Overview of Large-Scale Tropospheric Transport in the Chemistry Climate Model Initiative (CCMI) Simulations

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Motivation

- Differences in large-scale tropospheric transport among models contribute to differences in aerosol distributions in the Arctic and to the interhemispheric gradients of GHGs and ODSs (e.g. *Shindell et al. (2008), Patra et al. (2011), Monks et al. (2015)*).
- It is not clear, however, whether these uncertainties are driven by large-scale flow biases and/or subgrid-scale processes.
- Few studies have examined how tropospheric transport (e.g. transport to the Arctic, interhemispheric exchange) will change in a warmer climate (e.g. *Holzer and Boer (2001), Doherty et al. (2017)*).

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The Chemistry Climate Modeling (CCM) Initiative experiments (*Eyring et al. (2013))* provide a unique opportunity to examine the relationship between tropospheric transport and large-scale dynamics because:

- Unprecedented number of tropospheric transport diagnostics, including a range of both idealized loss and age tracers (*Waugh et al. (2013), Eyring et al. (2013), Orbe et al. (2016,2017))*
- Large number of models submitting both "specified-dynamics" and free-running simulations ***using the same underlying model code***
- Much more dynamical output, relative to previous composition intercomparisons (e.g. TRANSCOM, ACCMIP).

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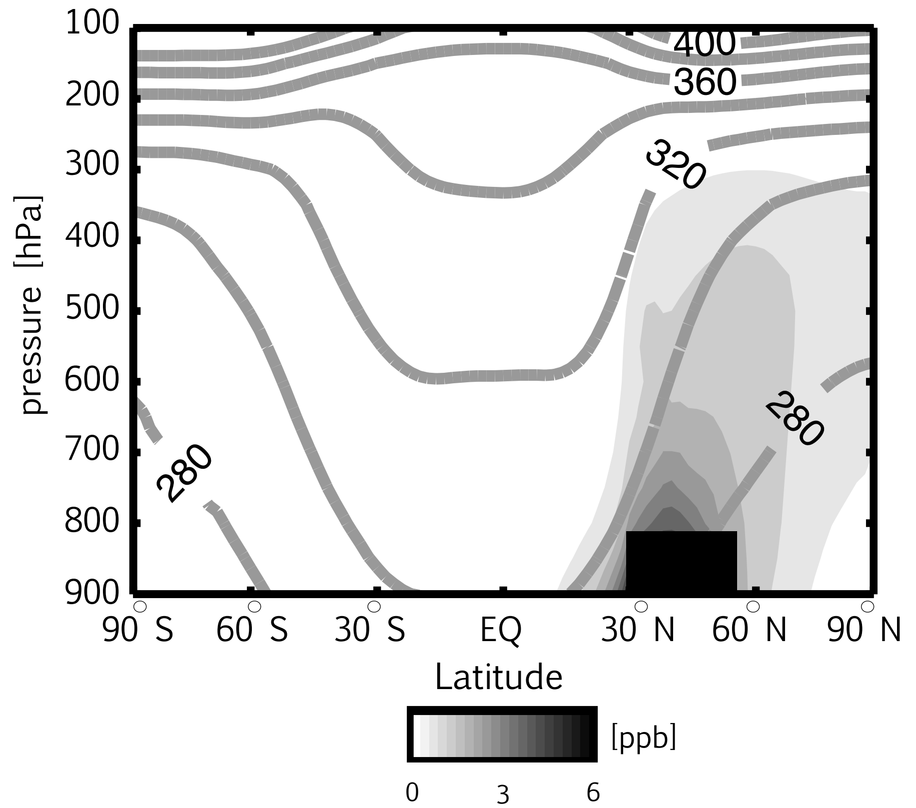

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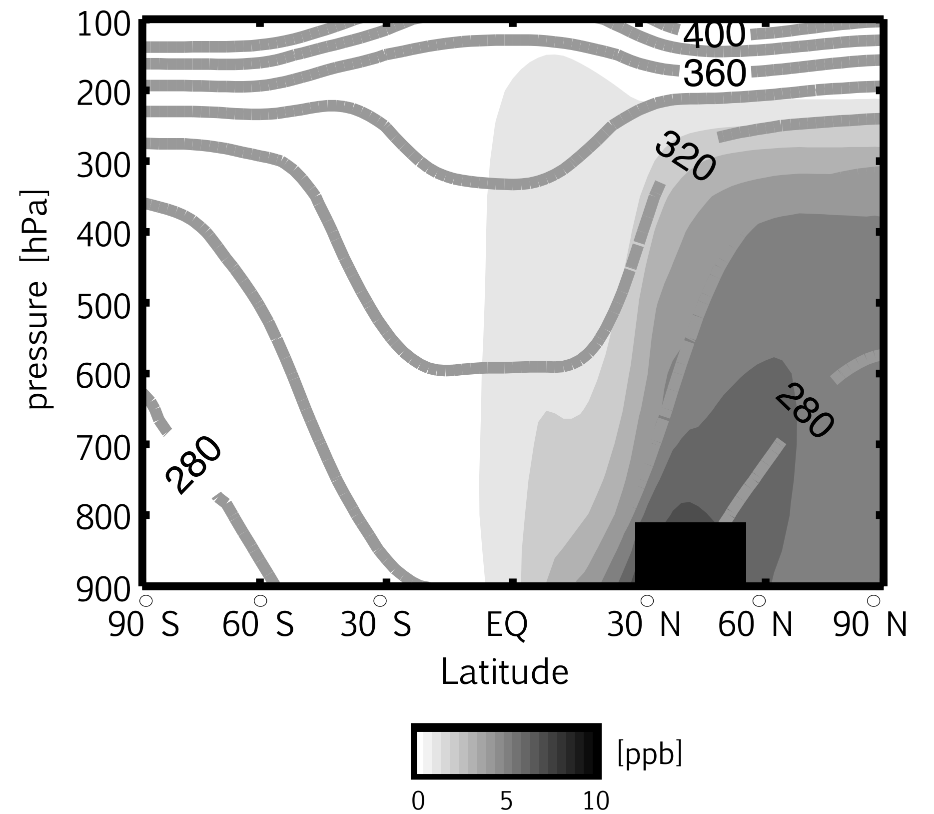

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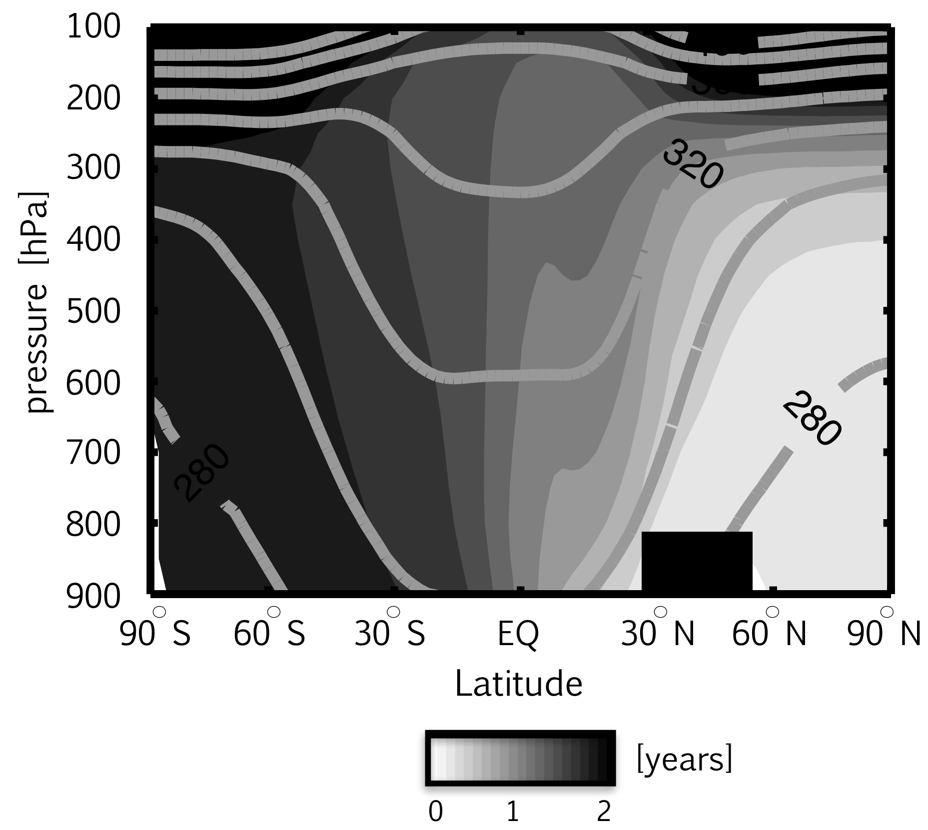
Mean Age



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In addition to examining tracers with zonally invariant sources (χ_5 , χ_{50} , Γ_{NH}) we will also examine more realistic tracers with only land (CO-like) emissions (χ_{CO50}) (*Shindell et al. (2008), Monks et al. (2015), Doherty et al. (2017),Yang et al. (2018, Under Review)).*

Models: Hindcast Experiment

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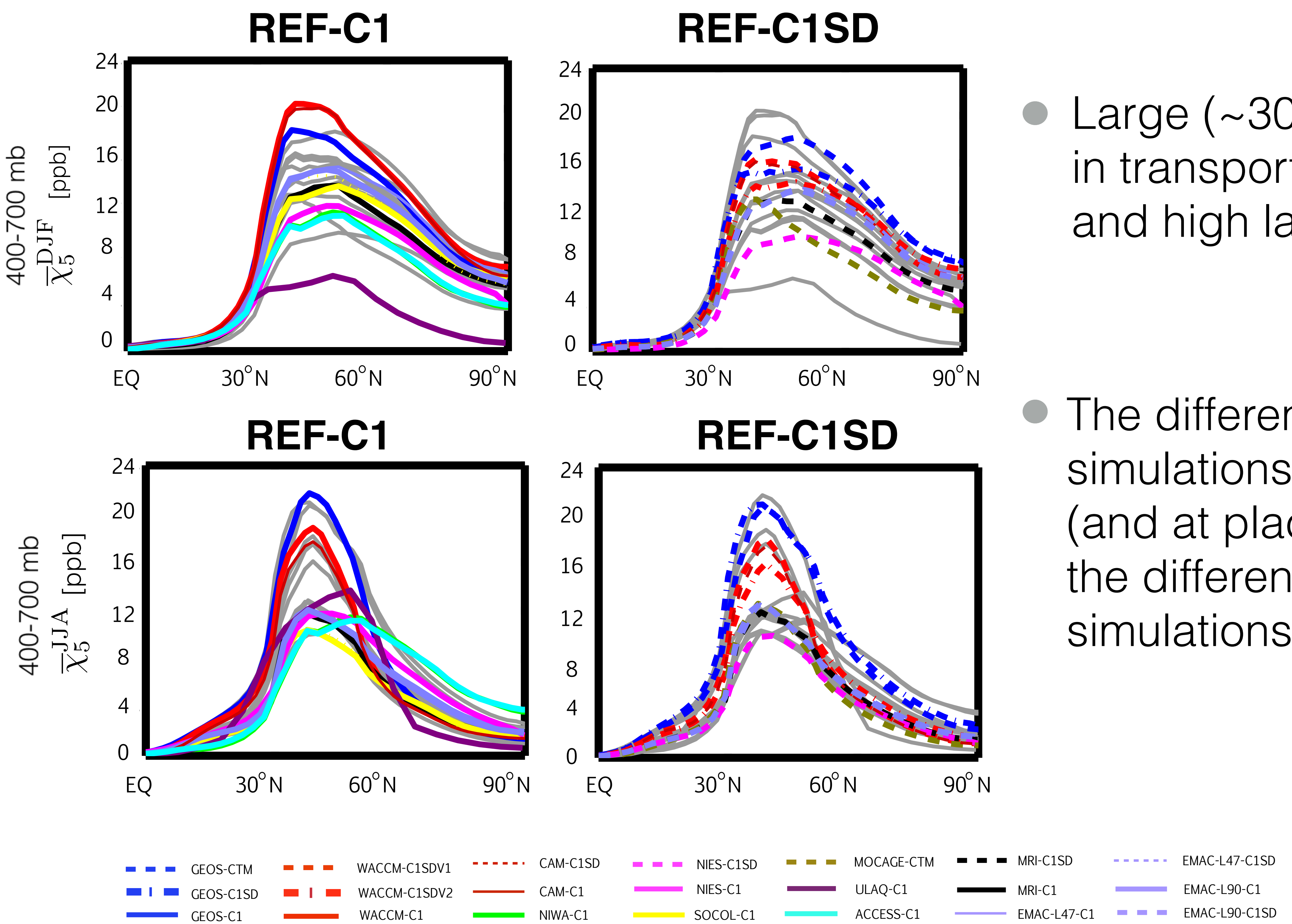

