Decadal Prediction with CCSM4

Update on ocean data assimilation efforts and the latest coupled results

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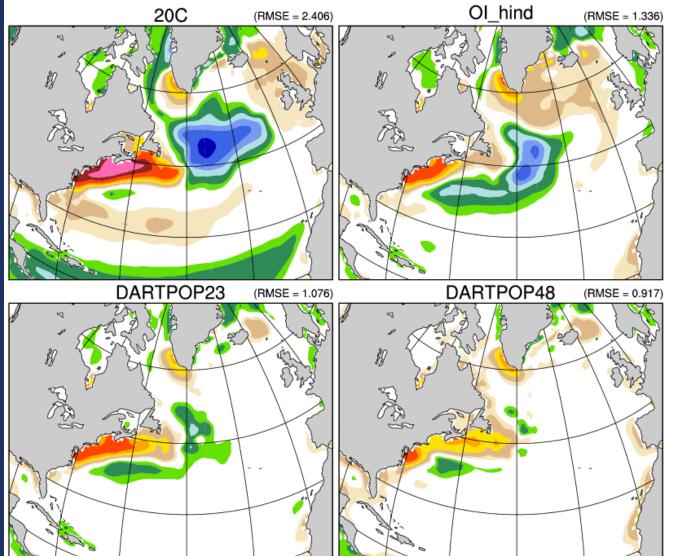
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I. Data Assimilation in CCSM



- Data Assimilation Research Testbed (DART) tools can be run with interactive ensemble of POP ocean models within CCSM framework (thanks to Jeff Anderson, Tim Hoar, Nancy Collins, Kevin Raeder, Mariana Vertenstein, & Nathan Hearn)
- All World Ocean Database T & S observations are assimilated once per simulation day; DART modifies POP restart files (inefficient! but works...)
- Two production runs to-date (intended to provide decadal prediction IC's for 2000):
 - 1. <u>DARTPOP23</u>: 23-member assimilation from 1998-01-01 to 2000-01-01, COREv2 atmospheric fields.
 - \Rightarrow Problems with low ensemble spread & incorrect data archiving
 - 2. <u>DARTPOP48</u>: 48-member assimilation from 1998-01-01 to 2000-01-01*, each member forced by a unique atm stream from a prior CAM-assimilation ensemble.
 - \Rightarrow Improved ensemble spread
 - $\Rightarrow \approx$ 45 minutes per simday on 7 bluefire nodes (62% CCSM, 38% DART)



1998 SST Anomaly from HadOI-SST

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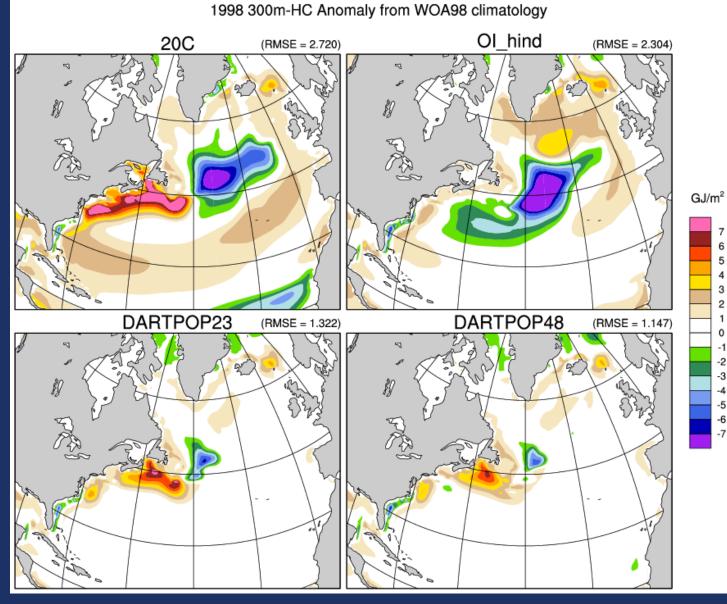
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1998 SST Bias

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1998 300m Heat **Content Bias**



