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The North Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)

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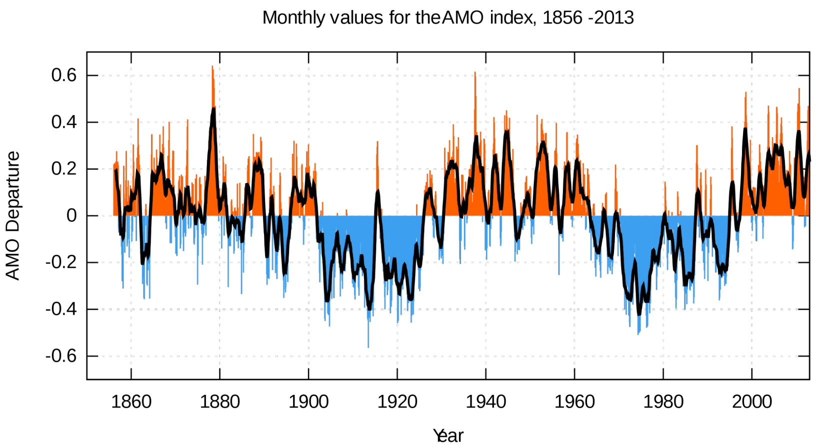
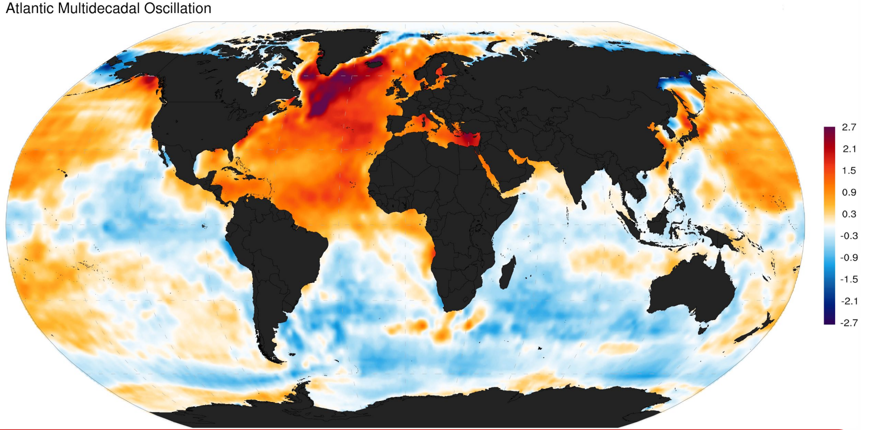


The AMO is:

- a **low-frequency** climate **cycle**,
- characterized by variations in sea surface temperature (SST) over the North Atlantic Ocean.



The **cold/warm phases** may last for **20-40 years**.

It has wide **impacts** on the **climate** of the **Northern Hemisphere**: hurricane activity, precipitation patterns, global temperature trends

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Objective: calculate the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation index in future climate projections

Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP6)

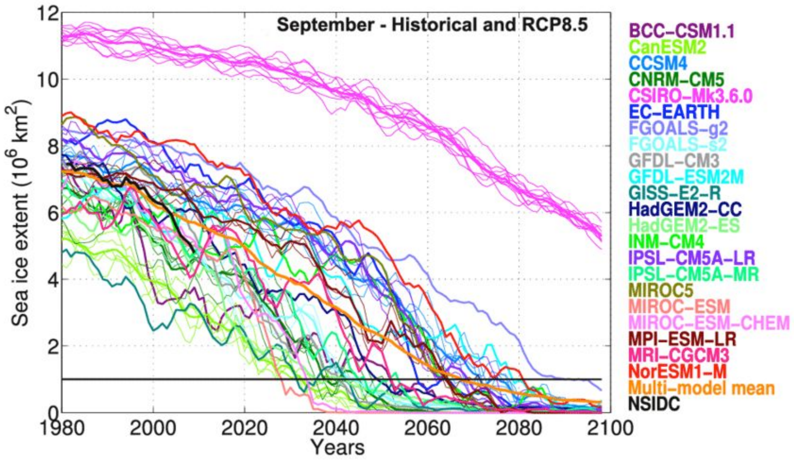
Collaborative framework involving research centers worldwide for producing climate model simulations.

