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Years past...



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Or, how to not do clouds and still get away with it...

- Oceans and climate
- Air-sea fluxes and climate; radiation, heat, momentum, tracers
- The ocean carbon cycle
- Only Bill knows...

Decorrelation Scales of High-Resolution Turbulent Fluxes at the Ocean Surface and a Method to Fill in Gaps in Satellite Data Products

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ABSTRACT

In the first part of the paper, a high space–time resolution (1°) turbulent fluxes at the ocean surface is used to estimate and study the decorrelation scales of the latent and sensible heat fluxes. The temporal and spatial patterns that dominate the flux fields (with dominant variability in the air–sea interaction. Regional correlations of flux-related variables such as the wind stress, the humidity deficit, and the mechanism responsible for the variability in each flux field.

In the second part of the paper, the decorrelation scales are used to

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Decadal variations of global energy and ocean heat budget and meridional energy transports inferred from recent global data sets

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[1] We use the most recent global, decades-long data sets, consisting of two satellite-derived top-of-atmosphere (TOA) and surface radiative flux data sets from the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project Flux product (ISCCP-FD) and the Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment Surface Radiation Budget project (GEWEX-SRB), three ocean surface turbulent flux data sets from Goddard Satellite-based Surface Turbulent Fluxes (GSSTF), Hamburg Ocean Atmosphere Parameters and Fluxes from Satellite data (HOAPS) and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Objectively Analyzed air-sea Fluxes (WHOI) and one ocean heat content (or energy storage rate) data

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20th century changes in surface solar irradiance in simulations and observations

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[1] The amount of solar irradiance reaching the surface is a function of the cycles of the solar activity and the variations using

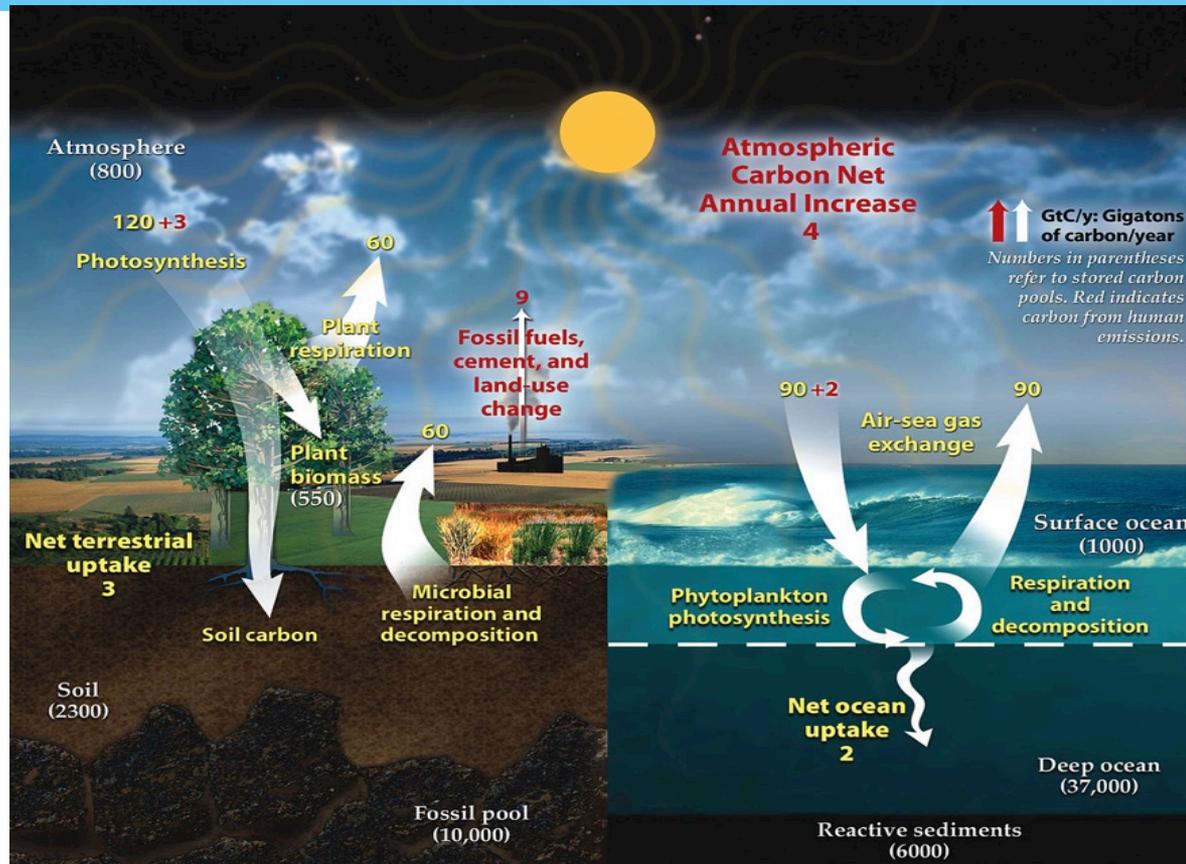
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in Europe and North America [Wild *et al.*, 2005; Pinker *et al.*, 2005] as a result of improving air quality in these regions.

