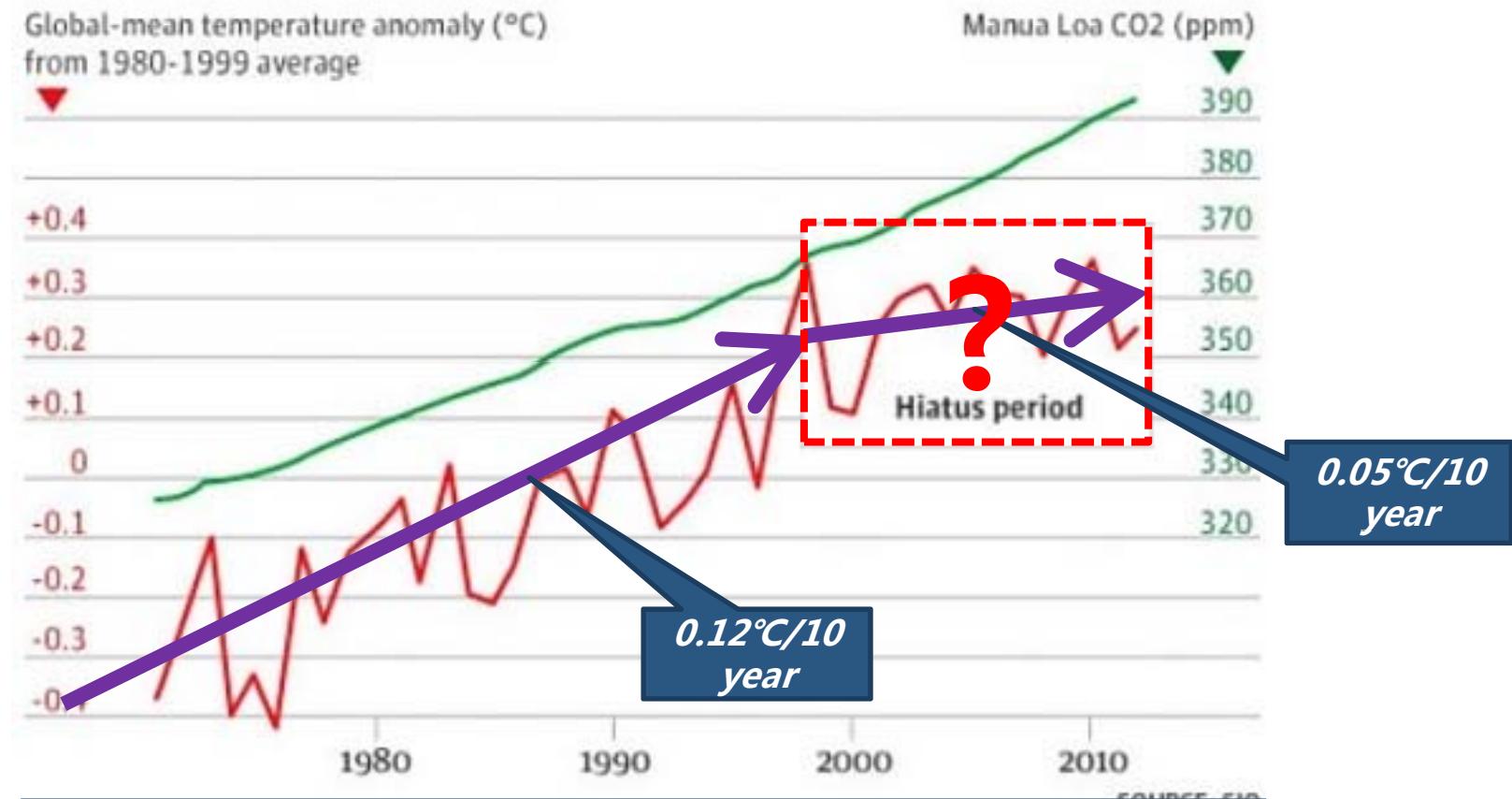




*Deeper Ocean Remote Sensing and*  
*Deeper Ocean Response to Climate*  
**“Hiatus”**

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# Climate (Global Warming) Hiatus

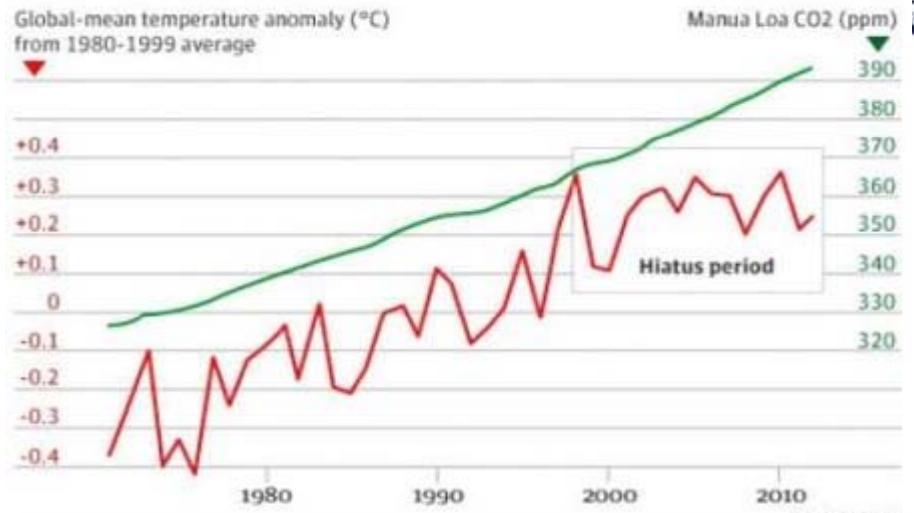
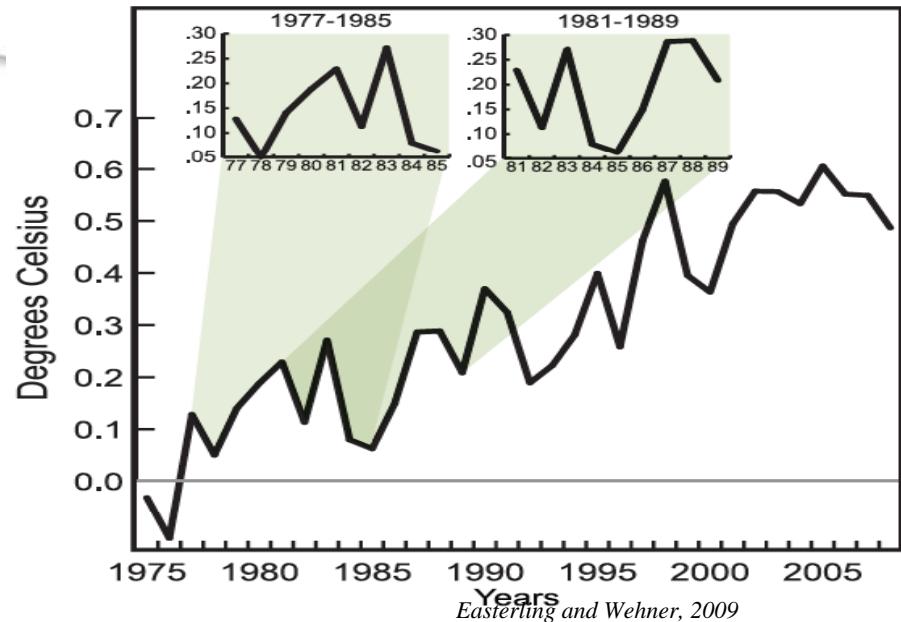


Mechanism? Many discussions, but still not certain yet.

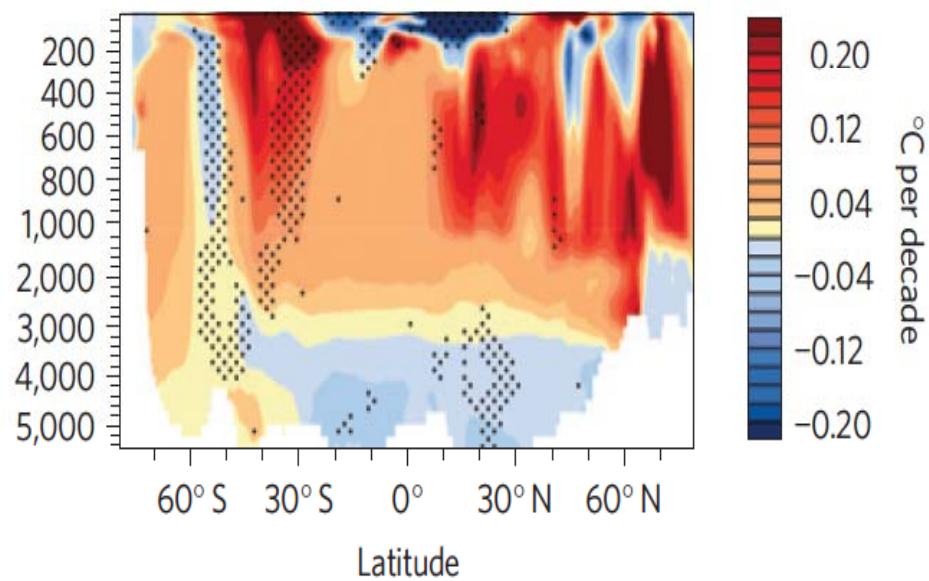
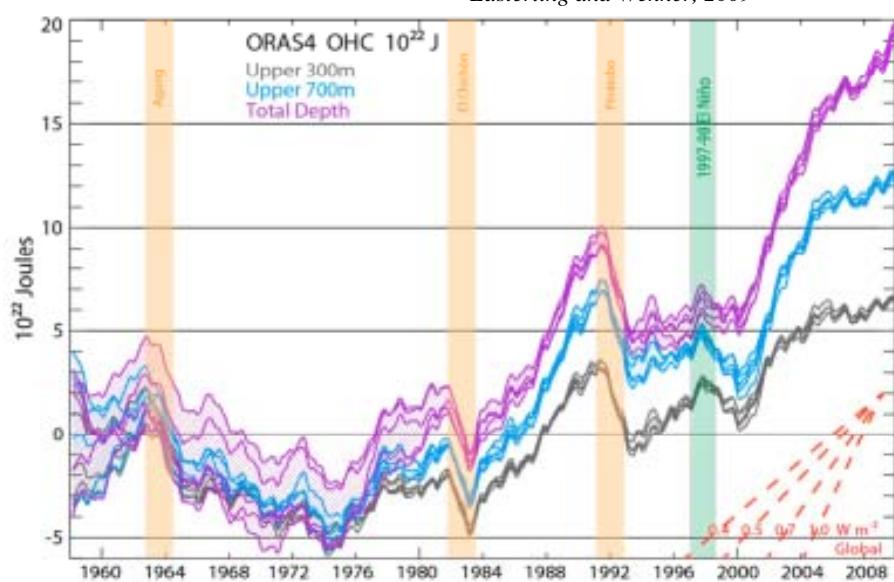
(Kosaka & Xie, 2013, *Nature*; IPCC, 2013)

