

Ocean a klimat:

wczoraj, dziś i jutro

Wykład 5 bis:

Zmienność klimatu w skali dekadальной
(*AMO, NAO, PDO*)

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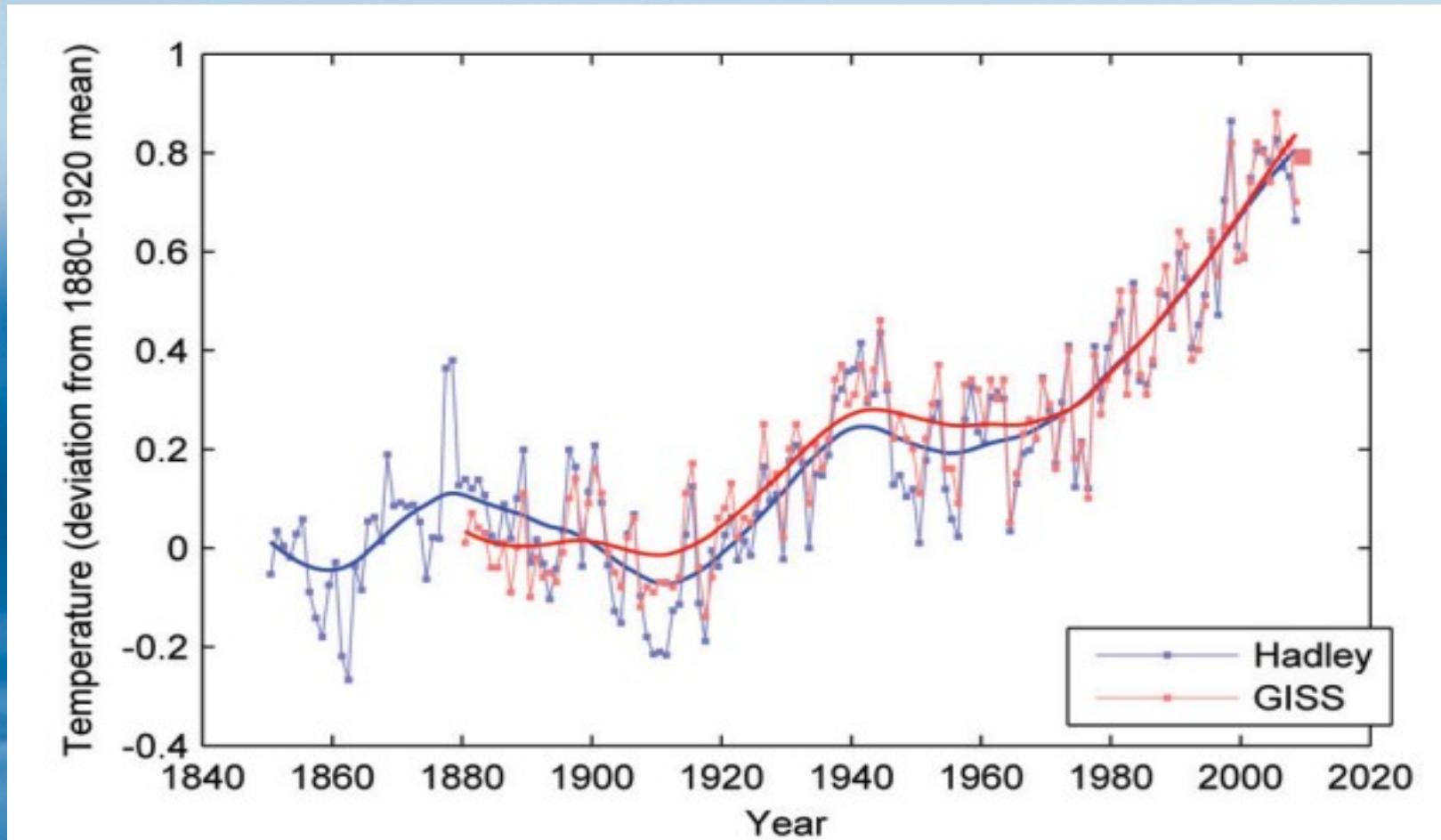
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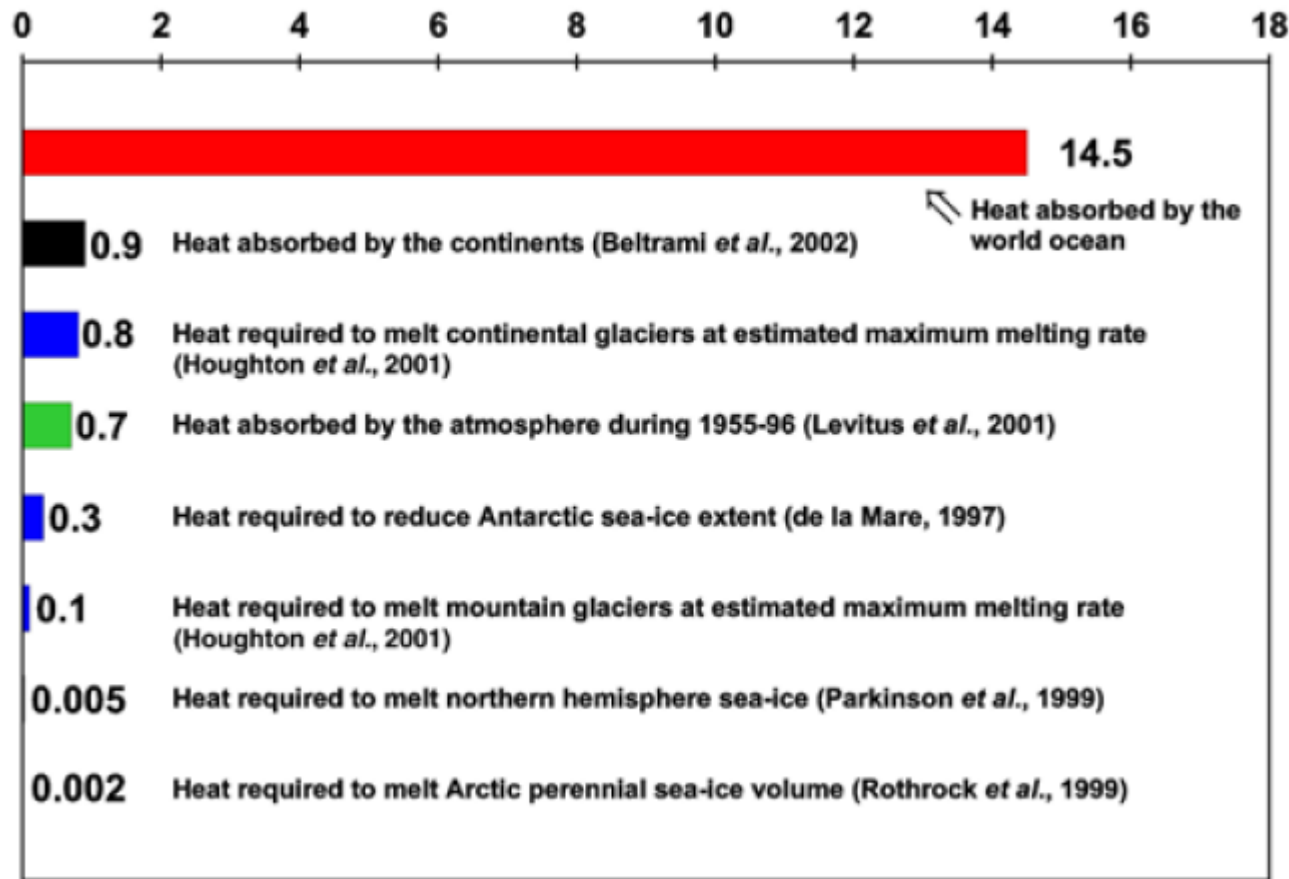
- ✓ Maszyna klimatyczna Ziemia (*zmienność w skali geologicznej*)
- ✓ Epoka lodowa w której żyjemy (*zmienność w skali astronomicznej*)
- ✓ Gwałtowne zmiany klimatu (*deglacjacja, zmienność “suborbitalna”*)
- ✓ Holocen: klimat, ocean a cywilizacja, (*stała słoneczna i wulkanizm*)
- ✓ Północny Atlantyk – kuźnia klimatu (*cyrkulacja termohalinowa*)
- ✓ **Zmienność klimatu w skali dekadalej (AMO, NAO, PDO)**
- ✓ Tropiki a zmienność klimatu (*ENSO, huragany, monsuny*)
- ✓ Aerozol: wielka niewiadoma klimatyczna
- ✓ Gazy o znaczeniu klimatycznym (*cykl węgla, CO₂, metan, DMS*)
- ✓ Globalne ocieplenie a ocean (*zmienność antropogeniczna*)
- ✓ Zmiany klimatyczne w rejonach polarnych

What causes the multidecadal variability of global temperature?



On top of the global warming trend, the instrumental temperature records show significant multidecadal variability. To better learn the actual climate sensitivity to greenhouse gases, we need to understand how much of it is caused by changing forcing (natural and anthropogenic) and how much by natural variability? And what this variability actually is?

How can we explain any multiannual climate oscillations?



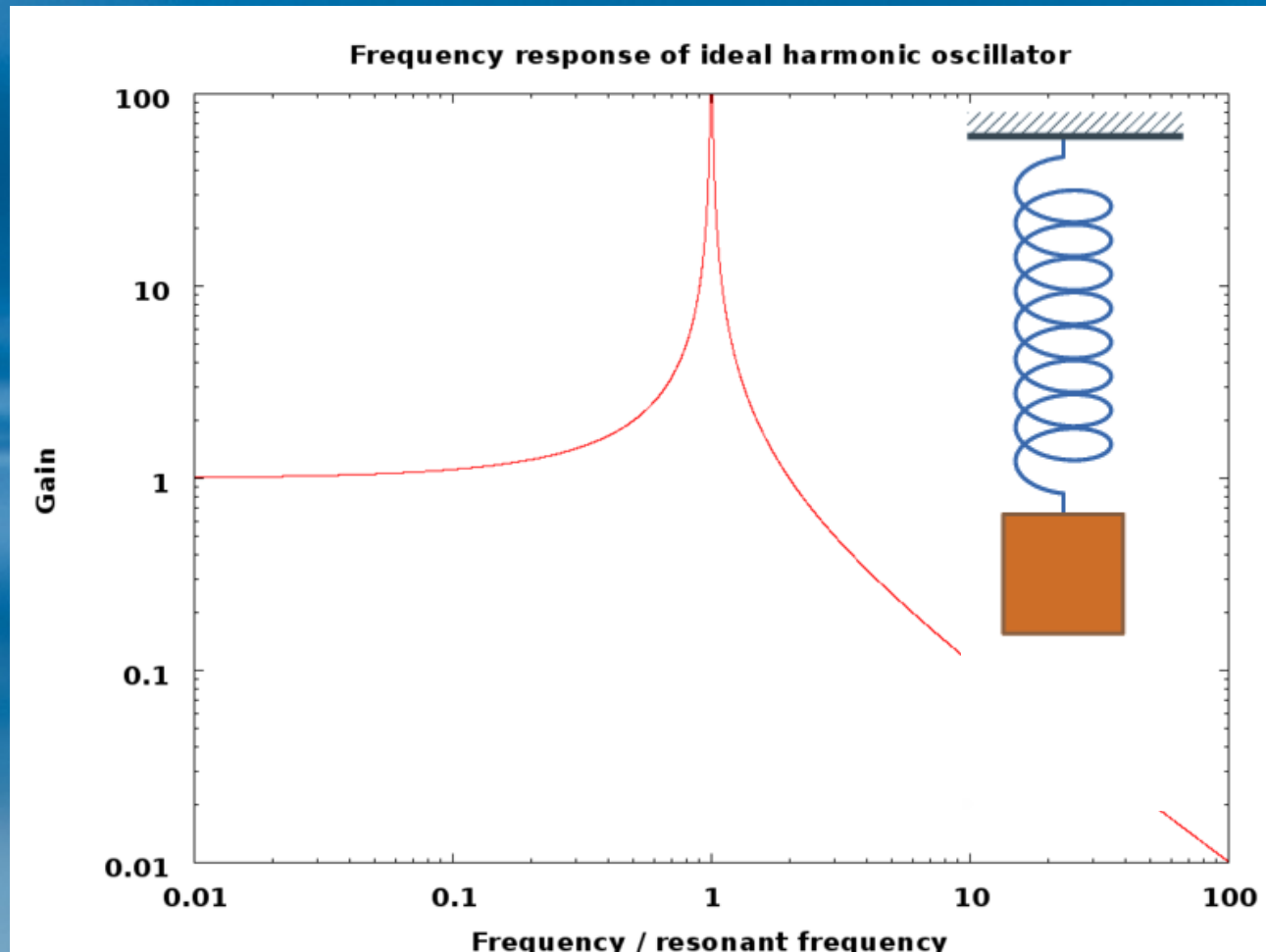
The absorbed amount of heat (in 10^{22} J) by various components of Earth climate machine: ocean absorbed 84%, land 4% and atmosphere 5%. The missing 7% is the latent heat of ice-sheets and sea ice. The actual heat content share of the ocean even bigger share of the pie as ocean has a long relaxation time for heat fluxes (hundreds of years) and has not yet adjusted to the present greenhouse forcing.

*Levitus, Antono, Boyer 2005
(Geophysical Res. Letters)*

There are many known or suspected multiannual climate oscillations (examples will be shown soon) but it is not possible to explain any of them without air-sea interaction because the heat content of land and atmosphere is too small for a multiannual climate “memory” (and continental moisture can barely explain biannual variability).

What are the possible mechanisms of interannual climate oscillations?

If we observe climate oscillations with a period of multiple years we can suspect either a forced (driven) oscillator, with a periodic forcing controlling its period, or a stochastically forced oscillator (possibly bistable) with a period close to its resonant period. In any case it is very hard to force oscillations when the resonance period is longer than the forcing period (low gain).



Frequency response of an ideal harmonic oscillator. Real climate systems are neither harmonic (nonlinearities) nor ideal (they have damping) but the main conclusions are still true.

en.wikipedia.org

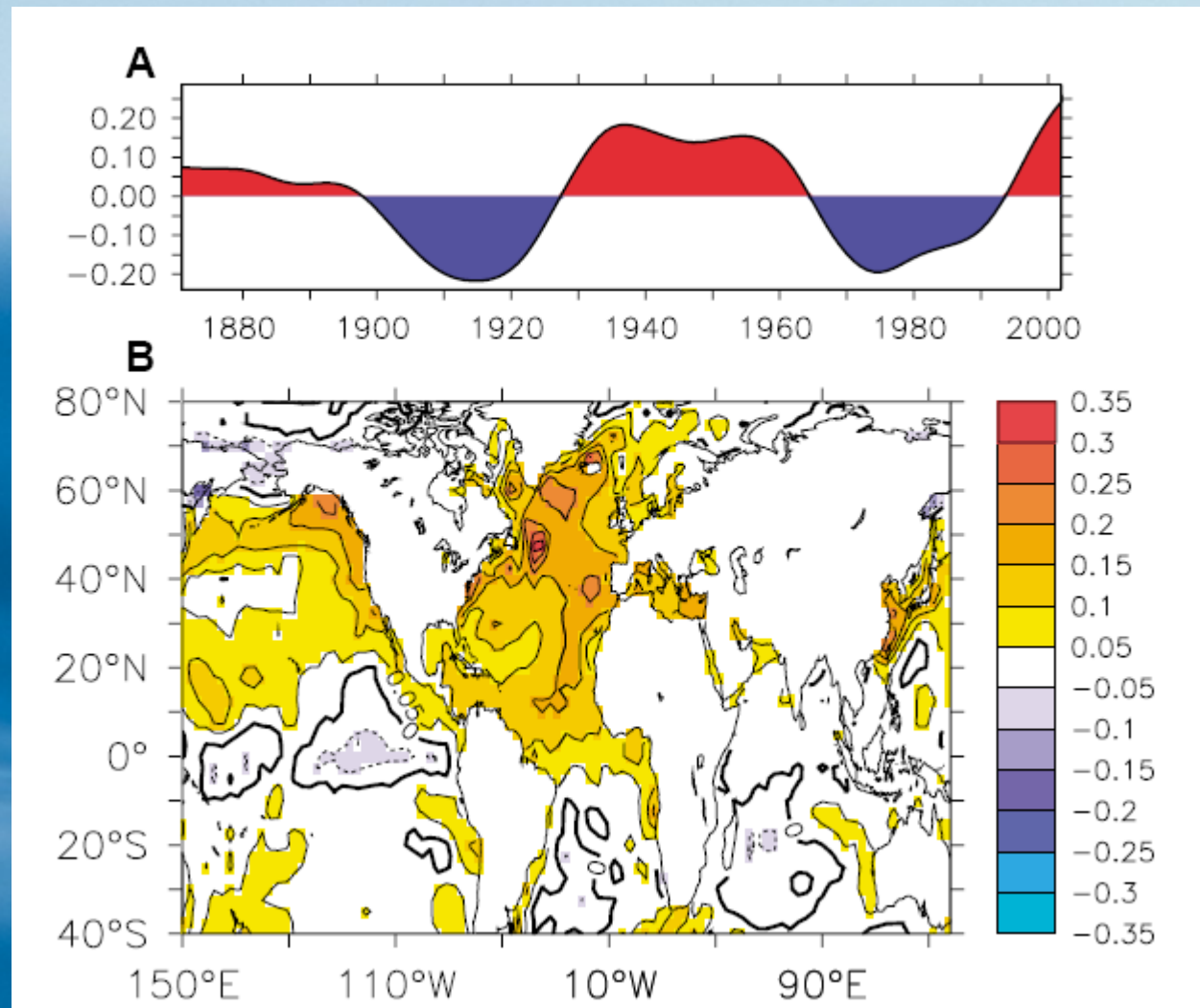
What need we to do?

To understand any interannual climate oscillation we need to identify either the person pushing the swing (external periodical forcing) or the way someone on the swing can keep it in motion (internal physics of the phenomenon).



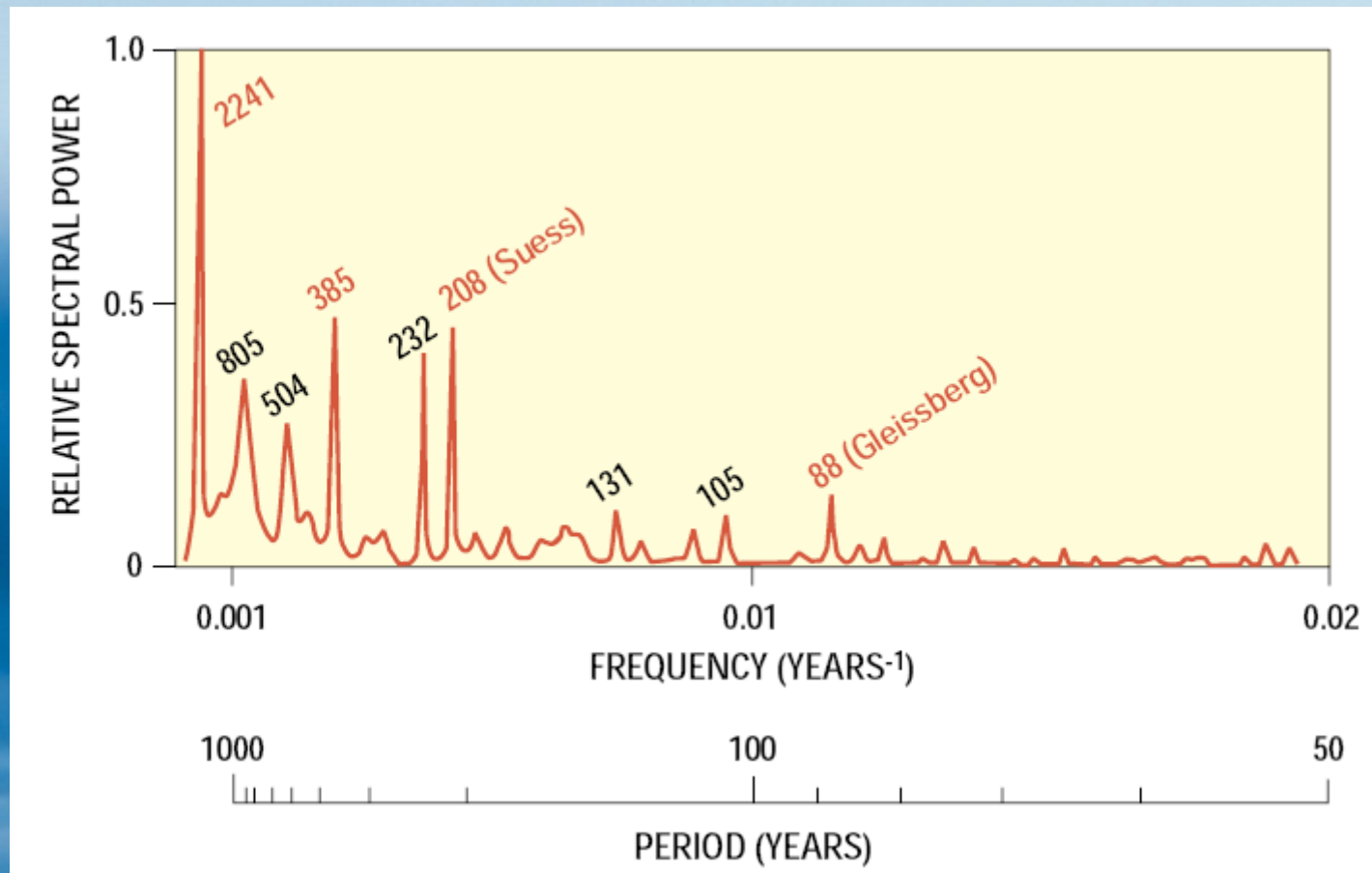
Jean-Honore Fragonard: "The Swing"

Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation



Atlantic Multidecadal oscillation is a periodical (60-70 years) warming and cooling of North Atlantic. The temperature anomaly of North Atlantic (top) is used as the AMO index.

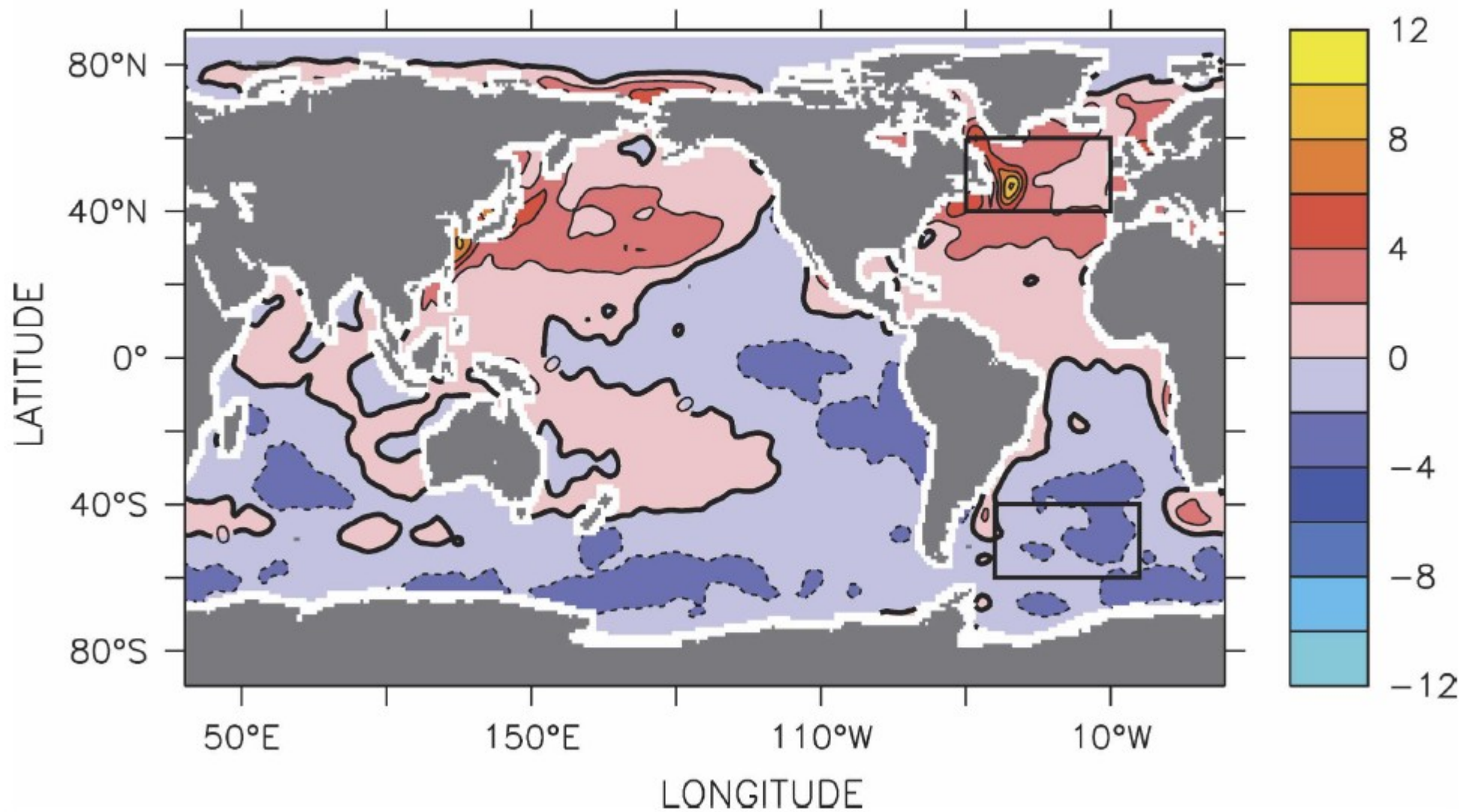
Solar forcing: sun activity spectrum from tree ring C^{14}



Solar activity from tree ring ^{14}C shows many cycles but the shorter important one is 88 year long. It is difficult to explain any multiannual or multidecadal variability of a shorter period by sun only. We also know of no other external decadal periodical forcings.

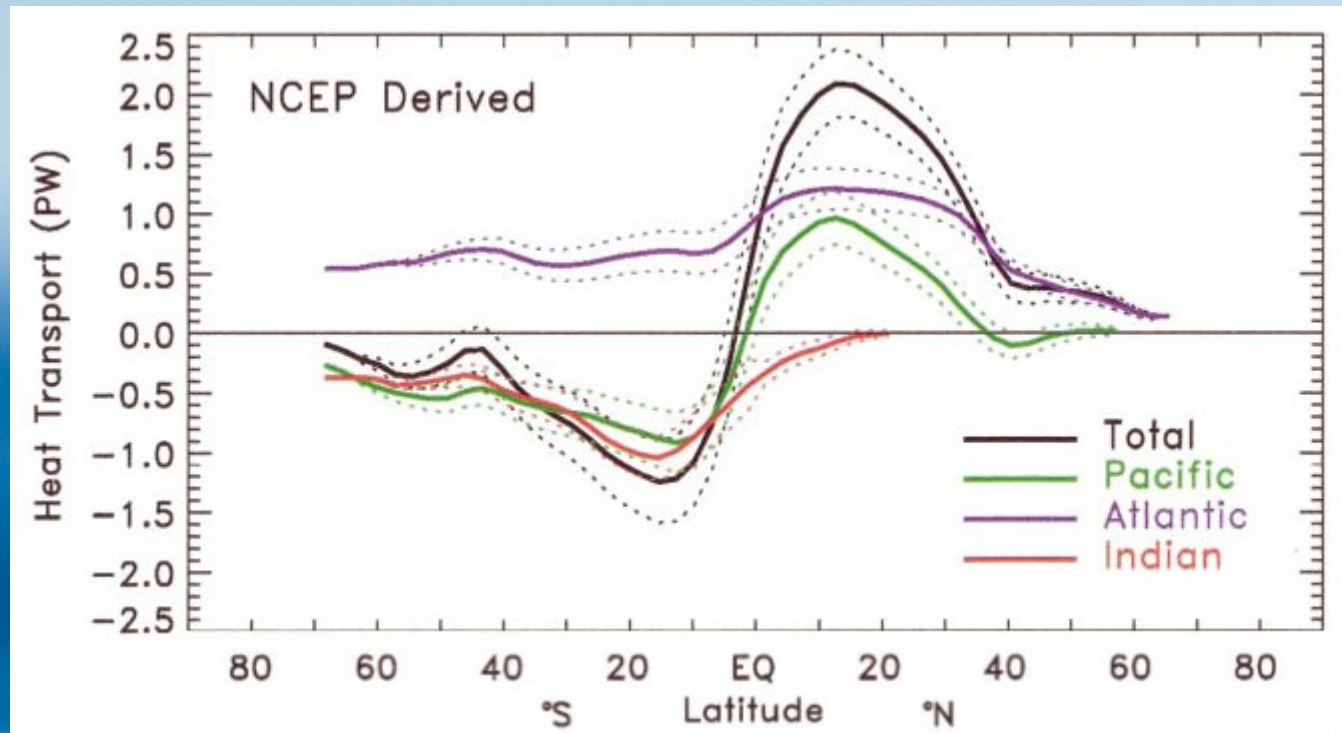
Observed AMO pattern

1980–2004



Linear SST trend (in °C) between AMO low (1980) and high (2004) values, after subtracting global SST increase trend.

Meridional transport of heat: the Atlantic exception

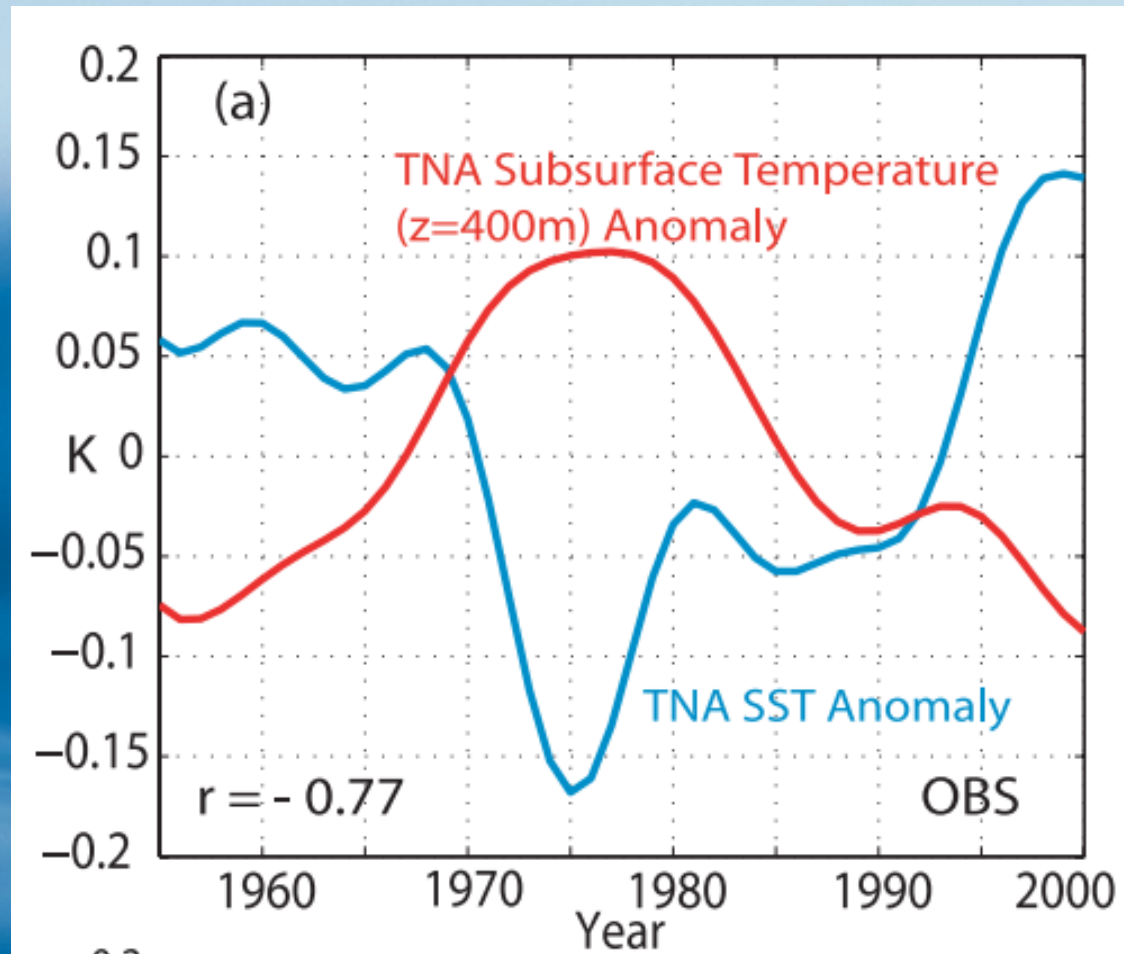


Ocean heat transport (positive means Northward, negative Southward)

The Atlantic is the only ocean where thanks to THC, the heat transport crosses the equator and reaches much further North than in the Pacific. With the exception of Indian Ocean monsoon (transporting heat southward), it is the only significant mechanism coupling the climate of Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

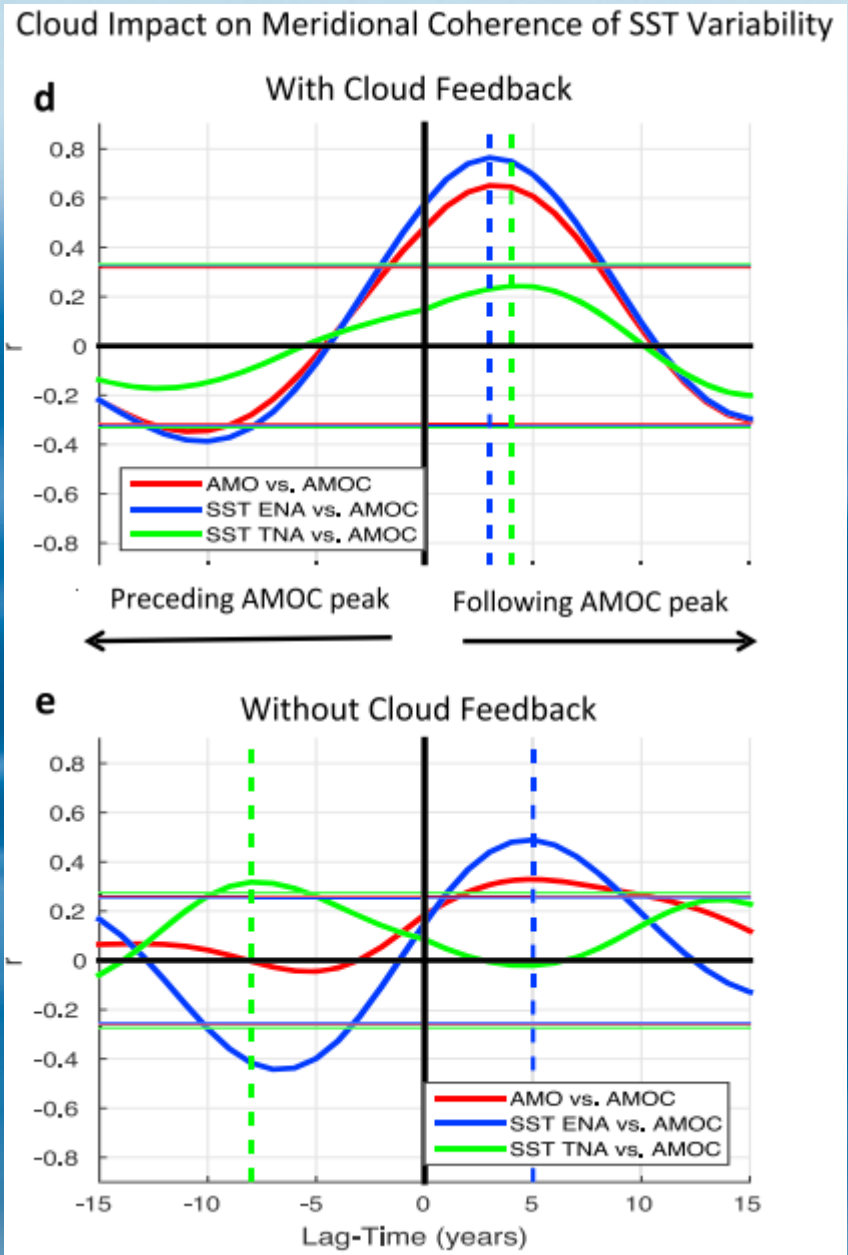
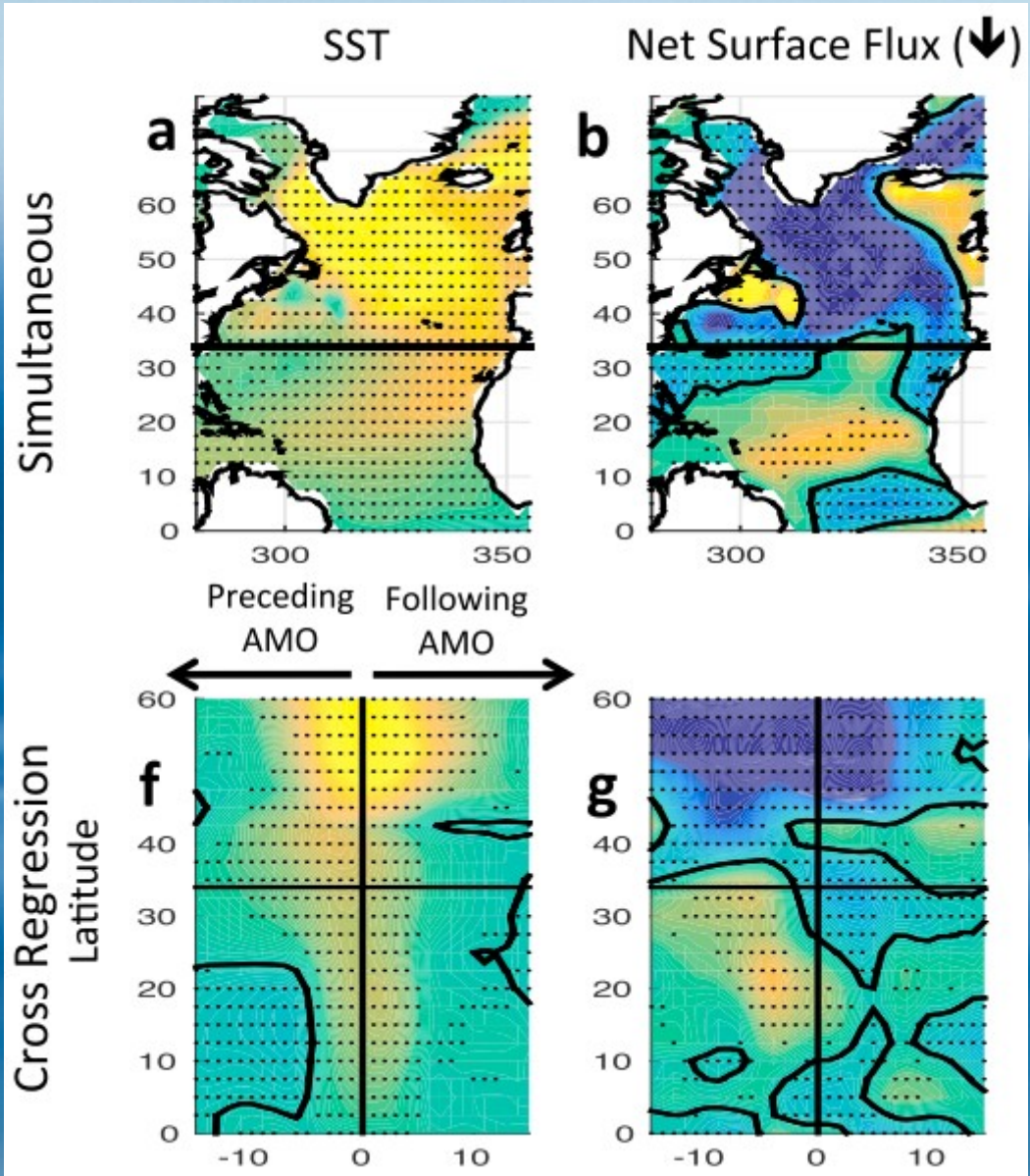
Trenberth & Caron, 2001 (Journal of Climate)

AMOC exchanges heat between ocean and the atmosphere on decadal scales



The temperature of subsurface tropical North Atlantic and surface waters are anticorrelated on decadal scales showing that AMOC exchanges heat not only between the hemispheres but also between the ocean and the atmosphere with an AMO-like timescale

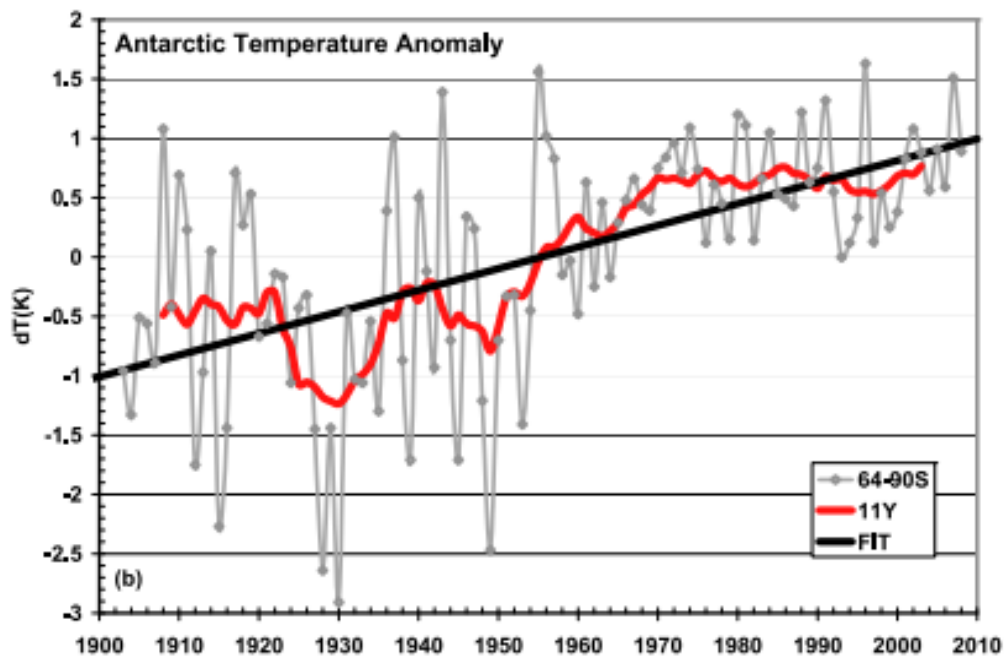
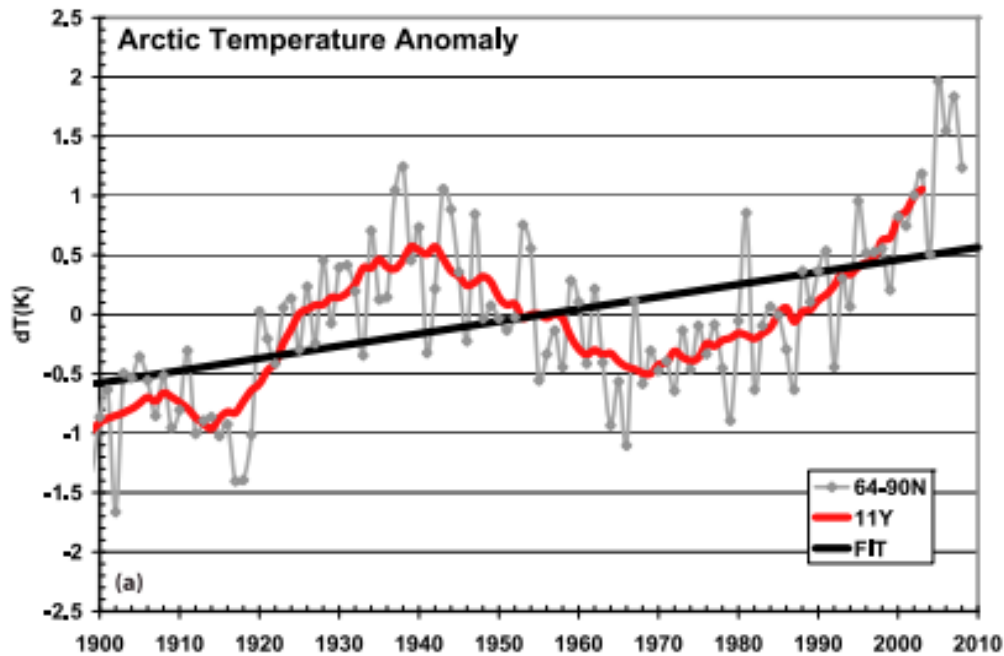
Cloud feedback helps keep the phase of AMO over the whole North Atlantic basin



ENA – extratropical NA, TNA - tropical NA

Brown et al 2016 (GRL)

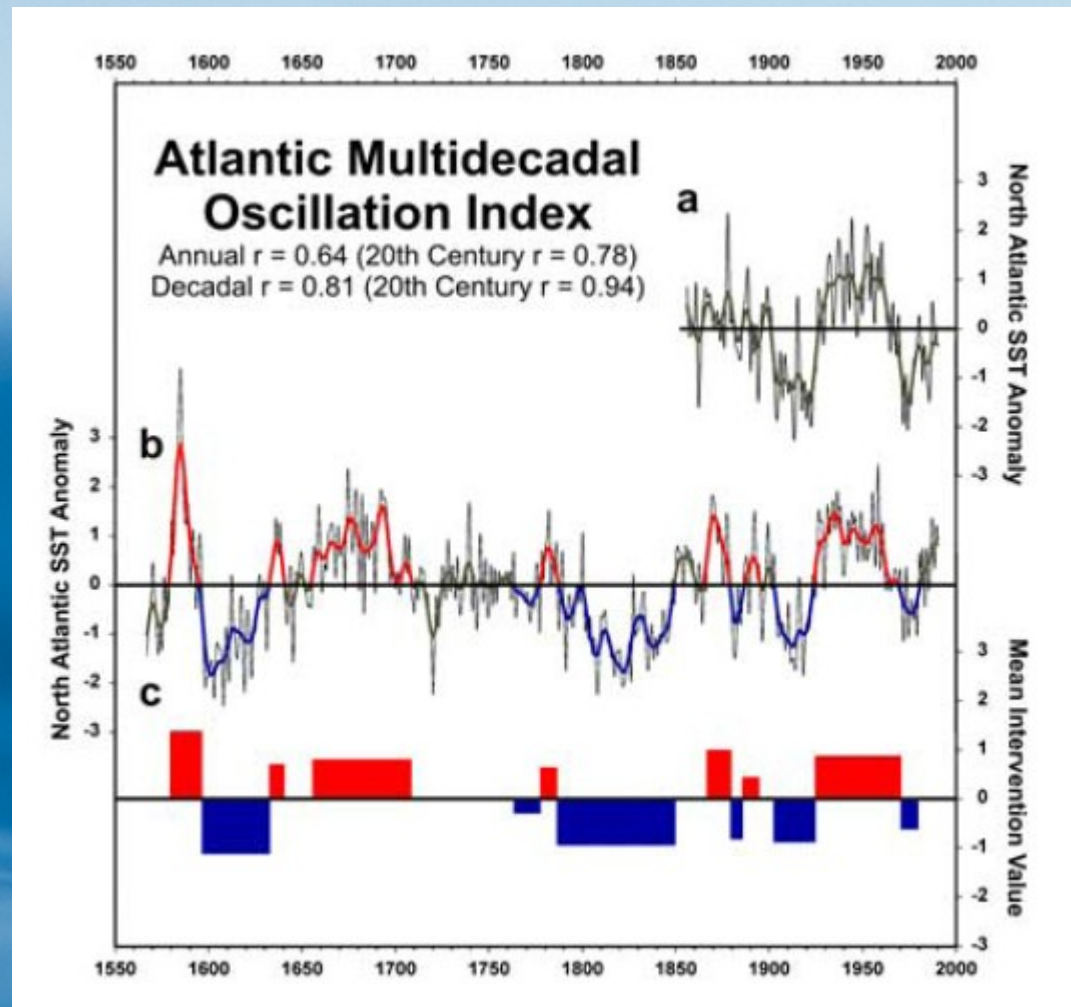
The bipolar see-saw was active also in the 20th century



The bipolar “see-saw” first discovered in the glacial era paleodata was also active in the 20th century.

