

Updates on the CESM2 Large Ensemble and Polar Amplification MIP



CESM2 Large Ensemble is underway!

- In partnership with IBS Center for Climate Physics, South Korea
- 1 degree spatial resolution
- 1850-2100 (historical and SSP370)
- 100 members
- Completion in ~ 7 months (Sep 2020)
- First 10 members by end of February

Initialization protocol to create ensemble spread

- CESM1 used a single ocean initial state, with tiny (10^{-14} K) perturbations to the initial atmospheric temperatures (“pertlim”).
- CESM2 will use a combination of different ocean initial states (“macro perturbations”) and pertlim (“micro perturbations”).

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Allows assessment of AMOC initial condition memory, and ocean vs. atmosphere contributions to ensemble spread.

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POLAR AMPLIFICATION MODEL INTERCOMPARISON PROJECT

Polar amplification, the phenomenon that external radiative forcing produces a larger change in surface temperature at high latitudes than the global average, is a key aspect of anthropogenic climate change but its causes and consequences are not fully understood.

The Polar Amplification Model Intercomparison Project (**PAMIP**), co-led by [Dr. Doug Smith](#), [Dr. James Screen](#), and [Dr. Clara Deser](#) seeks to improve our understanding of this phenomenon through a coordinated set of numerical model experiments. As one of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6) endorsed MIPs, PAMIP will address the following primary questions:

1. What are the relative roles of local sea ice and remote sea surface temperature changes in driving polar amplification?
2. How does the global climate system respond to changes in Arctic and Antarctic sea ice?

Click [here](#) to read the full background...

The following article provides an overview of the PAMIP including the protocols:
<https://www.geosci-model-dev.net/12/1139/2019/>

Article Reference

66 *Smith, D. M., J. A. Screen, C. Deser, J. Cohen, J. C. Fyfe, J. Garcia-Serrano, T. Jung, V. Kattsov, D. Matei, R. Msadek, Y. Peings, M. Sigmond, J. Ukkai, J.-H. Yoon and X. Zhang, The Polar Amplification Model Intercomparison Project (PAMIP) contribution to CMIP6: investigating the causes and consequences of polar amplification, Geosci. Model Dev., 12, 1139–1164, 2019* 99

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PAMIP Links

- Click on [Background](#) and [Experiment Protocol](#) to understand the PAMIP experiments. The SST and SIC forcing files used in PAMIP experiments can be downloaded there.
- Click on [Data Status](#) to track the PAMIP data information from each modeling center, including the contact information.
- Click on [PAMIP Workshop](#) for the June 2019 PAMIP workshop agenda and presentations.
- To see a list of PAMIP papers or projects click on [Publications](#) or [On-going Projects](#).
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- Sign up for the [official PAMIP Mailing list](#). Discussion on PAMIP can be also posted on [Slack Workspace](#).

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LUMIP – Land Use Intercomparison Project

OMIP – Ocean Model Intercomparison Project

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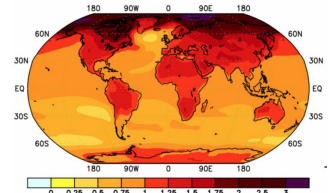
PAMIP – Polar Amplification Model Intercomparison Project

ScenarioMIP – Scenario Model Intercomparison Project

CESM PROJECT

The CESM project is supported primarily by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Administration of the CESM is maintained by the Climate and Global Dynamics Laboratory (CGD) at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).

CESM is a fully-coupled, community, global climate model that provides state-of-the-art computer simulations of the Earth's past, present, and future climate states.



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PAMIP EXPERIMENT PROTOCOL

Coordinated model experiments in PAMIP are listed in the following tables:

1. Atmosphere-only time slice experiments
2. Coupled ocean-atmosphere time slice experiments
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PAMIP WORKSHOP

