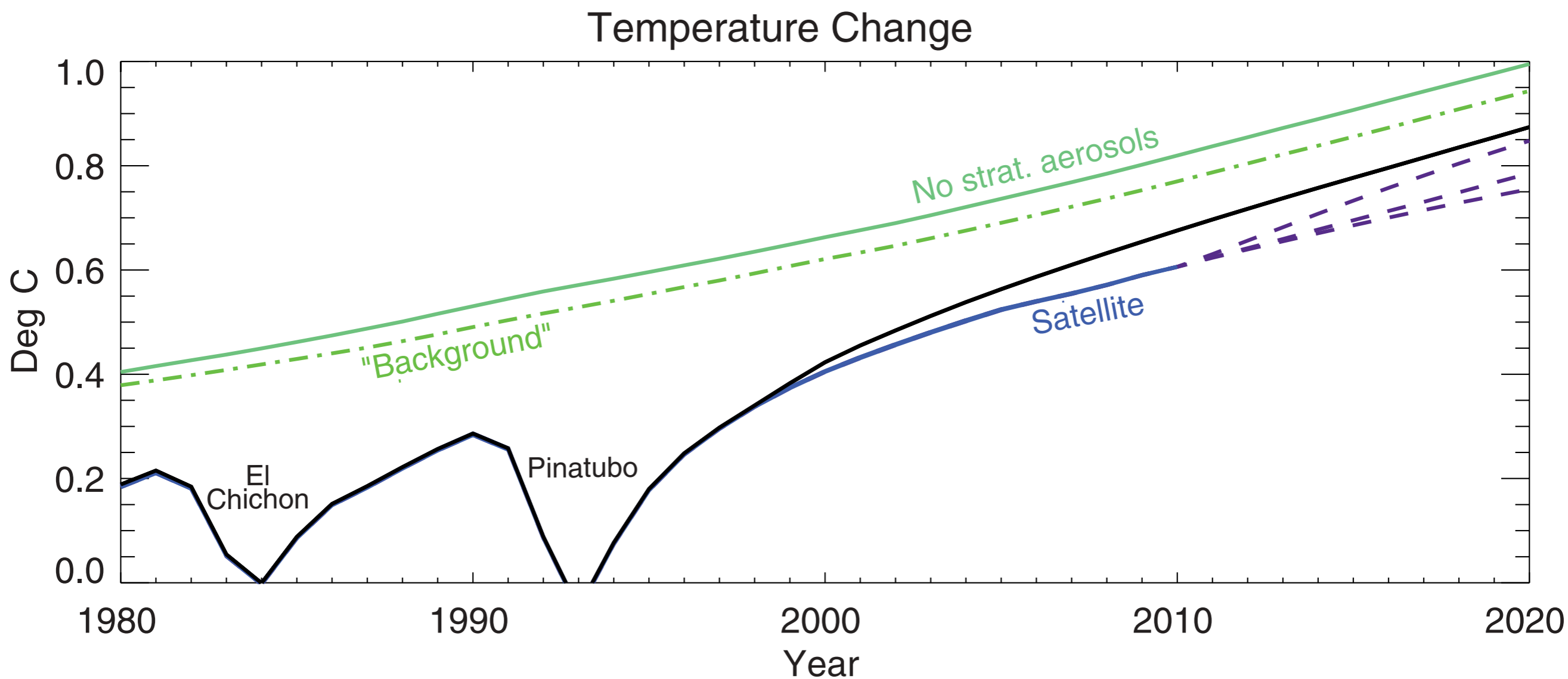


# The Role of Moderate Volcanoes and the 'Hiatus'



Greenhouse gas forcing increased continuously throughout period.  
 Stratospheric aerosol only slowed increase by ~0.2W/m²

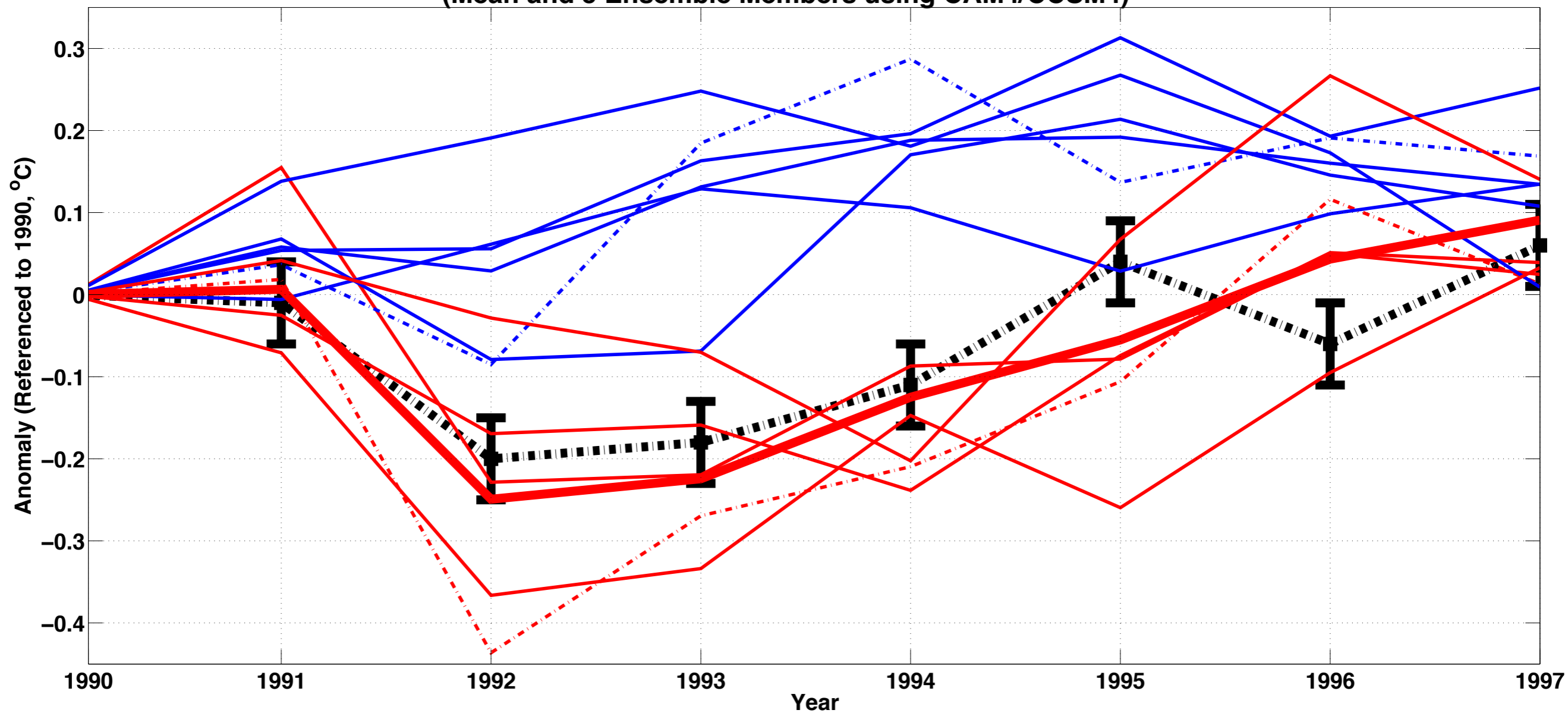
# Impacts on global temperature



Ignoring the moderate volcanoes from 2000 to 2010 may lead to an underestimate of global temperature of  $\sim 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 2010

