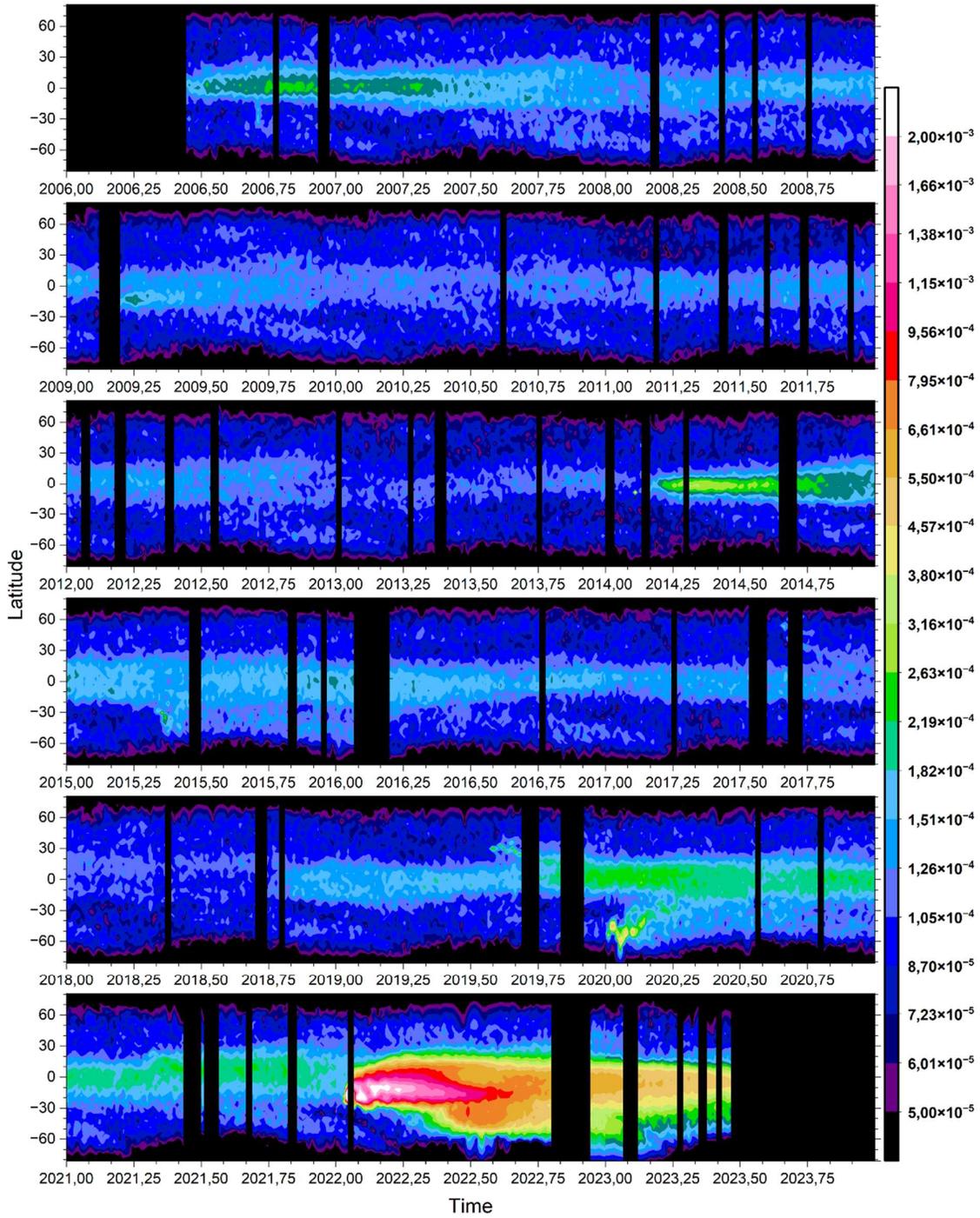
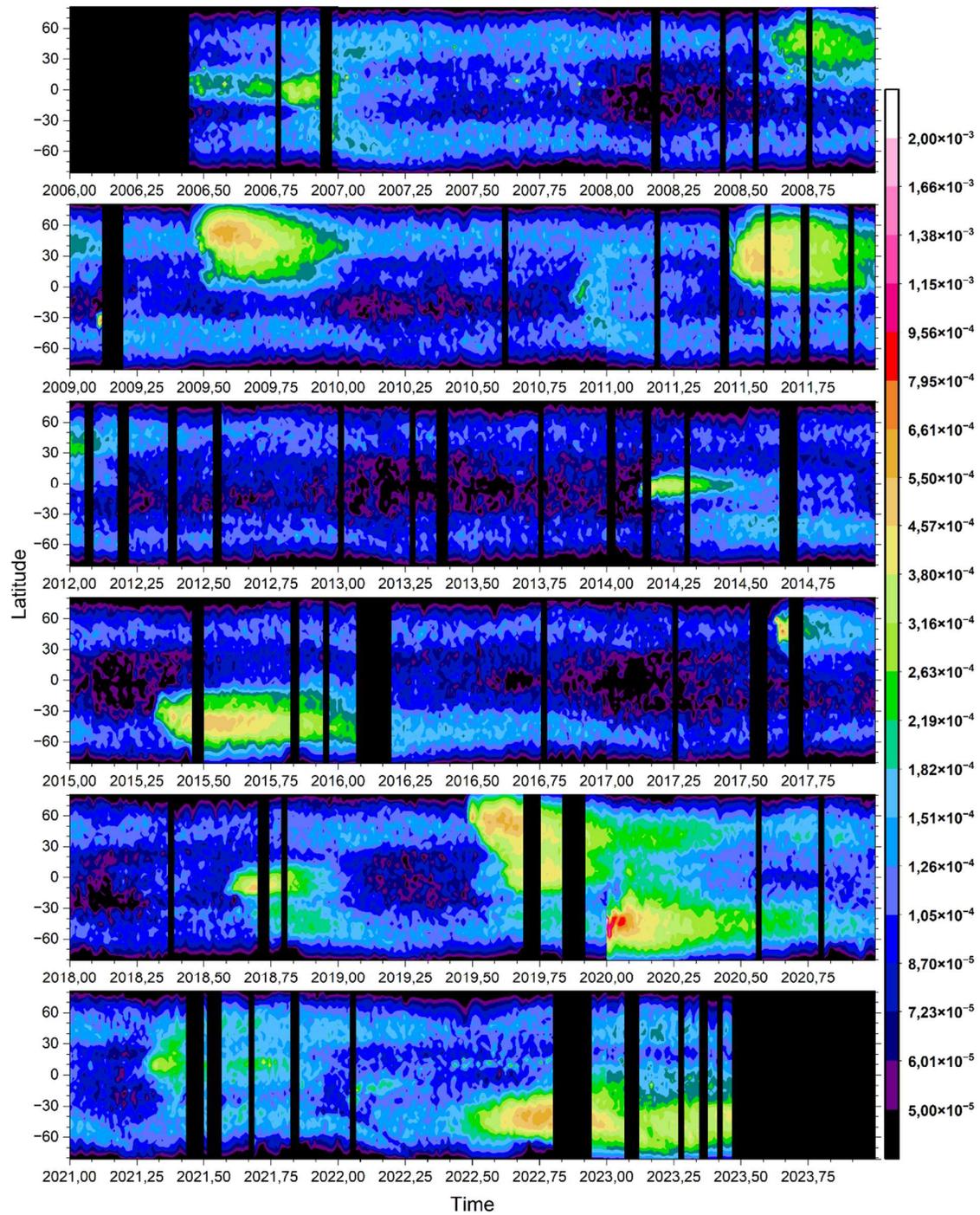


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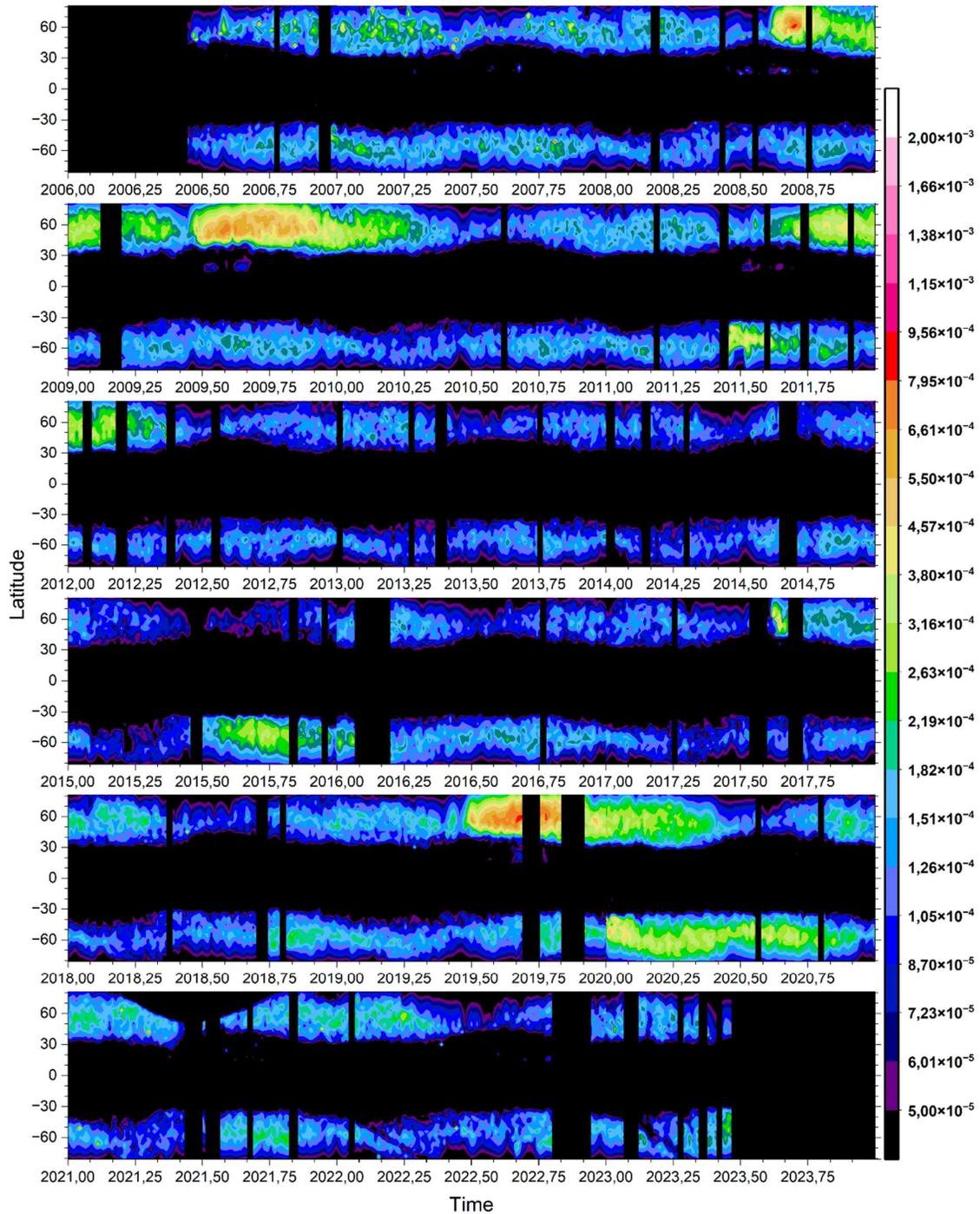
