

RegCM5 parameterizations

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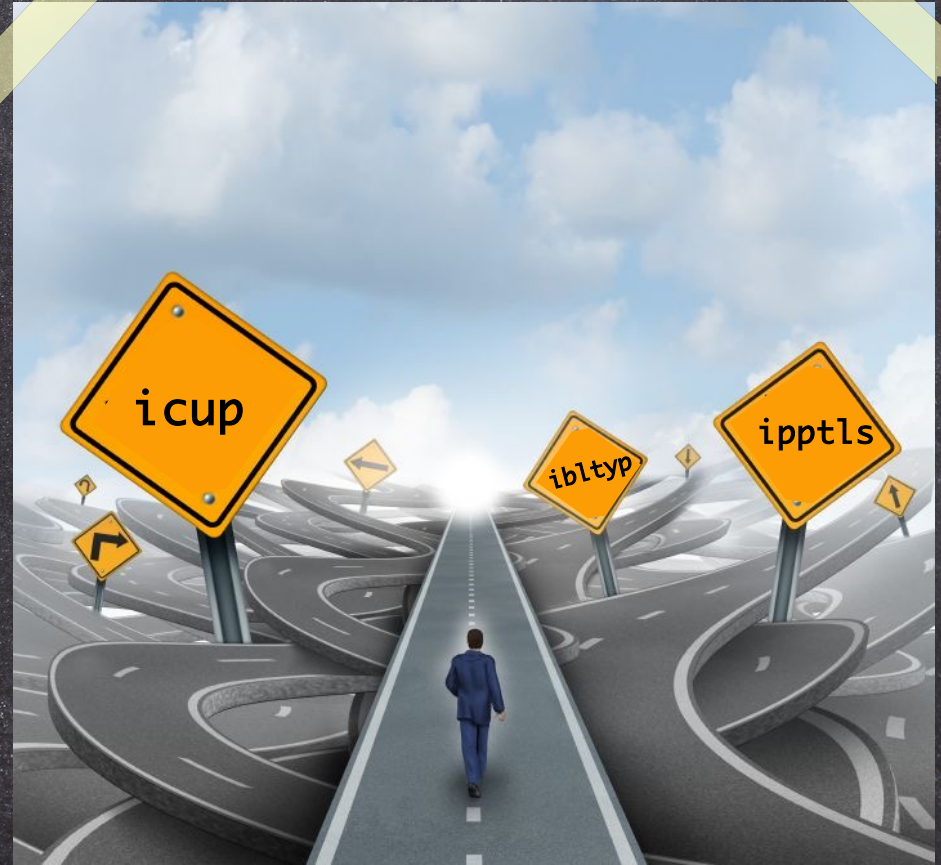

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! This README details namelist parameters for RegCM V5.0
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!
! Choice of the dynamical core
!
&coreparam
idynamic = 1, ! Choice of dynamical core
              ! 1 = MM4 hydrostatical core
              ! 2 = MM5 NON hydrostatical core
              ! 3 = MOLOCH NON hydrostatical core
/
! Domain dimension
!
&dimparam
iy  = 34, ! This is number of points in the N/S direction
jx  = 48, ! This is number of points in the E/W direction
kz  = 18, ! Number of vertical levels
dsmin = 0.01, ! Minimum sigma spacing (only used if kz is not 14, 18, 23, 41)
dsmax = 0.05, ! Maximum sigma spacing (only used if kz is not 14, 18, 23, 41)
nsg  = 1, ! For subgridding, number of points to decompose. If nsg=1,
          ! no subgridding is performed. CLM does NOT work as of now with
          ! subgridding enabled.
njxcpus = -1, ! Number of CPUS to be used in the jx (lon) dimension.
             ! If <=0 , the executable will try to figure out a suitable
             ! decomposition.
niycpus = -1, ! Number of CPUS to be used in the iy (lat) dimension.
             ! If <=0 , the executable will try to figure out a suitable
             ! decomposition.
/
! Domain geolocation
!
&geoparam
iproj = 'LAMCON', ! Domain cartographic projection. Supported values are:
                ! 'LAMCON', Lambert conformal.
                ! 'POLSTR', Polar stereographic.
                ! 'NORMER', Normal Mercator.
                ! 'ROTMER', Rotated Mercator.
                ! 'ROTLLR', Rotated Latitude/Longitude.
ds = 60.0, ! Grid point horizontal resolution in km
          ! If negative, horizontal resolution in degrees
ptop = 5.0, ! Pressure of model top in cbar

1,1 Top
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THE PARAMETERIZATIONS





- LAND SURFACE
- RADIATION
- BOUNDARY LAYER
- MOISTURE
- CONVECTION
- CLOUD FRACTION



- LAND SURFACE: BATS (Dickinson 1993) , CLM4.5 (Collins 2013)
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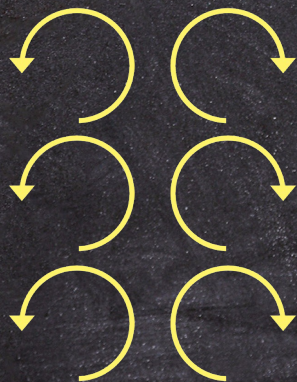