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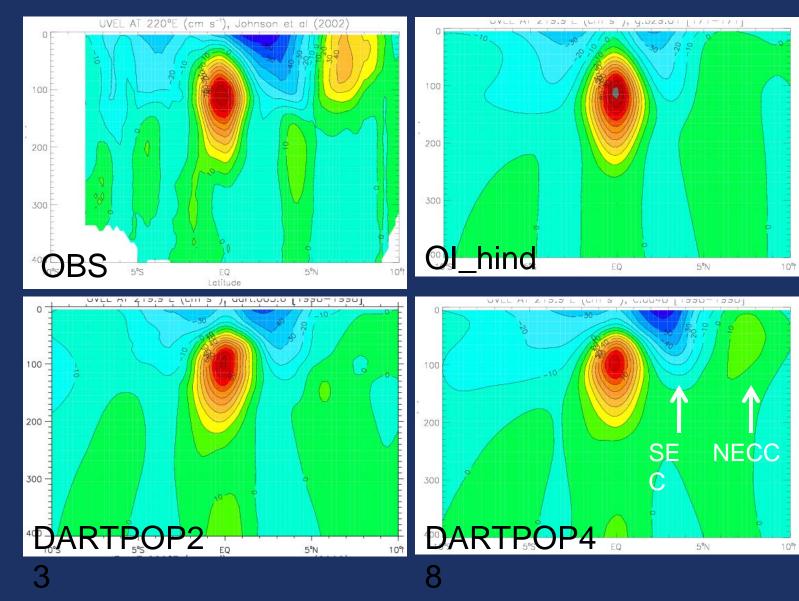
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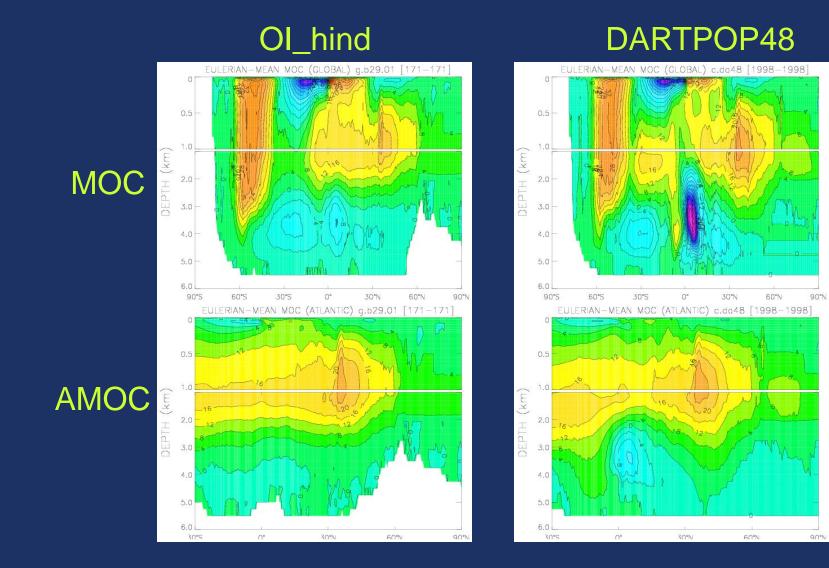
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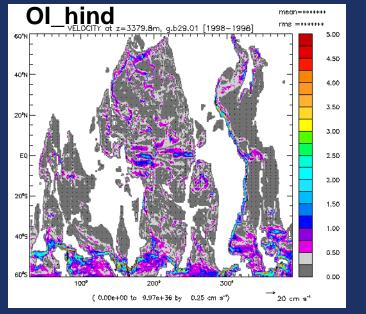
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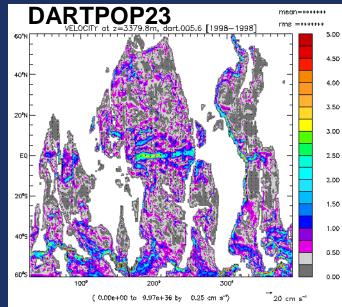
1998 Equatorial Zonal Velocity at 220°E

