

# LEADER-EPESC meeting Busan, Republic of Korea

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to Pinatubo and Other Large  
Eruptions” working group

**Volcanically-forced  
climate variability in  
the historical period:  
perspectives from  
LESFMIP**



WCRP  
Lighthouse  
Activities

Explaining and Predicting  
Earth System Change  
(EPESC)



**APARC**

Atmospheric Processes  
And their Role in Climate

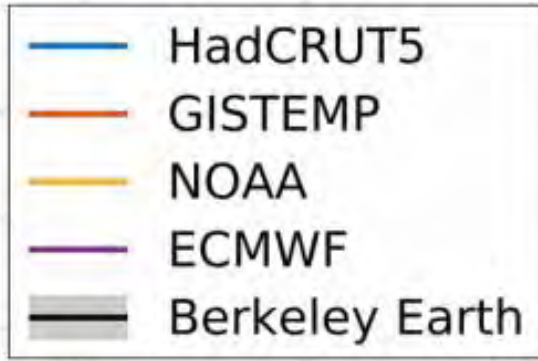
WCRP  
World Climate  
Research Programme

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**The main direct radiative effect of large explosive volcanic eruptions is to temporarily enhance the planetary albedo, resulting in a net surface cooling**



# Global Warming 1850 to 2023



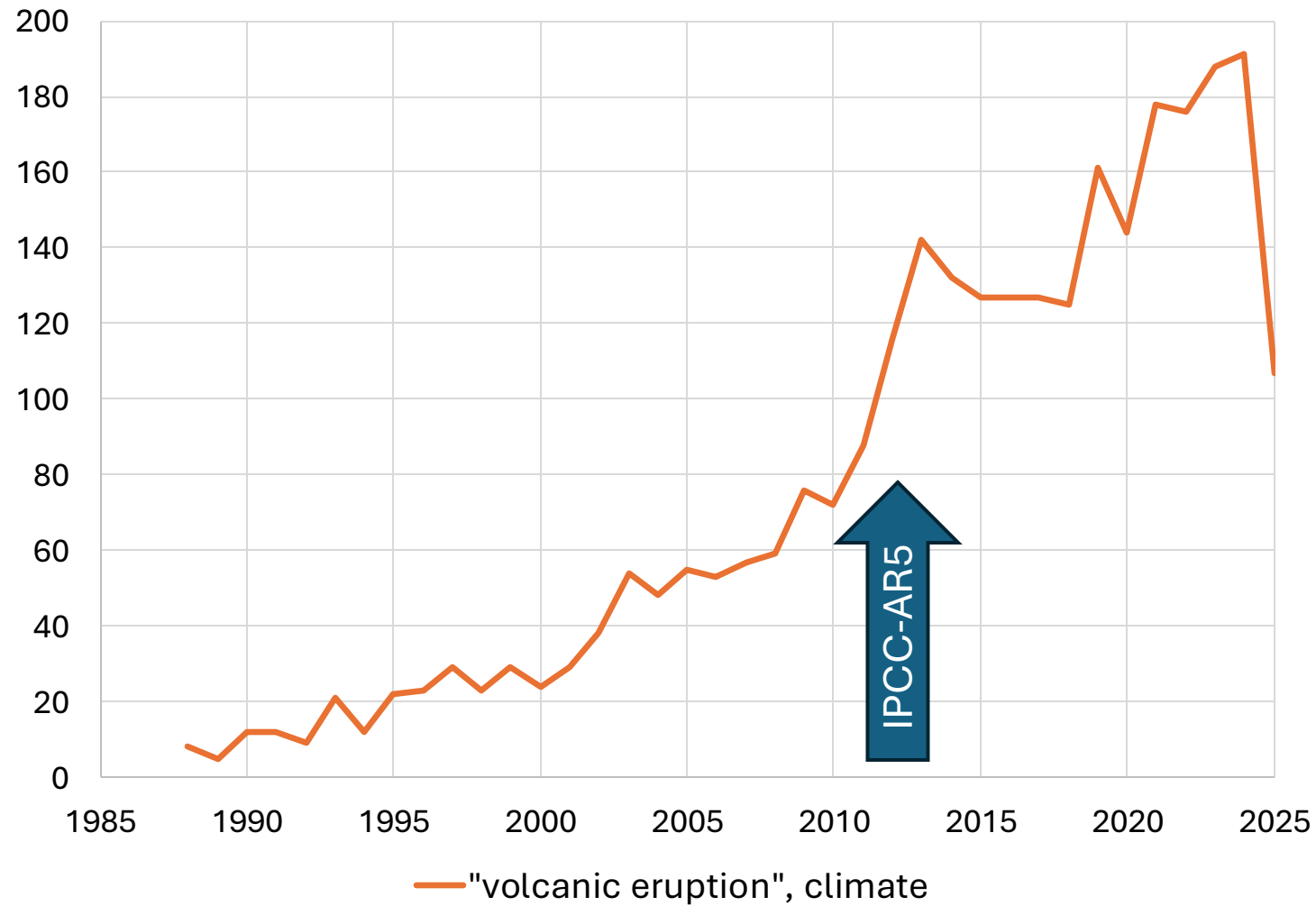
95% confidence interval shown for B  
Temperature anomalies relative to 1981-2



**Just a few events...**  
**... with a "moderate" impact...**  
**...under a changing mean climate state**

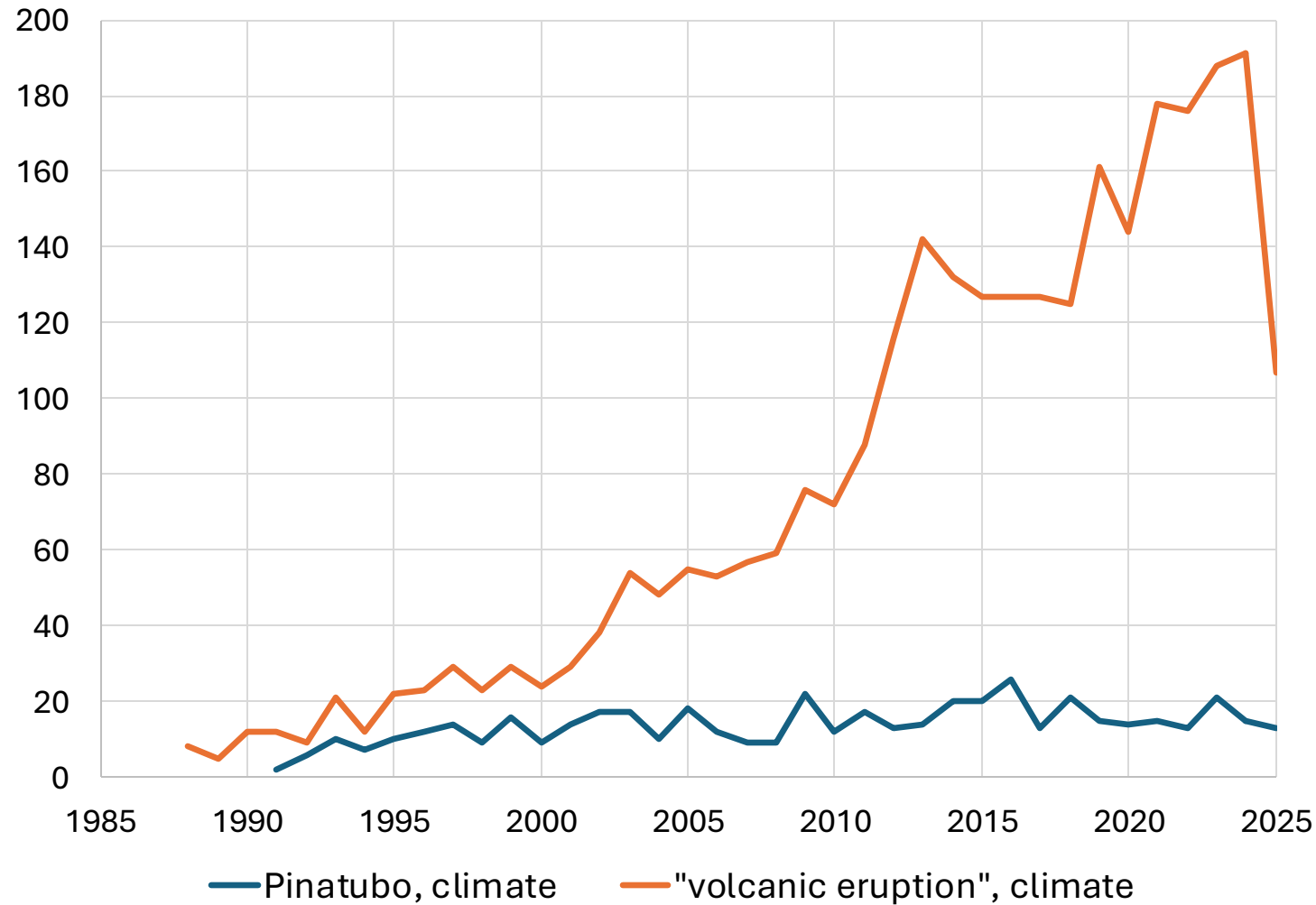
**Framing the problem /1**

scopus search results



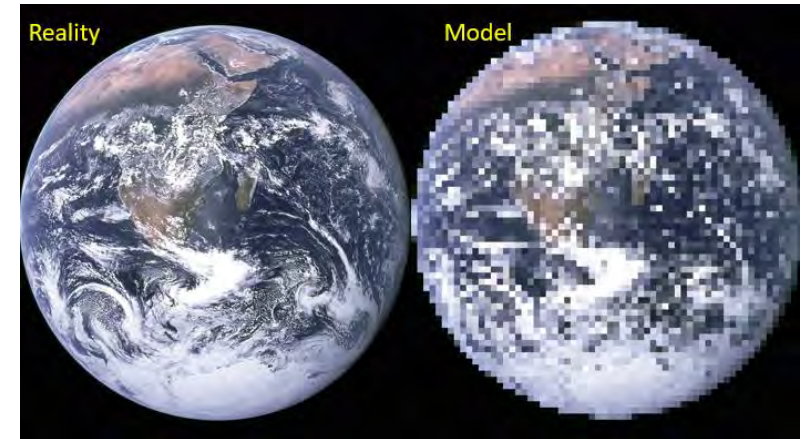
**Framing the problem /2**

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What can we still learn  
from Pinatubo and other  
eruptions during the  
*historical* period?

How can we exploit  
LES/SMILEs approaches?