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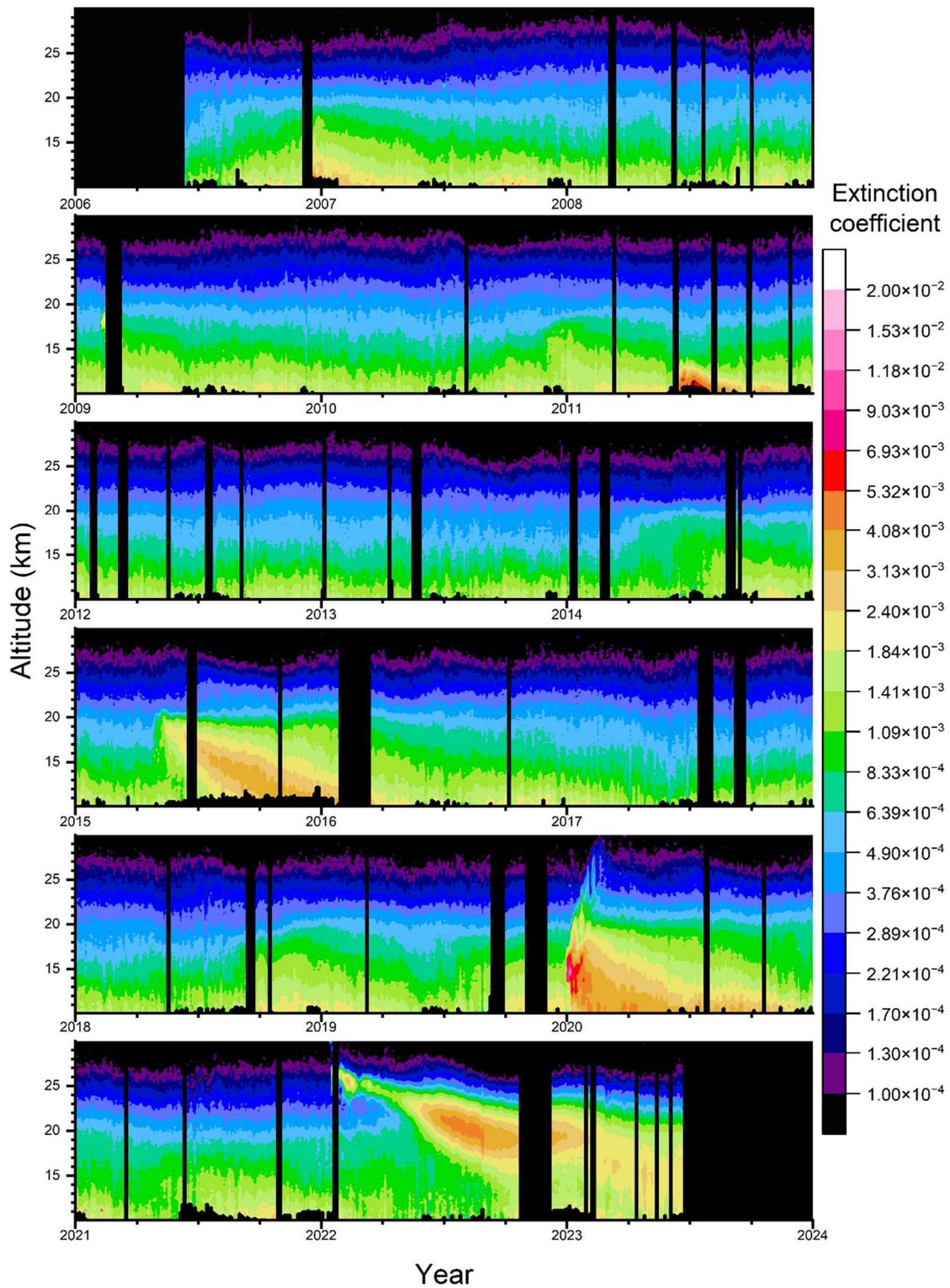
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14 Figure S3. Aerosol scattering