Orbe et al. (2018, ACP)

- Large (~30-40%) differences in transport over NH middle and high latitudes.
- The differences among SD simulations are as large (and at places larger) than the differences among FR simulations.

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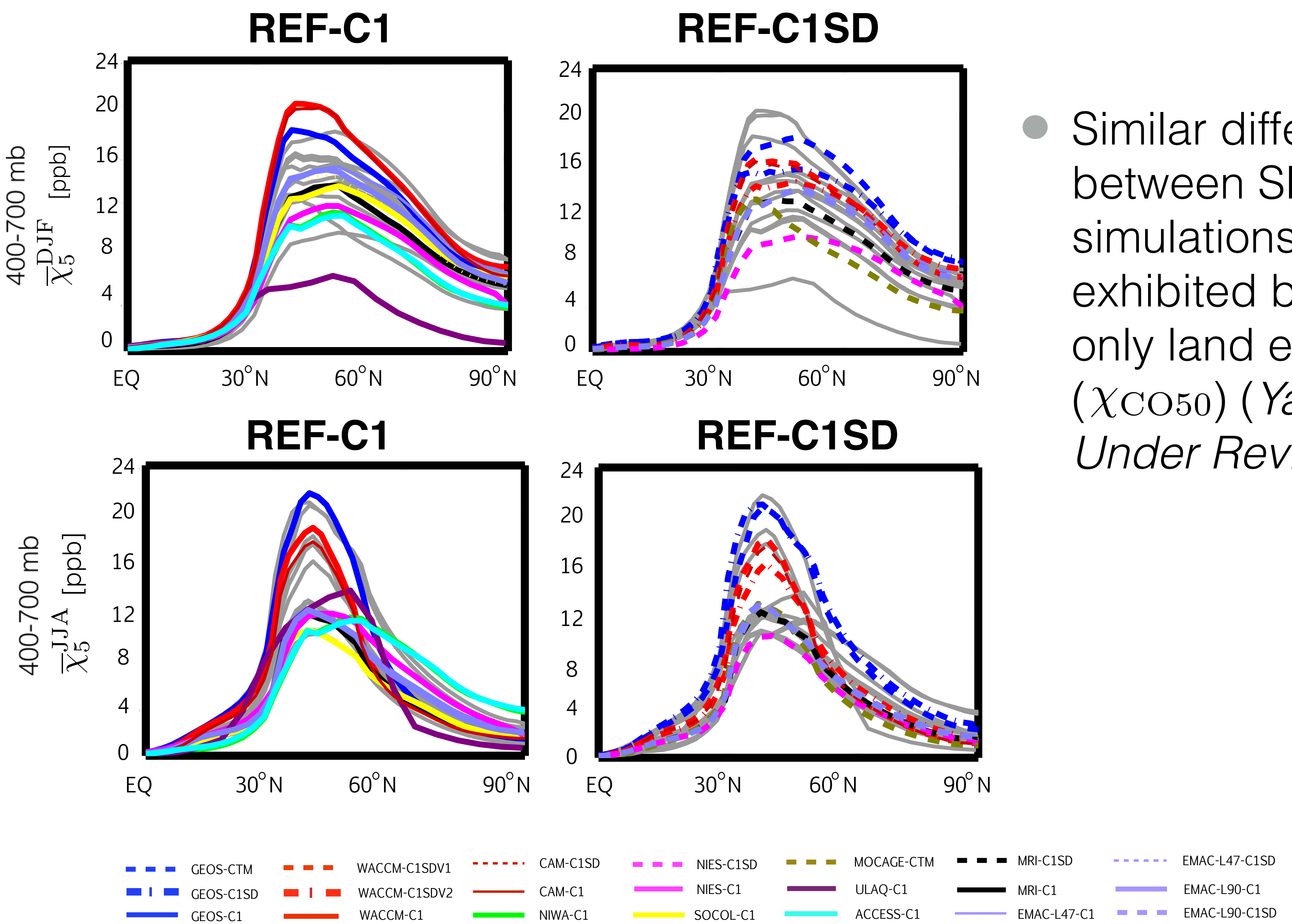

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- Similar differences between SD and FR simulations are also exhibited by tracers with only land emissions (χ_{CO50}) (*Yang et al. (2018, Under Review in ACPD)*).

Transport to the Arctic

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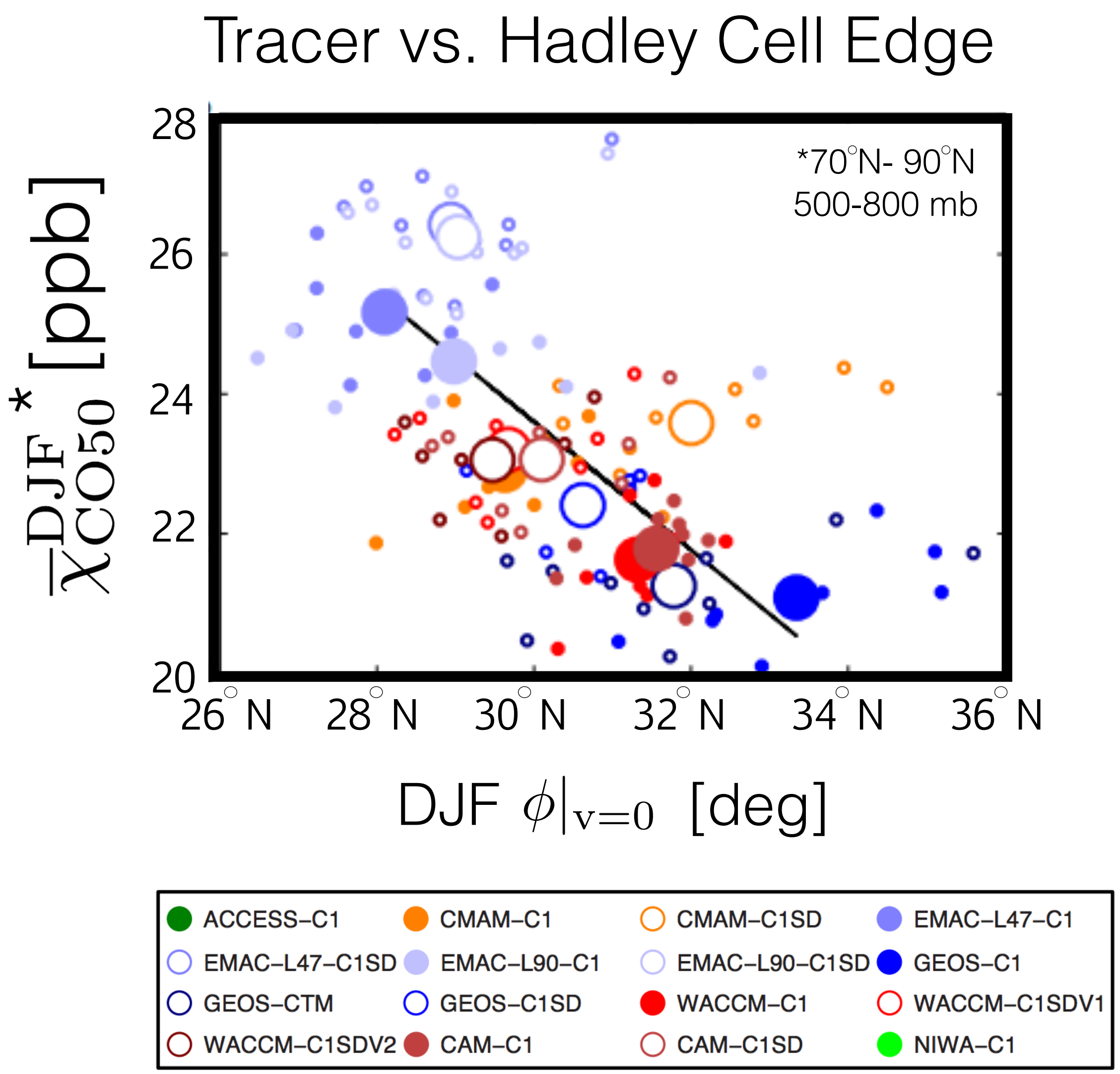


