

# RYF – Repeat Year Forcing for JRA55-do



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*Not updated since 2009 – not suitable for investigations of recent events*

*Based on NCEP: coarse ~200km, 6 hour resolution*

- not ideal for high-resolution or regional simulations*

*International consensus among modelling groups that it is time to revisit the methodologies and reference datasets*

*CLIVAR OMDP adopted the Japanese 55-year Reanalysis “JRA-55”*

*JRA55-do :- the ocean-sea ice model forcing set derived from JRA-55*



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	JRA55-do (~55km)	CORE-IAF (~200km)
Atmospheric state T, q, U, SLP	JRA55 <b>(3-hr)</b>	NCEP <b>(6-hr)</b>
Radiation $Q_{SW}$ & $Q_{LW}$	JRA55 <b>(3-hr)</b>	GISS ISCCP-FD <b>(daily)</b>
Precipitation	JRA55 <b>(3-hr)</b>	GPCP/CMAP/Serreze <b>(monthly)</b>
Runoff	JRA55-based <b>(daily)*</b>	Dai et al. (2009) <b>(monthly climatology)</b>
Available Period	1958-present	1948-2009 <sup>#</sup>

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*Courtesy Who Kim*

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The reference year for JRA-55 doesn't yet exist...

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## Criteria for **CORE-NYF: Large & Yeager (2004)**

- 1: Same forcing infrastructure as the CORE-IAF
- 2: Seasonal cycle retained
- 3: Realistic propagation of weather, so that the ocean can experience high-frequency forcing and associated turbulent fluxes
- 4: Climatological average fluxes of NYF-OGCM are as close as possible to observations
- 5: Smooth transition from December to January so as to minimise disturbances
- 6: The NYF should not be overly weighted to any individual year

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Criteria for **RYF- Stewart et al., in prep.**

- 1: Same forcing infrastructure as the IAF- taken directly from the satellite-era IAF (post-1970s)
- 2: Avoid recent years so as to minimise contamination by anthropogenic warming
- 3: Minimise anomalies in major modes of climate variability
- 4: Minimise the disturbance generated by the annual transition to beginning of year

