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## **Evaluating Arctic clouds modelled with the Unified Model and Integrated Forecasting System**

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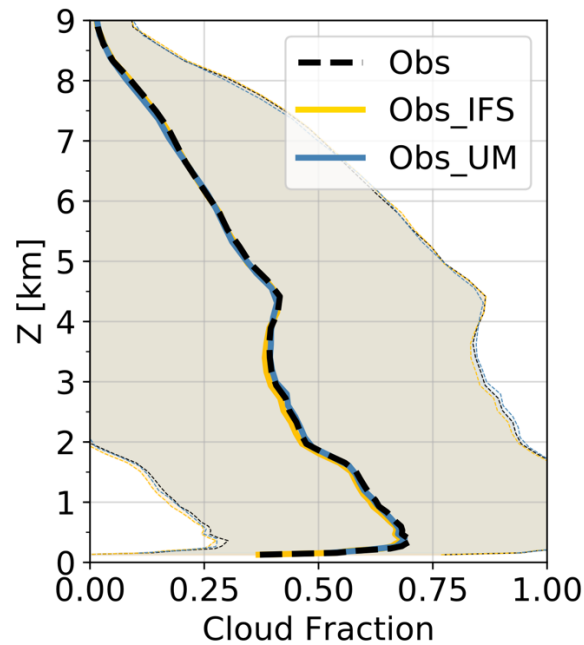
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# 1 Supporting Information

## 2 S1 Cloudnet

### 3 S1.1 Cloud fractions

4 Cloudnet produces a cloud fraction variable,  $C_V$ , in each model output file, which represents the Cloudnet cloud fraction  
5 calculated from observational data (from radar, lidar etc.) combined with the temperature and humidity profiles defined by the  
6 filename. For example,  $C_V$  in the UM\_RA2M output corresponds to model temperature and humidity profiles combined with  
7 retrieved cloud properties from the remote sensing instruments on board *Oden* to produce a defined cloud fraction. These  $C_V$   
8 variables from the observation, UM\_RA2M, and ECMWF\_IFS Cloudnet output files are shown in **Fig. S1**. *Obs\_Cv* represents  
9 the measured/retrieved temperature profiles with reference to the radar vertical grid. **Figure S1** therefore demonstrates that the  
10 chosen grid on which the  $C_V$  data are shown have little impact on the mean profile.



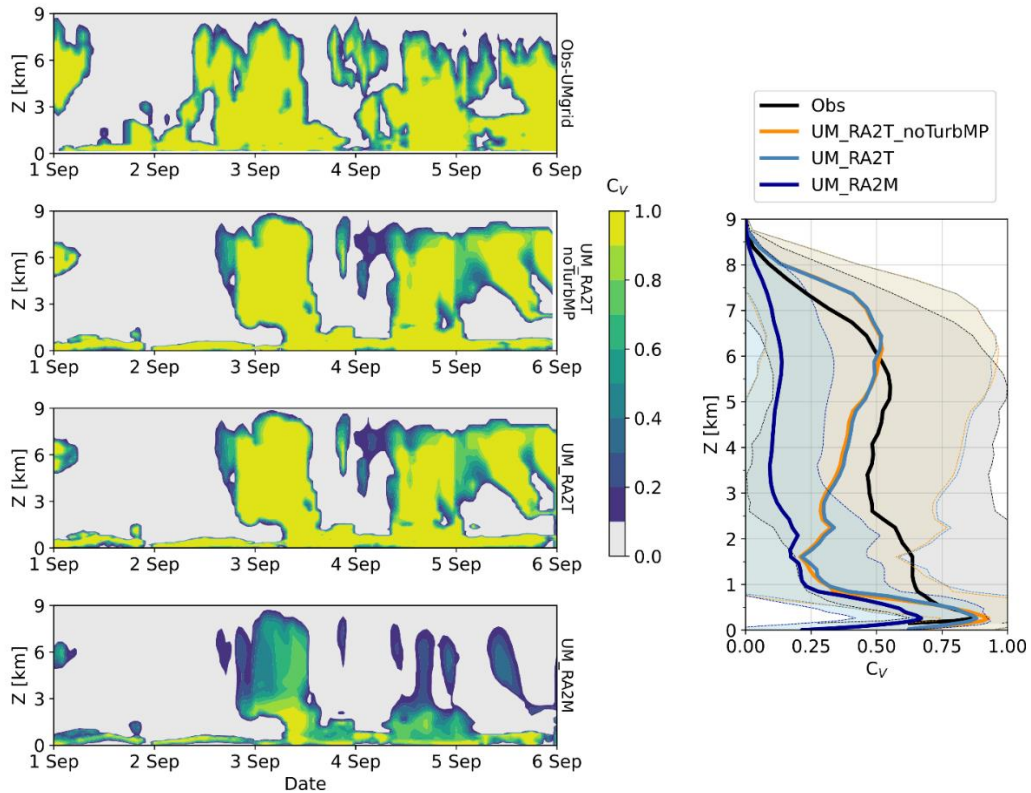
**Figure S1:** Comparison of cloud fraction ( $C_V$ ) on native radar (Obs), IFS (Obs\_IFS), and UMLAM (Obs\_UM) vertical grid.

11 Poor comparisons between modelled and observed cloud fractions is a perennial problem in climate science, and our results  
12 indicate that the large-scale cloud scheme used to represent sub-grid-scale variability in the *RH* field may be responsible for  
13 producing particularly poor comparisons with observations. Cloudnet represents sub-grid-scale variability in observed cloud  
14 fractions by assigning a value of 0 or 1 at each vertical point, dependent on whether there is any form of cloud water present  
15 (including frozen precipitation), before data are averaged from the raw sample frequency to the model grid. This assignment is  
16 not necessarily equivalent to a model's bulk cloud fraction by volume,  $C_V$ , given the parameterisation of sub-grid-scale

17 processes in models is imposed after the calculation of advected parameters. This discrepancy is not a new finding; **Illingworth**  
18 **et al., (2007)** noted the UM – both global and mesoscale variants using the **Smith (1990)** large-scale cloud scheme – had  
19 difficulty with simulating completely cloudy grid boxes. Similarly, **Hogan et al. (2001)** have previously shown that the  
20 ECMWF IFS underpredicts the fraction of observed cloud below 7 km.

21 Cloud fractions are diagnostic for UM\_RA2M and UM\_CASIM-100 (following **Smith, 1990**); prognostic for ECMWF\_IFS  
22 and UM\_RA2T (using PC2 scheme; **Wilson et al., 2008**). Both diagnostic and prognostic approaches use the instantaneous  
23 condensation assumption applied to a PDF of moisture and temperature (**Bush et al., 2020**). In the **Smith (1990)** scheme, the  
24 liquid and ice cloud fractions,  $C_{liq}$  and  $C_{ice}$ , are diagnosed from prognostic grid-box mean liquid and ice mass mixing ratios,  
25  $q'_{liq}$  and  $q'_{ice}$  (**Wilson et al., 2008; Bush et al., 2020**), which are then combined assuming minimum overlap to compute  $C_V$ .  
26 The  $C_{liq}$  would be 0.5 when the grid-box mean total specific humidity is at saturation for the given temperature, since the  
27 parameterisation PDF of sub-grid-scale variability in  $RH$  and temperature is symmetric (**Wilson et al., 2008**). The **Smith (1990)**  
28 scheme was designed this way to keep the  $RH$  and bulk cloud fraction at realistic values (less than 1) over large grid-boxes. In  
29 our UM simulations, this cloud fraction is supplemented by an empirical adjustment based on aircraft observations (**Wood and**  
30 **Field, 2000**) which affects the rate at which cloud fraction increases once  $RH_{crit}$  is reached, increasing  $C_V$  up to 0.7 at 100%  
31  $RH$ ; however, this adjustment is still insufficient to attain the cloud fractions approximately equal to 1 obtained from our  
32 observations.

