

Changes in External Forcings Drive Divergent AMOC Responses Across CESM Generations

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Key Points:

- The AMOC response to historic aerosol forcing in CESM2 depends strongly on whether CMIP5 or CMIP6 inputs are applied
- The 1940-1985 trend in the AMOC is indistinguishable between CESM1 and CESM2 when both models are run with CMIP5 forcings
- Divergent AMOC responses in CESM2-LE vs CESM2-CMIP5 are explained by differences in turbulent heat fluxes over the subpolar north Atlantic

Abstract

The Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) in many CMIP6 models has been shown to be overly-sensitive to anthropogenic aerosol forcing, and it has been speculated that this is due to the inclusion of aerosol indirect effects for the first time in many models of that generation. We analyze the AMOC response in a newly-released ensemble of historic simulations performed with CESM2 and forced by the older CMIP5 input datasets (CESM2-CMIP5). This AMOC response is then compared to the CESM1 large ensemble (CESM1-LE, forced by the older CMIP5 inputs) and the CESM2 large ensemble (CESM2-LE, forced by the newer CMIP6 inputs). A key conclusion, only made possible by this experimental setup, is that changes in modeled aerosol-indirect effects cannot explain the differences in turbulent fluxes between CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE. Instead, differences in surface turbulent heat fluxes from changes in model inputs likely drive the different AMOC responses.

Plain Language Summary

The Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC) is important for the wider climate because it transports a large amount of warm water northward away from the equator. The most recent generation of climate models disagree with the observed behavior of the AMOC over the twentieth century, and it has been suggested that this is due to the inclusion of additional cloud processes in many of the newest models. Here we look at model simulations of the AMOC in several configurations to show that the disagreement in the past AMOC behavior is instead primarily due to changes in the inputs given to the models, rather than to changes in the models themselves.

1 Introduction

The Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC; Rahmstorf, 2002) is crucial in determining the local climate of the regions bordering the north Atlantic. It also plays a key role in the wider climate by accomplishing a significant portion of the necessary poleward energy transport determined by the TOA radiation balance (Trenberth & Caron, 2001; Chiang et al., 2008; Frierson et al., 2013; Marshall et al., 2013; Trenberth & Fasullo, 2017). The future behavior of the AMOC is of great interest because of its important role in the climate system: it has been identified as a potential climate “tipping point,” (Broecker, 1987; Lenton et al., 2019; Brovkin et al., 2021; Ditlevsen & Ditlevsen, 2023), with the potential for a slowdown or collapse of the AMOC due to greenhouse gas-induced changes in the heat and salinity budgets of the north Atlantic.

Indirect observational and proxy-based estimates suggest that the AMOC has entered a period of decline, with a general slowdown relative to the pre-industrial era, particularly over the course of the twentieth century (Rahmstorf et al., 2015; Thornalley et al., 2018; Caesar et al., 2018, 2021). In contrast, many models that participated in the most recent phase of the coupled model inter-comparison project (CMIP6; Eyring et al., 2016) predicted an *increase* in the strength of the AMOC over much of the twentieth century, likely due to the models’ overly-sensitive response to anthropogenic aerosol forcing (Menary et al., 2020; Hassan et al., 2021; Robson et al., 2022). These CMIP6 models also disagree with the older models of the CMIP5 generation, which more closely match observational AMOC estimates (Cheng et al., 2013; Menary et al., 2020).

The importance of the AMOC to the climate, and this significant model-observation disagreement motivate us to understand why models that participated in CMIP6 tend to overestimate the AMOC response to historic aerosol forcing. One hypothesis is that the first-time inclusion of aerosol-cloud interactions in many CMIP6 models (Wang et al., 2021) led to cooling of the northern relative to the southern hemisphere, which induced an increase in the strength of the AMOC (Menary et al., 2020). In this study we

62 analyze a different hypothesis that has not yet been investigated to our knowledge: our
63 goal is to quantify to what extent the change in external forcings from CMIP5 to CMIP6
64 contributes to the divergent AMOC responses of the CMIP5 and CMIP6 models. This
65 hypothesis does not contradict the aerosol-cloud interaction hypothesis: both can con-
66 tribute.

67 2 Data

68 We utilize three ensembles of coupled historical (1850- or 1920-present) simulations
69 performed with the first (CESM1; Hurrell et al., 2013) or the second (CESM2; Danaba-
70 soglu et al., 2020) version of the Community Earth System Model at a nominal 1° hor-
71 izontal atmospheric resolution. The first is a set of 35 simulations from the CESM1 large
72 ensemble project using CMIP5 forcings (hereafter CESM1-LE; Kay et al., 2015); the sec-
73 ond is 50 of the 100 simulations from the CESM2 large ensemble project using CMIP6
74 forcings (hereafter CESM2-LE; Rodgers et al., 2021); the third is 10 of the 15 simula-
75 tions (only 10 simulations included all necessary fields at the time of analysis) performed
76 using CESM2 but forced by the older CMIP5 inputs (hereafter CESM2-CMIP5; Holland
77 et al. (2023)). We use only the 50 members of the CESM2-LE which utilize smoothed
78 biomass burning rather than the native CMIP6 biomass burning, because the later has
79 been shown to lead to anomalous northern hemisphere warming towards the end of the
80 historical period (Fasullo et al., 2022). We note that the smoothed biomass burning forc-
81 ing only deviated from the standard CMIP6 forcing after 1990 (due to the 11 year smooth-
82 ing filter, see Rodgers et al., 2021), which occurs after the primary peak in the AMOC
83 anomaly in CMIP6 models.

84 These three experimental configurations allow us to separate the difference in AMOC
85 response to historic forcing between CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE into two components:
86 the difference between CESM1-LE and CESM2-CMIP5 gives the impact of changing model
87 versions with the external inputs held constant, while the difference between CESM2-
88 CMIP5 and CESM2-LE gives the impact of changing the forcing from CMIP5 to CMIP6
89 in the same version of the model. Crucially, the CESM1 large ensemble employed the
90 community atmosphere model version 5, which *does* include a representation of aerosol-
91 cloud interactions (Hurrell et al., 2013; Kay et al., 2015), although the treatment of these
92 interactions is different between CESM1 and CESM2 (Danabasoglu et al., 2020). Specif-
93 ically, the atmospheric component of CESM2 utilizes an updated cloud microphysics scheme
94 (MG2; Gettelman & Morrison, 2015) and an updated, four-mode aerosol model (MAM4;
95 Liu et al., 2016).

96 All fields are ensemble means calculated from monthly mean model output. An-
97 nual mean timeseries anomalies are first computed by calculating monthly anomalies from
98 the 20-year climatology defined as 1921-1940 - the earliest period that is common to all
99 simulations - and then calculating the average anomaly for each year. Yearly time se-
100 ries are then smoothed with an 11 year gaussian filter with a standard deviation of 5 years.

101 3 AMOC evolution and Solar Absorption

102 The top panel of Fig. 1 shows the time series of the ensemble mean AMOC index
103 anomaly for each of the three sets of simulations. The AMOC index is calculated as the
104 maximum value of the overturning streamfunction in the Atlantic basin below a depth
105 of 500 meters. Shading shows the interquartile range among ensemble members. We use
106 only the Eulerian component of the MOC, which is explicitly resolved by the model, al-
107 though results are similar when the total (i.e., resolved plus parameterized) AMOC is
108 analyzed (not shown).

