

Improvement of a representation of mixed-phase clouds, and its impact on a global cloud-system-resolving simulation

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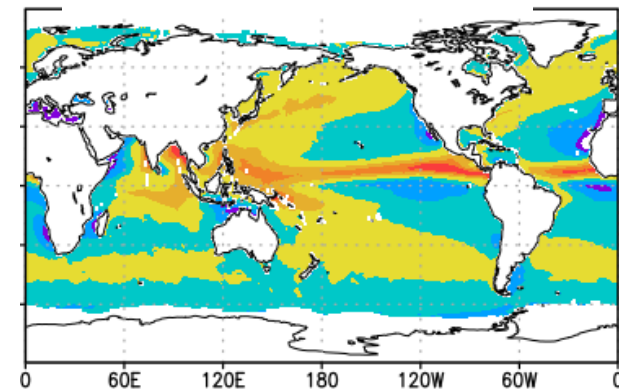
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Background: Global distributions

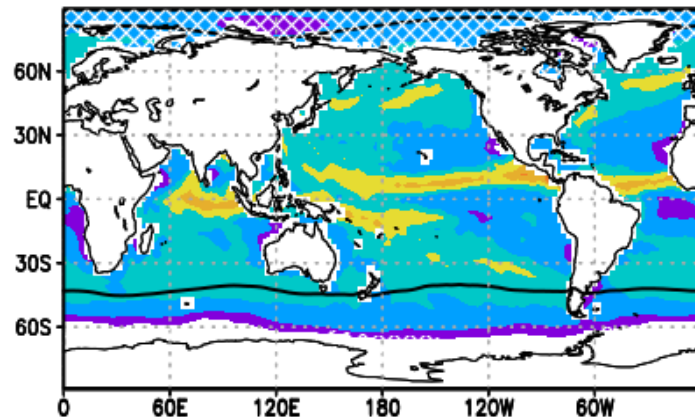
Need improvement of Mixed-phase clouds in one-moment scheme

Overestimations of the Bergeron-Findeisen and riming processes and a growth rate from cloud water to rain lead to a fewer LWP

Obs (MAC-LWP)

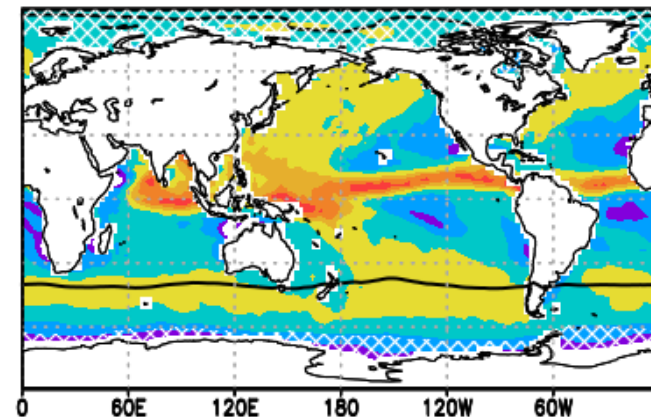


LWP: one moment microphys)



Tomita (2008, JMSJ)

two-moment microphys



Seiki and Nakajima (2014, JAS)



