Bias Analysis in the High Mountains of Asia (HMA)

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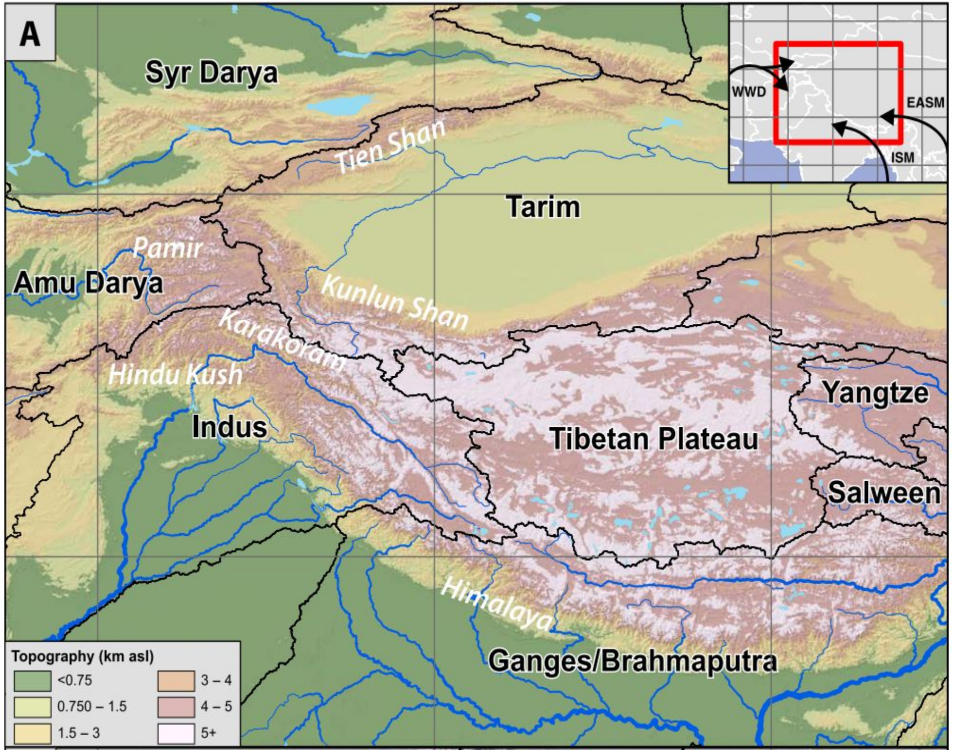
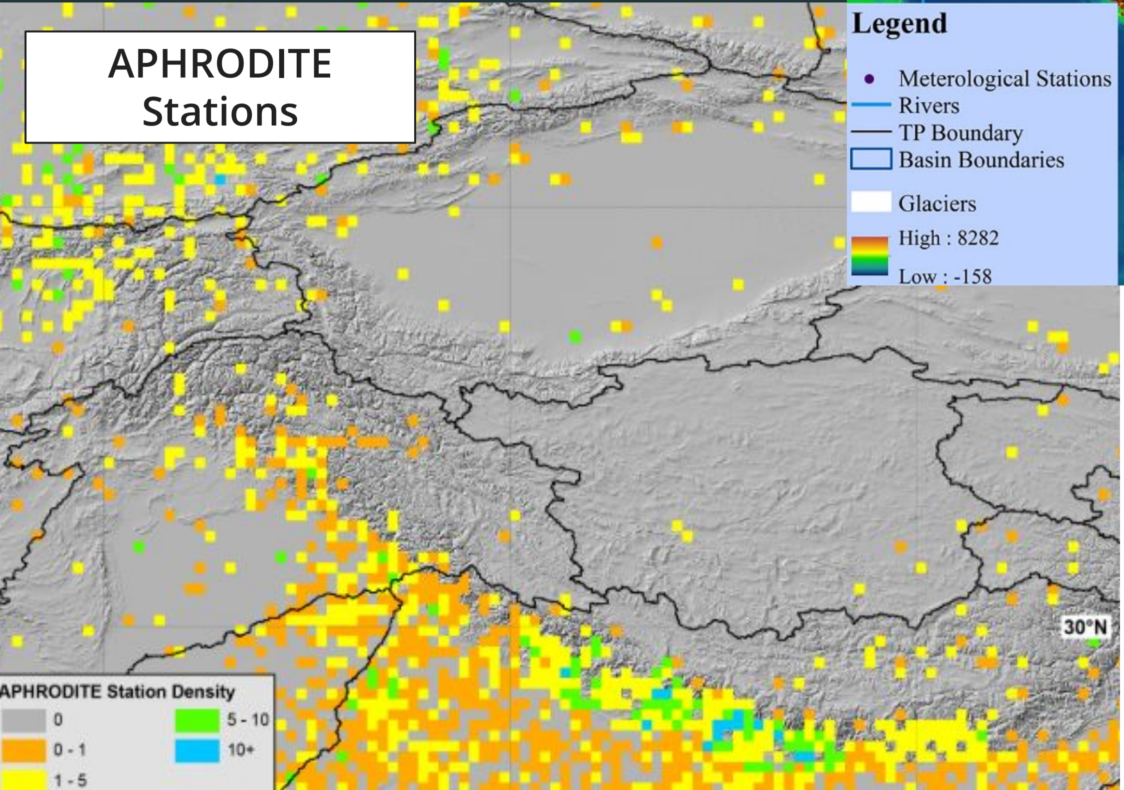
High Mountain Asia (HMA): Introduction

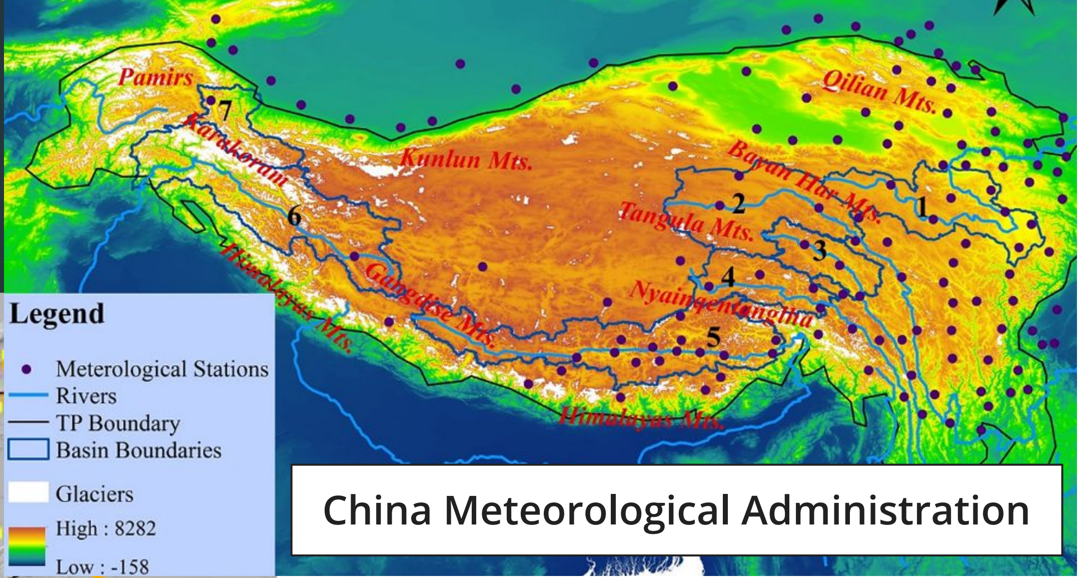
- The Tibetan Plateau (TP) region is the world’s highest plateau (average elevation 4000m) ➝ considerable influence on regional and global climate. (Orsolini et al., 2019)
- Directly sustain the livelihoods of 240 million people in the mountain and hills of the Hindu Kush Himalaya. (Sharma et al., 2019)
- Two distinct climatic regimes:
  - winter westerly disturbances ➝ 50 % of the precipitation over the western Himalaya and Hindu Kush mountains
  - central and eastern Himalayan mountains receiving major part (up to 80%) of annual precipitation during the Indian summer monsoon months (June-September). (Bookhagen and Burbank, 2010)



Smith and Bookhagen (2018), Fig. 1A

High Mountain Asia (HMA): station observations





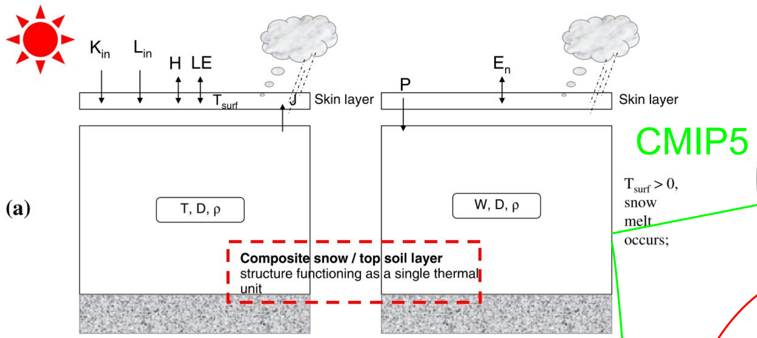
Li et al. (2018), Fig. 1

- Illustrates the low station density in the core of HMA (Tibetan Plateau)
- The highest elevations are severely under-represented
- Almost exclusively measure rainfall (there exist very few snow monitoring stations in HMA)

