



EVALUATION OF IPCC AR4 COUPLED CLIMATE MODEL SIMULATIONS

A First Look at the Simulations
over the Arctic and North Pacific During 20th Century

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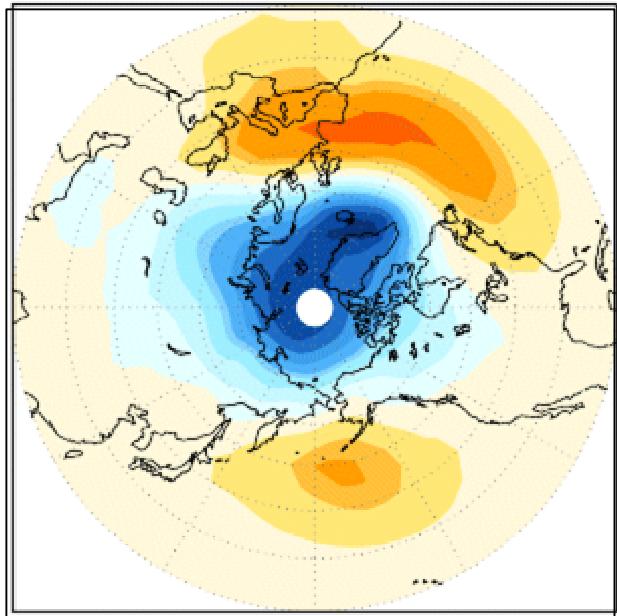
Experiment Design Specification – Part I

| | Experiment Name | Monthly Data and Yearly Data (Extreme Indices) (submit for each member of ensemble) | Daily Data (temperature and precipitation data should be submitted for each member of ensemble, but all other fields should be submitted for only a single ensemble member) | 3-Hourly Data (submit for a single ensemble member) | Notes |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 | pre-industrial control experiment | > 100 years (~500 years) | 40 years that can best be compared to years 1961-2000 (i.e., through the end of year 2000) of the 20C3M expt. | last year of reported daily data (i.e., corresponding to year 2000 of the 20C3M expt.) | control for experiments 3-7 and for some models also the control for experiments 8-9. There will be no anthropogenic or natural forcing in this control. The control experiment should be long enough to extend to the furthest point in time reached by the end of the perturbation experiments (which presumably branch from it). Thus the control should allow us to subtract any residual, unforced drift from all perturbation simulations. |
| 2 | present-day control experiment | > 100 years (~300 years) | last 20 years | last year | for most models this experiment is not needed, but for some it is the control for experiments 8-9. There will be no natural forcing and anthropogenic influences will be set at present-day level. The control experiment should be long enough to extend to the furthest point in time reached by the end of the perturbation experiments (which branch from it). Thus the control should allow us to subtract any residual, unforced drift from the perturbation simulations. |
| 3 | climate of the 20th Century experiment (20C3M) | ~1850 - present | 1961 - 2000 (i.e., through the end of year 2000) | 1991-2000 (i.e., through the end of year 2000) | should initialize from a point early enough in the pre-industrial control run to ensure that the end of all the perturbed runs branching from the end of this 20C3M run end before the end of the control. This will enable us to subtract any residual drift in the control from all runs that will be compared to it. |
| 4 | committed climate change experiment | present - 2100 | 2046-2065, 2081 - 2100 | 2050, 2100 | should take the end of the 20C3M run as its initial condition. |
| 5 | SRES A2 experiment | present - 2100 | 2046 - 2065, 2081 - 2100 | 2050, 2100 | should take the end of the 20C3M run as its initial condition. |
| 6 | 720 ppm stabilization experiment (SRES A1B) | present - 2300 (present - 2200) | 2046 - 2065, 2081-2100, 2181-2200, 2281-2300 | 2050, 2100, 2150, 2200, 2300 | Impose SRES A1B conditions and initialize with conditions from the end of the 20C3M simulation and run to 2100, after which hold concentrations fixed and continue run to 2200. One member of the ensemble should be extended for an additional 100 years (to 2300), continuing to hold concentrations fixed. |

Experiment Design Specification – Part II

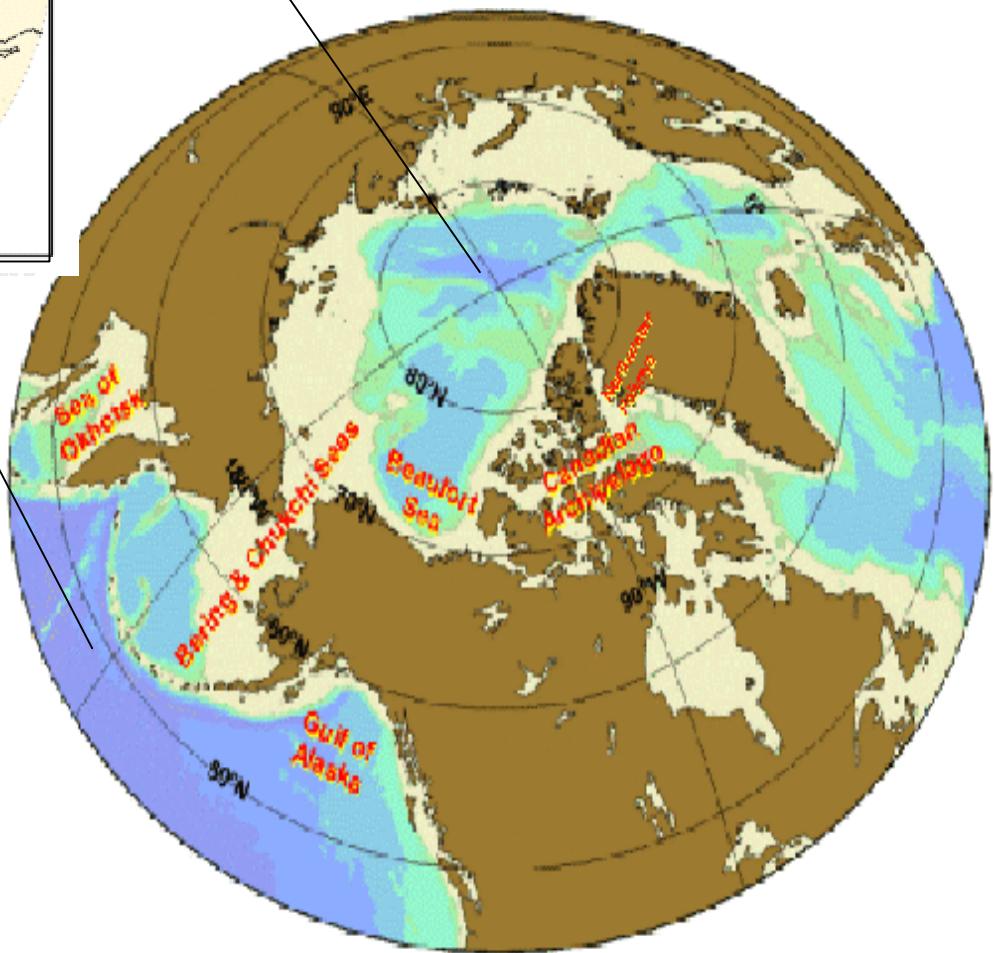
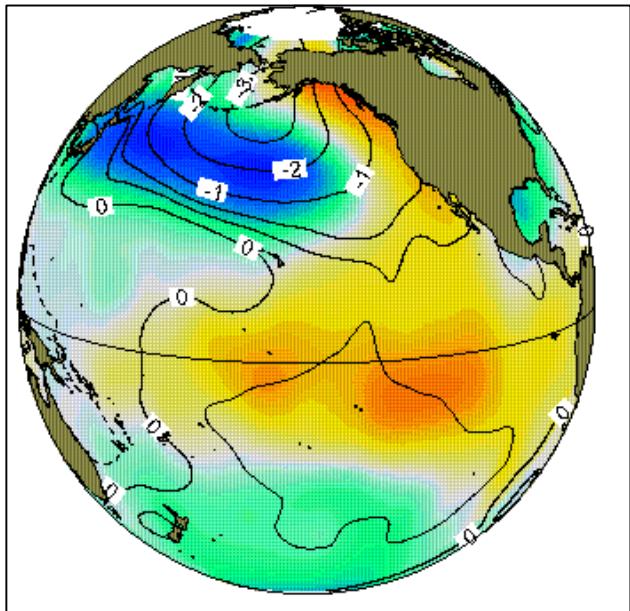
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|----|--|--|--|--|---|
| 7 | 550 ppm stabilization experiment (SRES B1) | present - 2300 (present - 2200) | 2046 - 2065, 2081-2100, 2181-2200, 2281-2300 | 2050, 2100, 2150, 2200, 2300 | Impose SRES B1 conditions and initialize with conditions from the end of the 20C3M simulation and run to 2100, after which hold concentrations fixed and continue run to 2200. One member of the ensemble should be extended for an additional 100 years (to 2300), continuing to hold concentrations fixed. |
| 8 | 1%/year CO2 increase experiment (to doubling) | ~70 years to doubling + an additional 150 years | 20 years centered on time of doubling + last 20 years | at doubling and 150 years after doubling | Hold CO2 fixed after reaching doubled concentration. This run should be initialized from a point either within a present-day control run or a pre-industrial control run. Make sure that the initial time is early enough in the control run to subtract out any residual (unforced) drift that might occur over the 220 years of this experiment. |
| 9 | 1%/year CO2 increase experiment (to quadrupling) | ~140 years to quadrupling + an additional 150 years | 20 years centered on time of quadrupling + last 20 years | at quadrupling and 150 years after quadrupling | Hold CO2 fixed after reaching quadrupled concentration. This run should be initialized from a point either within a pre-industrial control run or a present-day control run. Make sure that the initial time is early enough in the control run to subtract out any residual (unforced) drift that might occur over the 290 years of this experiment. |
| 10 | slab ocean control experiment | ~100 years?? | last 20 years | last year | slab ocean control for experiment 11. Be sure to run long enough to reach a true equilibrium state and to produce stable statistics (at least 20 years beyond equilibrium). |
| 11 | 2xCO2 equilibrium experiment | ~100 years?? | last 20 years | last year | slab ocean experiment with an instantaneous doubling. There is interest in the transient response to the instantaneous doubling, so please report all years and be sure to run long enough to reach a true equilibrium state and to produce stable statistics (at least 20 years beyond equilibrium). |
| 12 | AMIP simulation | 1979 - present | all years | 2000 | atmospheric component should be identical to that used in the above experiments |

