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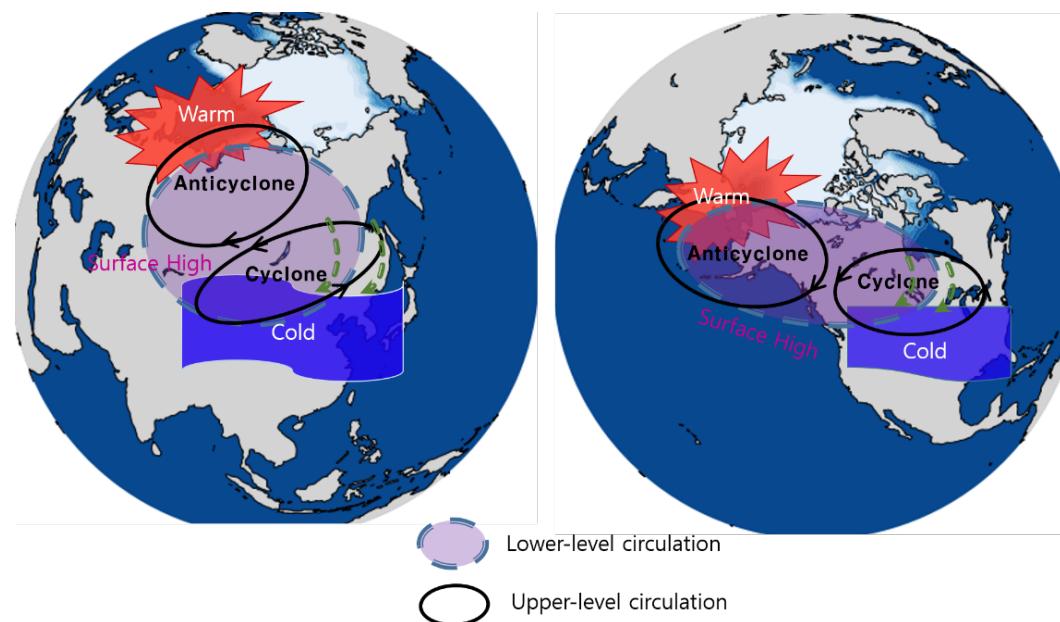
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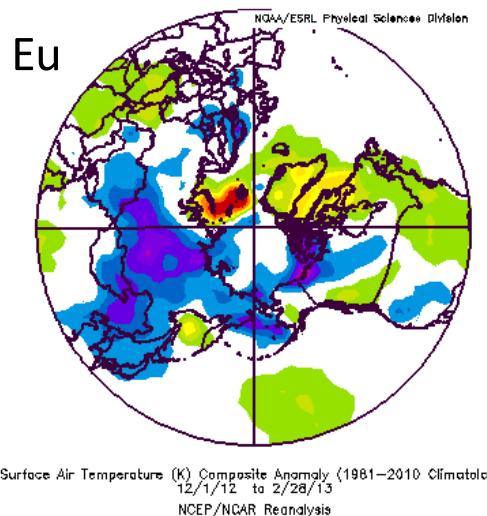


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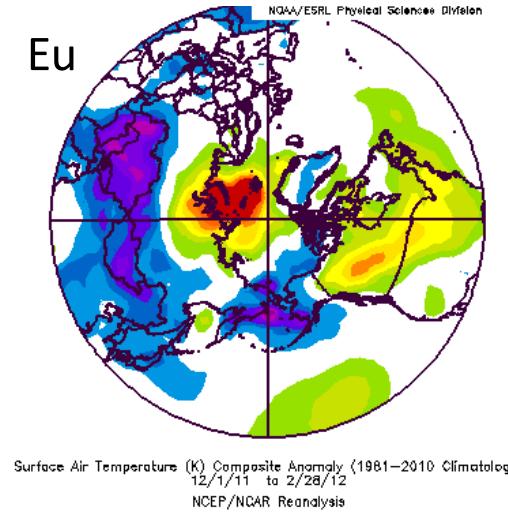
Successive cold winters over East Asia and North America

Arctic warming and associated changes in atmospheric circulation might have played a central role.