109 The AMOC anomaly from the CESM2-LE (red curve) peaks in the later quarter
110 of the twentieth century, which is consistent with other CMIP6 generation models un-

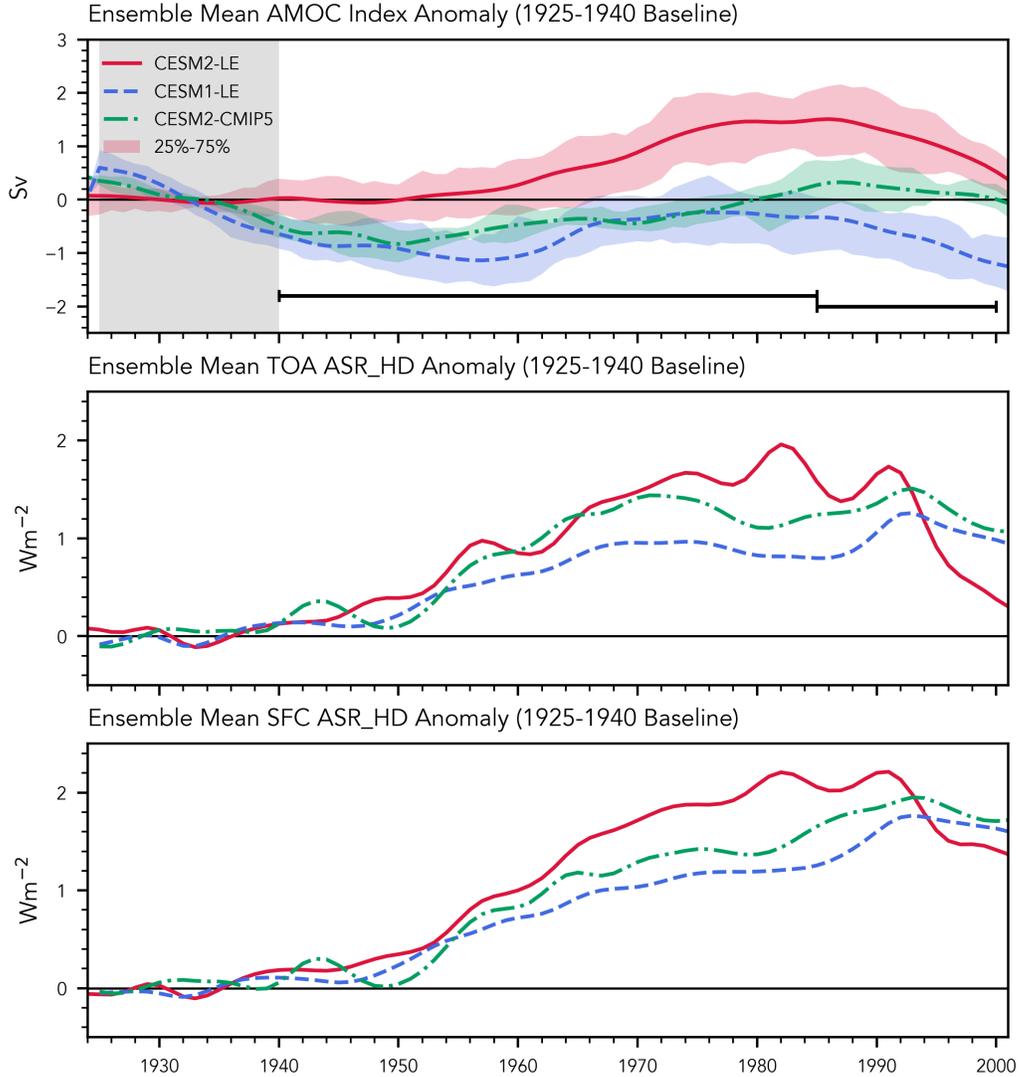


Figure 1. **Top)** Time series of the ensemble mean AMOC anomaly for three ensembles of climate simulations performed using the CESM (see text for details of model configurations and forcings) Black lines span the ranges used for calculating AMOC trends in Fig. 2. **Middle)** Ensemble mean anomaly in the hemispheric difference in absorbed solar radiation at the top of the atmosphere (ASR_HD, defined as SH minus NH). **Bottom)** as in **Middle**, but for the ASR_HD calculated from surface shortwave fluxes.

111 der the standard historical forcings (Menary et al., 2020; Robson et al., 2022). The AMOC
112 anomaly from the CESM1-LE (blue curve) is typically negative over the historical pe-
113 riod relative to 1921-1940, which in turn is consistent with other CMIP5 models. This
114 establishes that CESM1 under CMIP5 and CESM2 under CMIP6 forcings are at least
115 nominally representative of the wider CMIP5 and CMIP6 population of models discussed
116 by Menary et al. (2020).

117 The AMOC anomaly from the CESM2-CMIP5 simulations (green curve) much more
118 closely follows the CESM1-LE curve rather than the CESM2-LE curve from the begin-
119 ning of the simulations in 1920 through to the 1980s. After about 1985 the CESM2-CMIP5
120 AMOC anomaly is essentially flat while both the CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE anoma-
121 lies decrease at essentially the same rate. This result is the key finding of this study; it
122 shows that the AMOC response in CESM2 is strongly dependent on the particular his-
123 torical inputs (i.e., CMIP5 vs. CMIP6 forcings) to that model. It also establishes that
124 the difference in AMOC response in CESM2-LE vs CESM1-LE cannot be explained by
125 changes to the model.

126 Previous studies have attributed the divergent AMOC responses of the CMIP5 and
127 CMIP6 models to enhanced northern hemispheric cooling in CMIP6 models associated
128 with the inclusion of aerosol indirect effects. However, as mentioned in the previous sec-
129 tion, all three ensembles analyzed here employ atmospheric models (either CAM5 or CAM6)
130 which include representations of aerosol-cloud interactions, yet we still observe a large
131 difference in the AMOC response between the two ensembles forced with CMIP5 inputs
132 and the CESM2-LE, which is forced by CMIP6 inputs.

133 The middle and bottom panels of Fig. 1 show the difference (SH minus NH) in the
134 hemispherically averaged absorption of solar radiation at the TOA or the Surface, re-
135 spectively. This metric has been shown to exhibit a high degree of correlation with the
136 AMOC index for CMIP6 models (Menary et al., 2020). Physically, a more reflective north-
137 ern hemisphere would indicate a hemispheric difference in solar heating, which would re-
138 quire anomalous cross-equatorial heat transport by the AMOC to maintain energy bal-
139 ance. This metric is not an exact proxy for the AMOC because atmospheric processes
140 are also able to transport anomalous energy across the equator to balance the hemispheric
141 difference in solar heating (Chiang & Bitz, 2005; Donohoe et al., 2013; Bischoff & Schnei-
142 der, 2014; Lembo et al., 2019; Irving et al., 2019; Yukimoto et al., 2022; Pearce & Bodas-
143 Salcedo, 2023; Needham & Randall, 2023). Nonetheless the metric is a useful measure
144 of the energetic influences on the AMOC and the wider climate over the twentieth cen-
145 tury. Interestingly the three model configurations more-or-less agree on the temporal evo-
146 lution of ASR_{HD} anomaly, contrary to their disagreement on the sign of the AMOC
147 anomaly.

