

2016 International Teams in Space and Earth Sciences at the ISSI\_Beijing

Team: Snow reanalyses over the Himalaya-Tibetan Plateau region and the monsoons

## some aspects of monsoon research at IAP

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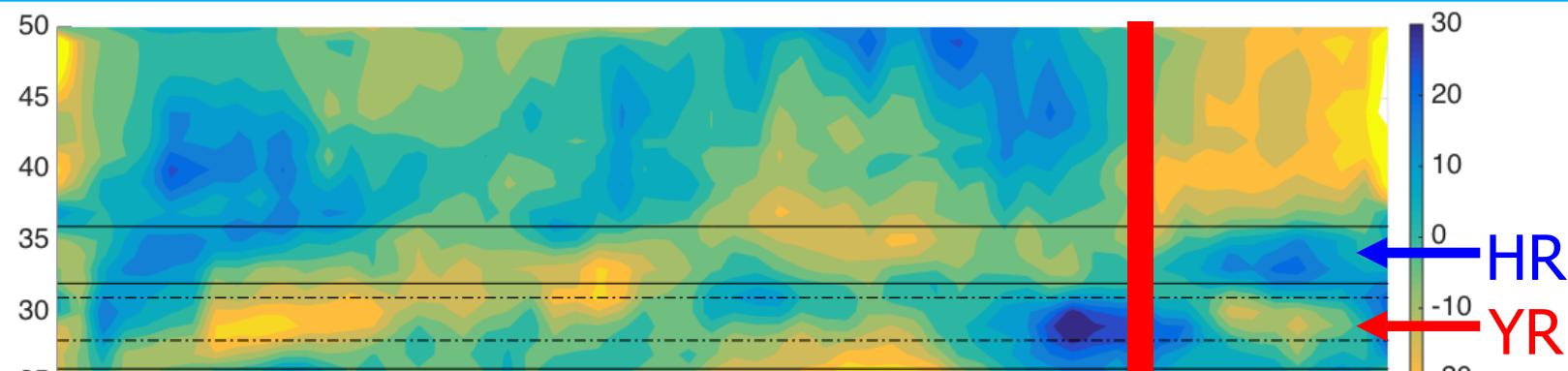


# Outline

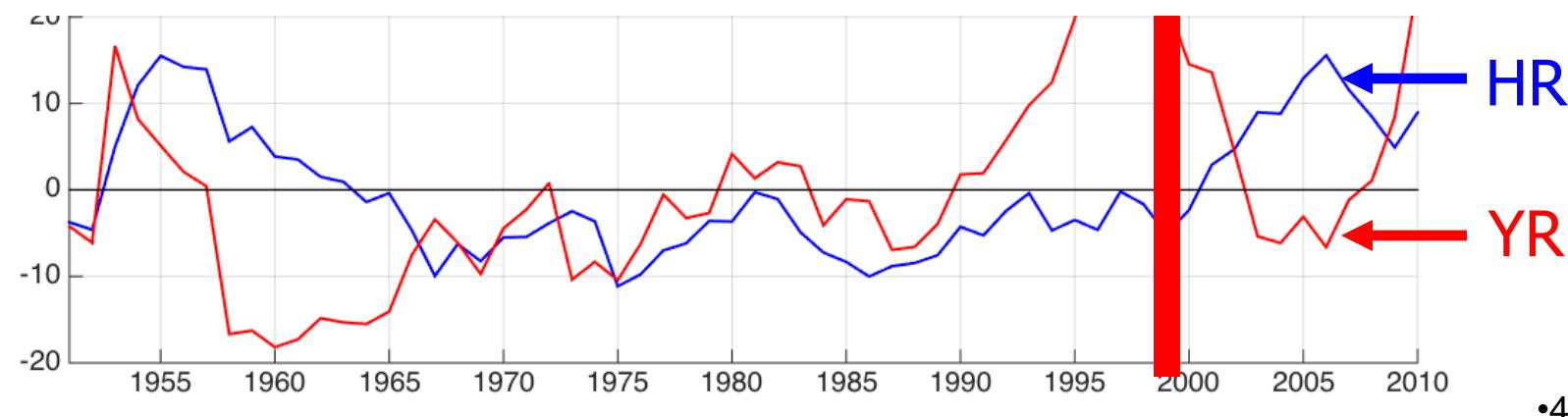
- the late 1990s' shift in East China summer rainfall
- connection between autumn Arctic sea ice and spring Eurasia soil moisture
- Simulation and Projection of Permafrost degradation on the Tibetan Plateau

# **1. the late 1990s' shift in East China summer rainfall**

# Background: changes in East China summer rainfall pattern in the late 1990s

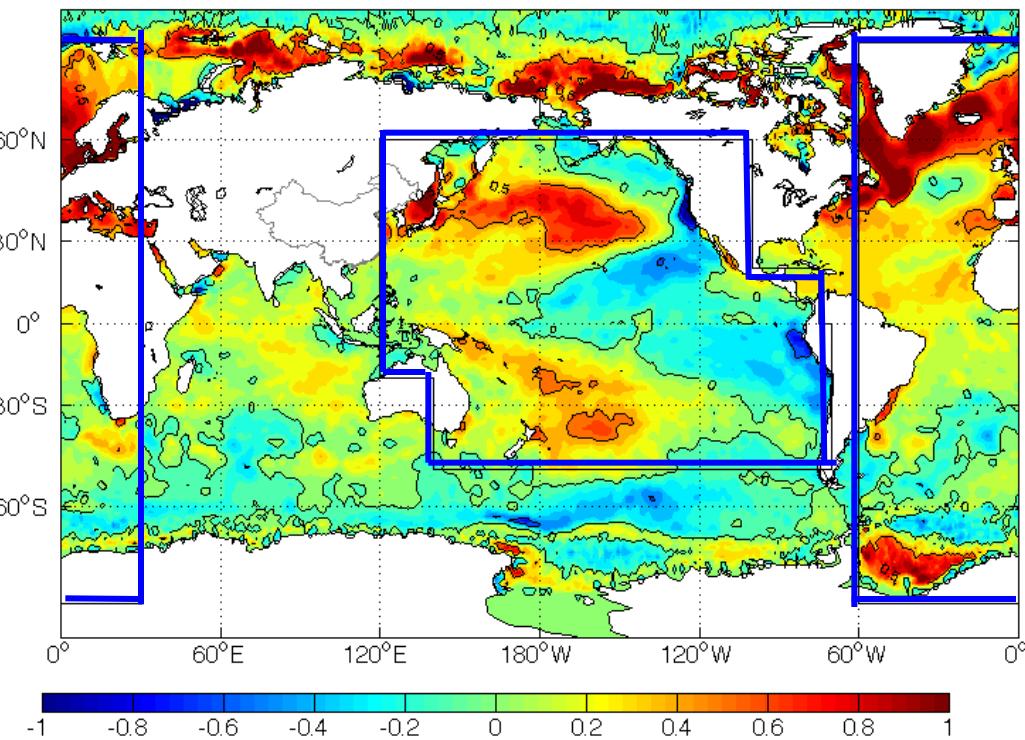


**Increased (decreased) summer rainfall over HR (YR)  
after the late 1990s**



# SST difference

2000-2010 minus 1979-1998



- PDO + AMO

Model: CAM 4

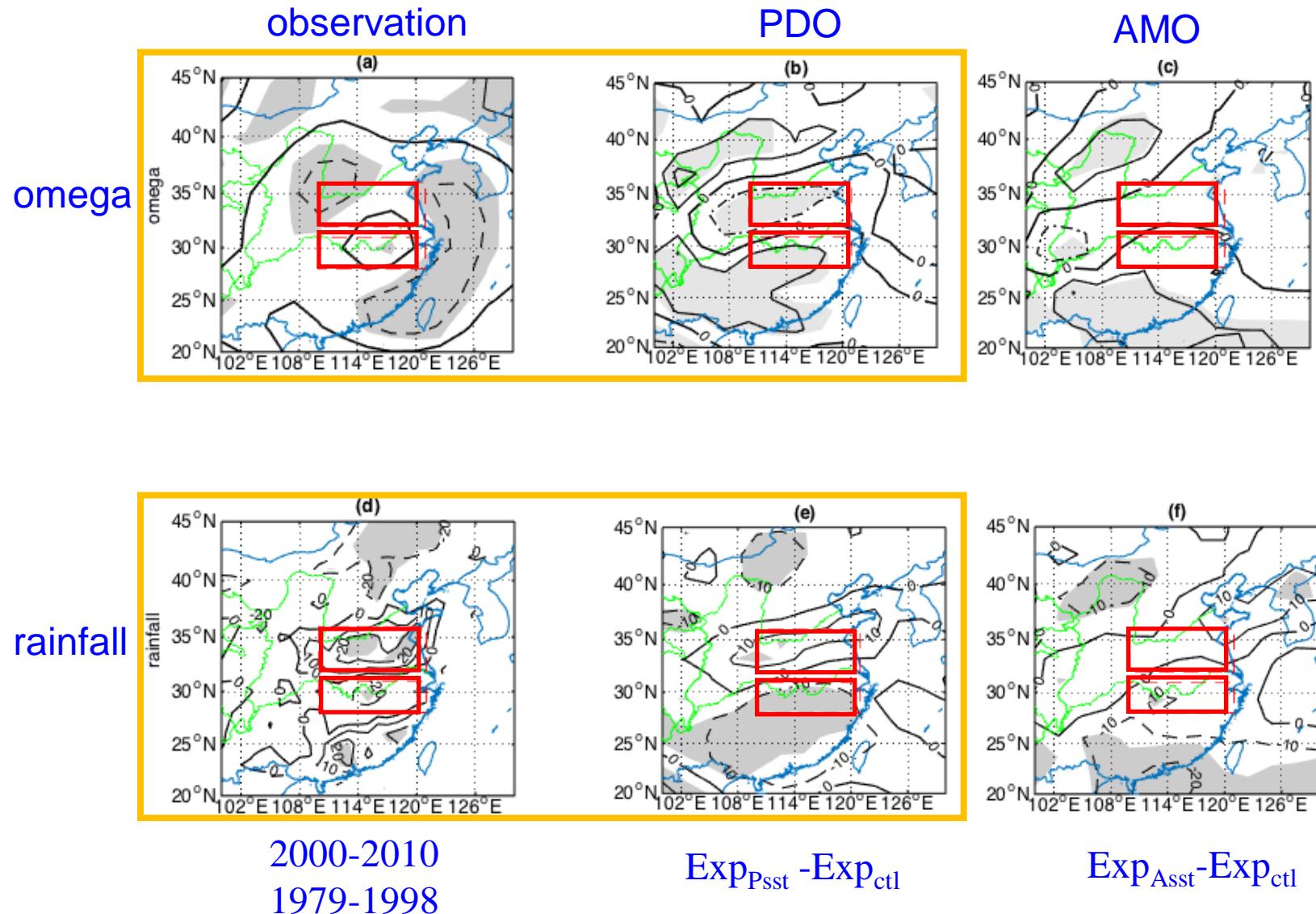
$2.5^\circ \text{ lat} \times 1.9^\circ \text{ lon}$

(1) control experiment ( $\text{Exp}_{\text{ctl}}$ )

(2) sensitive experiments

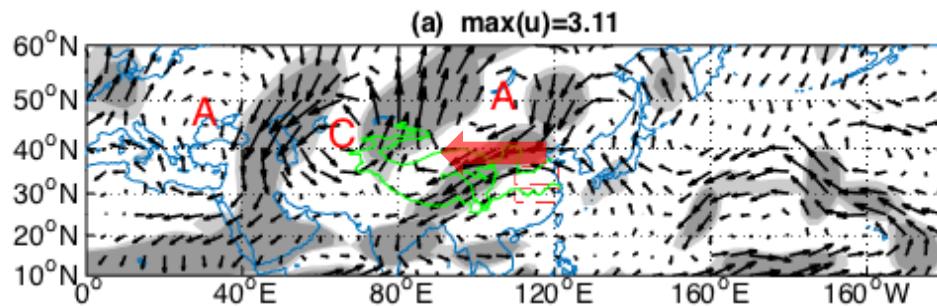
$(\text{Exp}_{\text{Psst}}/\text{Exp}_{\text{Asst}})$

