



Partitioning of Water and Ice during 2 Nov 2016 of NAWDEX

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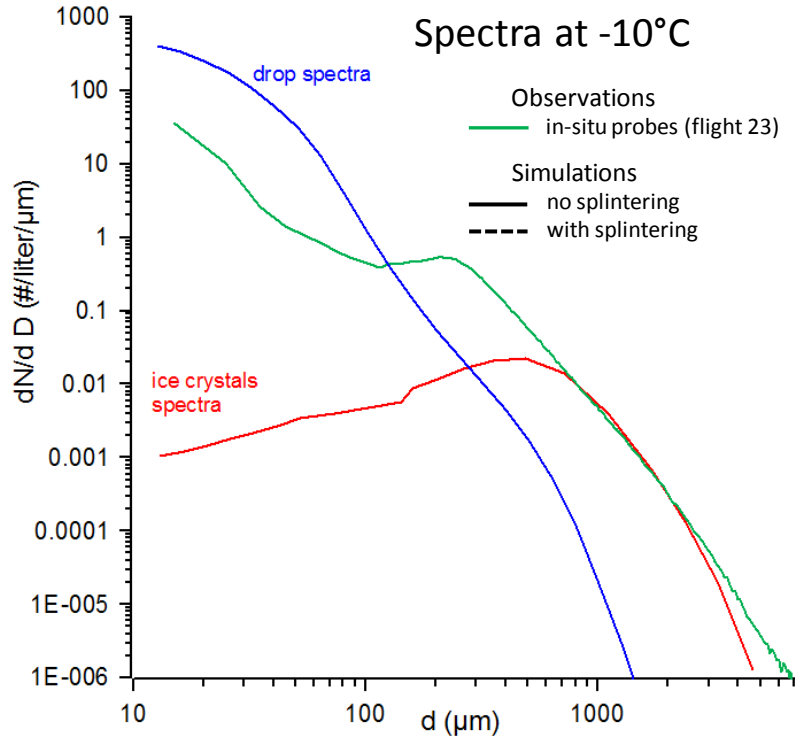
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Objective: understanding of the formation and the presence of the ICE phase
in the temperature range from **0 °C to -25 °C**

Reasons for Ice Nucleation:

1. heterogeneous nucleation
of existing drops and/or aerosol particles
→ leads to an extreme underestimation of ice crystals
2. secondary ice multiplication
→ only Hallet- Mossop splintering is well confirmed
from lab measurements (-3 to -8 °C)
other processes are suspected !

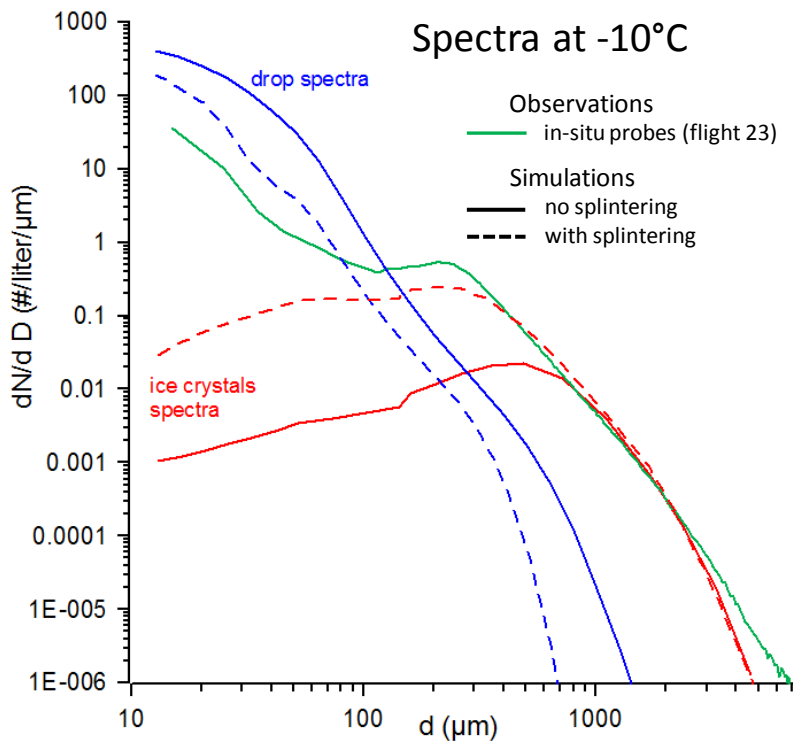
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► adding splintering:

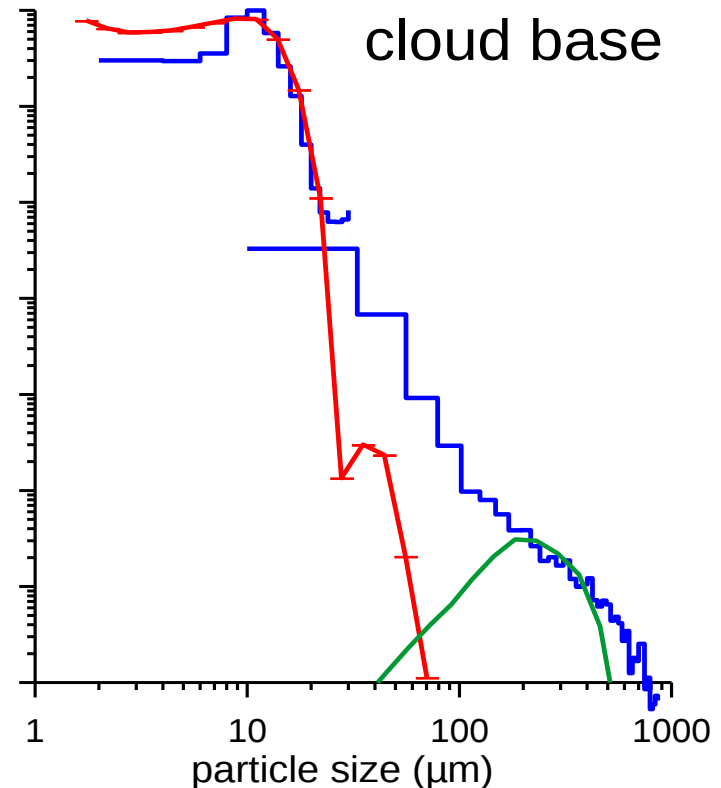
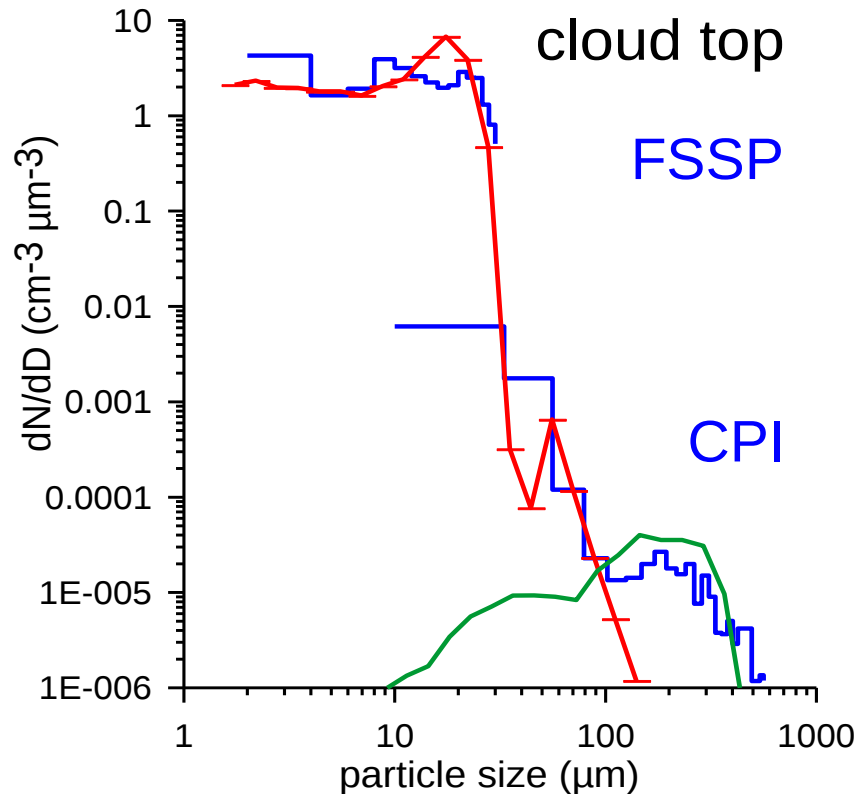
with splintering, the number concentration of ice crystals becomes comparable to the in-situ measurements down to diameters of $100 \mu\text{m}$.

this hold for tropical clouds ➔

➔ Arctic clouds:

Example from the ASTAR campaign over Spitsbergen 2005

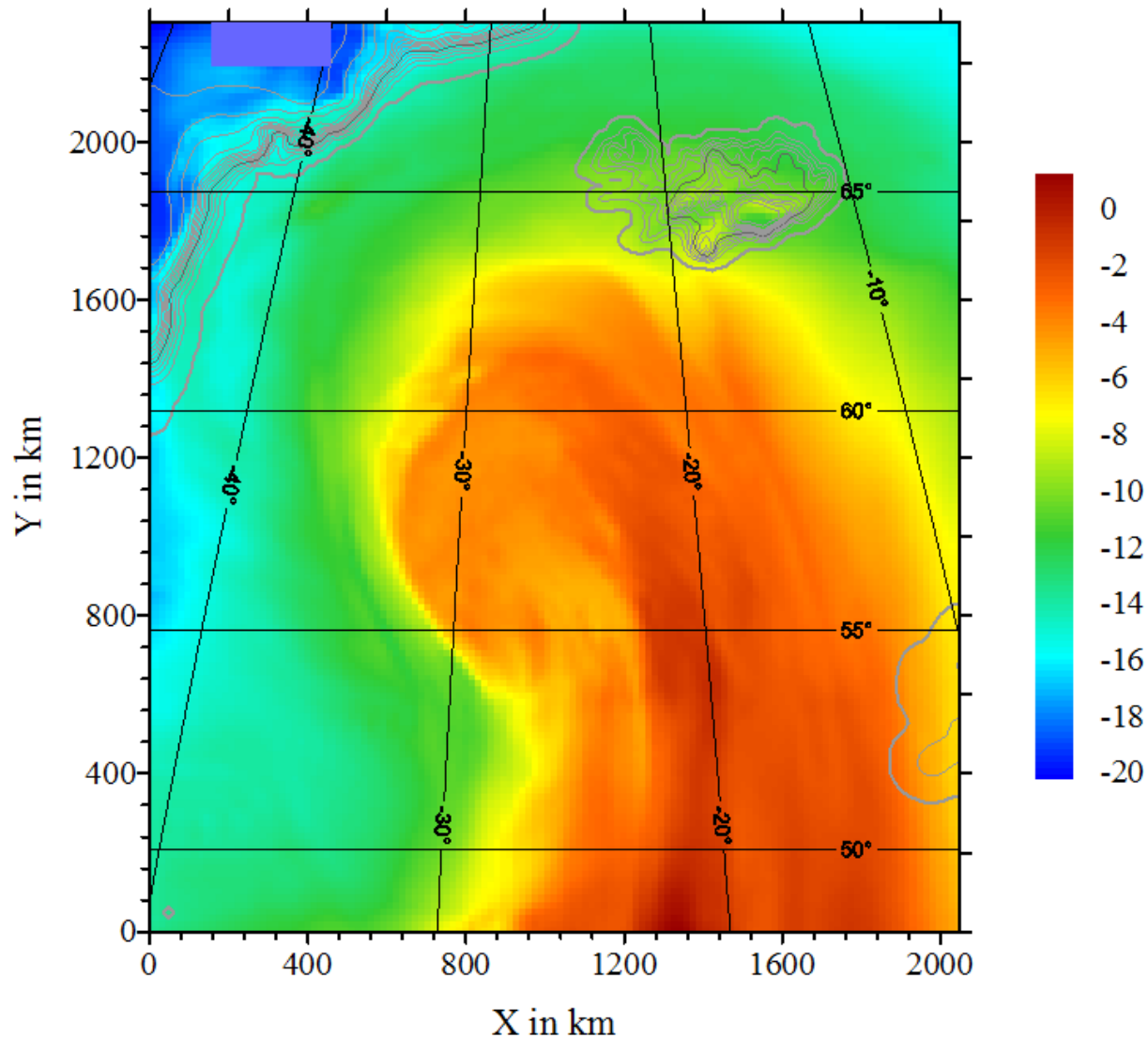
important cloud drop numbers from -8° to -22°C