2019 PAMIP Workshop Agenda & Presentations

June 2019 Exeter, UK

Institute	Model	Planned Experiments	Completed Experiments	Data Delivery	Contact Information
AWI	OpenIFS LR	-	11-13, 15-16, 3.2	email with data request	jan.streffing@awi.de
AWI	OpenIFS MR	-	11-13, 16	email with data request	jan.streffing@awi.de
AWI	OpenIFS HR	-	11, 16	email with data request	jan.streffing@awi.de
AWI/MPI	AWI-CM, MPI-ESM	11-110, 21-2.3, 31-3.2, 41-4.2, 61-6.2	ECHAM6 T127L95 (11-16, 31, 3.2); ECHAM6-SWIFT T127L95 (11, 15-16, 31-3.2)	2020	tido.semmler@awi.de
BSC	EC-Earth3	11, 16, 21, 2.3	-	-	-
CCCma	CanESM5	11-18, 31-3.2	11-18, 31-3.2	September 2019; available on ESG	michaelsigmond@canada.ca john.fyfe@canada.ca
Cerfacs	CNRM-CM6	11-16, 18, 21-2.3, 31-3.2, 41-4.2, 61-6.2	11-16, 31-3.2	Oct 2019	rymmsadek@cerfacs.fr
DMI	EC-Earth3	11, 13, 15-16, 61-6.2	-	Late 2019	shuting@dmil.dk
IPSL	IPSL-CAM6A-LR	11-18, 21-2.3, 31-3.2, 61-6.2	11-18, 31, 3.2	email with data request	guillaume.gastineau@upmc.fr
Met Office	HadGEM3 N216O025	11-18, 21-2.3, 31-3.2, 41-4.2	11-18, 21, 2.3, 31-3.2	email with data request	rosie.eade@metoffice.gov.uk doug.smith@metoffice.gov.uk
METEO-UB	SPEEDY	-	11, 15, 16, 3.2	email with data request	j.garcia-serrano@meteo.ub.edu
NCAR/CSU	CESM2	11-18, 31-3.2, 61-6.3	11-18	Tier 1 available on ESG	lantaosun@colostate.edu cdeser@ucar.edu
NCC/MET Norway/NORCE	NorESM2-LM	11, 13, 15-18, 21, 2.3, 41-4.2, 61-6.2	11, 13, 15-18	Tier 1 available on ESG	lises.graff@met.no
Niigata U	AFES	11-18, 31-3.2	-	Spring/Summer 2019	jukita@env.sc.niigata-u.ac.jp f16n003j@mail.cc.niigata-u.ac.jp
UC Irvine	E3SMv1	11-110, 21-2.5, 31-3.2, 41-4.2, 51-5.2	11, 14-16, 19-110	Fall 2019	ypaings@uci.edu gudrun@uci.edu
UC Irvine	SC-WACCM	11-110, 21-2.5, 31-3.2, 41-4.2, 51-5.2	11-110, 31-3.2, 51-5.2	Fall 2019	ypaings@uci.edu gudrun@uci.edu
U of Exeter	HadGEM3 N96O1	11, 13, 15-18, 2.2, 6.3	-	Late 2019	jscreen@exeter.ac.uk
U of Tokyo	MIROC6	11, 15-18, 31-3.2	11, 15-18, 31-3.2	Summer 2019 for monthly data	masato@atmos.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp

DATA STATUS

PAMIP PUBLICATIONS

Smith, D. M., J. A. Screen, C. Deser, J. Cohen, J. C. Fyfe, J. García-Serrano, T. Jung, V. Kattsov, D. Matei, R. Msadek, Y. Peings, M. Sigmond, J. Ukita, J.-H. Yoon and X. Zhang, The Polar Amplification Model Intercomparison Project (PAMIP) contribution to CMIP6: investigating the causes and consequences of polar amplification, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 12, 1139–1164, 2019.

Link to article:

<https://www.geosci-model-dev.net/12/1139/2019/>

Liang, Y.-C., Kwon, Y.-O., Frankignoul, C., Danabasoglu, G., Yeager, S., Cherchi, A., et al. (2020). Quantification of the Arctic sea ice-driven atmospheric circulation variability in coordinated large ensemble simulations. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47, e2019GL085397. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GL085397>

Sun, L., Deser, C., Tomas, R., & Alexander, M. (2020). Global coupled climate response to polar sea ice loss: Evaluating the effectiveness of different ice-constraining approaches. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47, e2019GL085788. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GL085788>

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PAMIP FORUMS

✉ Mailing list: you can sign up to the official PAMIP mailing list:

<https://www.wcrp-climate.org/modelling-wgcm-mip-catalogue/cmip6-endorsed-mips-article/1303-modelling-cmip6-pamip>.

✉ PAMIP slack space: discussion on PAMIP can be posted on slack workspace:

<https://app.slack.com/client/TM6T18TCG/DM17UBLL9/thread/CM6TD0LP2-1567514535.001700>.
 If you want to join, please email Lantao Sun [lantao.sun@colostate.edu] for the invitation.

