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## Decadal Predictions at CMCC

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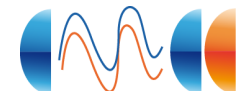
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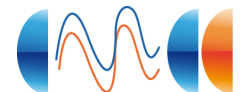
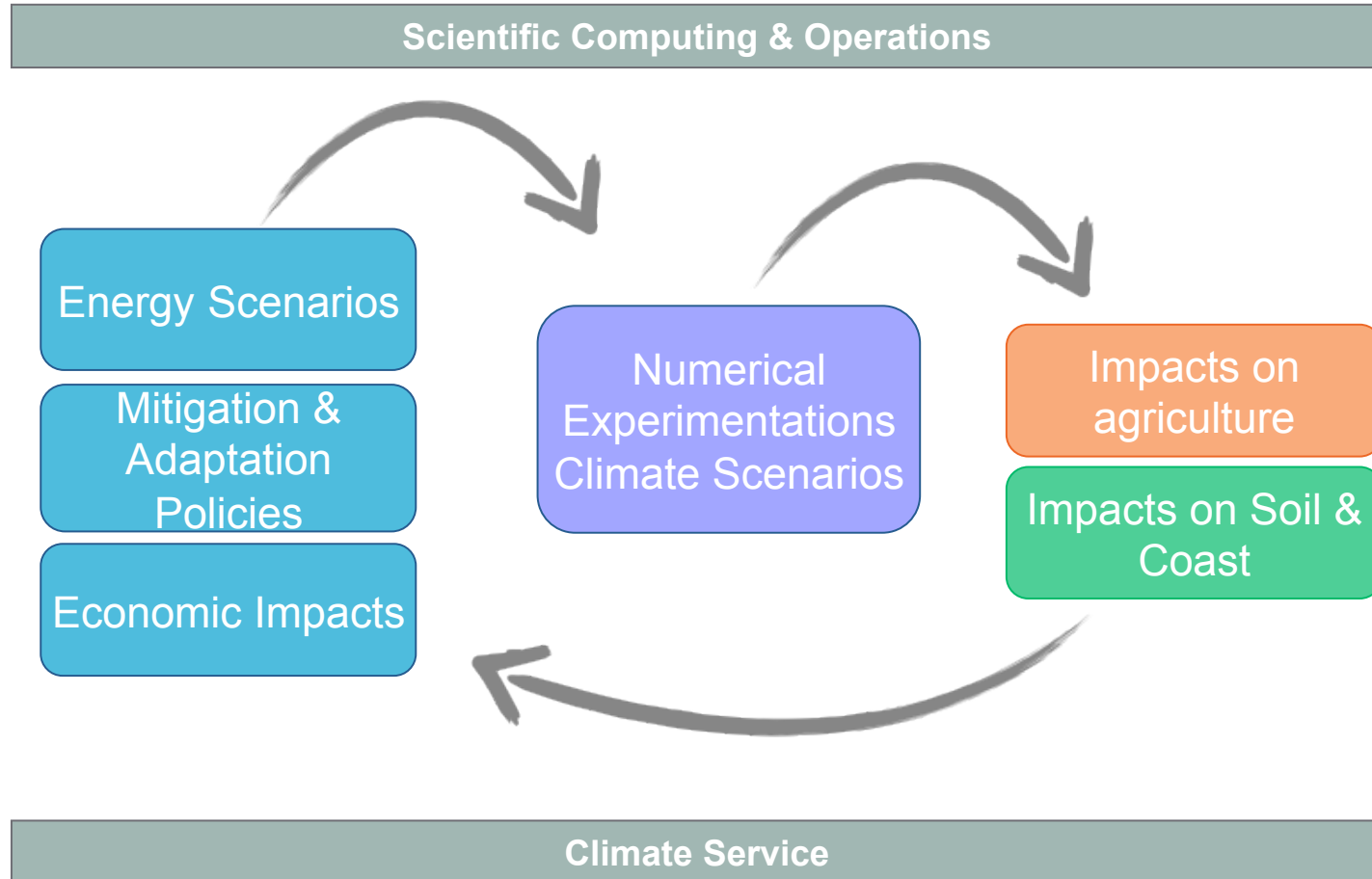
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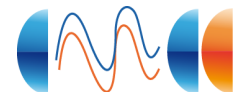
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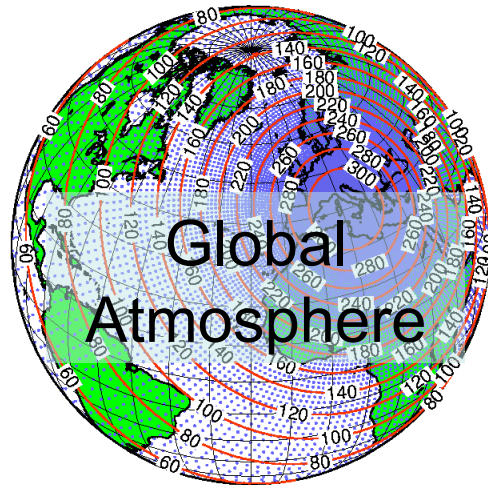
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- **Doctorate School in Global Change Science and Policy – ChangeS**  
In partnership with: University of Venice, University of Salento, University of Sassari
- Aim: promoting and coordinating advanced studies on climate change impacts and policy
- Activities: advanced training and research activities with emphasis on the development of innovative management strategies for both physical and socio-economic climate related phenomena.
  - **4 Ph.D. programs** currently active on:
    - **Science and Management of Climate Change** – Venice, Bologna
    - **Environmental and Energy Systems** – Lecce
    - **Climate Change Sciences** - Lecce
    - **Agriculture and Forestry Systems** – Sassari
- A structured **Winter and Summer Schools Programme**