[3] A negative shortwave anomaly at the ground does not automatically imply atmospheric cooling since the air layers above the ground can absorb the shortwave heating no longer reaching the surface, increasing the downward longwave radiation [Menon *et al.*, 2002; Soden *et al.*, 2002]. Such radiative flux changes complicate the interpretation of the observed response of the longwave flux incident to the surface that is expected to increase due to enhanced anthropogenic greenhouse effect [Krishnan and Ramanathan, 2002; Ramanathan *et al.*, 2001] and the consequent warming of the air.

[4] Here we analyze the surface solar irradiance in ensemble simulations using nine state-of-the-art coupled ocean–atmosphere–land–ice general circulation models of the 20th Century prepared for the Intergovernmental Panel of Climatic Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) (details of the models can be found at http://www-pcmdi.llnl.gov/ipcc/about_ipcc.php). The nine models used in this study are: the NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics

Carbon sources & sinks



<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/>

Air-sea gas exchange flux

$$F = \kappa \alpha (p\text{CO}_2^{\text{atm}} - p\text{CO}_2^{\text{ocean}})$$

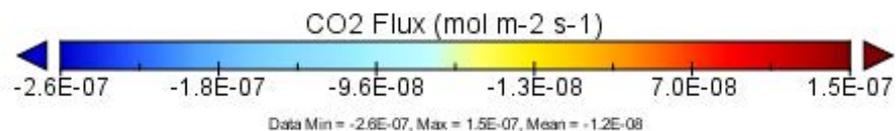
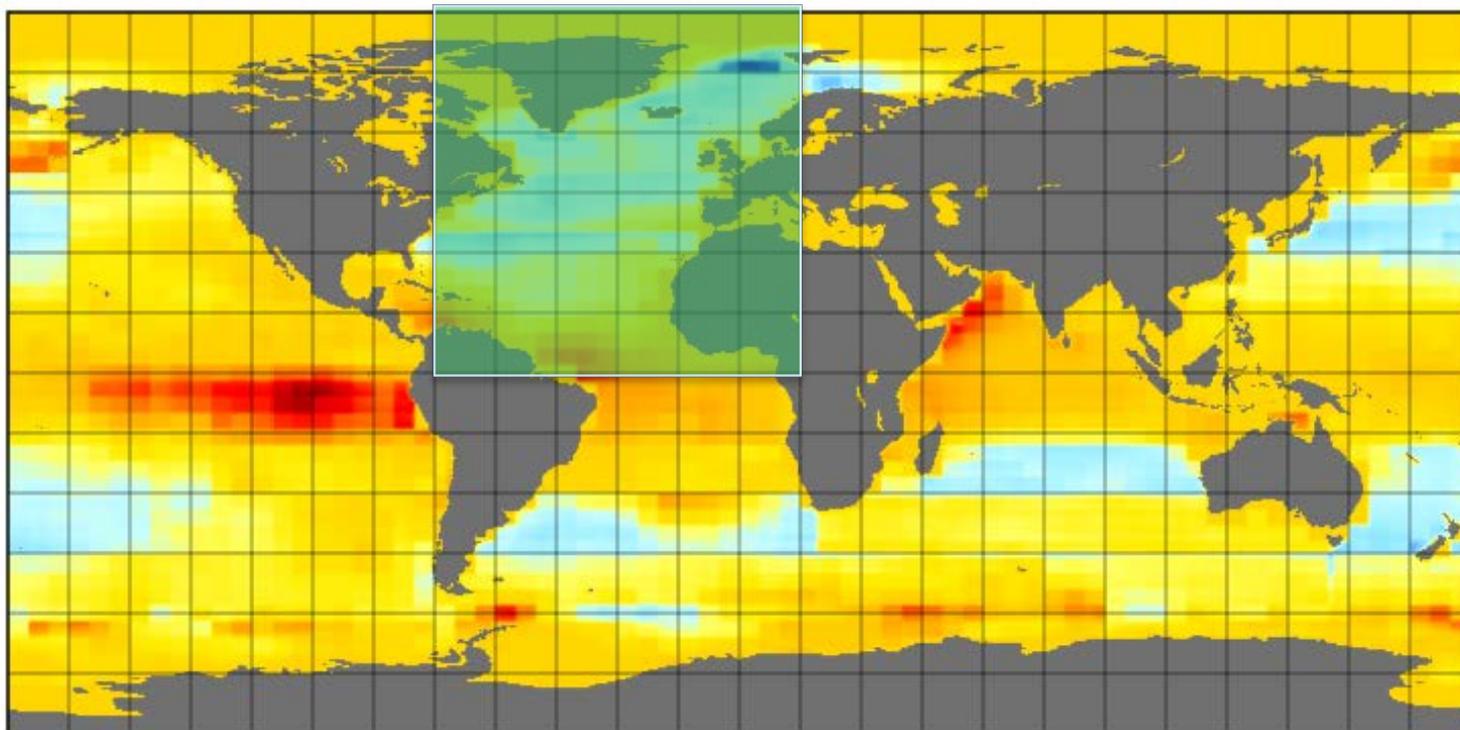
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CO₂
Flux

