

16 **ABSTRACT**

17 The geographical extent, magnitude, and uncertainty of global climate change have
18 been widely discussed and have critical policy implications at both global and local
19 scales. In this study, a new analysis of annual mean global land surface air temperature
20 since 1880 was generated, which has greater coverage and lower uncertainty than
21 previous distributions. The Biased Sentinel Hospitals Areal Disease Estimation
22 (BSHADE) method, used in this study, makes a best linear unbiased estimation (BLUE)
23 when a sample is small and biased to a spatially heterogeneous population. For the
24 period of 1901–2010, the warming trend was found to be $0.109^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{decade}$ with 95%
25 confidence intervals between 0.081°C and 0.137°C . Additionally, warming exhibited
26 different spatial patterns in different periods. In the early 20th century (1923–1950),
27 warming occurred mainly in the mid-high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere,
28 whereas in the most recent decades (1977–2014), warming was more spatially
29 extensive across the global land surface. Compared with other common methods, the
30 difference in results appears in the areas with few stations and in the early years, when
31 stations had sparse coverage and were unevenly distributed. Validation, which was
32 performed using real data that simulated the historic situation, showed a smaller error
33 in the BSHADE estimate than in other methods. This study produced a new database
34 with greater coverage and less uncertainty that will improve the understanding of
35 climate dynamics on the Earth since 1880, especially in isolated areas and early periods,
36 and will benefit the assessment of climate-change-related issues, such as the effects of
37 human activities.

- 38 Key words: global; land surface air temperature dynamics; biased observations; best
39 linear unbiased estimate (BLUE)

40 **1. Introduction**

41 Temperature is a key metric for assessing the state of the climate. The extent,
42 magnitude, and uncertainty of global surface temperature change have been highly
43 related to policy-making and public affairs on both global and local scales. According
44 to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the last three decades are the
45 warmest period since the mid-19th century, and the warming is unequivocal and
46 unprecedented (Hartmann et al., 2013). Many studies indicate that global warming will
47 negatively impact human activities, natural environments, and ecosystems, such as ice
48 melting, sea level rise, floods and droughts, the spread of disease, human health,
49 species extinction, etc. (Gething et al., 2010; Hansen et al., 2006; McMichael et al.,
50 2006; Patz et al., 2005; Rahmstorf, 2007; Walther et al., 2002). These studies have
51 directed the focus of science towards explaining the driving forces behind the rapid
52 warming of the Earth, and today there is widespread agreement that human activity is
53 the dominant cause for the increase of greenhouse gases, although uncertainty of its
54 relative contribution still remains (Bindoff et al., 2013; Qin, 2014; Santer et al., 1996;
55 Stott et al., 2000). It is essential to construct a spatial analysis of the global land surface
56 temperature at a large scale and with less uncertainty from the limited and even biased
57 observations made since 1880. Doing so will enable a thorough understanding of the
58 pace of climate change and its effects on human activity at both a global and local basis.

59 Currently, maps of global land surface air temperature using instrumental records
60 have been developed mainly by four groups: the UK Met Office Hadley Centre and the
61 University of East Anglia Climatic Research Unit (CRUTEM4), the National Oceanic

62 and Atmospheric Association's (NOAA's) National Center for Environmental
63 Information (NCEI), the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), and the
64 Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature Project (Berkeley) (Jones, 2016). The results
65 published by these groups correspond with each other after 1900 (Hansen et al., 2010;
66 Hartmann et al., 2013), while there are greater differences between their results before
67 the early 20th century, although similar data sources were used (Jones and Wigley, 2010;
68 Lawrimore et al., 2011; Vose et al., 2005). The differences are mainly caused by the
69 various groups using different approaches to remove the inhomogeneities of the dataset
70 and deal with the issue of sparsely distributed stations, which is an important
71 uncertainty source in global or regional (i.e., continental) mean temperature estimation
72 in these early decades (Jones, 2016; Brohan et al., 2006; Hansen et al., 2010; Jones et
73 al., 2012; Jones and Wigley, 2010). The influence of sparse data coverage first appeared
74 before 1950 (Lawrimore et al., 2011), and estimation error decreased as station
75 coverage become more dense.

76 The influence of sparse station coverage on the observed climate is also evident in
77 recent years due to international exchange of data and station closures. This reduction
78 in station numbers is much more significant in Africa and South America. The sparse
79 coverage of stations results in sample bias when the population is spatially
80 heterogeneous. By sample bias, we mean that the sample's histogram is different from
81 that of the population's. A biased sample will lead to a biased estimate if the sample
82 bias is not accounted for (Wang et al., 2012).

