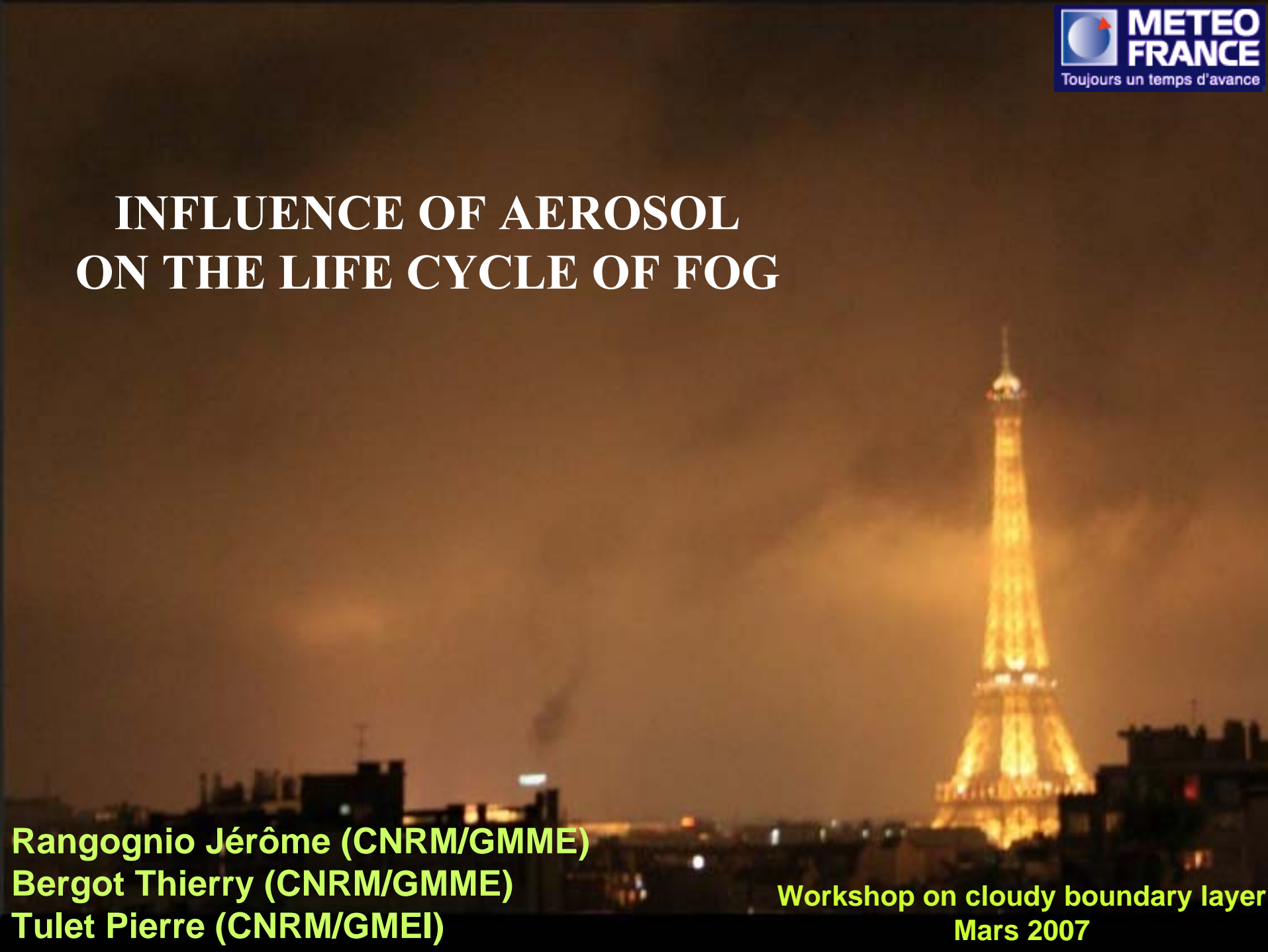


# INFLUENCE OF AEROSOL ON THE LIFE CYCLE OF FOG



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**Definition:** Clouds droplets with hygroscopic particles saturated of size of micrometers. The main condition for the apparition of fog is that the atmosphere is saturated in the first meters over the land surface (see picture)



- 3 main types of fog (Cotton & al., 1989):

- radiation

- advection

- mix of air in an area contrasted on temperature and humidity

- Characteristics of radiative fog:

- local cooling of atmospheric layers near the land surface: fundamental role

- night on the continental surface

- anticyclonic conditions without clouds

- weak wind but not zero

- The life cycle of radiative fog: the onset, the development and the dissipation



## The onset: influenced by three main parameters

1. High cooling radiative of the land surface → condensation point
2. Turbulence in the lowest atmospheric layers
3. Exchanges between atmosphere and surface





## The development : three main effects

1. Radiative cooling on the top of fog layer (stable layer)

*Divergence of radiative fluxes*

2. Turbulent scattering

*Loss of thermal inversion in the fog layer → mixing layer*

3. Sedimentation of droplets

(Importance of horizontal advection for the development)

## The dissipation : the main reason : the sun

From the sunrise

Absorption of radiance in the fog layer

Heating of the fog layer

From the sunrise

Heating of the land surface by the radiance decreased by the fog layer

Acceleration of the evaporation of liquid water at the root of fog

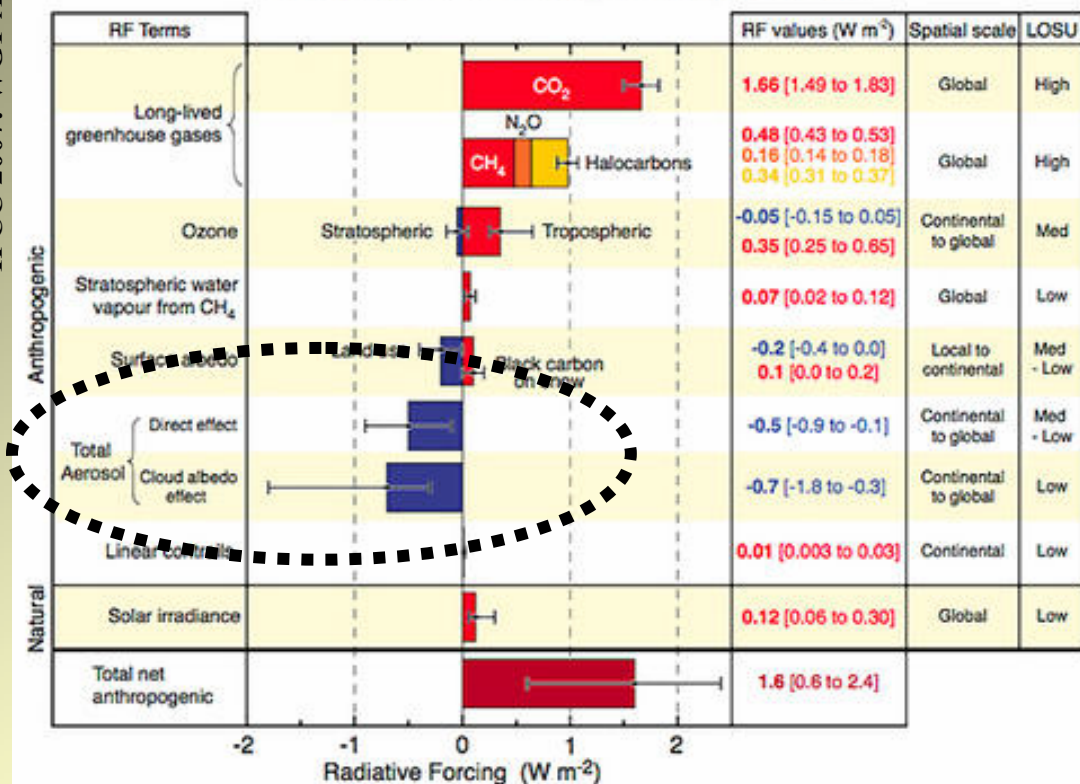
=> **EVOLUTION INTO STRATOCUMULUS**



# Importance of study of aerosols

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## Radiative Forcing Components



• Affect the planetary radiation balance

→ directly by scattering sunlight to space

→ indirectly through their influence on cloud droplet concentration and thus cloud albedo

→ highly uncertainly on the estimates of the indirect radiative effect of aerosols

• Aerosol's composition

Inorganic materials (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> ...)