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Solubility pump
(wind speed, SST,
SSS)

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Biological
Pump

Flux of CO₂ into the Ocean

Carbon Dioxide Flux (CarbonTracker 2015 Mean)

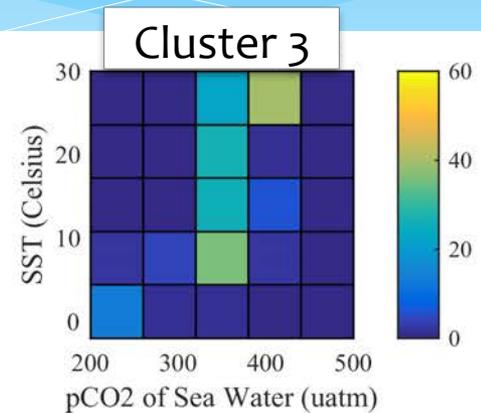
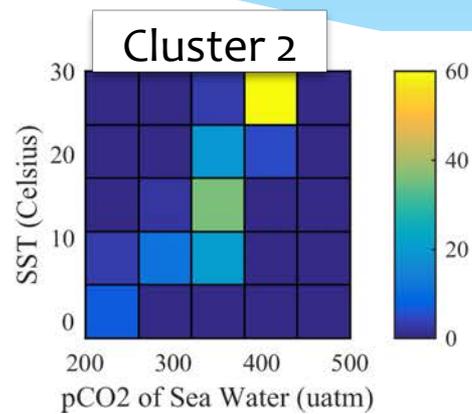
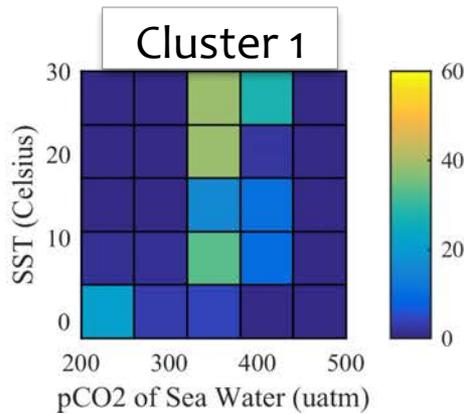