# Decadal Predictions at CMCC

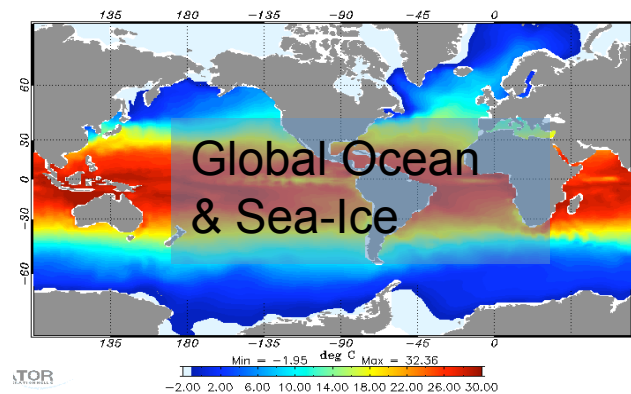
## The CMCC-CM model



*ATMOSPHERE*

*ECHAM5 T159L39 (~ 80 Km )*

*COUPLER Oasis 3*

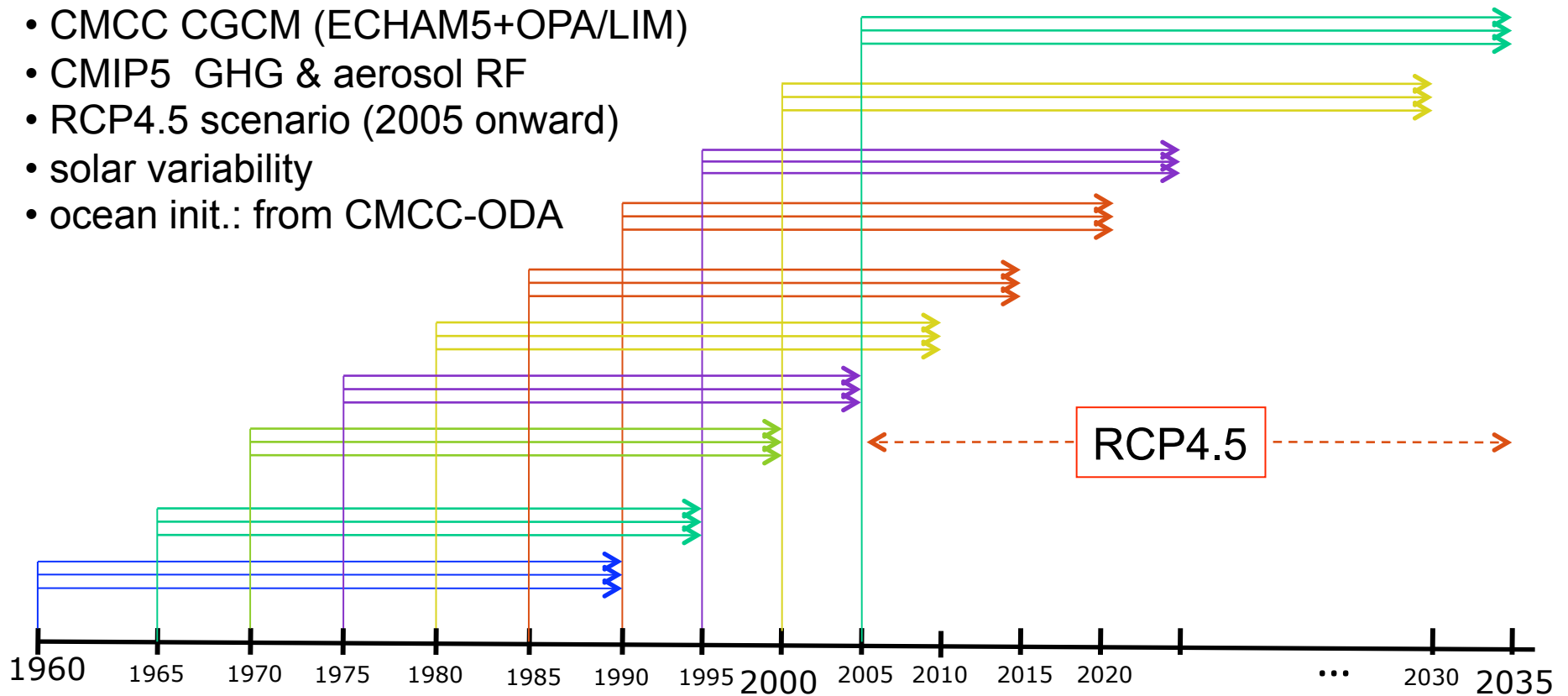


*OCEAN:*  
*OPA 8.2/ORCA2 (2°-1/2°)*  
*SEA-ICE: LIM*

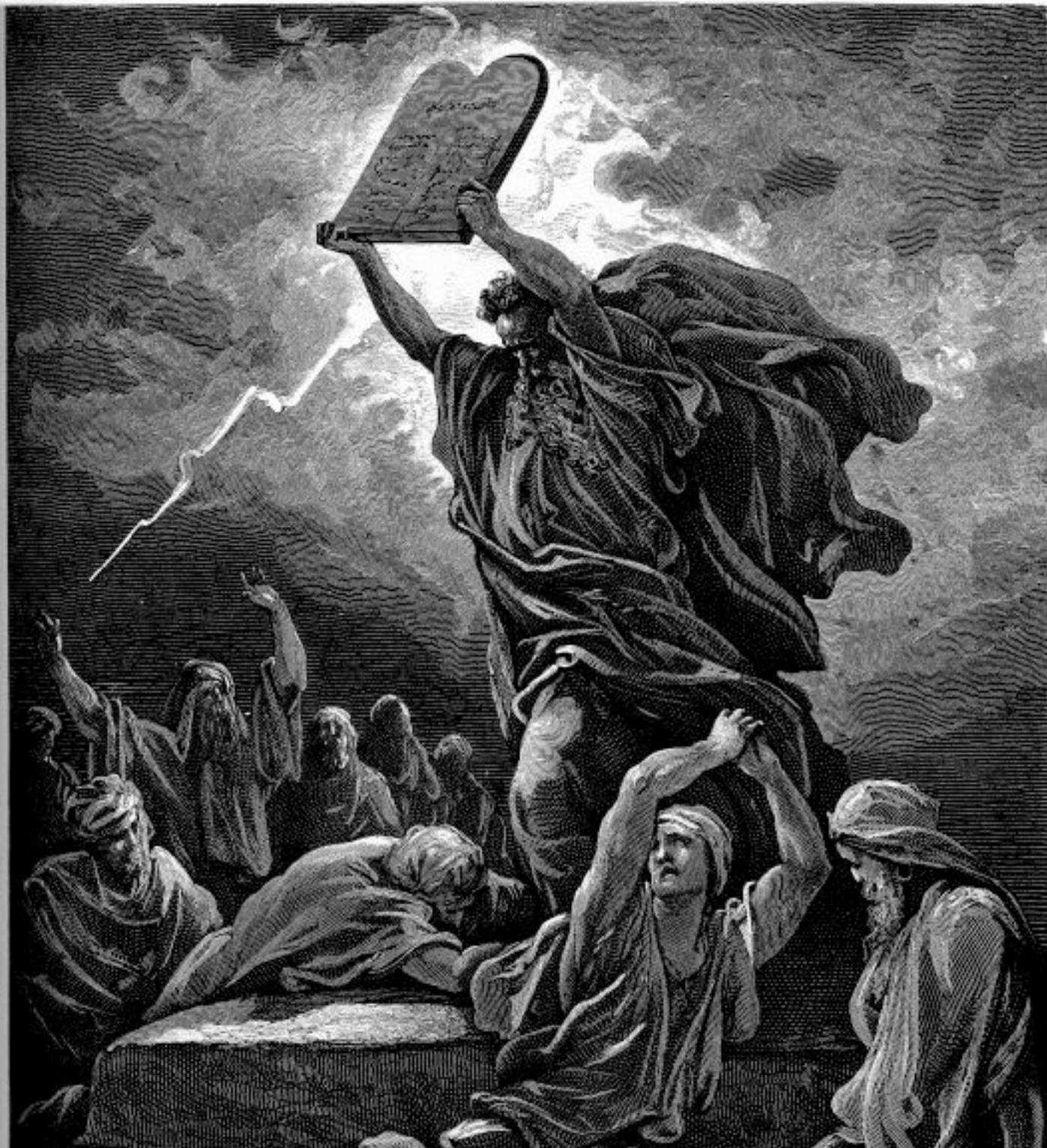
# Decadal Predictions: experiment setup

◆ 30-year hindcast/forecast simulations grouped into 3-members ensembles, for different start dates.

- CMCC CGCM (ECHAM5+OPA/LIM)
- CMIP5 GHG & aerosol RF
- RCP4.5 scenario (2005 onward)
- solar variability
- ocean init.: from CMCC-ODA



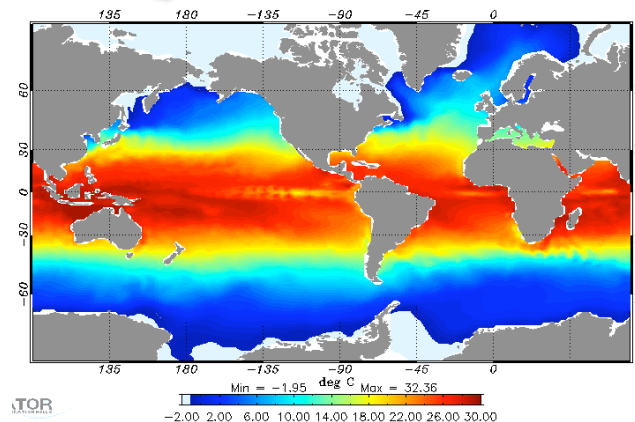




# Initialization

- ◆ Ocean Initialization: Full fields from CMCC ocean analyses (OI and 3DVAR)
- ◆ Sea-ice: model climatology