# Remaining Questions: Why is the Response so Variable?

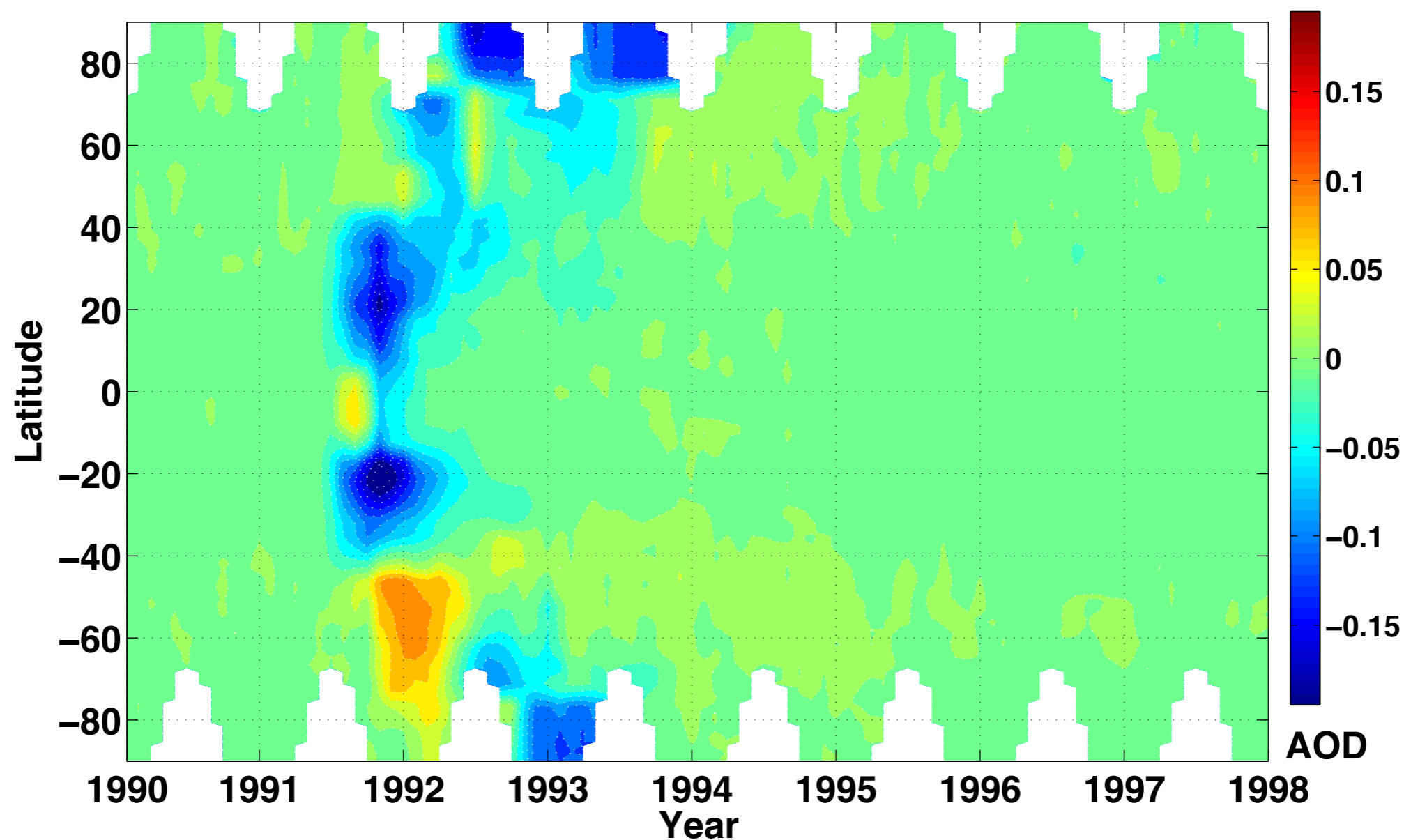
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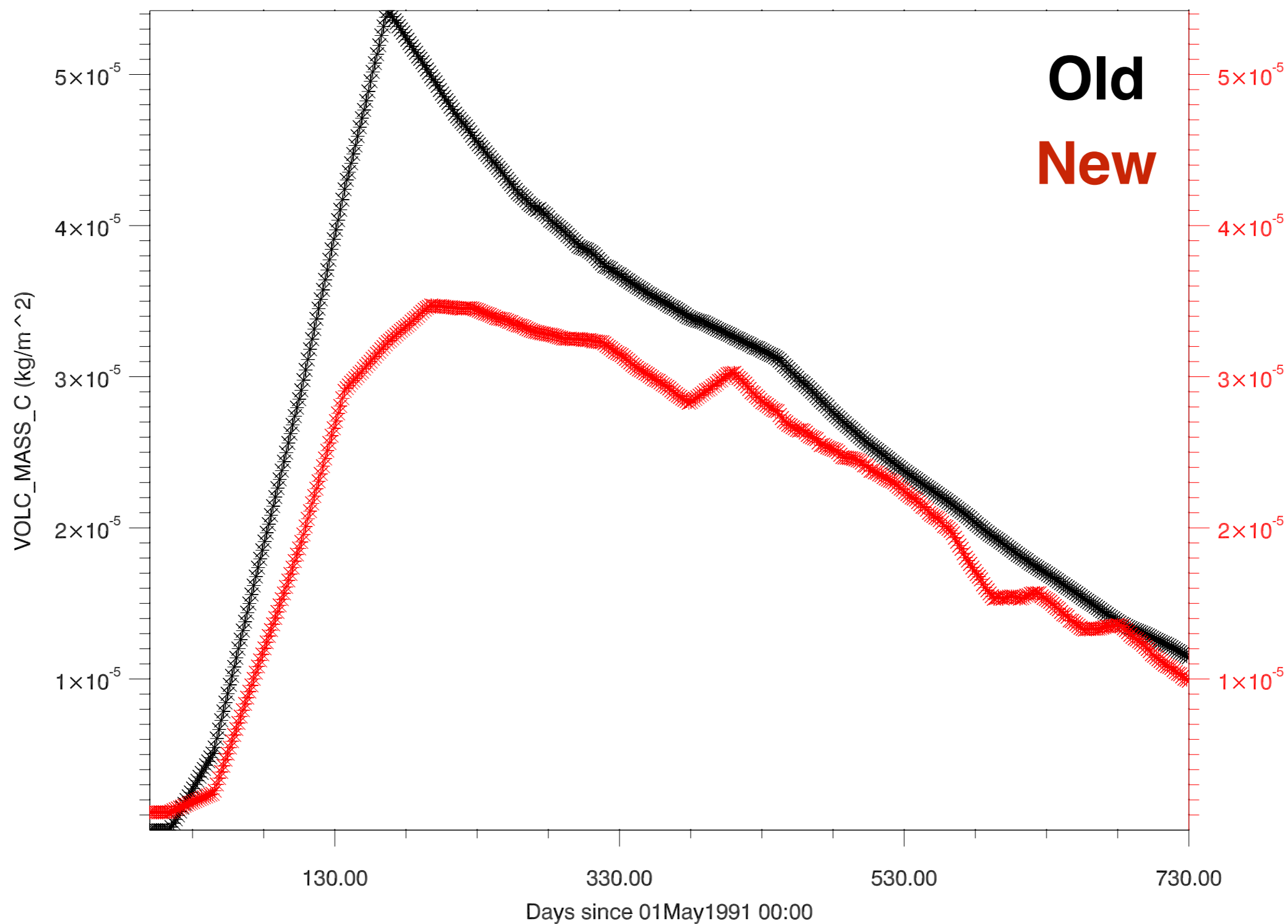
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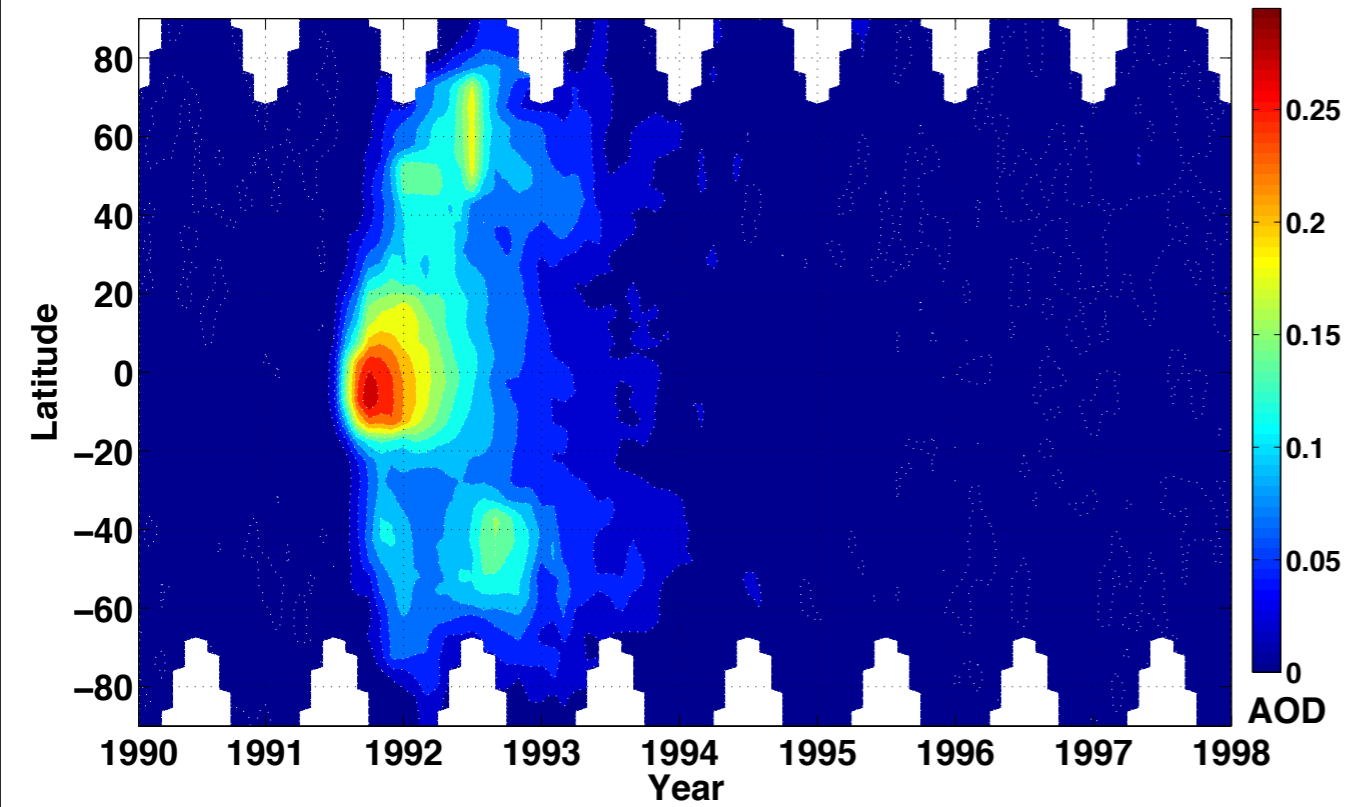


