

Clouds and Aerosols Improvements in ICON Radiation Scheme - CAIR Priority Project

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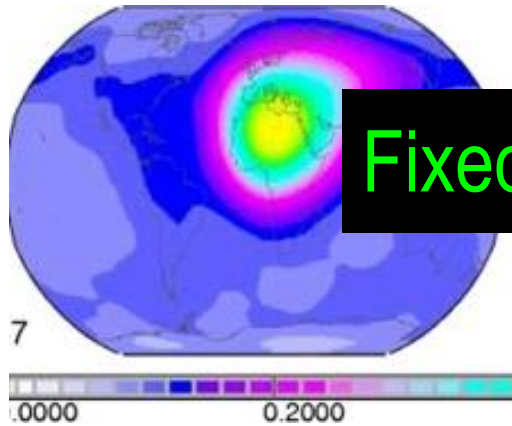
BUT FIRST...

some $T^2(RC)^2$ issues

Aerosols Input for COSMO Radiation

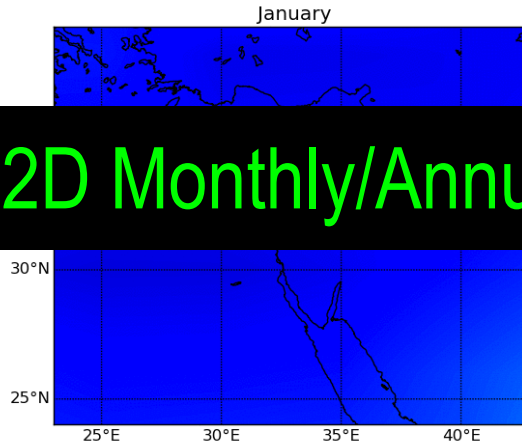
Tanre (1983)

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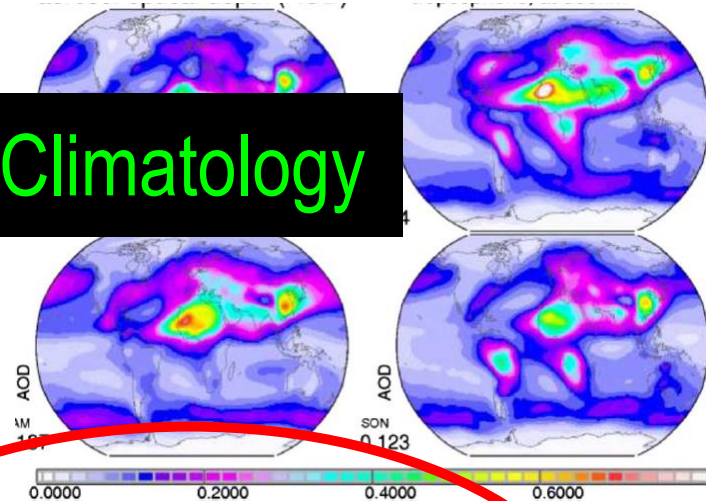
Tegen (1997)

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MACv2 (2013)

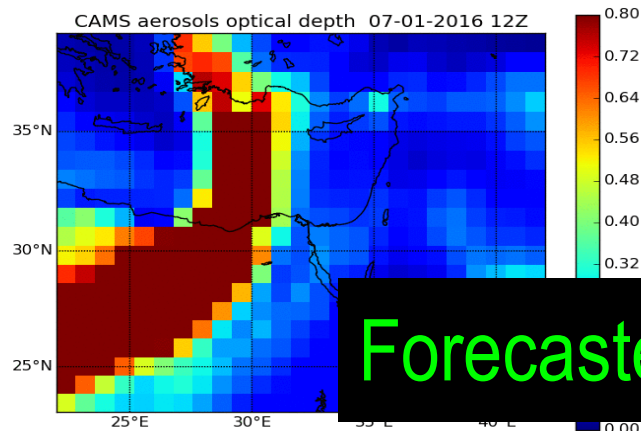
itype_aerosol = 3



Fixed 2D Monthly/Annual Climatology

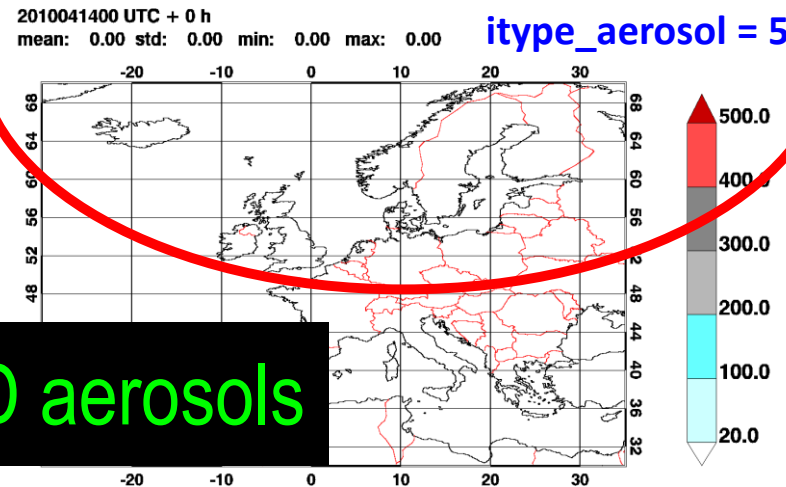
CAMS-ECMWF

itype_aerosol = 4



ICON-ART

itype_aerosol = 5



Forecasted 3D aerosols

New:

COSMO Cloud Optics Web-App

<http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/tasks/operational/ims/cloudOptics/default.htm>

Cloud Optical Properties

Last updated: August 2020

Introduction

The programs in these pages use advanced spectral averaging methods to calculate cloud optical properties.

The optical properties and the effective size and aspect ratio are calculated for each PSD in an ensemble of 7500 particle size distributions. The calculations, for each single wavelength data is based on Fu (DOI) and Hu & Stamnes (DOI). The collection of these 7500 points are fitted to a Padé approximation using a non-linear fitting algorithm selected to adequately reproduce asymptotic behavior

This way, we can extend the effective size range to include large hydro meteors categories such as snow, graupel and rain.

For a full discussion on the scientific aspects and numerical implementation see the [Liquid and Ice Clouds Optical Properties Parametrizations in Numerical Weather Prediction Models](#)

Related COSMO priority projects are [T²\(RC\)²](#) and [CAIIR](#).

Running

The authors of the programs doing the fitting, are [Harel Muskatel](#) from [IMS](#) (ice calculations) and [Ulrich Blahak](#) from [DWD](#) (liquid water calculations) You may contact them for further details.

On how to run the programs yourself, using the web interface, see this [user manual](#). To run your own simulations, you will need a username and password. These are free and you can get them by contacting [Harel Muskatel](#). When you have your credentials, you can [start](#).

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Cloud Optical Properties: wavelength selection

Last updated: Mar 2020

Ranges selection

Liquid, Visible

allowed: $0.29\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 150\mu\text{m}$

Liquid, Infrared

allowed: $0.29\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 150\mu\text{m}$

Ice, Visible

allowed: $0.2\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 3.969\mu\text{m}$

Ice, Infrared

allowed: $3.969\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 100\mu\text{m}$

add spectrum range with wavelength from μm , to μm , for ice ☐ or liquid ☒ in the Vis ☒ or IR ☐ range

Done selecting

- ▶ The 4 areas (Liquid/Ice and Visible/Infrared) contain the wavelength ranges to calculate the optical properties for.
- ▶ To **add** a new wavelength range, fill the from μm and to μm boxes and choose between "ice" or "liquid" water.
- ▶ When the two boxes get filled, an **add** button will appear. Press it to add the range into the desired ones. Vis/IR spectrum is auto-selected.
- ▶ To remove an already present range, click its **x** button.

Cloud Optical Properties: results

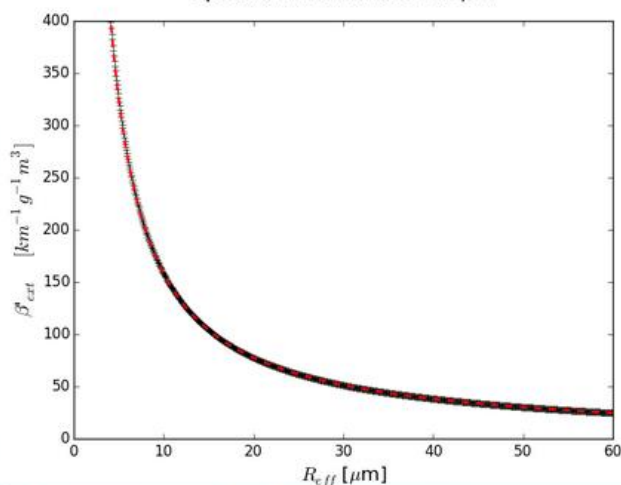
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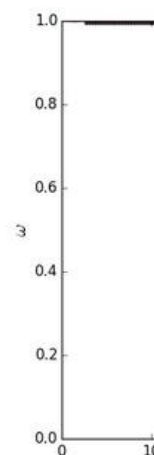
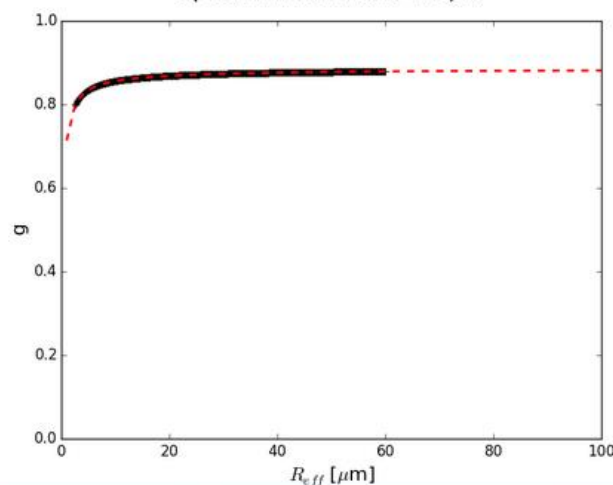
Liquid

0.5 ↔ 1 μm

Spectral interval 0.5-1.0 μm



Spectral interval 0.5-1.0 μm



by 0.5 μm. beta

$$\text{beta} = (a_0 + a_1 R + a_2 R^2 + a_3 R^3) / (a_4 + a_5 R + a_6 R^2 + a_7 R^3 + a_8 R^4)$$

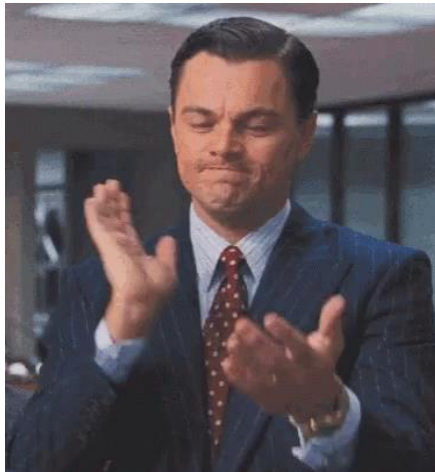
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Ice

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**Many thanks to
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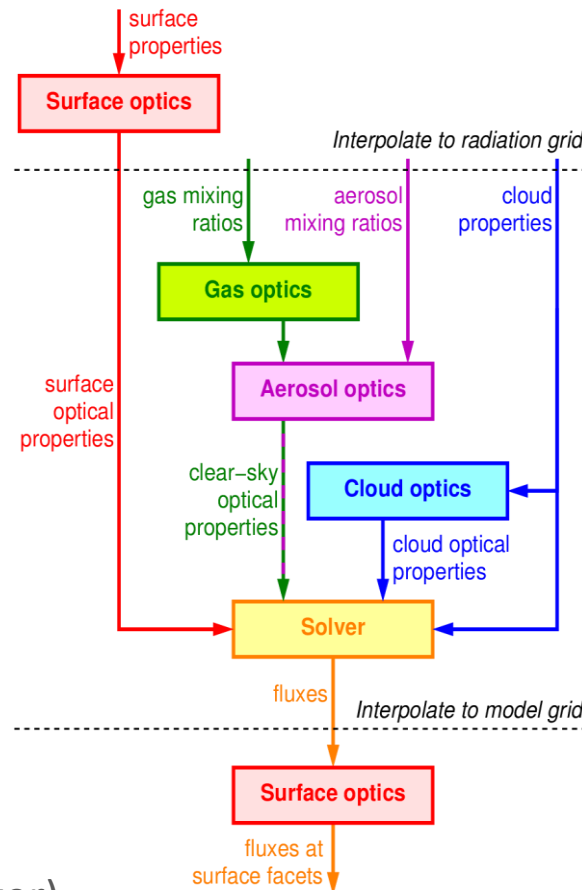
- **Project duration:** March 2020 - February 2022
- **Total FTEs :** 6.6