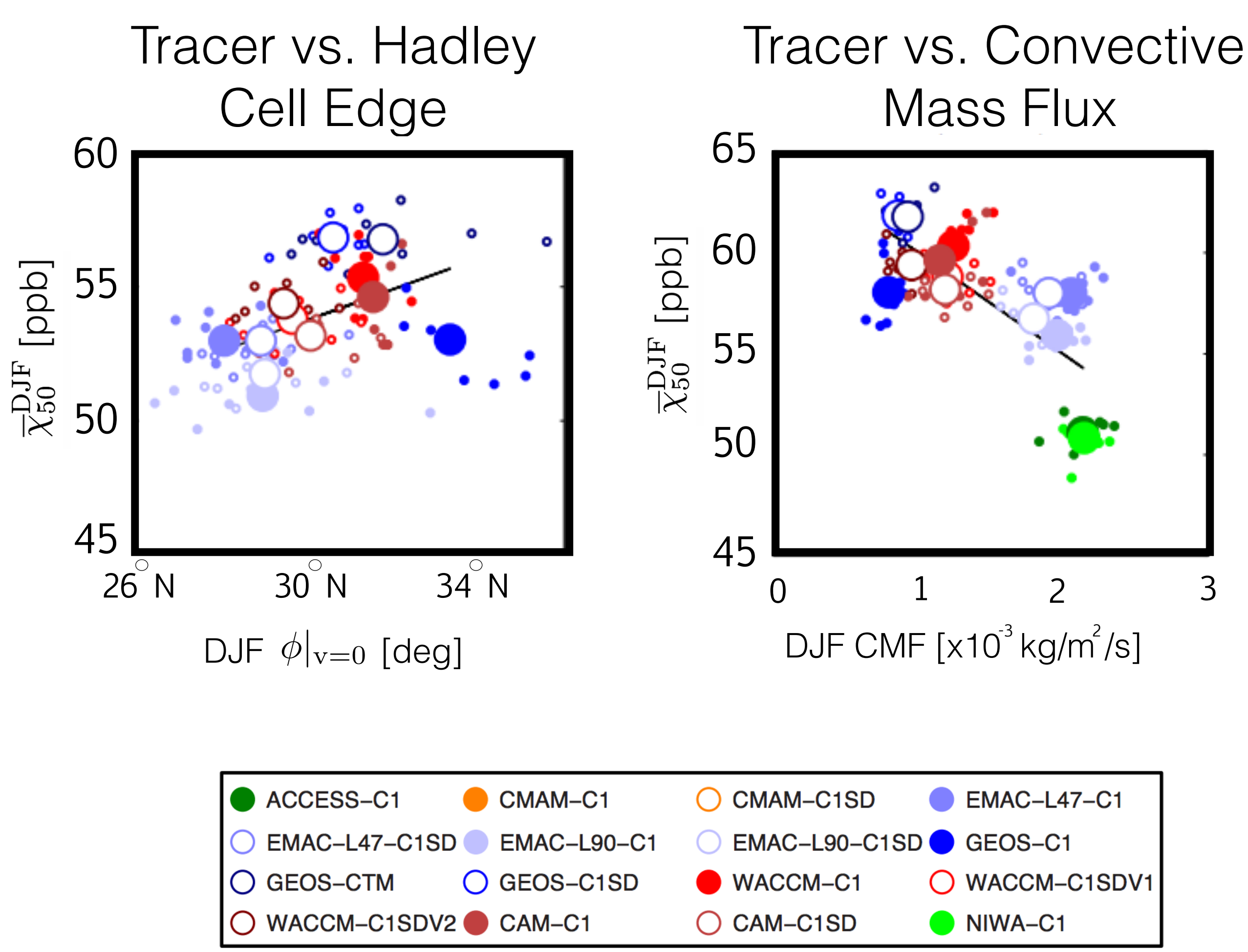
#1 For tracers with land-only emissions ($\overline{\chi}^{\mathrm{DJF}}_{\mathrm{CO50}}$), transport efficiency to the Arctic depends sensitively on the poleward edge of the Hadley Cell (*Yang et al. (2018), Under Review*)

Specified-Dynamics

Free-Running

Transport to the Arctic

Land and Ocean Sources



#2 By comparison, tracers with both ocean and land sources ($\overline{\chi}_{50}^{DJF}$) depend also on convection over oceans (*Orbe et al. (2018), Yang et al. (Under Review)*) and less sensitively on midlatitude jet location and/or Hadley Cell edge.

○ Specified-Dynamics

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Transport to the Arctic

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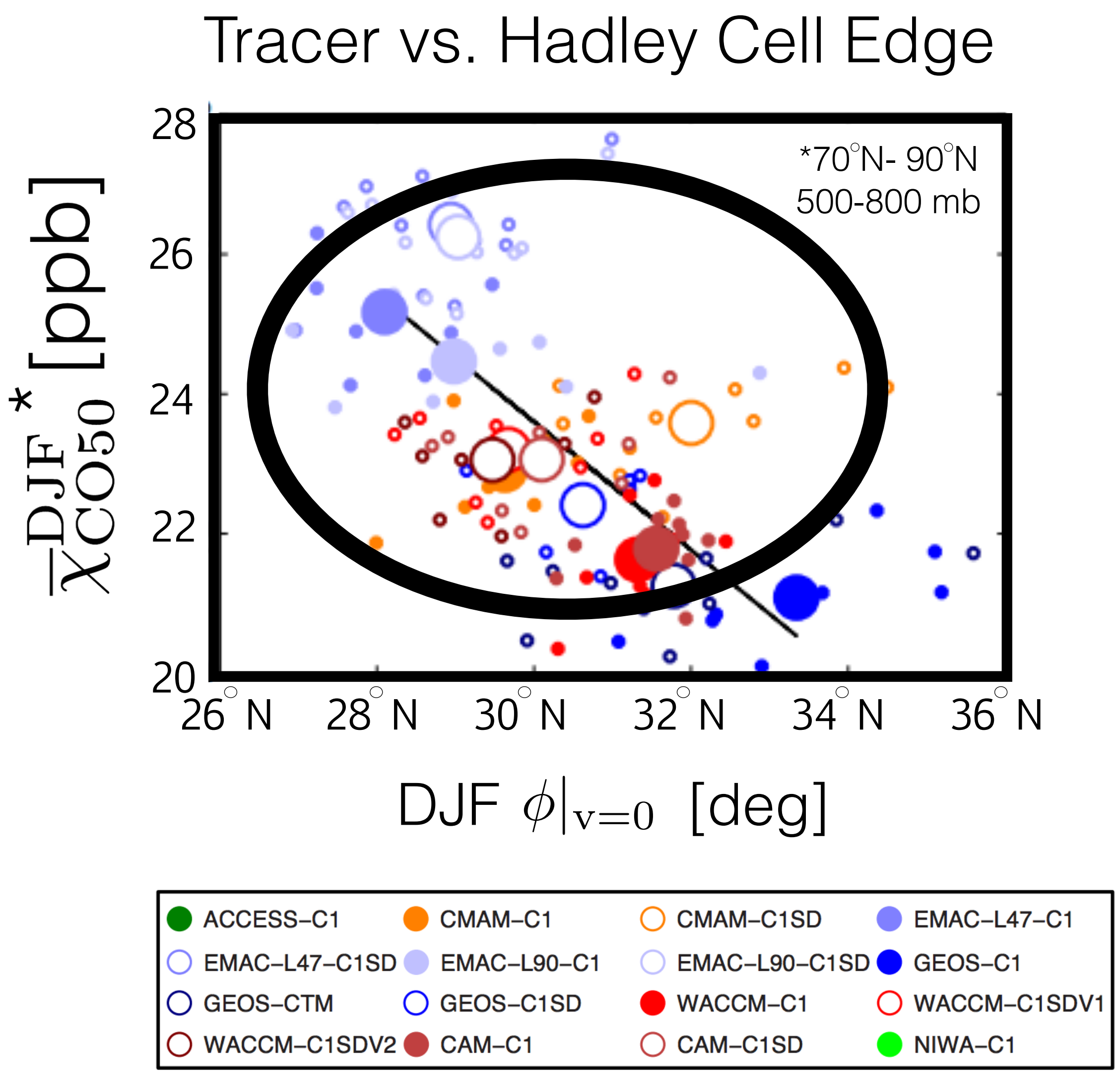
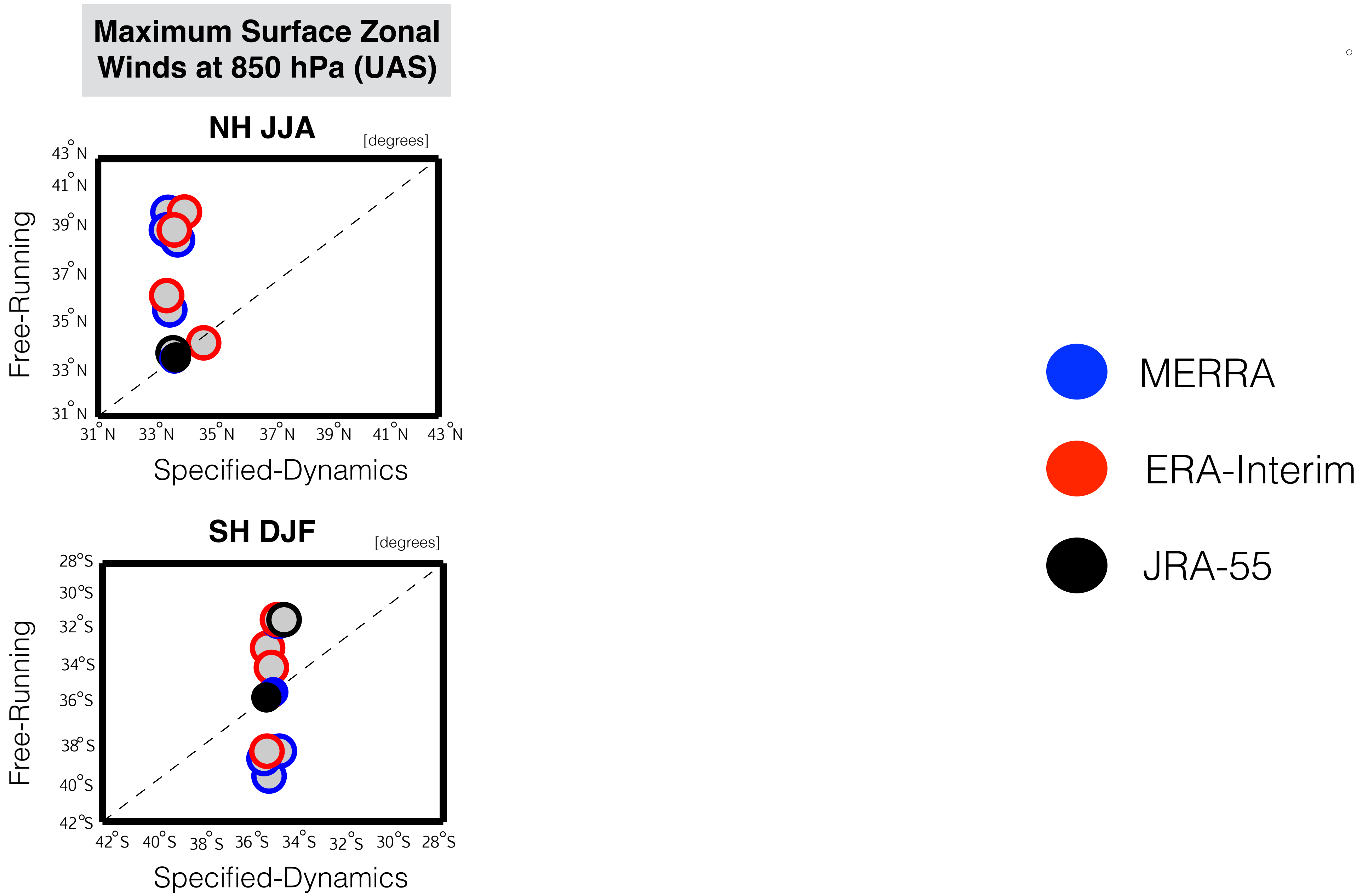


Note that the differences in Hadley Cell edge among specified-dynamics simulations (○) are as large as the differences among free-running simulations (●). This is somewhat surprising.

