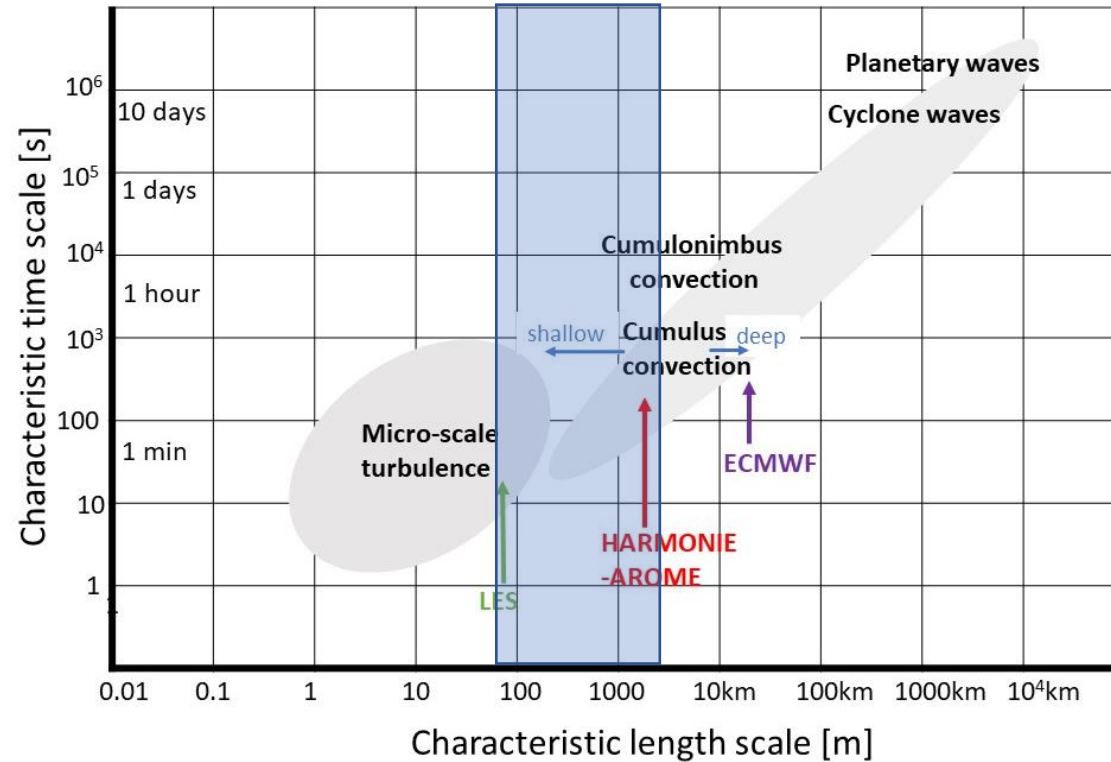


# Adapting our parameterisations for the grey zone

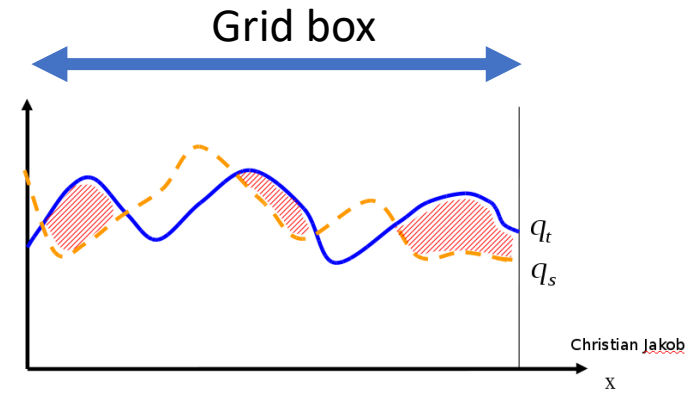
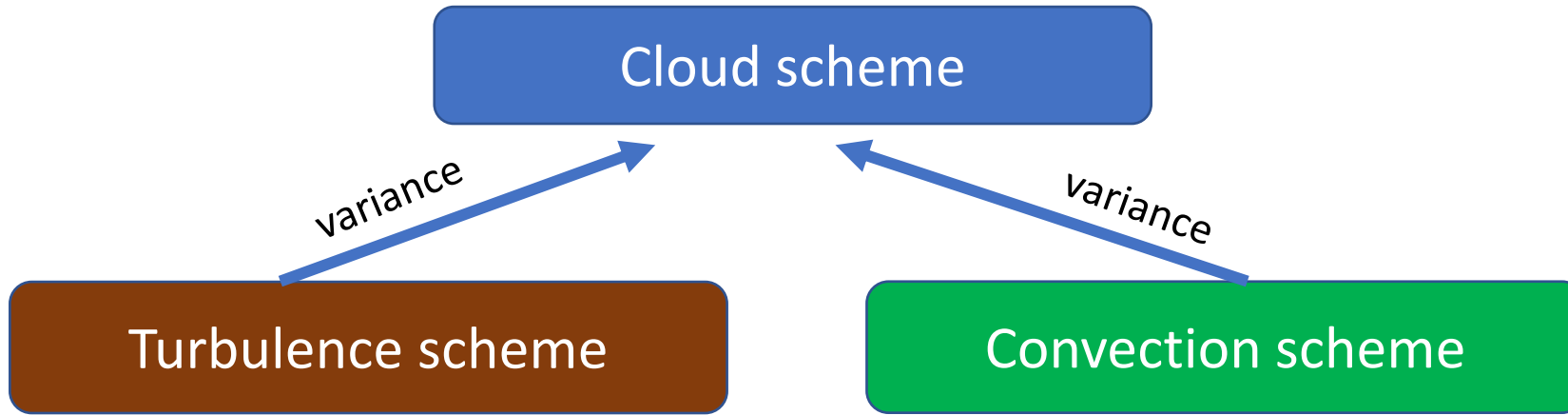
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# Fundamental question: Processes become partly resolved, what to do?



- Here considering 3 schemes:
- convection
  - turbulence
  - cloud (!?)

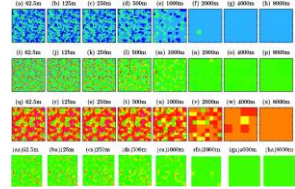
# Statistical cloud scheme → grey zone??



However, in Arome and Harmonie-Arome there is a third contribution from the extra variance term! (see de Rooy et al., 2022 GMD)

Suggestion: linear decrease from current value at 2.5km to 0 at 100m resolution (LES)

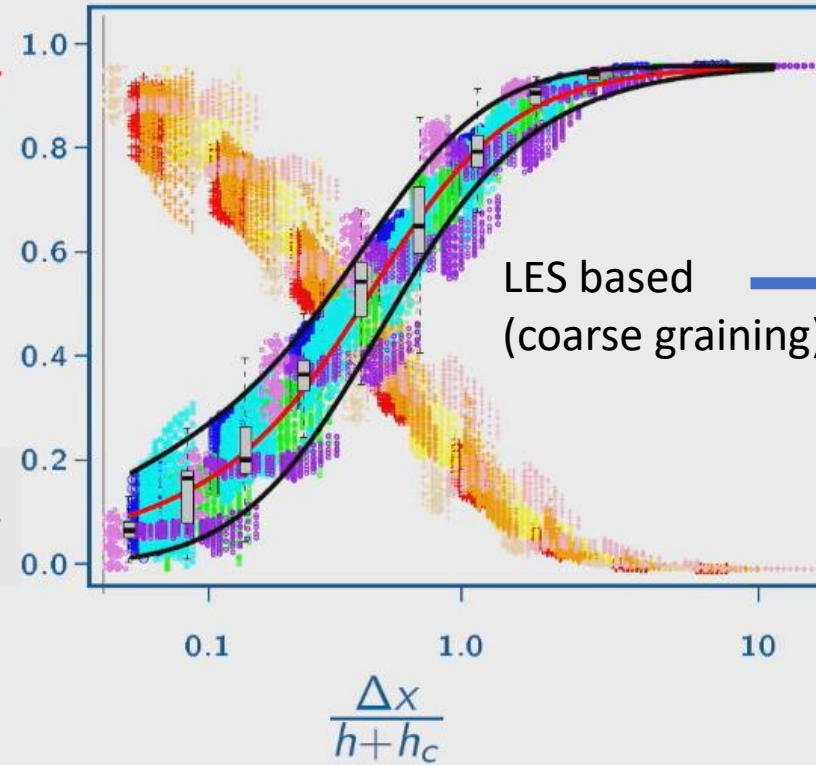
# Convection and turbulence in the grey zone