# Motivation One: Climate Hiatus/Deeper Warming

Meehl et al., 2011



Global temperature rise Photograph: Guardian



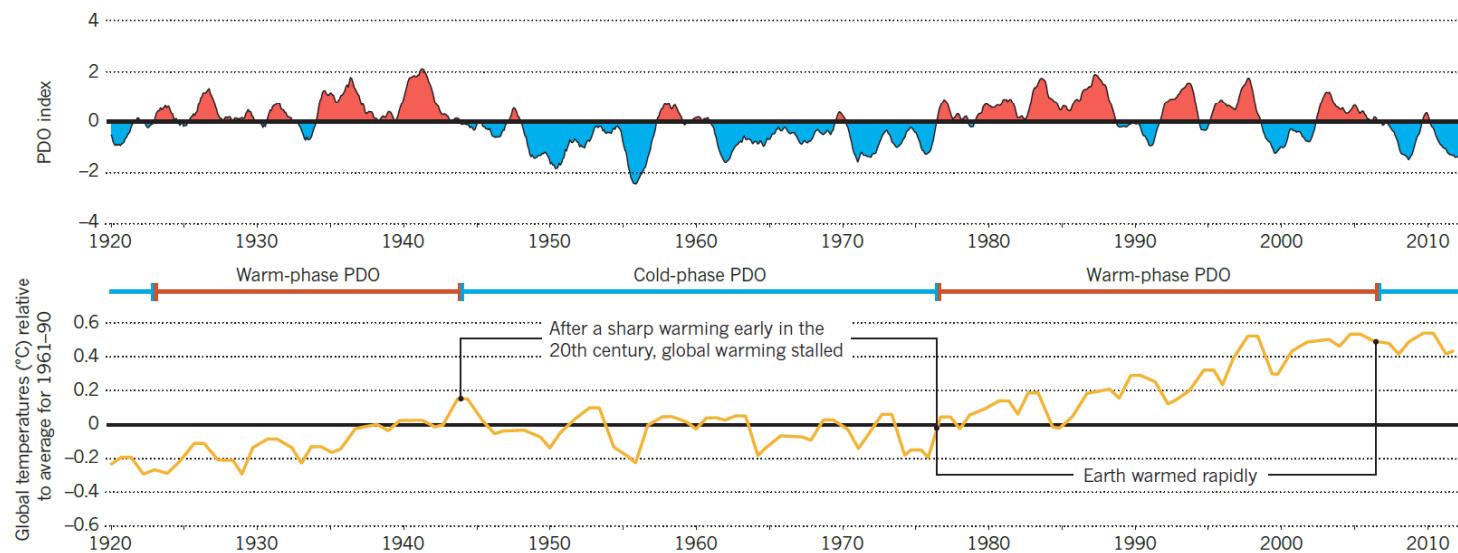
# PDO and hiatus



## THE PACIFIC'S GLOBAL REACH

As researchers have investigated why global temperatures have not risen much since 1998, many have focused on an ocean cycle known as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO). During periods when the PDO index is positive and the eastern Pacific is warm, global temperatures have risen quickly. During spells when the PDO index is negative, the warming has stagnated.

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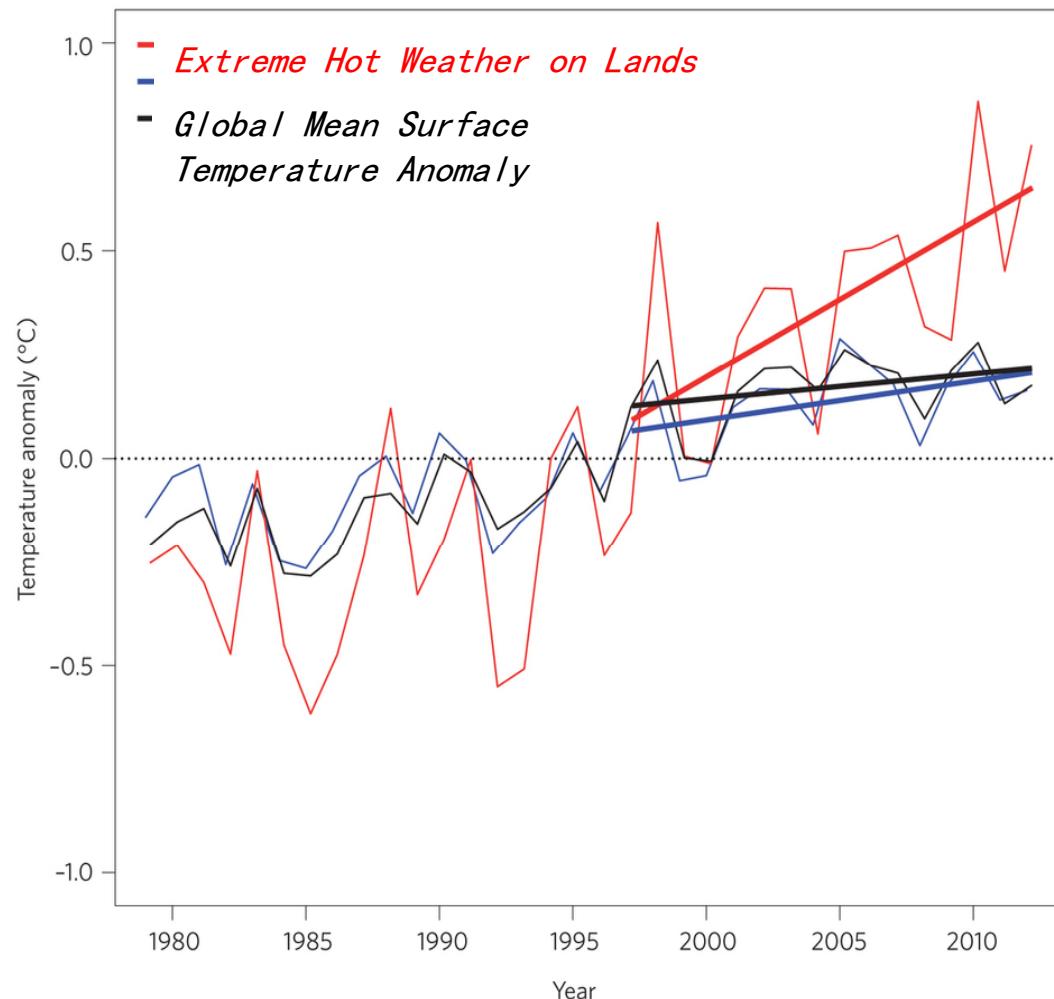


Trenberth & Fasullo, 2013

# Is the hiatus real?

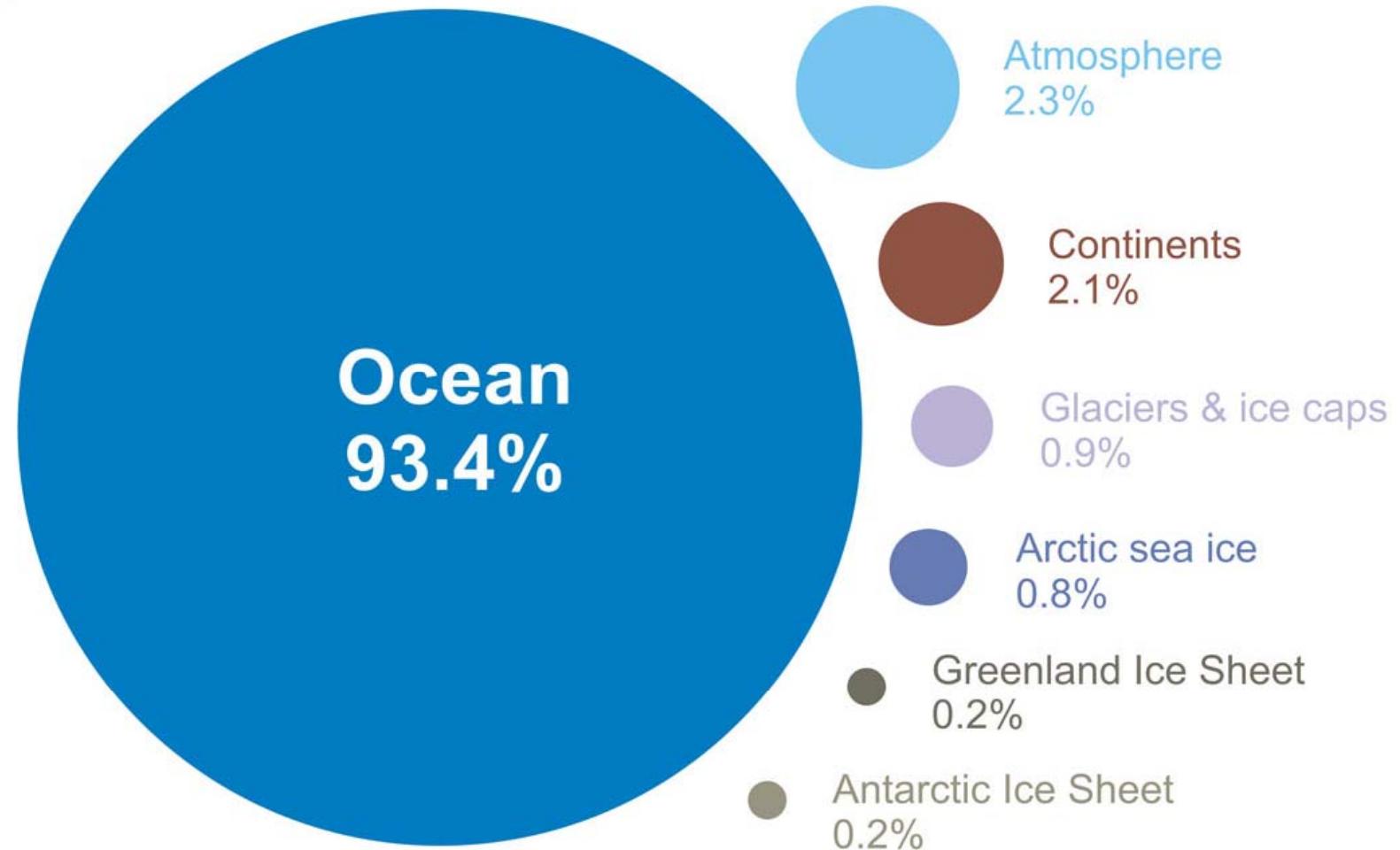
- A study found that by including polar region in the global mean temperature trend estimation, the trend will increase (Cowtan and Way, 2014), however, the global mean temperature trend after 2000 is still not as fast and steep as in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Trend estimation on the land surface temperature only (e.g. Ji et al. 2014) did not show hiatus feature, so the ocean may play an even larger role during the hiatus period.
- Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation (AMO) (e.g., Tung and Zhou, 2013), and changes in ocean uptake efficiency (e.g., Wanatabe et al., 2013).