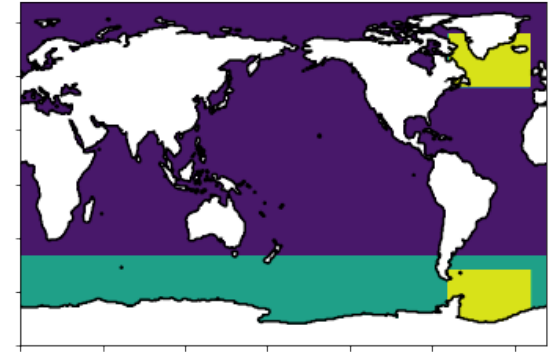




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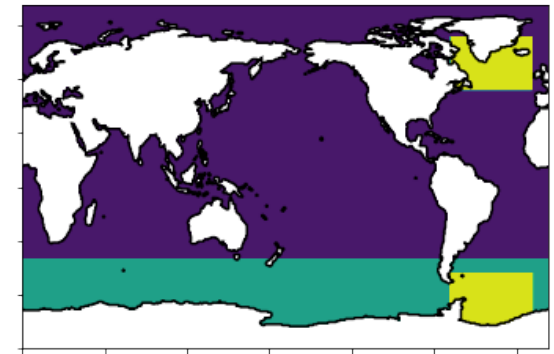
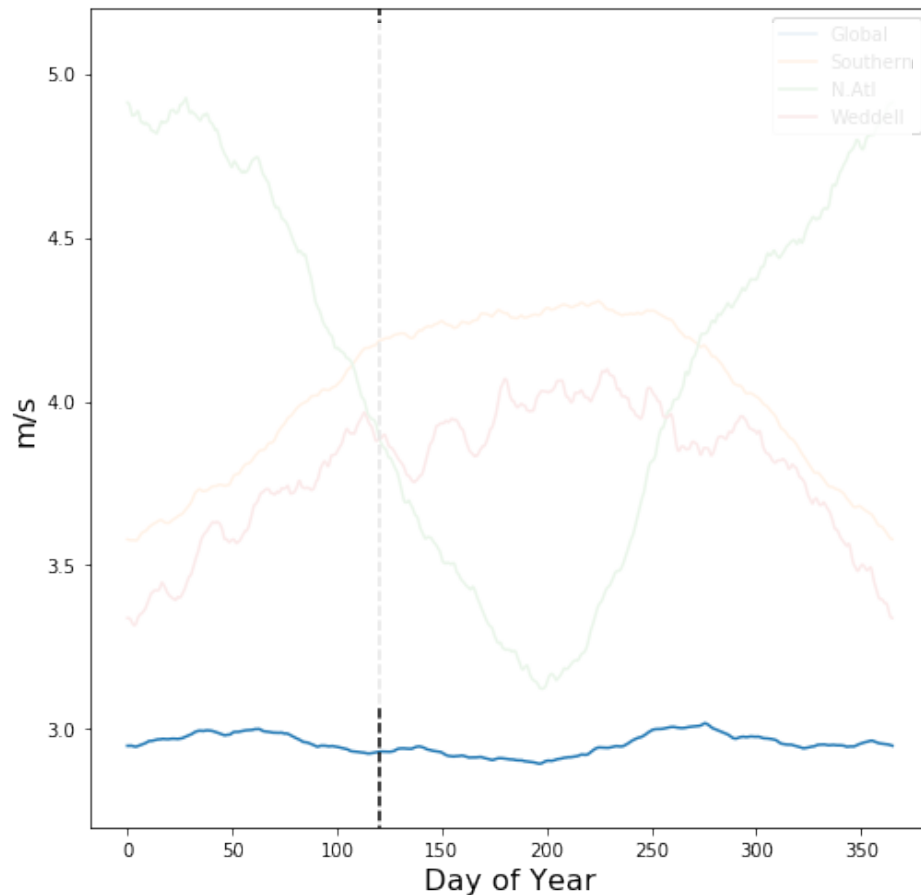
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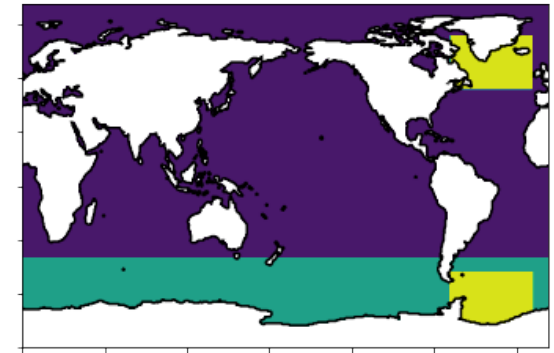
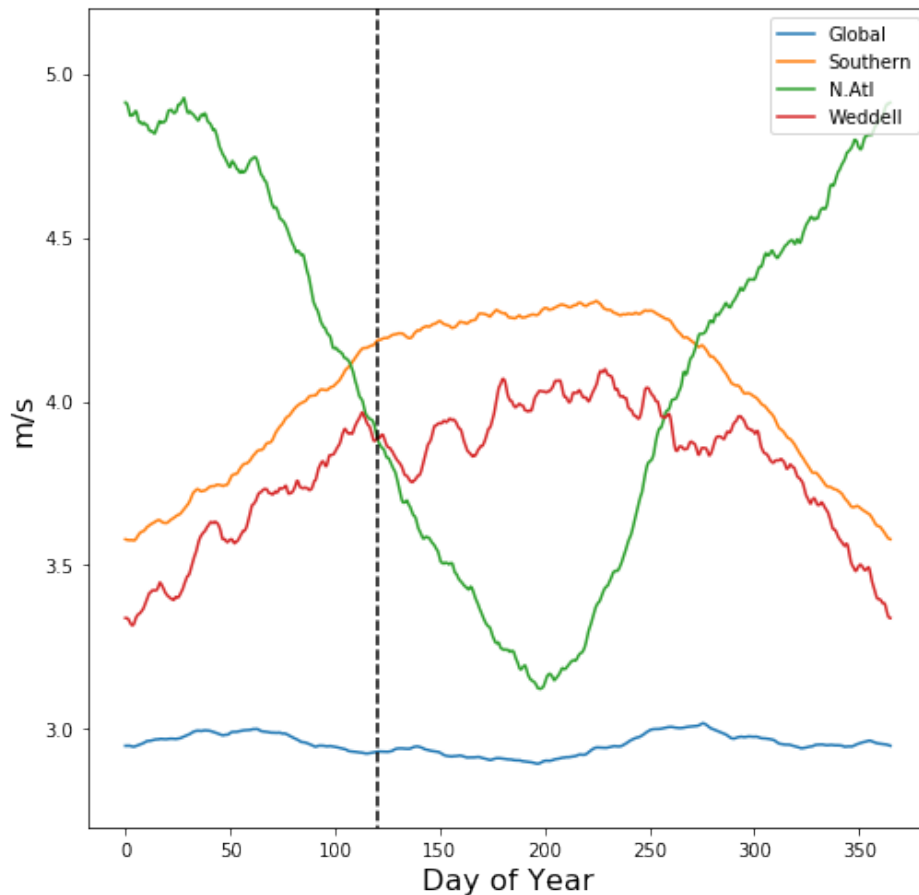
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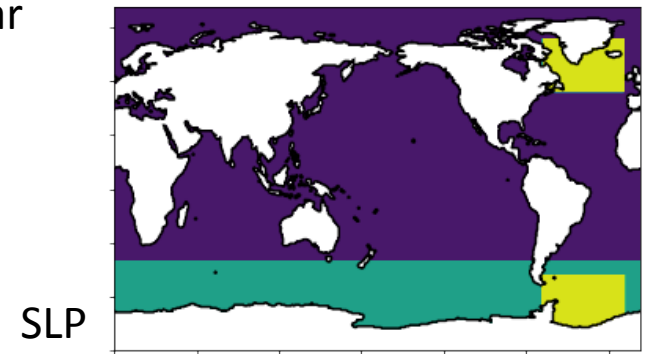
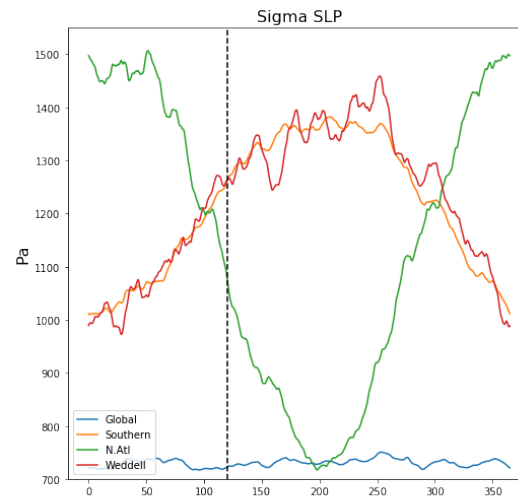
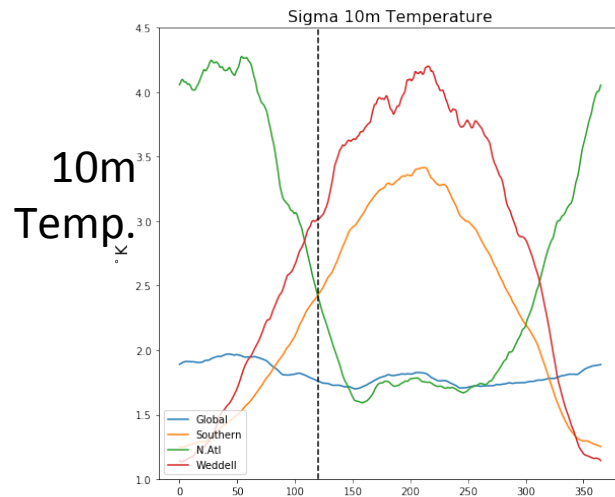
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Seasonality in regions of deepwater formation, peaks during winter

