

# Machine-learned sea ice bias correction in a global fully-coupled climate model

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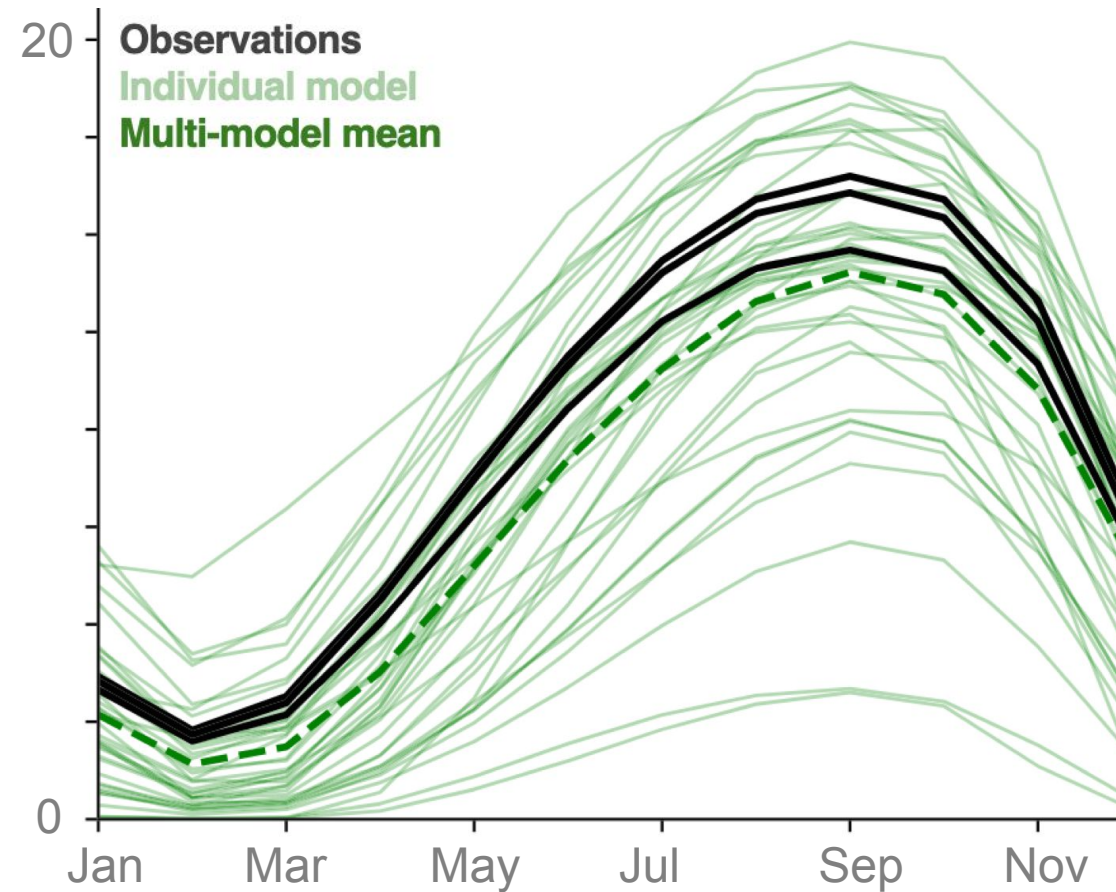
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Additional thanks to the M<sup>2</sup>LInES team



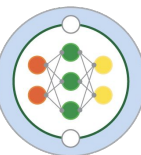
# Climate models (CMIP6) show significant spread in the sea ice mean state

Antarctic sea ice area ( $10^6 \text{ km}^2$ )



Climatology of Antarctic sea ice area over 1979 – 2014 – **individual models are biased**

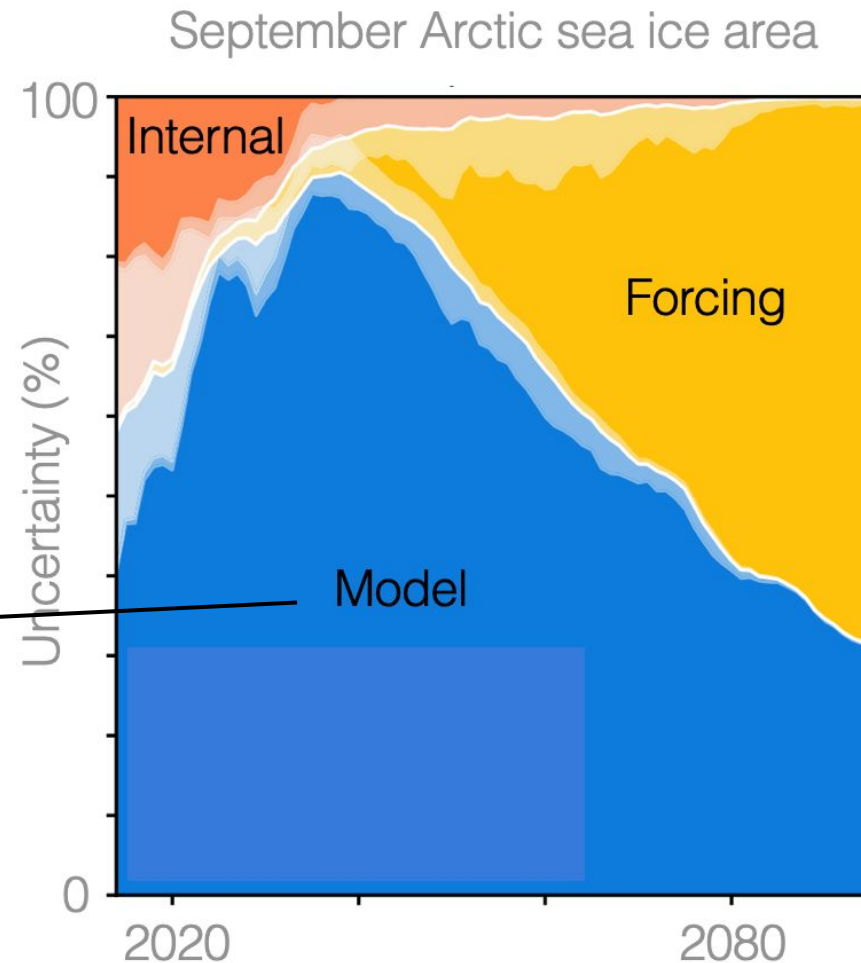
Roach et al. Antarctic sea ice area in CMIP6. *GRL*. 2020.



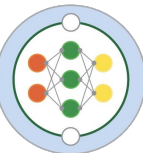
# Sea ice biases have implications for the future projections

Errors in **model physics** contribute up to 70% of the uncertainty in mid-century sea ice projections

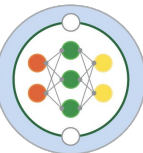
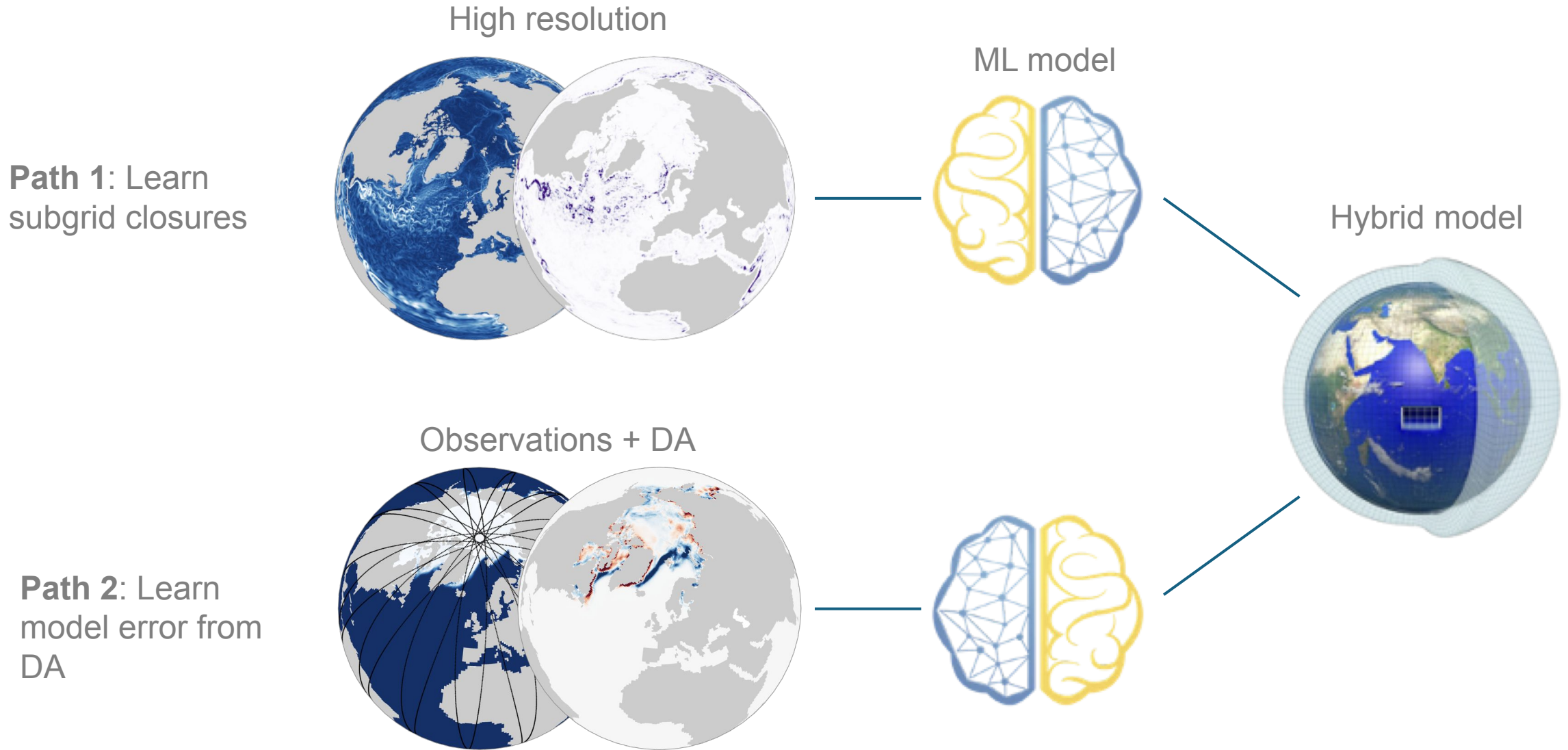
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Bonan et al. Partitioning uncertainty in projections of Arctic sea ice. *Environmental Research Letters*. 2021.

