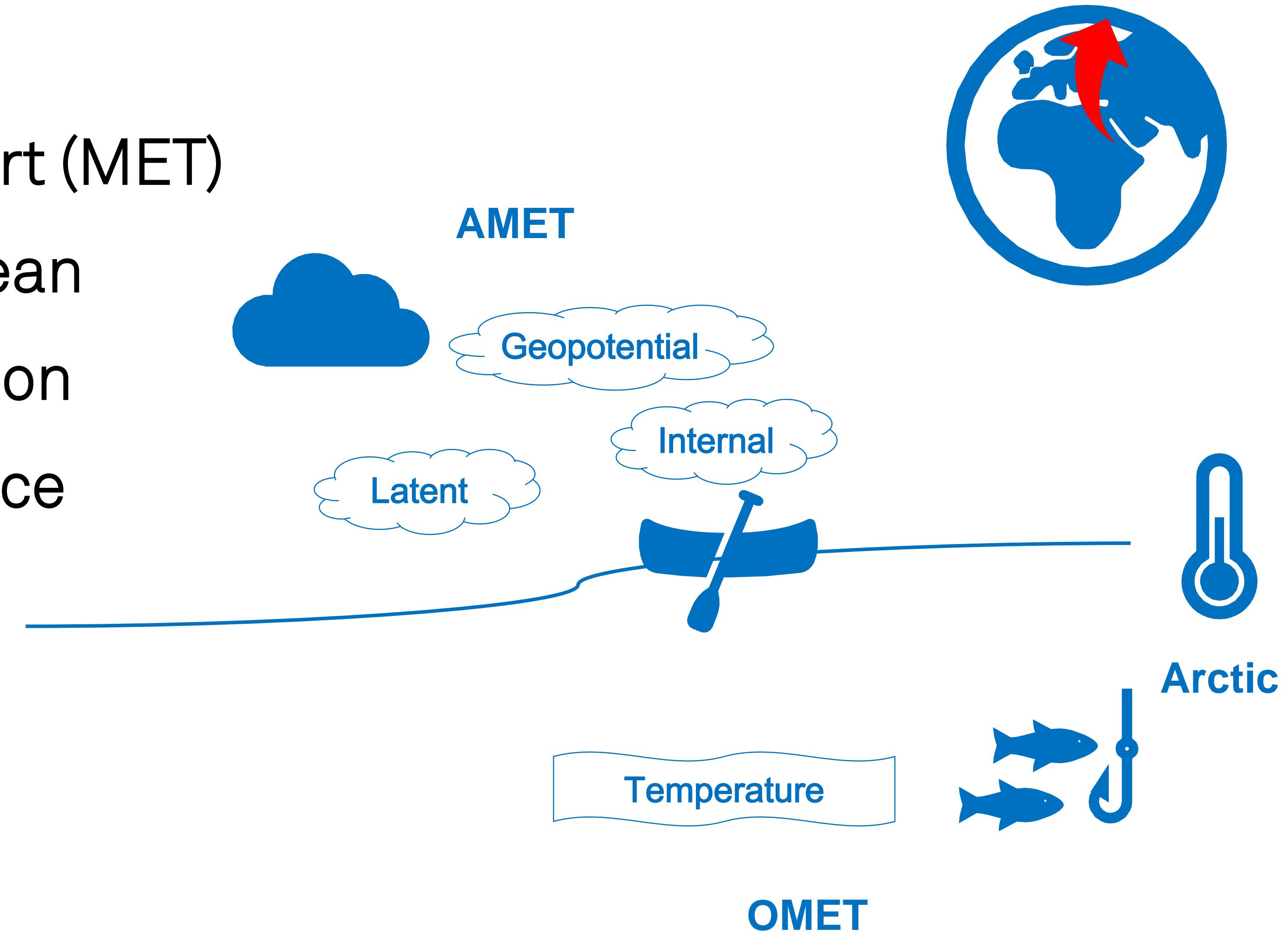




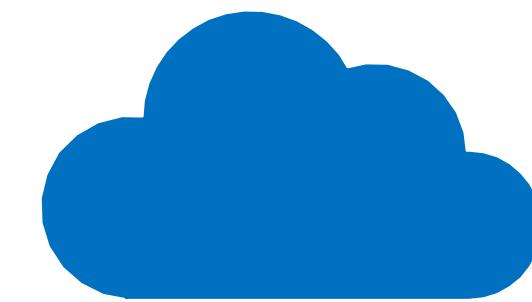
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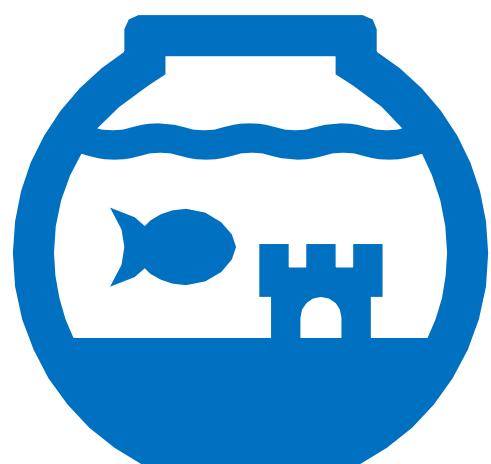
- Meridional Energy Transport (MET)
 - MET in Atmosphere & Ocean
 - Reanalysis Intercomparison
 - Impact on the Arctic Sea Ice