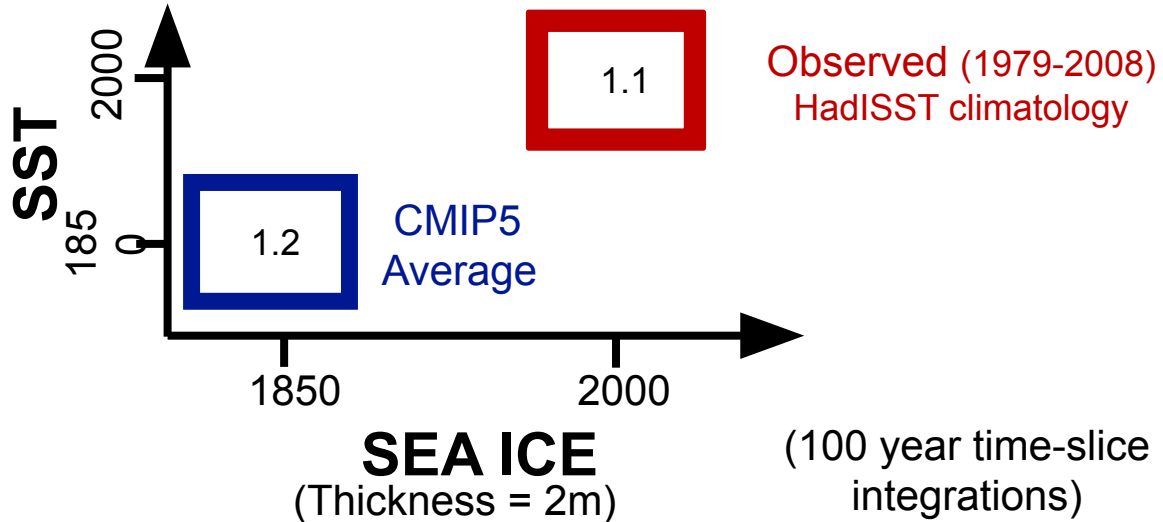
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**Atmospheric circulation response
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Sensitivity to background SSTs**