83 In order to solve this problem, we used the Biased Sentinel Hospitals Areal

84 Disease Estimation (BSHADE) method in the estimation of the land surface air
85 temperature anomaly and uncertainty for China between 1900–2006 (Wang et al., 2014;
86 Wang et al., 2011; Xu et al. 2013; Hu et al. 2013). In theory, the method has the potential
87 to remedy station bias resulting from sparse coverage when the population is spatially
88 heterogeneous and simultaneously accounting for the characteristics of spatial
89 autocorrelation.

90 Using station data on China’s annual temperature anomaly from 1900–2006, the
91 BSHADE method exhibits a smaller error variance of estimation than traditional
92 methods, especially for periods with sparse station coverage (Wang et al., 2014).

93 The present study aims to reconstruct the dynamic of temperature anomalies for
94 the global land surface from 1880–2014 using BSHADE and the CRUTEM4.4.0.0
95 station data. The findings are expected to improve the understanding of historical
96 temperature change since 1880, at both the global and local scales.

97 The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, the data and
98 methods are described. In Section 3, the results are presented, including: (1) the
99 geographical distribution of global land surface air temperature anomalies; (2) the
100 global land surface air temperature anomaly series; (3) a trend map of global land
101 surface temperature; and (4) validation of the estimation. Section 4 includes a
102 discussion and conclusions.

103 **2. Data and Methods**

104 **2.1 Station Data**

105 The CRUTEM4.4.0.0 (Jones et al., 2012) station data, from 1880 to 2014,

106 downloaded from the website of Met Office Hadley Centre, was employed to estimate
107 the spatial distribution of global land surface air temperature. This dataset was
108 constructed using monthly mean temperature data. Quality control was undertaken by
109 checking whether a station's annual average was more than 5 times the standard
110 deviation beyond the average (based on the period of 1941–1990), and the identified
111 outlier records (0.096%) were deleted from the dataset. For any given year, the monthly
112 records having no missing values were averaged to annual values.

113 Before the 1900s, the spatial distribution of stations was very sparse and highly
114 biased, with the majority of stations located in Western Europe and United States, and
115 only a few stations located on other continents. For example, stations were mainly
116 located near the coastal areas of Africa, South America, Japan, India, and the southeast
117 area of Australia. The stations number increased sharply during the first half of the 20th
118 century between 1901–1960. The station number reaches its maximum in 1961–1990.
119 However, even in recent years, the spatial distribution of stations in some areas is still
120 sparse and uneven, such as in the Antarctic, the Arctic, and the interior of Africa and
121 South America. Figure S1 shows the number of stations from 1880 to 2010. In the
122 station anomaly estimation, reference series were defined as the station data from 1961–
123 1990. Stations less than 15 years of missing data during 1961–1990 were selected, and
124 the average temperatures in the period were estimated from the remaining records
125 (Figure S1A).

126 The data under study is both spatially autocorrelated and spatially heterogeneous,
127 and the geographical distribution of meteorological stations is highly uneven, especially

128 in some areas and in the earlier years. An estimator's theoretical merits would apply in
 129 practice only when its assumption was identical or approximate to reality; therefore we
 130 choose to use the BSHADE algorithm in this study.

131 2.2 BSHADE Algorithm

132 In BSHADE, the continental mean anomaly \bar{Y} is estimated by a weighted station
 133 average \bar{y} :

$$134 \quad \bar{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i \quad (1)$$

135 where w_i ($i=1, \dots, n$) is the weight of the i -th station and is calibrated by the Eq. (S1) and
 136 observed data.

137 The weight w_i satisfies the unbiased condition

$$138 \quad E\bar{y} = \bar{Y} \quad (2)$$

139 and minimum estimation variance

$$140 \quad \min_w v(\bar{y}) = E(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 \quad (3)$$

141 where E denotes the statistical expectation, v indicates statistical variance, and \bar{Y}
 142 represents the true average value of an area.

143 Eq. (2) can be expressed as

$$144 \quad E\bar{y} = E\sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i = \bar{Y} \quad (4)$$

145 that is:

$$146 \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i = 1$$

147 where we set

$$148 \quad b_i = E y_i / \bar{Y} \quad (5)$$

149 $b_i = 1$ will guarantee the sample estimator \bar{y} to be unbiased, while $b_i \neq 1$ will lead
 150 to \bar{y} being biased. The weight w_i for each station can be calibrated by Eq. (S1), and by

151 insert the weights into Eq. (1), the regional mean anomaly \bar{Y} can be estimated by \bar{y} .

152 Furthermore, the estimation variance

$$153 \quad v(\bar{y}) = E(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 = C(\bar{y}, \bar{y}) + C(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}) - 2C(\bar{y}, \bar{Y}) \quad (6)$$

154 can also be calculated by Eq. (6), in which C denotes the statistical covariance.