Organic materials

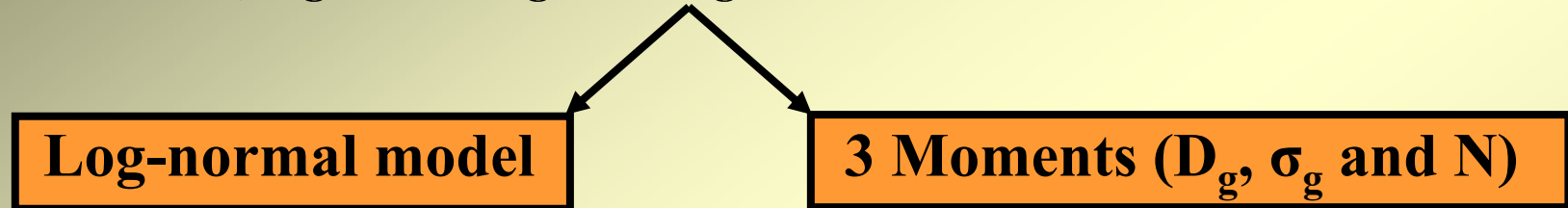
Black carbon (BC)

Organic carbon (OC) → SOA



## ORILAM model (*Tulet & al., 2005*)

*ORILAM (Organic Inorganic Log-normal Aerosol Model)*



→ Prognostic evolution of the aerosol size distribution determined by a general dynamical equation (*Friedlander, 1977, Seinfeld and Pandis, 1997*):

$$\frac{\partial n(r_p)}{\partial t} = f(n(r_p))$$

, n is the function of aerosol size distribution and  $r_p$  the aerosol radius

→ Three modes implemented: nuclei mode, accumulation mode and dust represented by a lognormal distribution (*Whitby et al., 1991*)

$$n(\ln D) = \frac{N}{\sqrt{2\pi \ln \sigma_g}} \exp\left(-\frac{\ln^2\left(\frac{D}{D_g}\right)}{2 \ln^2(\sigma_g)}\right)$$

N the particle number concentration (part./m<sup>3</sup>)  
 D is the particle diameter (μm)  
 D<sub>g</sub> the number median diameter  
 σ<sub>g</sub> is the geometric standard deviation of the modal distribution

► assumes that the aerosol size distribution consists of lognormal modes that can be described by 3 moments of the size distribution



## Microphysics

### ► Coagulation

### ► Nucleation ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) (*Kulmala et al. (1998)*)

### ► Condensation:

→ Condensation of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is explicit

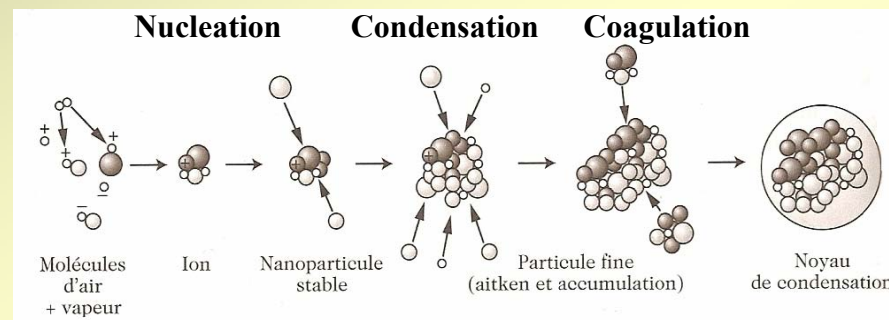
→ Thermodynamic balance of Inorganics:  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solve by neuronal network or some classical parameterization; ARES or ISORROPIA

→ Thermodynamic balance of Organics : MPMPO need to take a specific chemical scheme

### ► Sedimentation

### ► Dry deposition

## Atmospheric Model (MesoNH)





## **Chemical scheme: ReLACS2**

**(Reduced Lumped Atmospheric Chemical Scheme 2)**

→ **Reference chemical scheme : CACM (Caltech Atmospheric Chemistry Mechanism)** (*Griffin & al., 2005, Tulet & al., 2005*)

(For computational reasons CACM has been reduced on ReLACS2)

→ **Used with ORILAM (named ORILAM-SOA)**

→ **Low numerical cost**

→ **82 prognostic species**

► **To predict of all SOA precursors**

## **Thermodynamical scheme: MPMPO** (*Griffin & al, 2003*)

**(Model to Predict the Multiphase Partitioning Of Organics)**

→ **Chemical equilibrium between organic phase and gas phase: Raoult's law**

→ **Chemical equilibrium between aqueous phase and gas phase: Henry's law**

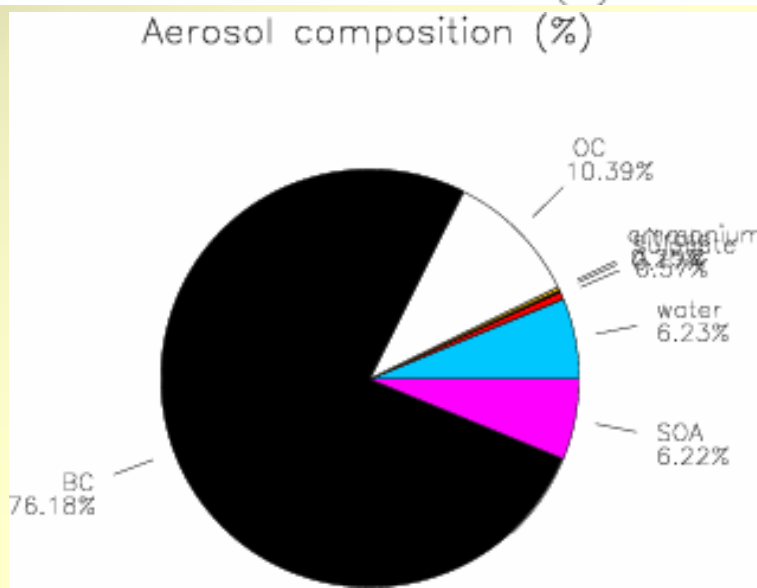
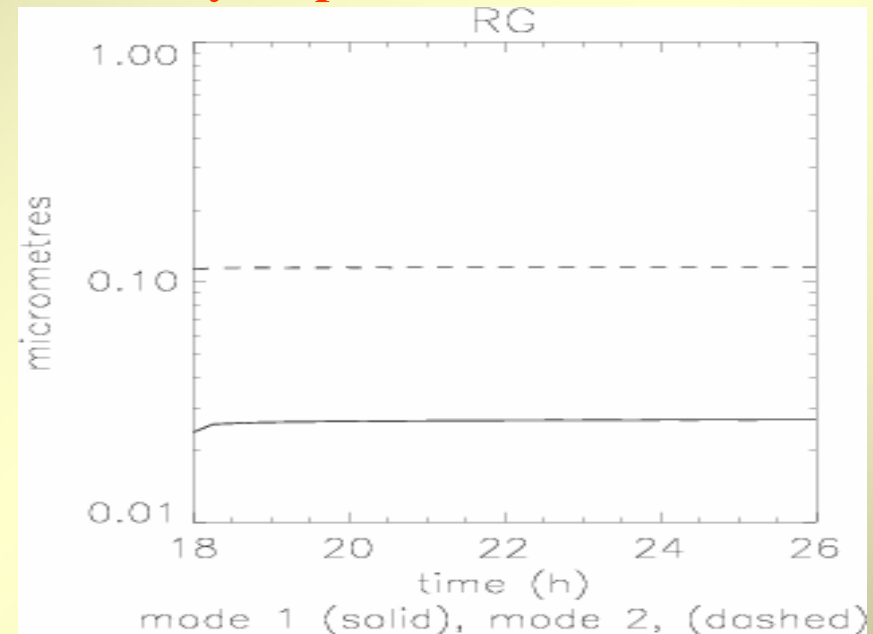
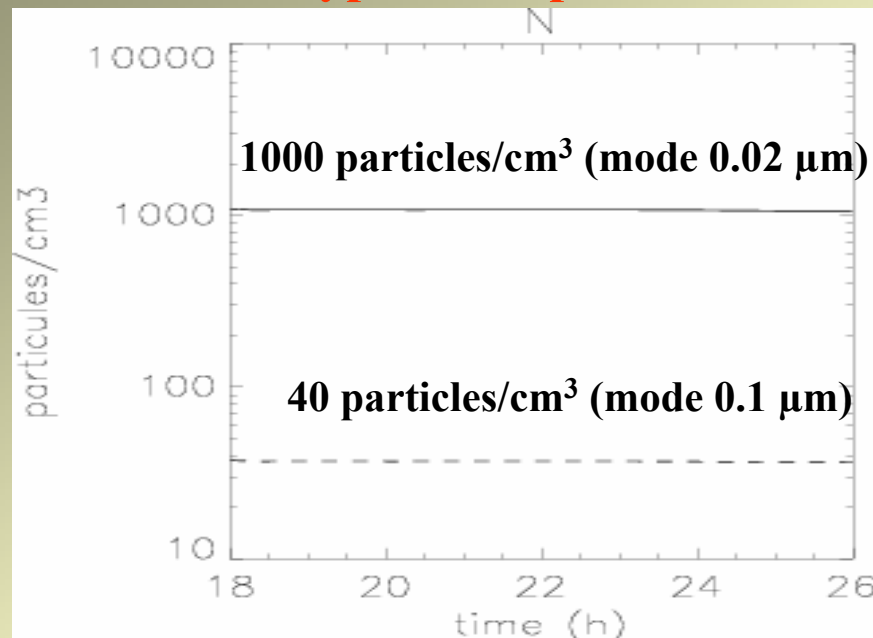
→ **Equilibrium (acid/base) within the aqueous phase**