# Omega & Rainfall

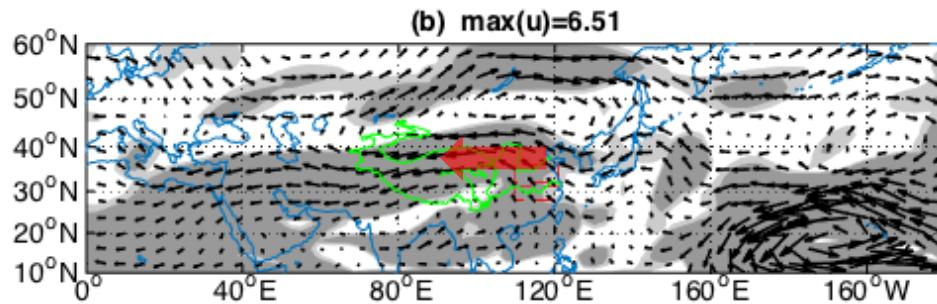


# 200 hPa wind: weakened EAWJS

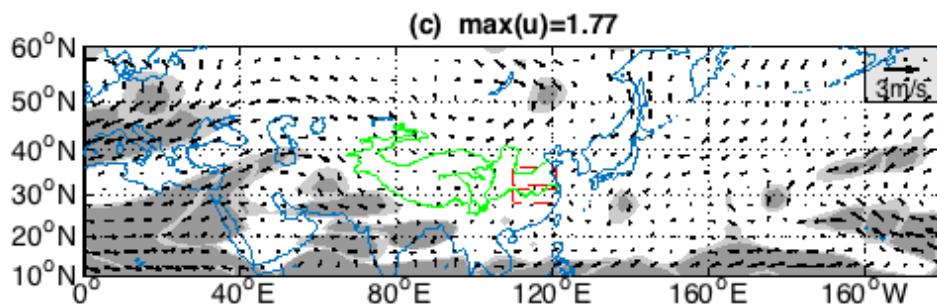
observation



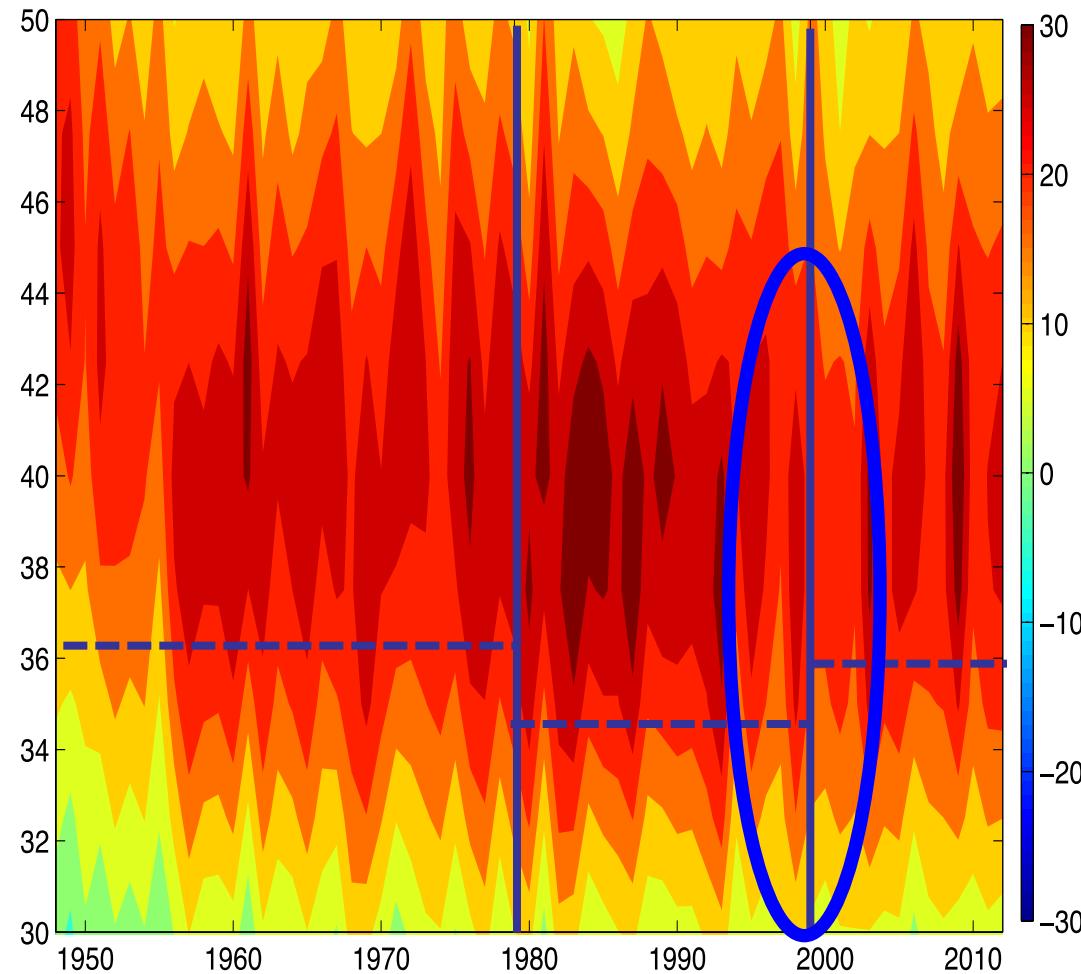
PDO



AMO

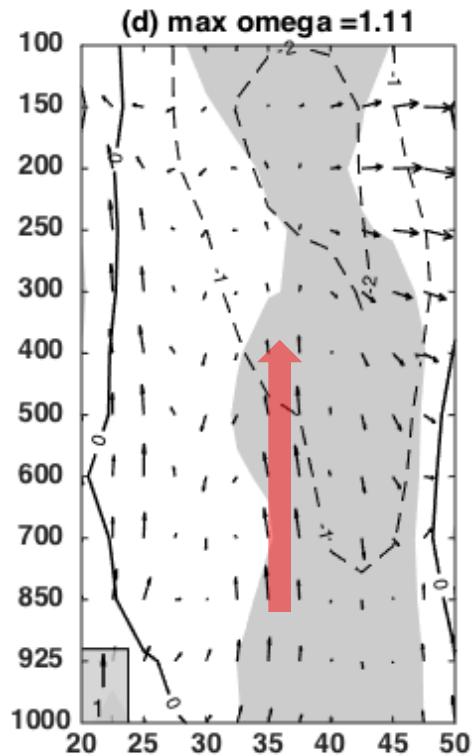


# Zonal wind velocity ( $90^{\circ}$ - $120^{\circ}$ E)

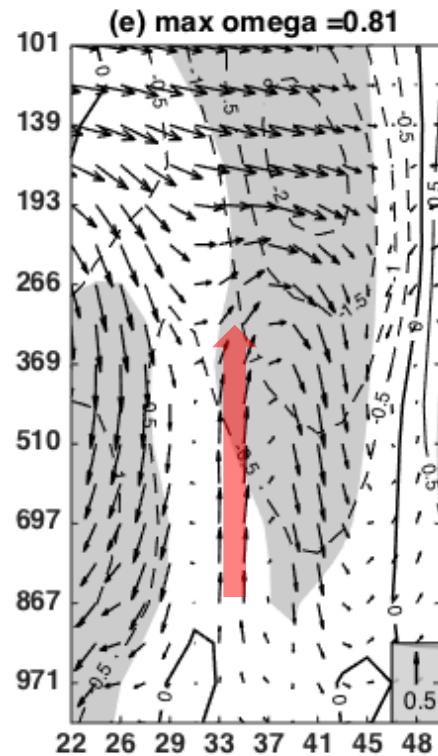


# Meridional-vertical wind

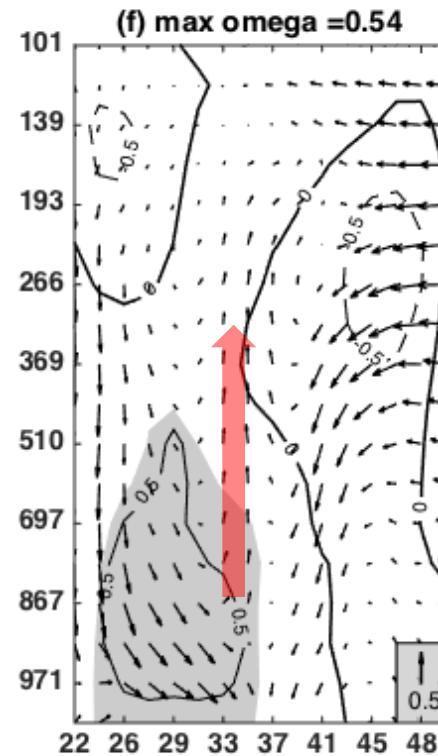
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PDO



AMO



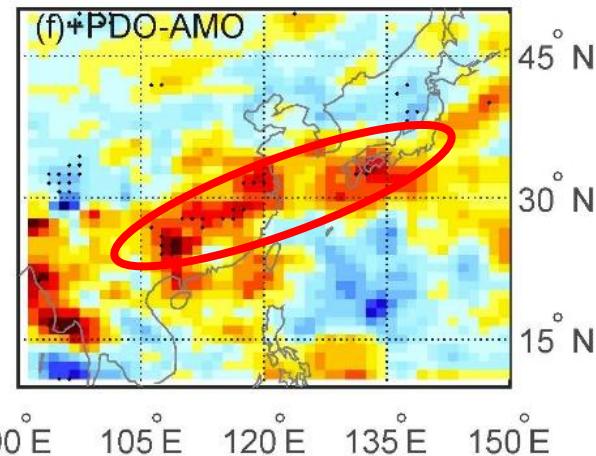
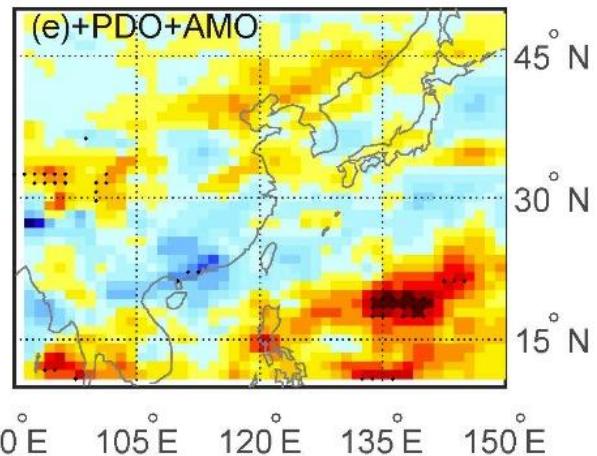
# Results from CGCM: CCSM4

Zhu et al., 2016, AAS

- CCSM4:
  - Atmosphere component:  $1^\circ$ , 26 levels
  - Ocean component  $1^\circ$ , 60 levels
  - Sea ice and land surface scheme
- 501-year control run
  - Fixed concentration of greenhouse gases and tropospheric aerosol (1850)
- Only internal variability, no long-term trend

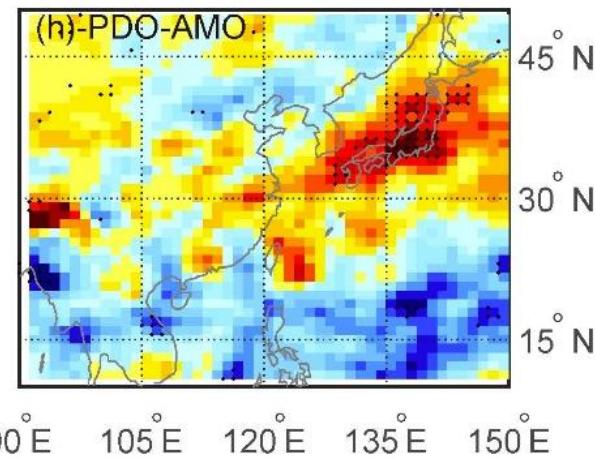
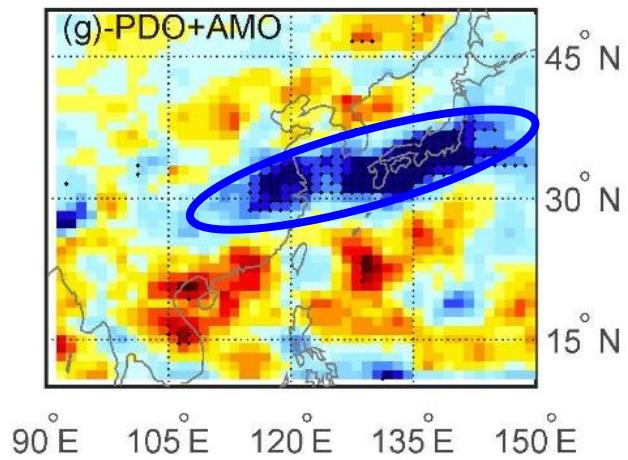
# Summer precipitation:

+PDO  
+AMO



+PDO  
-AMO

-PDO  
+AMO

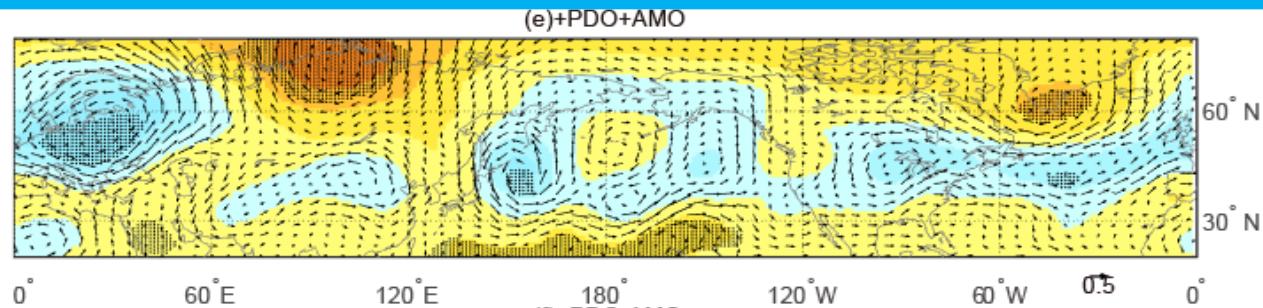


-PDO  
-AMO

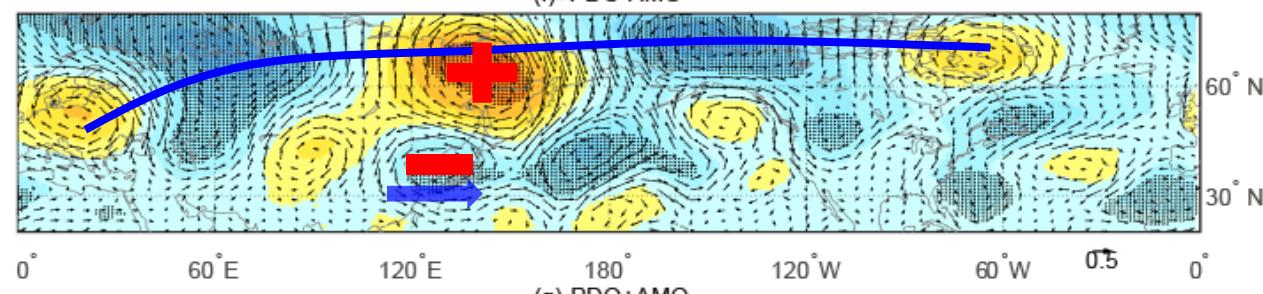


# 200 hPa wind and geopotential height

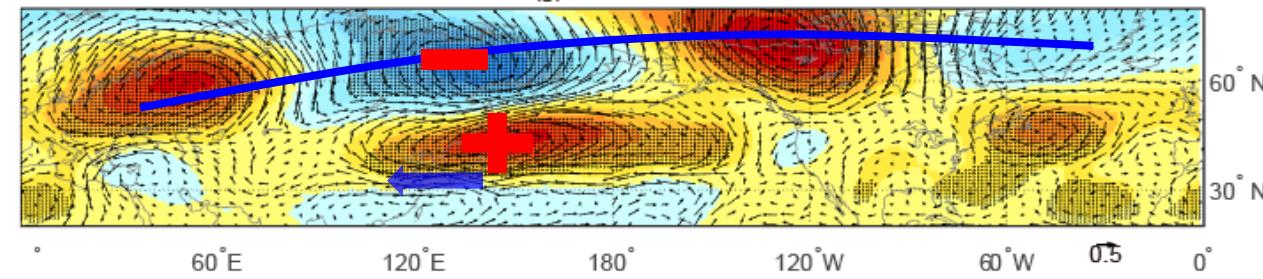
+PDO  
+AMO



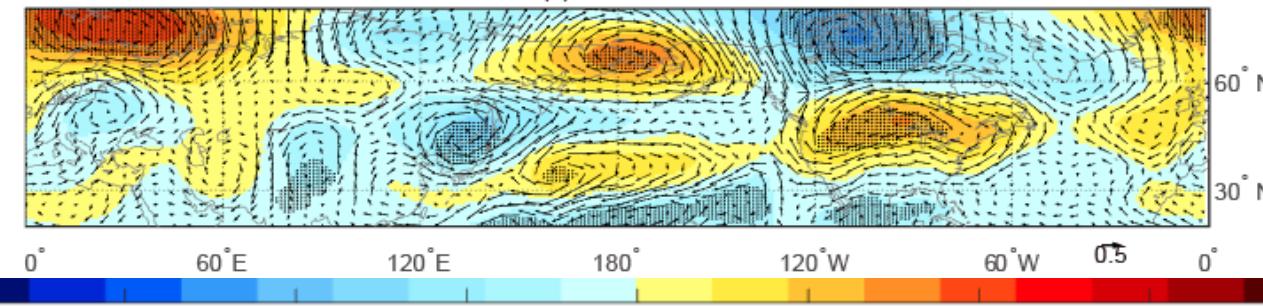
+PDO  
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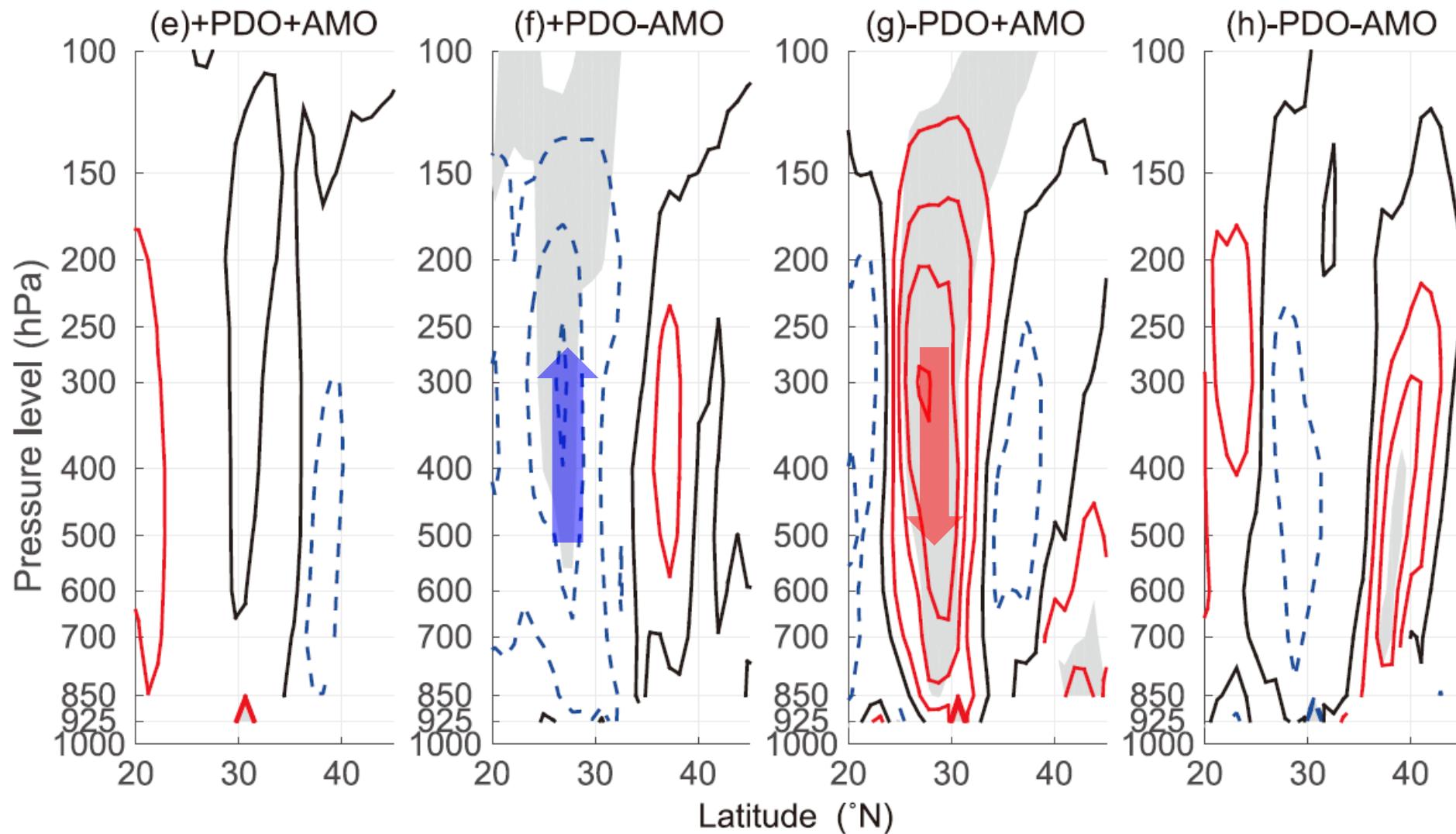
-PDO  
+AMO



-PDO  
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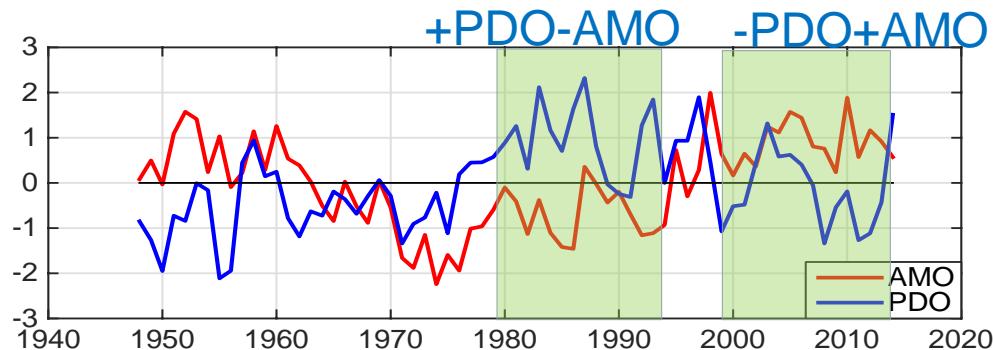


# Vertical velocity $\omega$ ( 110°–120°E average )

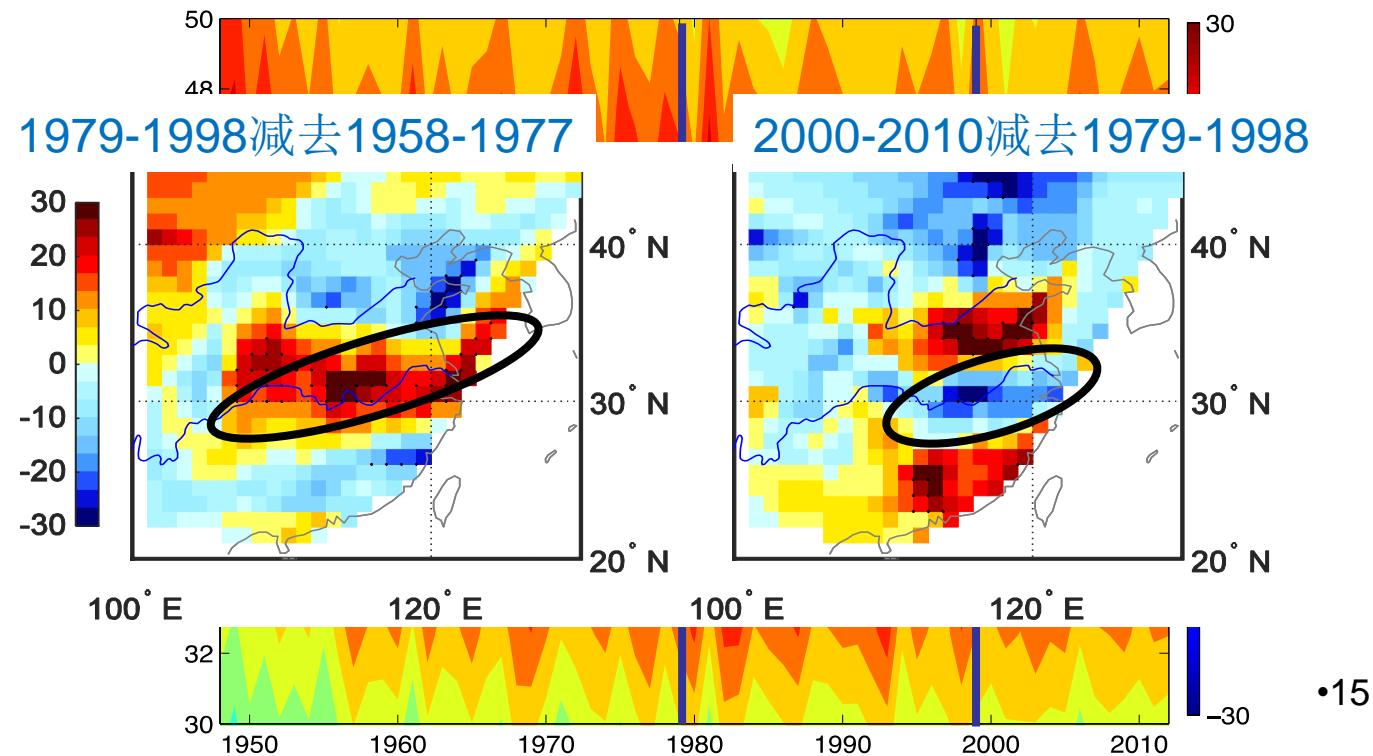


# Observation: late 1970s' and 1990s' change

PDO/AMO指数



EAWJS  
Rainfall



# Key Points

- Using AGCM CAM4, PDO can significantly contribute to the summer rainfall changes in East China.
- CGCM results: When the opposite phase of PDO and AMO appear simultaneously, significant anomalous rainfall appear over eastern China. But the relationship between PDO and AMO is not stable.
- EAWJS acts as a bridge in linking the PDO/AMO with summer rainfall in East China through modulating the local meridional-vertical circulation.

