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Supplement of

Ground-based assessment of the bias and long-term stability of 14 limb and occultation ozone profile data records

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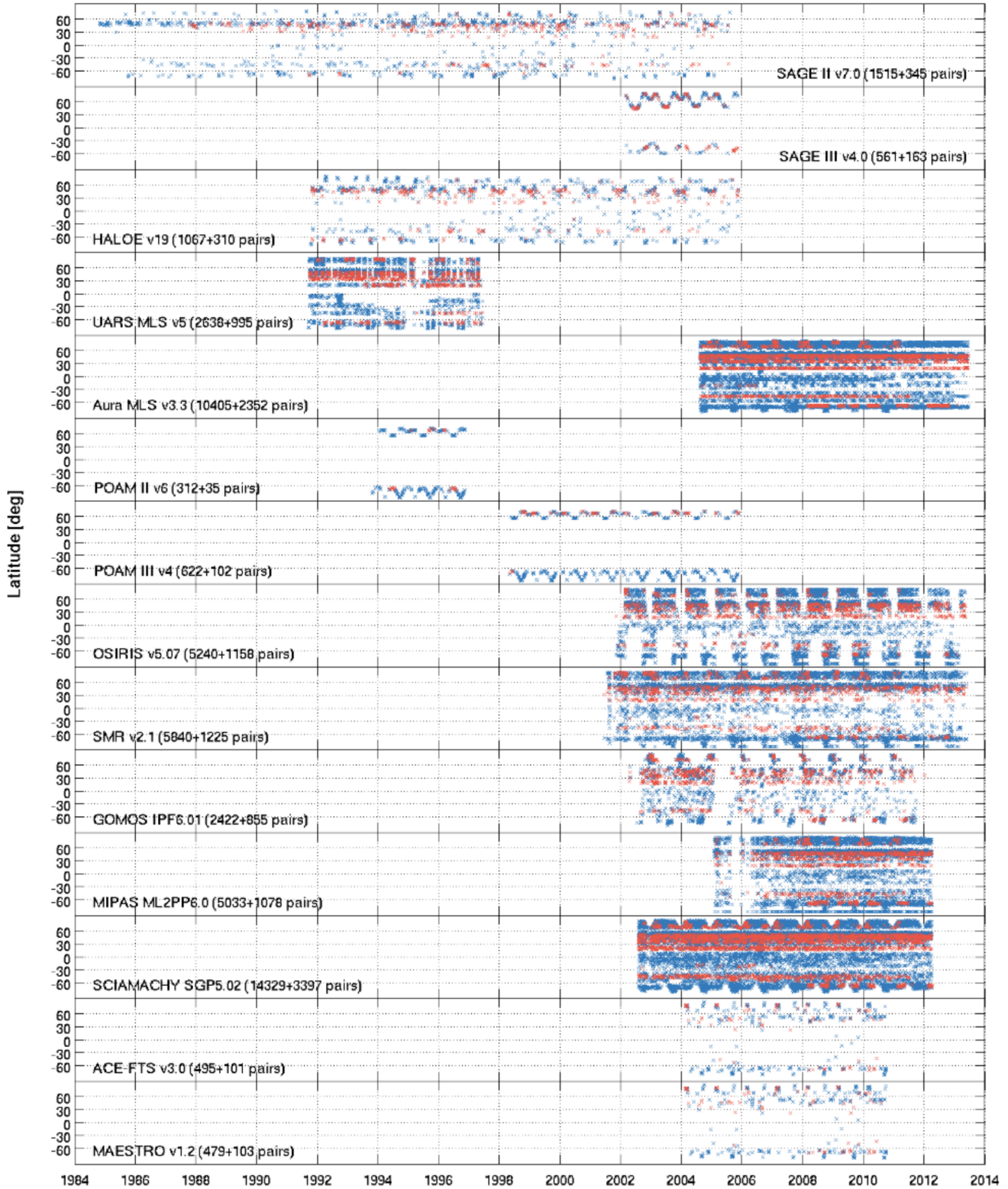


Figure S1. Latitude-time cross section of the co-locations of NDACC/GAW/SHADOZ ozonesonde (blue) and NDACC stratospheric ozone lidar (red) with fourteen limb/occultation ozone profile records. Latitude and time correspond to that of satellite profile. Total number of co-locating pairs for sonde and lidar are mentioned separately between brackets.

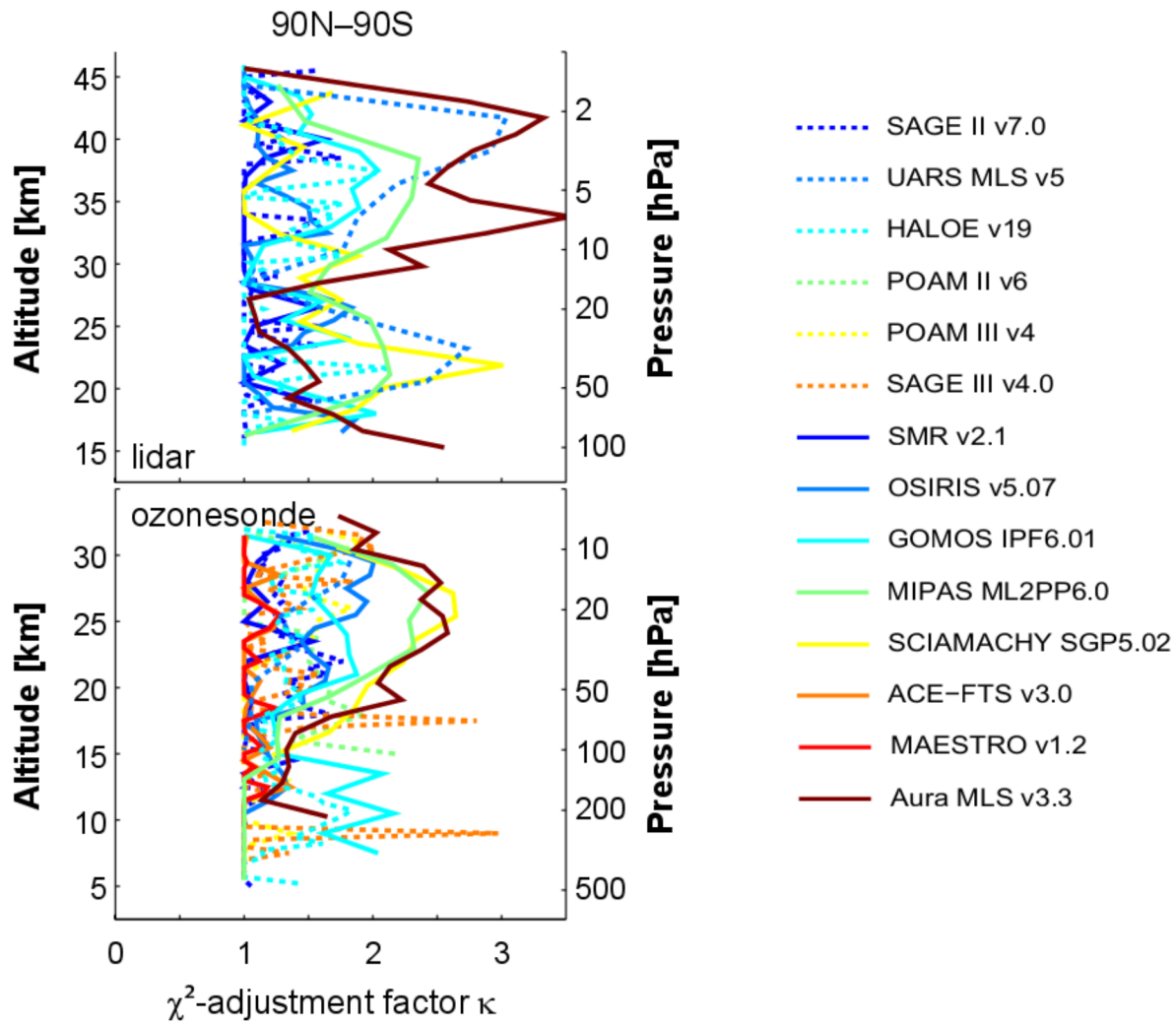


Figure S2. Adjustment factor κ to incorporate unaccounted for sources of uncertainty (sampling, ground-network homogeneity, ...) in the estimation of network-averaged drift of limb/occultation ozone profile data relative to lidar (top) and ozonesonde (bottom) measurements. See Sect. 4.1.2 for more details.

