

# A few slides for discussions in John's group

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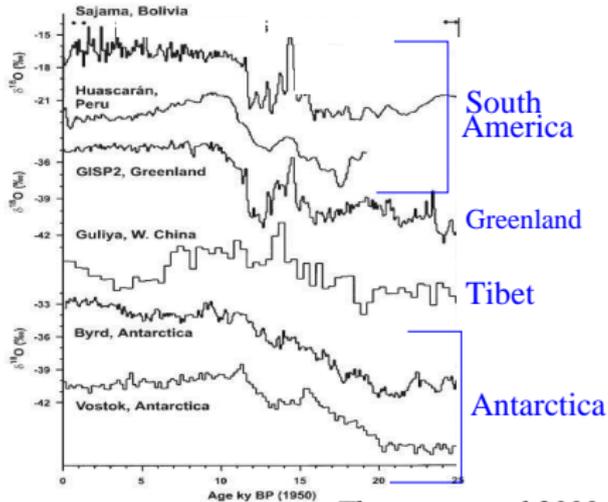
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# Outline

- ▶ Paleo
- ▶ Constraining convective processes
  - ▶ Latent heating
  - ▶ Rain reevaporation
  - ▶ Combining with chemical measurements?

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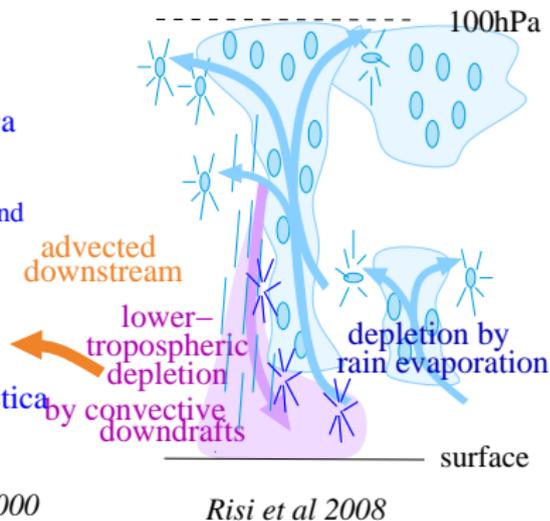
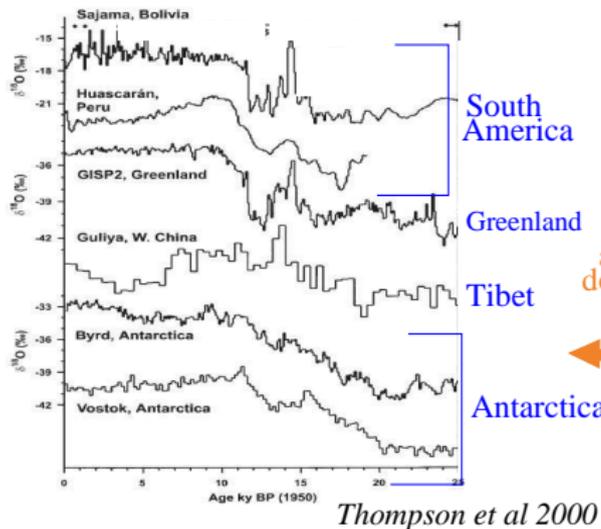
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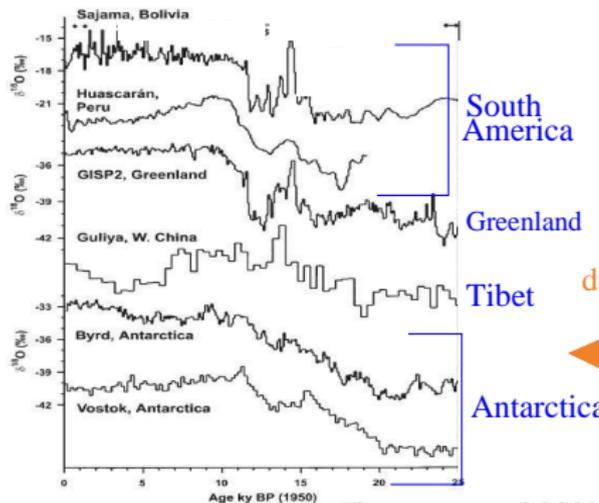
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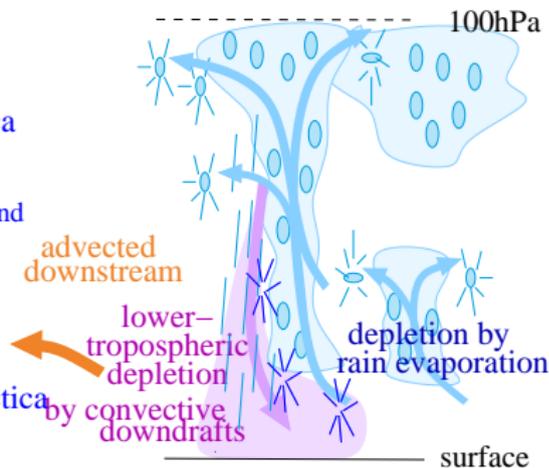