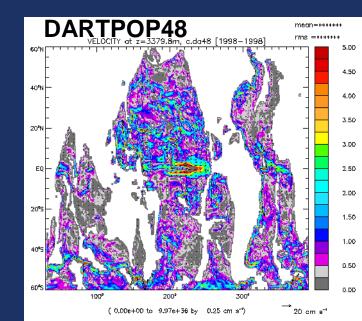


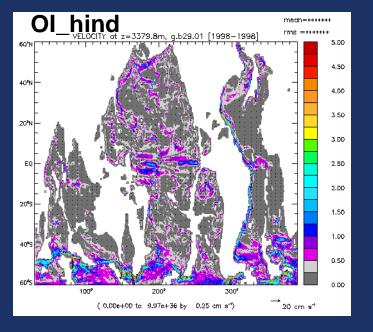


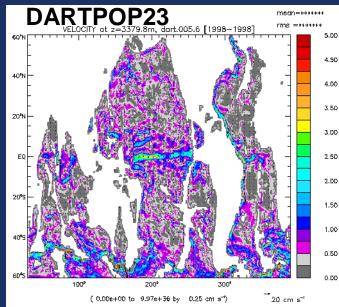
Assimilation results in strong overturning circulation at depth- is this real?



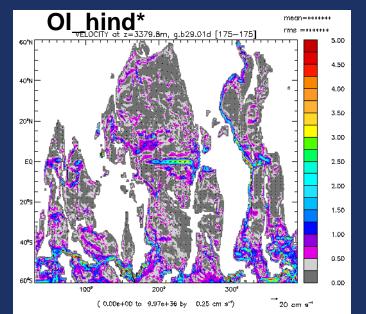


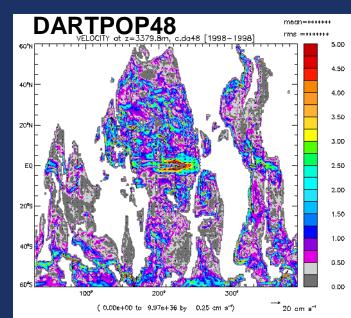


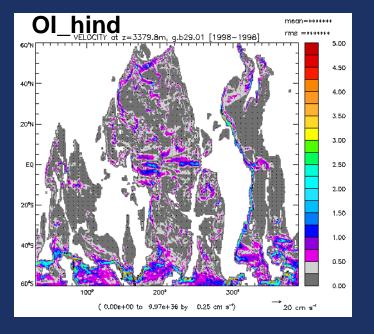


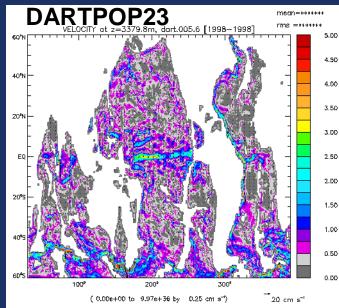


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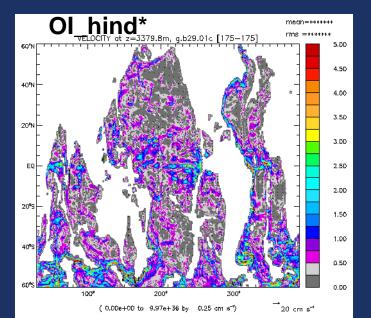


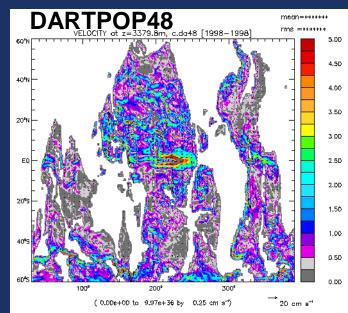


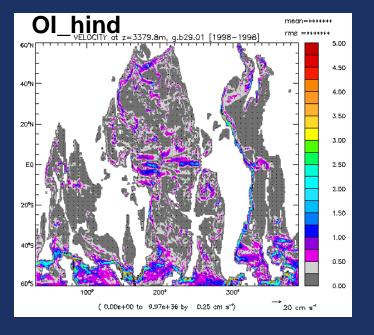


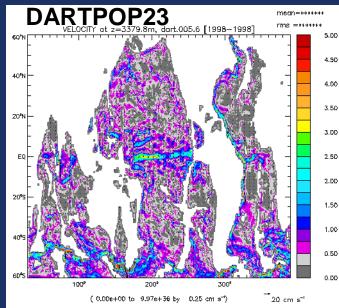


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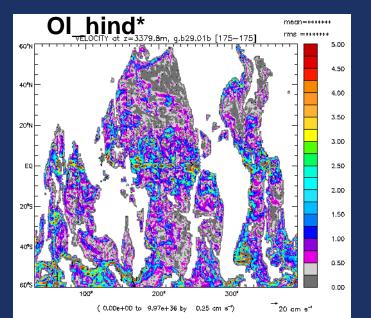


