Evaluation of E3SMv1 Simulated Surface Winds Over the Southern Ocean and the Antarctica

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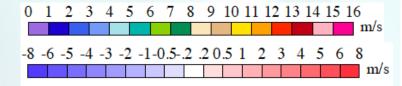
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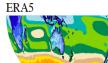


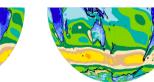
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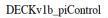
- Surface winds over Southern Ocean and Antarctica exert strong influence on oceanic meridional circulation, dense water formation, and surface mass and energy balance;
- To evaluate surface winds over southern ocean and Antarctica simulated by E3SMv1
- Focus on climatology and interannual variability, the association with SH primary modes of variability and El Nino Southern Oscillation
- > A set of simulations selected to analyze the coupling effect and sensitivity to resolution

Surface Wind Speed





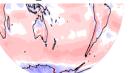




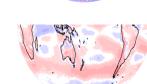


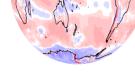


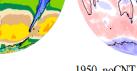




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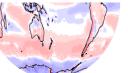




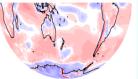


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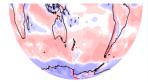






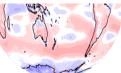


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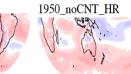
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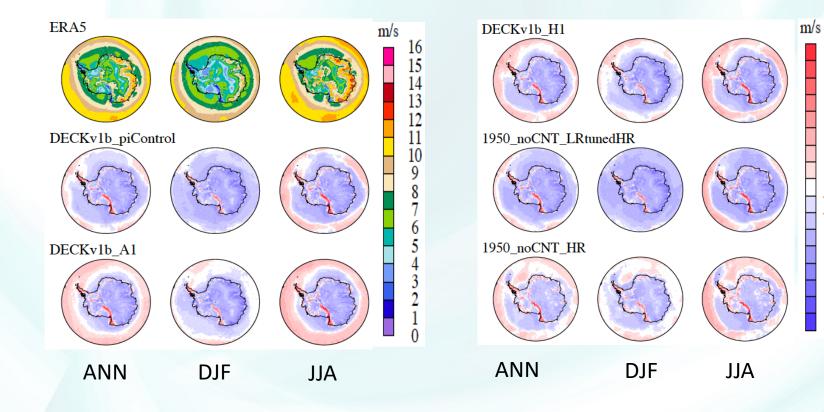