- Reanalysis Data

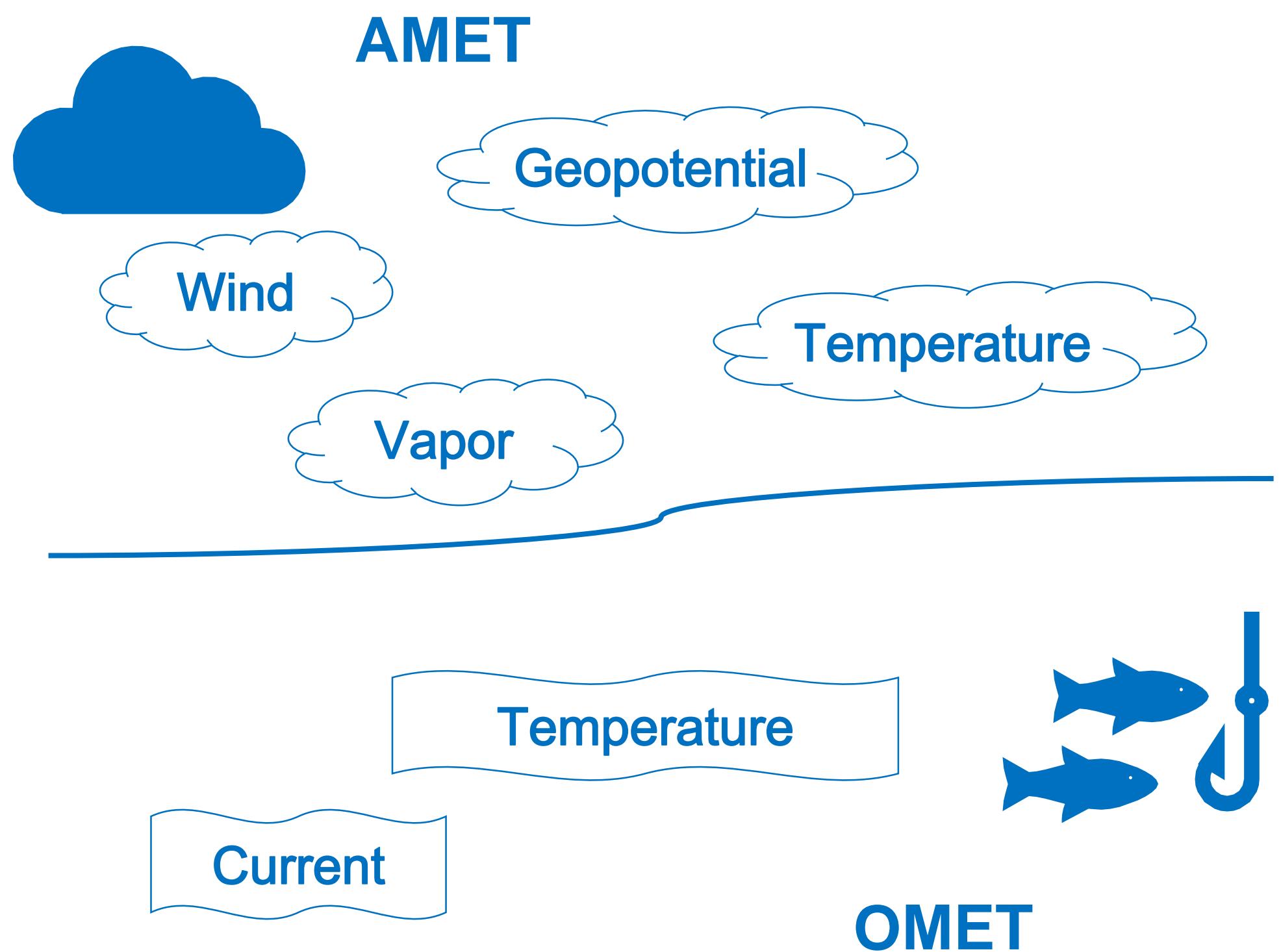


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• MERRA2	1980 - 2016	3 hourly	$0.5^\circ \times 0.667^\circ \times 70$ lev
• JRA55	1979 - 2015	6 hourly	$0.56^\circ \times 0.56^\circ \times 60$ lev
• ORAS4	1979 - 2014	monthly	ORCA1
• GLORYS2V3	1993 - 2014	monthly	ORCA025
• SODA3	1980 - 2015	5 daily	MOM5



Challenges

- Difficulties for the Quantification of AMET & OMET
 - Uncertainties in 3D fields
 - Mass budget imbalance

