

# Une nouvelle paramétrisation de la dynamique de population de poches froides dans le GCM LMDZ

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# 1- The ALP-ALE system: coupling boundary layer thermals, deep convection and density currents. (LMD & CNRM)

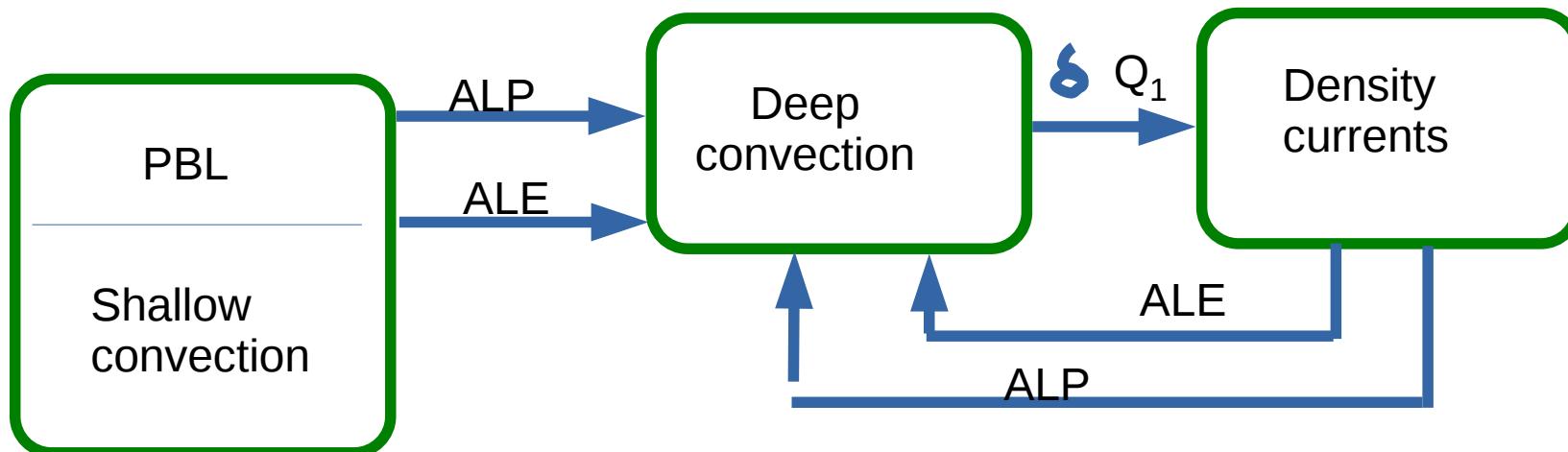
- Deep convection trigger given by the Available Lifting Energy (ALE) :