Includes a variety of **Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP)**:

- Climate scenarios imagining different futures based on global development and greenhouse gas emissions.

Uses an **ensemble approach**:

- Multiple simulations produced for each scenario
- Same model configuration, but different initial conditions



Data

data ~ 150 YEARS OF DATA
> 100 models
> 40 research centers
> 1000 variables

Available in Google Cloud

CMIP6 catalogue: https://storage.googleapis.com/cmip6/cmip6-zarr-consolidated-stores.csv

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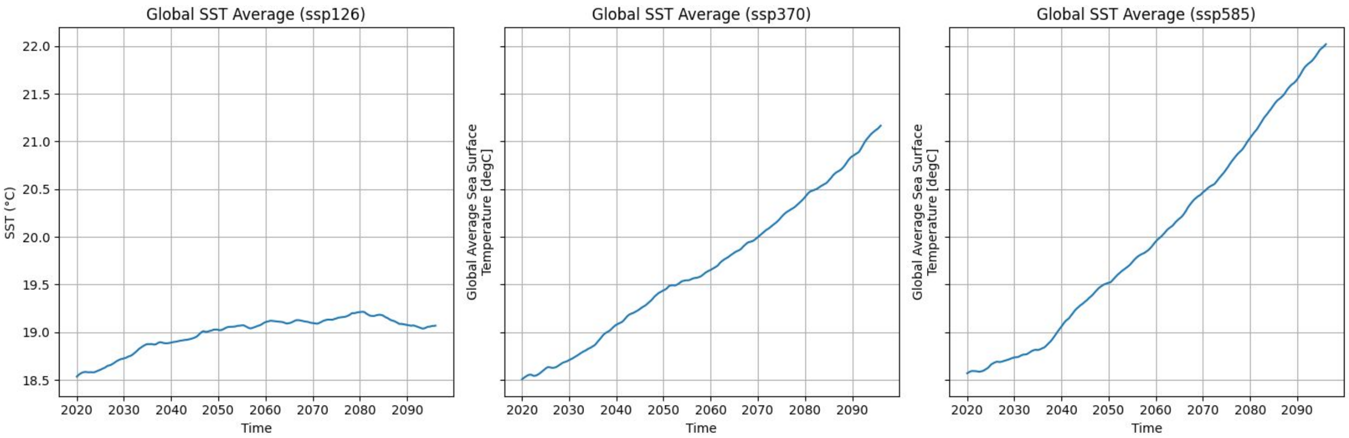
320 rows × 11 columns

Accessing Zarr Datasets with Xarray

Data

- **Model** (*source_id*): IPSL-CM6A-LR (Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace)
- **Member** (*member_id*): only one
- **Scenarios** (*experiment_id*): SSP1-2.6, SSP3-7.0, SSP5-8.5
- **Variables:**
  - *tos*: Sea surface temperature [°C] (monthly time step)
  - *tosga*: Global Sea Surface Temperature [°C] (monthly time step)
  - *areacello*: Grid-Cell Area for Ocean Variables [m^2]



Calculate the North Atlantic SST Average

$$A = \frac{\sum sst(x,y) \cdot areacello(x,y)}{total\ area}$$

- SST: `tos` variable, which provides SST at each point (x, y) on the grid tic
- `areacello:` area of each grid cell. Weighting the SST values by the cell area ensures the calculation is accurate and unbiased
- Divide by the `total area` of the region to compute the average

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Components of North Atlantic SST Variability

$$A = \underbrace{\text{AMO}}_{\text{North Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation}} + \underbrace{\text{climate change}}_{\text{long-term trend of increasing global temperatures}} + \underbrace{\text{seasonal cycle}}_{\text{regular annual pattern of SST variation}} + \underbrace{\text{random variability}}_{\text{unpredictable fluctuations}}$$