**Sea-Ice & Snow thickness**  
init.: model climatology



**OCEAN:** different analyses  
(strategy adopted to generate  
the ensemble spread)

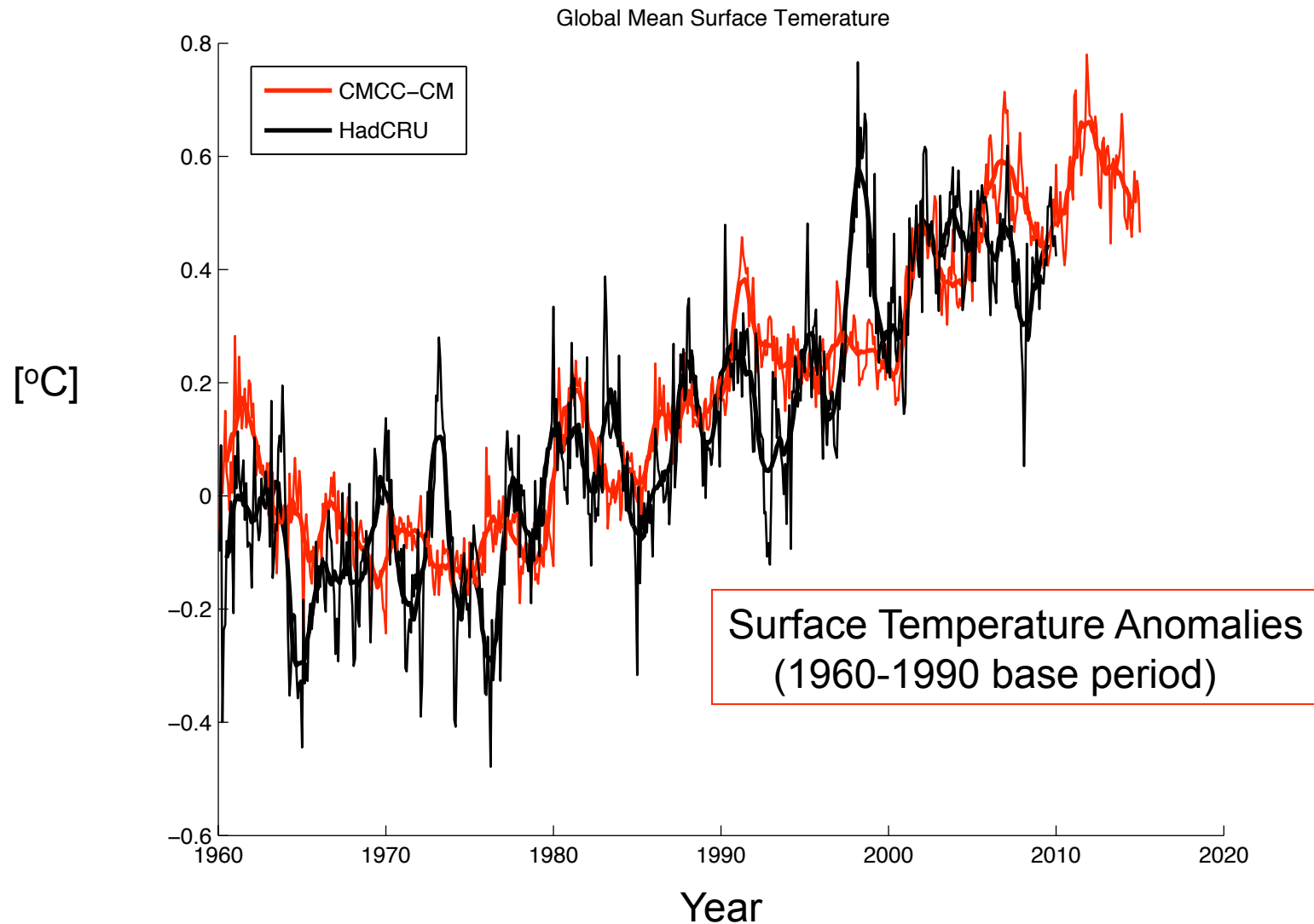
CMCC - OI

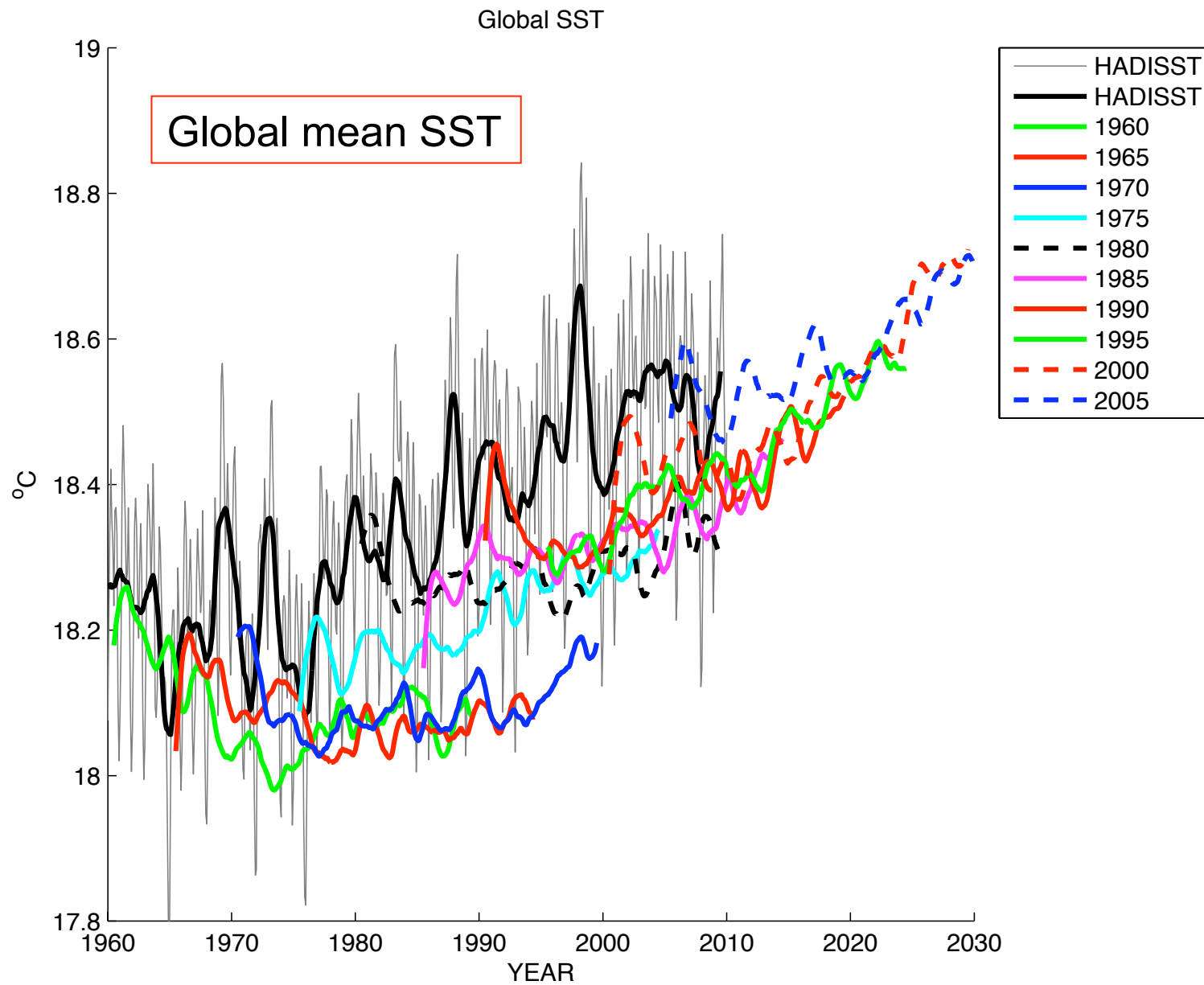
