

Assessing terrestrial ecosystem responses to climate change from analysis of the shape and amplitude of the atmospheric CO₂ seasonal cycle

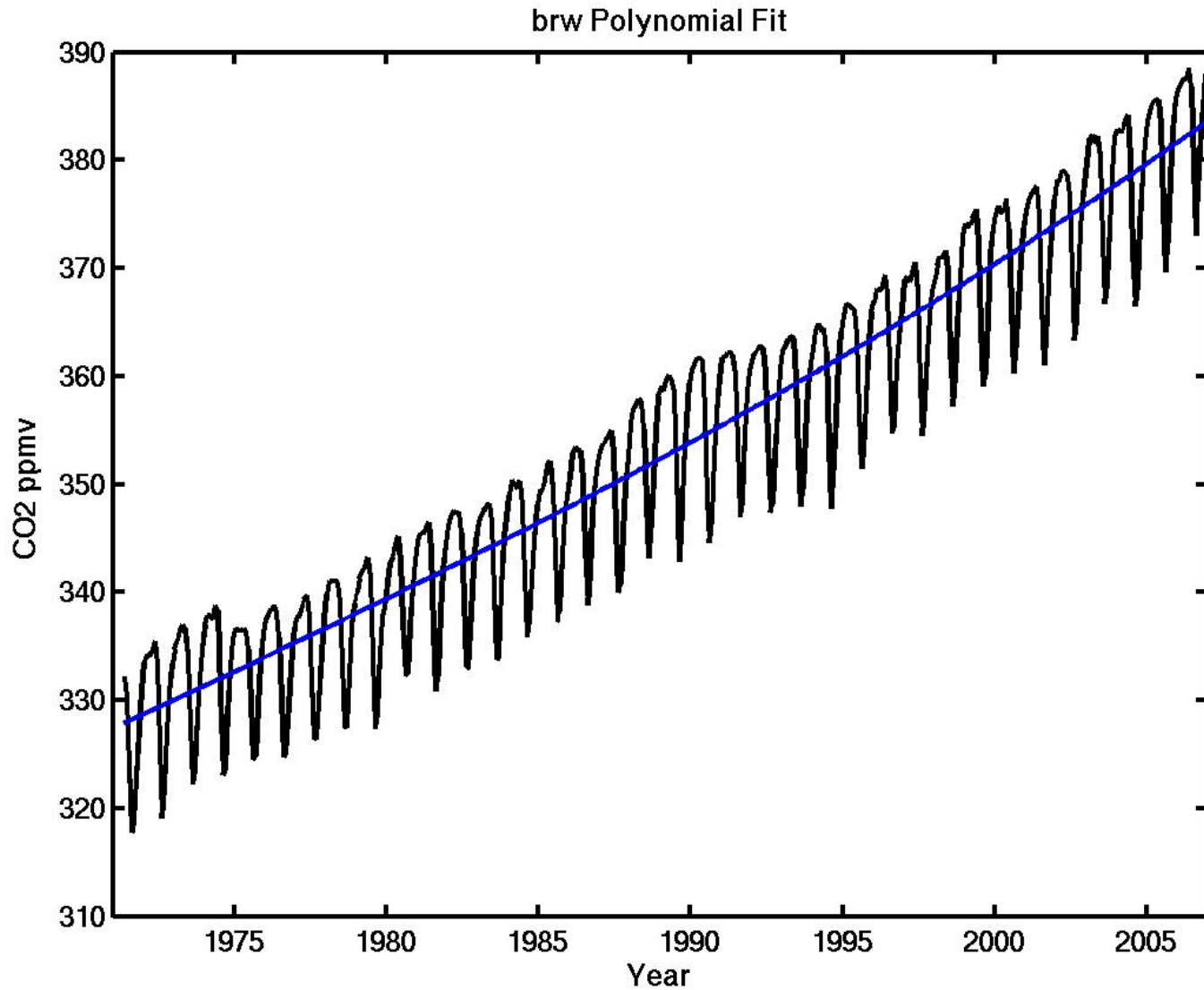
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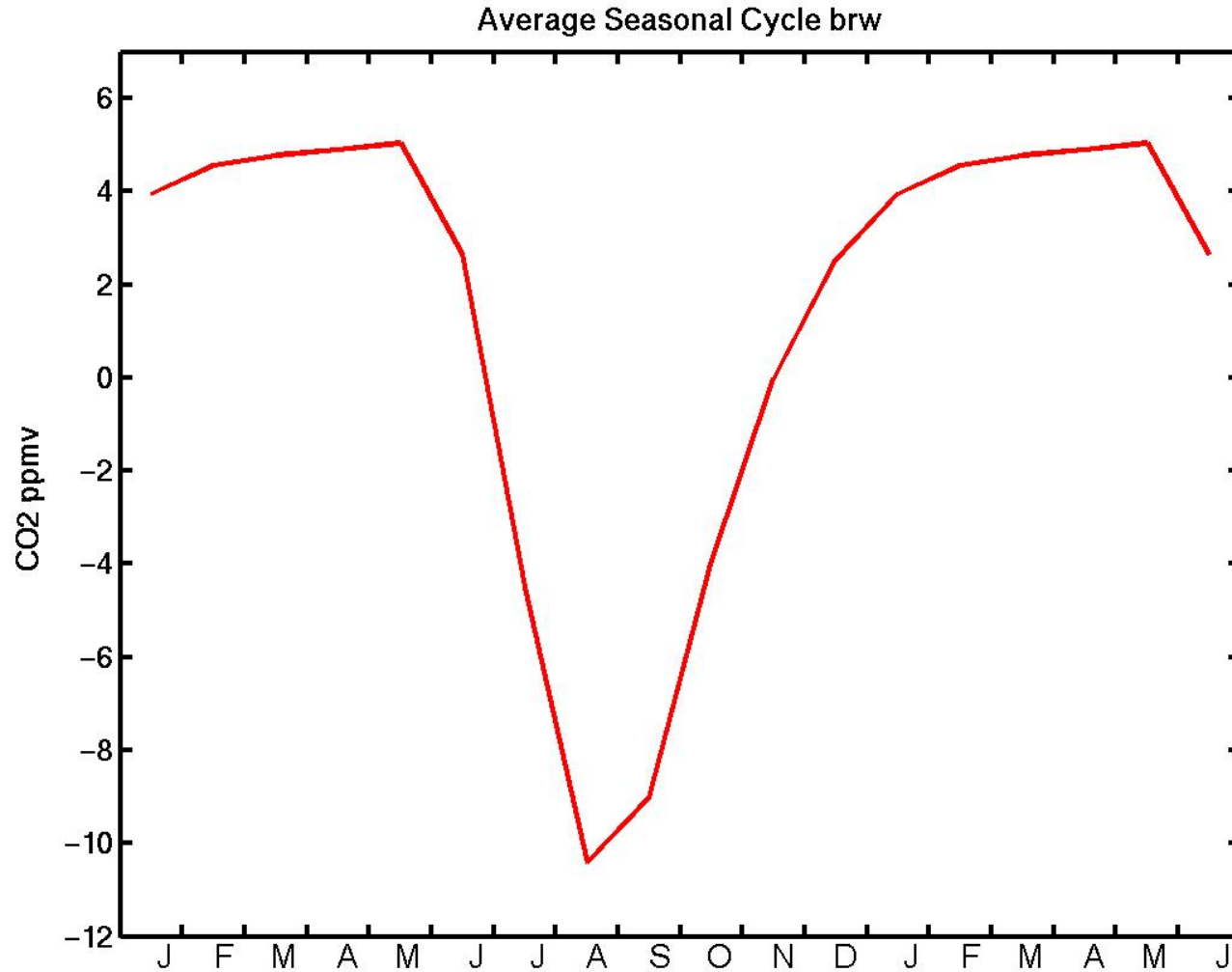
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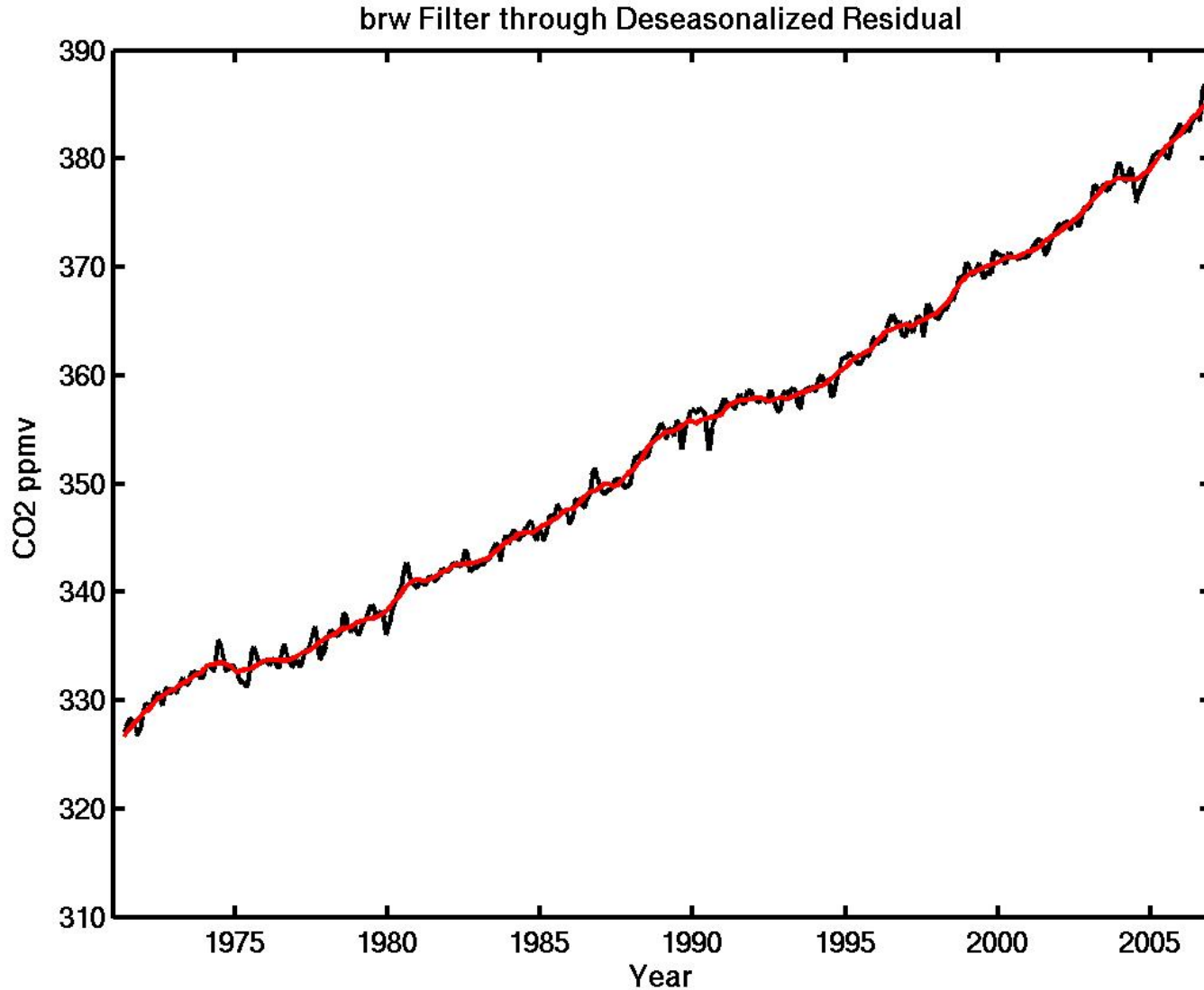
Barrow, Alaska CO₂: Detrend with polynomial



