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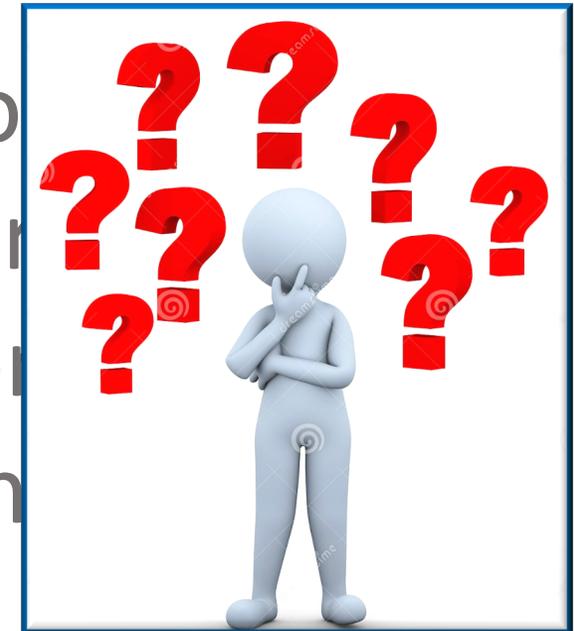
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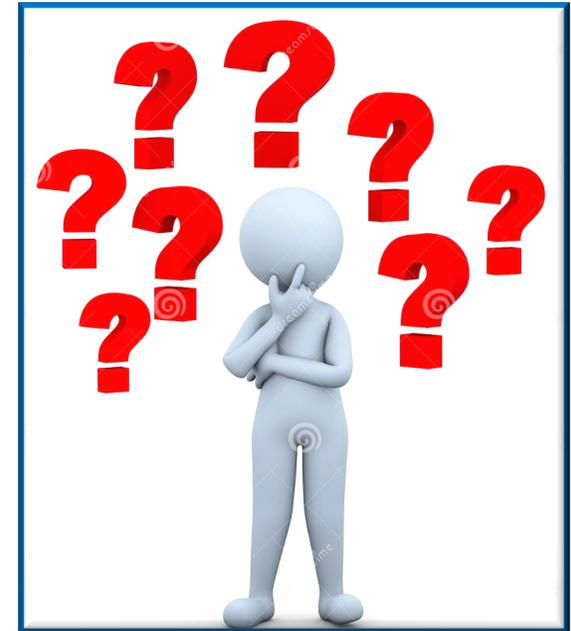
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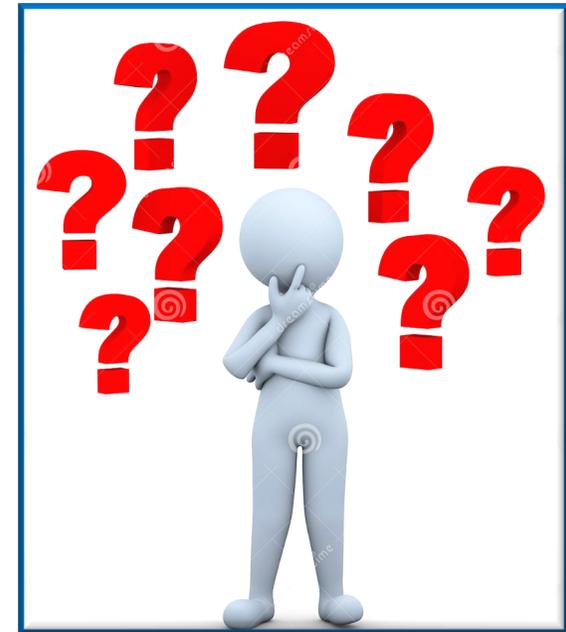
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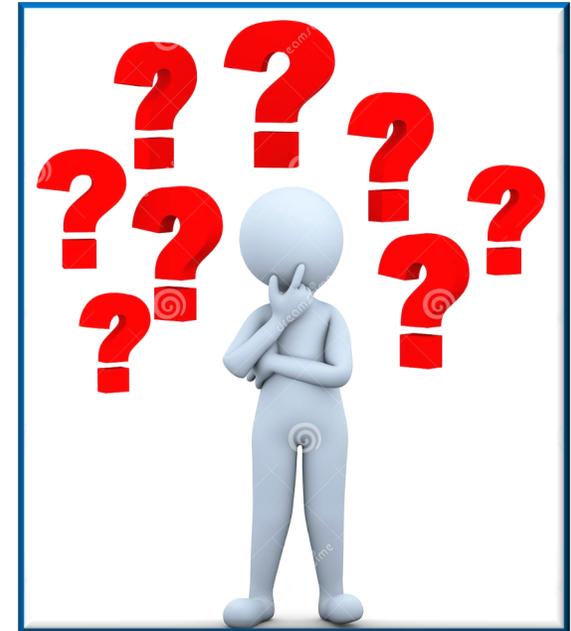
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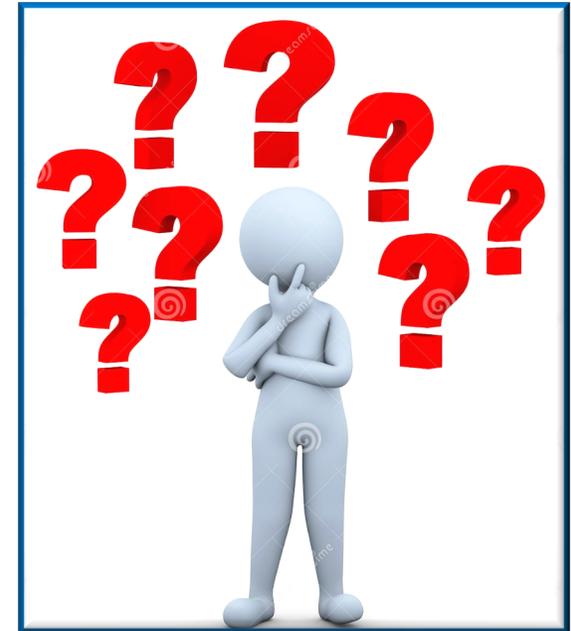
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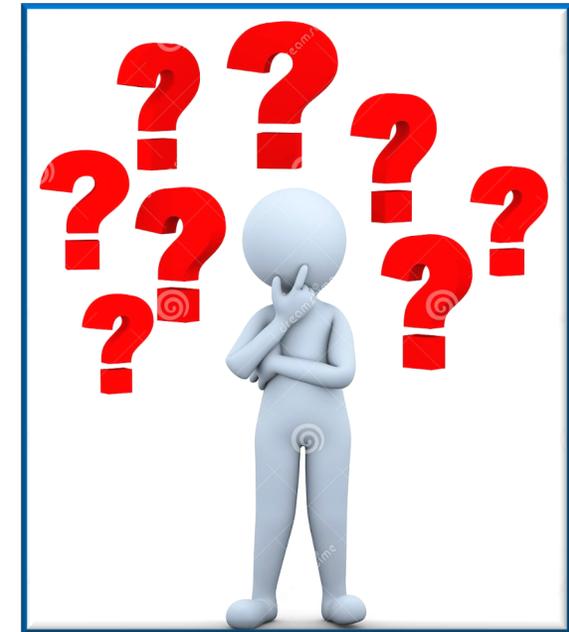
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➤ *Initial-condition Large Ensembles*

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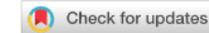
Initial-condition Large Ensembles

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climate change

30 March 2020
Deser et al.

PERSPECTIVE

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US CLIVAR Working Group on Large Ensembles

Insights from Earth system model initial-condition large ensembles and future prospects

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What are they? Why are they useful?

How large do they need to be?

How are they best designed?

Emerging applications and future directions?



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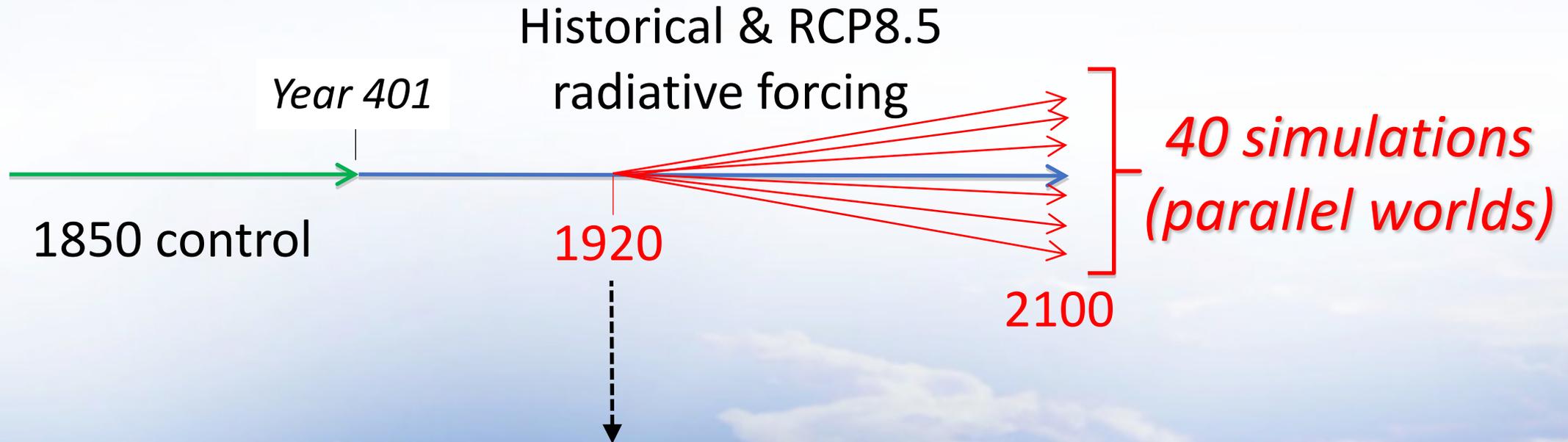


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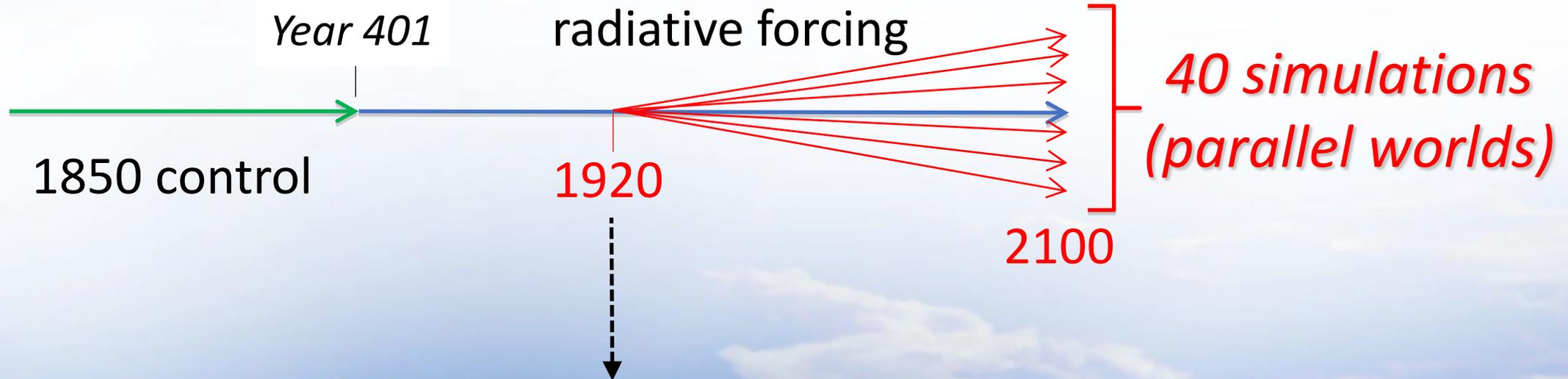


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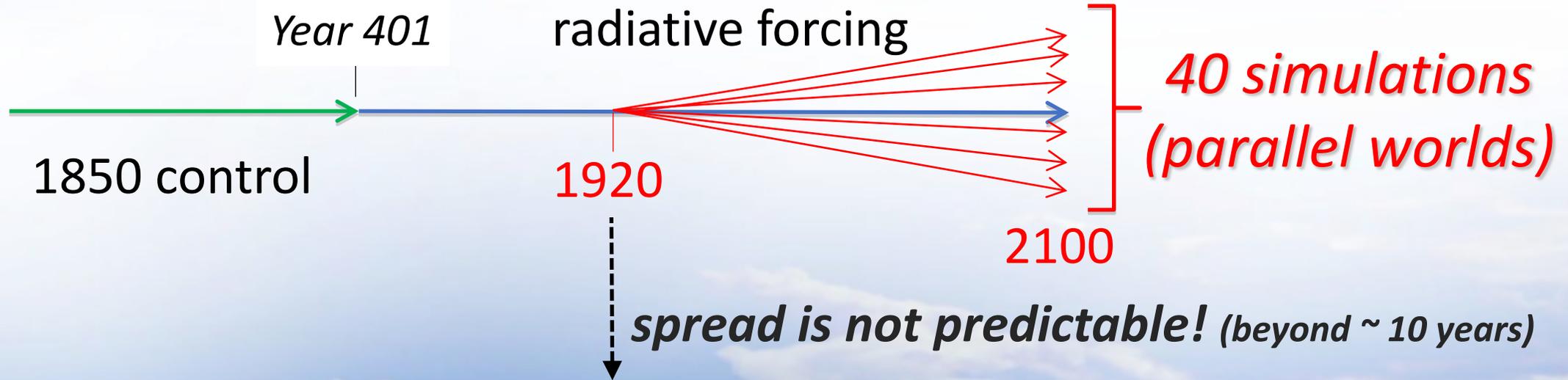


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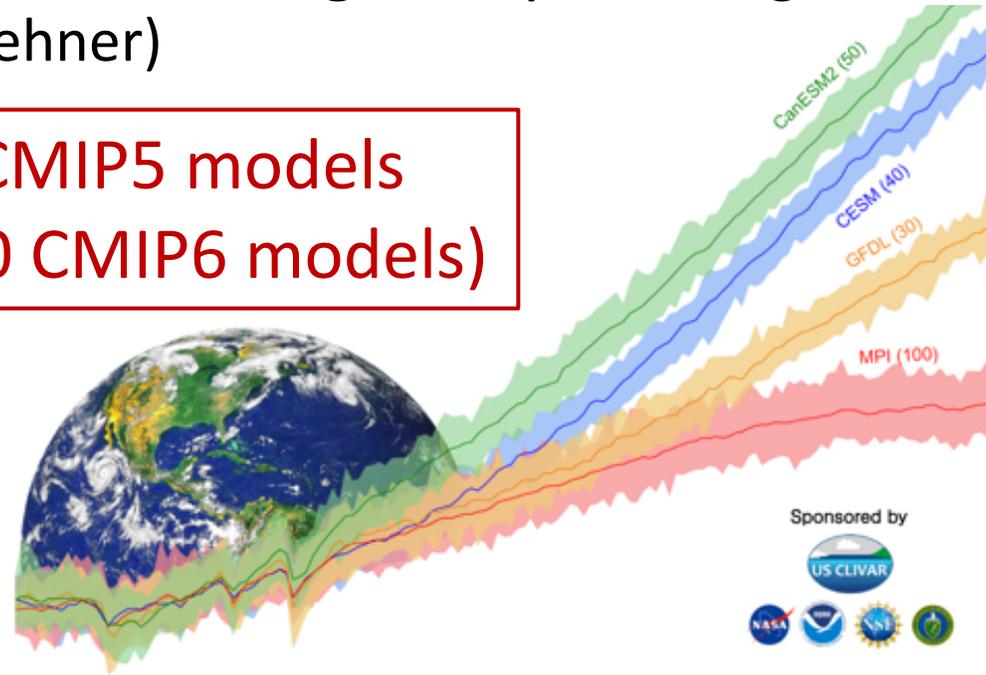
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MULTI-MODEL LARGE ENSEMBLE ARCHIVE (MMLEA)

US CLIVAR Working Group on *Large Ensembles*
(Flavio Lehner)

7 CMIP5 models
(10 CMIP6 models)



<https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/projects/community-projects/MMLEA/>

Like the original CVDP

- Computes modes of variability, trends, and climate indices.
- All output saved to a data repository for later use.
- User specifies the data sets (models & observations).

New for the CVDP-LE

- Computes ensemble mean and ensemble spread.
- Quantitative comparison to observations (rank metrics).
- Comprehensive User's Guide.

Tutorial and teaching resource

User's Guide (35 pages)

- Background on internal climate variability
- Utility of Large Ensembles
- Diagnostics and metrics (fully referenced)
- Treatment of observational uncertainty
- Two views: *Ensemble Summary vs. Individual Members*
- Interpretation of plots and metrics
- Best practices and tips for applying the package

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	Niño3.4	El Niño SST/TAS/PSL JJA ⁰ SON ⁰ DJF ¹ MAM ¹	El Niño PR JJA ⁰ SON ⁰ DJF ¹ MAM ¹	
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		El Niño Hovmöller	La Niña Hovmöller	
		Timeseries	Monthly Std. Dev.	
		Power Spectra	Wavelet	
		Autocorrelation	Running Standard Deviation	
	AMV	Regr: SST TAS PR	Timeseries	Power Spectra
		Regr LP: SST TAS PR	Timeseries	
	AMV'	Regr: SST TAS PR	Timeseries	Power Spectra
Regr LP: SST TAS PR		Timeseries		
PDV	Regr: SST TAS PR	Timeseries	Power Spectra	
PDV'	Regr: SST TAS PR	Timeseries	Power Spectra	
AMOC	Means	Standard Deviations	Patterns	
	Timeseries	SST/TAS Regressions		
	Spectra	AMV/AMOC Lag Correlations		

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AMV	PNA	Patterns	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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AMV'	NPO	Patterns	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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PDV	PSA1	Patterns	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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Global Timeseries

NAM	SST	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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SAM	PR (land-only)	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN

Regional Timeseries

PNA	Atlantic SST Meridional Mode	Atlantic Niño SST	North Atlantic SST	Tropical North Atlantic SST	Tropical South Atlantic SST
NPO	niño1+2 SST	niño3 SST	niño3.4 SST	niño4 SST	
	North Pacific PSL Index (NPI)	North Pacific SST Meridional Mode	South Pacific SST Meridional Mode		
PSA1	Indian Ocean SST Dipole	Tropical Indian Ocean SST	Southern Ocean SST		

	Timeseries	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
PSA2	Patterns	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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PSA1	North Pacific				
	Indian Ocean				

Sea Ice Extent Timeseries

	NH	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
		Feb	Mar	Sep	Oct	Monthly	Monthly Anomalies	Climatology
	SH	DJF	JFM	MAM	JJA	JAS	SON	ANN
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Adam

- Overview of the development process
- Technical guidance
- Webpage and data repository

Clara

- Interpretation of plots and metrics
- Application to the CMIP5 and CMIP6 archives

- Feb 2019-present, started w/CVDP codebase
- Overriding development requirement:
Ease of use
- Implemented feature requests (subset):
 - Allow user to specify unlimited number of observations/simulations
 - Allow different time periods for each input dataset
 - Allow missing model data
 - Compute pattern correlations
 - **Allow different units, grids and variable names**
 - Compute the % of time observations falls within model spread
 - Allow no observations
 - Allow different number of ensemble members
 - **Form differences, no matter the grid**
 - Display number of valid members per ensemble
 - Provide clear error messages
 - Package should avoid erroring out
 - Titles/statistics should rarely overlap one another
 - **Modularize as much as it makes sense to do so**



- Comment the code extensively
- Provide documentation and written directions on adding a metric
- Output graphics should be publication quality
- Add consistent titles and statistics to each plot
- **Calculate ensemble metrics, and show via graphics**
- **Output all calculations (including ensemble means) to netCDF files**

Metrics

- 28,000 lines of code, 26 scripts, ~30 new functions, ~1000 plots produced
- New website, new User's Guide, new readme file
- 250 run MMLEA 1950-2018 comparison took 12 hours w/parallelization
- 384 run CMIP6 Historical 1900-2014 comparison took 18 hours
- 38 member CESM Control Comparison (100yr each) took 9 hours

Coded in NCL

- Why on earth was NCL used; wasn't NCL developed in the 90's?

Highlighted Coding Improvements/Additions

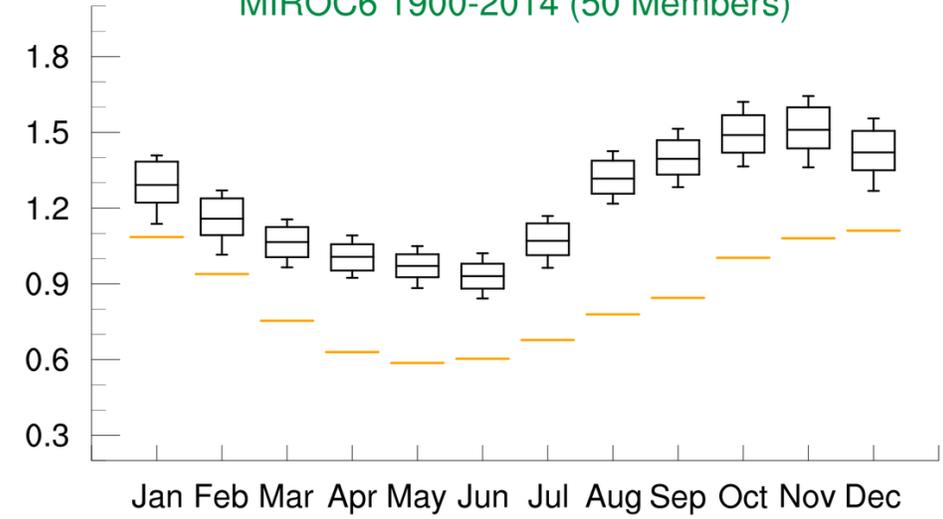
- Model file identification coding script completely rewritten.
- Ensemble graphics/metrics + biases from observations are calculated.
- Data only mode.
- Code is highly modularized; calculations separated from graphics. Modularity makes it easier to strip code out for outside applications.
- Package will read in previously created metrics to save time.

Ensemble Summary: Niño3.4 Standard Deviation (Monthly)

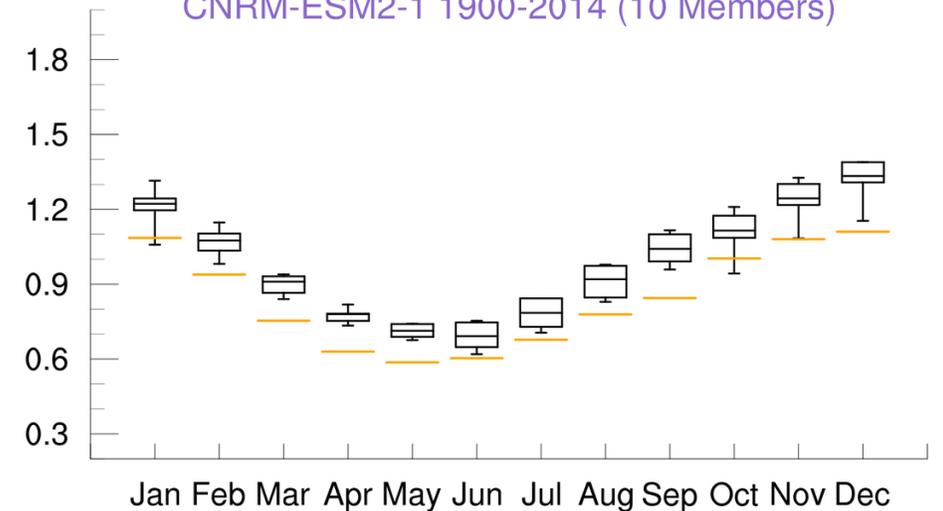
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MIROC6 1900-2014 (50 Members)



CNRM-ESM2-1 1900-2014 (10 Members)



- Similar to the CVDP, 3 text files need to be set up for CVDP-LE to run:
 - driver.ncl script (sets options)
 - namelist (set paths of simulations)
 - namelist_obs (sets specific observations to be used)
- Software requirements: NCL, python and Image Magick.
- Analyzes monthly CESM/CMIP timeseries files.

driver.ncl

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outdir          = "/project/diagnostics/external/Multi-Case/CVDP-LE/Benchmark/" ; location of output files (must end in a "/")
                ; It is recommended that a new or empty directory be pointed to here
                ; as existing files in outdir can get removed.

namelists_only  = "False" ; Set to True to only create the variable namelists. Useful
                ; upon running the package for the first time to verify that the correct
                ; files are being selected by the package. (See files in namelist_byvar/ directory)
                ; Set to False to run the entire package.

obs             = "True" ; True = analyze and plot observations (specified in namelist_obs), False = do not.
create_graphics = "True" ; True = create graphics from calculation results, False = only perform calculations and create netCDF files.
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colormap        = 0 ; 0 = default colormaps, 1 = colormaps better for color blindness

output_type     = "png" ; png = create png files, ps = create ps files as well as png files (for web viewing).

png_scale       = 3.0 ; Set the output .png size. Value between .1->5. Any value > 1 (< 1) increases (decreases) png size.
                ; When output_type = "png" a value of 1 will result in a png sized 1500 (H) x 1500 (W) before automatic cropping of white space
                ; When output_type = "ps" a value of 1 will result in a png density setting of 144 before automatic cropping of white space

webpage_title   = "MMLEA 1950-2099" ; Set webpage title

tar_output      = "False" ; True = tar up all output in outdir and remove individual files, False = do not
                ; Note: ALL files in outdir will be tarred up and then removed from the outdir directory.
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;---Advanced Options-----
zp = "ncl_scripts/" ; directory path of CVDP NCL scripts. (must end in a "/")
                ; Examples: "ncl_scripts/" if all code is local, or on CGD or CISL systems: "~asphilli/CESM-diagnostics/CVDP-LE/Release/v1.0.0/ncl_scripts/"
                ; Regardless of this setting the following files should be in one directory: namelist, driver.ncl, and namelist_obs.
                ; If pointing to code in ~asphilli make sure the driver script version #s match between this script and the script in ~asphilli.

