

Immersion freezing in particle-based cloud μ -physics models

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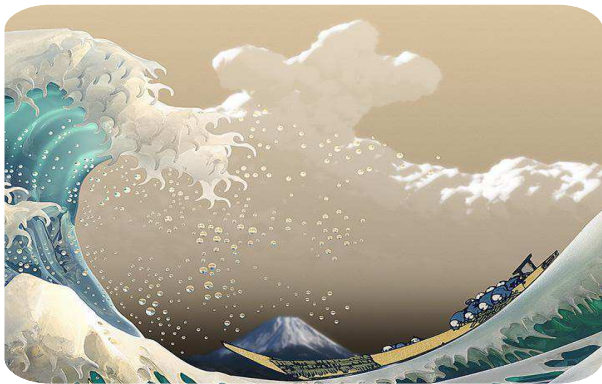
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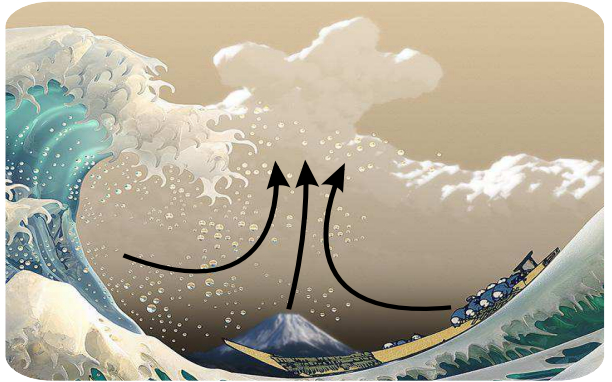
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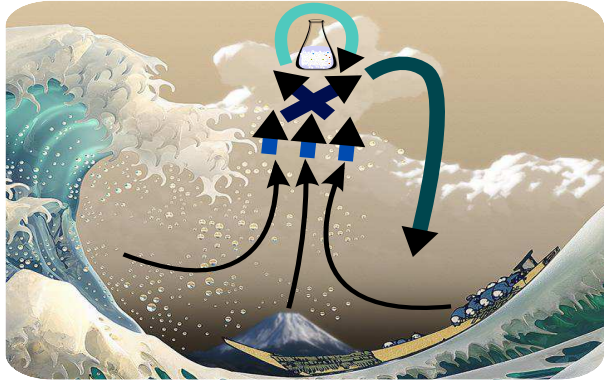
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two-way interactions:

- aerosol characteristics influence cloud microstructure
- cloud processes influence aerosol size and composition

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Confronting the Challenge of Modeling Cloud and Precipitation Microphysics

Key Points:

- Microphysics is an important component of weather and climate models, but its representation in current models is highly uncertain

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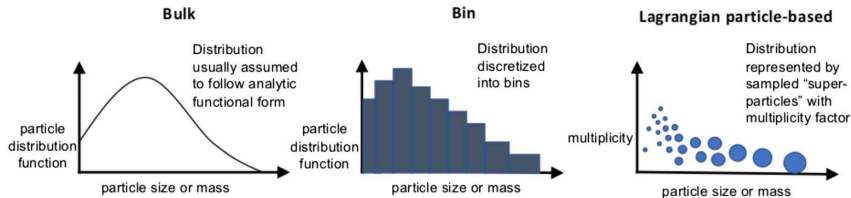


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Aerosol-cloud interactions: μ -physics models

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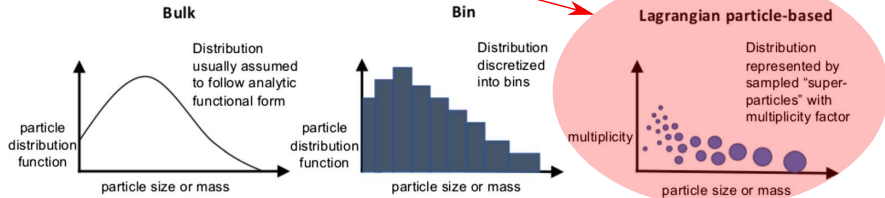
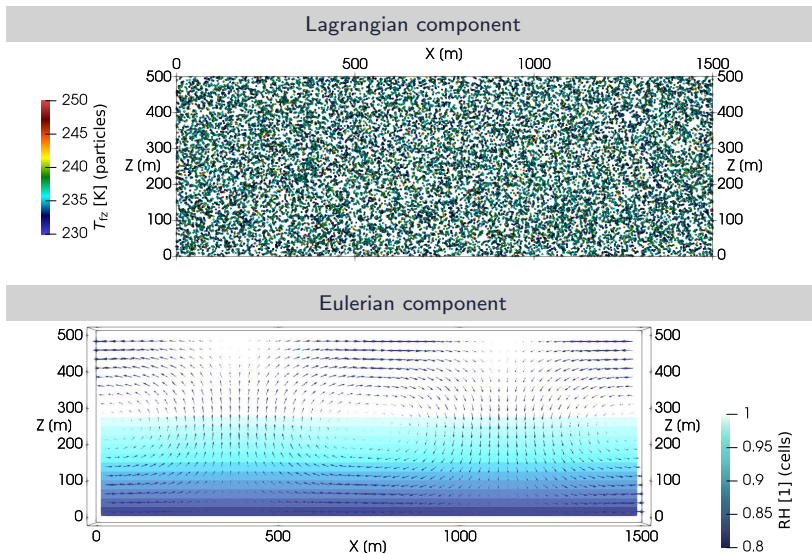


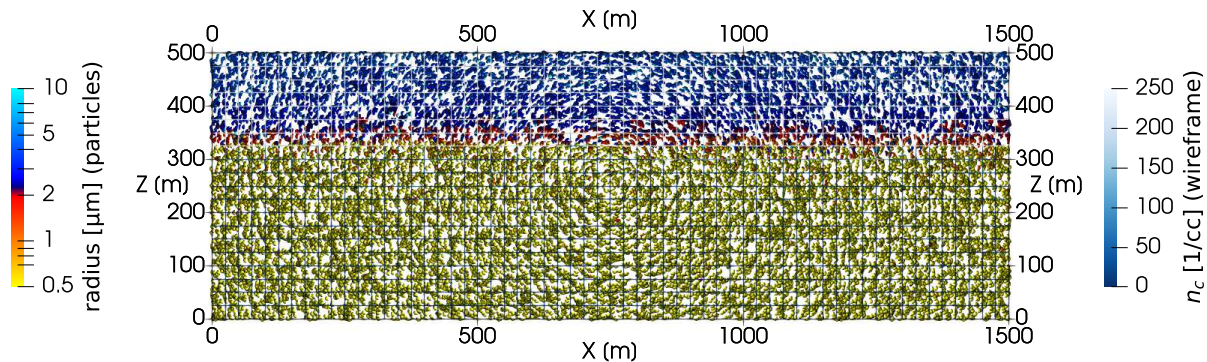
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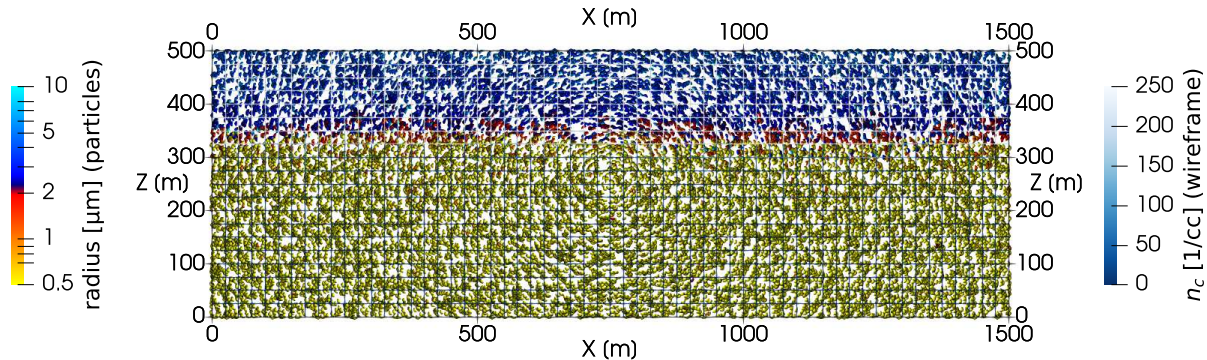
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Time: 30 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



