

## **Supplementary Materials for**

# **Evaluation of snow processes over the Western United States in E3SM land model**

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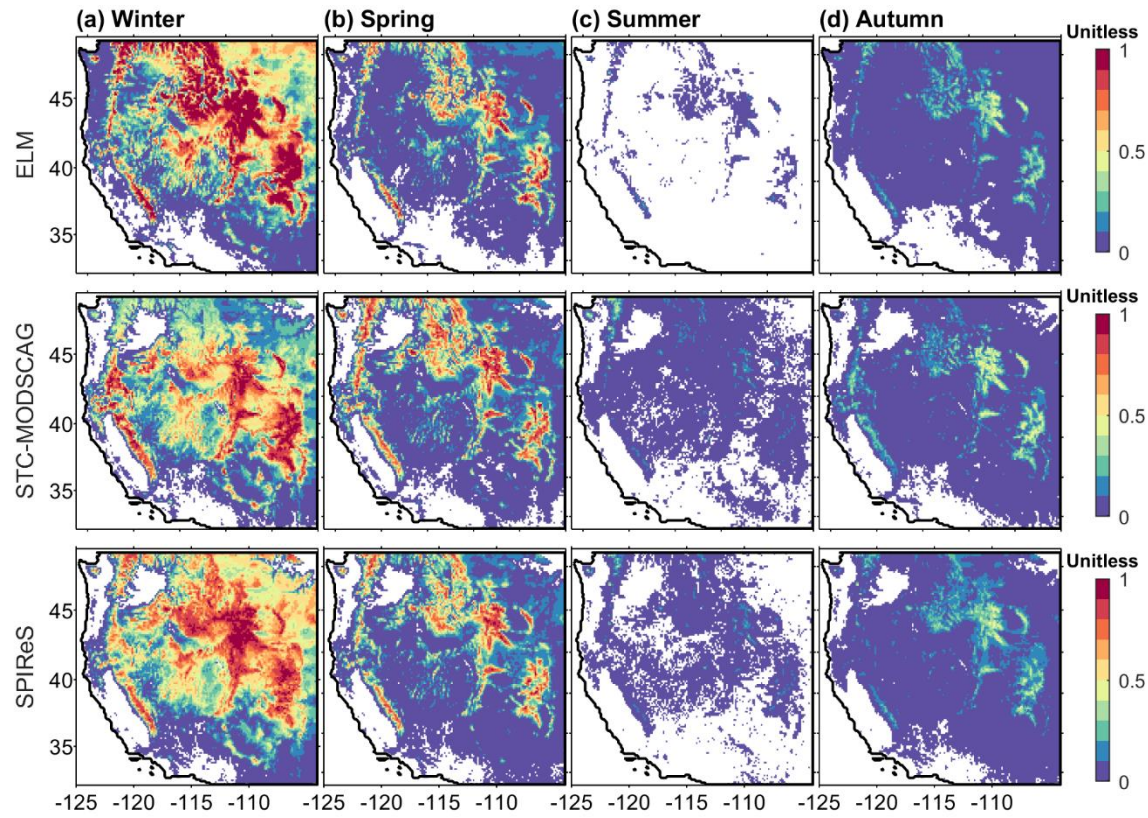
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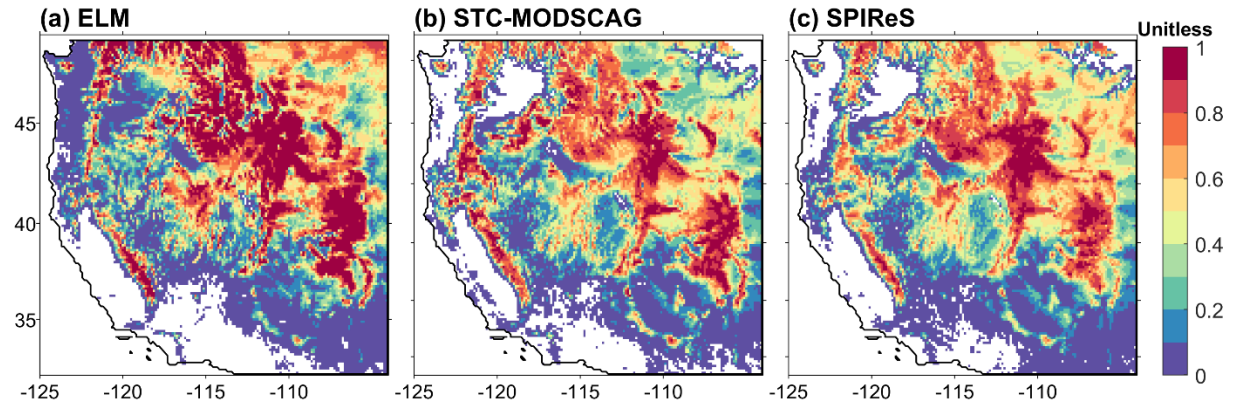
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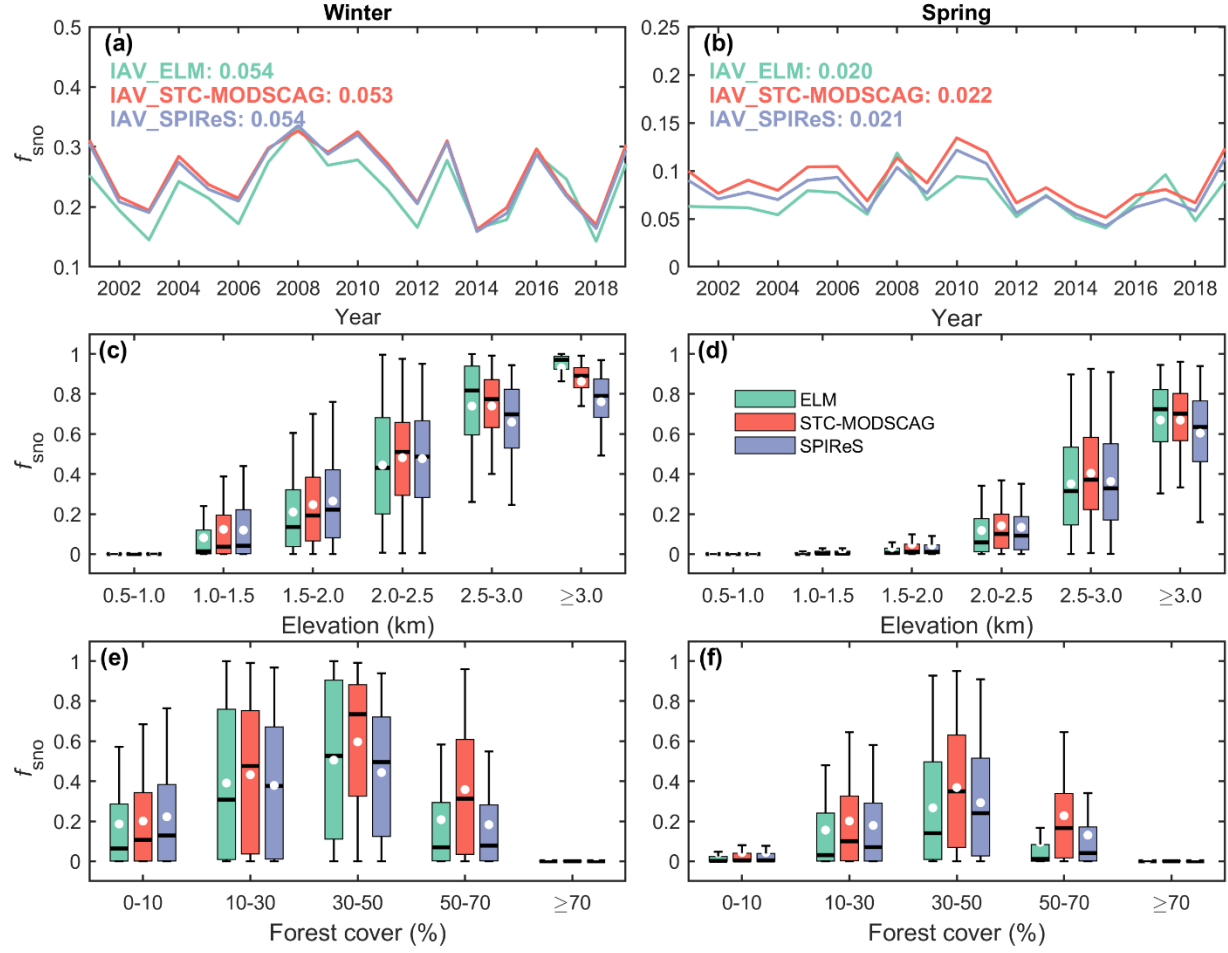