Observations & Models

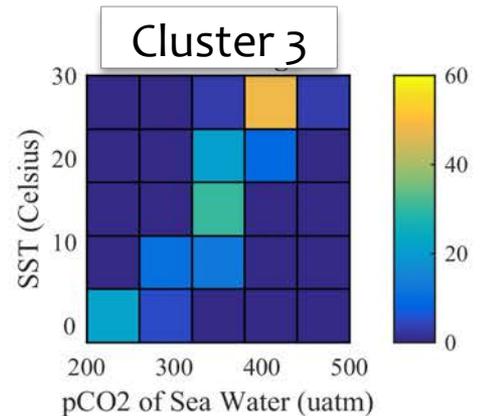
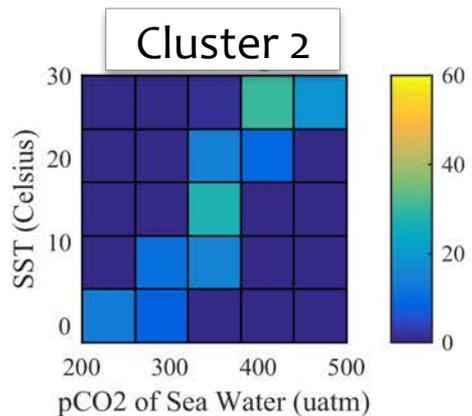
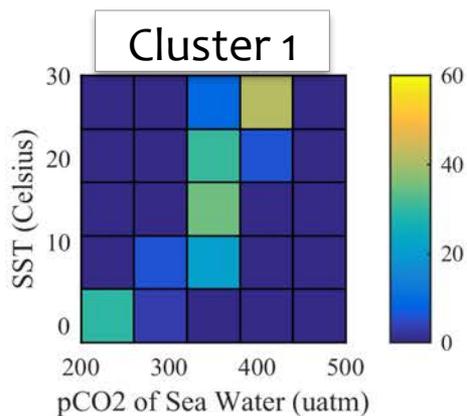
- ❑ Flux of CO₂ from the Takahashi 2012 climatology
- ❑ Surface T,S,nutrients from World Ocean Atlas 2009
- ❑ Mixed layer depth from Ifremer – DeBoyer
- ❑ Wind speeds from scatterometer
- ❑ GISS modelEv2.1 historical emissions run (20th Century)

Clusters for Observations and Model

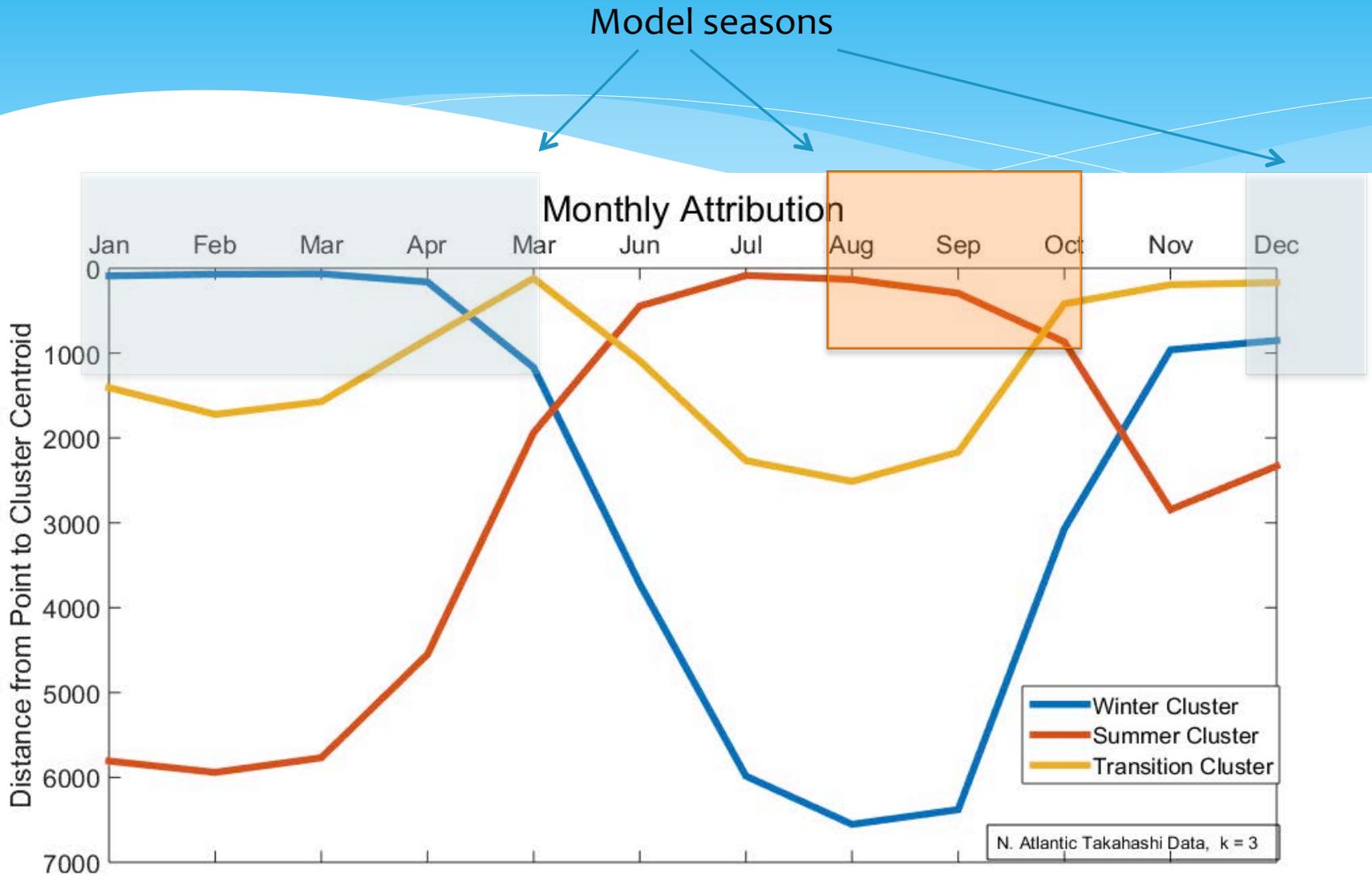
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MODEL



