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## **Challenges of constructing and selecting the “perfect” boundary conditions for the large-eddy simulation model PALM**

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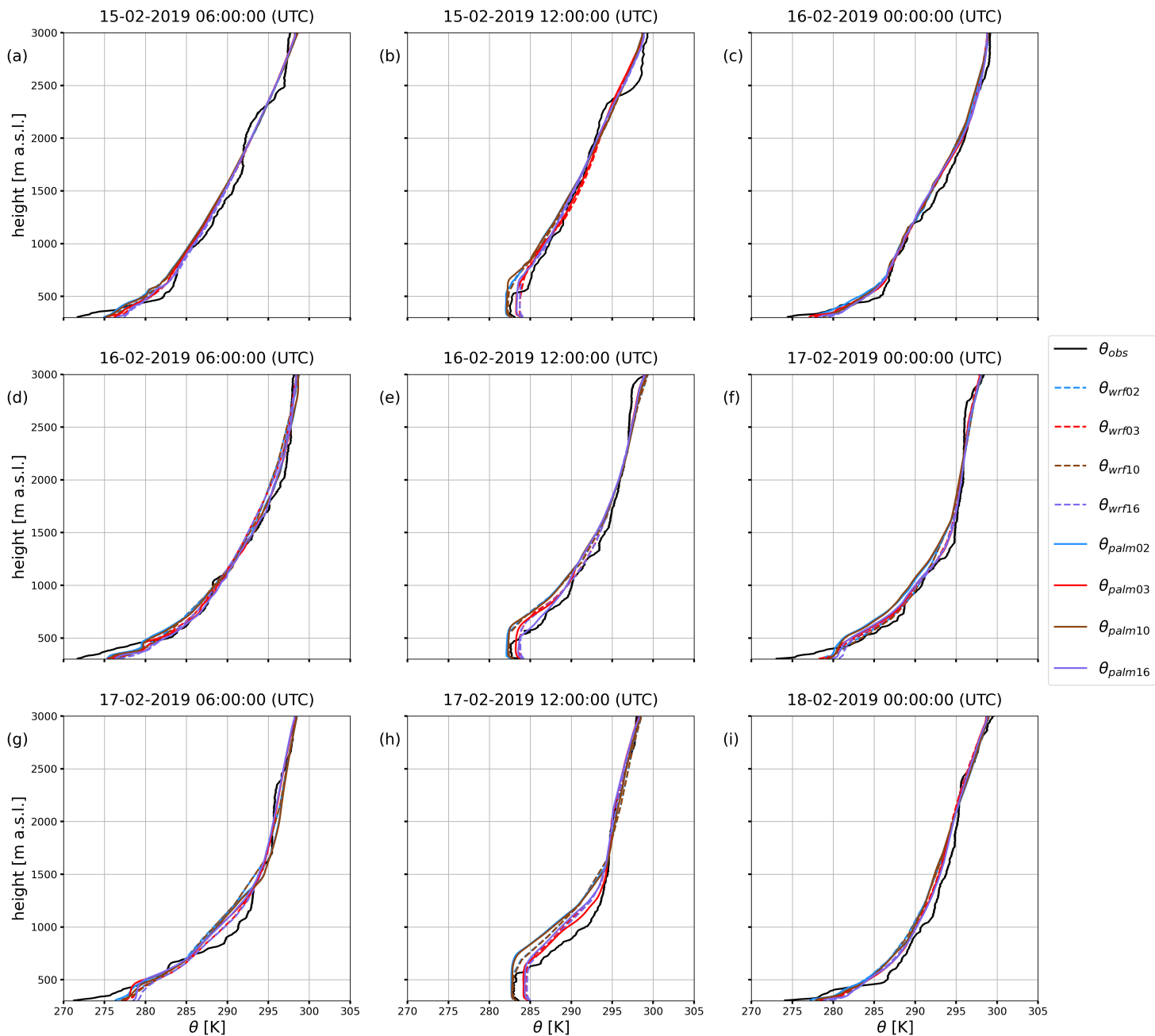


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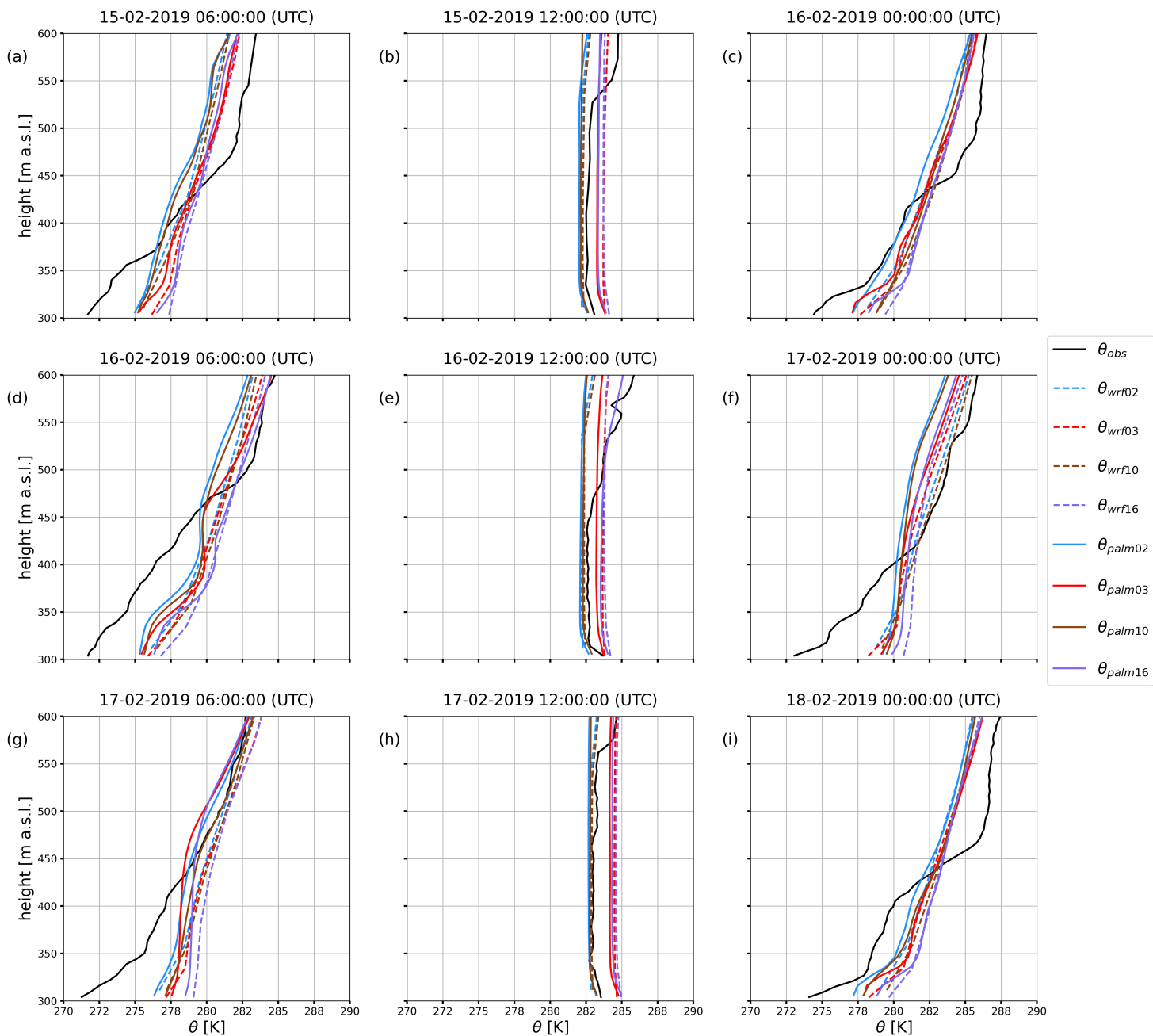


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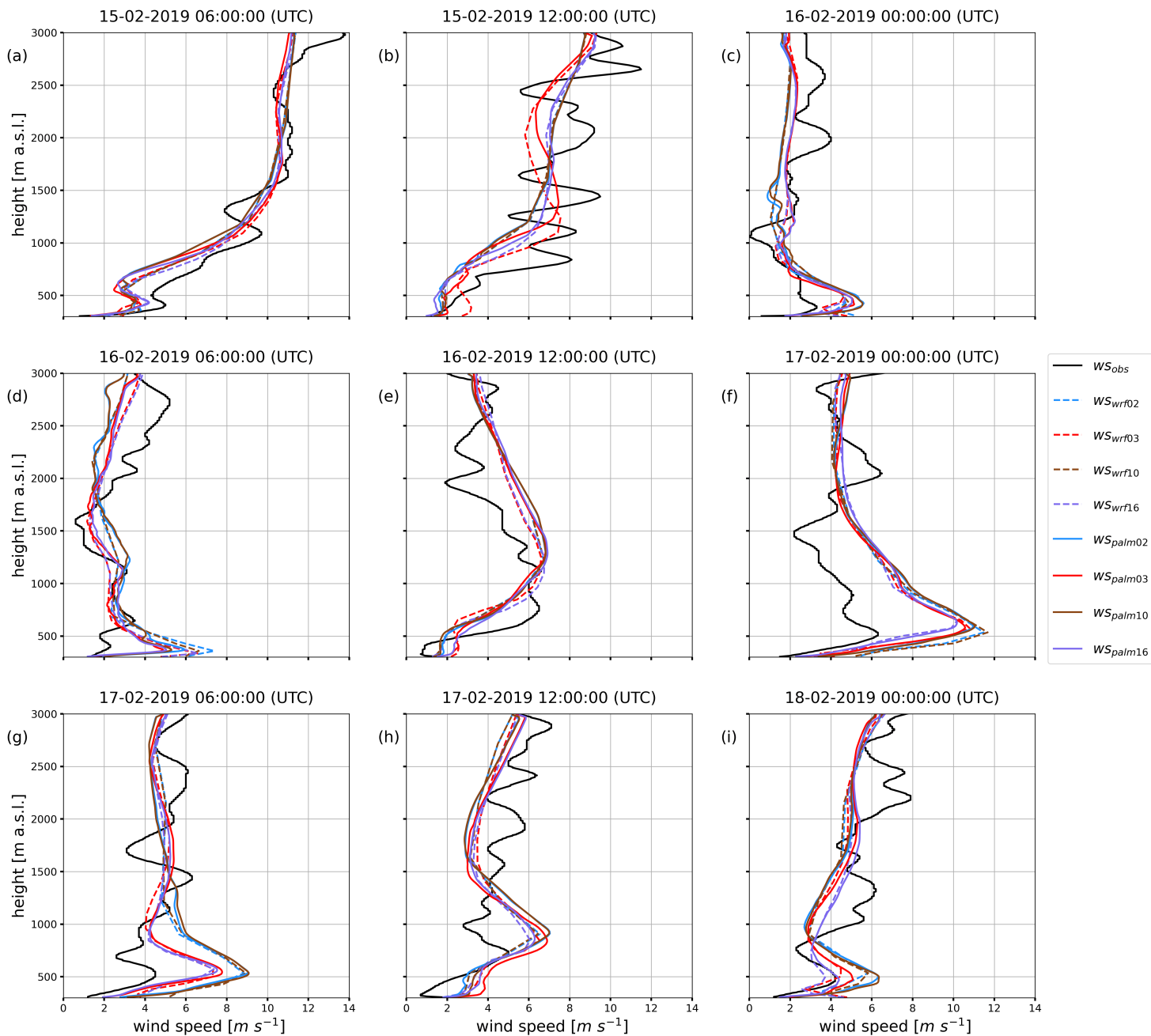


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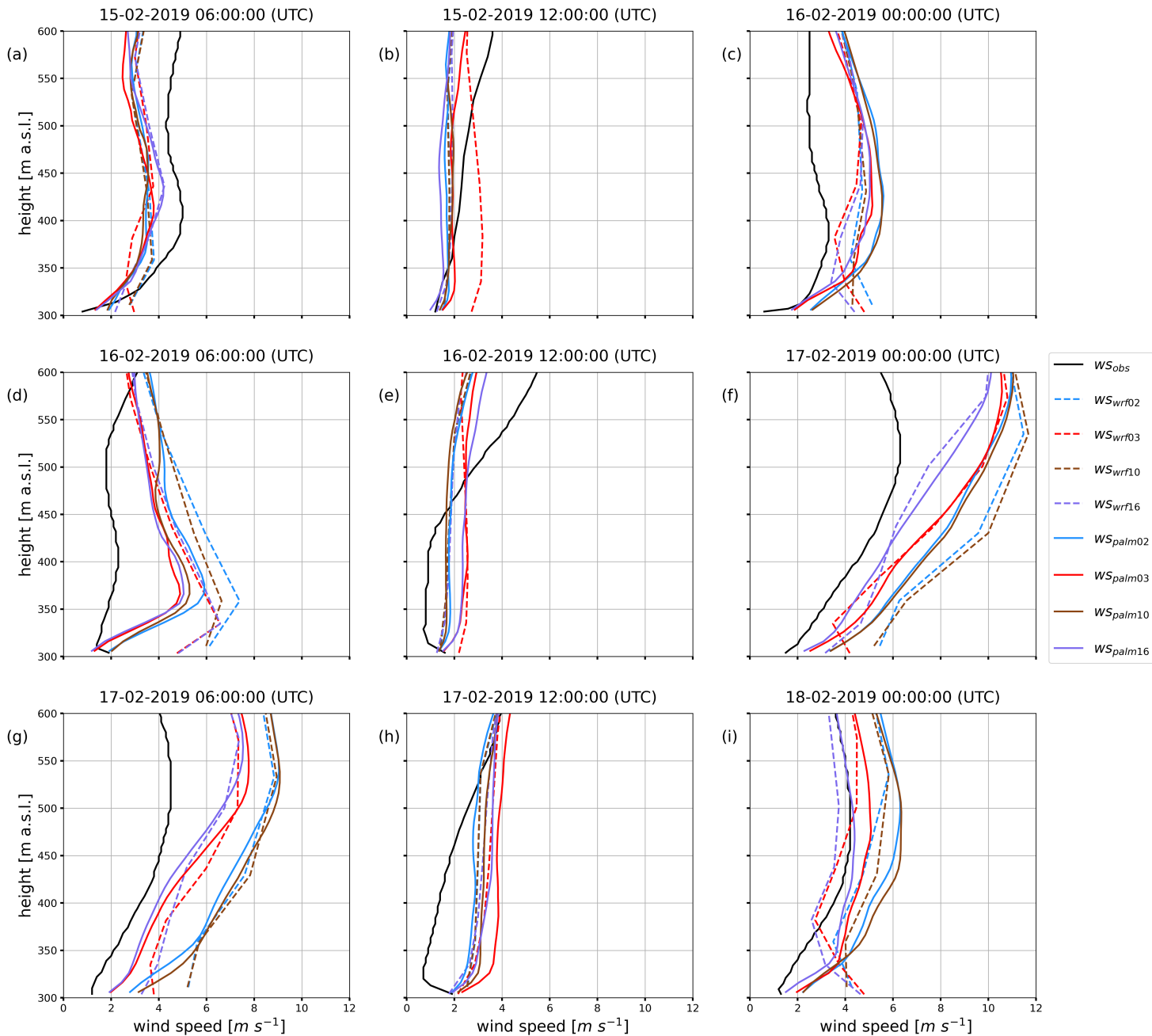


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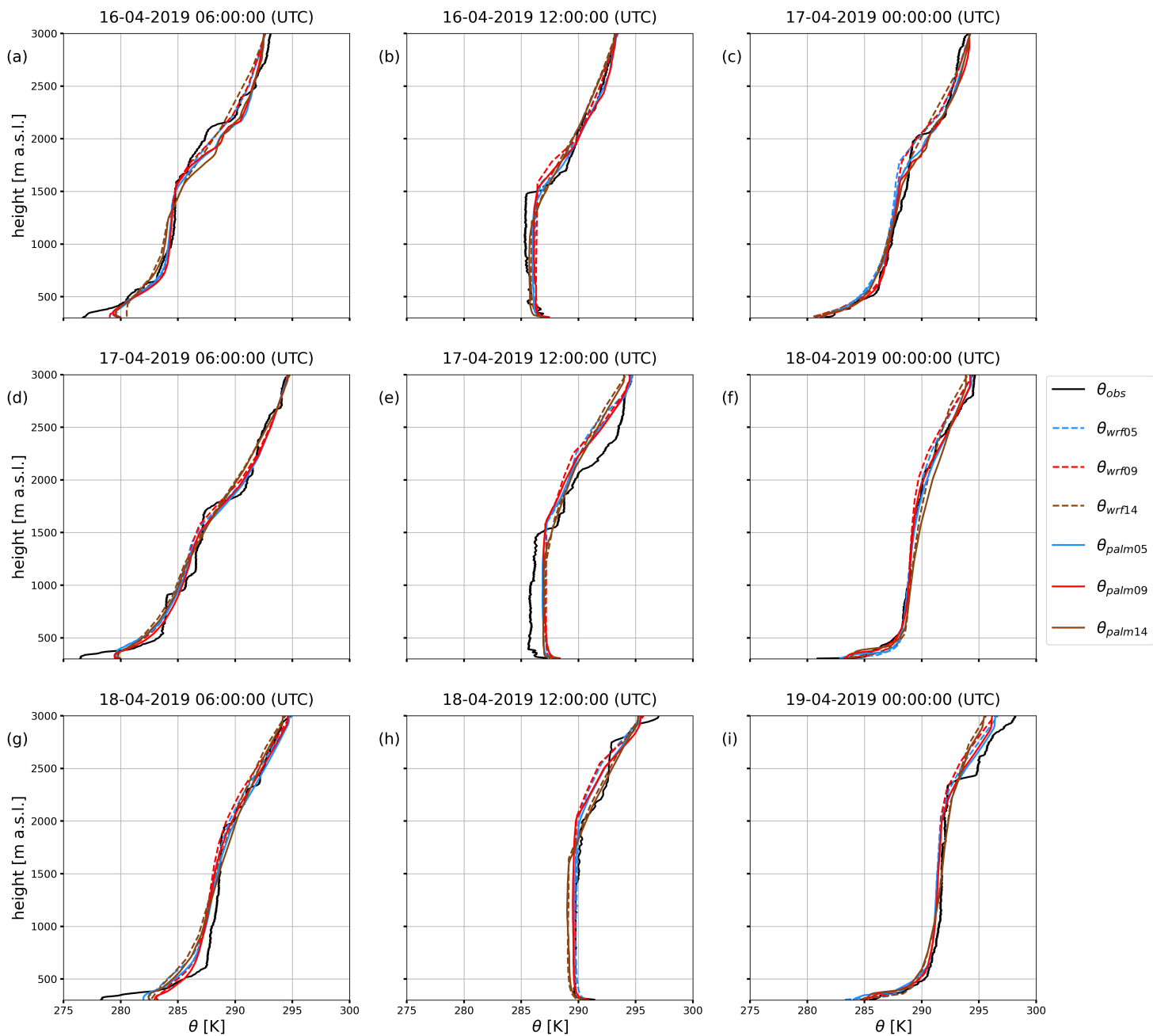


