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8 **Abstract** We examine the possibility that anthropogenic forcing (Greenhouse gases
9 and Sulfate aerosols, GS) is a plausible explanation for the observed near-surface
10 temperature trends over the Mediterranean area. For this purpose, we compare an-
11 nual and seasonal observed trends in near-surface temperature over the period from
12 1979 to 2009 with the response to GS forcing estimated from 23 models derived from
13 CMIP3 database. We find that there is less than a 5% chance that natural (internal)
14 variability is responsible for the observed annual and seasonal area-mean warming
15 except in winter. Using additionally two pattern similarity statistics, pattern correla-
16 tion and regression, we find that the large-scale component (spatial-mean) of the GS
17 signal is detectable (at 2.5% level) in all seasons except in winter. In contrast, we fail
18 to detect the small-scale component (spatial anomalies about the mean) of GS signal
19 in observed trend patterns.

20 Further, we find that the recent trends are significantly (at 2.5% level) consistent with
21 all the 23 GS patterns, except in summer and spring, when 8 and 5 models respec-
22 tively underestimate the observed warming. Thus, we conclude that GS forcing is a
23 plausible explanation for the observed warming in the Mediterranean region. Con-
24 sistency of observed trends with climate change projections indicates that present
25 trends may be understood of what will come more so in the future, allowing for a
26 better communication of the societal challenges to meet in the future.

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1 Introduction

The attribution of global temperature variations over the past century to a combination of anthropogenic and natural influences is now well established, with the anthropogenic factors dominating. However, difficulties remain in the detection of a human influence in observed trends at regional scales (Hegerl et al., 2007). This is a consequence of the increasing variability, and thus generally decreasing signal-to-noise ratio, with decreasing area of aggregation (Stott and Tett, 1998; Zwiers and Zhang, 2003). In addition, it is not always possible to account for all "external" factors, in particular when dealing with the regional scales of up to, thousand kilometres. On these scales, the effect of factors such as land use or land cover changes, emission of aerosols related to traffic, industry or natural sources may be very noisy (may depend on the circulation, which is related to internal variability) and any of which may be important contributors to the observed trends. Detection and attribution analyses must therefore be continuously updated as our understanding of the processes that govern climate change and variability accumulates.

The formal detection and attribution approach has been applied to study temperature changes over the southern Europe land area, which is a part of the Mediterranean region. External forcing on changes in area-average temperature has been detected and attributed to anthropogenic forcing over the southern European land area by Stott (2003) and by Stott et al. (2004). In addition, a detectable external influence on the spatiotemporal pattern of annual temperature anomalies has been found by Zhang et al. (2006) over the same region. Christidis et al. (2010) indicate that warming over the Mediterranean land area is likely due to anthropogenic influence. However, their analysis uses global constraints from a multi-model approach with three models instead of using purely regional constraints as in the other studies mentioned.

In this study, we focus on the question whether the recent warming is a plausible harbinger of future warming - that is, we analyze whether the observed changes are consistent with climate change projections. By linking past changes to expected future changes, this analysis helps to provide an illustrative example of what a potential future climate influenced by enhanced greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations might look like. When talking about the future, we are leaving the statistical area of quantifying the risk of incorrect assessments. Instead we are entering the field of plausibility. We link past and future changes using a set of hierarchical questions. First, we assess whether the observed recent changes are different from natural variability derived from the observed record with a bootstrap procedure. Second, we analyze if the observed changes are consistent with GS (Greenhouse gases and Sulfate aerosols) forcing, taking into account that internal variability and other external forcing influence the observed record. Having established that external forcings are detectable and that GS forcing is a plausible explanation for the observed change, in the last step we assess whether the ensemble of projections encompass the observed warming - if this is the case, we conclude that the observed change can be interpreted as a harbinger of future change.

Consistency with projections - as defined above - does not demonstrate cause and effect relationships; these would require a formal attribution study (that we are unable to provide at the moment as we consider the understanding of many of the

73 important forcing mechanisms at the regional scale as insufficient). Consistency, in
74 contrast, points to the plausibility (not probability since this is a physical argument
75 not a statistical argument) that the recent trend will continue into the future - based
76 on the understanding that the recent trend is related to the known forcing, which
77 will continue into the future. If we conclude that the observed change is consistent
78 with climate change projections, our assessment provides an illustrative example of
79 a potential future by comparing the observed change to one hypothetically dominant
80 forcing (GS forcing in this case, see Bhend and von Storch (2008) and (2009))

