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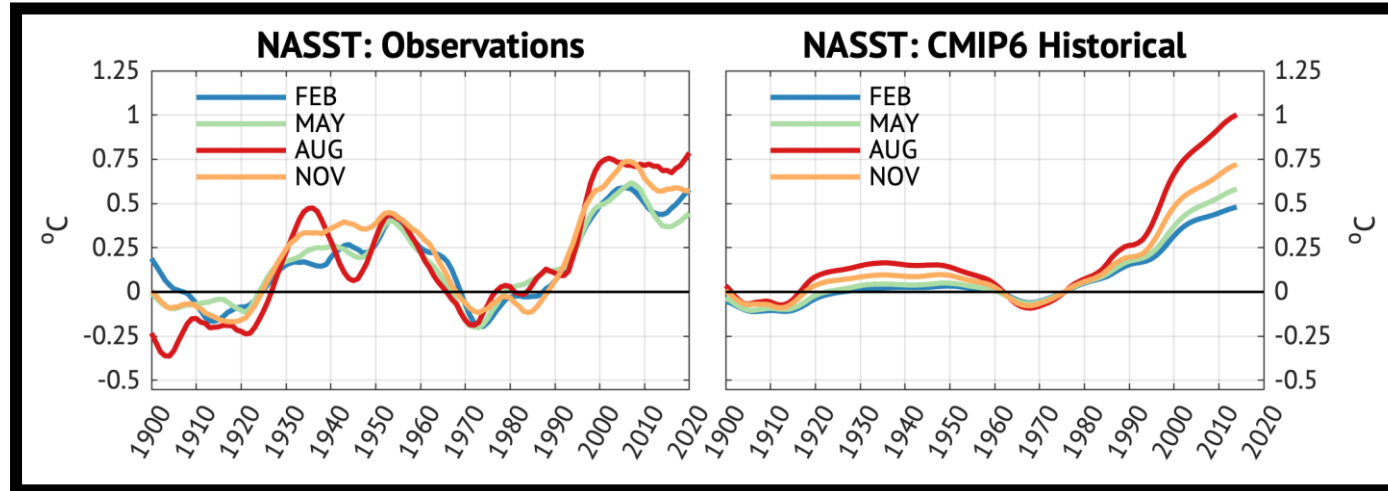
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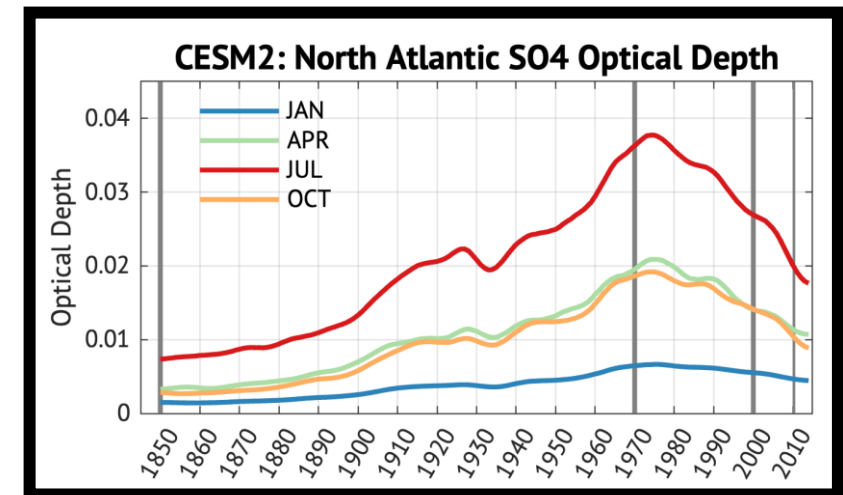
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Since 1970, North Atlantic SST has warmed 50% faster during late **SUMMER** than late **WINTER**

Sulfate aerosols are **FIVE TIMES** more abundant during **SUMMER** than **WINTER** despite no seasonality in SO₂ emissions