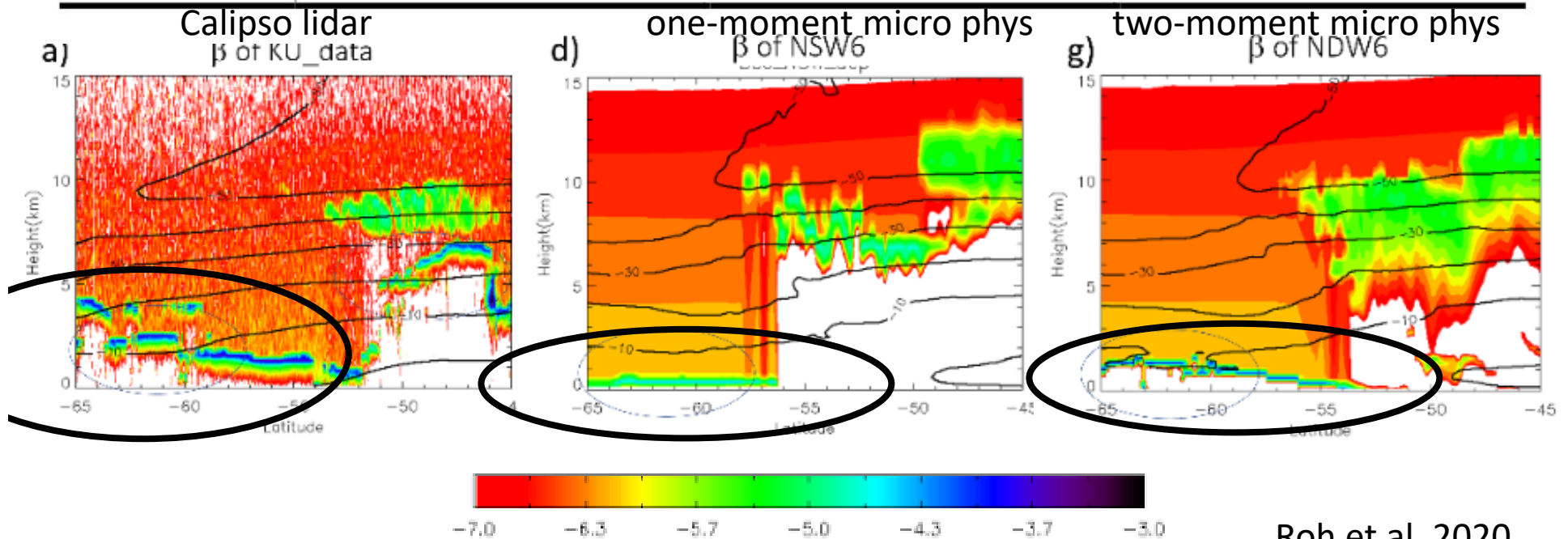
Background: Vertical structures

backscatter (1/(m sr))

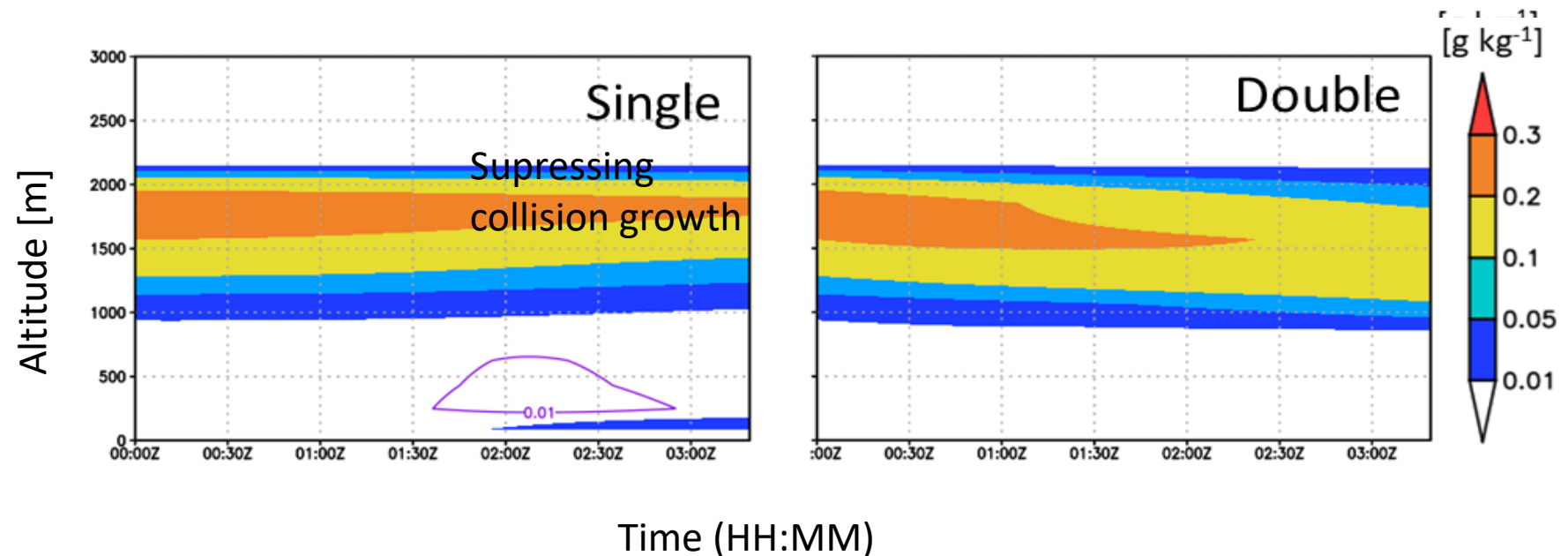
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Table 2. Cloud fractions for the three temperature regimes.