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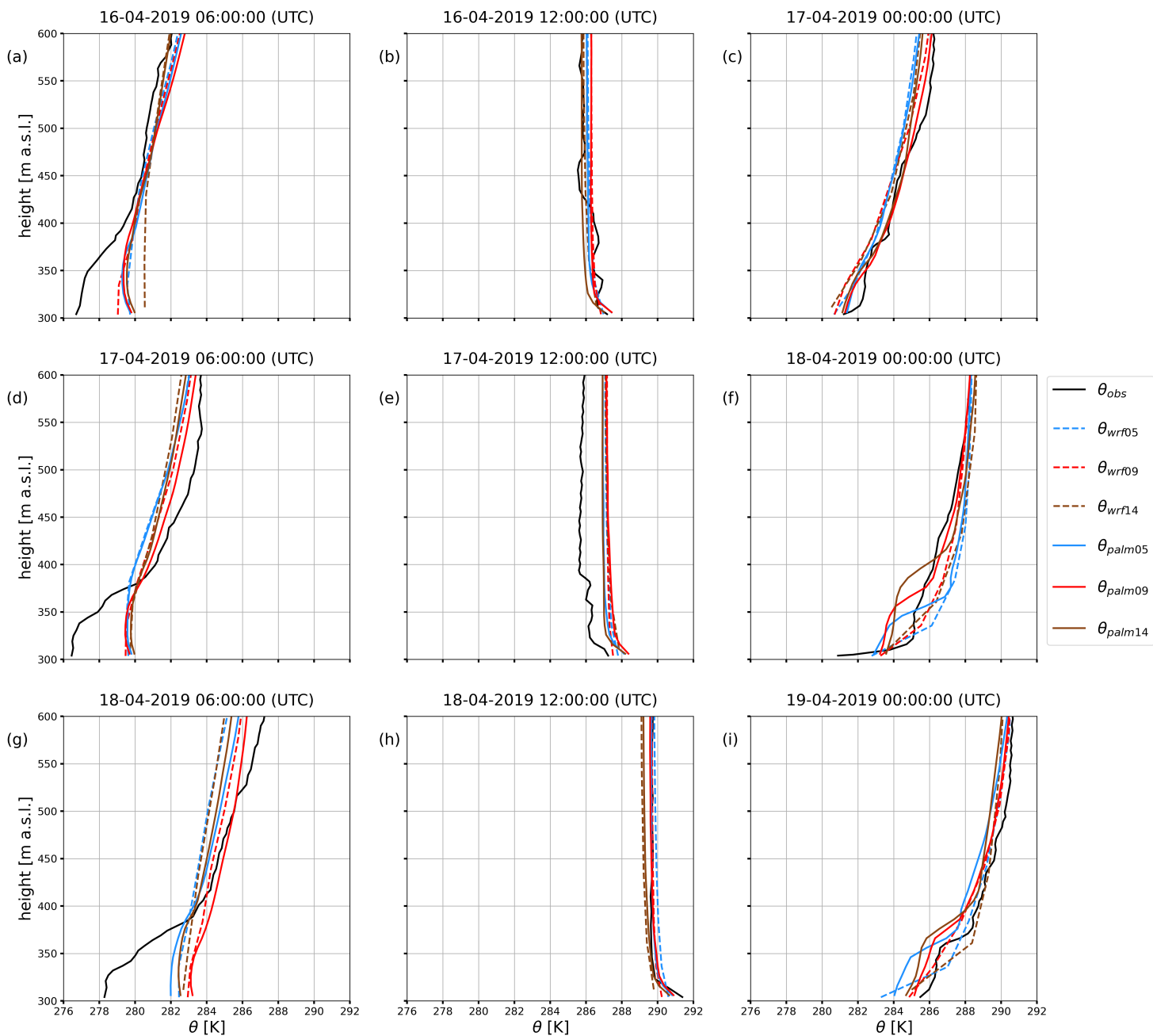


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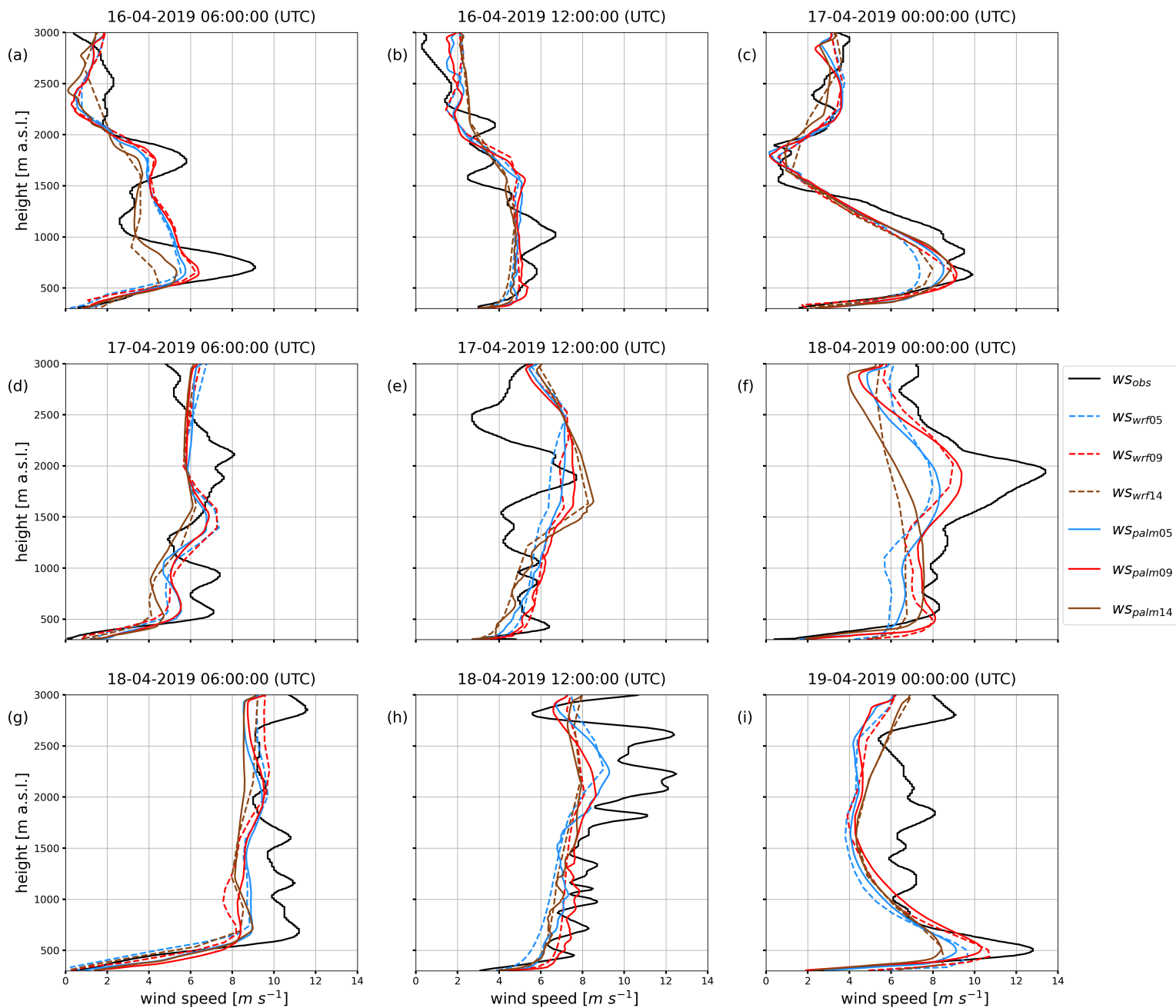


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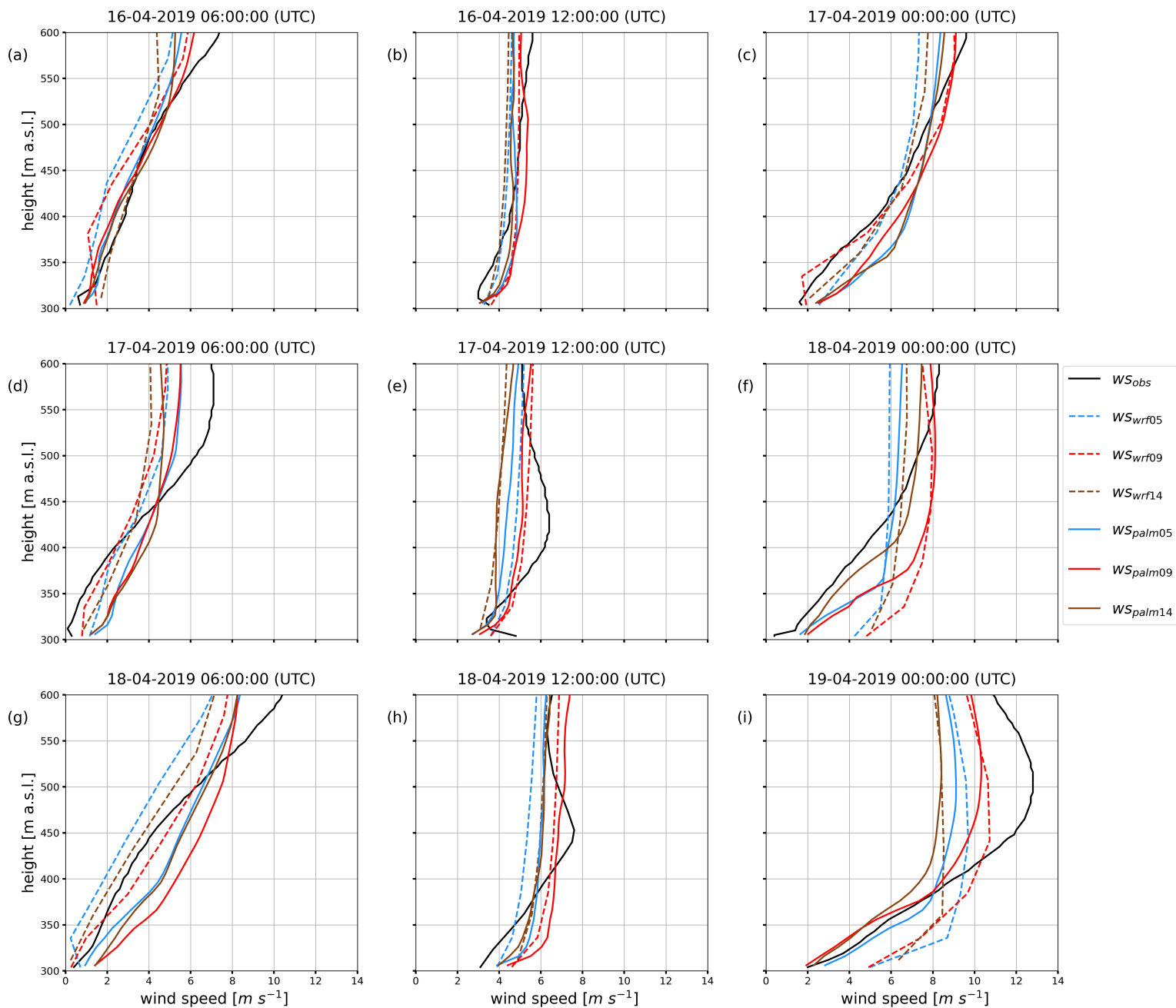


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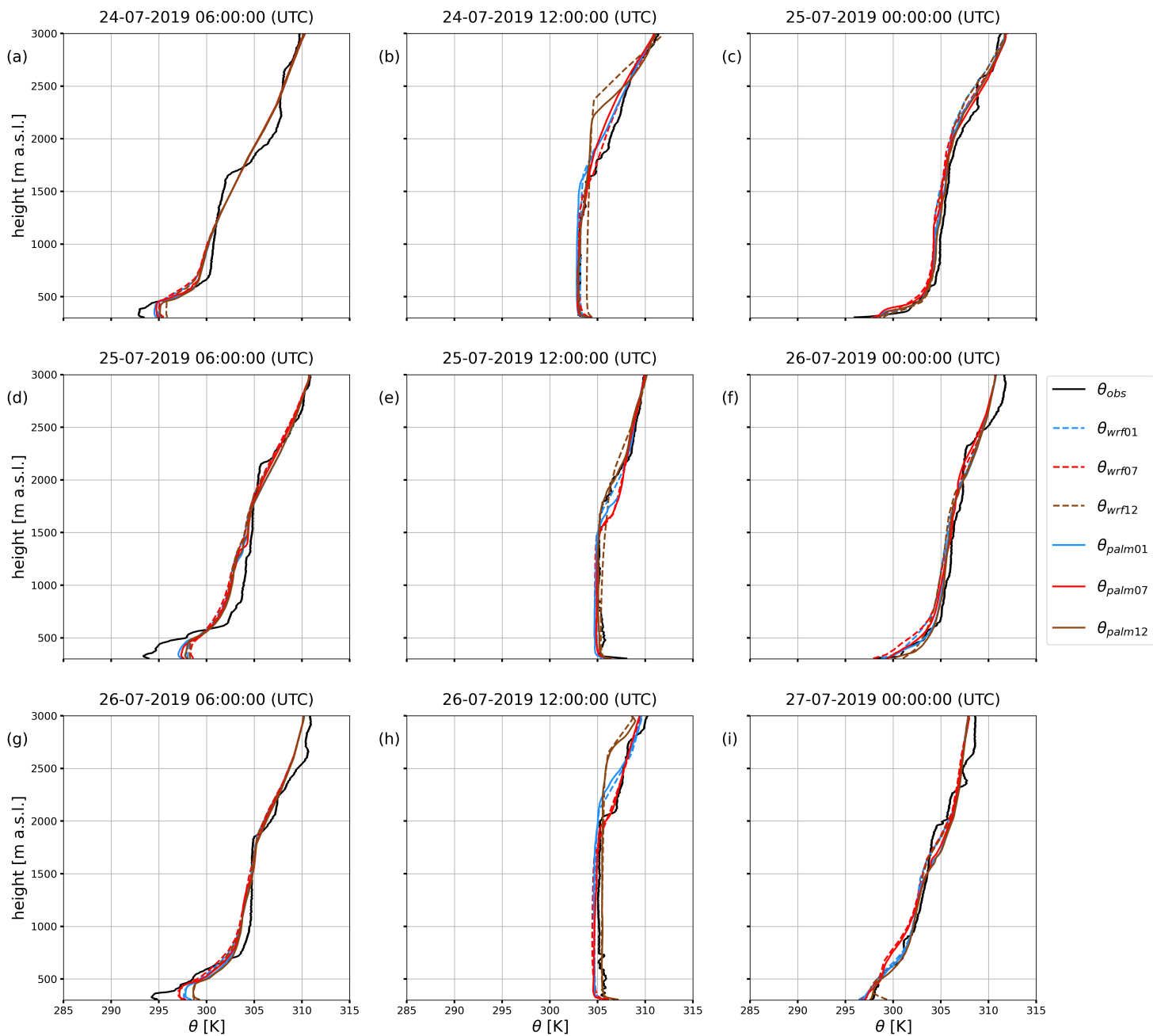