► **To calculate SOA added to the surface area of preexisting aerosol**

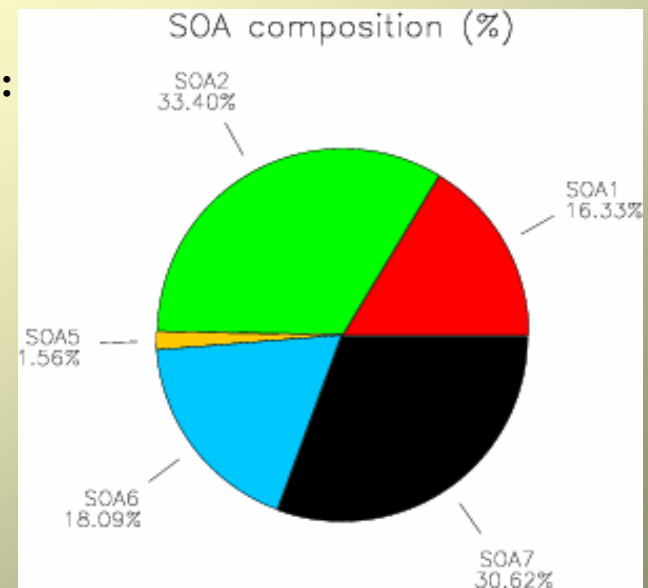


# Simulation with ORILAM / C2R2

## Type 1: No polluted conditions and hydrophobic aerosols



**Main composition:  
Black Carbon**



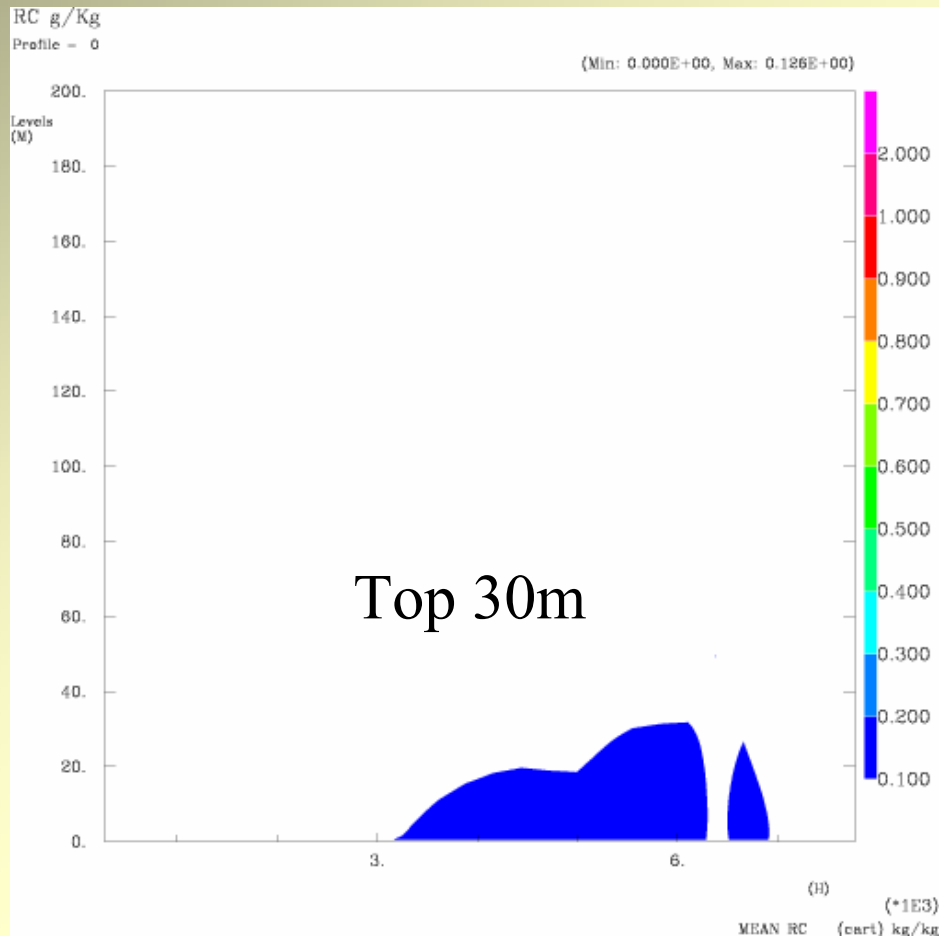


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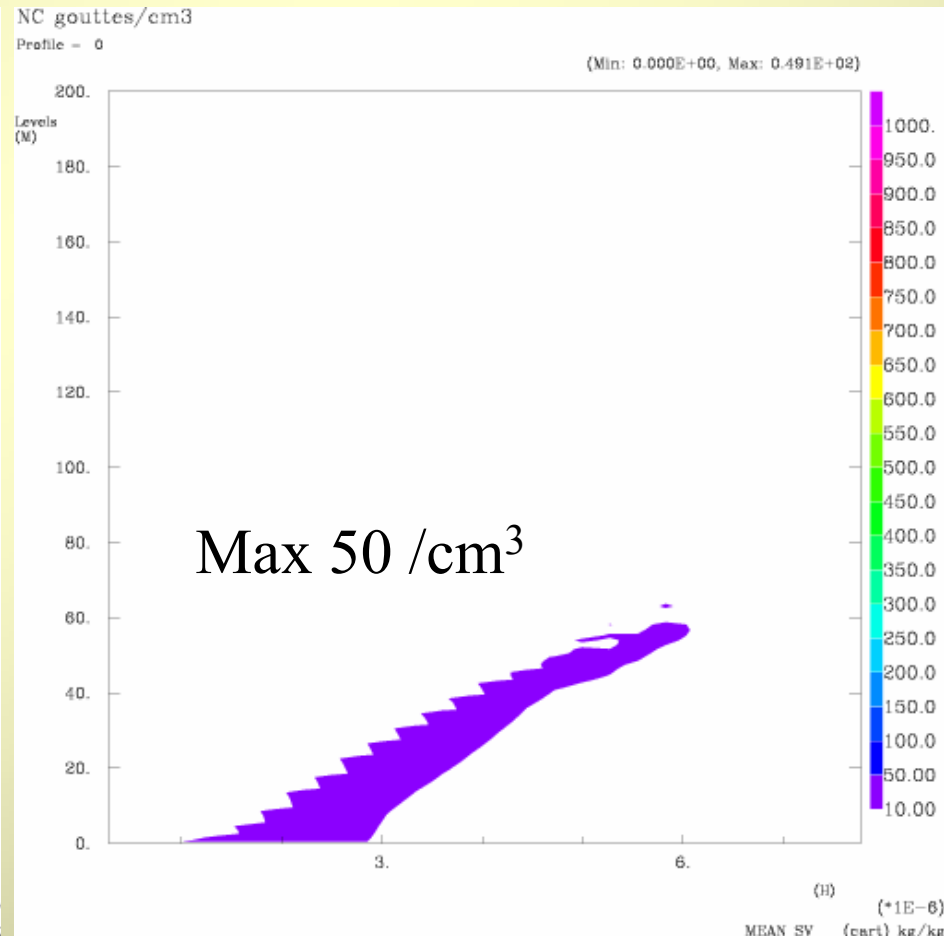
