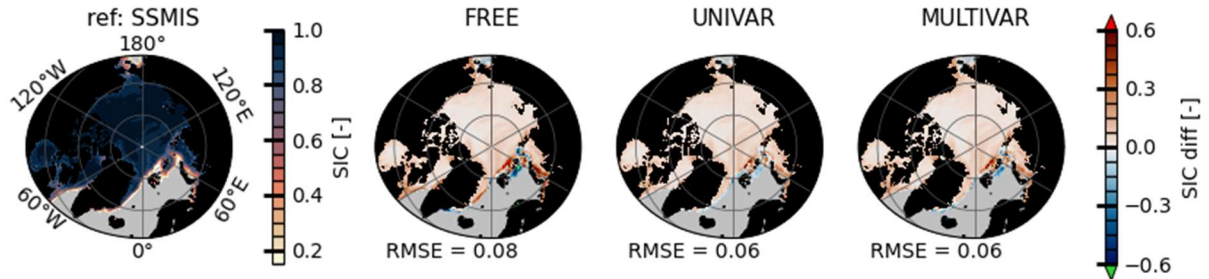


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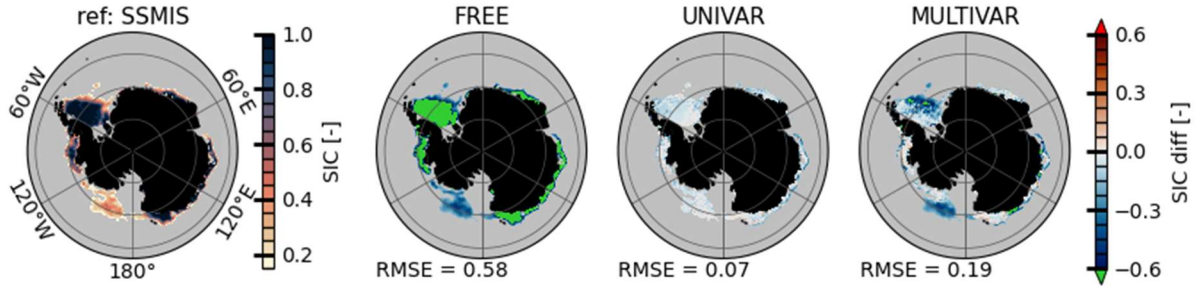
Monthly Sea ice concentration

The following figures, similar to Figure 2 in the manuscript, display monthly means of sea ice concentration (%) from January 2017 to January 2019 for Arctic and Antarctic. SSMIS observations are shown in the first column. Differences between the experiments (FREE, UNIVAR, MULTIVAR) and SSMIS are shown from the second to the fourth column. Root means squared errors (RMS) are provided under each plot.

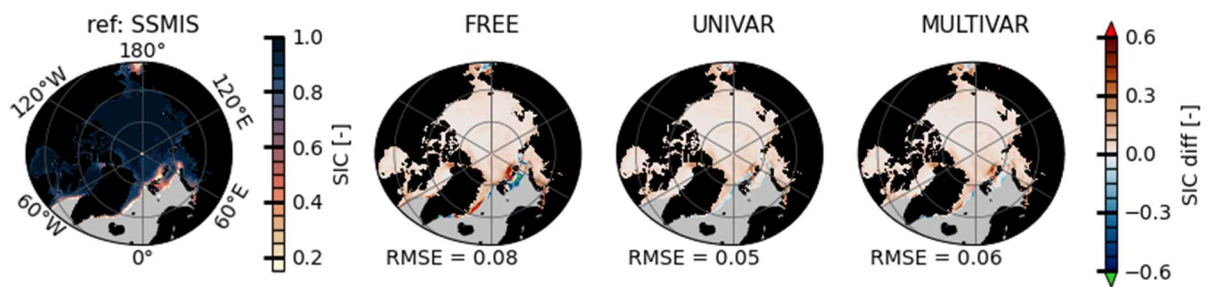
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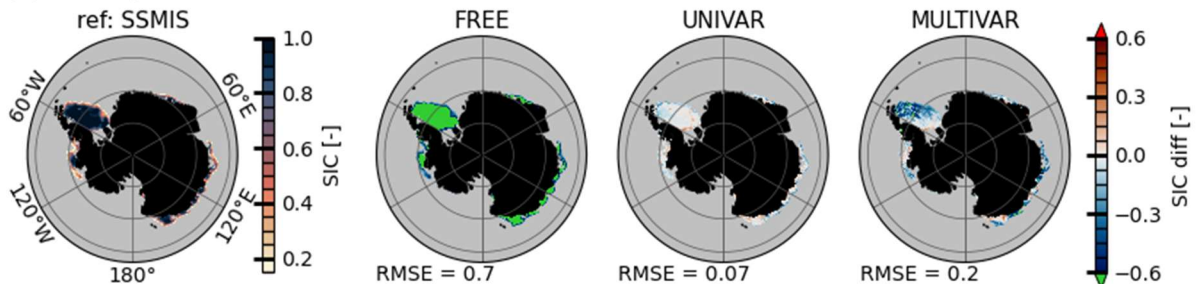
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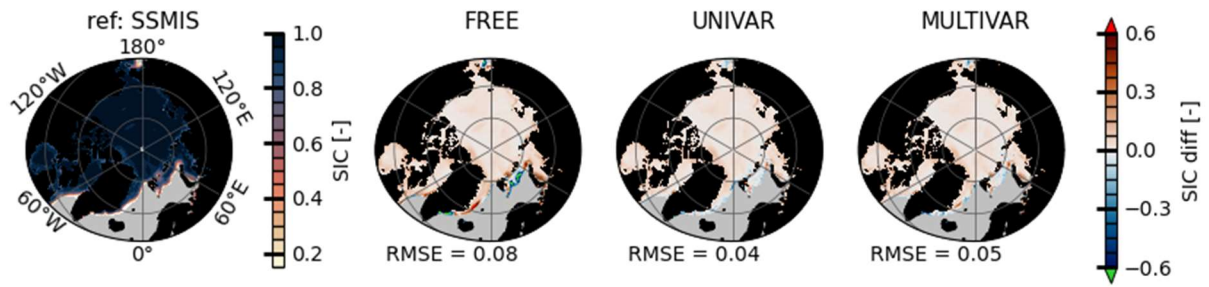
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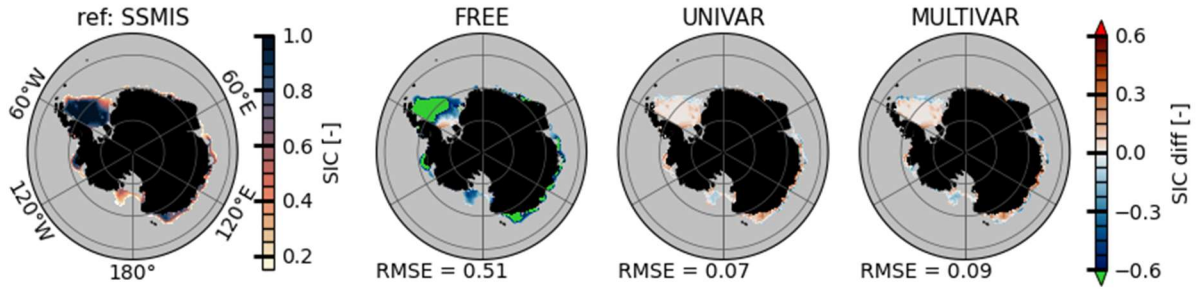
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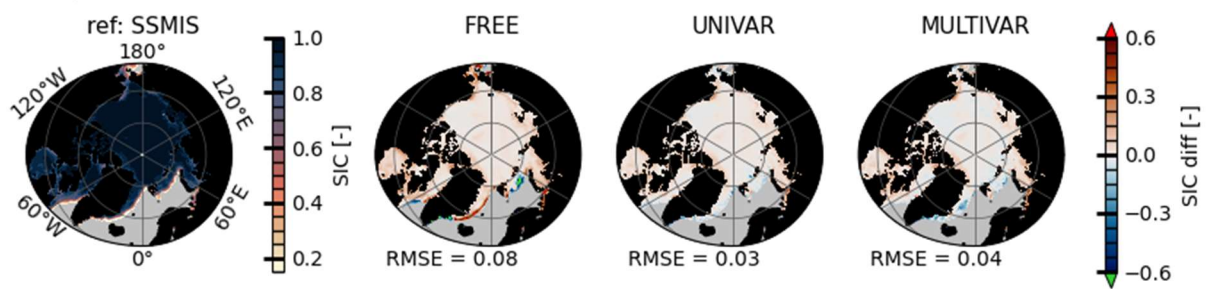
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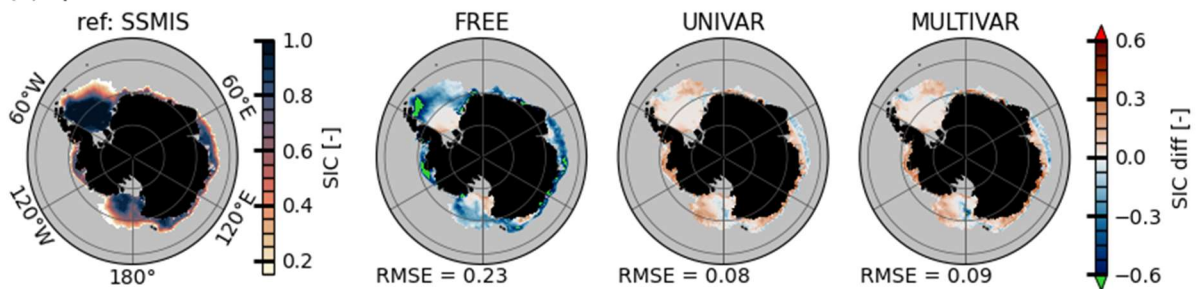
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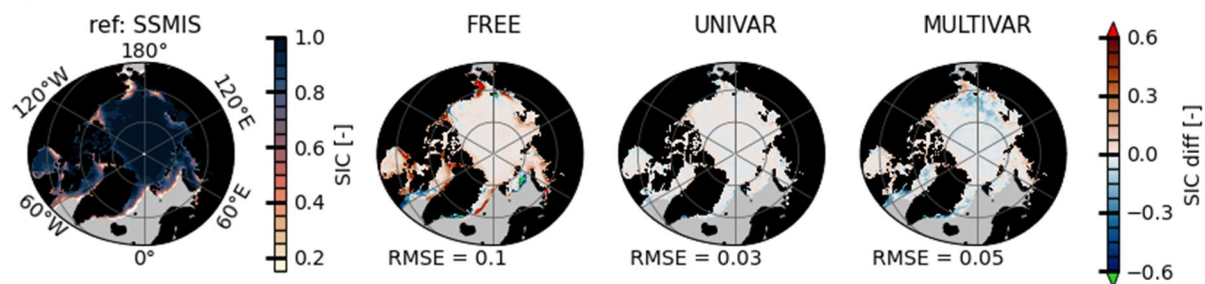
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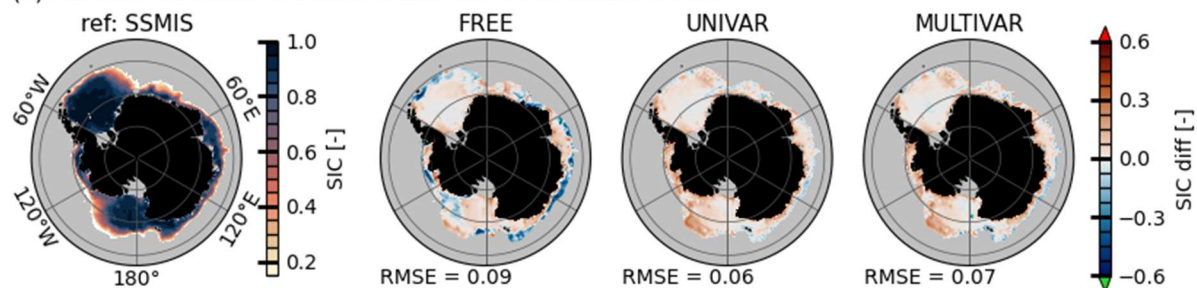
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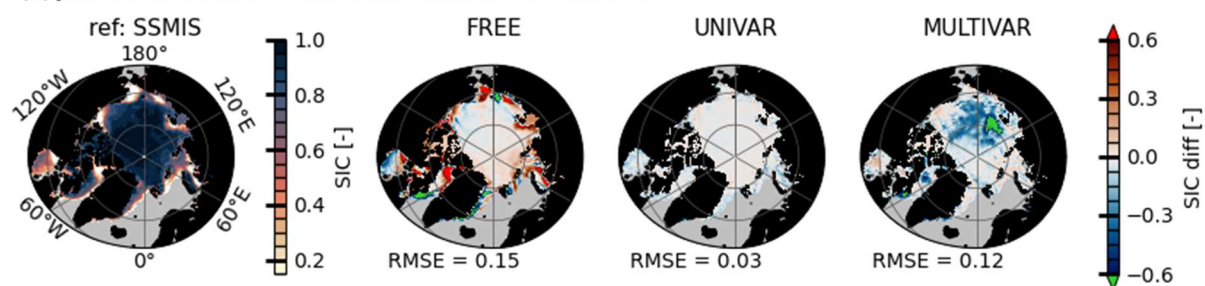
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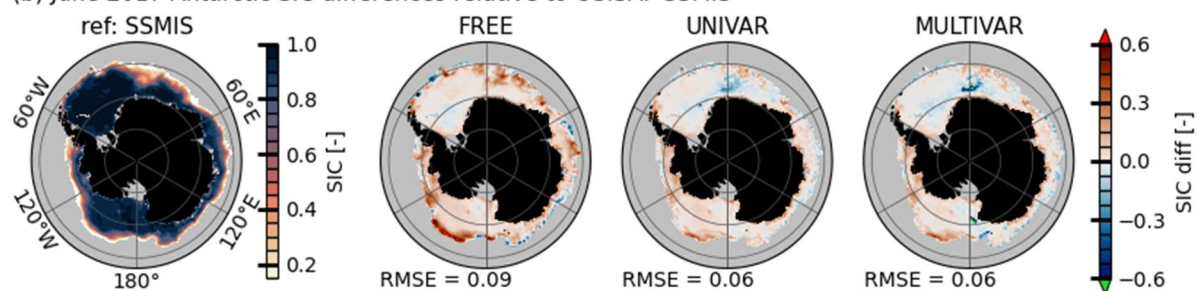
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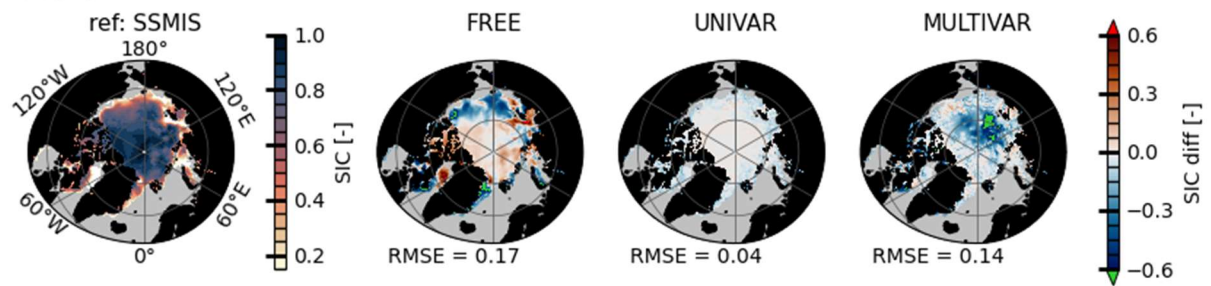
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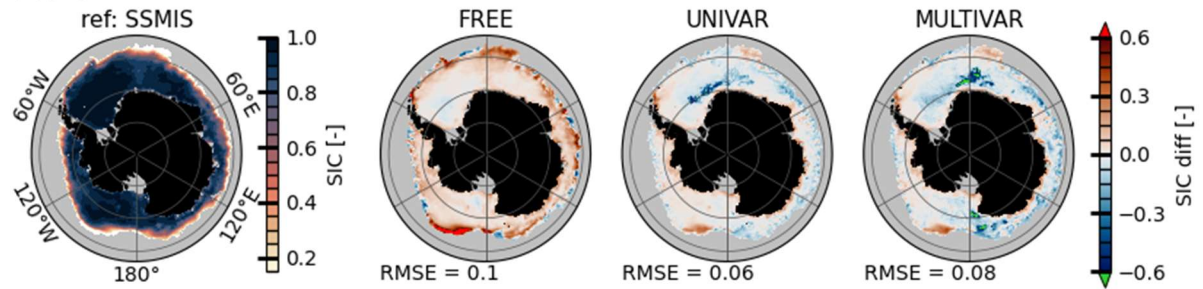
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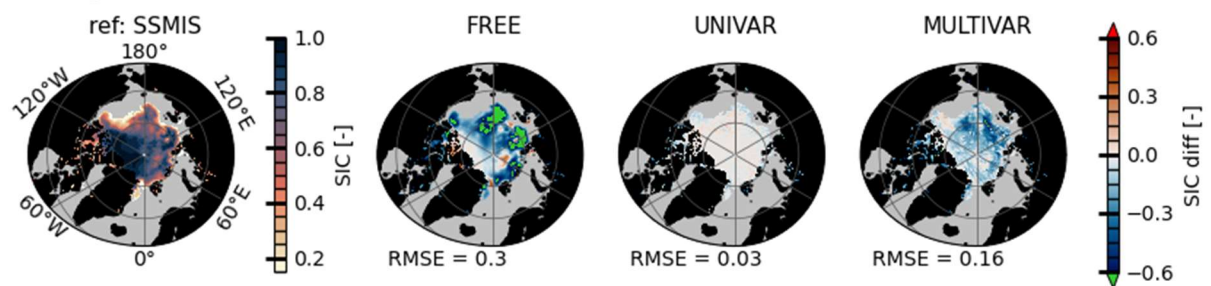
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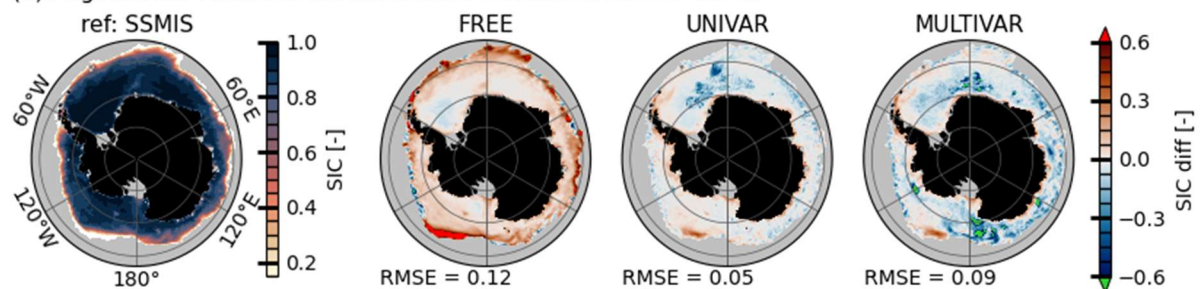
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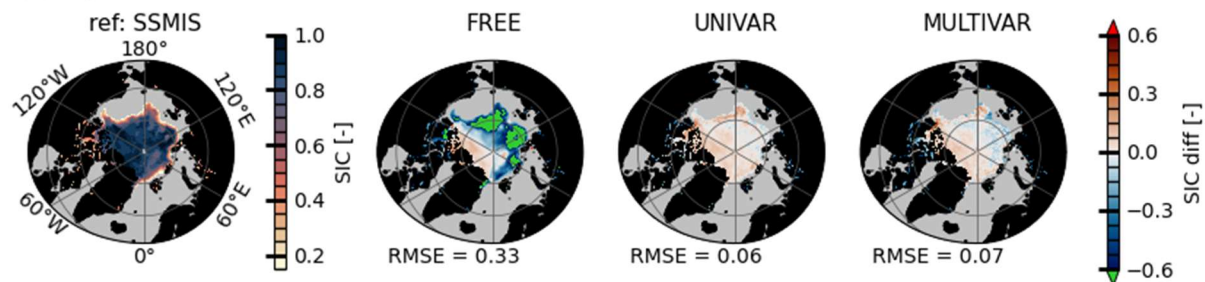
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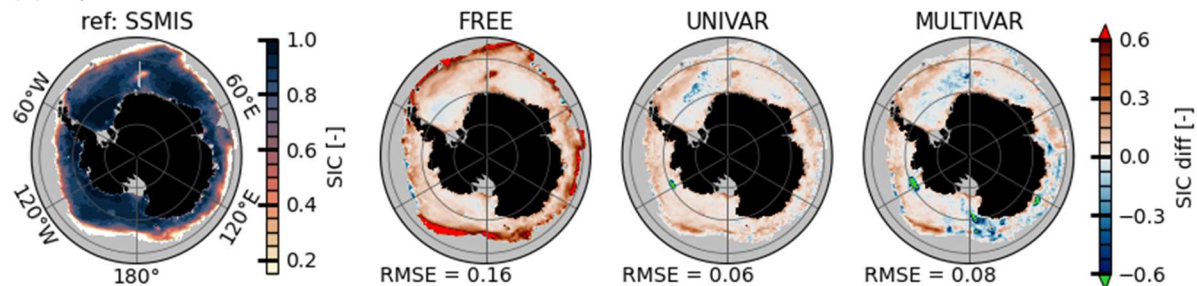
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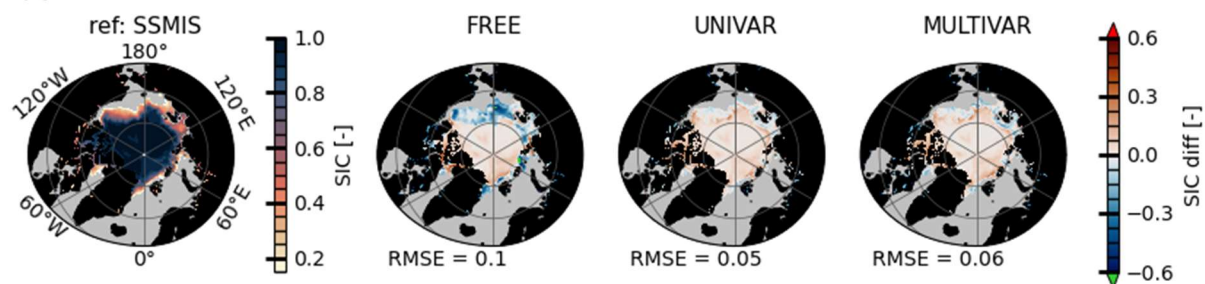
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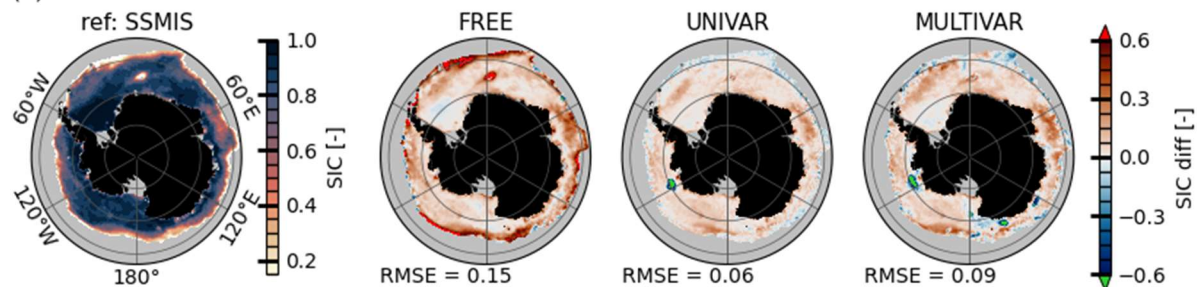
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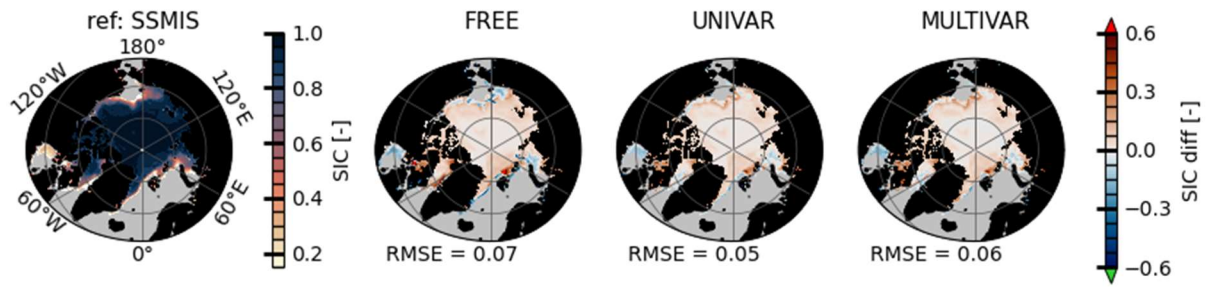
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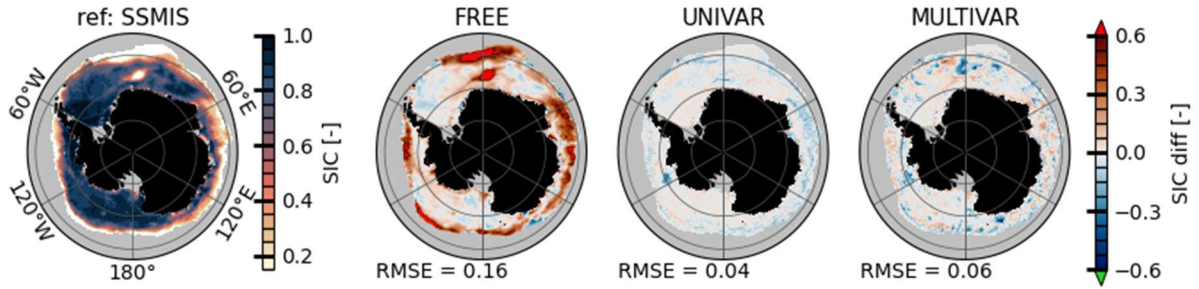
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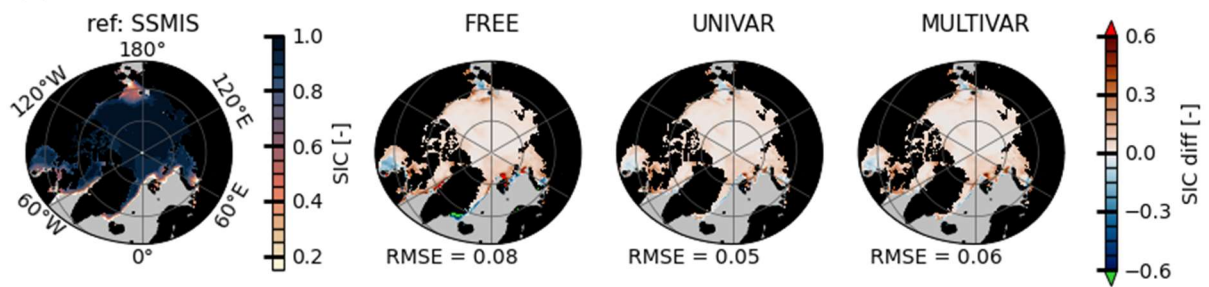