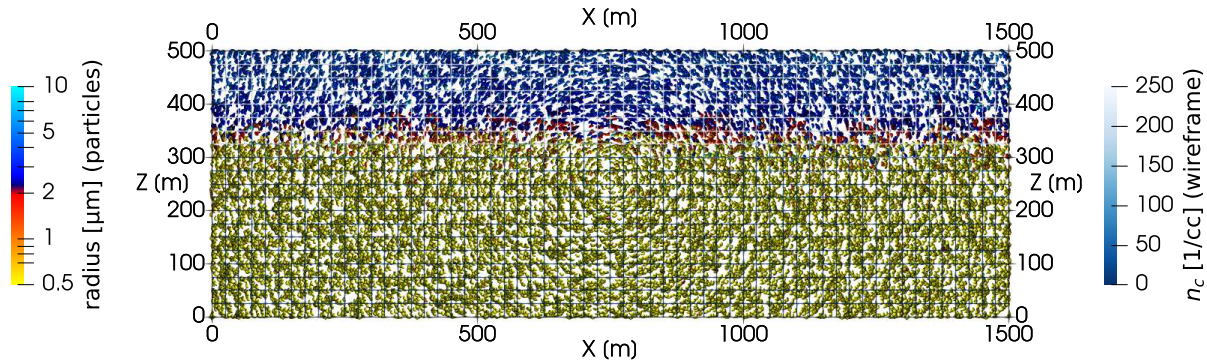
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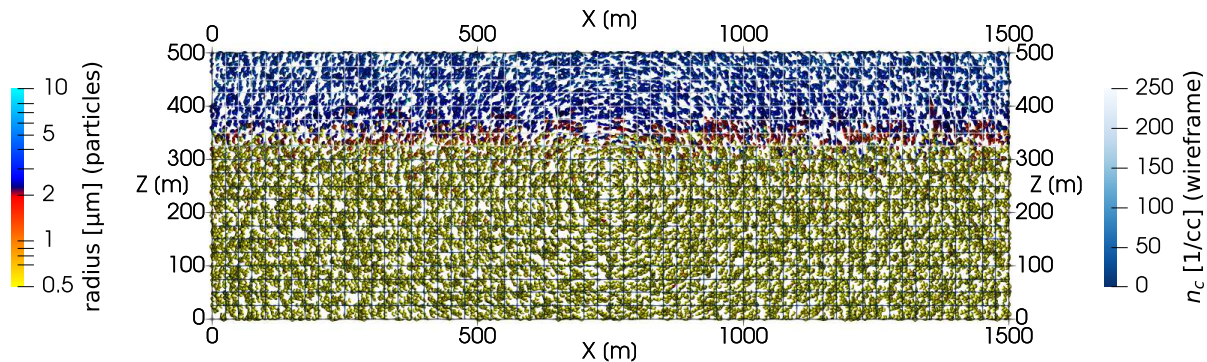
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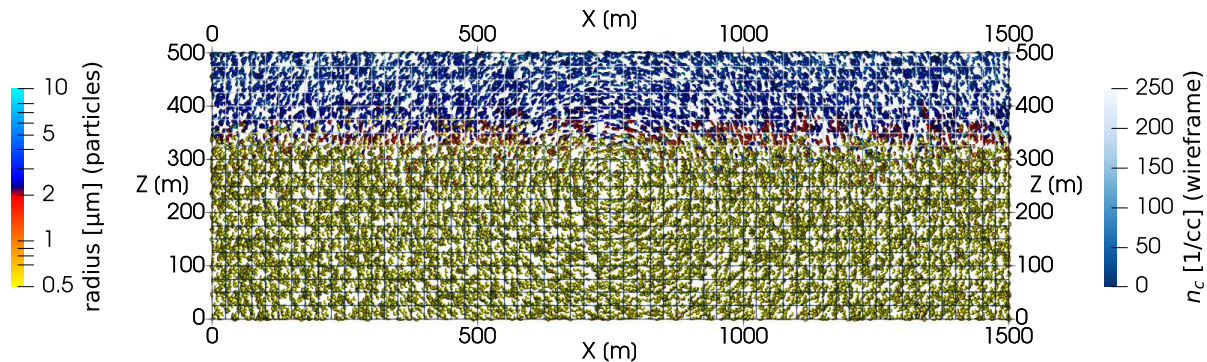
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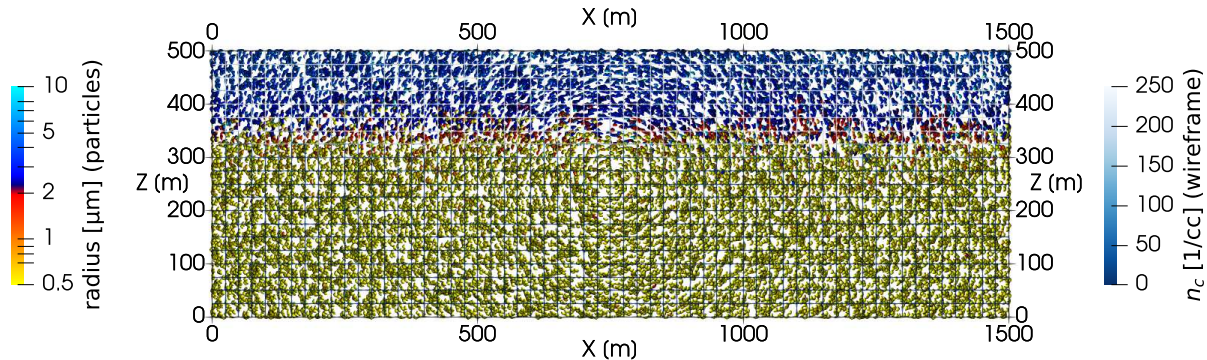
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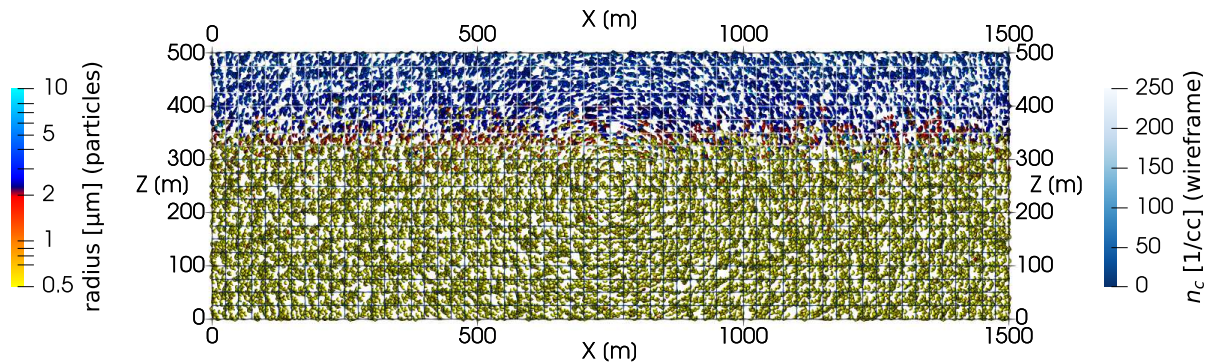
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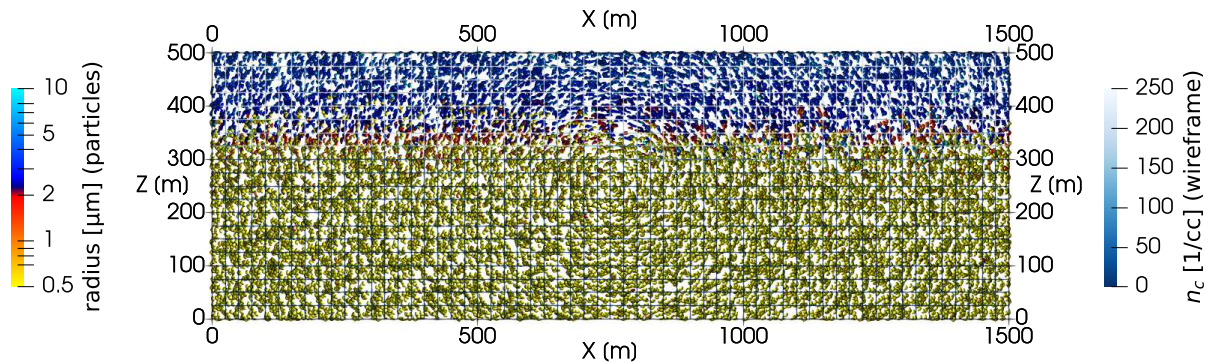
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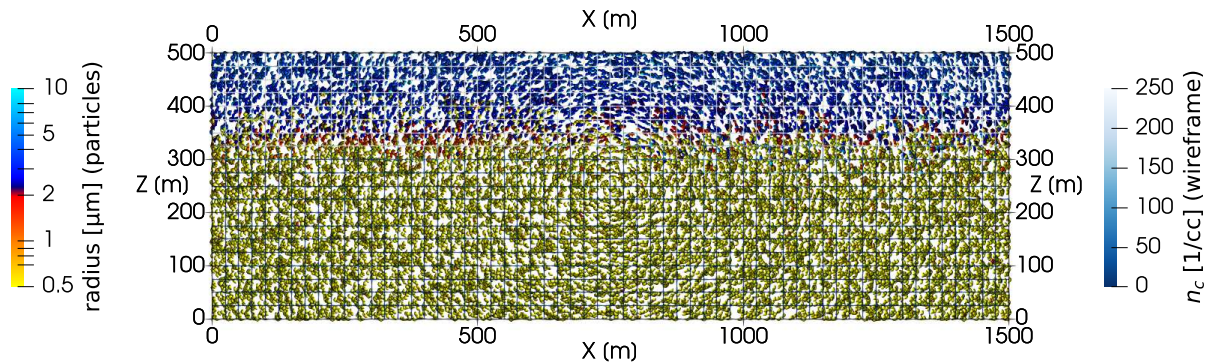
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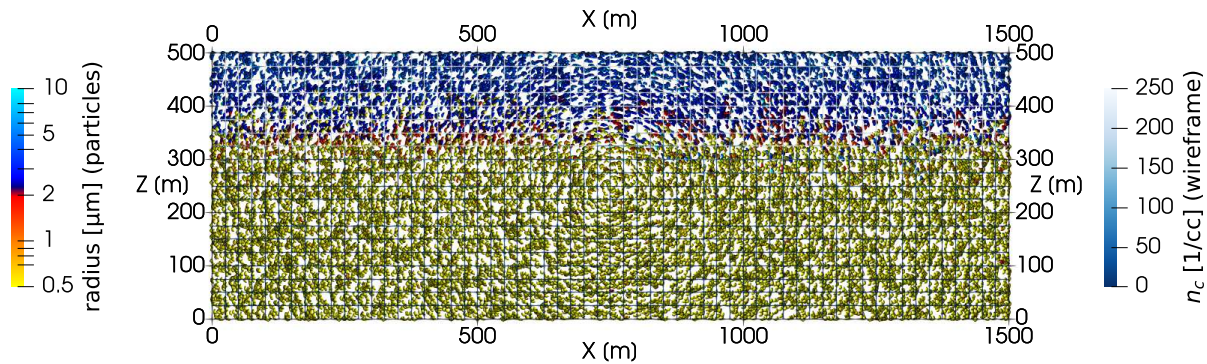
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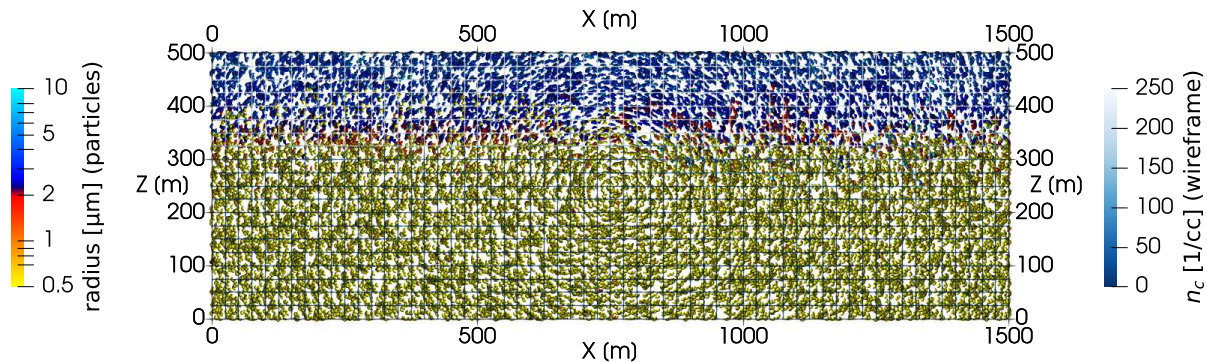
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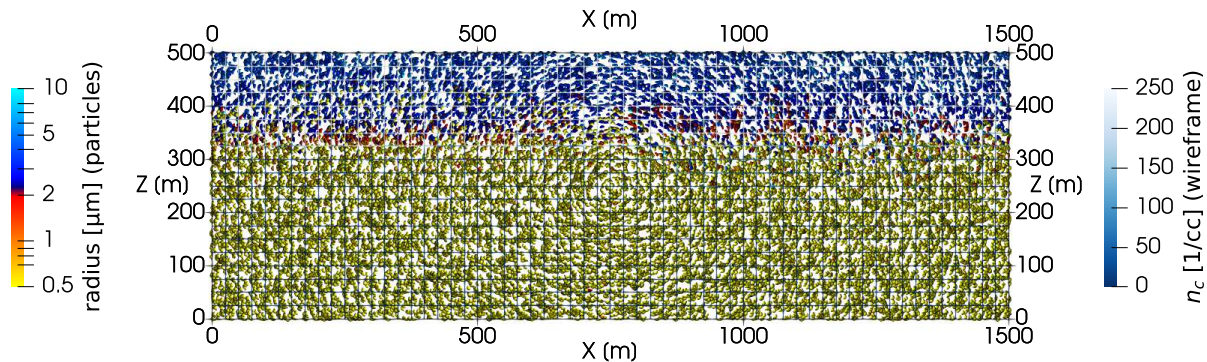
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Time: 330 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



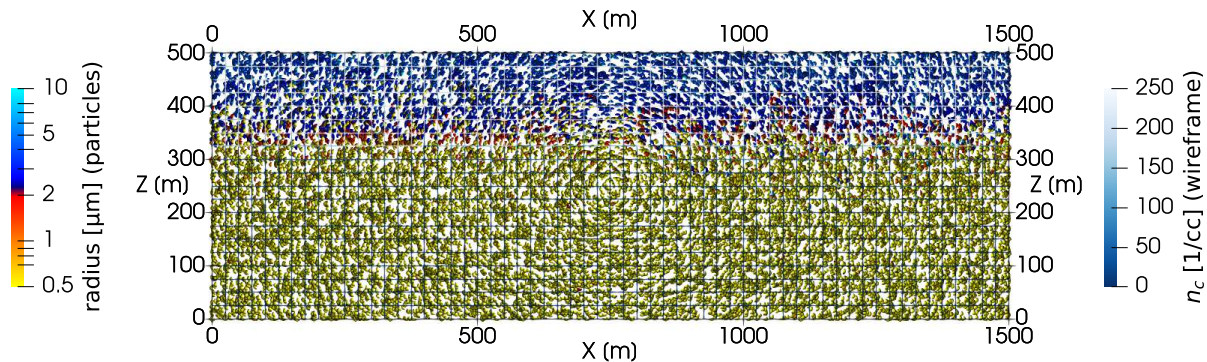
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Time: 360 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



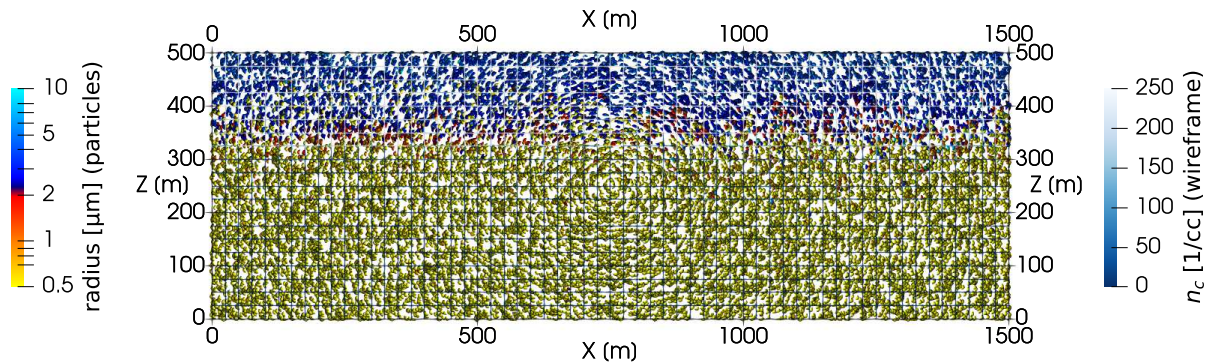
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Time: 390 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