Arctic



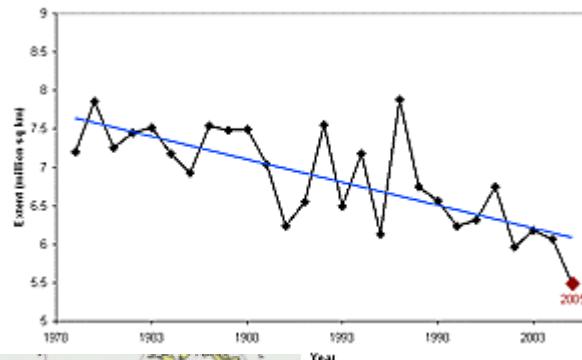
AREA OF INTERESTS

North Pacific



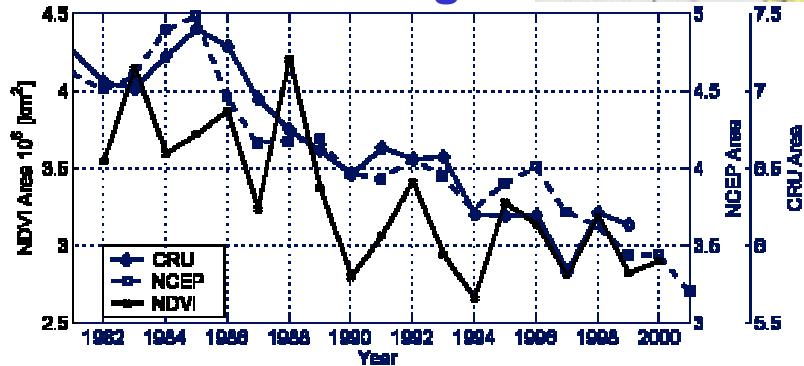
Persistent Multivariate Arctic Changes

Sea Ice

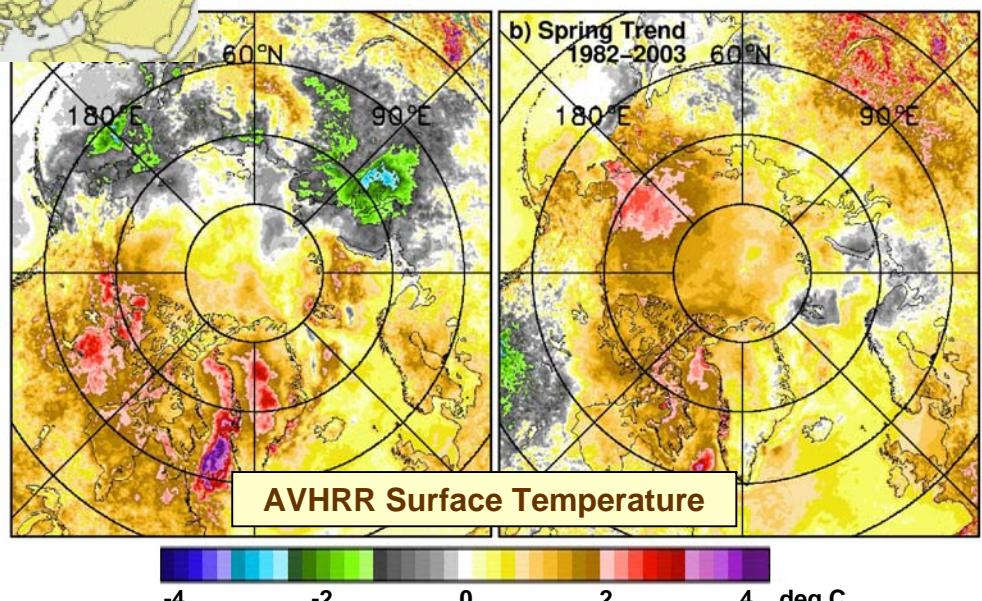


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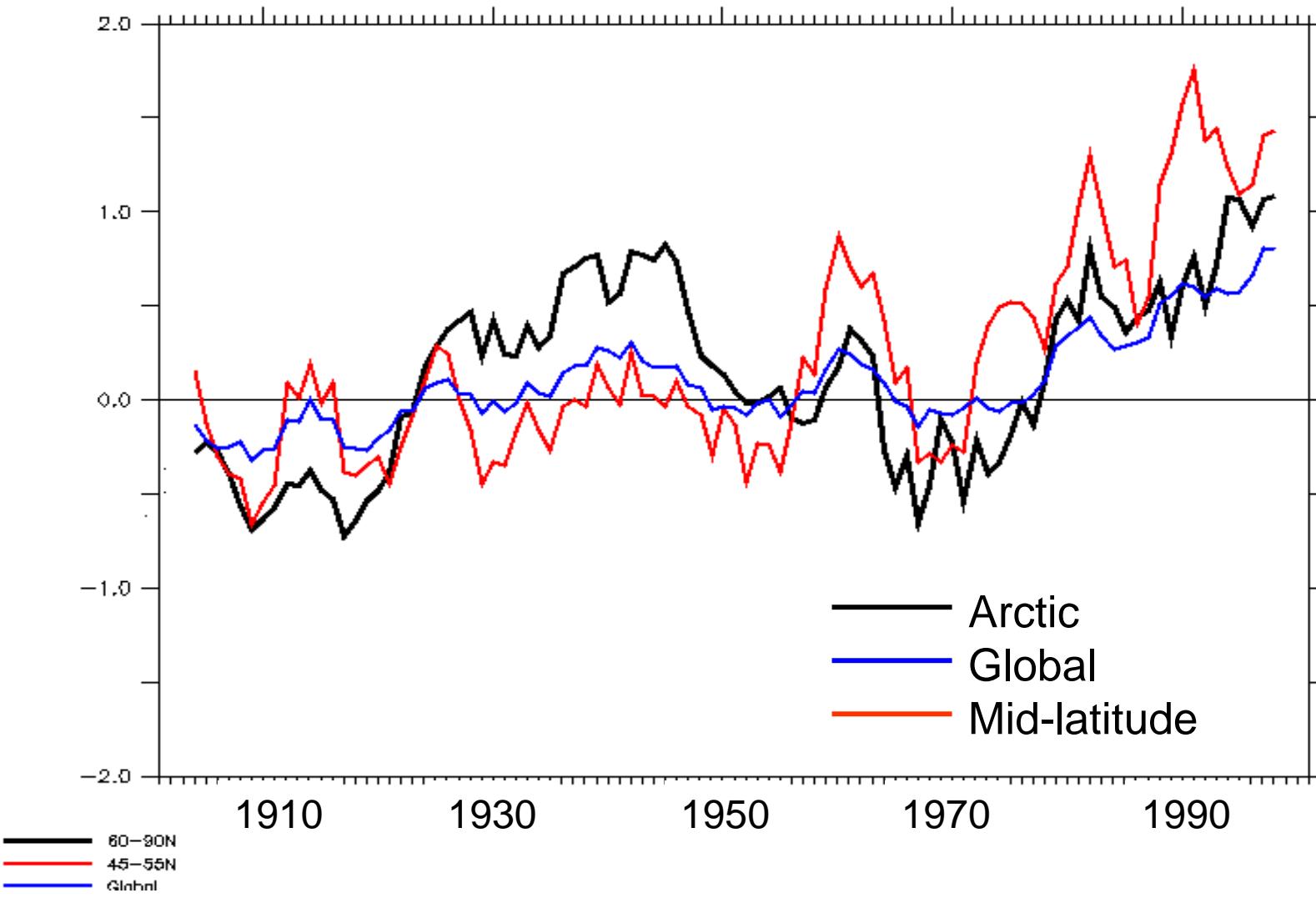
Tundra Decreasing



