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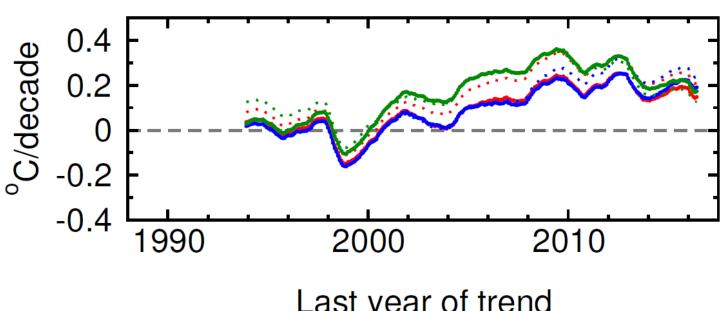
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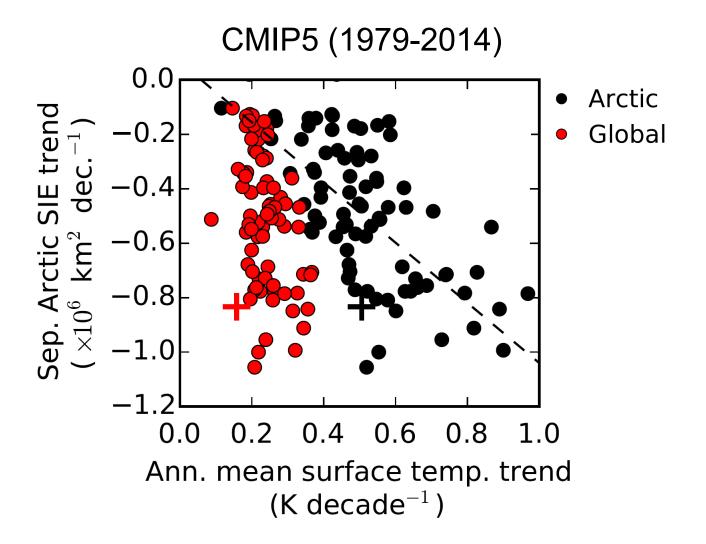
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15 year trend difference in TMT