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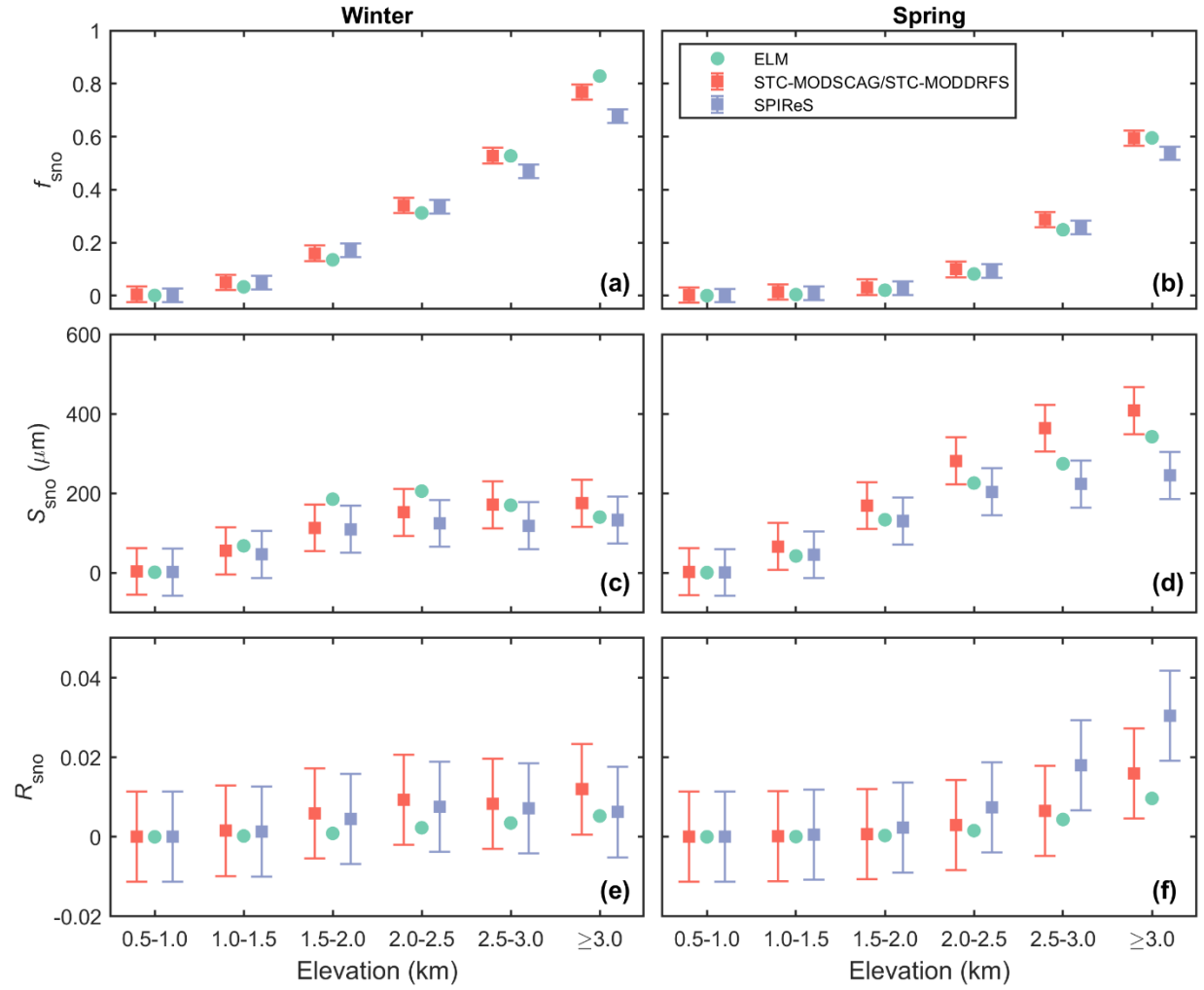
**Figure S1: Spatial distributions of  $f_{\text{sno}}$  in ELM and two remote sensing products (i.e., STC-MODSCAG and SPIReS) for different seasons: (a) winter, (b) spring, (c) summer and (d) autumn. In all panels, regions with no snow cover are masked with white color.**