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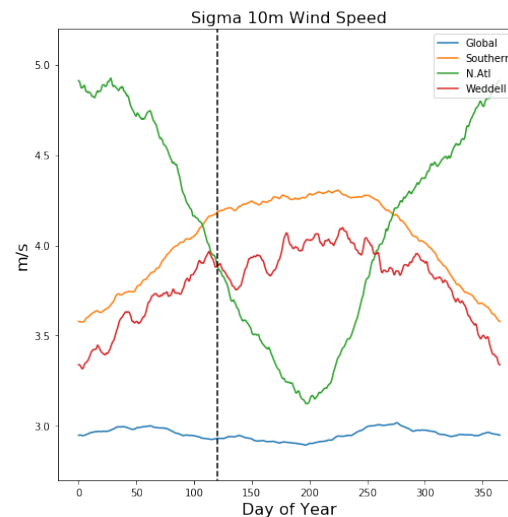
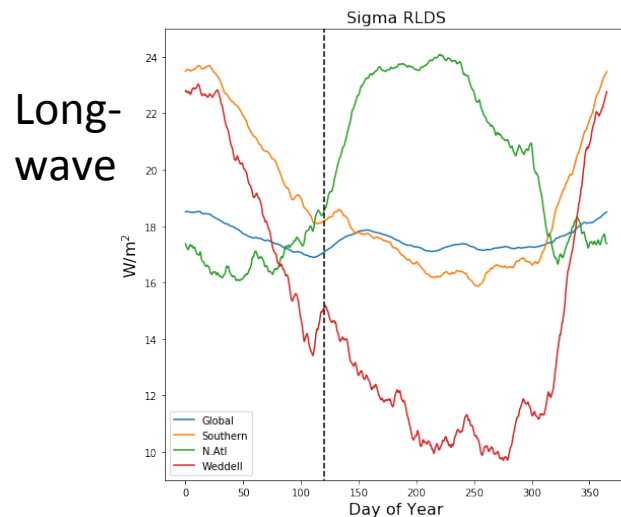
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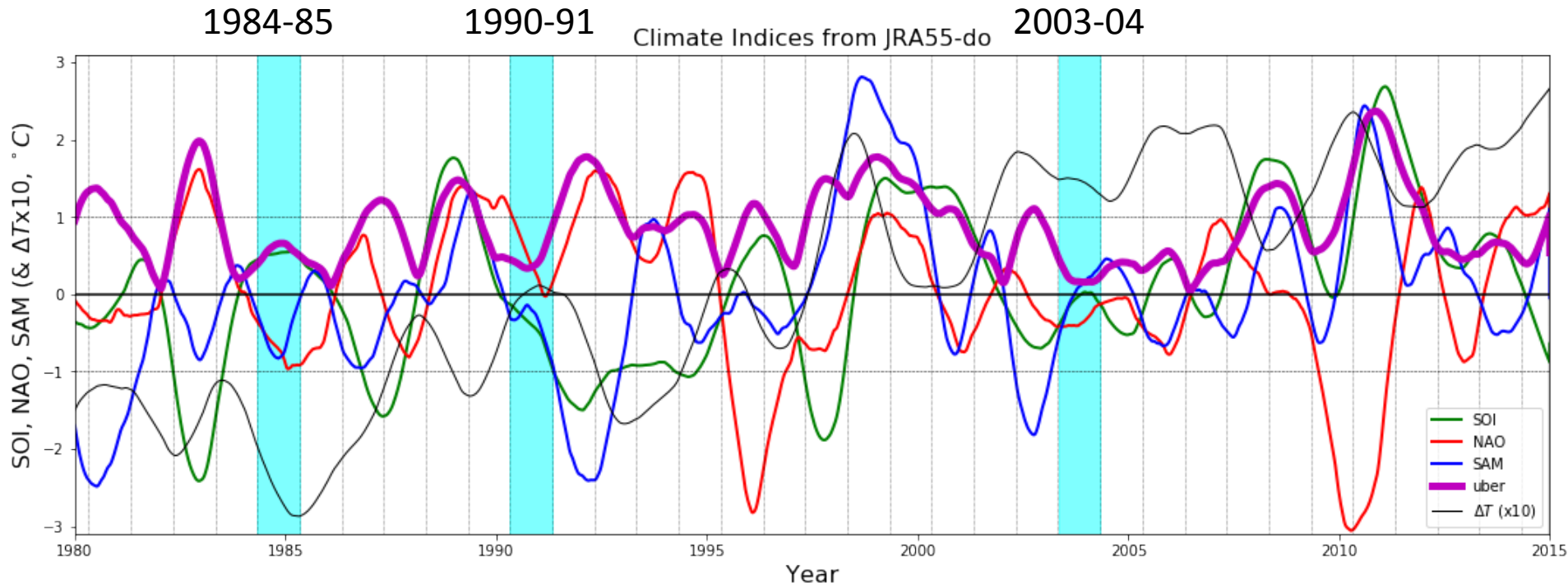
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10m  
Winds

May 1<sup>st</sup>

# JRA55-do RYF: minimising major modes of climate variability



Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) – MSLP difference between Tahiti & Darwin

