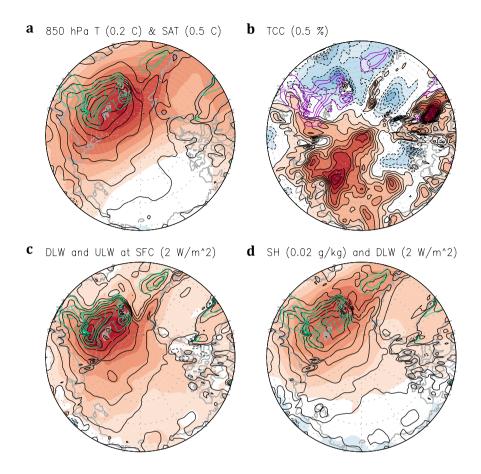
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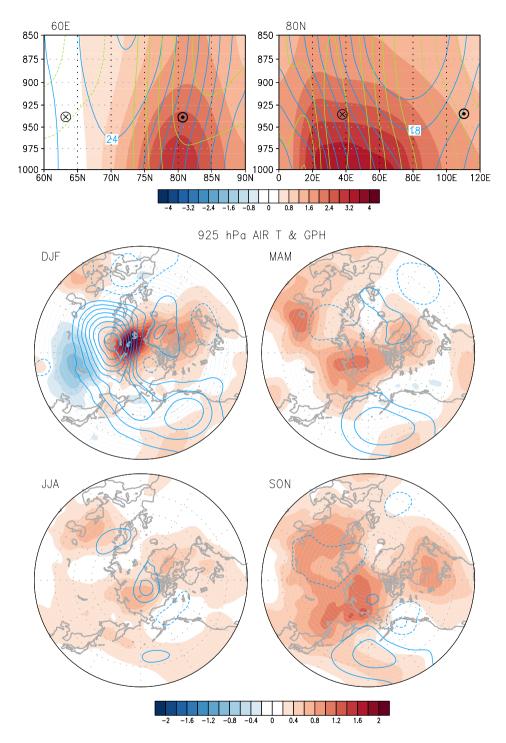
## **Mechanism of Seasonal Arctic Sea Ice Evolution and Arctic Amplification**

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**Figure S1**. The DJF patterns of 850 hPa air temperature (shading) and 2 m air temperature (contour) (a), total cloud cover (b), downward (shade) and upward (contour) longwave radiation at surface (c), and 900-hPa specific humidity (shade) and downward longwave radiation at surface (contour) (d) for the warming mode. The green and purple contours in (a)-(d) represent the reduction of sea ice concentration.



**Figure S2**. (upper panels) Vertical section of temperature (shading; 0.4 K), geopotential height (blue contours; 3 m), and zonal (left) and meridional (right) winds (yellow contours; 0.2 m s<sup>-1</sup>). (lower panels) Air temperatures (shading; 0.2 K) and geopotential height (contours; 3 m) at 925 hPa level. The domain of the plot is 30°-90° N.