155 In BSHADE, the characteristic of geographical spatial correlation is indicated by
156 the parameters of the covariance, which is derived by the semivariogram of geostatistics
157 theory (Isaaks and Srivastava, 1989, Chapter 16). The correlation will decrease with the
158 increase of distance between two sites, and the relationship between spatial correlation
159 and distance is different between continents. Some studies use a correlation distance of
160 up to 1200 km (Hansen et al., 2006), while Lawrimore et al. found that temperatures
161 were sufficiently correlated more than 1000 km away (Lawrimore et al., 2011). Figure
162 S2 illustrates a semivariogram representing the relationship between the spatial
163 correlation of the annual temperature anomaly and distance for each continent, which
164 indicates that spatial correlations extend beyond 1000 km in all regions. In order to
165 produce lower uncertainty in this study, 1000 km was used as the distance limitation
166 for the neighbouring station selection in the estimation.

167 Meanwhile, the bias of sample is quantitatively reflected by the parameter vector
168 $B\{b_i\}$. The parameter b_i is the ratio between the anomaly of the i -th station and the
169 continental mean value. This parameter reflects the phenomenon that the mathematical
170 expectation of the station records' mean value is not equal to the true value across the
171 whole continent, an effect which is caused by spatial heterogeneity. The sample bias
172 occurs more clearly in areas with few stations and high heterogeneity and in the early

173 period when the coverage of meteorological stations was sparse and uneven. Due to
174 BSHADE method's ability to account for the characteristics of both the spatial
175 correlation and spatial heterogeneity of the target domain and sample bias, an objective
176 function of errors which is minimized and remedies the biased sample problem to
177 produce an estimate that is BLUE (best linear unbiased estimate). This happens when
178 the assumption of a model approximates the characteristics of a population and the way
179 of sampling. (Wang et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2011; Xu et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2012).

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181 **3. Results**

182 **3.1. Geographical Distribution of Global Land Surface Air** 183 **Temperature Anomalies**

184 Annual global land surface air temperature anomaly maps from 1880 to 2014 were
185 developed by the BSHADE method. Each grid box is 5° latitude by 5° longitude. The
186 results are shown in Figure S3. Before the 1900s, the projected temperature anomaly
187 map covers all of Europe; most of North America, except for the regions near the Arctic;
188 Asia, except for some northern areas and western parts of China; and almost the whole
189 area of Australia. Some parts of South America and Africa are missing because too few
190 stations were available. After 1920, there are estimated temperatures for most land areas,
191 except some parts of interior South America and Africa, and all of Antarctica. After
192 1940, our temperature anomaly distribution maps cover almost all areas.

193 From the maps in Figure S3, we can see that there is substantial interannual spatial
194 variability for the spatial distribution of the global mean surface air temperature
195 anomaly. For example, in the year 2001, the areas with large positive temperature

196 anomalies were mainly distributed over the northeast of North America, while in the
197 next year, the areas with large positive temperature anomalies were across the Bering
198 Strait, extending to the mid-to-high latitudes of Asia. However, in the year of 2003, the
199 area with the largest positive temperature anomalies moves to the north, compared with
200 the distribution of 2002, and covers higher latitude regions of Europe-Asia and North
201 America.

202 Besides the global land surface air temperature anomaly, the spatial distribution of
203 the estimation error variance for each year is also presented in Figure S3, which shows
204 that the estimation error variance is significantly smaller in recent years than for earlier
205 years. In addition, the high estimation error is mainly evident over areas that have few
206 stations. For example, in the year 2001, grids with higher estimation error are mainly
207 located over Southeast Asia and West Asia and the interior of Africa. These areas have
208 significantly fewer stations compared with other regions.

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210 **3.2. Global Land Surface Air Temperature Anomaly Series**

211 In addition to its application for mapping, BSHADE was also used to estimate
212 continental and global mean temperature anomalies from 1880–2014. In order to
213 compare the estimated results with those from the traditional methods (Jones, 1994),
214 we also calculated results using the CAM and Block Kriging method. Using the CAM
215 approach, anomalies are calculated for all stations within their corresponding grid box,
216 and which are then aggregated to get a regional mean temperature (Jones, 1994). The
217 Block Kriging method produces maps based on the spatial correlation of target fields
218 (Cressie, 1993; Goovaerts, 1997; Isaaks and Srivastava, 1989). The bias of stations and

219 spatial heterogeneity of population were not fully considered in the Block Kriging
220 method. The description of the calculation process of CAM and Block Kriging is
221 presented in supporting information (SI). Figure 1 is the estimated annual temperature
222 anomalies.

223 All three series in Figure 1 agree on the overall warming trend since 1920 across
224 global land areas. After 1920, the coverage of stations became more evenly distributed
225 and much denser. They differ slightly more before 1920, when the meteorological
226 stations were fewer and more unevenly distributed over global land areas, especially
227 for the period before 1900. In the period between 1880 and 1900, the global land values
228 estimated by the Block Kriging method are lower compared with BSHADE and CAM.