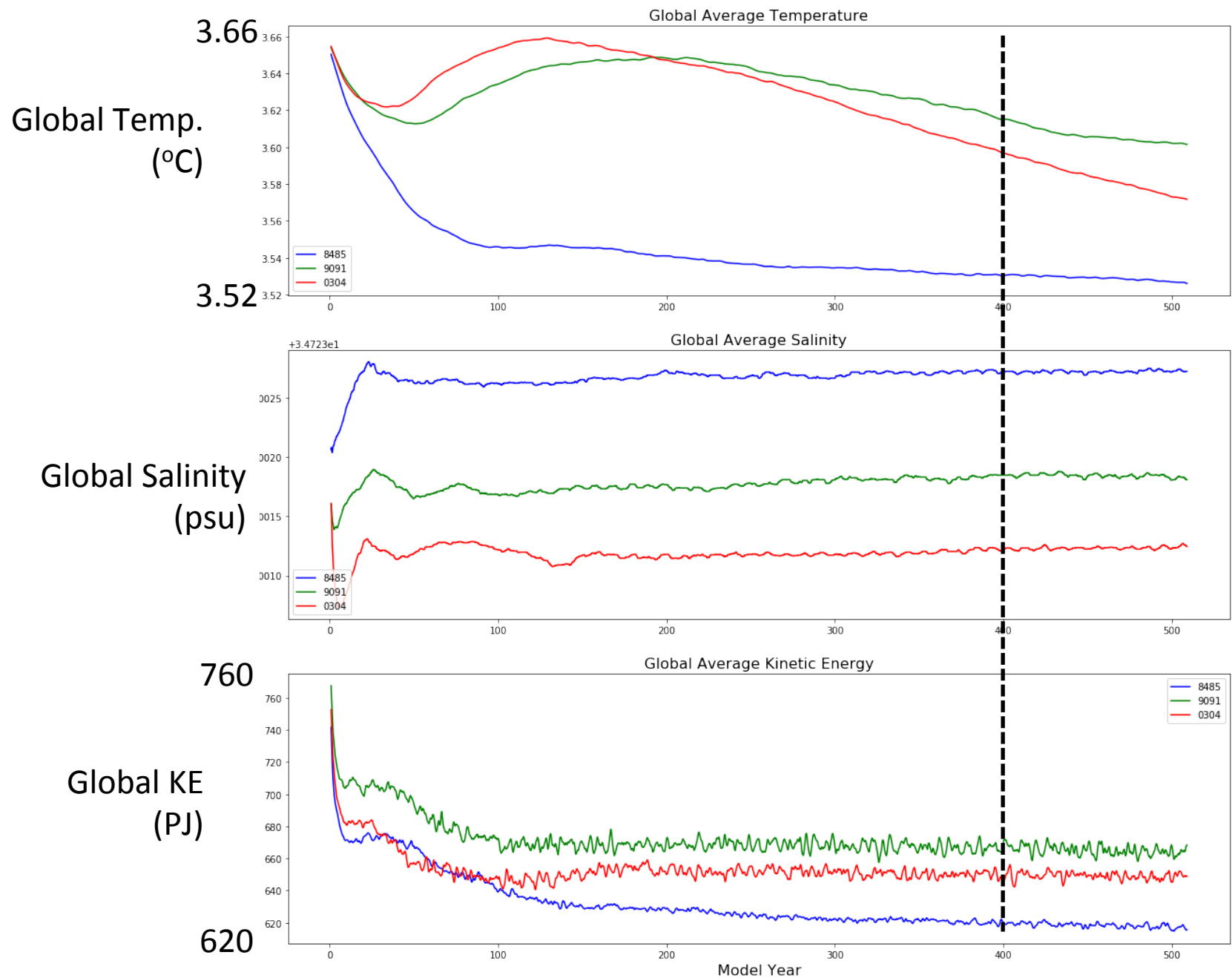
North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) – MSLP difference between Lisbon & Reykjavík

Southern Annular Mode (SAM) – MSLP difference between 40°S and 65°S

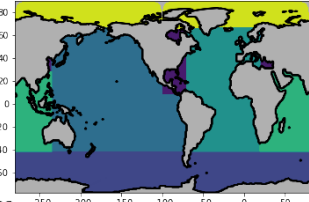
$$\text{Ubër index} = \sqrt{4SOI^2 + 2SAM^2 + NAO^2}$$

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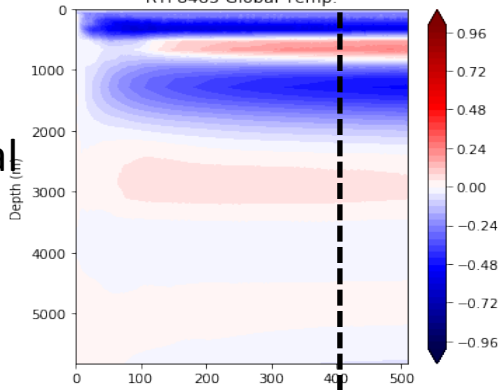
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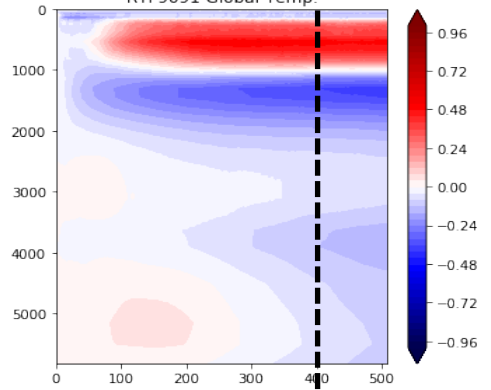
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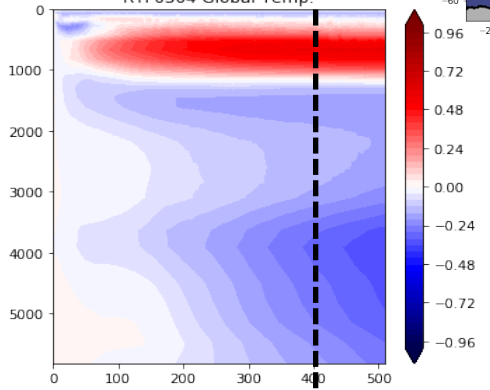
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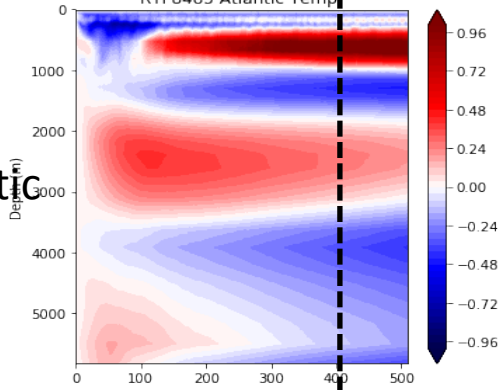
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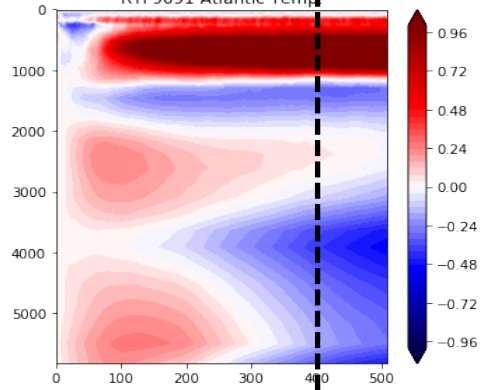