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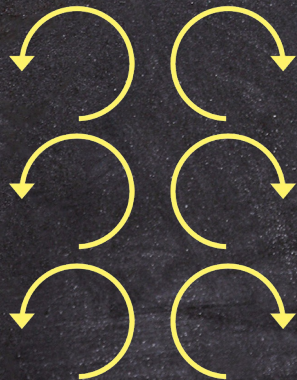
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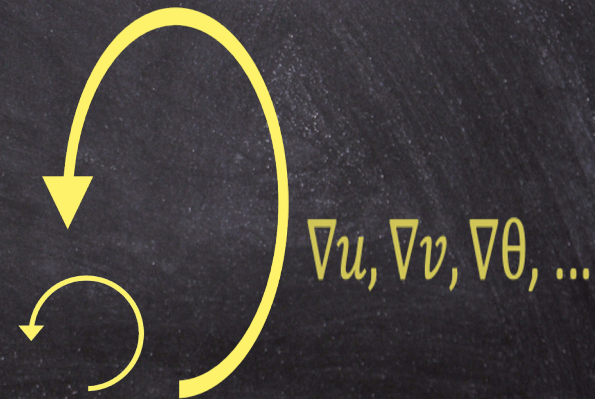
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BOUNDARY LAYER SCHEME

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ibltyp  =      !    0 => Frictionless  
            !    1 => Holtslag PBL (Holtslag, 1990)  
            !    2 => UW PBL (Bretherton and McCaa, 2004)
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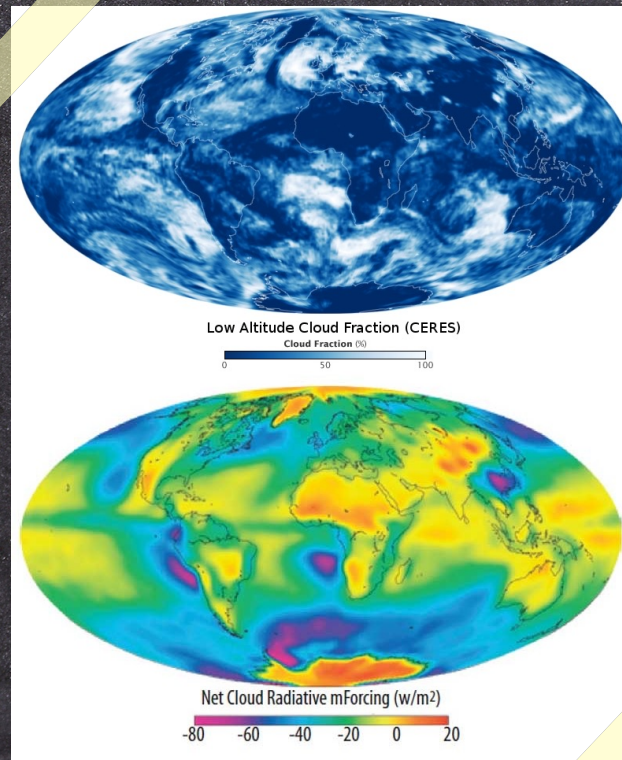
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ONLY CONSIDERS SURFACE-RELATED SOURCES OF TURBULENCE