Participants:

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- Marina Shatunova (RHM)

New modular radiation scheme: ECRAD (Hogan & Bozzo, 2018)

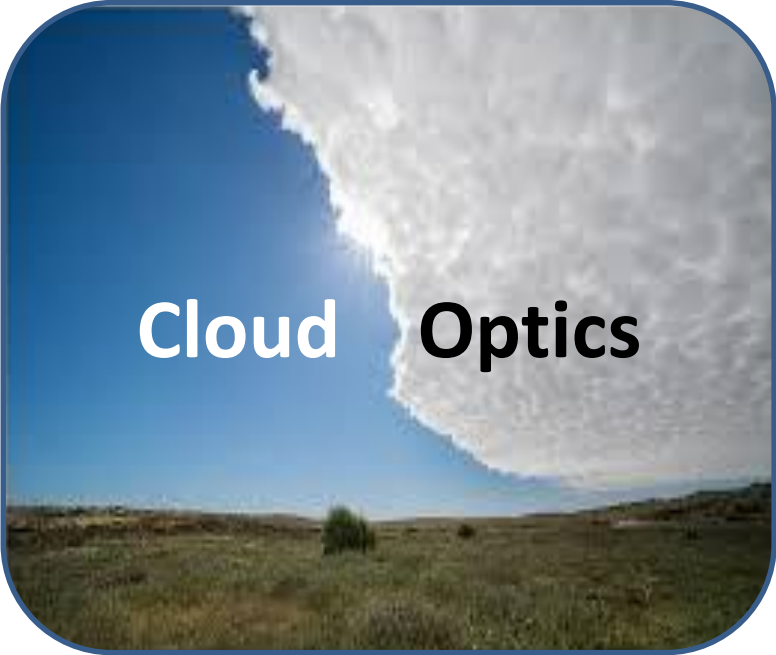
- **Gas optics:** RRTM-G (Iacono et al. 2008)
 - Plan to develop new scheme with fewer spectral intervals
- **Aerosol optics:** variable species number and properties (set at run-time)
- **Cloud optics:**
 - **liquid:** SOCRATES (MetOffice)
 - **ice:** Fu 1996, 1998 (default), Yi et al. 2013 or Baran et al. 2014
- **3D effects** (SPARTACUS): globally warm by ca. 2 Wm^{-2} or 1K
- *Surface (under development) Rigorous and consistent treatment of urban and forest canopies*



• Solvers:

- **McICA** (Pincus et al. 2003), **Tripleclouds** (Shonk & Hogan, 2008) or **SPARTACUS** (Schäfer et al. 2016, Hogan et al. 2016)
- SPARTACUS makes ecRad the only global radiation scheme that can do 3D radiative effects
- Longwave scattering optional
- Can configure cloud overlap
- Cloud inhomogeneity: stochastic subcolumns (McICA) or two cloudy regions (Tripleclouds / SPARTACUS), can configure width and shape of PDF

- **Implemented in ICON** (D. Rieger)
- planned: operational early 2021
- **Improves results in troposphere**
- **Ongoing tuning**



Cloud Optics

Liquid hydrometeors

COSMO:

- Original [RG92](#) based on Stephens (1989) , Slingo & Schrecker (1982)
- COSMO - New optical properties after [Hu and Stamnes \(1993\)](#)

$$f(R_e) = a_1 R_e^{a_2} + a_3$$

- *Extended size range - including rain*

ecRAD:

1. SW- Slingo (1989) similar to RG92 (Valid only for: $R_e = [4.2 \mu m, 16.6 \mu m]$!)

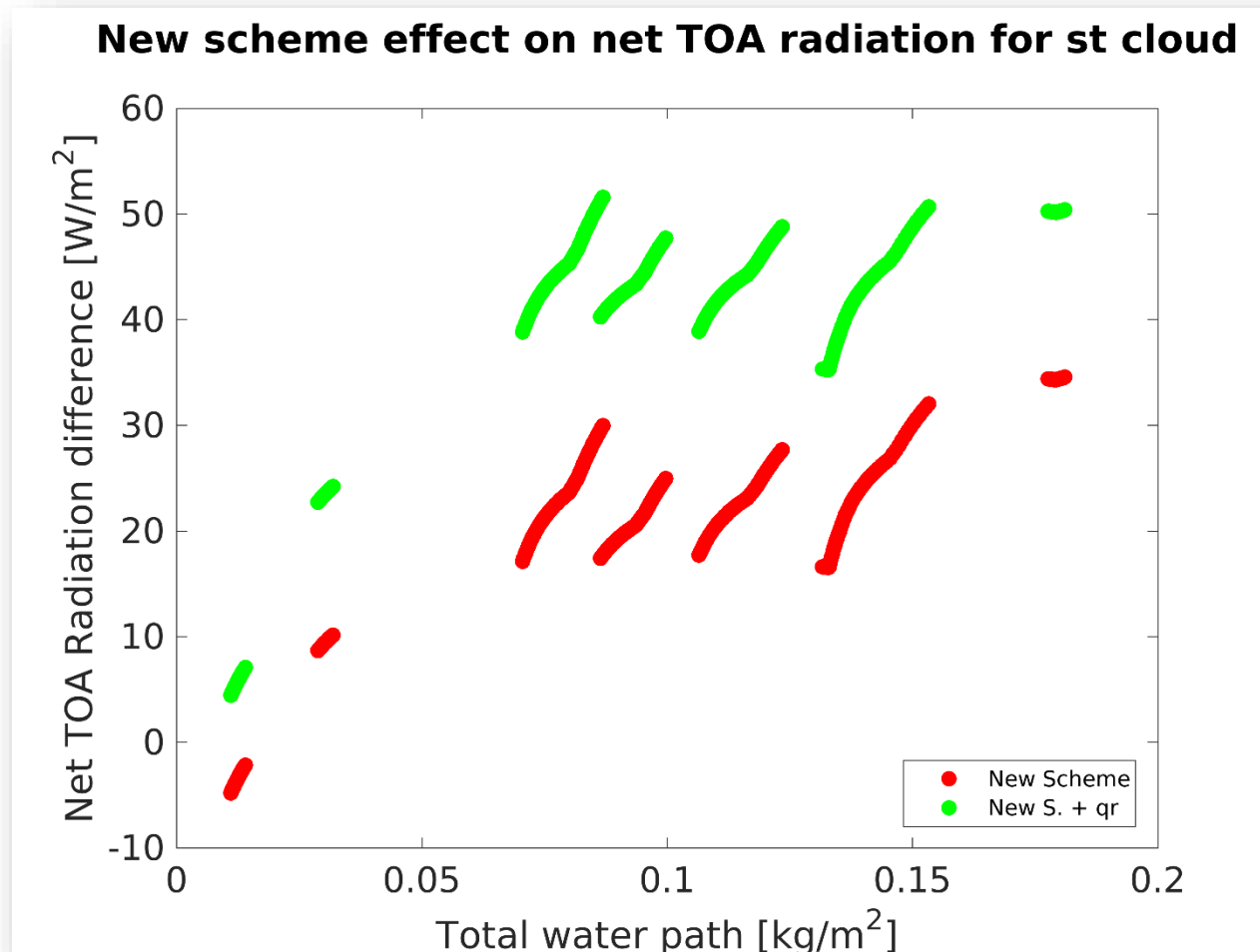
LW- Lindner and Li (2000)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{ext}/LWC = \sum_{i=-3}^{i=1} a_i r_e^i \\ 1 - \varpi = \sum_{i=-1}^{i=2} b_i r_e^i \\ g = \sum_{i=-1}^{i=2} c_i r_e^i \end{array} \right.$$

2. SOCRATES

$$f(R_e) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i R_e^i}{\sum_{i=k}^m b_i R_e^i}$$

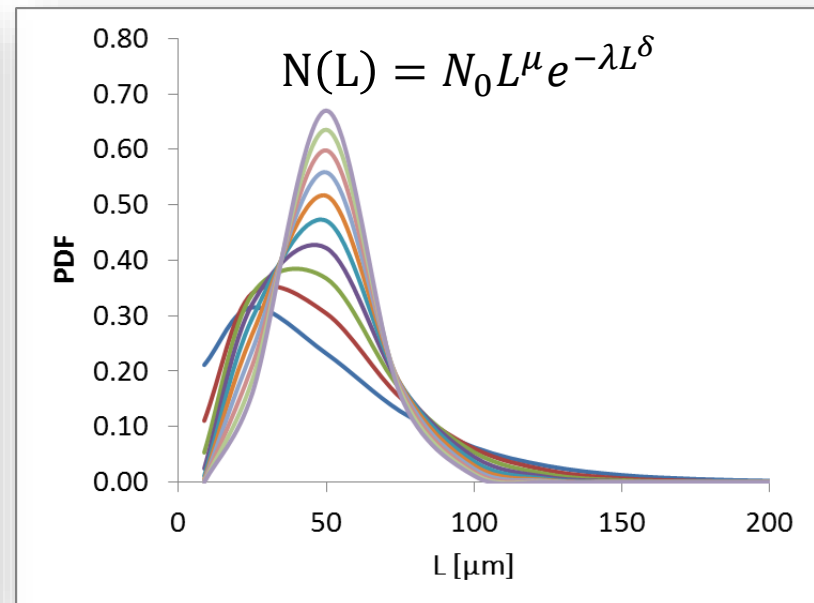
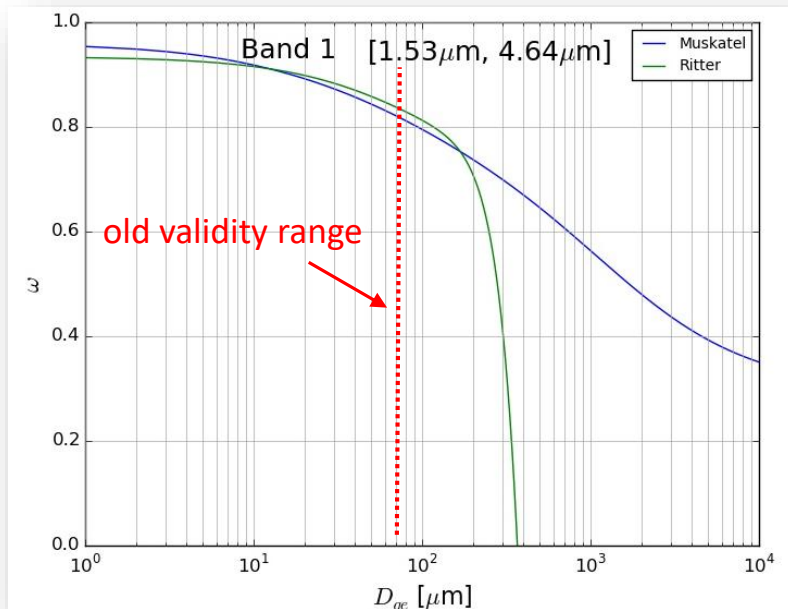
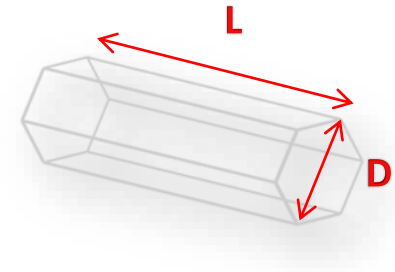
Liquid hydrometeors