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namelist

ACCESS-ESM1-5	r1i1p1f1	/project/data/cmip6/historical/{Amon,SImon,Omon}/*/ACCESS-ESM1-5/r1i1p1f1/gn/	1900	2014	1-ACCESS-ESM1-5
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There are no restrictions on the number of models listed.
Ensemble sizes can be different, as can the analyzed years.

namelist

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CESM1-LENS	piControl	1201-1300		/project/mojave/cesm1/LENS/{atm,ice,ocn}/month_1*/b.e11.B1850C5CN.f09_g16.005*		1201		1300		2-CESM1
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The same simulation can be specified multiple times.

namelist_obs

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PSL | ERA20C_ERA5 | /project/cas/asphilli/ECMWF_reanalysis_comb/era20c_era5.mon.mean.msl.190001-201912.nc | 1920 | 2019
TREFHT | BEST | /project/cas/asphilli/DSETS/best.tas.185001-202003.nc | 1920 | 2019
PRECT | GPCC | /project/mojave/observations/OBS-PR/GPCC/gpcc.pr.10.comb_v2018v6mon.189101-201912.nc | 1920 | 2019
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aice_sh | NASA Bootstrap SH | /project/cas/asphilli/NSIDC/seaice_conc_monthly_sh_NASA_Bootstrap.nsidc.v03r01.197811-201702.nc | 1979 | 2016
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PSL | CERA20C_ERA5 | /project/cas/asphilli/ECMWF_reanalysis_comb/cera20c_era5.mon.mean.msl.190101-201912.nc | 1920 | 2019
TREFHT | GISTEMP | /project/mojave/observations/OBS-TAS/gistemp.tas.188001-202012.nc | 1920 | 2019
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aice_sh | NASA Bootstrap SH | /project/cas/asphilli/NSIDC/seaice_conc_monthly_sh_NASA_Bootstrap.nsidc.v03r01.197811-201702.nc | 1979 | 2016
MOC | CESM1 Forced Ocean Simulation | /project/yampa02/asphilli/cesm1/CESM1.1_DP1gens/g.e11_LENS.GEC0IAF.T62_g16.009.pop.h.MOC.194801-201512.nc | 1950 | 2015

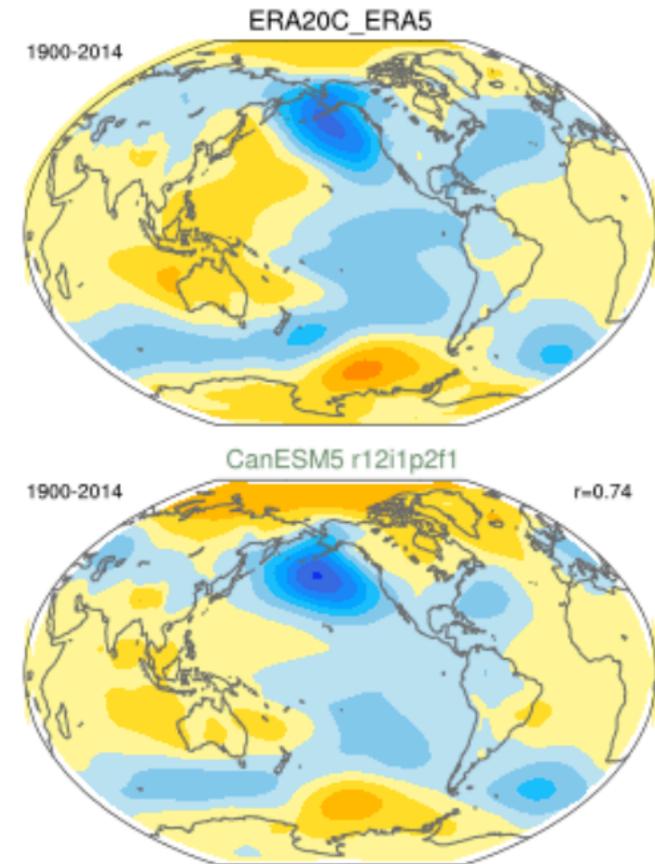
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There are no restrictions on the number of observations listed

- To submit the package: “ncl driver.ncl”
- Can be run on any machine that has NCL, Image Magick and python installed. Regularly run on NCAR-CGD/CISL processing machines.

SO Pattern (DJF)



Even if you do not wish to run the package, you can download comparison results via the website.

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Climate Variability Diagnostics Package for Large Ensembles (CVDP-LE)

The Climate Variability Diagnostics Package for Large Ensembles (CVDP-LE) developed by NCAR's [Climate Analysis Section](#) is an automated analysis tool and data repository for exploring internal and forced contributions to climate variability and change in coupled model "initial-condition" Large Ensembles and observations.

The package computes a wide range of modes of interannual-to-multidecadal variability in the atmosphere, ocean and cryosphere, as well as long-term trends and key indices of global and regional climate. Diagnostics include the ensemble-mean (i.e., forced response) and ensemble-spread (i.e., internal variability) of each model, as well as quantitative metrics comparing the models to observations. All diagnostics and metrics are saved to a data repository for later use and analysis.

The CVDP-LE [User's Guide](#) provides general background on initial-condition Large Ensembles, detailed documentation of all diagnostics and metrics in the package, and guidance on interpreting the results. Instructions for downloading and running the CVDP-LE are provided on the [Code page](#) and [readme file](#), respectively.

The CVDP-LE can be applied to any suite of [observational data](#), model simulations and time periods specified by the user. A few examples of CVDP-LE applications to the [Multi-Model Large Ensemble Archive](#) and the CMIP6 archive are linked below; additional comparisons are in the [Data Repository](#).

- [MMLEA 1950-2018](#)
- [MMLEA 2019-2099](#)
- [CMIP6 Historical 1900-2014](#)

When presenting results from the CVDP-LE in either oral or written form, please cite:

Phillips, A. S., C. Deser, J Fasullo, D. P. Schneider and I. R. Simpson, 2020: Assessing Climate Variability and Change in Model Large Ensembles: A User's Guide to the "Climate Variability Diagnostics Package for Large Ensembles". doi:10.5065/h7c7-f961

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The CVDP-LE Data Repository holds CVDP-LE output (graphics and data files) from numerous CMIP and CESM integrations. To access the output, simply select *Images* or *Data* for the desired model intercomparison listed in the Table below. The data are stored as tar files: within each tar file there are multiple netCDF files corresponding to each component member included in the comparison. Examples of the netCDF file metadata are provided here for [Individual Members](#) and [Ensemble Means](#).

The [CVCWG](#) freely distributes these results for non-commercial purposes and is not responsible for errors in the data or within the CVDP-LE. Use the distributed data at your own risk. Note that not all output fields may be relevant for a particular set of model simulations. For example, modes of decadal variability are not meaningful if the period of record is too short.

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CVDP-LE v1.0.0 was used to create the comparisons shown below.

CESM/CMIP6 Comparisons

MMLEA 1950-2018	Images	Data	CMIP6 Historical 1900-2014	Images	Data
MMLEA 1950-2000	Images	Data	CESM1/CESM2 Control	Images	Data
MMLEA 2019-2099	Images	Data			

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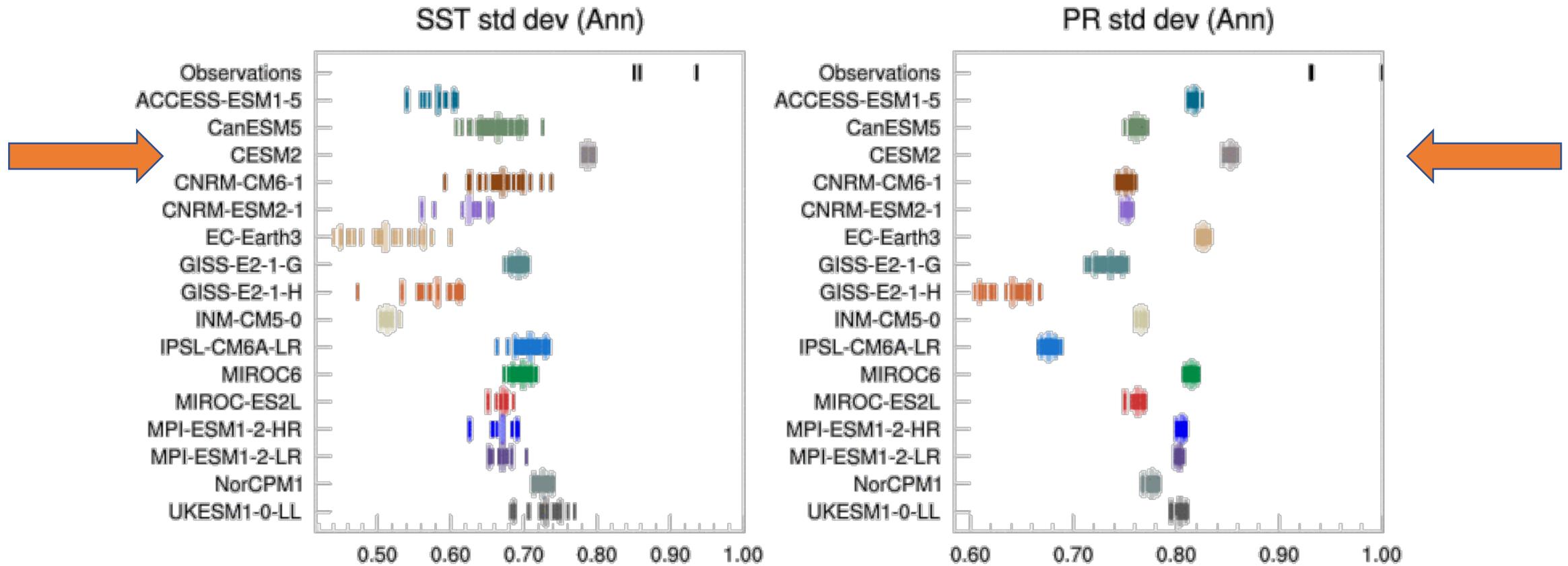
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CMIP6 Historical Comparison, 1900-2014
Ensemble Metrics (subset)

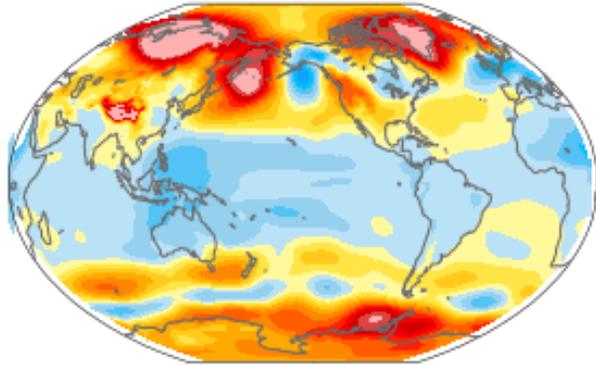
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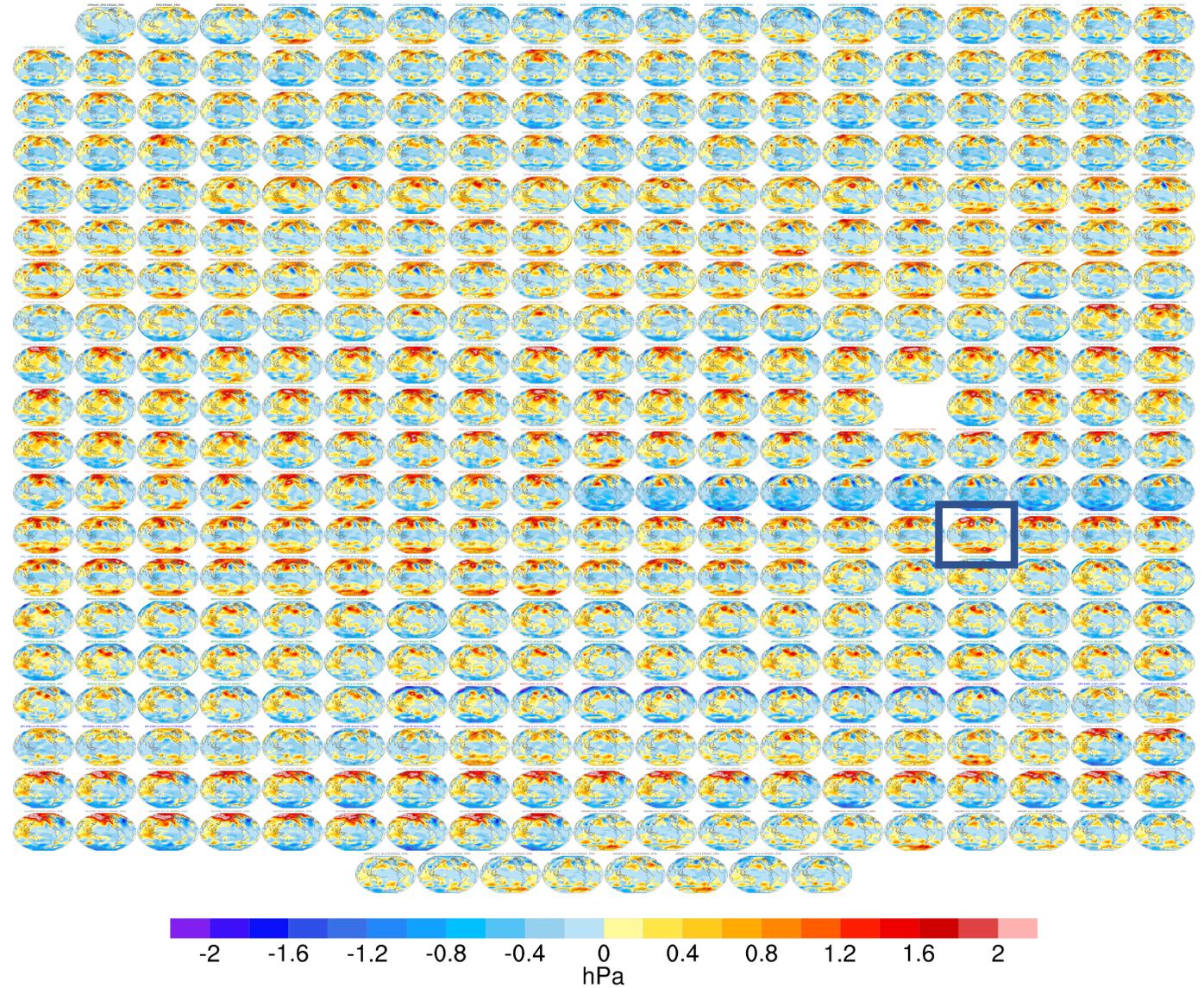
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CMIP6 Historical Comparison, 1900-2014 Individual Members View

IPSL-CM6A-LR r24i1p1f1-ERA20C ERAI

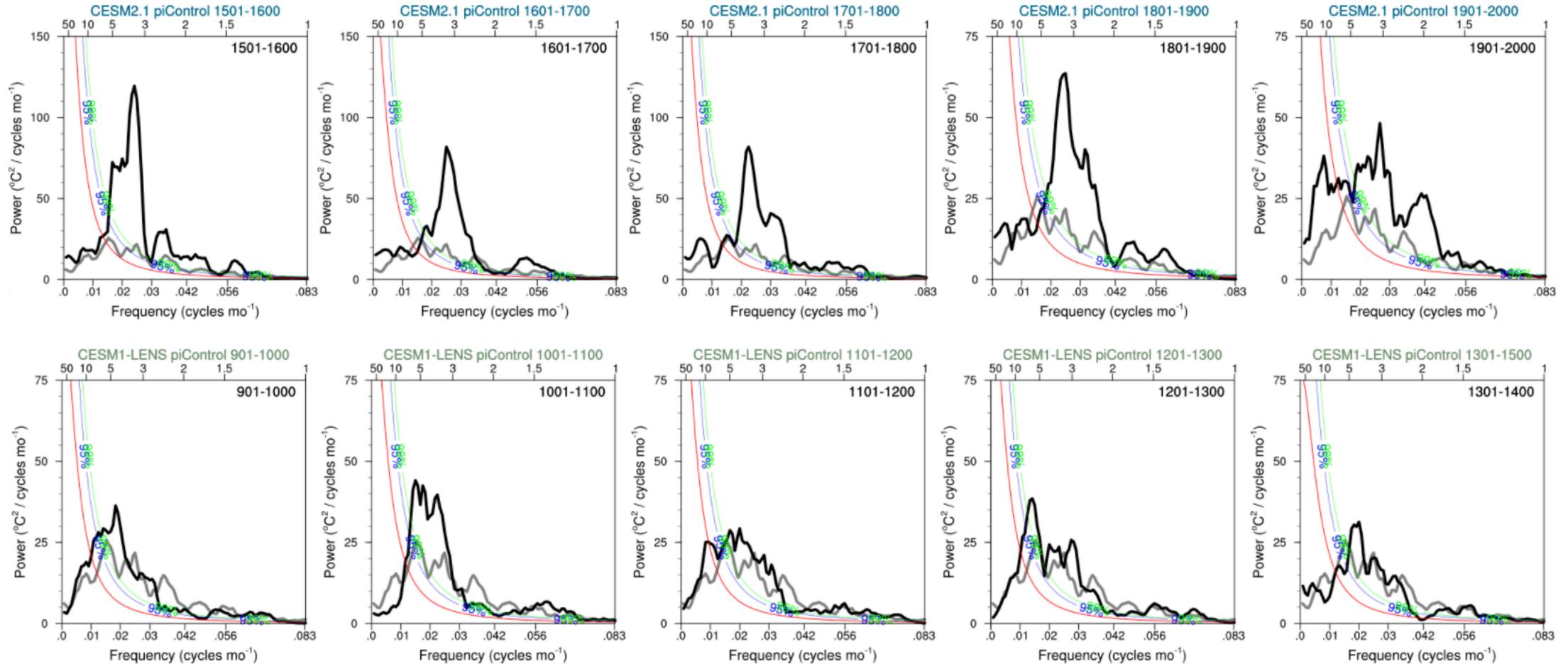


PSL Standard Deviations Differences (DJF)



Ensemble Summary: Niño3.4 SST Power Spectra (Monthly)

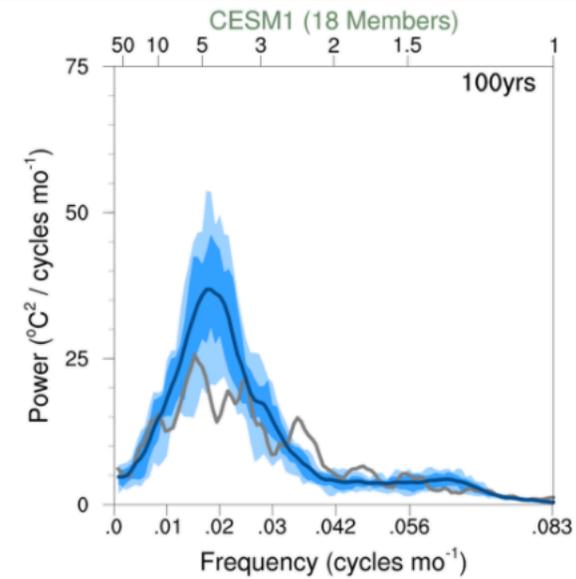
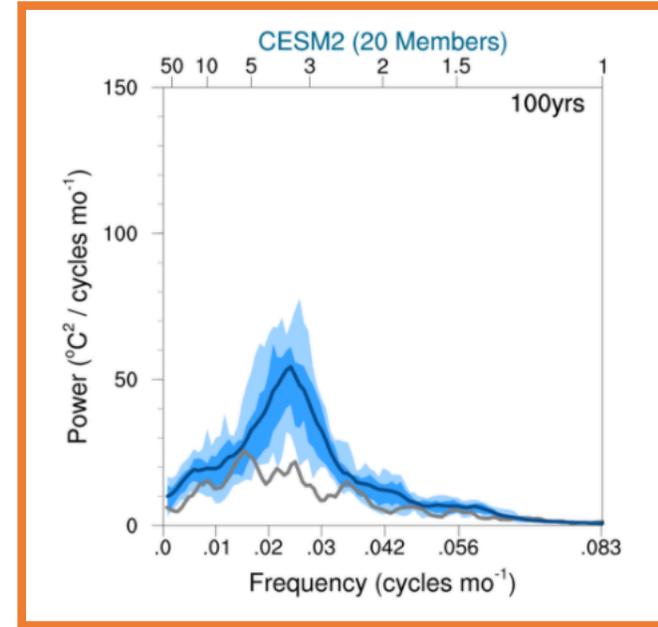
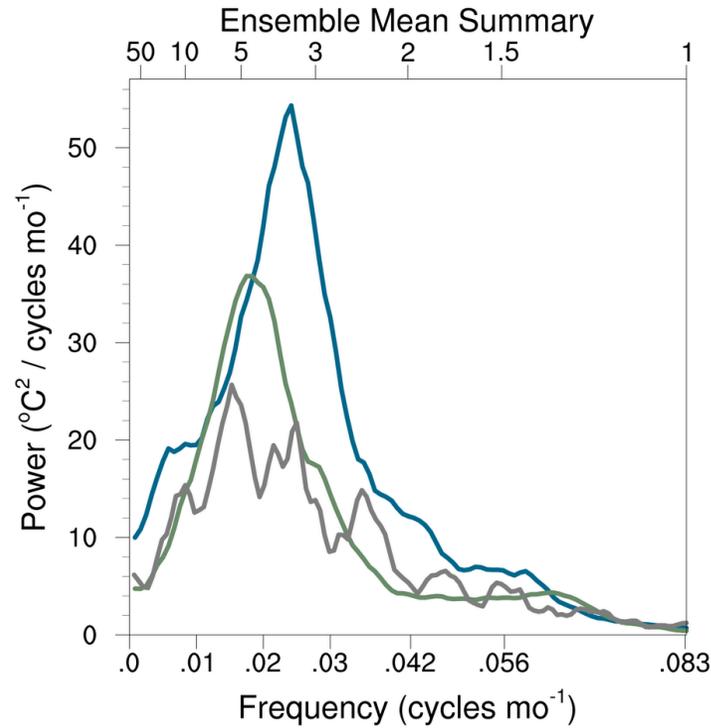
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CEM2/CEM1 piControl
100yr Slice Comparison
Individual Members View

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100yr Slice Comparison
Ensemble Summary View



CVDP-LE now available for use on NCAR CGD or CISL machines

CGD: /home/asphilli/CESM-diagnostics/CVDP-LE/Release/v1.0.0

CISL: /glade/u/home/asphilli/CESM-diagnostics/CVDP-LE/Release/v1.0.0

Code will be available on github by the end of this week.