# Where is the Change in AOD Coming From?

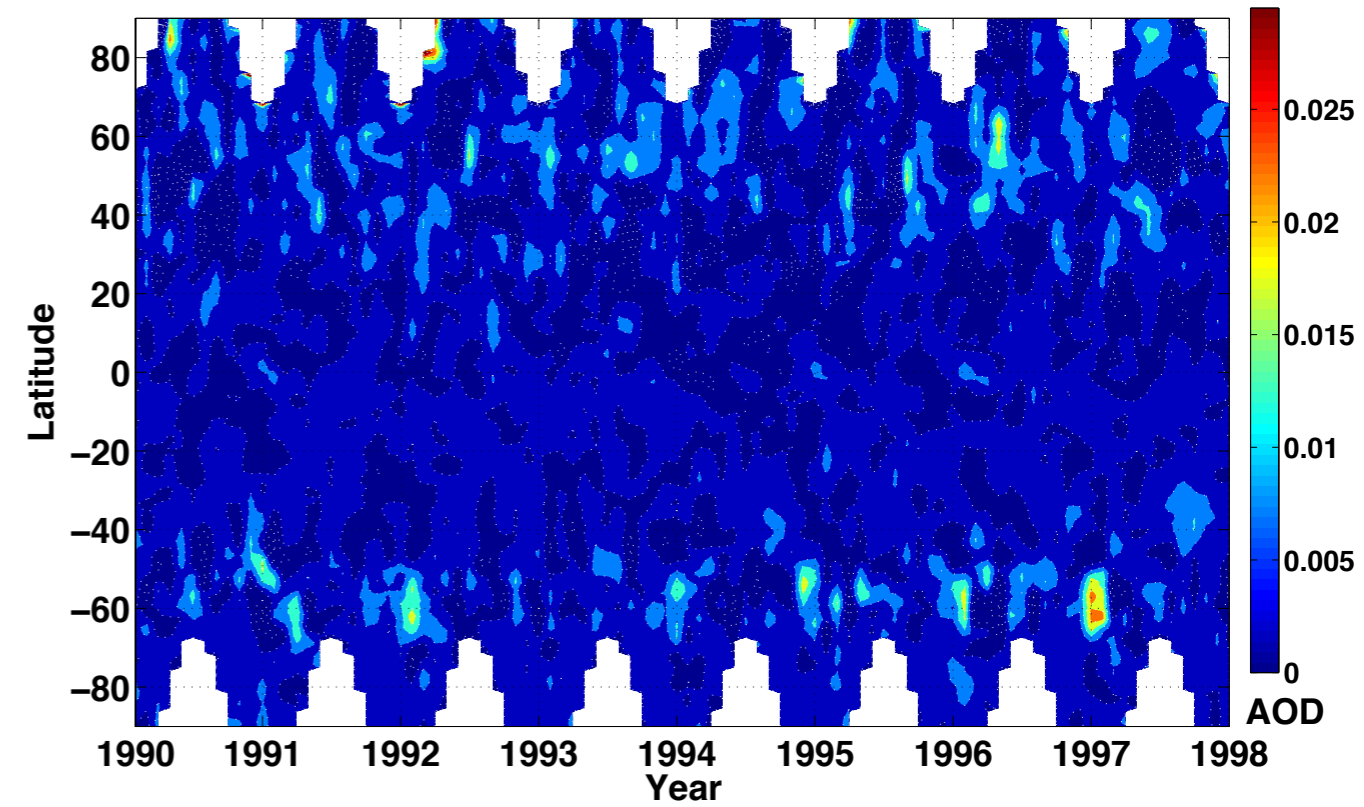


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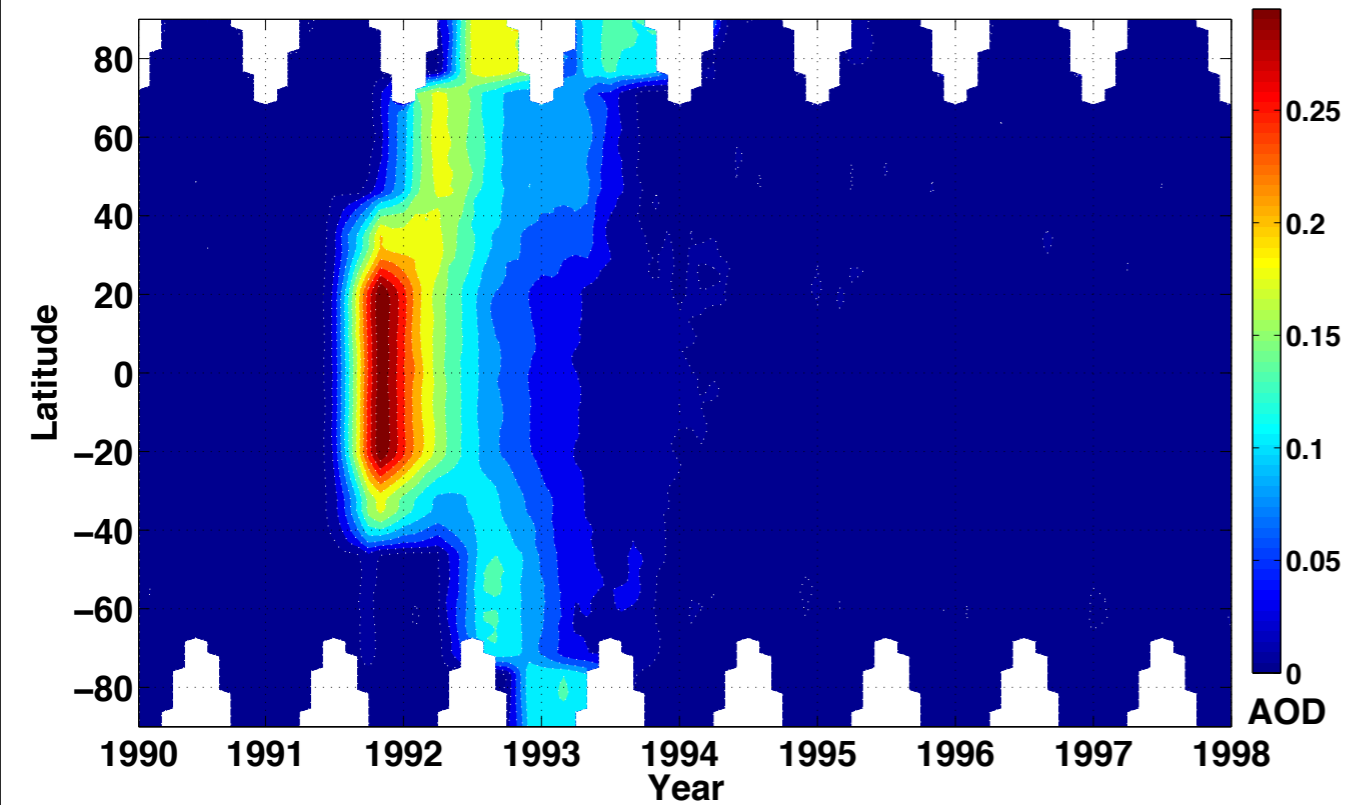
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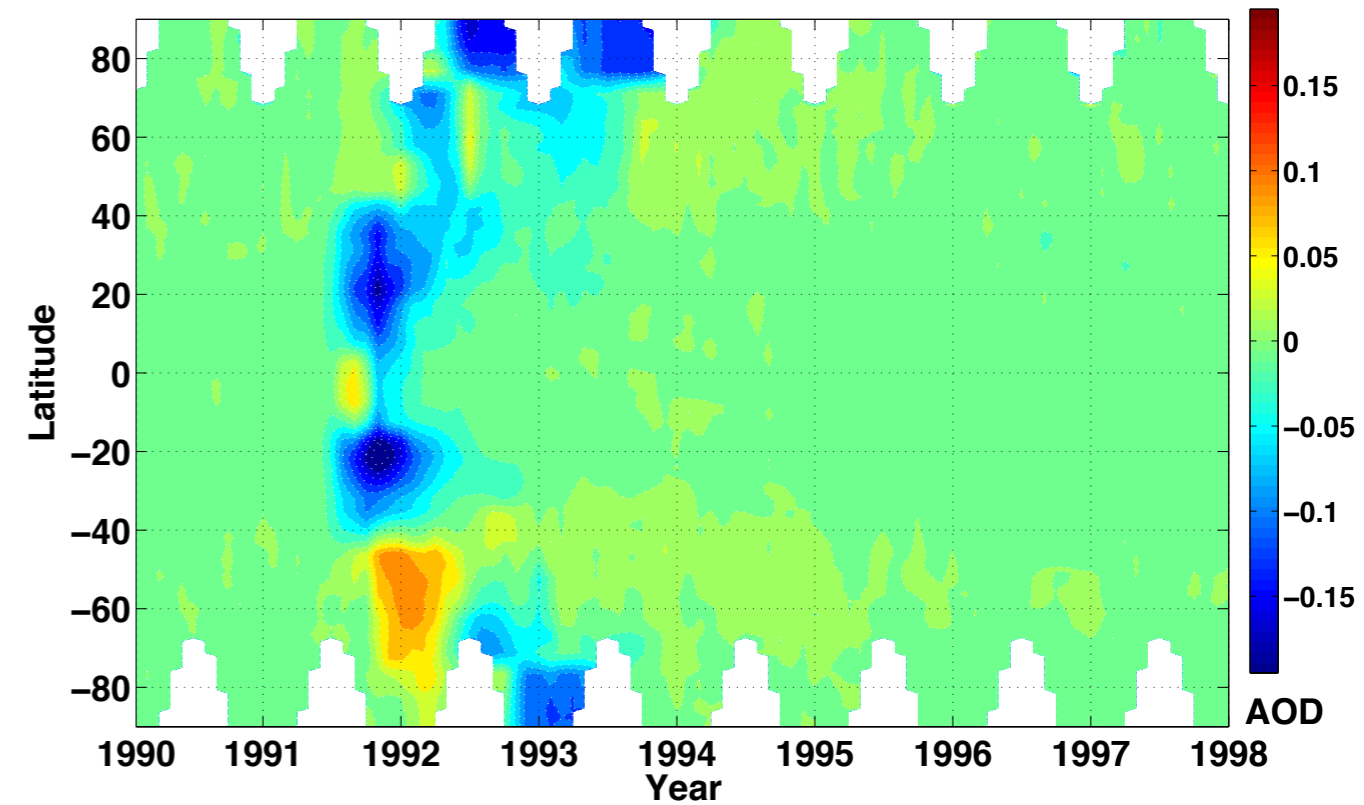
CAM4: Background – No Stratospheric Aerosol, AEROD<sub>v</sub>