Remove the seasonal cycle

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monthly_mean = A.groupby('time.month').mean(dim='time')
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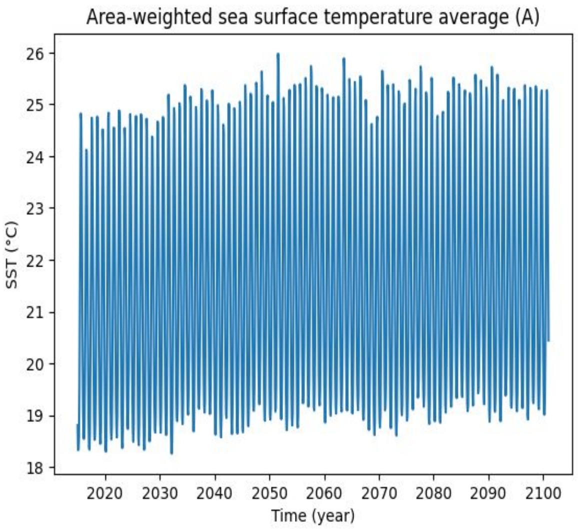
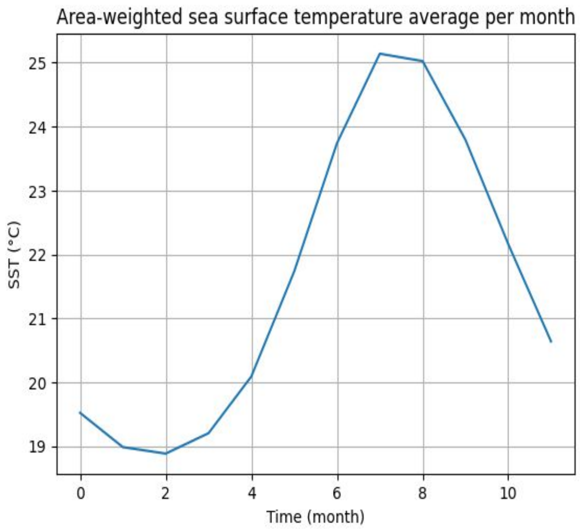
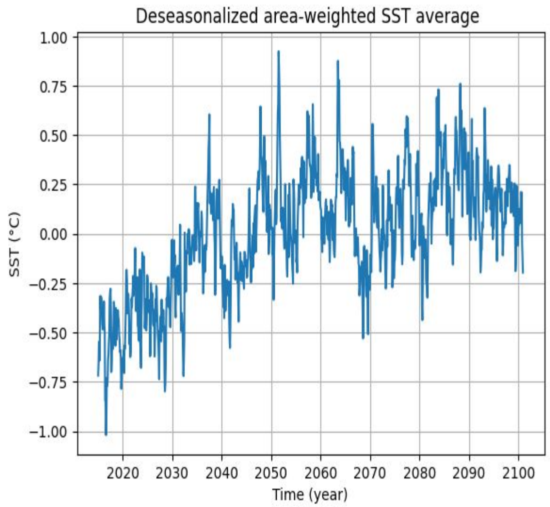