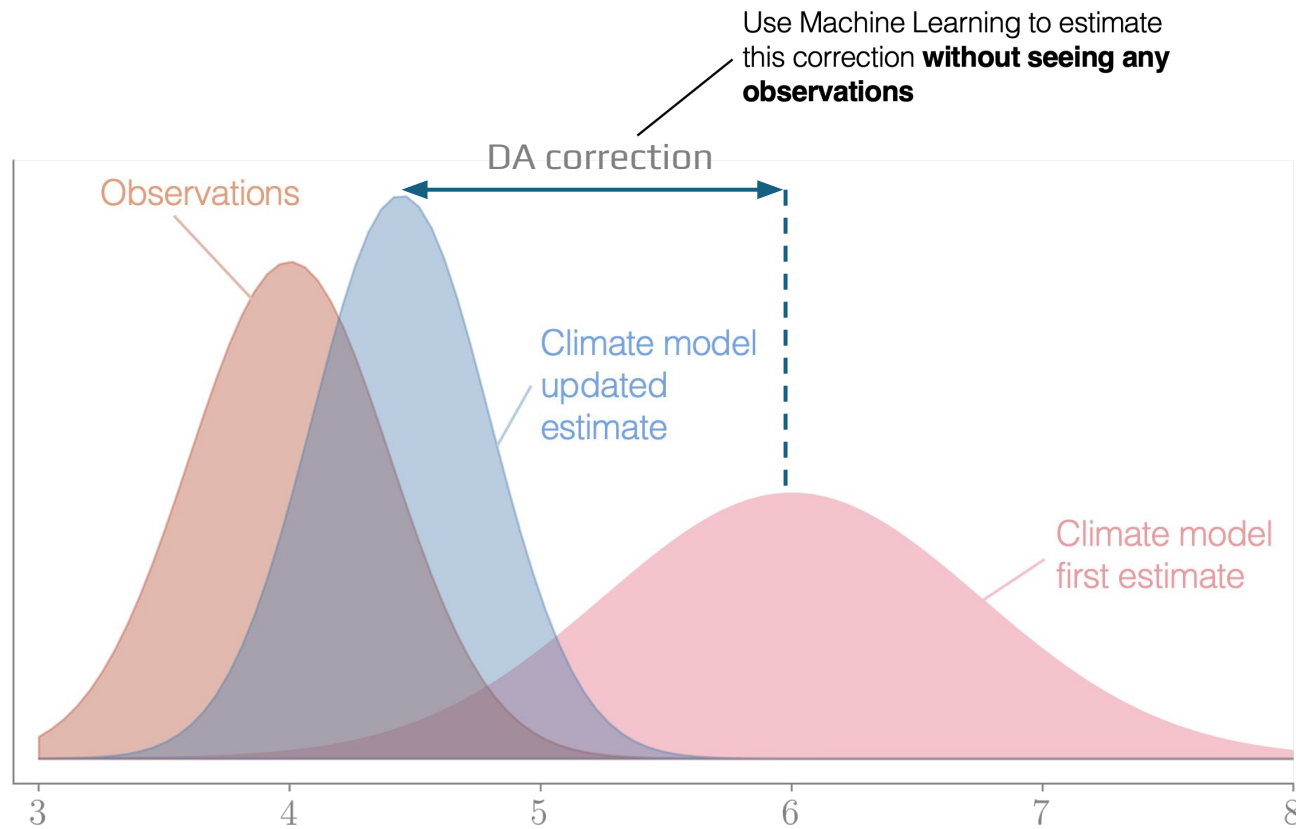


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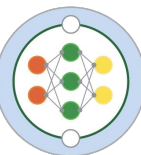
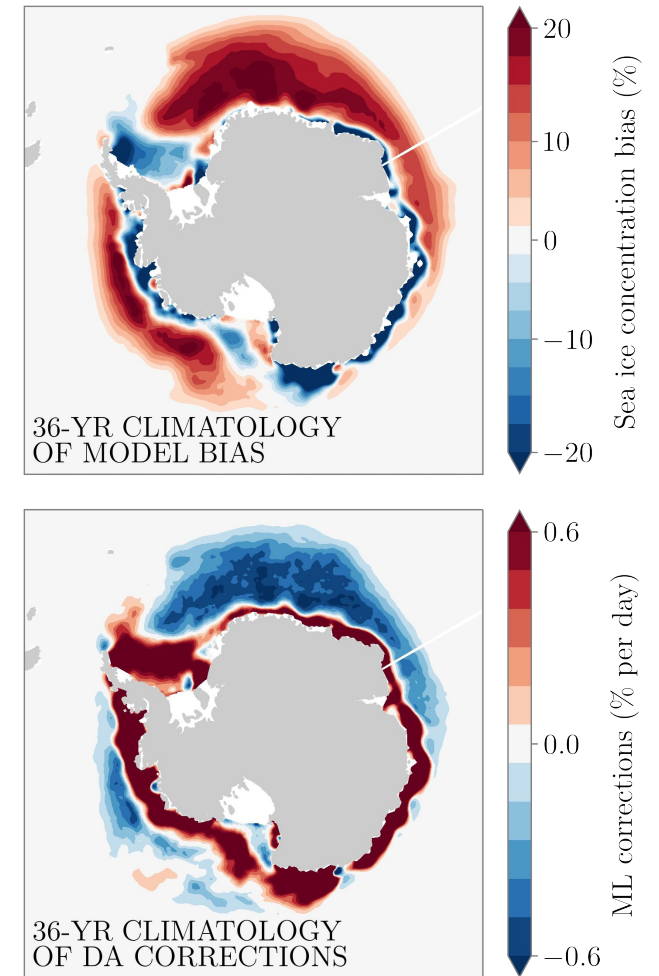