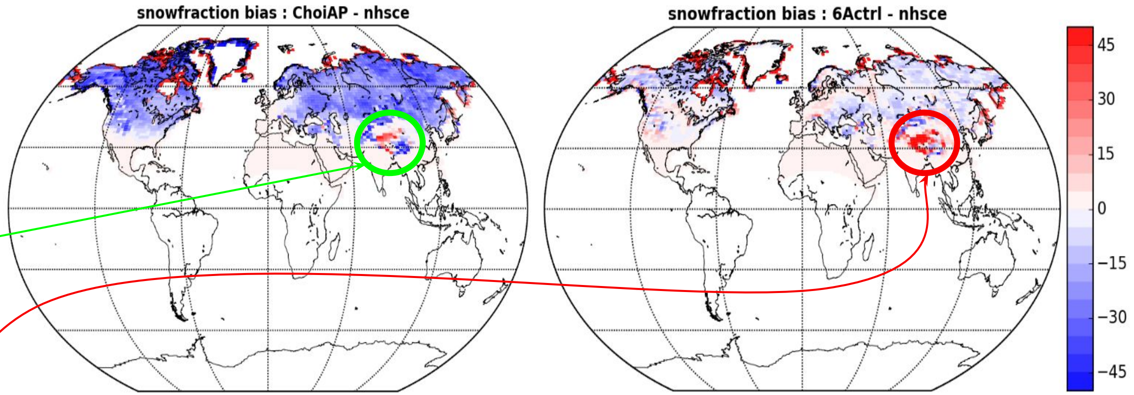
Smith and Bookhagen (2018), Fig. S1

Snow bias in IPSL model CMIP5 versus CMIP6

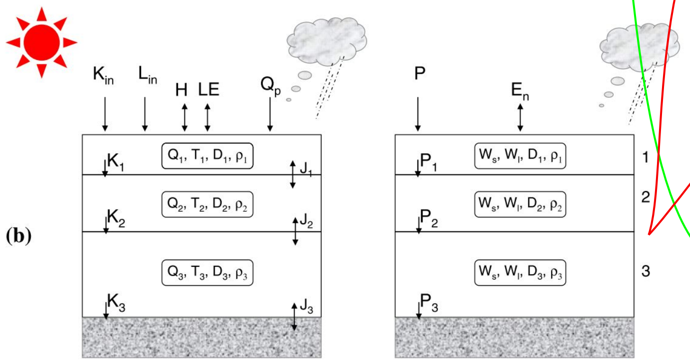
WANG ET AL.: ORCHIDEE SNOW MODEL EVALUATION



$\mathbf{K_{in}}$ (short wave radiation), $\mathbf{L_{in}}$ (longwave radiation), **H** (sensible heat flux), **LE**(latent heat flux), **J** (conduction heat flux), **W** (SWE), **D** (snow depth), **ρ** (fixed snow density 330) , **P** (precipitation), $\mathbf{E_n}$ (evaporation), **T**(snow temperature), **Tsurf**(skin layer temperature)

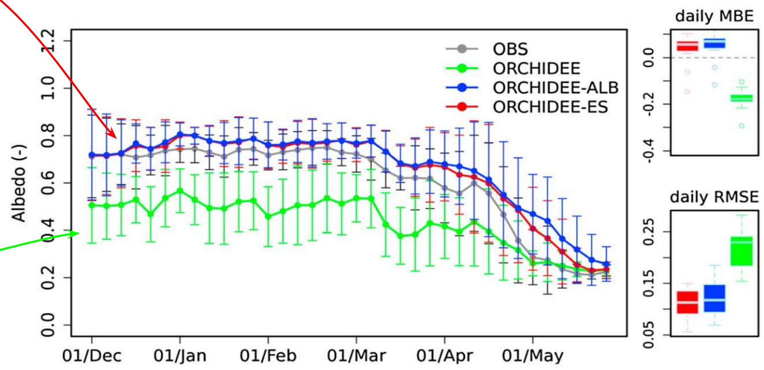


Cheruy et al. (submitted), Fig. 6



$\mathbf{K_{in}}$ (short wave radiation), $\mathbf{L_{in}}$ (longwave radiation), **H** (sensible heat flux), **LE**(latent heat flux), **J** (conduction heat flux), **Q** (snow layer heat content), $\mathbf{Q_p}$(advective heat from rain and snow), **W** (snow layer SWE), $\mathbf{W_l}$ (snow layer liquid water content), **D** (snow layer depth), **ρ** (snow layer density) , **P** (precipitation), $\mathbf{E_n}$ (evaporation)

