

A new path to cloud and condensation reunification in Alaro

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Principle: assume some distribution of Q_c around $\overline{Q_c}$

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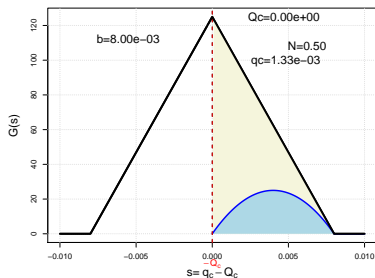
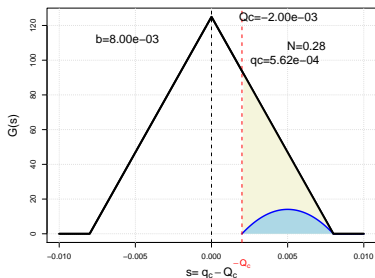
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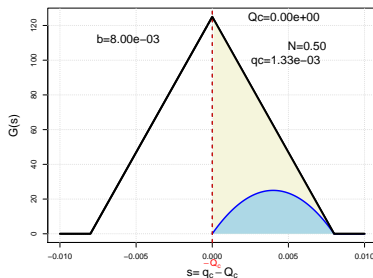
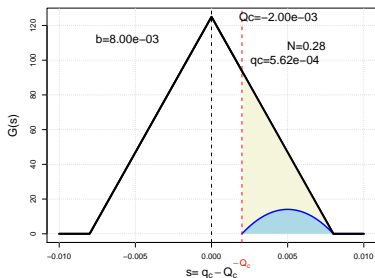


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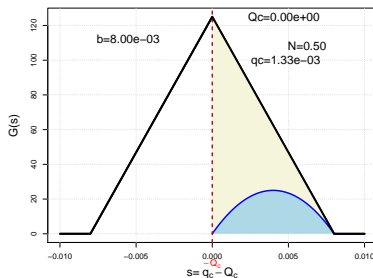
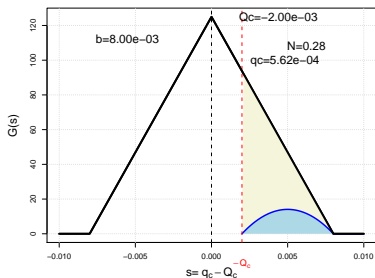
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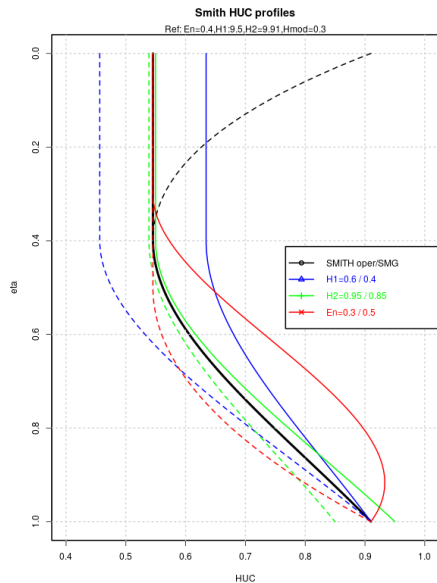
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more cloud at $\overline{RH}_t = \overline{RH} + \frac{\bar{q}_c}{q_s} = 1$ requires a skewed pdf !

Smith 1990 triangular pdf width



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where HU_c is
critical mean grid box relative humidity

= at twich first cloud appears

$$En \equiv \text{RETAMIN} \sim 0.4$$

$$H_1 \equiv \text{RHCRIT1} \sim 0.5$$

$$H_2 \equiv \text{RHCRIT2} \sim 0.91$$

+ Δx dependency

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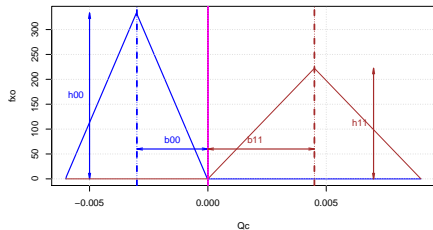
⇒ Define a *bimodal* PDF, with distinct *clear* and *cloudy* modes

⇒ Resolved vertical velocity should affect the relative widths of the 2 modes

⇒ Use physical reasoning to get a more or less realistic representation.

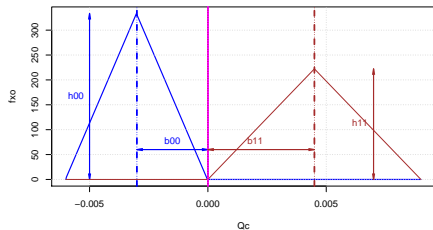
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The extreme widths b_{00} : clear sky and b_{11} :overcast determined from mean grid-box state:

$$b_{00} = (1 - HU_c)q_{\text{sat}}(\bar{T}, p),$$

as in Smith

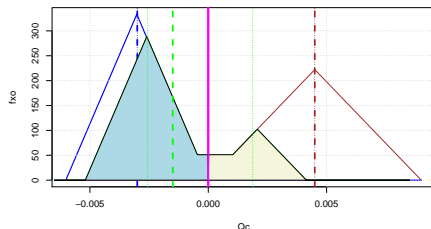
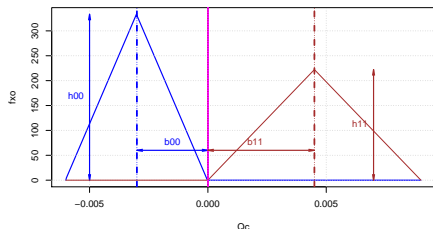
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br tunable, depending on the phase

