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Multi-scale climate variability during the Holocene:

A new group of simulations based on CESM

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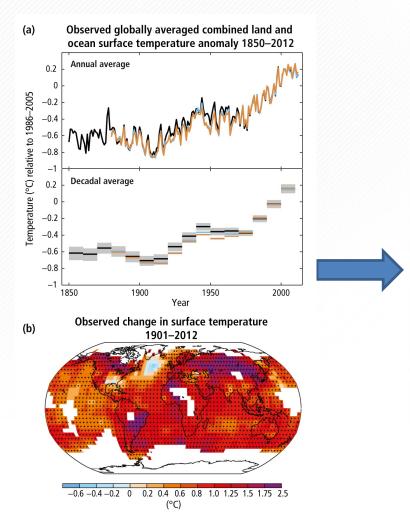
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- Influences and mechanisms from natural and anthropogenic forcings on multi-scale climate variability during the Holocene
- Concluding remarks



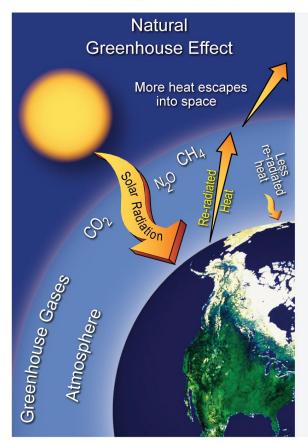


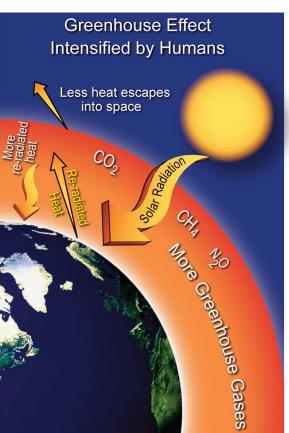
Extreme Events & Climate Change Robust **Evidence** warming of extreme Coastal high water Limited daily minimum and maximum temperatures Intense Precipitation **Evidence** Tropical Cyclones Tornadoes

This temperature increase has resulted in substantial increases of flooding, droughts, heat wave, and other extreme climate events.

(IPCC AR5)

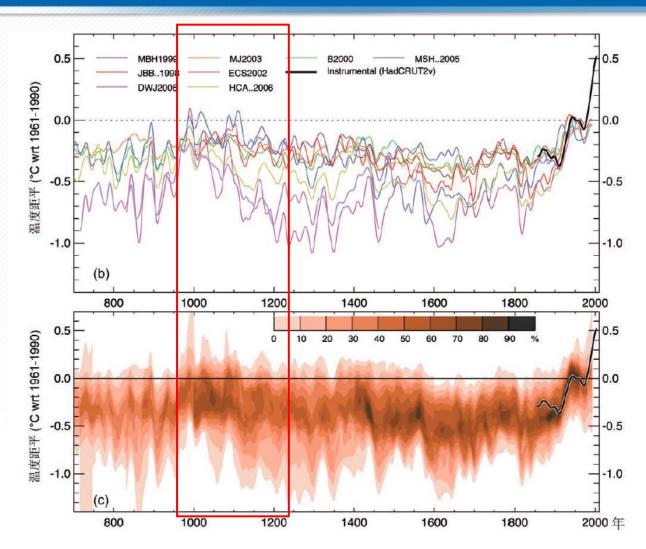
Human Influence on the Greenhouse Effect





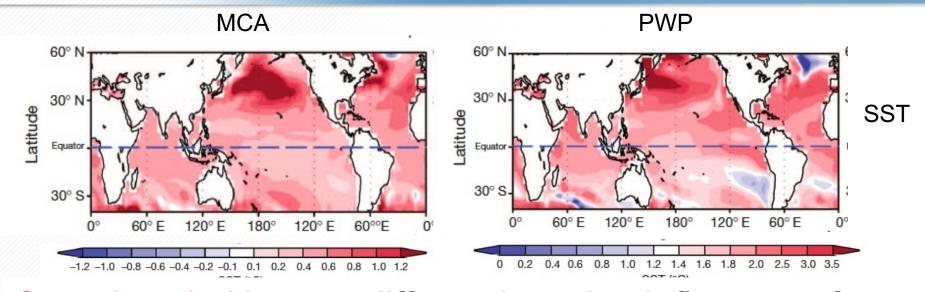
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Usually, the current warming is attributed to the increases of greenhouse gases concentrations due to anthropogenic CO₂ emission.

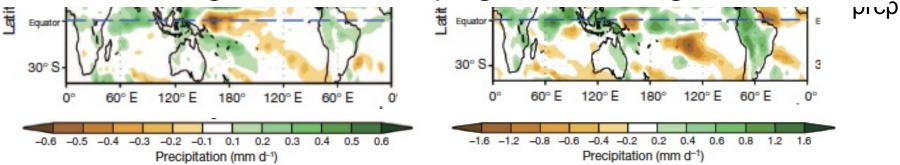


However, if looking back to the paleoclimate, there were similar warming periods during the history, e.g., Medieval Climate Anomaly (MCA), caused by natural forcing.

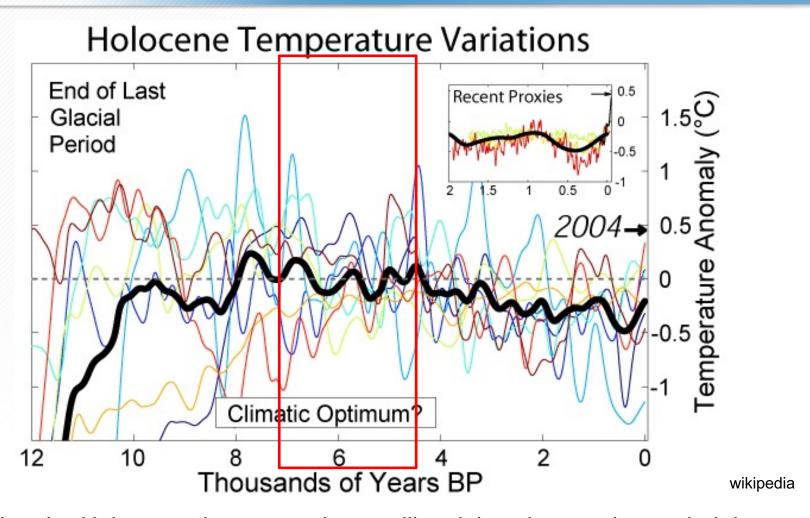
(Ge et al., 2013)



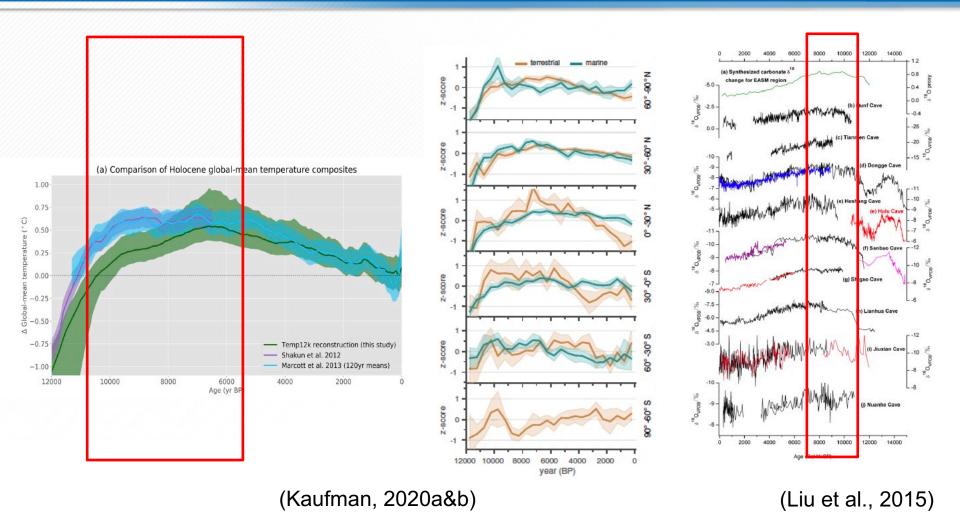
Question 1: How to differentiate the influences from natural forcings and anthropogenic forcings?