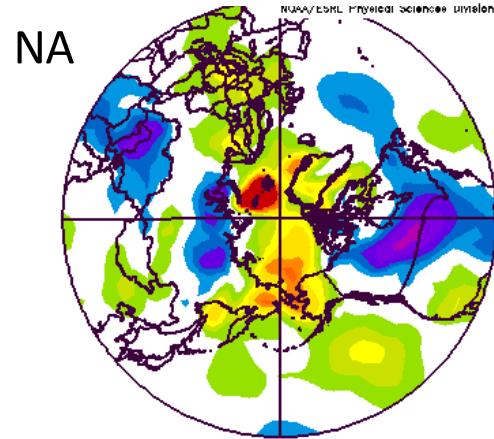
2012/13 DJF



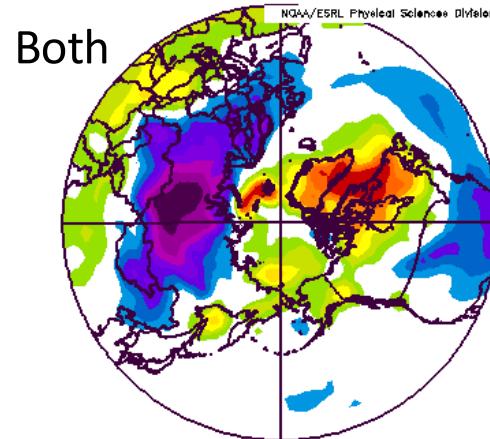
2011/12 DJF



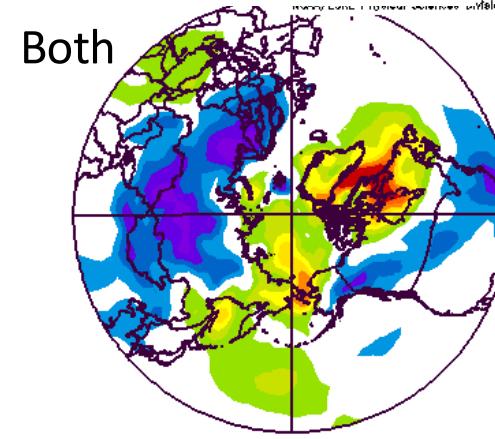
2013/14 DJF



2009/10 DJF

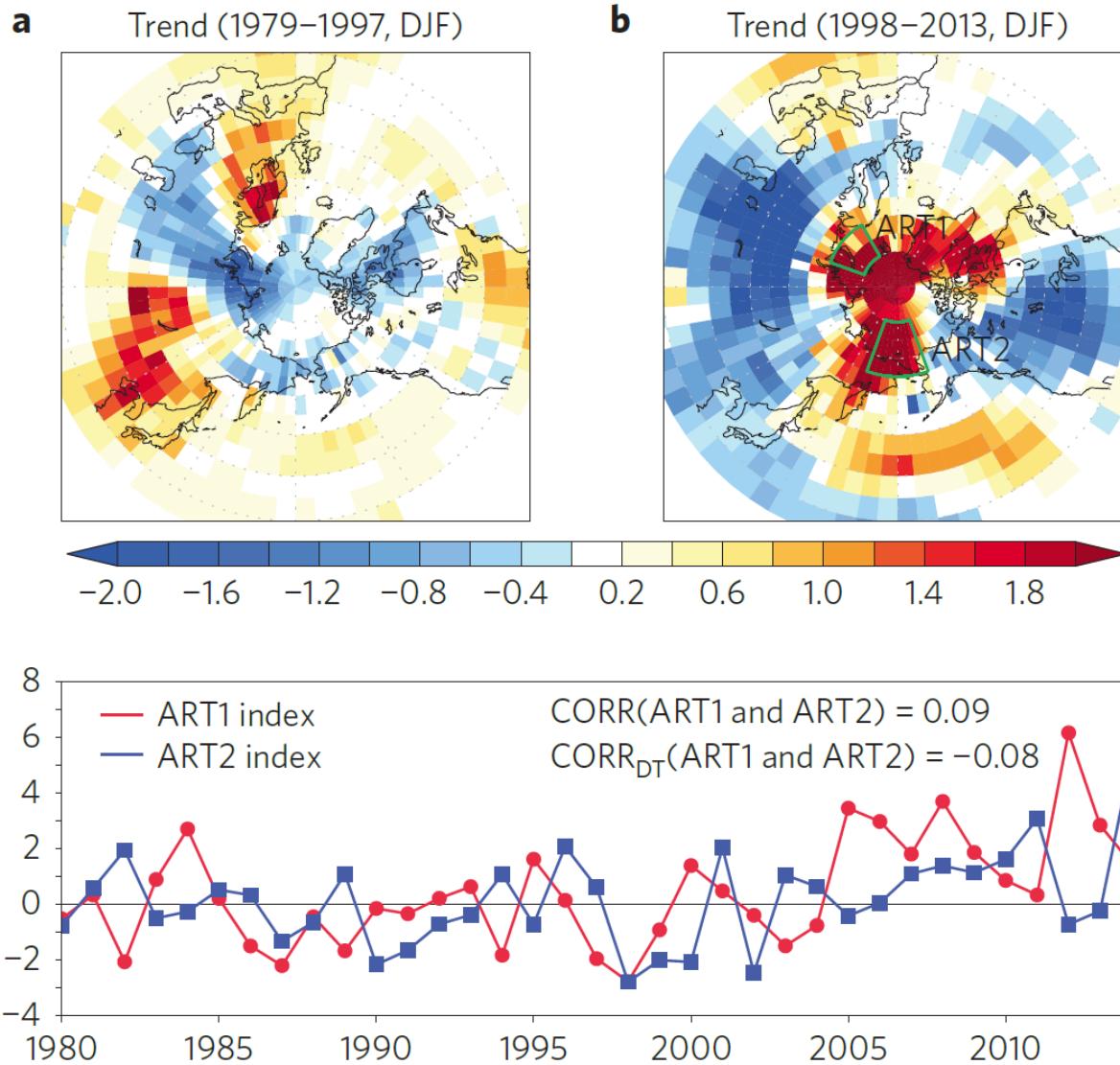


2010/11 DJF



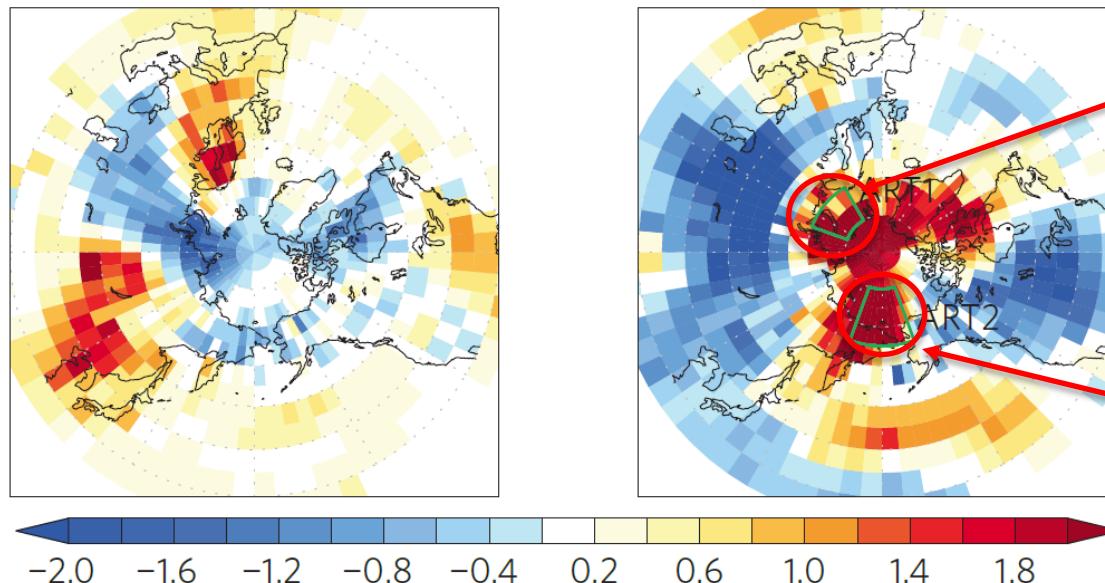
Cold Eurasia (11/12, 12/13), cold North America(13/14), cold both continents (09/10, 10/11).
Are there distinctive mechanisms?

Identified two ‘hotspots’ in the Arctic

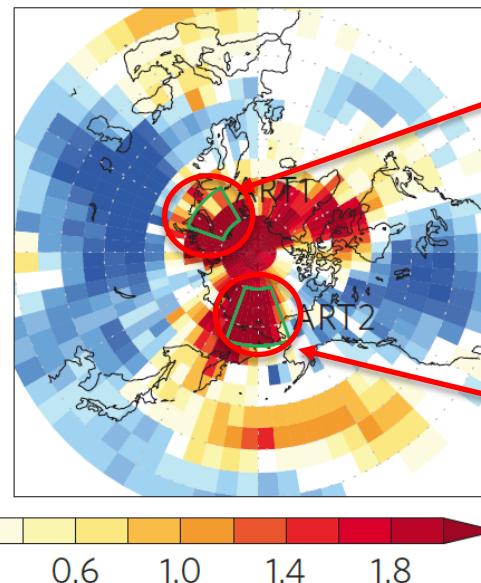


Identified two ‘hotspots’ in the Arctic

a Trend (1979–1997, DJF)



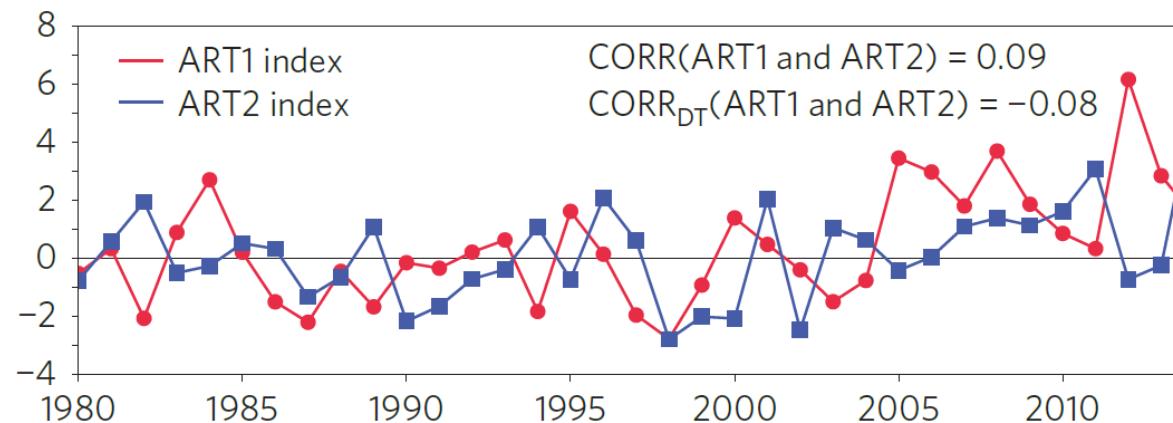
b Trend (1998–2013, DJF)



ART1: SAT anomalies over the Barents-Kara Sea

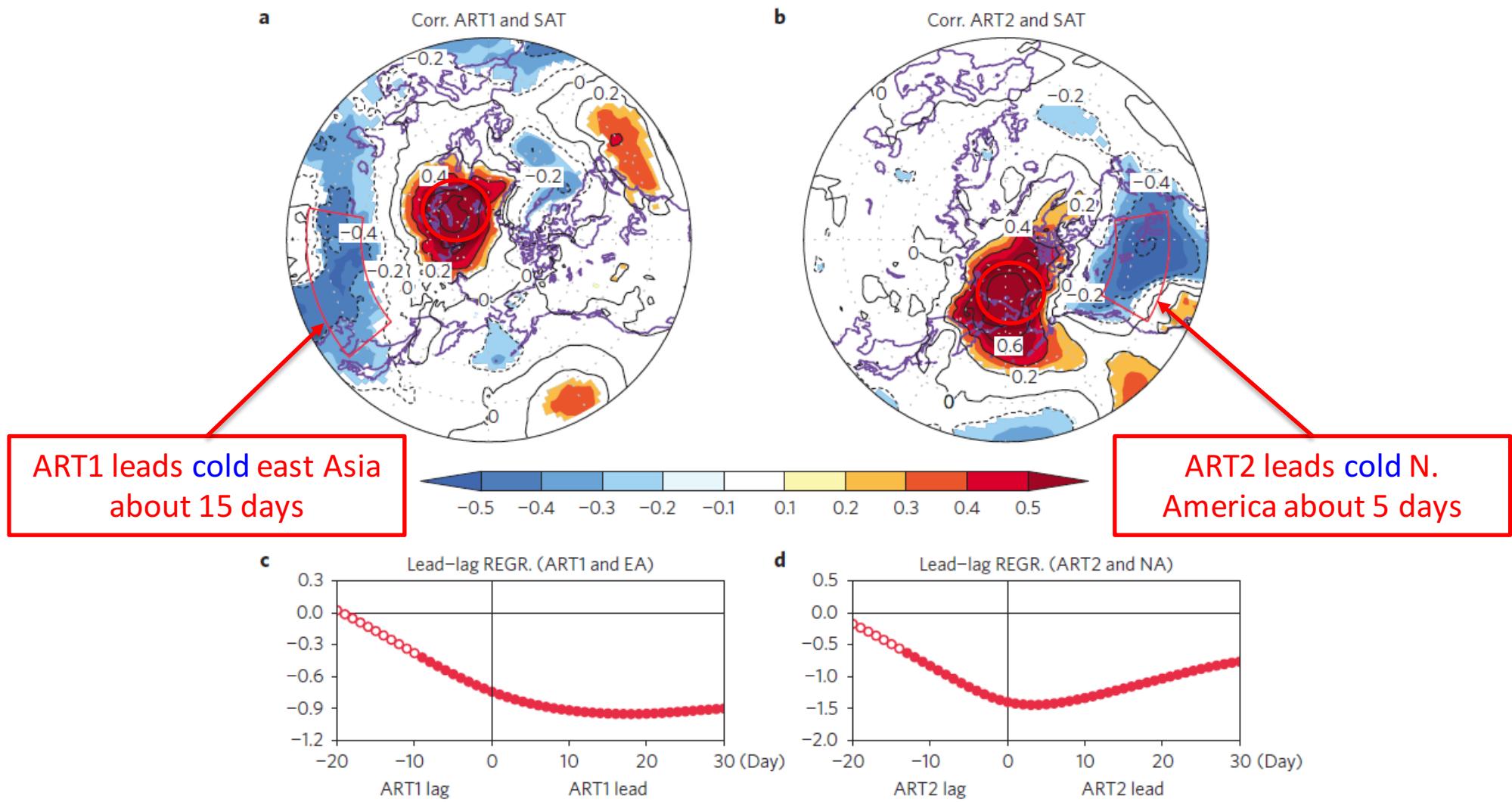
ART2: SAT anomalies over the east Siberian-Chukchi Sea