## Framing the problem /2

# The data: the volc-hist ensemble

Volcanic-forcing only simulations of the historical period (1850-XXXX)



Model	Ensemble size	ipf	End year
ACCESS-ESM1-5	10	i1p1f1	2014
CanESM5	25	i1p2f1	2020
CMCC-CM2-SR5	10	i1p1f1	2020
GISS-E2-1-G	20	i1p3f1	2014
HadGEM3- GC31-LL	50	i1p1f3	2020
MIROC6	10	i1p1f1	2020
MPI-ESM1-2-LR	30	i1p1f1	2014
NorESM2-LM	20	i1p1f1	2020



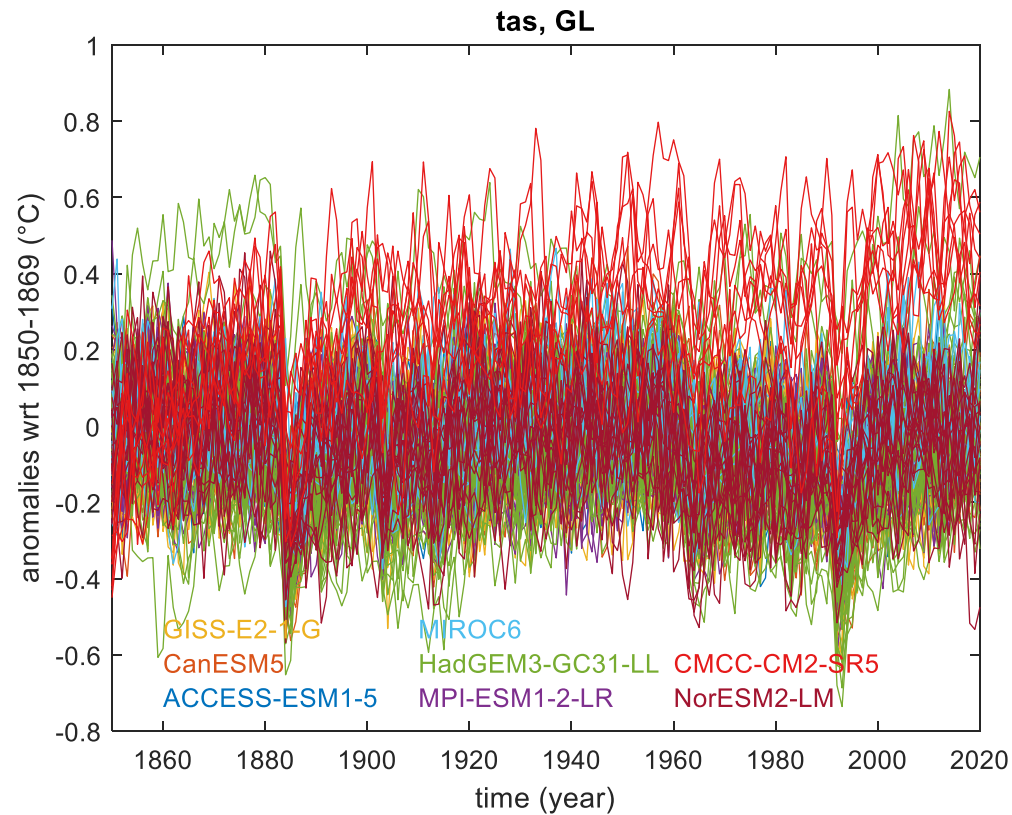
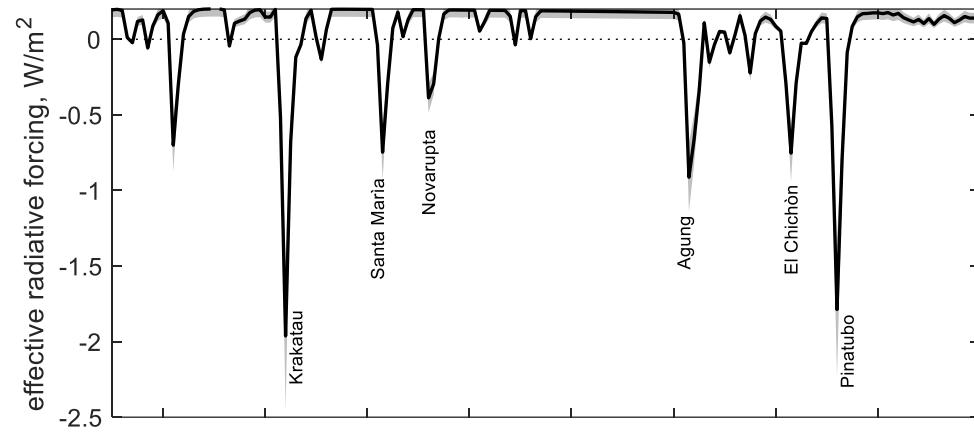
Are these *good* **Single-Model**  
Initial-condition *Large* **Ensembles**?



# First look



Global mean near-surface air temperature  
(tas, GL)

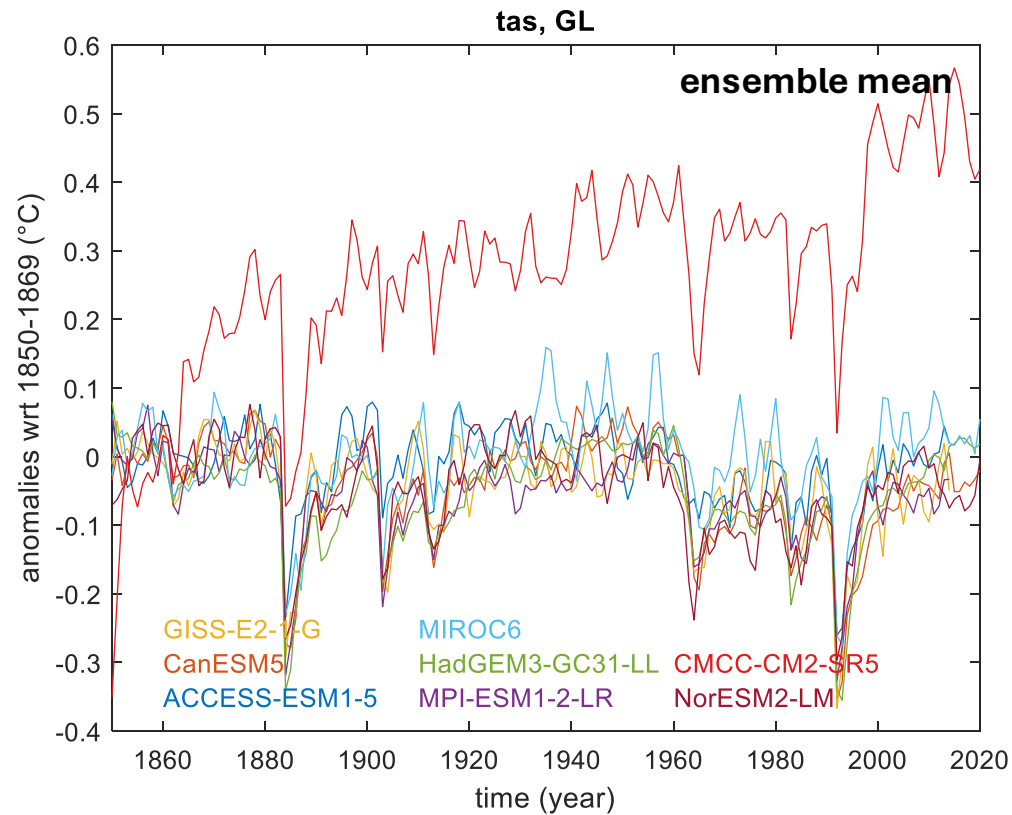
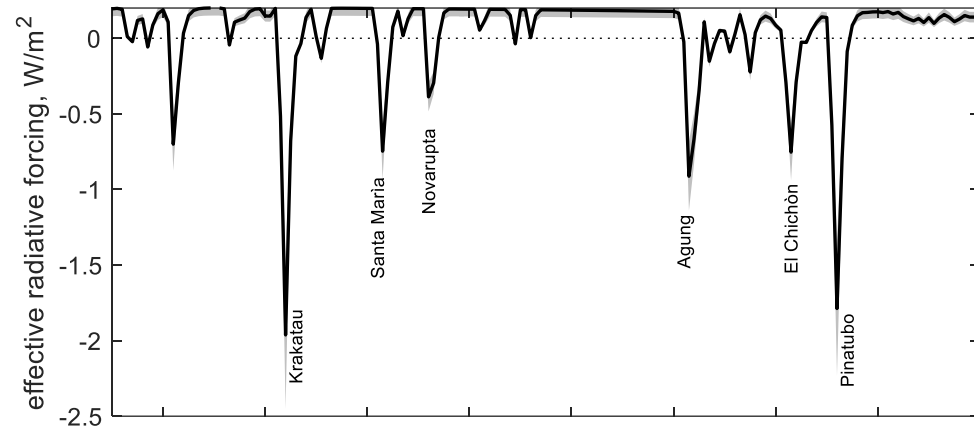


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Annual means!

