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Forecast-based attribution of the role of stratospheric variability in weather extremes

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S1. Extreme temperatures

In this section we include the figures analogous to Figs. 3, 4 and 5 of the main text, but for SSWJan19 (Figs. S1, S2, and S3) and SSWSep19 (Figs. S4, S5, and S6). Again, we use IFS as the representative model.

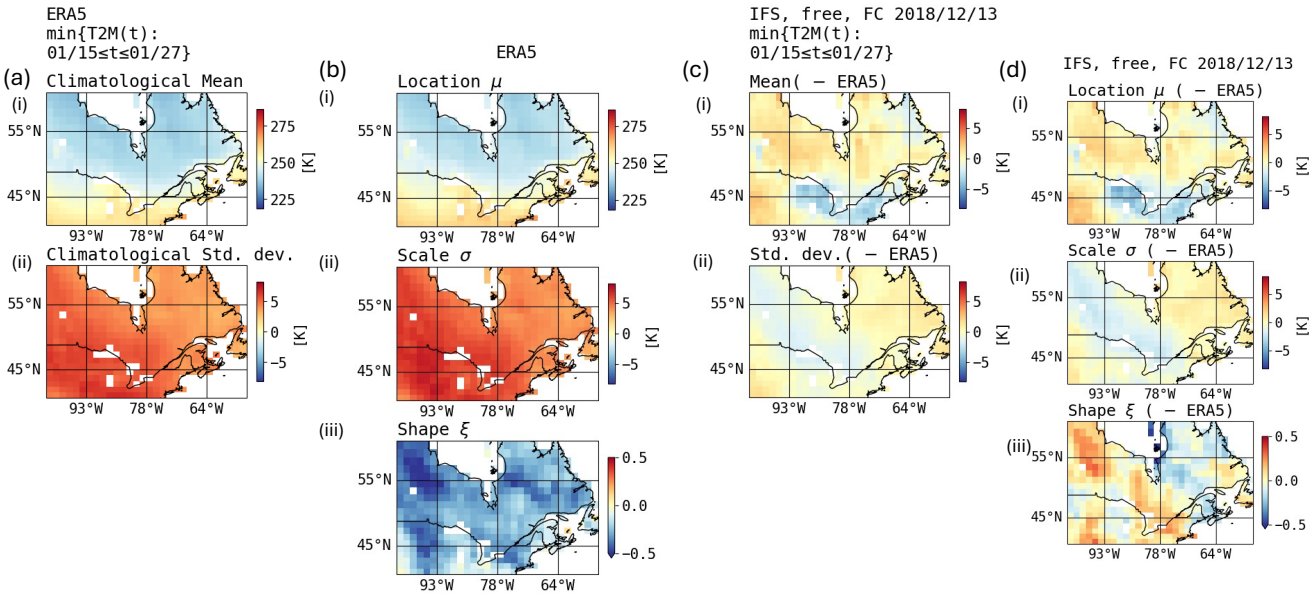

Figure S1. As Fig. 3 of the main text, but for SSWJan19. Statistical summary maps of surface temperature minima in the interval from 15-27 January. (a) Shows 'normal' statistics over the 'ensemble' of years from 1980–2020 in ERA5, (b) shows GEV statistics from ERA5, (c) and (d) show normal and GEV statistics respectively for the early initialization *free* experiment of the IFS model, relative to ERA5.