All simulations for NAWDEX, 2 Nov 2016, included “Hallet-Mossop ice multiplication”

Model setup of the dynamic part: 16 km – 4 km – 1 km - outmost domain –

temperature (C) Z = 3.044km 9:30h

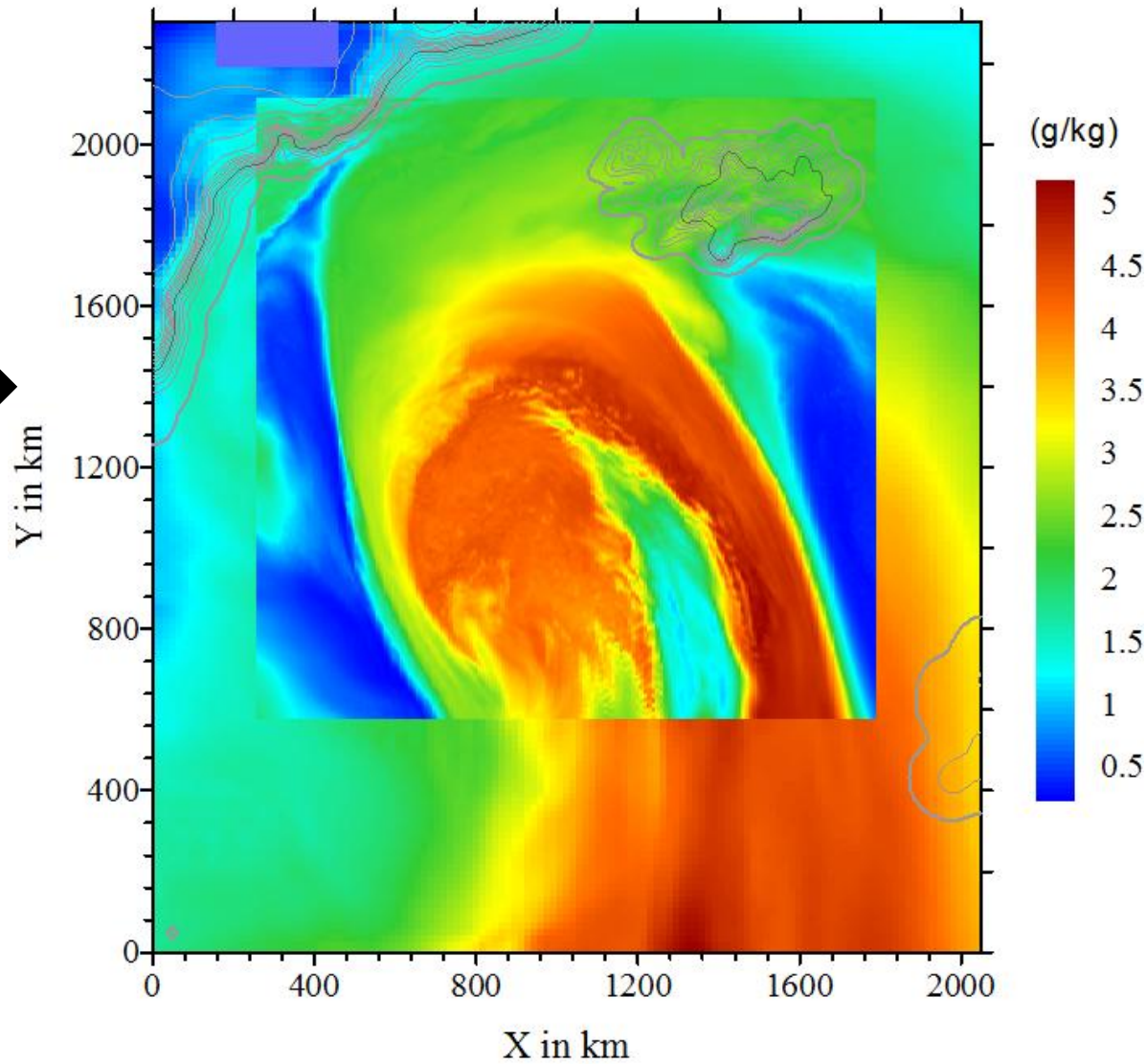


Strong horizontal
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water vapor (domain 2) Z = 3.044km 9:30h

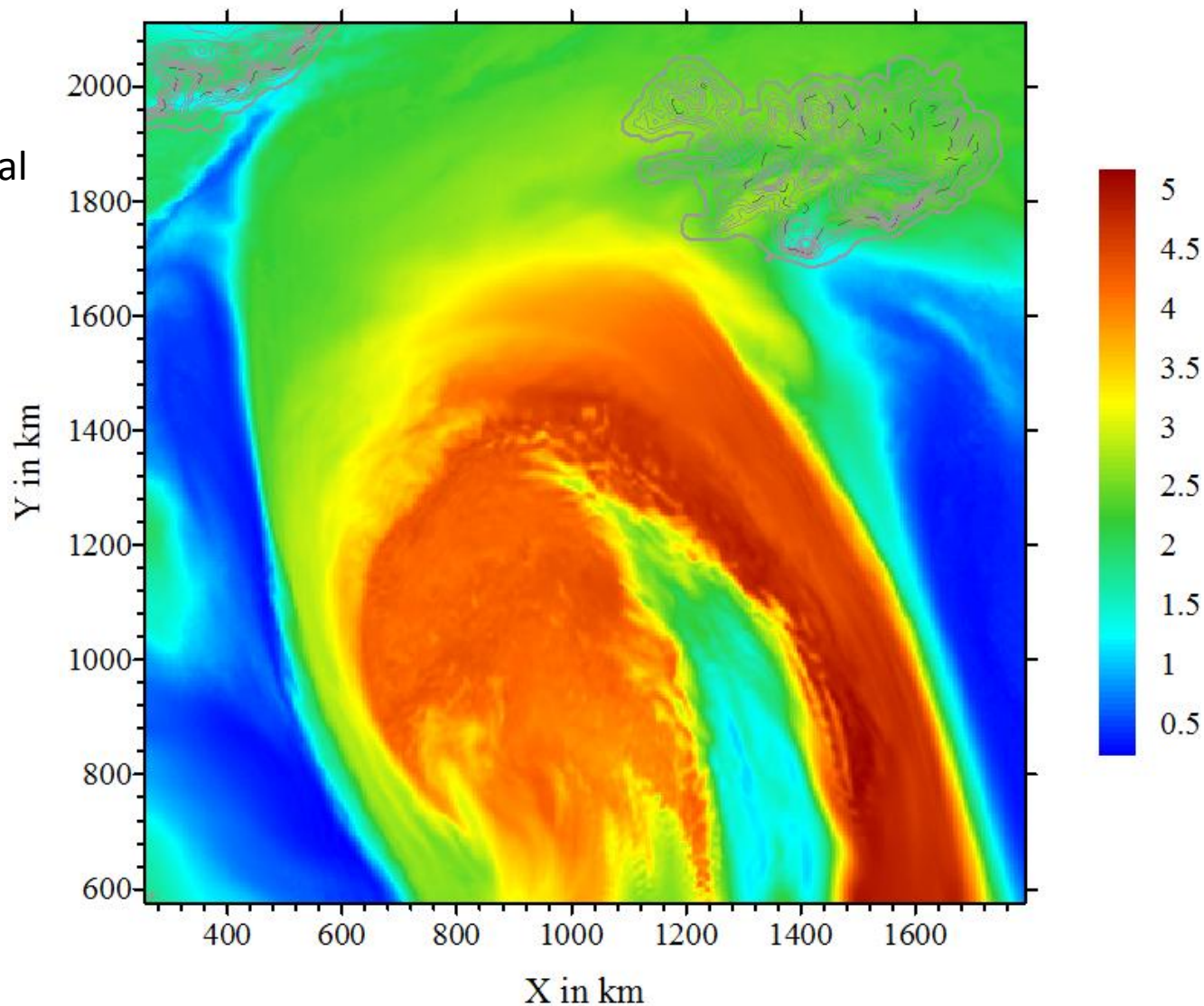
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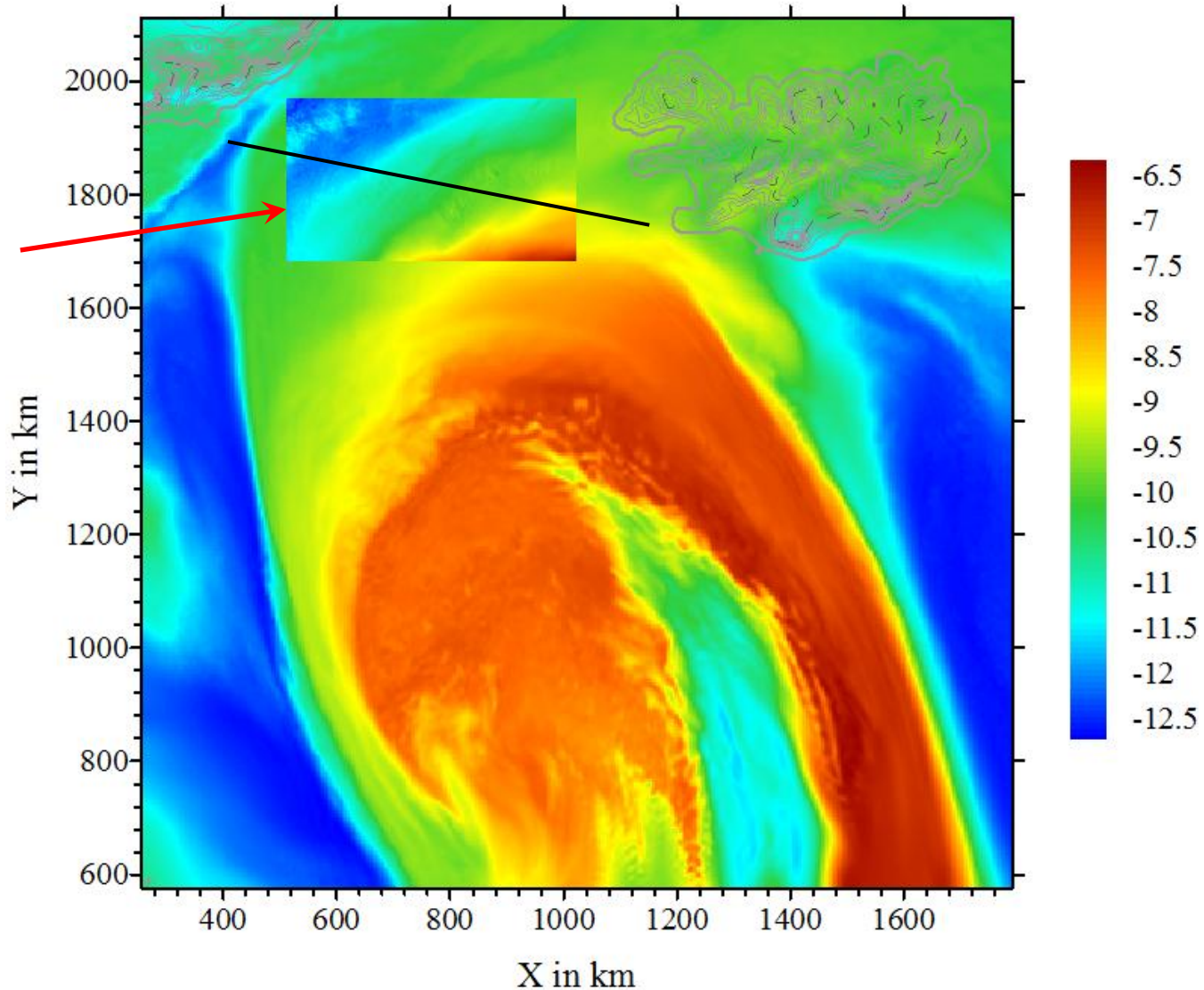
q_v (g/kg) $Z = 3$ km $t = 9:30$ h