33 Both the PC2 scheme in UM\_RA2T and the cloud scheme in ECMWF\_IFS are based on **Tiedtke (1993)**; both use prognostic  
34 cloud fraction and condensate variables, with the former calculated directly from condensate sources/sinks rather than being  
35 linked to the grid-box mean liquid water mixing ratio (as in the **Smith 1990** scheme; **Forbes and Ahlgrimm, 2014**). In the  
36 PC2 scheme,  $C_{liq}$  is not diagnosed from  $q'_{liq}$ ; therefore, autoconversion does not affect  $C_{liq}$ , but does alter  $q'_{liq}$ , allowing thin  
37 clouds with low  $q'_{liq}$  to maintain a high  $C_{liq}$  (**Wilson et al., 2008; Bush et al., 2020**). Given the results described here, it appears  
38 that this functionality is critical to replicating cloud fractions comparable to those calculated from observations using Cloudnet.  
39 UM\_RA2T also has the extra source of sub-grid turbulent production of mixed-phase cloud; in a test with this option switched  
40 off it was found that this process does not account for the improved cloud fraction comparison with observations (**Fig. S2**).



**Figure S2:**  $C_V$  (a) observed and modelled by (b) UM\_RA2T without sub-grid turbulent production of mixed-phase cloud switched on (UM\_RA2T\_noTurbMP), (c) UM\_RA2T, and (d) UM\_RA2M for a subset of the drift period (1 Sep to 6 Sep), illustrating that the inclusion of this sub-grid process does not account for the high cloud fractions modelled by the UM\_RA2T case.

41 With 3 separate cloud fractions instead of one total fraction (as represented in **Smith, 1990**), the PC2 scheme can represent  
 42 overlap between the liquid and ice fractions, i.e., a mixed-phase cloud fraction (**Wilson et al., 2008**). This ability is likely  
 43 important in reproducing the common mixed-phase clouds in the Arctic. The liquid cloud fraction represented by PC2 is  
 44 equivalent to the total cloud fraction diagnosed by **Smith (1990)**, whereas the ice cloud fraction is calculated from the  
 45 prognostic  $q_{ice}$ . The total cloud fraction is then the volume of a grid-box containing cloud, calculated assuming minimum  
 46 overlap, between the liquid and ice cloud fractions (**Wilson et al., 2008**). As such, PC2 can represent a wide range of *IWC* for  
 47 the same cloud fraction, whereas this relationship is fixed for a given temperature with the **Smith (1990)** scheme.

48 It is important to note that any frozen precipitation measured below an upper cloud layer will also be classed as cloud by  
 49 Cloudnet. Some of the discrepancy in cloud fraction may then be due to observed precipitating clouds masking several cloud  
 50 layers, while this layering may be captured by our models. However, one must note that the **Wilson and Ballard (1999)**  
 51 microphysics scheme makes this same assumption regarding frozen precipitation. Alternatively, little-to-no precipitation  
 52 between layers in our models would negatively affect this cloud fraction comparison. By treating all cloud ice the same, it may  
 53 be difficult to distinguish between multi-layered clouds using Cloudnet if any are precipitating.

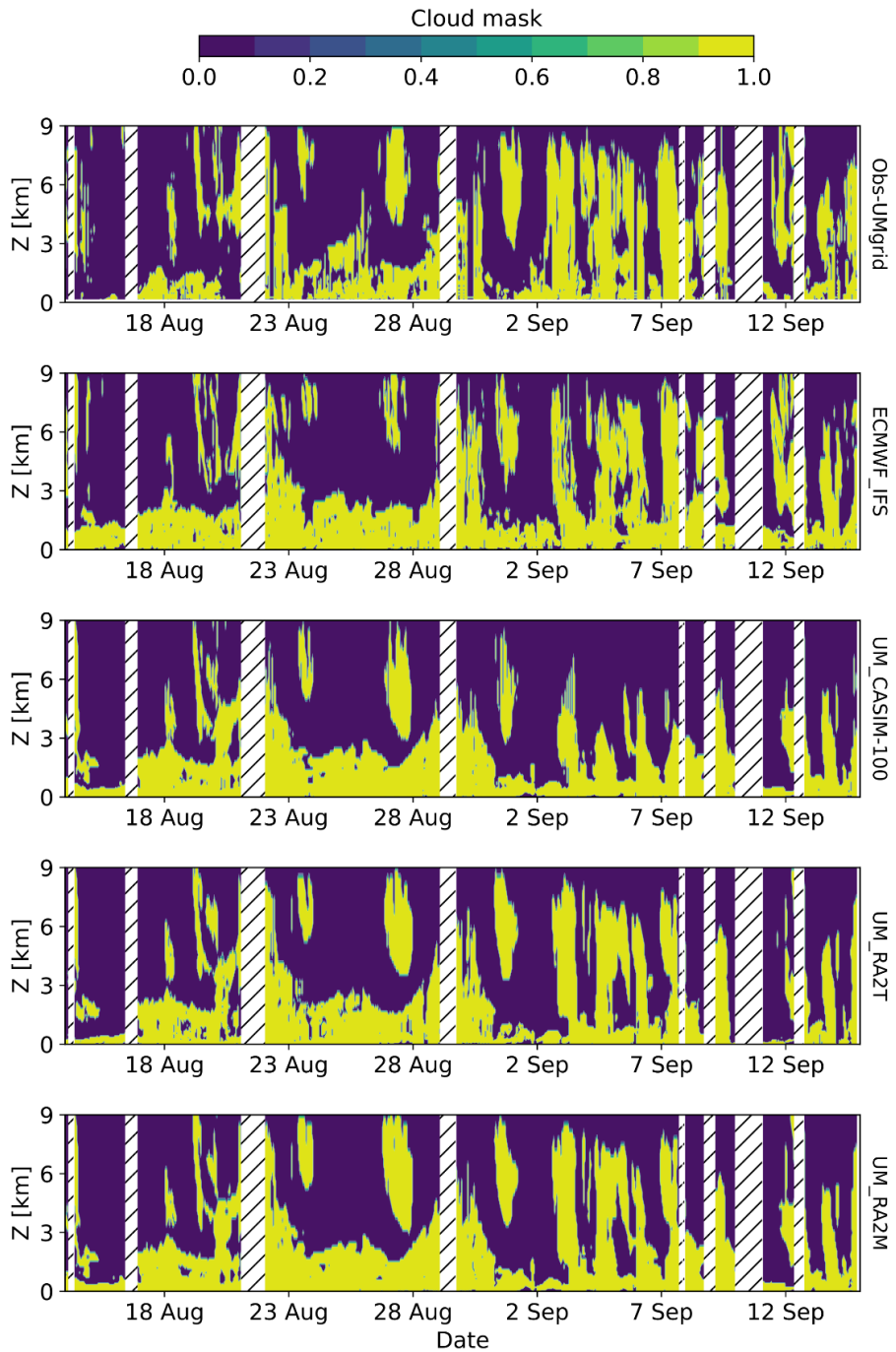
54 In summary, our data highlight the difficulty of diagnostic cloud fractions, such as that computed by the **Smith (1990)** scheme,  
55 to produce fully cloudy grid boxes on fine grid scales and indicate that models represent cloud fractions in different ways;  
56 therefore, cloud water content analyses should be conducted in addition to cloud fraction comparisons when studying Arctic  
57 clouds to provide a more robust model-observation comparison than using cloud fractions alone. **Figure S3** demonstrates how  
58 using a *TWC* threshold to define in- and out-of-cloud regions can give a more consistent comparison between the observations  
59 and models.

