

A unified model for turbulence, convection and clouds for the CiMA Earth System Model

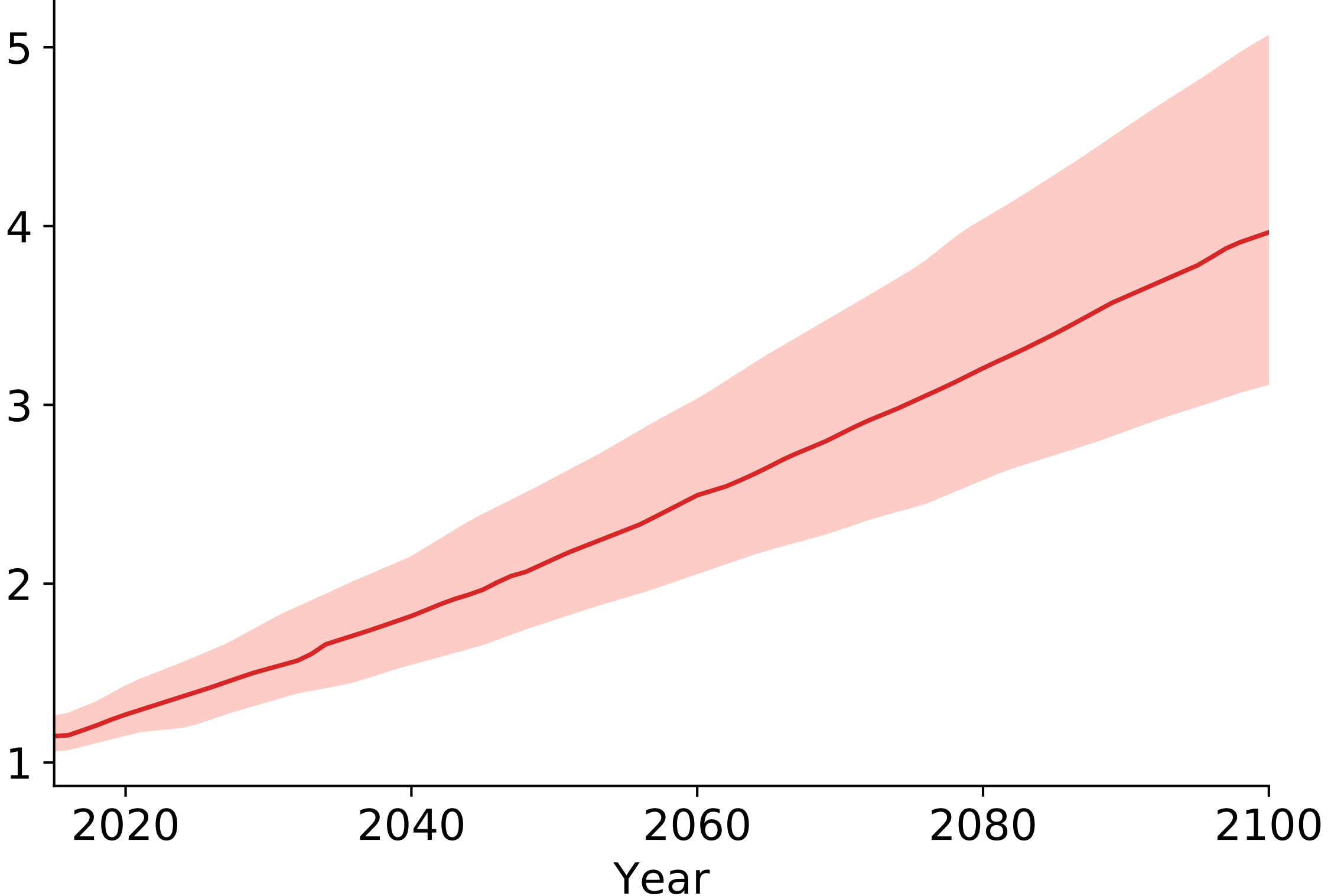
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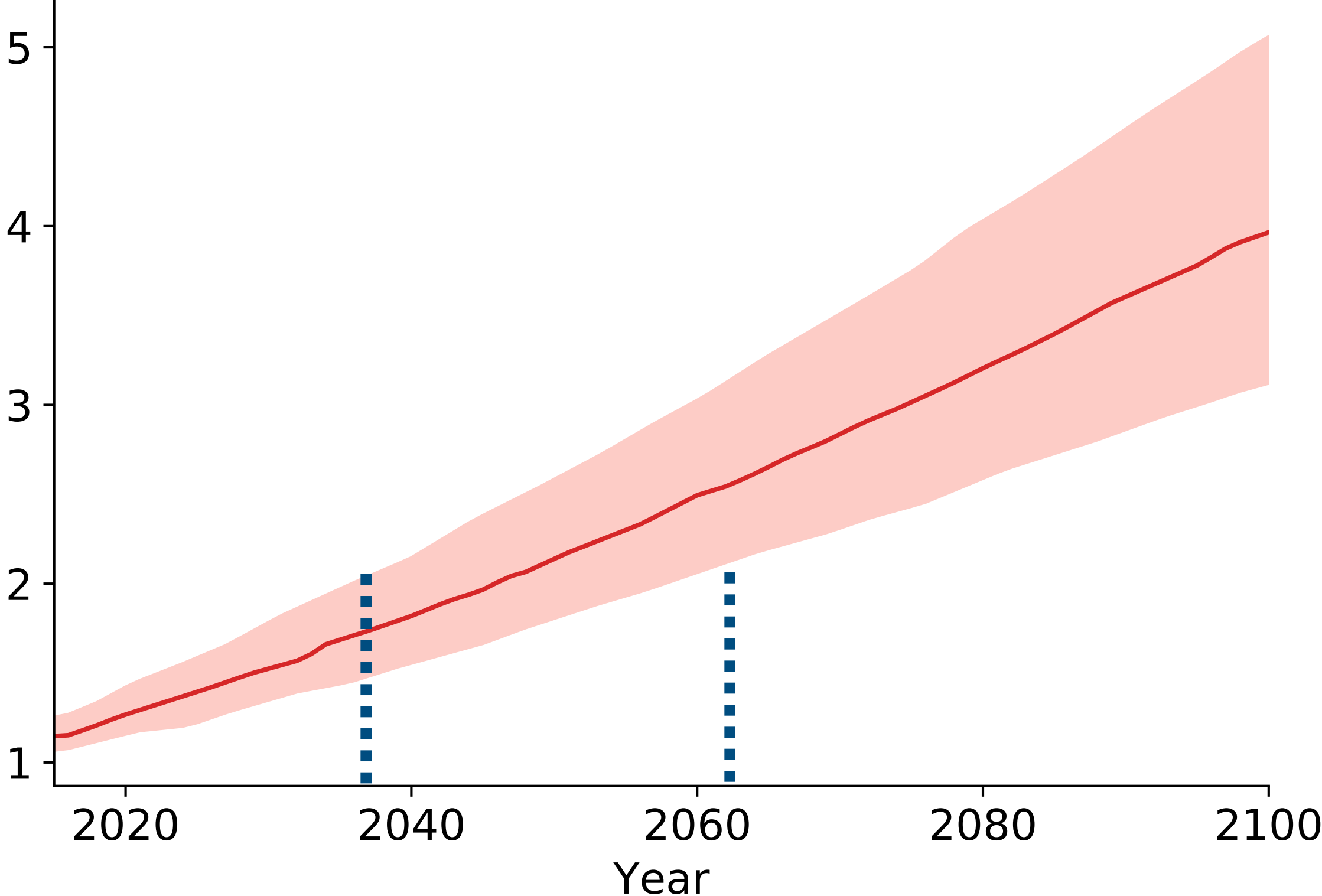
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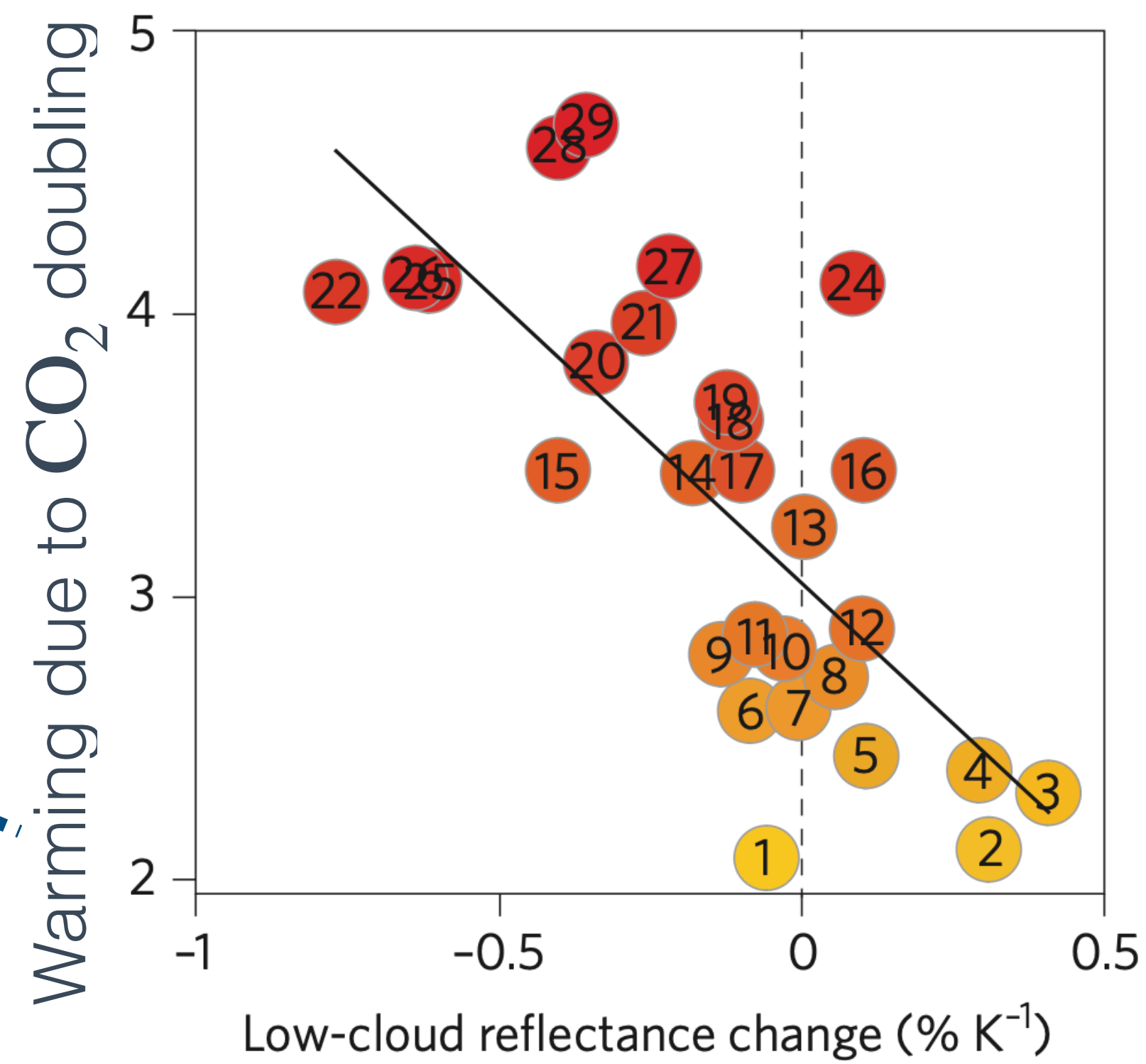
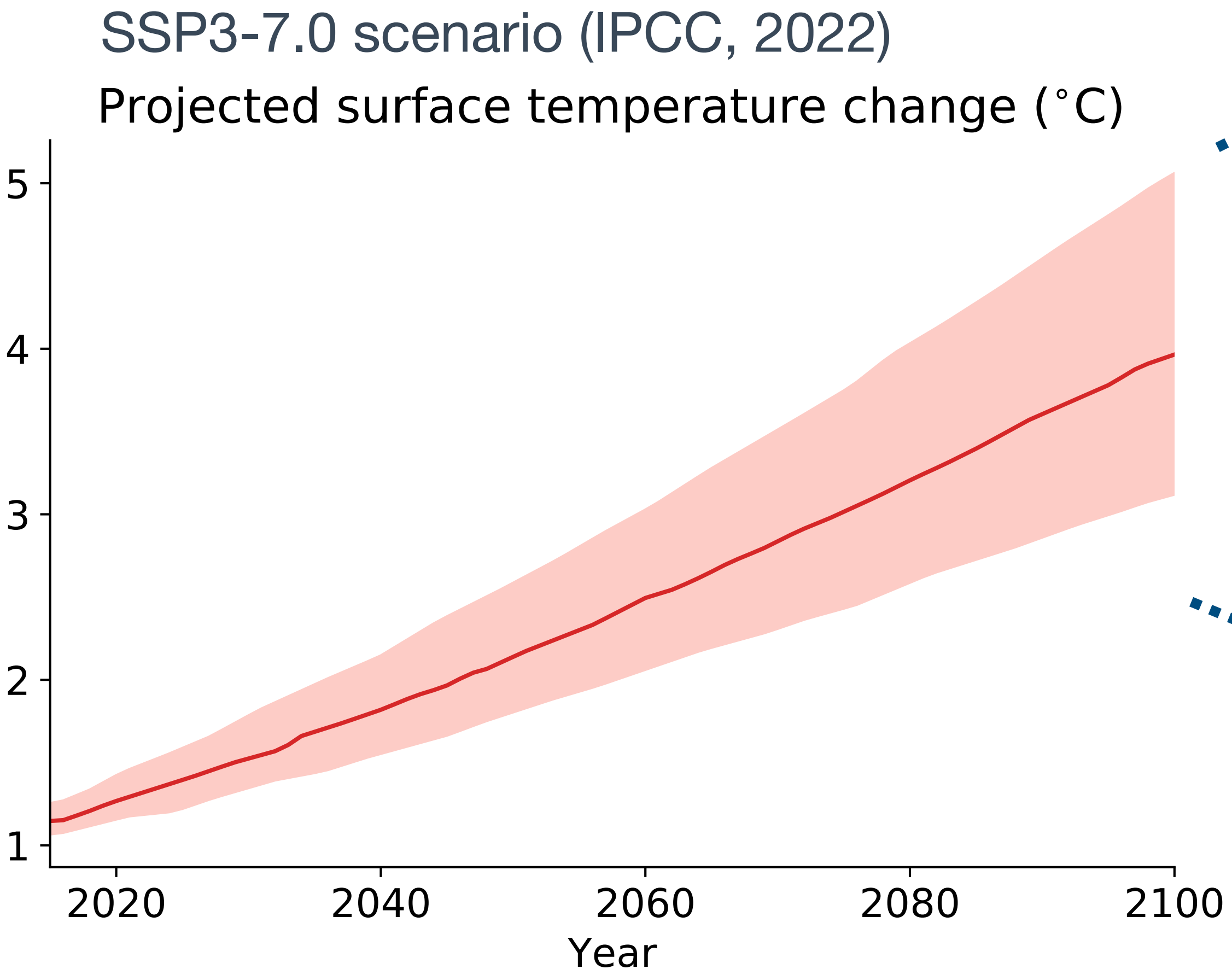
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How much time do we have to act

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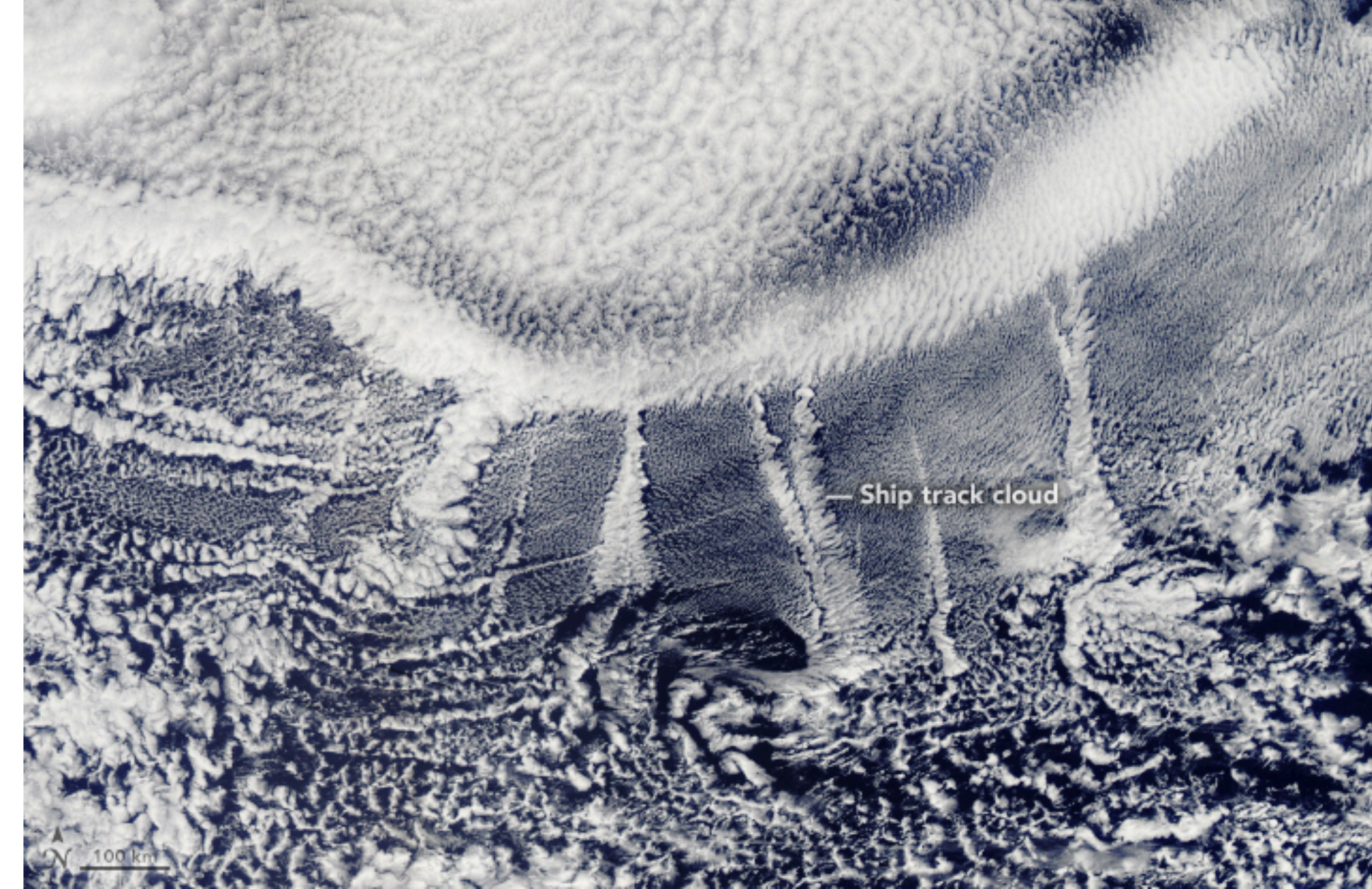
More clouds, less warming

Schneider et al., 2017:
Climate goals and computing the future of clouds

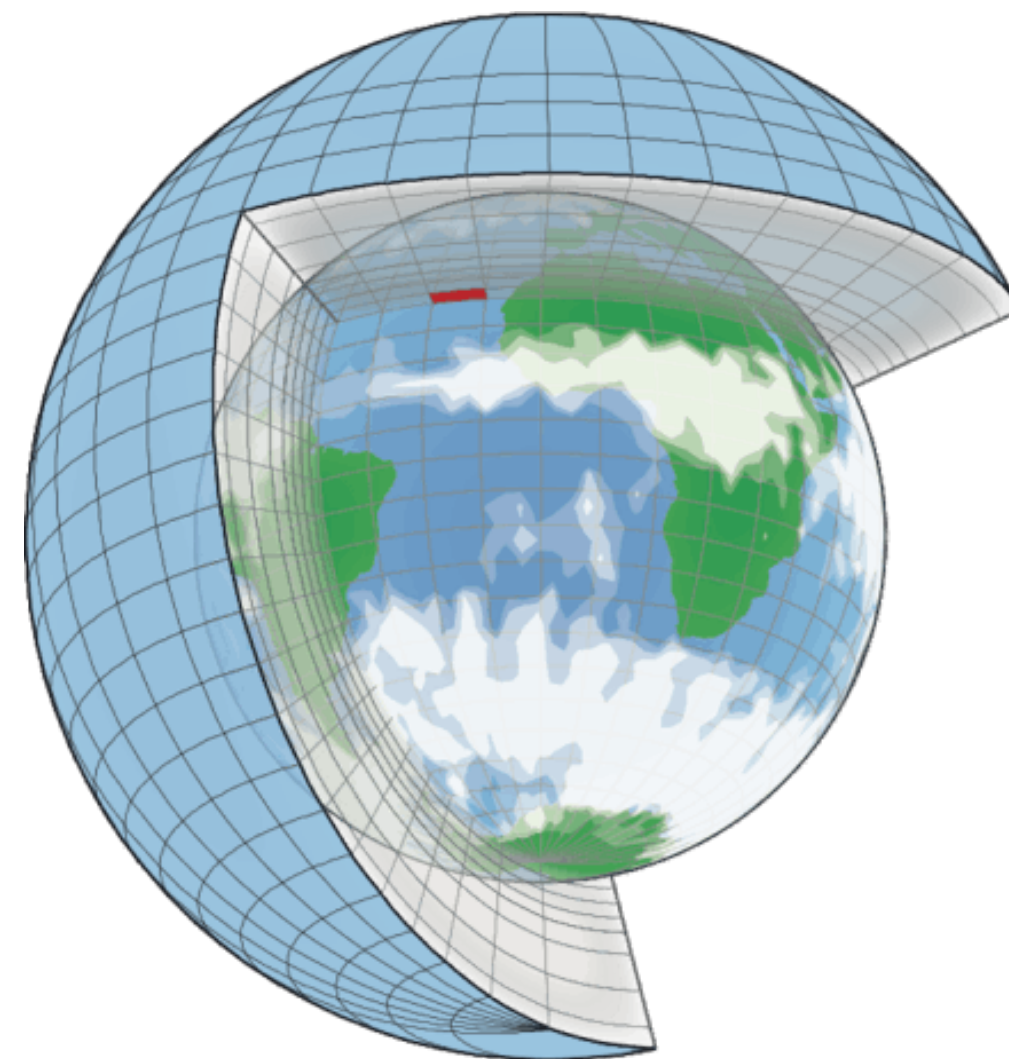
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Need to represent **subgrid-scale processes**: turbulence, convection and cloud microphysics