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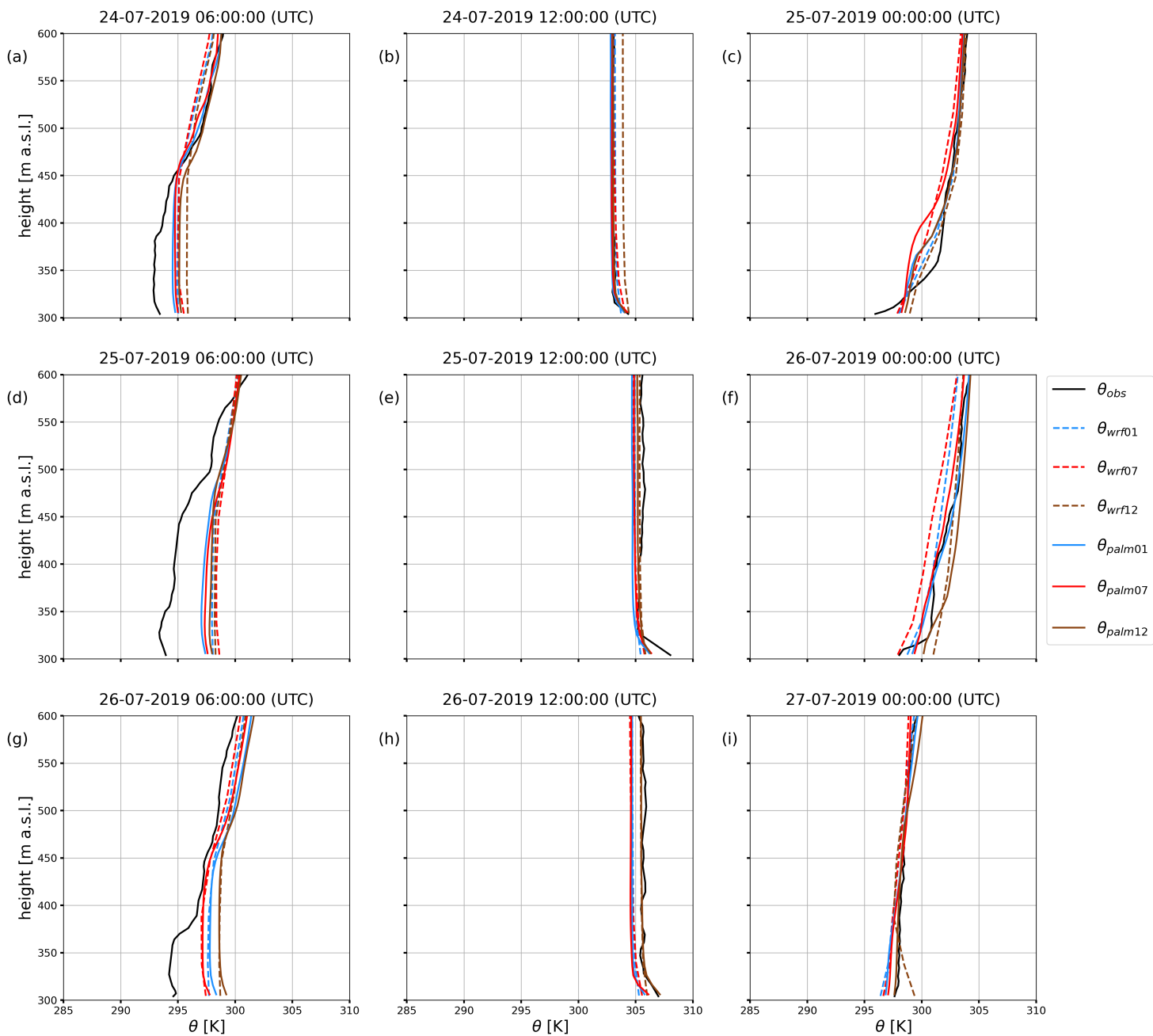


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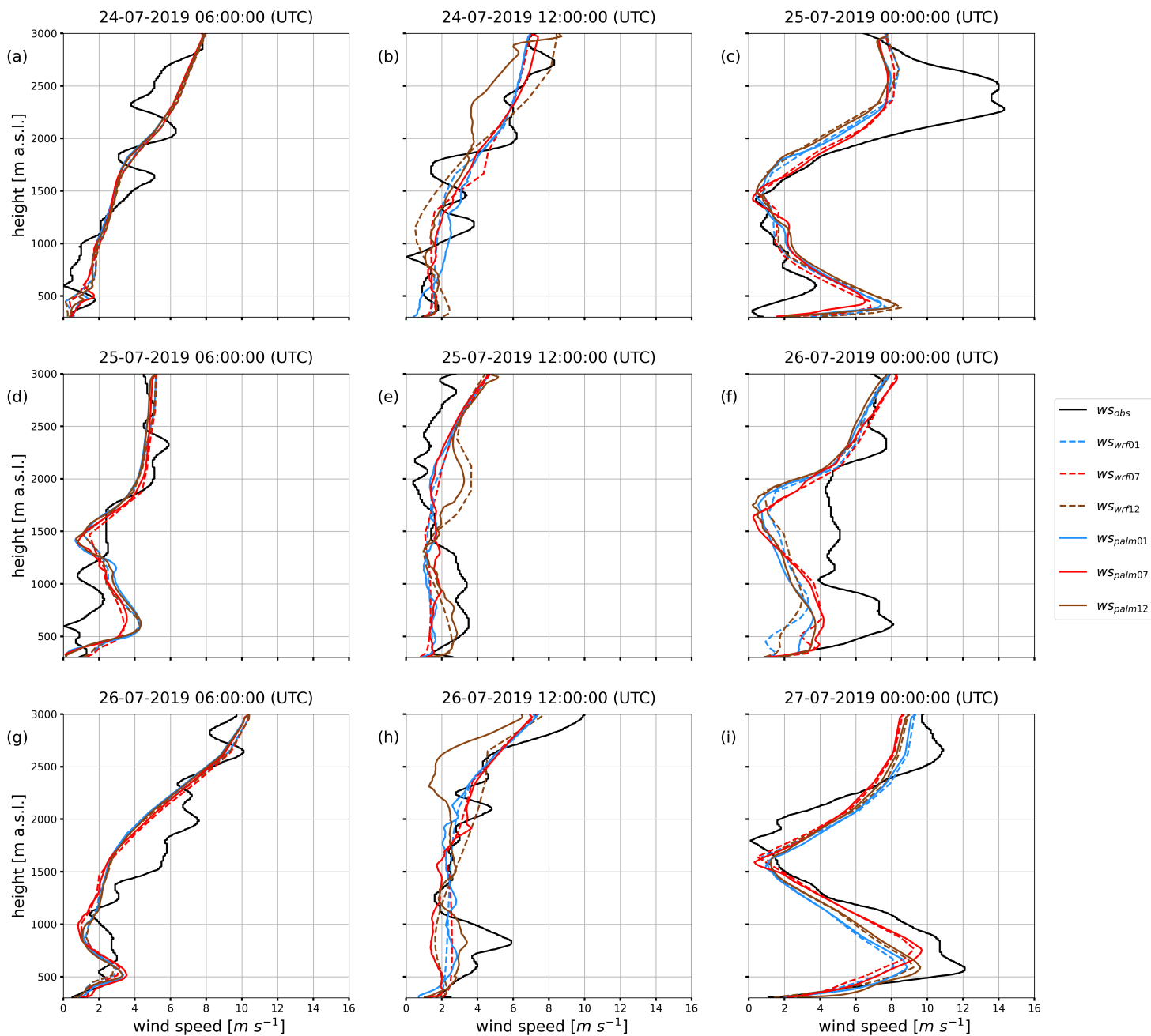


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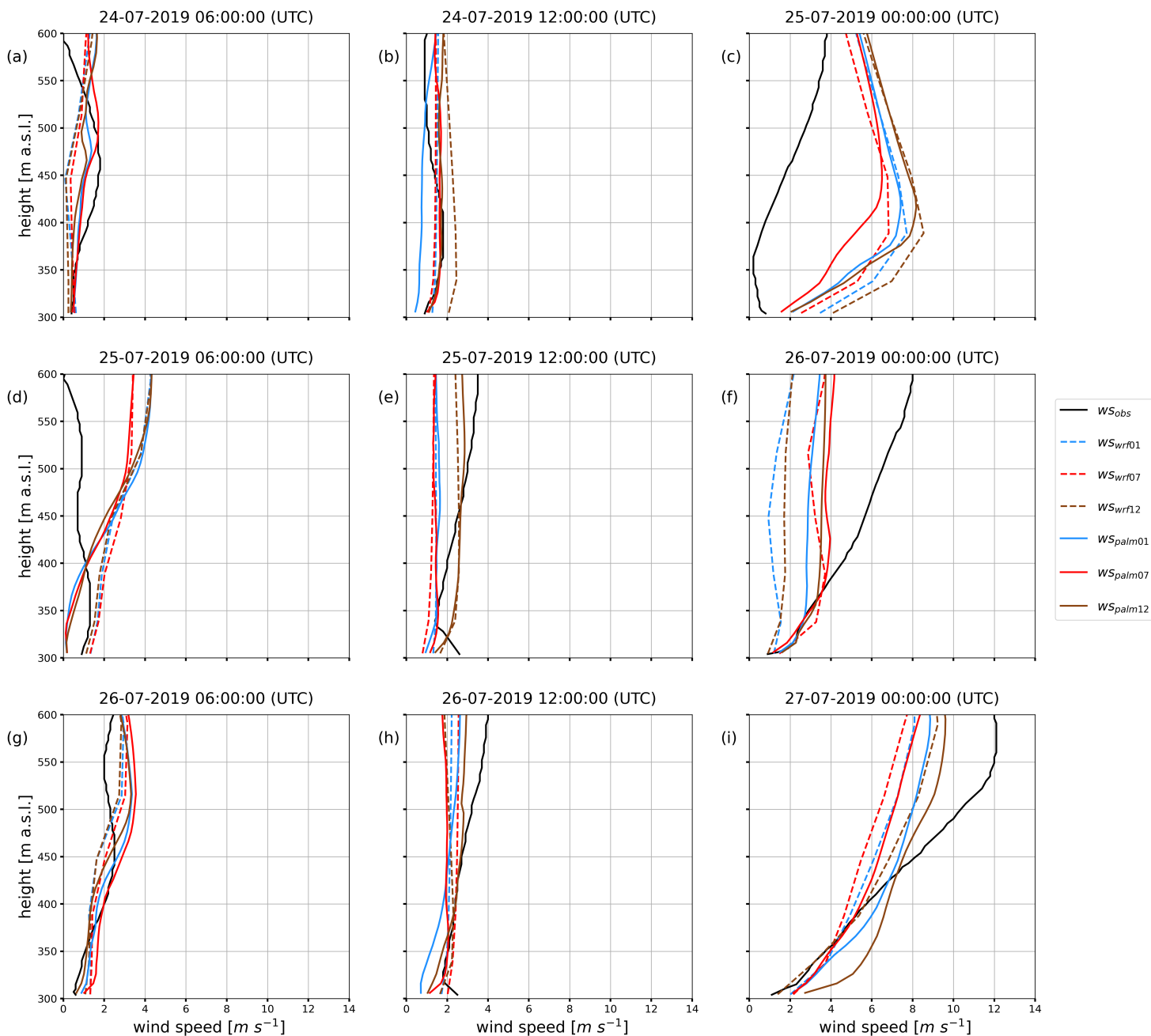


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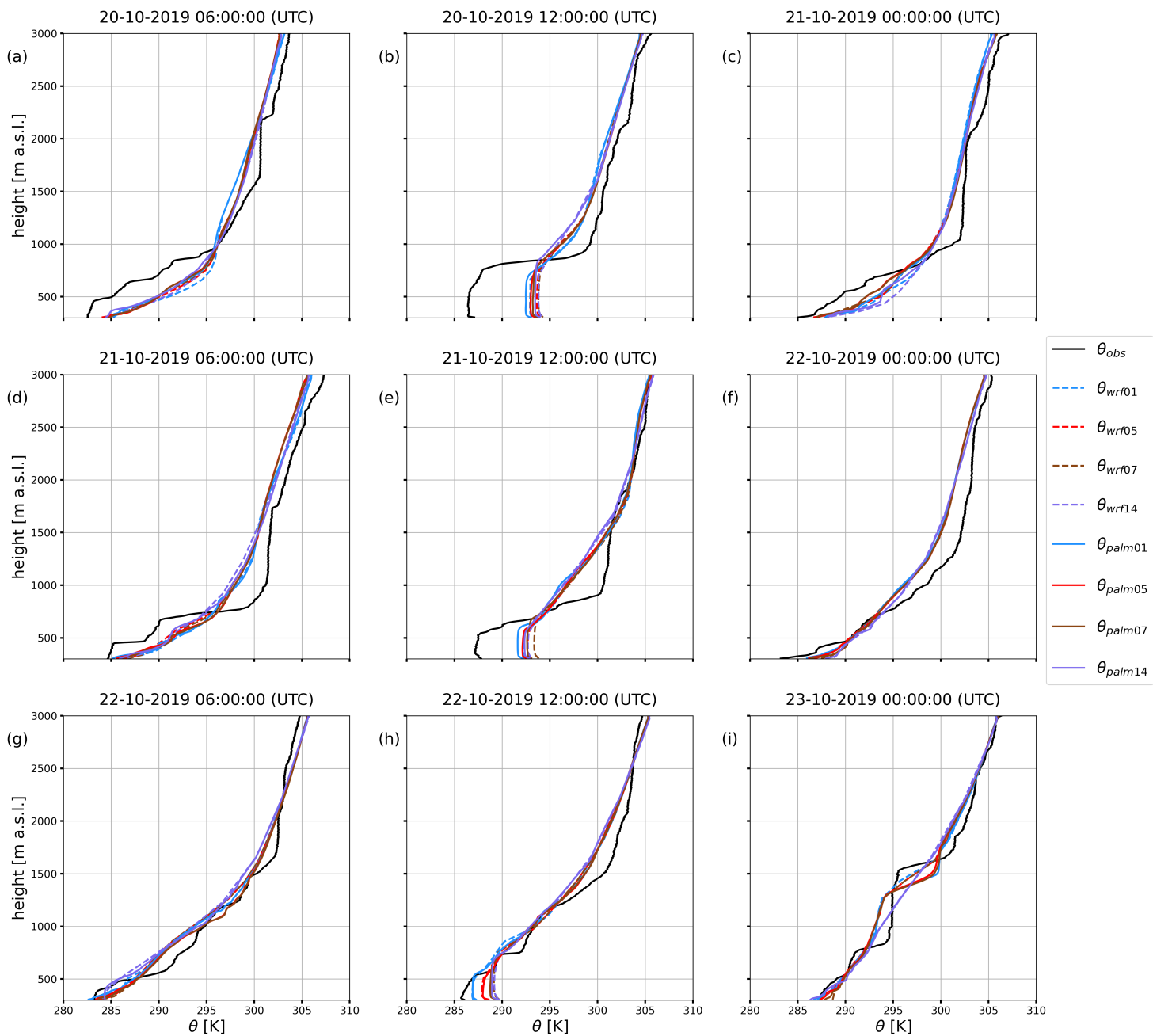


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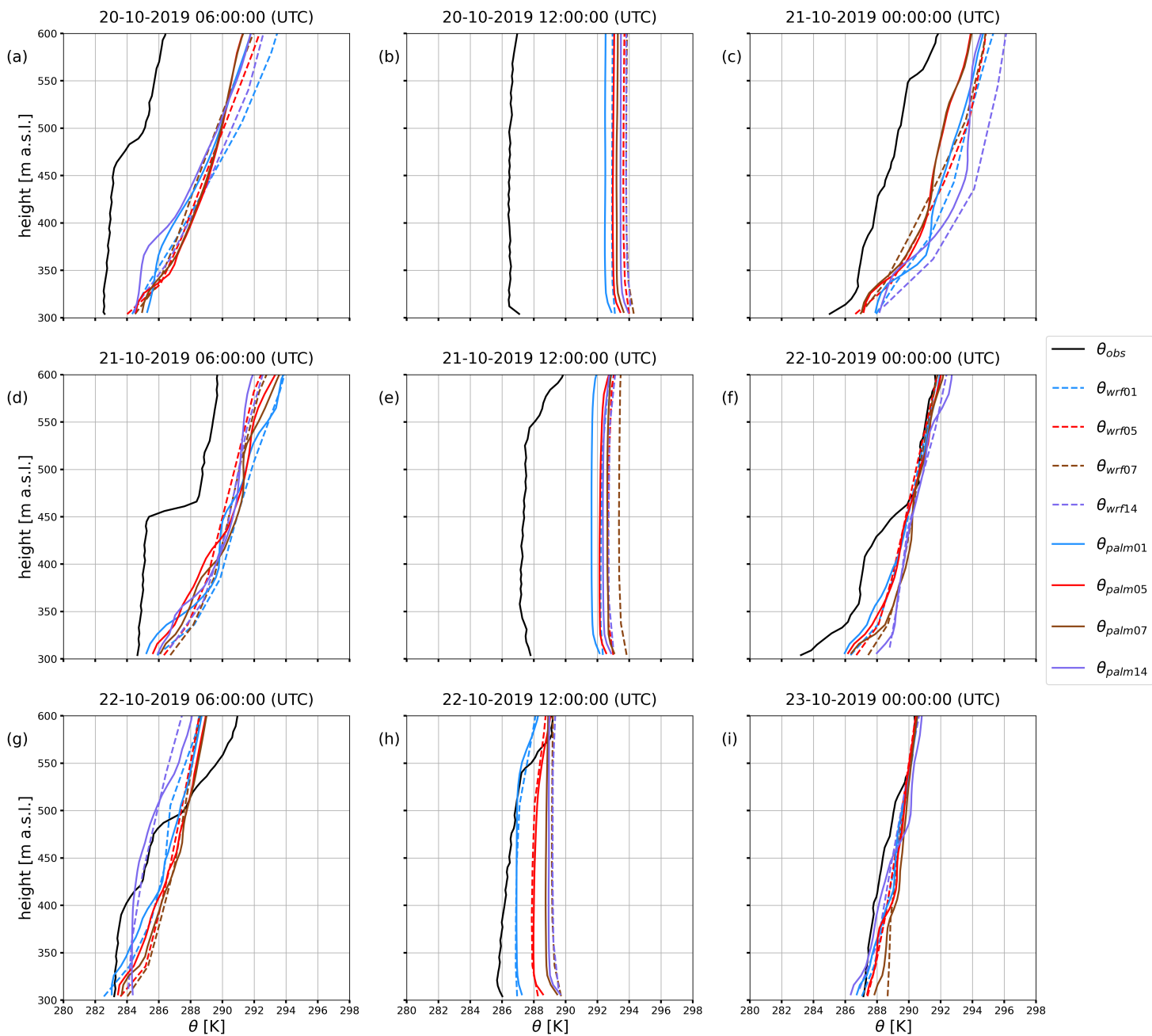