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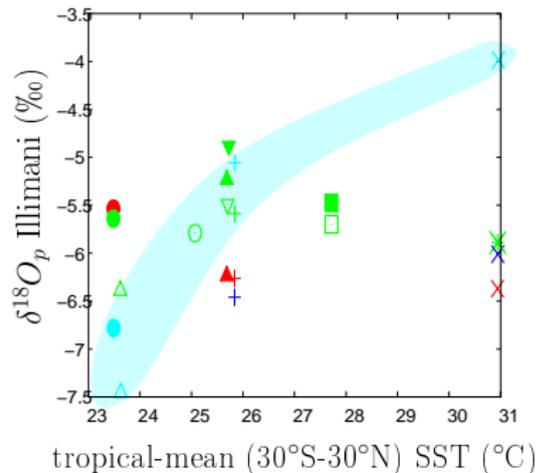
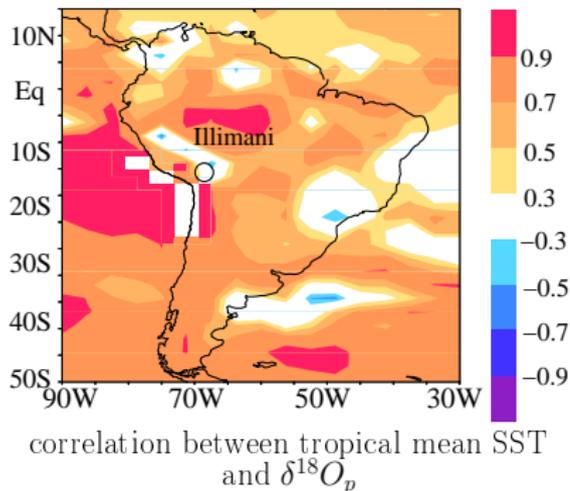
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Risi et al 2008

⇒ Use LMDZ GCM with isotopes (Risi et al 2010):  
11 different climates (e.g. LGM, MH); 4 different model physics

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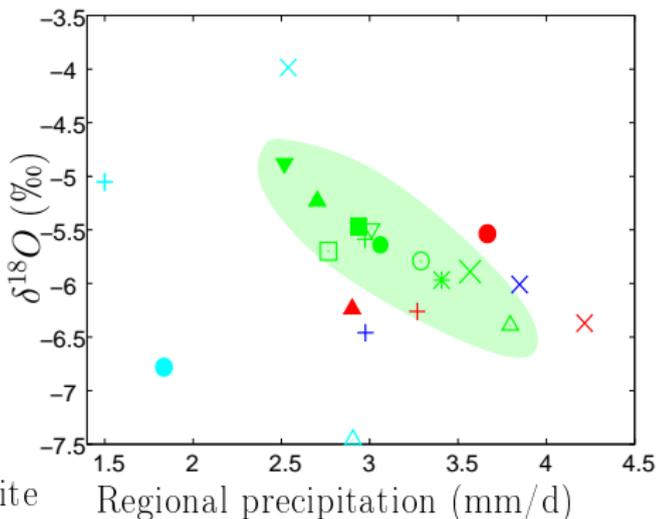
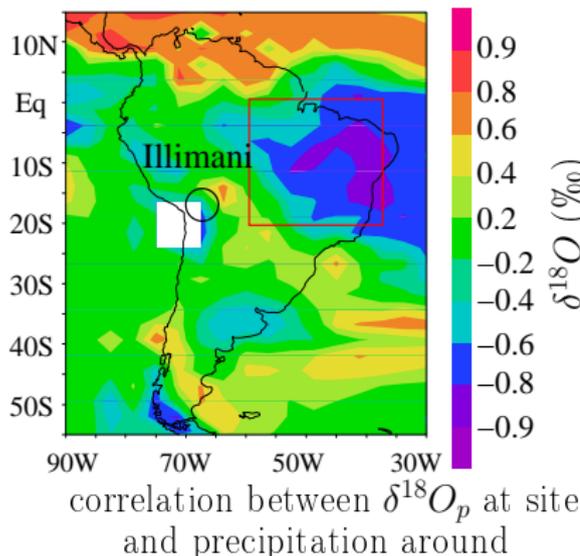