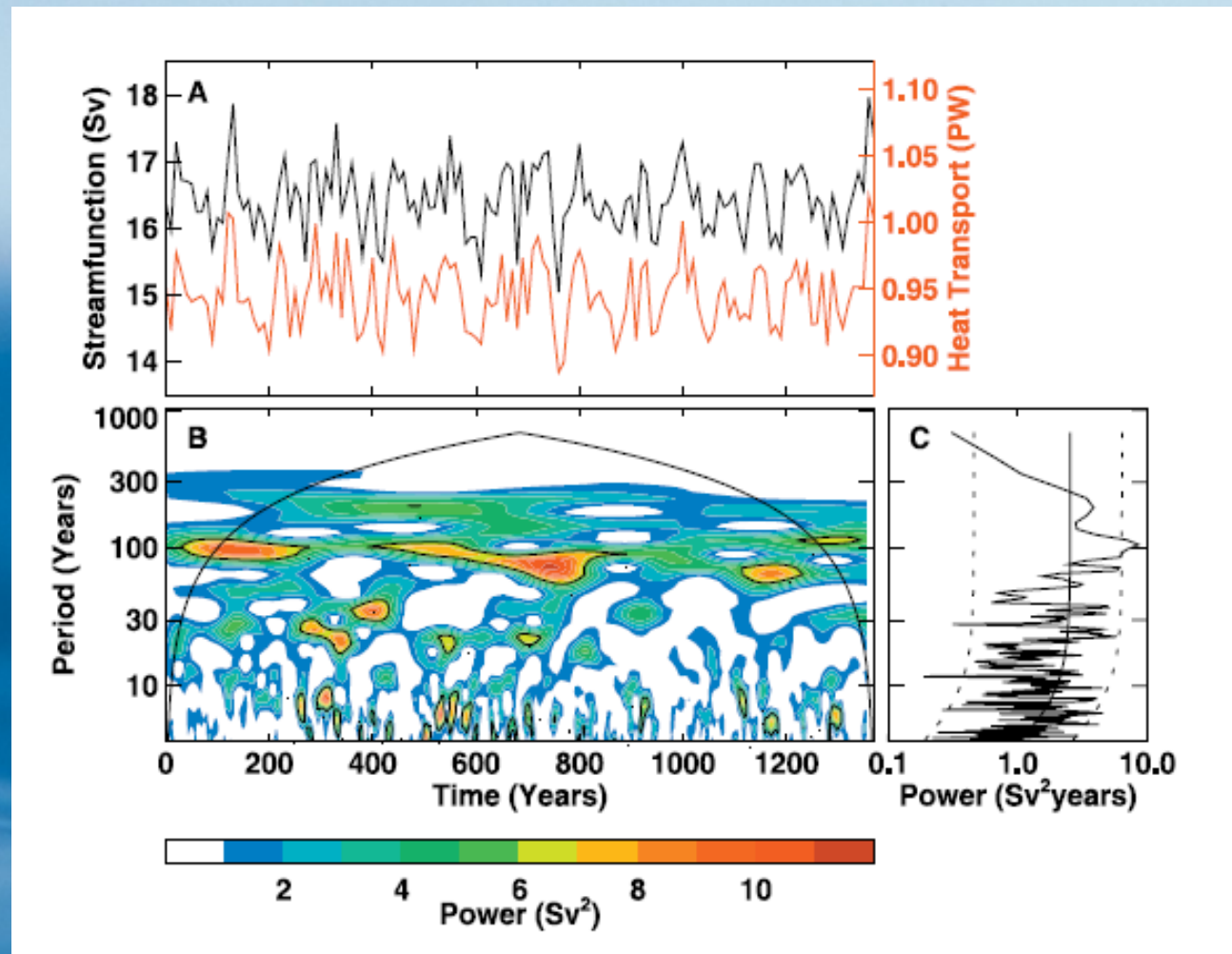
The Arctic and Antarctic temperature anomalies (from NASA GISS dataset) seem to have inverse phases strongly suggesting a MOC related interhemispherical heat transport. The linear trend is similar for both hemispheres and therefore related to global forcings (greenhouse gases and solar variability).

Observed and reconstructed values of AMO



Using tree-ring width it was possible to reconstruct AMO of past four centuries (caveat: or at least something that well correlates with AMO during the time we could observe it directly)

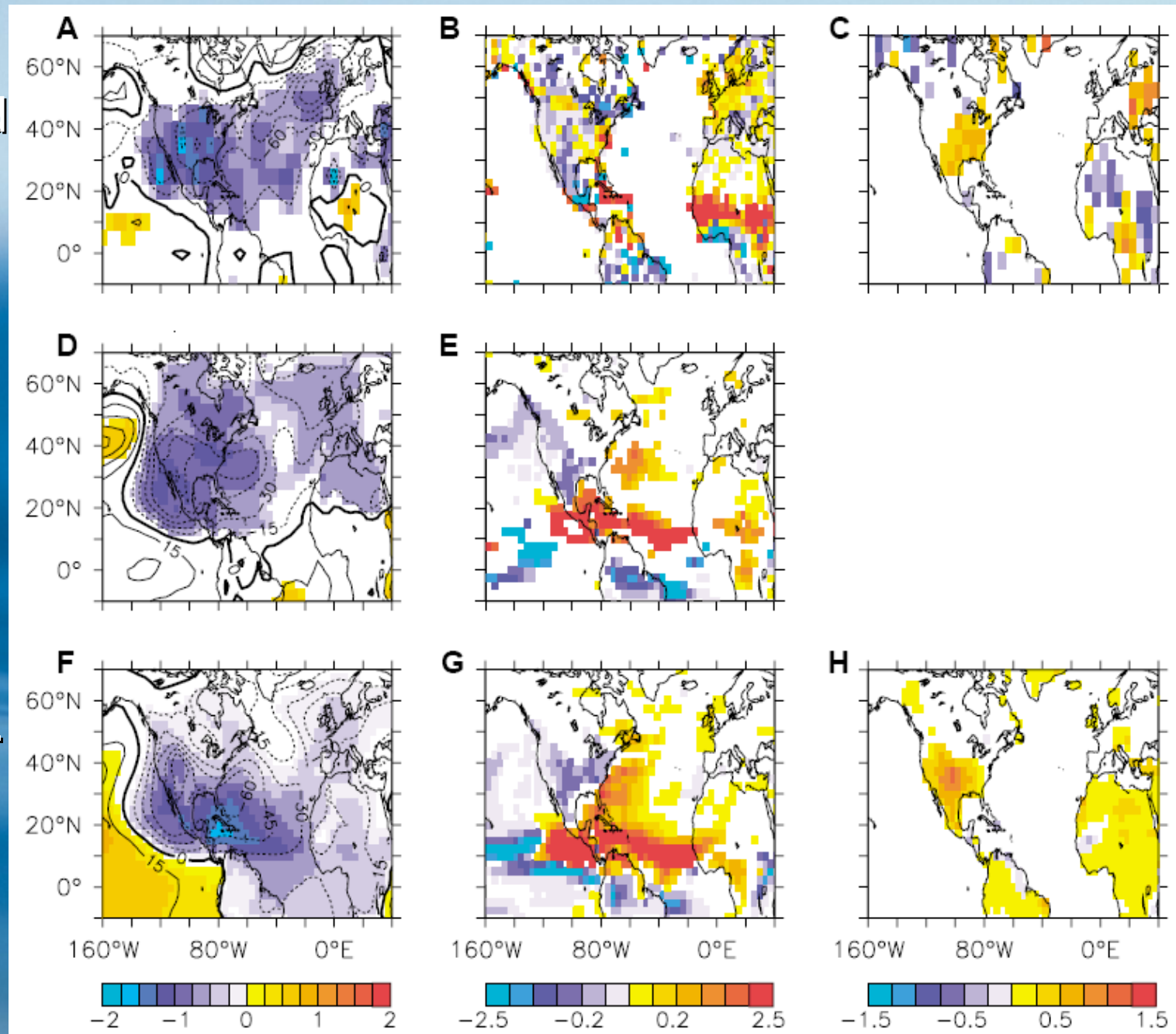
Modeled AMO: wavelet analysis



Wavelet analysis of modeled 1400 years of AMO (HadCM3 model) showing a 70-120 year period of AMO.

Observed and modeled AMO climate effects

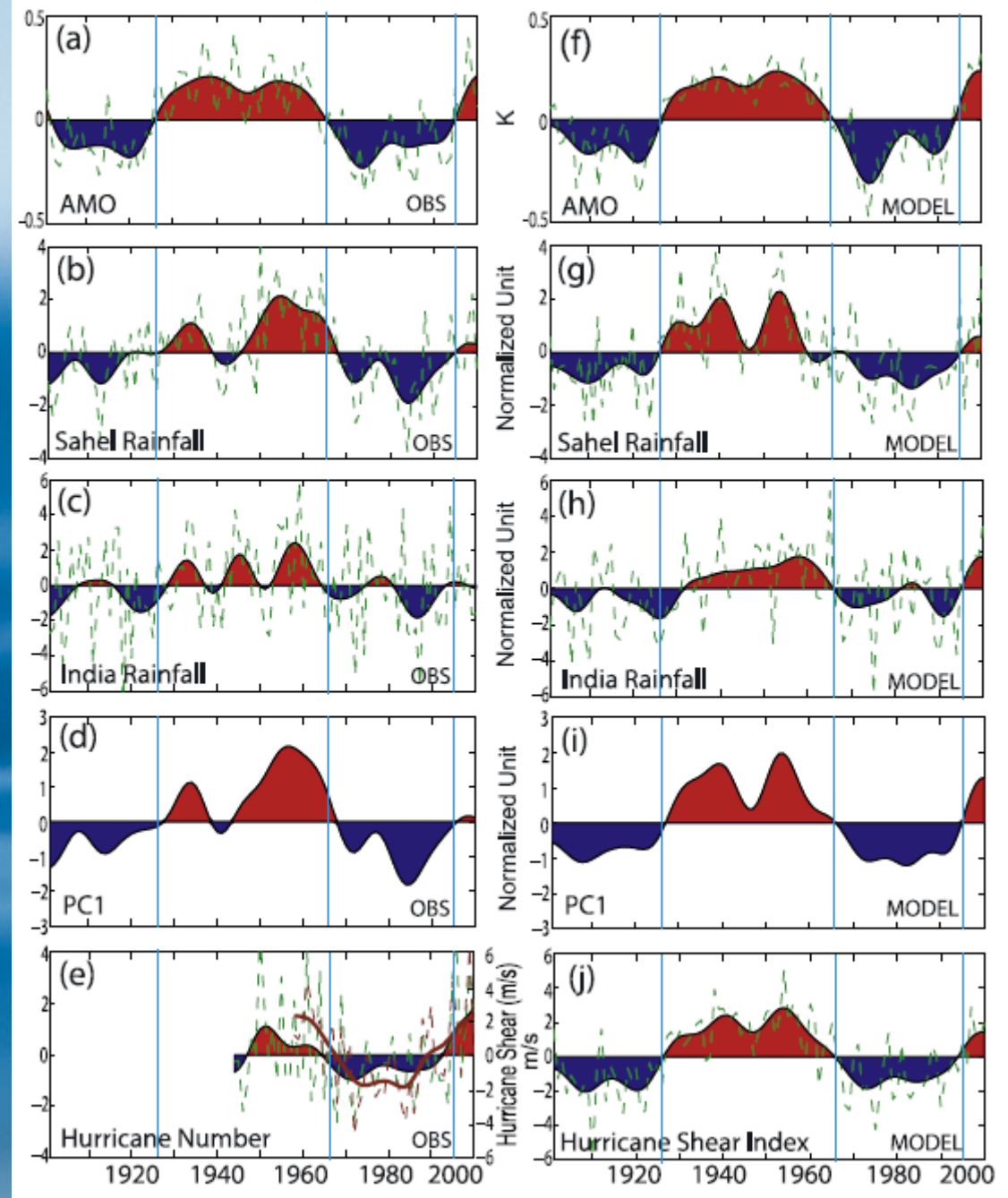
Observed (top) and modeled using as a forcing observed SST (middle) and ideal AMO SST values (bottom) decadal variability of air pressure (left), precipitation (center) and surface temperature (right). The plots should be interpreted as positive – negative phase of AMO values.



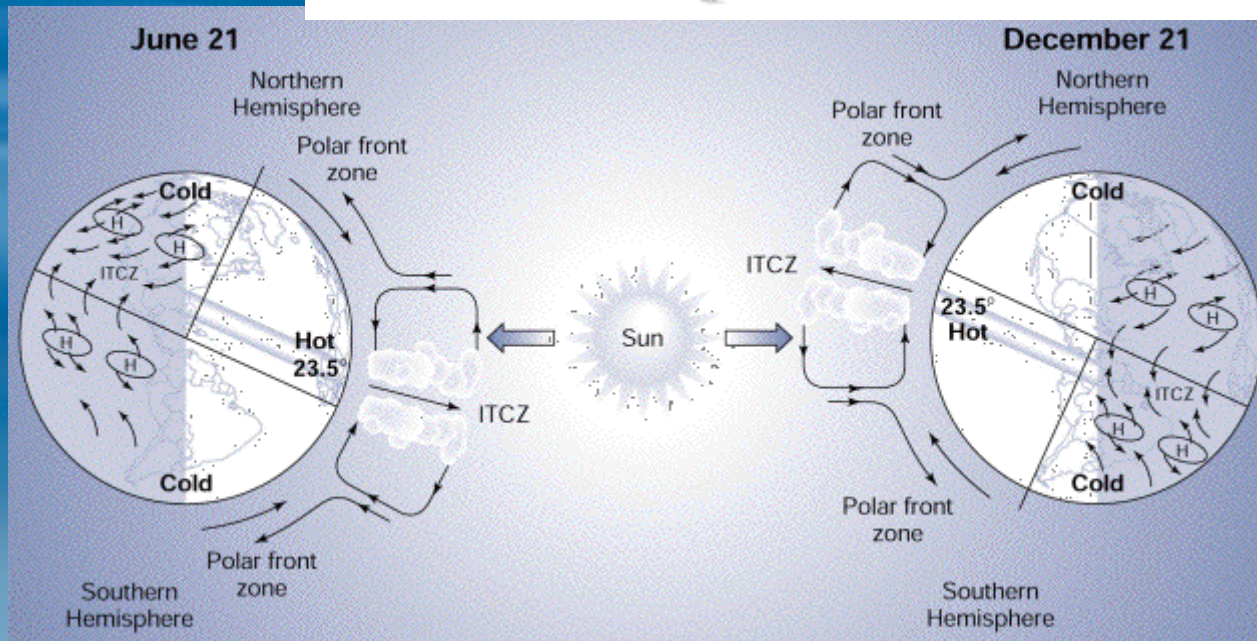
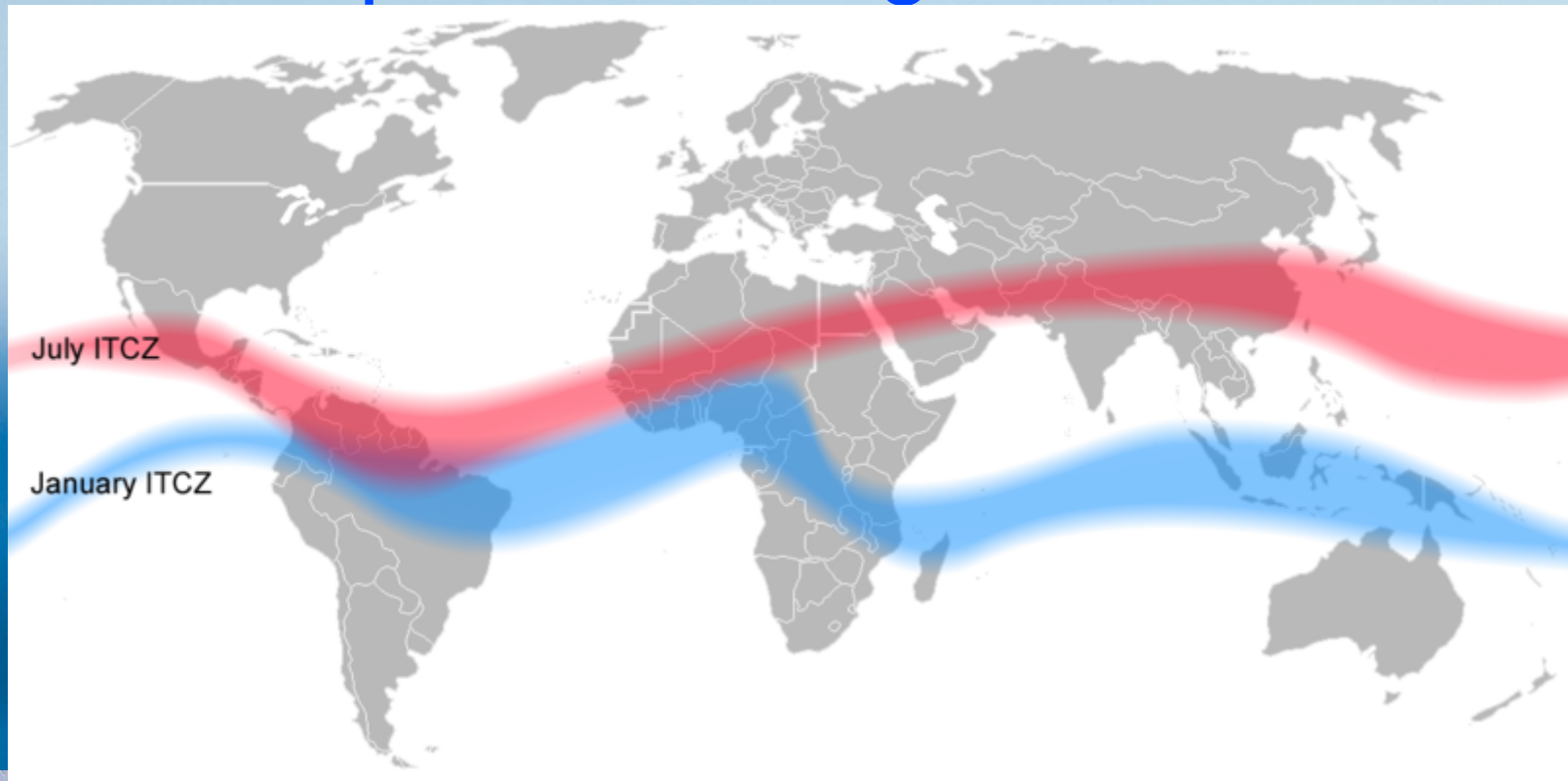
Observed and modeled AMO influences

AMO correlates very well with summer Sahel and India rainfall (even better with its low-pass filtered first principal component) and with Atlantic hurricane numbers both for observations (left) and with model (right), for a general circulation model (GFDL CM2.1) forced with observed Atlantic heat fluxes .

Is it easy to explain the relationships?



Intertropical Convergence Zone



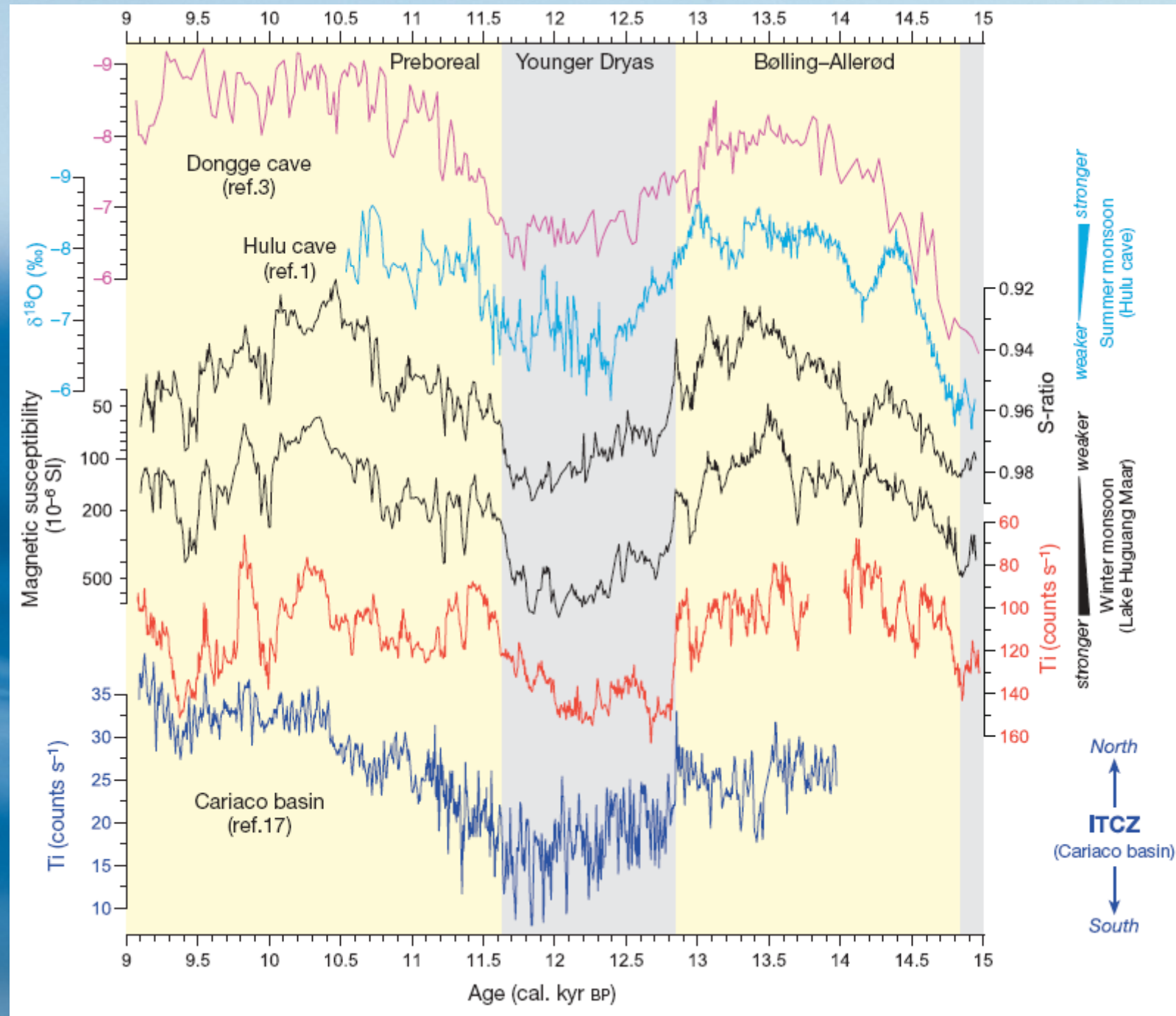
In the yearly cycle, ITCZ moves always to the hemisphere which receives more heat from the sun (see lower panel).

Variability of Asia monsoon and Caribbean precipitation

During the deglaciation (right) and glacial era (not shown), changes of the tropical climate were highly synchronous.

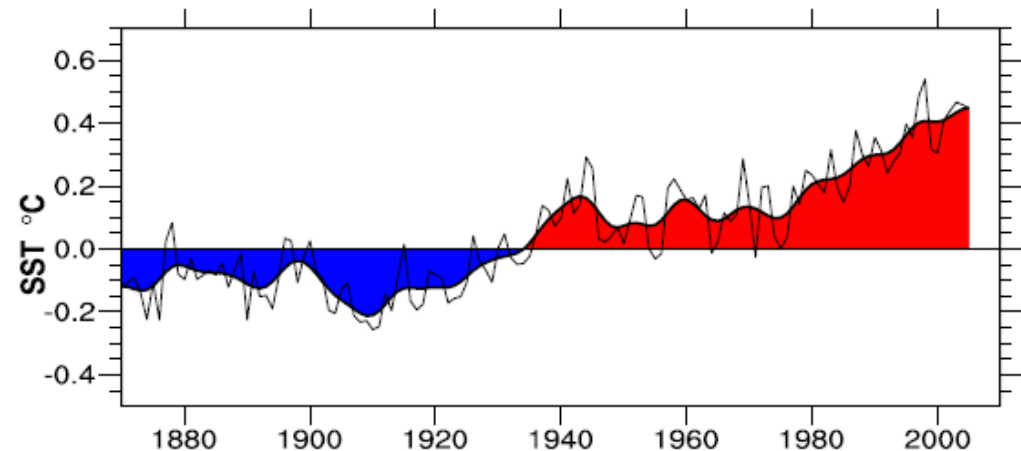
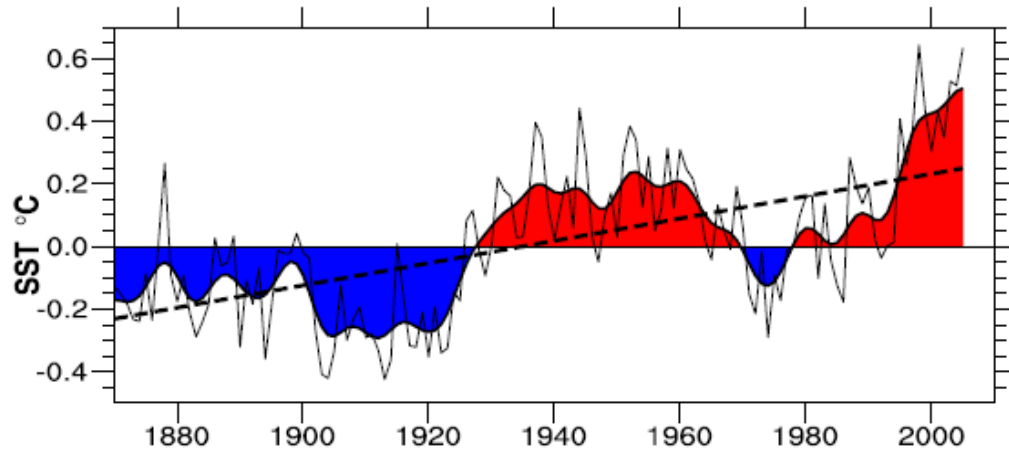
Common denominator?

THC regulated northward and southward movements of ITCZ.

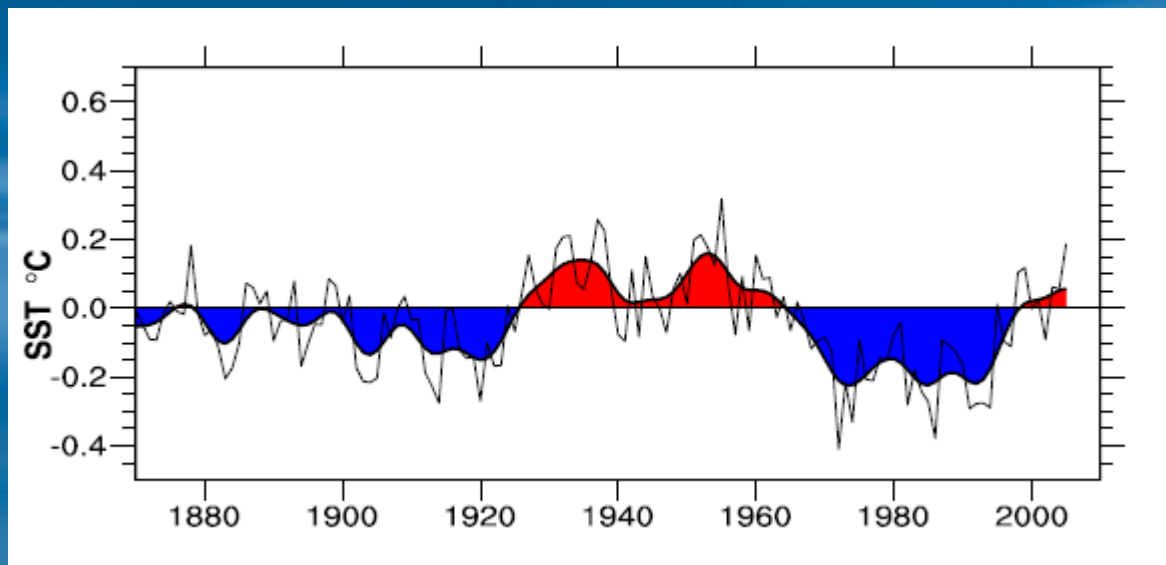


Yancheva et al. 2007 (Nature)

Is AMO another name for global warming?



SST changes of North Atlantic [0° to 60° N] (left) and global oceans [60° S to 60° N] (right) show similar temporal variability. Is one of them due to the other?



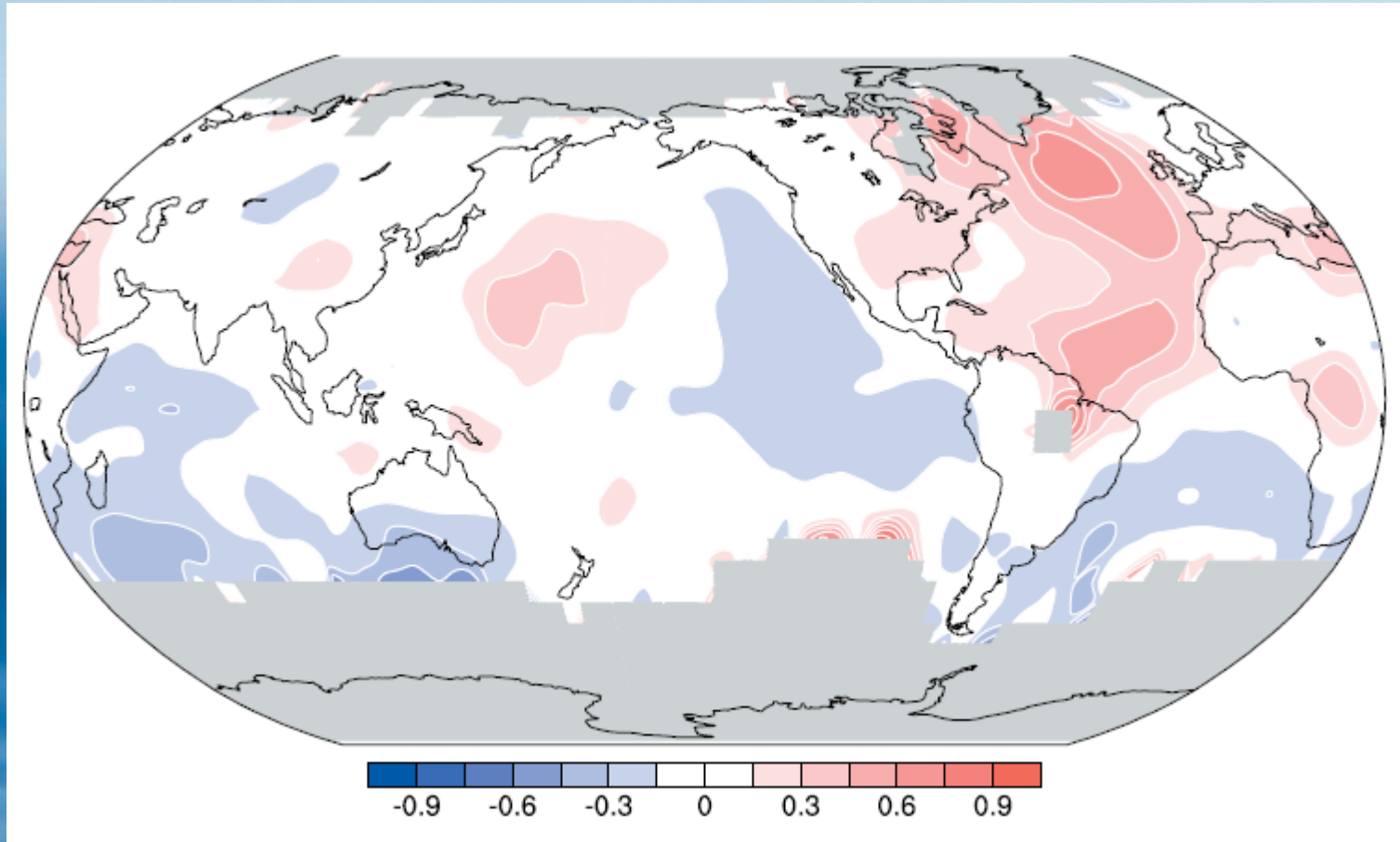
SST changes of North Atlantic with the global trend subtracted. This can be treated as an improved AMO index.

Subtracting the global trend from North Atlantic SST time series shows the residual AMO. But isn't it strange that it is in phase with global temperature variability?

However it nicely explains the hurricane correlation if Vecchi & Soden 2007 are right.

Trenberth Shea 2006 (Geophysical Research Letters)

Is AMO another name for global warming? The spatial pattern.

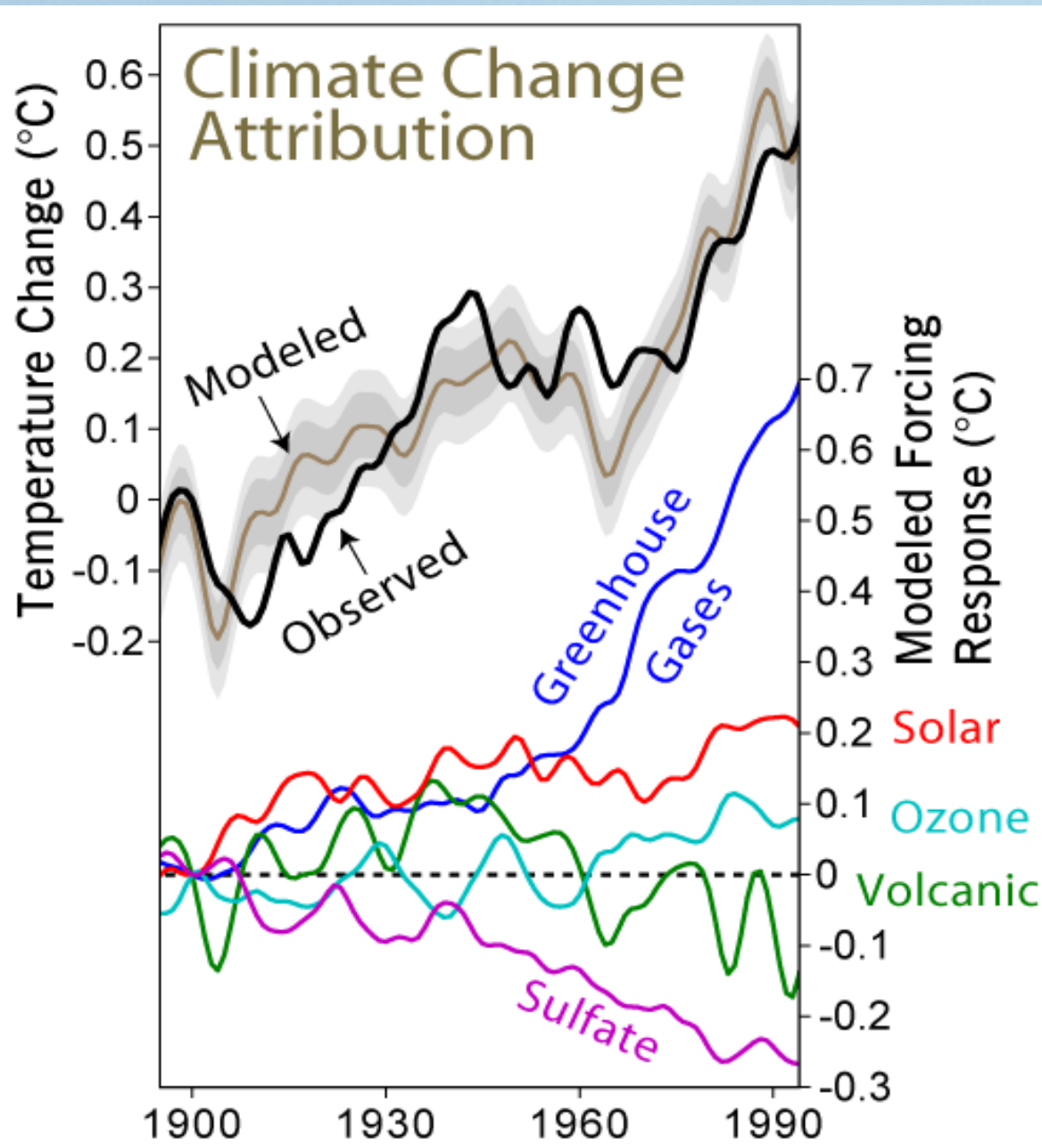


Correlation of the revised AMO index with global surface air temperatures for 1900 to 2004 based on annual values. Only values in the North Atlantic can be considered significant.

Is there a good reason for AMO to be in phase with global temperature?

Trenberth Shea 2006 (Geophysical Research Letters)

There is only one problem...



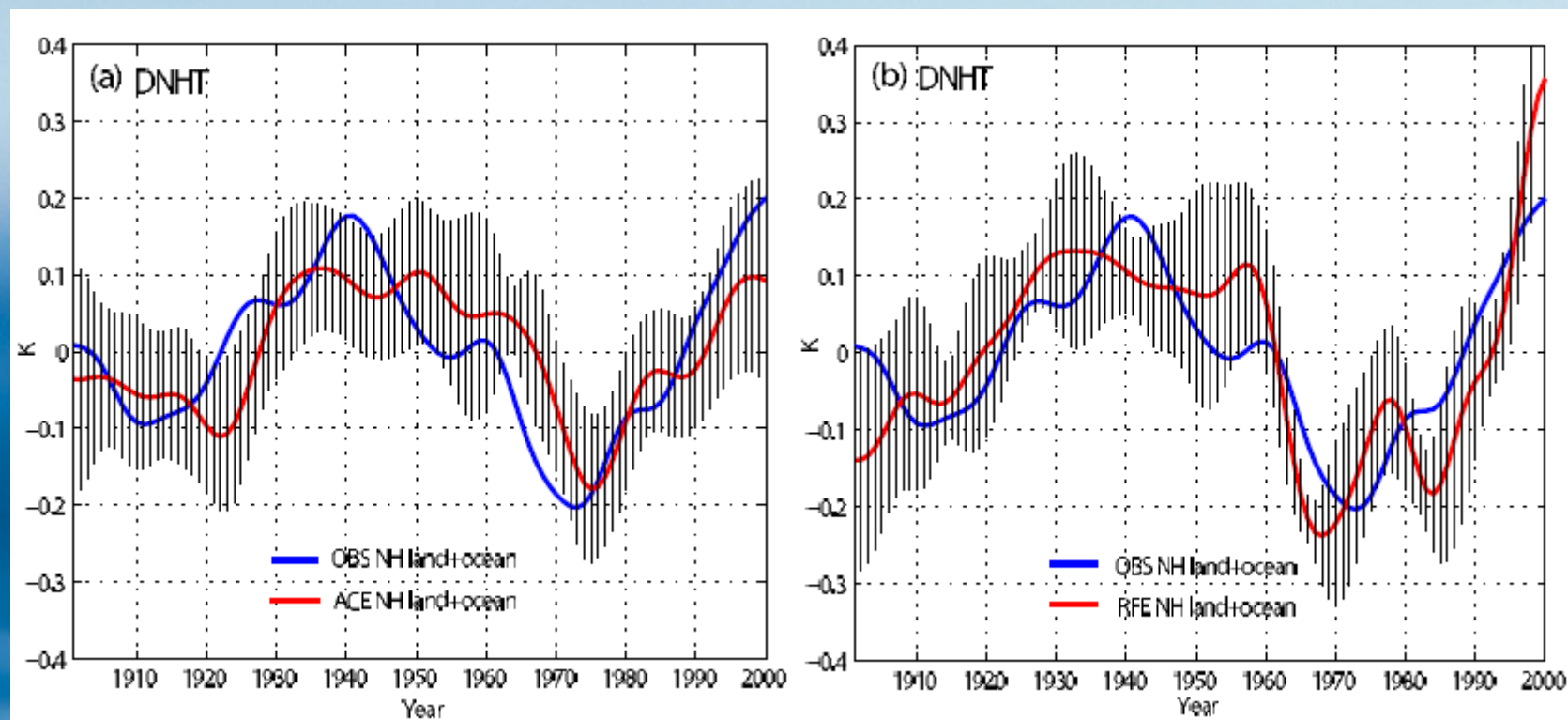
It seems we do not need THC to explain the average changes of Earth temperature.

Warming of the 1920s and 1930s was caused by increasing solar activity and green house gases and a break in volcanism.

The cooling of 1950s and 1960s was due to more aerosol emission (industrial sulfur rich smoke) and increase of volcanism.