81 We compare near-surface temperature trends over sea and land for the period
82 from 1979 to 2009 with climate change projections derived from the set of global cli-
83 mate model simulations provided through the World Climate Research Programmes
84 (WCRP) Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 3 (CMIP3, Meehl et al. (2007)).
85 We analyze both annual and seasonal area-average change and pattern similarity. The
86 method used in this study has not been applied to Mediterranean temperature before.
87 Most studies in the Mediterranean region consider winter and summer regimes, while
88 characterization of spring and autumn is more uncertain, revealing, presumably, the
89 transient nature of these two seasons in the Mediterranean (Lionello et al., 1999).
90 In contrast to other studies, we analyze the different seasons separately and present
91 results for the 23 models individually.

92 The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Details on the observational
93 and model data are given in Sect. 2. The methodology used in this study is discussed
94 in Sect. 3. The results including the detection, consistency with GS forcing, and the
95 overall assessment whether the observed warming is consistent with the multitude of
96 available projections are shown in Sect. 4. The main conclusions and discussions are
97 presented in Sect. 5.

98 **2 Observations and model data**

99 The Mediterranean area is defined as the region from 25°N to 50°N and 10°W to 40°E
100 (See Fig.1). Trends in observation data are computed from the HadCRUT3 dataset
101 (Brohan et al., 2006). This dataset is based on a combination of monthly values of
102 land near-surface air temperature anomalies and sea-surface temperature anomalies
103 relative to 1961-1990 and is presented on 5° (latitude) by 5° (longitude) grid for the
104 period from 1850 to 2009.

105 We use global simulations with 23 coupled Atmosphere-Ocean General Circulation
106 Models (AOGCMs) to estimate the anthropogenic signal. The simulations are in-
107 cluded in the World Climate Research Programme's (WCRP) Coupled Model Inter-
108 comparison Project 3 (CMIP3, (Meehl et al., 2007)). A list of the climate models
109 used in this study is given in table 1. The future projections are based upon the IPCC
110 SRES A1B scenario with a CO₂ concentration of 700 ppm by the year 2100.

111 **3 Methodology**

112 The analysis in this study is a three-step process. We first analyze whether external in-
113 fluences on the observed change are detectable. Therefore, we compare the observed