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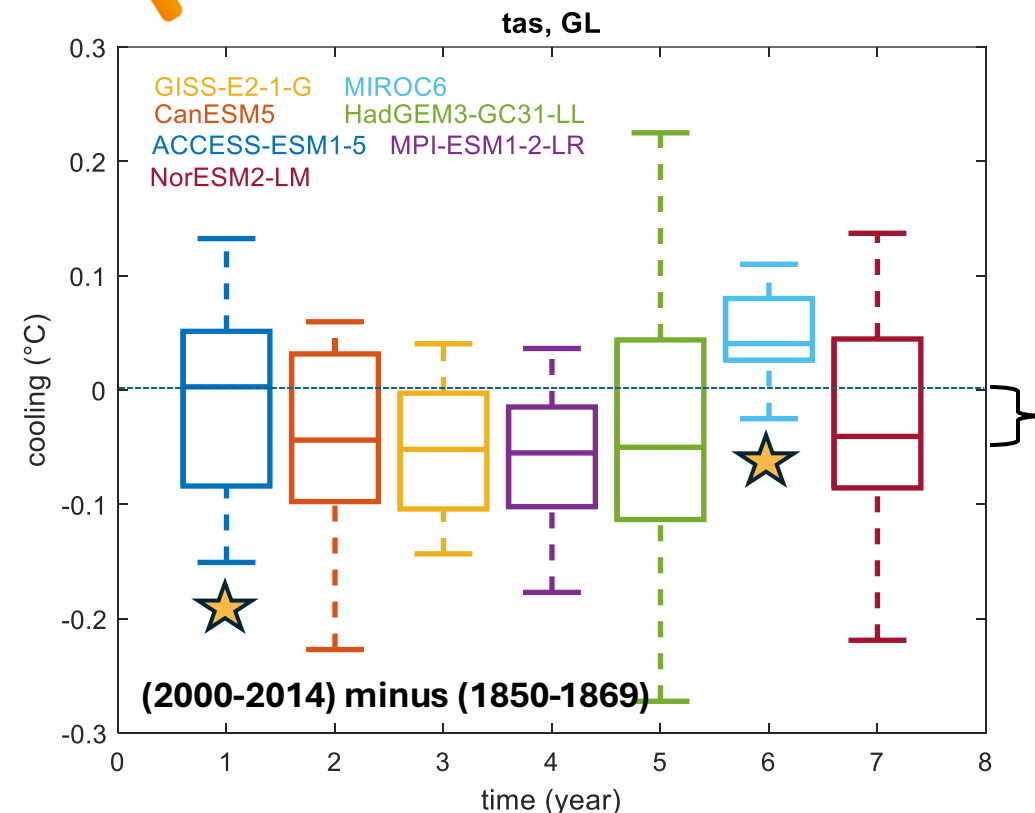
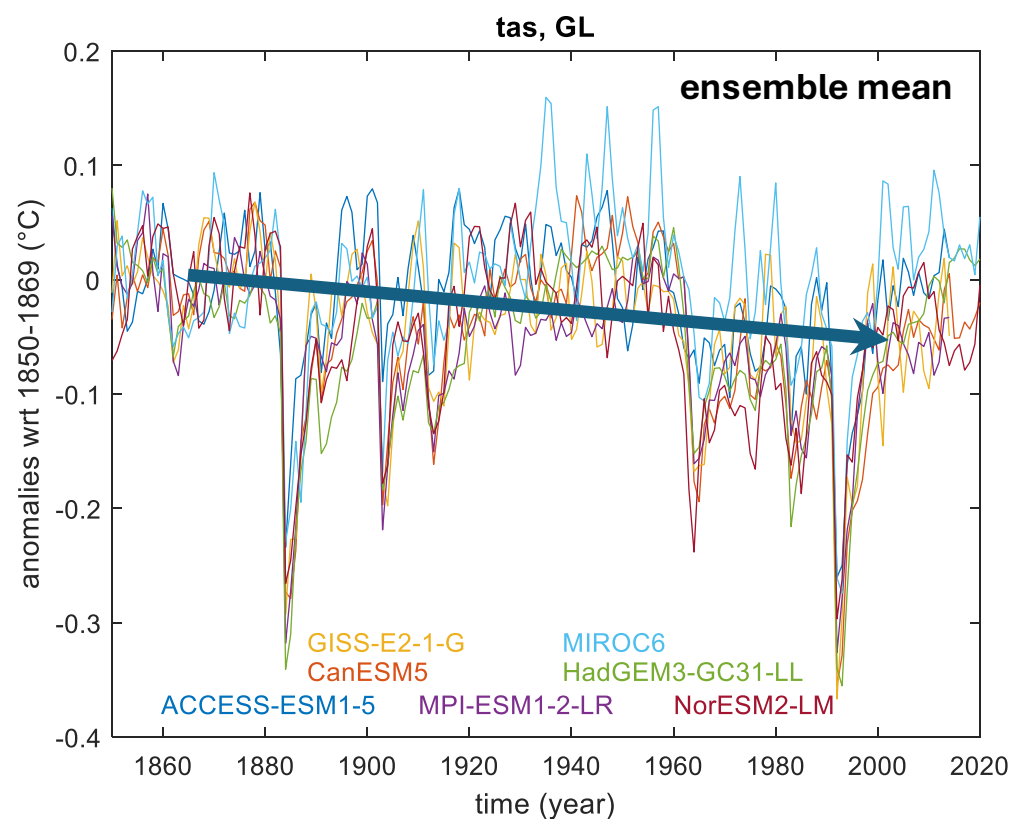
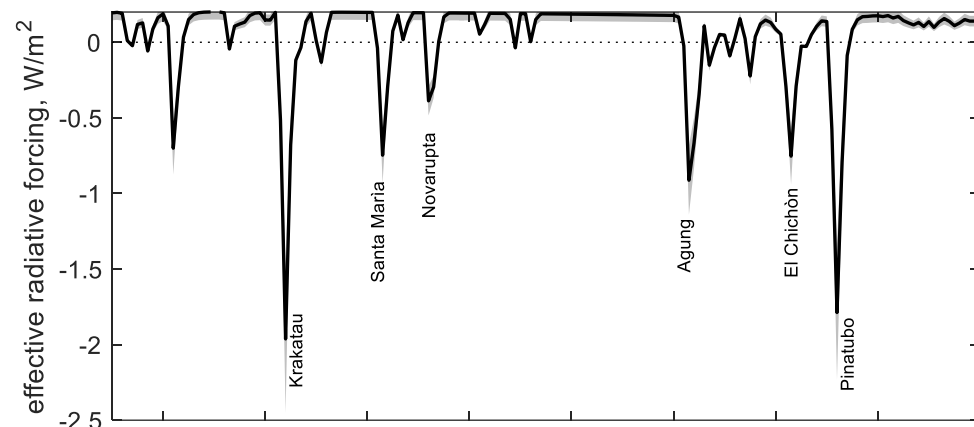
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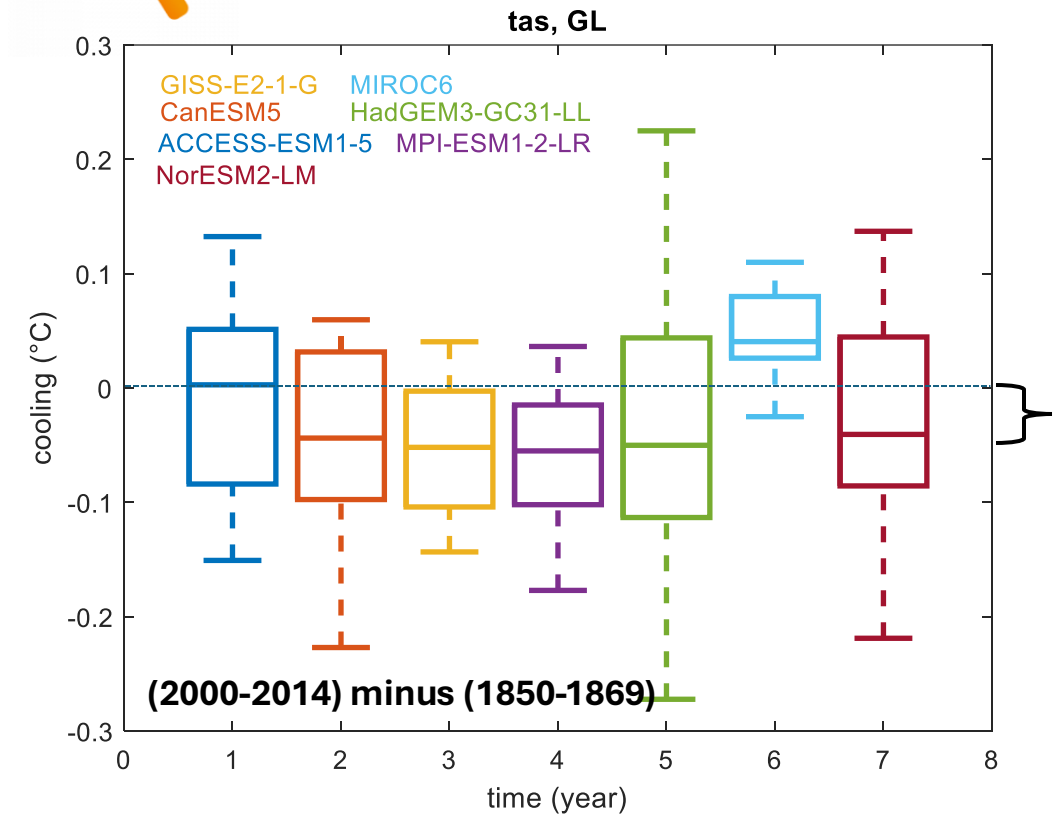
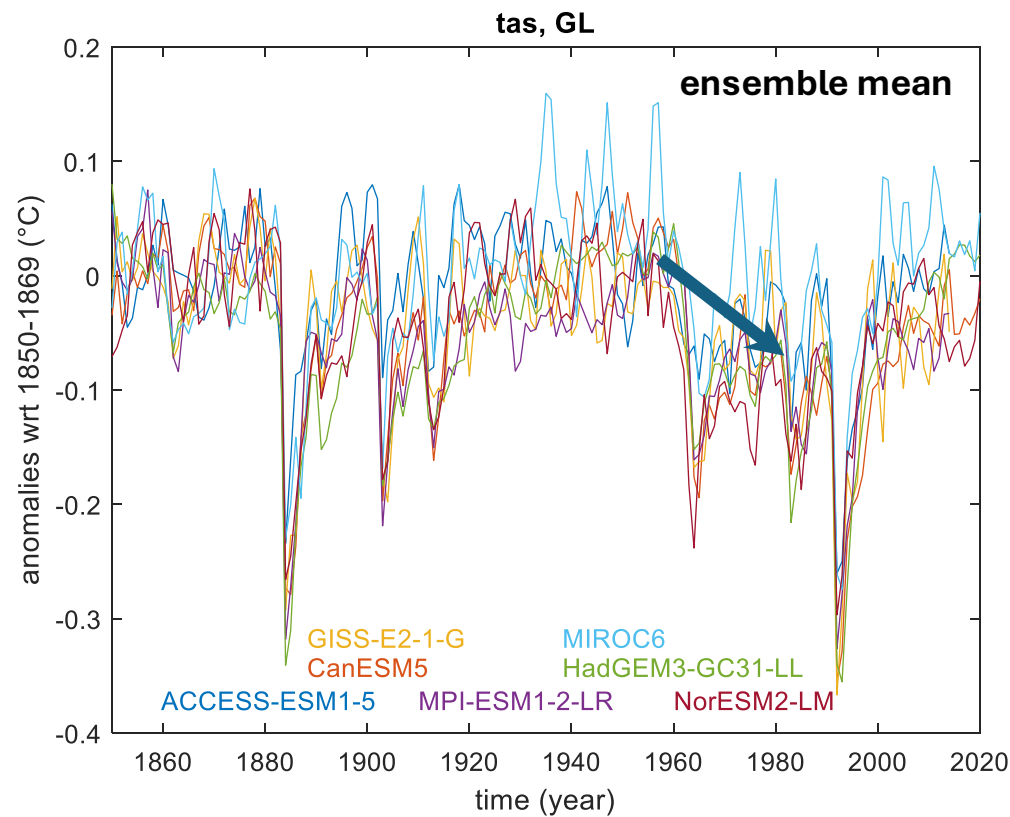
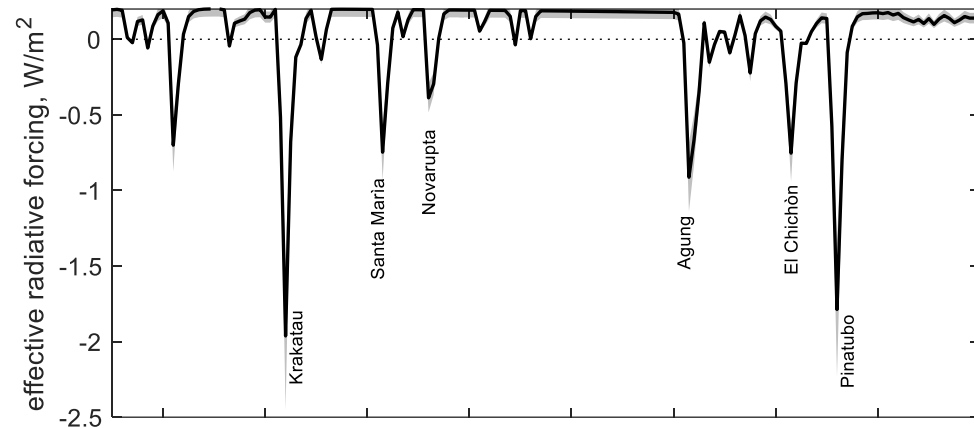


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Ocean heat content changes?  
Why ACCESS and MIROC?

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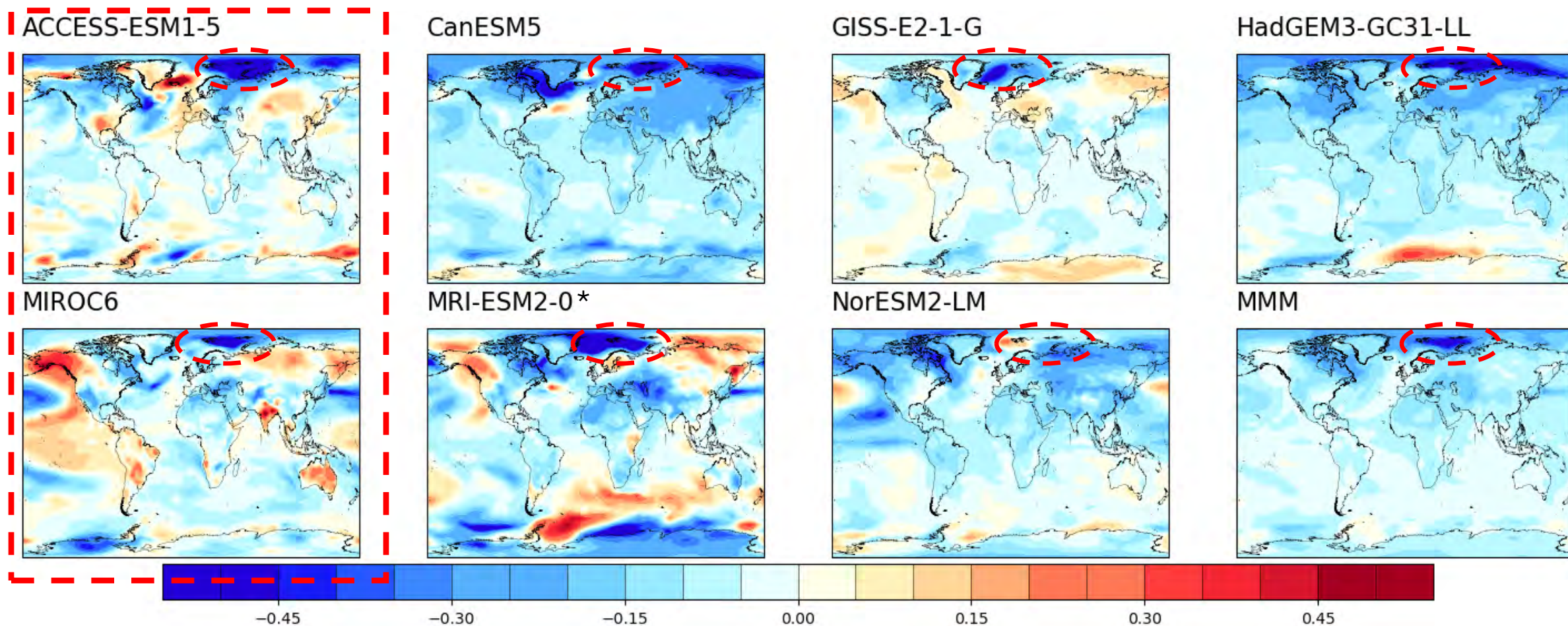


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# Persistent cooling post-Agung



Arctic sea-ice feedbacks?