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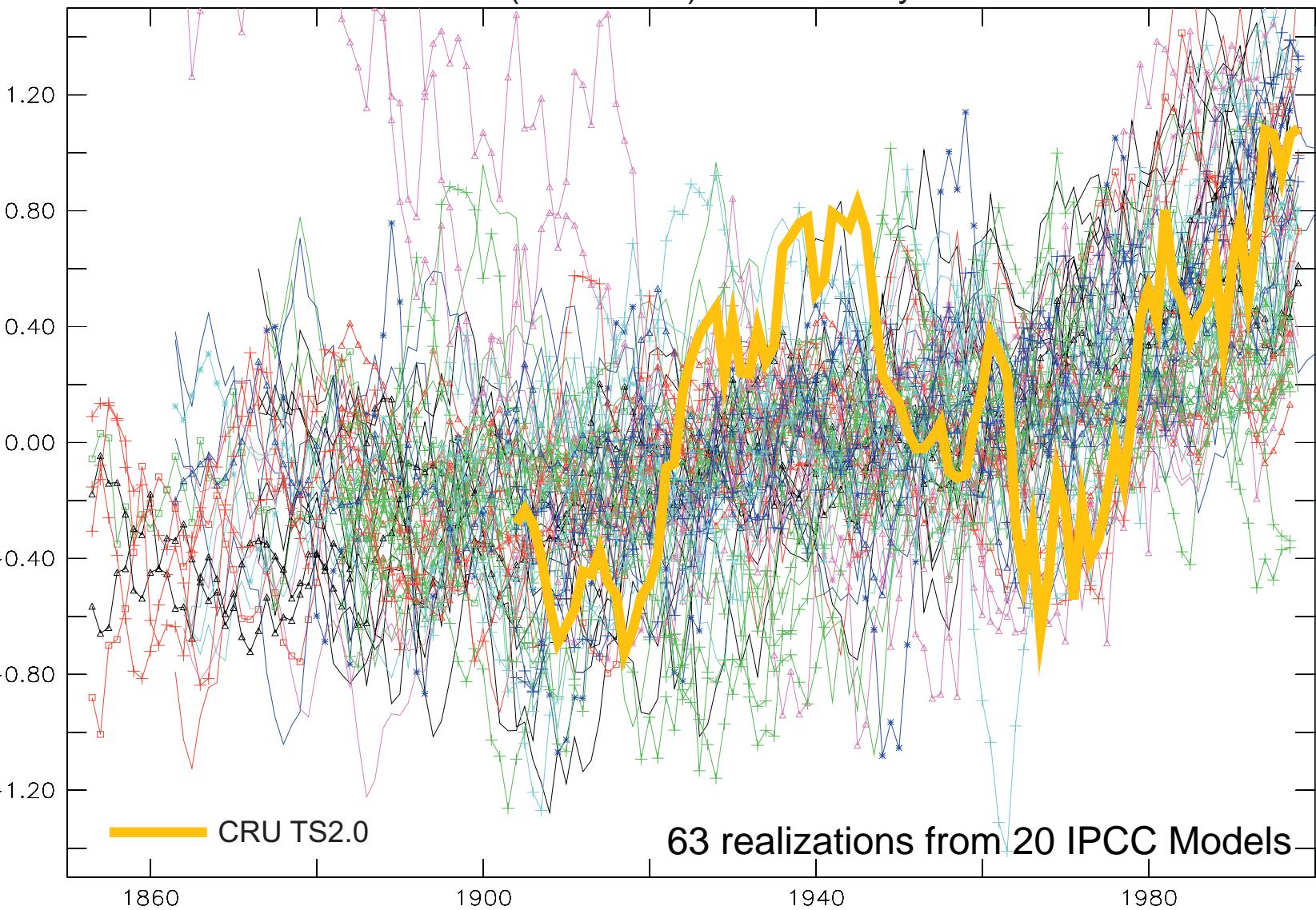
20th Century Zonal Mean Land Surface Air Temperature Anomalies (Nov. – Mar.)



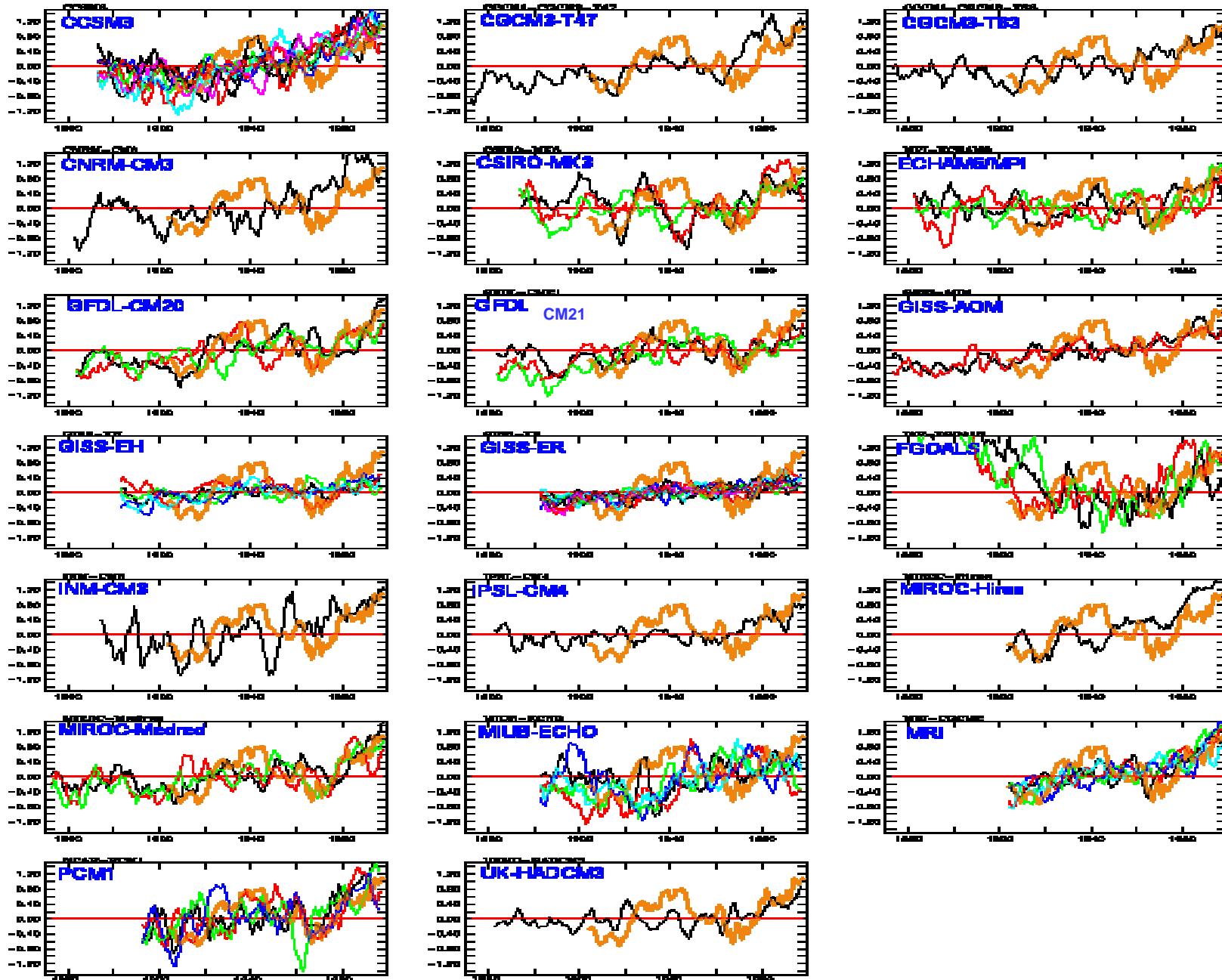
Model and Ensemble Runs Analyzed

| | IPCC I.D. | Country | Atmosphere Resolution | Ocean Resolution | Simulation Length | # of Realizations | Control Runs (yrs) | Natural Forcing in 20C3M |
|----|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | CCSM3 | USA | T85L26 | (0.3-1.0°)x1.0° L40 | 1/1870 –12/1999 | 8 | 230, 500 | Yes |
| 2 | CGCM3.1 (T47) | Canada | T47L31 | 1.9° x1.9° L29 | 1/1850 – 12/2000 | 1 | 500 | No |
| 3 | CGCM3.1 (T63) | Canada | T63L31 | 1.4° x0.9° L29 | 1/1850 – 12/2000 | 1 | 349 | No |
| 4 | CNRM-CM3 | France | T42L45 | 182x152L31 | 1/1860 –12/1999 | 1 | 390 | No |
| 5 | CSIRO-Mk3.0 | Australia | T63L18 | 1.875° x0.925° L31 | 1/1871 – 12/2000 | 3 | 380, 80 | No |
| 6 | ECHAM5/ MPI-OM | Germany | T63L31 | 1.5° x1.5° L40 | 1/1860 –12/2050 ¹ | 3 | 332 | No |
| 7 | FGOALS-g1.0 | China | T42L26 | 1° x1° xL30 | 1/1850 –12/1999 | 3 | 150x3 | No |
| 8 | GFDL-CM2.0 | USA | 2.5° x2.0° L24 | 1° x1° L50 | 1/1861 –12/2000 | 3 | 500 | Yes |
| 9 | GFDL-CM2.1 | USA | 2.5° x2.0° L24 | 1° x1° L50 | 1/1861 – 12/2000 | 3 | 100x5 | Yes |
| 10 | GISS-AOM | USA | T42L20 | 1.4° x1.4° L43 | 1/1850 –12/2000 | 2 | 251x2 | Yes ⁴ |
| 11 | GISS-EH | USA | 5° x4° L20 | 2° x2° *cos(lat) L16 | 1/1880 –12/1999 | 5 | 400 | Yes |
| 12 | GISS-ER | USA | 5° x4° L13 | 5° x4° L13 | 1/1880 –12/2003 | 9 | 500 | Yes |
| 13 | INM-CM3.0 | Russia | 5° x5° L21 | 2° x2.5° L33 | 1/1871 –12/2000 | 1 | 130, 200 | Yes |
| 14 | IPSL-CM4 | France | 3.75° x2.5° L19 | (1° -2°)x2° L19 | 1/1860 – 12/2000 | 1 | 230 | No |
| 15 | MIROC3.2 (hires) | Japan | T106L56 | 0.28125° x0.1875° L47 | 1/1900 –12/2000 | 1 | 101 | Yes |
| 16 | MIROC3.2 (medres) | Japan | T42L20 | (0.5° -1.4°)x1.4° L44 | 1/1850 –12/2000 | 3 | 500 | Yes |
| 17 | MIUB-ECHO | Germany | T30L19 | T42L20 | 1/1889 – 12/1999 | 5 | 341 | Yes |
| 18 | MRI-CGCM2.3.2 | Japan | T42 L30 | (0.5° -2.5°)x2° L23 | 1/1901 –12/2000 ² | 5 | 350 | Yes |
| 19 | PCM | USA | T42L18 | (0.5-0.7°)x0.7° L32 | 1/1890 –12/1999 | 4 | 350 | Yes |
| 20 | UKMO-HadCM3 | UK | 3.7° 5x2.5° L15 | 1.25° x1.25° L20 | 1/1860 –12/1999 | 1³ | 341 | No |
| | Sum | | | | | 1901-1999 | 63 | |