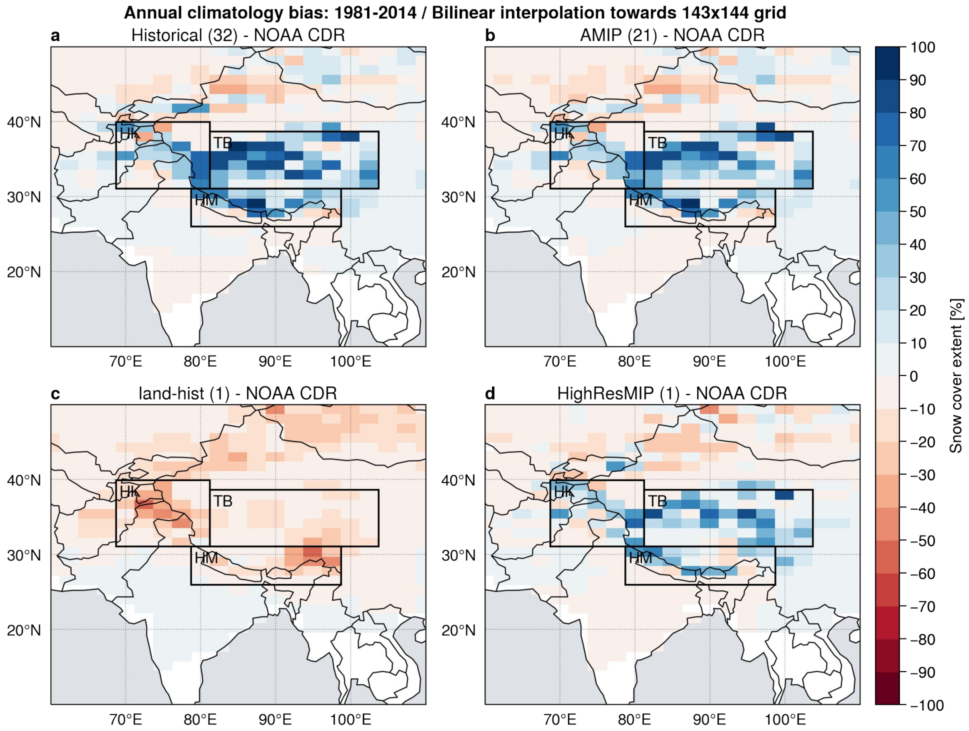
Wang et al. (2013), Fig. 1



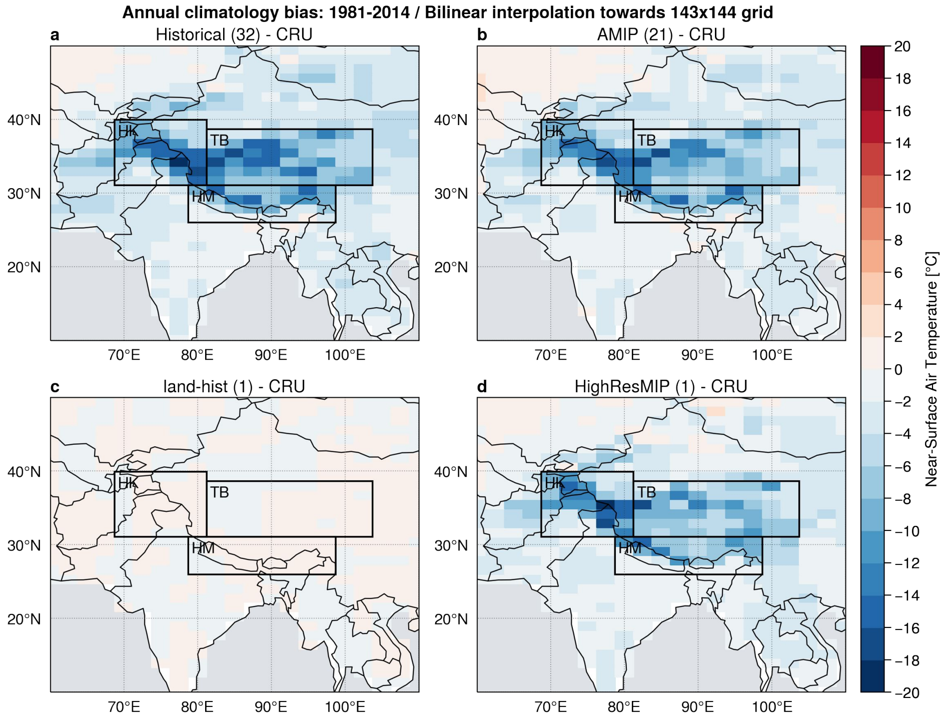
Wang et al. (2013), Fig. 5

IPSL-CM6A-LR: Historical, AMIP, land-hist / IPSL-CM6A-ATM-HR bias

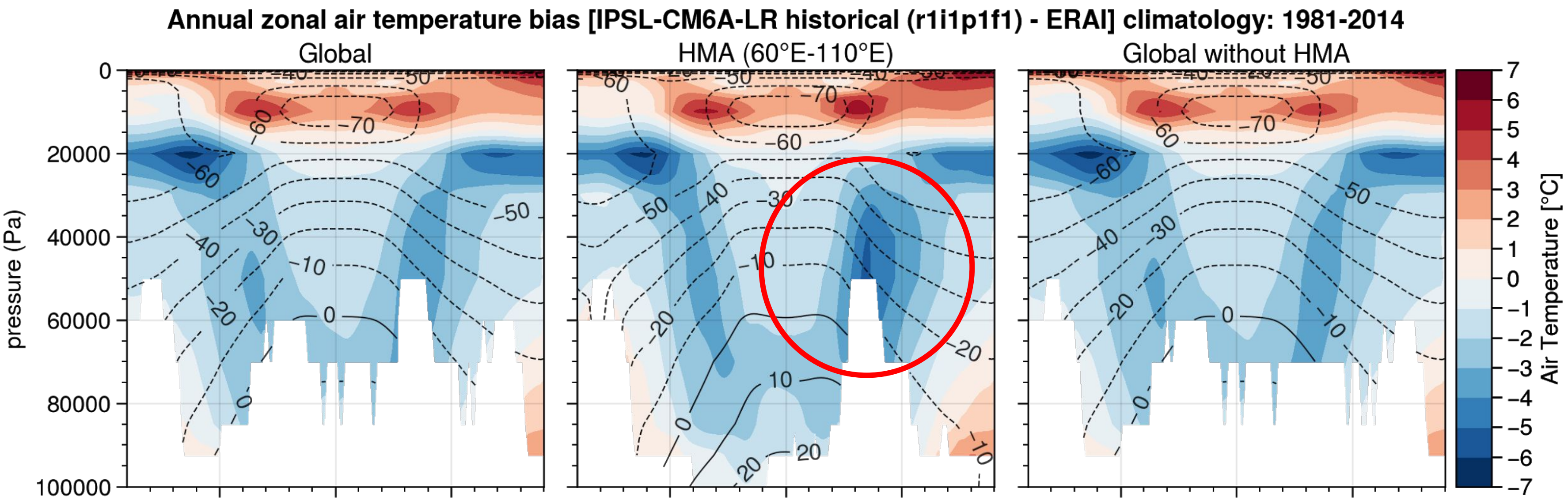
Snow cover bias



Temperature bias



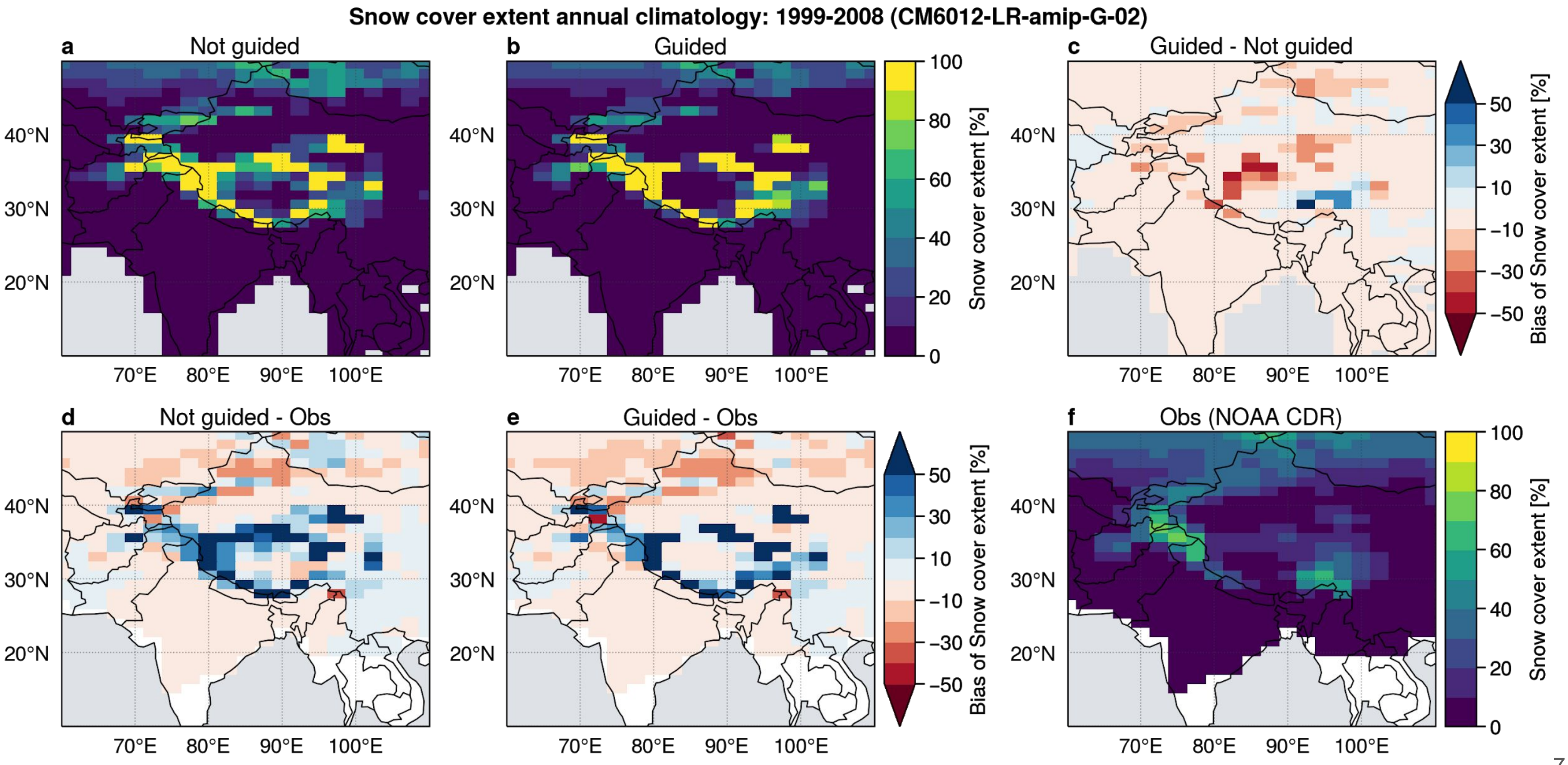
Air Temperature zonal means bias global versus HMA



- Cold bias in troposphere and hot bias in stratosphere
- Cold bias of air temperature not restricted to HMA!
- HMA seems to amplify this bias
- The bias is reduced in HighResMIP