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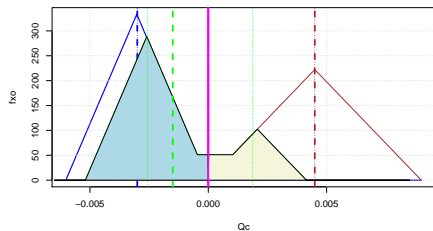
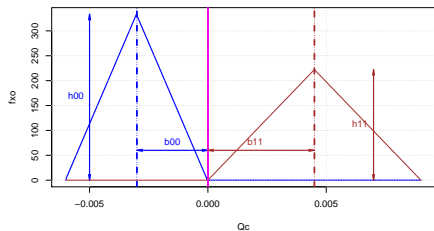


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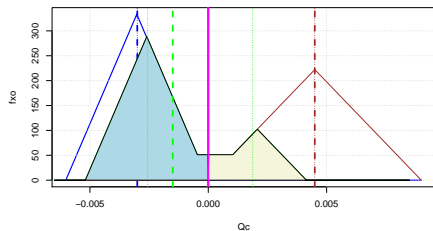
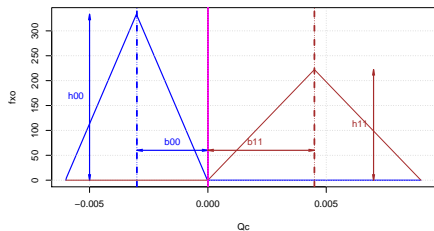


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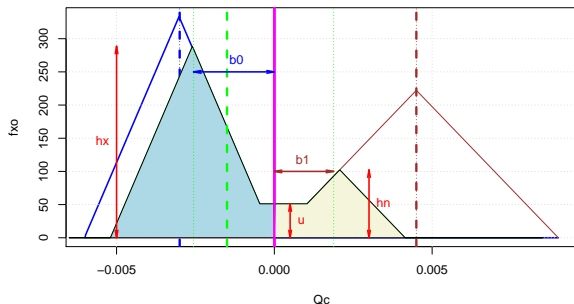
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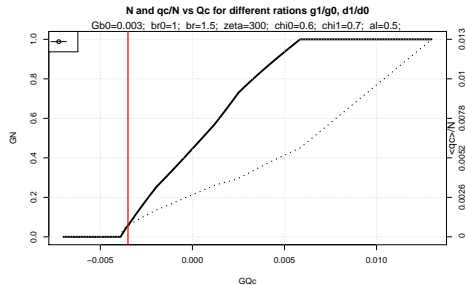
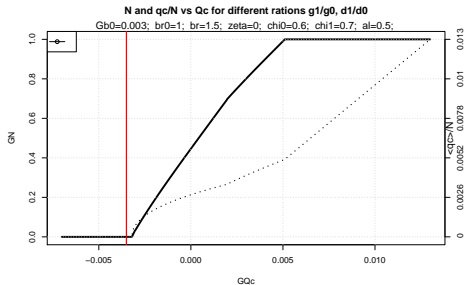
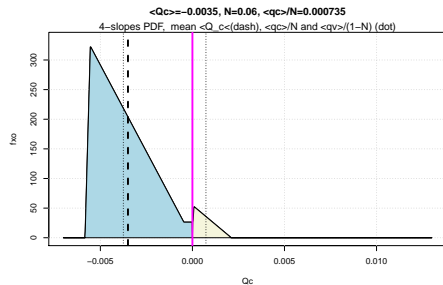
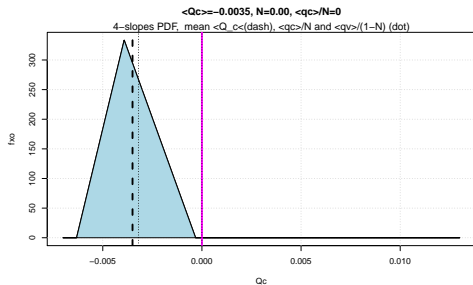
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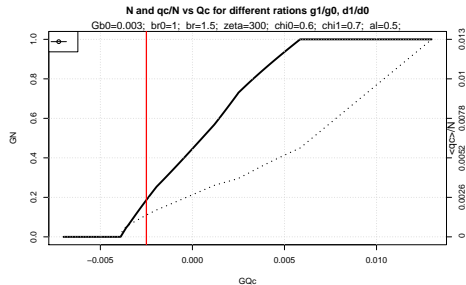
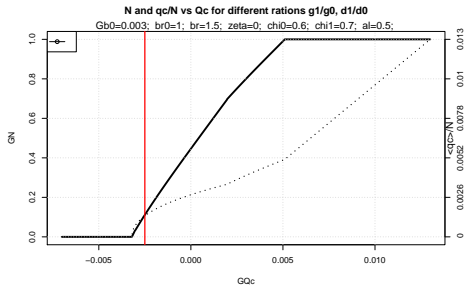
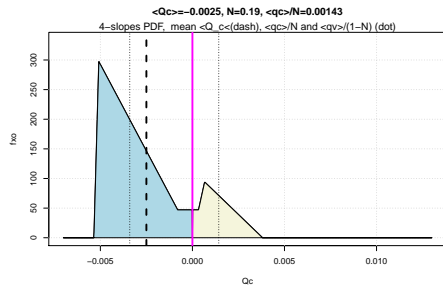
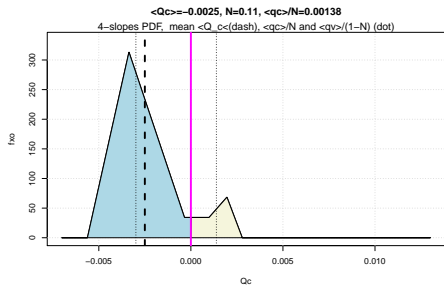