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The two ART indices are almost independent with each other but both show positive trends

Correlation monthly ARTs & SAT anomalies [DJF]

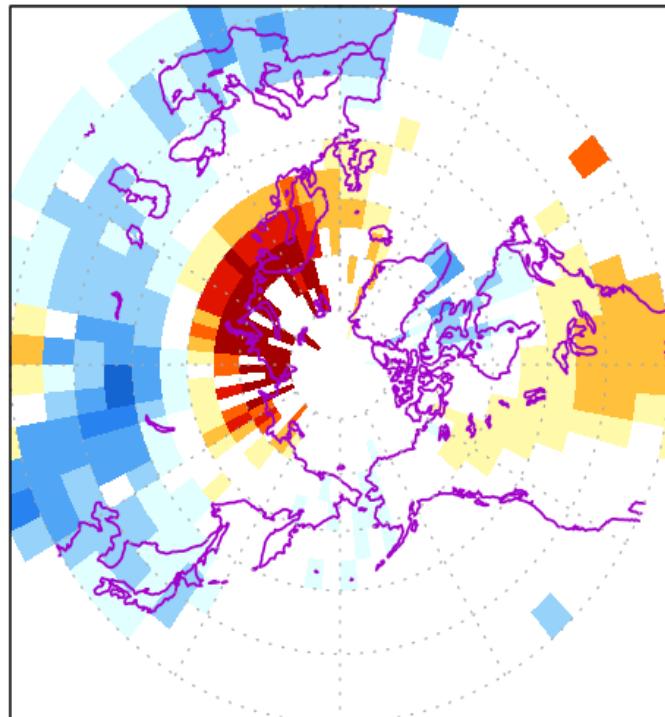


Arctic-extratropics correlation is not something new...

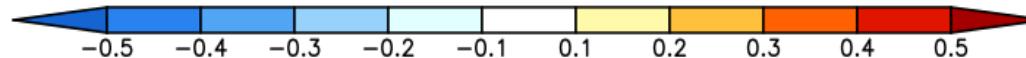
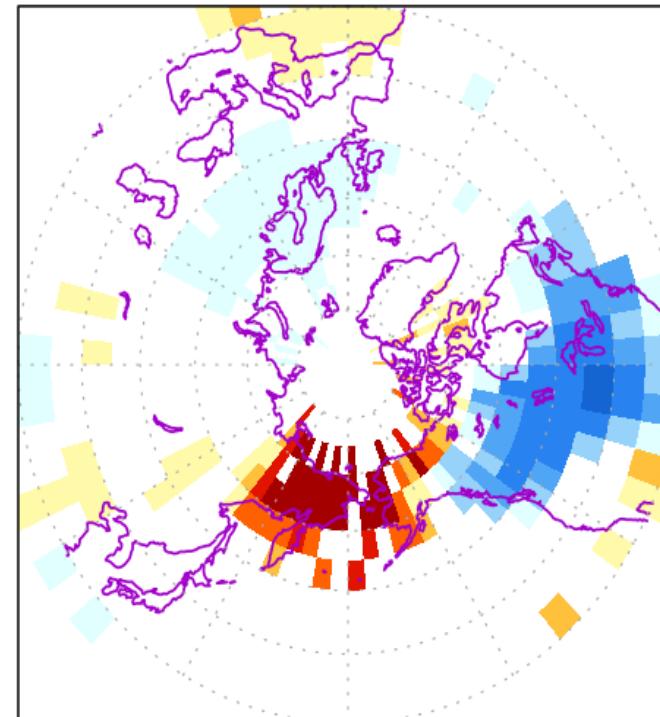
CRU: 1890-2013

Corr – ART & TS (DJF) 1890–2013

(a) ART1

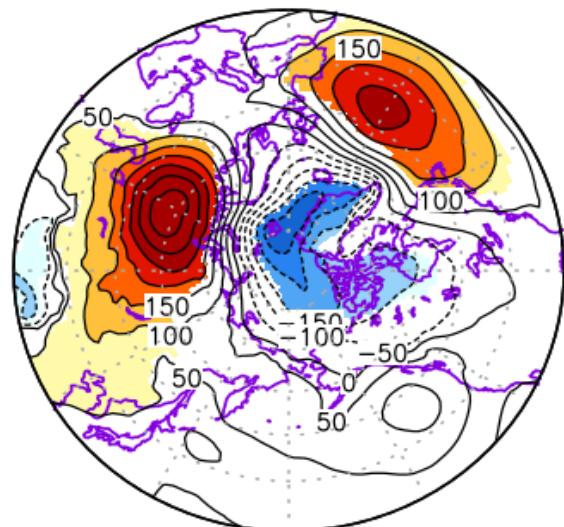


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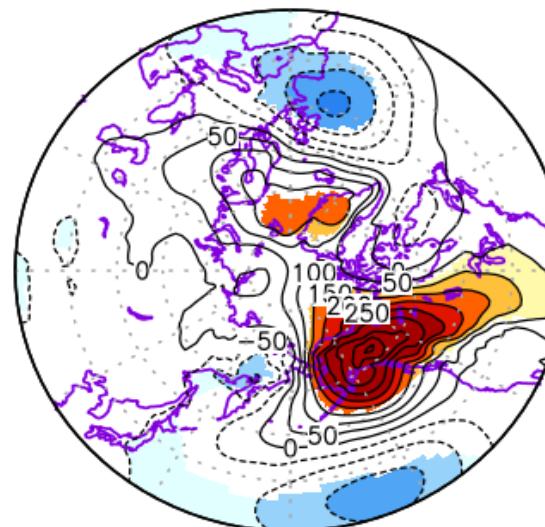


Dynamical process: SLP and Z300 associated with ARTs

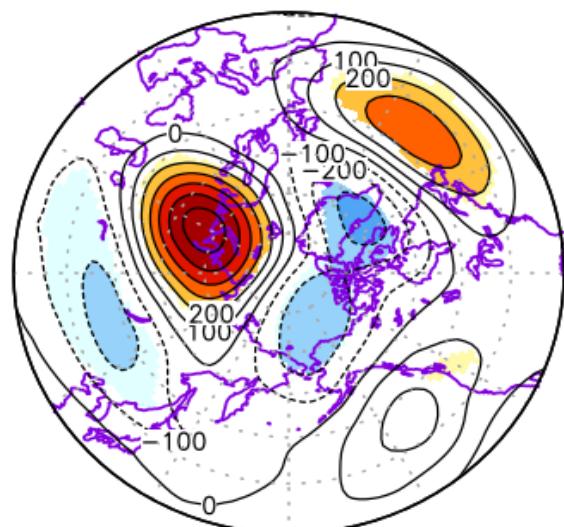
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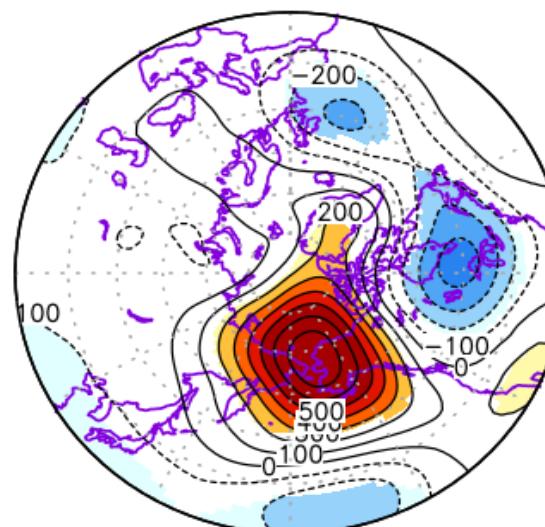
(b) ART2 SLP



(c) ART1 Z300

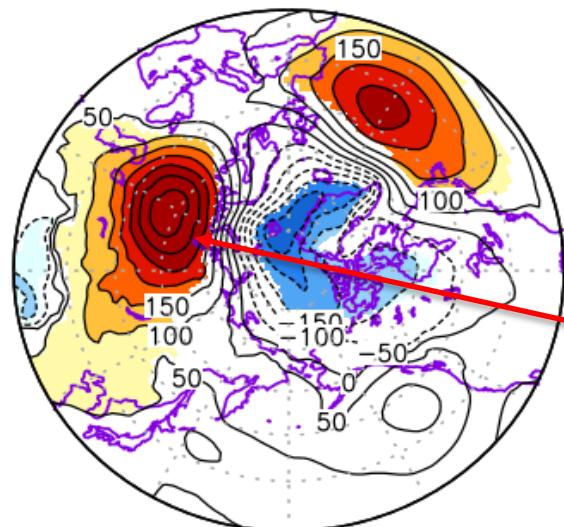


(d) ART2 Z300

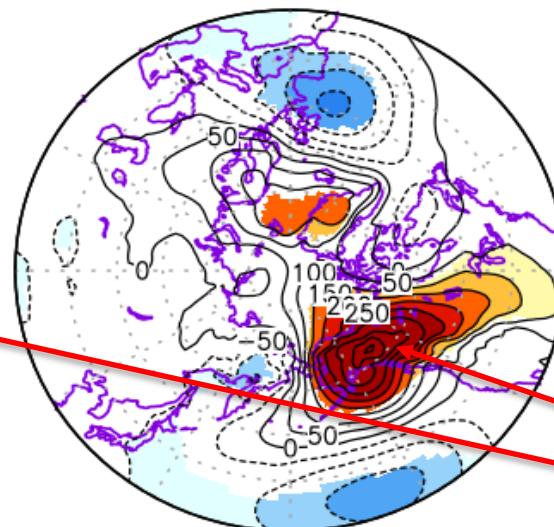


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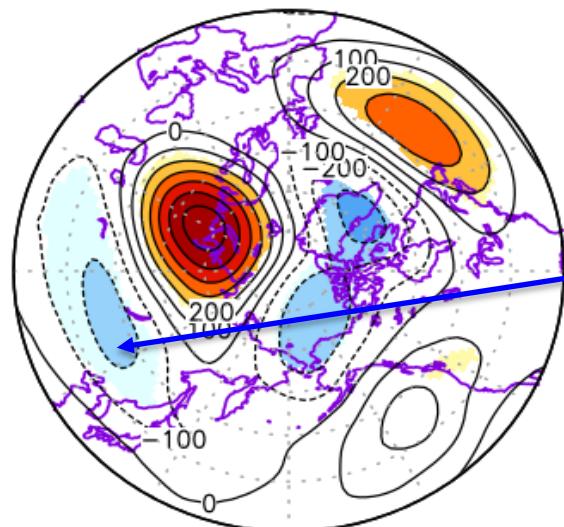