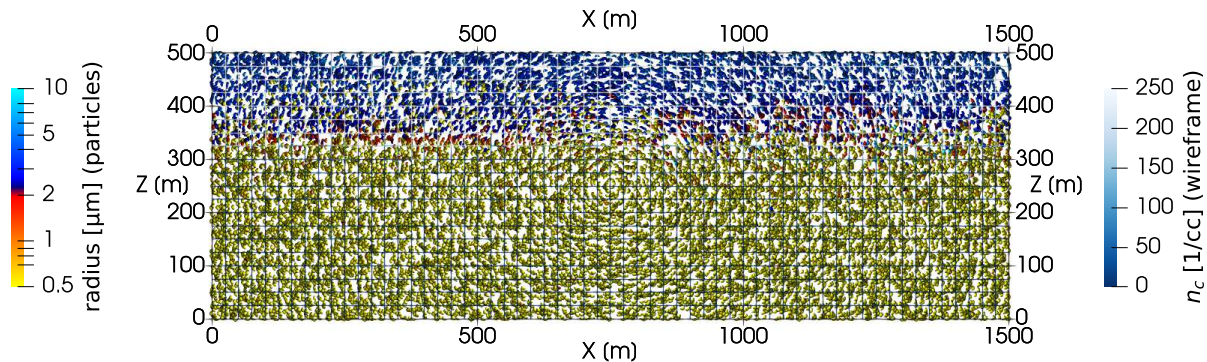
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Time: 420 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



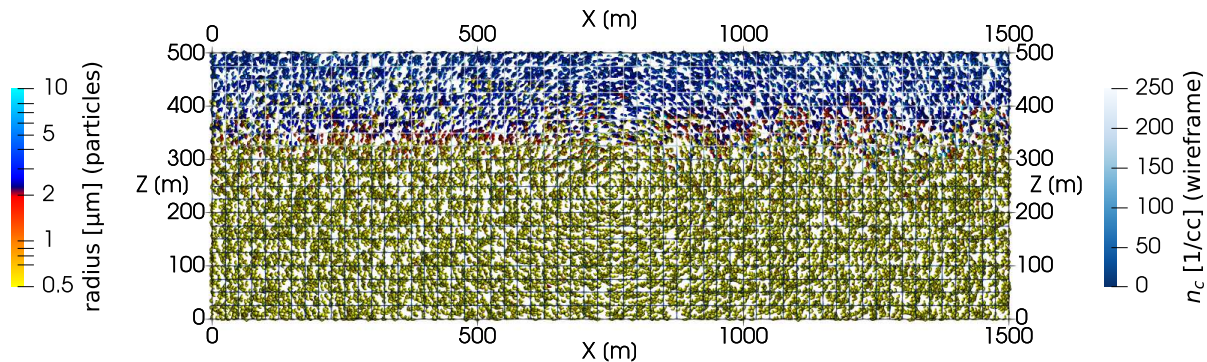
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Time: 450 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



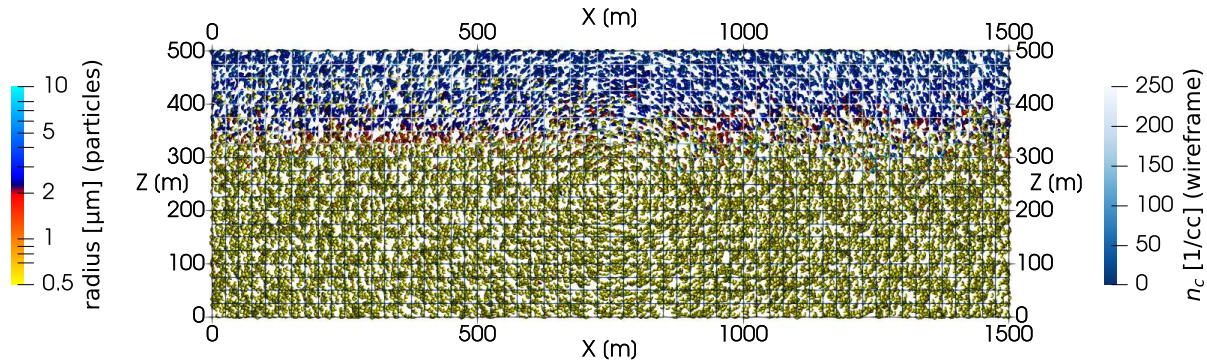
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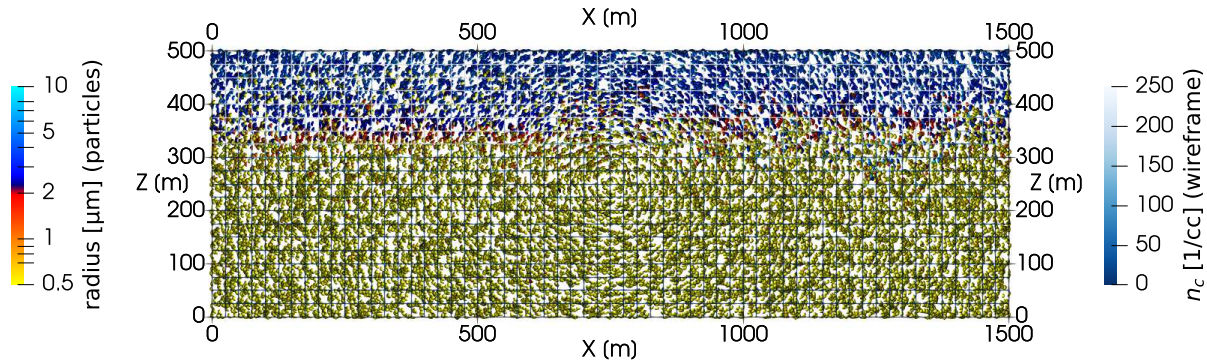
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Time: 510 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



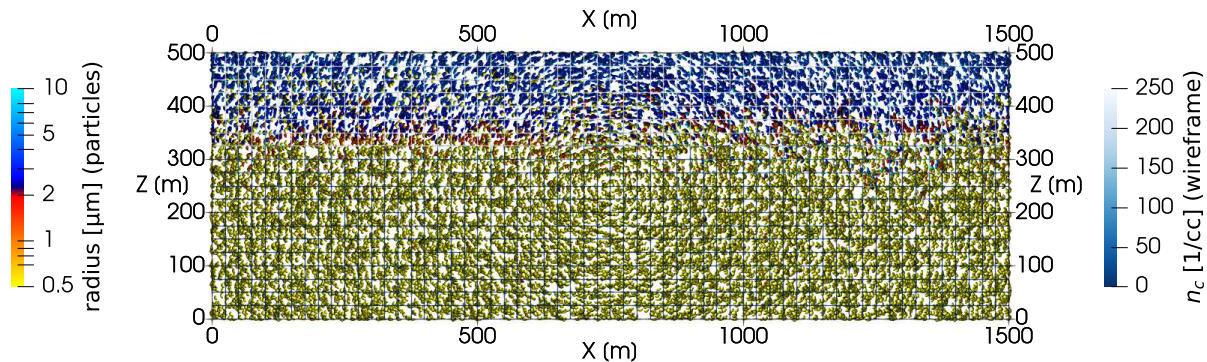
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Time: 540 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



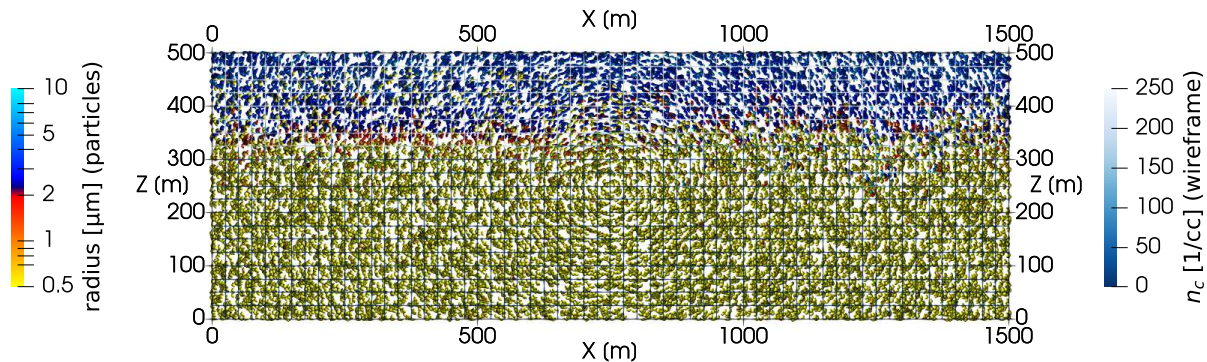
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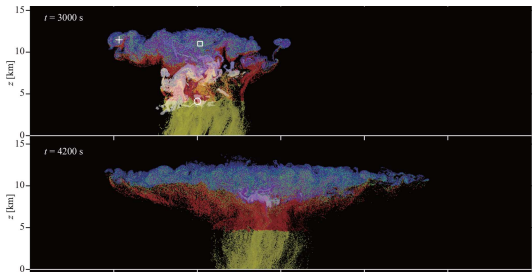


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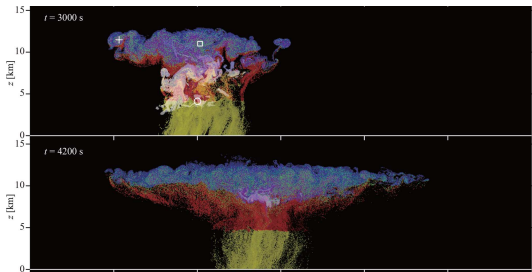


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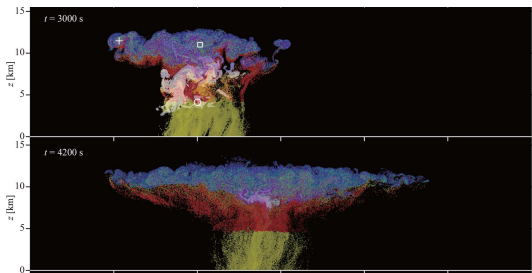


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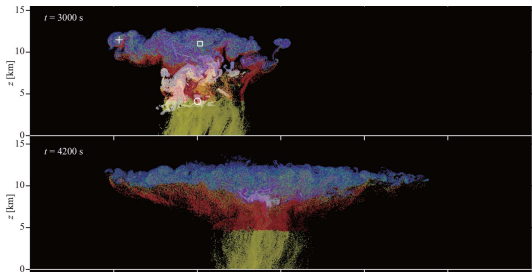


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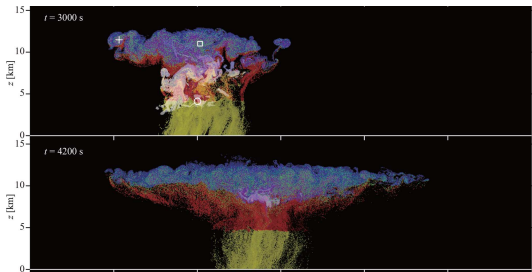


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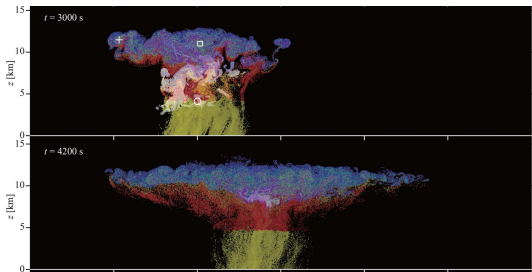
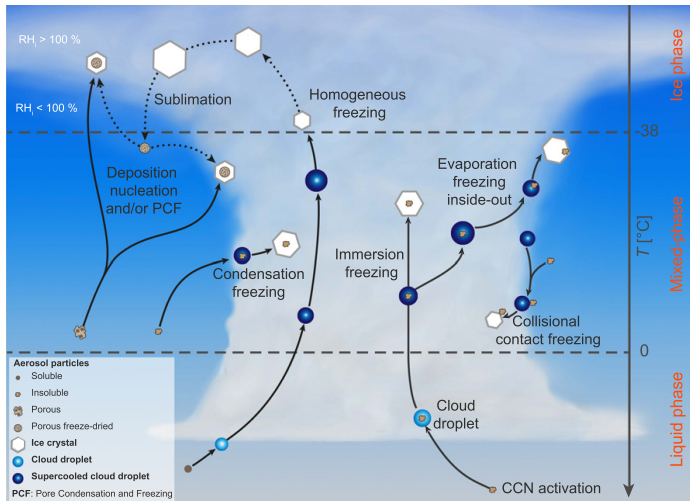