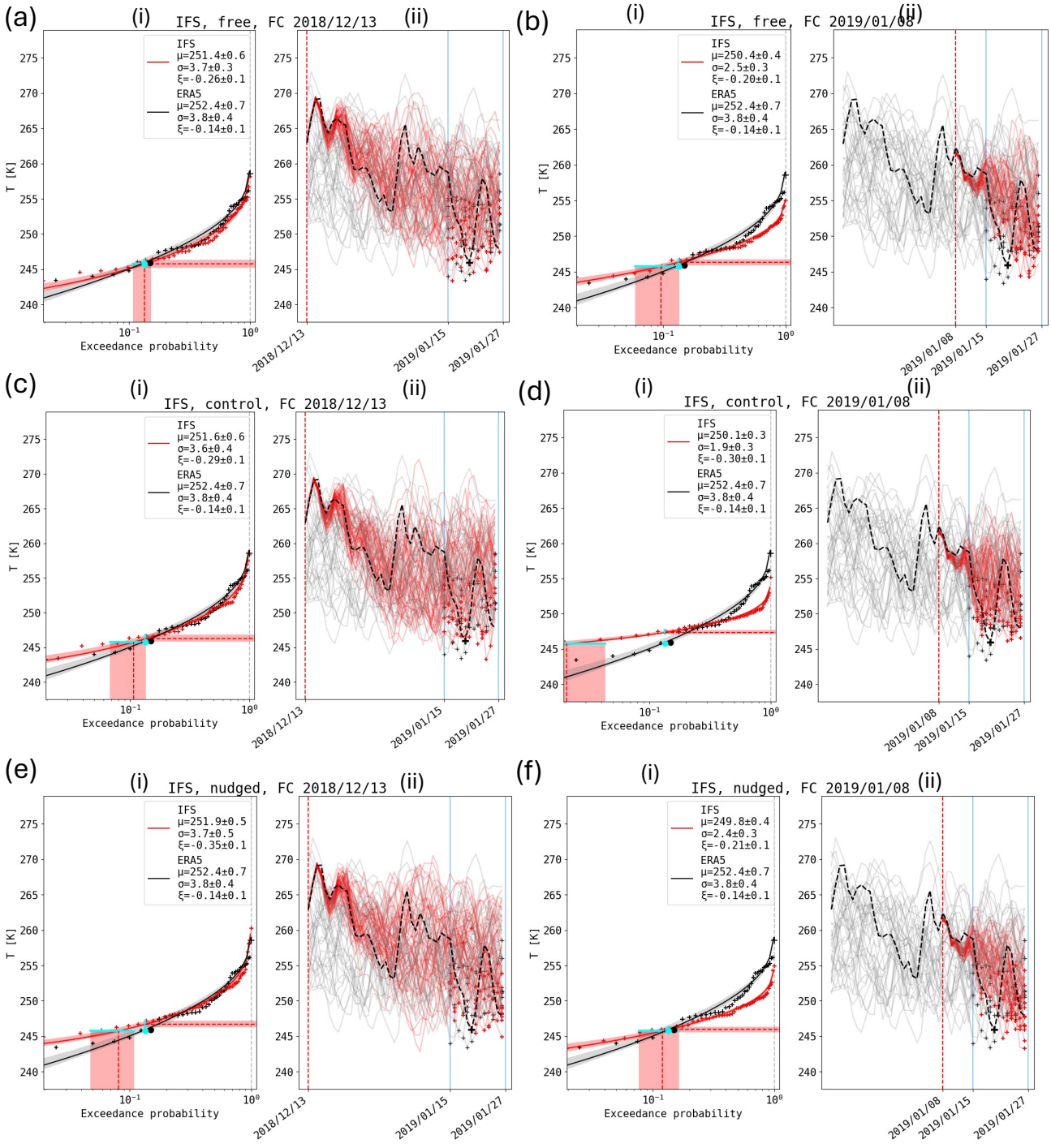

Figure S2. Same as Fig. 4 of the main text, but for SSWJan19. Shown are severity distributions (i) and timeseries (ii) of daily-minimum surface temperature, T, averaged over the full spatial region in Fig. S1. Left (a,c,e) and right (b,d,f) columns show early and late forecast dates. Top (a,b), middle (c,d), and bottom (e,f) rows show *free, nudged*, and *control* experiments.