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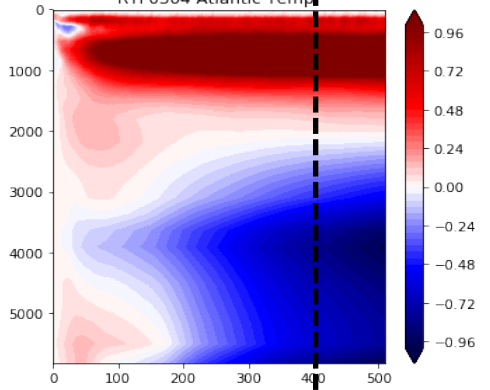
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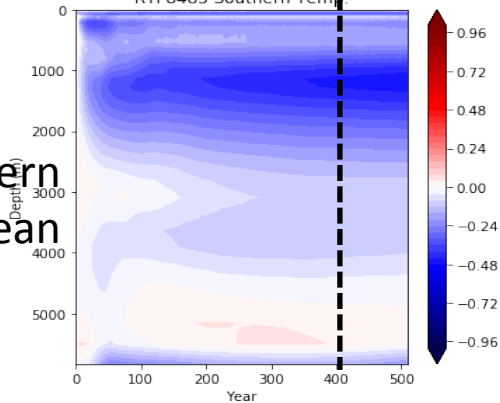


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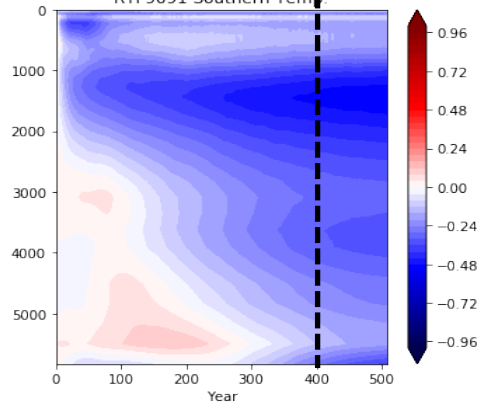