CMCC - 3DVAR1

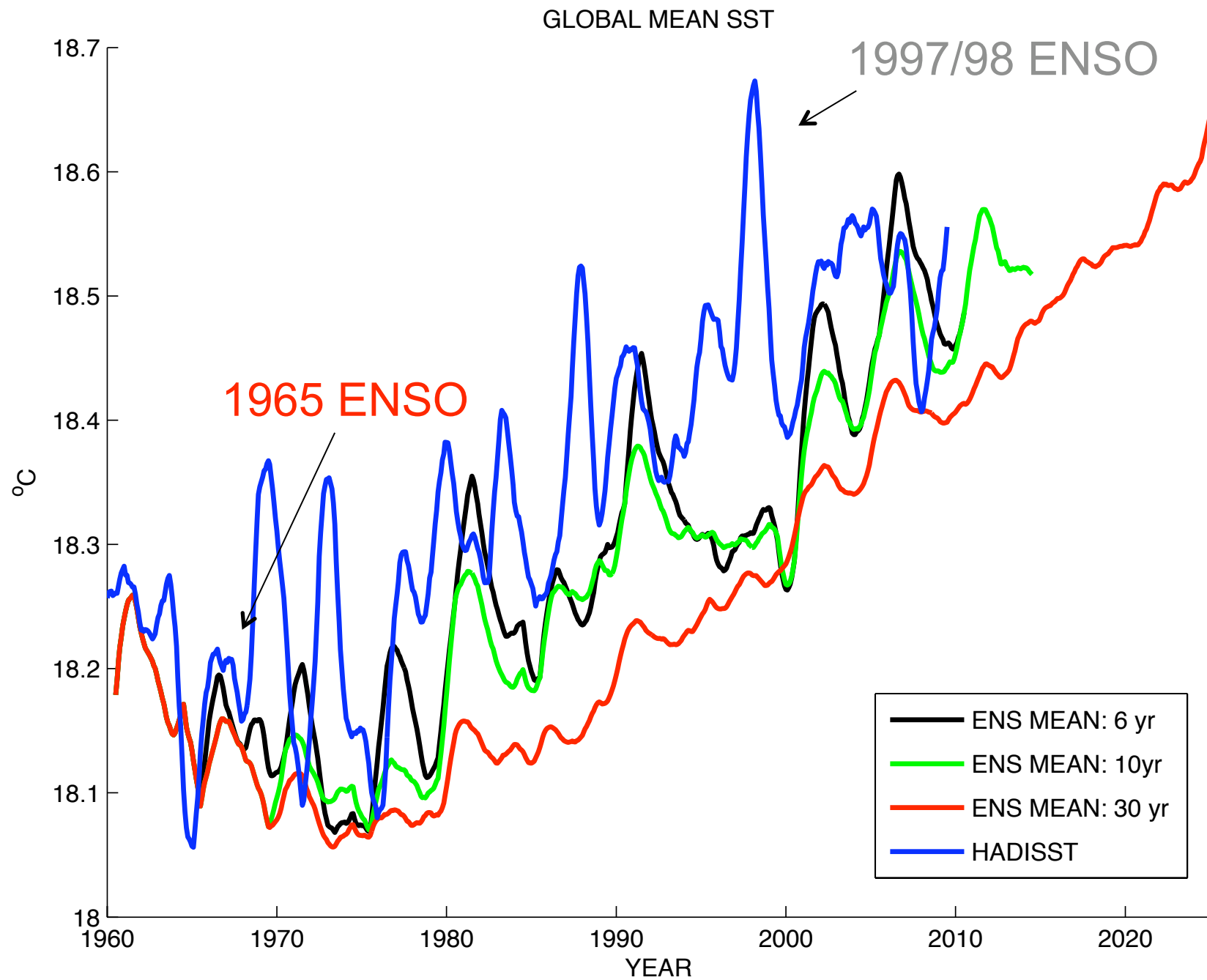
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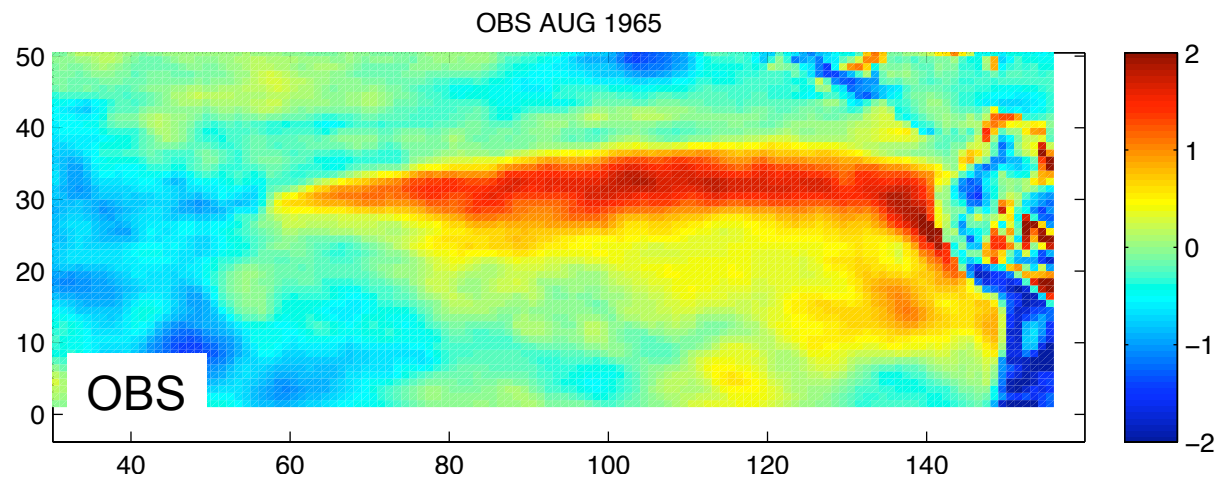
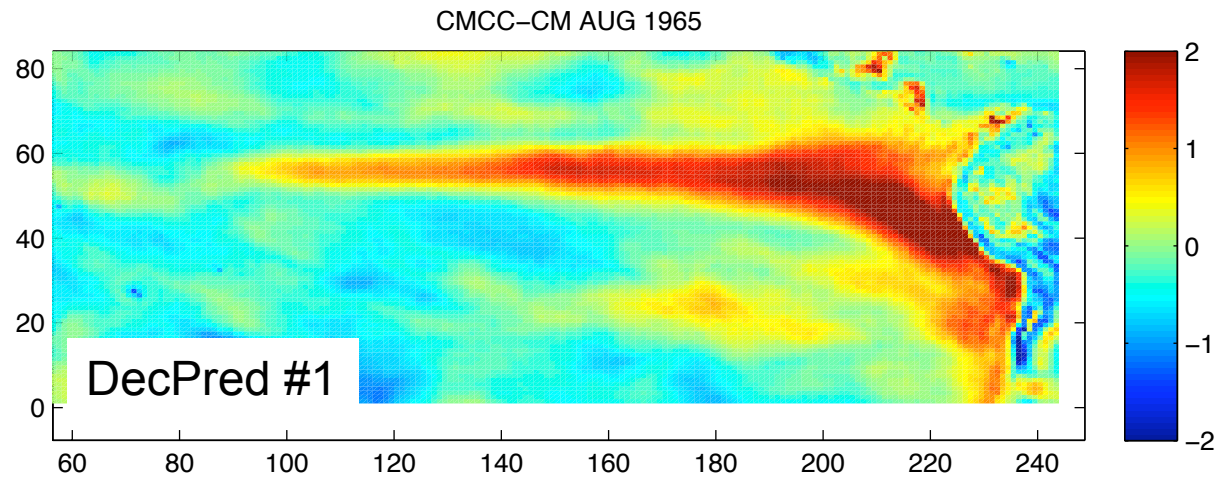
- Decadal Predictions : Stream1 completed