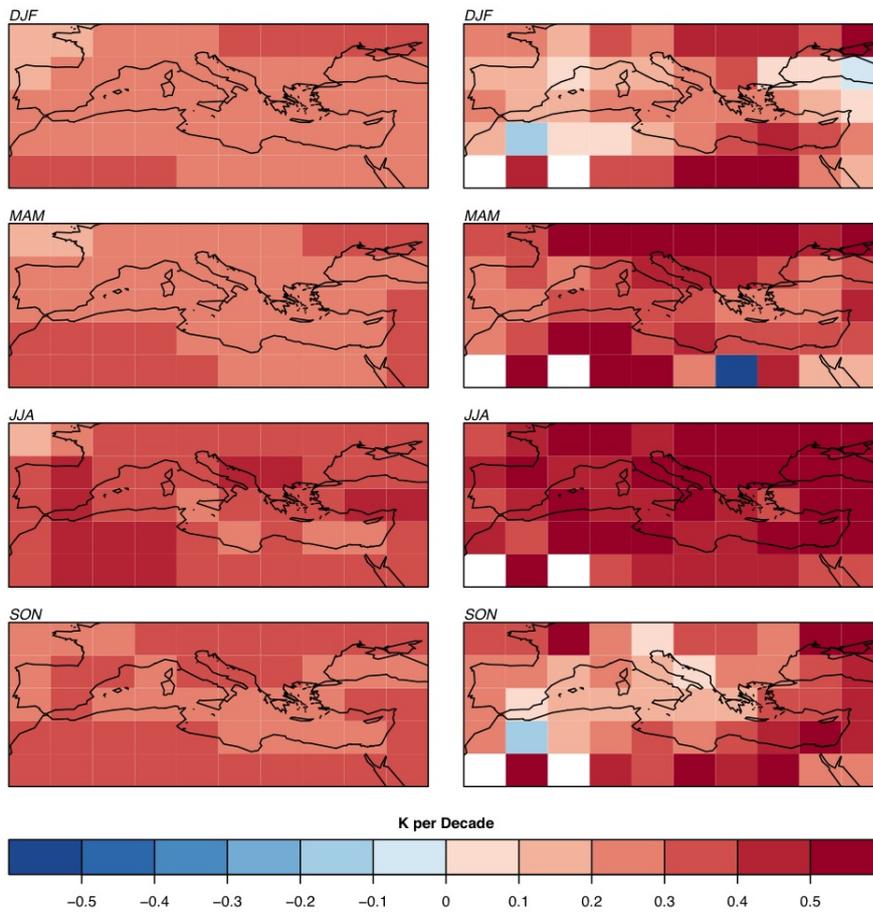


Fig. 1 *The left column:* Anthropogenic climate change signal in seasonal near-surface temperature according to CMIP3 multi-model ensemble mean with 23 models. *The right column:* Observed seasonal trends over the time period from 1979 to 2009 derived from HadCRUT3 data

114 change with estimates of the natural variability (i.e. internal variability and variability
 115 due to other unaccounted factors) derived from the observed record with a bootstrap
 116 procedure outlined in Sect. 3.3. We further compare the observed change to estimates
 117 of internal variability derived from the control runs of the respective models. Second,
 118 we analyze if GHG and sulfate (GS) forcing is a plausible explanation for the obser-
 119 ved change, taking into account, that both internal variability and other external
 120 (but unspecified) forcings influence the observed record. The analysis as described
 121 above is carried out for each of the models individually. The last step of the analysis,
 122 in contrast, is an overall assessment, we consider a large number of A1B scenarios
 123 (23 scenarios in this study), we determine whether the recent trend is within this range
 124 of expected change due to GS forcing and could thus be seen as a harbinger of future
 125 change.

126 3.1 Anthropogenic climate change signal estimates

127 We define the anthropogenic climate change signal as the difference between the last
 128 decades of the 21st century (2071-2100) and the reference climatology (1961-1990).
 129 We assume a linear development from 1961-2100 and the resulting signal is scaled
 130 to change per decade. Using well-separated time slices, 110 years in this study, has
 131 the advantage of increasing the signal-to-noise ratio and there is no need to average
 132 multiple models to get good signal estimates. Thus allowing us to investigate the
 133 robustness of our results to using different climate models and to explicitly deal with
 134 individual models separately.

135 Additional analyses show that by assuming a constant warming rate, we slightly
 136 overestimate the actual rate of warming from 1979-2009 (see Supplementary Fig.
 137 1). We found no evidence of a discernible change in the pattern of warming during
 138 the period from 1961 to 2100 (see Supplementary Fig. 2). The advantage of a much
 139 higher signal-to-noise ratio of an anthropogenic signal when estimated from time
 140 slices justifies the use of time-invariant warming patterns as opposed to transient
 141 warming patterns.

142 3.2 Comparing the patterns of change

143 The comparison of observed and anthropogenic climate change signal patterns are
 144 carried out using three pattern similarity statistics. We use both centred and un-
 145 centred pattern correlation (Eq. 1 and Eq. 2). The un-centred correlation measures
 146 the similarity of two patterns without removal of the spatial mean, while the centred
 147 correlation refers to the correlation of deviation patterns, where the spatial mean has
 148 been subtracted (Santer et al., 1993). The third pattern similarity statistic is regression
 149 (Eq. 3). Unlike the correlation statistics, this measure includes information about the
 150 relative magnitudes of the observed and model projected trend patterns. Trends in
 151 observations have been calculated using ordinary least squares linear regression.

$$152 \quad UC(O, P) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \cdot O_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n O_i^2}} \quad (1)$$

$$153 \quad CC(O, P) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P}) \cdot (O_i - \bar{O})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - \bar{O})^2}} \quad (2)$$

$$154 \quad R(O, P) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \cdot O_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2} \quad (3)$$

152 The index subscript $i = 1, \dots, n$ counts the spatial points. O_i and P_i refer to the ob-
 153 served and simulated pattern of change, respectively.

154 The un-centred correlation and regression statistics combine both spatial-mean
 155 and pattern information. In order to have a measure without the effect of spatial pat-
 156 tern information we also compare the area-mean changes of observed and anthro-
 157 pogenic signal patterns.

3.3 Significance of pattern similarity statistics

We use a bootstrap technique to test the null hypothesis that the observed trends are drawn from an undisturbed stationary climate (von Storch and Zwiers, 1999). Thus, we separate between GS-related change and non-GS variability. This non-GS variability includes all factors, which are assumed to remain stationary in the coming century, i.e. not only internal variability but also other unaccounted external factors, such as volcanoes, cosmic influences and aerosol forcing. We estimate non-GS variability by re-sampling the observational record using a moving block bootstrap technique (Wilks, 1997).