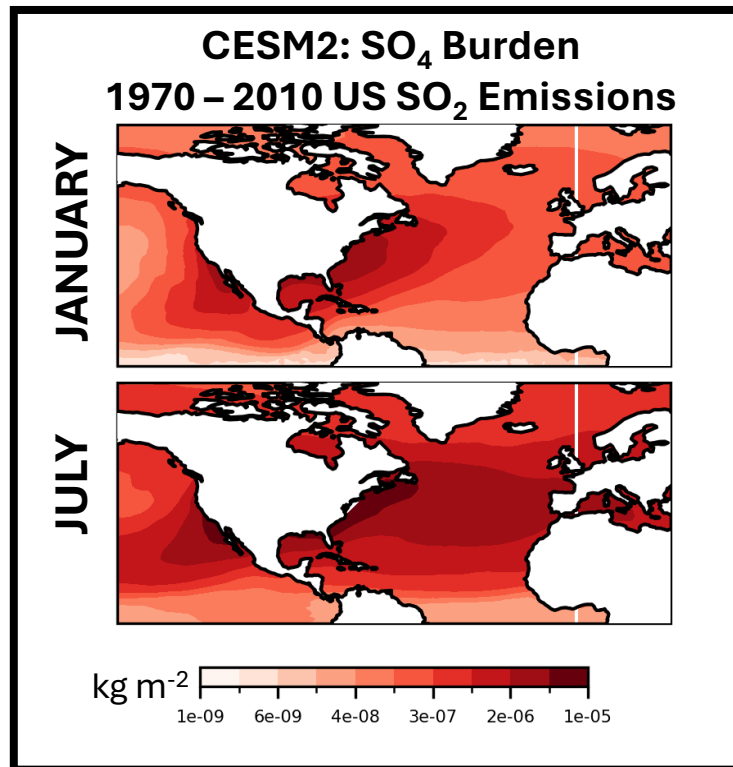


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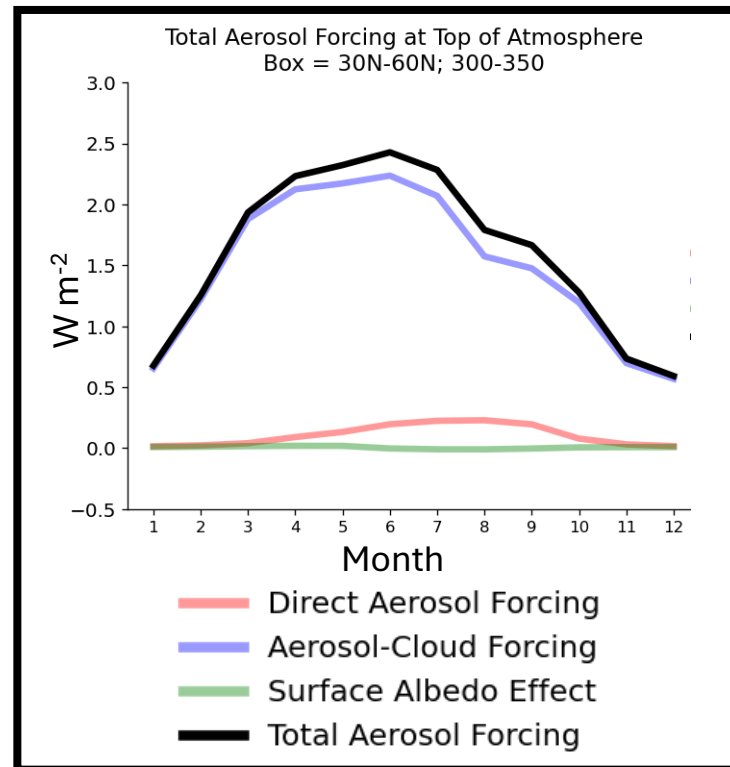
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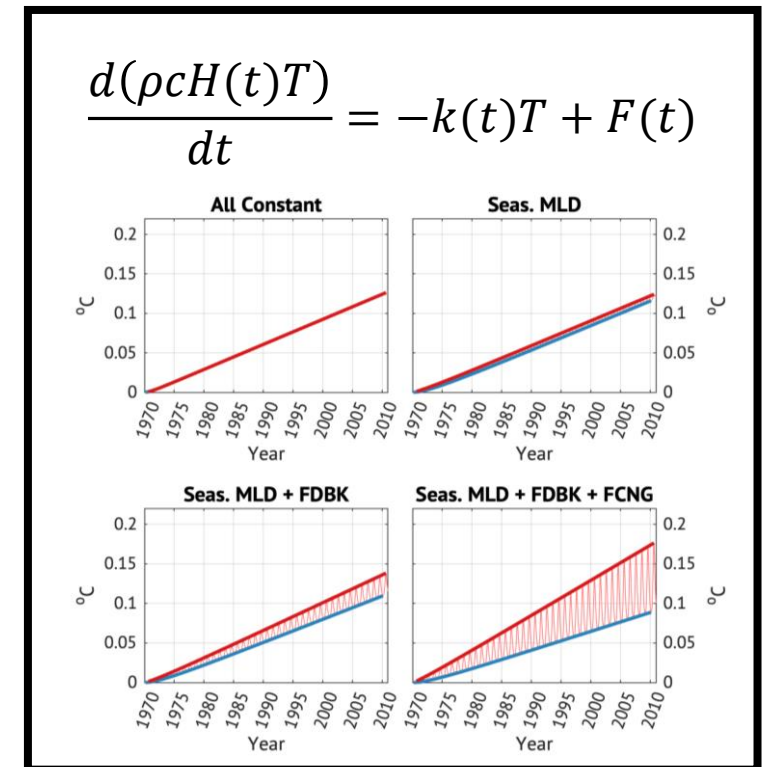
Why do sulfate aerosols exhibit strong seasonality?



How does sulfate seasonality affect sulfate direct and cloud radiative forcing?



How do the mean state, radiative forcing, and air-sea feedbacks contribute to SST seasonality?



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