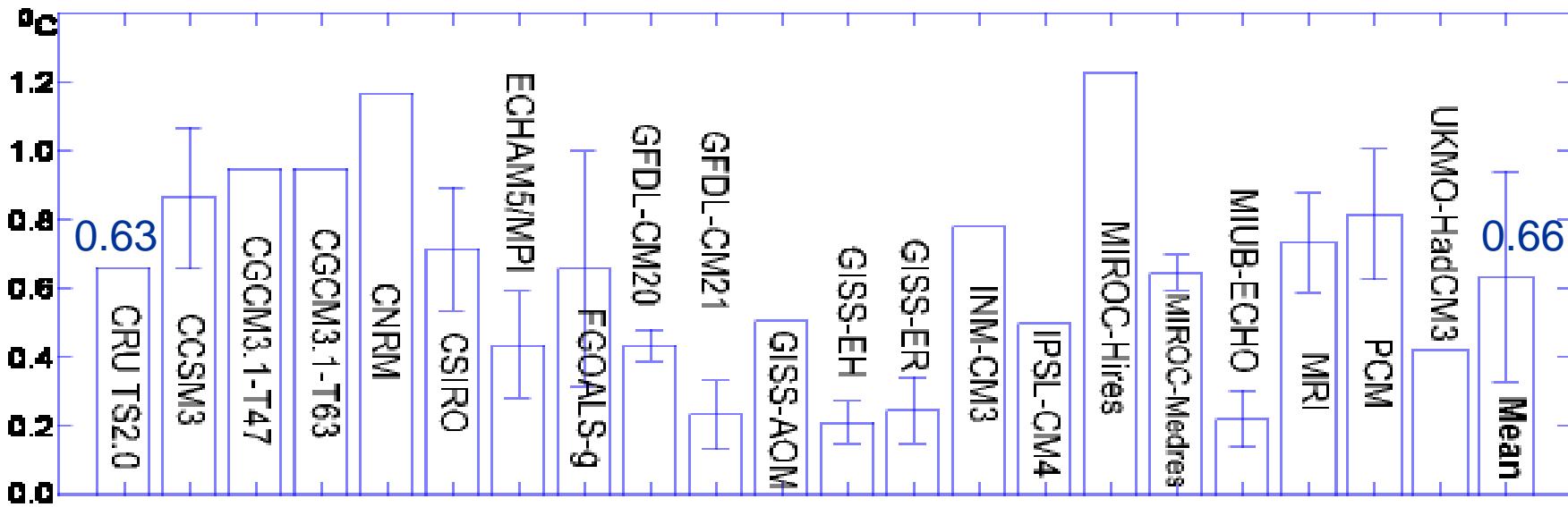
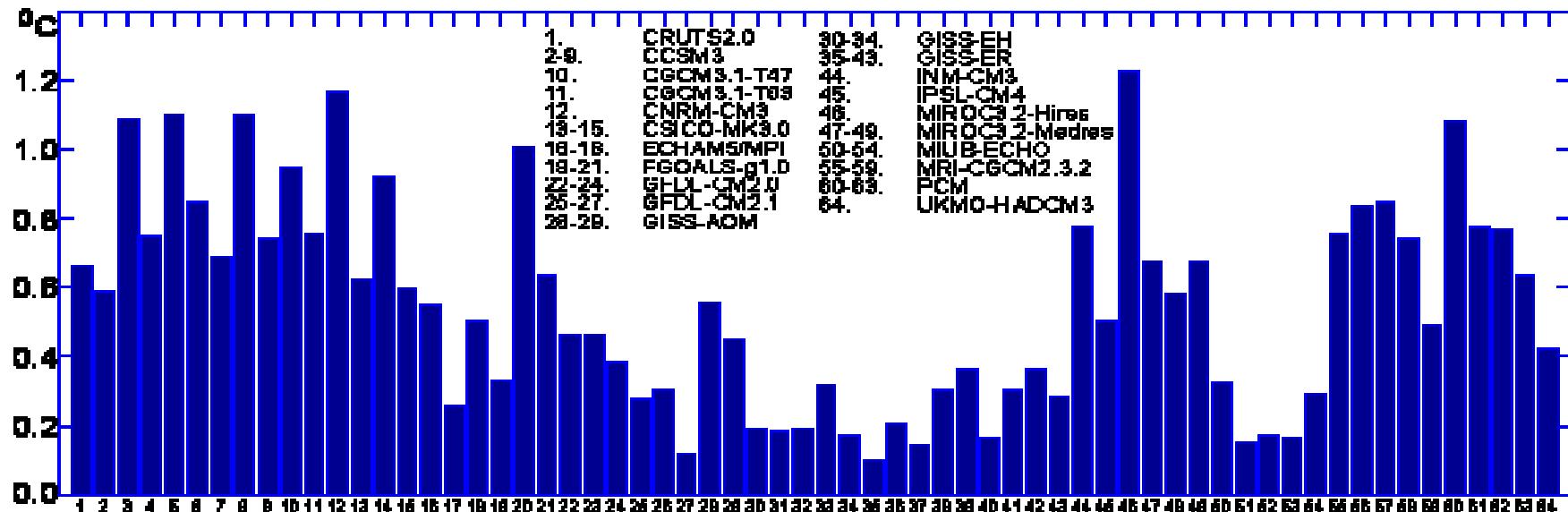
Winter (Nov. - Mar.) SAT Anomaly