- The variation of the modes width and height is obtained by pre-determining the slopes, from b_{00} and b_{11} : $S = 1 = b_{00} \cdot (\gamma_0 \cdot b_{00})$ etc. for isocèle case.
- gliding from 2 isocèle triangles (2 slopes) to a 4-slopes representation: $0 < \chi_0 < 1$, relative abscisse of the summit.
- The slopes may vary with $\overline{Q_c}$.
- **br** depends on $\overline{\omega}$: see below.

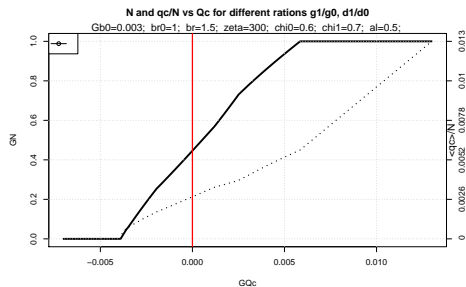
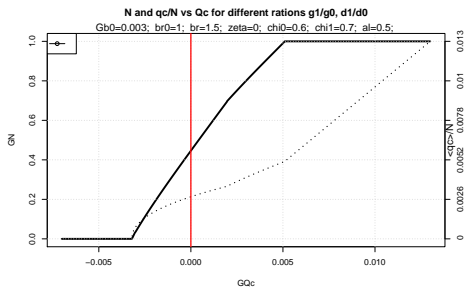
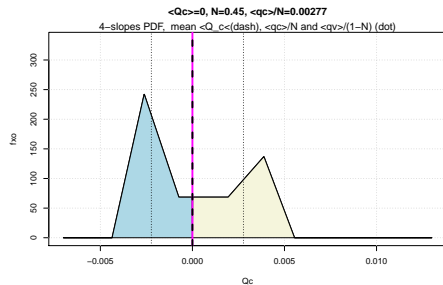
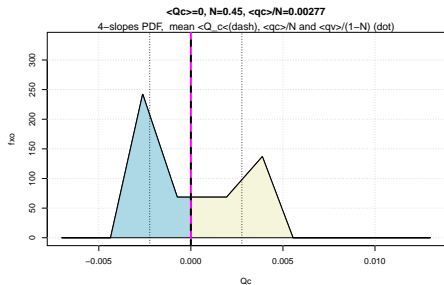
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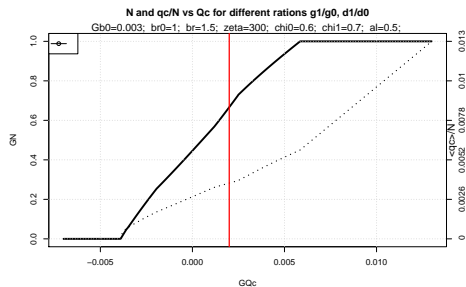
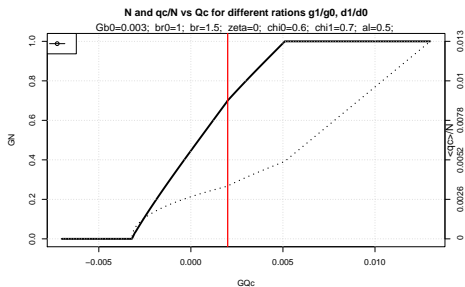
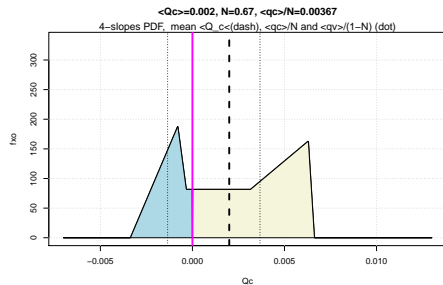