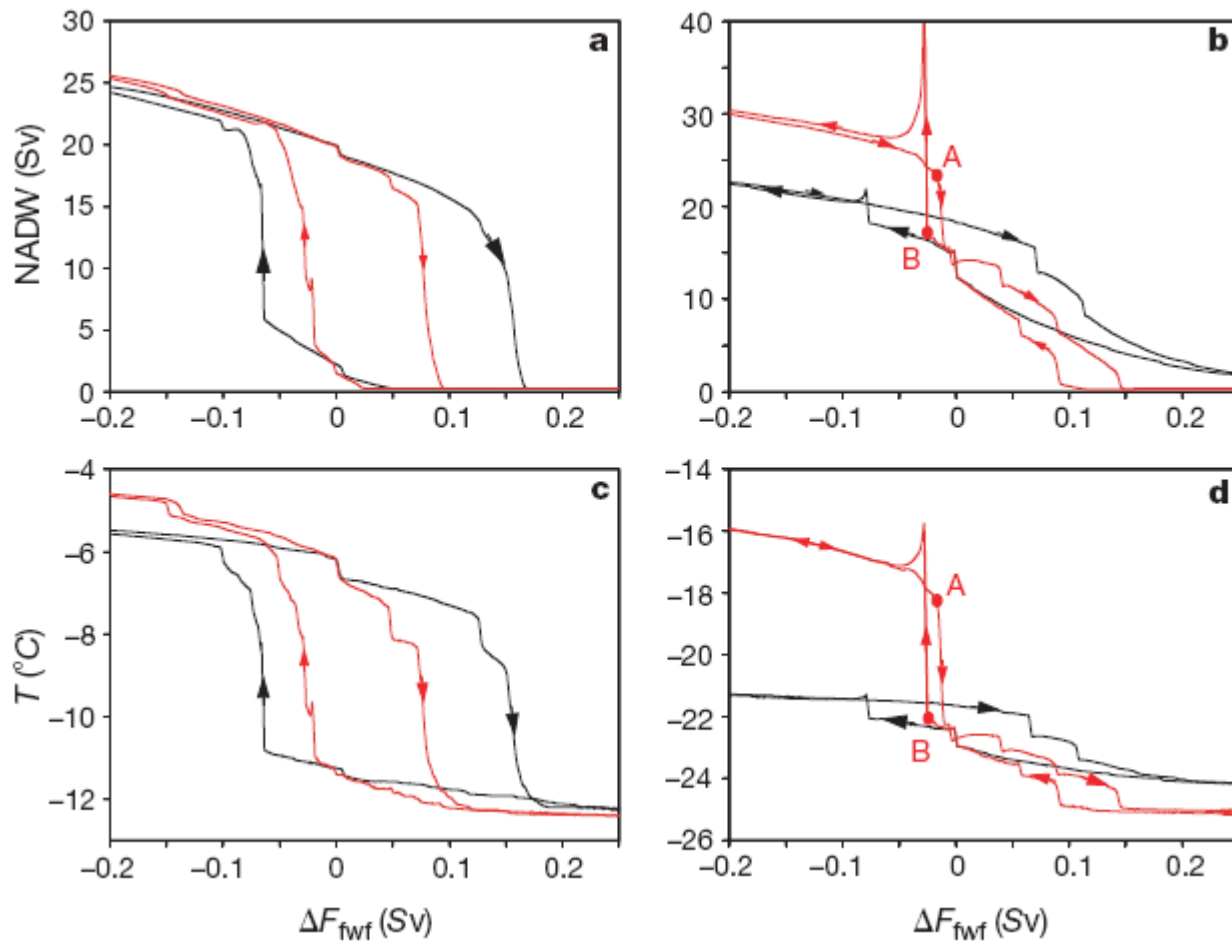
The last 30 years were dominated by greenhouse gases increase.

Again: why is AMO in phase with greenhouse and aerosol forced global warming?



Northern Hemisphere temperatures **measured** and **modeled** using AMO forced (left) and greenhouse gas forced (right) general circulation model. Both allegedly explain the observed variability. This looks too good to be true. Unless...

A reminder: THC volume depends on the inflow of fresh water to North Atlantic

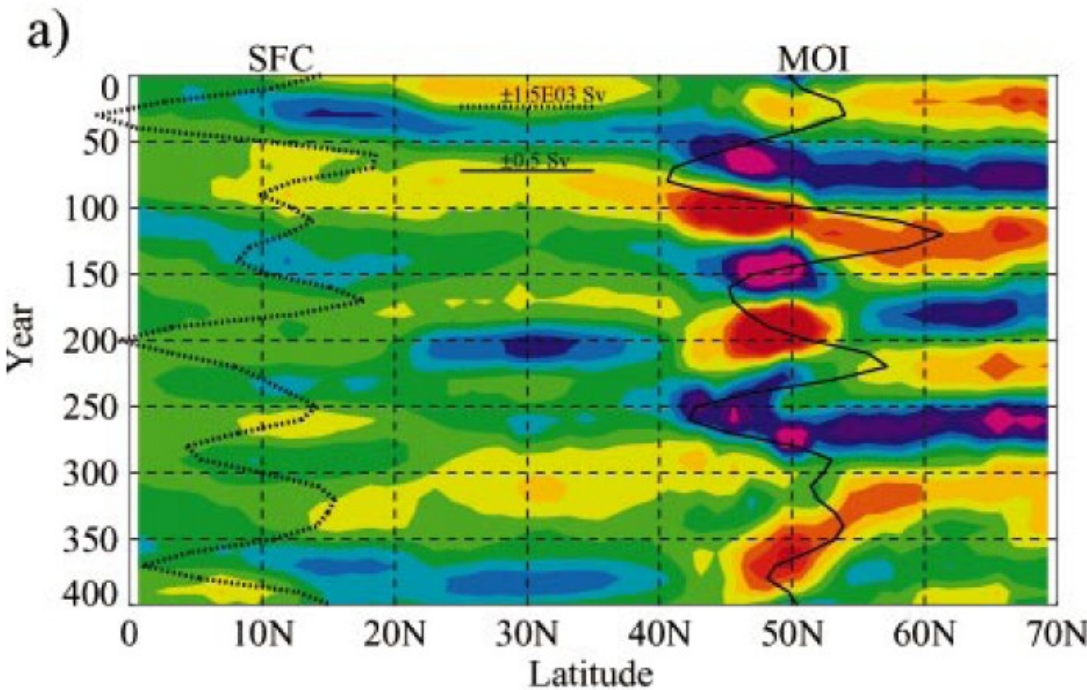


Model of NADW production (top) and SST (bottom) of present day North Atlantic (left) and glacial era Atlantic (right) as a function of fresh water inflow flux into Subarctic (red) and Polar (black) Atlantic

Climate models show that fresh water influences NADW production in non-linear way (with a hysteresis). In order to stop THC, nature needs more fresh water added far from the Arctic (in the Tropical Atlantic) or less added in the Subarctic. In the glacial times the hysteresis loop was narrower (due smaller NADW producing basins) which caused the climate to be unstable.

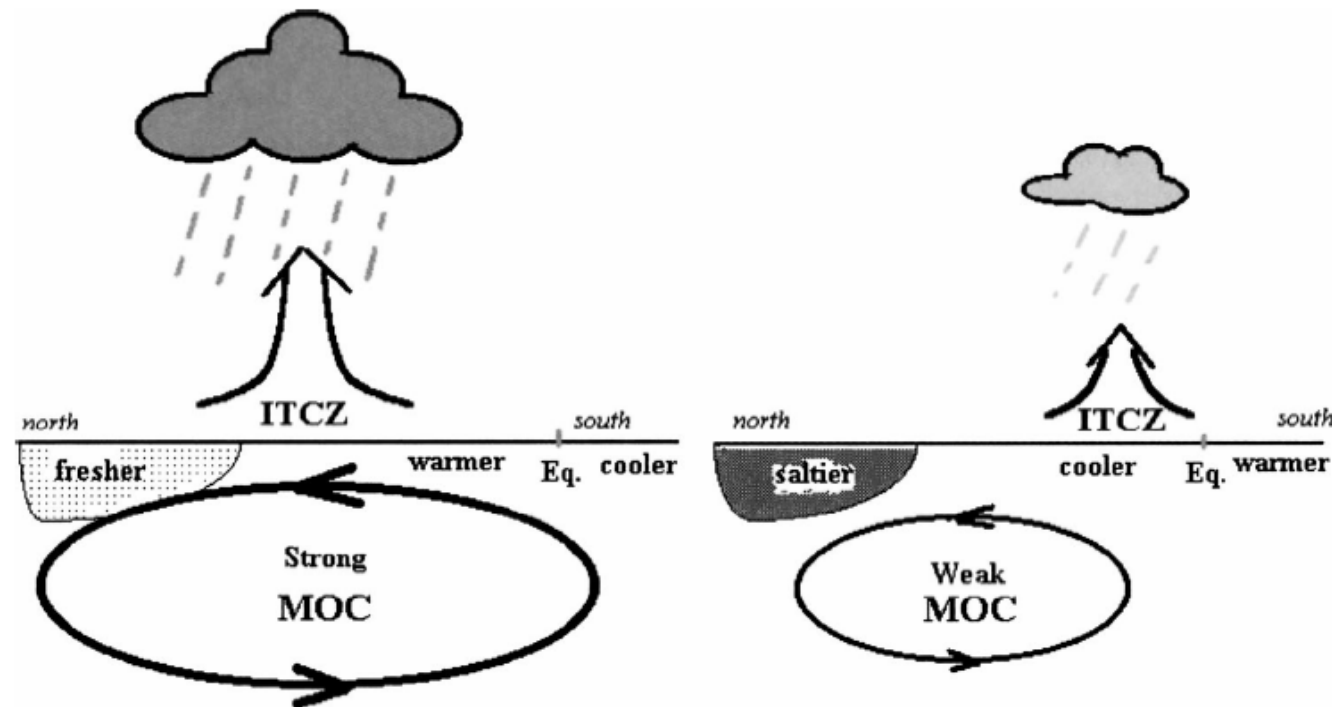
Ganopolski & Rahmstorf 2001 (Nature)

We have a mechanism for AMO



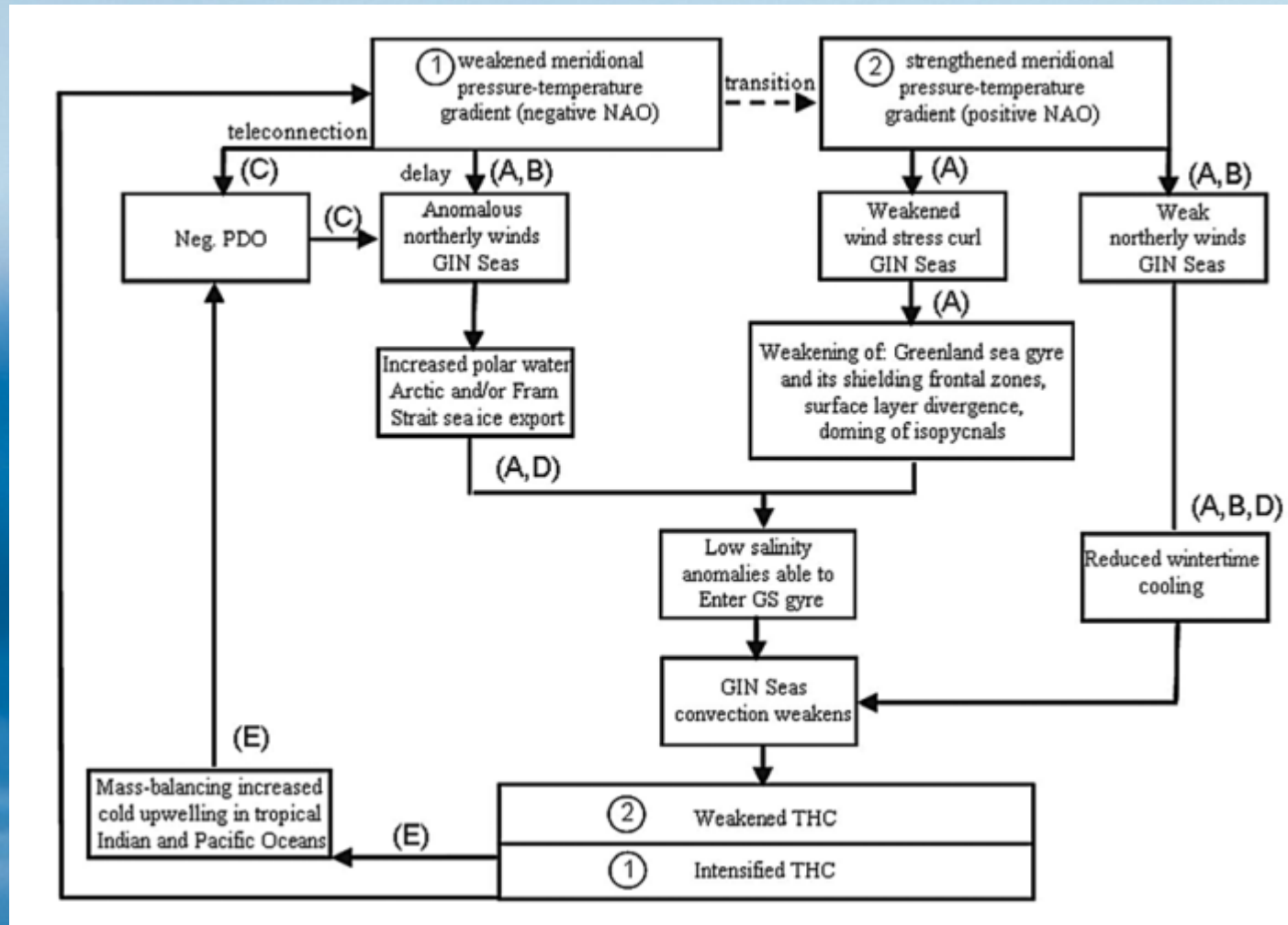
Unforced modeling with HadCM3 general circulation model shows a salinity pulse followed by freshwater pulse traveling from tropics northwards with a period of about 100 years. The mechanism is as follows:

decreased THC →
south shifted ITCZ →
less rain in TAO →
salty impulse →
increased THC →
north shifted ITCZ →
more rain in TAO →
freshwater impulse →
decreased THC



*Velliniga Wu 2004
(Journal of Climate)*

We have even more than one possible mechanism



Dima and Lohmann proposed a more complicated mechanism involving NAO changes influencing freshwater inflows from the Arctic. The above graph is supposed to explain at least part of it.

Grossmann & Klotzbach 2009 (JGR) explaining the mechanism proposed by Dima & Lohmann 2007 (or rather part of it)

So why is AMO in phase with “global warming”?



Because the anthropogenic forcings (especially aerosol related but also, to a lesser degree greenhouse gases) are stronger in the Northern Hemisphere, they create a inter-hemisphere temperature gradients. This moves ITCZ, influencing THC in similar manner as AMO itself. I believe it possible that we created a forced oscillator AMO pattern, forcing its phase to be in step with the sum anthropogenic forcings.

How could we possibly test the hypothesis? Only by using coupled general circulation models.

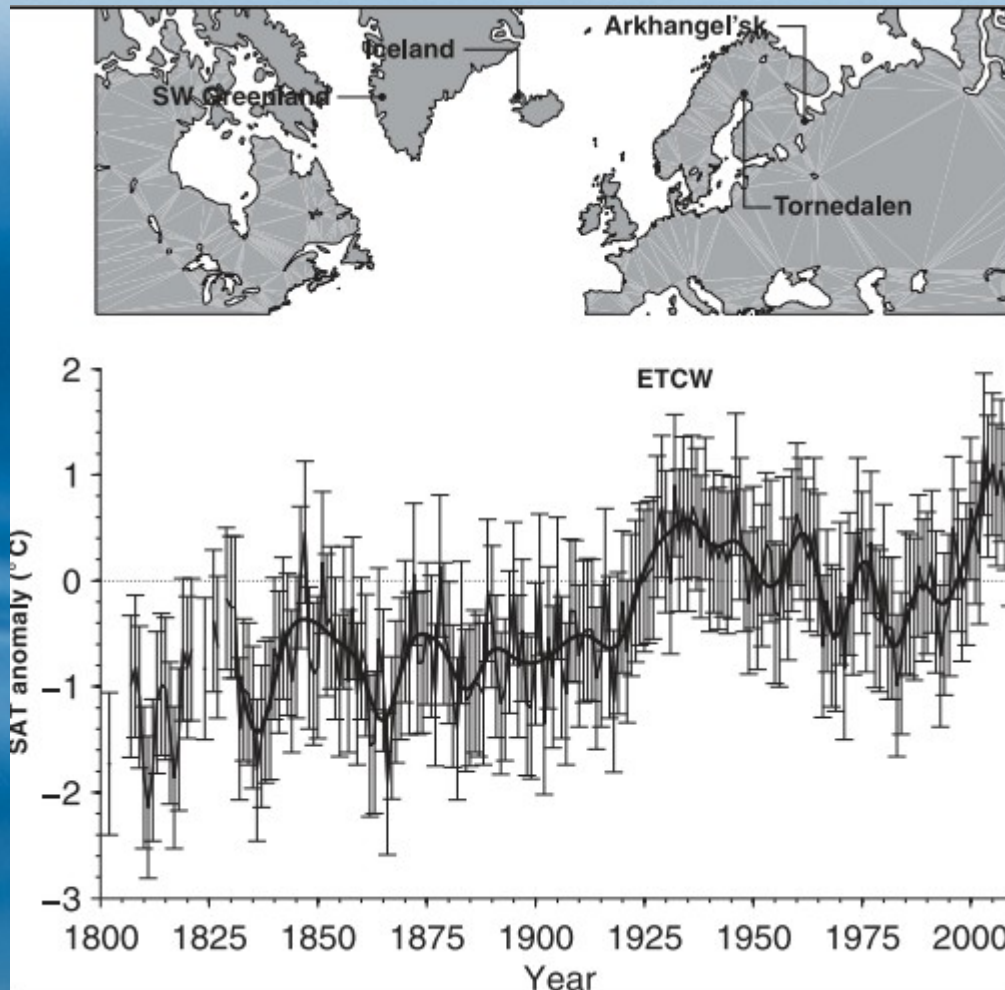
Some proof that AMO may be still a side-product of the 20th century anthropogenic forcings?

“Remember, no cycles!”

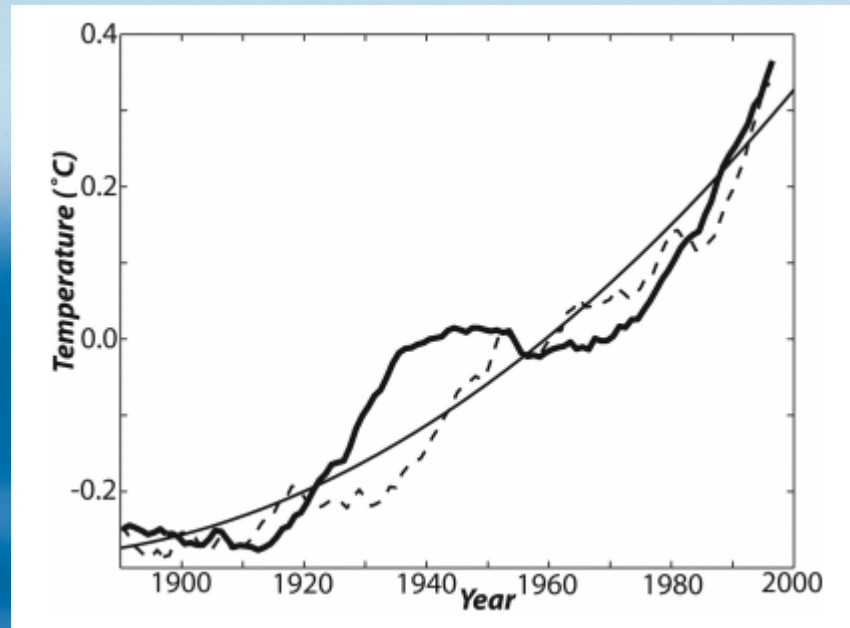
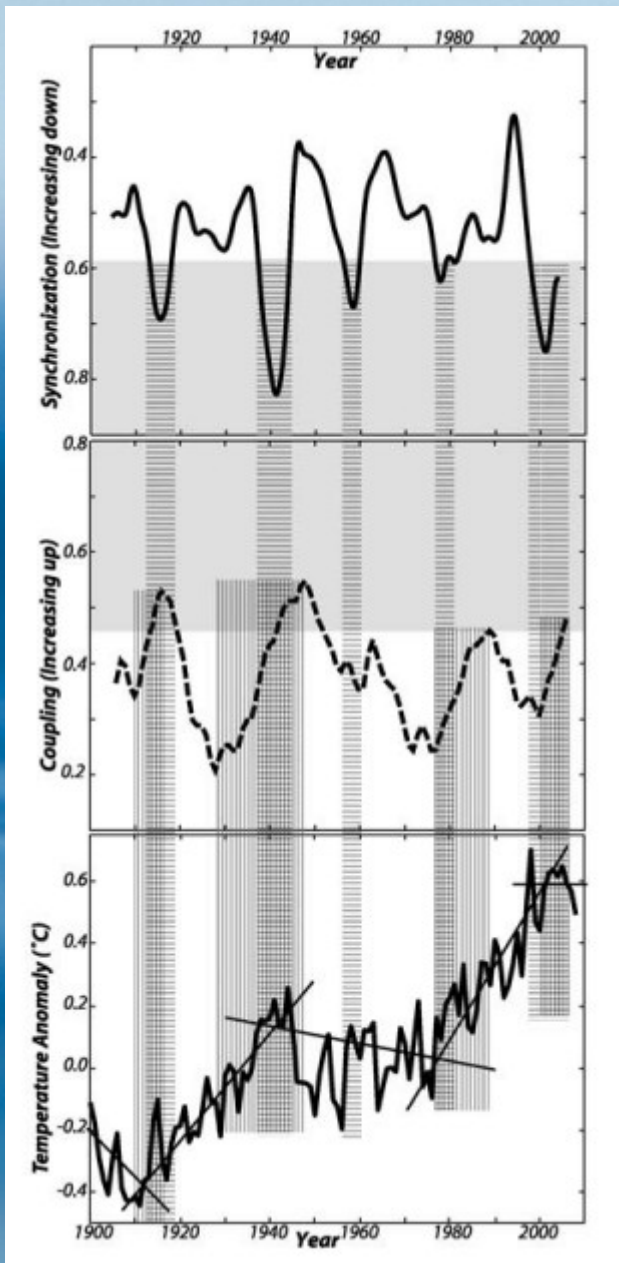
Jim Overland

A new reconstruction of North Atlantic surface air temperatures from meteorological records going back to 1802 does not show a 60-70 year cycle before the beginning of the 20th century.

This leaves open the possibility that even as the cycle is a natural oscillation, it was put in motion only by anthropogenic forcing (most probably North Hemisphere aerosol load).



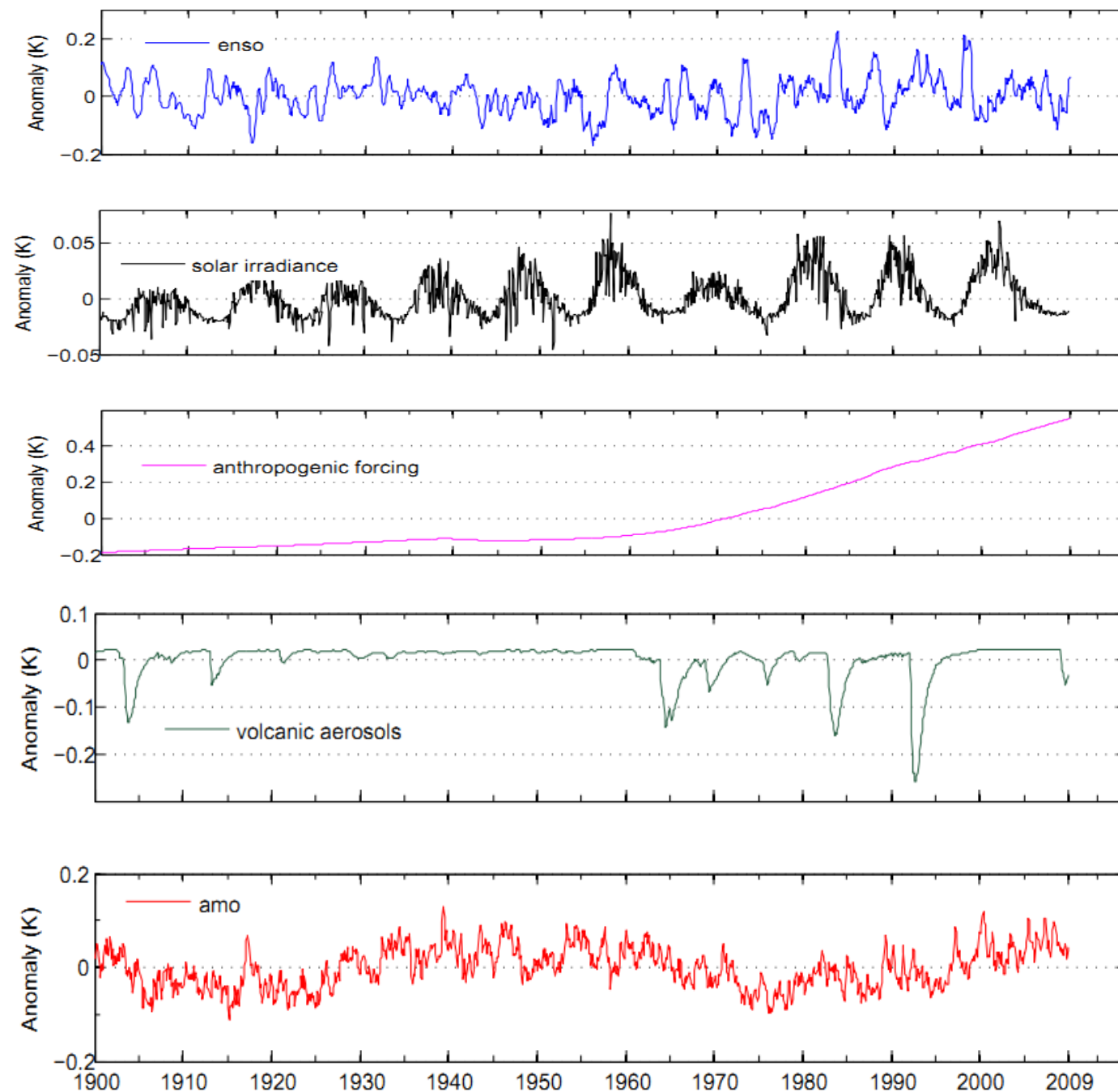
What it all means for our future (two different views by the same authors)



A statistical analysis of multiple climate indices (but not AMO) told Swanson and Tsonis that a climate shift has recently happened. However adding one oceanographer to the team (and AMO) changed the story. Now the record (heavy solid) can be explained by AMO related variability and a greenhouse gases driven trend (dashed line – temperature with the variability is subtracted, thin solid – quadratic fit).

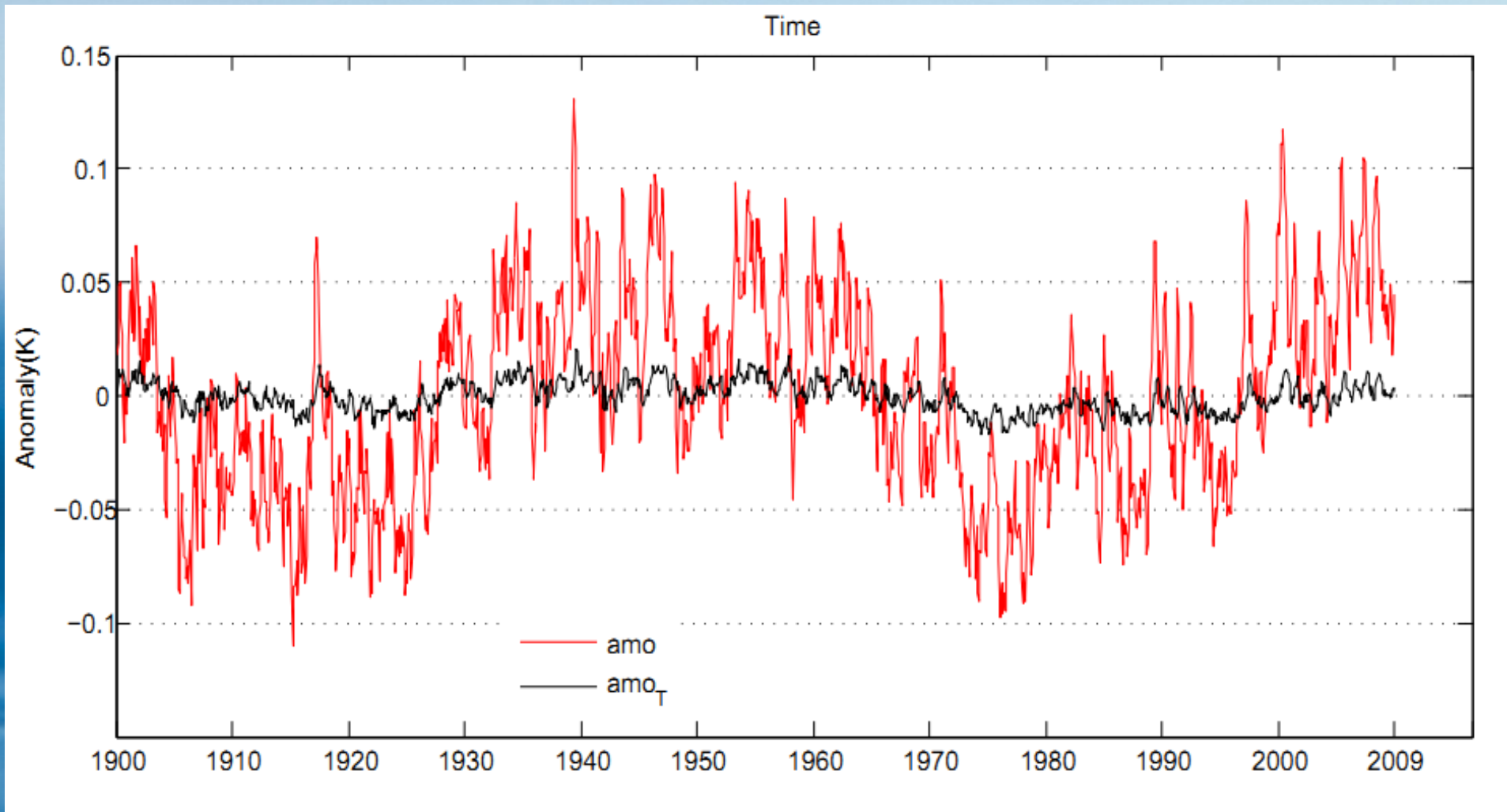
Swanson & Tsonis 2009 (GRL); Swanson, Sugihara & Tsonis 2009

Attribution of global temperature anomalies



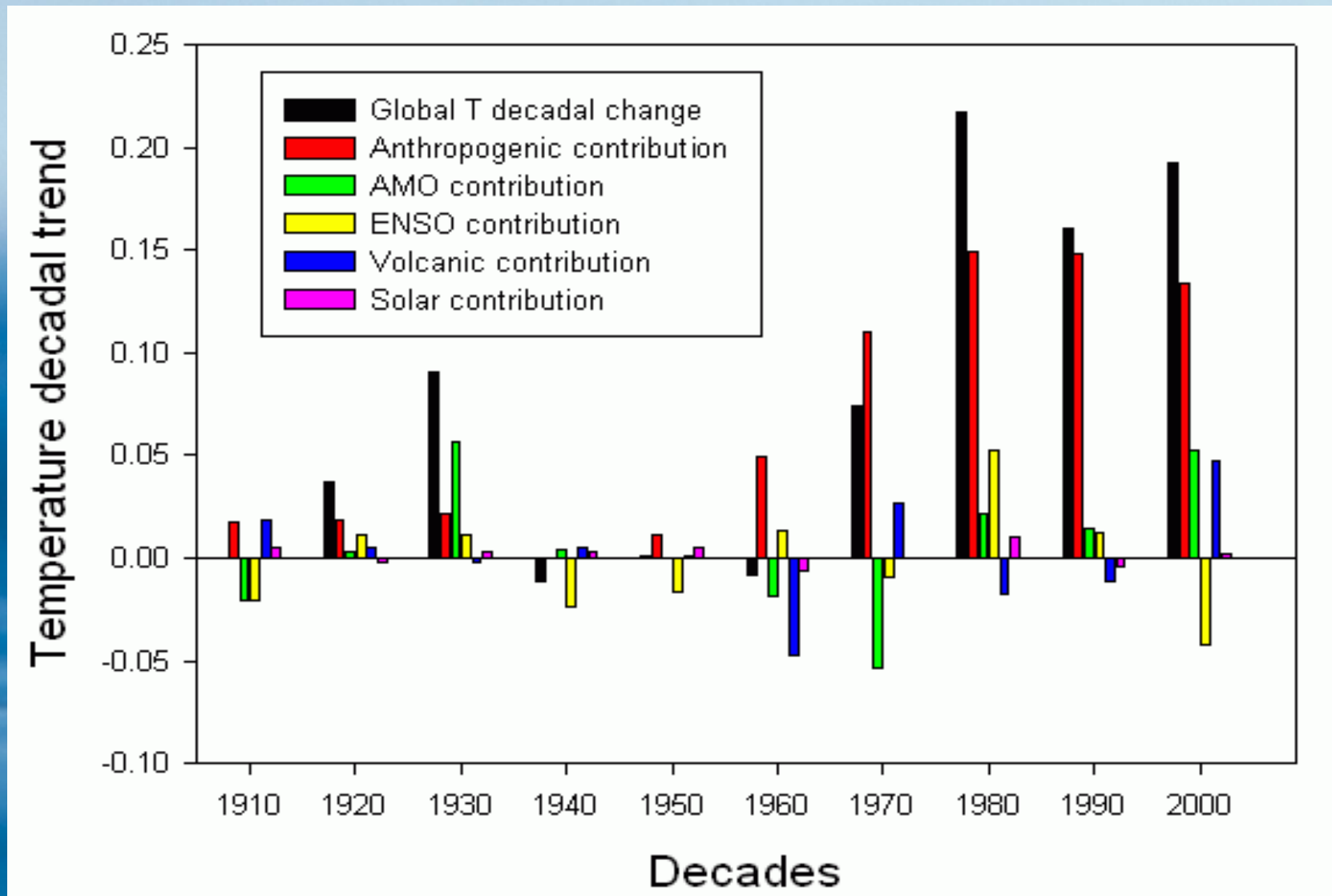
Attribution of 20th century global temperature variability to particulate natural and anthropogenic forcings (including AMO, added as an additional forcing) from multiple regression analysis.

Constraining the AMO effect on global temperature



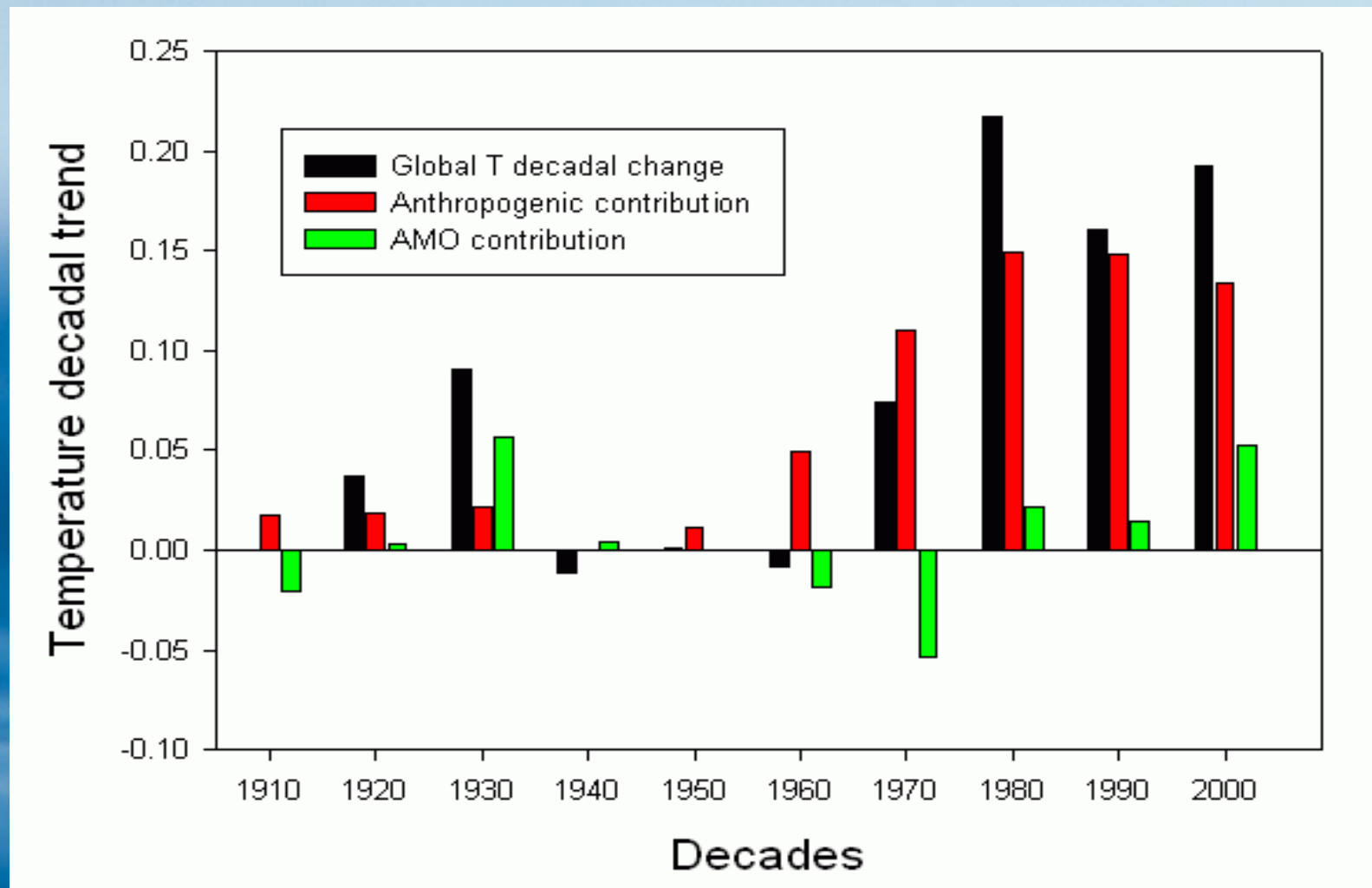
Attribution of AMO (red) and AMO_T (defined as AMO minus AMO regressed onto global temperature) (black) contribution into global temperature anomaly. The treat the former as an upper bound and the latter an the lower bound.

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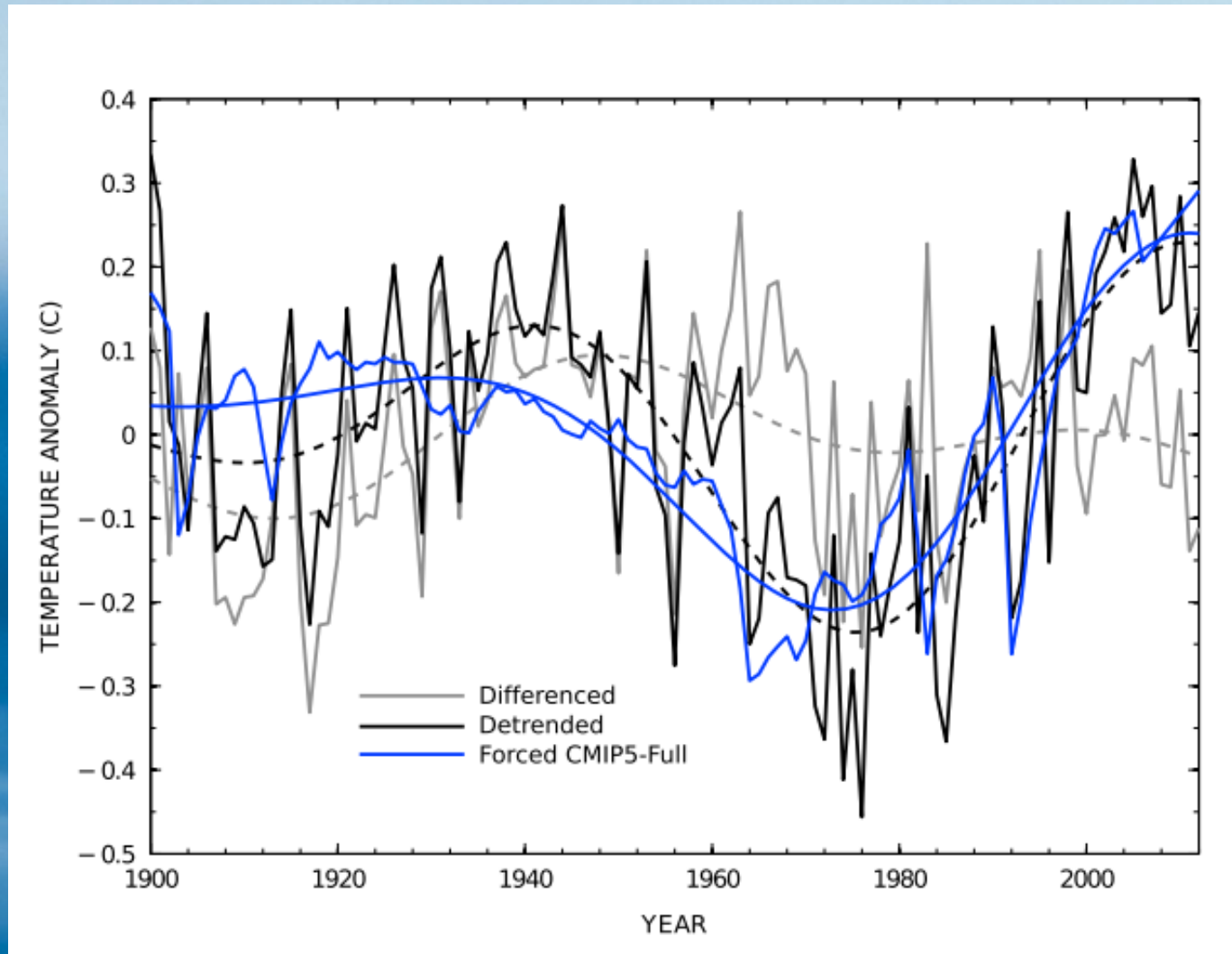
Decadal trends for each forcing component of global temperature anomalies, together with their sum (the reconstructed global temperature)

Anthropogenic and AMO related component of decadal temperature trends



Comparison of anthropogenic and AMO contributions to temperature change between subsequent decades. It is obvious that AMO may increase or decrease decadal trends by up to 1/3 of their values and that the next change will be rather down than up (assuming the 70 year period will continue)

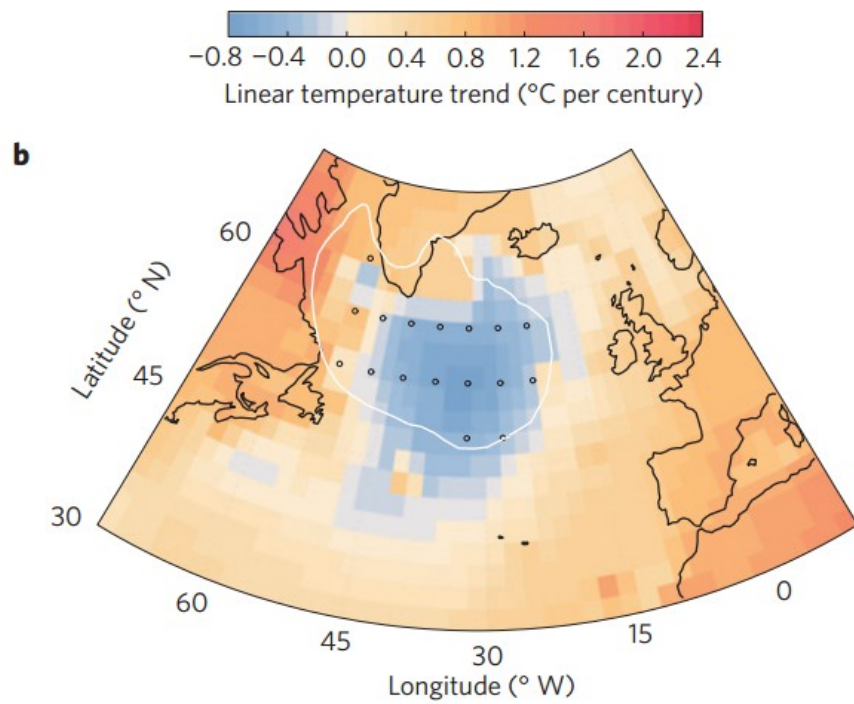
Is AMO definition wrong?