148 Together, the *disagreement* in the evolution of the AMOC anomaly and the *agree-*
149 *ment* in the evolution of the ASR_{HD} anomaly indicate that the divergent AMOC re-
150 sponse between the three CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE cannot be explained by hemispheric-
151 wide differences in solar heating in response to aerosol forcing. This suggests a focus on
152 more localized processes is necessary to account for the much stronger AMOC response
153 in the CESM2-LE compared to the other two ensembles.

154 Figure 2 shows a comparison of the AMOC trends between the three ensembles from
155 1940-1985 and from 1985-2000. In the interest of a better comparison with the CESM2-
156 CMIP5 ensemble, which includes only 10 simulations, we have taken a bootstrapping ap-
157 proach in which 10 simulations are chosen at random from both the CESM1-LE and CESM2-
158 LE and the average trend from these 10 members is calculated. This process was repeated
159 500 times to generate the distributions of AMOC trends shown in the figure for CESM1-
160 LE (blue) and CESM2-LE (red). The vertical green bar shows the ensemble mean trend
161 from the 10 CESM2-CMIP5 simulations. From 1940-1985 the AMOC trend for the CESM2-
162 CMIP5 is indistinguishable from the CESM1-LE (which uses the same CMIP5 forcings),

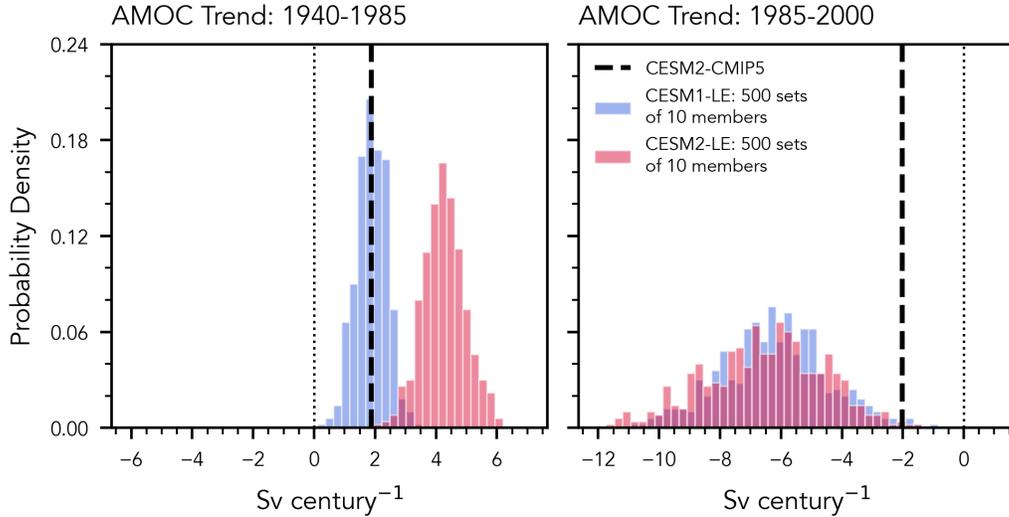


Figure 2. **Left)** comparison of AMOC trends from 1940-1985 for each of the CESM large ensembles. **Right)** as in **Left)** but for the trend from 1985-2000. PDFs were calculated from a bootstrapping approach where the mean AMOC trend from 10 random ensemble members from CESM1-LE or CESM2-LE2 were interactively calculated to align with the 10 ensemble members from the CESM2-CMIP5. Vertical black dashed line in each panel represents the average CESM2-CMIP5 trend for the period.

163 and is clearly different from the CESM2-LE (which uses the different CMIP6 forcings).
 164 From 1985-2000 the trends in the two large ensembles are indistinguishable, with sim-
 165 ilar model spread, while the CESM2-CMIP5 trend decreases at a much slower rate of
 166 about 2 Sv per century.

167 The bottom-left panel of Fig. 3 shows the climatological (black contours) and anoma-
 168 lous (shaded contours) overturning streamfunction (Ψ) in the Atlantic basin for the CESM2-
 169 LE. The streamfunction has been smoothed along the latitude dimensions with a gaus-
 170 sian filter to facilitate the calculation of the meridional derivative. The shaded contours
 171 indicate that the anomaly in the AMOC index seen in the top panel of Fig. 1 coincides
 172 with an increase in the magnitude of the streamfunction throughout the depth of the basin.
 173 This corresponds to enhanced sinking motion in the north Atlantic, as illustrated by the
 174 bottom right panel of Fig. 1, which shows the anomalous vertical mass flux (M_z) asso-
 175 ciated with the change in the streamfunction, calculated as

$$M_z = \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \varphi}. \quad (1)$$

176 There are two primary regions of anomalous sinking motion associated with the large
 177 AMOC anomaly in the CESM2-LE. The first occurs from 40-50°N and is likely associ-
 178 ated with deep water formation in the Labrador sea, while the second occurs further north
 179 (near 60°N), and is likely associated with deep water formation in the Greenland sea.
 180 Sinking water in both of these regions are canonically understood to contribute to the
 181 AMOC Rahmstorf (2002).

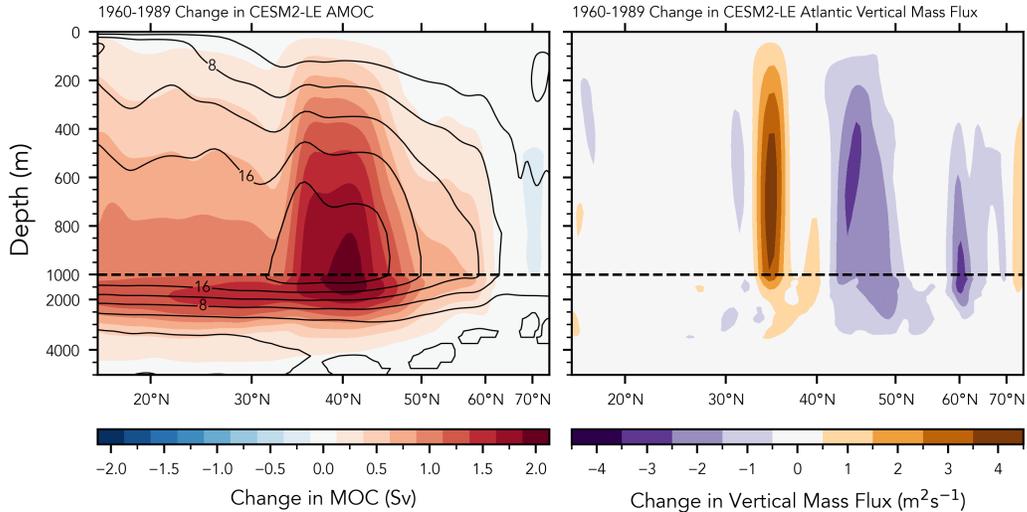


Figure 3. **Left)** CESM2-LE ensemble mean climatology (contours, 1921-1940) and anomaly (shading, 1960-1989) the overturning streamfunction in the Atlantic basin. **Right)** Anomaly in the vertical mass flux implied by the anomaly in the streamfunction as seen in the **Left** panel. Note the irregular y axes of the panels in the bottom row, used to emphasize the behavior in the top 1000 meters (with the shift between scales marked by the horizontal dashed line).