Transport to the Arctic



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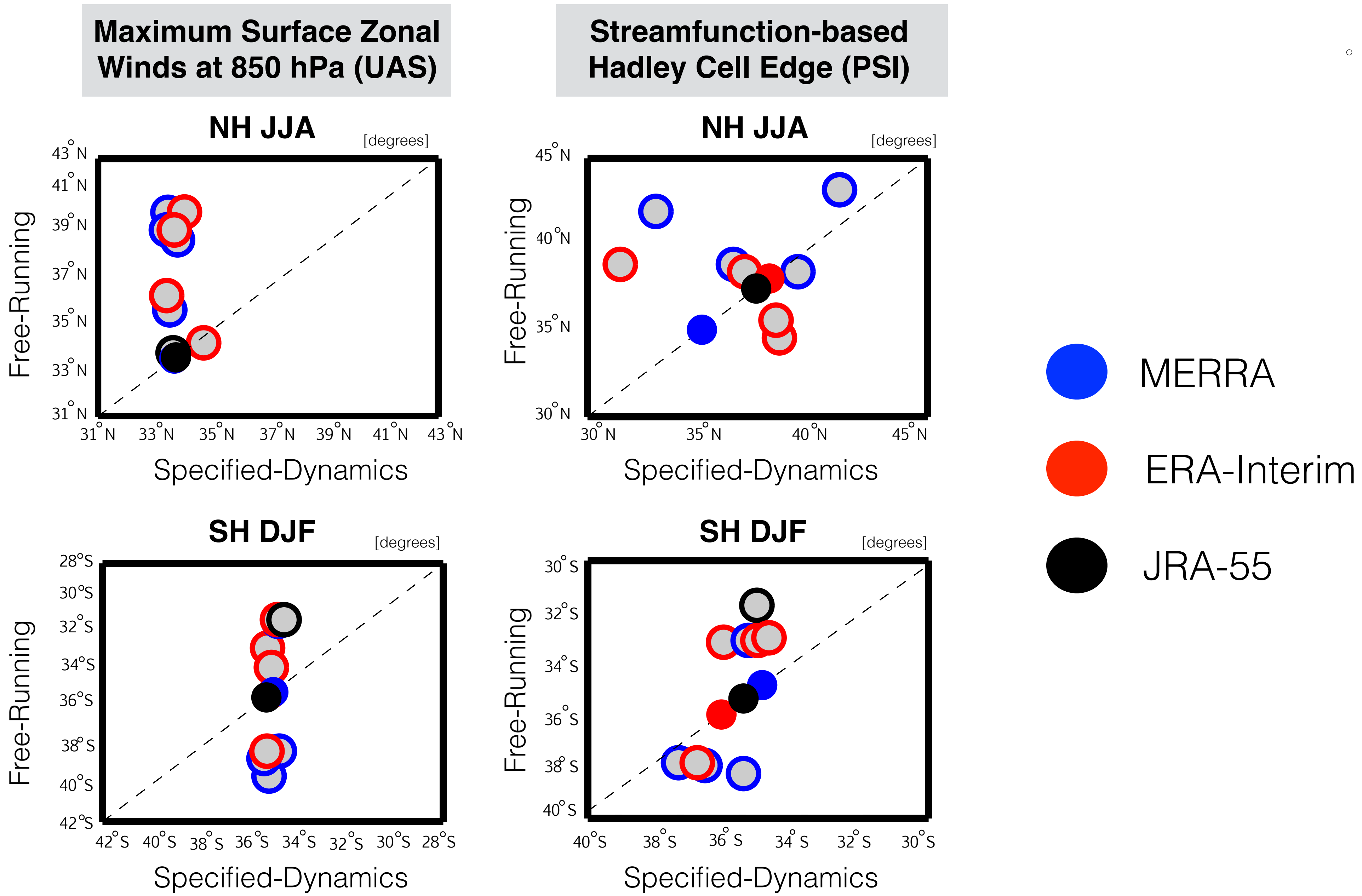

This reflects the fact that, while the zonal winds are well constrained in specified-dynamics simulations, the meridional and vertical component of the flow is not (*Orbe, Plummer et al., In Prep*).

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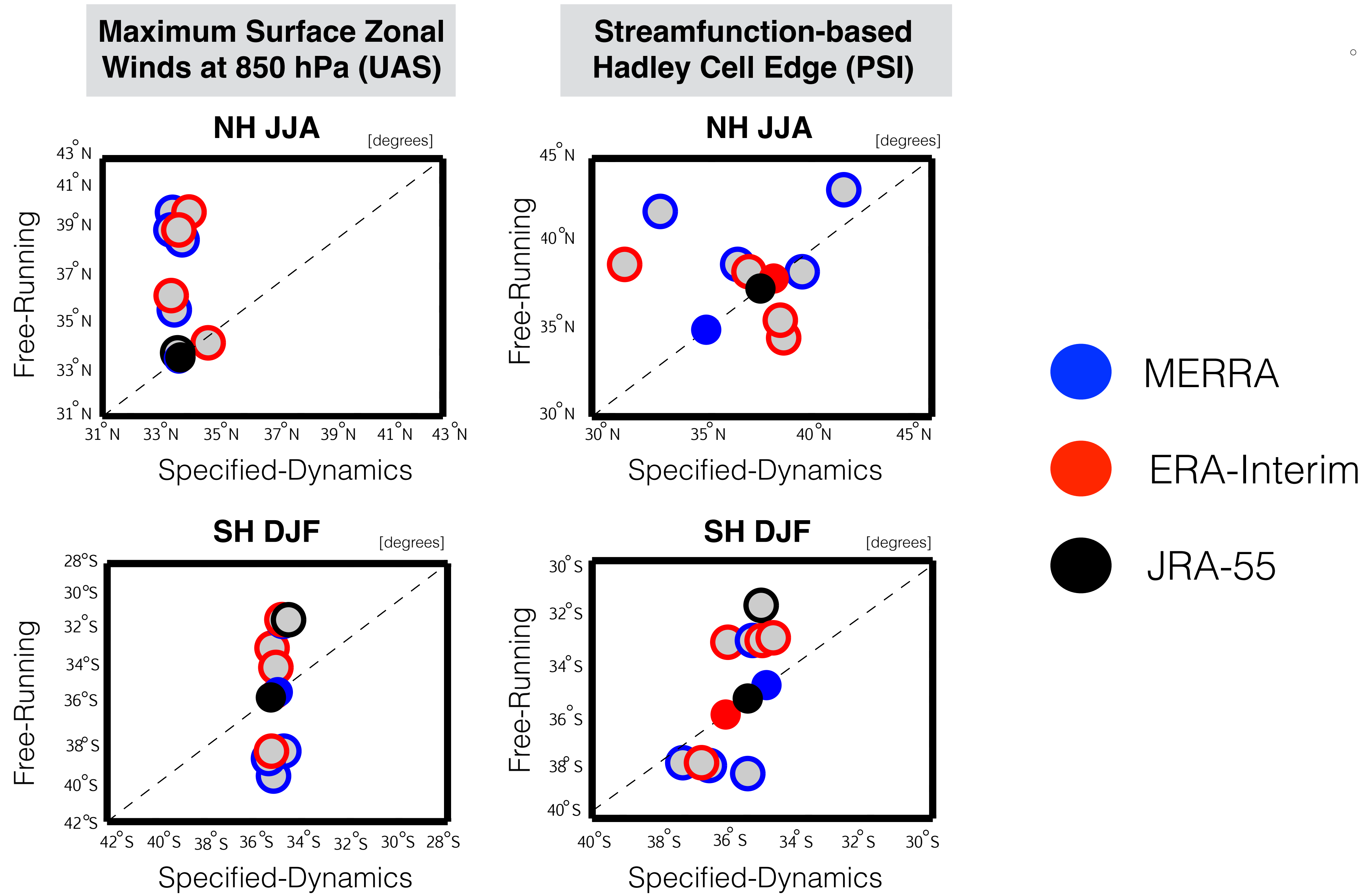
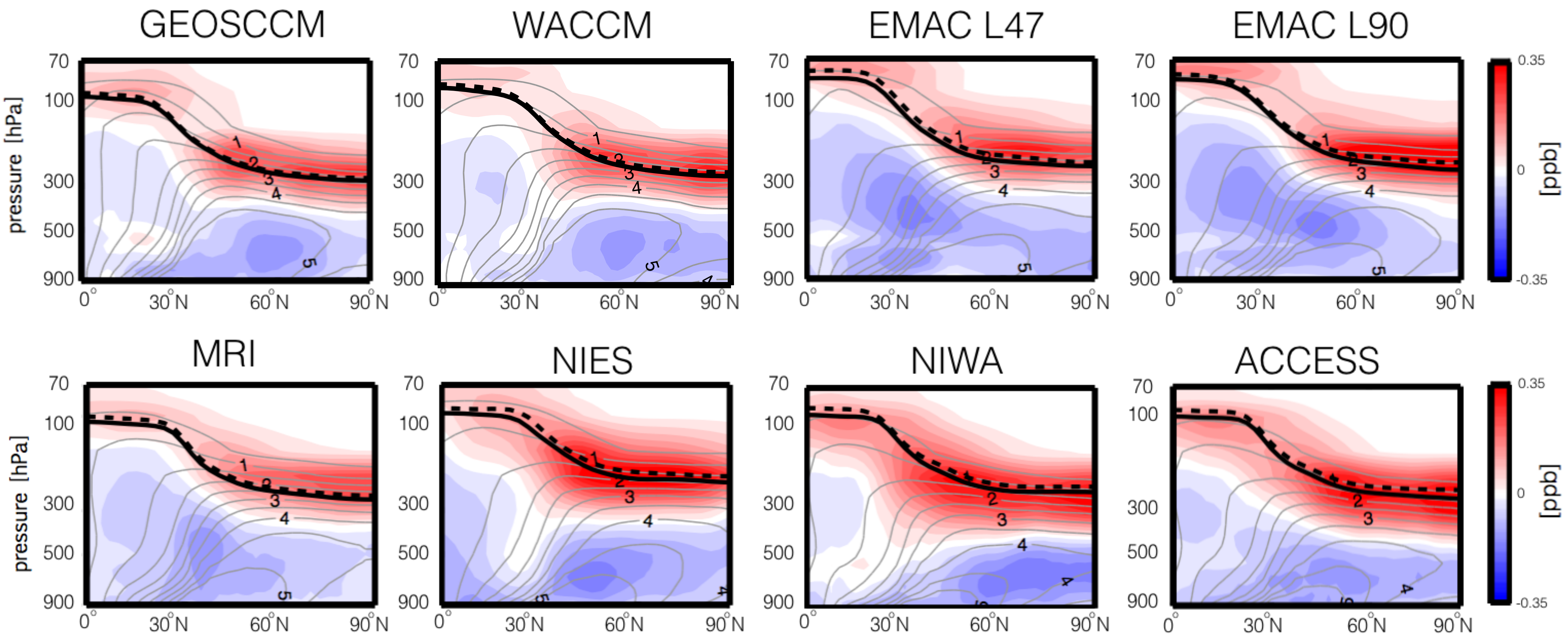


Note that differences among specified-dynamics simulations are not obviously related to the use of different analysis products (●, ●, ●), but rather to how the fields are implemented.