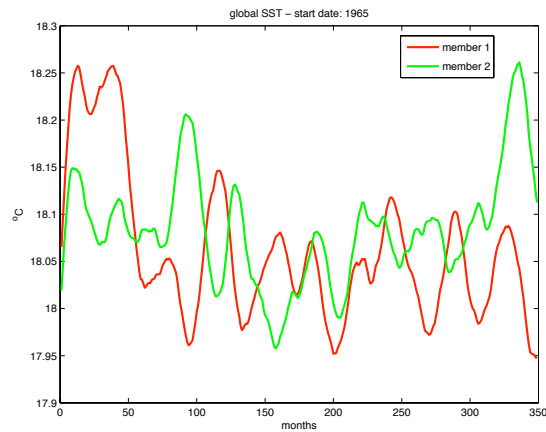




## ENSO 1965 Prediction

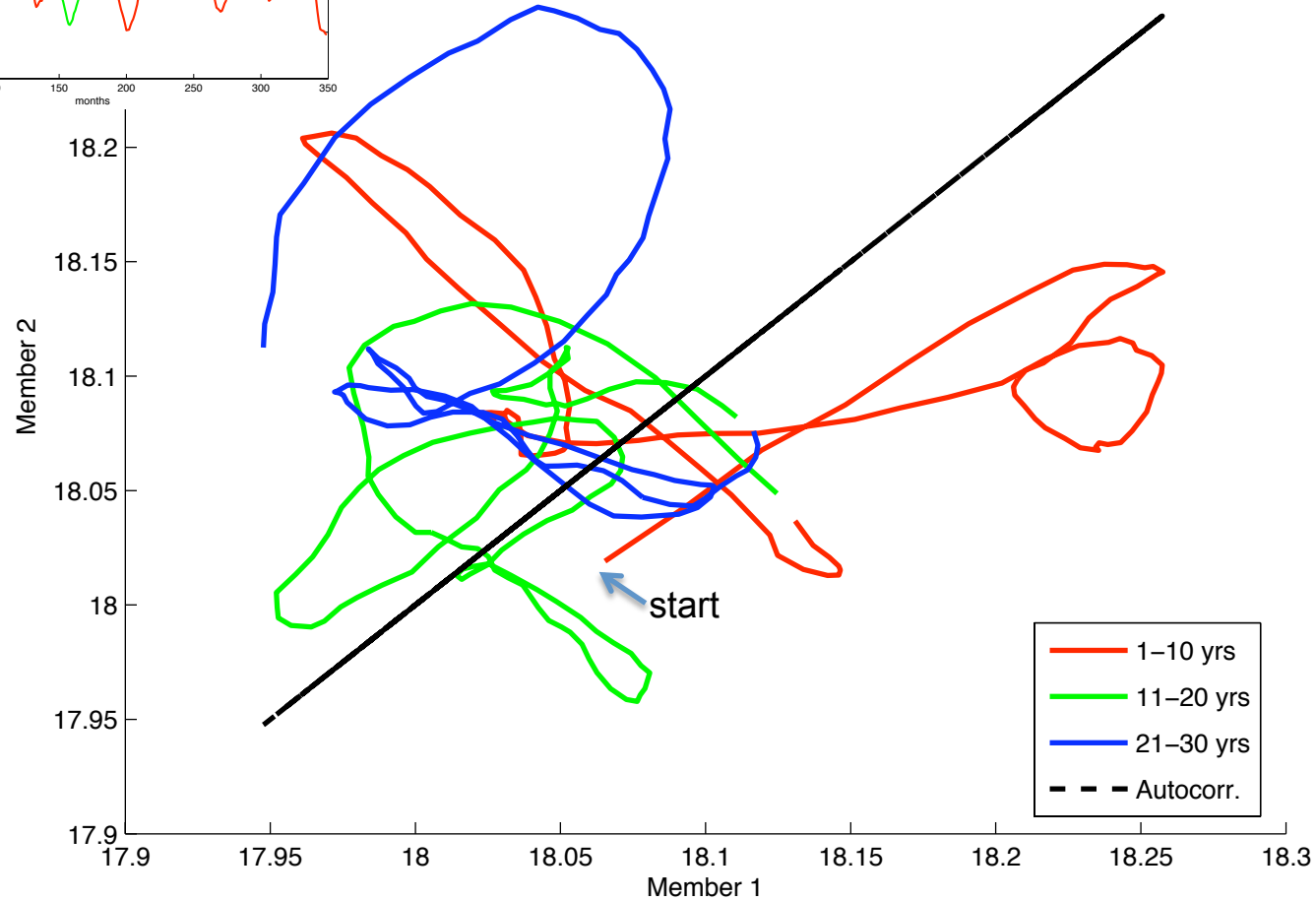


Surface Temperature Anomaly



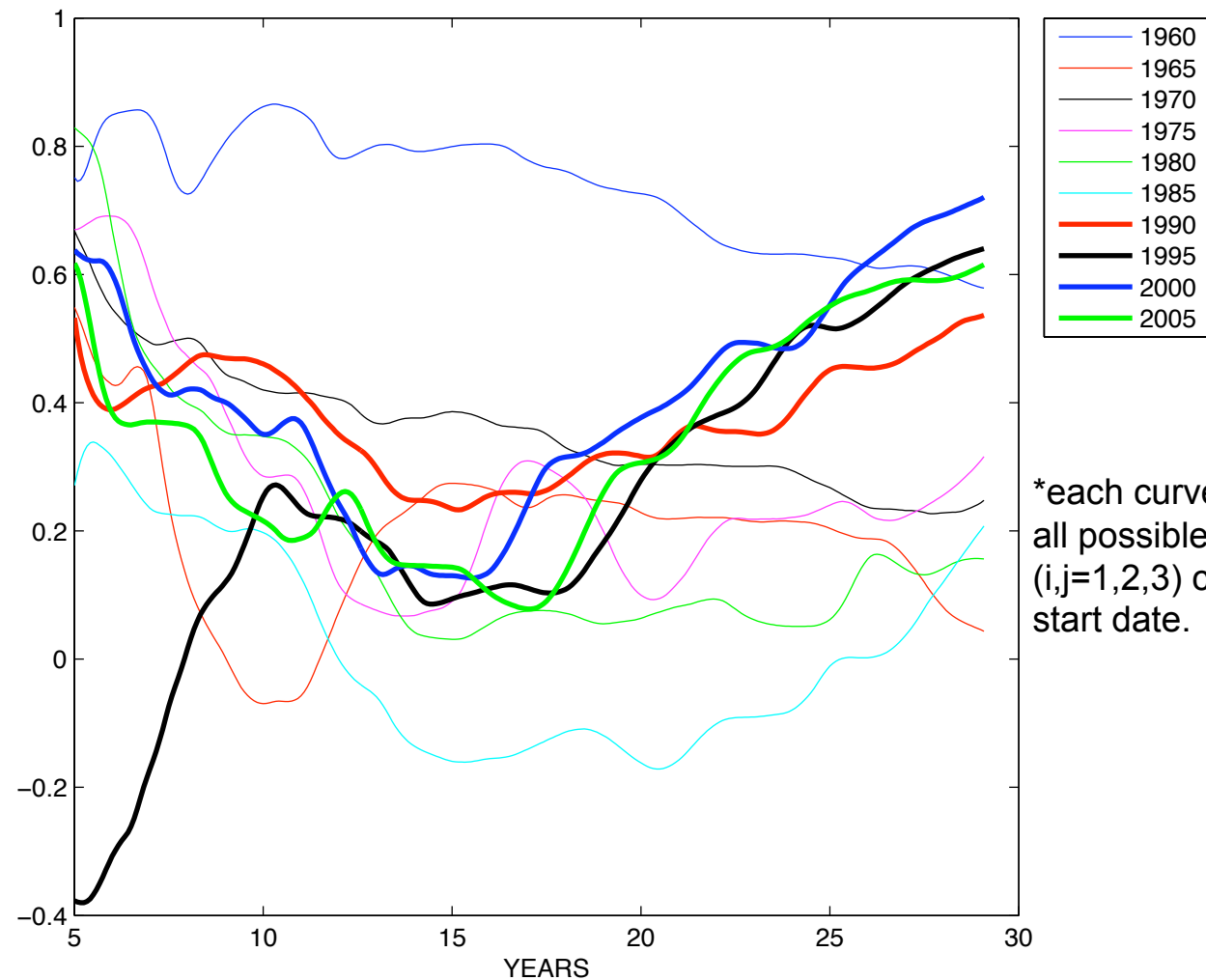
## Global mean SST : member 1 & 2 scatterplot