4 Energy Budget of the North Atlantic

The AMOC is primarily driven by a meridional pressure gradient that is maintained by the sinking of relatively cold and salty surface water in the north Atlantic (Rahmstorf, 2002), as seen in Fig. 3. This rate of sinking is determined by the sea-surface density, so it is sensitive to processes which alter the density. In principle, the sea-surface density can be altered by thermal (i.e., temperature-changing) or haline (i.e., salinity-changing) processes (e.g., Speer & Tziperman, 1992): in practice, we find that thermal processes are much more important for altering the sea-surface density (not shown), consistent with Robson et al. (2022). Therefore, to better understand which processes drive the enhanced sinking motion seen in Fig. 3, we now investigate the energy budget of the north Atlantic.

The top row of Fig. 4 shows the average anomaly (1960-1989, relative to the 1921-1940 climatology) of the net heat flux over the north Atlantic. It is immediately obvious that CESM2-LE has a much larger heat flux anomaly than either the CESM1-LE or the CESM2-CMIP5. The spatial pattern is also different, with CESM2-LE producing negative anomalies across the entire north Atlantic, while CESM1-LE and CESM2-CMIP5 have a similar spatial structure with varying positive and negative anomalies. The middle row of the same figure shows the ensemble mean sensible plus latent turbulent heat flux. It is clear that the spatial structure of the surface heat flux anomaly (i.e., the top row) is primarily determined by turbulent surface fluxes, and not by surface radiation fluxes (i.e., the bottom row). In the following figure we further decompose the energy budget into its constituent parts and look at its time evolution.

Panels a-g of Fig. 5 show the time series for each of the components of the surface energy budget (and various combinations thereof) averaged over the subpolar north Atlantic (the boundary of the region is specified in the caption of Fig. 4). We will refrain

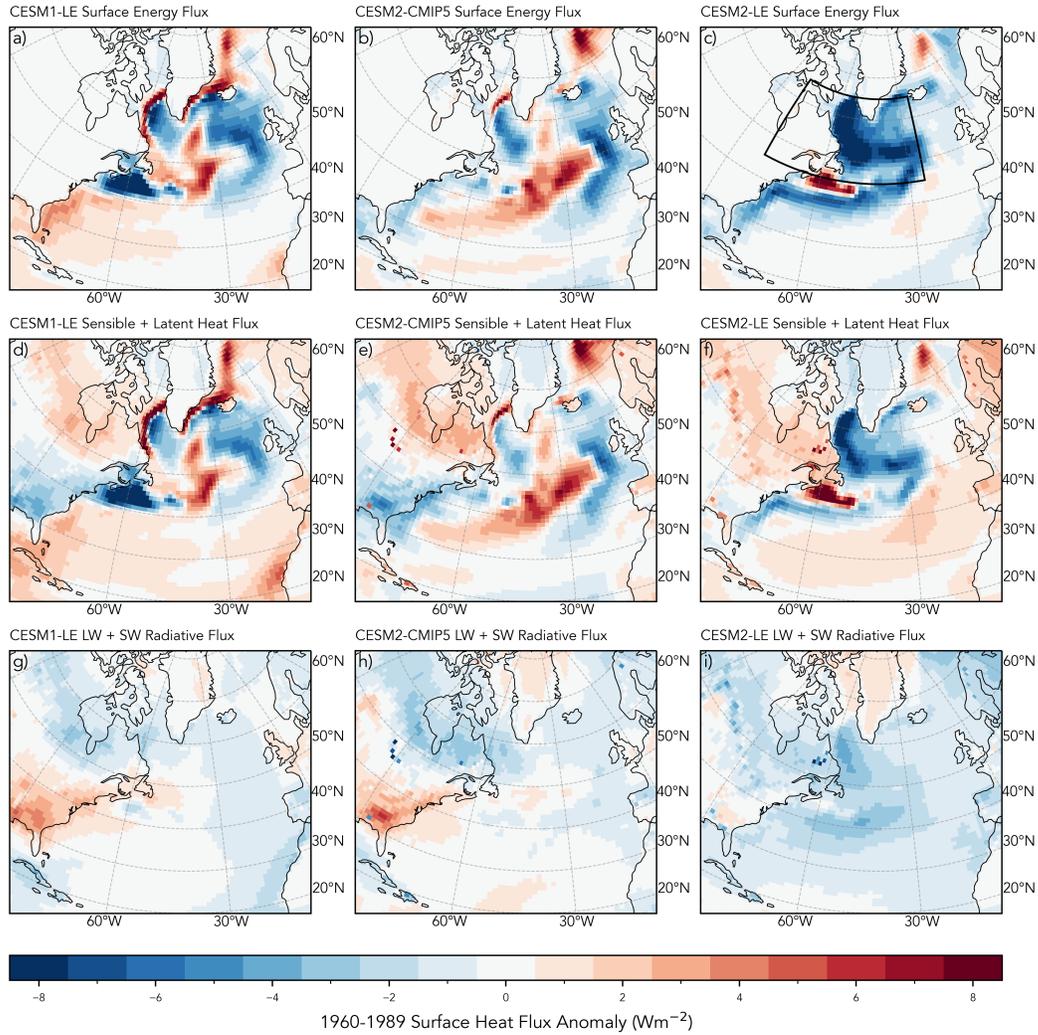


Figure 4. **Top Row)** Ensemble mean anomaly (1960-1989) in the net energy balance in the north Atlantic for the CESM1-LE, CESM2-CMIP5, and CESM2-LE ensembles, (left, center, and right columns, respectively). **Middle Row)** as in **Top Row** but for the anomaly in the net sensible plus latent turbulent heat flux. **Bottom Row)** as in **Top Row** but for the anomaly in the net longwave plus shortwave radiative flux at the surface. Negative (blue) values indicate an anomalous *heat loss* out of the ocean. The black boxed region in **panel c** indicates the region used for spatial averages in Fig. 4, and is bounded by 80°W-25°W and 45°N-65°N.

207 from discussing each panel individually because only certain terms turn out to be im-
 208 portant. Instead we present several key findings from this figure.

209 The first is that the CESM1-LE (blue dashed curves) and the CESM2-CMIP5 (green
 210 dash-dotted curve) largely agree on the behavior of each of the terms in the energy bud-
 211 get, and both of these ensembles *disagree* with the CESM2-LE when the term of inter-
 212 est is large (e.g., panels a and g). This underscores the key conclusion of this study that
 213 the difference in the AMOC response between the CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE is largely
 214 due to a change in forcing rather than to a change in the model. The second conclusion
 215 is that the disagreement in the net surface energy flux (panel g) is largely explained by
 216 the disagreement in the turbulent heat fluxes (panel a) with only a small contribution
 217 from differences in radiative fluxes (panel d). Our third conclusion from the surface en-
 218 ergy budget is that the disagreement in the turbulent fluxes (panel a) is largely due to
 219 differences in the latent heat flux (panel b) although the contribution from sensible heat
 220 fluxes is non-negligible.

221 Beyond the decomposition of the energy budget, panels h and i of Fig. 5 allow us
 222 to make two additional comments. First, we note that the shortwave cloud radiative ef-
 223 fect (panel h) is small in this region, with little difference between the two ensembles.
 224 This does not necessarily mean that the differences in aerosol-cloud interactions are unim-
 225 portant between these ensembles, but instead that differences in these interactions are
 226 *not locally important in the subpolar north Atlantic*. Second, the anomaly in the 10 me-
 227 ter wind speed (panel i) is extremely small, only about 0.1 ms^{-2} . Therefore, the changes
 228 in the turbulent surface fluxes (panels a-c) cannot be explained by dynamic changes, but
 229 must instead be thermodynamically driven. In other words, the large anomaly in the CESM2-
 230 LE turbulent heat flux is primarily driven by the thermodynamic (e.g., the air-sea dif-
 231 ference in temperature) component rather than by a change in the winds, consistent with
 232 the conclusions of Robson et al. (2022).