## 60 **S1.2 Averaging observations to model grid**

61 Liquid and ice water contents are calculated at Stage 2a of Cloudnet (**Illingworth et al., 2007**) using the various measured  
62 inputs described in **Sect. 2.2** of this study and referencing the radar height grid and time resolution. For comparison with  
63 numerical models, Cloudnet includes several additional functions in Stage 2b to average these observational data on to the  
64 corresponding model grids in a consistent manner.

65 Observational data are split into each model grid box then statistics are calculated, e.g., grid-box mean liquid water content. To  
66 ensure that there are enough data present in each box, a quality factor is applied: this factor is defined by default to be related  
67 to 90% of the grid box size, designed at Cloudnet's creation to ensure that there were enough observational data within each >  
68 10 km model grid box for meaningful statistical comparisons. However, we found that this high value for the quality-control  
69 factor was too efficient in filtering out data with our higher spatial resolution (1.5 km) grid boxes.

70 This factor was reduced to 10% or 30% respectively for the IFS and UM grids utilised in this study to reduce the number of  
71 profiles required for meaningful statistics within each 4D box. Code failures relating to too few data restricted the UM quality  
72 factor being reduced further than 30%, but this is unsurprising given each box is  $1.5 \times 1.5$  km in this study.



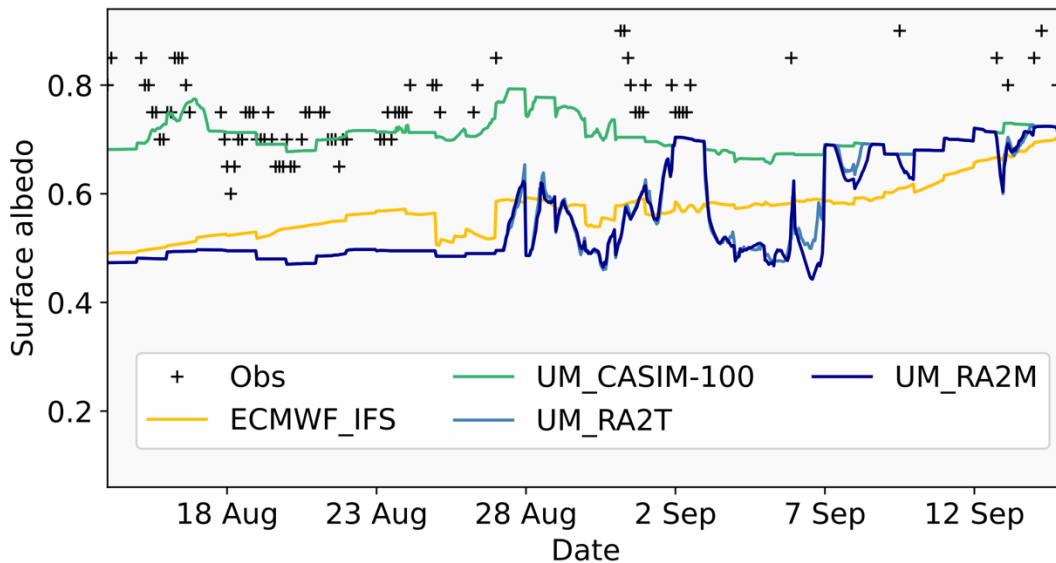
**Figure S3:** Comparison of cloud masks built using the in-cloud *TWC* threshold described in **Sect. 2.4**. *TWC* is calculated using all *LWC* and *IWC* data, then thresholding is applied.

75 **S2 Model surface albedo**

76 As mentioned in the main body of this study, the IFS is coupled to a simple 0.25° resolution sea-ice model (Louvain-la-Neuve  
77 Sea Ice Model, LIM2) which provides sea ice fractions to the IFS and the surface flux tiling scheme (**Buizza et al., 2017**;  
78 **Keeley and Mogensen, 2018**). The surface energy balance over the sea ice fraction is, however, calculated separately from  
79 LIM2 using an albedo parameterisation following **Ebert and Curry (1993)** with fixed monthly climatology values interpolated  
80 to the actual time, and a heat flux through the ice calculated using a constant sea-ice thickness of 1.5 m.

81 The surface albedo parameterisation used within the global and regional UM is dependent on ice surface temperature, where  
82 the relationship itself is unchanged from **Birch et al. (2009)**. Both UM\_RA2M and UM\_RA2T use the default Regional  
83 Atmosphere surface albedo thresholds, giving a 50% albedo at 0 °C which increases to 80% at -10 °C. **Gilbert et al. (2020)**  
84 tested both configurations for polar cloud modelling over the Antarctic Peninsula, finding that the surface albedo was modelled  
85 to within 2% of observed values.

86 For UM\_CASIM-100, we adapted the warm ice temperature albedo of the LAM to 72% (at 0 °C), with 80% albedo achieved  
87 at -2 °C, to match the parameterisation limits currently used in the JULES (*Joint UK Land Environment Simulator*) surface  
88 scheme of the Global Atmosphere 6.0 global model (under the assumption that snow is present on the sea ice surface). For the  
89 drift period, we know that snow was indeed present on the surface from first-hand knowledge and surface imagery.



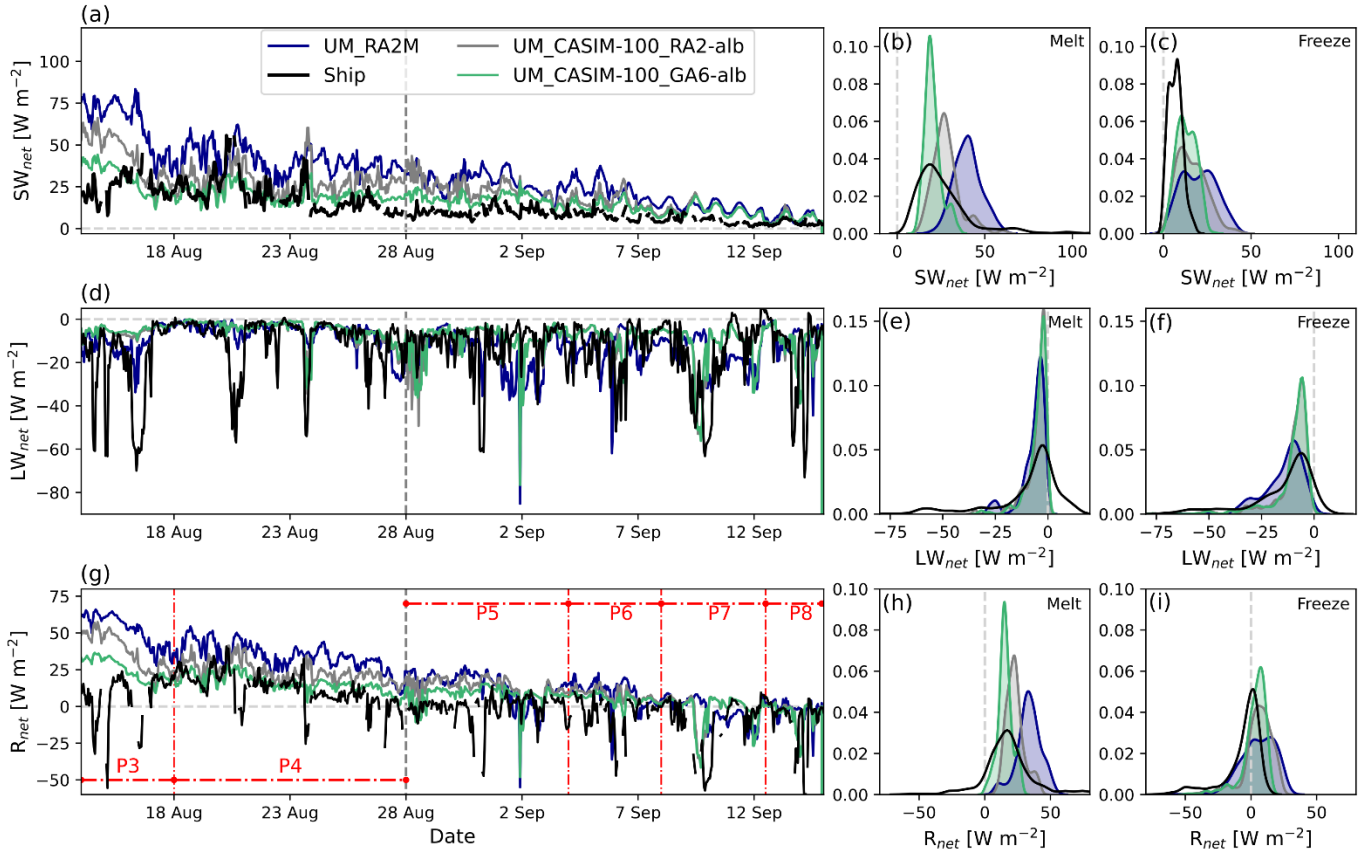
**Figure S4:** Surface albedo estimated from surface images of ice cover taken from the ship (**Obs**, black crosses) and diagnosed by the models.