$\text{ALE} > |\text{CIN}| \implies \text{deep convection is triggered}$

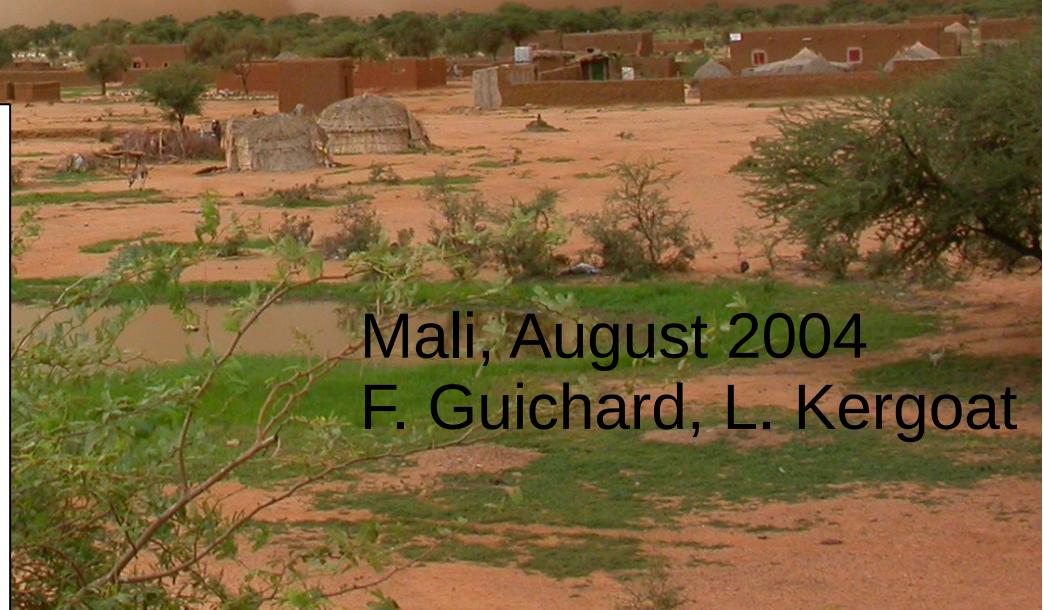
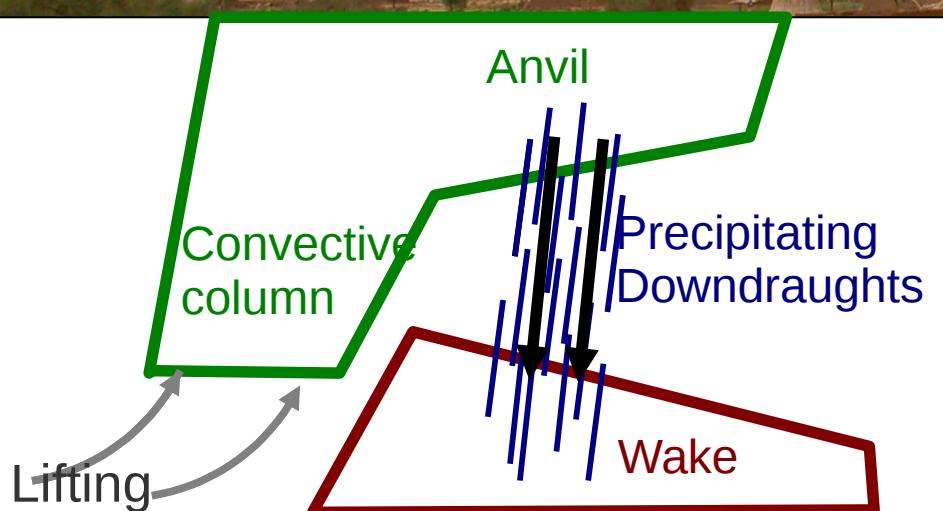
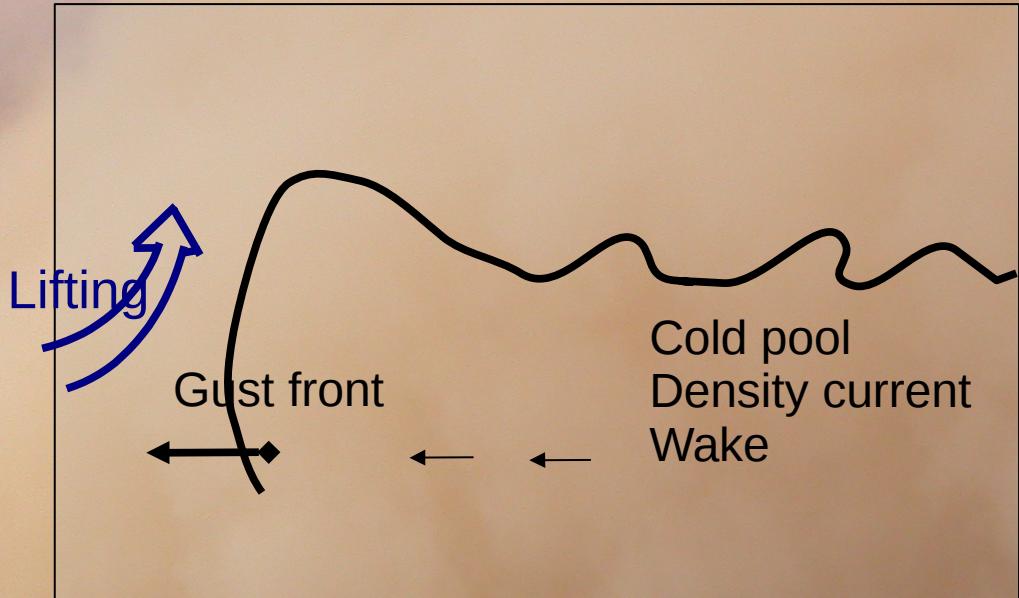
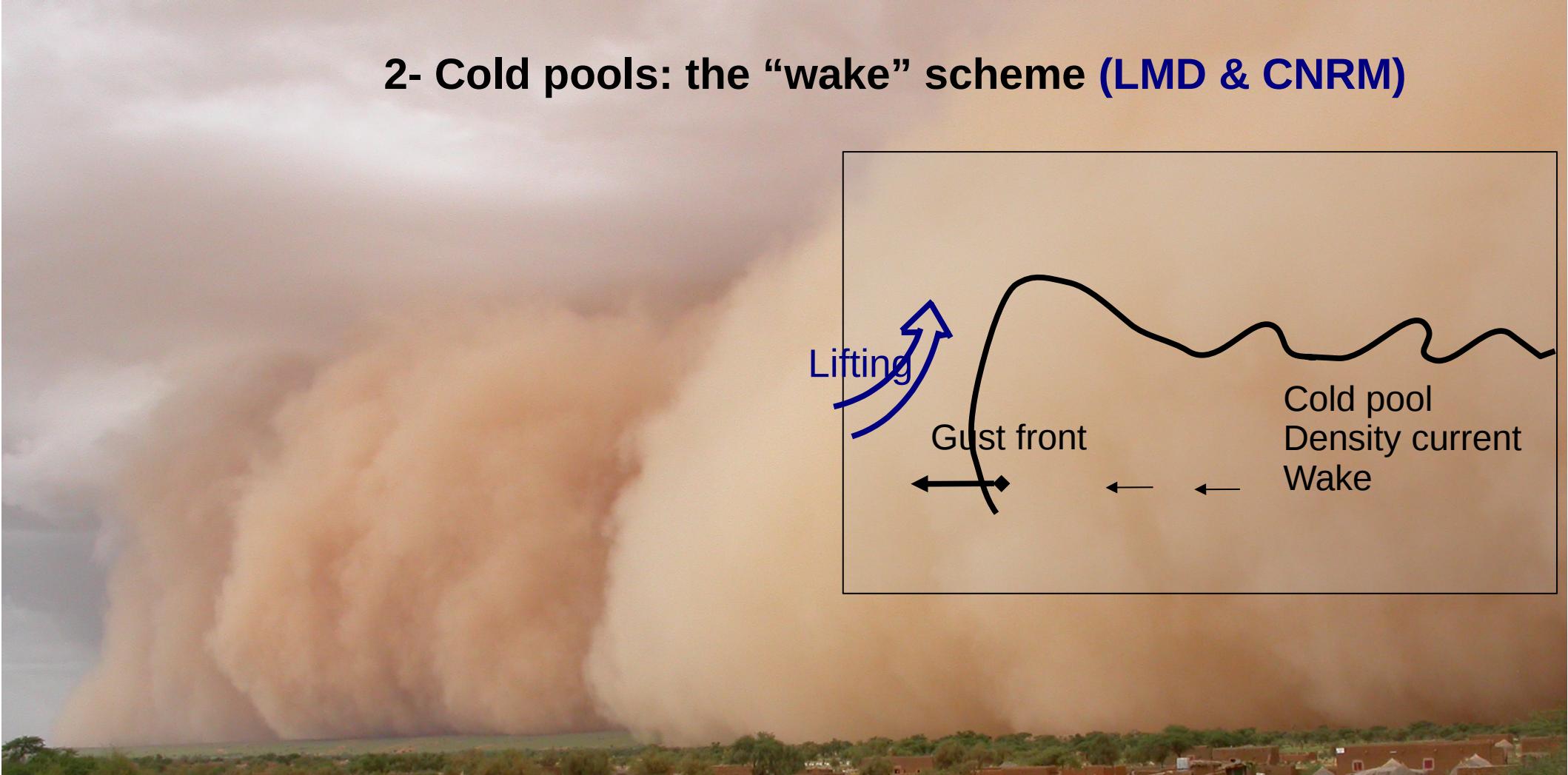
- Closure given by the Available Lifting Power (ALP) :

$$M = \text{ALP}/(2 W_B^2 + |\text{CIN}|) ;$$

$M$  = cloud base mass flux;  $W_B$  = updraught velocity at LFC



## 2- Cold pools: the “wake” scheme (LMD & CNRM)



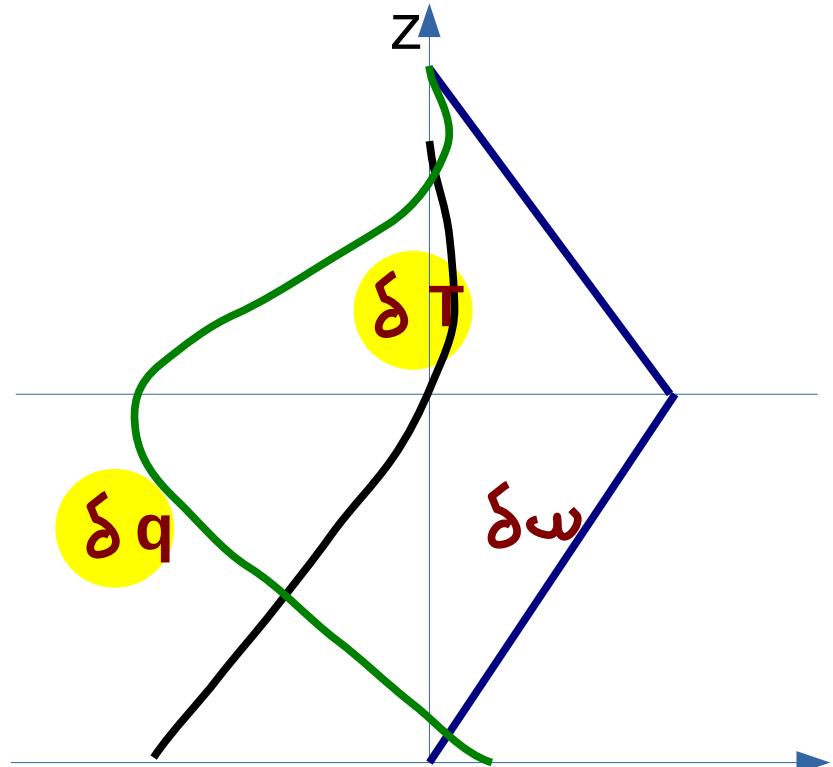
Mali, August 2004  
F. Guichard, L. Kergoat