The block length chosen for the moving blocks bootstrapping depends on the autocorrelation of the seasonal temperature time series. This is different for different grid boxes and different seasons. Our analysis based on a method suggested by Wilks (1997), indicates that the average block length across the Mediterranean is 2.2, 3.5, 5, and 2.8 for DJF, MAM, JJA and SON, respectively (see Supplementary Fig. 3). We choose a block length of 5 that should lead to slightly conservative confidence intervals at most grid boxes. We draw 1000 30-year time series to estimate the variability of 30-year trends in a stationary climate. Of course, question marks remain as to what extent the length of the observed record (160 years in this study) is sufficiently long for giving reliable estimates of variability.

Furthermore, we use the bootstrapped trend patterns to disturb the observed trend patterns and then compute the same pattern similarity statistics. By doing so, we sample the range of non-GS variability in the observed trends. Quantiles of these bootstrapped pattern similarity statistics are then used to describe the non-GS-variability of the pattern similarity statistics.

4 Results

4.1 Is the recently observed warming due to natural (internal) variability alone?

The comparison of observed area mean change of seasonal near-surface temperature over the period from 1979 to 2009 and the multi-model ensemble mean response (a mean over all available ensemble members) is shown in Fig. 2. The observed warming is likely not due to natural variability (non-GS variability) alone in cases where the 90 percent uncertainty range (red bars in Fig. 2) derived from bootstrapped trends (Sect. 3.3) excludes zero. As shown in Fig. 2, externally forced changes are detected in the observed annual area-mean warming and in all seasons except winter.

To investigate the robustness of our results to using model-based internal variability, we compare the observationally based estimate of internal variability with the variability estimated from the control runs (climate model simulations in which all forcings are held constant), derived from the 23 models used in this study. Our results shows that in all seasons, the variability based on the control runs of the 23 models is smaller than the variability estimated from block bootstrapping (see Supplementary Fig. 4), indicating that the detection of externally forced changes in the observed

198 trends over the Mediterranean is robust to using model-based estimates of internal
199 variability.

200 4.2 Is the effect of GS-forcing detectable in the recently observed warming?

201 Table 1 shows the seasonal and annual un-centred pattern correlation coefficients of
202 observed near-surface trends from 1979 to 2009 with anthropogenic signals derived
203 from the 23 models in the CMIP3 archive. The annual un-centred correlation coeffi-
204 cients are in the range of 0.91 to 0.97 and these correlations are larger than the 95%
205 quantiles of bootstrapped pattern correlations. In summer (JJA) all climate change
206 projections share very high un-centred correlation coefficients ranging from 0.92 to
207 0.97 which are significant at the 2.5% level. The correlation of observed trend pat-
208 terns with anthropogenic signal patterns is also high in spring (MAM) and autumn
209 (SON). In spring, the coefficients are ranging from 0.87 to 0.93 (significant at 2.5%
210 level) and in autumn from 0.85 to 0.90 (significant at 2.5% level). Indeed such cor-
211 respondence can hardly (less than 2.5% risk level) be expected to show up if only
212 non-GS forcing would be present. Although, we do not find a detectable external in-
213 fluence using centred pattern correlation, in which the spatial-mean is removed and
214 the pattern is simply a spatial anomaly pattern(not shown).

215 When using regression as a pattern similarity measure, which unlike the correla-
216 tion statistics measures the relative magnitudes of the observed and model projected
217 trend patterns, we are able to detect external influences in annual warming and in all
218 seasons except in winter. Fig. 3 displays the regression coefficients and its 95% con-
219 fidence interval. Detection of GS signal is claimed at 2.5% significant level when the
220 uncertainty range does not include zero. The regression coefficients with individual
221 models and their significance levels are presented in Table 2. As shown in Fig. 3 in
222 spring, summer and autumn the uncertainty interval does not include the zero line in
223 all cases. Therefore, we conclude that there is less than a 2.5% chance that natural
224 (internal) variability rather than the GS signal is responsible for the observed change.

225 Significant un-centred correlation coefficients and regression indices clearly indi-
226 cate that the combined large-scale (spatial mean) and small-scale (anomalies about
227 the mean) component of GS signal is detected in annual mean warming and all sea-
228 sons except in winter. Failure to detect the smaller-scale component (spatial anom-
229 alies about the mean) of GS signal in observed trend patterns indicates that the spatial-
230 mean is the important and dominant component of the GS signal. We have to be
231 aware, however, that both spatial coverage and representativeness of the observations
232 as well as potential model errors at grid-box-scale have a strong influence on the
233 similarity of spatial anomaly patterns.

