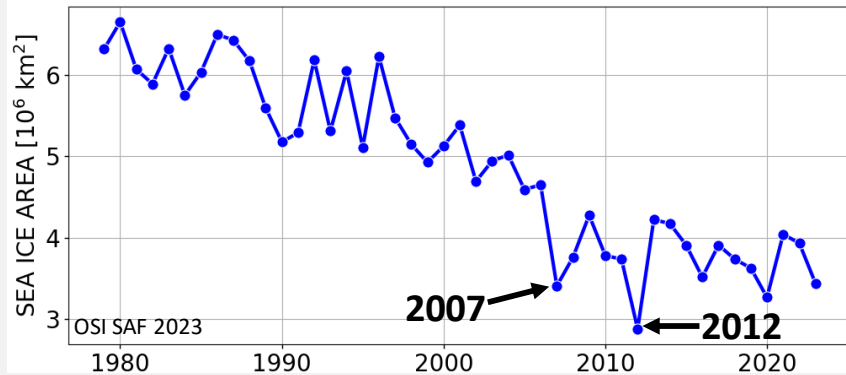


# Studying extreme Arctic sea ice lows with rare event simulation techniques

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September pan-Arctic sea ice area



**Problem:** robust quantitative statistical analysis of **climate extremes** hindered by **lack of data**

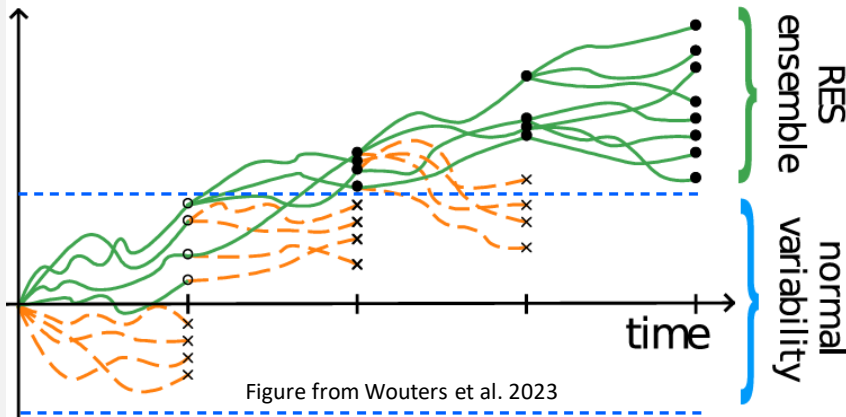
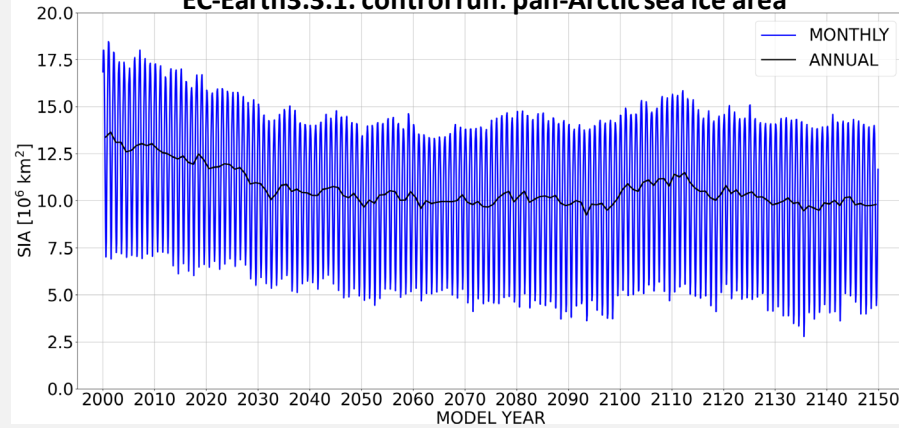


Figure from Wouters et al. 2023

**Possible solution:** oversample **extremes** in climate model simulations with a **rare event algorithm**

EC-Earth3.3.1. control run: pan-Arctic sea ice area

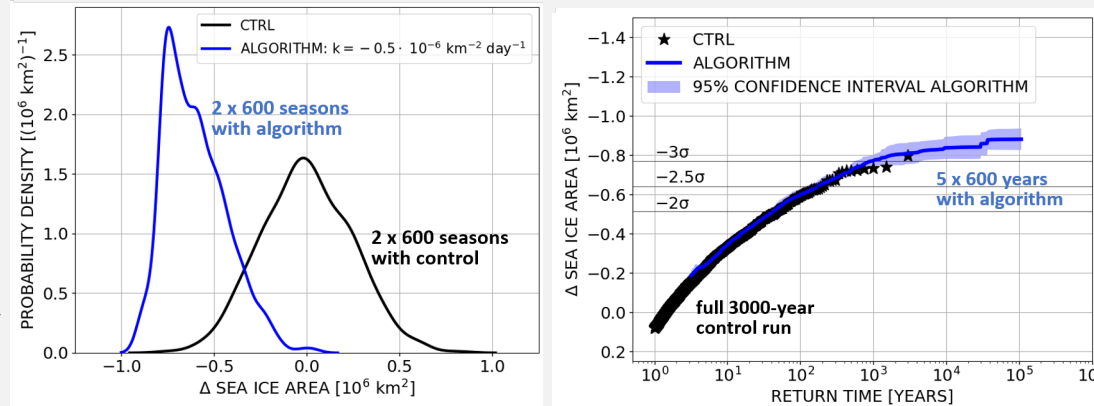


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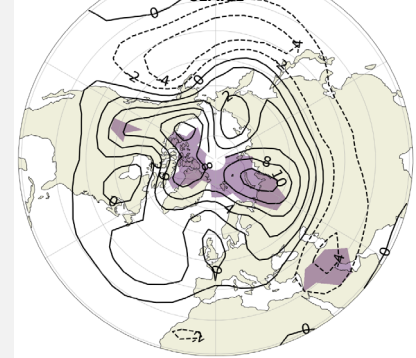
- Implementation of the **algorithm** to **EC-Earth3.3.1**
- Study on extreme sea ice lows under stationary year-2000 climate



Pan-Arctic sea ice area anomalies



2500 [gpm]:  $r_{\text{SEAICE}} > 200$  years



Application to **PlaSim-T21-LSG** (Sauer et al. 2023):

- **Improved composite statistics** compared to control run + **ultra-rare events**
- **Ingredients:** winter preconditioning, warm/moist spring atmosphere, ice-albedo feedback