## The density current (wake) parametrization

(Grandpeix and Lafore, JAS, 2010 ; Grandpeix et al., JAS 2010)

- Representation of a part of an infinite plane where identical cold pools (radius  $r$ , height  $h$ ) are scattered with an homogeneous density  $D_{\text{wk}}$ .
- State variables : (i) surface fraction covered by the wakes  $\sigma_w = \frac{S_w}{S_t}$  ( $\sigma_w = \pi r^2 D_{\text{wk}}$ ), (ii) temperature and humidity differences (resp.  $\delta\theta(p)$  and  $\delta q(p)$ ) between wake and off-wake regions.
- Spreading speed :  $C_*$  such that  $C_*^2 \simeq \text{WAPE}$  (WAke Potential Energy) ;  $\text{WAPE} = \int_{p_{top}}^{p_{surf}} R_d \delta T_v \frac{dp}{p}$
- Evolutions of  $\delta\theta$  and  $\delta q$  profiles are given by conservation equations of mass, energy and water taking into account vertical advection, turbulence and phase changes.
- Turbulence and phase change terms are assumed to be given by the deep convection scheme.
- $\delta\omega$  profile is linear between the surface and the wake top (no mass exchange through the wake boundary) ; it goes back to 0 linearly between the wake top and an arbitrary altitude (about 4000 m).

## Wake differential profiles



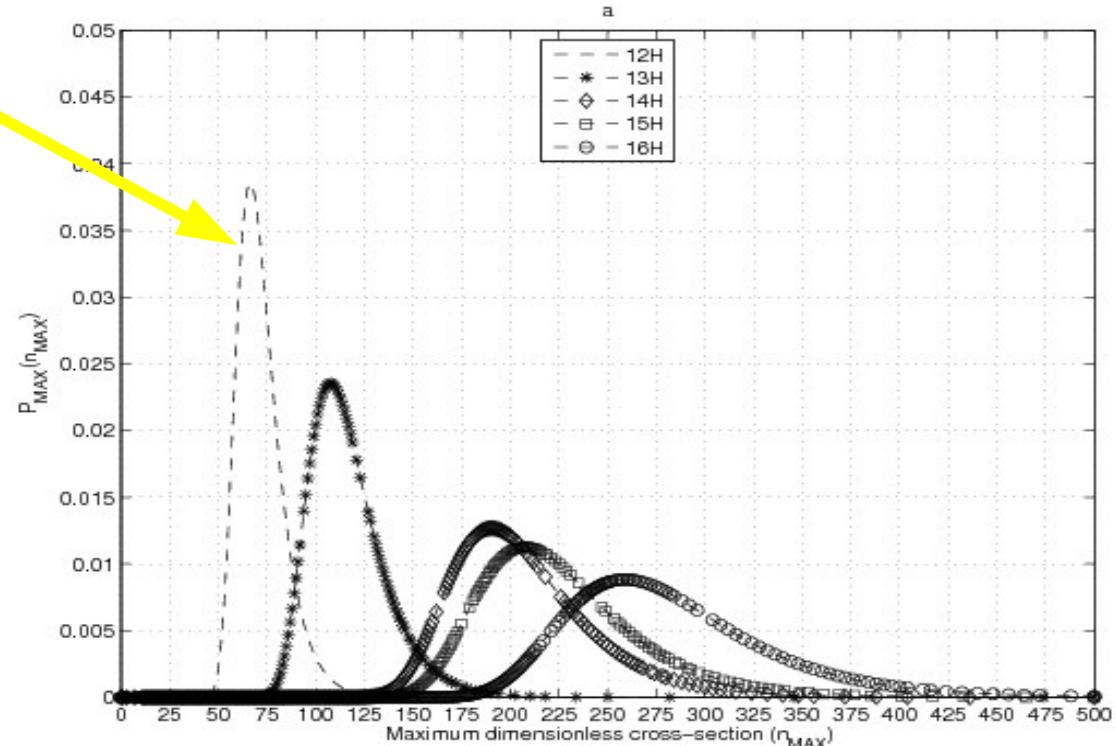
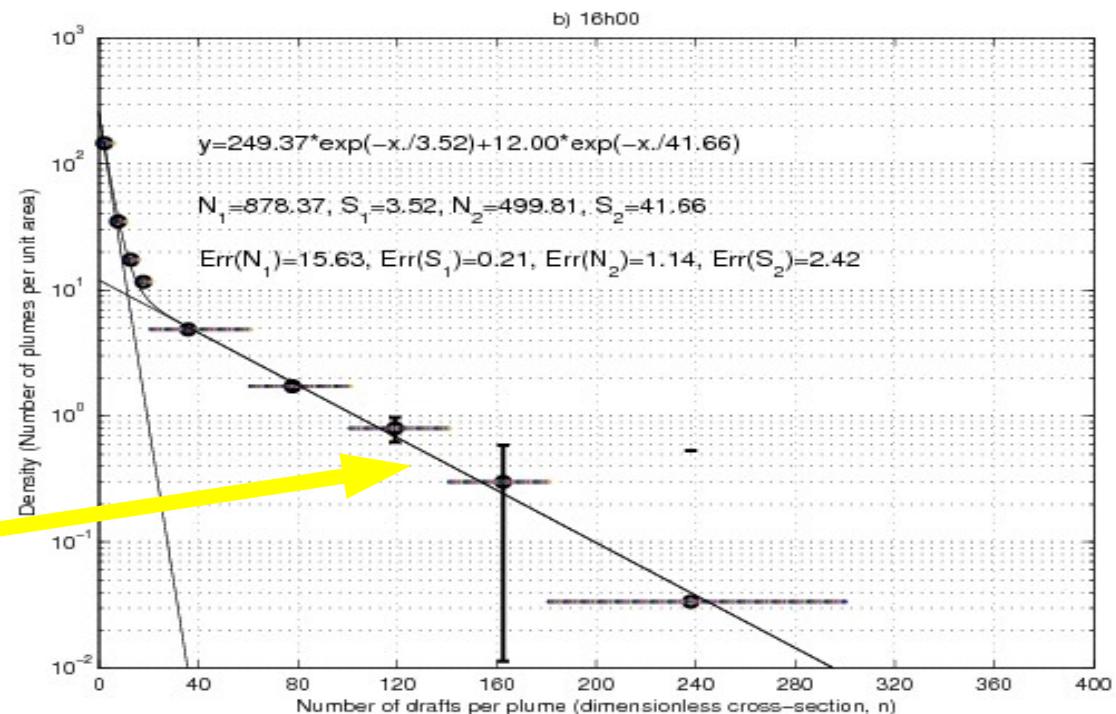
# 3- Stochastic physics: Deep convection triggering by boundary layer thermals

## Stochastic trigger

- Analysis of LES (Large Eddy Simulation" of 10 July 2006 case over Niamey :

  1. PDF of cumulus sizes is exponential.
  2. deep convection triggers when there are large cumulus.

- Trigger = "largest cumulus size exceeds a given threshold"
- From PDF of Cu size → PDF of largest cumulus size
- From the thermal model → number of cumulus clouds per unit area
- number of cumulo-nimbus per unit area
- probability of triggering ; use of a random number generator to implement this probability (no trigger ⇒ ALE set to zero).