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Polar Surface Wind Speed



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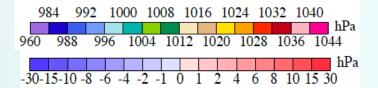
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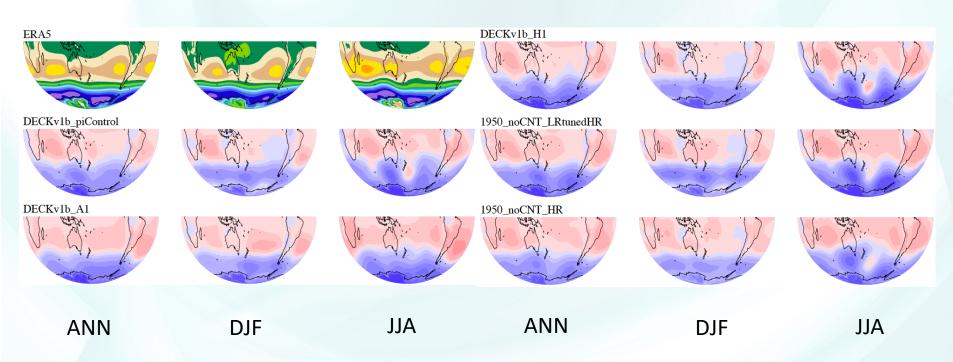
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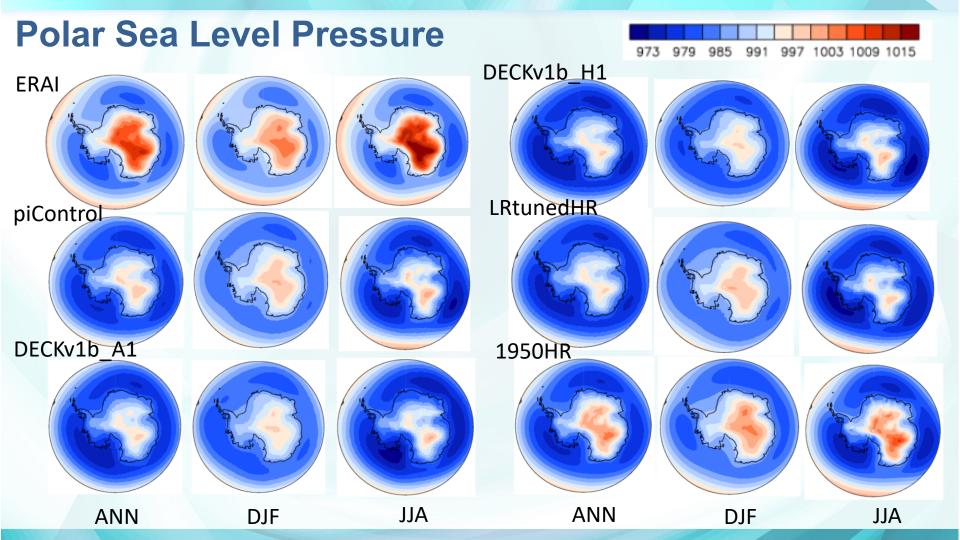
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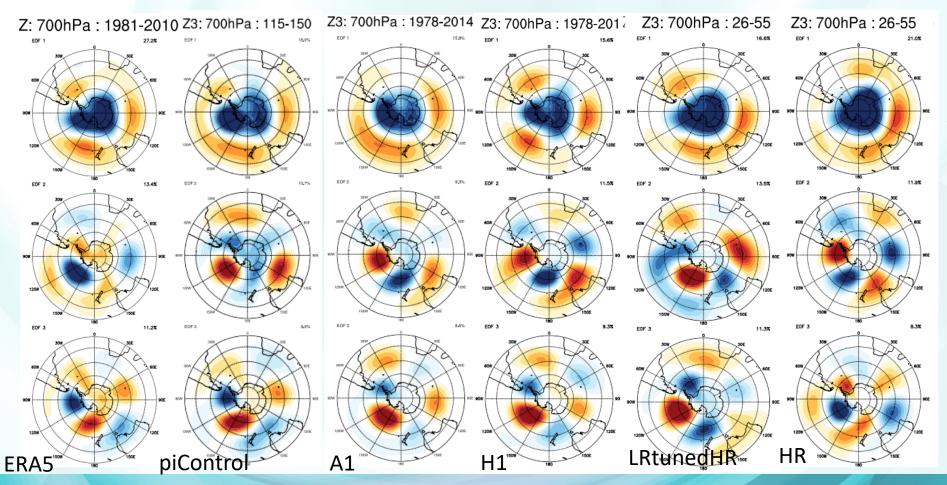
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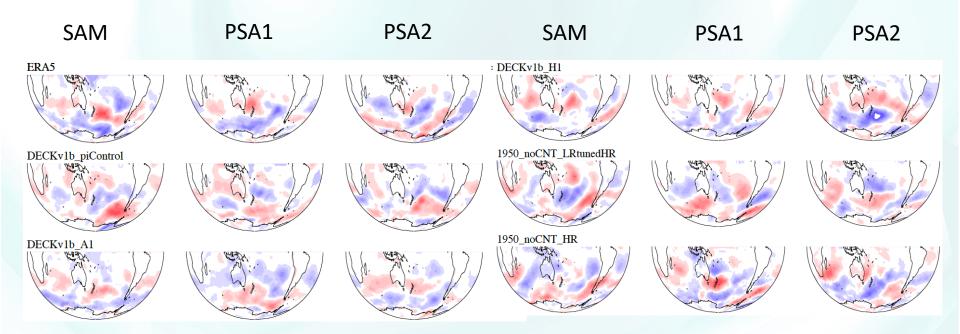




Z700 EOFs (SAM, PSA & PSA2, JJA)



Monthly Zonal Wind Regressed on Z700 EOFs (JJA)



There exist significant association, but difference between model and obs are large. Stronger signals are produced in coupled modes.

Summary

- All simulations have stronger winds in midlatitudes but weaker over Antarctica;
- High resolution broadly reduces wind speed biases over the Antarctica and the surrounding oceans;
- Sea level pressure biases suggest stronger simulated SAM; but model SAM accounts for less interannual variability;
- Among this set of simulations, it is not evident that high-resolution model produces stronger subpolar low centers compared to low-res simulation;
- Large discrepancies on SH primary modes of variability between ERA5 and simulations based on EOF analysis of Z700. Further analysis to be done on the association of surface winds with leading atmospheric modes of variability (SAM, PSA1, PSA2, ZW3) and ENSO, along with investigation of potential sources of the biases.