CAM4: Old Volcanoes – Background, AEROD<sub>v</sub>



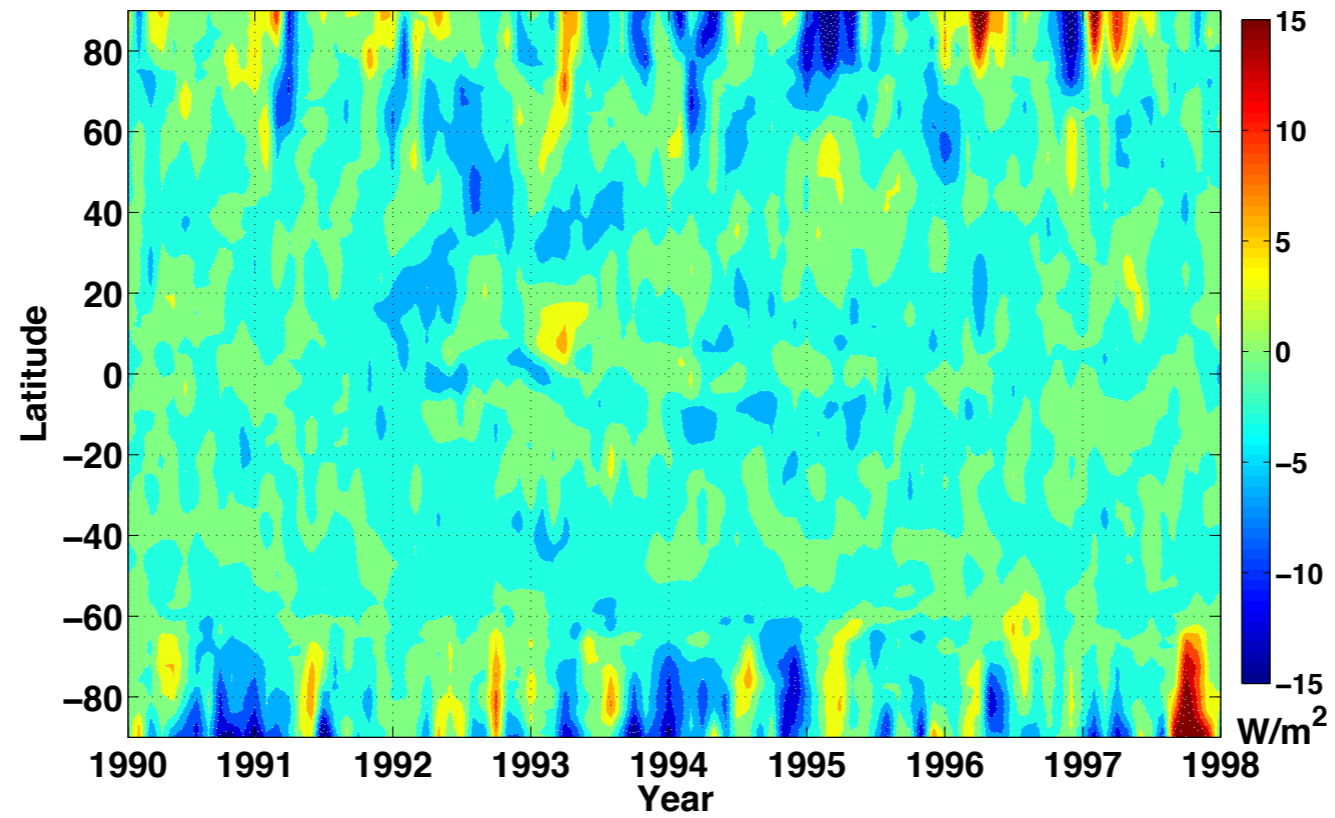
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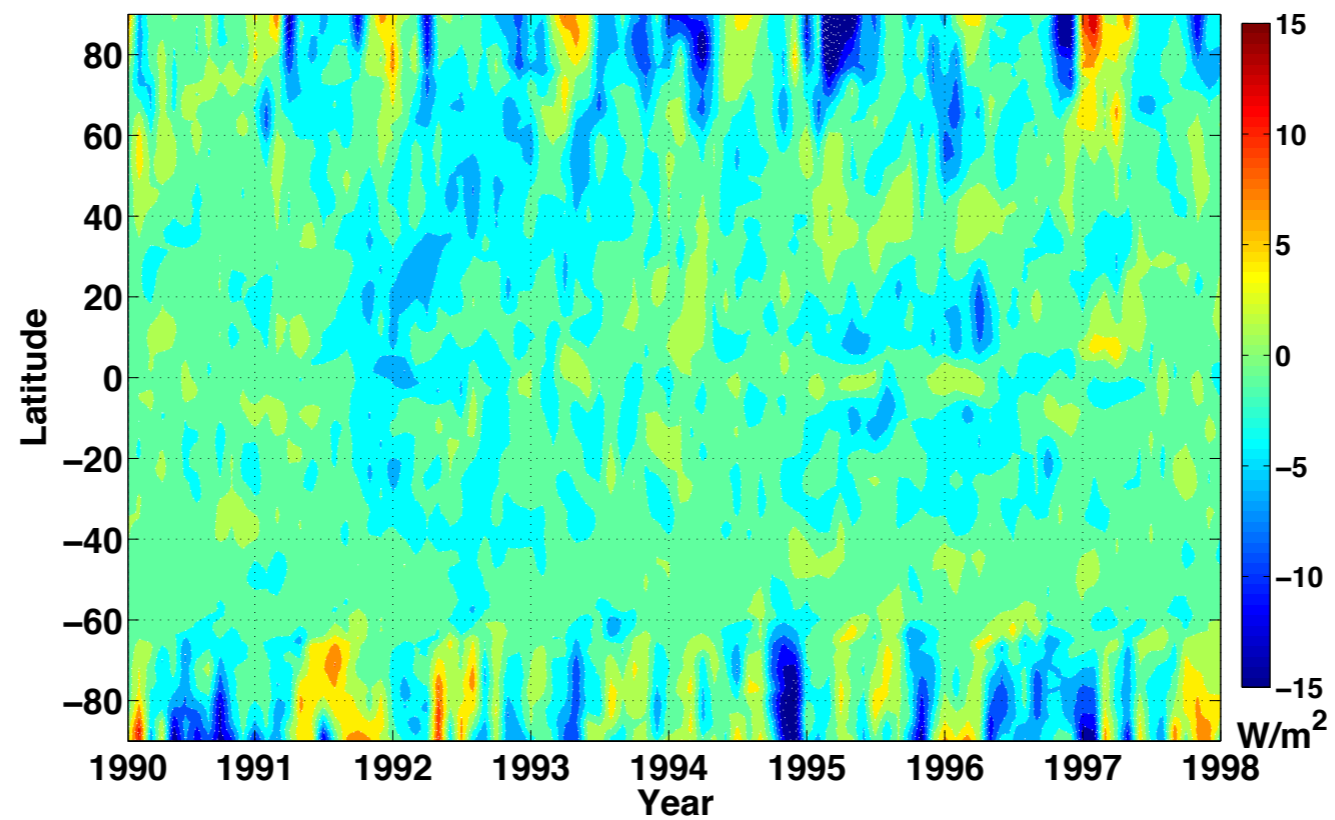