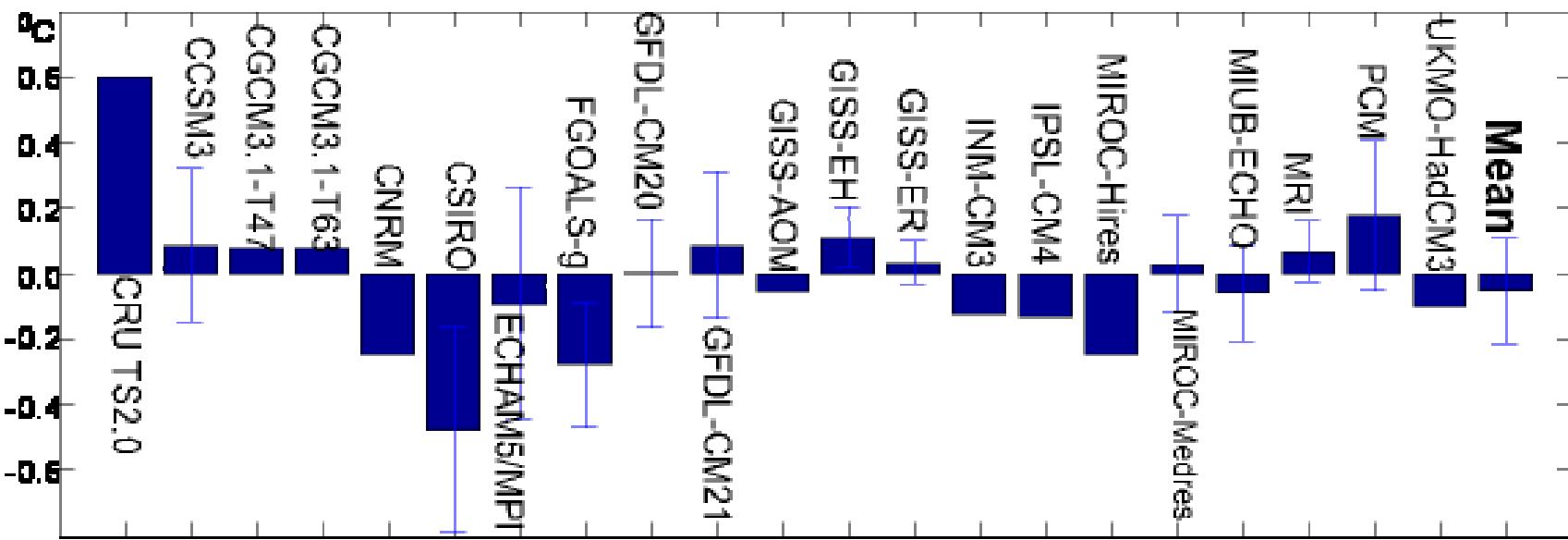
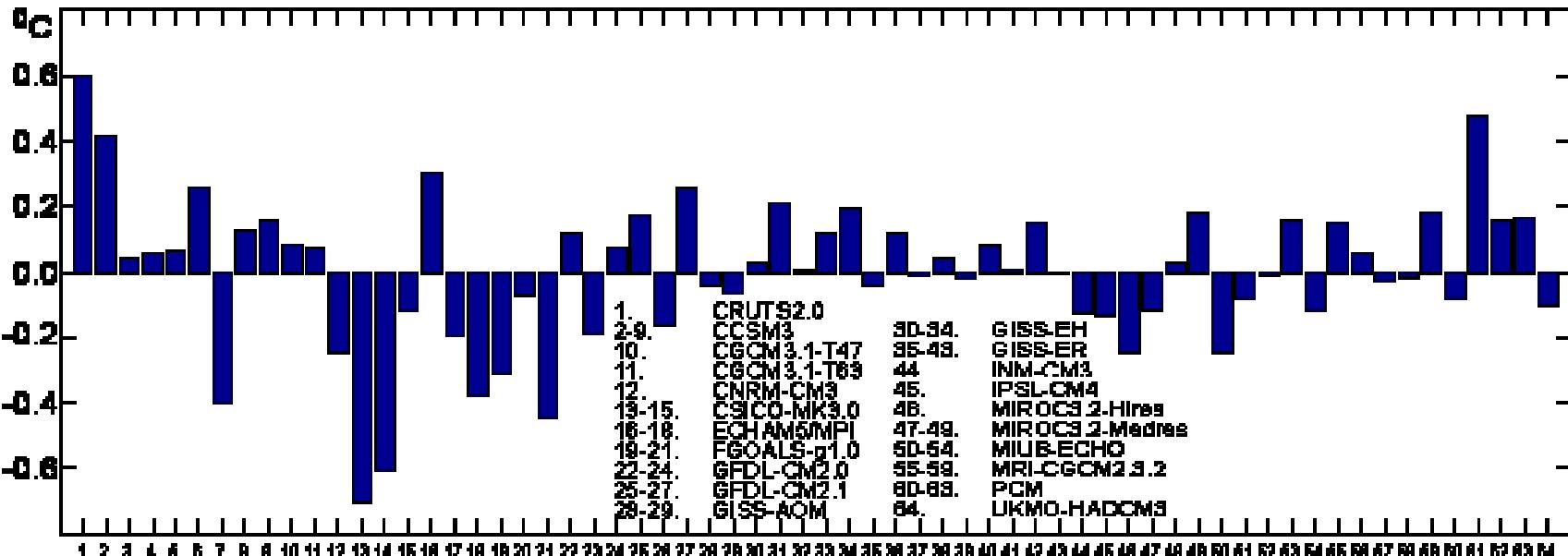
Arctic (60-90°N) Winter SAT Anomalies Simulated by Models



Decadal Mean of Win5m SAT for 1979-99 period



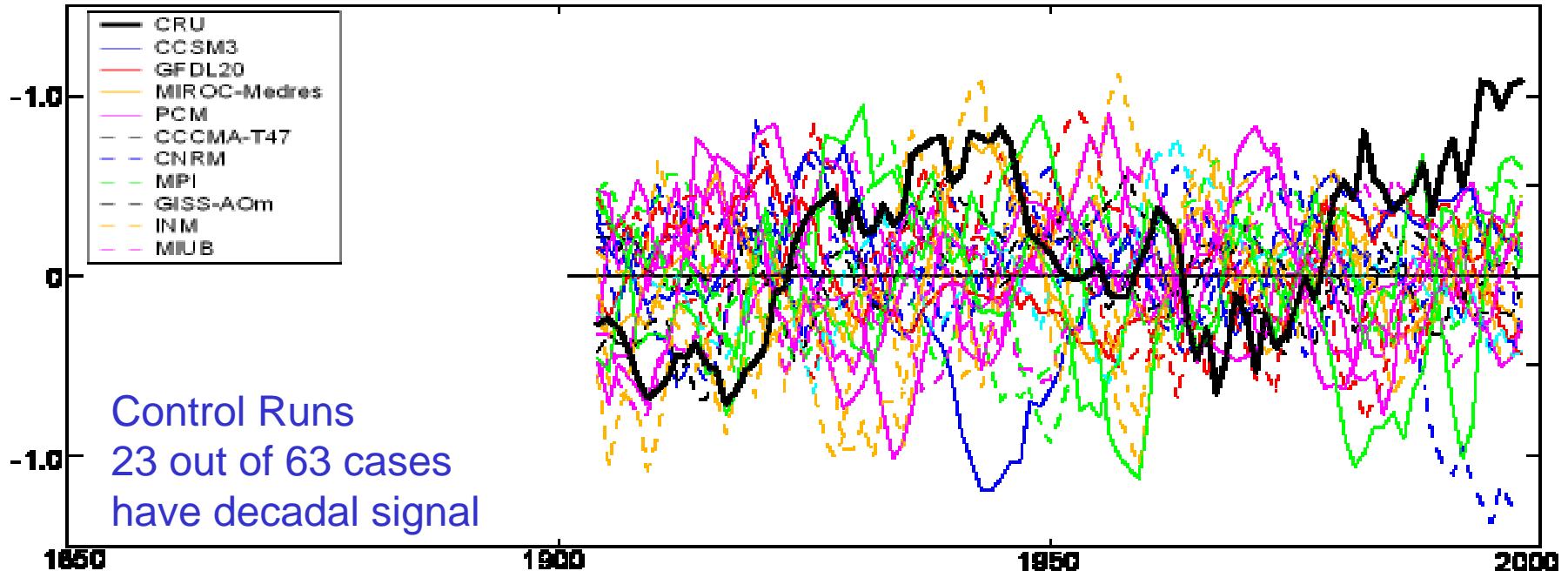
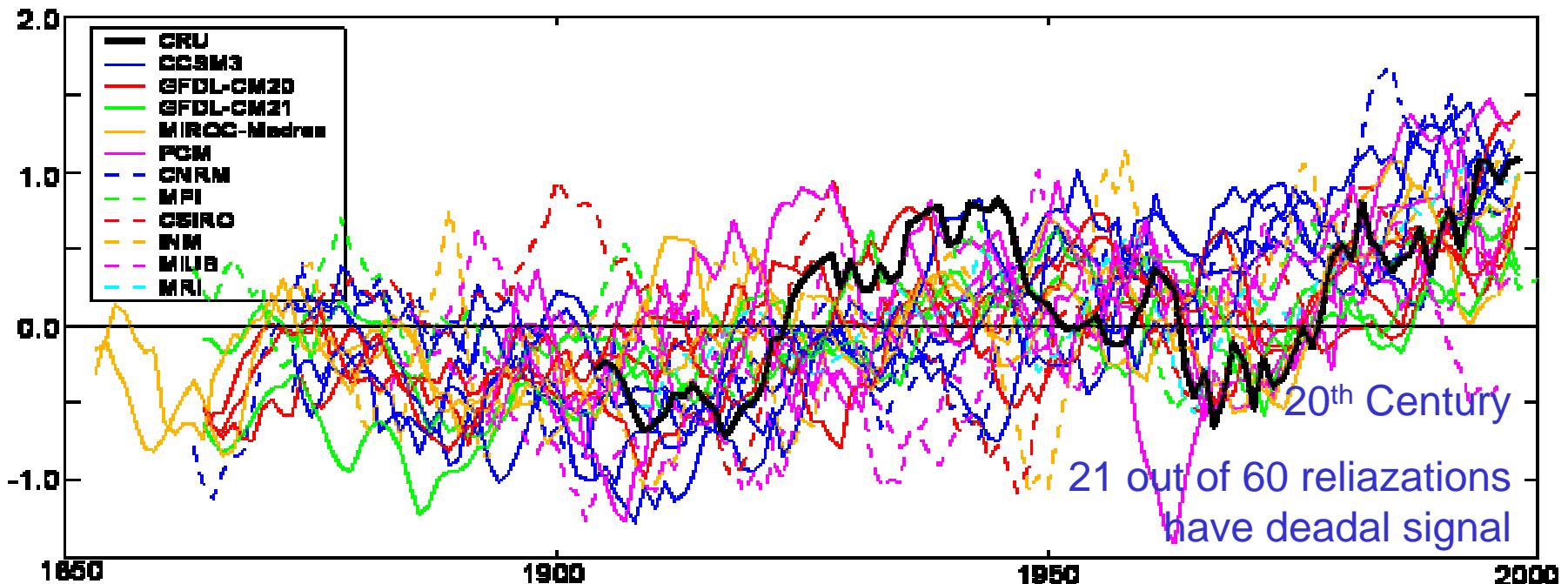
Decadal Mean of Win5m SAT for 1939-49 period



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A Success Simulation of mid-century
Warm Anomaly is

The maximum of the 5-yr averaged winter
SAT anomalies in a given period (1920-60)
is greater than 2/3 of the observed
maximum, (0.55°C) based on CRU TS2.0

