Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

The IPCC Fifth Assessment and **Climate "Hot Topics"**

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IPCC AR5 Working Group I Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis

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Outline

- IPCC Introduction
- Salinity and Hydrologic Cycle Change
- CO2 release and warming relationship
- The Hiatus in Warming
- Impacts Assessment

What is IPCC?

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- Established 1988 by UNEP and WMO.
- Task is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical and socioeconomic information relevant to understanding the
 - (1) scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change,
 - (2) its potential impacts and
 - (3) options for adaptation and mitigation.



What is AR5?

SAR (1995)

- Assessment Report 5 (2014)
- FAR (1990)
- TAR (2001) AR4 (2007)

Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)

The Working Group Reports and Synthesis Report will be completed in 2013/2014. The Fifth Assessment Report will be considered by the Panel according to the following timetable:

Working Group I (Stockholm, Sweden)	23-26 September 2013
Working Group II (Yokohama, Japan)	25-29 March 2014
Working Group III (Berlin, Germany)	7-11 April 2014
Synthesis Report (Copenhagen, Denmark)	27-31 October 2014

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First Lead Author Meeting – November 2010 Kunming, China



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12th Session of Working Group I of IPCC 36th Session of the Panel Approval and Acceptance of AR5 WG I Stockholm, Sweden 23-26 September 2013



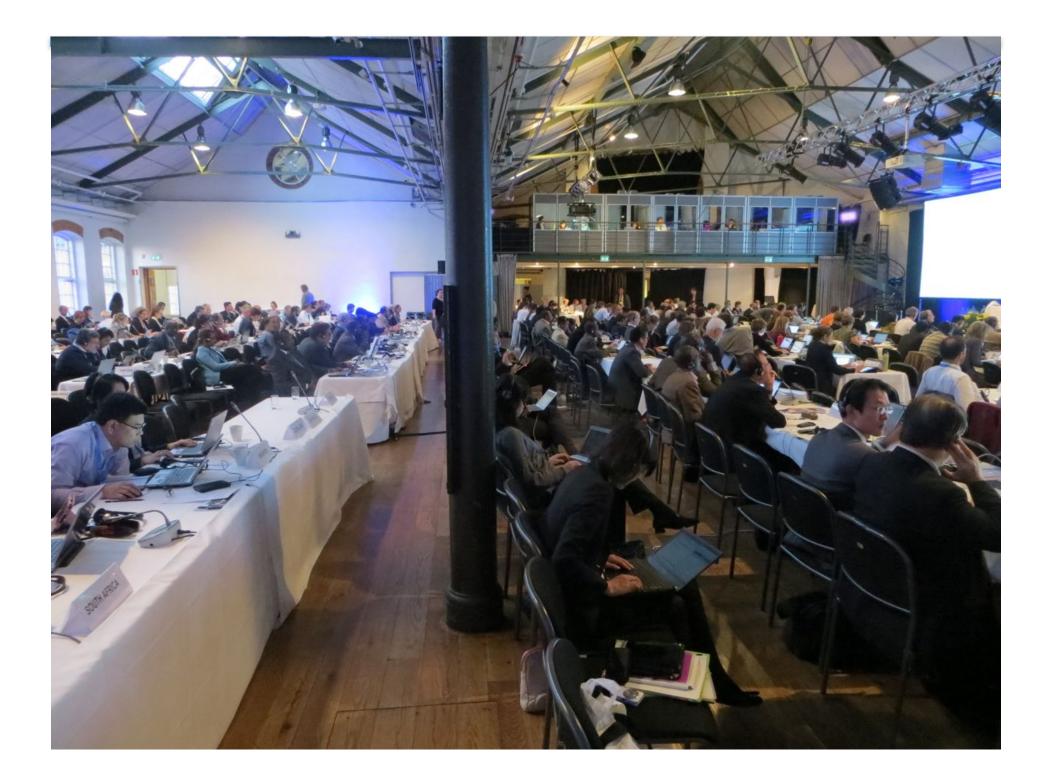


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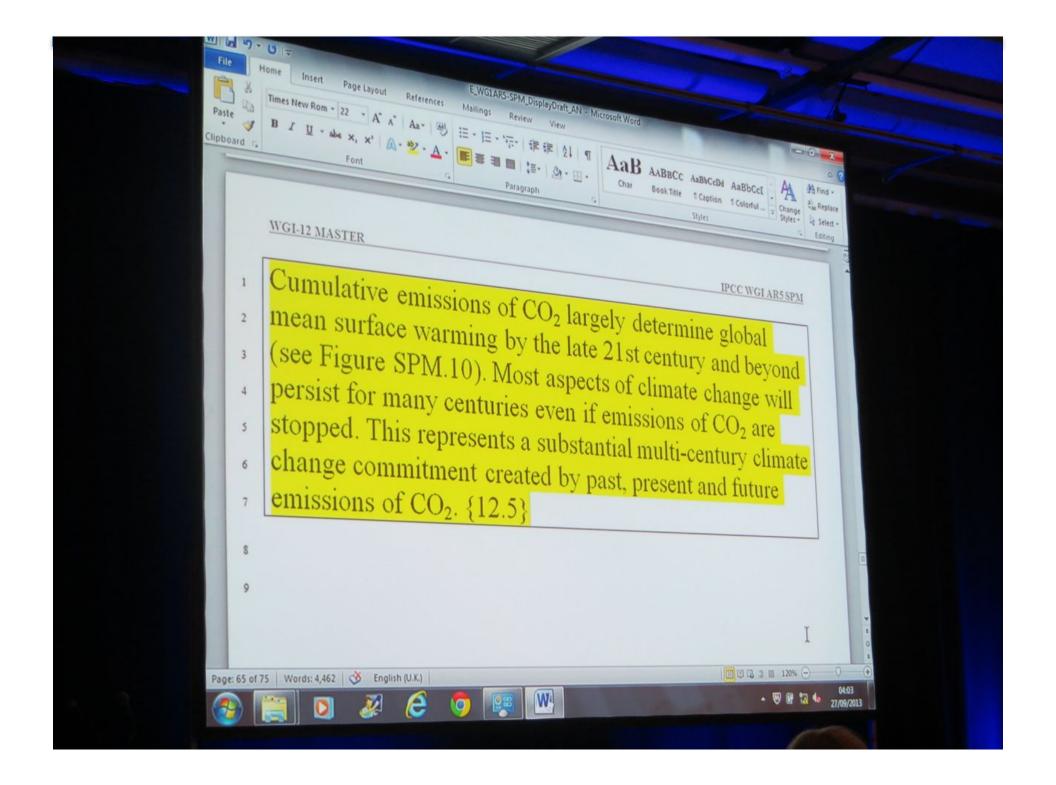




