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2	Interhemispheric synchronization between the AO and the AAO
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11	Key Points:
12	• In-phase synchronicity between the Arctic and Antarctic Oscillations was found in
13	February and October.
14	• Tropical ocean variations such as El Niño–Southern Oscillation seem to be of little or no
15	importance to this synchronicity.
16	• The stratospheric meridional circulation may be a key factor leading to synchronization.
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#### Abstract

Teleconnections between lower and higher latitude regions are widely known in both the 20 Northern and Southern Hemispheres. To broaden our view of these teleconnections, we searched 21 a reanalysis dataset for evidence of a teleconnection between the Arctic Oscillation (AO) and the 22 23 Antarctic Oscillation (AAO), two widely separated circumpolar phenomena. Statistical analysis of the Japanese 55-year reanalysis dataset showed significant in-phase synchronization between 24 the AO and AAO, particularly in October and February, with a vertical structure extending from 25 26 the troposphere to the stratosphere. This vertical structure may suggest a stratospheric control, and we did not find a significant signature indicating a tropical ocean control. We also observed 27 decadal-scale modulation of the synchronicity. Observational evidence implies that the 28 29 stratospheric meridional circulation may be responsible for AO-AAO synchronization.

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#### **Plain Language summary**

The Arctic Oscillation (AO) and the Antarctic Oscillation (AAO) are dominant atmospheric 33 34 variability patterns in the Northern and Southern hemispheres, respectively. Each is a pressure 35 seesaw between the pole and the midlatitudes that remotely affects weather, climate, and environment around the world. We showed interhemispheric in-phase synchronization between 36 37 the AO and AAO in October and February, and we also found decadal-scale variation of the synchronicity. Because the vertical structure of the AO-AAO synchronization extends from the 38 troposphere to the stratosphere, stratospheric variations may be responsible for the 39 40 synchronization. This finding of AO-AAO synchronization points the way to a better understanding of past, present, and future pole-to-pole climatic relationships and improvements 41 in long-term weather forecasts. 42

#### 44 **1 Introduction**

The Arctic Oscillation (AO) is the leading mode of large-scale atmospheric variations in 45 46 middle to high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere (Thompson and Wallace, 1998), and its impact on extreme weather events in the Northern Hemisphere is significantly large in all 47 seasons (e.g., Thompson and Wallace, 2001). The Antarctic Oscillation (AAO) is the leading 48 49 mode of atmospheric variations in the middle to high latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere (Gong and Wang, 1999; Mo, 2000), and it is known to have two-way interaction with the 50 evolution of the ozone hole (Thompson and Solomon, 2002). The AO and AAO are thus both 51 52 scientifically and socio-economically important. In accordance with established convention, the positive phase of the AO or AAO indicates that sea level pressure is lower than normal in both 53 circumpolar regions and higher than normal in both midlatitude regions, and the negative phase 54 indicates the reverse signature. Many studies have investigated the causes of long-term variations 55 of both the AO and the AAO. For example, the recent shift toward a more negative phase of the 56 AO was influenced by the Arctic sea ice reduction (e.g., Nakamura et al., 2015a), and the AAO 57 is influenced by stratospheric circulation trends associated with anthropogenic ozone forcing 58 (Thompson and Solomon, 2002; Thompson et al., 2011). In general, however, causes of 59 60 variations in the AO and AAO have been studied independently. Because the AO and AAO are widely separated circumpolar phenomena, interactions or teleconnections between them have 61 been largely disregarded. Guan and Yamagata (2001), Lu at al. (2008) and Guan et al. (2010) 62 63 described the interhemispheric connection as a seesaw-like oscillation of mean hemispheric surface air pressures between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Tang and Guan (2015) 64 described a polar-tropical seesaw mode, but to the best of our knowledge no one has examined 65 synchronicity between the AO and AAO. 66