Changes in Transport to the Arctic over the 21st Century



Robust response among CCMI models:

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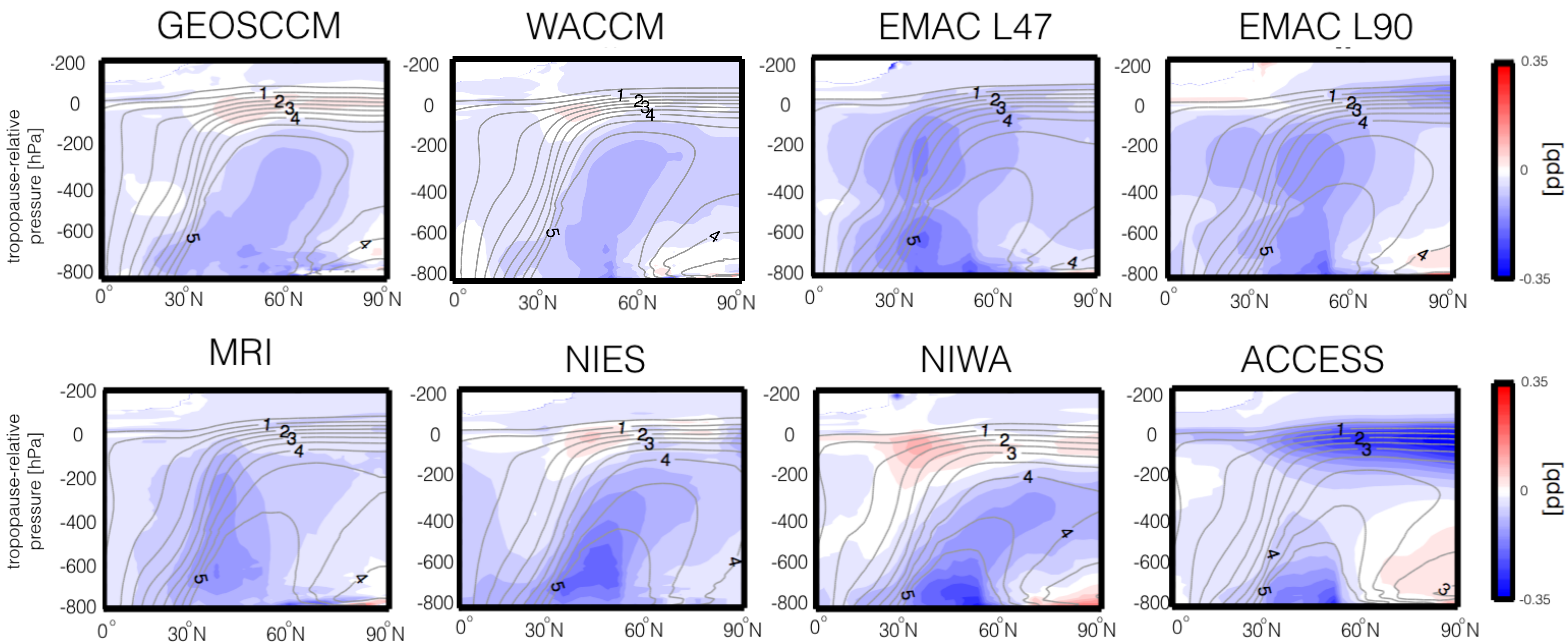

#1 Increased concentrations at the tropopause primarily reflect an increase in tropopause height (*Holzer and Boer (2001), Fang et al. (2011), Doherty et al. (2017), Abalos et al. (2017)).*

#2 Reduced concentrations throughout the troposphere persist.

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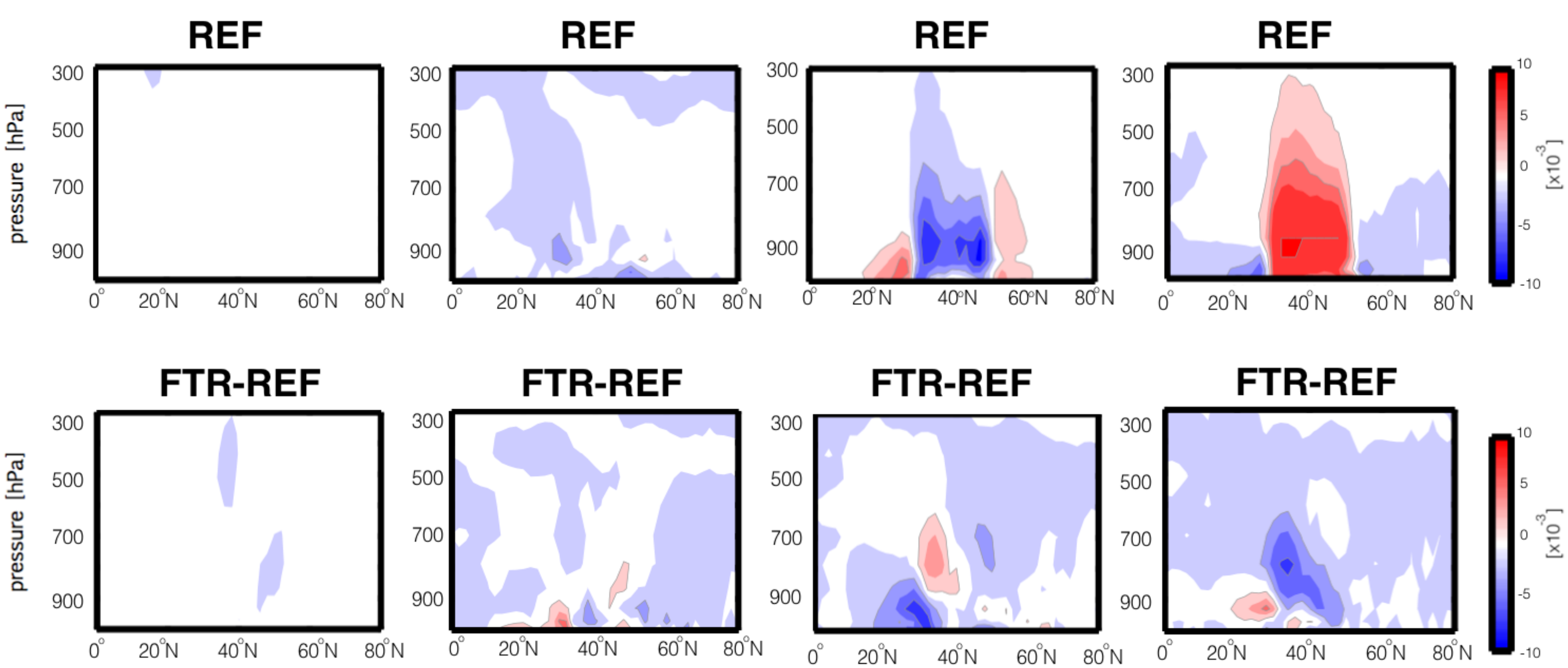

$$\overline{\chi}_t = -\overline{v}^* \overline{\chi}_y - \overline{w}^* \overline{\chi}_z + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M} + \overline{L} + \overline{X}$$

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Tracer budgets, cast in terms of the Transformed Eulerian Mean as in *Abalos et al. (2017)*, indicate that loss tracer concentrations primarily reflect a balance between eddy-induced mixing and transport by (parameterized) convection.

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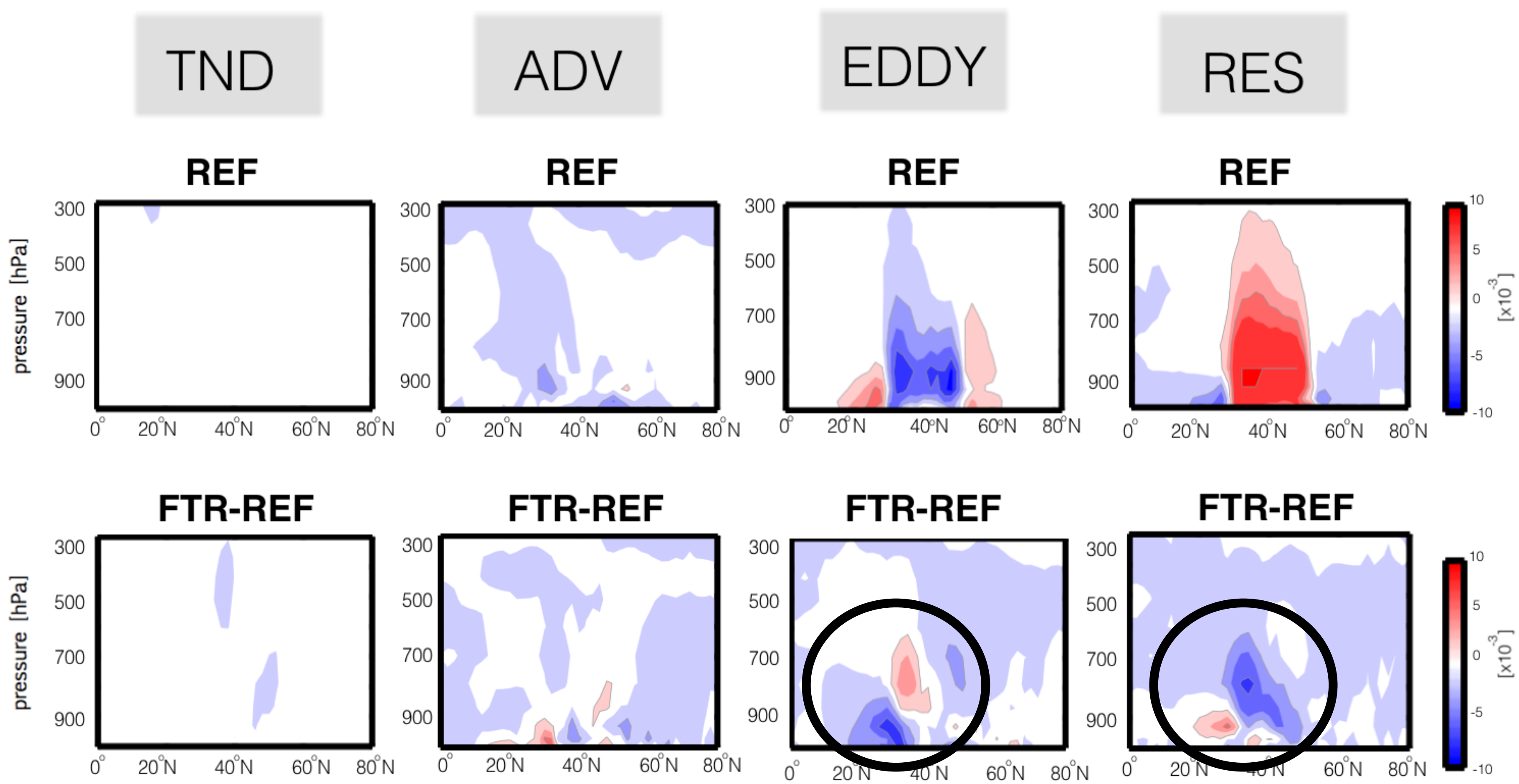

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Changes in budget terms indicate that reduced concentrations of loss tracers are associated with reduced vertical transport by both eddies and convection, not by changes in the mean circulation.

