

Atmospheric drivers of Antarctic sea ice extent summer minima

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Supplementary material

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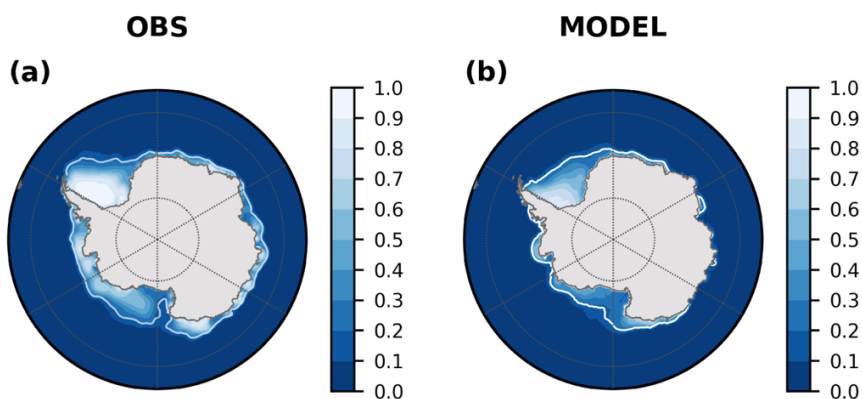
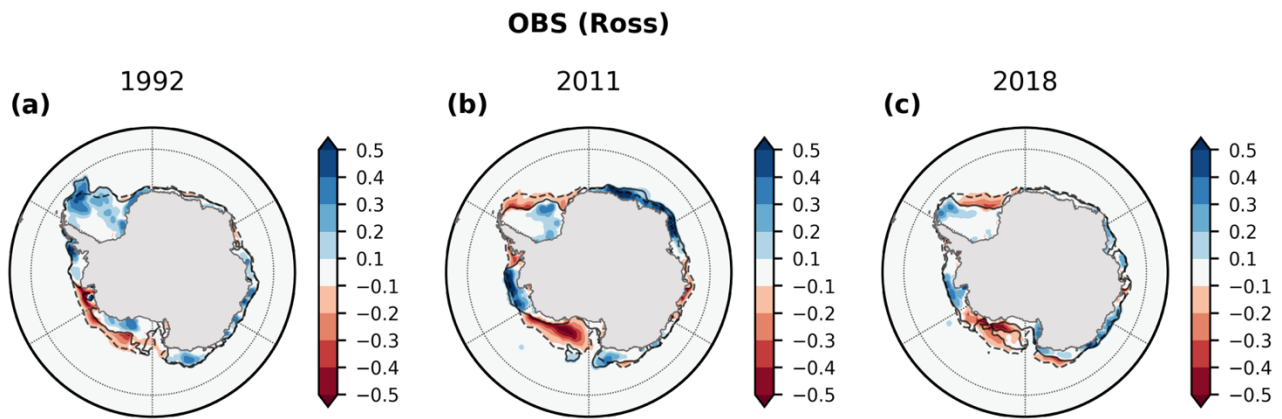
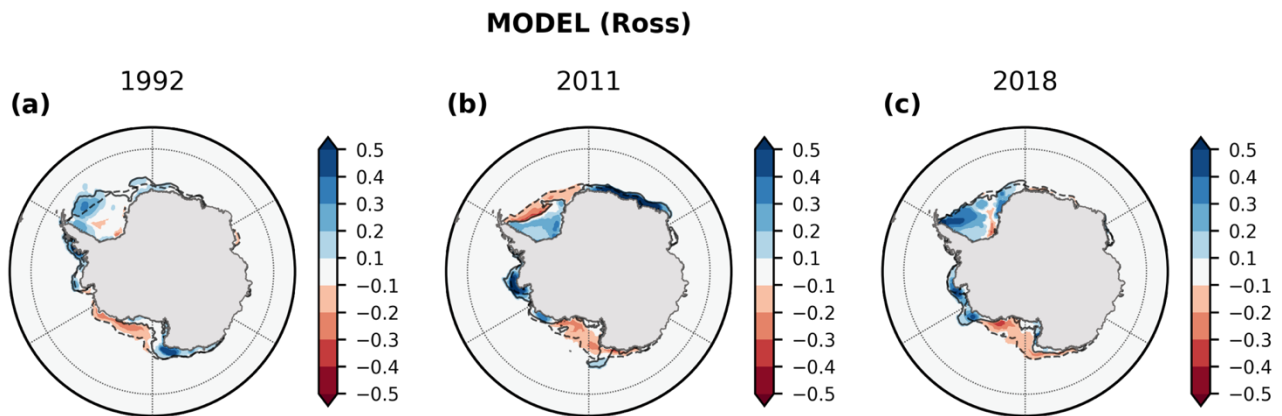


Figure S1: JFM climatology of the SIC in the (a) observations and (b) model. The solid line indicates SIC=0.15.