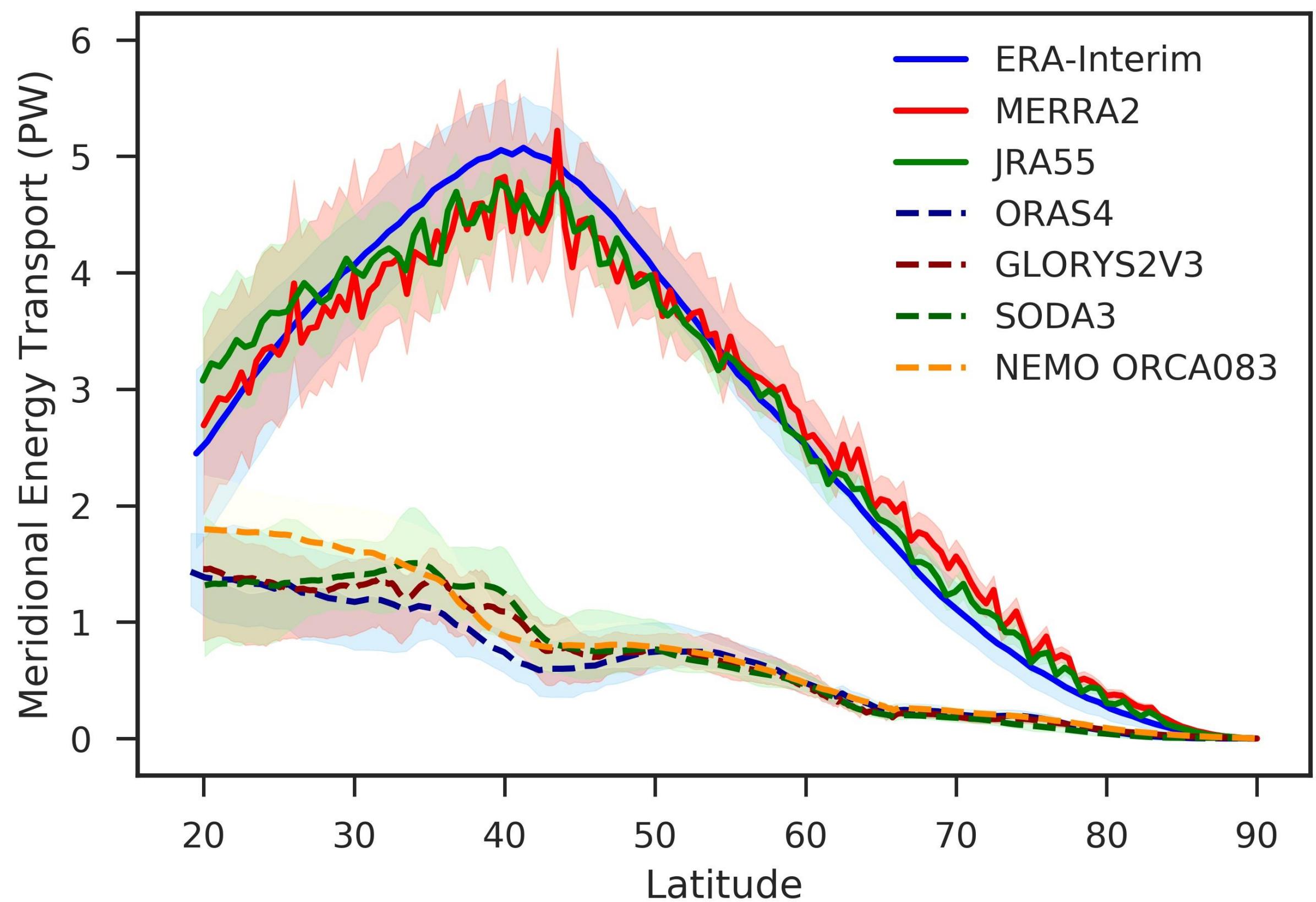


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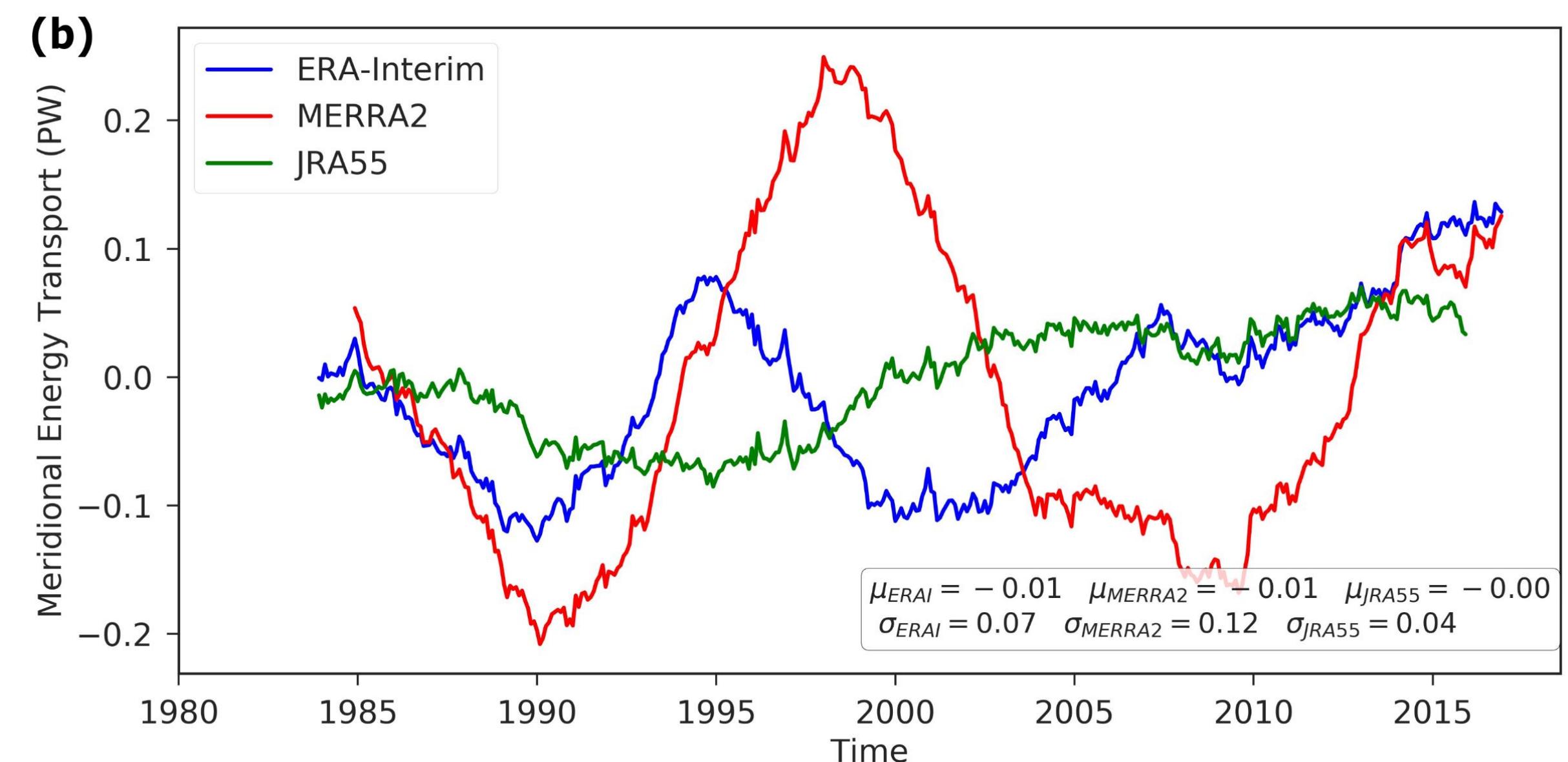