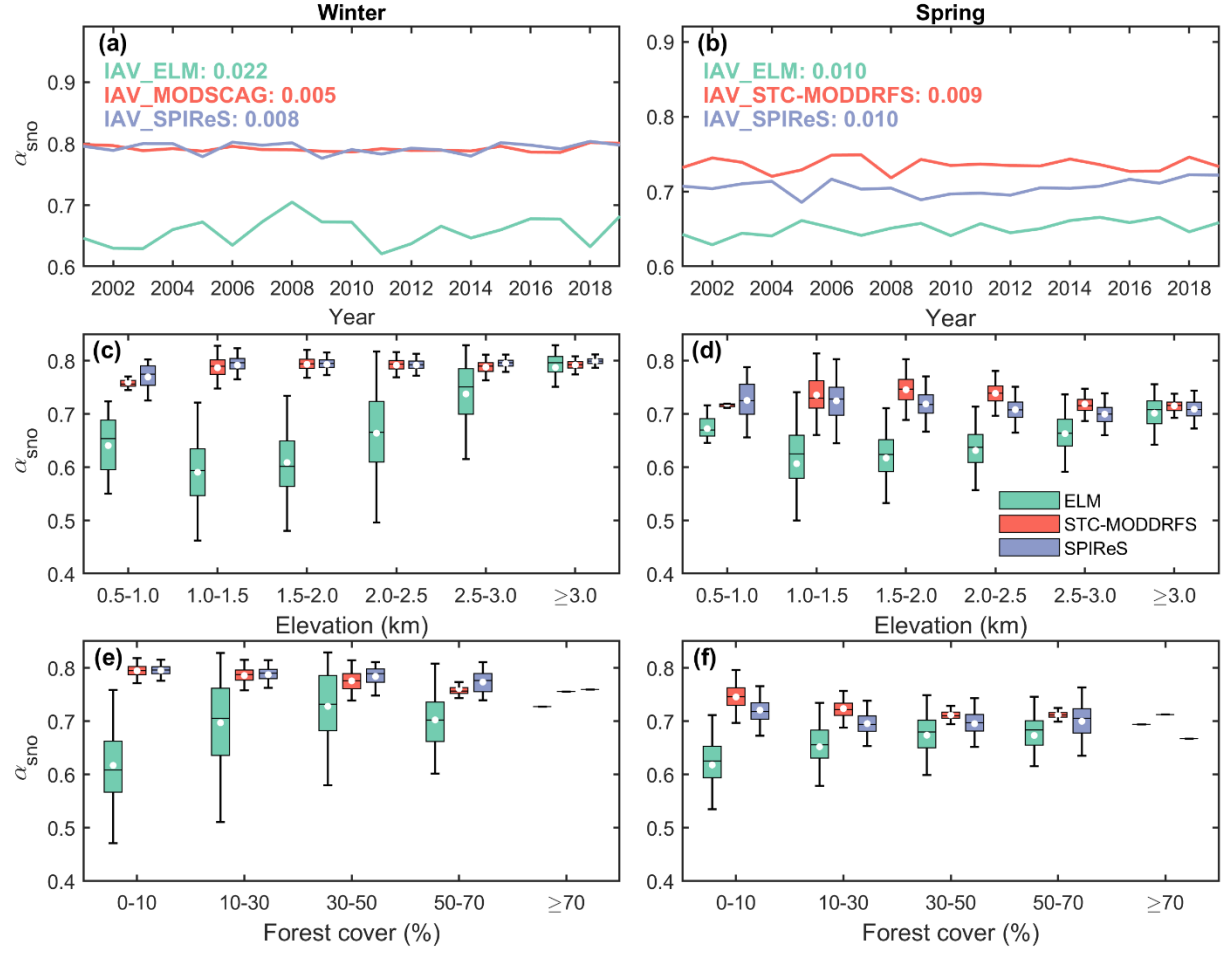
**Figure S2: Spatial distributions of  $f_{sno}$  in ELM and two remote sensing products (i.e., STC-MODSCAG and SPIReS) for February.**