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A possible driver of synchronization of mid- and high-latitude variations of the AO and 67 AAO between the two hemispheres is the variation of tropical sea surface temperature (SST). 68 For example, remote impacts of El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) have been observed on 69 the weather at high latitudes in both hemispheres through the Pacific–North American (e.g., 70 Trenberth et al., 1998) and the Pacific-South American (e.g., Karoly, 1989) teleconnection 71 72 patterns. Tropical convective activity associated with the Madden–Julian Oscillation also affects the weather at high latitudes (Zhou and Miller, 2005; Nauman and Vargas, 2010). Modification 73 of planetary-scale wave pathways by the stratospheric quasi-biennial oscillation (QBO) might 74 75 also affect polar vortex intensity and the resultant sea level pressure anomalies over high-latitude regions (Holton-Tan effect; Holton and Tan, 1980; O'Sullivan and Young, 1992; Marshall and 76 Scaife, 2009). 77

Conversely, remote influences of high-latitude atmospheric variations on the tropics have 78 also been reported. For example, the changes in midlatitude circulation that accompany the AO 79 can affect tropical convective activity and trigger an El Niño event (e.g., Nakamura et al., 2006; 80 2007; Oshika et al., 2014; Chen et al., 2017). Moreover, intensification of the stratospheric 81 meridional circulation (i.e., the Brewer–Dobson circulation) intensifies rapid tropical convective 82 83 cloud formation during sudden stratospheric warming (SSW) events in both the Southern (Eguchi and Kodera, 2007) and Northern (Kodera et al., 2011) hemispheres. SSW events in the 84 Northern (Southern) Hemisphere often accompany the negative phase of the AO (AAO) (e.g., 85 86 Baldwin and Dunkerton, 2001; Gerber et al., 2010). The enhancement of tropical convective activity by extratropical forcing from one hemisphere might influence in turn the extratropical 87 88 atmosphere of the opposite hemisphere, because the large latent heat release associated with tropical convective clouds is widely recognized as a source of tropical influence on the high-latitude atmosphere.

From these lines of evidence suggesting a remote connection between the tropics and highlatitude regions of both hemispheres, it is reasonable to infer that a physically based AO–AAO synchronicity might also exist. The next step, therefore, is to examine this inference by looking for synchronicity between the AAO and AO.

The principal purpose of the present study is to detect this inferred synchronization in a reanalysis dataset. Then we examined the seasonal dependency and decadal-scale modulation of the detected synchronicity as well as the interhemispheric-scale meridional-vertical structures associated with AO-AAO synchronization. Clarifying the mechanism of the synchronization is beyond our scope, but we make a discussion on a possible physical process.

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# 101 **2 Data and Methods**

We used the Japanese 55-year Reanalysis (JRA-55) product for 1979-2016 (Kobayashi et 102 al., 2015). Following Gong and Wang (1999), we defined AO and AAO indices simply as the 103 normalized monthly mean difference in zonal mean sea level pressure (SLP) between the 104 latitudes of 65° and 40° in each respective hemisphere (i.e., SLP at 40°S or N minus SLP at 65°S 105 or N, where a positive (negative) index value indicates a low (high) SLP anomaly in the polar 106 region). The AO index defined by Gong and Wang (1999), which the present paper used, is 107 108 almost identical to an original index by an EOF analysis defined by Thompson and Wallace (1998) in winter. Correlation coefficients between the two indices are over 0.7 in winter. The 109 110 EOF analysis tends to capture characteristics of the winter patterns because of their largest 111 variability during winter. Present study compares between opposite season in the Northern and

Southern Hemispheres, i.e., between winter and summer, or between spring and autumn. We 112 thus use the simple index defined by Gong and Wang (1999). We used linear regression and 113 correlation analyses of the data to identify synchronicity between the AO and AAO. We also 114 calculated running correlation coefficients within a 25-year window to examine decadal-scale 115 modulation of the synchronicity. We confirmed that the decadal modulation did not depend on 116 117 the length of the window. An AO+AAO index is additionally used. The definition of the AO+AAO index is the sum of the normalized AO index and the normalized AAO index. Large 118 absolute value of the index tends to be large when both the AO and AAO are synchronized. 119

Singular value decomposition (SVD) analysis, which statistically isolate significant connection between two pieces of multivariate variations, is widely used for seeking large-scale atmosphere-ocean connection (e.g., Wallace et al., 1992; Nakamura et al., 2015b). Present study applies SVD analysis to detect covariant meridional–vertical structures involving the troposphere and stratosphere. Because SVD needs to prepare two field variables, we applied to monthly mean anomaly fields of zonal mean geopotential height poleward of 40° at altitudes between 1000 and 10 hPa in the Southern and Northern hemispheres.