Rachel Honnert plot (e.g. Honnert 2011, JAS)

$\frac{\text{humidity flux resolved}}{\text{total humidity flux}}$

$\frac{\text{humidity flux subgrid}}{\text{total humidity flux}}$



unresolved

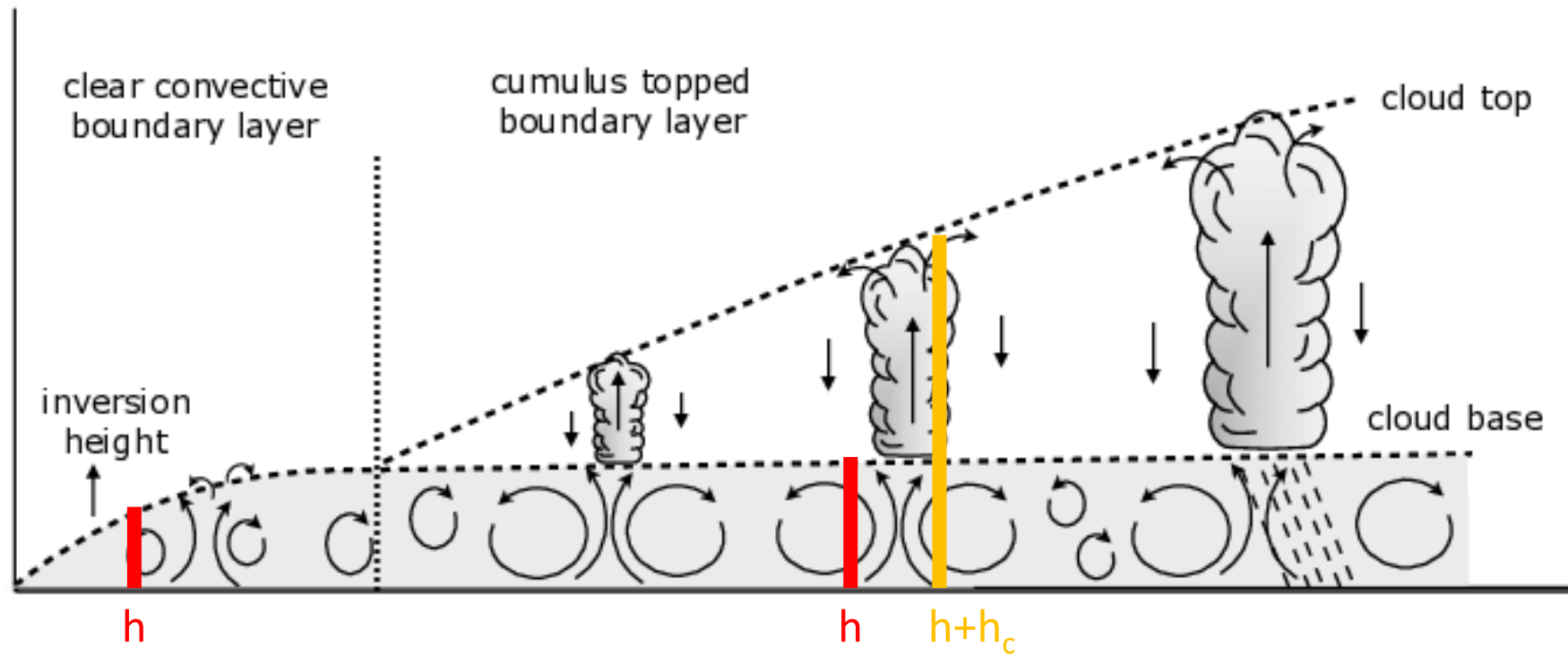
LES based  
(coarse graining)

We want similar  
behavior in NWP

resolved

$h+h_c$  is an estimate of the relevant (dominant) scales

# Boundary layer height $h$ or $h+h_c$ as an estimate of the scales

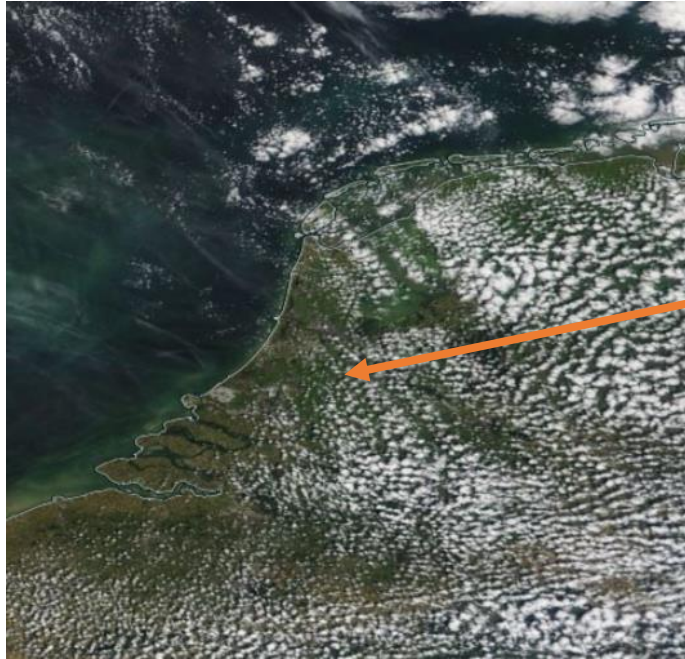


**LES:**  $h$  or  $h+h_c$  less trivial.  
Several options tried but best:  
Top level with  $q_1 > 0$  or if no  $q_1$   
height with minimum  $w'\theta_v'$

**Harmonie-Arome:**  $h$  or  $h+h_c$   
Very simple: Termination height  
moist and/or dry updraft.  
Moist  $\leftrightarrow$  dry  $\rightarrow$  New possibilities!

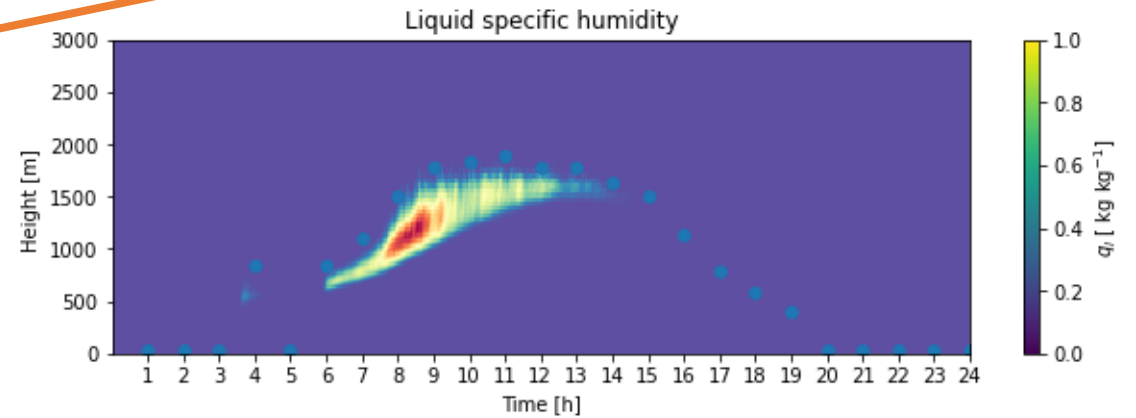
Decrease Mass flux with  
 $f(\Delta x/h)$  (Lancz et al. 2018)  
But  
Now separately for dry  
( $h$ ) and moist ( $h+h_c$ )