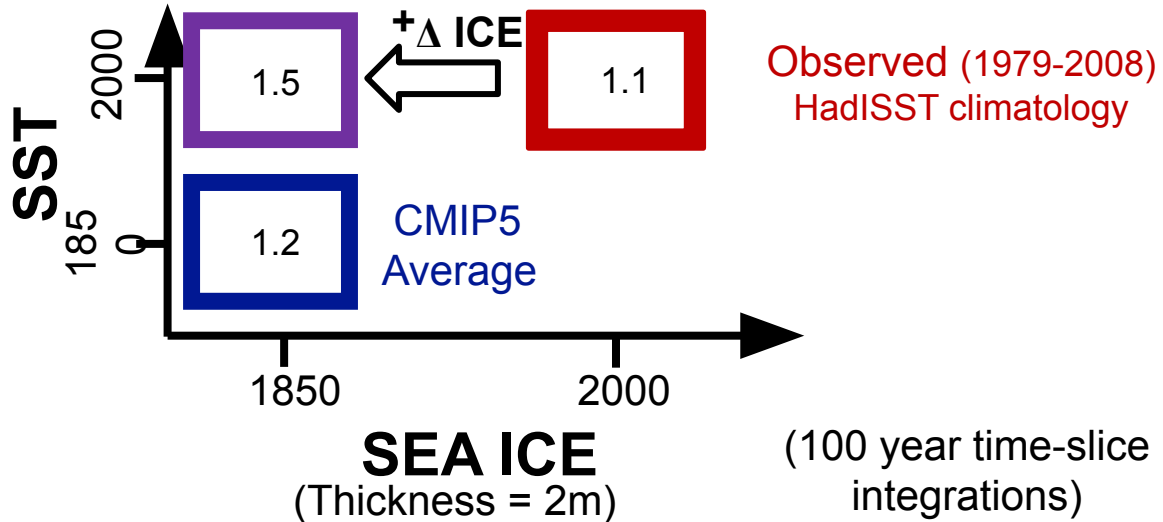
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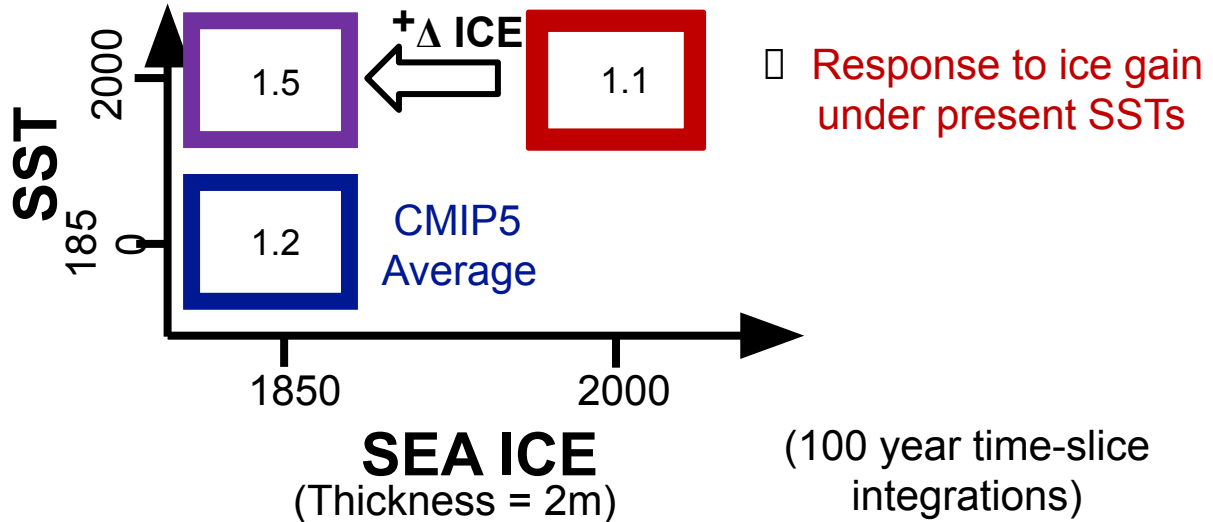
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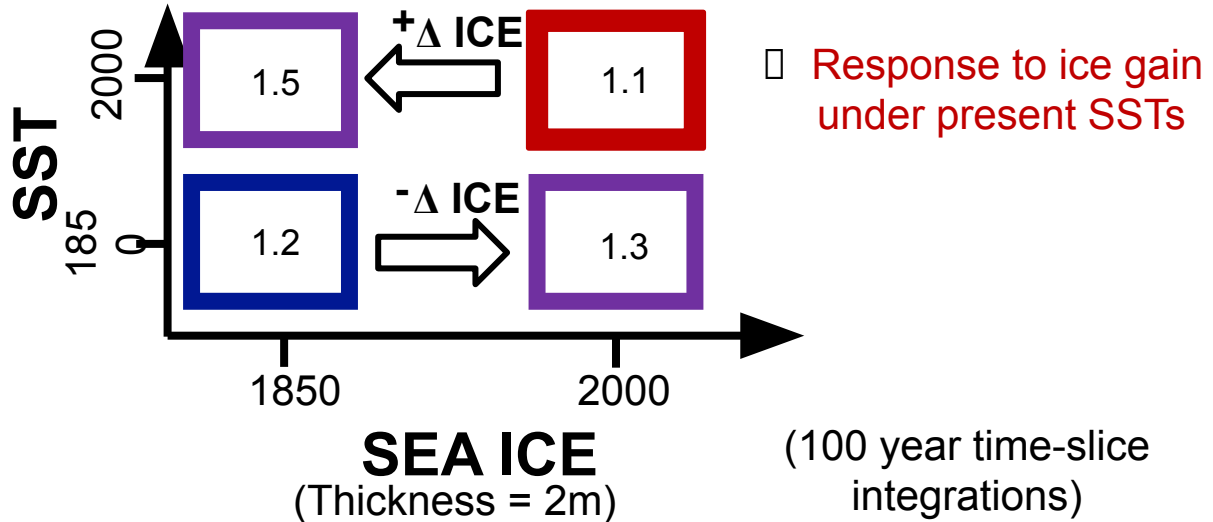
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