233 5 Conclusion and Discussion

234 We have shown that the AMOC response in three configurations of the commu-
 235 nity earth system model is highly sensitive to external forcings. When run with CMIP6
 236 forcings, CESM2 exhibits an increase in the strength of the AMOC from 1940-1985, con-
 237 sistent with many other CMIP6 models (Menary et al., 2020) and *inconsistent* with ob-
 238 servations (Rahmstorf et al., 2015; Thornalley et al., 2018; Caesar et al., 2018, 2021).
 239 The fact that this AMOC anomaly is absent in both the CESM1-LE and when CESM2
 240 is forced by the older CMIP5 inputs establishes that this difference cannot be explained
 241 by differences in the model but must be due in large part to a change in forcings from
 242 CMIP5 to CMIP6.

243 The energy budget analysis (Figs. 4-5) indicates that the stronger AMOC response
 244 in CESM2-LE is largely explained by enhanced surface fluxes of latent along with sen-
 245 sible heat, which led to anomalous ocean cooling from the Labrador sea, as in Hassan
 246 et al. (2021) and Robson et al. (2022). The change in the magnitude of the surface winds
 247 is small (Fig. 5), suggesting that this change in turbulent heat fluxes is thermodynam-
 248 ically rather than dynamically driven, consistent with Robson et al. (2022). We note that
 249 the shortwave flux anomaly is not negligible in any the ensembles, but the difference in
 250 the shortwave flux is much smaller than the difference in the turbulent heat fluxes.

251 The fact that this large heat flux seen in CESM2-LE (i.e., panel g of Fig. 5) anomaly
 252 is absent in CESM1-LE indicates that the turbulent heat flux anomaly is a strong con-
 253 tributor to the different AMOC response between CESM1-LE and CESM2-LE, as in Has-
 254 san et al. (2021) and Robson et al. (2022); the fact that it is also absent in CESM2-CMIP5
 255 indicates that the appearance of the heat flux anomaly is primarily due to a change in
 256 external forcings. Thus we conclude that the change in forcings between CMIP5 and CMIP6

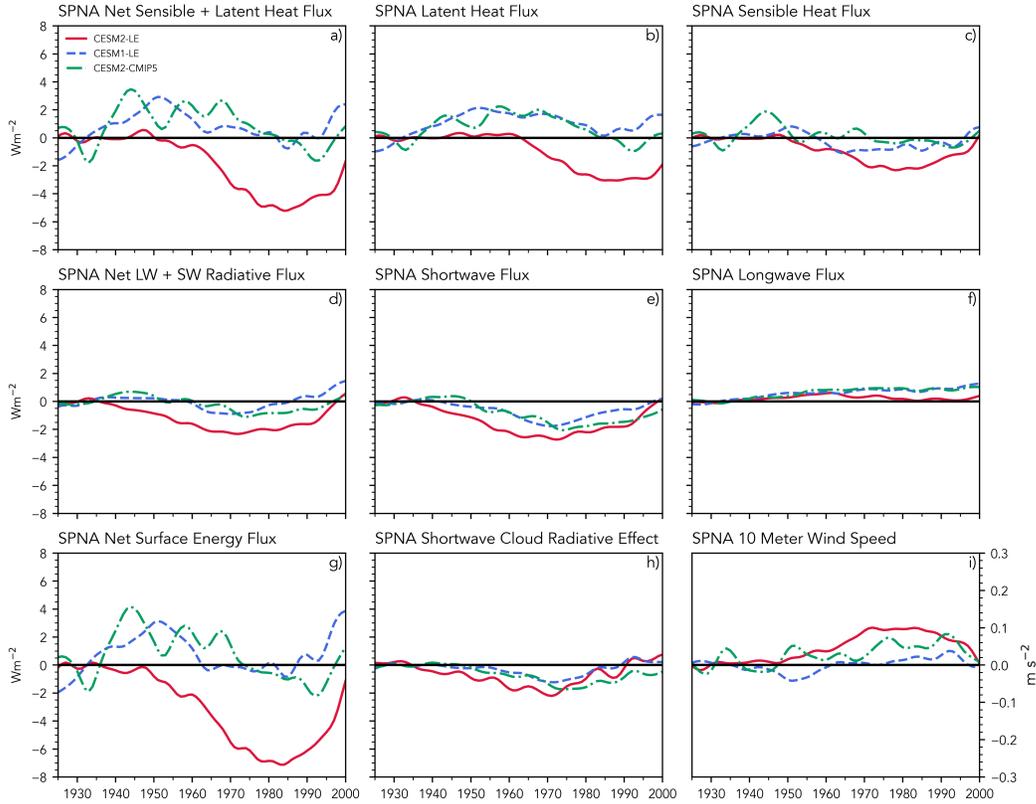


Figure 5. Panel a) Time series anomaly of the net sensible plus latent turbulent heat flux averaged over the subpolar north atlantic (the region bounded by the black box in panel c of Fig. 3, utilizing only oceanic grid cells for averages). Panels b-g show time series of the anomaly of additional terms of the energy budget, while panels h and i show the anomaly of the shortwave cloud radiative effect, and the 10 meter wind speed, respectively.

257 played a key role in the divergent AMOC response between CESM1-LE and CESM2-
258 LE.

259 It is beyond the scope of this study to definitively answer why the AMOC response
260 in CESM2 is more sensitive to CMIP6 than CMIP5 forcings, however we briefly discuss
261 one possibility here. The CMIP5 anthropogenic emissions compiled by Lamarque et al.
262 (2010) provided emission estimates at 10-year intervals: in contrast, the CMIP6 anthro-
263 pogenic emission estimates compiled by Hoesly et al. (2018) are provided on an annual
264 basis (see, e.g., Fig. 1 of Holland et al. (2023) or Fig. 2 of Hoesly et al. (2018)). It is con-
265 ceivable, then, that the higher temporal frequency of the CMIP6 forcings led to the stronger
266 response purely because of model sensitivity to forcing variability. Indeed, this interpre-
267 tation would be consistent with Fasullo et al. (2022). They showed that a discontinu-
268 ity in the variability of biomass burning forcing - which arose from the inclusion of satel-
269 lite observations of wildfire emissions from 1997-2014 but not before or after that period
270 - led to “spurious warming” near the end of historical simulations performed with CESM2.
271 A similar sensitivity to forcing variability may explain the divergent AMOC responses
272 presented in this study.

273 A key limitation of this work is that we have analyzed only a single model. This
274 particular experimental setup (in which each ensemble utilized an atmospheric model
275 which includes aerosol indirect effects, although with different representations) makes
276 it impossible to comment on the role of aerosol-cloud interactions on the AMOC across
277 CMIP6 models except to say that those interactions did not play a role in the divergent
278 AMOC response across CESM generations. However, we have no reason to believe that
279 similar results would not be found if other models of the CMIP6 generation were forced
280 by CMIP5 inputs. The stark differences between the AMOC response (Fig. 1) and the
281 heat flux anomaly over the north Atlantic (Fig. 4 and panel g of Fig. 5) in CESM2-CMIP5
282 and CESM2-LE would indicate that similar experiments comparing the response of CMIP6-
283 generation models under CMIP5 inputs should be performed to better understand the
284 impact of changing forcings. Such experiments could also help to better understand the
285 role of the representation of aerosol-cloud interactions for those models that included those
286 processes for the first time in CMIP6.