(Rochetin et al, JAS, 2014, I and II)

## 5 - The two radius scheme

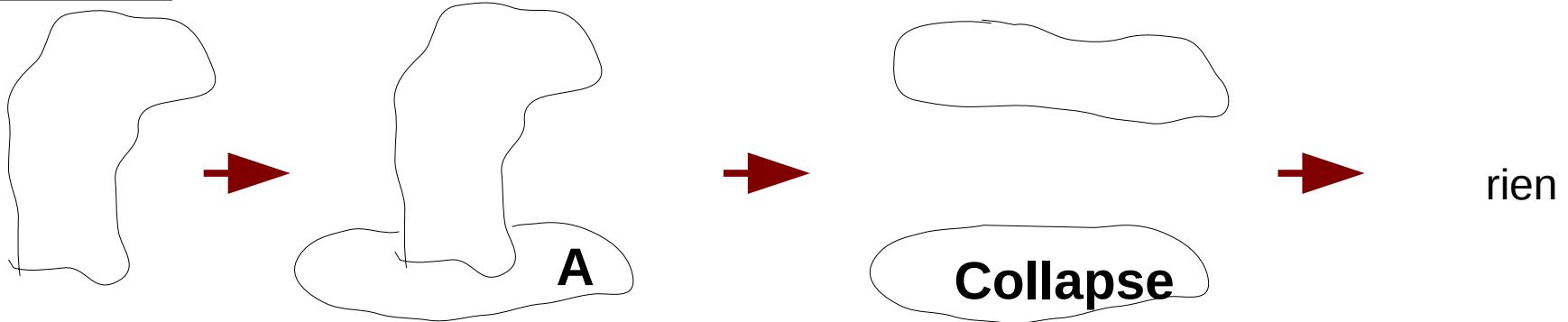
### Principle:

The cold pool (or wake) scheme describes a population of identical (except for the radius) circular wakes. It is supposed to represent a population of wakes of various sizes and ages, some fed by a cumulonimbus (the “active” ones), others merely collapsing. These wakes may collide or merge. The purpose of the scheme is to describe the evolution of such a diverse population while representing a population of identical wakes.

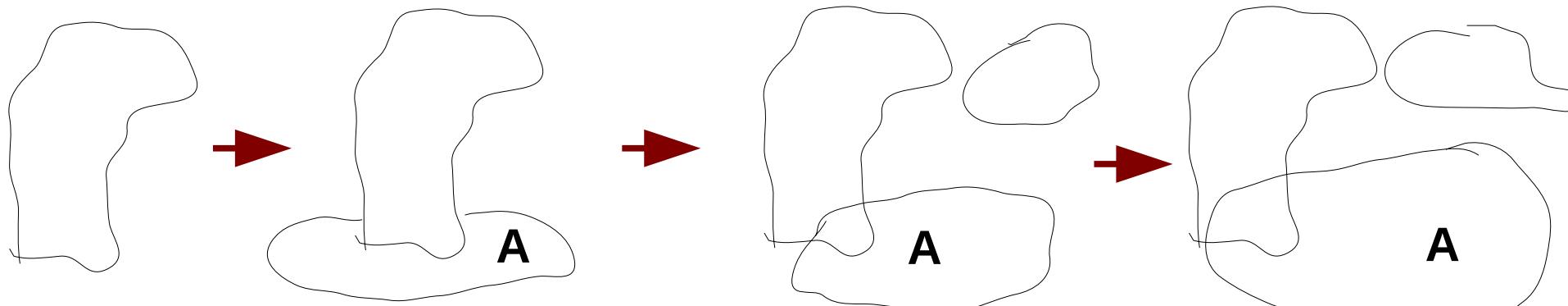
### Structure:

- Two categories of wakes: active (with Cu Nimb) and inactive (collapsing).  $D$  is the number of wakes per unit area and  $A$  the number of active ones. The active wakes become inactive when their attached CBs decay. The inactive ones decay by collapsing.
- The wake radii vary by three mechanisms: (i) spread (speed  $C^*$ ); (ii) genesis (new cold pools are small, hence cold pool genesis induces a decrease of the mean wake area); (iii) coalescence (when colliding wakes merge, yielding a larger wake, the average size increases) and collision.
- Wake encounters: A-A and A-I encounters yield a new active wake by merging. I-I collisions yield a new small active wake while the two incoming wakes decay.

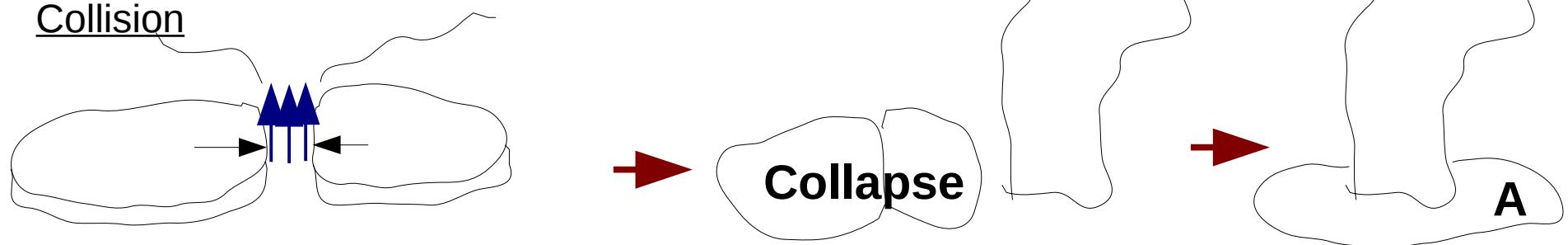
### Poches faibles



### Poches fortes



### Collision



## **Formulation du modèle**

But : représentation pas trop compliquée d'une population de poches froides.

Départ : modèle représentant les spectres de surfaces des deux espèces de poches. Densités spectrales :  $f_A(s, t)$  et  $f_I(s, t)$ . ( $s$  = aire des poches)

Densités spatiales des poches :

$$A(t) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} f_A(s, t) ds \quad I(t) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} f_I(s, t) ds$$

Fractions surfaciques couvertes par les poches :

$$\sigma_A(t) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} s f_A(s, t) ds \quad \sigma_I(t) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} s f_I(s, t) ds$$

## Équations des moments du modèle spectral en surfaces des poches

Équations :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t A = B - \frac{A}{\tau_A} + 4\pi C_*(I^2 \bar{r}_I - A^2 \bar{r}_A) \\ \\ \partial_t D = B - \frac{I}{\tau_I} - 4\pi \bar{r} C_* D^2 \\ \\ \partial_t \sigma_A = Ba_0 - \frac{\sigma_A}{\tau'_A} + 2\pi \bar{r}_A A C_* \\ \quad + 4\pi^2 C_* \bar{r}_I^3 A I + 4\pi C_* \bar{r}_I a_0 I^2 + 4\pi C_* \bar{r}_A \sigma_I A \\ \\ \partial_t \sigma = Ba_0 - \frac{\sigma_I}{\tau'_I} I + 2\pi C_* D \bar{r} \\ \quad - 4\pi C_* \bar{r}_I I^2 (\pi \frac{\bar{r}_I^3}{\bar{r}_I} + \pi \bar{r}_I^2 - a_0) \end{array} \right.$$

**A noter** : intervention de rayons moyens, de rayons carrés moyens, de rayons cubes moyens, de temps de vie inverses moyens.