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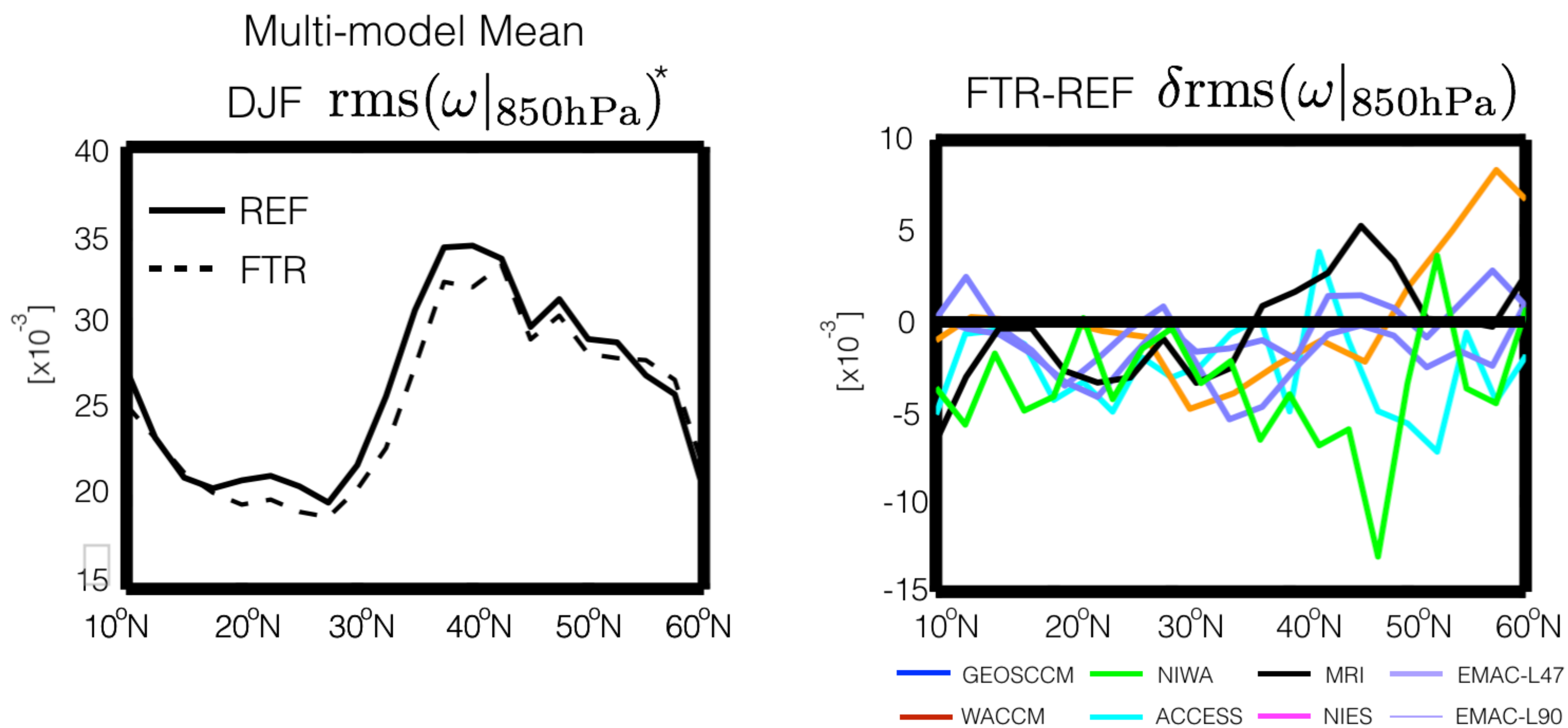

Consist with both reduced convective mass fluxes in the future (*Held and Soden (2006)*) as well as robust decreases in lower tropospheric vertical motion in stationary eddies(*Wills and Schneider, 2016*).

I. Transport to the Arctic

Hindcast (1960-2010) simulations show:

-Large differences in transport to high latitudes among *both* specified-dynamics and free-running simulations.

-Poleward extent of the Hadley Cell controls the poleward transport of tracers emitted only over land, whereas ocean convection matters more for tracers with ocean sources.

-Certain measures of the Hadley Cell are poorly constrained in specified-dynamics simulations, consistent with large differences in meridional transport.

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Orbe, C., D. Plummer., Waugh, D. W., Yang H., and CCMI Co-authors, Description of the Specified-Dynamics Experiment in the Chemistry Climate Model Initiative (CCMI) (*In Prep*)

I. Transport to the Arctic

Future (1960-2100) simulations show:

-Consistent increase in transport of NH midlatitude source tracers into the tropopause/lower stratosphere, primarily due to an increase in tropopause height.

-Reduced vertical transport out of the lower troposphere, consistent with weaker vertical eddies and reduced convective mass fluxes.

Orbe, C., Abalos M., Waugh, D. W., Wang H., et al. Future Projections of Large-scale Tropospheric Transport Changes in the Chemistry-Climate Model Initiative (CCMI) simulations, (*In Prep*).

Interhemispheric Transport

- The differences in interhemispheric transport are also large (30-40%) and no better constrained among the SD simulations (versus FR).

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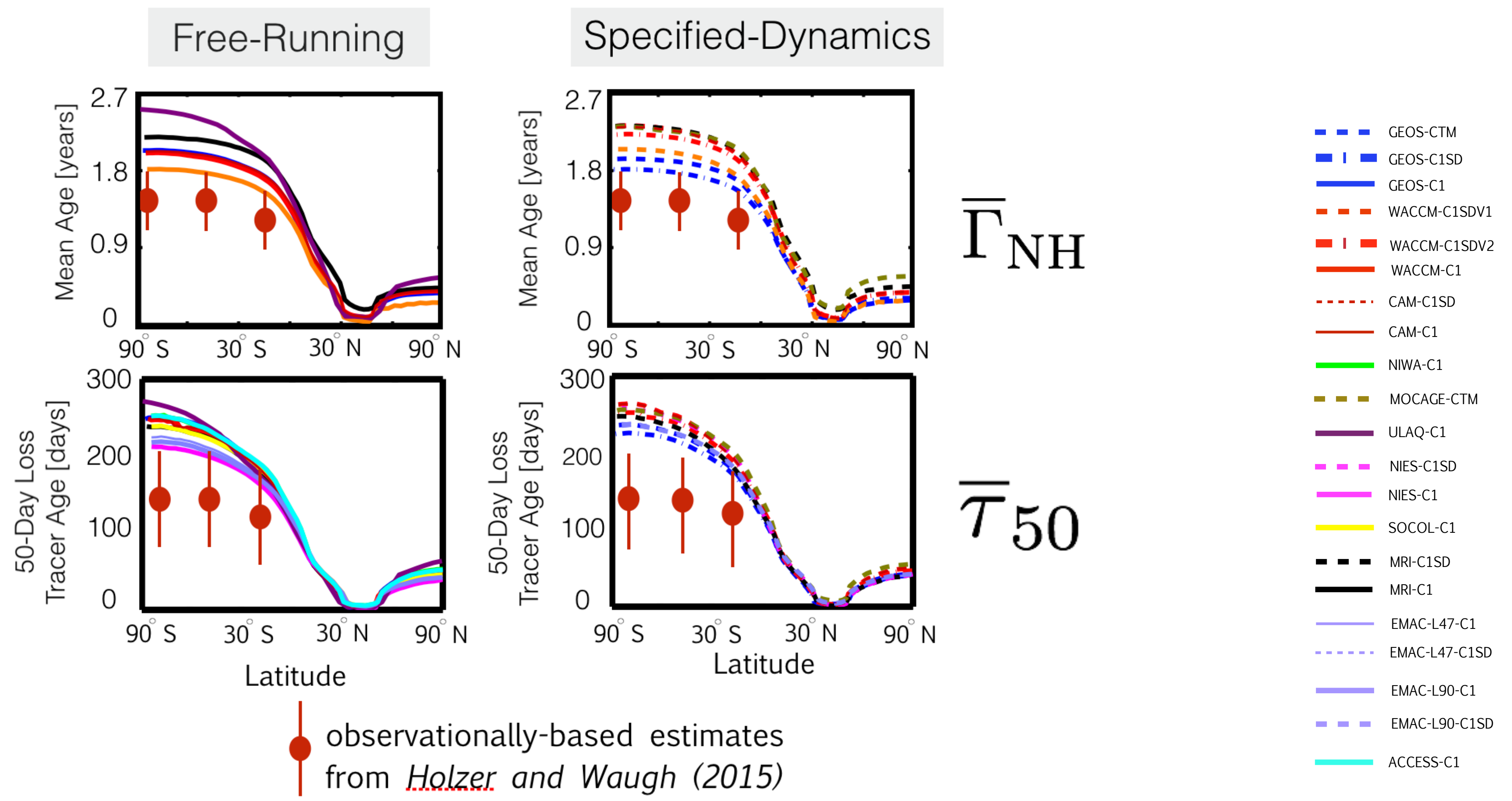

Interhemispheric Transport

- Sparse observationally-based estimates of the mean age and 50-day tracer age (●) indicate that all models tend to feature too slow transport (*Holzer and Waugh (2015)*).