90 **Figure S4** shows model surface albedo as a function of time throughout the drift period, with estimations from ship-based  
91 observations shown as black crosses. The largest discrepancy between the models is during the melt period of the drift (before  
92 28 Aug): UM\_CASIM-100 performs well with comparison to our estimations; however the other three simulations  
93 underestimate by approximately 20%. Agreement between the models improves during the freeze when the surface temperature



94 begins to fall; however, our few observational data points during this period suggest that the models are still underestimating  
 95 albedo by approximately 10-15%.

96 While this comparison suggests that the models are performing poorly with regards to surface reflectivity, one must note that  
 97 the models are representing the albedo of a 1.5/9 km grid box (UM/IFS, respectively) while the observed estimates are taken  
 98 from the area immediately surrounding the ship. Therefore, any reduction in model albedo due to e.g., melt ponds or leads  
 99 would not be accounted for in our observational estimates.

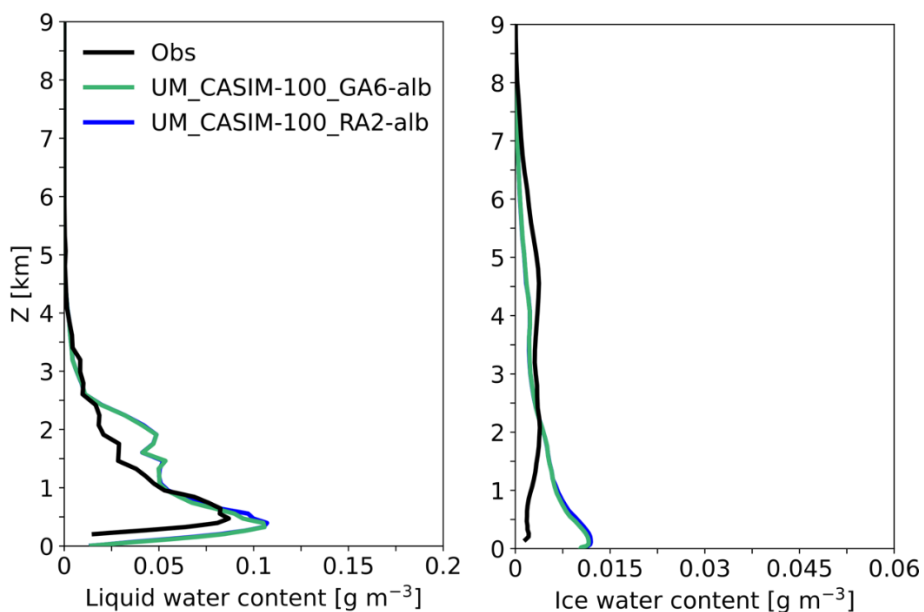


**Figure S5:**  $SW_{net}$ ,  $LW_{net}$ , and  $R_{net}$  simulated by UM\_CASIM-100 with albedo options for the Regional Atmosphere version 2 (UM\_CASIM-100\_RA2-alb; grey), updated Global Atmosphere version 6.0 (UM\_CASIM-100\_GA6-alb; green) used in the main body of this study, and UM\_RA2M (dark blue) for reference. Hourly-averaged measurements on board the ship (black) shown for comparison. LHS: timeseries; RHS: PDFs. PDFs are split between melting and re-freezing sea ice conditions using a threshold of 28 Aug as indicated by the grey vertical dashed line in panels (a), (d), and (g). Radiation terms are defined as positive downwards. Sub-periods used in subsequent sections are marked (red) in panel (g).

100 **Figure S5** shows the surface radiative balance modelled in UM\_CASIM-100 (as **Fig. 2**, here labelled UM\_CASIM-100\_GA6-  
 101 alb) and UM\_CASIM-100 with the default Regional Atmosphere limits for the surface albedo parameterisations used (labelled  
 102 UM\_CASIM-100\_RA2-alb, as used in UM\_RA2M and UM\_RA2T). **Figure S5** therefore shows that the cloud physics



103 representation of UM\_CASIM-100 does still improve radiative interactions, with comparison with our observations, over  
 104 UM\_RA2M (and UM\_RA2T, not shown). Thus, the surface albedo updates are not the sole cause of its improved performance  
 105 over the operational UM schemes; however, the combination of the updated surface albedo (to represent snow on sea ice) and  
 106 improved cloud microphysical representation (from the CASIM scheme) yields the best UM comparison with observations (as  
 107 presented in the main body of this study). Also note that changing the surface albedo settings within the UM framework has  
 108 little effect on the modelled cloud microphysics (Fig. S6).



**Figure S6: Mean liquid (*left*) and ice (*right*) water contents modelled by the UM CASIM simulations with the updated GA6 albedo settings (green, as UM\_CASIM-100 in the main body of the study) and the default RA2 albedo settings (as described in this section). Observations are again shown in black, as Figure 4.**

### 109 S3 Point versus swath comparison

110 This study centres on the extraction of the ship's location hourly from the model datasets considered; it is a direct, one-to-one  
 111 comparison between the model fields and the measurements. However, such model evaluations can benefit from considering a  
 112 swath of data over a given area surrounding the observations to account for spatial and temporal heterogeneity in the model  
 113 fields.

114 In this section, we show how such an approach may influence the main findings of this study, using the UM\_CASIM-100 data  
 115 as illustration. Two swath areas were designed dependent on the location of the ship during its drift to coincide with the  
 116 changing ship track (shown in **Fig. S7**): the first (in black) is used between 14 Aug (start of drift) and 2 Sep, while the second  
 117 (in grey) is used between 3 Sep and 14 Sep (end of drift). As such, the first swath covers  $21 \times 50$  grid boxes and the second  
 118 covers  $72 \times 20$  grid boxes in the LAM grid.