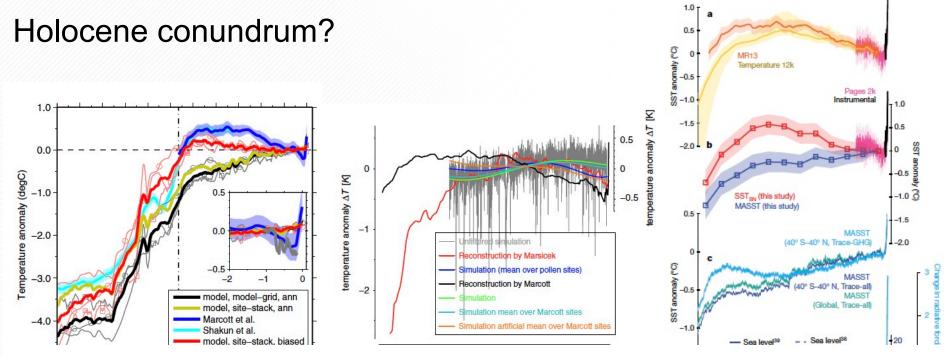
These warming periods during the pre-industrial periods are caused by natural forcing. Their spatial patterns are different from the present warming period, indicating different influences on global climate from natural and anthropogenic forcings. (Liu et al., 2013, Nature)



During the Holocene, there was also a millennial-scale warming period, i.e., the Holocene Thermal Maximum (also called Holocene Climate Optimum) between 7 to 4.2 ka BP (Wanner et al., 2011).



However, different reconstructions do not agree with the timing of the Holocene Climate Optimum.

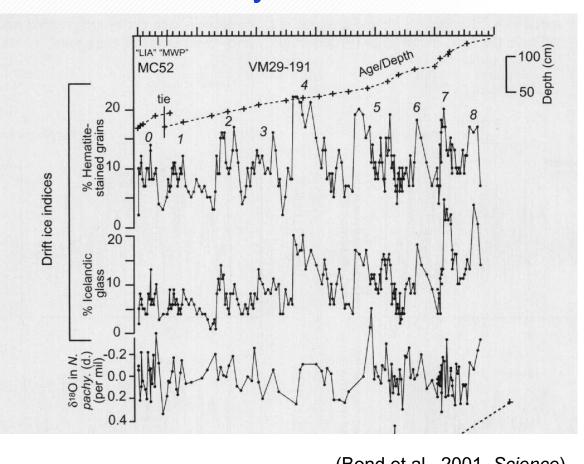


Question 2: When is the Holocene Climate Optimum? What are the contributions from different external forcings?

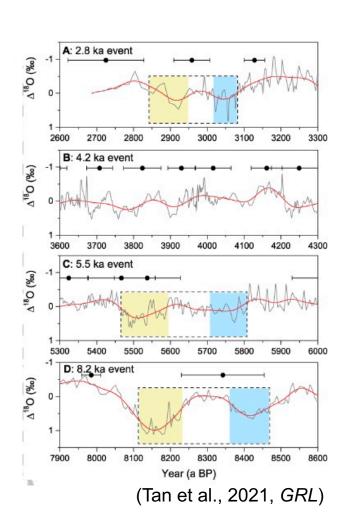
12 10 8 6 4 2 0 80 L 3 Age (Bova et al., 2021)

Models simulate increasing trends of annual temperature through the Holocene driven by the retreating of ice sheets and rising GHGs.

"Bond cycle/events"







Question 3: What are the mechanisms behind the Bond Events?

Experimental design

Two groups of experiments

- NNU-Holocene
- NNU-2ka

Model: Community Earth System Model (CESM)

- Developed by NCAR
- Including models of Atmosphere, Ocean, Ice, Land surface, Carbon cycle, etc.

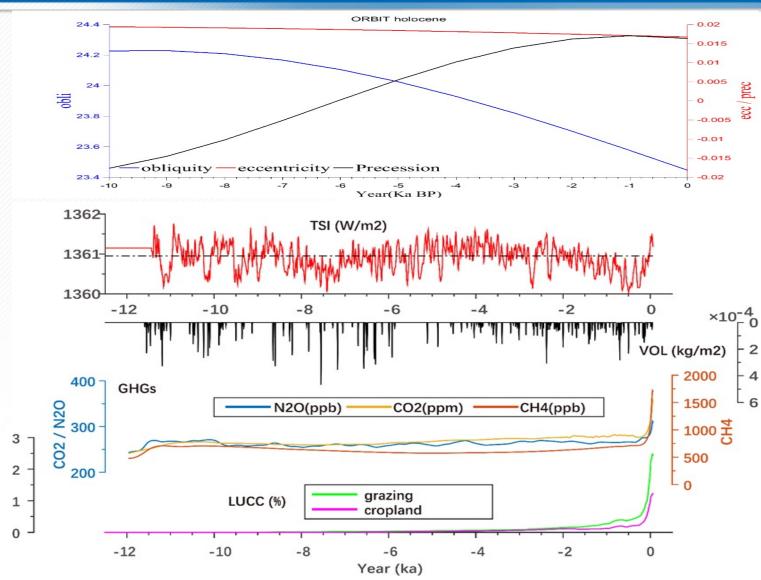
Seven/eight experiments in NNU-Holocene/NNU-2ka

- One control experiment
- Five/six single-forcing sensitivity experiments
- One all-forcing experiment

NNU-Holocene experimental design

NO	Name	External forcing	Integration time (year)
1	Control experiment (ctrl_B1850CN)	E=0.019419;Oblic = 24.227;Prec = - 0.01763;TSI=1360.89 w/m2 CO2=265 ppm;CH4=660 ppb;N2O=265 ppb	12000
2	Orbital parameter sensitivity experiment (orbit_B1850CN)	A. Berger,et al., 1997	12000
3	TSI sensitivity experiment (TSI_B1850CN)	L. E. A. Vieira et al., 2011	12000
4	GHGs sensitivity experiment (GHG_B1850CN)	CO2: Luthi, D. et al., 2008. N2O: Schilt, A. et al., 2010. CH4: Loulergue, L. et al., 2008.	12000
5	LUCC sensitivity experiment (LUCC_B1850CN)	HYDE3.2 (Klein Goldewijk et al., 2011)	12000
6	Volcanic eruption sensitivity experiment (VOL_B1850CN)	Gao, C. et al., 2017	12000
7	All forcing experiment	Orbital+TSI+GHGs+LUCC+Vol (Wan et al., 2020, Q	12000 uaternary Sciences)

NNU-Holocene experimental design



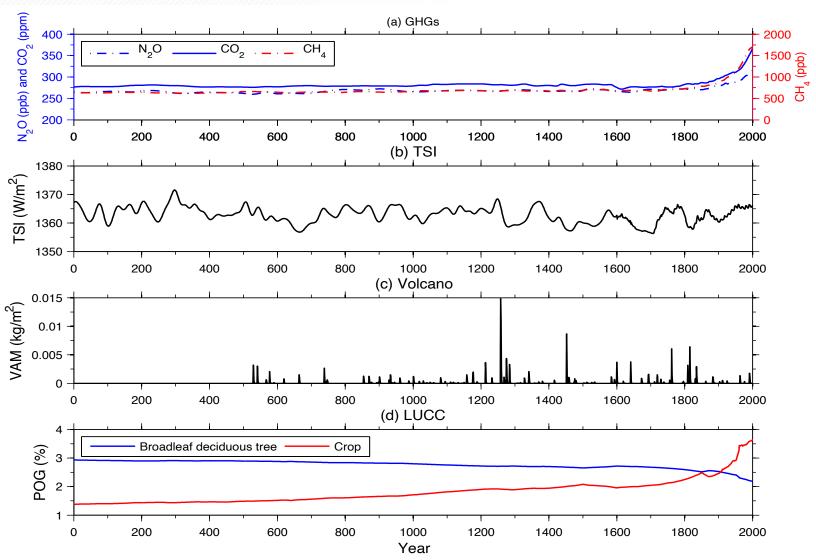
The ORB, TSI, VOL, GHGs, and LUCC forcings used in the NNU-Holocene experiment (Wan et al., 2020, *Quaternary Sciences*)

NNU-2ka Experimental design

No	Name	External forcing	Simulation period (year)
1	Control experiment	NCAR 1850 A.D. external forcing	2400
2	TSI sensitivity experiment	Shipro et al., 2011	2000
3	Volcanic eruption sensitivity experiment	Gao et al., 2008	2000
4	GHGs sensitivity experiment	MacFailing et al., 2006	2000
5	LUCC sensitivity experiment	Kaplan et al., 2009	2000
6	Natural forcing sensitivity experiment	TSI+Vol	2000
7	Anthropogenic forcing sensitivity experiment	GHGs+LUCC	2000
8	All forcing experiment	TSI+Vol+GHGs+LUCC	2000

NNU-2ka Experimental design

External forcings



Applications of NNU-Holocene and NNU-2ka

- Based on NNU-Holocene and NNU-2ka, and TraCE-21ka, CESM-LME, and PMIP3 archives, etc., influences and mechanisms from natural and anthropogenic forcings on multi-scale climate variability during the Holocene were investigated:
 - Result 1: Millennial scale climate responses to external forcings in NNU-Holocene
 - Result 2: Mechanisms behind the 4.2 ka BP event
 - Result 3: Mechanisms of decadal megadroughts over eastern China
 - Result 4: Centennial to decadal climate responses to LUCC
 - Result 5: Influences of TSI on decadal EAM variability
 - Result 6: Influences from volcanic eruptions on ENSO and monsoon

