

Impact of **different microphysics** on the **warm conveyor belt** of a deep **extratropical cyclone** observed during the **NAWDEX** campaign and on its associated **ridge building**



Stalactite cyclone (01 - 05/10/16)

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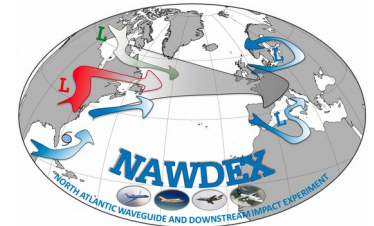
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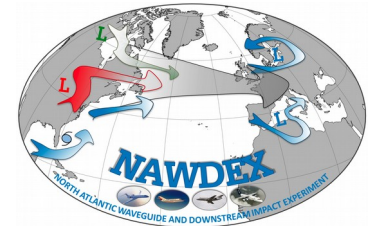
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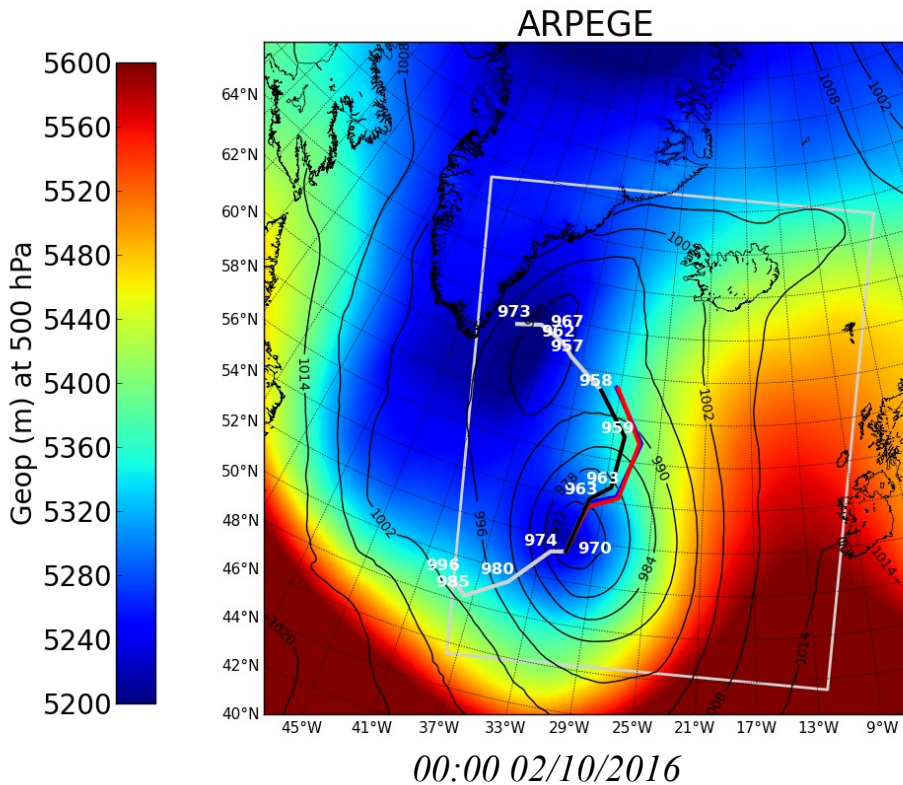
How to evaluate the schemes?

- Remote sensing airborne observations

We can not measure the latent heating release but we can use the reflectivity and retrieve the Ice Water Content  → It is uncorrelated metrics

Case study from the Nawdex campaign

➤ 01/10/2016 – 05/10/2016 → Initiation, development and decay of the ‘Stalactite’ cyclone



Strong WCB amplifying the ridge building



Formation of a **Scandinavian blocking** that last until the end of the field campaign (several weeks)



Focus on the development on 02/10/2016

Grey track from 00:00 01/10/2016 to 00:00 04/10/2016

↳ 26 hPa decline in 24h

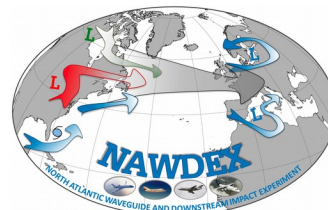
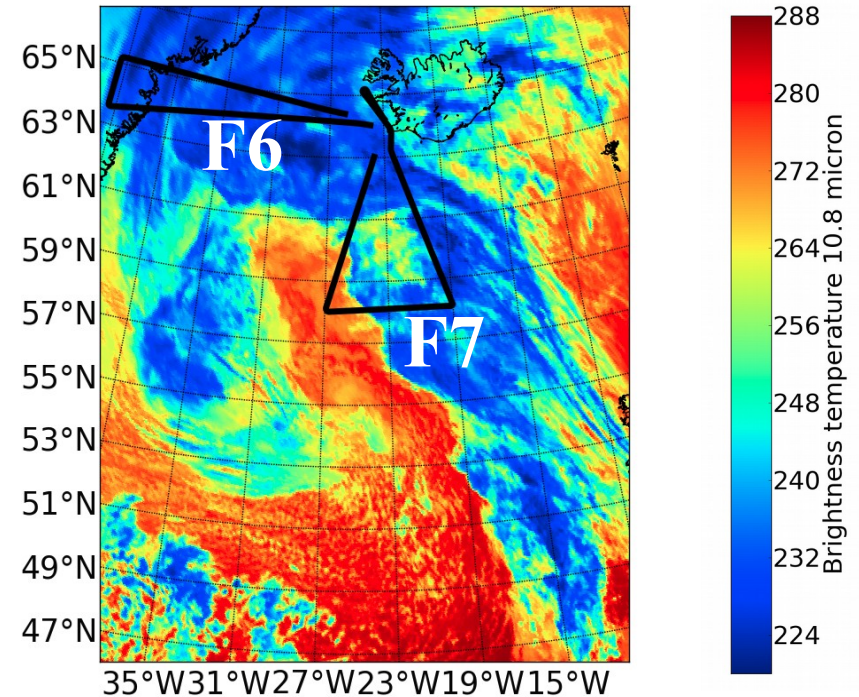
Numerical experiments and comparison with observations of the 'Stalactite' cyclone

- ◆ **Flights of French Safire Falcon on 02/10/2016:**
 - F6 Cyclonic WCB outflow region [09:30 - 11:30]
 - F7 WCB ascending branch [13:00 - 16:00]

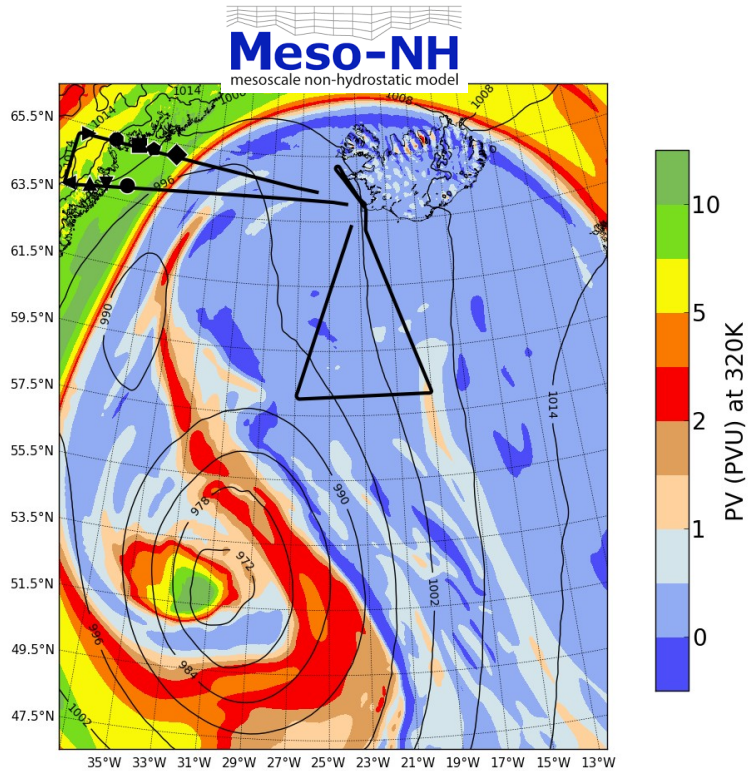
- RASTA embedded :
Reflectivity, Ice Water Content (retrieved from variational algo; Delanoë and Hogan, 2008), Wind
- F6 : Dropsondes (P,T,U,RH)