229 In Table 1, the overall trends of the various temperature series for different time
230 periods are compared. The linear trends for the periods of 1901–1950, 1880–2010,
231 1901–2010, 1951–2010, and 1979–2014 have been calculated for BSHADE, Block
232 Kriging and CAM with 95% confidence intervals (CI) (Table 1). The confidence
233 intervals of the linear trends were estimated using the generalized least squares
234 technique within each period. The effects of serial autocorrelation in the models’
235 residuals were accounted for (Gujarati, 2003). In the period of 1880–2010, the
236 temperature warms by 0.092–0.108°C/decade, as estimated by the three methods. In
237 the same period, the overall trend estimated by BSHADE was 0.096°C (95% CI:
238 0.075°C – 0.117°C). This trend is similar to that estimated by CAM but lower than that
239 estimated by Block Kriging. The linear trends in 1901–2010 with 95% CIs for
240 BSHADE, Block Kriging, and CAM were 0.109°C ± 0.028°C, 0.115°C ± 0.029°C, and

241 $0.104^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.026^{\circ}\text{C}$ per decade, respectively. In addition, it appears that there is a
242 significant difference between the first and the second halves of the twentieth century
243 (Figure 1). For BSHADE, the 1901–1950 linear trend with 95% CI s was $0.118^{\circ}\text{C} \pm$
244 0.032°C , while the trend for 1951–2010 was $0.223^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.049^{\circ}\text{C}$, which is significantly
245 higher than that in the first half of the century. In the two periods, the trend for BSHADE
246 is between the trend identified by the other two methods. For the recent years between
247 1979 and 2014, the warming trend calculated by BSHADE is 0.304°C (95% CI:
248 $0.244^{\circ}\text{C} - 0.364^{\circ}\text{C}$), a value that is unprecedented for more than a century. In all these
249 periods, the warming trend estimated by Block Kriging is higher than that estimated
250 using the other two methods. The reason for this will be explained in the discussion
251 section. Please take notice that the CIs are calculated under the assumptions of the
252 methods. Some of the model assumptions, such as the assumption of the 2nd order
253 spatial stationarity in Kriging, is inconsistent with the reality. The accuracies of the
254 estimations are compared using cross validation in Section 3.4.

255 In order to compare the global mean trends with the results from Berkeley, NCEI,
256 GISS, 20th Century Reanalysis 2m air temperature (20CR) (Compo et.al., 2013), and
257 Karl et al. (2015), the results from these products are also provided in Table 1, although
258 these results were derived using different source station datasets and methods. These
259 results show that in the period of 1901–2010, the temperature warmed by 0.090–
260 $0.194^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{decade}$, as estimated from all the series listed in Table 1. For the final period
261 of 1979–2014 the temperature warms by $0.254\text{--}0.329^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{decade}$, about 3 times
262 compared with the period of 1901–2010.

263 In this study, the urban heating's affect on the estimation of global temperature
264 land average for BSHADE was analyzed as well (see details in SI). The results showed
265 that during the period of 1901 to 2010 there was an urban heating effect of $0.03^{\circ}\text{C}/100$
266 years. This is similar with the results from previous studies (Parker 2004, 2006; Wang
267 et al., 2017).

268 **3.3. Trend Map of Global Land Surface Temperature**

269 Although shown as a global average, a warming trend is readily apparent—
270 especially in recent decades—but there are significant geographical variations. Figure
271 2 show distribution maps of the warming trend of global land surface air temperature
272 estimated by the BSHADE method for the periods of 1901–1950, 1951–2010, 1901–
273 2010 and 1977–2014. The values for each grid were calculated when the data satisfied
274 two conditions: (1) more than 70% of records are available in the period, and (2) the
275 start and the end decades are both available. The symbol “+” implies that estimated
276 warming trends are significant, using a 90% CI, for that grid box. White areas were not
277 estimated because of incomplete or missing data.

278 Since 1901 almost all land areas have experienced warming. The greatest rates of
279 warming occurred in mid-continental locations rather than coastal areas. This is most
280 notable in the mid to high-latitudes of North America and the middle latitudes of
281 interior Asia. From Figure 1, it shows that there is an apparent difference between the
282 first and the second half of the twentieth century. The warming trend in the two periods
283 also exhibits very distinct spatial signatures. In the early years of 20th century (1923–
284 1950), warming is mainly evident in the mid-to-high latitude regions of Northern
285 Hemisphere, whereas the more recent warming (1977-2014) covers all global land areas

286 (Figure 2).

287 The maps of temperature anomalies estimated by BSHADE, Block Kriging, and
288 CAM generally correspond with each other in the recent period. However, some
289 discrepancies are present in the early period and in the areas with sparse station
290 coverage, such as Africa, South America, East and West Australia, and North Asia
291 (Figures 3). This indicates that the differences in the linear trends for global land surface
292 average temperatures in the last century or longer periods for different methods are
293 caused mainly by data availability and bias of the observations in the early periods.