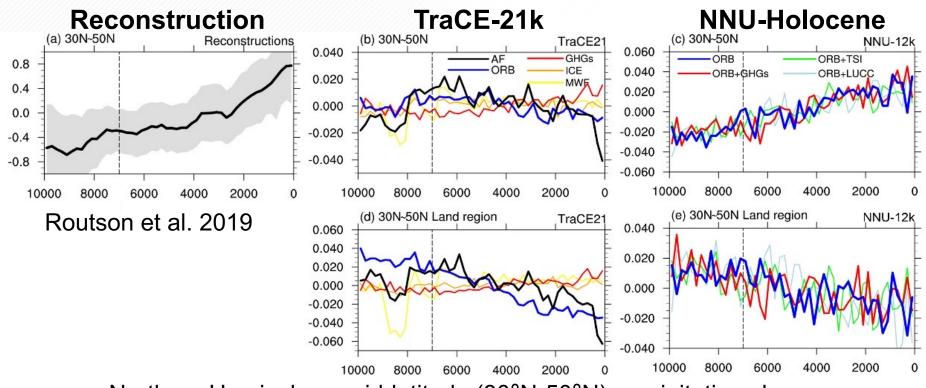
Millennial scale

Centennial scale

Decadal scale

Interannual Scale

1. Simulation of Northern Hemisphere mid-latitude precipitation response to different external forcings during the Holocene

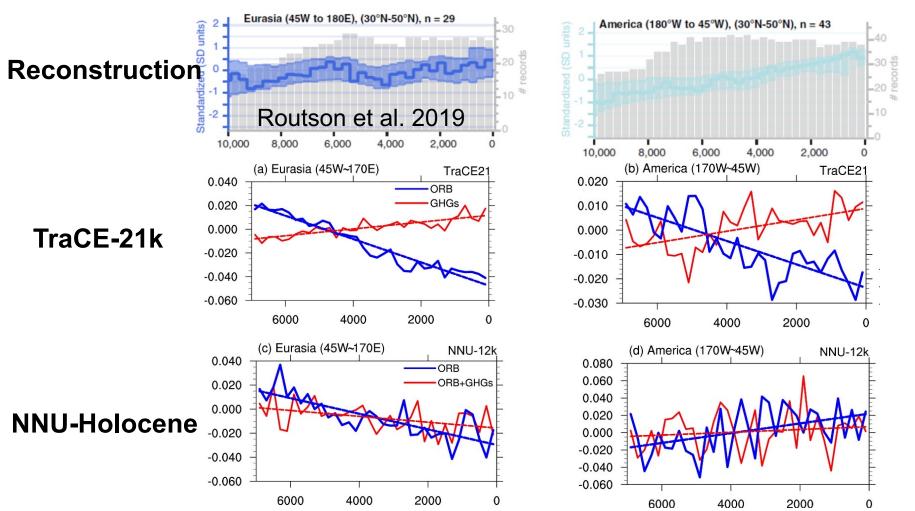


Northern Hemisphere mid-latitude (30°N-50°N) precipitation change

- 1) During 10-7 ka B.P., an increasing trend occurs in the TraCE21 ICE, MWF and ORB experiments.
- 2) In 7-0 ka, an increasing trend occurs in NNU-Holocene ORB experiment, which is consistent with the reconstructions, but the trend is concentrated in marine areas.

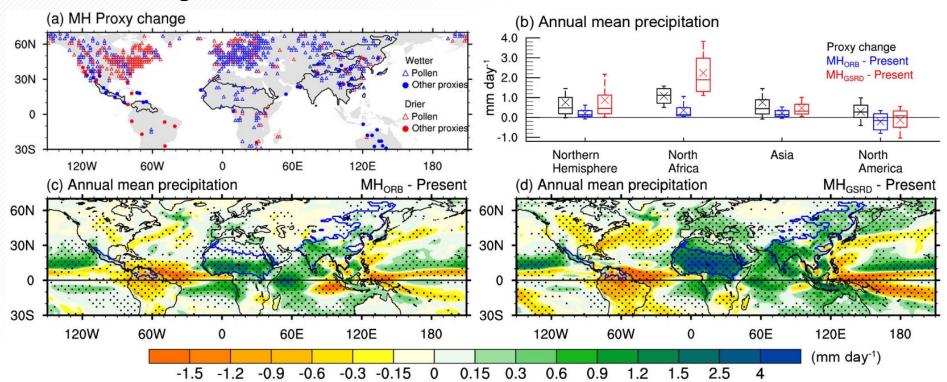
 (Sun et al. 2020, Quaternary Sciences)

Eurasia land precipitation North American land precipitation



- Both models simulate a stronger drying trend over mid-latitude Eurasia than North America, which is induced by the ORB. GHGs contribute to the enhanced precipitation in Eurasia, but it cannot offset the negative contribution of the ORB.
- The response of simulated NH mid-latitude precipitation to ORB and GHGs is strongly model dependent, which is an important factor for the proxy-model data comparison.

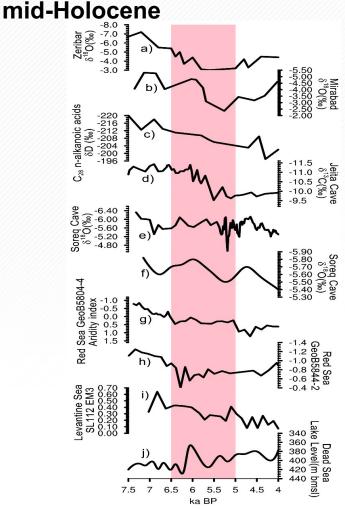
2. Northern Hemisphere land monsoon precipitation increased by the Green Sahara during mid-Holocene



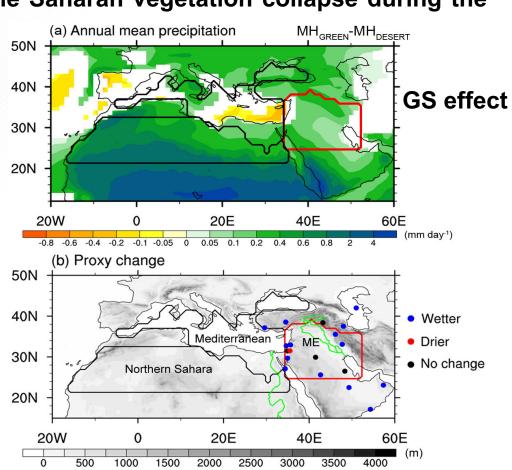
Most of the NHLMP changes revealed by proxy data are reproduced by the model results when the Saharan vegetation cover and dust reduction are taken into consideration. The simulated NHLMP significantly increases by 33.10% under the effect of the Green Sahara, through the large-scale atmospheric circulation changes.

(Sun et al., 2019. Geophys. Res. Lett.)

3. Middle East climate response to the Saharan vegetation collapse during the

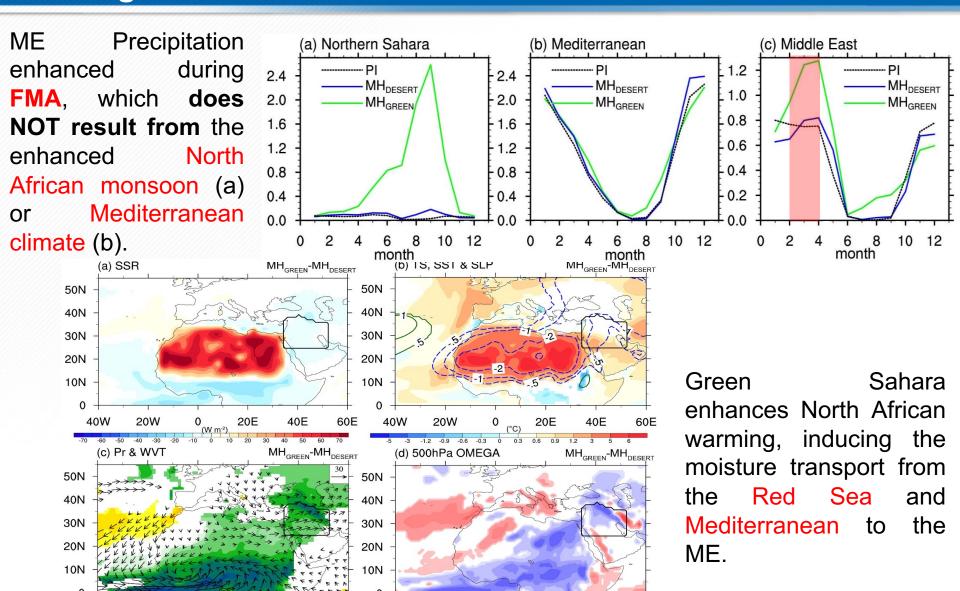


Proxies suggested a drying trend during 6.5 - 5.0 ka and a 5.2 ka drought event.