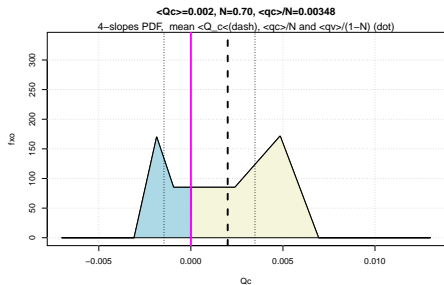
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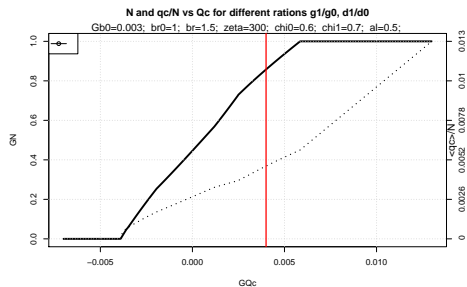
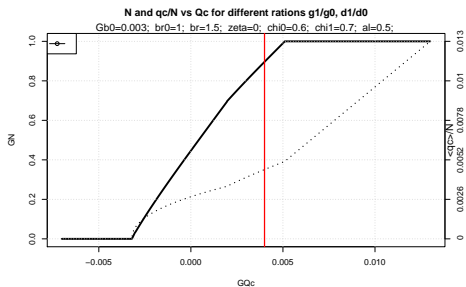
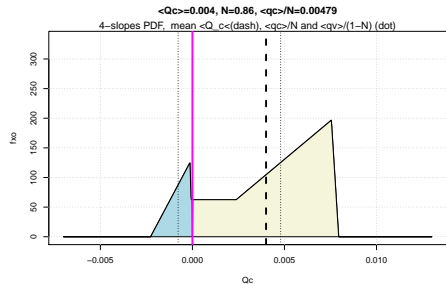
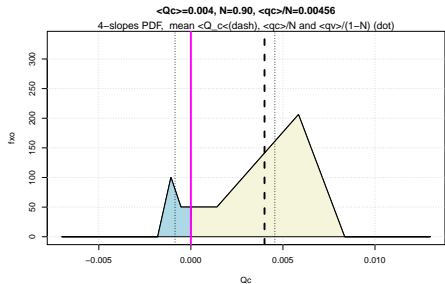
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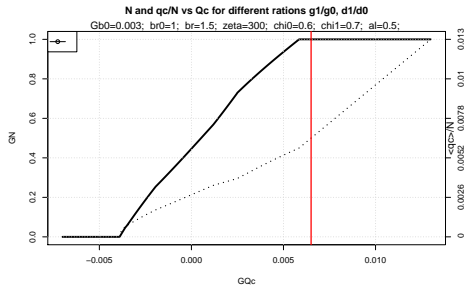
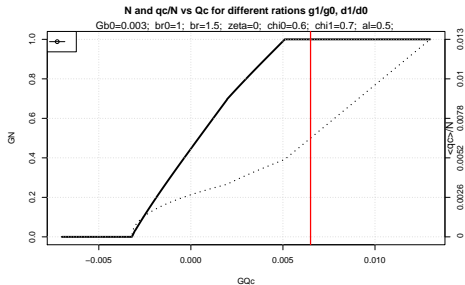
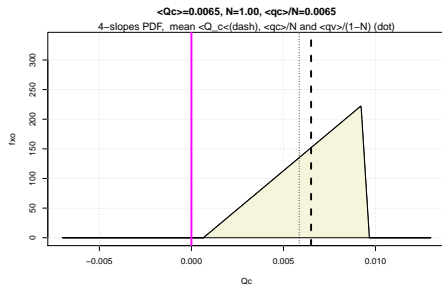
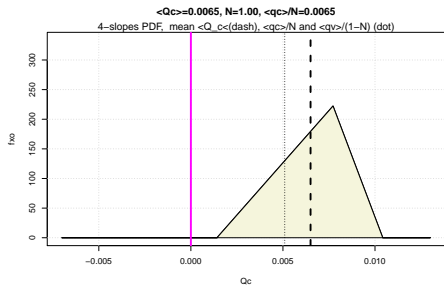
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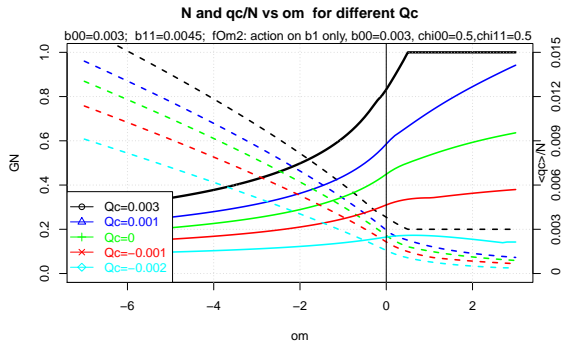
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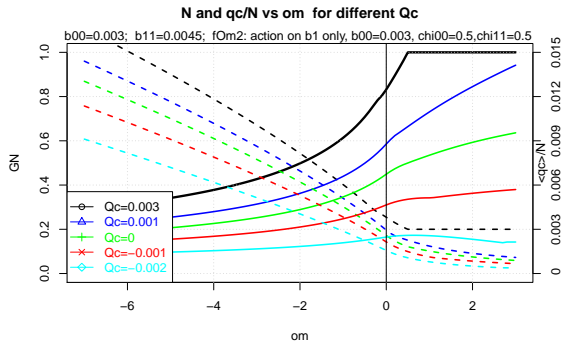
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⇒ resolved upwards motion increases b_{11} , which in turn