# Snow depth over the Tibetan Plateau--station data

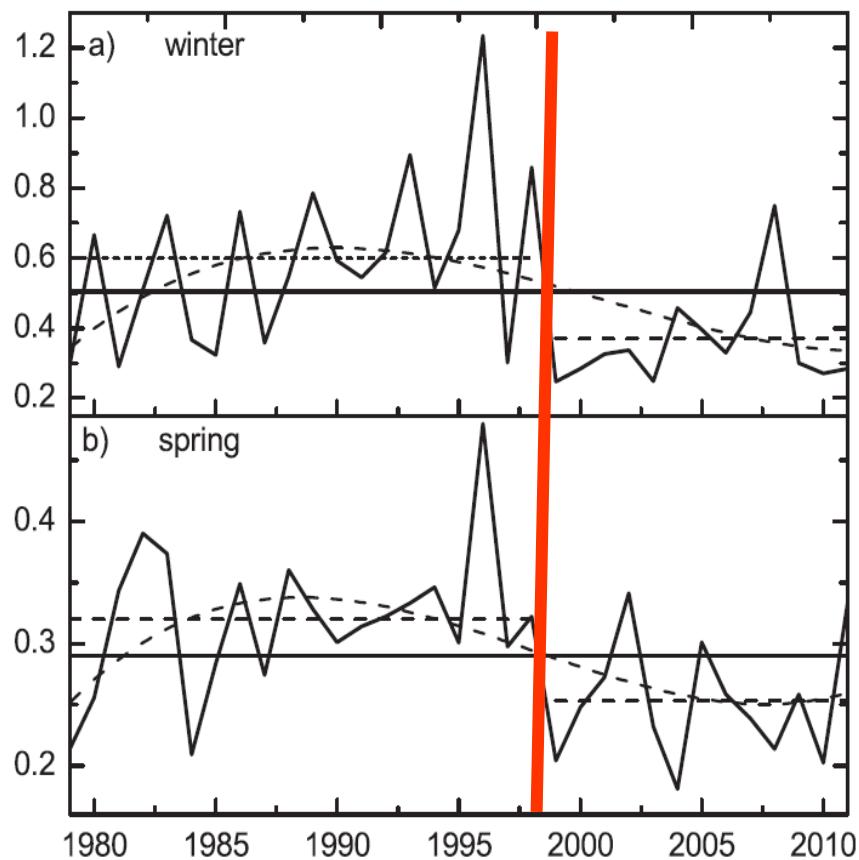


FIG. 2. Time series of (a) winter and (b) spring snow depth ( $\text{cm day}^{-1}$ ) over the Tibetan Plateau, averaged for the 72 stations from 1979 to 2011. The dashed curve indicates the third-order polynomial fit. The horizontal dashed lines indicate averaged values for the two decadal periods 1979–99 and 2000–11. The horizontal solid lines indicate averaged values for the period 1979–2011.

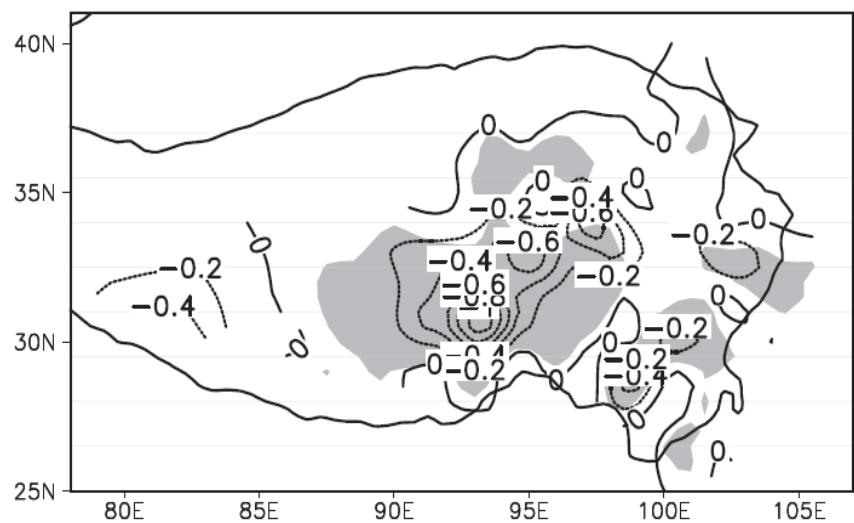
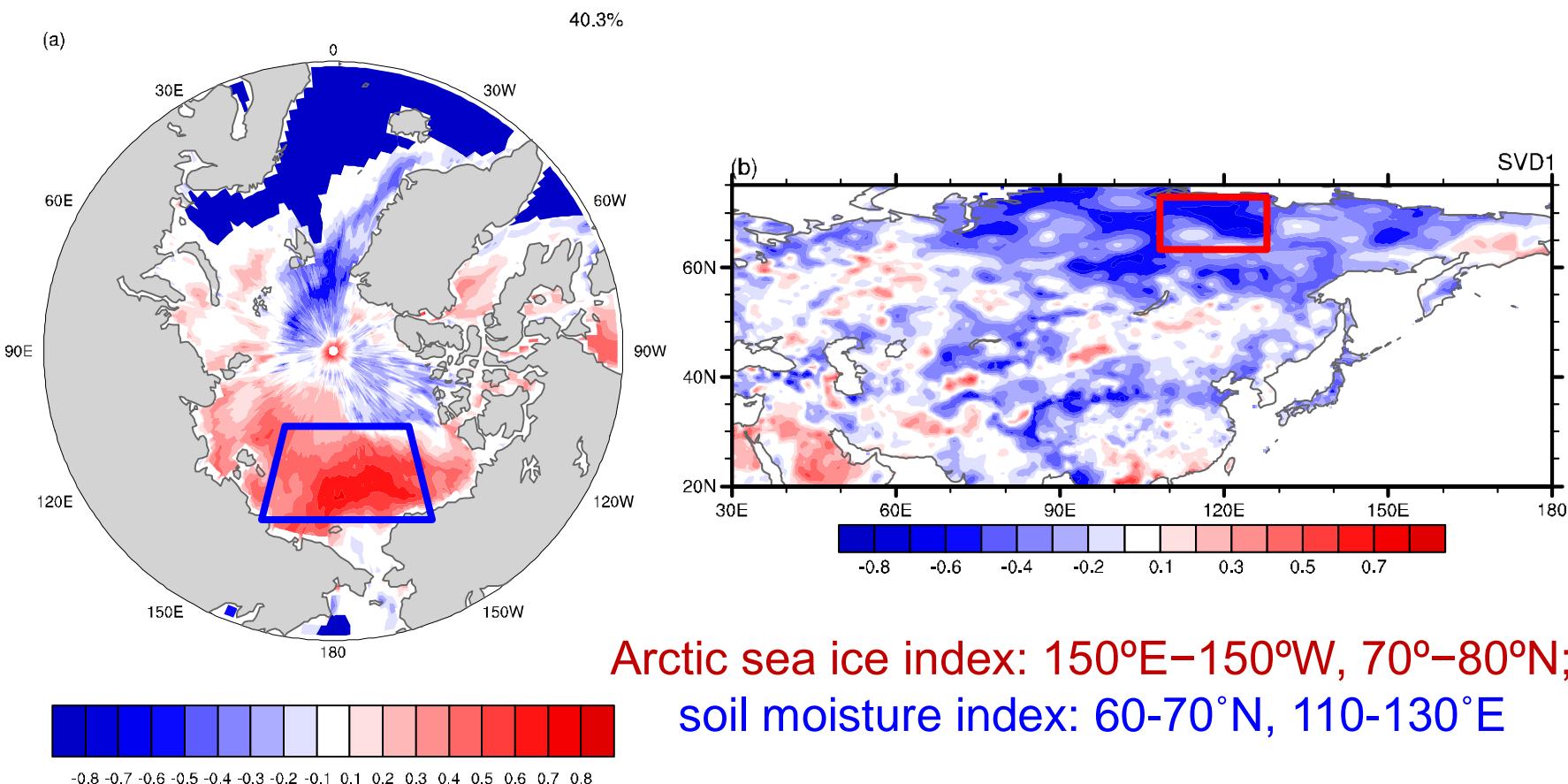


FIG. 3. Changes (2000–11 mean minus 1980–99 mean) in winter snow depth ( $\text{cm day}^{-1}$ ) over the Tibetan Plateau based on the surface-observed data. The shaded areas are statistically significant at the 95% confidence level according to a Student's *t* test.

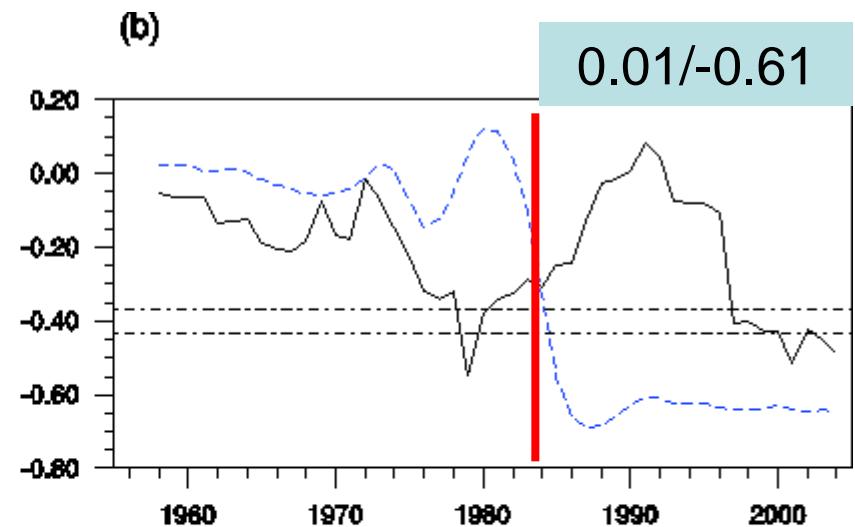
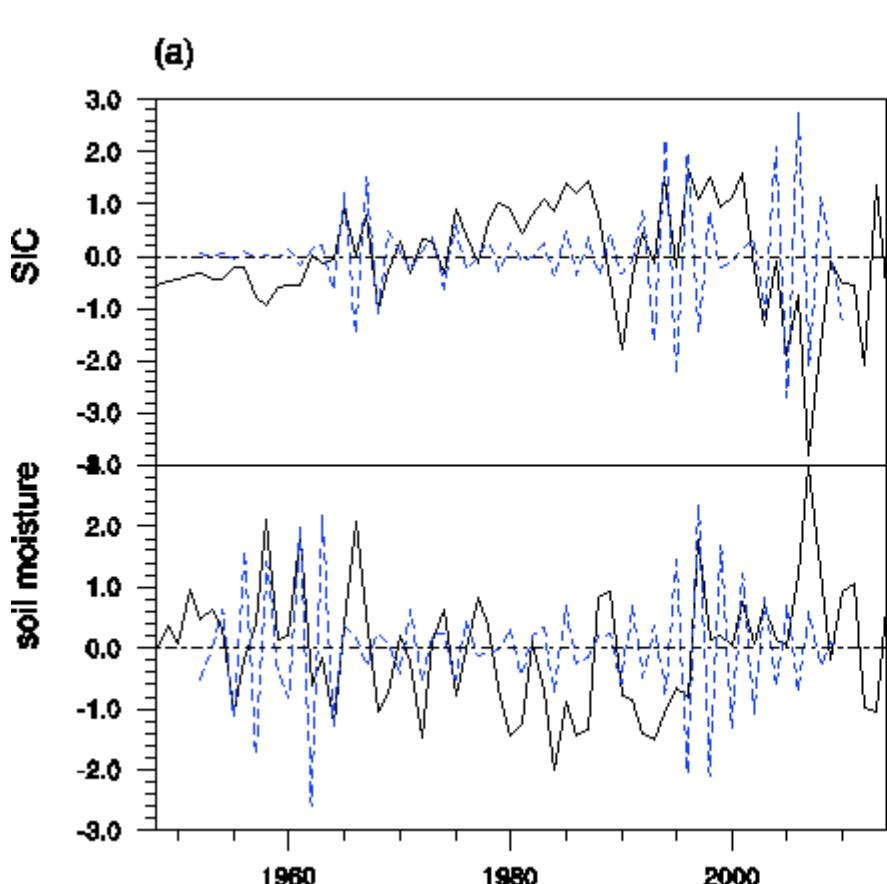
From Si and Ding, 2013

- 2. interdecadal change in the connection between Autumn Arctic Sea ice & spring Eurasia soil moisture