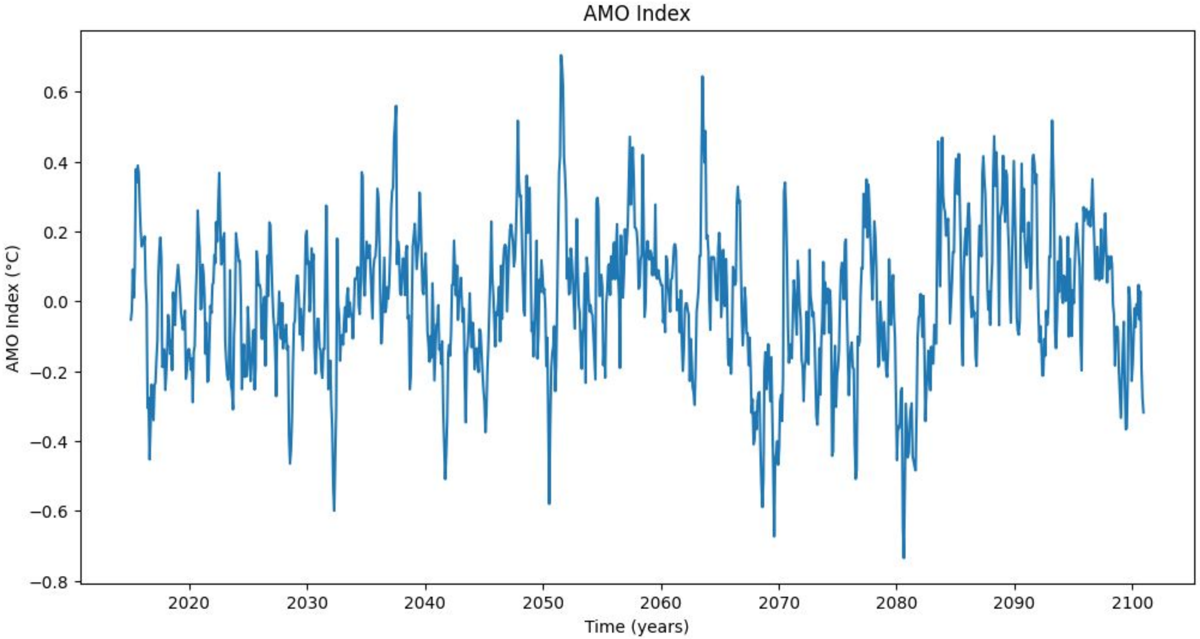




A − monthly_mean = AMO + climate change + random variability

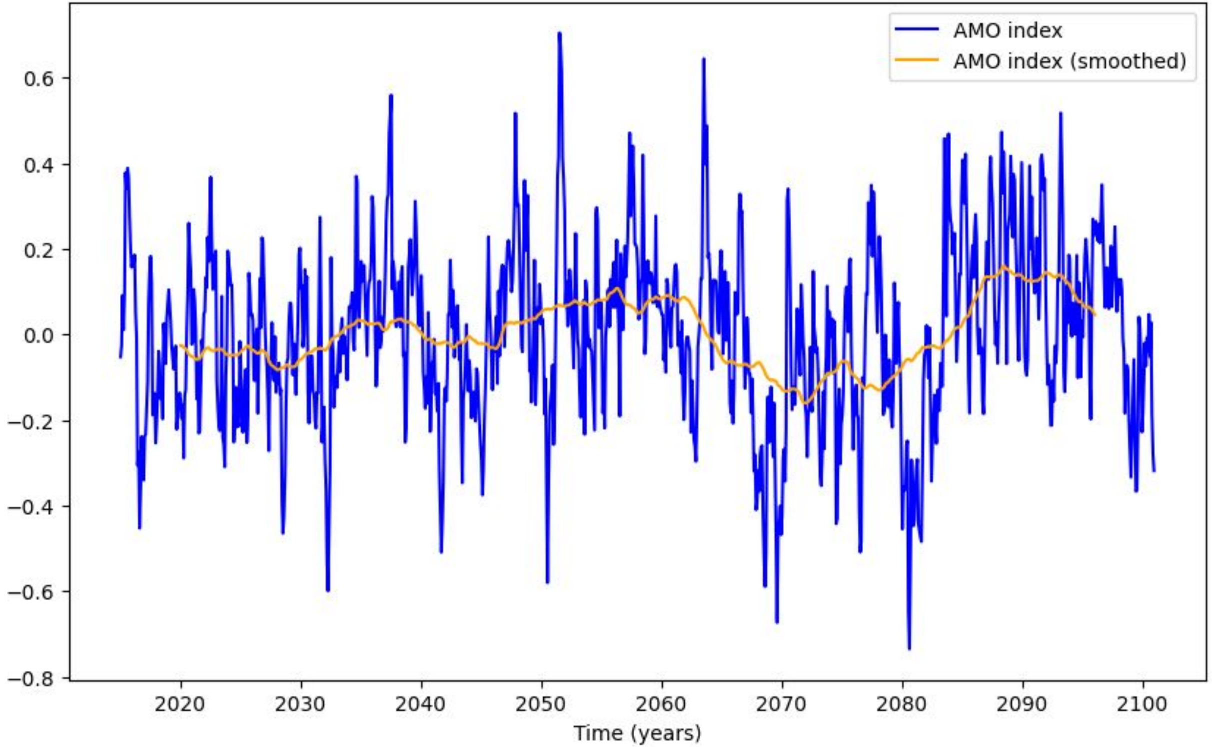
Remove the global warming signal

$$A' = A - \text{tosga} = \text{AMO} + \text{random variable}$$

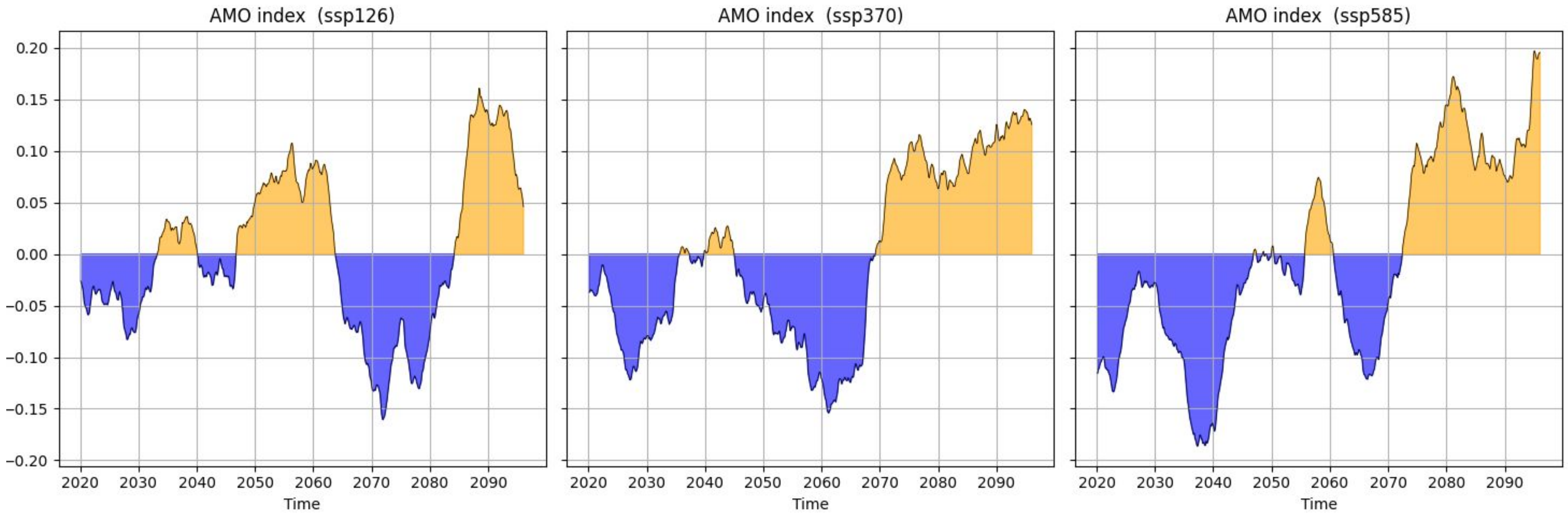