**Naissances**

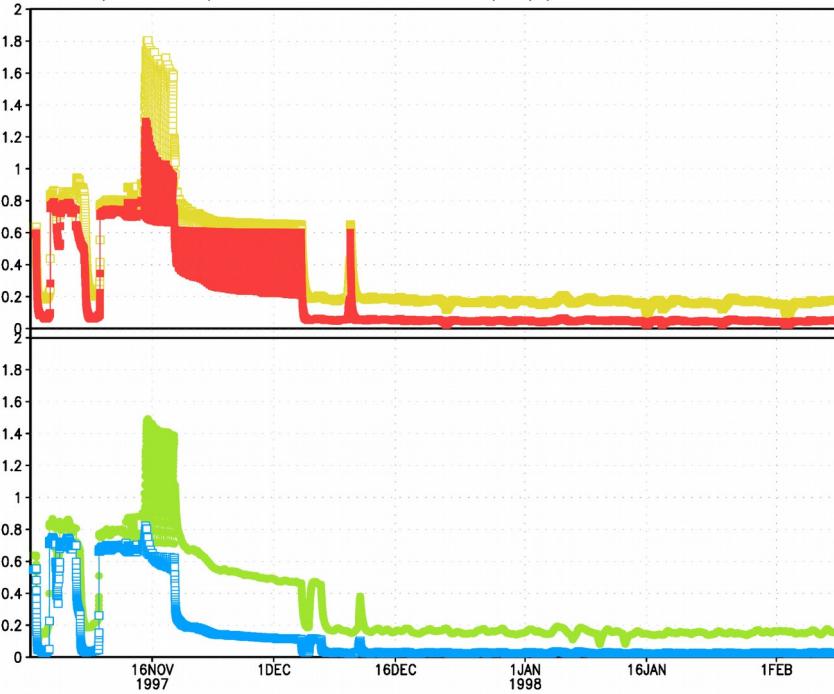
**Morts**

Équations simplifiées : approximations  $\bar{r}_I^2 \simeq \bar{r}_I r_I^2 \dots$

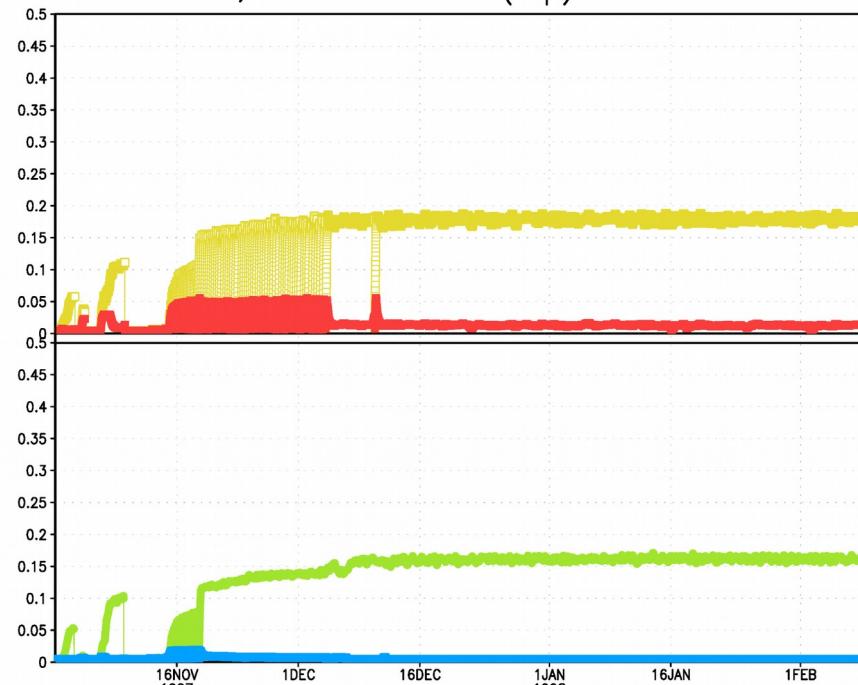
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**Etalement**

