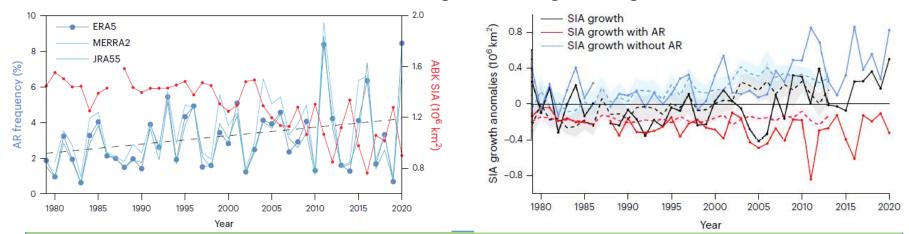
More Frequent Atmospheric Rivers Slow the Seasonal Recovery of Arctic Sea Ice

- In the past few decades, the Arctic has seen a significant increase in Atmospheric River (AR) frequency in the early winter over the Barents— Kara Seas and the neighboring central Arctic (ABK) that is robust across three observational datasets.
- The Sea Ice Area (SIA) growth with and without ARs clearly demonstrates
 that more frequent ARs slow the seasonal sea-ice growth and therefore
 contribute to the SIA decline during the ice-growing season.



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