	Clouds for only $T > 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ (%)	Clouds for only $-20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ (%)	Clouds for only $T < -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ (%)
KU data	6.6	60.2	33.2
NSW6	0.2	33.7	60.1
NDW6	0.4	67.0	32.6



Background : Improving supercooled droplets with SCM





- Key physics
- Conversion from cloudwater to rain (Berry, 1968 → Khairoutdinov and Kogan, 2000)
- Diagnostics of ice nucleation (Hong et al., 2014 → Phillips et al., 2007)
- Suppressing Sublimation and ventilation growth of Snow and graupel

Low-level mixed-phase clouds succssesfully maintained after the improvement based on detailed two-moment microphys

Purpose

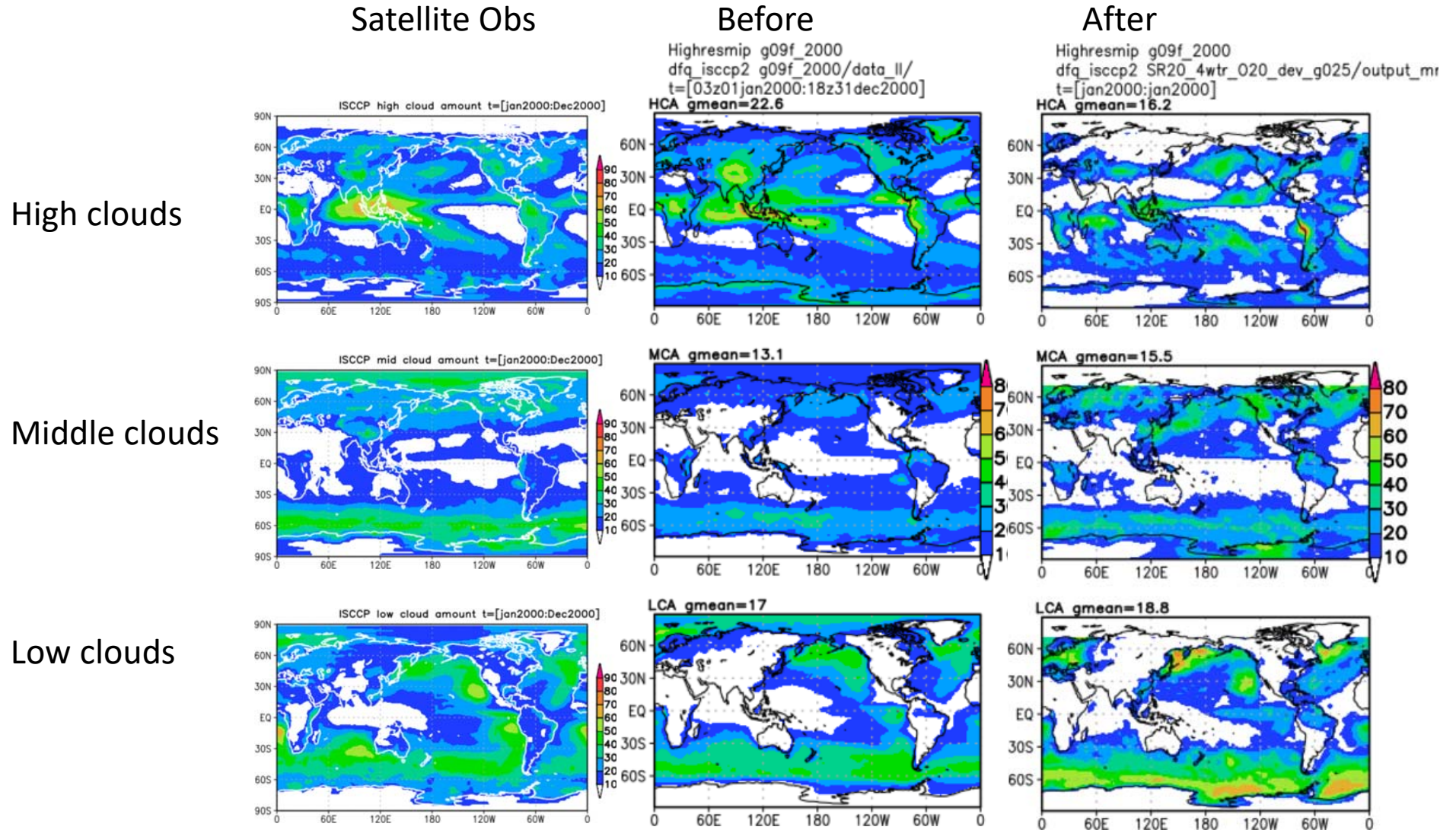
- As in most GCMs, a NICAM one-moment microphys has suffered from a representation of supercooled water, which bias has led to weaker reflection of solar incident
- Roh et al. (2020, JAS), Seiki and Roh (2020, JAS) recently improved the one-moment microphysics scheme using Satellite data and two-moment microphys result, and verified in single-column simulations
- This study examines impacts of the improved one-moment microphys scheme in a global NICAM simulation,
 - Cloud coverages, radiative budgets, Spatial structures of mixed phase clouds, etc...