tosga : Global Sea Surface Temperature

AMO index: apply a 10-years low pass filter



AMO index



Low CO2 emissions Intermediate CO2 emissions High CO2 emissions

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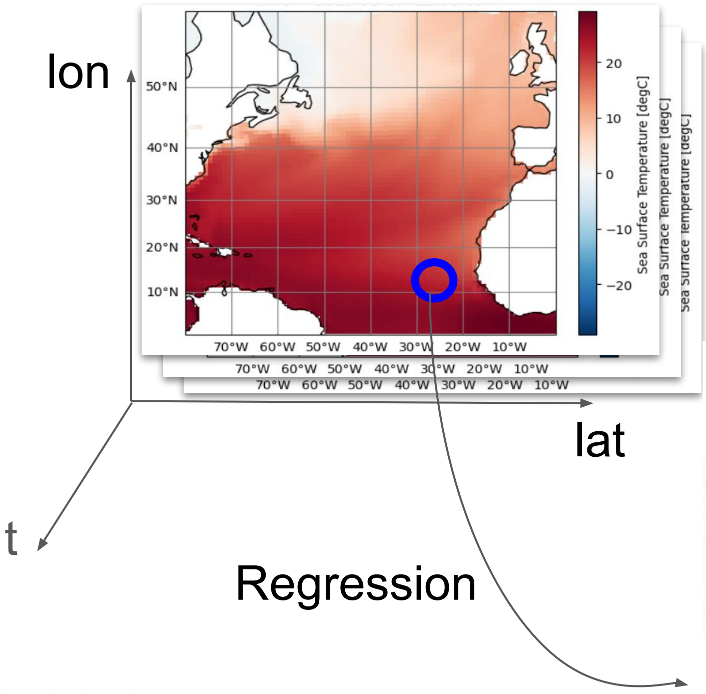
AMO pattern