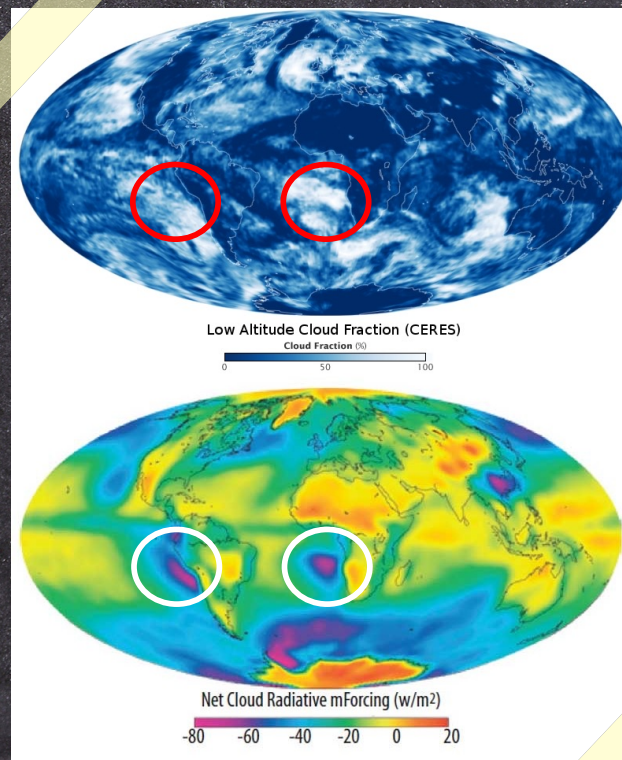
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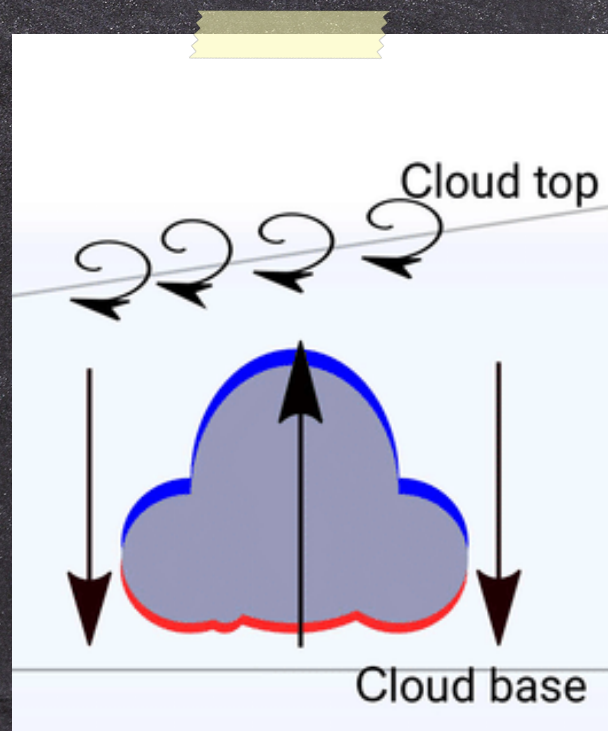
According to Bony and Dufresne (2005) they are the main responsible for the model differences in representing the cloud feedbacks.

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At each model timestep, the UW model does the following:

1. determines the boundary layer height, h
2. calculates the **surface TKE**
3. predicts the change in TKE due to PBL processes
4. determines the **diffusivities at each height**
5. predicts the change in each prognostic quantity due to vertical convergence of turbulent fluxes.

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accounts for the production of turbulence by cloud-top radiative cooling, which leads to the formation of stratocumulus clouds.

MOISTURE SCHEME

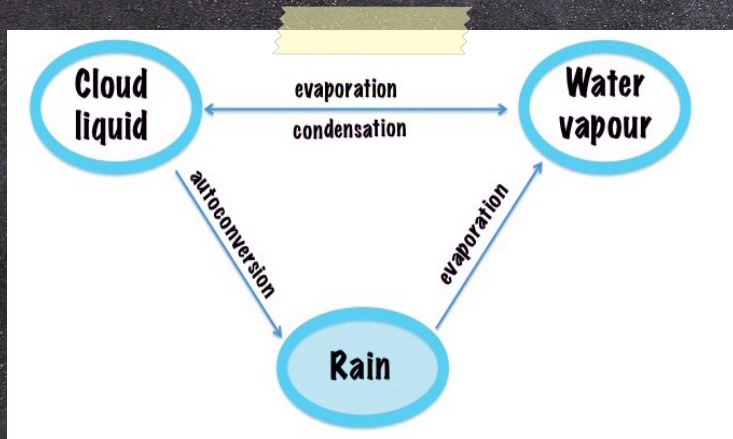
ipptls =

- ! 1 => Explicit moisture (SUBEX; Pal et al 2000)
- ! 2 => Explicit moisture Nogherotto/Tompkins
- ! 3 => Explicit moisture WSM5
- ! 4 => Explicit moisture WSM7
- ! 5 => Explicit moisture WDM7

NEW!

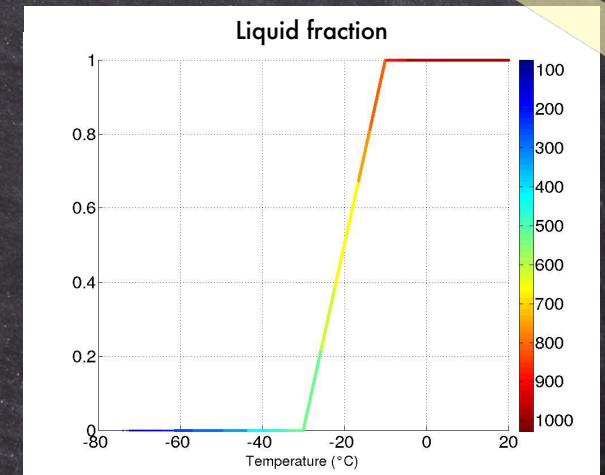
TO BE TESTED!

ipptls = 1 SUBEX SCHEME Pal et al (2000)



- * 1 prognostic variable for cloud water
- * divided into ice and liquid according to temperature
- * 1 diagnostic variable for rain which falls out instantaneously

