

Calling Microphysical Schemes from WRF and libcloudph++ using Python

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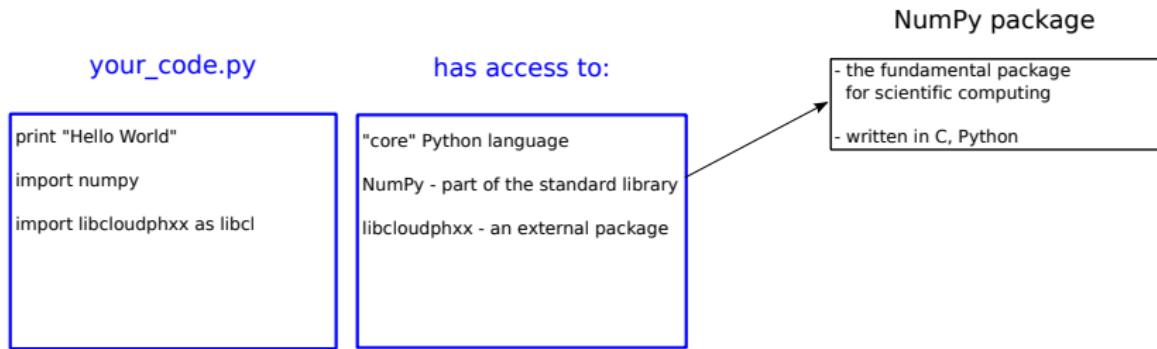
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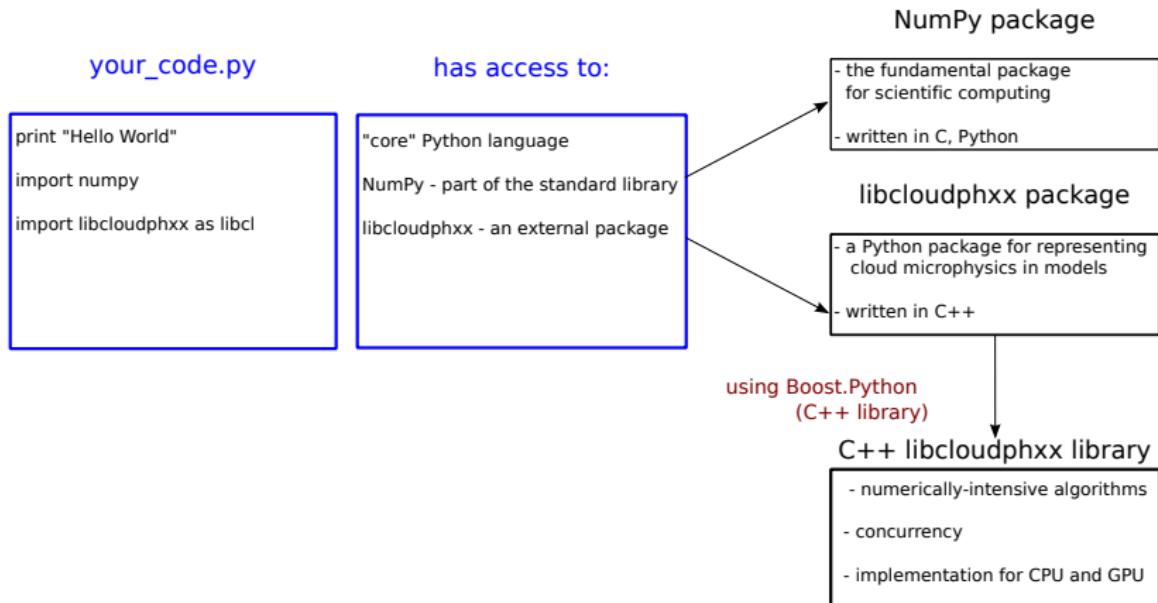
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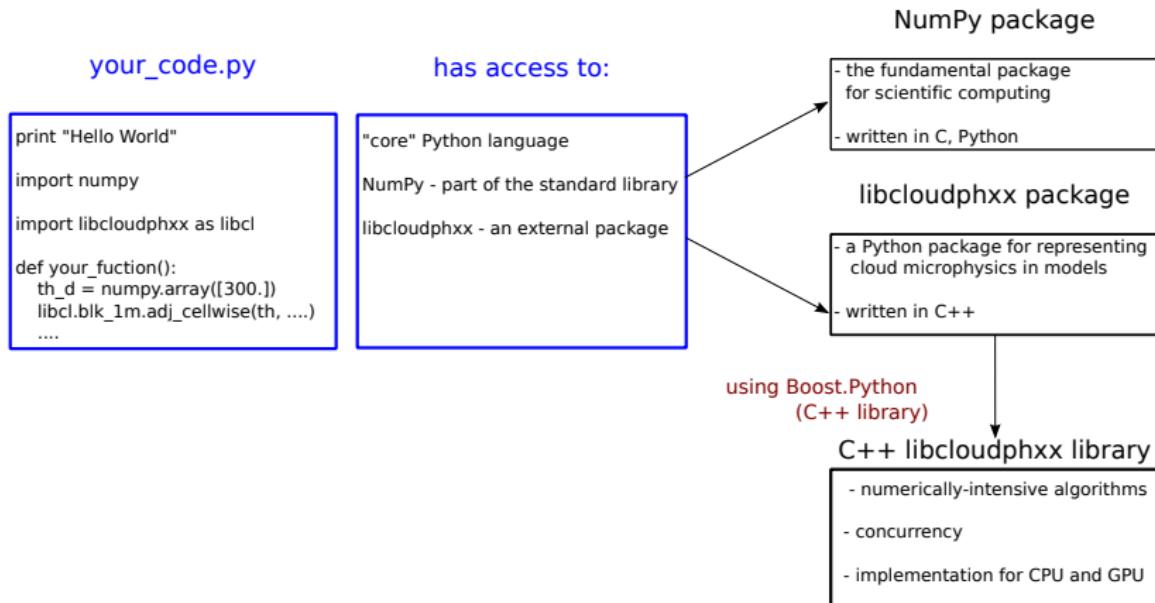
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```
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opts = libcl.blk_1m.opts_t()