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295 **3.4. Validation of Estimation**

296 In principle, the accuracy of an estimate is determined by the properties of the
297 population, the way of sampling, and the method of estimation, actually the match
298 between the three, referred to as the spatial sampling and inference trinity (Wang et al.,
299 2012). The merits of an estimator are fulfilled only if its assumption is identical to the
300 properties of the population and the way of sampling. In this study, the population is
301 both spatially autocorrelated (see semivariogram) and spatially heterogeneous, and the
302 sample (meteorological stations) is highly biased (vector B) in remote areas and in early
303 years. Therefore, we chose to use BSHADE, a method which takes into account both
304 the properties of a population and biased sample to make a BLUE estimate.

305 Though the theoretical confidence intervals can be estimated, they depend upon the
306 assumptions of the models. The theoretical merits of BSHADE are validated by
307 empirical tests. A sparse network of stations was selected for analysis in each year
308 between 1961 and 1990. The stations were chosen to match the reduced spatial

309 coverage of stations in 1880, but the temperatures were those observed during the 1961-
310 1990 period. The global average mean temperature for each year was computed from
311 the sparse network and then compared with the global means computed by CAM using
312 the full network of stations from 1961-1990. In recent decades, when there was the
313 largest number of stations, the estimated values from the different methods are highly
314 consistent with each other. The absolute errors in each year for 1961–1990 are
315 calculated by the difference of the estimated and the true values (see Figure 4).

316 From Figure 4, the absolute errors from BSHADE, Block Kriging, and CAM
317 were 0.16°C, 0.18°C, and 0.18°C, respectively. In order to compare the results within
318 the same domain, the polar areas (e.g. Greenland) were not included in the Block
319 Kriging validation. This demonstrates that the estimates of BSHADE have the smallest
320 absolute errors compared to the other methods, which implies that, in the early years
321 having sparse and unevenly distributed stations, the results estimated by BSHADE in
322 this study will have the highest accuracy.

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324 **4. Conclusion and Discussion**

325 In this study, the spatial distribution maps of global mean surface air temperature
326 anomalies for each year from 1880 to 2014 were created using the BSHADE approach.
327 These maps have greater spatial coverage and less uncertainty compared to existing
328 studies. Validation was performed using a few selected stations in 1961–1990 with the
329 same location as stations in 1880. This showed a smaller estimation error using
330 BSHADE compared to other common methods.

331 The reliabilities of regional mean temperature estimation (Li et al., 2010; Peterson,
332 2003; Rohde et al., 2013) are determined by the combination of real land surface air
333 temperature field, the configuration of meteorological stations, and the estimators
334 employed, known as the spatial sampling and statistical trinity (Wang et al., 2012; Cao
335 et al., 2013; Ge et al., 2013; Hansen et al., 2006; Jones et al., 2008; Lawrimore et al.,
336 2011; Peterson et al., 1998; Yan et al., 2010). The discrepancy between global
337 temperature dynamics estimated by different methods can be understood by the spatial
338 sampling and statistical trinity.

339 Sparseness of stations is an important uncertainty source in global or regional mean
340 temperature estimation. Meteorological stations are sparse and have uneven coverage
341 in some periods and in some areas, i.e., the sample is biased to population, the histogram
342 of the sample is different from that of the population). This occurs when the population
343 is spatially stratified heterogeneity (Wang et al., 2016), and some strata have no sample.
344 In this case, the sample should not be regarded as randomly drawn from a population,
345 as is usually assumed in statistics. Thus, the mathematical expectation of the mean value
346 of the stations' records, under the assumption of the 1st order stationary population, is
347 not equal to the true value across the whole region. The real regional annual temperature
348 anomalies cannot be directly represented by the samples under the assumption of
349 random sampling. The situation is worsened in early years, especially before the end of
350 19th century, compared to recent years. For example, in the 1880s, existing stations were
351 mainly located in western Europe and the northeast coasts of the USA. Although there
352 are numerous stations available in recent years, they are uneven and sparse in some

353 regions. For example, in the Asian continent, stations are mainly located in regions with
354 high population density, while the mountains or plateaus.

355 In this study, the warming trend estimated by Block Kriging is higher than the other
356 two methods. One of the possible reasons is that the Block Kriging estimation had more
357 coverage than the other methods, especially in polar areas (e.g., Greenland) where the
358 warming has been the most intense. The other reason is for Block Kriging's higher
359 estimation is the sparse and biased station distributions in the years of the late 19th
360 century in Africa and South America. In these areas, the mean values estimated by
361 Block Kriging were lower than those estimated by BSHADE for the period, which
362 results in the higher linear trends from Block Kriging. However, Block Kriging's linear
363 trend has more uncertainty; the validation in the preceding section shows that the mean
364 values estimated by Block Kriging in the early period have higher errors than those
365 from BSHADE. The situation can be avoided in BSHADE due to its potential to remedy
366 the biased sample by the value of the parameter b .