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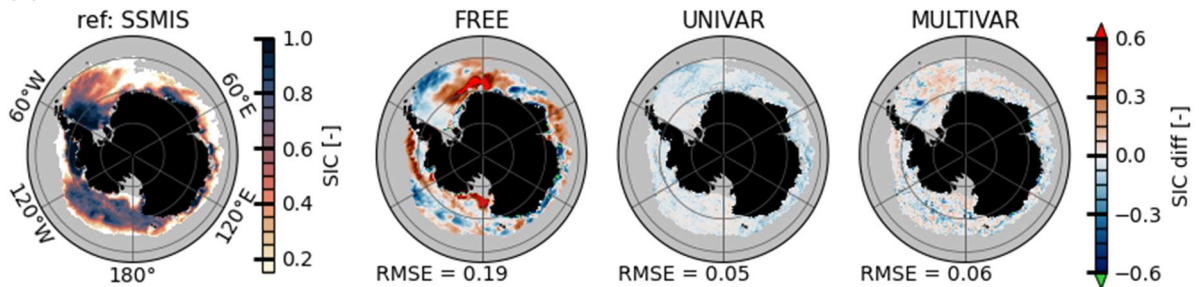
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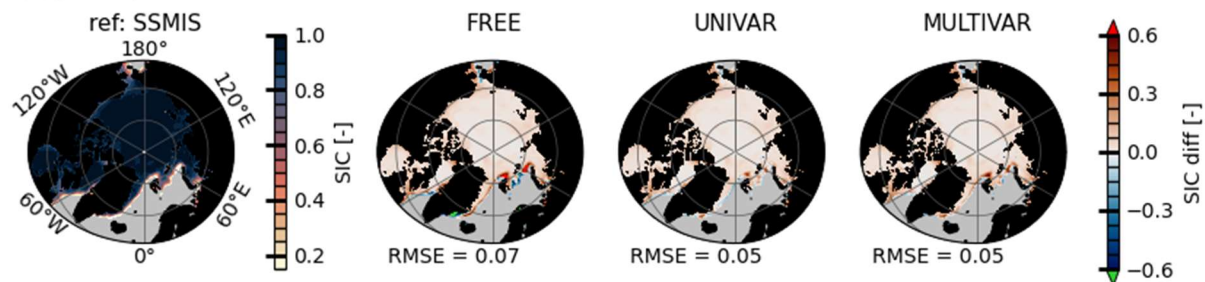
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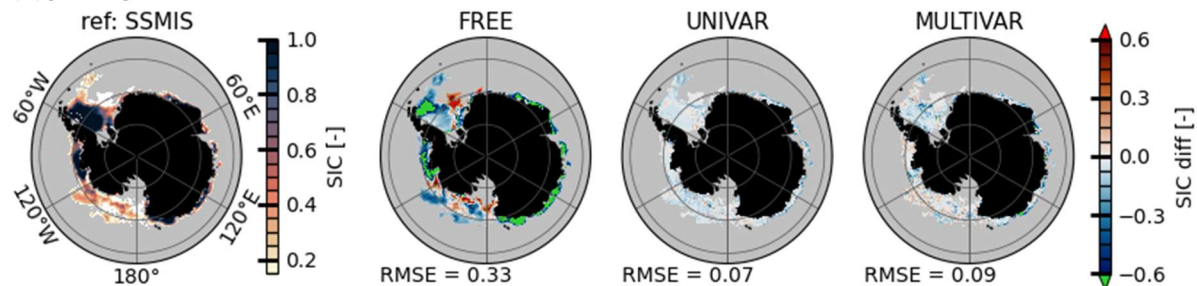
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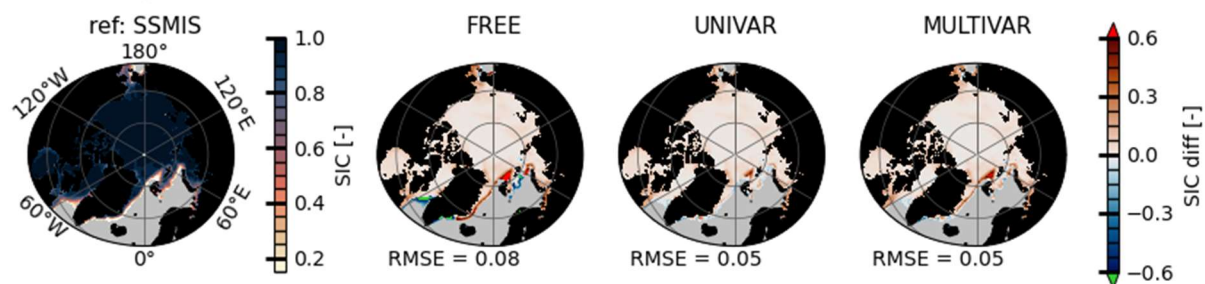
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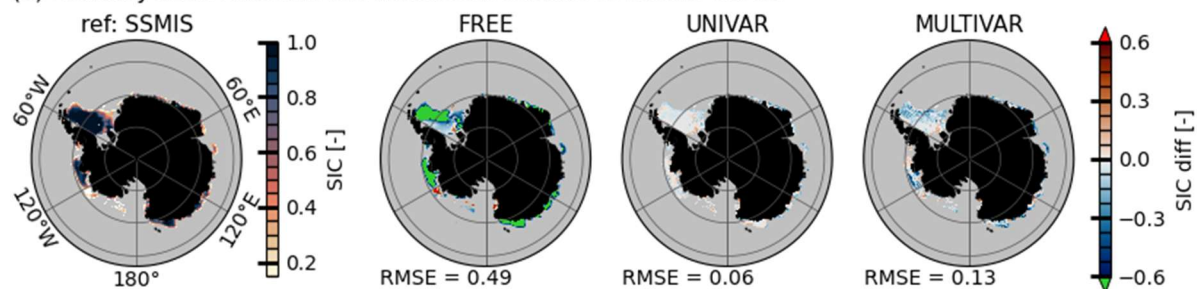
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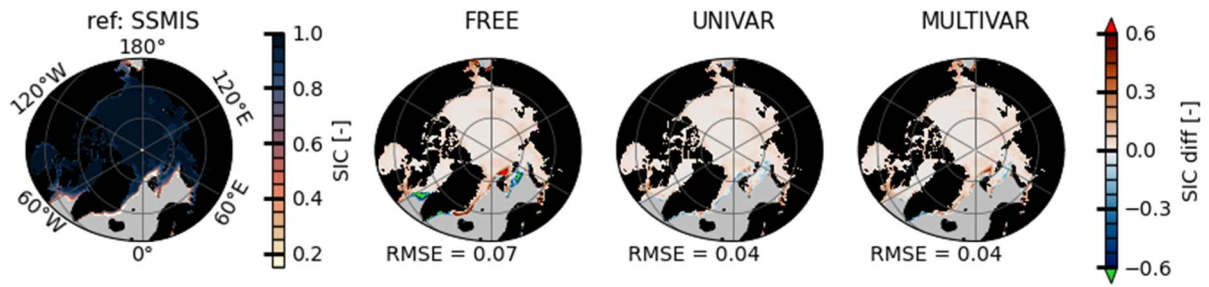
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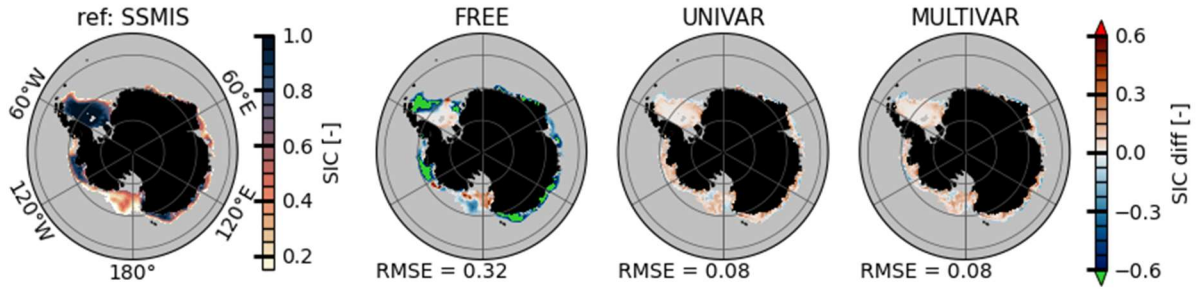
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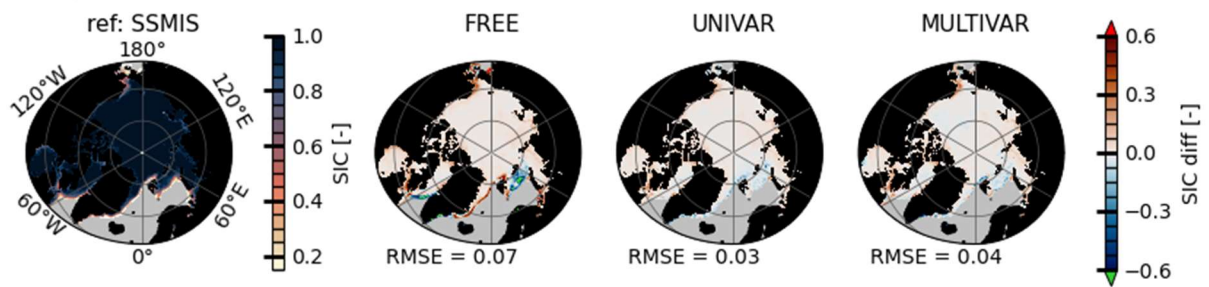
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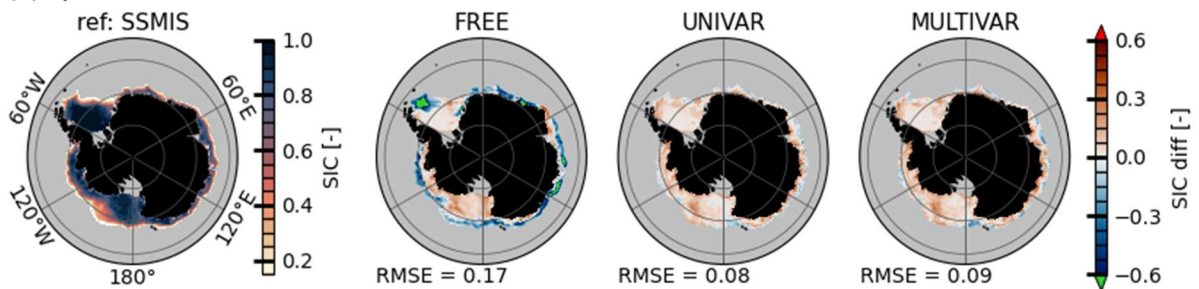
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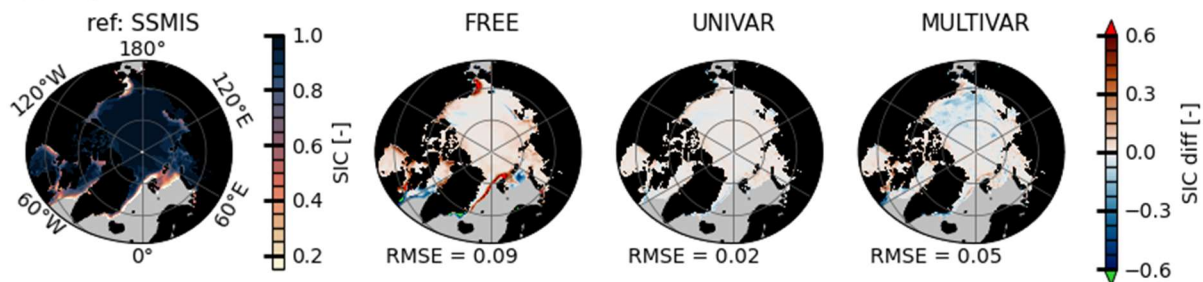
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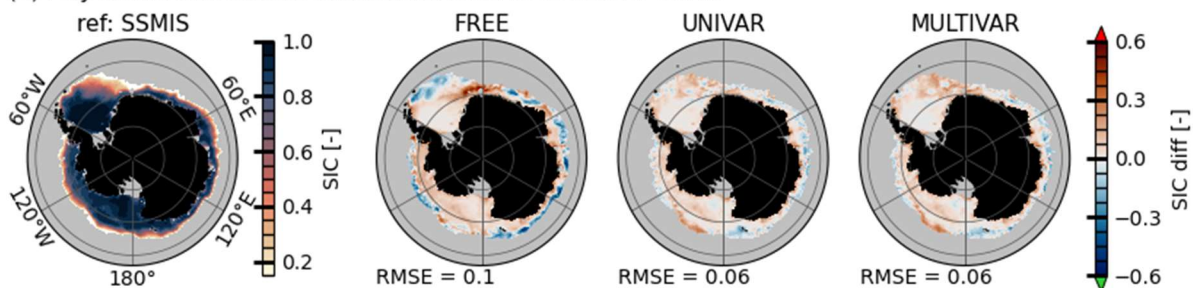
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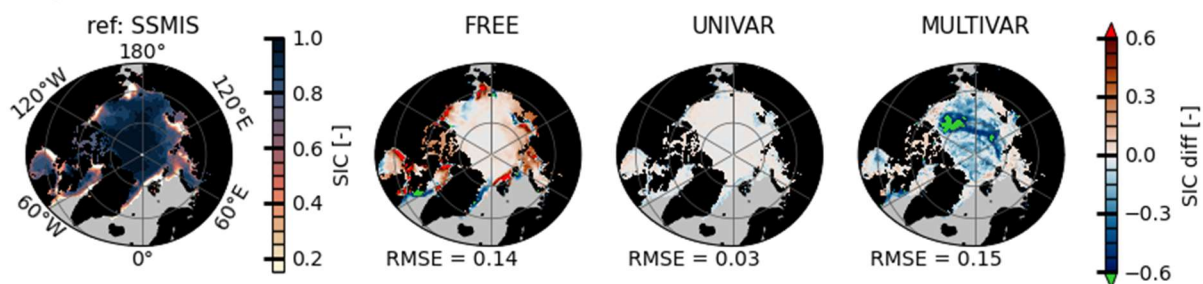
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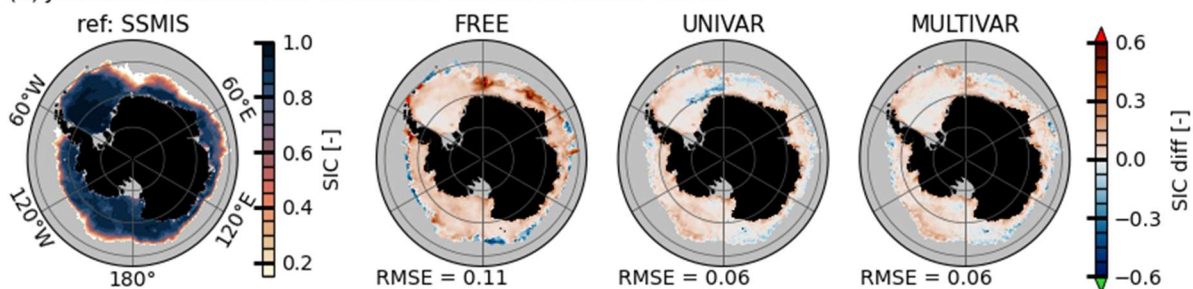
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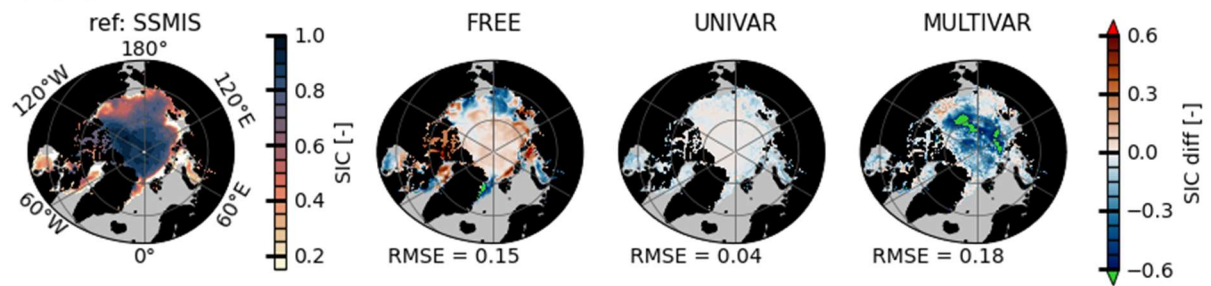
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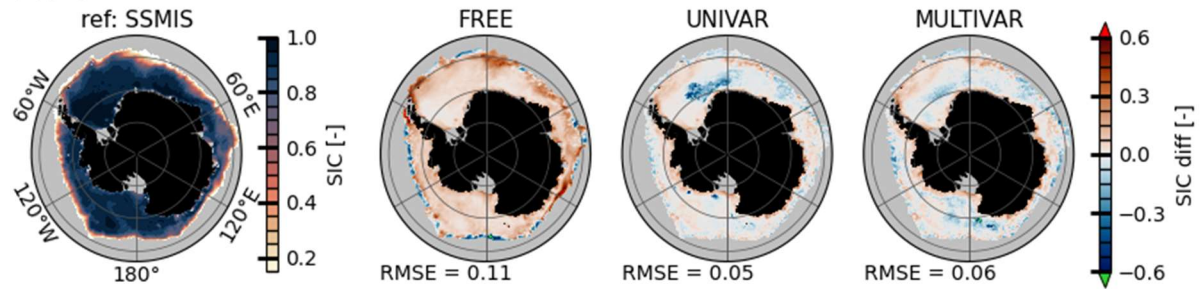
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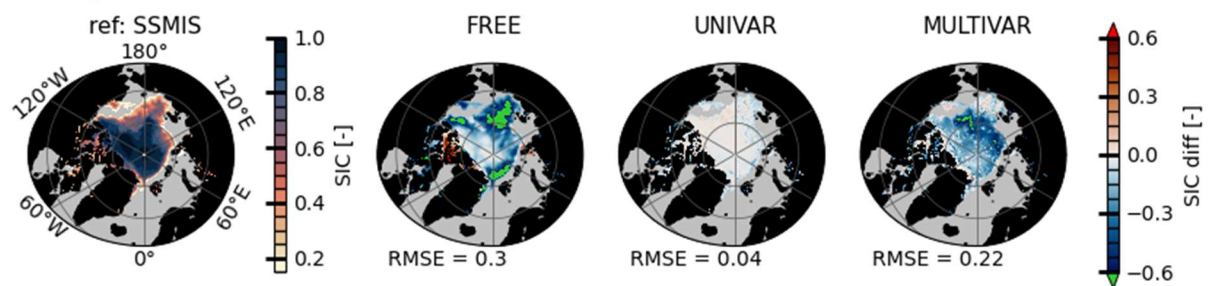
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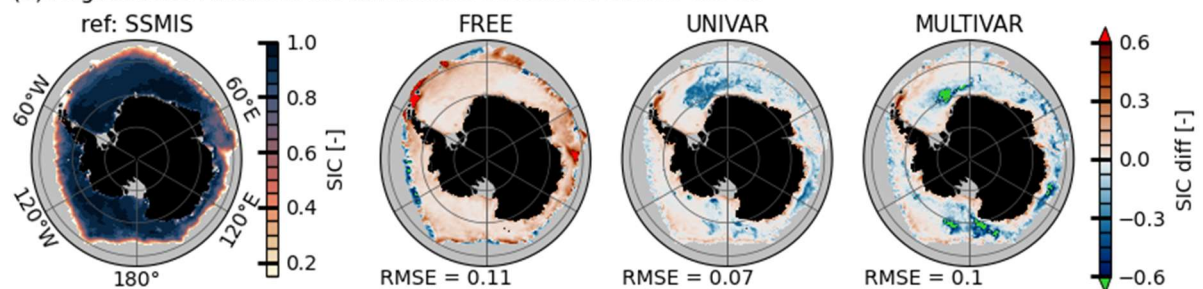
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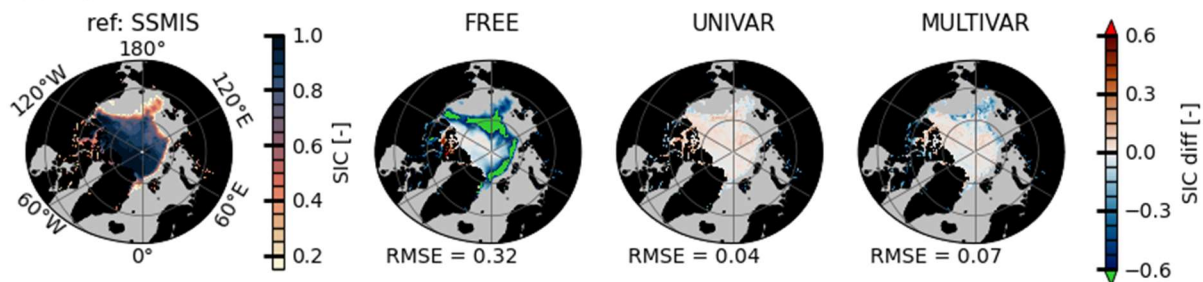
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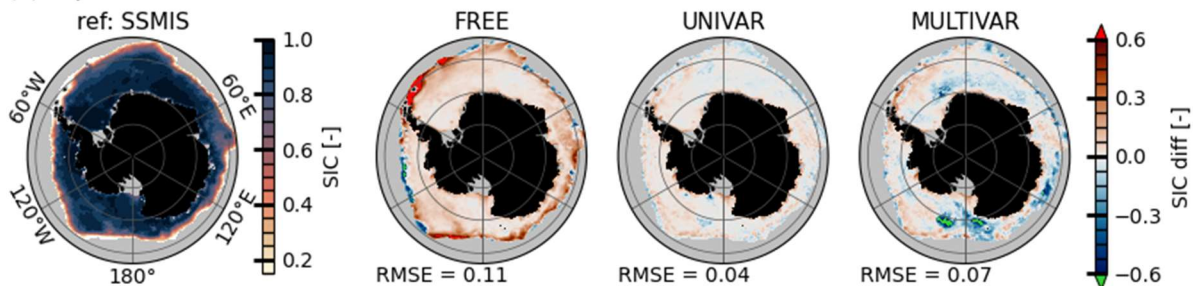
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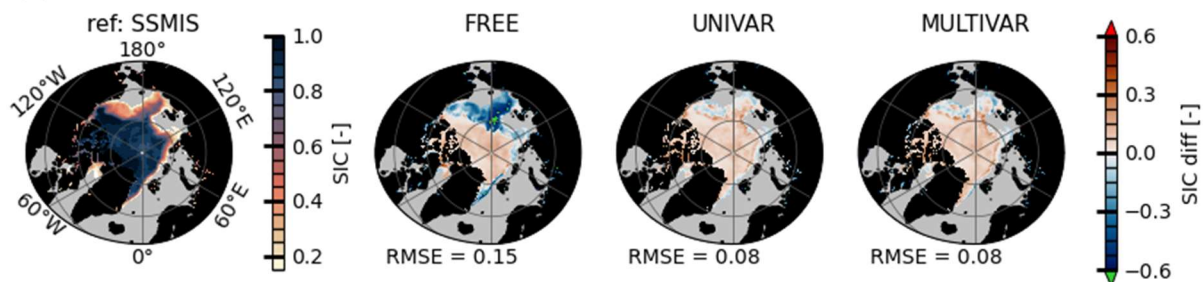
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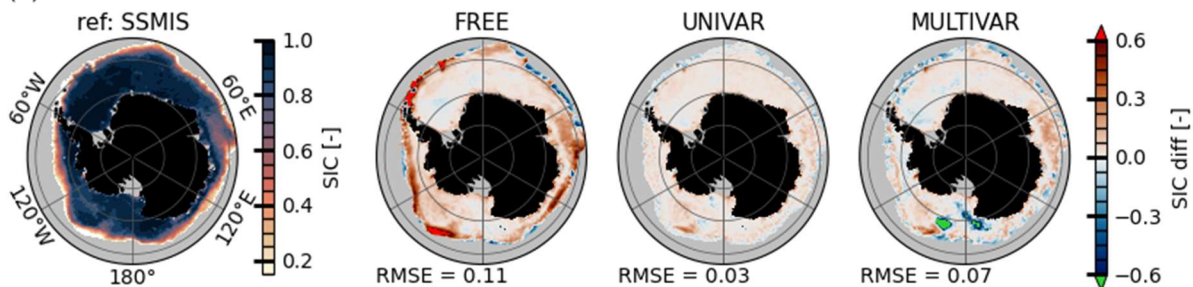
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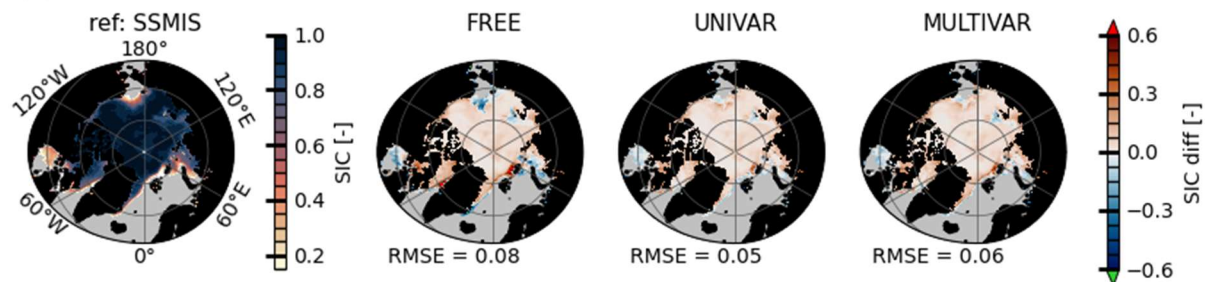
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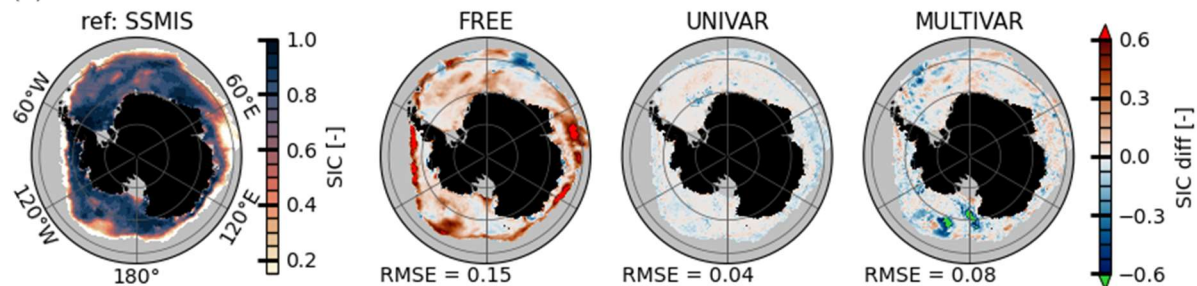
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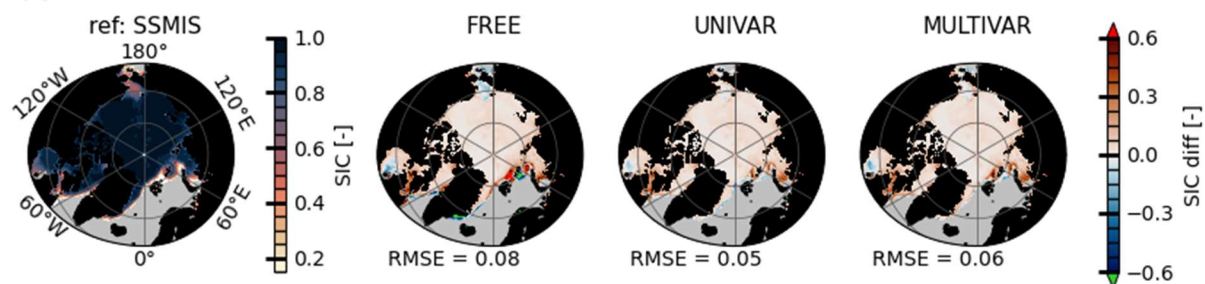
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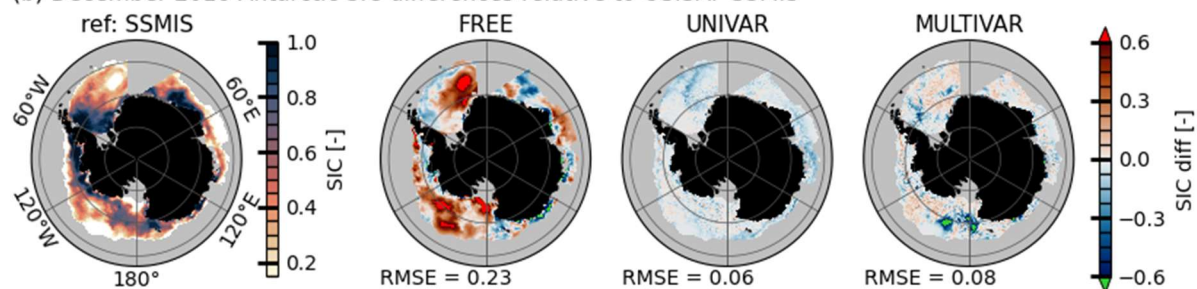
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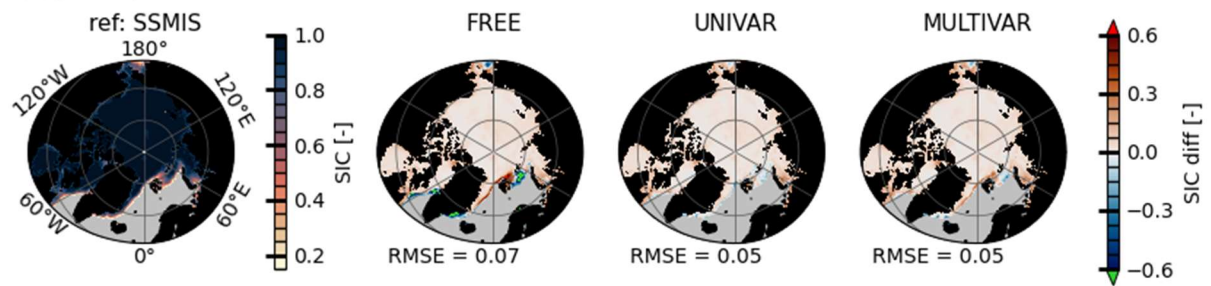
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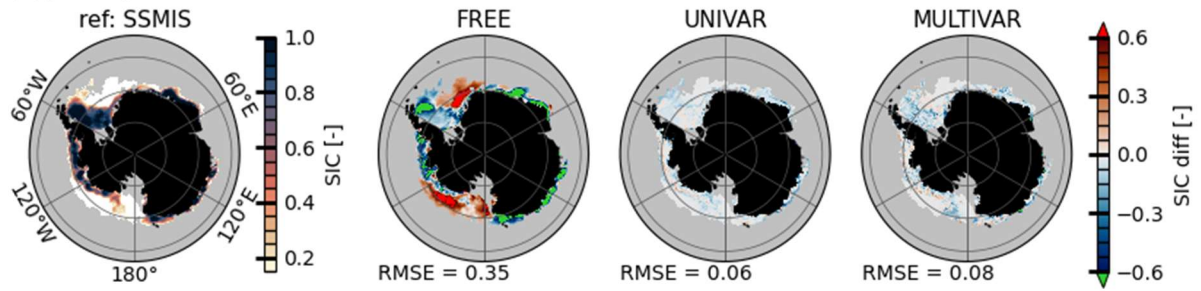