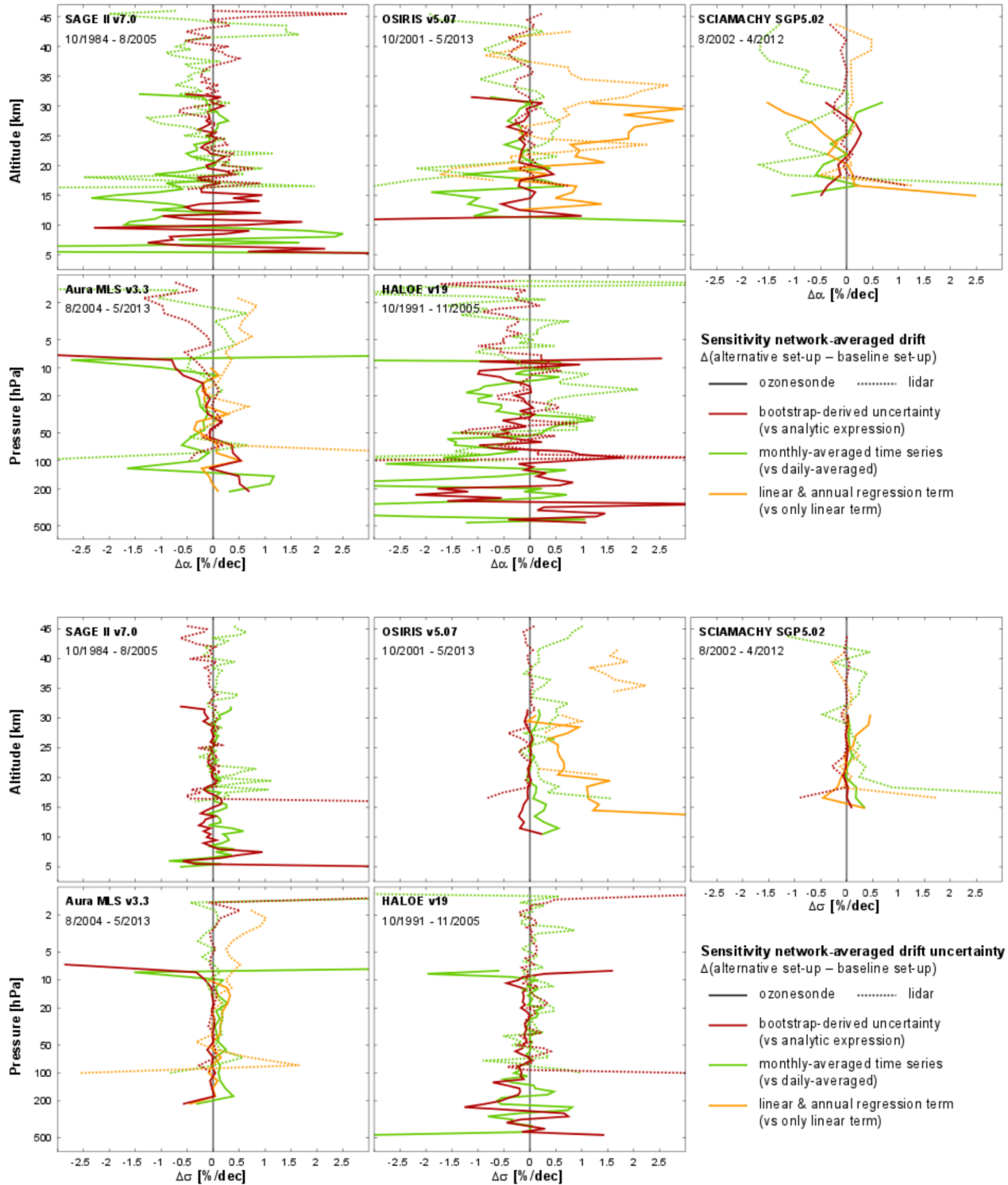


Figure S3. Sensitivity of ozonesonde and lidar network-averaged drift (top part) and one sigma uncertainty (bottom part) to several regression analysis parameters (cfr. Sec. 4.1.3). Shown is the difference of an alternative minus the baseline regression set-up for five satellite records. Three alternatives are depicted: (a) uncertainties derived from bootstrap (red) instead of analytic expression, (b) regression of monthly-averaged comparison timeseries (green) instead of daily-averaged, and, (c) regression model with linear and annual terms (yellow) instead of only linear term. Larger differences appear for the latter set-up since only timeseries with a significant annual cycle are regressed, hence leading to a quite different sample of timeseries included in the network-averages.

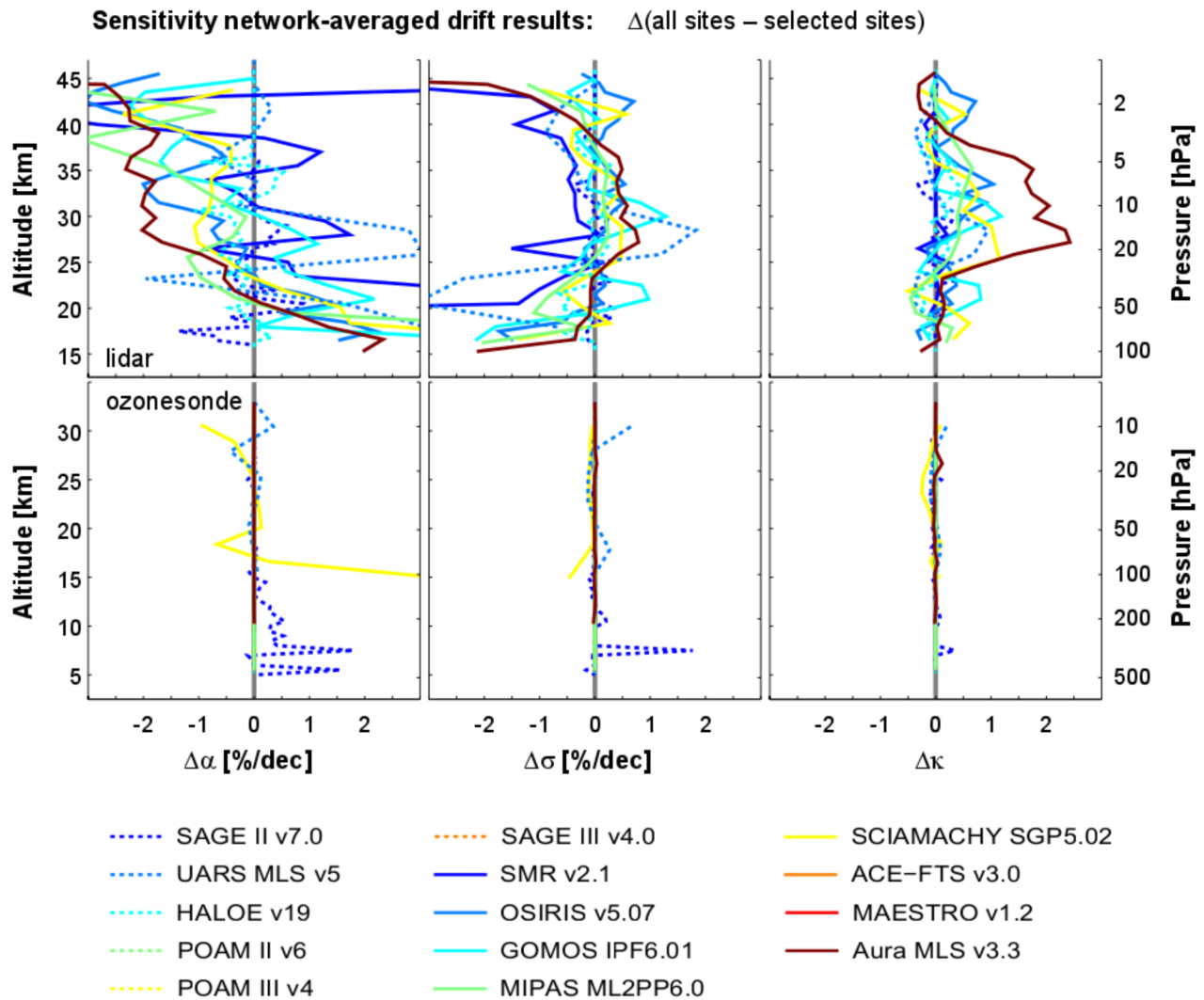


Figure S4. Sensitivity of ozonesonde (bottom) and lidar (top) network-averaged drift with one sigma uncertainty and \square -adjustment factor to the selection of ground sites (cfr. Sec. 4.2, Tables 1 and 2). Shown is the difference of the result obtained for the entire ground network minus the result for the selected sites, for the fourteen satellite records.