BRW Mean CO₂ Seasonal Cycle



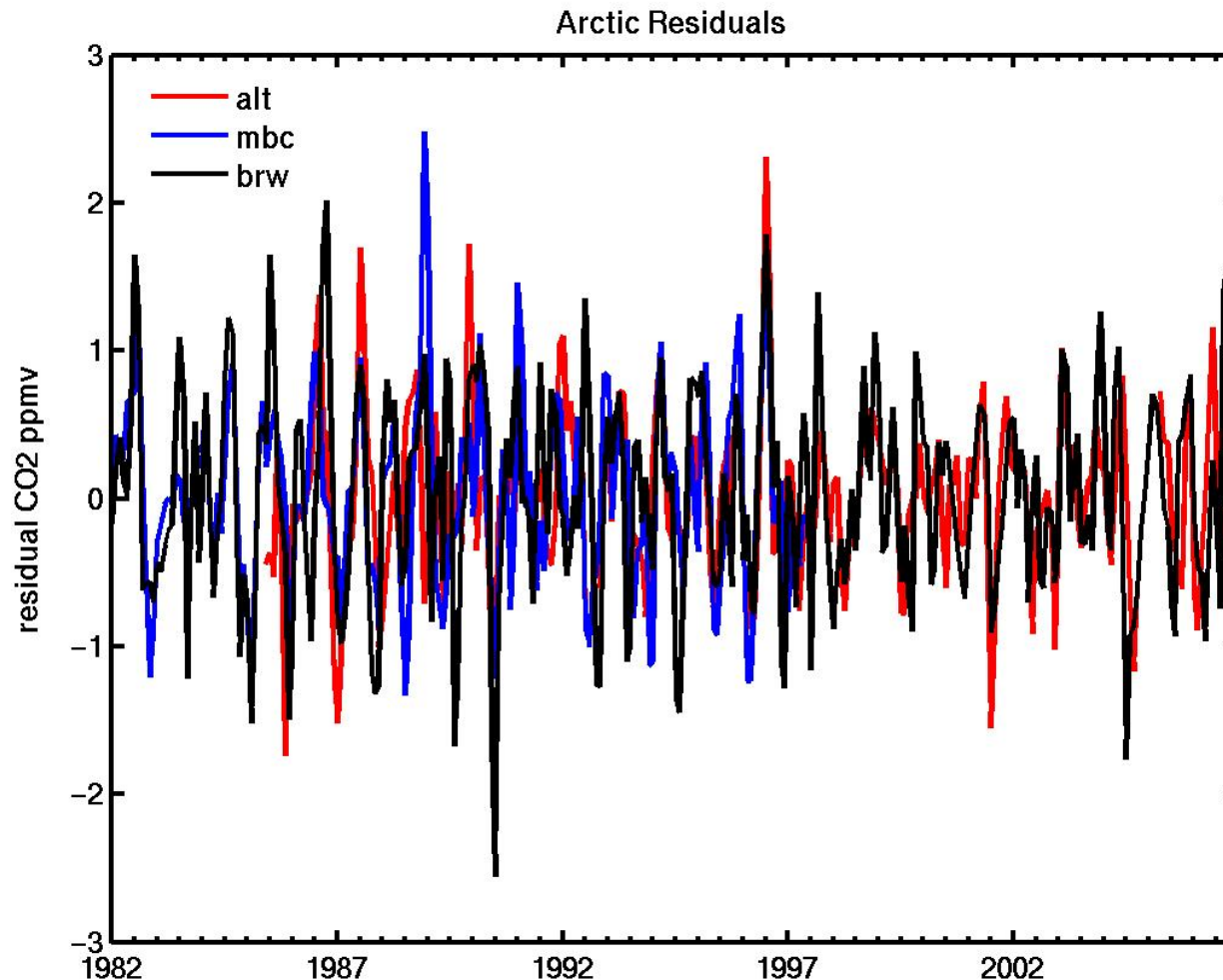
BRW: Apply Filter to Deseasonalized Residuals



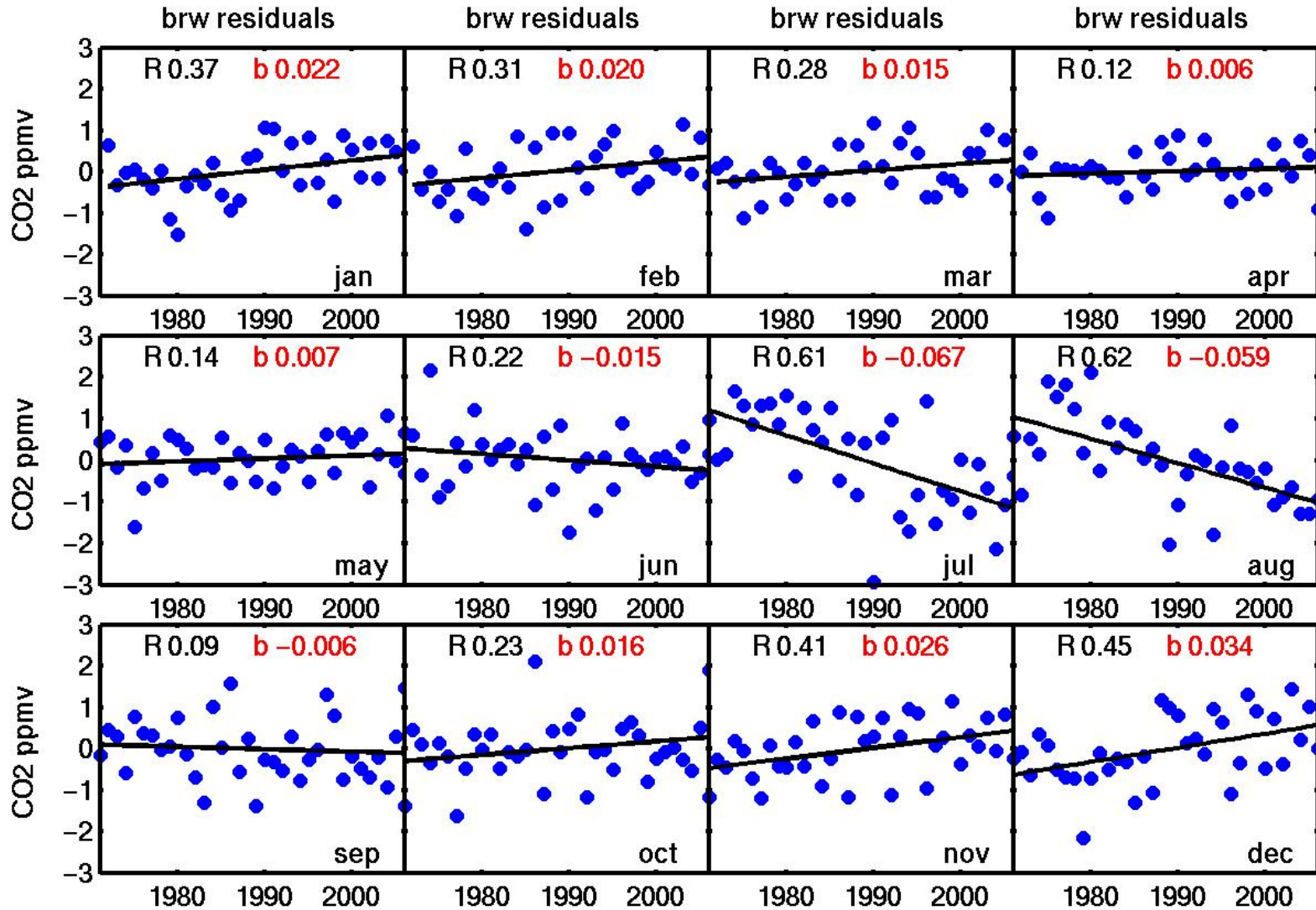
High Frequency Residuals

significantly correlated among Arctic stations

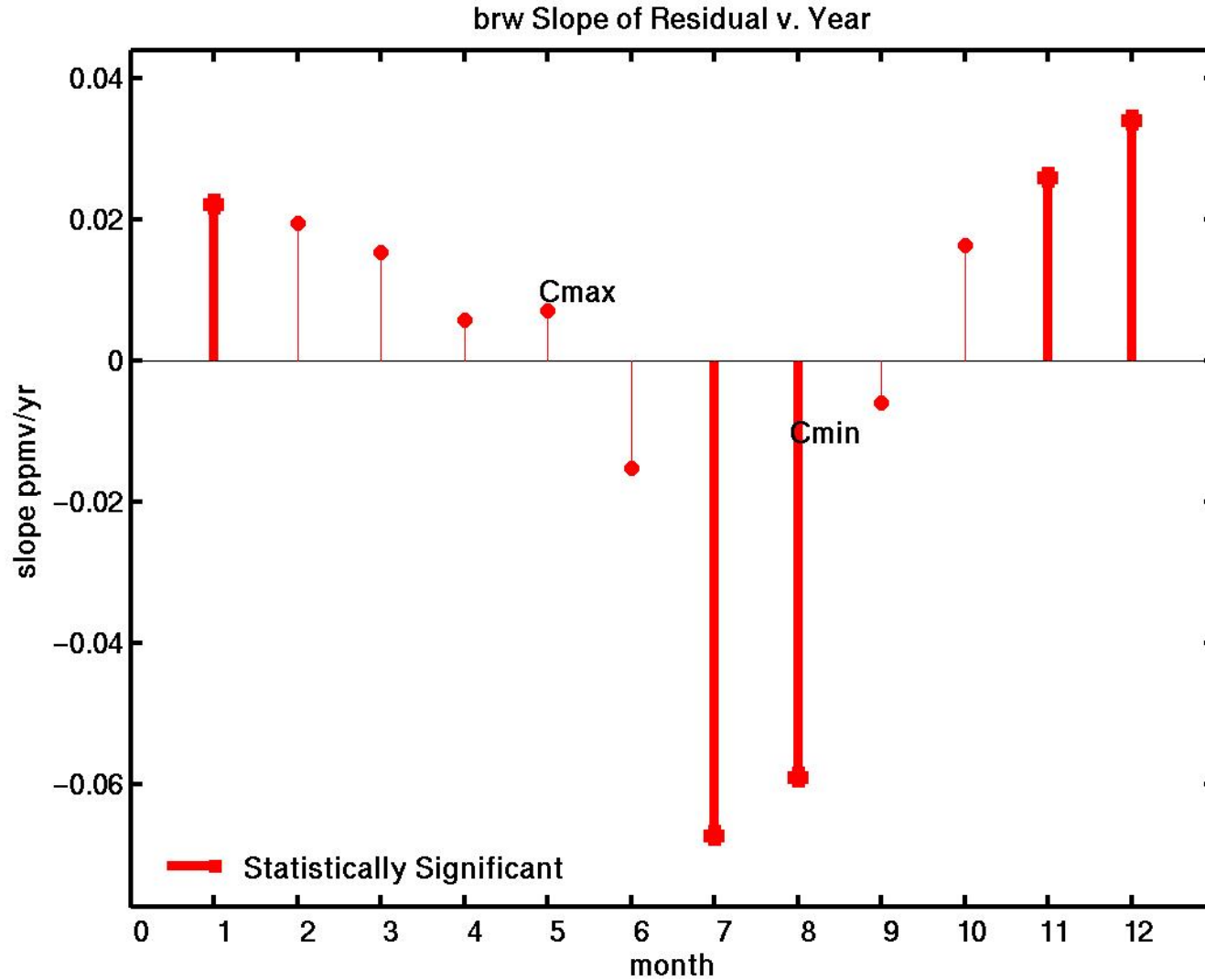
$R=0.54$ (brw v. mbc); $R=0.44$ (brw v. alt); $R=0.49$ (alt v. mbc)