Mt Fuego (1974)?



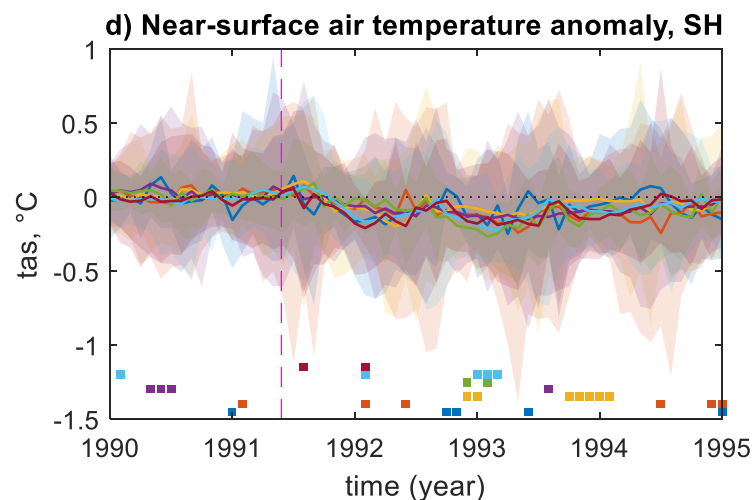
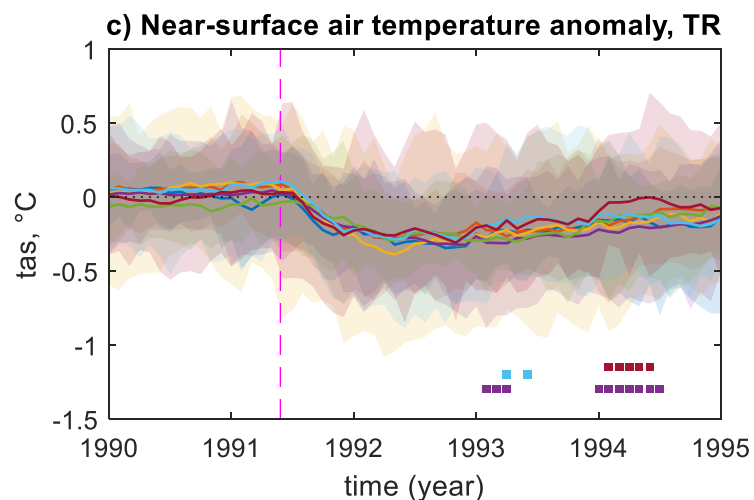
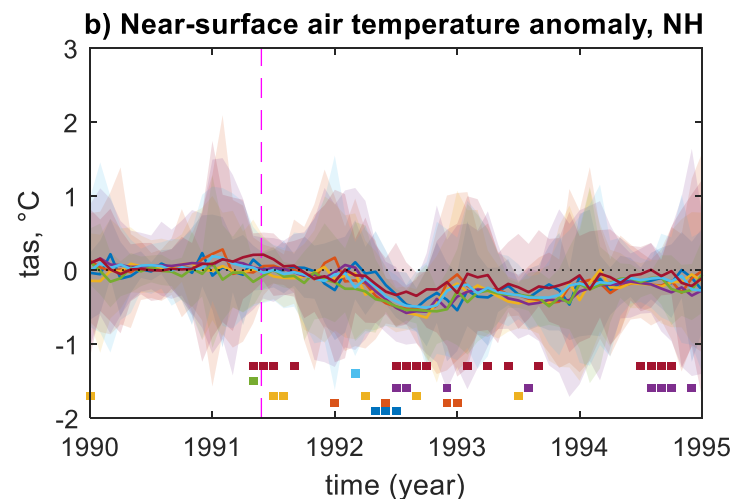
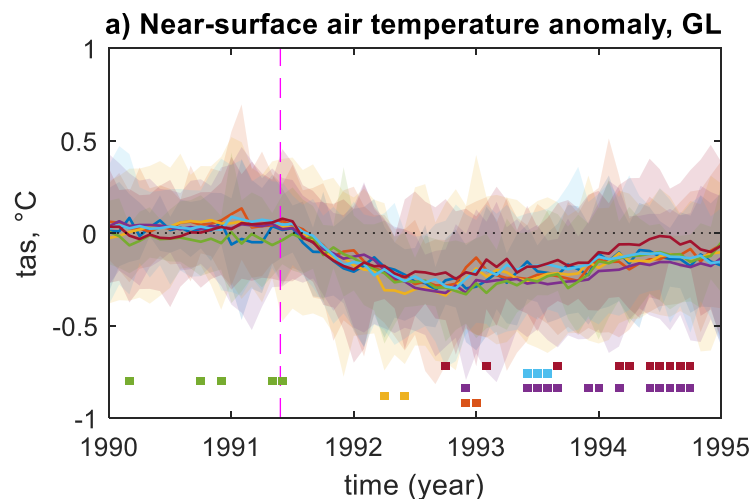
tas, (1972-1981) minus (1953-1962)

\* need to double check

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# Response to Pinatubo



ACCESS-ESM1-5 hist-volc  
CanESM5 hist-volc  
NorESM2-LM hist-volc  
GISS-E2-1-G hist-volc  
HadGEM3-GC31-LL hist-volc  
MIROC6 hist-volc  
MPI-ESM1-2-LR hist-volc

**GL:** global; **TR:** tropics (30S-30N); **NH:** northern extratropics (30-90N); **SH:** southern extratropics (30-90S)

**Squares** at bottom: model significantly different from rest of ensemble (ranksum)

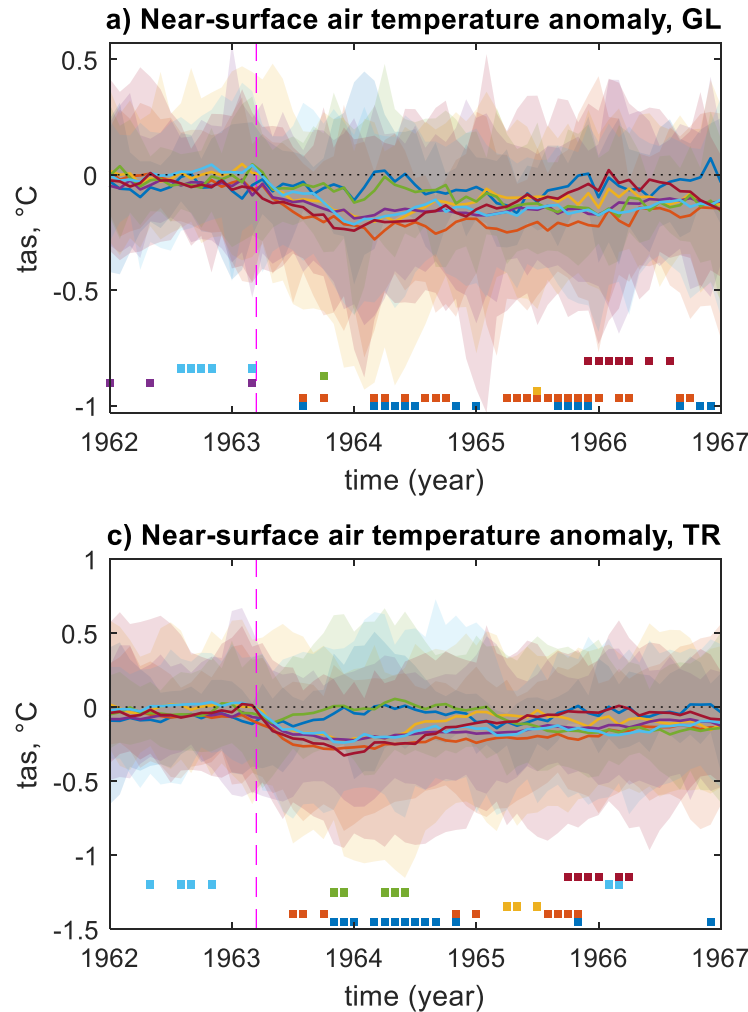
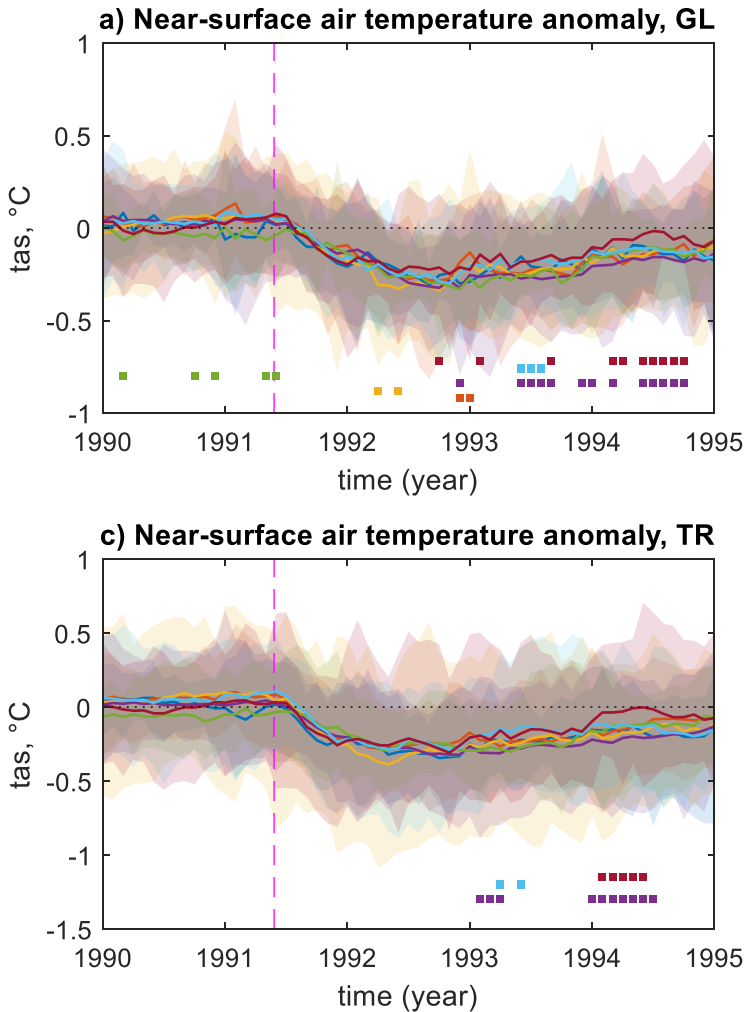
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# Response to Pinatubo vs response to Agung



IC/Mean state  
Volcanic forcing  
structure  
ENSO (not really  
seen in TR)



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# CMIP6 experiments with Pinatubo

	DAMIP hist-volc	VolMIP volc-pinatubo-full
forcing	GloSSAC version 1.0 or 1.1 (?)	GloSSAC version 1.0
Initial conditions (climate background)	<i>historical</i> volcanic forcing only	<i>piControl</i>
Initial conditions (sampling)	<b>Unsupervised</b> (transient)	<b>Supervised</b> (ENSO, NAO)
Ensemble size	Variable (from 20 to 30)	27