MHgreen minus MHorb experiments suggests a wet ME, which means that the **ME drying trend** can be affected by the **Saharan vegetation** collapse.

(Sun et al. 2020, *J. Climate*)



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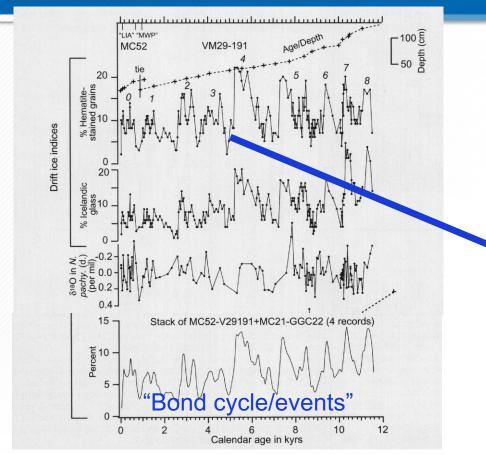
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(Sun et al. 2020, *J. Climate*)

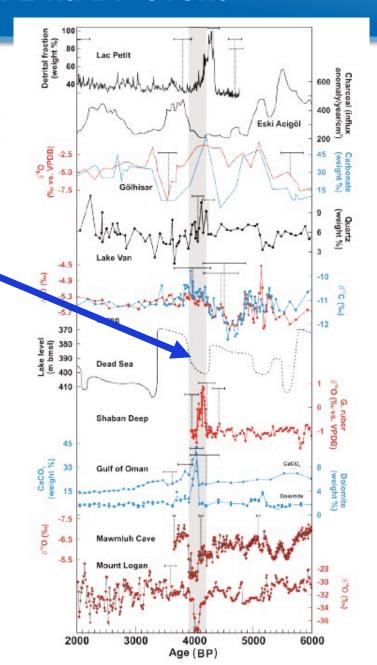
Result 2: Mechanisms behind the 4.2 ka BP event



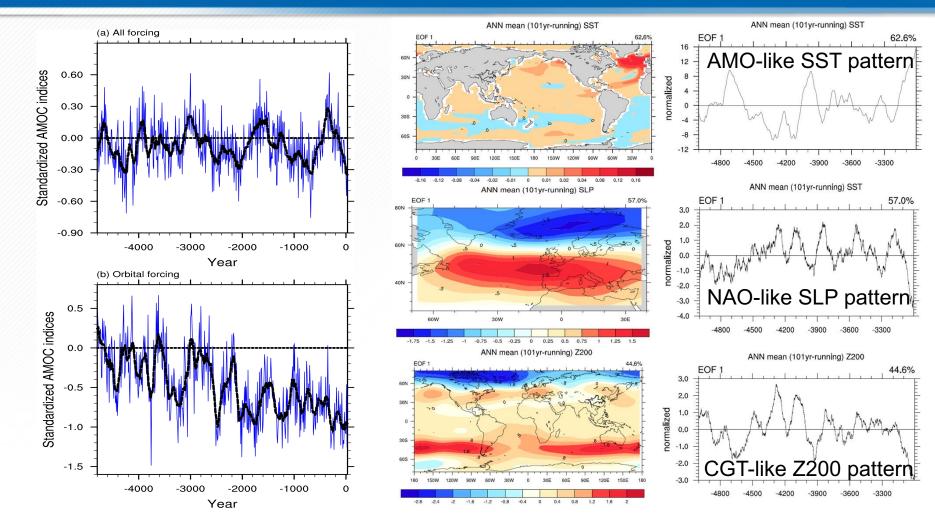
(Bond et al., 2001, Science)

One of the Bond events in the Holocene, the 4.2-3.9 ka BP megadrought resulted in synchronous collapse of the Akkadian Empire in Mesopotamia, the Old Kingdom in Egypt and Early bronze Age settlements in Anatolia, the Aegean and the Levant.

(Weiss, 2016, *PAGES*)



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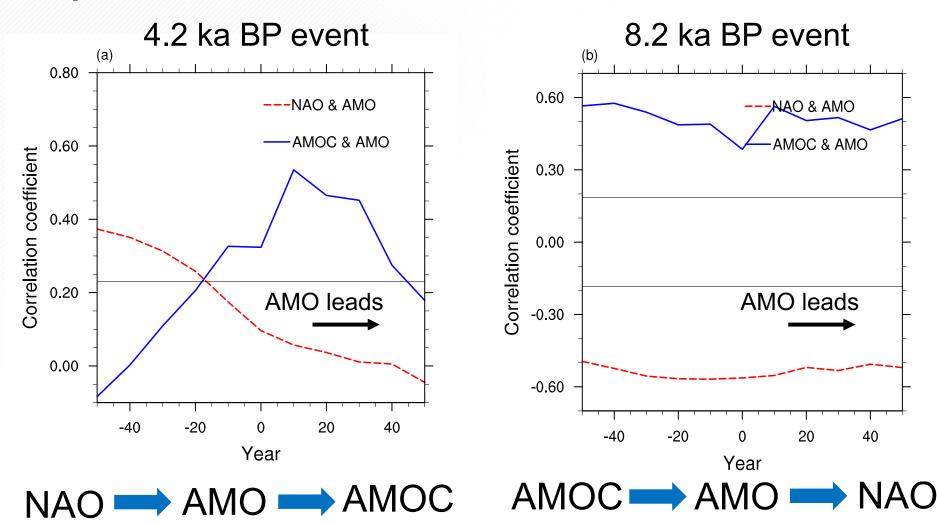


4.2 ka BP event may be induced by multi-century-scale fluctuations in SSTs across the North Atlantic and AMOC strength, superimposed on the steady decline in SSTs and a reduction in the AMOC led by long-term changes of orbital forcing.

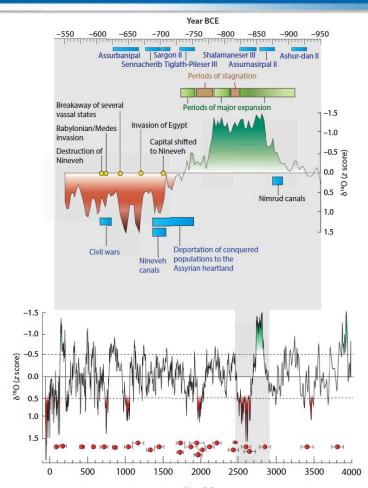
(Ning et al., 2019, Climate of the Past; Yan et al., 2019, Climate of the Past)

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Comparison between 4.2 ka BP event and 8.2 ka BP event

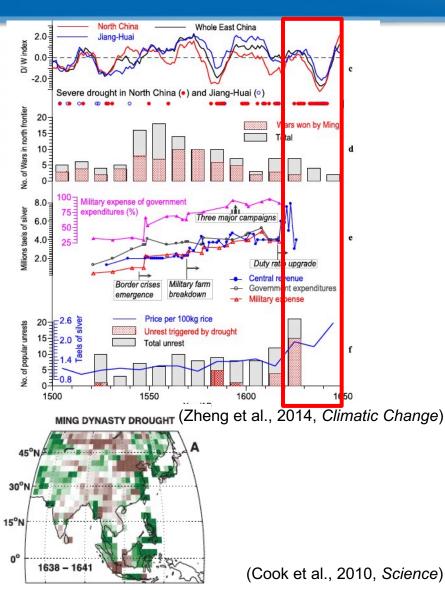


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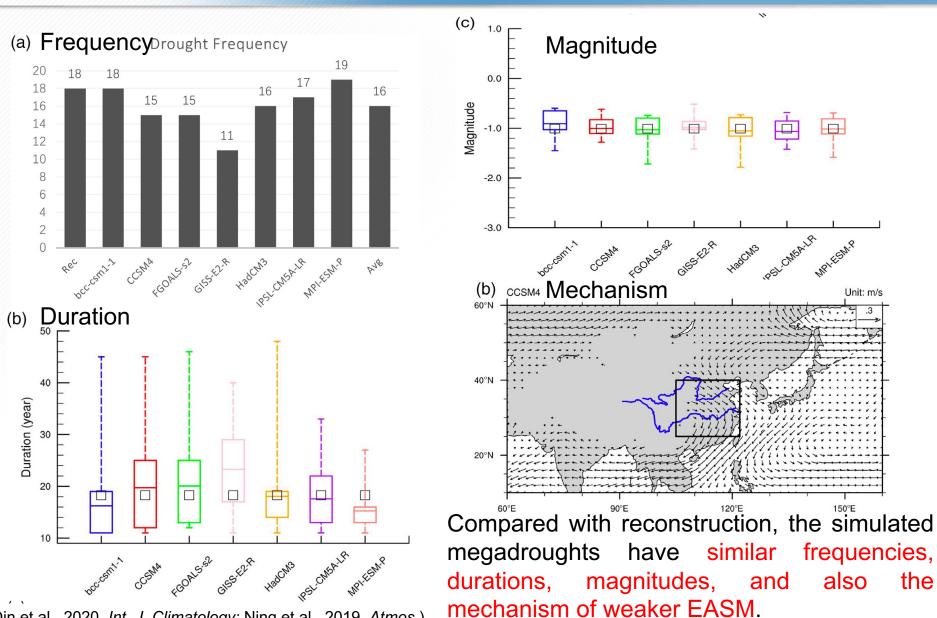


Decadal megadrought during the early mid-seventh century BCE contributed to the eventual political and economic collapse of Assyria.