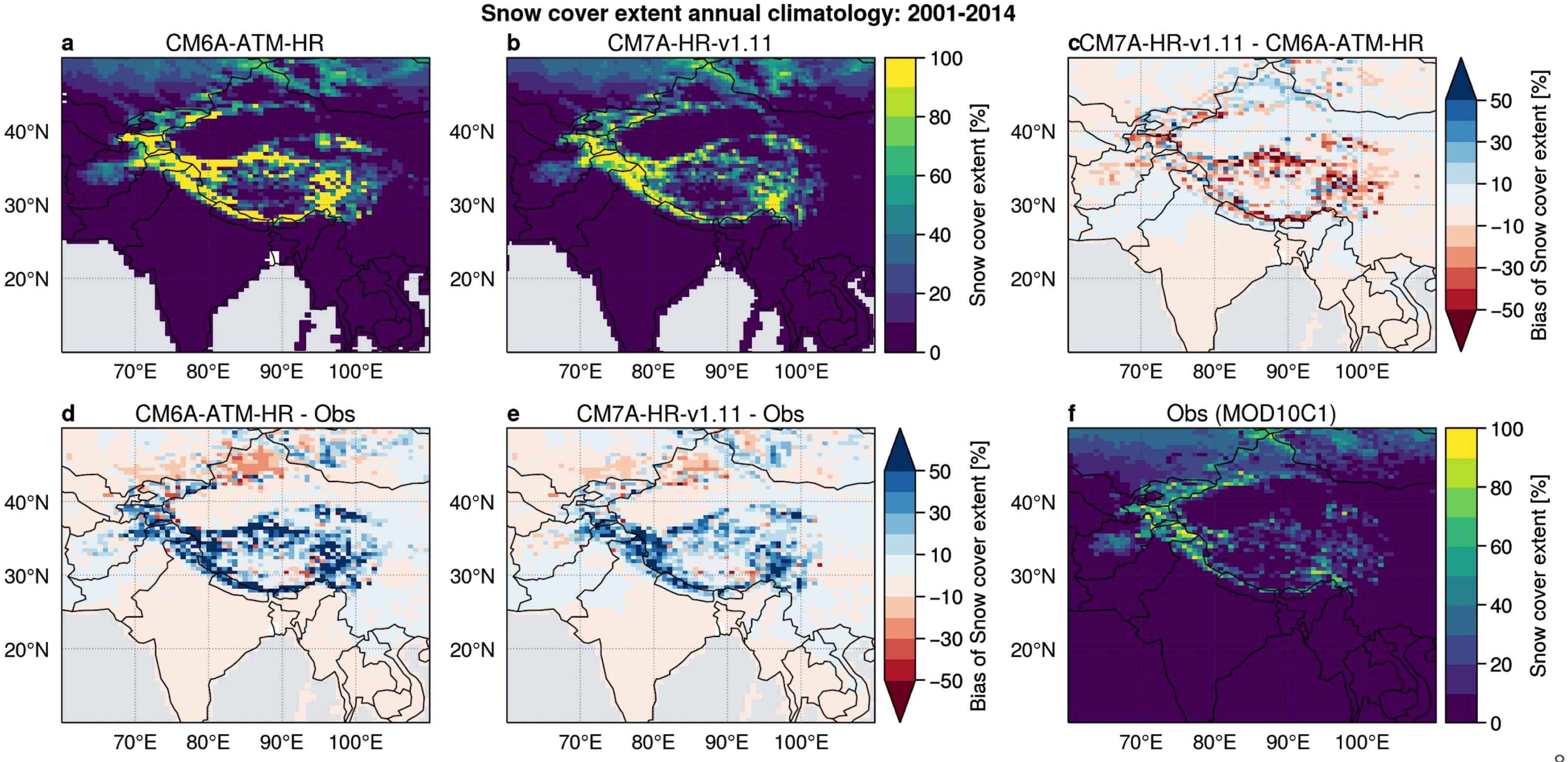
Adapted from from Boucher et al., Fig. 3 (submitted)

Nudged versus not nudged: snow cover*



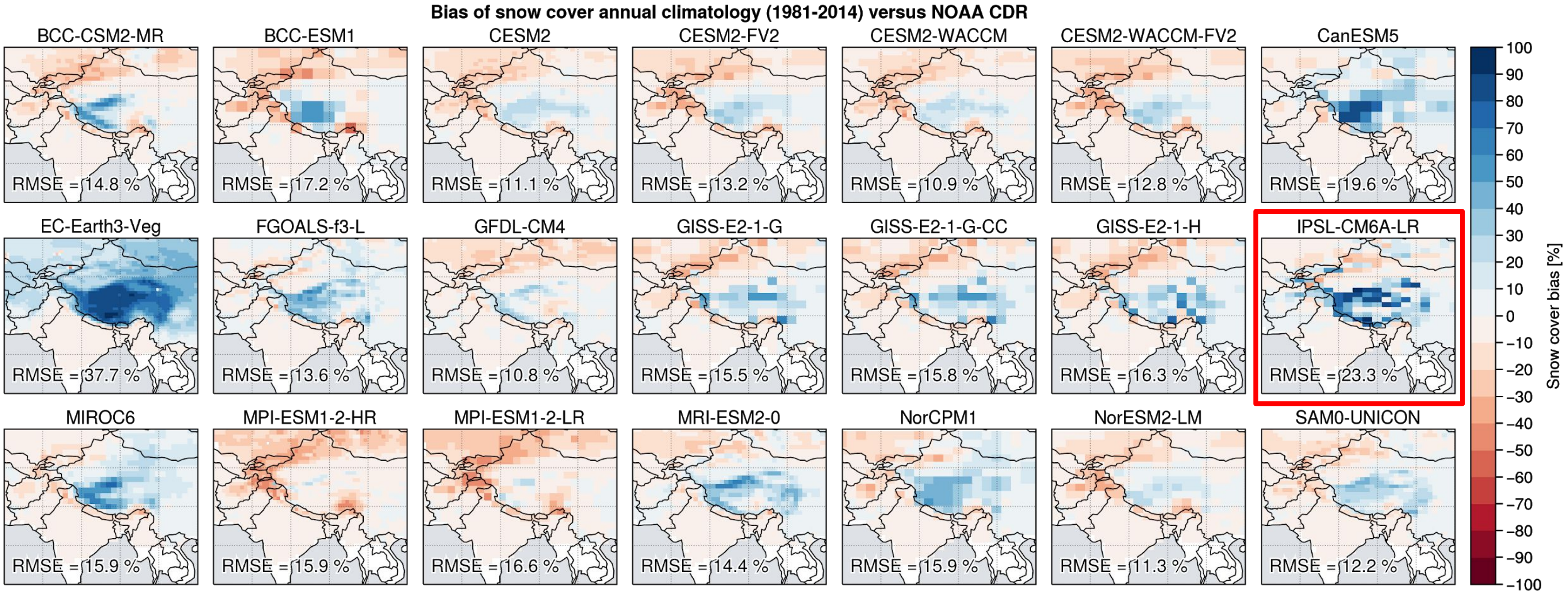
* Simulation: Frédérique Cheruy

Dynamico versus HighResMIP: snow cover*



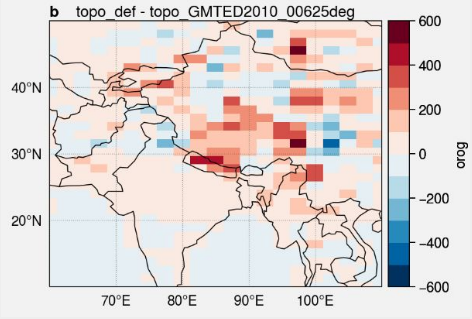
* Simulation: Sebastien FROMANG

CMIP6 other models: snow cover bias



Different options

Problem with elevation?

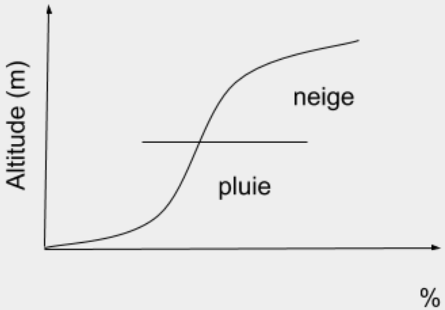


Original file of elevation has more than 500 m differences locally!

→ 2 experiments with original and new topographic file in process

See more: https://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/utilisateurs/reunion-utilisateurs/2018/jlmdz2018-sepulchre.pdf

Problem with subgrid parameterization?



Wrong phase distribution / surface energy budget over complex terrain?

→ Walland and Simmons, 1996: SUB-GRID-SCALE TOPOGRAPHY AND THE SIMULATION OF NORTHERN HEMISPHERE SNOW COVER

→ Younas et al., 2017: A strategy to represent impacts of subgrid-scale topography on snow evolution in the Canadian Land Surface Scheme

Conclusions

- Larger **snow cover bias** in CMIP6 than CMIP5 over **HMA**
- land-hist: no bias / AMIP: bias -> **coupled with the atmosphere**
- Possible link with the **cold bias in the troposphere**
- Bias reduced with nudge / higher resolution / dynamico
- Other possible source of the bias:
  - precipitation, albedo, cloud cover, aerosols, boundary layer, surface energy budget

- Future work:
  - CMIP6 multimodel analysis
  - Subgrid topography parameterization in LMDZ