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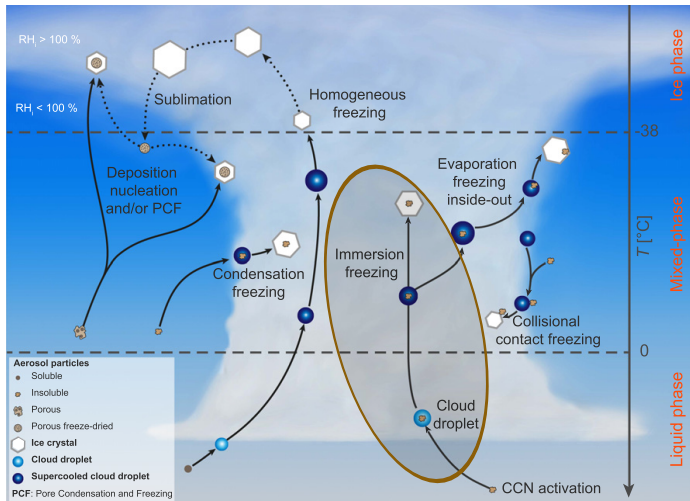
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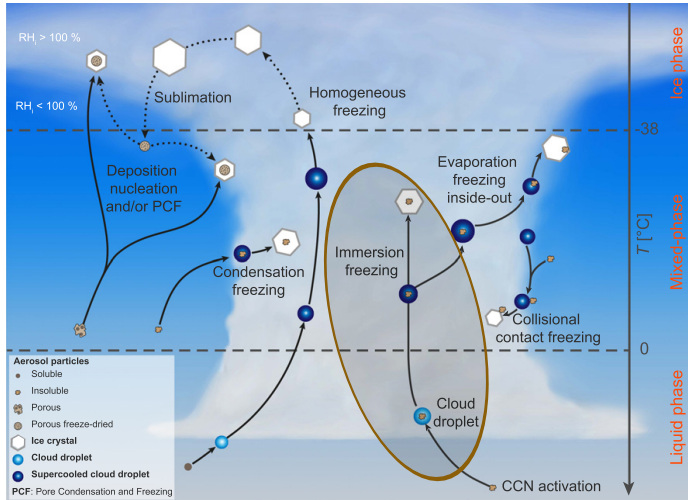
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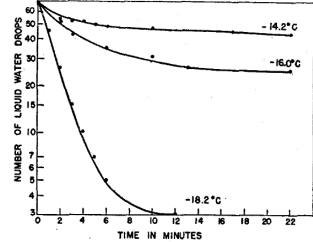


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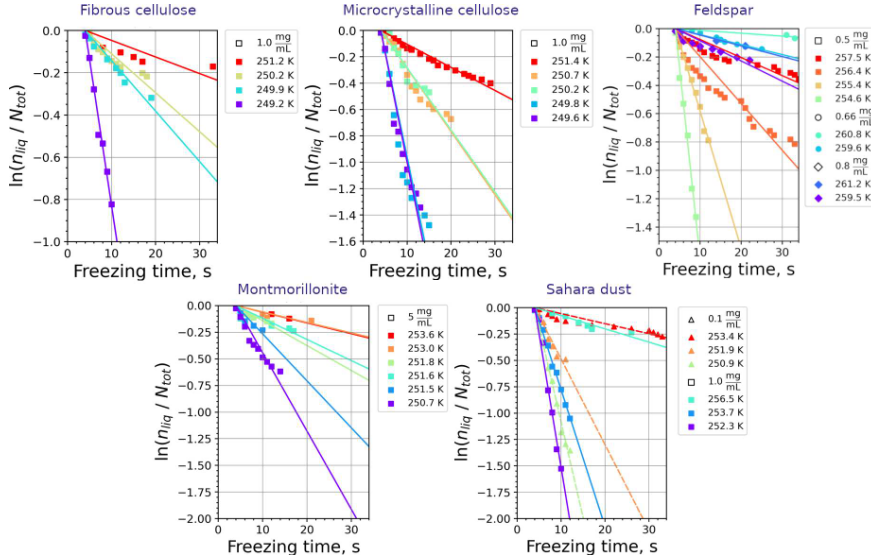


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Fraction of water drops remaining unfrozen as a function of time.

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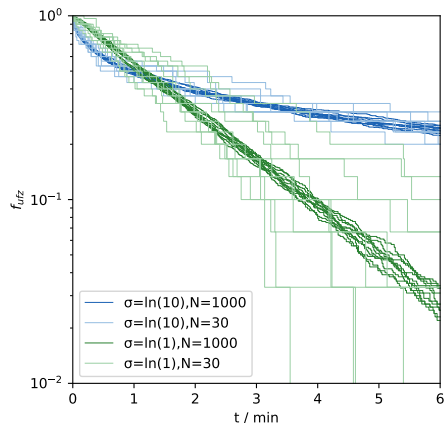
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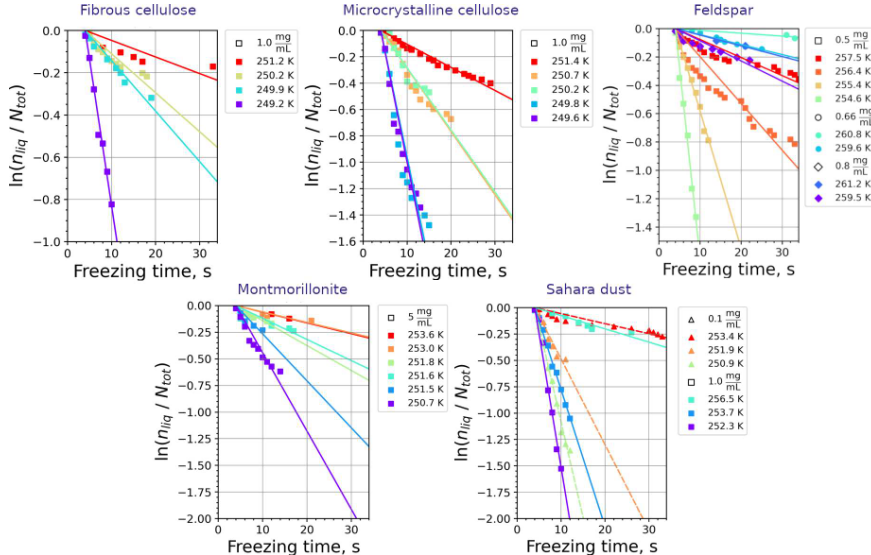
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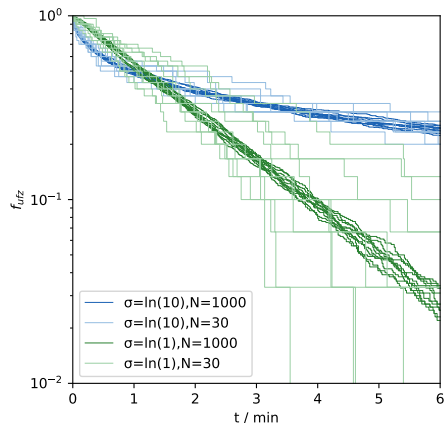
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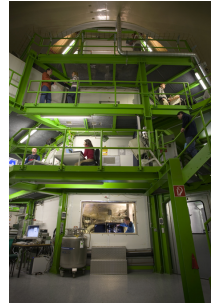
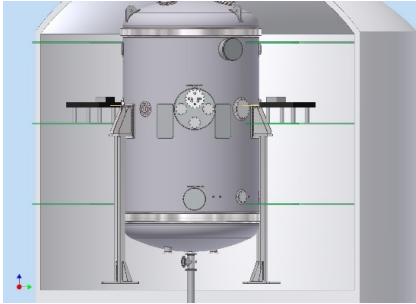
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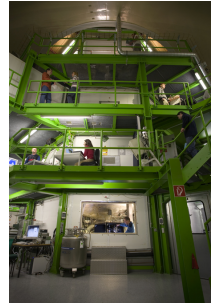
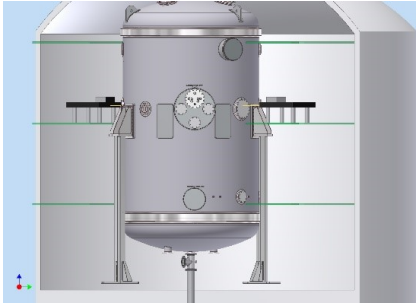
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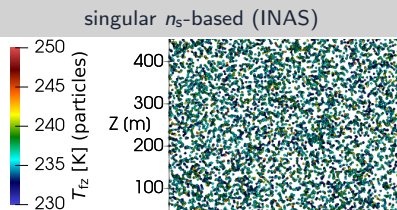
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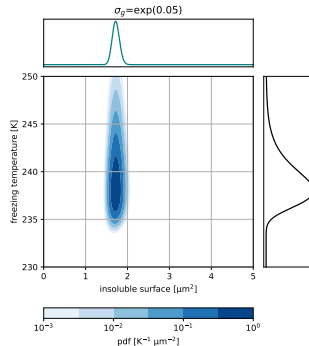
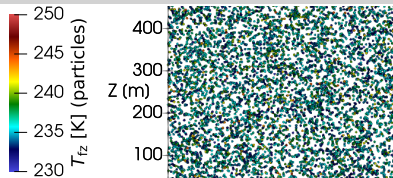
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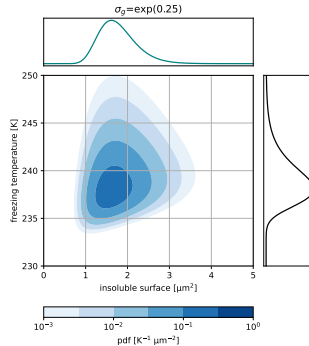
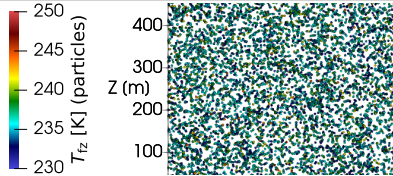
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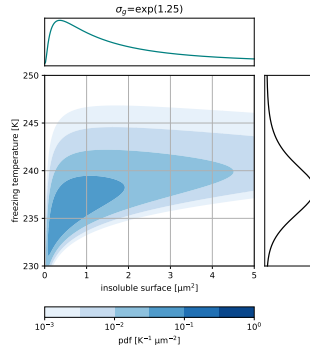
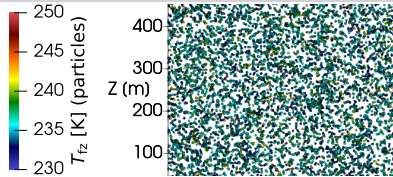
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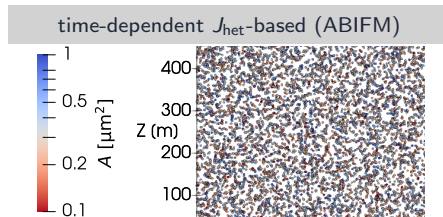
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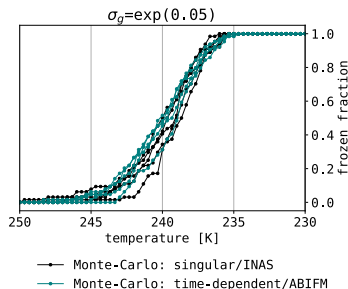


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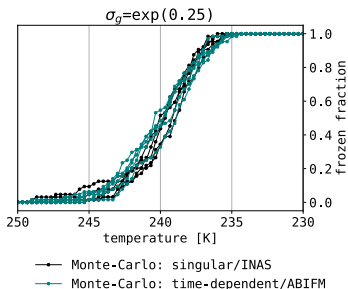


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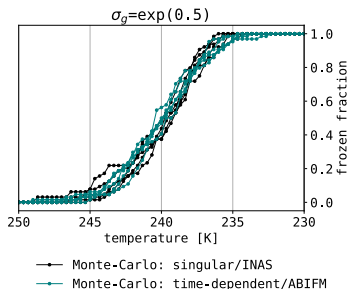


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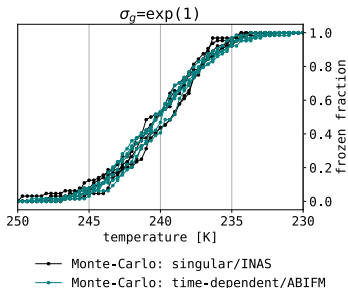


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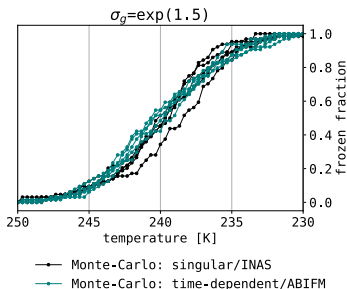


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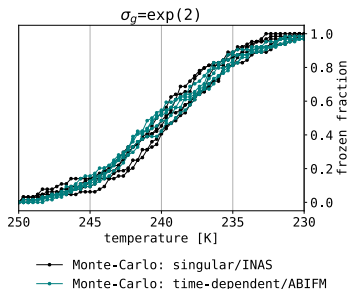