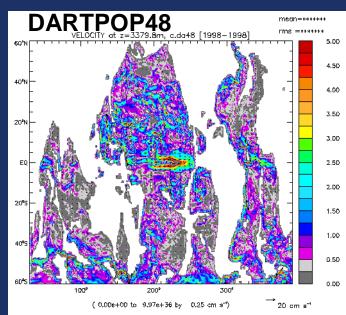


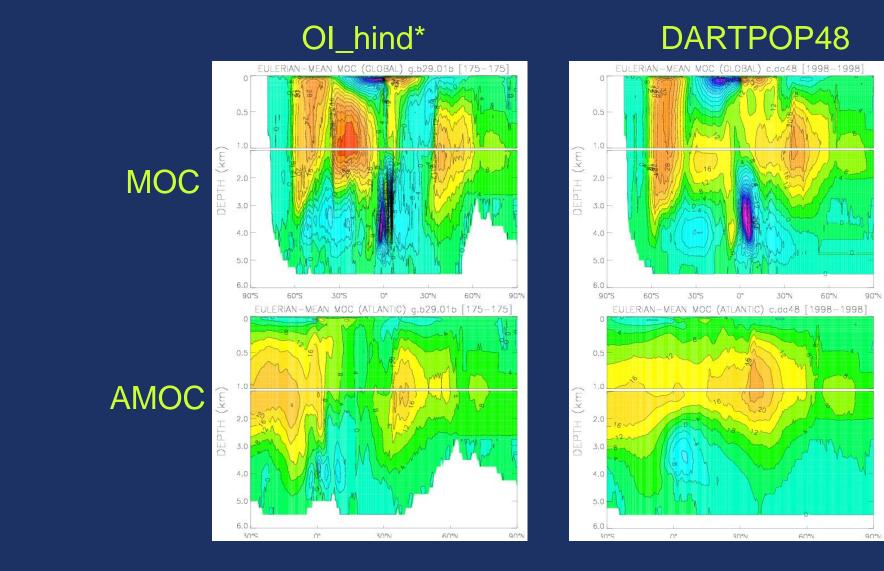




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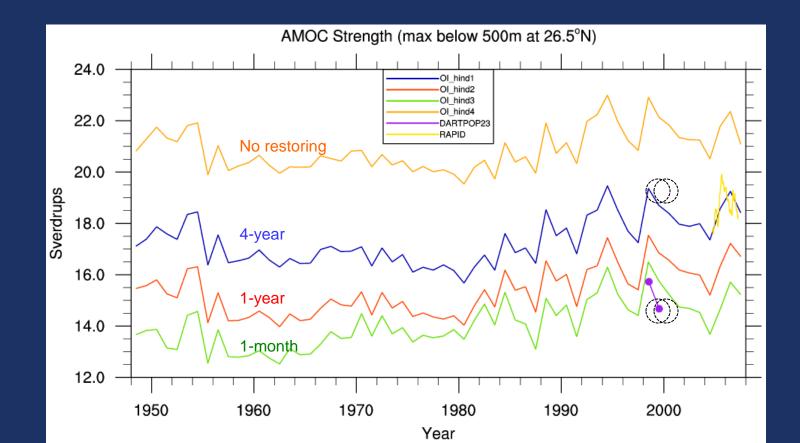




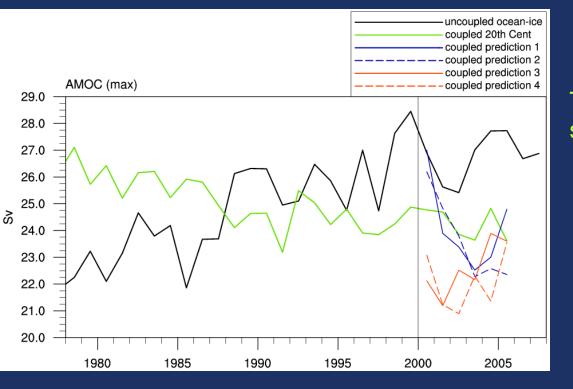
AMOC from DART resembles that seen when we run hindcast simulations with strong restoring to 3D WOA temperature and salinity fields*.