(Sinha et al., 2019, Sci. Adv.)



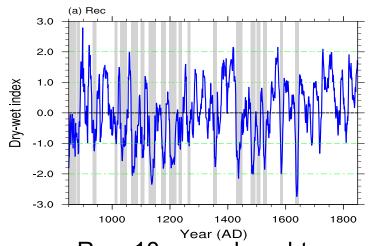
Ming Dynasty Megadrought around 1640 contributed to the collapse of Ming Dynasty.



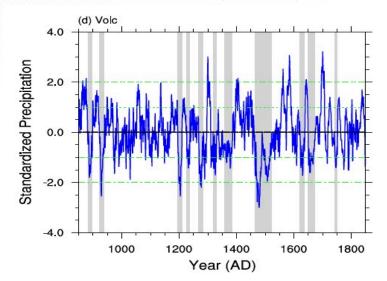
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(Qin et al., 2020, Int. J. Climatology; Ning et al., 2019, Atmos.)

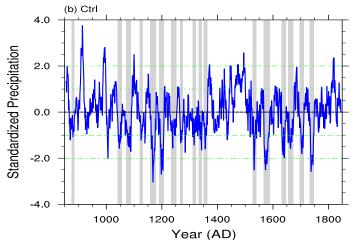
Influences of volcanic eruptions on megadrought frequency



Rec: 18 megadroughts



VOLC: 12 megadroughts

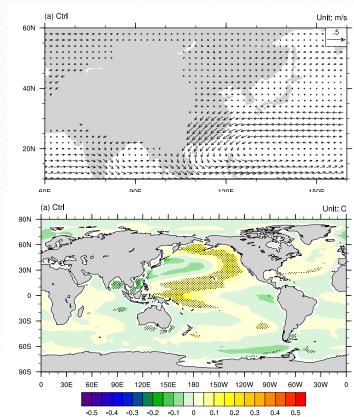


CTRL: 18 megadroughts

-	Frequency	Frequency based on PDSI
Reconstruction	18	9 (1360-1850)
CTRL	18	14
VOLC_1	12	14
VOLC_2	17	13
VOLC_3	17	11
VOLC_4	12	12
VOLC_5	12	12
Average of VOLC (standard deviation)	14 (2.74)	12.4 (1.14)

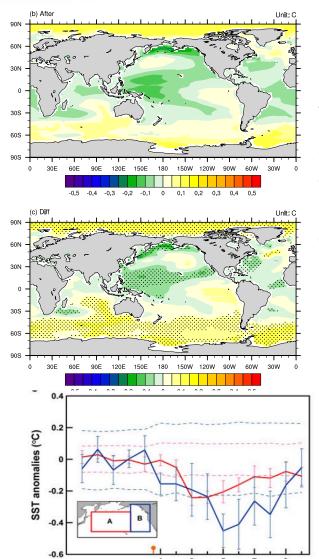
(Ning et al., 2020, *J. Climate*)

Mechanisms behind the influences



Decadal megadroughts over the eastern China are associated to weaker EASM, corresponding to a positive PDO-like SSTA pattern.

(Ning et al., 2020, *J. Climate*)



post-eruption winter (years)

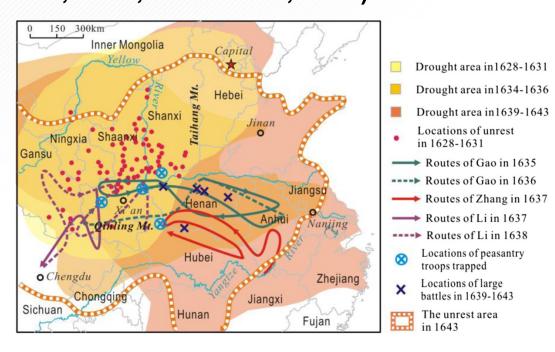
After removing the direct influence of volcanic eruptions, the SST anomalies over the Pacific resemble a negative PDO-like pattern.

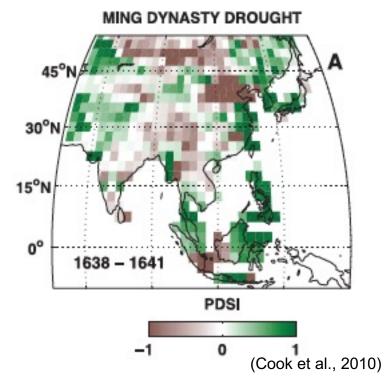
(Wang et al., 2012)

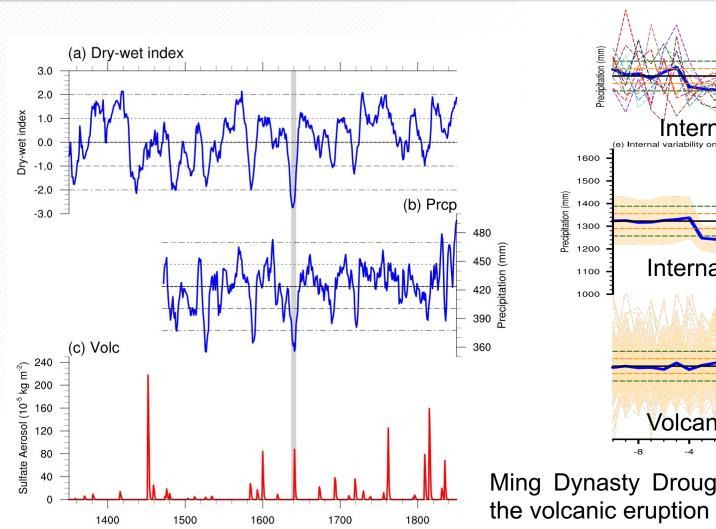
Case study: Ming Dynasty Drought

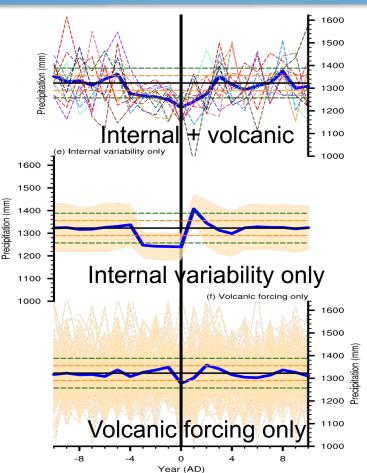
■ The Ming Dynasty Drought that lasts for period 1637-1643 with largest precipitation decrease around 1640, appears to be the severest drought over China during last five centuries, and may have contributed to the fall of the Ming Dynasty at 1644 (Zheng et al., 2006; Cook et al., 2010).

(Zheng et al., 2014)









Ming Dynasty Drought is coincident with the volcanic eruption at 1641 at Mt. Parker (Gao et al., 2008; Sigl et al., 2013), but only volcanic eruption cannot trigger a megadrought.

(Chen et al., 2020, GRL)

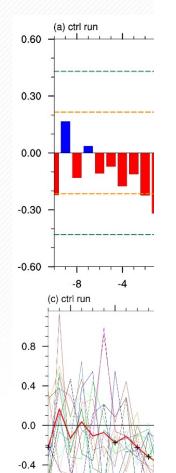
Result 3: China

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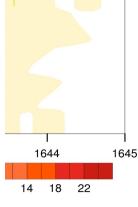
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The eruption that helped to destroy one of China's great dynasties

Cooling particles in a volcanic plume intensified the drought that toppled the Ming dynasty.