234 We further analyze how strongly our results depend on the exact time period under
235 analysis. Fig. 3 shows the pattern similarity statistics of the multi-model mean
236 signal with moving 30-year trends in the HadCRUT3 dataset. We find that the centred
237 correlation (Fig. 3a) is with a few exceptions never significantly different from
238 zero. The uncentred correlation and regression (except in winter), however, becomes
239 significant for 30-year trends ending in 2000 and later. The regression (Fig. 3b) and
240 uncentred pattern correlation (Fig. 3c) results illustrate nicely the concerted emer-

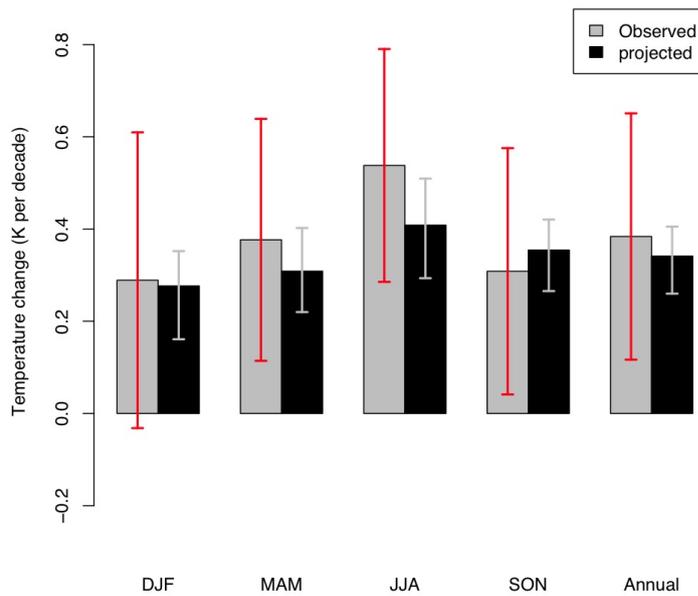


Fig. 2 Observed seasonal and annual area mean changes of near surface temperature over the period 1979 to 2009 in comparison with anthropogenic signals (GS) according to the SRES A1B scenario derived from the CMIP3 multi-model ensemble mean. The vertical axes shows area mean change of near surface temperature (K per decade). The grey whiskers indicate the spread of trends of 23 climate change projections used in this study. The red whiskers denote the bootstrap 90% confidence interval of observed trends.

241 gence of the signal in the late 20th century in all seasons; whereas significant pattern
 242 similarity in the early 20th century is sporadic and limited to individual seasons.

243 4.3 Is the recently observed trend consistent with climate change projections?

244 We investigate the consistency of the recently observed warming with what models
 245 projected as response of climate to GS-forcing, given that the observed warming is
 246 further subject to internal variability and influenced by other external forcings. For
 247 seasonal and annual area-average warming in Fig. 2, we find that all model-derived
 248 GS signals (grey bars) lie within the uncertainty bound about the observed change
 249 indicating the influence of non-GS variability (red bars). From this we conclude that
 250 GS-forcing is consistent with the observed warming.

251 These results are further confirmed when taking the spatial pattern of change into
 252 account. Fig. 4 displays the regression coefficients and their 95% confidence inter-
 253 val. The observed change is consistent with GS forcing if the uncertainty range of
 254 regression coefficients includes unit scaling. The observed annual area-mean warm-
 255 ing is not significantly different from projections as unit scaling of all 23 projec-
 256 tions is well within the uncertainty bars (see Table 2), this suggests that the hypothesized
 257 forcing, GS, is a plausible explanation of the observed annual area-mean warming,
 258 with a probability of error less than 2.5%. In spring, the regression coefficient of the

Table 1 Seasonal and annual un-centred pattern correlation coefficients of near-surface temperature for 30-year trends from 1979 to 2009, compared to the trend of 23 anthropogenic climate change scenarios derived from the CMIP3 multi-model data set. The indices significantly greater than zero at 2.5% level are labelled with an asterisk