287 6 Data Availability Statement

288 All of the model output used in this work is freely available online:

- 289 • CESM1-LE data is available at [https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/community-projects/](https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/community-projects/lens)
290 [lens](https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/community-projects/lens)
- 291 • CESM2-LE data is available at [https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/community-projects/](https://www.cesm.ucar.edu/community-projects/lens2)
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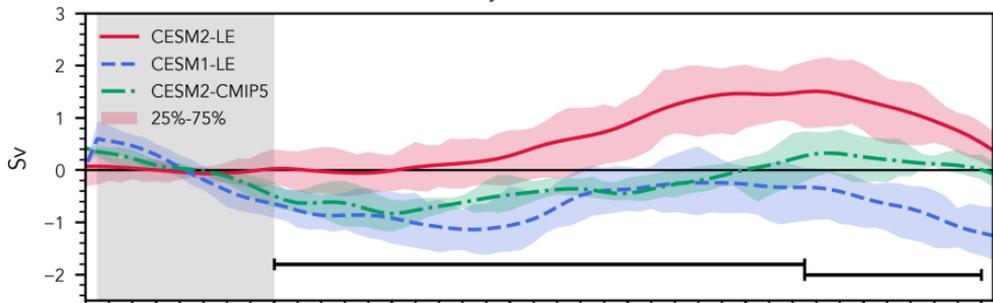
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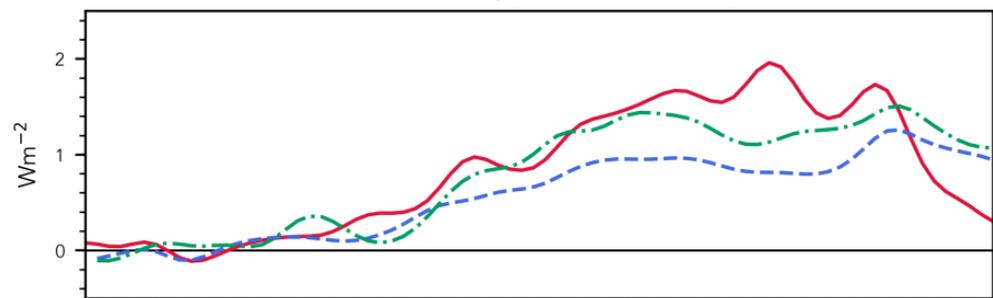
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Figure 1.

Ensemble Mean AMOC Index Anomaly (1925-1940 Baseline)



Ensemble Mean TOA ASR_{HD} Anomaly (1925-1940 Baseline)



Ensemble Mean SFC ASR_{HD} Anomaly (1925-1940 Baseline)

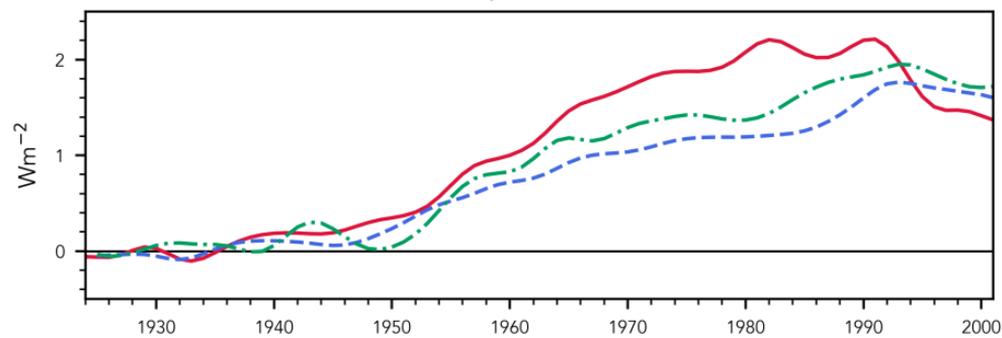
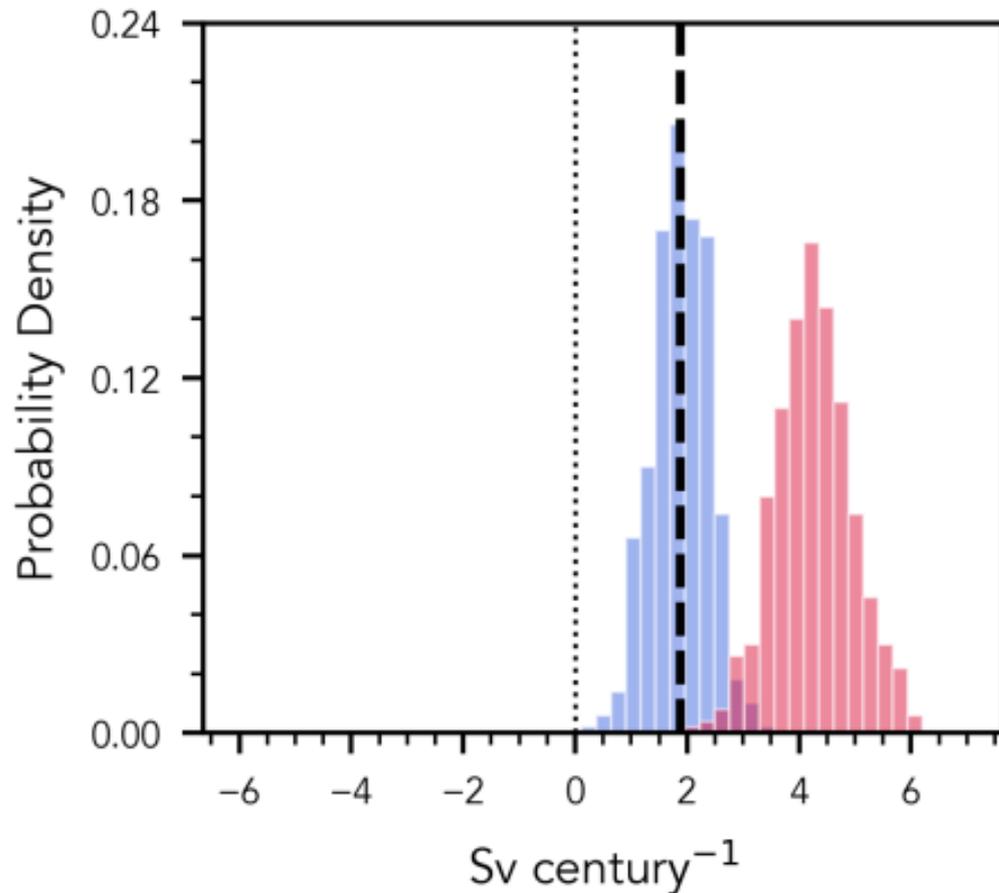


Figure 2.