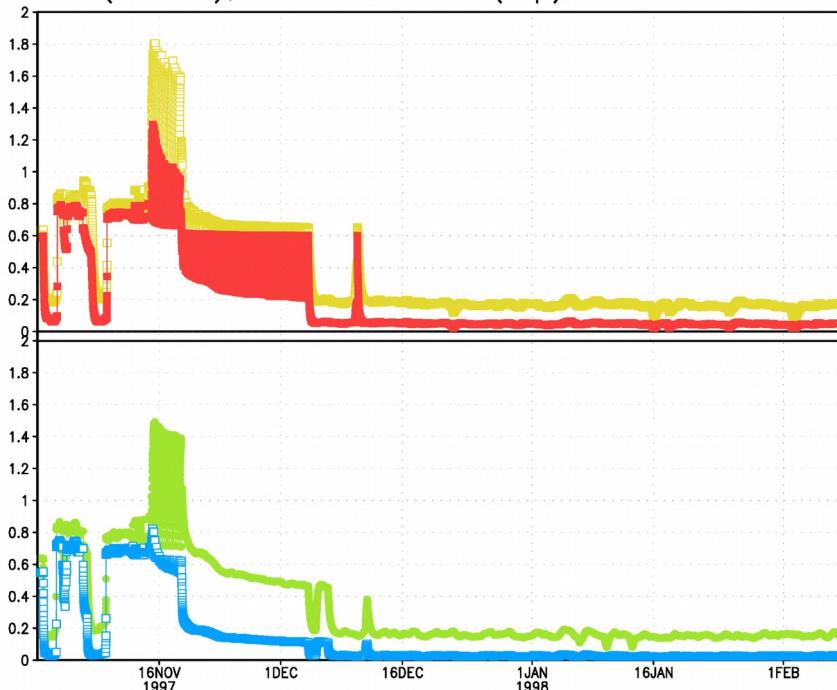
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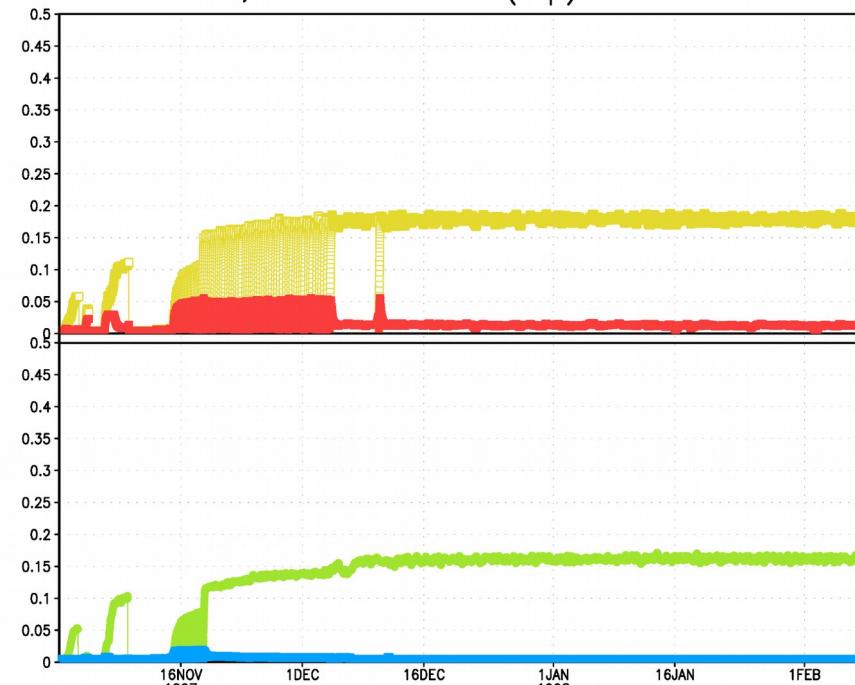
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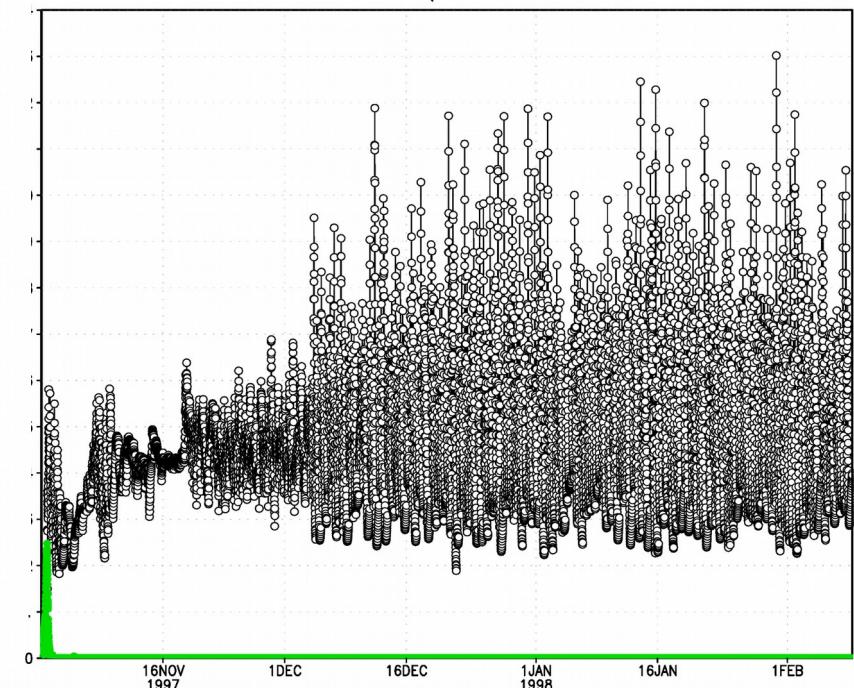
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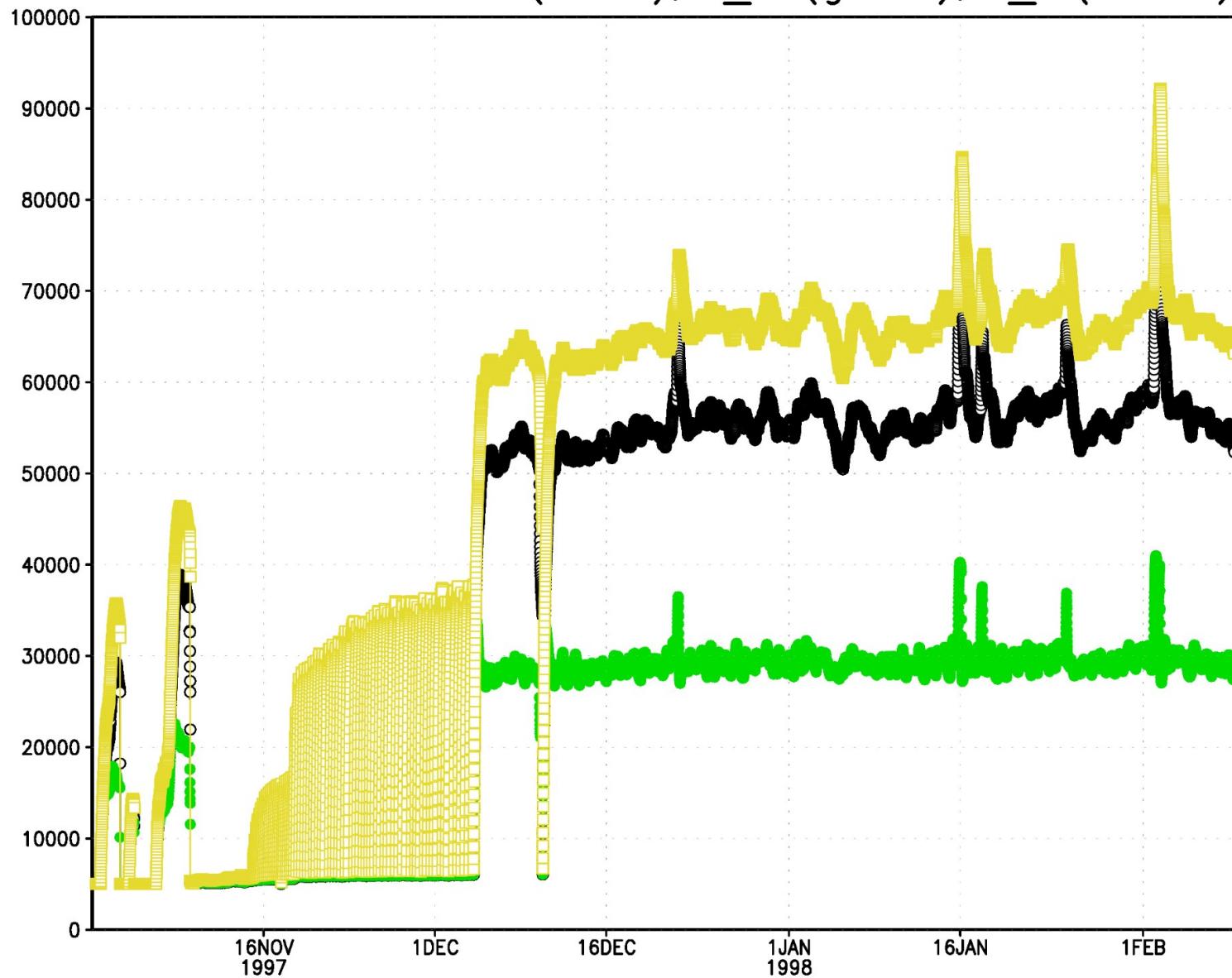