1965



Predictability limits: loss of consensus between ensemble members

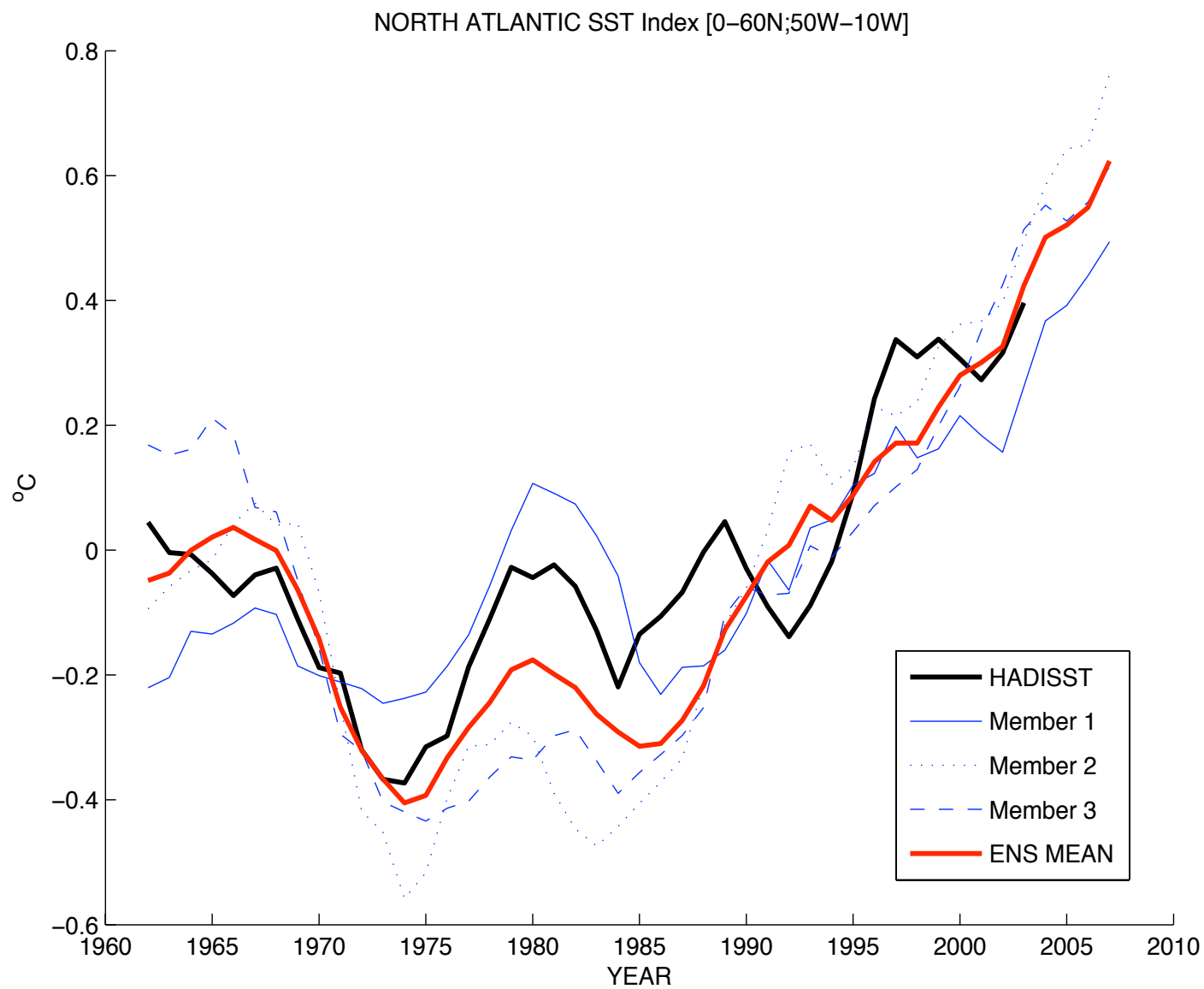
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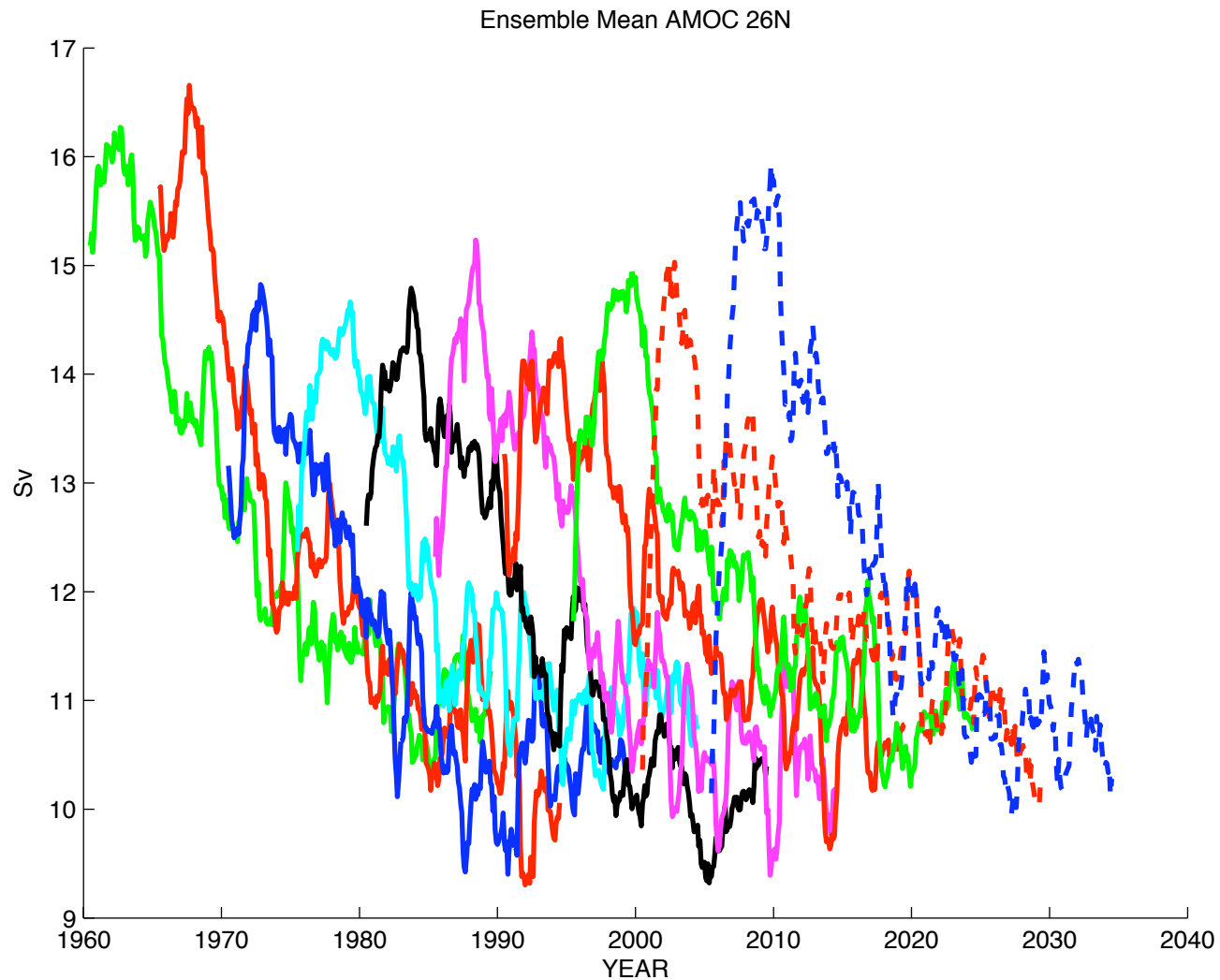
\*each curve is an average over all possible  $C_{ij}$  couplets ( $i,j=1,2,3$ ) computed for each start date.

evulsive cross-correlation : 
$$C_{i,j}(t) = \int_0^{T+t} m_i(t') m_j(t') dt' \quad i,j=1,2,3$$

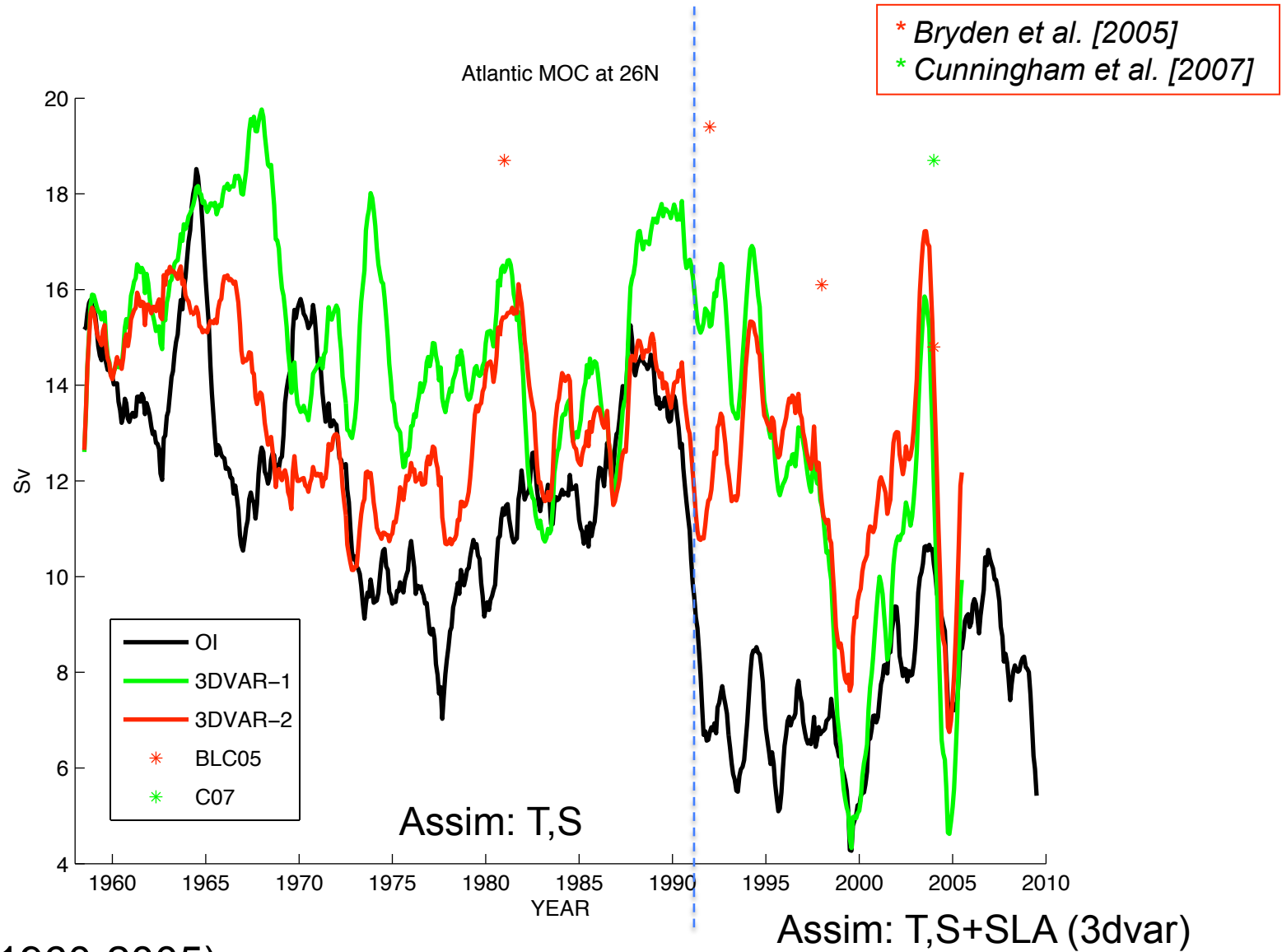




MOC is affected by drift, although with a slower adjustment, wrt to SST.  
Adjustment towards model attractor occurs in a  $\sim 20$  yrs time scale