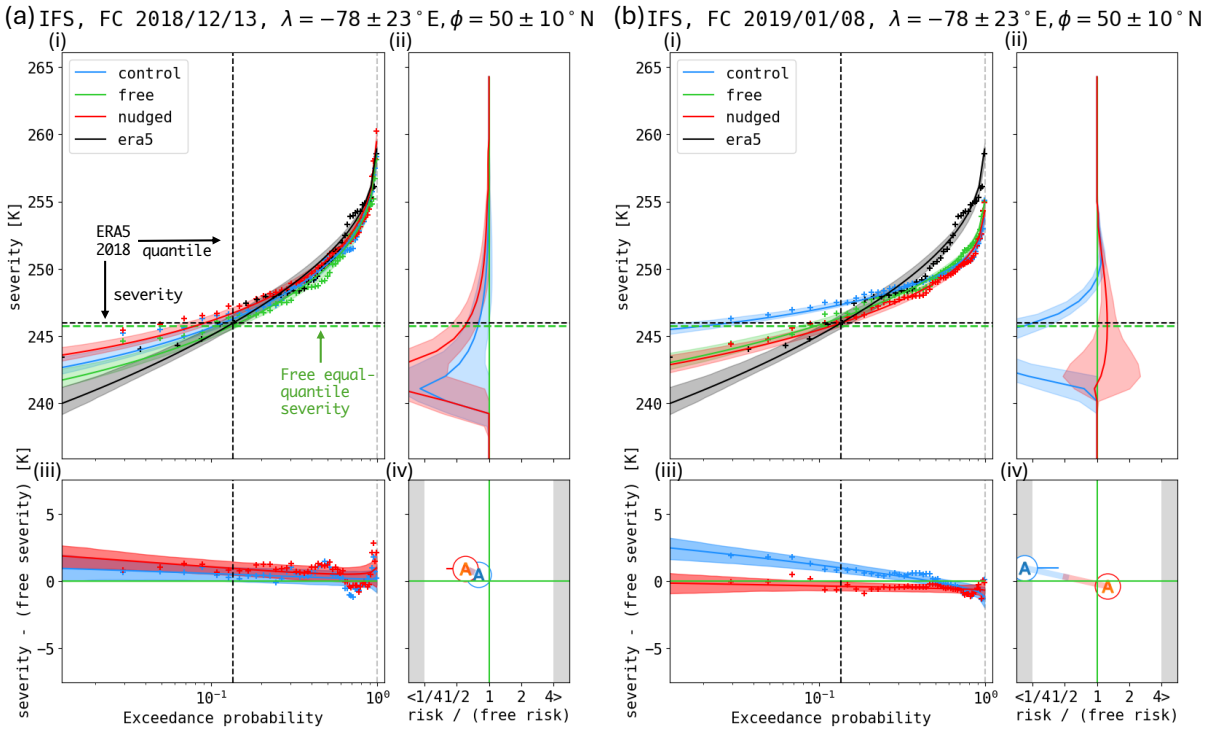

Figure S3. Same as Fig. 5 of the main text, but for SSWJan19. Summary of experimental effects according to IFS for SSWJan19, for both early (a) and late (b) initialization dates. Panels (i) show severities S^* vs. risk, meaning the probability of an event of even greater severity. Crosses represent empirical risks, solid lines represent GEV-fitted risks, and shaded bands represent 50% confidence intervals of GEV fits based on 1000 bootstrap resamplings. Dashed vertical and horizontal lines show the SSWFeb18 ERA5 risk and severity respectively. Panels (ii) show RR of the *control* and *nudged* distributions relative to *free*, as a function of severity. Panels (iii) show QSs of the *control* and *nudged* distributions relative to the *free*, as a function of risk, as well as empirical differences (available only when the two ensembles are equal in size). In other words, panels (ii,iii) respectively show horizontal and vertical differences between curves in panels (i). In panels (iv), we summarize each response as a single ordered pair (relative risk, quantile shift) by reading off intersections with the green dashed line in panels (ii) and the black vertical line in panels (iii). Any ratios $< \frac{1}{4}$ or > 4 would be clipped to the gray shading at the margins.