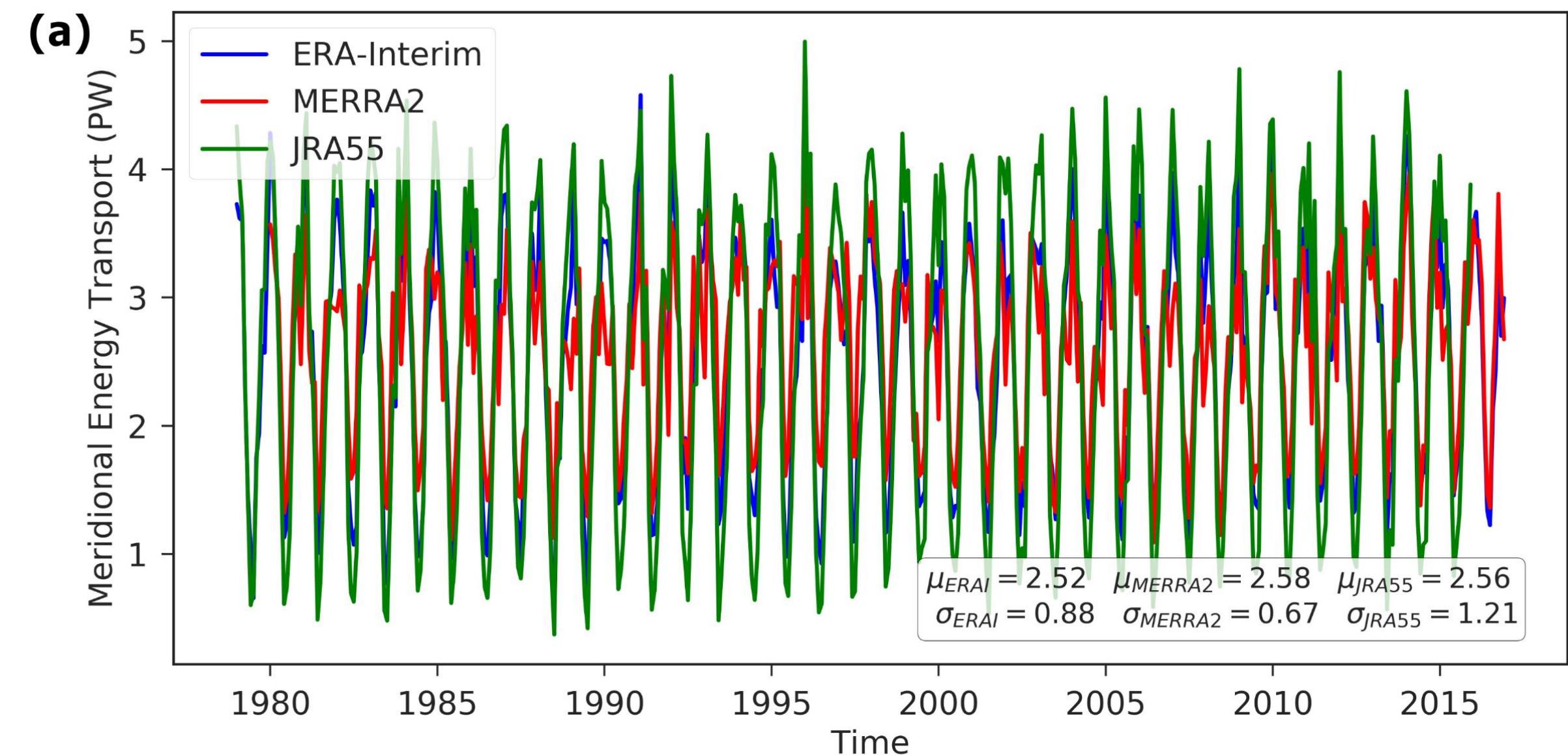
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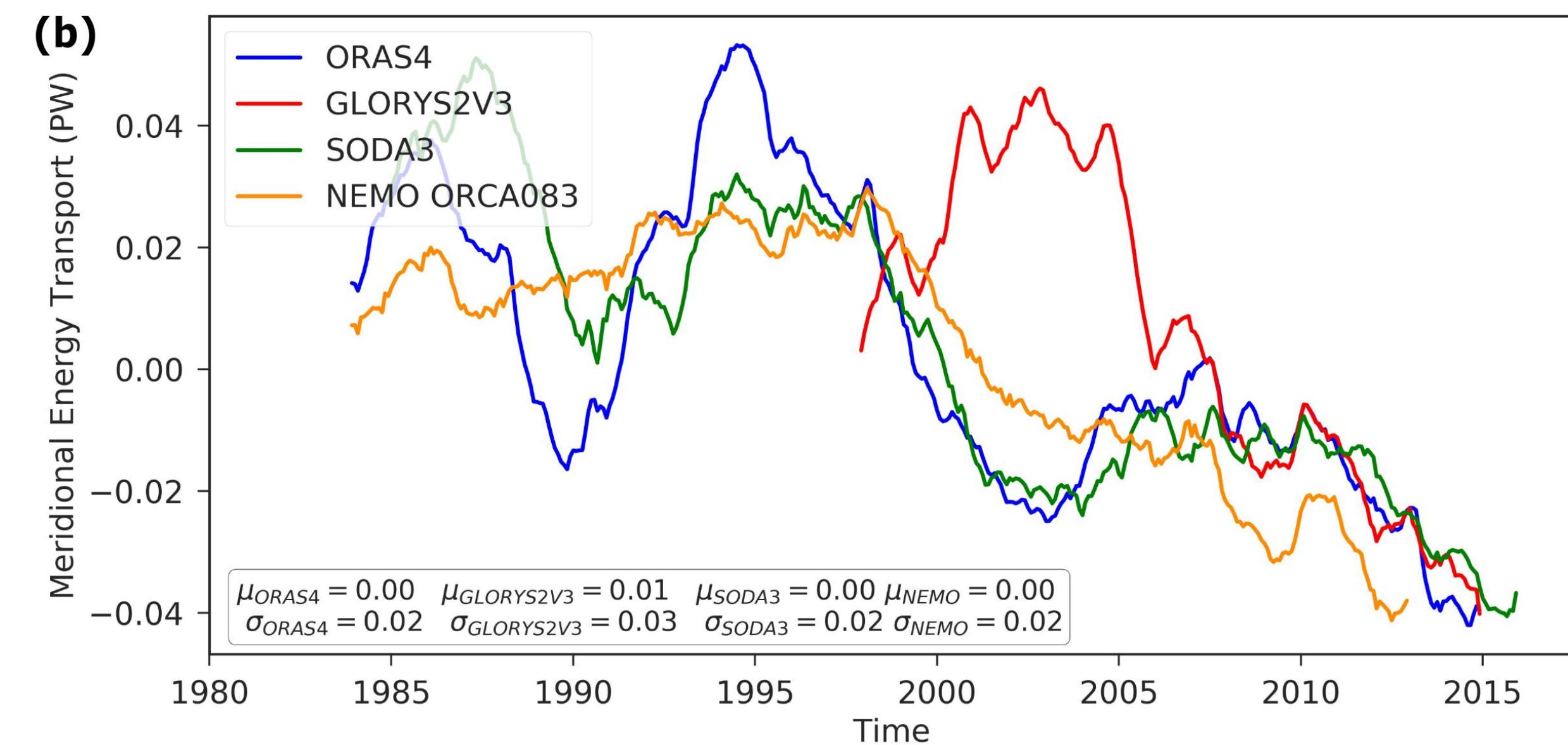
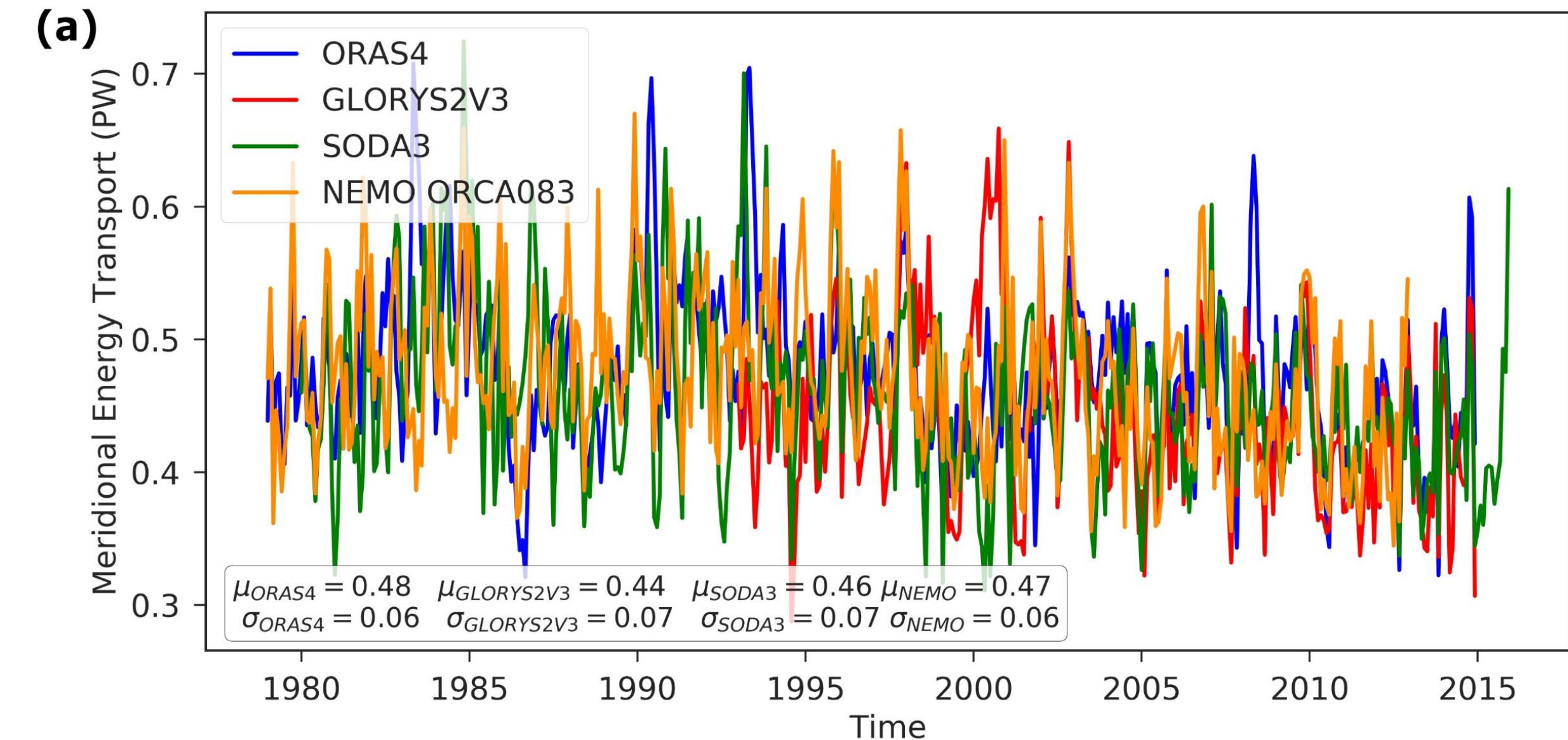