15 **Figure S2:** Shading: observed SIC anomalies in JFM in the years with SIE minima in the Ross Sea. Contours: sea ice edge (SIC=0.15) in the respective years (solid line) and in the climatology (dashed line).



20 **Figure S3:** Same as Fig. S2, but for the model.

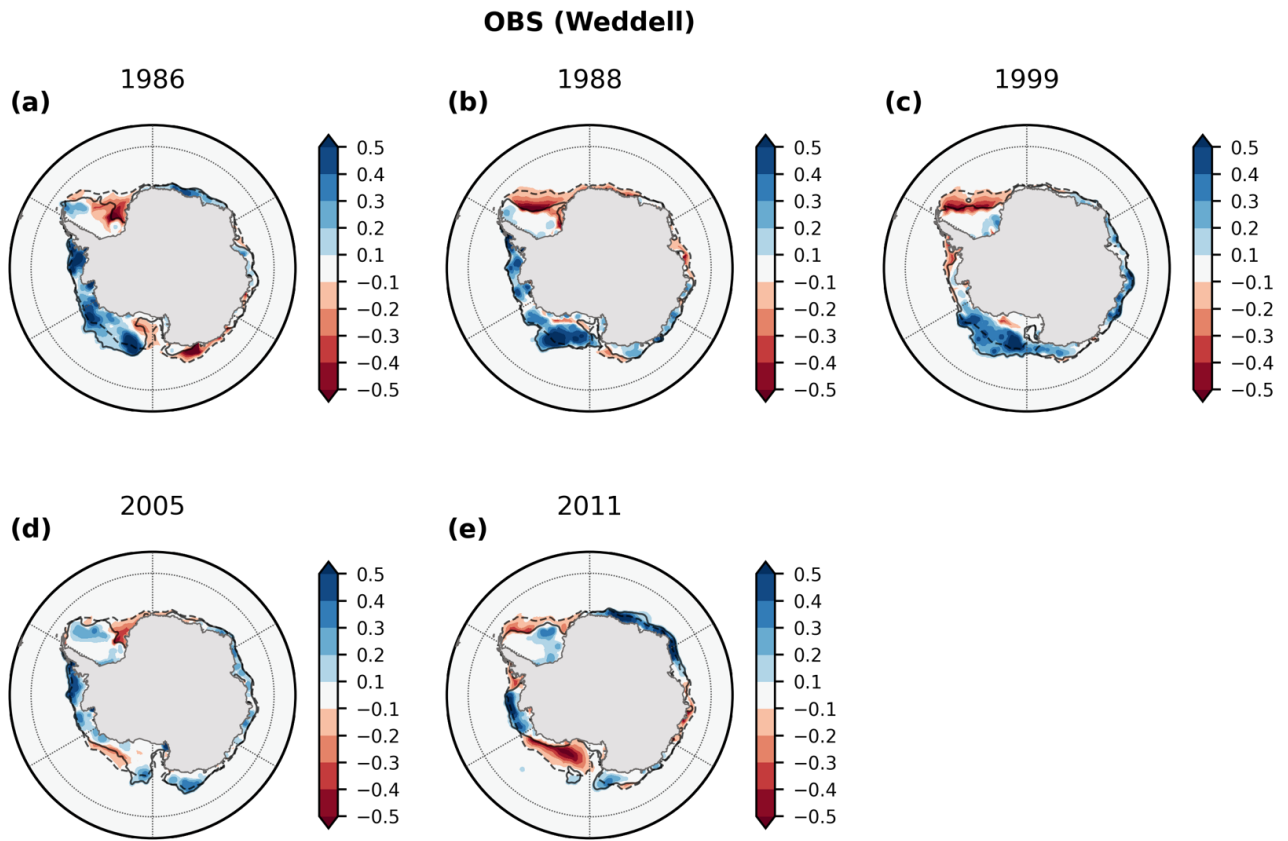


Figure S4: Shading: observed SIC anomalies in JFM during the years with SIE minima in the Weddell Sea. Contours: sea ice edge (SIC=0.15) in the respective years (solid line) and in the climatology (dashed line).