<https://github.com/NCAR/CVDP-LE>

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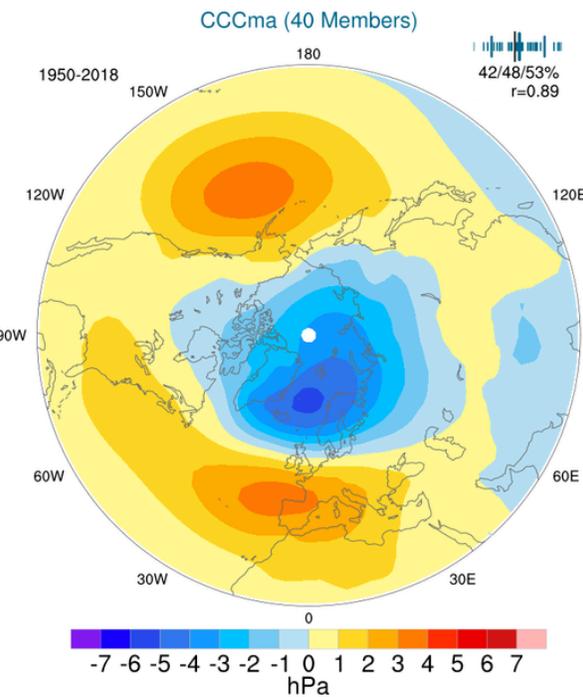
- 1) Spatial patterns
2) Time series & derived quantities



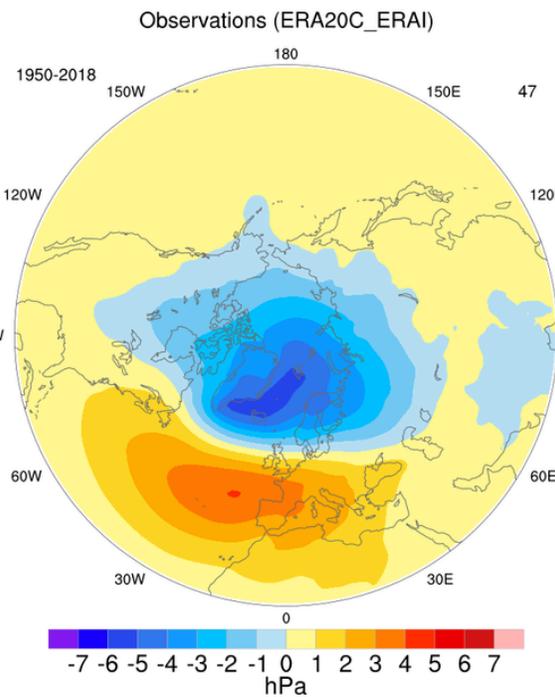
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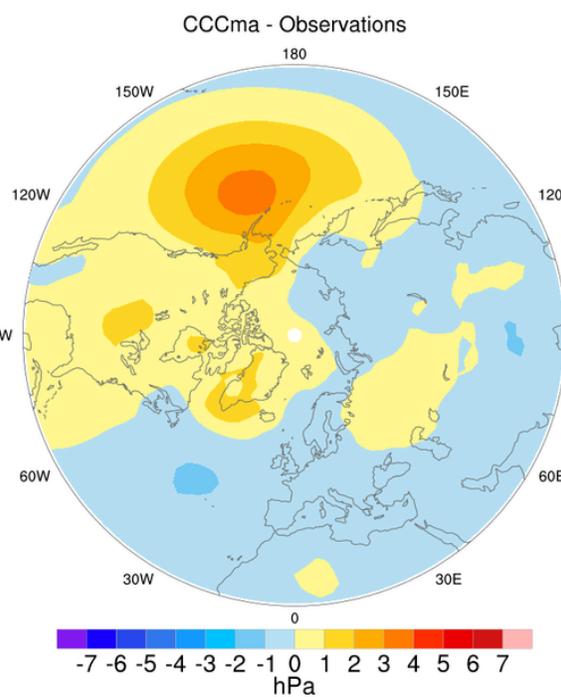
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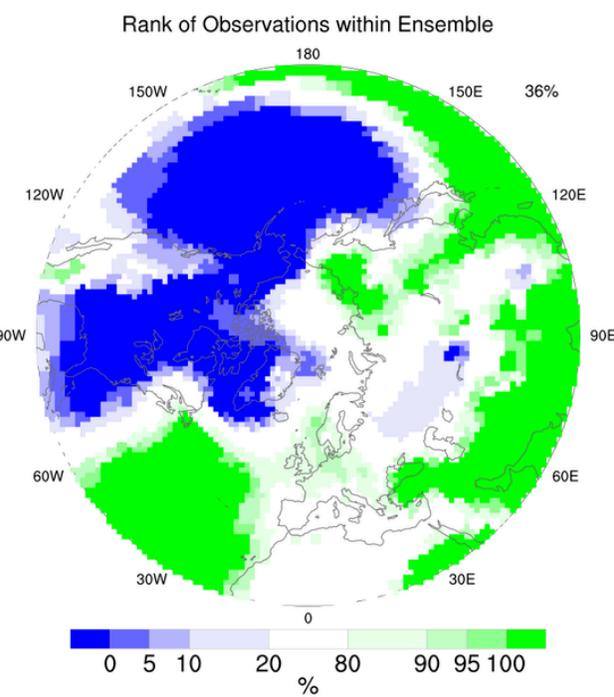
Observations



Difference

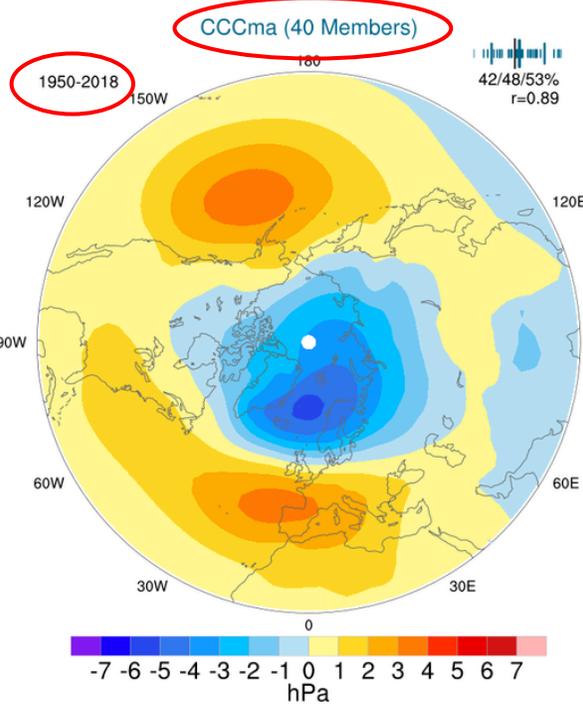


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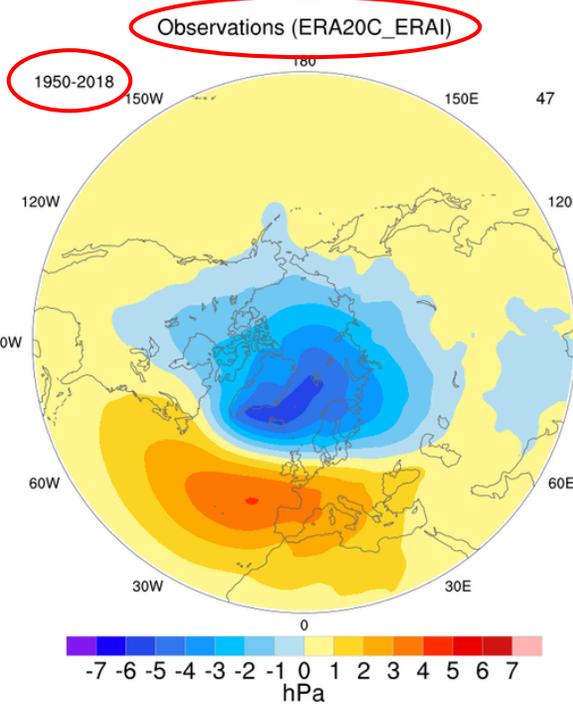


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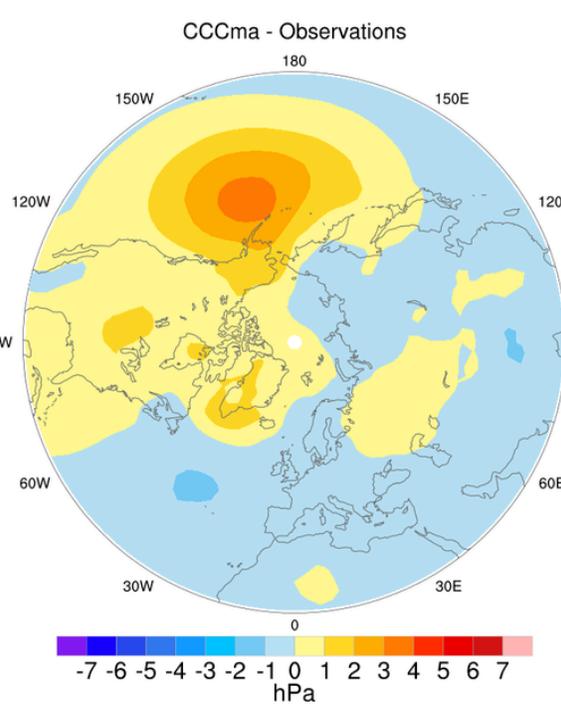
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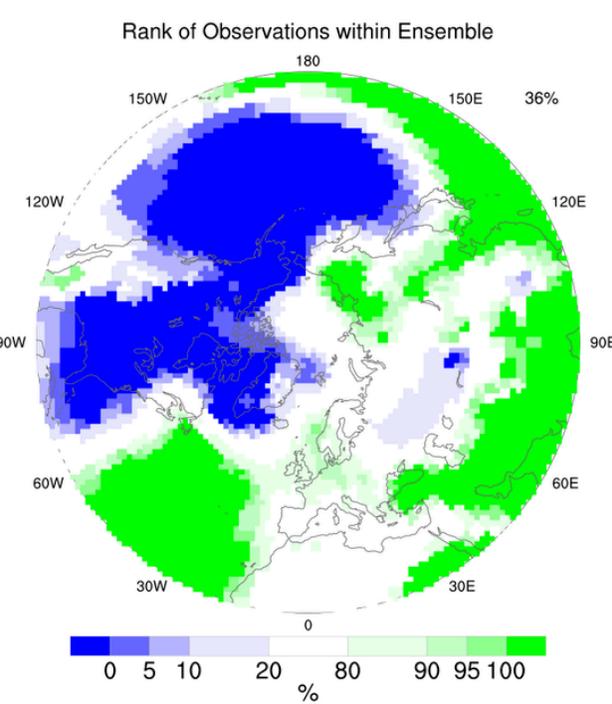
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Difference



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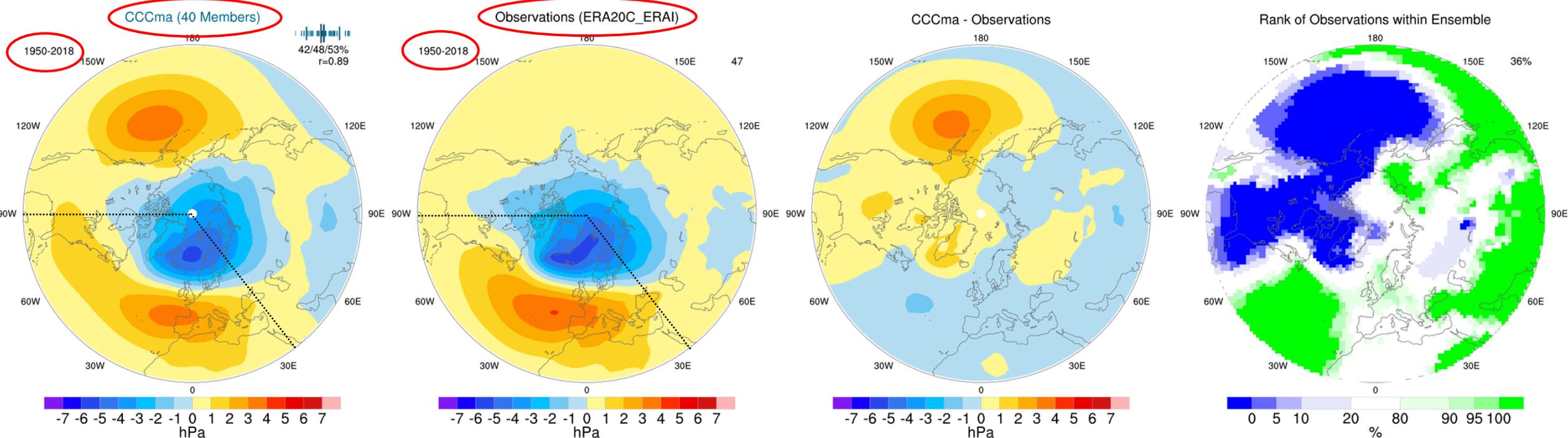
Ensemble Summary: NAO Pattern (DJF)

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NAO = EOF1 SLP (20-80N, 90W-40E) *Hurrell and Deser (2009)*

Calculated for each ensemble member, then averaged.

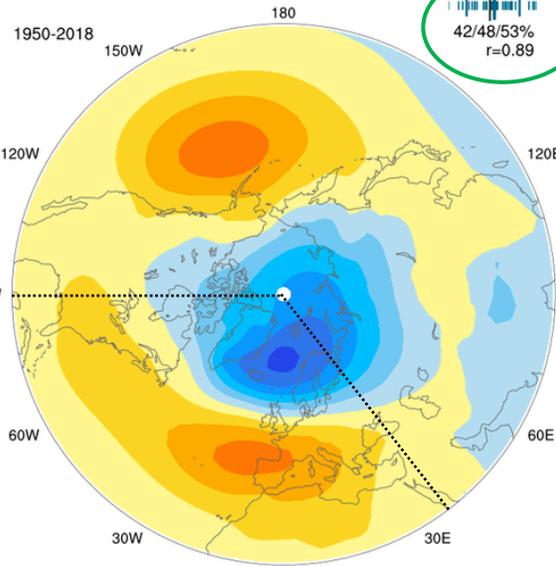
All graphics, data and metrics saved to a repository.

Distribution of % variance explained
(10th/50th/90th percentiles)

Summary: NAO Pattern (DJF)

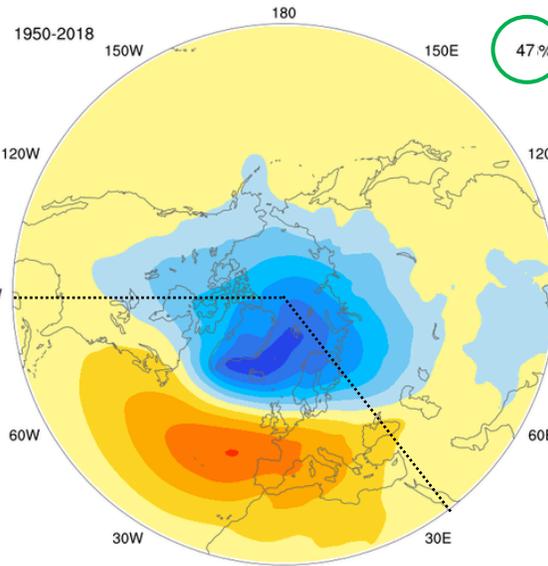
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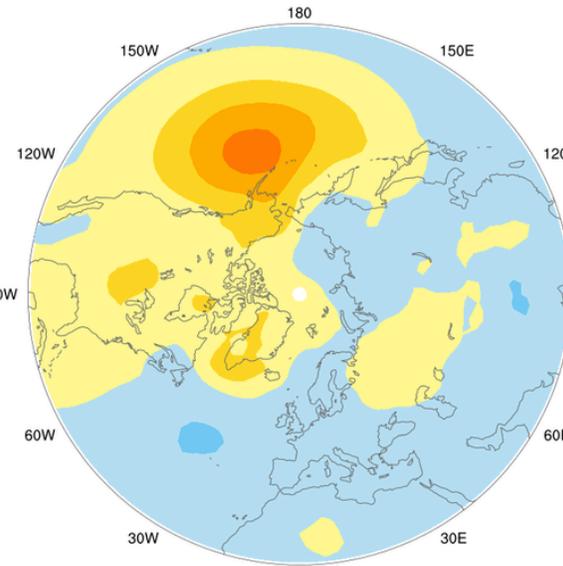
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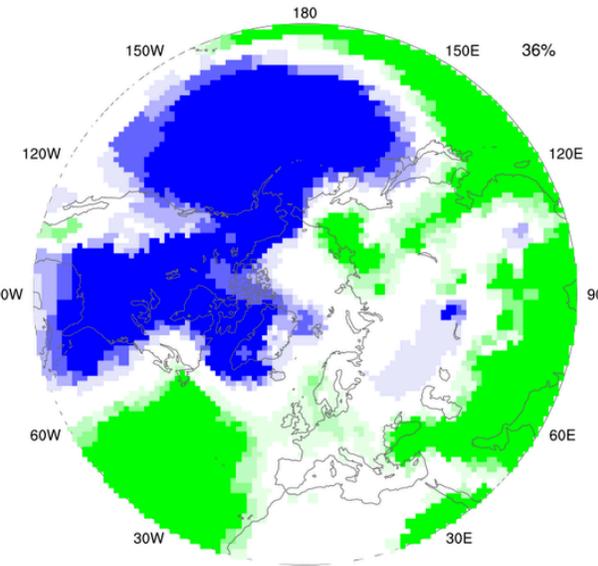
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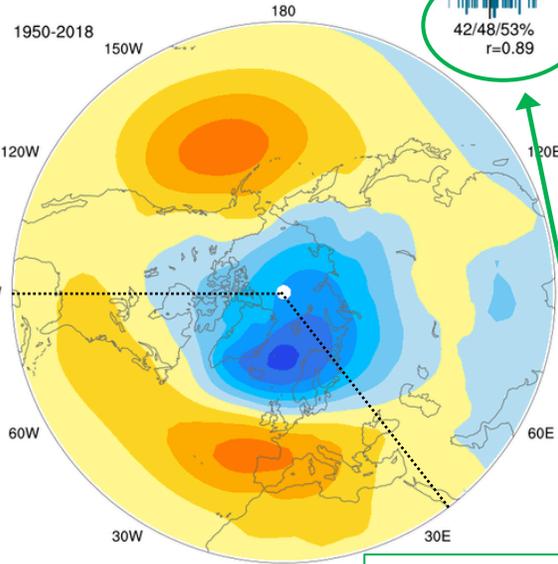
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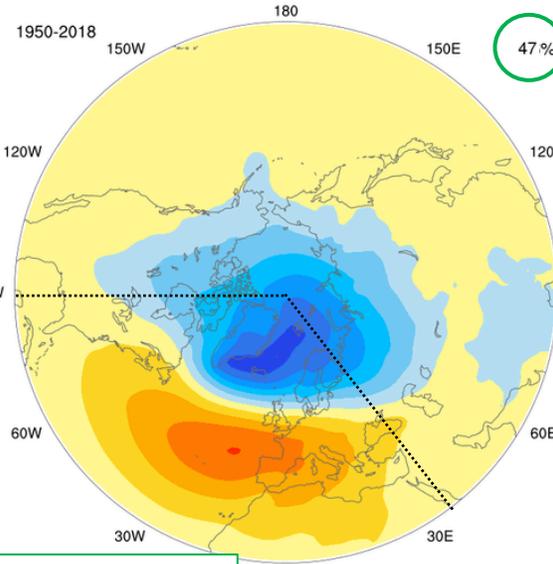
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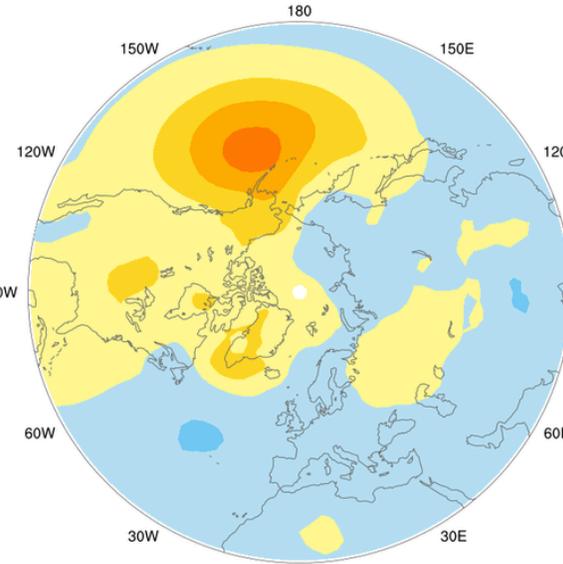