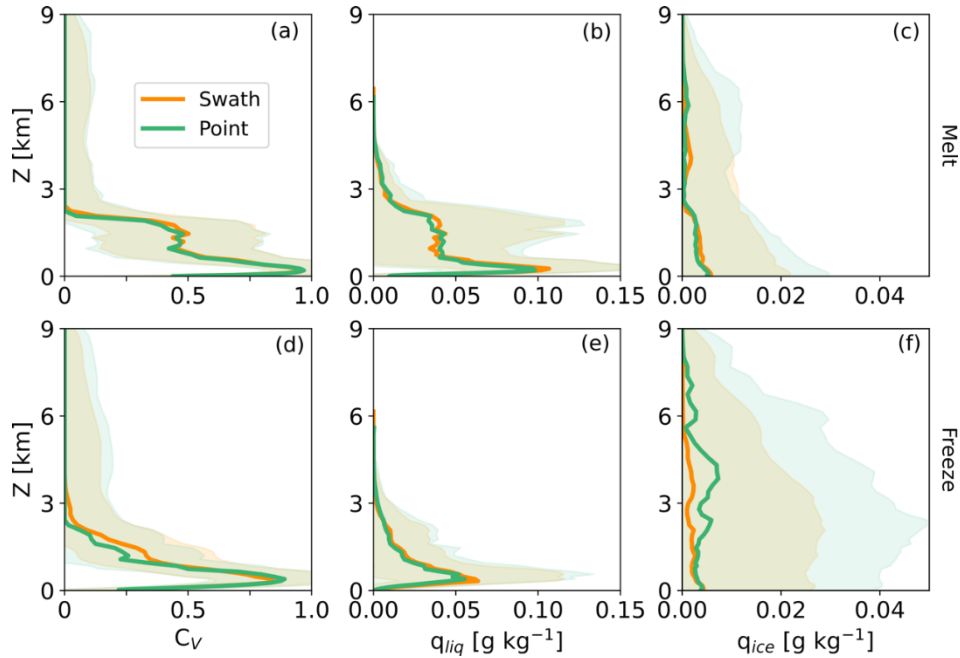


Figure S7: Two swath areas designated for model-observation comparisons. (1) Black hatched region: 14 Aug – 2 Sep, (2) Grey hatched region: 3 Sep – 14 Sep. Ship track colour changes from orange to red at 3 Sep to aid interpretation.

119  $C_V$ ,  $q_{liq}$ , and  $q_{ice}$  data extracted from UM\_CASIM-100 using the point and swath comparison methods are shown in **Figure**  
 120 **S8**. In contrast to the main body of this study, we show median profiles over the drift (supplemented by  $\pm$  one standard deviation  
 121 in shading) for fair comparison as the swath analysis considers far more data points than the point comparison (thereby  
 122 potentially influencing the mean more so than the median of the distribution).

123  $C_V$  and  $q_{liq}$  vary only subtly between the two data extraction methods and between the two seasons; however, somewhat larger  
 124 differences between the point and swath comparisons are evident in the  $q_{ice}$  data during the freeze period (**Fig. S8**). Between  
 125 1.5 and 9 km, the swath extraction method produces a median  $q_{ice}$  that is consistently smaller than that which was achieved  
 126 using the point comparison, though it is important to note that the median modelled  $q_{ice}$  is low in both data extraction scenarios.  
 127 Modelled cloud ice has a greater degree of spatial and temporal heterogeneity than the cloud fraction or cloud liquid and is  
 128 therefore affected by the amount of data included in the sample for consideration. During the melt period, the cloud ice content  
 129 is consistently low, but non-zero, and this “background” state of low cloud ice content continues during the freeze period.  
 130 However, with colder air temperatures during the freeze, there are also more sporadic occurrences of higher  $q_{ice}$ , acting to  
 131 increase the standard deviation of the data at most heights. The increased sample size in the swath analysis therefore acts to  
 132 slightly reduce the median cloud ice content and its variability (over one standard deviation) with comparison to the point  
 133 comparison, as the sporadic high ice content clouds are less common than the “background” low ice content clouds.

134 This additional perspective highlights that the cloud fraction and cloud liquid water content analysis included in the main body  
 135 of this study are robust; however, the heterogeneity of the ice phase in these clouds affects the  $q_{ice}$  comparisons and must be  
 136 approached with some caution. As the ice phase was not the focus of our study, and we have noted its variability in our analysis,  
 137 the conclusions reached from the point comparisons of this study would be unaffected by the use of the swath, rather than the  
 138 point, comparison.



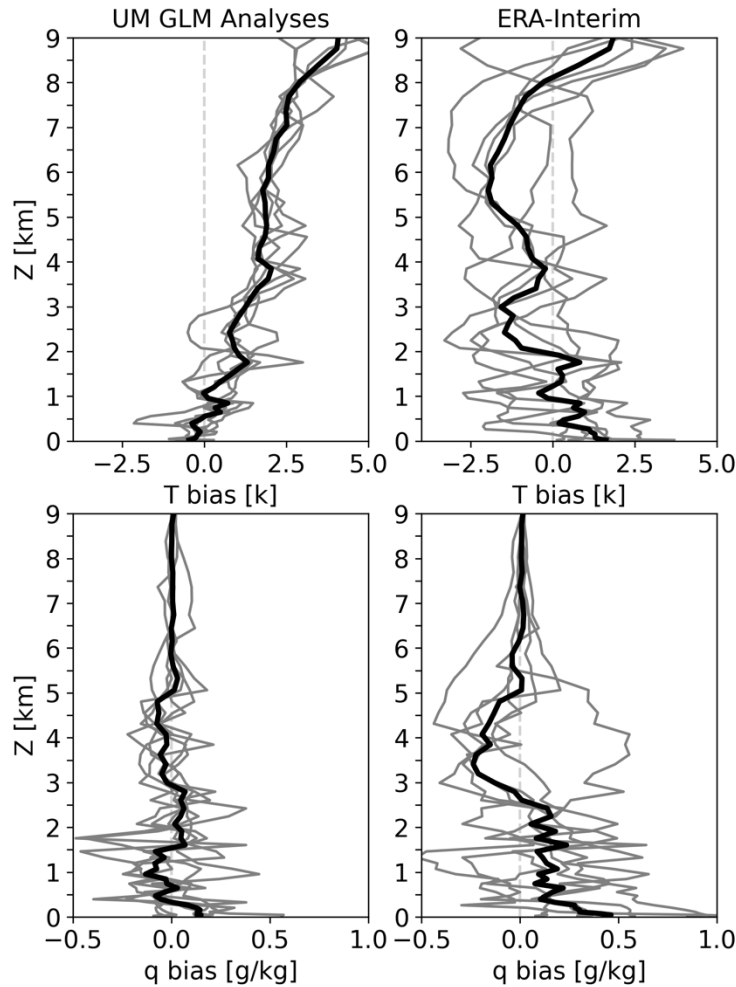
**Figure S8:** Comparison of  $C_V$ ,  $q_{liq}$ , and  $q_{ice}$  data from UM\_CASIM-100 over the melt (*a–c*) and freeze (*d–f*) period of the ship’s drift. Median profiles of each quantity are shown, with  $\pm$  one standard deviation in shading. (*a, d*):  $C_V$ , (*b, e*):  $q_{liq}$ , and (*c, f*):  $q_{ice}$ .

139 **S4 Error propagation from GLM to LAM**

140 In Section 3.3.1, we discuss how the initial conditions of the driving model can affect the thermodynamic biases of the UM  
 141 LAM. A test simulation (UM\_RA2M-ERA-GLM) was conducted using ERA-Interim to initialise the global model instead of  
 142 the Met Office analyses over a subset of the drift period, and **Figure 11** shows that the lower atmosphere behaves more like  
 143 ECMWF\_IFS than the UM\_RA2M simulation.