CanESM5   MPI-ESM-1-2LR   GISS-E2-1-G

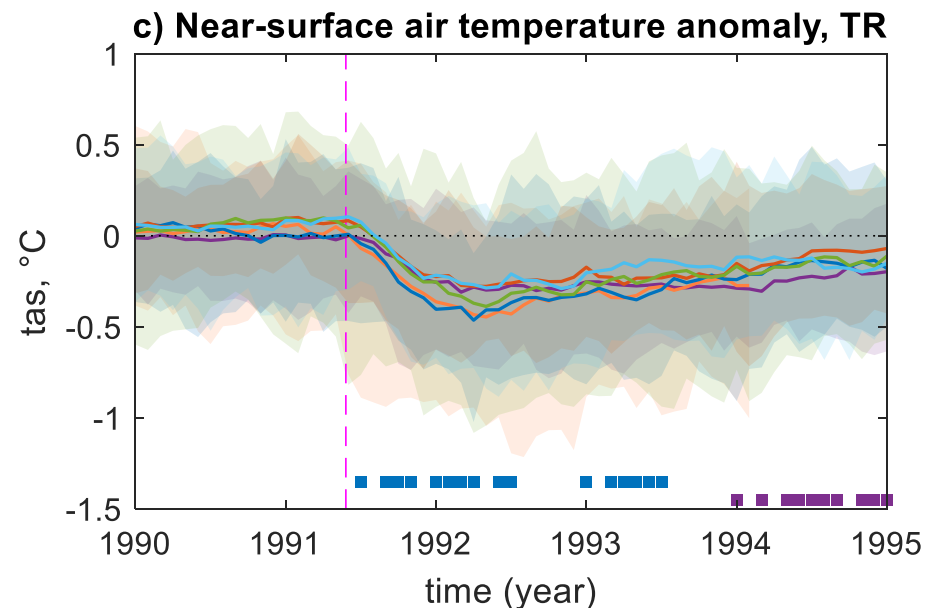
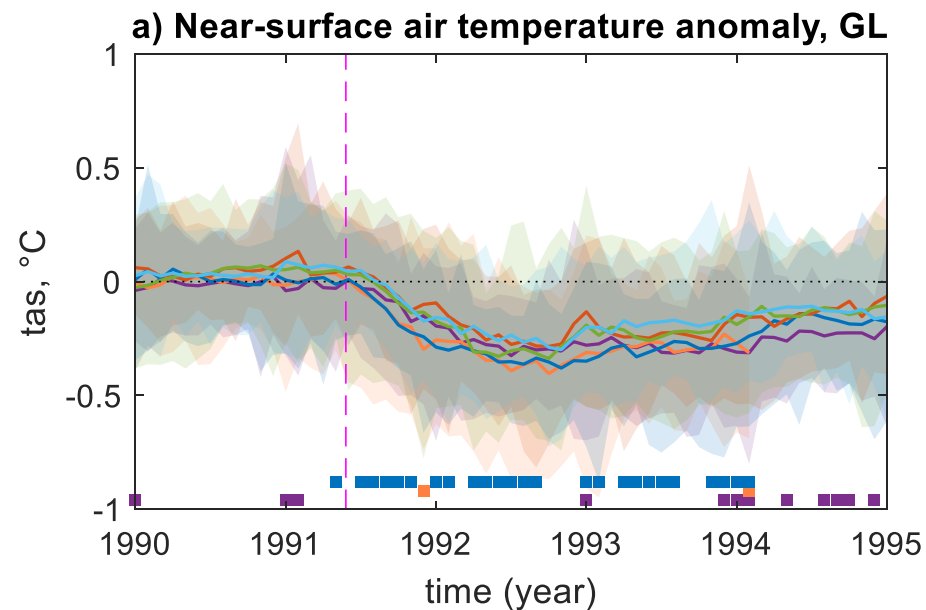
# VolMIP vs hist-volc



MPI-ESM1-2-LR  
IC or ozone in hist-volc



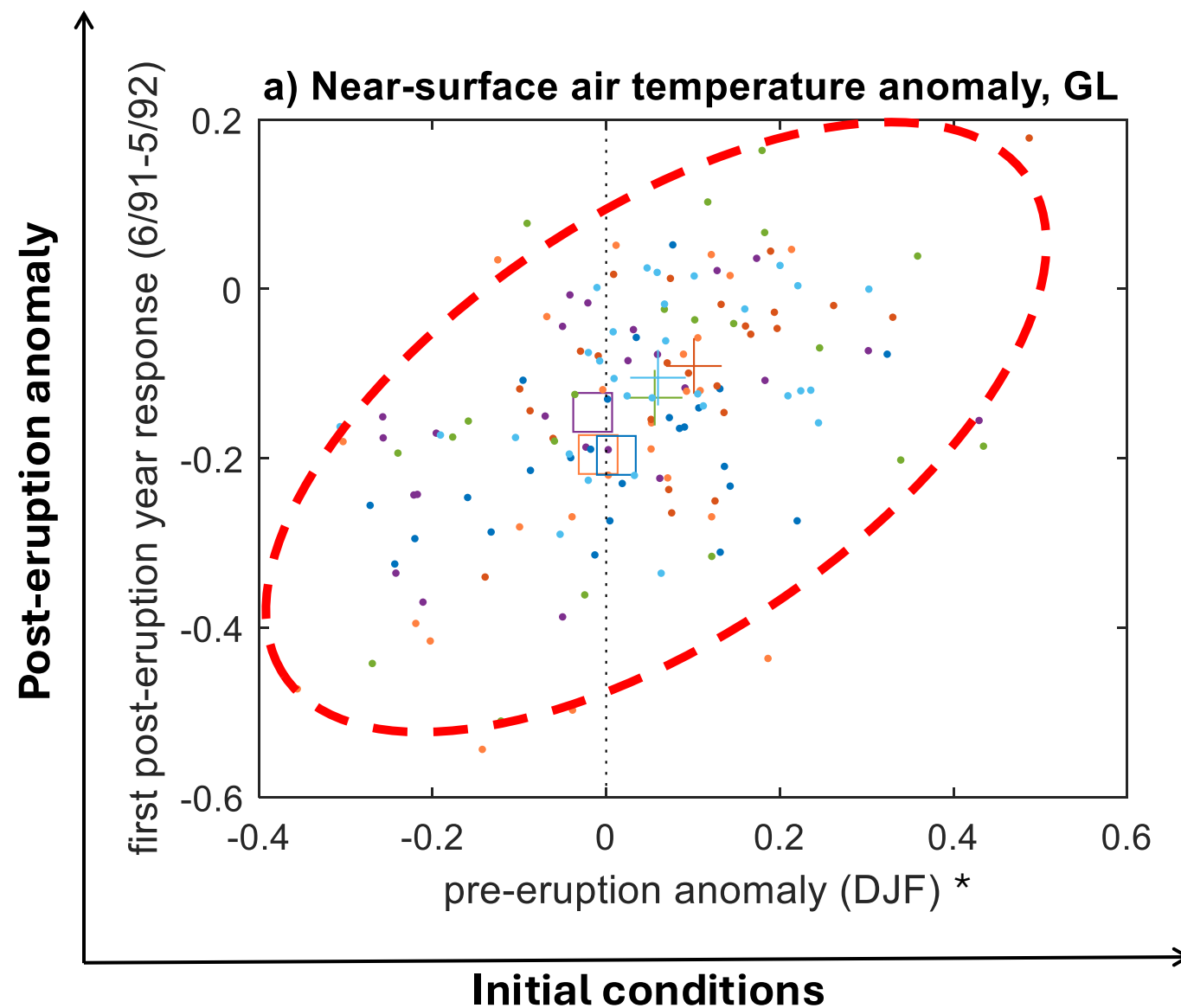
**But, ...**



CanESM5 volmip  
CanESM5 hist-volc  
MPI-ESM-LR volmip  
MPI-ESM1-2-LR hist-volc  
GISS-E2.1-G volmip  
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# VolMIP vs hist-volc



Ensemble means:

□ volc-pinatubo

+ hist-volc

**dots:** individual realizations

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CanESM5 hist-volc

MPI-ESM-LR volmip

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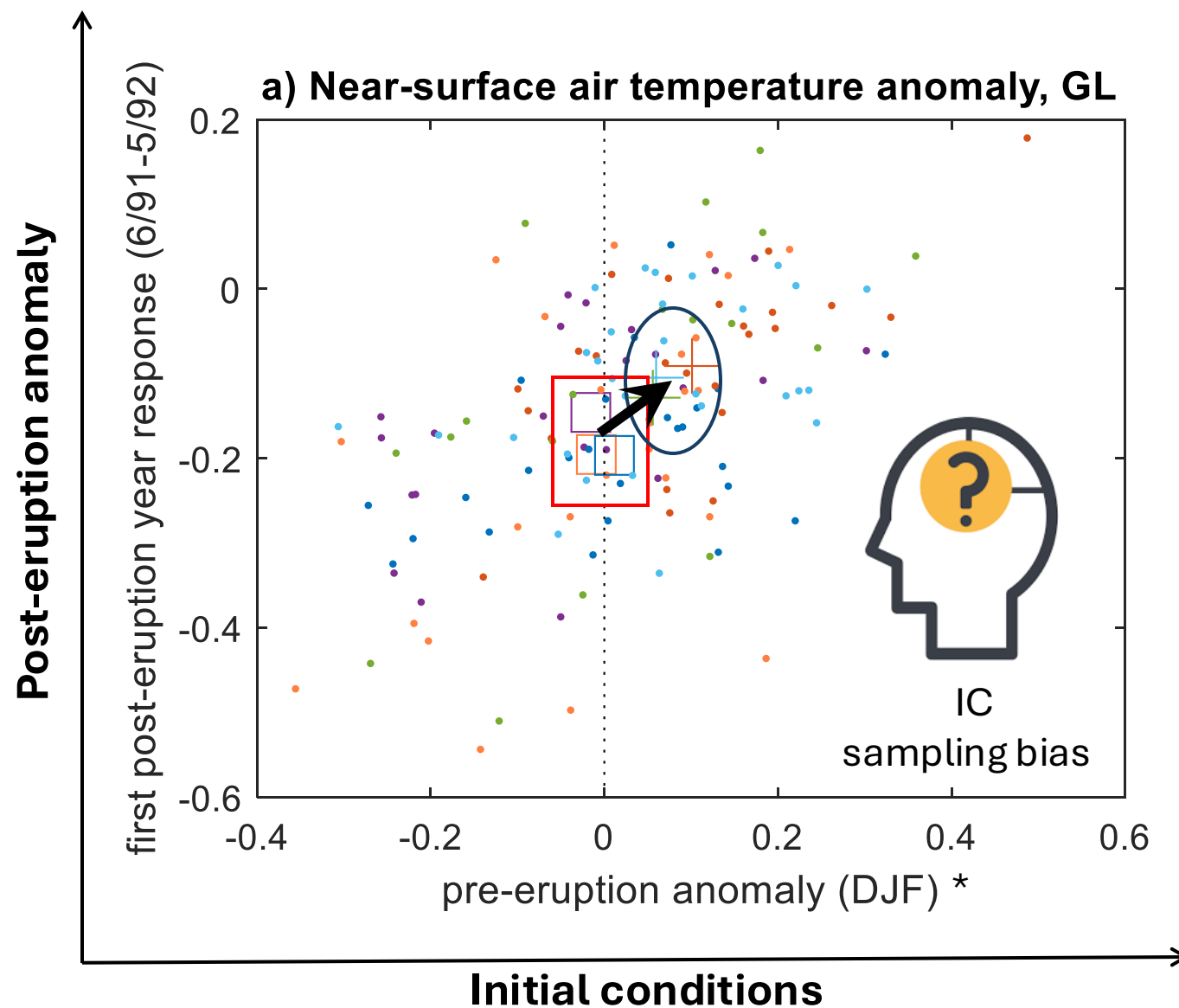
GISS-E2.1-G volmip