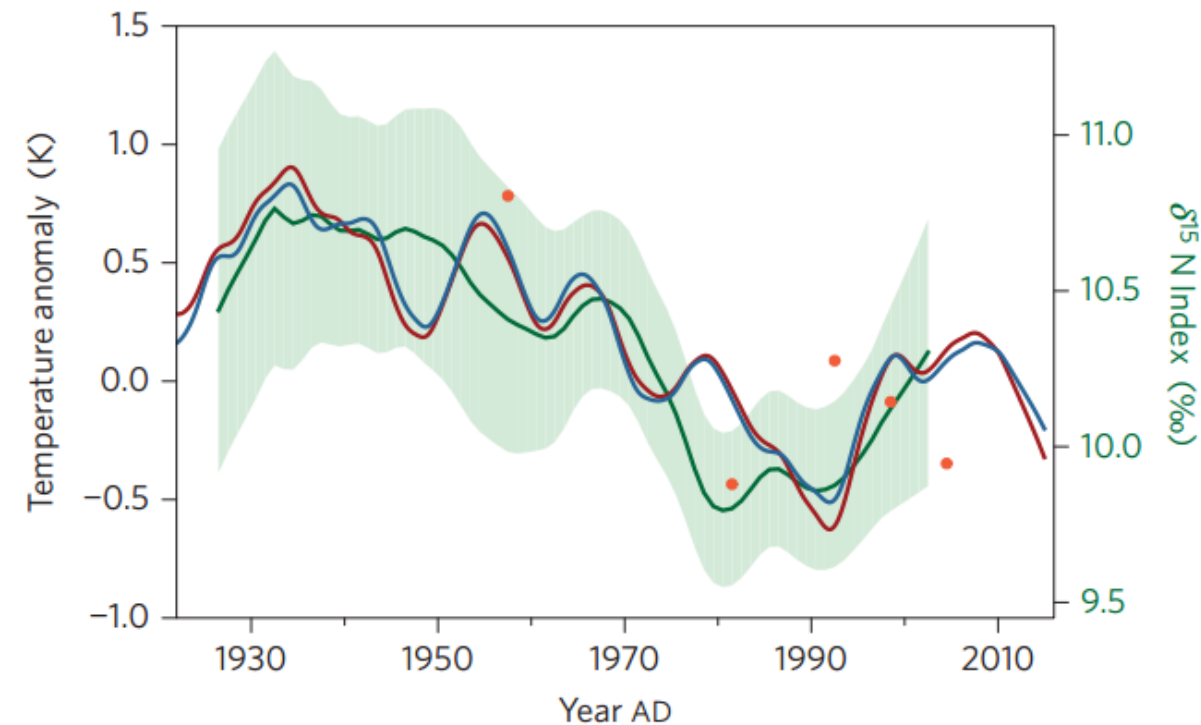
The authors propose to use instead of detrended AMO (black), a version which is subtracted from the effect of all known external forcings (blue), a “differenced AMO” (gray). If they were right, AMO would be much less pronounced and would not have a maximum since the 1940s.

Mann, Steinmann & Miller 2014 (GRL)

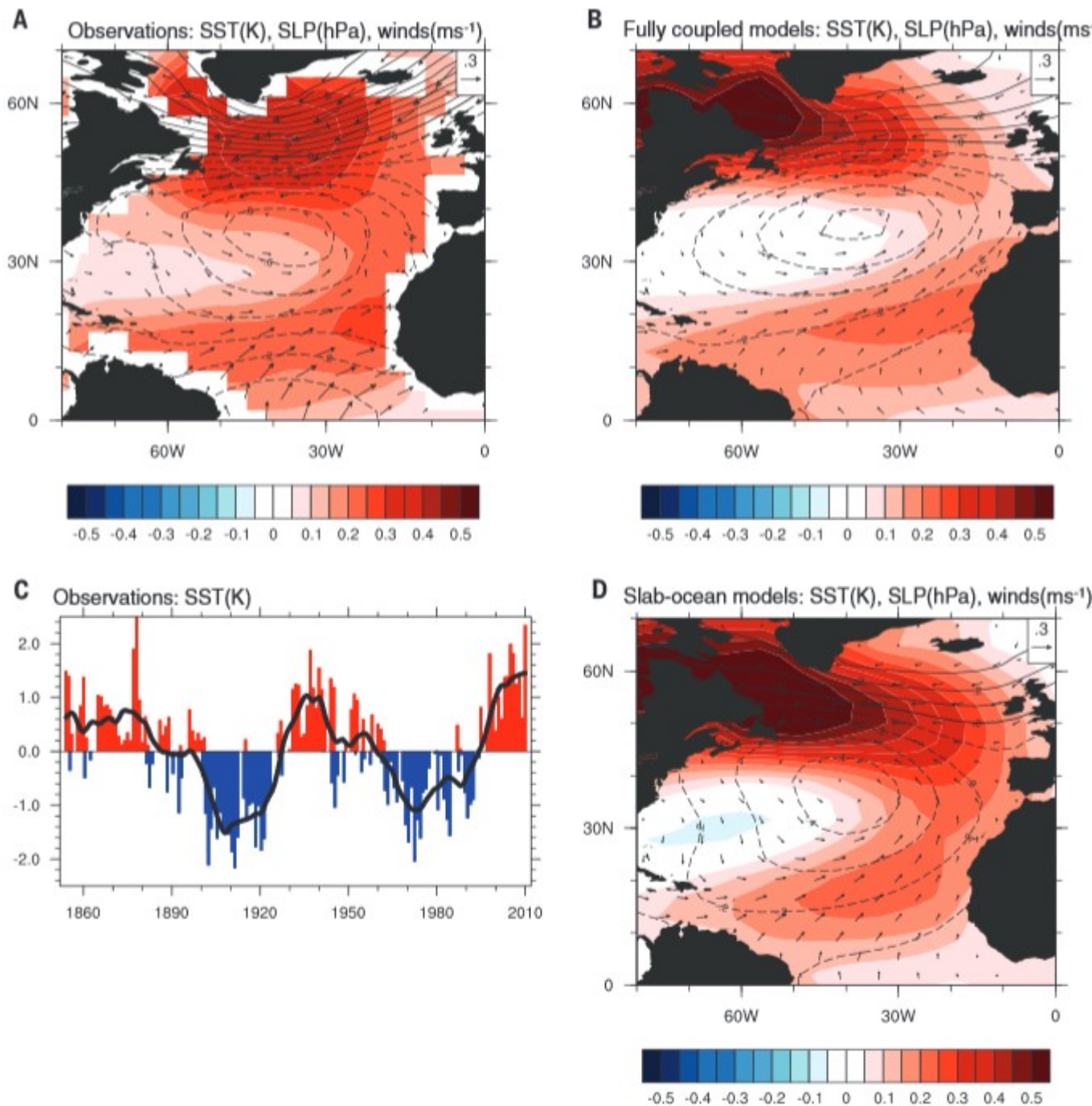
Was AMOC slowing down most of the 20th century?



Rahmstorf et al 2015 used an index of AMOC based on the difference of temperature between the Subarctic Gyre and North Hemisphere. They claim to observe a weakening of AMOC between 1930 and 1990 using climate proxies (blue), GISTEMP (red) and a coral based proxy (green with uncertainty band). They also compare it to 29 N AMOC measurements (red dots).

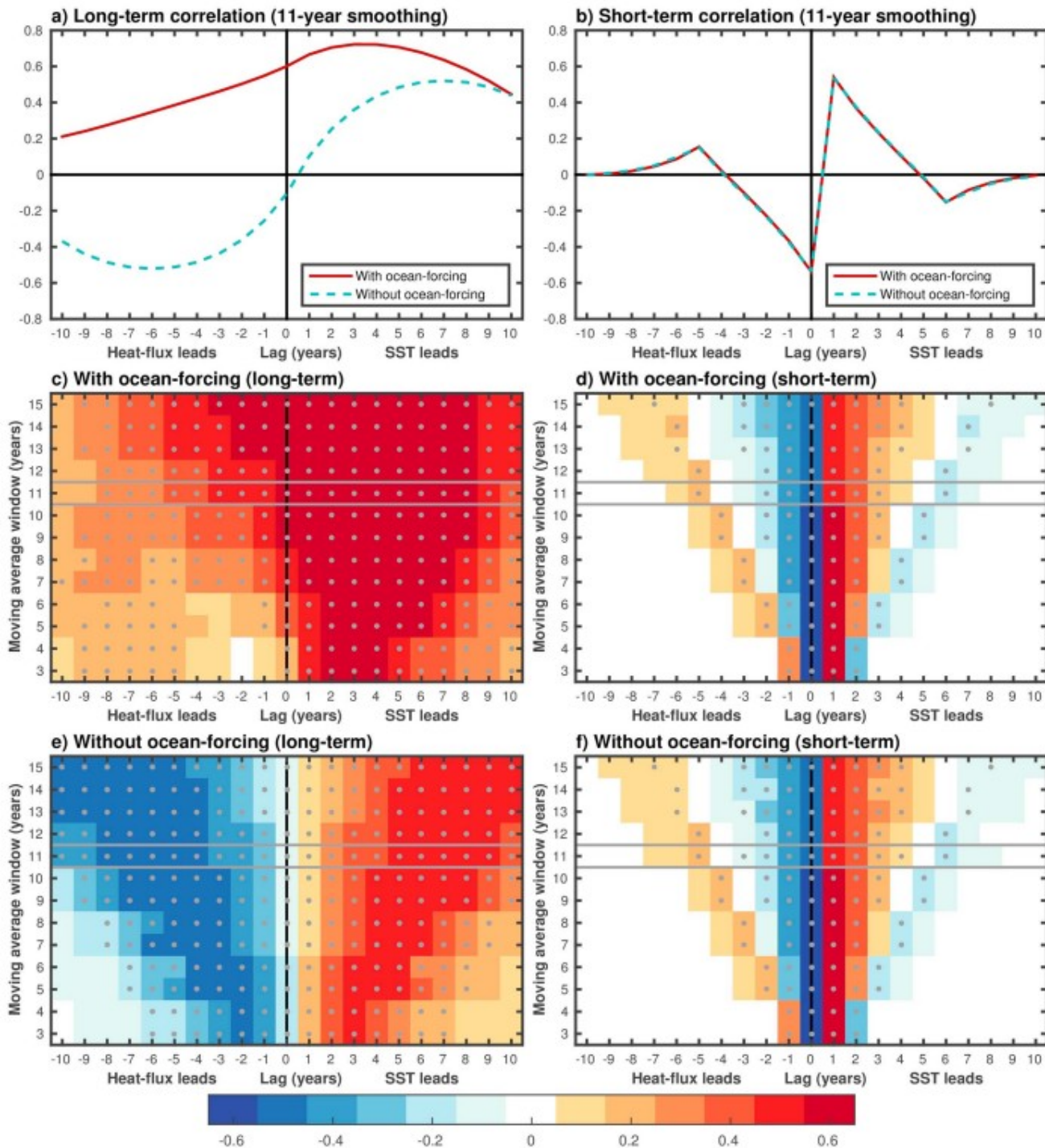


Or maybe there is no AMO at all?



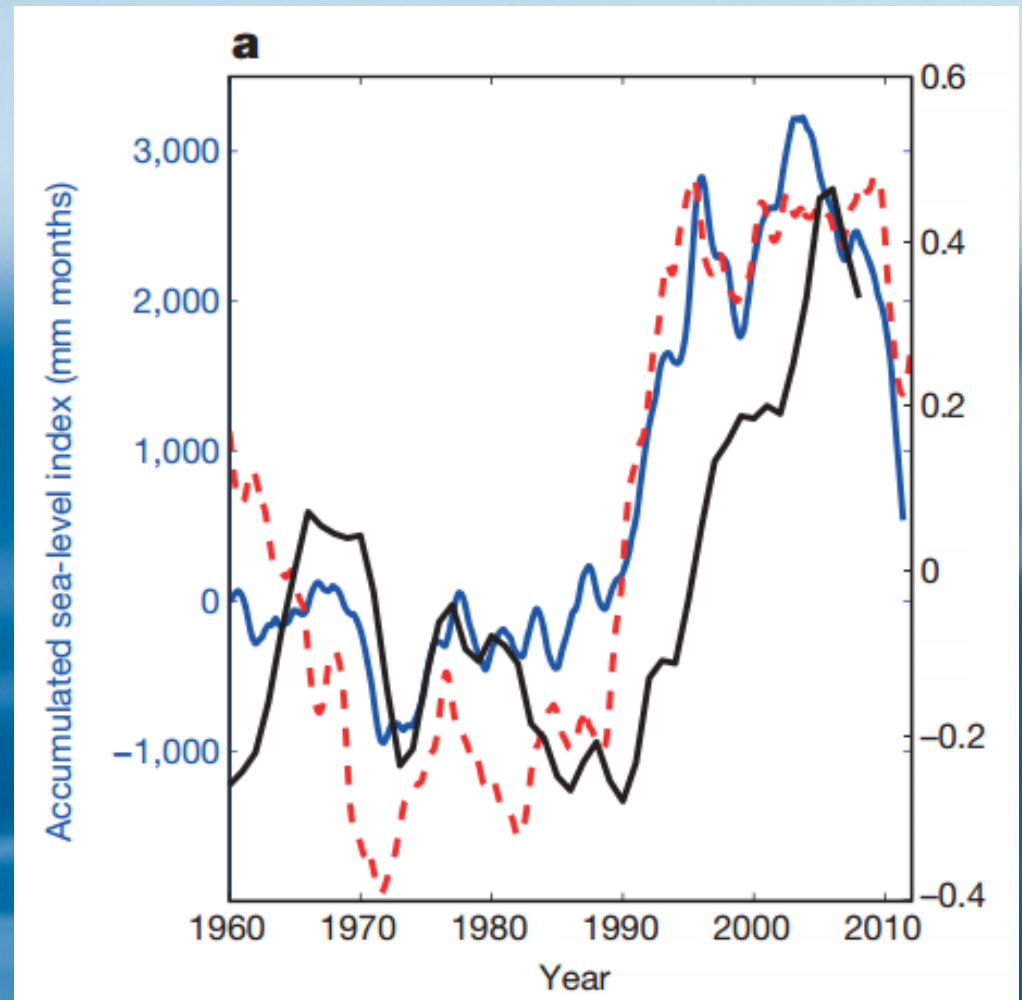
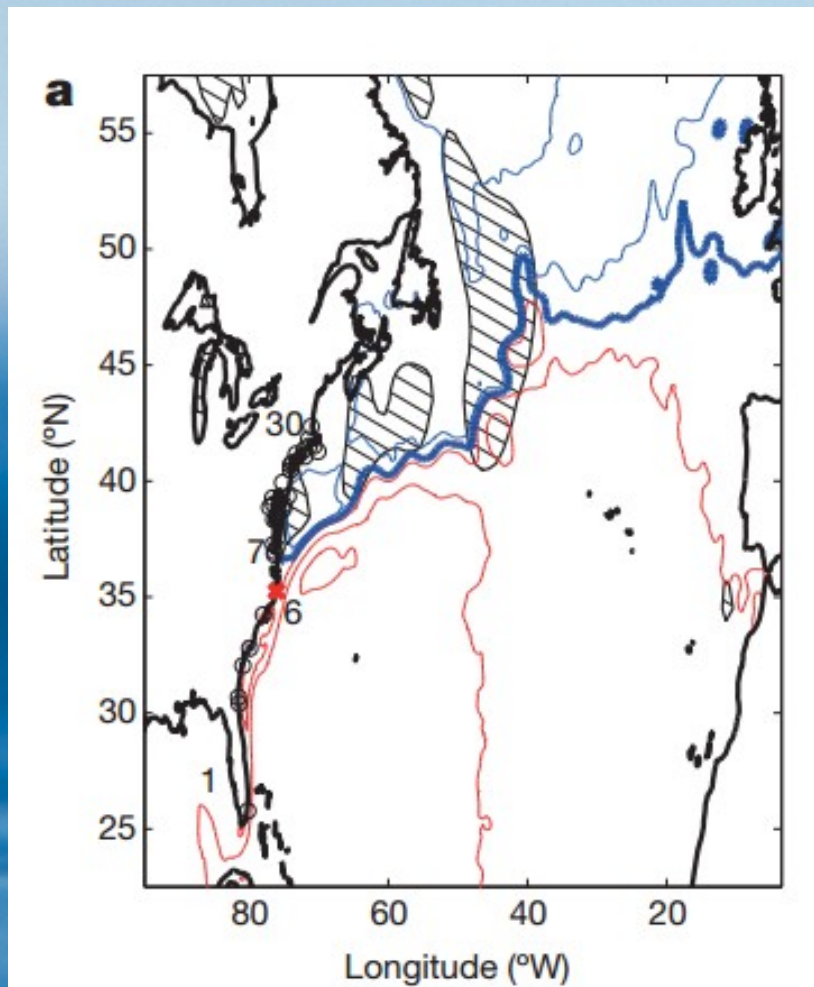
Clement et al see the same SST (shaded), SLP (contours) and wind (arrows) anomalies regressed on AMO in observations (A), fully coupled (B) and slab ocean (D) models. However their models do not have any cycle longer than 30 years.

Yes there is. AMO is real.



If AMO is divided into long and short-term variability Clement et al see the surface fluxes have the same sign before and after an AMO maximum with ocean-forcing models (as in observations) but not with ocean-slab models (bottom). The short term variability is similar: heat fluxes to the ocean before and from after a SST increase.

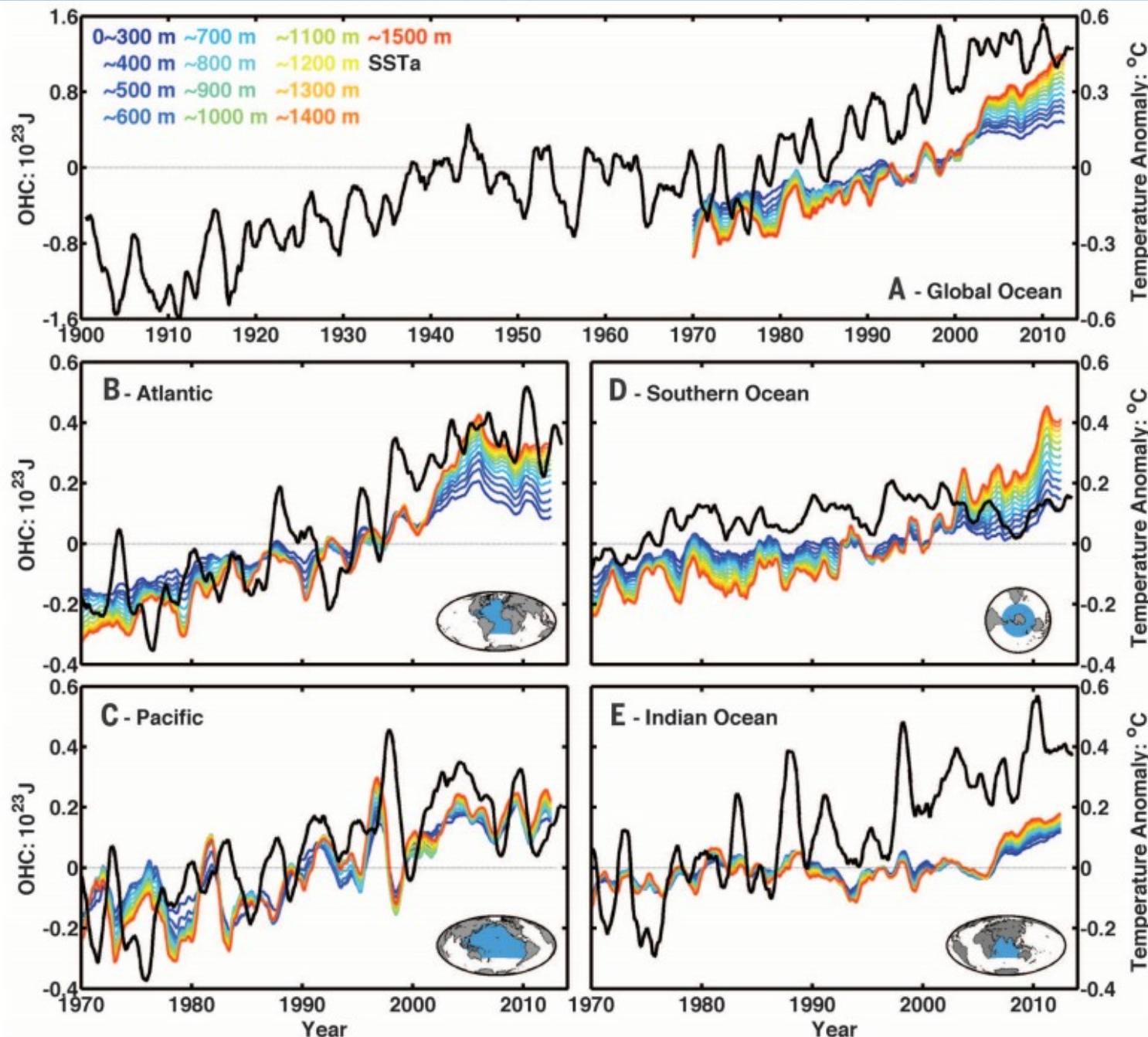
First physical evidence for past AMO



McCarthy et al. 2015 used sea surface data from North Atlantic coastal stations as a measure of AMOC (sea positive [red] and negative [blue] contours of regressed AMOC). The accumulated sea-level index (blue) looks very similar to AMO (black) and even more to accumulated (integrated) NAO (red).

McCarthy et al 2015 (Nature)

Jak zmiany AMO widać w zawartość ciepła w oceanie?

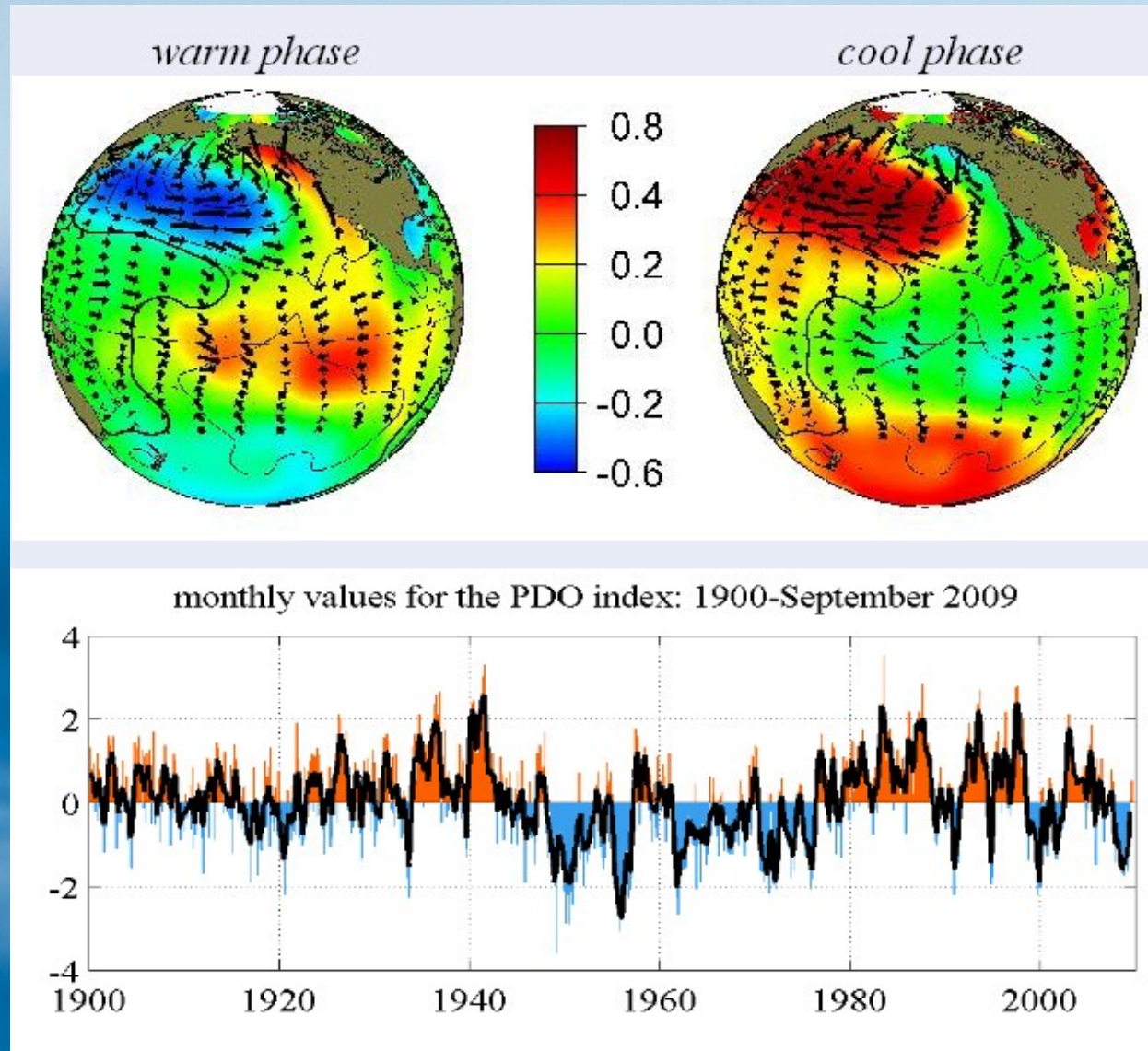


Na wykresie pokazano temperatury powierzchniowe SST (czarne) oraz zmiany zawartości ciepła w stosunku do średniej z lat 1970-2012. Widać odmienny przebieg zmian na Atlantyku z maksimum sięgającym ponad 1500 m ok. 2005 roku.

Podsumowanie 1/3

- Jednym z głównych elementów zmienności temperatury XX wieku jest cykl o okresie ok. 70 lat, związany z regionem wokół Północnego Atlantyku, zwany Atlantycka Oscylacją Multidekadową (AMO).
- Wzorzec przestrzenny AMO, a szczególnie odwrotna faza zmian w okolicy Arktyki i Antarktydy świadczy, że związany jest on ze zmianami intensywności cyrkulacją termohalinowej
- Jesteśmy w stanie wytłumaczyć taki cykl zmianami opadów w rejonie tropikalnego Atlantyku Północnego wymuszonymi różnicami temperatur obu półkuli i spowodowanymi tym zmianami zasolenia Atlantyku.
- Jednak podobne różnice temperatur między półkula północna i południową mogliśmy wywołać zadymiając tę pierwszą w pierwszej połowie XX wieku
- Czy zatem “rozkołysaliśmy” naturalny mod zmienności THC przy pomocy aerozolu? I czy ta zmienność będzie kontynuowana i czy oznacza to wolniejszy wzrost temperatury przez następne 30 lat?

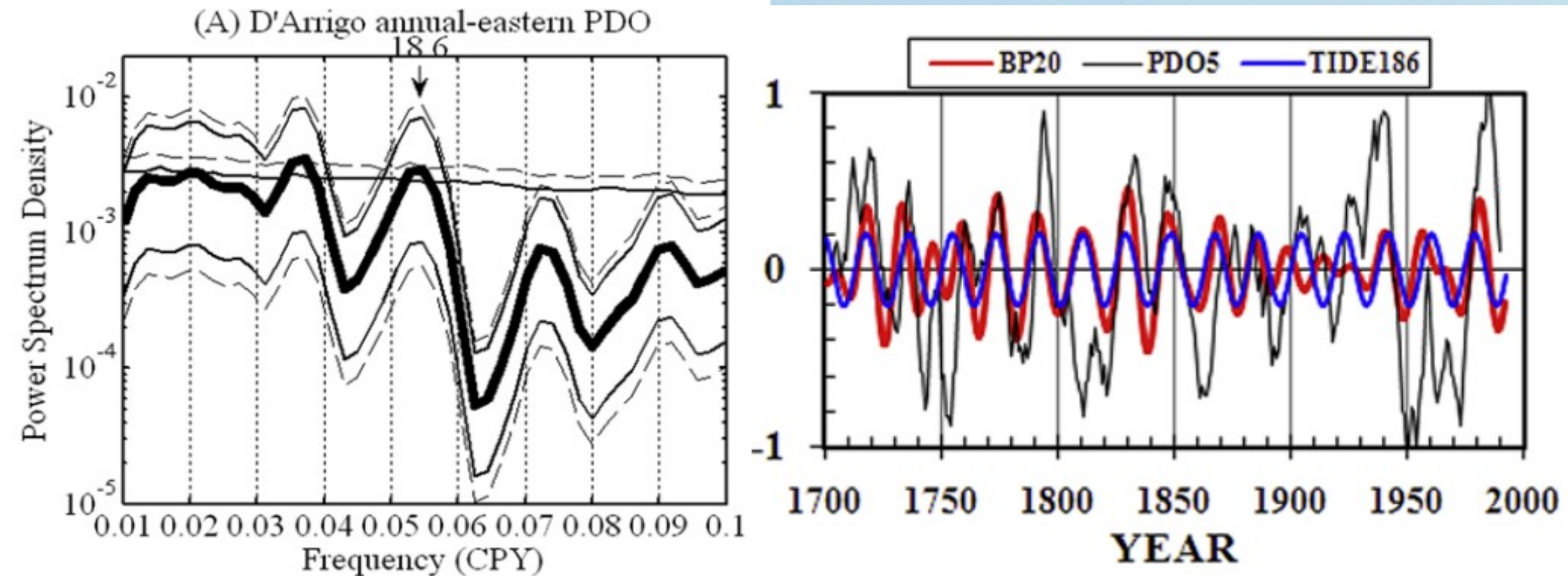
Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)



Odpowiednikiem AMO na Pacyfiku jest PDO, o okresie cyklu ok. 20 lat, zidentyfikowany przez Latifa i Barnetta (1994) i zdefiniowany jako pierwszy EOF zmienności temperatury Pn. Pacyfiku przez Mantuę i innych (1997).

<http://jisao.washington.edu/pdo/>

PDO is phase-locked to Lunar tidal cycle

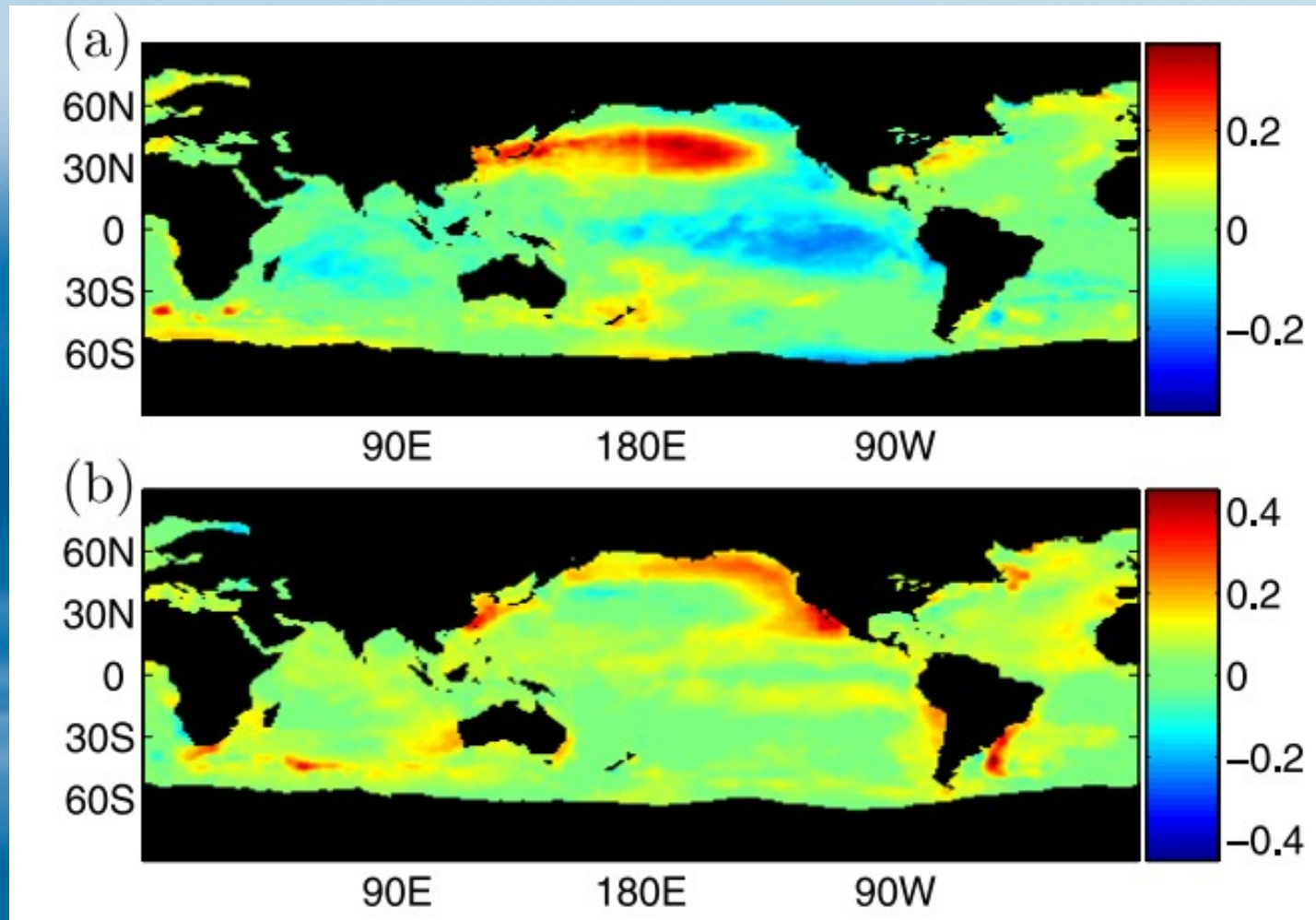


PDO FFT-spectrum shows a prominent 18.6 year maximum which is identical to the Lunar induced nodal tidal cycle (left). The right panel is time-series of 5-year running mean PDO (PDO5: thin black curve), bi-decadal (BP20: 15.5–23.3year) component of the PDO (red) and inverted-18.6-year period moon cycle (TIDE186: blue) where the maximum corresponds to the minimum diurnal tide.

The tidal cycle seems too weak to create PDO but it may be able to phase-lock a natural oscillation of North Pacific of roughly 20-year period.

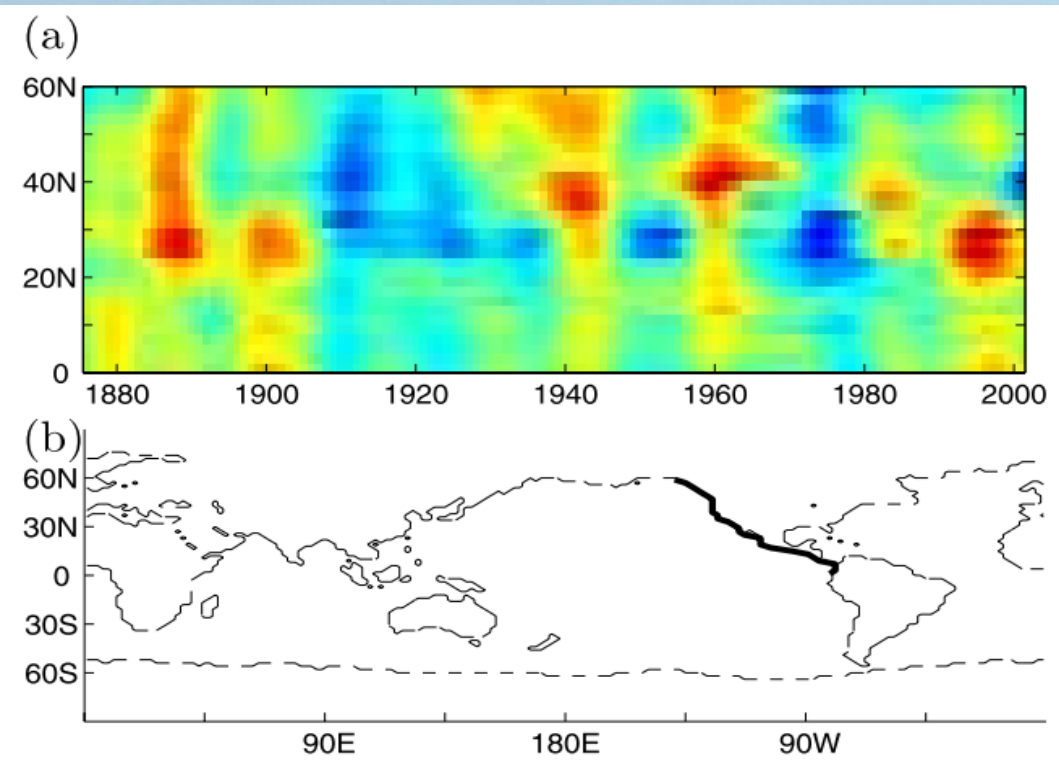
Yasuda 2009 (GRL)

However PDO seems to have two independent components



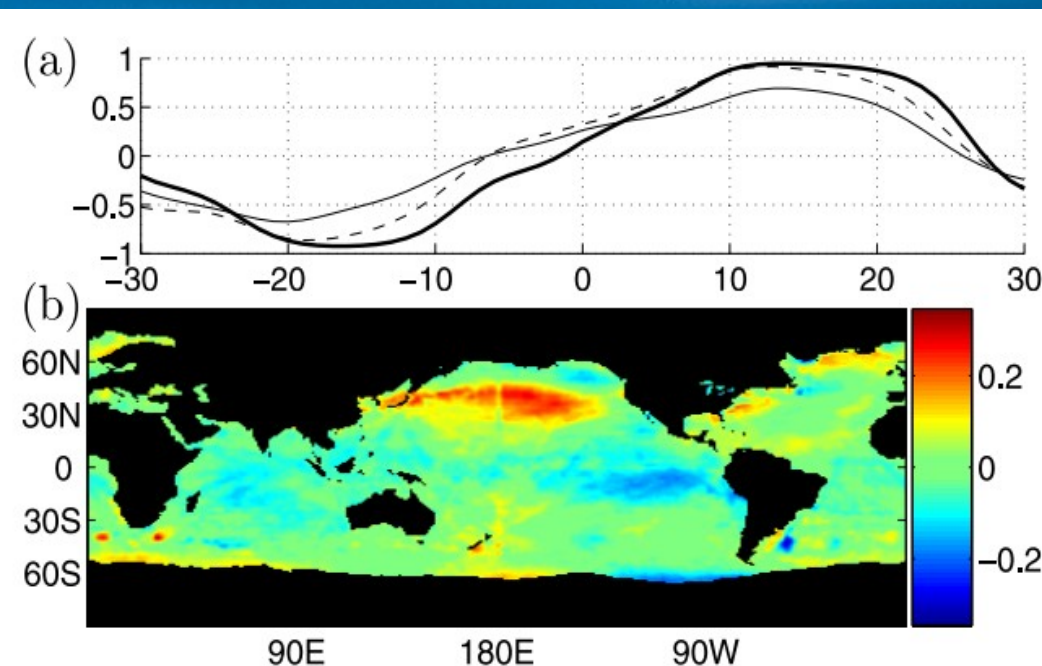
Two first EOFs of North Pacific SST variability since 1870.

However PDO seems to have two independent components

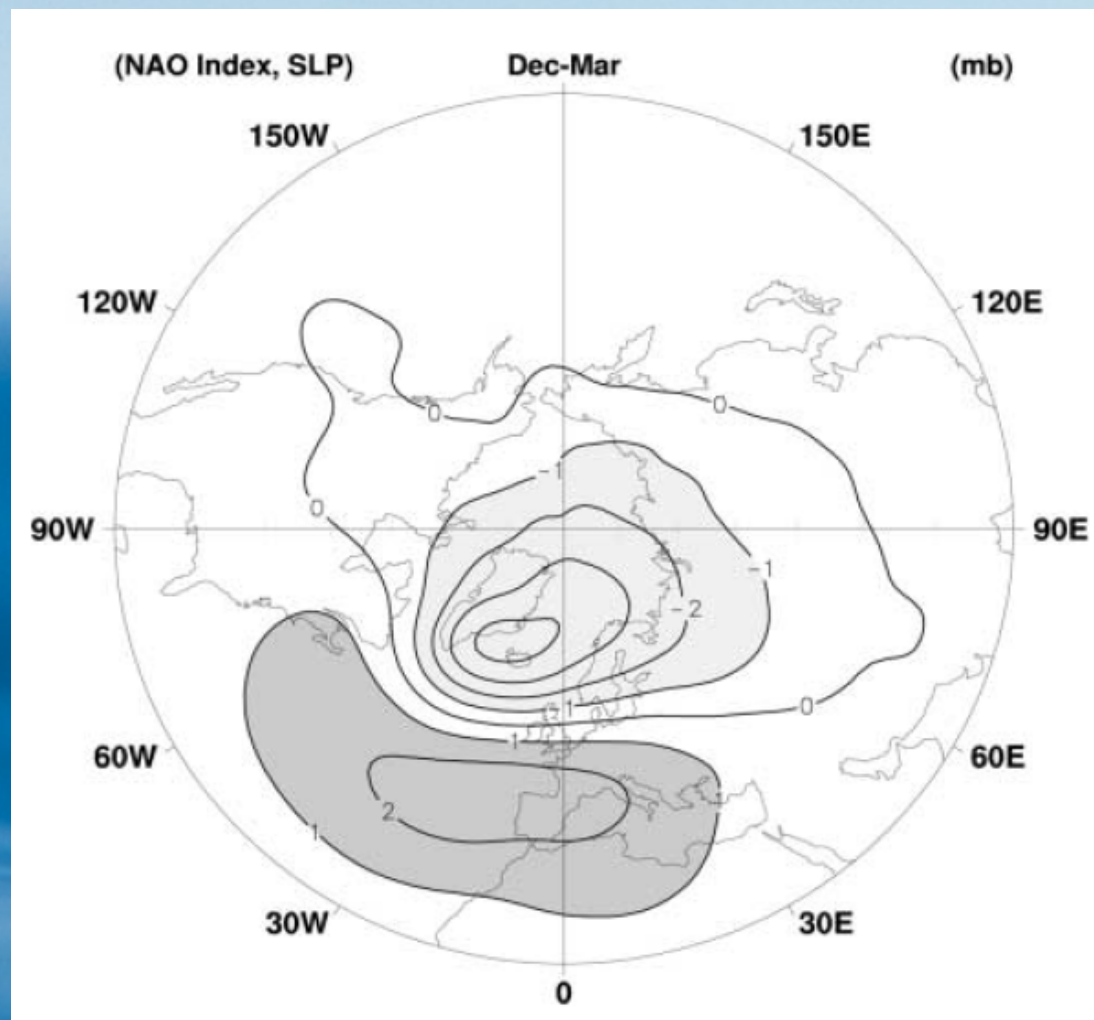


One of the EOFs seem related to Eastern boundary SST anomalies with the Lunar tidal cycle of 18.6 years (top).

The other (bottom) seems to be mirroring AMO with a 13 year time lag. The bottom figure consists of (a) Spatial correlation between the PDO and the time-lag regression on the AMO index. (b) Spatial structure of the time-lag correlation on the AMO index at lag of 13 years



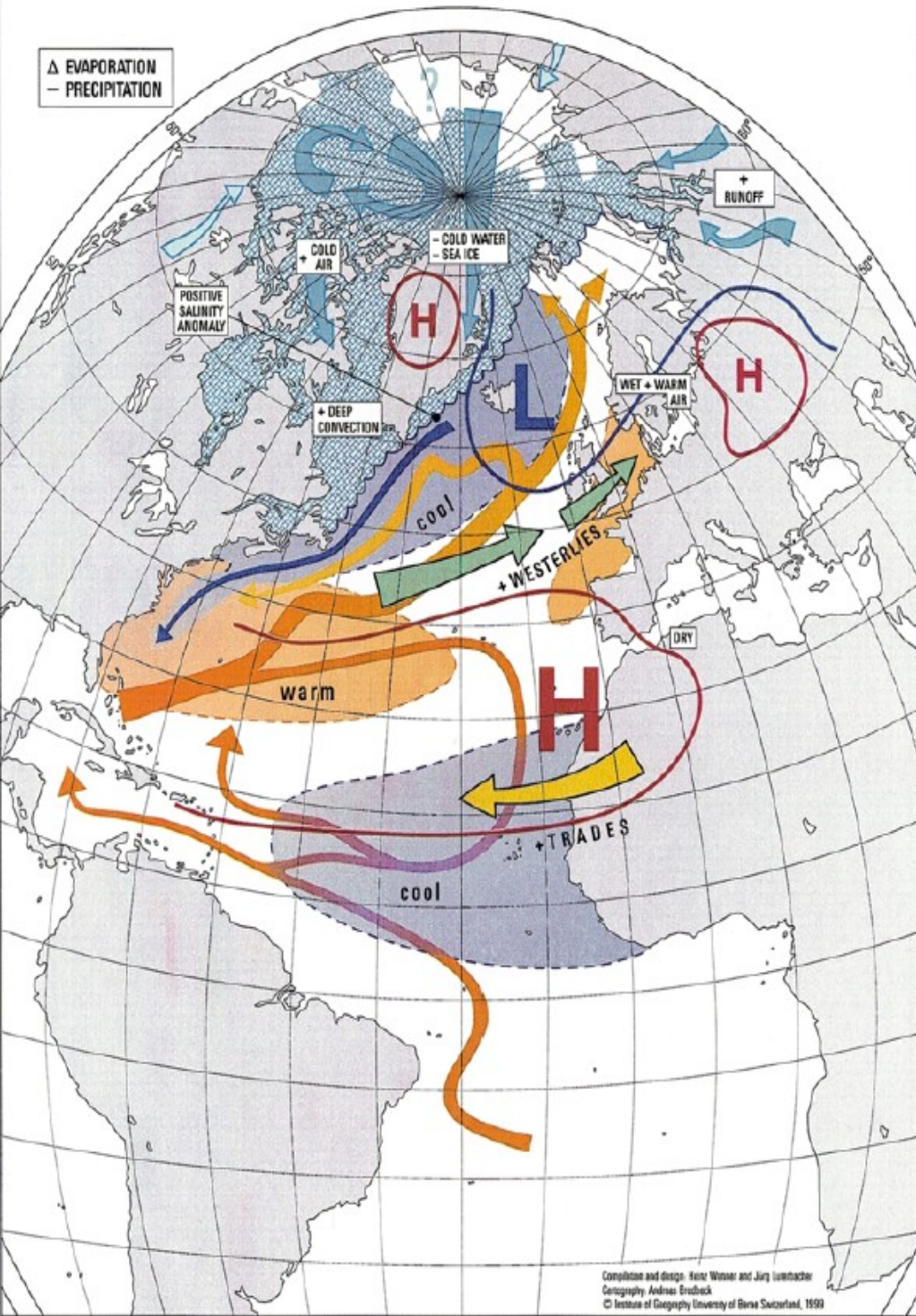
North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO)



Indeks NAO, zidentyfikowany przez Walkera (1924), najczęściej definiowany jako różnica ciśnień między Lizboną a Reykjavikiem (na rysunku sytuacja dodatniego NAO). Indeks ten tłumaczy 31% zróżnicowania zimowych temperatur na północ od 20° N.