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Pattern correlation
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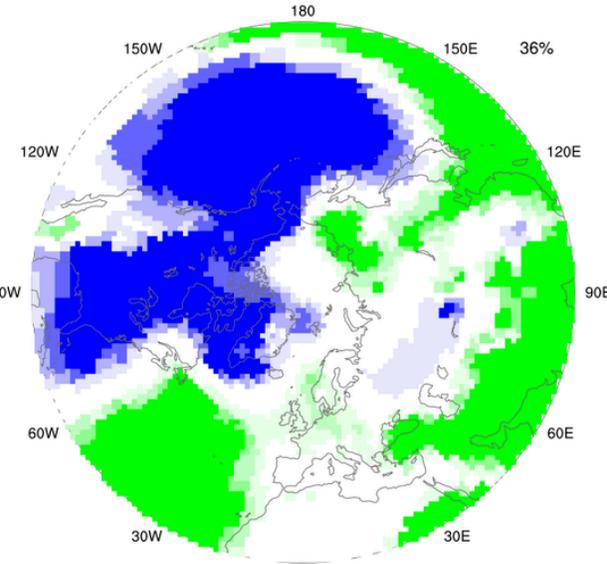
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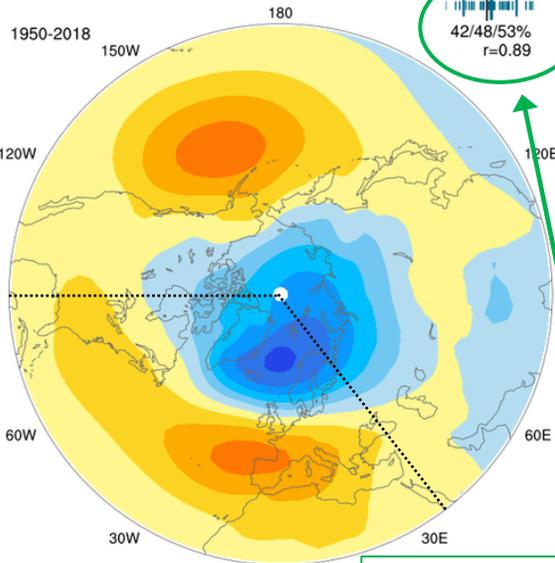
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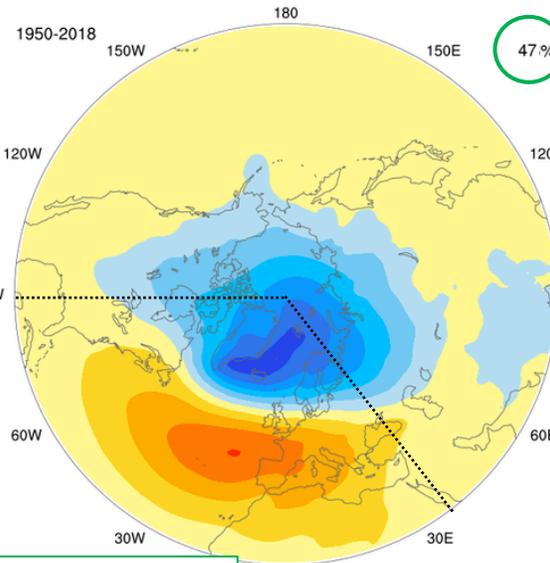
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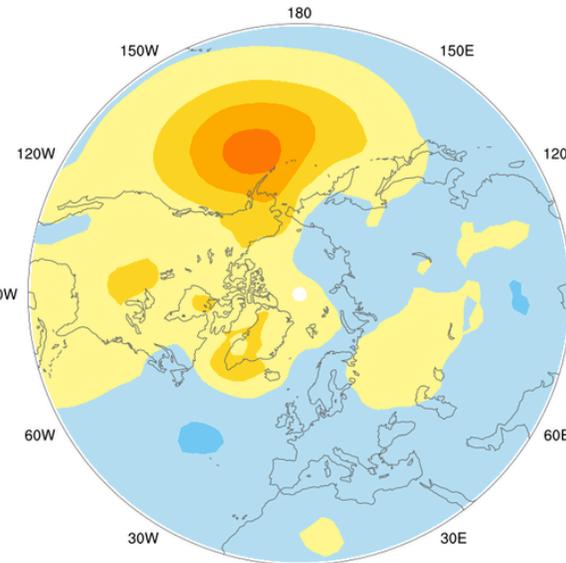
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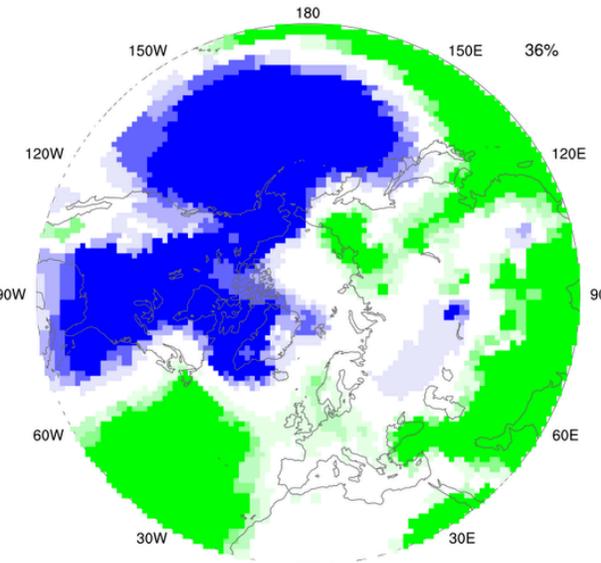
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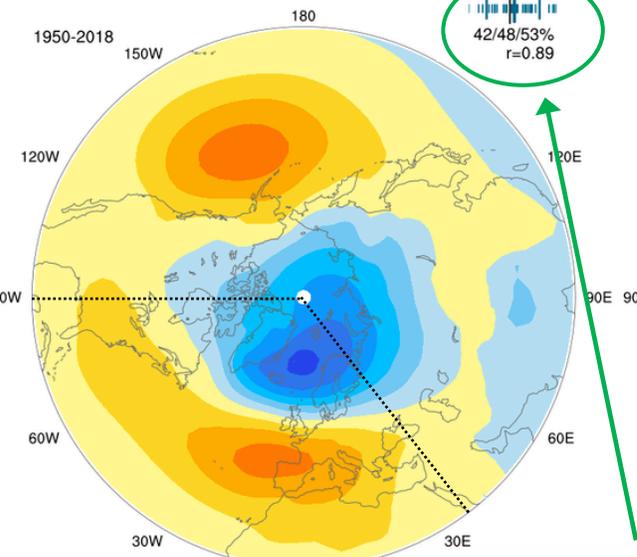
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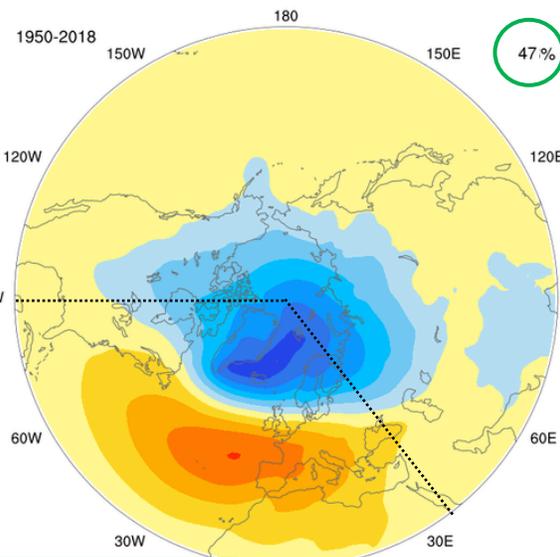
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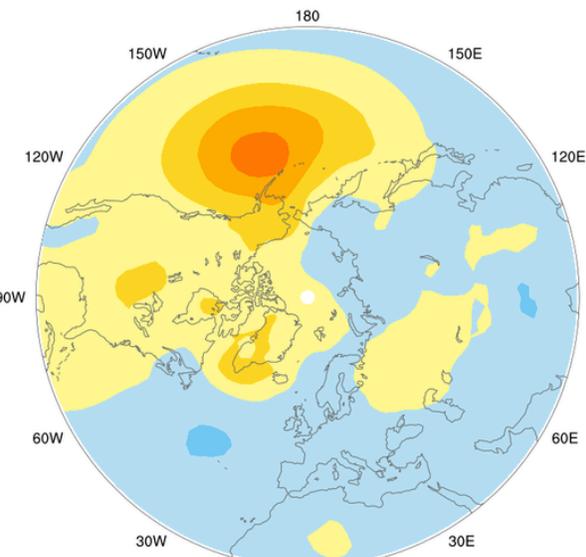
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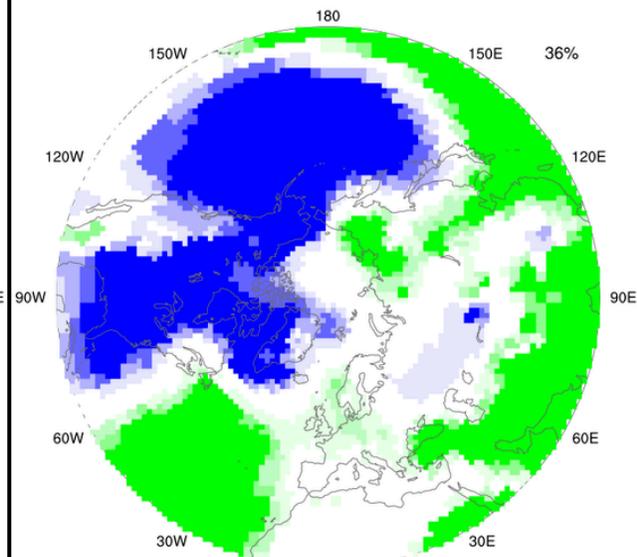
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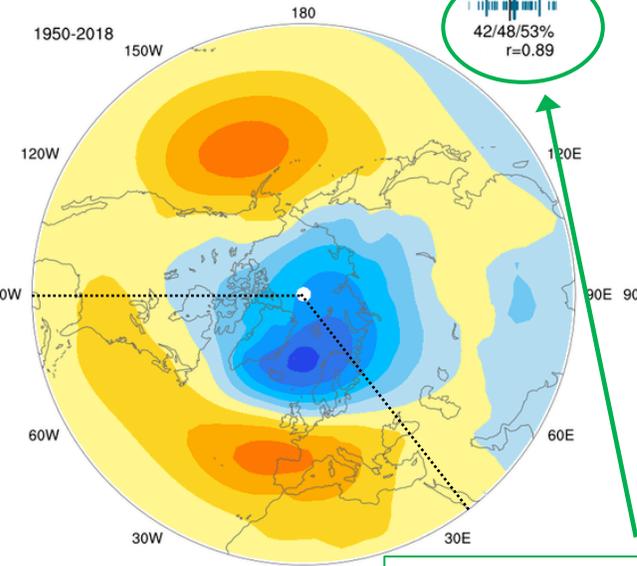
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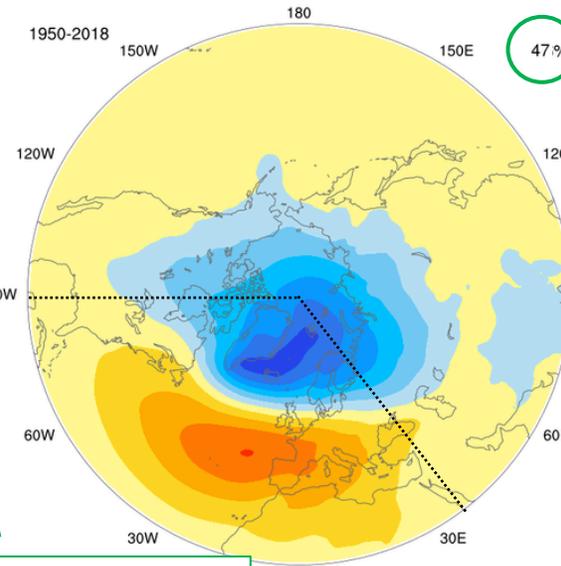
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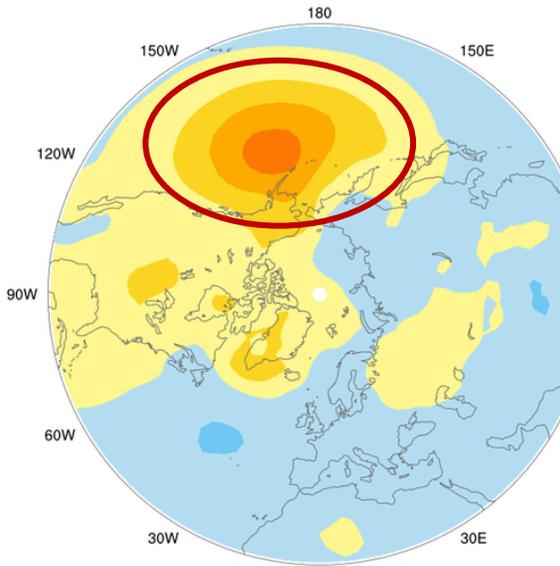
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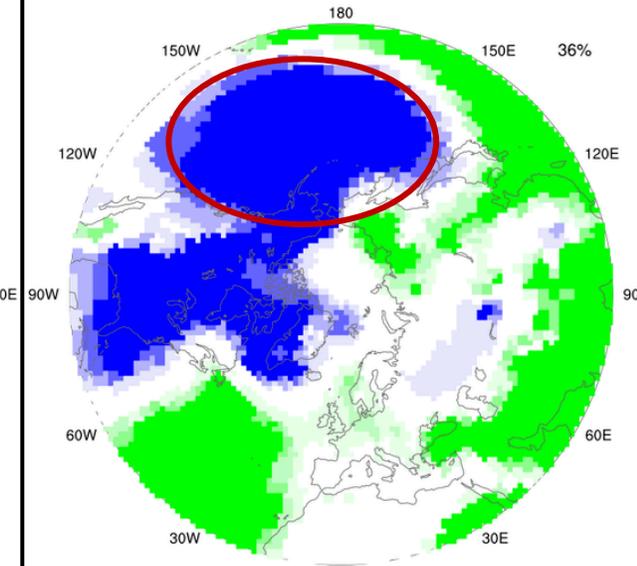
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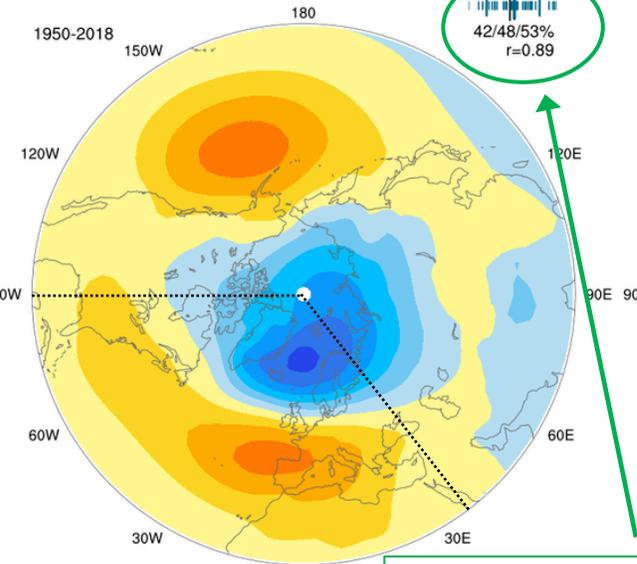
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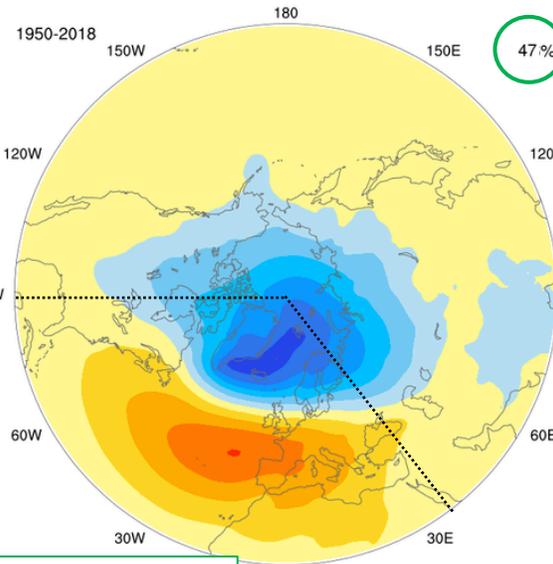
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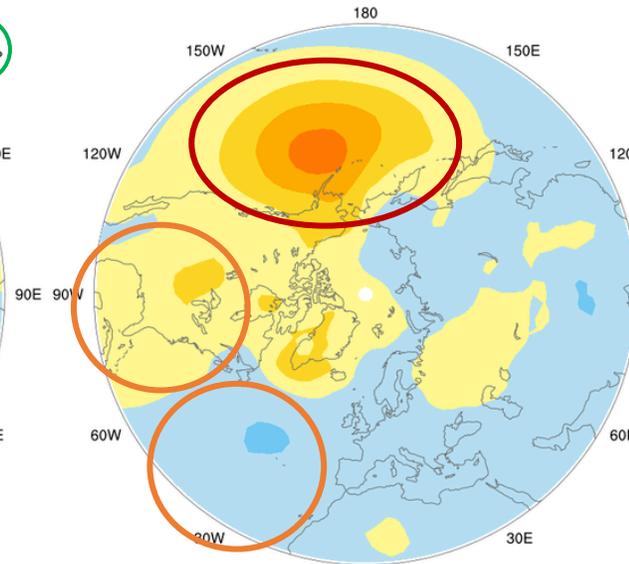
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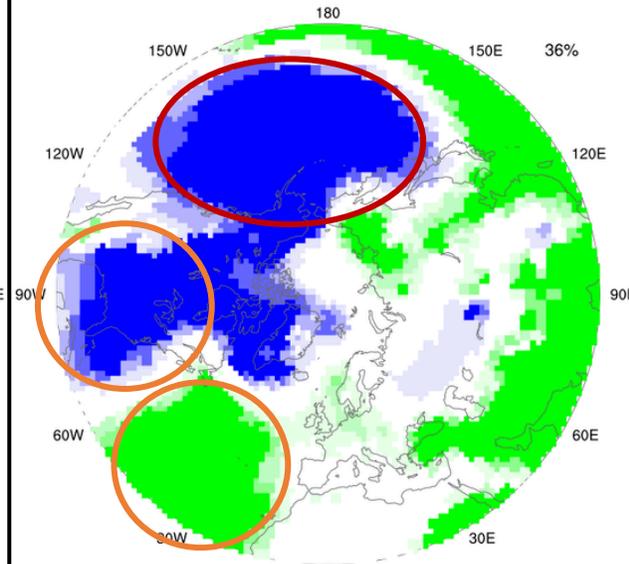
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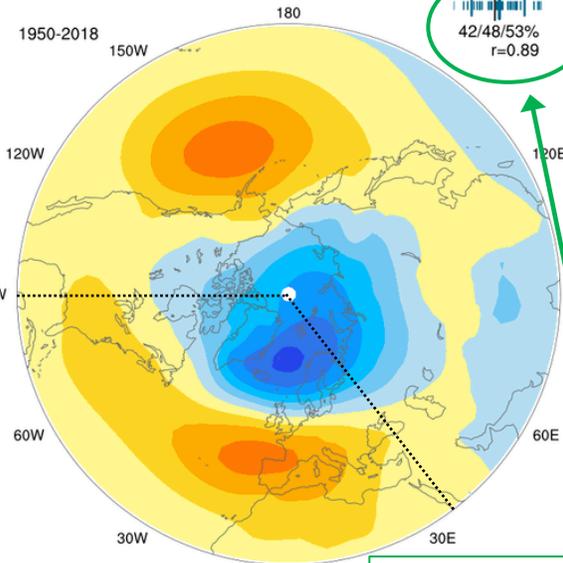
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10-90th %
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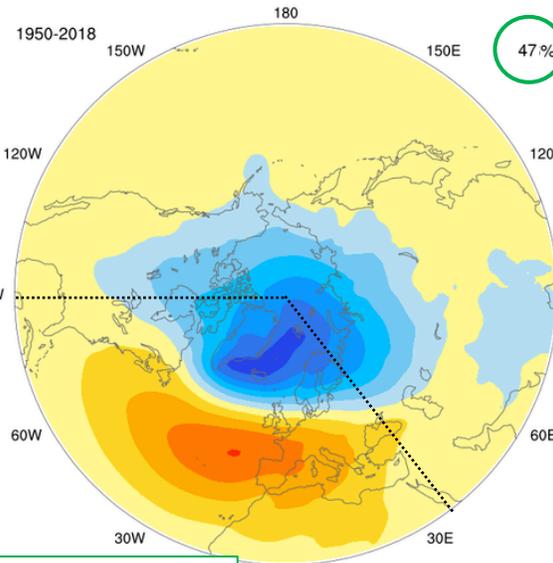
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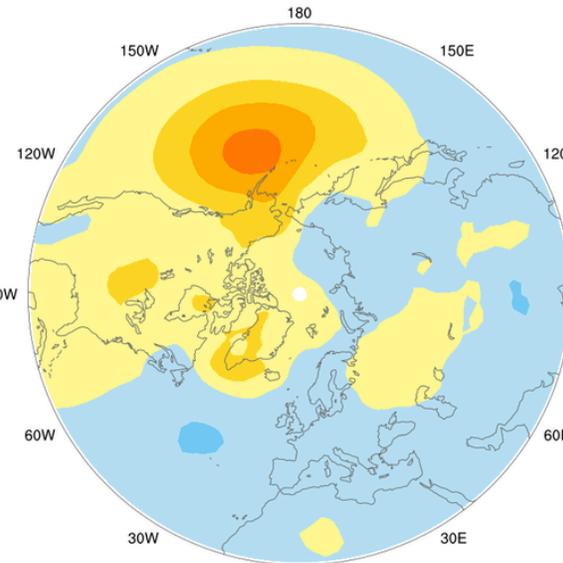
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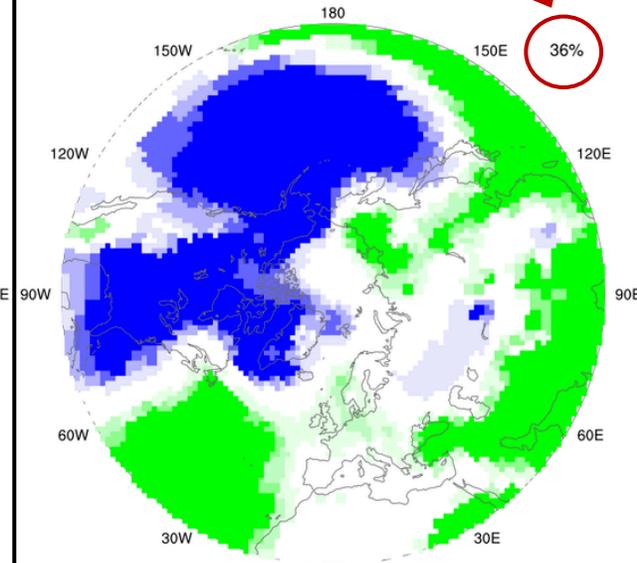
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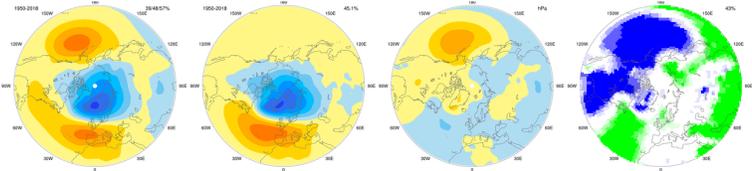
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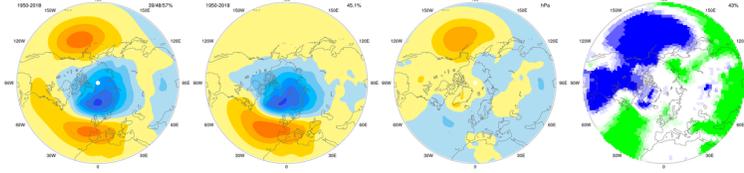
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(40 members)



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Ensemble Summary: NAO Pattern (DJF)

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CSIRO
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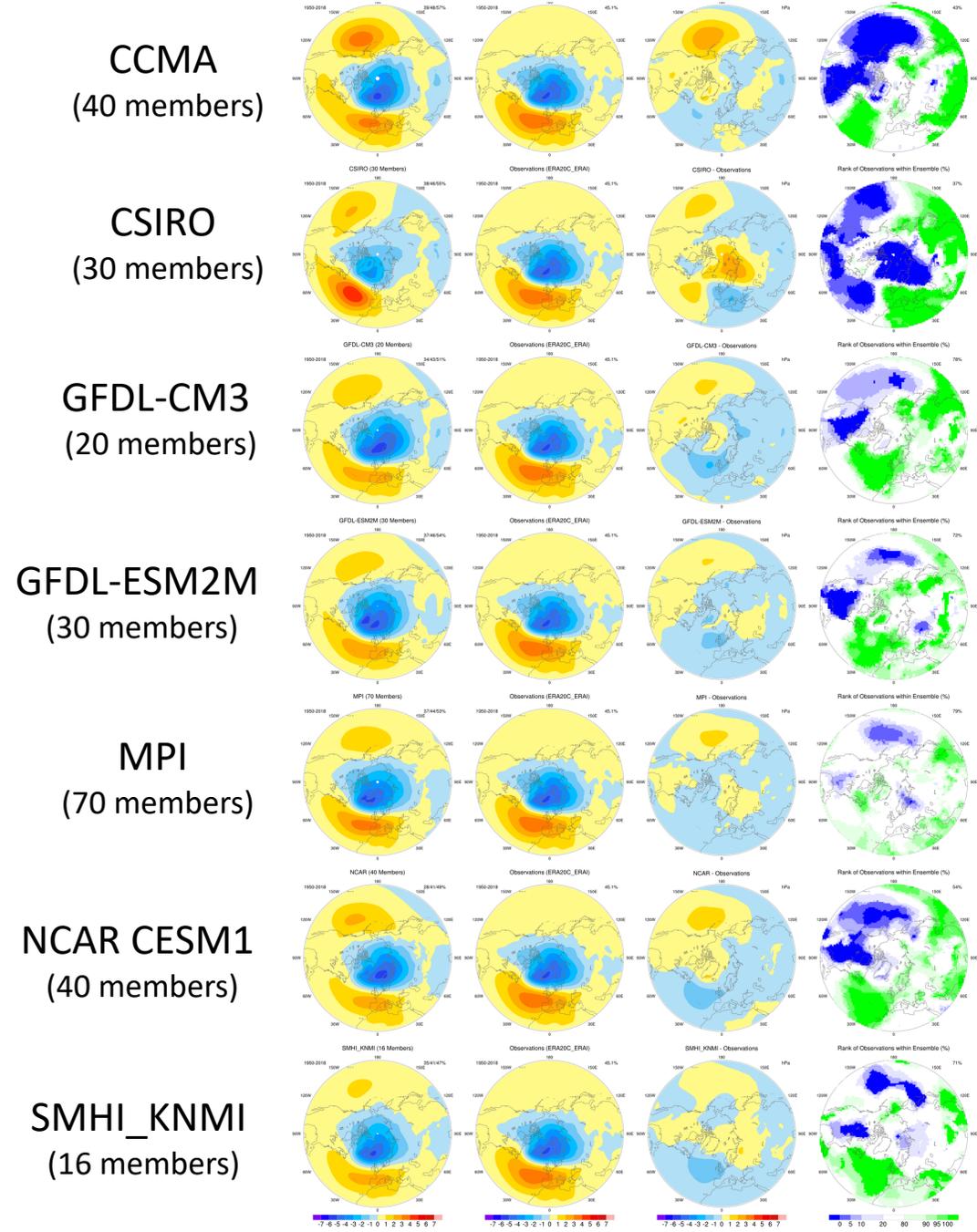
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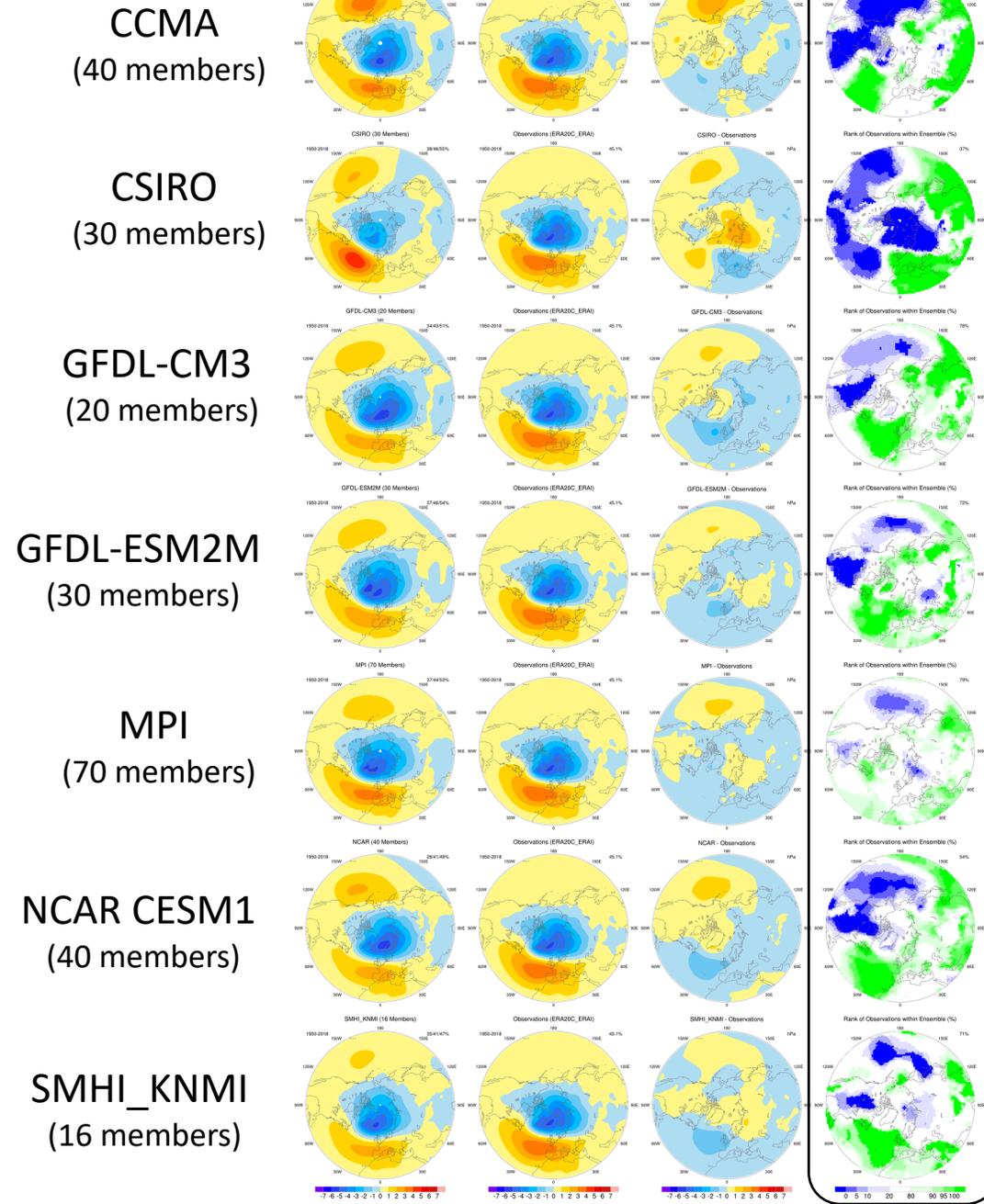
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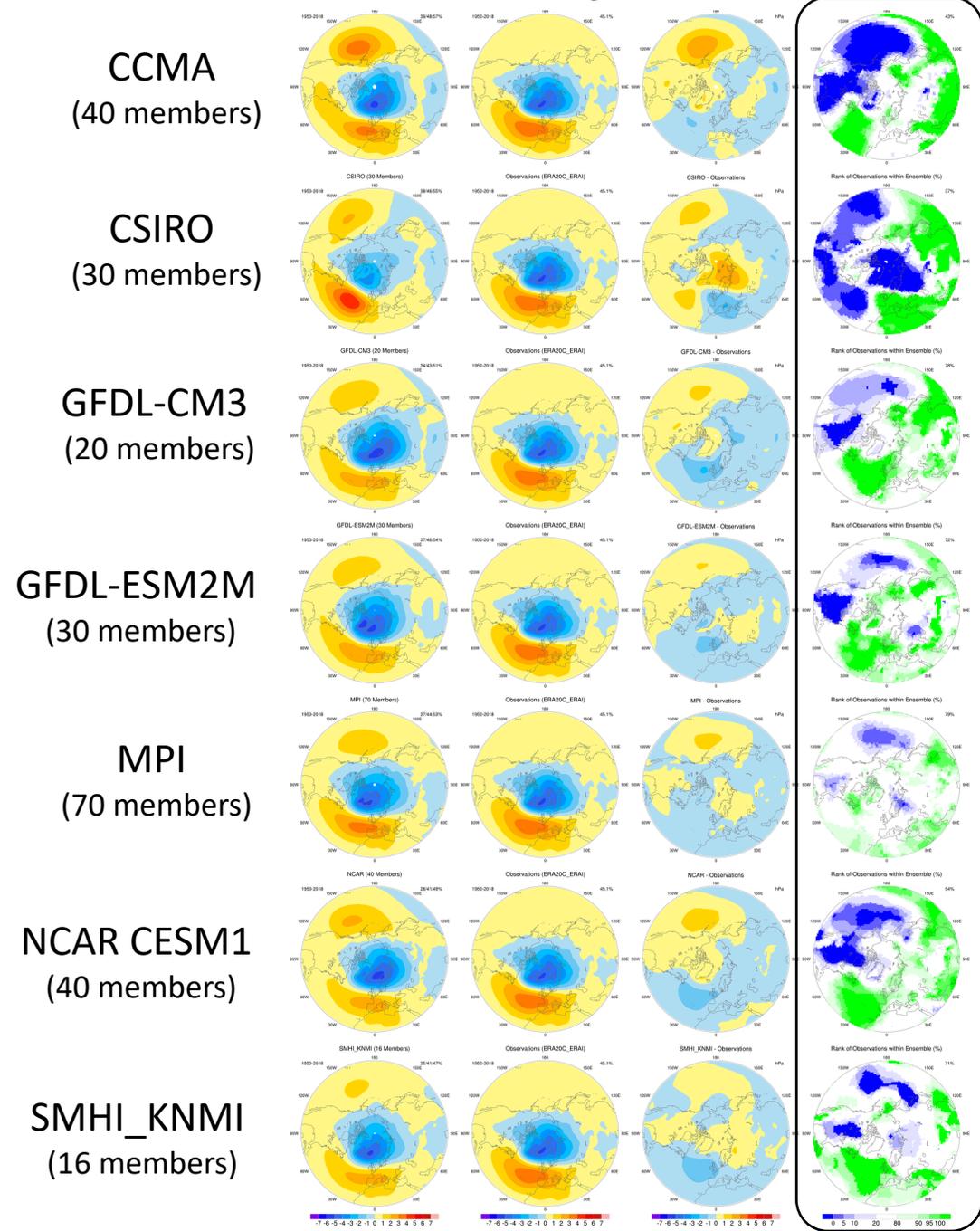