Nature Research hightlights



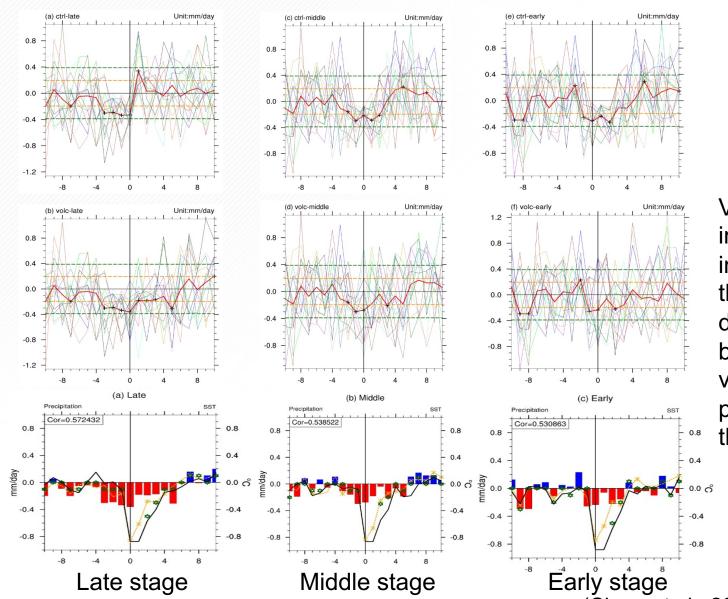
eastern

Unit: 10⁻⁵ kg m⁻²

The collapse of China's prosperous Ming dynasty, one of the most stable in Chinese history, has been attributed, in part, to the 1641 eruption of a volcano thousands of kilometres from the imperial capital in Beijing.

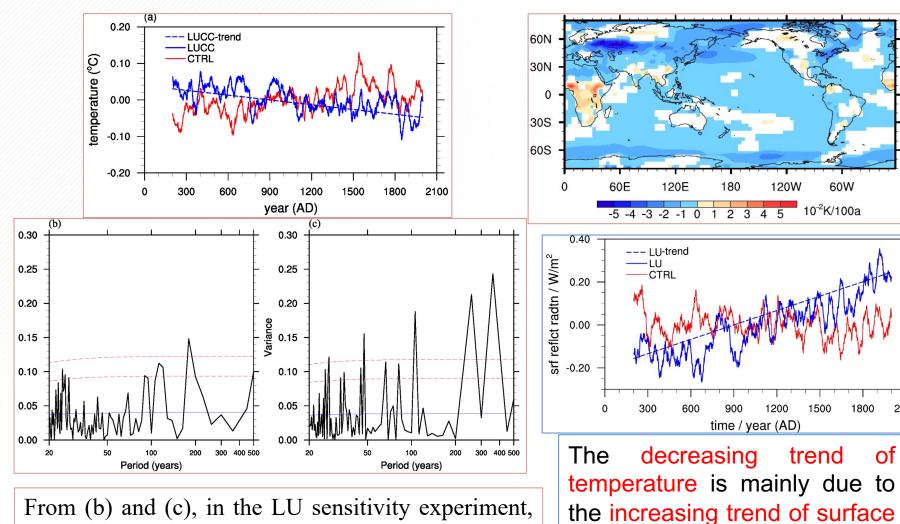
Geoscientists have long known that a mega-drought that parched eastern China between 1637 and 1643 was the most severe to affect the area during the last millennium, but they did not know precisely what made it so bad. Liang Ning at Nanjing Normal University in China, Zhengyu Liu at Ohio State University in Columbus and their colleagues looked at records of past temperatures, as well as ice-core records and climate models, to unravel the mystery.

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Volcanic eruptions implement severer influences during the late stage of droughts induced by internal variability, probably due to the soil moisture.

(Chen, et al., 2021, to be submitted)



From (b) and (c), in the LU sensitivity experiment, the approximate 50-year, 100-year, 300-year and 400-year periods all exceeded the 95% confidence level, which are absent in CTRL run.

(Yan et al, 2017, *Atmos.*)

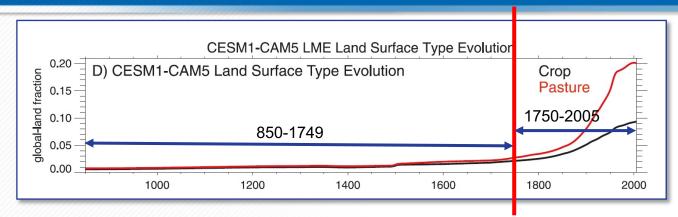
reflected solar radiation

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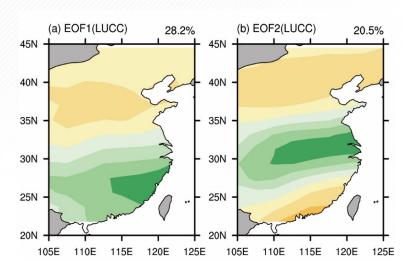
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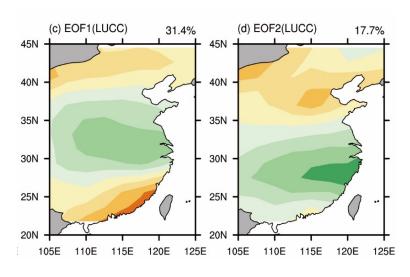
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The LUCC forcing used in CESM-LME (Otto-Bliesner B L, Brady E C, Fasullo J, et al. 2016)

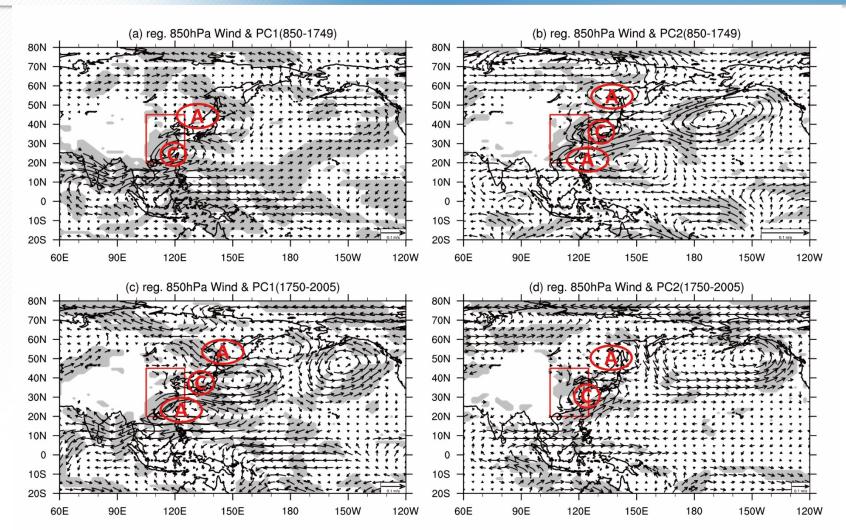


Before 1750

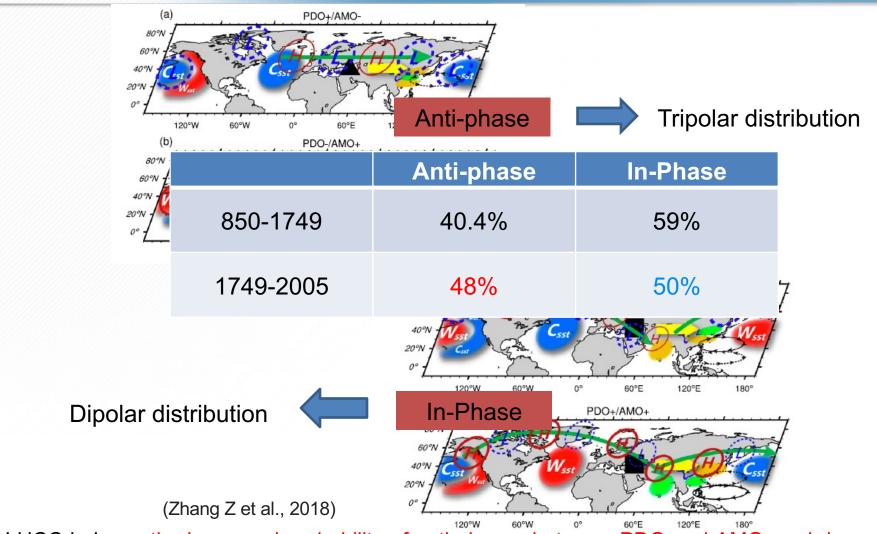


After 1750-2005

(Wang et al., 2020, Int. J. Climatology)

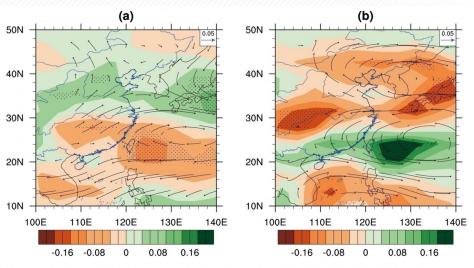


Regressions of 850 hPa winds (unit: m/s) against the PCs of the EOF modes shown in Figure: (a), (b) are the regressions against the PCs before LUCC, and (c), (d) are the regressions against the PCs after LUCC. Dark shading and vectors indicate anomalies that are statistically significant at the 0.05 level. (Wang et al., 2020, Int. J. Climatology)