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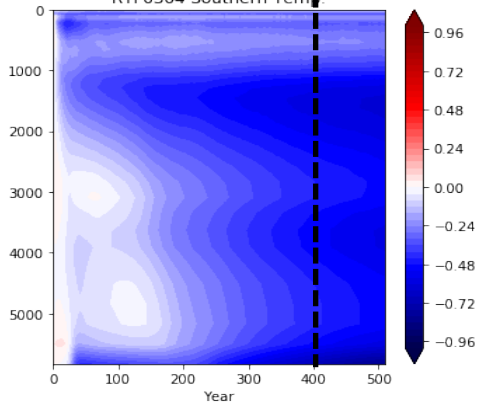
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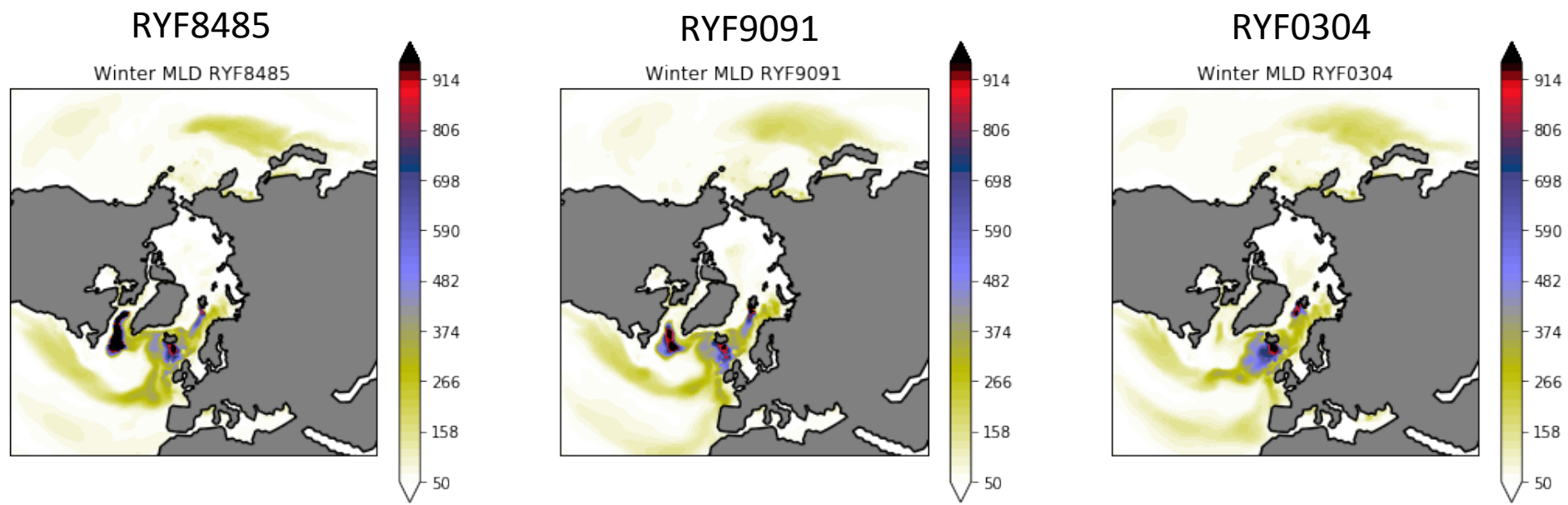
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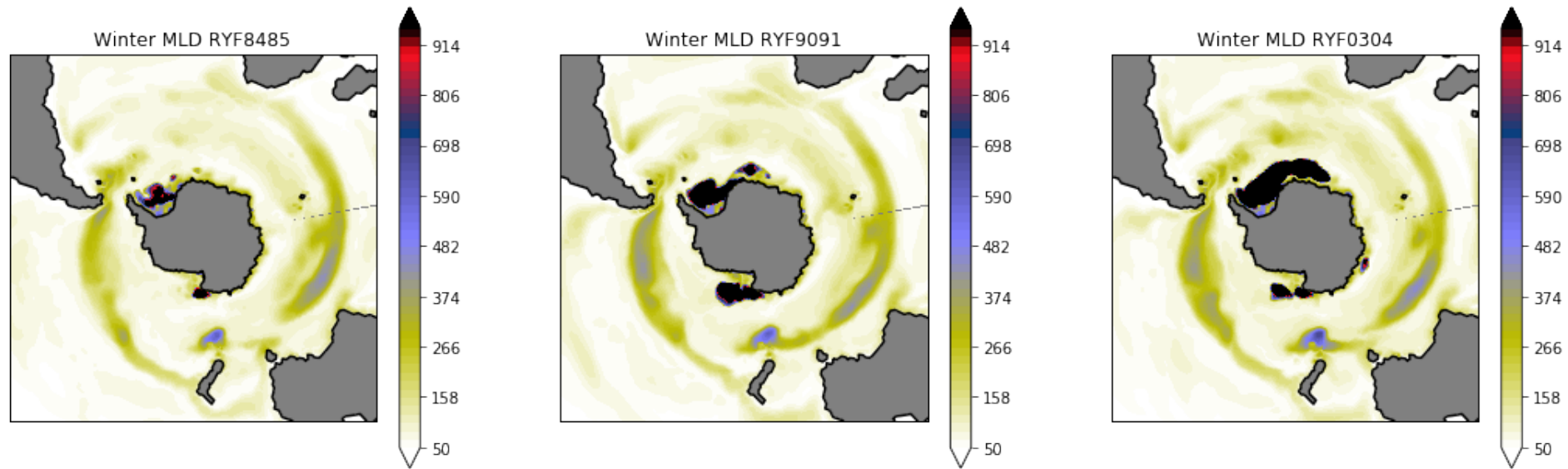
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100-year average Winter MLD

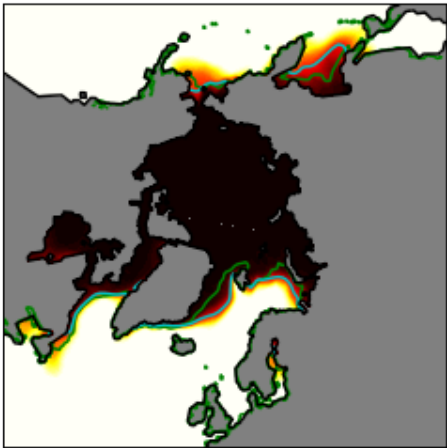




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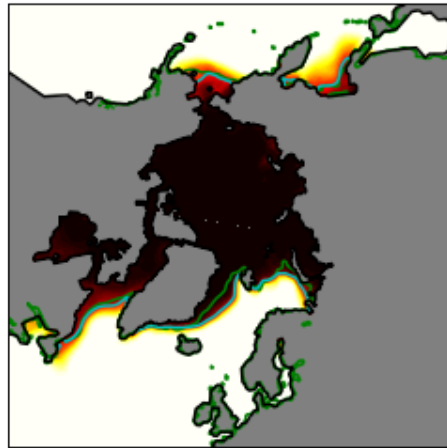
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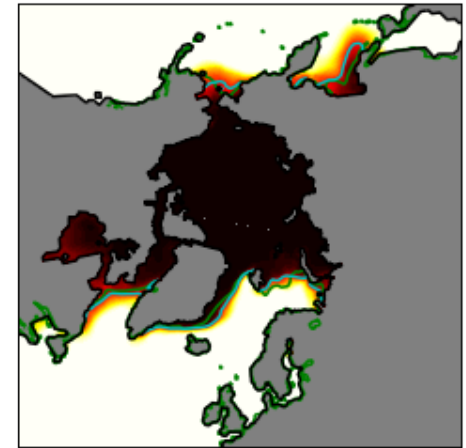
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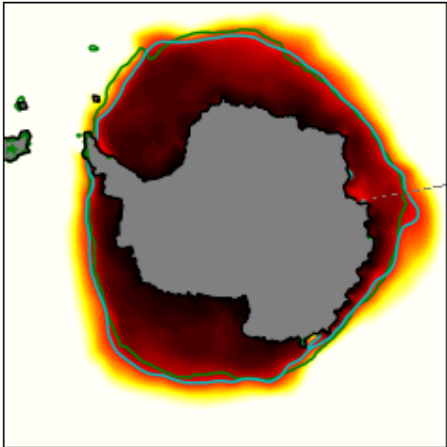
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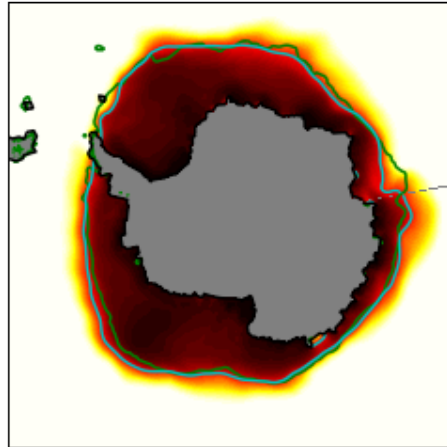