# FLNTC

CAM4: New Volcanoes – Background, FLNTC

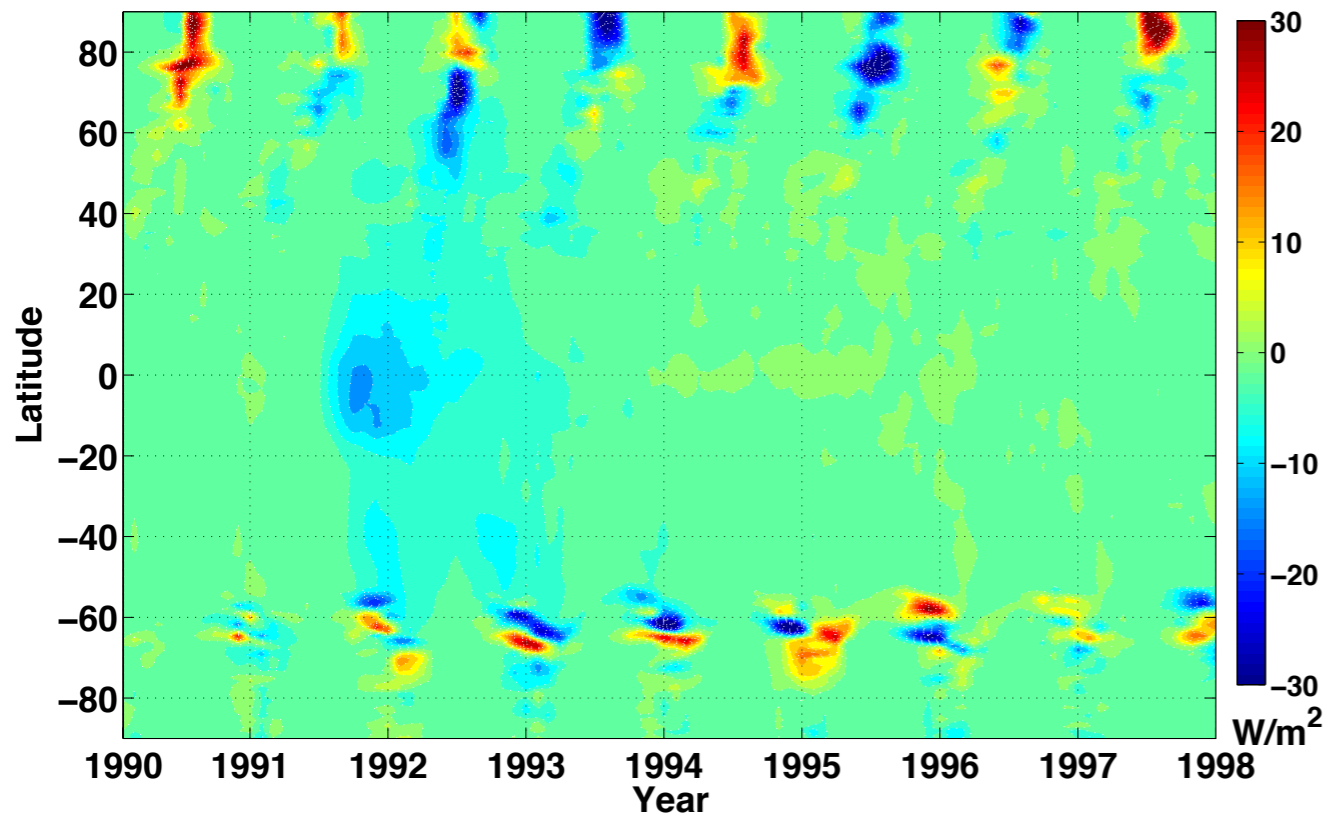


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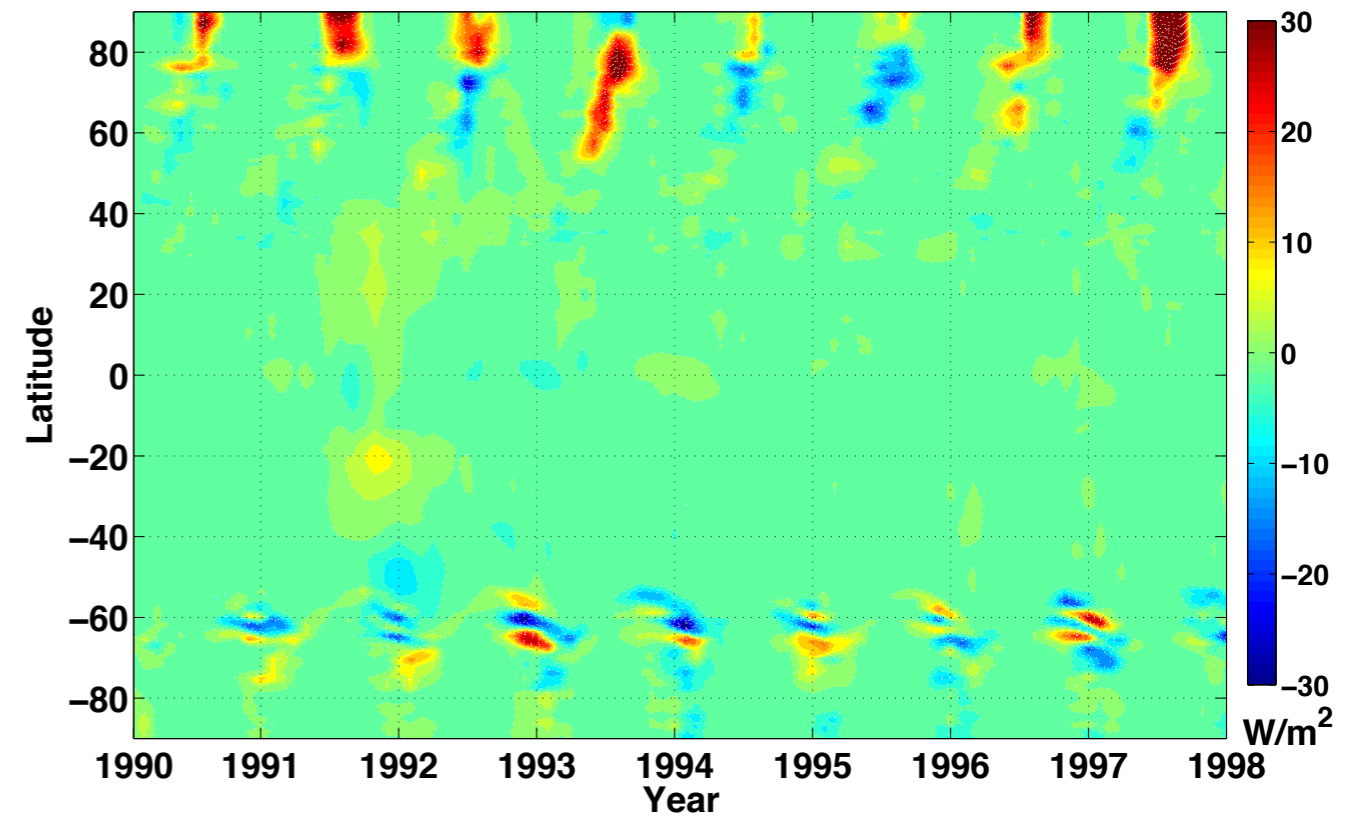


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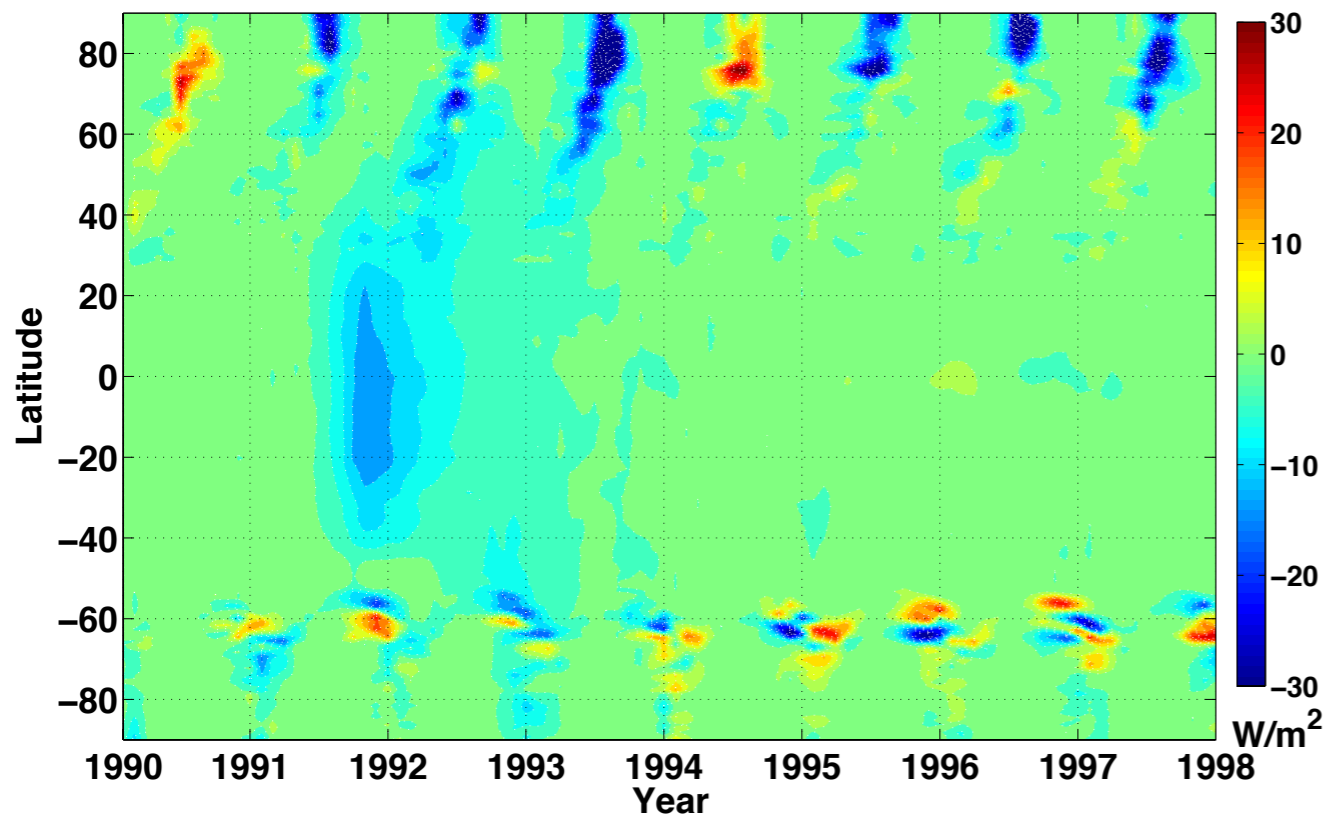
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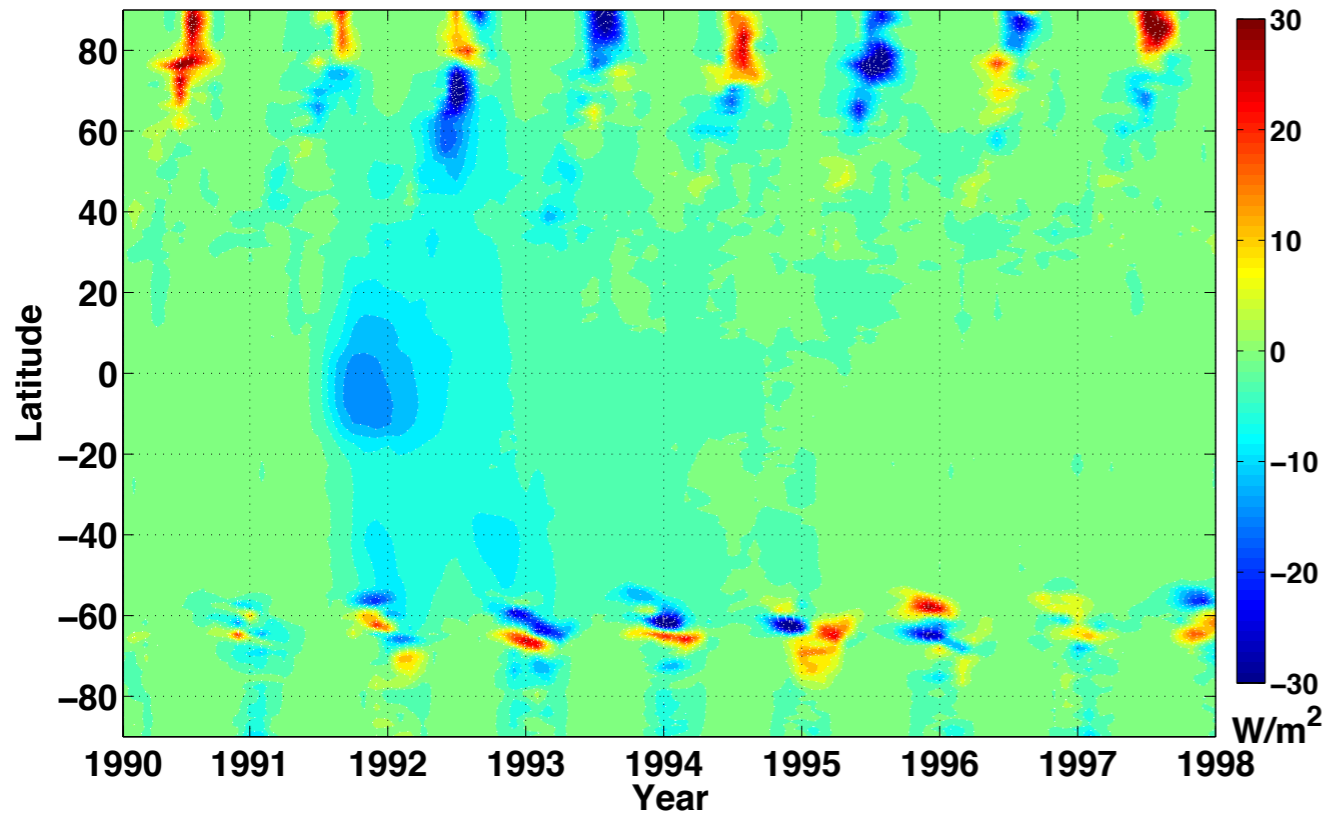