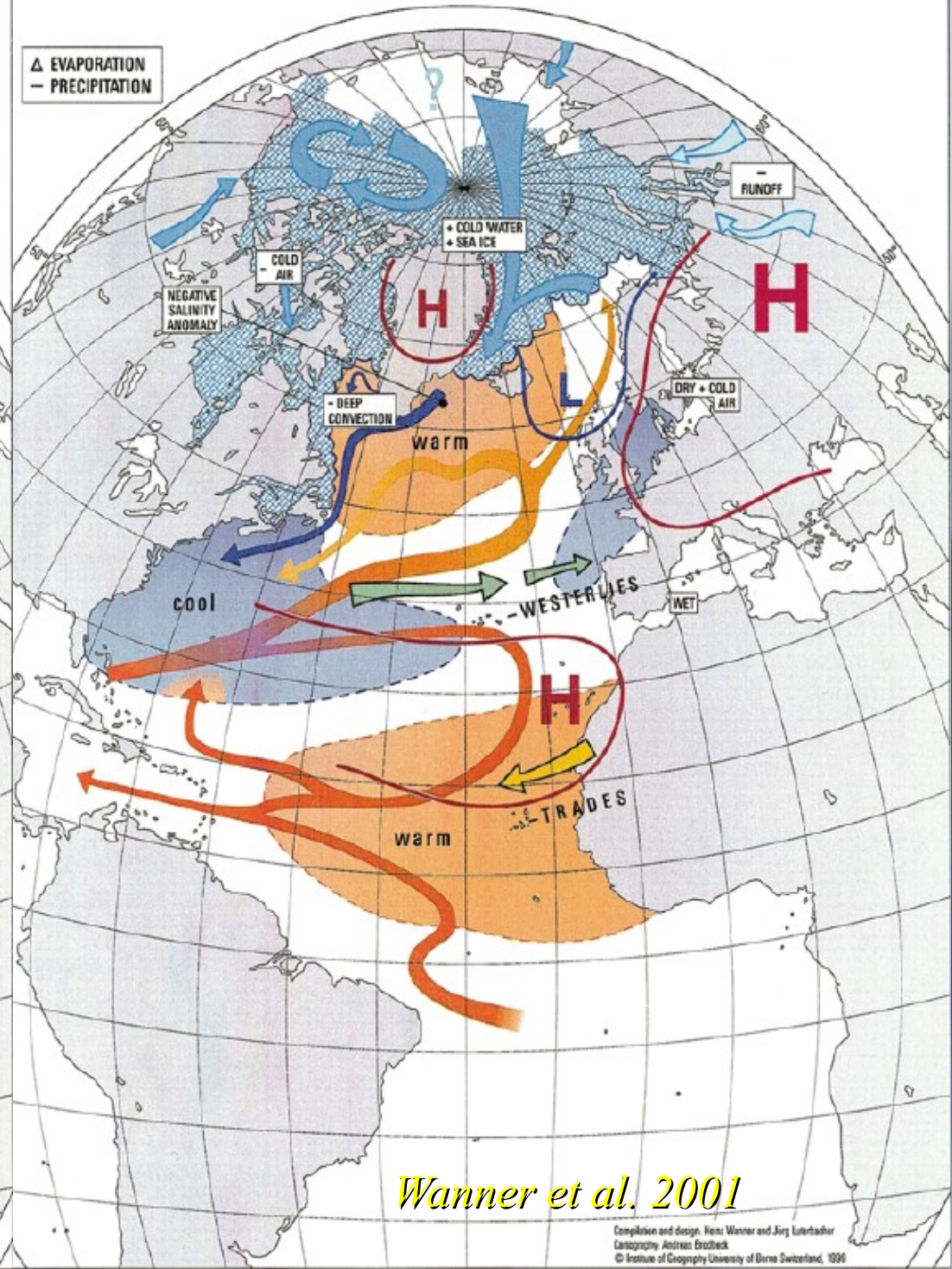
NAO +

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- PRECIPITATION



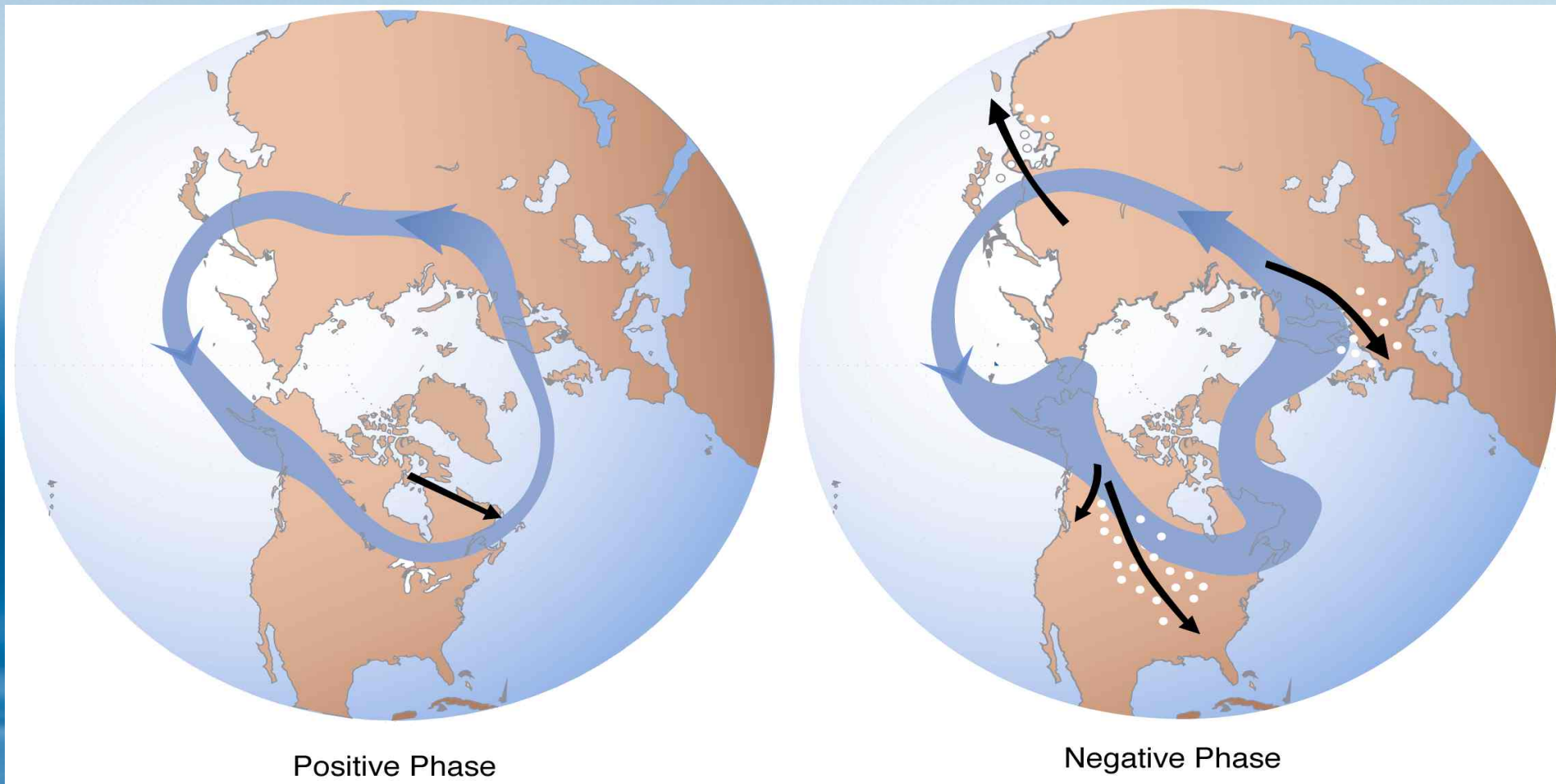
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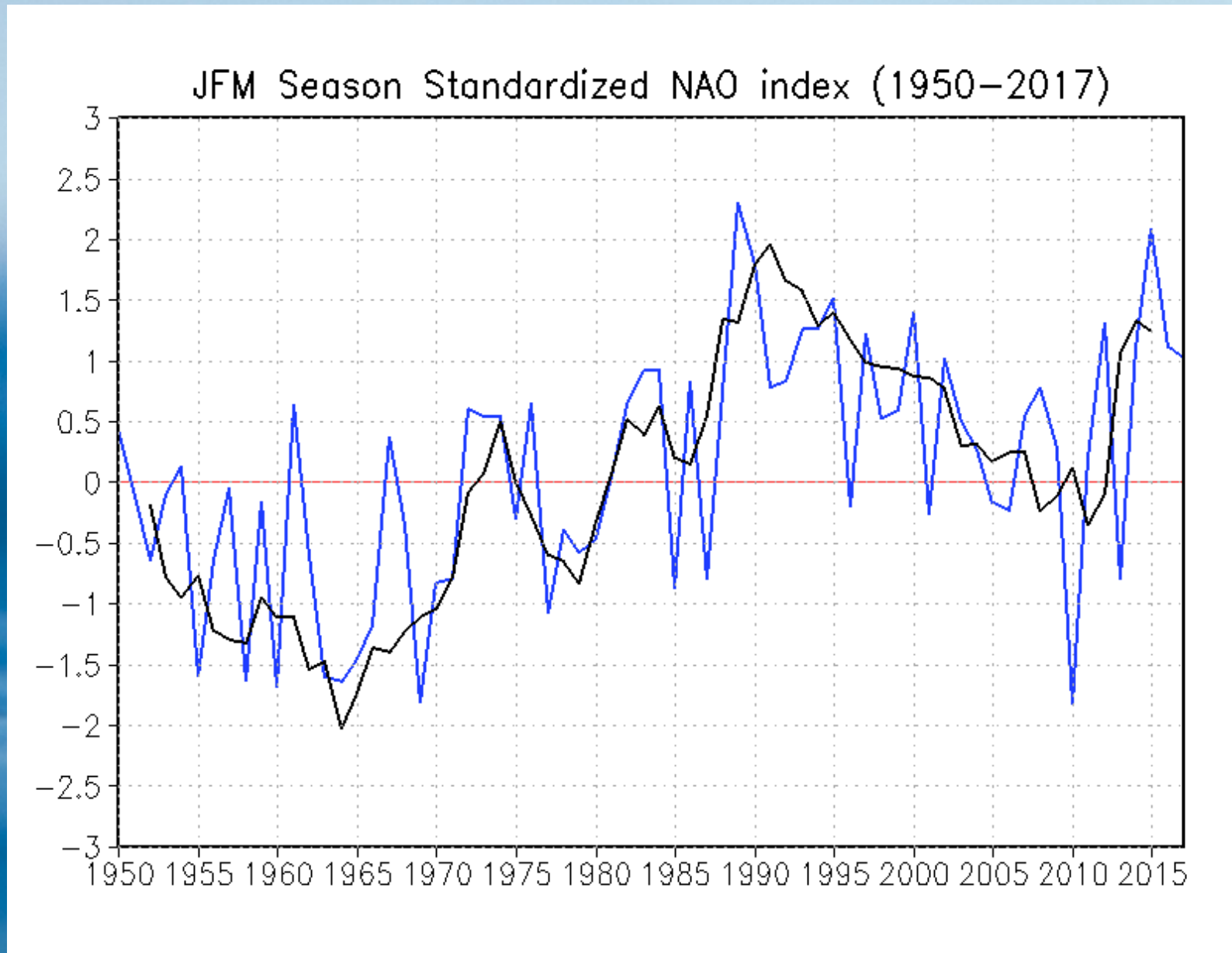
Wanner et al. 2001

Wartość Arctic Oscillation (AO) i zasięg niżów



Innym indeksem wysoce skorelowanym z NAO jest Arctic Oscillation – różnica ciśnienia między szerokościami 37° - 45° N a polarnymi, a zatem miara intensywności niżu polarnego. Przy ujemnych wartościach AO (czyli zazwyczaj i NAO) front polarny (*“jet stream”*) odsuwa się od bieguna sprawiając, że trasy niżów, a zatem i strefy opadów przesuwają się na południe.

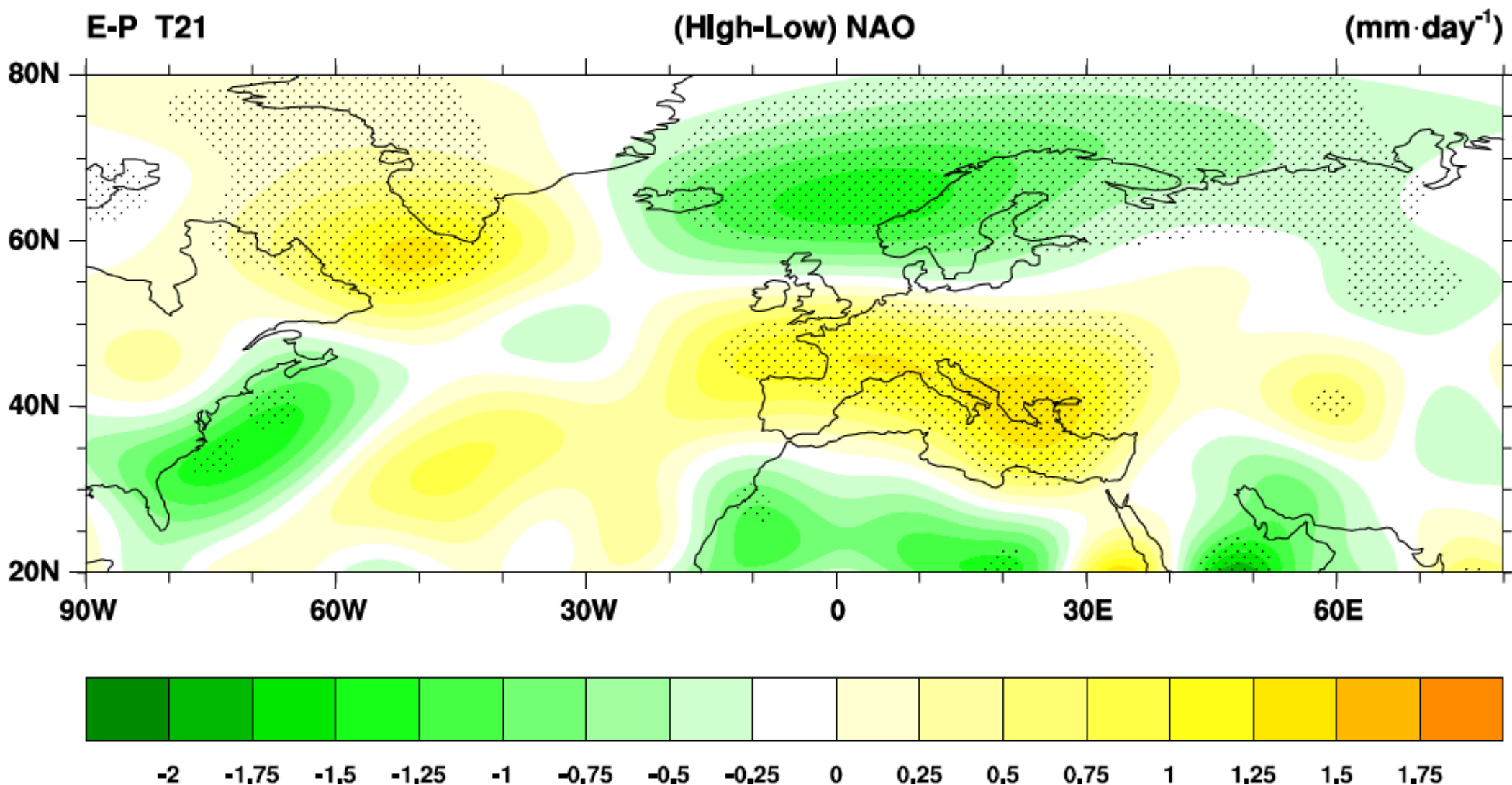
Zimowe wartości indeksu NAO od 1950



Zwraca uwagę okres niskich wartości w latach 60-tych i wysokich w 90-tych oraz malejąca wartość w ostatnich latach.

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/precip/CWlink/pna/season.JFM.nao.gif>

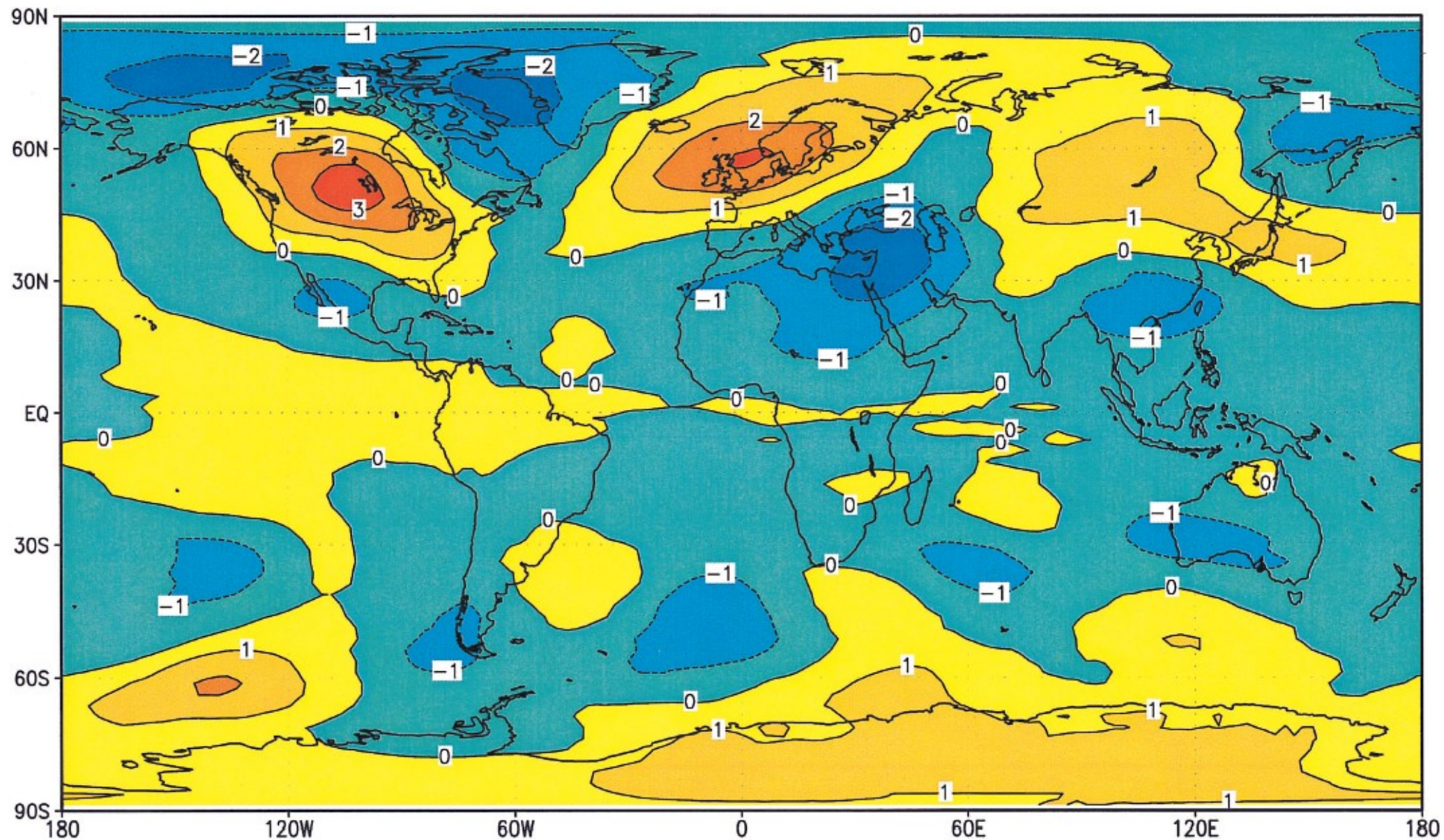
Wpływ NAO na opady



Anomalie opadów związane z zimowym indeksem NAO [mm/dzień]: średnia dla zim z dodatnim NAO minus średnia dla zim z ujemnym. Wygląd układu identyczny jak efekt wybuchu wulkanu na temperaturę zimą (uwaga: znak przy skali na dole ewidentnie pomyłony!)

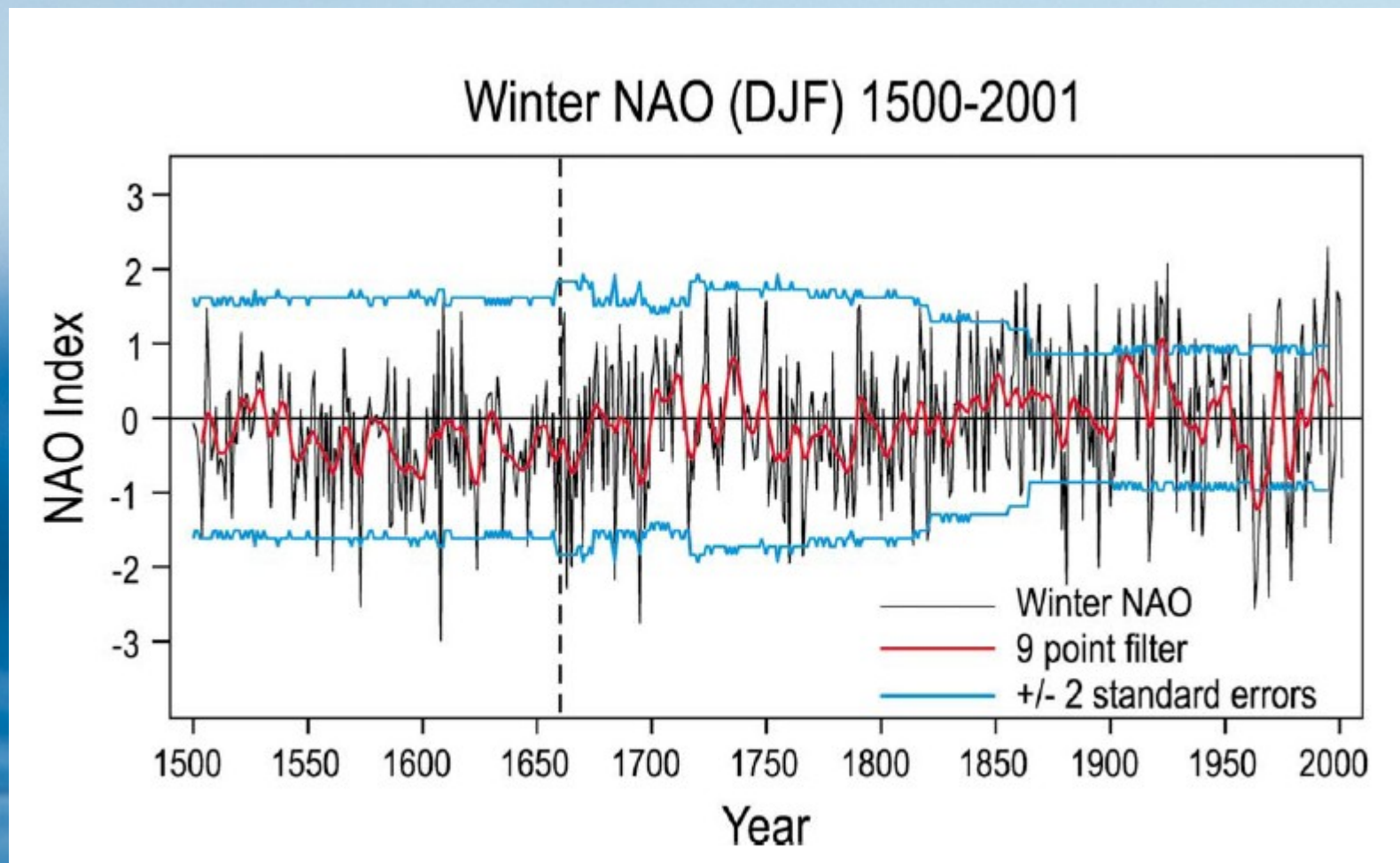
Za Hurrell 1995 (Science)

Przypomnienie: anomalie temperatury zimą po Pinatubo



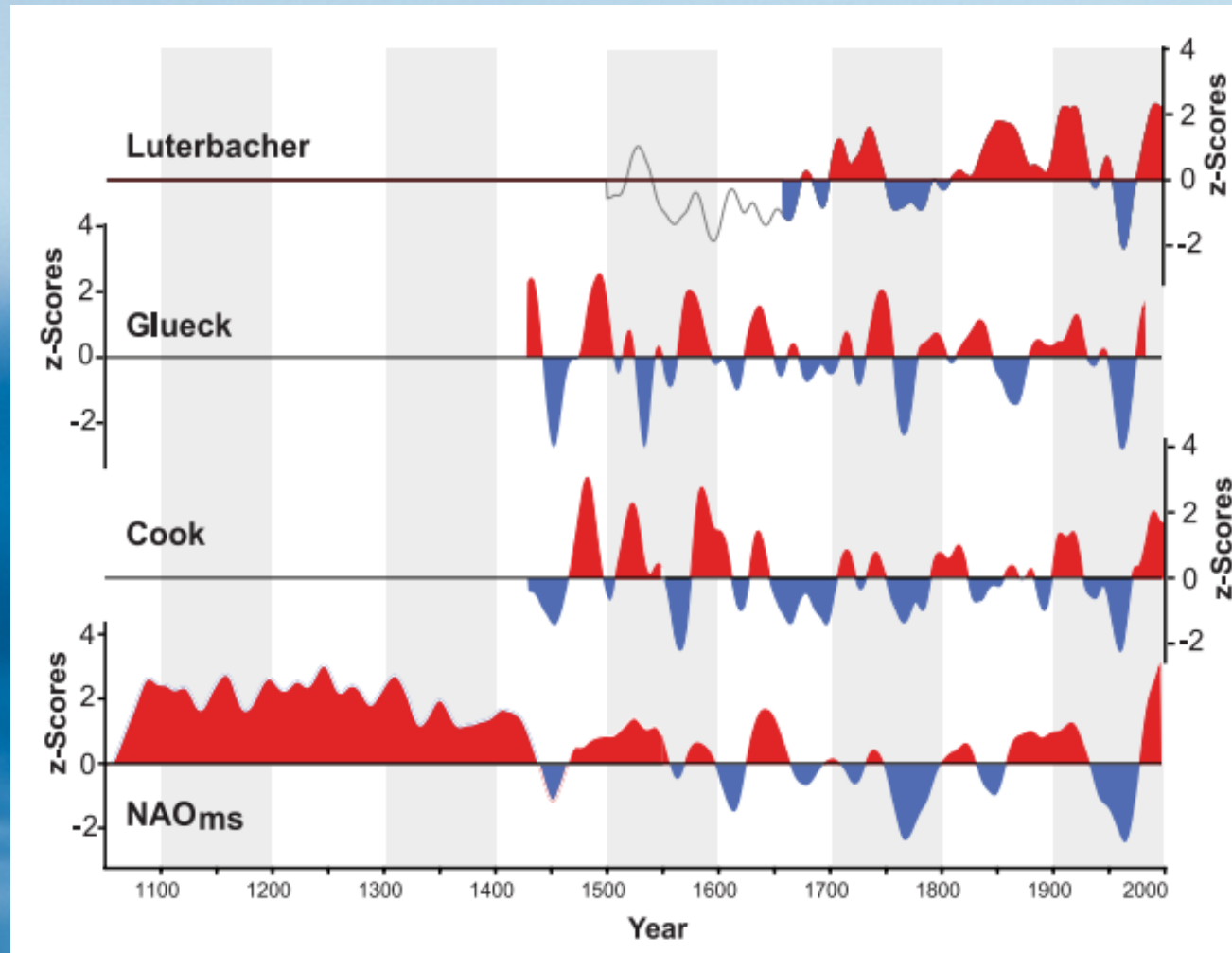
Po wybuchu wulkanów tropikalnego pierwsza zima typowo jest ciepła m. in. w Pn. Europie a zimny na Bliskim Wschodzie.

Przypomnienie: wartości NAO w ciągu ostatnich 500 lat



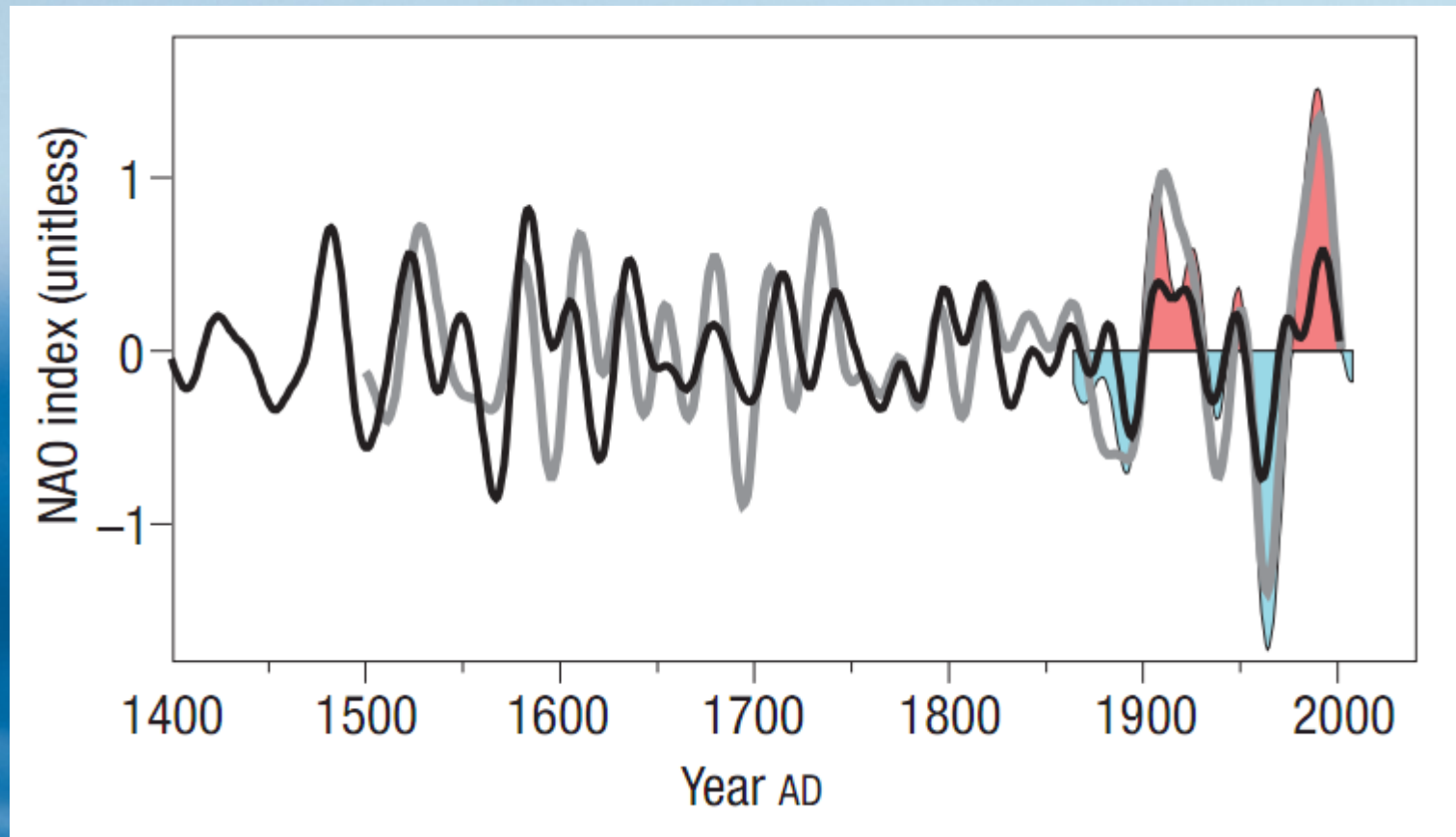
Indeks NAO jest wysoki gdy produkcja wód głębinowych (THC) jest wysoka (i odwrotnie). Co jest przyczyną? NAO, THC czy aktywność słońca.

Nieustające dodatnie NAO w czasie „ciepłego średniowiecza”?



Rekonstrukcja indeksu NAO na podstawie wartości izotopowych stalaktytów ze Szkocji i słoï drzew z Maroka (czyli opadów w rejonach zależnych od znaku NAO) świadczy o istnieniu okresu około 300 lat (1100-1400 n.e.) z nieustająco dodatnim indeksem NAO.

Zmienność NAO silniejsza w „okresie przemysłowym”?



Rekonstrukcja indeksu NAO na podstawie wartości izotopowych koralu z Bermudów (jakkolwiek ryzykowna!) pokazuje zwiększoną amplitudę zmian NAO od późnego XIX wieku. Nawet jeśli autorzy mierzyli bardziej AMO niż NAO jest to ciekawy wynik.

Timm 2008 using data of Goodkin et al 2008 (Nature Geoscience)

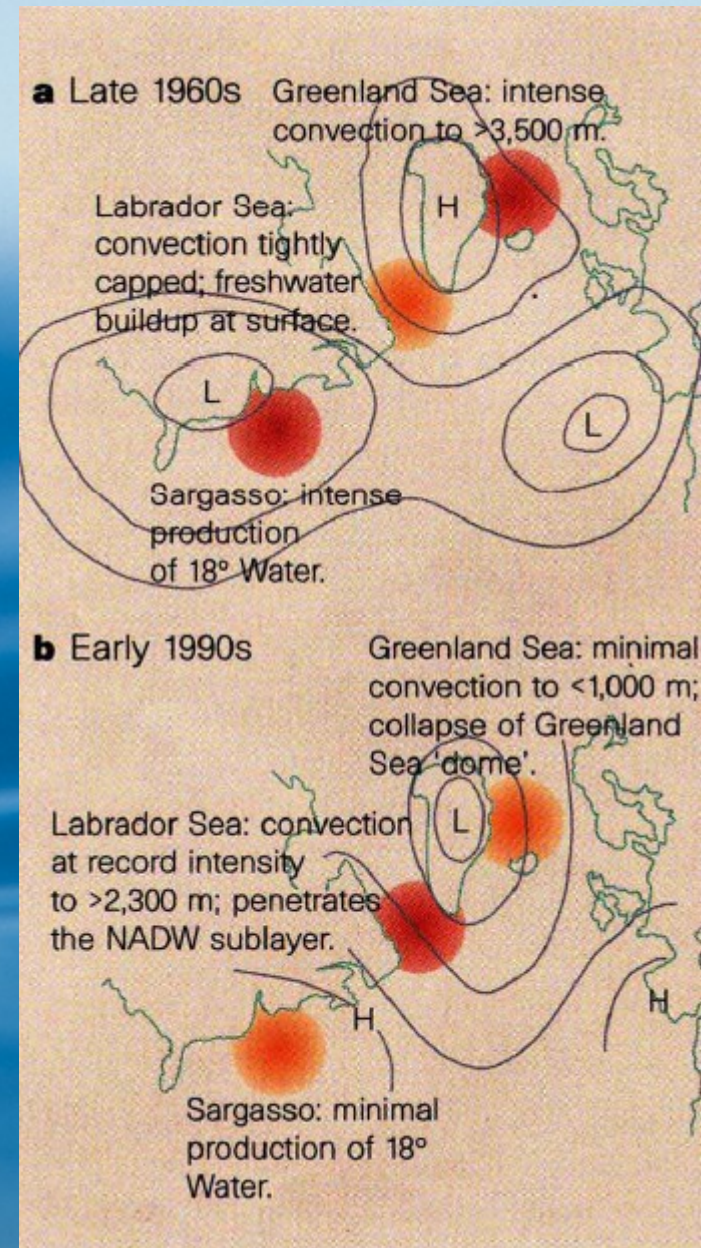
Zmiany w produkcji wód głębinowych

Zmienność NAO wpływa na miejsce (i zapewne ilość) produkowanych wód głębinowych.

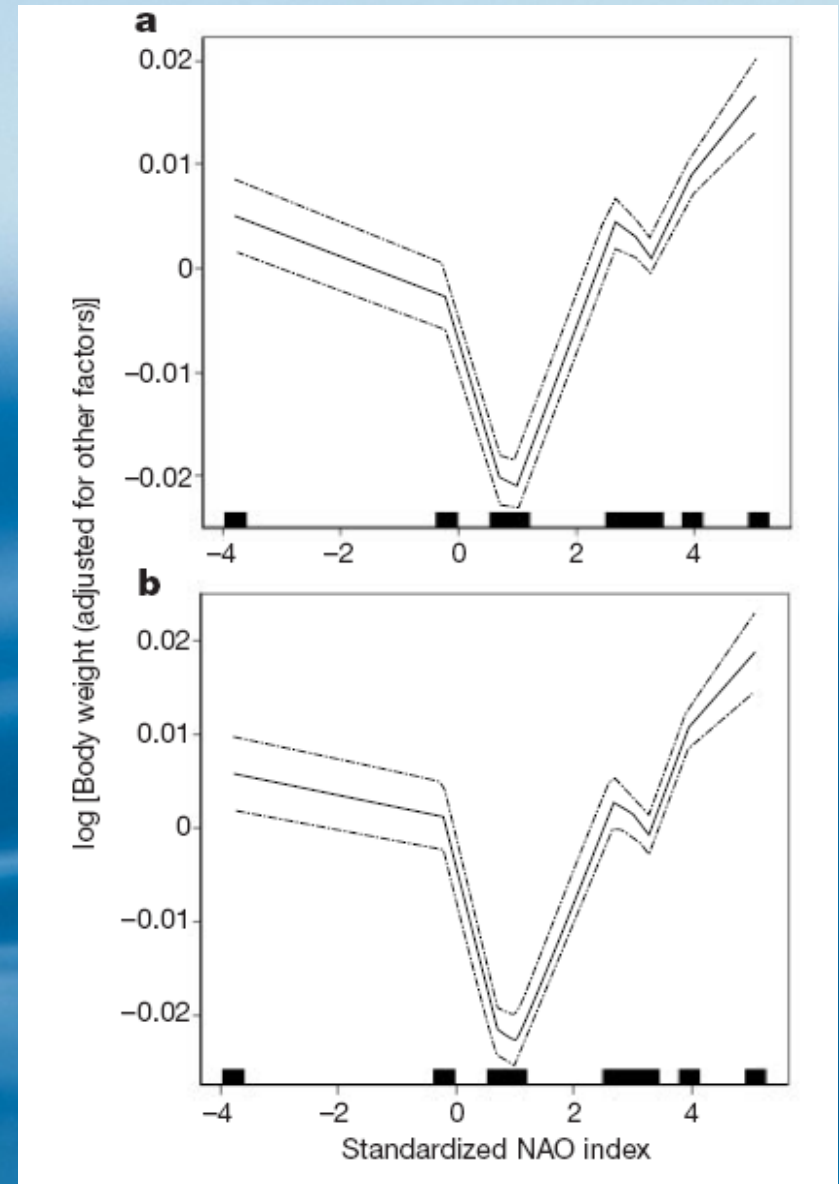
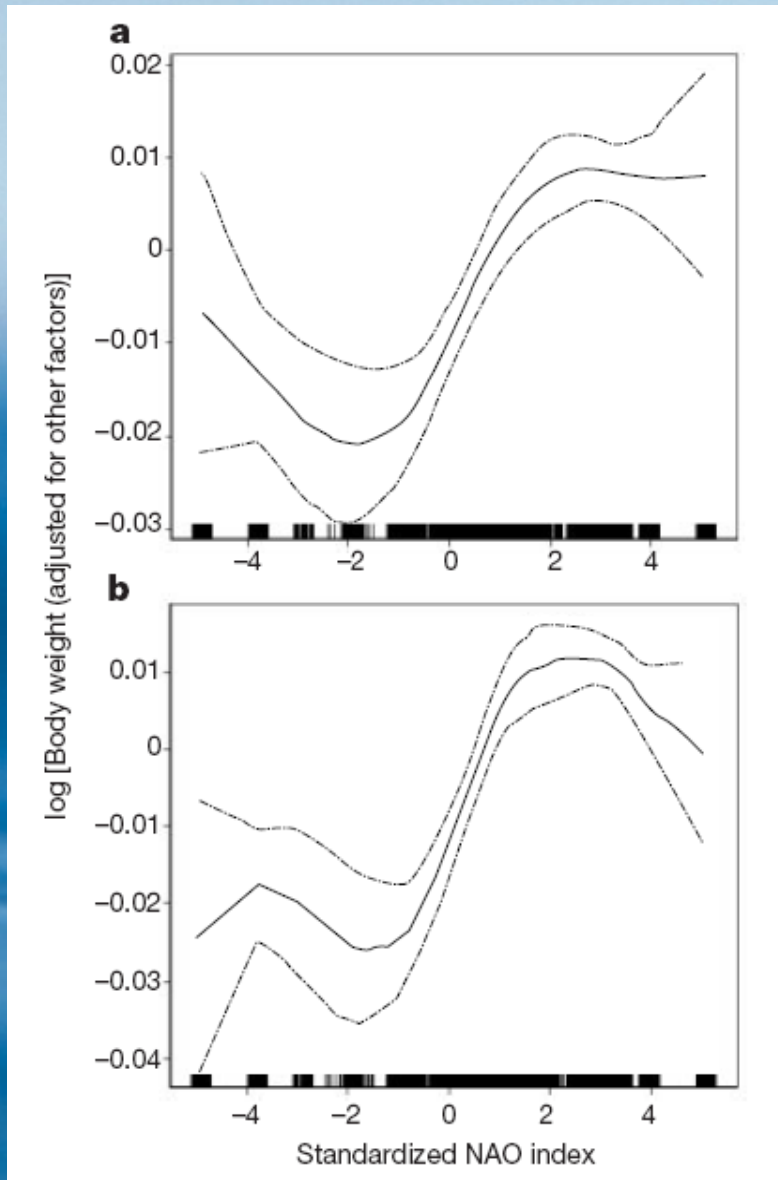
Przy ujemnych wartościach NAO (lata 60-te) zmalała produkcja wód głębinowych na Morzu Labradorskim a zwiększyła się na Morzach Nordyckich.

Przy dodatnim NAO (lata 90-te) zaszło zjawisko odwrotne.

Zmiana ta tłumaczy zmniejszenie się przepływu wód głębinowych z Mórza Nordyckiego do właściwego Atlantyku od lat 60-tych.