100-year average Winter SI Concentration

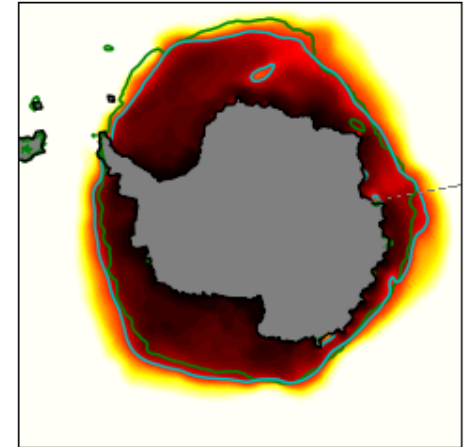
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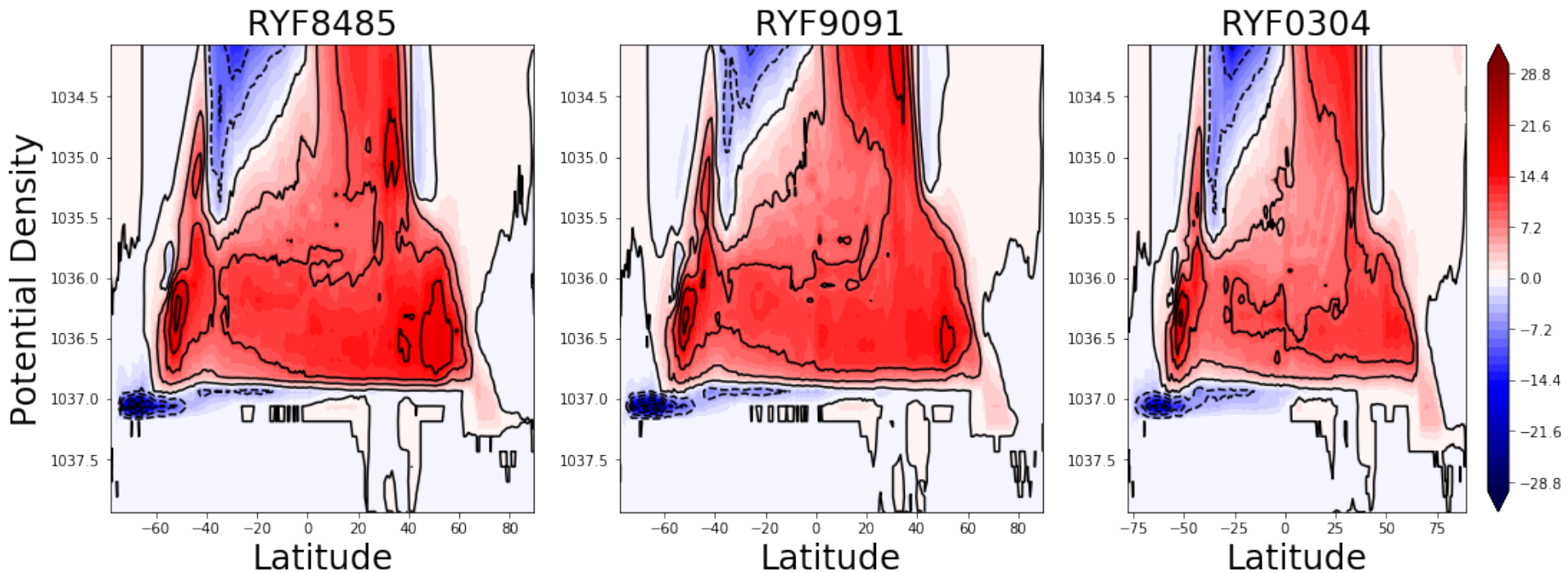


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## 100-year average Overturning Streamfunction