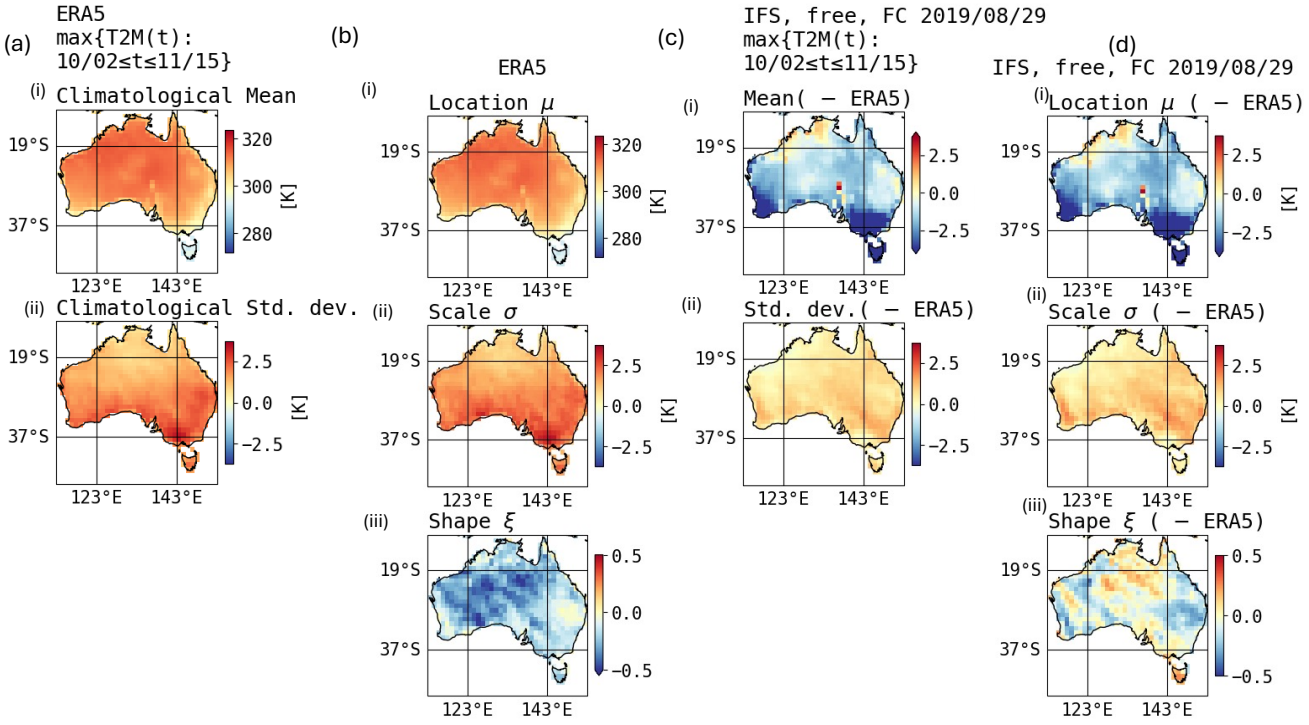

Figure S4. As Fig. S1 and Fig. 3 of the main text, but for SSWSep19, for which temperature maxima are condsidered over the period 2 October-15 November. (a) and (b) show ERA5 'normal' and GEV statistics respectively, (c) and (d) show normal and GEV statistics from the early initialization *free* IFS experiment, relative to ERA5.