MSG satellite

12:00 on 02/10/2016



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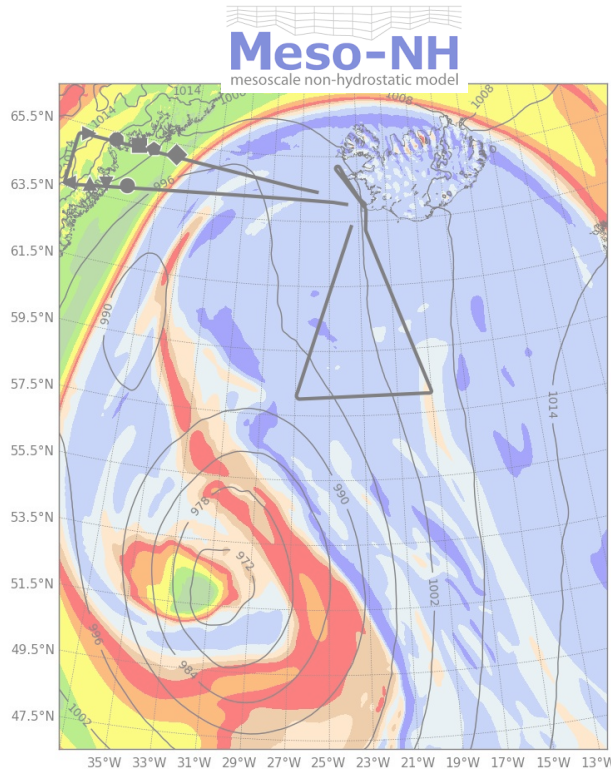
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ICE3 (Used in french NWP)

- ◆ Hydrometeor mixing ratio pronostic (one-moment scheme)
- ◆ **Cold phase (and mixed): deposition of all vapor in excess**
→ Linear function of temperature (Tao et al., 1989)
- ◆ **Subgrid condensation scheme**
(allow to consider condensate in a mesh with $RH < 100\%$)

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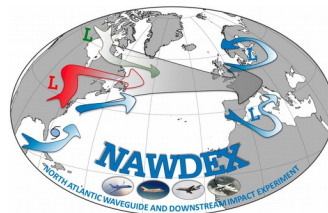
LIMA

- ◆ Hydrometeor mixing ratio and concentration pronostics (two-moment scheme)
- ◆ **Cold phase (and mixed) : explicit transfert mass**
- ◆ **All or nothing cloud in a mesh**

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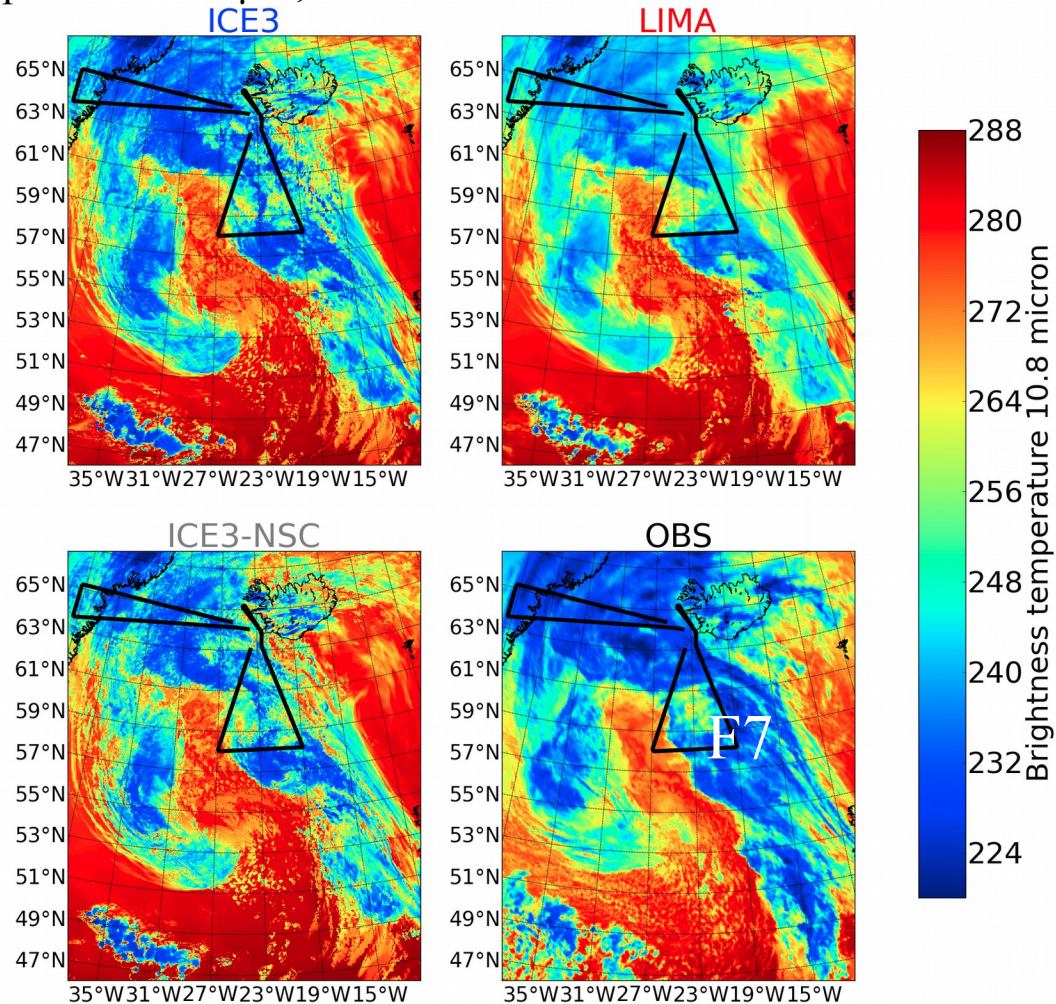
Which simulation is closest to observations ?

- Satellite (Meteosat Second Generation)
- Radar+Lidar platform embedded into the Falcon 20



Is the cloud structure well represented ?