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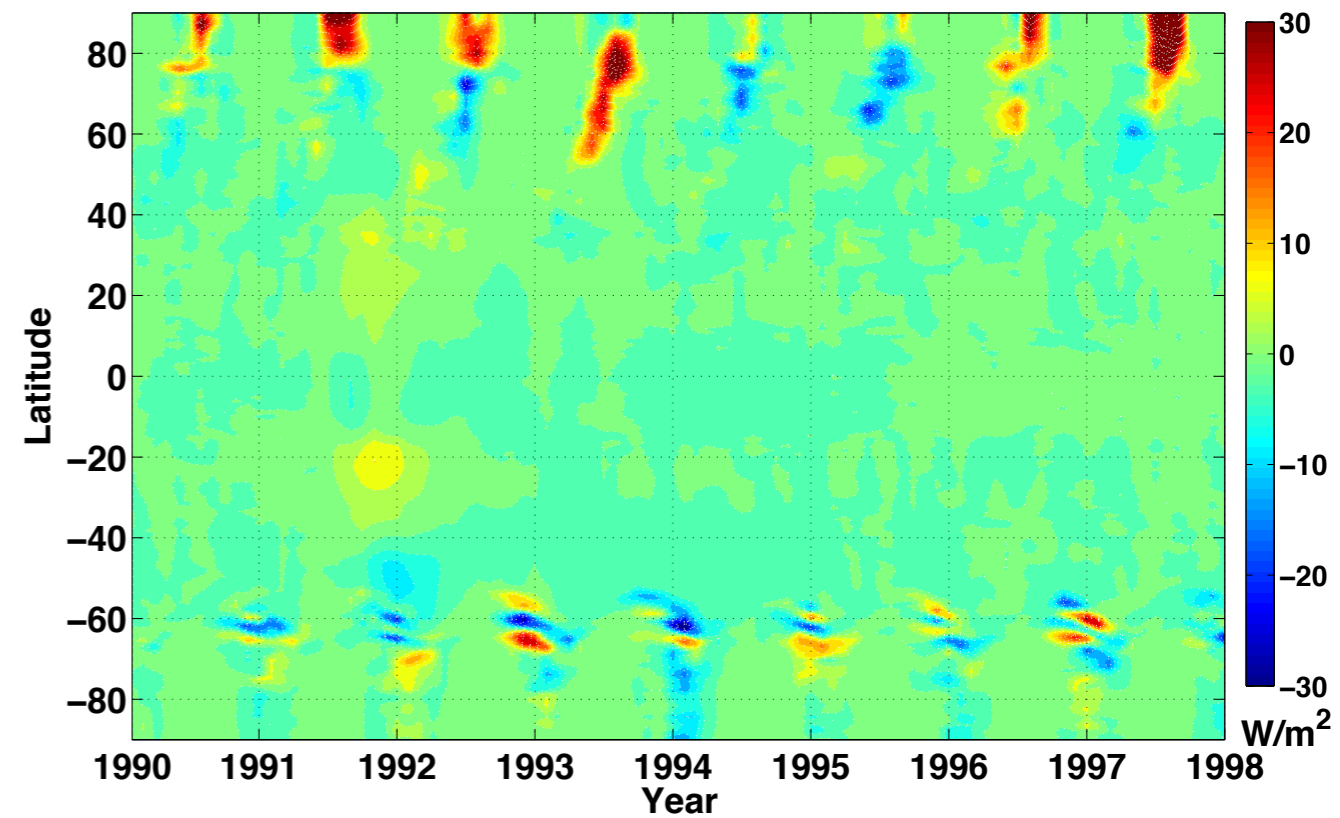


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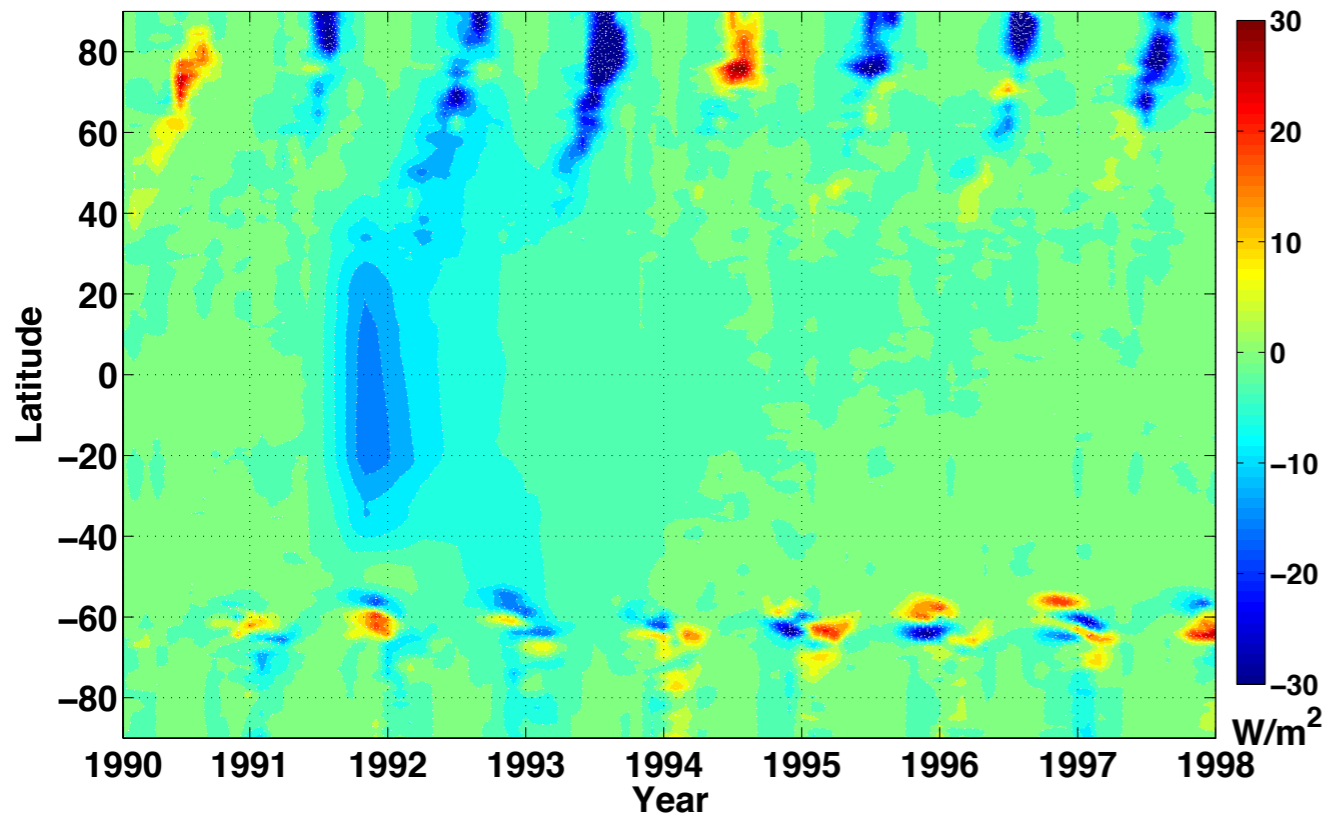
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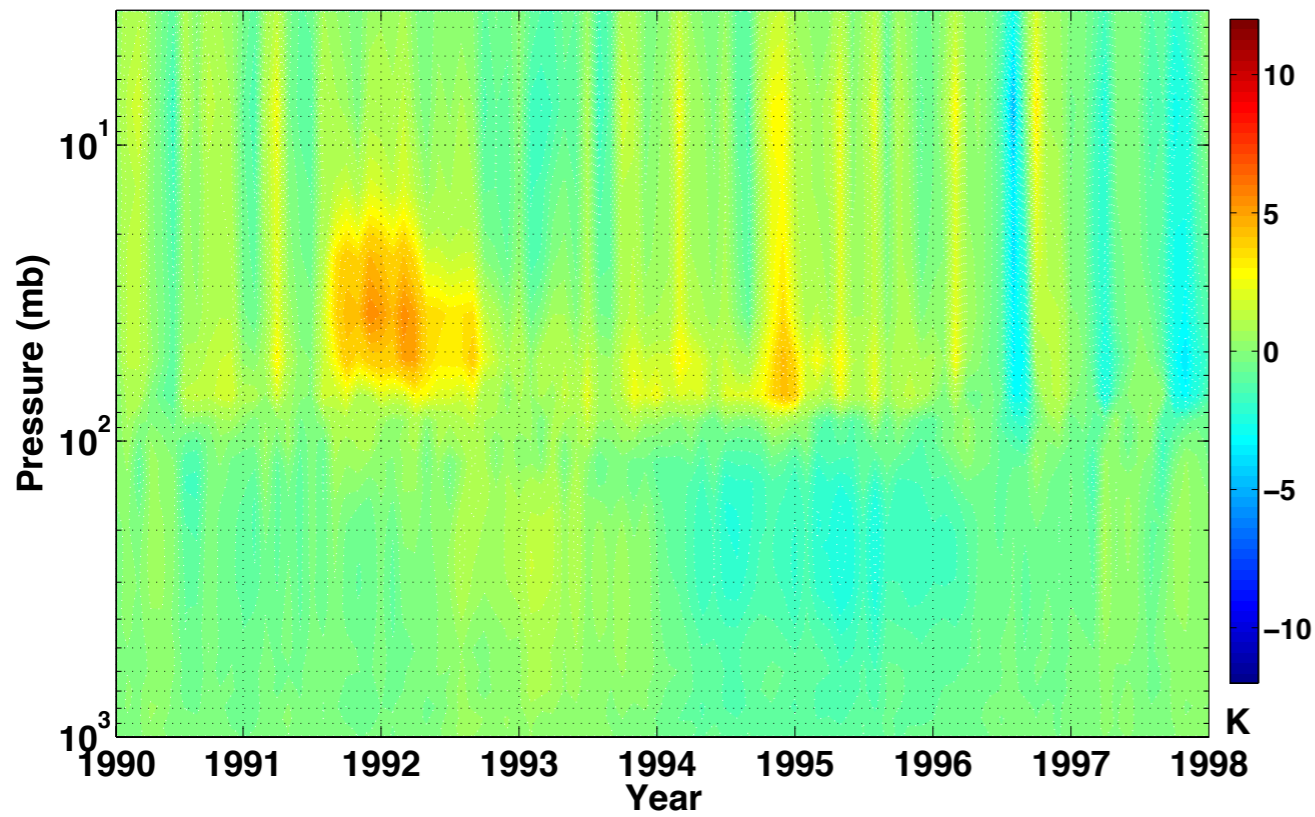