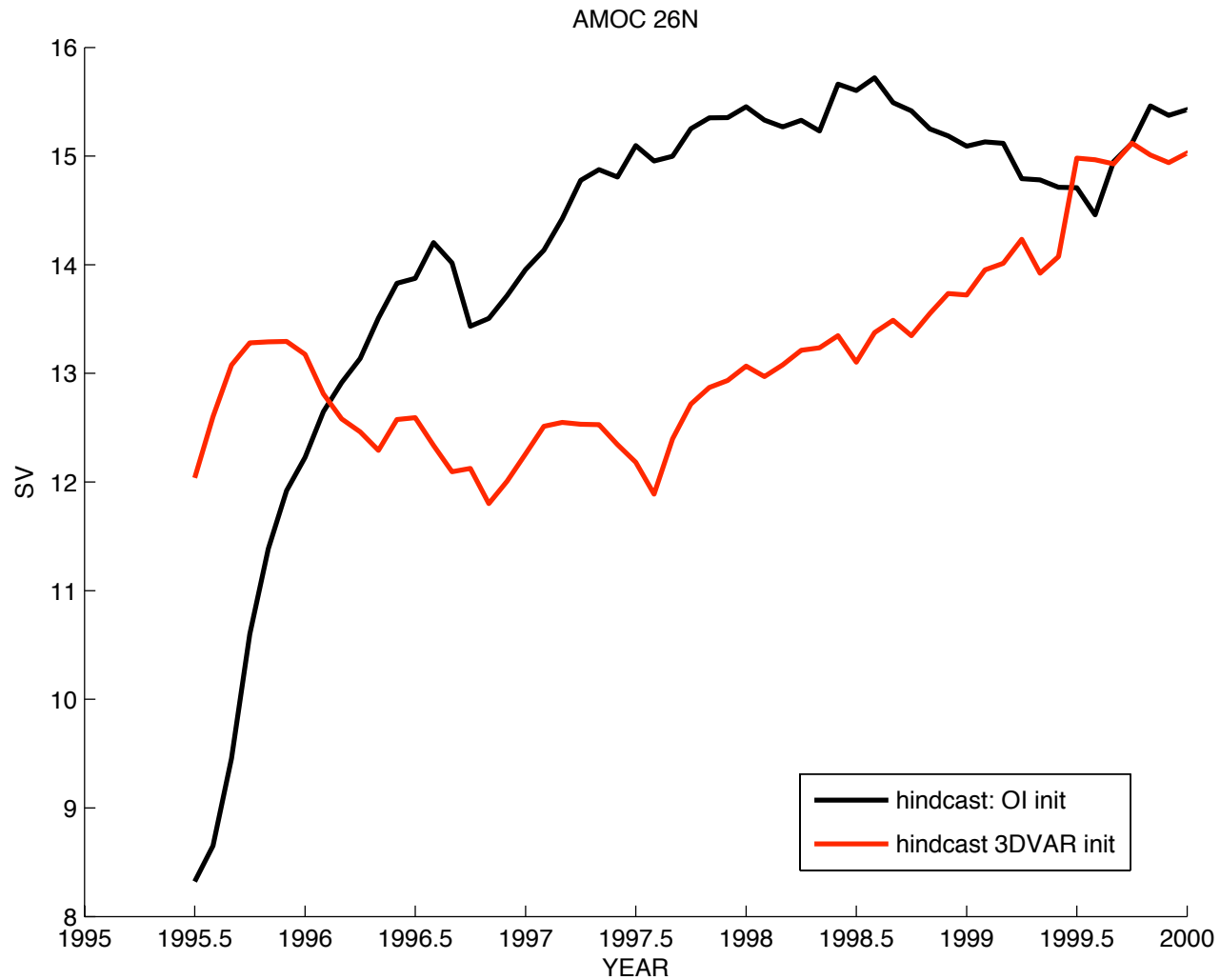
## AMOC in CMCC ODA affected by large uncertainties

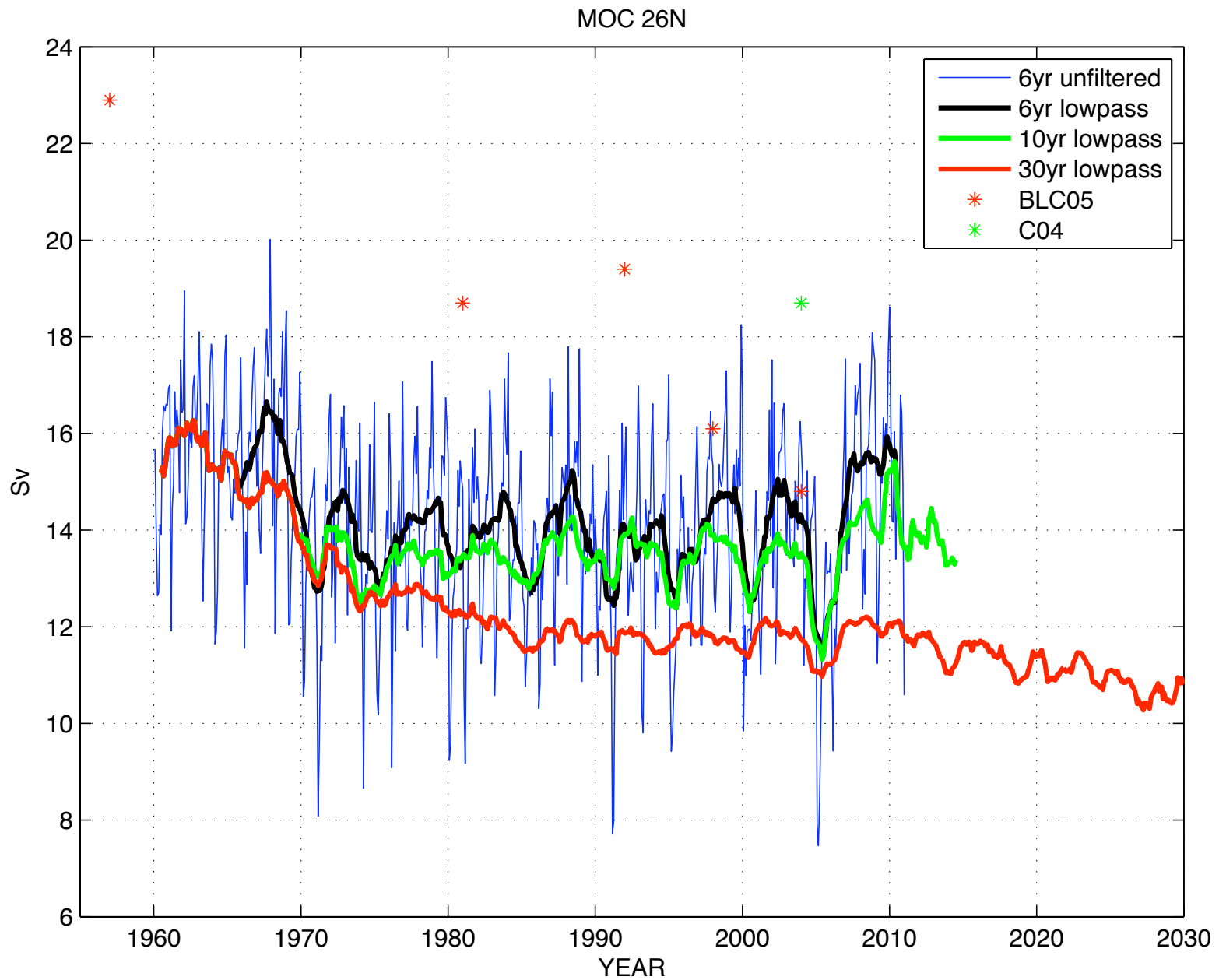


OI: T,S (1960-2005)