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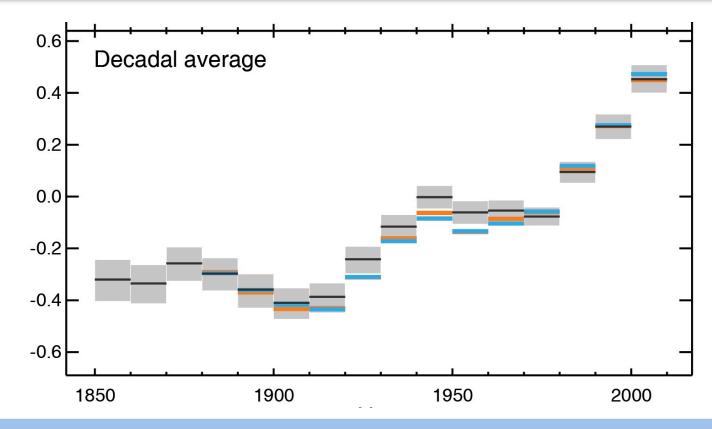
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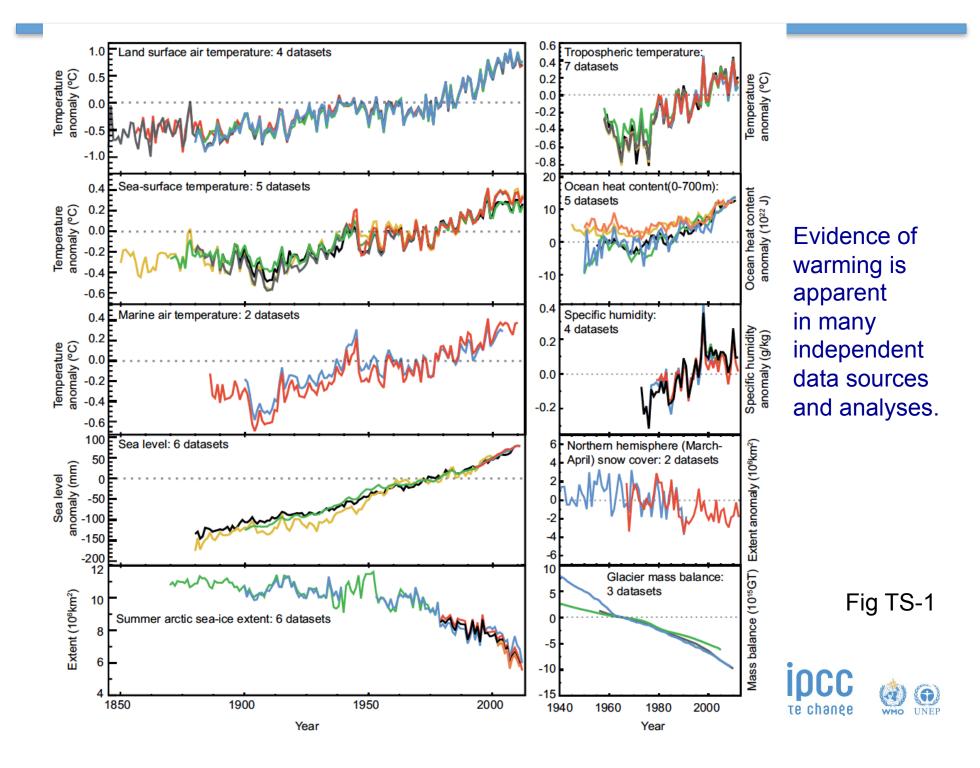
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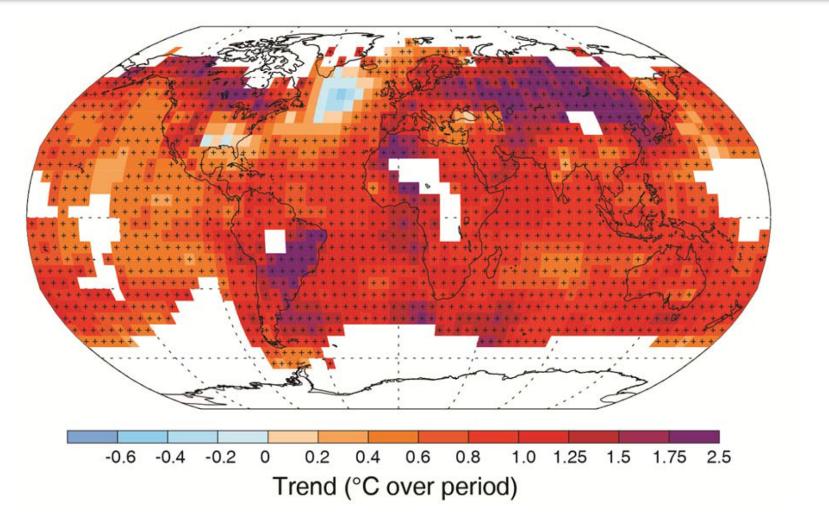




Each of the last three decades has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since 1850.

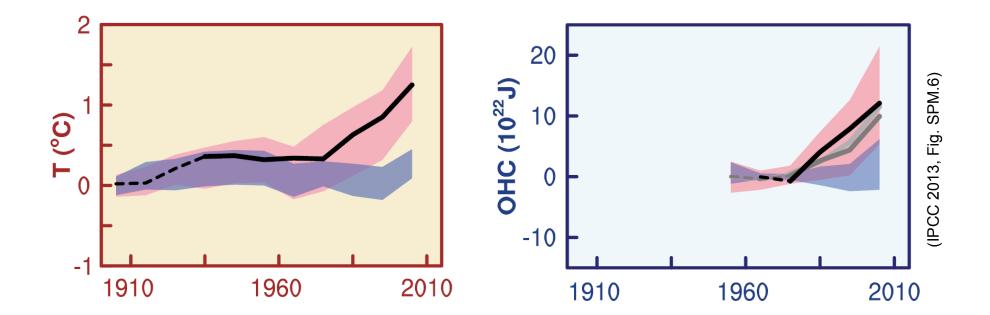
In the Northern Hemisphere, 1983–2012 was *likely* the warmest 30-year period of the last 1400 years (*medium confidence*).