# In the hiatus period, extreme weather on lands intend increase



Seneviratne et. al., 2014, Nature Climate Change

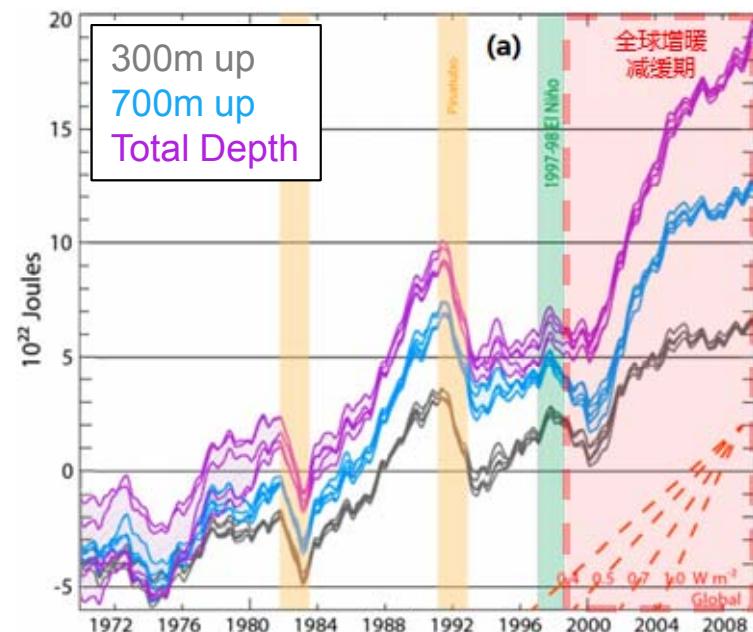
# Thermal Energy Distributions



**IPCC, 2013**

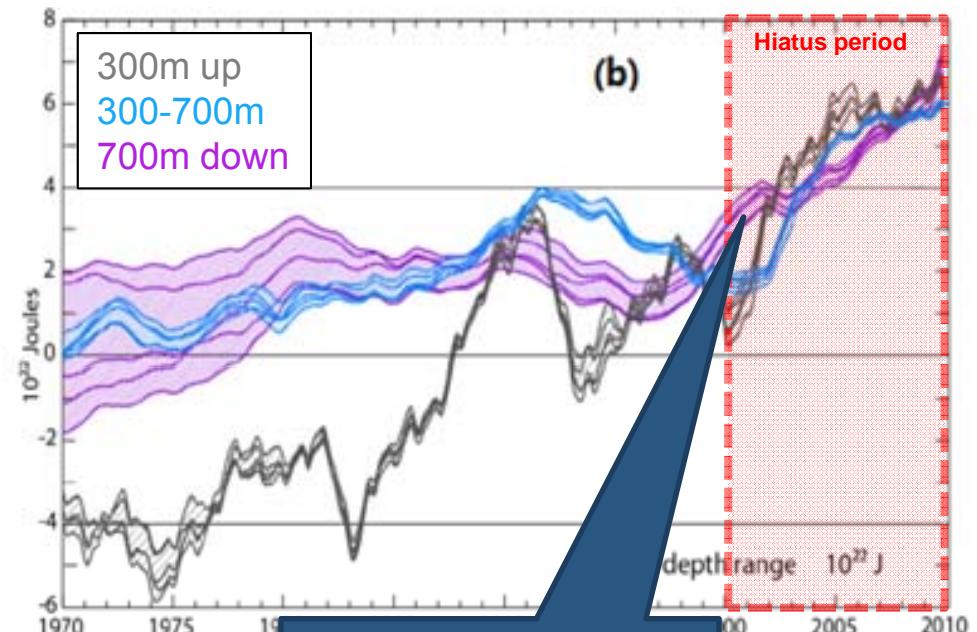
# Climate Hiatus and Deeper Warming

- Deeper Ocean :  
300~2000m



( Balmaseda et al., 2013 )

- Unclear: Mechanism?
- How about 300-700m?



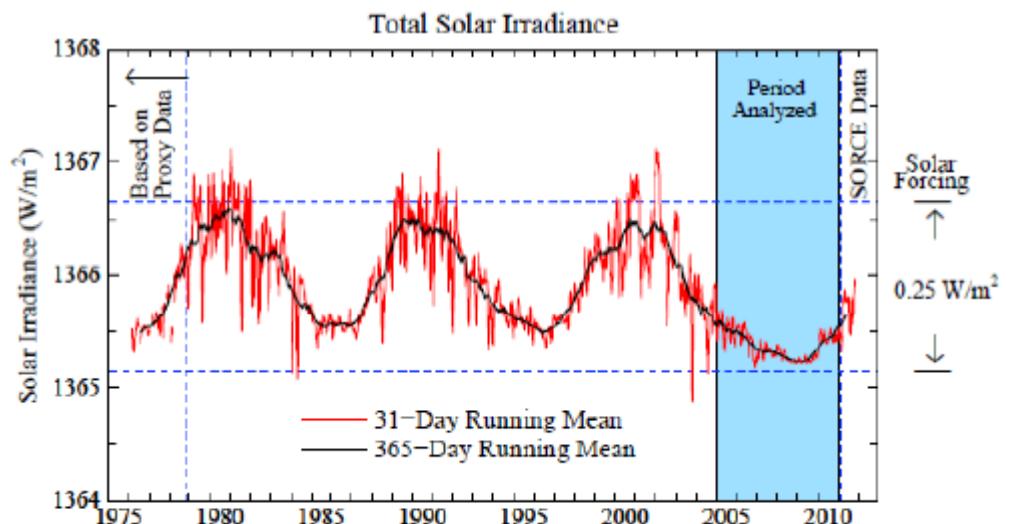
# Mechanisms (1)

- **External Forcing**

- Solar Activity
- Volcanos
- Aerosol

- *Internal Natural Variability*

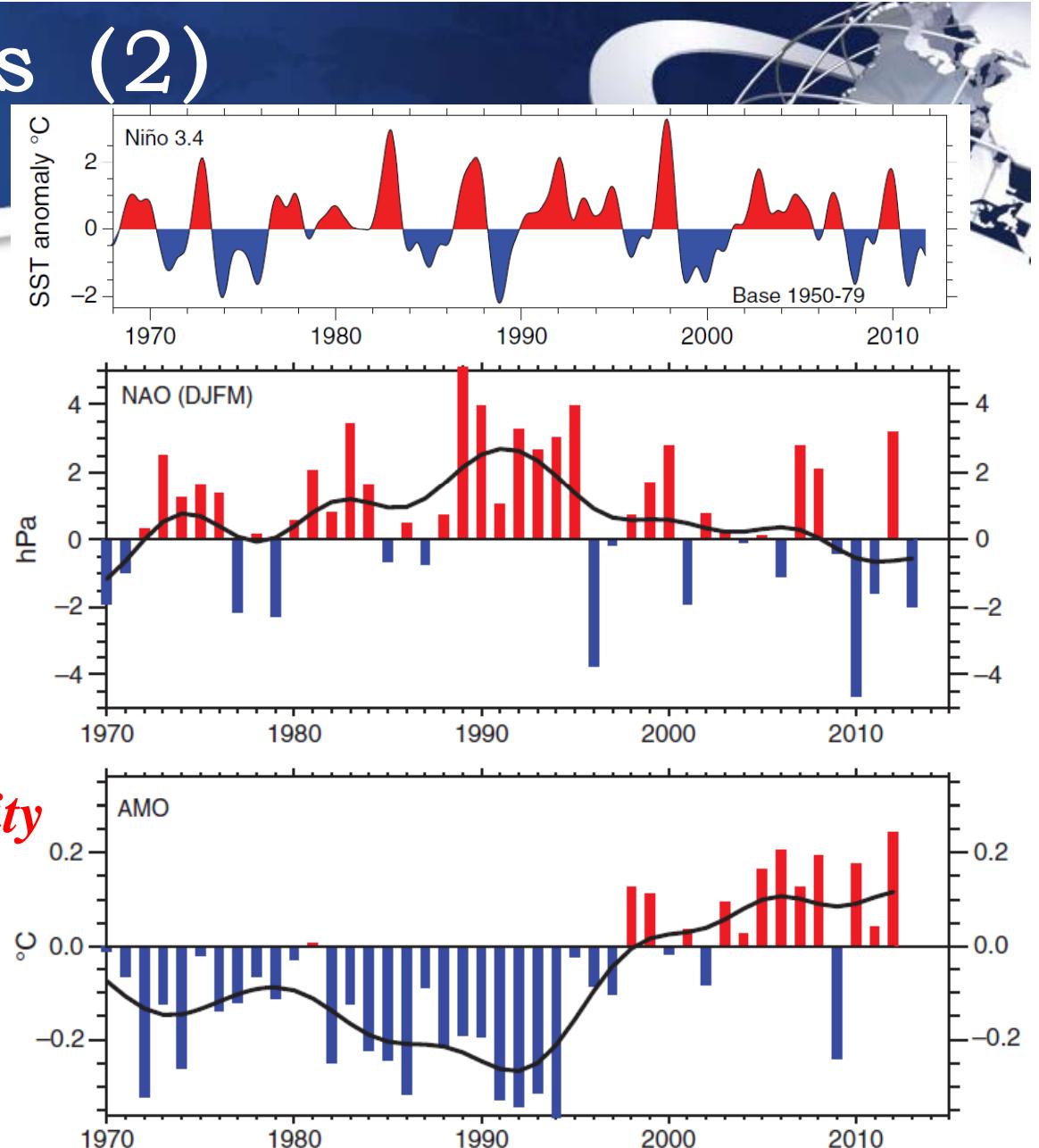
- *PDO, NAO, AMO, etc*
- *La Niñas*
- *Deeper Ocean Warming*



*Hansen et al., 2011*

# Mechanisms (2)

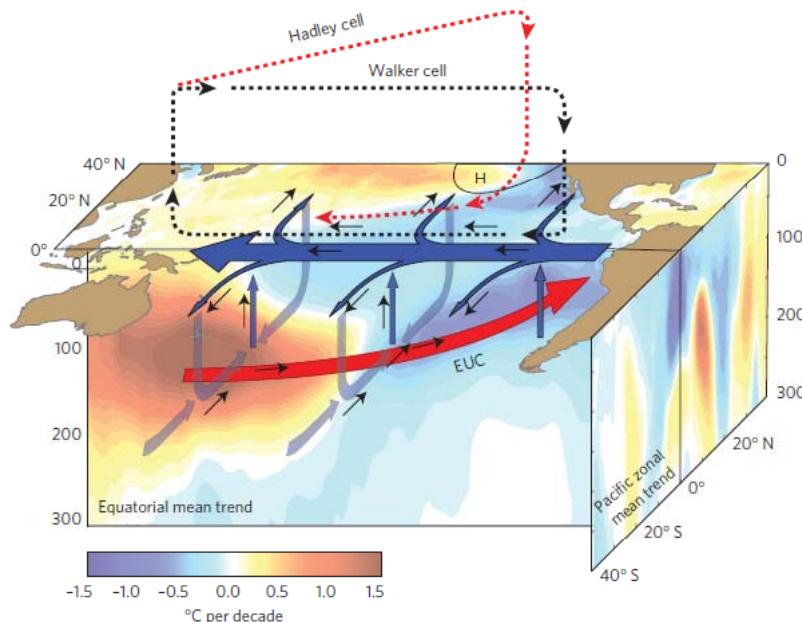
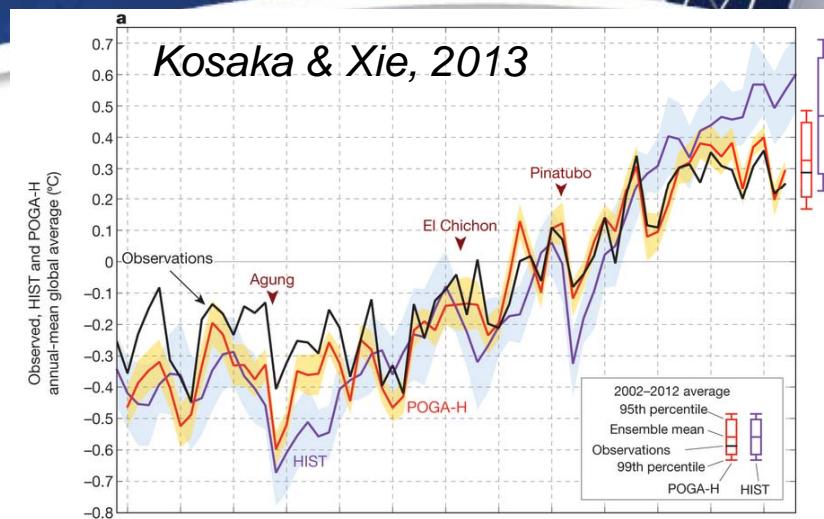
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Trenberth et al., 2013