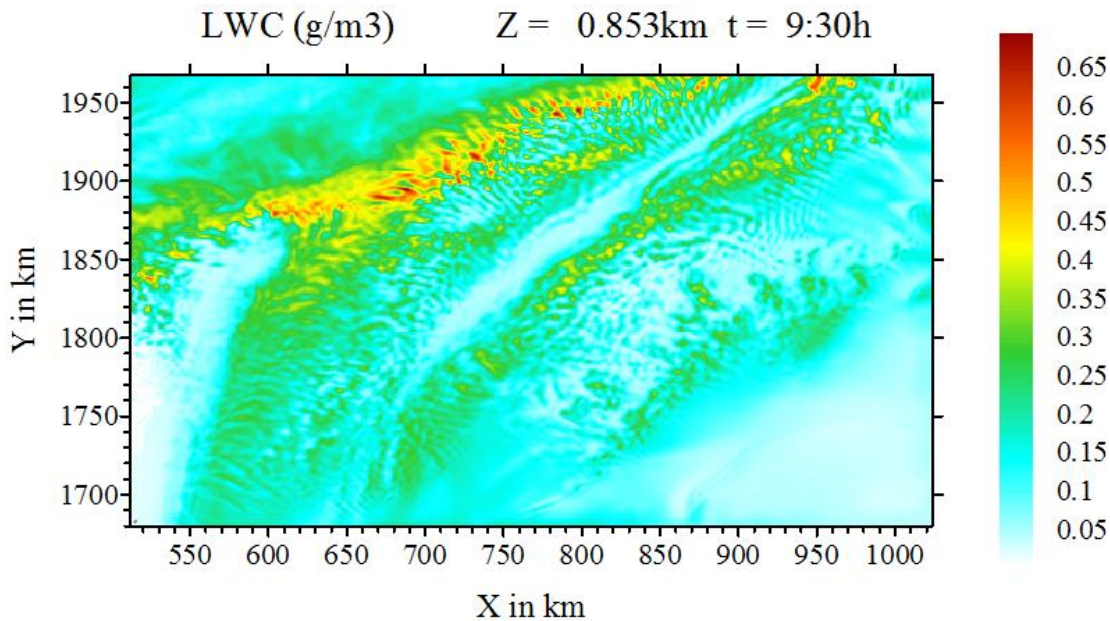
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T (°C) (third domain) Z = 3 km t = 9:30h

temperature
field of the 3rd
domain



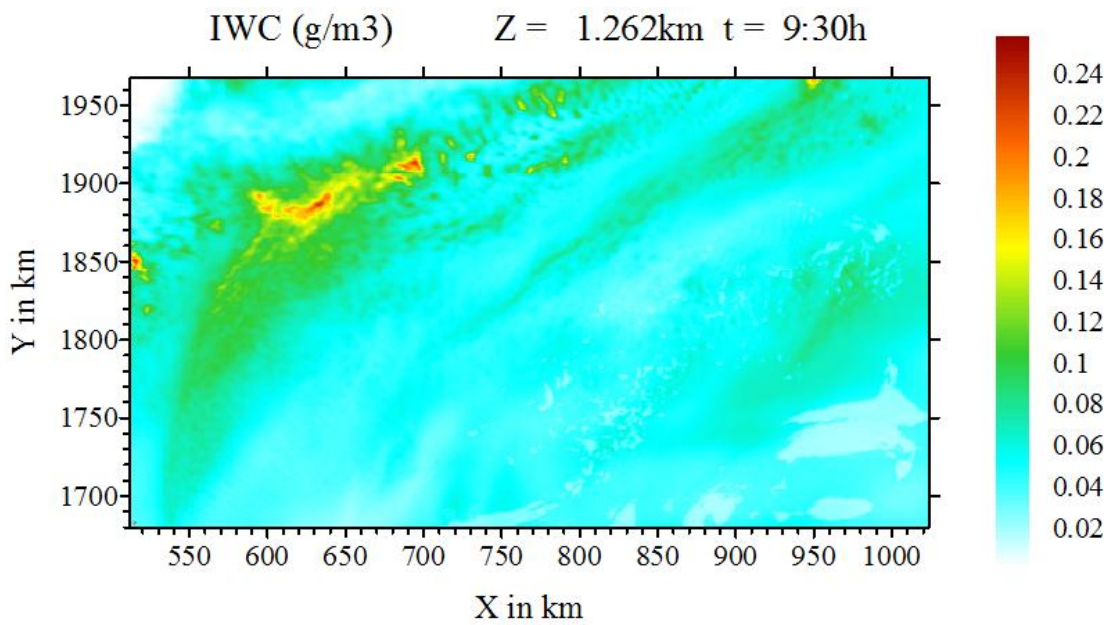
Results for the 3rd domain (morning flight)



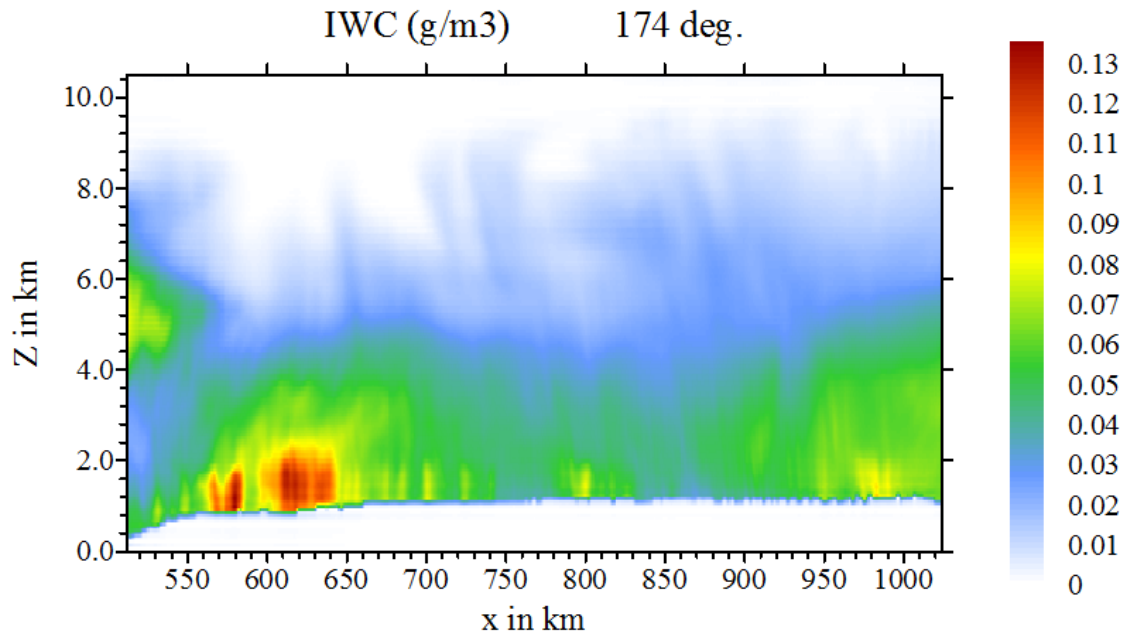
Due to the directional wind shear in the lower 2 km the formation of warm clouds is favored in the lowest layers up to 3 km with important LWC

IWC in general weak with $< 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$.

Only in regions of “shallow convection” IWC becomes stronger

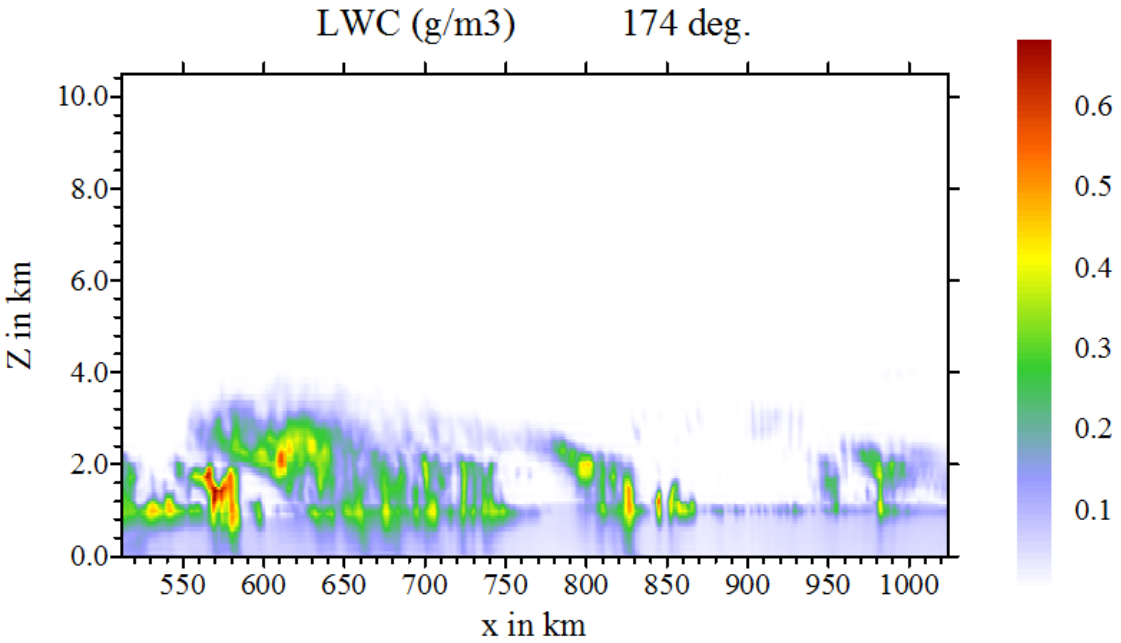


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Approaching Greenland the 0°C level drops from 1.2 km to < 0.8 km