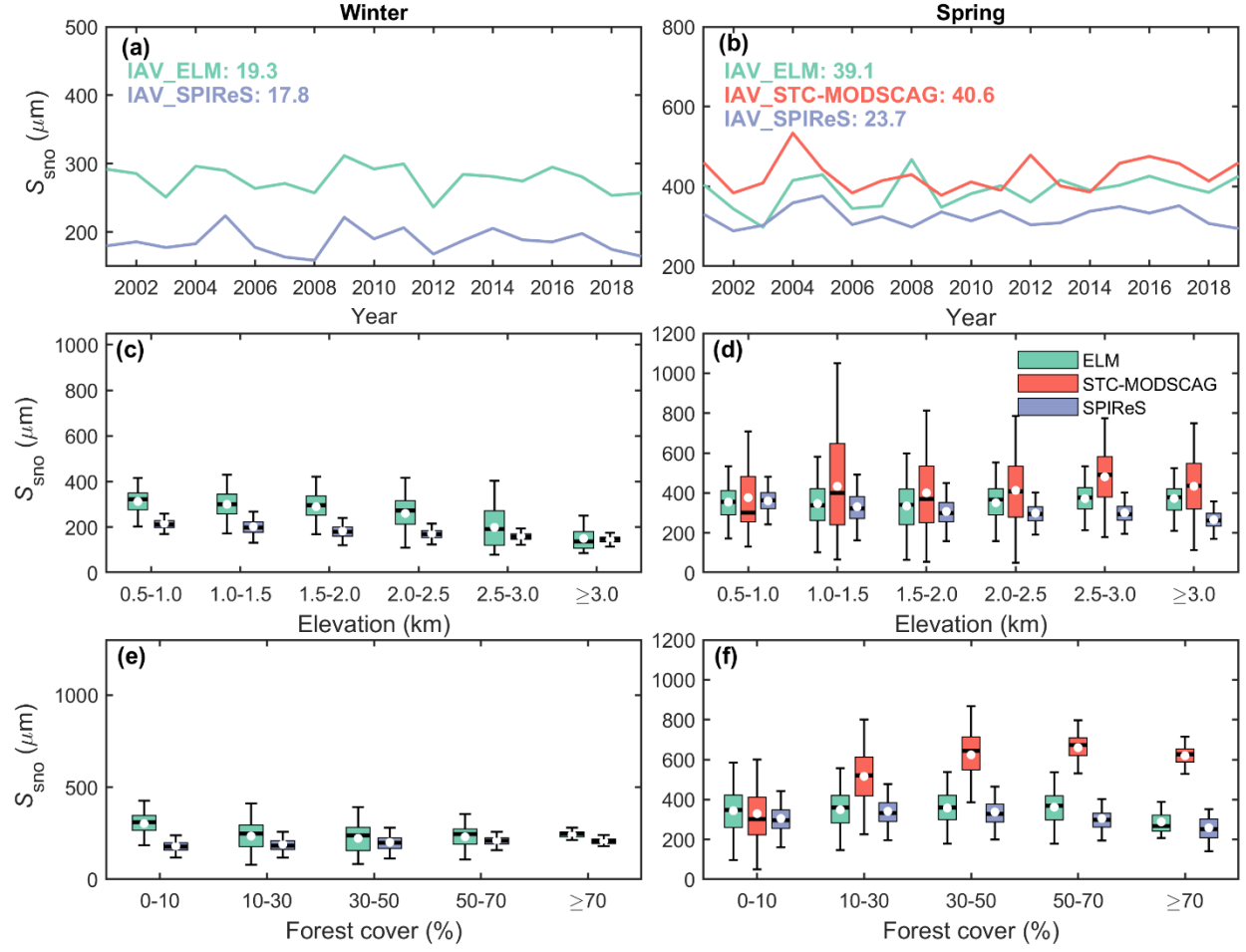
**Figure S3: (a,b) Time series of regional average values, (c,d) elevation gradients, and (e,f) change with forest cover of  $f_{sno}$  in ELM (green), STC-MODSCAG (red), and SPIReS (blue) over the WUS regions below  $42^\circ$  in latitude. Panels (a,c,e) are for winter and panels (b,d,f) are for spring. In panels (c-f), the white dots represent the average values.**