# Fast-physics errors can mirror the systematic model bias

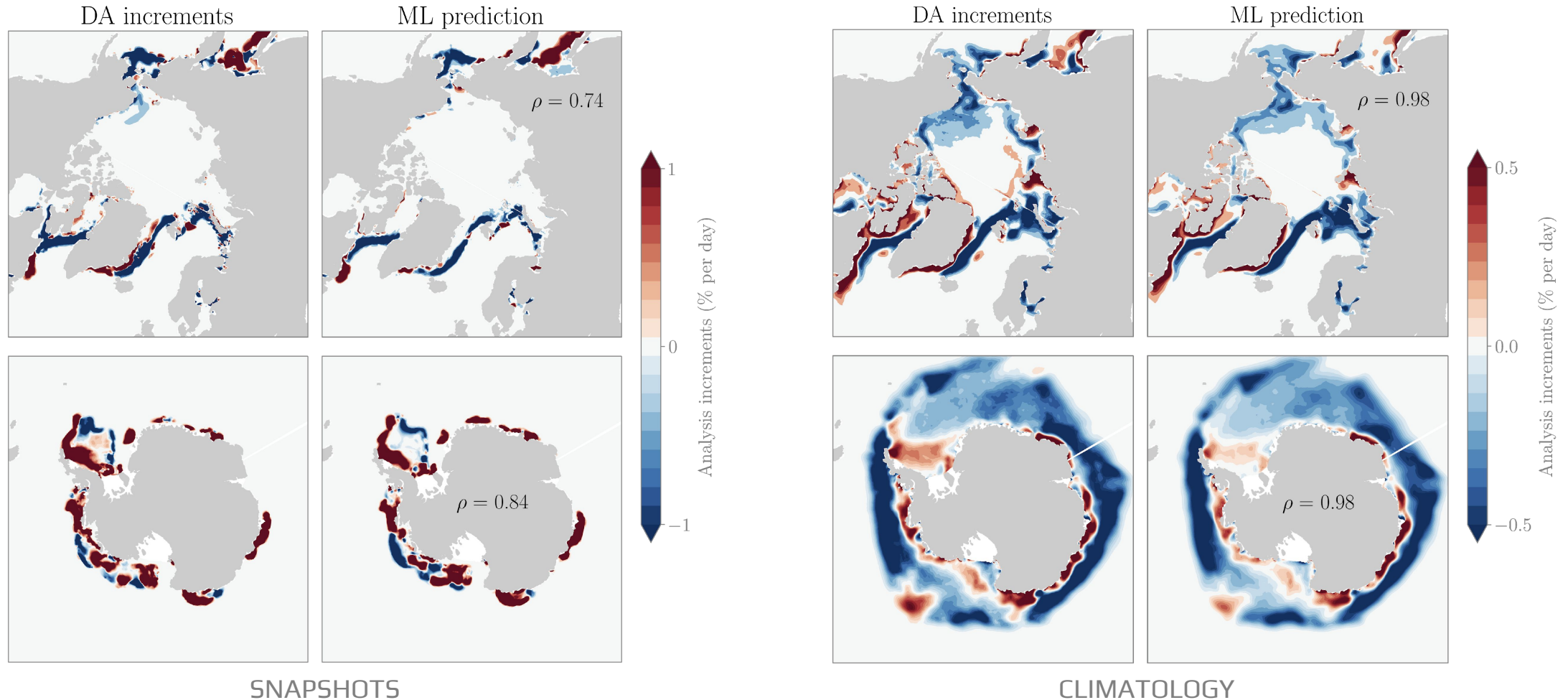


Gregory et al. Deep learning of systematic sea ice model errors from data assimilation increments. *JAMES*. 2023

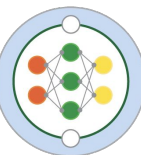


JRA-forced global ice-ocean simulations

# High (OFFLINE) skill shows sea ice model errors are largely state-dependent



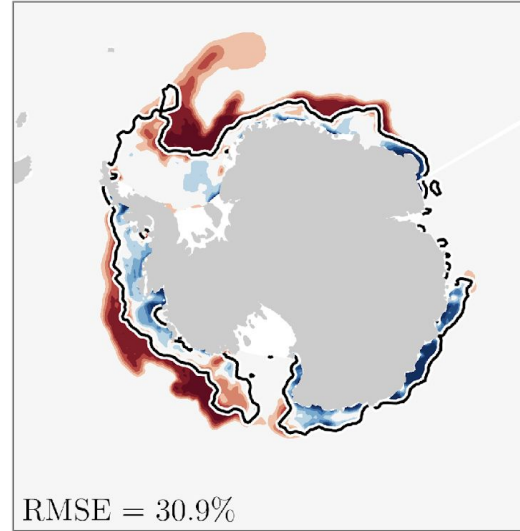
$\rho$  = Spatial pattern correlation



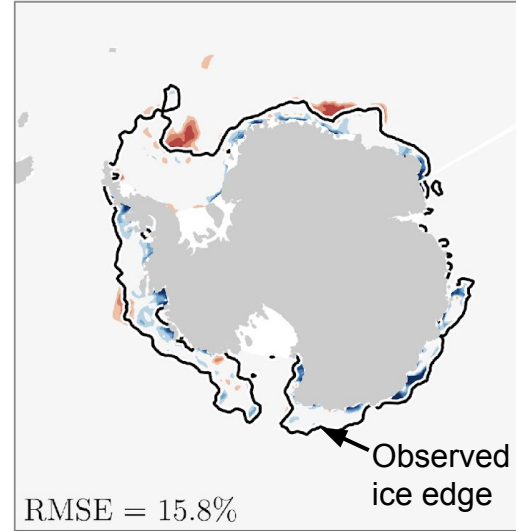
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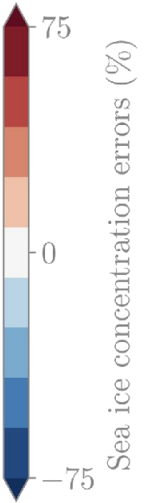
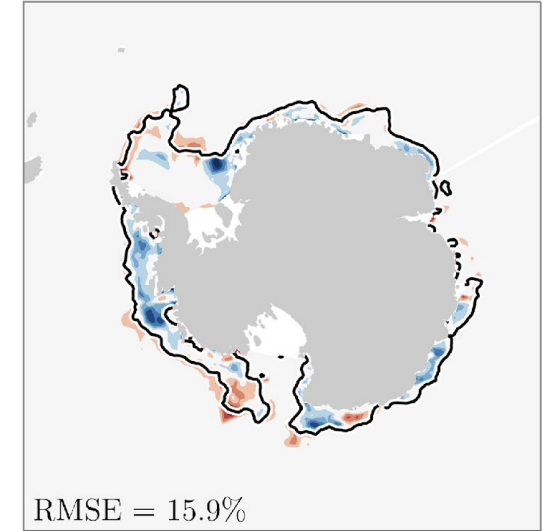
Free-running IOM



DA simulation

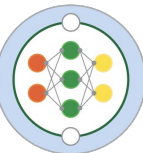
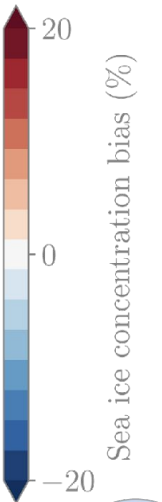
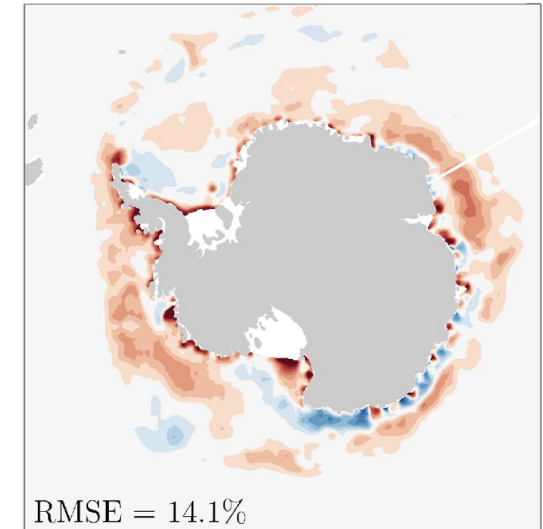
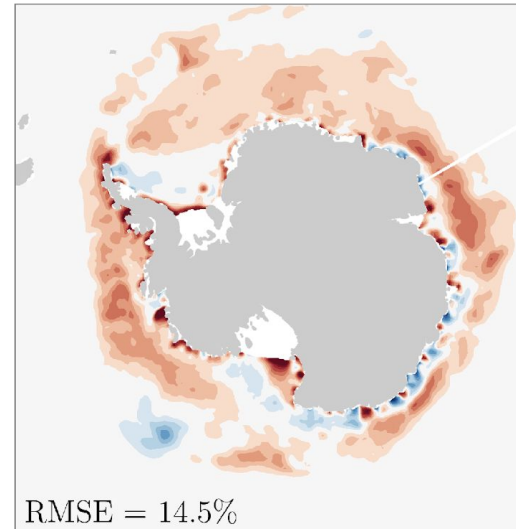
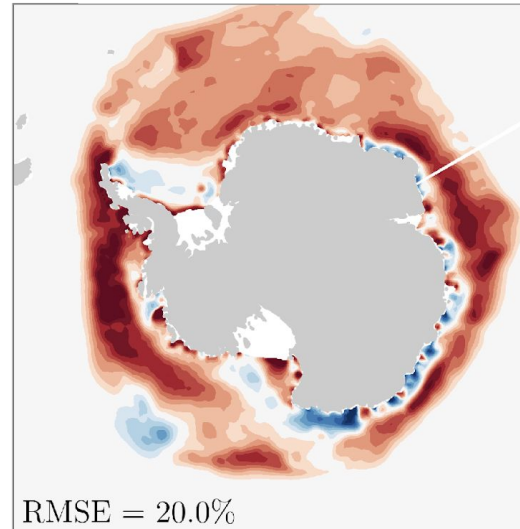