# Start with a simple case of (very) shallow convection 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022



LES

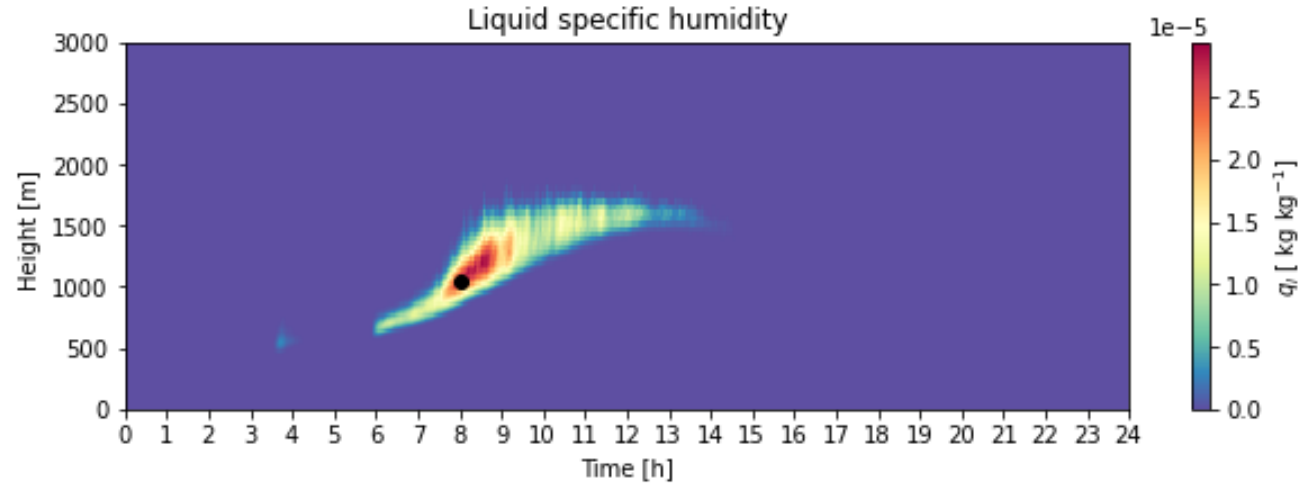
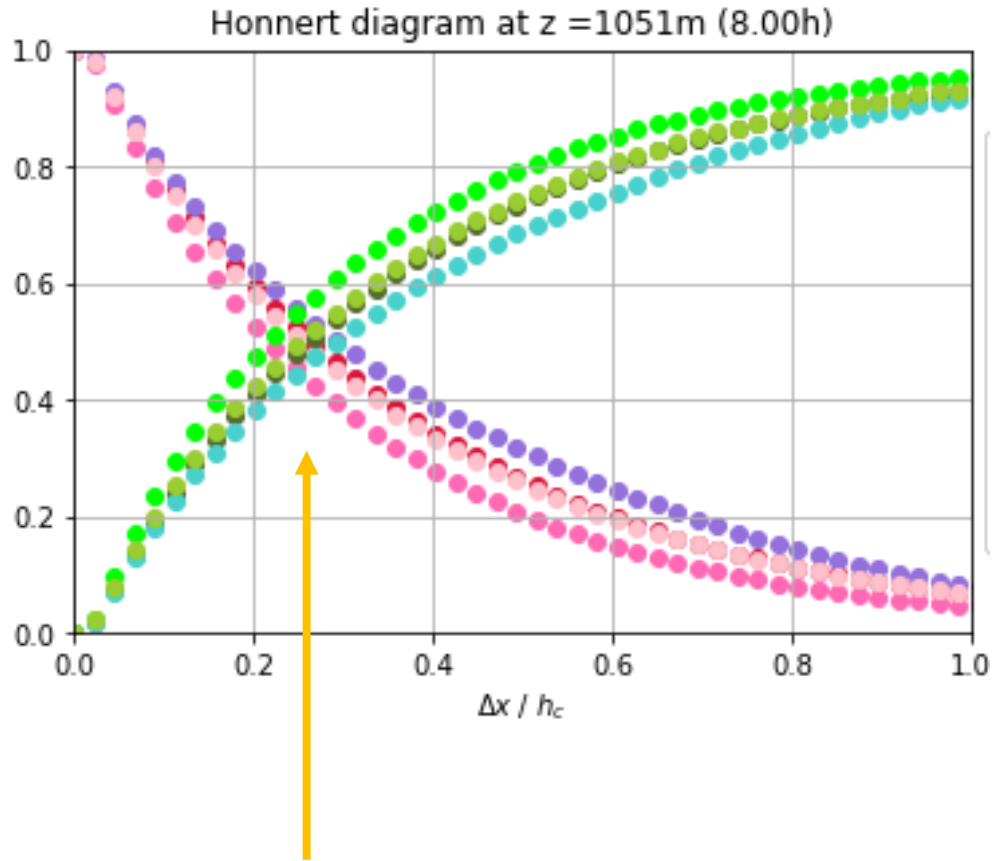
Cabauw



$h$  or  $h_c$  generally okay with  $q_l$  or  $w'\theta_v'$  criteria

# In the cloud (LES results)

LES domain = 15x15km<sup>2</sup>

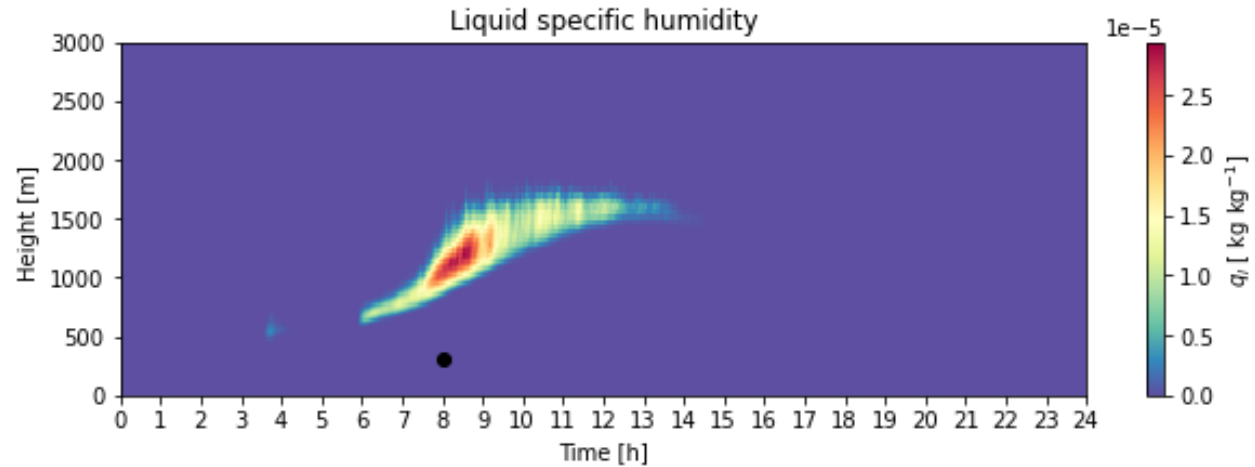
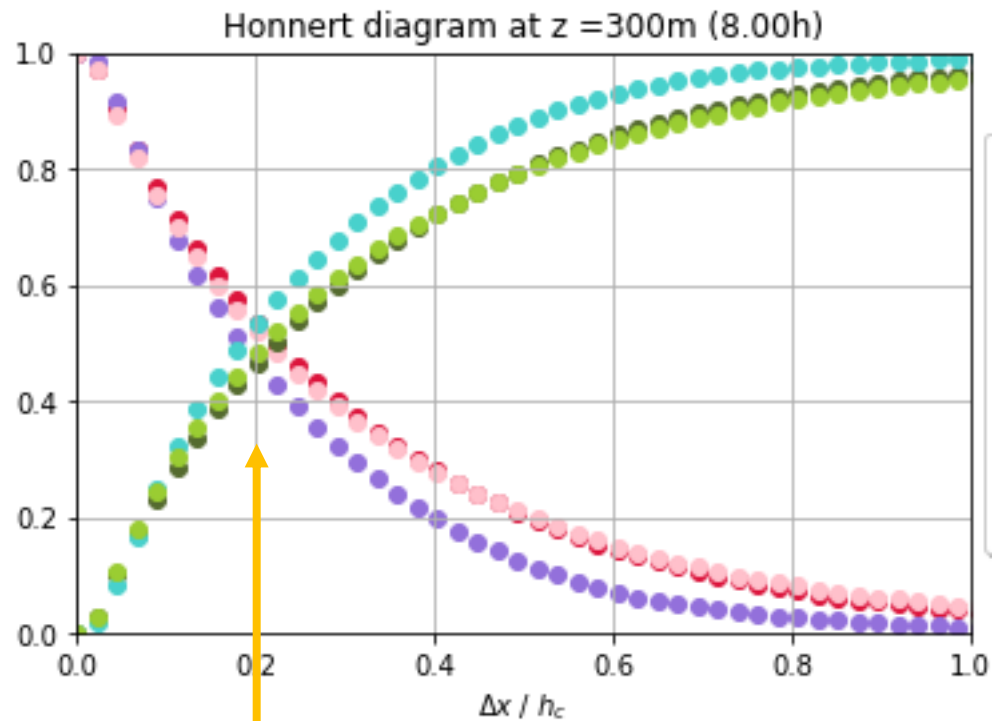