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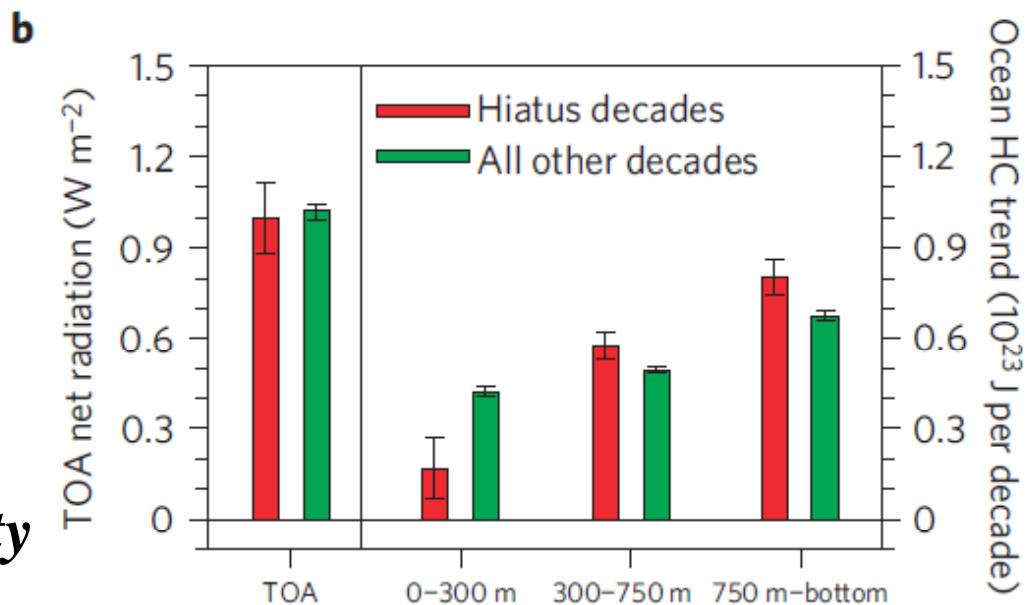
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England et al., 2014

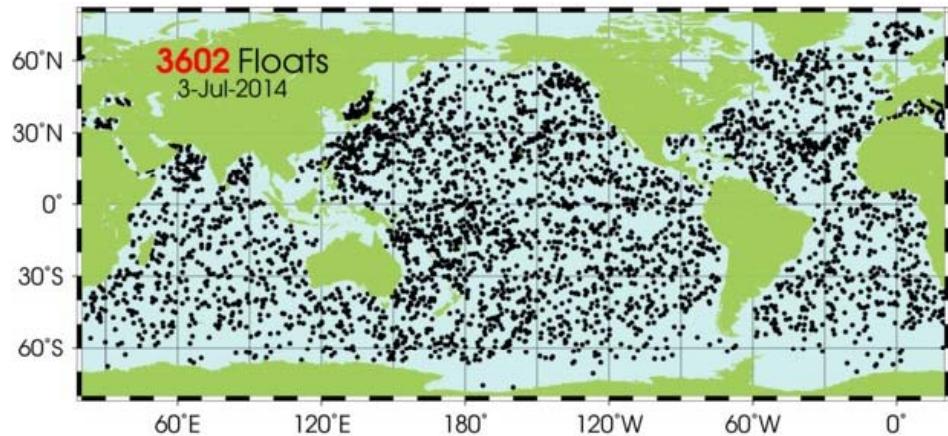
# Mechanisms (4)

- **External Forcing**
  - Solar Activity
  - Volcanos
  - Aerosol
- ***Internal Natural Variability***
  - *PDO, NAO, AMO (Tung&Zhou, 2013), etc*
  - *La Niñas*
  - *Deeper Ocean Warming (Meehl et al., 2011)*



# Lack of data prevent a thorough study of the deeper ocean and hiatus

- Deeper ocean remote sensing is necessary.
- Super spatial and temporal coverage
- Subsurface remote sensing data will improve data assimilation results



- Argo is great
- Coverage limit (Spatial & Temp)



# Subsurface and Deeper Ocean Remote Sensing

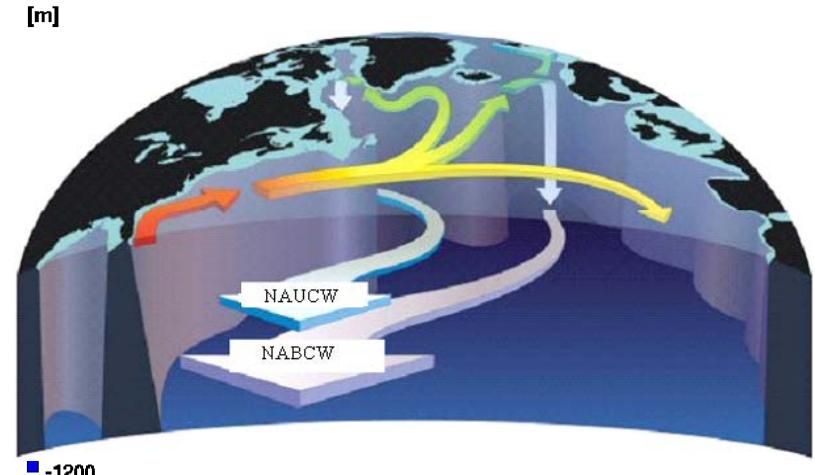
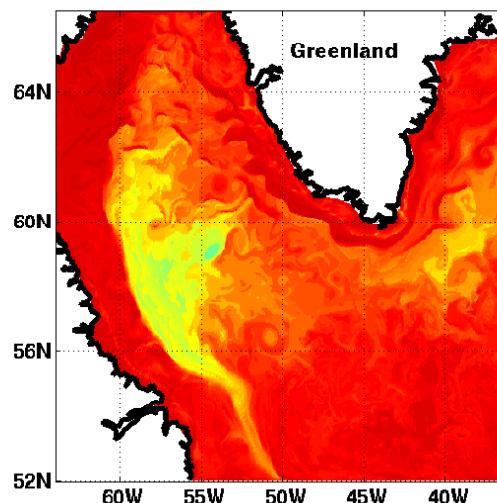
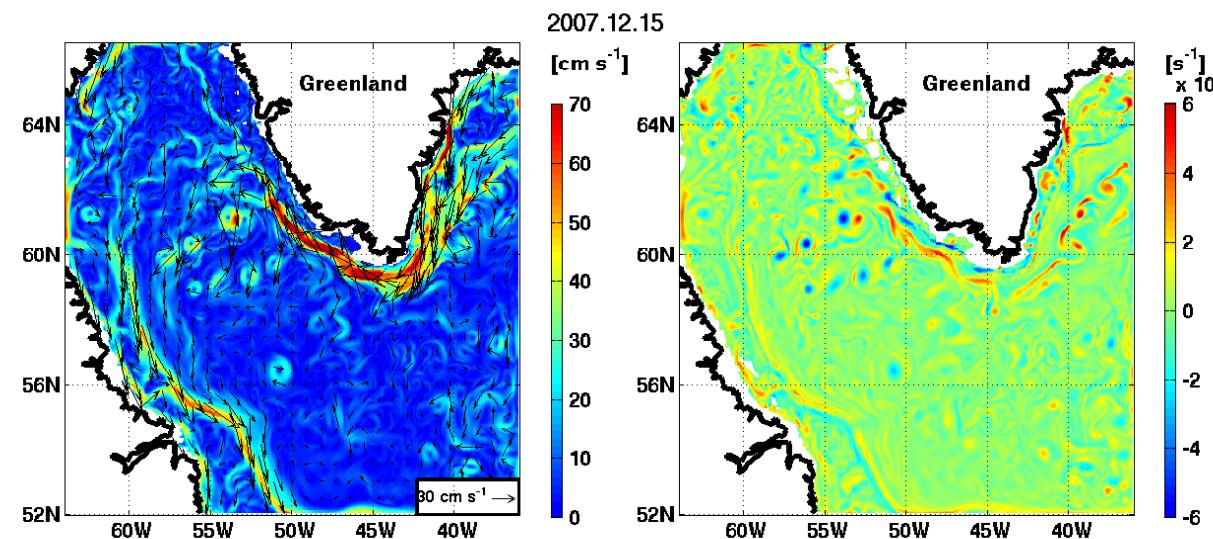
(klemas & Yan, **a review paper** in *Prog. Oceanography*, 2014,)

Generally, there are 3 methods:

- 1.Data Assimilations (AMOC/DOC)
- 2.Dynamic Analysis (Meddy/Cold Pool)
- 3.Statistic/Empirical (Subsurface Thermal Structure)