II. CMIP5 decadal prediction (DP) experiments

1. December 2009: Completed 4 DP test experiments. 2 initialized from best ocean-ice hindcast (4-year salinity restoring timescale), 2 from DARTPOP23. Integrated 6 years starting at 2000-01-01.



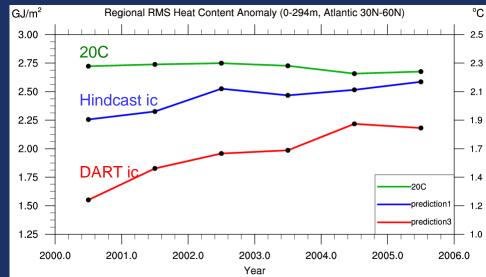




These first 4 DP tests showed low skill at AMOC prediction...

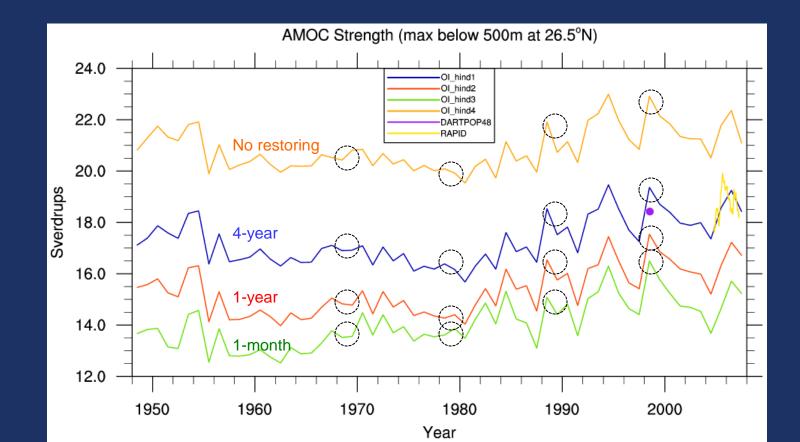
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...but persistent bias reduction associated with ocean initialization.

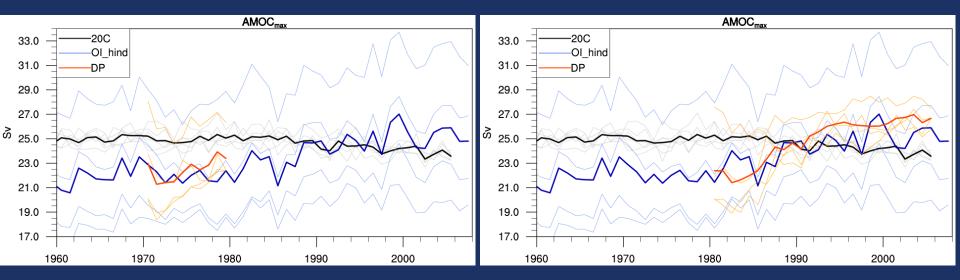


II. CMIP5 decadal prediction (DP) experiments

 June 2010: 16 CCSM4 DP experiments completed. All initialized from oceanice hindcasts (4 restoring timescales X 4 start dates). New DART-initialized (DARTPOP48) runs are forthcoming. 1980 DP runs integrated 26 years, all others 10 years.

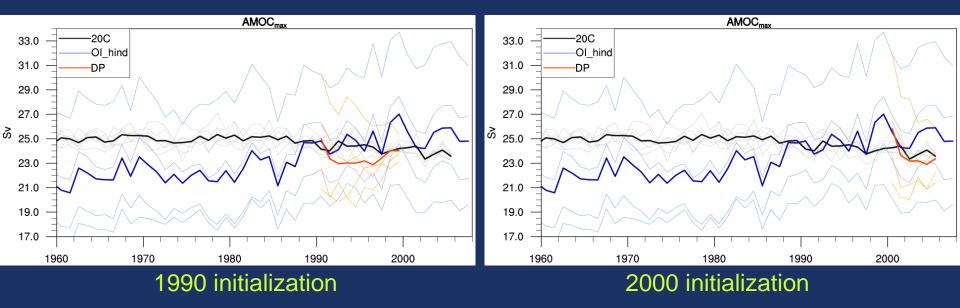


AMOC (max north of 28°N)