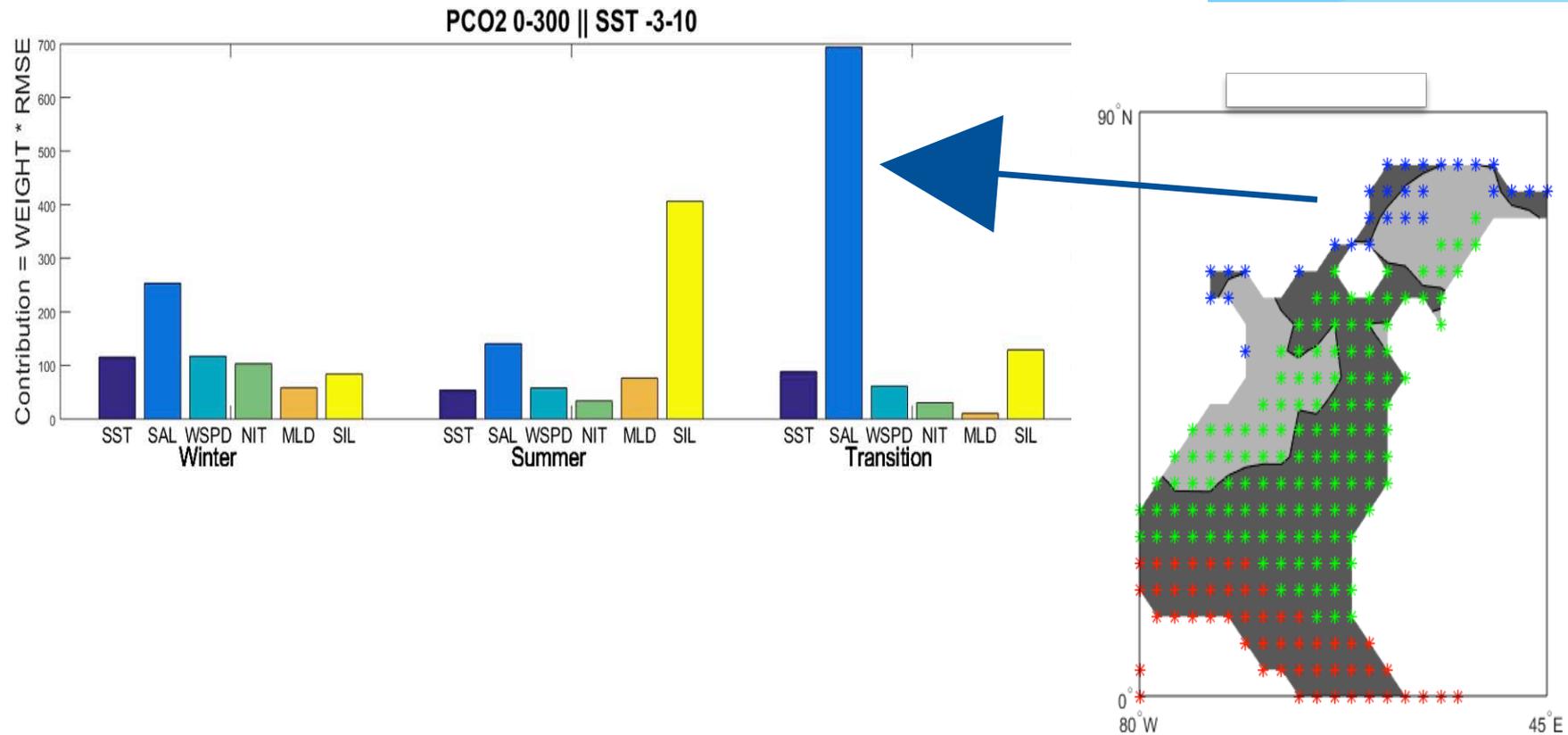
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