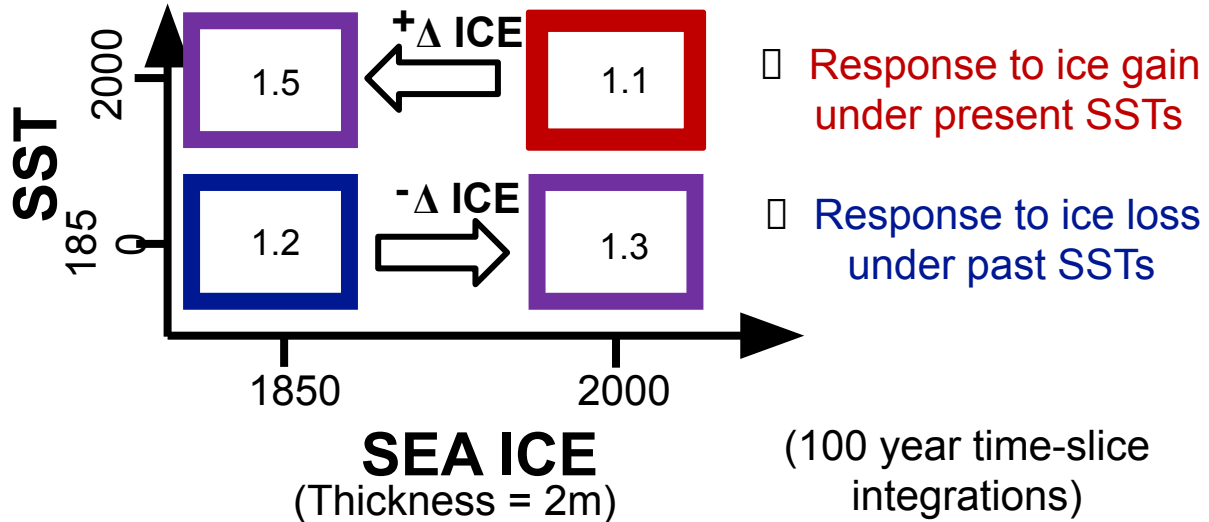
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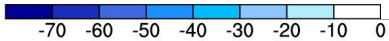
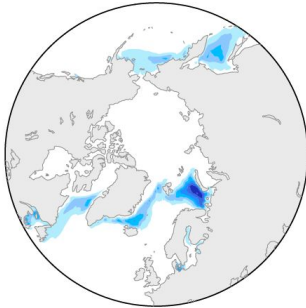
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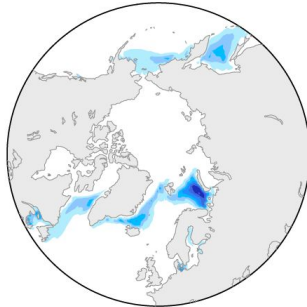