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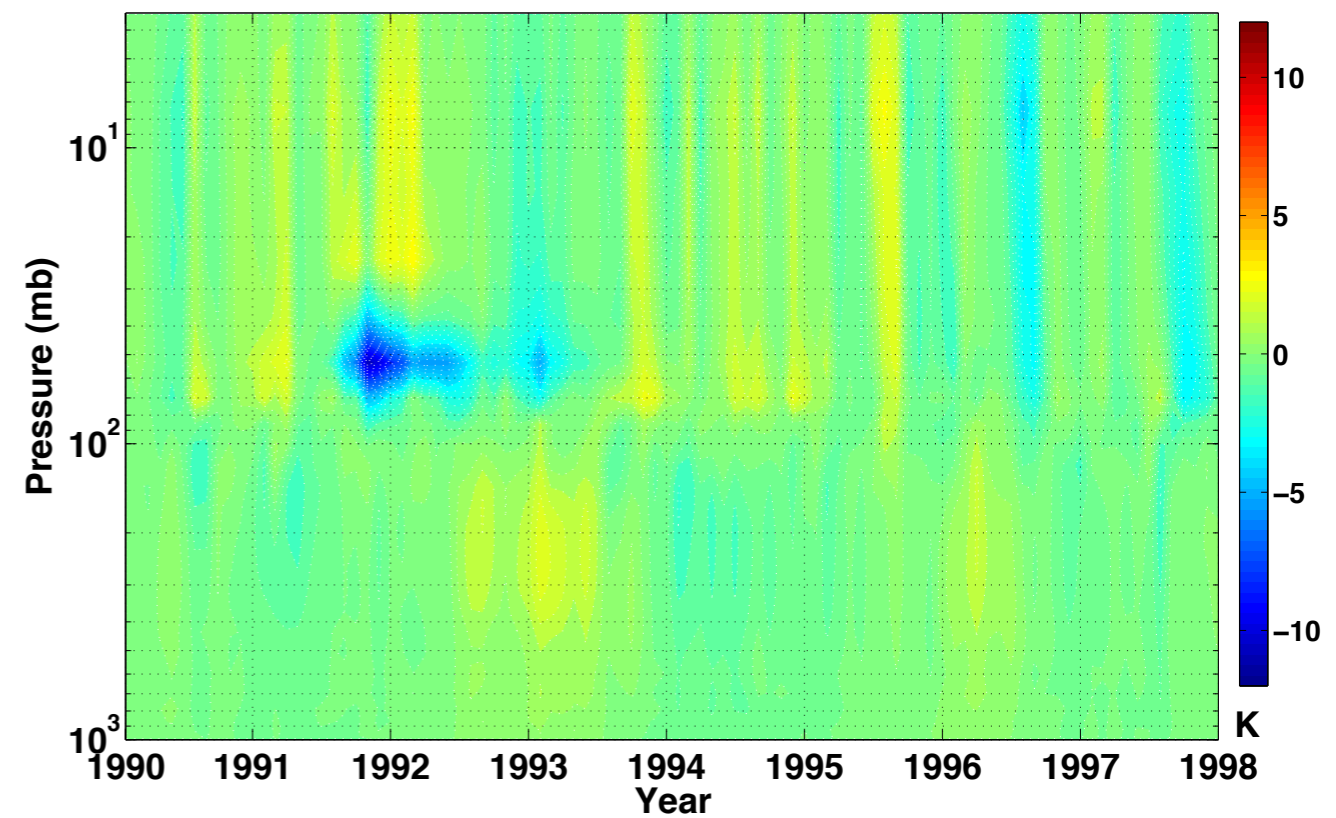


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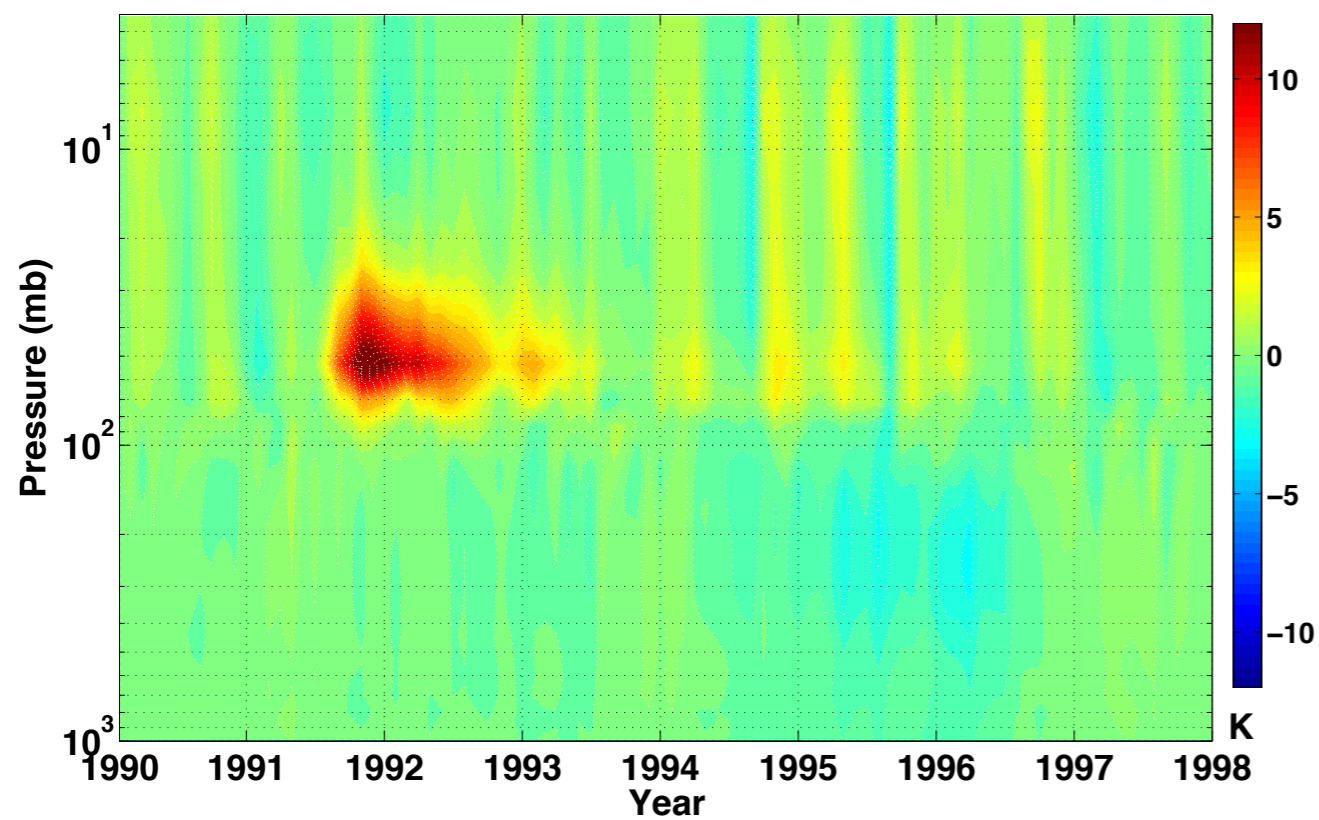
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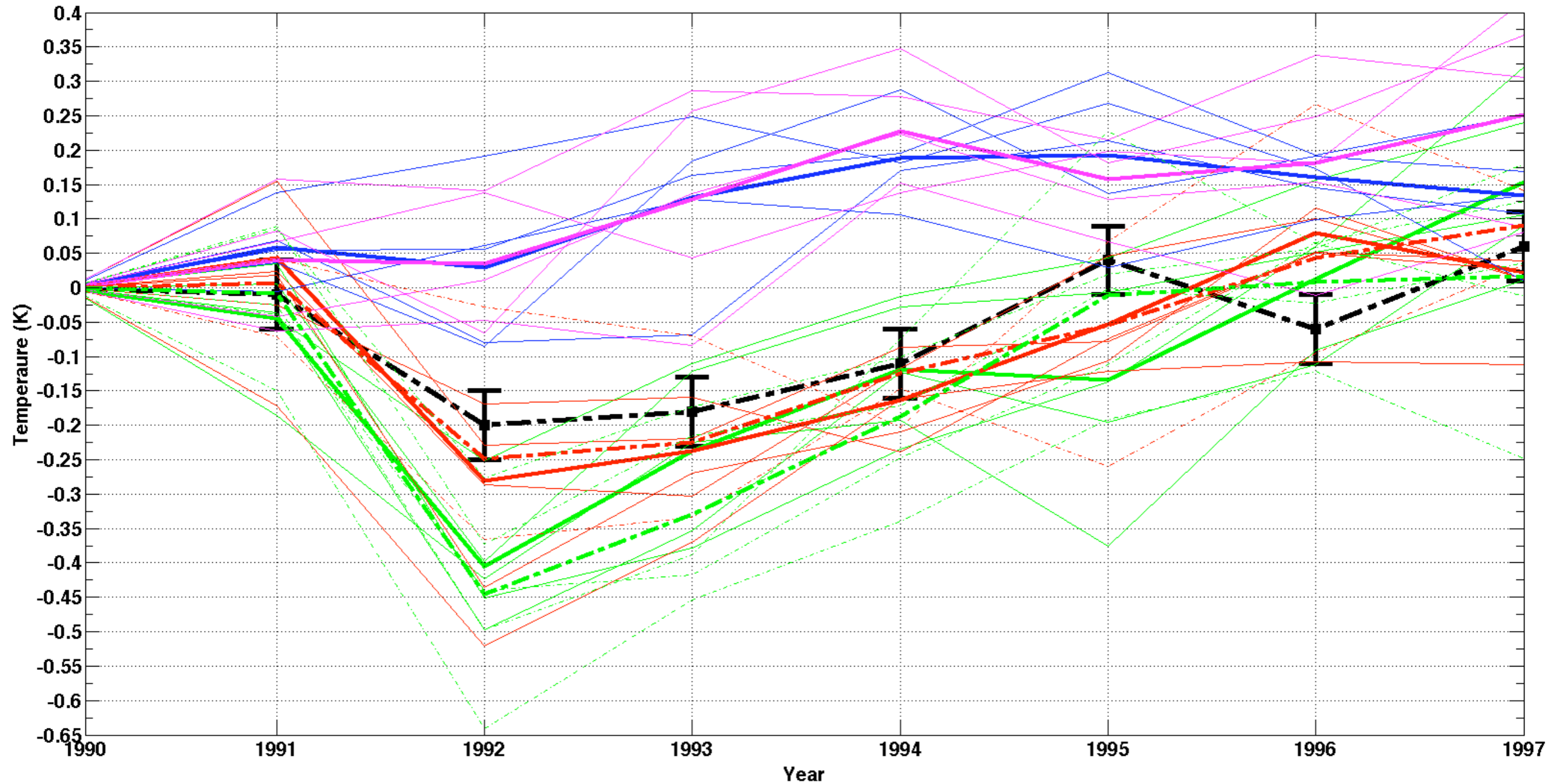