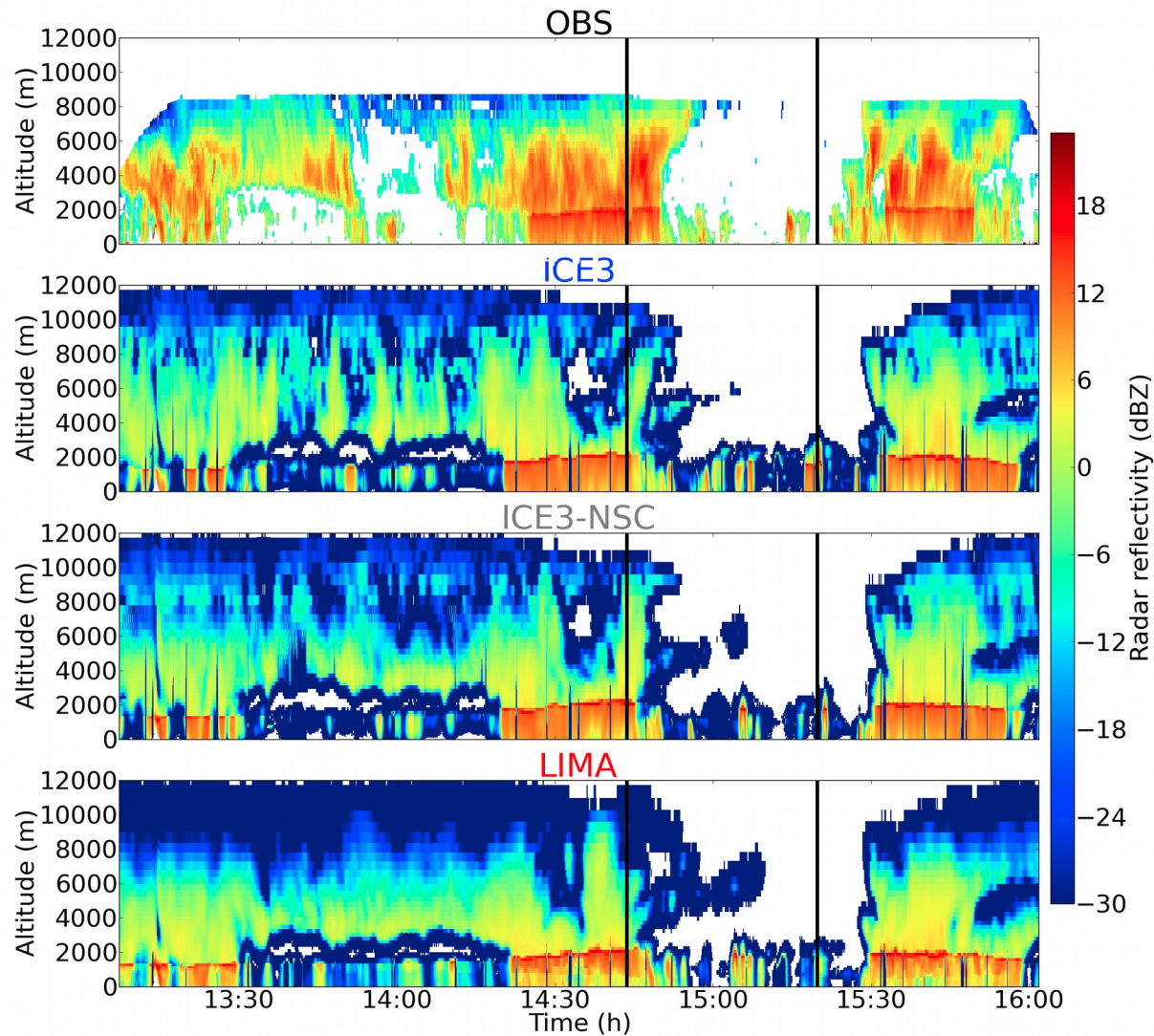
➤ Meteosat, brightness temperature 10.8 μm , 12:00 02/10/2016



- ◆ Cloud top warmer (\rightarrow lower) in the model runs
- ◆ Far more pronounced with LIMA
- ◆ Good location of the WCB

How is the cloud structure on the vertical ?

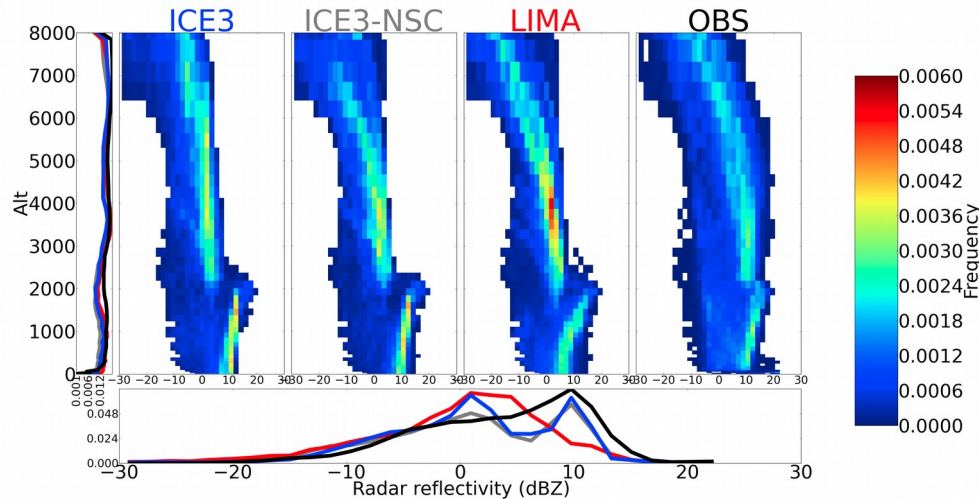
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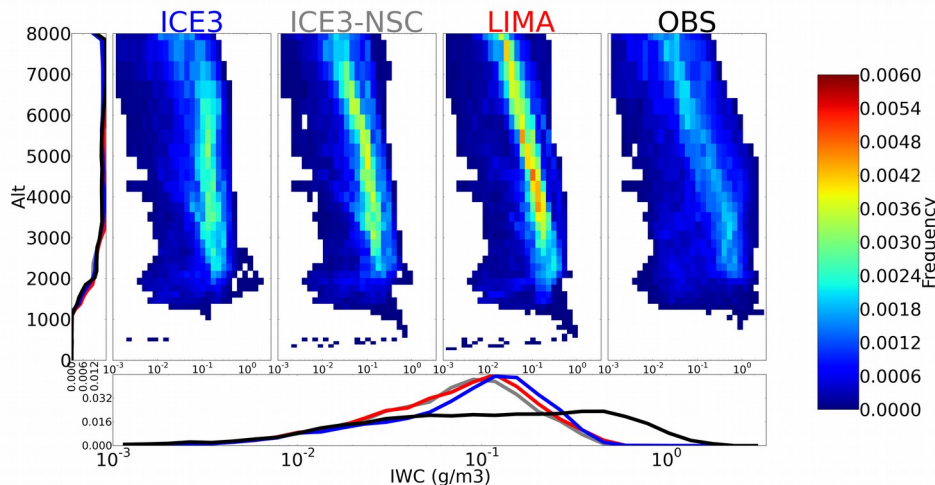
➔ ◆ Underestimation of radar reflectivity but quite a good location of radar structure

How are distributed the hydrometeors ?