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 - AMET time series at 60N
 - AMET Anomaly at 60N
 - Low-pass filter (5 yr)

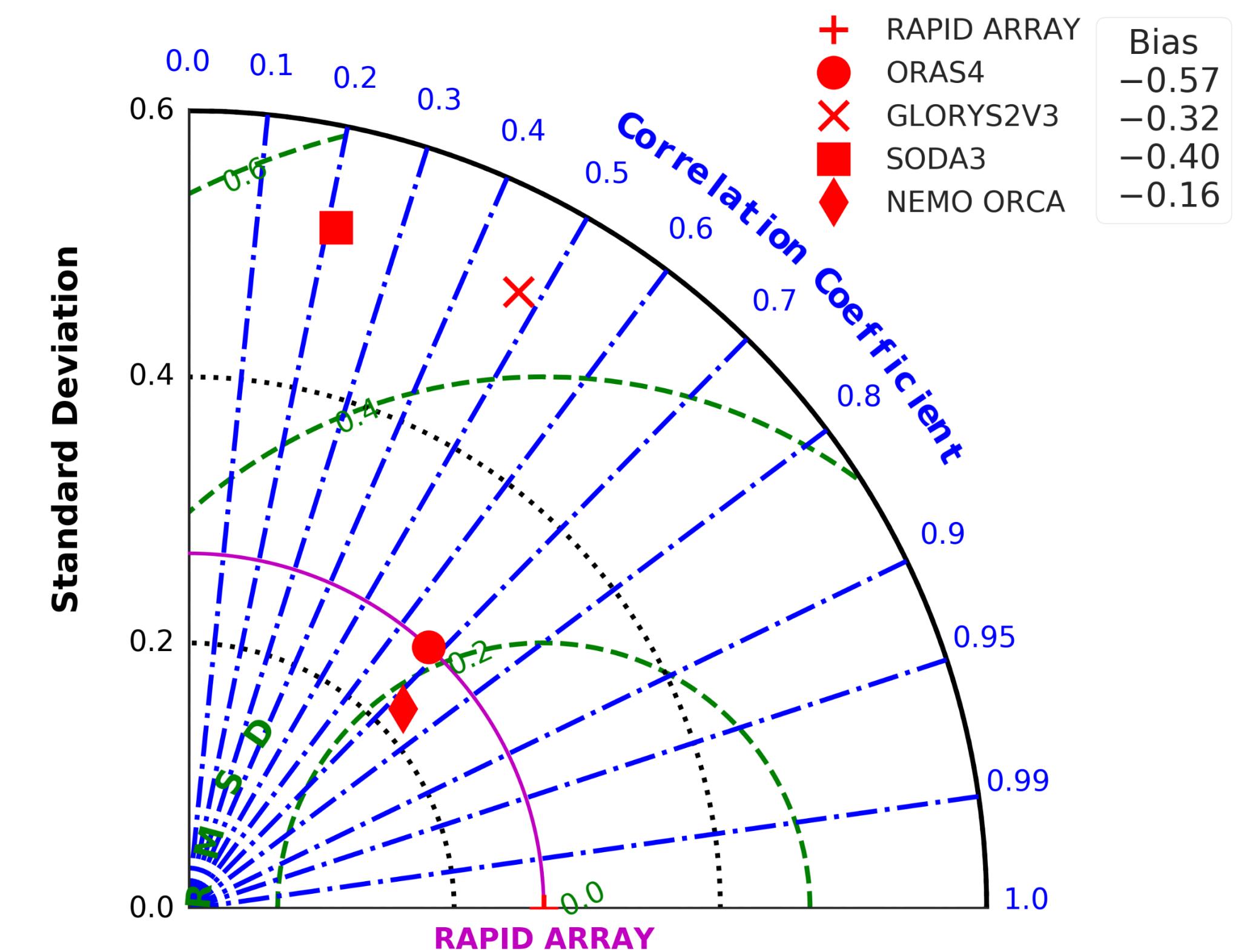
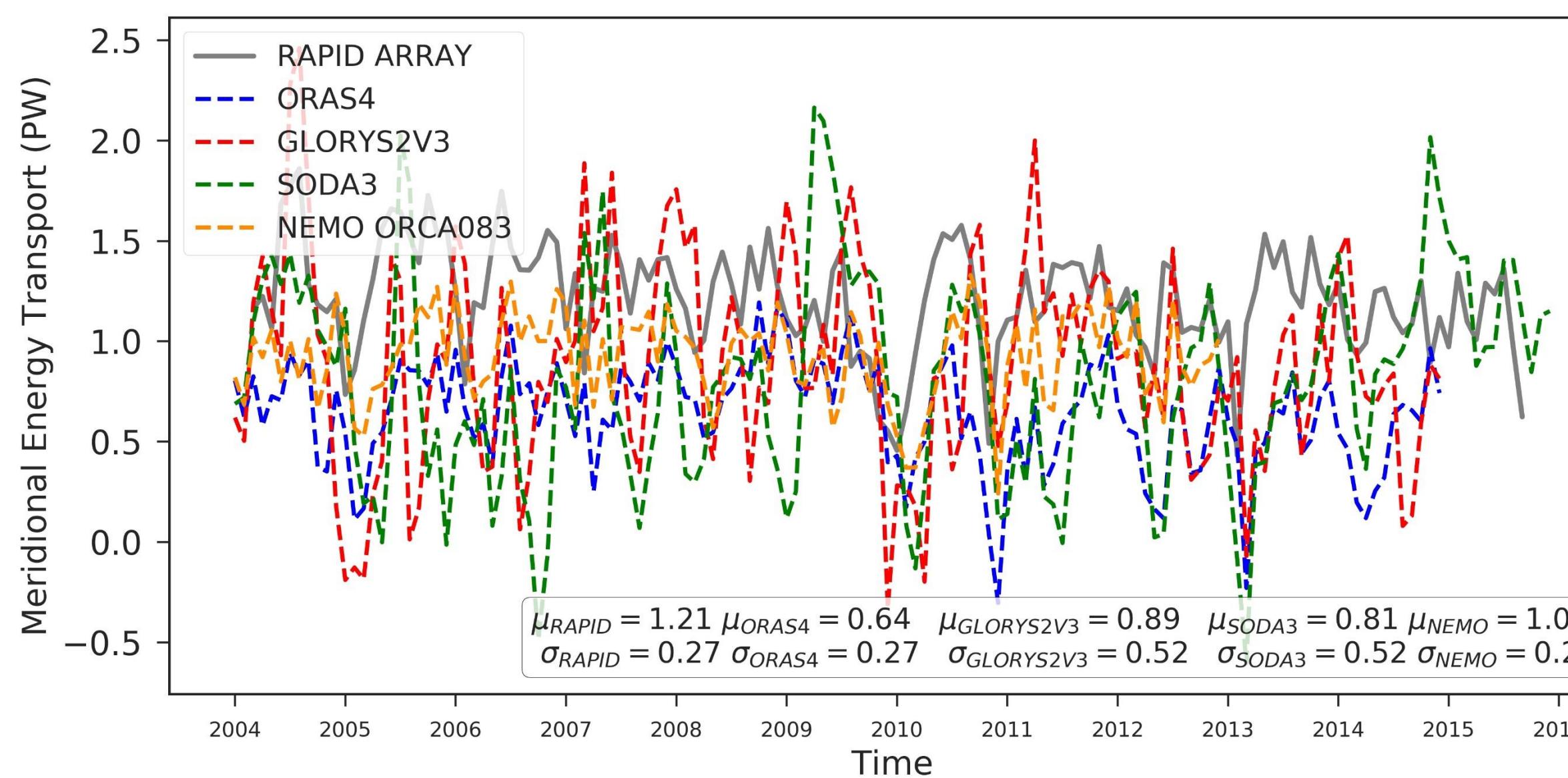