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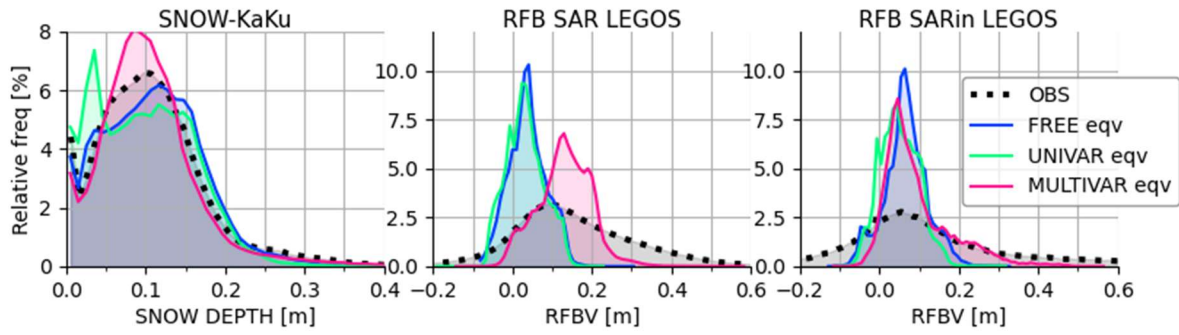
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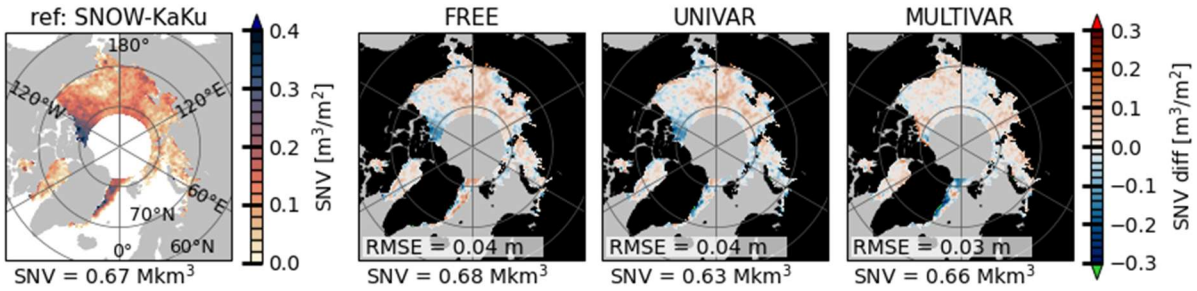
Radar Freeboard, snow thickness and probability density functions in the Arctic.

The following figures, similar to Figure 3 in the manuscript, display radar freeboard, snow thickness and probability functions in the Arctic for the periods January 2017-April 2017, November 2017-April 2108 and November 2018-January 2019. Top panels (a): Probability density functions (%) of the snow thickness, the radar freeboard SAR and radar freeboard SARin observations (dotted black) and their model equivalent for the FREE (blue), UNIVAR (green) and MULTIVAR (pink) experiments in the Arctic. Middle (b), resp. bottom (c), row panels: snow volume per unit area [m^3/m^2], resp. radar freeboard volume per unit area, from SNOW-KaKu, resp. RFB LEGOS, (first column) and differences with FREE, UNIVAR and MULTIVAR experiments. Total snow and RFB volumes values and root mean squared difference (RMS) are provided under each map.

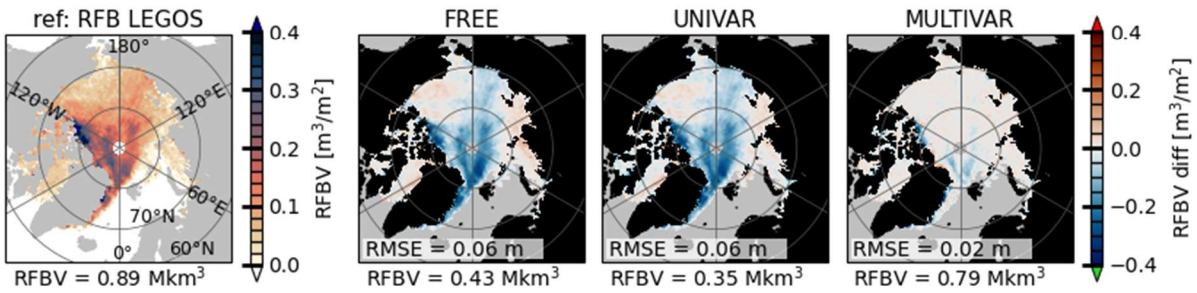
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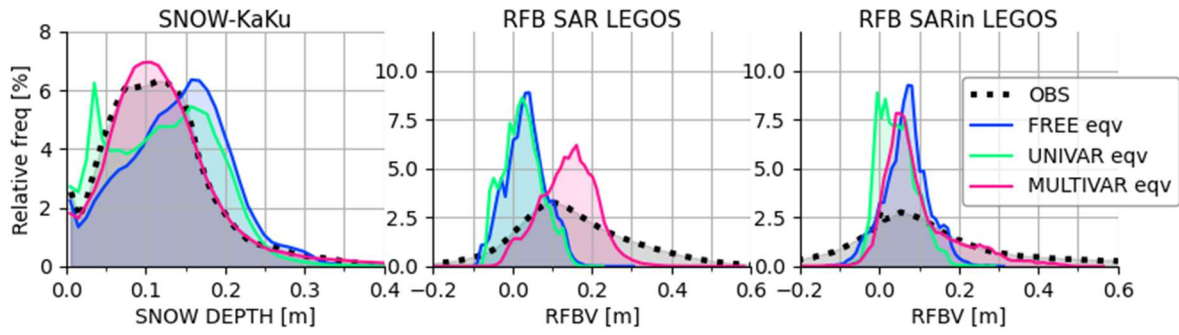
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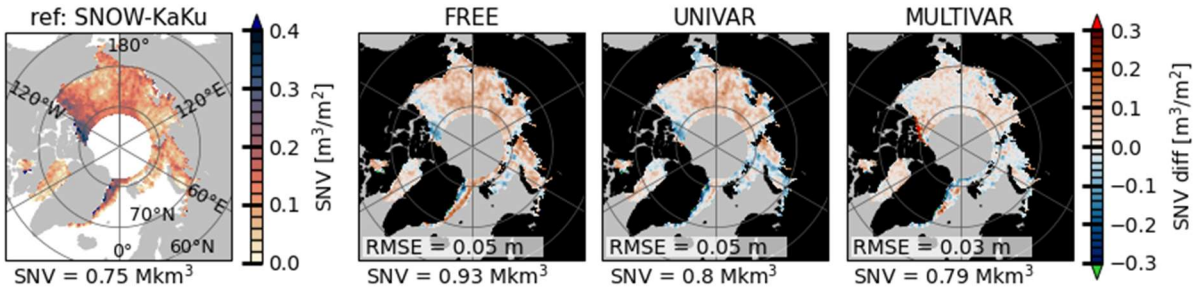
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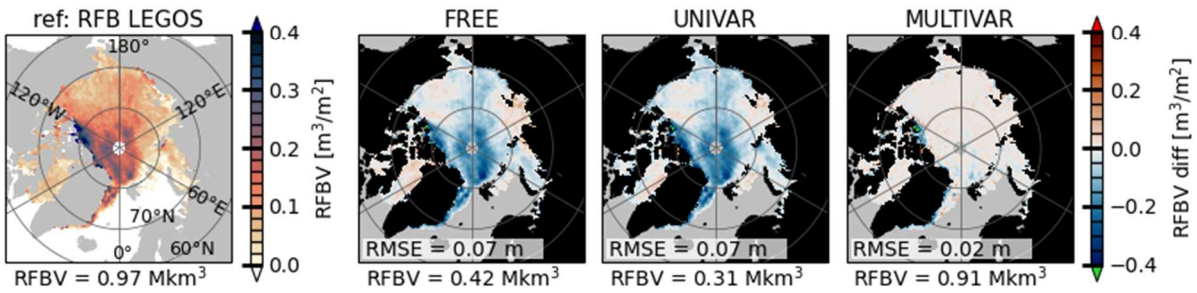
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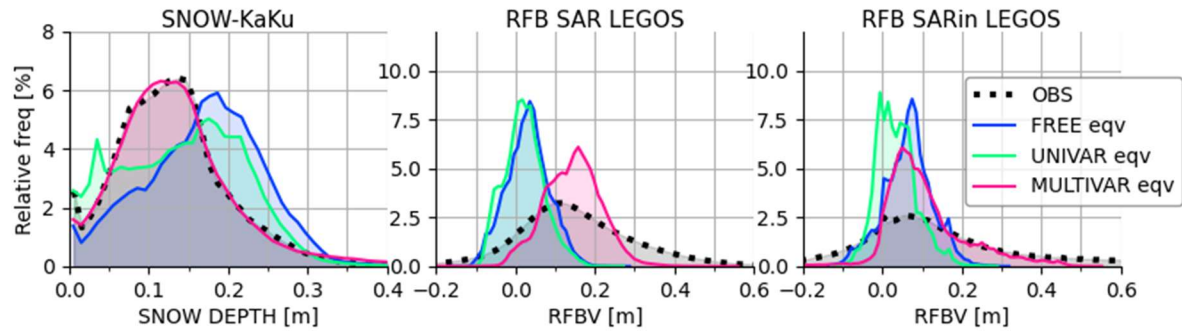
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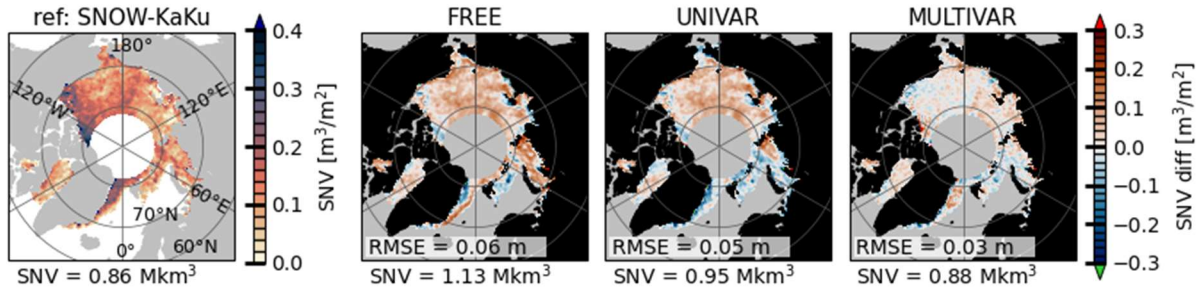
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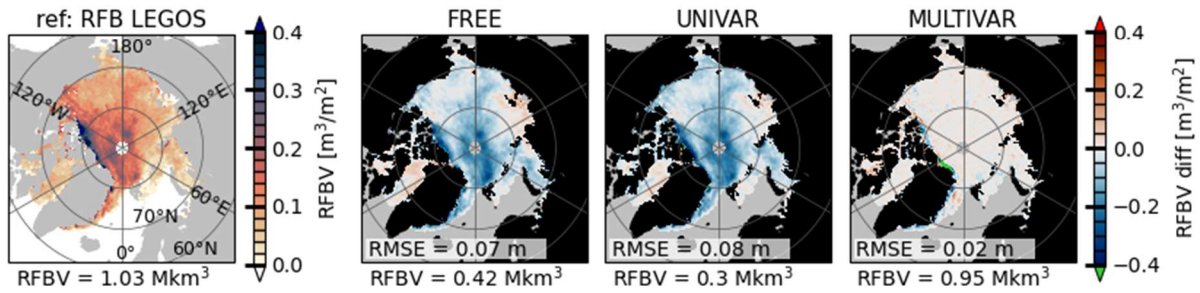
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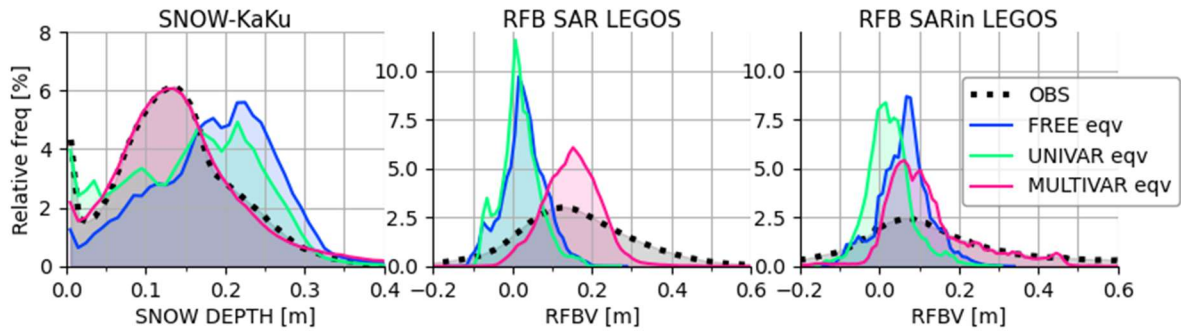
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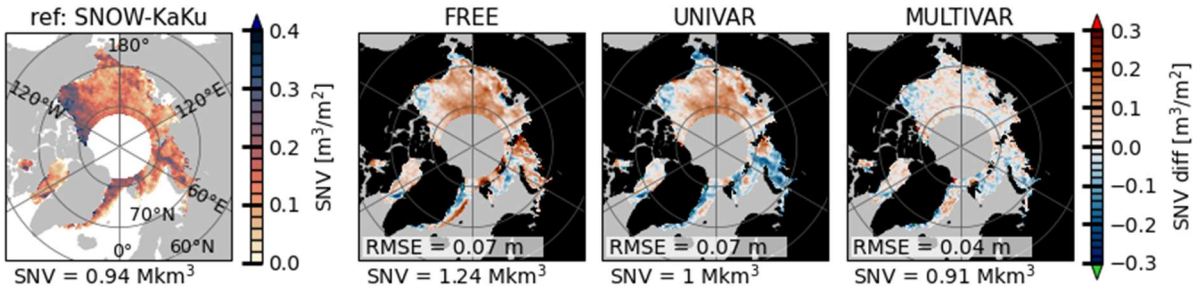
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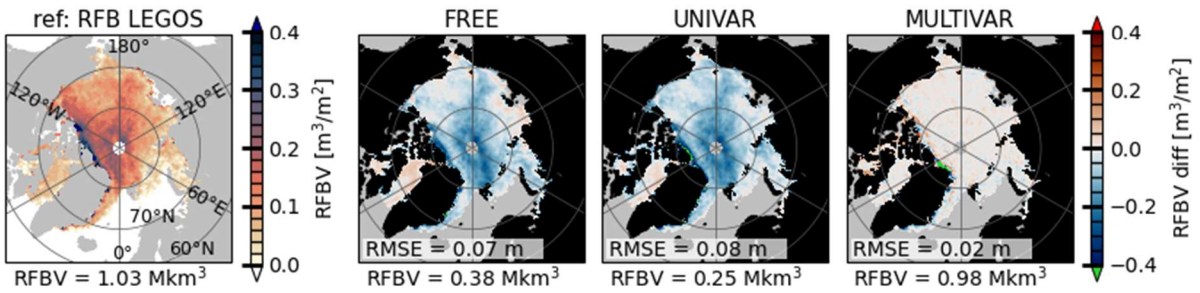
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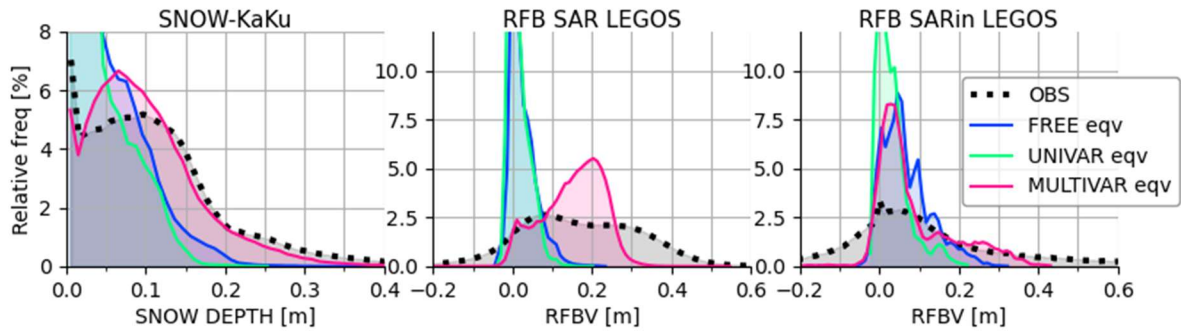
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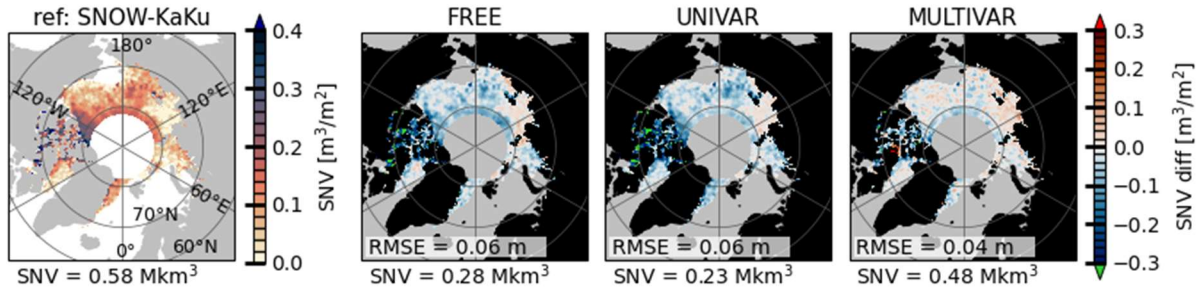
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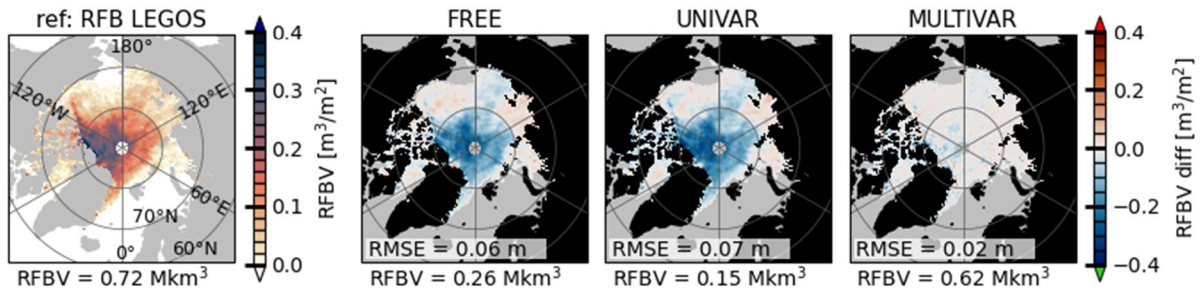
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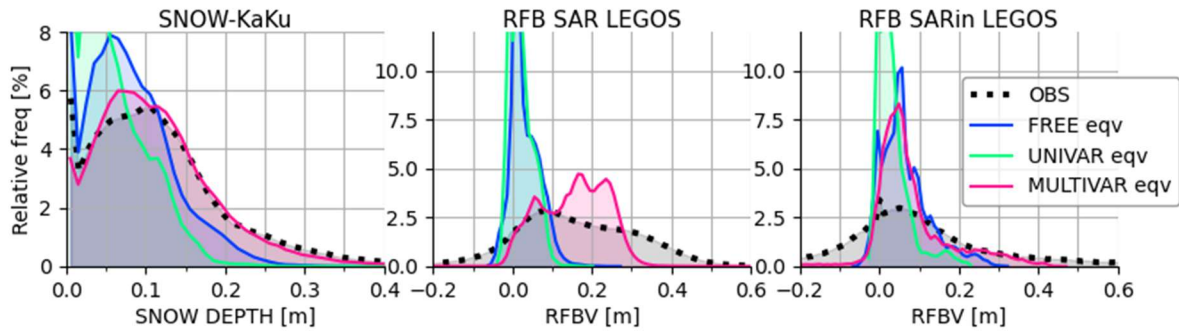
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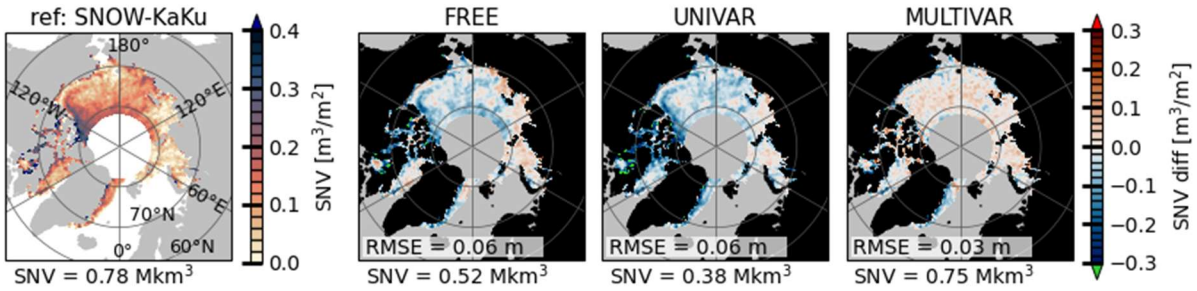
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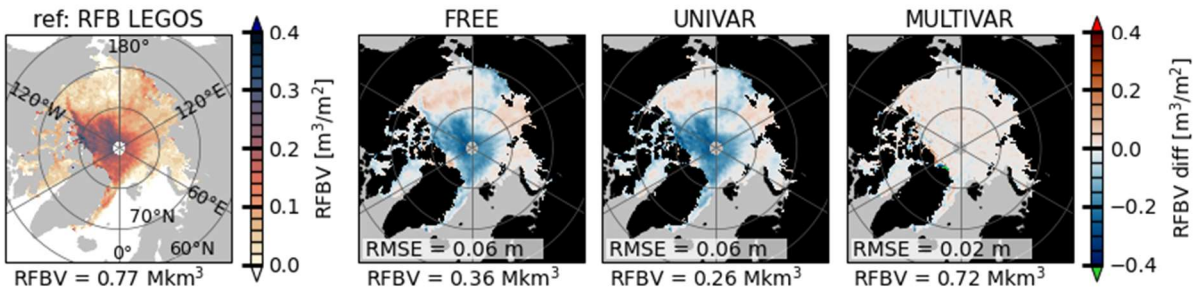