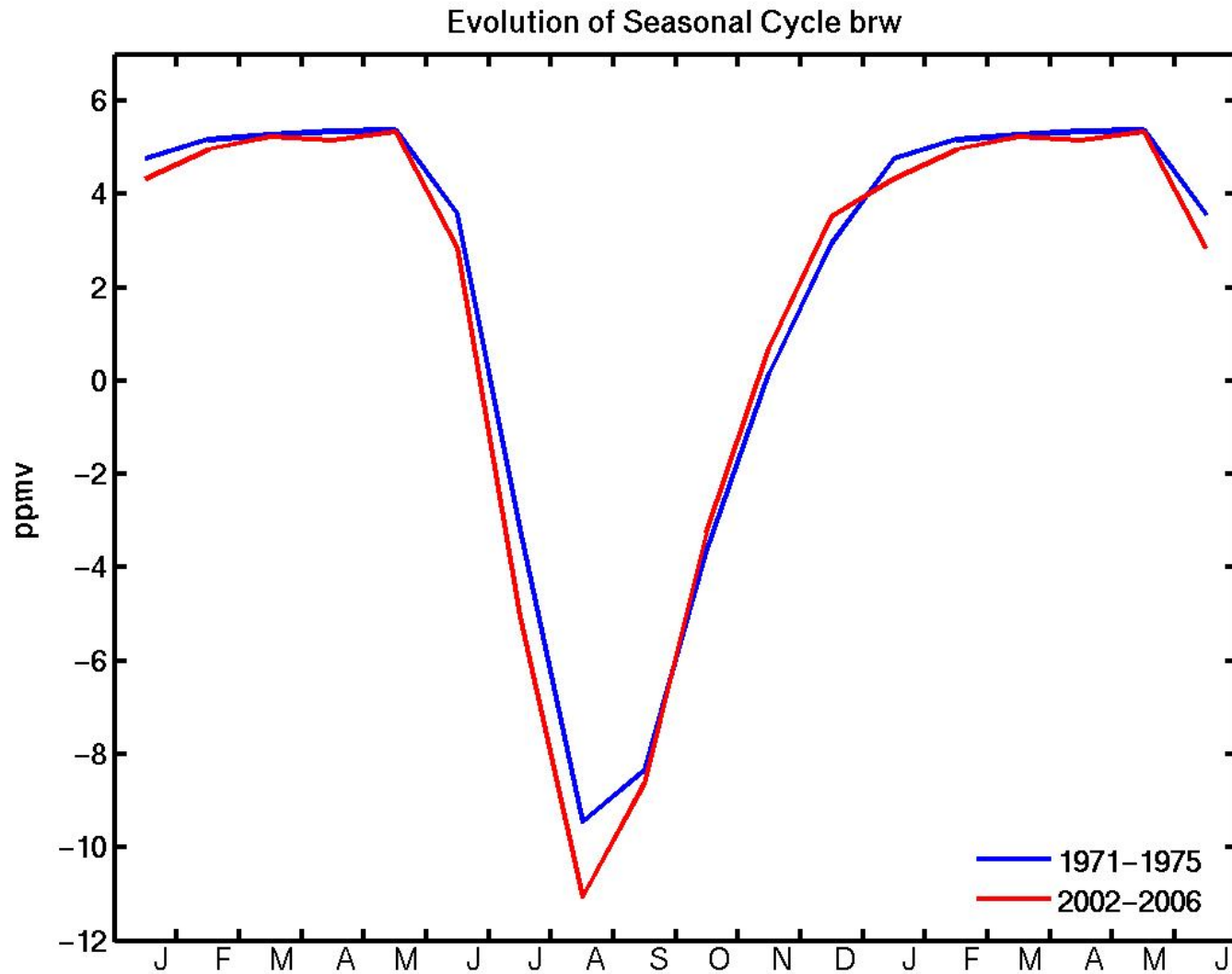
Sort High Frequency Residuals by Month



BRW: Summary of Monthly CO₂ Trends

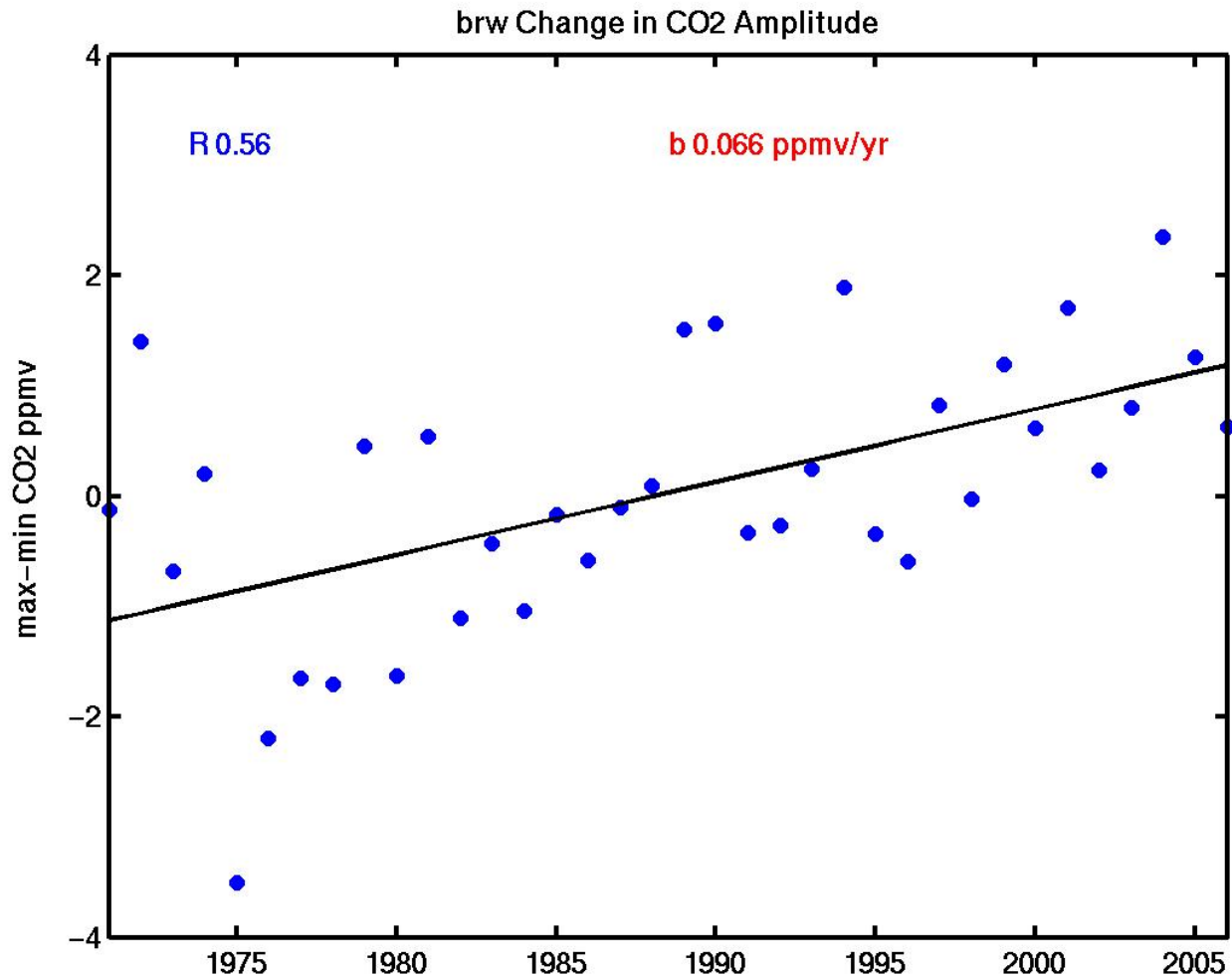


BRW Changing Shape of Seasonal Cycle

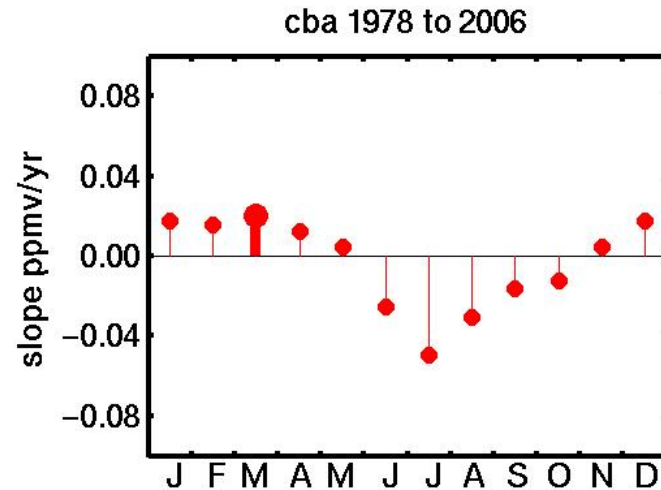
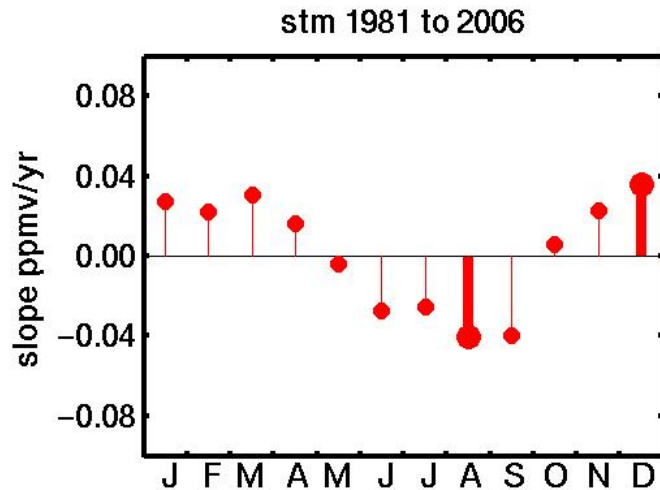
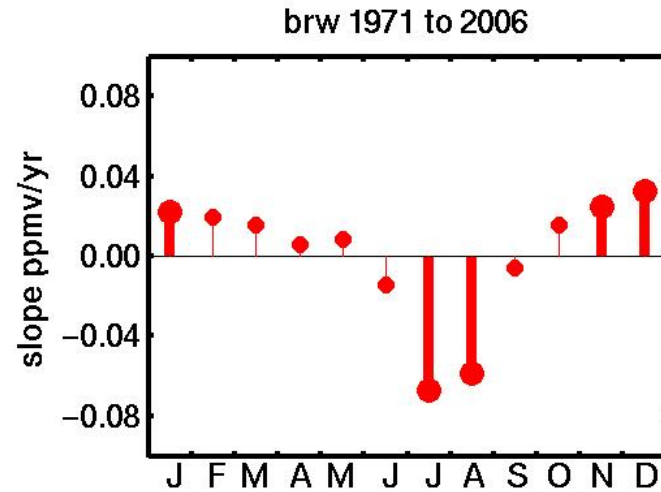
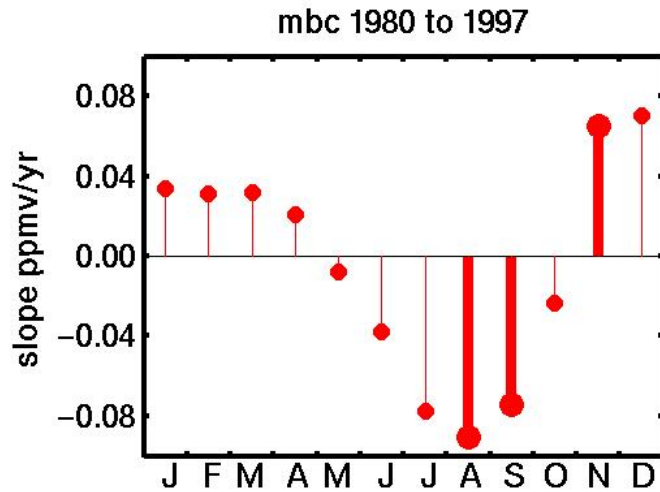


BRW Change in Amplitude

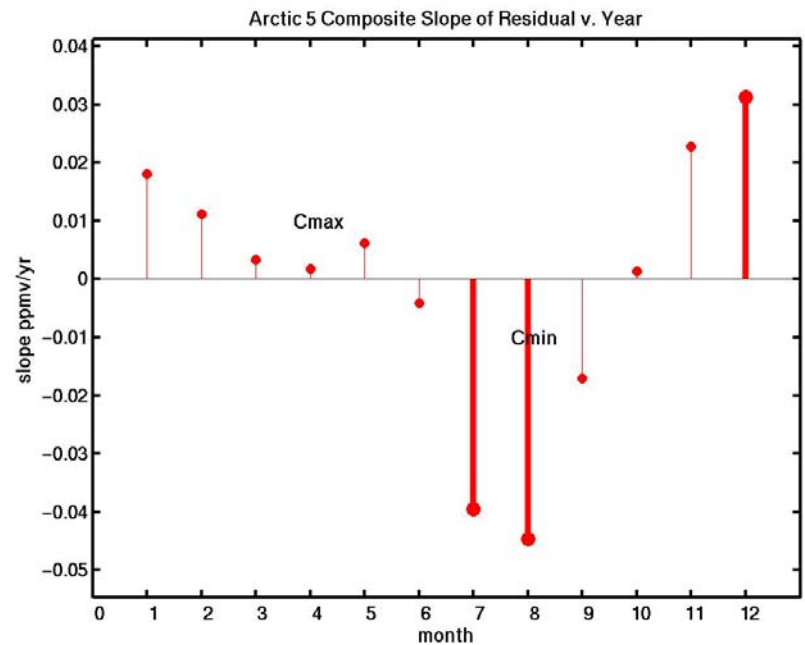
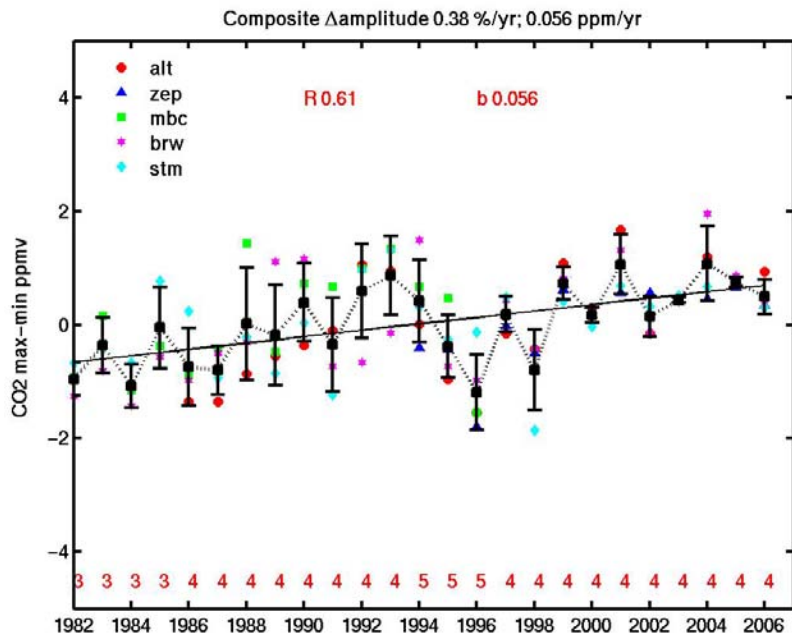
Slope of Cmax-Cmin Residuals v. Year