~100 km 



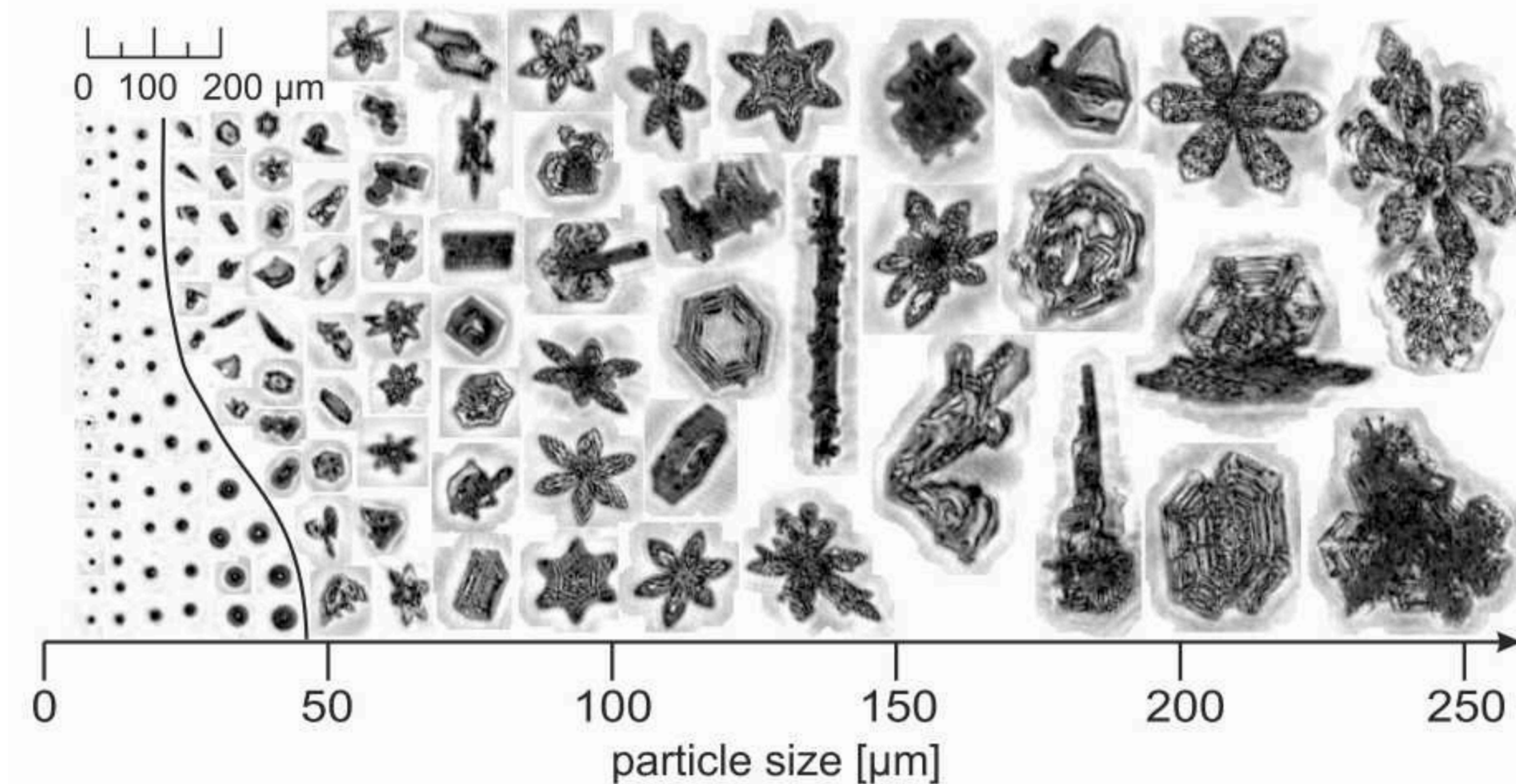
NASA MODIS: August 2018 clouds off the west coast of North America



Global model:
~10-50 km resolution

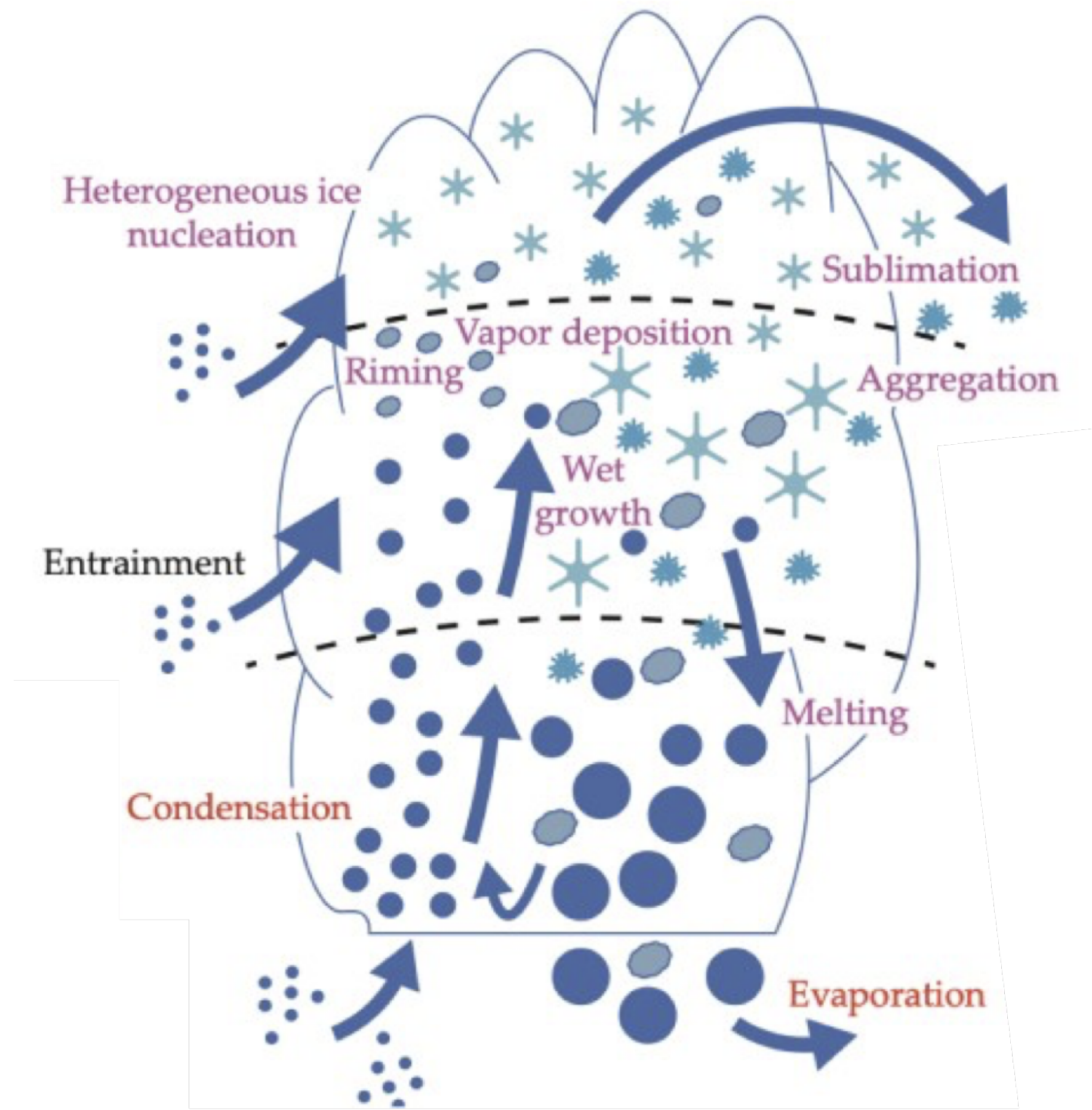
Cloud scales:
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Cloud microphysics scales: $\sim 10^{-6}$ m



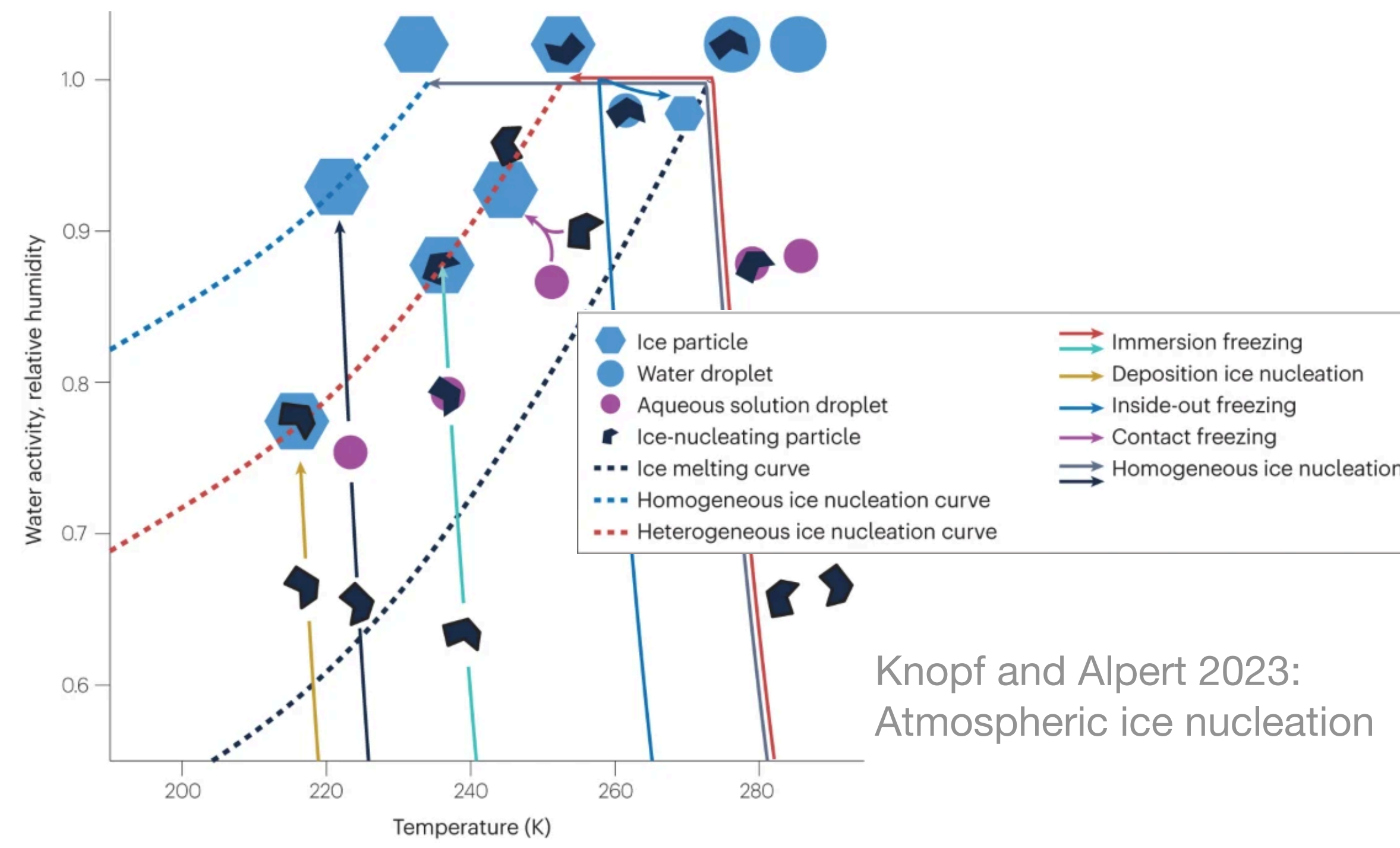
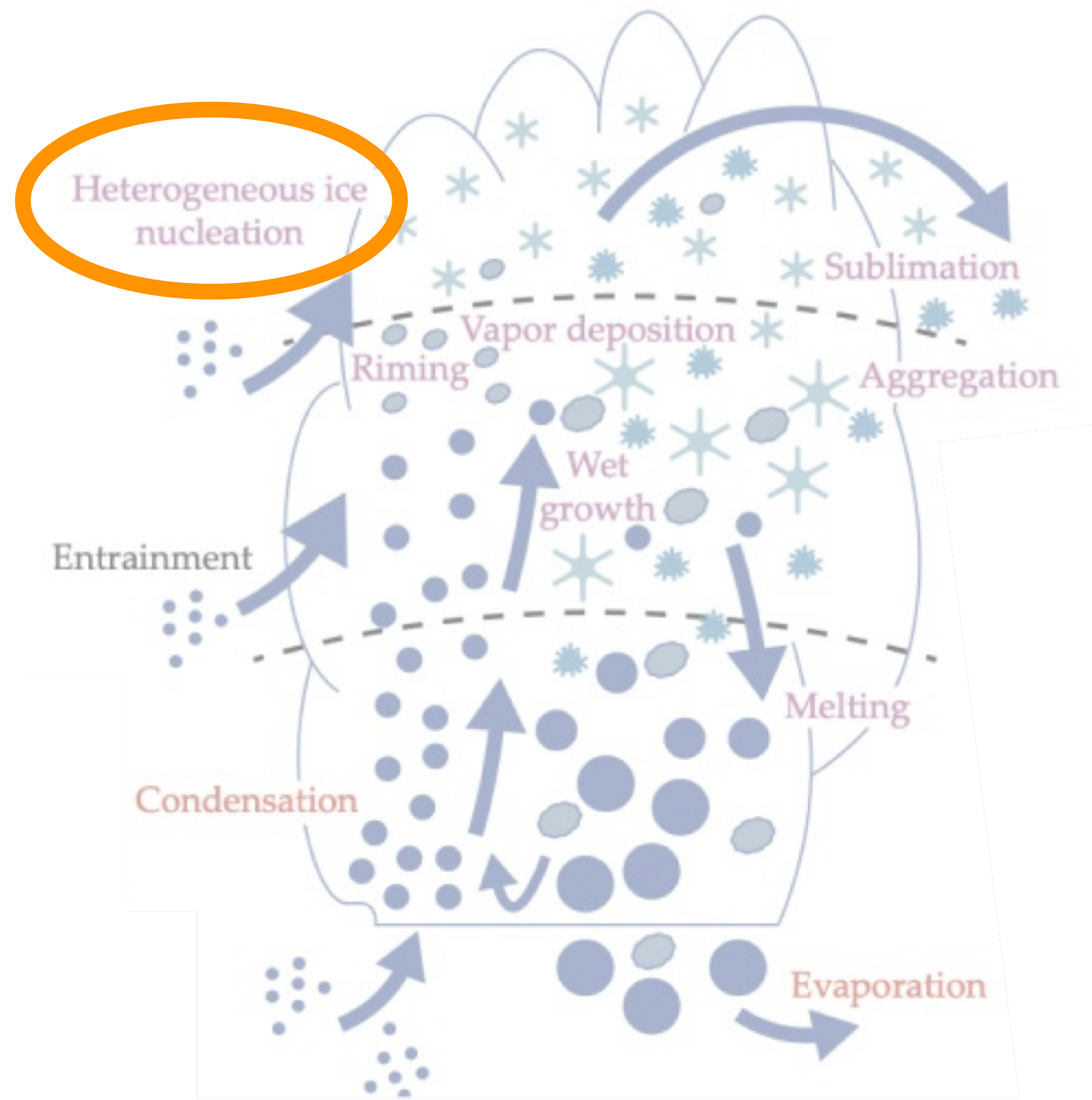
HOLIMO @ETH Zurich Field measurements with the holographic imager

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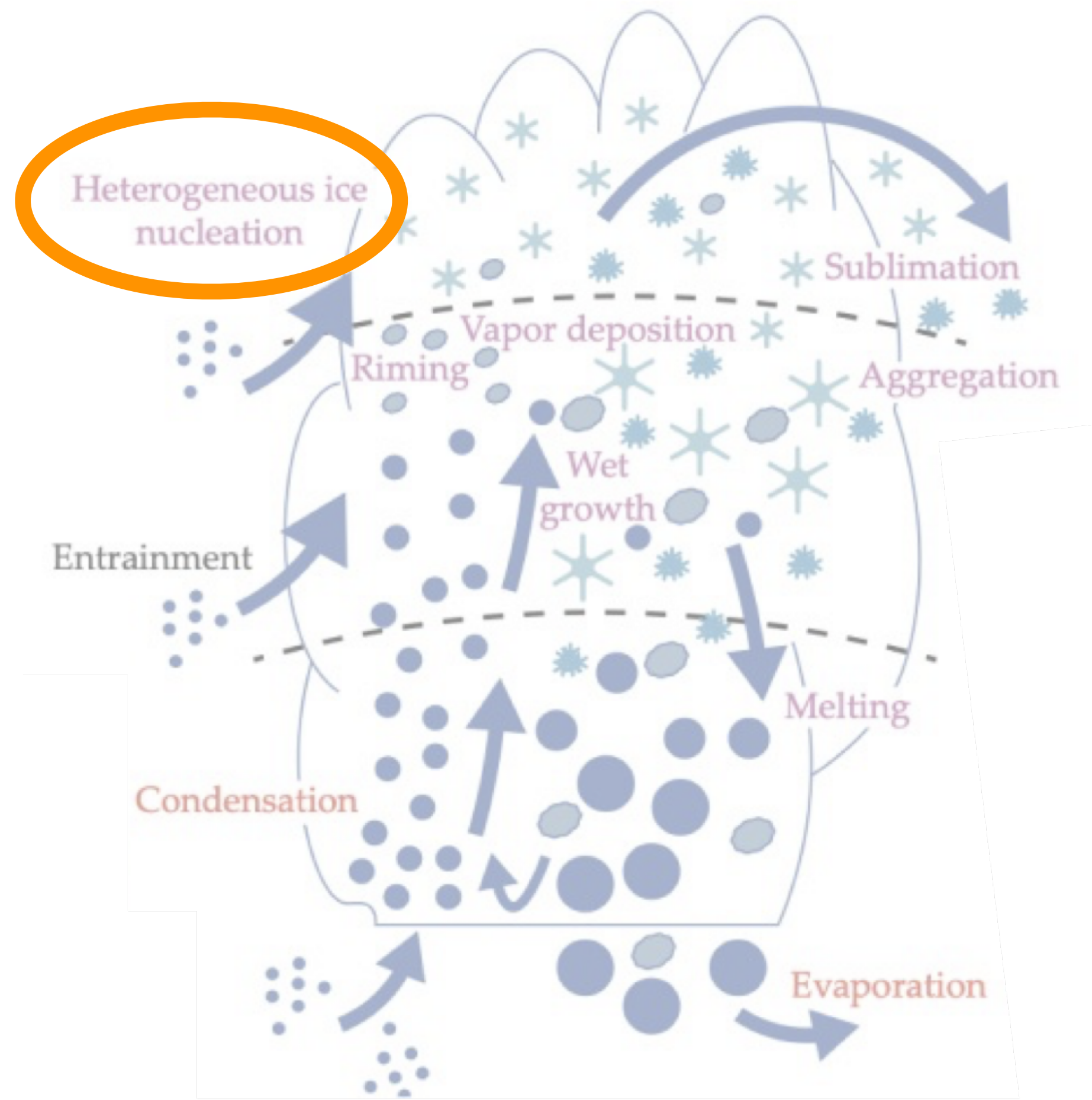
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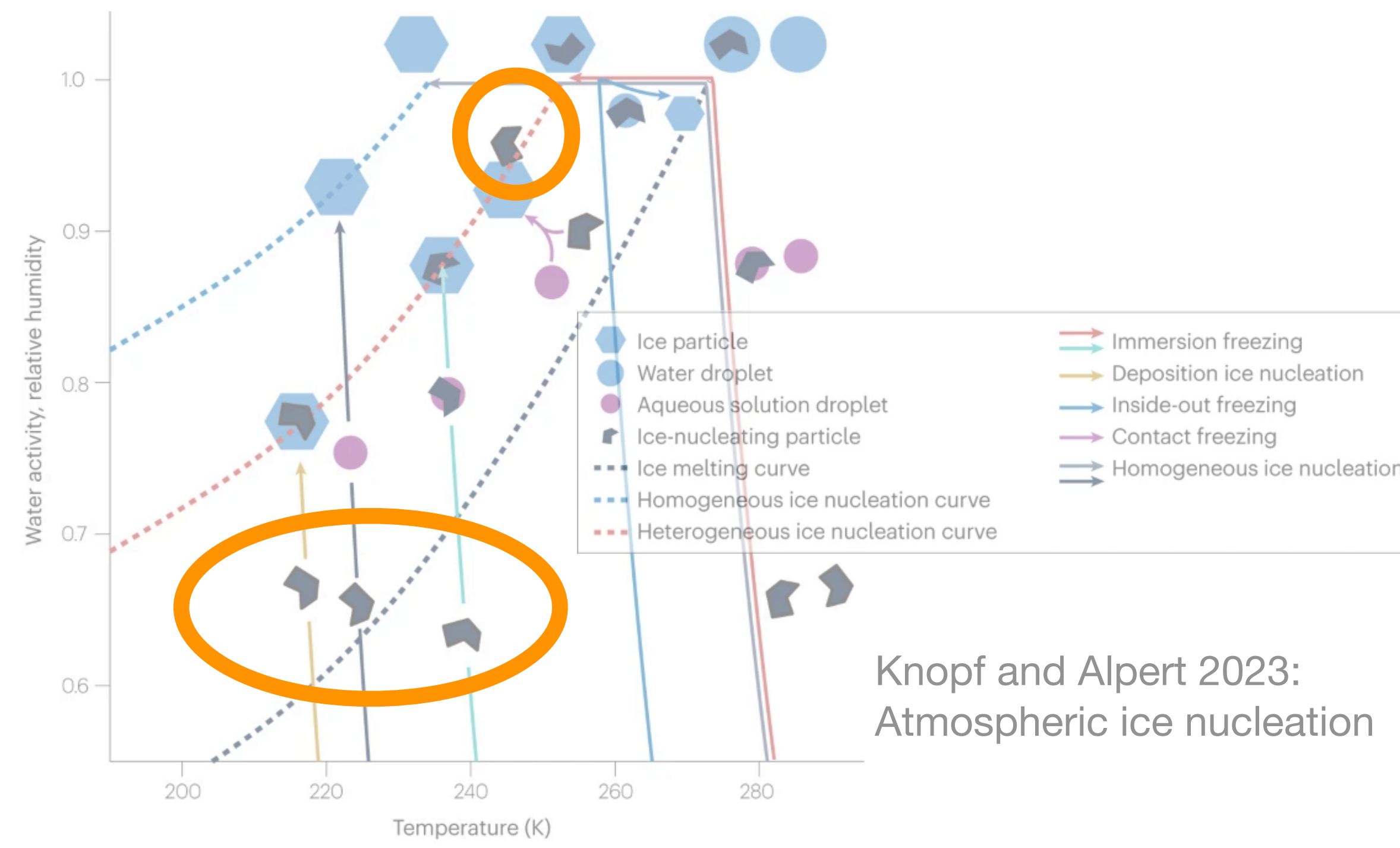