- reduces N
- increases cloud water concentration $\overline{q_c}/N$.

Other aspects of unified scheme

- Correction of saturation (local T) below real T inversion:
 - earlier only in radiative cloud
 - here moved to cloud condensation scheme \Rightarrow thermal effect of enhanced condensation.
- Shallow convection :TOUCANS \rightarrow only transport,
 \Rightarrow assume condensation covered by resolved scheme.
- Context of grey zone, maximum overlap of convective and 'resolved' cloud

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- Protection of convective condensate

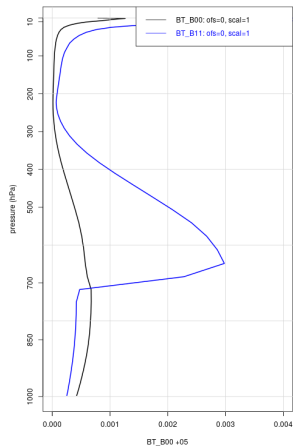
$$N_t = \max(N^\diamond, N_c) \quad \overline{q_{c0}^c} = \overline{q_{c0}} \cdot \frac{N_c}{N_t} \quad \overline{q_{c1}} = \max(\overline{q_c^\diamond}, \overline{q_{c0}^c})$$

- "radiative" condensates: suspended part of gross condensate after acnebcond, with effect of vertical velocity.

$$\omega_1 = \alpha_i \omega_{\text{ice}} + (1 - \alpha_i) \omega_{\text{liq}}, \quad z_{\text{susx}} = q_{\text{susxs}} \frac{1 + \max(0, \frac{-\overline{\omega}}{\omega_1})}{1 + \max(0, \frac{\overline{\omega}}{\omega_1})}$$
$$\overline{q_{c,rad}} = z_{\text{susx}} \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\overline{q_{c1}}}{z_{\text{susx}}}\right) \right]$$

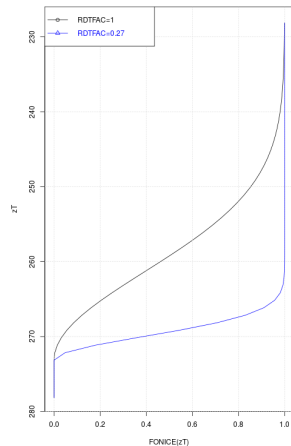
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- – Chosen HUC profile, consideration of oversaturation below the tropopause.
- Effect of phase on b_{00} and b_{11} :
⇒ phase partition $\alpha_j(T)$ vs step transition



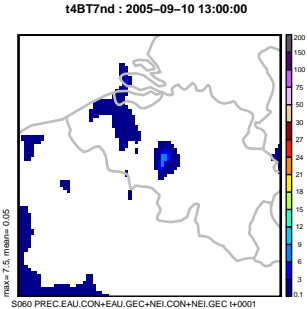
Peculiar things from operational 3MT

- RDTFAC=1 making a mixed phase zone up to -40°C :
litterature suggests -8°C or RDTFAC=0.27
- XR scheme assumes $\overline{q_w}$ in clouds, *computed with a step transition from liquid to ice at 0°C* :
source of large departures when qorking with $\alpha_i(T) \equiv \text{fonice}$.
- RWBF1=1600 \leftrightarrow 300.

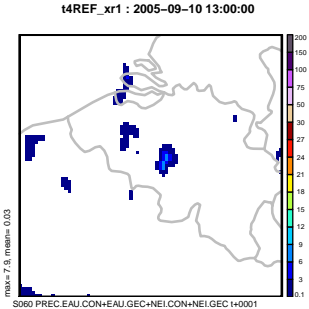


Preliminary results: Precipitation

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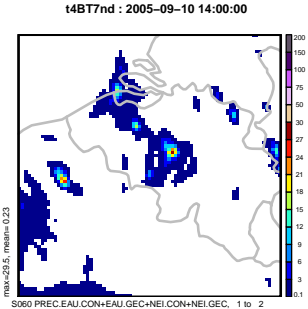


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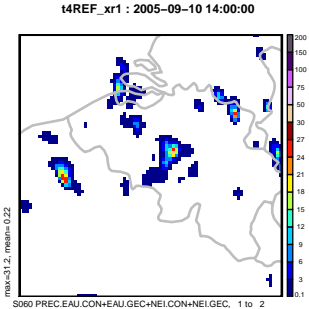


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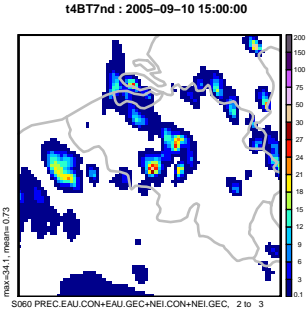


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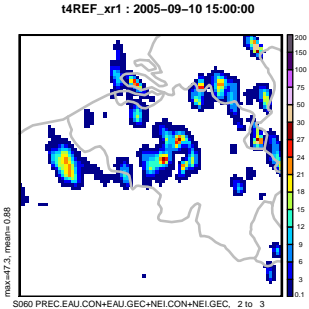


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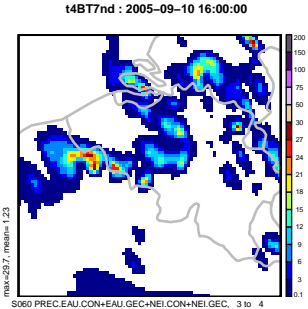


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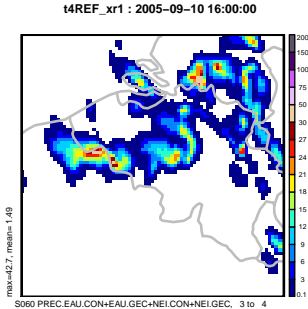


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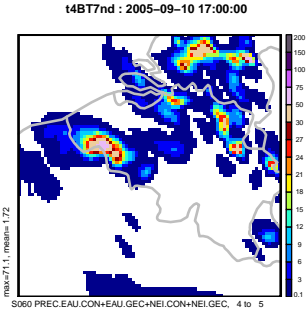


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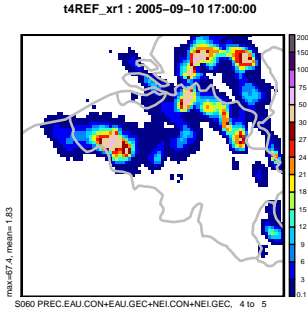


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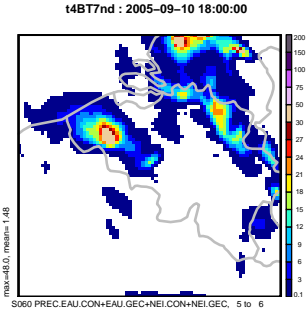