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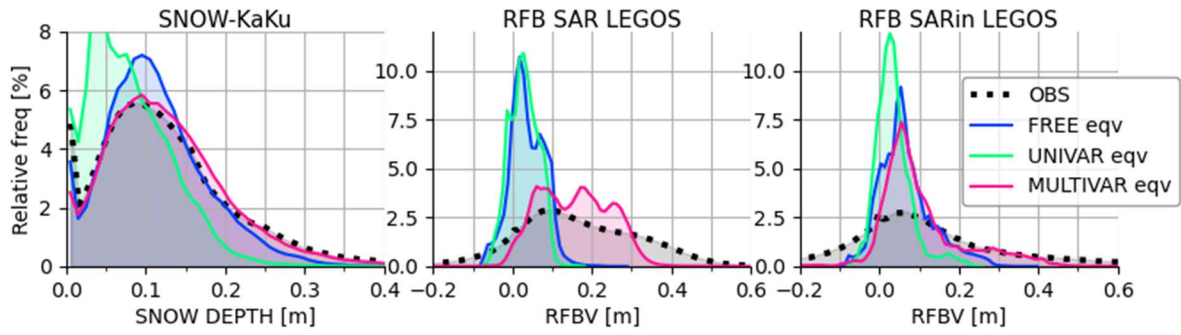
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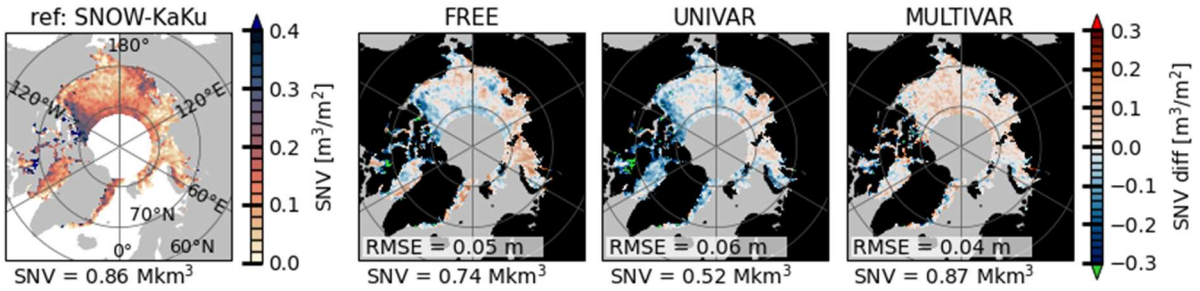
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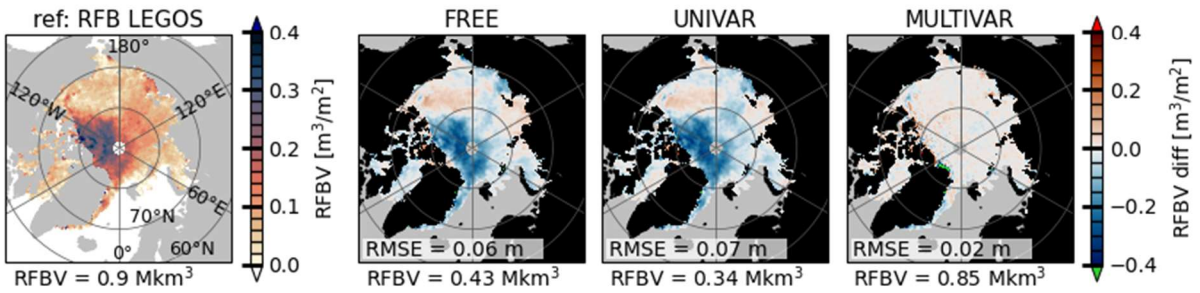
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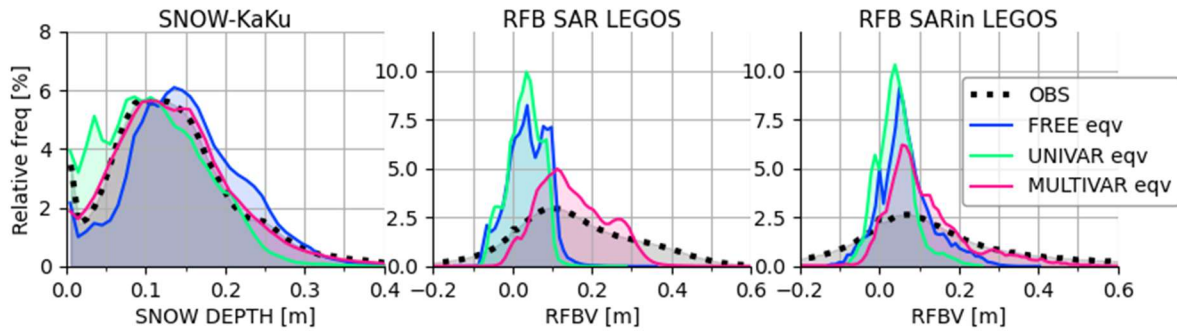
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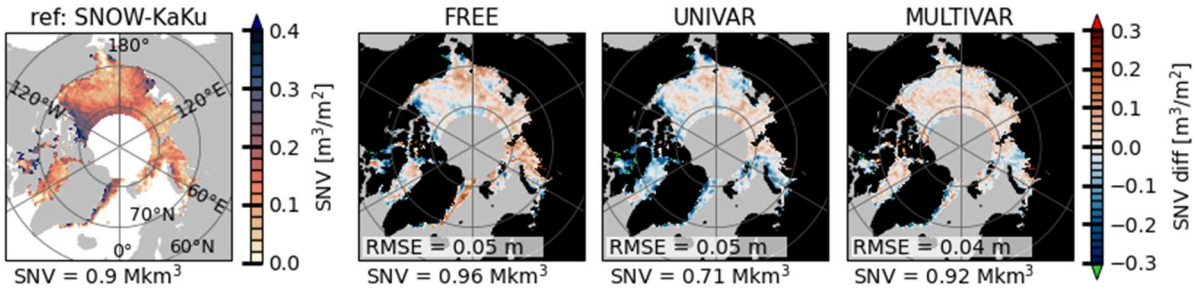
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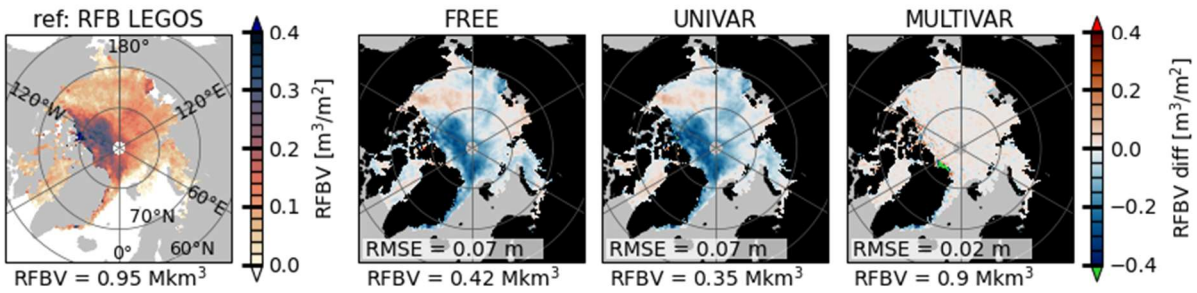
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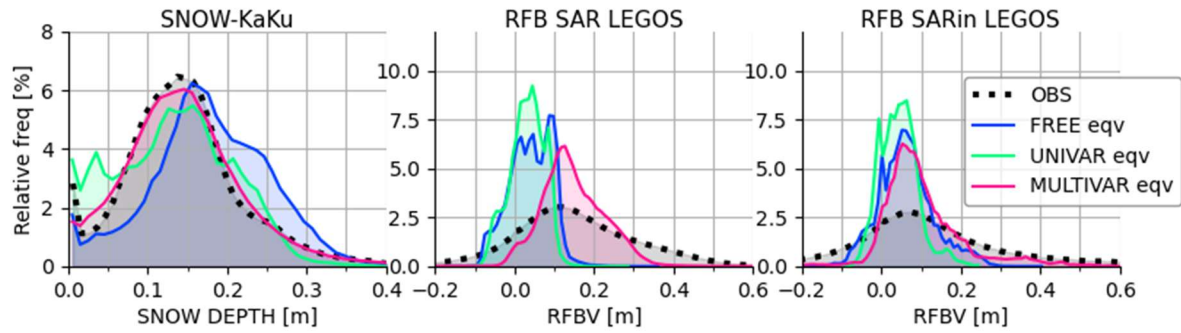
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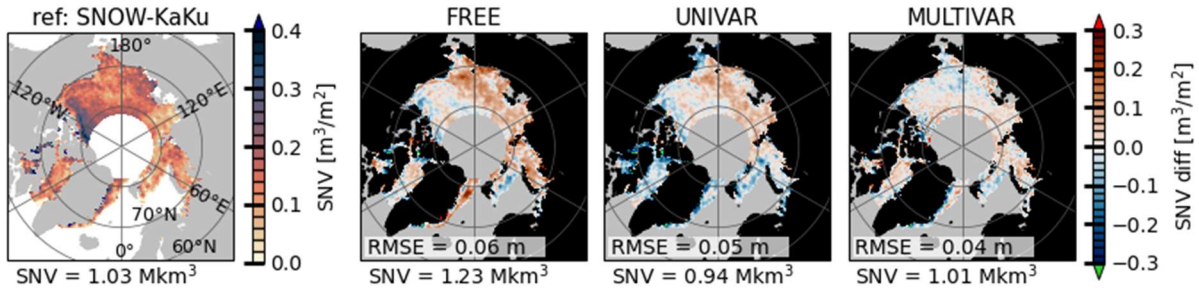
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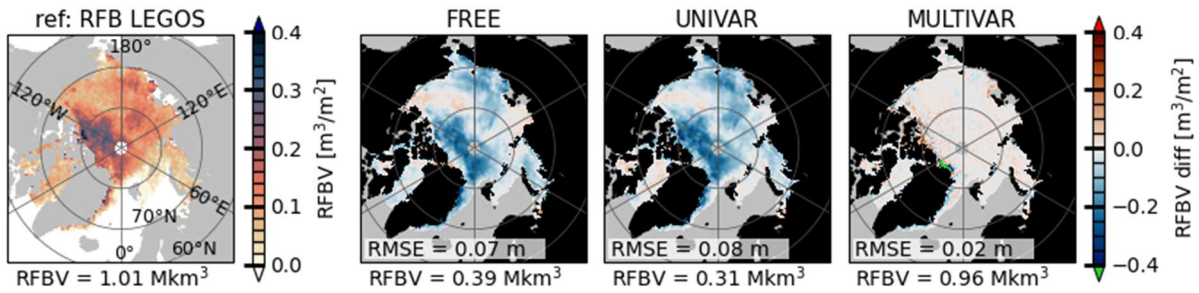
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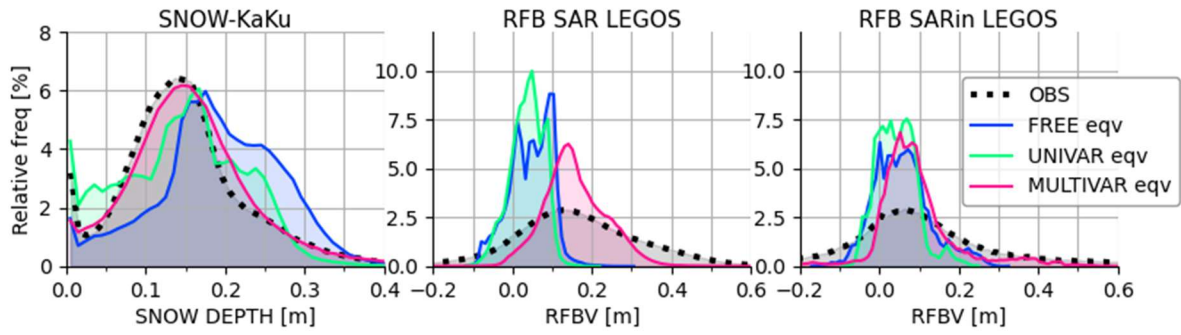
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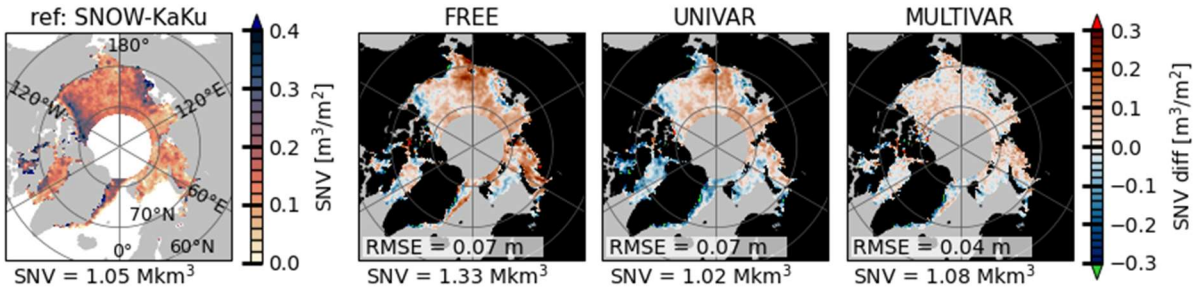
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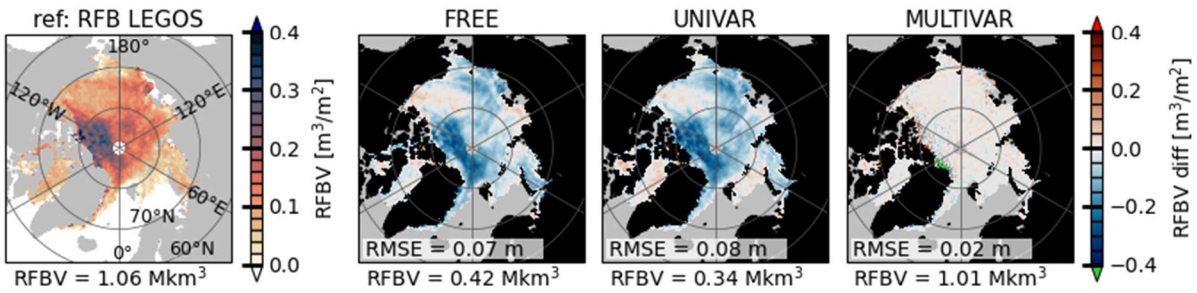
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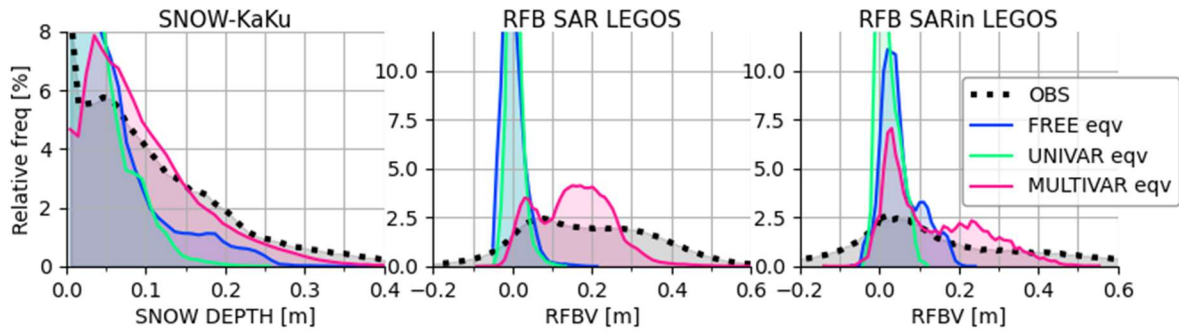
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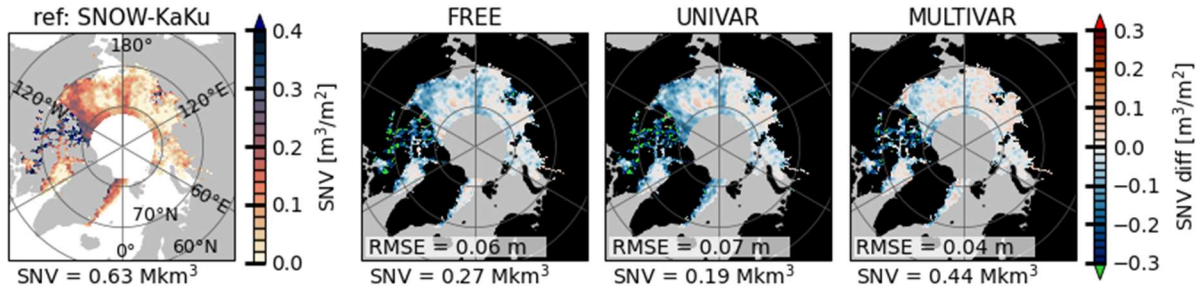
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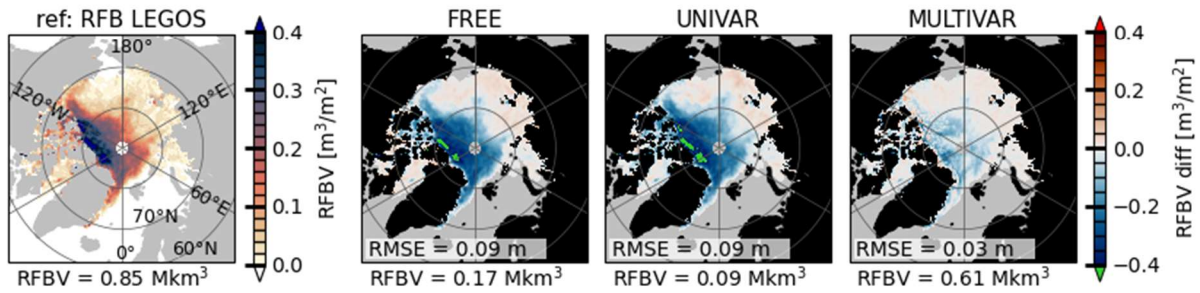
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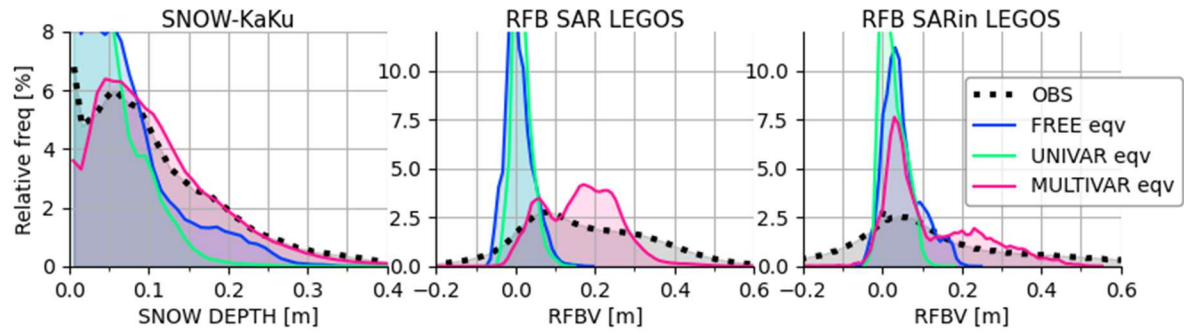
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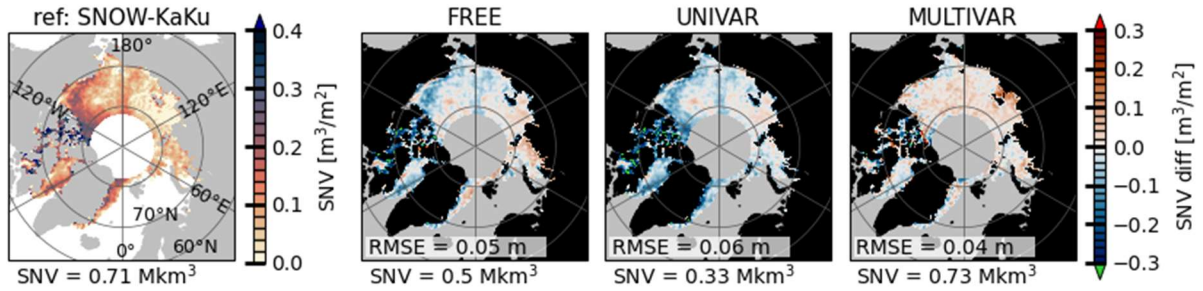
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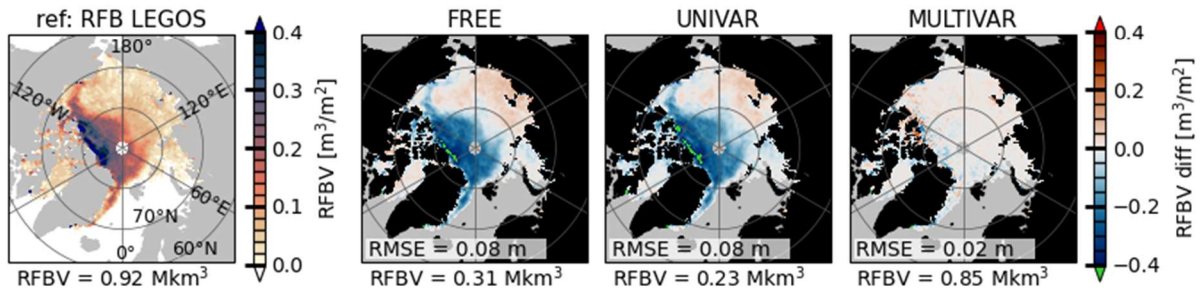
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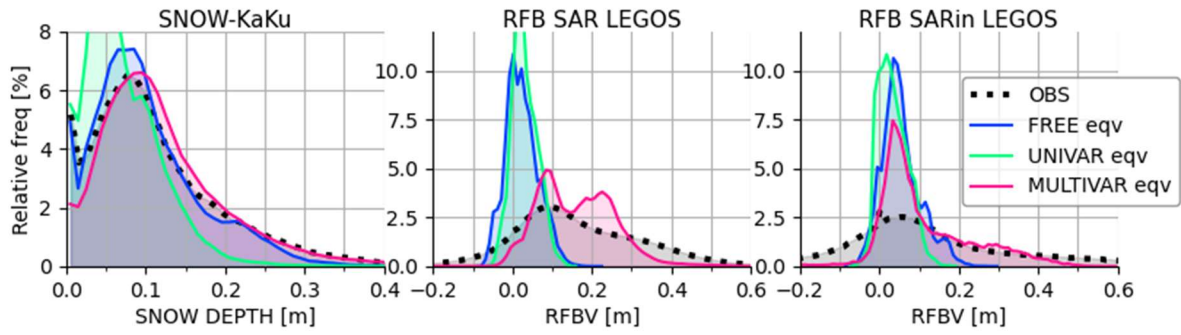
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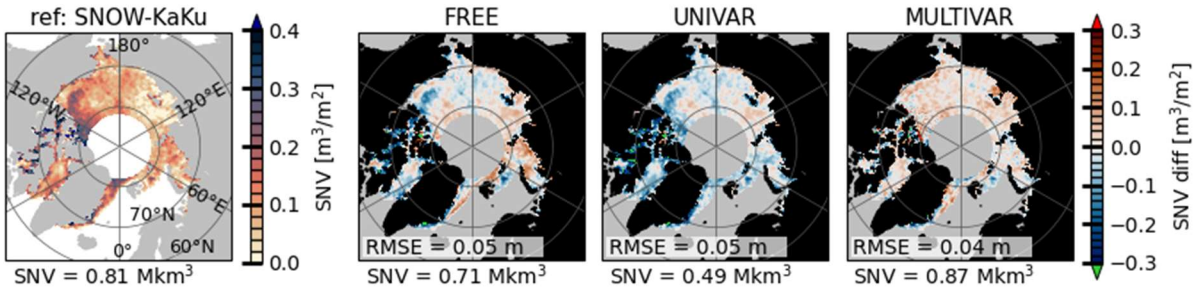
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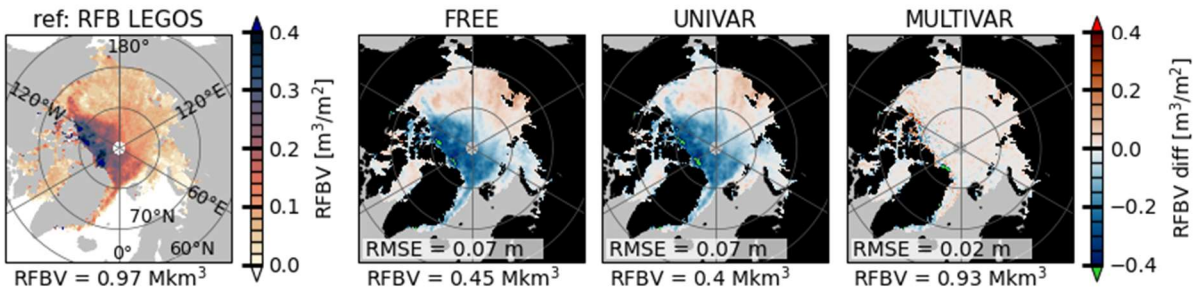
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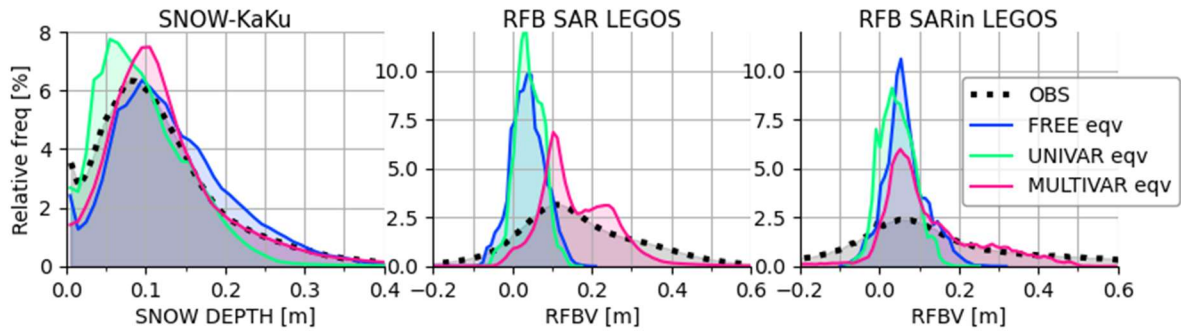
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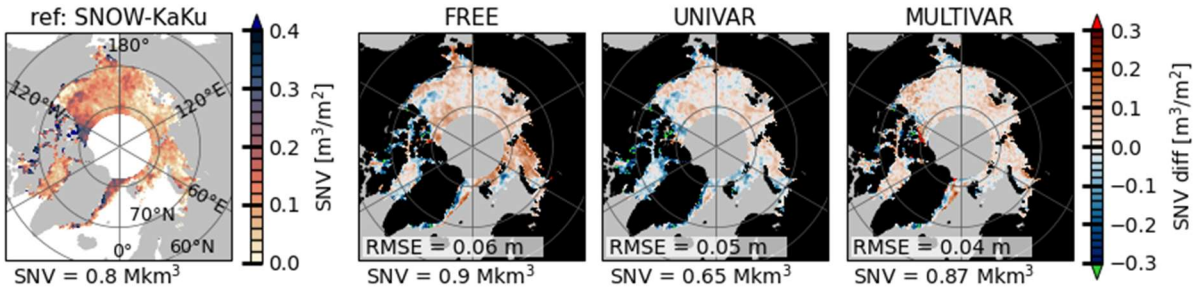
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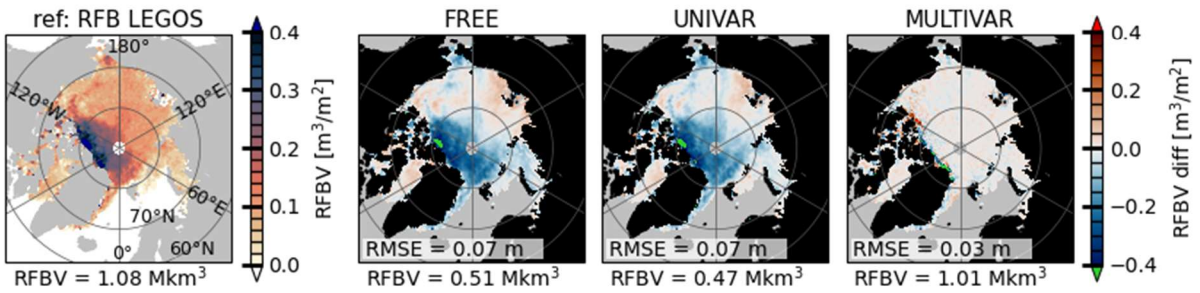
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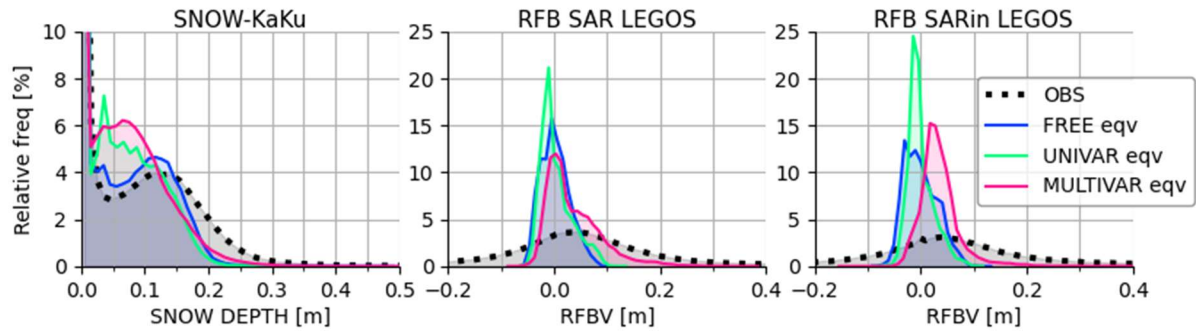
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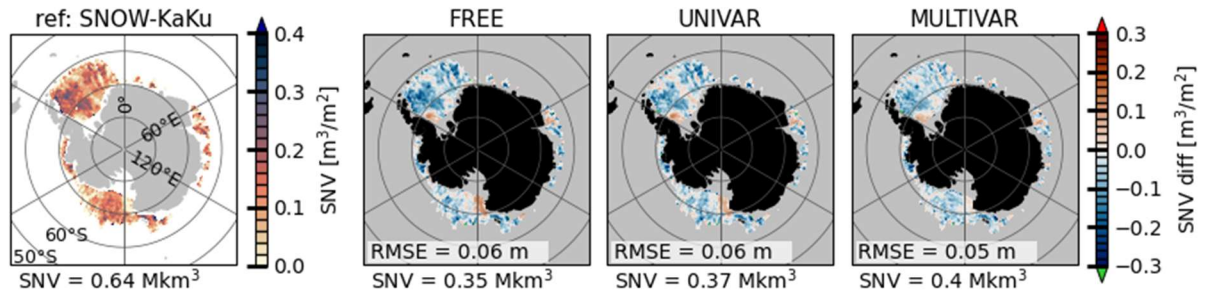
Radar Freeboard, snow thickness and probability density function in the Antarctic.