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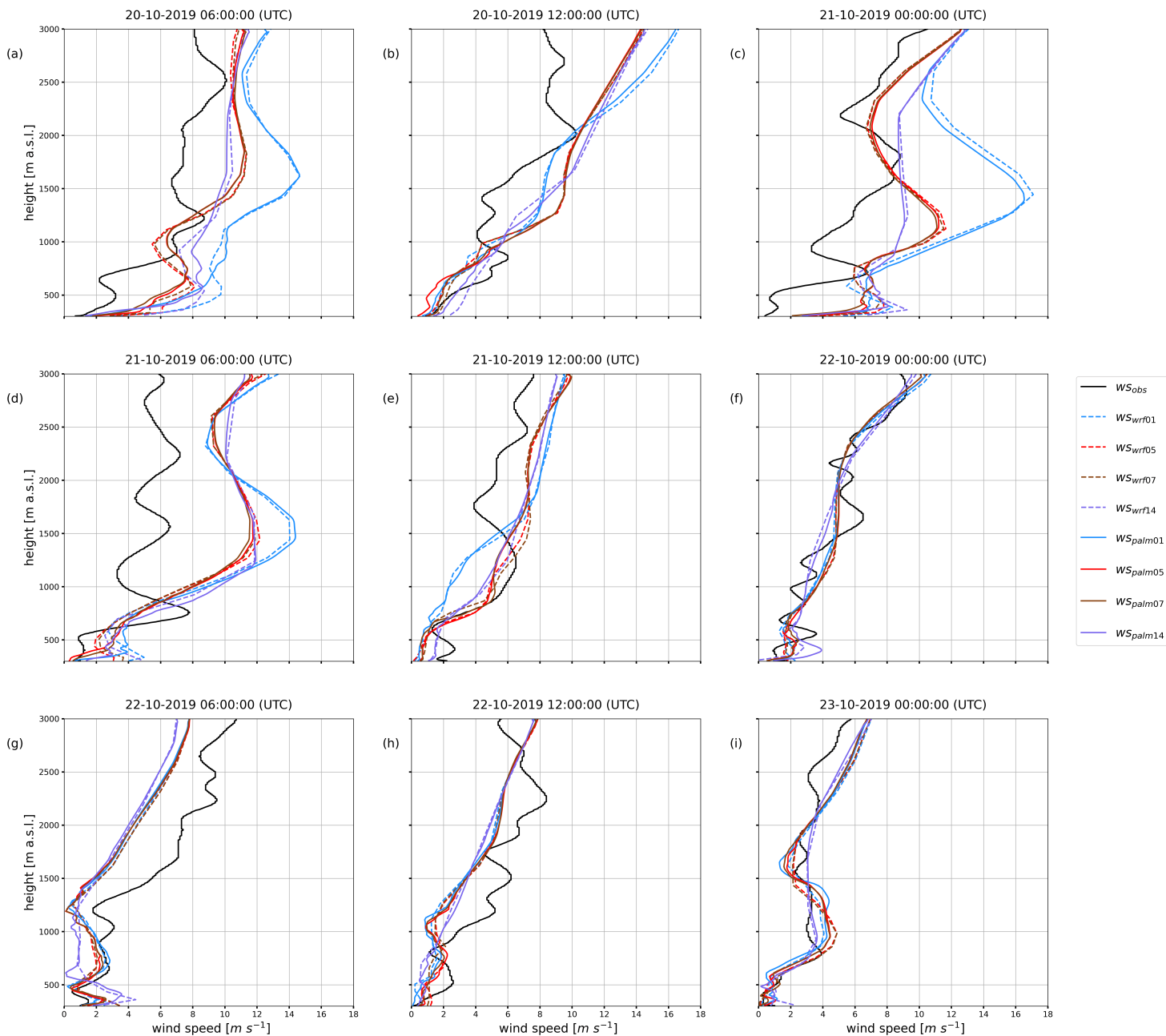


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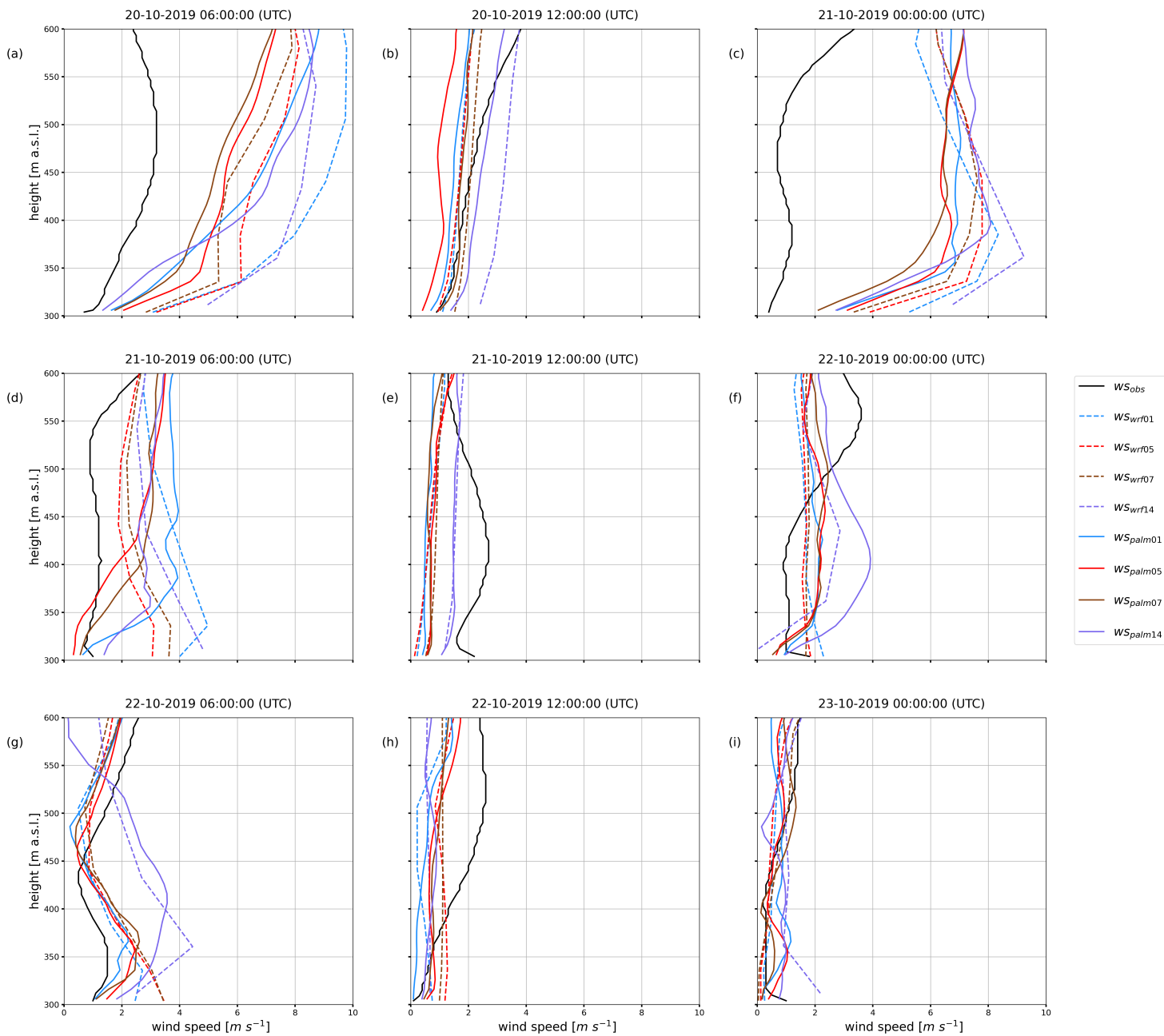


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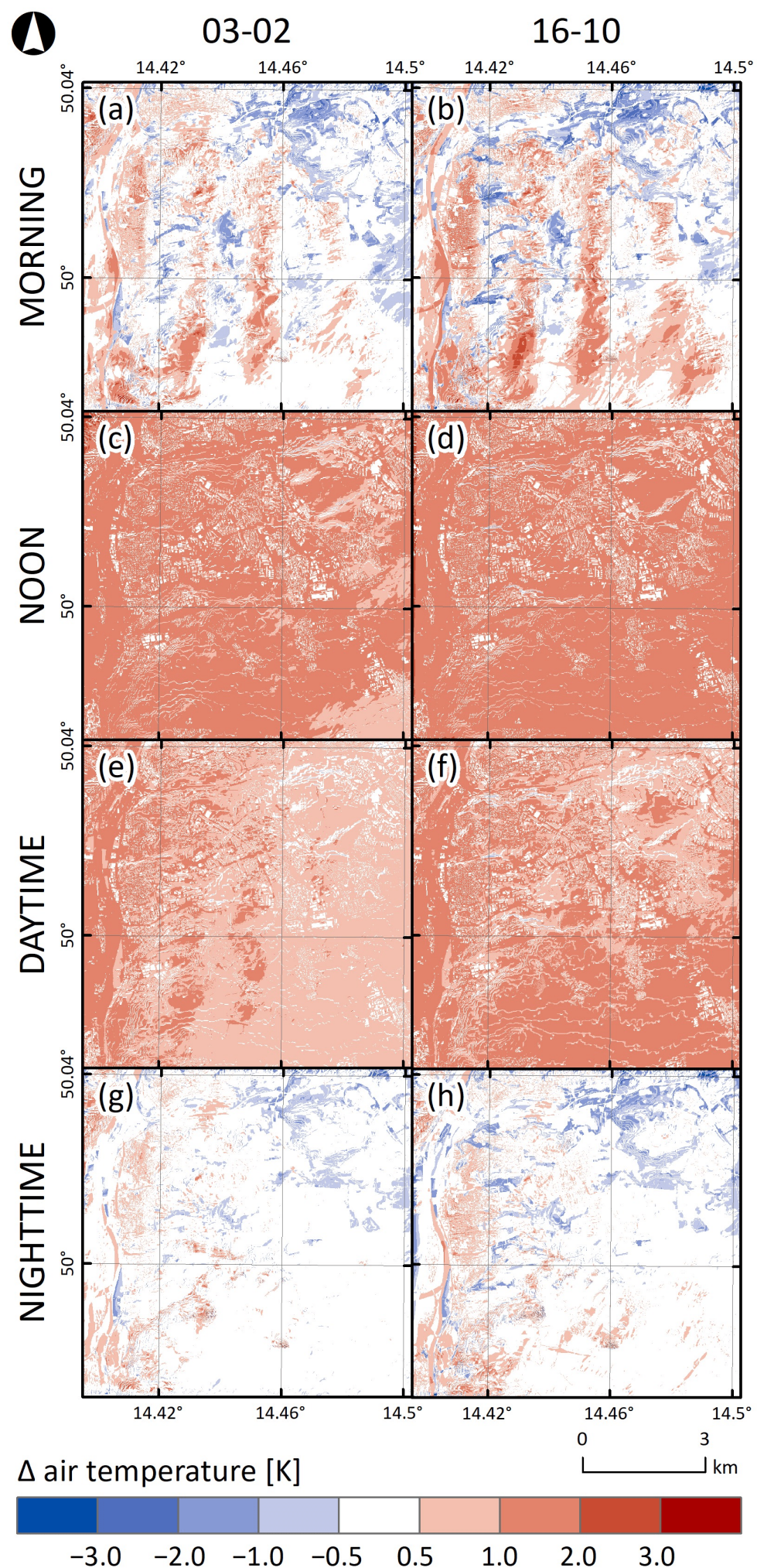


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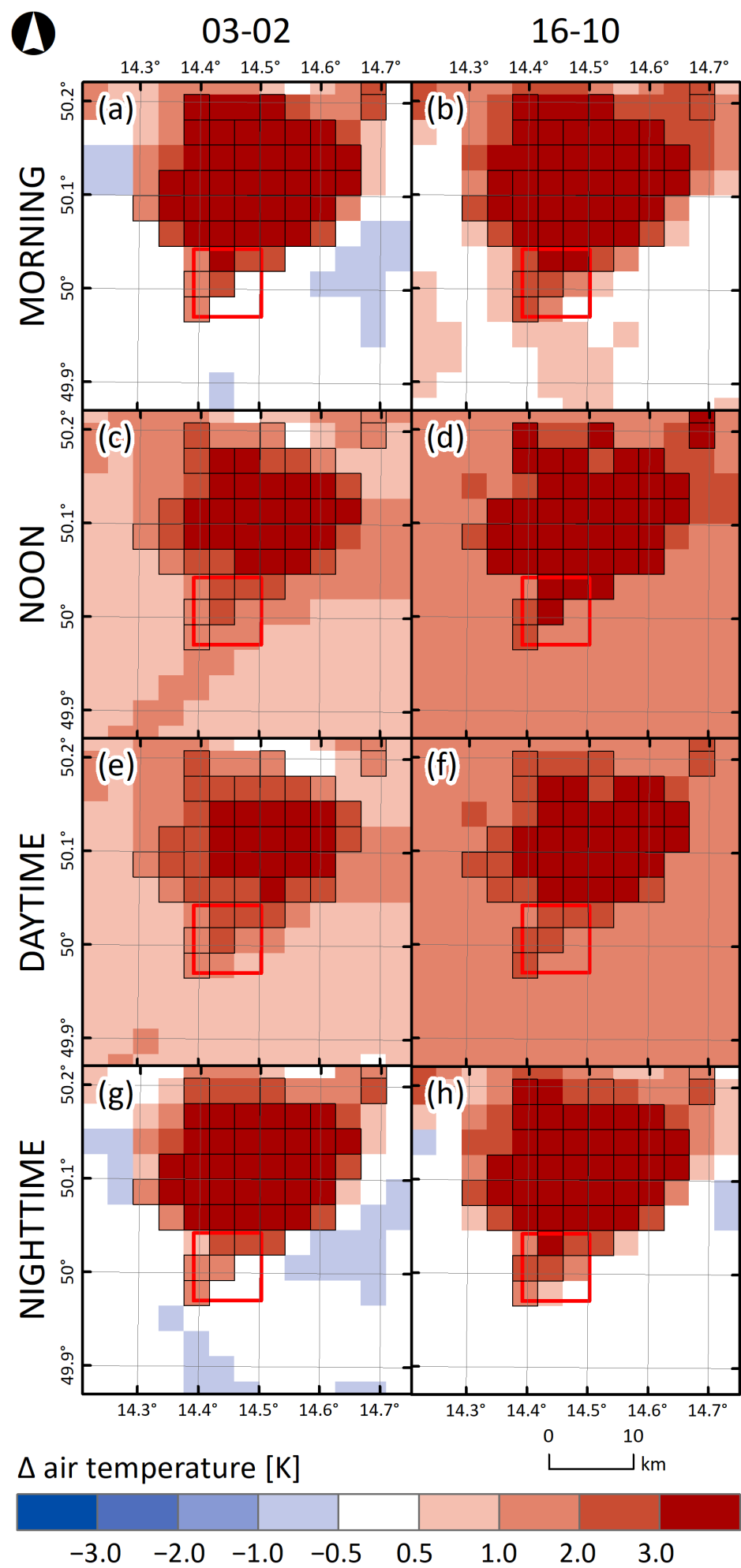


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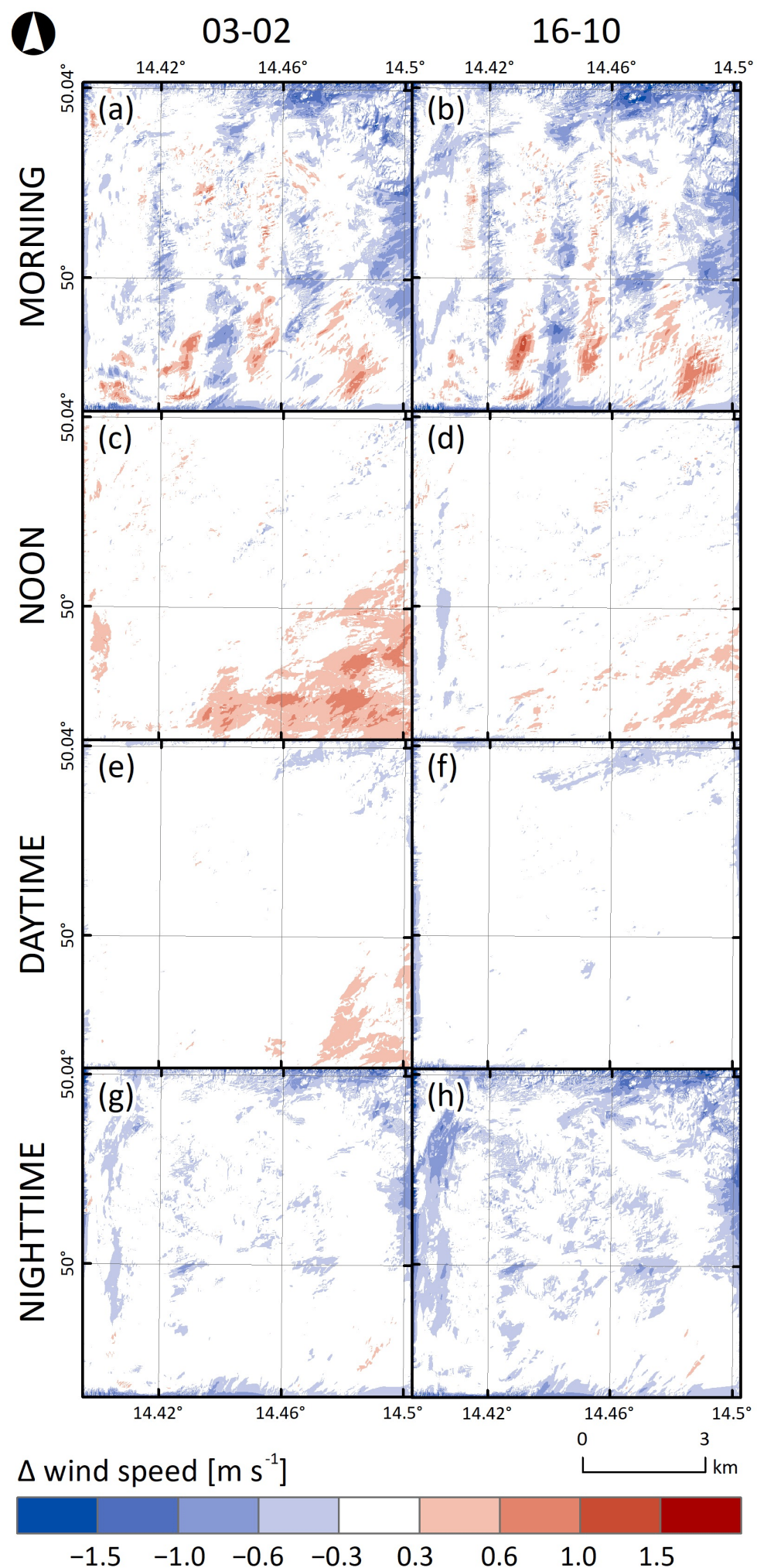