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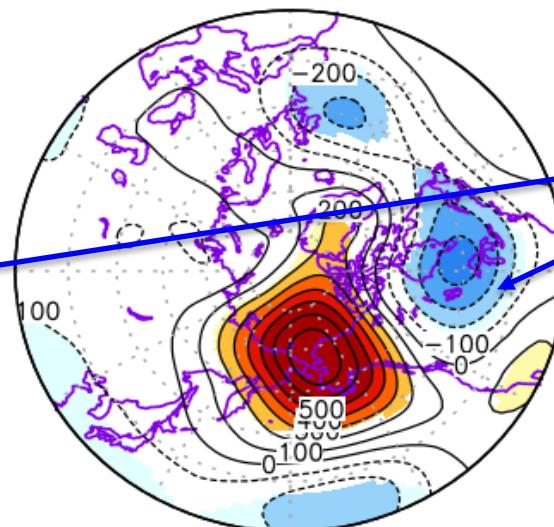


Anticyclonic
circulation anomalies

(c) ART1 Z300

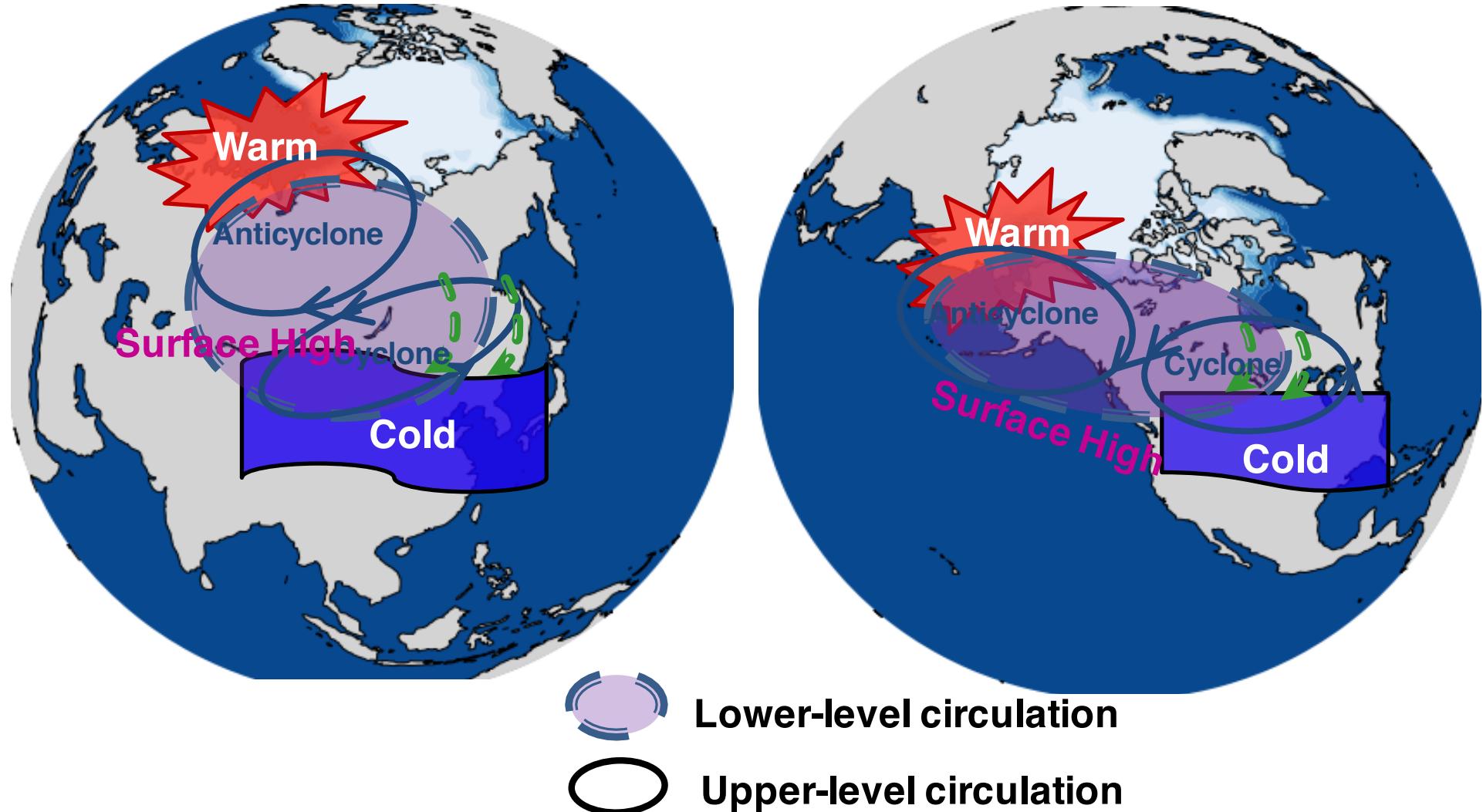


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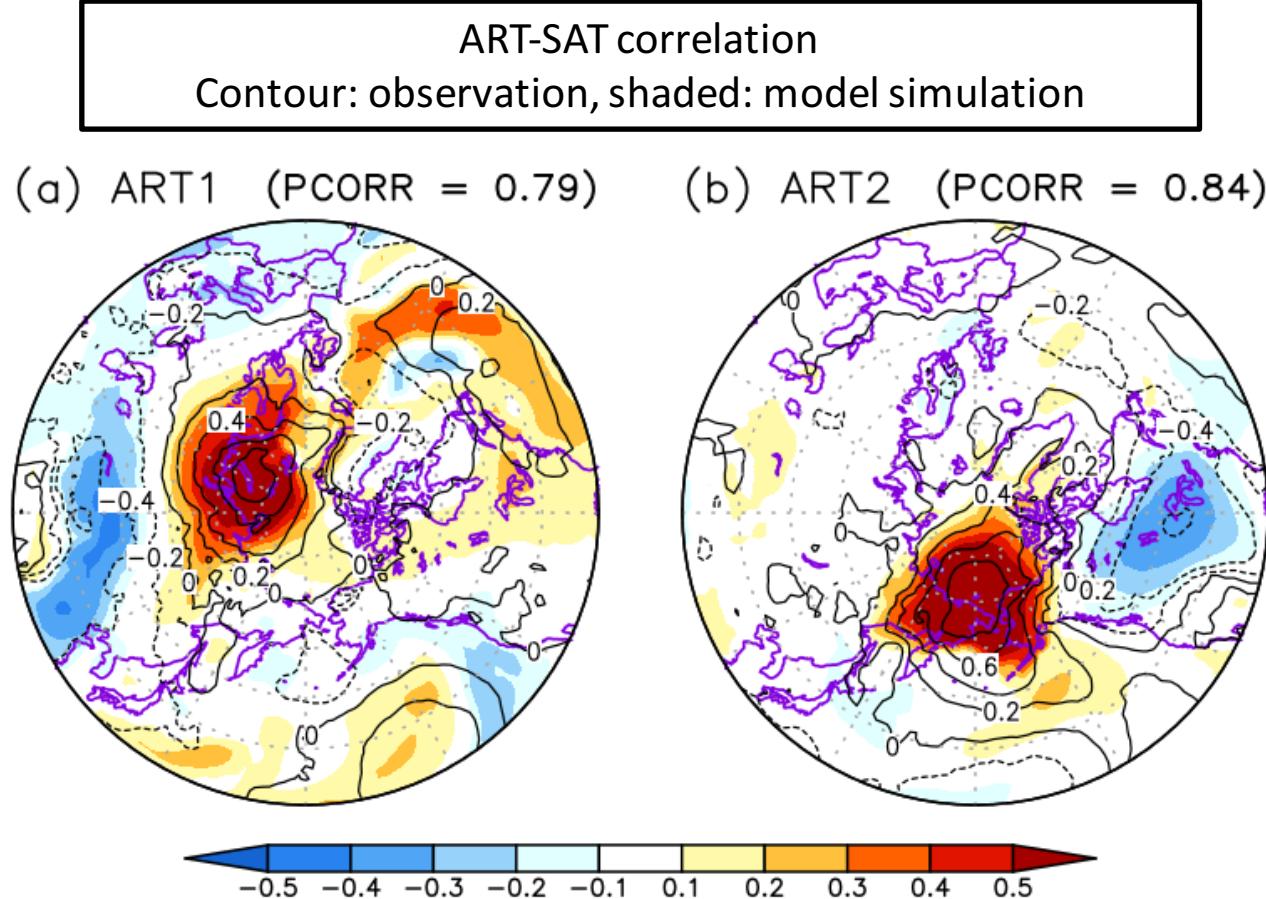
Downstream
development of mid-
latitude trough