367 There is discrepancy between the CAM results and the other methods. For example,
368 in 1880, Australia showed strong warm anomalies with CAM in the southeast of the
369 continent, while the BSHADE method showed slight anomalies. However, there is an
370 overlap of their error bars, where the 95% CI of CAM and BSHADE were [-0.055,
371 3.35], [0.25, 0.63] respectively. One of the reasons for the discrepancy is that only local
372 stations within a box of 5° latitude by 5° longitude were used in the estimation of
373 average land surface air temperature anomaly in each grid. Meanwhile, spatial
374 correlation information was not used in CAM.

375 Besides comparing the results from the traditional methods and BSHADE, we
376 also compared the results from BSHADE with reanalysis data and other widely used
377 datasets. Compo et.al. (2013) have presented the linear trend of 20CR and eight
378 different near-global datasets constructed from land surface observations. The linear
379 trend of spatial patterns estimated by BSHADE over the 1901–2010 and 1951–2010
380 periods correspond with the eight datasets (see Figures 3, S2, and S3 in the 2013 paper
381 by Compo et.al.). The linear trend of spatial patterns between BSHADE and 20CR in
382 the above two periods also have the same general agreement with differences in local
383 areas such as Argentina, eastern Brazil and the midwestern United States, which may
384 be induced by some uncertainty of 20CR caused by factors such as land use and land
385 cover, pressure observations, and so on. Detailed regional analyses and trends between
386 the various methods and how the improved coverage affects regional means and trends
387 could be conducted but are outside of the scope of this paper.

388 This paper provides a new estimation of global land surface air temperature since
389 1880 with greater spatial coverage and lower uncertainty. In this study, we took the
390 mean values of spatial correlation matrix C in Kriging and BSHADE and sample bias
391 vector B in BSHADE. The theories behind the parameters deserve further investigation
392 in future studies. Although BSHADE has advantages compared with traditional
393 methods, there is potential to improve the method's parameterizations in the future by
394 information fusion, such as using more data sources in the method, such as tree ring
395 data.