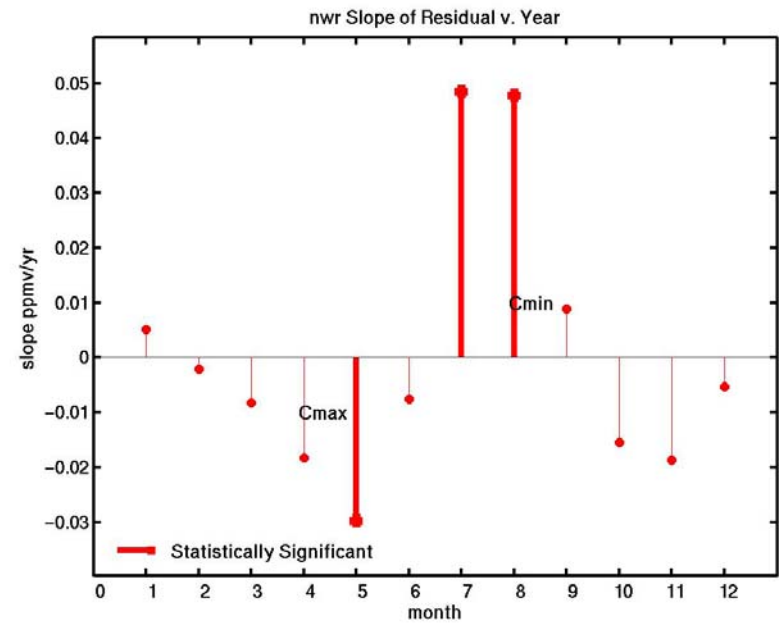
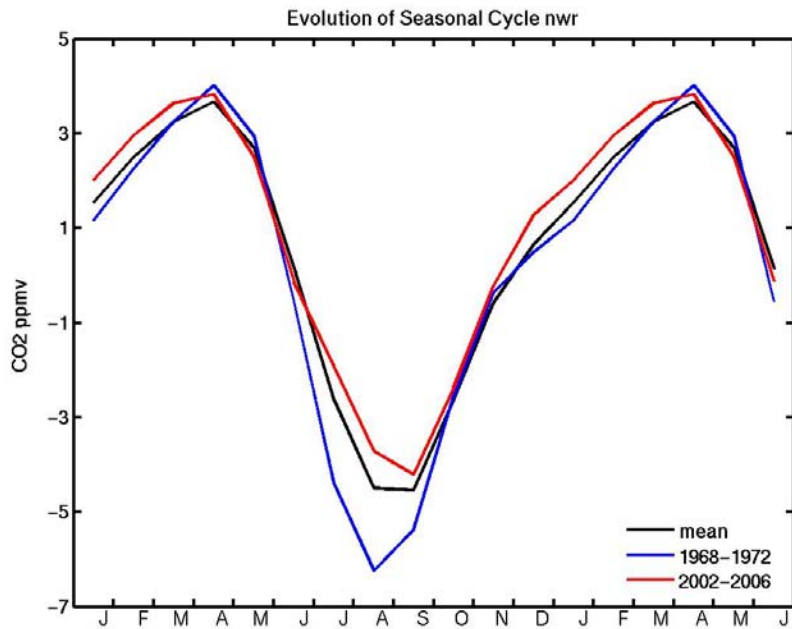
Monthly CO₂ Trends at 4 Arctic Stations



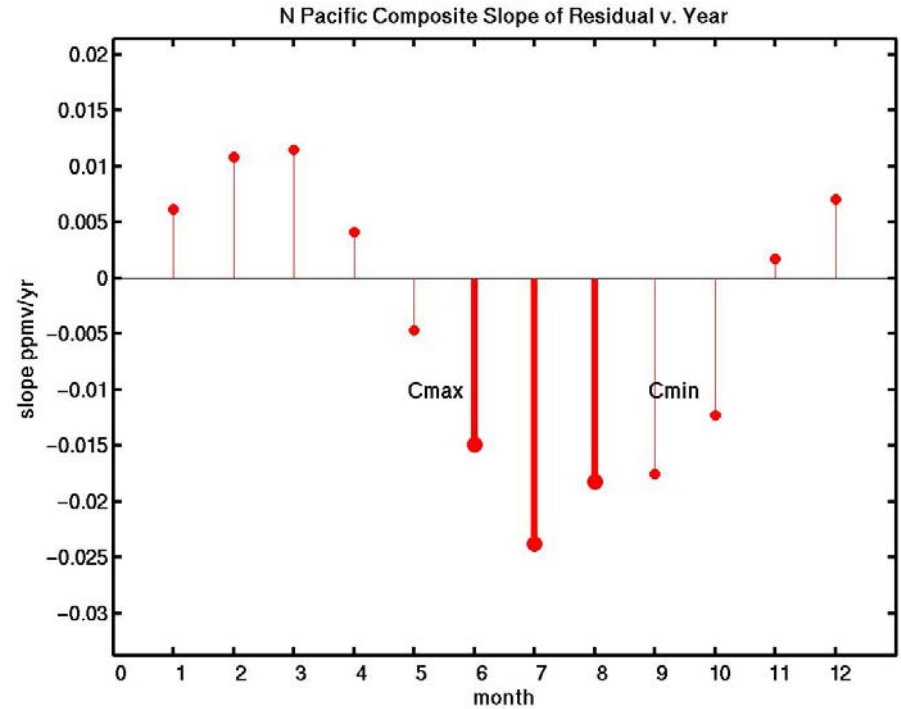
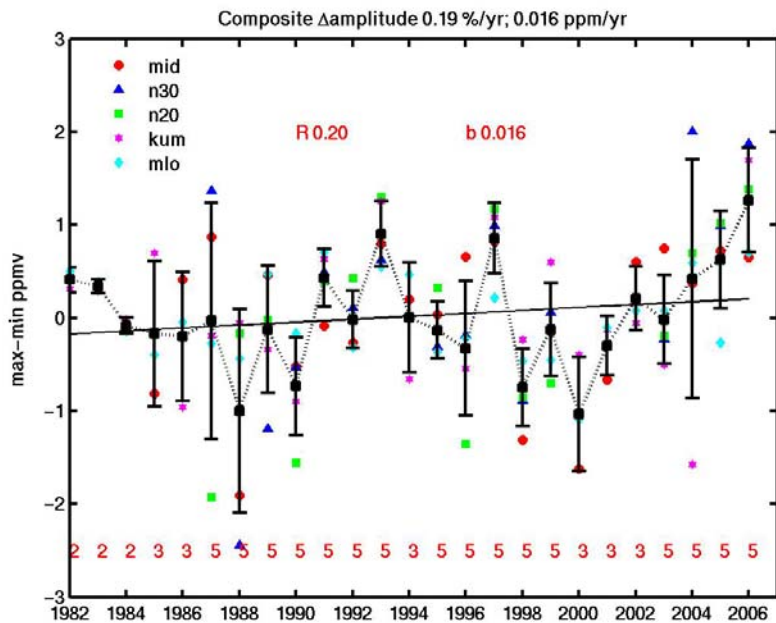
Arctic 5-Station Composite



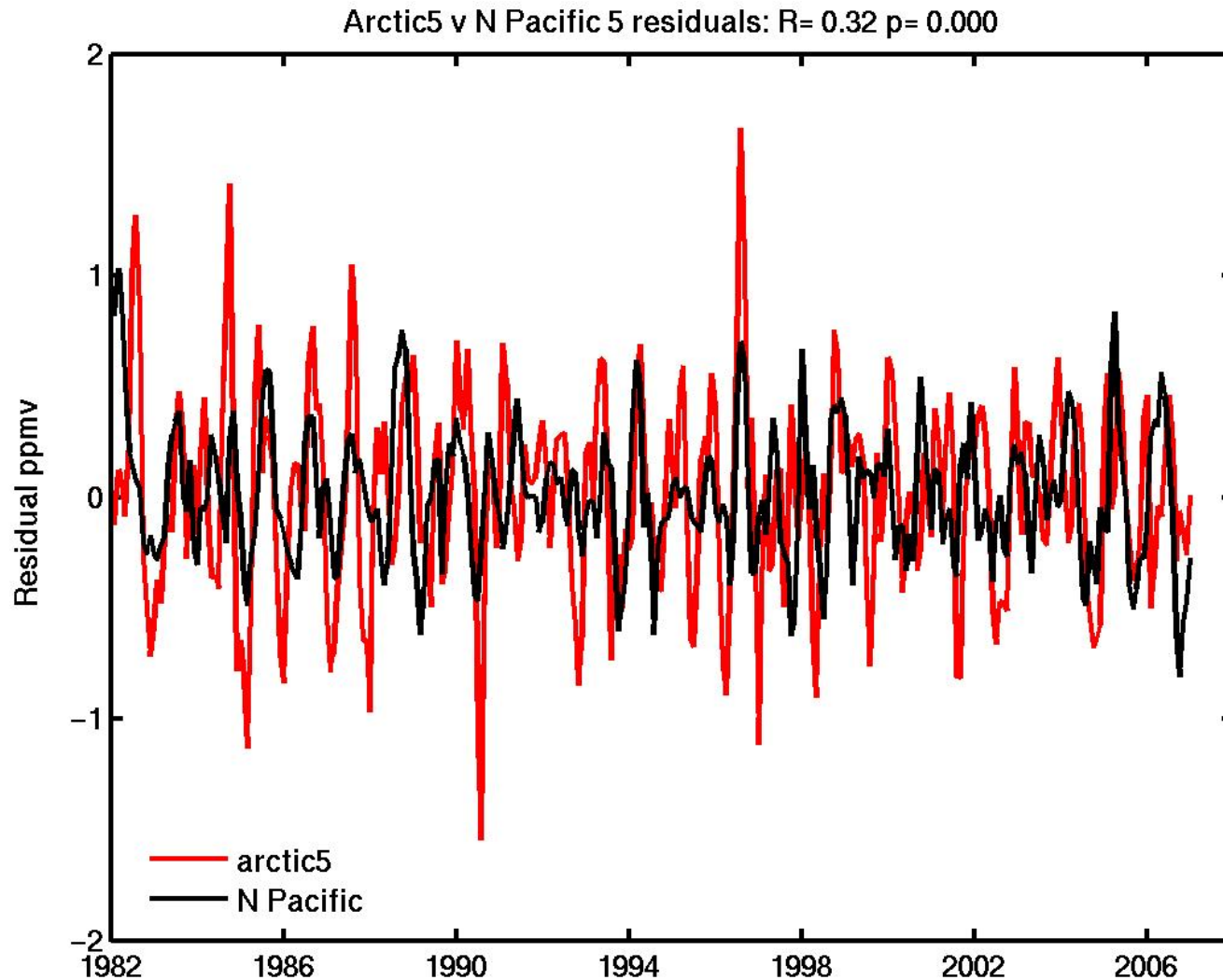
Niwot Ridge: Trends in CO₂ Seasonal Cycle