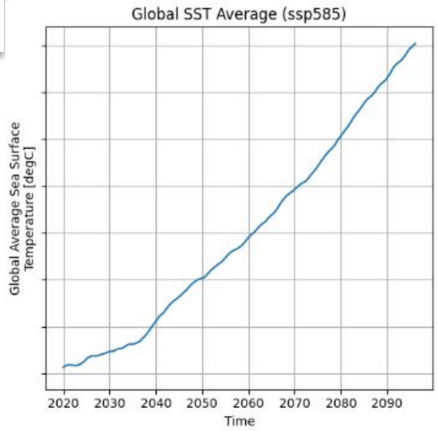
Linear Regression with Global SSTA

In order to remove the signature of the global SSTA change at each point. We fit the North Atlantic SSTA to global SSTA for each grid point to calculate the regression coefficients.



With the coefficients, we estimate SSTA using:

$$\mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{estimated}}(t, \mathrm{lat}, \mathrm{lon}) = \beta_1(\mathrm{lat}, \mathrm{lon}) \cdot \mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{global}}(t) + \beta_0(\mathrm{lat}, \mathrm{lon})$$



We subtract this estimate from the original SSTA.

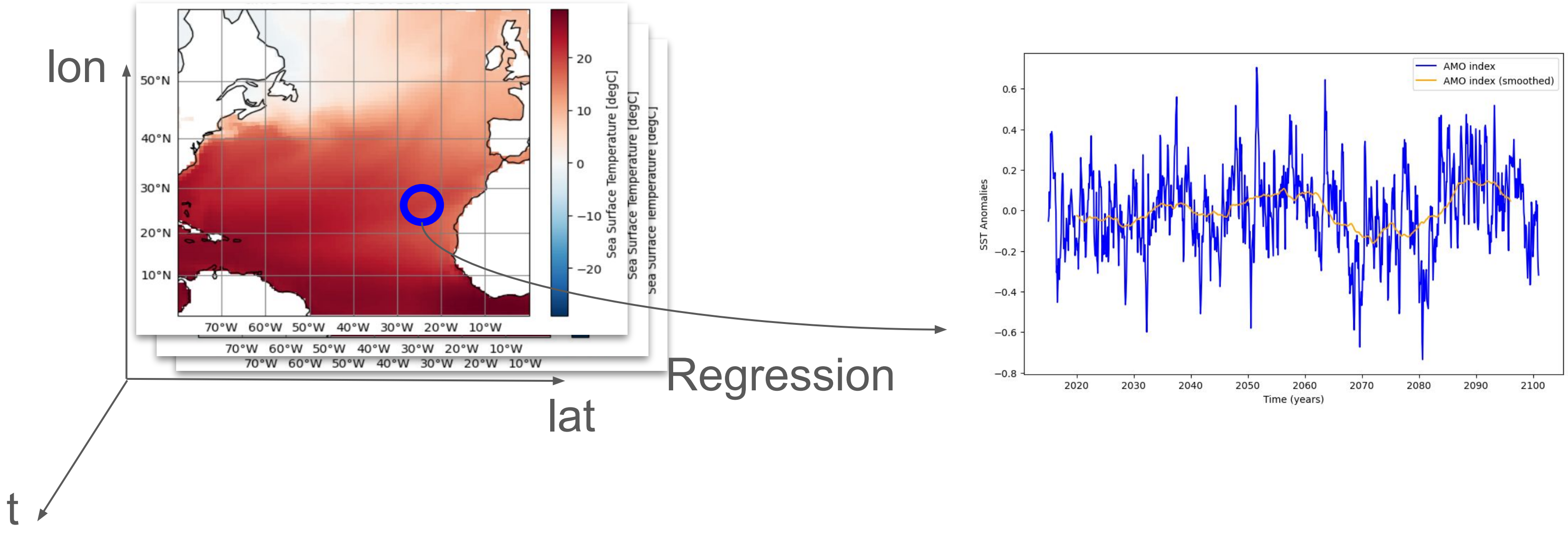
$$\mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{residual}} = \mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{local}} - \mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{estimated}}$$

This leaves us with an SSTA anomaly relative to the global SSTA change at each point.