AMOC Trend: 1940-1985



AMOC Trend: 1985-2000

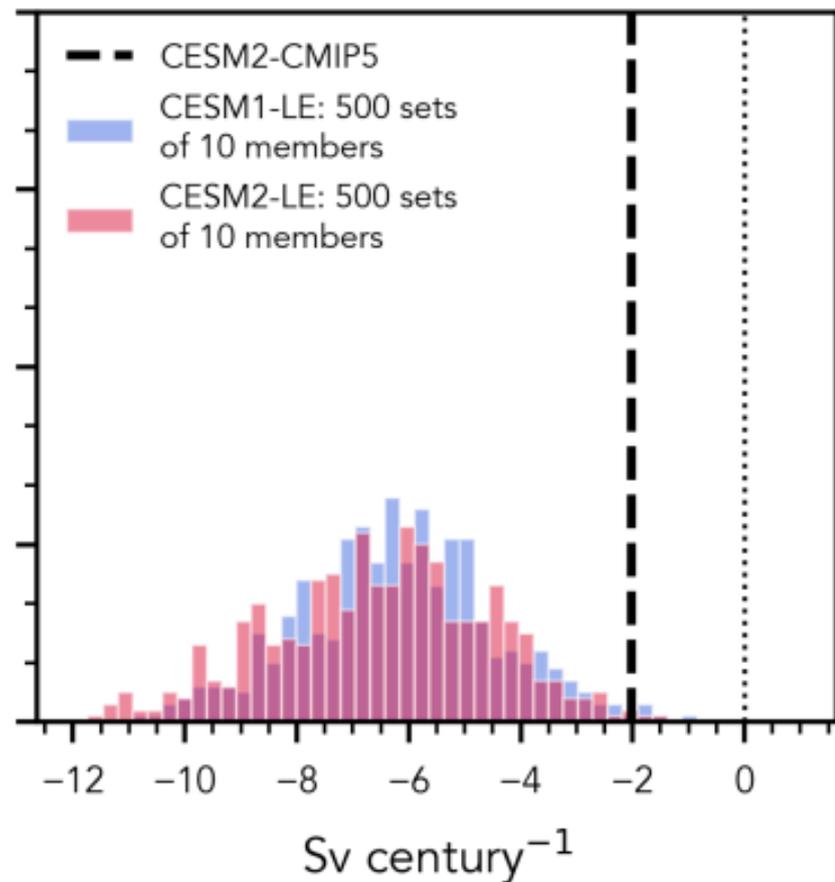
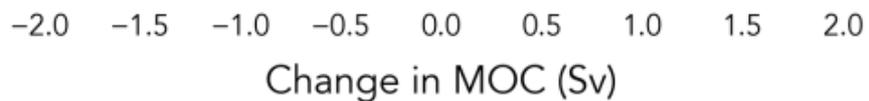
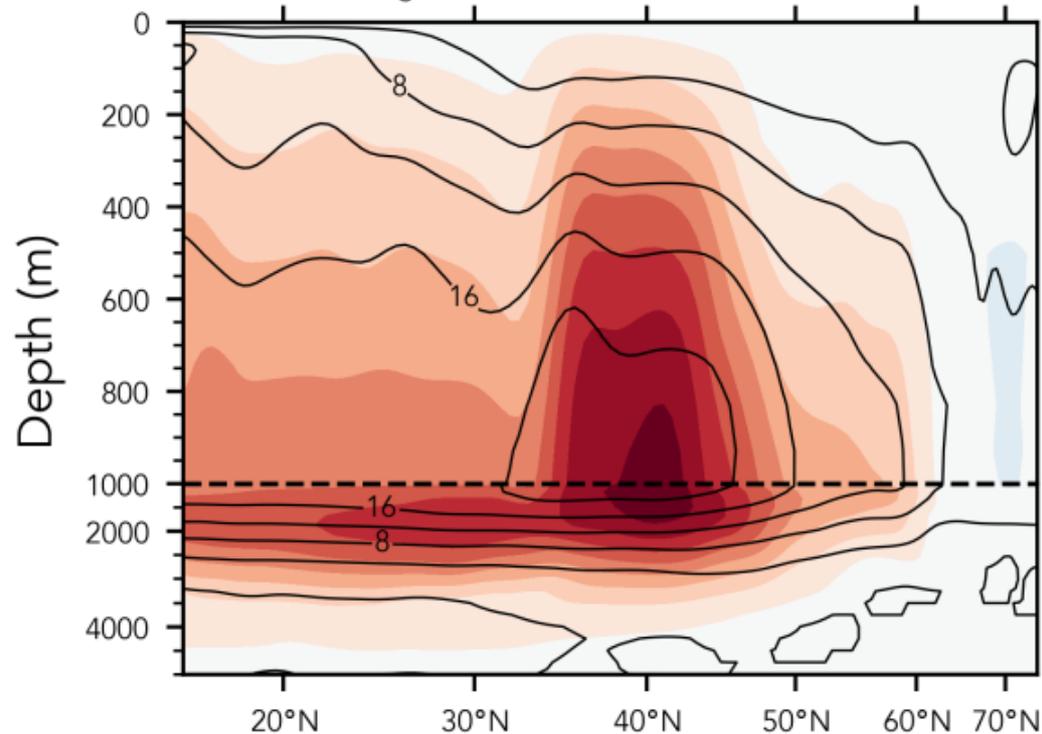


Figure 3.

1960-1989 Change in CESM2-LE AMOC



1960-1989 Change in CESM2-LE Atlantic Vertical Mass Flux

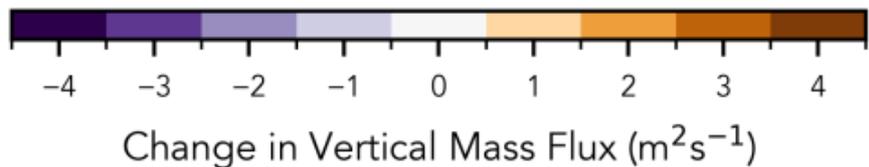
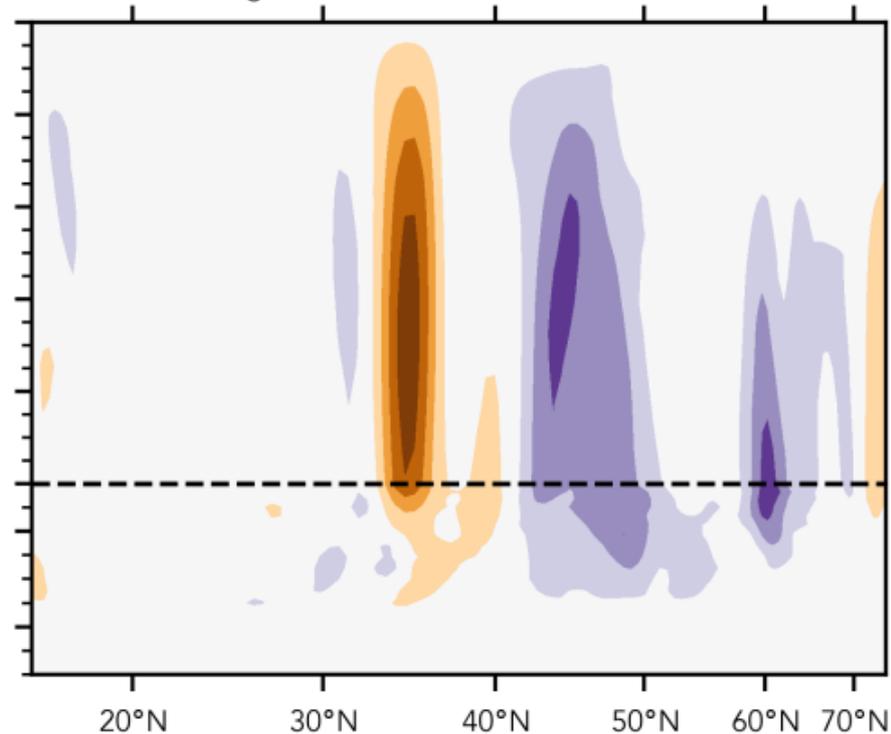
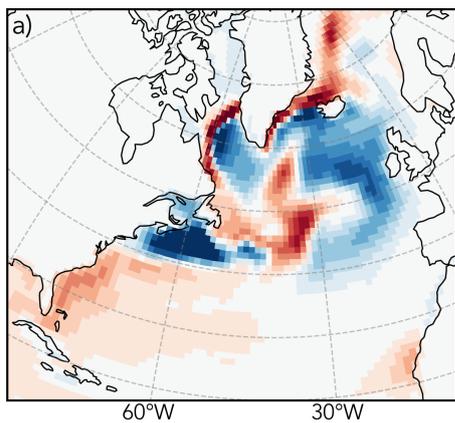
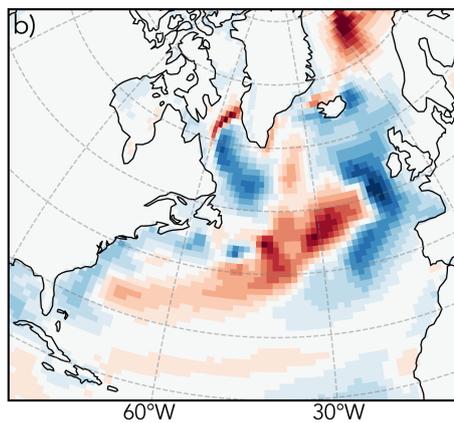