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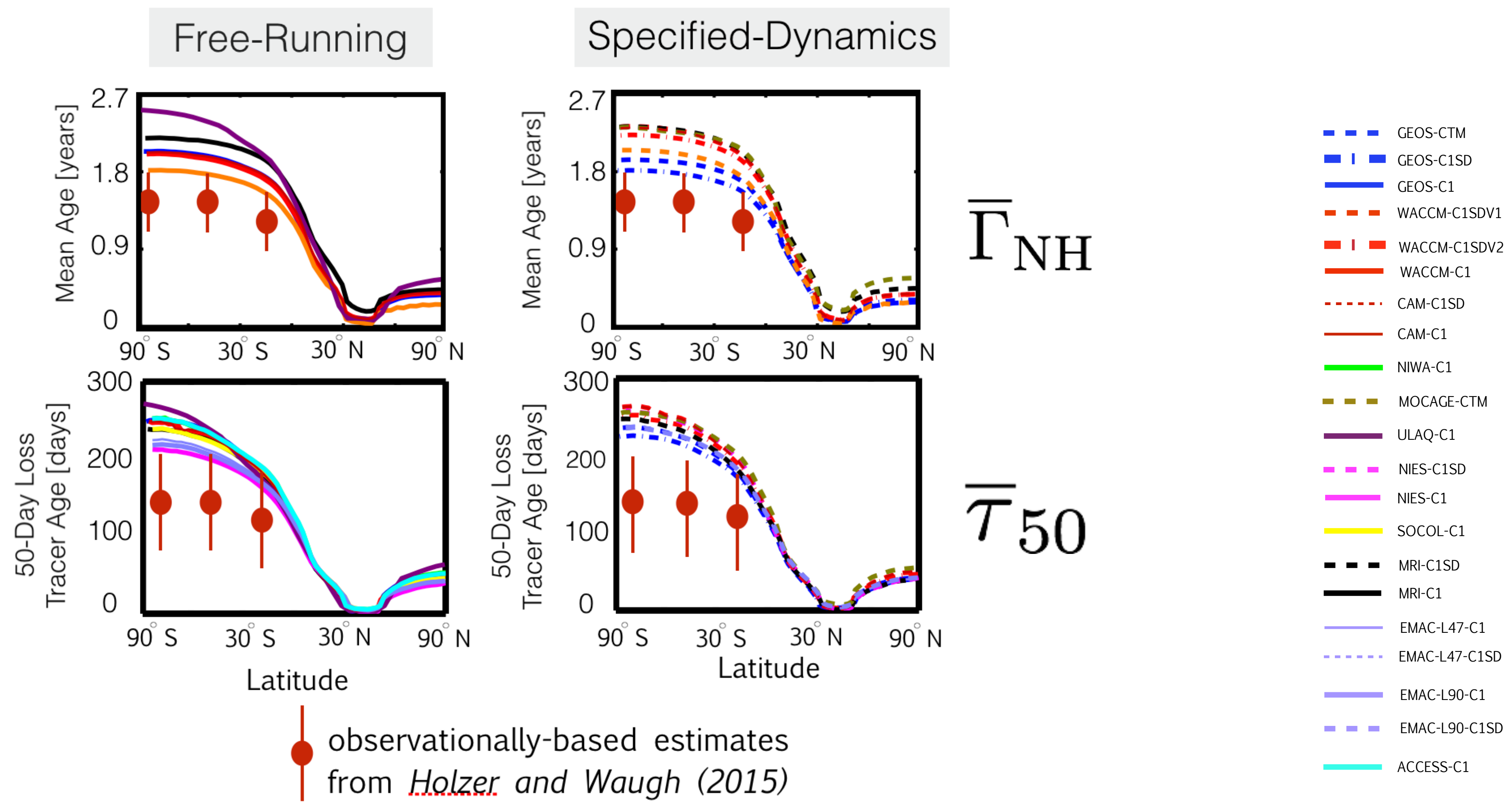
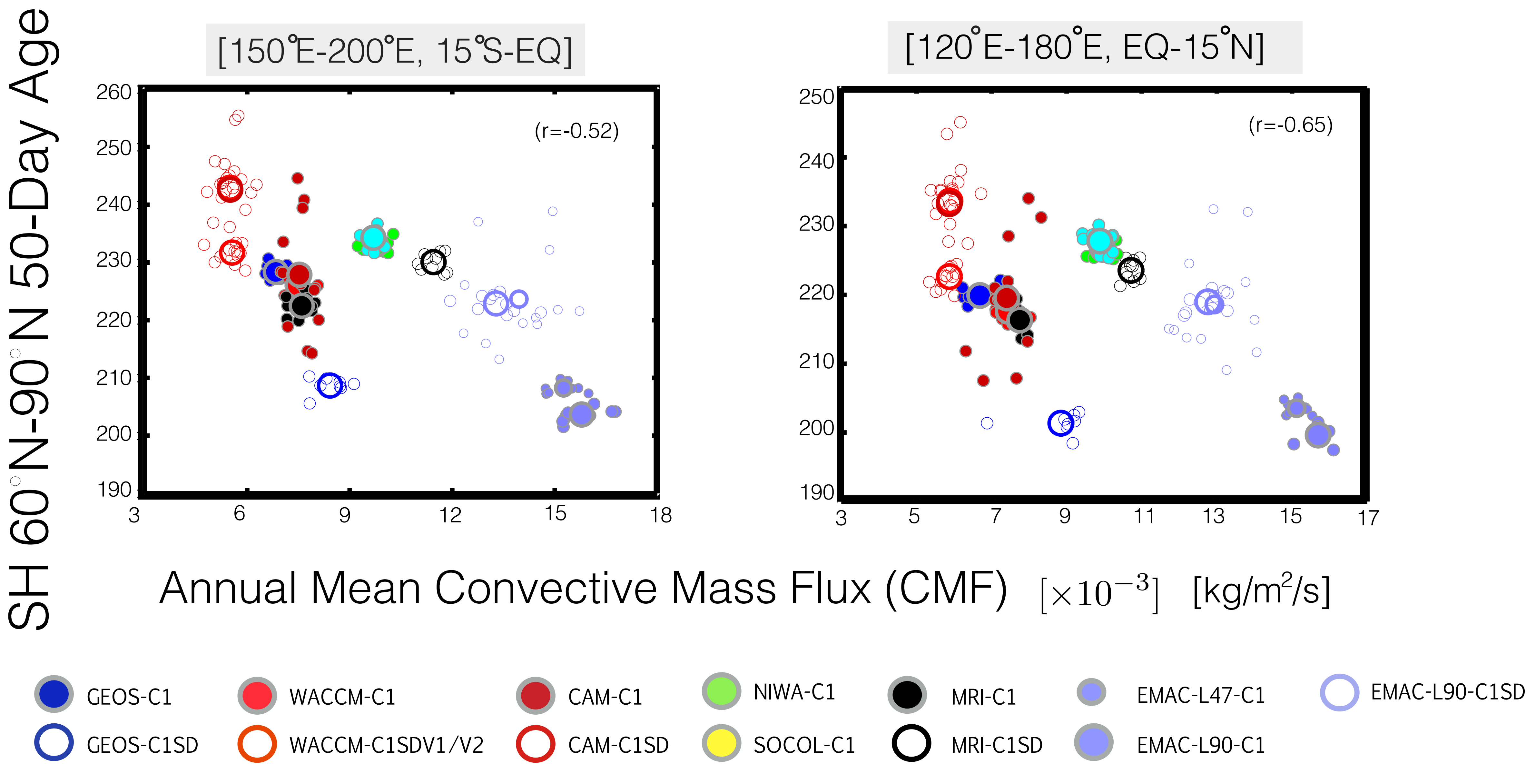


Interhemispheric Transport

- In the annual mean, SH tracer age differences correlate best with differences in (parameterized) convection in the tropics and northern subtropics, particularly over the Pacific Ocean.



Changes in Interhemispheric Transport over the 21st Century

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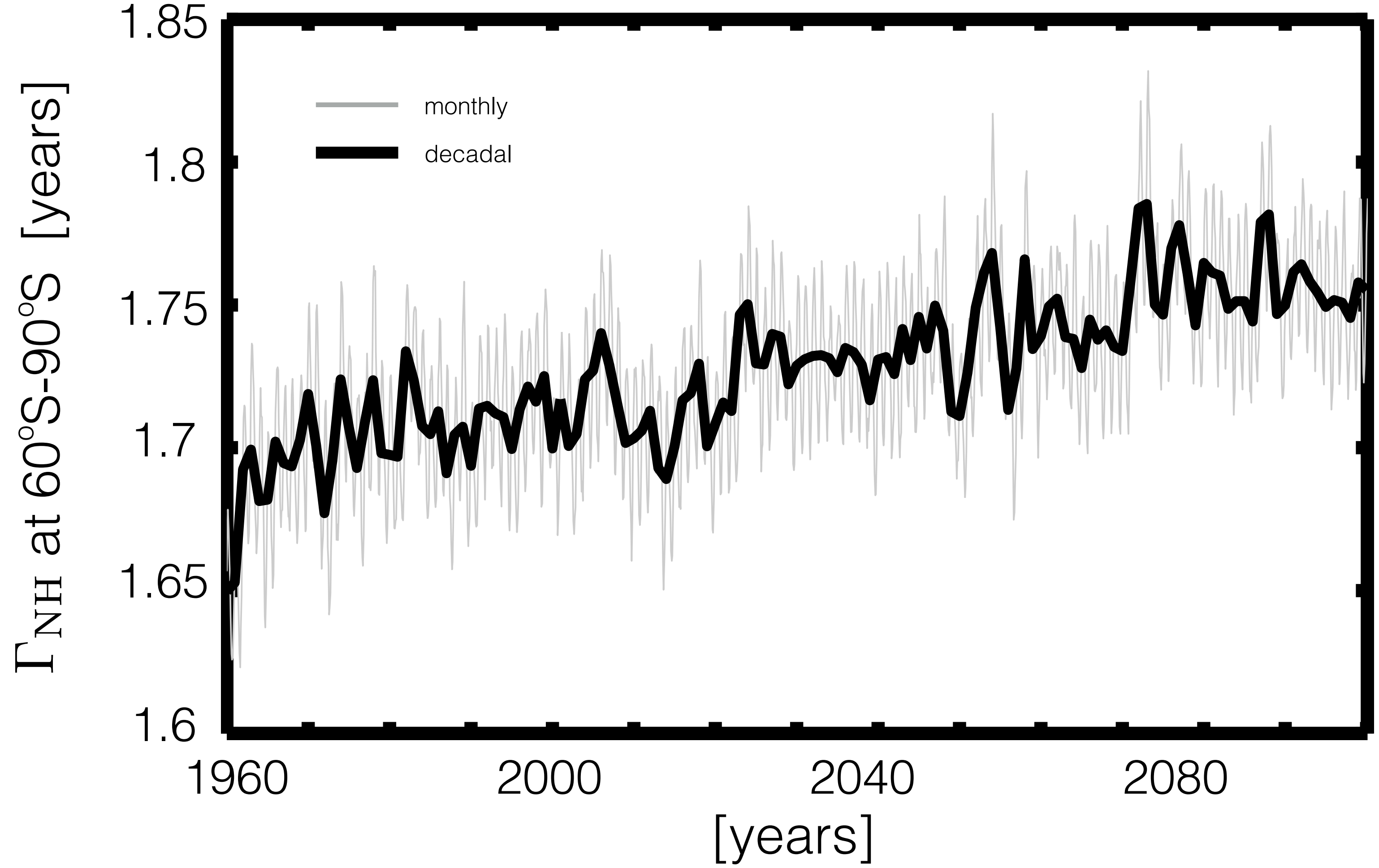