	Models	DJF	MAM	JJA	SON	Annual
1	bccr-bcm2-0	0.88	0.92*	0.96*	0.87*	0.95*
2	ccma-cgcm3-1	0.87	0.90*	0.91*	0.87*	0.93*
3	ccma-cgcm3-1-t63	0.86	0.93*	0.92*	0.86*	0.93*
4	cnrm-cm3	0.88	0.87*	0.97*	0.88*	0.95*
5	csiro-mk3-0	0.82	0.87*	0.94*	0.89*	0.95*
6	csiro-mk3-5	0.89	0.84*	0.96*	0.89*	0.95*
7	gfdl-cm2-0	0.88	0.90*	0.96*	0.87*	0.95*
8	gfdl-cm2-1	0.89	0.87*	0.96*	0.87*	0.92*
9	giss-aom	0.87	0.90*	0.94*	0.88*	0.94*
10	giss-model-e-h	0.85	0.88*	0.94*	0.88*	0.95*
11	giss-model-e-r	0.88	0.84*	0.92*	0.85*	0.92*
12	ingv-echam4	0.88	0.90*	0.94*	0.85*	0.94*
13	inmcm3-0	0.87	0.87*	0.96*	0.89*	0.95*
14	ipsl-cm4	0.88	0.90*	0.96*	0.88*	0.95*
15	miroc3-2-hires	0.88	0.88*	0.97*	0.88*	0.97*
16	miroc3-2-medres	0.87	0.90*	0.96*	0.89*	0.96*
17	miub-echo-g	0.89	0.93*	0.96*	0.87*	0.93*
18	mpi-echam5	0.88	0.88*	0.96*	0.88*	0.94*
19	mri-cgcm2-3-2a	0.87	0.91*	0.96*	0.87*	0.95*
20	ncar-ccsm3-0	0.89	0.92*	0.96*	0.88*	0.94*
21	ncar-pcm1	0.89	0.89*	0.94*	0.90*	0.96*
22	ukmo-hadcm3	0.88	0.90*	0.97*	0.90*	0.95*
23	ukmo-hadgem1	0.87	0.92*	0.97*	0.89*	0.95*

259 observed change on GS signals from individual models is not significantly (at 2.5%
 260 level) different from unit scaling with 18 out of 23 models. In summer the uncertainty
 261 ranges on regression coefficients include unity with 16 out of the 23 models. This sug-
 262 gests that in summer and spring some of the models significantly underestimate the
 263 amplitude of observed warming. In autumn the uncertainty range of regression in-
 264 dices includes unity in all cases. Thus, we find consistency with all of the 23 models
 265 in autumn.

266 4.4 Is the observed change a plausible illustration of future expected changes?

267 In this section, we analyze whether the observed warming in the Mediterranean is
 268 indistinguishable from the range of CMIP3 projections, i.e. whether the CMIP3 pro-
 269 jections encompass the observed warming. If this is the case, we conclude that the
 270 observed warming serves as a plausible illustration of future change to be expected
 271 in this region. When analyzing area-average warming (Fig. 2), we find that the pro-
 272 jections encompass the observed warming in all seasons except in summer. Thus we
 273 conclude that the observed area-average warming can be used to illustrate the future
 274 expected warming in the Mediterranean except in summer.

275 When taking into account the spatial pattern of the change as well, we find that re-
 276 gression estimates encompass unit scaling in all seasons (see Table 2 in "Appendix").

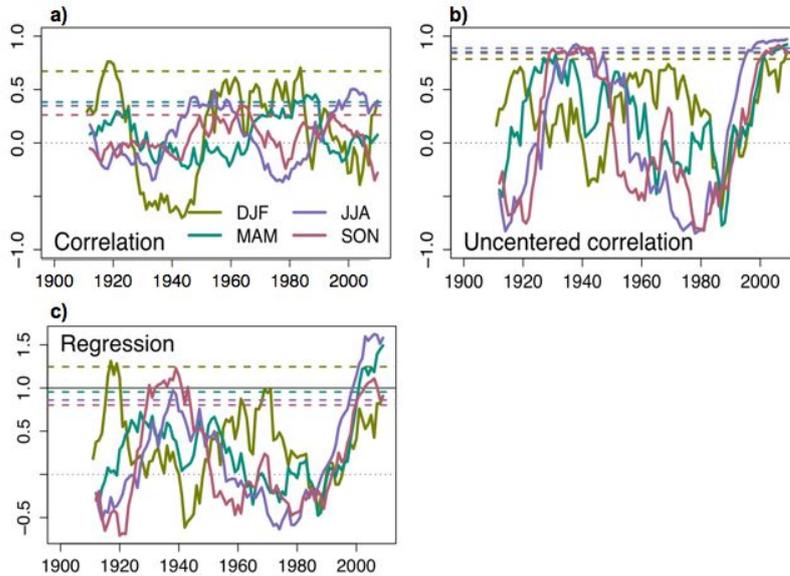


Fig. 3 Seasonal pattern similarity statistics of the multi-model mean signal with observed 30-year trends. The vertical axes in a) shows centered correlation coefficients in b) Un-centered correlation coefficients and in c) regression coefficients. The horizontal axes show the end-year of moving 30-year trends. The dotted horizontal lines indicate the 95% confidence interval derived from block bootstrapping.