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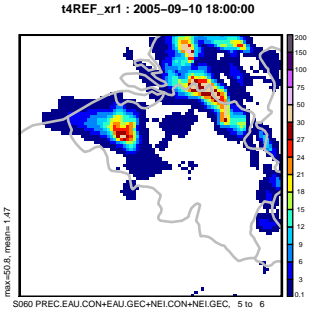


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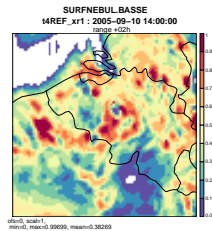
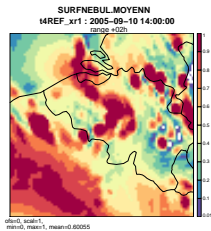
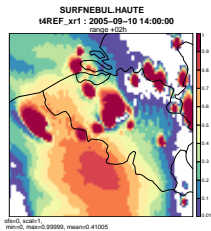
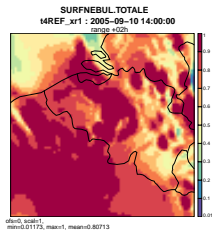
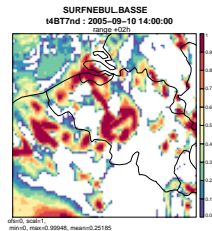
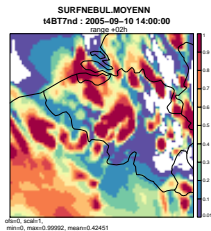
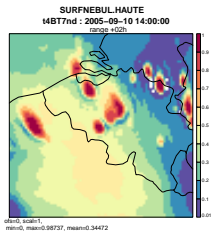
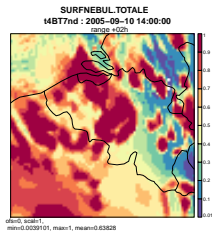
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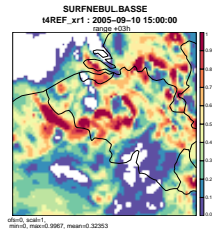
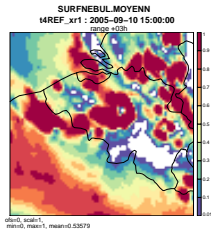
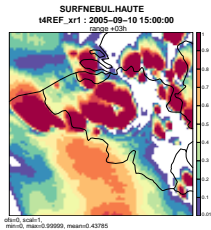
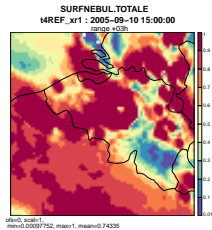
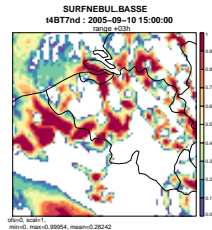
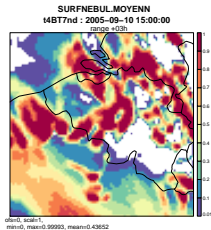
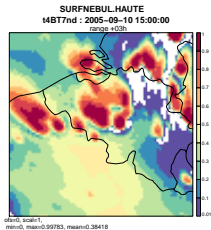
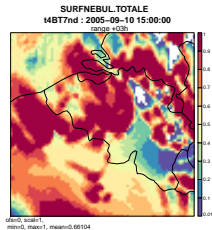
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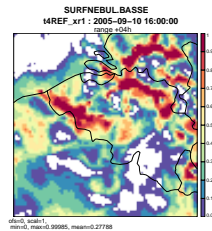
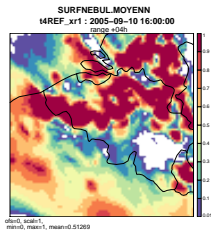
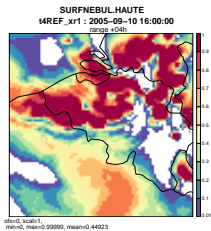
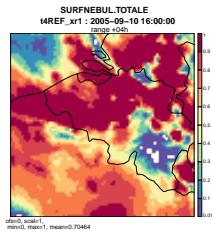
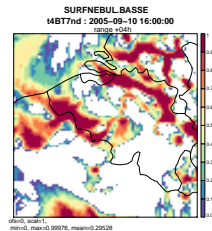