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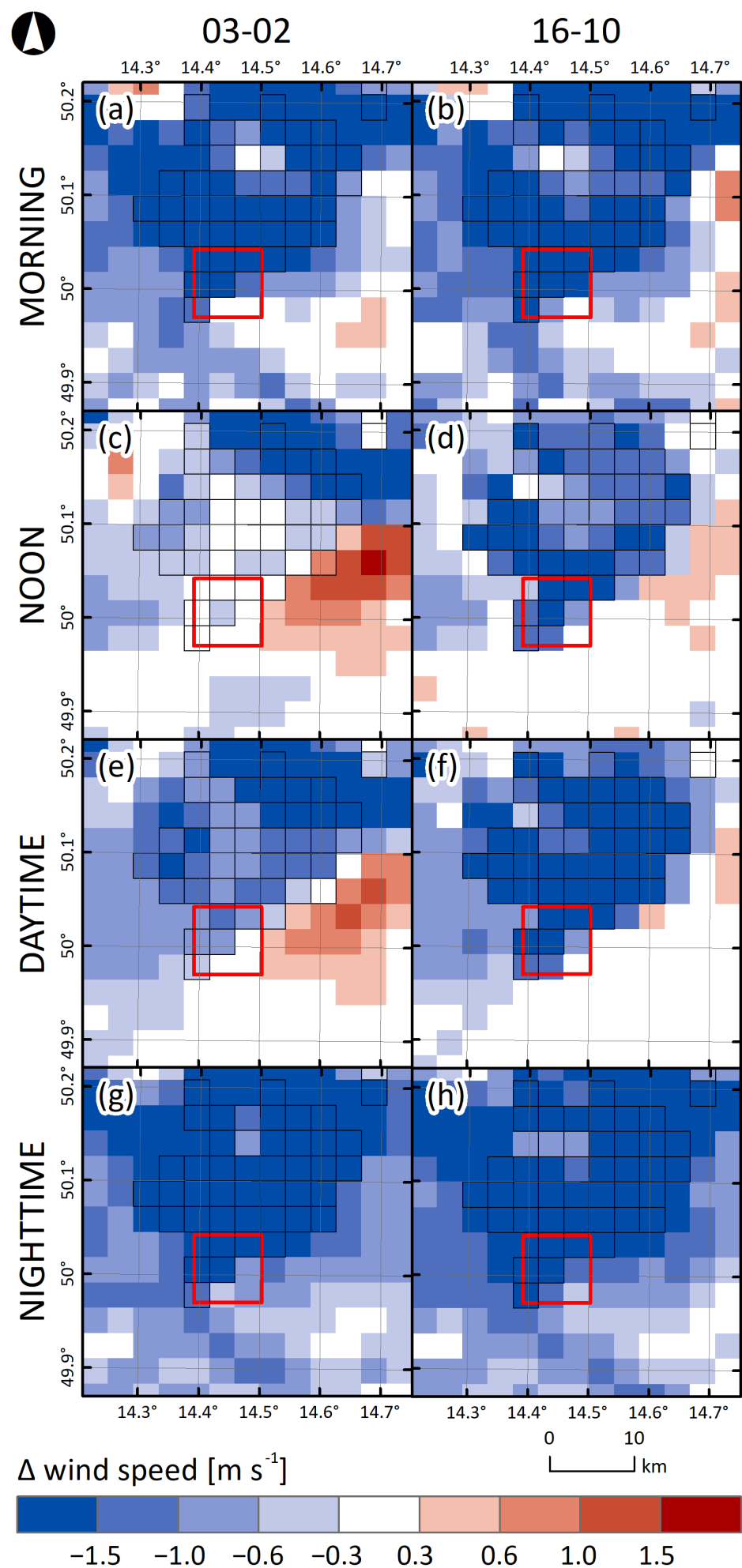


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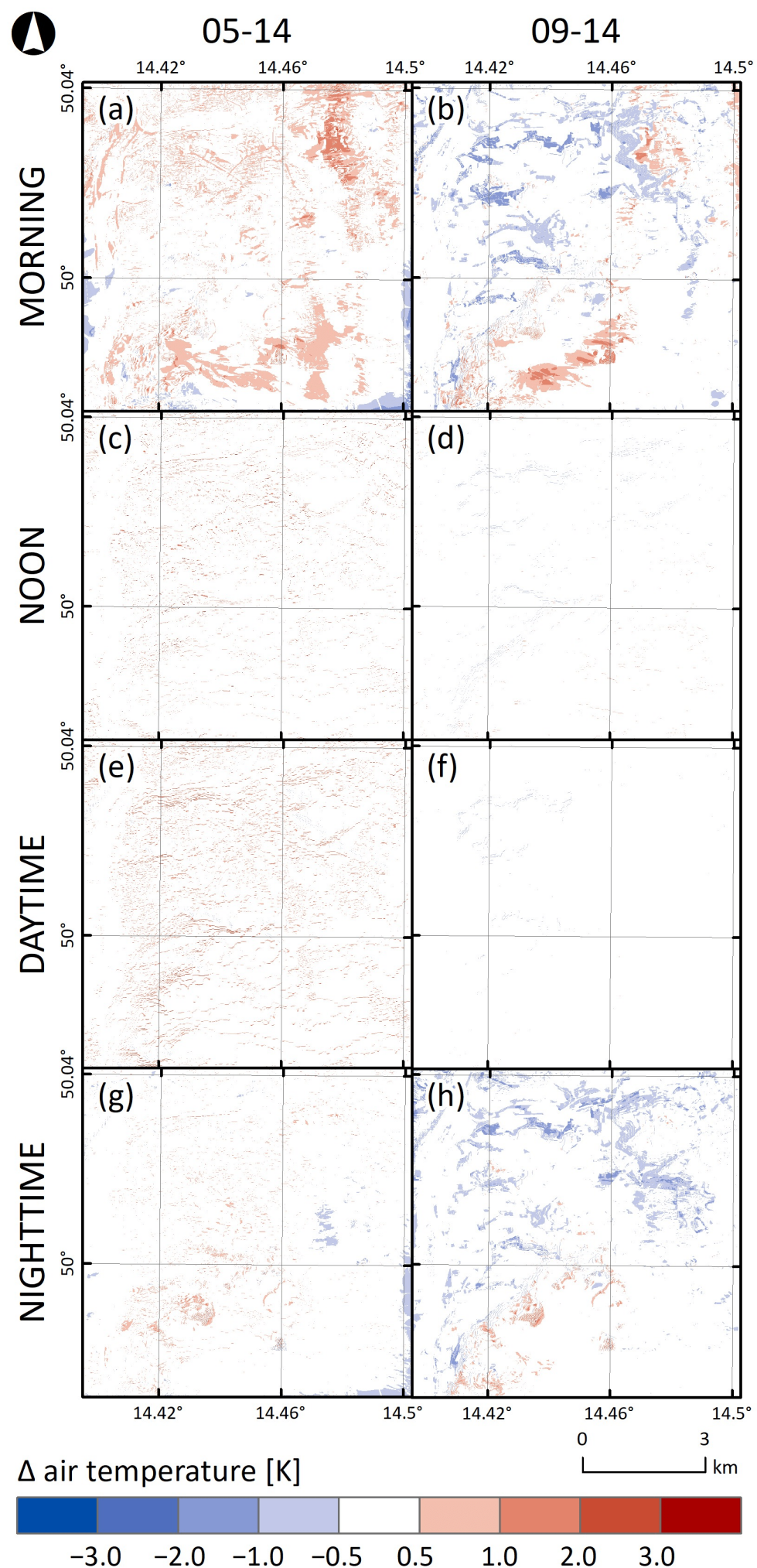


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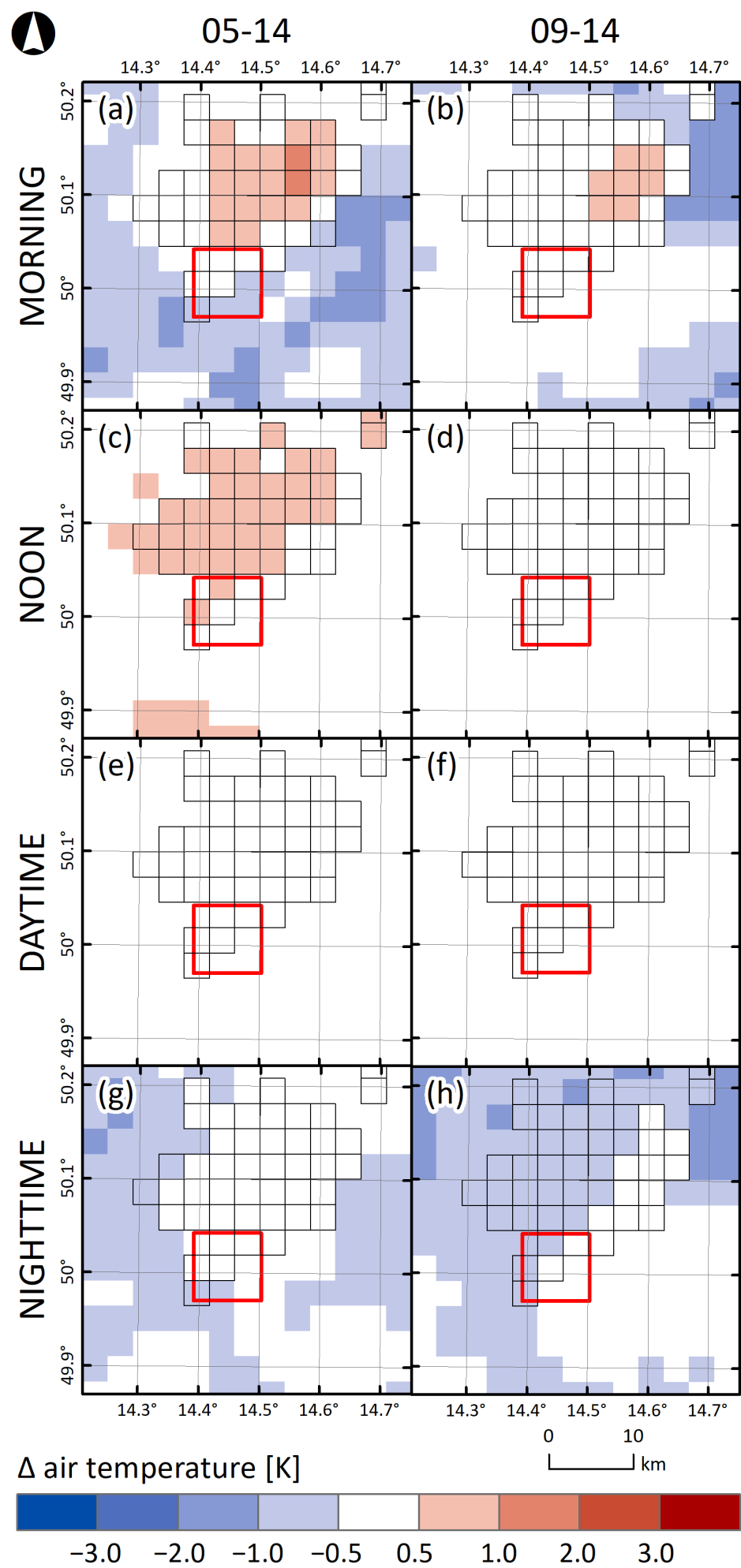


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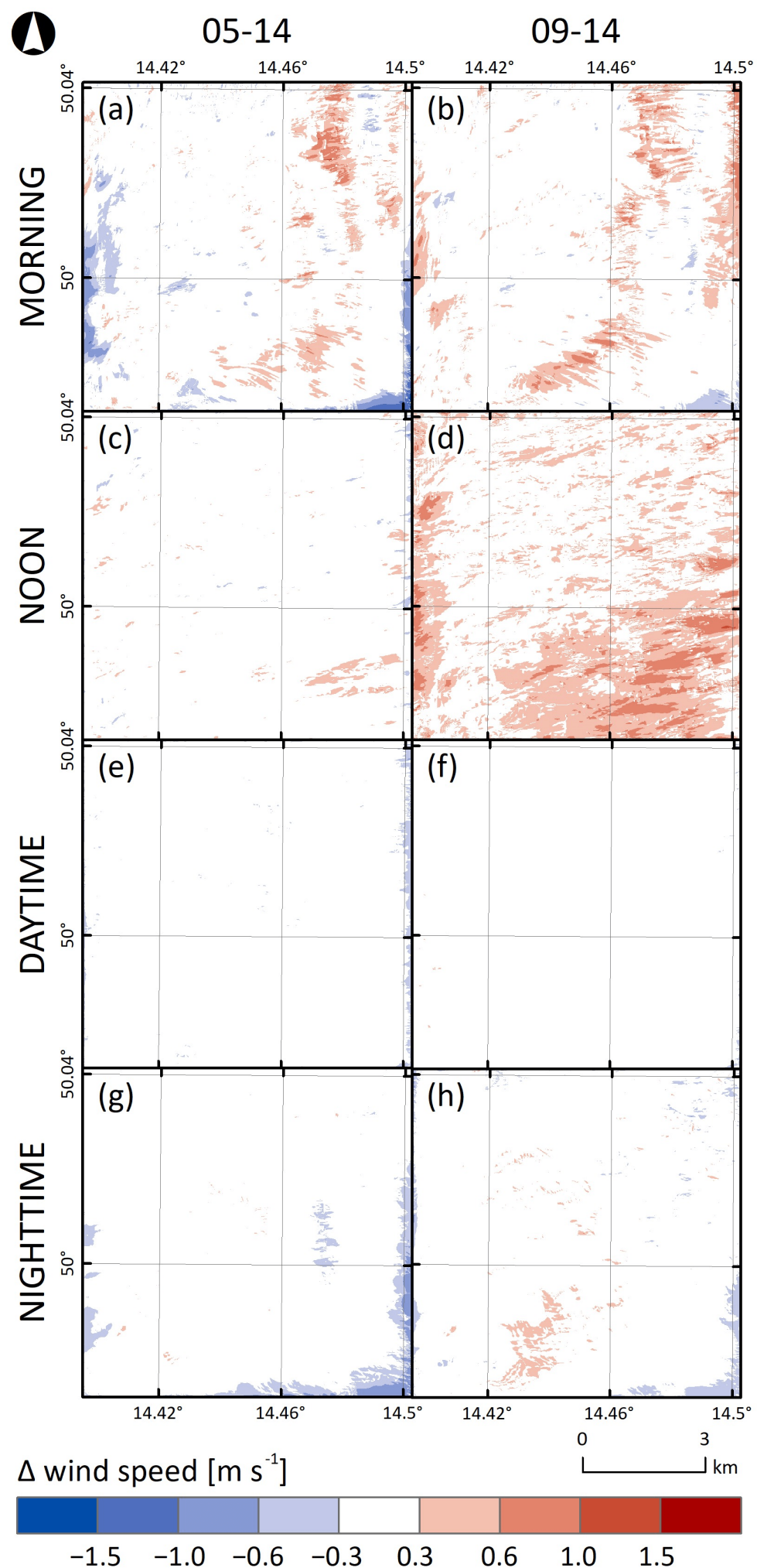


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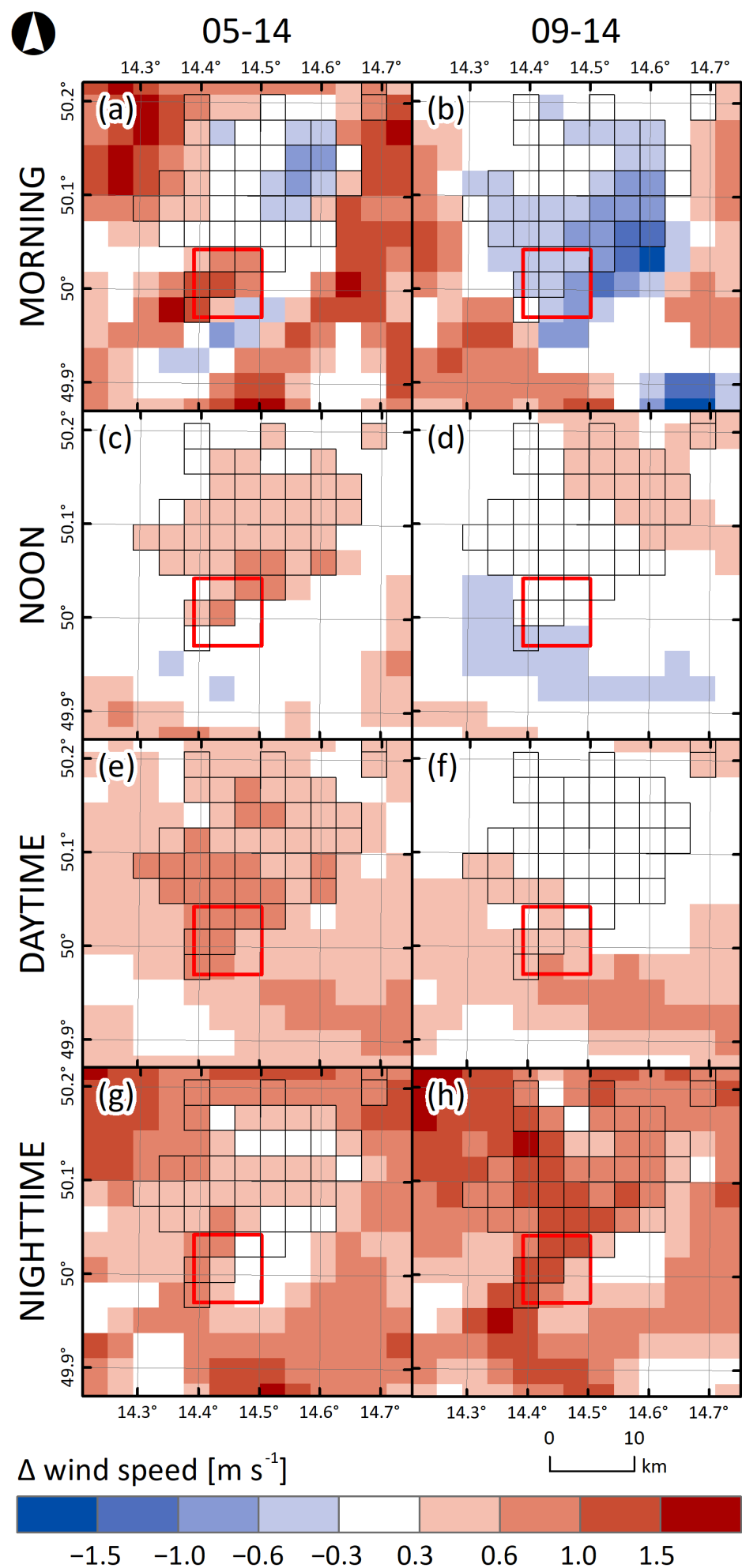