Precipitation

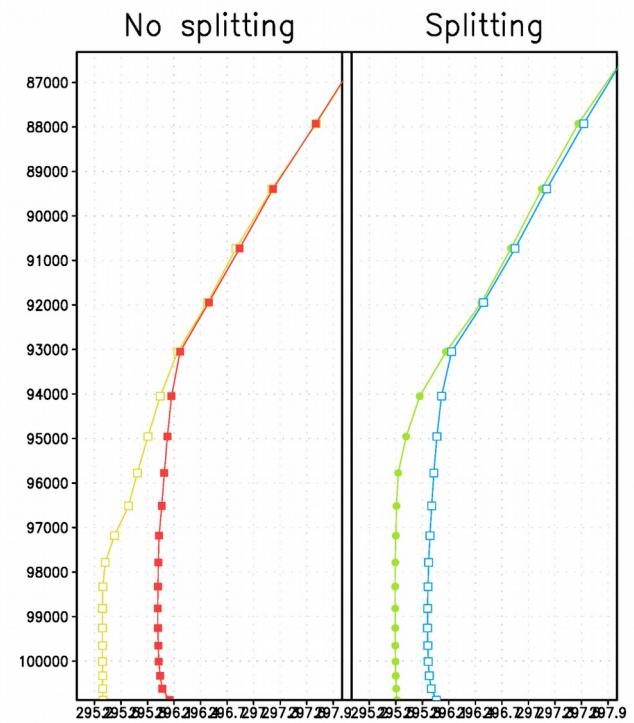
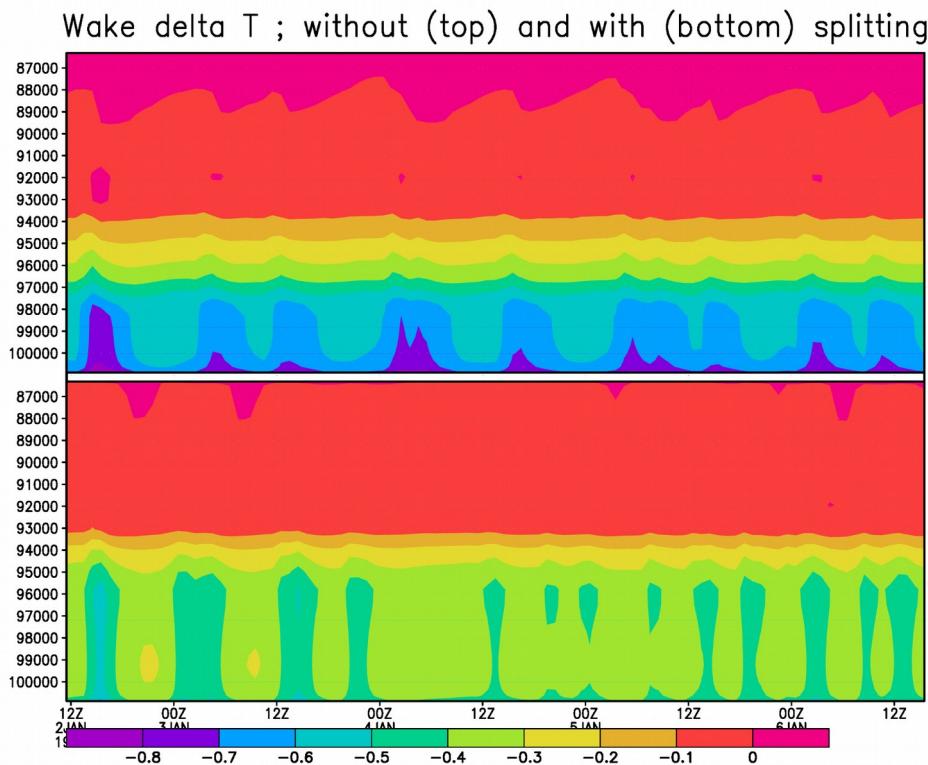


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Wake radius: mean (white),  $r_A$  (green),  $r_I$  (Yellow)



# Effet du splitting



## Tw and Tx

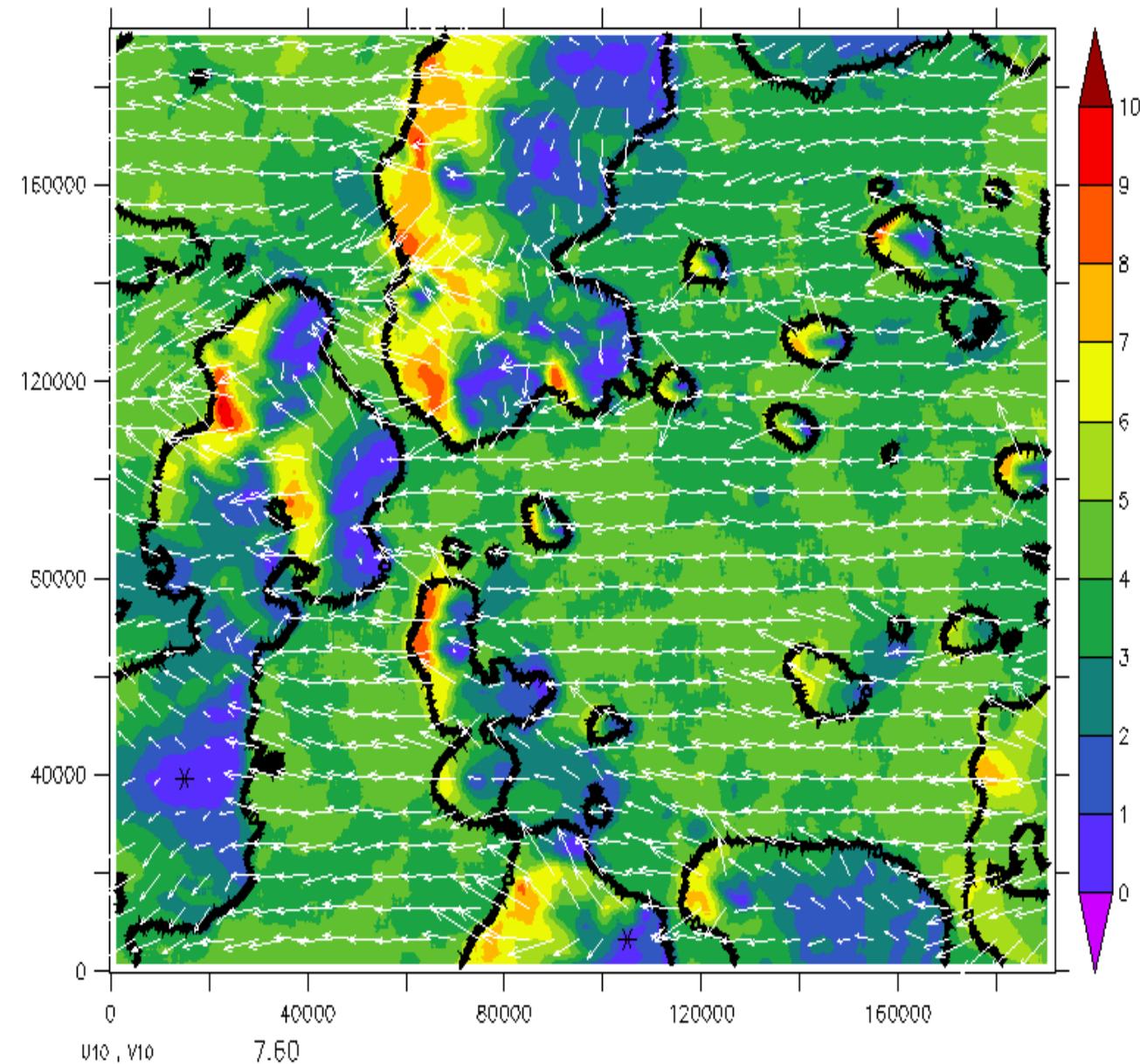
## Temperature difference Tw-Tx

Importance de la couche bien mélangée dans les poches (surtout avec splitting).  
Contradiction avec les LES ?