North Pacific Islands 5-Station Composite

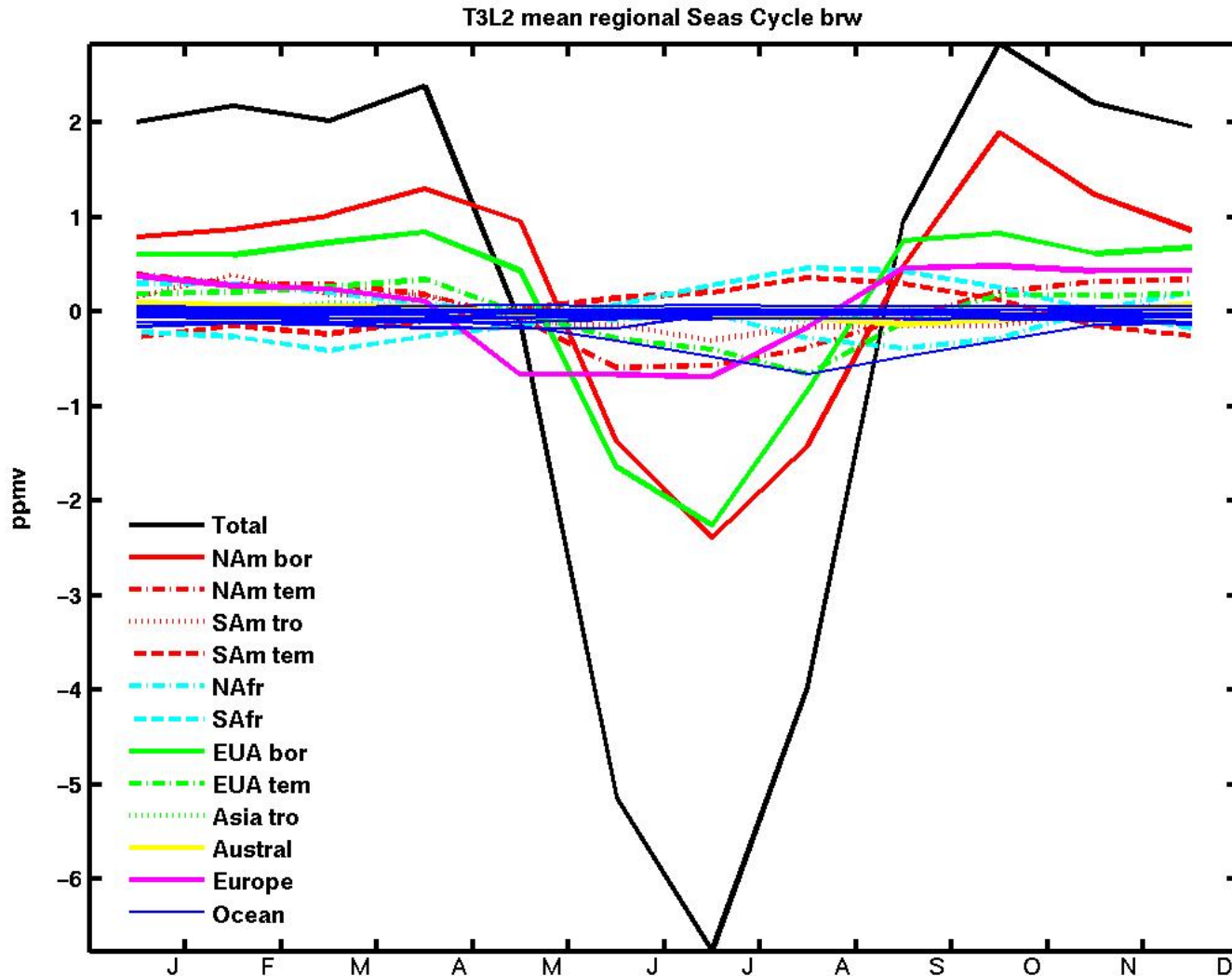


Correlation between composite N Pacific and Arctic high frequency residuals



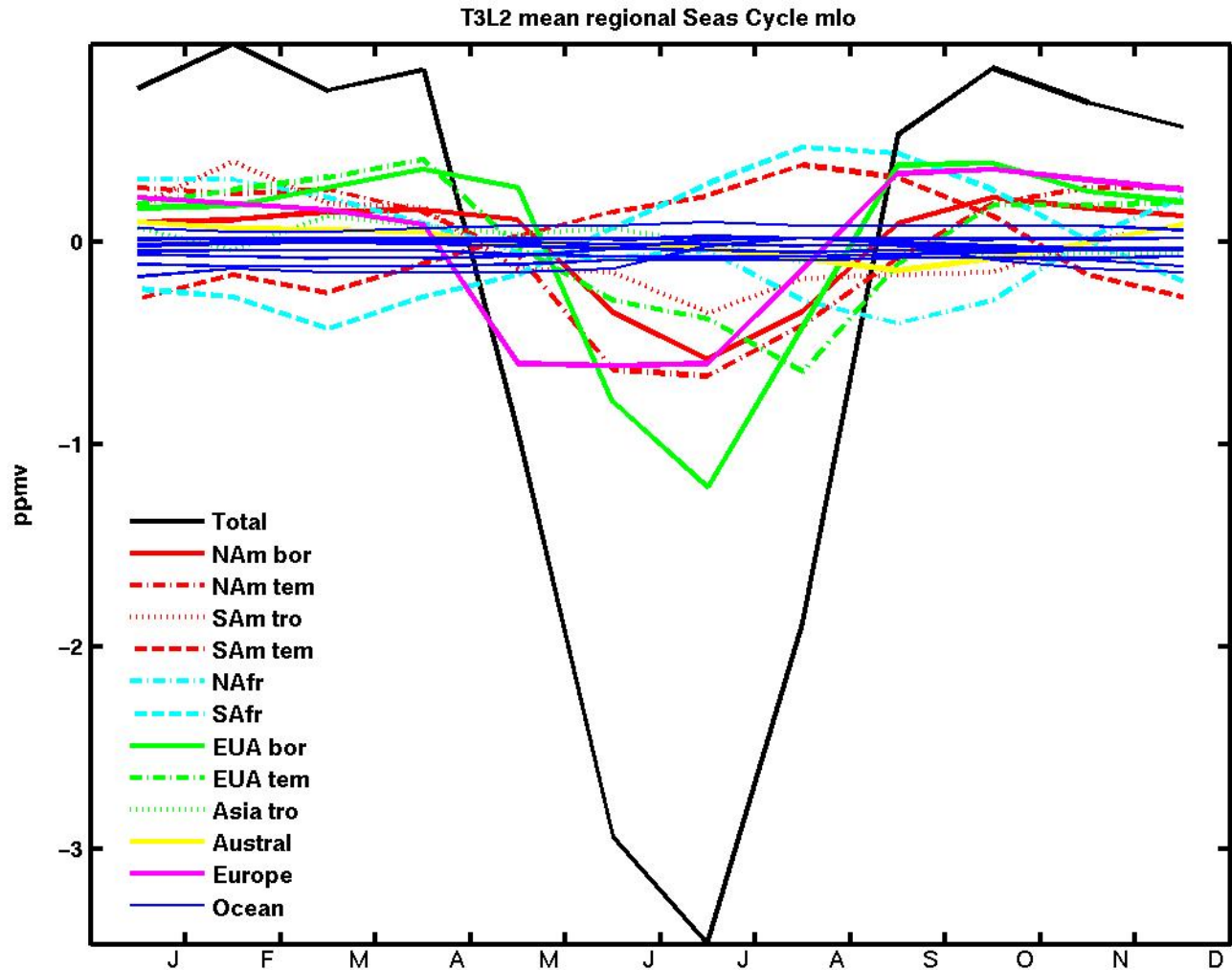
Source regions from Transcom basis functions

Barrow, Alaska (BRW): 71.3N, -156.6W, 11m

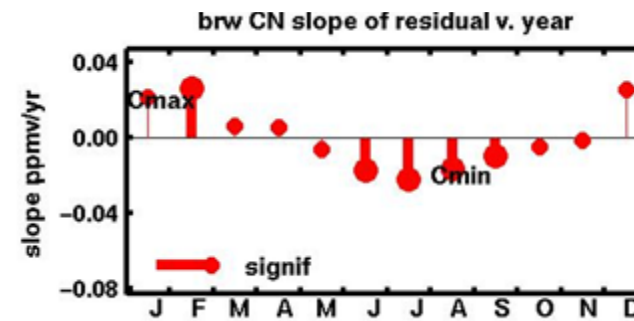
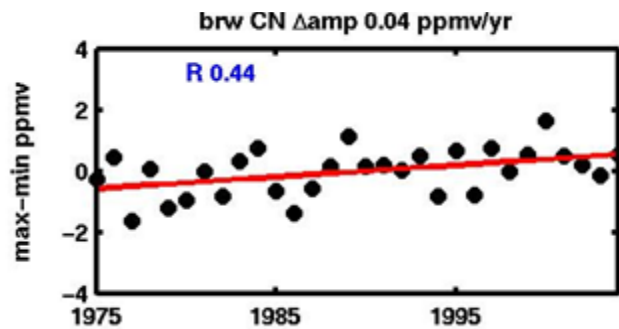
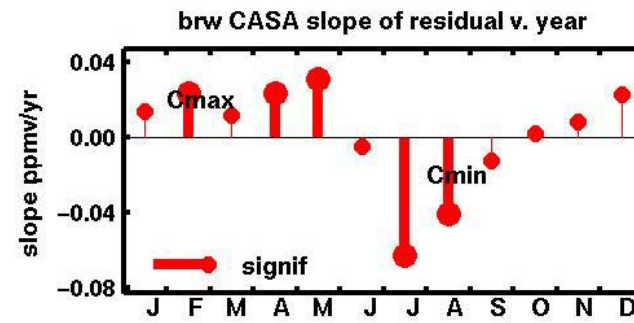
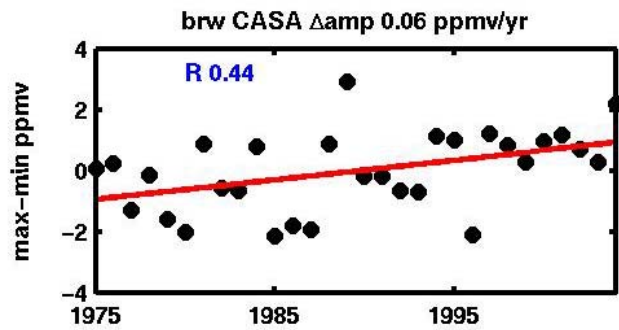
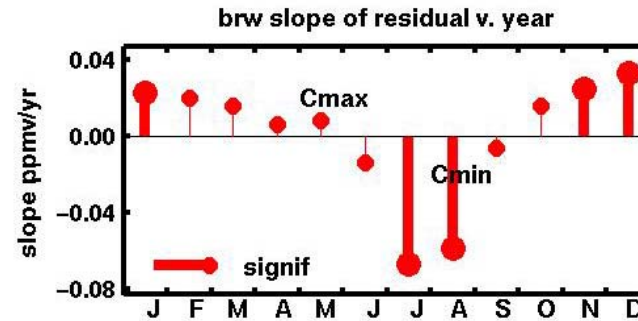
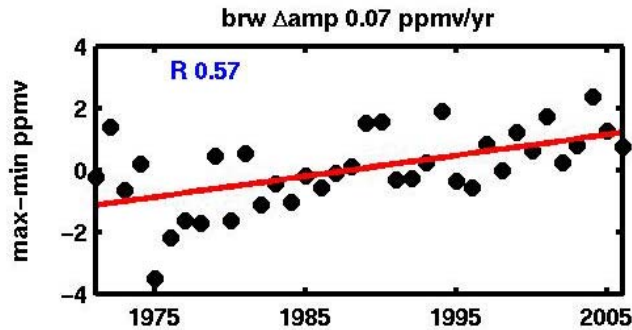


Source regions from Transcom basis functions

Mauna Loa (MLO): 19.53N, -155.58W, 3397m



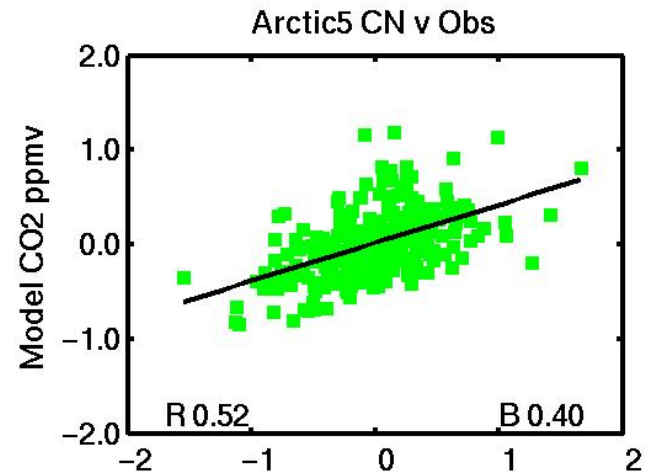
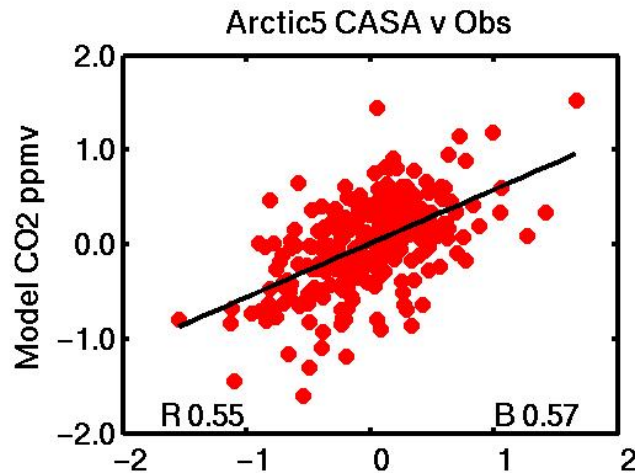
MATCH Transport Runs with NEE from Two Terrestrial Ecosystem Models