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## 128 **3. Evidence of AO–AAO Synchronicity in the JRA-55 dataset**

We first calculated correlation coefficients between the monthly mean AO and AAO indices (Figure 1, right column). The correlation coefficients for February and October during the entire study period (1979–2016), 0.41 and 0.36, respectively, were statistically significant at the 95% level (*t*-test). Moreover, the 25-year running correlations (Figure 1, color gradations) show that during some sub-periods, the correlation coefficients in February and October exceeded 0.5. We further executed 19-, 21-, and 23-year running correlation analyses, and

overall correlation patterns as shown in Figure 1 are also seen. Here, positive correlations 135 indicate that SLP was lower than normal in both circumpolar regions and higher than normal in 136 both midlatitude regions, and negative correlations indicate the reverse. Thus, in these two 137 months, the polarities of the AO and AAO tended to be in phase. The interannual time series of 138 AO-AAO synchronicity in February and October (Figure 2) clearly shows in-phase 139 140 synchronization between the AO and AAO, especially during the sub-period when the correlation coefficient was highest. High correlation sub-periods were between 1980s and the 141 142 beginning of 2000s. Notably, this coherent variation occurs on an interannual timescale and is 143 not due to a long-term trend. In February, the correlation was mostly positive during the study period, and the maximum correlation of 0.51 was observed during 1980–2004. In October, the 144 maximum correlation of 0.56 was observed during 1981-2005. These maximum correlations 145 were statistically significant at the 99% confidence level. 146

We next examined connectivity between the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern 147 Hemisphere by applying SVD analysis to the 25-year periods with the maximum correlation 148 between the indices. The monthly mean homogeneous regression map of the first SVD mode 149 (SVD1) for the Southern Hemisphere in February showed a strong AO signature in the Northern 150 151 Hemisphere: that is, strongly negative values in Arctic latitudes and strongly positive values in midlatitude regions (Figure 3, top left). In the map for the Northern Hemisphere, we observed an 152 AAO signature, that is, negative values over the Antarctic region and positive values in the 153 154 midlatitudes of the Southern Hemisphere (top center). Because SVD1 shows the largest covariant pattern between two fields, the appearance of AO and AAO signals in both 155 156 homogenous maps signifies AO–AAO synchronicity. In other words, geostrophic westerlies that 157 are stronger (weaker) than normal tend to blow synchronously in both hemispheres. Furthermore,

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158 the AO and AAO signals are not confined to the troposphere but extend into the stratosphere; therefore, as is often observed during SSW events, stratospheric variation may influence the 159 troposphere. The interannual variation of the normalized expansion coefficients for the Northern 160 and Southern Hemispheres in February (Figure 3, upper right) are clearly synchronized with each 161 other, and SVD1 explained 53.0% of the squared covariance fraction (SCF). Correlation 162 163 coefficient of the expansion coefficients for the Nouthern Hemisphere (green curves of Figure 3) with the AO index (red curves of Figure 2) are 0.61 and 0.76 in February and October 164 respectively. 165

SVD1 also showed in-phase synchronicity, with the structure extending into the stratosphere, between the AO and AAO in October (Figure 3, lower panels). The interannual variations of the expansion coefficients for the Northern and Southern hemispheres were also significantly correlated in October, although the correlation was weaker than the correlation of the SLP-based indices. SVD1 explained 52.4% of the SCF. Correlation coefficient of the expansion coefficients for the Southern Hemisphere (black curves of Figure 3) with the AAO index (red curves of Figure 2) are 0.90 and 0.93 in February and October respectively.

Interestingly, in both February and October, the SVD1 pattern exhibited an asymmetric 173 174 vertical structure. In February the activity center of the AO signal is in the stratosphere and that of the AAO is in the lower stratosphere to upper troposphere (Figure 3, upper panels). 175 Conversely, in October the activity center of the AAO signal is in the stratosphere and that of the 176 177 AO is in the lower stratosphere to upper troposphere (Figure 3, lower panels). Thus, the dominant signal of the winter hemisphere is in the stratosphere, whereas that of the summer 178 179 hemisphere is in the troposphere. Because SSW events occur more often in February and 180 October in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, respectively, than in the other months, this

asymmetric structure may indicate that the remote connection between the Northern and
Southern hemispheres originates from stratospheric variations such as SSW events that occur
during the active season.

