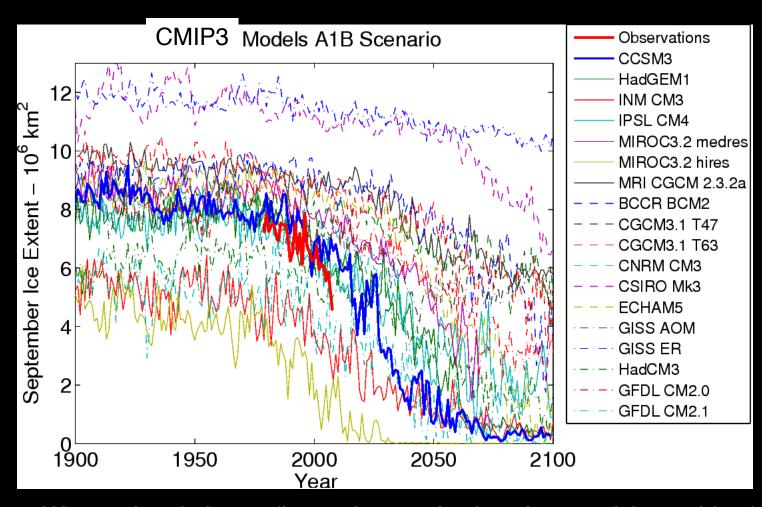
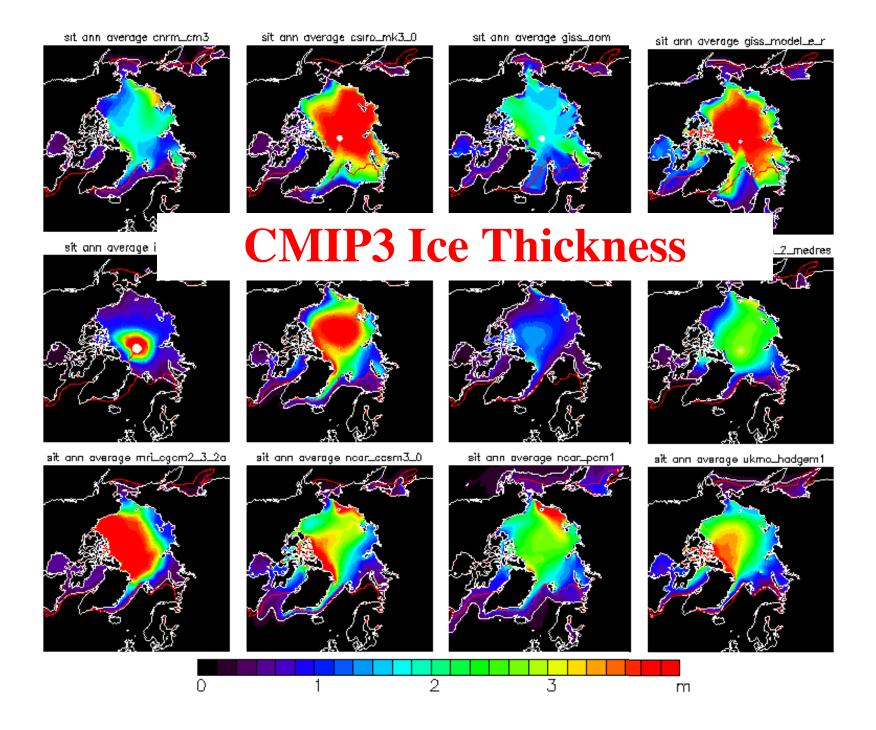
Sea ice model development issues

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We need to do better (improving sea ice is only part of the problem)



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Other cool new developments

Tracer physics - allowing aerosols, dust, algae, age, etc manageable with remapping advection scheme

Simple desalination

Icebergs

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Future Needs

Better desalination, porosity, and melt ponds

Dynamics appropriate for high resolution



North Pole Web Cam 2003