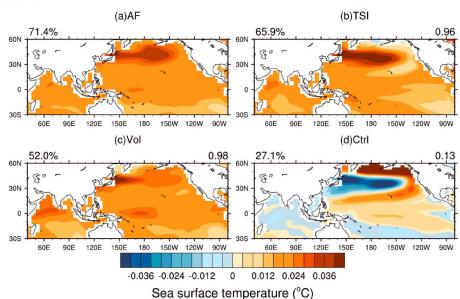


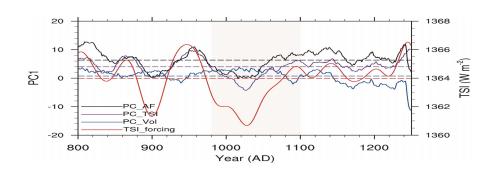
LUCC induces the increased probability of anti-phases between PDO and AMO, and decreased probability of in-phases between PDO and AMO. Therefore, the occurrences of summer precipitation tripolar distribution over eastern China increase, and the occurrences of dipolar distribution decrease. (Wang et al., 2020, *Int. J. Climatology*)

1. A centennial episode of weak EASM in the MCA



A centennial episode of drought relevant to weak EASM (980-1100) in the MCA (801-1250) was found. This weakening of the EASM during 11th century in the middle of the MWP is mainly attributed to the low solar radiation during that period.



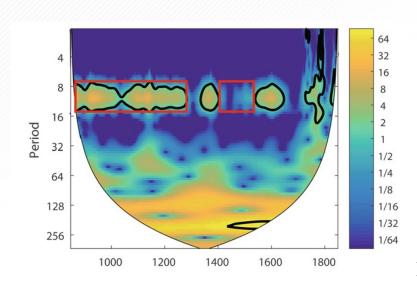


(Jin et al., 2018, Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology)

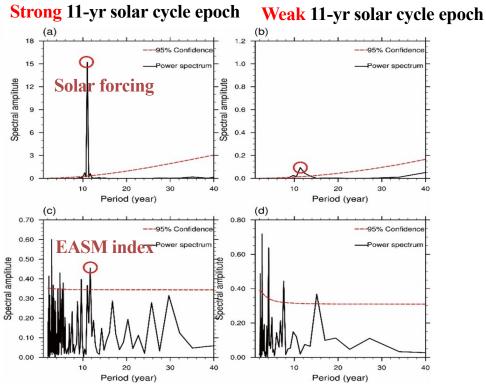
2. Decadal variations of the East Asian summer monsoon forced by the 11-year insolation cycle

CESM-LME (SSI experiment)

Strong 11-yr solar cycle epoch (AD 900-1285) Weak 11-yr solar cycle epoch (AD 1400-1535)

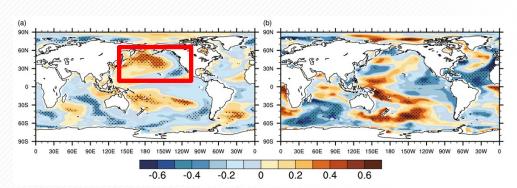


Wavelet analysis of the external forcing

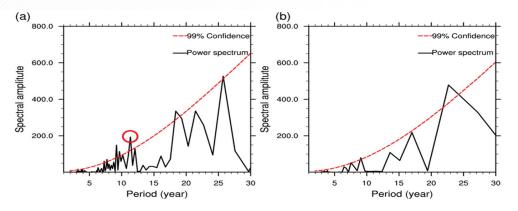


During the AD 900–1285 epoch with strong 11-yr solar cycle (a), the EASM index has a conspicuous peak at approximately 11 years (c), whereas during the insignificant forcing epoch of used in the solar only forcing experiments. AD 1400-1535 (b), the quasi-11-yr periodicity disappears (d).

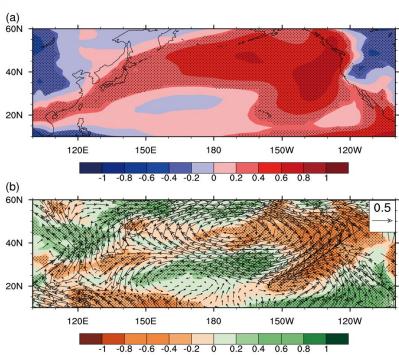
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Simultaneous correlation map of the MJJAS mean SST of SSI experiments with **external forcing** on the decadal time scale during the (a) strong 11-yr solar cycle epoch and (b) weak 11-yr solar cycle epoch.



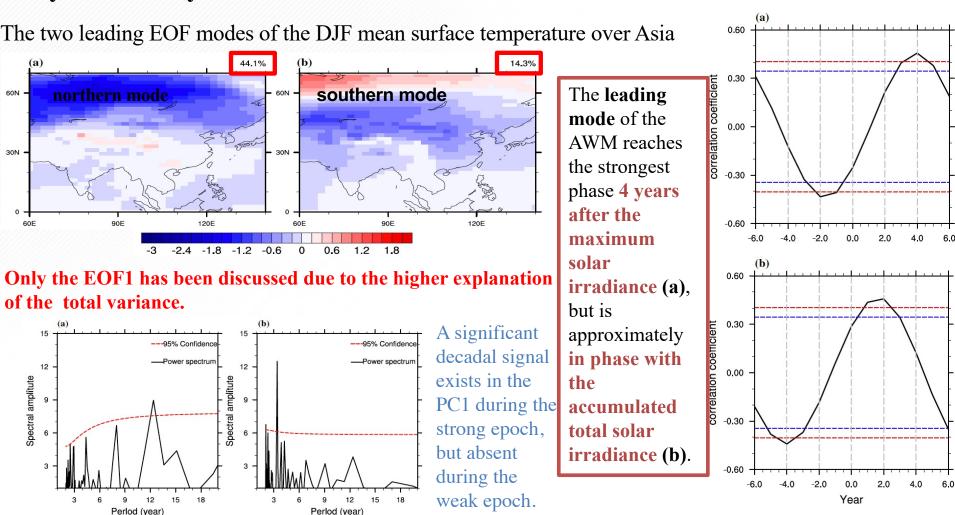
Power spectrum of the **PDO index** of SSI experiments during the (a) strong 11-yr solar cycle epoch and (b) weak 11-yr solar cycle epoch.



A strong, 11-yr solar cycle excites an anomalous SST pattern that resembles a cool Pacific decadal oscillation (PDO) phase with a significant 11-yr periodicity, which then results in abundant rainfall over northern EA.

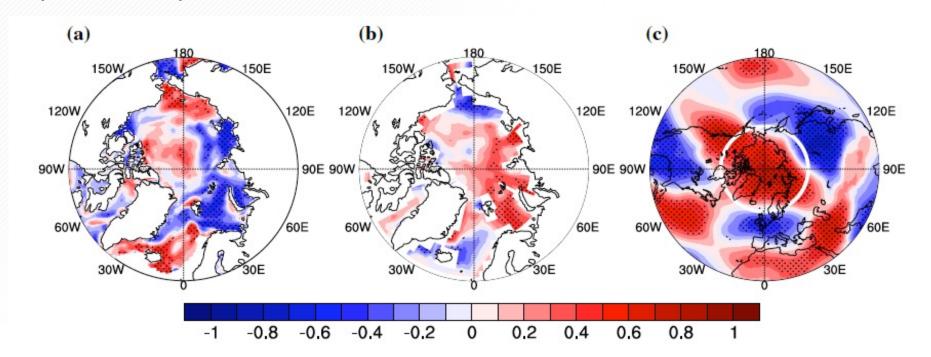
(Jin et al., 2019, Journal of Climate)

3. Decadal variability of northern Asian winter monsoon shaped by the 11-year solar cycle



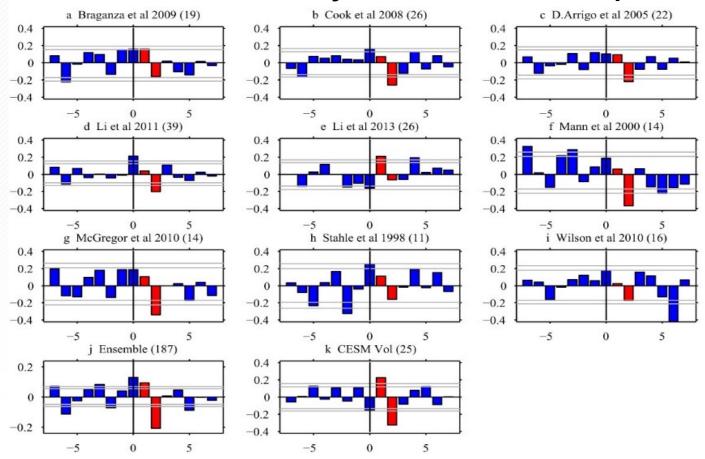
(Jin et al., 2019, *Climate Dynamics*)

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At the peak of the accumulative solar irradiance (i.e., 4 years after the maximum solar irradiance), the JJAS mean Arctic sea ice concentration (a) reaches a minimum over the Barents–Kara Sea region accompanied by an Arctic sea surface warming (b), which then persists into the following winter, causing Arctic high-pressure extend to the Ural mountain region (c, DJF mean 500-hPa geopotential), which enhances Siberian High and causes a bitter winter over the northern Asia.