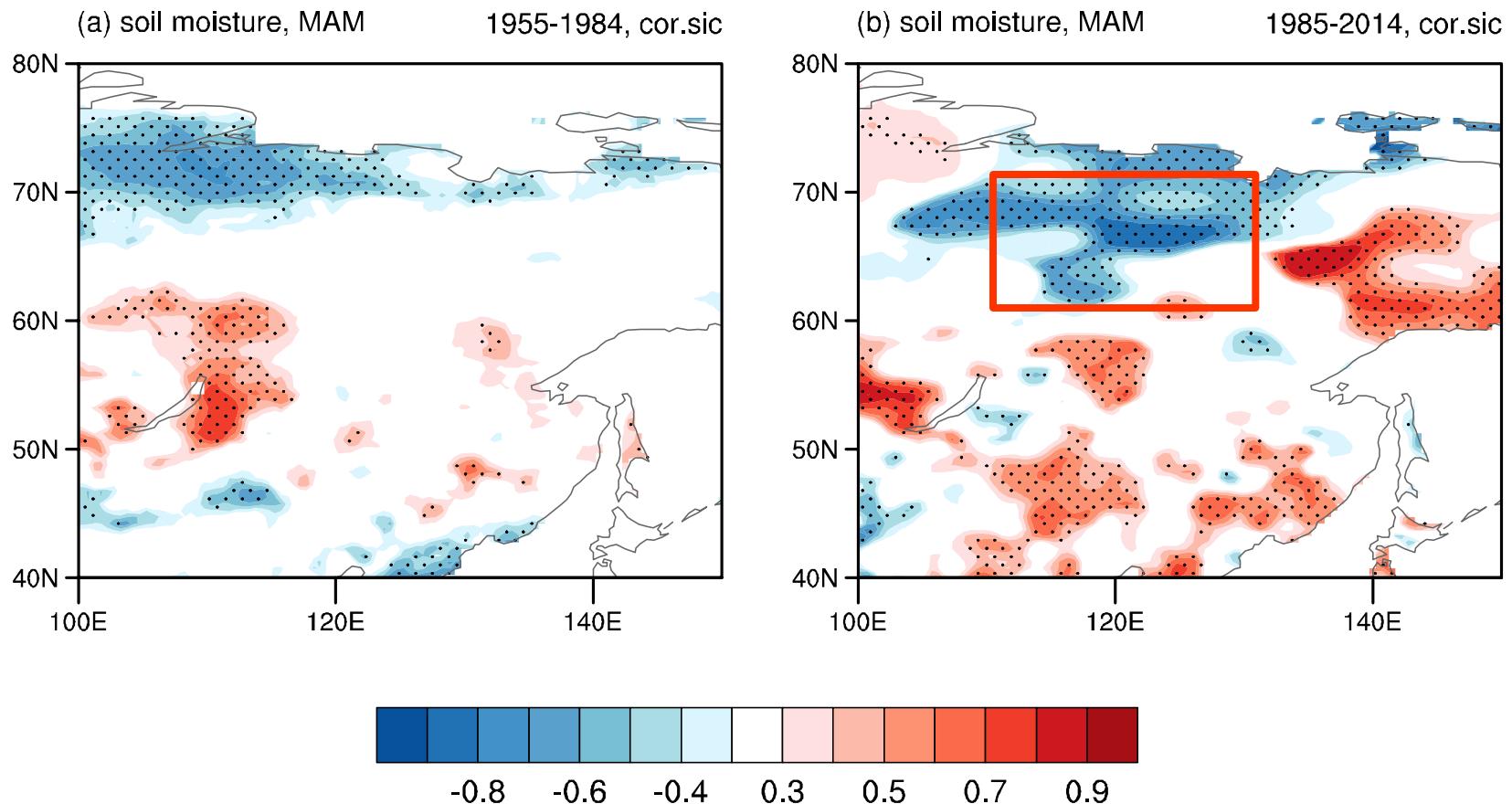
# 1st SVD mode (1948-2012)



# interdecadal change after 1985

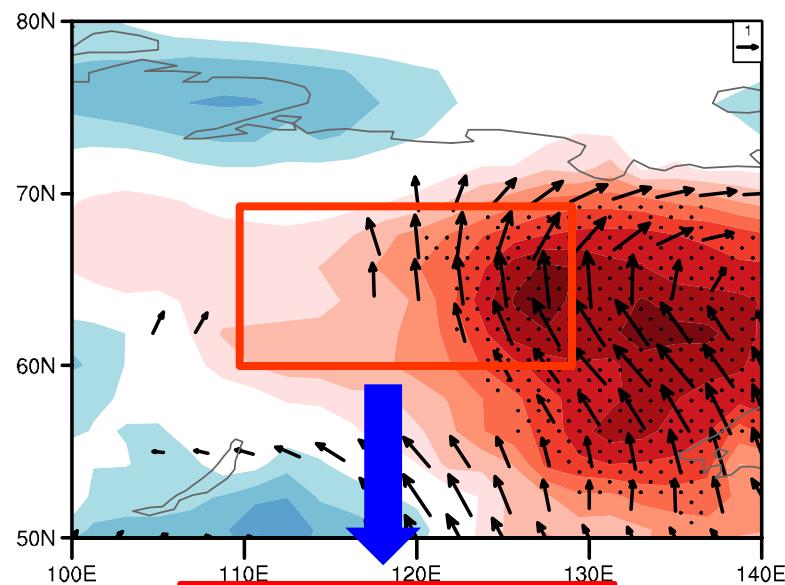
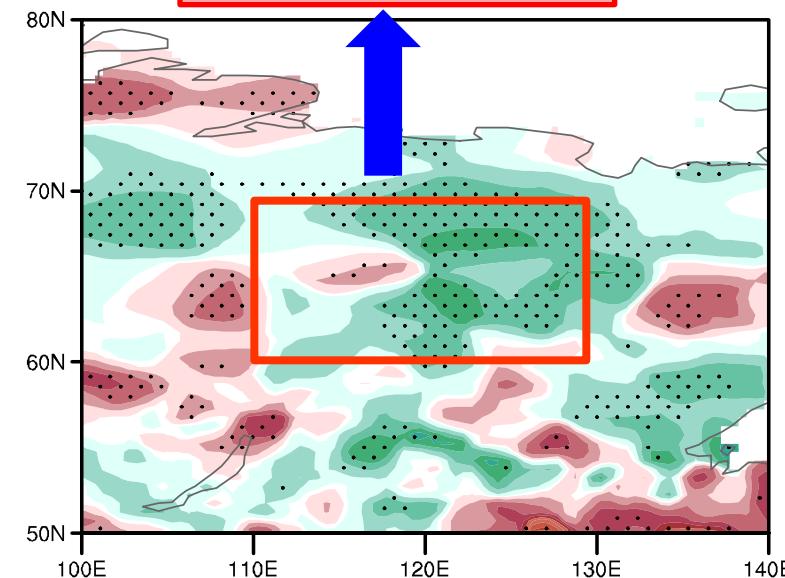


# interdecadal change



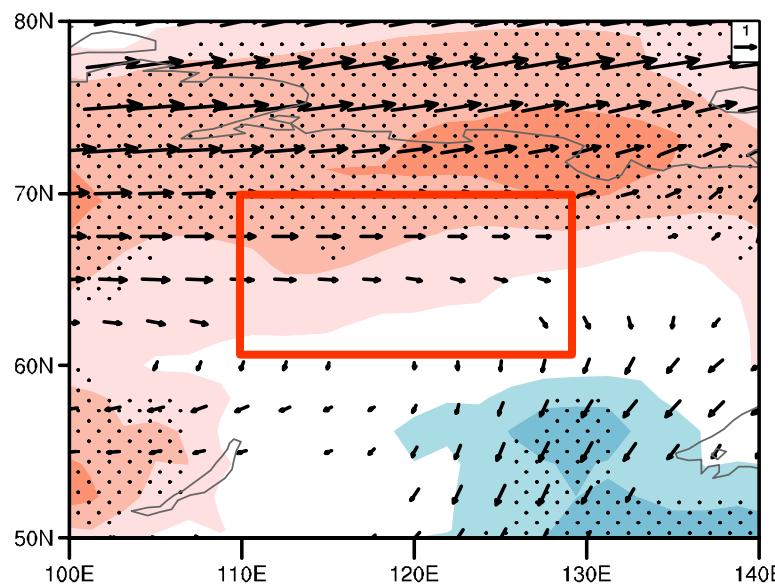
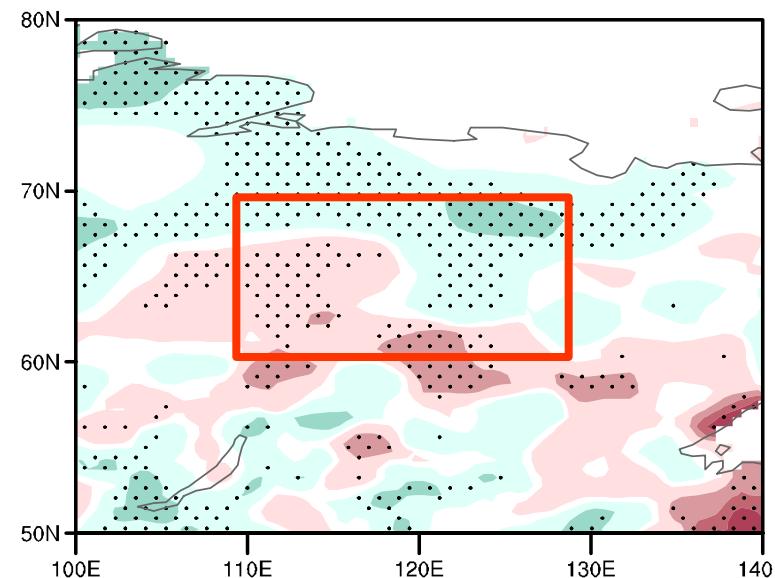
(a) t2m &amp; uv850, MAM

1955-1984, Reg. SIC SON

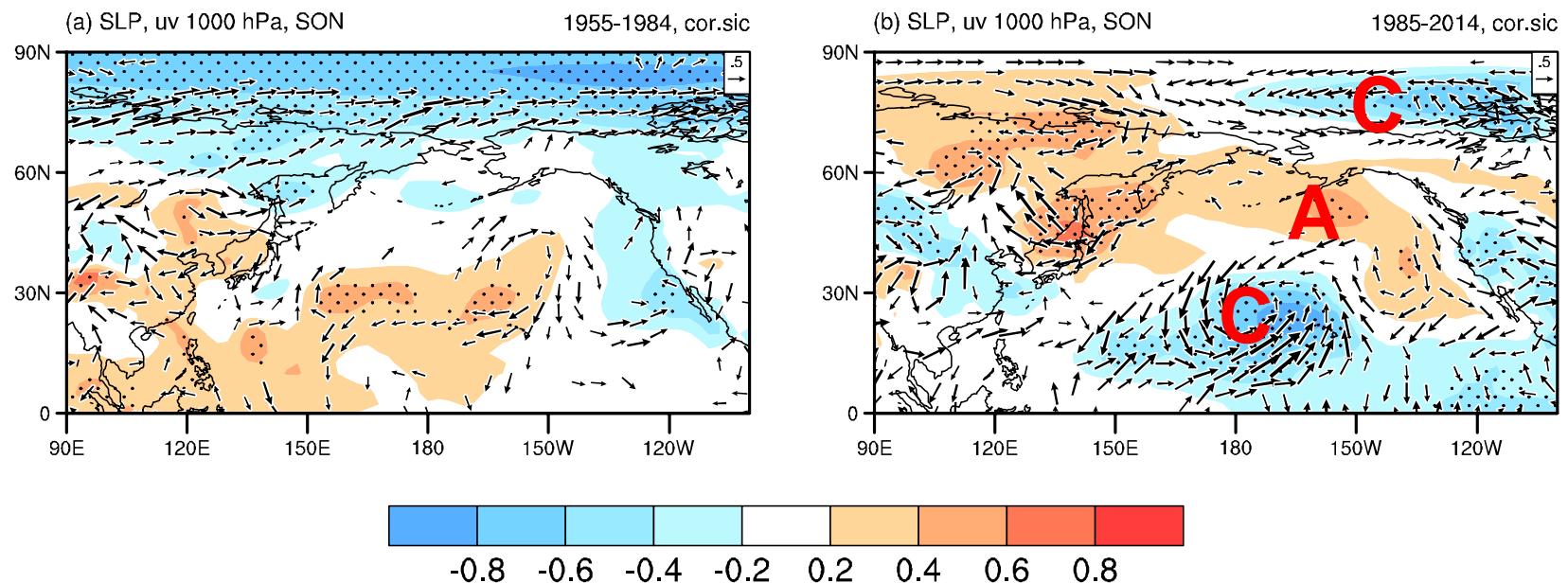
(a) precip, MAM  
1955-1994, Reg. SIC SON