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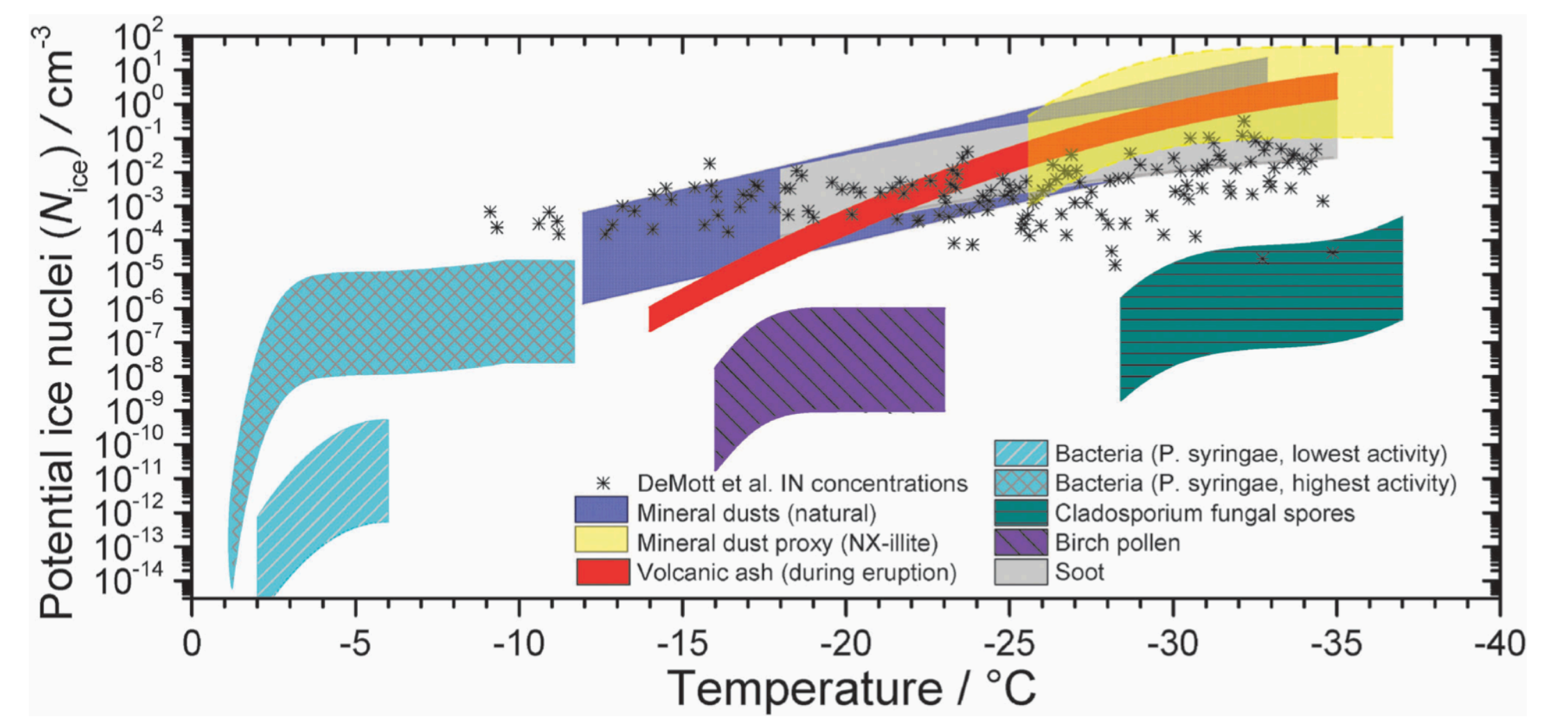
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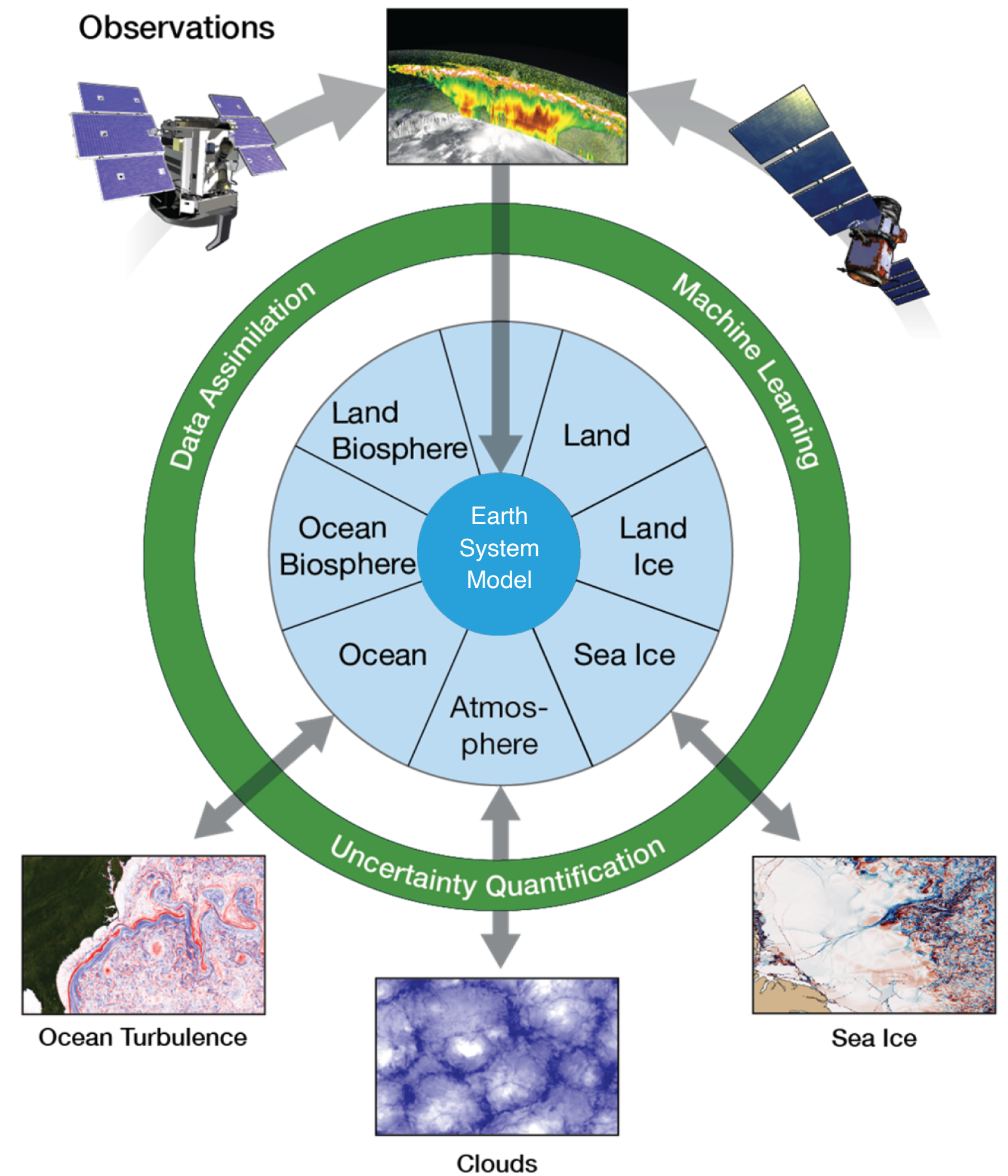


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Murray et. al., 2012:
Ice nucleation by particles immersed in supercooled cloud droplets

CLiMA is building a new Earth system model whose components learn from observational and simulated data



Targeted High-Resolution Simulations

Atmosphere Model



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Outline

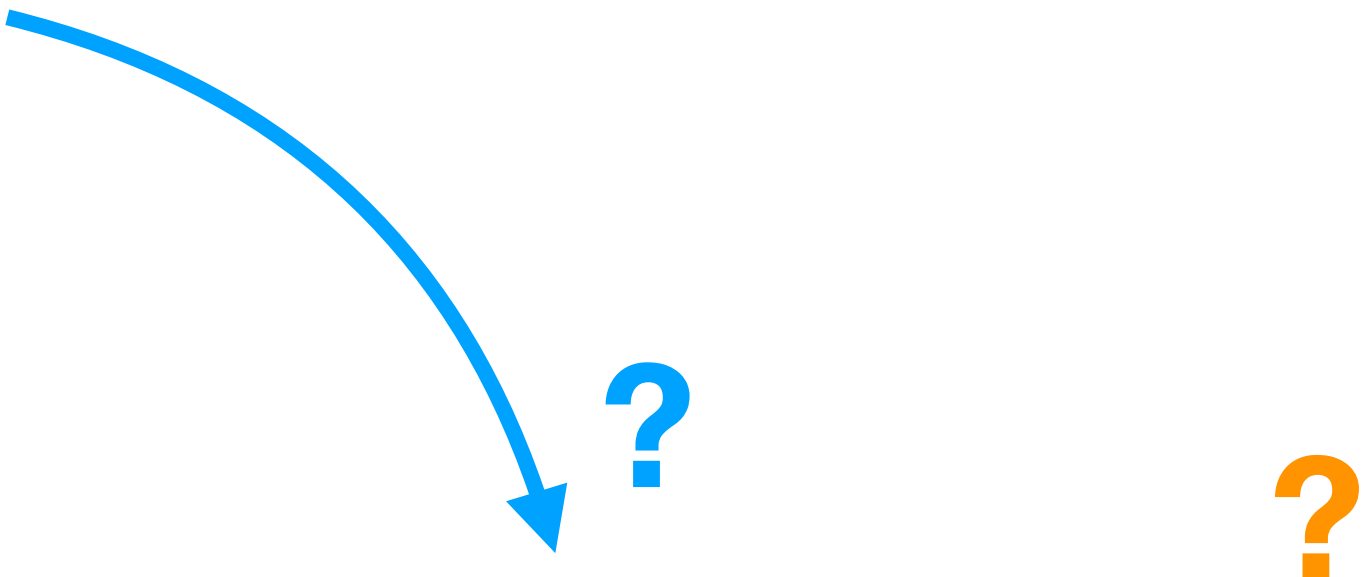
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- Data driven calibrations
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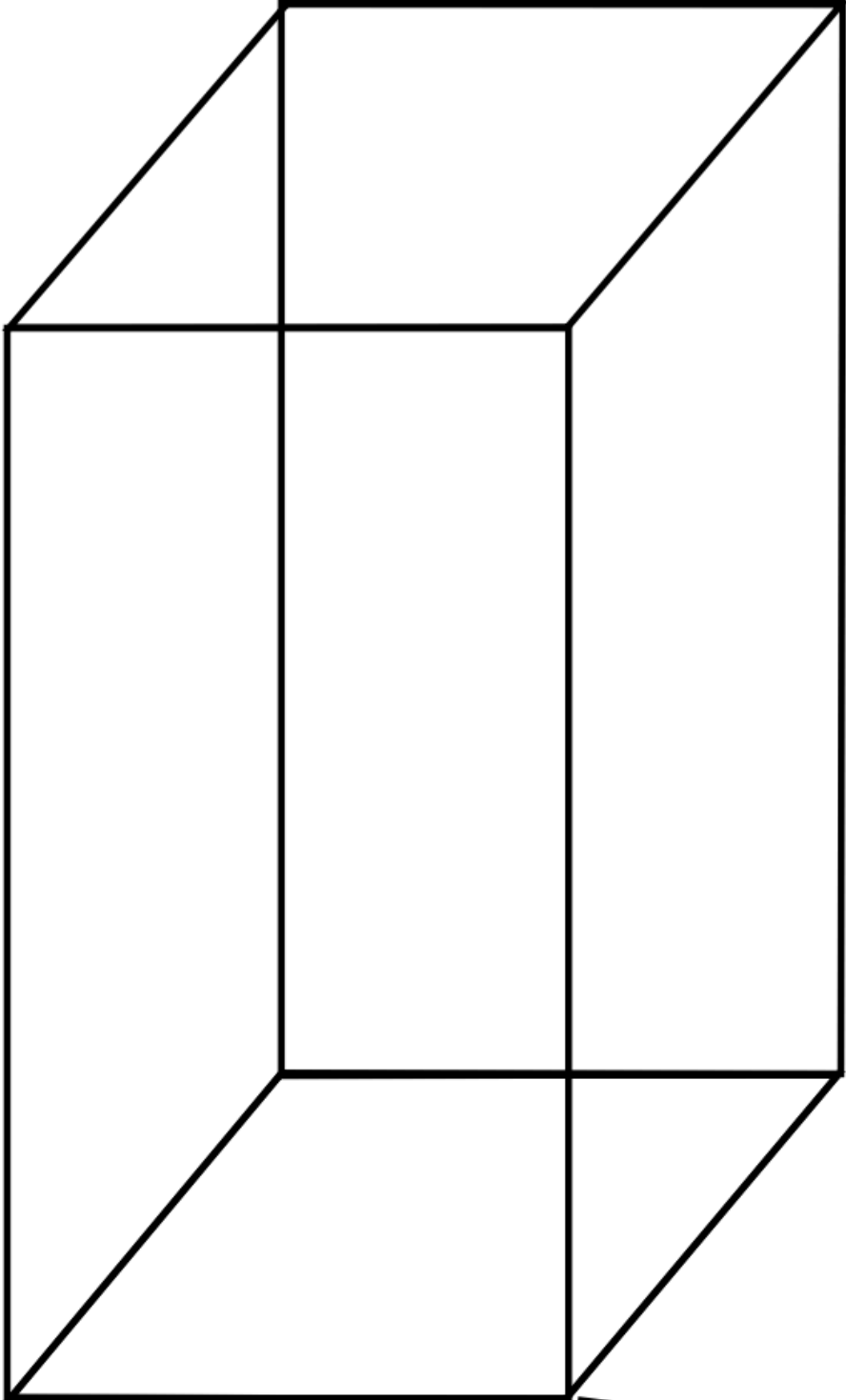
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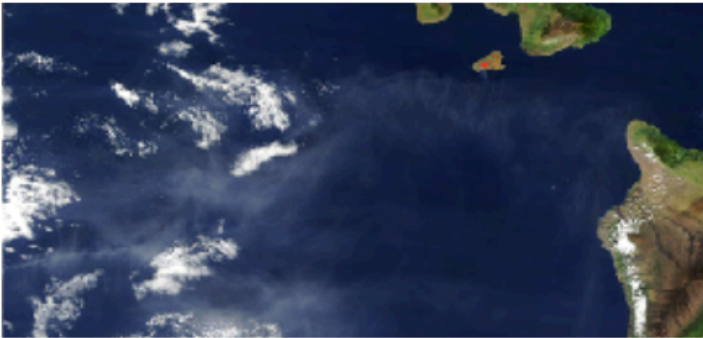


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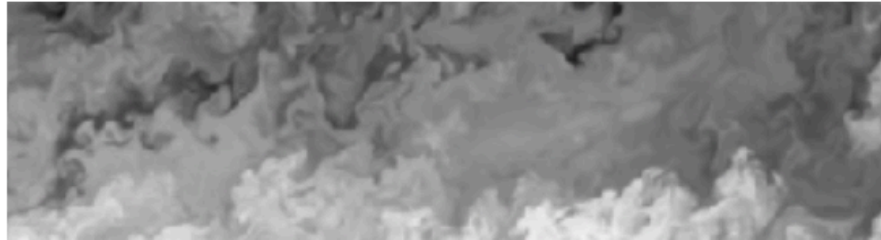
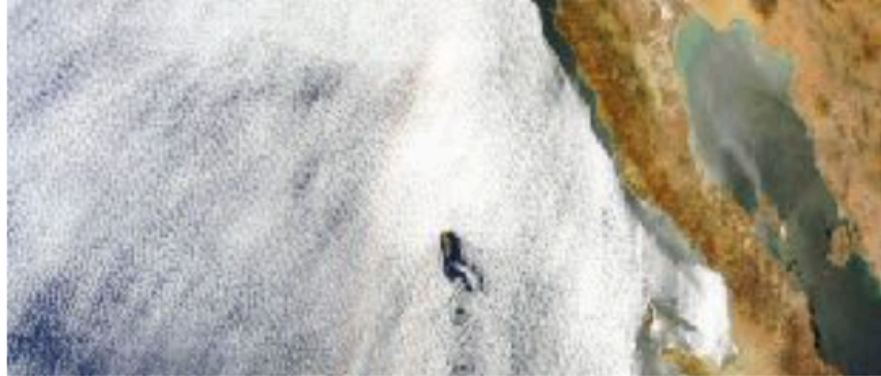