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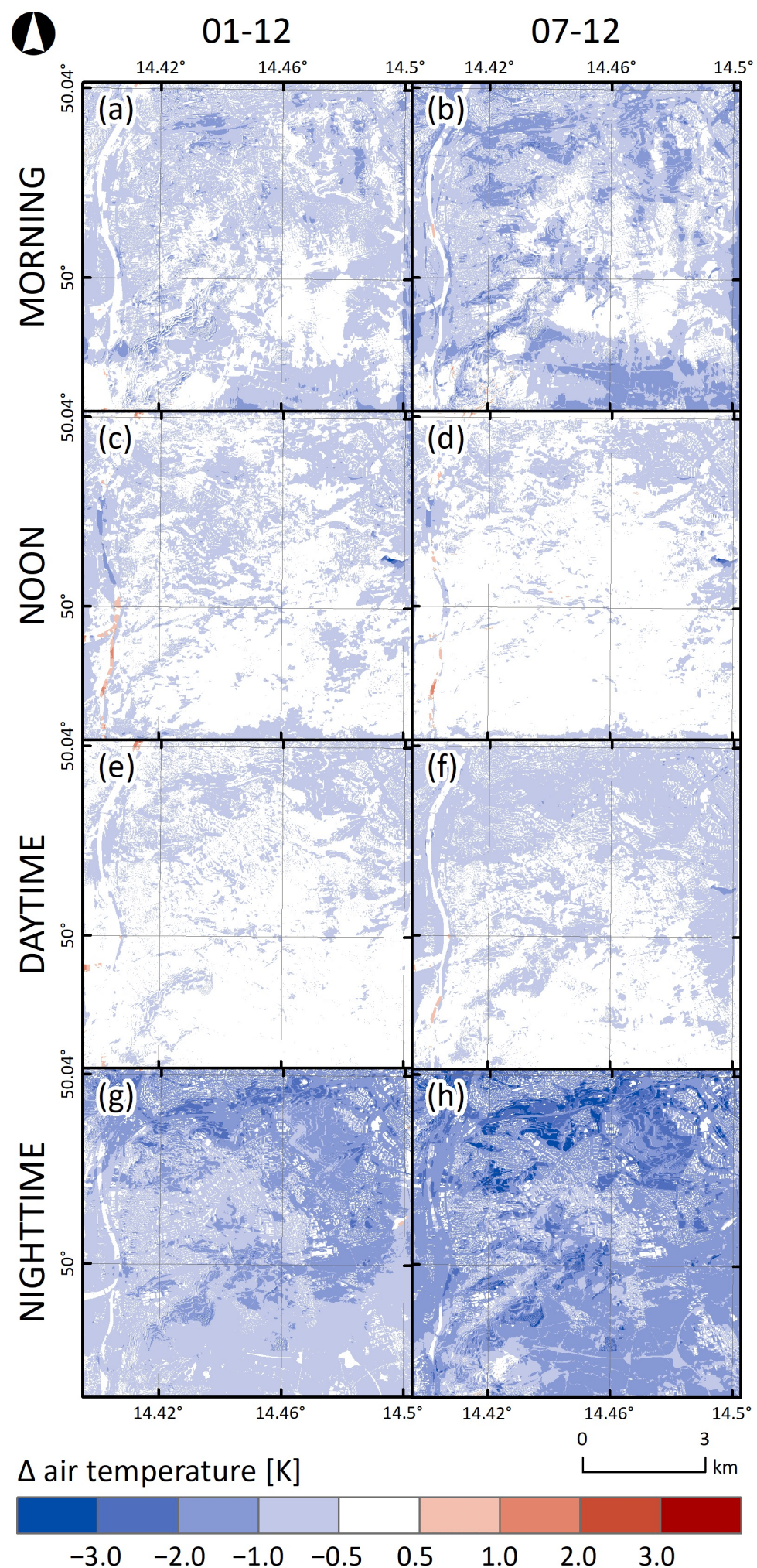


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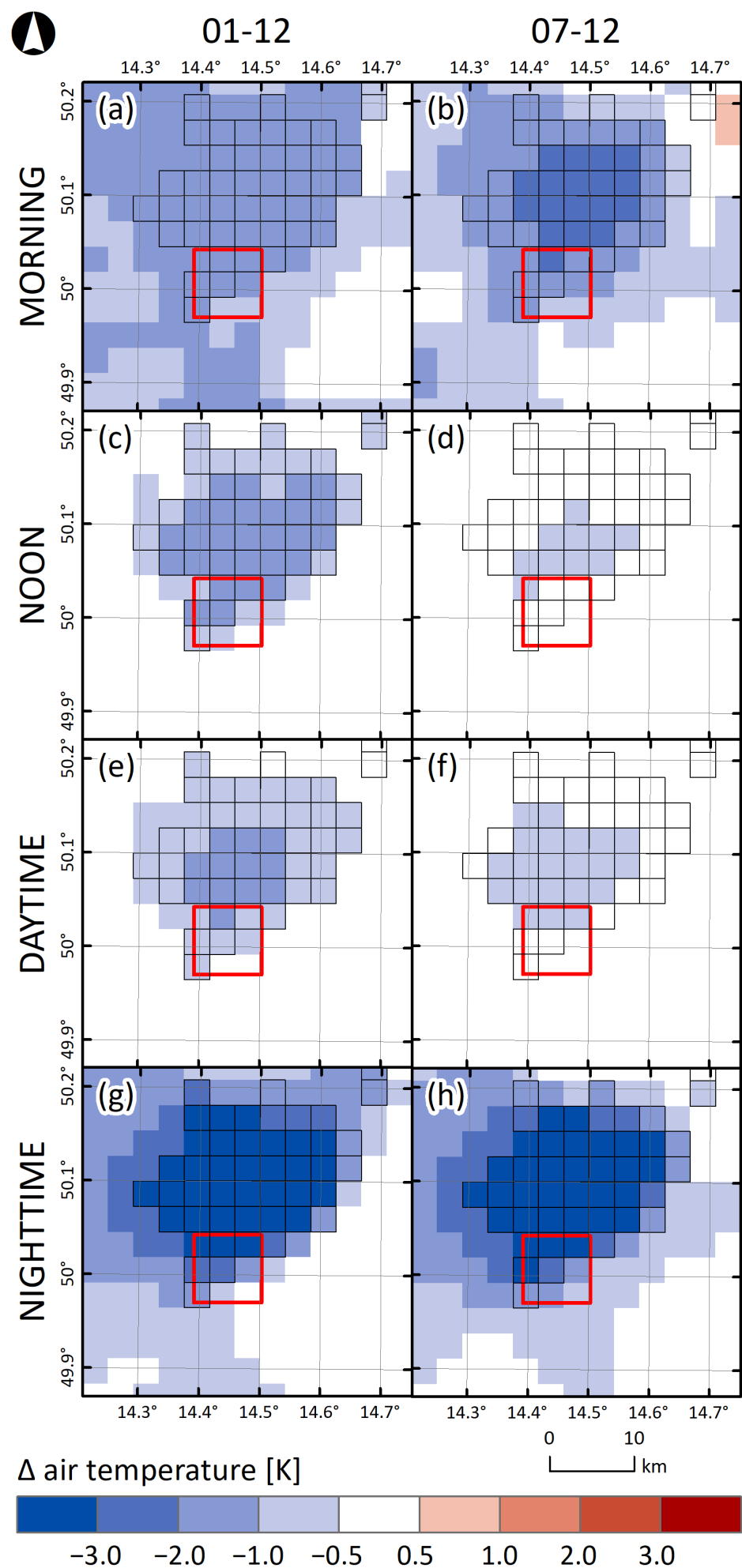


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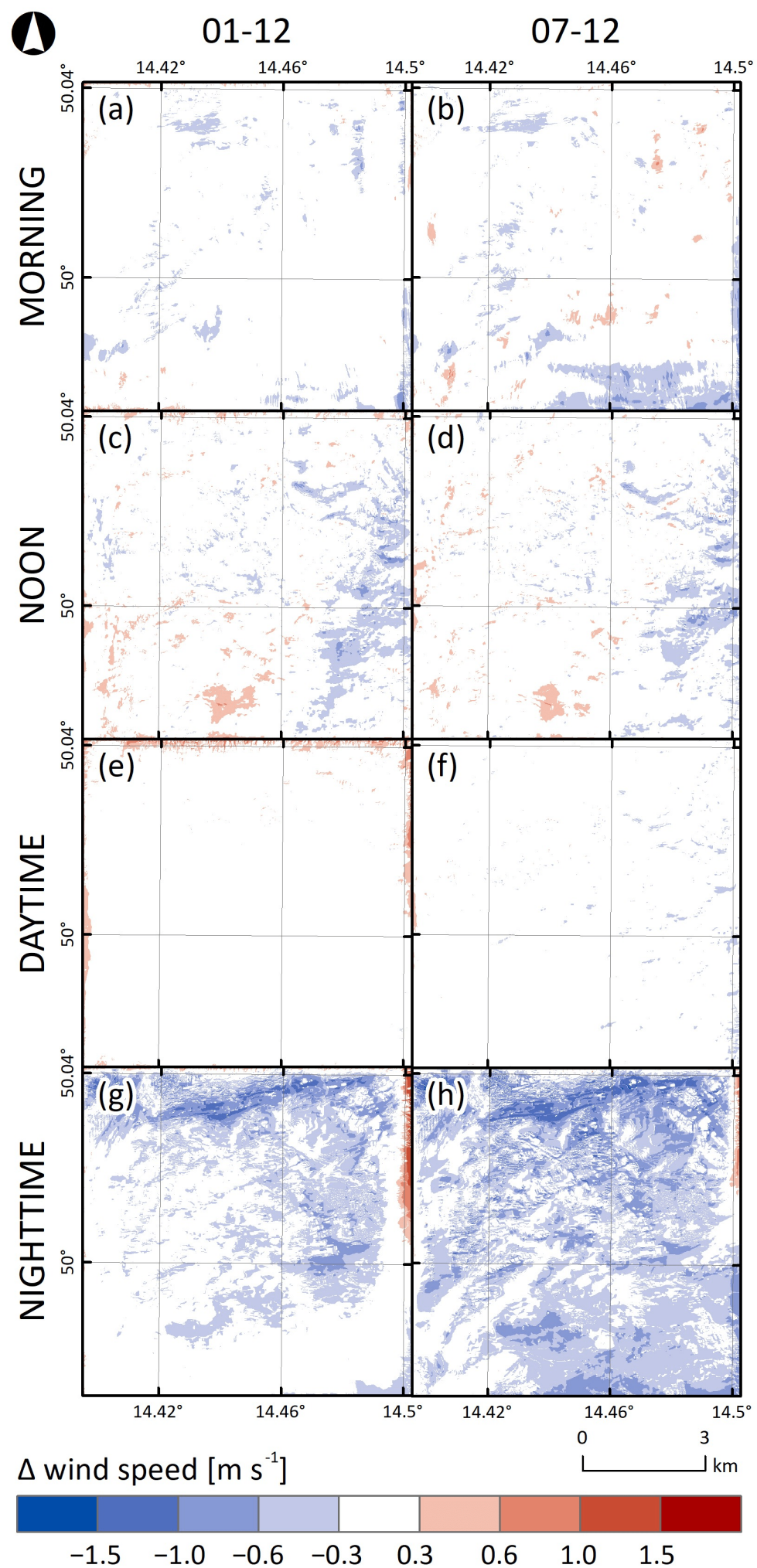


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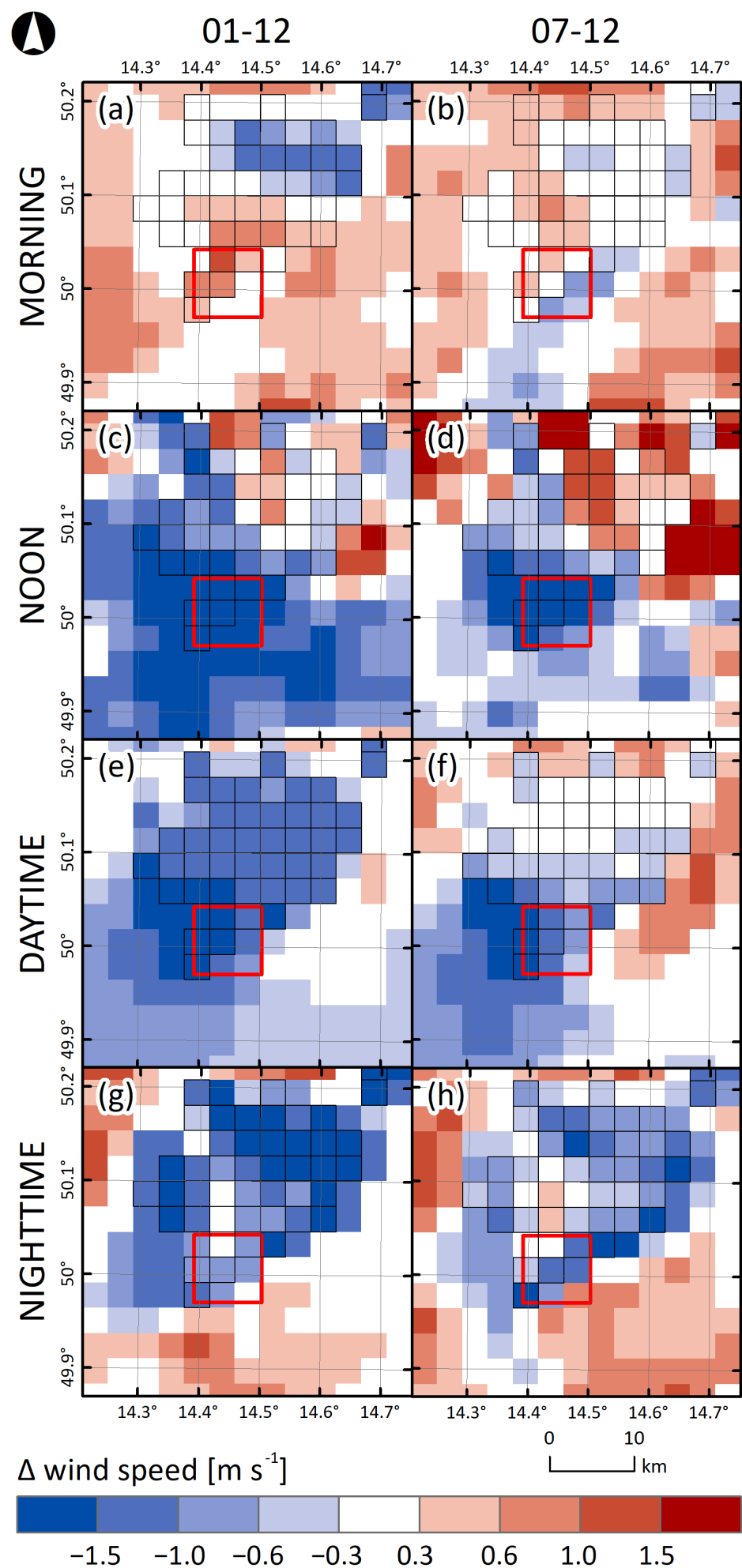