Dynamical Processes for Arctic-to-extratropical connection

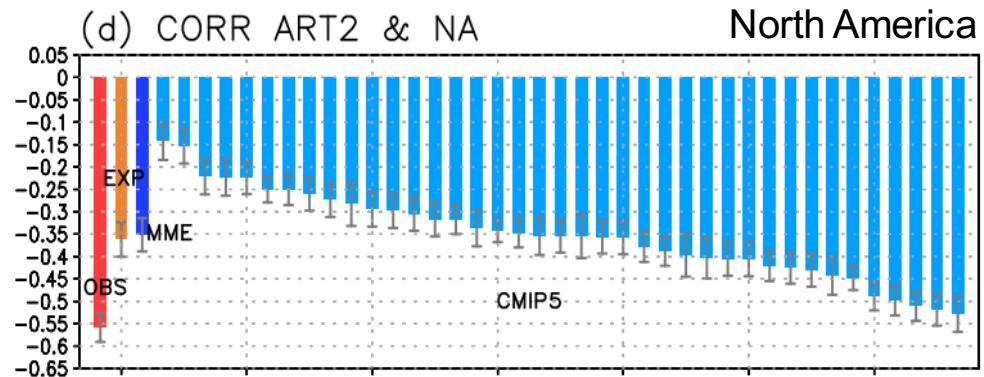
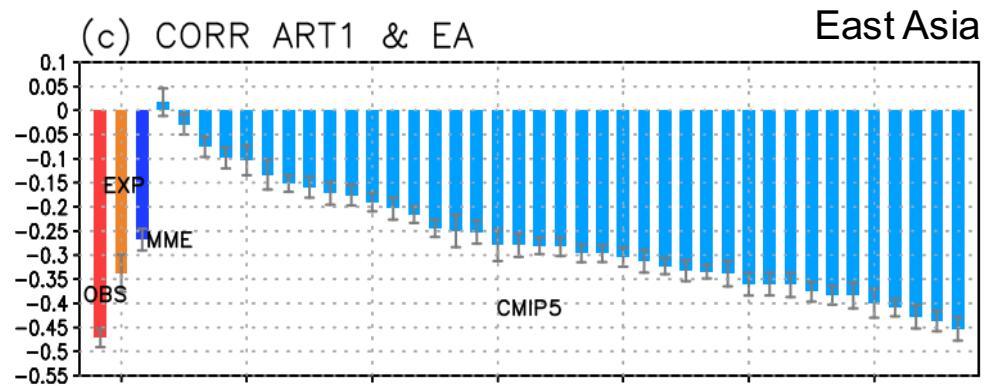


Model (CM2.1) captures this teleconnection

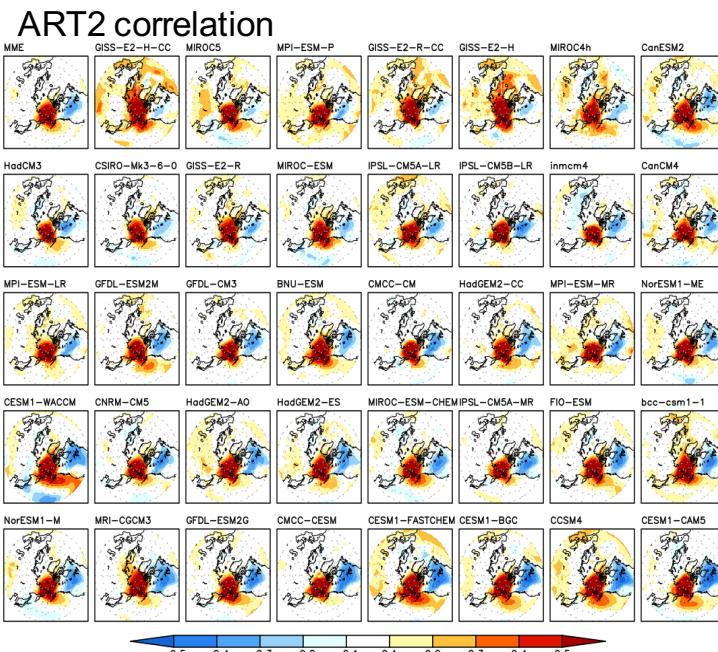
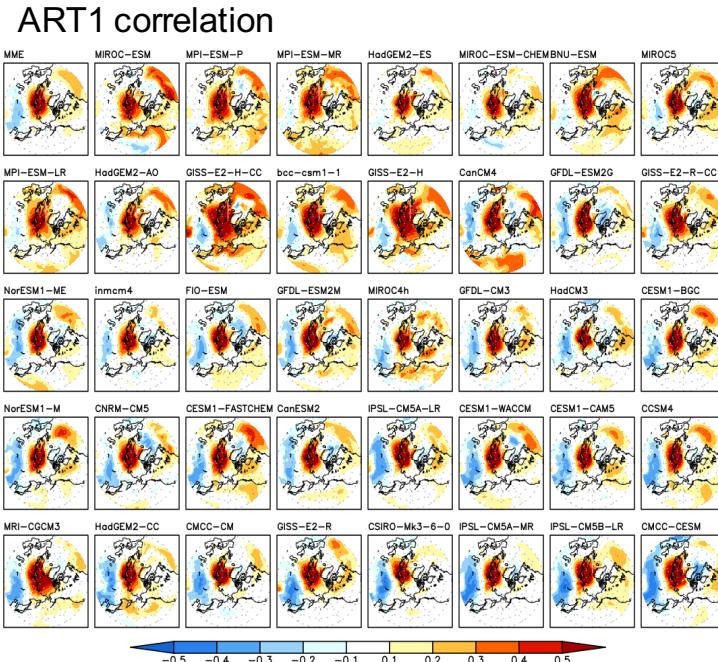
CM2.1 Model experiments, restoring SST to observation (north of 70N)
Fully coupled in the other Ocean; 6-ensemble members



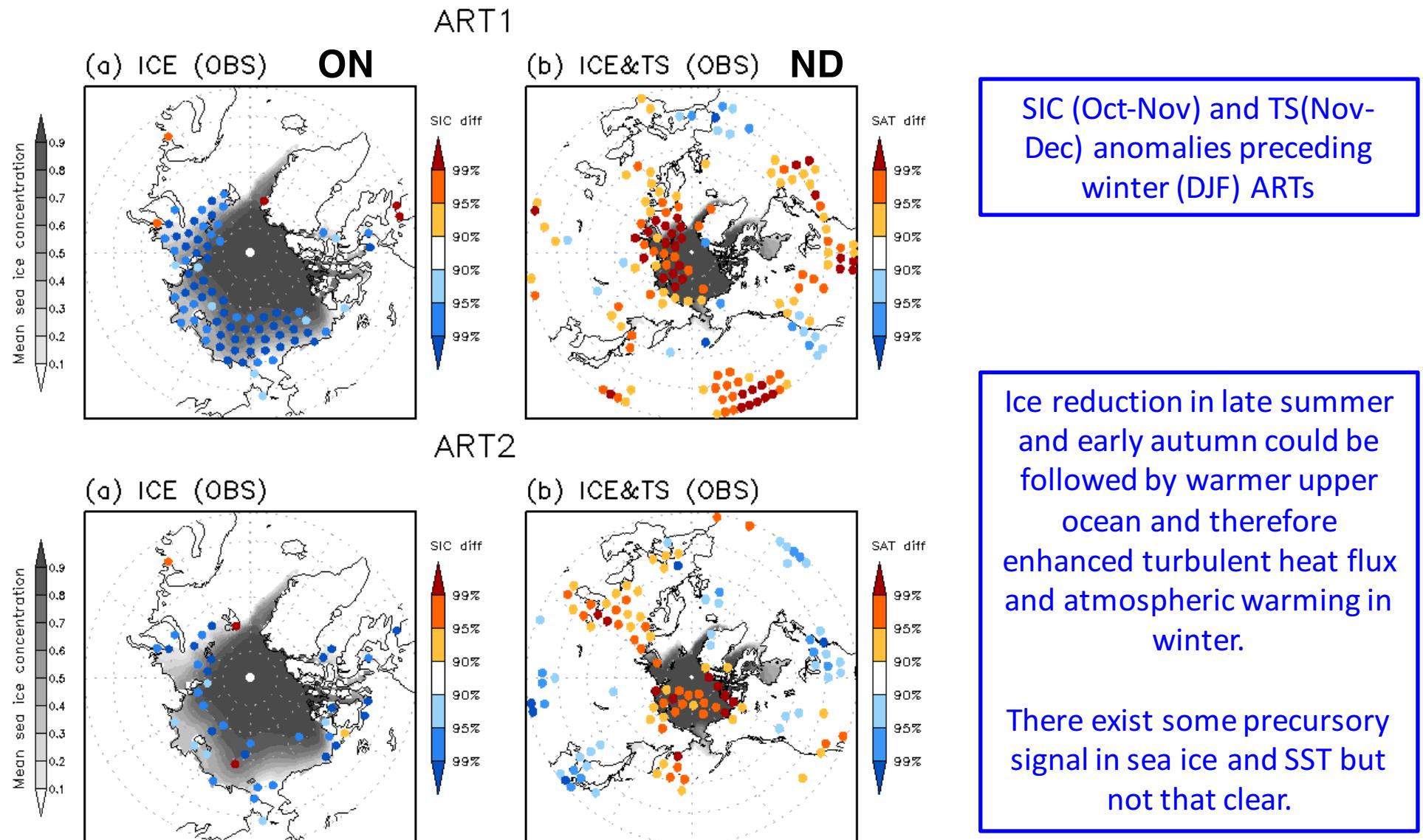
CMIP5 models capture this teleconnection



CMIP5 models mostly capture the ART-related correlation. A natural variability provoked by the local warmth over the Arctic?