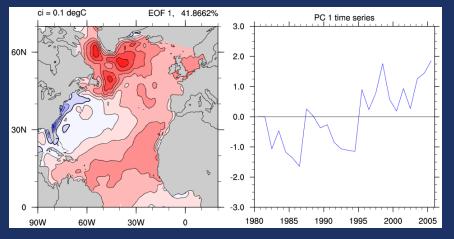


1970 initialization

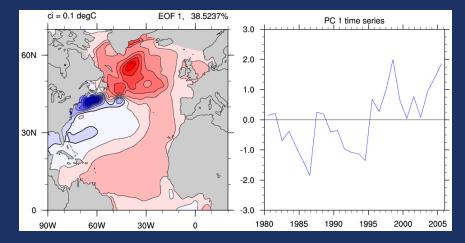
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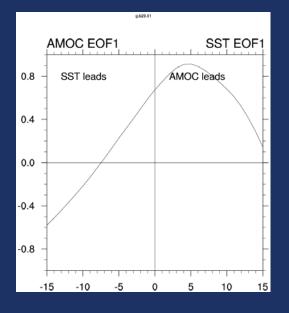
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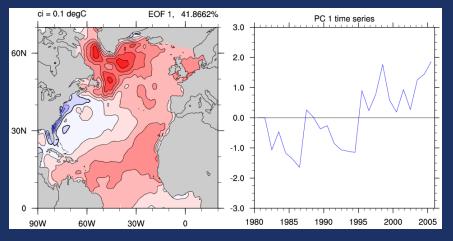
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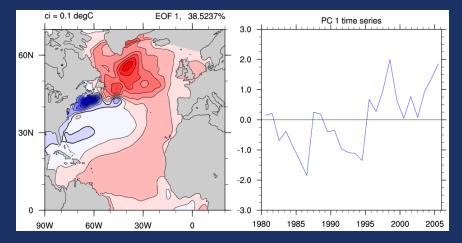


OI_hind1



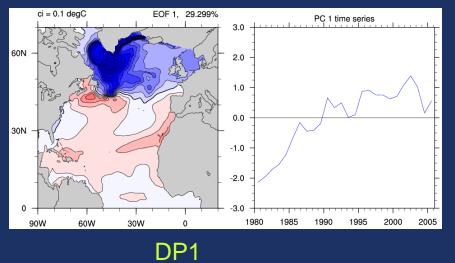
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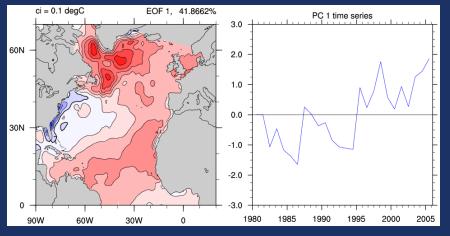


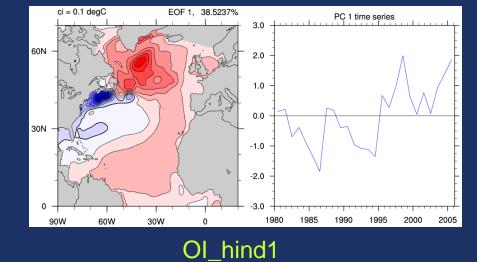
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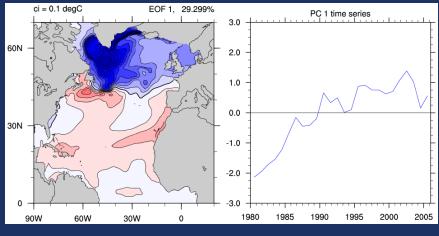


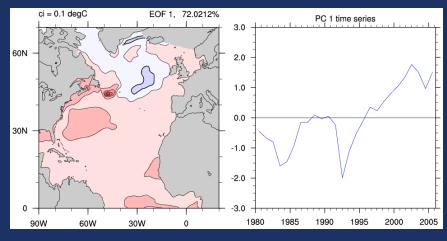
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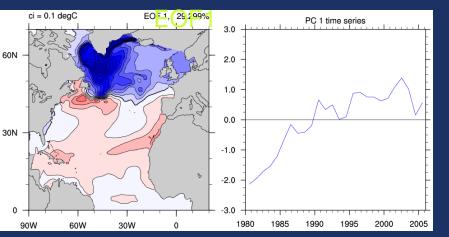