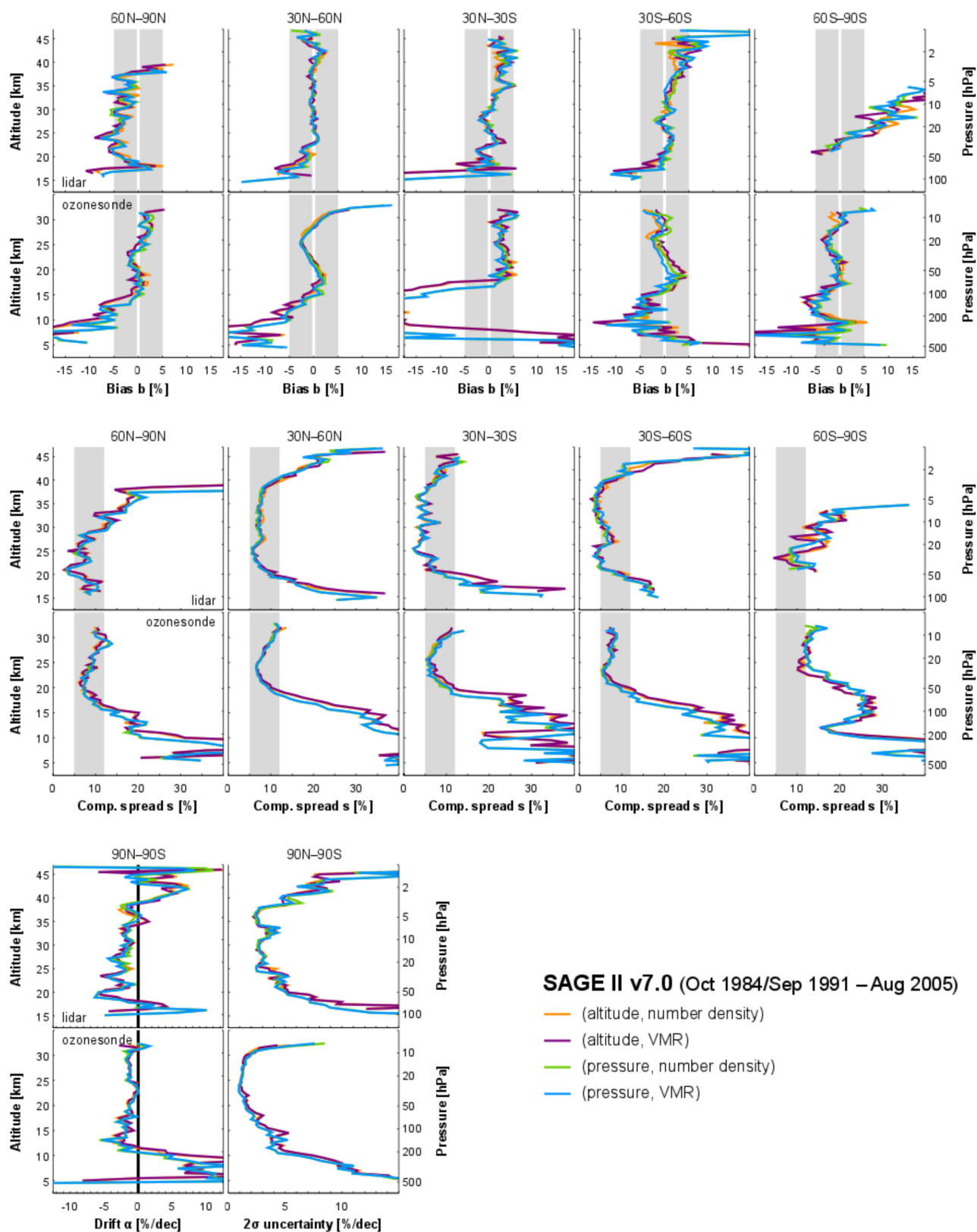


Figure S5. SAGE II v7.0 ozone data quality in different profile representations (see legend): bias (top part), comparison spread (middle) and drift (bottom) from comparisons to NDACC/GAW/SHADOZ ozonesonde and NDACC stratospheric lidar instruments. Only latitude bands with at least 10 comparison pairs are shown. The nominal representation of SAGE II is ozone number density on fixed altitude levels. Satellite and ozonesonde profiles are converted using auxiliary information included in the ozone data files, lidar profiles are converted using ERA-Interim fields. More information in Sect. 6. The SAGE II versus lidar results shown here cover 1991–2005, since we had no ERA-Interim data at our disposal to cover the earlier years. The SAGE II versus ozonesonde results cover 1984–2005.

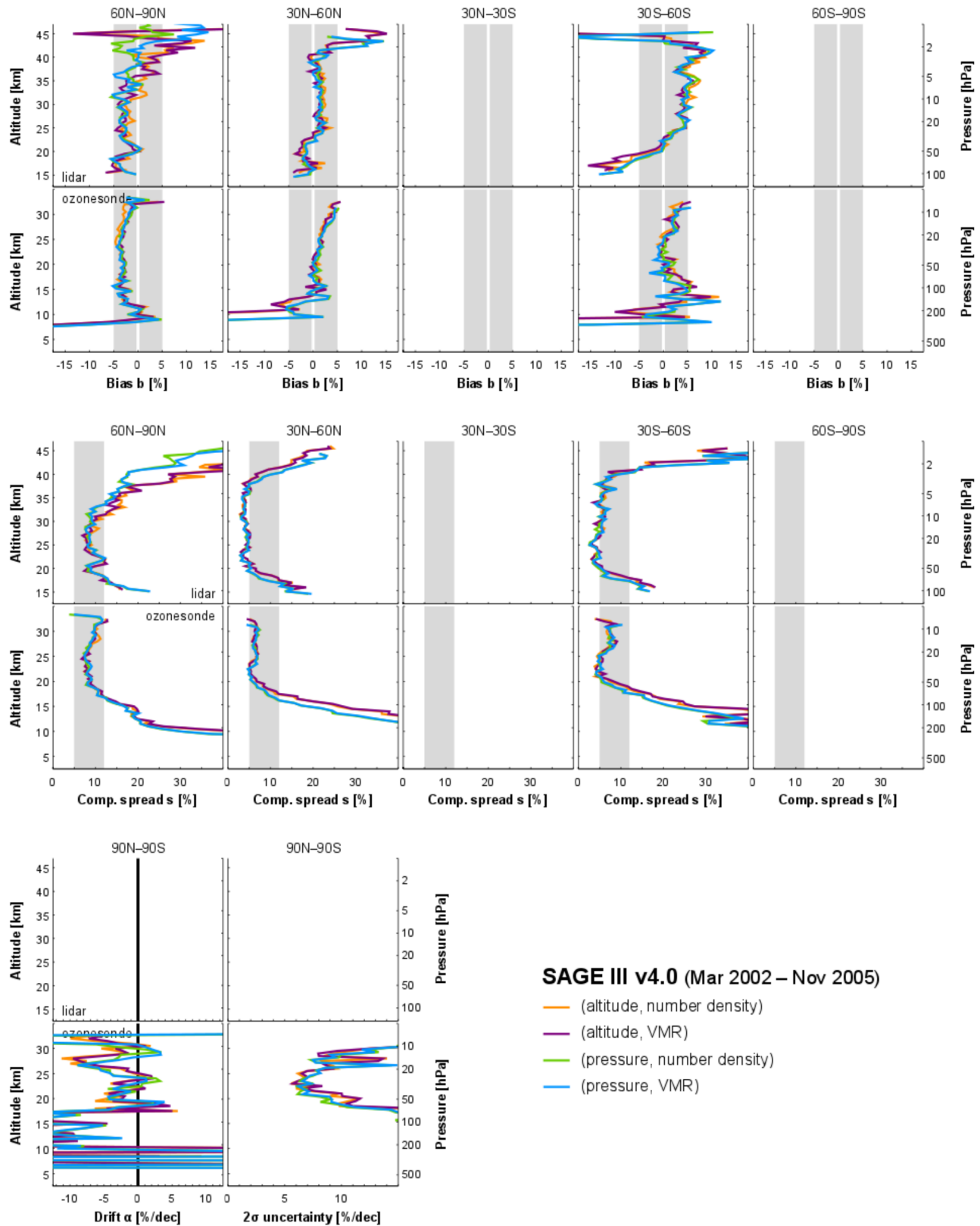


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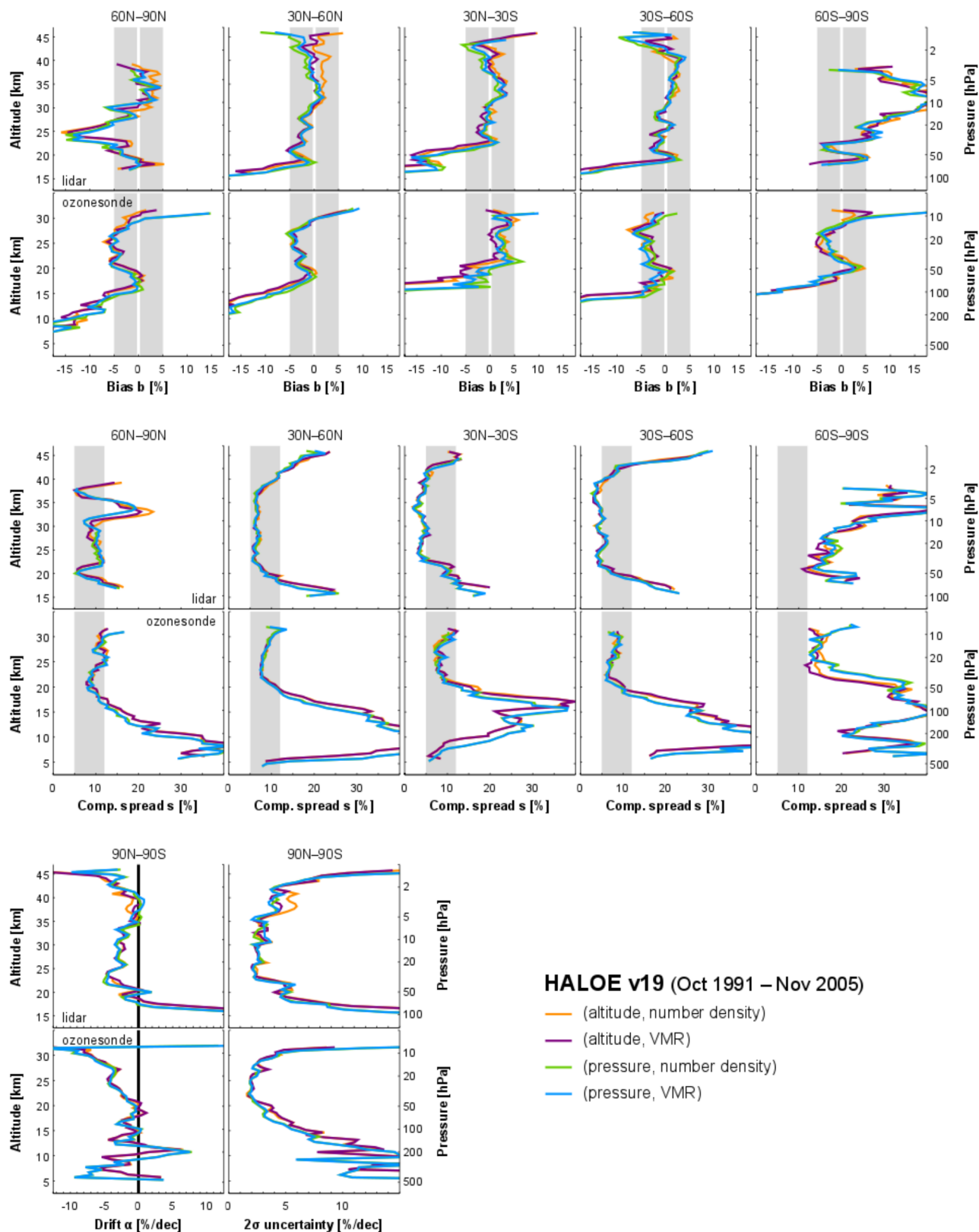


Figure S7. Same as Fig. S5, but for HALOE v19 (nominal representation: ozone VMR on fixed pressure levels).