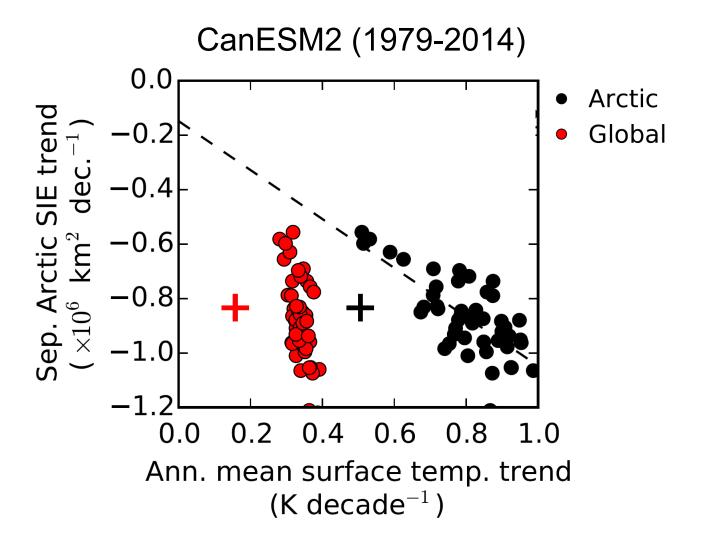


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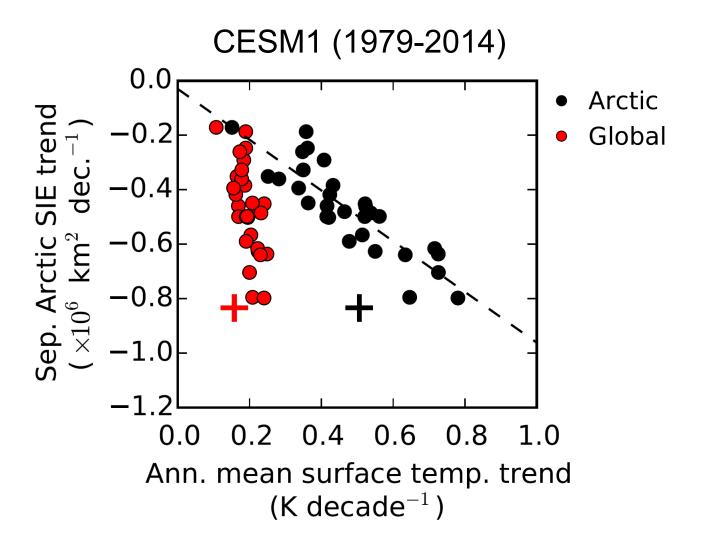
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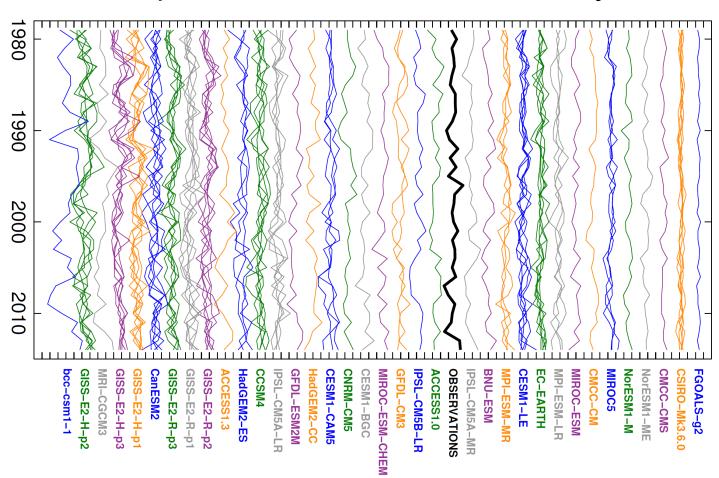


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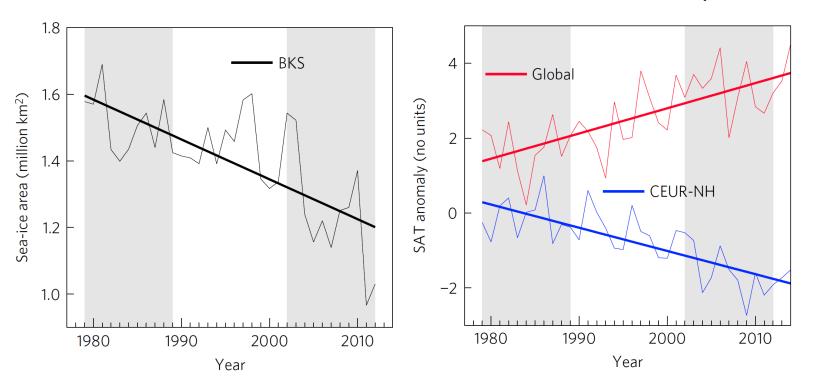