We next show zonal mean regression fields on the meridional vertical plain with AO and 184 AAO indices in February and October in order to confirm the pattern extracted by SVD can be 185 186 reproduced by these simple regression analyses. When we examined zonal-mean regression fields of zonal-mean geopotential height against the AO and AAO indices in February on the 187 meridional-vertical plane (Figure 4, upper panels), we observed two positive and negative 188 189 anomaly pairs, that is, the AAO and AO signatures, in the troposphere of both hemispheres. In October, on the regression map against the AAO index (Figure 4, lower left), we observed a 190 191 clear AAO signature in the troposphere of the Southern Hemisphere that extended into the stratosphere. Further, the positive anomaly in the Southern Hemisphere extended into the lower 192 stratosphere in the equatorial region and then descended into the troposphere of the Northern 193 194 Hemisphere; thus, it formed an arch-like structure over the equatorial troposphere. A positive and negative anomaly pair, that is, the AO signature, was also seen in the troposphere of the 195 Northern Hemisphere in October (Figure 4, lower left). On the regression map against the AO 196 197 index, negative anomalies were seen in the circumpolar region in the Southern Hemisphere (Figure 4, lower right). 198

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### **4. Possible Causes of Synchronicity between the AO and AAO**

The principal aim of this study was to establish that synchronicity existed between the AO and the AAO. Although clarifying the mechanism is beyond our scope, we also considered possible mechanisms of synchronicity. Our statistical analyses showed that variations of the AO

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and AAO were in phase during February and October. The correlation coefficients between seasonal mean AO and AAO indices were weaker than those of monthly mean indices. This seasonal dependence might be key to understanding the mechanism of AO–AAO synchronicity.

The potential of tropical oceanic variations such as ENSO to affect the atmosphere over 207 both poles simultaneously is large. It is natural, however, to consider that forcing by a long-208 209 lasting event such as ENSO would be more persistent than forcing by a short-term event. If the dominant influence on AO-AAO synchronicity was of tropical origin, then the synchronicity 210 should continue for a few months or longer. Contrary to this expectation, correlations between 211 212 the AO and AAO indices were more highly positive when monthly mean values were compared than when 3-month means were compared. In fact, when we regressed the sea surface 213 temperature (SST) anomaly against the AO+AAO index, which has a large absolute value when 214 they are synchronized, we found no significant signature in the tropics in February, and only a 215 very weak La Niña-like signature in October (Figure S1). Furthermore, an atmospheric general 216 217 circulation model (AGCM) simulation that did not take account of interannual variations of global SST could partly represent the AO-AAO synchronicity in October (Figure S2). These 218 results suggest that tropical oceanic SST variation is of little importance, at least with regard to 219 220 the in-phase synchronicity of the AO and AAO. By the same logic, the QBO, because its period is much longer than a month, is unlikely to be a cause of the synchronicity. In fact, regression of 221 222 the zonal-mean zonal wind field against the AO+AAO index also showed no significant 223 anomalies in the tropical stratosphere (Figure S3).

Dynamical variations in the polar region have been shown to affect tropical convective activity; for example, atmospheric convective activity in the tropical region may be controlled via changes in the stratospheric meridional circulation associated with SSWs (Eguchi and

Kodera, 2007; Kodera et al., 2011) or via tropospheric eddy dynamics associated with the AO 227 (Oshika et al., 2014; Chen et al., 2017). Because the large latent heat release that accompanies 228 tropical convective clouds is widely recognized as the mechanism of a tropical influence on the 229 high-latitude atmosphere, tropical convective cloud activity that has been influenced by 230 extratropical dynamical variations might mediate the propagation of extratropical signatures 231 232 from one pole to the opposite pole. These considerations suggest that a sporadic extratropical event might be responsible for the AO-AAO synchronization that we detected. A SSW event is a 233 234 likely candidate for this sporadic event. The vertical structure of the anomalous geopotential 235 height pattern of AO-AAO synchronicity is asymmetric between the two hemispheres: in February, signals are stronger in the stratosphere of the Northern Hemisphere, and in October, 236 they are stronger in the stratosphere of the Southern Hemisphere, in each case compared with the 237 signal strength in the opposite hemisphere (Figure 3). The signals extending to the stratosphere, 238 the so-called Northern Hemisphere annular mode/Southern Hemisphere annular mode 239 (NAM/SAM) pattern, are closely related to SSW occurrences. SSW events often accompany the 240 negative phase of the AO (Baldwin and Dunkerton, 2001). An SSW that is accompanied by 241 intensification of stratospheric meridional circulation (i.e., Brewer–Dobson circulation) remotely 242 243 controls tropical convective cloud activity (Eguchi and Kodera, 2007; Kodera et al., 2011). This SSW-controlled tropical cloud activity might further influence the extratropical atmosphere in 244 the opposite hemisphere. 245