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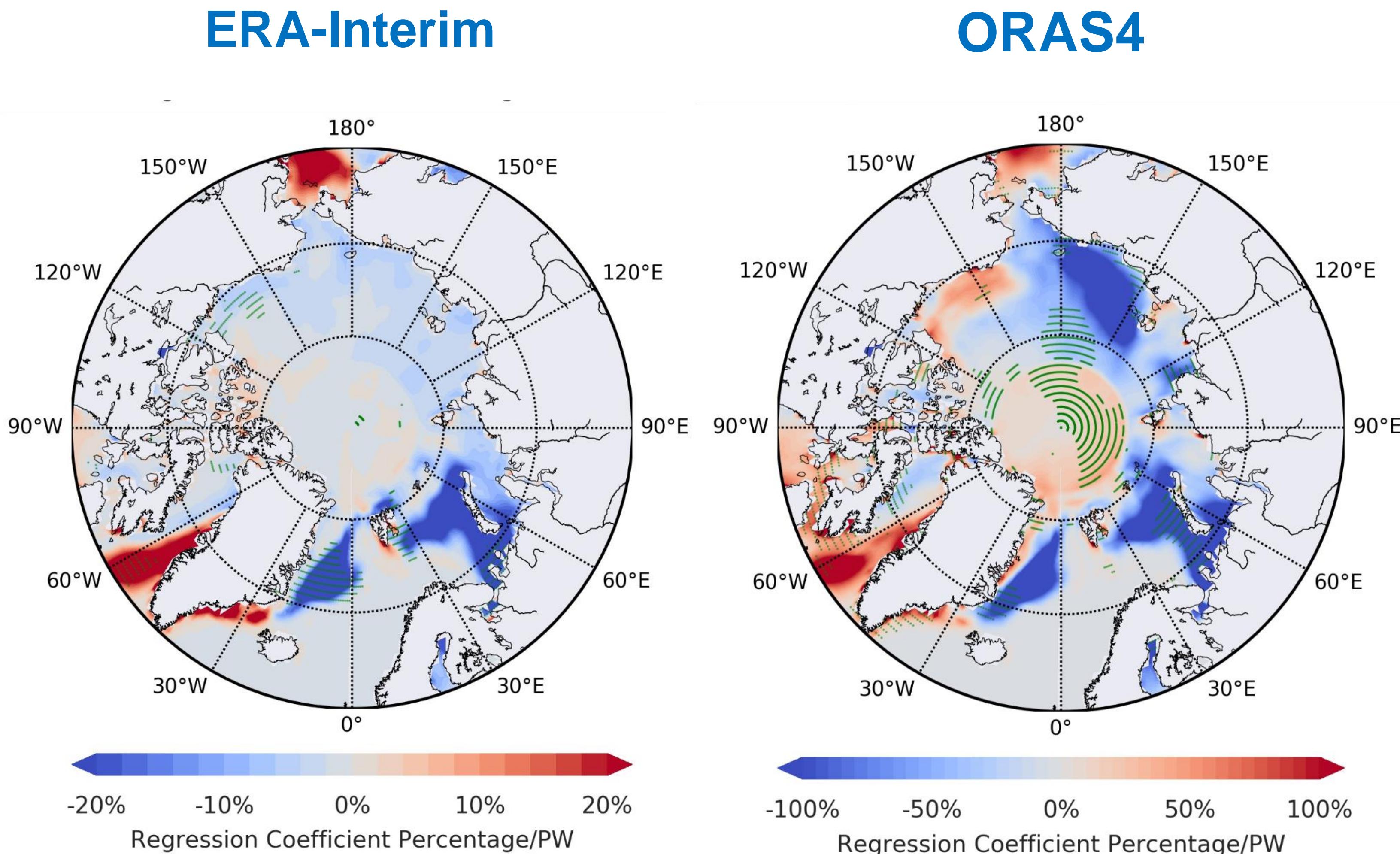