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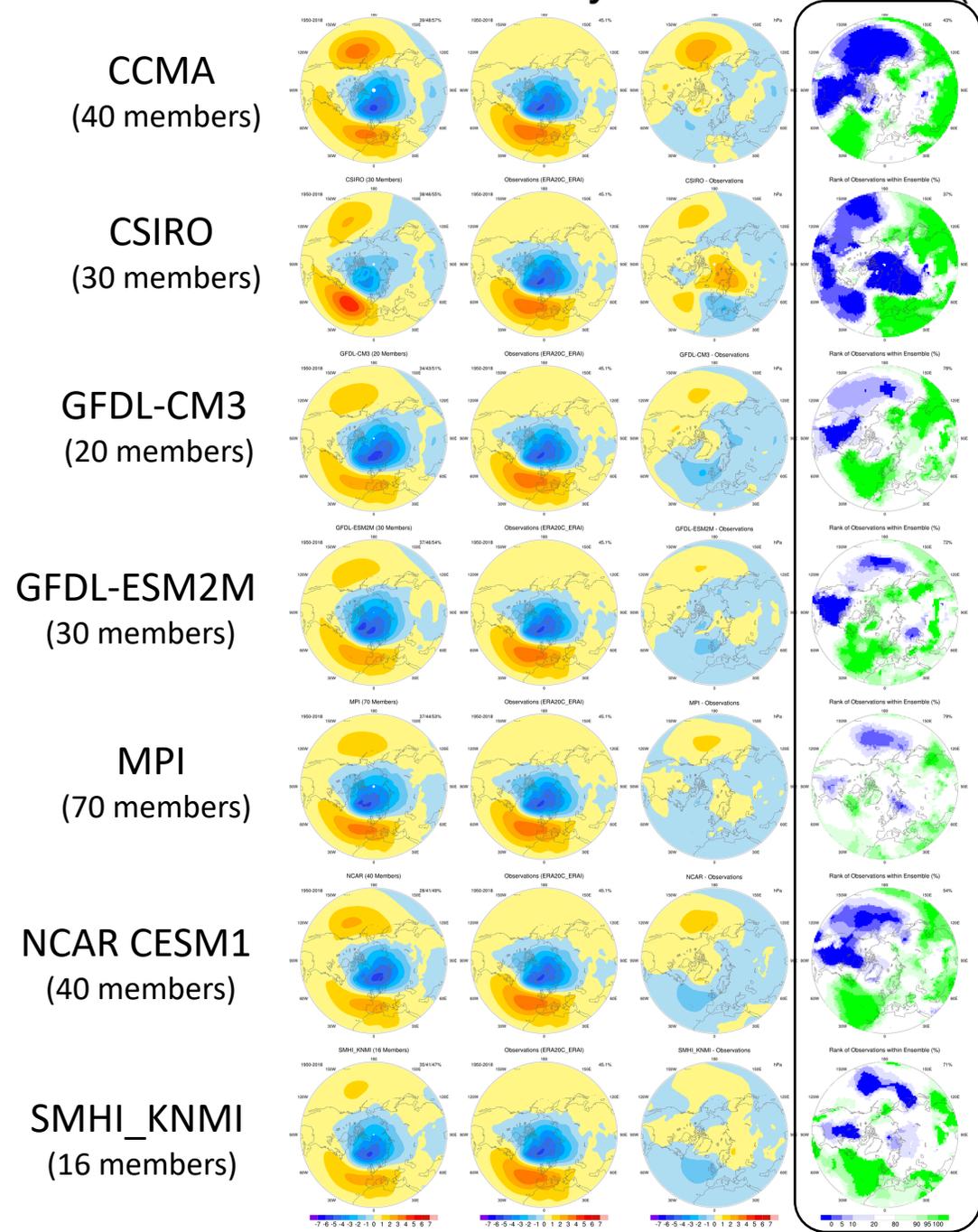
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*But need to check that
amplitude of internal variability
is realistic (compare σ maps).*

Diagnostics Overview

Individual
Members

Ensemble
Summary

Metrics

- 1) Spatial patterns
2) Time series & derived quantities



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Global mean Air Temperature

Ensemble Summary: TAS Global Average (ANN)

Observations (BEST) 1950-2018, Linear trend = $0.9\text{C } 69\text{yr}^{-1}$

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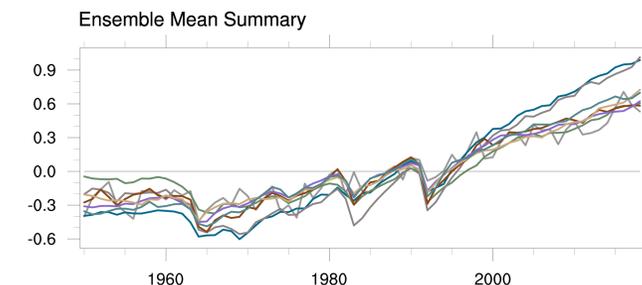
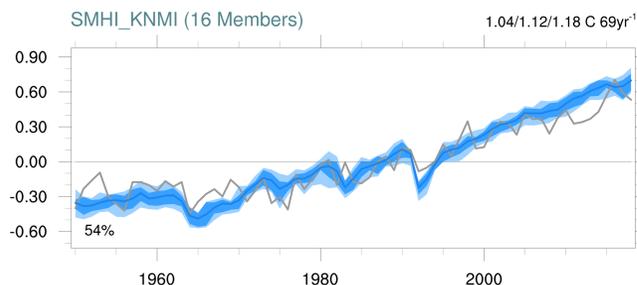
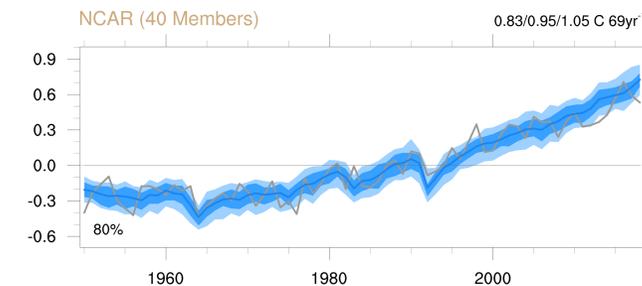
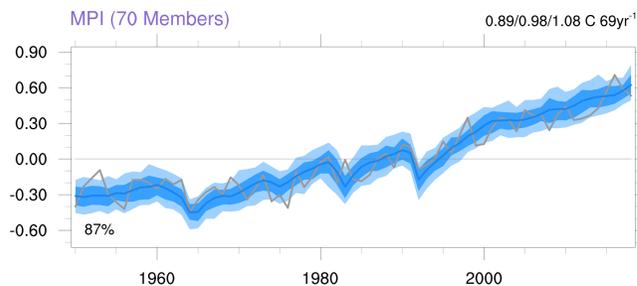
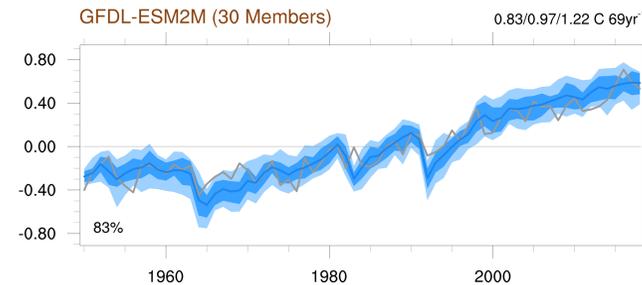
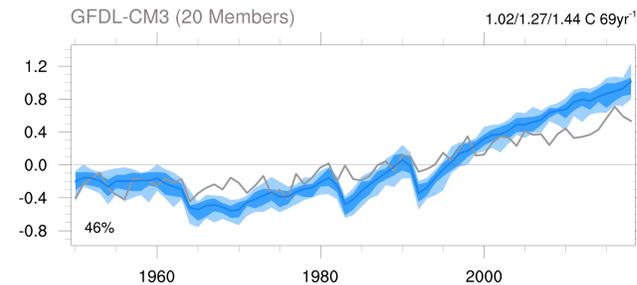
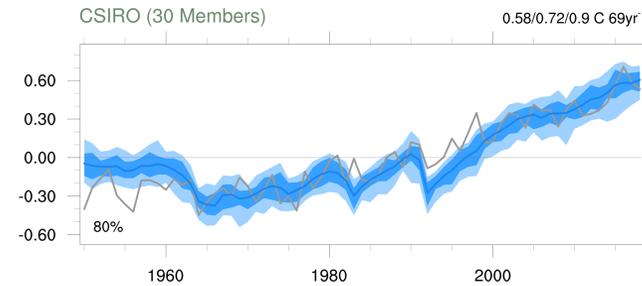
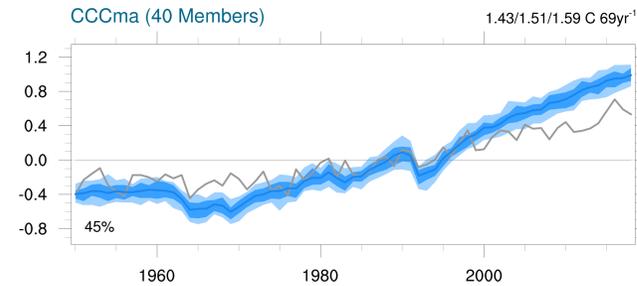
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Ensemble Spread

25-75%



10-90%



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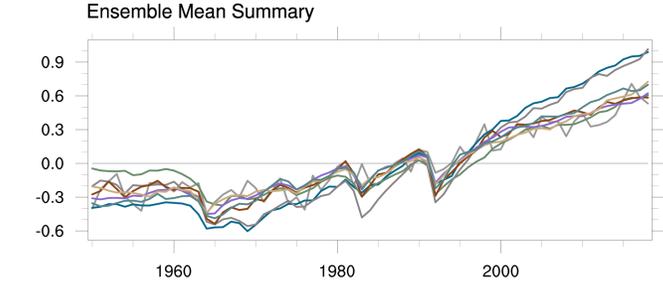
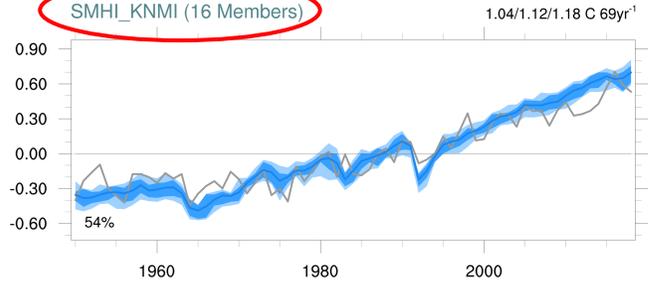
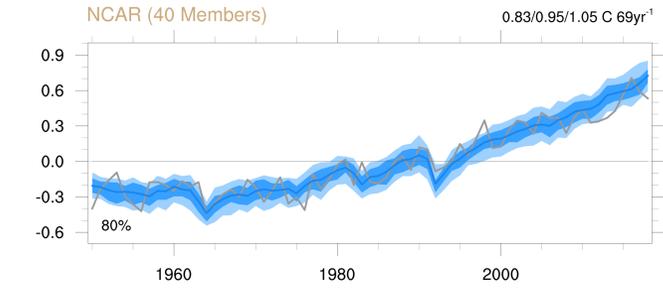
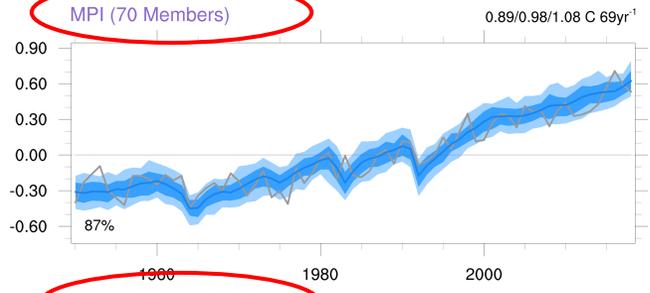
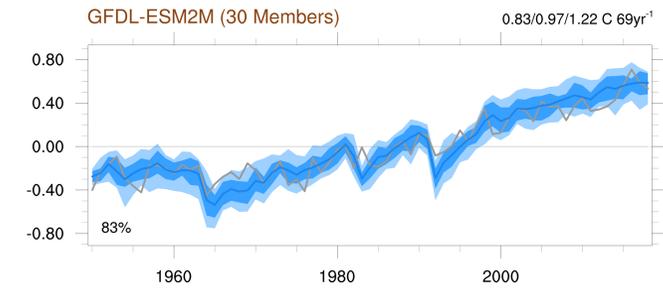
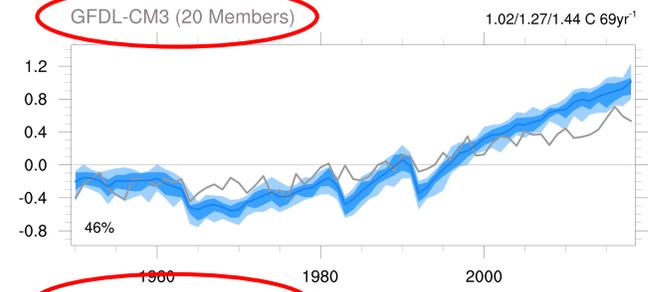
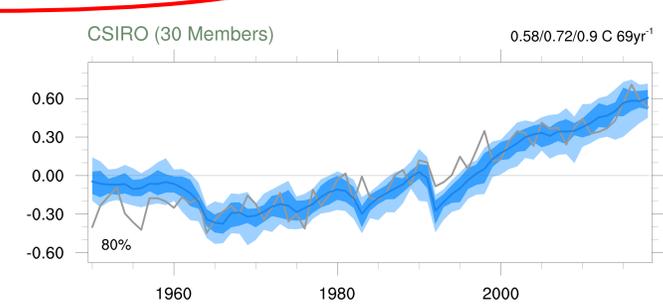
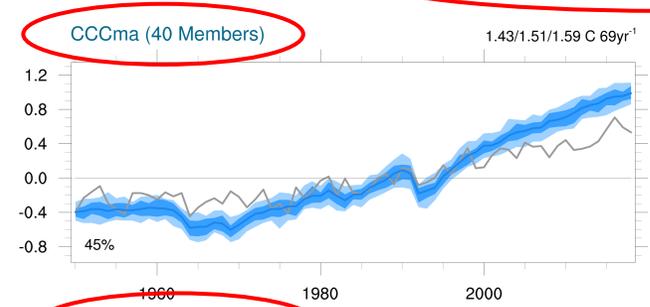
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Global mean Air Temperature

Distribution of trend values (10th/50th/90th percentiles).

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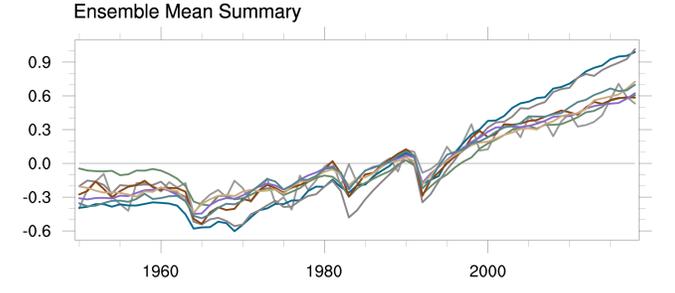
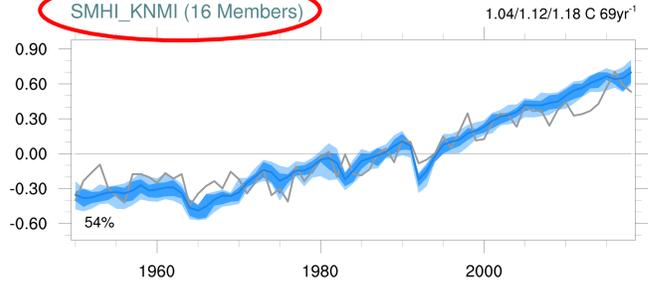
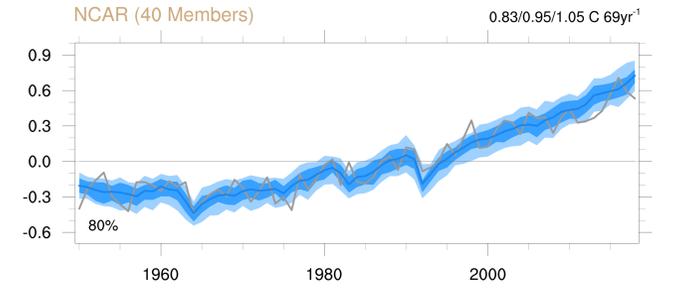
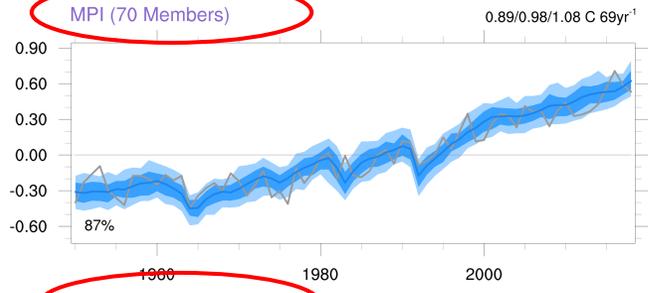
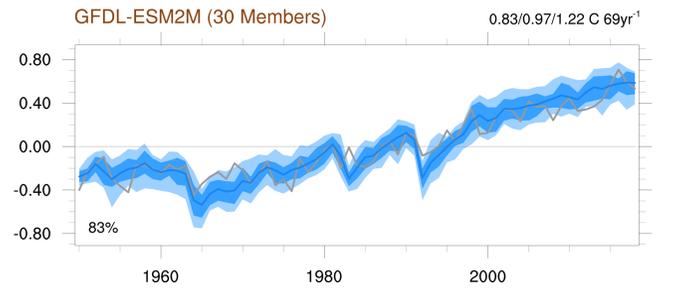
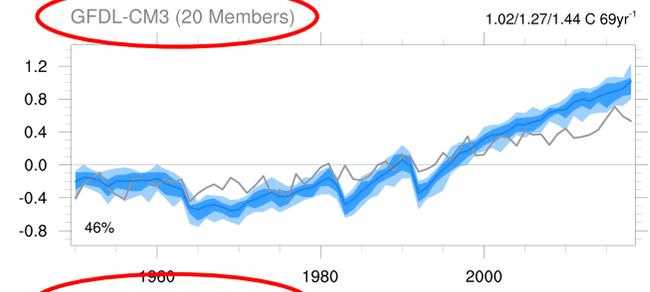
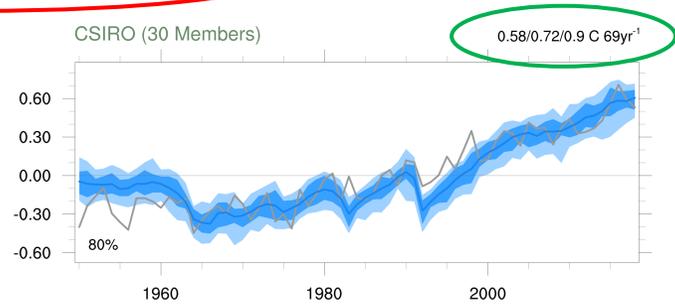
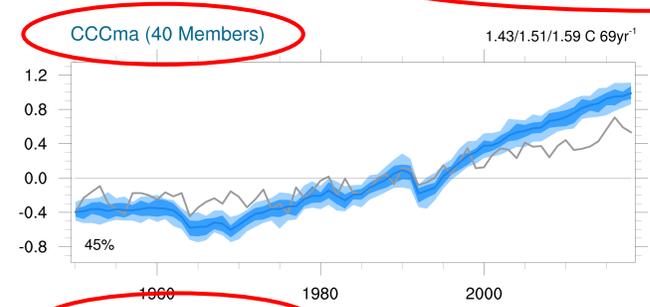
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Global mean Air Temperature

Ensemble Summary: ~~TAS~~ Global Average (ANN)

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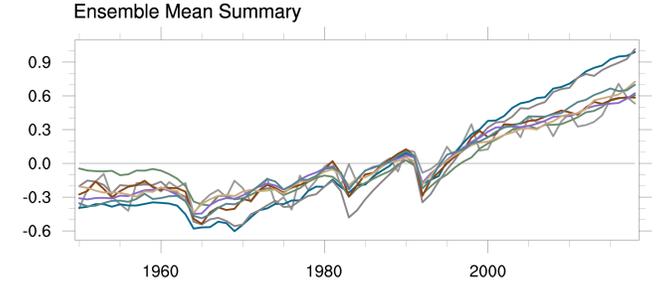
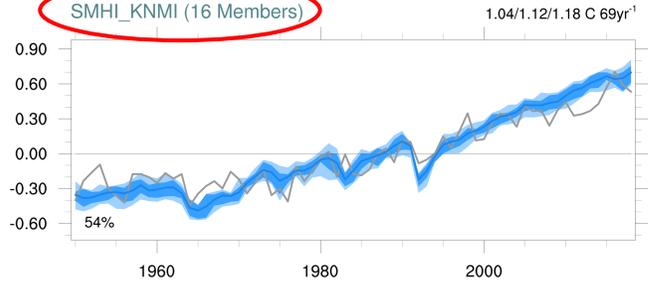
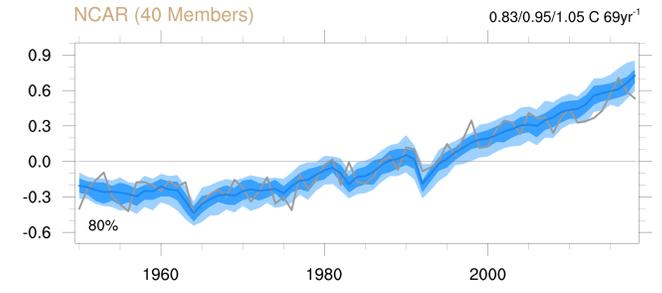
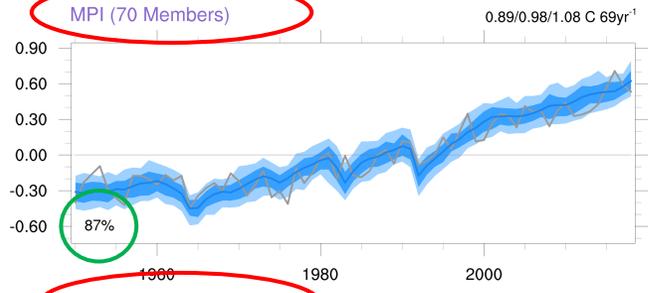
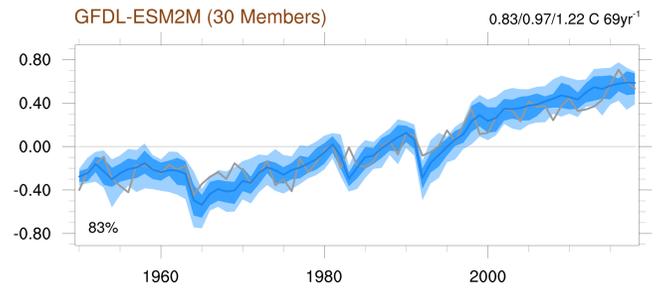
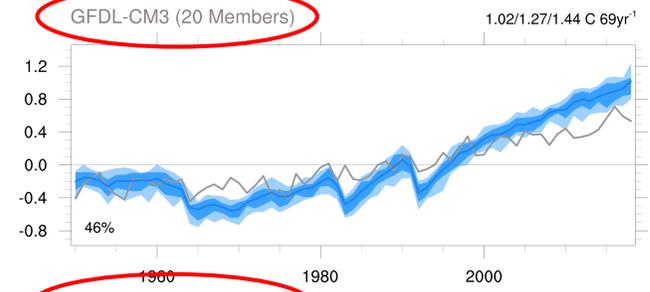
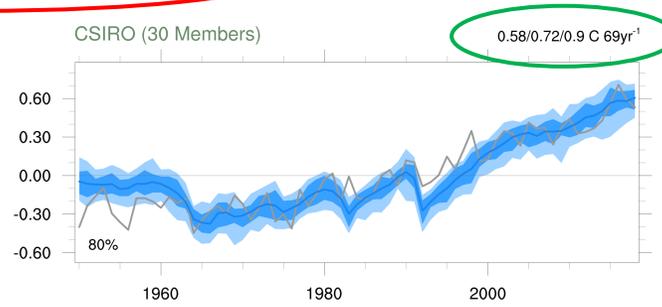
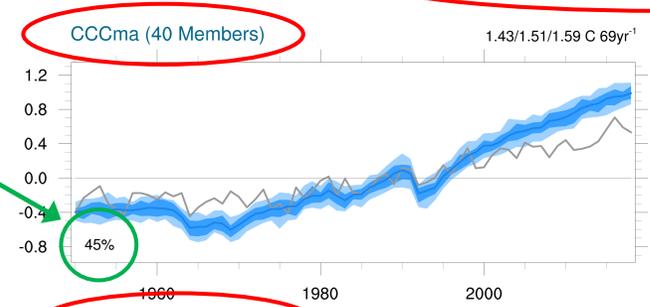
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Ensemble Spread