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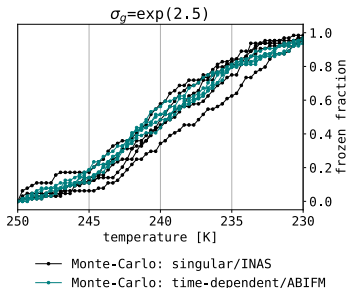


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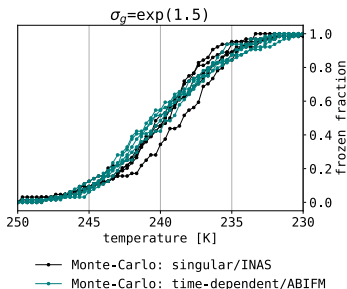


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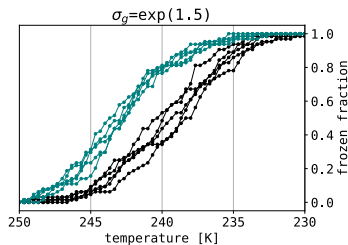


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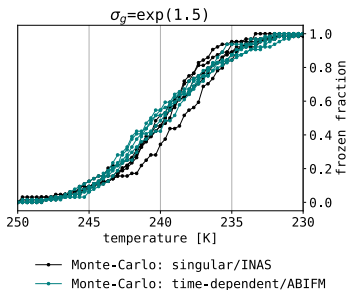
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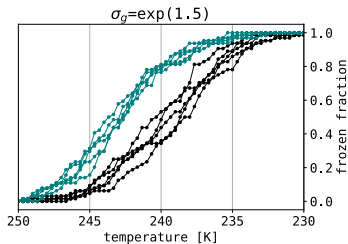


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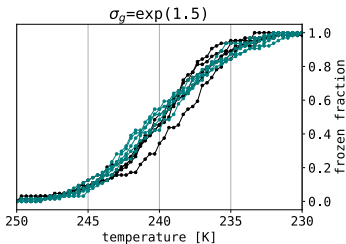
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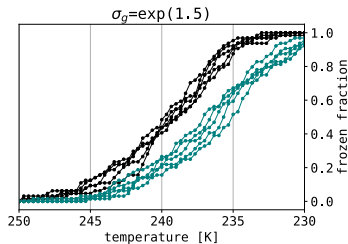
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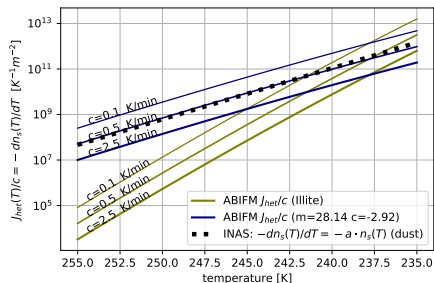
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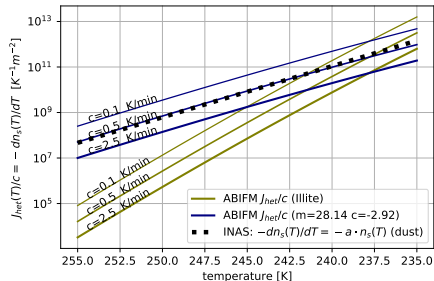
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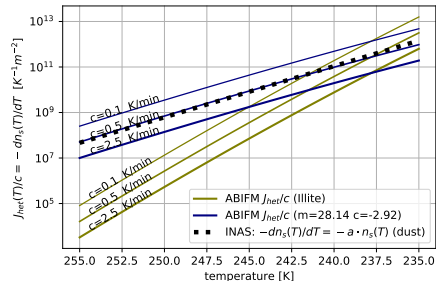
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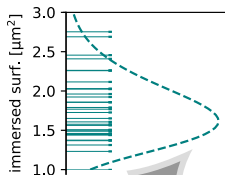
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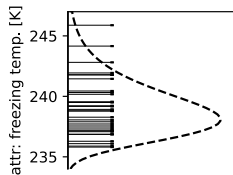
cf. Vali & Stansbury '66; modified singular model (Vali '94, Murray et al. '11)
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particle attribute sampling

random sampling of immersed surface for each particle

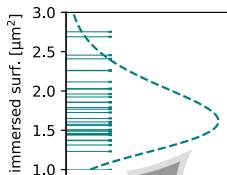


random sampling of freezing temperatures
(conditional distribution for a given surface)

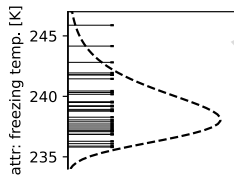


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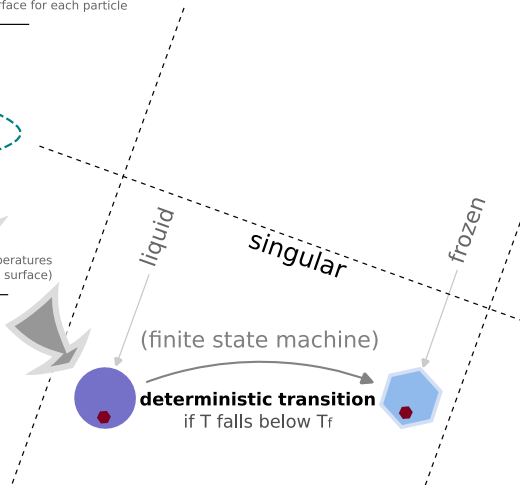
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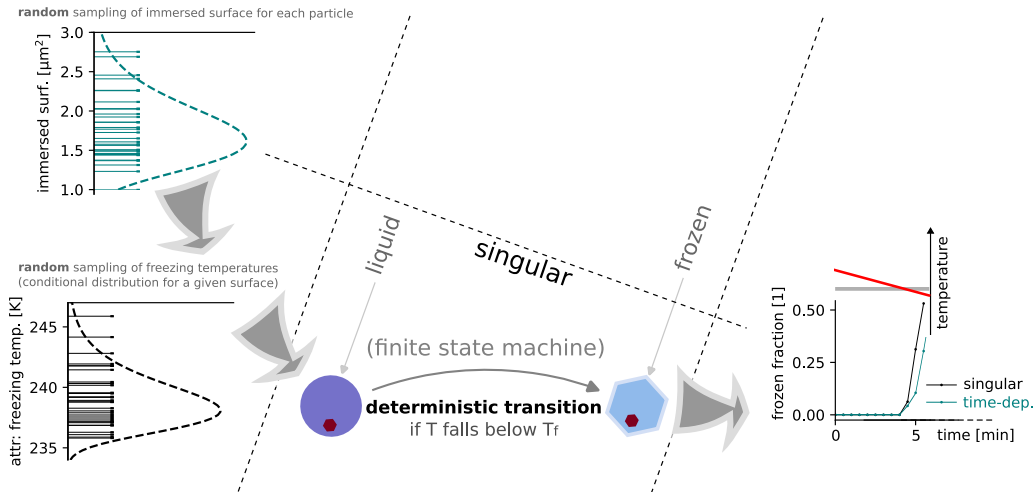


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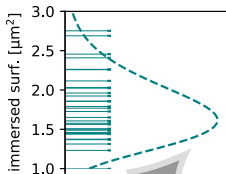
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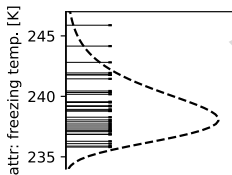


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particle dynamics

(discrete time Markov chain)

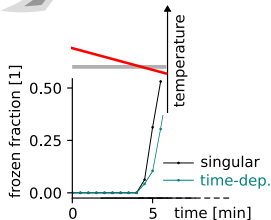
$$P_i = J_S(T) \cdot S_i \cdot \Delta t$$

probability of transition
in each timestep

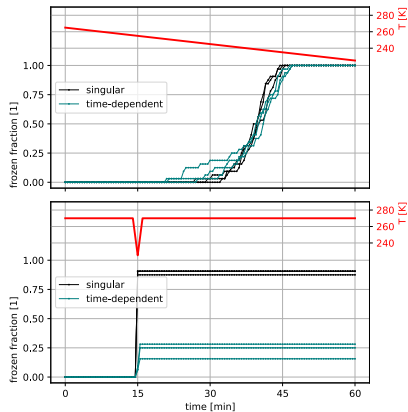
liquid
time-dependent
singular
frozen

(finite state machine)

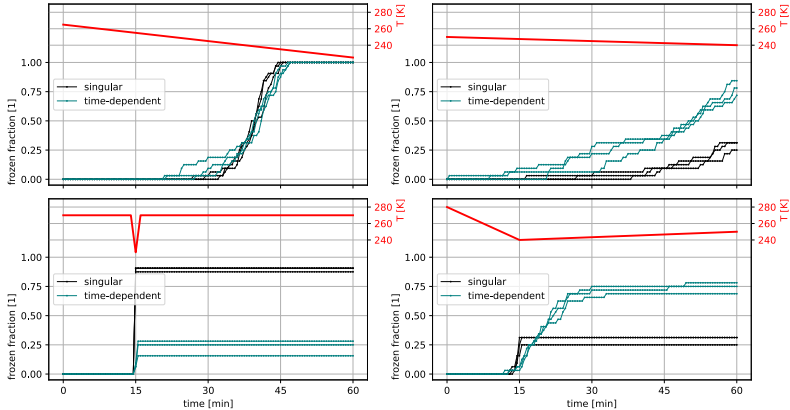
deterministic transition
if T falls below T_f



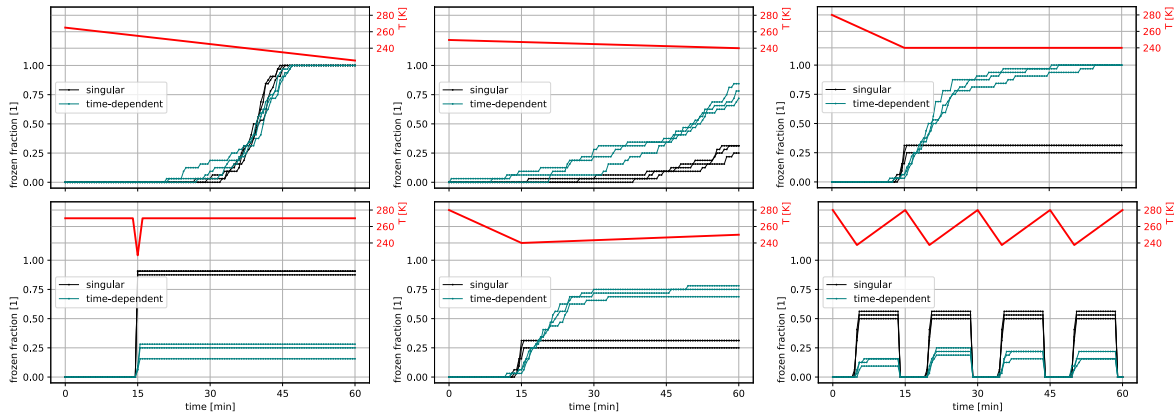
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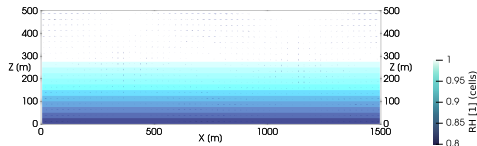


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Testing three flow regimes and two immersion freezing representations

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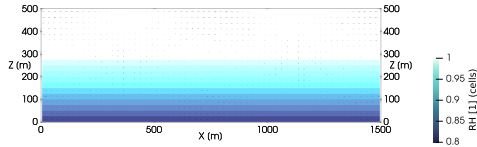


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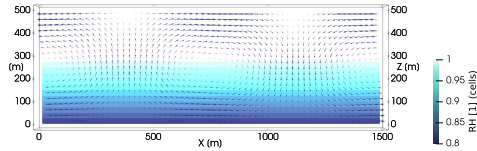
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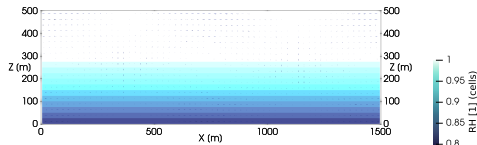
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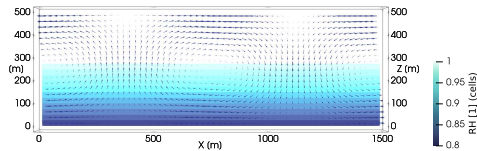
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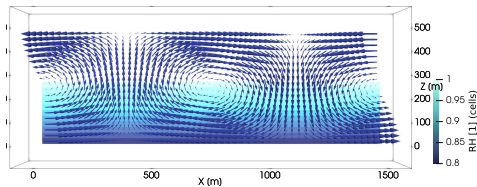
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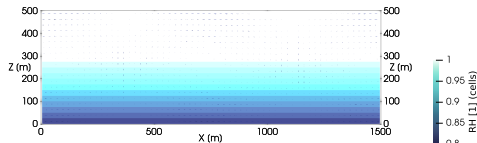