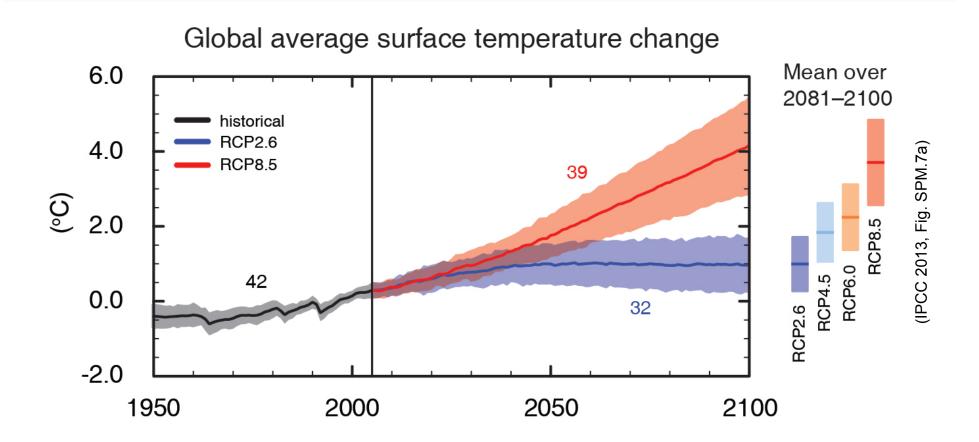
Warming in the climate system is unequivocal



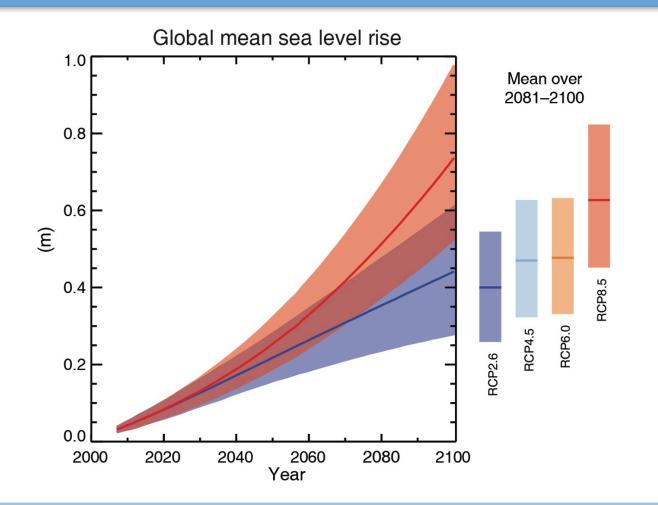


Human influence on the climate system is clear



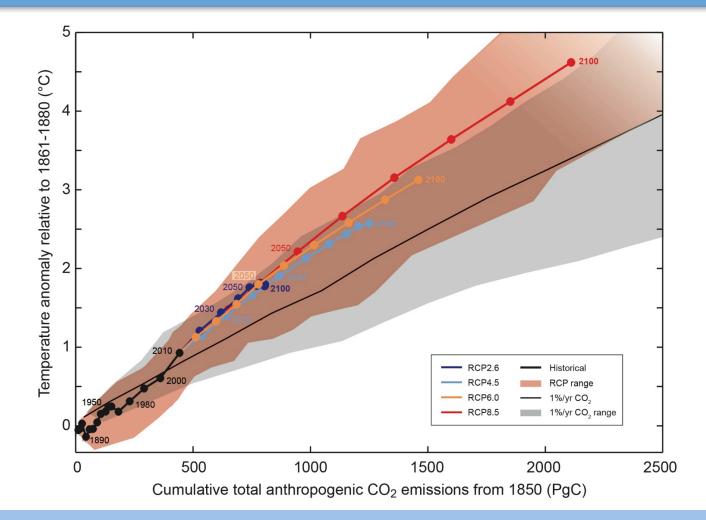


Global surface temperature change for the end of the 21st century is *likely* to exceed 1.5°C relative to 1850 for all scenarios



Global mean sea level will continue to rise during the 21st century





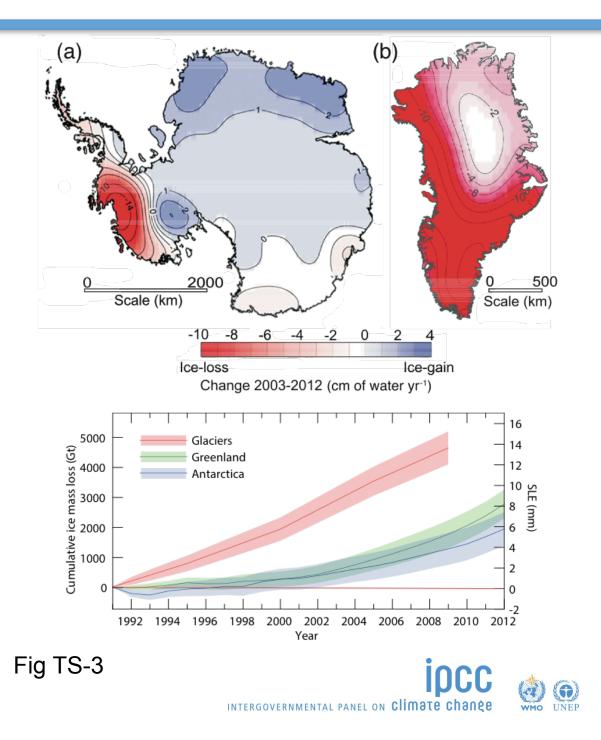
Limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions

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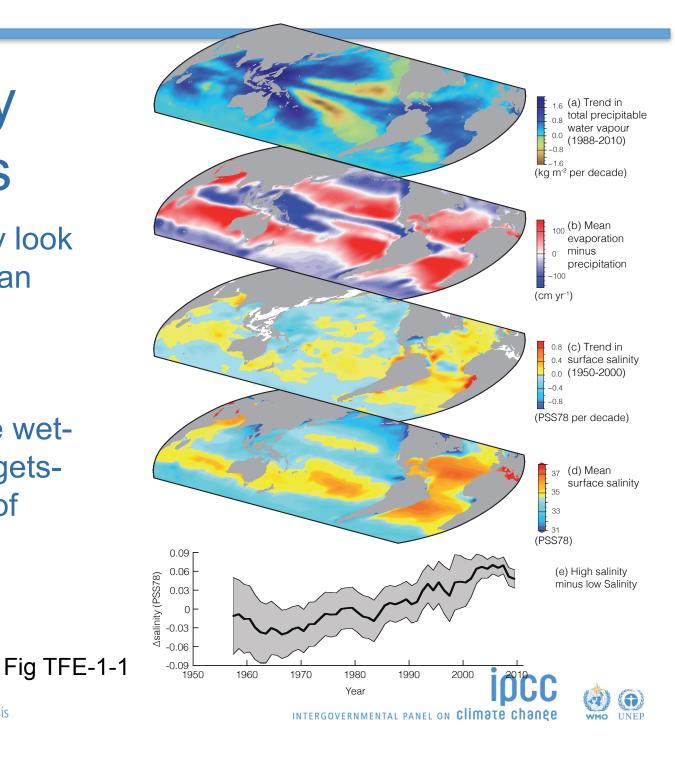
Sea level and lce

Models and Paleodata suggest that a warming of 2°C will result in the eventual complete melting of the Greenland Ice Sheet - DLH



Salinity Trends

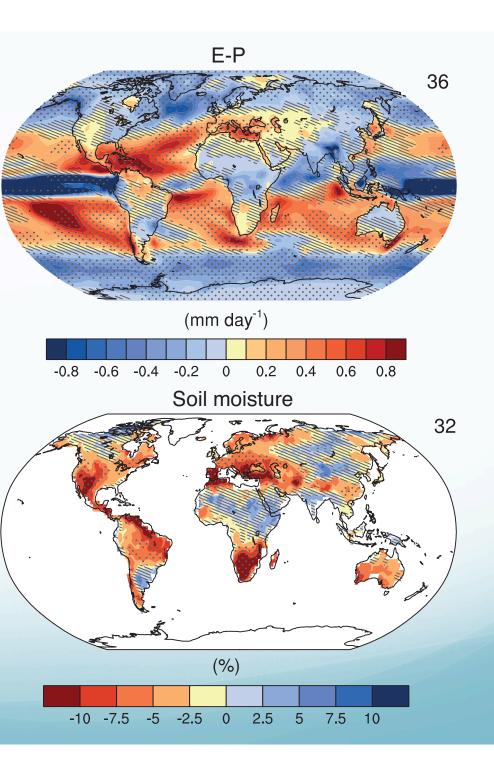
Trends in Salinity look similar to the mean salinity pattern. Is this the first observational verification of the wetgets-wetter, dry-getsdryer prediction of climate models?

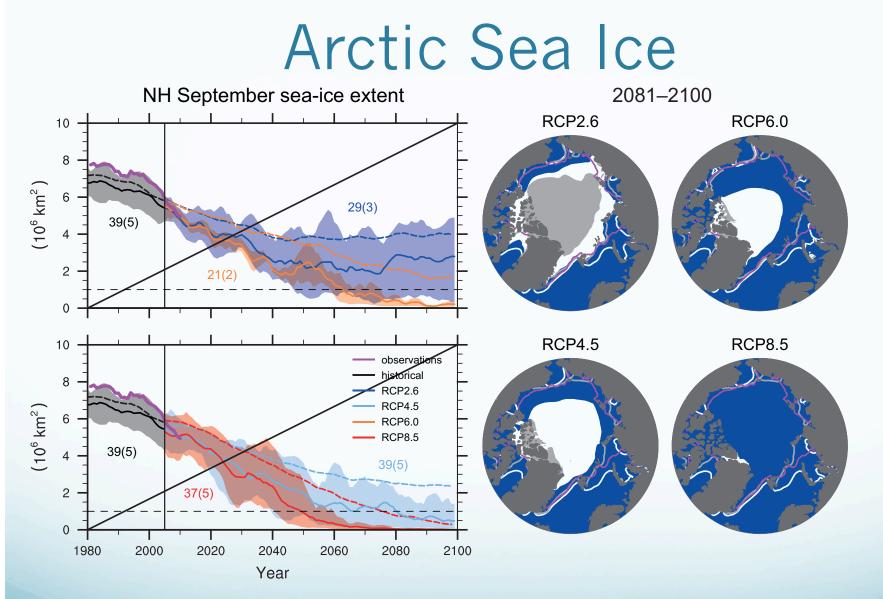


Subtropics get more dry

Equatorial and high latitudes get wetter Projections for 2081-2100 RCP 8.5 minus present Some land areas are

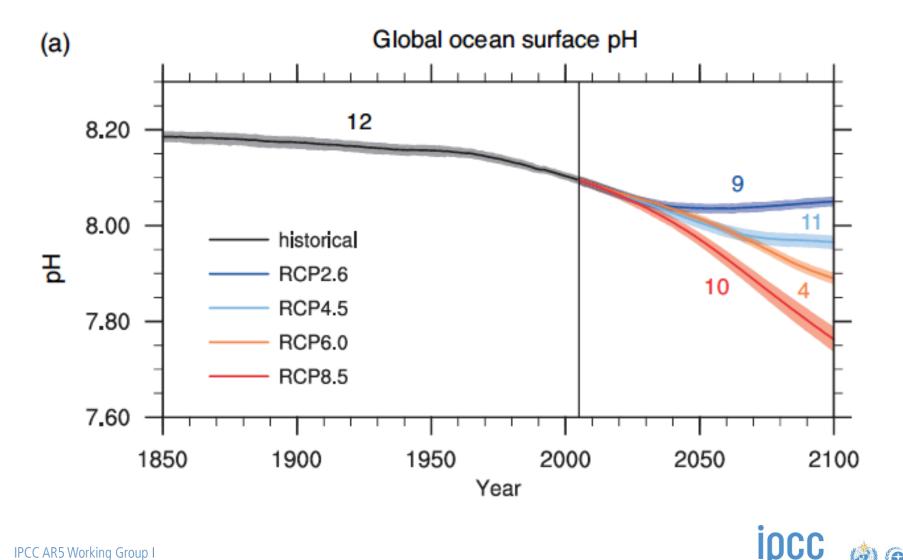
Some land areas are projected to become significantly drier





It is likely that the Arctic Ocean will be ice free by 2050 if we stay on current path toward greenhouse gas increases IPCC AR5 TS-17