25-75%



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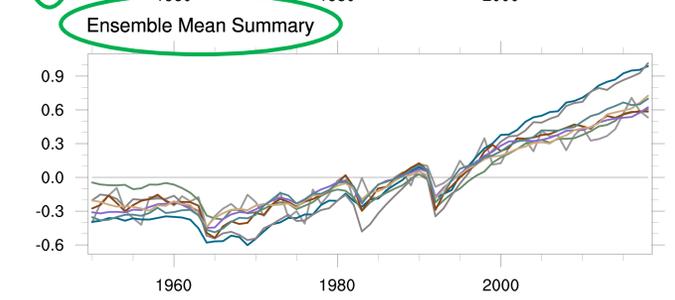
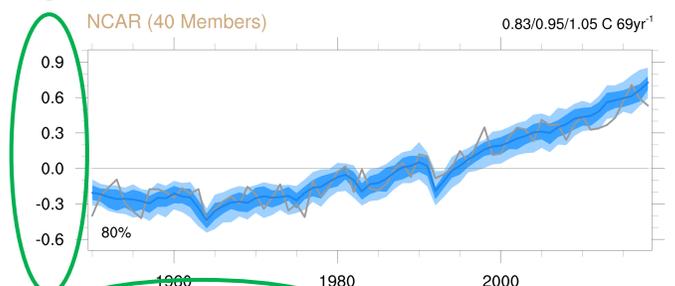
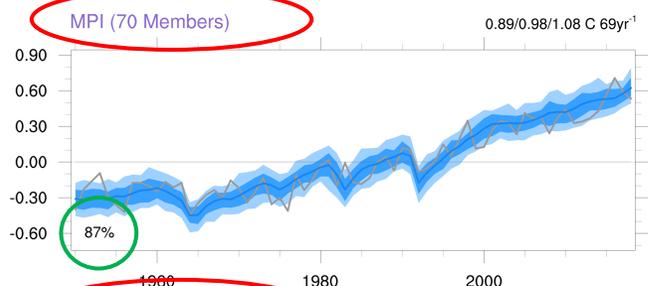
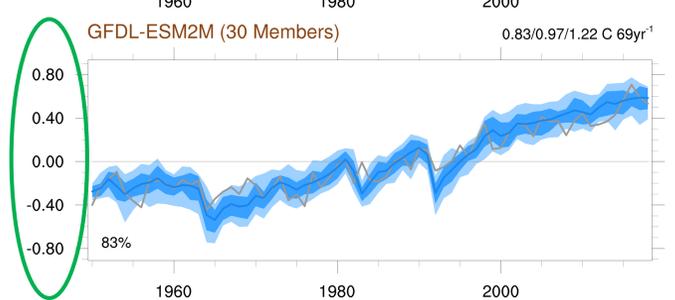
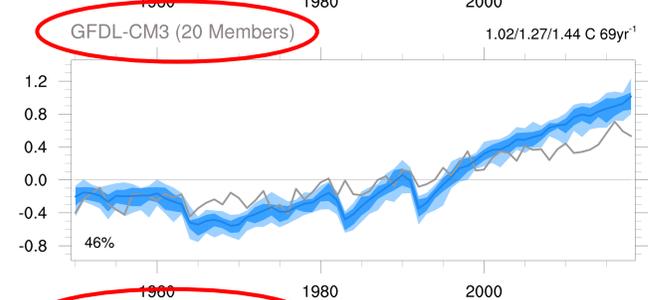
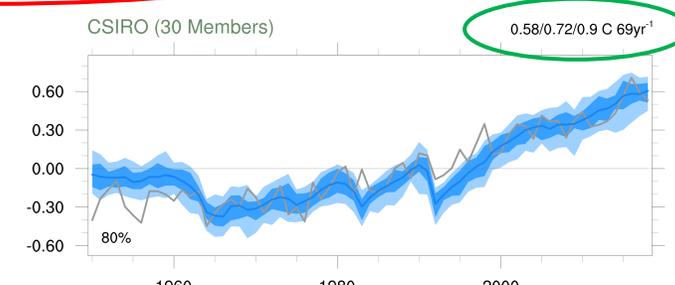
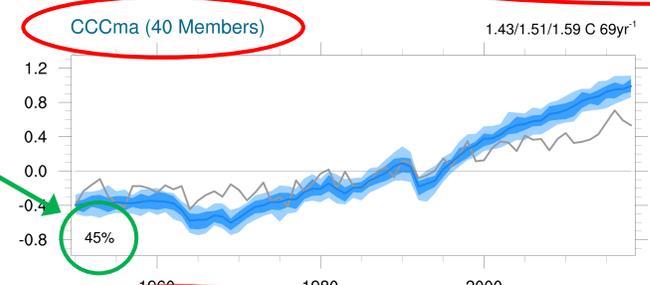
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Global mean Air Temperature

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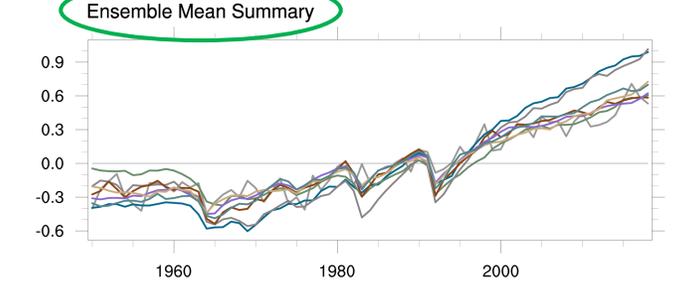
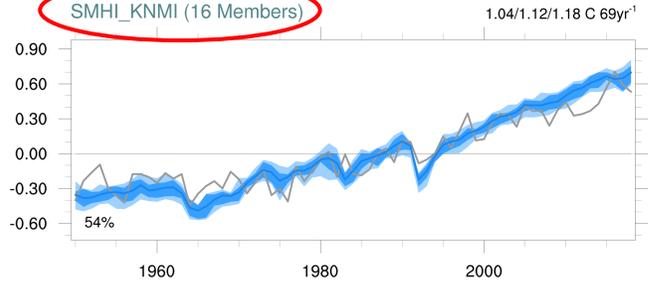
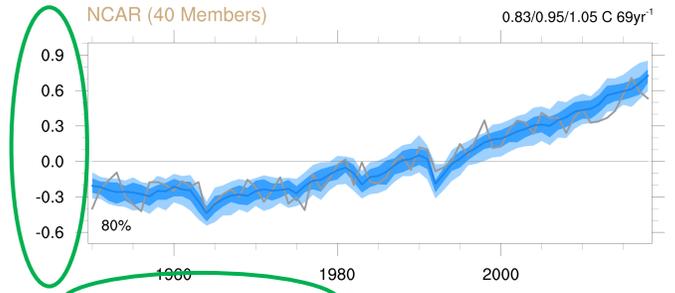
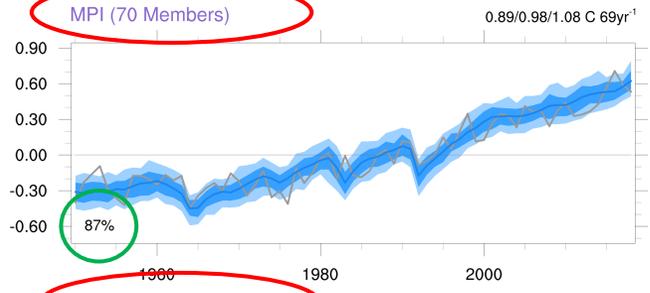
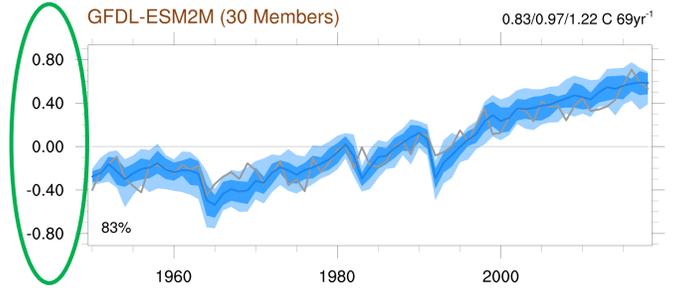
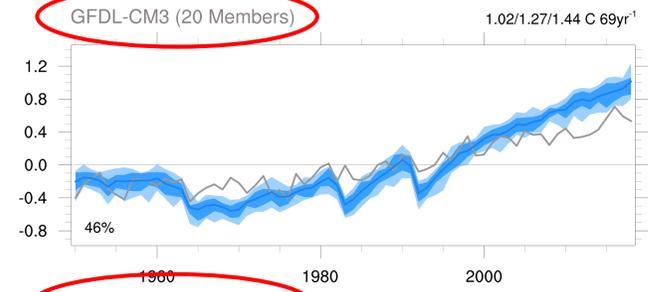
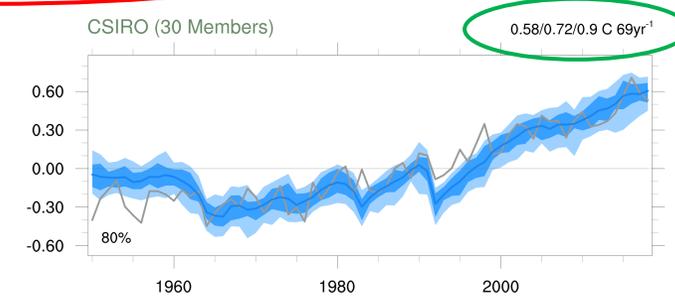
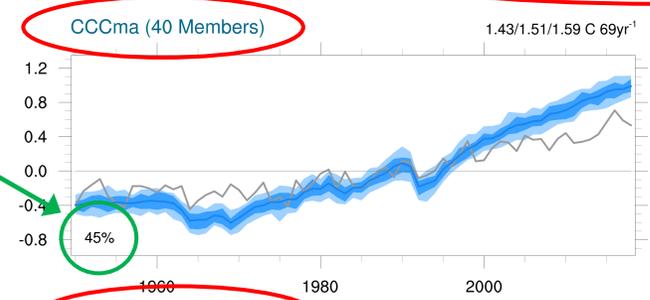
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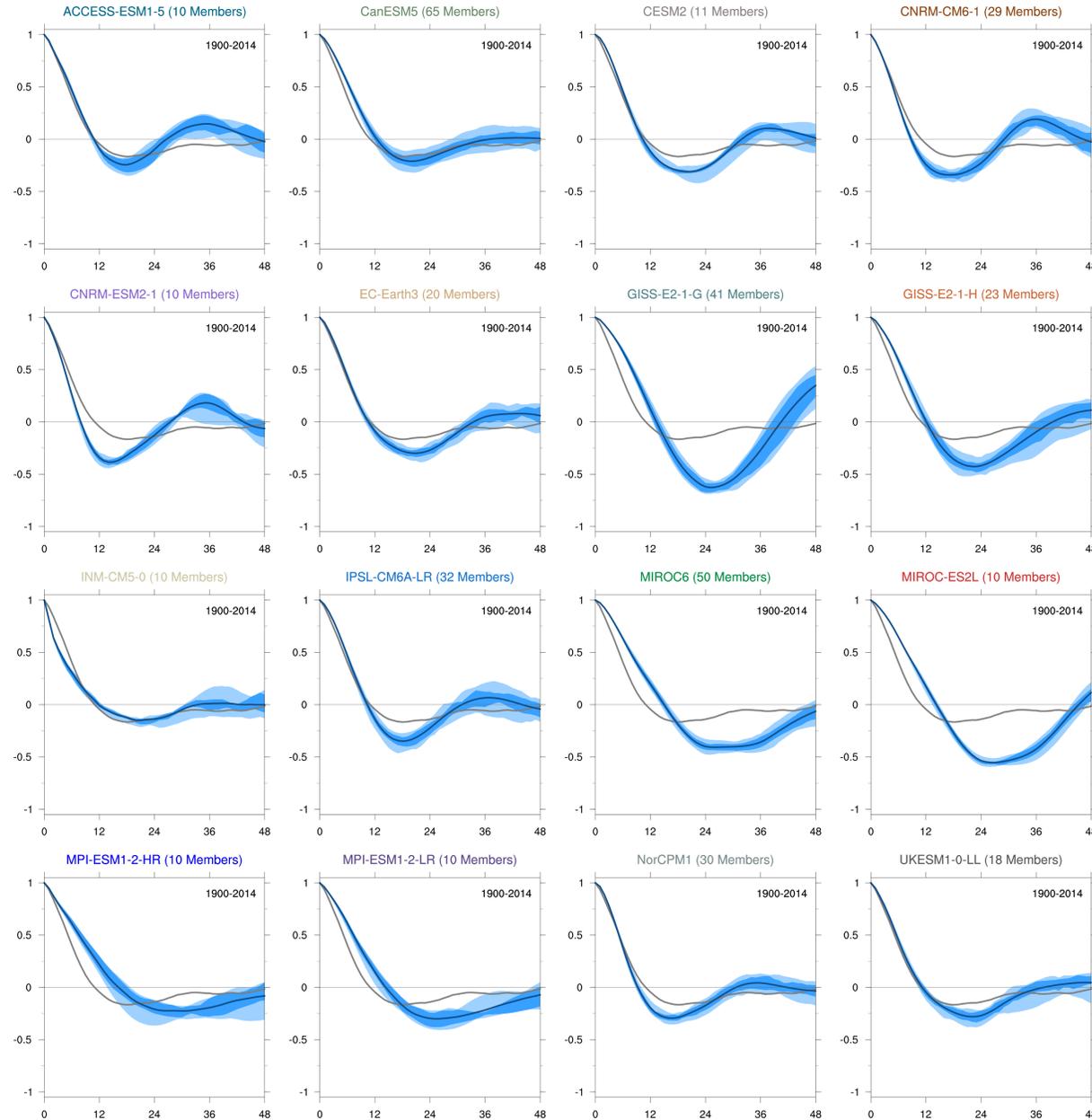


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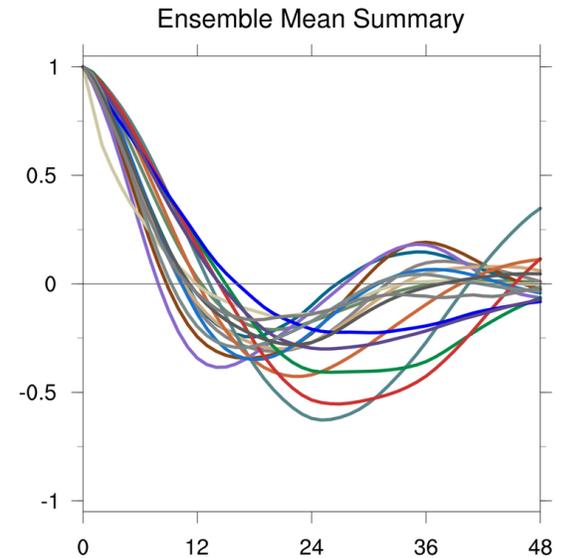
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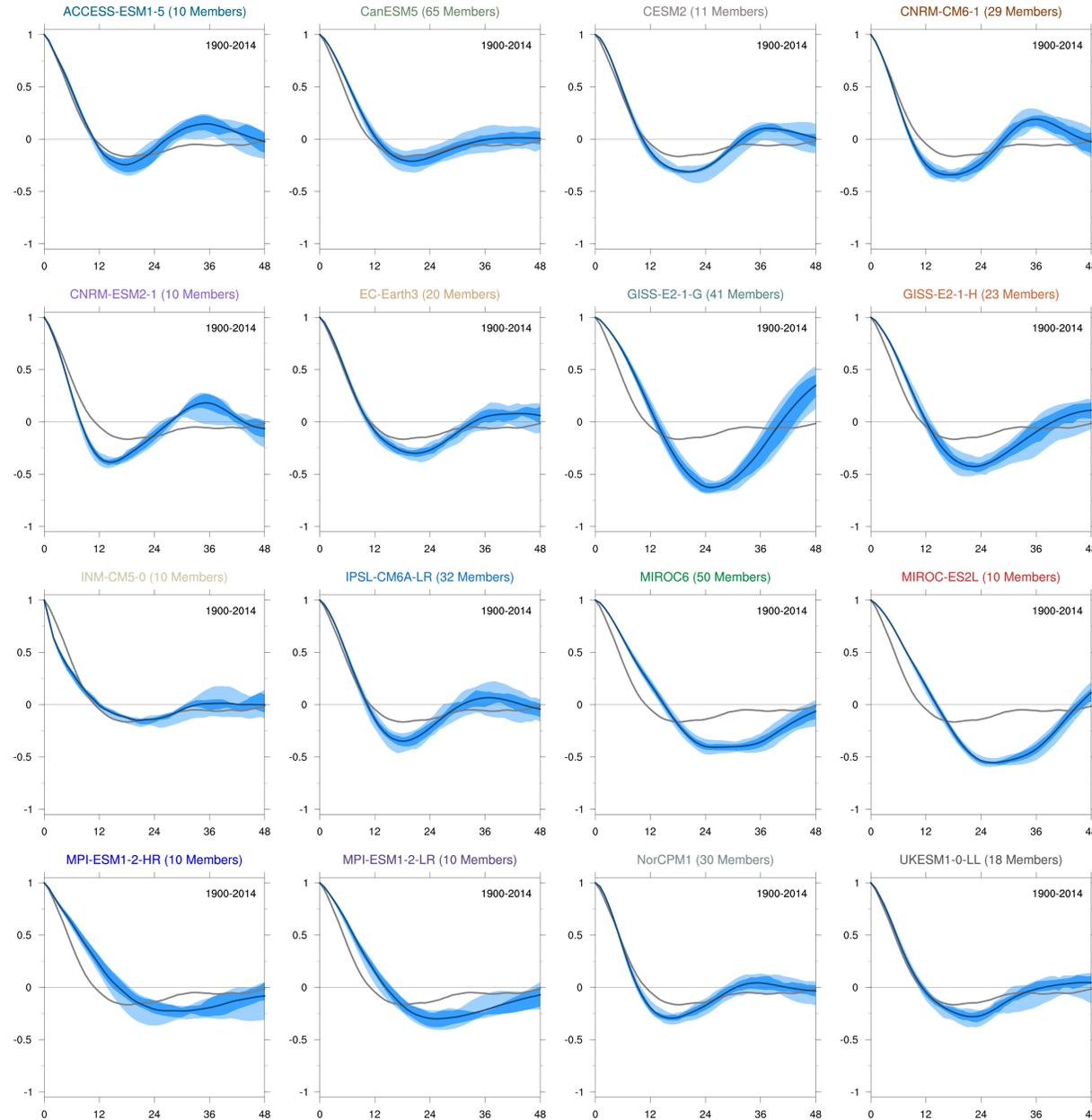


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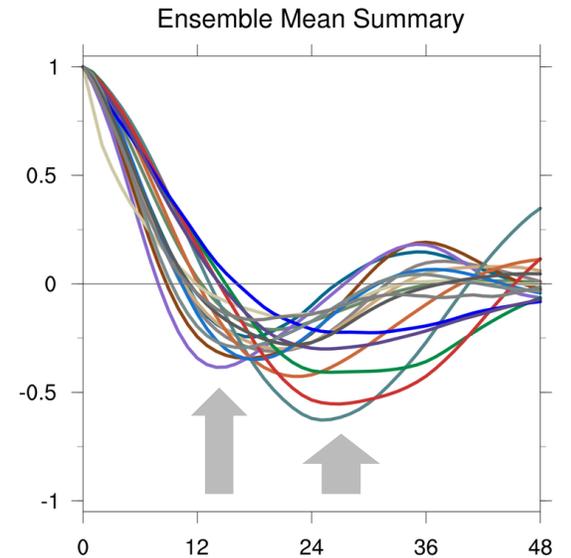
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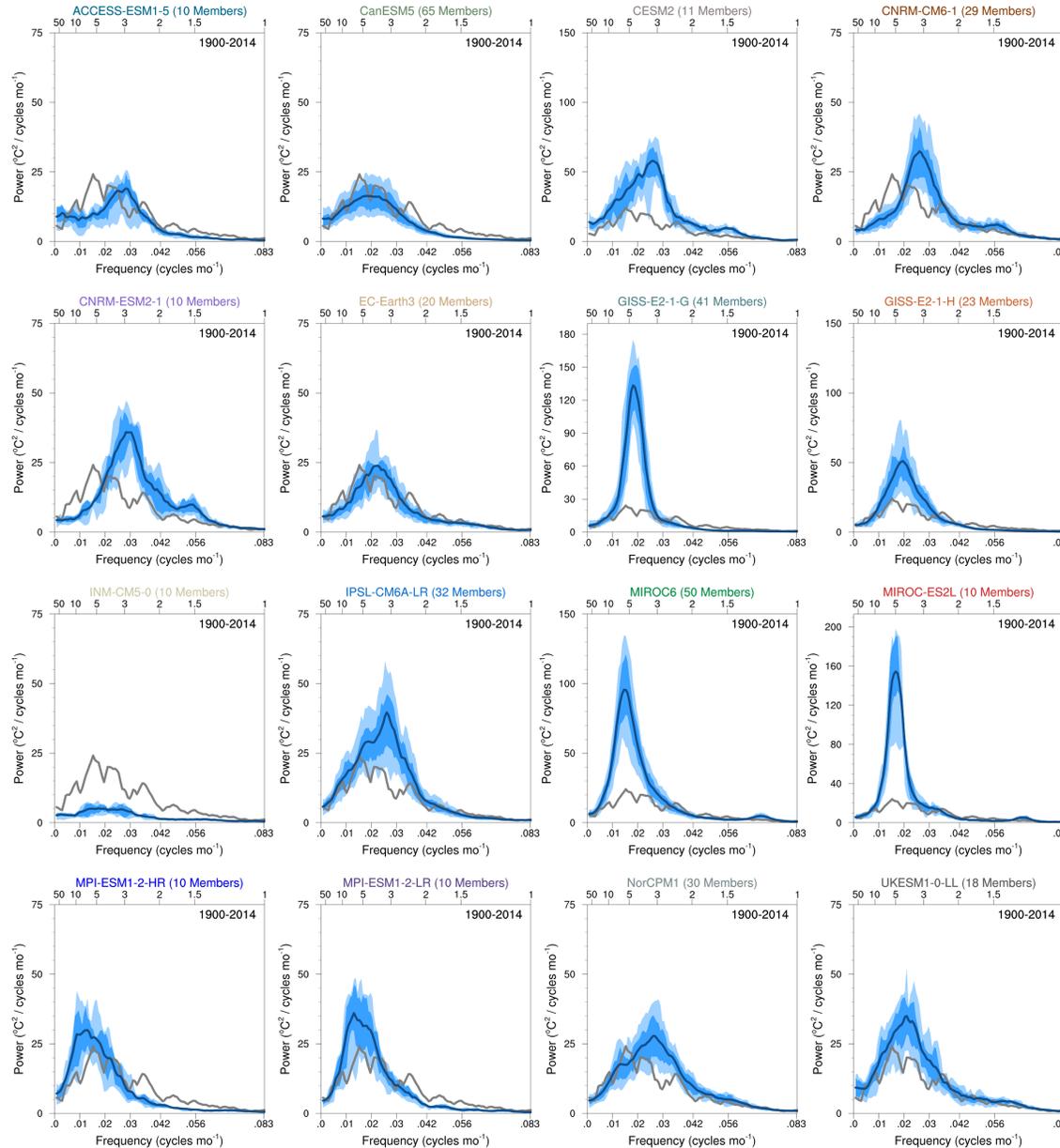