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**=> Low fog**

**Cloud water (g/kg)**



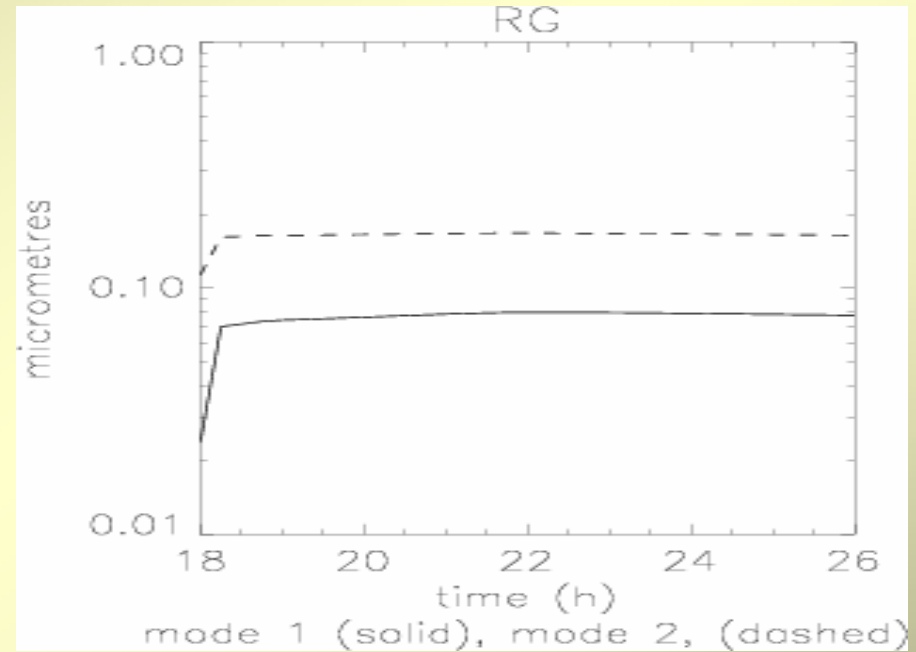
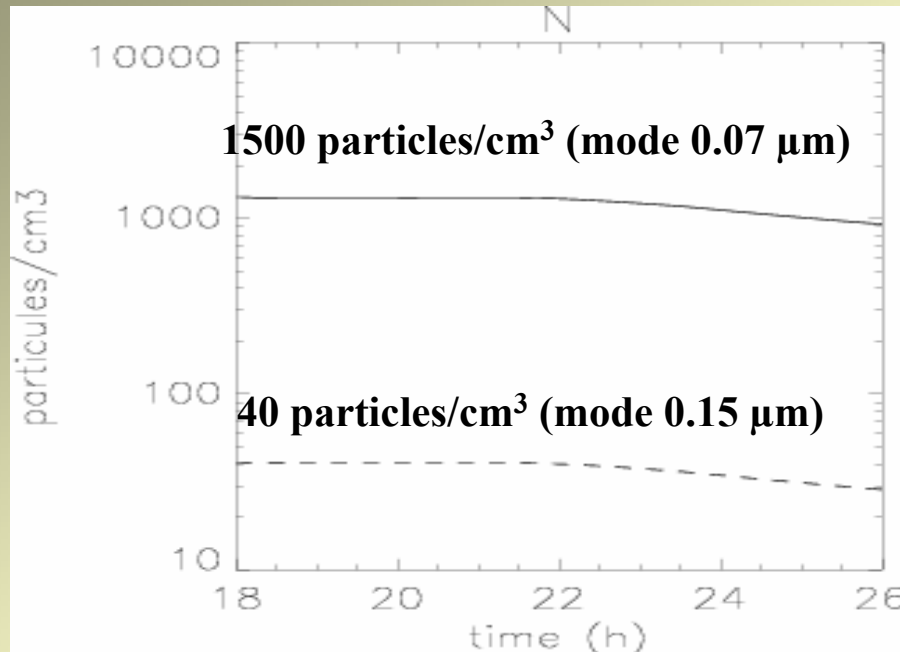
**Droplets numbers (/cm<sup>3</sup>)**



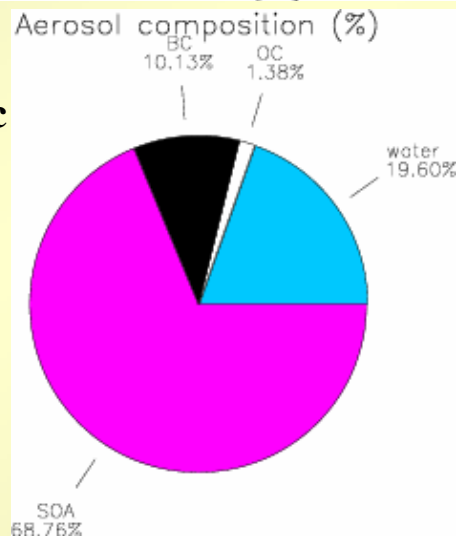


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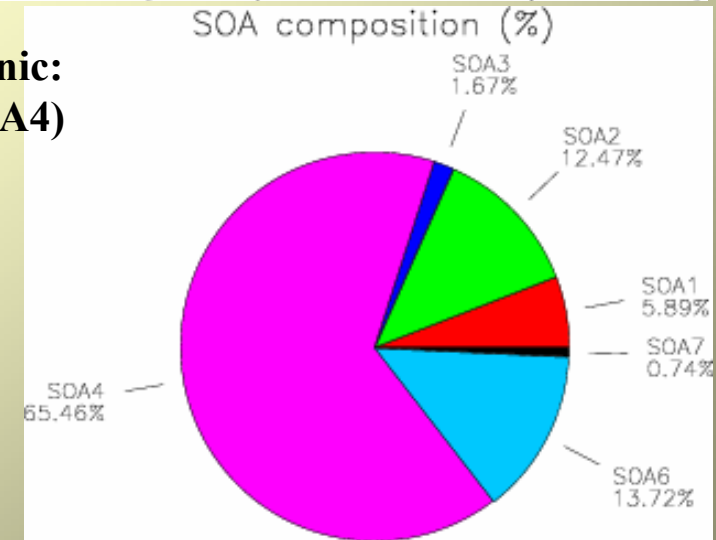
## Type 2: Mean polluted conditions and highly hydrophilic aerosols