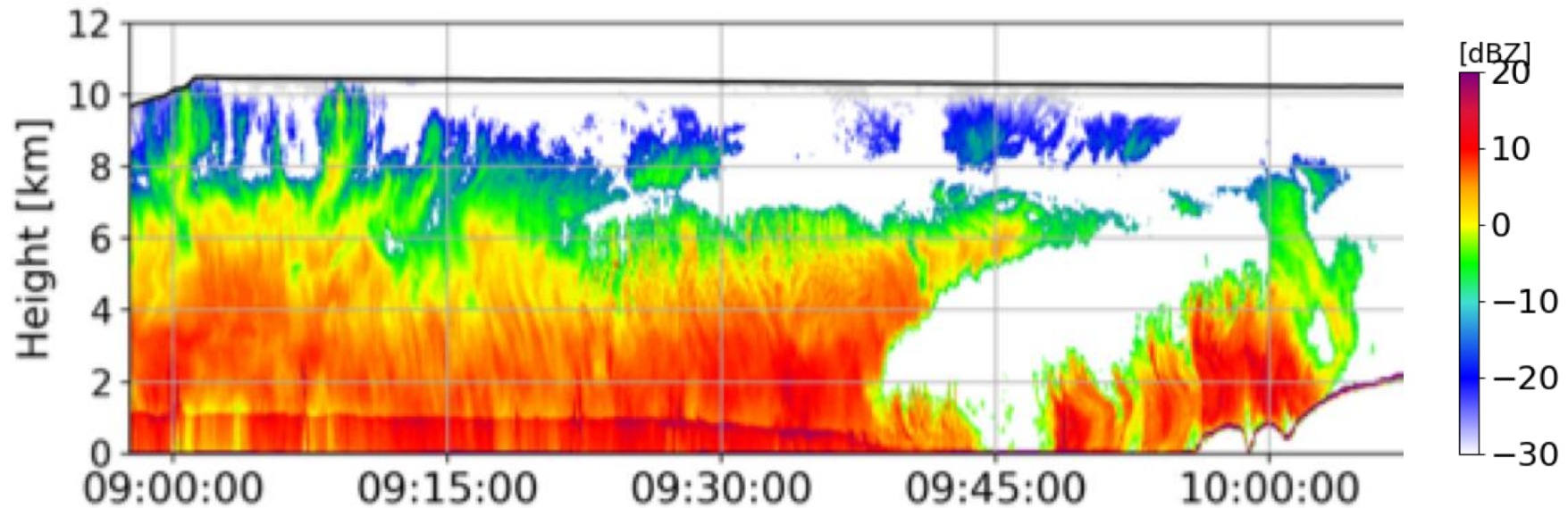
IWC above 4-5 km remains quite low



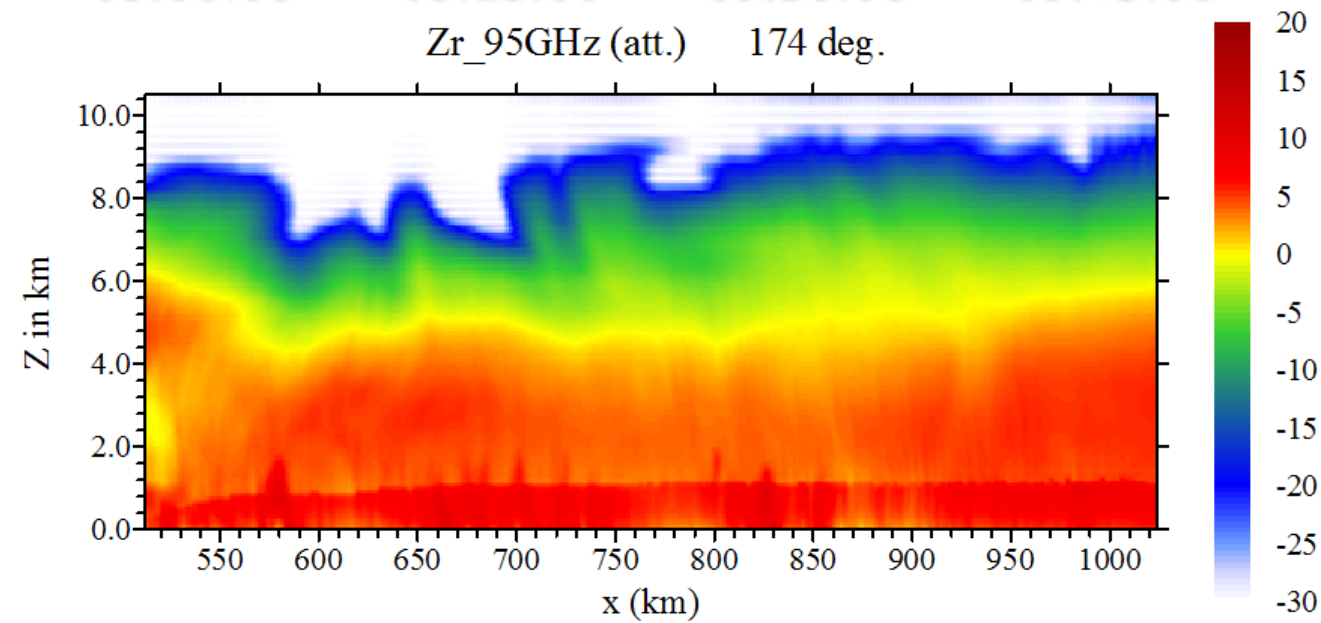
The vertical distribution of LWC shows quite patchy patterns.

Spots with high LWC allow the presence of higher values in IWC.

Comparison with RASTA (morning flight)



Zr_95GHz (att.) 174 deg.



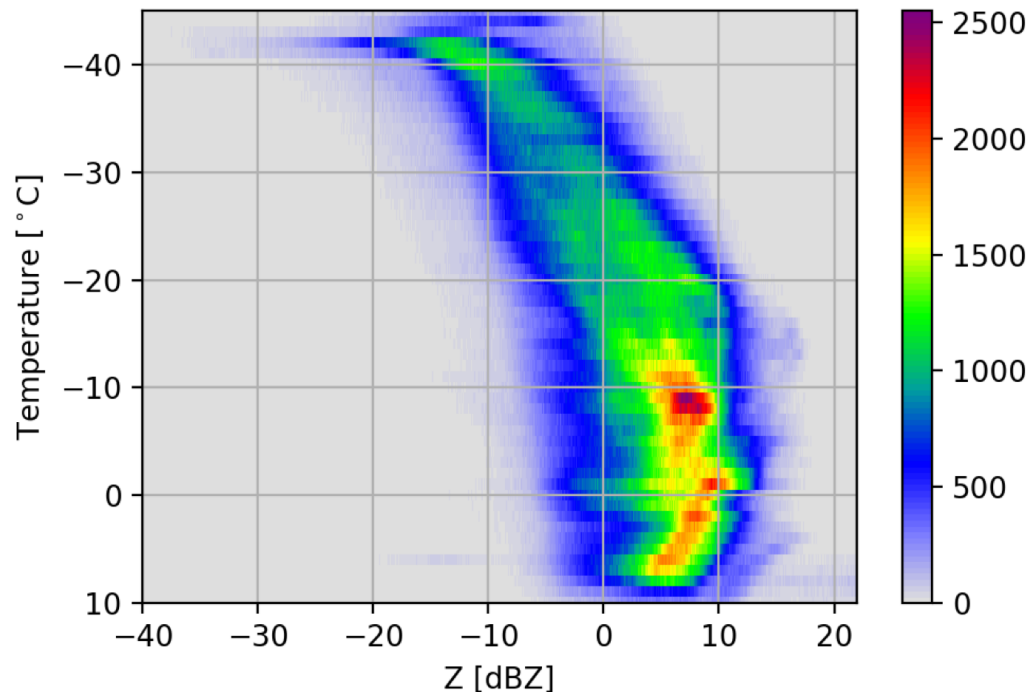
Z95 GHz calculated from
the modeled drop and
crystal spectra, using
the relationship:

$$\text{mass}_{\text{bin}} = 0.0454 D_{\text{bin}}^{2.05}$$

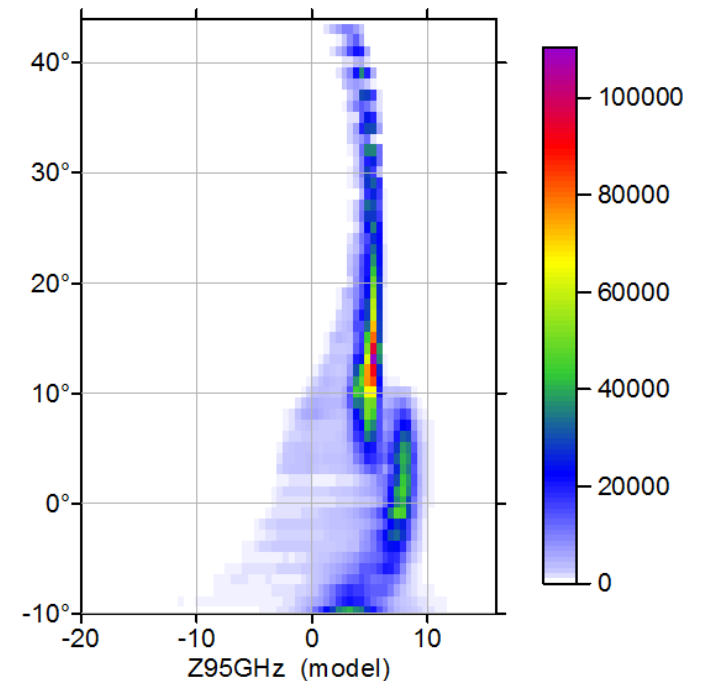
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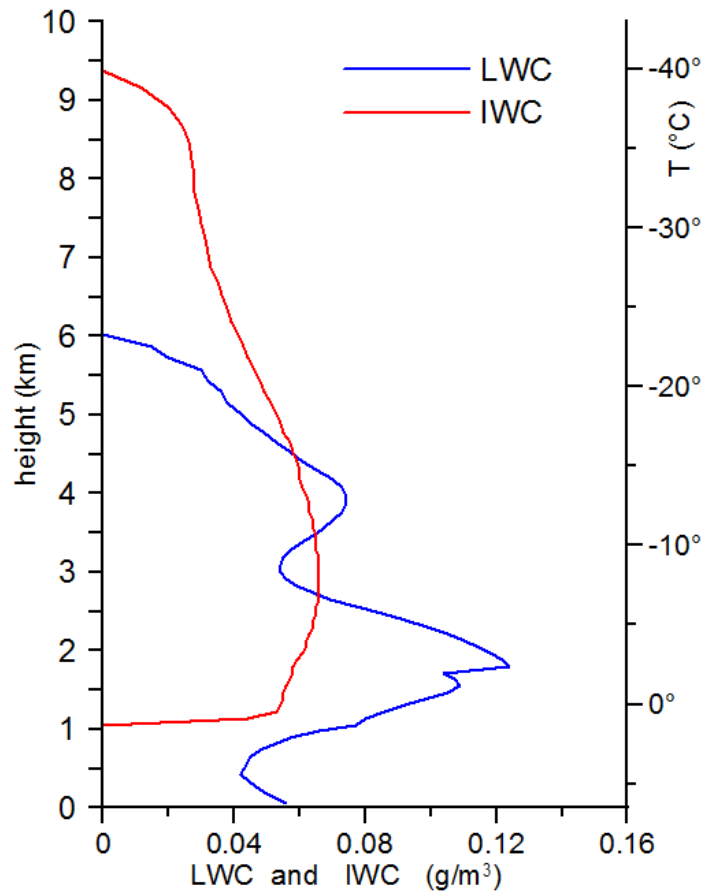


Calculated from the simulated
particle spectra
(strongly dependent on the mass-
diameter assumption)