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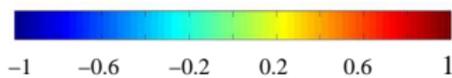
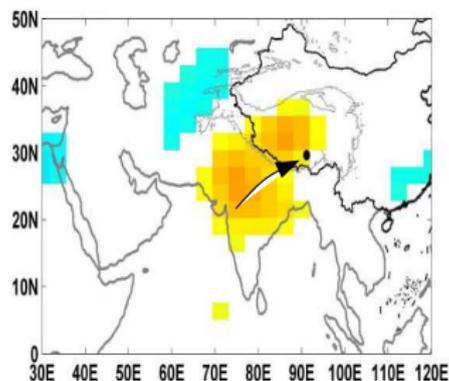
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⇒ Which physics is the most realistic?

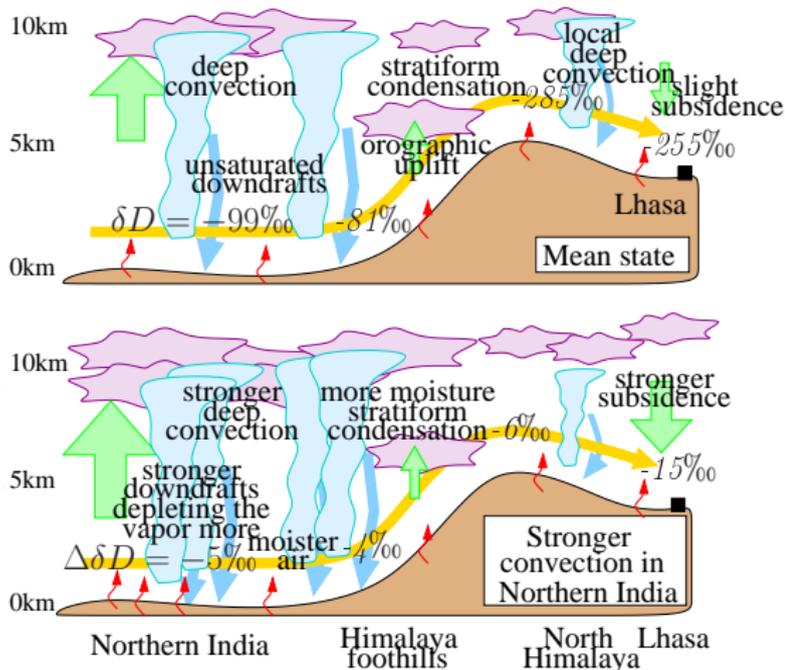
⇒ use present day measurements to better test climate- $\delta^{18}O$  relationships?