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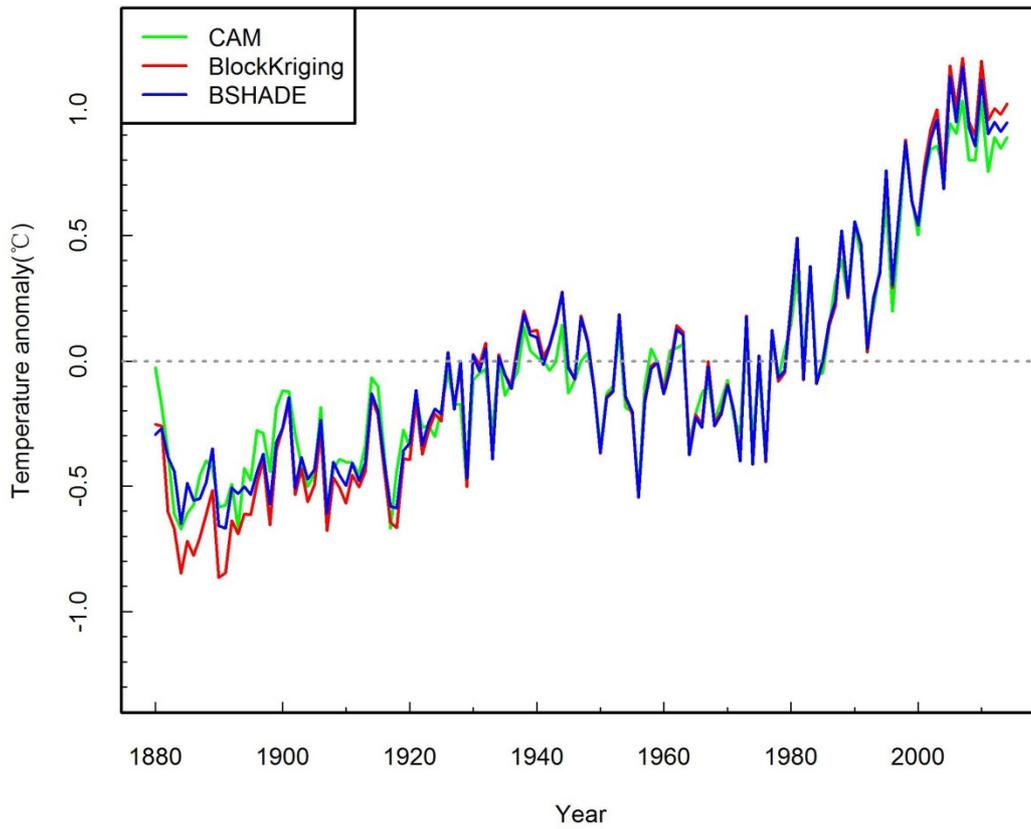
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CAM	0.097±0.034	0.092±0.020	0.104±0.026	0.207±0.048	0.278±0.052
Block Kriging	0.143±0.039	0.108±0.021	0.115±0.029	0.229±0.052	0.329±0.061
Berkeley (<i>Rohde et al., 2013</i>)	0.124±0.040	0.100±0.016	0.107±0.020	0.185±0.039	0.255±0.053
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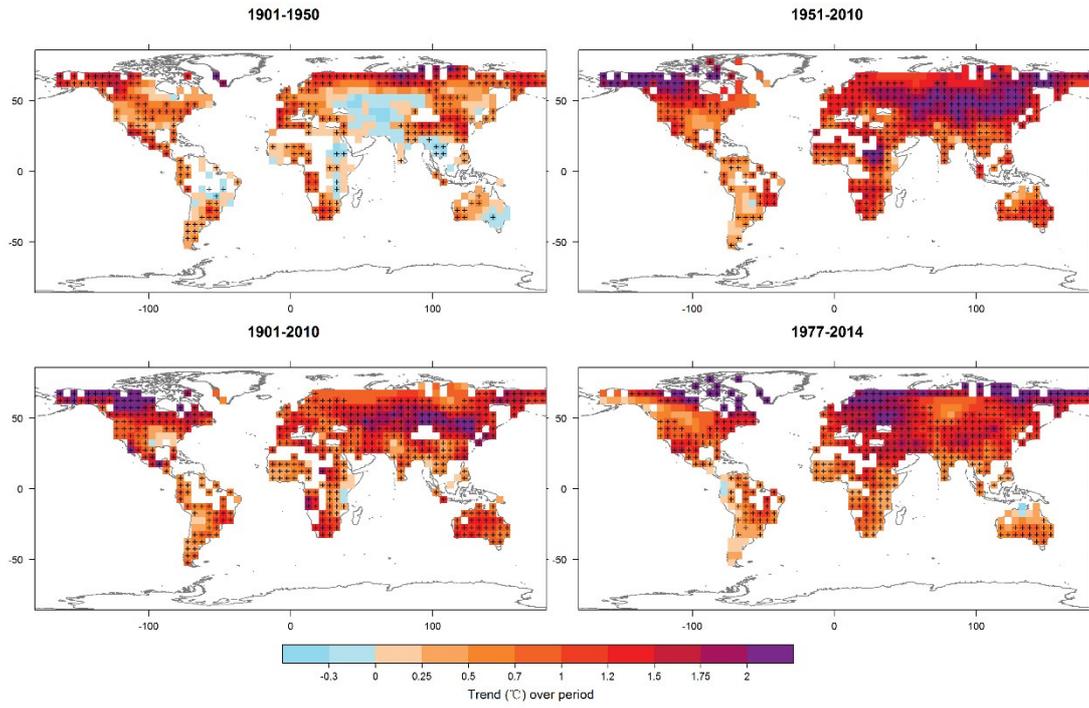
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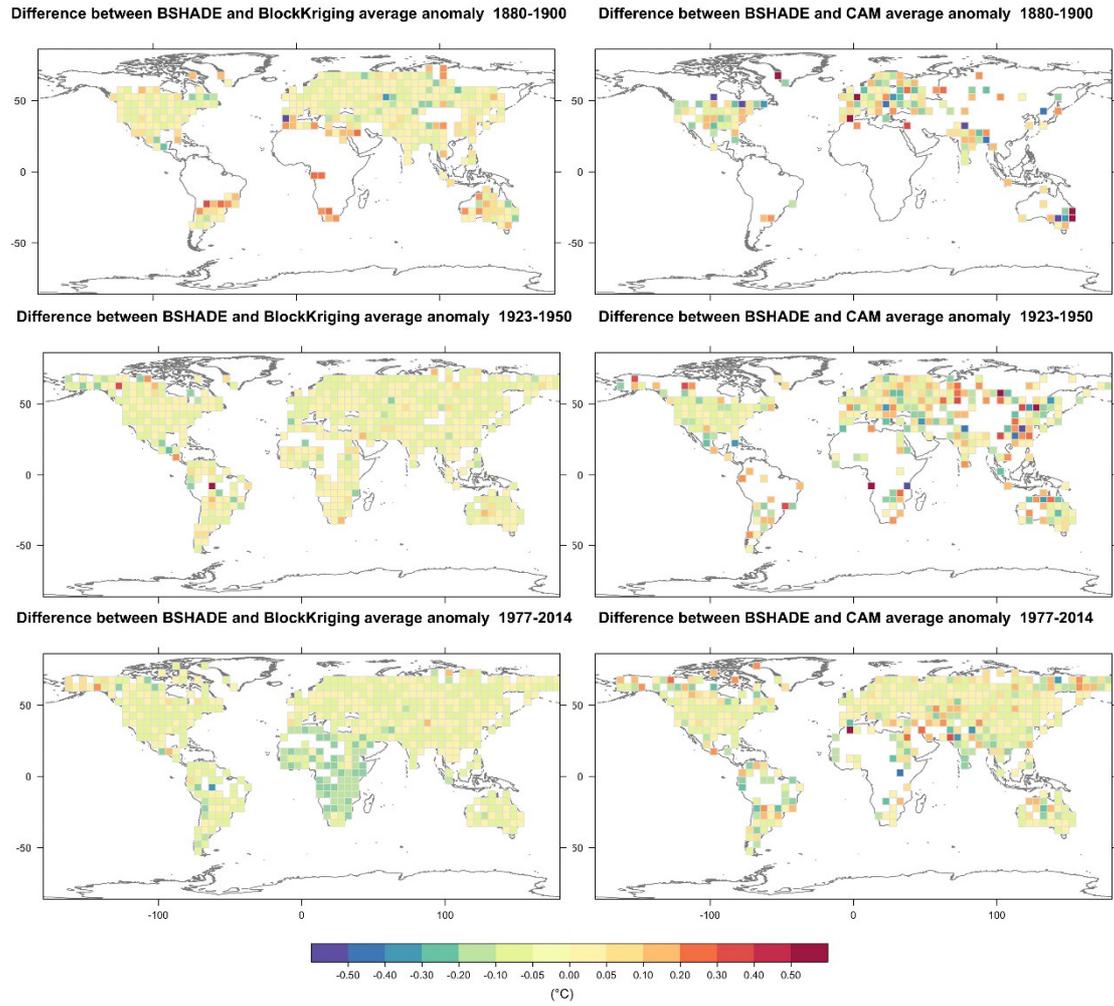