(b) t2m &amp; uv850, MAM

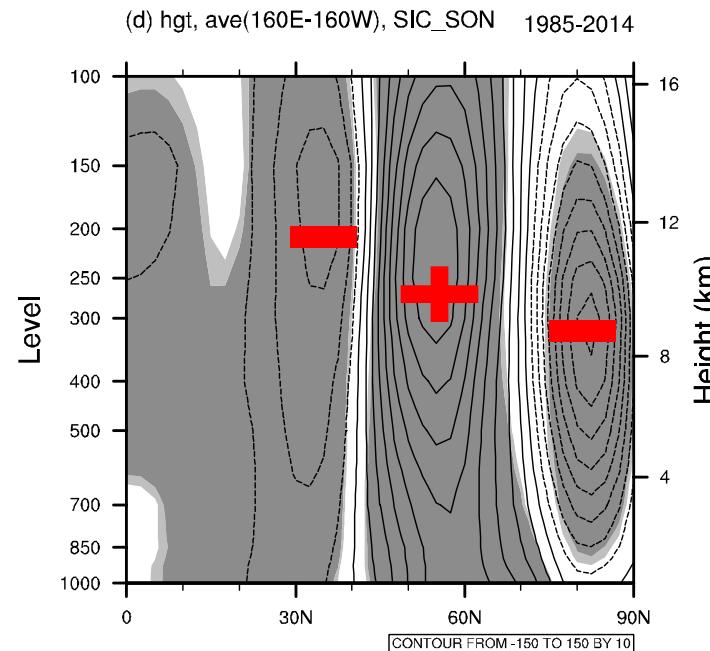
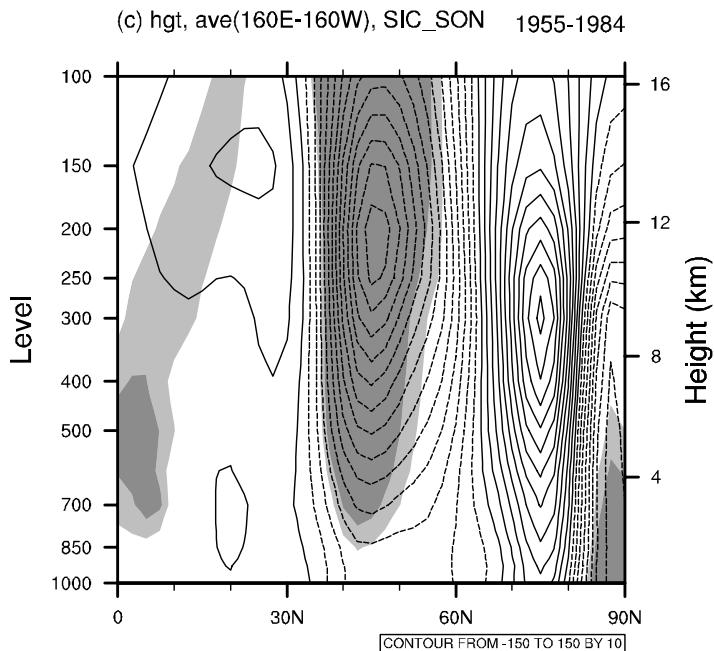
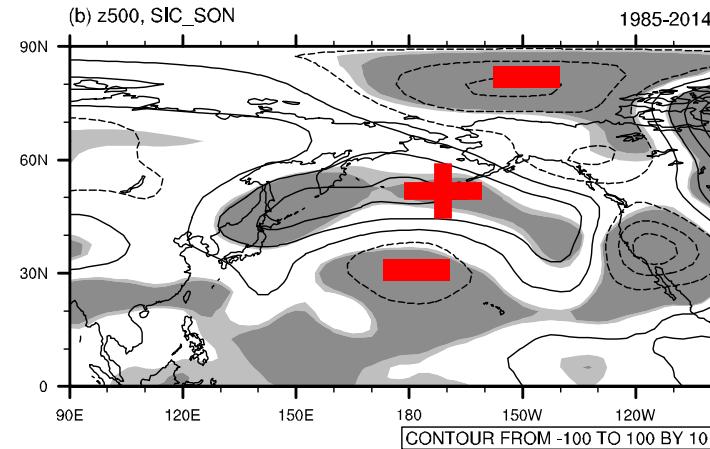
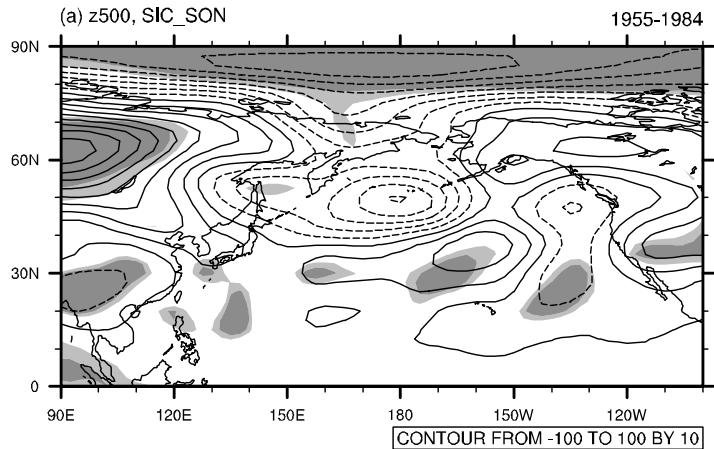
1985-2014, Reg. SIC SON

(b) precip, MAM  
1985-2013, Reg. SIC SON

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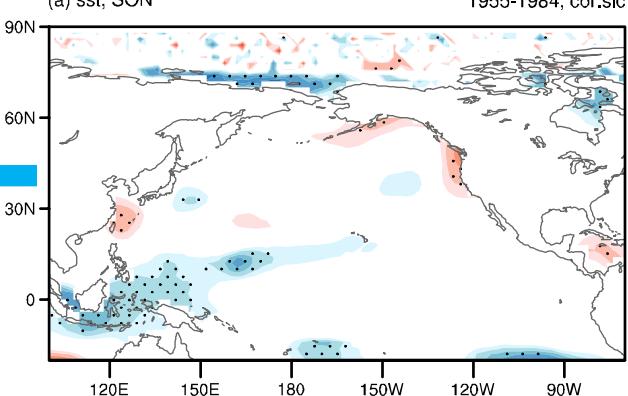


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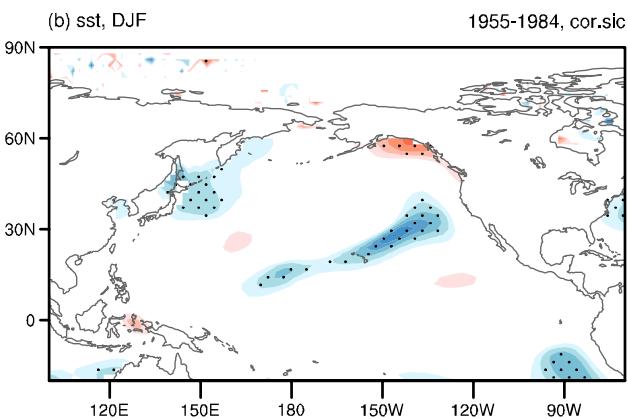


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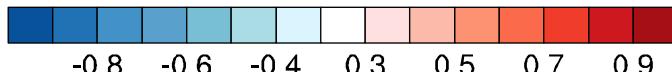
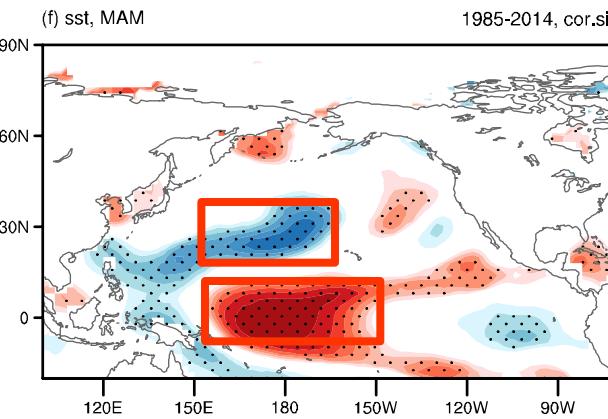
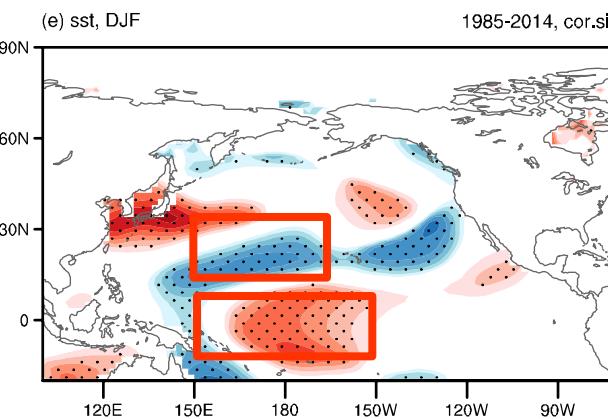
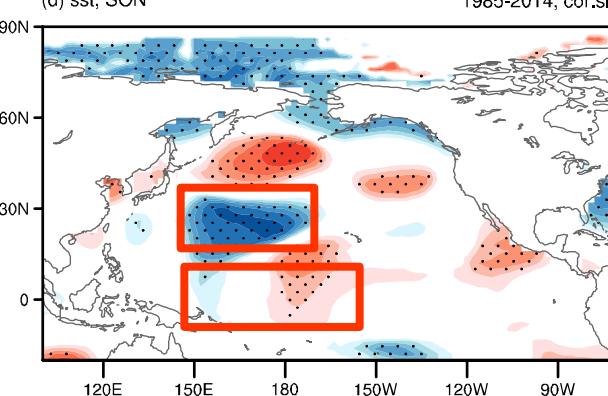
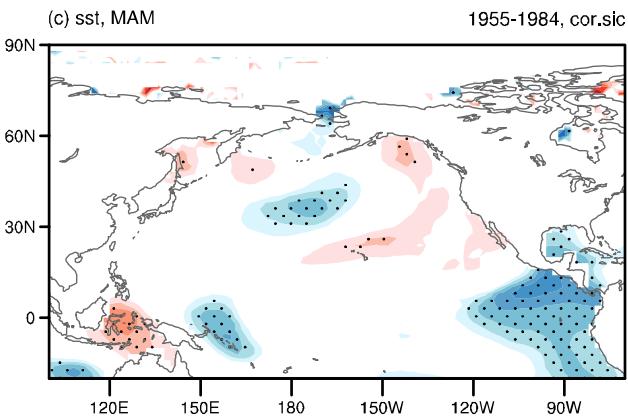
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DJF

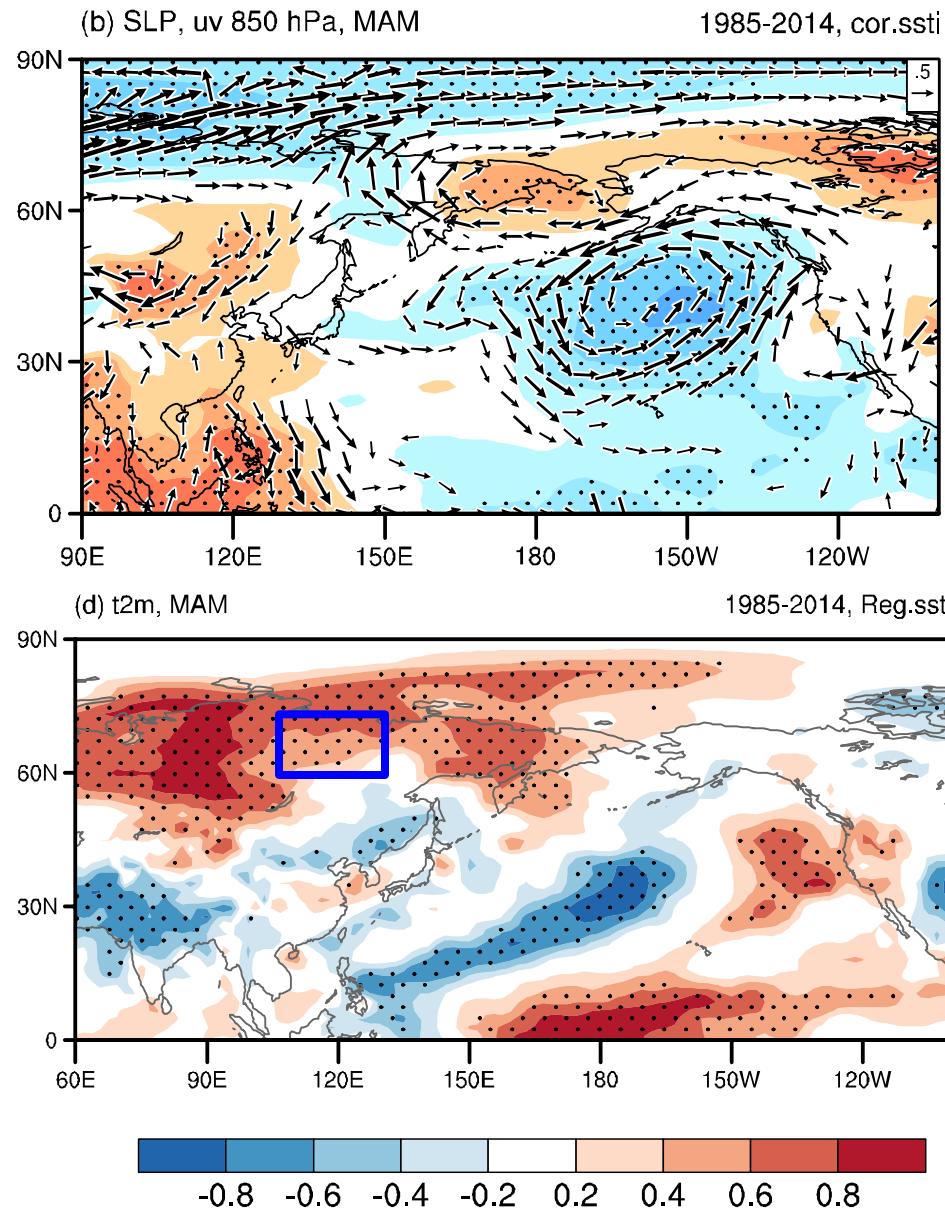


MAM



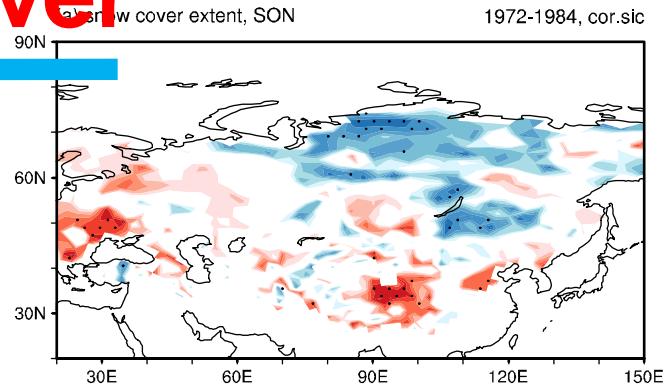
SSTI: difference between  $155^{\circ}\text{E}-155^{\circ}\text{W}$ ,  $10^{\circ}\text{S}-10^{\circ}\text{N}$  and  $150^{\circ}\text{E}-170^{\circ}\text{W}$ ,  $20^{\circ}-30^{\circ}\text{N}$