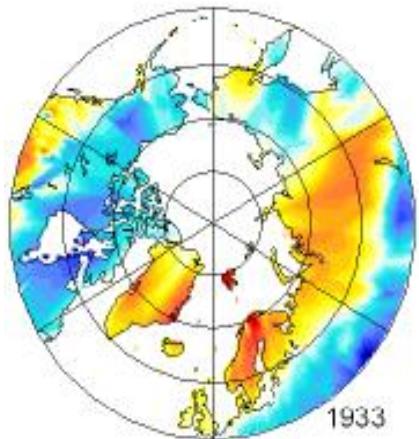


Statistics Of Model Runs Producing Mid-century Winter LSAT Warm Anomaly

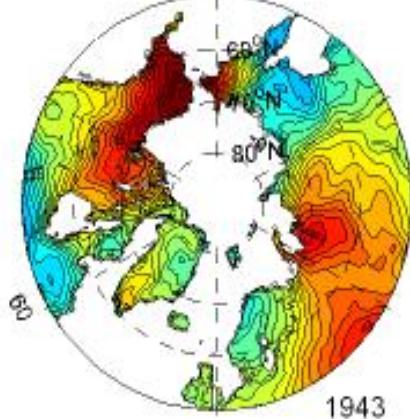
| Model | # of 20C3M runs | ½ CRU | 2/3 CRU | # of Control runs | ½ CRU | 2/3 CRU | Success Ratio of the model |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------------------|-------|---------|----------------------------|
| CCSM3 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5/10 |
| CGCM3.1 (T47) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3/6 |
| CGCM3.1 (T63) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0/4 |
| CNRM-CM3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4/4 |
| CSIRO-MK3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1/6 |
| ECHAM5/MPI | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3/6 |
| FGOALS-g1.0 | 3 | 3* | 2* | 3 | 3* | 3* | 0/6 |
| GFDL-CM20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4/8 |
| GFDL-CM21 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2/8 |
| GISS-AOM | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1/4 |
| GISS-EH | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0/9 |
| GISS-ER | 9 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0/14 |
| INM-CM3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4/4 |
| IPSL-CM4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0/3 |
| MIROC3.2 (hires) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/2 |
| MIROC3.2(medres) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6/8 |
| MIUB-ECHO | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4/8 |
| MRI-CGCM2.3.2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1/8 |
| PCM | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6/7 |
| UKMO-HADCM3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0/4 |
| Total Ensemble Runs | 60* | 32 | 21 | 63* | 39 | 23 | 34% |

Regional Response

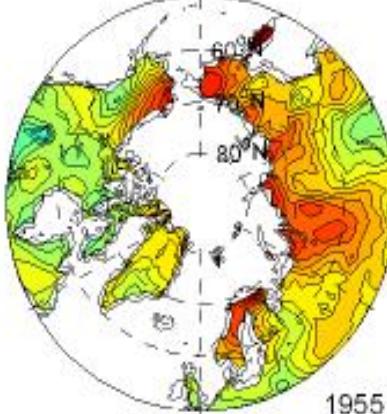
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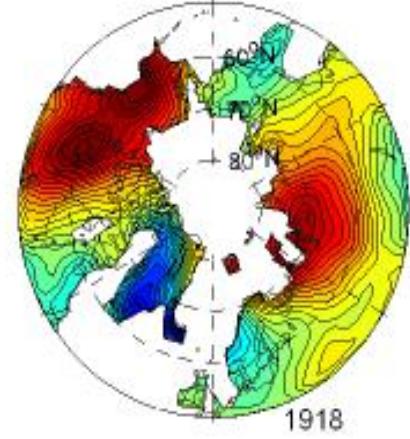
CCSM3 Run1



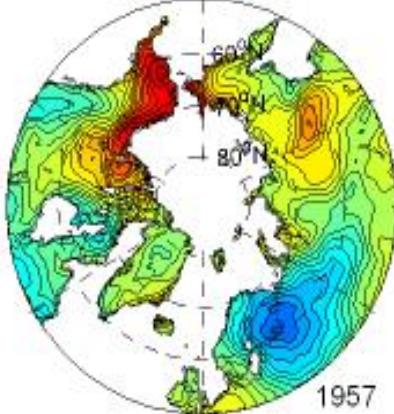
GFDL-CM20 Run3



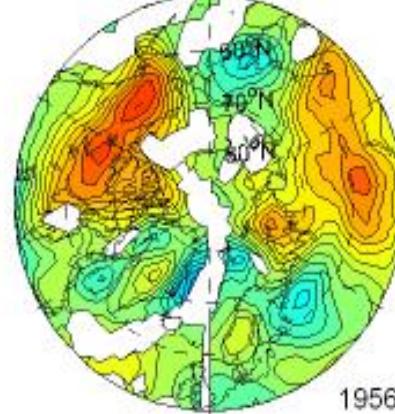
PCMRun3



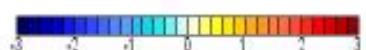
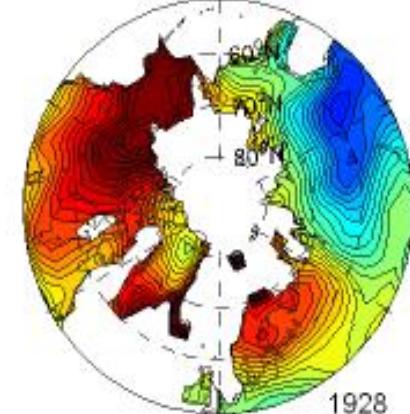
CCSM3 Run4