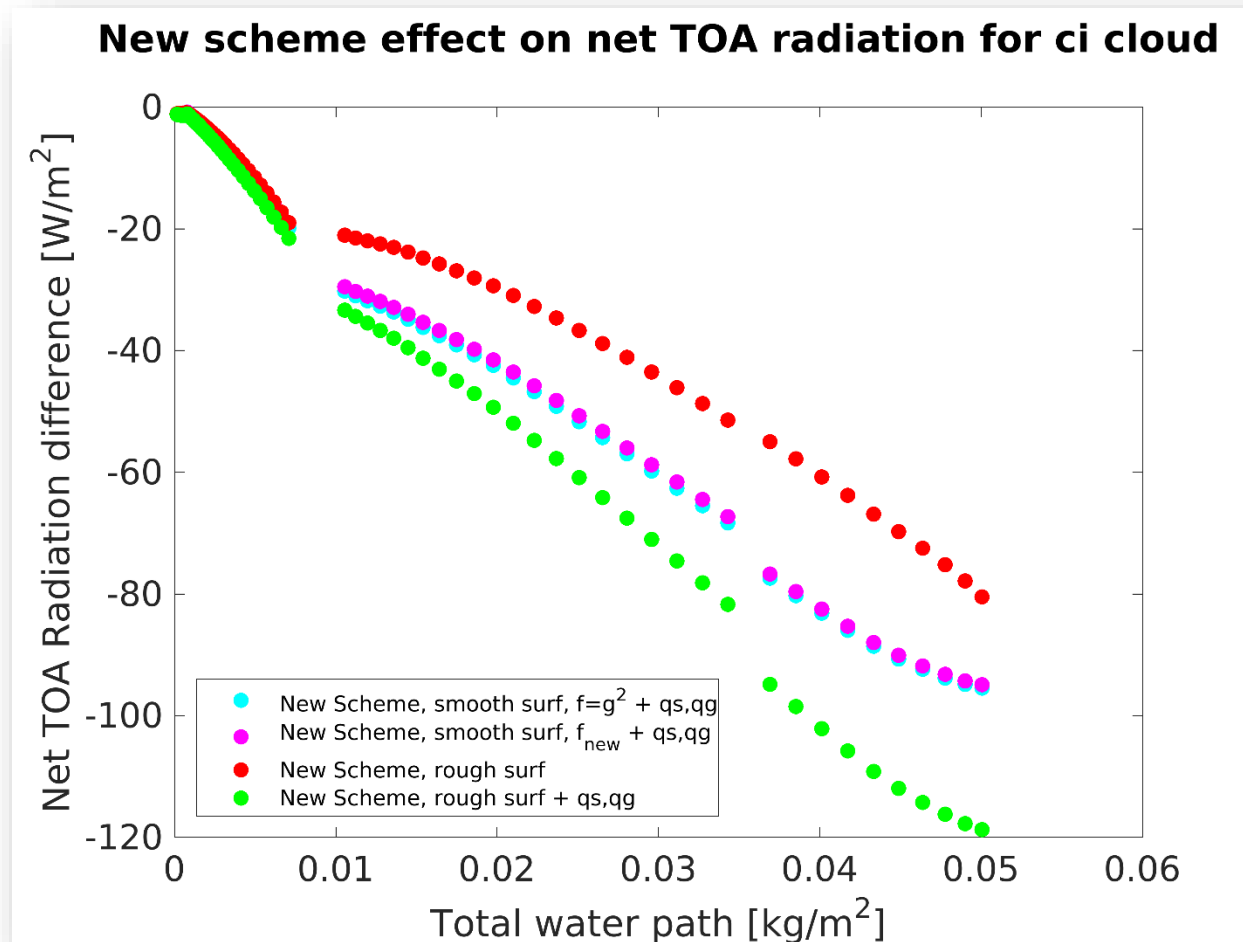
**Warming effect of the new scheme
compared with RG92!**

Ice hydrometeors

- Single particle optical properties after Fu
- Assuming randomly oriented hexagonal particles
- Using AR and D_{ge} as the bulk parameters:
- Size range expended using 7000 generalized gamma distributions
- Include snow and graupel in the radiation scheme
- Option: rough or smooth particle surfaces



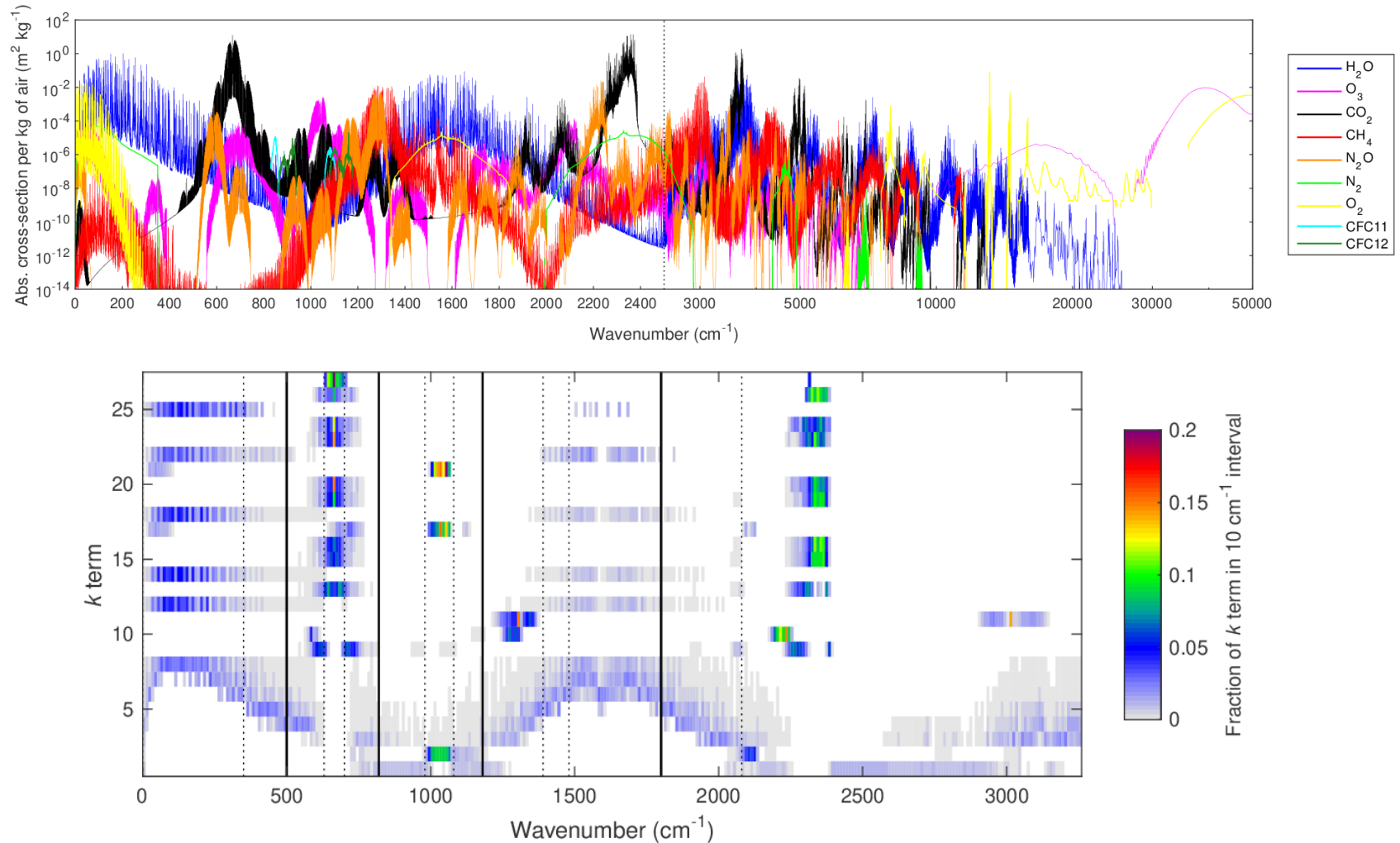
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Cooling effect vs. RG92