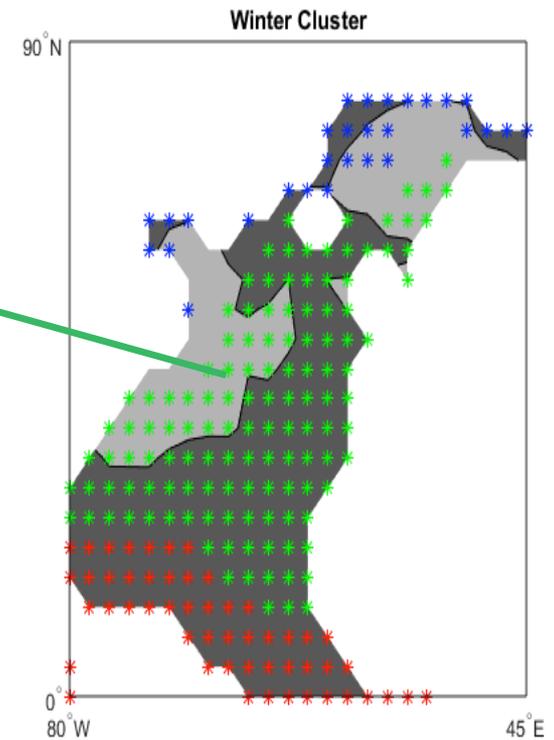
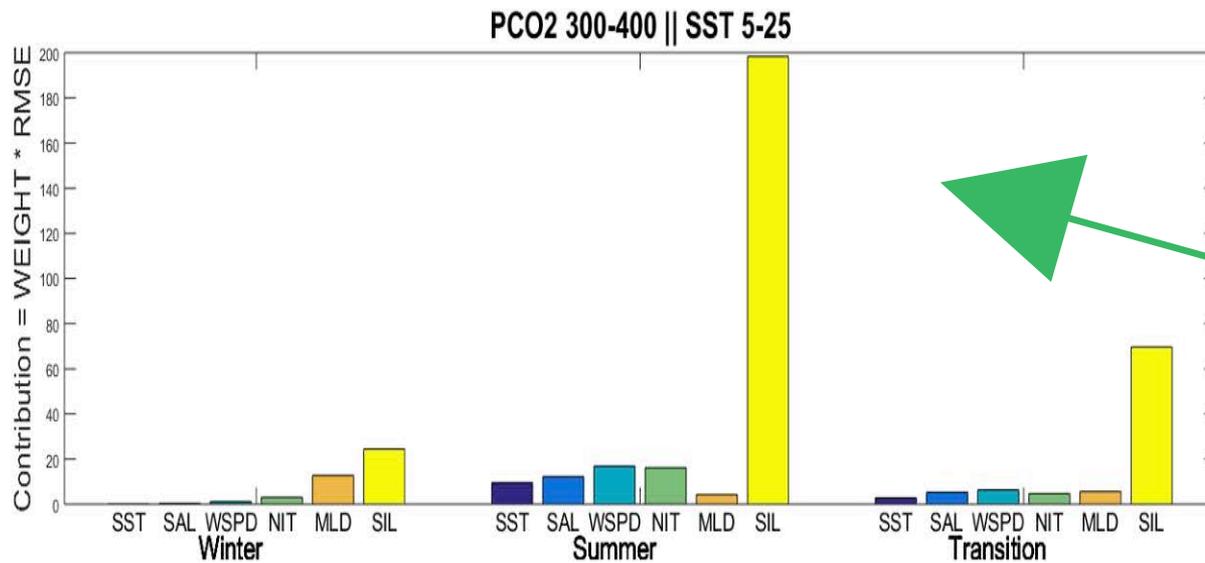
Error attribution