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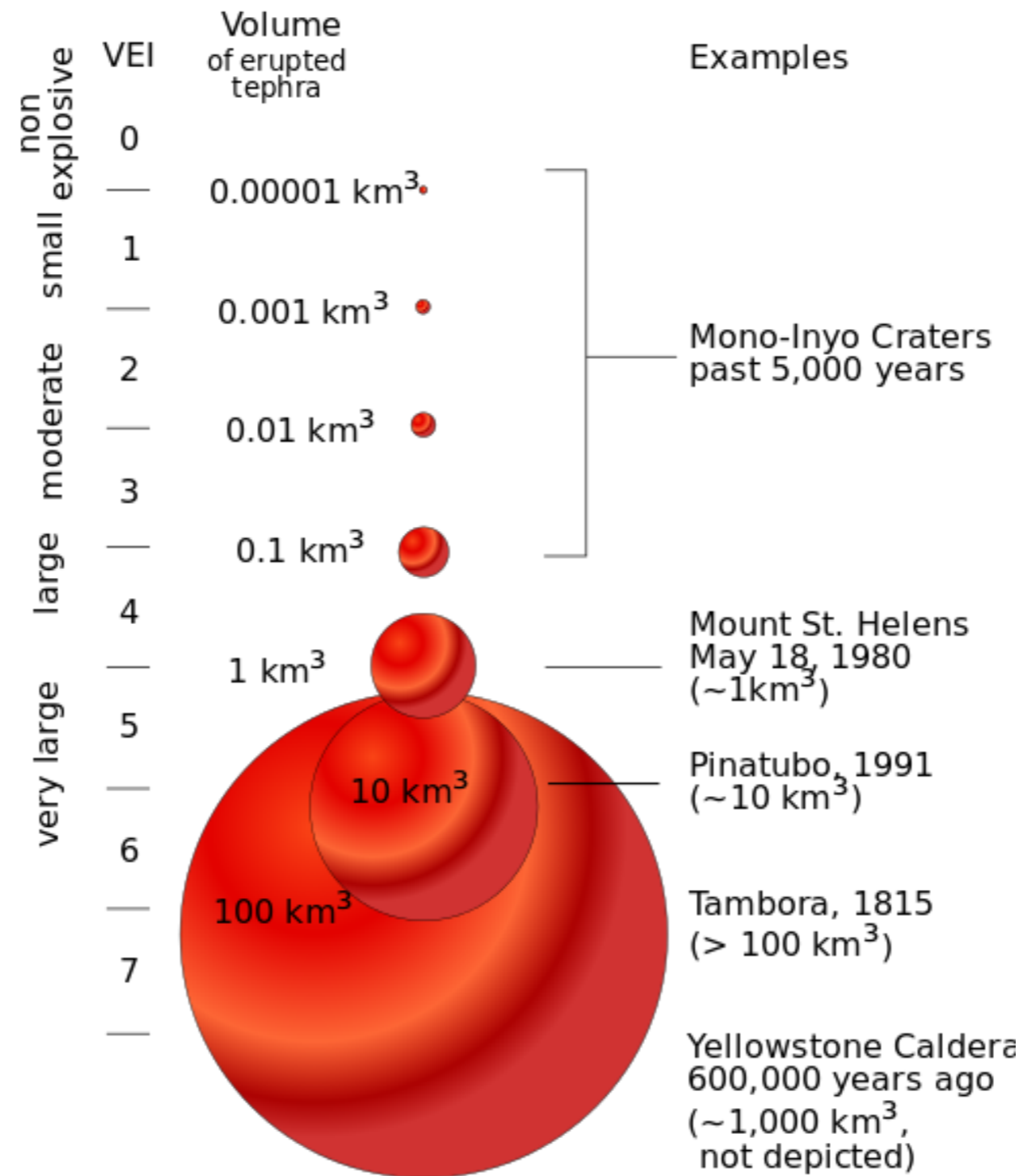
Old, New, Background, None, New Mass Old  
Optics, Old Mass with New Optics, GISS

Global Annual Mean TREFHT



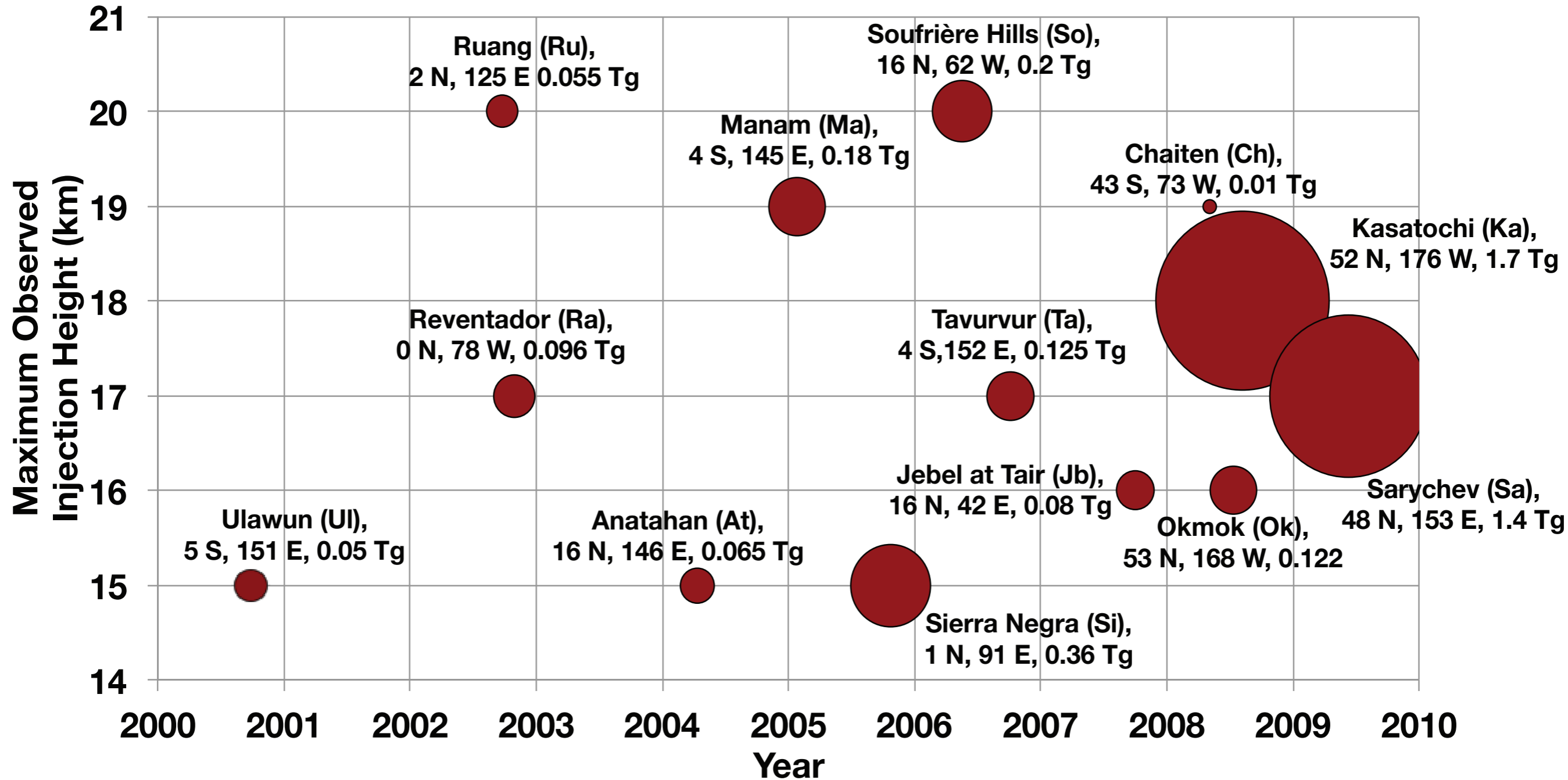


# Scale



# Volcanic Eruptions from 2000 to 2010

## Maximum Observed Injection Height and Total Column SO<sub>2</sub>



**Circles represent relative amount of sulfur emitted.**