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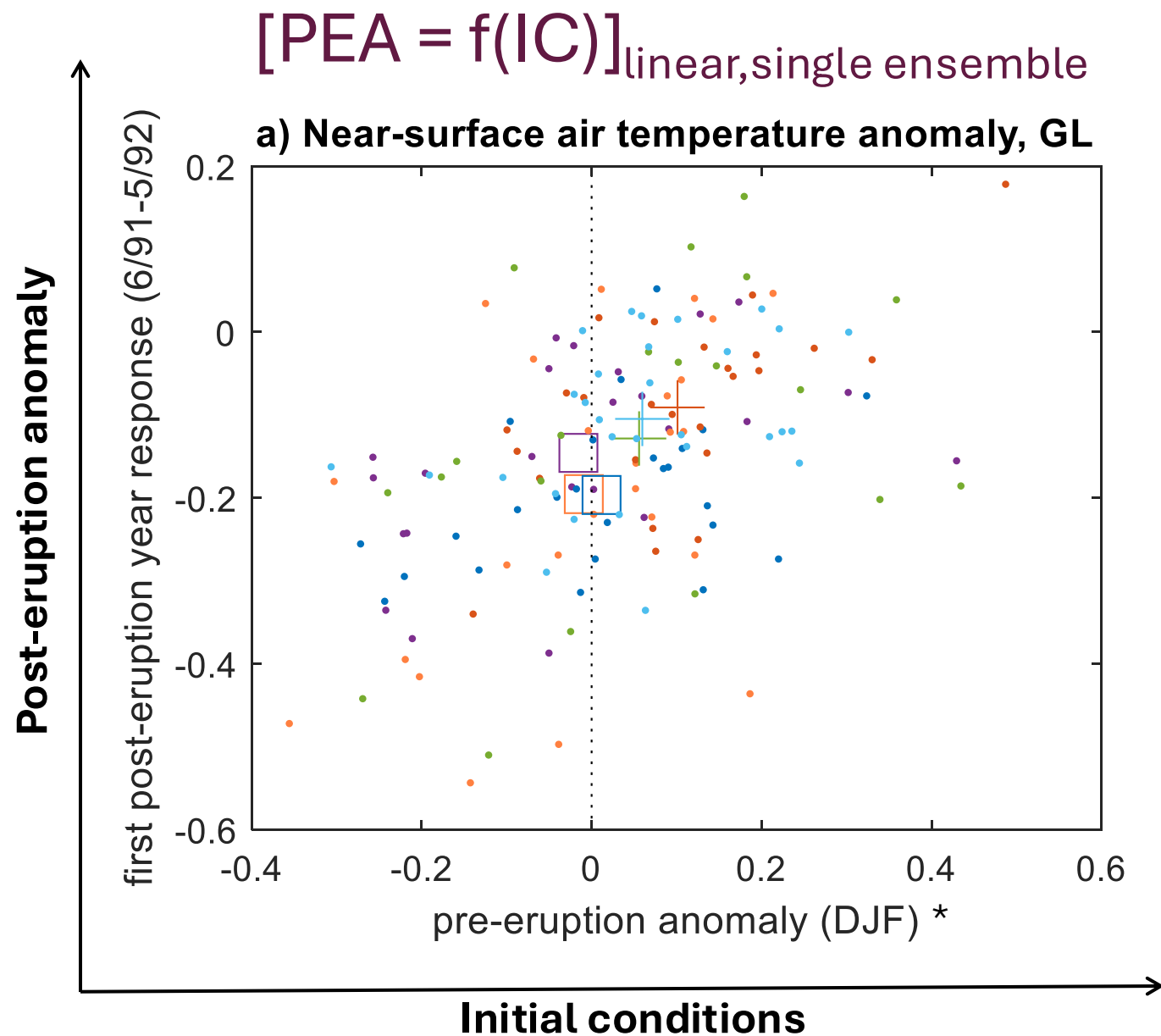
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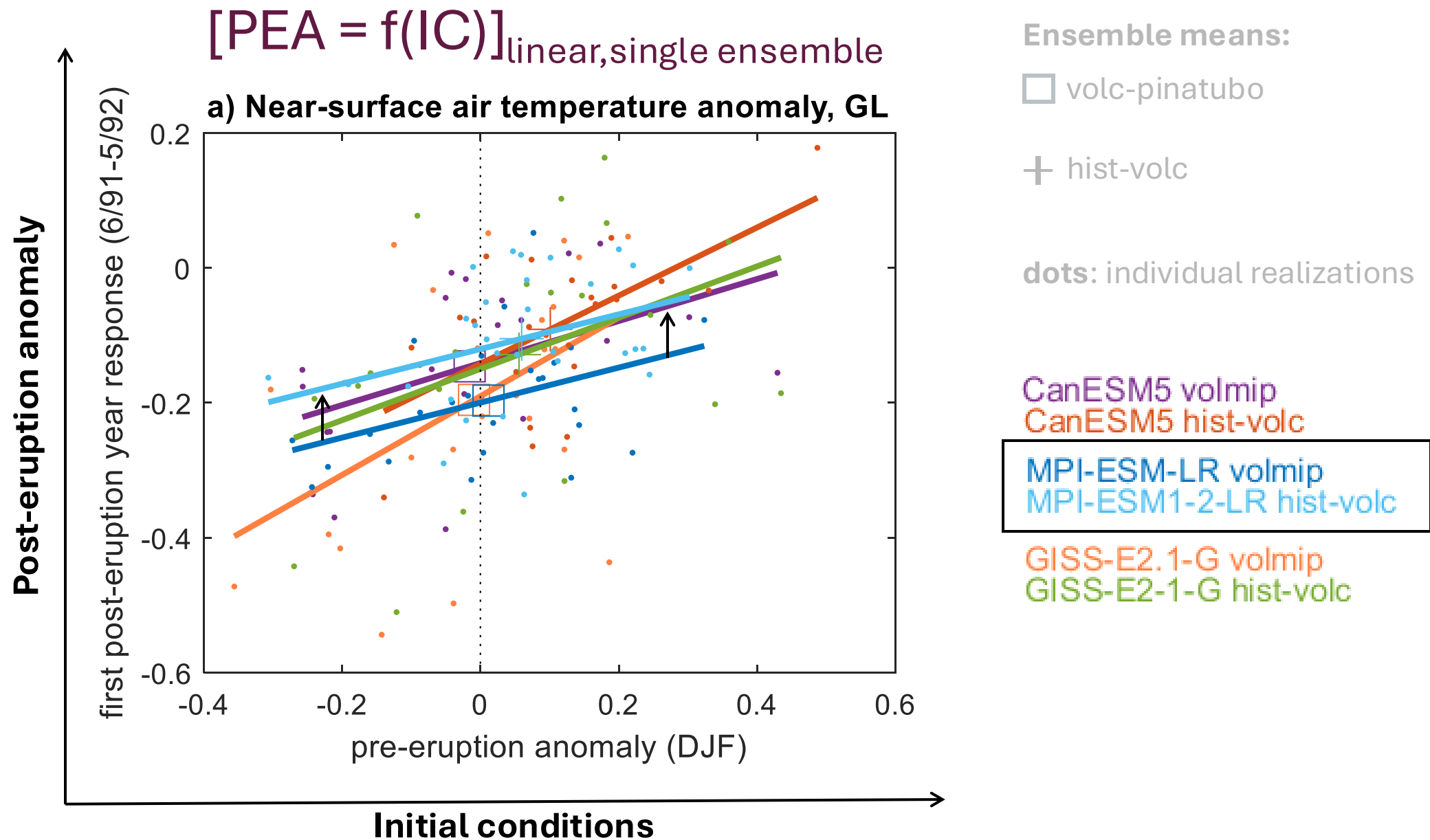
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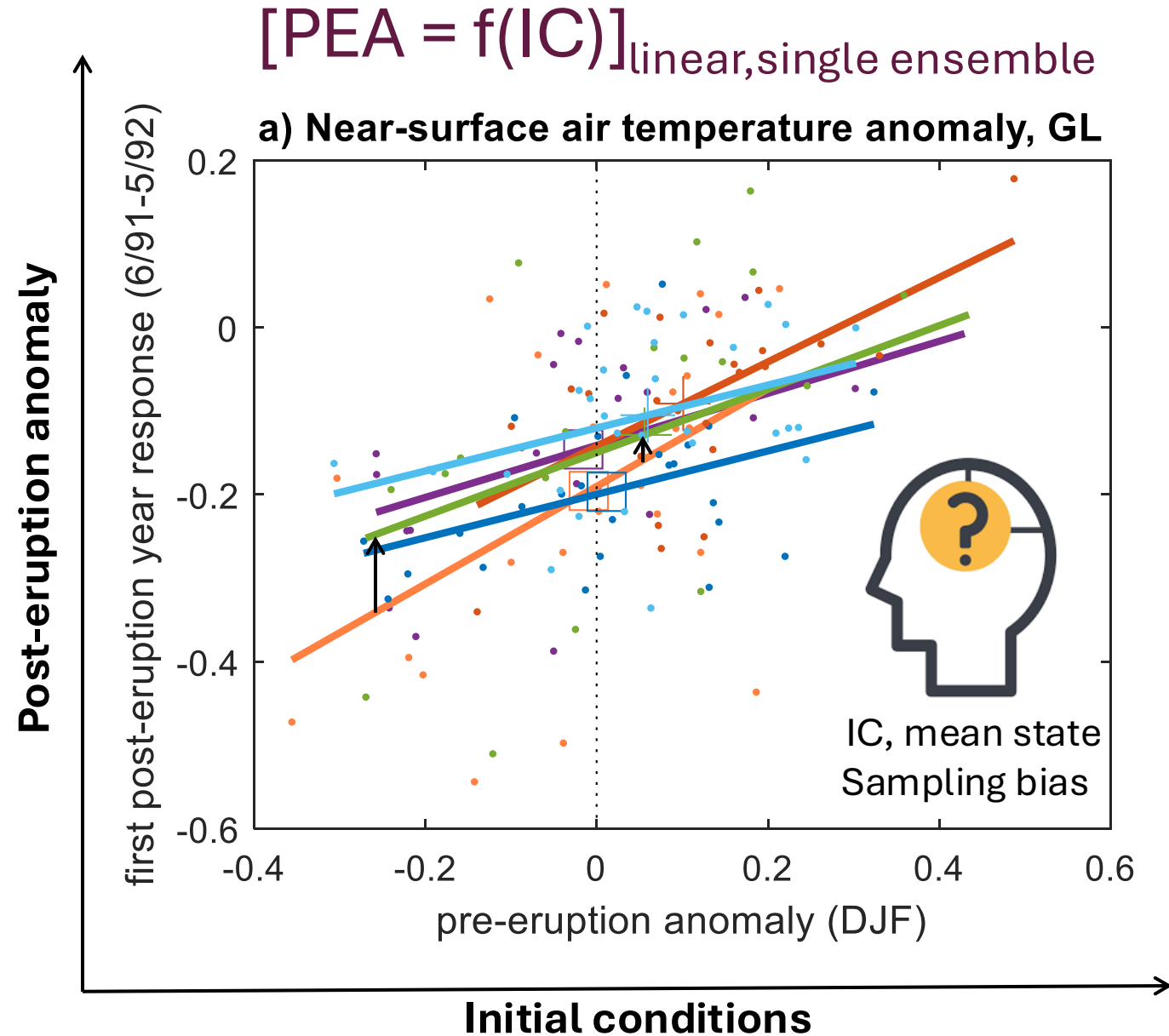
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**AT THIS POINT, I  
WOULD SAY AT  
BEST IT'S  
INCONCLUSIVE.**



## Community paper (lead: Davide, Stergios)

Focus on:

- Agung/Agung vs Pinatubo response
- volc-hist vs VolMIP



## Proposed work (EPESC/LEADER output) (in progress?)

- Response to high-latitude eruptions (lead: Hera Guðlaugsdóttir)
- Forcing uncertainty vs internal variability (lead: Ewa Bednarz)
- Solar + volcanic forcing (lead: Stergios)
- Indian summer monsoon (lead: Stergios)
- Energy balance, 2-layer model (lead: Matt Toohey)
- AMOC response/phasing (lead: Davide)



## Proposed work (possible EPESC/LEADER extension)

CMIP7-VolMIP “volc-Duo-Forcer” (*volc-DuoForc*) climate-response experiment (lead: Graham Mann)

- scaled-up Hunga-Tonga sWV & aerosol (5x) → test how strong long-wave and short-wave volcanic forcings combine and compensate
- volc-pinatubo-full (VolMIP) design: Can we extend this under LESFMIP approach?