# Case study: what controls $\delta^{18}O_p$ in Lhasa?

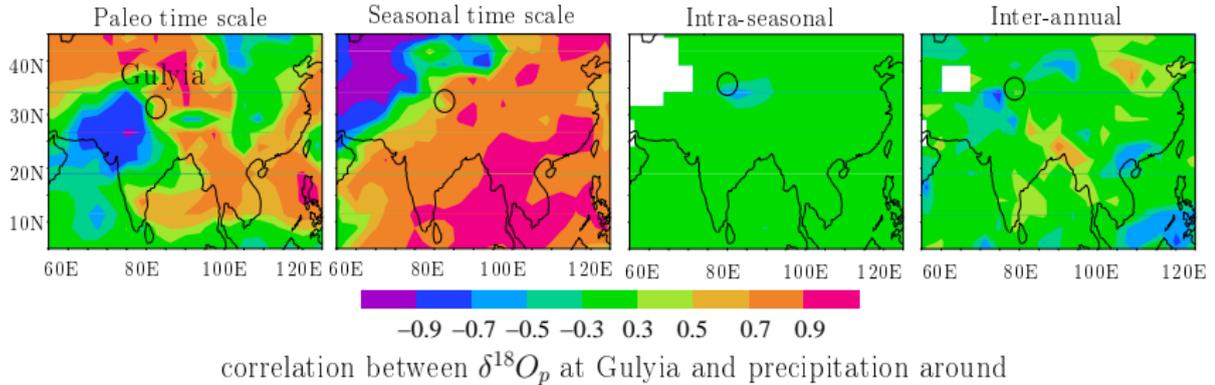
- ▶ Work by You He: weekly, JJAS, Lhasa, TES+LMDZ
- ▶ precip  $\delta^{18}O$  varies follows vapor  $\delta D \Rightarrow$  focus on vapor



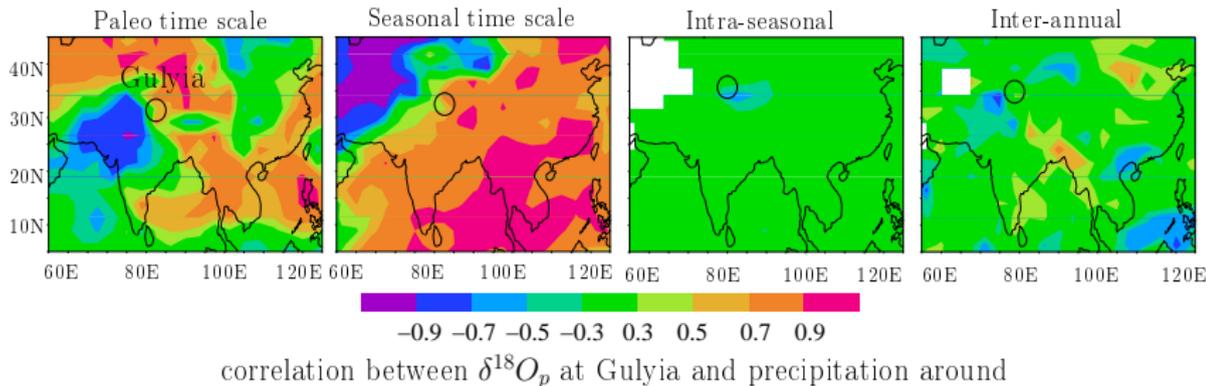
Correlation between  $\delta D$  at Lhasa at 500 hPa observed by TES and OLR 2 days before



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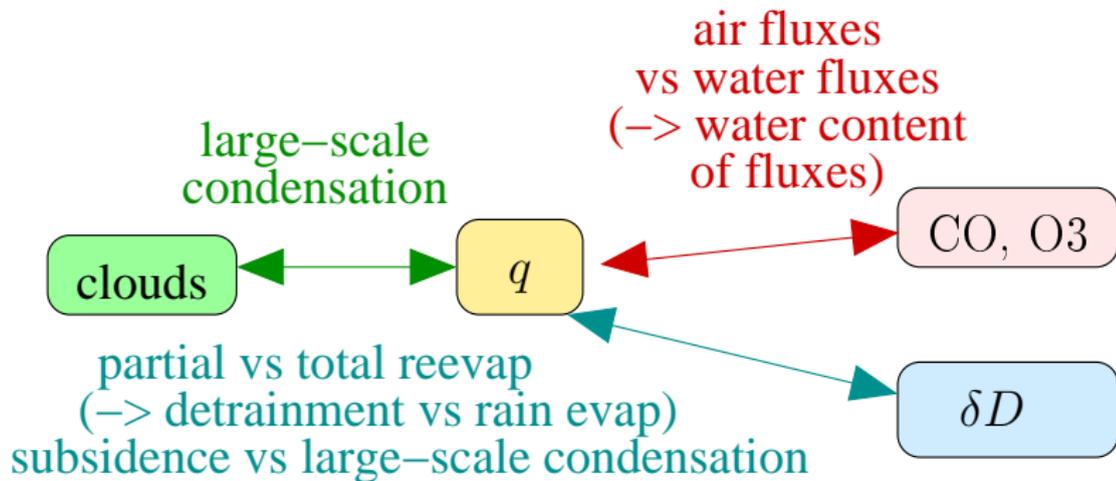
⇒ Understanding daily controls not enough for paleo controls

- ▶ work in progress: are some sensitivity tests more realistic at daily time scales?