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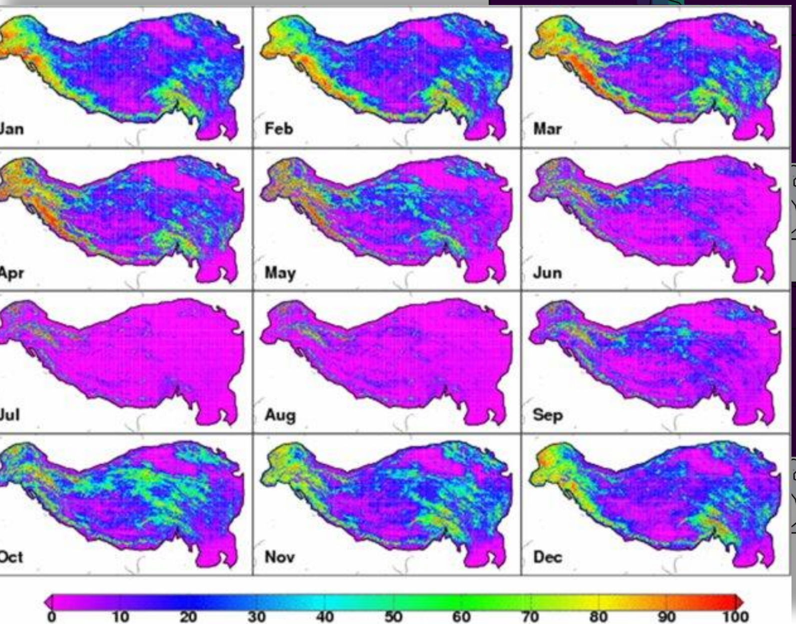
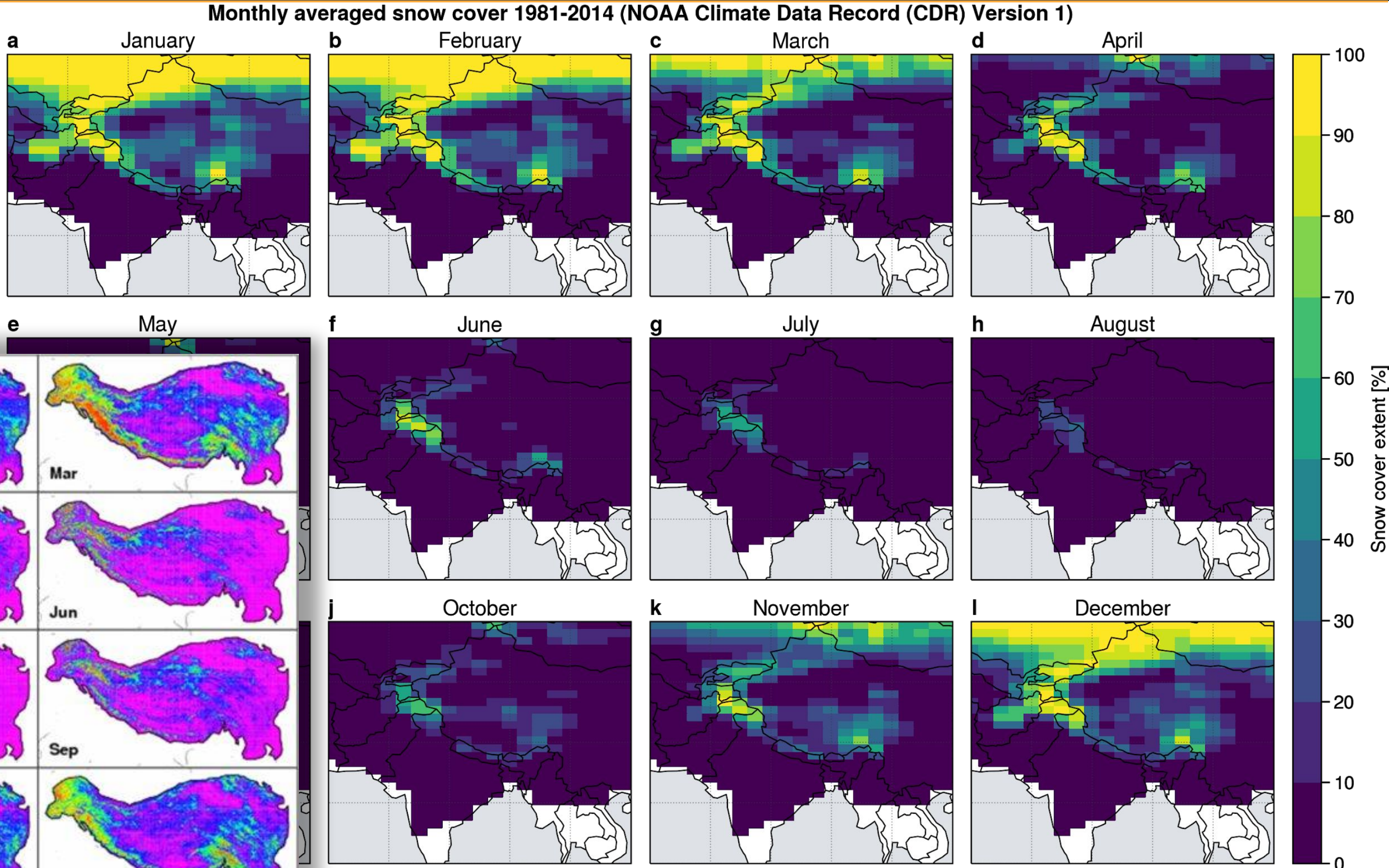
Monthly snow cover climatologies (from satellite observations)

NOAA Climate Data Record (CDR) of Northern Hemisphere (NH) Snow Cover Extent (SCE), Version 1 (1981-2014)

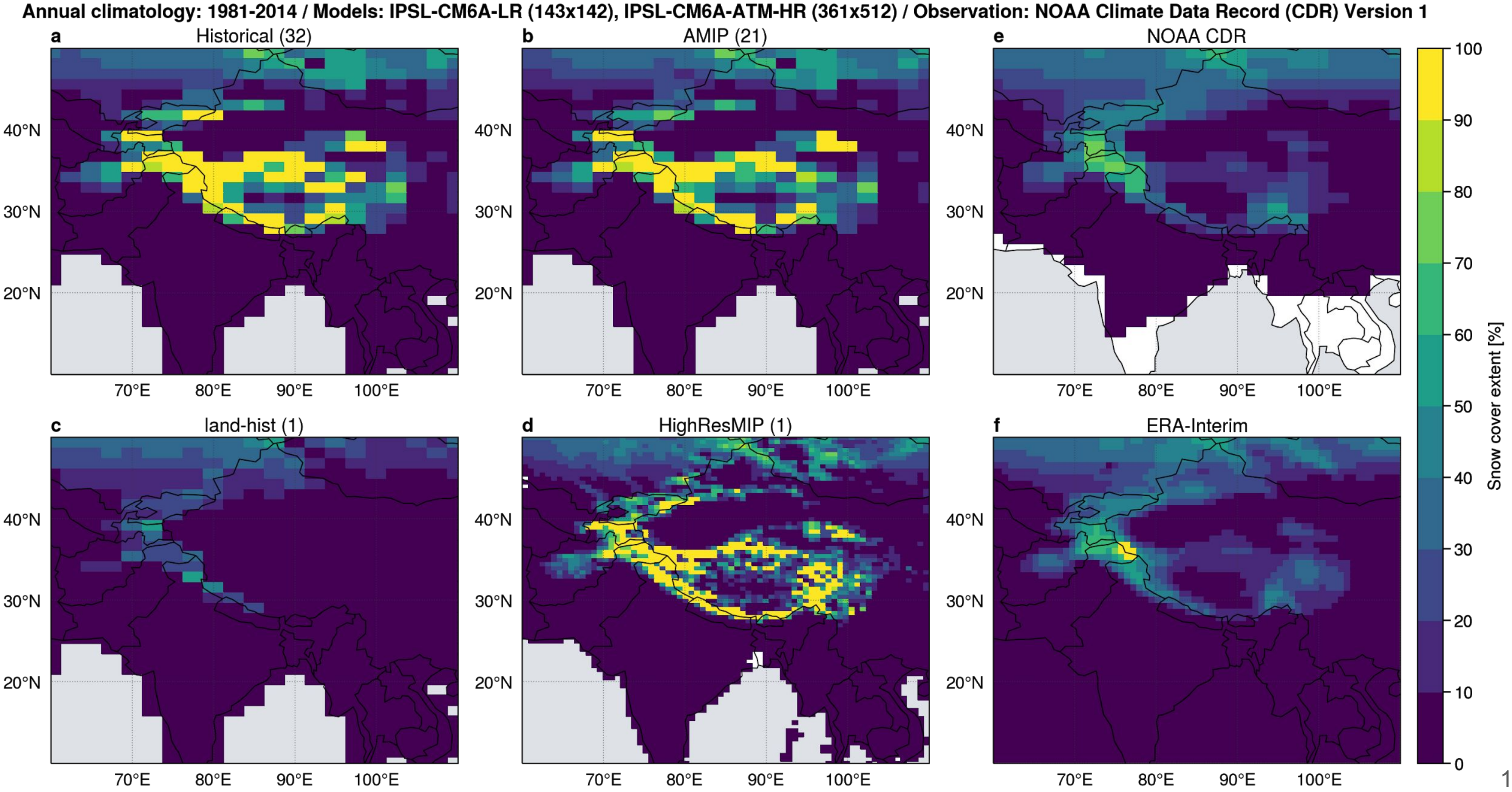
MODIS/Terra Snow Cover 8-Day L3 Global 0.05Deg CMG, Version 6 (2001-2014)