# Method 1

Zhang & Yan,  
*JPO, 2014*



*Re-Stratifications DOC  
slow-down*

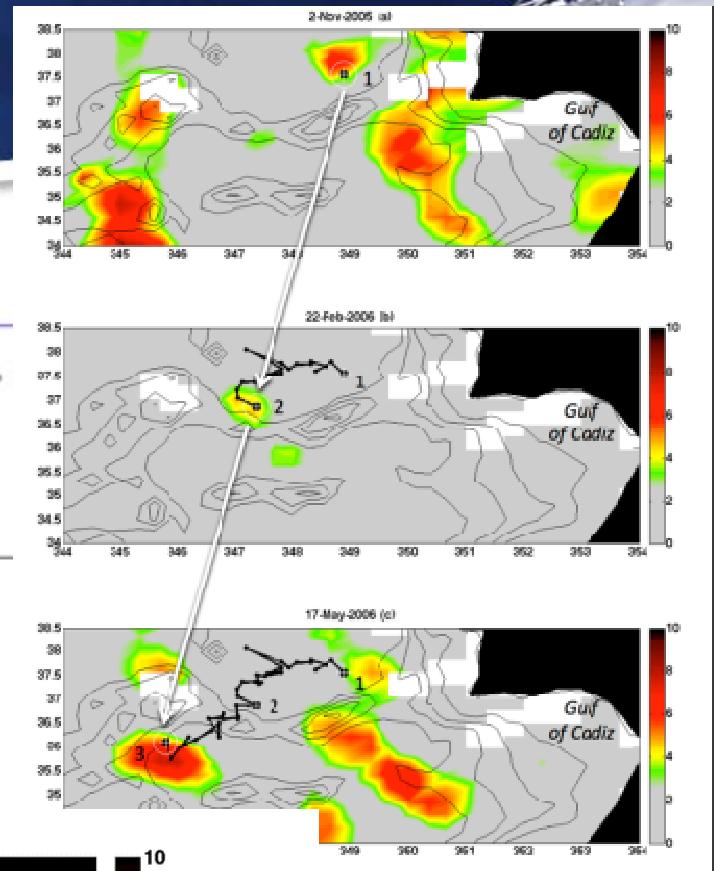
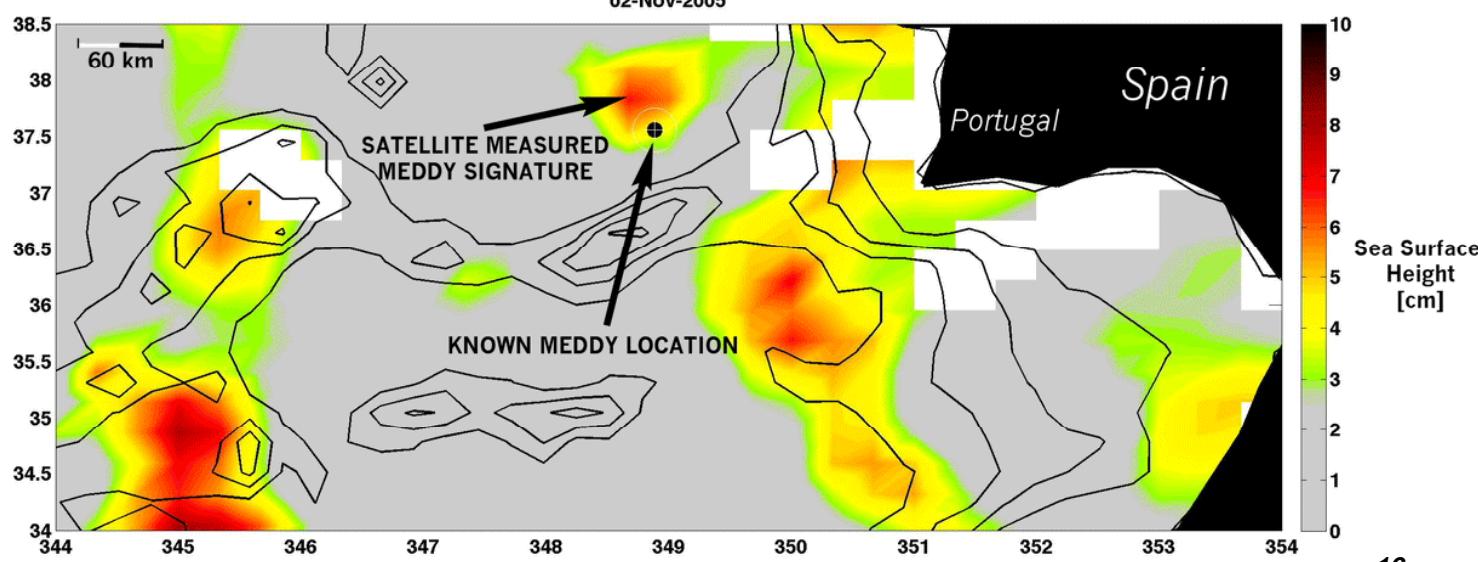
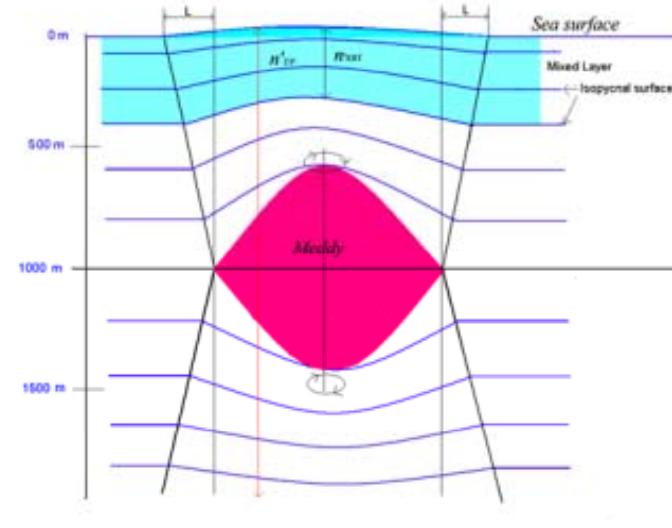
*AMOC/SPG  
Slow-down*

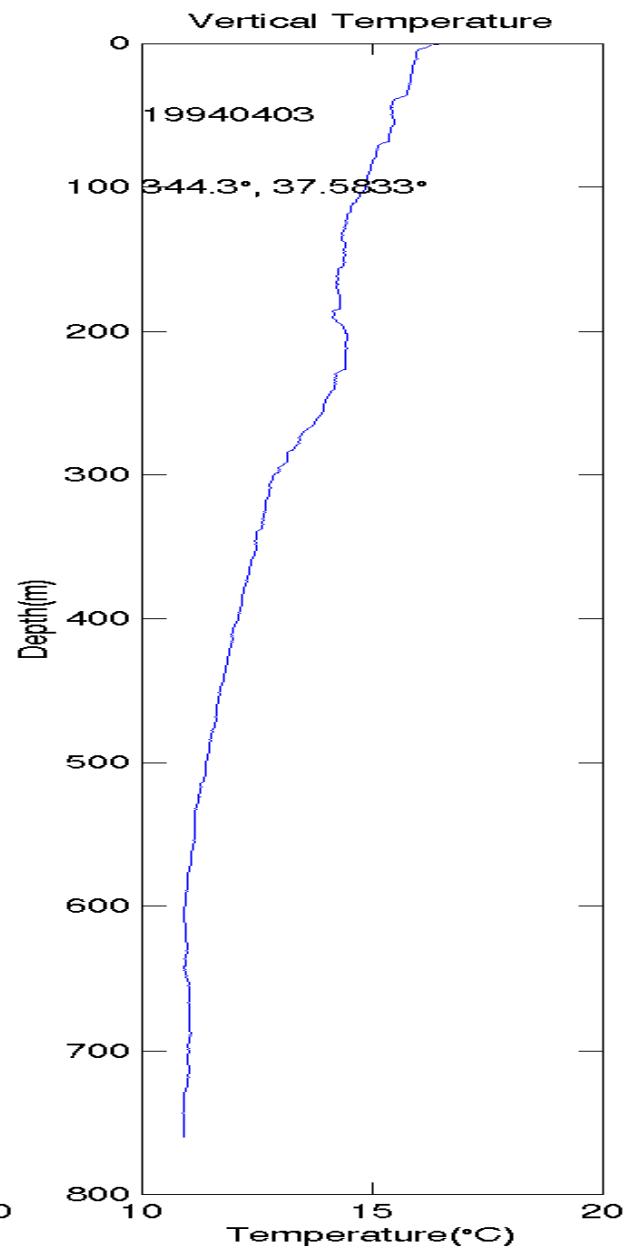
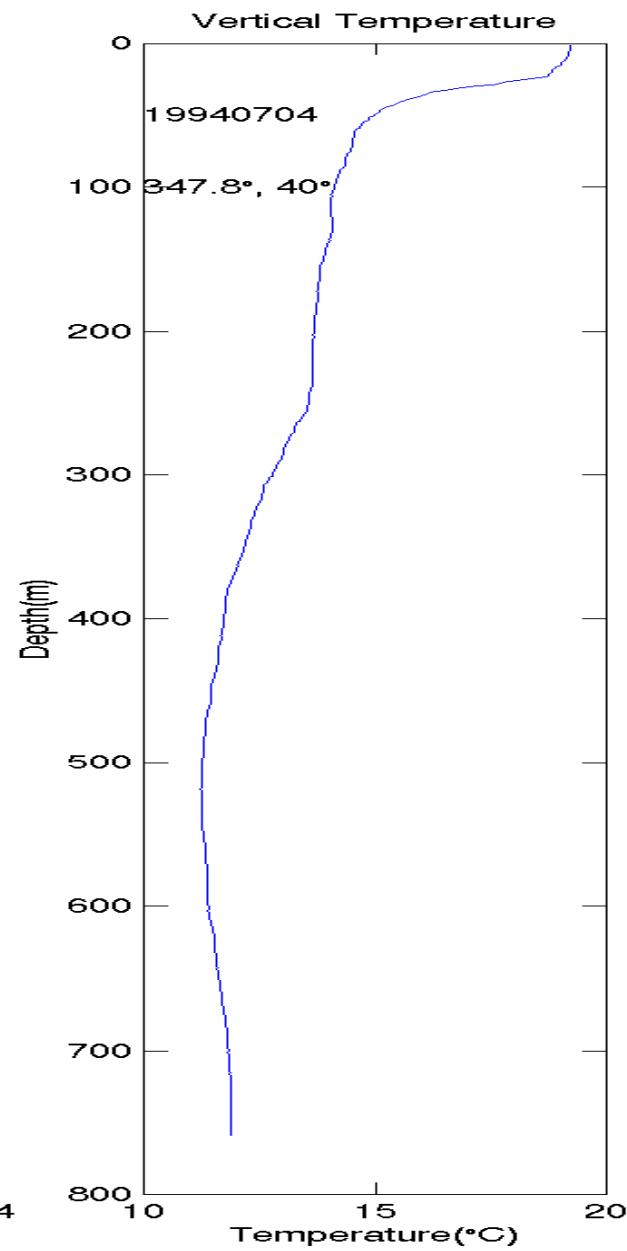
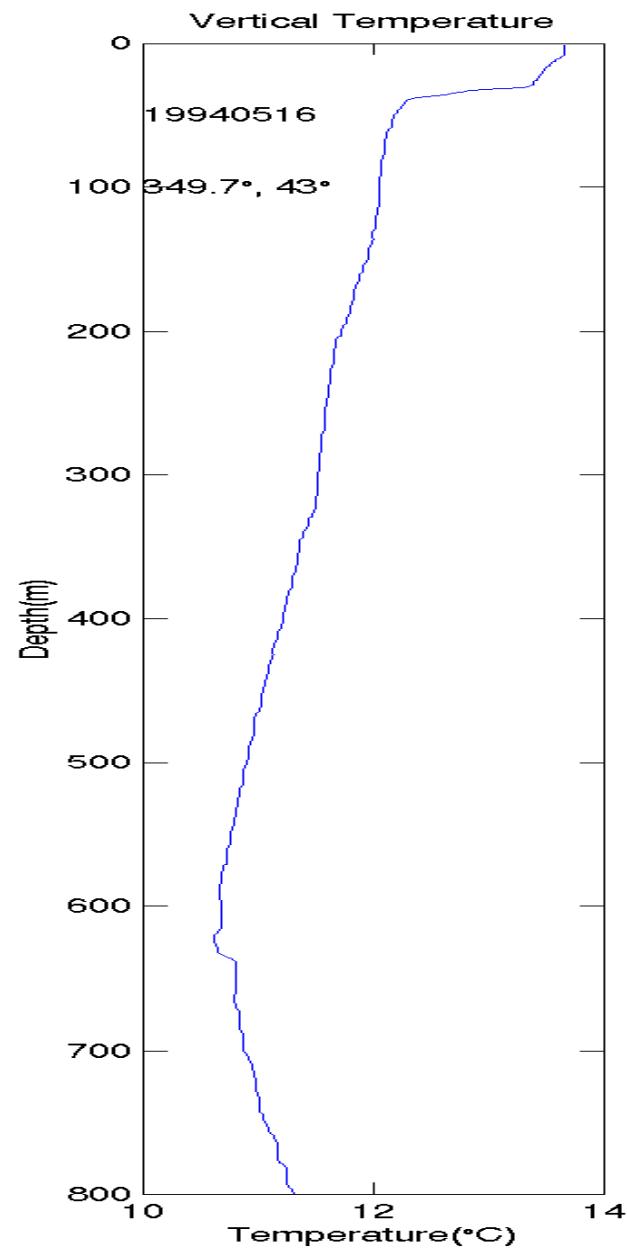
*Deep  
warming*