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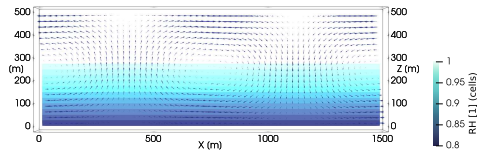


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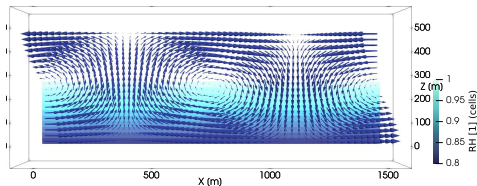
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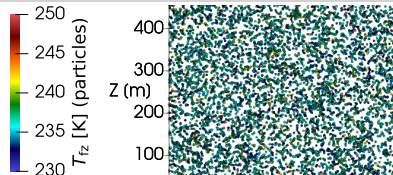
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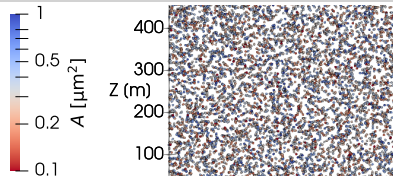
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singular (INAS)

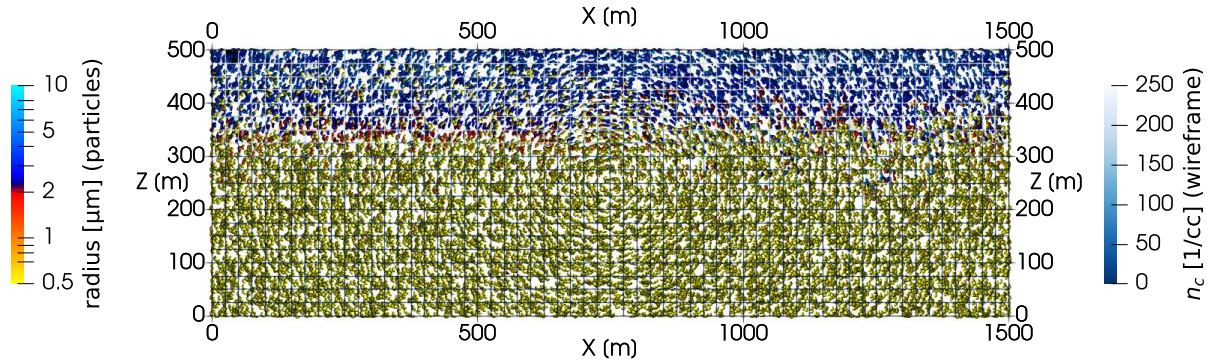


time-dependent (J_{het})



Particle-based μ -physics + prescribed-flow: glaciation

Time: 630 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



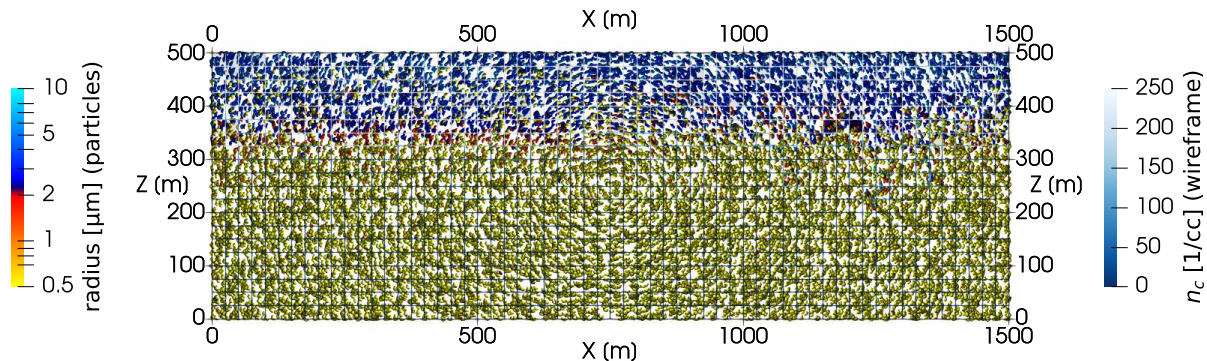
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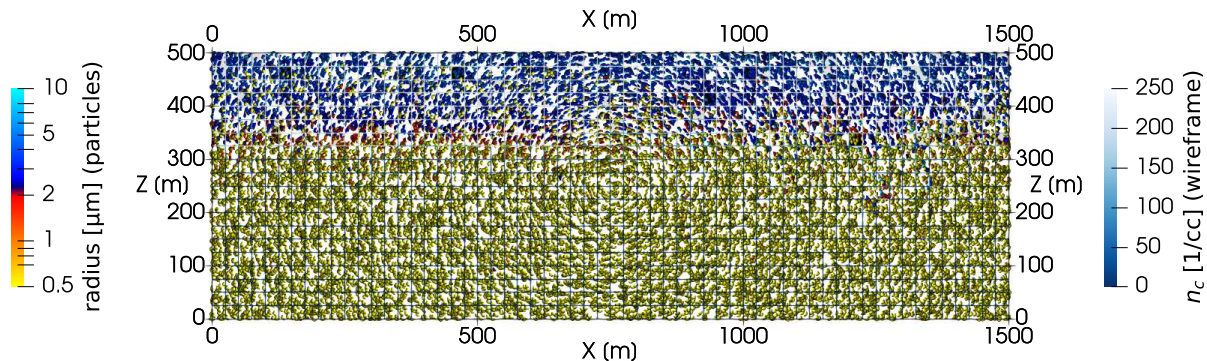
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Time: 690 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



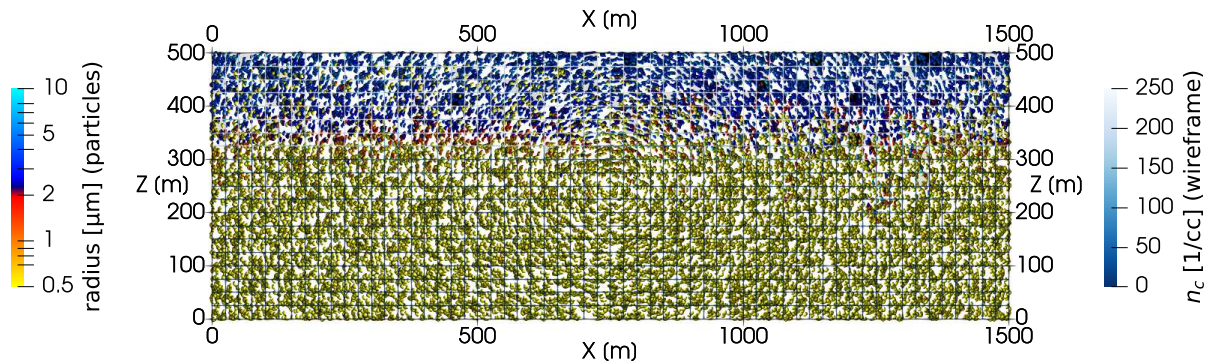
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Time: 720 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



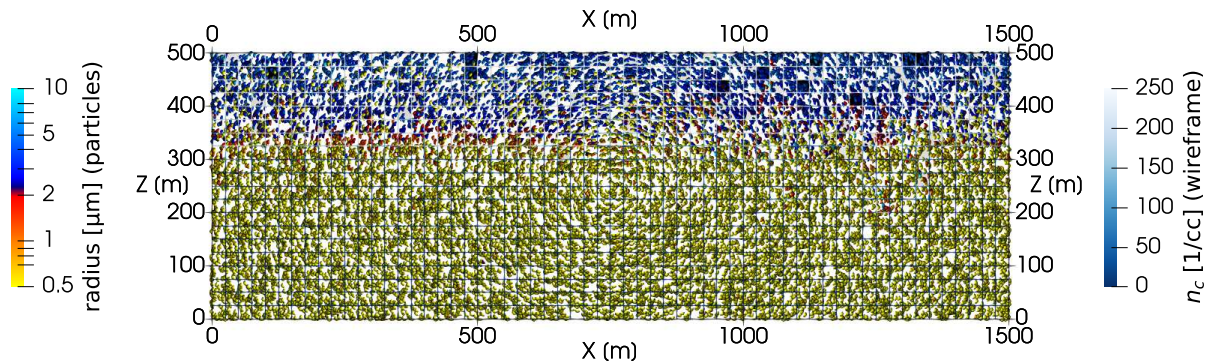
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Particle-based μ -physics + prescribed-flow: glaciation

Time: 750 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



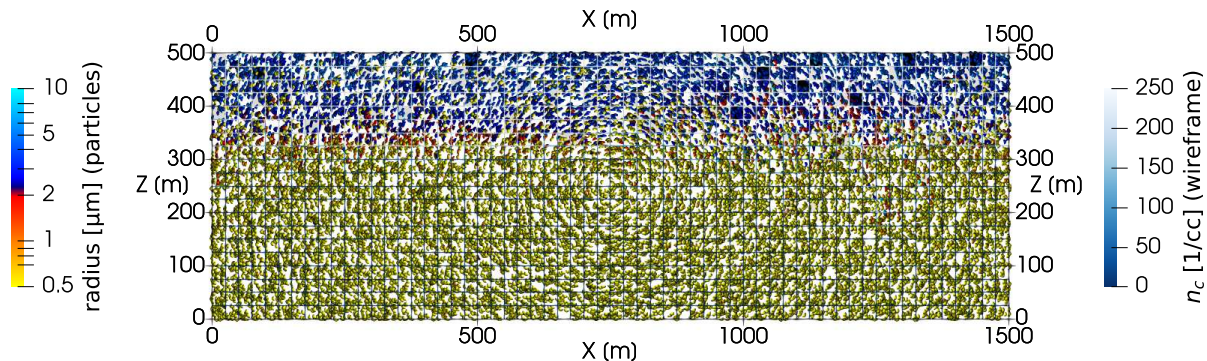
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Time: 780 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



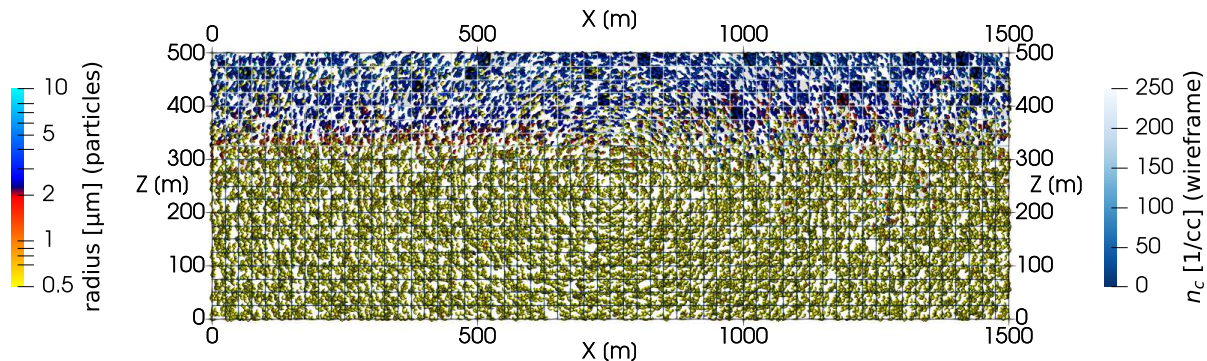
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Particle-based μ -physics + prescribed-flow: glaciation

Time: 810 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



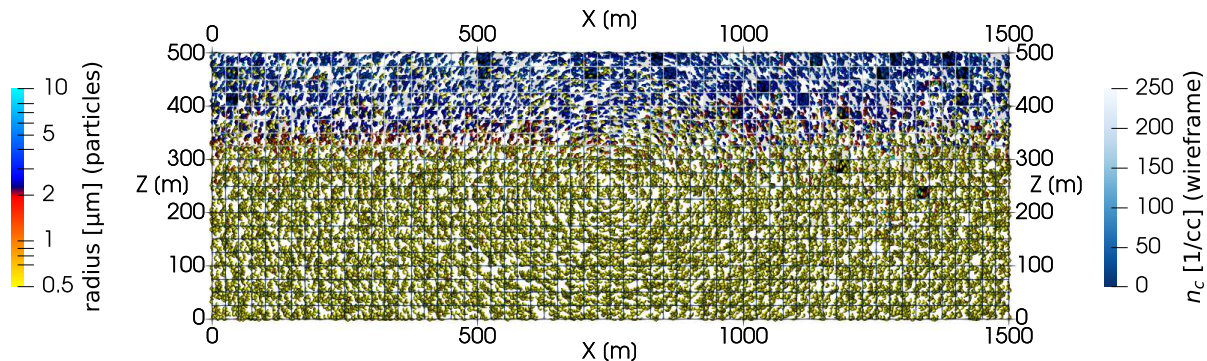
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Time: 840 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