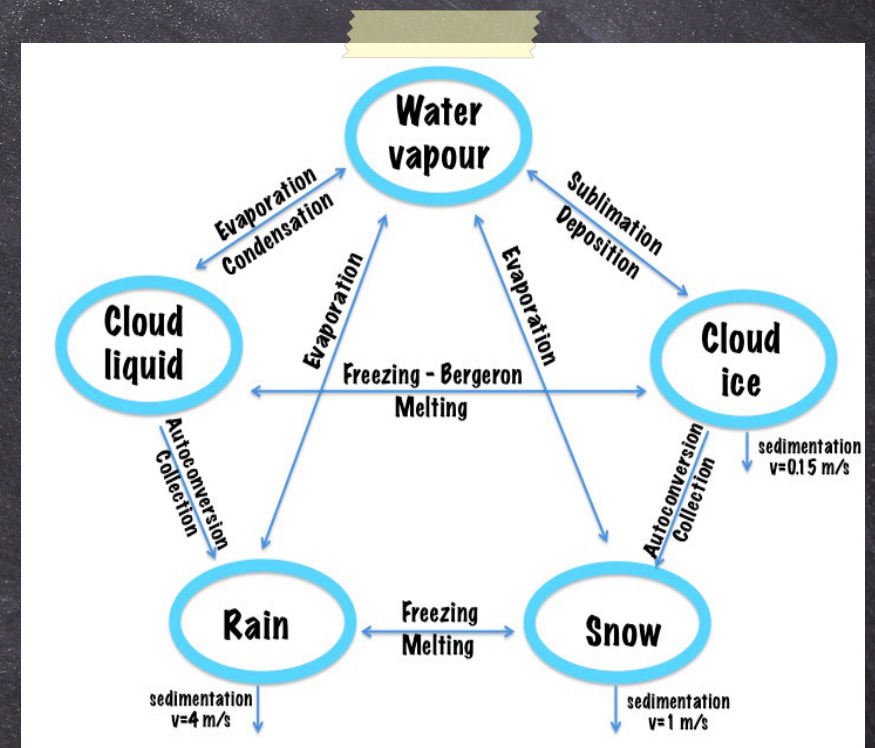
$$f_l = \frac{q_l}{q_l + q_i}$$



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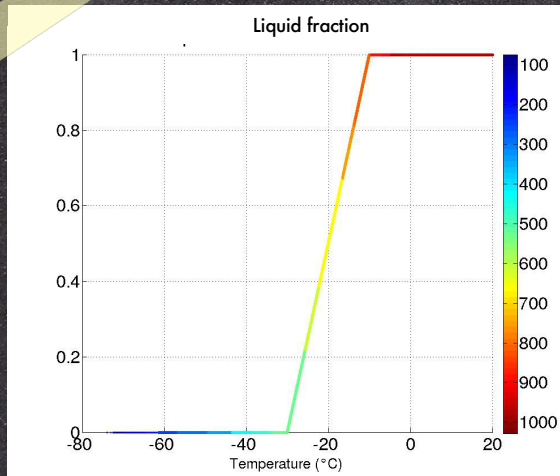
Nogherotto et al (2016)

- * Numerics of the Integrated Forecast System (IFS's ECMWF scheme)
- * 5 prognostic variables;
- * Implicit numerics that allows longer time-steps;
- * Flexibility: chance of inserting easily new variables;
- * Conservation of water and energy ensured at the end of each timestep;

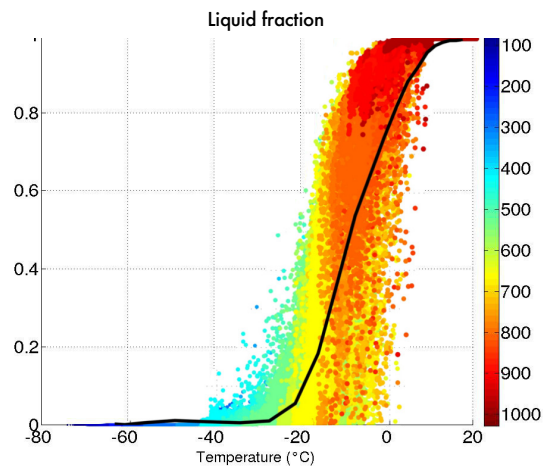


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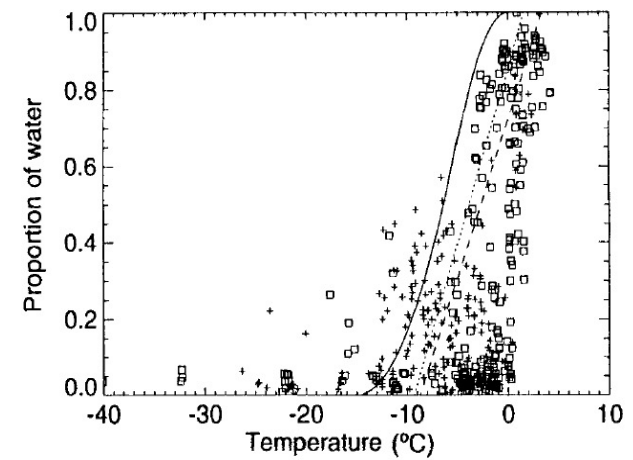
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NOTO SCHEME