AMO pattern
Linear regression against the AMO index

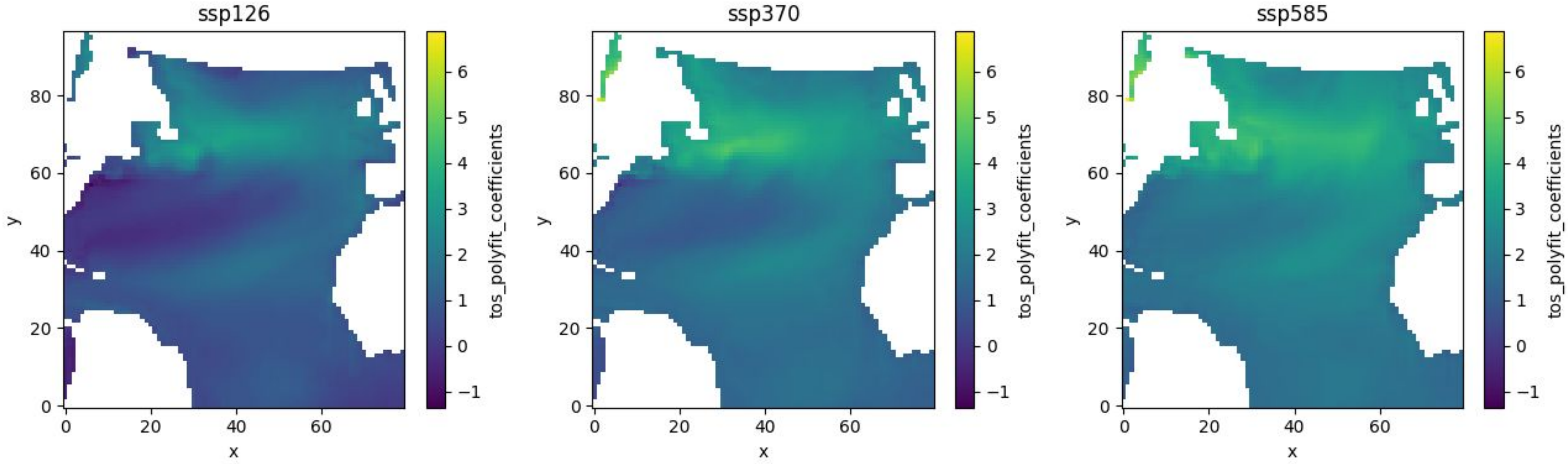
To obtain the AMO pattern, we fit the residual SSTA to the AMO index for each grid point, to obtain their coefficients.

$$\mathrm{SSTA}_{\mathrm{residual}}(t,\mathrm{lat},\mathrm{lon}) = \alpha_1(\mathrm{lat},\mathrm{lon}) \cdot \mathrm{AMO}_{\mathrm{index}}(t) + \alpha_0(\mathrm{lat},\mathrm{lon})$$



Results: AMO pattern

A spatial map of coefficients degree = 1 showing how each point in the North Atlantic responds to the AMO index.



$\overline{x}$=1.06 $\overline{x}$=1.9917 $\overline{x}$=2.3933

Perspectives

Link with the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO):

- Use PCA (principal component analysis) on sea level pressure in winter
- Calculate NAO for different models and investigate potential covariability with the AMO

Find Common Features Across Models:

- Group models into categories of similar behavior using methods such as:
  - **Classification**: Identify scenarios based on time series characteristics
  - **Clustering**: Detect common patterns in AMO spatial variability or indices

Predict the AMO:

- Predict the last third of the AMO time series using earlier parts
- Forecast model behavior under one forcing scenario based on results from another scenario