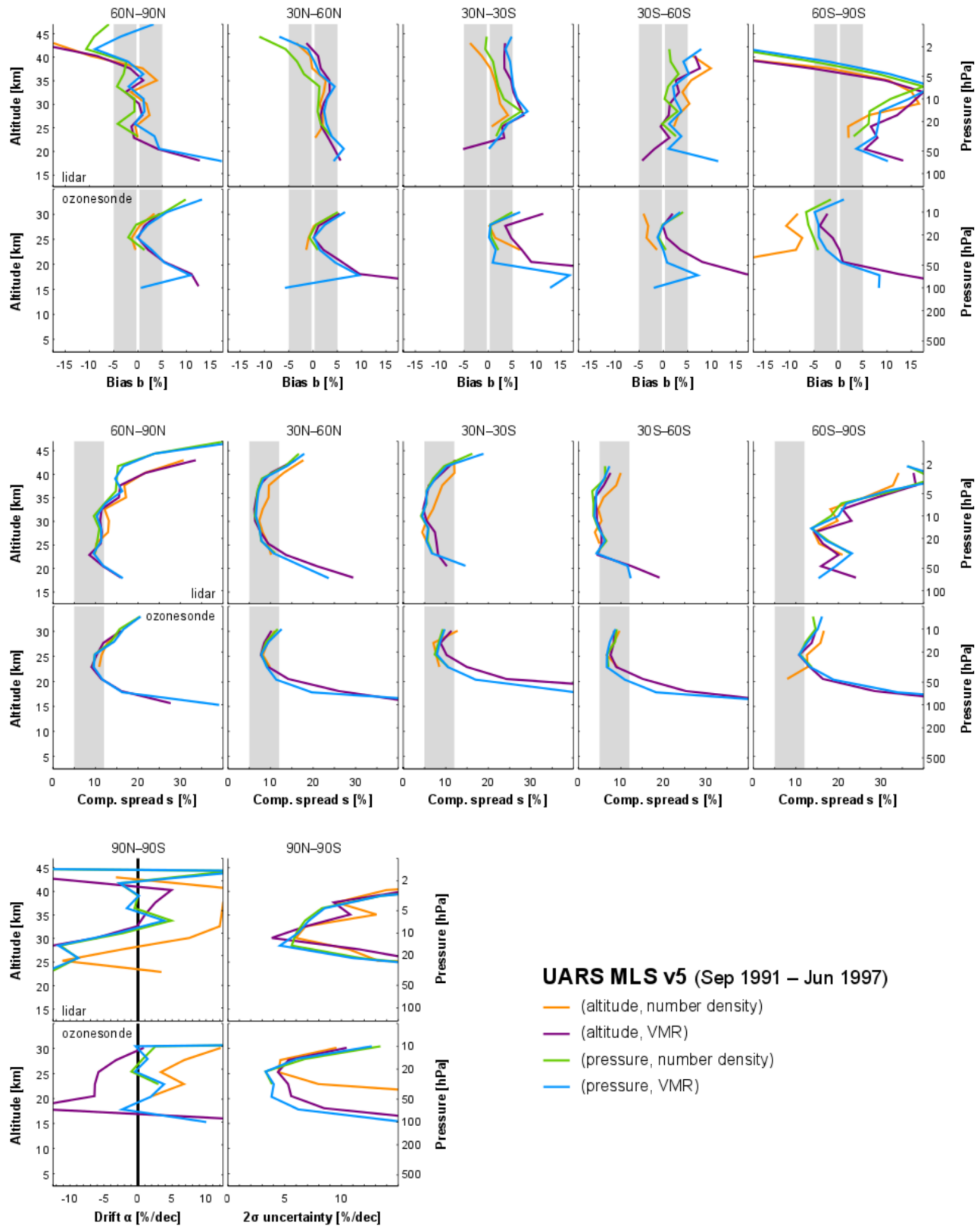


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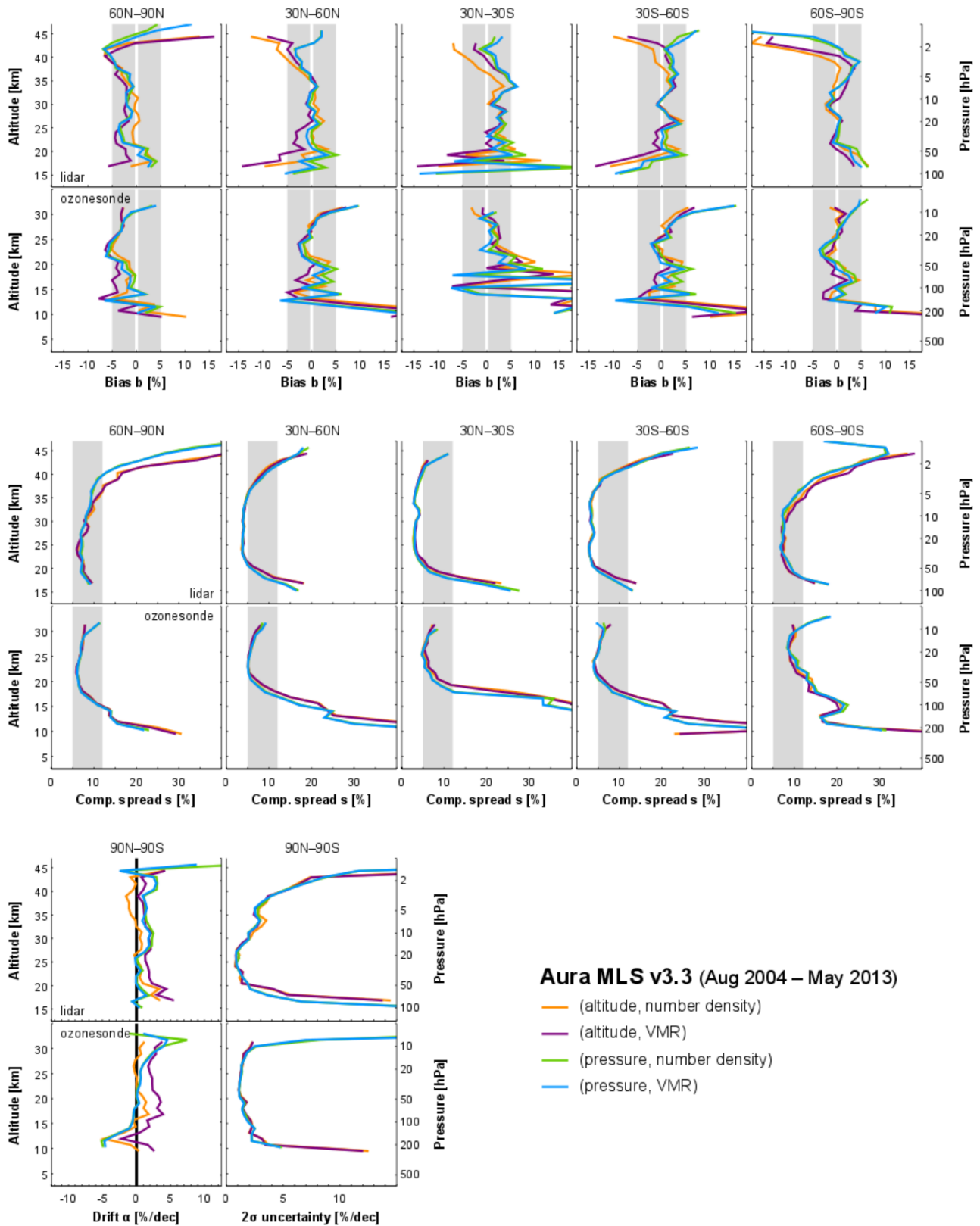


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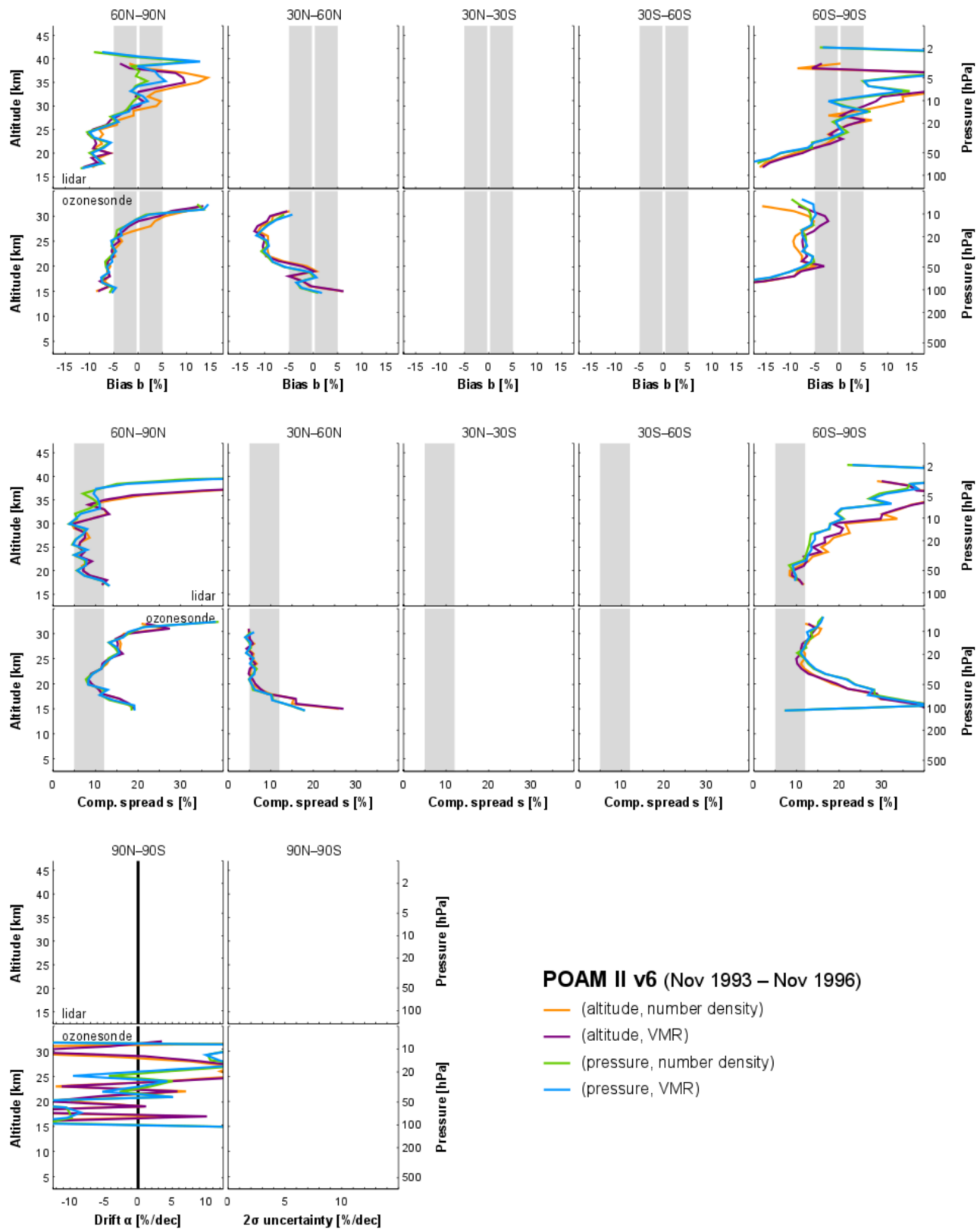