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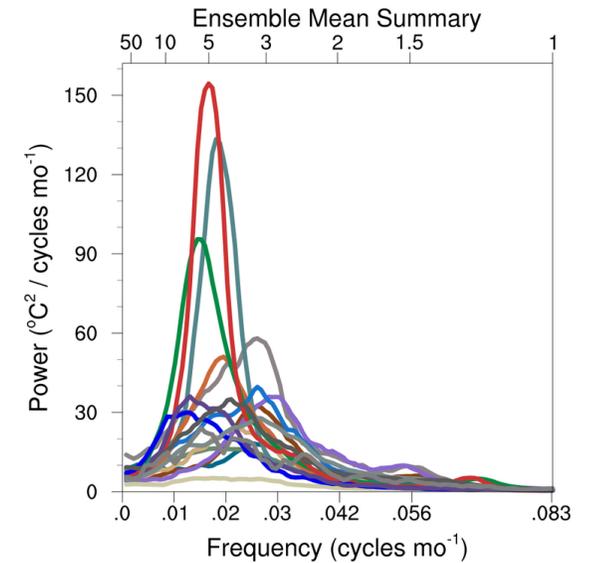
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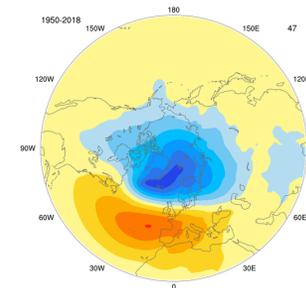
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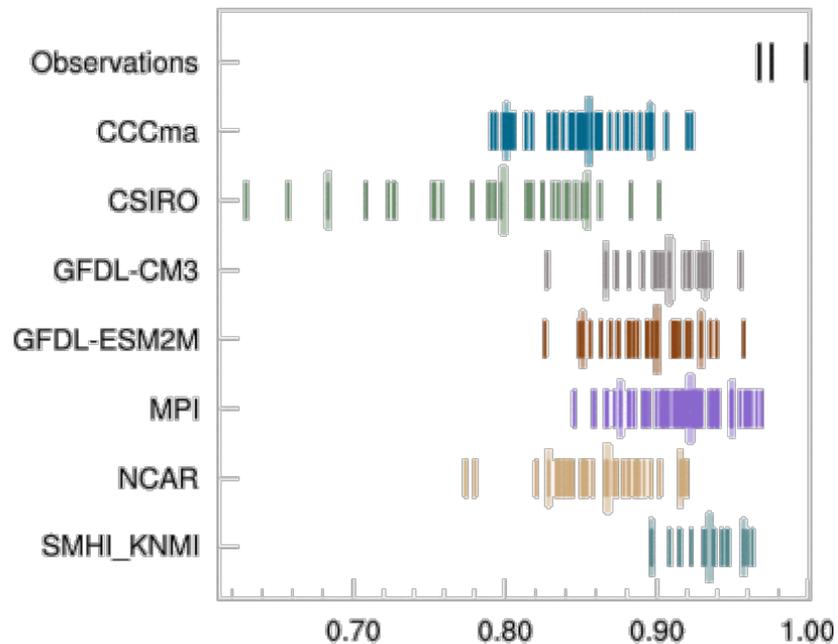
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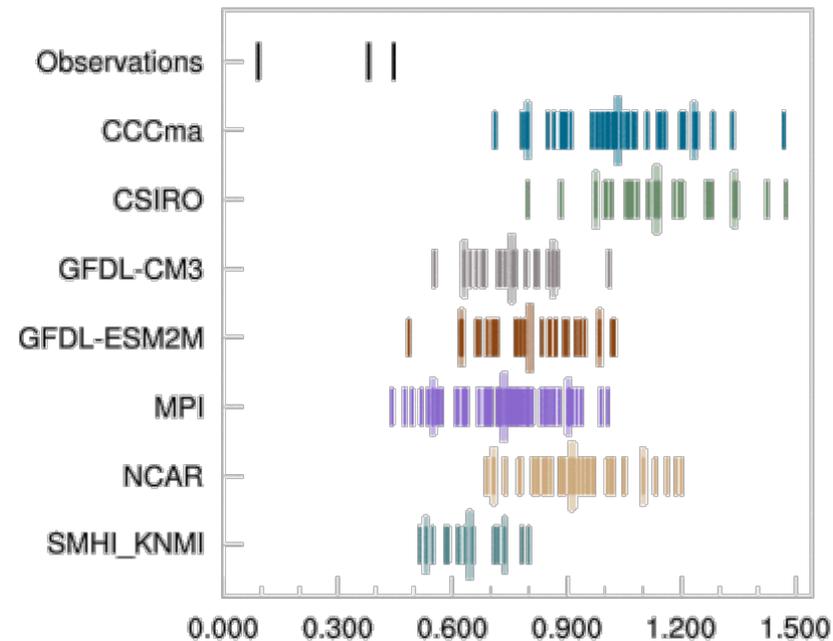
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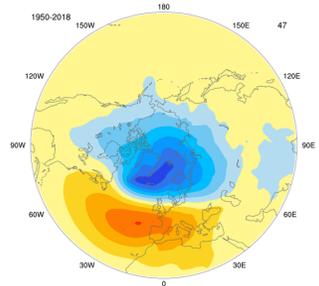
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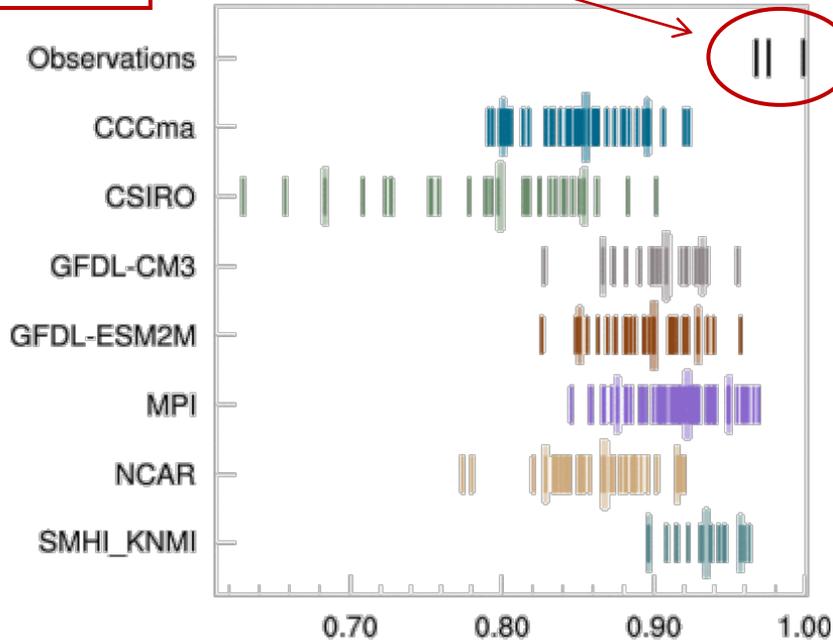
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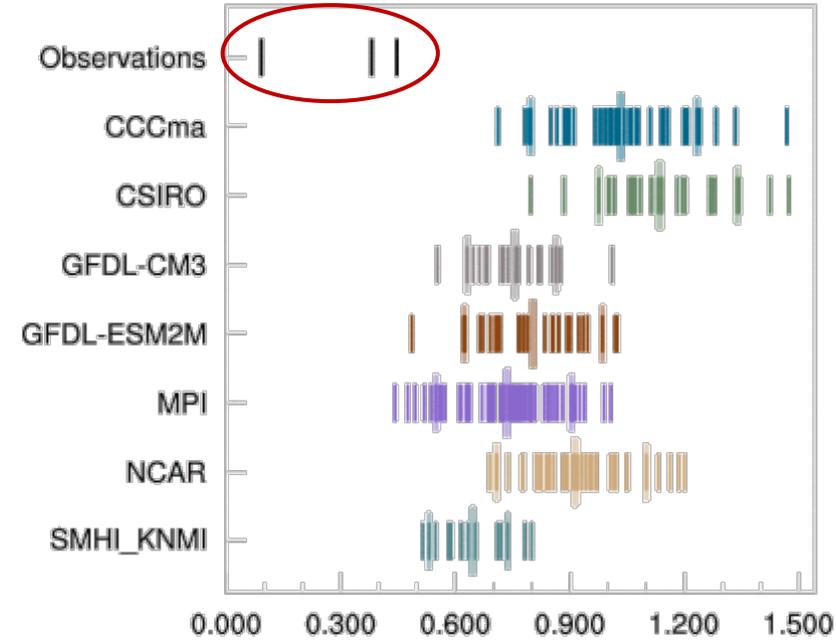
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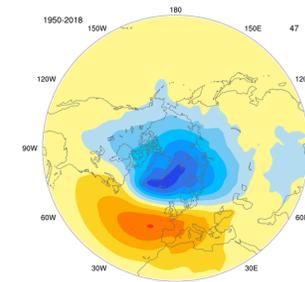
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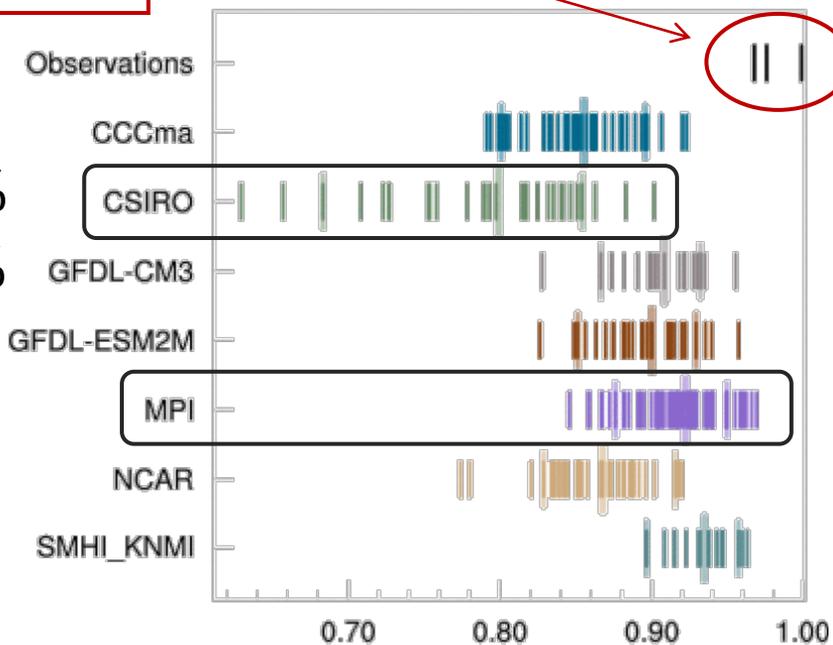
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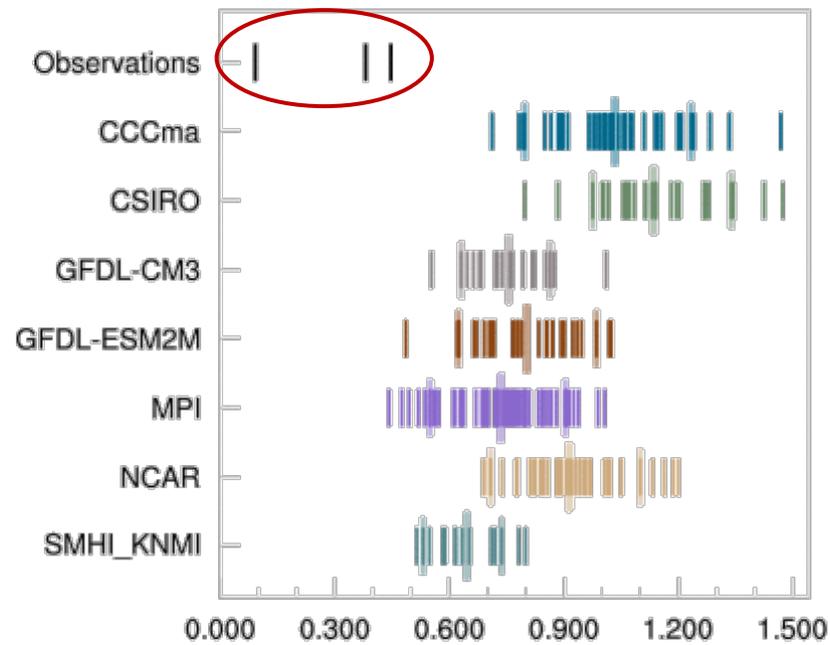
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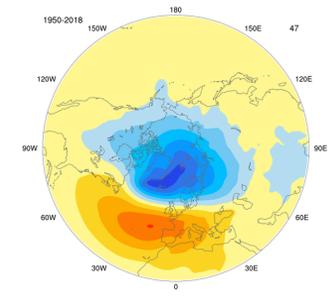
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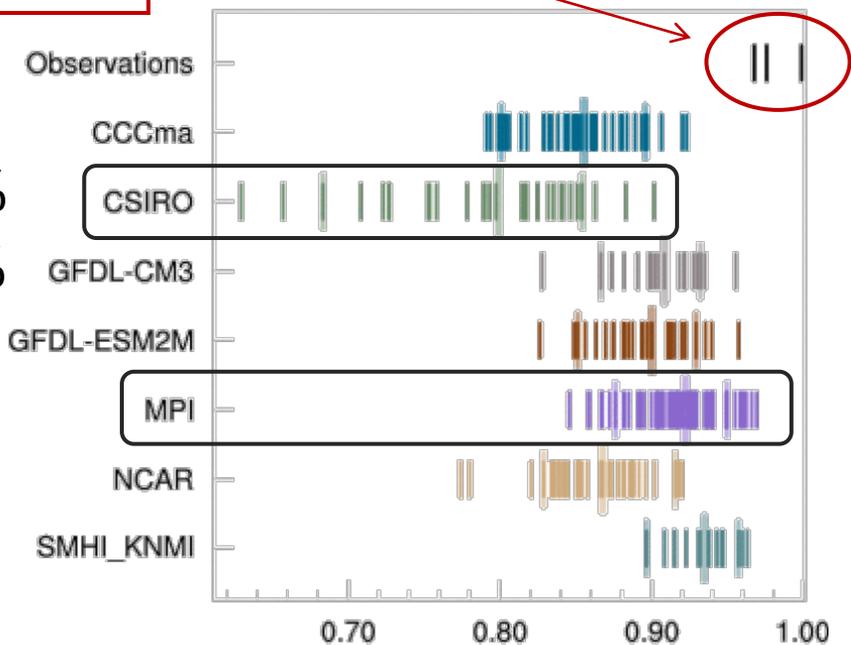
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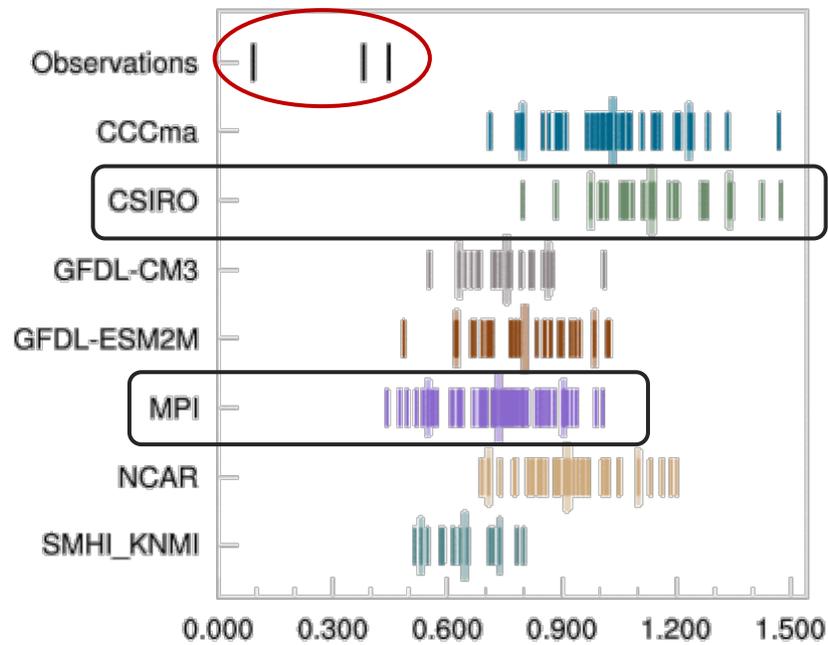
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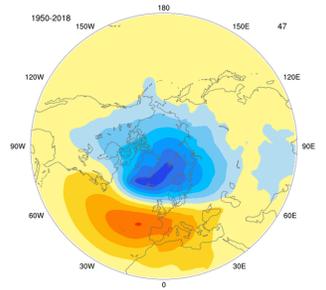
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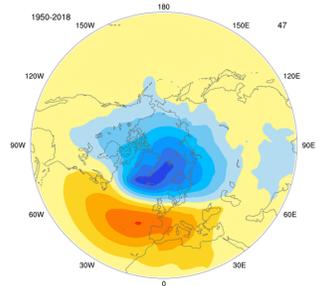