➤ Model to radar approach: CFAD of radar reflectivity ($\sim D^6$) during F7



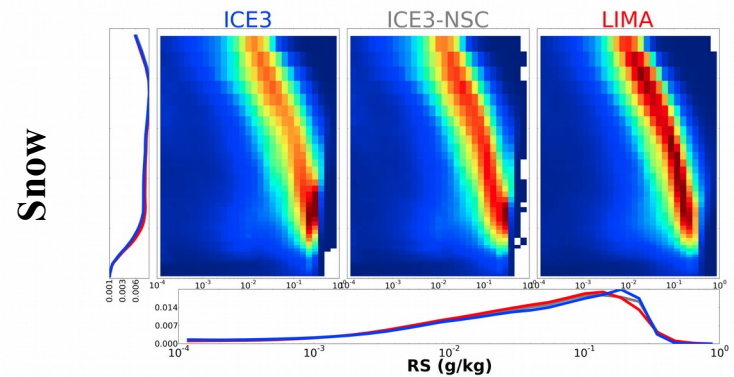
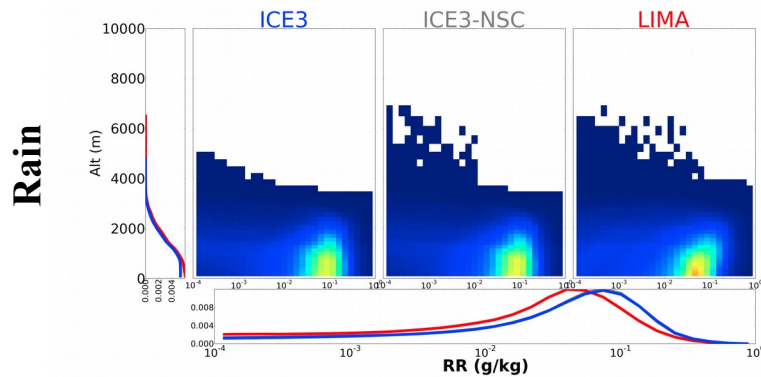
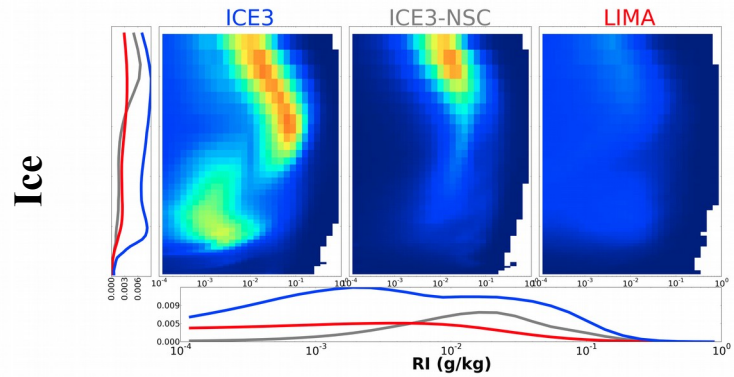
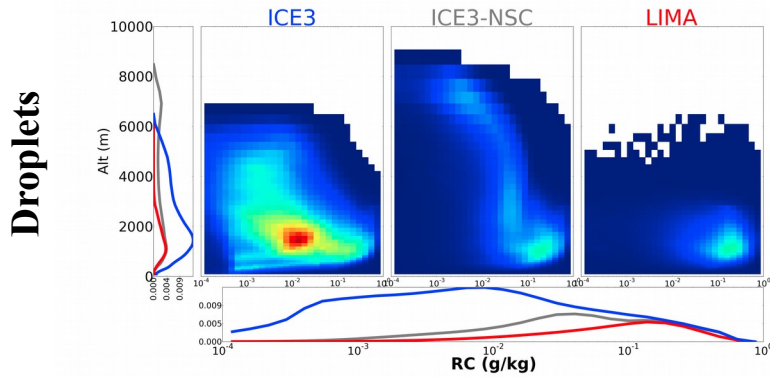
➤ Radar to model approach: CFAD of Ice Water Content ($r_{ice} + r_{snow} + r_{graupel}$) during F7



- ◆ Large underestimation of reflectivity and IWC
- ◆ Lack of vapor deposition (→ lowest latent heating release) ? Fallspeed of hydrometeors too fast ?
- ◆ ICE3 higher reflectivity and IWC values → closer to OBS in terms of intensity
- ◆ LIMA better reflectivity and IWC shape → closer to OBS in terms of hydrometeor distribution

Can we explain the bivariate PDF by the hydrometeor distribution ?

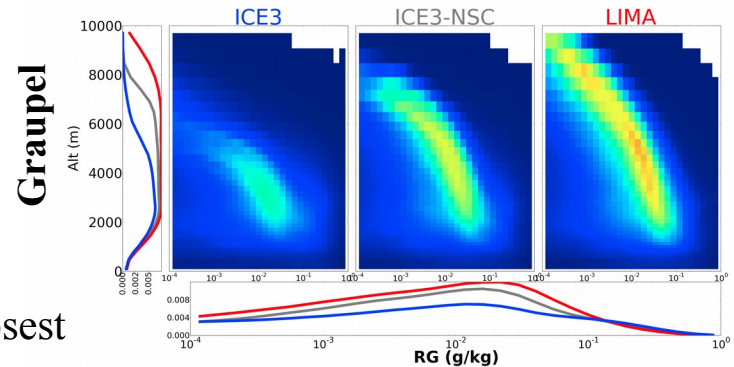
➤ Hydrometeor mixing ratio PDF at different time steps on the whole domain



◆ LIMA: IWC and reflectivity profiles are close to the snow and graupel ones

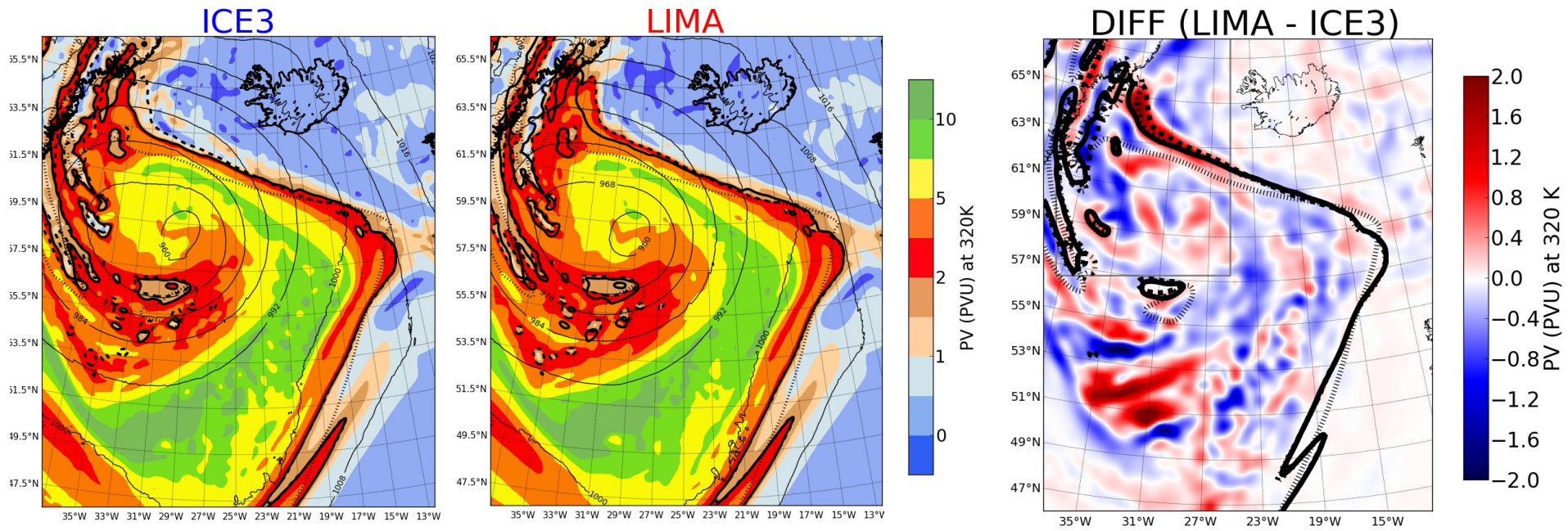
◆ ICE3: higher reflectivity and IWC values → more ice at higher altitude

➤ Consequently, it is hard to say which is the closest to the observations between ICE3 and LIMA (shape vs intensity)