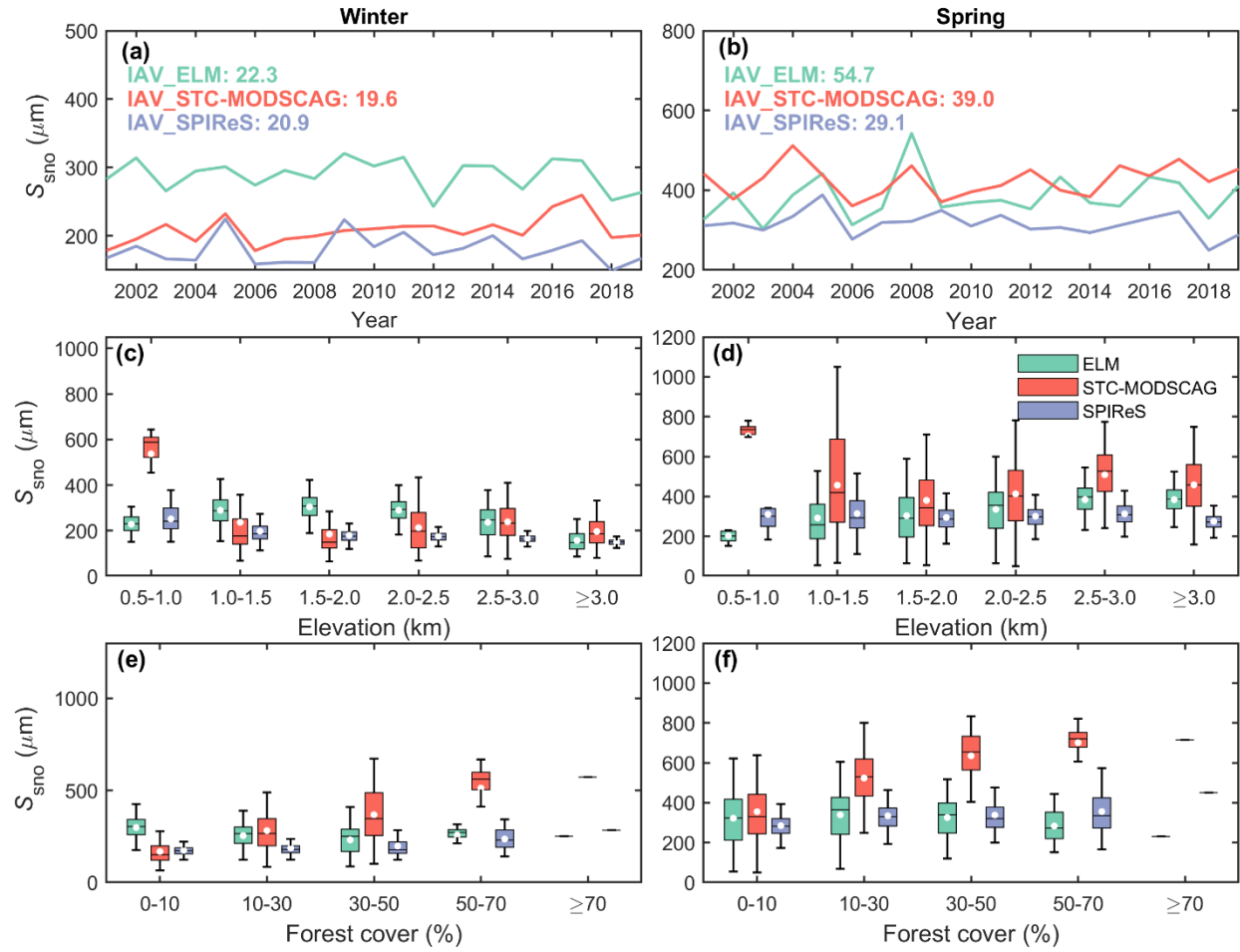
**Figure S4: The area-weighted average (a,b)  $f_{\text{sno}}$ , (c,d)  $S_{\text{sno}}$  and (e,f)  $R_{\text{sno}}$  for (a,c,e) winter and (b,d,f) spring of ELM (green), STC-MODSCAG/STC-MODDRFS (red) and SPIReS (blue) over the WUS regions below  $42^\circ$  in latitude. The bar width represents the uncertainty bounds of STC-MODSCAG/STC-MODDRFS and SPIReS from (Bair et al., 2021a).**



**Figure S5: (a,b) Time series of regional average values, (c,d) elevation gradients, and (e,f) change with forest cover of  $\alpha_{sno}$  in ELM (green), STC-MODSCAG (red), and SPIReS (blue) over the WUS regions below  $42^\circ$  in latitude. Panels (a,c,e) are for winter and panels (b,d,f) are for spring. In panels (c-f), the white dots represent the average values.**