Do we expect them to be more realistic for paleo time scales?



# Combine with chemical measurements?

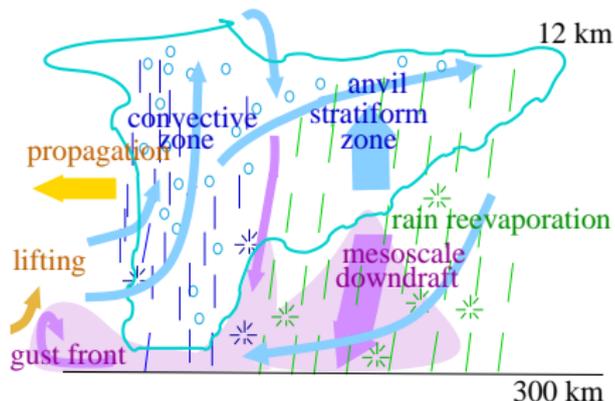


# Constrain latent heating profiles?

- ▶ Use SCM simulations in WTG (weak temperature gradient) : temperature is prescribed, large-scale vertical velocity is diagnosed

-> feedbacks between convection and large-scale circulation

# Constrain rain reevaporation in squall lines?



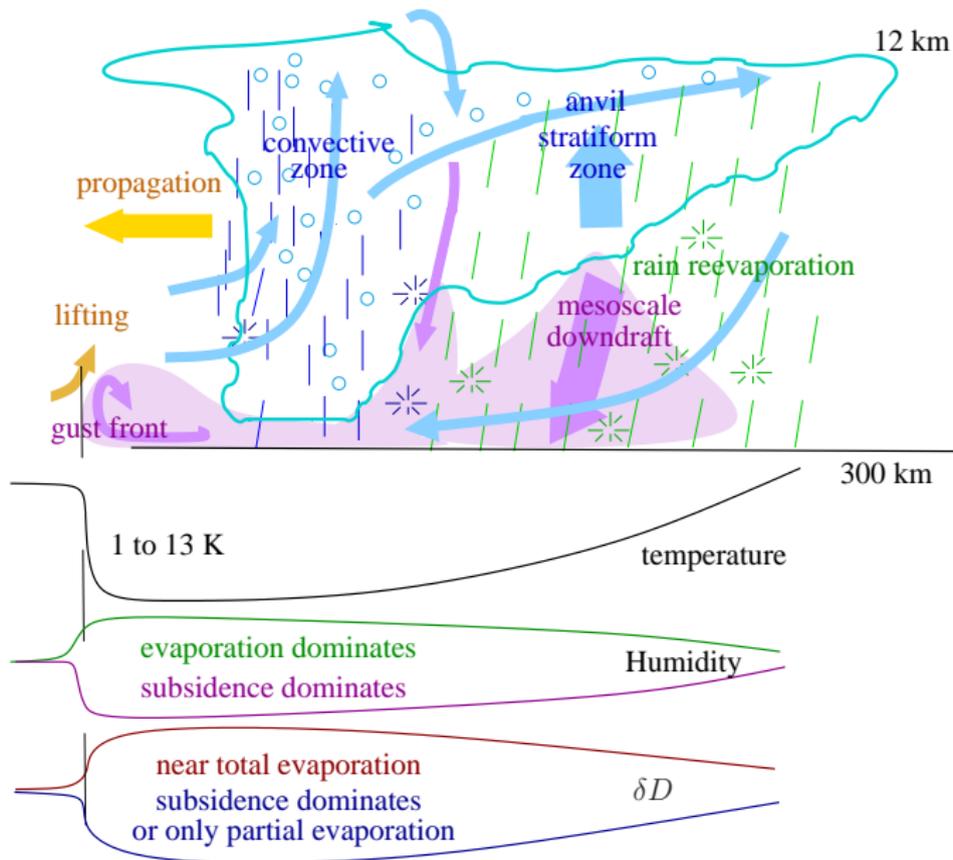
## ► Goals:

- Relate rain reevaporation to LS conditions and cloud types
- Use these relationships to evaluate cold pool scheme in LMDZ

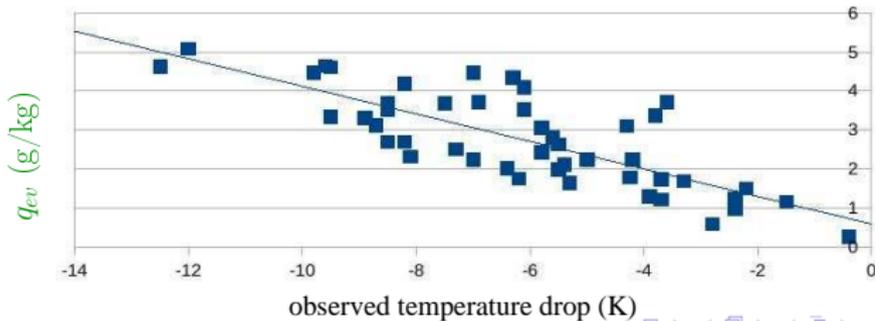
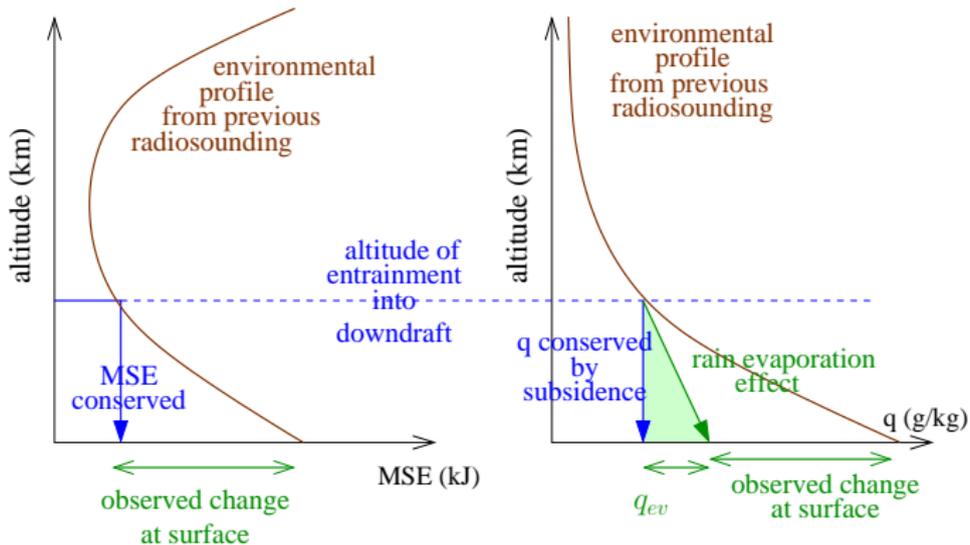
## ► Datasets:

- “pilot study”: 3-year high-freq sfc vap  $\delta D$  in Niamey (picarro)
- 2x daily radiosoundings -> environmental conditions
- Meteosat -> Cloud classification every 15 minutes
- future extension at larger scales: TES and IASI

# Cold pools properties



# Moist static energy budget



# Plans on cold pools and rain reevaporation

- ▶ MSE budget -> estimate  $q_{ev}$  (rain reevaporation contribution)
- ▶ Large-scale controls on  $q_{ev}$ ? Cloud type and organization?
- ▶ No link between  $q_{ev}$  and cold pool  $\delta D$  -> depends on evaporated drop fraction and drop size distribution? (*Risi et al 2010*)
- ▶ Use results to evaluate LMDZ cold pool scheme (*Grandpeix et al 2010*) and tune its parameters?
- ▶ At the larger scale, effect of rain reevaporation on intra-seasonal variability? e.g. source of moistening in African Easterly Waves? (*Poan et al 2014*)