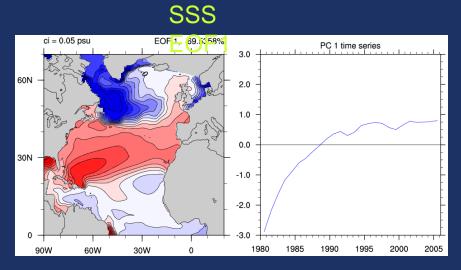
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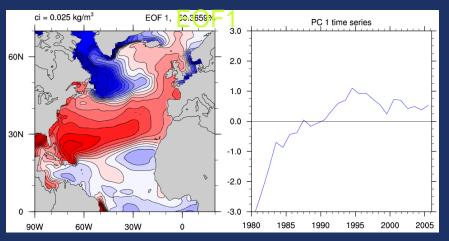
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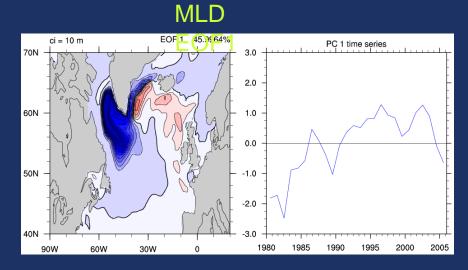
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=> Saw similar evolution in early DP attempts using CCSM3.5

• Apart from overall bias reduction early on, we have no indication so far that initializing CCSM leads to more realistic decadal climate evolution in the Atlantic.

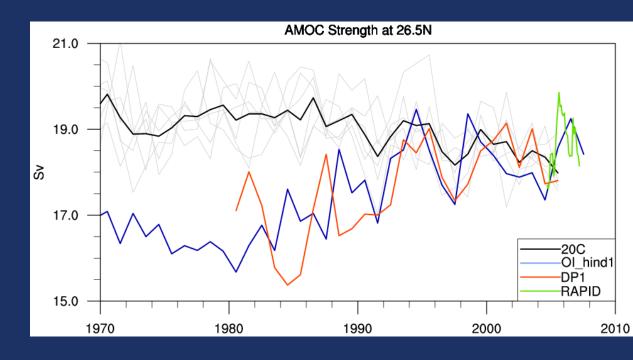
• To really assess DP quality/viability, we need multidecadal runs over the observed record. Is it possible to use data assimilation to generate initial conditions from 1980 or earlier?

to be continued...

