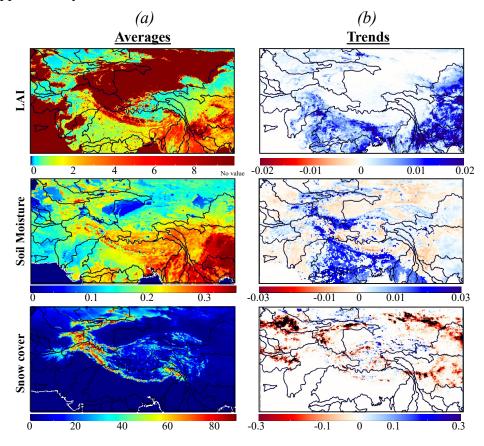
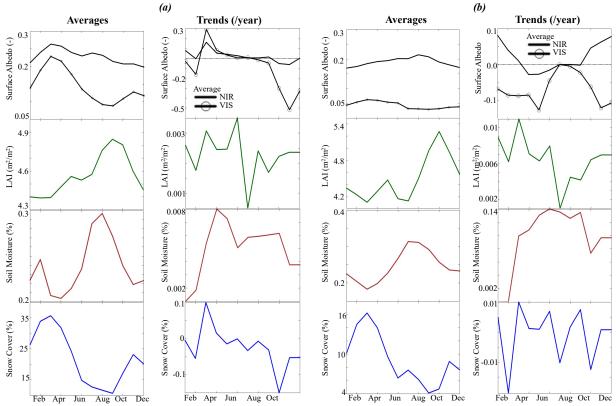
## 1 Supplementary Information



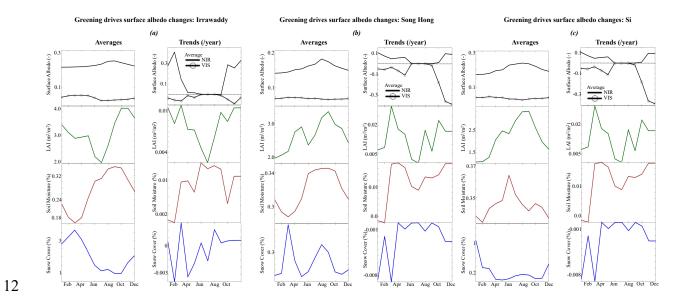
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## Snow Cover and LAI drive surface albedo changes: Ganges Central and Eastern Himalayas

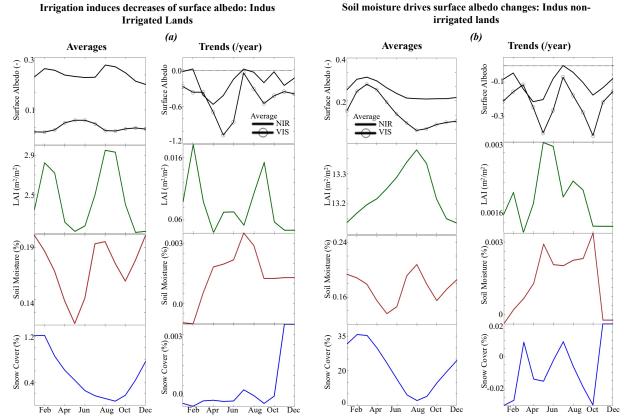
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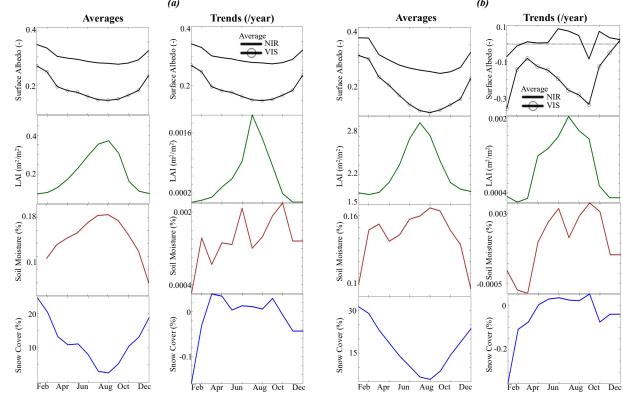
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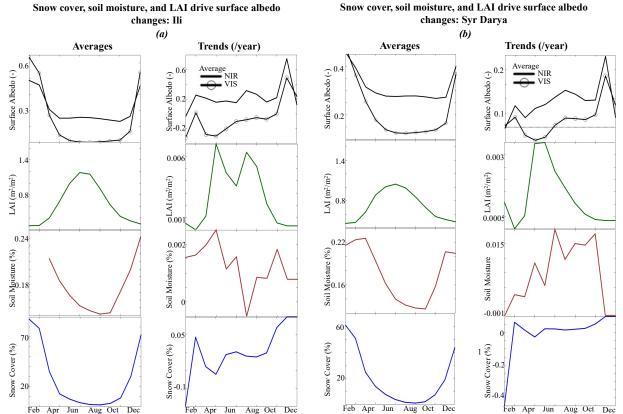
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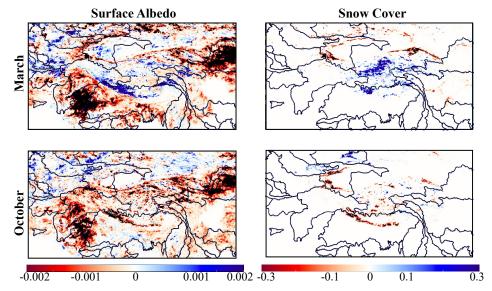
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Supplementary Figure 7: Spatial distributions of the yearly trends of visible white-sky surface albedo and snow cover in March and October. Trends were computed using the Mann-Kendall test with a confidence level of 95% show increasing trends in surface albedo and snow cover in Western Himalayas in March while the surface albedo tends to decrease in October.