ML implementation



ML model emulates the DA process (without the need for observations)

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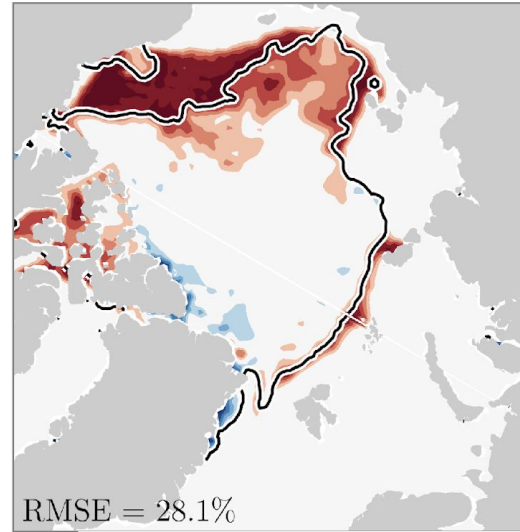




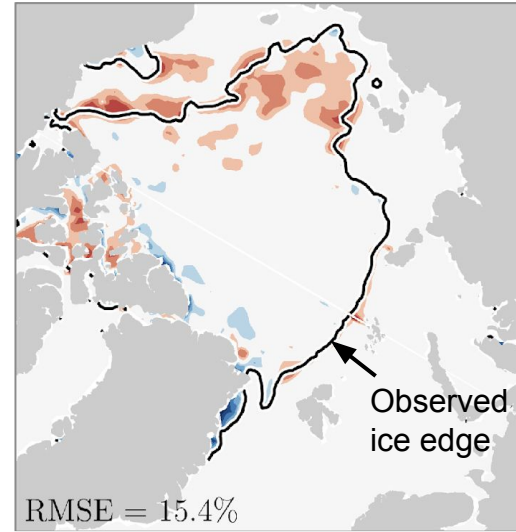
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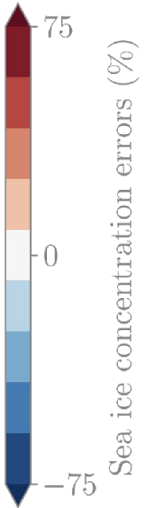
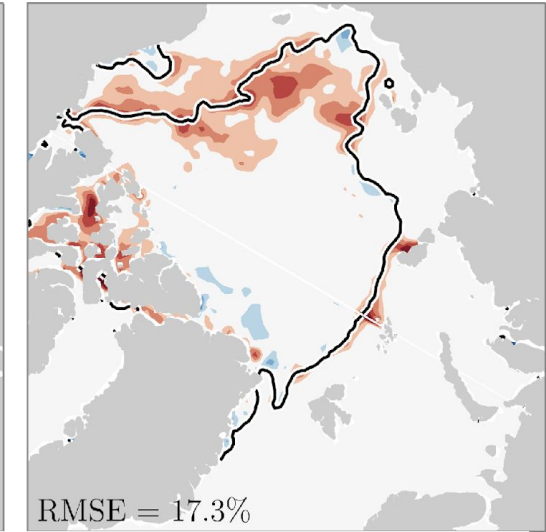
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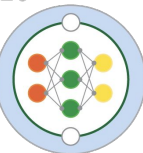
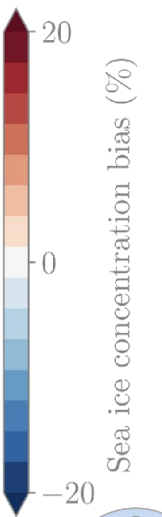
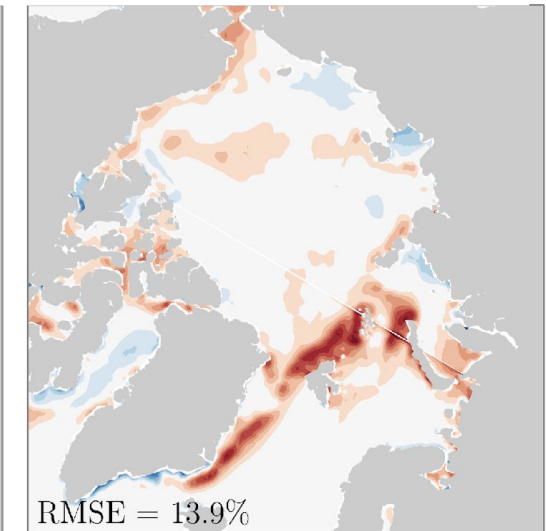
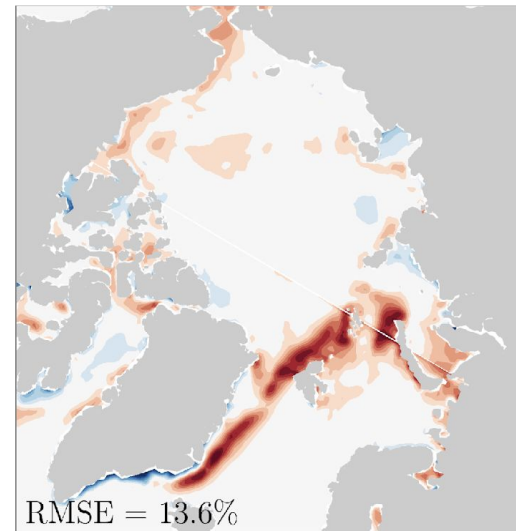
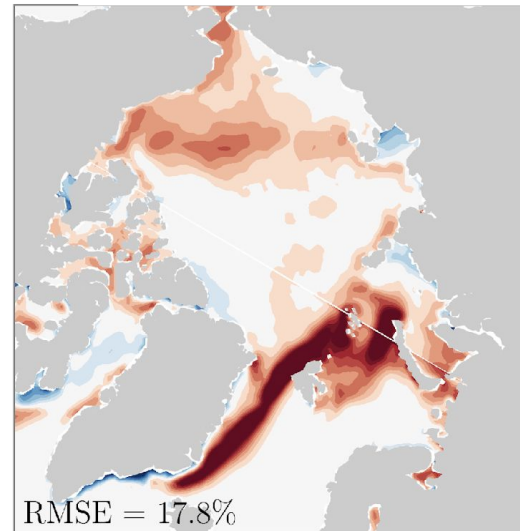


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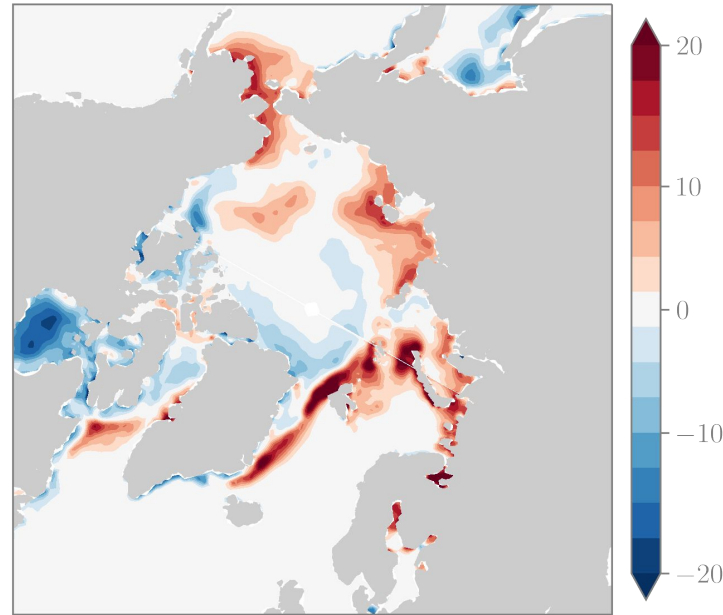
Fully-coupled global reforecasts, with SPEAR  
(work in progress)