Thank You

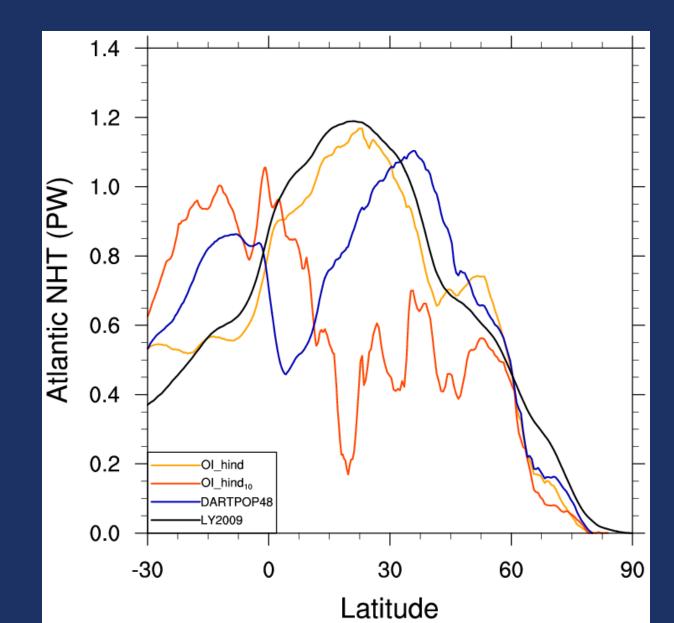
AMOC at 26.5°N

1980 initialization

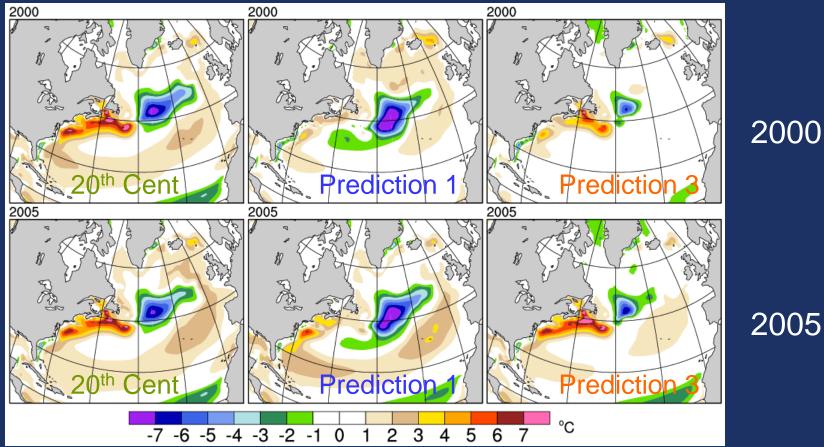


	1980-2000 Trend (Sv/decade)
20C ensemble	-0.4
OI_hind1	1.3
DP1	1.0

Atlantic Meridional Heat Transport

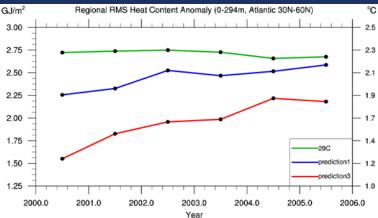


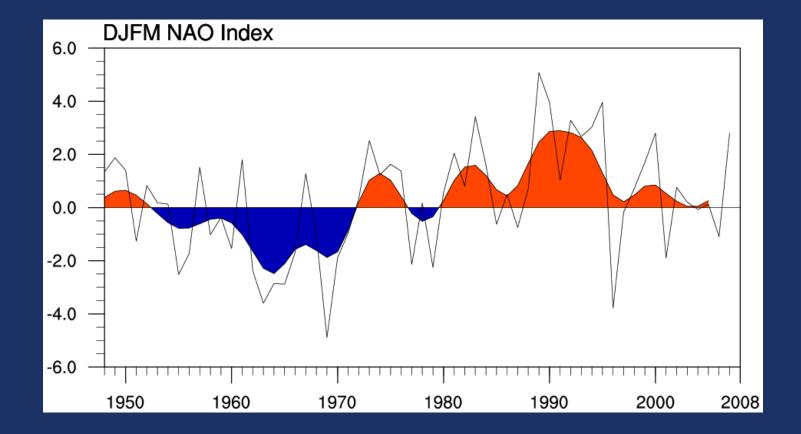
Mean Temperature Bias (0-294m)



2005

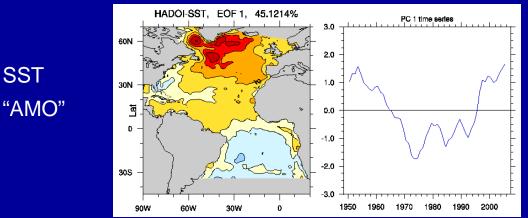
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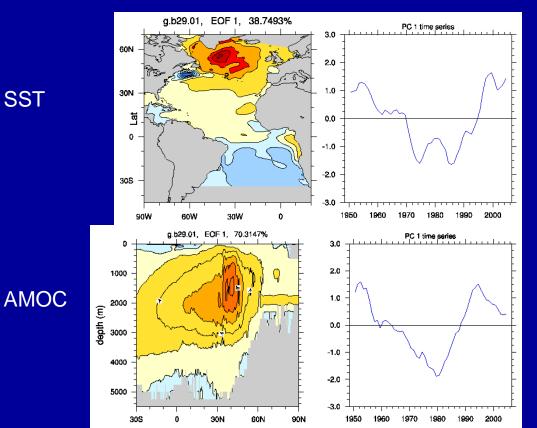


Observations:

SST



Ocean-ice hindcast simulation:



Correlation of PC1 of AMOC and SST