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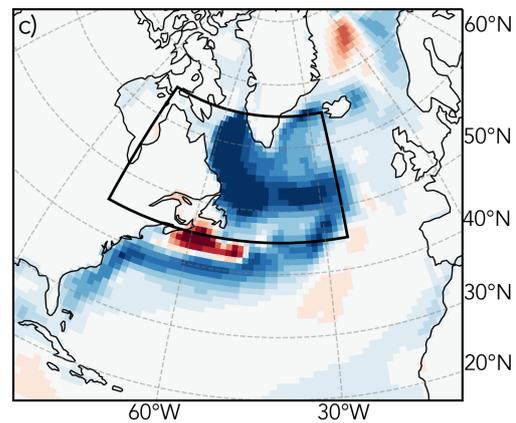
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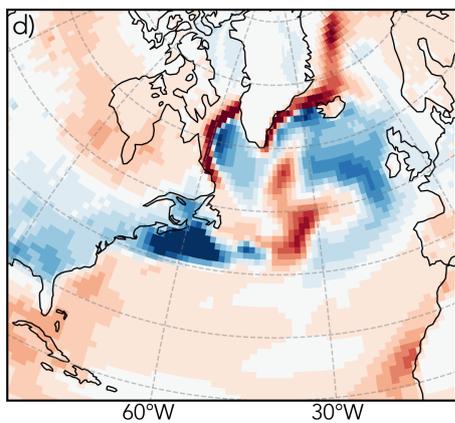
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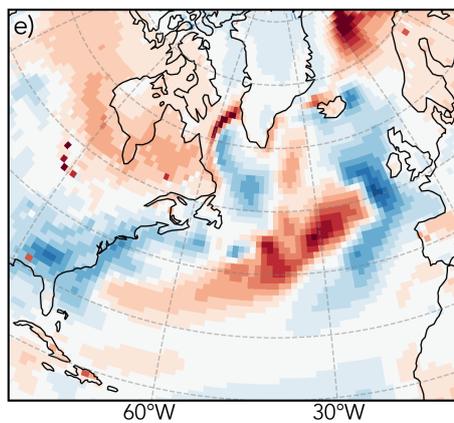
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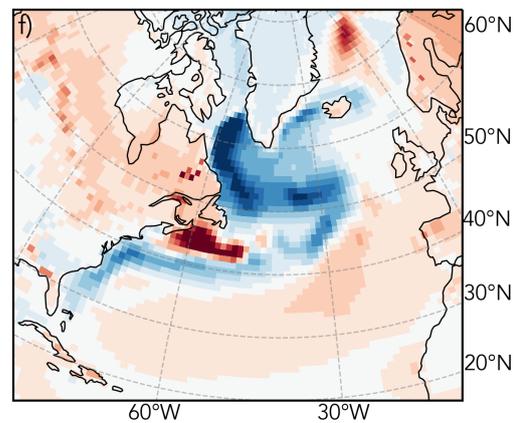
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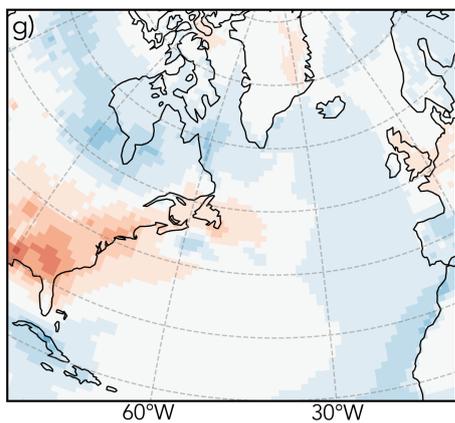
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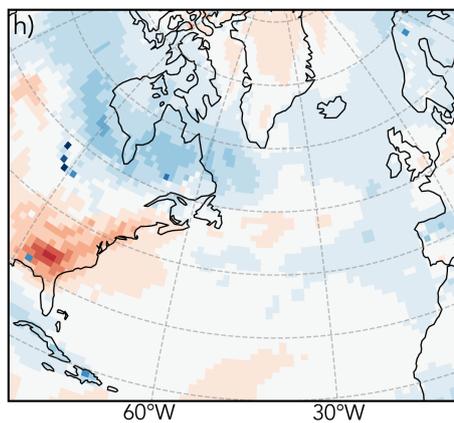
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CESM1-LE LW + SW Radiative Flux



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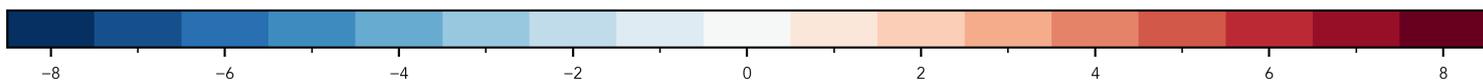
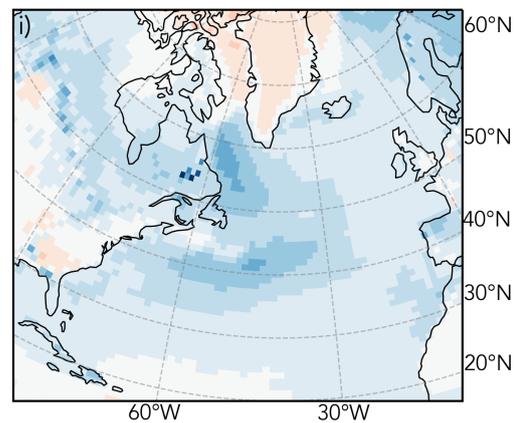
1960-1989 Surface Heat Flux Anomaly (Wm^{-2})

Figure 5.