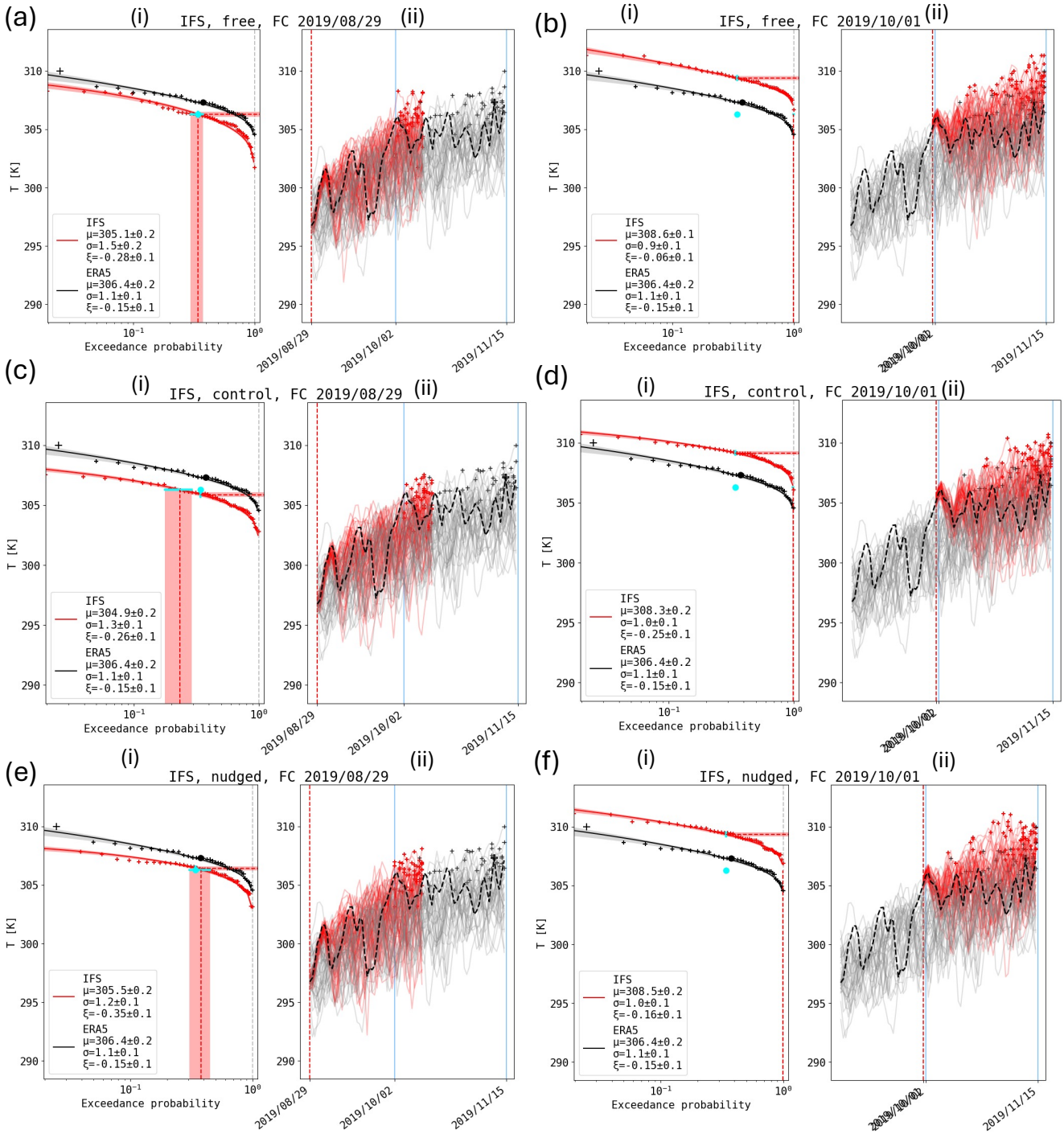

Figure S5. Same as Fig. 4 of the main text, but for SSWSep19. Shown are severity distributions (i) and timeseries (ii) of daily-maximum surface temperature, T, averaged over the full spatial region in Fig. S4. Left (a,c,e) and right (b,d,f) columns show early and late forecast dates. Top (a,b), middle (c,d), and bottom (e,f) rows show *free, nudged*, and *control* experiments.