The following figures, similar to Figure 4 in the manuscript, display radar freeboard, snow thickness and probability functions in the Antarctic for the periods May 2017-October 2017 and May 2018-October 2018. Top panels (a): Probability density functions (%) of the snow thickness, the radar freeboard SAR and radar freeboard SARin observations (dotted black) and their model equivalent for the FREE (blue), UNIVAR (green) and MULTIVAR (pink) experiments in the Arctic. Middle (b), resp. bottom (c), row panels: snow volume per unit area [m^3/m^2], resp. radar freeboard volume per unit area, from SNOW-KaKu, resp. RFB LEGOS, (first column) and differences with FREE, UNIVAR and MULTIVAR experiments. Total snow and RFB volumes values and root mean squared difference (RMS) are provided under each map.

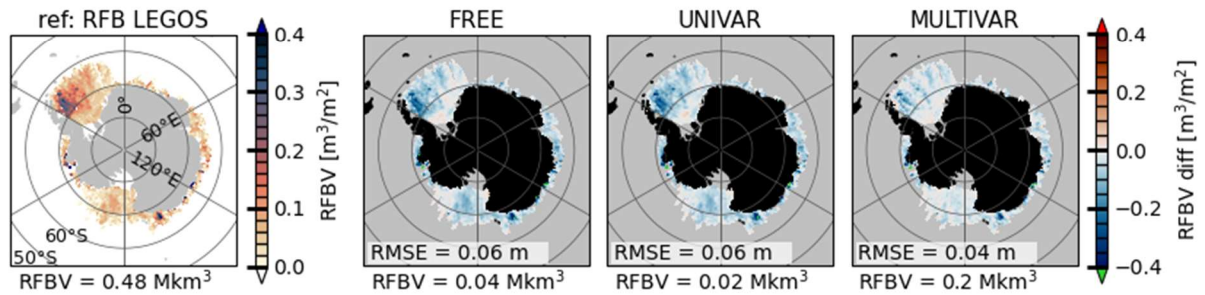
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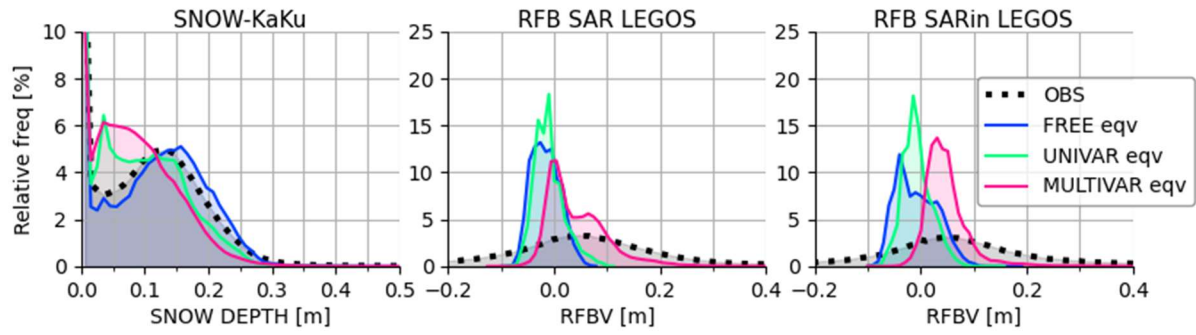
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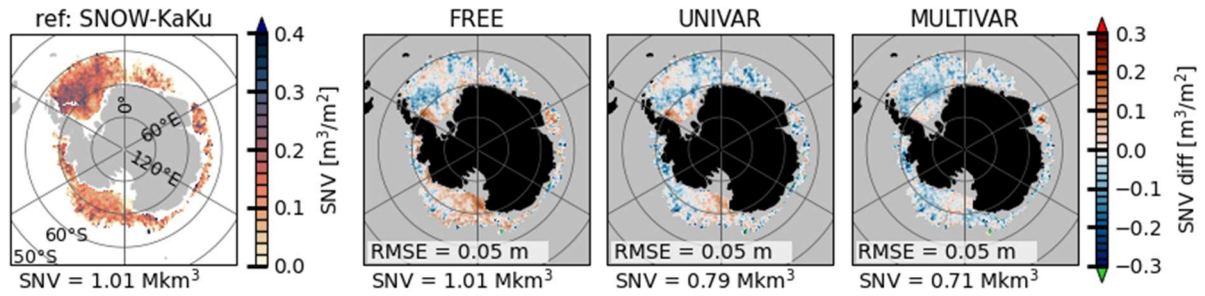
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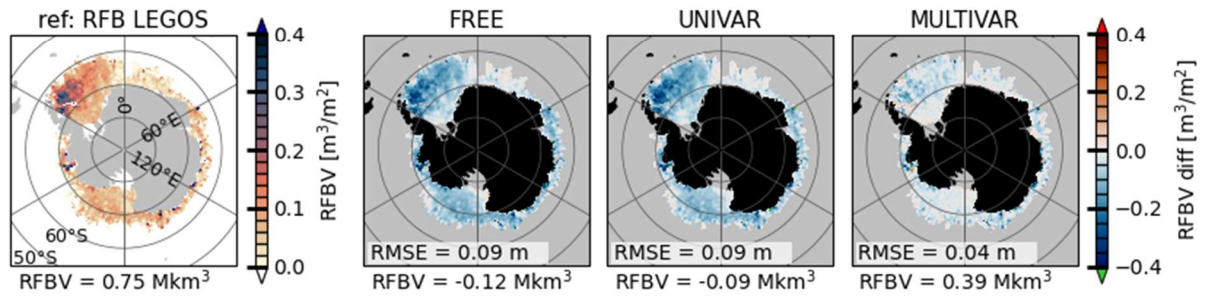
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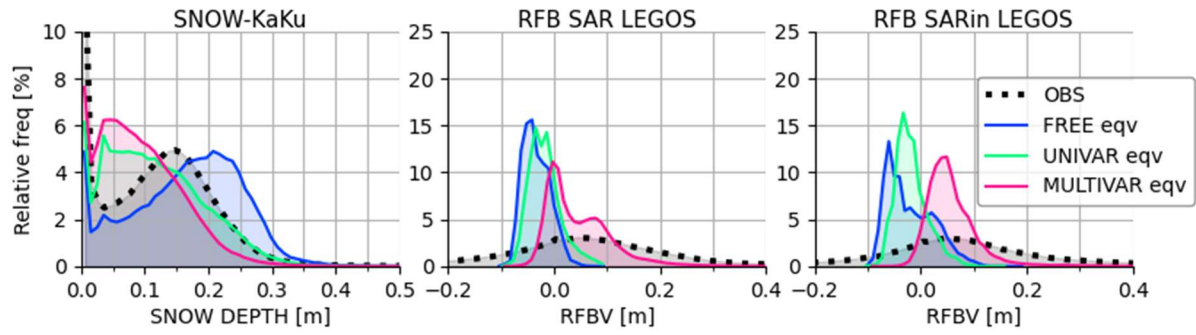
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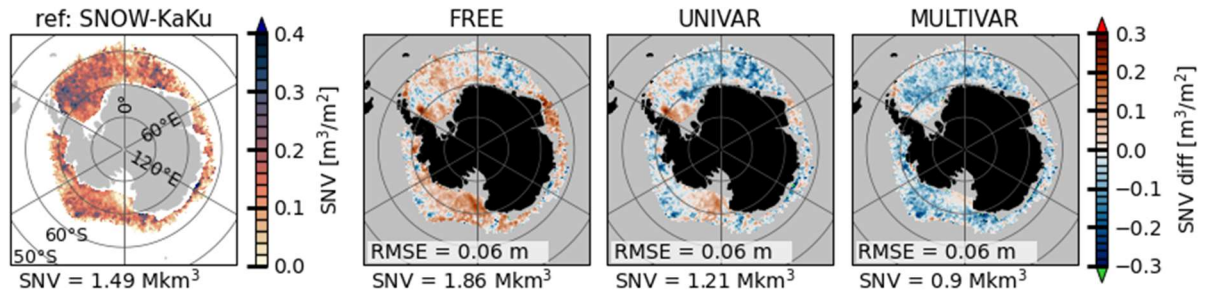
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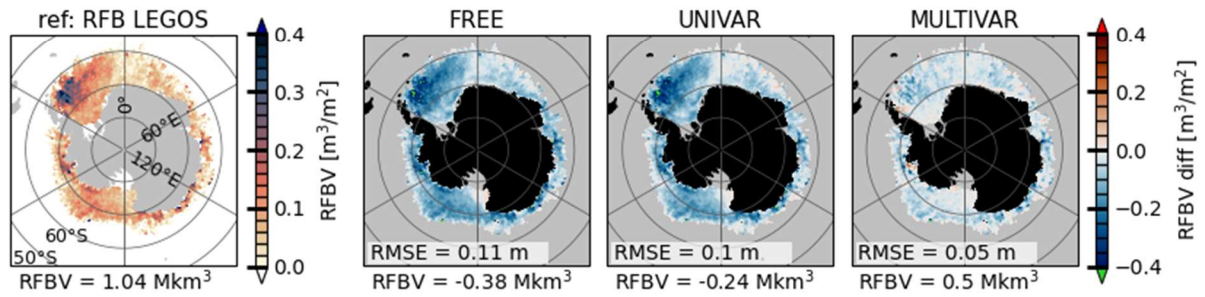
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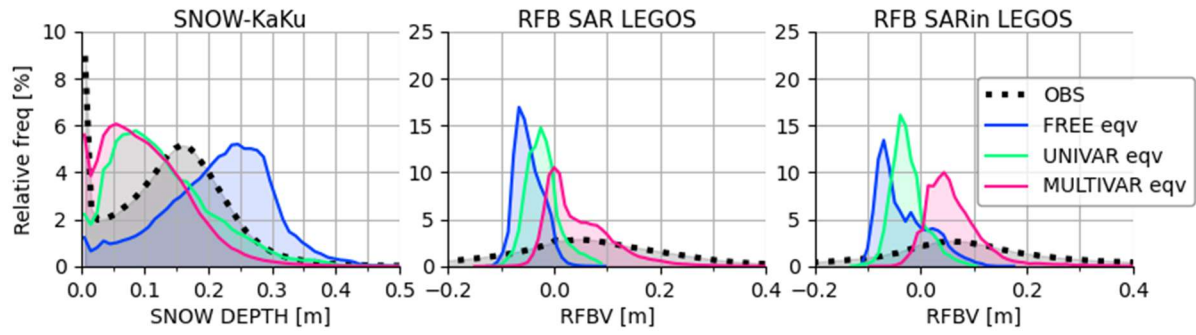
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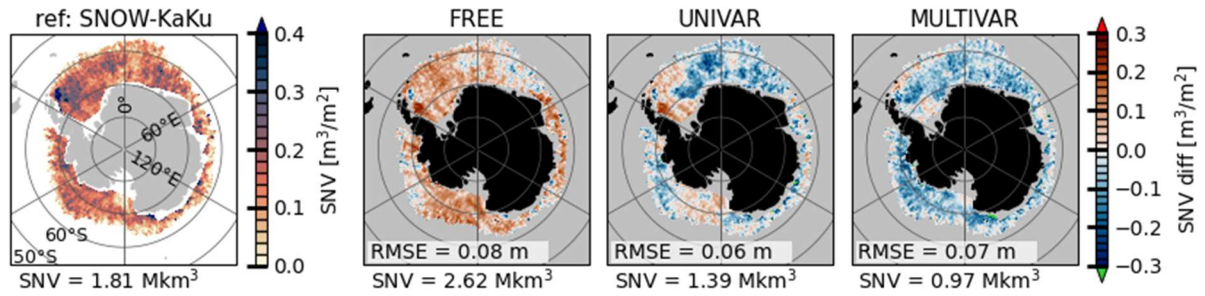
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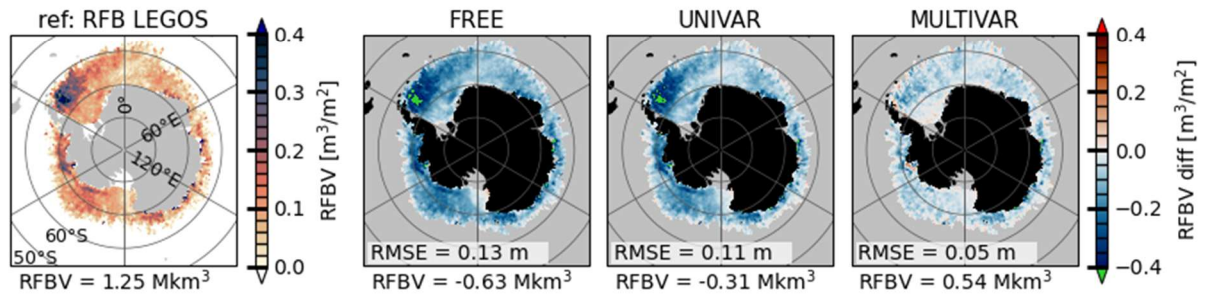
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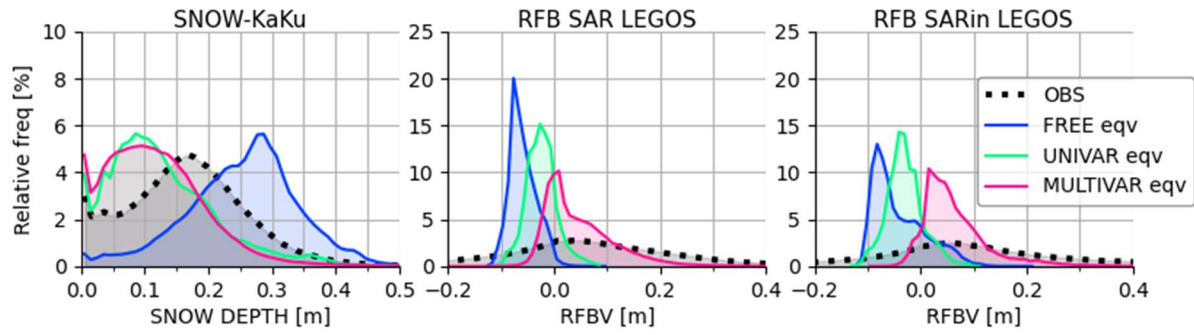
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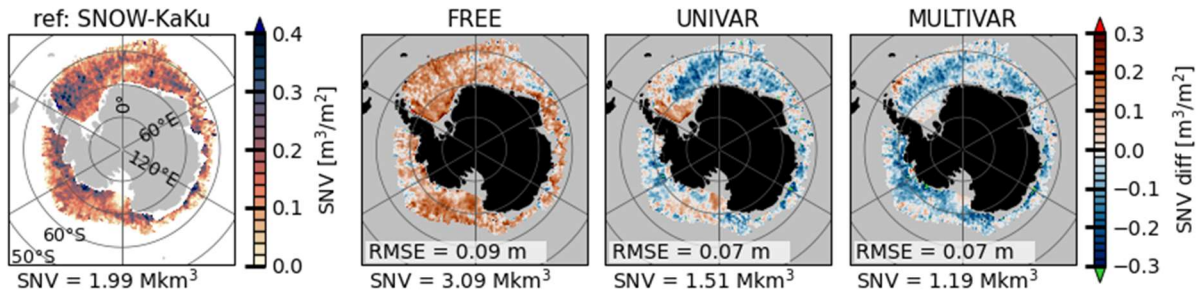
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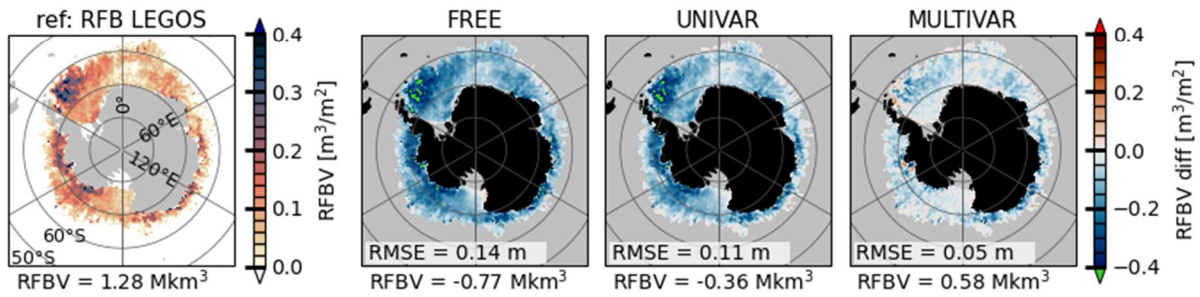
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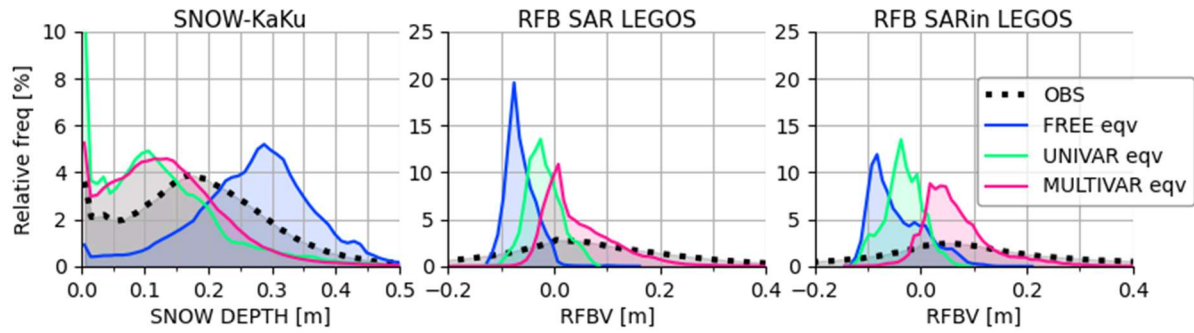
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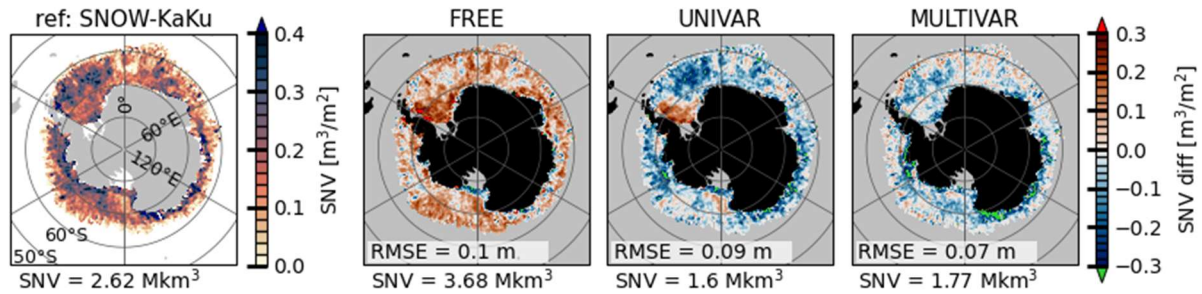
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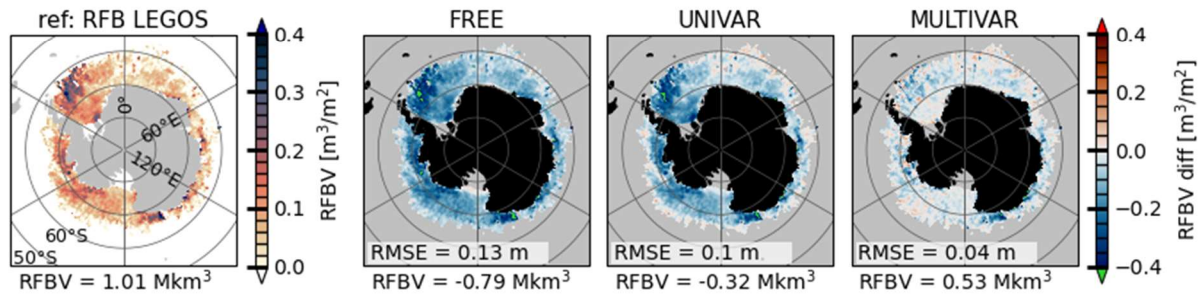
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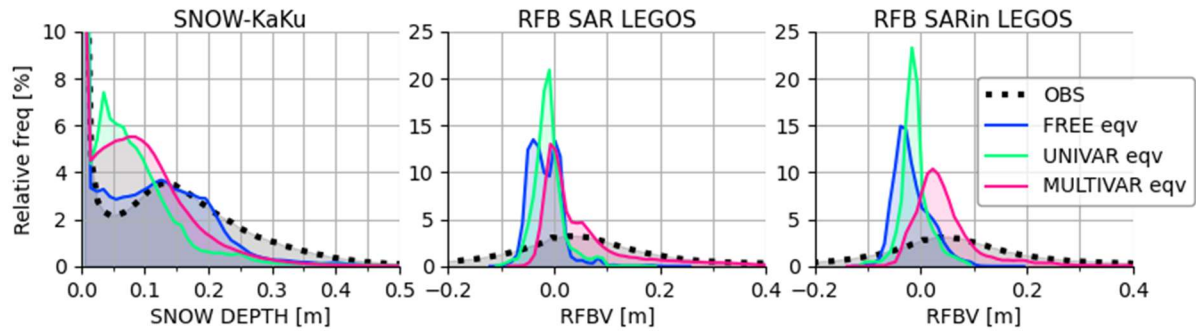
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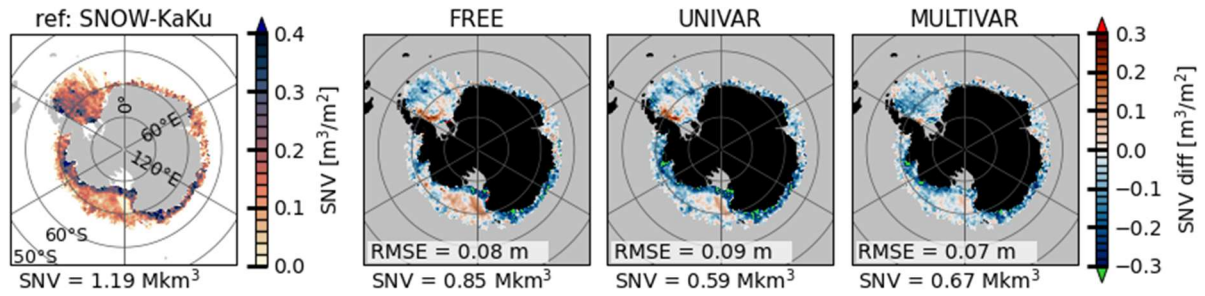