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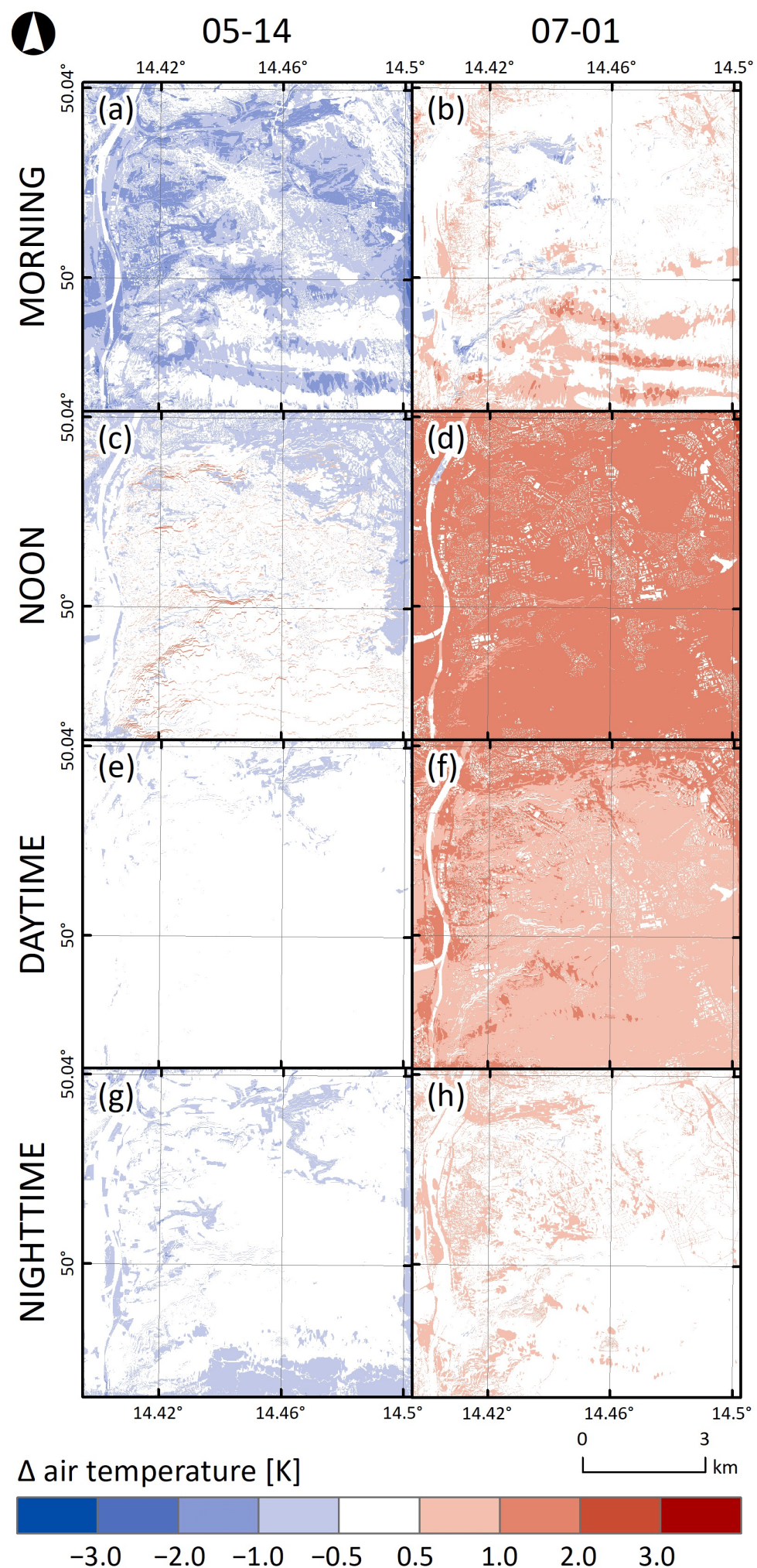


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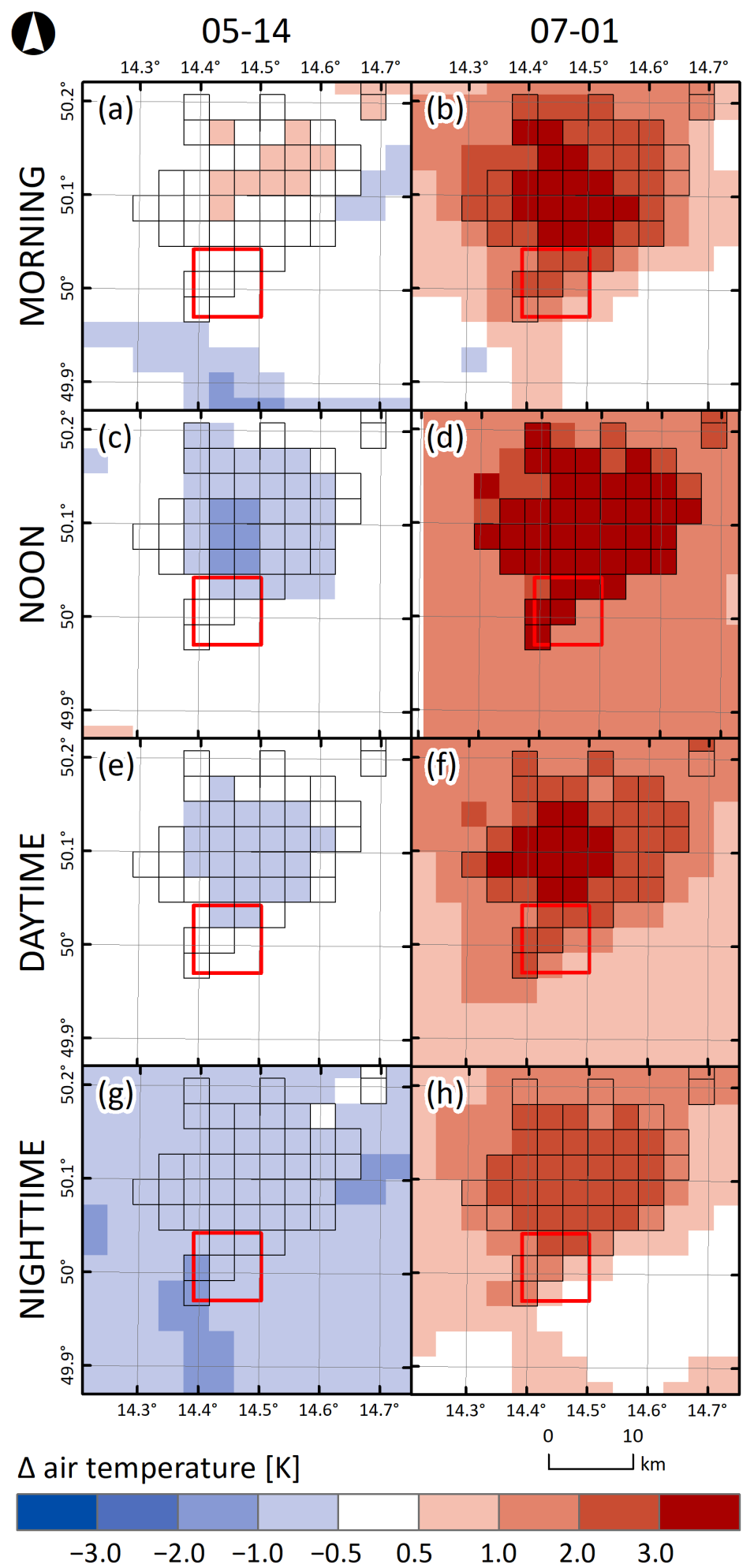


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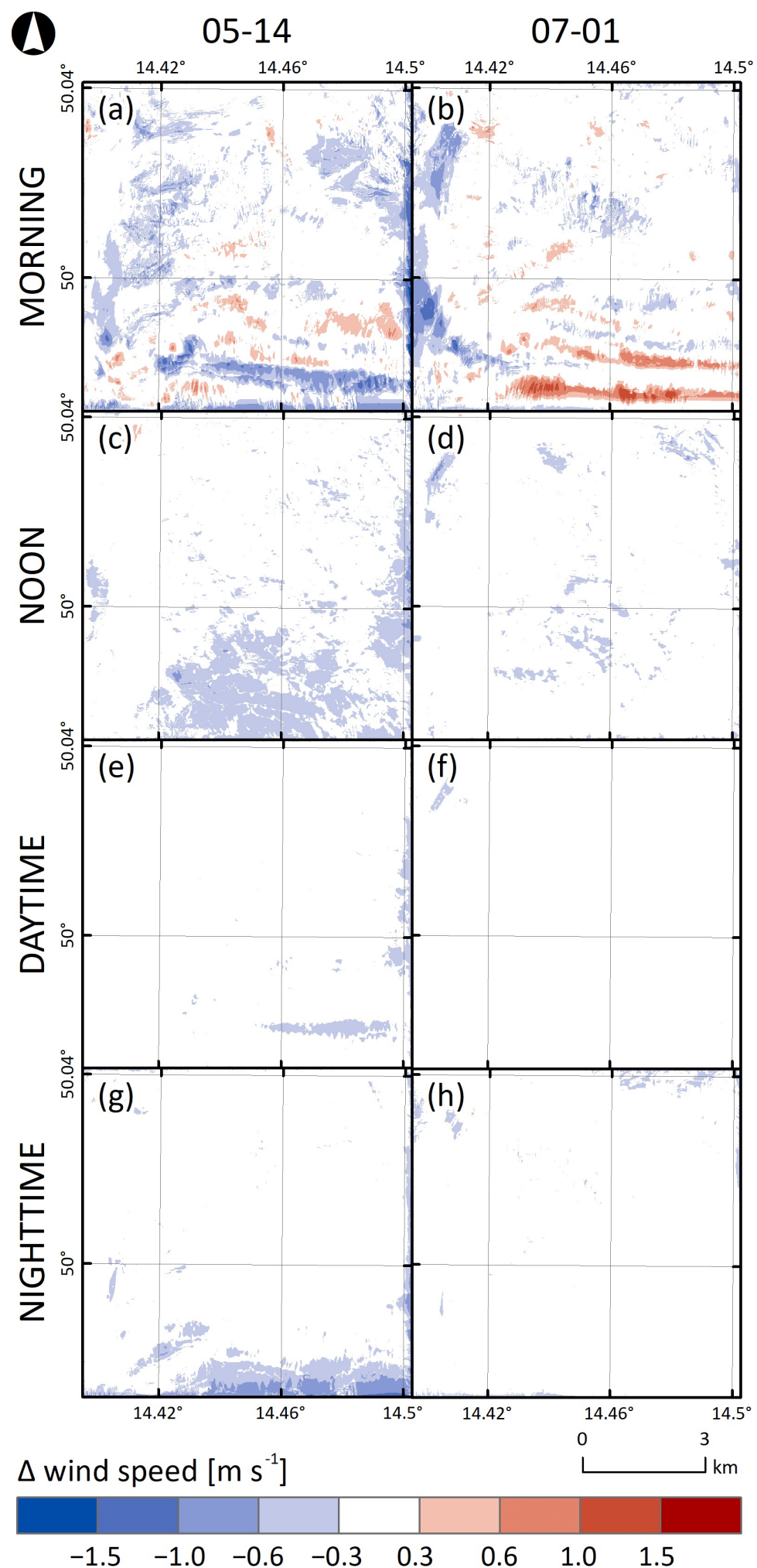


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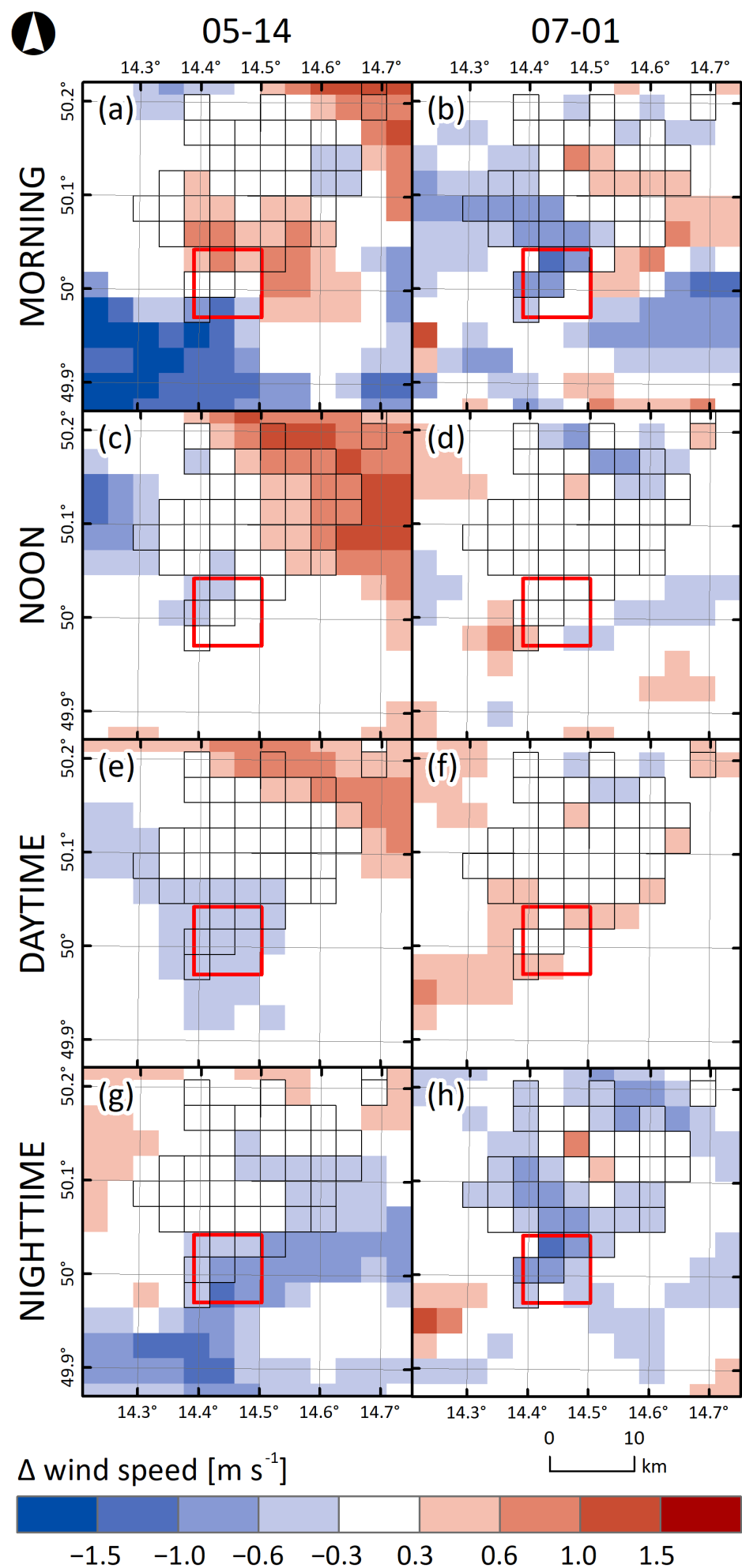


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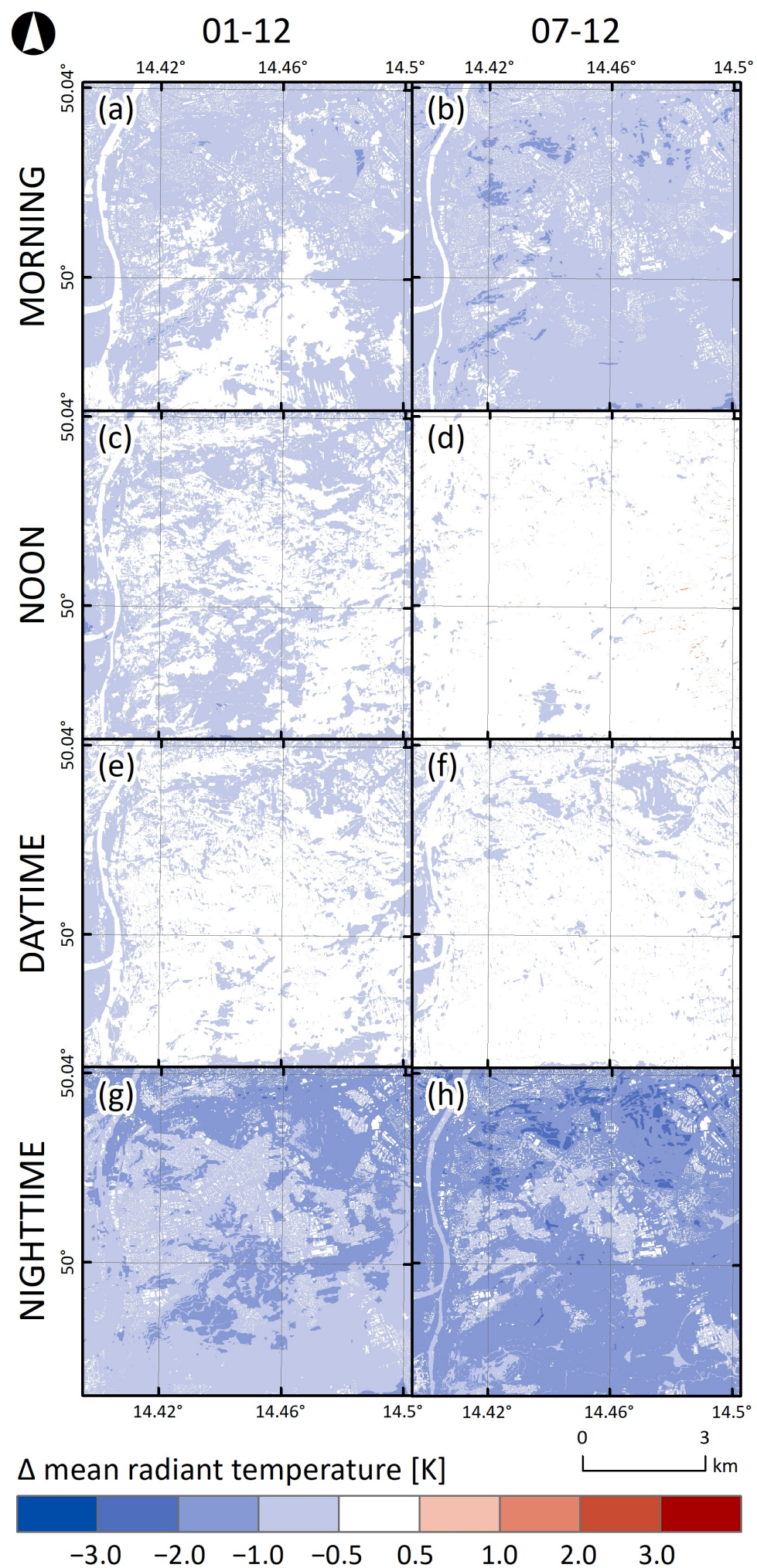