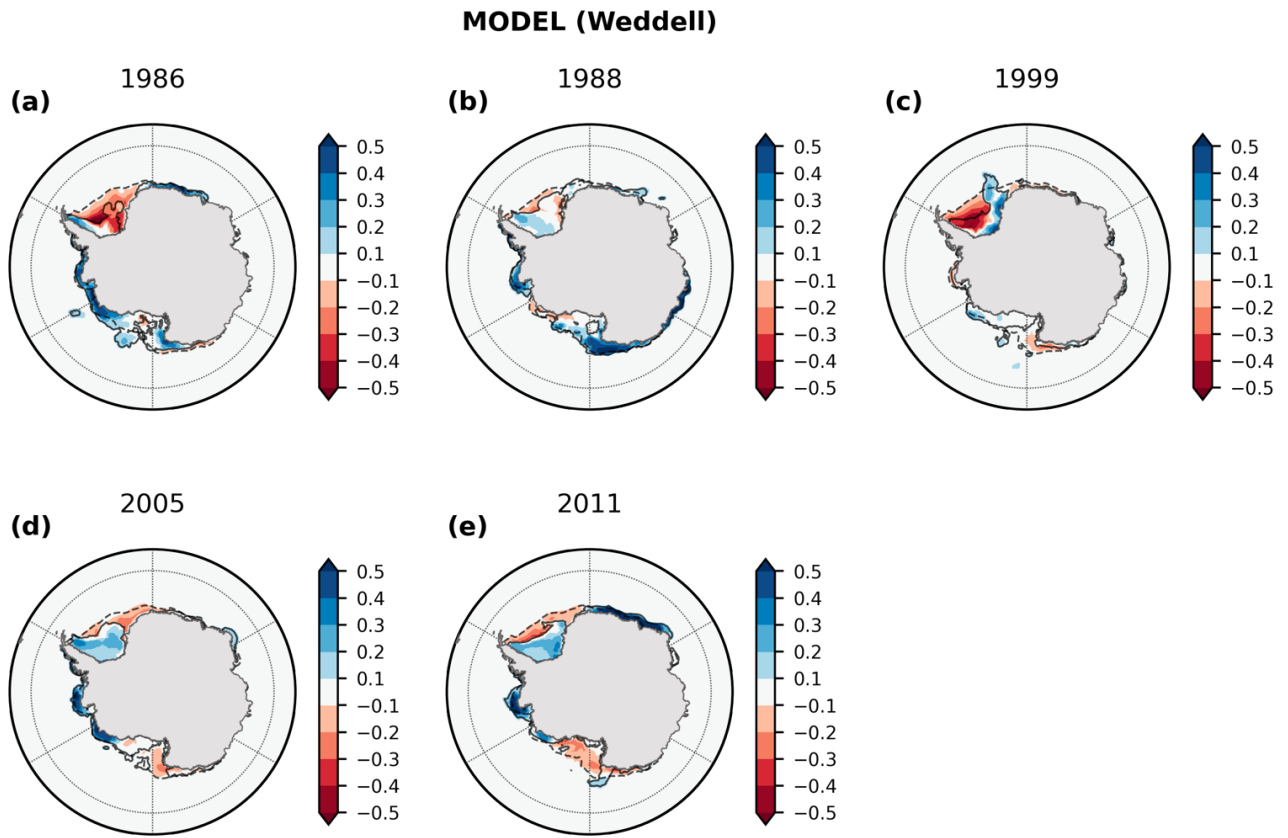


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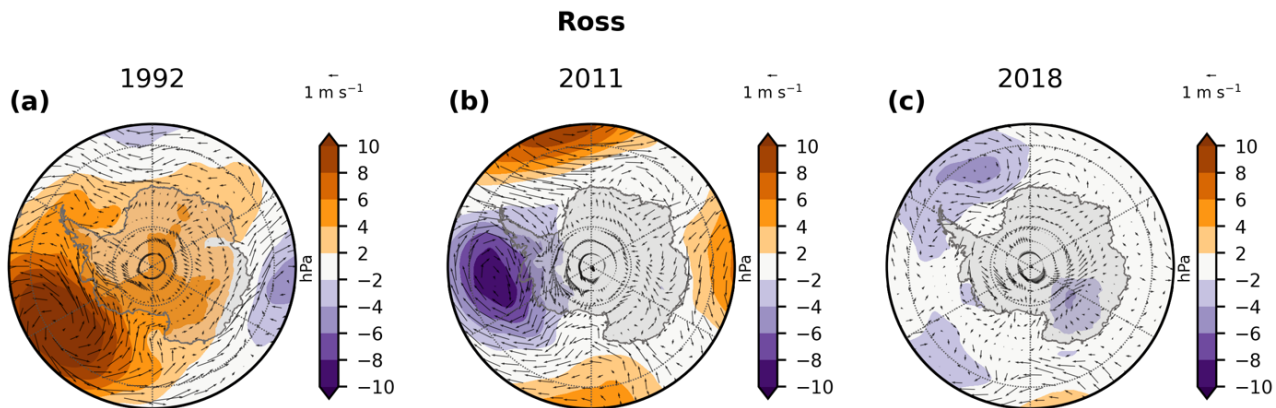
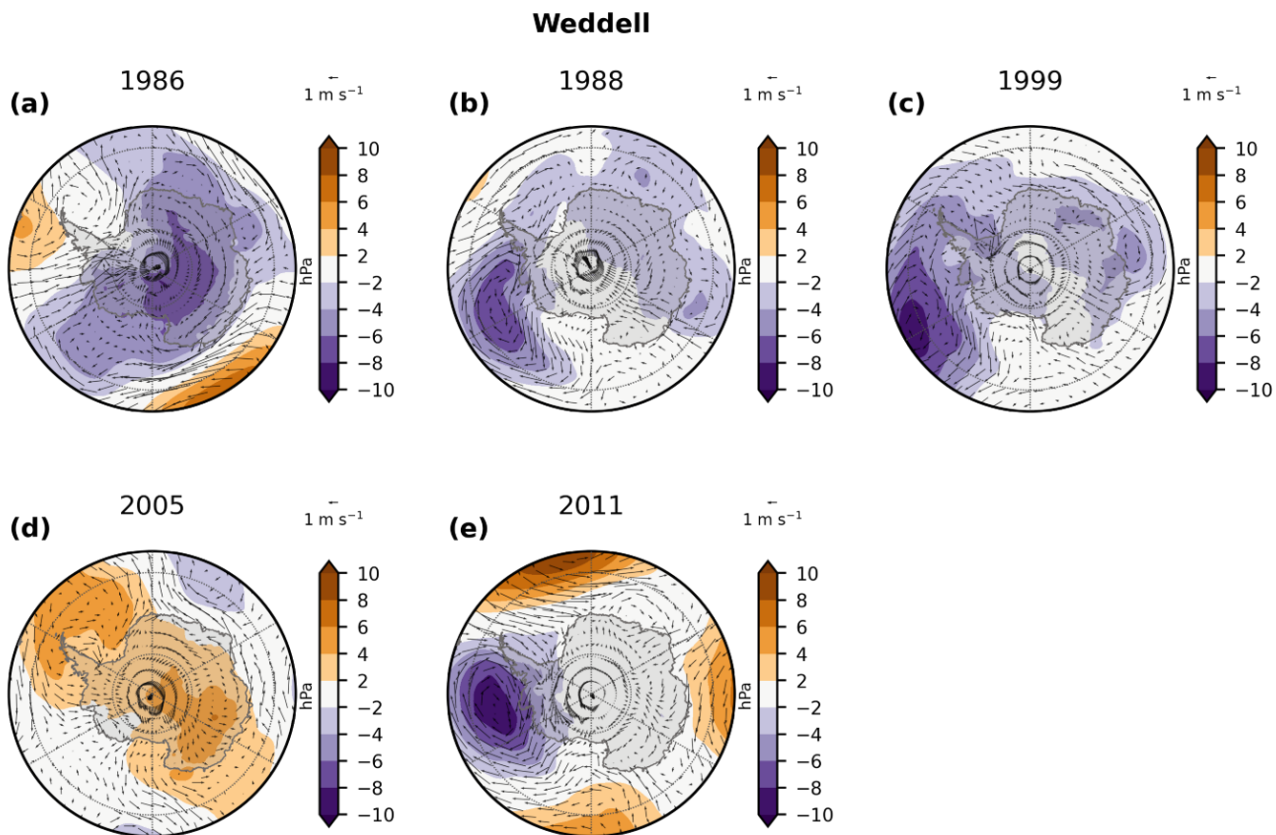


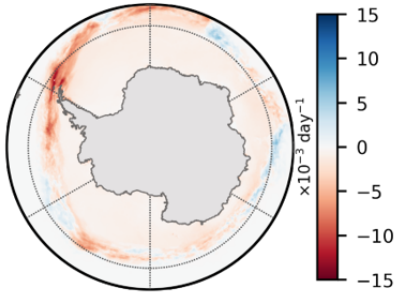
Figure S6: SLP (shading) and 10-m wind (arrows) anomalies in the years with SIE minima in the Ross Sea during the previous spring (OND).