$z = 1051\text{ m}$   
 $T = 8.00\text{ h}$

- Resolved moisture flux ( $w'q'_t$ )
- Resolved liquid water flux ( $w'q'_l$ )
- Resolved momentum flux ( $w'u'$ )
- Resolved liquid potential temperature ( $w'\theta_l$ )
- Unresolved moisture flux ( $w'q'_t$ )
- Unresolved liquid water flux ( $w'q'_l$ )
- Unresolved momentum flux ( $w'u'$ )
- Unresolved liquid potential temperature ( $w'\theta_l$ )

Scales in cloud layer:  
momentum larger  
 $q_l$  smaller

# Dry boundary layer (LES results)



$z = 300\text{ m}$   
 $T = 8.00\text{ h}$

- Resolved moisture flux ( $w'q'_t$ )
- Resolved liquid water flux ( $w'q'_l$ )
- Resolved momentum flux ( $w'u'$ )
- Resolved liquid potential temperature ( $w'\theta_l$ )
- Unresolved moisture flux ( $w'q'_t$ )
- Unresolved liquid water flux ( $w'q'_l$ )
- Unresolved momentum flux ( $w'u'$ )
- Unresolved liquid potential temperature ( $w'\theta_l$ )

Scales in sub-cloud:

- momentum smaller
- In general sub-cloud smaller scales

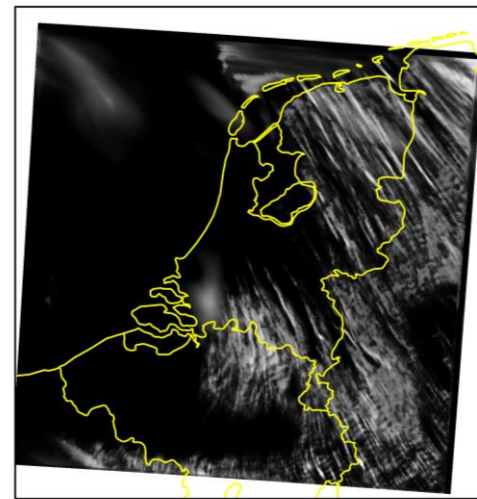
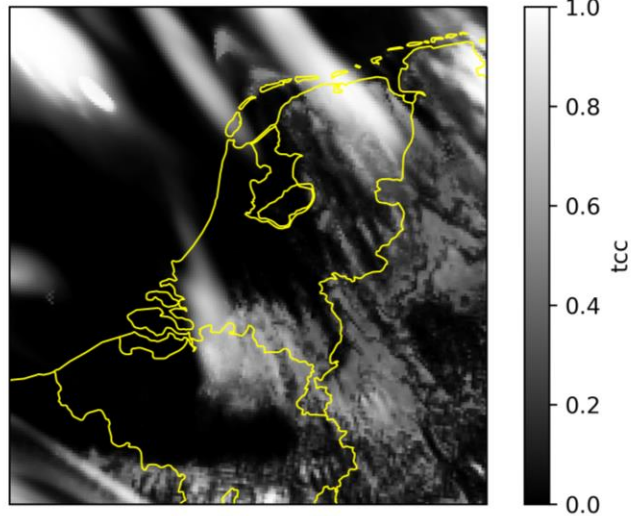


# Preliminary results with HARMONIE-AROME with scale-aware convection scheme

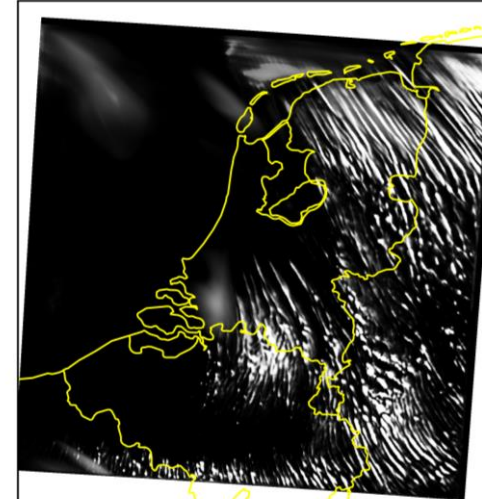


HARMONIE-AROME 500x500m<sup>2</sup> resolution  
total cloud cover

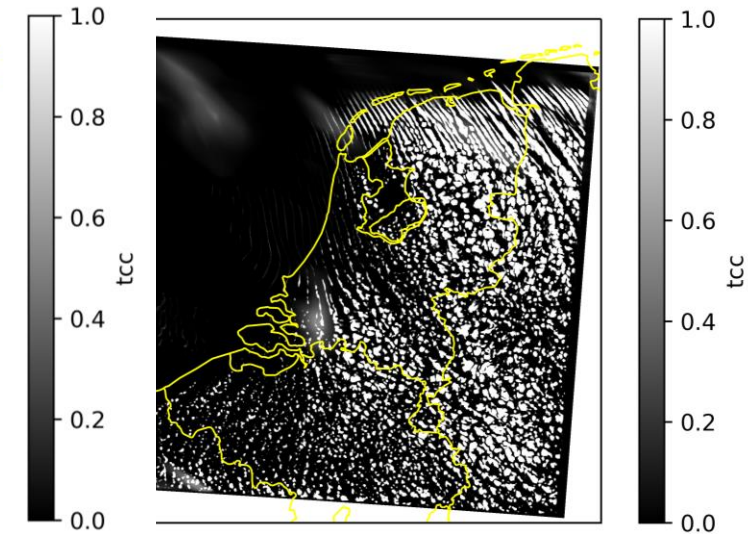
2.5km run (conv. on)