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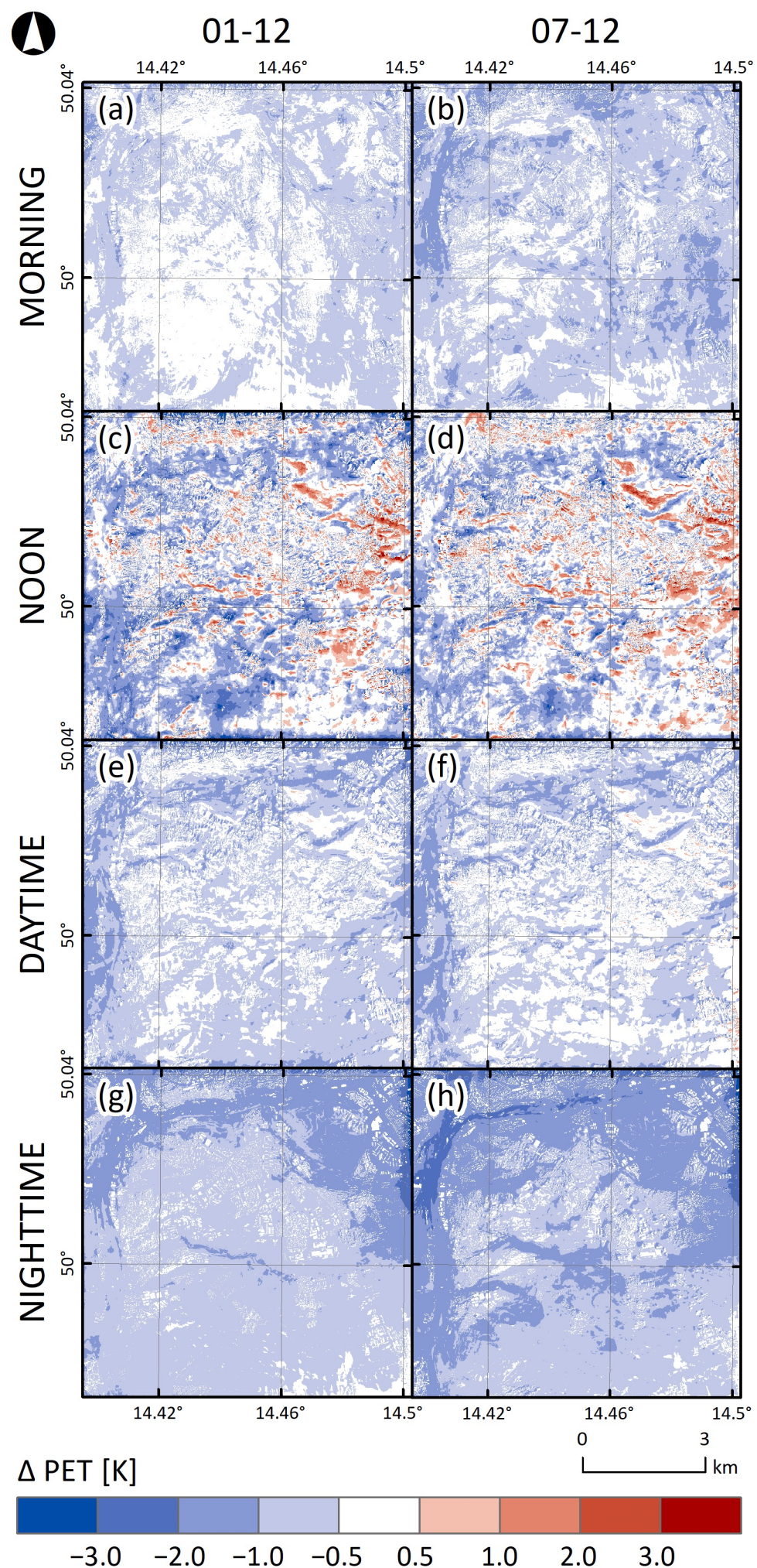


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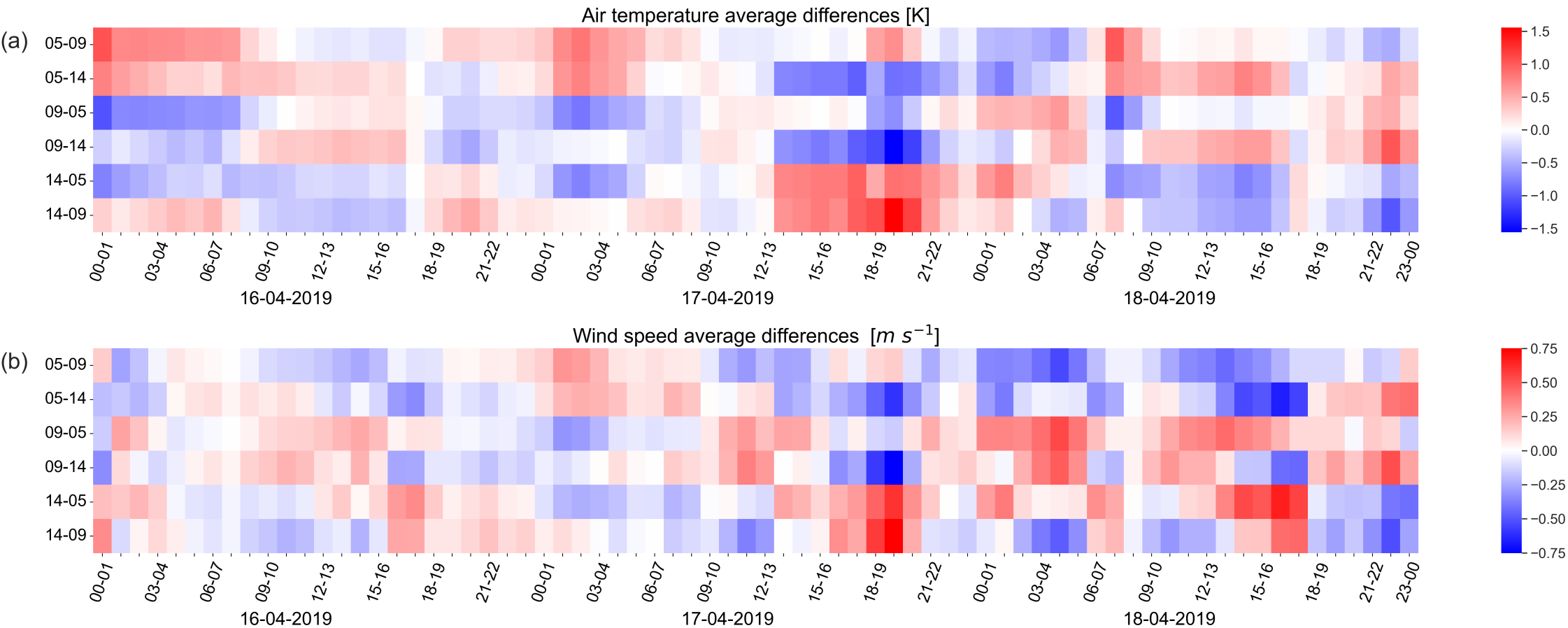


Figure S35: Spatially averaged 1hr average differences of air temperature (a) and wind speed (b) calculated for all the combinations taken from the PALM model outputs for the e2 episode. On the x-axis, the averaging hours in UTC along with the simulation dates are presented, and on the y-axis are the ID numbers of PALM model differences.

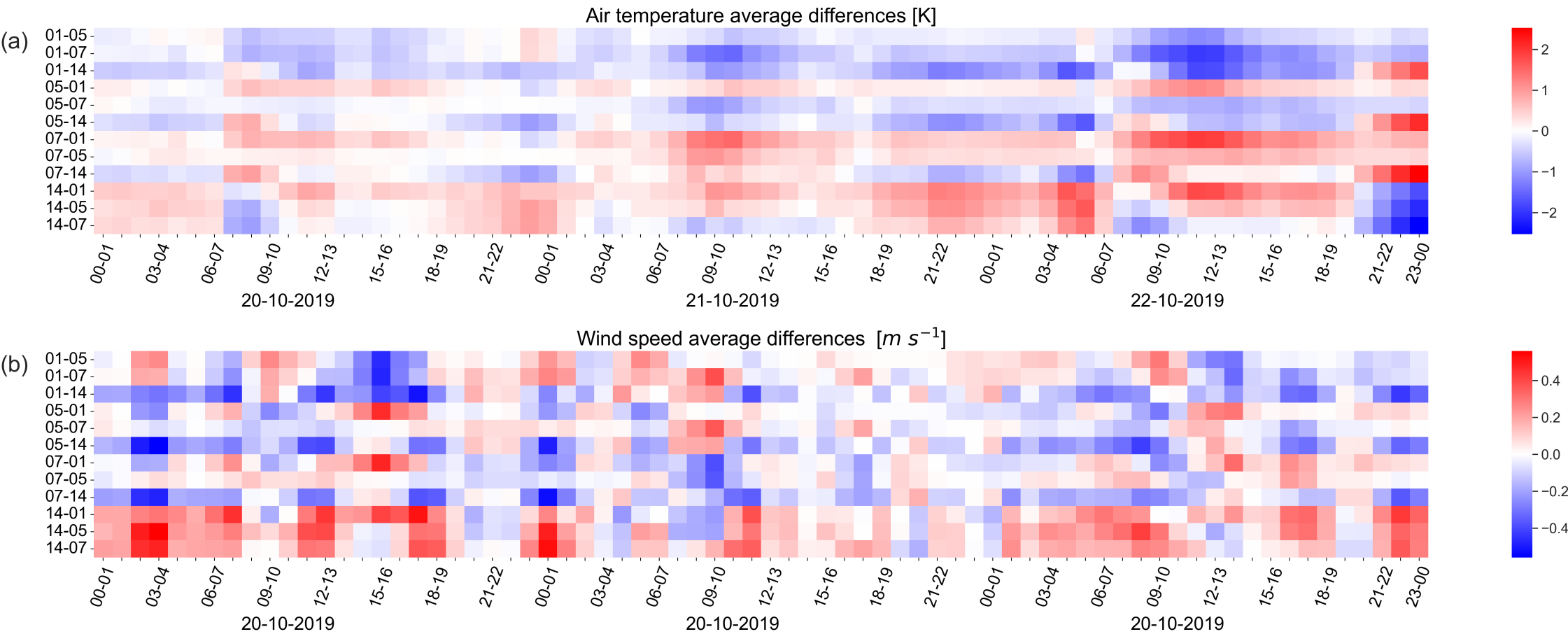


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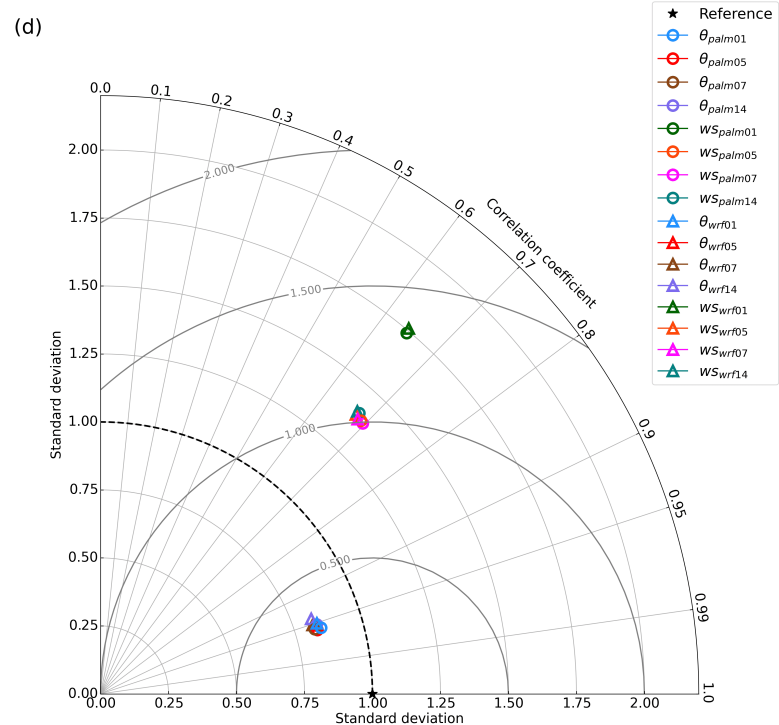
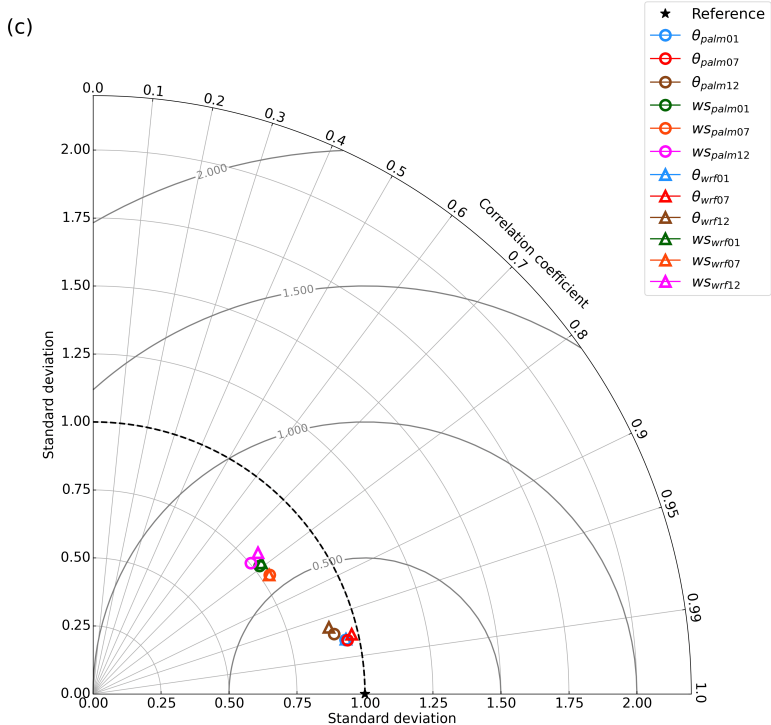
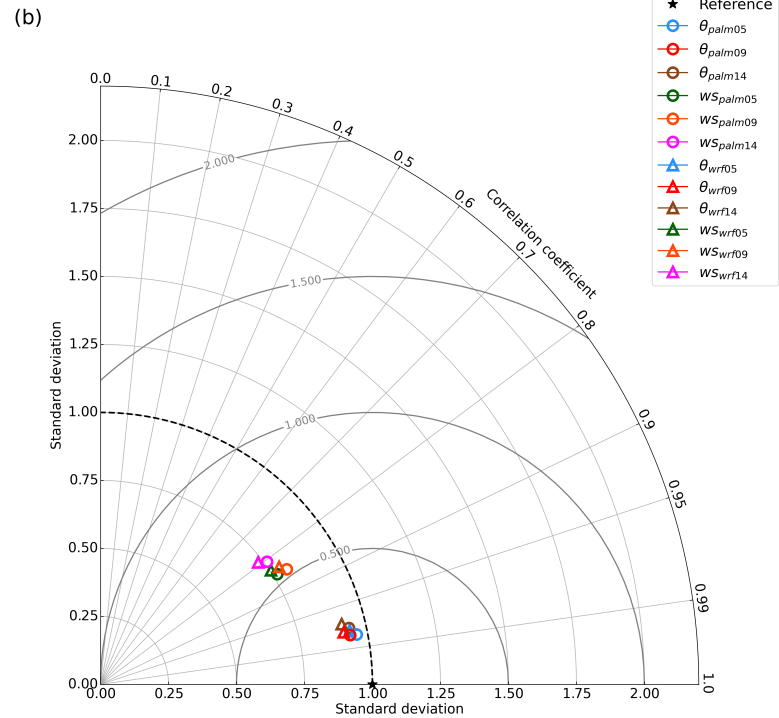
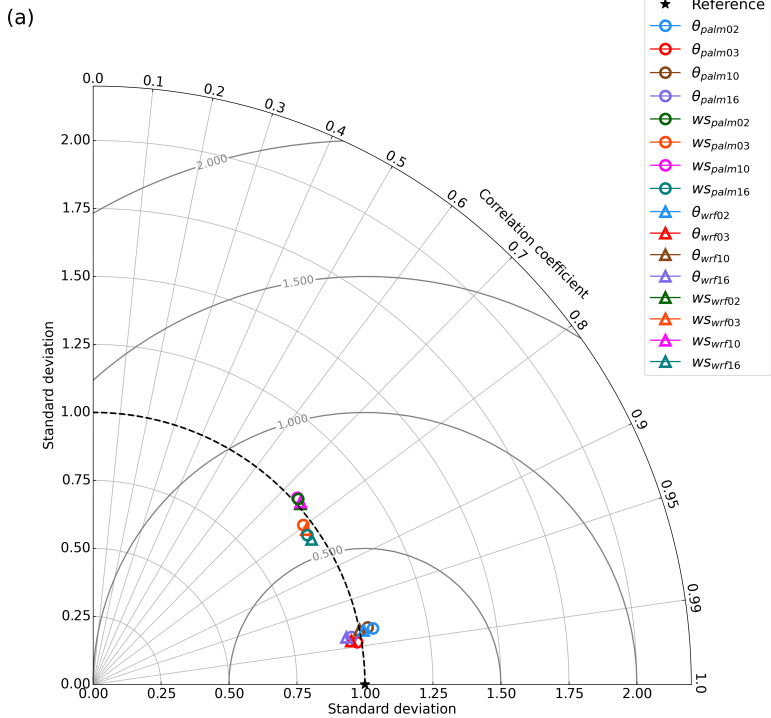


Figure S37: Normalized Taylor diagrams for February (a), April (b), July (c), and October (d) episodes calculated for vertical profiles of potential temperatures and wind speeds for the full height of 3000 m a.s.l. for each of the selected members for each of the episodes. The shapes of the points distinguish between the models: PALM-circle and WRF-triangle. The colors connect the same PALM and WRF members for the specific episode.