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Nogherotto et al (2015)

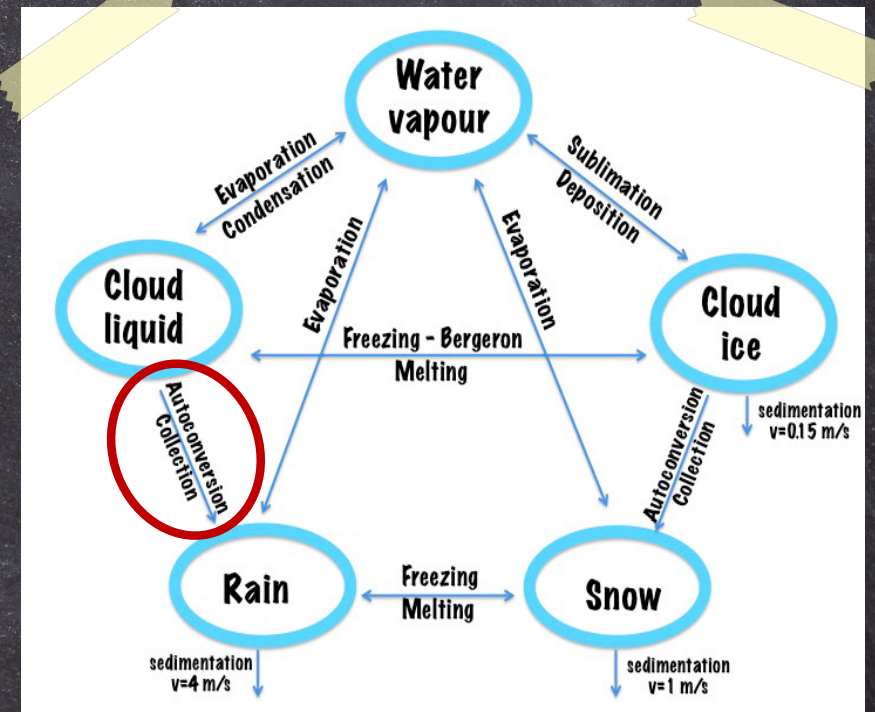
Rotstayn (1997)

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4 different Autoconversion schemes
(RAIN formation):

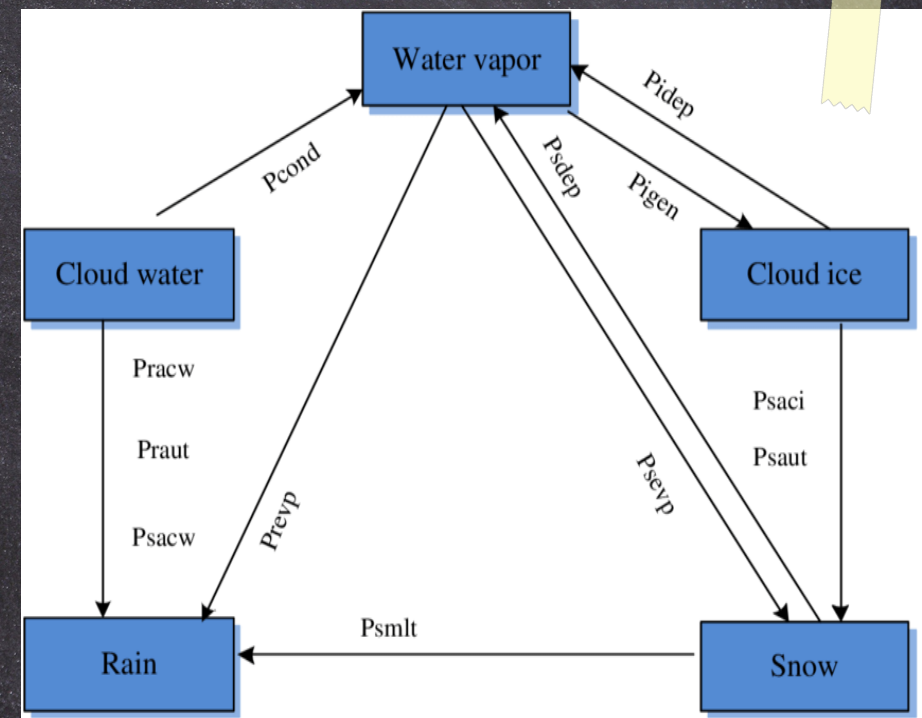
1. Kessler (1969)
2. Sundqvist (1978)
3. Plncus and Klein (2000)
4. Khairoutdinov and Kogan (2000)