Ocean Acidification

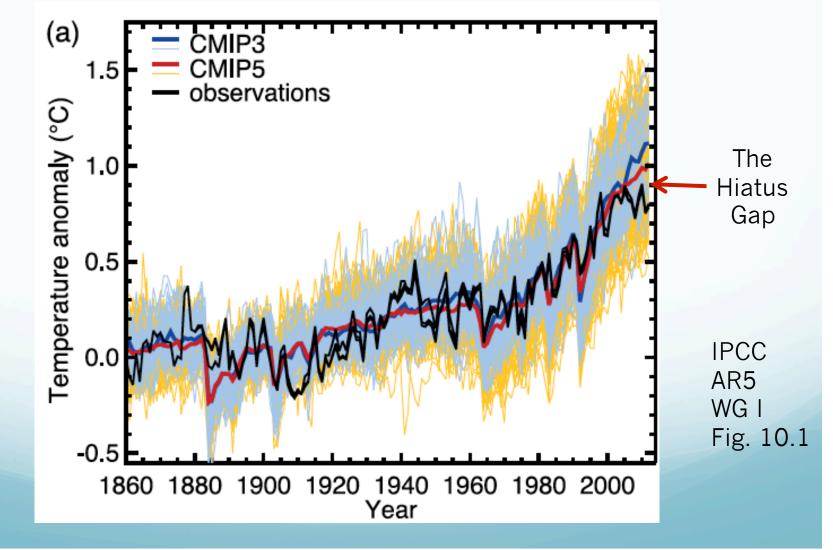


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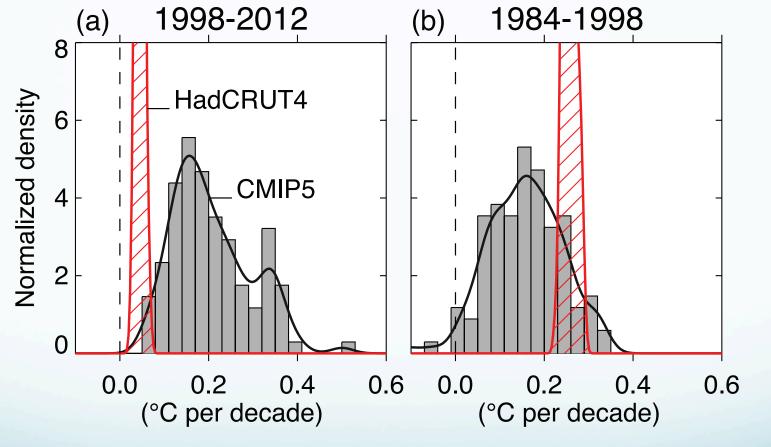
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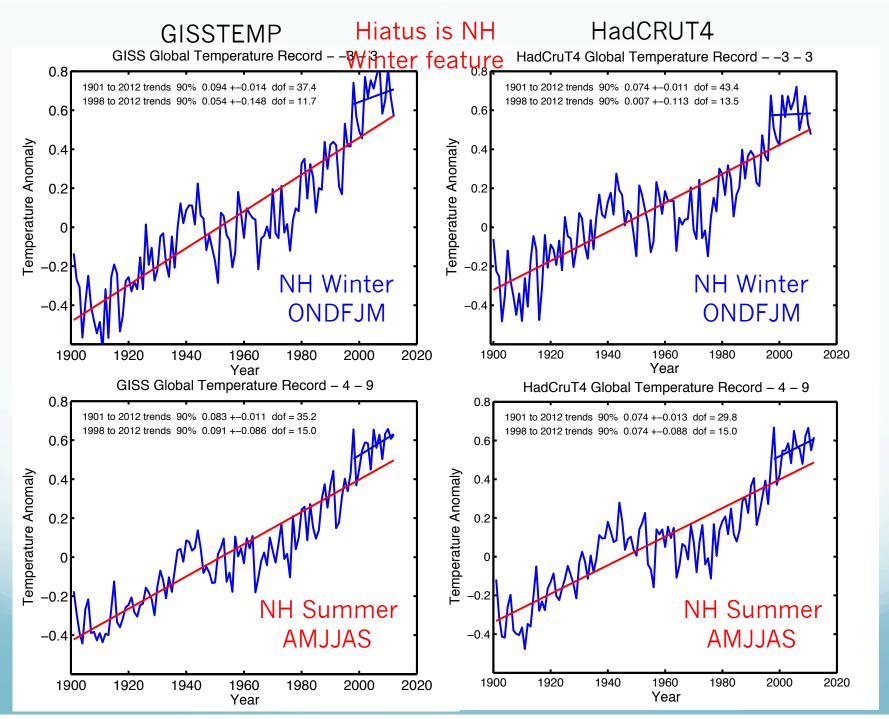
The "Hiatus" Reduced warming since ~1998



Models suggest that the reduced trend is significant



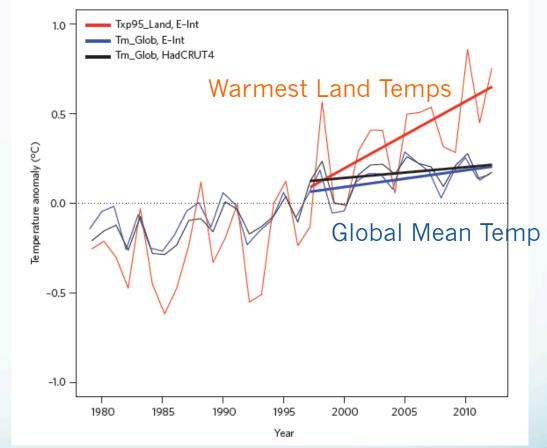
For 1998-2012, the observed trend (HadCRUT4) is nearly outside the range of trends produced by the CMIP5 model ensemble



April to September

Warm Extremes over Land

The warmest 5% of land temperatures has continued to increase since 1998.



Seneviratne et al. 2014, Nature Climate Change

Figure 2 | Time series of temperature anomalies for hot extremes over land (red) and global mean temperature (black, blue). The anomalies are computed with respect to the 1979–2010 time period. The time series are based on the ERA-Interim 95th percentile of the maximum temperature over land (Txp95_Land, red) and the global (ocean + land) mean temperature (Tm_Glob) in ERA-Interim (blue) and HadCRUT4 (black). (See Supplementary Information for details.)