Li et al. (2018), Fig. 2

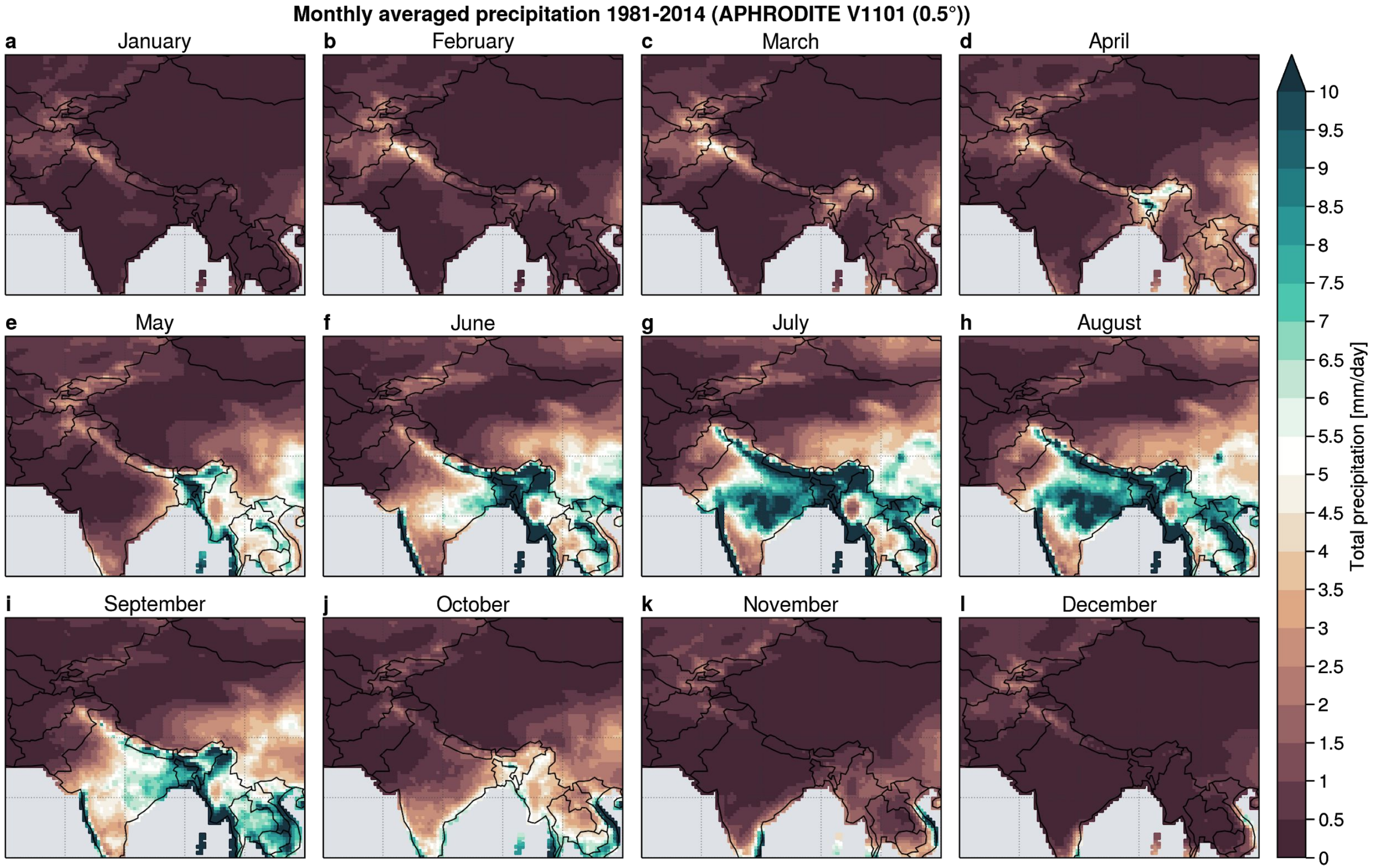




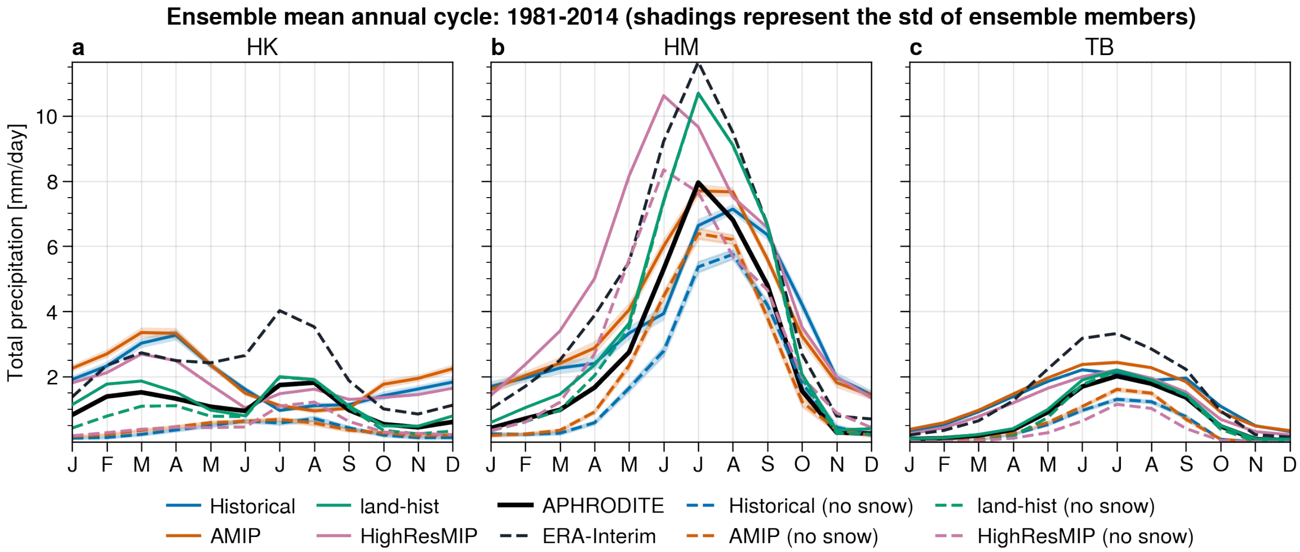
Snow cover climatology (1981-20014)



Precipitation climatologies (APHRODITE)



Precipitation: annual cycles



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(Palazzi et al., [2013])

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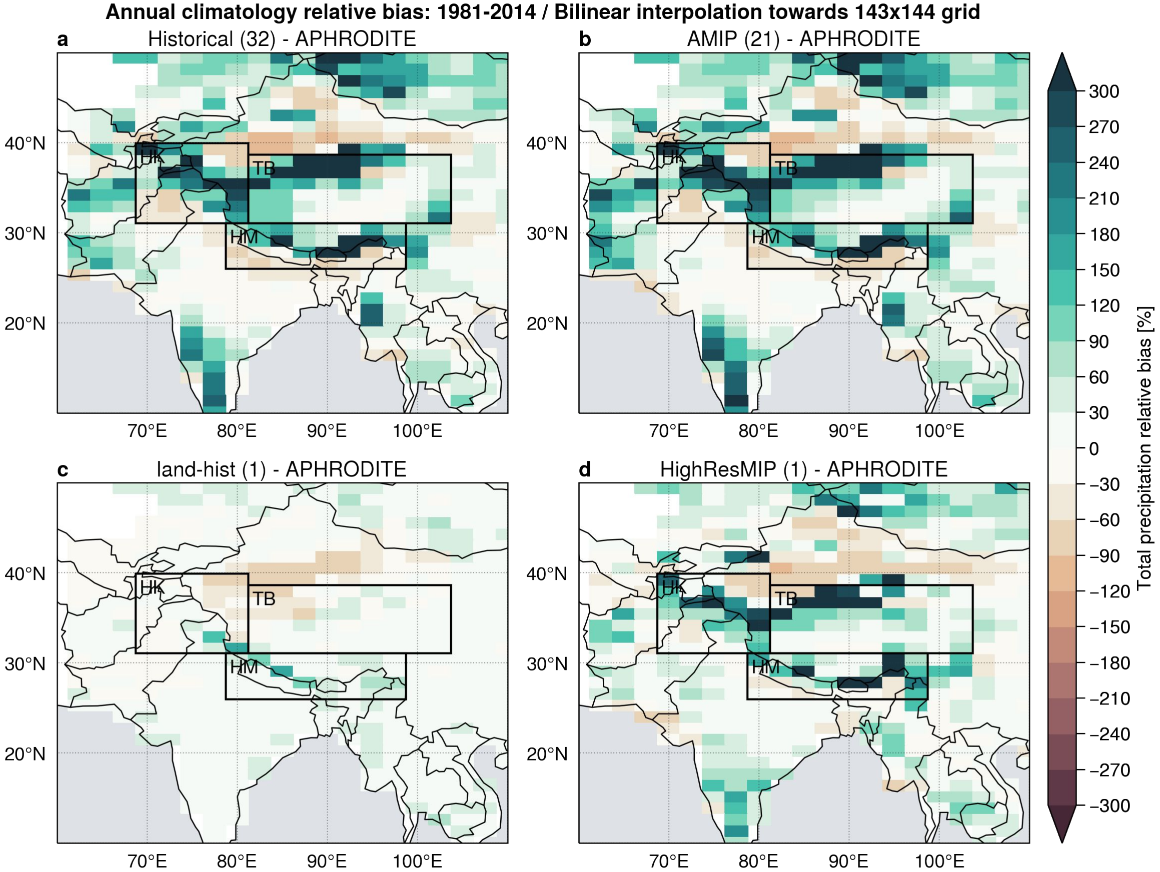

Total precipitation **relative** bias

(versus stations observations)

BUT… (see ERAI)

All in situ stations and satellite data tends to underestimate the snow component!