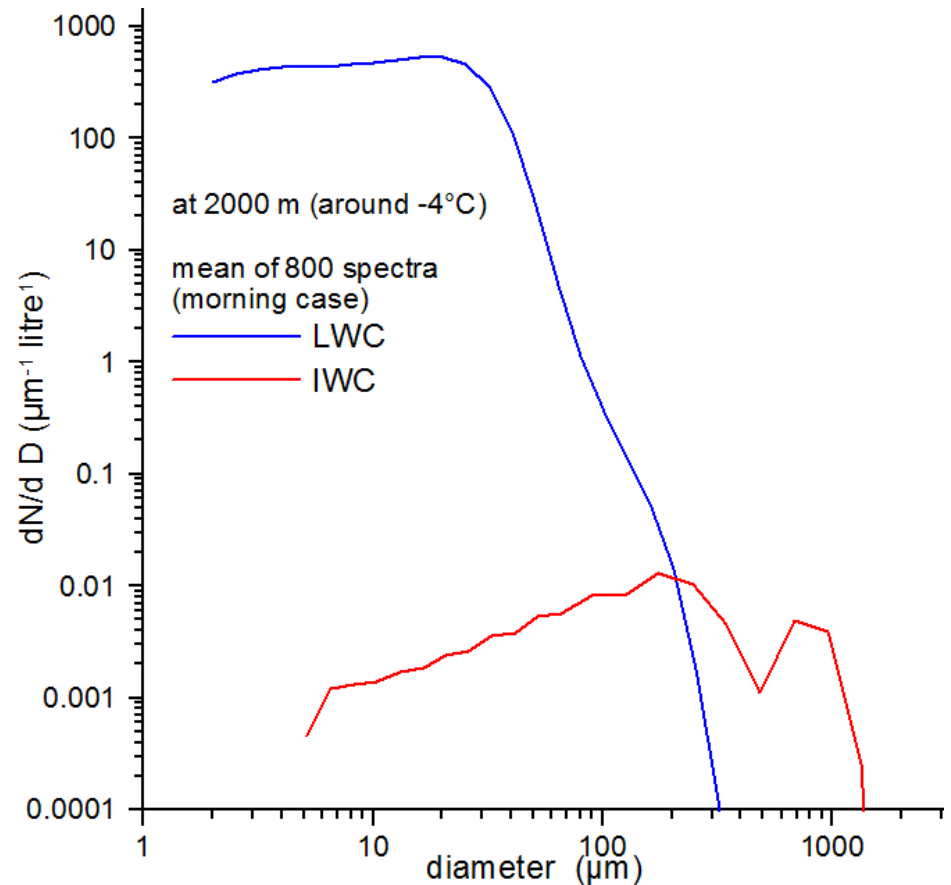
Resulting vertical profiles of LWC and IWC

below Rasta retrieval and MESOnh results



Simulated droplet and crystal spectra at 9:30

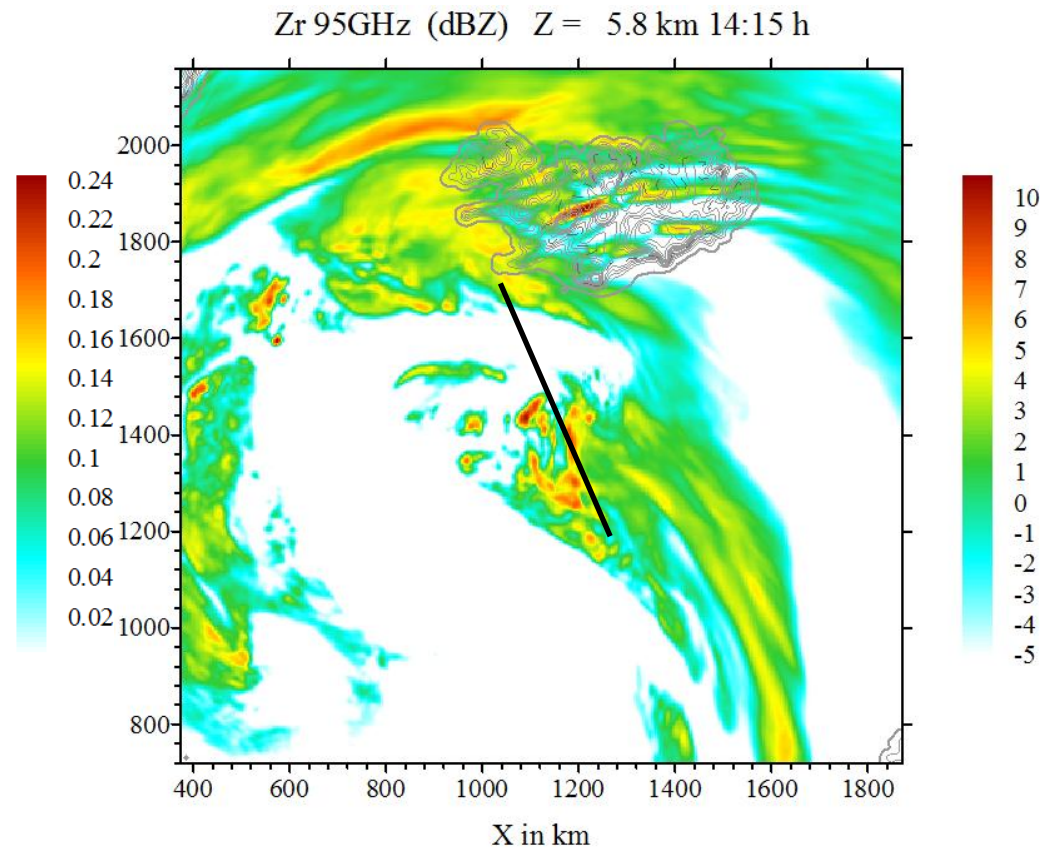
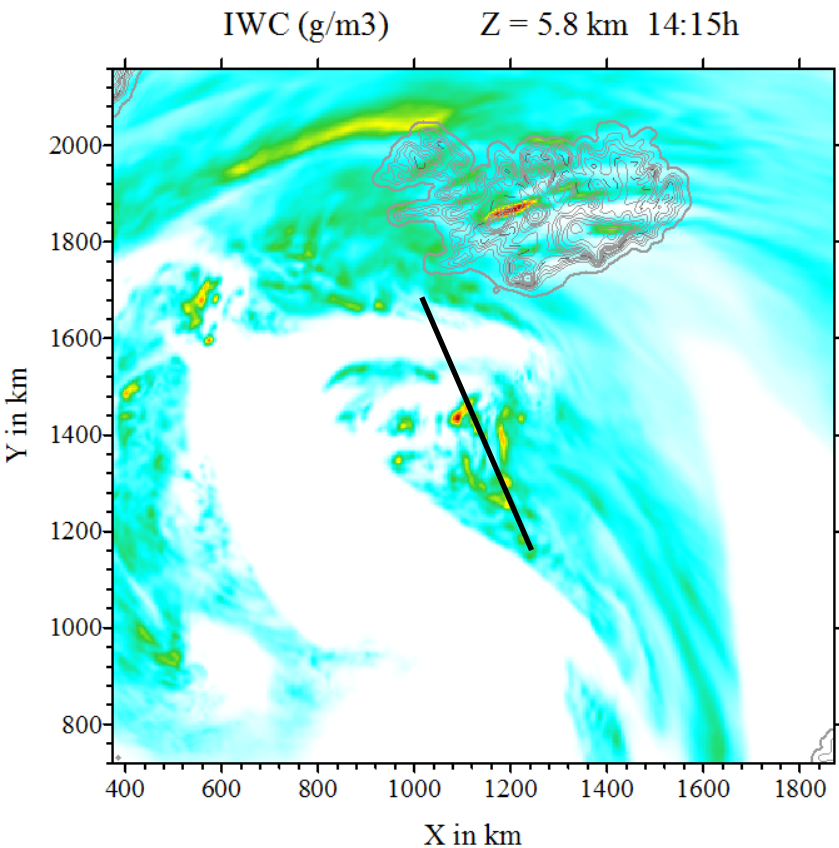
The liquid cloud phase remains also dominant in elevated layers



Model set-up (afternoon flight) : 14.4 km – 3.6 km -0.9 km

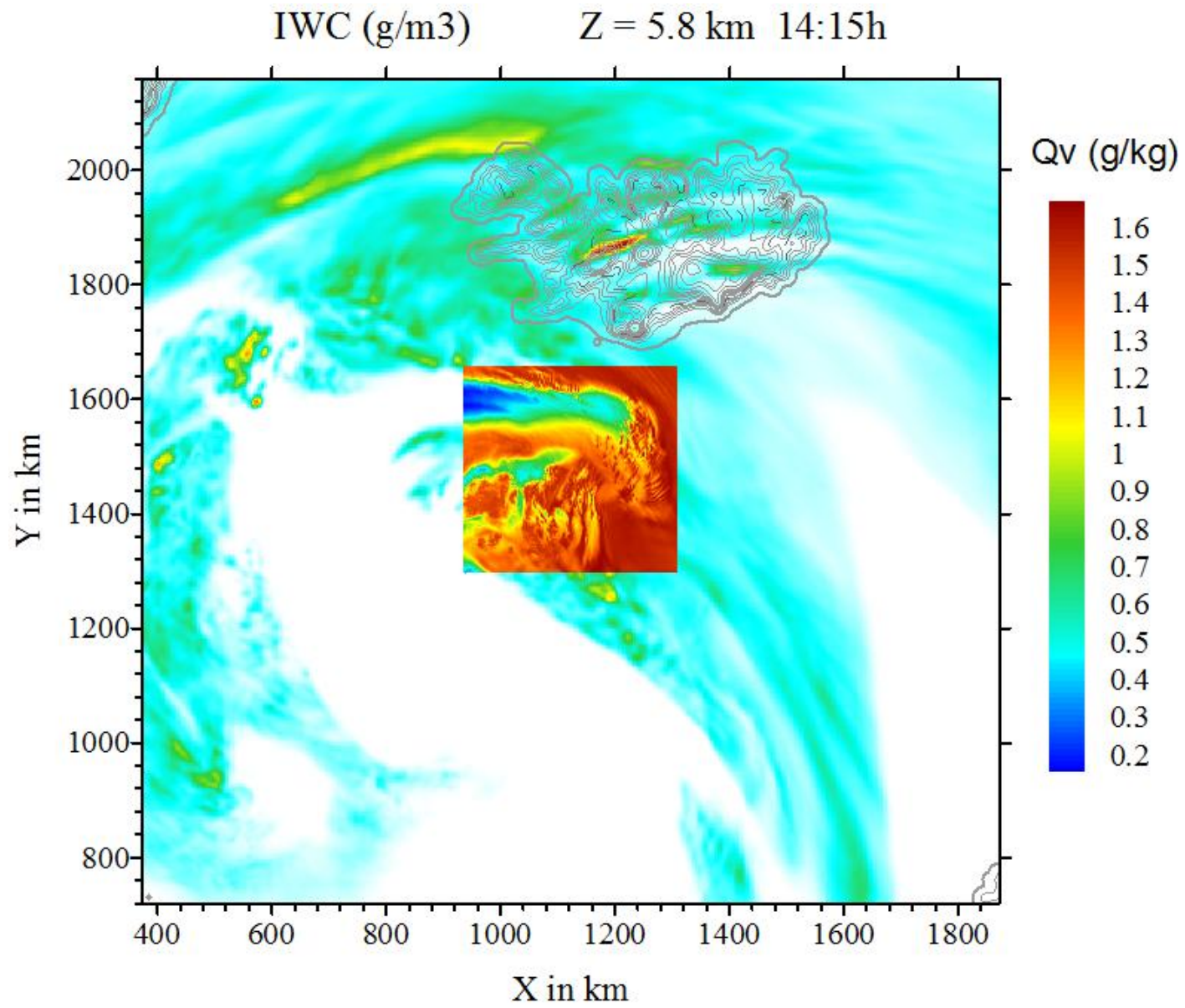
2nd domain

During 13:30 – 15:00 h a strong “cloud gap” appeared during the overpass of CloudSat