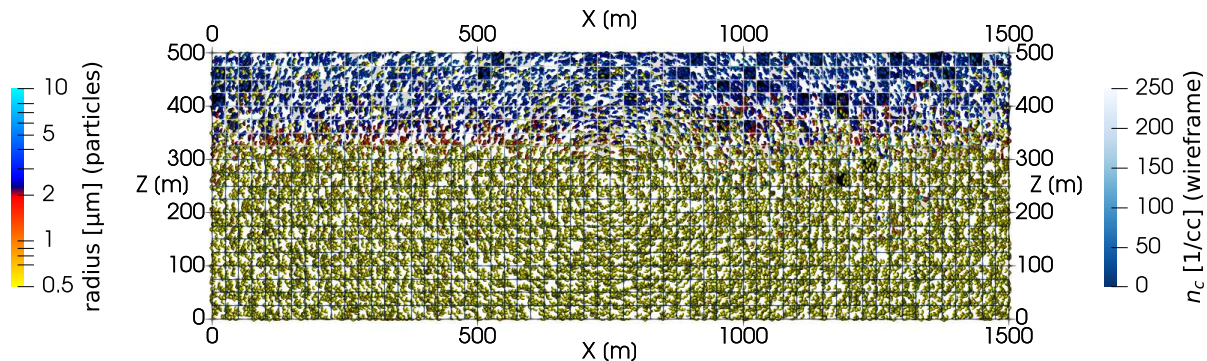
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Time: 870 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



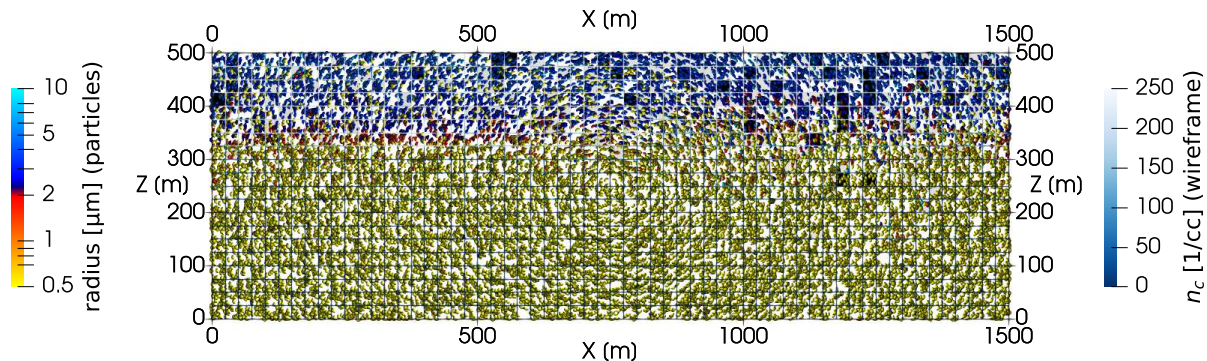
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Time: 900 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



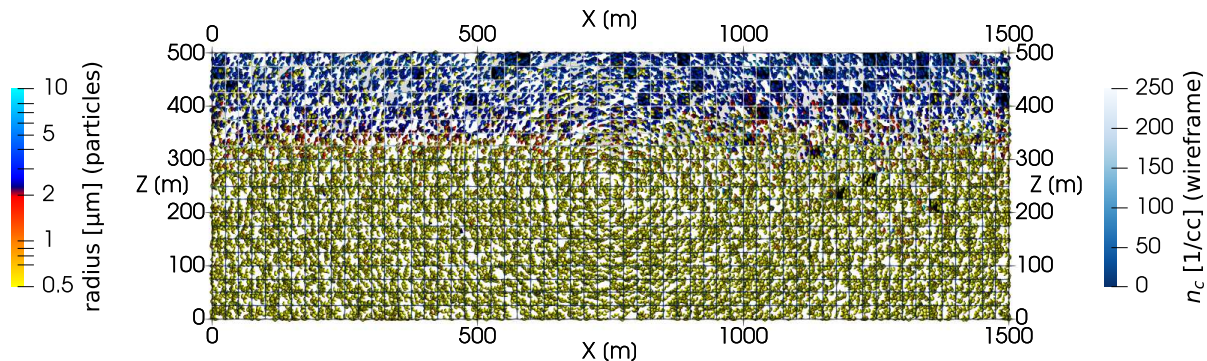
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Time: 930 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



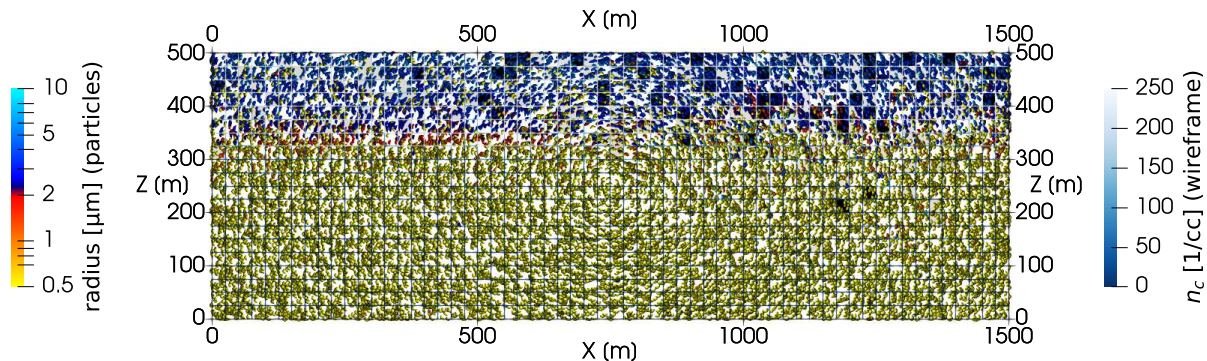
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Time: 960 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



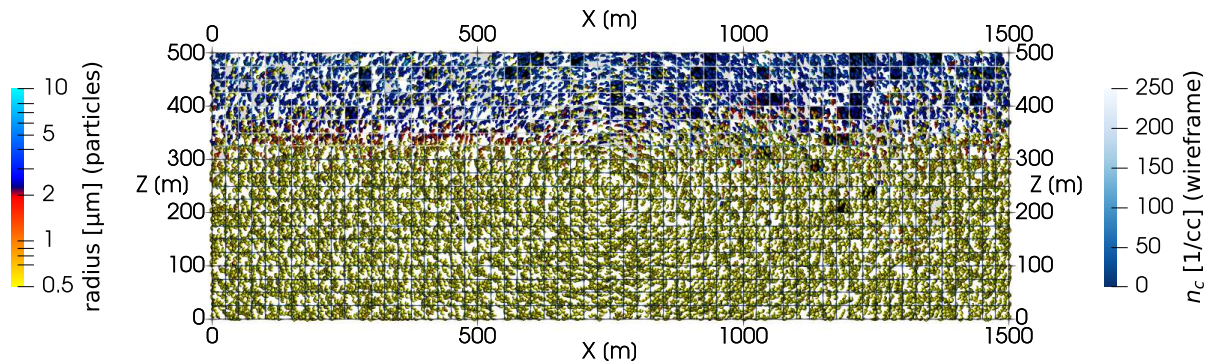
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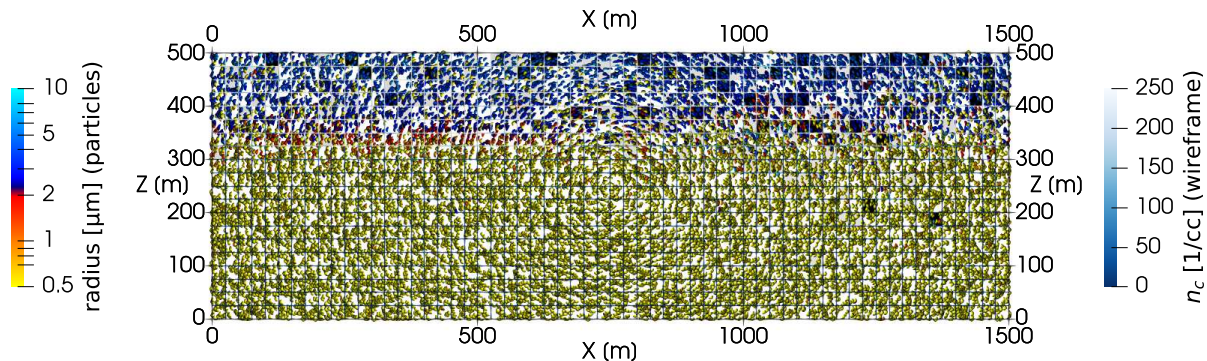
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Time: 1020 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



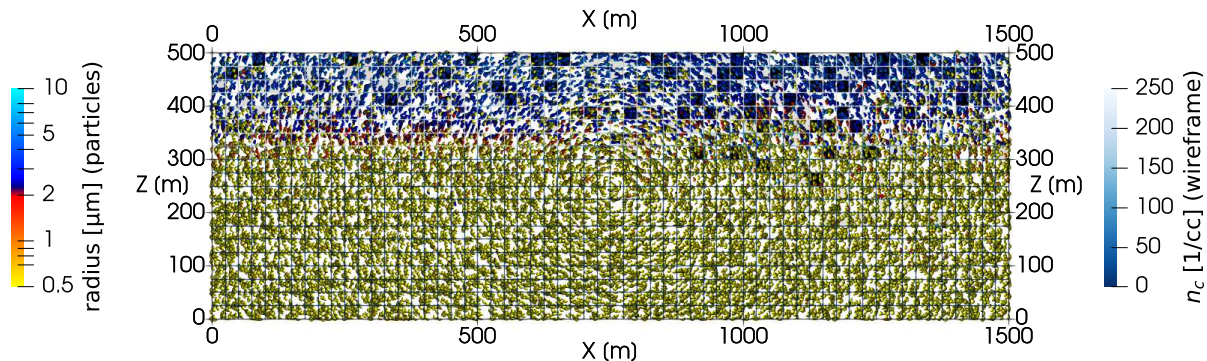
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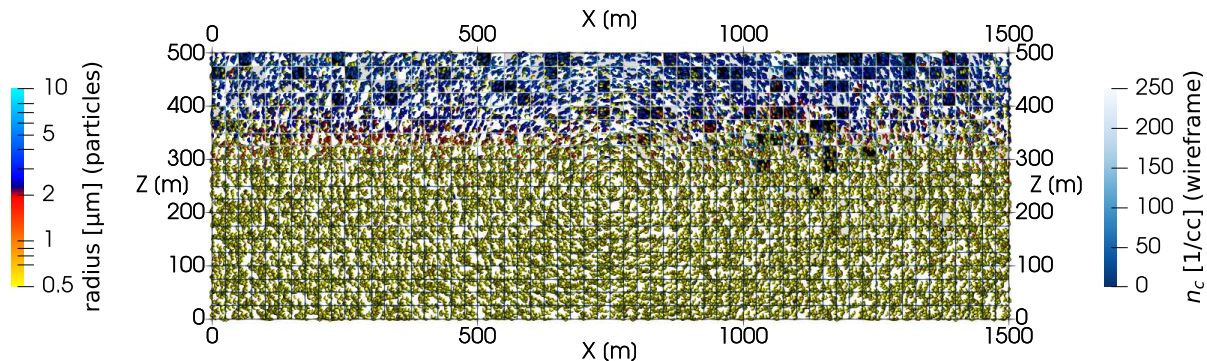
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Time: 1080 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