Deep convection



Shallow convection

Stratocumulus



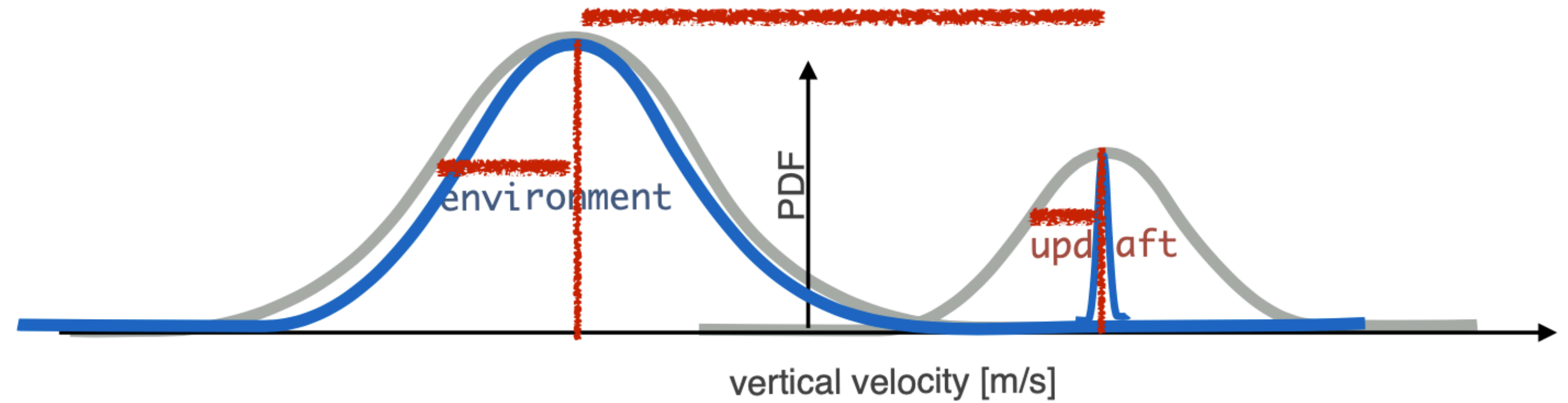
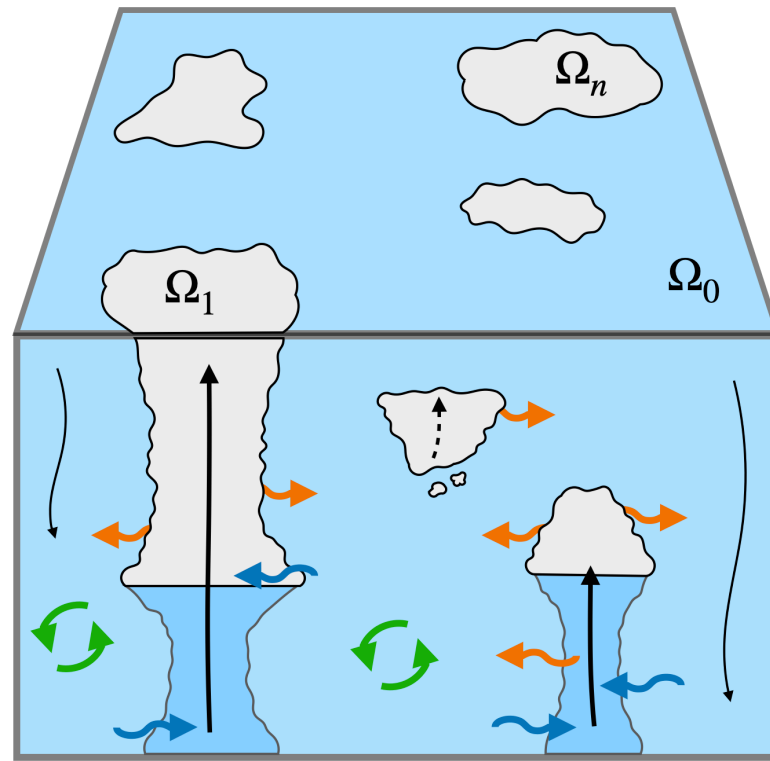
Boundary Layer



Environment

Updraft

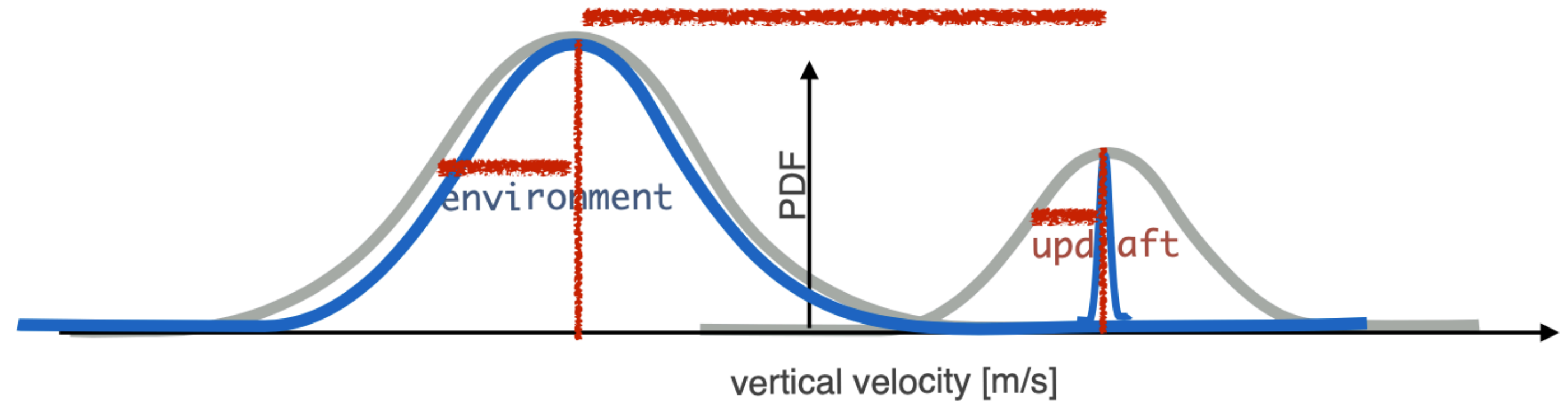
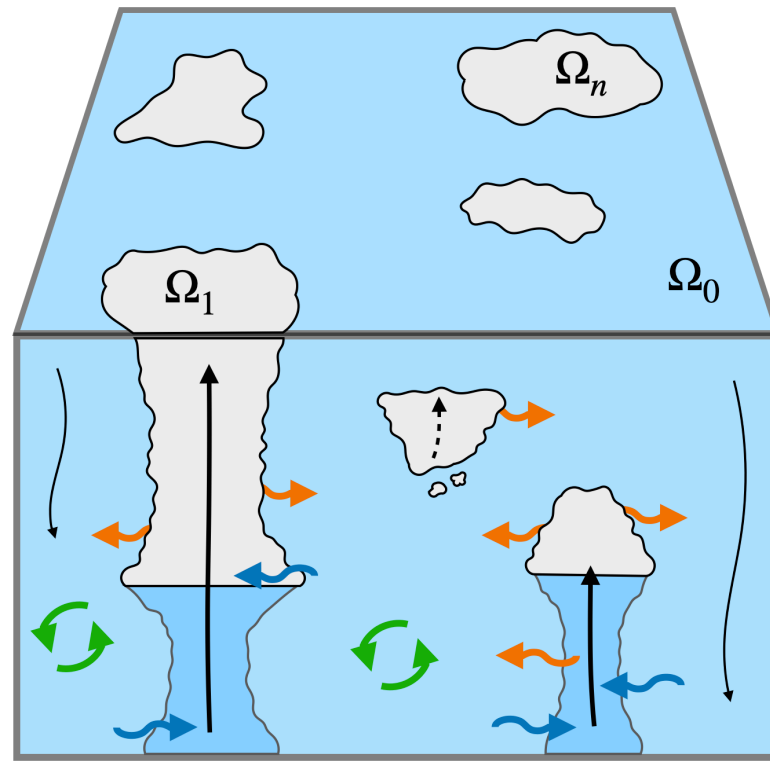
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- Coarse-grain fluid equations by conditionally averaging over sub-domains, leading to exact conservation laws

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$$\langle w^* \phi^* \rangle = a \cancel{w' \phi'} + (1-a) \overline{w' \phi'}^{env} + a(1-a) (\bar{\phi}_u - \bar{\phi}_e) (\bar{w}_u - \bar{w}_e)$$

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SGS model:

$$\langle w^* \phi^* \rangle = - (1 - a_u) K (\overline{\phi' \phi'_e}) \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}_e}{\partial z} + MF_u (a, \bar{\phi}_{up}, \bar{w}_{up}, \bar{\phi}_{env}, \bar{w}_{env})$$

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Continuity

$$\frac{\partial(\rho a_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho a_i \bar{w}_i)}{\partial z} + \nabla_h \cdot (\rho a_i \langle \mathbf{u}_h \rangle) = \underbrace{\rho a_i \bar{w}_i \left(\sum_j \epsilon_{ij} - \delta_i \right)}_{\text{Mass entrainment/detrainment}}$$

Tracers

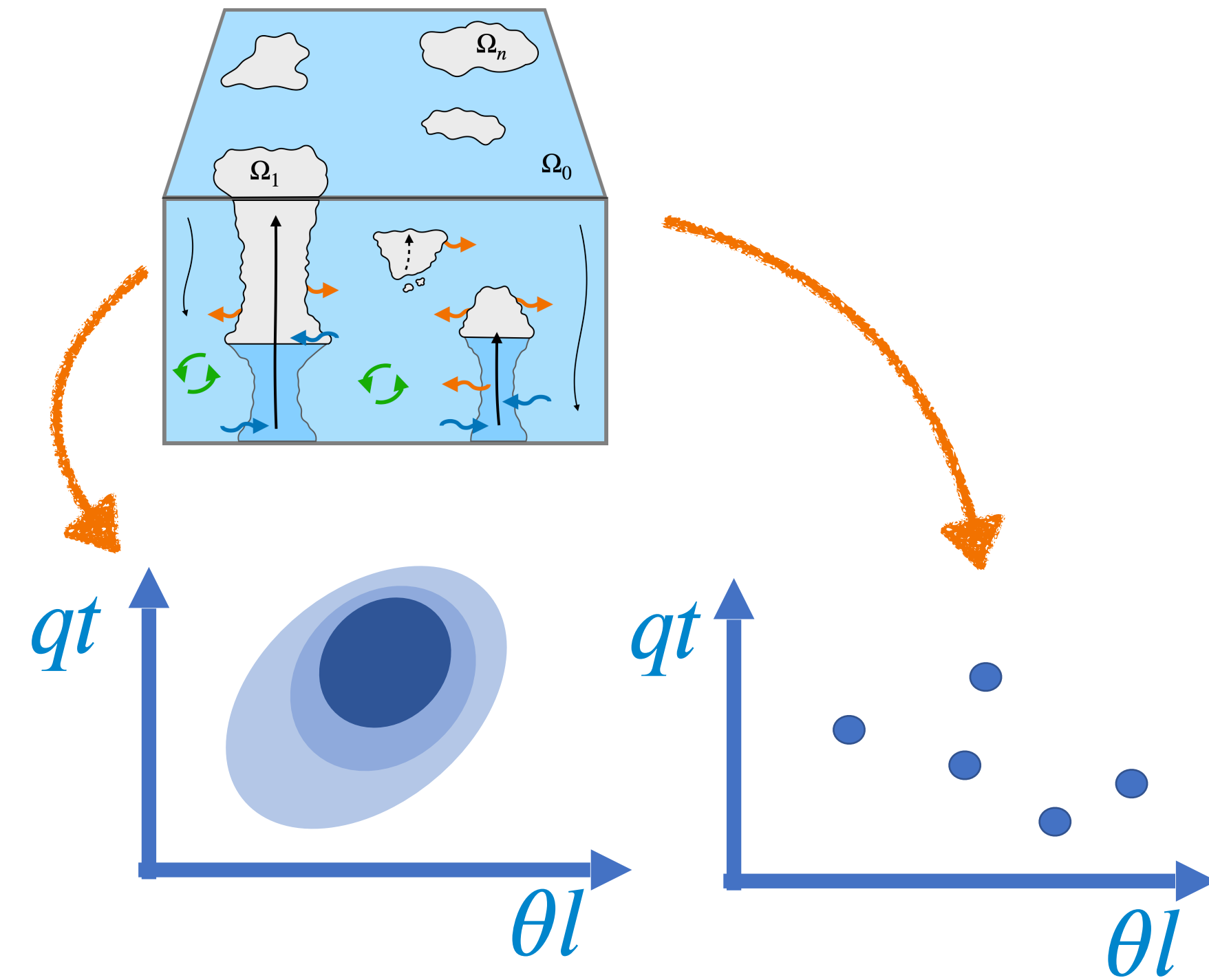
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Closure functions

Microphysics,
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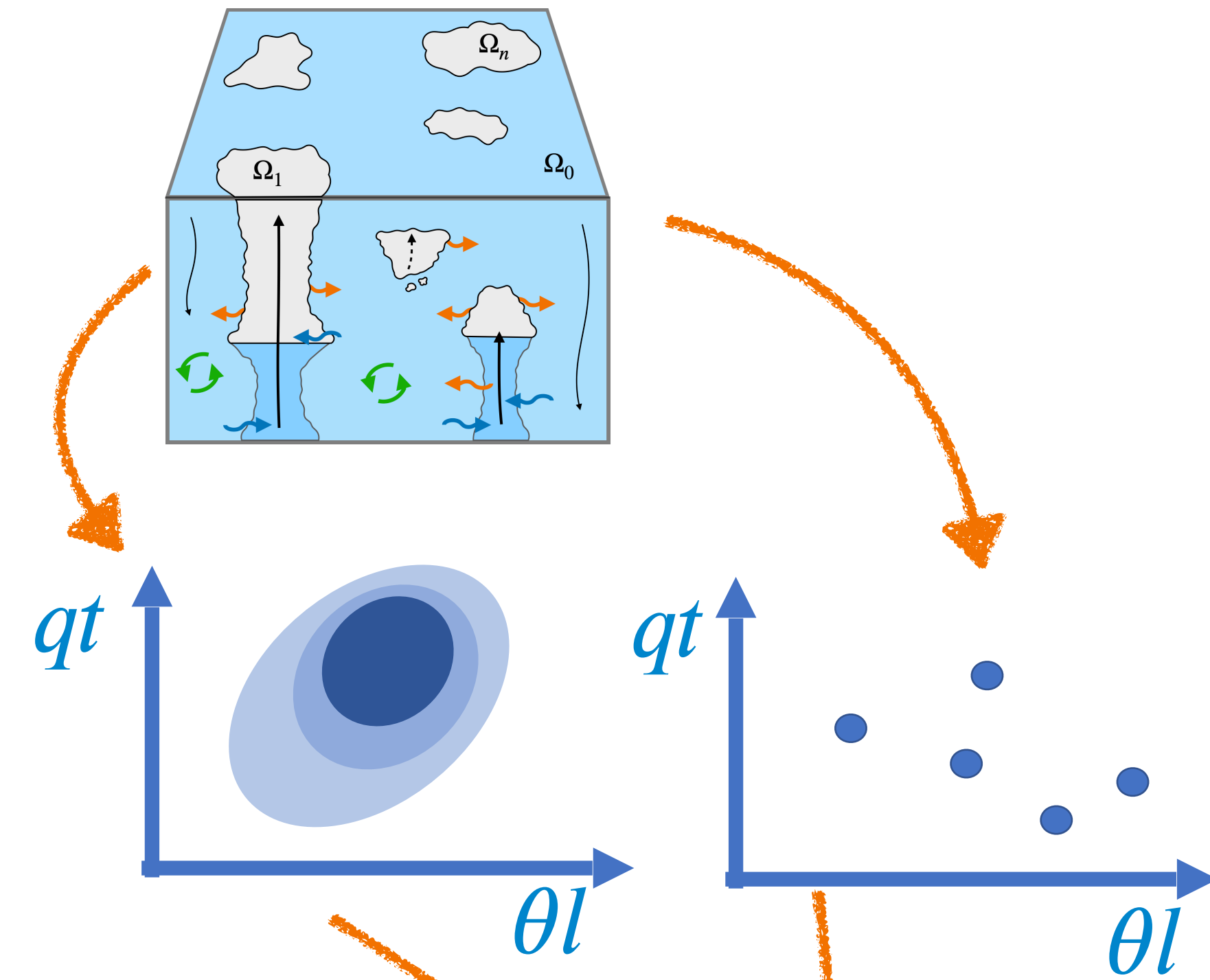
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 - Environment: Numerical quadratures
 - Updrafts: Sum of δ functions



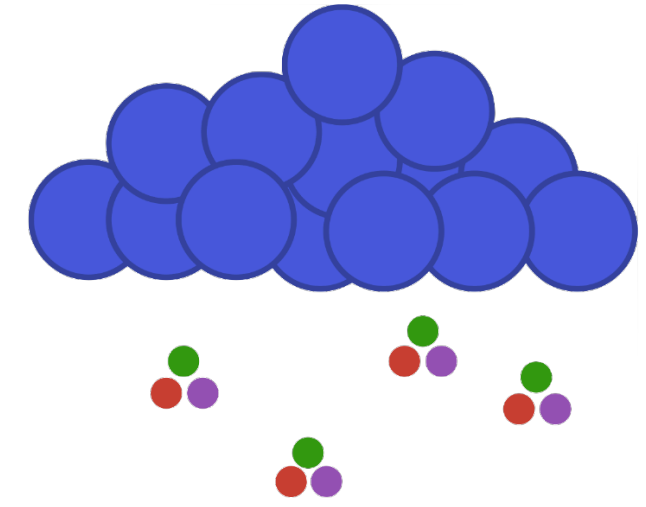
$$S = \int \int \underbrace{f(\theta, q_t)}_{\text{Microphysics, aerosol, ...}} \underbrace{P(\theta, q_t)}_{\text{Environment, Updrafts}} d\theta dq_t$$

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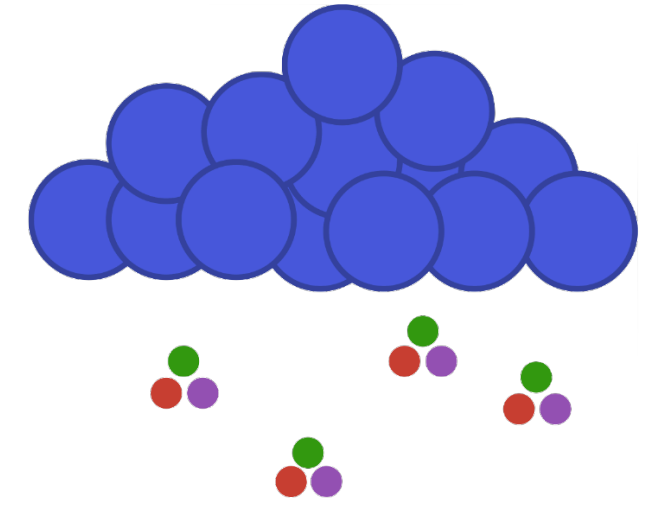
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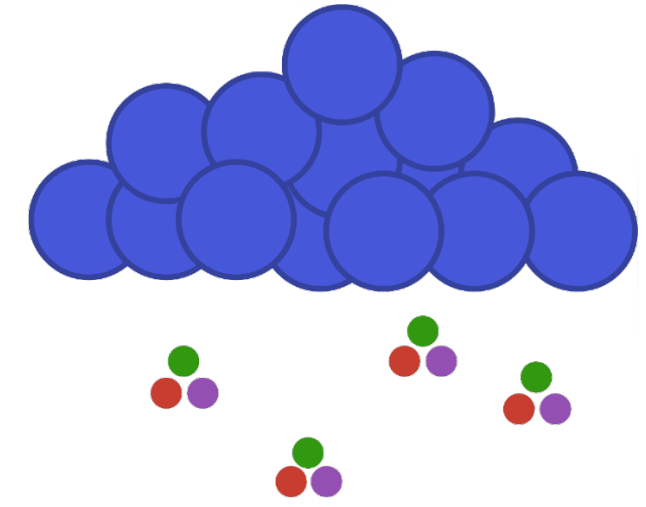


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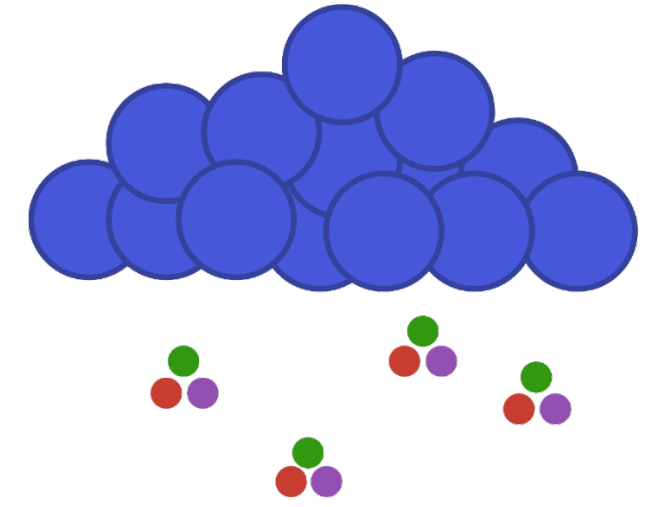


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Next development steps:

- More ice nucleation paths (?)
- Aerosol model (?)
- P3 snow/ice microphysics scheme (Morrison and Milbrandt 2015)
- Replace unknown parametric functions with NNs
- Calibrate with observations (e.g., CloudSat, MODIS)

Summary

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“dynamical core”