**Main composition:  
Secondary Organic**



**Secondary Organic:  
Hydrophilic (SOA4)**



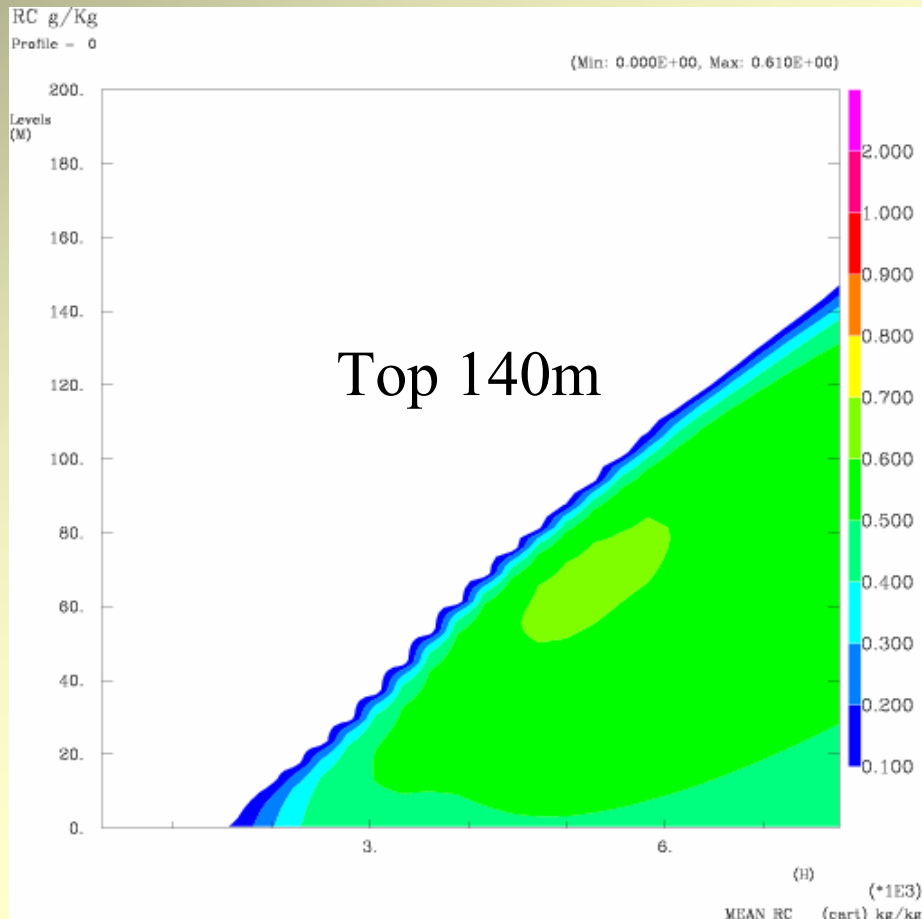


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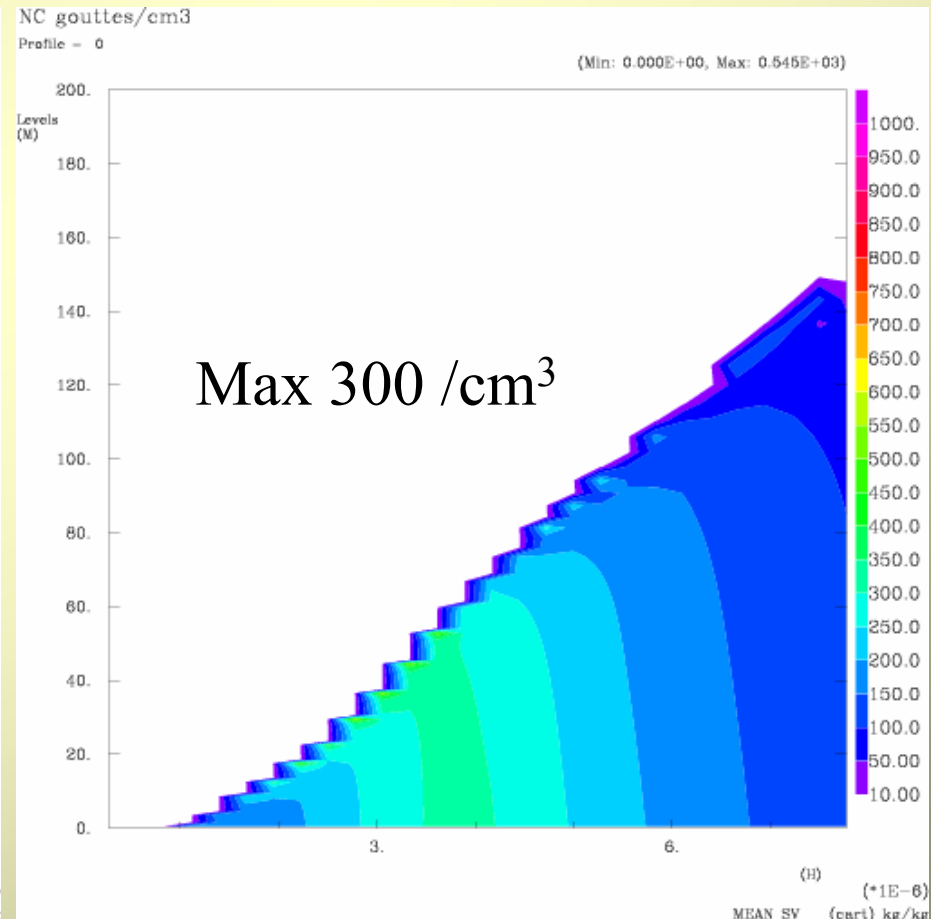
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=> Important fog : layer of 140m