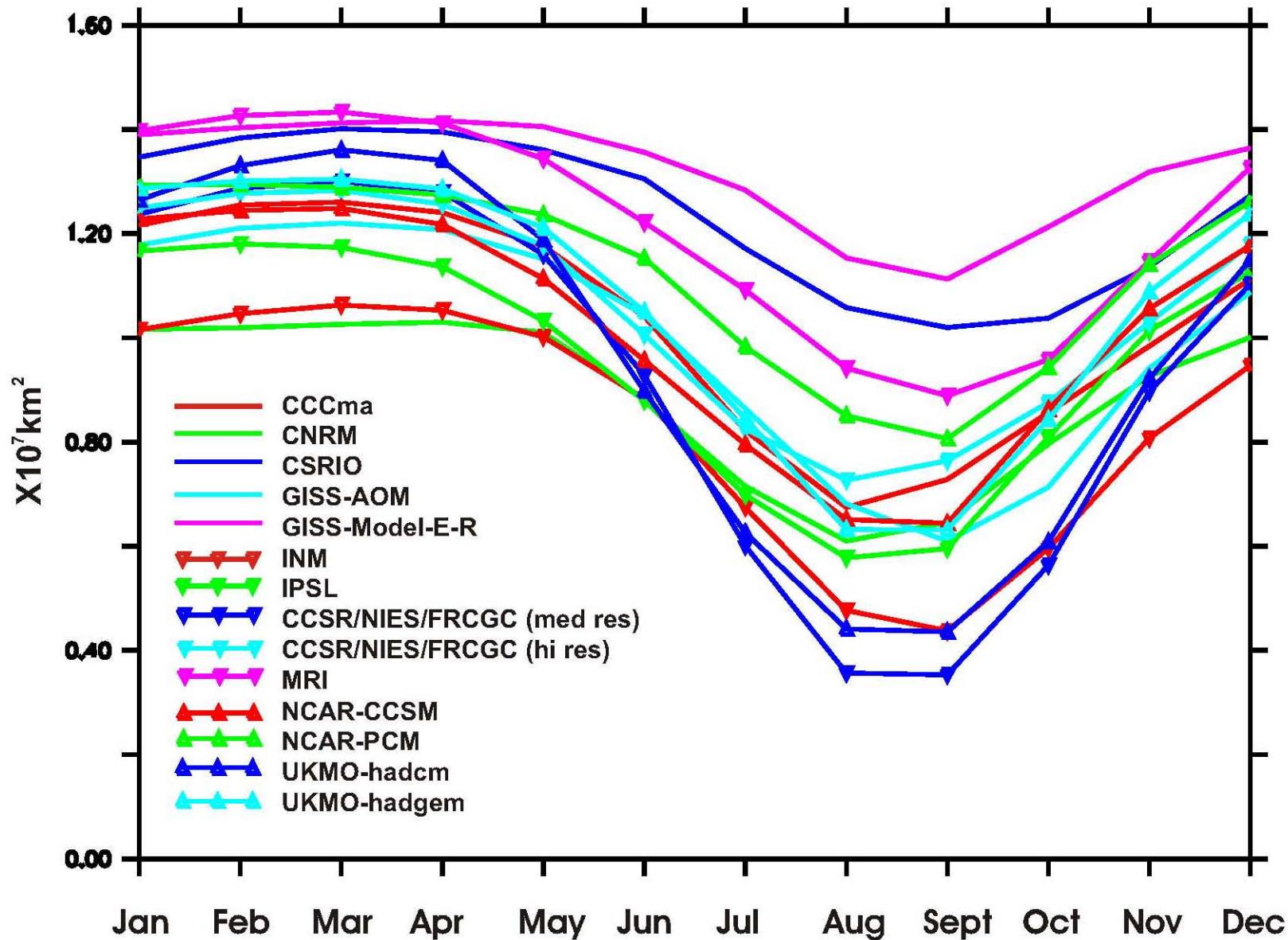
MRI-CGCM2.3.2 Run2



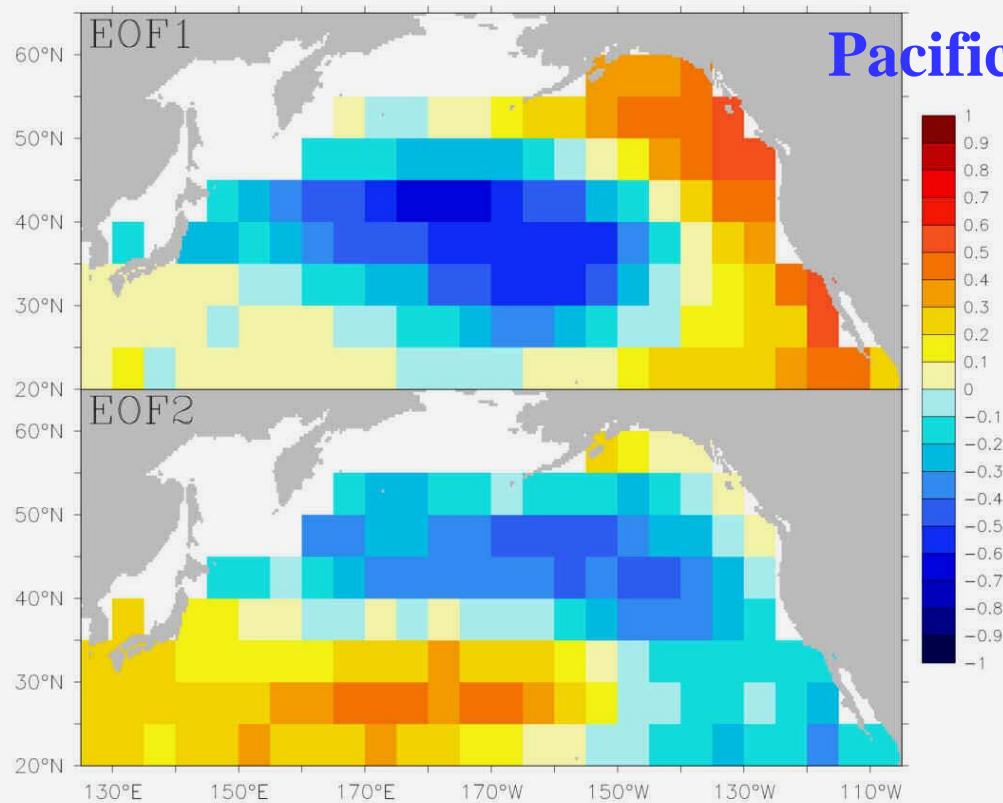
PCMRun4



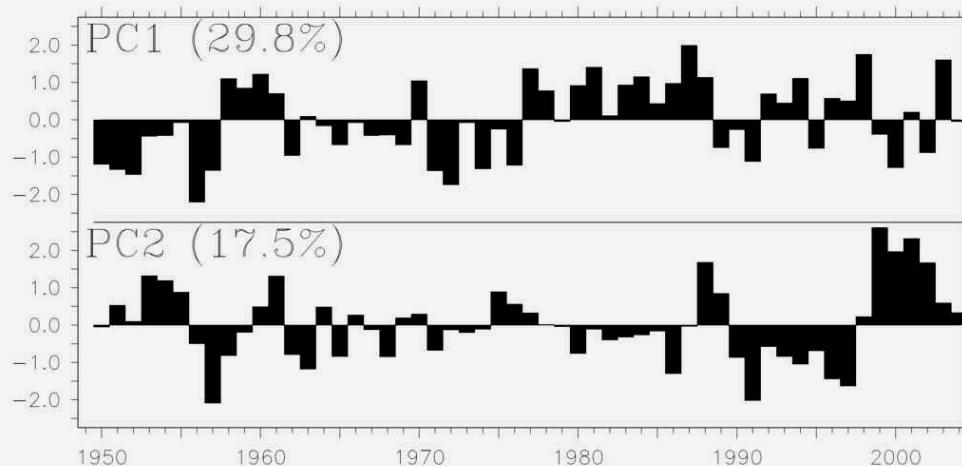
Seasonal Cycle of Sea Ice Area North of 60°N During 1910-60



North Pacific Winter SST Anomalies (hadcrut2)

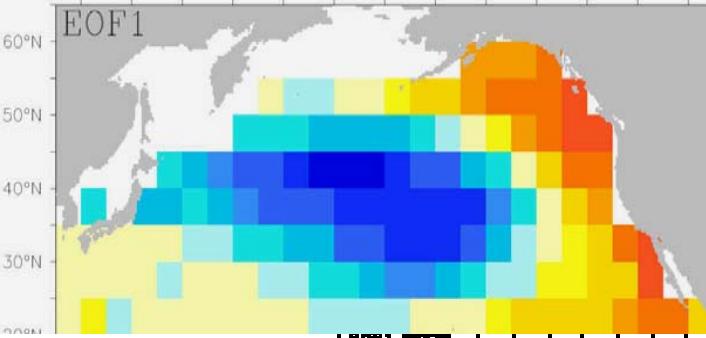


Pacific Decadal Oscillation
(PDO)