Physics schemes in recent NICAM simulations

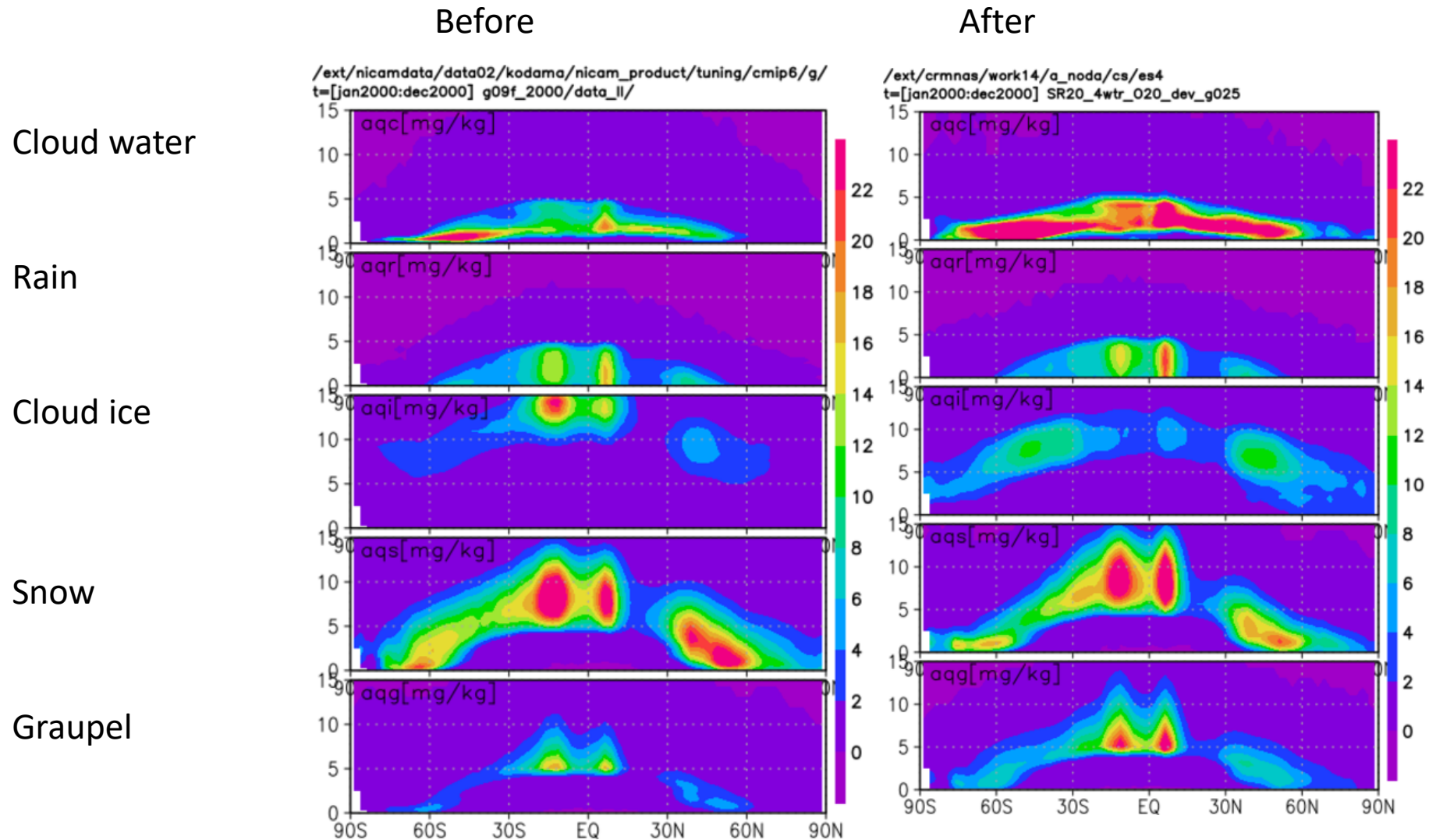
Model	NICAM16-S (NICAM.16 for CMIP6)	
Cloud microphysics	NICAM Single-moment Water 6 (NSW6) (Tomita, 2008; Roh and Satoh, 2014; Roh et al., 2017)	 <p>Seiki and Roh (2020) + Fall of ice crystals</p>
Cumulus convection and large-scale condensation	Not used	
Radiation	MstrnX (Sekiguchi and Nakajima, 2008), updated radiation table (Seiki et al., 2014), and coupling with cloud microphysics	
Turbulence	Mellor-Yamada Nakanishi-Niino (MYNN2) (Nakanishi and Niino, 2006; Noda et al., 2010)	 <p>Ohno et al. (2020)</p>
Gravity wave	Orographic gravity wave drag (McFarlane, 1987)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Setup following the HighResMIP (Roberts et al. 2018) ✓ All simulations shown here are performed with a 14-km mesh ✓ One-year simulation (yr. 2000)
Land surface	Minimal Advanced Treatments of Surface Interaction and RunOff (MATSIRO) (Takata et al., 2003) with wetland scheme (Nitta et al., 2017) and albedo modification	
Ocean surface flux	Bulk surface scheme (Louis, 1979); surface roughness is evaluated following Fairall et al. (2003) and Moon et al. (2007)	
Ocean model	Fixed to observation (or single layer slab ocean with a nudging toward observation)	