Impact on the ridge building

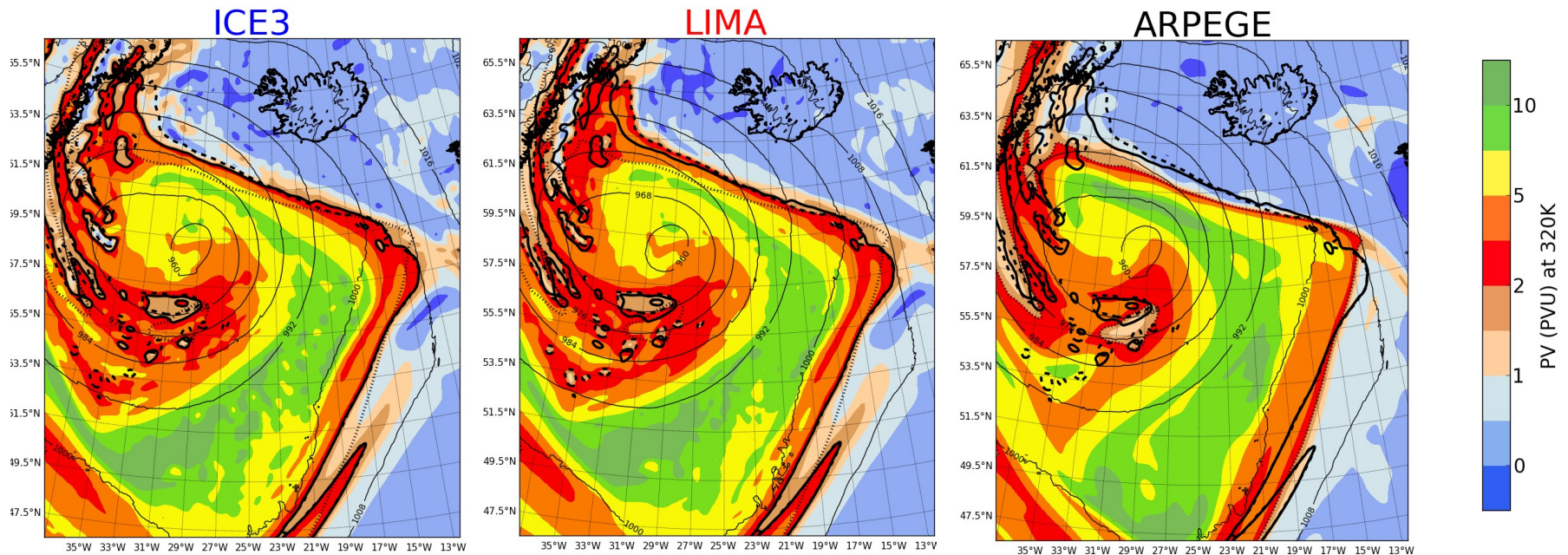
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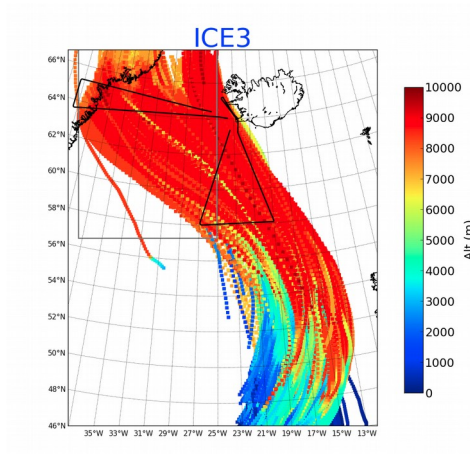
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But, ridge is more developed in the ARPEGE global model reanalysis

Is the latent heat release too weak in the Méso-NH model ?

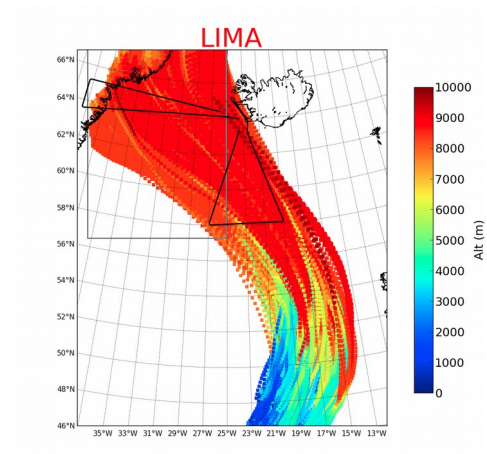
→ We had weaker reflectivity and IWC in the Méso-NH model compared to the observations

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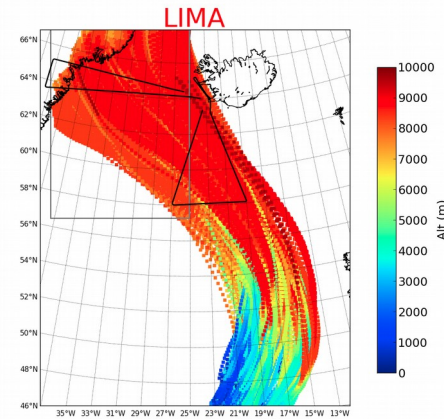
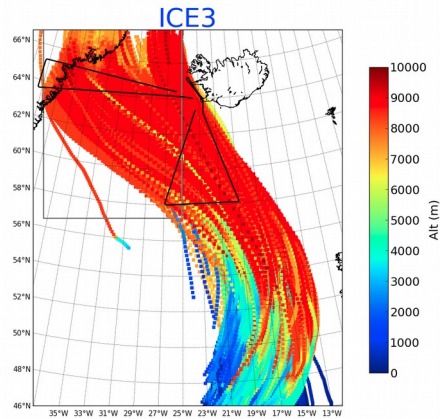
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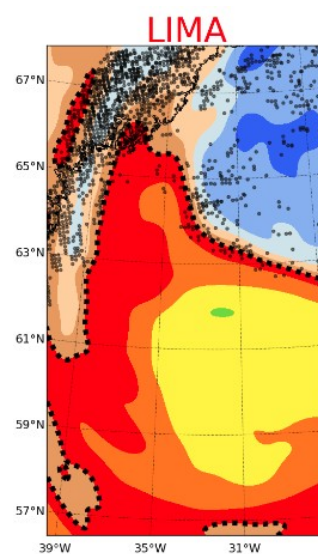
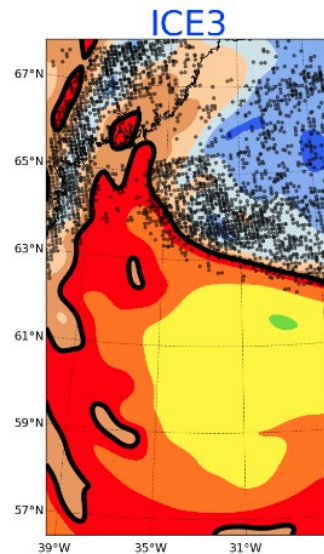
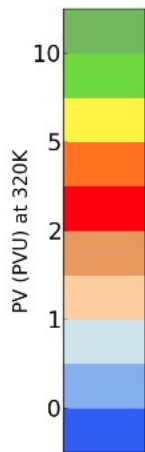


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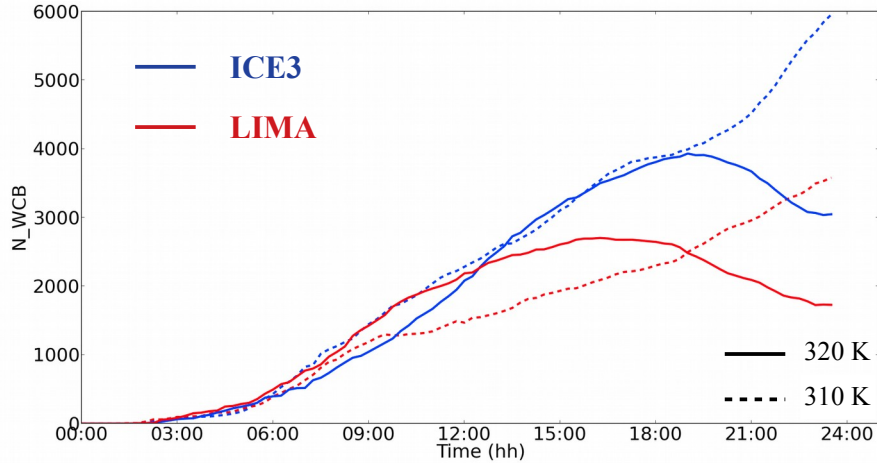
simulations



