

## Response to the Associate Editor

Thank you for your prompt response. We apologize for having overlooked the referee's comment regarding Figure 5.

### **Referee #2:**

*Figure 5: The figure is very difficult to read in its current form because the panels are so small and dense. I would reorganise the layout (e.g., from the current  $3 \times 5$  grid to a  $5 \times 3$  grid) or otherwise increase the panel size to improve readability. If possible I would also include a legend to aid interpretation.*

### **Response:**

We appreciate the referee's constructive suggestion and agree that the original layout of Figure 5 was overly dense. In the revised manuscript, we have reorganized the figure from a  $3 \times 5$  grid to a  $5 \times 3$  grid, which allows for larger individual panels. We have also increased the font size of the x-axis labels to further enhance readability.

Regarding the inclusion of a legend, we carefully considered this suggestion. However, because the symbols are already clearly defined in the figure caption and are consistent across panels, we concluded that adding a legend within the figure would not substantially improve clarity and might instead contribute additional visual clutter.

We believe these revisions significantly improve the readability and overall presentation of Figure 5.