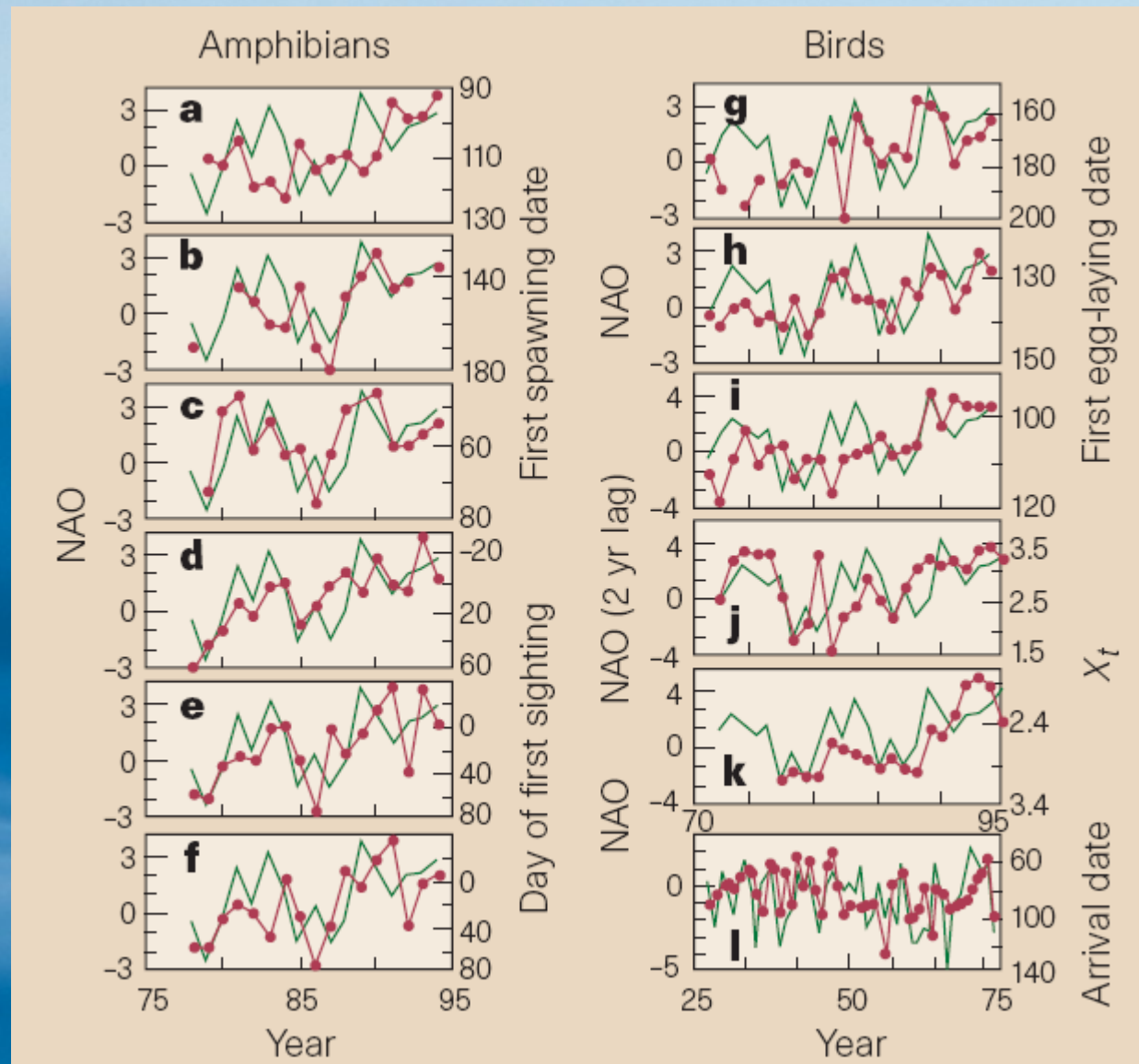
Wpływ NAO na przyrodę Europy: przykład pierwszy



Wpływ wartości NAO na wagę samic (górną) i samców (dolną) skandynawskich jeleni (lewa) i owiec (prawa).

Myrsterud et al. 2001 (Nature)

Wpływ NAO na przyrodę Europy: przykład drugi



Wpływ wartości NAO na datę składania jaj przez płazy (lewe) i ptaki brytyjskie – *uwaga skala dni odwrócona*.

Forchhammer et al. 1998 (Nature)

Podsumowanie 2/3

- Temperatura i opady zimą w Europie zdeterminowane są głównie wartością indeksu NAO. Dla całej półkuli północnej tłumaczy on ponad 30% zmienności klimatu.
- W czasie Małej Epoki Lodowej indeks ten był średnio ujemny. Czy w skutek małej objętości produkowanych wód głębinowych (THC)?
- Lata 90-te to okres dodatnich wartości NAO, 60-te ujemnych. W pierwszym tych okresów wody głębinowe produkowane były głównie na Morzu Labradorским a w drugim na Morzach Nordyckich.
- Wg. niektórych ujemne NAO spowodowało tzw. Wielką Anomalię Zasolenia. Jednak zasolenie północnego Atlantyku maleje od lat 60-ych ponad 30 lat (prawdopodobnie równolegle z napełnianiem Arktyki słonymi wodami Atlantyckimi).
- Tylko czy to nie bardziej AMO niż NAO?

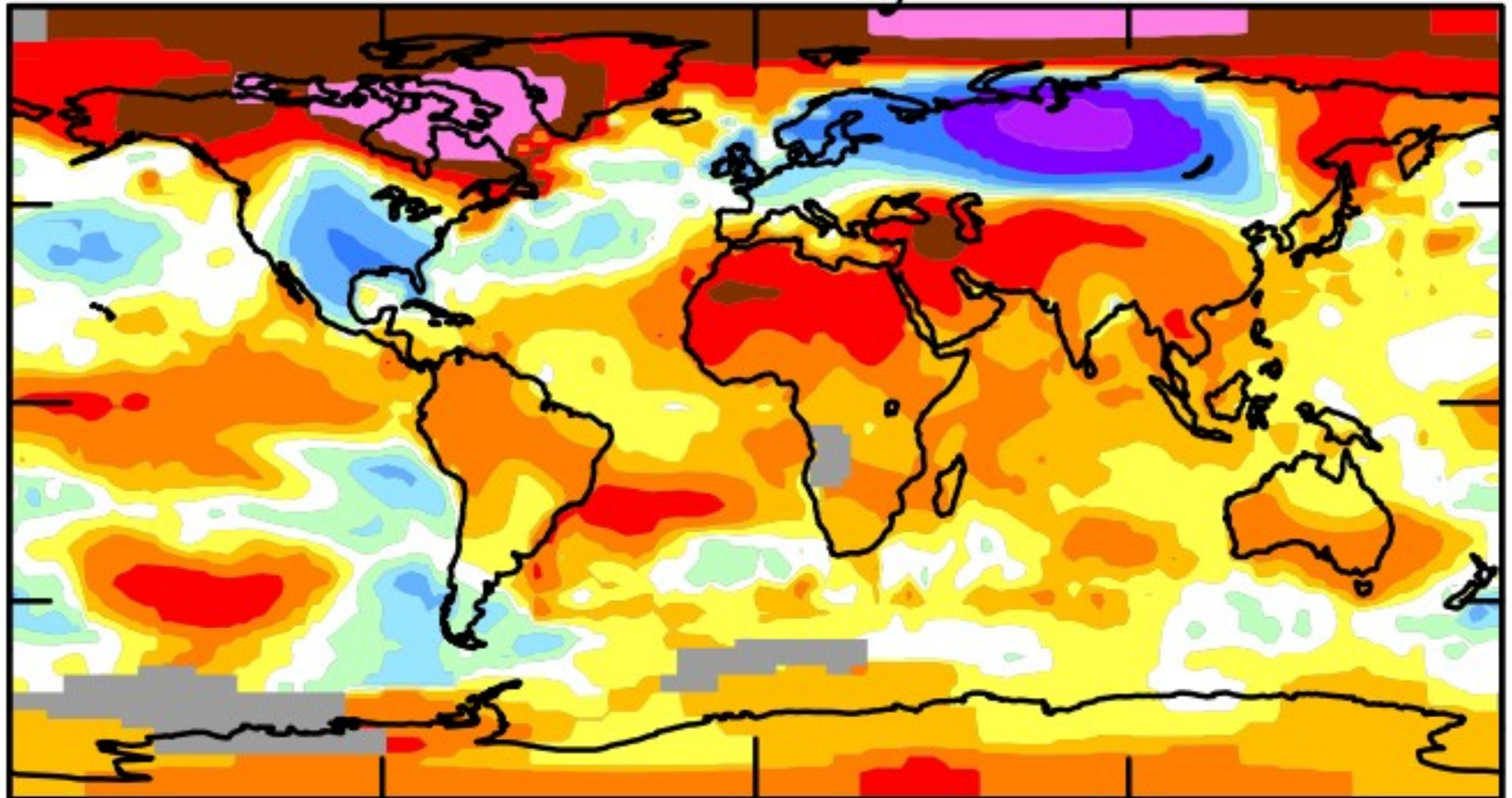


Jeleń szlachetny – jego jakość życia zależy od indeksu NAO?

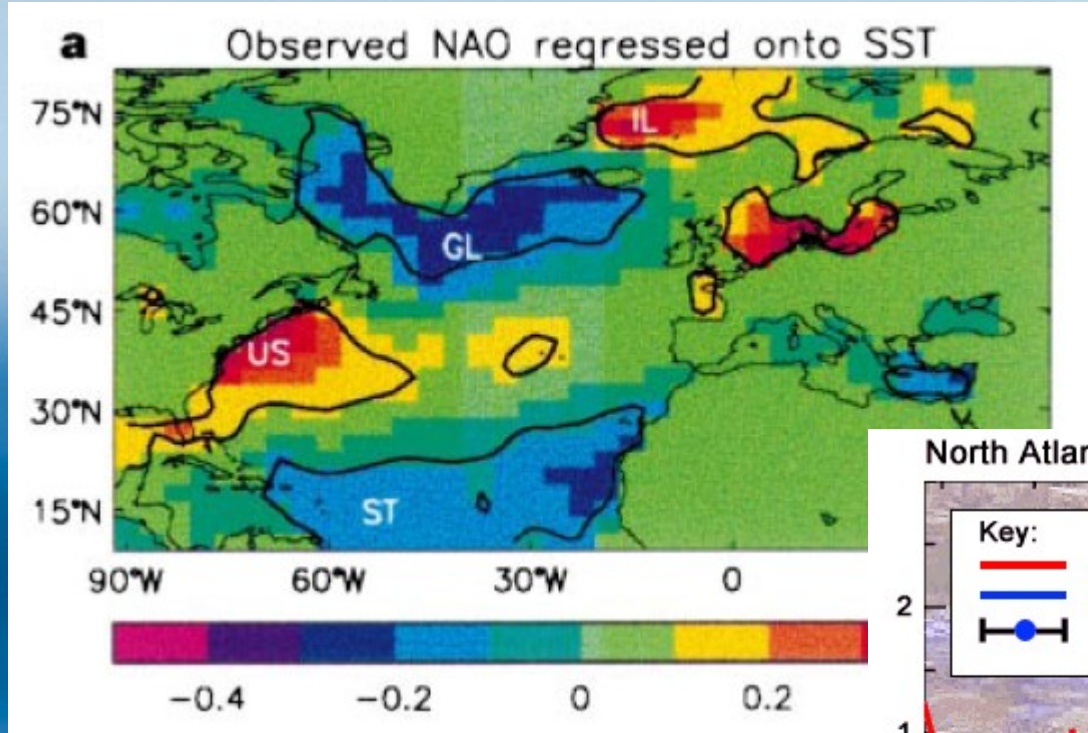
N.H. Winter (Dec-Jan-Feb)

2nd warmest of 130 years 0.68

2010

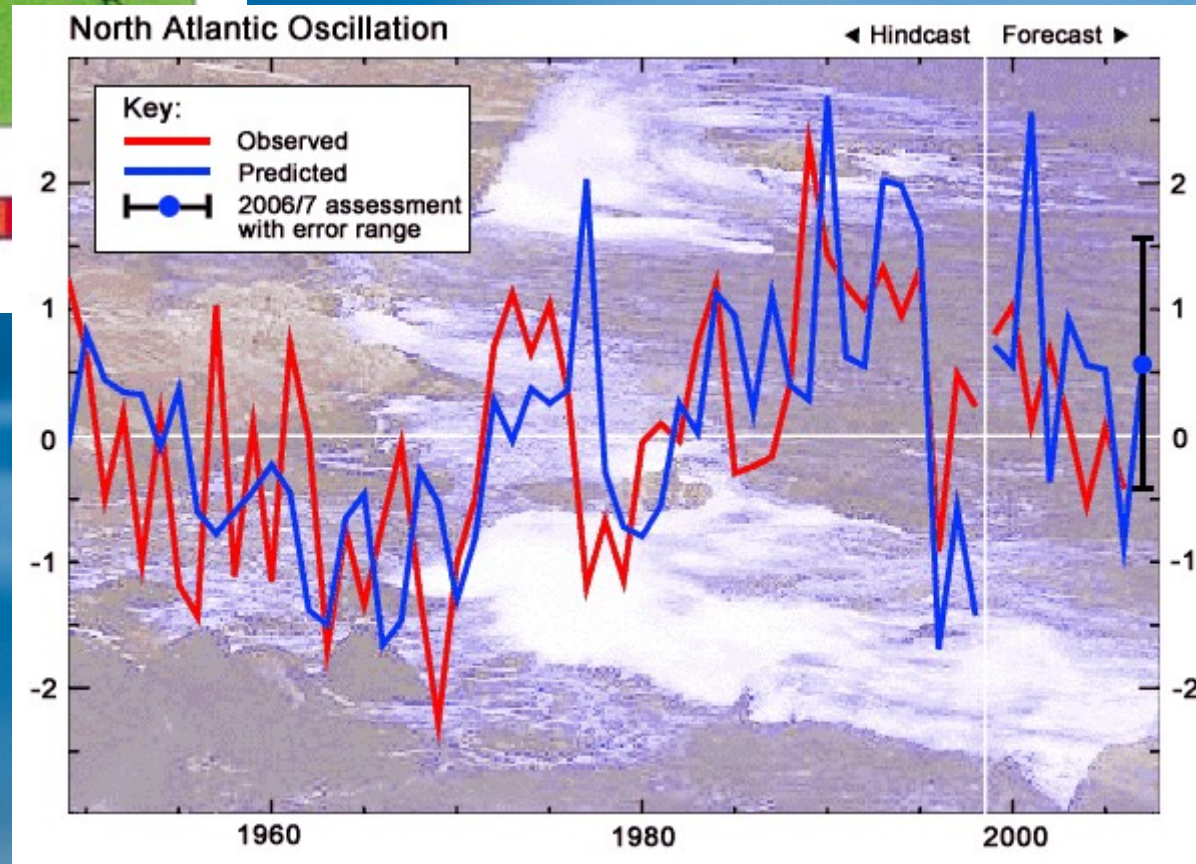


Can we predict NAO values?



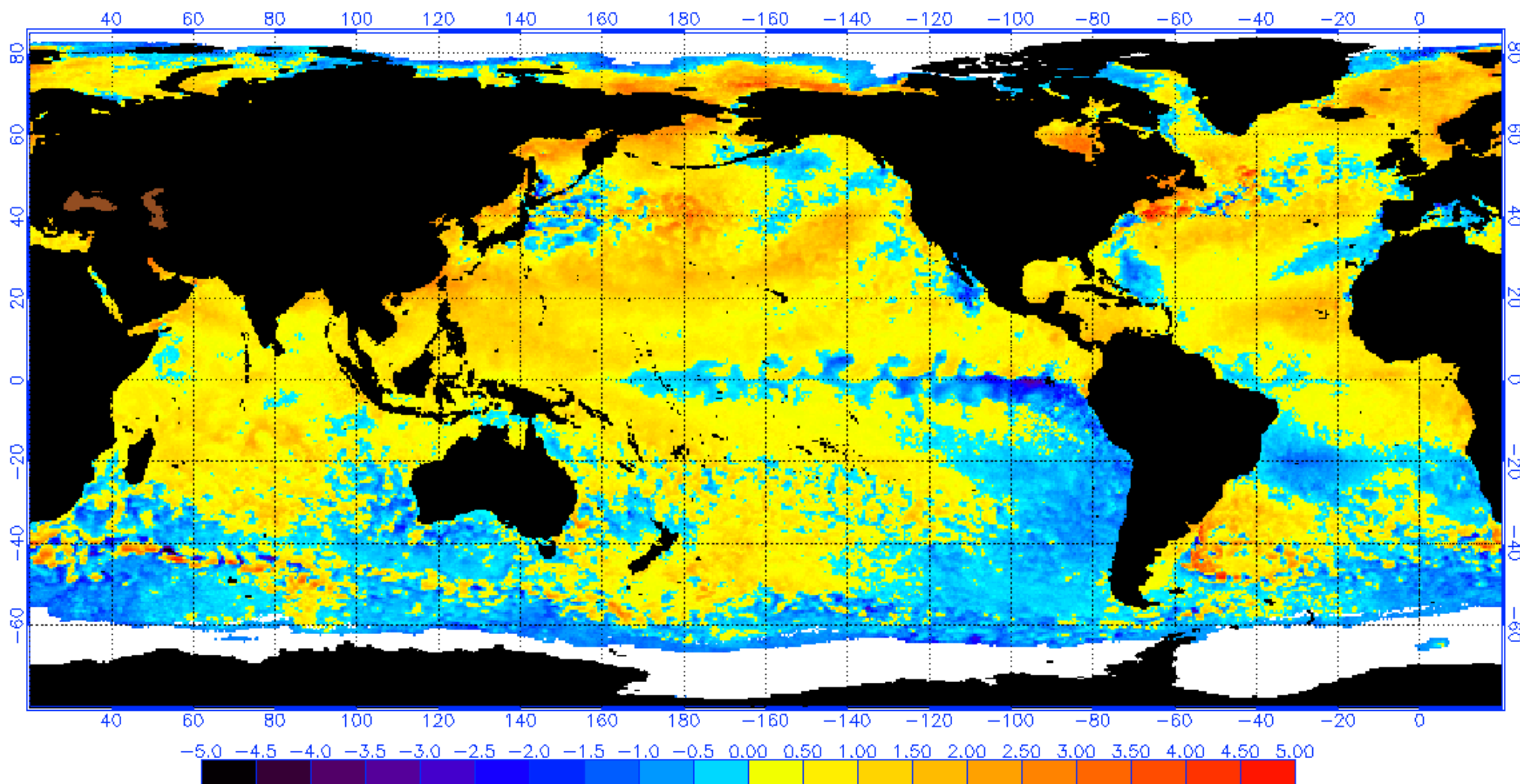
Correlations of summer ocean SST with NAO index of the following winter (Rodwell et al. 1999)

British Met Office has a hindcasting 2/3 successful prediction of winter NAO sign from North Atlantic SST of the previous summer.



O czym świadczy Atlantyk w tym roku?

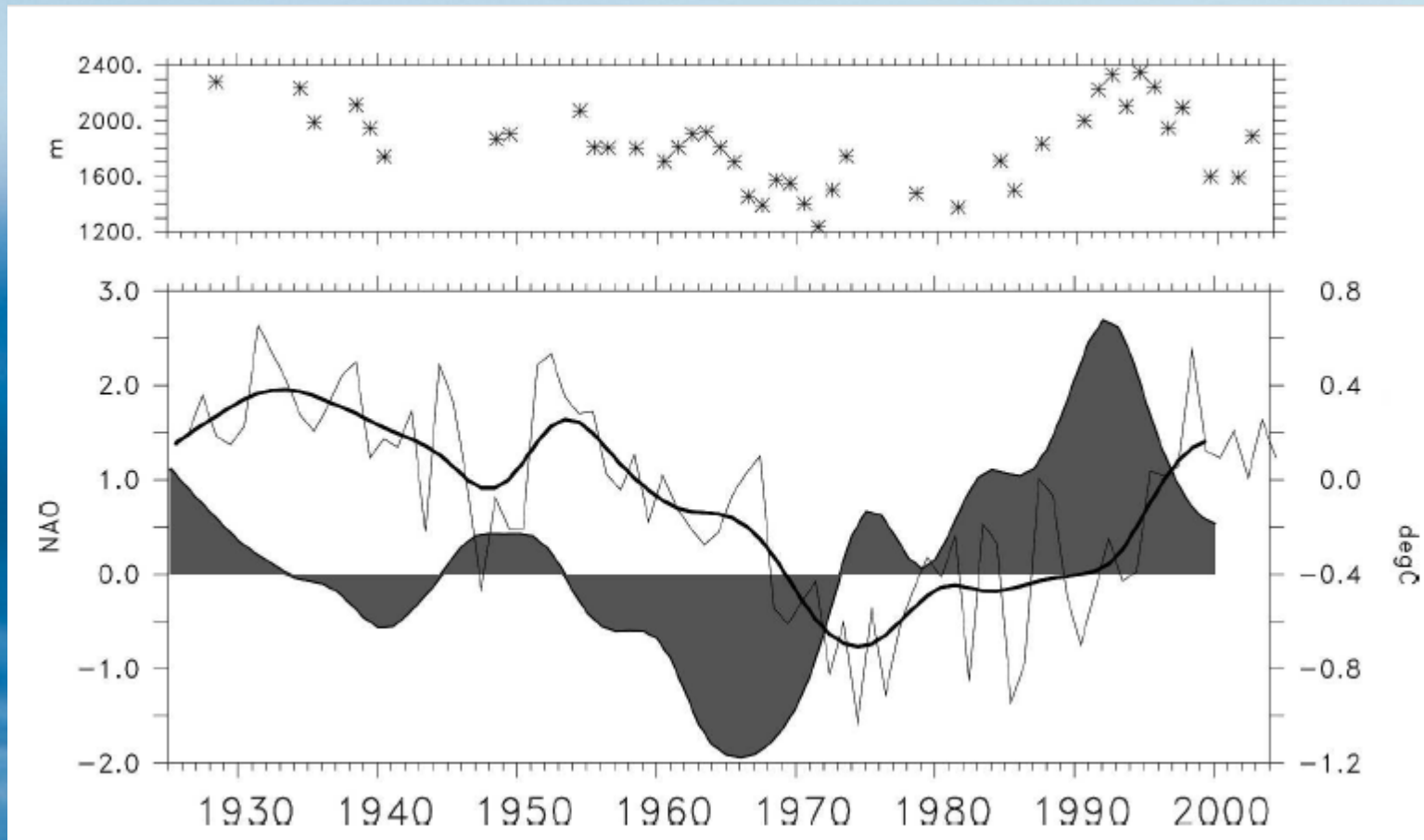
NOAA/NESDIS 50 KM GLOBAL ANALYSIS: SST Anomaly (degrees C), 9/28/2017
(white regions indicate sea-ice)



Ciepłe i zimne anomalie w okolicach Golsztromu (jeśli odjąć globalne ocieplenie) dają się naciągnąć jako przewidujące dodatnie NAO ;-)

<http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/ocean/sst/anomaly/index.html>

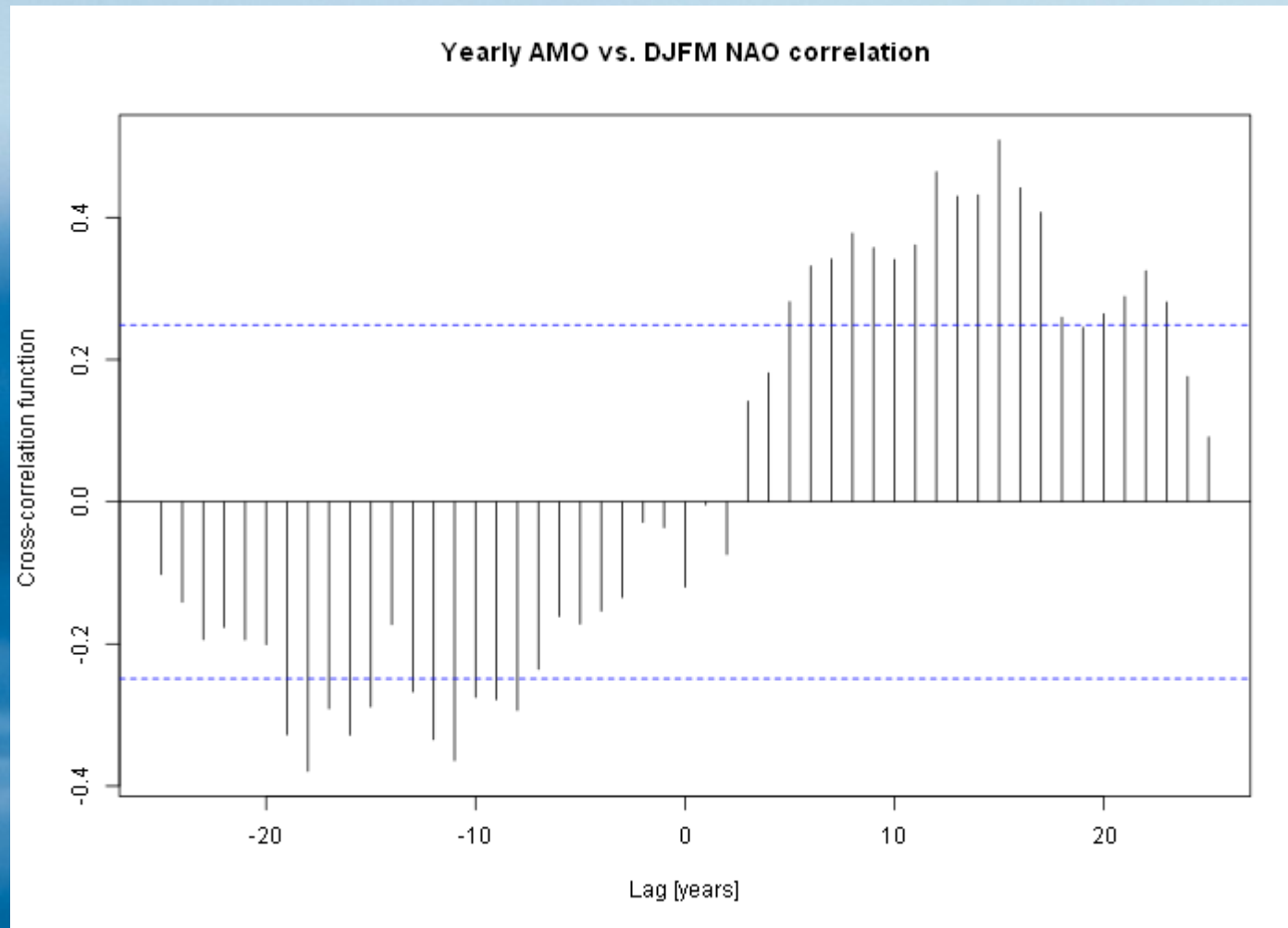
NAO leads THC by 10 years!



NAO index (shaded) seems to lead North Atlantic temperature (a simple measure of THC volume) by 10 years (thick line is a 11-year running mean). The mechanism explaining the phenomenon is supposed to be the NAO effect on Labrador Sea deep convection (top is Labrador Sea Water thickness in meters).

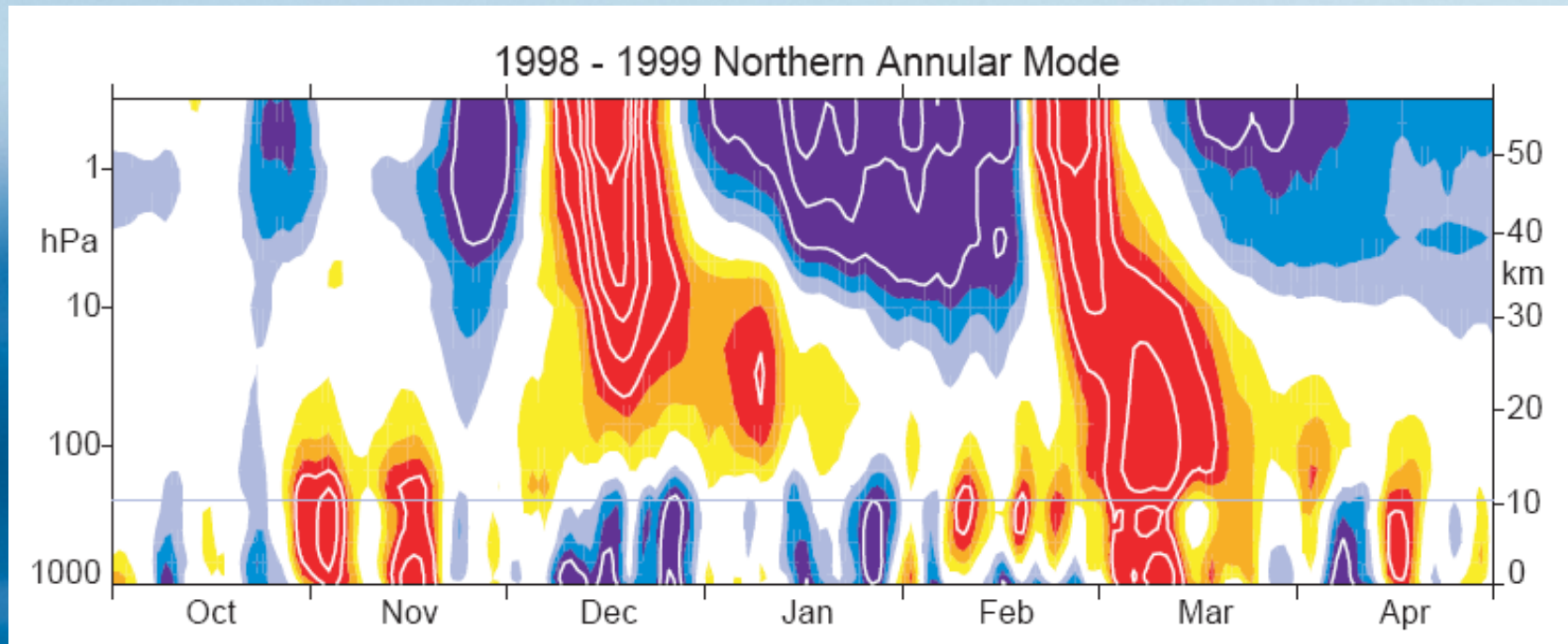
Latif et al. 2006 (Journal of Climate)

This is NAO cross-correlated with AMO



NAO index seems to lead AMO by about 15 years while AMO leads NAO (with inverted sign) by another ca. 15 years. It looks almost exactly as if the two indices were the same approximately 60 year cycle but with different phases.

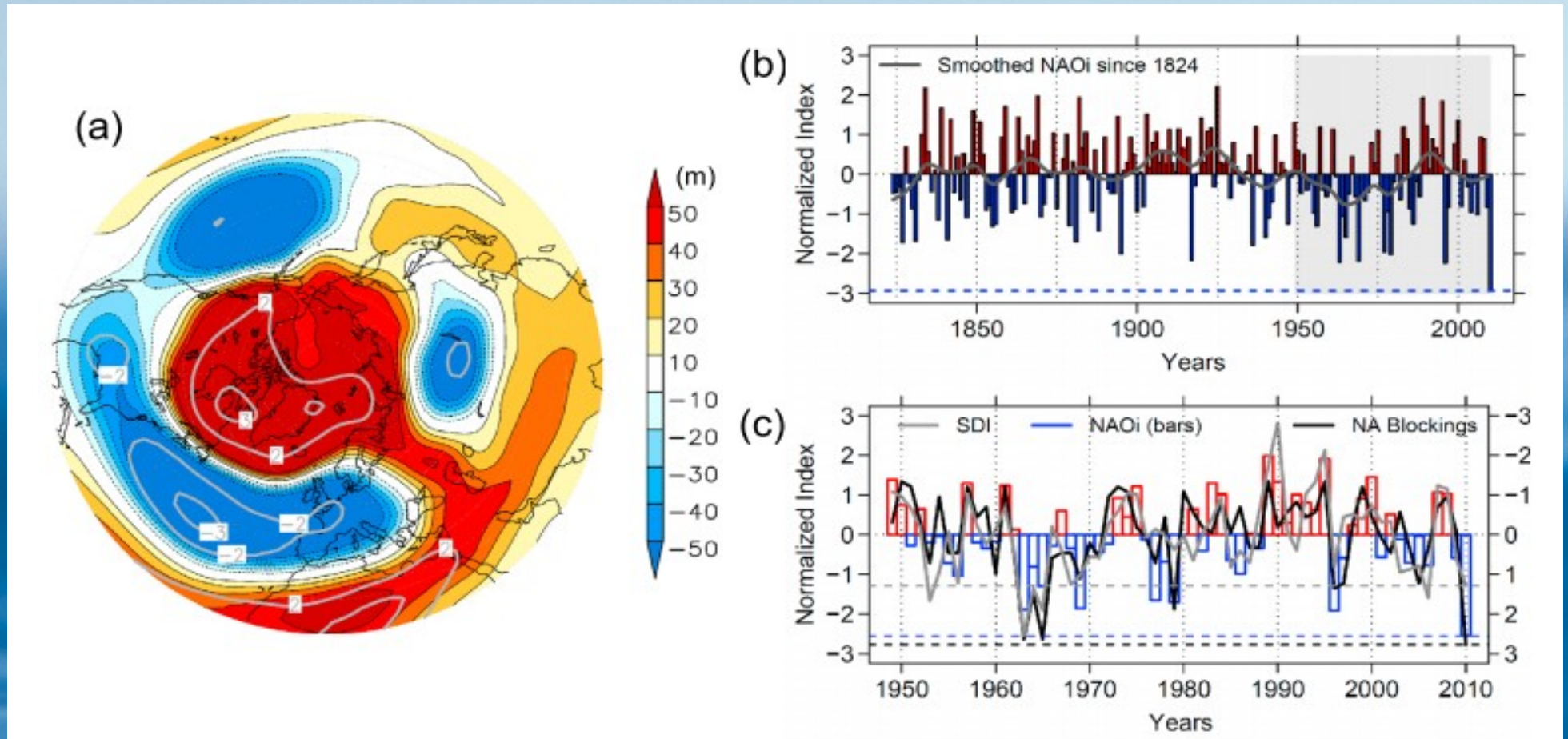
But then, NAO starts in the stratosphere



It seems NAO-like vortex circulation starts in the stratosphere and descends from the 50 km altitude within 60 days to the surface level.

Northern Annular Mode is another name of NAO / AO
(compare <http://ao.atmos.colostate.edu/introduction.html>).

We had the winter with lowest NAO in history?

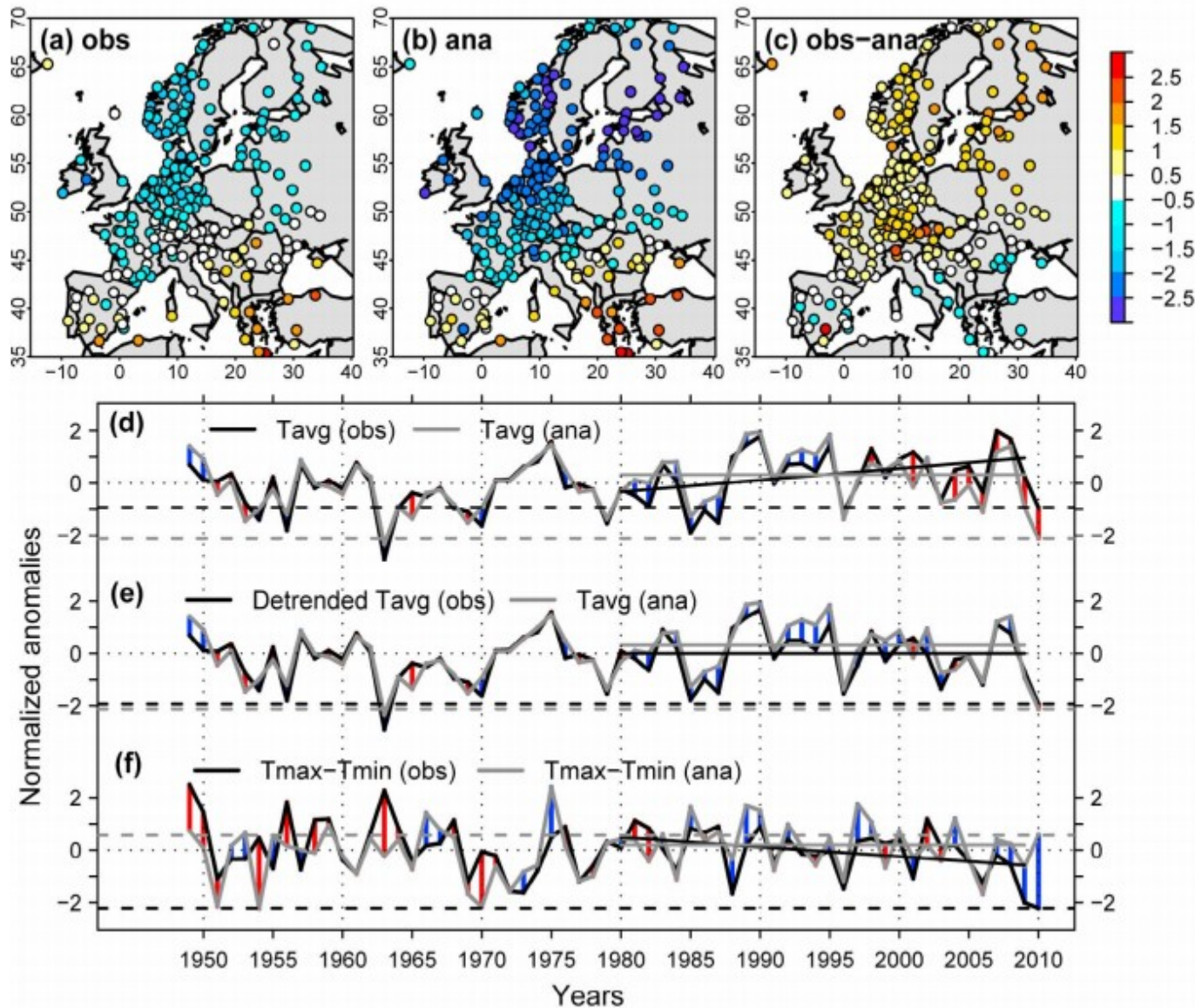


It seems we had not only the lowest winter NAO values since meteorology started but also the second longest blockings (see panel a) since 1949 (the longest were in 1963).

Cattiaux et al 2010 (GRL)

"Winter 2010 in Europe: A cold extreme in a warming climate" published on October 22

But it was only the 13th coldest one. Why?

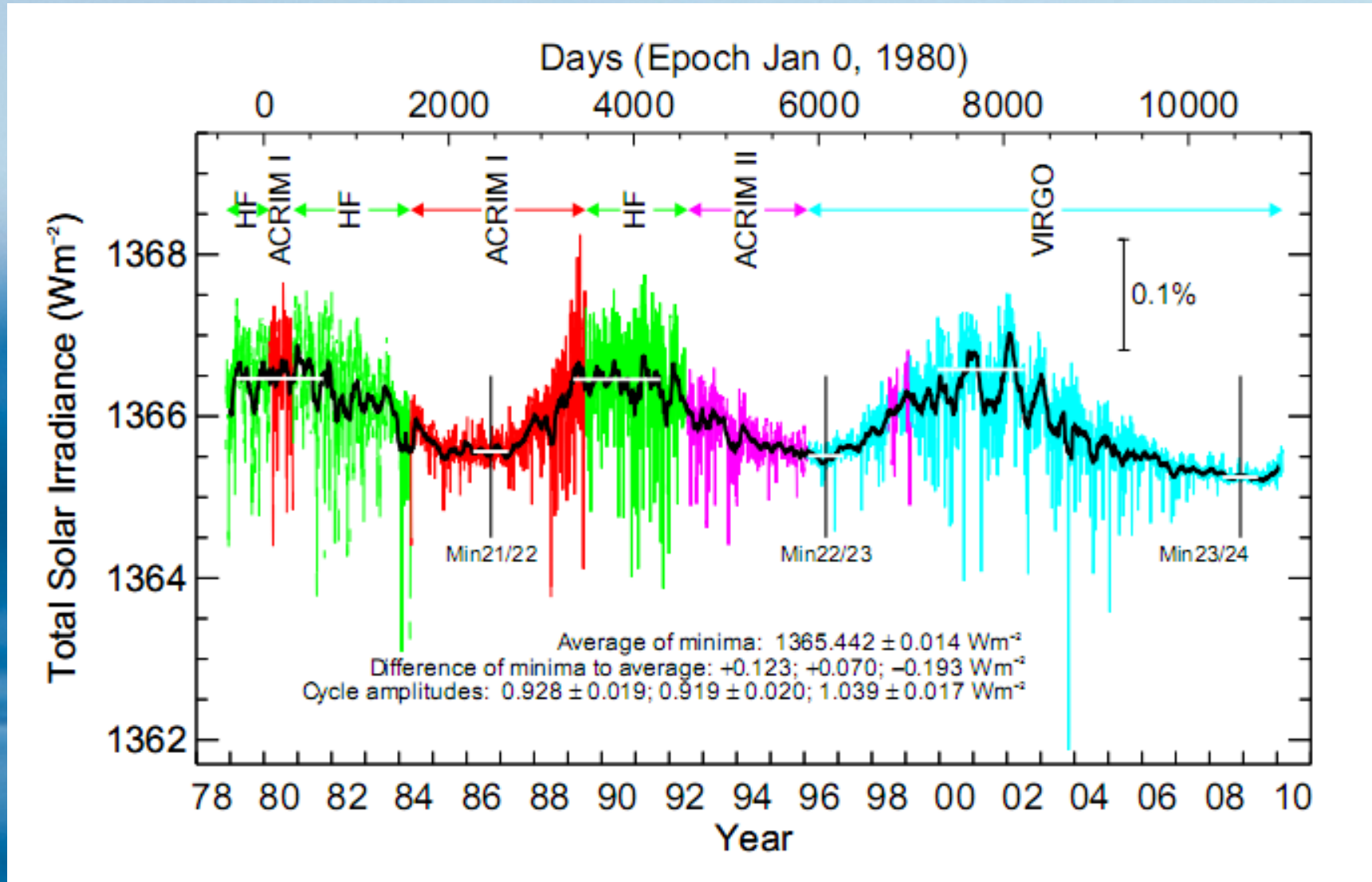


Comparing the synoptic situation of every winter day with most similar (analogous) days in 1949-2009 shows that the observed “obs” values started to diverge from “ana” since 1980. This may be interpreted as the effect of global warming making winters less cold than similar ones in the past and decreasing day-night amplitudes (f)

Cattiaux et al 2010 (GRL)

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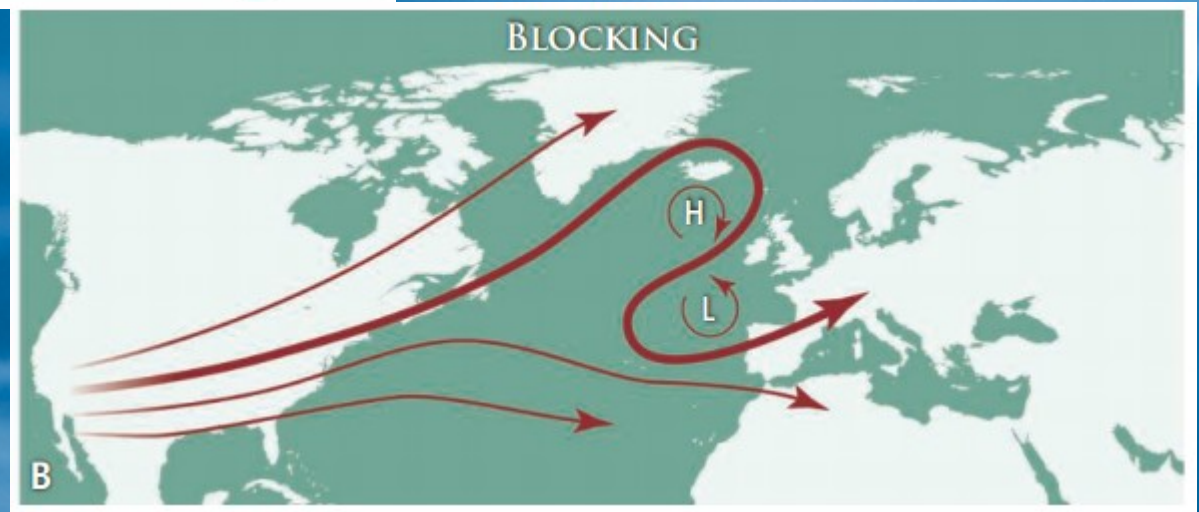
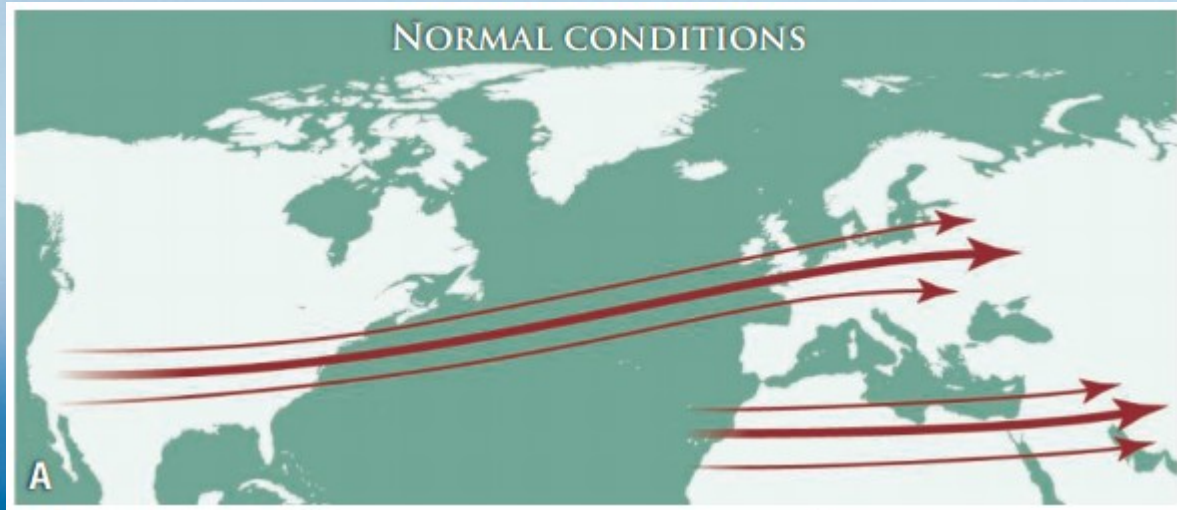
Solar activity in 2009/10 lowest since 1913



The PMOD composite Total Solar Irradiance as daily values plotted in different colors for the different originating experiments. The difference between the minima values is also indicated, together with amplitudes of the three cycles

<http://www.pmodwrc.ch/pmod.php?topic=tsi/composite/SolarConstant>

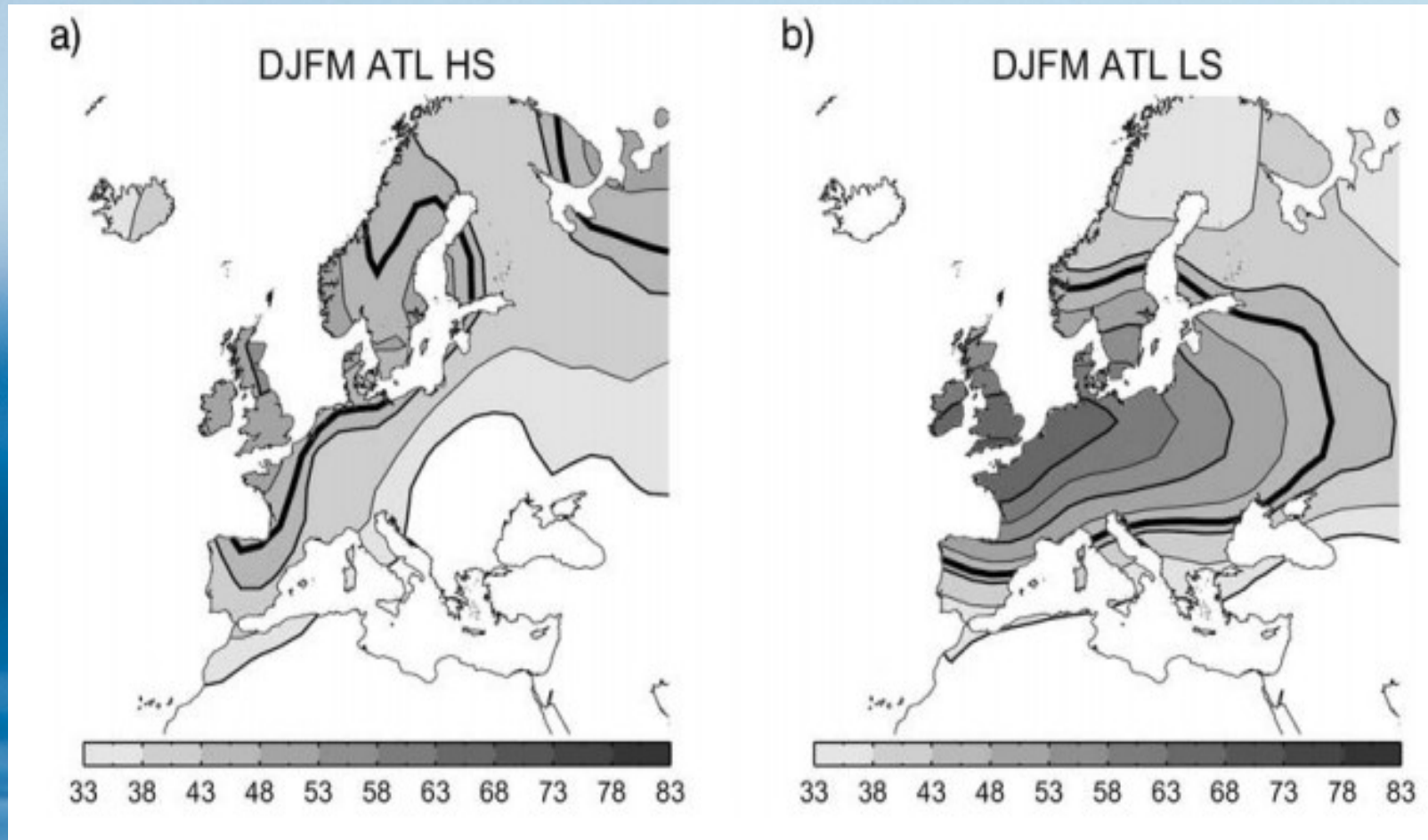
What is a blocking?