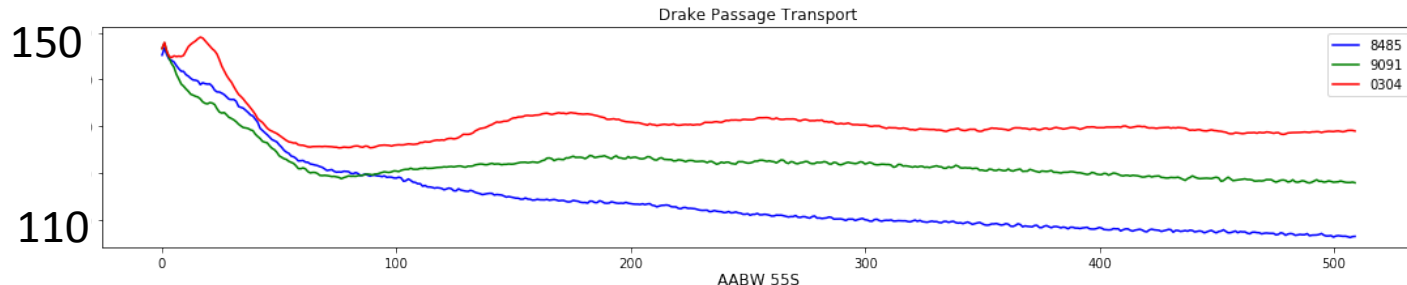
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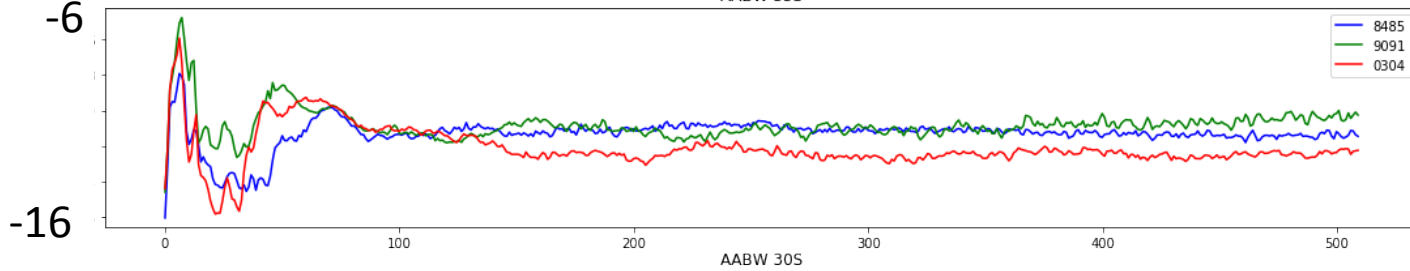
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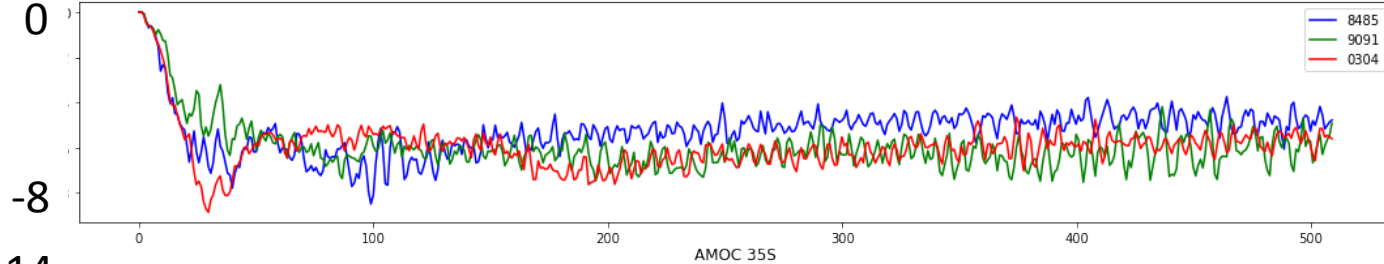
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Passage



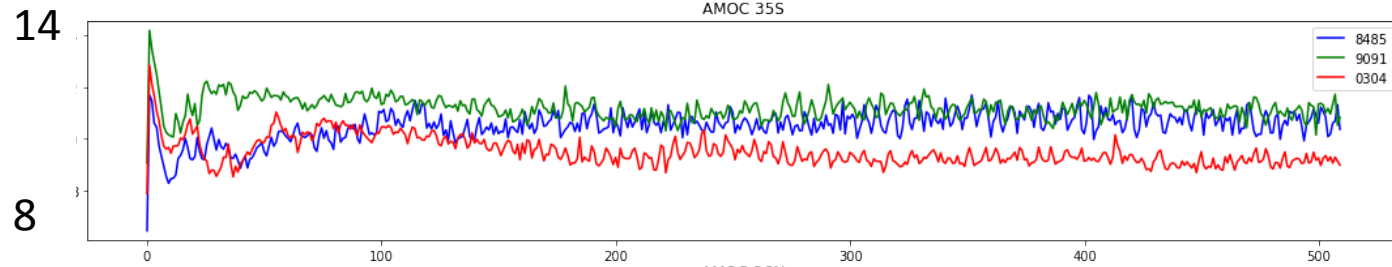
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55°S



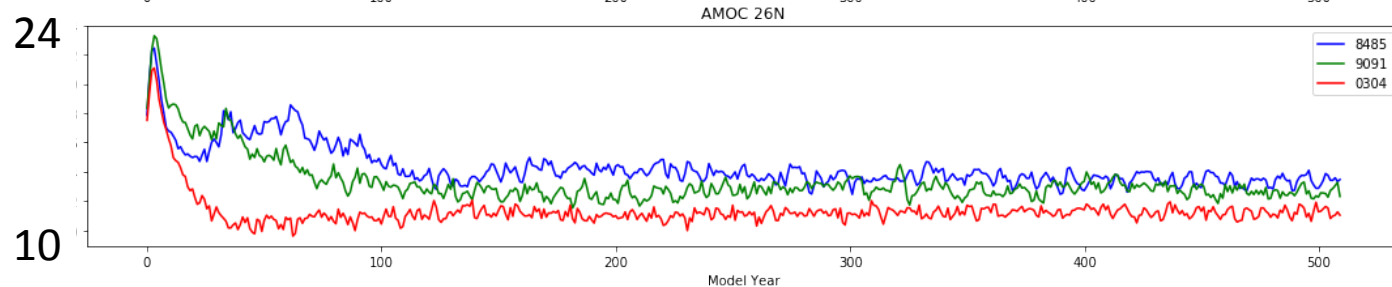
AABW  
30°S



AMOC  
35°S



AABW  
26°N



# JRA55-do RYF: where to from here...

- Complete evaluation runs using ACCESS-OM2 with common set diagnostics

  - Comparison of JRA55-do RYFs with collaborating modelling groups (NCAR, JMA)

  - Seek submissions for a wider comparison of RYFs from additional modelling groups

  - Prepare for the release of RYF protocol **with recommended year**

- Explore RYF with ACCESS-OM2 across vertical (KDS suite) and horizontal resolutions

- Perturbation runs with idealised RCP4.5 and/or Durack & Wijffels (2010) forcing anomalies

  - Ocean heat uptake and sea ice response to perturbation forcings