277 However in spring and summer, most of the projections underestimate the observed
 278 warming thus resulting in regression coefficients larger than one. These results to-
 279 gether with the low centred correlation coefficients point to the fact, that the spatial
 280 features of the observed warming do not well represent the expected future warming
 281 due to GS forcing.

282 **5 Discussion and conclusions**

283 In this study, we determine if the observed trends in near surface temperature over the
 284 period from 1979 to 2009 are consistent with the expected change due to GS forcing.
 285 To do so, we consider a large number of climate change projections according to the
 286 SRES A1B scenario, generated by 23 global models included in the CMIP3 database.
 287 If the simulated changes are not significantly different from the observed change,
 288 we conclude that anthropogenic forcing is a plausible explanation of the observed
 289 change. We estimate significance using 1000 moving blocks bootstrap replicates of
 290 the observed record.

291 Using an observationally based estimate of "non-GS" variability (internal vari-
 292 ability plus other unaccounted factors), we can detect externally forced changes in

293 the observed annual area-mean warming and in all seasons except in winter (with a
294 probability of error of less than 5%). We conclude that we need GS forcing for re-
295 constructing the recent trends. Furthermore, we find that the observed area-average
296 warming is consistent with the response to GS forcing as derived from the 23 mod-
297 els. The consistency of observed and projected warming in area-mean quantities is
298 largely confirmed when looking at spatially explicit pattern correlation statistics. Both
299 with un-centred pattern correlation as well as with regression, we find generally high
300 similarities of the patterns of observed and projected warming, which can hardly be
301 explained as a result of the "non-GS" variability. Instead, the similarity is evidence
302 that the large-scale component (spatial-mean) of GS-forcing has an important and
303 dominant influence on recently observed warming trends. In contrast, we cannot ex-
304 plain the spatial anomalies of the warming patterns with GS-forcing. This is either
305 due to the masking of small-scale features of the GS signal by other non-GS vari-
306 ability or due to the fact that the spatial anomaly pattern derived from global climate
307 model simulations is considerably flawed due to the models coarse horizontal resolu-
308 tion.

309 Some of the models used in this study (8 of 23 models in summer and 5 of 23
310 models in spring), however, do not reproduce the observed amplification of warming.
311 Most likely candidates to explain the observed summer and spring warming ampli-
312 fication include the response to natural forcing and soil-moisture-temperature feed-
313 backs. As shown by Haarsma et al. (2009) drying leads to a decrease in latent heat
314 flux that in turn leads to strong surface warming in summer. Vautard et al. (2007)
315 identify winter and spring precipitation as a good proxy for summer dryness and
316 excess summer warming in southern and central Europe. Observed precipitation in
317 winter and spring has been decreasing over the Mediterranean during recent decades.
318 This strengthens the hypothesis that this observed amplification of spring and summer
319 warming in the Mediterranean is due to soil-moisture-temperature feedbacks.