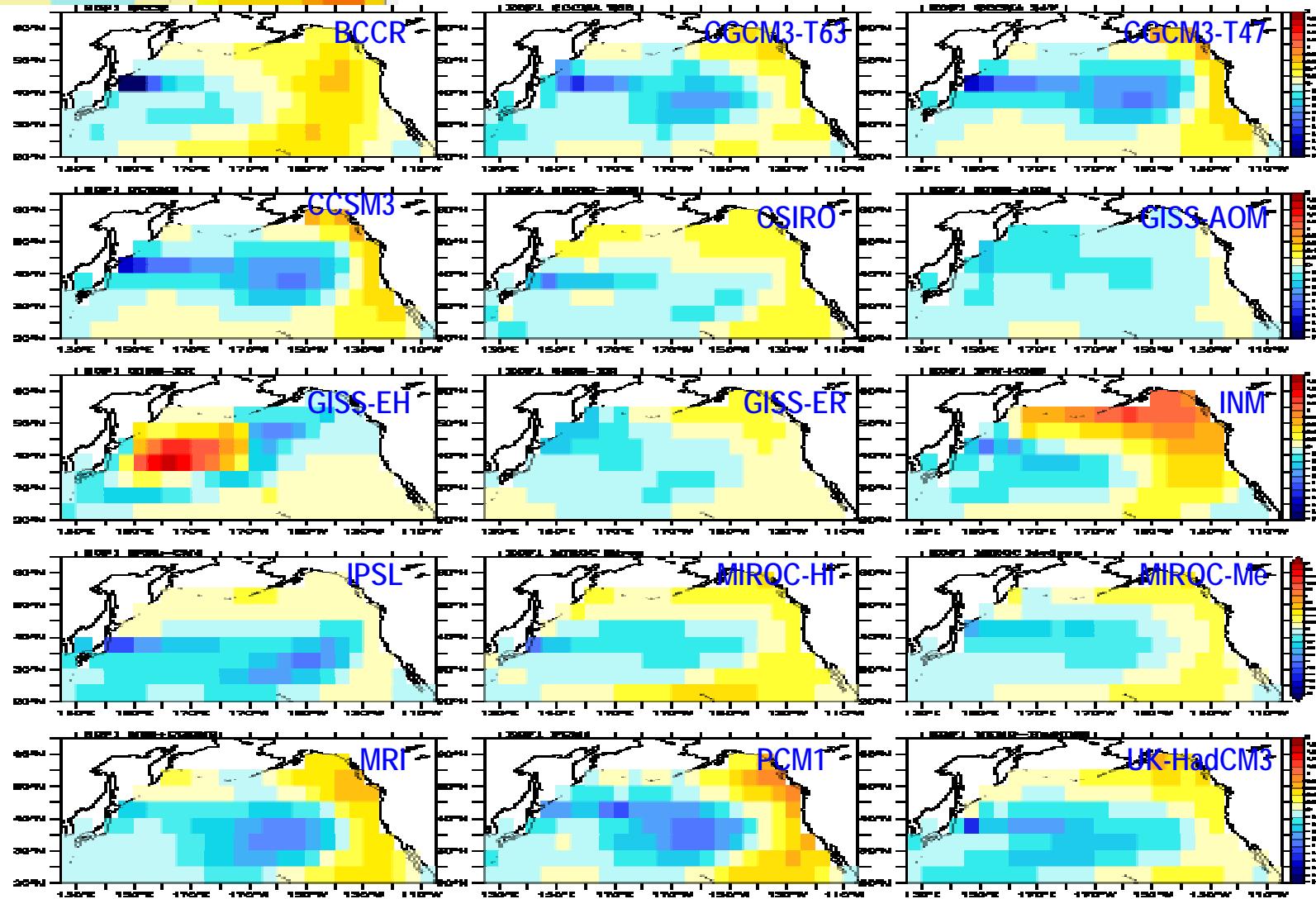


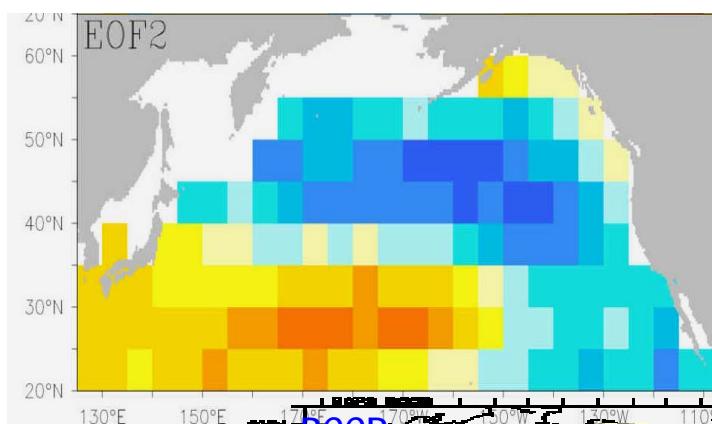
Victoria Pattern

Bond et al. 2003

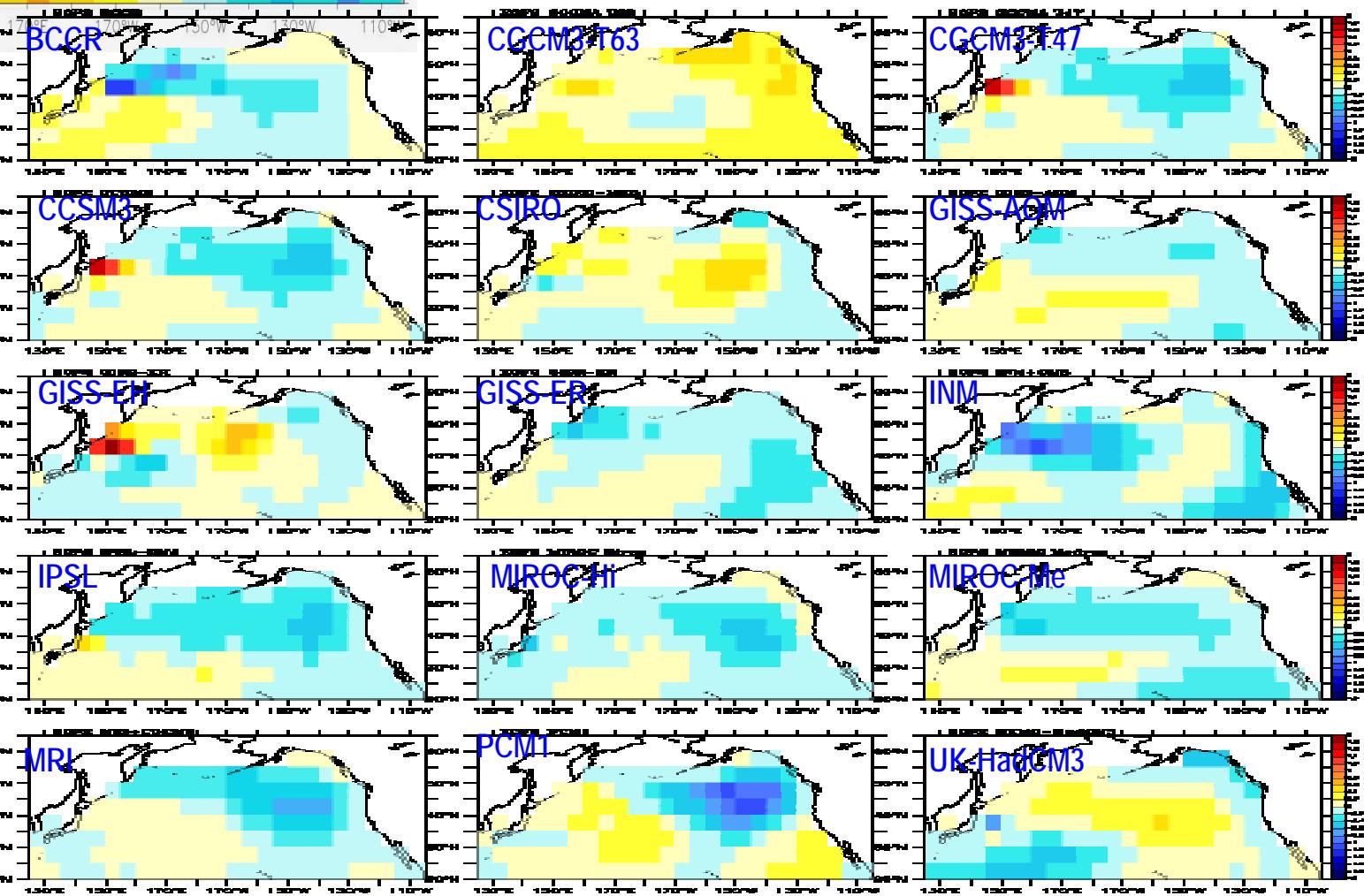


Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) – Leading Mode of N.Pacific SSTA

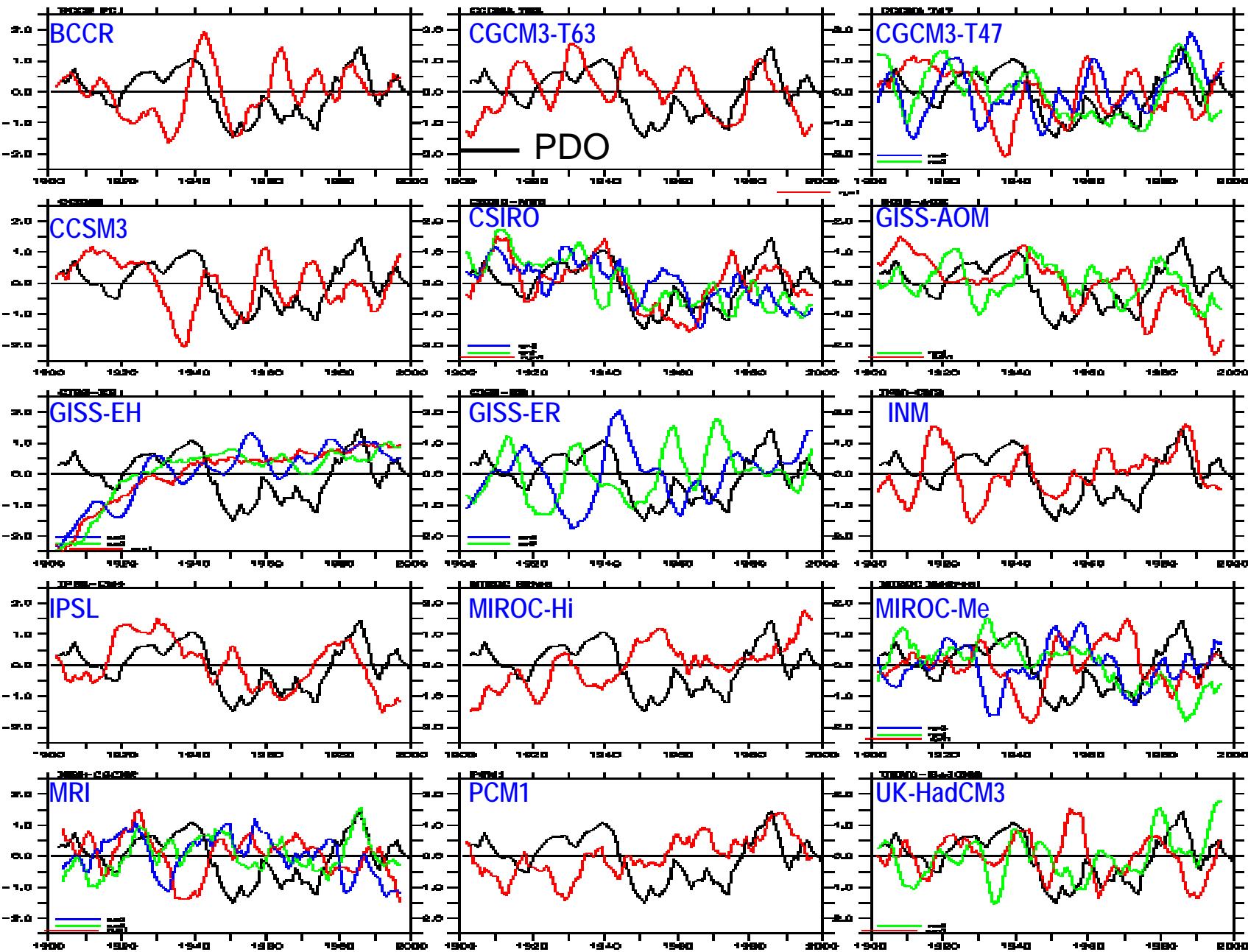




Victoria Pattern – The 2nd mode of N. Pacific SSTA



PC Series of Leading EOF from Model 20C3M Simulations



SUMMARY

- The IPCC AR4 models are better than those from IPCC Third Assessment
- Most of the 20 IPCC models show recent warming and 34 % show 1930s type natural decadal variability in the Arctic.
- 10 out of 15 models produce reasonable spatial pattern of both the First and Second EOFs of Pacific SSTA.
- Most of the models have more inter-annual variability than interdecadal variability in their PDO.

Available Variables for Atmosphere and Ocean Archived at PCMDI

| Output Frequency | Spatial Dimension | Number of variables | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| | | Atmosphere | Ocean |
| Monthly | 2D | 44 | 15 |
| | 3D | 9 | 6 |
| | 1D | | 1 |
| Daily | 2D | 14 | |
| | 3D | 4 | |
| 3-hourly | 2D | 9 | |