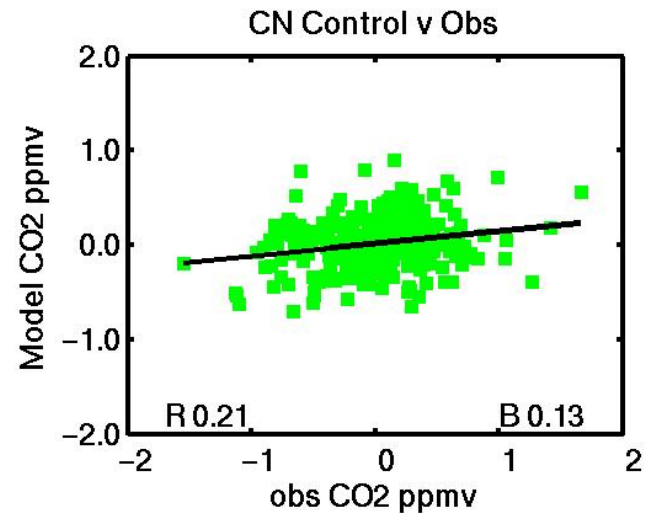
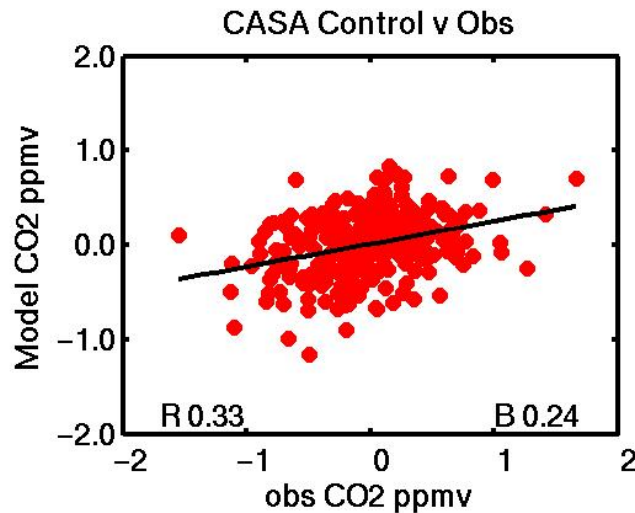
MATCH:CLM-CN and CASA' Transport Runs

high frequency residuals from both ecosystem models correlated to obs

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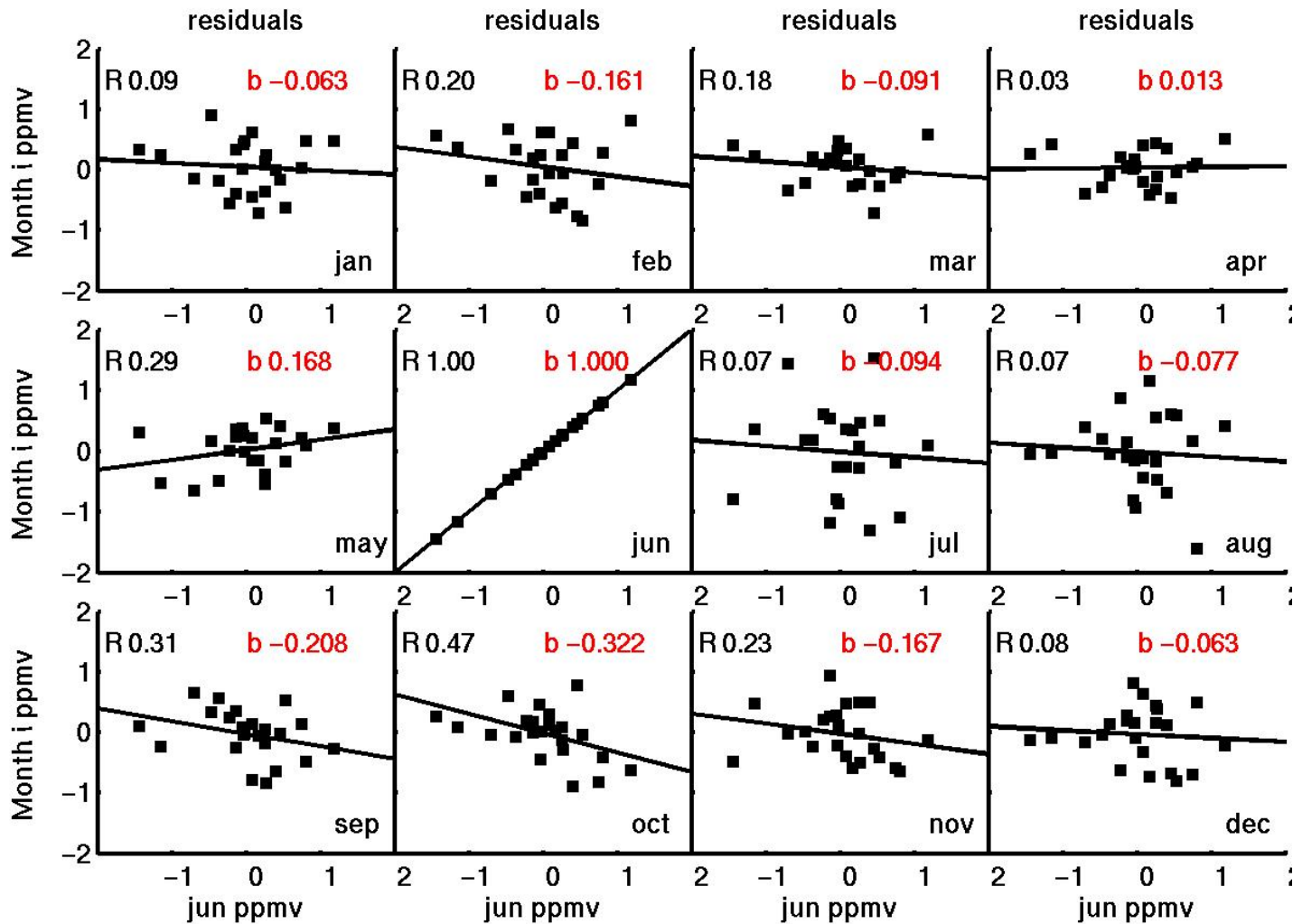


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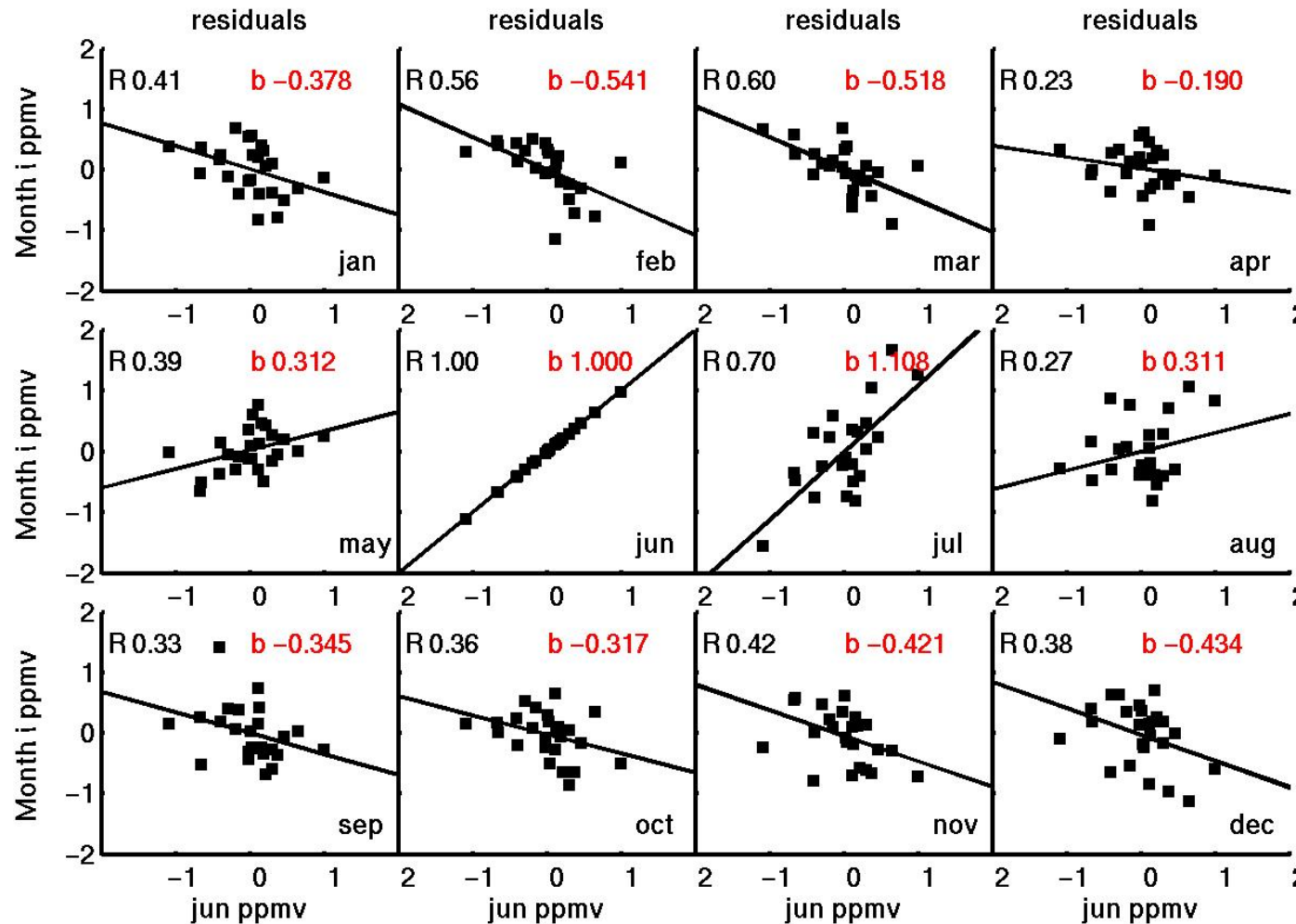


CASA'-MATCH Arctic Composite

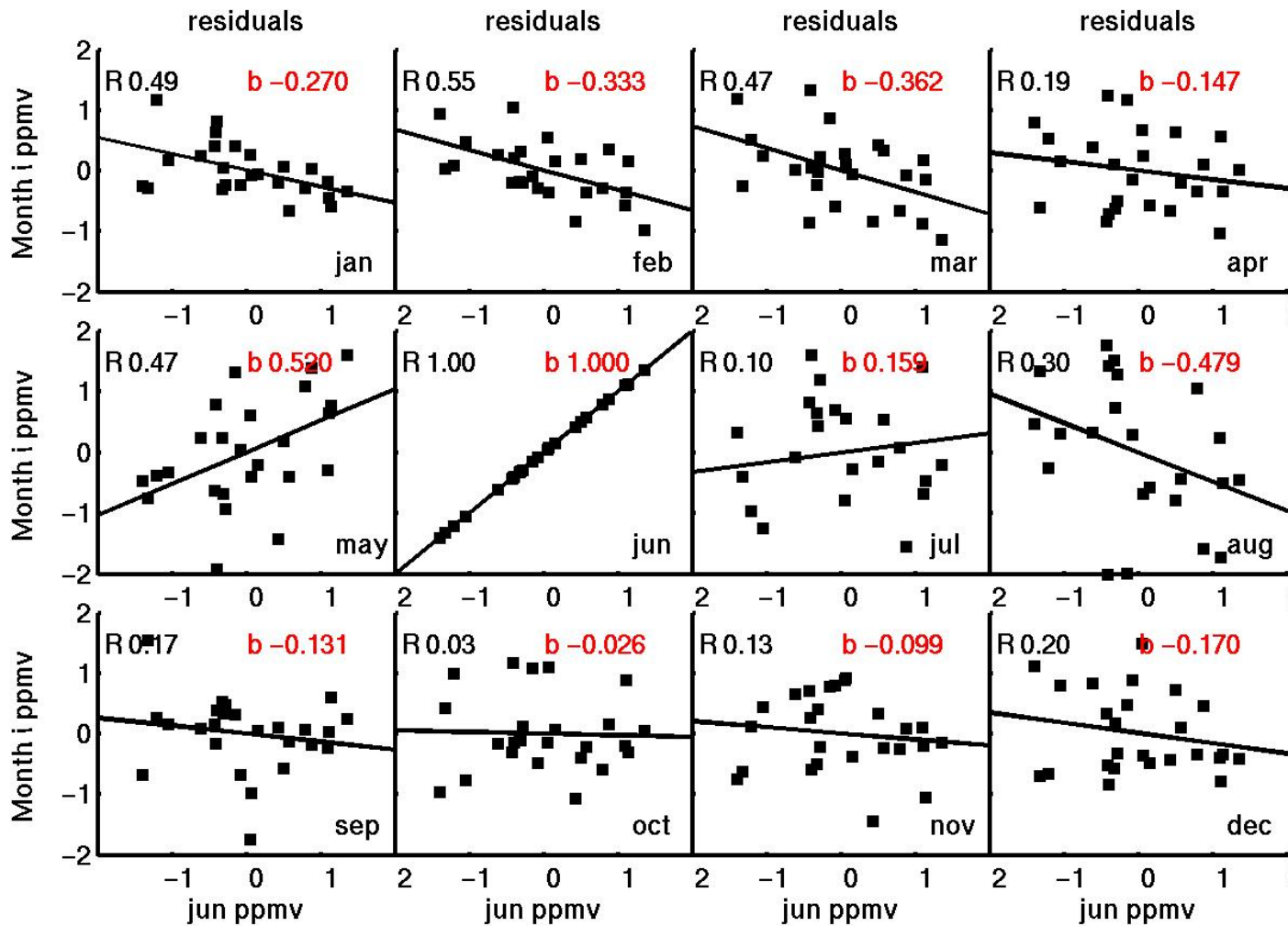
High Frequency Residuals: Intra-annual correlations of June v. other months
(each square represents one year from 1982-2004)



