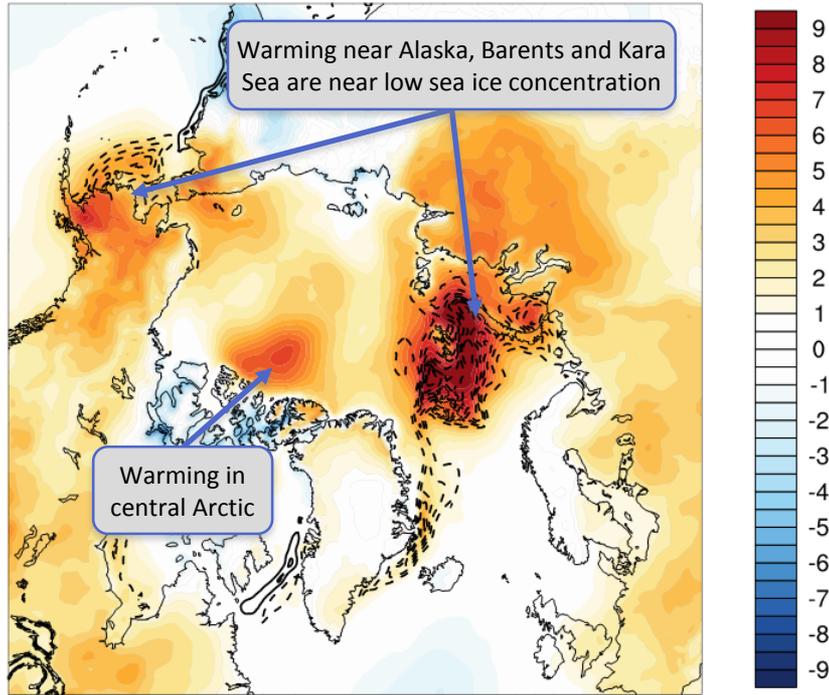
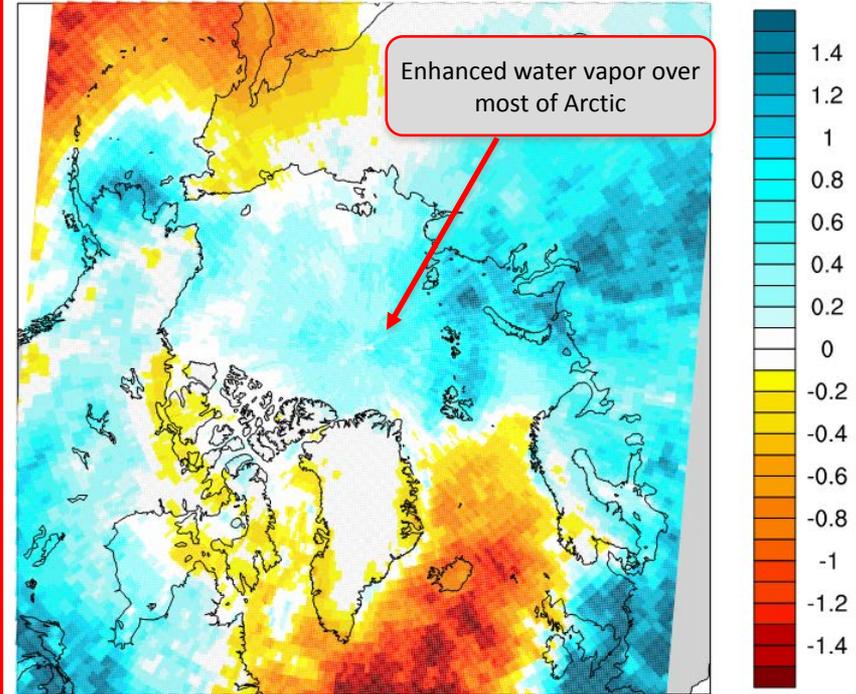


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MERRA-2 2m Temperature Anomaly [K]  
SSM/I Sea Ice Anomaly (black dashed)



AIRS Column Water Vapor Anomaly [mm]



El Niño and other teleconnections explain warming over continents, but not over the central Arctic, where retreating sea ice and enhanced water vapor may play a more important role.