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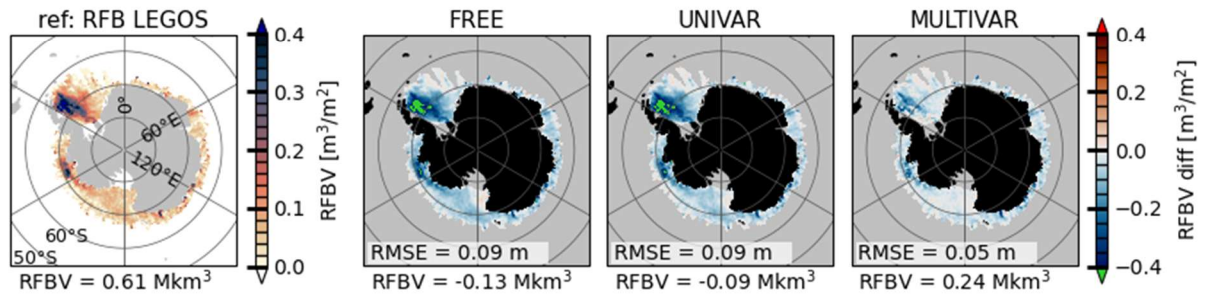
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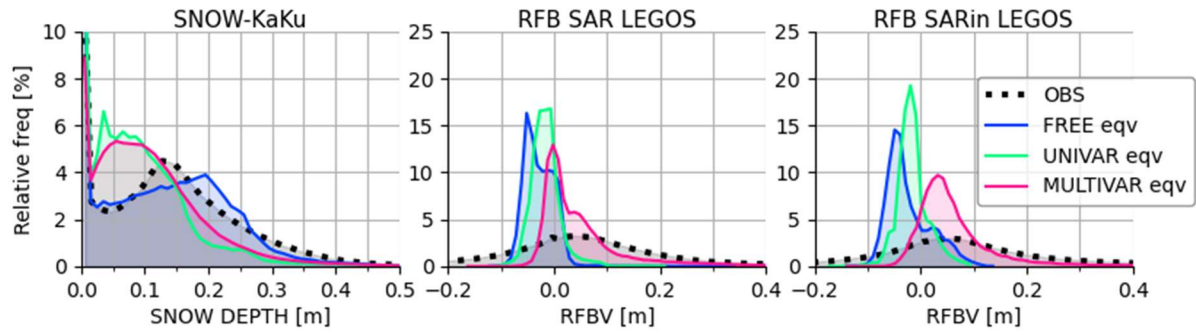
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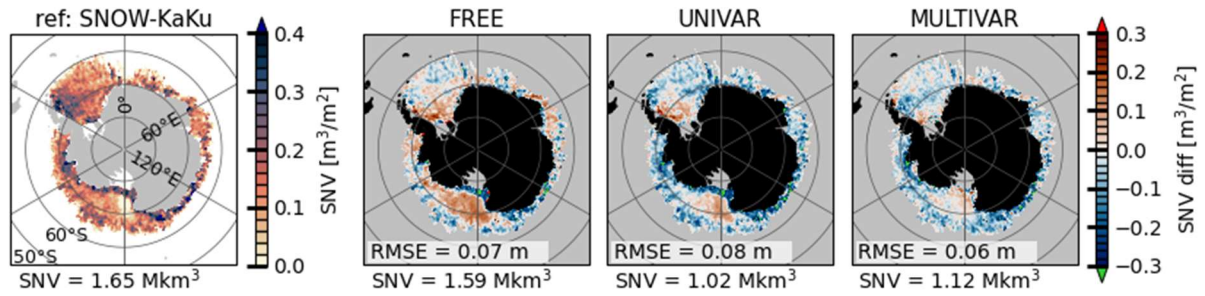
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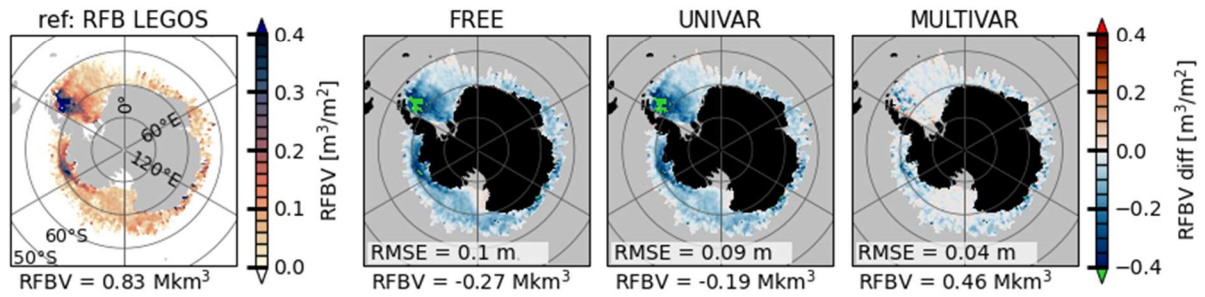
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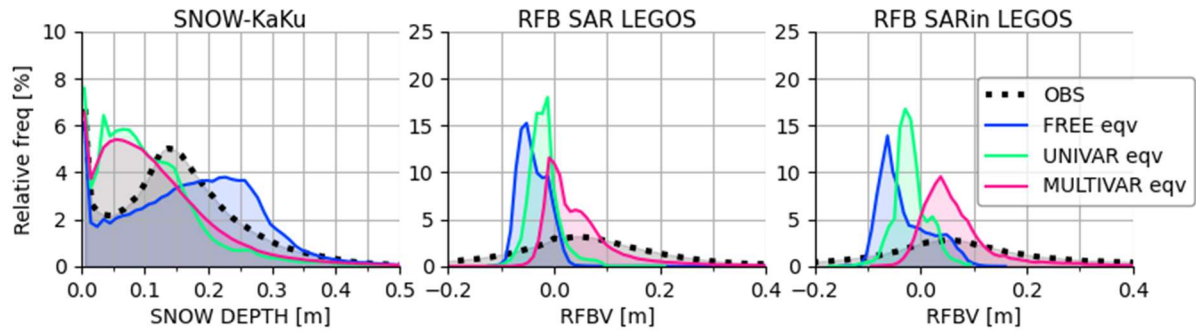
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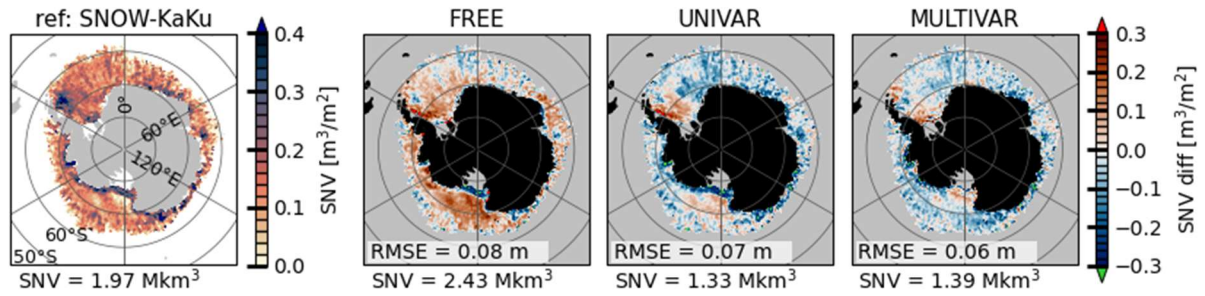
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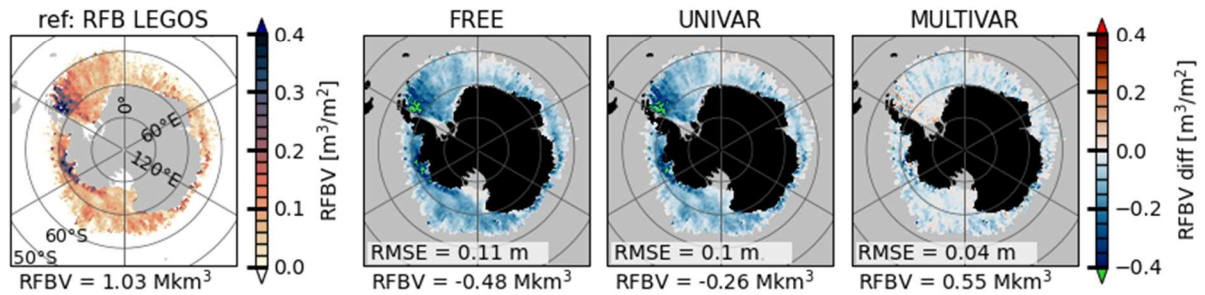
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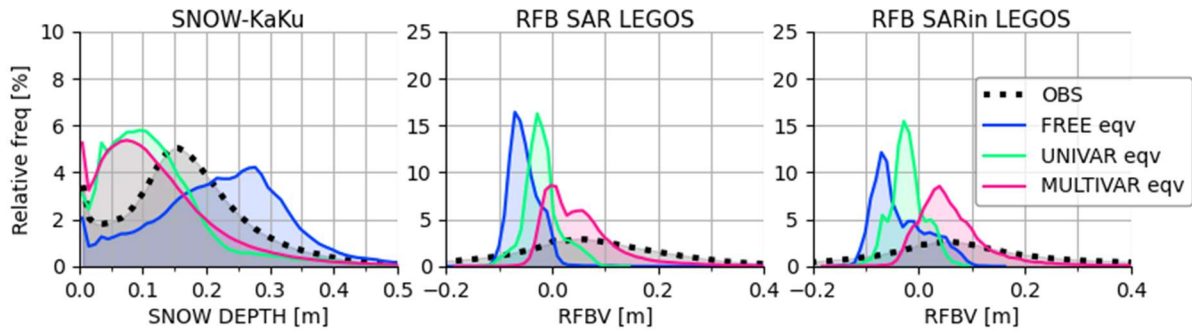
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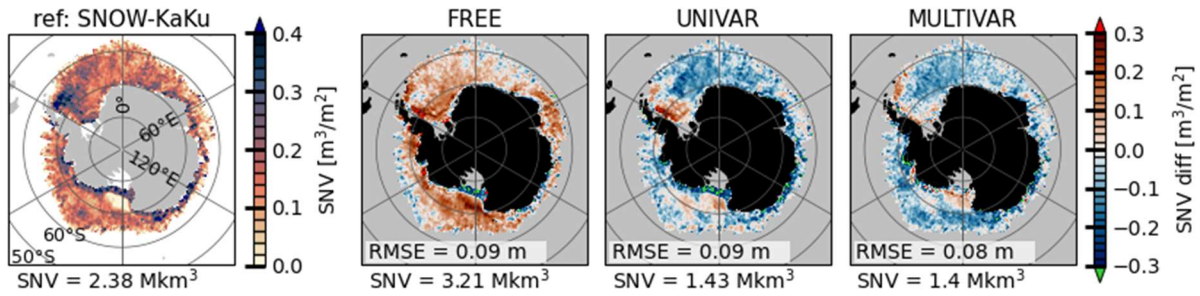
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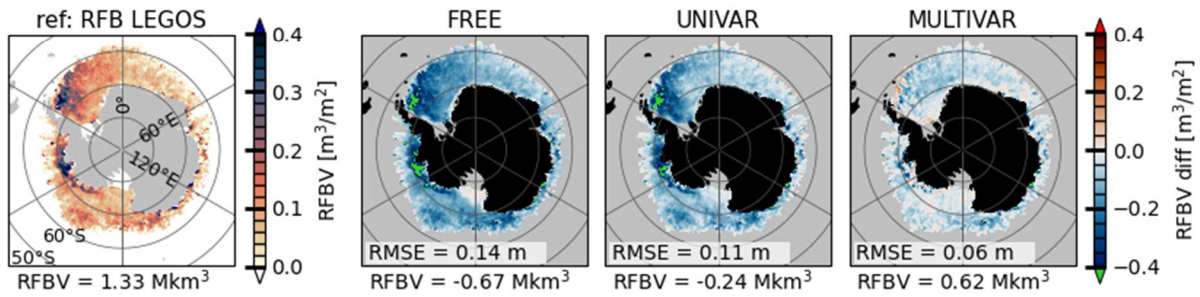
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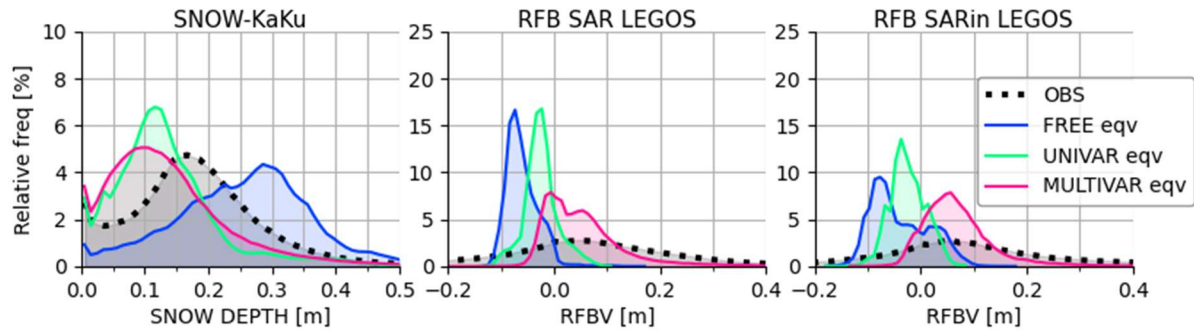
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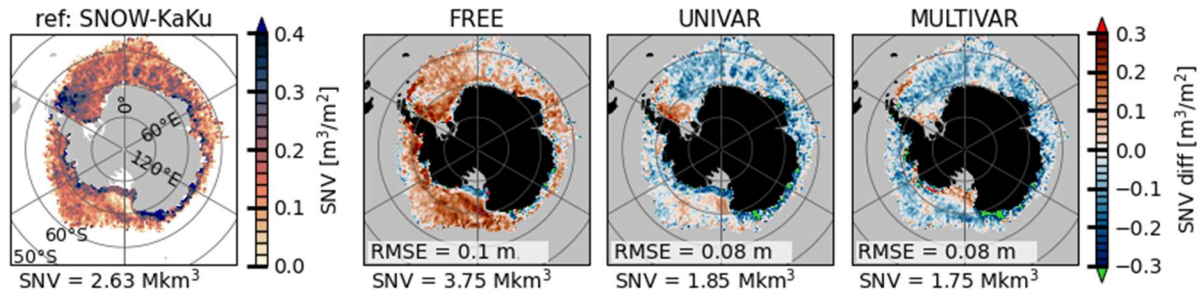
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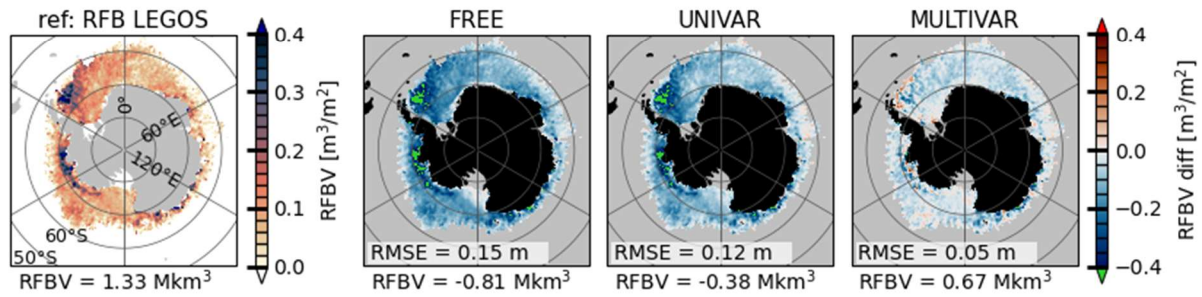
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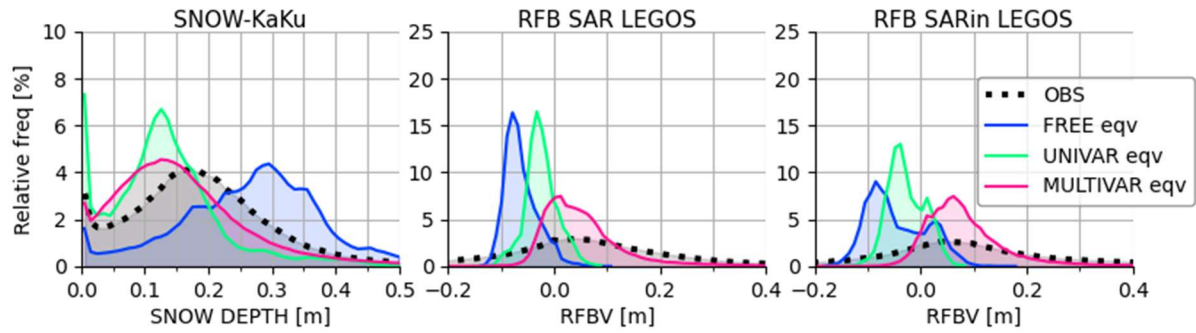
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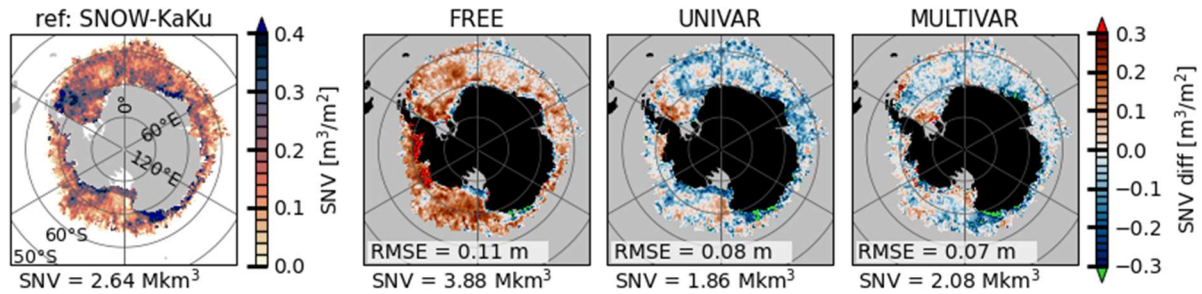
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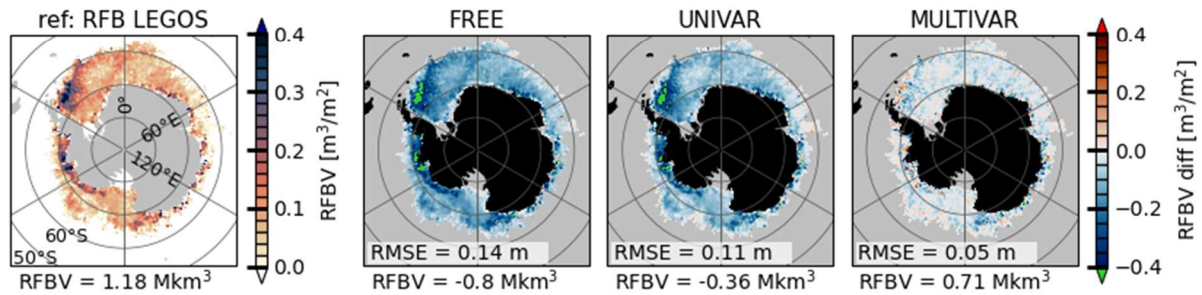
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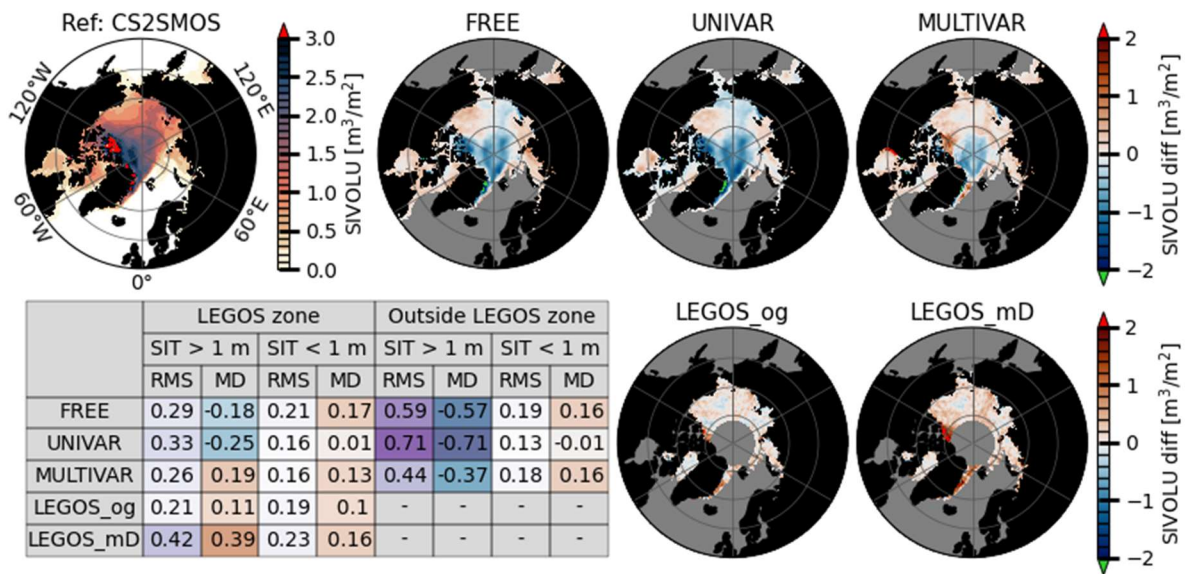
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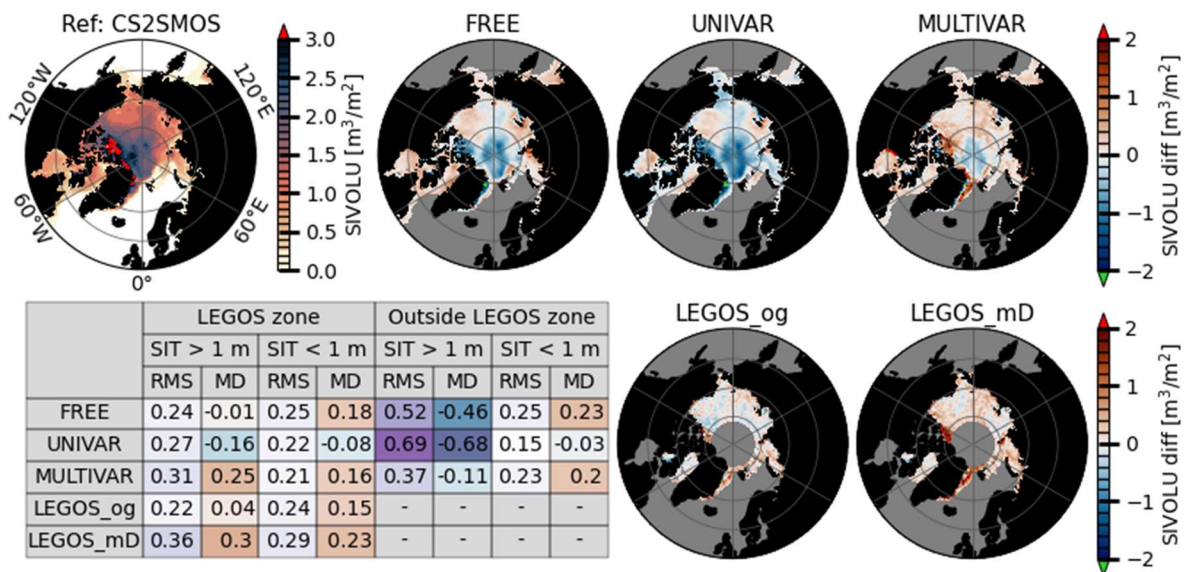
Sea ice volume in the Arctic

The following figures, similar to Figure 8 in the manuscript, display monthly sea ice volume with tables of statistics in the Arctic for the periods January 2017-April 2017, November 2017-April 2018 and November 2018-February 2019.. Monthly sea ice volume for CS2SMOS dataset (reference) and its difference with the FREE, UNIVAR, and MULTIVAR experiments (first line) and the observations LEGOS_og (original) and LEGOS_md (with model constant densities). Table: root mean square error (RMS) and mean difference (MD) between FREE, UNIVAR, MULTIVAR, LEGOS_og, LEGOS_md and CS2SMOS data, calculated on the LEGOS zone and outside the LEGOS zone and for CS2SMOS sea ice thickness of less than or greater than 1m. The table colors highlight the values close to 0 (white) and the extremes (green for the RMS, and blue/red for the negative/positive MD).