# March initialized reforecasts are degraded 😞

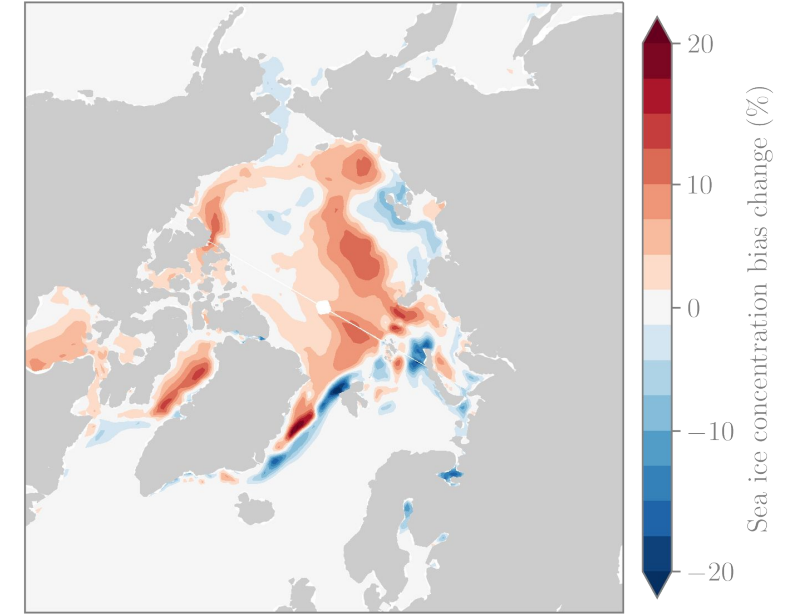
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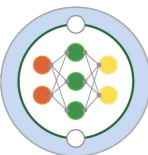
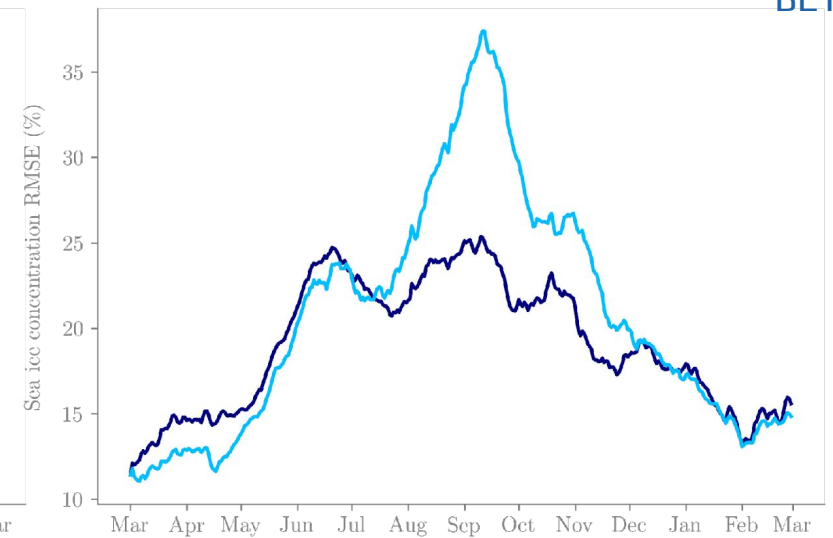
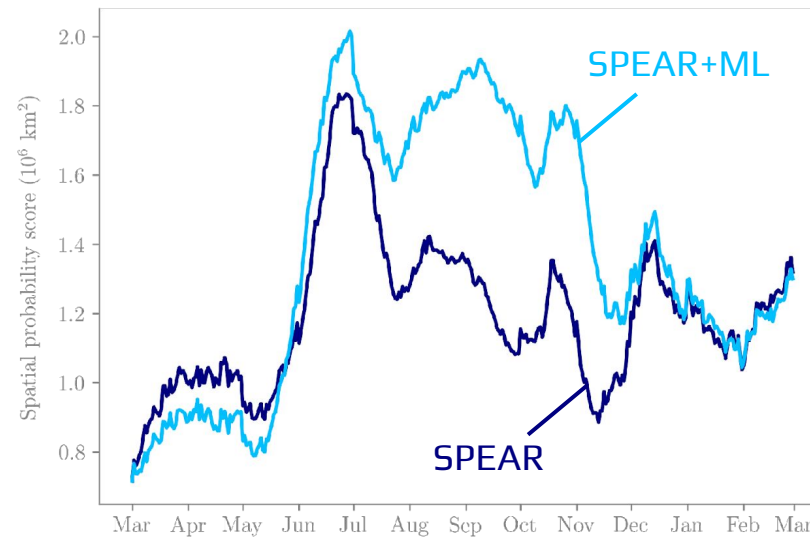


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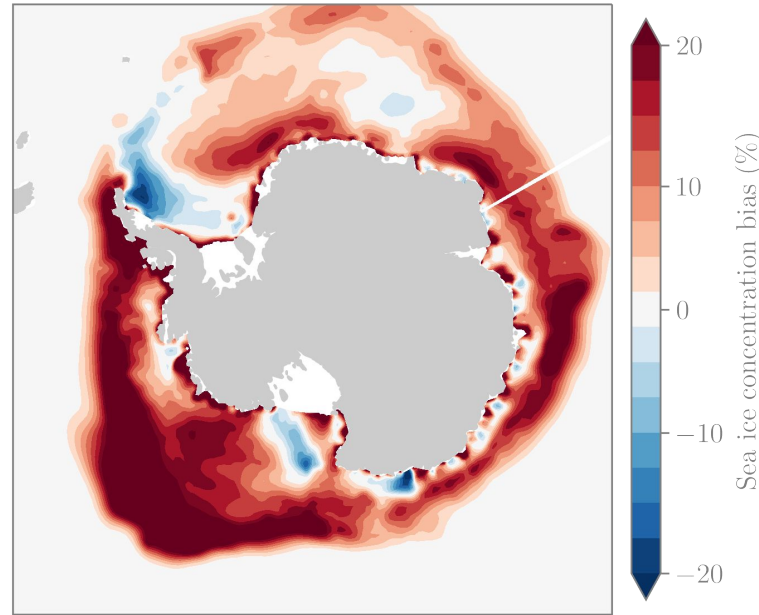