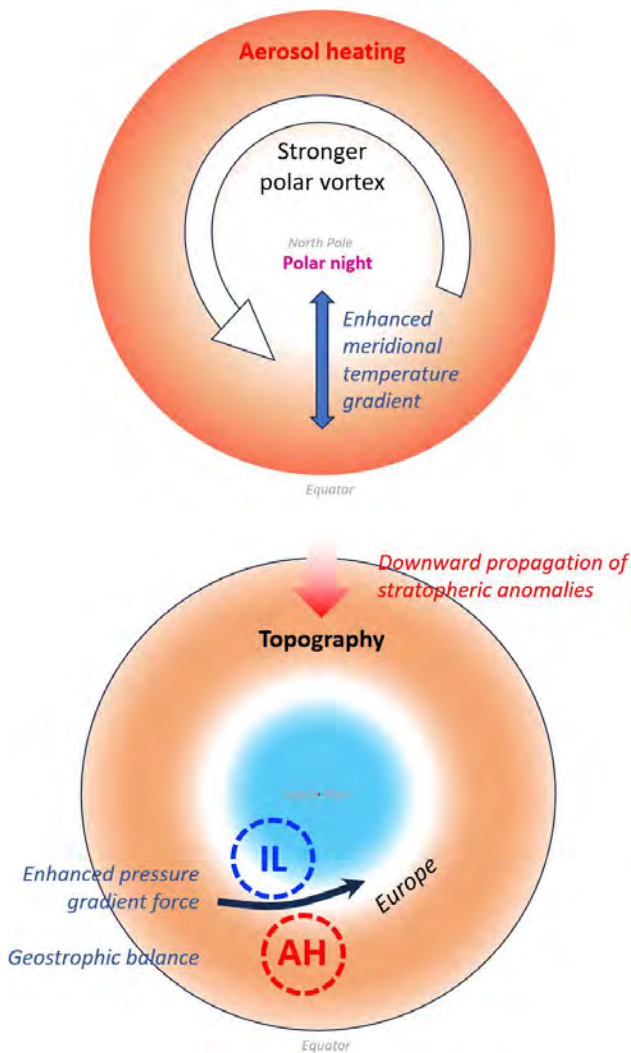


*Thank you for your attention!*



# Dynamical responses (post-eruption winter warming)

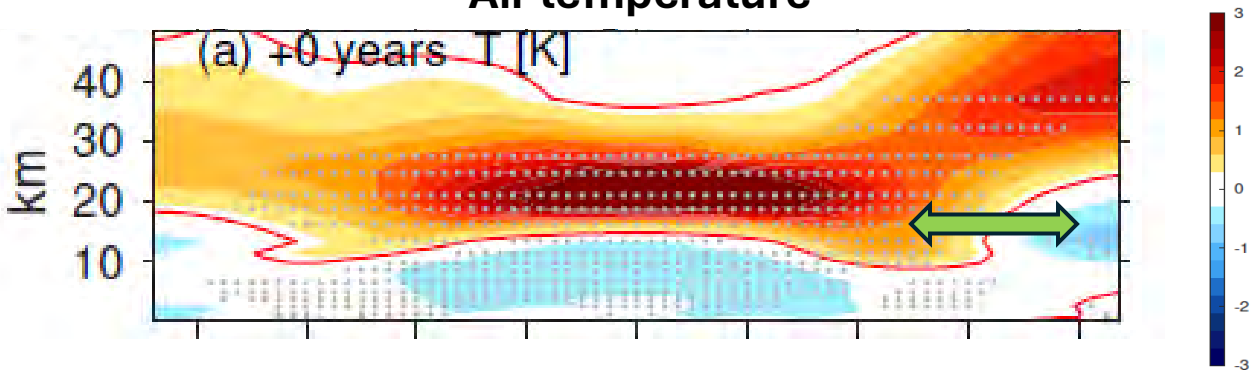
## Top-down mechanism(s)



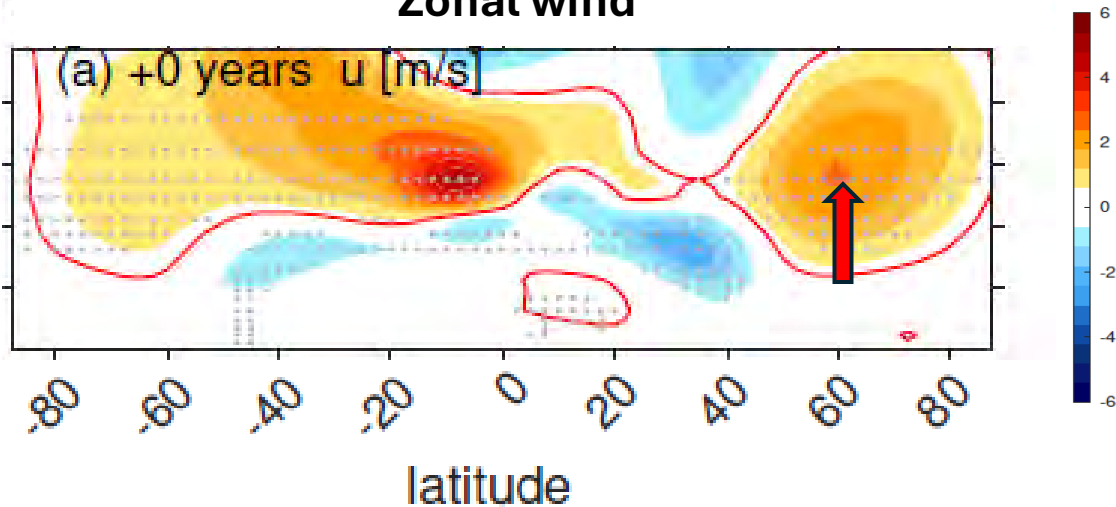
## Pinatubo

1992 minus (1986-1990), DJF, ensemble mean

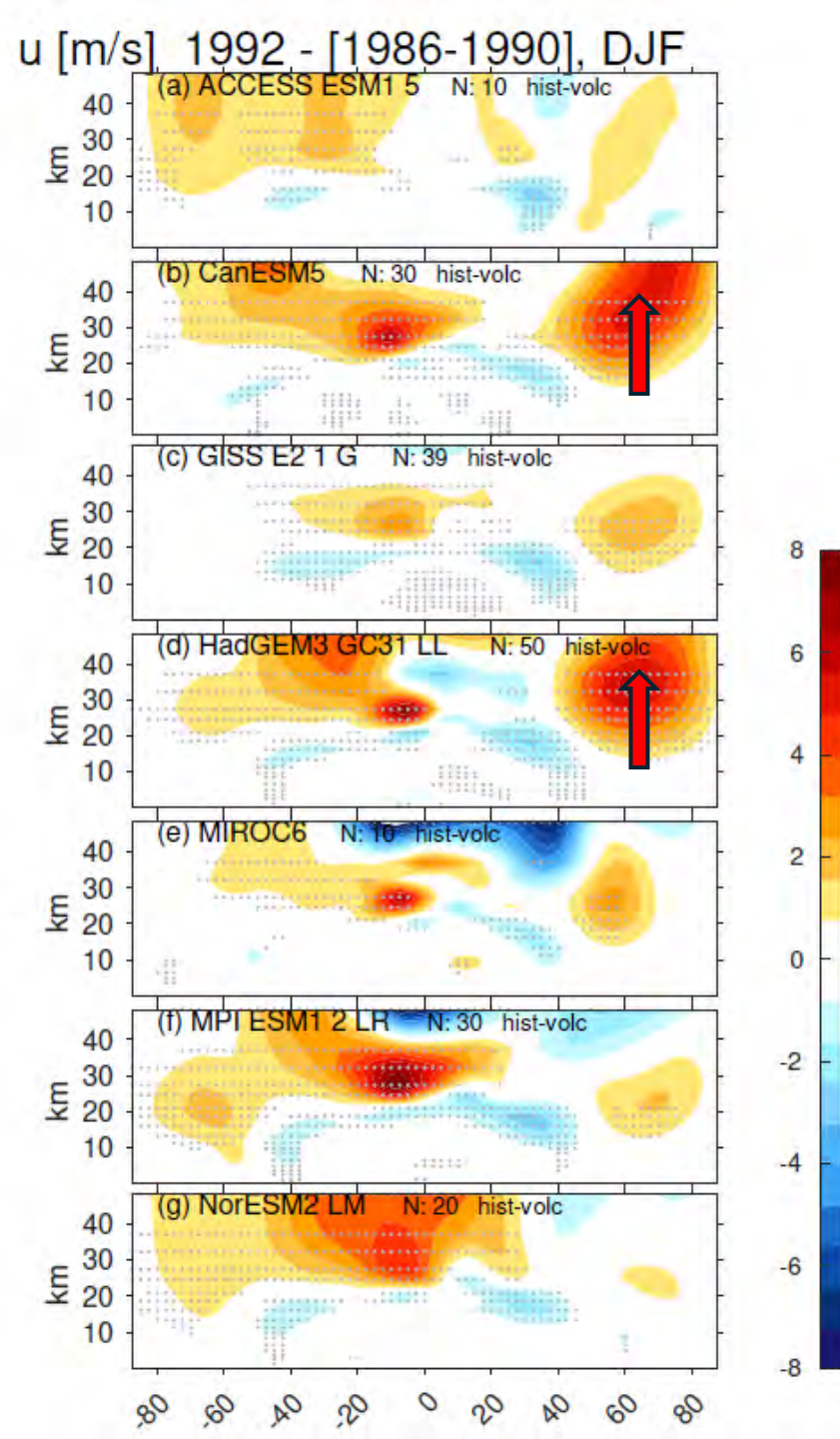
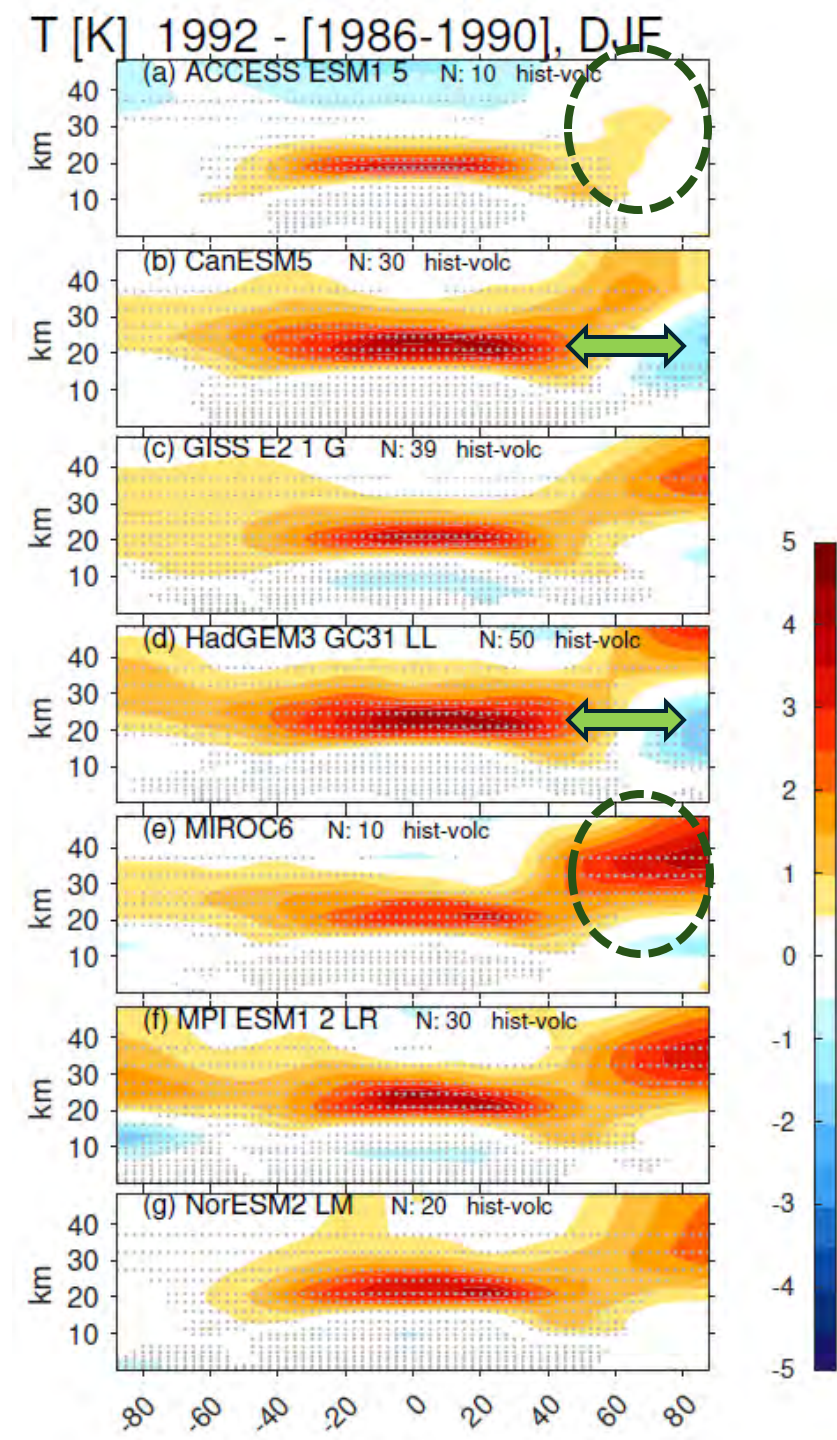
## Air temperature