integrated from the tropopause to the 380 K isentropes (the
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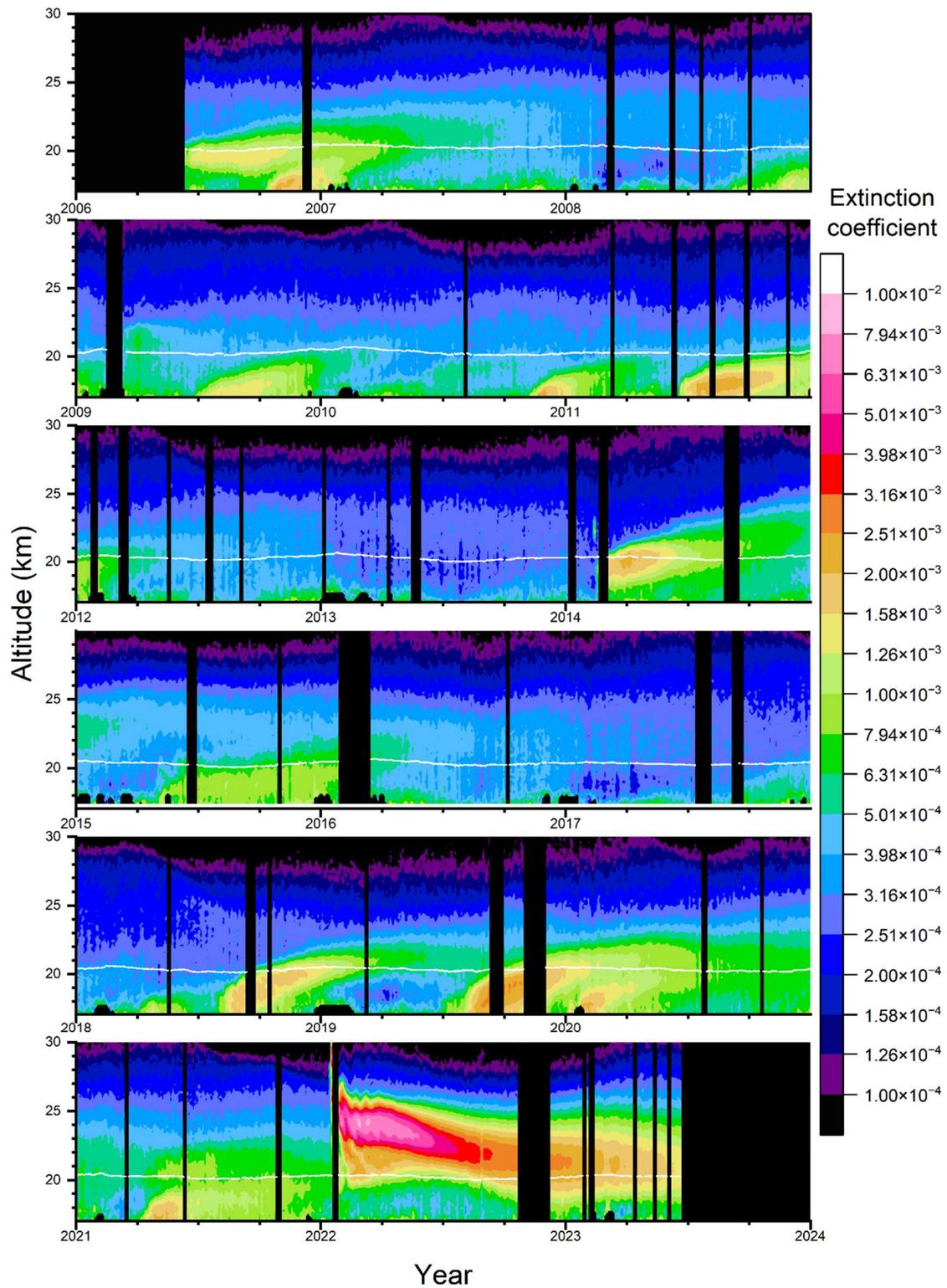
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