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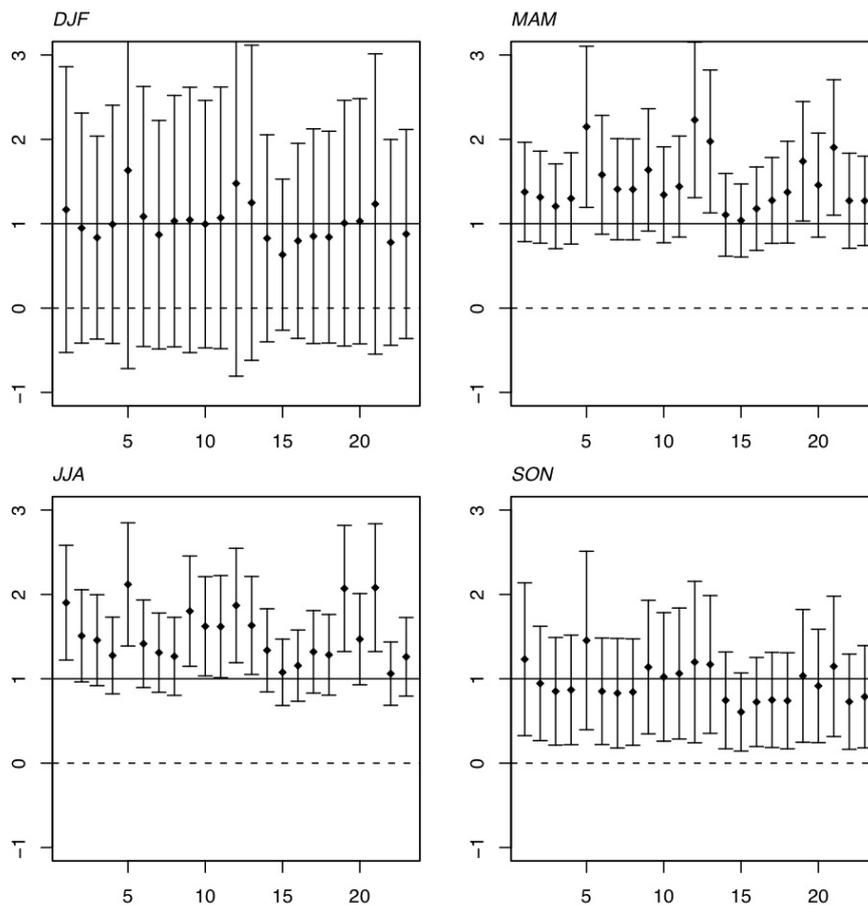


Fig. 4 Regression coefficients (y axes) of observed near-surface temperature changes against simulated in response to GS forcing according to the SRES A1B scenario derived from 23 models (x axes). The bars show the 95 percent uncertainty ranges of regression coefficients derived from the observed record using a moving blocks bootstrap. The solid horizontal lines mark regression indices equal to unit scaling indicating consistency with GS forcing

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Table 2 Seasonal and annual regression coefficients of near-surface temperature for 30-year trends from 1979 to 2009, compared to the trend of 23 anthropogenic climate change scenarios derived from the CMIP3 multi-model dataset. The indices significantly (at 2.5% level) indifferent from unit scaling are marked in bold and indices significantly (at 2.5% level) greater than zero are labelled with an asterisk.

	Models	DJF	MAM	JJA	SON	Annual
1	bccr-bcm2-0	1.1	1.3*	1.9*	1.2*	1.1*
2	ccema-cgem3-1	0.94	1.3*	1.5*	0.94*	0.92*
3	ccma-cgcm3-1-t63	0.83	1.2*	1.4*	0.85*	0.84*
4	cnrm-cm3	0.99	1.2*	1.2*	0.86*	0.89*
5	csiro-mk3-0	1.6	2.1*	2.1*	1.4*	1.0*
6	csiro-mk3-5	1.0	1.5*	1.4*	0.84*	0.97*
7	gfdl-cm2-0	0.8	1.4*	1.3*	0.85*	0.88*
8	gfdl-cm2-1	1.0	1.4*	1.2*	0.84*	0.90*
9	giss-aom	1.0	1.6*	1.8*	1.1*	1.0*
10	giss-model-e-h	0.99	1.3*	1.6*	1.0*	0.98*
11	giss-model-e-r	1.0	1.4*	1.6*	1.0*	1.0*
12	ingv-echam4	1.4	2.2*	1.8*	1.1*	1.2*
13	inmcm3-0	1.2	1.9*	1.6*	1.1*	1.1*
14	ipsl-cm4	0.82	1.1*	1.3*	0.76*	1.7*
15	miroc3-2-hires	0.63	1.0*	1.0*	0.62*	0.65*
16	miroc3-2-medres	0.79	1.1*	1.1*	0.74*	0.76*
17	miub-echo-g	0.85	1.2*	1.3*	0.77*	0.83*
18	mpi-echam5	0.84	1.3*	1.2*	0.75*	0.81*
19	mri-cgcm2-3-2a	1.0	1.7*	2.0*	1.0*	1.1*
20	ncar-ccsm3-0	1.0	1.4*	1.4*	0.91*	0.93*
21	ncar-pcm1	1.2	1.9*	2.0*	1.1*	1.2*
22	ukmo-hadcm3	0.77	1.2*	1.0*	0.72*	0.75*
23	ukmo-hadgem1	0.87	1.2*	1.2*	0.78*	0.82*

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