We note again that the seasonality of the AO-AAO synchronicity has an important implication. Climatologically, February is the month with the most SSW event activity in the Northern Hemisphere (e.g., Hu et al., 2014). Surface anomalies due to downward influences of SSW events also appear in February. The frequent occurrence of SSW events in February might

account for the large correlation between the AO and AAO in that month. Similarly, the largest 250 variability in polar vortex intensity in the Southern Hemisphere is observed in October. The year 251 2002 is illustrative. A SSW event was observed in the Southern Hemisphere in 2002 (e.g., 252 Eguchi and Kodera 2007), and the negative phases of the AO and AAO were also strongly 253 synchronized in that year (Figure 2). In late autumn and early winter in 2002, it was extremely 254 255 cold over the mid-latitude Northern Hemisphere, in particular over Europe and East Asia. Besides, Arctic sea ice in late autumn and following winter was higher than normal, and the high 256 ice condition was associated with negative phase of AO (Ogi and Wallace, 2007). These lines of 257 inference lead us to consider that the AAO and AO may be linked via the stratosphere. The AO-258 AAO connections in the February and October do not look symmetric in the seasonal march. 259 From February to October, we have 8 months whereas from October to February we have 4 260 months. Interestingly, the variance of the stratospheric polar night jet in individual hemispheres 261 are not symmetric: the peak period in the Northern hemisphere is in January or February which 262 corresponds to the occurrence of SSW, while in the Southern Hemisphere, the peak is in October 263 or November (Figure S4). Therefore, the stratosphere-troposphere connection may tend to appear 264 in these months, in which AO-AAO synchronization appears. QBO could be another major 265 266 candidate of a cause of the inter-hemispheric synchronization, because of its correlation to the stratospheric polar vortex variations well known as Holton-Tan effect (Holton and Tan, 1980). 267 However, considering very low stratospheric variations in the summer hemisphere (Figure S4), 268 269 there is difficulty to apply the QBO-polar vortex relationship to the inter-hemispheric synchronicity in the troposphere. In the next step, it should be considered that how the 270 271 stratospheric signature propagates the tropospheric summer hemisphere. It is known that 272 interhemispheric connection exists in the mesosphere (e.g., Kornich and Becker, 2010), in which

the winter hemisphere has an influence on the summer hemisphere. This interhemispheric mesospheric process might be another intermediator for the AO-AAO synchronization in the troposphere and stratosphere. However, we consider that downward influence in the summer hemisphere unlikely occurs because the variance of the summer stratosphere is small (Figure S4).

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279 **5. Summary** 

This study confirmed the existence of in-phase synchronization between the AAO and 280 AO indices in February and October on an interannual time scale. In both hemispheres, lows are 281 tend to be in circumpolar regions simultaneously, whereas the highs tend to be in the midlatitude 282 regions and vice versa. In other words, stronger than normal geostrophic westerlies tend to blow 283 synchronously in both hemispheres, or weaker than normal geostrophic westerlies tend to blow 284 in both hemispheres. Therefore, air masses in the circumpolar regions of both hemispheres move 285 simultaneously and in phase from higher to lower latitudes, or from lower to higher latitudes. 286 The synchronization in other months, however, is much weaker. 287

In this study, we did not try to definitively identify the mechanism of the synchronization, but we offer the following considerations. Tropical oceanic variations such as ENSO are apparently of little importance to the AO–AAO synchronicity, although tropical variations are known to be a driver of high-latitude phenomena. However, stratospheric dynamics related to SSW events may provide a bridge across the tropics between high-latitude regions of the two hemispheres. In addition, the results of an AGCM simulation, albeit one that was not specifically related to this study, support the observational evidence that tropical variations are not important

(See Supporting Information). In the future, a modeling study with a focus on the stratospheric
role in AO–AAO synchronicity should be conducted.