Cloud coverages

(evaluated by an ISCCP satellite simulator)



Zonal-means of Condensates

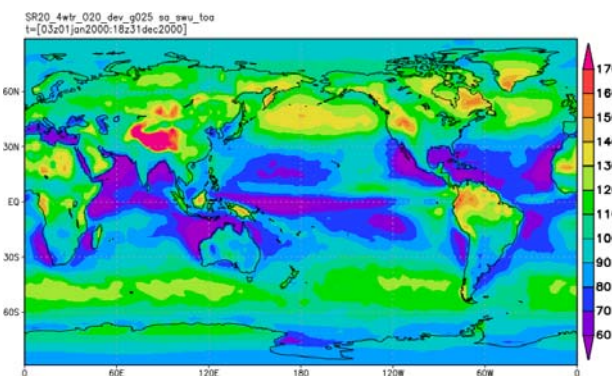
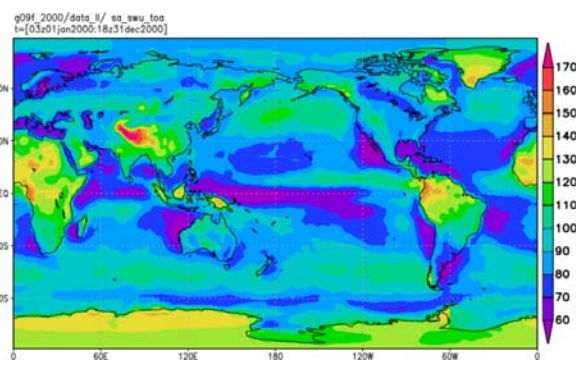
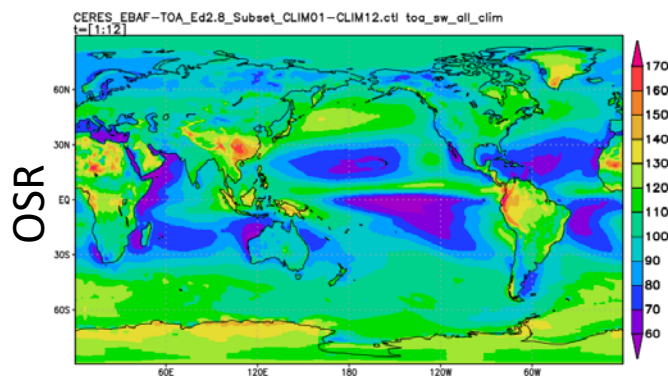