convection scheme on



scale-aware convection



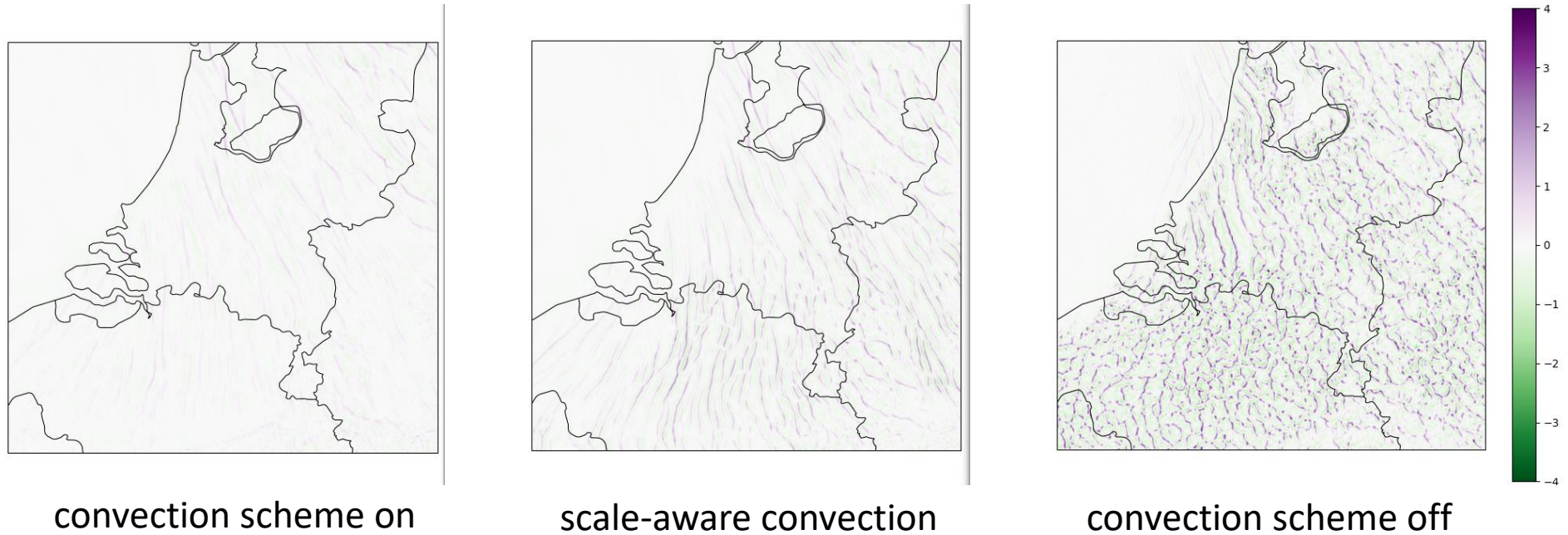
convection scheme off

- To be checked with observations!
- Default UVmix=off but small impact this case.



# Preliminary results with HARMONIE-AROME with scale-aware convection scheme

HARMONIE-AROME 500x500m<sup>2</sup> resolution  
resolved vertical velocity



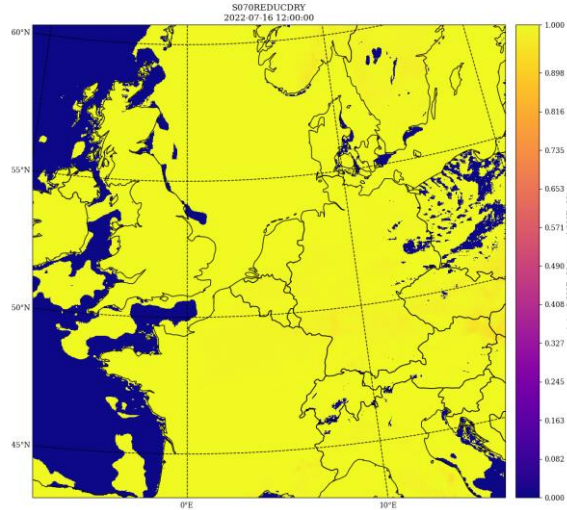
Scale aware scheme positioned in between full and no convection

- First impression: scale aware scheme behaves as expected (also for energy spectrum)

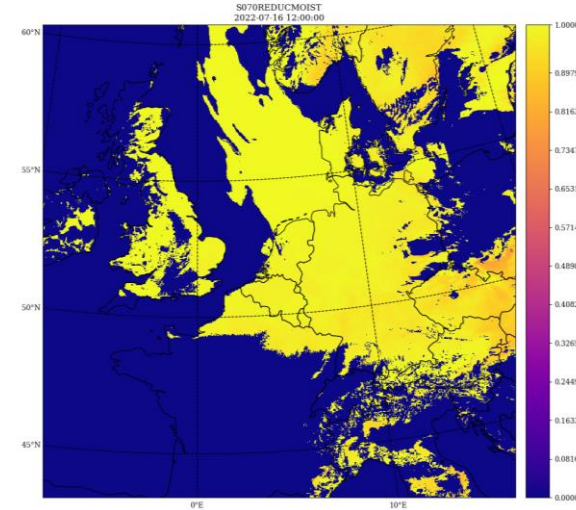
# Mass flux reduction factor 16<sup>th</sup> July run in scale aware runs