Diverting the jet stream. (A) In the normal weather pattern, the jet stream carries air from North America across the Atlantic to Europe. The wind shear on the flanks of the jet acts to maintain the ocean gyre circulations. (B) During a blocking weather pattern, the strong westerly winds of the jet stream are diverted north and south around a dramatic reversal of streamlines.

Woolings. 2011 (Science)

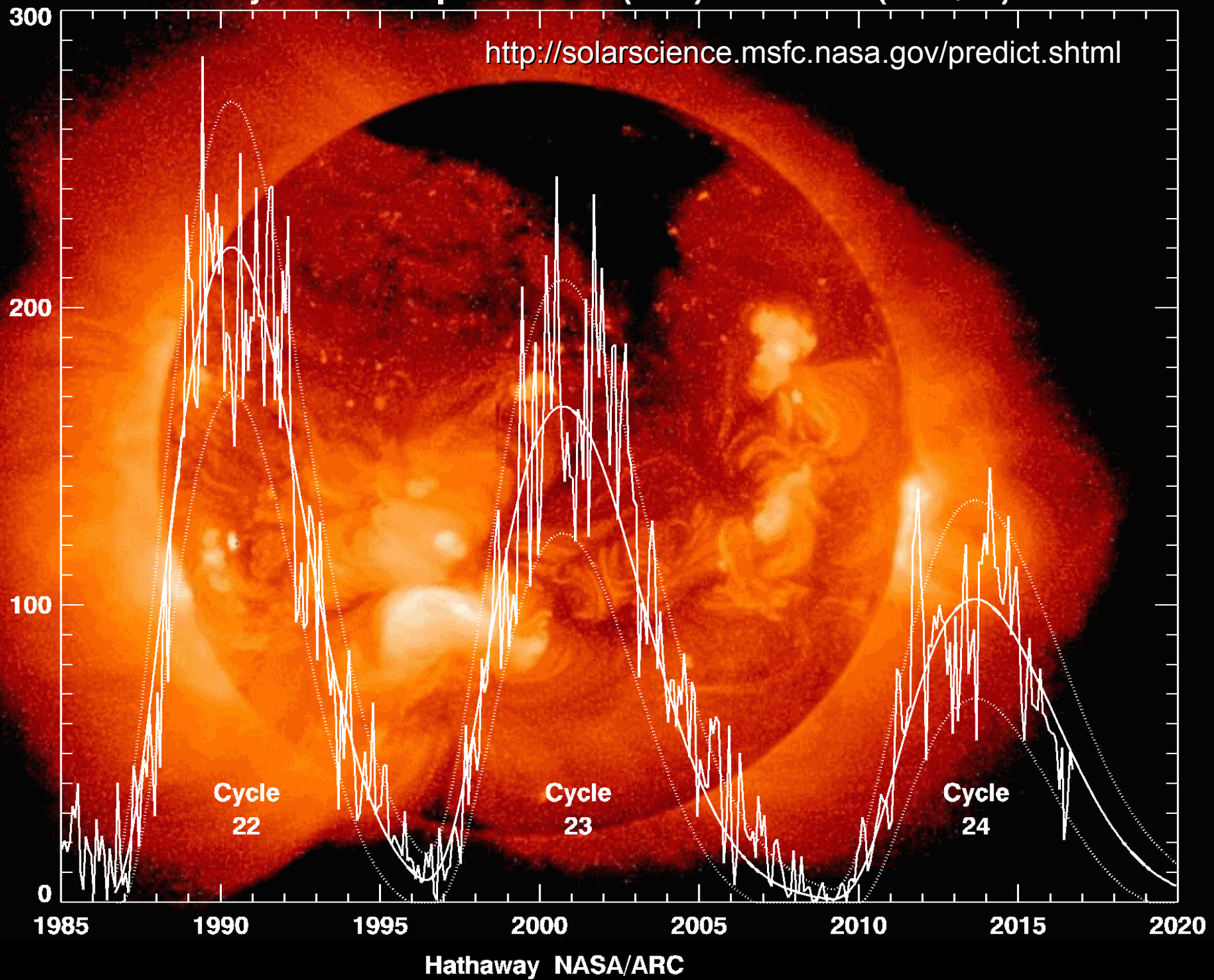
Blocking is more effective with low solar activity



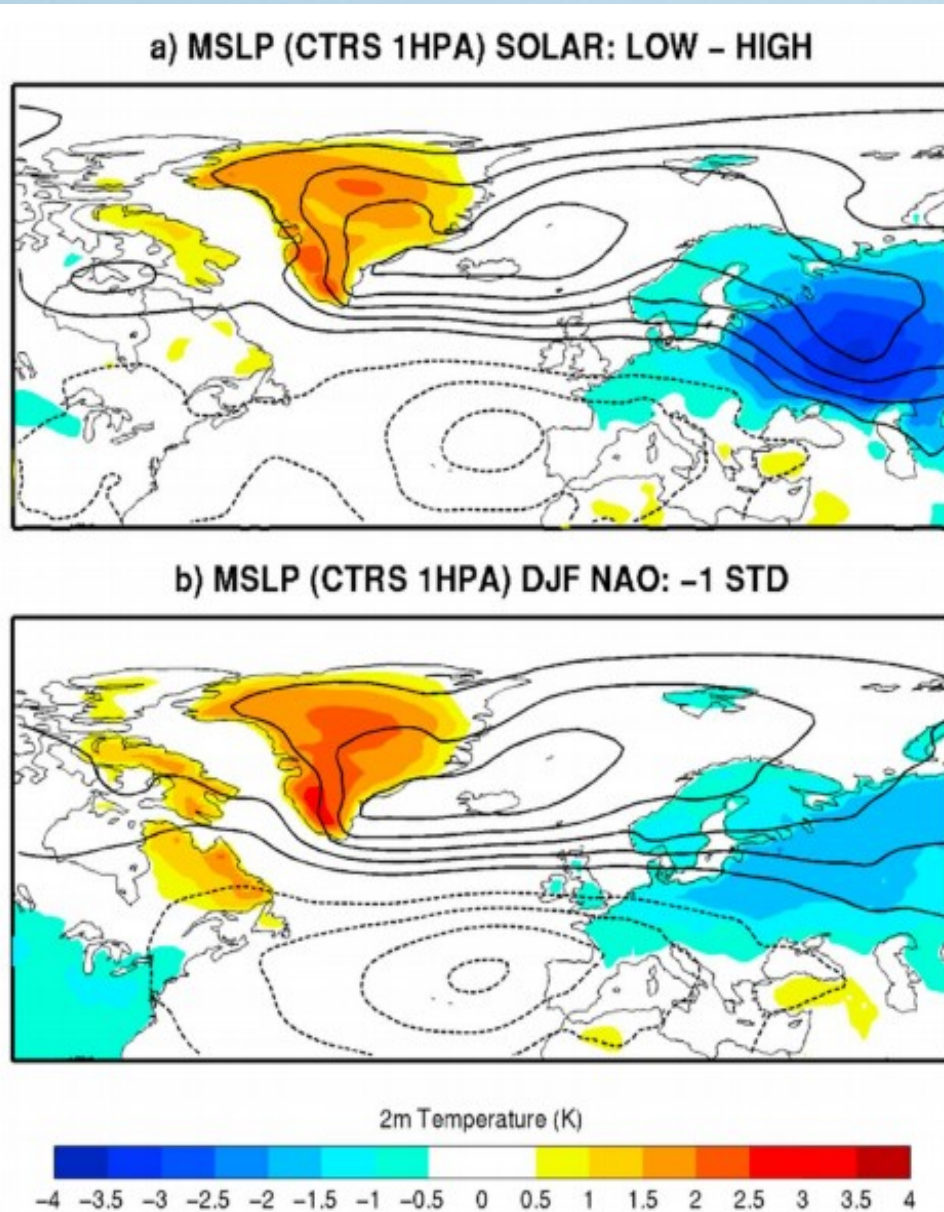
Solar modulation of the blocking impacts in the temperature distribution. Percentage of Atlantic blocking days with daily mean 2-m temperature anomalies in the lower tercile of its winter distribution under: (a) HS and (b) LS. Solid lines and shaded areas denote those values exceeding the expected value (33.3%) with 5% contour interval. The thick solid line denotes the 95% confidence threshold based upon a binomial test. The quartile solar stratification is used *Barriopedro et al. 2008 (JGR)*

Cycle 24 Sunspot Number (V2.0) Prediction (2016/10)

<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/predict.shtml>



Is the effect of Solar activity similar but distinct from NAO?

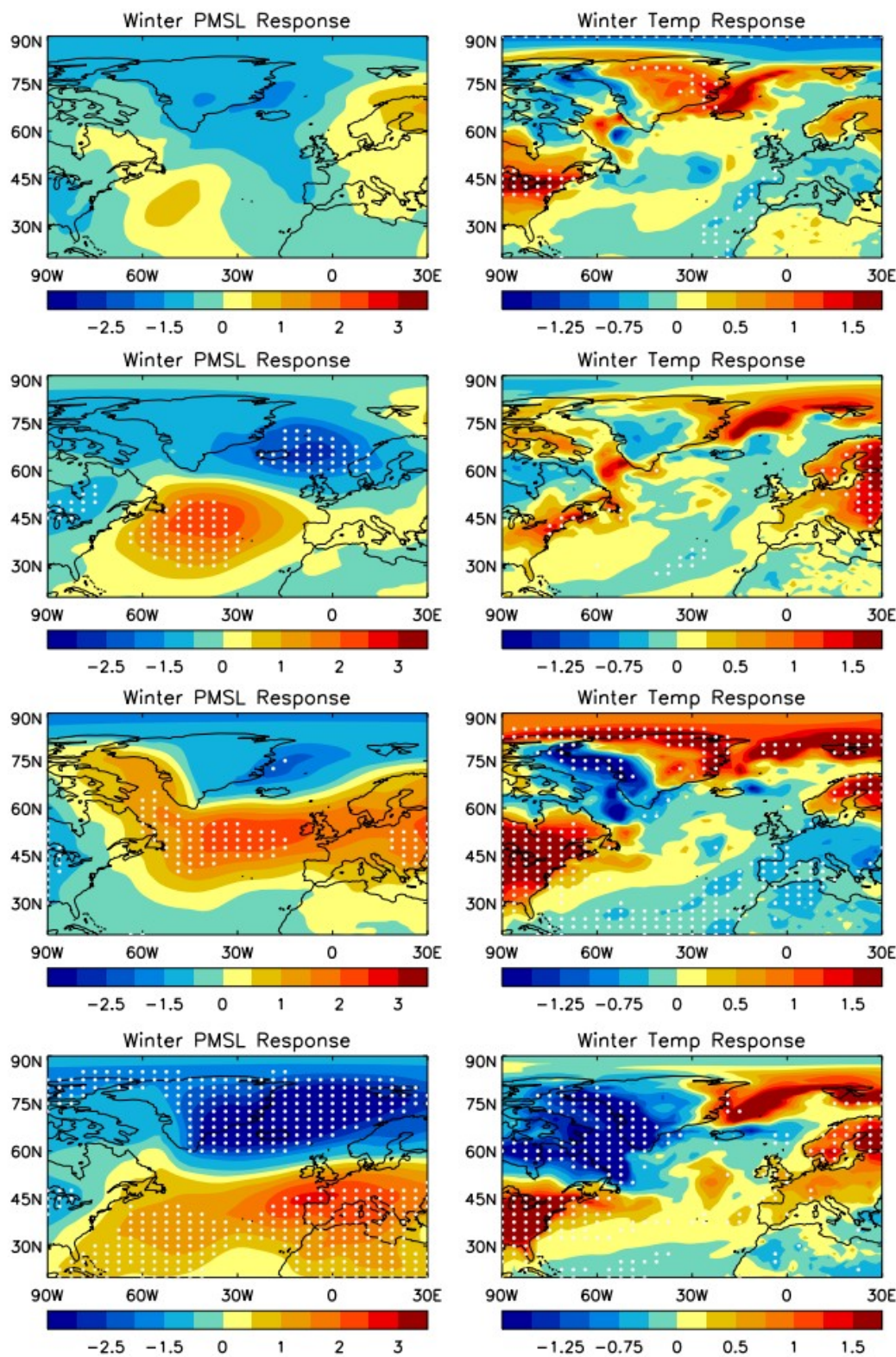


Comparison of mean winter surface pressure (contours) and 2m temperature (colors) between low- and high- solar activity years (upper panel) and low and high NAO (lower panel).

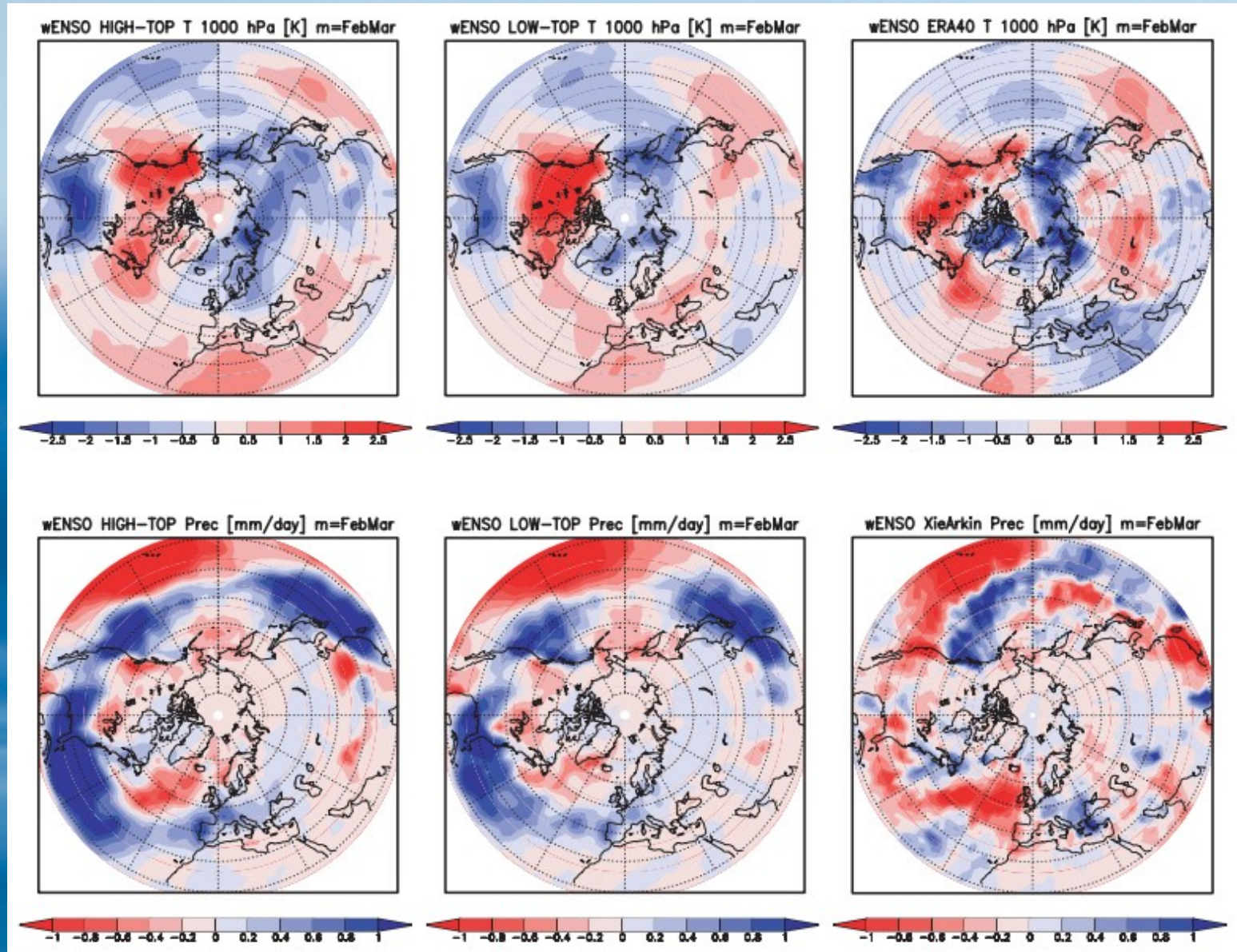
The patterns are similar but the effects of low solar activity extend more to the East towards Central Europe. The two patterns seen statistically different.

Model results showing the effect of stepwise 1.2 W/m² increase in solar UV flux, after 1, 2, 3 & 4 years (from top to bottom). The left column are changes in winter surface pressure and right in winter surface temperature.

Scaife et al 2013 (GRL)



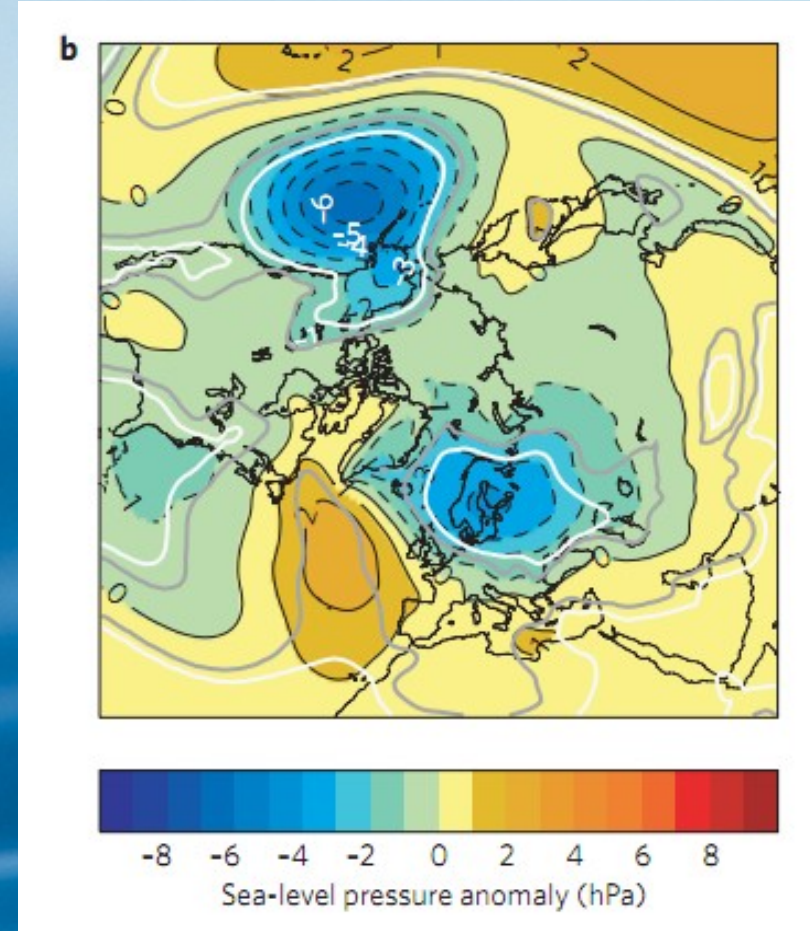
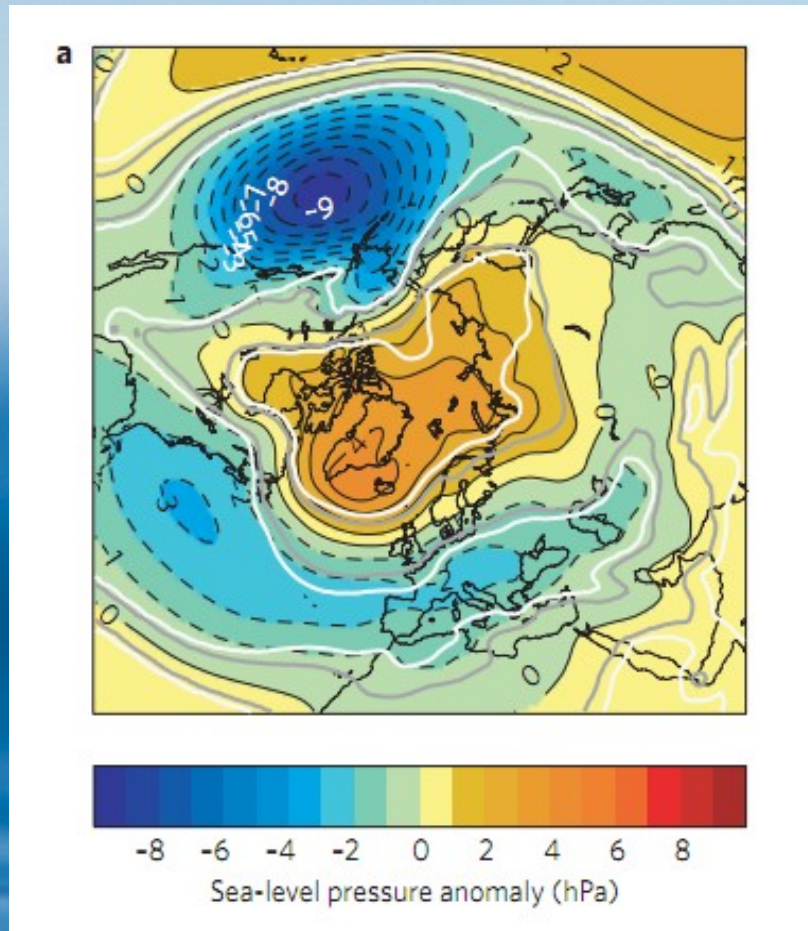
ENSO also influences North Hemisphere winter?



FM ENSO anomaly in (top) 1000-hPa temperature (K), and (bottom) precipitation (mm day⁻¹) for (left) high-top model, (middle) low-top model, and (right) ERA-40 data for SLP and 1000-hPa temperature; precipitation data from observations.

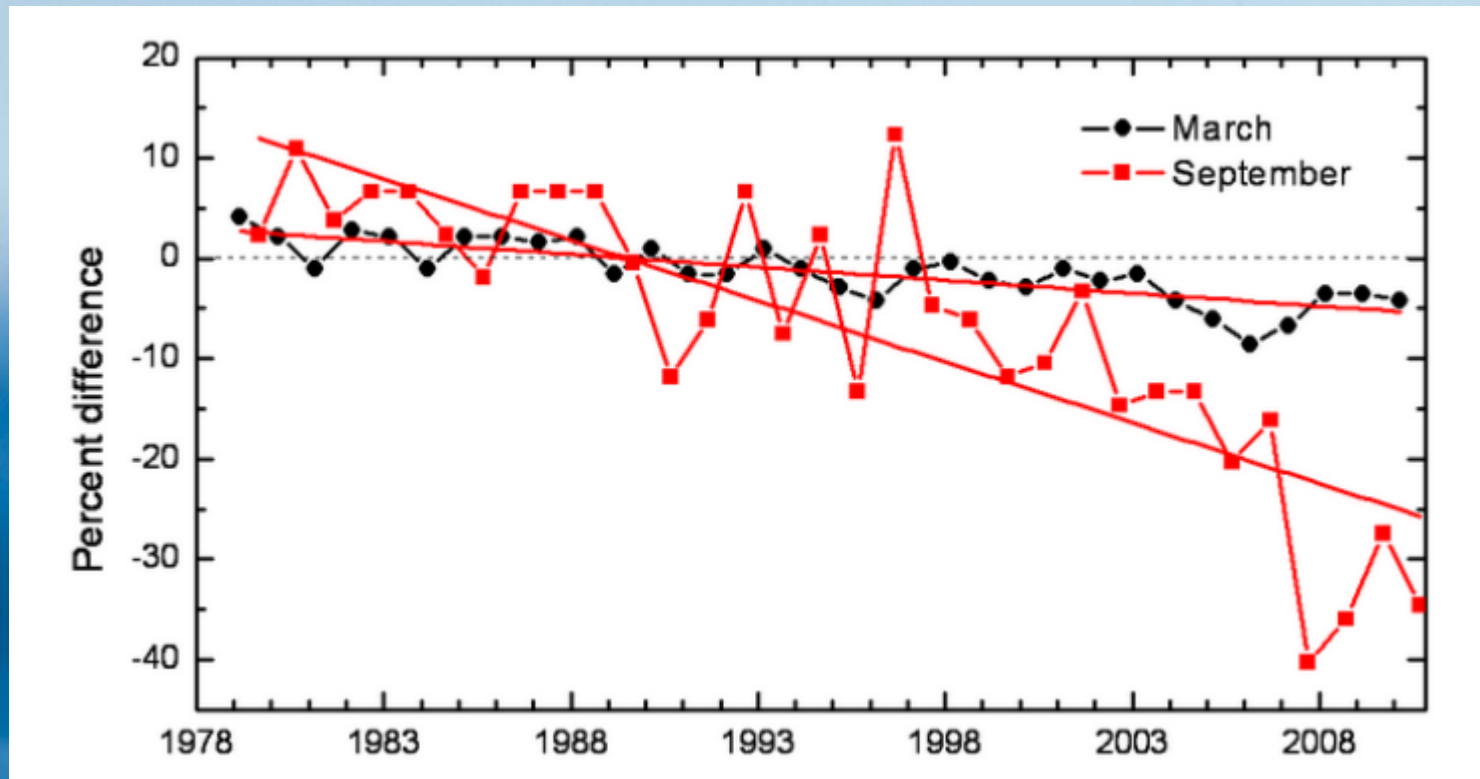
Cagnazzo & Manzini 2009 (J. Climate)

Yes but only in years with Sudden Stratospheric Warmings



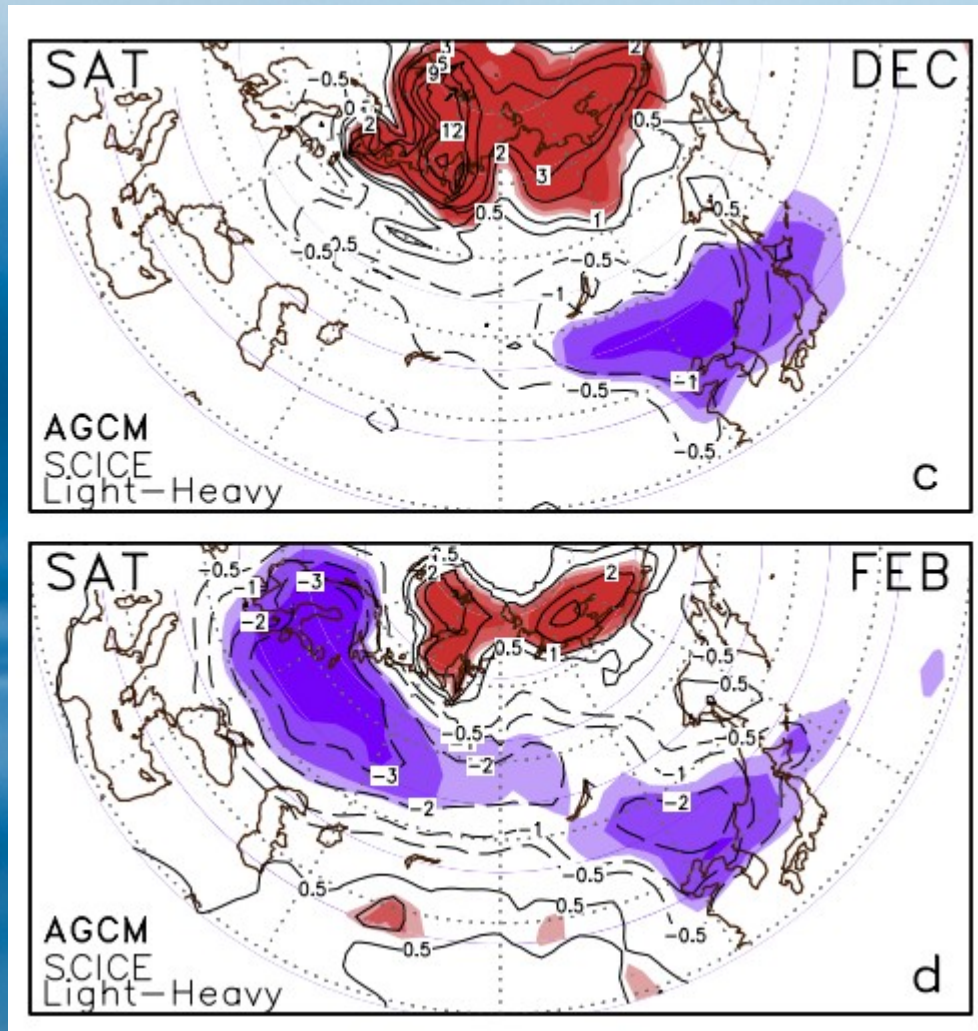
Modelled surface climate response to El Niño associated with a weak and strong polar vortex. Composite sea-level pressure anomaly (hPa) for El Niño years with sudden stratospheric warmings (a) and El Niño years with no sudden stratospheric warmings (b). Anomalies are for January–March. Grey and white contours indicate significance at the 95% and 99% confidence levels.

Arctic sea-ice loss



Time series of the percent difference in ice extent in March (the month of ice extent maximum) and September (the month of ice extent minimum) relative to the mean values for the period 1979–2000. Based on a least squares linear regression for the period 1979–2009, the rate of decrease for the March and September ice extents is -2.7% and -11.6% per decade, respectively.

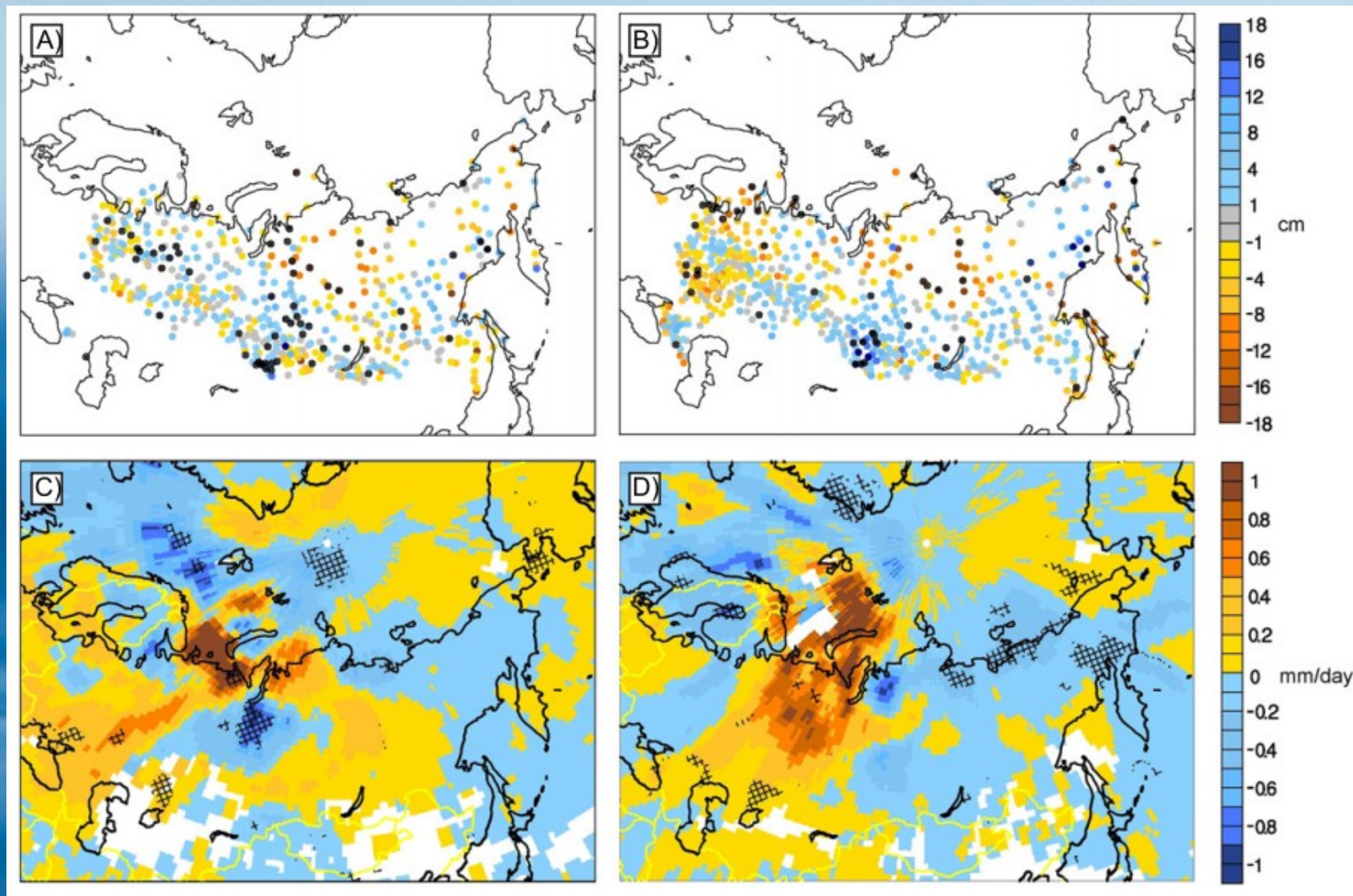
Less summer Arctic sea-ice means colder Eurasian winter?



Maps of monthly near-surface temperatures for December and February (1978/9 – 2005/6) regressed on sea-ice concentration in previous September (with reversed signs!).

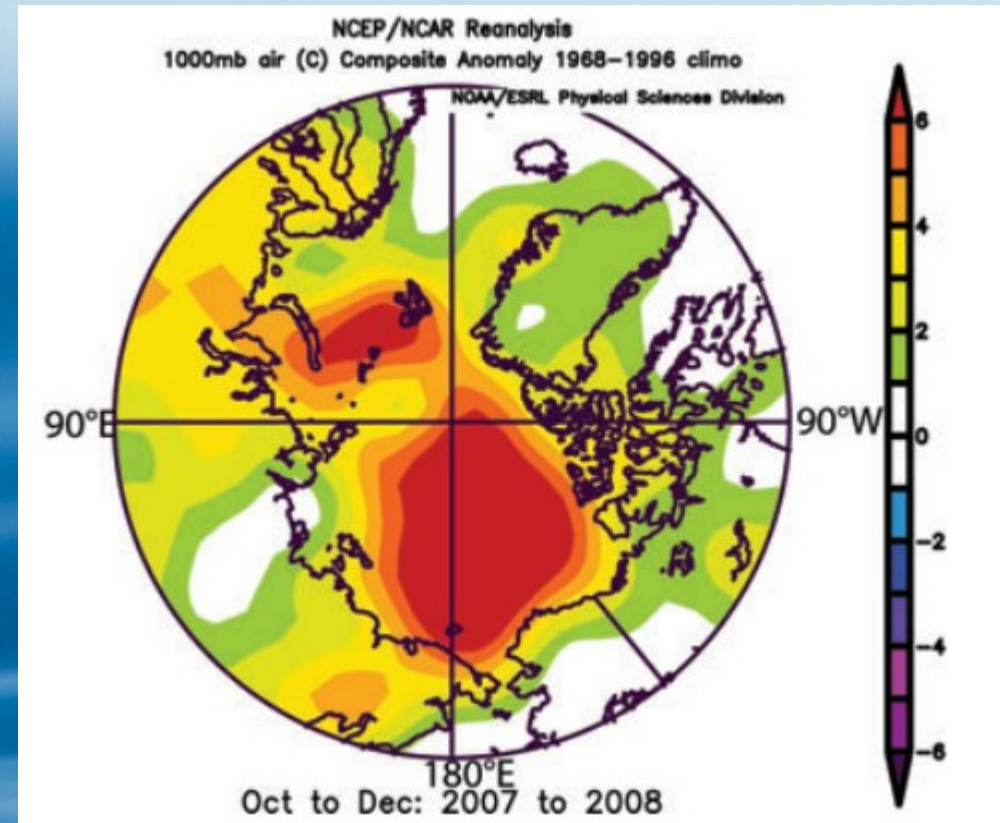
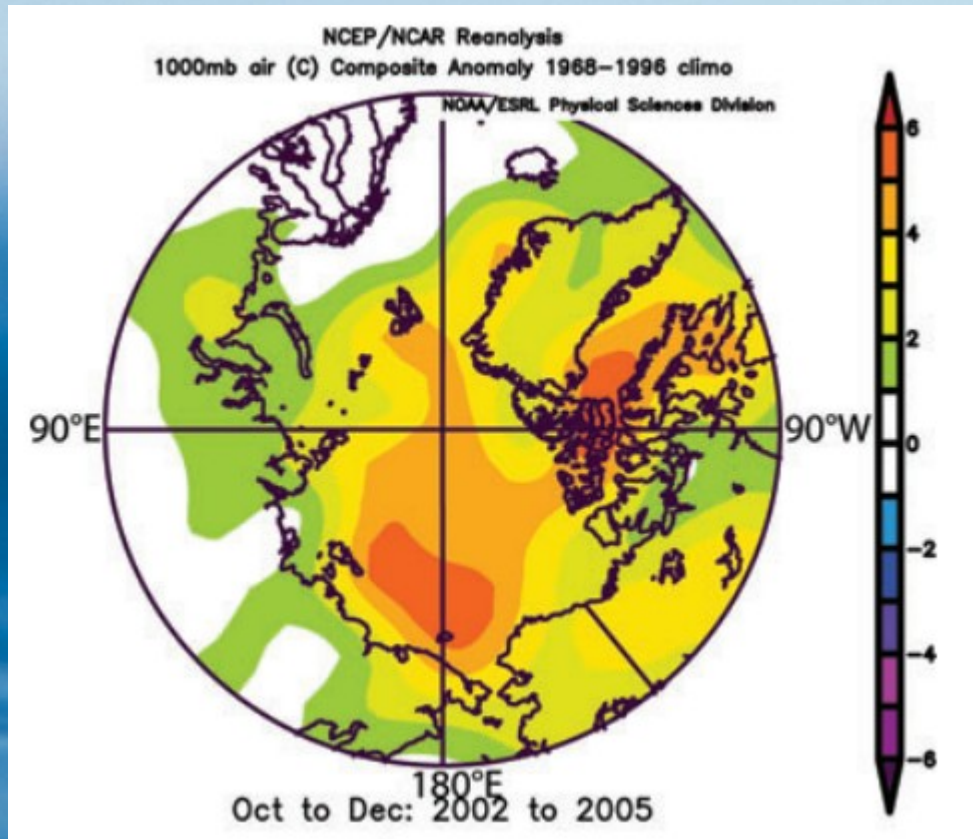
Less Summer sea-ice means warmer wintertime Arctic and colder Eurasia in a zonal area similar to the 2009/10 winter anomaly (especially in February).