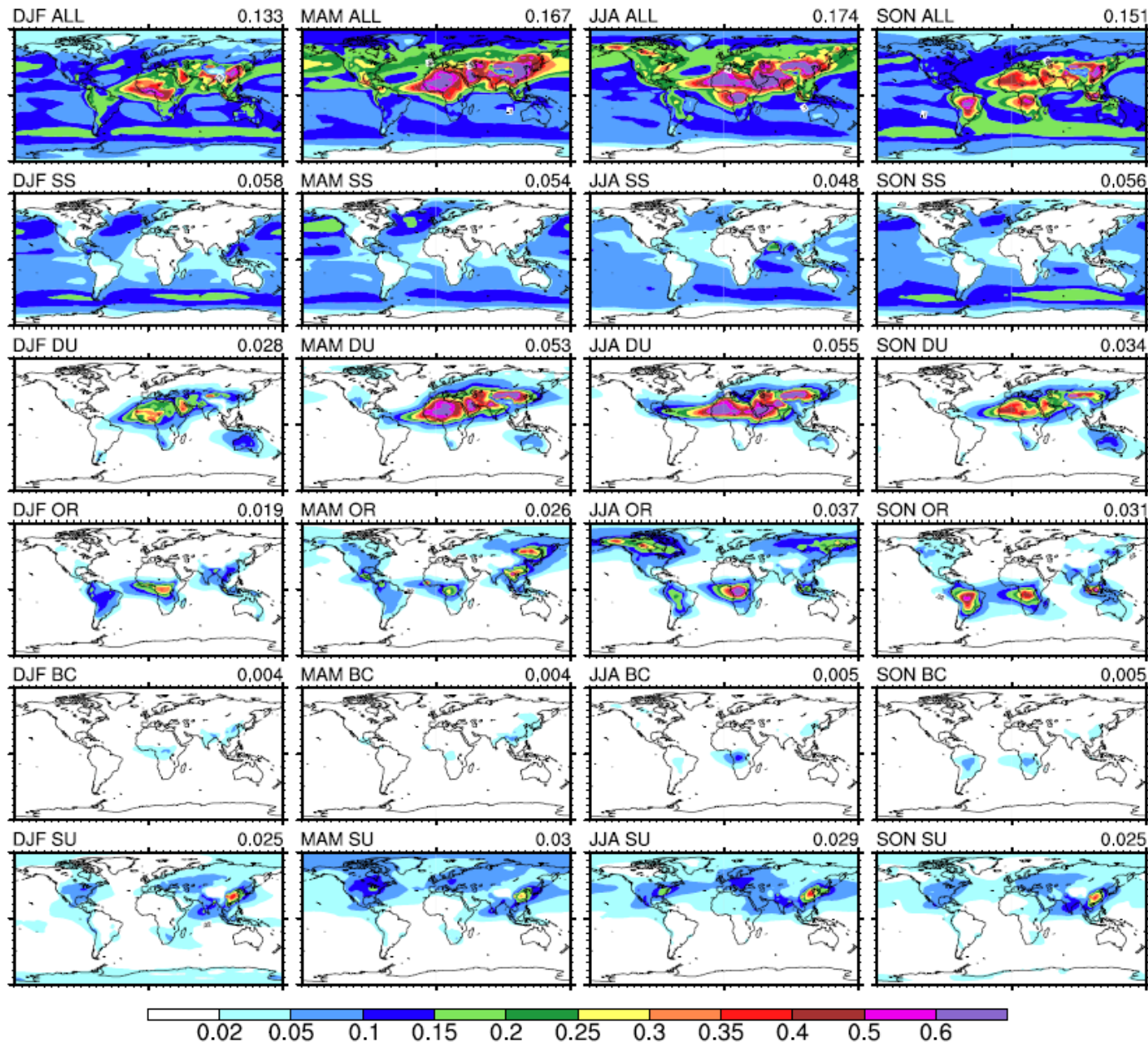
CKDMIP: Correlated K-Distribution

Model Intercomparison

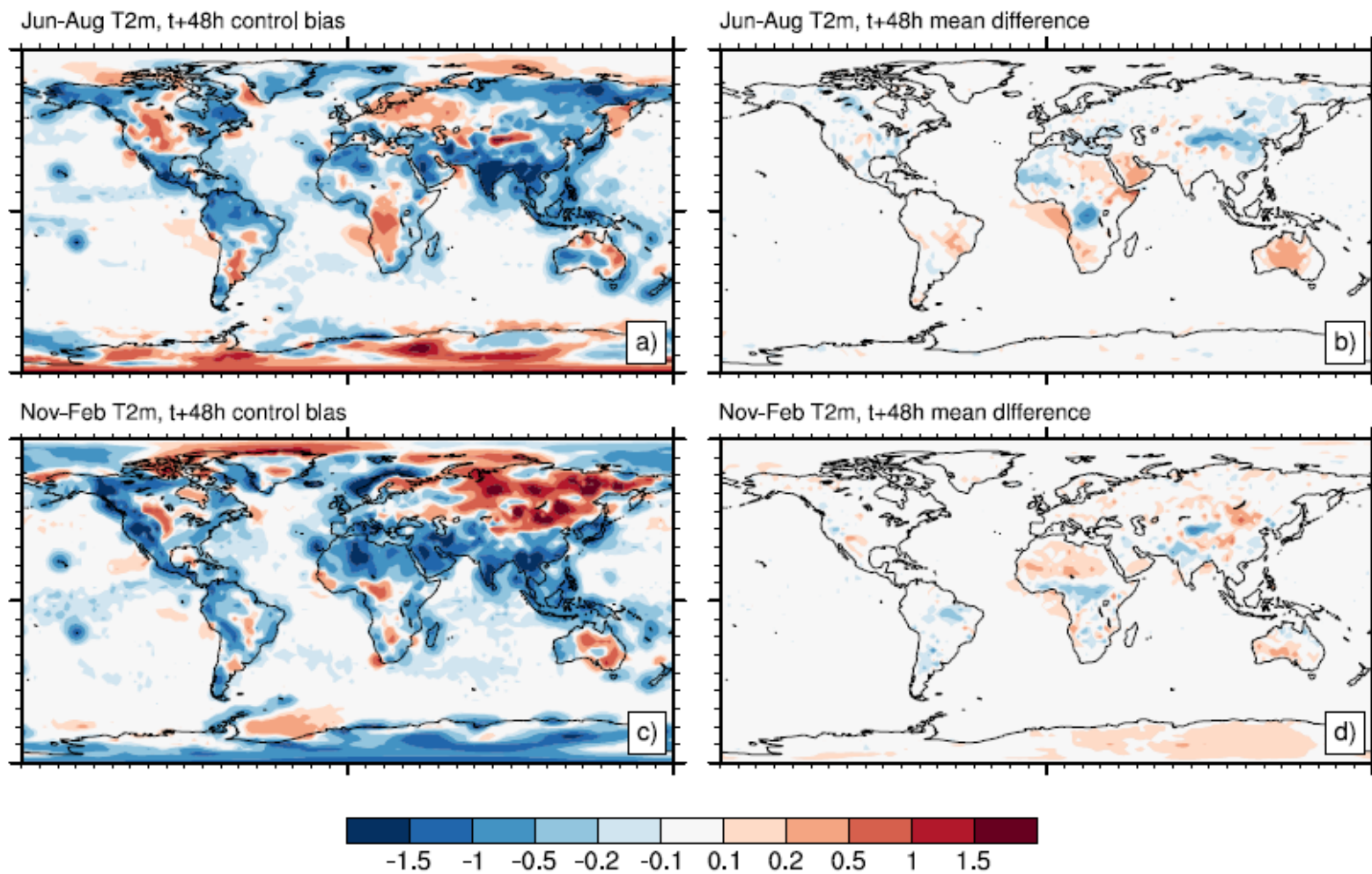




Task 5: CAMS climatology in ICON-ecRAD (RHM)



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Günther Zängl's scheme:

Prognostic equation for 2D AOD $\psi_j(x, y)$, using vertically averaged horizontal wind $\overline{v}_{H,j}$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_j(x, y)}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\overline{v}_{H,j} \nabla \psi_j(x, y)}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{S_{e,j}}_{\text{sources (emission)}} + \underbrace{S_{w,j}}_{\text{sinks (washout)}} + \underbrace{\frac{(f_{clim,j} \psi_{clim,j}(x, y) - \psi_j(x, y))}{\tau_{clim,j}}}_{\text{relaxation to climatology (Tegen)}}$$

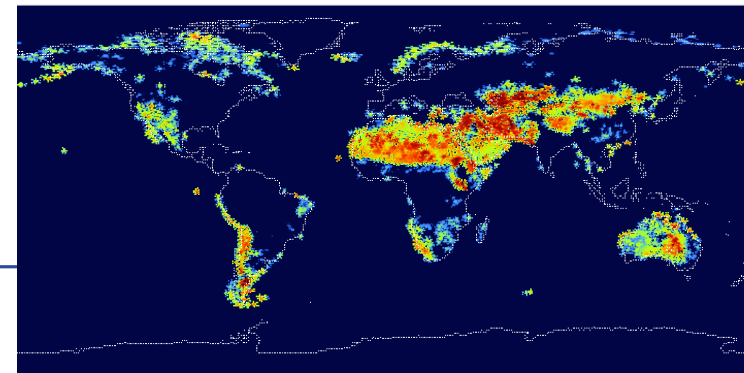
Subtask 6.1: Improve mineral dust AOD source function $S_{e,dust}$

- Use cheap emission parameterization, e.g.:

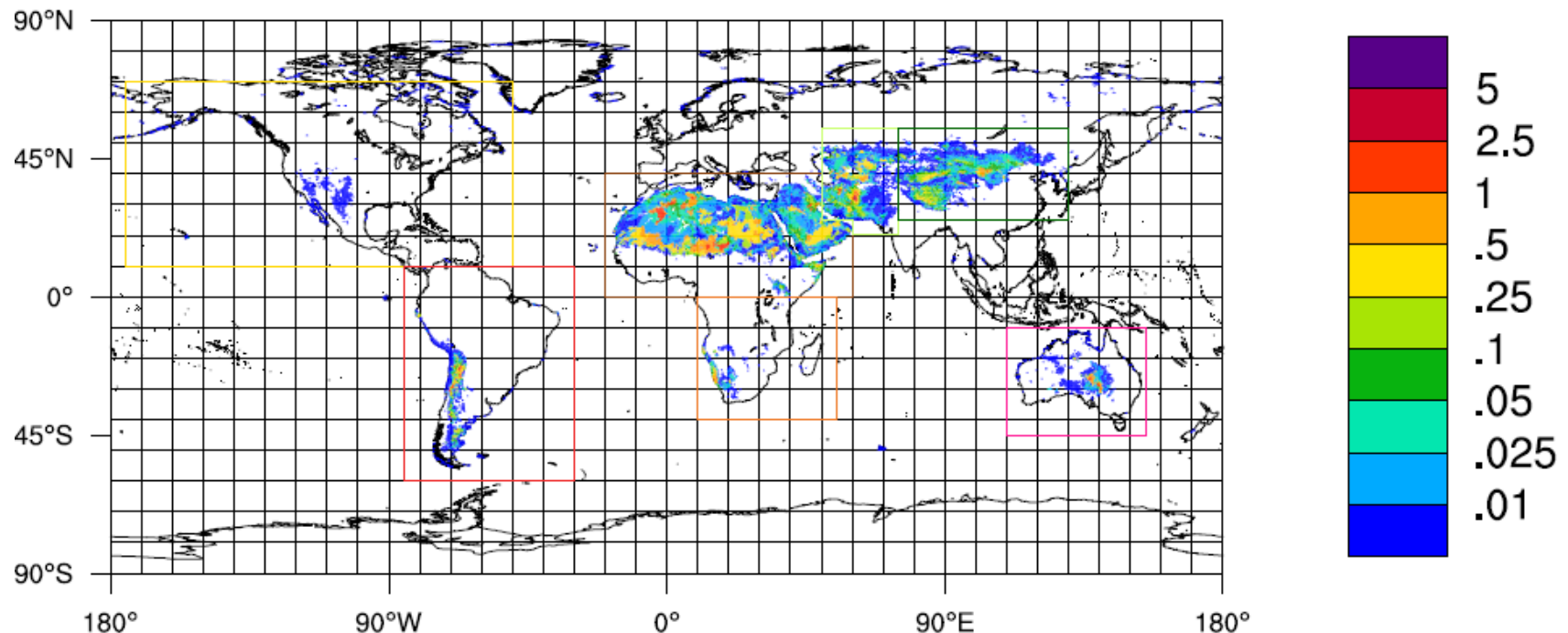
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- Perform offline Mie calculations to derive optical properties
- Calculate AOD flux from emission flux

Accumulated dust flux (1 year, arbitrary units, non-equidistant scale) for Kok et al. parameterization in ICON (preliminary results)



Accumulated Mineral Dust Emission Flux ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$)



Subtask 6.2: Improve sea salt AOD source function $S_{e,ssa}$ based on an established emission parameterization

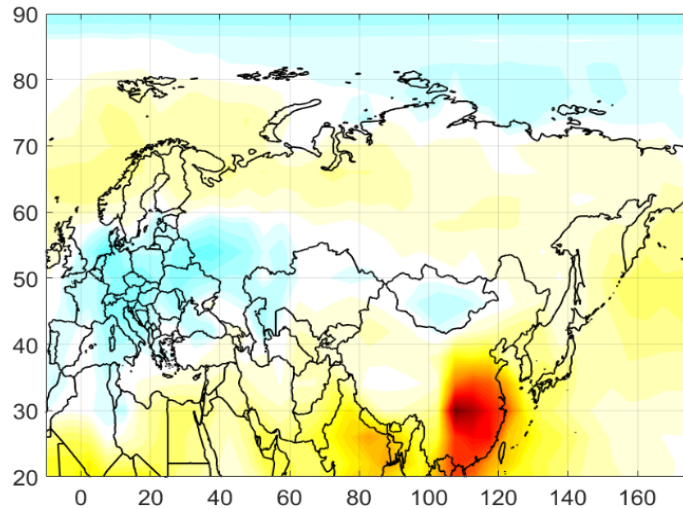
Subtask 6.3: Improve anthropogenic AOD source function $S_{e,anth}$
e.g., based on emission dataset, extensive literature review required

Task 7: Implement MACv2 climatology in ecRAD (RHM)

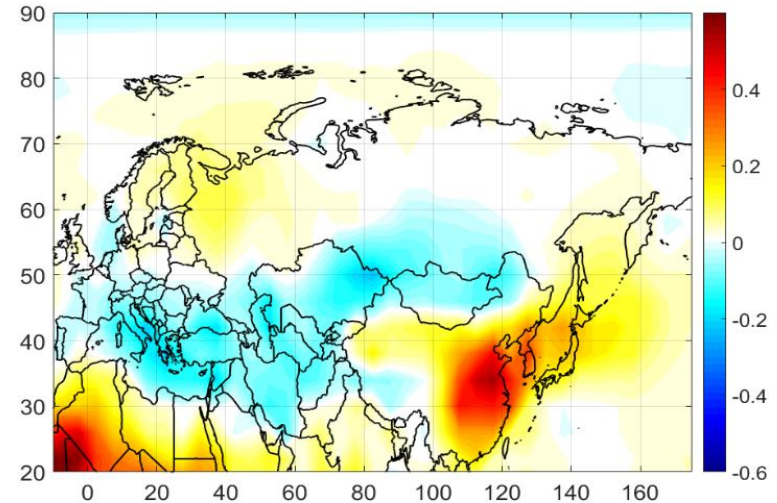
Kinne-MACv2 (2013) vs. Tegen (1997)

AOD at 550 nm & SW in clear skies, noon using CLIRAD

AOD

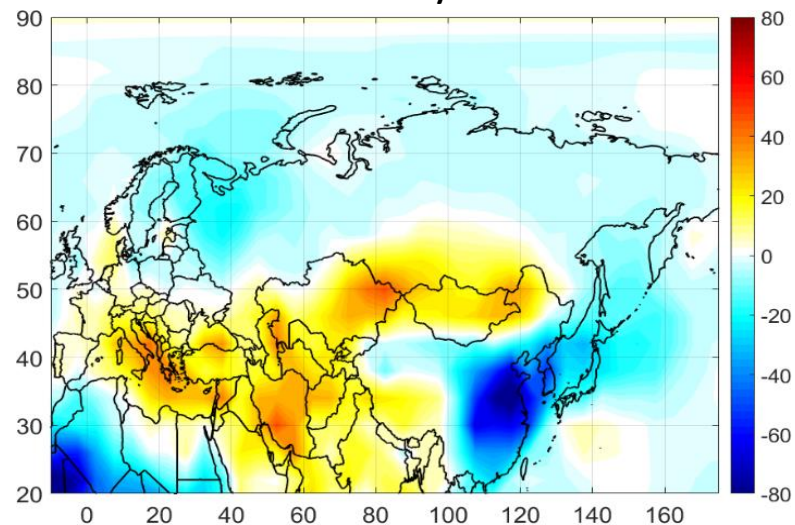
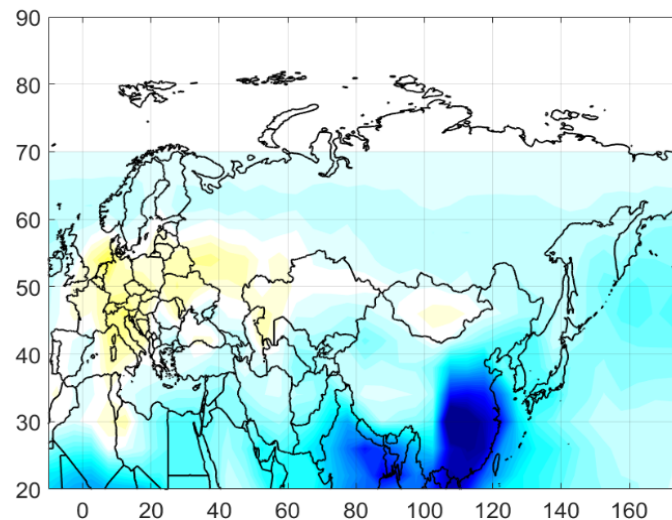