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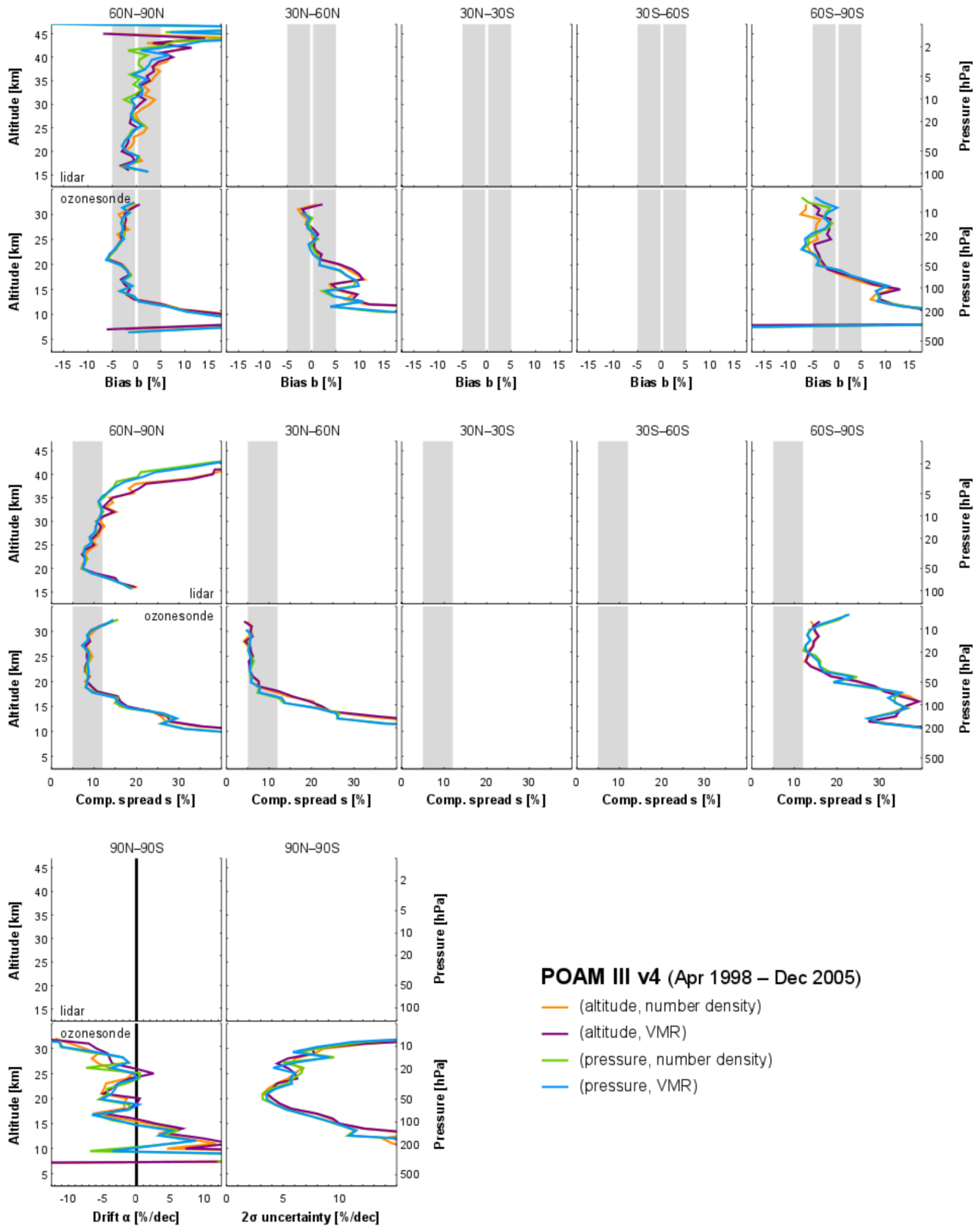


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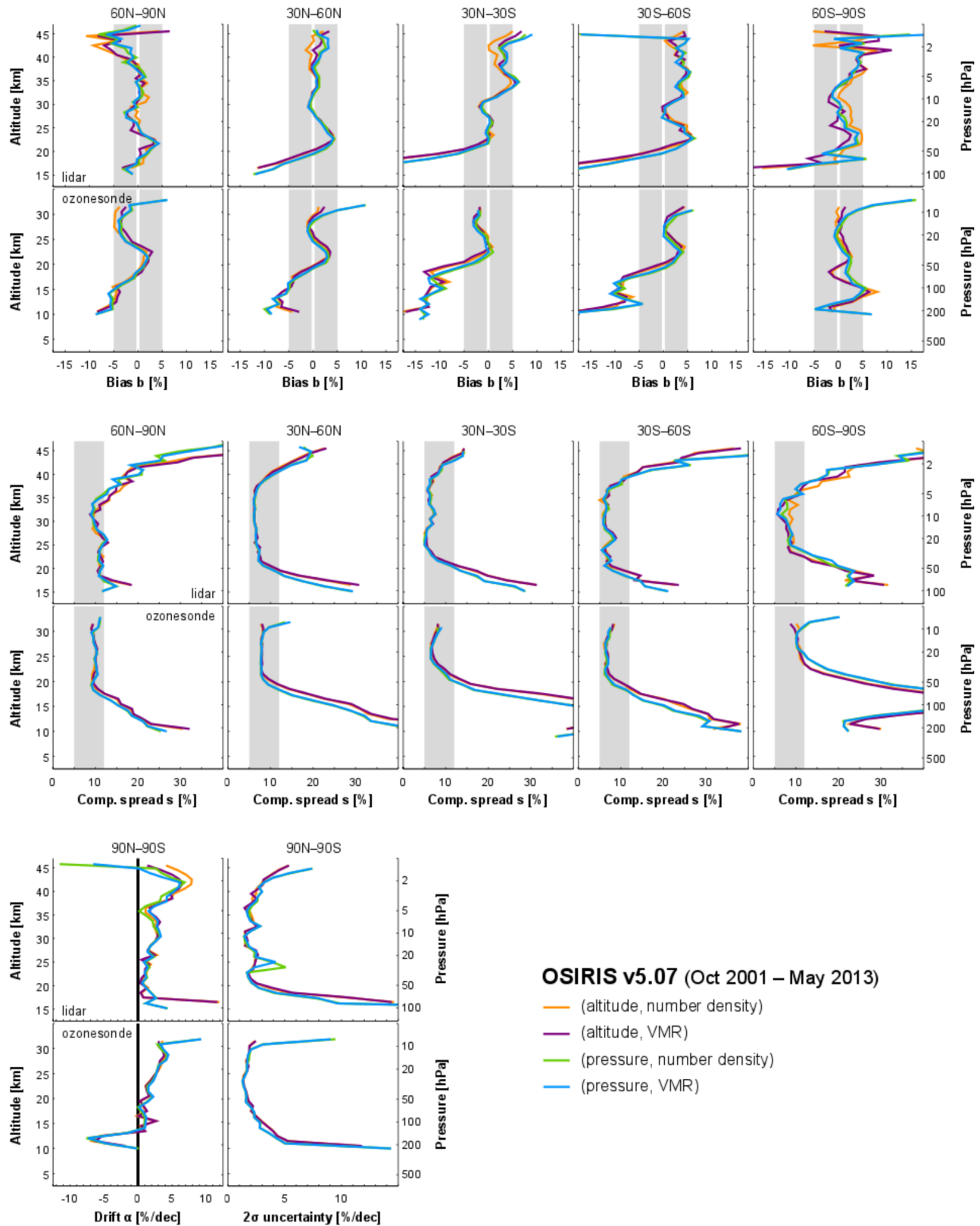