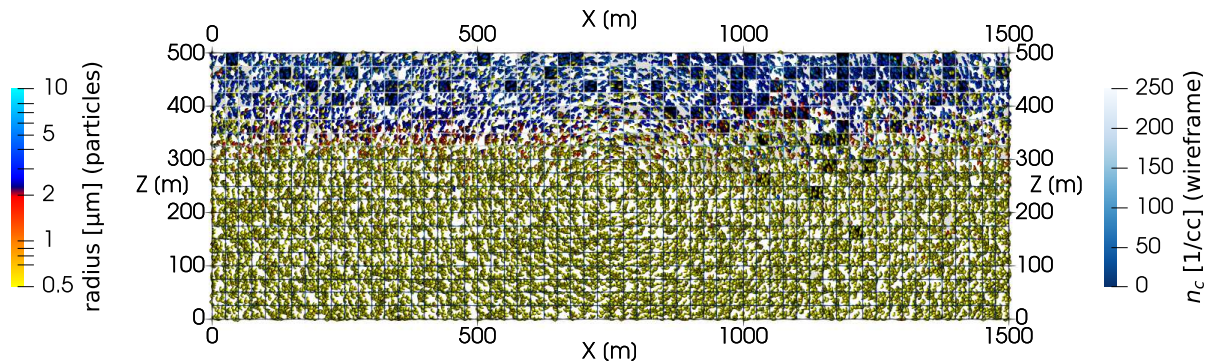
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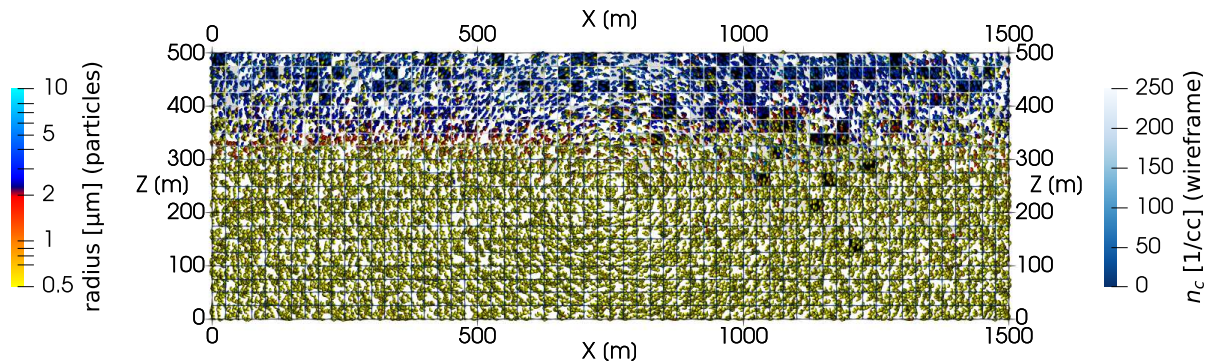
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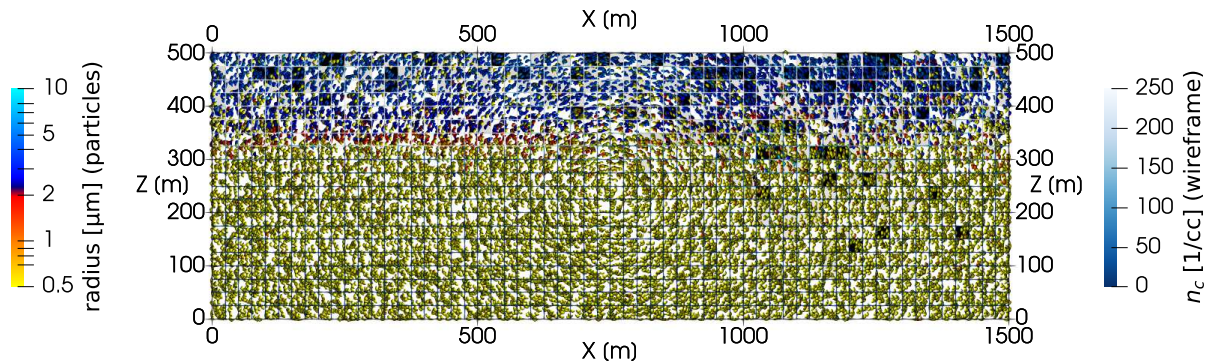
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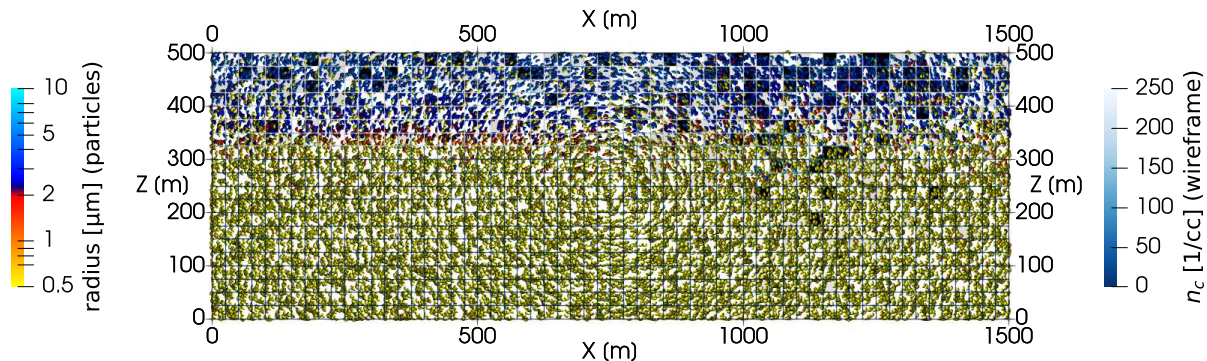
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Time: 1200 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)

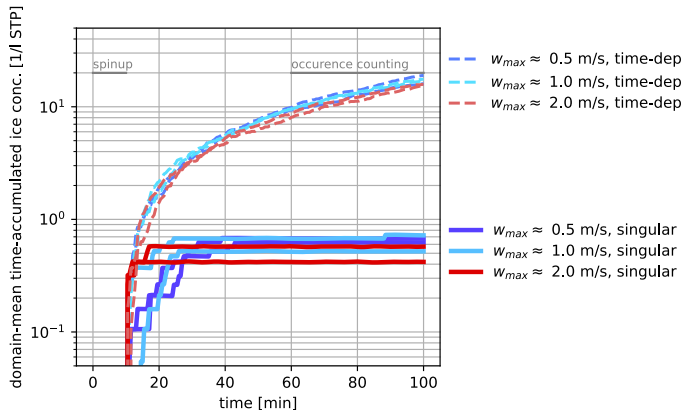


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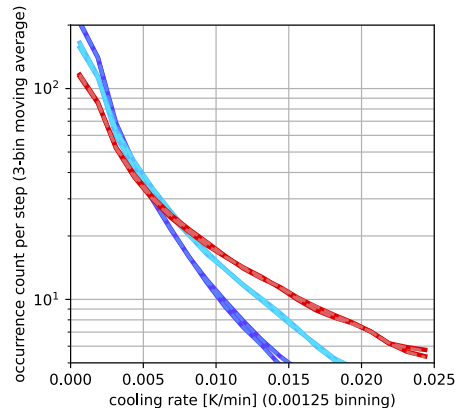
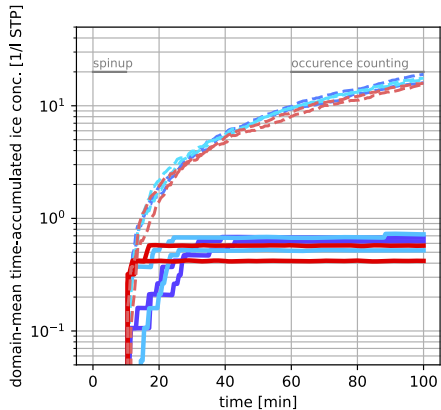
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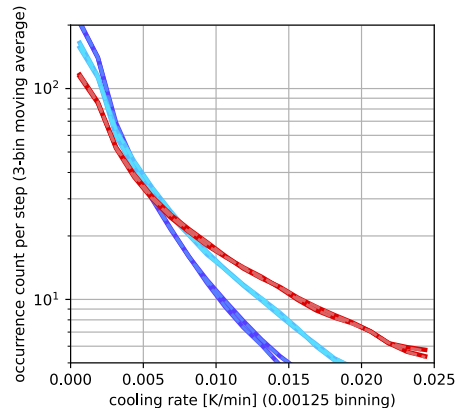
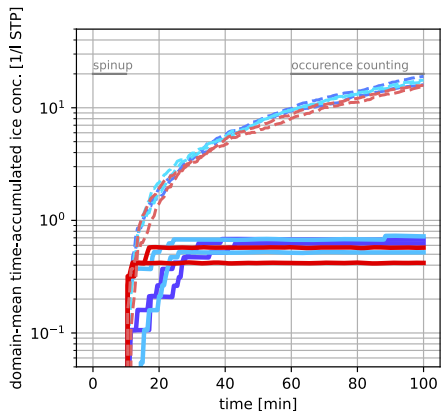
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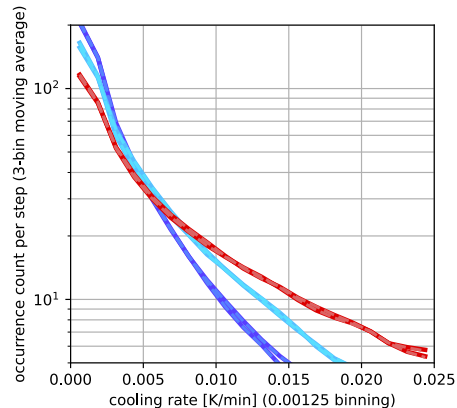
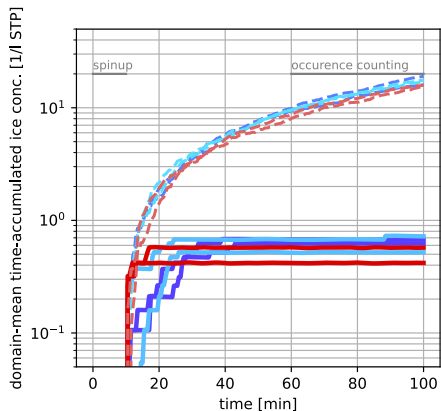


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- ▶ range of cooling rates in simple flow (far from 0.5 K/min for AIDA as in Niemand et al. 2012)
- ▶ **only time-dependent scheme robust across flow regimes** (consistent with box model & theory)

100%  python™ open-source code:

/ OPEN**ATMOS** /

PySDM

J_{het} or n_s ?

Vali 2014 (ACP)

*“Interpretations of the experimental results face considerable difficulties ... two separate ways of interpreting the same observations; one assigned primacy to time the other emphasized the temperature-dependent impacts of the impurities ... **dichotomy – the stochastic and singular models**”*

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Heterogeneous ice nucleation: exploring the transition from stochastic to singular freezing behavior
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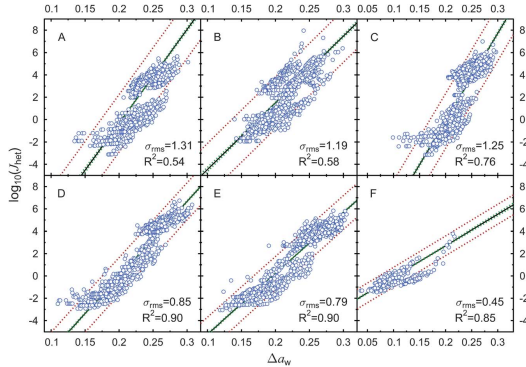


Fig. 3 The decadal log of the heterogeneous ice nucleation rate coefficients, $\log_{10}(J_{\text{het}})$, are shown as a function of Δa_w for individually analysed freezing events, initiated by the different IN types investigated in this study and previous work.^{41,43,57,66,73,75,78,95} $\log_{10}(J_{\text{het}})$ are shown for (A) *Nannochloris atomus*, (B) *Thalassiosira pseudonana*, (C) Pahokee Peat, (D) Leonardite, (E) Illite, and (F) 1-nonadecanol. The solid black line is a linear fit where dashed green and red lines represent confidence intervals and prediction bands at 95% level. The root mean square error, σ_{rms} , and the adjusted coefficient of determination, R^2 , are given in each panel.

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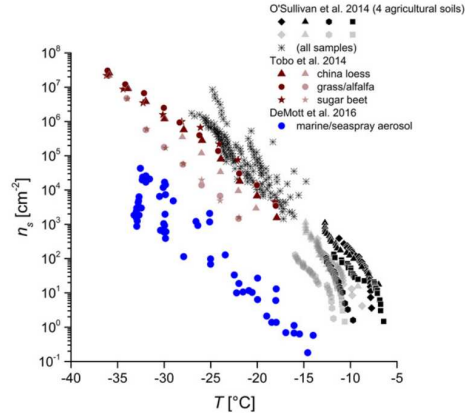


FIG. 1-6. Ice nucleation active site densities n_s as a function of temperature for H_2O_2 (hydrogen peroxide) treated (lighter-shaded symbols) and untreated (dark symbols) agricultural soil dusts in comparison to the n_s of marine aerosol. Differences between various black symbols are for organic content (OC). High OC (12.7 wt%)

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