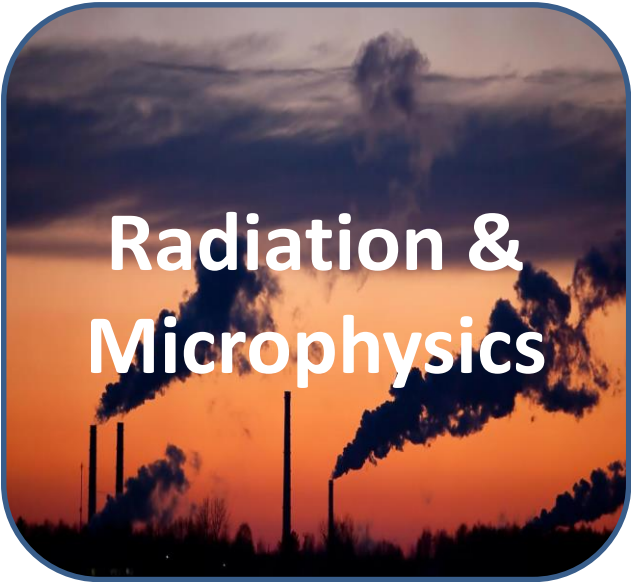
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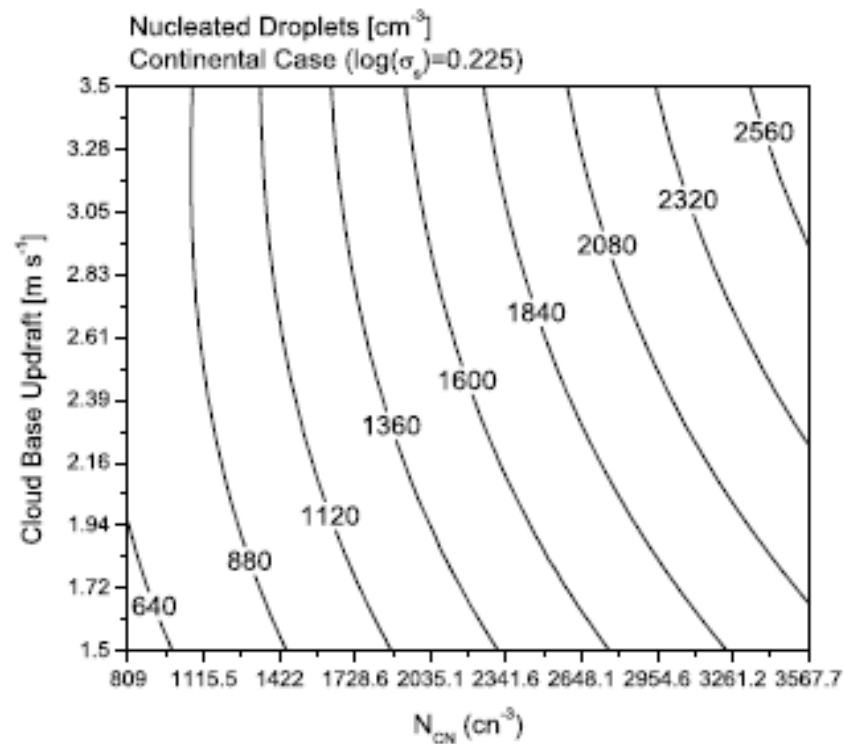


A square image with rounded corners and a dark blue border. It depicts a sunset or sunrise scene with a bright orange and yellow sky. Several dark silhouettes of industrial smokestacks are visible, with thick plumes of dark smoke rising from them and drifting across the sky. The text 'Radiation & Microphysics' is centered in white.

Radiation & Microphysics

Droplet concentration: Segal & Khain (2006) scheme

- Cloud nuclei profile $n_{CN}(z)$ is estimated from Tegen/CAMS aerosols
- Activation of n_{CN} to n_{CCN} is estimated from Segal & Khain (2006)
- 4D look-up table: $n_{ccn}^{SK} = f(n_{cn}, \log(\sigma), r_{mod}, w_{CB})$



Segal & Khain scheme in COSMO

- In „active“ clouds ($w_{nuc} > w_{cb,min}$ and $q_c > 0$ or $clc_con > 0$ over several adjacent height layers), activation is at cloud base and n_{CN} decreases exponentially above cloud base (→ autoconversion, accretion)

$$n_C(z) = \begin{cases} n_{CCN,SK}(n_{CN}(z_{cb}), w_{nuc}(z_{cb})) \exp\left(-\frac{z-z_{cb}}{\Delta z_{a,1/e}}\right) & \text{if } w \geq w_{cb,min} \wedge q_C(z) > 0 \wedge z \geq z_{cb} \\ n_{CCN,SK}(n_{CN}(z), \max[w_{nuc}(z), w_{cb,min}]) & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad [\text{kg}^{-1}]$$

- Effective updraft speed w_{nuc} for nucleation, including turbulence, radiative cooling and parameterized convection:

$$w_{eff} = \bar{w} + 0.7 \sqrt{\frac{2TKE}{6}} - \frac{c_p}{g} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \Big|_{\text{radiation}}$$

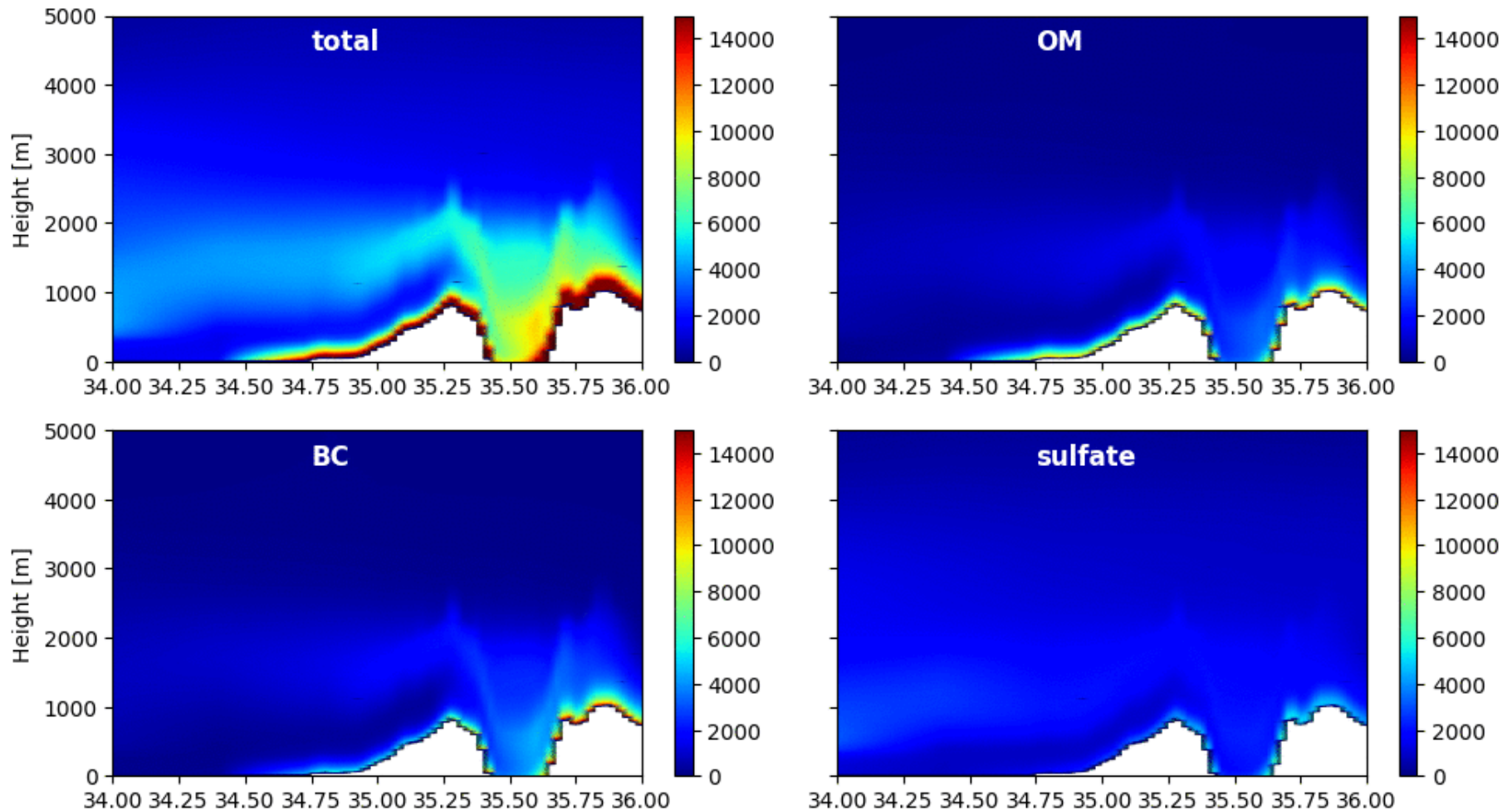
$$w_{nuc} = \max[w_{eff}, w^*]$$

$$w^* = \left(-g z_{topcon} \frac{\overline{w' \Theta'_{v,S}}}{\overline{\Theta_{v,S}}} \right)^{1/3} \quad (\text{convective velocity scale by Deardorff})$$

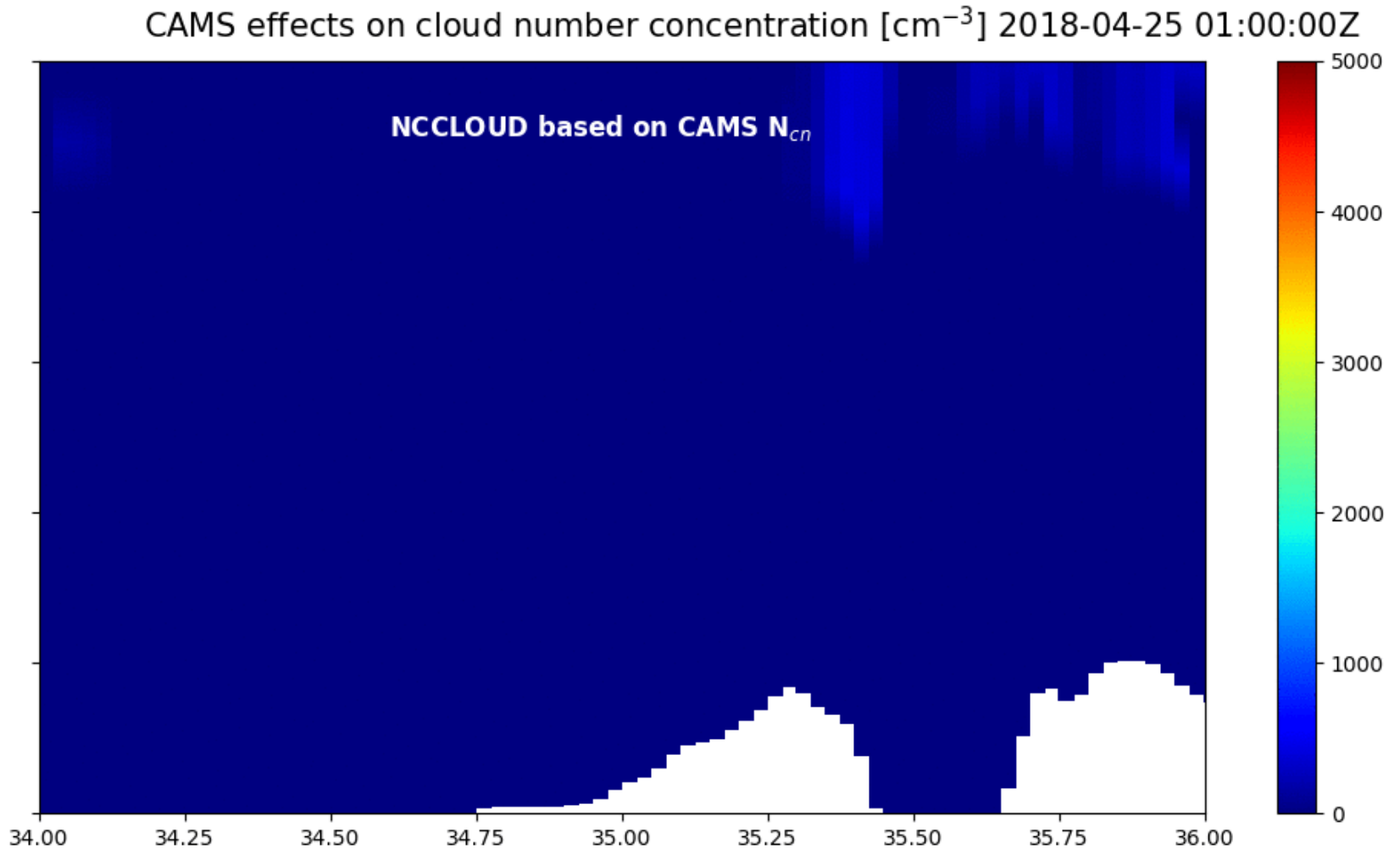
- z_{topcon} : PBL height as determined from $\Theta_v < \Theta_{v,surf} + 0.5$ K, or upper bound of lowest continuous „ clc_con “ layer