Obs Arctic June High Frequency Residuals plotted vs. all other months



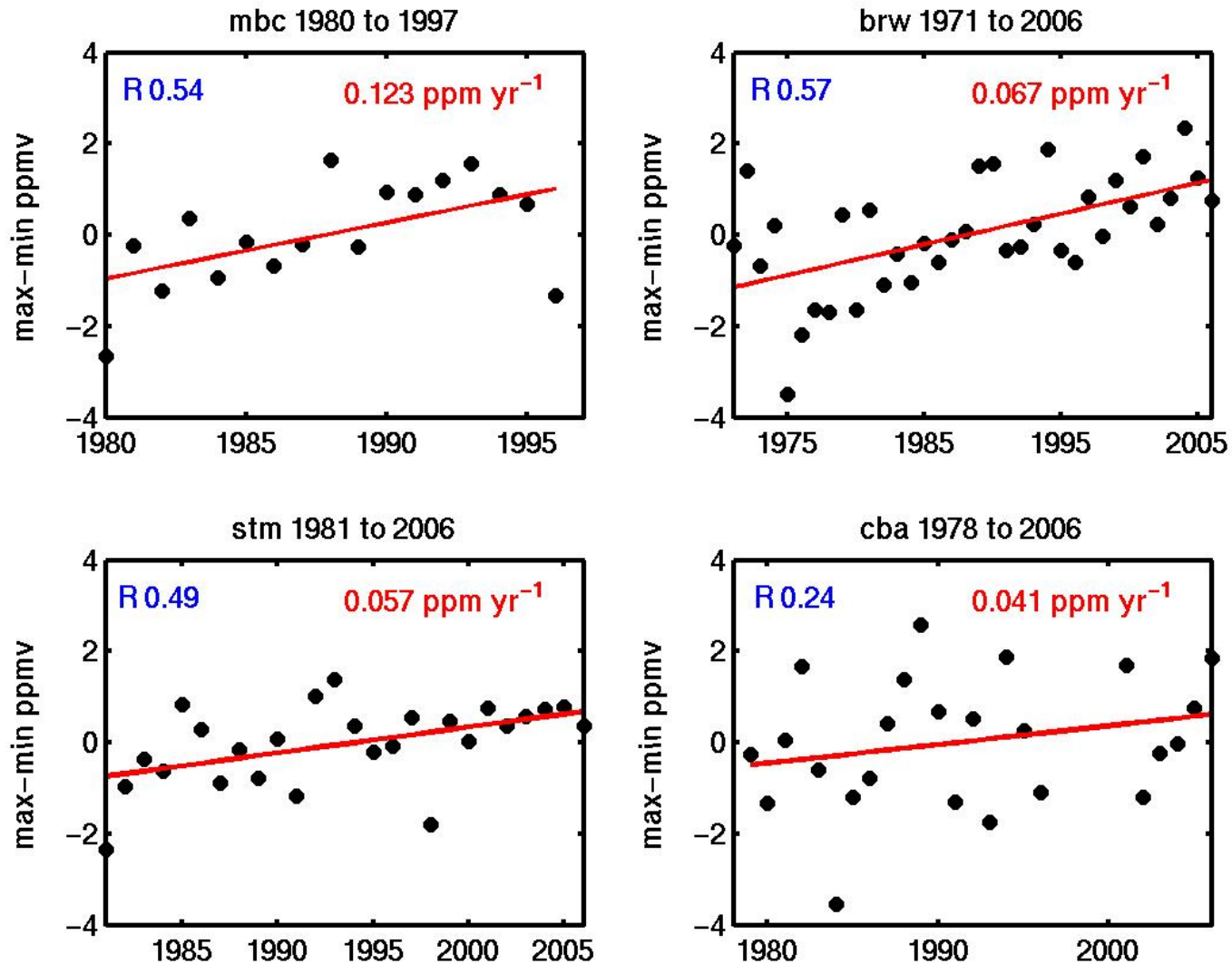
Niwot Ridge June High Frequency Residuals plotted vs. all other months



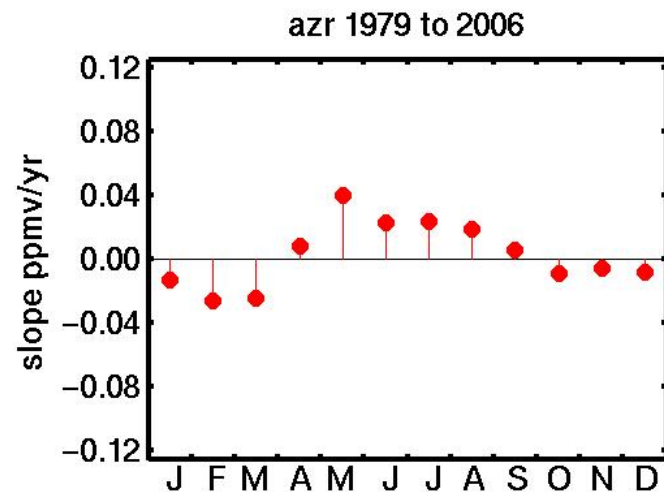
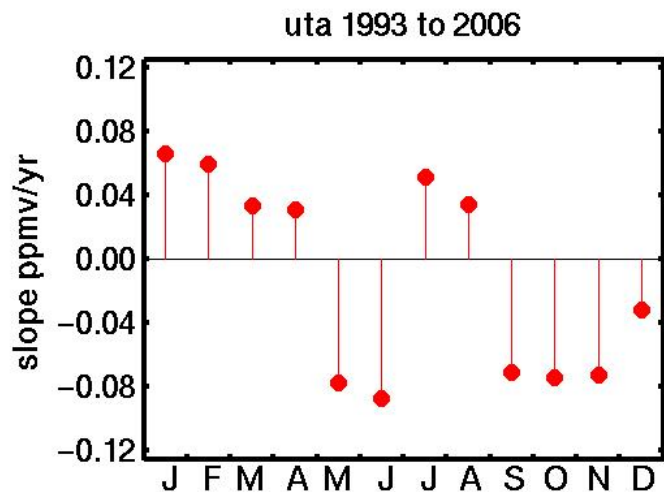
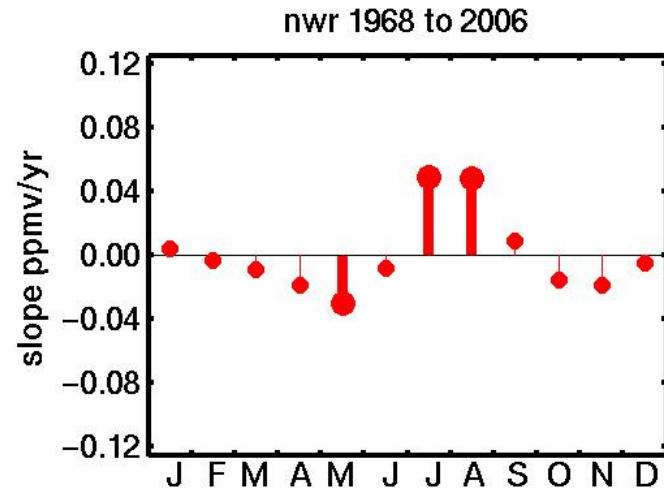
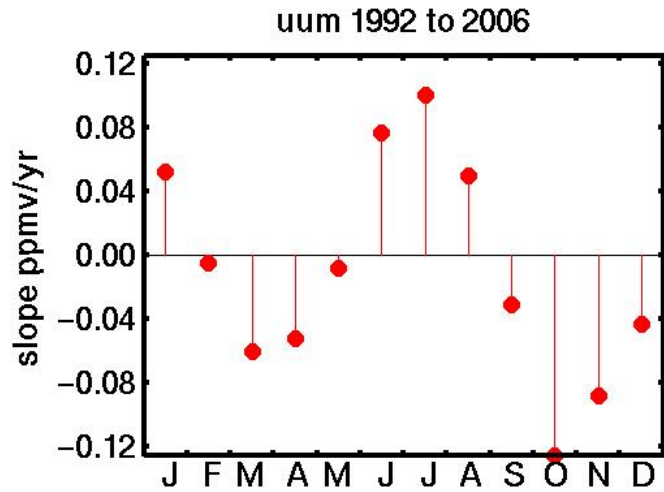
Conclusions

- 1. Significant increases in amplitude at 5 Arctic stations ~ 10% over 25 years**
- 2. Most likely reflects a terrestrial ecosystem response, although transport may also contribute**
- 3. CASA' and CLM-CN Ecosystem models in part reproduce these trends, although not necessarily for the right reasons.**