## Zonal wind







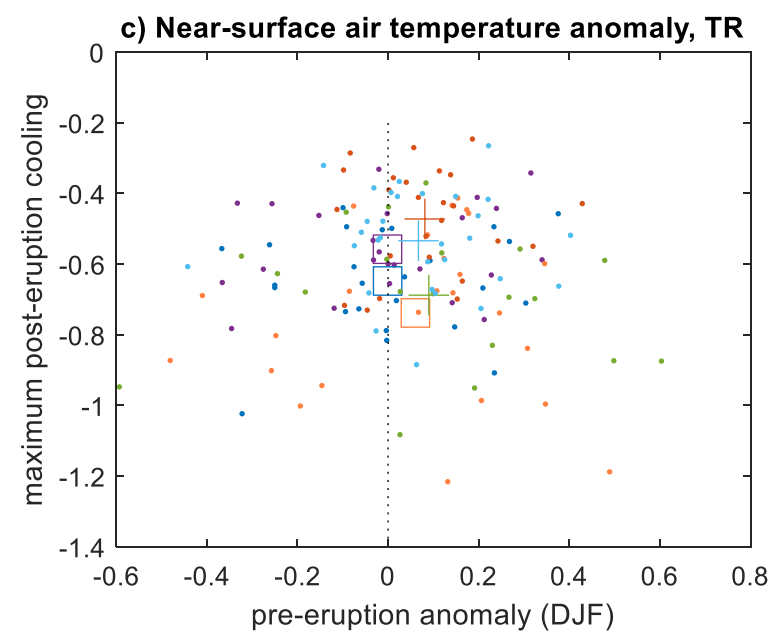
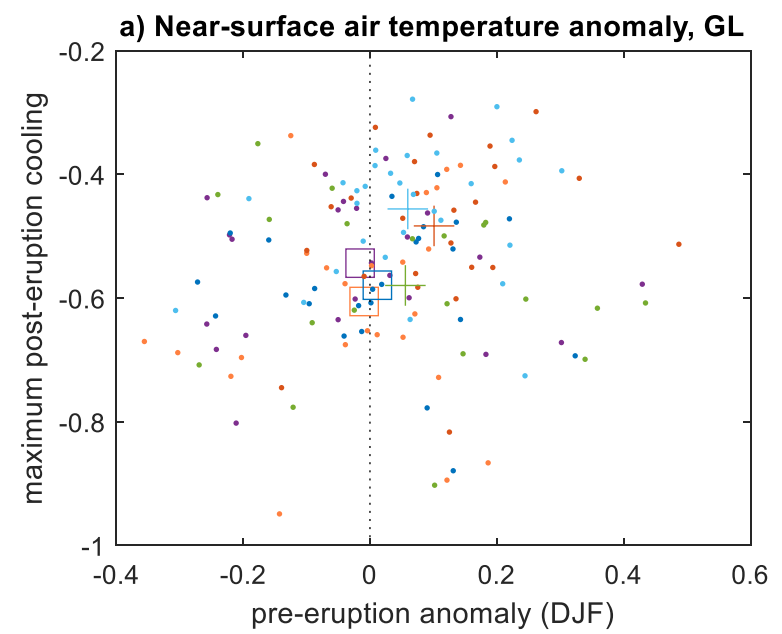
Large differences in  
high-latitude  
stratospheric warming

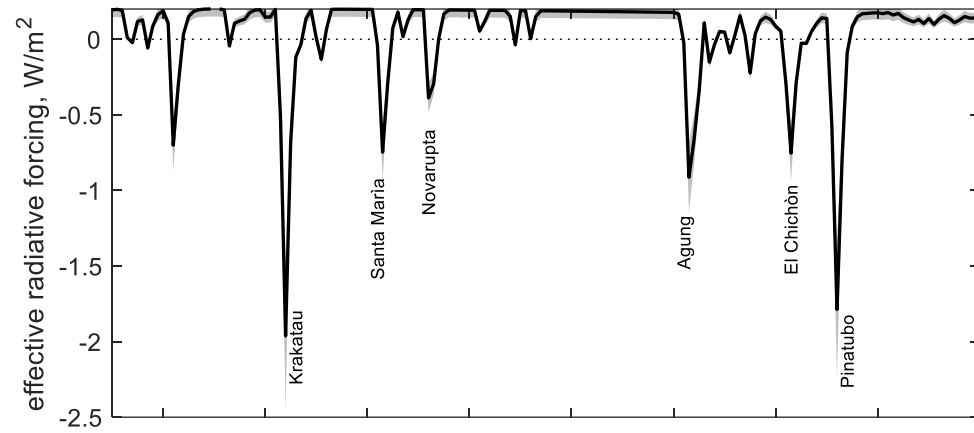
Authors: Chaim Garfinkel, David Avisar



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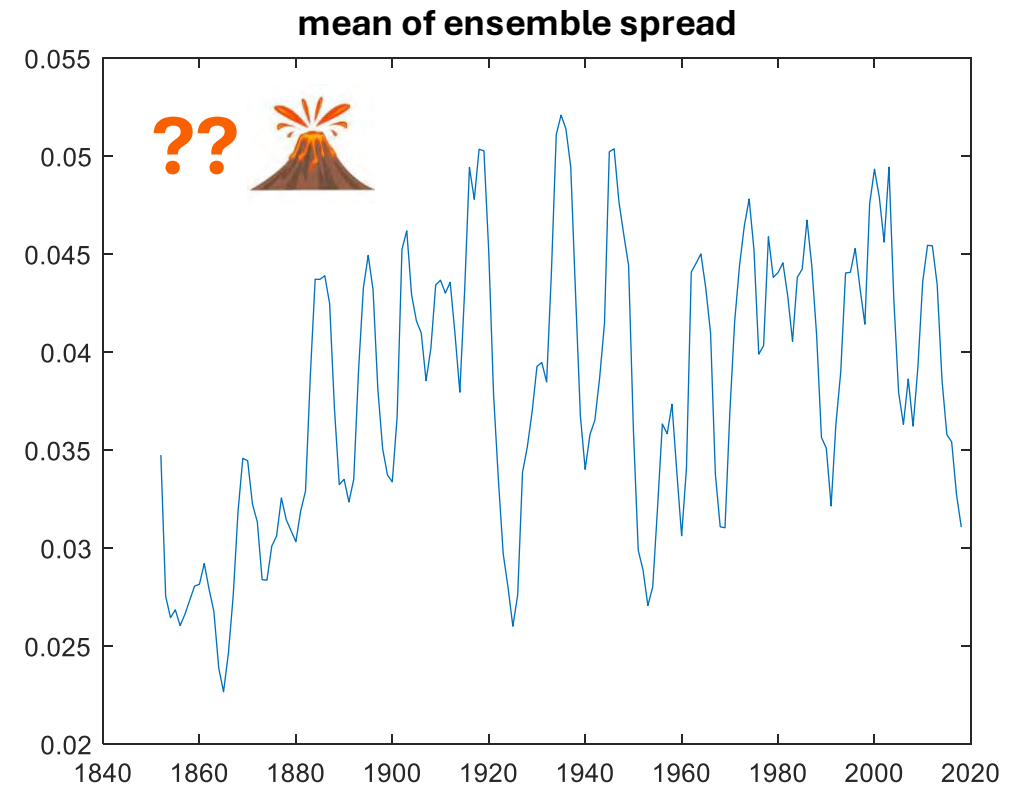
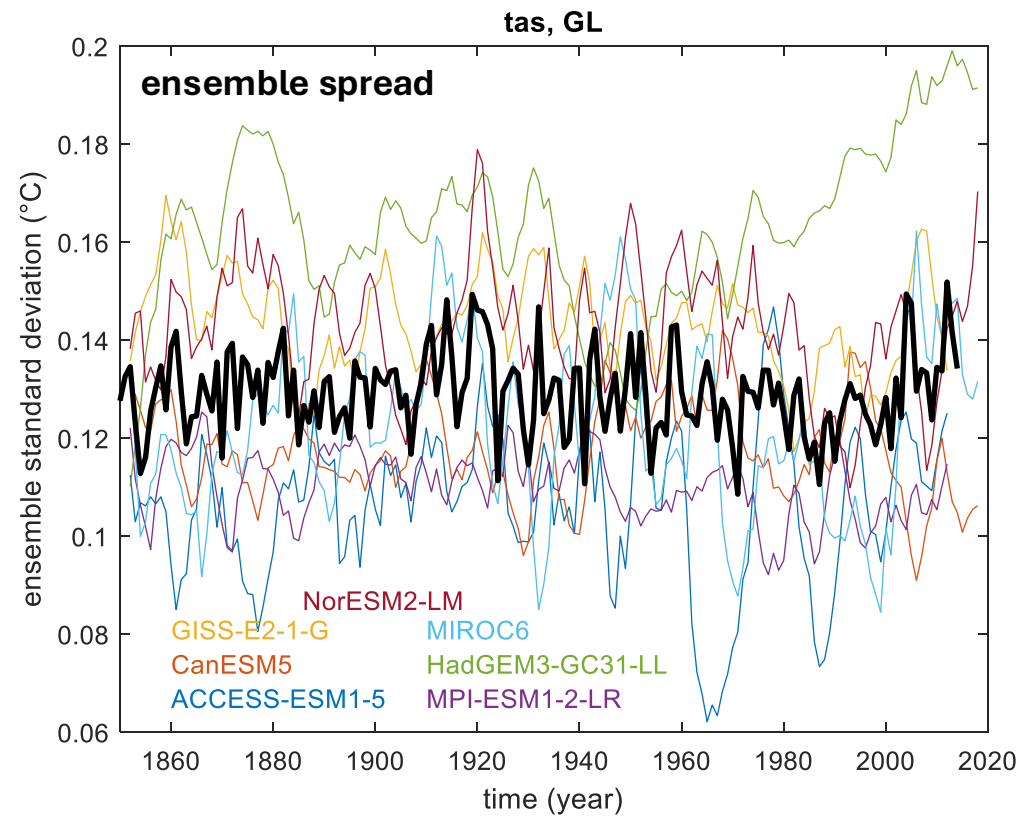




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Inconsistent volcanic effect on  
phasing of climatic modes (?)



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