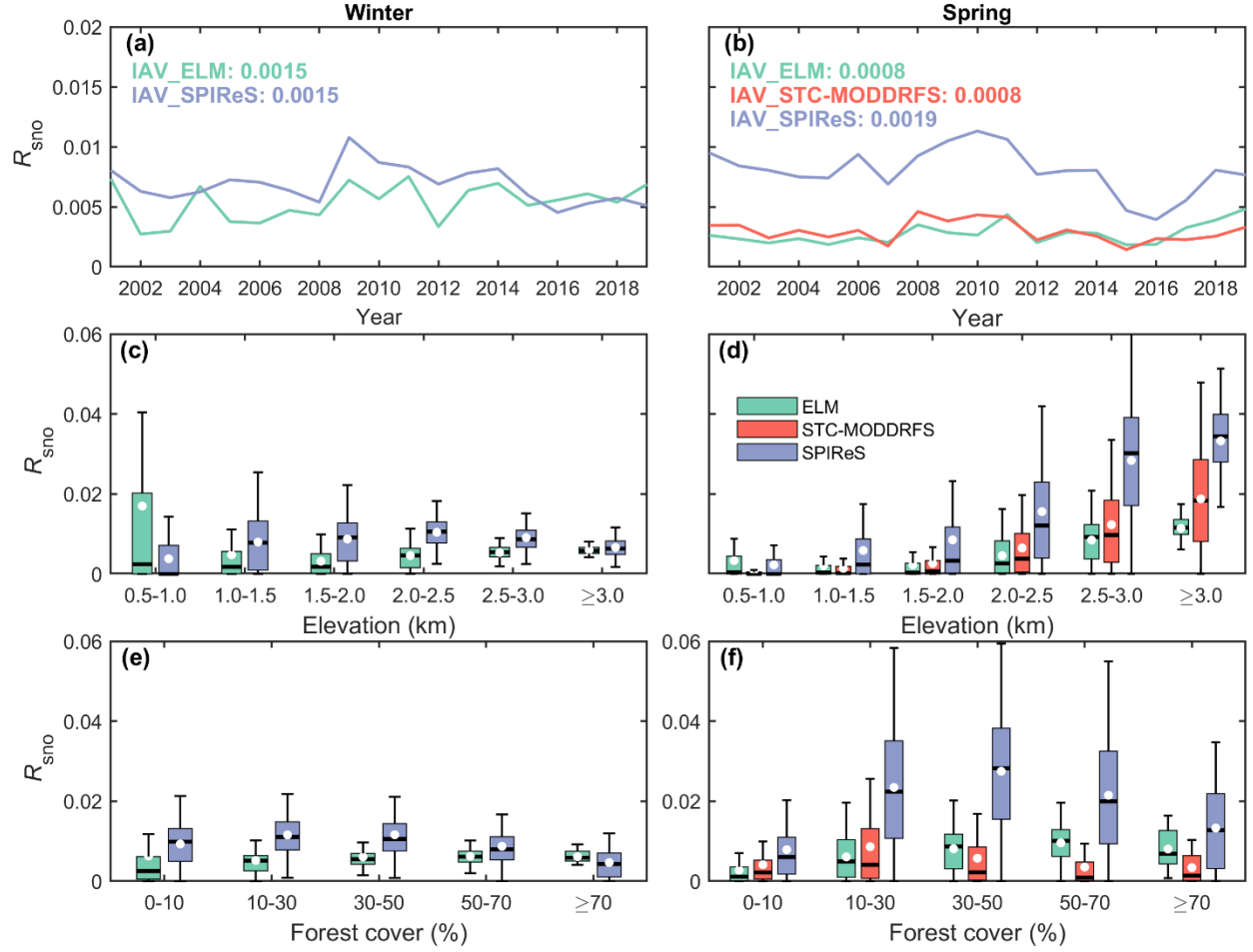


**Figure S6: (a,b) Time series of regional average values, (c,d) elevation gradients, and (e,f) change with forest cover of  $S_{sno}$  in ELM (green), STC-MODSCAG (red), and SPIReS (blue) over the WUS. Panels (a,c,e) are for winter and panels (b,d,f) are for spring. In panels (c-f), the white dots represent the average values.**

