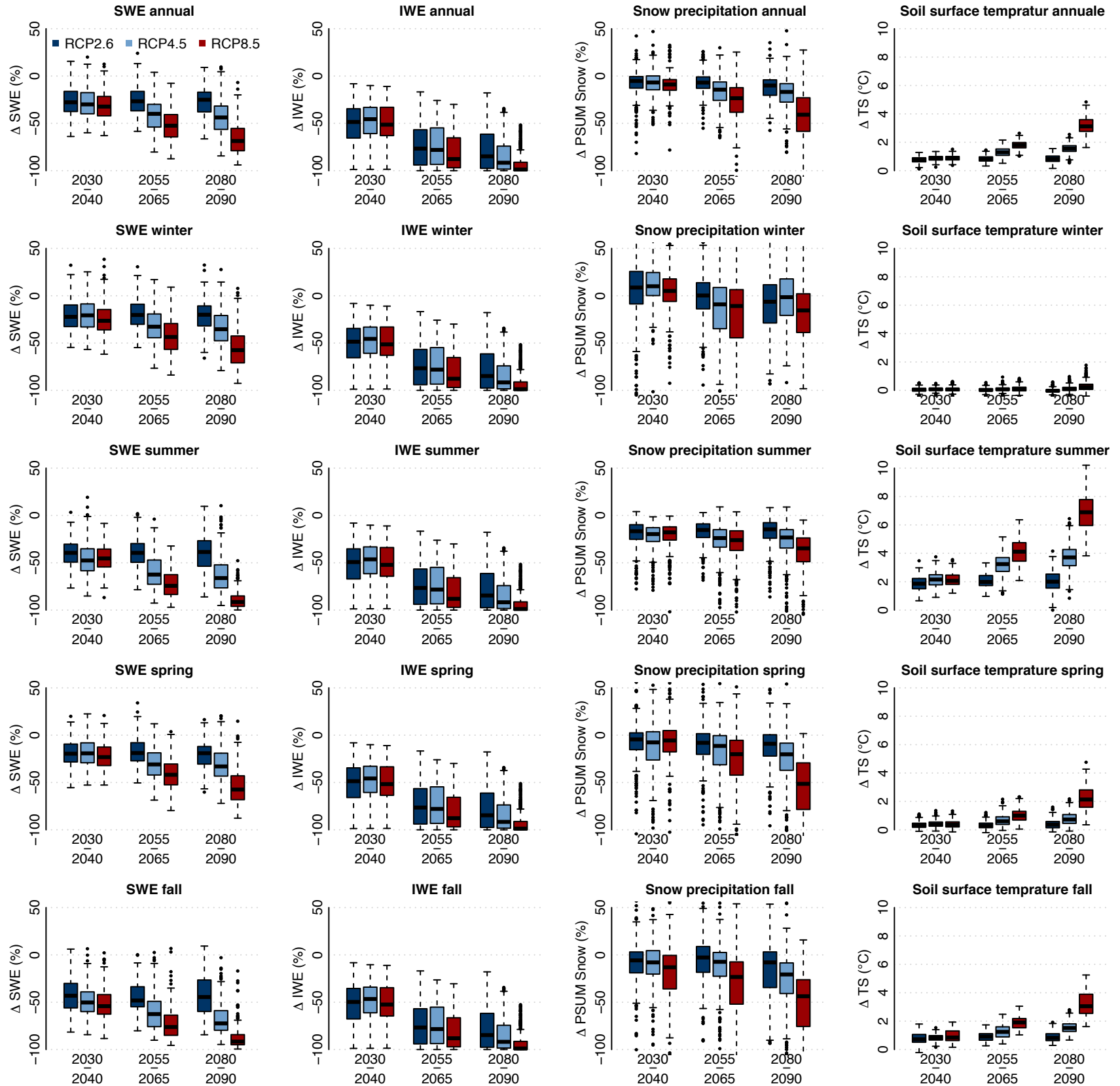Alpine catchments