# **Core concepts of 3MT**

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# Topics

- 1. Towards unified physics
- 2. Prognostic treatment
- 3. Cascading and processes interactions
  - Parallel vs sequential physics
  - Combining subgrid and resolved
- 4. Main choices for updraught seen from physics, seen from dynamics
- 5. General layout of the cascade
- 6. Equivalent Cloud Fraction
- 7. Significant mesh fraction
- 8. Example experiments





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  - \* Local effects : turbulent diffusion
  - \* Anvil clouds, radiative interactions
  - \* No physical separation, convective activity extends to Rossby radius of deformation (Mapes).
  - \* Small grid boxes and small time steps



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  - limitations : assumes a draught area  $\sigma_u$  with *mean* draught vertical velocity  $\omega_u$  and *mean* draught property  $\psi_u$ . Vertical transport  $\sigma_u \omega_u \psi_u$  generally underestimated (Yano et al. 2004).



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- Draughts affect large scale through transport and condensation (MTcoupling).







































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