➡ Different strength of WCB leading to different PV structure at the tropopause level

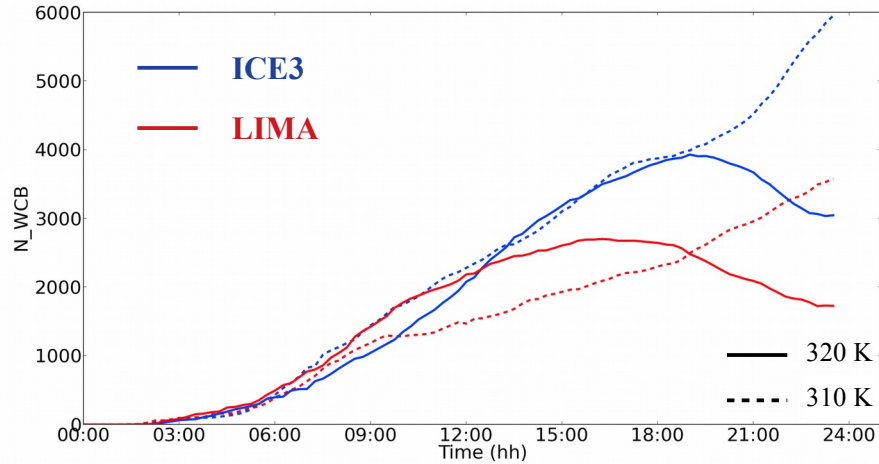
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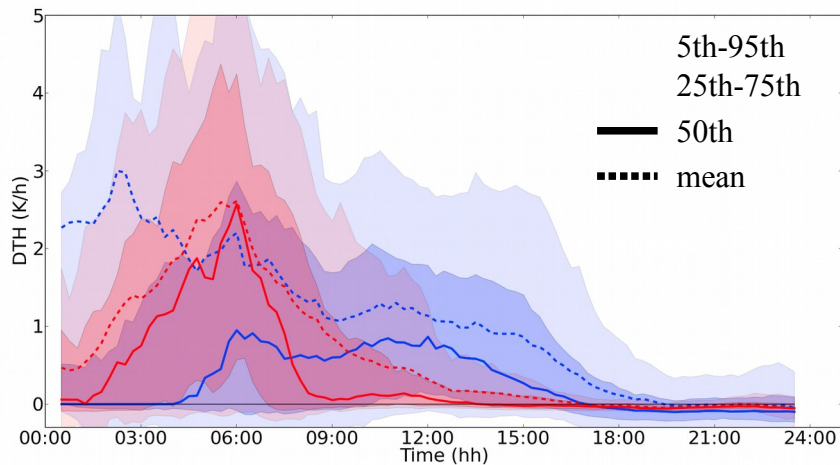


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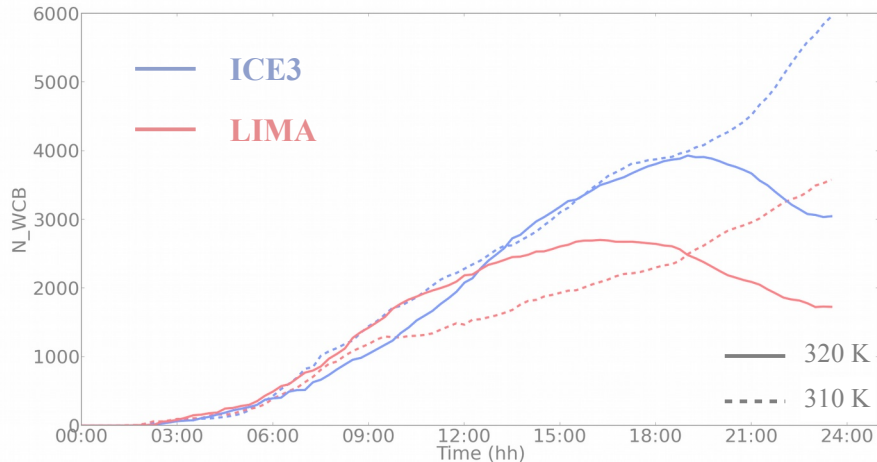


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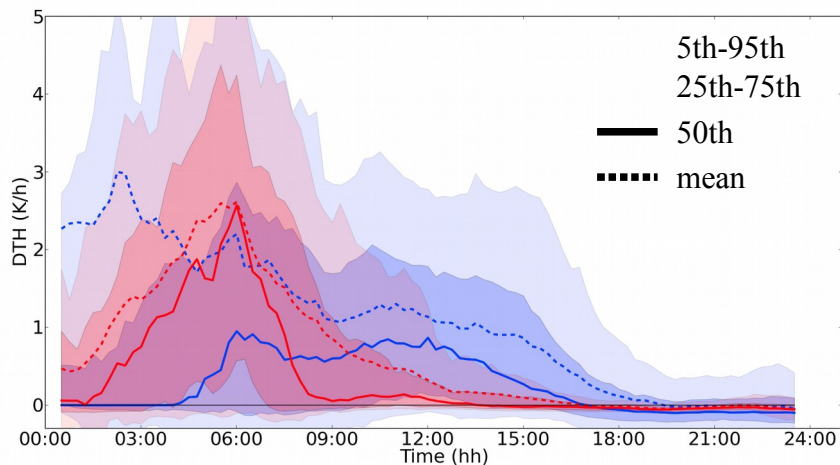


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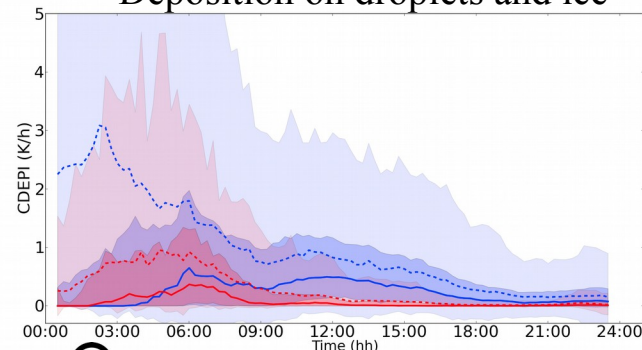


Increase in WCB strength corresponds to a ‘second’ peak of ice production in ICE3 that

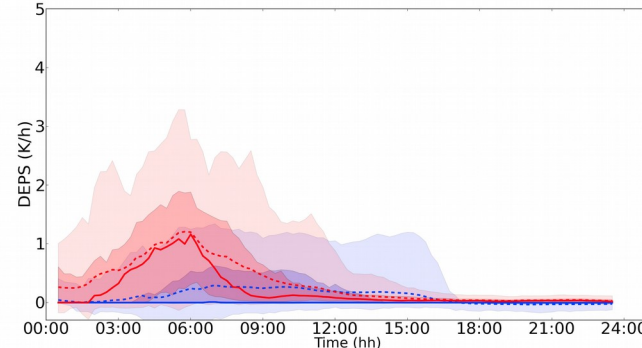
➔ LIMA does not have

Is that because ICE3 deposits more vapor in cold and mixed phases than LIMA ?