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“physics” parameterizations

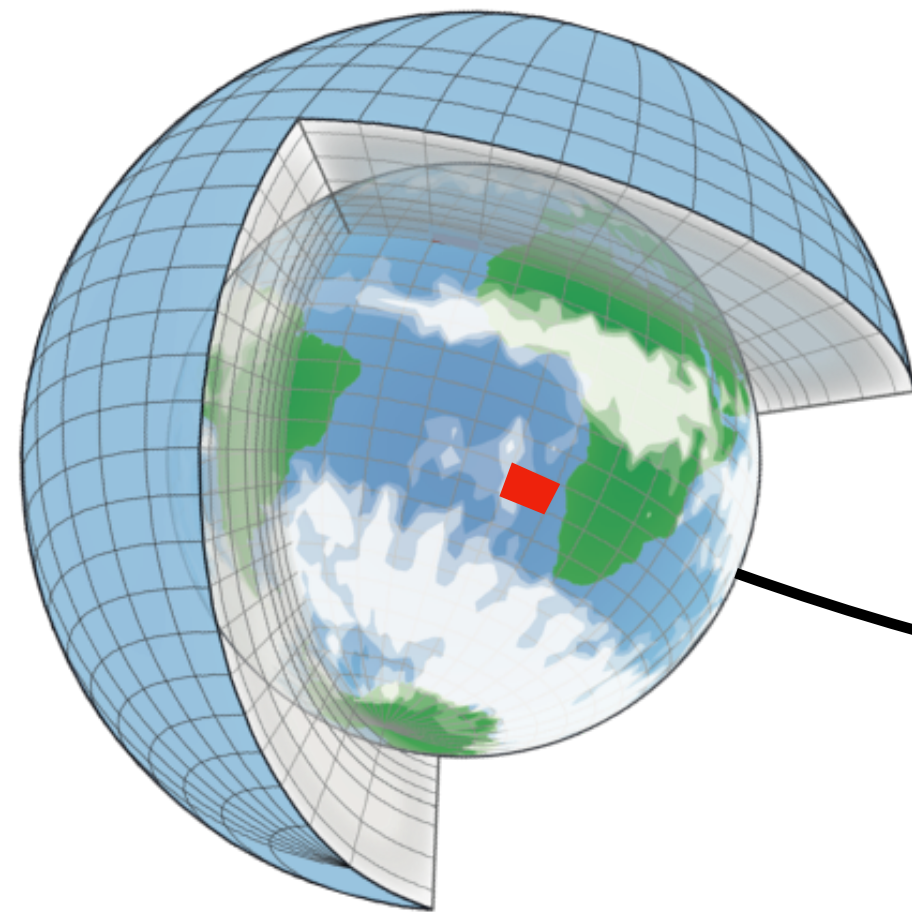
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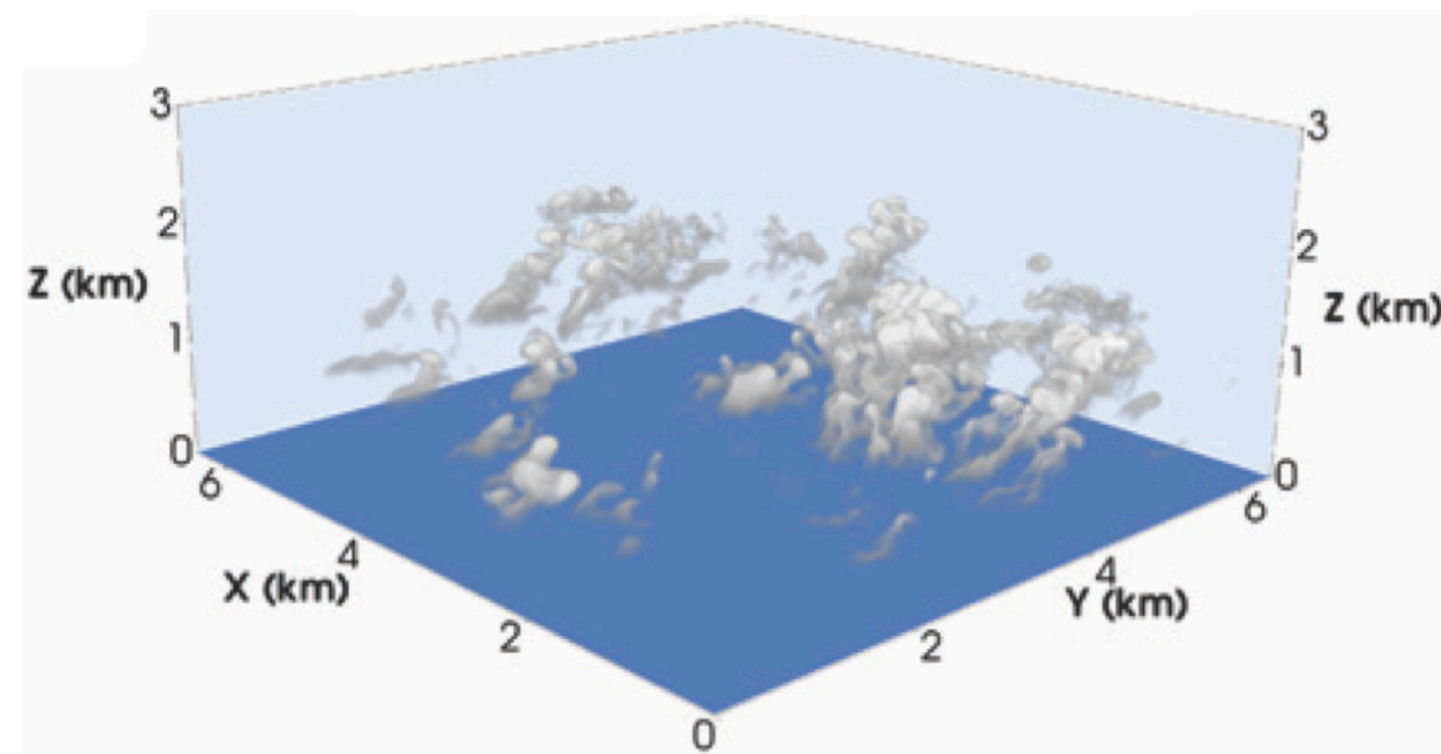


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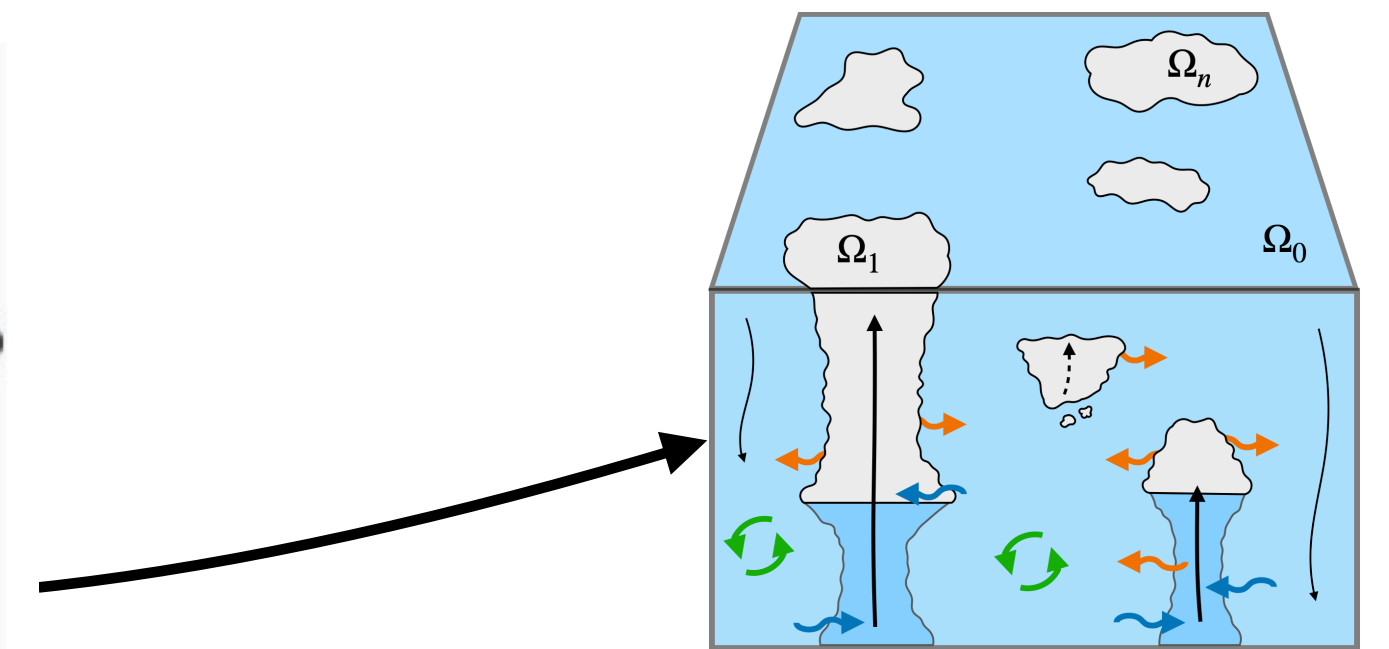
for turbulence and convection model



Targeted data acquisition



3D LES high resolution simulations of turbulence and convection



Process-level learning
Uncertainty quantification

Individual test cases

Dycoms RF02 Drizzling Sc trapped under inversion

Ackerman et al., 2009:
Large-Eddy Simulations of a
Drizzling, Stratocumulus-Topped
Marine Boundary Layer



Rico Precipitating shallow trade wind convection

Van Zanten et.al., 2011: Controls on precipitation and cloudiness in simulations of trade-wind cumulus as observed during RICO



TRMM LBA Development of deep convection over Amazon

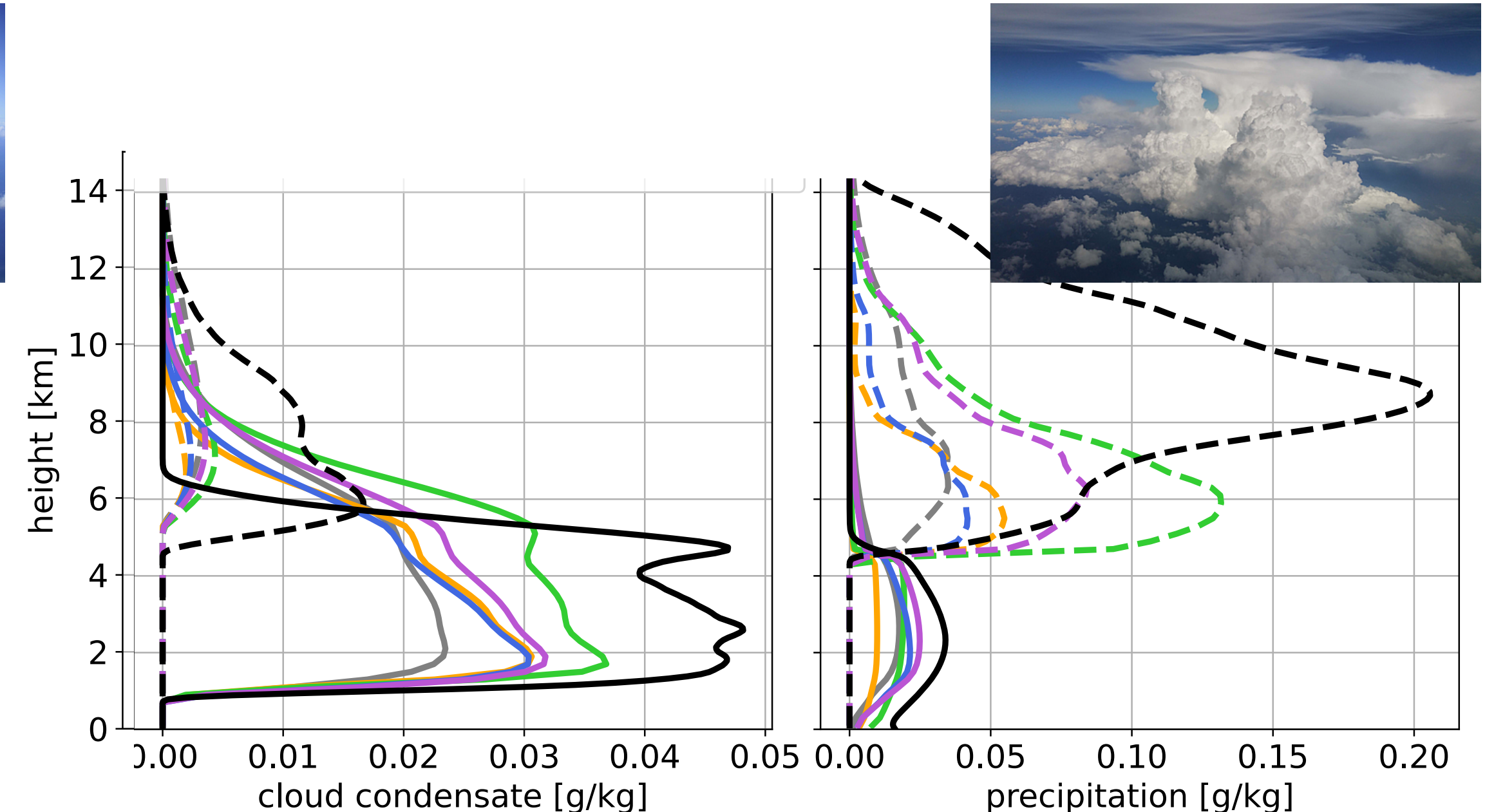
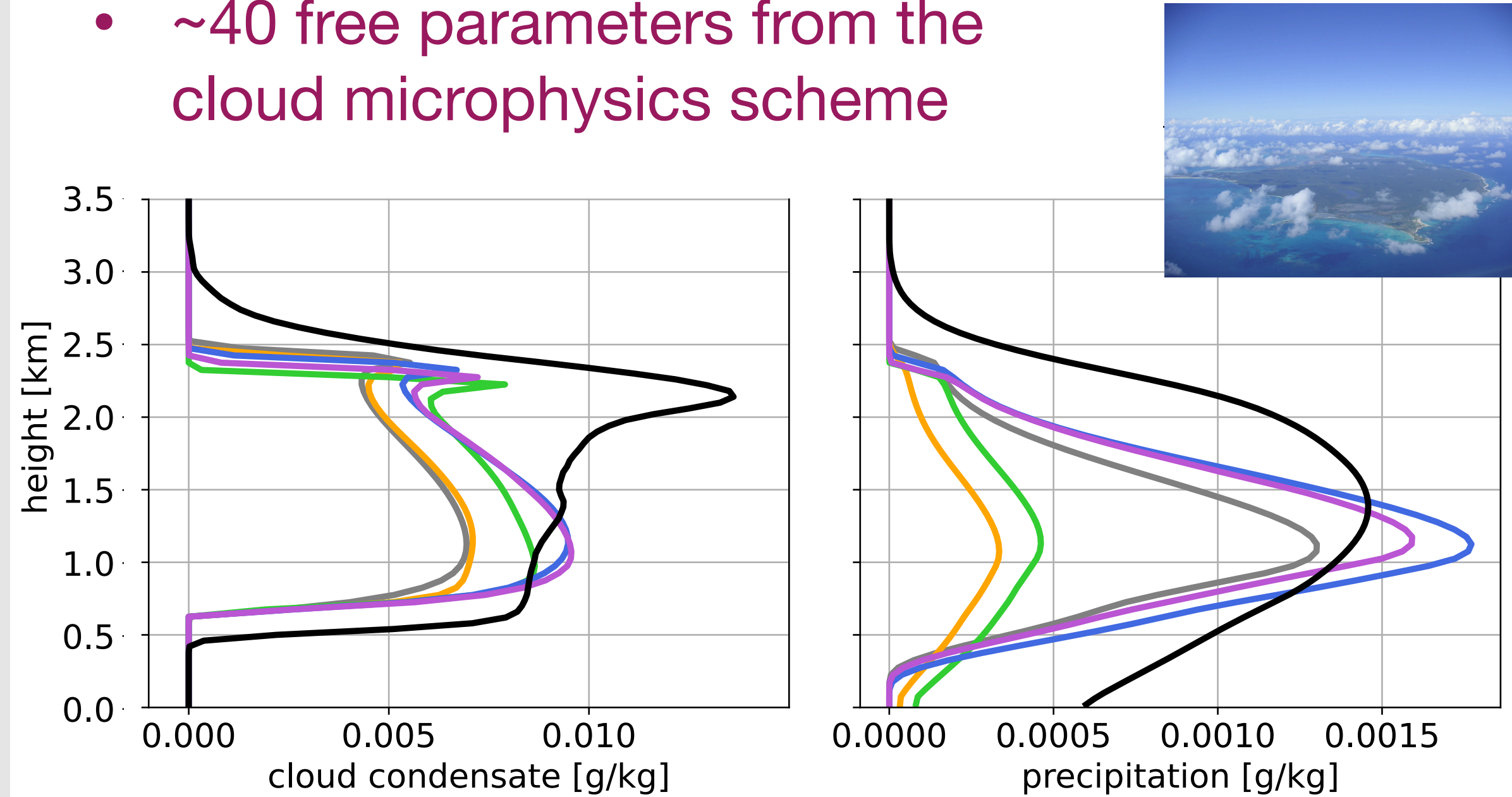
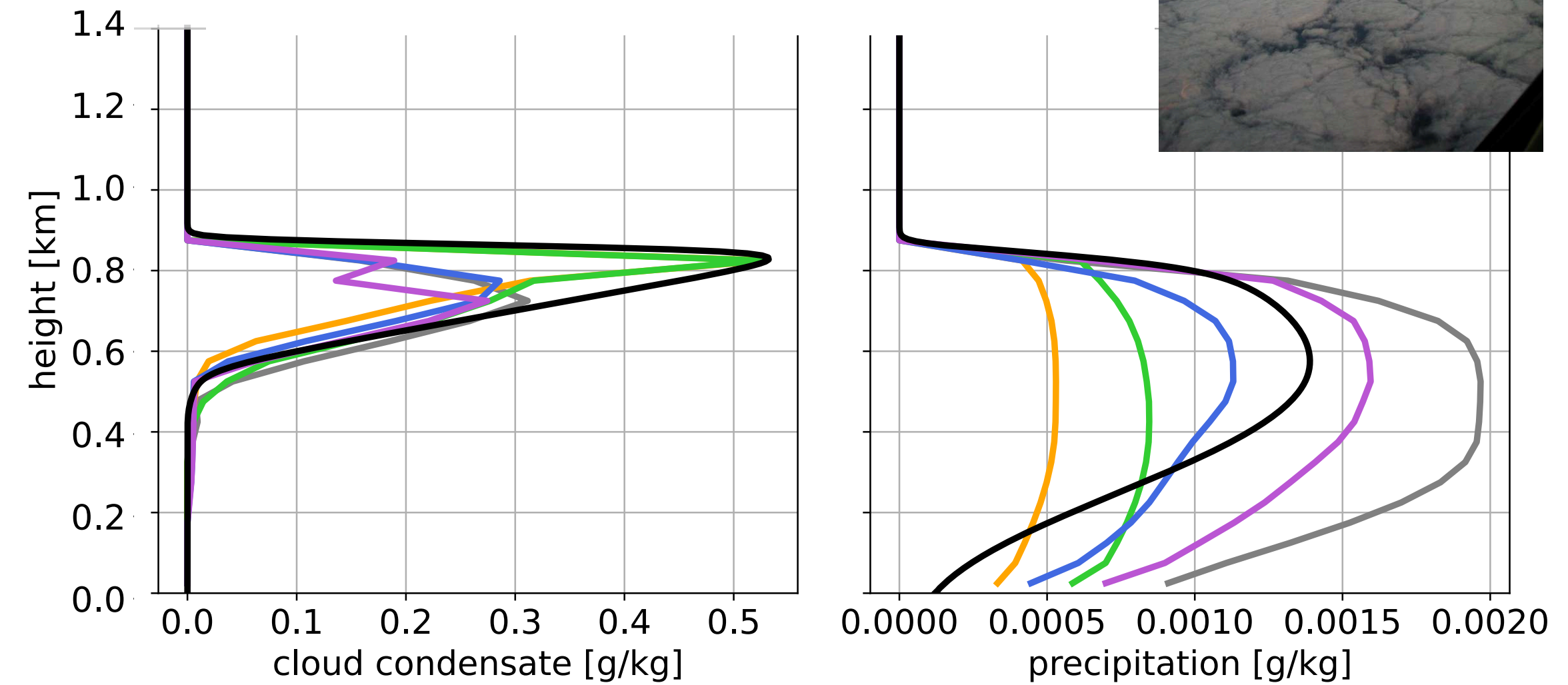
Grabowski et. al., 2006:
Daytime convective development
over land: A model
intercomparison based on LBA
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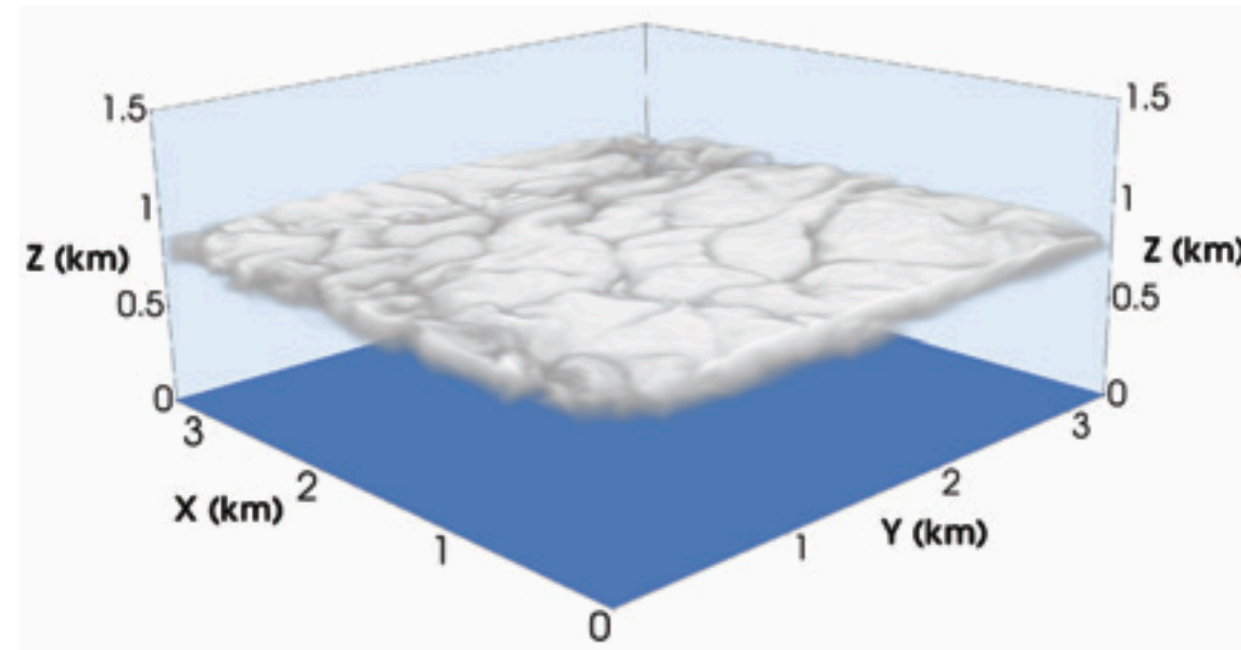
- 3D LES data (observations)
- Calibrated SGS model