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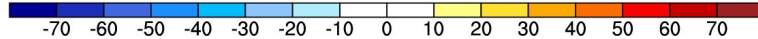
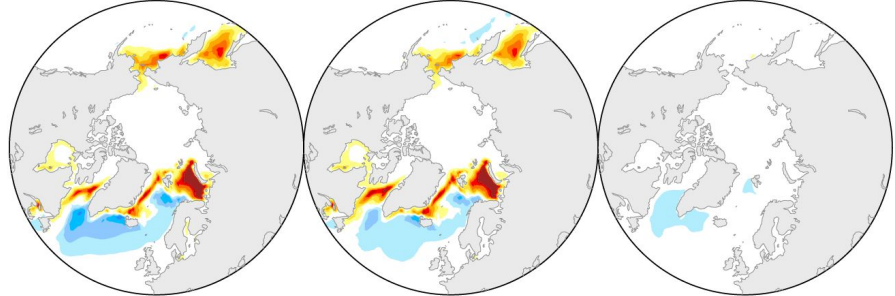
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Difference



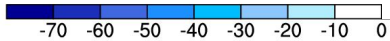
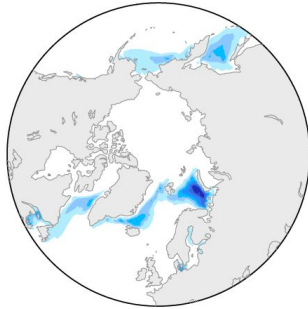
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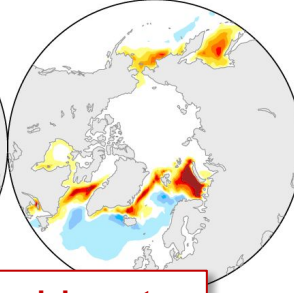
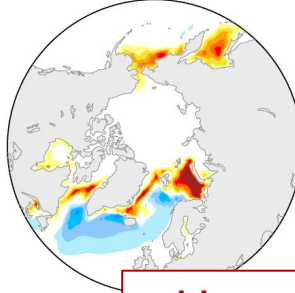
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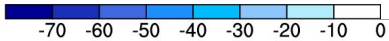
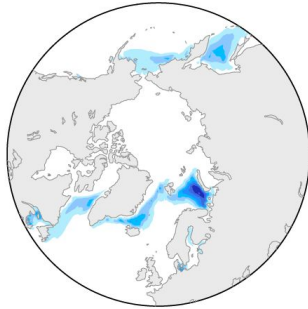
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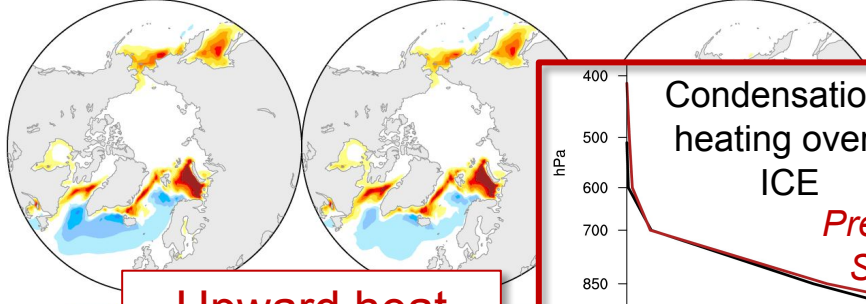
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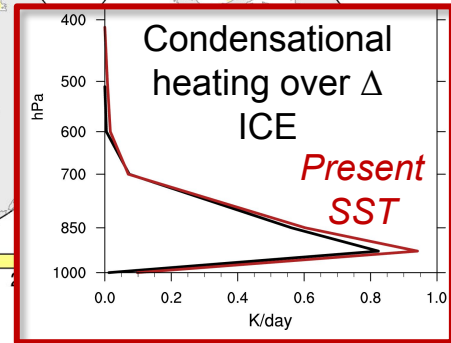
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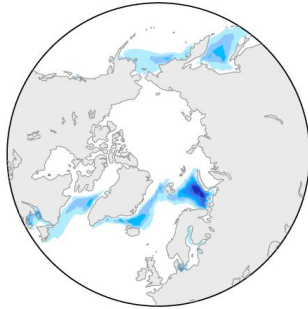


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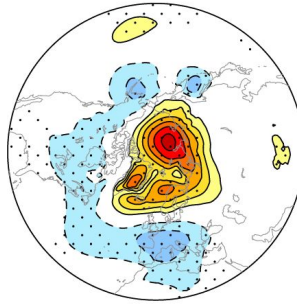
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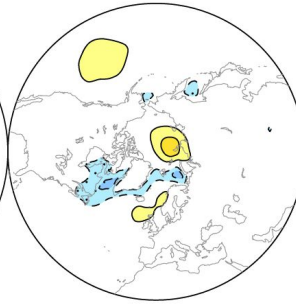
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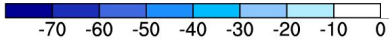
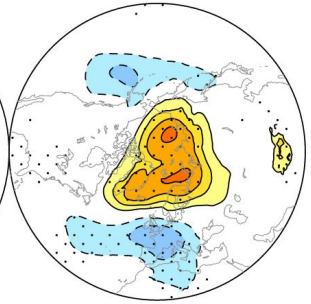
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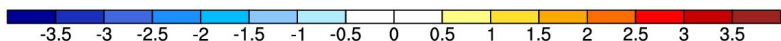
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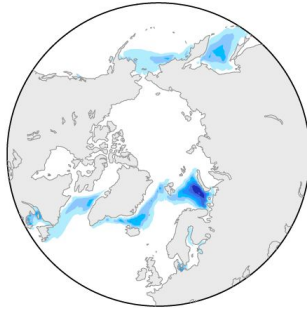
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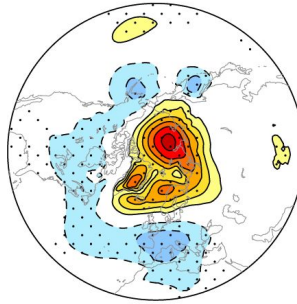
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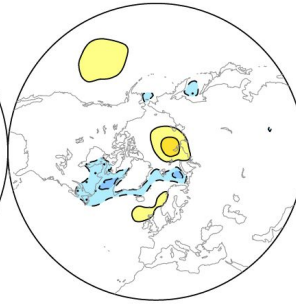


