

Experiment name	Prediction lead time	Years	Ensemble members	Atmosphere ICs	Ocean–ice ICs
CTRL-HC	May–Sep	1992–2015	24 per year*	ERA-Interim	CTRL-RA
ThkDA-HC	May–Sep	2011–2015	24 per year*	ERA-Interim	ThkDA-RA
FIXED-IC	May–Sep	2011–2014	24 per year*	ERA-Interim	ThkDA-RA: fixed 2015 for all years