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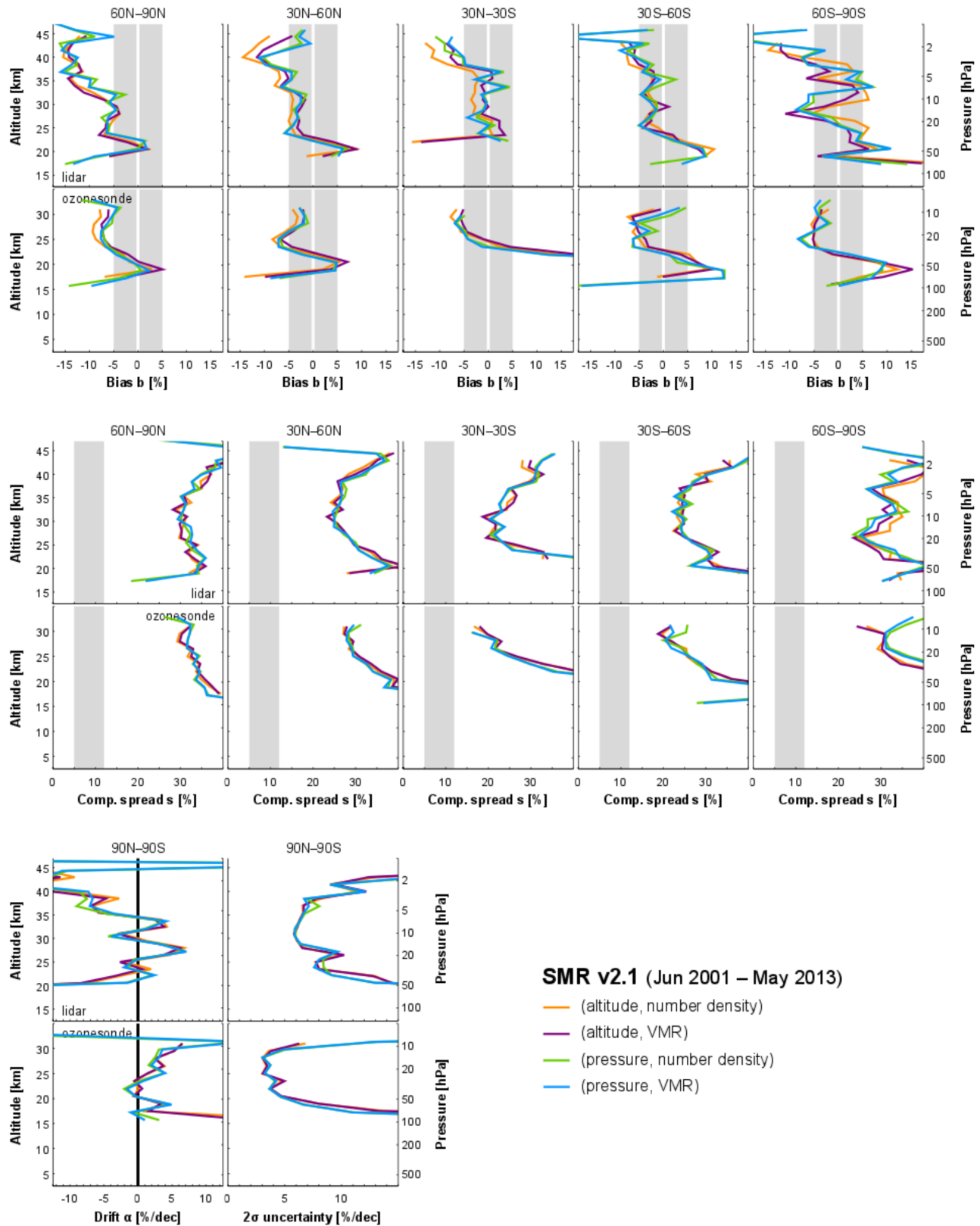


Figure S13. Same as Fig. S5, but for SMR v2.1 (nominal representation: ozone VMR on variable altitude levels).

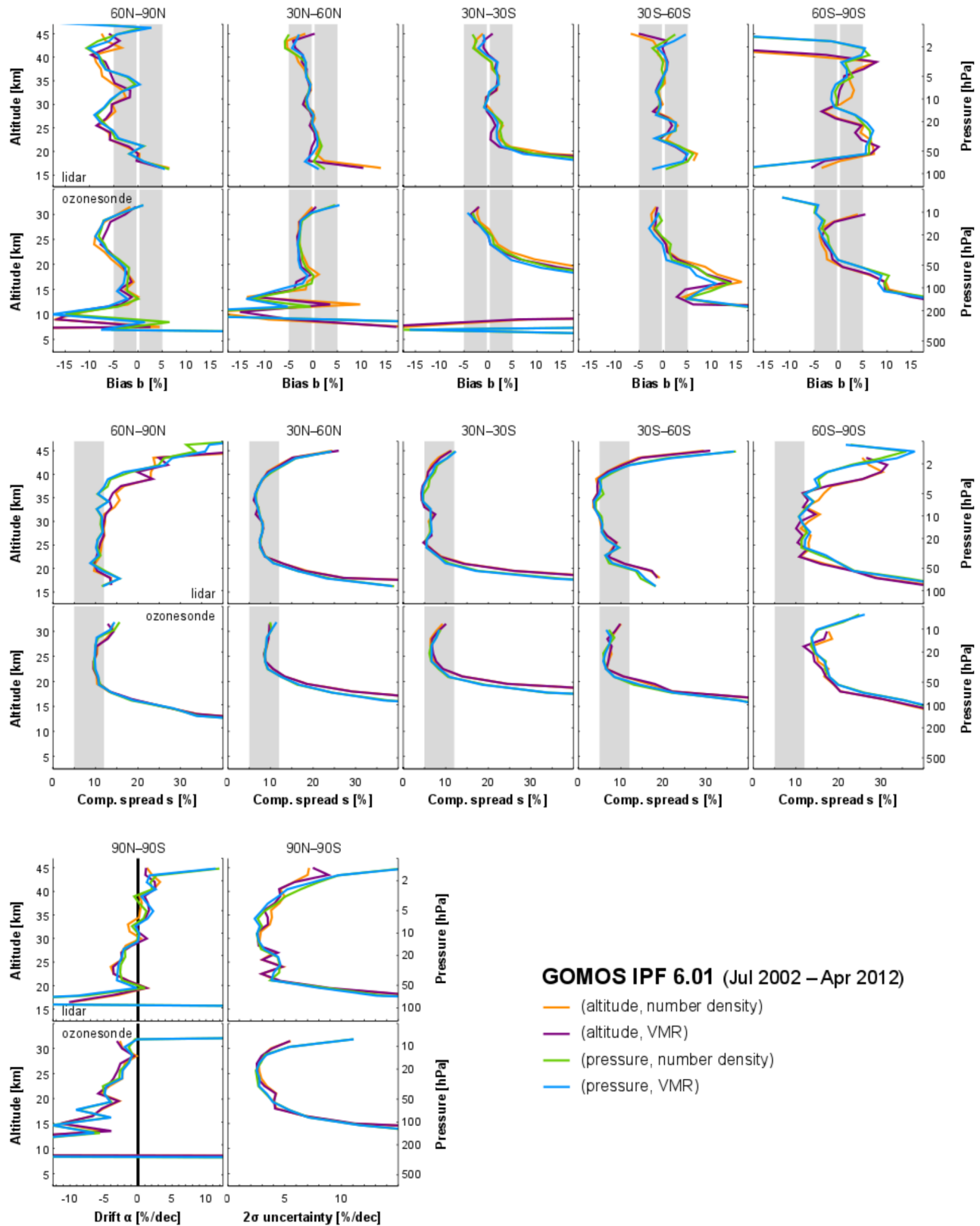


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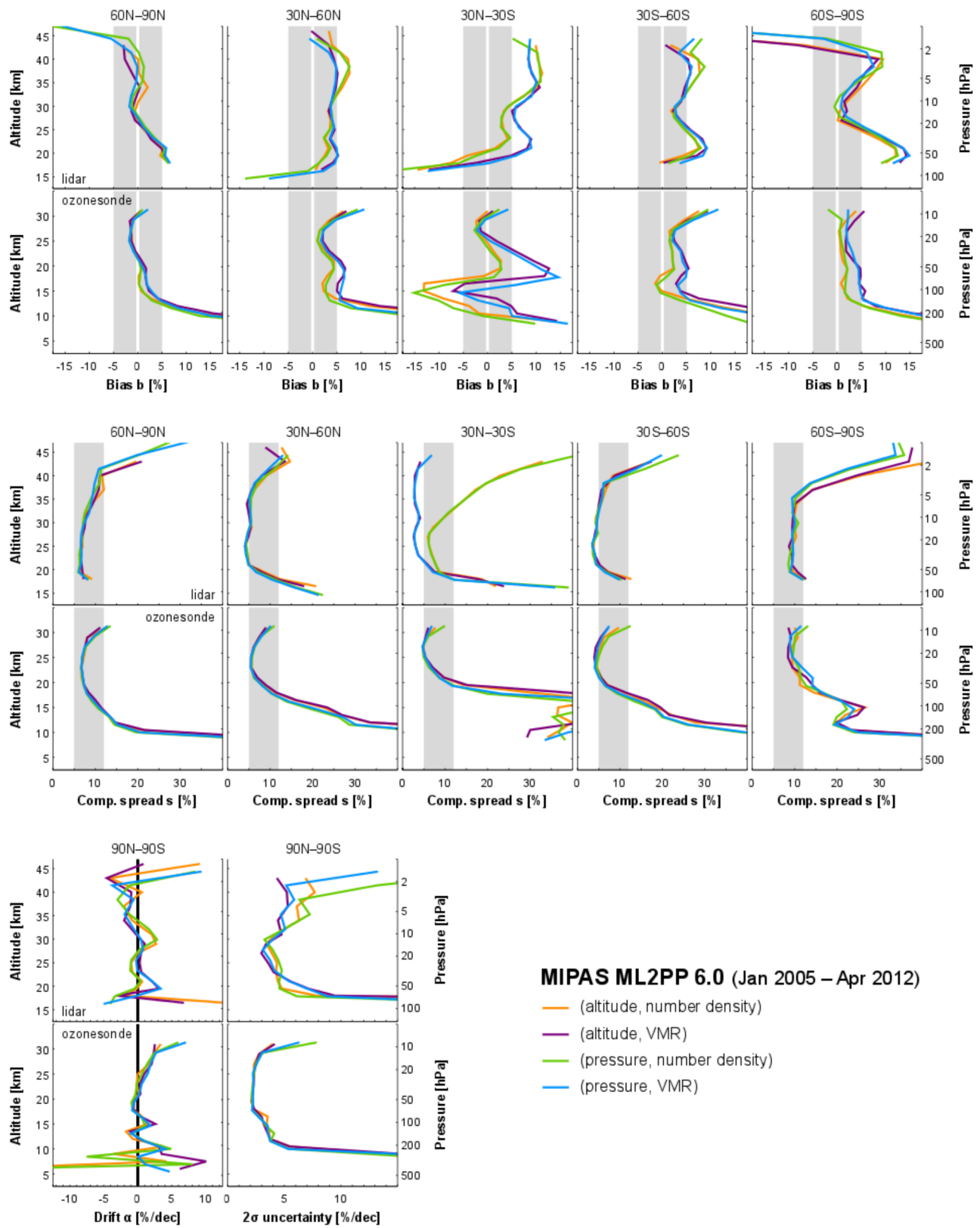


Figure S15. Same as Fig. S5, but for MIPAS ML2PP6.0 2005–2012 nominal observation data (nominal representation: ozone VMR on variable pressure levels). The large increase in the spread of tropical lidar comparisons is due to outliers in the averaging kernels. It is not seen when a triangular smoothing function is used.