Proposed Explanations for 'The Hiatus'

- Reduced Solar output
 - Solar cycle declined over 2000-2011 ~ -0.1 Wm^{-2}
- Increased volcanic activity
 - A few small volcanic eruptions occurred that were not in natural forcing used by models ~ -0.06 Wm⁻²
- Less water vapor in Stratosphere
 - Reduced greenhouse effect of water very high in the atmosphere, argued to explain ~25% of Klimapause
- Natural Variations in the rate at which the ocean takes up heat
 - Equatorial Pacific La Niña Trend
 - North Atlantic Increased downward mixing of heat by the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation.

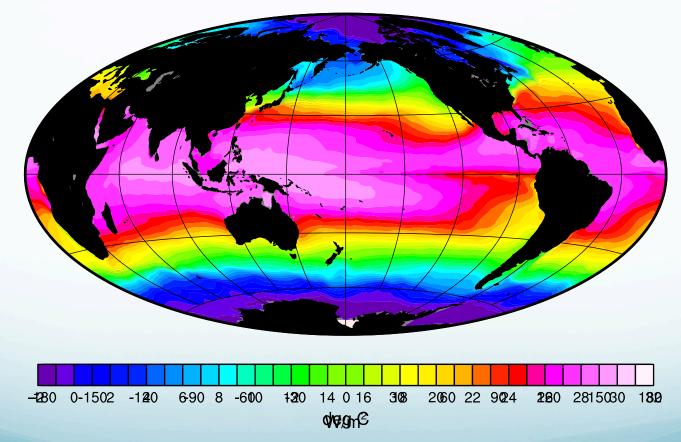
What are we looking for?

- The net imbalance at the top of the atmosphere that is causing the current warming, is estimated to be about 0.6 Wm⁻² averaged over the surface of Earth.
- To stop the warming, we need to reduce the imbalance by about that much, either by reducing the top of atmosphere energy imbalance, or by increasing the rate of heat storage in the ocean.
- 'Found" forcing changes just discussed are too small to do the job, so we look to changes in the rate at which the ocean takes up heat

Heat uptake by Ocean

Historical Averages

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Red means the ocean is being heated, Blue that it is being cooled

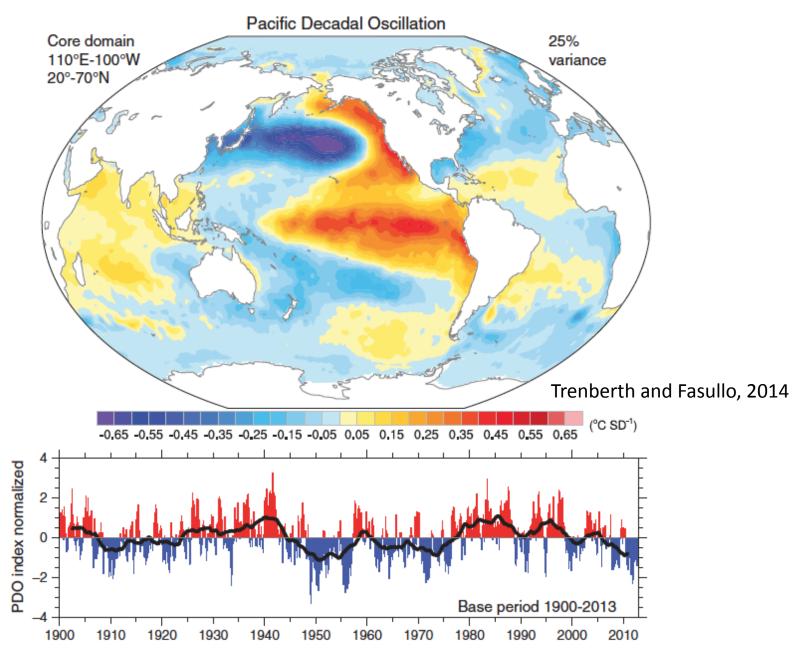
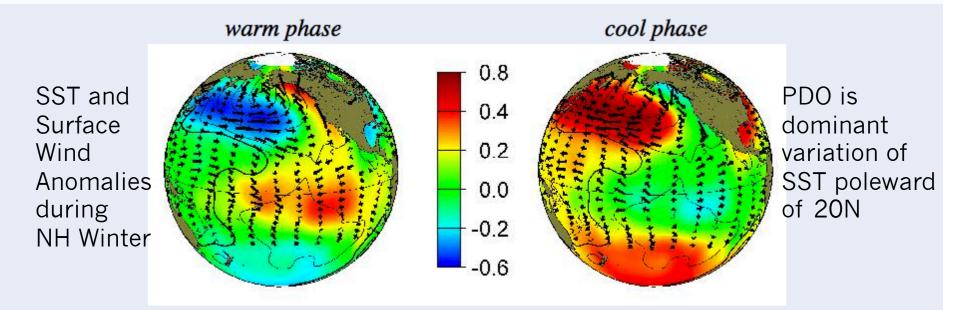
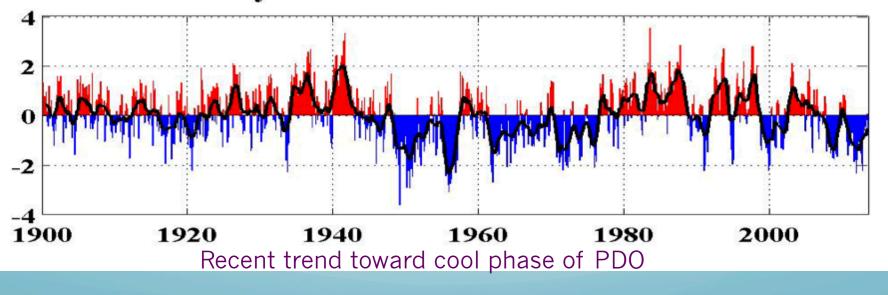


Figure 8. The Pacific Decadal Oscillation based on an EOF analysis of SST anomalies with the global mean removed from 1900 to May 2013 in the 20°N-70°N and 110°E-100°W region of the North Pacific, which explains 25% of the variance. The principal component time series, given below in normalized units, is regressed on global SSTs to give the map above. The black curve is a 61 month running average.