# Meddy (Mediterranean Eddy) Remote Sensing (Tracking with XBT)

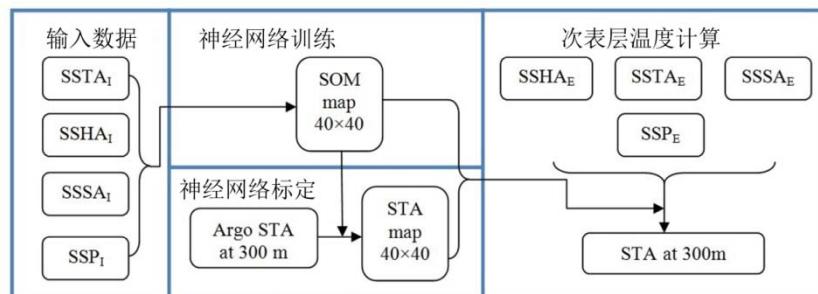
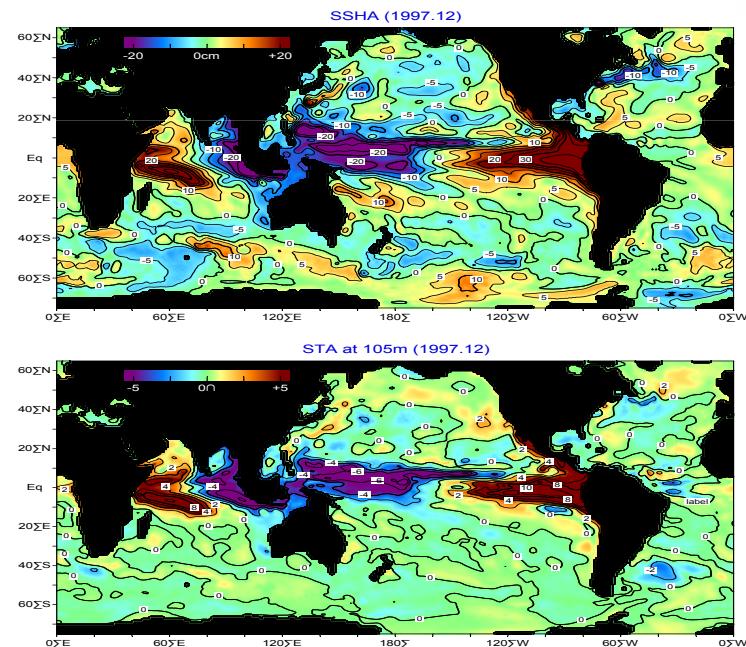
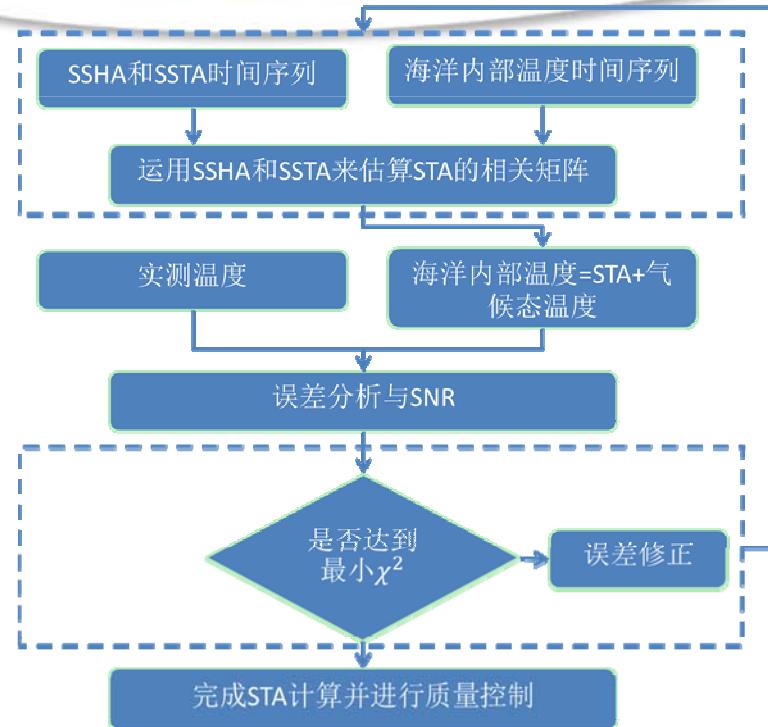
## Method 2

Yan, et al., 2006, JPO;  
Ienna and Yan, 2014,  
J. A&O Tech.



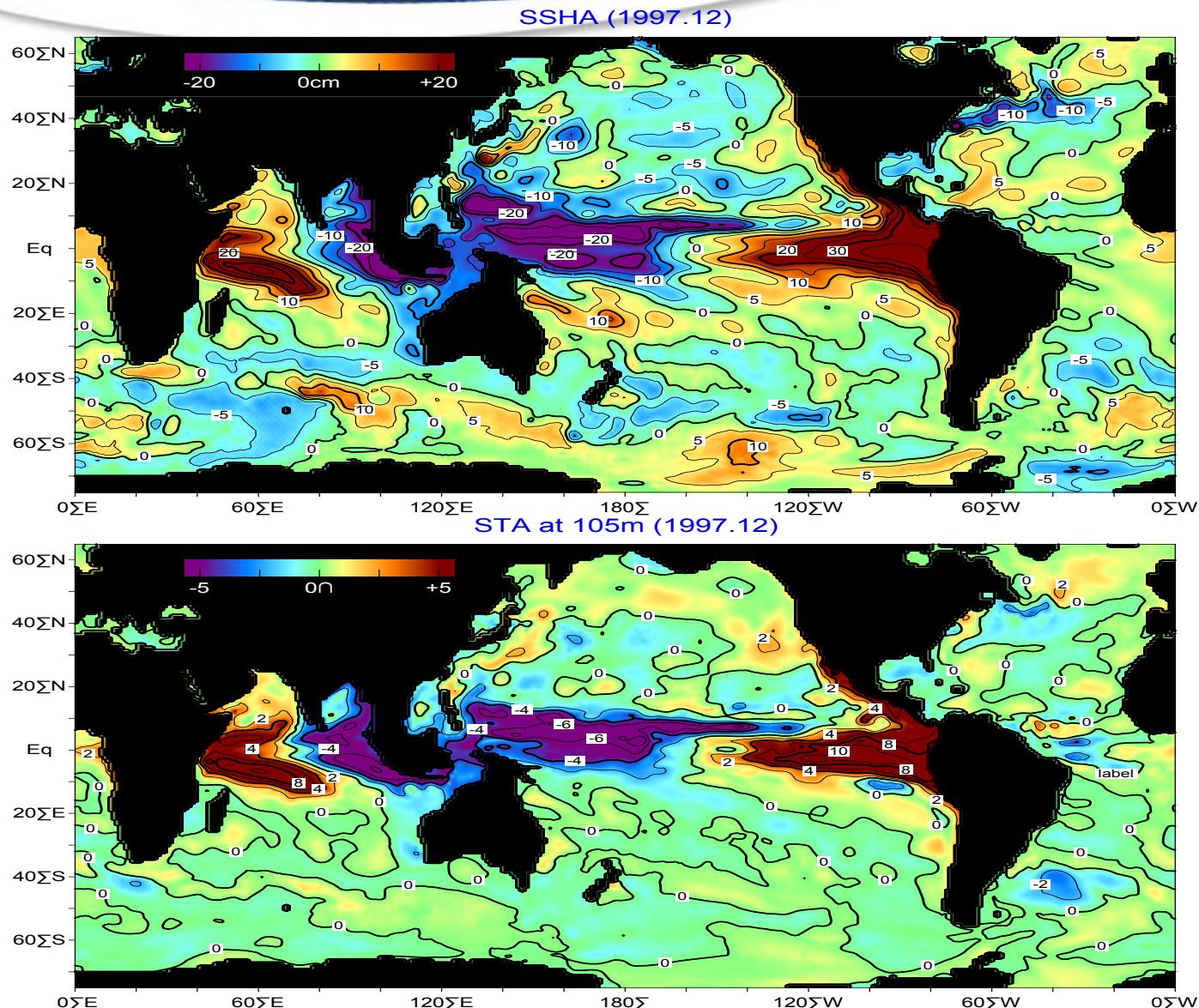


# Method 3: Subsurface Thermal Structure Remote Sensing



*Using SSHA & SSTA to estimate Subsurface Thermal Structure (STA).*  
**a, Bilinear Method** Kang&Yan, 2012,  
*US Patent, US8152366;*  
**b, NN Method**, Wu&Yan, 2012)

# Similarities of SSHA and Subsurface temperature anomaly (STA) at 105m depth



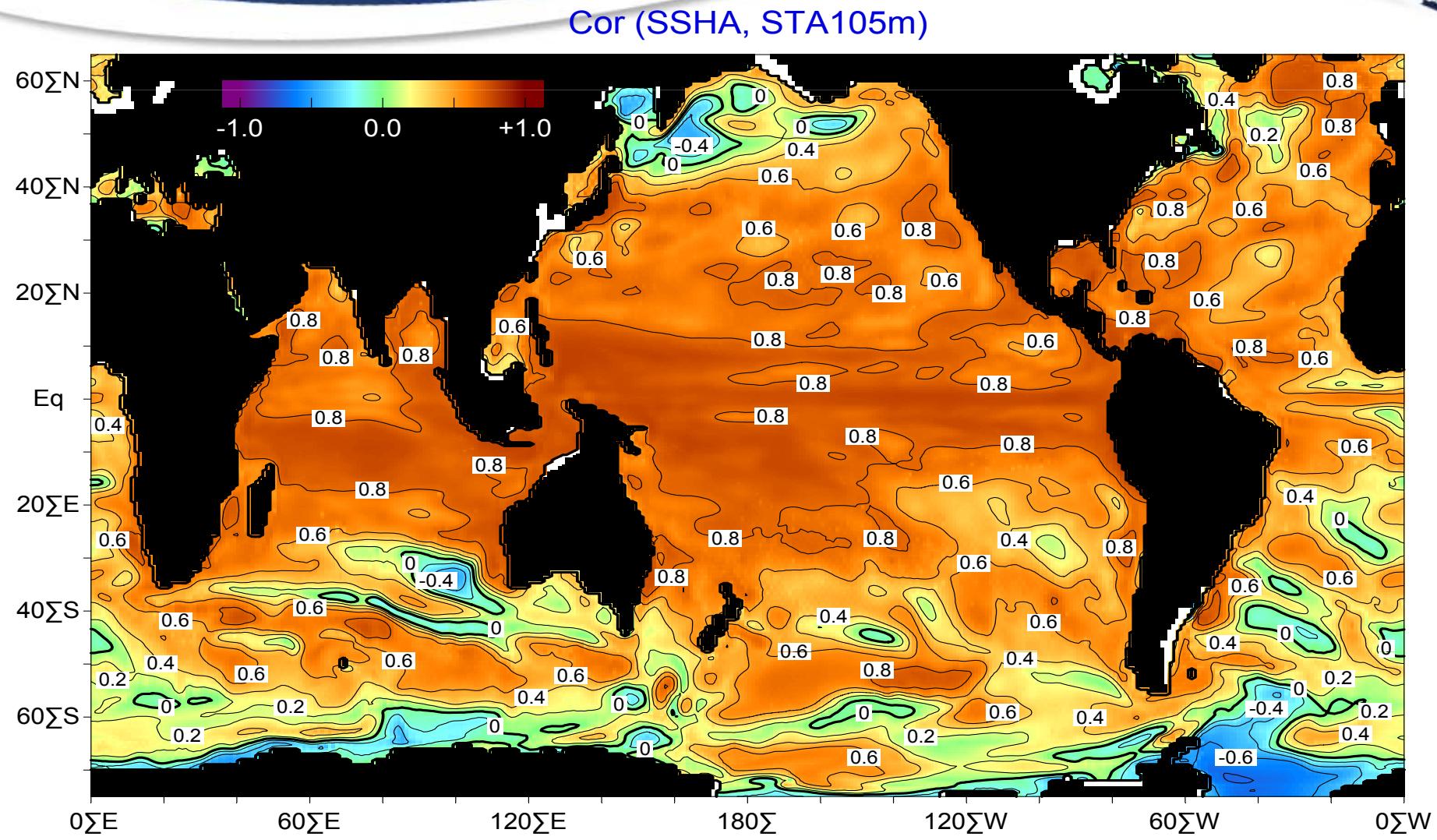
*Best spatial similarities between SSHA and STA*