- The in situ station and satellite data, as well as their combinations, have difficulties in detecting the snow component of precipitation. (Palazzi et al., 2013)
- An independent validation with observed river flow confirms that the water balance can indeed only be closed when the high altitude precipitation on average is more than twice as high and in extreme cases up to a factor of 10 higher than previously thought. (Immerzeel et al., 2015)

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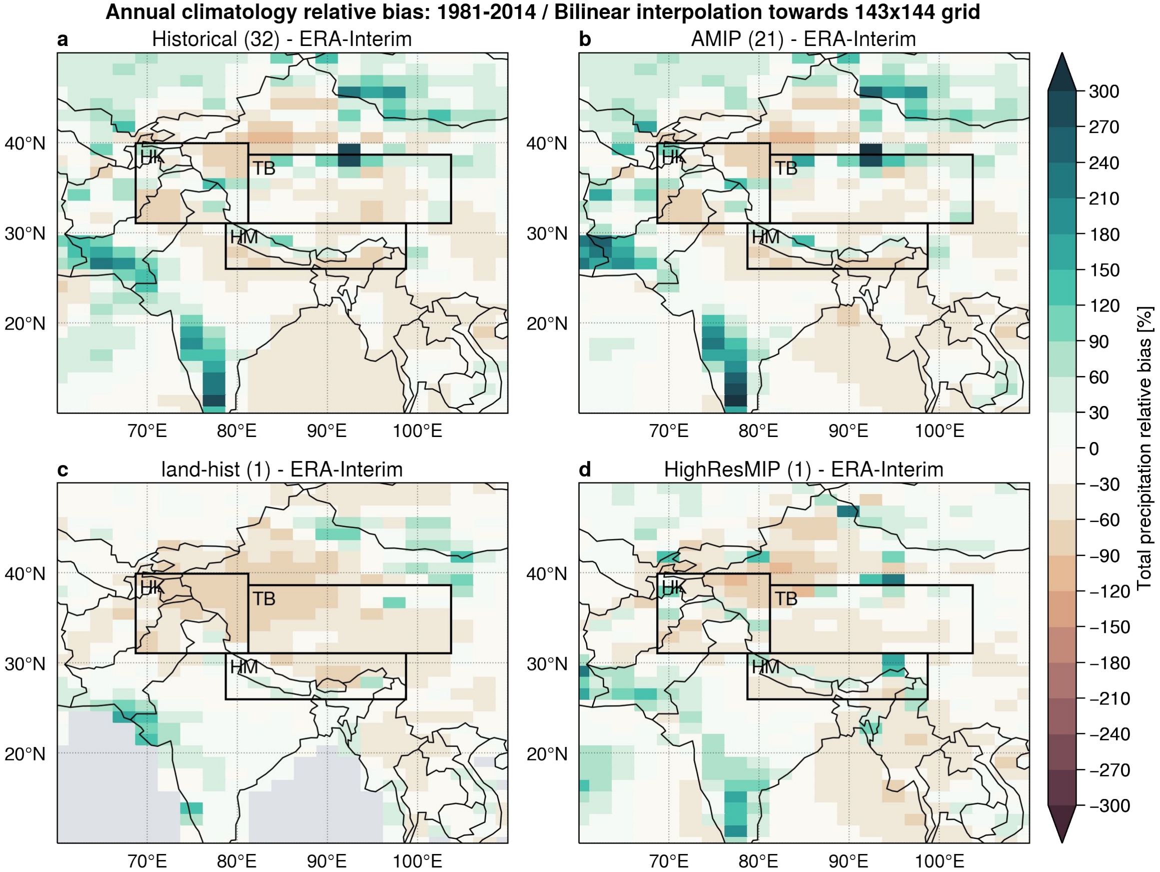

Total precipitation **relative** bias

(versus reanalysis)

BUT…

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"Cold bias" over Tibetan Plateau

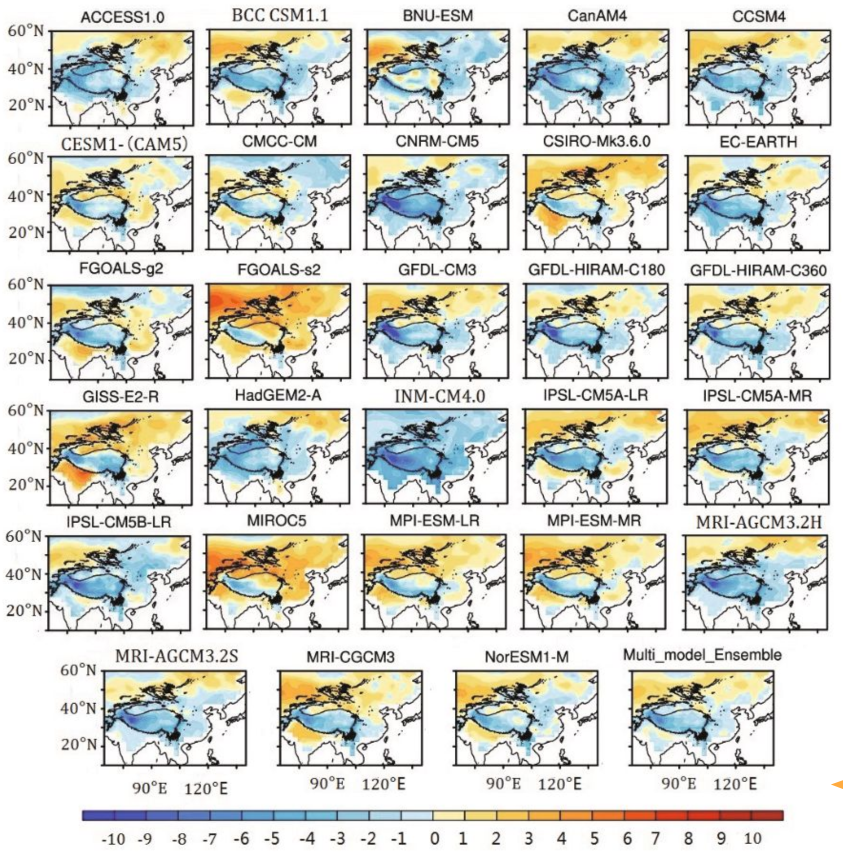

Fig. 2. Annual mean T_{as} (°C) differences between various models and CRU data averaged during 1979–2005. All air temperature values in the models have been corrected to real elevation at a resolution of 2.5°×2.5°.

- The large cold biases are located in the mountainous areas, such as the Rocky Mountains, the Tibetan Plateau, the Andes, Greenland, and Antarctica, and seem to be proportional to the topographic height. (Mao and Robock, 1998 — First AMIP experiments)
- These cold biases are partly attributable to the simulation of excess precipitation in these regions (Lee & Suh, 2000). The lack of high-elevation observation stations in the CRU data may also be partly responsible for the apparent cold bias of the model (Gu et al., 2012). (Wang et al., 2013 — regional climate model RegCM)
- This feature may imply a common deficiency in the representation of snow–ice albedo in the diverse models. It appears that the systematic bias and the significant problems over the mountain regions (e.g., the Tibetan Plateau) still remain in the CMIP5 models. (Su et al., 2013)
- GCMs show predominant cold biases in T500, which may be caused by penetration of dry and cold air from the deserts of western Asia due to an overly smoothed representation of topography west of the TP (Boos and Hurley, 2013). (Xu et al., 2017 — CMIP5)
- The results suggest that improvements in the parameterization of the area of snow cover, as well as the boundary layer, and hence surface turbulent fluxes, may help to reduce the cold bias over the TP in the models. (Chen et al., 2017 — surface energy budget CMIP5)
- Others: Salunke et al. (2019)., etc.