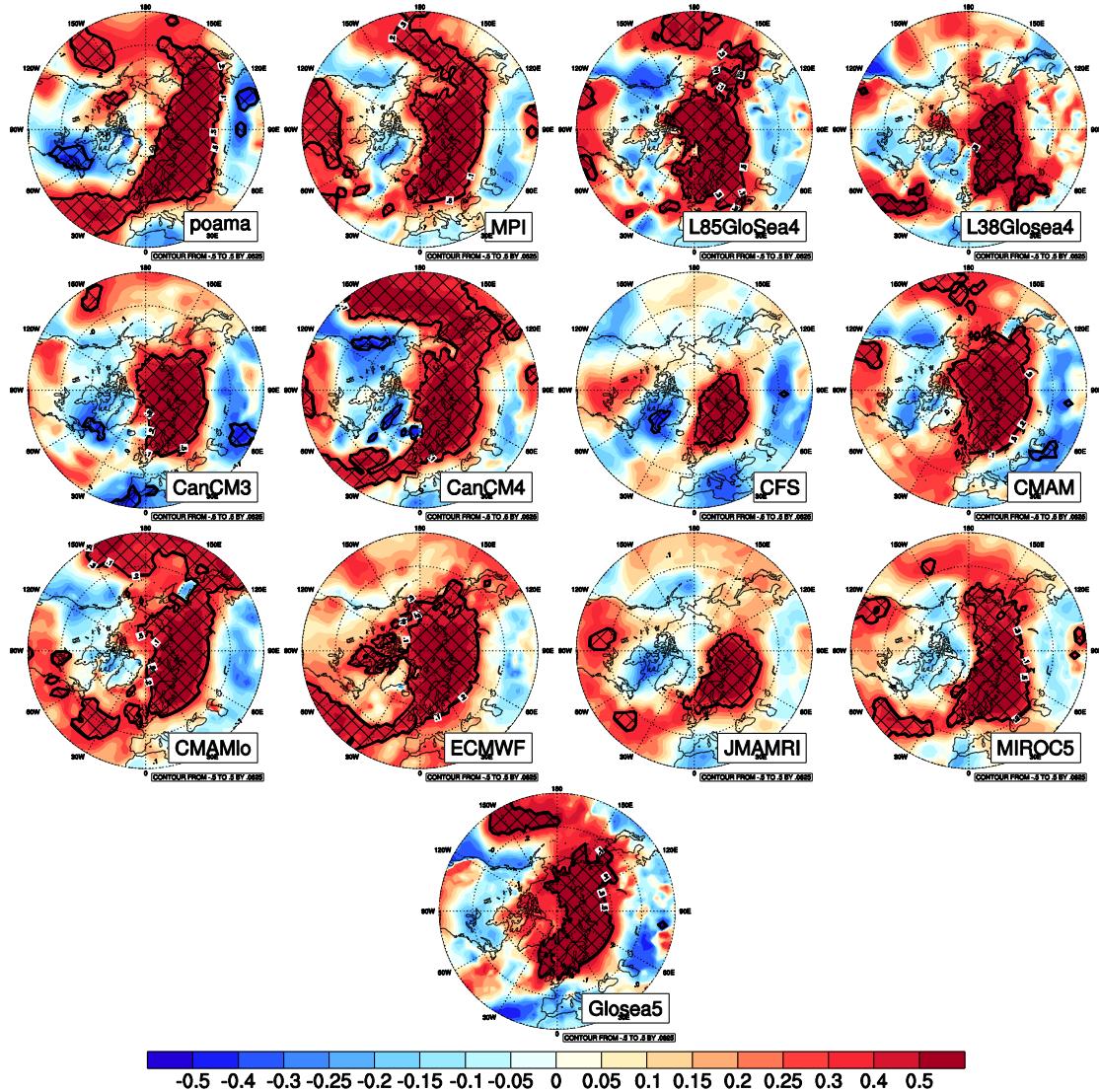


Are ARTs predictable?



ART1 in the operational climate models

Corr. bw model ART1 and model SAT



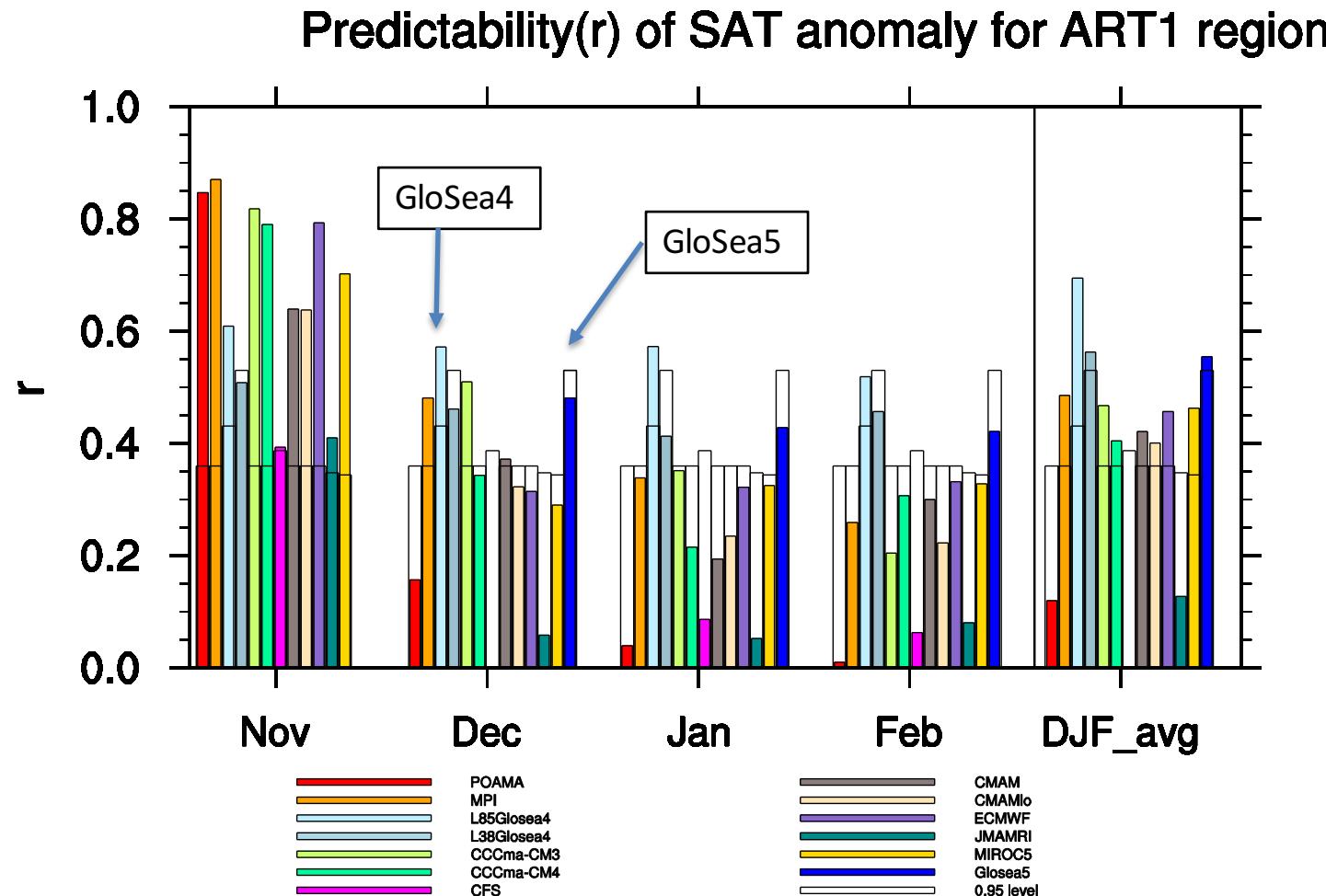
CHFP: Climate-system Historical Forecast Project;
archive of ensemble prediction for
(more than) 10 centers

[left] monthly ART1-SAT correlation
for winter from predictions
initialized at 1st of Nov

Some CHFP models have potential
to capture the ART1-EA correlation.
Worse than CMIP5: problems in
initialisation of SIC and ocean?