# correlation with the SSTI after 1985

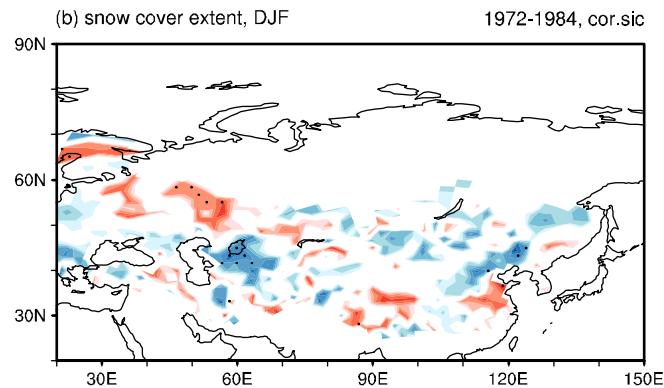


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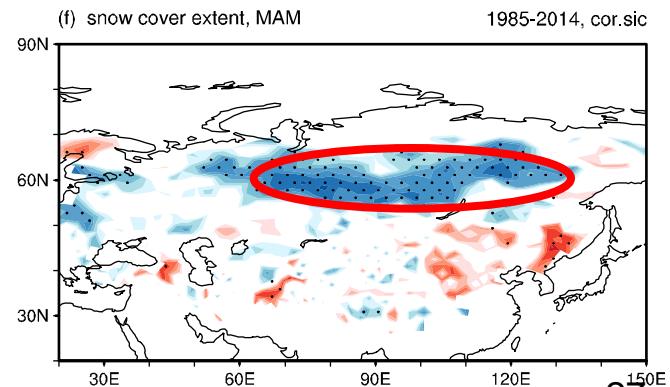
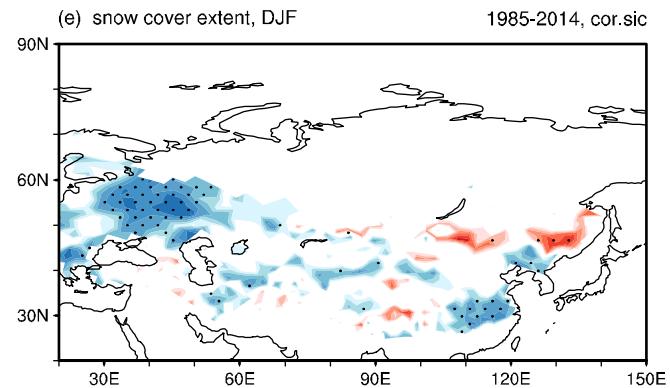
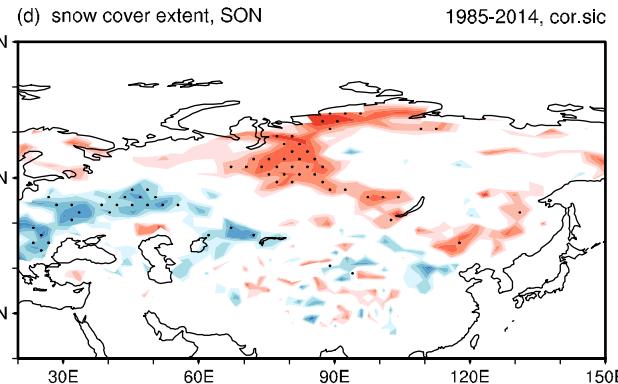
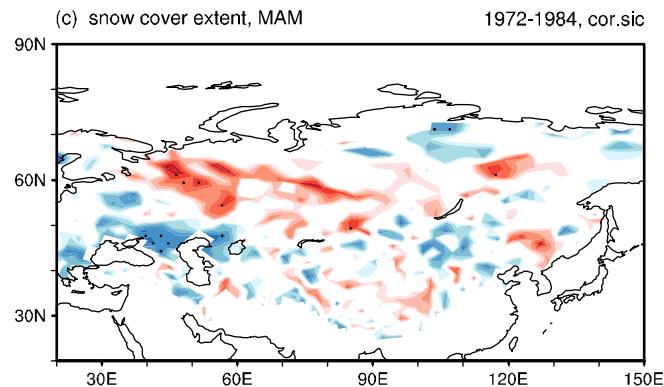
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DJF



MAM



# Summary

- The autumn Arctic sea ice ( $150^{\circ}\text{E}$ – $150^{\circ}\text{W}$ ,  $70^{\circ}$ – $80^{\circ}\text{N}$ ) is significantly related with the spring Eurasian soil moisture ( $60\text{--}70^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $110\text{--}130^{\circ}\text{E}$ ) after the mid-1980s at interannual timescale.
- Positive anomalies of autumn Arctic sea ice → wave train pattern from the Arctic to Pacific → SST anomalies over the Pacific persist into spring → inducing higher temperature and less precipitation over Eurasia ( $60\text{--}70^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $110\text{--}130^{\circ}\text{E}$ ) → lower soil moisture there

- **3. Simulation and Projection of Permafrost degradation on the Tibetan Plateau**

# Method and data

**HY data**  
(3 hourly,  $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$ ,  
Yang and He, 2010)

**RegCM data**  
(6 hourly,  $0.2^\circ \times 0.2^\circ$ ,  
Gao et al., 2012)

**CLM4.0**  
(Freeze/thaw, Soil organic  
matter, Soil depth 50 m,  
Lawrence et al., 2008)

**Simulation, 1981-2010**

**Projection, 2010-2100**

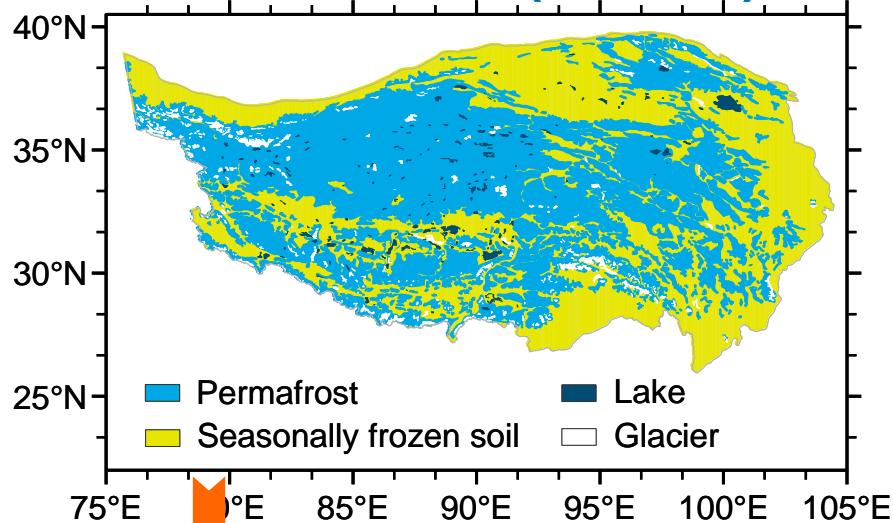
**Validation**

**Permafrost Degradation**

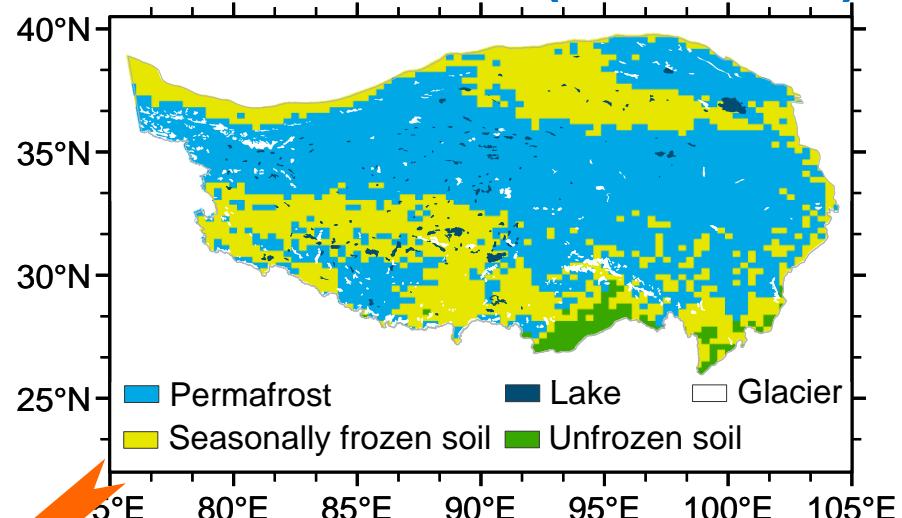
**Hydrology  
effect**<sub>30</sub>

# Validation: Simulation VS. Observation

Observation (Li, 1996)



HY\_Simulation (1981-2000)



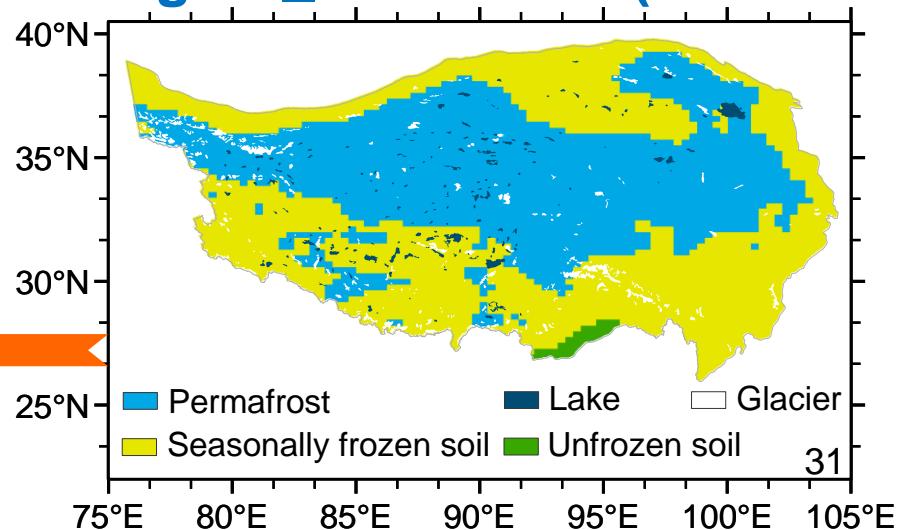
$127 \times 10^4$   
km<sup>2</sup>

$151 \times 10^4$   
km<sup>2</sup>

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**Permafrost Area**

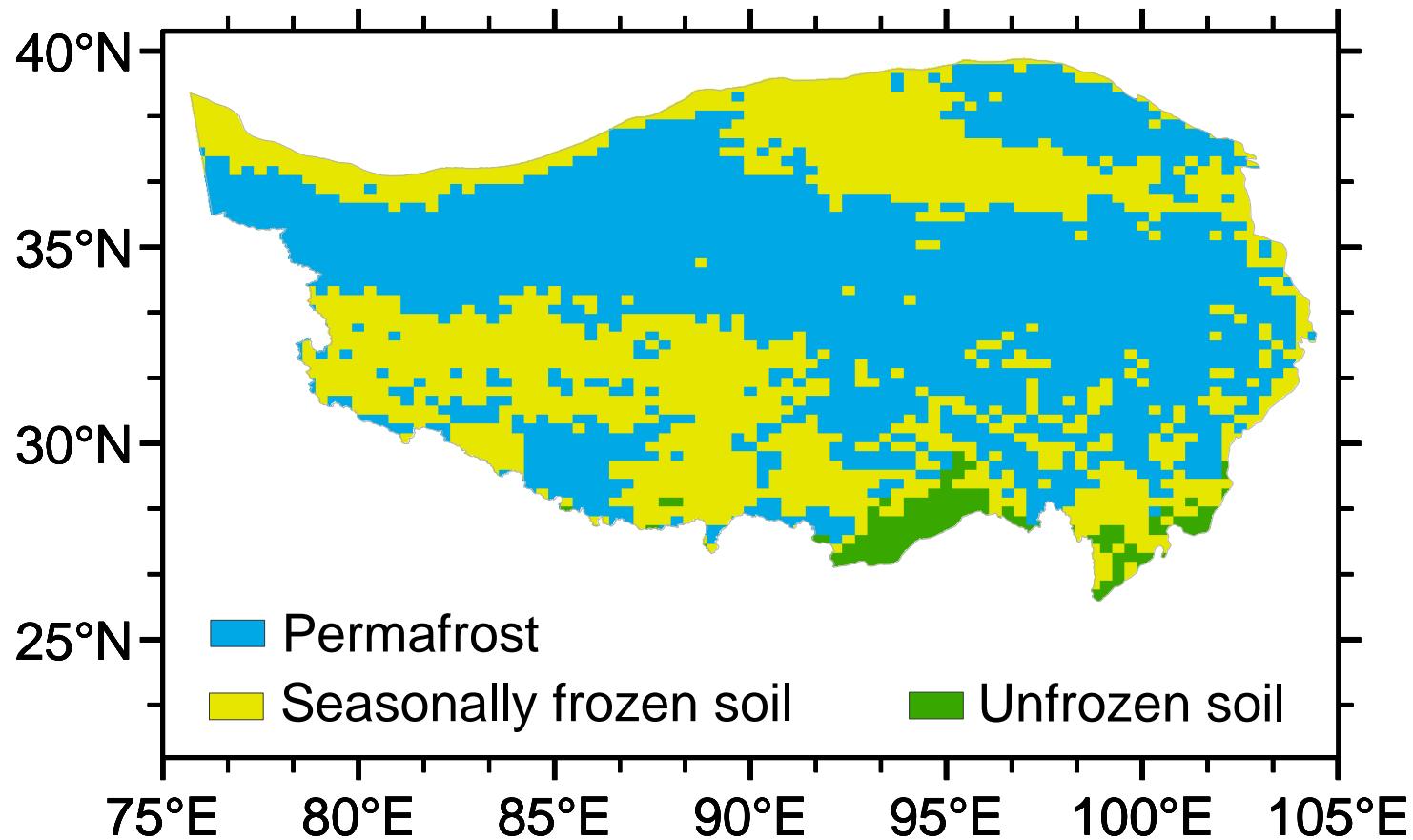
$122 \times 10^4$   
km<sup>2</sup>

RegCM\_Simulation (1981-2000)