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta p\text{CO}_2 = & \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial T} \Delta T && \text{Surface temperature} \\ & + \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial S} \Delta S && \text{Surface salinity} \\ & + \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial H} \Delta H && \text{Mixed layer depth} \\ & + \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial w} \Delta w && \text{Surface wind speed} \\ & + \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial N} \Delta N && \text{Surface nitrate} \\ & + \frac{\partial p\text{CO}_2}{\partial Si} \Delta Si && \text{Surface silicate}\end{aligned}$$

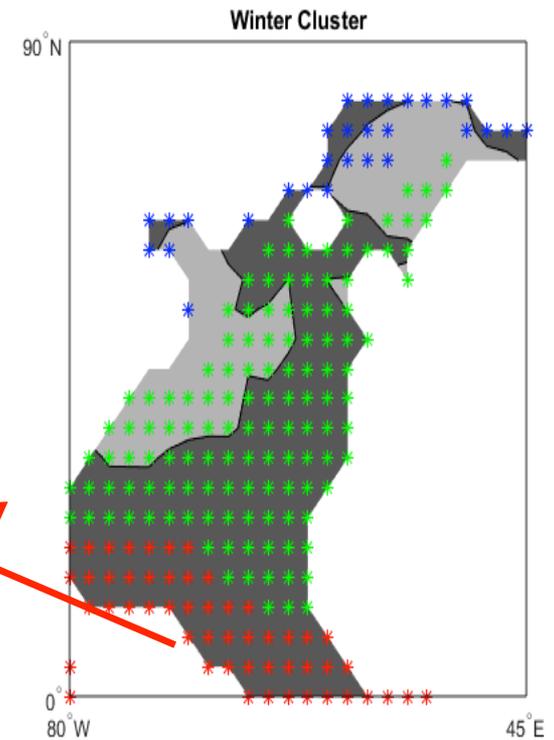
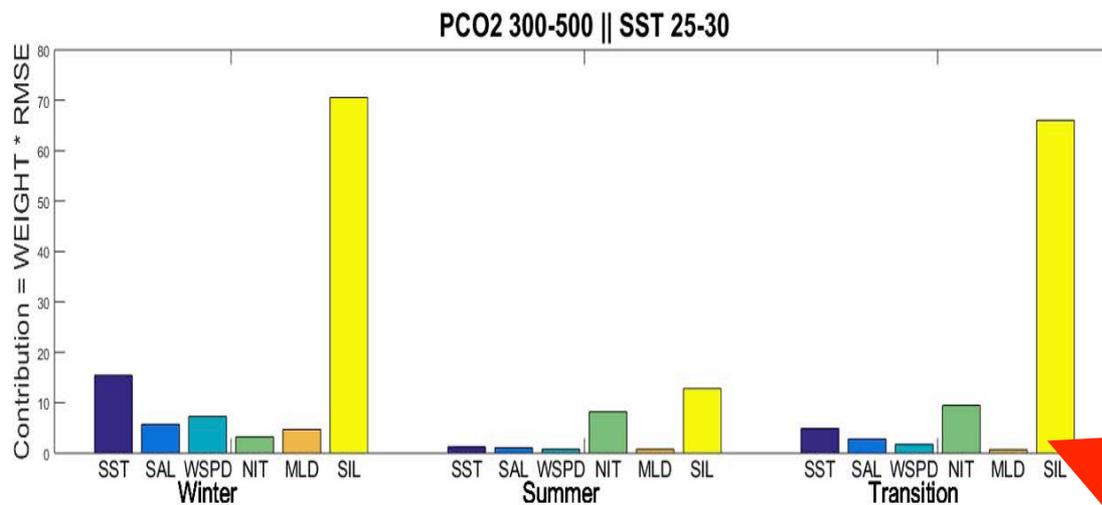
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Regional error attribution: the tropical North Atlantic



Usefulness of data mining/data reduction/big data science for climate

- Identify modes of variability; either in space or time, or both
- Use those to extract meaningful states of the ocean-climate system
- Use them to assess model skill