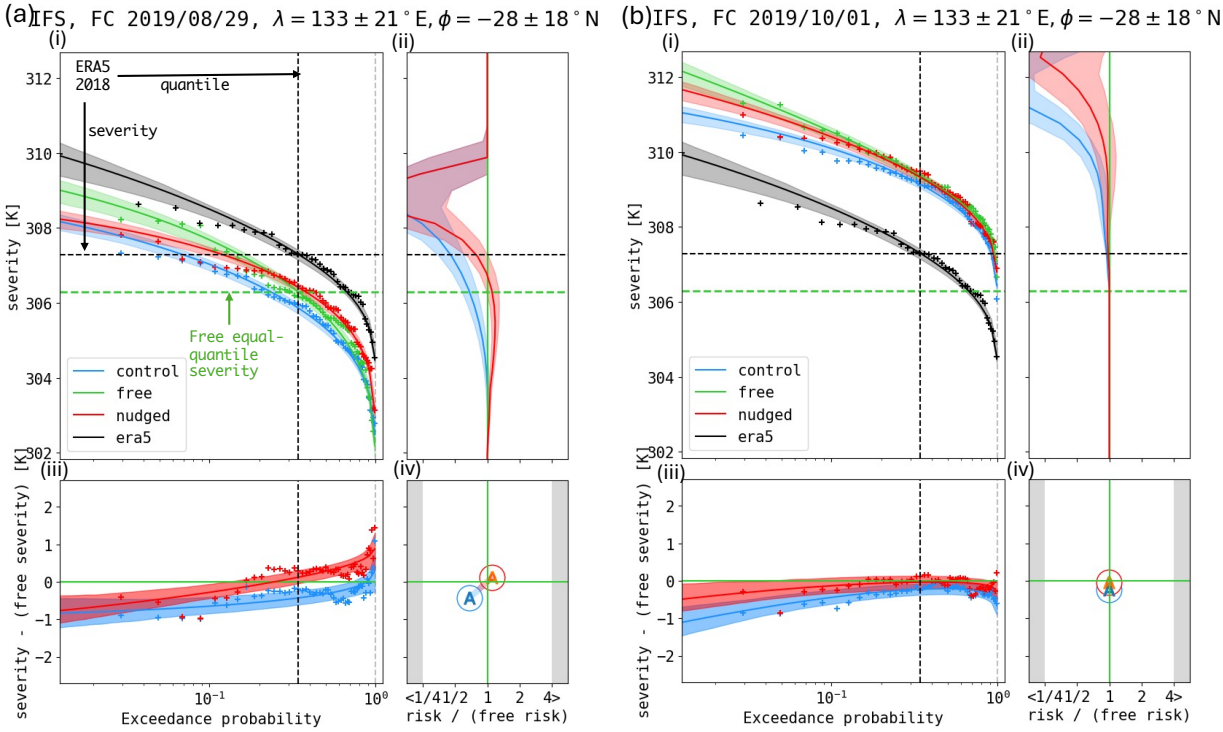

Figure S6. Same as Fig. S3 and Fig. 5 of the main text but for SSWSep19. Note that temperature maxima are considered in this case.

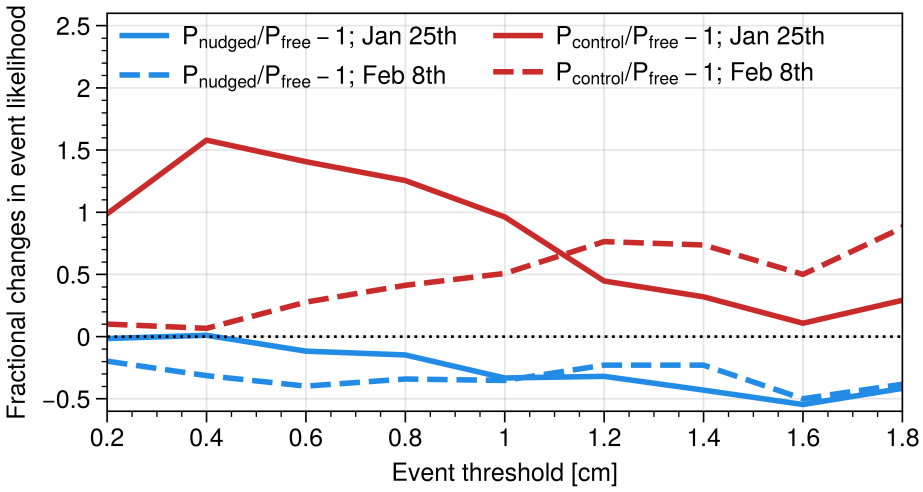

Figure S7. Multi-model mean RR of southern UK and Ireland snow, as Fig. 9 of the main text, but for varying snow depth thresholds. Shown for both early and late initializations of SSWFeb18.

S2. Extreme snow

Figure S7 illustrates the sensitivity of the multi-model mean RR for snow accumulation (Fig. 9 of the main text) to the selection of threshold snow depth (0.8 cm shown in the main text.)