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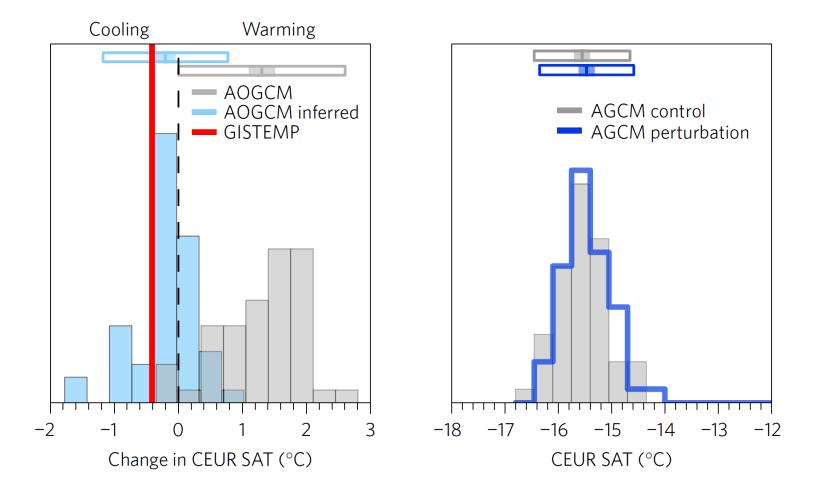
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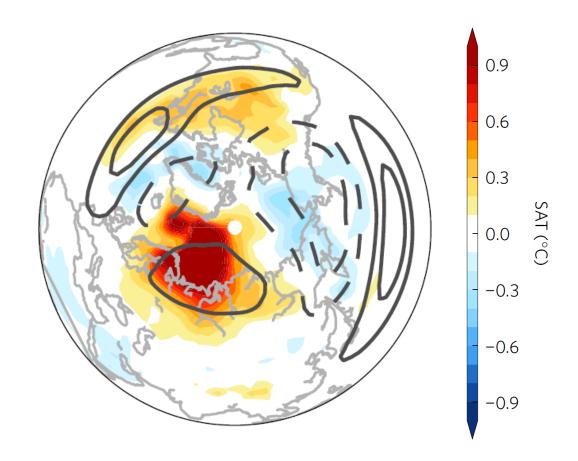


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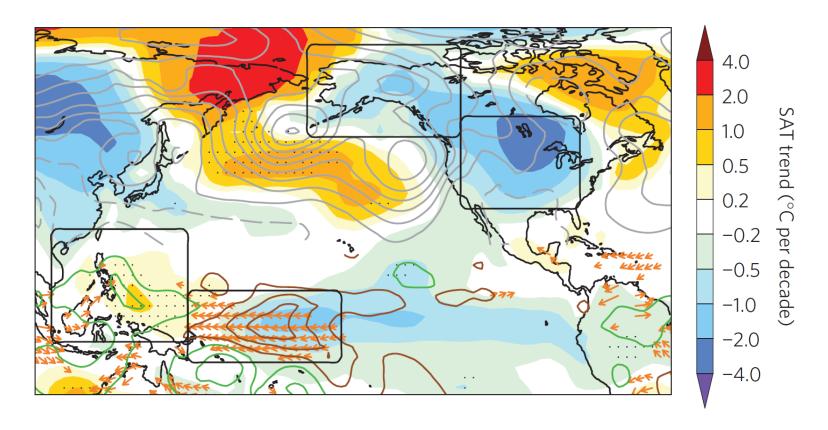
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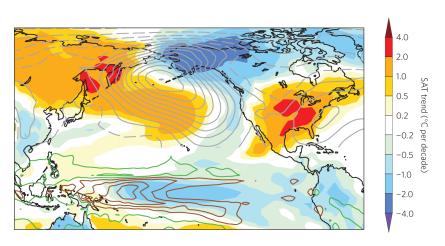
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Winter trends from 2002 to 2014

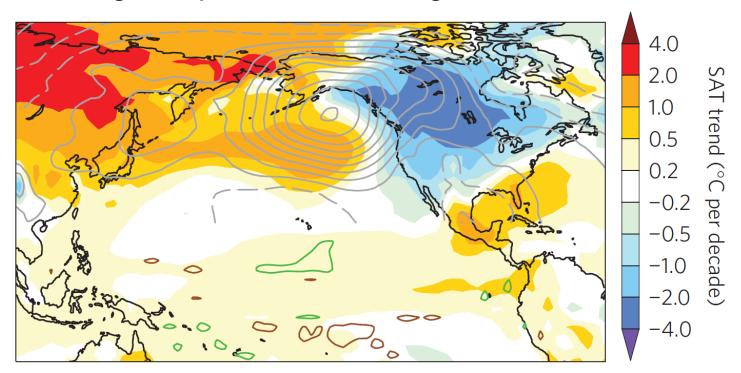


Large ensemble

Pacemaker



Cooling composite from a large ensemble



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