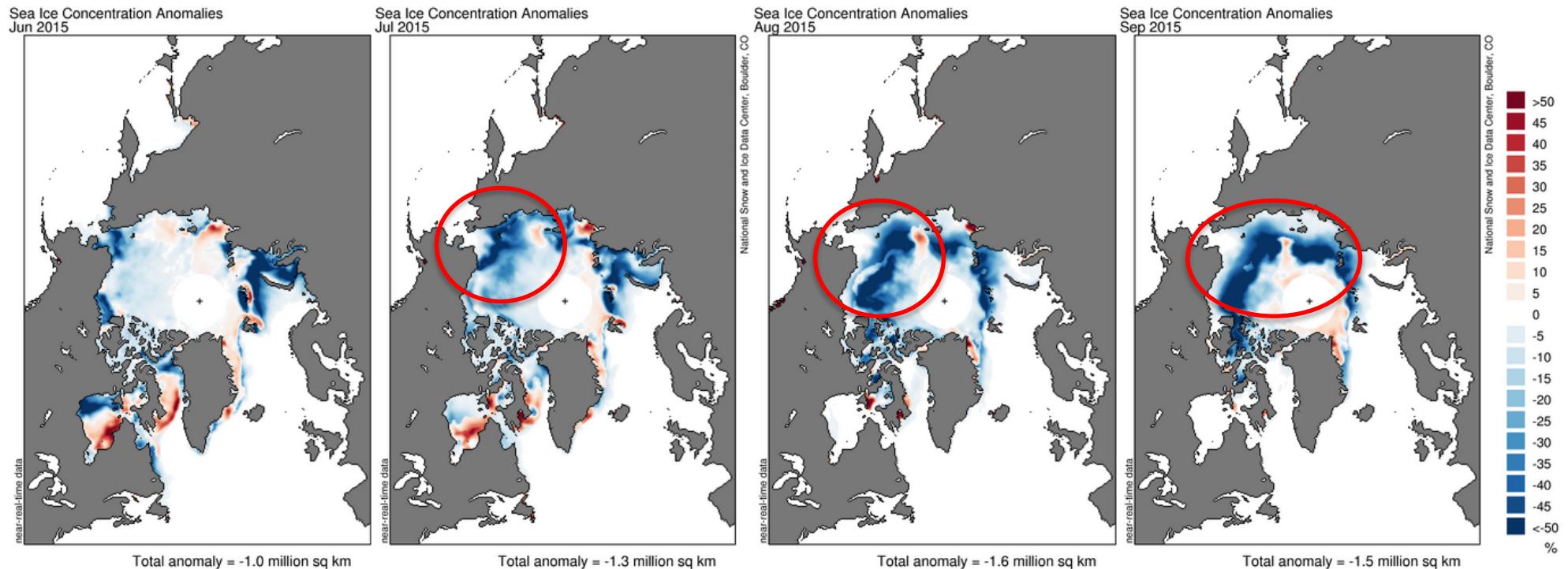
CHFP models' predictability of ART1

CORR(predicted and obs ART1)



Models have 0-1 month predictability on ART1

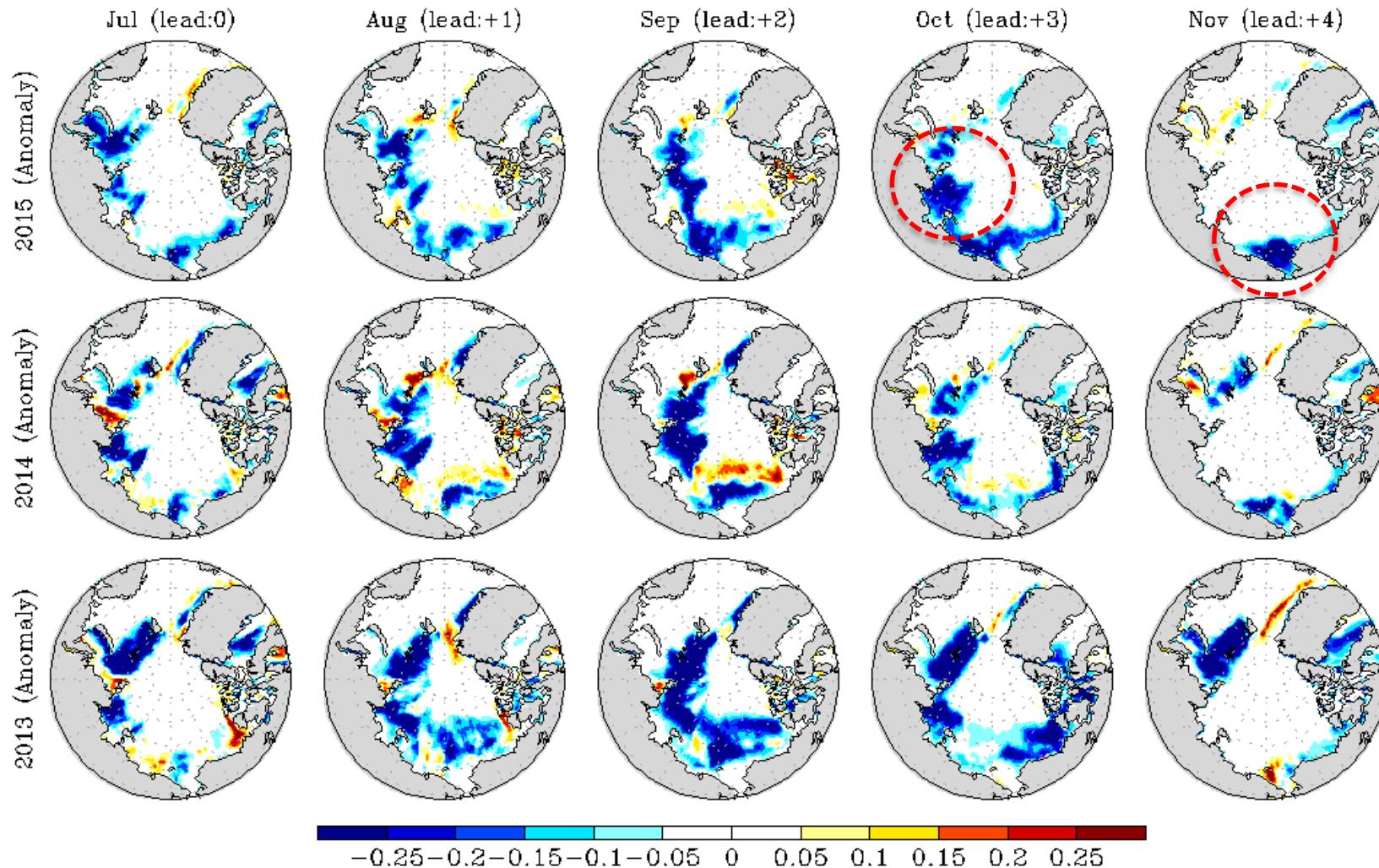
What about this winter? Observed Arctic SIC anomalies



This summer, there was a large reduction
of SIC over Chukchi, E-Siberia Sea, Canada
basin, Laptev Sea

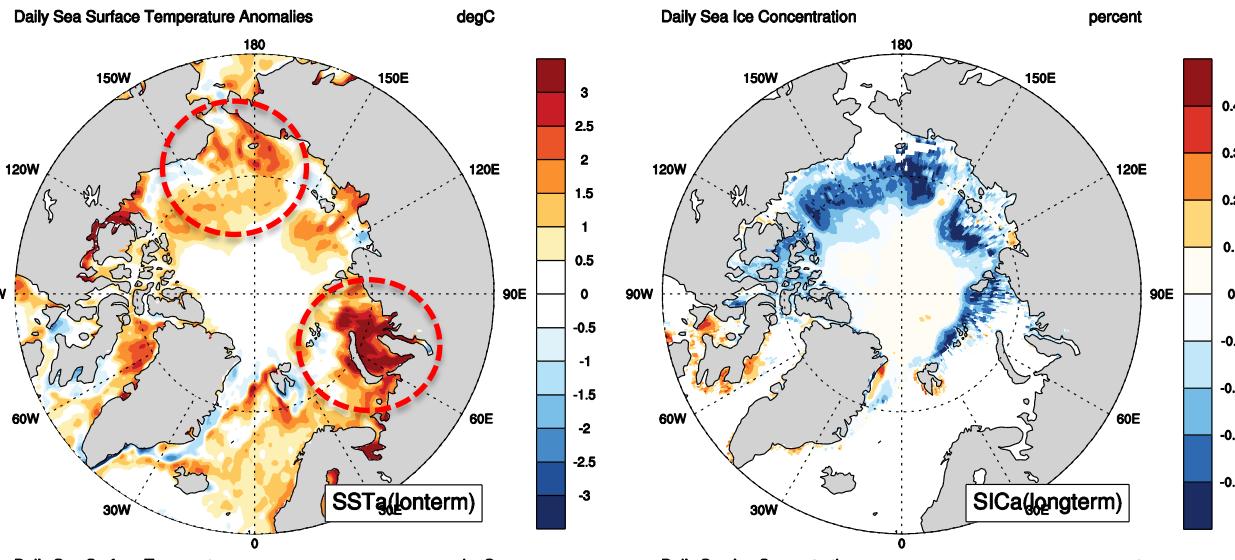
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Statistical prediction of Arctic SIC (initialized at July)