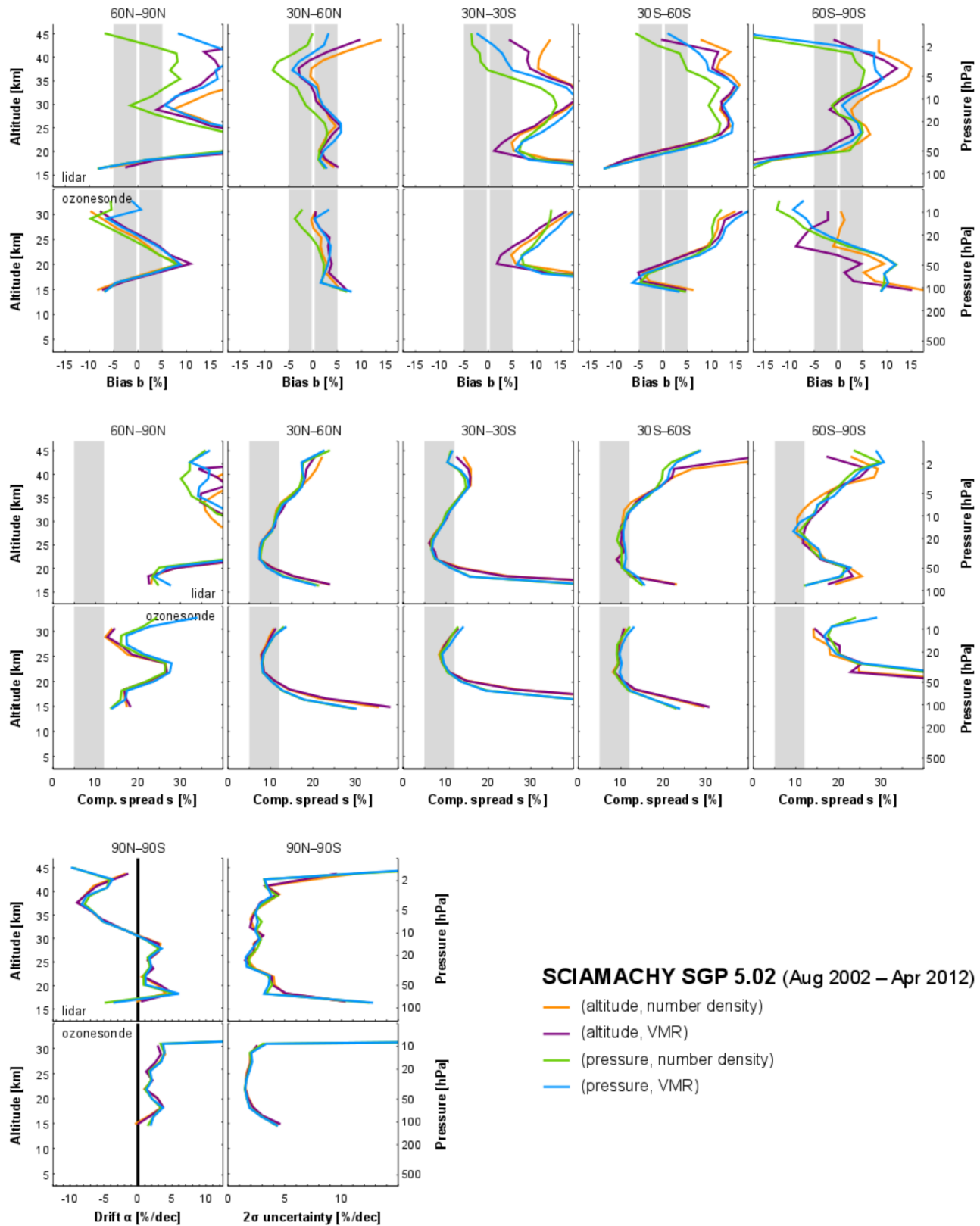


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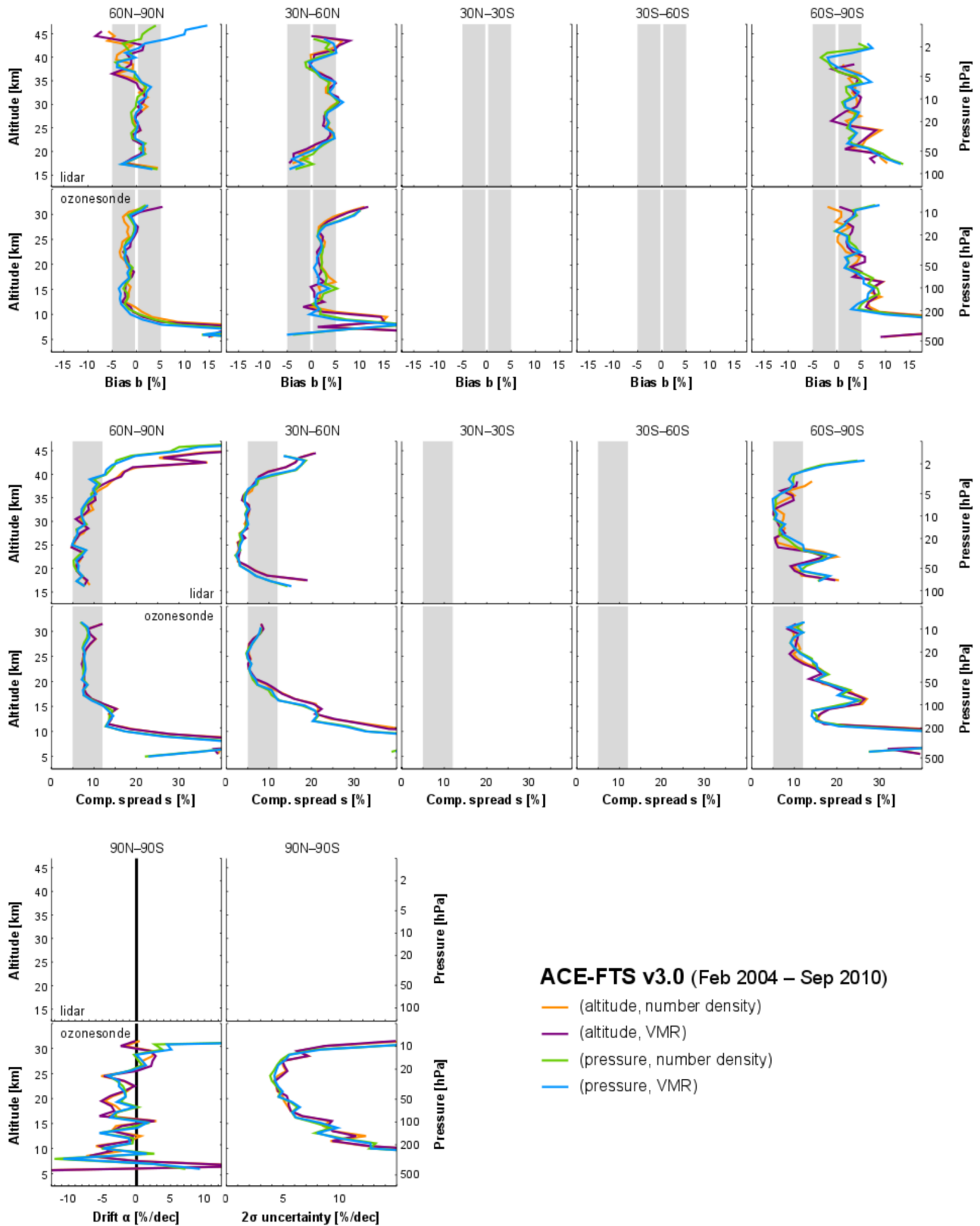