Less summer Kara Sea ice means more snow in Siberia



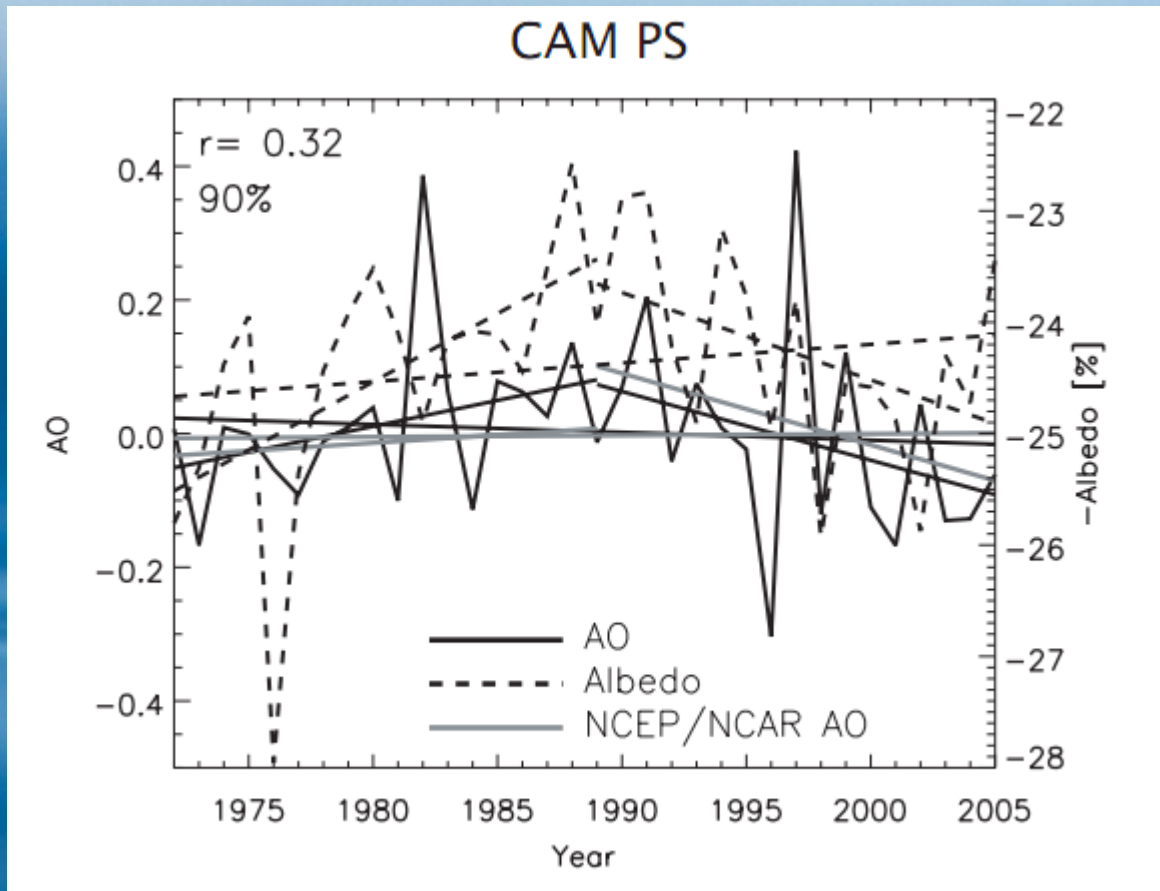
Difference between low and high BKS station measurement of snow for a) October and b) November and $E-P$ differences from forward trajectories starting in the BKS region for c) October and d) November.

Arctic October-December near-surface air temperature anomaly



Near surface air temperature anomaly multiyear composites (°C) for (left panel) October–December 2002–2005 and (right panel) October–December 2007–2008,

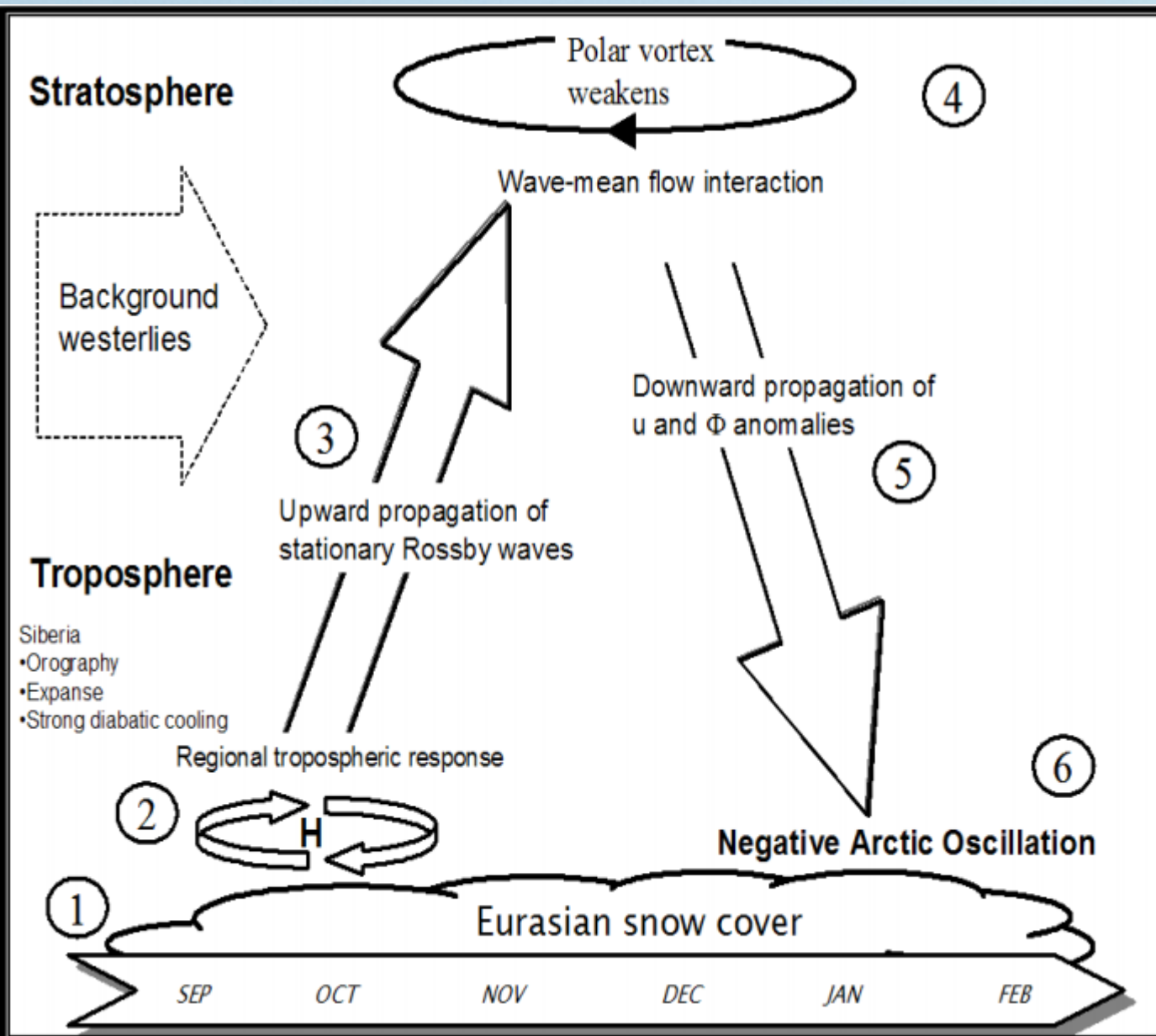
More Eurasian snow means lower NAO/AO?



Forcing a climate model (CAM3) with satellite derived wintertime snow extent and calculating the corresponding albedo (inverted!) one can obtain AO wintertime values similar to observations.

Does it mean the Eurasian snow cover really drives the winter AO/NAO values? Maybe, but both can also respond to the same forcings. For example the Arctic sea ice?

The proposed mechanism of Eurasia autumn snow cover on winter NAO index

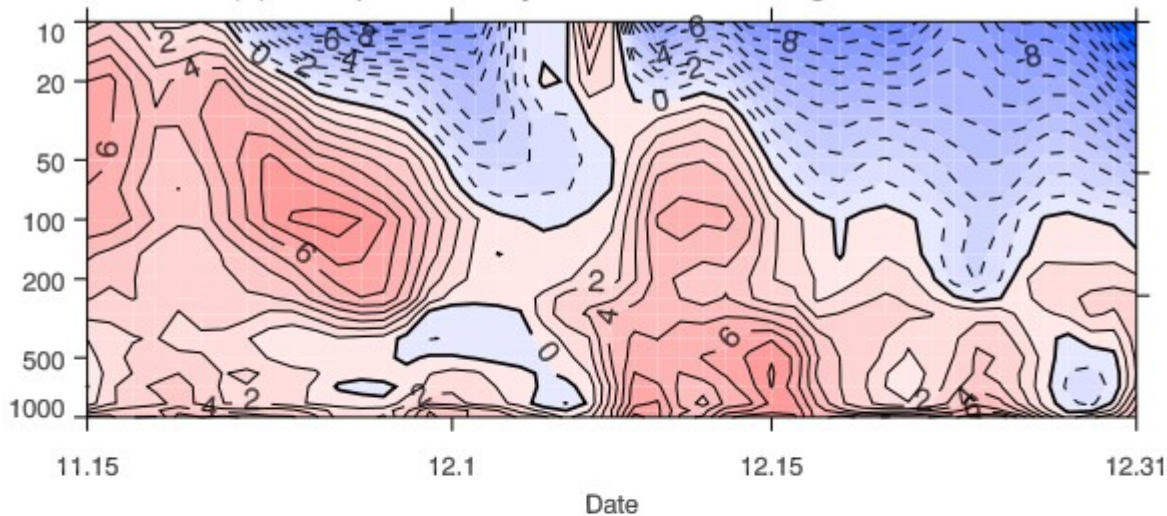


The mechanism, involving a stratospheric sudden warming (3) and downward propagation of zonal wind and potential temperature anomalies (5) seems well documented.

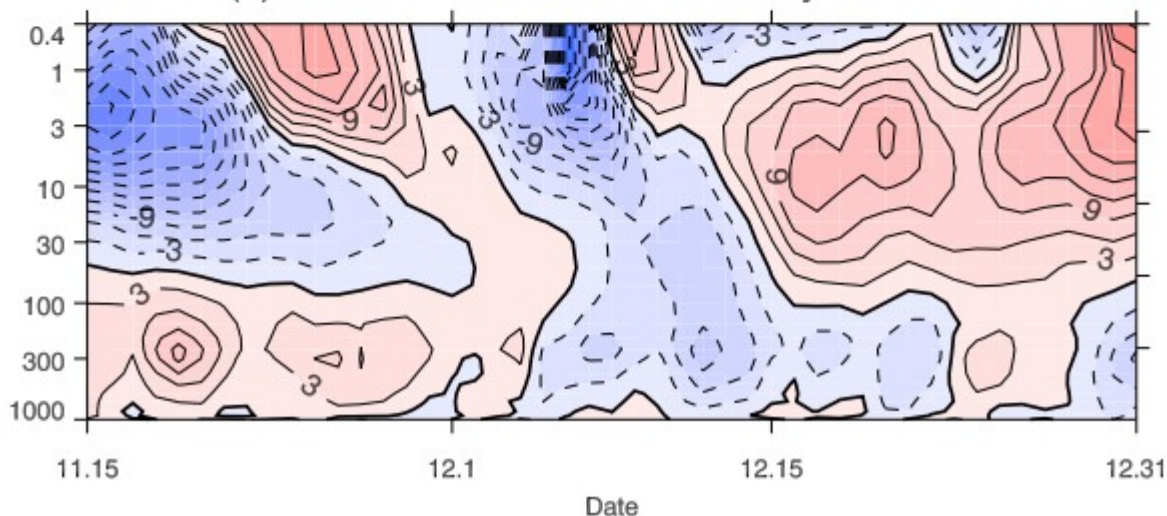
However it does not exclude the possibility of a (0) phase: summer Arctic sea-ice anomaly results in an Autumn SST anomaly, influencing Siberian snowfall.

The stratospheric link has been observed

(a) Temp. anomaly in North Pole region



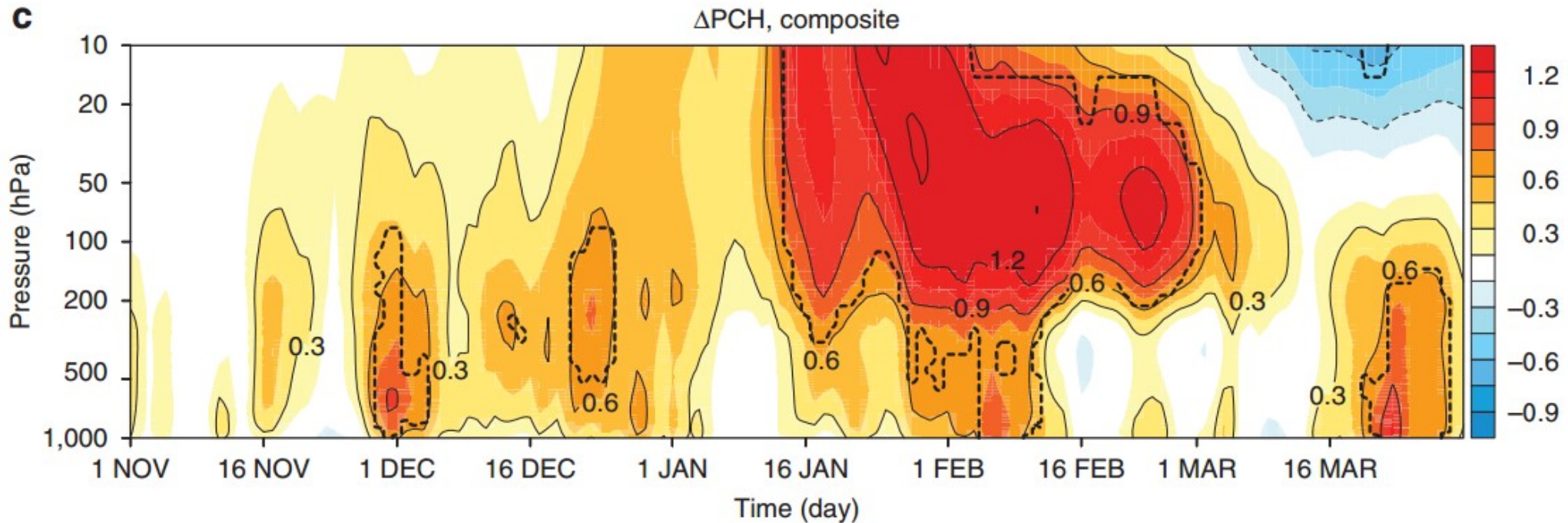
(b) Zonal mean zonal wind anomaly at 60°N



The changes in temperature and zonal winds anomalies during the 2010 winter did start from the stratosphere.

One can observe two events starting in mid-November and early December

Even better: stratospheric link starting from the surface has been observed

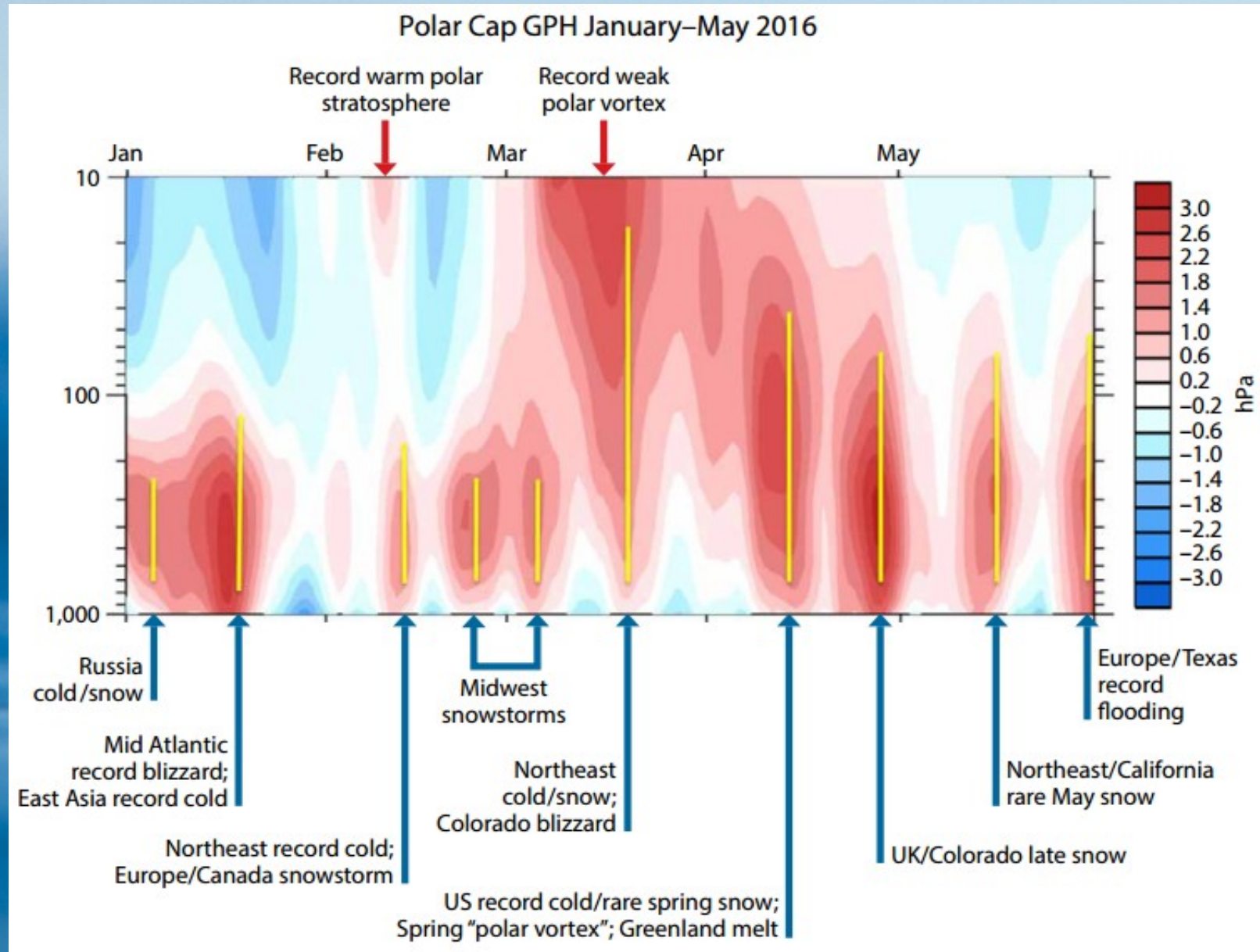


The “seasonal evolution of the composite PCH anomaly for the years of anomalously low SIC over the B–K seas”.

PHC = polar cap height (a measure of weakened polar vortex); SIC = sea ice concentration; B-K = Barents-Kara seas

Kim et al 2014 (Nature Communications)

More stratospheric links, here too late to affect the winter

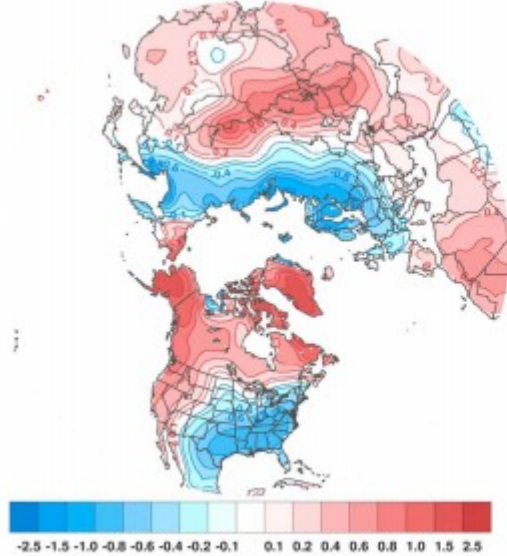


In 2016, SSW affected weather of NH continents but not in the winter (it came too late)

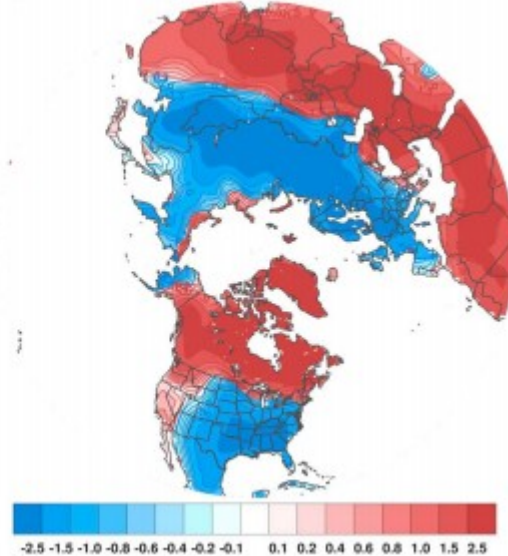
Cohen. Pfeiffer & Francis 2017 (Oceanography)

Eurasian snow as a good winter predictor

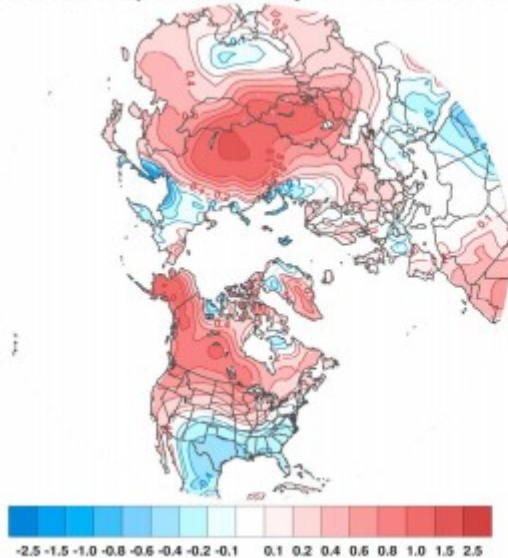
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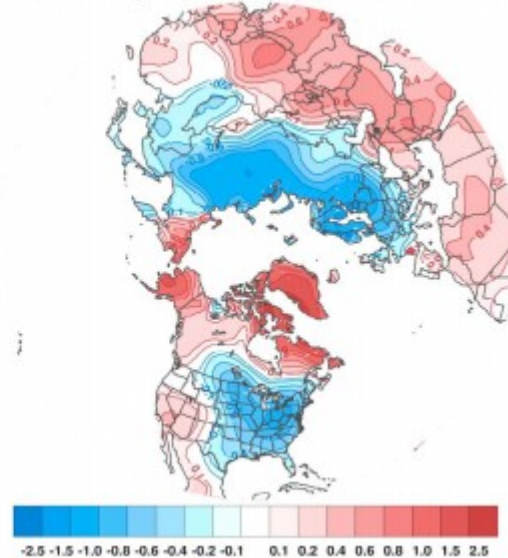
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e) Forecasted Temperature Anomaly Jan-Feb-Mar 2010 ENSO



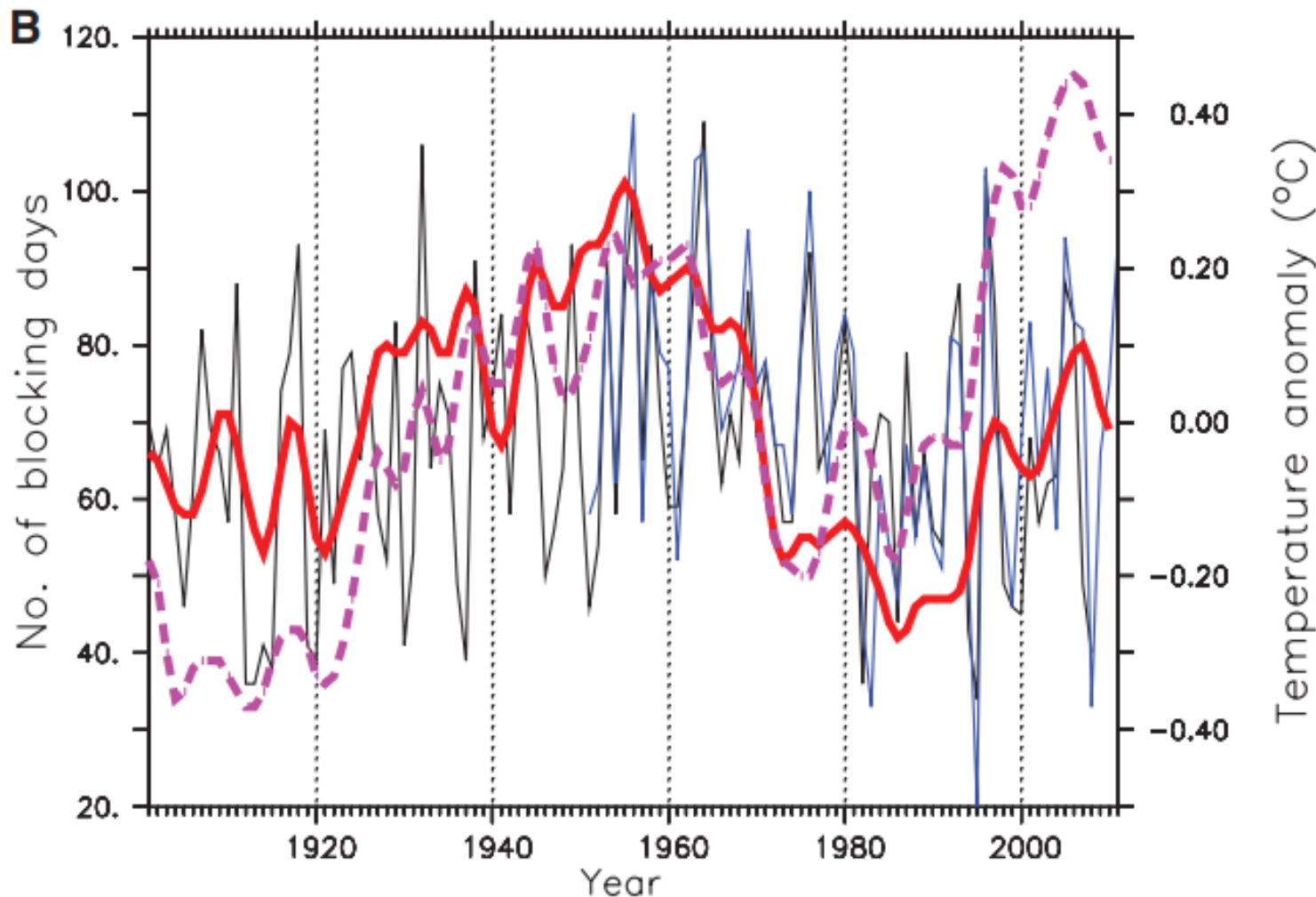
f) Forecasted Temperature Anomaly Jan-Feb-Mar 2010 SNOW



Cohen et al 2010 predicted c) the 2010 winter temperatures d) using only three parameters: Eurasian snow extent, surface pressure and an ENSO index.

Because the model is linear it is possible to discern the effect of the predictors. While an ENSO only e) prediction was clearly wrong, an Eurasian snow extent one f) was surprisingly good.

But is snow the real climate forcing here?



Does
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cause AMO
variability?

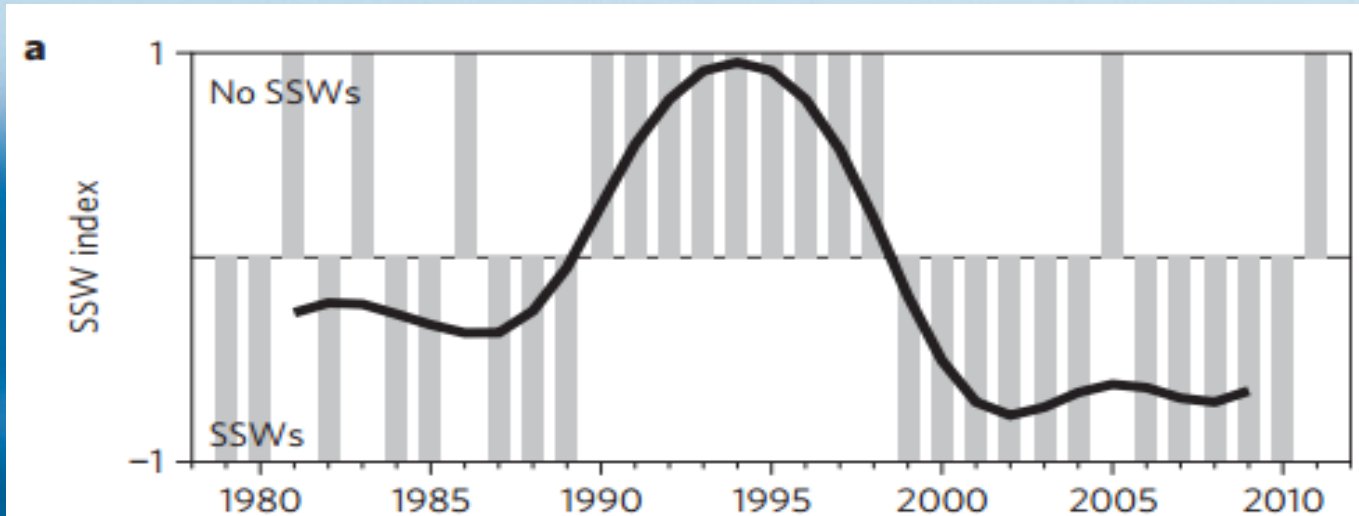
Really?!

DJFM blocking days in the region from 10°E to 70°W and 45°N to 75°N from the 20th century reanalysis (black) and from NCEP/NCAR reanalysis (blue). The two blocking time series have a correlation of 0.85 over the overlapping time period 1949–2008. The AMO index (dashed pink) is an area-averaged SST from 0°N to 60°N and 10°E to 80°W. The AMO index with global surface temperature evolution removed is shown in solid red.

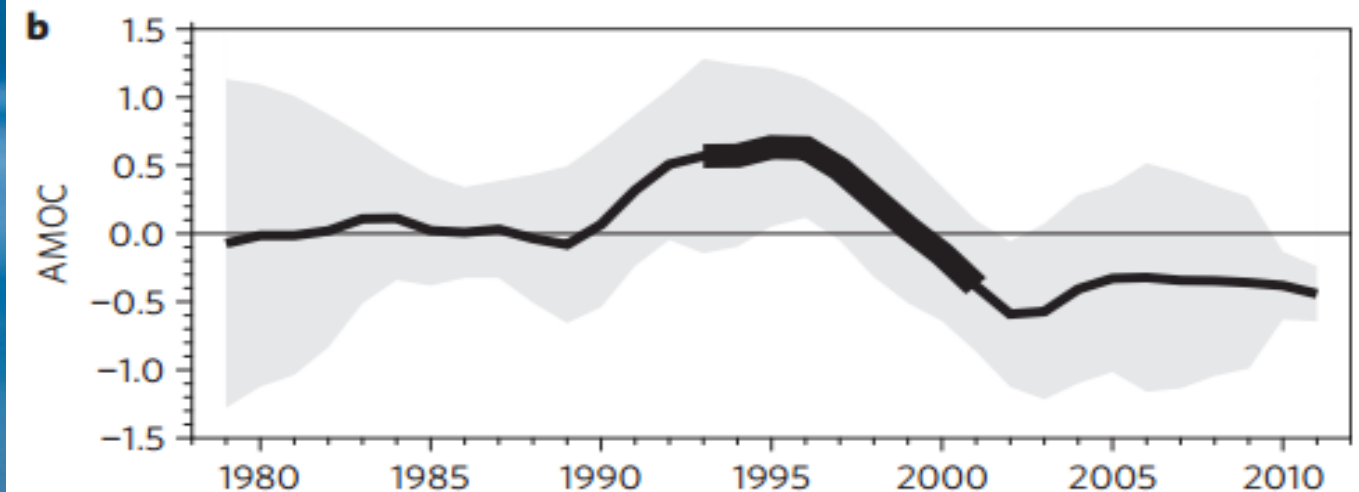
Häkkinen, Rhines, Worthen 2011 (Science)

A stratospheric connection to Atlantic climate variability (?)

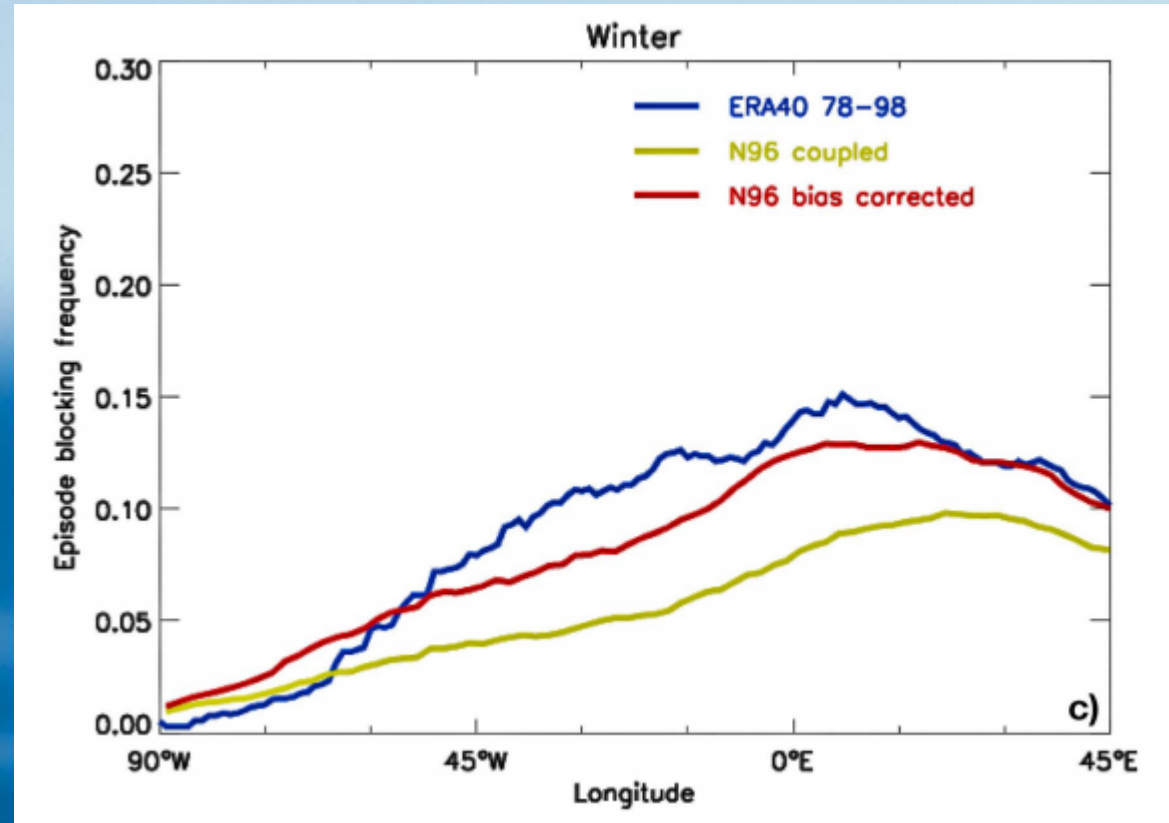
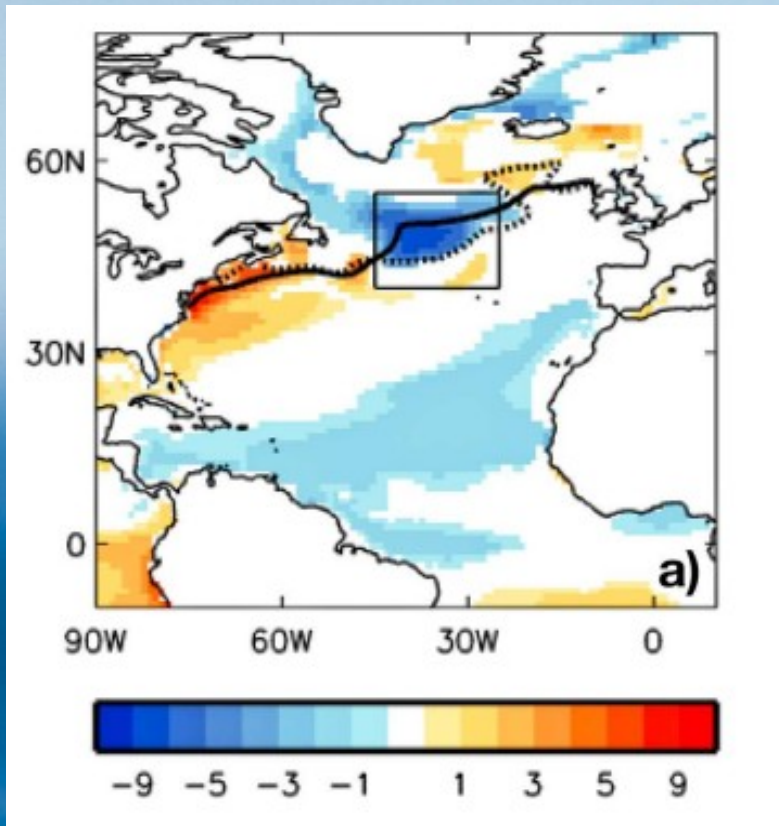
(a) Annual time series of the Stratospheric Sudden Warming (SSW) index; grey bars mark years with (-1) and without (+1) major SSWs; the black line is a smoothed version of this.



(b) Multi-reanalysis estimate of annual mean AMOC variations at 45 N; thick black line denotes the common period for all 12 reanalyses and grey shading is the 1σ uncertainty interval



Better SST values improve blocking in models

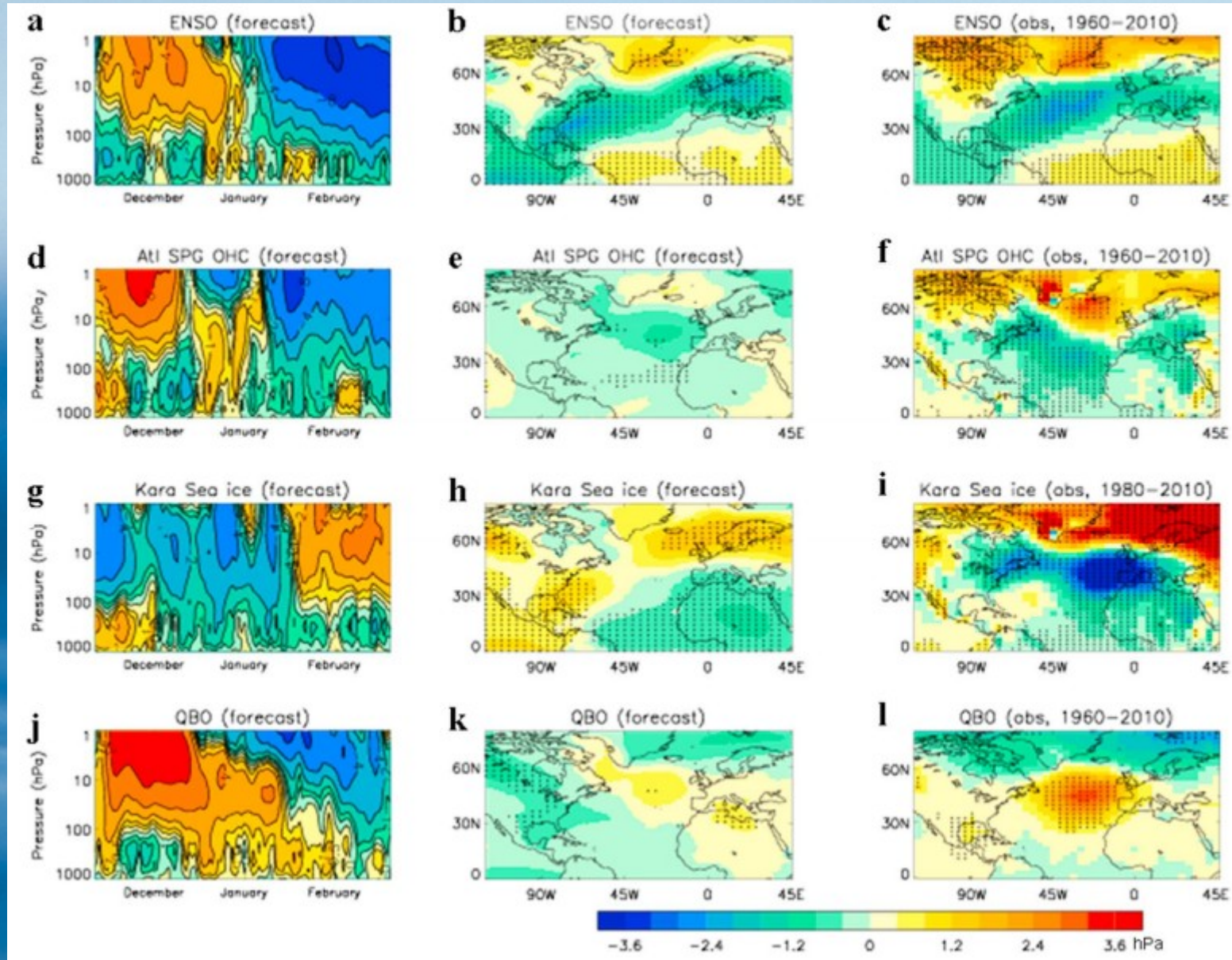


Most coupled circulations models underestimate winter SST values by up to 5 °C south of Greenland and overestimate off New England (left). Correcting this bias strongly improves the modeled blocking frequency. Right panel shows Atlantic blocking frequency in the model (green), after mean bias correction (red) and observations (blue). A similar improvement is achieved by increasing the resolution of the ocean part of the model.

This result implies that SST controls blocking rather than the other way.

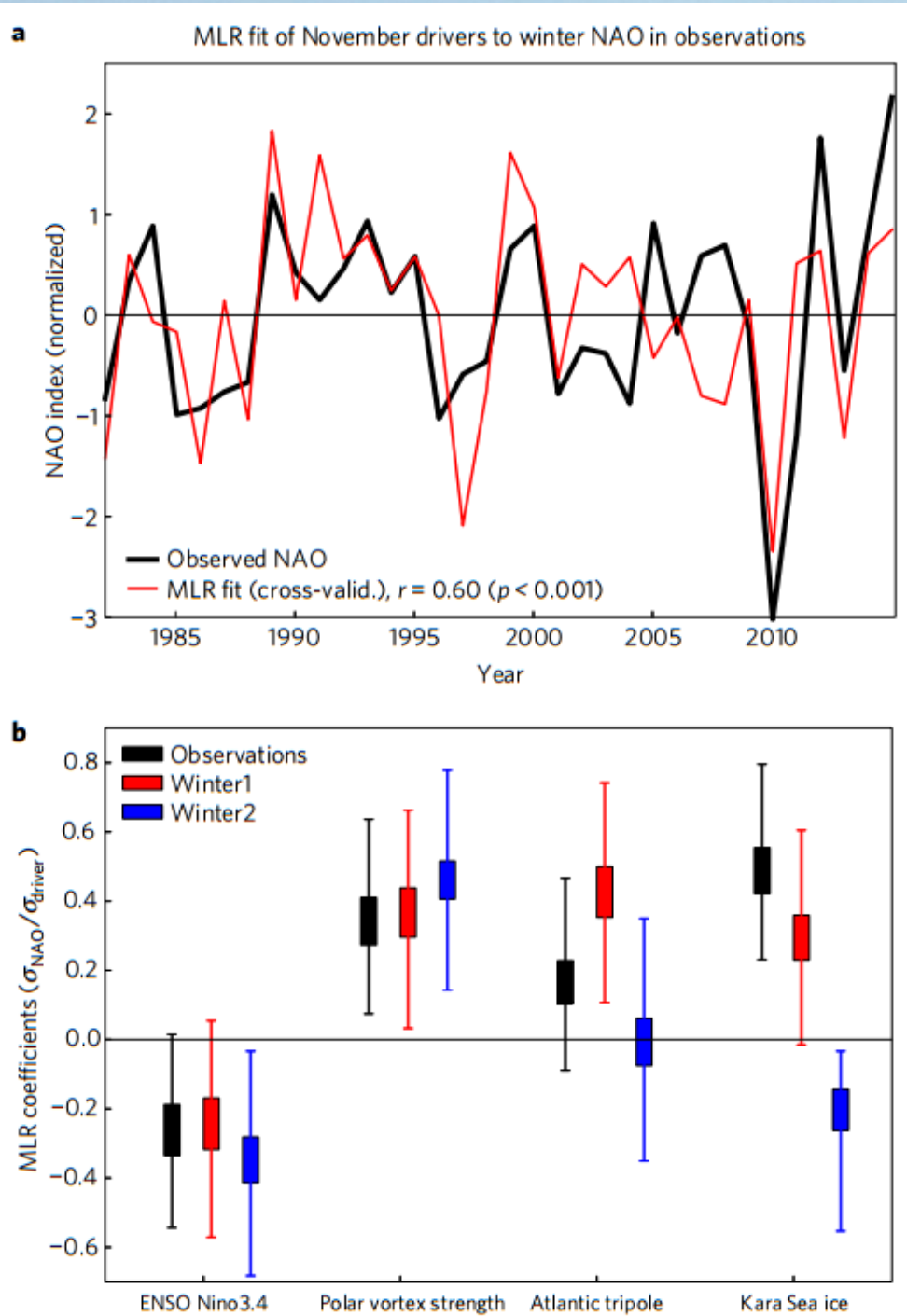
Scaife et al 2011 (GRL)

So can one predict wintertime NAO?



The best results so far has been achieved by a combination of ENSO, Subtropical Gyre heat content, Kara Sea ice and QBO (Quasi Biennale oscillation of tropical temperatures).

Is it possible to predict NAO one year before?



Multiple linear regression analysis. **a**, The cross-validated MLR fit to the observed winter NAO using the four observed November indices as predictors, see Supplementary Fig. 4 for equivalent MLR fits to the model first and second winters. **b**, Box and whisker plots to show the coefficients for each of the four indices, for observations and both the first- and second-winter model predictions. The filled boxes show the range of coefficient values resulting from the cross-validation procedure, whereas the whiskers give the mean 5–95% confidence intervals

Dziękuję za uwagę

Za tydzień (11.12.2018 r.):

Tropiki a zmienność klimatu (ENSO, huragany, monsuny)