- ~20 free parameters from SGS scheme
- ~40 free parameters from the cloud microphysics scheme

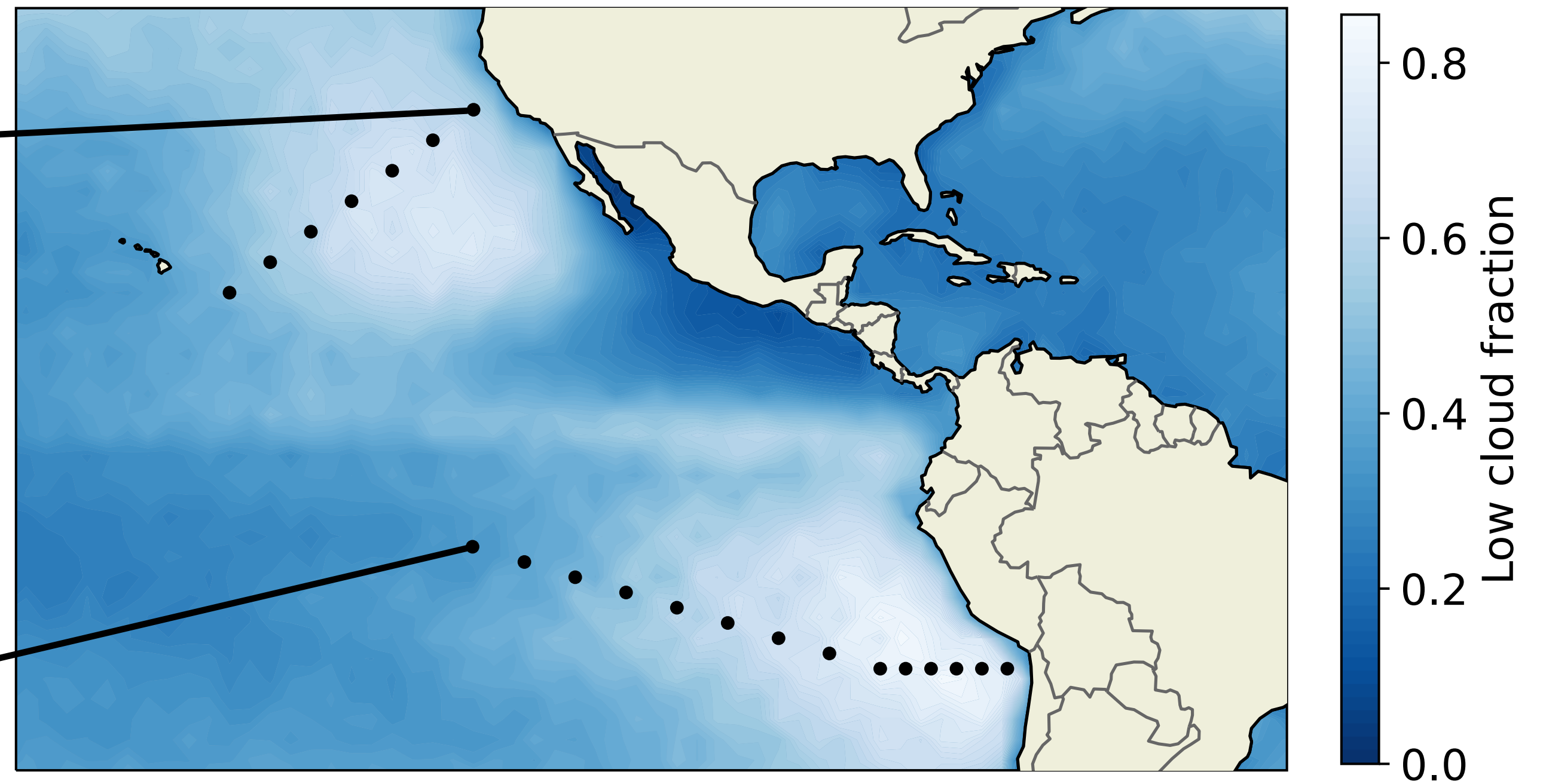


Libraries of cases

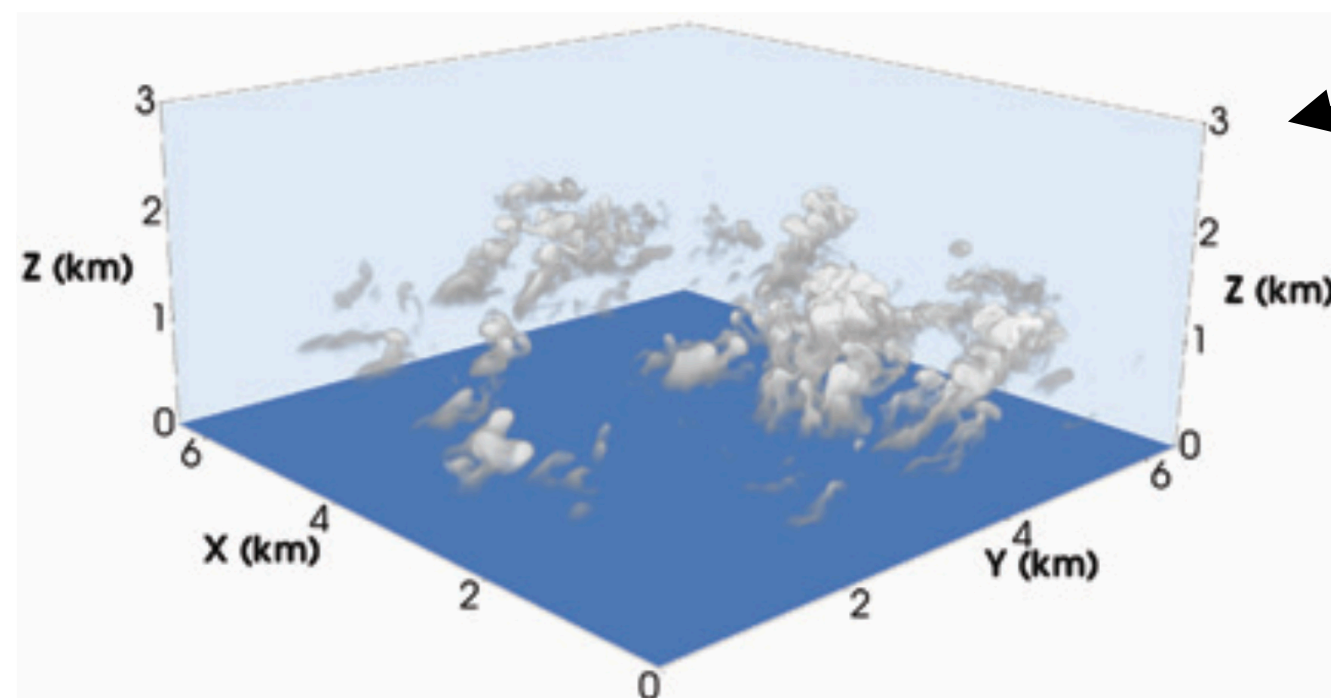
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Synthetic data generation in different seasons and climates

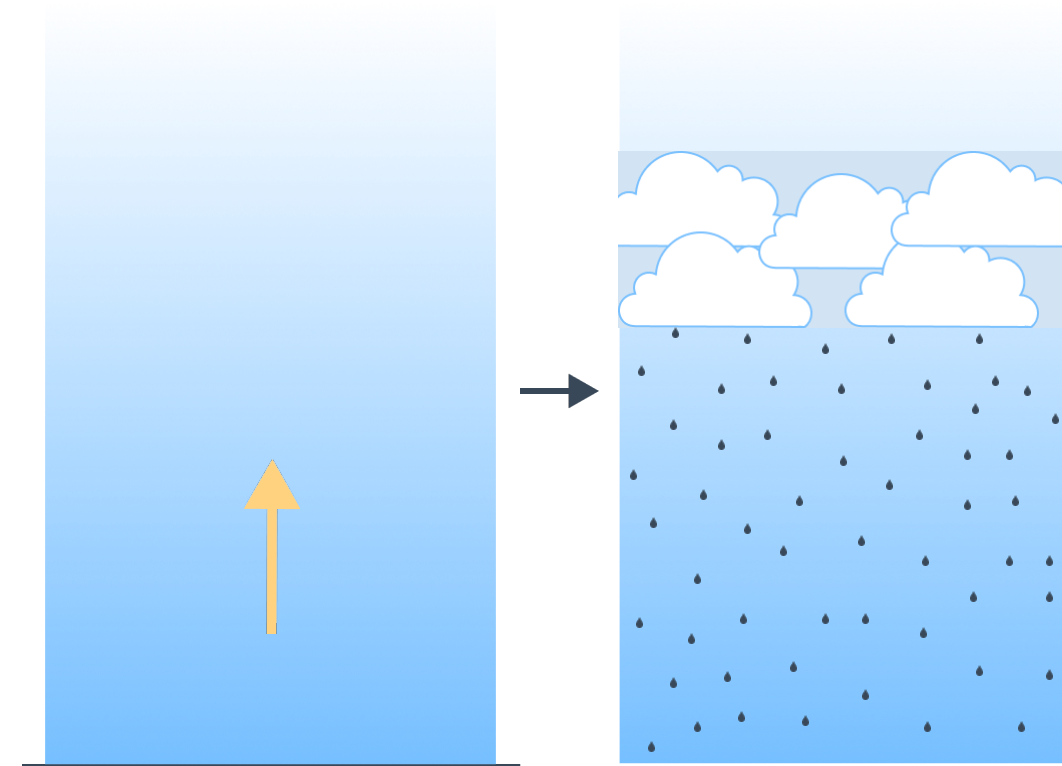


Shallow cumulus

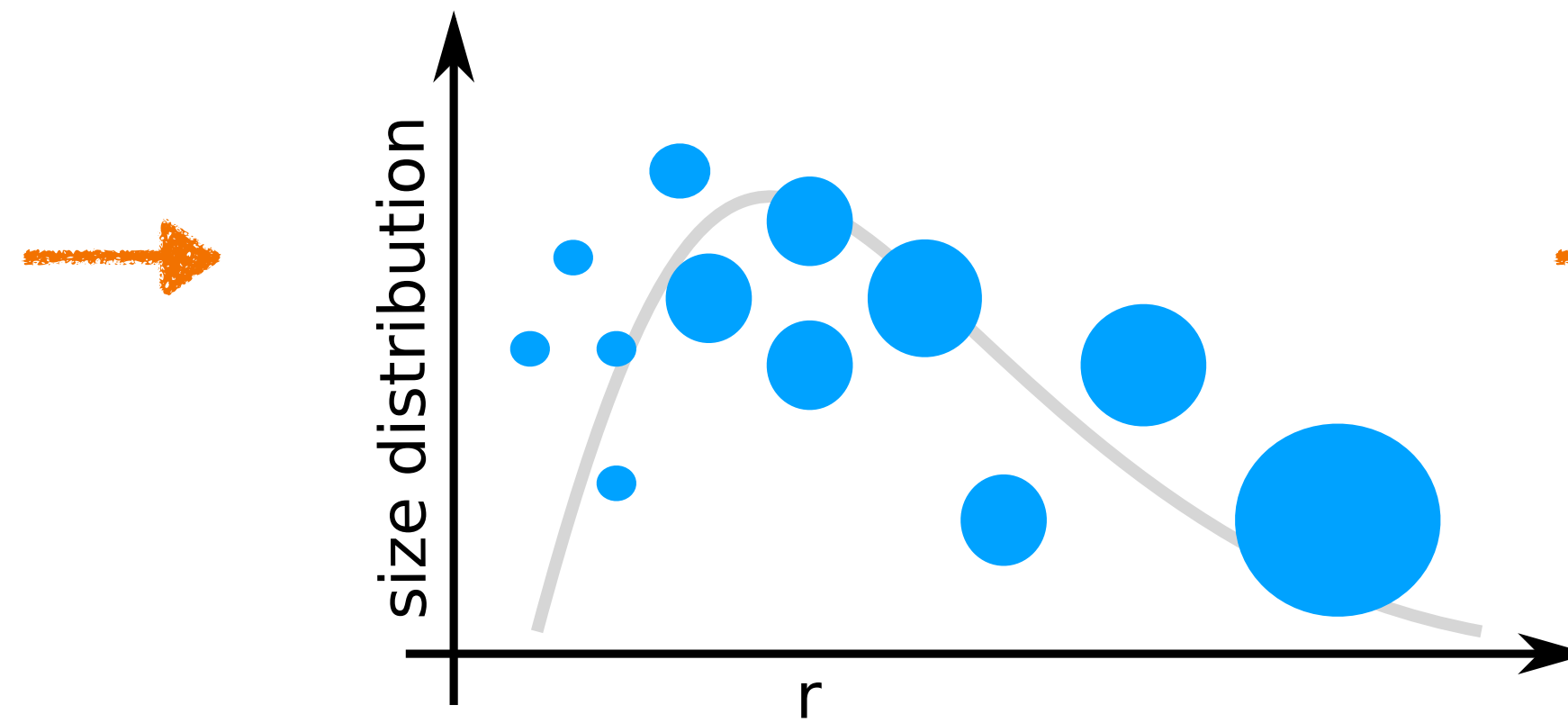


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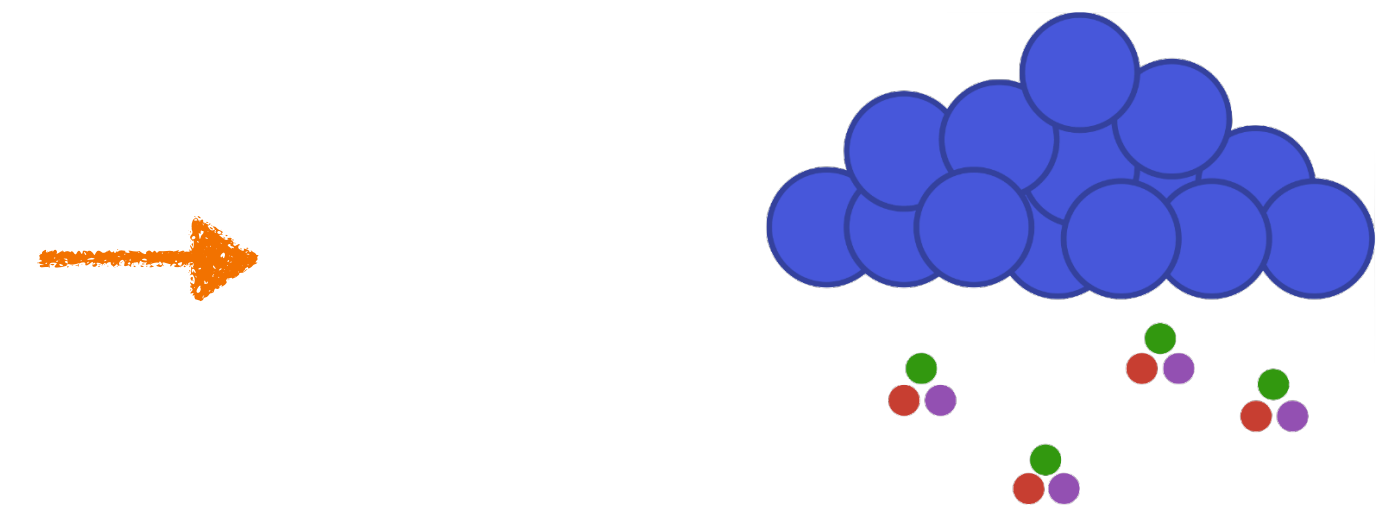
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Simple driver models
(prescribed flow, single
column)



High resolution simulations of
particles dynamics (focus on
PySDM and cloud microphysics)