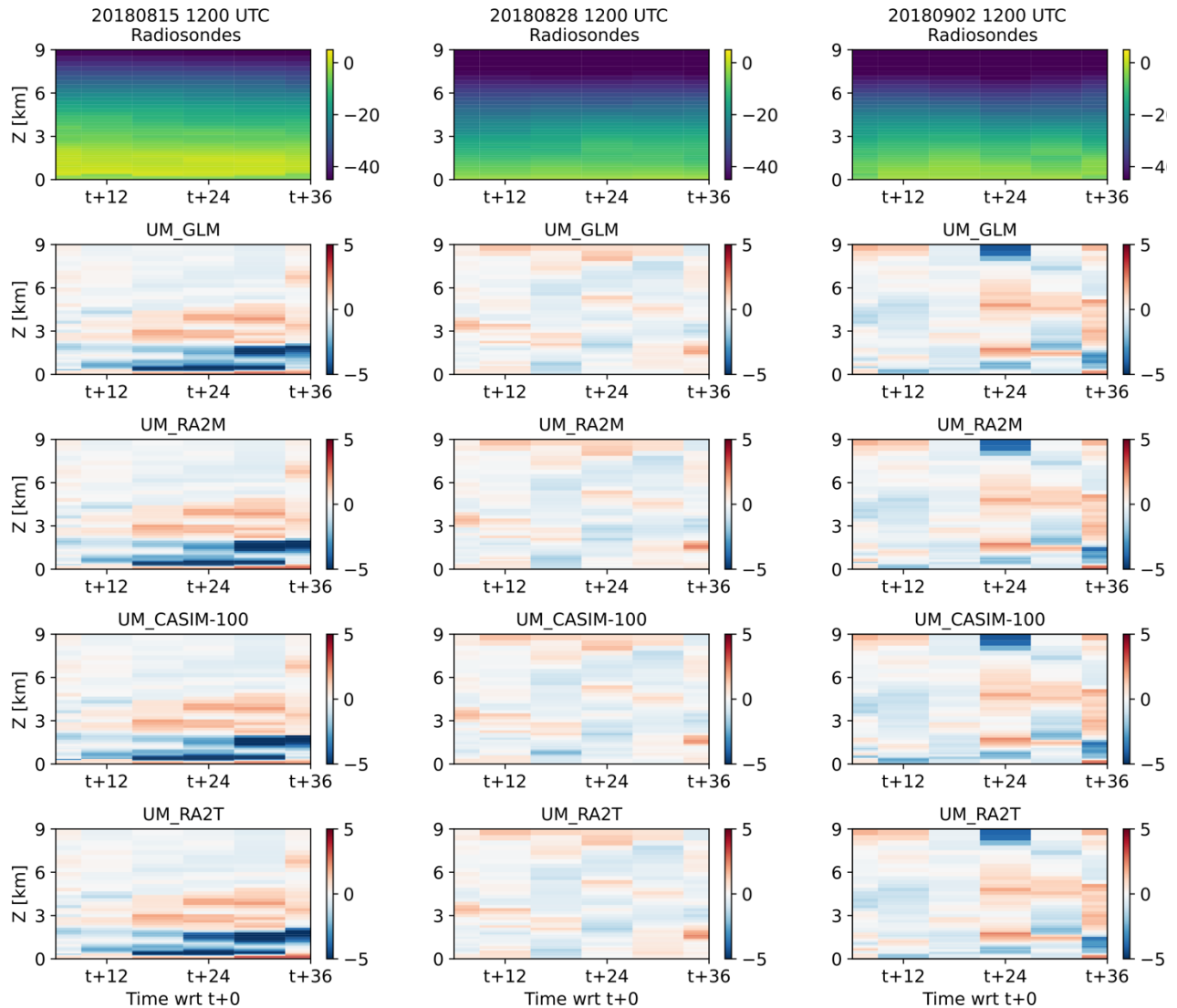
144 **Figure S9** shows the temperature and moisture biases from the two global model initial condition datasets considered: the UM  
 145 global analyses and ERA-Interim. Note that only 6 profiles are shown (corresponding to 1200 UTC) for each dataset in **Figure**  
 146 **S9**, in contrast to **Figure 11** which includes 6-hourly data (24 profiles in total). A key point to note is that both initial condition  
 147 datasets lack strong thermodynamic biases below 2 km; biases such as that exhibited by both UM\_RA2M and UM\_RA2M-  
 148 ERA-GLM. This lack of strong low altitude thermodynamic biases in the initial conditions lends weight to our conclusion that  
 149 the model physics (here, specifically, clouds) is driving the thermodynamic biases below approximately 2 km. However, the  
 150 UM analyses do exhibit increasing temperature biases with height and ERA-Interim exhibits a cold bias between 2 km and 8  
 151 km, both of which are mirrored somewhat in the UM\_GLM (and UM\_RA2M and UM\_RA2M-ERA-GLM) and ECMWF\_IFS  
 152 biases presented in **Figure 11**.

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**Figure S9:** Biases of the UM global analyses (*left*) and ERA-Interim (*right*) with respect to radiosondes launched at 1200 UTC between 31 Aug and 5 Sep (aligning with the period discussed in Figure 11). Top row: temperature biases; bottom row: moisture biases. The median of the 6-day period is shown in black, with individual daily bias profiles (at 1200 UTC) of each initial condition dataset shown in grey.

154 As lateral boundary conditions for the LAM are generated hourly from the global model, there is not sufficient free-running  
 155 time to assess how the LAM biases would evolve without the influence of the driving model, and thereby evaluate how much  
 156 of the thermodynamic biases can be attributed to the global model. Figure S10 shows the temperature biases exhibited by three  
 157 example 36-h forecasts (20180815T1200Z, 20180828T1200Z, and 20180902T1200Z) to illustrate, on a forecast-by-forecast  
 158 basis, how the LAM simulations differ from the global model in their thermodynamic structure. These forecasts were chosen  
 159 as they provide a range of biases with respect to the radiosondes – 20180815 has strong temperature biases, 20180828 has only  
 160 weak biases, and 20180902 has a mixture of both.