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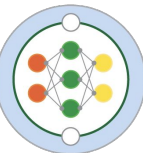
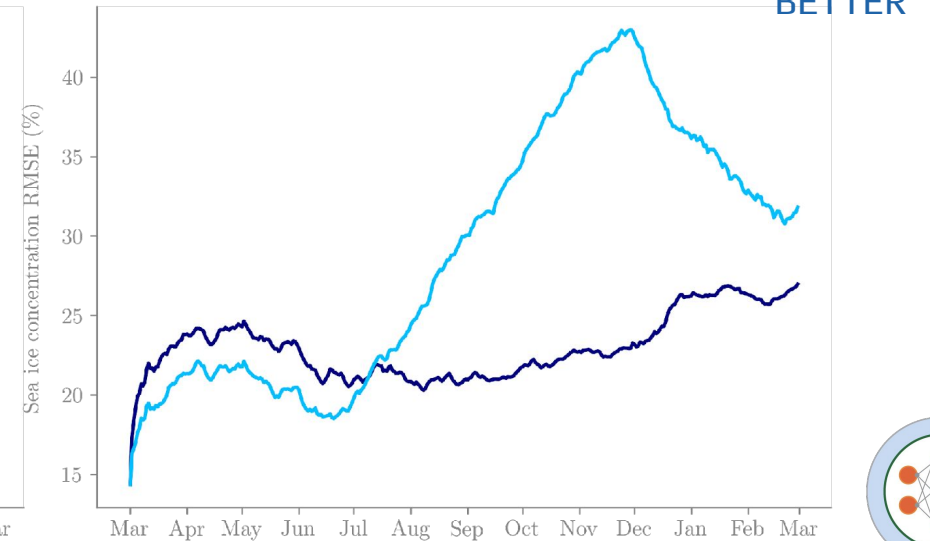
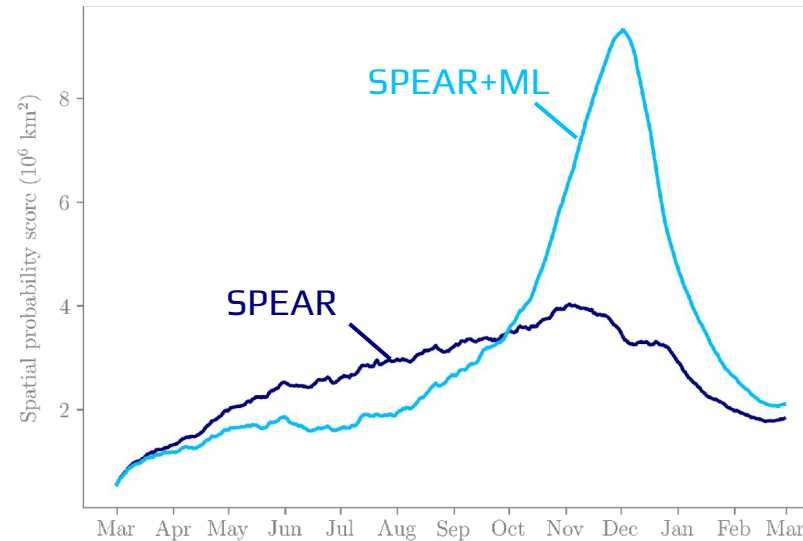
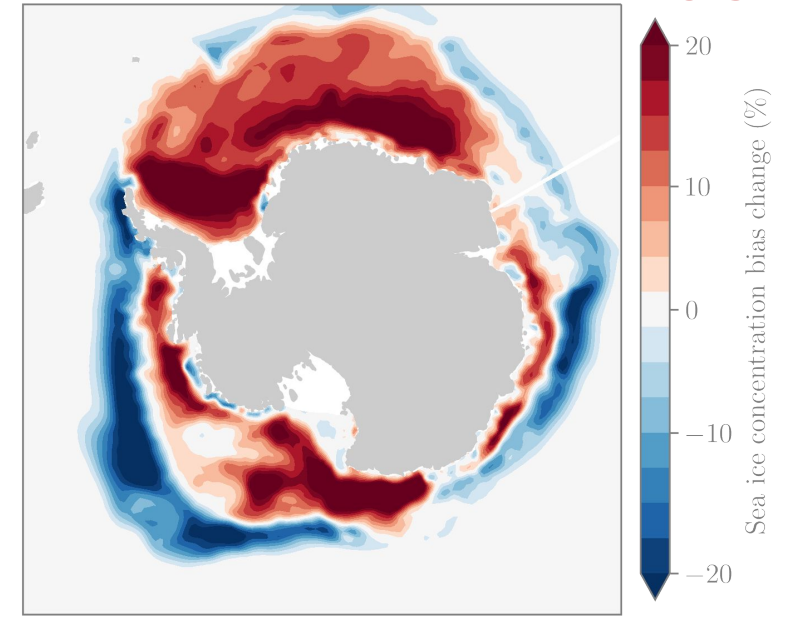
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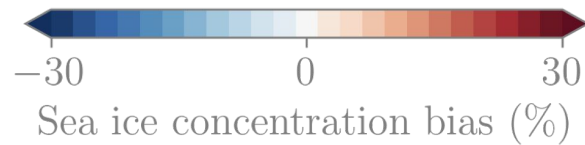
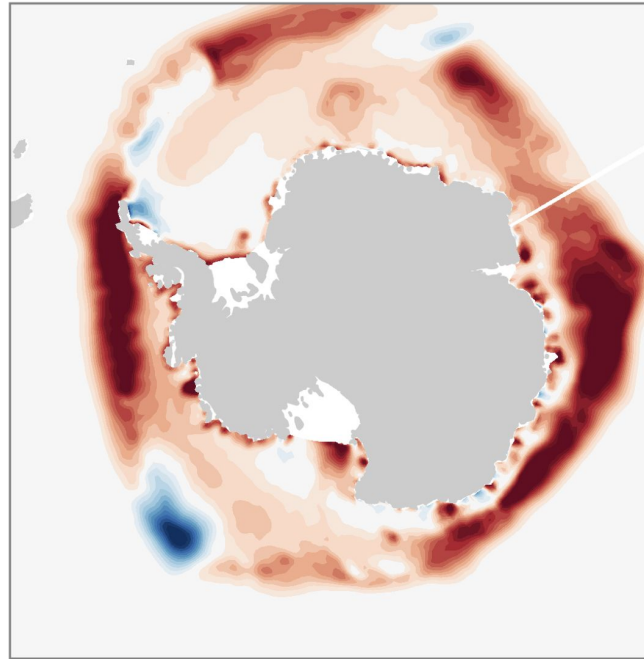


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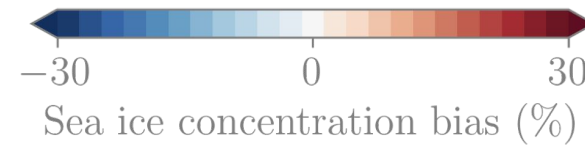
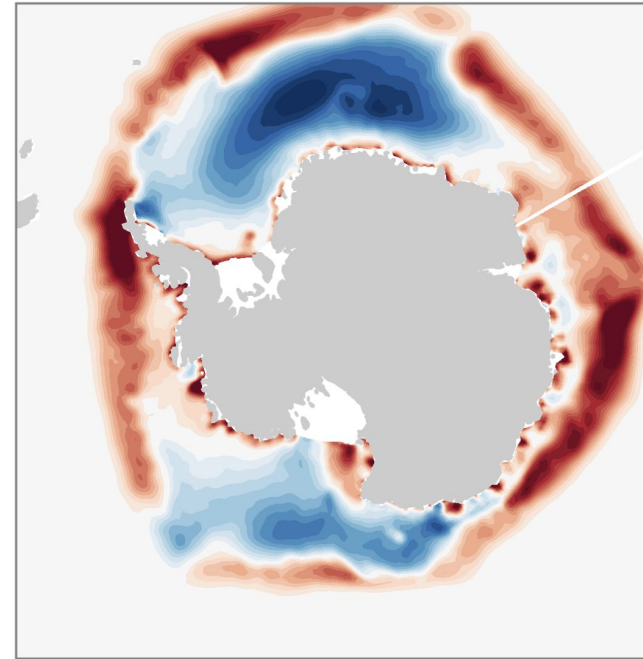


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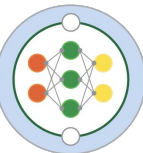
Forced atmosphere bias



Strongly nudged atmosphere bias



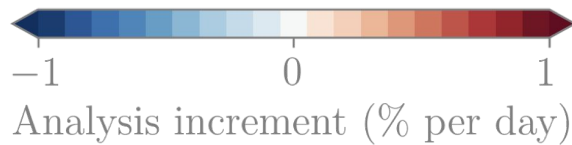
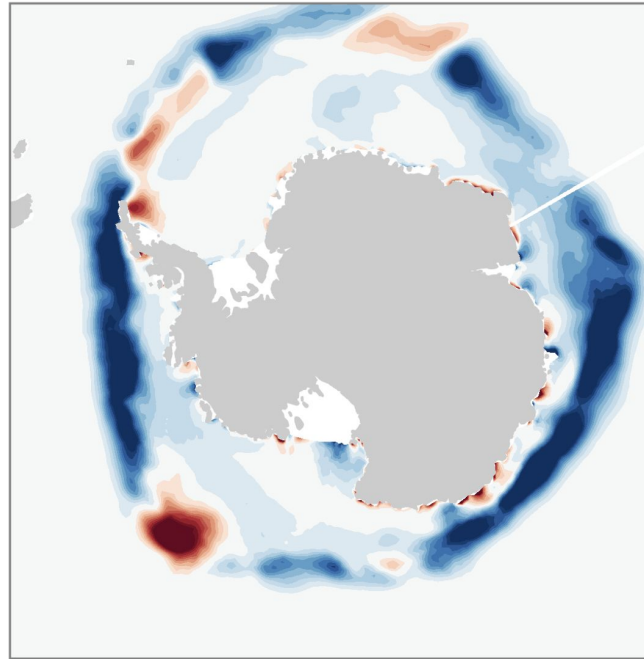
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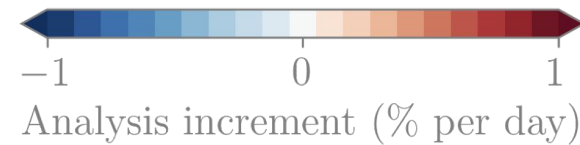
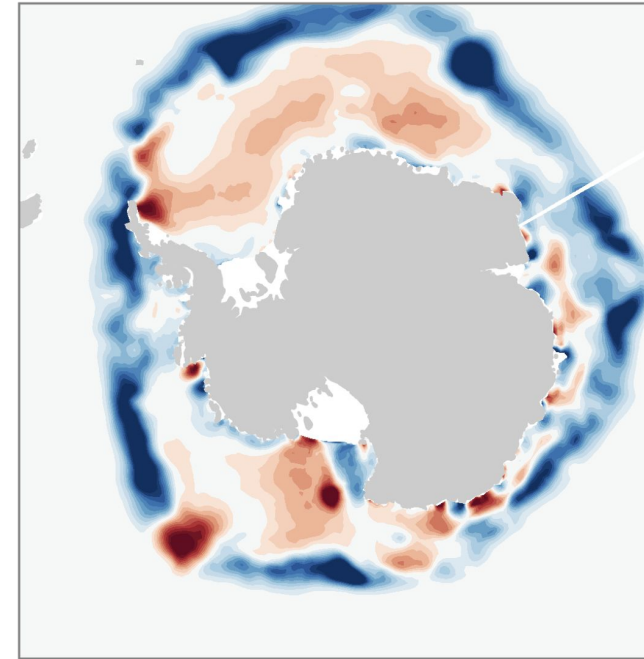