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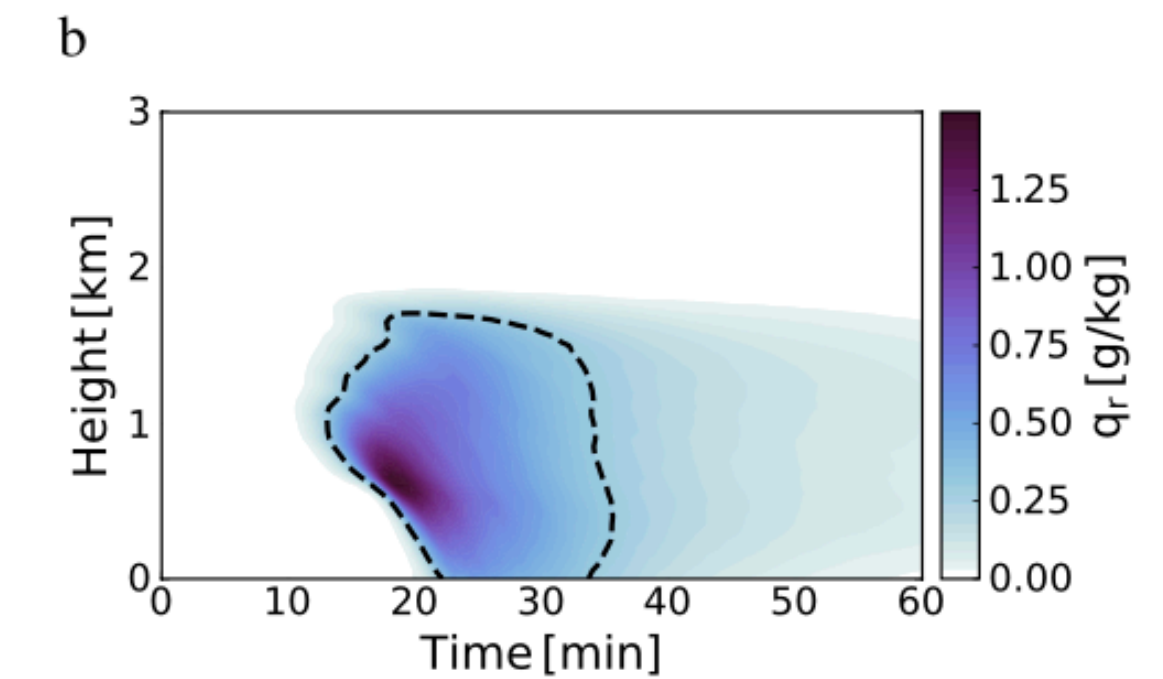
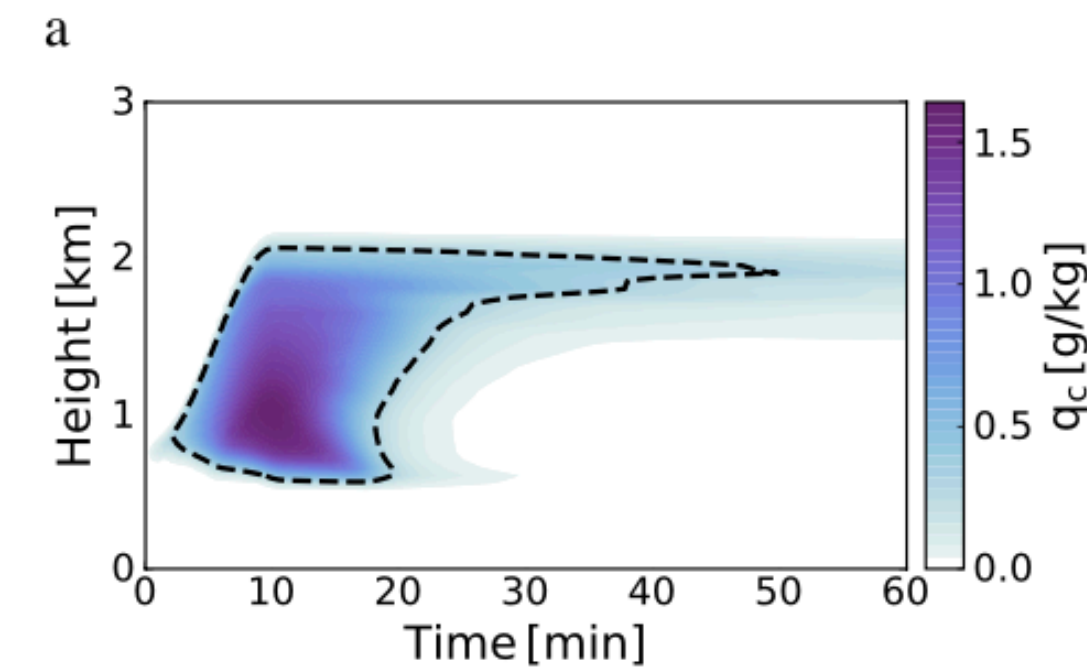
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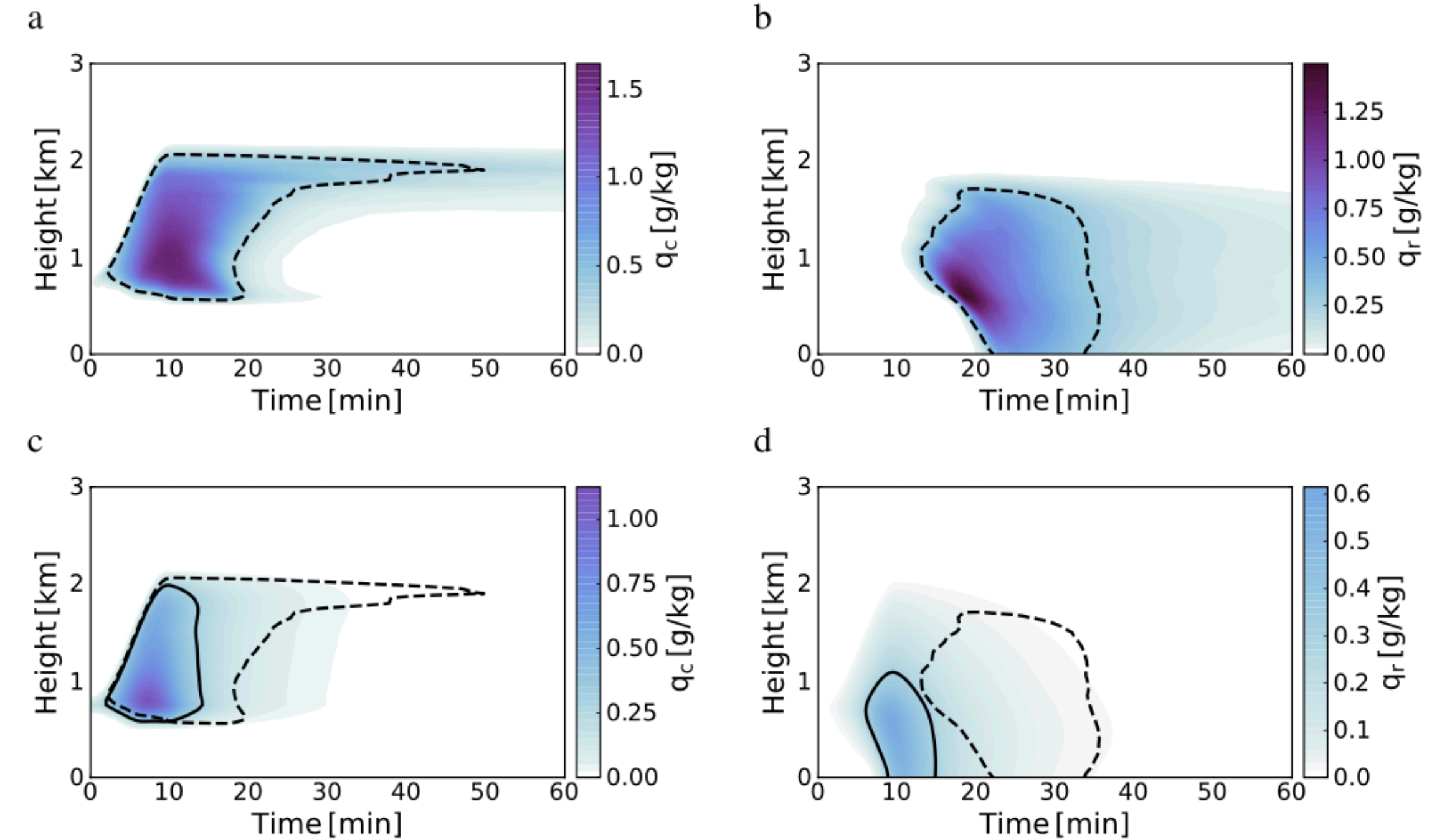
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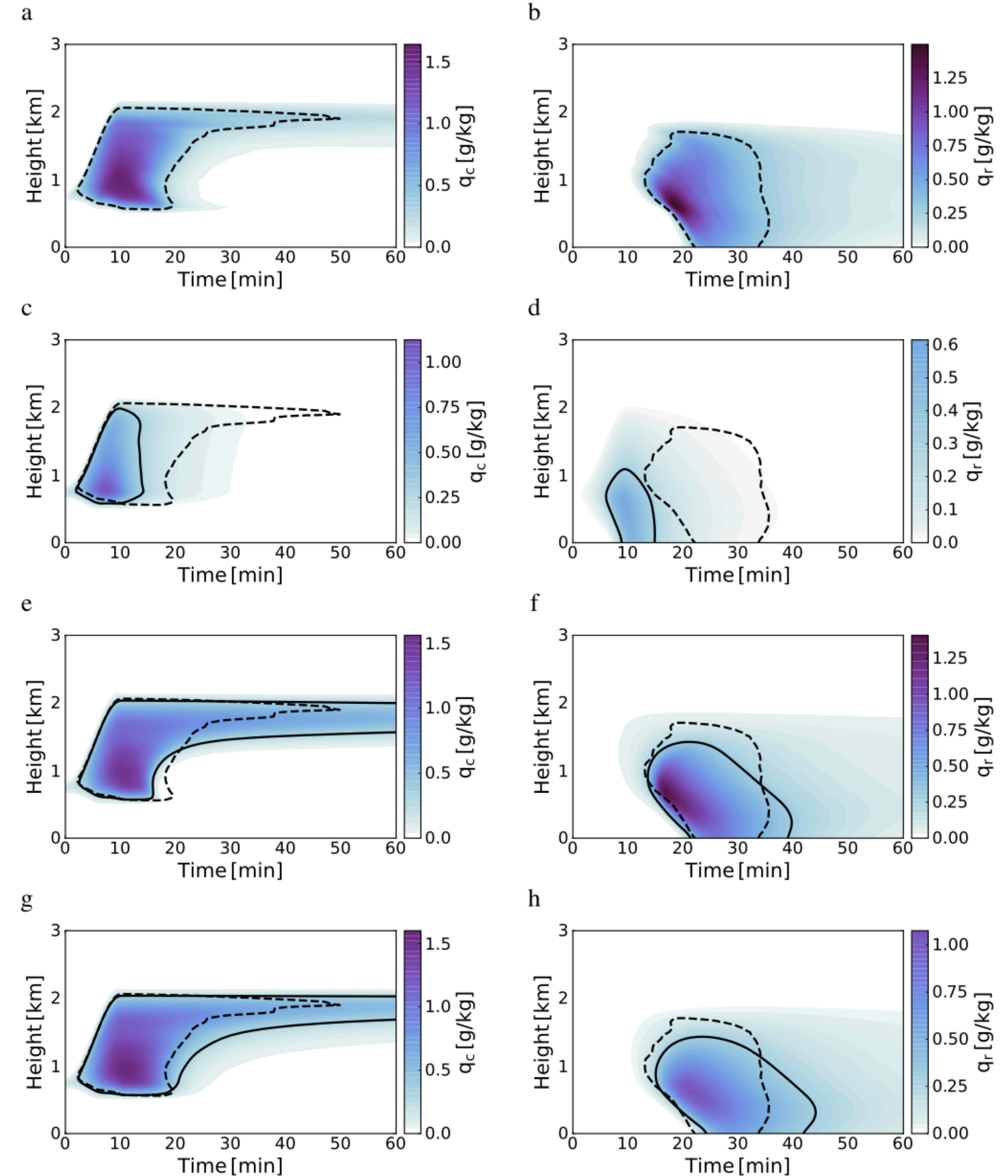
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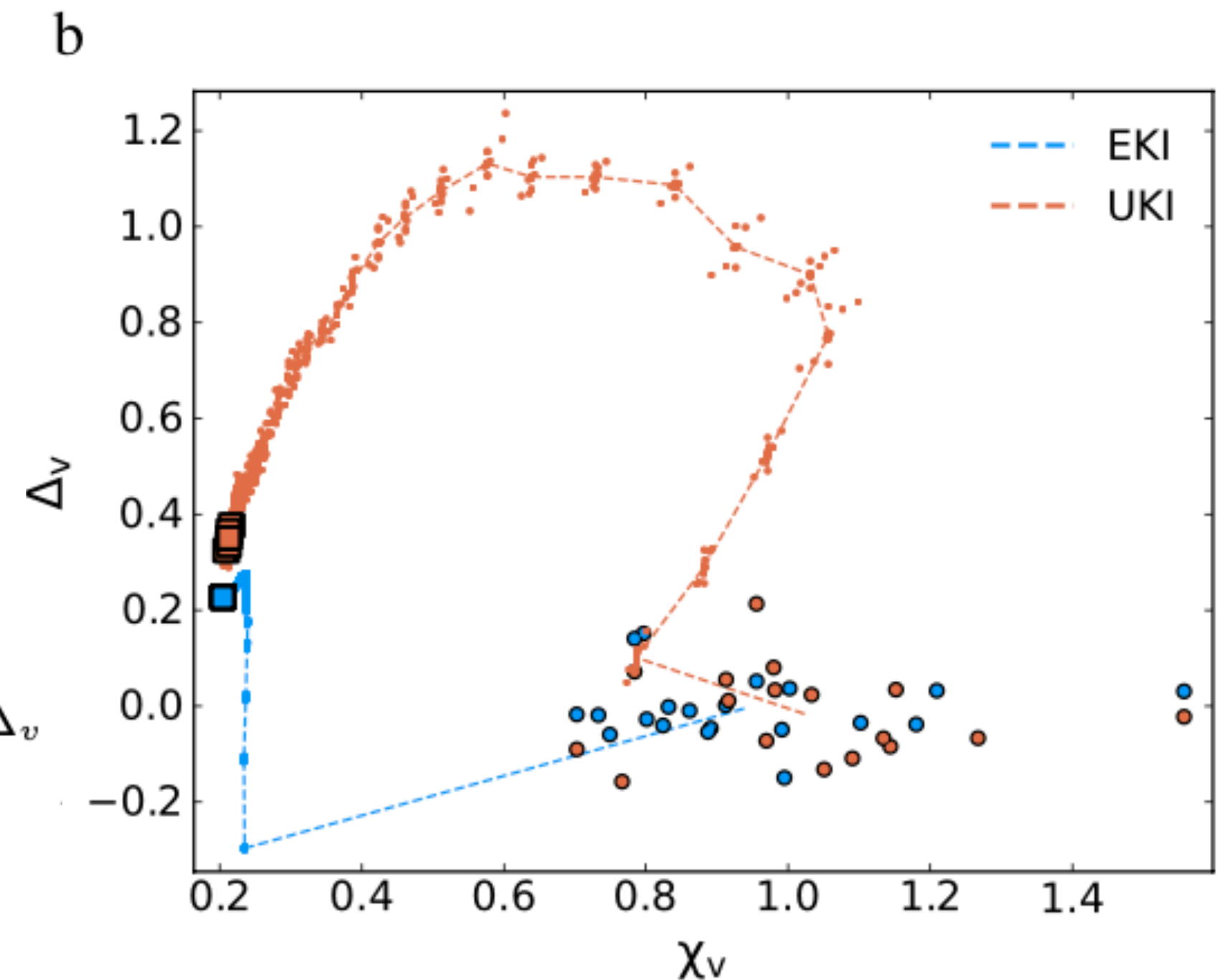
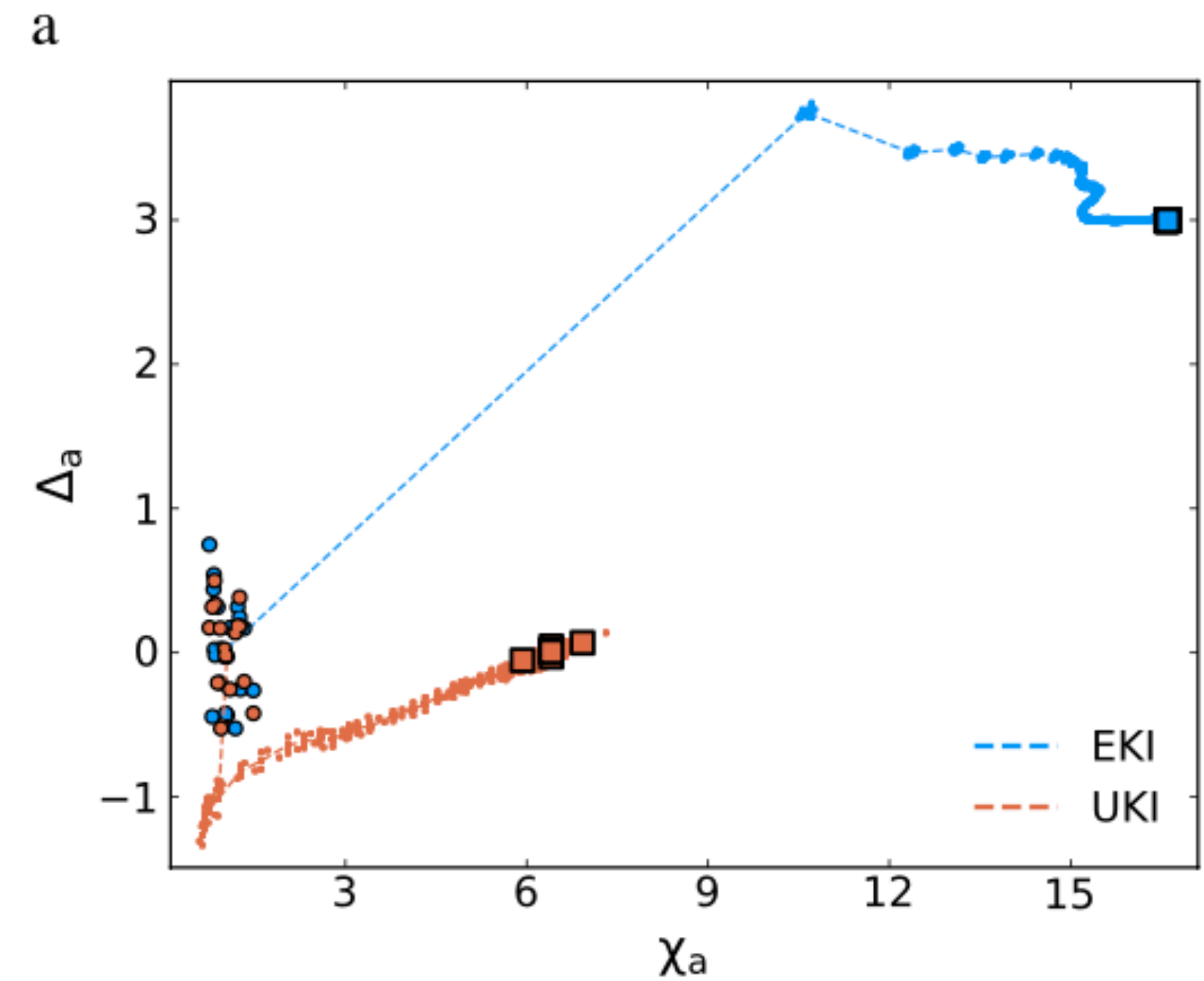
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Parameter name	Description
τ_{cond}	Condensation time scale
$\tau_{acnv,0}$	Auto-conversion time scale
α_{acnv}	Auto-conversion coefficient
χ_v	Terminal velocity coefficient
Δ_v	Terminal velocity coefficient
χ_a	Accretion coefficient
Δ_a	Accretion coefficient
a_{vent}	Evaporation coefficient
b_{vent}	Evaporation coefficient
r_0	Reference raindrop radius
n_0	Size distribution parameter
C_d	Raindrop drag coefficient
E_{cr}	Collision efficiency

$$a(r) = \chi_a a_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{2+\Delta_a}$$

$$v(r) = \chi_v v_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{1/2+\Delta_v}$$



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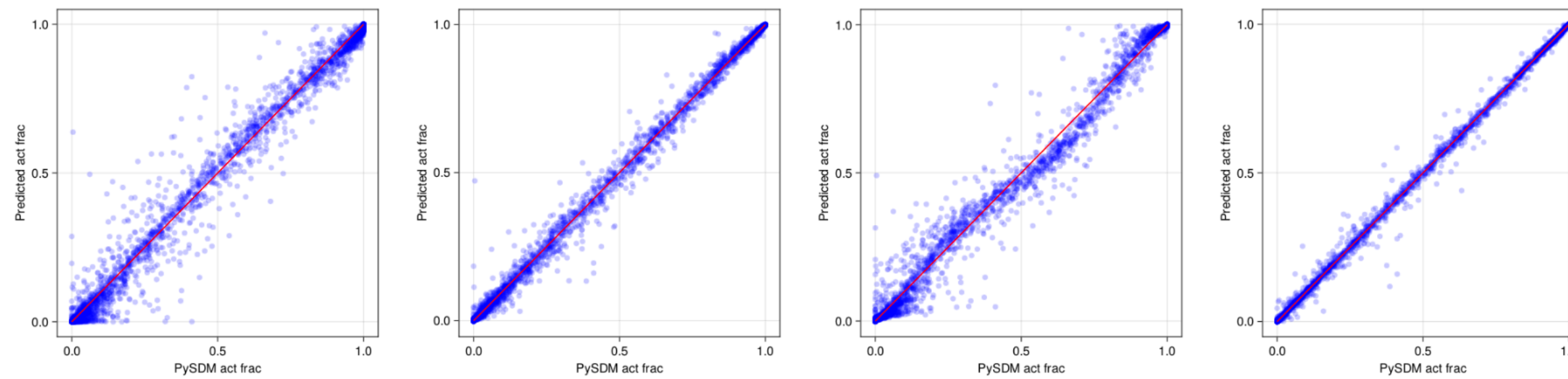
-> Example summer internship project

$$S_{max} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^I \left[f_i \left(\frac{\zeta}{\eta_i} \right)^{3/2} + g_i \left(\frac{S_{mi}^2}{\eta_i + 3\zeta} \right)^{3/4} \right] \right\}^{-1/2}$$