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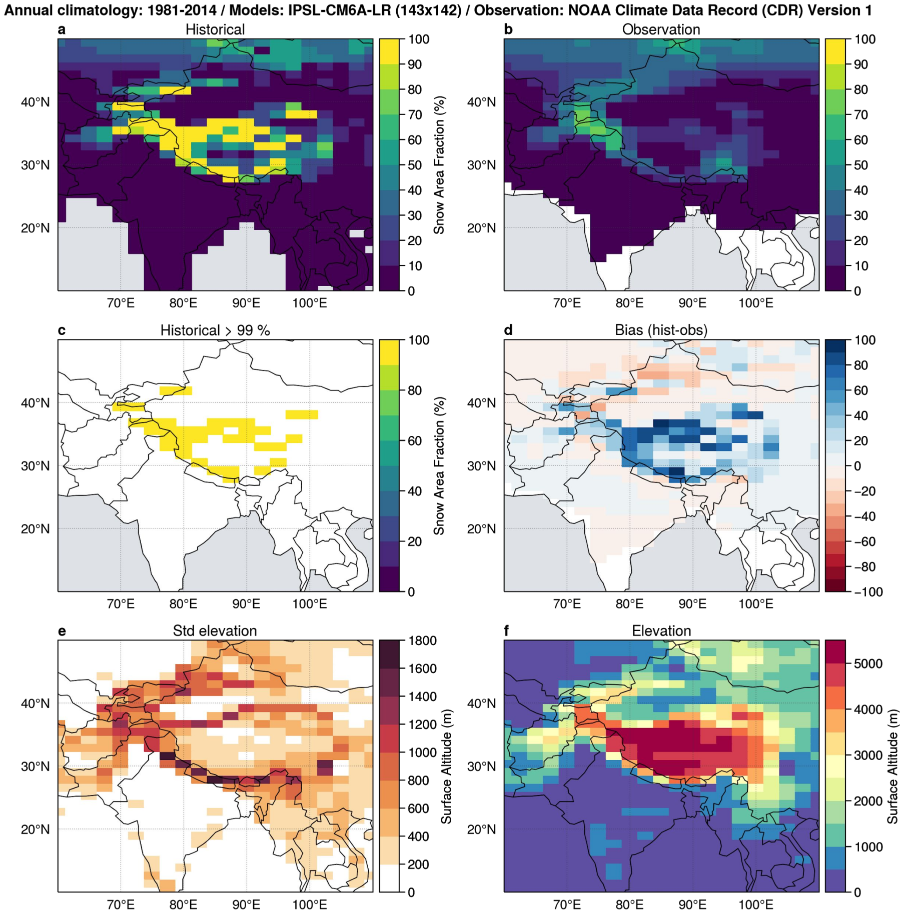
Link with orography?



- Some cells stays at 100% of snow cover all the time!
- Seems related with elevation
- No obvious link with the standard deviation of elevation… maybe more for higher resolution

Nudged versus not nudged

More:
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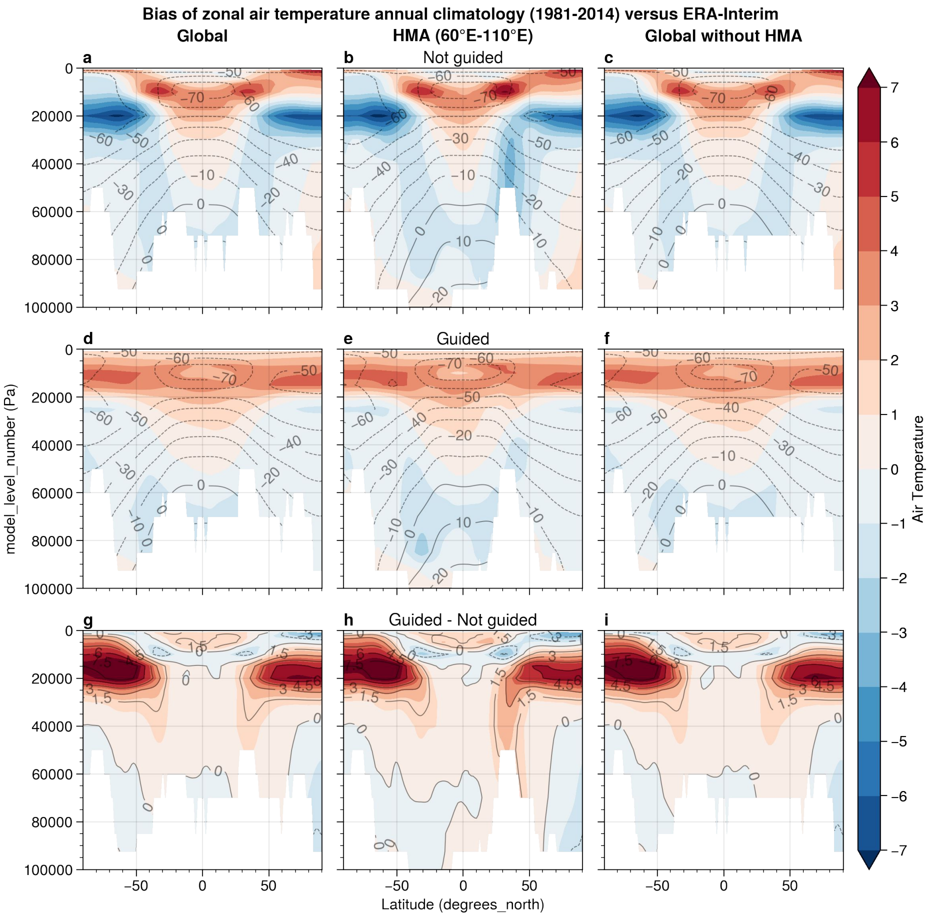
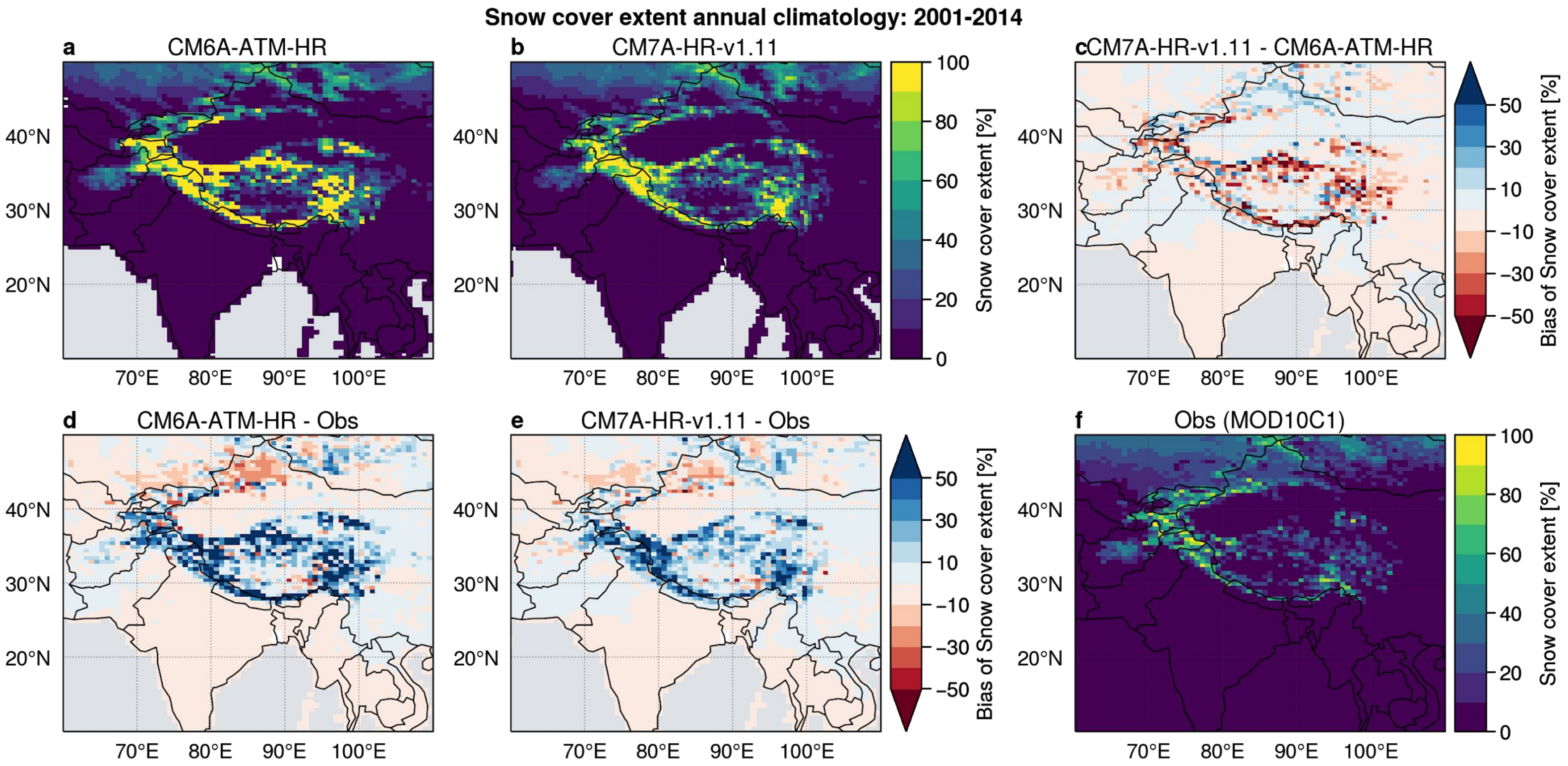


Dynamico



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