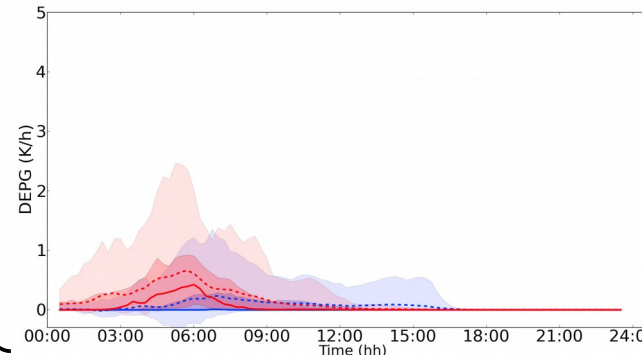
Deposition on droplets and ice



⊕ Deposition on snow



⊕ Deposition on graupel

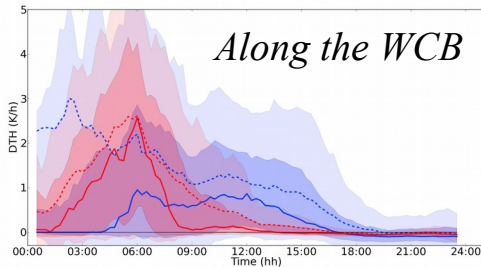


Conclusion

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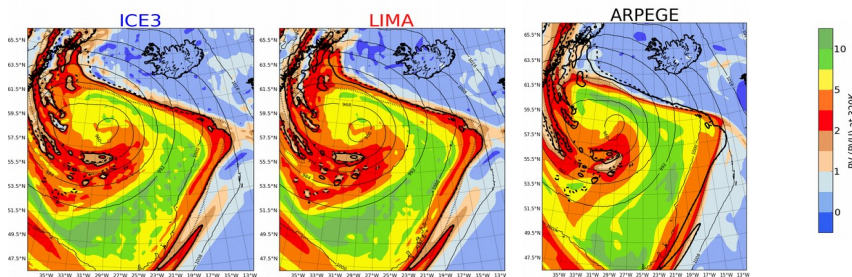
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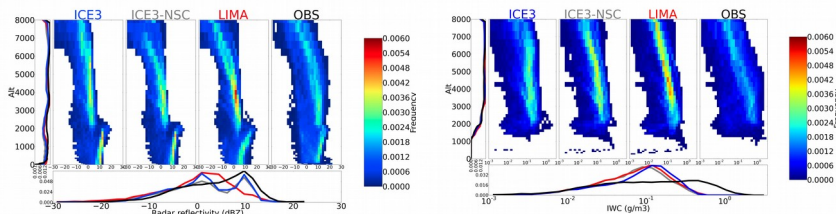
- ◆ ICE3 deposits more on ice
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- ◆ Due to a second peak of ice production ICE3 gets a more powerful WCB

-How is the **ridge building** impacted ?



- ◆ As ICE3 gets a more powerful WCB, the ridge is more pronounced than in LIMA with a 2° NE shift of the tropopause.

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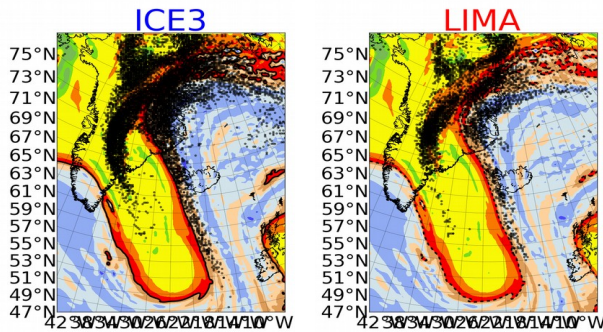


- ◆ Hard to conclude, LIMA gets a better hydrometeor distribution and ICE3 is closer in intensity to the observation.

- ◆ However, ICE3 is closer to the ARPEGE reanalysis in term of dynamic

Perspectives

➤ Do we have the same conclusions on a more moderate extratropical cyclone ?



◆ On the Thor ridge :
A priori → yes

➤ What if we play with the microphysics and turbulence schemes ?

Poster session :

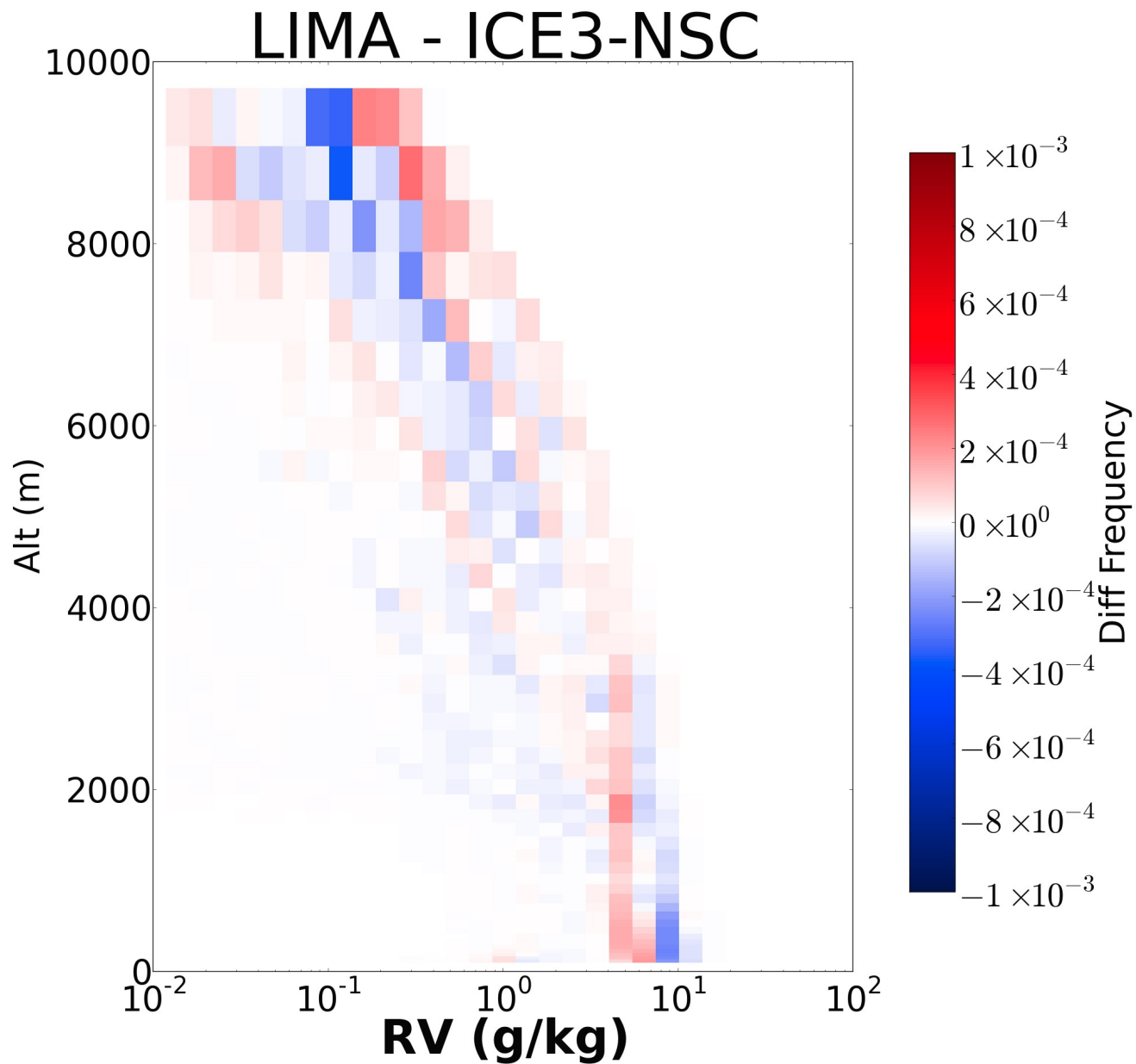
Sensitivity of the warm conveyor belt of a deep cyclone to microphysics and turbulence schemes of the mesoscale model

A satellite image of the North Atlantic Ocean. The Gulf Stream is visible as a prominent, light-colored, swirling feature extending from the west coast of North America towards Europe. The surrounding ocean is dark blue, and the landmasses of North America, Europe, and Africa are visible in shades of green and brown. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom center of the image, containing green text.