#### Cloud water (g/kg)



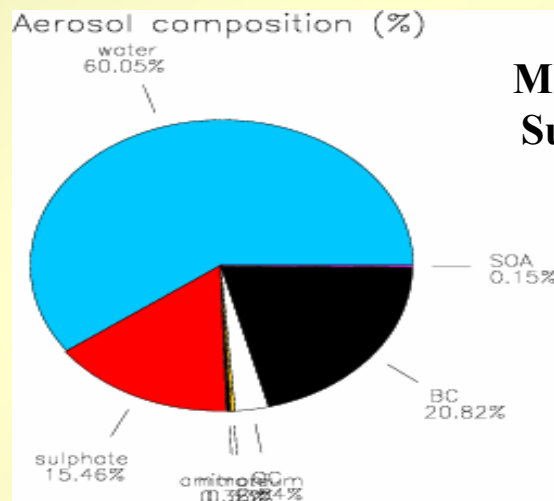
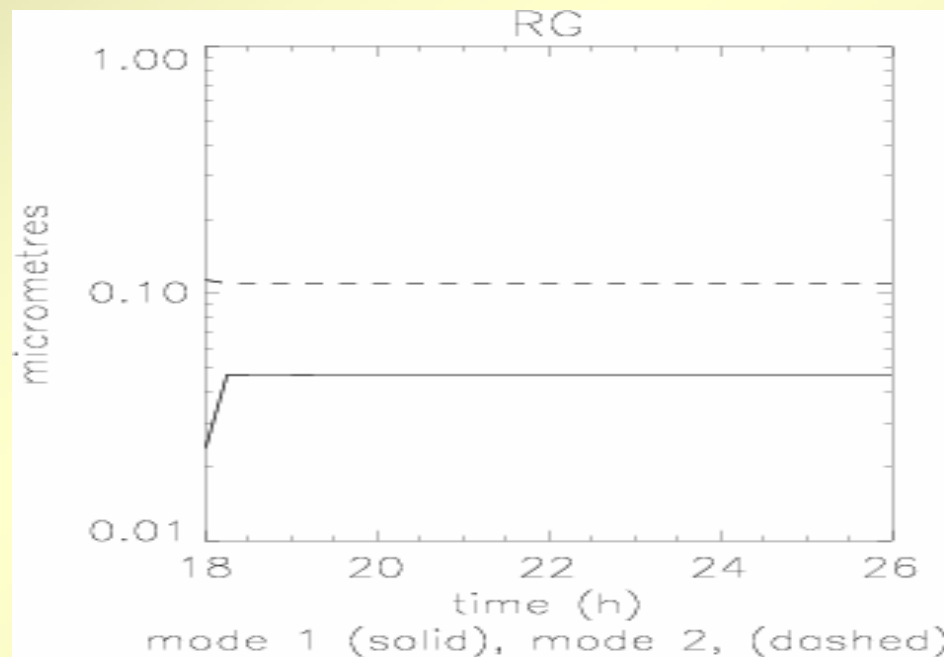
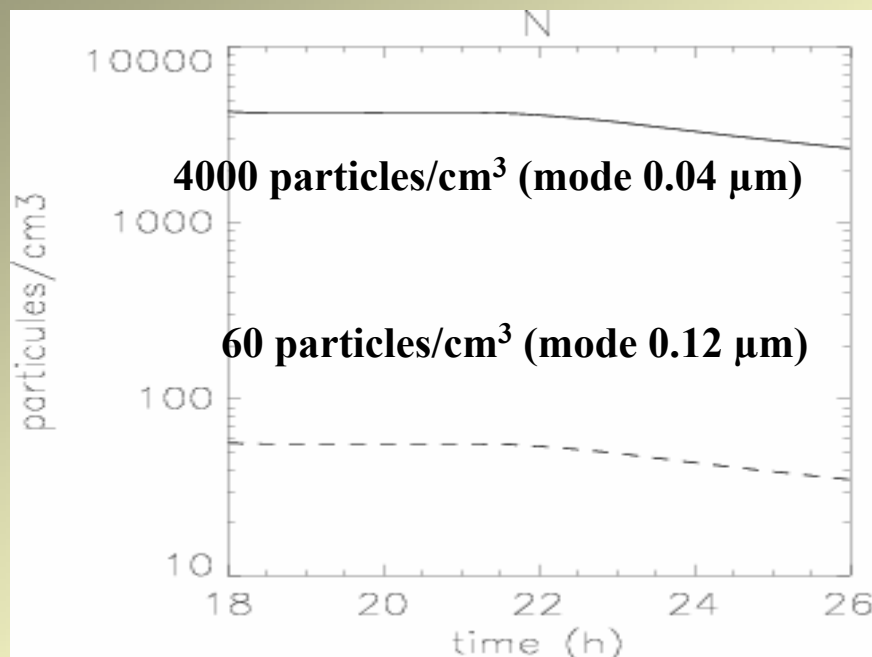
#### Droplets numbers (/cm<sup>3</sup>)



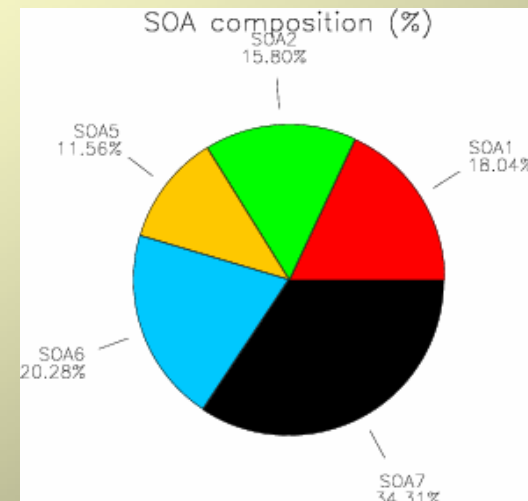


# Simulation with ORILAM / C2R2

## Type 3: Polluted conditions and highly hydrophilic aerosols



**Main composition:  
Sulphates and BC**



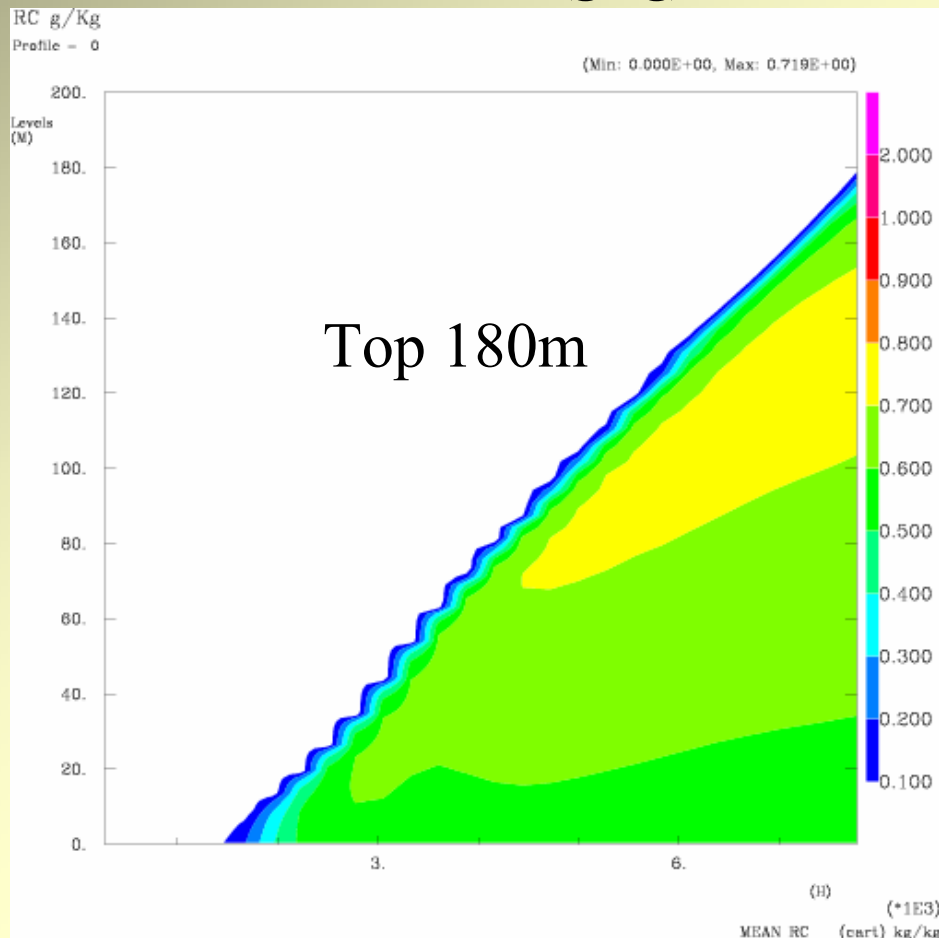
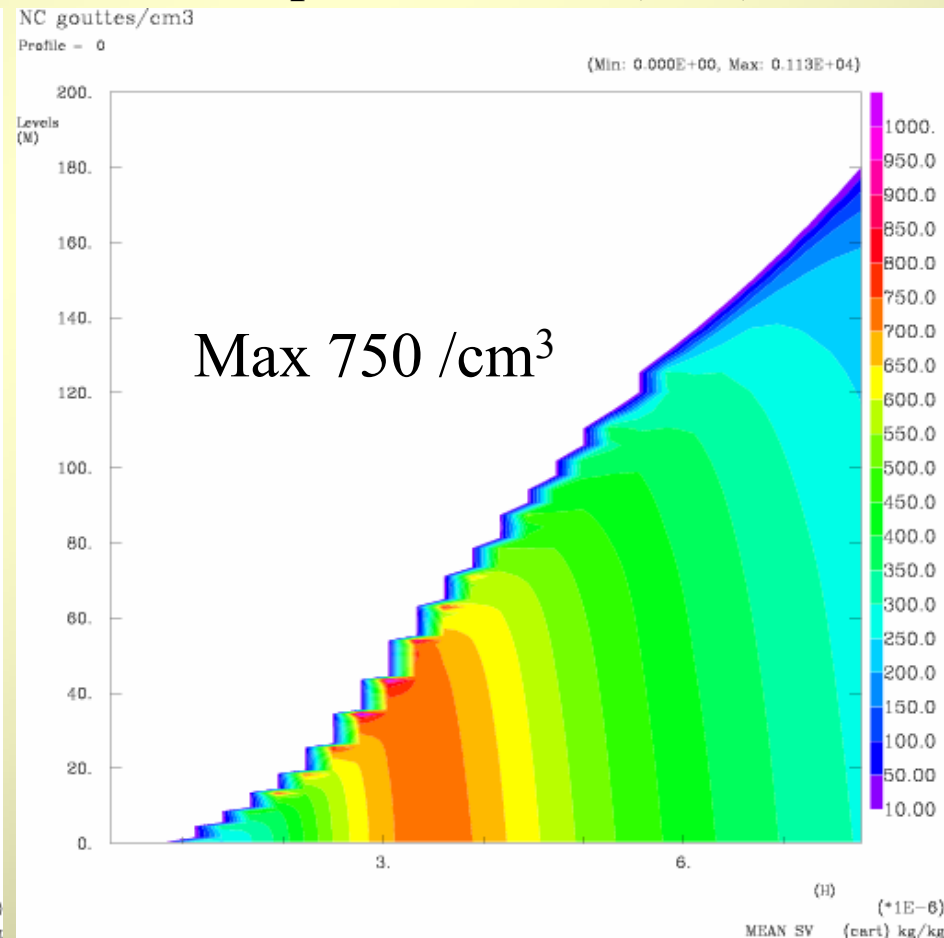