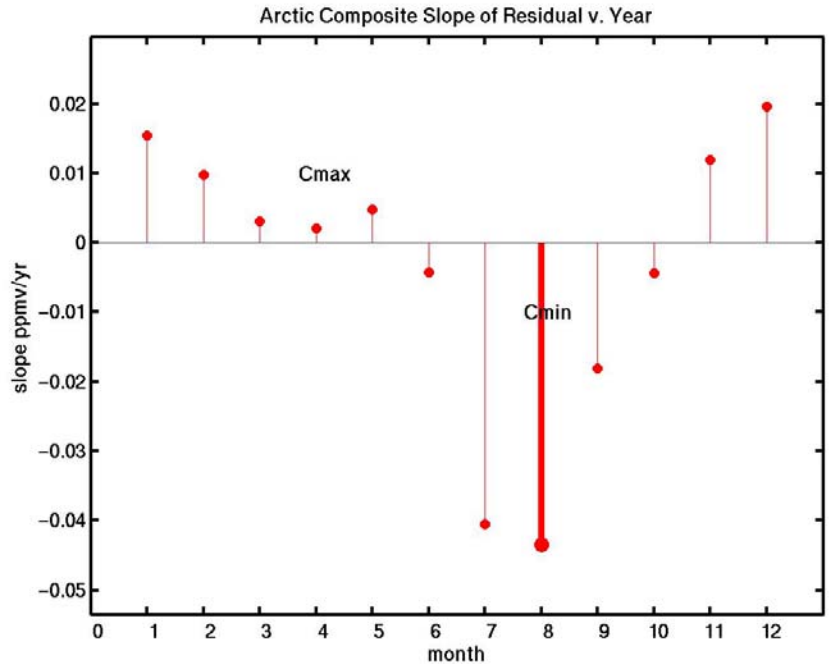
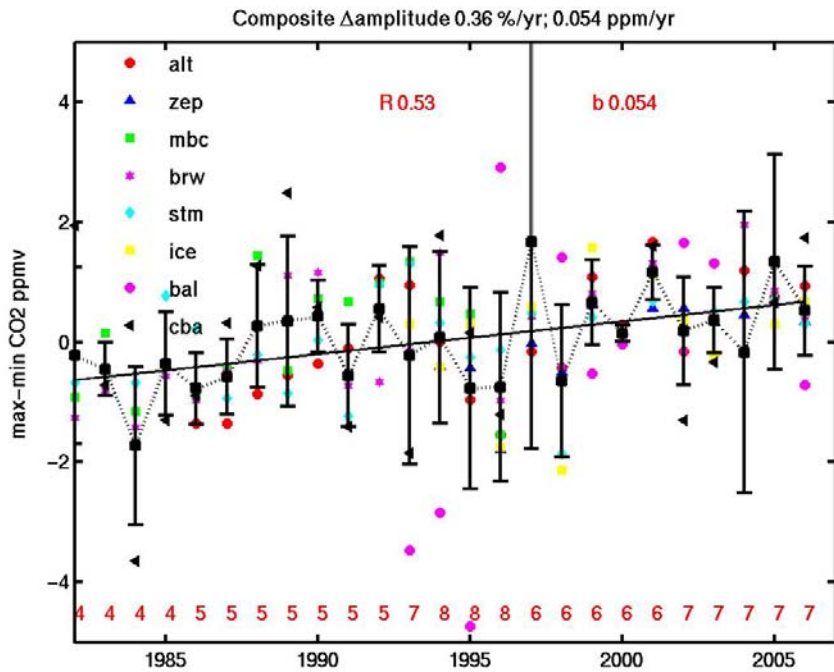
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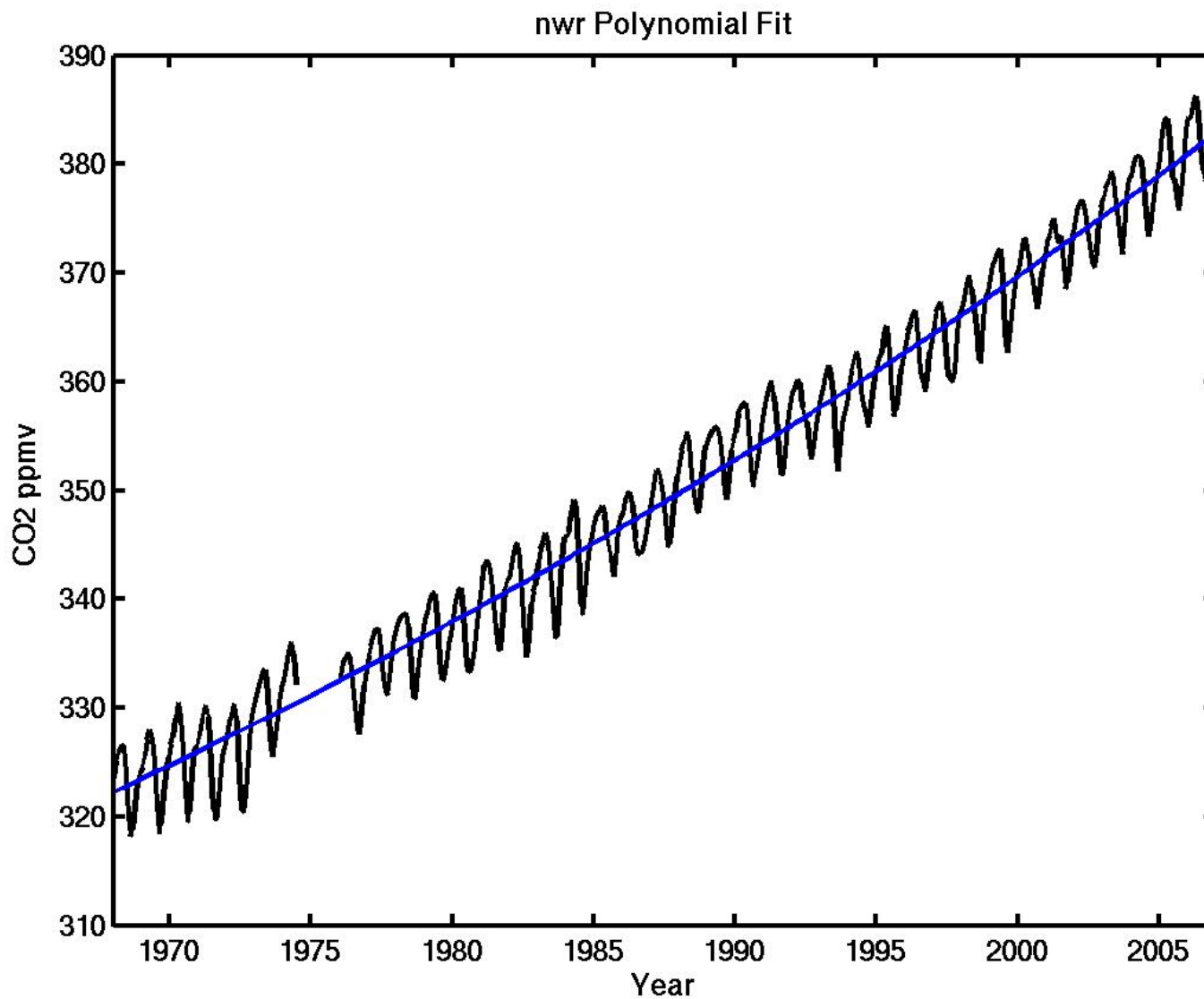
Monthly Trends at 4 NH Midlatitude Stations



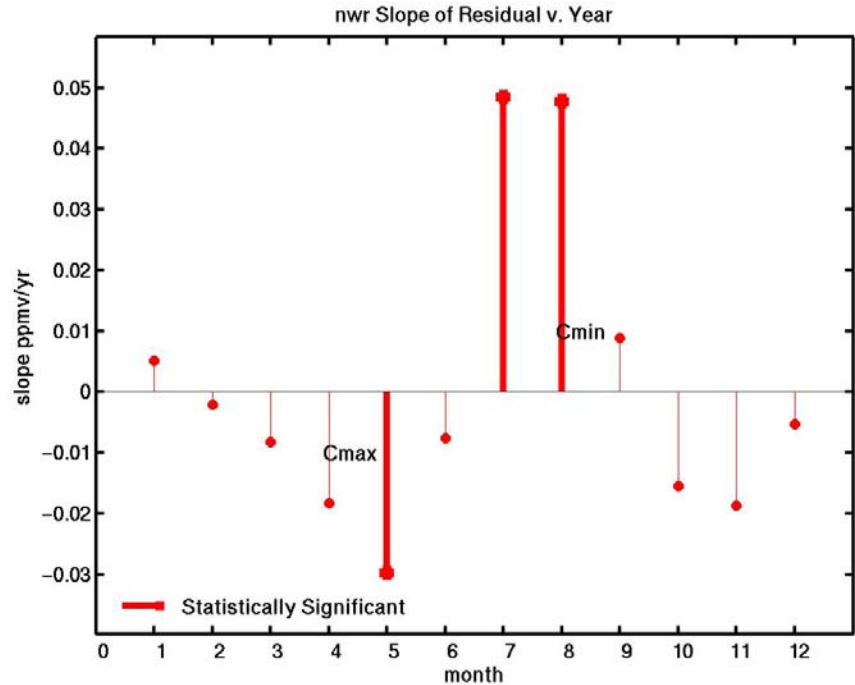
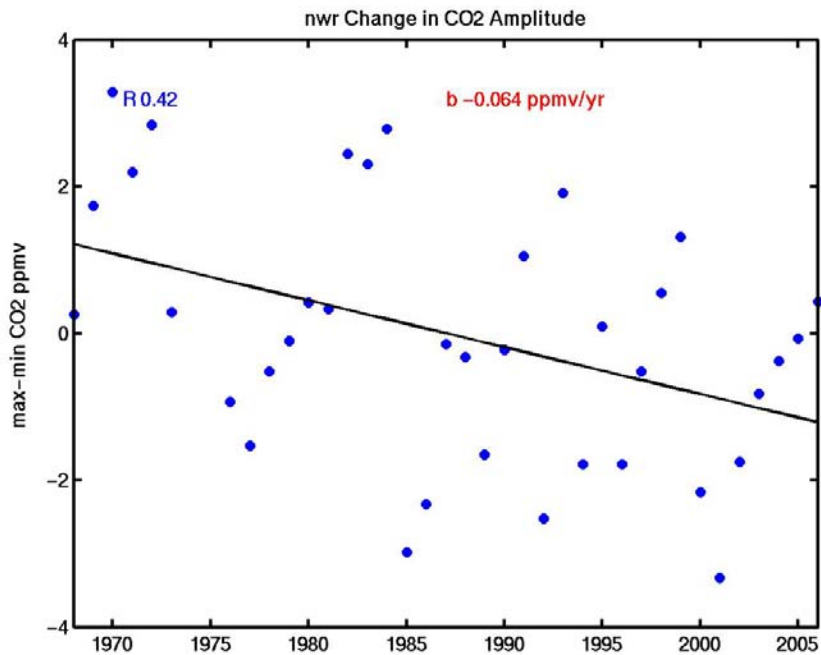
Arctic 8-Station Composite



Niwot Ridge CO₂: 40.0N, -105.6W, 3523m



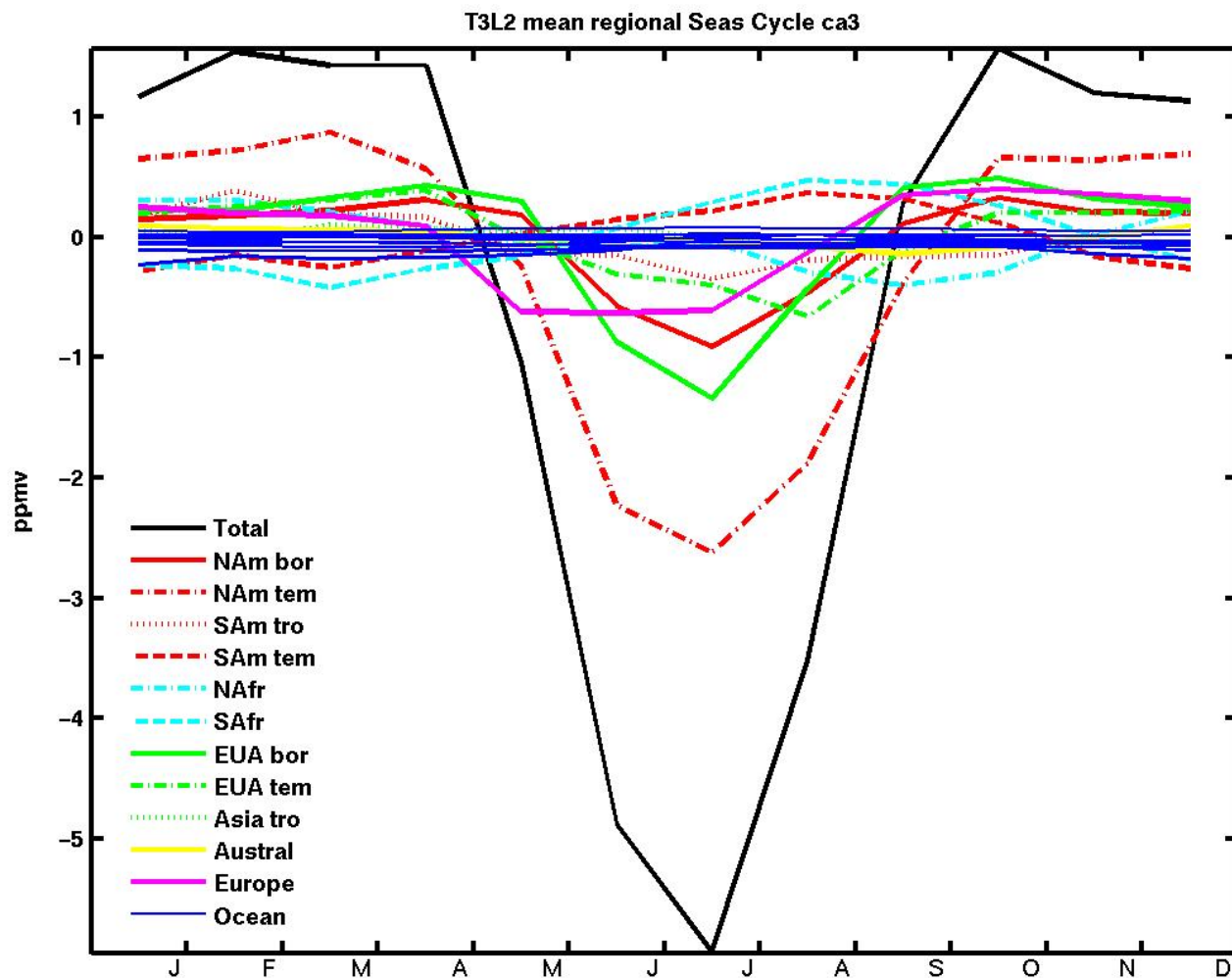
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Source regions from Transcom basis functions

Carr (CO): 40.90N, -104.8W, 3000m

(using as analog for Niwot Ridge (CO): 40.0N, -105.6W, 3523m)



MATCH Fossil Fuel Simulation

high frequency residuals not correlated to observations