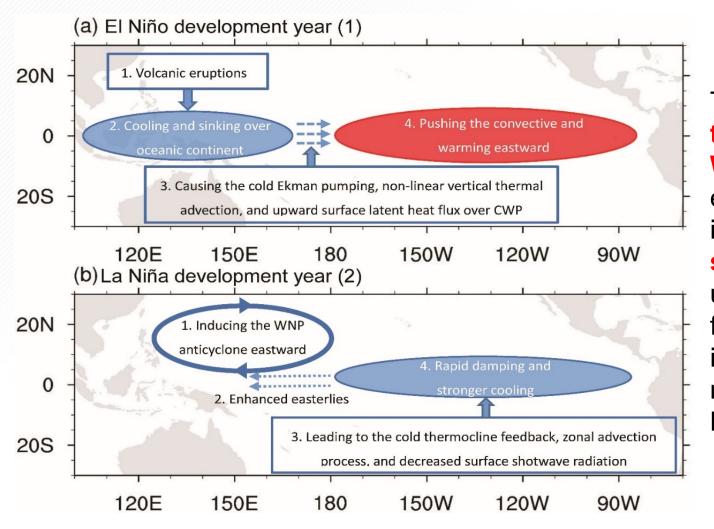
1. A La Niña-like state in the second year after volcanic eruptions



Shown in both reconstructions and model simulations, the El Niño-like states shift to the La Niña-like state in the second year after strong tropical volcanic eruptions, and then strong La Niña-like states occur during the winter of the third year.

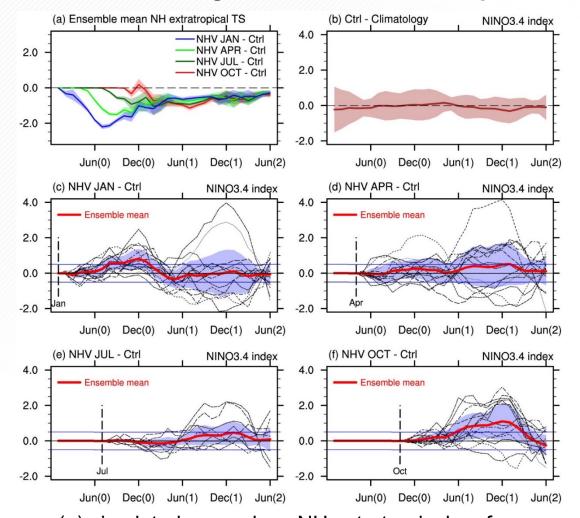
(Sun et al., 2019, Clim. Dyn.)

1. A La Niña-like state in the second year after volcanic eruptions



The position of the anomalous WNPAC established early in year (2) is shifted eastward under volcanic forcing, which is important for the rapid transition to La Niña

2. How northern high-latitude volcanic eruptions in different seasons affect ENSO



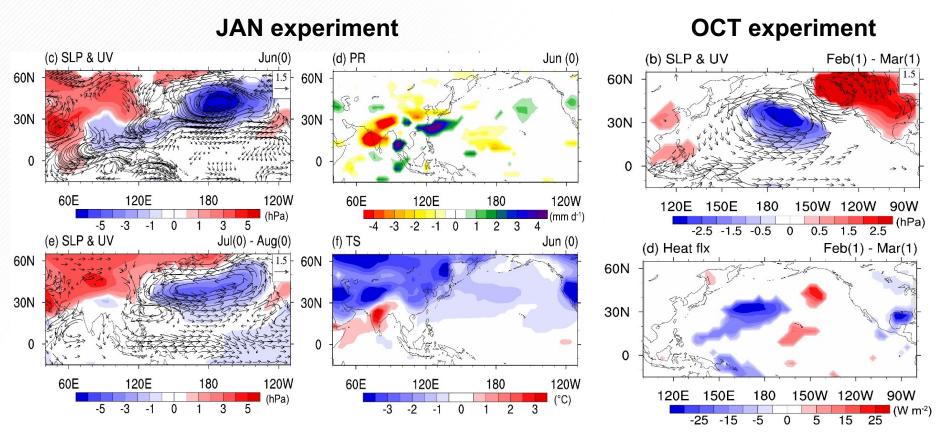
The January eruption causes an El Niño in eruption year 0, while an El Niño occurs in year 1 after the October eruption.

No El Niño occurs after the April (July) eruption.

(a) simulated anomalous NH extratropical surface temperature. (b) Ensemble mean anomalies in Ctrl. (c)-(f) Anomalies in the JAN, APR, JUL and OCT experiments

(Sun et al. 2019, *J. Climate*)

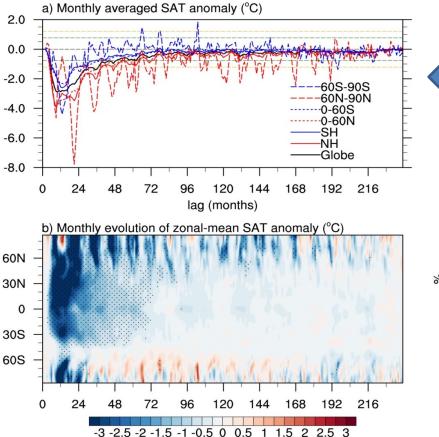
2. How northern high-latitude volcanic eruptions in different seasons affect ENSO



Anomalous North Pacific Cyclone (NPC) and Asian monsoon are key systems to excite anomalous westerlies, which is caused by the NHV-induced mid-latitude cooling and Eurasian continent-North Pacific thermal contrast.

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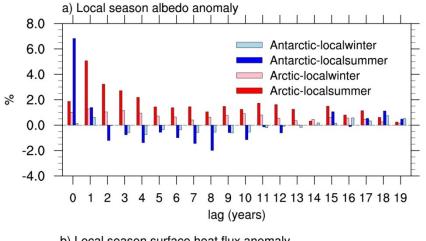
3. Responses of polar regions to mega volcanic eruption

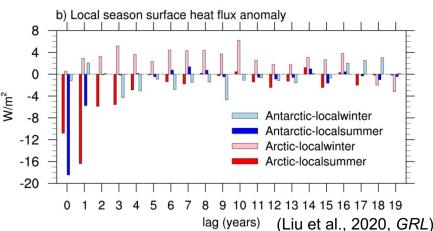


After a single mega volcanic eruption (such as Samalas), the combined effects of albedo feedback and ocean-atmosphere heat exchange related to sea ice changes are the main influencing factors for long-term asymmetric temperature changes in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Remarkable asymmetry of temperature variation and duration between the Arctic and Antarctic.

A significant cooling in the Arctic for 16 years, while the cooling in the Antarctic lasted only 2 years.





Concluding remarks

- A new group of experiments based on CESM covering the Holocene (NNU-Holocene) are designed to investigate the different influences on multi-scale climate variability from the natural forcings and anthropogenic forcings.
- Combined with the simulations covering last two millennia (NNU-2ka), TraCE-21ka, CESM-LME, etc., major conclusion are drawn:
- On Millennial scale:
 - •Green Sahara during mid-Holocene increases Northern Hemisphere land monsoon precipitation.
 - •Middle East climate shifted from wet to dry due to the Saharan vegetation collapse during the mid-Holocene
- On centennial scale:
 - LUCC induce decreasing trend to the surface temperature.
 - 4.2 ka BP event may be induced by multi-century-scale internal variability, superimposed on the steady decline in SSTs and a reduction in the AMOC led by long-term changes of orbital forcing.

Concluding remarks

On multi-decadal scale:

- Volcanic forcing tends to reduce the megadrought frequencies through a negative PDO-like SSTA pattern, with larger SSTA over the eastern North Pacific than over the central North Pacific.
- Ming Dynasty Megadrought is a typical drought triggered by internal variability and strengthened by the volcanic eruption, and this intensification is stronger during the late stage of droughts.
- The 11-year insolation cycle has strong influences on decadal variations of the EASM and EAWM.

On interannual scale:

- Strong volcanic eruptions can induce fast shift from El Niño state to La Niña state in three years after eruptions.
- Northern high-latitude volcanic eruptions in different seasons have different influences on ENSO.
- Mega volcanic eruption induces a remarkable asymmetry of temperature variation and duration between the Arctic and Antarctic.

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