TOA Solar radiation & Liquid water path

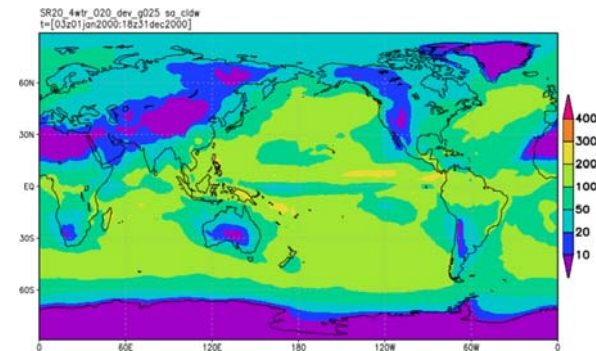
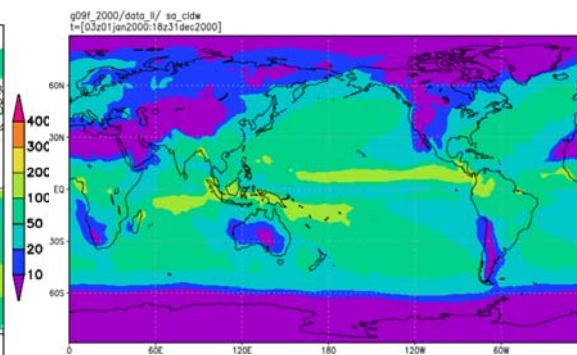
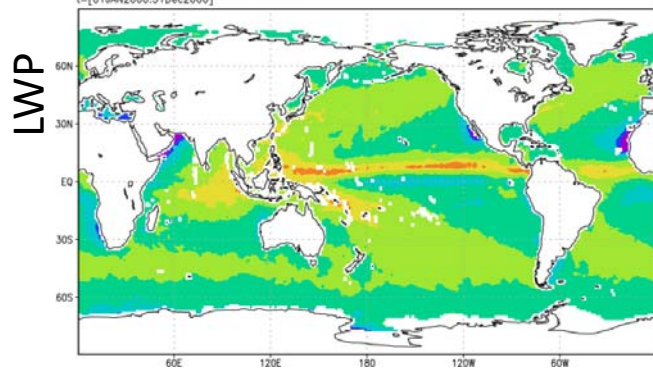
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Before