## Perspective

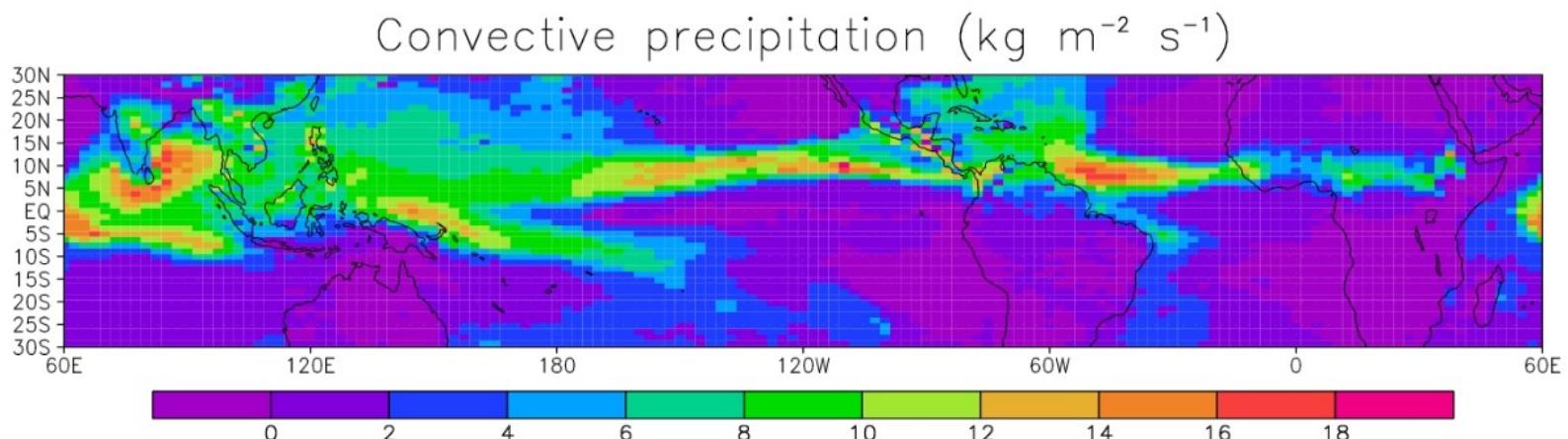
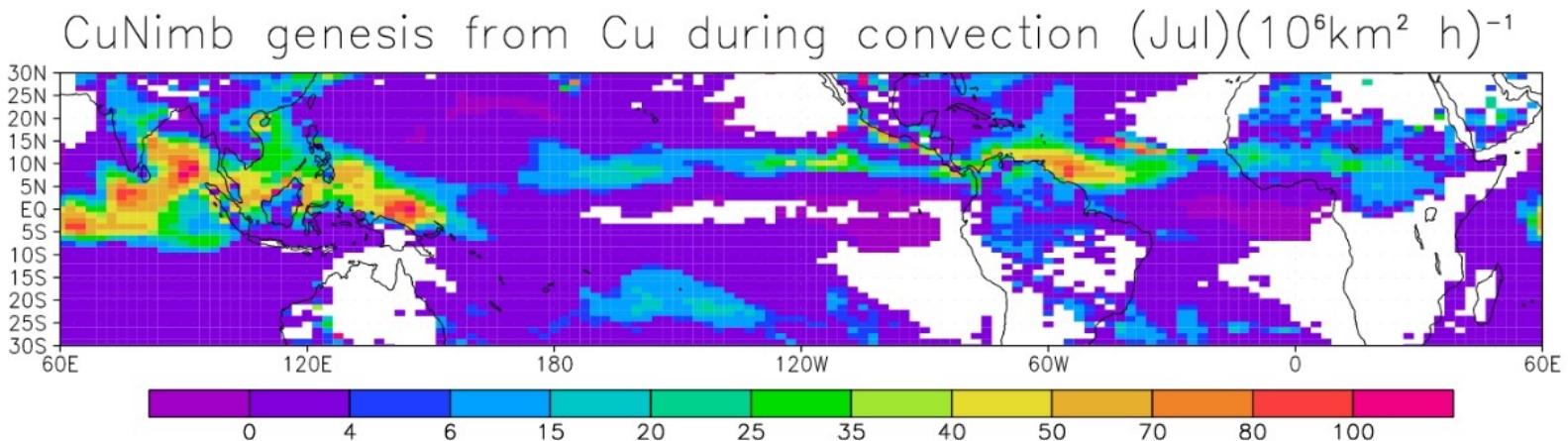
- Le nouveau modèle de dynamique de la population des poches froides à deux rayons semble raisonnable et prometteur.
- Mais résultats très préliminaires : manquent des études de sensibilité aux divers paramètres.
- Le modèle converge vers un point fixe peu compatible avec ce que l'on attend.
- Le temps de vie des poches actives semble un paramètre important. Nécessite de coupler plus directement la dynamique de population avec le schéma convectif.

# LES SAM

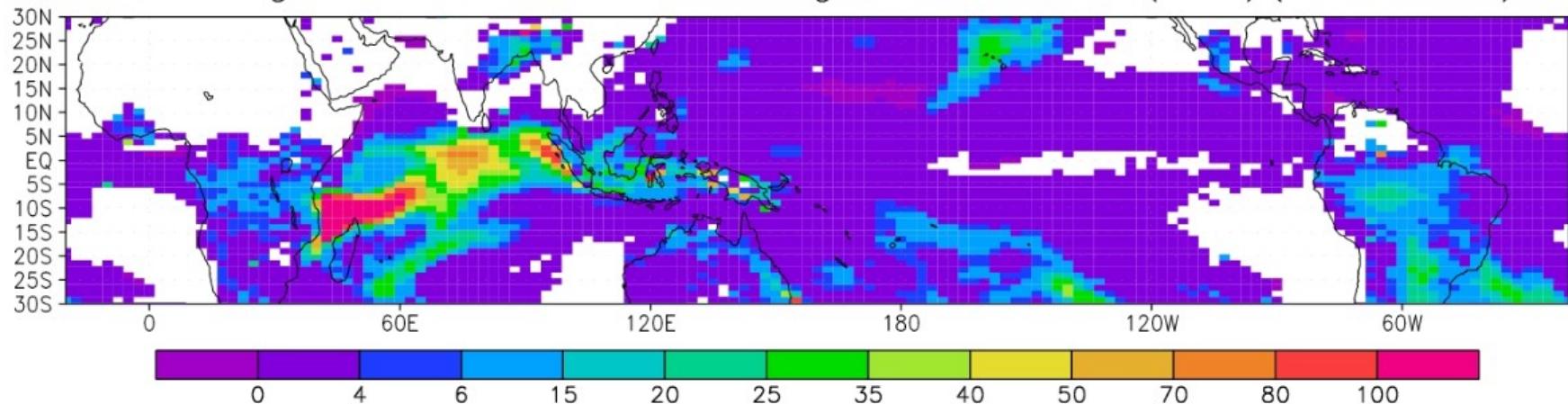


## 4 -Cumulonimbus & cold pool genesis

CuNimb genesis rate diagnosed from an LMDZ AMIP simulation. The order of Magnitude looks reasonable: up to a hundred per million km<sup>2</sup> and per hour over ocean; half a dozen over Sahel in July.



CuNimb genesis from Cu during convection (Feb) ( $10^6 \text{ km}^2 \text{ h}^{-1}$ )



Convective precipitation ( $\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