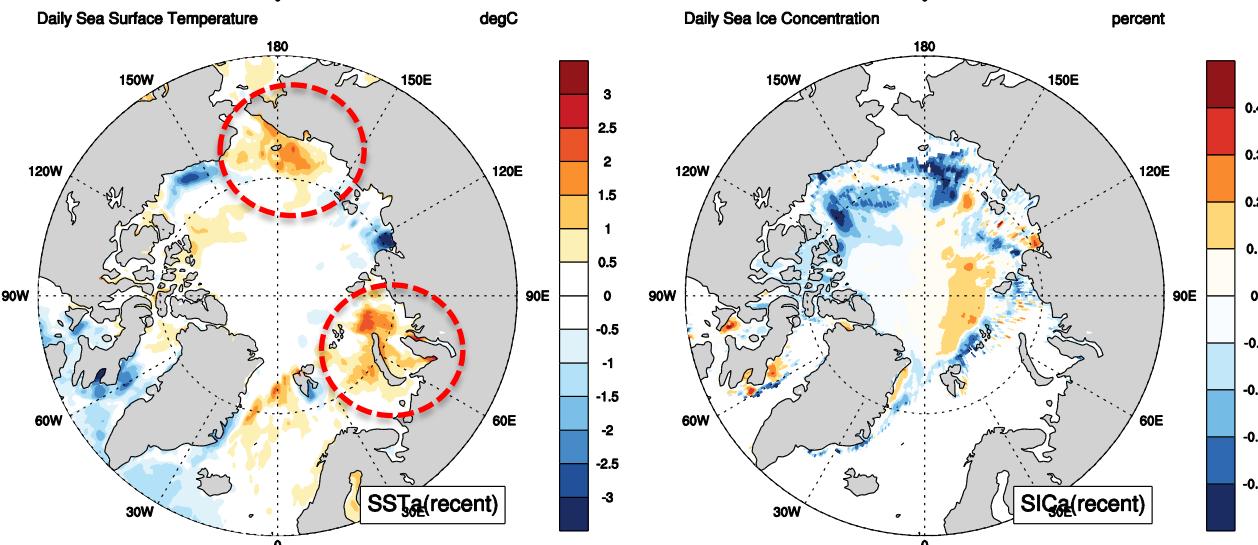


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SST and SIC anomalies for 1August-15OCT

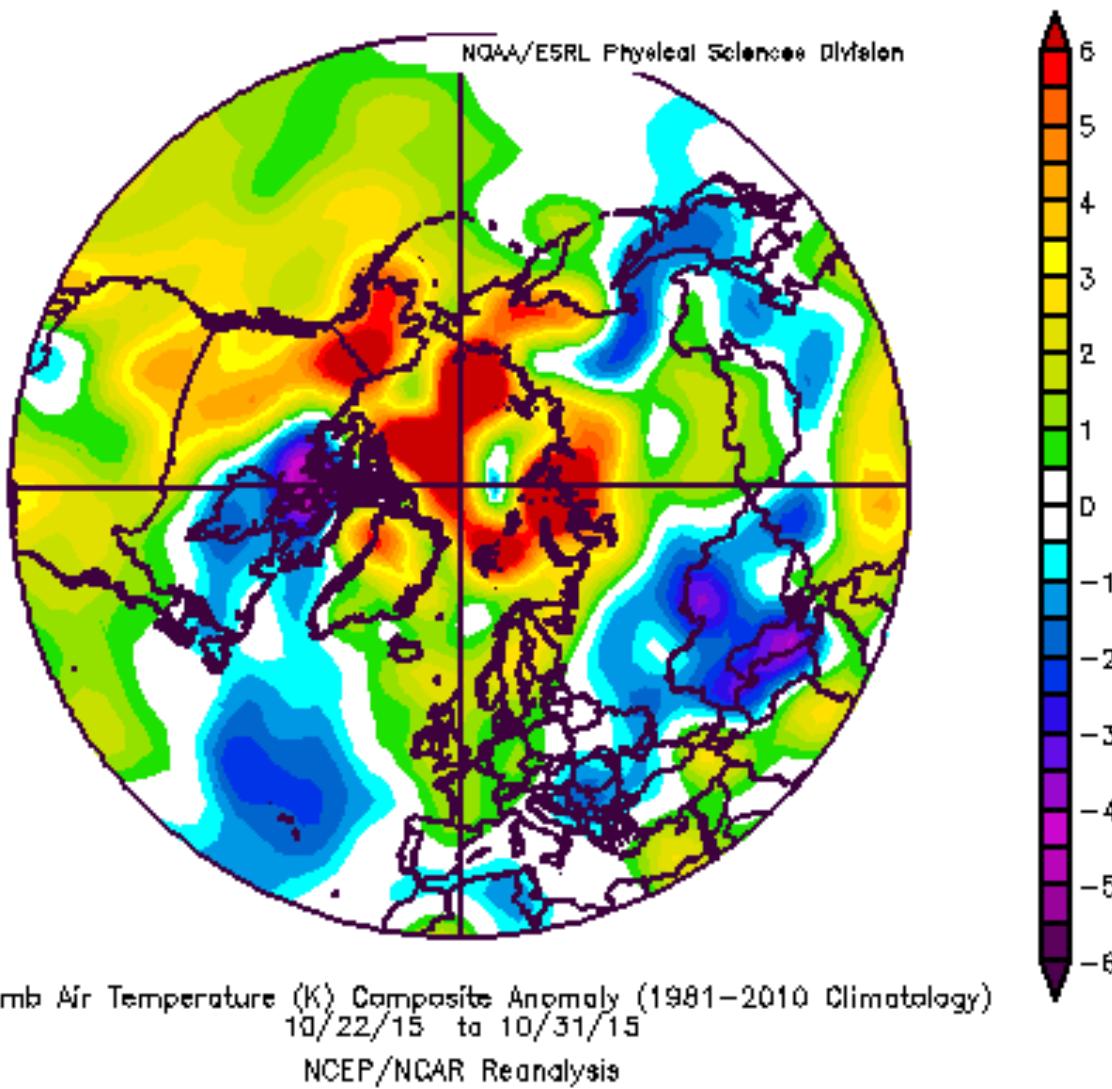


w.r.t. 1981-2010
climatology



w.r.t. 2010-2014
climatology

SAT anomalies for 22-31 October



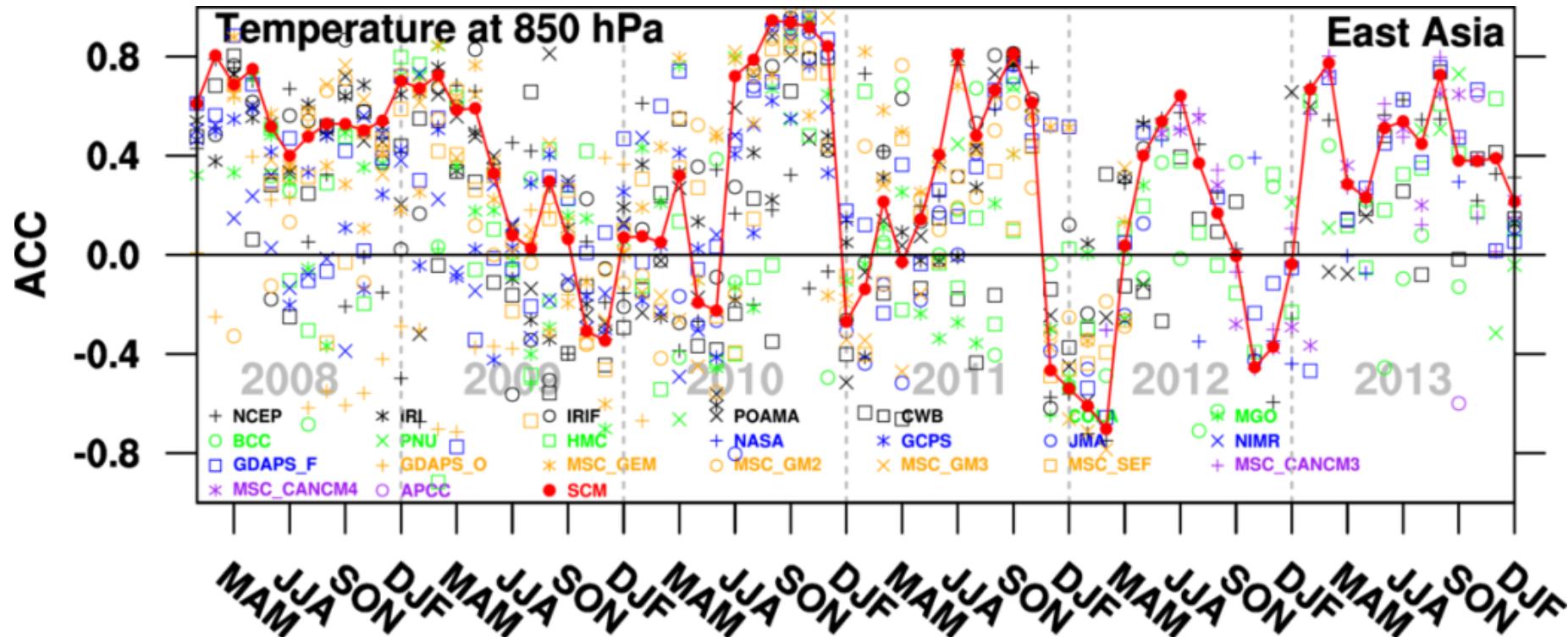
Summary

- Cold winter temperatures in East Asia and North America followed warm temperatures in the Barents-Kara Sea (ART1) and East Siberian-Chukchi Sea region (ART2) by a week or two.
- Climate models have potential to simulate the Arctic-extratropics correlation but proper initialisation is required to predict ARTs-related climate variabilities over the East Asia.
- In this winter, large reduction in SIC over the Chukchi-E. Siberian Sea, Barents-Kara Sea may lead to positive ART1 and 2.

Thanks for attention!

Models failed to simulate the cold

APCC models' anomaly correlation of T850 over East Asia [1month-lead, seasonal mean]



From APCC (JH Yoo)

Low predictability for the last several winters with severe cold
APCC models' have failed to predict cold winters