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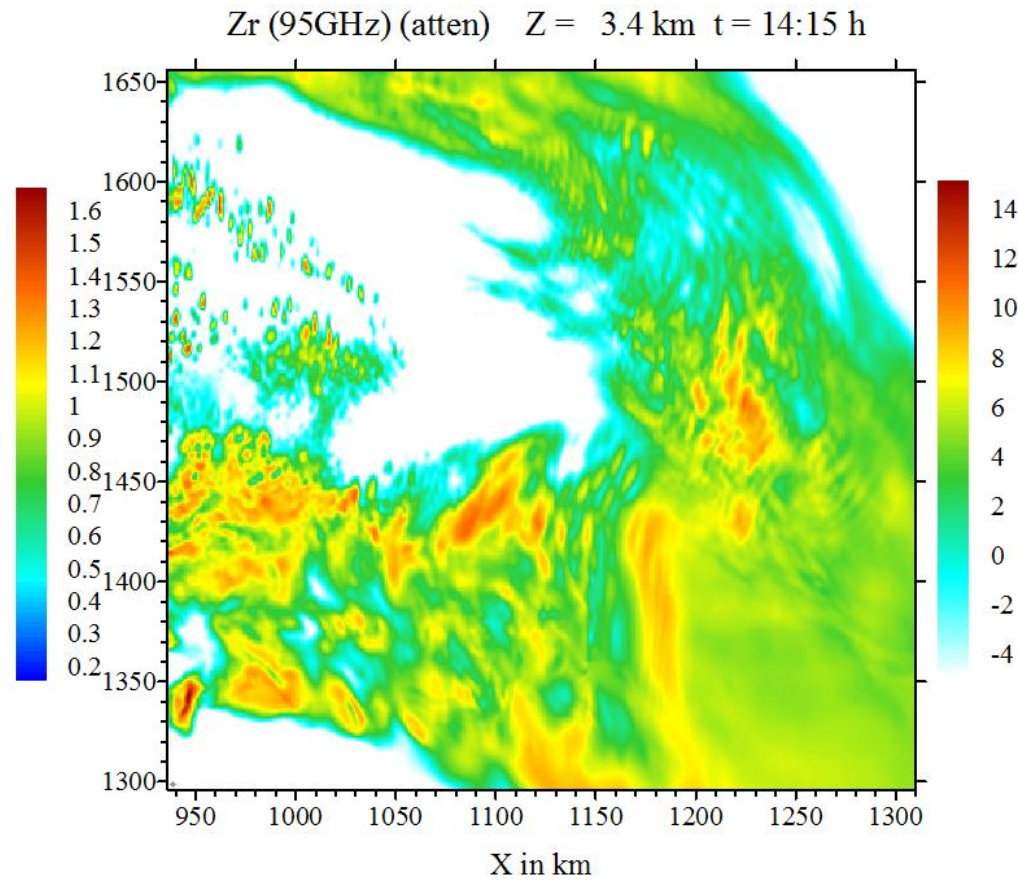
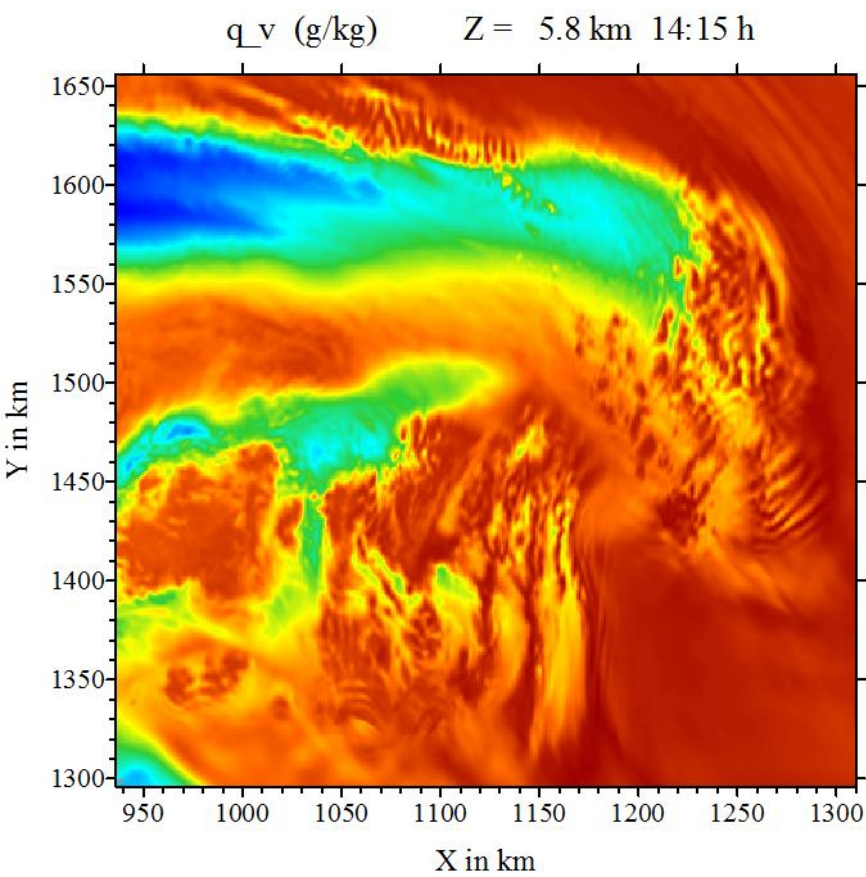
innermost domain



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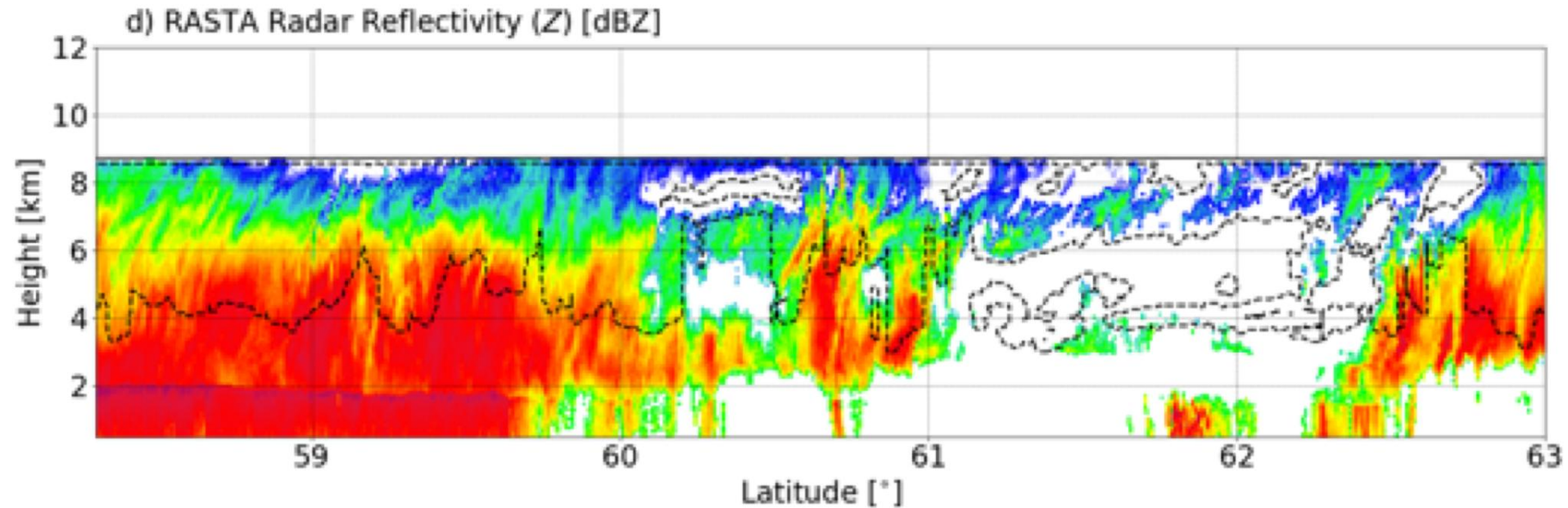
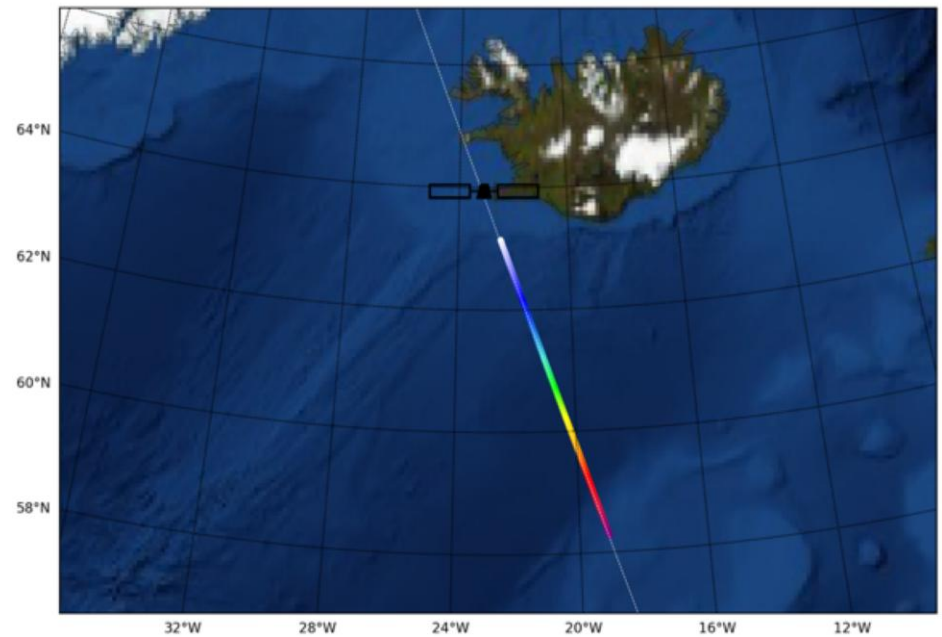
Origin of the “cloud gap during the Cloudsat:

Intrusion of dry air inside the warm sector



afternoon flight:
Rasta - CloudSat

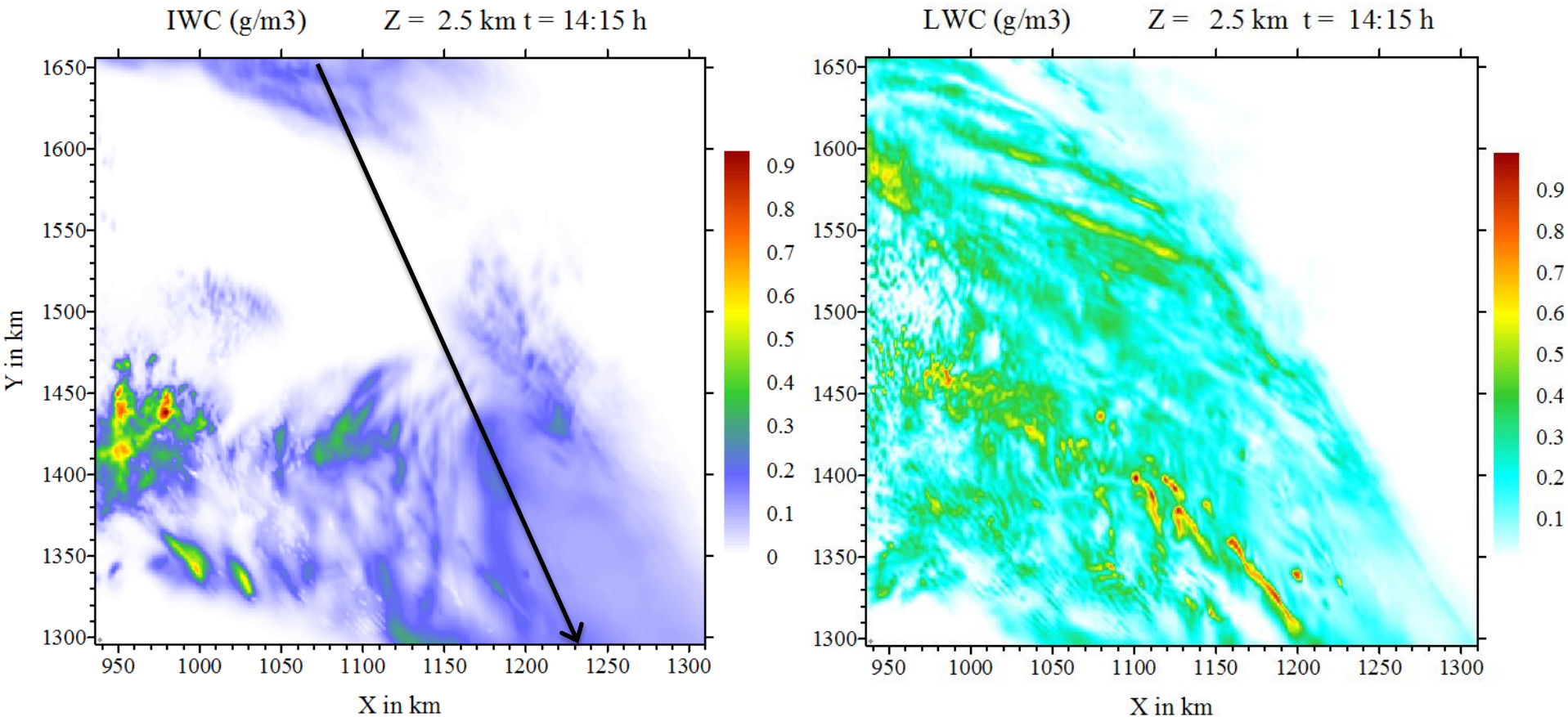
Figures: Delanoë et al.
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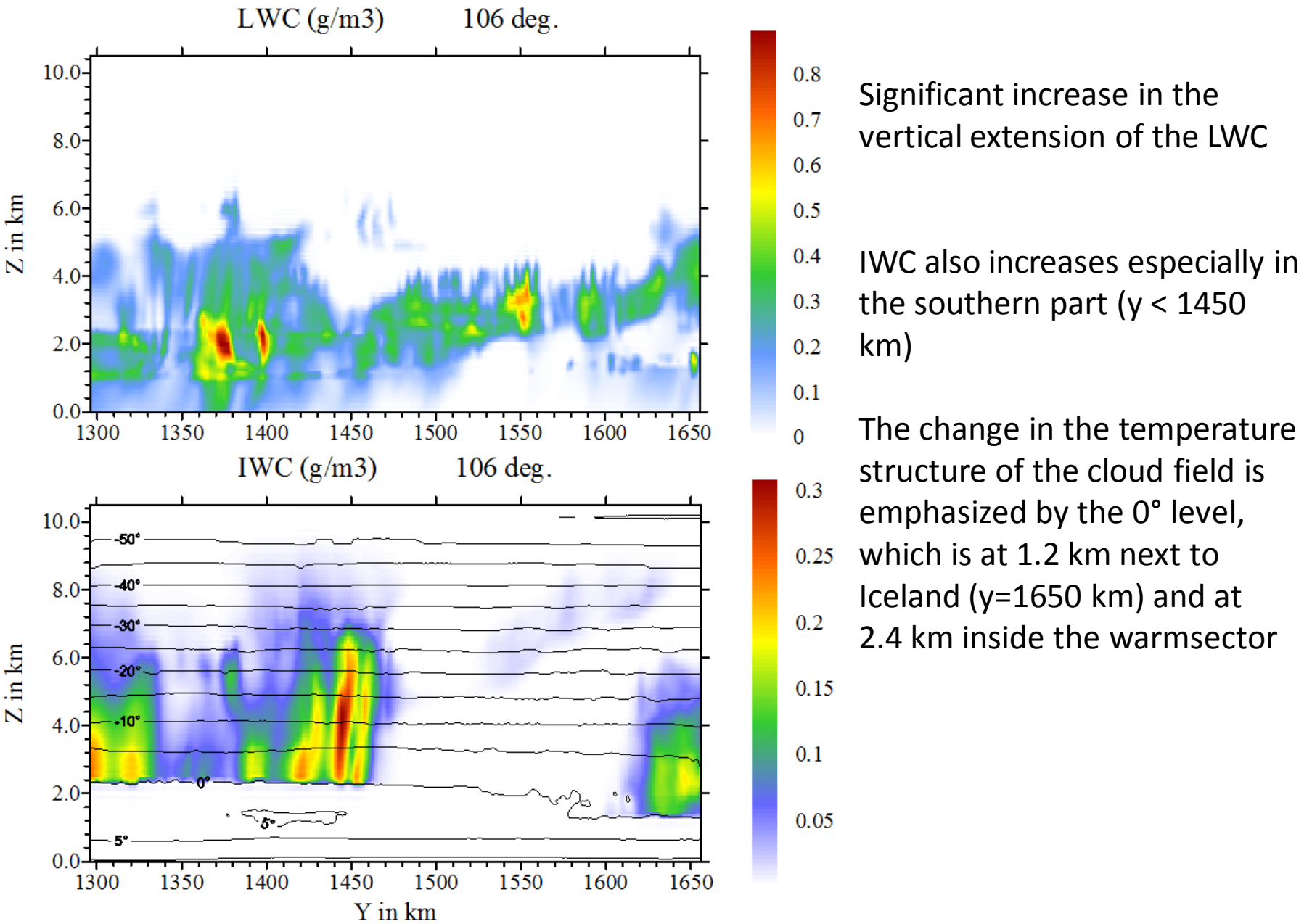
Results for the 3rd domain (afternoon flight): comparing LWC and IWC

Horizontal cross section at 2.5 km for IWC and LWC : strong values occur for both inside the warm-sector

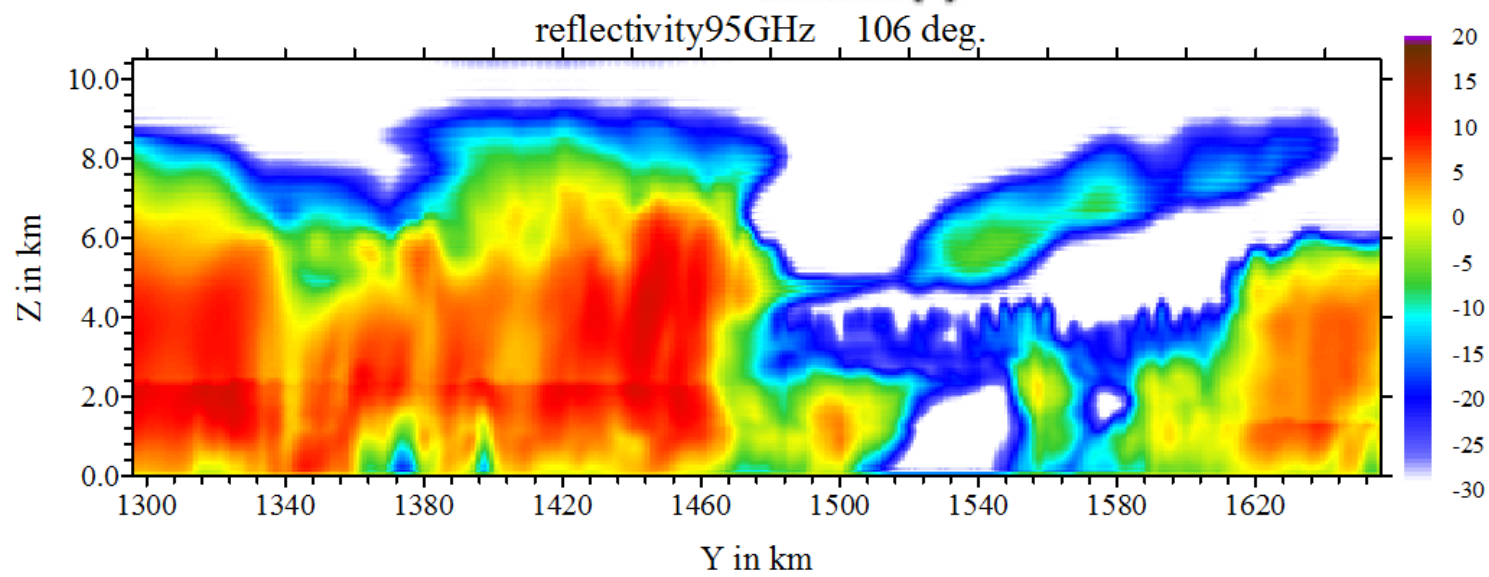
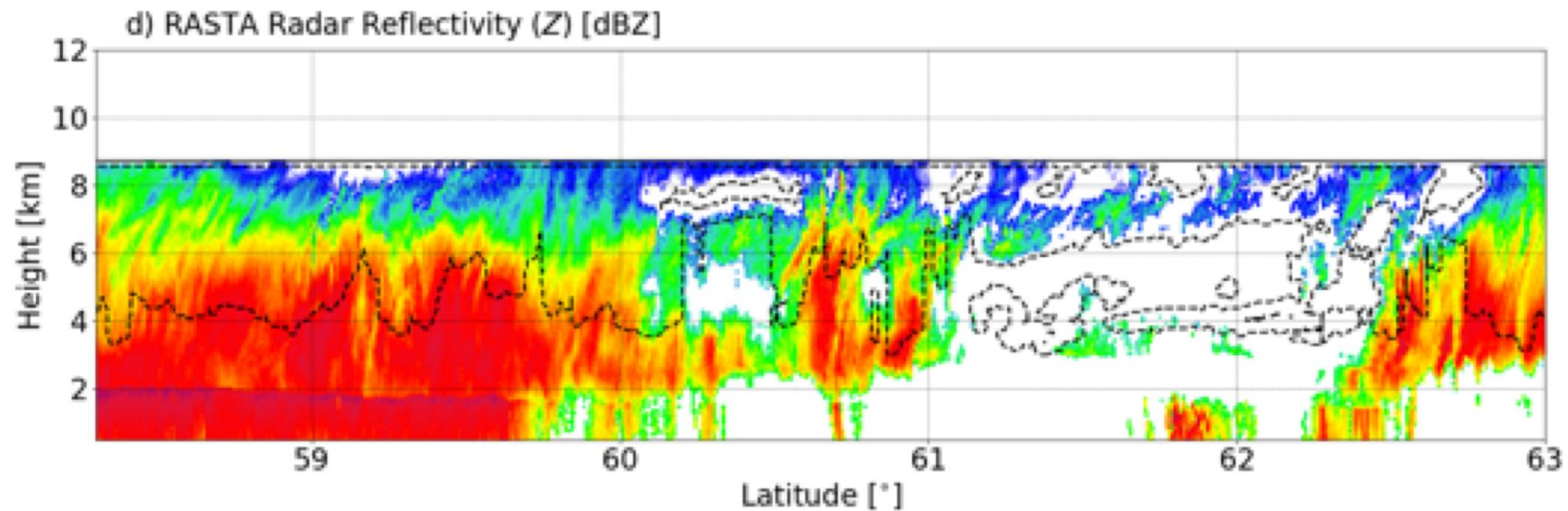
The orientation of the cloud band gives the location of the advancing warm-front