- Equators and Indian Ocean: STA at ~105m depth

- North Pacific: STA at ~50m depth

- North Atlantic: STA at ~200m depth

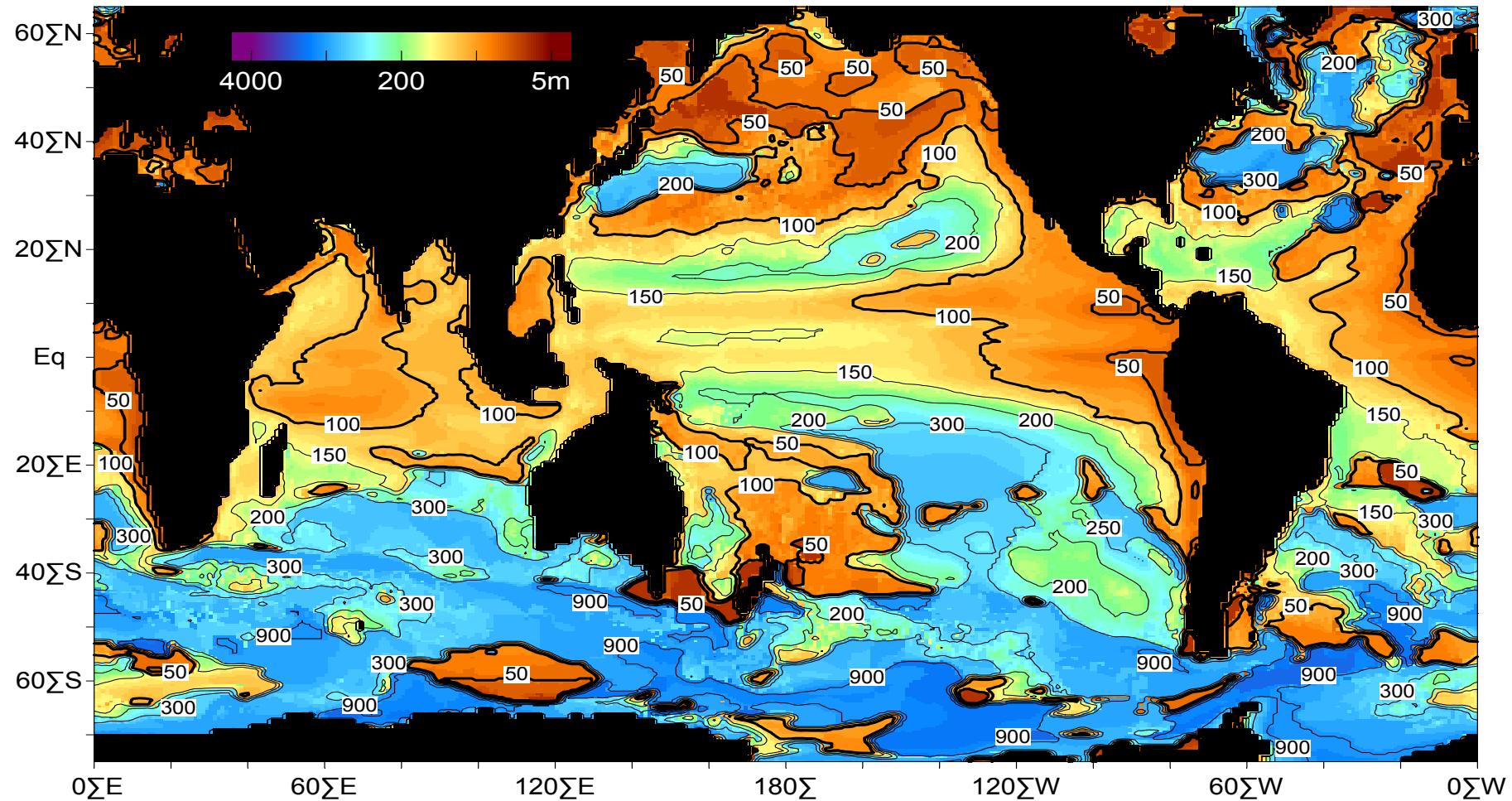
# Correlation between SSHA and STA at 105m depth



# Depths for maximum correlation between SSHA and STA



Depth of Max COR ▷ RMS of ST Anomaly



## How to estimate STA from SSHA and SSTA



Suppose the STA is a linear combination of the SSHA and the SSTA,

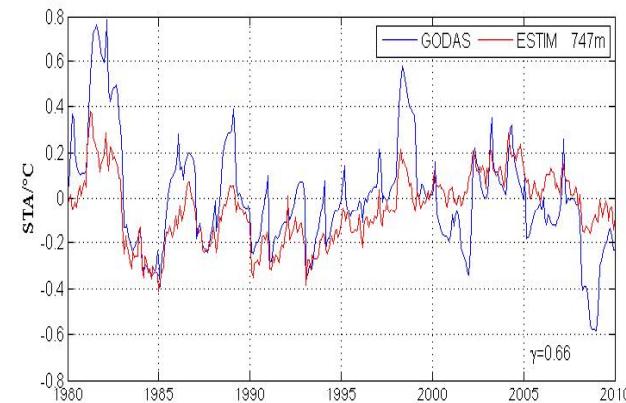
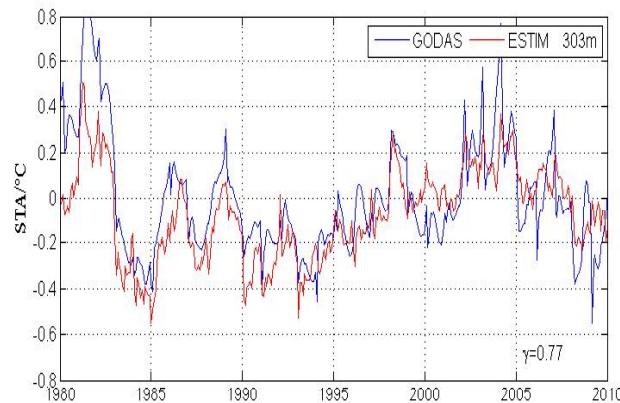
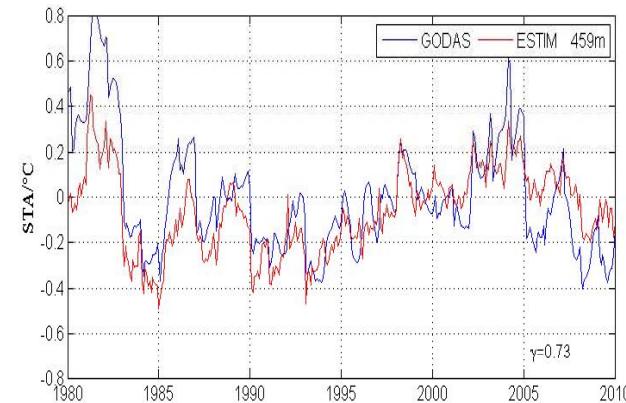
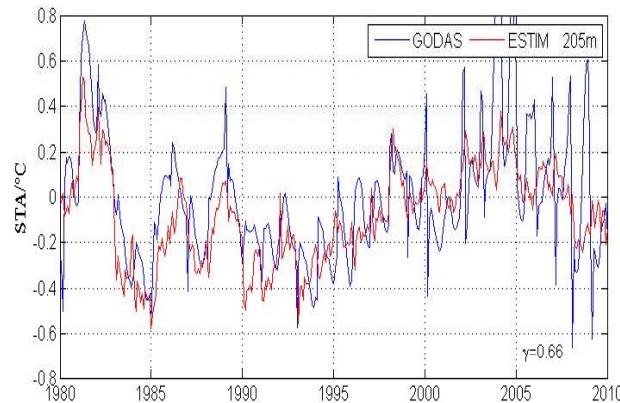
$$STA(z, t) = a(z)SSHA(t) + b(z)SSTA(t) + c(z)$$

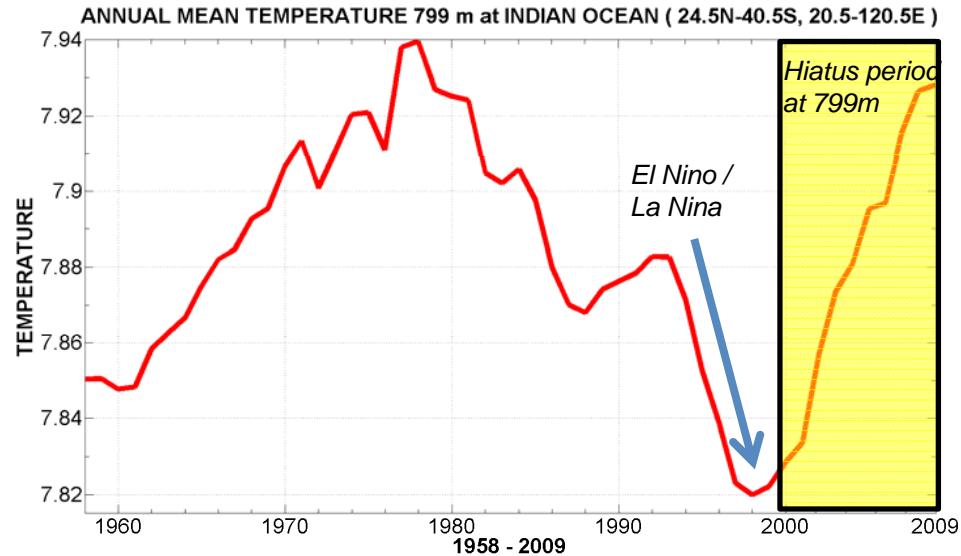
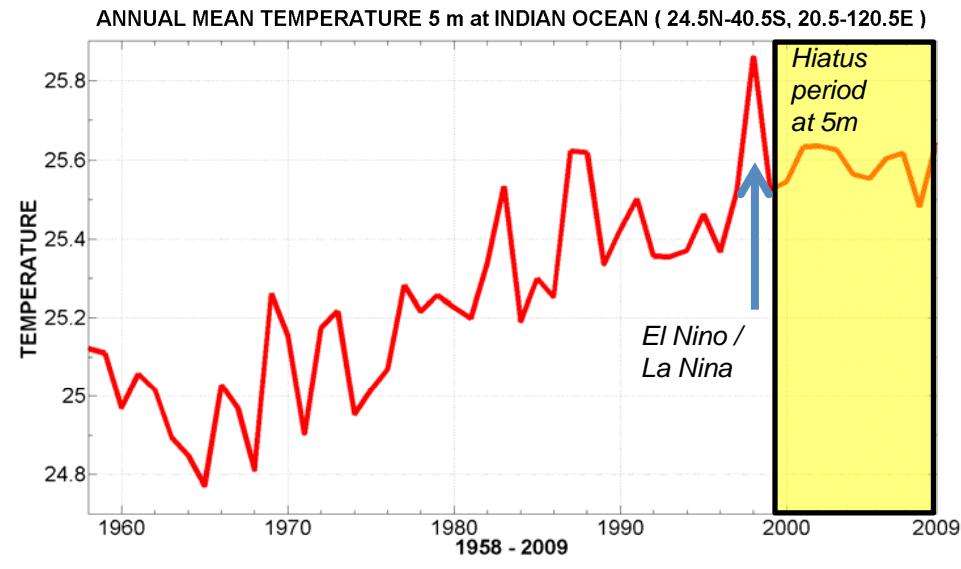
In order to determine unknown coefficients,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , we can use the least square method (LSM) at each depth of a given location, i.e.,