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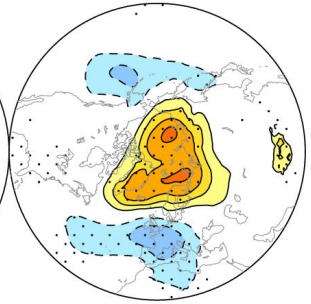
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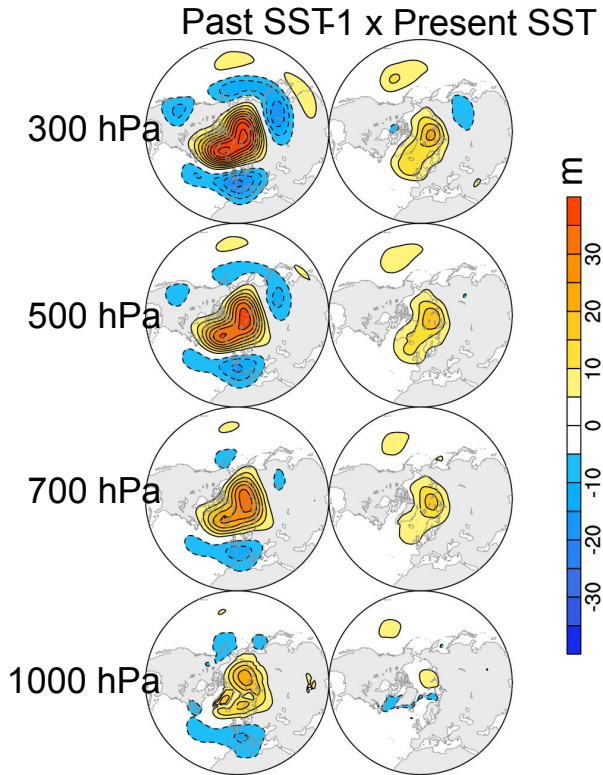


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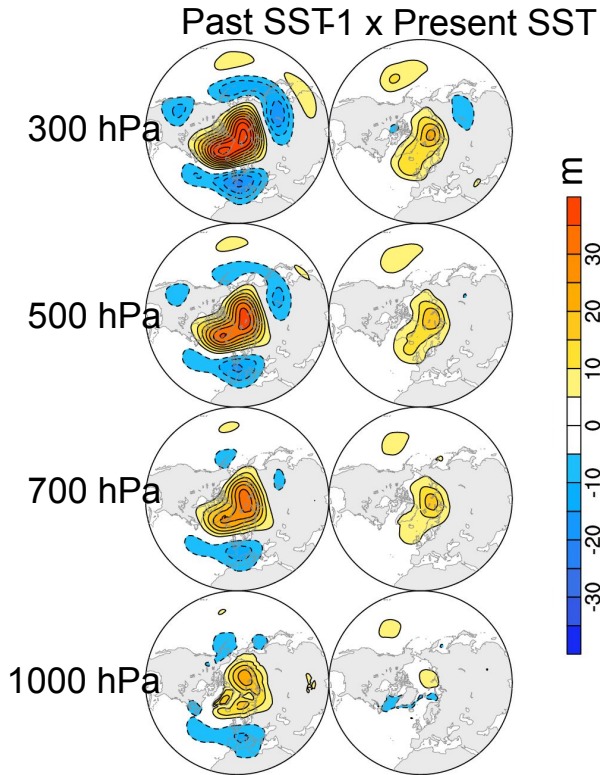
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□ Implications for surface climate response