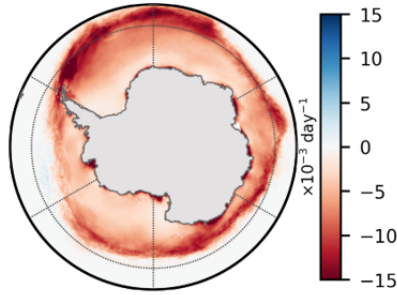
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Tendency

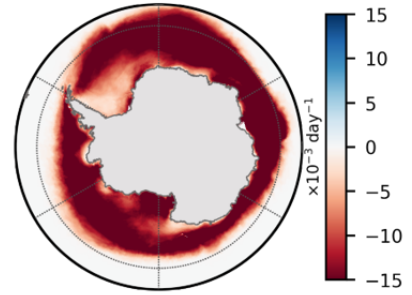
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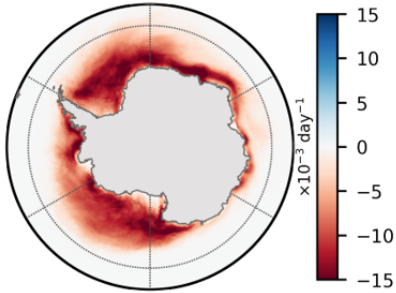
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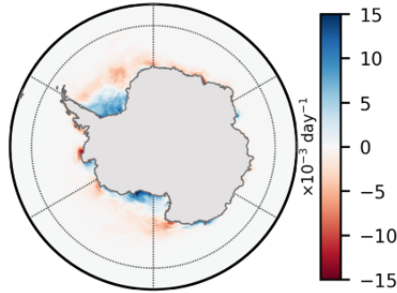
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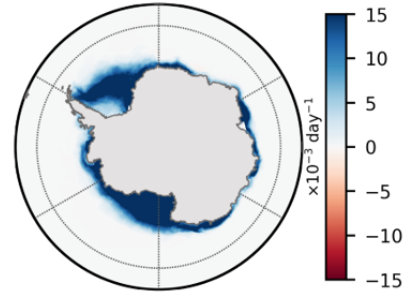


Figure S8: Monthly climatology of the late spring and summer tendency term of the model's SIC budget.