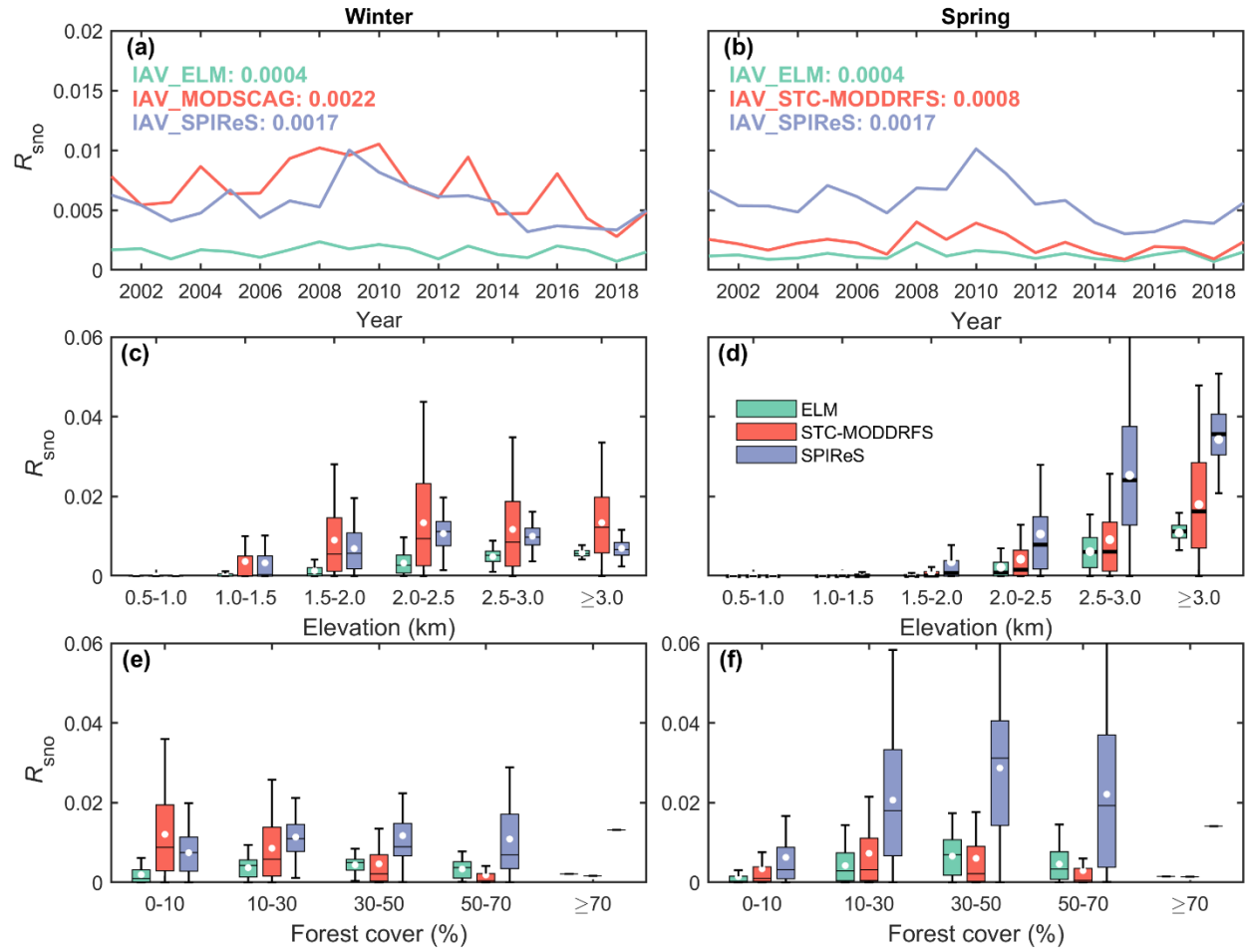


**Figure S7:** Same as Figure S6, except for the statistics over the WUS regions below  $42^\circ$  in latitude.

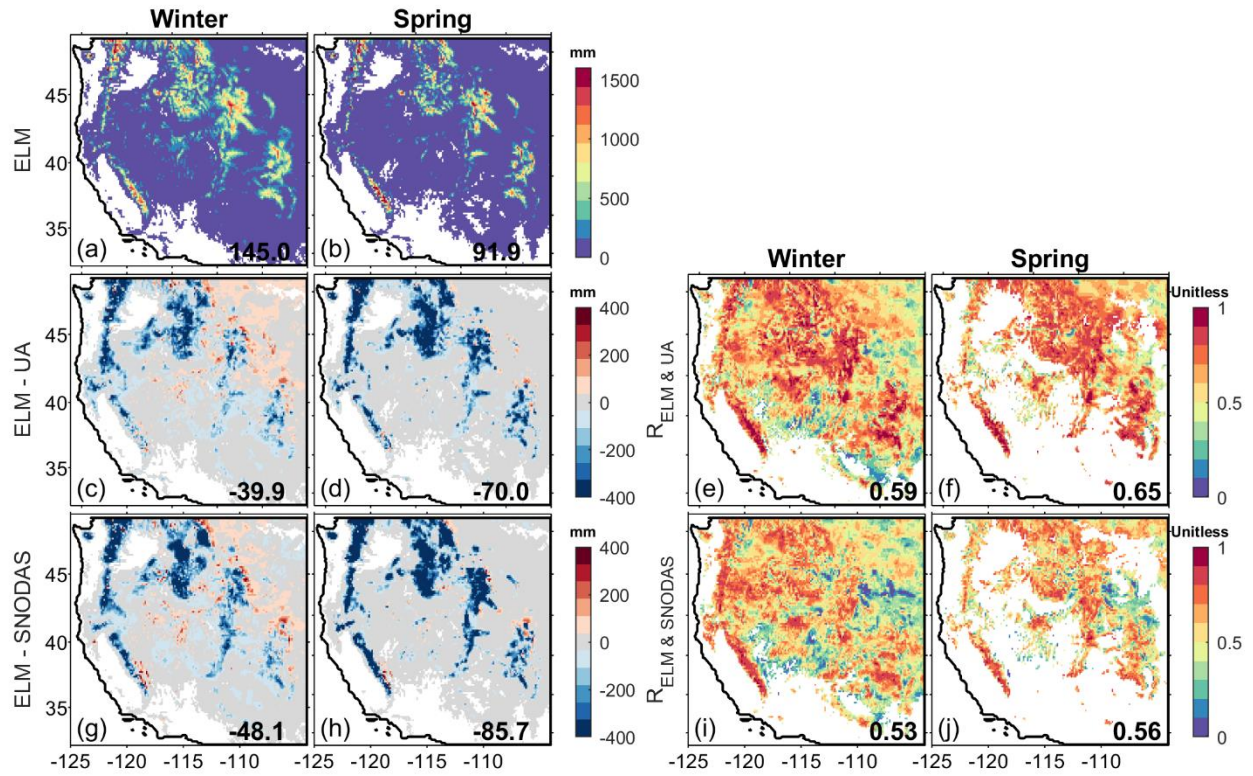




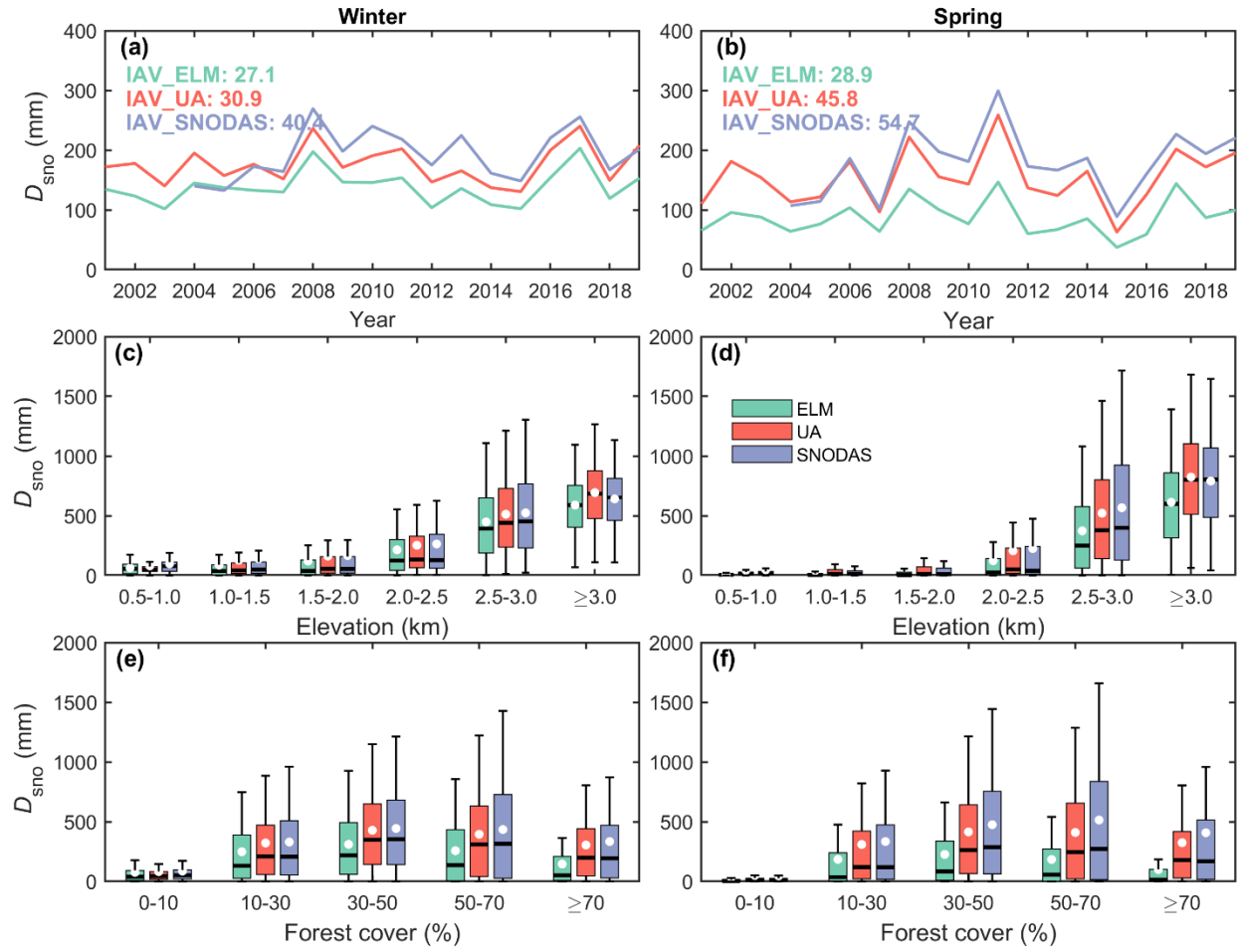
**Figure S8: (a,b) Time series of regional average values, (c,d) elevation gradients, and (e,f) change with forest cover of  $R_{sno}$  in ELM (green), STC-MODSCAG (red), and SPIReS (blue) over the WUS. Panels (a,c,e) are for winter and panels (b,d,f) are for spring. In panels (c-f), the white dots represent the average values.**



**Figure S9: Same as Figure S8, except for the statistics over the WUS regions below 42° in latitude.**



**Figure S10:** Spatial distributions of (a,b)  $D_{sno}$  in ELM and (c,d,g,h) the  $D_{sno}$  difference between ELM and two remote sensing products (i.e., MODSCAG and SPIReS) and (e,f,i,j) their temporal correlations ( $R_s$ ) for different seasons: (a,c,e,g,i) winter and (b,d,f,h,j) spring. In all panels, regions with no snow cover are masked with white color. The area-weighted average values are labelled in each panel.



**Figure S11: (a,b) Time series of regional average values, (c,d) elevation gradients, and (e,f) change with forest cover of  $D_{sno}$  in ELM (green), UA (red), and SNODAS (blue) over the WUS. Panels (a,c,e) are for winter and panels (b,d,f) are for spring. In panels (c-f), the white dots represent the average values.**