$$E(z) = \sum_{t=1}^n [a(z)*SSHA(t) + b(z)*SSTA(t) + c(z) - STA(z, t)]^2$$

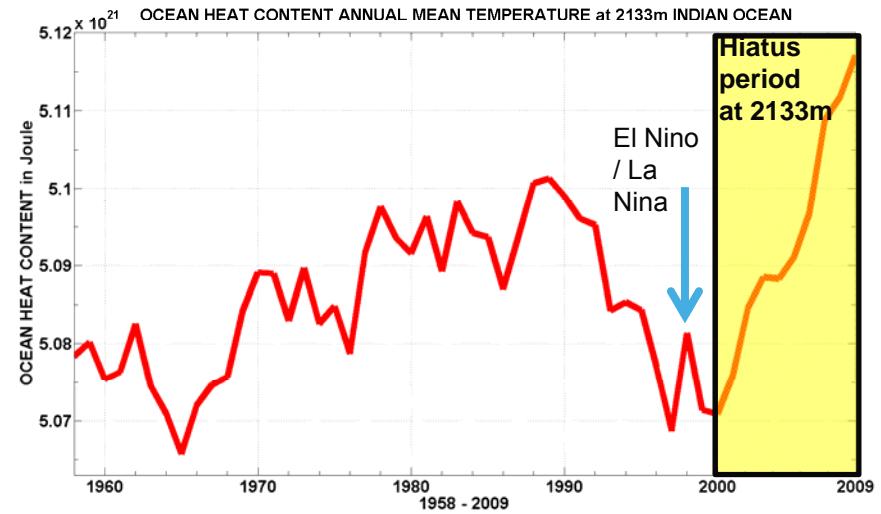
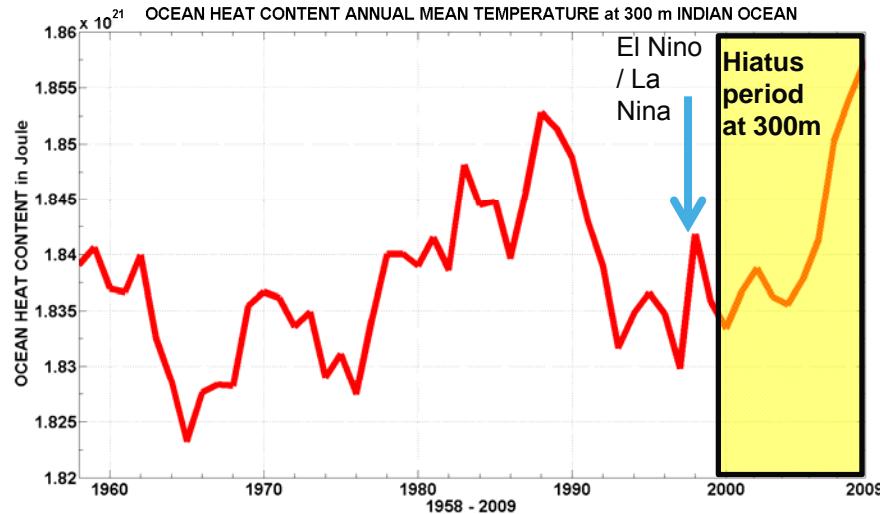
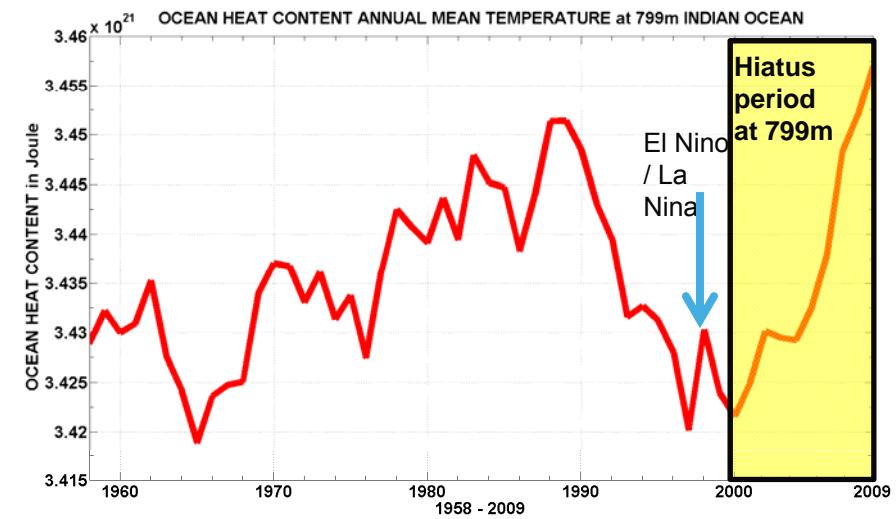
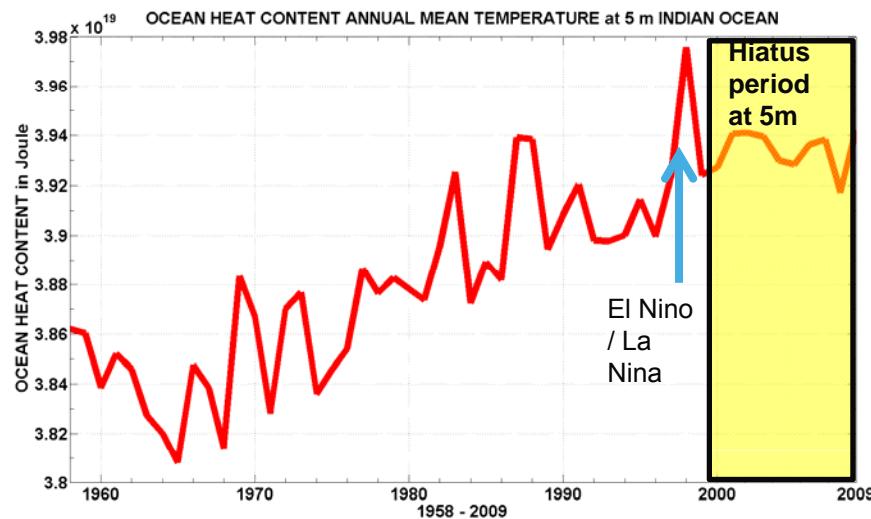
Where  $n$  and  $z$  are the measurement period and depths, respectively. The coefficients are determined at the minimum  $E$ .

# Comparisons between estimated and GODAS measurements

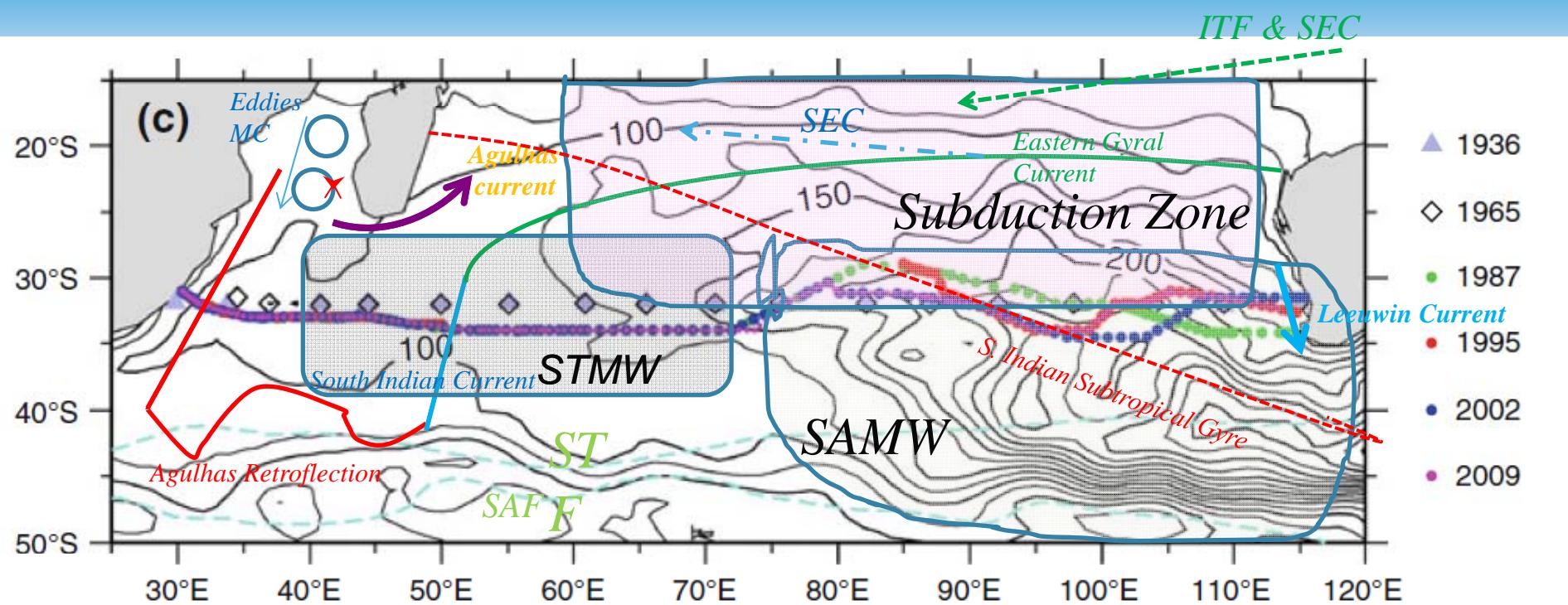




(Makarim & Yan, 2014)



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*STMW = Sub Tropical Mode Water (0-300m)*

*SAMW = Sub Antarctic Mode Water (0-700m)*

*STF = Sub Tropical Front*

*SAF = Sub Antarctic Front*

*Agulhas Current ( up to 2000 m)*

*Agulhas Retroflection (up to 2000 m)*

*Eddies Mozambique Channel ( up to 1500 m)*

*Agulhas&retroflection&Eddies MC, (ref : Will de Ruijter et. Al, 2002,2010,2012)*

*SEC = South Equatorial Current low salinity in subduction zone (800-1200m)*

*ITF = Indonesian Throughflow (0-500 m)*

*Subduction Zone (0-1000 m)*

*Eastern Gyral Current (200 m)*

*South Indian Current*

*South Indian Subtropical Gyre at 200 m*

*Leeuwin Current (0-150 m,Talley et.al, 2011) and (0-300m, Koch-Larrouy et al,2010)*

*AAIW ( Antarctic Intermediate Water), 500-1200 m*



## Conclusions:

1. *Deeper ocean warming up contributed significantly in recent global warming hiatus, and in the paradox of accelerating Arctic sea ice melting despite the slow-down in the global warming trend during the recent climate hiatus.*
2. *Deeper ocean remote sensing is do-able and can help in studying the climate change & hiatus. Subsurface and deeper ocean remote sensing is difficult, but important and do-able and need to be further developing and emphasizing.*
3. *With help of Argo, field work, (30 N, Indian Ocean, WPWP, etc.), CMIP5, re-analysis data, modeling, and deeper ocean remote sensing, we should be able to do more.*

# *Frontiers of Ocean Remote Sensing*

1. *Deeper Ocean Remote Sensing*
2. *High Resolution/All Weather Remote Sensing-SAR, Real Time Disaster and Environment Monitoring*
3. *Coupling of Physical/Biological/Chemical Oceanography/Interdisciplinary Research*
4. *Global Change-Climate Change Research*
5. *Multi-Sensor Remote Sensing*
6. *New Sensors, e.g., Salinity, etc.*
7. *Coastal Remote Sensing/Arctic-Polar RS*