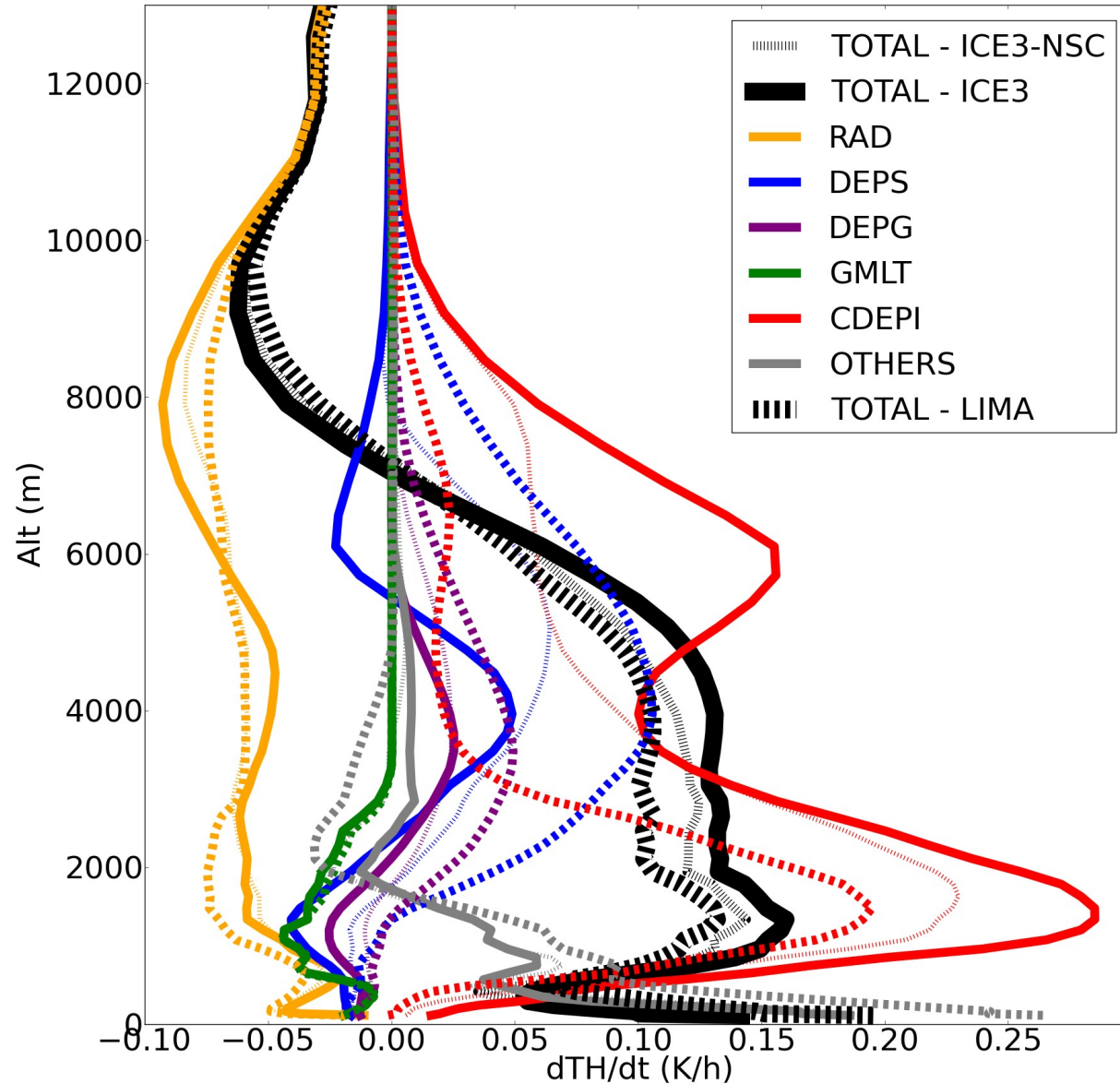
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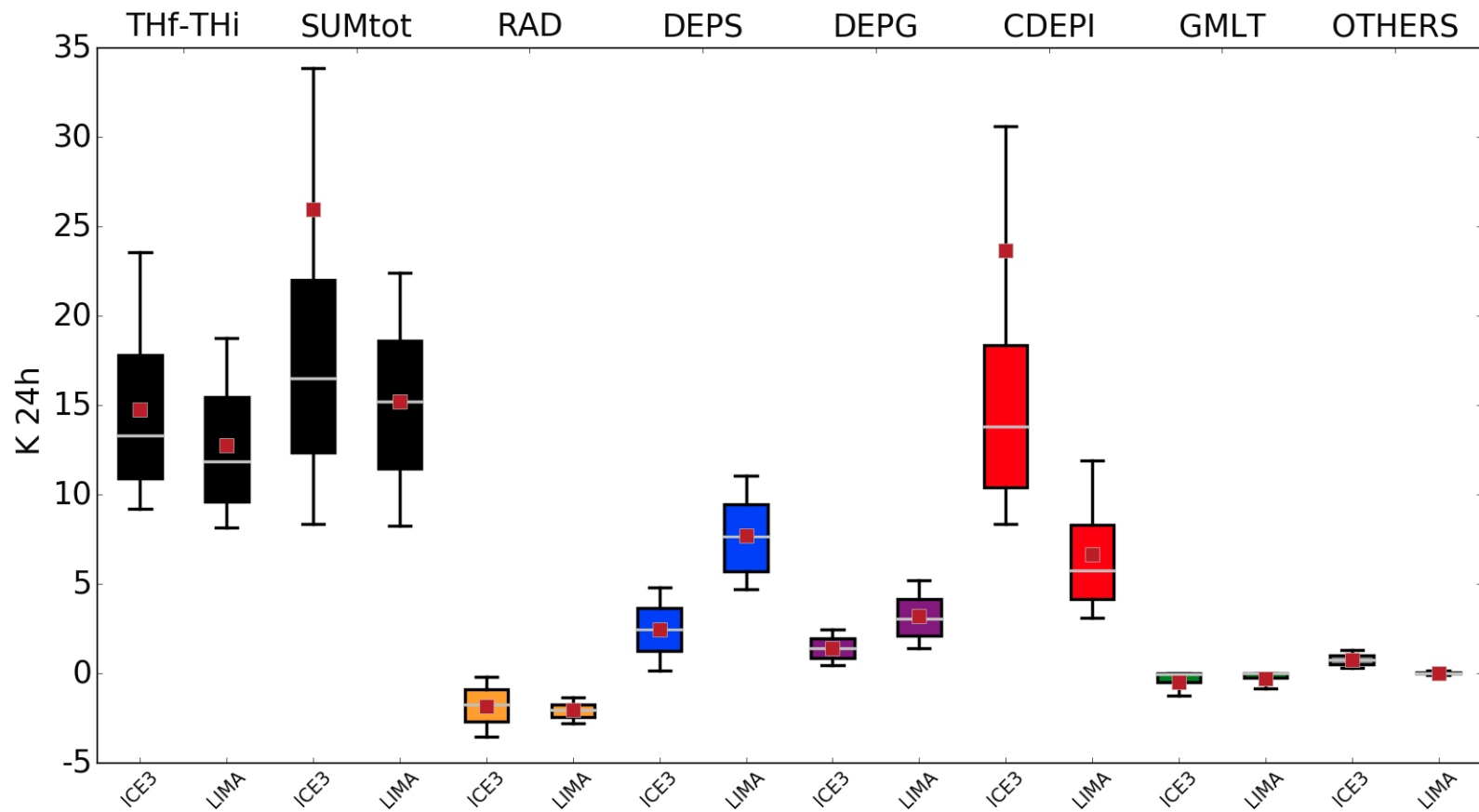
Difference of vapor mixing ratio distribution



Vertical evolution of TH budget (mean on the whole domain at different time steps)



Along the WCB



Dropsondes from F6