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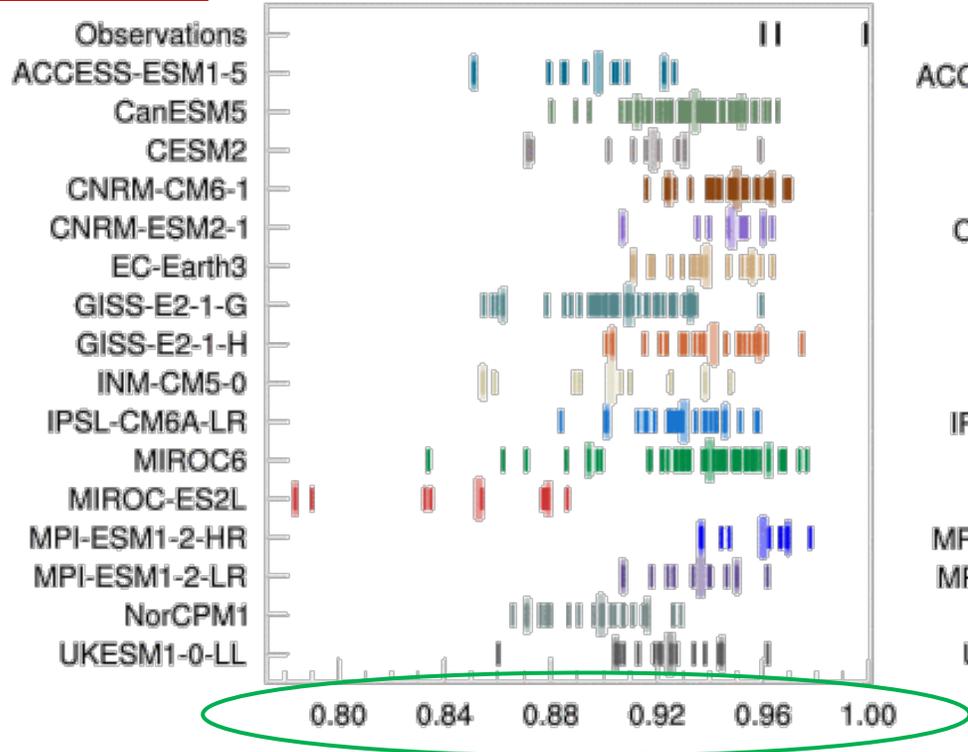
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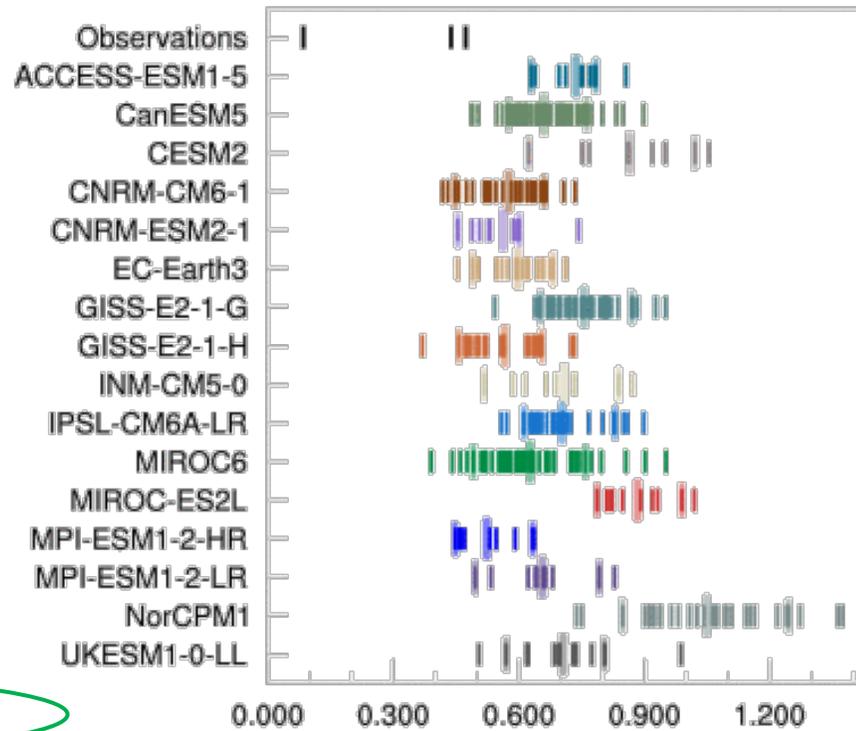
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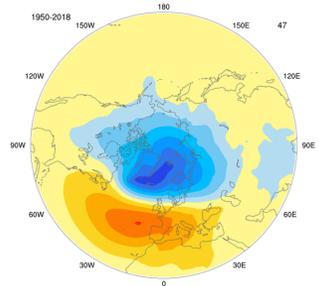
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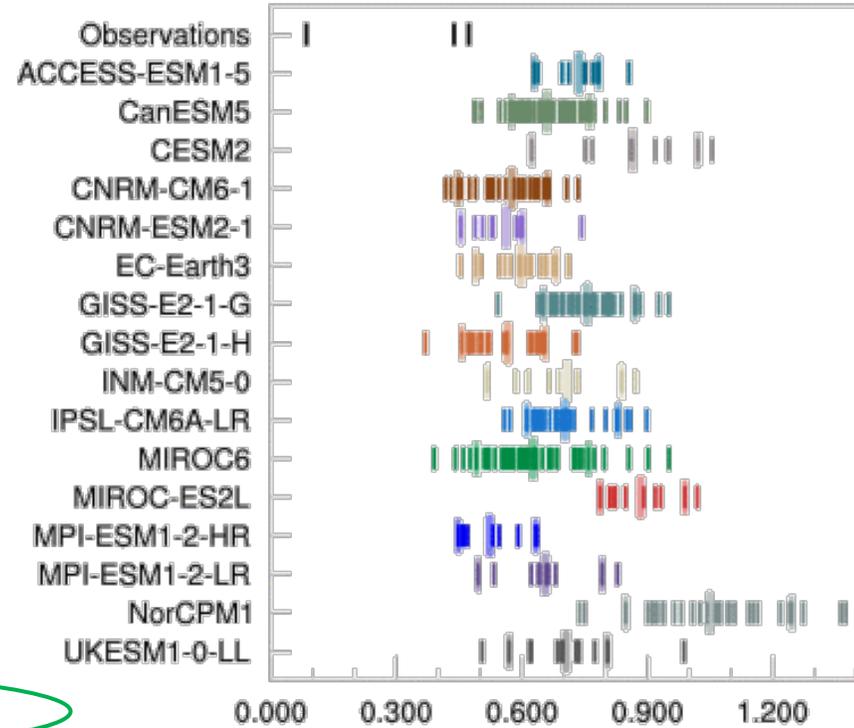
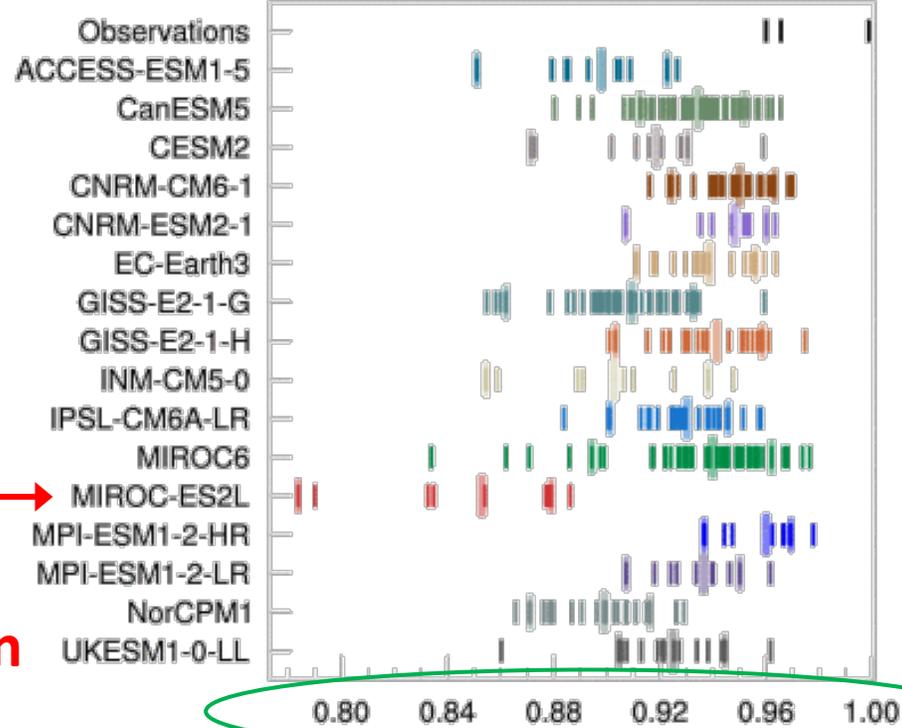
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**Lowest
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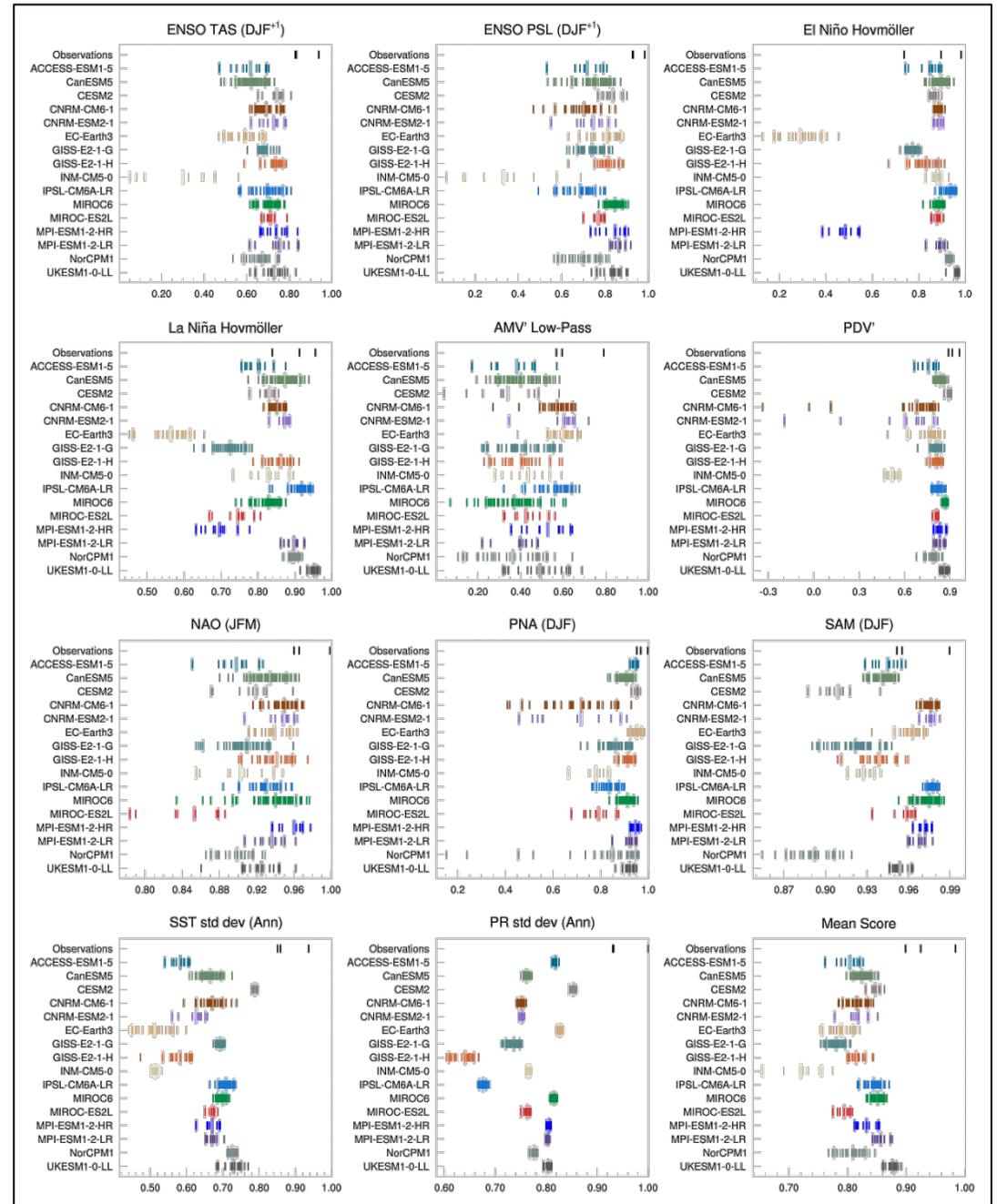
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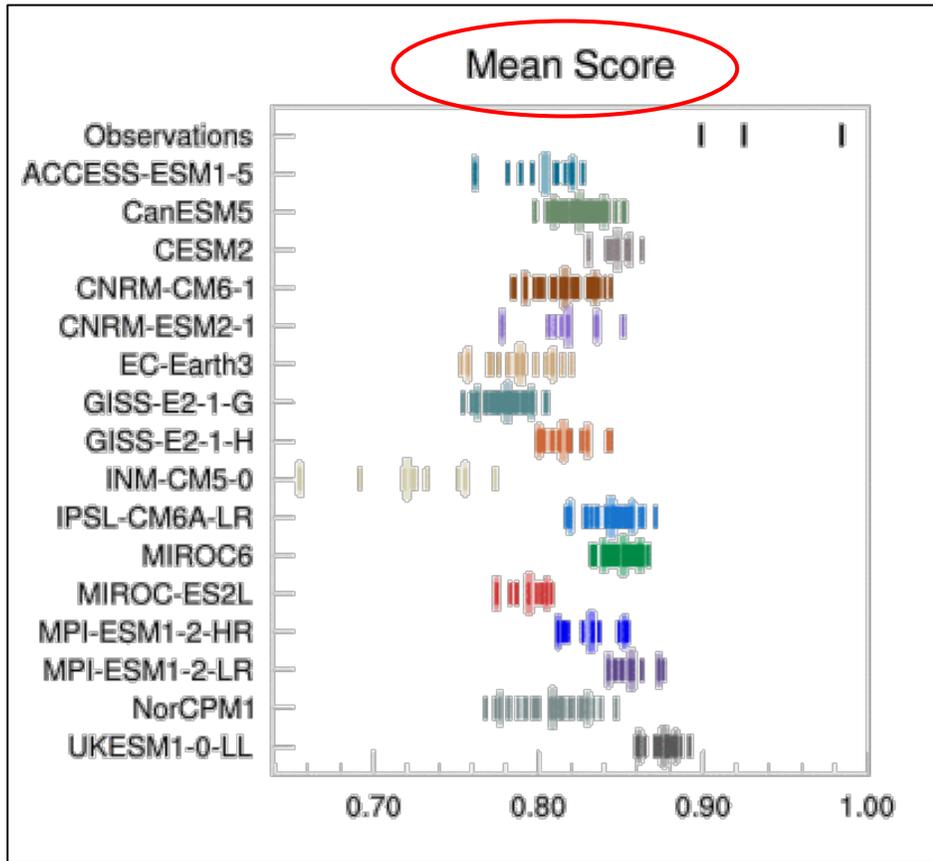
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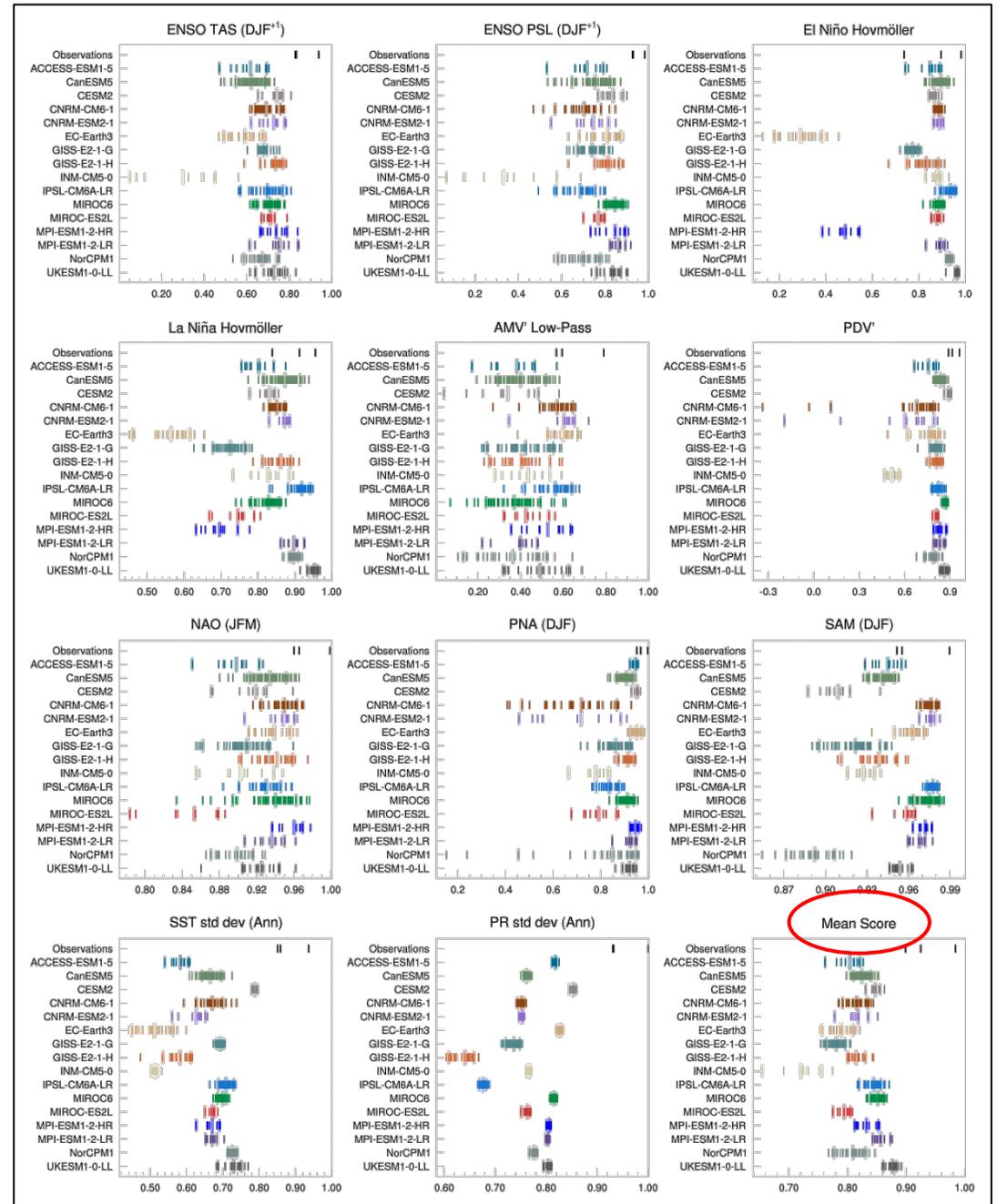
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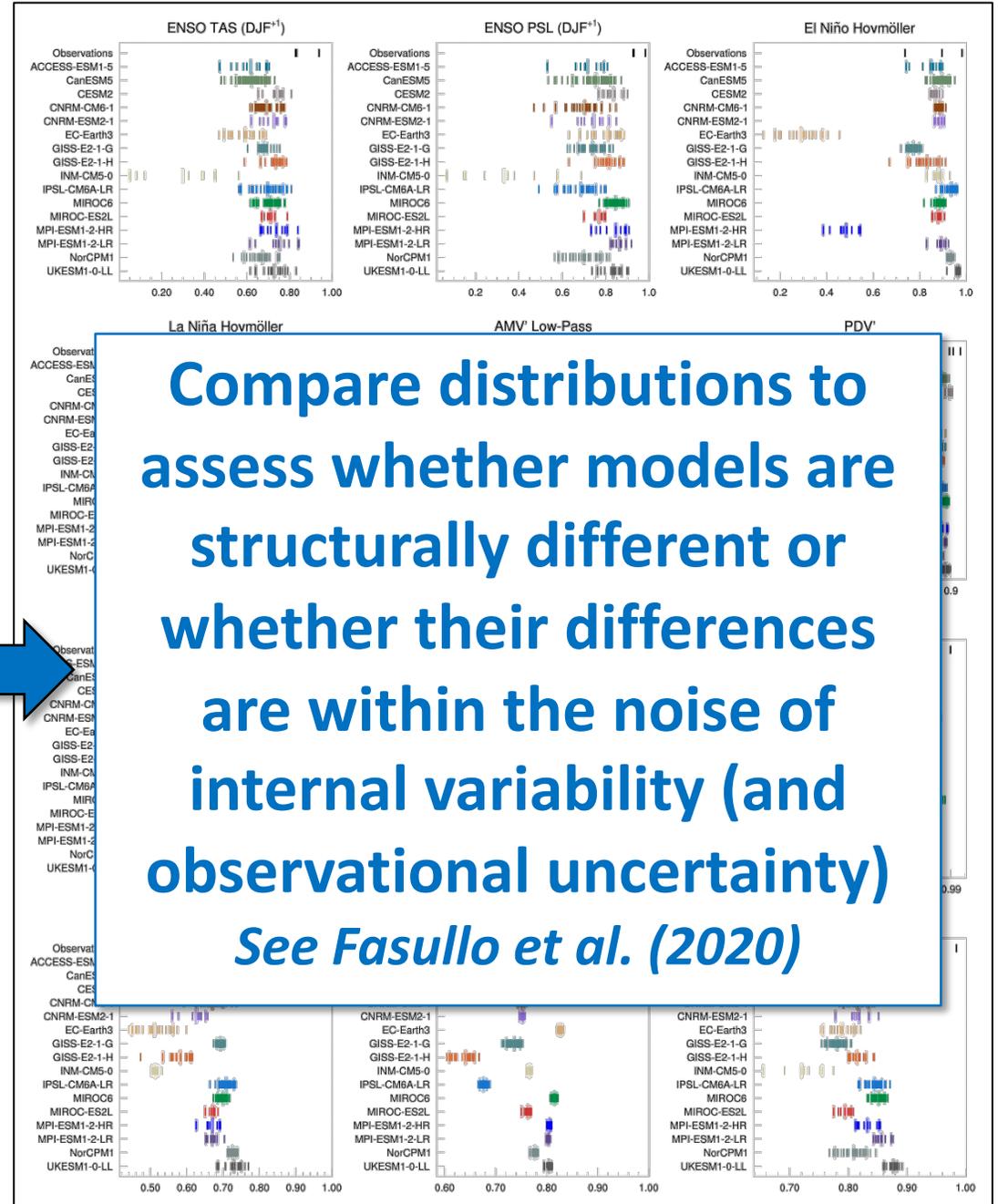


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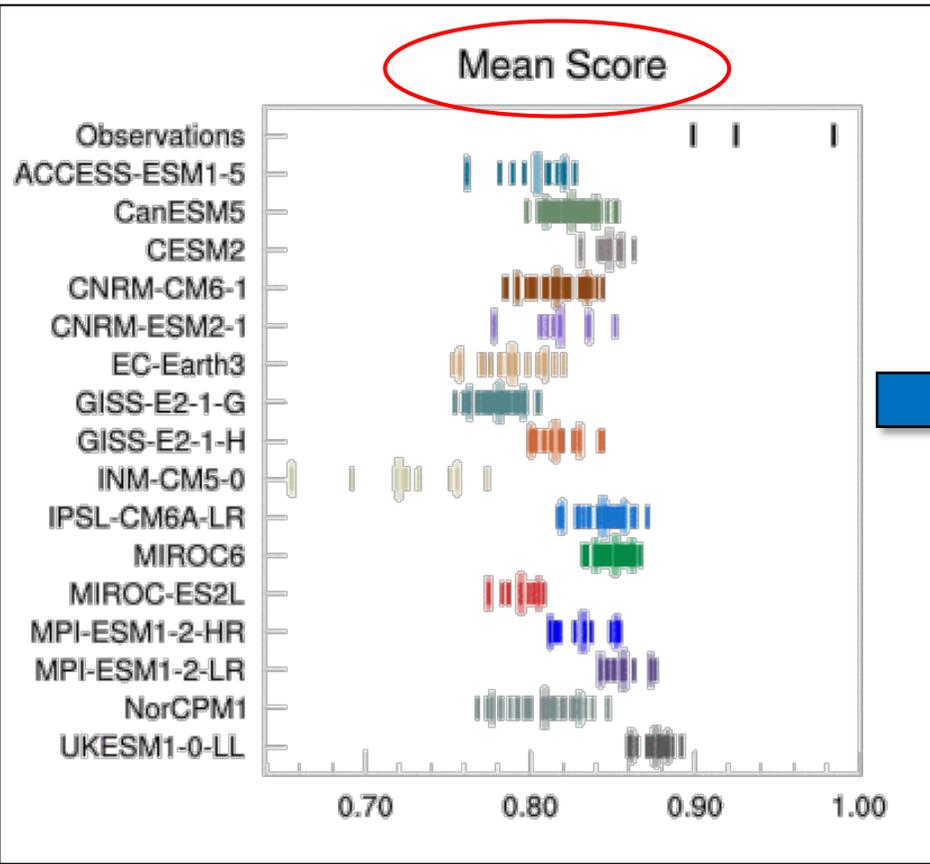
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Compare distributions to assess whether models are structurally different or whether their differences are within the noise of internal variability (and observational uncertainty)
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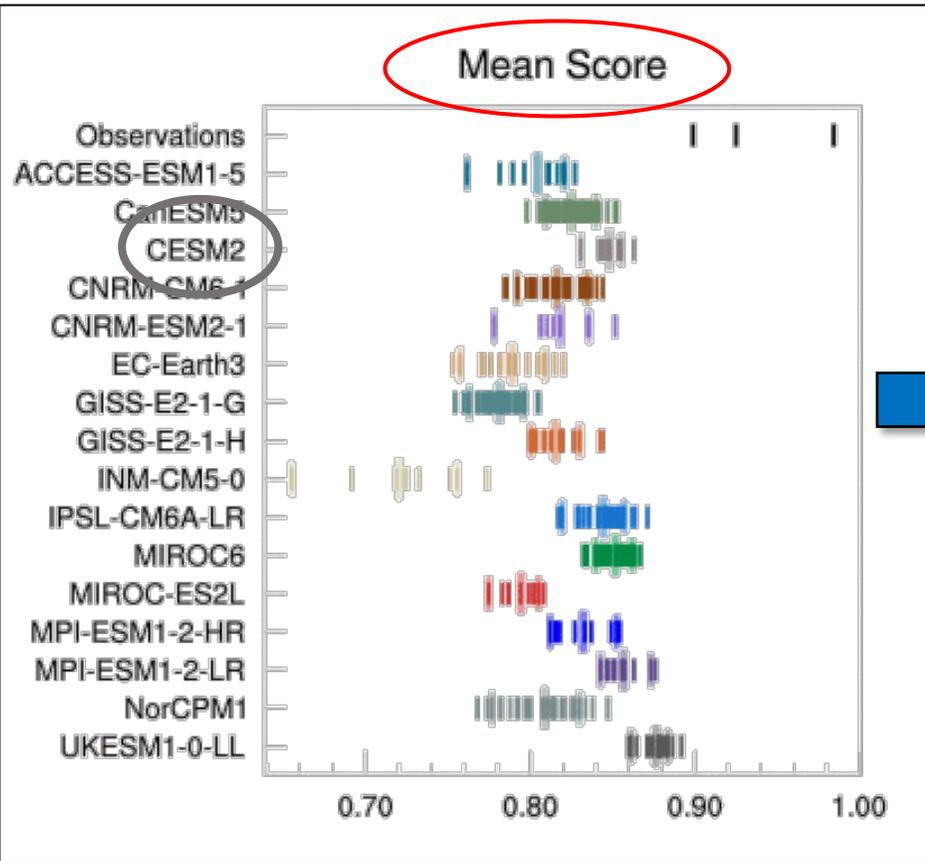
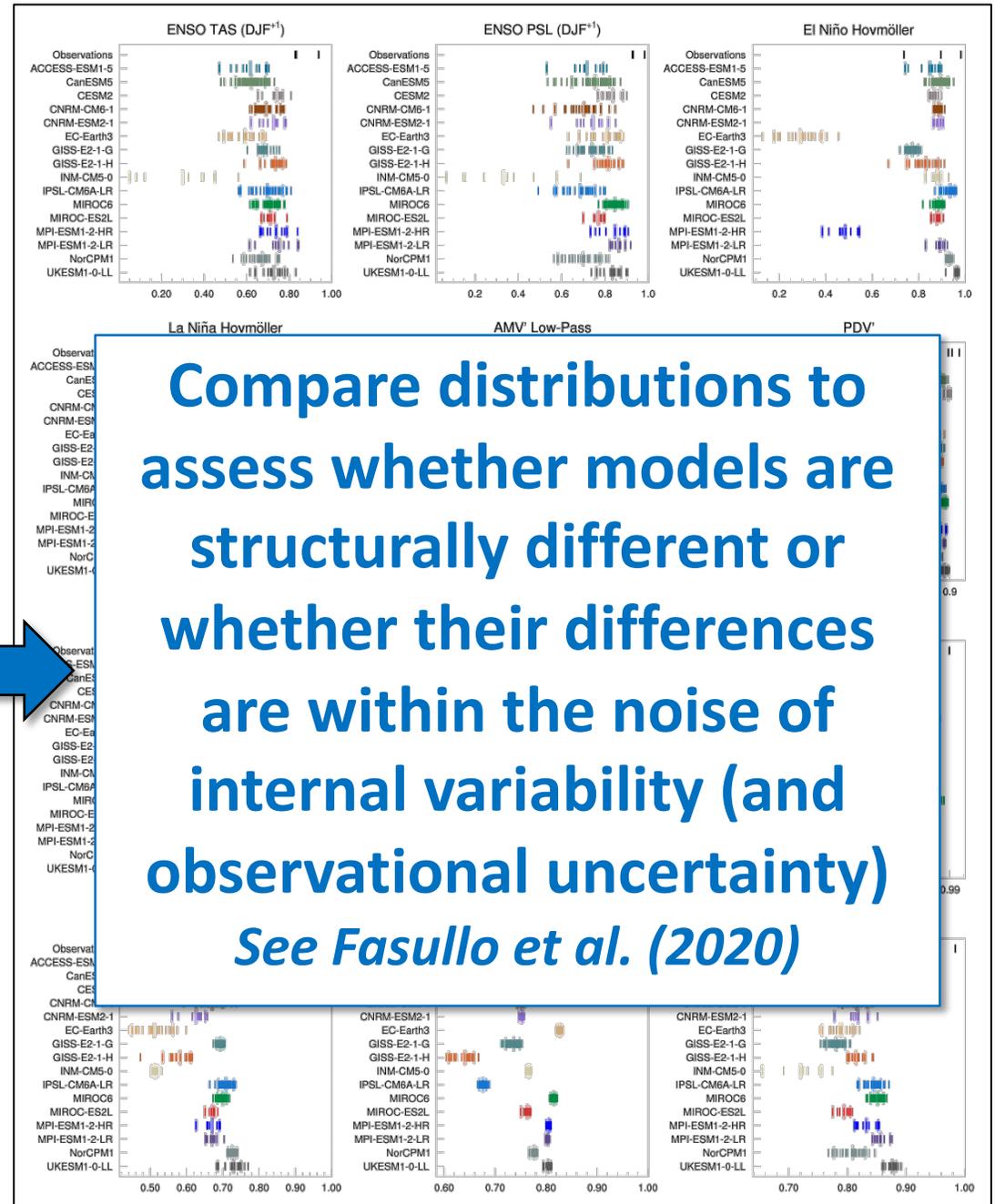
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Pattern Correlations
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GFDL-CM3 (90%)	0.64	0.86	0.93	0.89	0.60	0.80	0.93	0.93	0.98	0.64	0.77	0.84
MPI (90%)	0.73	0.83	0.83	0.88	0.47	0.81	0.95	0.91	0.98	0.69	0.78	0.83
GFDL-CM3 (Avg)	0.59	0.81	0.92	0.86	0.53	0.77	0.91	0.90	0.98	0.56	0.76	0.83
GFDL-ESM2M (90%)	0.69	0.81	0.90	0.90	0.52	0.82	0.93	0.91	0.97	0.69	0.76	0.82
NCAR (90%)	0.64	0.81	0.87	0.81	0.45	0.87	0.92	0.92	0.95	0.74	0.77	0.81
GFDL-ESM2M (Avg)	0.64	0.75	0.88	0.85	0.34	0.78	0.90	0.84	0.97	0.67	0.75	0.81
GFDL-CM3 (10%)	0.52	0.73	0.88	0.82	0.37	0.71	0.87	0.84	0.97	0.47	0.75	0.81
CCCma (90%)	0.58	0.79	0.95	0.85	0.48	0.83	0.90	0.88	0.97	0.73	0.67	0.81
MPI (Avg)	0.67	0.76	0.78	0.82	0.33	0.75	0.92	0.86	0.97	0.65	0.77	0.80
CCCma (Avg)	0.54	0.74	0.93	0.80	0.29	0.82	0.86	0.84	0.96	0.71	0.66	0.80
NCAR (Avg)	0.58	0.77	0.84	0.77	0.31	0.85	0.87	0.89	0.93	0.73	0.76	0.79
GFDL-ESM2M (10%)	0.57	0.67	0.84	0.79	0.14	0.76	0.85	0.65	0.96	0.64	0.75	0.78
CCCma (10%)	0.50	0.67	0.90	0.74	0.06	0.78	0.80	0.79	0.95	0.68	0.64	0.78
NCAR (10%)	0.52	0.69	0.81	0.72	0.11	0.81	0.83	0.85	0.91	0.71	0.75	0.77
MPI (10%)	0.59	0.62	0.67	0.69	0.17	0.68	0.88	0.77	0.96	0.61	0.76	0.77
CSIRO (90%)	0.56	0.72	0.76	0.82	0.54	0.75	0.85	0.86	0.97	0.61	0.77	0.75
CSIRO (Avg)	0.48	0.65	0.70	0.76	0.41	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.96	0.58	0.76	0.73
SMHI_KNMI (90%)	0.48	0.55	0.23	0.55	0.48	0.60	0.96	0.90	0.98	0.58	0.72	0.70
CSIRO (10%)	0.39	0.54	0.55	0.67	0.24	0.63	0.68	0.70	0.94	0.56	0.75	0.70
SMHI_KNMI (Avg)	0.36	0.38	0.12	0.47	0.35	0.55	0.93	0.82	0.98	0.55	0.71	0.67
SMHI_KNMI (10%)	0.19	0.13	0.01	0.31	0.15	0.46	0.90	0.61	0.97	0.51	0.70	0.64

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GFDL-ESM2M (90%)	0.69	0.81	0.90	0.90	0.52	0.82	0.93	0.91	0.97	0.69	0.76	0.82
NCAR (90%)	0.64	0.81	0.87	0.81	0.45	0.87	0.92	0.92	0.95	0.74	0.77	0.81
GFDL-ESM2M (Avg)	0.64	0.75	0.88	0.85	0.34	0.78	0.90	0.84	0.97	0.67	0.75	0.81
GFDL-CM3 (10%)	0.52	0.73	0.88	0.82	0.37	0.71	0.87	0.84	0.97	0.47	0.75	0.81
CCCma (90%)	0.58	0.79	0.95	0.85	0.48	0.83	0.90	0.88	0.97	0.73	0.67	0.81
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MPI (10%)	0.59	0.62	0.67	0.69	0.17	0.68	0.88	0.77	0.96	0.61	0.76	0.77
CSIRO (90%)	0.56	0.72	0.76	0.82	0.54	0.75	0.85	0.86	0.97	0.61	0.77	0.75
CSIRO (Avg)	0.48	0.65	0.70	0.76	0.41	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.96	0.58	0.76	0.73
SMHI_KNMI (90%)	0.48	0.55	0.23	0.55	0.48	0.60	0.96	0.90	0.98	0.58	0.72	0.70
CSIRO (10%)	0.39	0.54	0.55	0.67	0.24	0.63	0.68	0.70	0.94	0.56	0.75	0.70
SMHI_KNMI (Avg)	0.36	0.38	0.12	0.47	0.35	0.55	0.93	0.82	0.98	0.55	0.71	0.67
SMHI_KNMI (10%)	0.19	0.13	0.01	0.31	0.15	0.46	0.90	0.61	0.97	0.51	0.70	0.64

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Pattern Correlations and Spatial RMSE

10th / 50th / 90th percentiles for each model.

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All graphics, data and metrics saved to a repository.



Pattern Correlation Metrics (Ensembles)

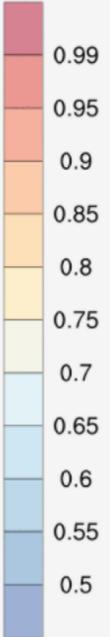
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