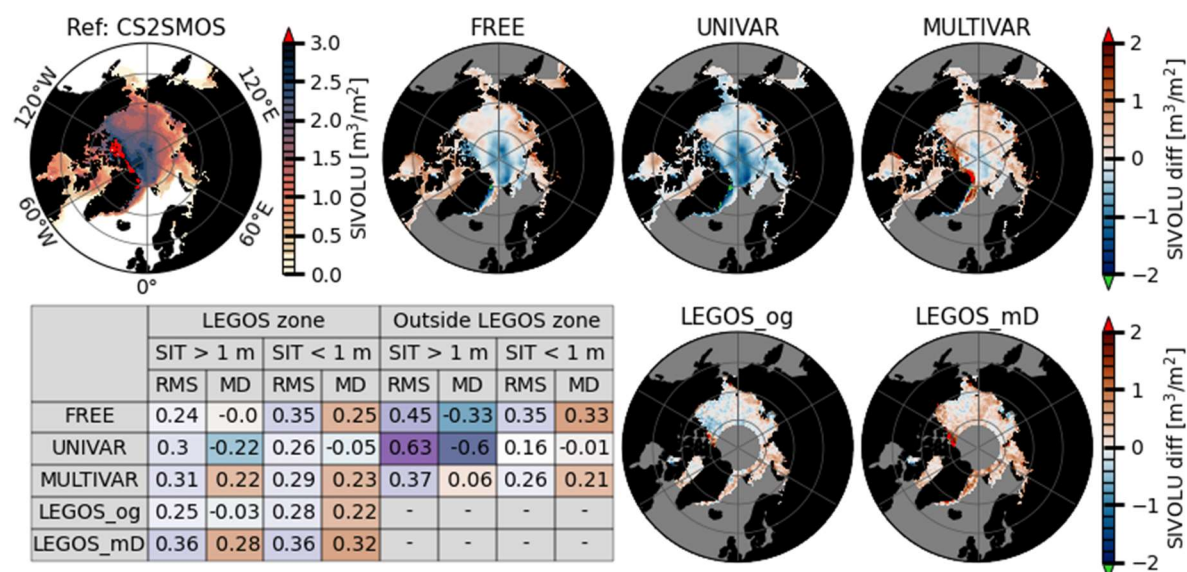
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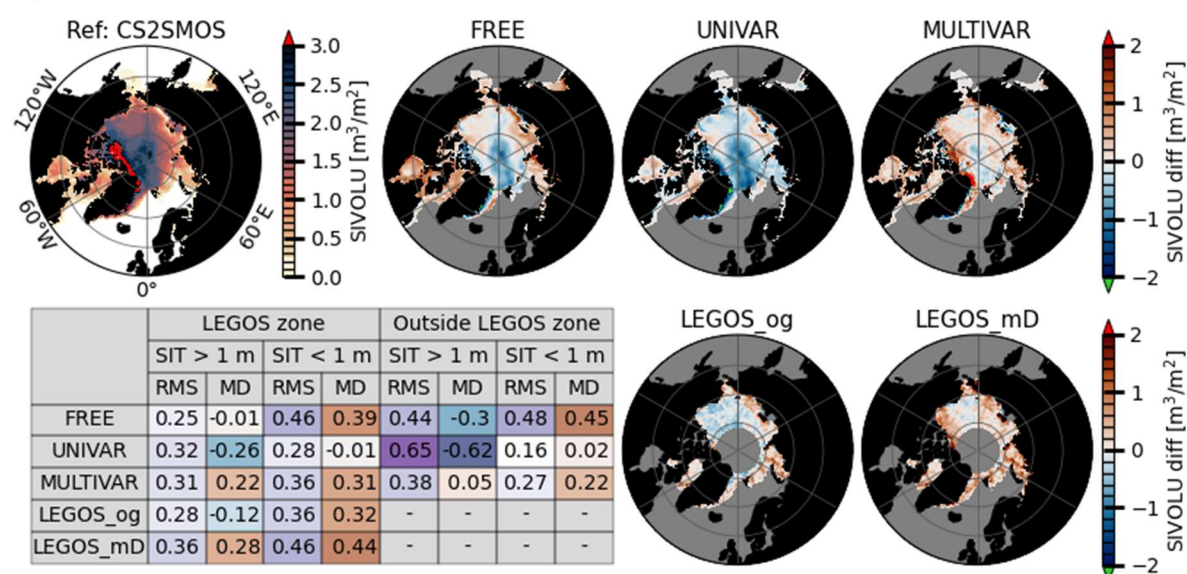
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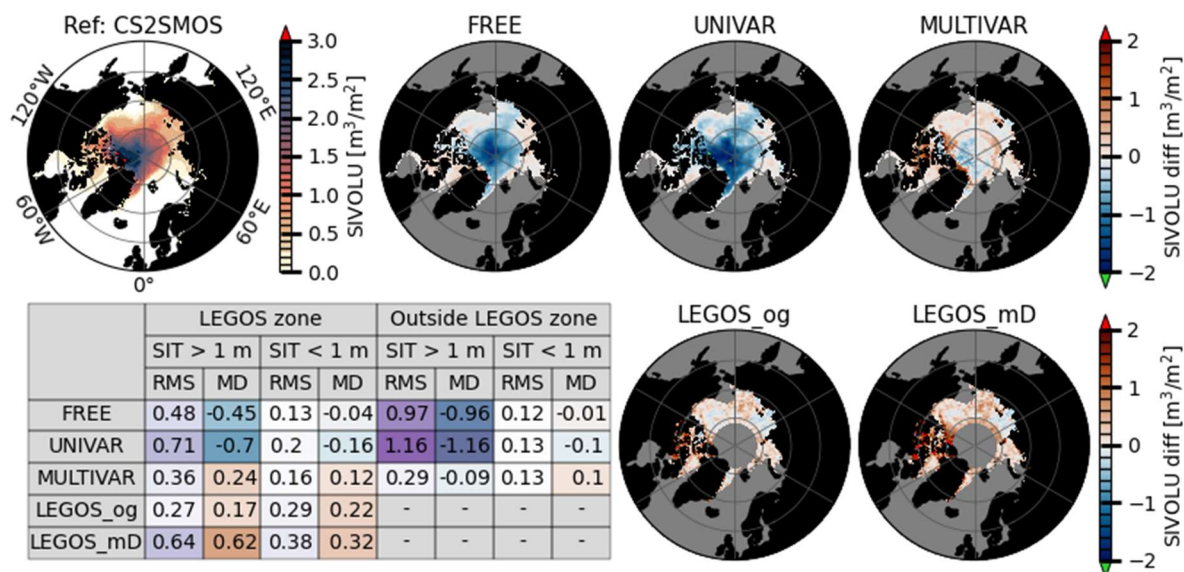
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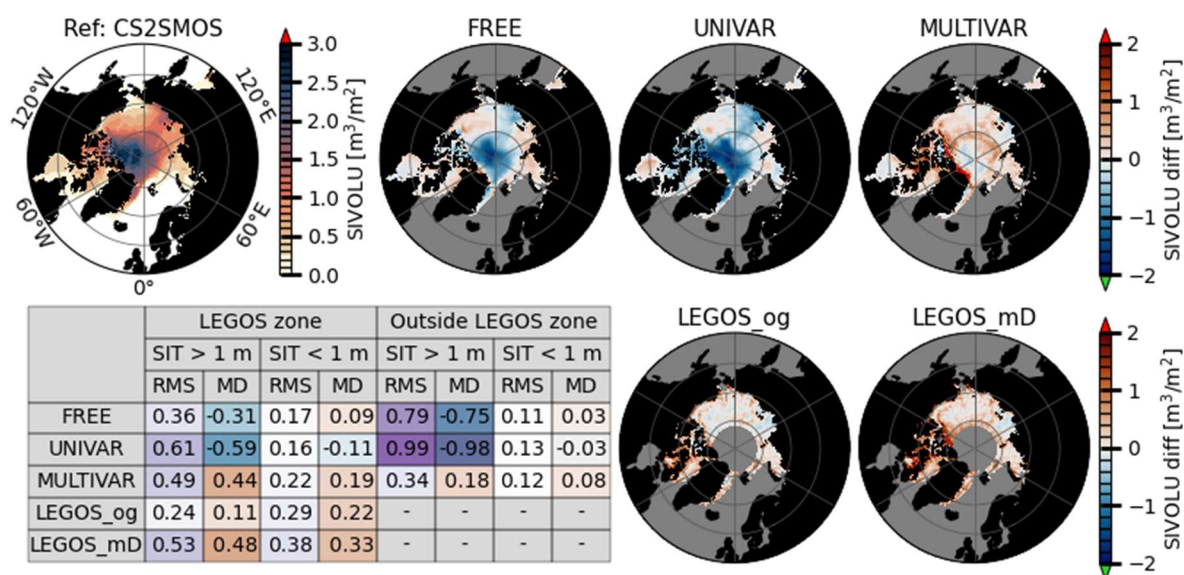
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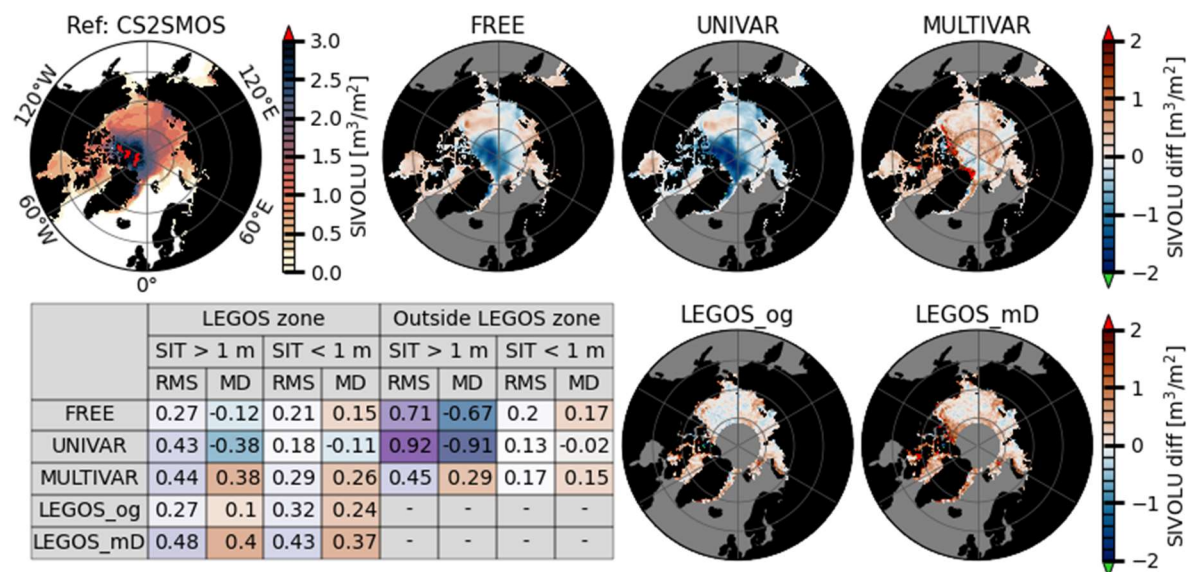
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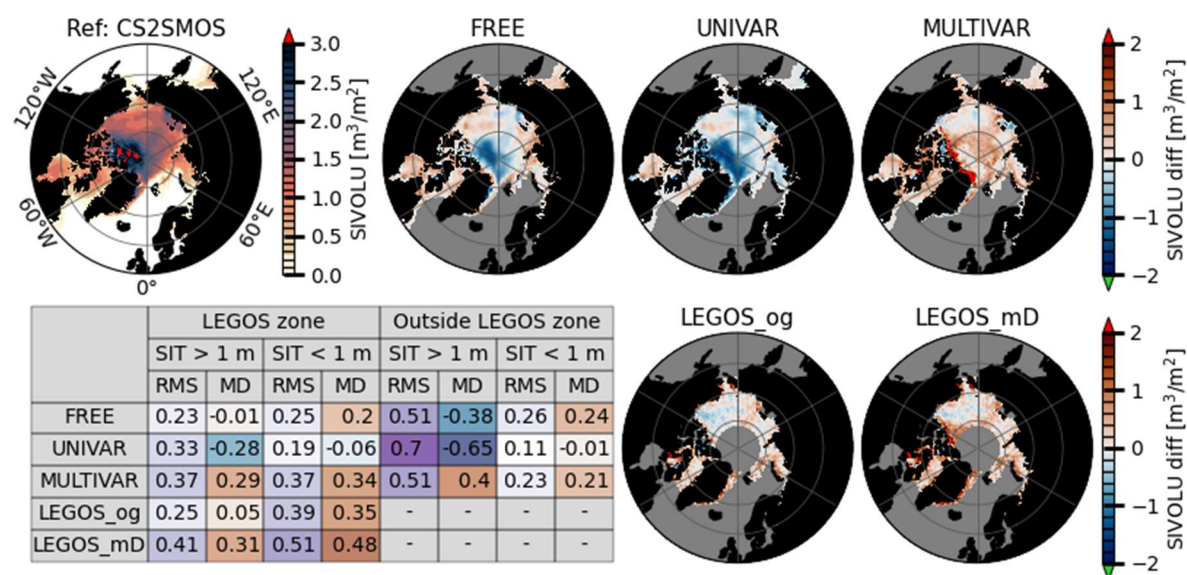
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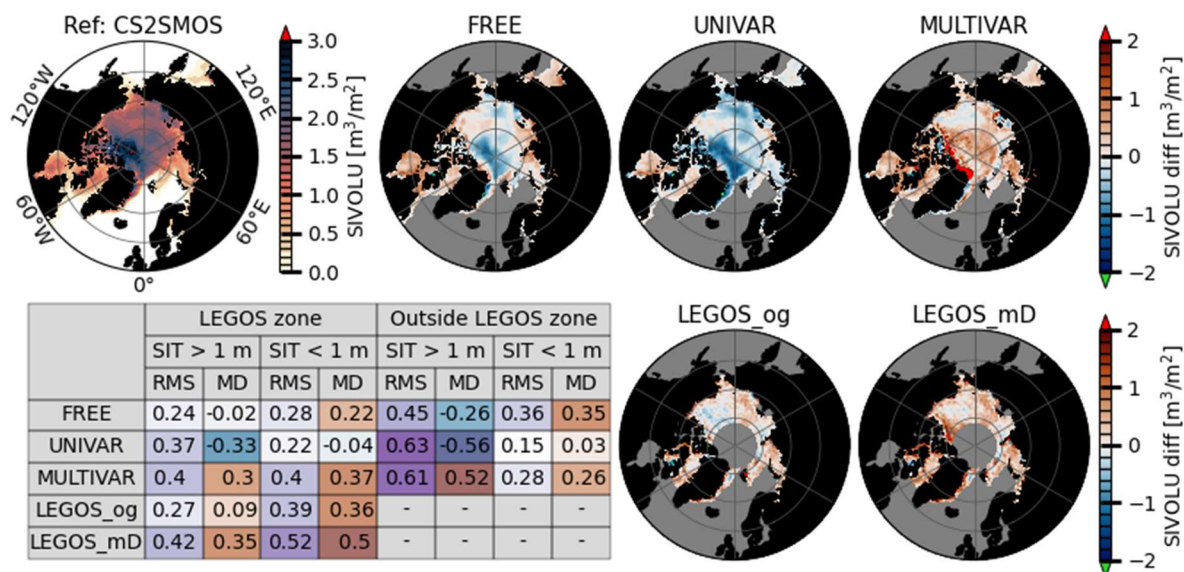
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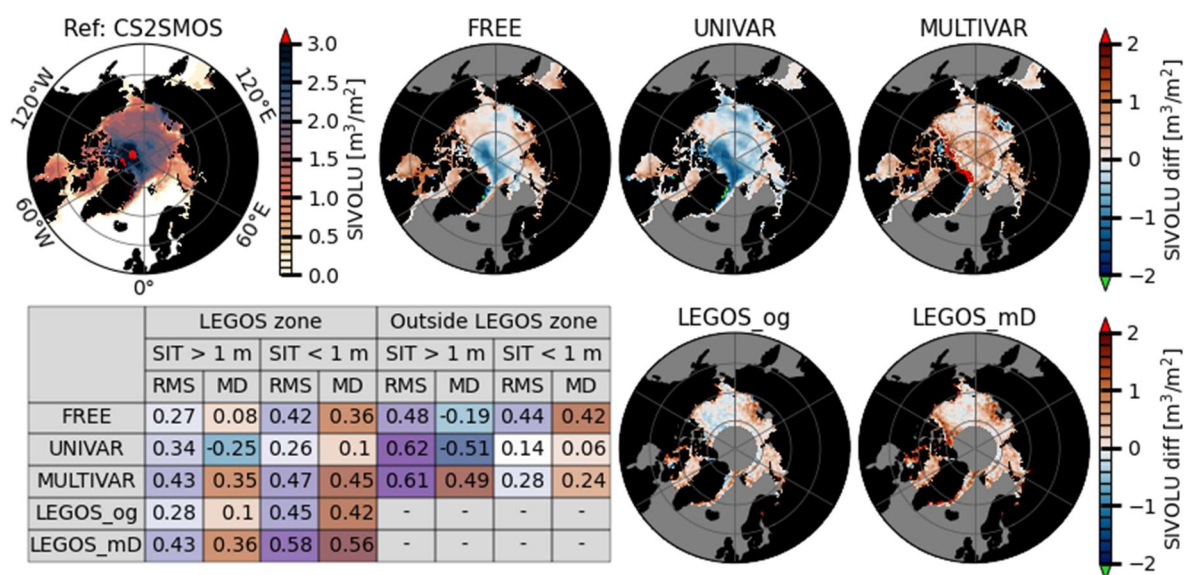
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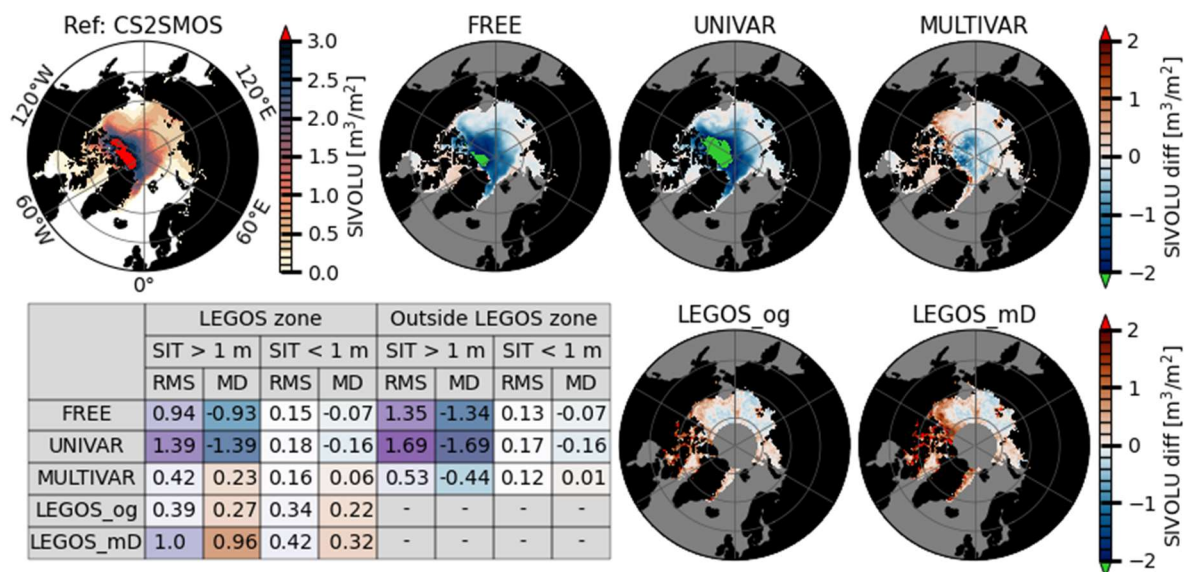
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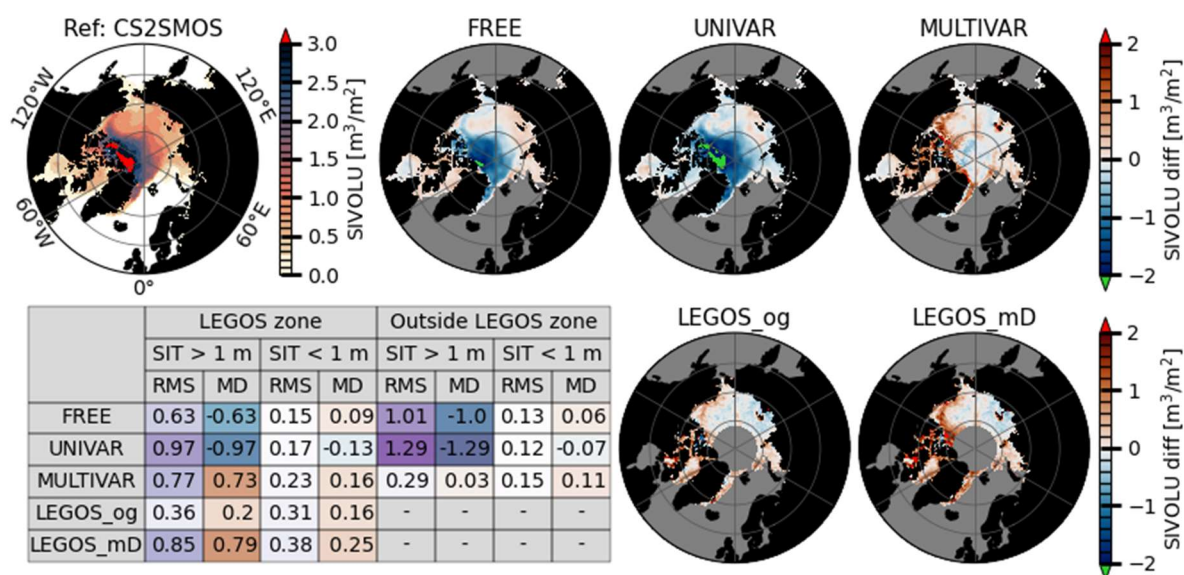
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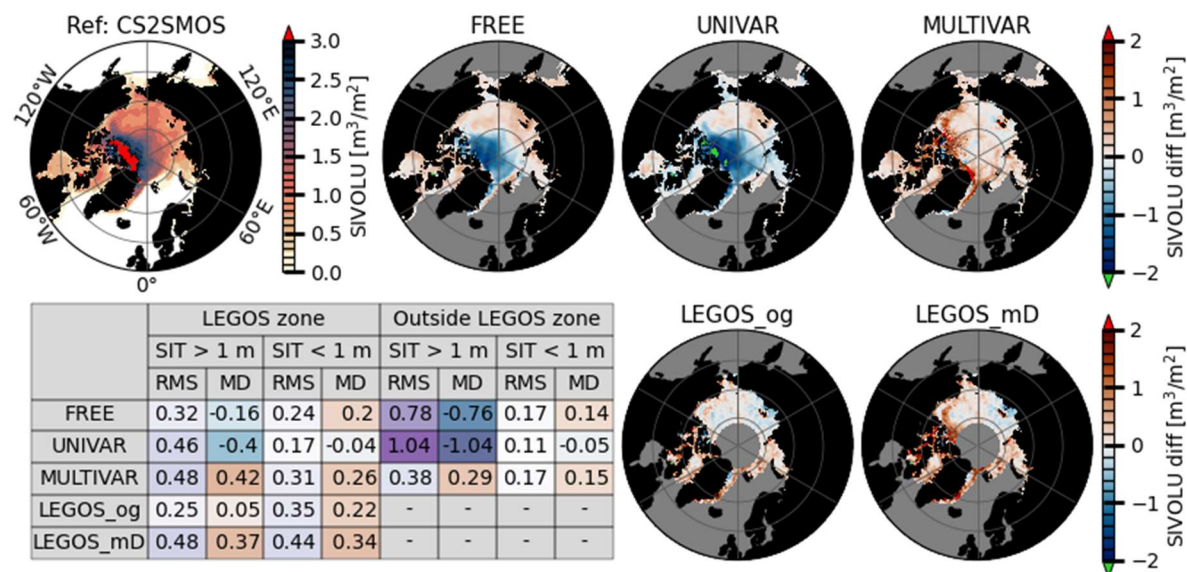