PDO – Pacific Decadal Oscillation in DJF

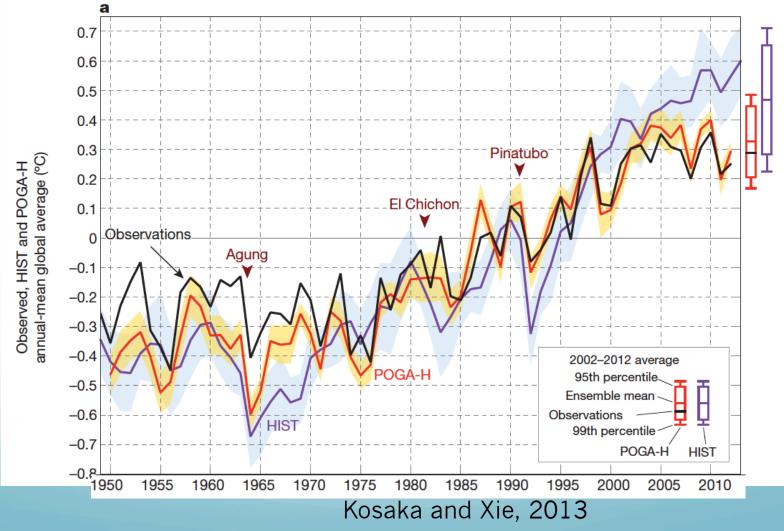


monthly values for the PDO index: 1900-2013



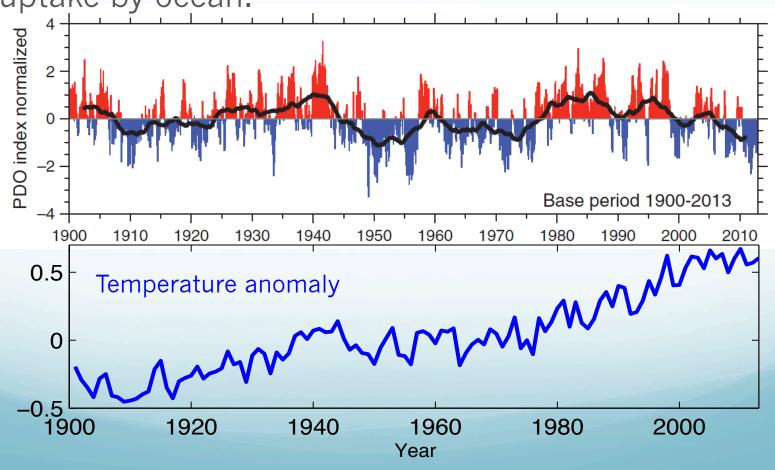
Global Mean Trends

• Fixing Tropical East Pacific SST's to observations can hold back global mean warming.



PDO Assisted Warming

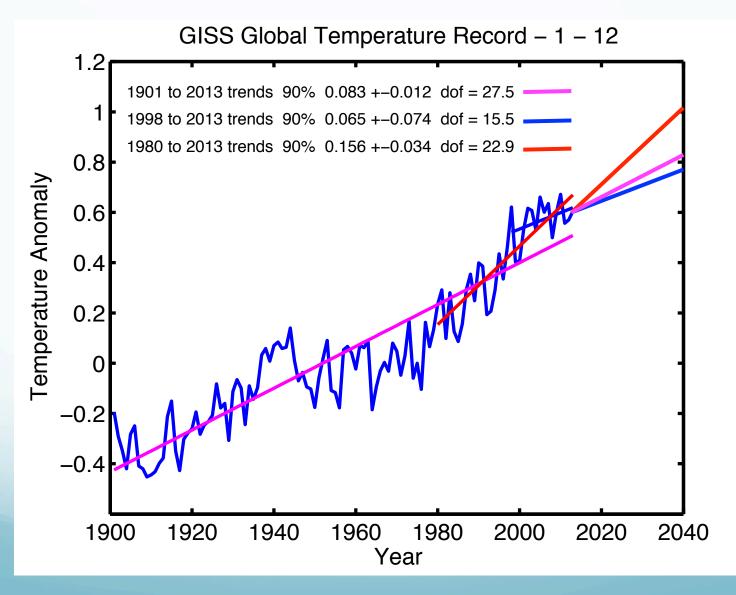
• IF PDO cool phase is responsible for part of current Klimapause, then warming from 1980 to 2000 was enhanced by Warm Phase PDO suppressing heat uptake by ocean.



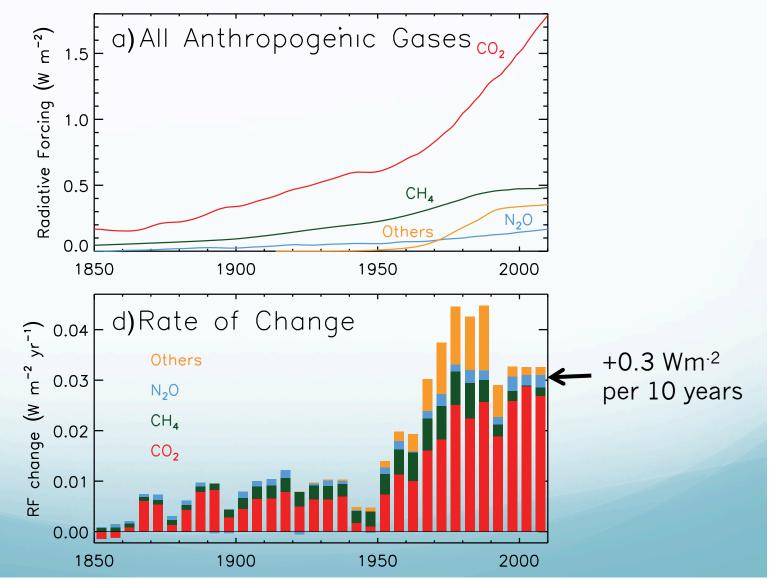
What Next?

- There are two points of view in the scientific community.
- 1. A predicted El Niño for this winter will break the La Niña/Cool PDO grip on global climate and usher in a period of renewed enhanced warming like that between 1980 and 1998.
- 2. The current shift to more rapid ocean heat uptake will persist much longer, like the long period of cool PDO after 1940, so that the period of lowered warming rates will persist for another decade or more.