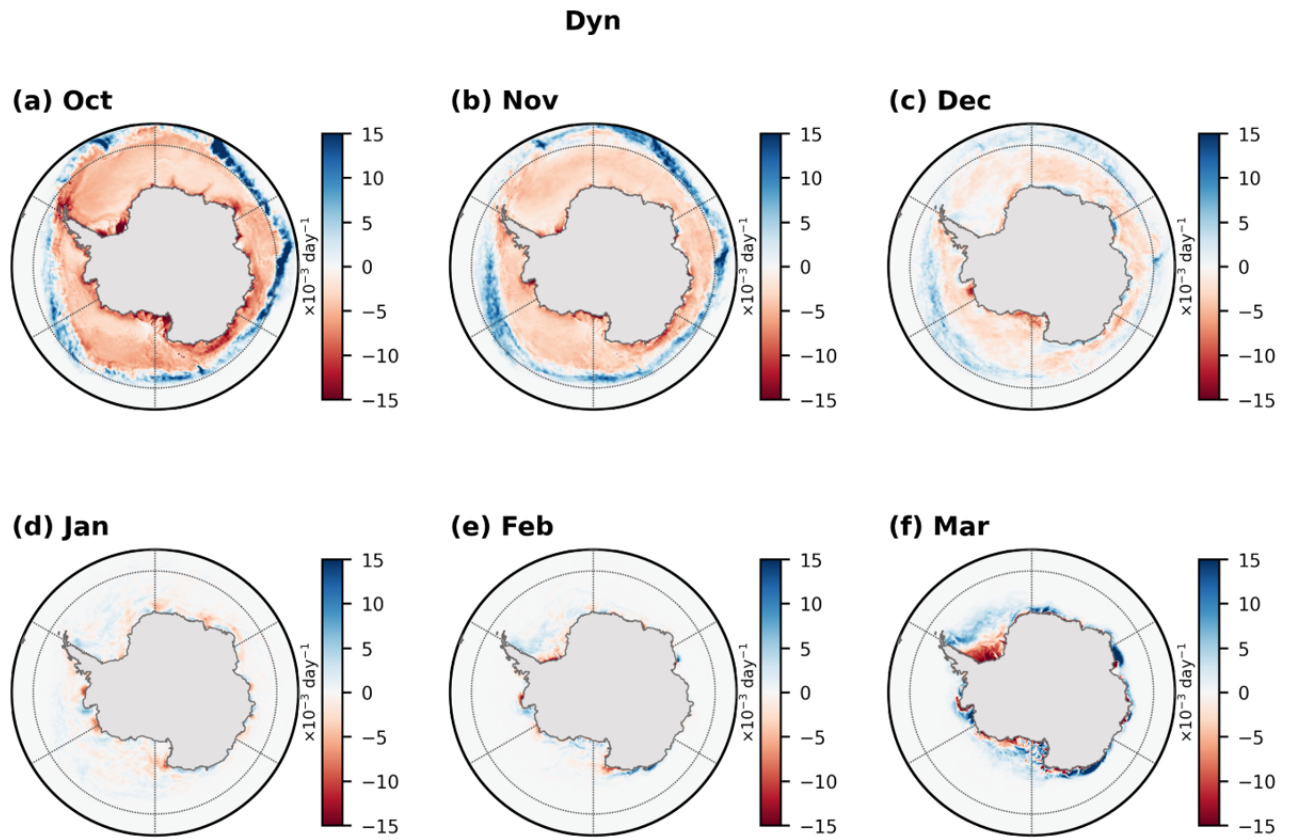
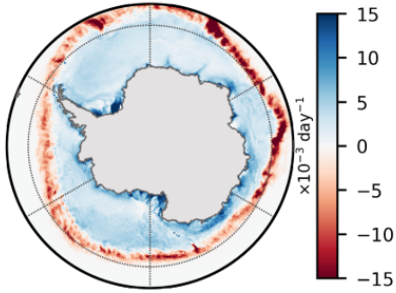


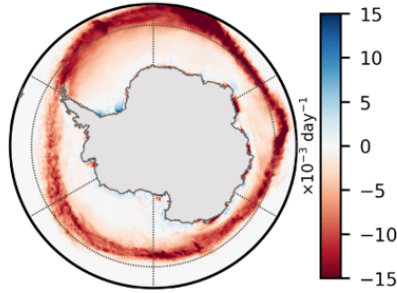
Figure S9: Monthly climatology of the late spring and summer dynamic term of the model's SIC budget.

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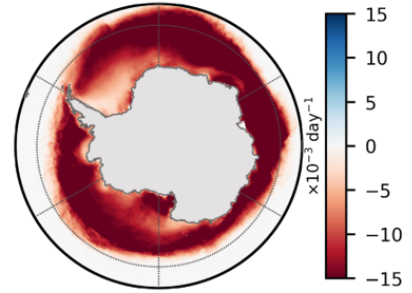
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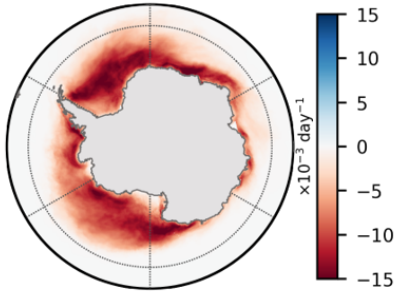
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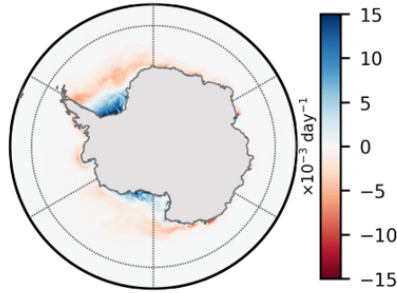
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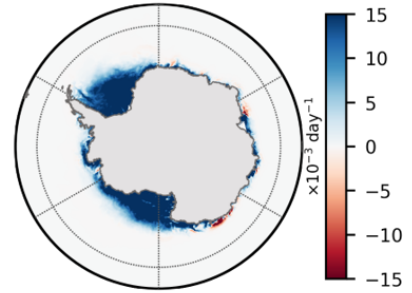
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45 **Figure S10:** Monthly climatology of the late spring and summer thermodynamic term of the model's SIC budget.