## 2500m run

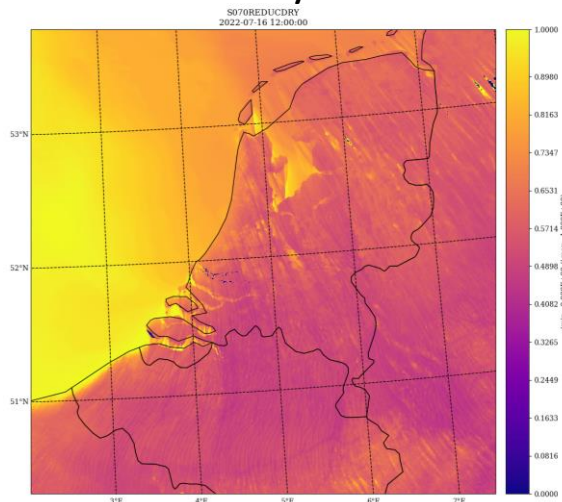
Reduction dry mass flux



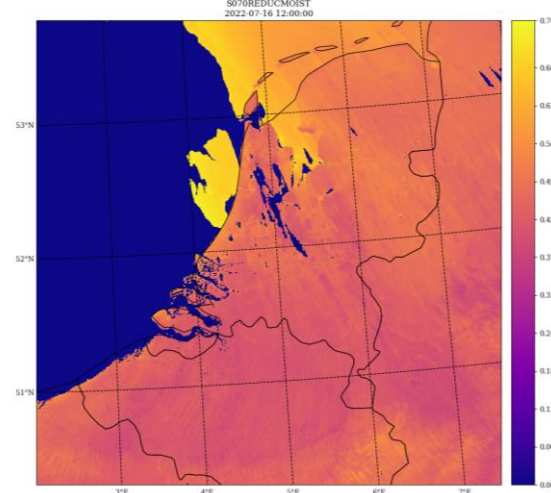
Reduction moist mass flux



Reduction dry mass flux



Reduction moist mass flux



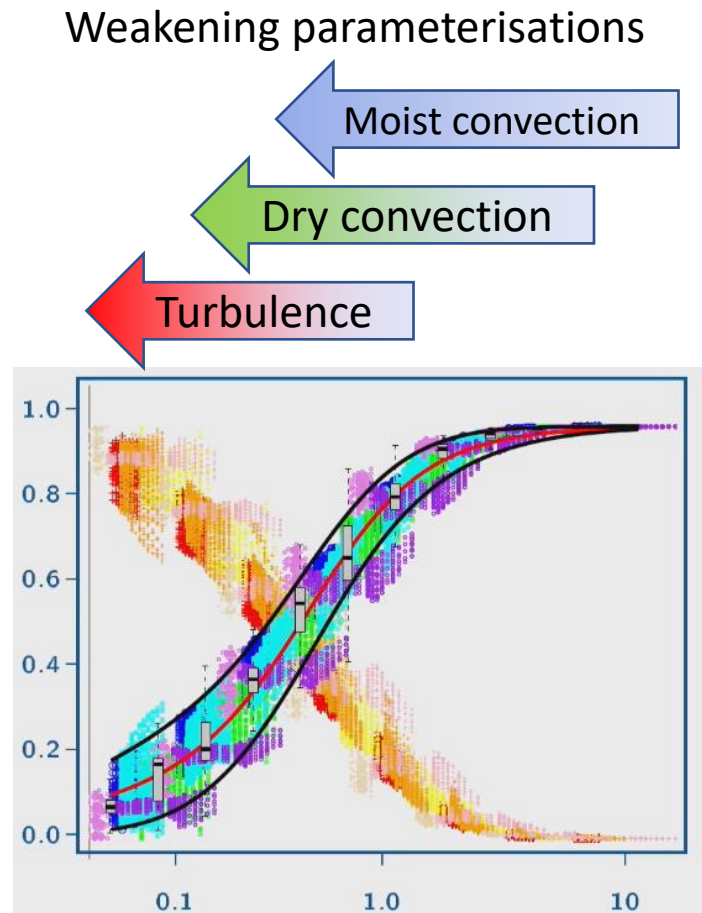
← NB scale!  
max=0.76

- Even at this resolution some attenuation! (mostly for moist MF)
- Tests also for typical operational resolutions?

## 500m run

- More substantial attenuation
- Small scale structures also for dry MF!

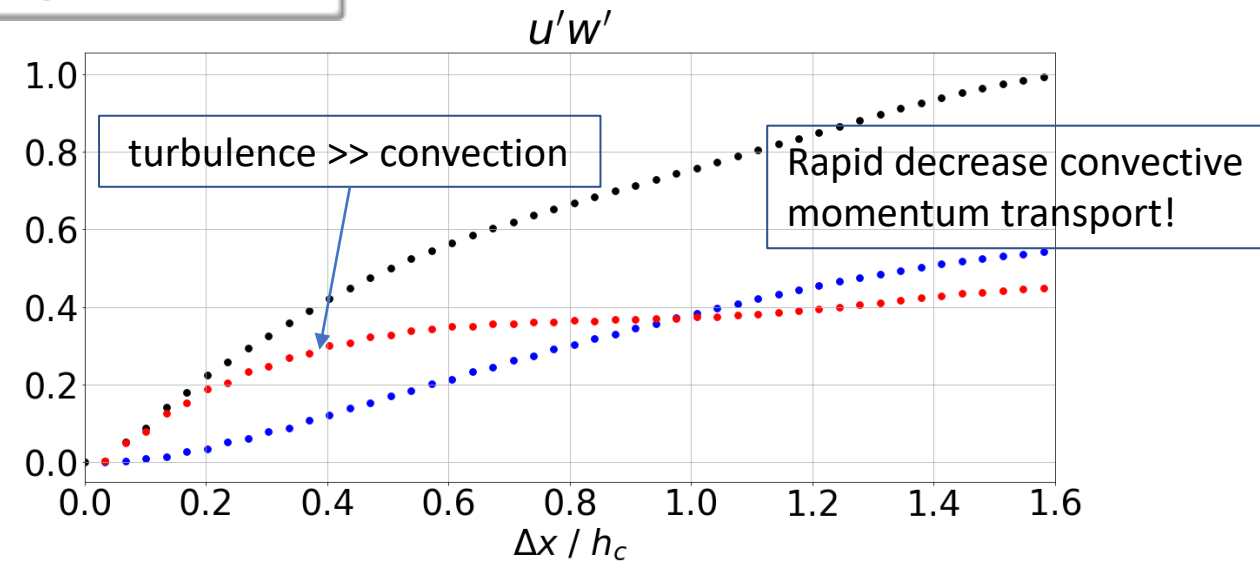
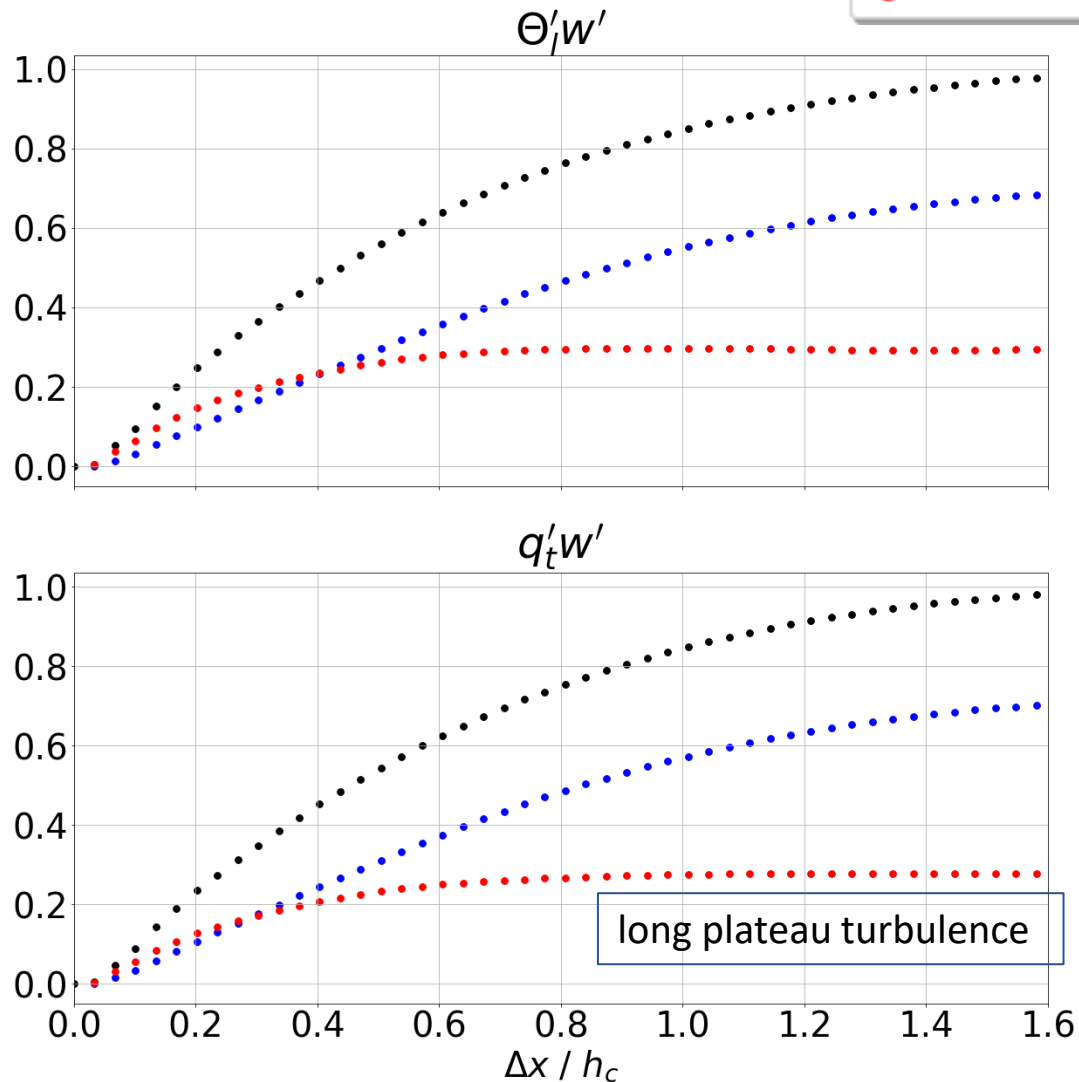
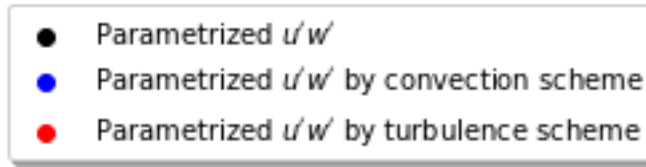
So far only convection considered but especially at higher resolutions also turbulence needs to be scale-aware



Applying conditional sampling in LES we can divide that part of the total transport to be done by the convection and by the turbulence scheme!