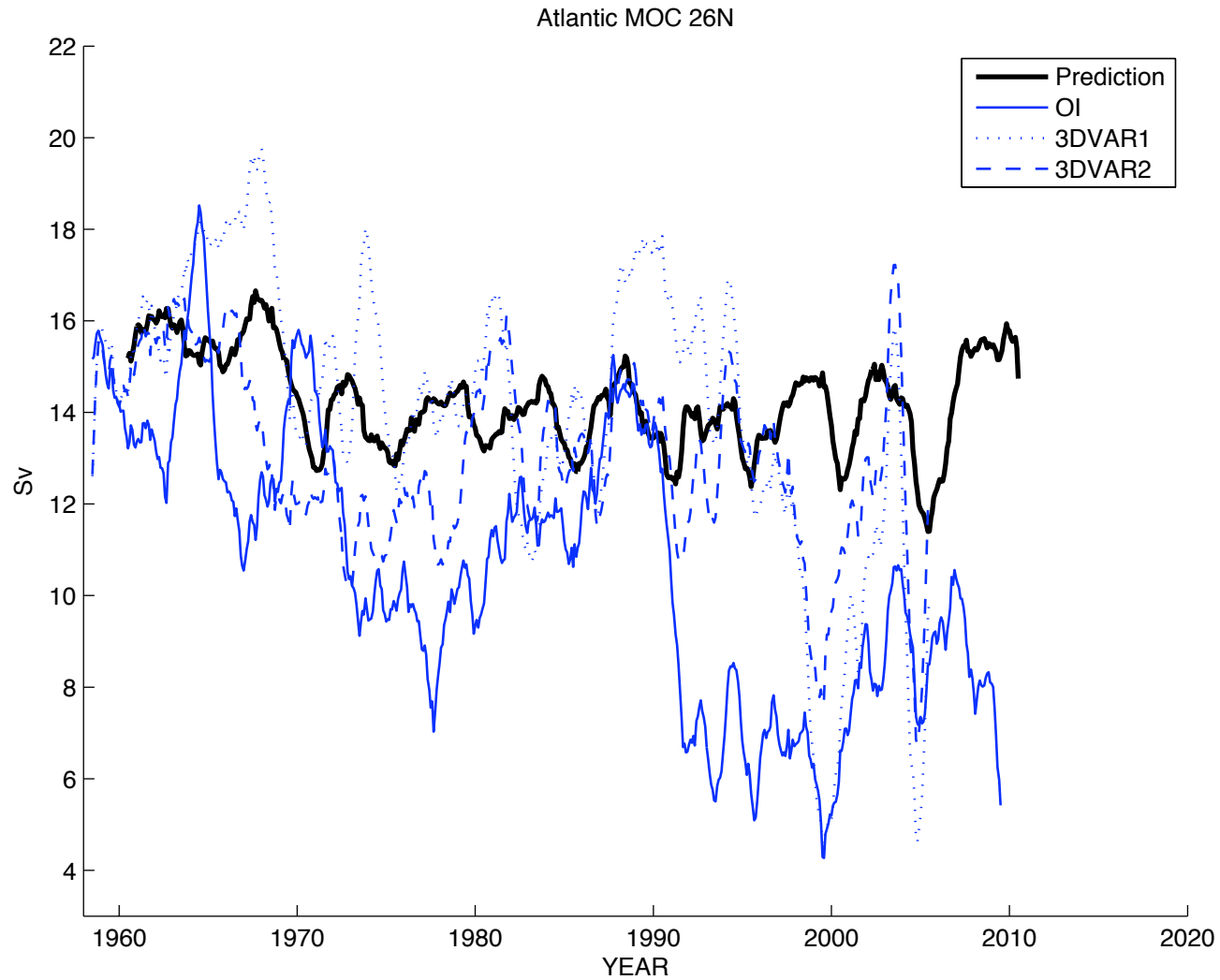
3DVAR: T,S (1960-2005) & SLA (1992 onward)

MOC initialized with two different ocean analyses follow very different trajectories





## MOC Prediction vs Analysis: hindcast show a much weaker variability wrt analyses



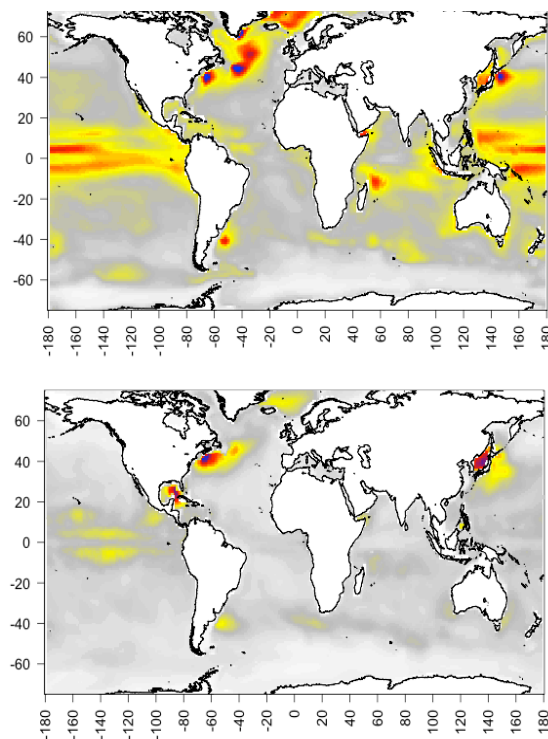


# Conclusions (?)

- ◆ The use of ocean analyses to initialize DP differing by both assimilation technique (OI & 3DVAR) and assimilated data (T,S profiles & SLA) yields a sufficiently large spread.
  - ◆ Influence of IC 1-5 years
  - ◆ Some predictability in some fields
  - ◆ Predictability in interesting parameters still to be investigated
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- ◆ Future model ... T255/321 -- 0.25 ocean
  - ◆ Coupled assimilation

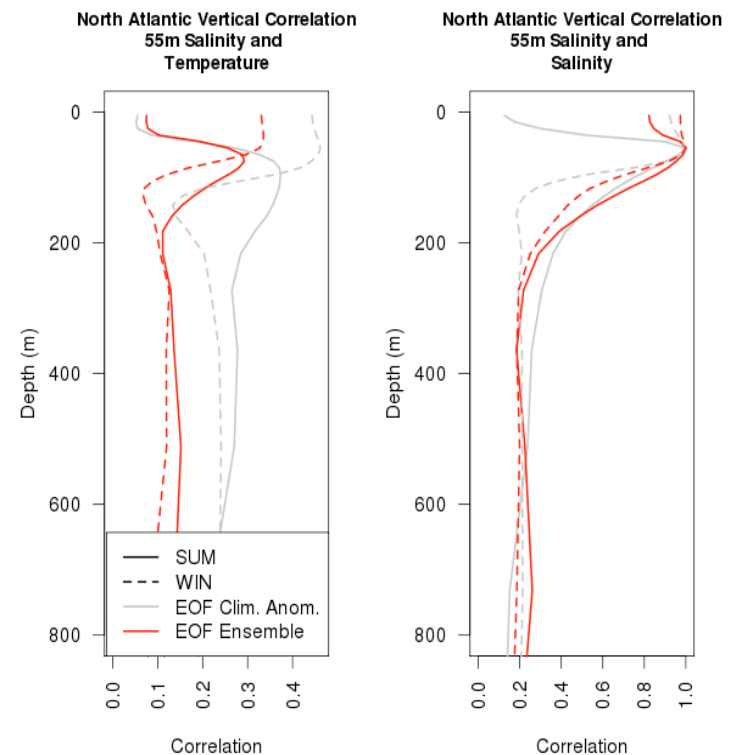
# The three Global Ocean analysis systems at CMCC

- 1) **Optimal Interpolation (OI)** analysis system assimilating hydrographic data of (T, S) from EN3 dataset and using bivariate EOFs computed from model climatological anomalies for representing model-error vertical covariances (Bellucci et al., 2007, Masina et al., 2011);
- 2) **3DVAR** data assimilation system assimilating hydrographic data of (T, S) from EN3 dataset and along-track altimetric observations (1992-onward). The same set of EOFs as in the OI is used (Storto et al., 2011);
- 3) **3DVAR** data assimilation system as the previous but with a different set of vertical EOFs, derived from the differences between 6 ensemble members and the ensemble mean within an **ensemble variational assimilation experiment (1993-2005) with perturbed observations, surface forcing and model parameterization tendencies**.



On the left: 0-100 m summertime temperature st. dev. for EOF first set (top) and EOF second set (bottom). The latter shows a smaller error signal and peaks only in mesoscale areas.

On the right: North-Atl. averaged profiles of summer and winter model-error vertical (cross-)correlations between 55 m salinity and the other model levels for the two EOF sets. The ensemble derived set exhibits a stronger salinity upper ocean auto-correlation in Summer, but generally a smaller cross-correlation.



# AMO Index