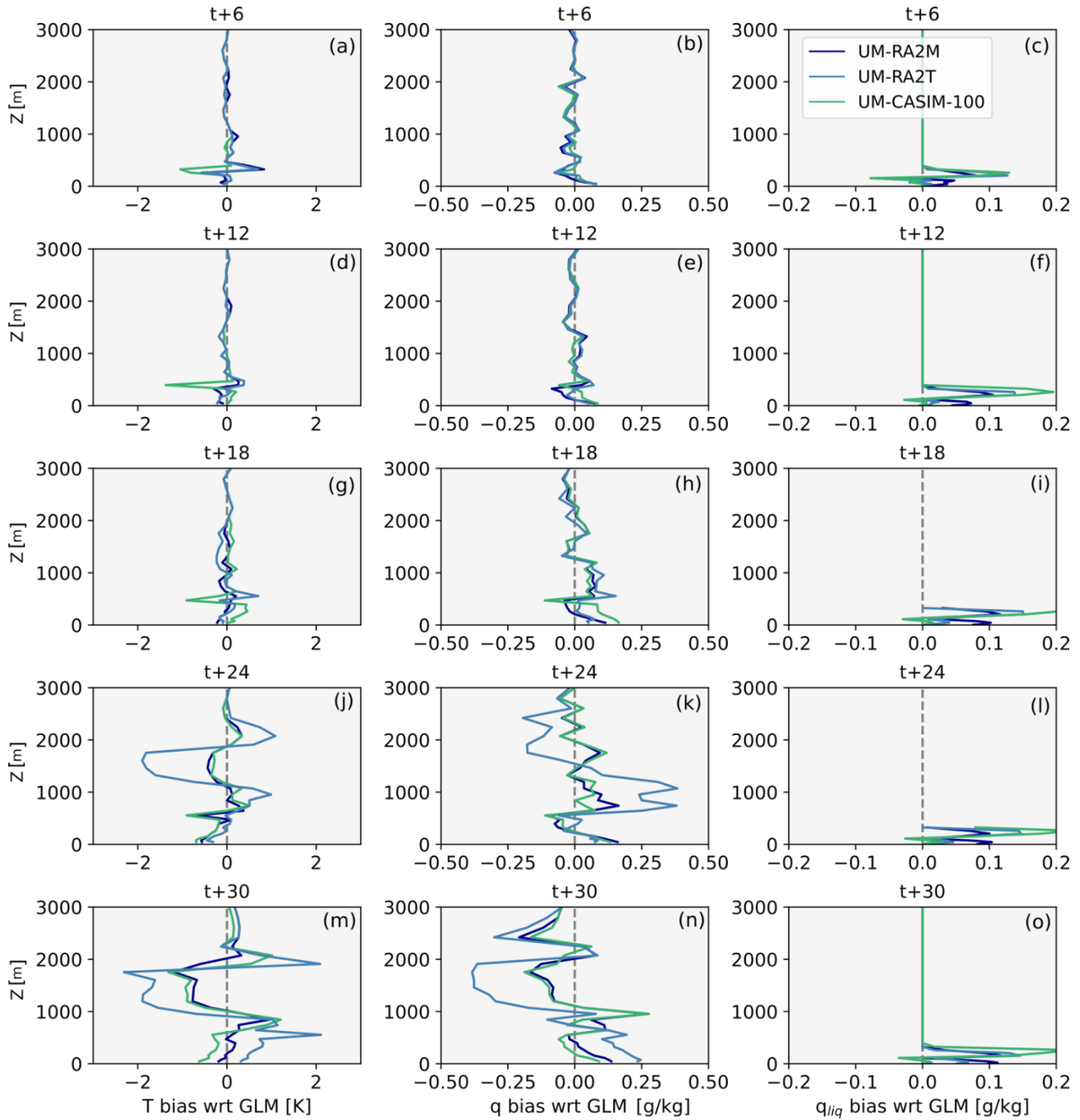
**Figure S10:** Three examples of 36-h forecasts, with radiosondes during the given time period shown on the top row for reference. Data from hours 6–36 are shown. Biases with respect to these radiosonde data are shown in the subsequent panels. *Second row:* UM\_GLM; *third row:* UM\_RA2M; *fourth row:* UM\_CASIM-100, and *bottom row:* UM\_RA2T. *Left:* 20180815T1200Z forecast; *middle:* 20180828T1200Z forecast; and *right:* 20180902T1200Z forecast.

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162 **Figure S10** illustrates that the three LAM simulations (bottom three rows) have a strong resemblance to the UM\_GLM biases  
 163 (second row) over each of these example forecasts. However, there is more structure in the differences between the UM\_GLM  
 164 and the LAMs than **Fig. S10** suggests. As an example, **Fig. S11** shows individual bias profiles of temperature, moisture, and  
 165 cloud liquid water mixing ratio from each LAM simulation with respect to the global model for the 20180815T1200Z forecast.  
 166 At each time interval shown, biases exist in all three parameters; the biases from the LAM simulations do differ from the global  
 167 model. In the 20180815T1200Z forecast, biases with respect to the global model (and radiosondes) do increase with time

168 through the forecast; however, this is not true for every forecast (for example, the 20180828T1200Z or 20180902T1200Z  
169 forecasts shown here; **Fig. S10**).

170 From **Fig. S11**, it can also be noted that there are clear occasions where the LAM boundary layer depth differs from the global  
171 model, as evidenced by the strong positive and negative peaks in temperature, moisture, and/or  $q_{liq}$  biases at adjacent altitudes.  
172 However, a simple misplacement of the boundary layer inversion does not explain the strong temperature and moisture biases  
173 between 1 and 2.5 km at t+24 and t+30 h – these higher altitude biases are strongest in the UM\_RA2T simulation, indicating  
174 that they may relate to e.g., the higher cloud ice content reproduced by this simulation with comparison to UM\_CASIM-100  
175 and UM\_RA2M.

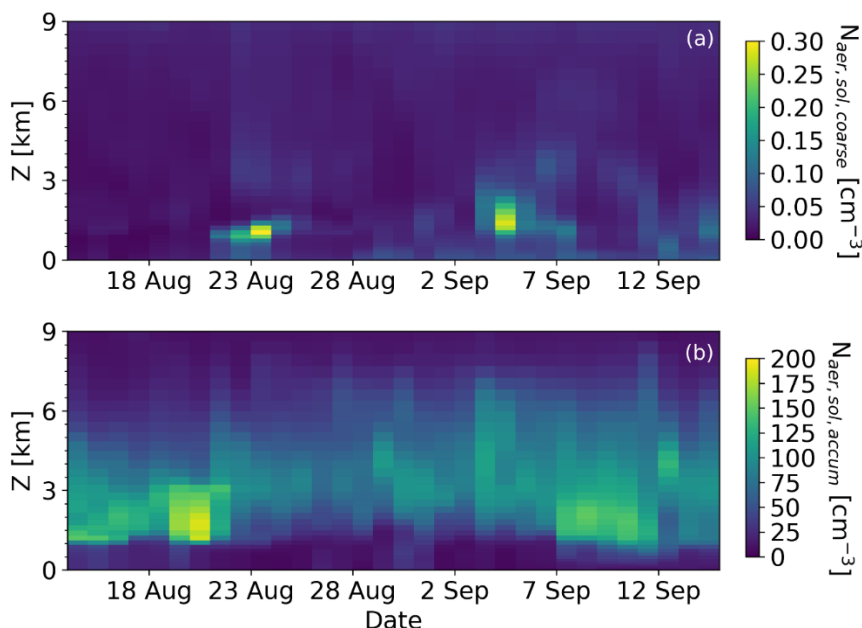


**Figure S11:** Temperature (*left*), moisture (*middle*), and cloud liquid water mixing ratio (*right*) biases of each LAM simulation with respect to the UM global model for hours 6—30 of the 20180815T1200Z forecast. (a—c): t+6, (d—f): t+12, (g—i): t+18, (j—l): t+24, and (m—o): t+30.



177 **S5 UK Chemistry and Aerosol (UKCA) model**

178 UKCA simulates gas and aerosol chemistry and transport in the atmosphere using the GLObal Model of Aerosol Processes  
179 (GLOMAP-Mode, **Mann et al., 2010**) and an atmospheric chemistry scheme, with an additional boundary layer nucleation  
180 scheme used to simulate gas-to-particle conversion of sulphuric acid to sulphate aerosol (**Spracklen et al., 2010**). To generate  
181 the aerosol input files for CASIM, UKCA was one-way coupled to the UM at version 11.2 using the Global Atmosphere 7.1  
182 dynamical core (**Walters et al., 2019**). Daily averaged soluble accumulation- and coarse-mode aerosol number and mass  
183 concentrations calculated from UKCA grid points north of 88.125 °N (**Fig. S2**) were used as input to the UM.