CAMS Forecasted Aerosols number concentration

CAMS aerosols number concentration [cm^{-3}] 2018-04-25 01:00:00Z



New cloud droplets number concentration

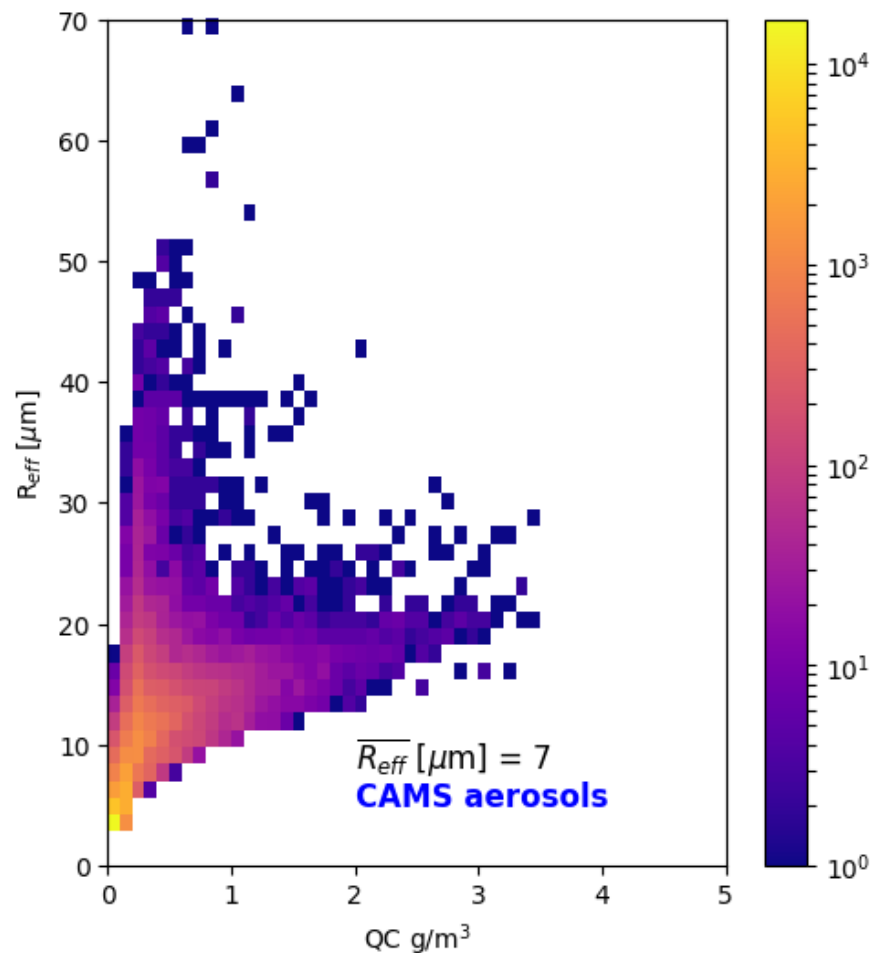
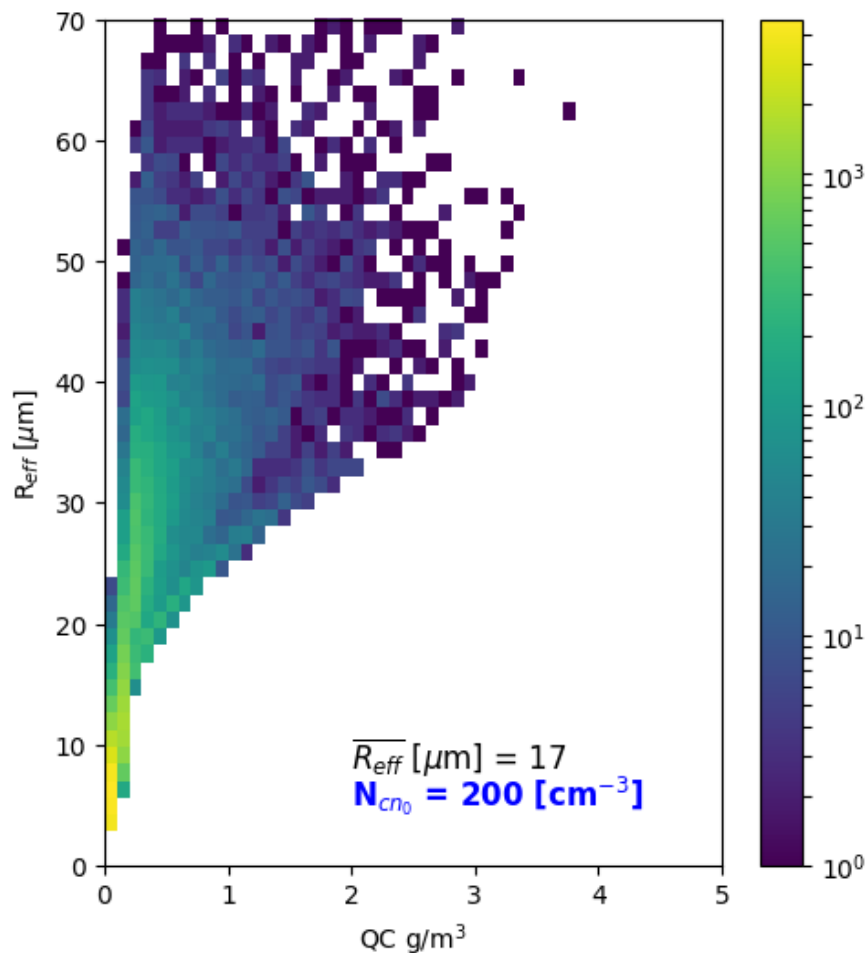


icloud_num_type_gscp/rad = 4

R_{eff} based on CAMS & Segal-Khain

Peak event April 25 14Z

$R_{eff}(QC)$ [μm] 2018-04-25 14:00:00Z



Case study: April 25-27, 2018

New cloud_rad

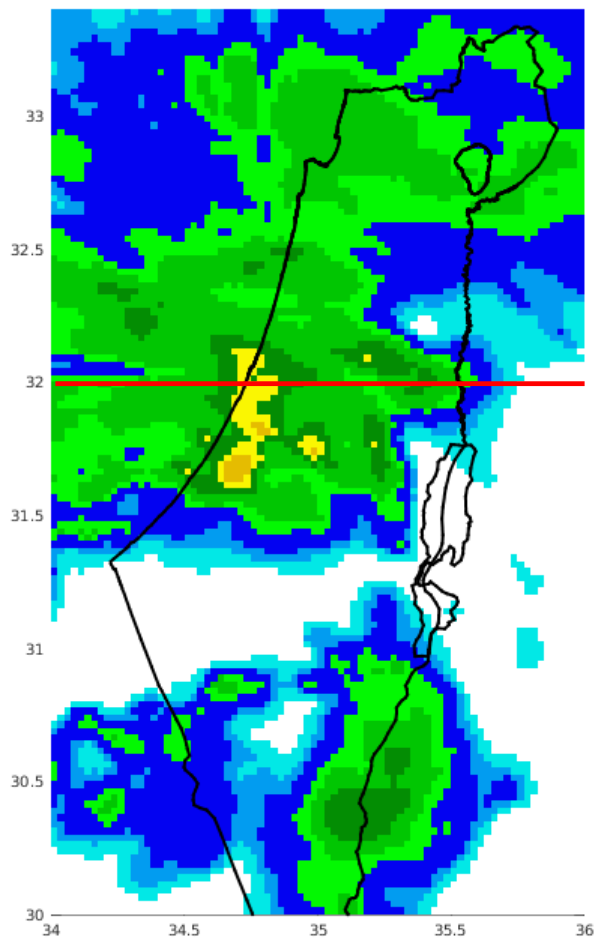
CAMS background aerosols

CAMS & SK Ncn → rad +
microphysics

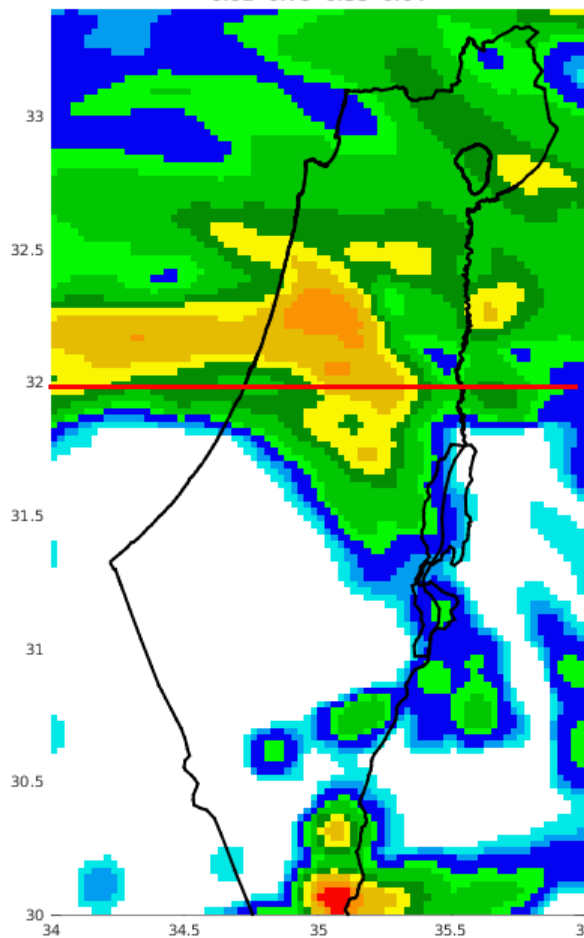
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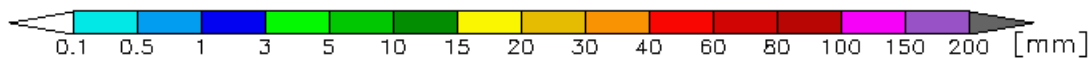
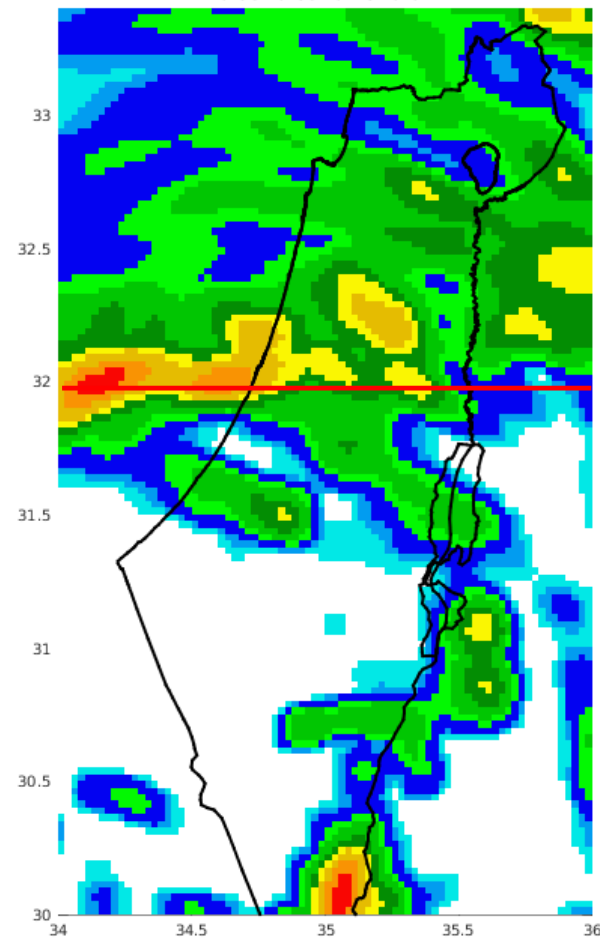
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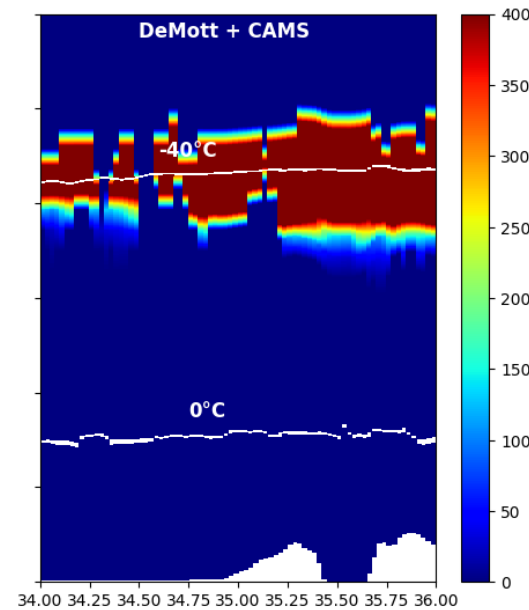
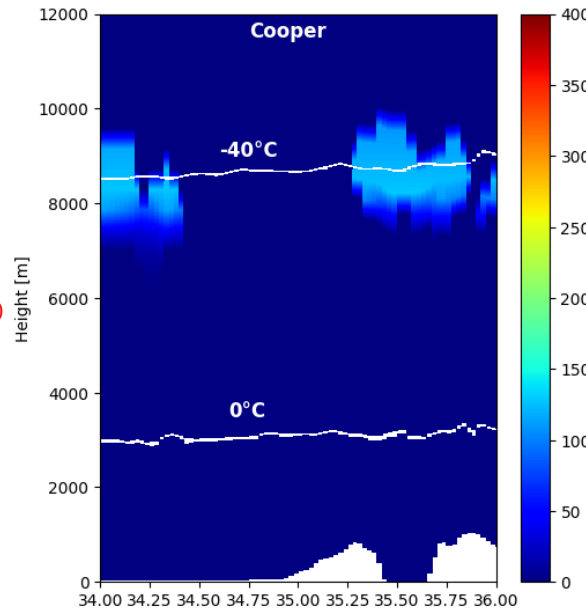