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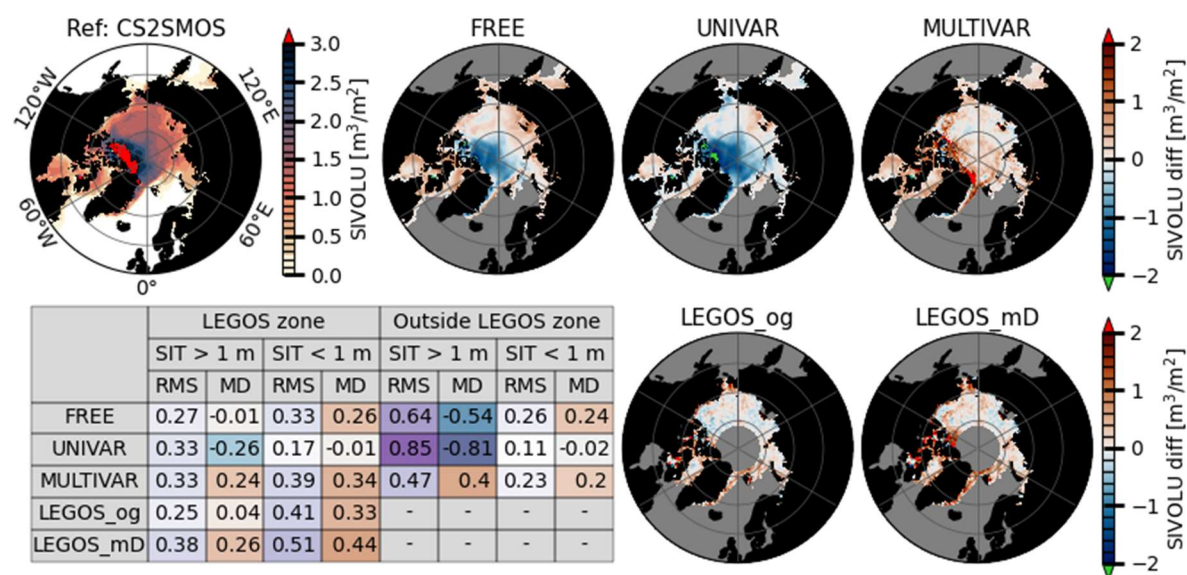
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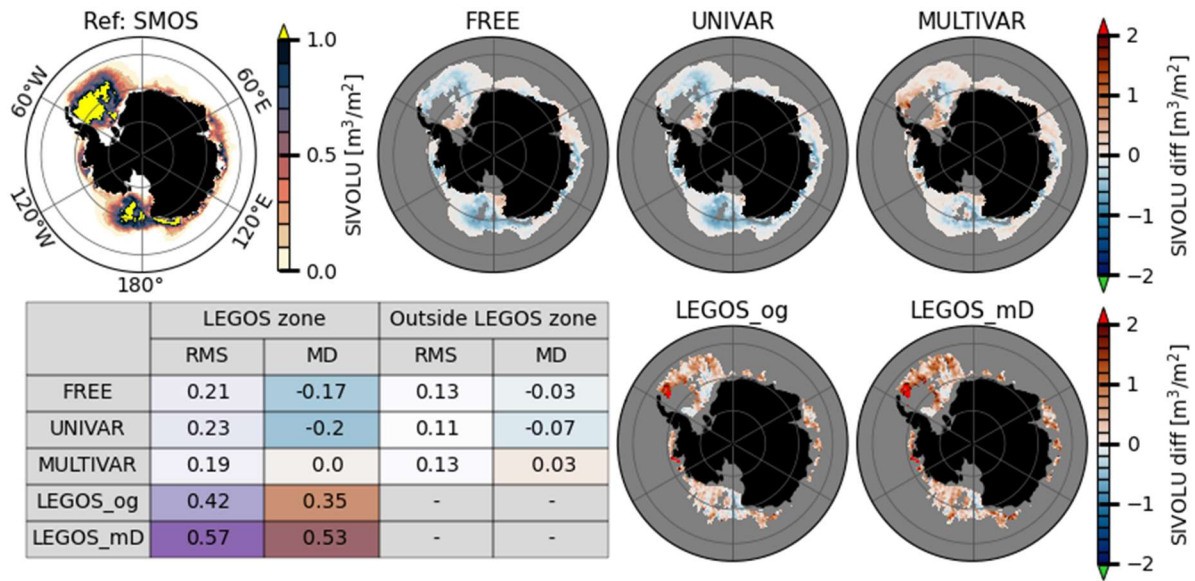
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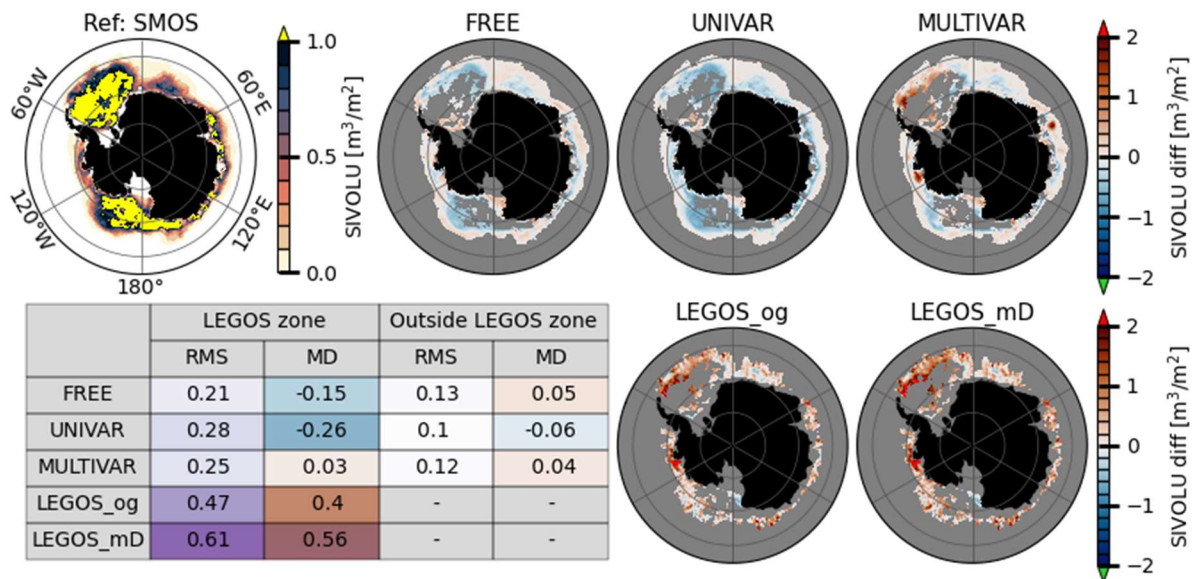
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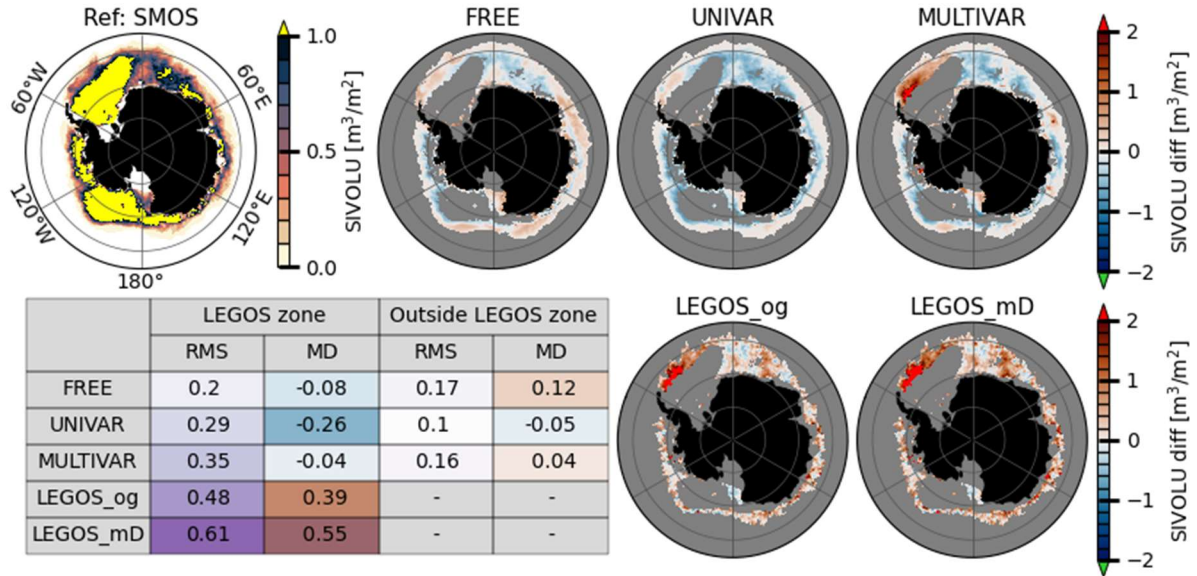
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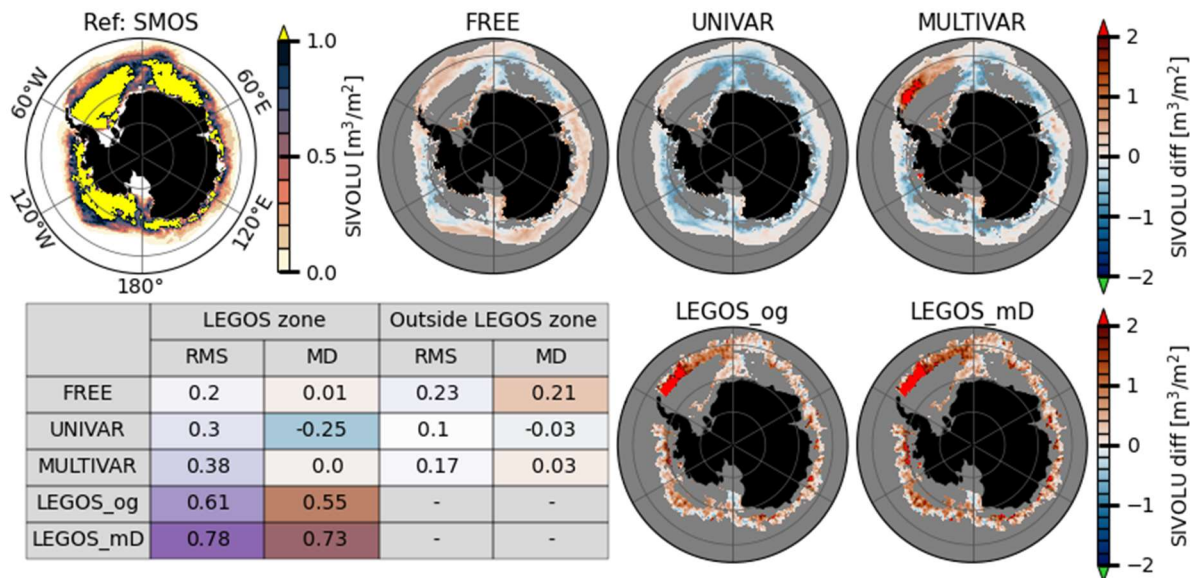
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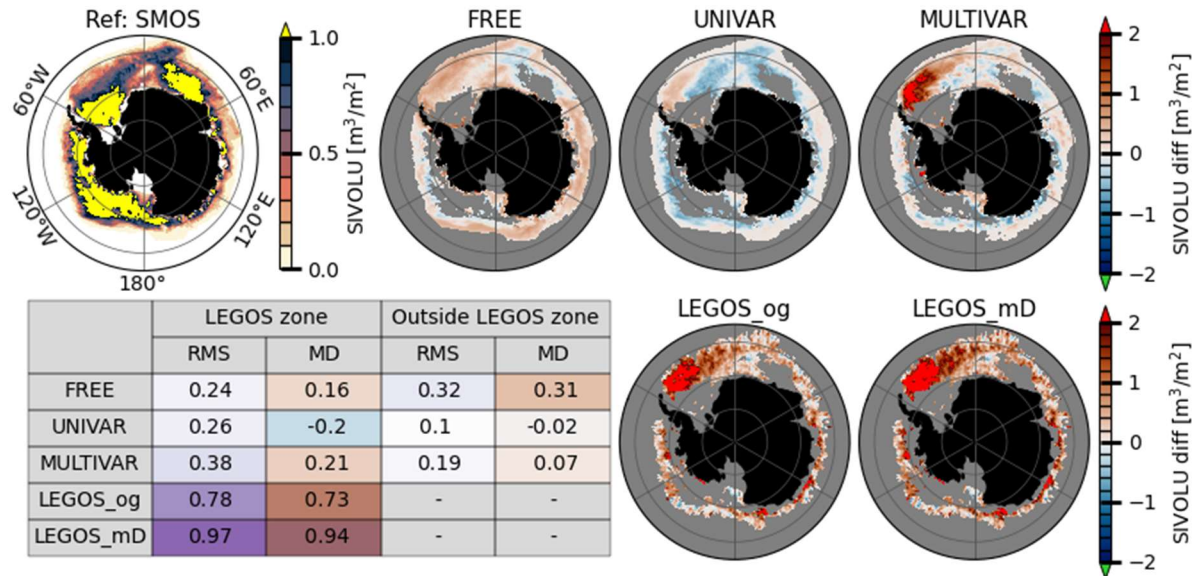
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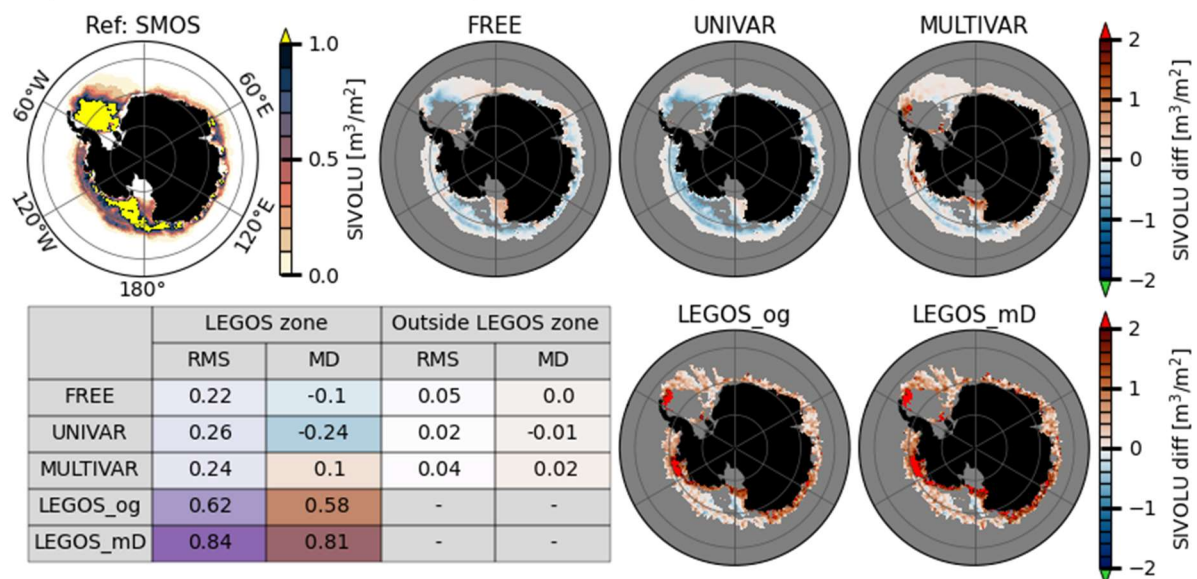
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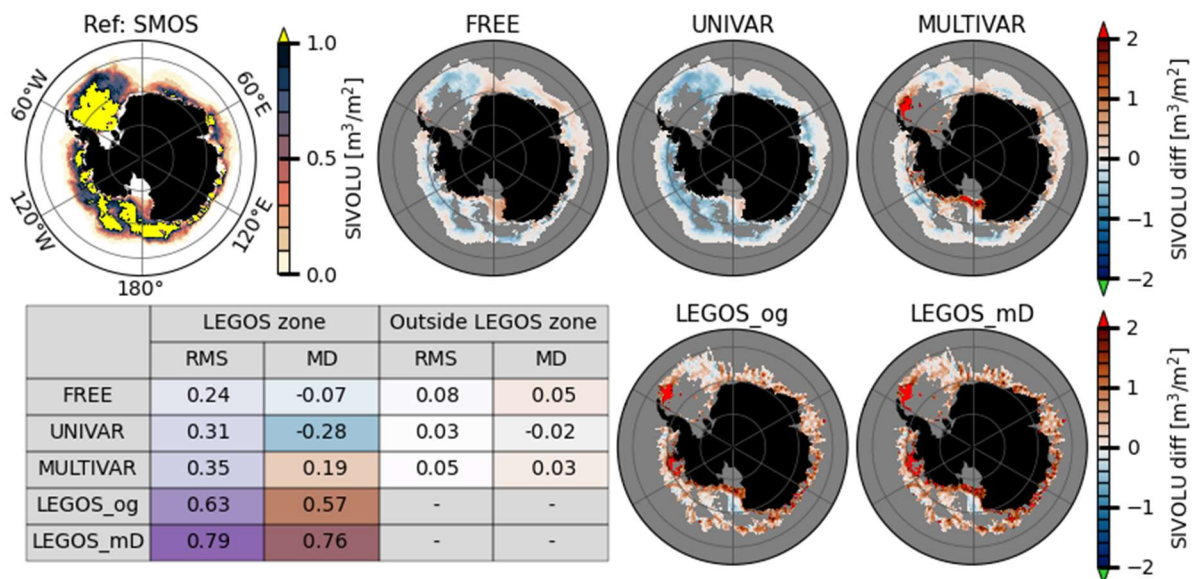
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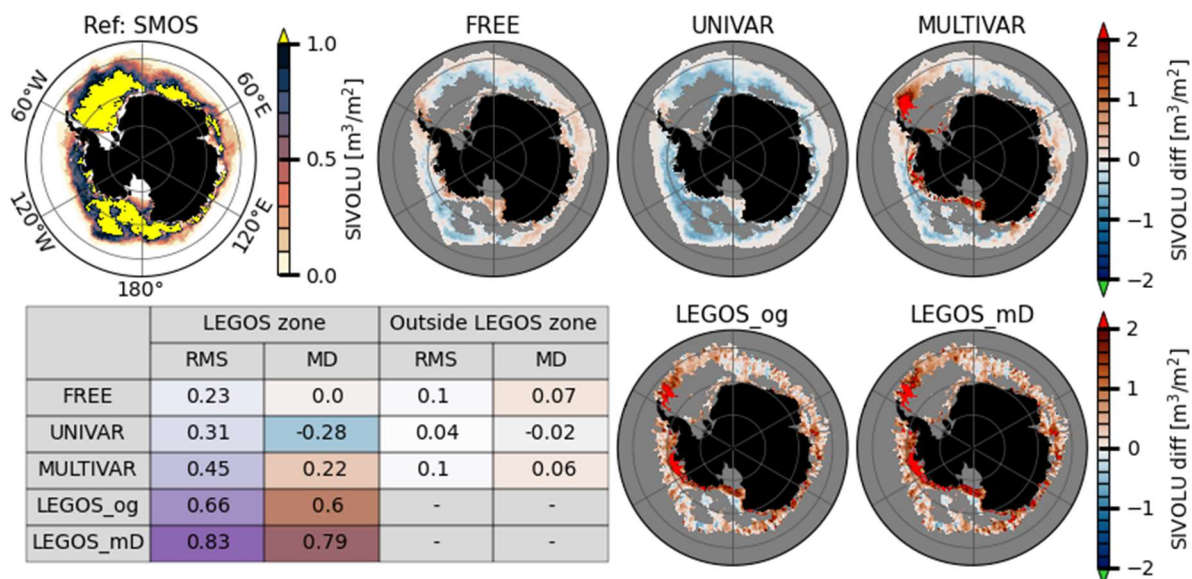
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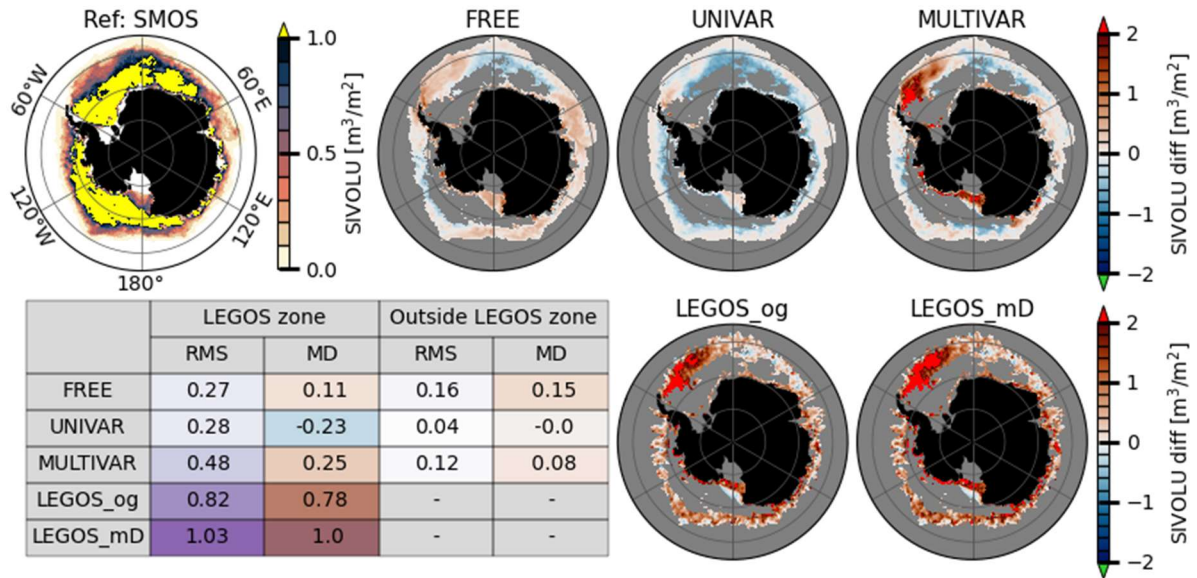
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