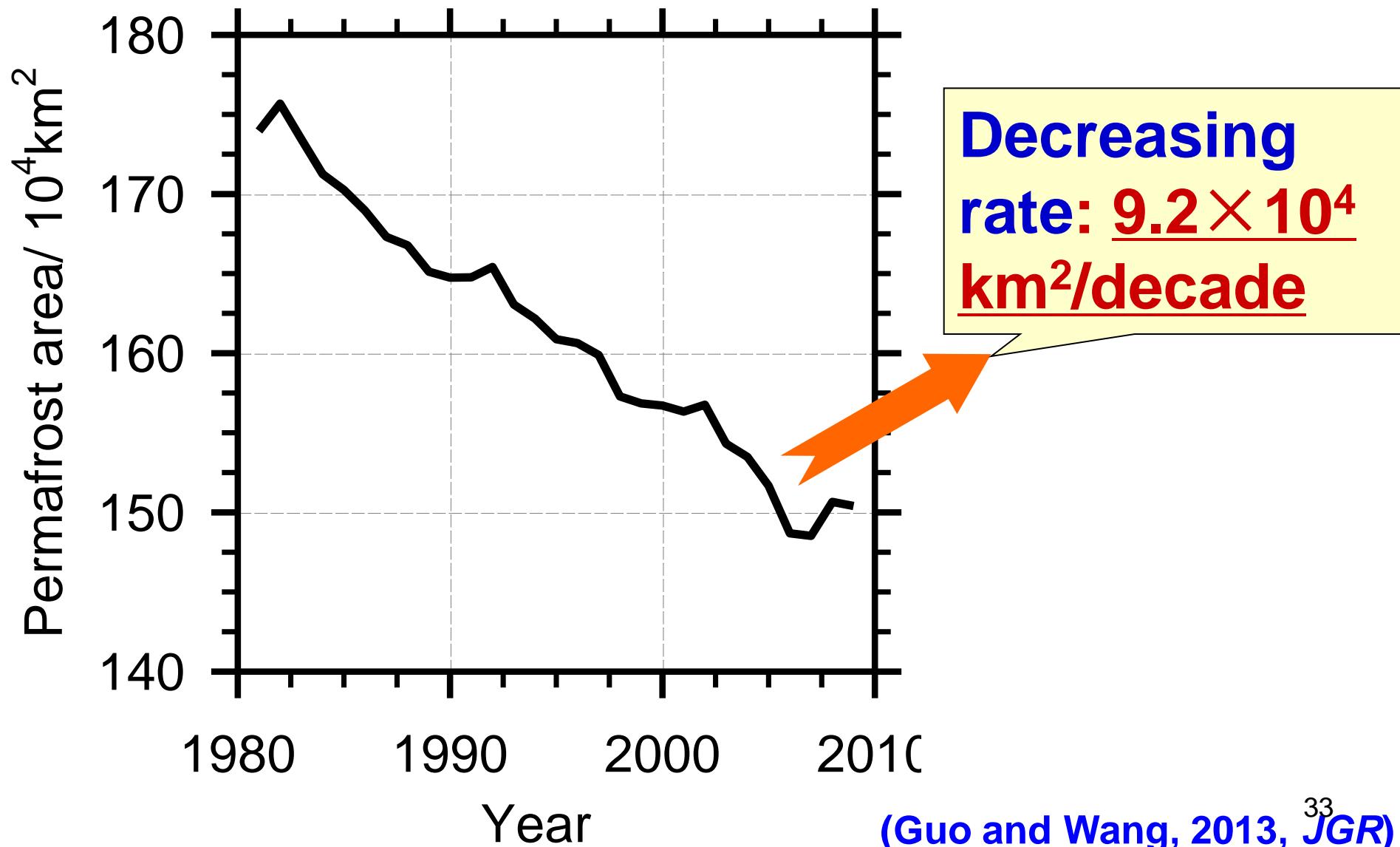
# Simulated Permafrost Change

2000s



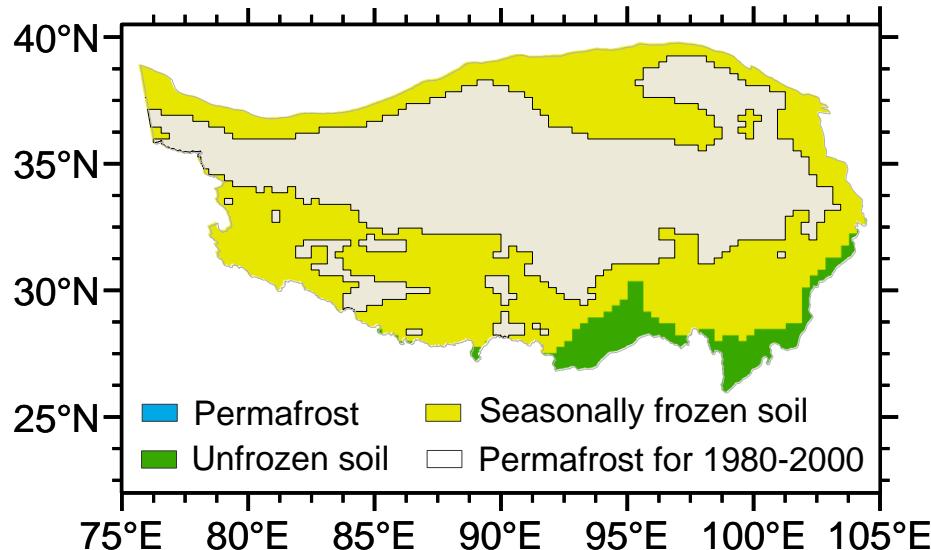
Area:  $164,156,147 \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2$  for 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, respectively<sup>32</sup>

# Simulated Series of Permafrost Area

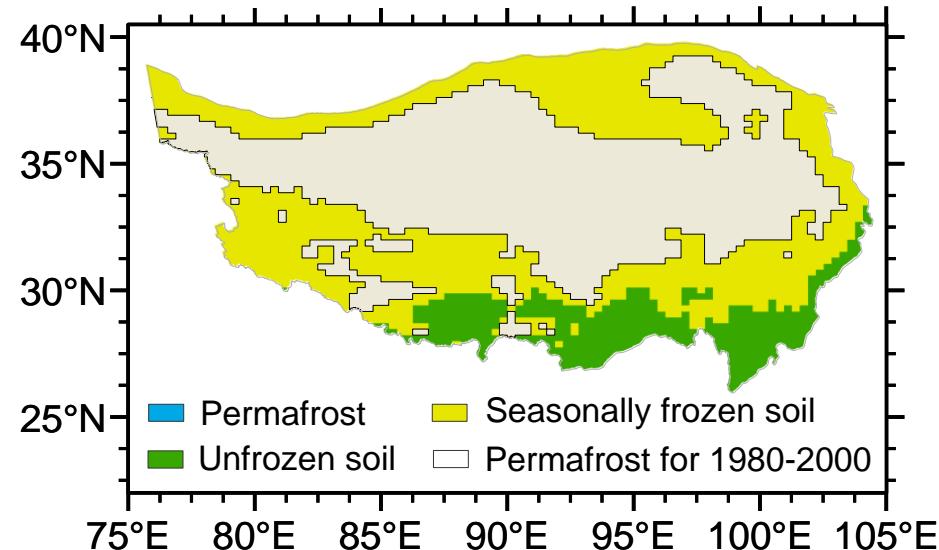


# Projected Permafrost Degradation

2030-2050 (A1B)



2080-2100 (A1B)



(Guo et al., 2012, JGR)

$\times 10^4 \text{ km}^2$

1980-2000

2030-2050

2080-2100

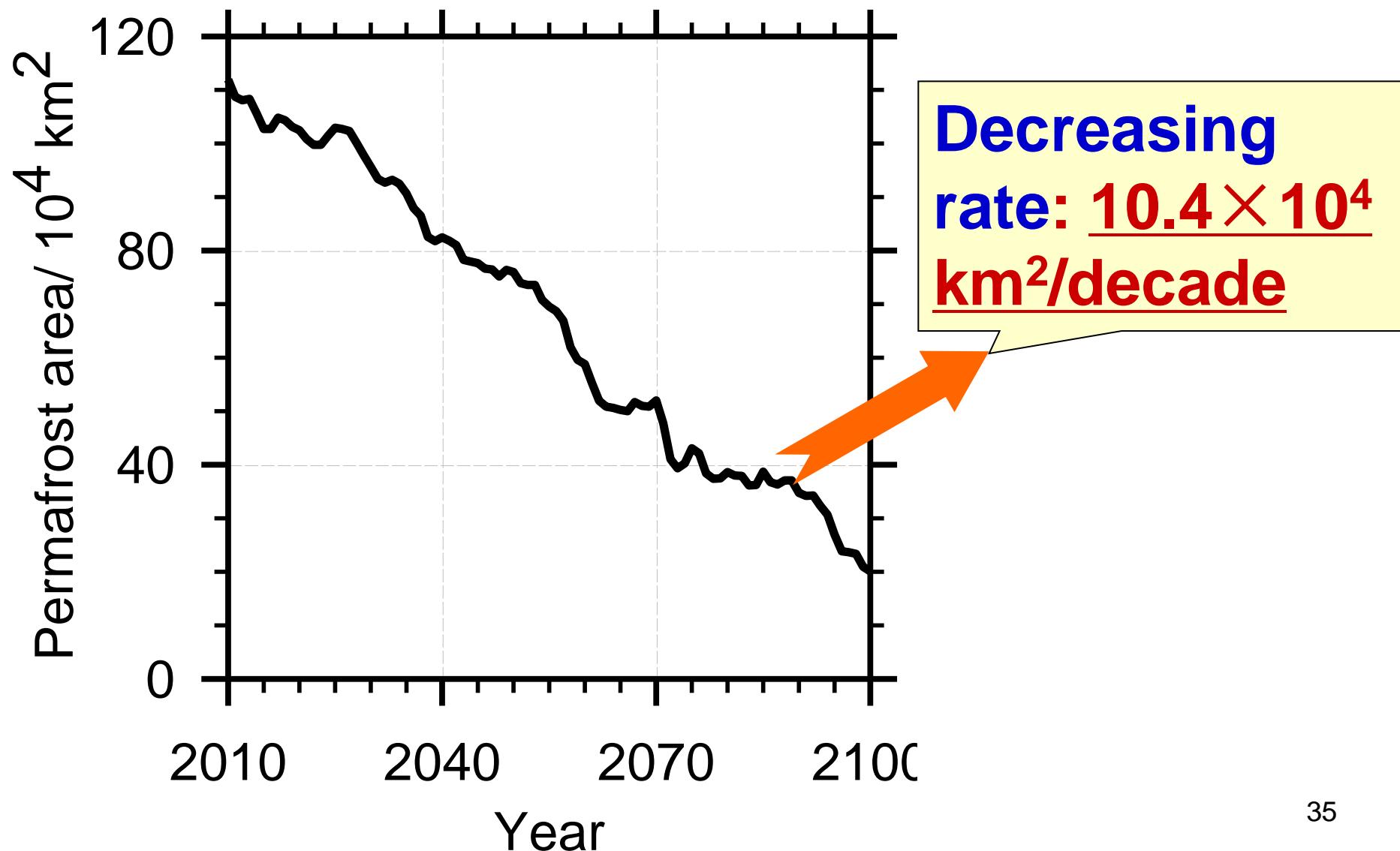
Permafrost Area

122.2

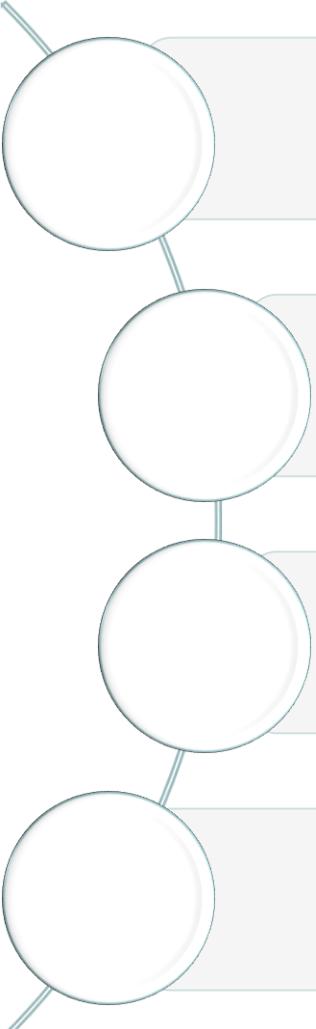
74.9 (-39%)

22.9 (-81%)  
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# Projected Series of Permafrost Area



# Summary



Simulated present-day permafrost status was reasonable.

Permafrost area decreased by  $9.2 \times 10^4 \text{ km}^2/\text{decade}$  during 1981-2010.

Permafrost area would decrease by 39% by the mid-21<sup>st</sup> century and by 81% by the end of 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Permafrost degradation could result in reallocation of total runoff.

**Thank you for your attention.**