

CMAD: Advancing Understanding of Anomalous Melt Events over the Antarctic Sea Ice Maloy Kumar Devnath, Sudip Chakraborty, and Vandana P. Janeja. **iHARP: NSF HDR Institute for Harnessing Data and Model Revolution in the Polar Regions.** The University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



- Antarctic Sea ice extent reached a new record low of 1.965 million km² on 23rd February 2023 (~ 32% below climatological values).
- We need to understand how the melting occurred during the August 2022 to February 2023.
- **Did anomalous melting occur over there?**
- Where did they originate and how did they propagate?
- **Image Processing by CMAD to detect Anomalous Melt.** •







- A. Five Regions of Antartica concentration RGB Image 09012022
- ***** The anomalous melting onset and progress are calculated every 7 days starting from 09082022 to 04272023.





CMAD analysis shown in the blue line and blue box • indicates the correct identification of CMAD.



- CMAD detects the onset of the Anomalous melting patterns.
- The Weddell and the Ross Sea regions are heavily affected by the anomalous events.
- Mean minus 3 times standard deviation based CMAD (depicted in red) and the Q1 minus 1.5 times IQR based **CMAD** (depicted in green) methods.



CMAD_{MP} shows best performance for effectively capturing changes in extreme values over time in comparison to other methods.



- **Conclusion:** Inverse max-pooling in CMAD can be used to detect the spatial distributions and sub-regional variations in anomalous events.
- Significance: Sea ice acts as a protective blanket to the land ice that is equivalent to a sea level rise of 200 feet.

- Dates
- ***** Exploring changes in first day anomalous melt timing over the years in Antarctic Sea ice.



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