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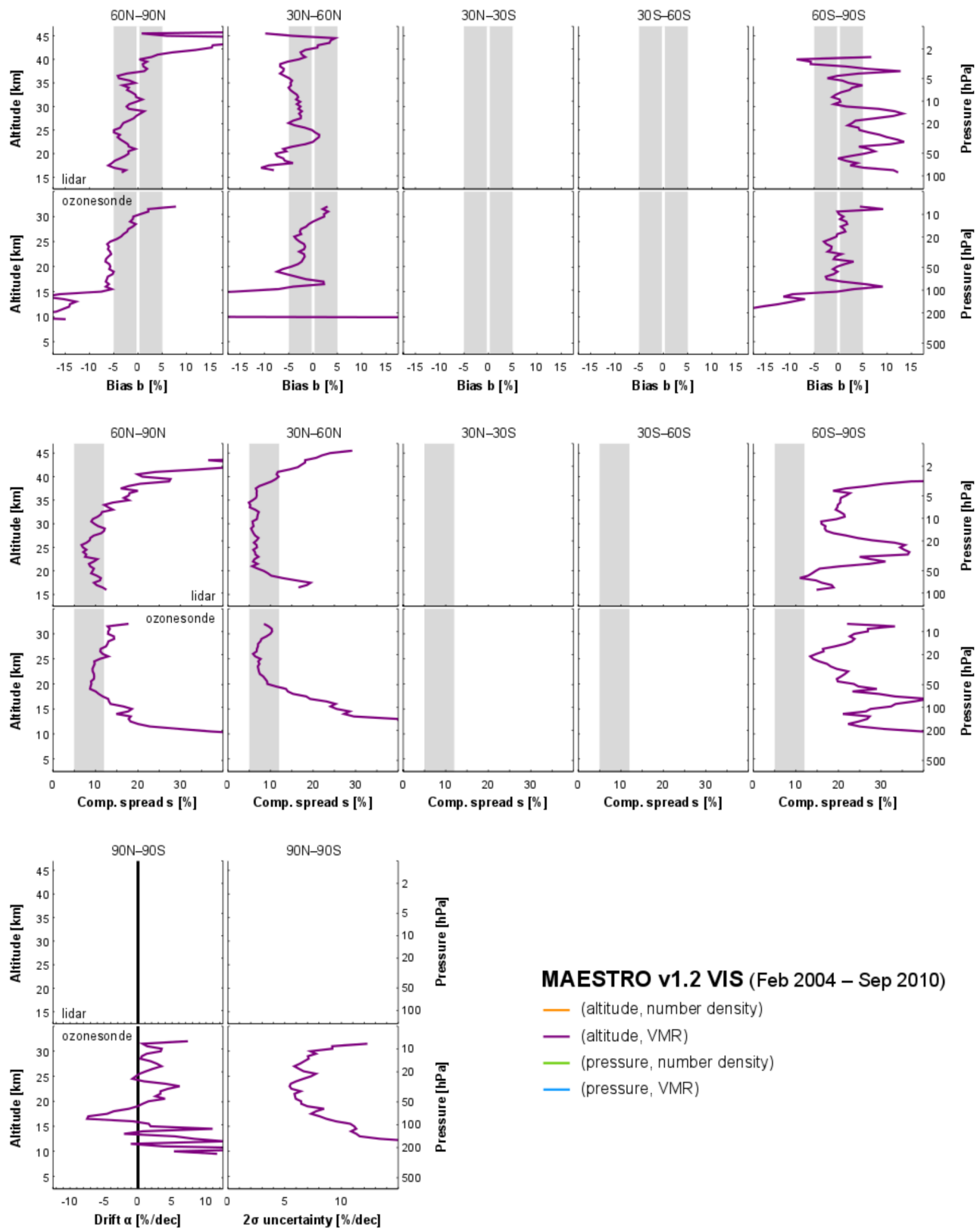


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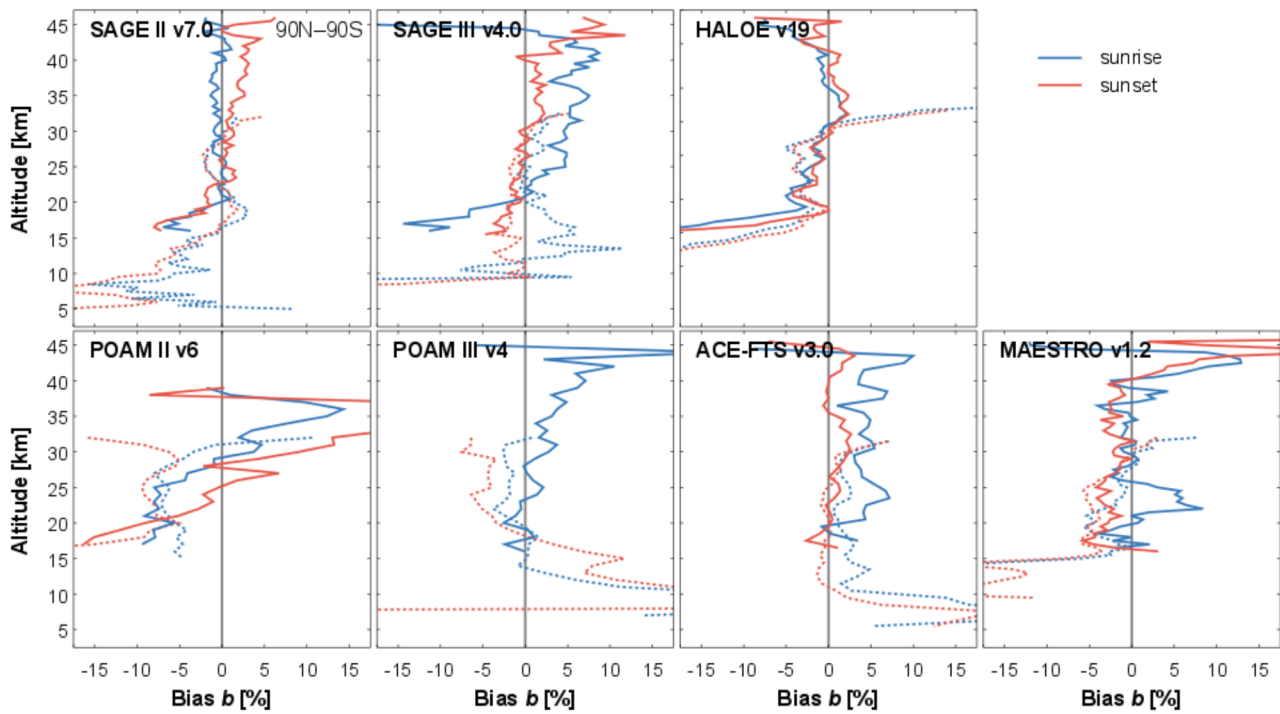


Figure S19. Bias relative to ozonesonde (dashed) and lidar (solid) of the sunrise and sunset measurements by seven solar occultation instruments. The bias is calculated over the entire ground-based network. The analysis is performed in the native profile representation of each satellite record.

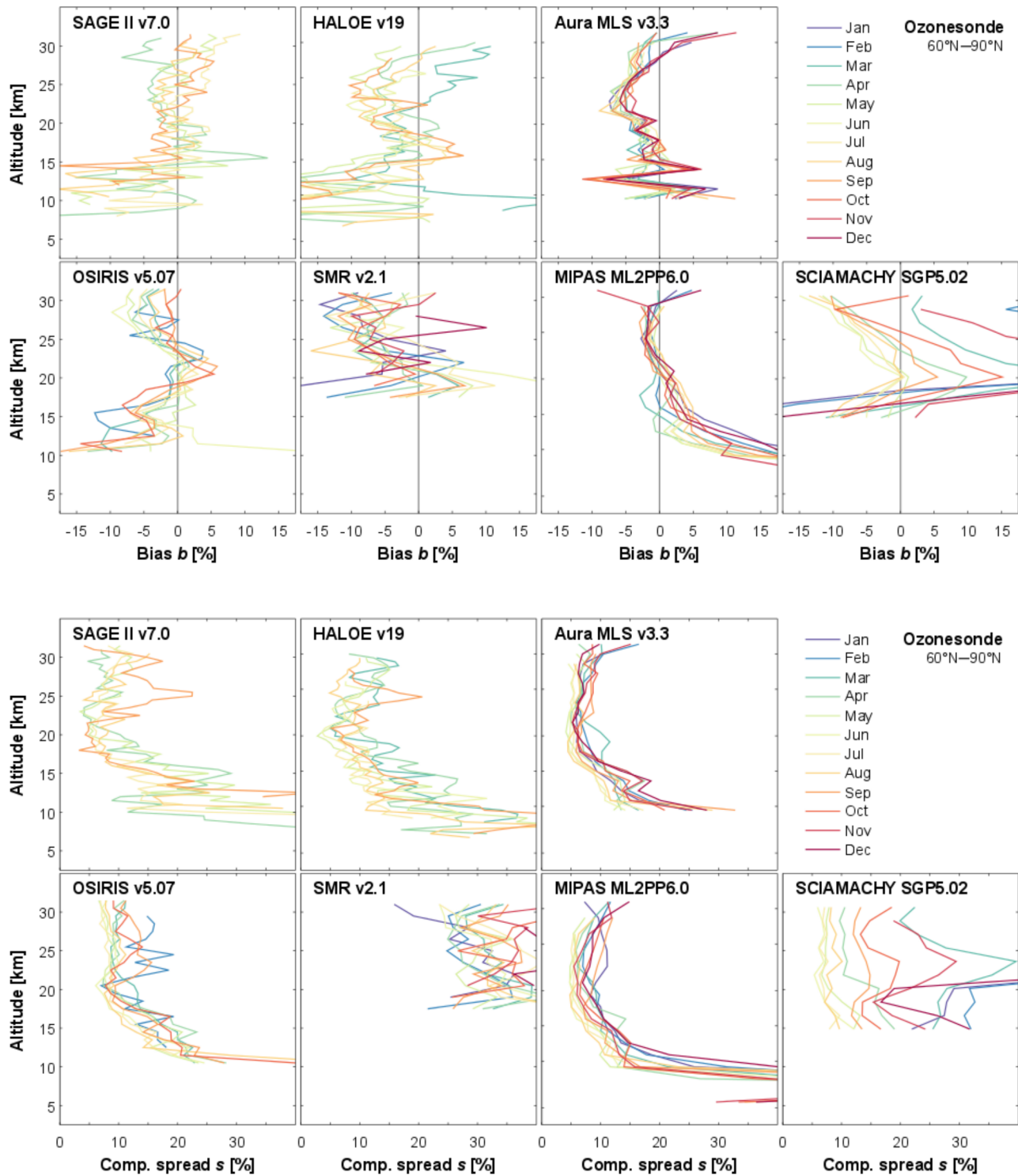


Figure S20. Dependence on month of the bias (top part) and spread (bottom) for comparisons of seven satellite records to Arctic ozonesonde data. The analysis is performed in the native profile representation of each satellite record.