Independent Observation

- Observation of OMET from RAPID ARRAY
 - OMET at 26N



- Regression of SIC on AMET / OMET
 - Decadal
 - Detrend



- The mean energy transports in all the selected reanalysis agree well.
- However, the meridional energy transport from reanalysis are not well constrained in terms of the temporal variation. Be careful!
- Meridional energy transport has large impact on the Arctic sea ice.

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Thanks and questions!

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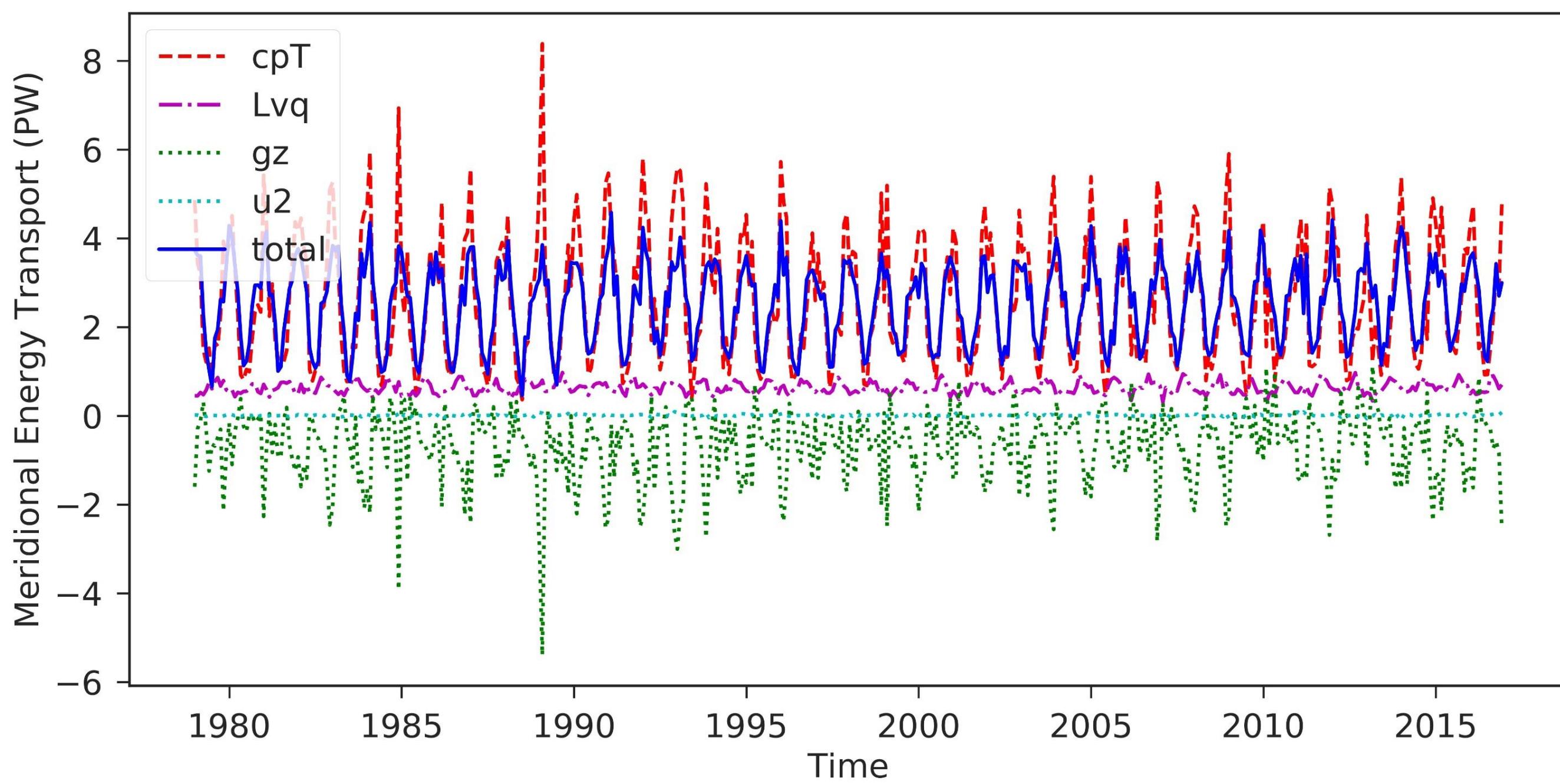
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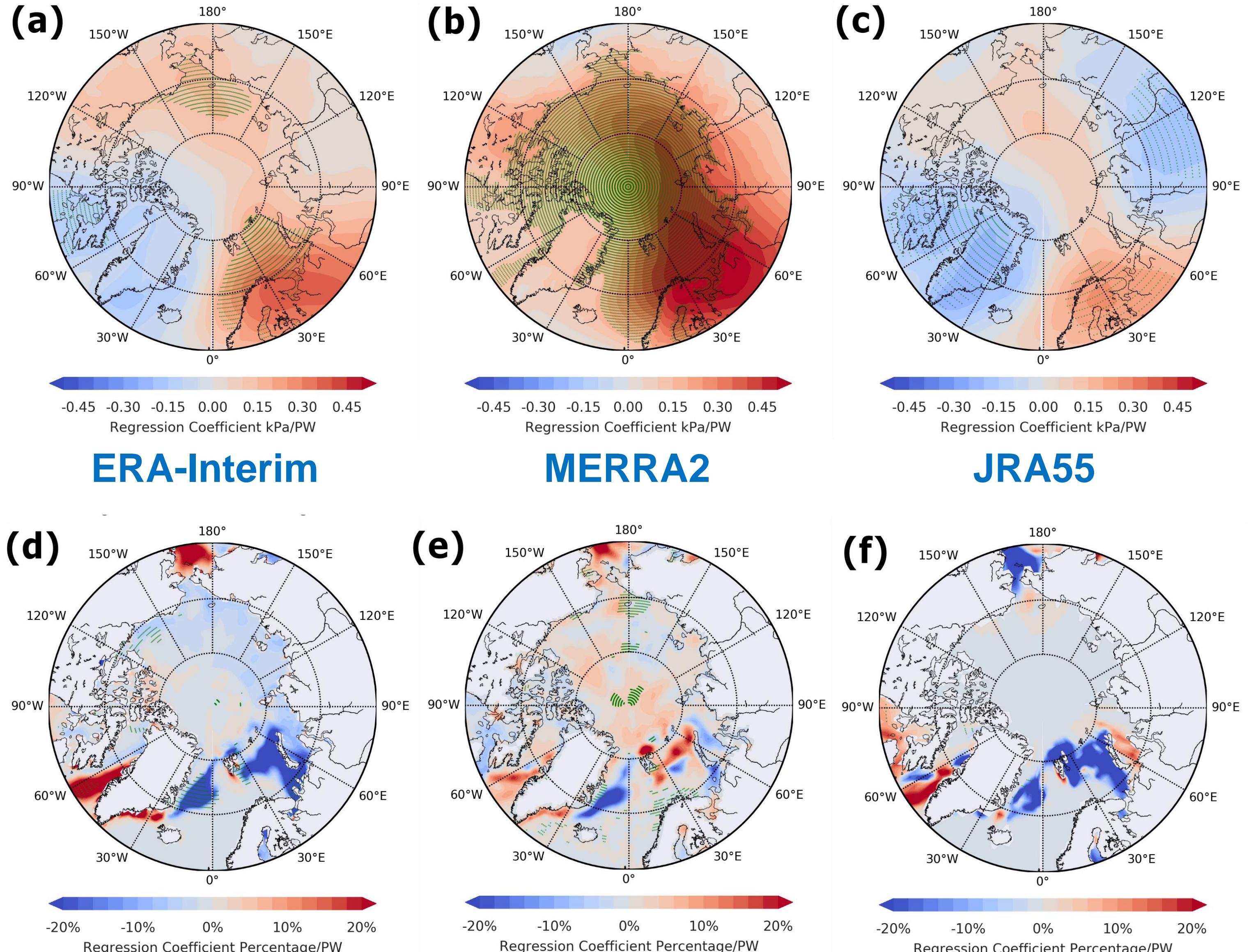