Ice autoconversion uses an exponential approach



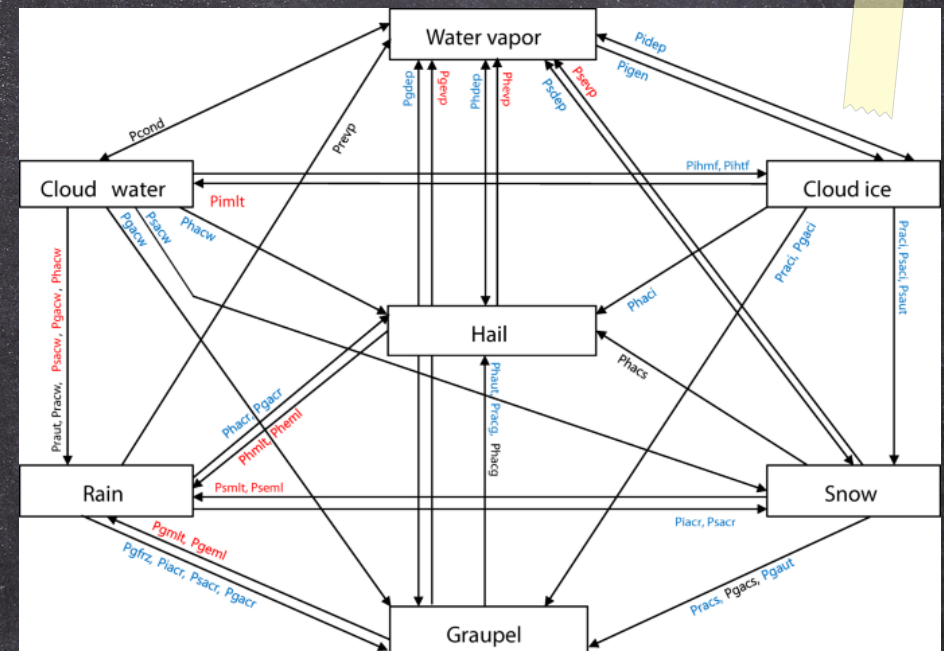
ipptls = 3 WSM5 SCHEME Hong et al (2004)

- * Single moment 5-class microphysics scheme of the WRF model.
- * Separately treats ice and water saturation
- * distribution of particle size
- * definition of the number of ice crystals based on ice mass content rather than temperature.
- * Kessler autoconversion scheme for both rain and ice
- * NO DEPENDENCE ON CLOUD FRACTION for condensation processes



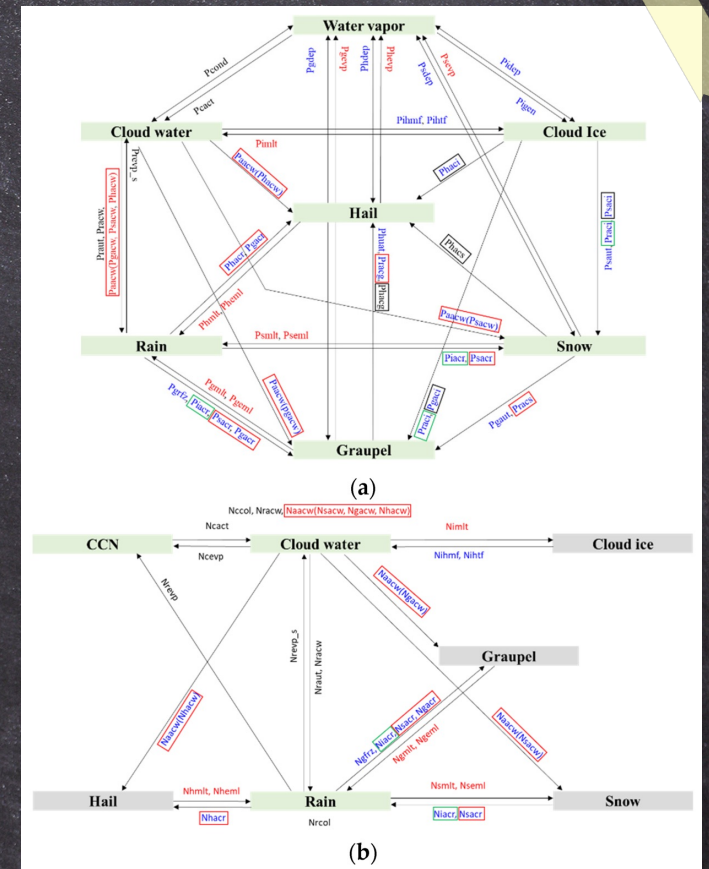
ipptls = 4 WSM7 SCHEME Hong et al (2004)

- * Single moment 7-class microphysics scheme of the WRF model.
- * Seven hydrometeor species included
- * Mixed-phase processes: It includes processes for the interaction between ice and liquid phases
- * Graupel included -> suitable for simulating intensive convective storms
- * Operational balance



ipptls = 5 WDM7 SCHEME Hong et al (2004)