# LES result: partitioning total transport in convection and turbulence (simple case)

at 1051m (middle cloud layer) , 8h



Similar behavior  $\theta_l$  and  $q_t$  but momentum different!

Remake these plots with HARMONIE-AROME!

# Discussion, outlook

- LES are an important tool to develop scale-awareness in our models (Honnert)
- Many exciting topics like: differences  $q$ ,  $T$ ,  $uv$ , (un)organized convection, etc.
- preliminary results, like:
  - first results simple case promising for scale-aware convection
  - momentum is different from  $T$ ,  $q$
- what about intrinsically stochastic? (important for high resolutions)
- Simple start is important but EUREC4A gives unique opportunity to extend to robust, more generic model developments. (Horizontal) organization complicates things (Alessandro Savazzi et al.).



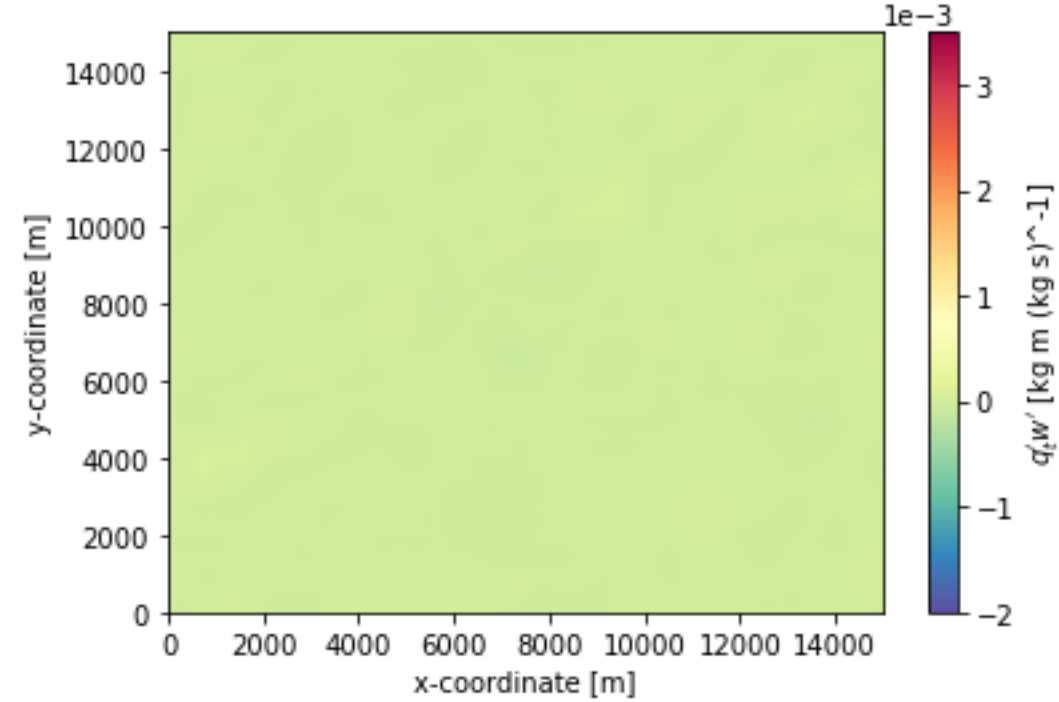
# Aitäh Küsimä?



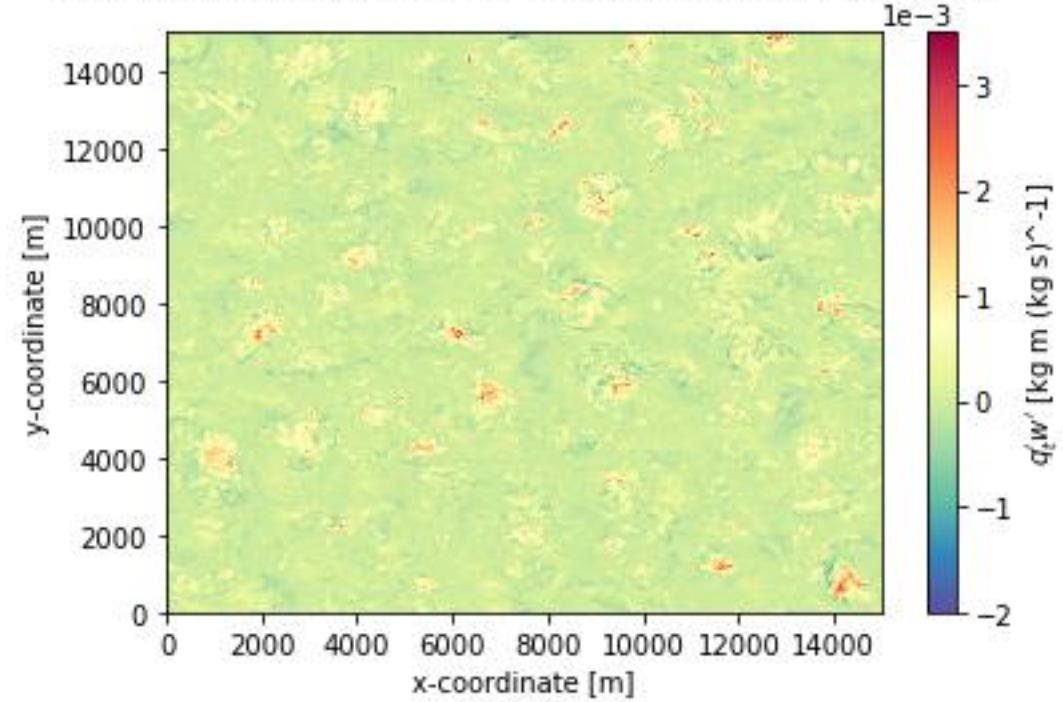
# DALES

Coarse graining with running mean

Resolved moisture flux at  $z = 1051\text{m}$  (8.00h),  $\Delta x = 1920\text{m}$

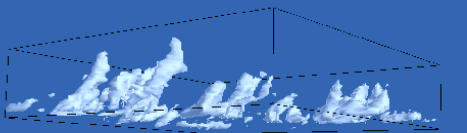


Unresolved moisture flux at  $z = 1051\text{m}$  (8.00h),  $\Delta x = 1920\text{m}$