After

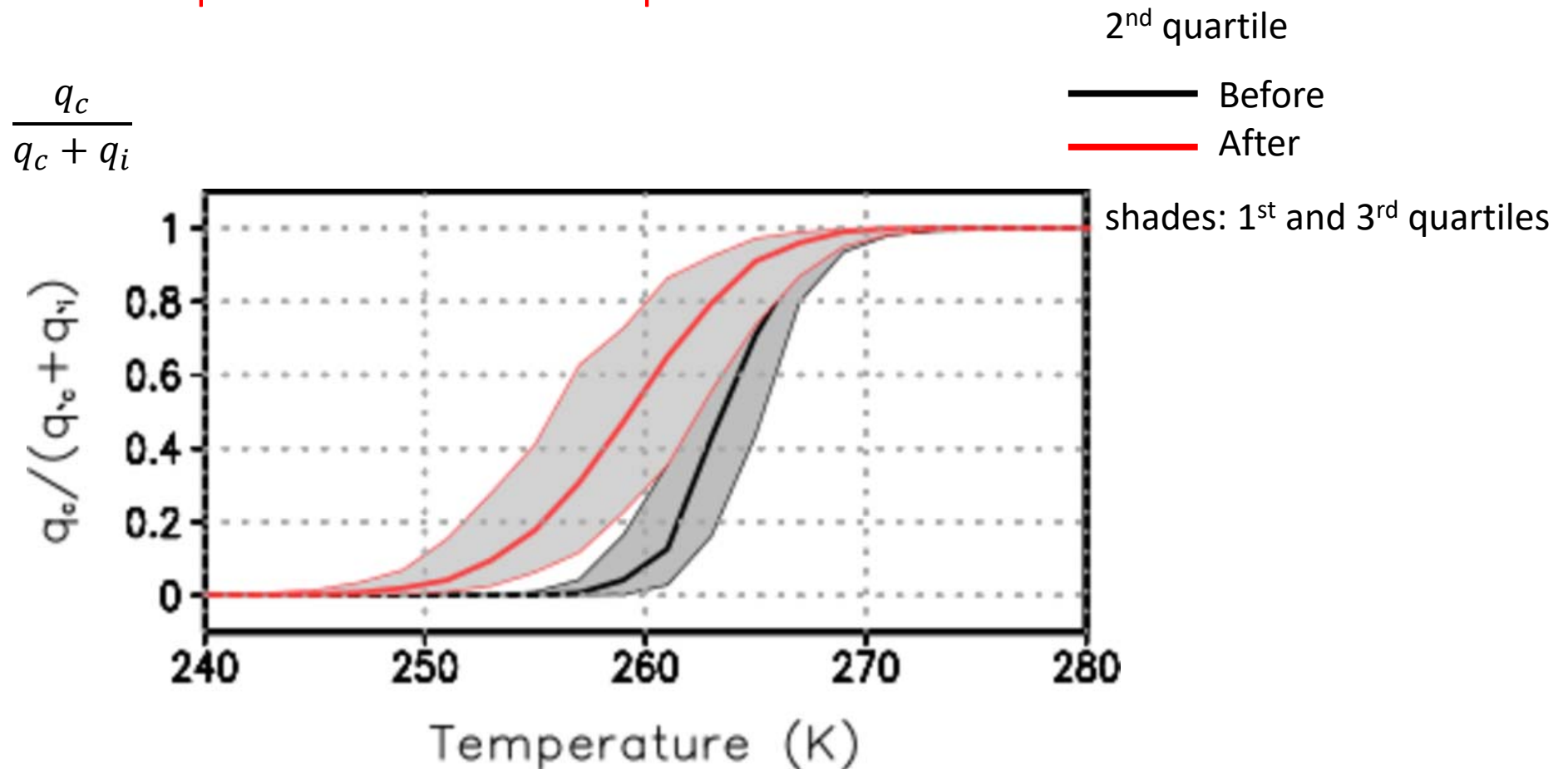


LWP
MAC-LWP



Temperature vs fraction of cloud water

- ✓ Larger fraction of liquid phase in lower temperature
- ✓ Probability of occurrence of mixed-phase clouds becomes larger at the same temperature or fraction of liquid cloud

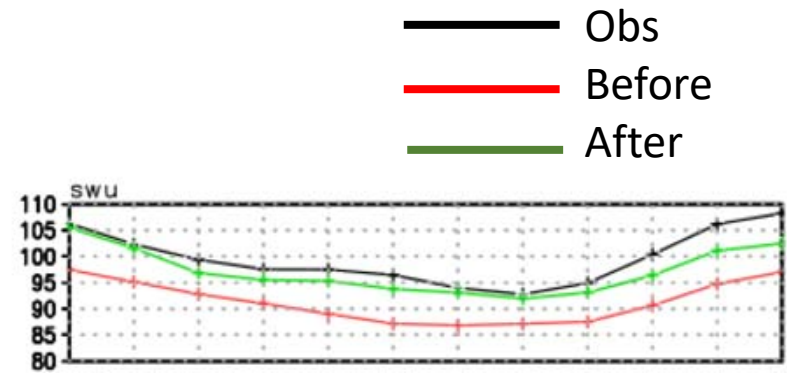


calculated from roughened data to 2.5deg grid

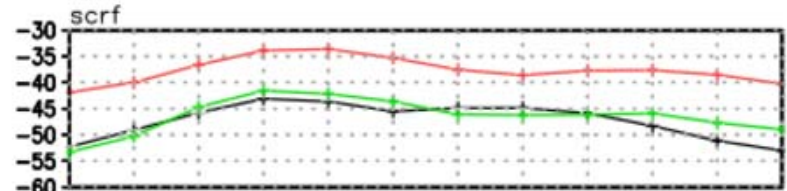
Seasonal Variation of Shortwave radiation @ TOA

- ✓ Solar Reflection and SW CRF greatly improved not only over global means, but in each latitude bands
- ✓ Need future improvement: positive bias left in SH mid-latitudes, which partly compensates negative biases in tropics and NH midlatitudes

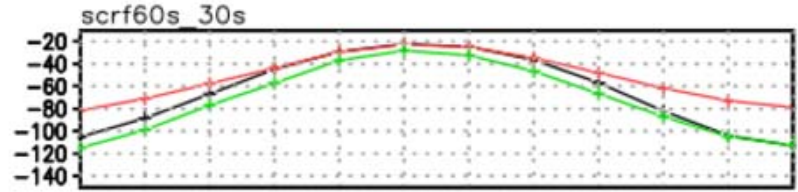
Solar reflection



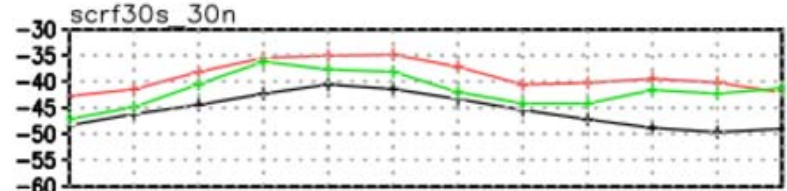
SW CRF



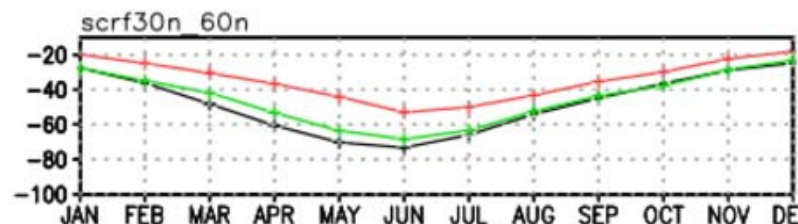
SW CRF(SH)



SWCRF (Tropics)