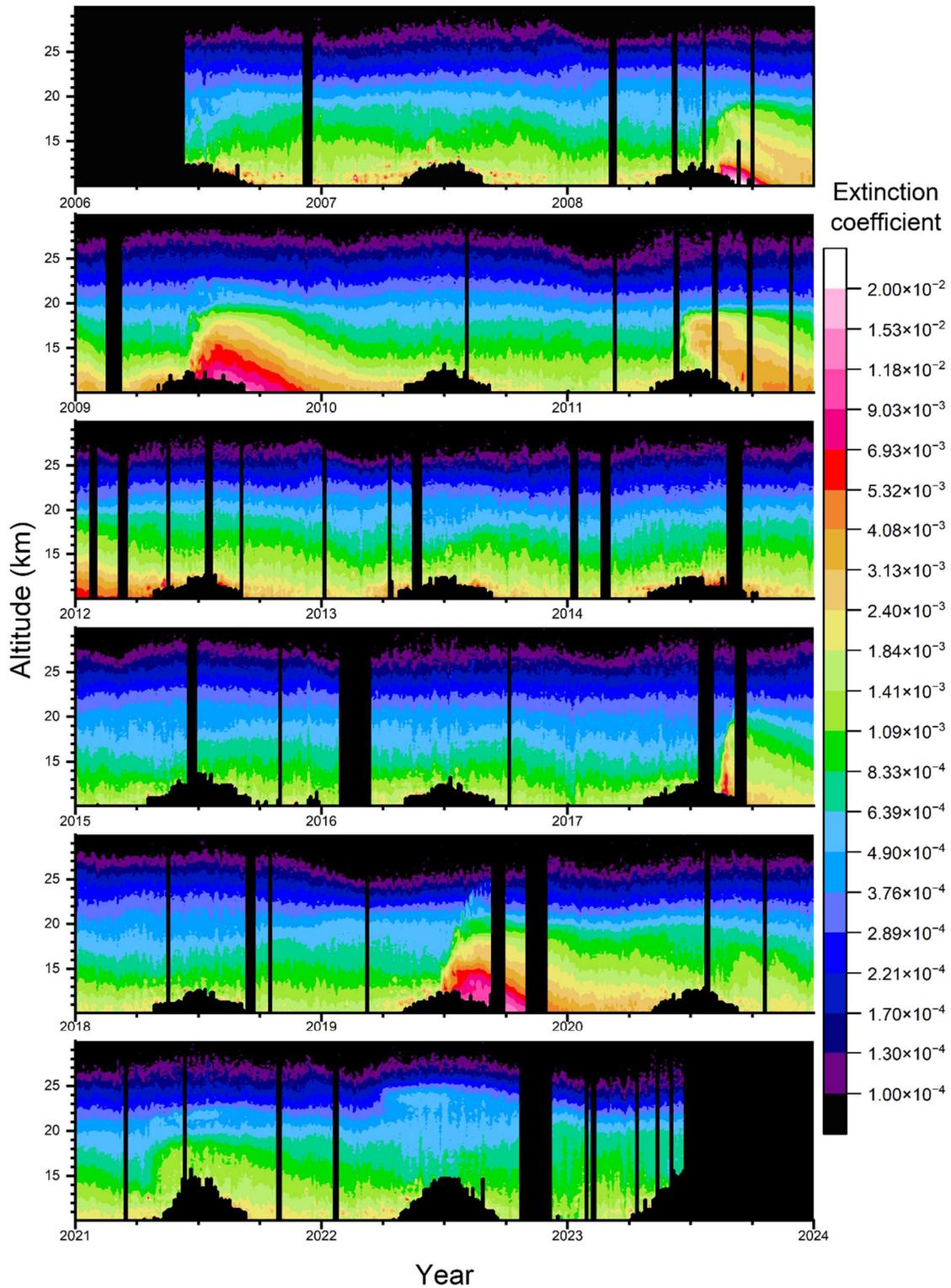
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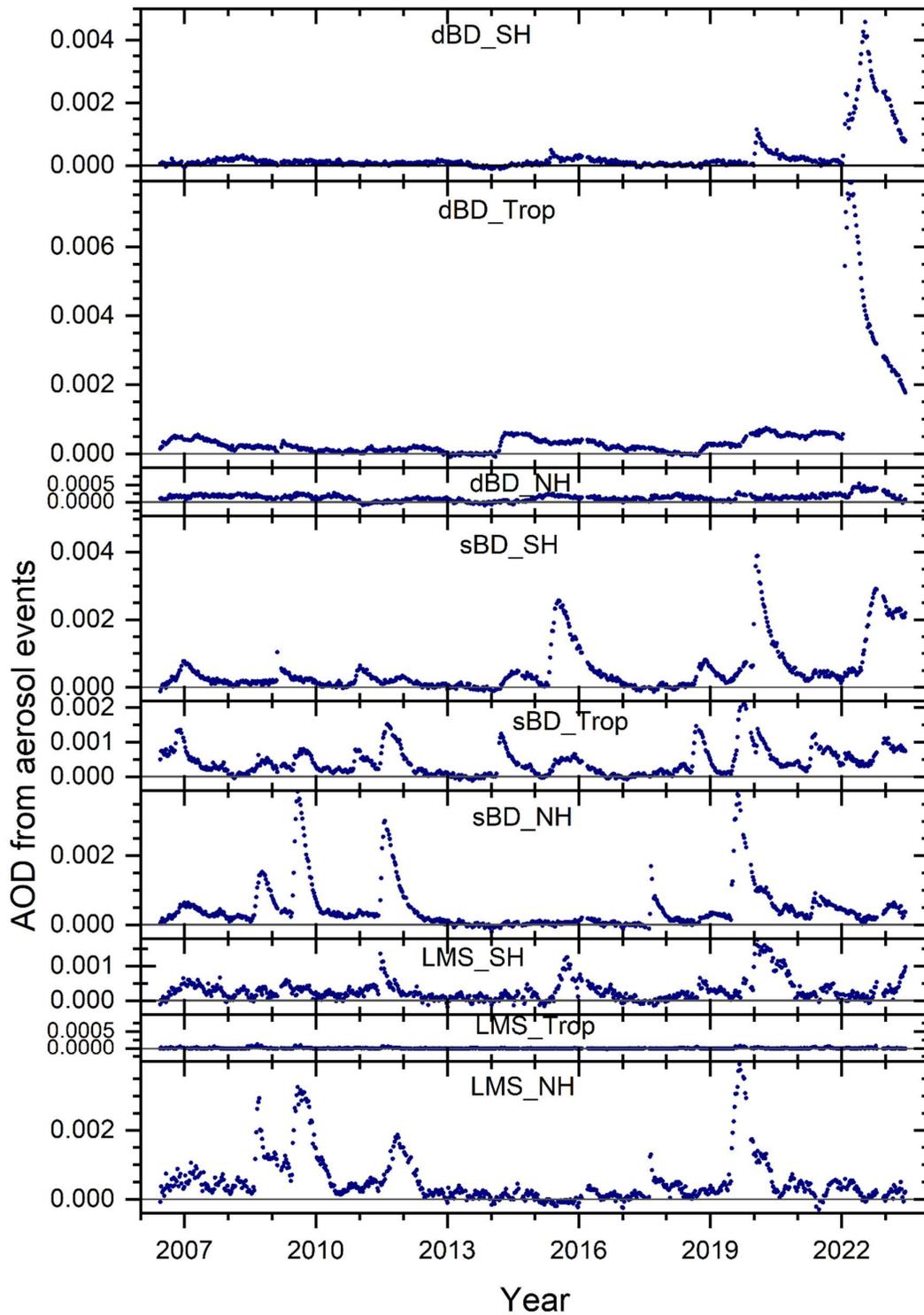
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29 Figure S6. Aerosol extinction coefficient in the Northern hemisphere (latitudes 80 to 20°)
 30 from 10 to 35 km altitude. The data have not been latitude weighted.

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34 Fig. S7. Stratospheric AOD based on lidar ratio of 50 Sr after subtraction of background
 35 scattering (Figure 4) in nine latitude and altitude regions. The sum of the nine AOD
 36 curves displayed is the average AOD from the tropopause to 35 km altitude in the
 37 latitude range -80 to 80° .