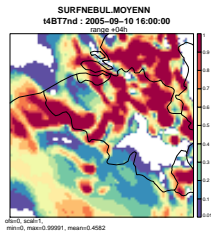
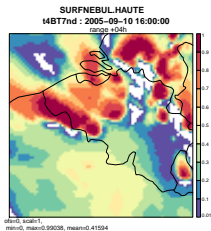
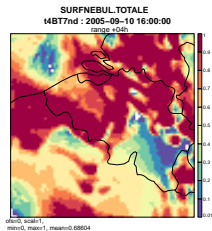
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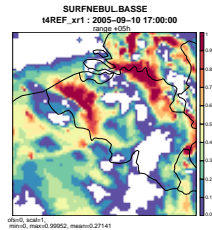
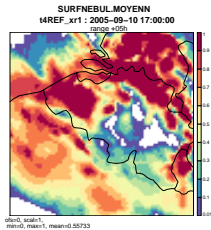
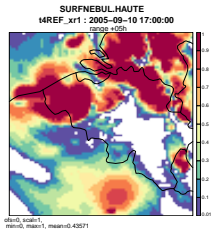
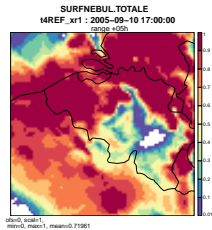
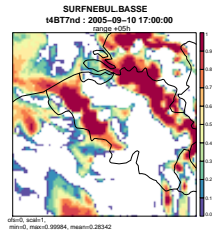
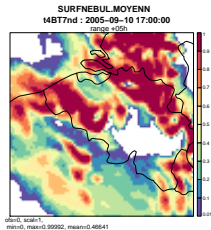
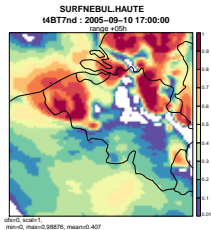
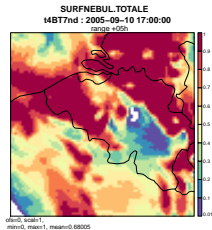
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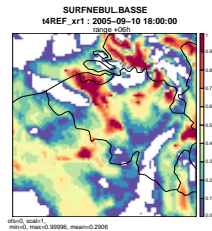
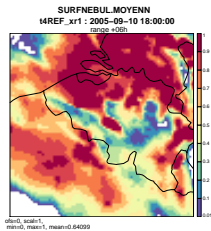
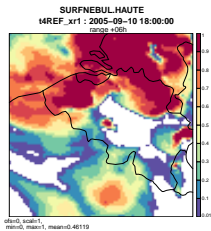
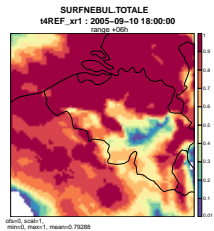
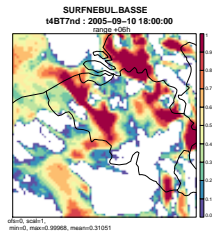
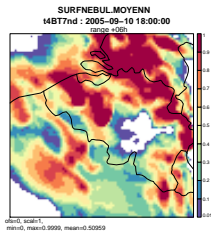
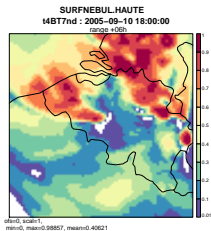
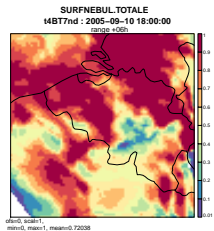
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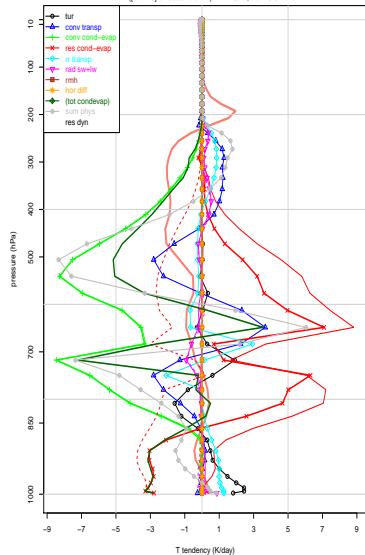
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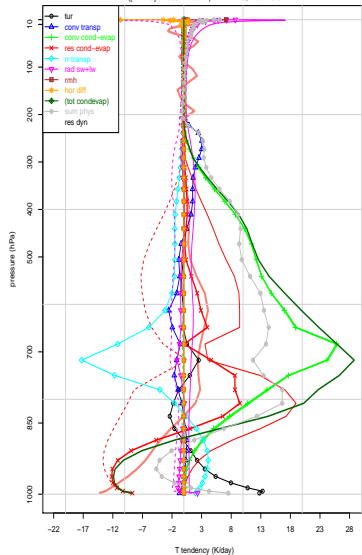