Extrapolation Prediction



We're sure that Human Climate Forcing is increasing



WG II: Impacts, Adaptation and **Vulnerability**

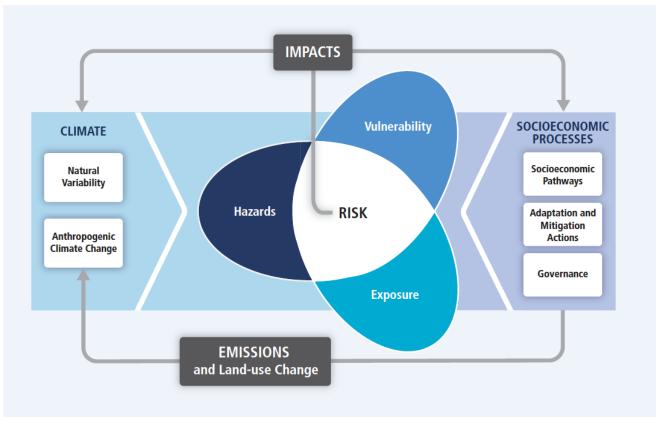


Figure SPM.1 | Illustration of the core concepts of the WGII AR5. Risk of climate-related impacts results from the interaction of climate-related hazards (including hazardous events and trends) with the vulnerability and exposure of human and natural systems. Changes in both the climate system (left) and socioeconomic processes including adaptation and mitigation (right) are drivers of hazards, exposure, and vulnerability. [19.2, Figure 19-1]

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Further Information www.climatechange2013.org npacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability cc-wg2.gc

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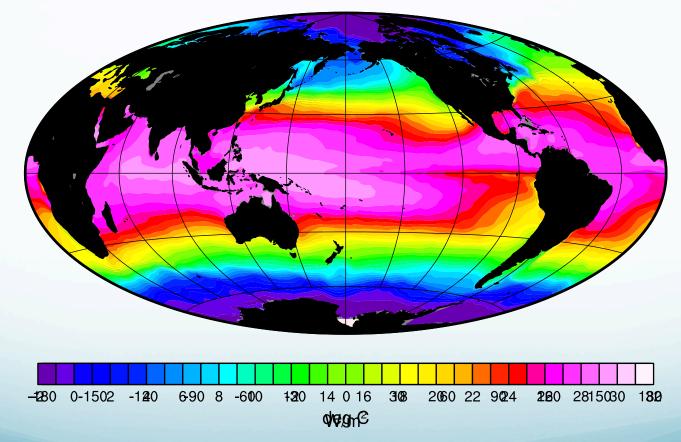
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Thank You!

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Most Likely Explanation for Hiatus – La Niña

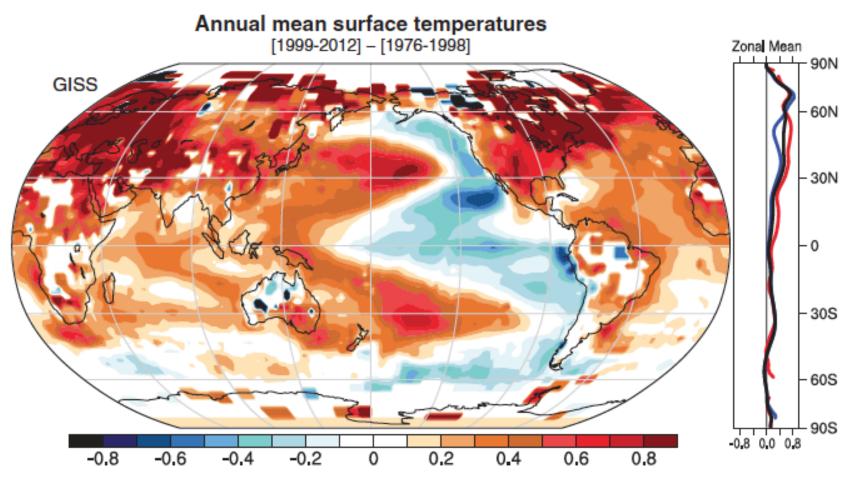


Figure 9. Mean annual surface temperature differences from GISS for 1999–2012 and 1976–1998 in °C, with zonal means at right for ocean (blue), land (red), and zonal mean (black).

Trenberth and Fasullo, 2014

ENSO Forecast: El Niño

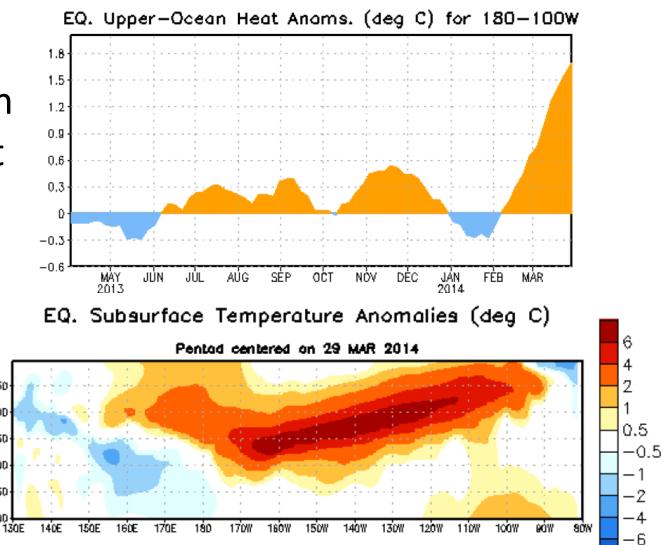
 Equatorial Pacific Ocean heat content is very high.

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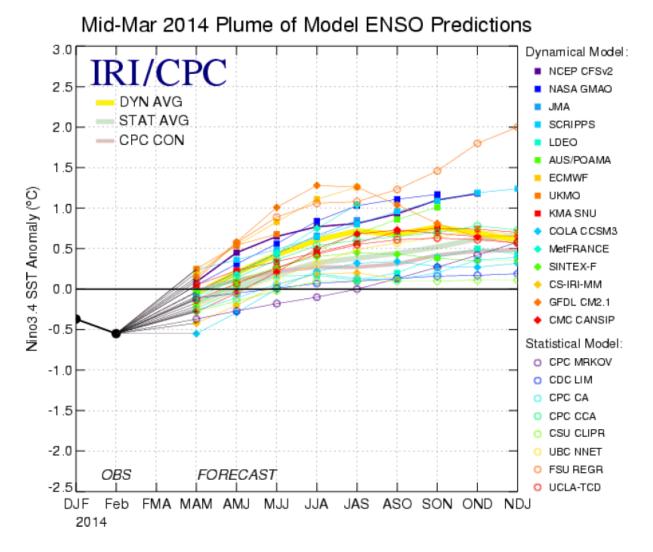
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ENSO Forecast: El Niño

 Most forecast groups indicate an el Niño in development.



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