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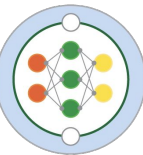
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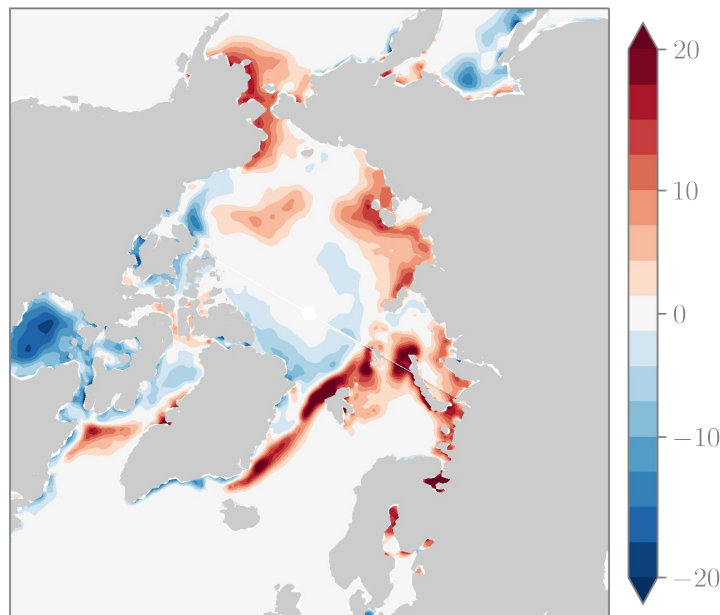


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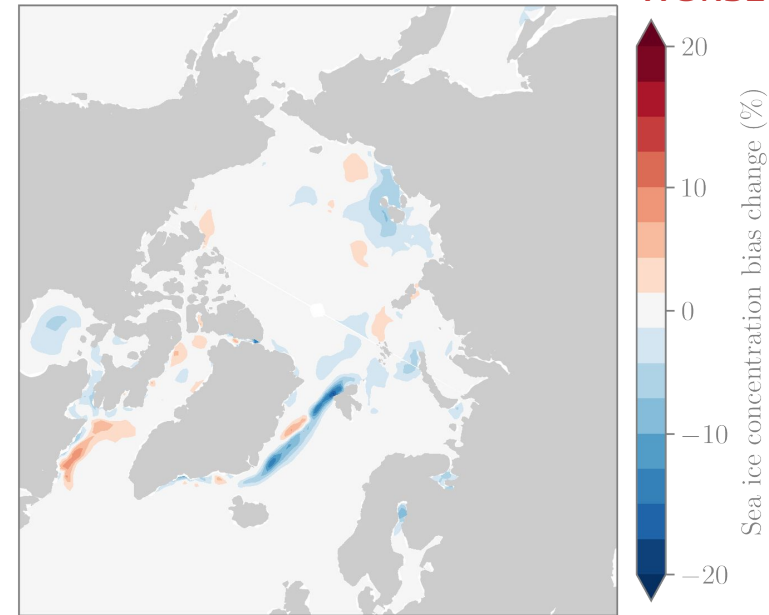
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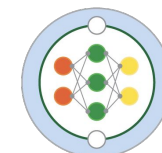
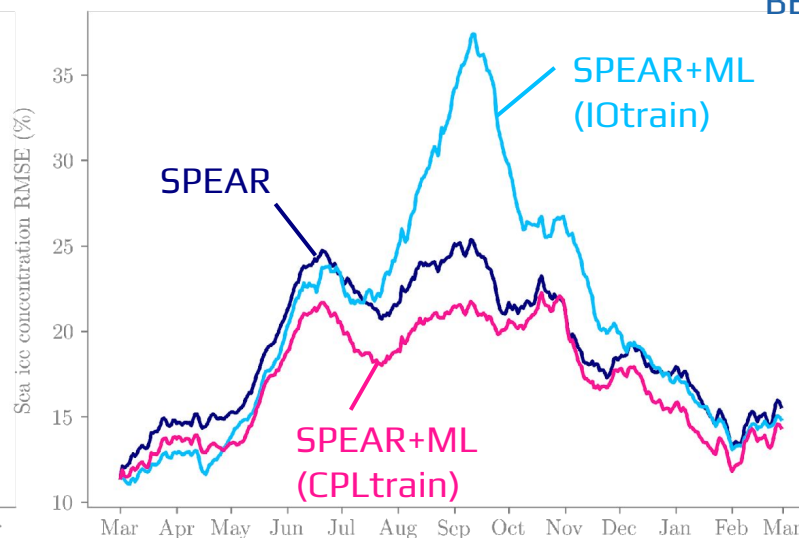
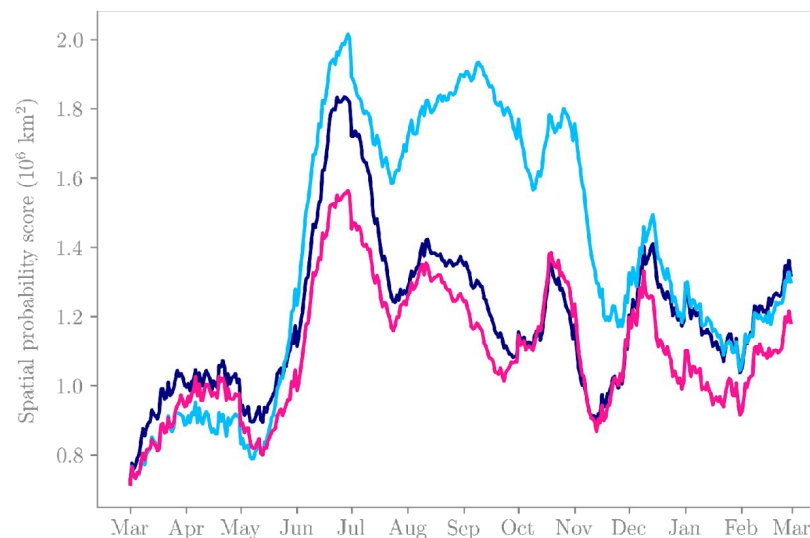