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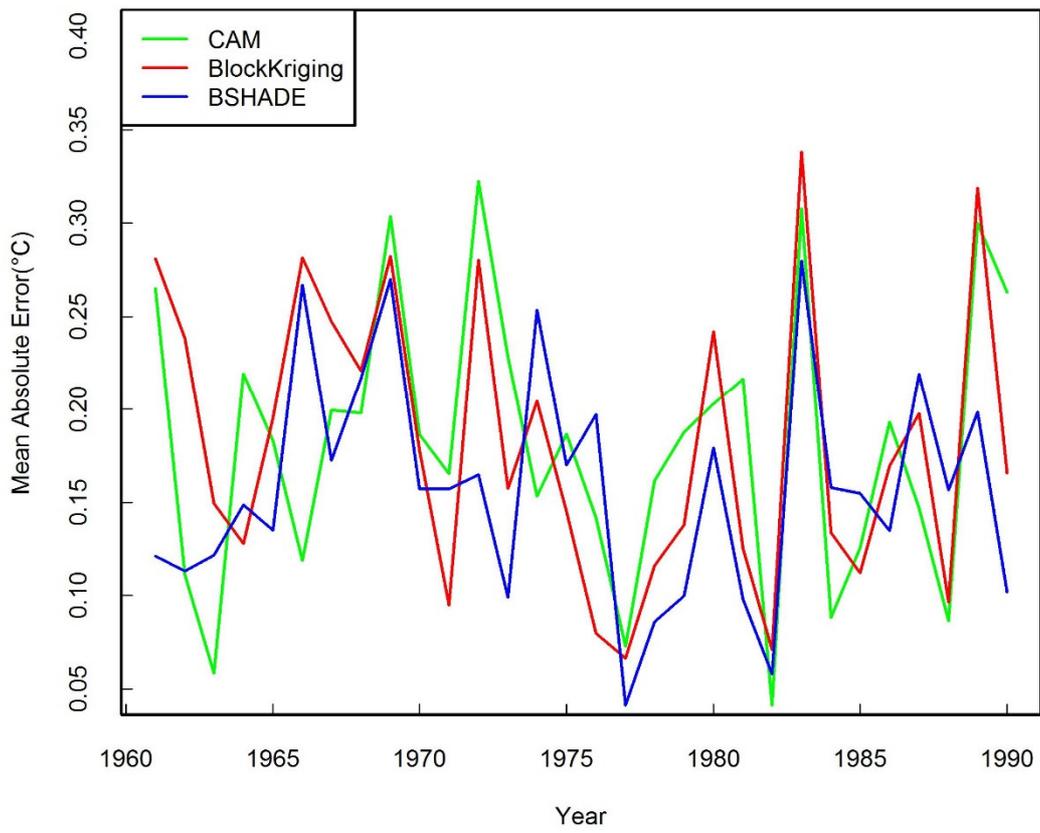
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