- ✧ **Double** moment 7-class microphysics scheme of the WRF model.
- ✧ Allows for improved simulation of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) and their impact on cloud droplet formation and precipitation processes.
- ✧ Better aerosol-cloud interactions
- ✧ Enhanced warm-rain formation through improved autoconversion and accretion processes
- ✧ Improved realism with moderate costs



CONVECTION SCHEME

Moist convection alters the environment in two different ways:

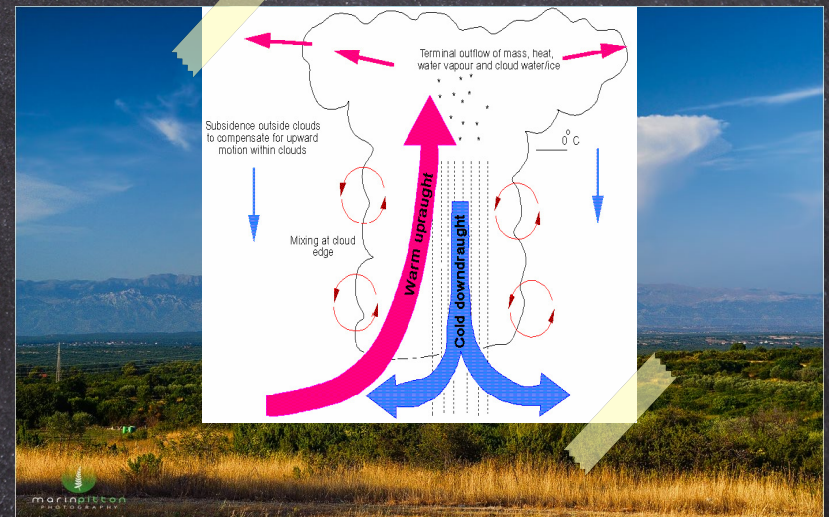
- ✧ Deep convection associated with strong updrafts and precipitation. Acts to warm and dry the environment (precipitation removes water vapor from the atmosphere)
- ✧ Shallow convection produces no net warming but is important for the radiative budget.



CONVECTION SCHEME

A convection scheme :

- * predicts convective precipitation
- * changes vertical stability
- * generates and redistributes heat
- * removes and redistributes moisture
- * makes clouds