- Meridional Energy Transport
 - Atmosphere (ERA-Interim)
 - Time series at 60N



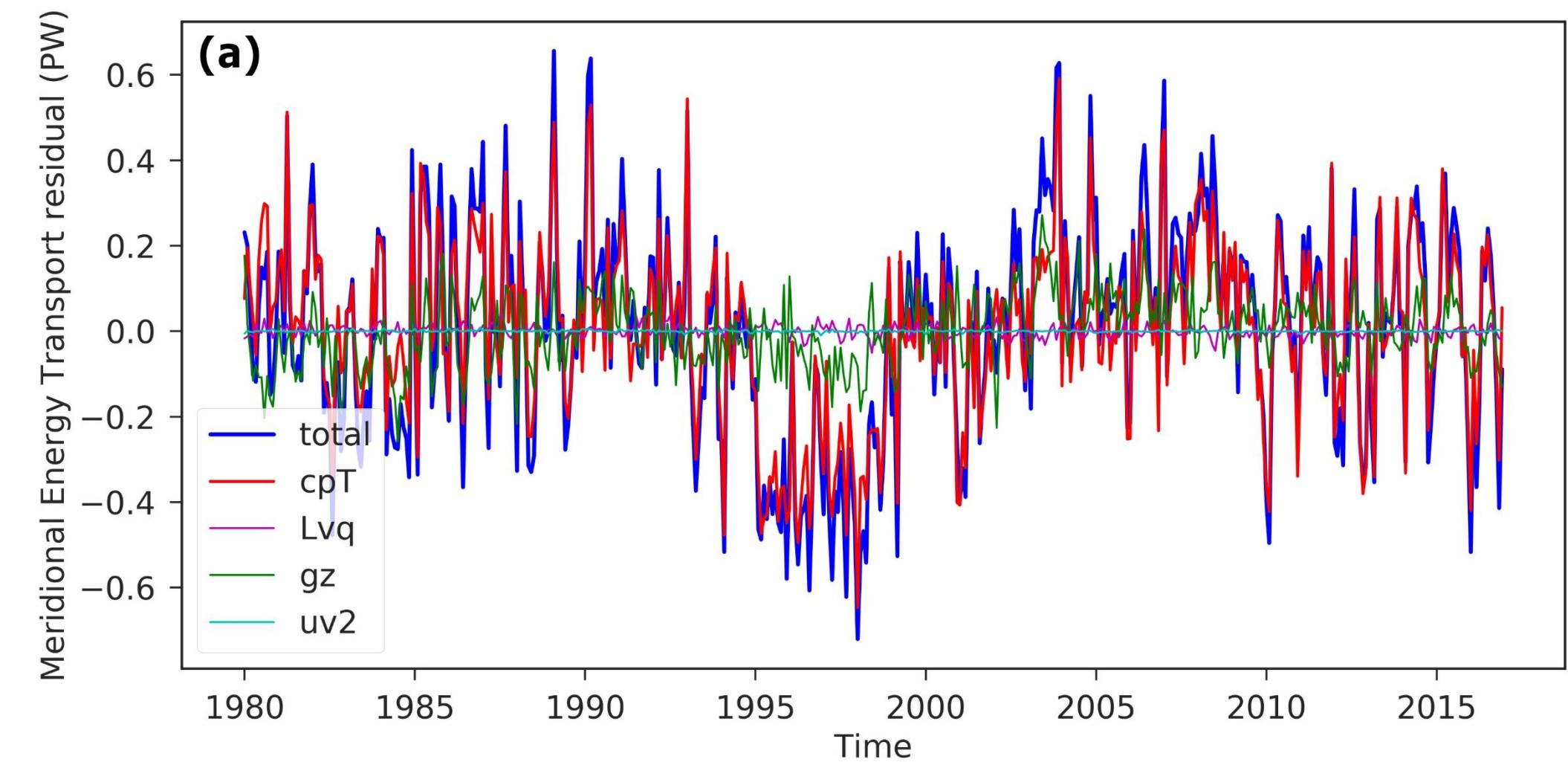
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- Meridional Energy Transport
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ERA-Interim - MERRA2



ERA-Interim – JRA55