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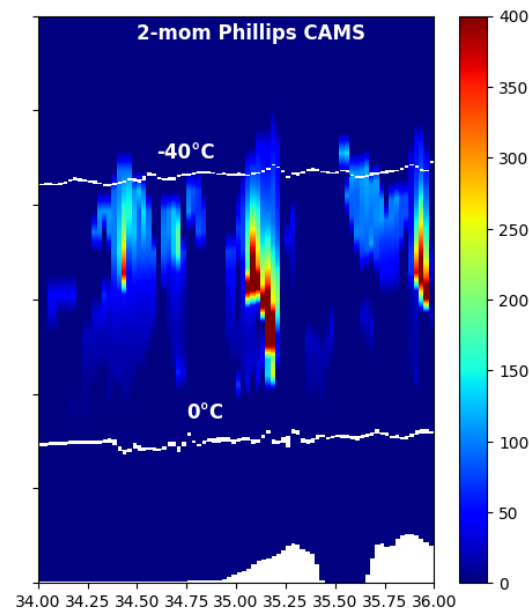
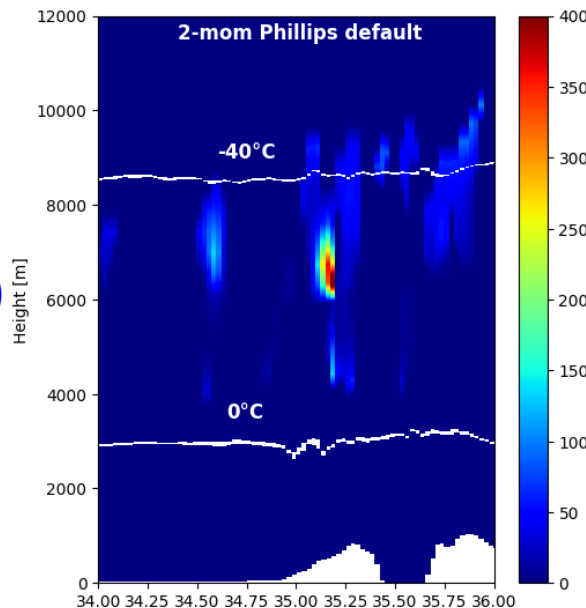


INP number concentrations (for IWC > 0.03 gm⁻³)

IN number concentration [1/L] 2018-04-25 14:00:00Z



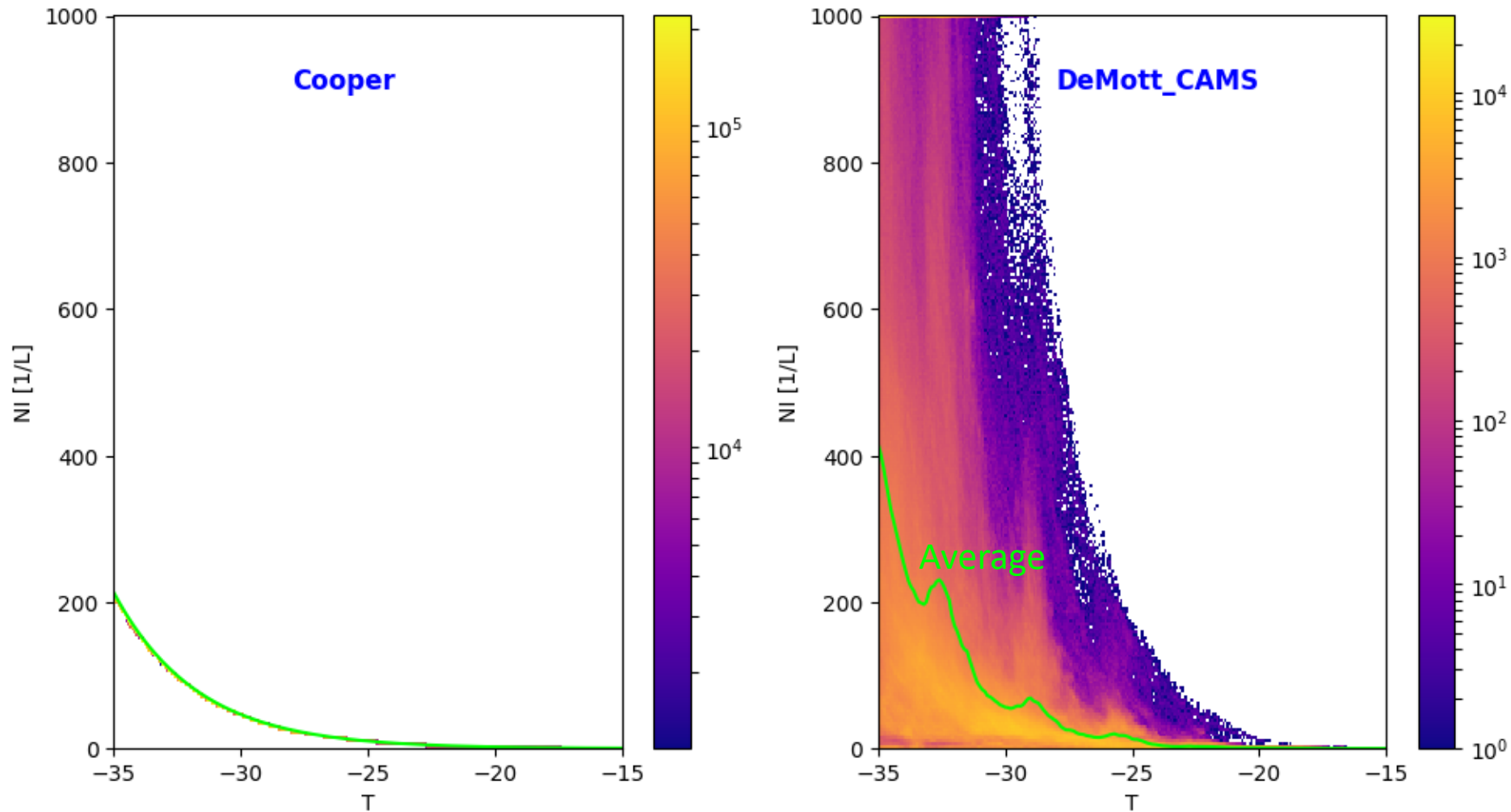
IN number concentration [1/L] 2018-04-25 14:00:00Z



IN(T) occurrences (for grid points with IWC > 0.03 gm⁻³)