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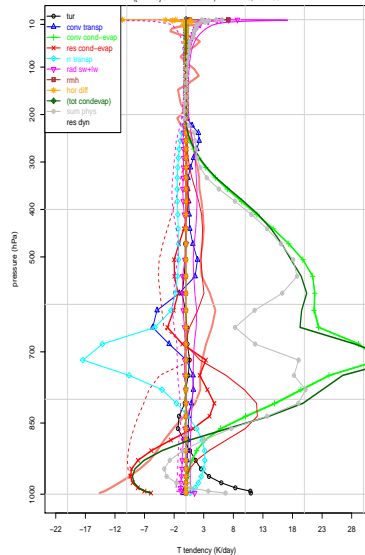
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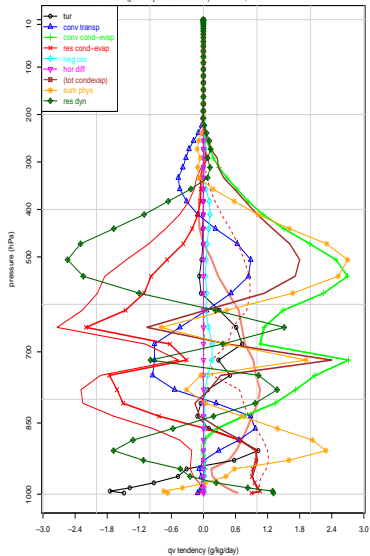
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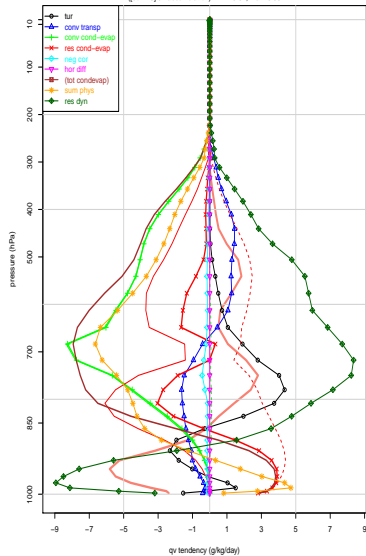
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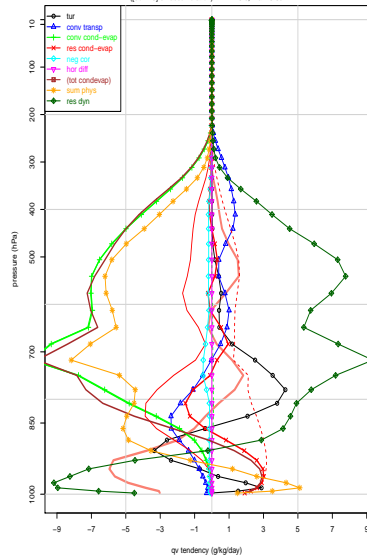
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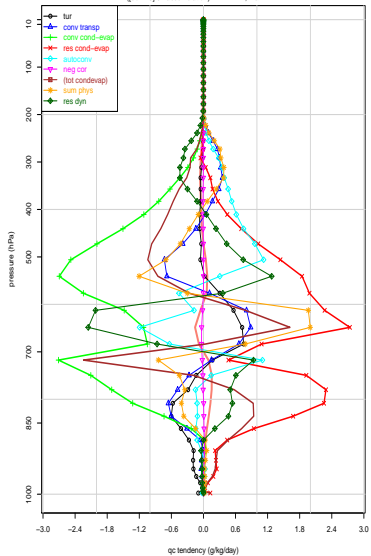
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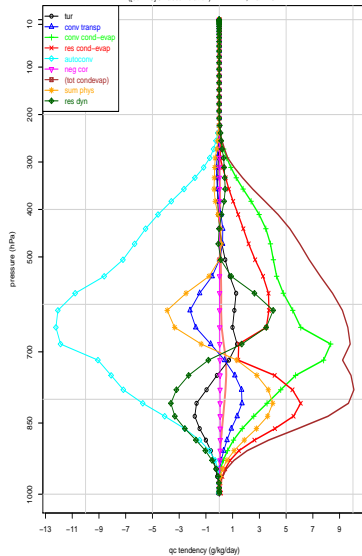
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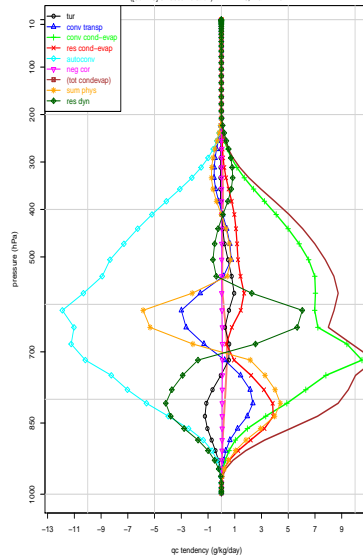
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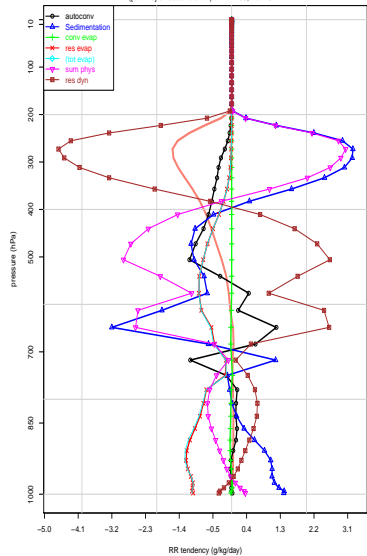
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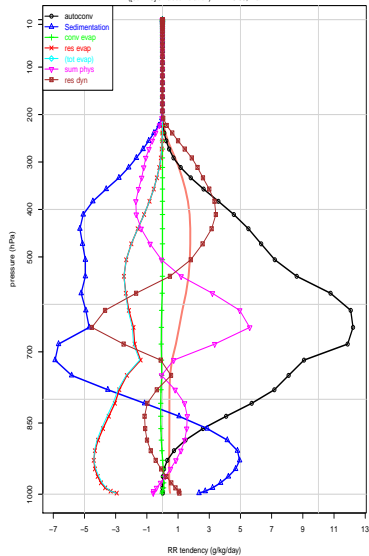
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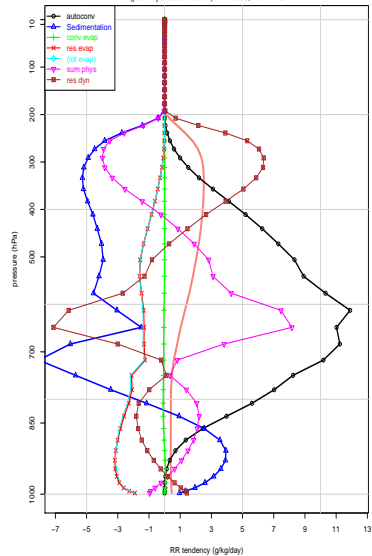
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Work going on...

- getting an effective control of tendencies \Rightarrow scores
- CSD scheme \Rightarrow same process.
- Validation over the seasons...
- ...