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#### 298 **Figure Captions**

**Figure 1.** Correlations between the AO and AAO indices. The column on the right shows the correlation coefficients between monthly mean AO and AAO indices for each month during the whole study period (1979–2016). The correlation coefficients shown in bold are statistically significant at the 95% level (*t*-test). The color scale shows 25-year running correlation coefficients between the AO and AAO indices. The years shown on the horizontal axis indicate the center of each 25-year window in which the correlation was calculated. The stars indicate the 25-year period with the highest correlation coefficients for February (0.51) and October (0.56).

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**Figure 2.** Interannual AO–AAO synchronicity. Monthly mean values of the AAO and AO indices in February (top) and October (bottom). The vertical axis shows the normalized values of the indices divided by the individual standard deviations. The thick lines indicate the 25-year sub-period in each month with the highest correlation coefficient (indicated by the star symbol in Figure 1).

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Figure 3. Zonal-mean geopotential height pattern and year-to-year variations, derived from the first SVD mode. SVD was applied to zonal-mean monthly mean geopotential heights in February (upper panels) and October (lower panels). (left column) Homogeneous regression maps for the Southern Hemisphere. Horizontal and vertical axes are latitude and altitude, respectively. (center column) Homogeneous regression maps for the Northern Hemisphere. In each month, areas within the green boxes in the Southern and Northern hemispheres were paired for the SVD calculation. The contour/color shading interval is 10 m, and red and blue colors indicate positive
and negative values, respectively. (right) Time series of the normalized expansion coefficients
divided by the standard deviation for the Southern Hemisphere (black curve) and the Northern
Hemisphere (green curve). The squared covariance fraction (SCF) and correlation coefficient are
shown in the upper left and upper right corners, respectively.

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Figure 4. Meridional-vertical patterns of zonal-mean geopotential height regressed against the (left panels) AAO and (right panels) AO indices. Horizontal and vertical axes show latitude and altitude, respectively. The upper and lower panels show results for February and October, respectively. The contour interval is 10 m, and color shading indicates the level of statistical significance. Red and yellow shades indicate positive correlations, and blue shades indicate negative correlations.

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**Figure 1.** Correlations between the AO and AAO indices. The column on the right shows the correlation coefficients between monthly mean AO and AAO indices for each month during the whole study period (1979–2016). The correlation coefficients shown in bold are statistically significant at the 95% level (*t*-test). The color scale shows 25-year running correlation coefficients between the AO and AAO indices. The years shown on the horizontal axis indicate the center of each 25-year window in which the correlation was calculated. The stars indicate the 25-year period with the highest correlation coefficients for February (0.51) and October (0.56).



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Figure 2. Interannual AO-AAO synchronicity. Monthly mean values of the AAO and AO 451 indices in February (top) and October (bottom). The vertical axis shows the normalized values of 452 the indices divided by the individual standard deviations. The thick lines indicate the 25-year 453 sub-period in each month with the highest correlation coefficient (indicated by the star symbol in 454 Figure 1). 455



first SVD mode. SVD was applied to zonal-mean monthly mean geopotential heights in February (upper panels) and October (lower panels). (left column) Homogeneous regression maps for the Southern Hemisphere. Horizontal and vertical axes are latitude and altitude, respectively. (center column) Homogeneous regression maps for the Northern Hemisphere. In each month, areas within the green boxes in the Southern and Northern hemispheres were paired for the SVD calculation. The contour/color shading interval is 10 m, and red and blue colors indicate positive and negative values, respectively. (right) Time series of the normalized expansion coefficients divided by the standard deviation for the Southern Hemisphere (black curve) and the Northern Hemisphere (green curve). The squared covariance fraction (SCF) and correlation coefficient are shown in the upper left and upper right corners, respectively. 



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Figure 4. Meridional-vertical patterns of zonal-mean geopotential height regressed against the 479 (left panels) AAO and (right panels) AO indices. Horizontal and vertical axes show latitude and 480 altitude, respectively. The upper and lower panels show results for February and October, 481 respectively. The contour interval is 10 m, and color shading indicates the level of statistical 482 significance. Red and yellow shades indicate positive correlations, and blue shades indicate 483 negative correlations. 484

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