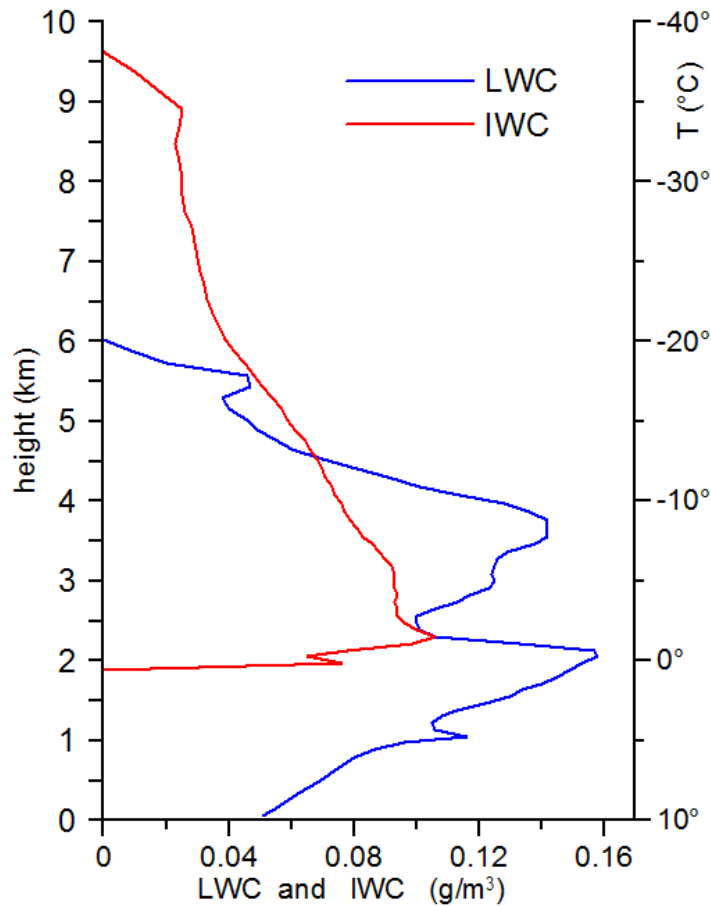
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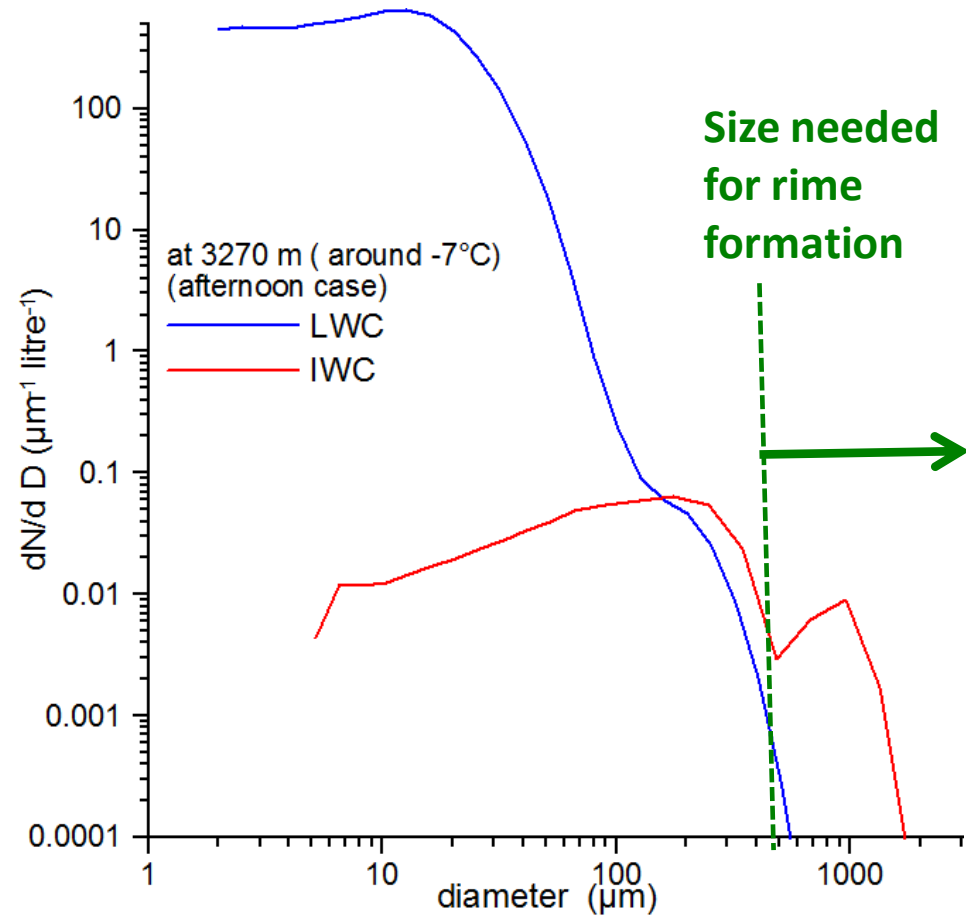
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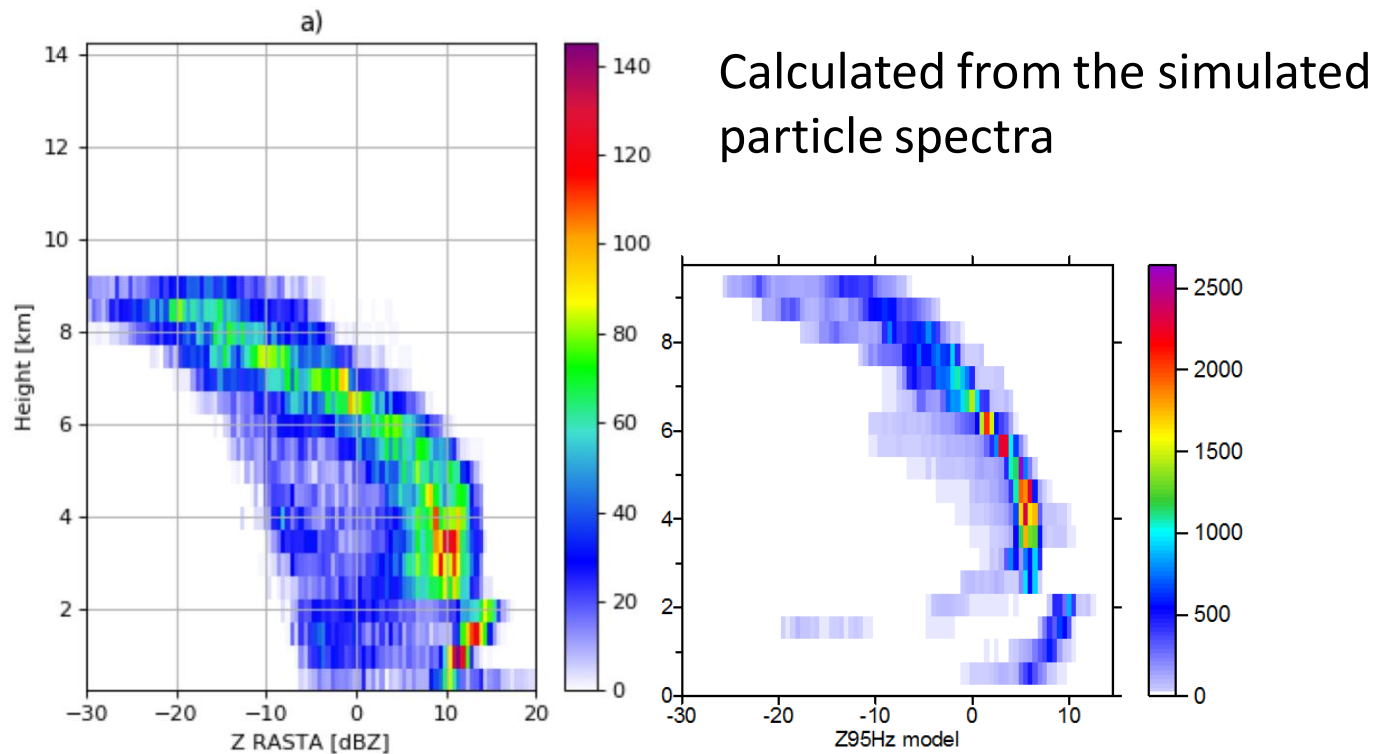


Simulated droplet and crystal spectra at 14:15



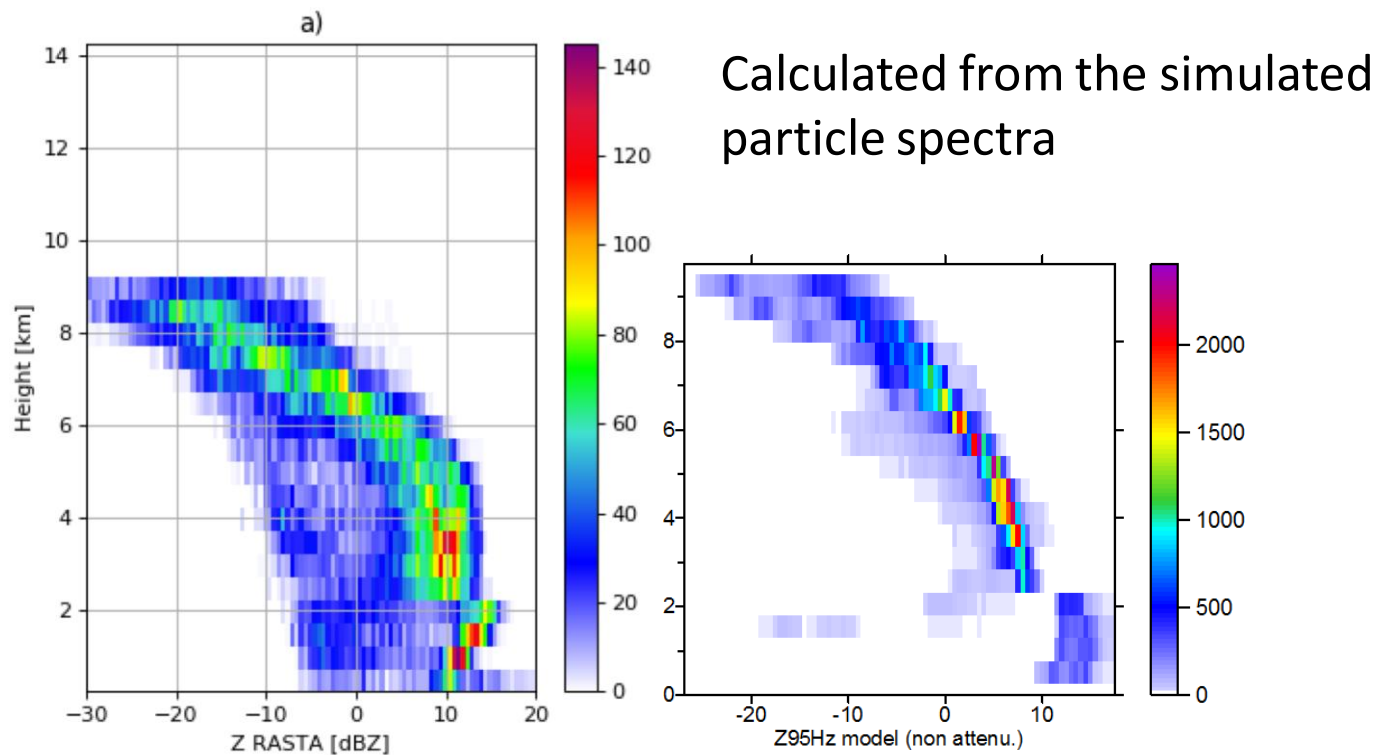
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Conclusions:

still large uncertainties in the quantification of IWC and LWC in the layers from 0°C to -20°C

Splintering is quite ineffective when large drops and large crystals are not formed (compare to arctic clouds)

Modeled spectra need the comparison with in-situ observations

Next steps:

Running another case where in-situ observations are available (contacting the British group)

Adding further mechanisms for secondary ice multiplication (?)