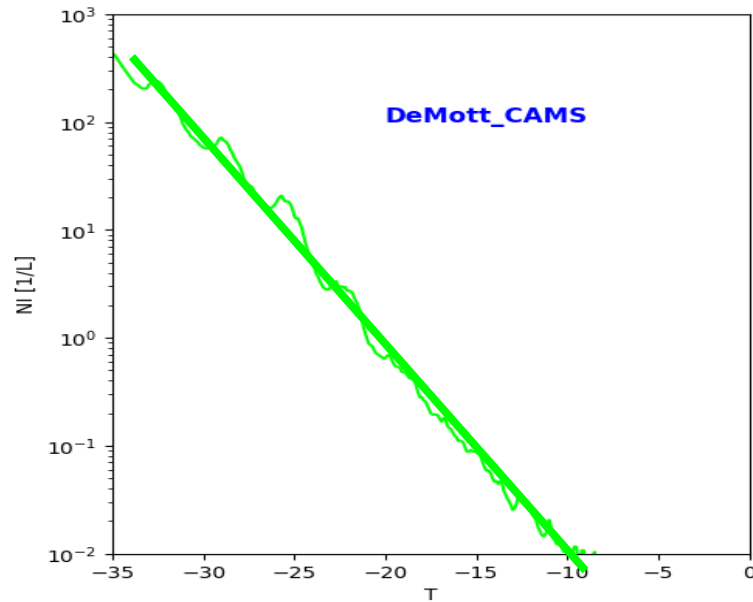
Results for 45 test cases Oct-Nov 2019

NI(T) for October-November 2019

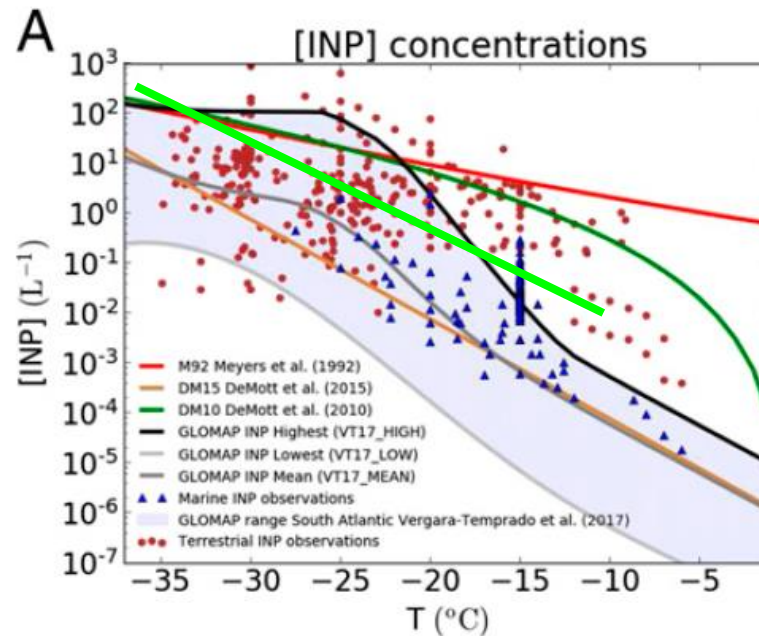


INP(T) Model vs. OBS

COSMO model
results for 45 test
cases Oct-Nov 2019



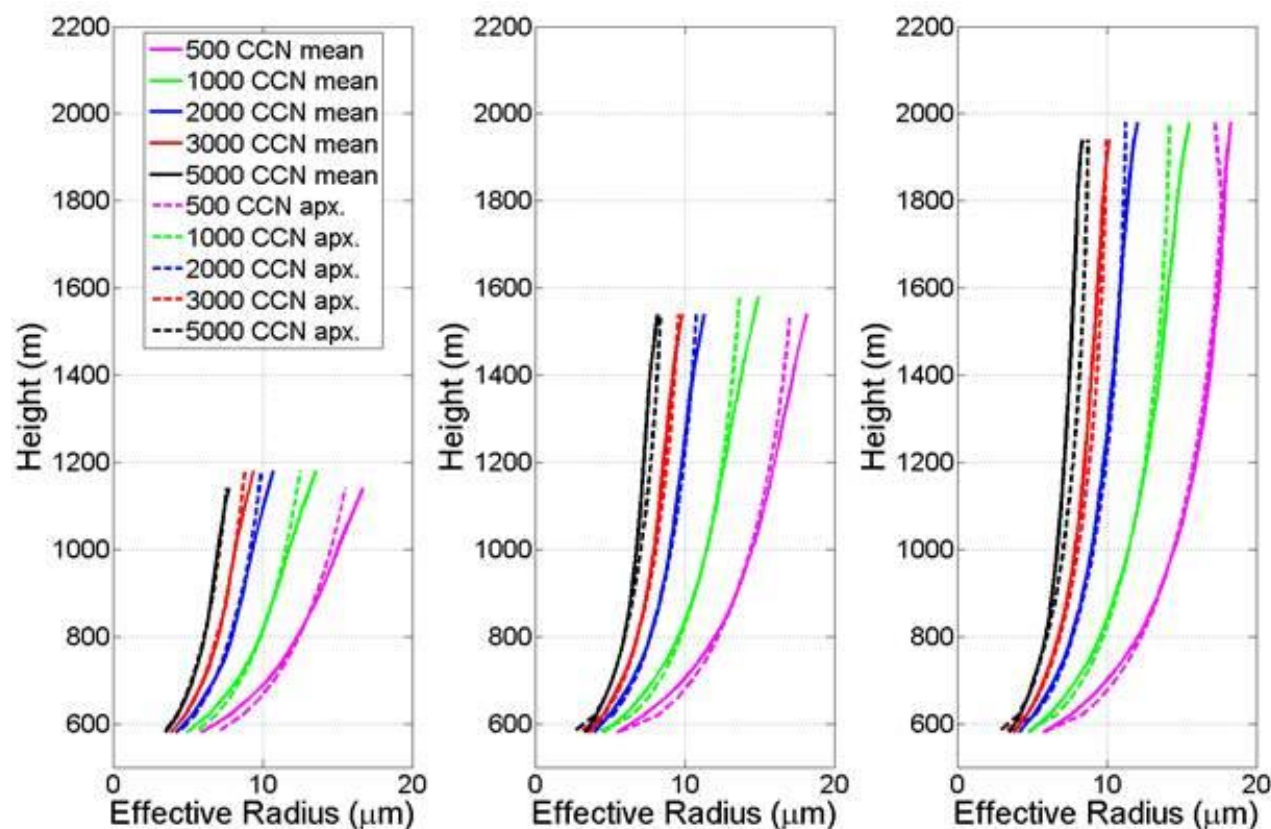
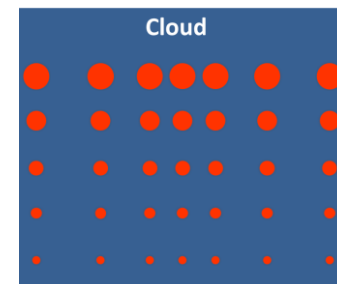
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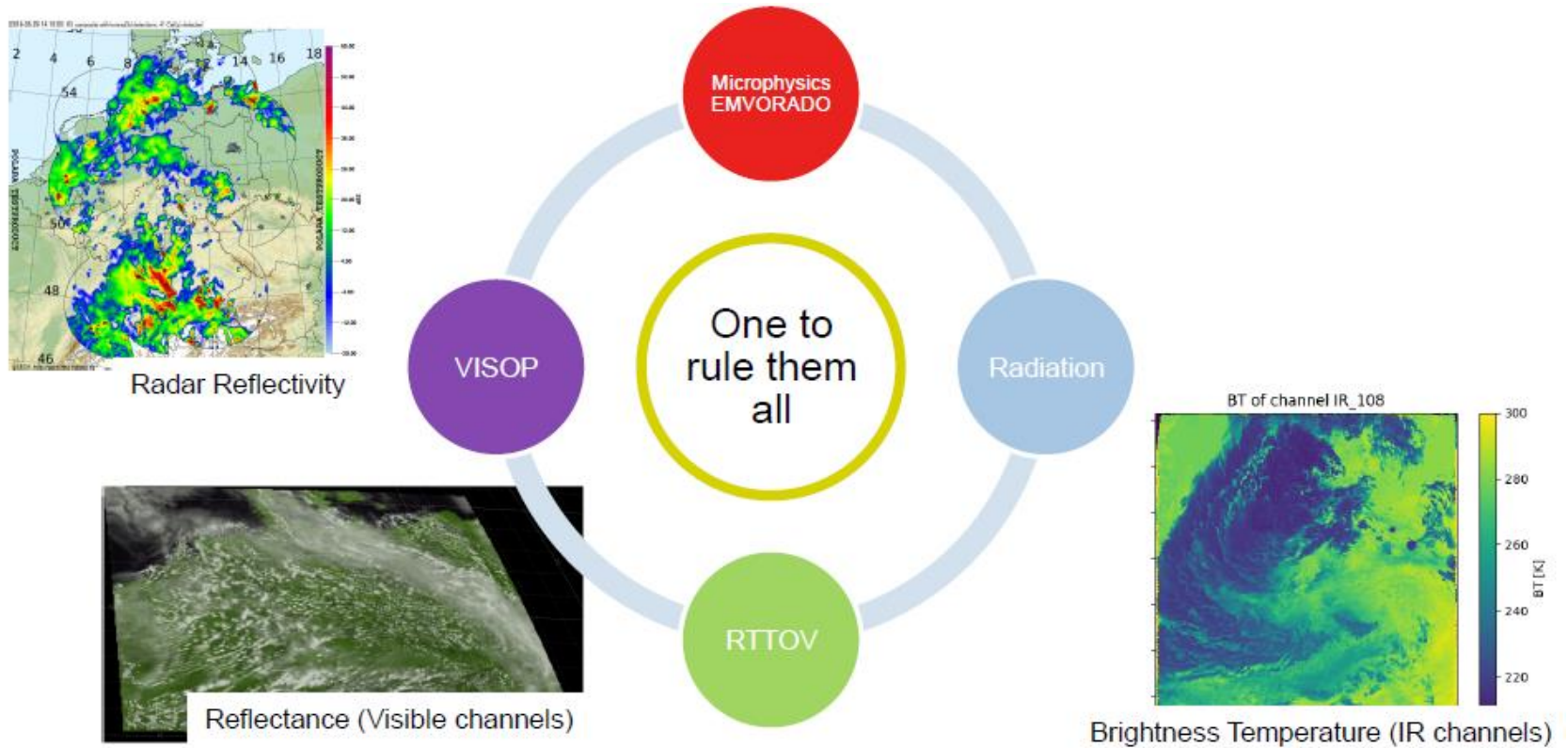
R_{eff} in Sub-Grid Scale Clouds (P. Khain)

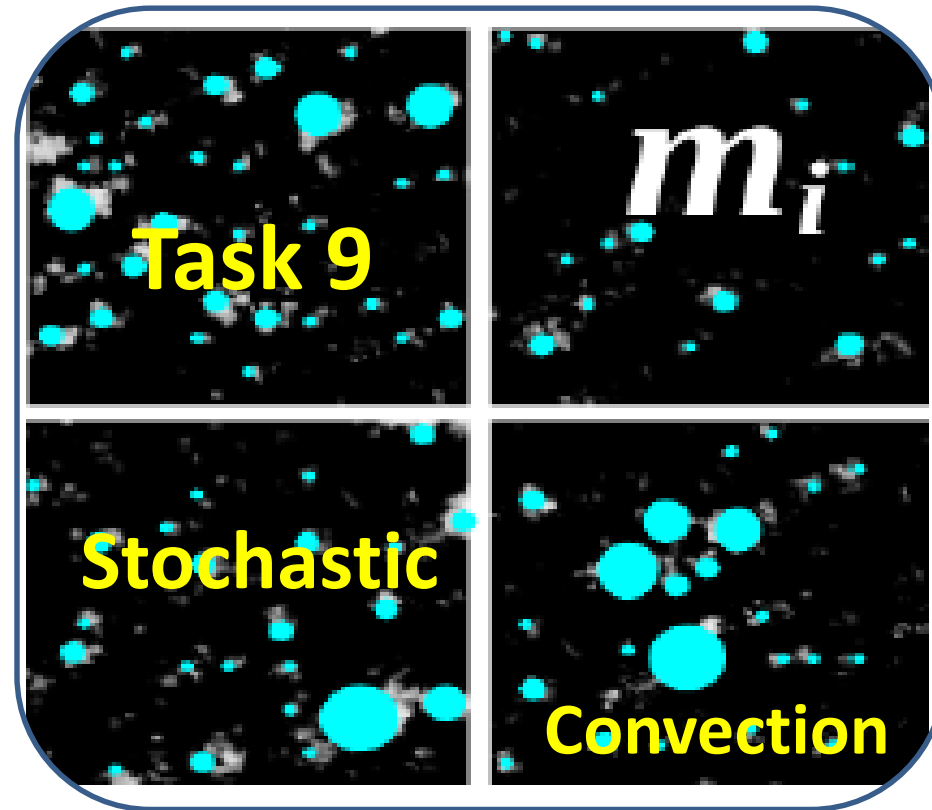
R_{eff} does not change much horizontally and can be analytically estimated

$$\overline{R_{eff}} = fct(CCN_{cloud\ base}, H_{above\ c.base}, T)$$



Unified Effective Radius Calculation in ICON

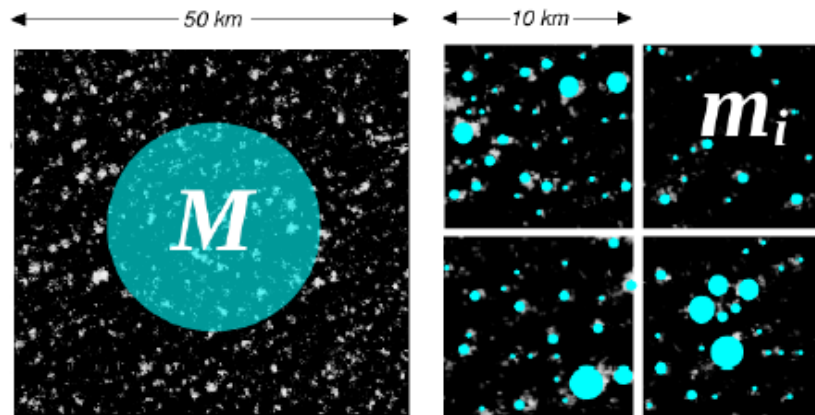




Re-analysis of SGS clouds using the Stochastic Convection Scheme (Sakradzija et al. 2016, 2018)

→ Traditional closure assumptions for convection no longer hold at high resolution

Grid box area **too small** to contain a complete ensemble of convective clouds

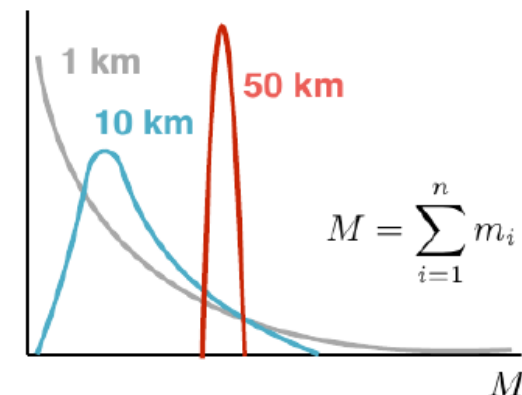


→ Convection is **not** in equilibrium with the large-scale state (closure)

→ The **mass flux on large scales** (where traditional assumptions are a good approximation) is determined with the **classical parameterisation** (Tiedtke-Bechtold/IFS)

→ At **individual grid points**, a **stochastic cloud ensemble** $p(M)$ is generated whose mass flux (averaged across larger scales) converges to that of the classical parameterisation

→ Bonus: The **ensemble automatically adapts to the grid resolution**. The smaller the grid spacing, the greater mass flux departures from the cloud ensemble mean



Stochastic convection scheme (P. Khain)

Subtask 9.1 Testing the stochastic convection scheme

- Verified against observations/soundings
- Find the weaknesses and the advantages of the stochastic parametrization over the default Tiedke-Bechtold scheme

Subtask 9.2 Estimating the cloud cover from the SC scheme

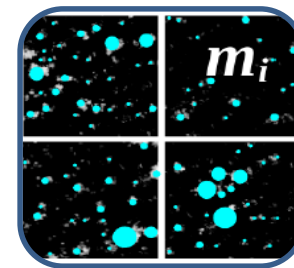
- The detrainment approach will be implemented in the new scheme to deduce the cloud cover of shallow convection
- Verification against observations
- Simulated in idealized fair weather situations, and compared to idealized LES simulations of cloud cover

Subtask 9.3 Precipitation from the SC parametrization

- Utilize the sub-grid variability of the stochastic parametrization to estimate the sub-grid PDF of cloud and rain water contents.
- Grid-box averaged microphysical rates will be estimated
- Estimation of precipitation from shallow convection vs. Tiedke-Bechtold

CAIIR Project Plan

- Cloud optics
- Aerosols inputs: CAMS forecasted, CAMS climatology, 2D advection scheme, MACv2 climatology
- Microphysics – R_{eff} and LWC revised, Realistic cloud formation
- Stochastic convection scheme
- Model testing (RHM) and tuning (P. Khain)



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