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## Supplementary Materials for

### Mid-Holocene Northern Hemisphere warming driven by Arctic amplification

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Fig. S1. Mid-Holocene insolation anomalies. (a) Seasonal and (b) annual-mean insolation differences (W m<sup>-2</sup>) at the top of the atmosphere (differences between 6 ka and 0 k).

#### Annual-mean TS anomalies



**Fig. S2. Surface temperature anomalies simulated by climate models.** Composite maps of the annual-mean surface temperature anomalies in the mid-Holocene, averaged for (**a**) the 4 warmest and (**b**) the 4 coldest models.



#### Testing the impact of 6K tropical SST cooling on TS using CM2.1

**Fig. S3. Testing the impact of mid-Holocene tropical cooling using CM2.1.** The impact of the mid-Holocene tropical SST cooling on (**a**) the annual-mean, (**b**) the zonal-mean of the annual-mean, and (**c**) zonally-averaged seasonal surface temperatures. In (**c**), the abscissa is time (months) and the ordinate is latitude.



#### Hovmoller plot of surface temperature

Fig. S4. Same as Fig. 2 except for the second and third warmest/coldest model

**composites.** (**a**, **b**) Zonally averaged, latitude–time Hovmöller plots of surface temperature anomalies in (**a**) the  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  warmest models and (**b**) the  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  coldest models. The abscissa is time (months) and the ordinate is latitude. Arctic sea ice concentration (%) anomalies in (**c**, **d**) the 4 warmest models and (**e**, **f**) the 4 coldest models, averaged in (**c**, **e**) July–November and (**d**, **f**) December–April.



Fig. S5. Autumn-winter surface heat fluxes in the Arctic. The autumn-winter (Oct-Nov-Dec-Jan-Feb) (**a**, **b**) anomalous net surface heat flux  $(F_{SW}^{\uparrow} - F_{SW}^{\downarrow} + F_{LW}^{\uparrow} - F_{LW}^{\downarrow} + SHF^{\uparrow} + LHF^{\uparrow}$ ; W m<sup>-2</sup>) and (**c**, **d**) surface turbulent heat flux  $(SHF^{\uparrow} + LHF^{\uparrow})$  averaged in (**a**, **c**) the 4 warmest models and (**b**, **d**) the 4 coldest models. Warm colors imply anomalously large fluxes from the ocean surface to the overlaying atmosphere.