## Simulation with ORILAM / C2R2

## Type 3: Polluted and high hydrophilic aerosol (type Sulphates)

**=> Heavy fog : layer of 180 m**

## Cloud water (g/kg)

Droplets numbers (/cm<sup>3</sup>)



## Perspectives : Parisfog's field experiment

→ From October 2006 to April 2007

→ Cooperation between CNRM , IPSL and CERE

→ 2 objectifs:

1. To provide information on the whole processes which take place during the life cycle of fog (turbulence, microphysic and radiation)

2. To improve our understanding and our ability to simulate numerically the life cycle of fog and the whole processes

► **Main aim : Improving of the fog's prediction**

See presentation of Bergot Thierry tomorrow: Parisfog experiment



## Parisfog's field experiment: Data Base Aerosols: Objectifs

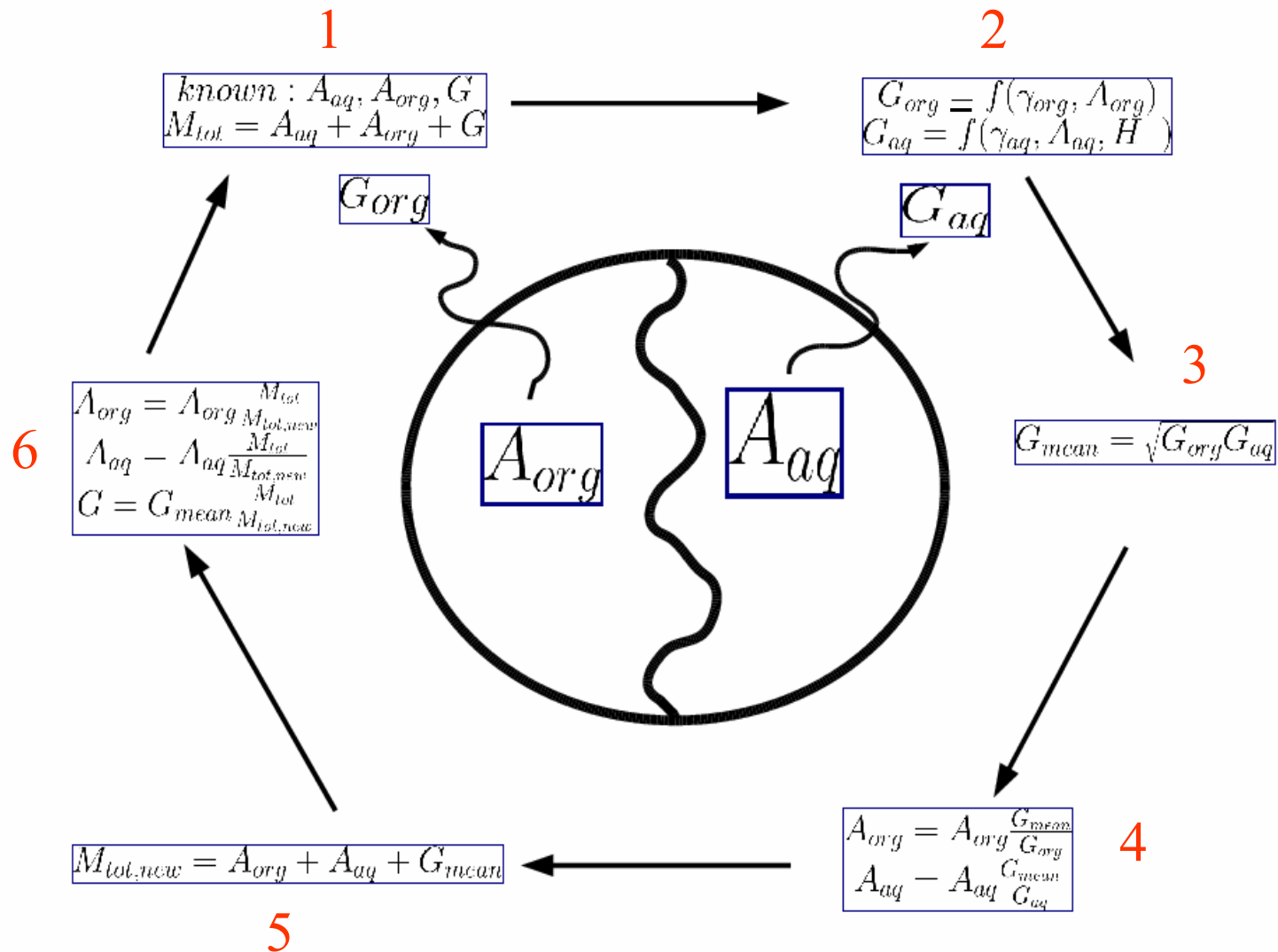
- Validation of parametrizations between the microphysic of aerosols and the microphysic of clouds (Meso-NH/ORILAM)
- Comparison between simulations of coupling chemistry-aerosol-atmosphere and observations
- 1-D simulations → interactions between microphysic and radiation
- Validation of activation schemes by a best characterization of the cloud condensation nuclei
- Validation of microphysic scheme by comparing the fog's droplet – composition - optical properties to observations
- 3-D simulations of the life cycle of fog