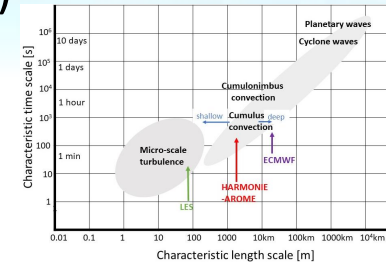
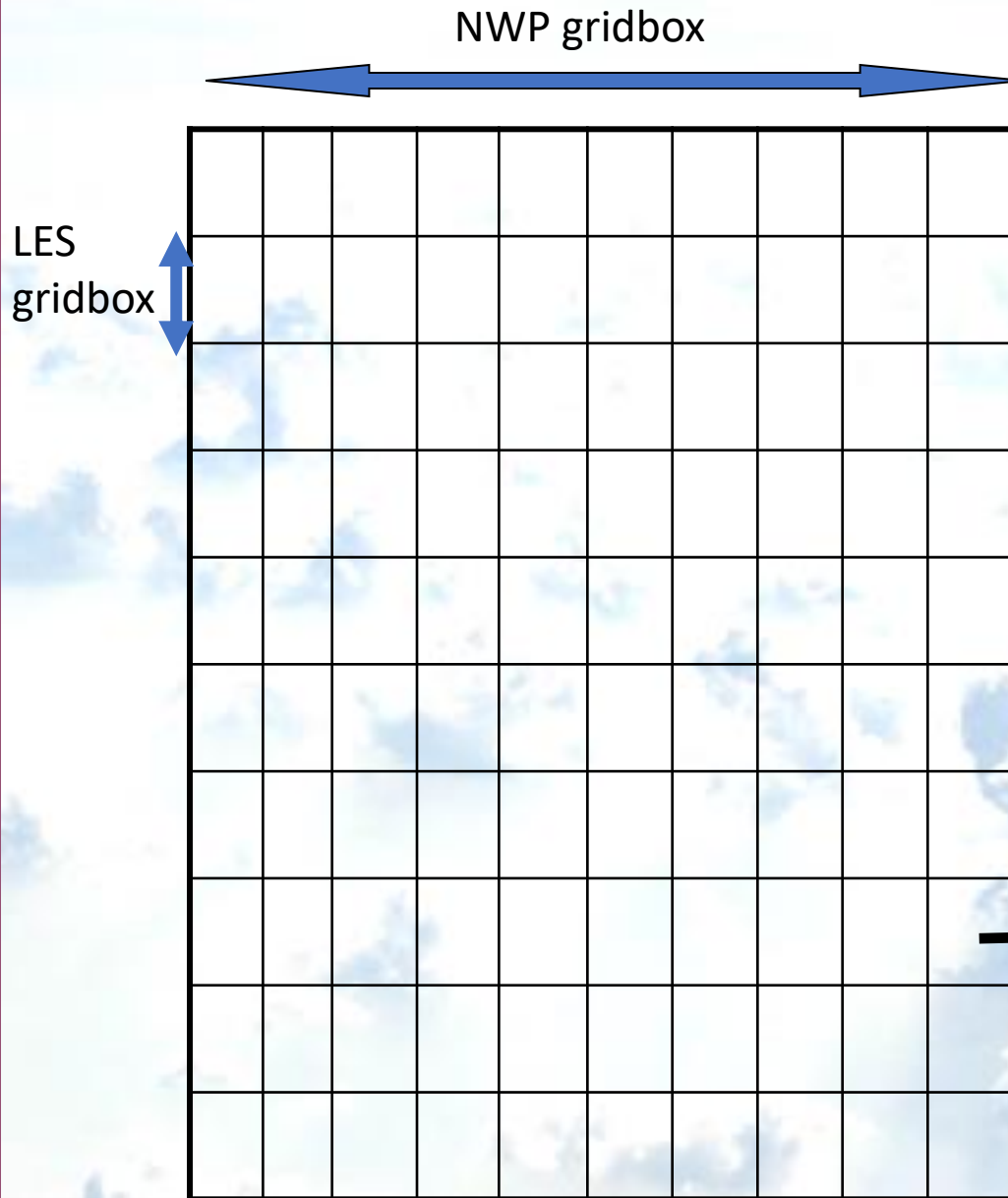


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# The importance of LES models (that resolve convection)



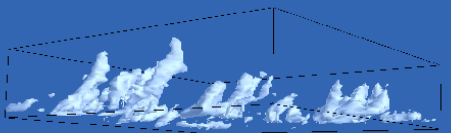
NWP- or Climate model:

$$\frac{D\bar{\phi}}{Dt} = -\frac{\partial(\overline{w'\phi'})}{\partial z} + F_{\phi}$$


$\overline{w'\phi'}$  = total turbulent transport  
(sub grid for NWP or climate models)

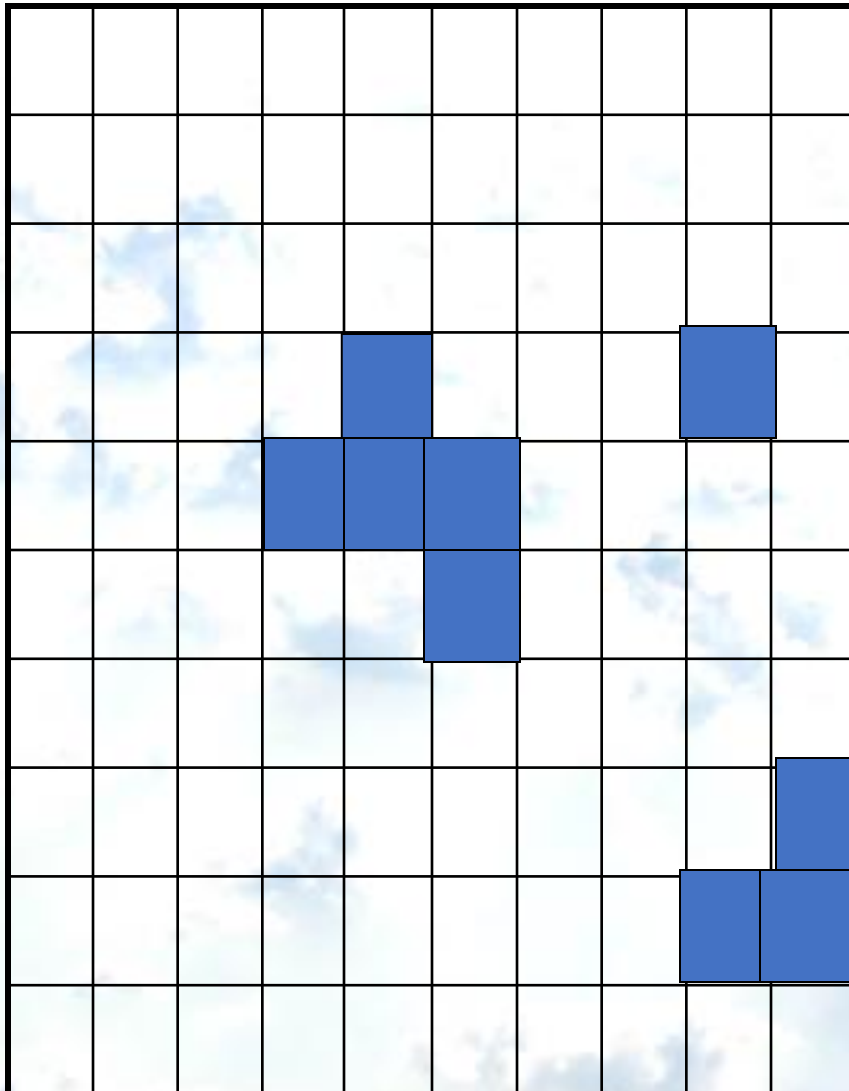
$$\left. \begin{aligned} w' &= w - \bar{w} \\ \phi' &= \phi - \bar{\phi} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \overline{w'\phi'} \text{ LES total}$$





# Convective transport LES

 = cloudy LES gridbox



$$\overline{w'\phi'}^{total} = a_c \overline{w'\phi'}^c + (1 - a_c) \overline{w'\phi'}^e + a_c(1 - a_c)(w_c - w_e)(\phi_c - \phi_e)$$

Define cloud with a conditional

sampling, e.g.:  $\theta_v > \overline{\theta}_v \quad q_l > 0 \quad w > 0$

$$\overline{\phi}^c \equiv \phi_c \equiv \frac{1}{A_c} \iint_{\text{cloudy area}} \phi dx dy$$

$$\approx a_c w_c (\phi_c - \phi_e) \equiv \frac{M}{\rho} (\phi_c - \phi_e) = \overline{w'\phi'}^{LES \text{ convection, total}}$$

Convective transport  
(major part of total)



**Investigate (bulk) mass flux  
approach in LES including its  
parameters!**