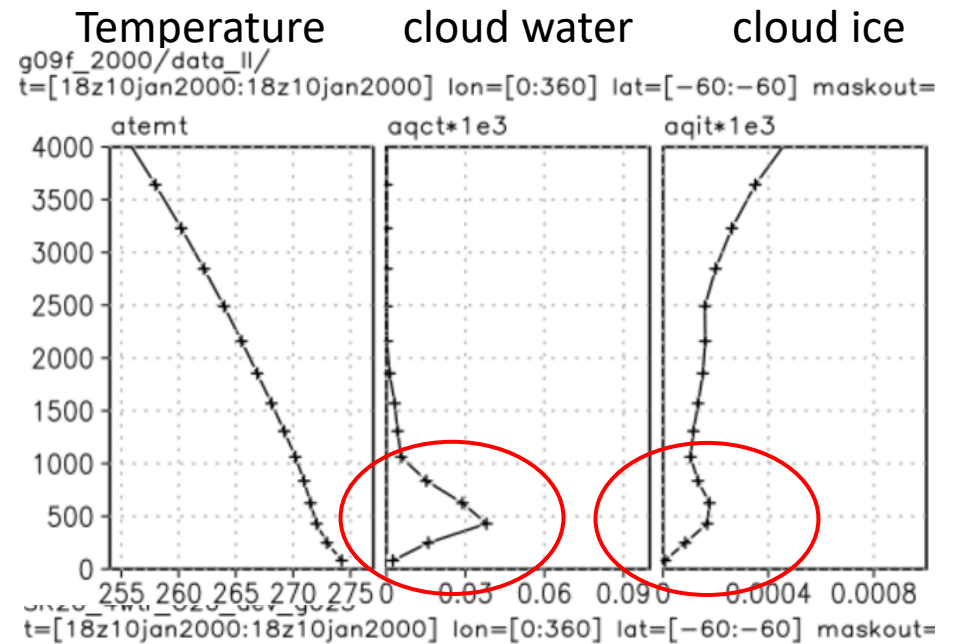
SWCRF(NH)



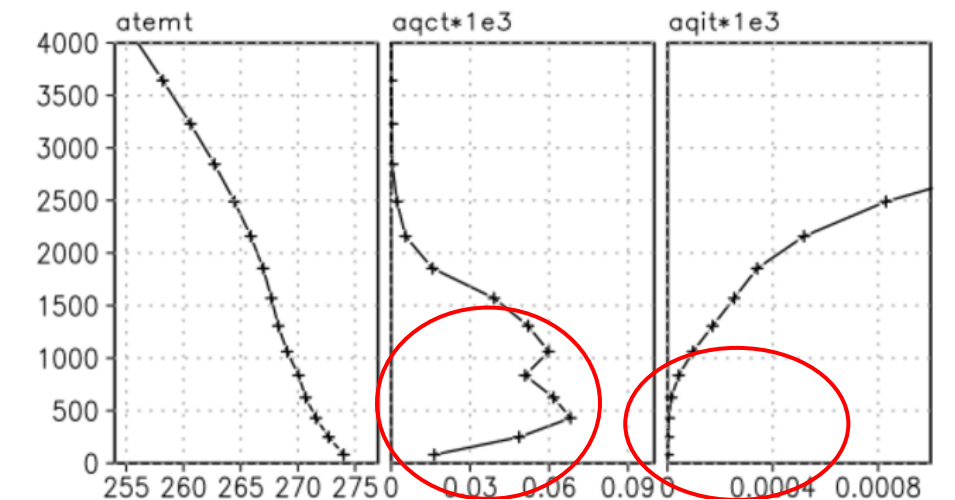
Vertical structures of Mixed-phase clouds in Higher latitude (60° S-mean)

- ✓ New one-moment microphysics by Seiki and Roh (2000) leads to more liquid and less ice in boundary-layer clouds due to
 - ✓ suppression of liquid clouds to grow to be rain
 - ✓ suppression of liquid clouds to grow to be ice crystals

Before



After



Conclusion

- Test of a new one-moment microphysics scheme developed by Roh et al. 2020, JAS; Seiki and Roh 2020, JAS)
- Suppression of conversions
 - from cloud water to rain
 - from cloud water to cloud ice
- are major key factors for a better representation of mixed-phase low clouds
- The former also greatly contributes to improve longevity of liquid low clouds
- Those lead to improve solar reflectance and SW cloud radiative forcing almost over the globe
- Further improvement is needed for high clouds
 - more liquid droplets may relate to underestimation of high clouds, and thus, introducing homogeneous nucleation would help reduce this bias in future