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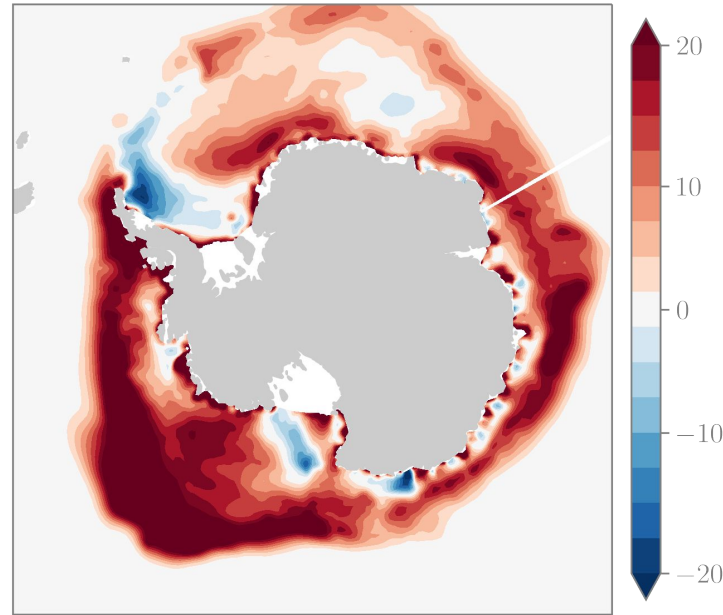
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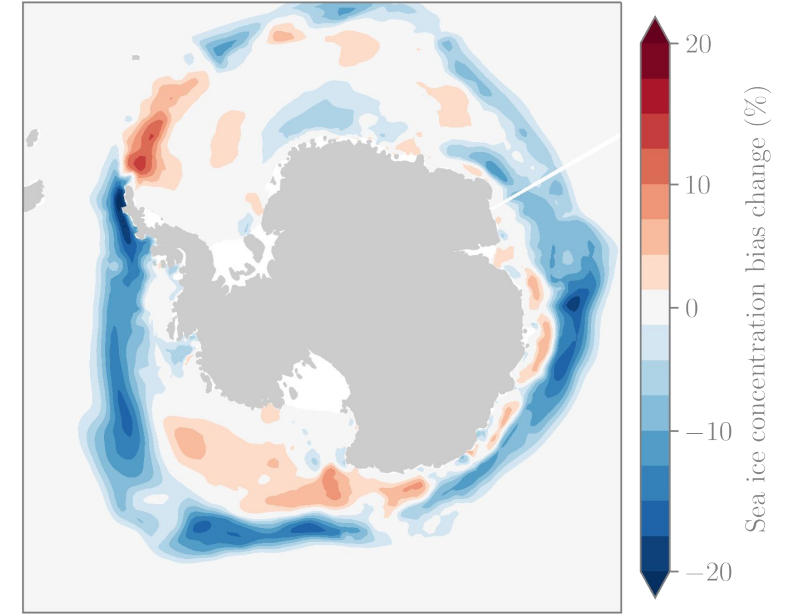
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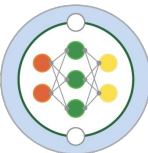
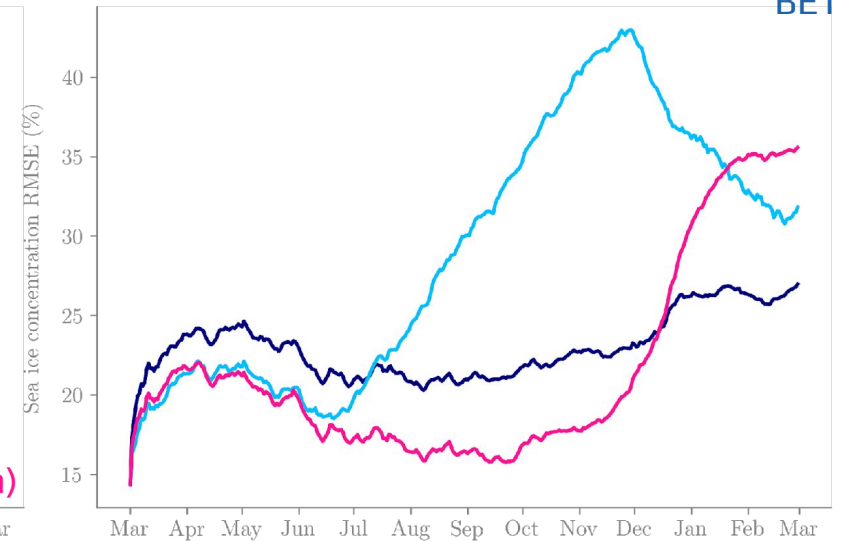
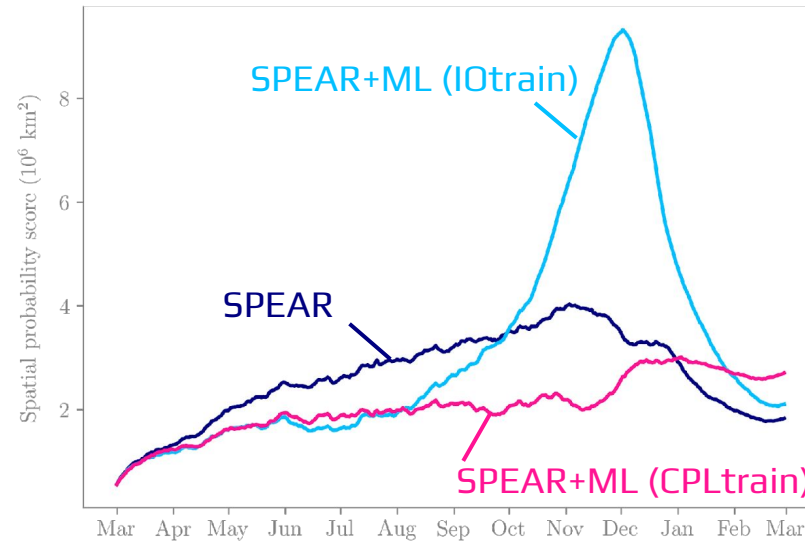


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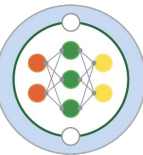
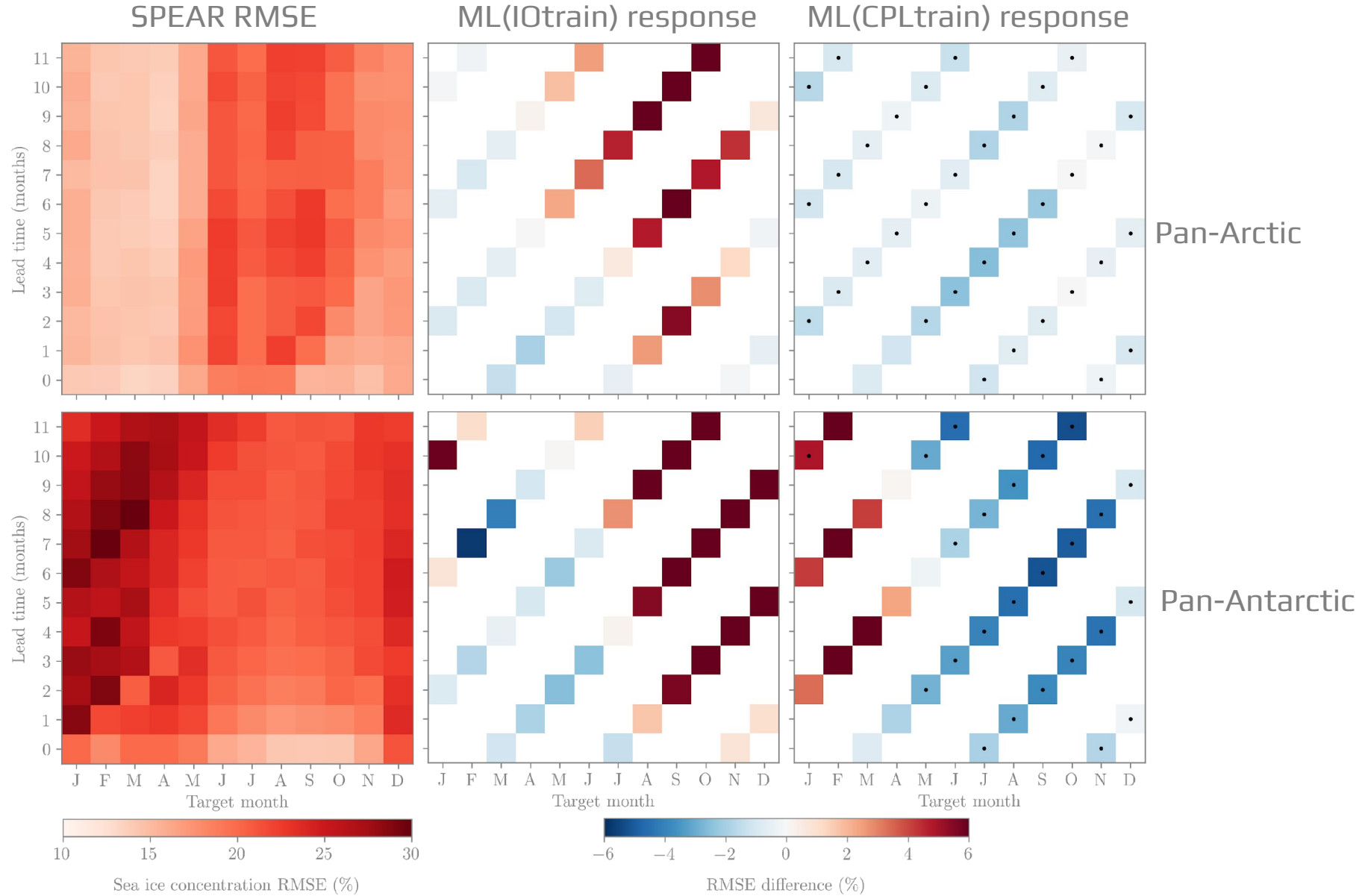


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# Coupled training improves forecast skill on average



From SPEAR to CESM



# Getting this workflow up and running in CESM should be straightforward!

Step 1: Do Data Assimilation

[https://github.com/William-gregory/DA-ML/blob/main/Kalman\\_Filter/EAKF\\_sequential\\_mpi.py](https://github.com/William-gregory/DA-ML/blob/main/Kalman_Filter/EAKF_sequential_mpi.py)

Step 2: Train ML model

[https://github.com/William-gregory/DA-ML/blob/main/offline\\_learning/final\\_network.py](https://github.com/William-gregory/DA-ML/blob/main/offline_learning/final_network.py)

<https://github.com/William-gregory/DA-ML/blob/main/NNetwork.py>

Step 2: Implement network into CICE

[https://github.com/William-gregory/SIS2/blob/ML\\_pure\\_fortran/src/SIS\\_ML.F90](https://github.com/William-gregory/SIS2/blob/ML_pure_fortran/src/SIS_ML.F90)



Also chat to Will Chapman!  
He has implemented this  
workflow for atmospheric  
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