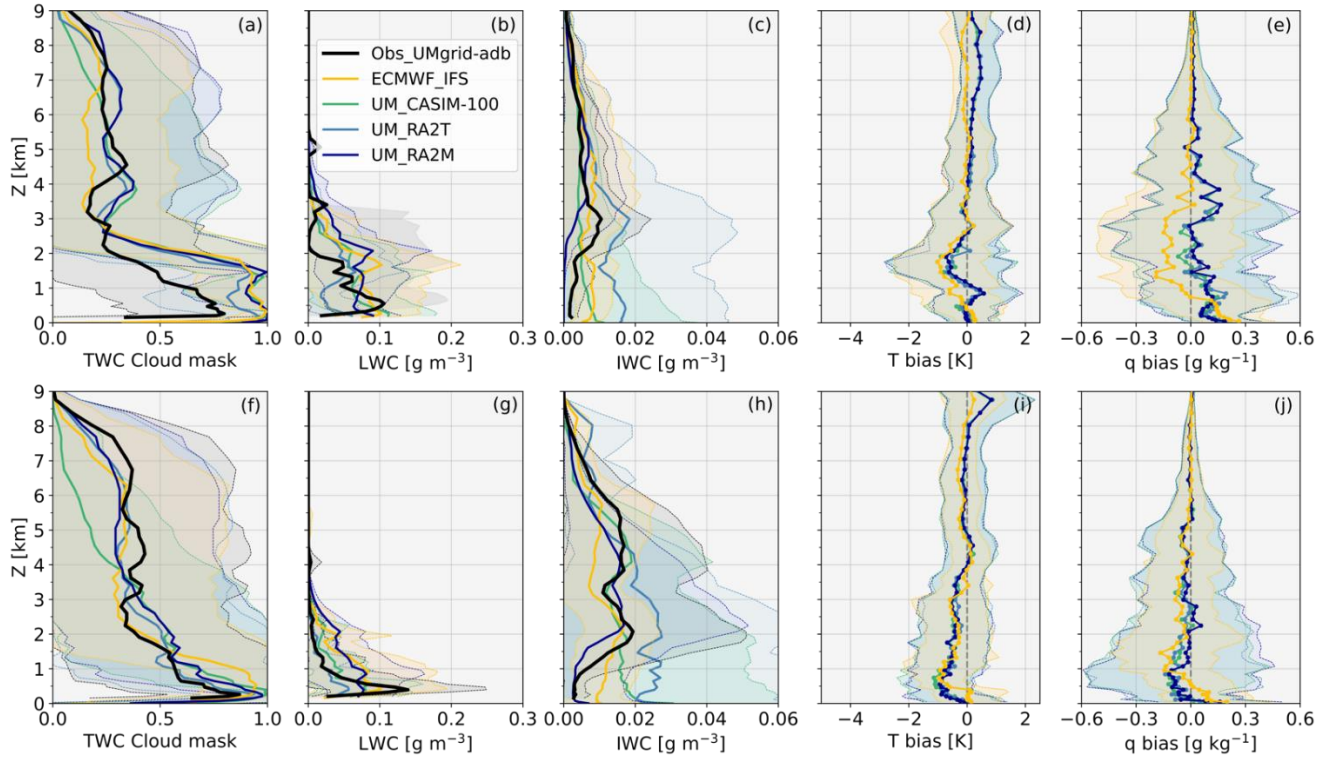


**Figure S12:** Soluble (a) coarse- and (b) accumulation-mode aerosol number concentrations simulated by UKCA and used as input for the CASIM scheme in the UM\_CASIM-AeroProf simulation. Aerosol profiles are kept constant over each daily forecast, with no aerosol processing by cloud.

184 **S6 Periods of consistent meteorology**

185 To better understand how the model thermodynamic biases relate to cloud properties in each simulation, we split our drift  
186 period further into four subsections – periods 3 to 6, as illustrated in **Figs. 2 and 8** – to study periods of consistent meteorology.  
187 Mean equivalent potential temperature ( $\theta_e$ ) and  $q$  profiles measured by radiosondes during these periods are shown in **Fig. 12**.  
188 Of the four periods considered, period 3 had cloud-free conditions most often. Periods 5 and 6 were similar; both were cloudy  
189 and influenced synoptically by three different low-pressure systems over their duration.

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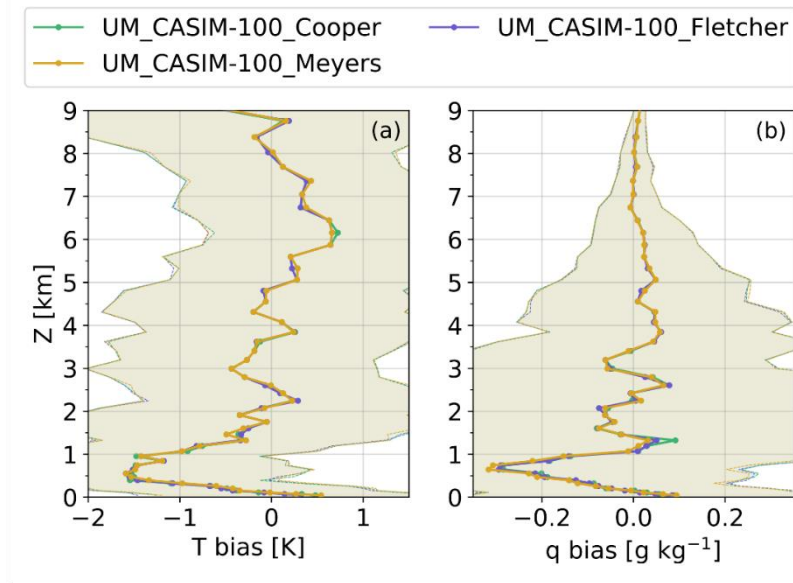
**Figure S13:** (As **Fig. 13**) Comparison of mean cloud mask, LWC, and IWC profiles with median biases in  $T$  and  $q$  with respect to radiosondes for period 4 (**a–e**, *top row*) and period 5 (**f–j**, *bottom row*). Again, observed LWC calculated assuming adiabatic conditions using Cloudnet.  $\pm$  one standard deviation shown in shading to illustrate variability.

191 **Figure S13** shows comparisons of the  $TWC$  cloud mask, in-cloud  $LWC$  and  $IWC$ , and associated  $T$  and  $q$  biases over periods  
 192 4 and 5. Both periods 4 and 5 support the findings of periods 3 and 6. During period 4, the models overpredict cloud occurrence  
 193 below 2 km similar to period 3; however, both the  $LWC$  and  $IWC$  are in better agreement with observations during period 4.  
 194 Similarly, all simulations agree better with observed cloud occurrence during period 5 (consistent with our result for period 6),  
 195 and both the  $LWC$  and  $IWC$  are again in reasonable agreement during this time window. Consequently, the model  
 196 thermodynamic biases with respect to radiosonde measurements are weaker (though still present) during periods 4 and 5 than  
 197 during periods 3 and 6.

## 198 S7 Primary ice nucleation parameterisation

199 UM\_RA2M and UM\_RA2T use the **Fletcher (1962)** parameterisation for primary ice formation, while ECMWF\_IFS uses  
 200 **Meyers et al. (1992)** and UM\_CASIM-100 uses **Cooper (1986)**. Each of these parameterisations is inherently temperature-  
 201 dependent, with **Meyers et al., (1992)** producing the largest ice number concentration, and **Fletcher (1962)** producing the  
 202 smallest, at e.g.,  $-10$  °C. To test whether the method of parameterising primary ice itself has any effect on these biases, we  
 203 trialled the use of each of the **Fletcher (1962)**, **Cooper (1986)**, and **Meyers et al. (1992)** parameterisations within the CASIM  
 204 framework; however, we found little difference in our tropospheric ice due to the different parameterisation methods.

205 Changing the primary ice parameterisation alters biases slightly within the lowest 3 km of the domain, with a maximum  
206 difference of  $0.06 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  between the UM\_CASIM-100\_Cooper and UM\_CASIM-100\_Meyers median  $q$  biases at 1.3 km  
207 (**Figure S14**). Differences shown here are much smaller than the more significant UM configurations changes/IFS comparison  
208 shown in **Figs. 9, 11, 13**.



**Figure S14:** Comparison of  $T$  and  $q$  biases (with respect to radiosonde measurements) of CASIM-100 runs with different primary ice production parameterisations imposed (green: **Cooper, 1986**; purple: **Fletcher, 1962**; gold: **Meyers et al., 1992**), over the drift subset of 31 Aug to 5 Sep. Here, UM\_CASIM-100\_Cooper is equivalent to UM\_CASIM-100 data shown in the main body of the paper.

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