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The Global Warming Hiatus: What's Up With That?

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The recent slowdown or “hiatus” in global surface temperature rise since around the turn of this century is a hot topic for climate scientists, policy makers and the informed public alike. Also hotly debated are the reasons why the vast majority of climate models used to predict future change in global surface temperature failed to anticipate the hiatus. In my presentation I will describe some of our recent findings, and the findings of others, which have made clearer the nature of the hiatus, the mechanisms underlying it, and the reasons why climate models failed to predict it. In parallel with the global warming hiatus, but for reasons of its own, Arctic sea-ice decline has also recently paused, which our new findings suggest could continue for a decade or two into the future before returning to its inescapable human-induced decline.



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