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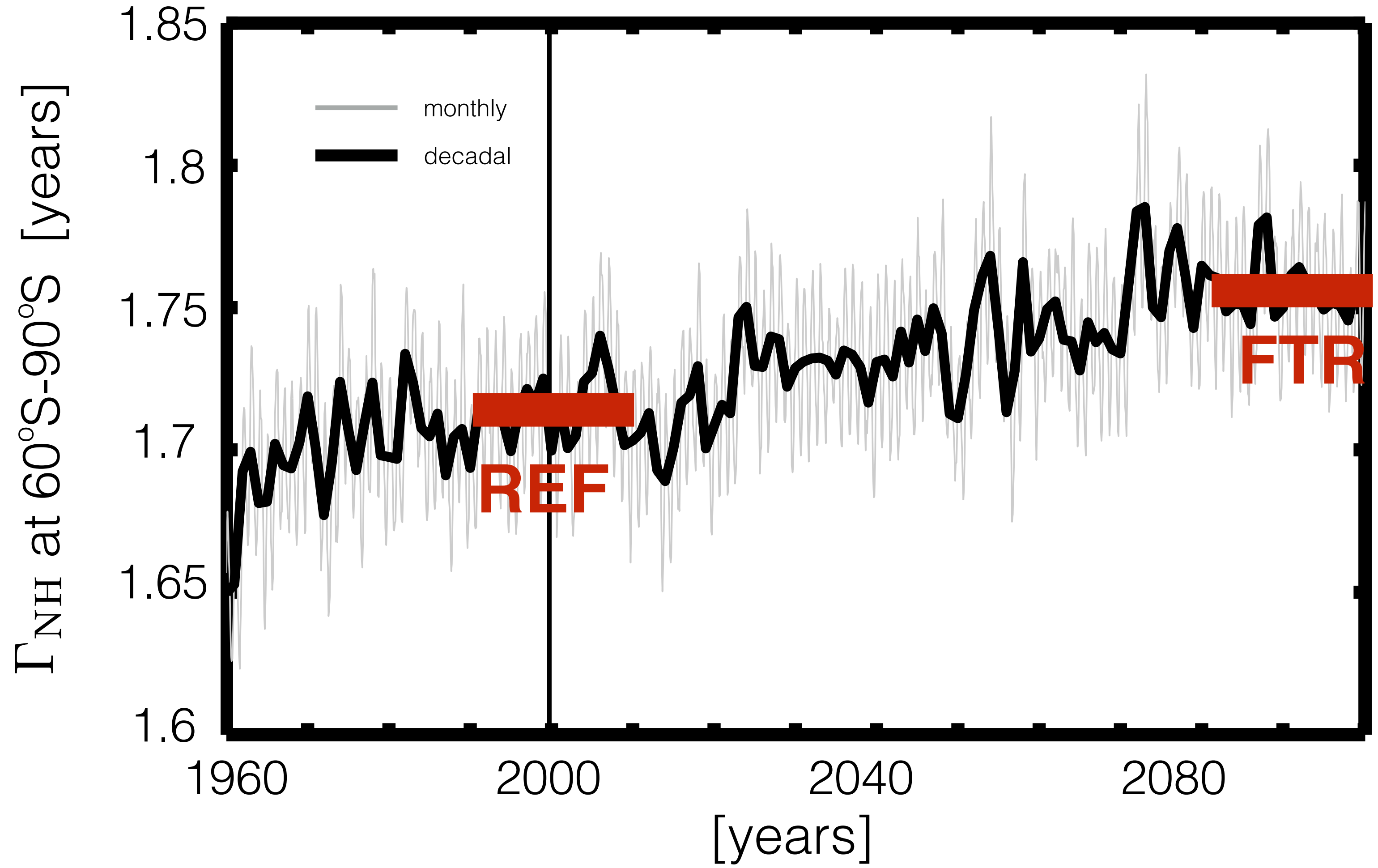

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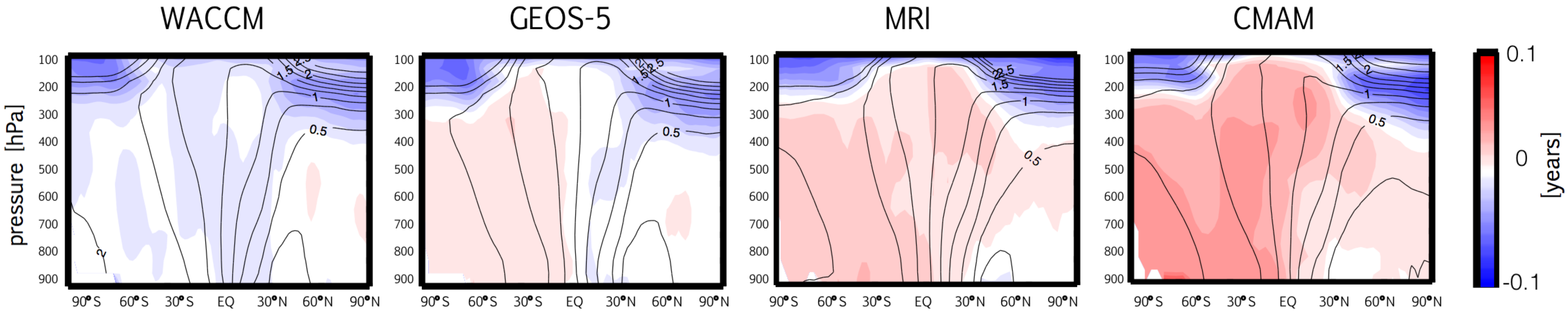
FTR-REF* Changes in Northern Midlatitude Mean Age (Γ_{NH})



Lack of agreement among models, however, with some showing stronger responses than others.

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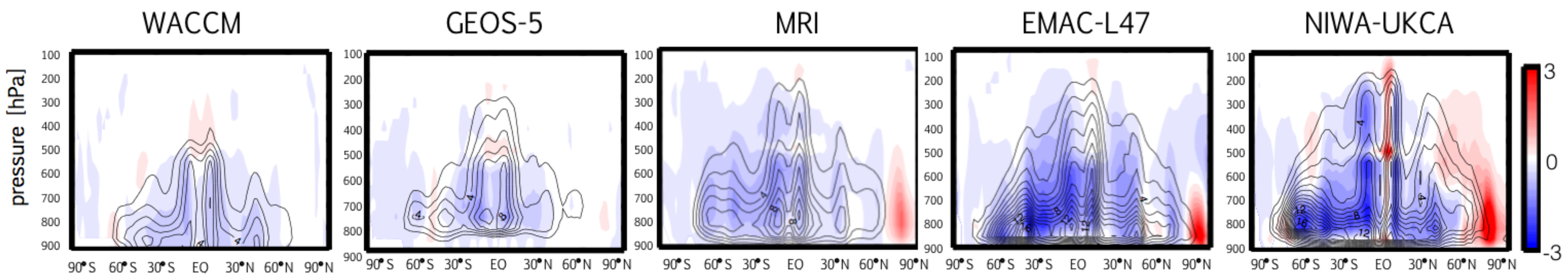

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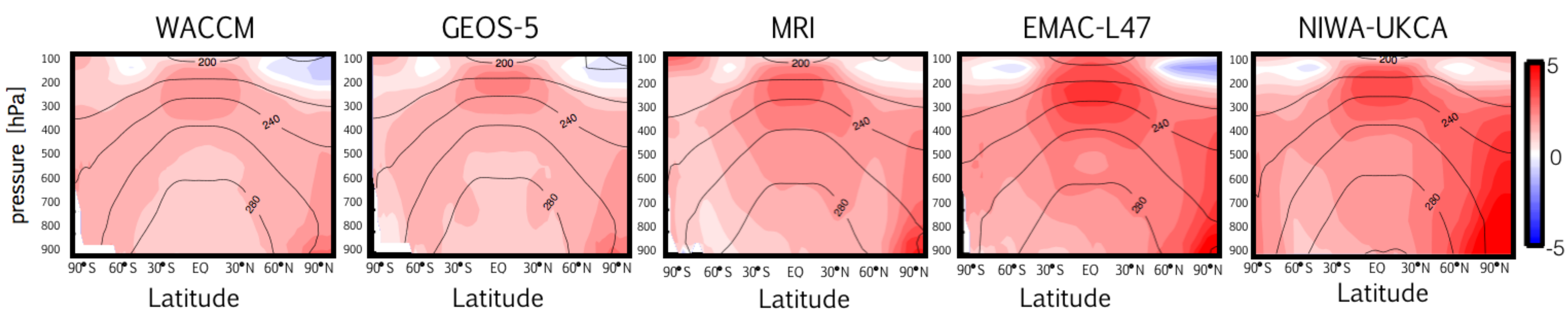

*$\overline{2080\text{-}2100}$ - $\overline{1990\text{-}2010}$

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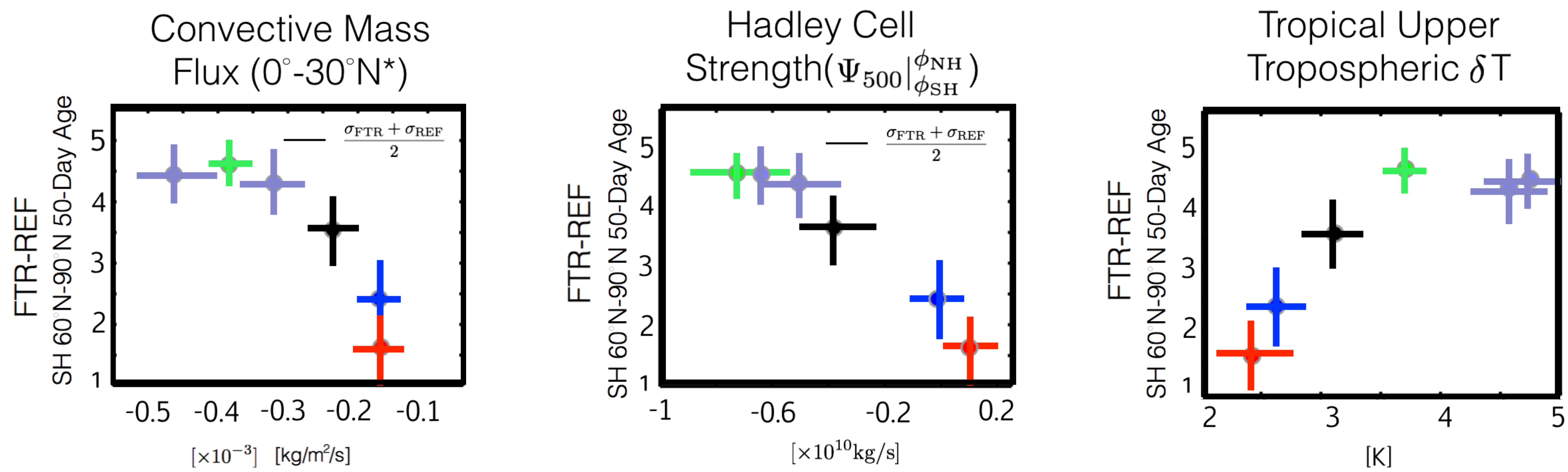

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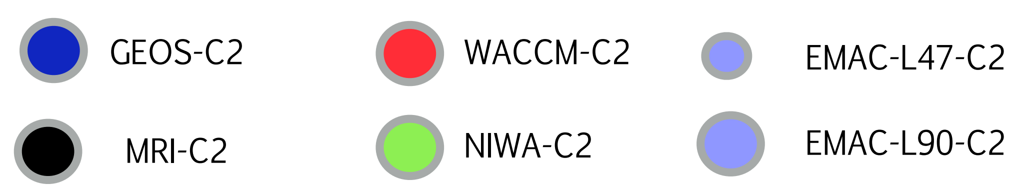

(Orbe, Abalos et al. In Prep)

II. Interhemispheric Transport

Hindcast (1960-2010) simulations show:

-Large differences in interhemispheric transport among *both* specified-dynamics and free-running simulations.

-Strength of (sub)tropical convection is positively correlated with differences in the efficiency of interhemispheric transport among models.

Orbe, C., Yang, H., Waugh, D. W., Zeng, G., Morgenstern, O., Kinnison, D. E. et al. (2018). Large-scale tropospheric transport in the Chemistry-Climate Model Initiative (CCMI) simulations. *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, 18(10), 7217-7235.*

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Future (1960-2100) simulations show:

-Weaker (~5-10%) interhemispheric transport by the end of the 21st century, although some models show no significant changes.

-Interhemispheric transport response is correlated with changes in the strength of lower tropospheric convection and the amount of upper tropospheric tropical warming.

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