$$f_i = 0.5 \exp(2.5 \ln^2 \sigma_i)$$

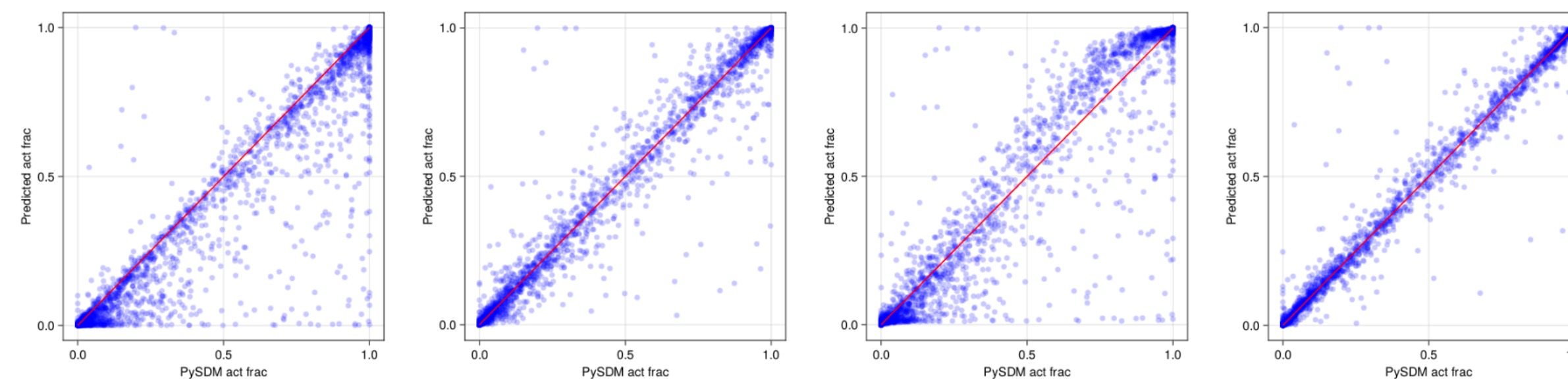
$$g_i = 1 + 0.25 \ln \sigma_i$$

Training in 0-dimensional parcel model, 1-mode aerosol distribution



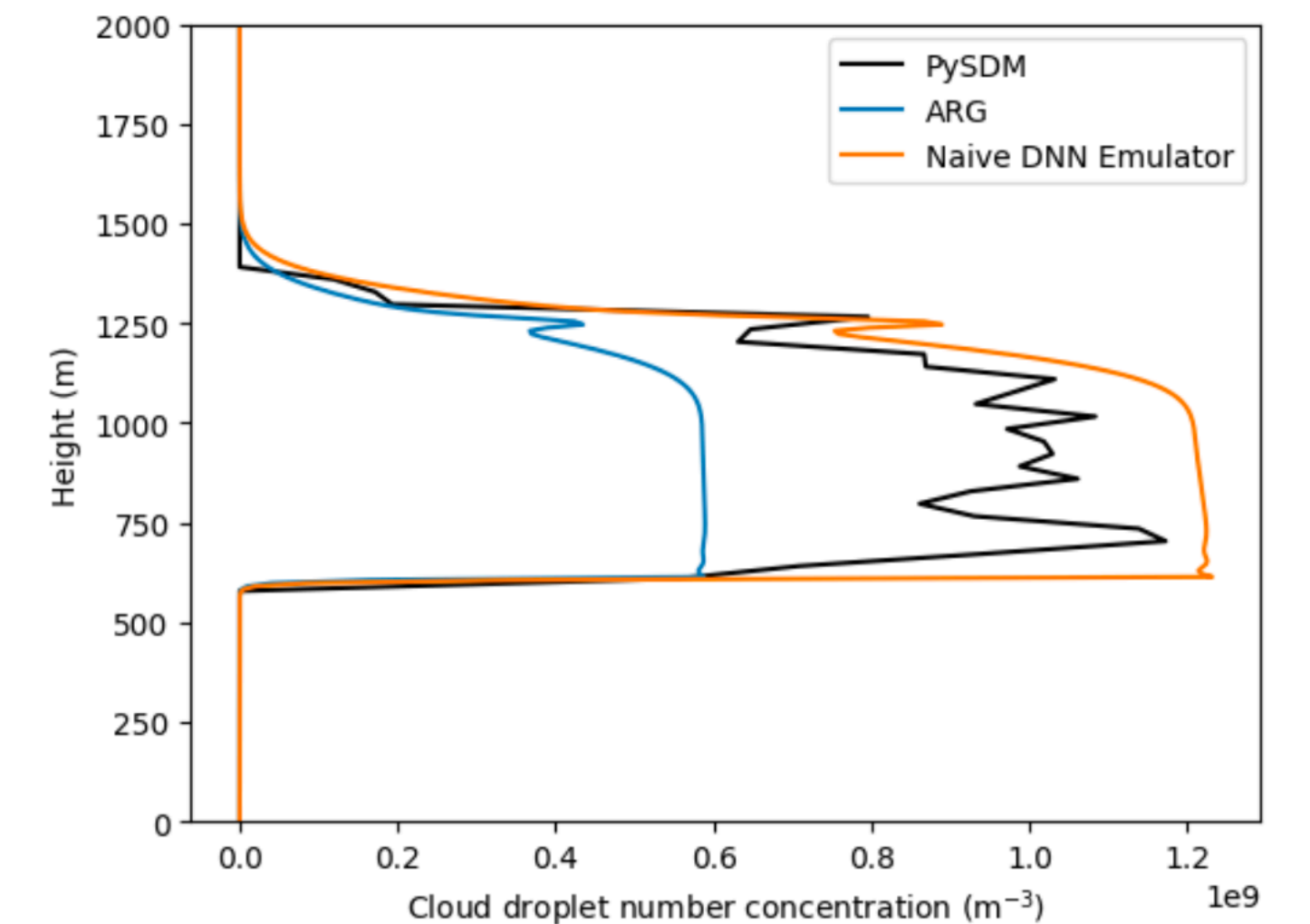
(a) Re-calibrated ARG scheme (b) ARG-informed EvoTree model (c) ARG-informed GP model (d) Naive DNN model

Training in 0-dimensional parcel model, 2-mode aerosol distribution



(a) Re-calibrated ARG scheme (b) ARG-informed EvoTree model (c) ARG-informed GP model (d) Naive DNN model

Testing in 1-dimensional rain shaft model



Summary

GCM:
$$\frac{\partial \langle \phi \rangle}{\partial t} + \nabla_h (\langle \phi \rangle \langle \mathbf{u} \rangle) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\langle w \rangle \langle \phi \rangle) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \langle w^* \phi^* \rangle + \langle S_\phi \rangle$$

“dynamical core”

$$\frac{\partial(\rho a_i \bar{\phi}_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho a_i \bar{w}_i \bar{\phi}_i)}{\partial z} + \nabla_h \cdot (\rho a_i \langle \mathbf{u}_h \rangle \bar{\phi}_i) = \underbrace{- \frac{\partial(\rho a_i \bar{w}'_i \bar{\phi}'_i)}{\partial z}}_{\text{Turbulent transport}} + \underbrace{\rho a_i \bar{w}_i \left(\sum_j \epsilon_{ij} \bar{\phi}_j - \delta_i \bar{\phi}_i \right)}_{\text{Entrainment/detrainment}} + \underbrace{\rho a_i \bar{S}_{\phi,i}}_{\text{Sources/sinks}}$$

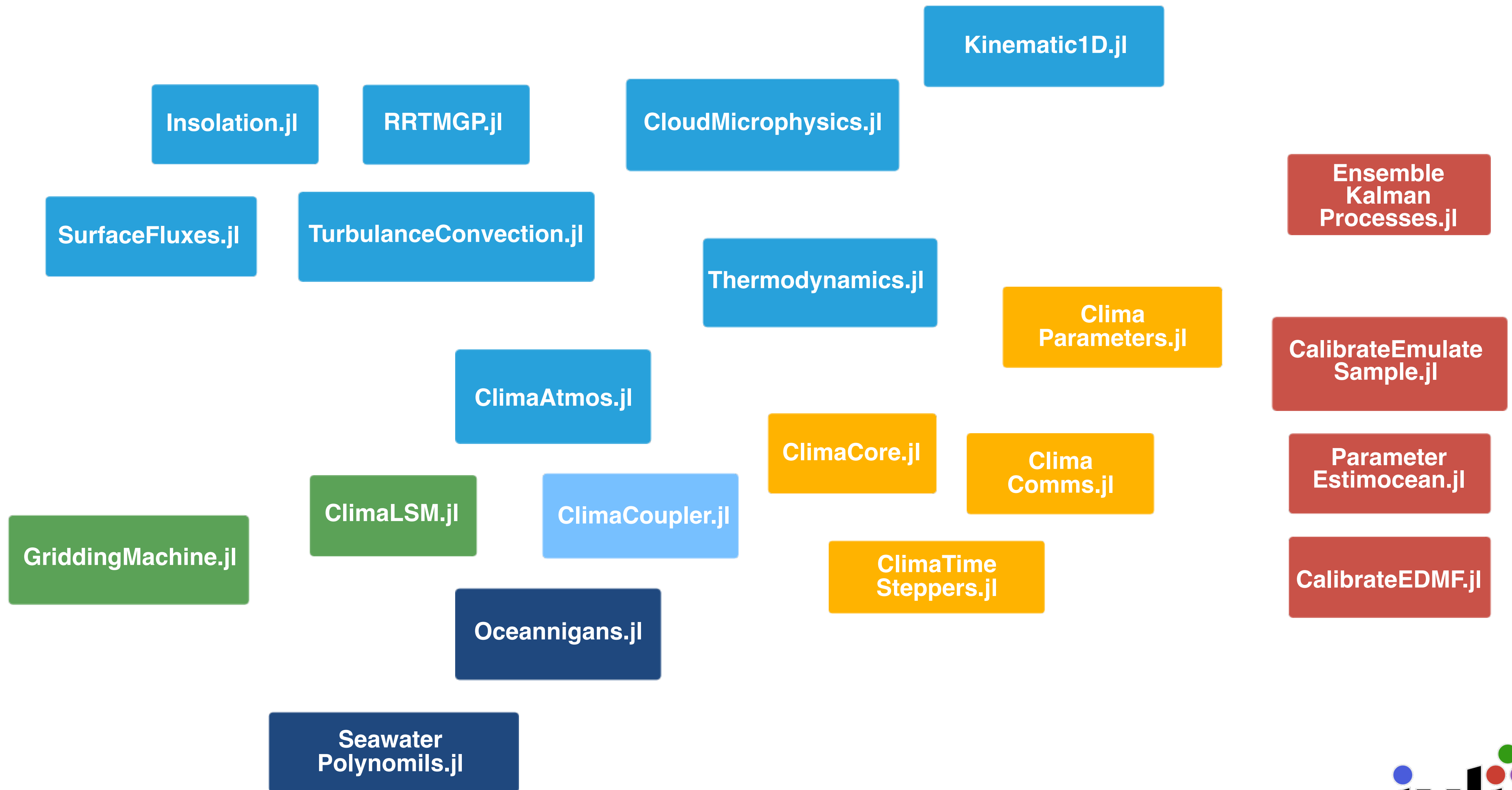
“physics” parameterizations, data driven calibrations

Outline

- Physics based parameterizations
- Data driven calibrations
- **Software design**



Building blocks of ClIMA ESM



Workflow highlights: design for ML applications



```
struct AccretionKK2000{FT}
  A::FT
  a::FT
  b::FT
end

function AccretionKK2000(
  ::Type{FT},
  toml_dict = CP.create_toml_dict(FT),
) where {FT}
  (; data) = toml_dict
  A = FT(data["KK2000_accretion_coeff_A"]["value"])
  a = FT(data["KK2000_accretion_coeff_a"]["value"])
  b = FT(data["KK2000_accretion_coeff_b"]["value"])
  return AccretionKK2000(A, a, b)
end
```

Free parameters are stored separately in text files (interface with ML calibration pipelines)


They are passed in as arguments to all functions

```
"""
    accretion(accretion_scheme, q_liq, q_rai, ρ)
- `accretion_scheme` - type for 2-moment rain accretion parameterization
- `q_liq` - cloud water specific humidity
- `q_rai` - rain water specific humidity
- `ρ` - air density (for `KK2000Type` and `Beheng1994Type`)

Returns the accretion rate of rain, parametrized following
- Khairoutdinov and Kogan (2000) for `scheme == KK2000Type`
- Beheng (1994) for `scheme == B1994Type`
- Tripoli and Cotton (1980) for `scheme == TC1980Type`
"""
function accretion(
  (; A, a, b)::CT.AccretionKK2000{FT},
  q_liq,
  q_rai,
  ρ,
) where {FT}
  q_liq = max(0, q_liq)
  q_rai = max(0, q_rai)

  return A * (q_liq * q_rai)^a * ρ^b
end
```

Workflow highlights: design planning

 sajjadzimi commented on Dec 29, 2022 • edited ▾ Member Tip ⋮

Browser

Purpose

Add the two moment microphysics scheme of Seifert & Beheng 2001.

Cost/Benefits/Risks

This will be the first two moment scheme in the Microphysics package. Two-moment microphysics schemes are more accurate than one-moment schemes. Using a two-moment scheme can improve simulations of precipitations.

People and Personnel

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- Collaborators: @trontrytel
- Reviewers: @trontrytel

Results and deliverables

A buildkite simulating 1-D rain shafts with the two-moment microphysics scheme

Task Breakdown And Tentative Due Date

(A preliminary list of PRs and a preliminary timeline of PRs, milestones, and key results)

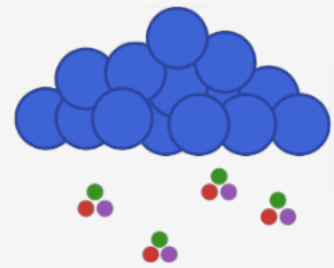
- Check derivation of equations in the paper.
- Add clear documentation with detailed derivation of the scheme.
- Implement conversion rates of mass concentrations, and test as a 1-moment scheme.

Discuss the design and objectives before starting

Get feedback from software engineers and scientists

Define intermediate steps

Workflow highlights: documentation



CloudMicrophysics.jl

Search docs

2-moment precipitation microphysics

- The Seifert and Beheng (2006) parametrization
- Other double-moment autoconversion and accretion schemes
- Example figures

Non-equilibrium cloud formation

Smooth transition at thresholds

Aerosol activation

ARG2000 activation example

Ice Nucleation

Box model ice nucleation example

Aerosol Nucleation

API

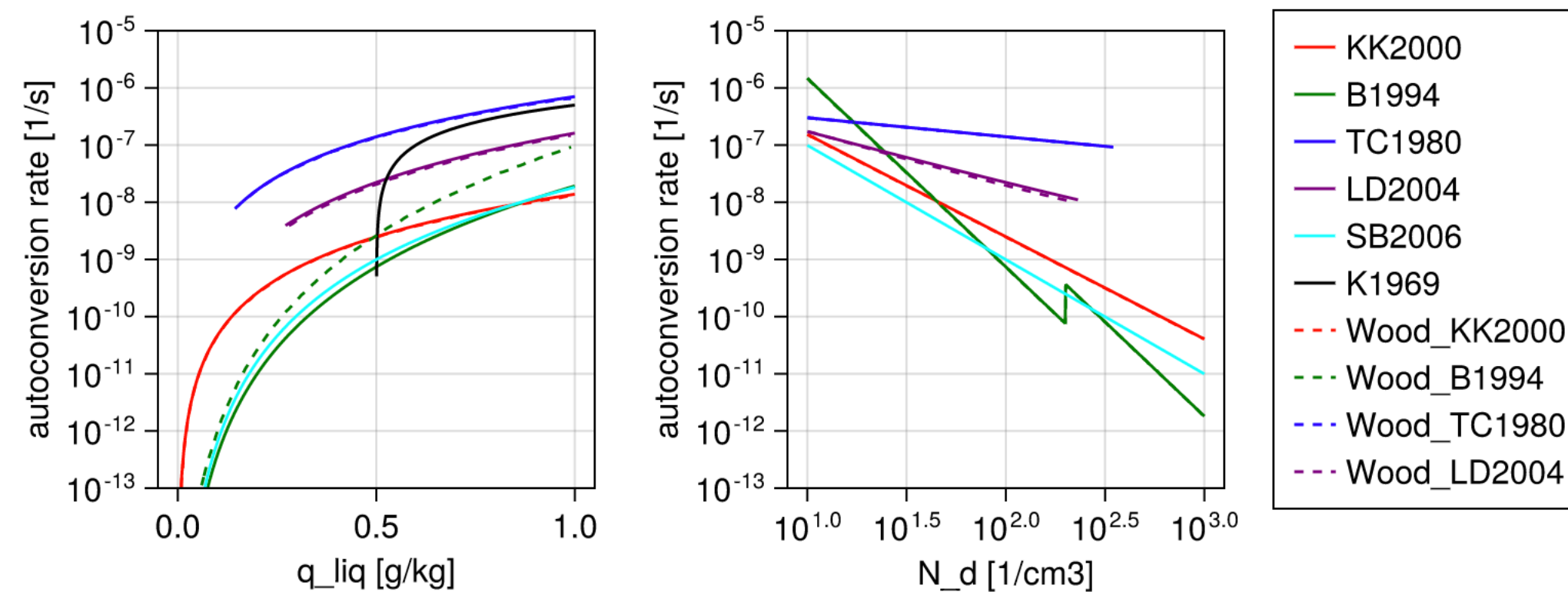
Version dev

```
l28 = lines!(ax3, q_liq_range * 1e3, accSB2006_q_liq, color = :cyan)
l28 = lines!(ax4, q_rai_range * 1e3, accSB2006_q_rai, color = :cyan)
```

```
ax1.xlabel = "q_liq [g/kg]"
ax1.ylabel = "autoconversion rate [1/s]"
ax2.xlabel = "N_d [1/cm3]"
ax2.ylabel = "autoconversion rate [1/s]"
ax3.xlabel = "q_liq [g/kg] (q_rai = 0.5 g/kg)"
ax3.ylabel = "accretion rate [1/s]"
ax4.xlabel = "q_rai [g/kg] (q_liq = 0.5 g/kg)"
ax4.ylabel = "accretion rate [1/s]"
```

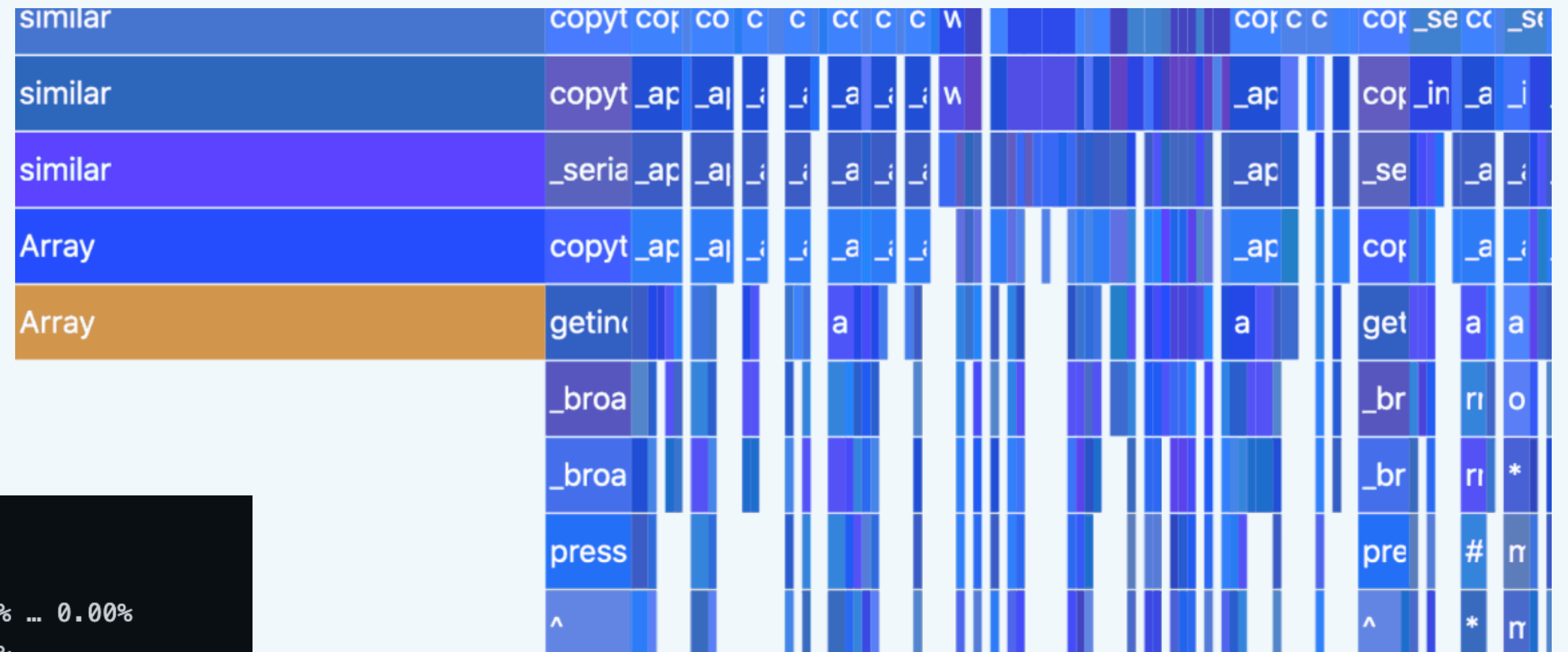
```
Legend(
    fig[1, 3],
    [l1, l2, l3, l4, l26, l5, l6, l7, l8, l9],
    ["KK2000", "B1994", "TC1980", "LD2004", "SB2006", "K1969", "Wood_KK2000", "Wood_B1994", "Wood_TC1980", "Wood_LD2004"],
)
save("Autoconversion_accretion.svg", fig)
```

CairoMakie.Screen{SVG}



Workflow highlights: testing, performance monitoring

ClimaCore performance CI



```

Testing organic_and_h2so4_nucleation_rate
BenchmarkTools.Trial: 10000 samples with 996 evaluations.
Range (min ... max): 21.787 ns ... 6.109 μs | GC (min ... max): 0.00% ... 0.00%
Time (median): 25.100 ns | GC (median): 0.00%
Time (mean ± σ): 29.588 ns ± 96.057 ns | GC (mean ± σ): 0.00% ± 0.00%

21.8 ns Histogram: log(frequency) by time 74.8 ns <

Memory estimate: 0 bytes, allocs estimate: 0.

[ Info: Aerosol Activation Tests
Testing Float64
Test Summary: | Pass Total Time
callable and positive | 12 12 0.0s
Test Summary: | Pass Total Time
same mean hygroscopicity for the same aerosol | 4 4 0.0s
    
```

CloudMicrophysics performance CI

Instead of a summary:

- Climate modelling has followed *mirror view* approach:
 - Deducing representation from detailed first-principles
 - Adding more detail leads to representing system better
 - Complexity and uncertainty of the system can be tackled with physics
- Other approaches could be:
 - *heuristic* (prioritise generating understanding)
 - *predictive* (prioritise predictive capabilities).
- Complexity needs to be tailored to model's purpose.

Instead of a summary:

- Hindered understanding - model as a book-keeper of added processes
- Generative entrenchment
- Parameters
- Over-interpretation vs negligence
- No reduction in uncertainty
- Opacity, authority
- Transparency about other factors influencing model choices

Thank you for your attention!

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