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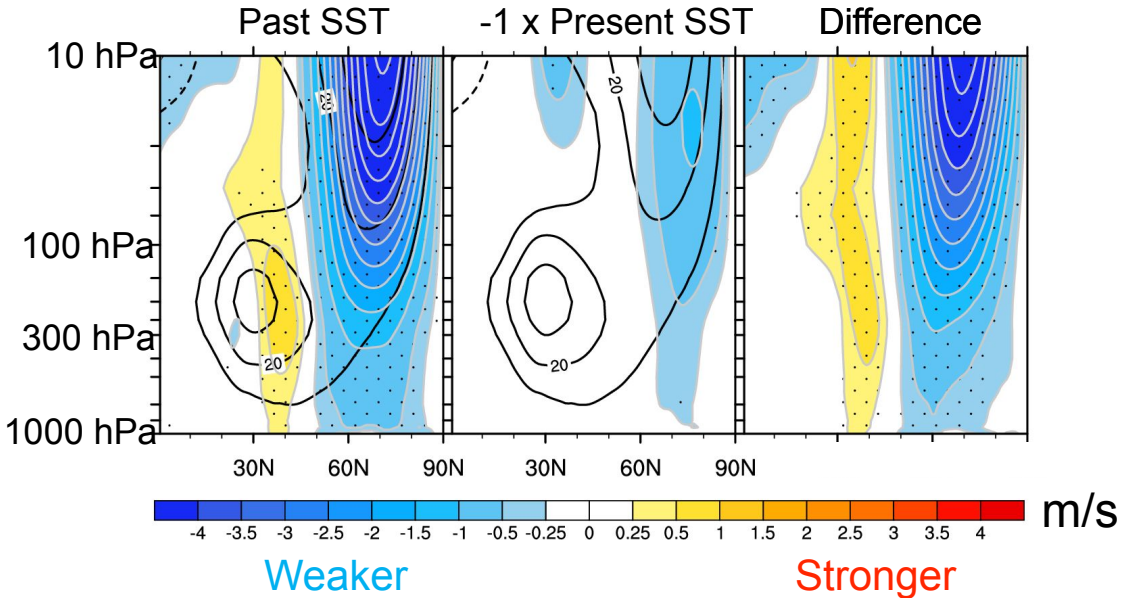


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Reminiscent of the non-linear
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Deser et al. 2004 & 2007

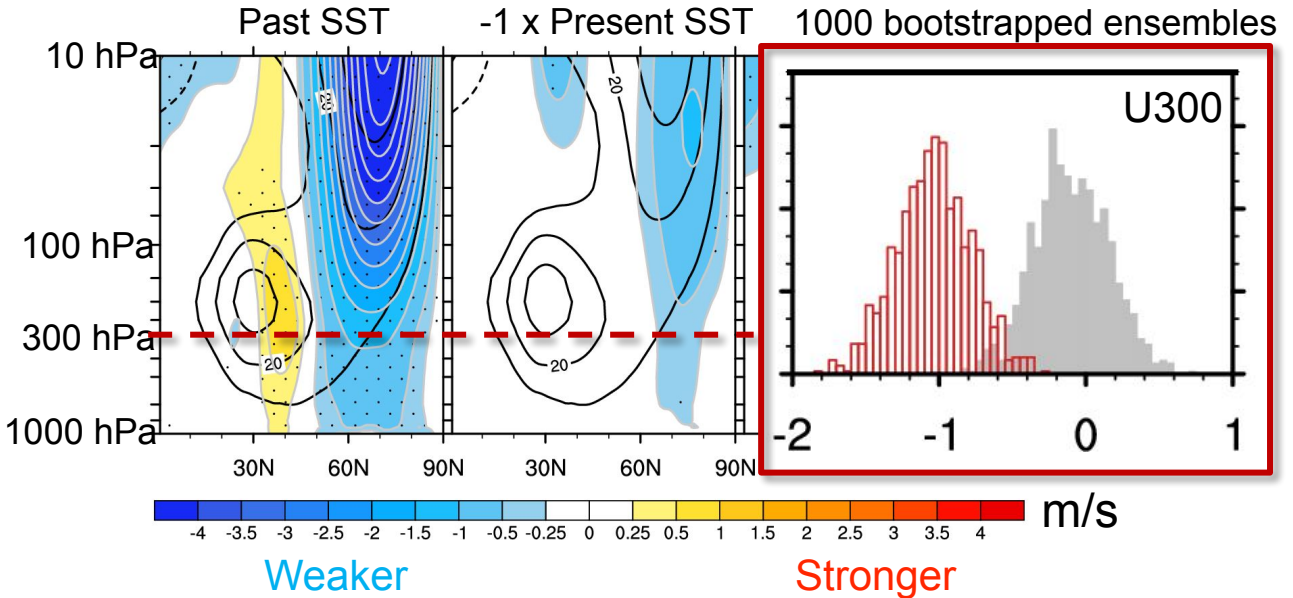
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