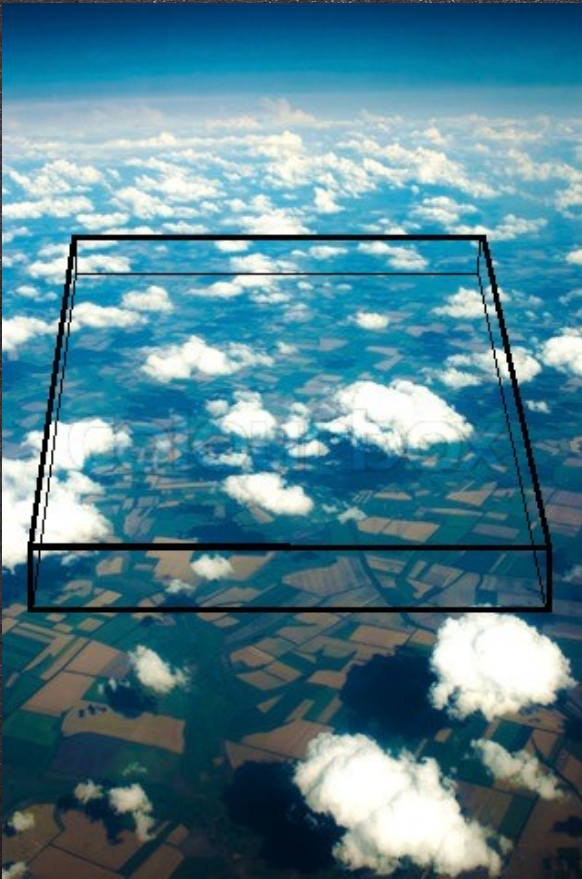


CONVECTION SCHEME

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icup:  !   1 => Kuo
      !   2 => Grell
      !   4 => Emanuel (1991)
      !   5 => Tiedtke (1996)
      !   6 => Kain-Fritsch (1990), Kain (2004)
      !  -1 => MM5 Shallow cumulus scheme:
      !           No precipitation but only mixing.
      !   0 => Activate CP mode!
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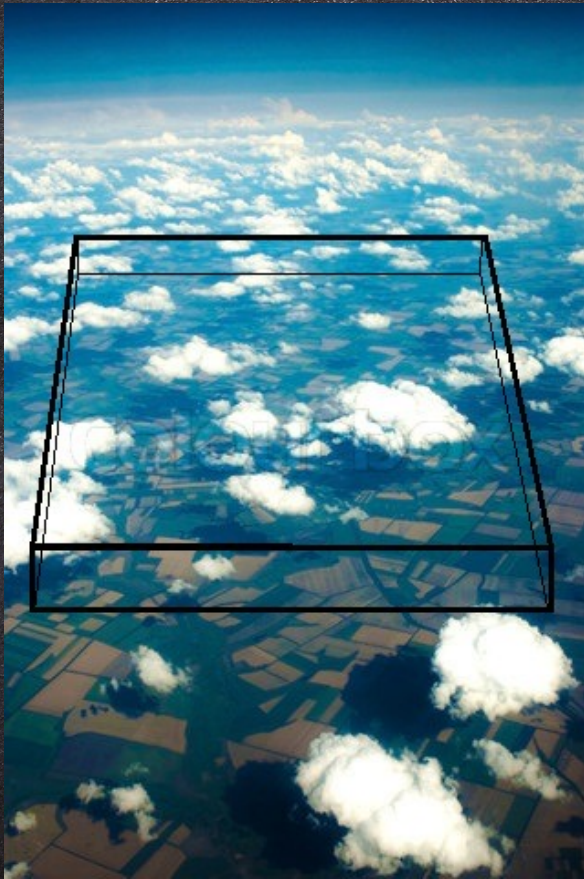

| | Kuo <small>*not with Moloch</small> | Grell | Emanuel | Tiedtke | KF |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Trigger condition | Column moisture convergence exceeds a threshold value | Lifted parcel attains moist convection | The level of buoyancy is higher than the cloud base level | Lifted parcel reaches a lifting condensation level, and penetrative convection/shallow convection is activated; otherwise, midlevel convection incurs. | Controlled by large scale velocity in the vertical direction: the parcel is assigned to a temperature perturbation linked to the magnitude of grid-resolved vertical motion. |
| Assumption | Large-scale moisture convergence | Fritsch–Chappell (FC) closure: available buoyant energy is released within a timescale over a given time scale | Quasi-equilibrium of updraft | Penetrative convection and midlevel convection determined by large-scale moisture convergence; shallow convection determined by supply of moisture from surface evaporation | Convection is considered only above the PBL |
| Precipitation scheme | One updraft | One updraft + one downdraft | One updraft + one downdraft | Three updrafts + one downdraft (Updraft 1. Penetrative convection, 2. Shallow convection 3. Midlevel convection) | Convective updraft Convective downdraft Compensating subsidence |
| References | Anthes (1977) | Grell (1993) | Emanuel (1991) | Tiedtke (1989) | Kain and Fritsch (1993) |

CLOUD FRACTION SCHEME



```
icldfrac =      !      0 : Original SUBEX  
                !      1 : Xu-Randall empirical
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icldfrac=0 SUBEX SCHEME



The cloud fraction is calculated diagnostically from the **relative humidity** following Sundqvist et al. (1989):

$$C = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{RH_{max} - RH}{RH_{max} - RH_{min}}}$$

$C=1$

clouds begins to form!

icldfrac=1 XU-RANDALL SCHEME (Xu and Randall 1996)

The cloud fraction is calculated diagnostically from the **cloud water and cloud ice** AND from the **relative humidity**



$$C = \begin{cases} RH^p [1 - \exp(-\frac{\alpha_0 \bar{q}_l}{[(1-RH)q_s]} \gamma)] & \text{if } RH < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } RH \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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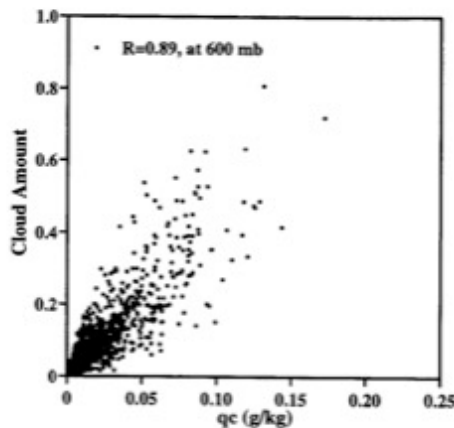
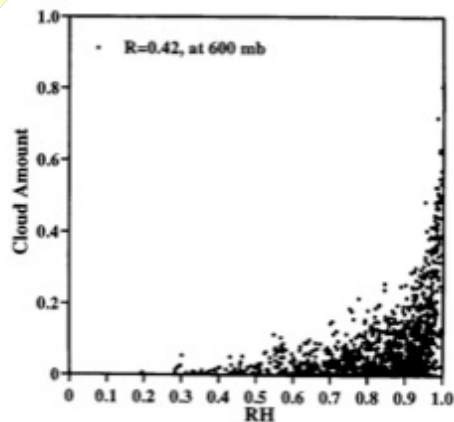


FIG. 6. Plots of cloud amount against relative humidity (top panel) and average cloud-water mixing ratio (bottom panel), as predicted by the CEM when driven by GATE data.

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Have fun!