**THANKS**

**QUESTIONS ?**

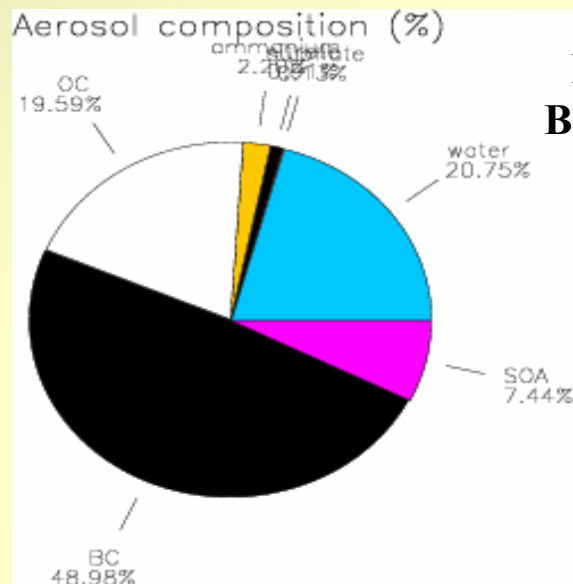
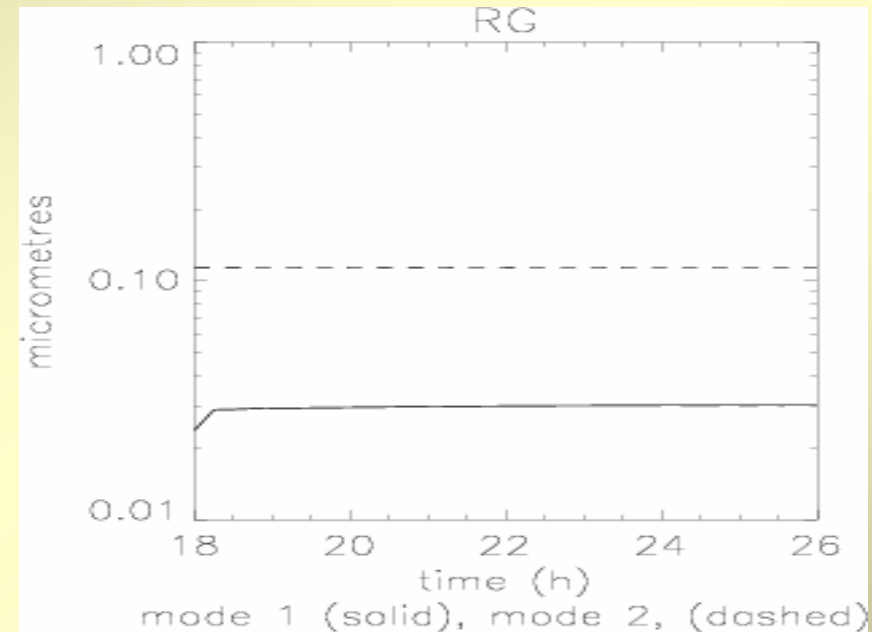
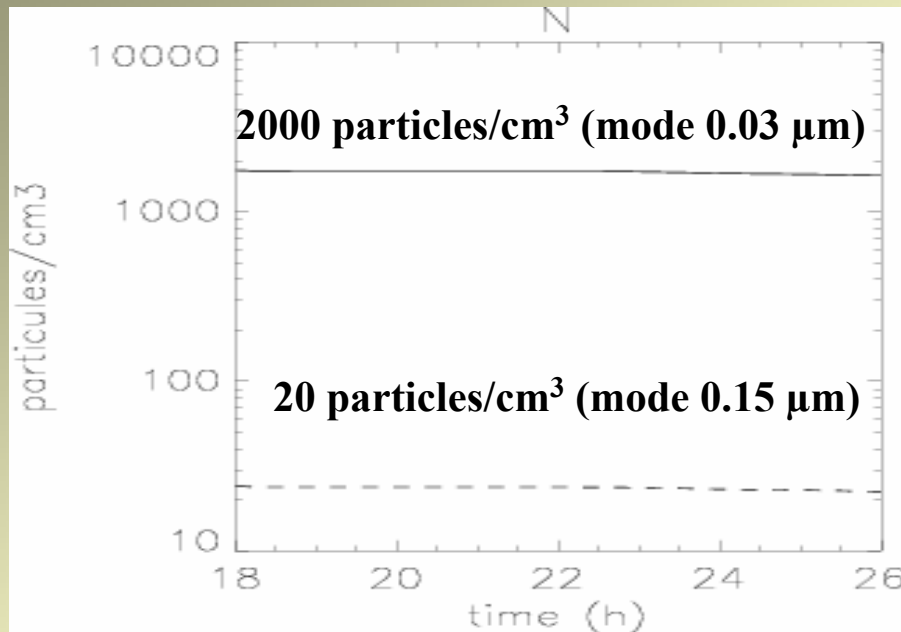




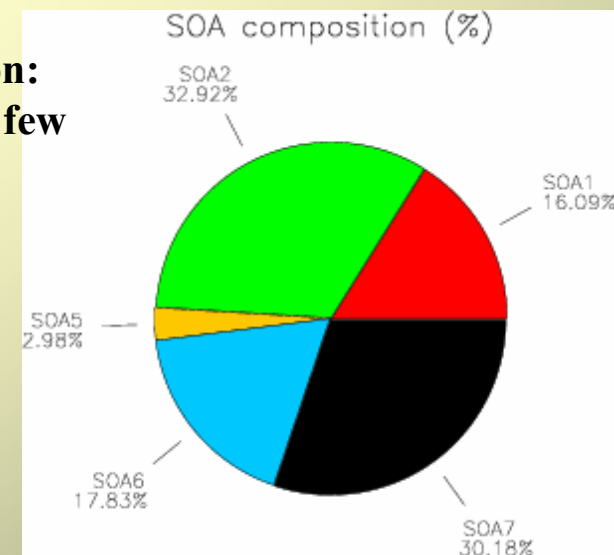


# Simulation with ORILAM / C2R2

## Type 2: Mean polluted conditions and mostly hydrophilic aerosols



**Main Composition:  
Black Carbon and few  
SOA**



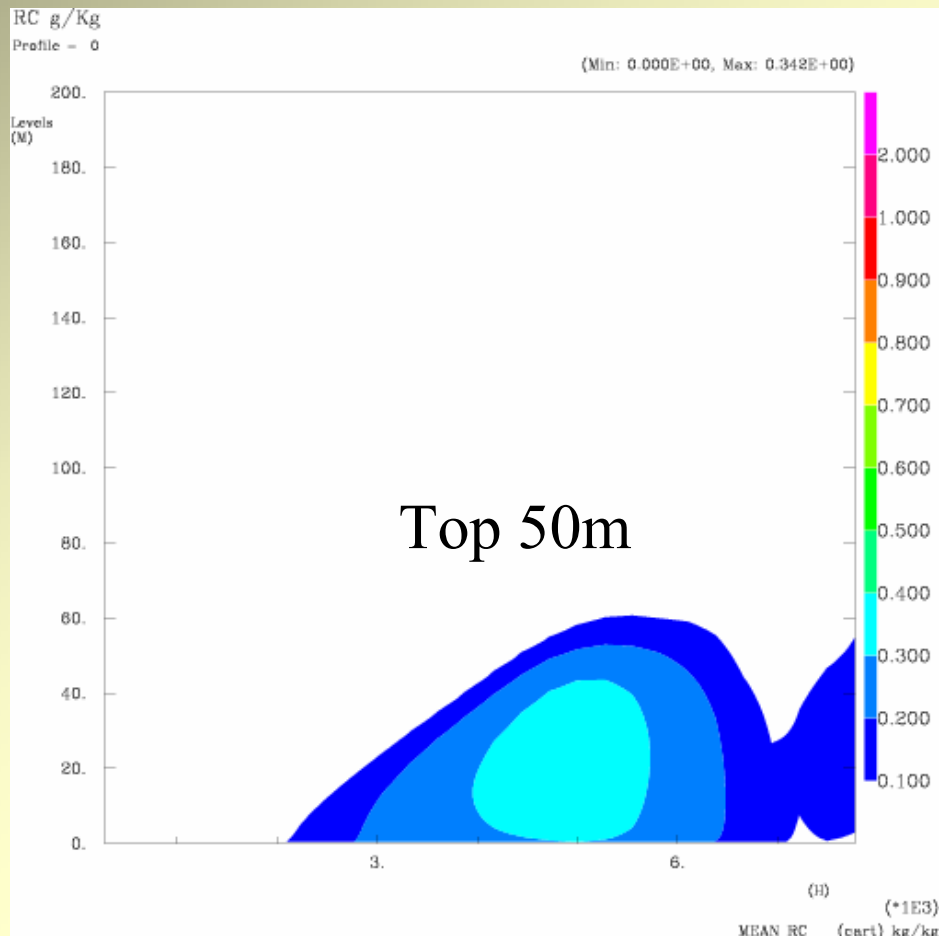


## Simulation with ORILAM /C2R2

### Type 2: Mean polluted conditions and mostly hydrophilic aerosols

=> Low formation of fog ; clear away

#### Cloud water (g/kg)



#### Droplets numbers(/cm<sup>3</sup>)