rhod = numpy.array([1.    ])
th_d = numpy.array([305.   ])
r_v  = numpy.array([0.01  ])
r_c  = numpy.array([0.001])
r_r  = numpy.array([0.001])
dt   = 1

libcl.blk_1m.adj_cellwise(opts,
                           rhod,                      # array, read-only
                           th_d, r_v, r_c, r_r,        # arrays, read-write
                           dt)                         # scalar
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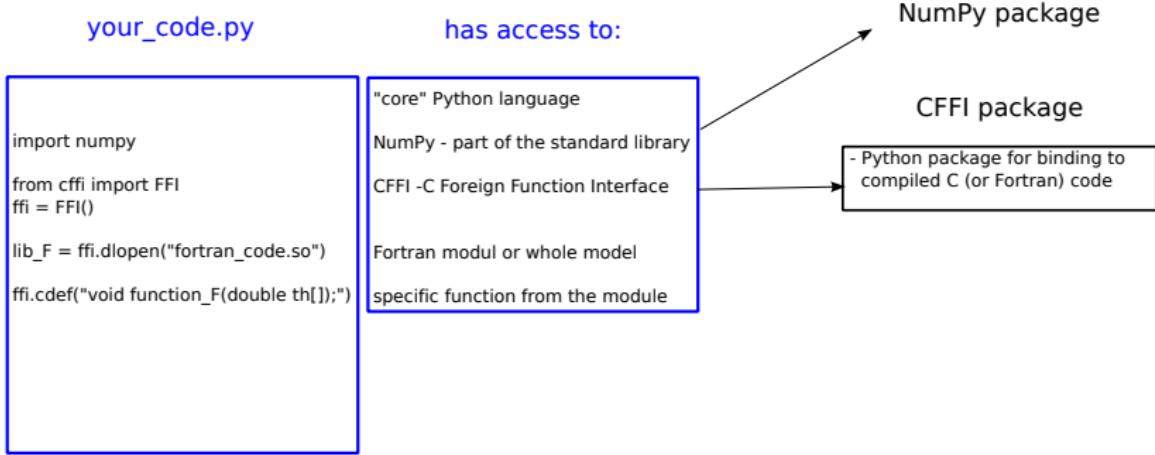
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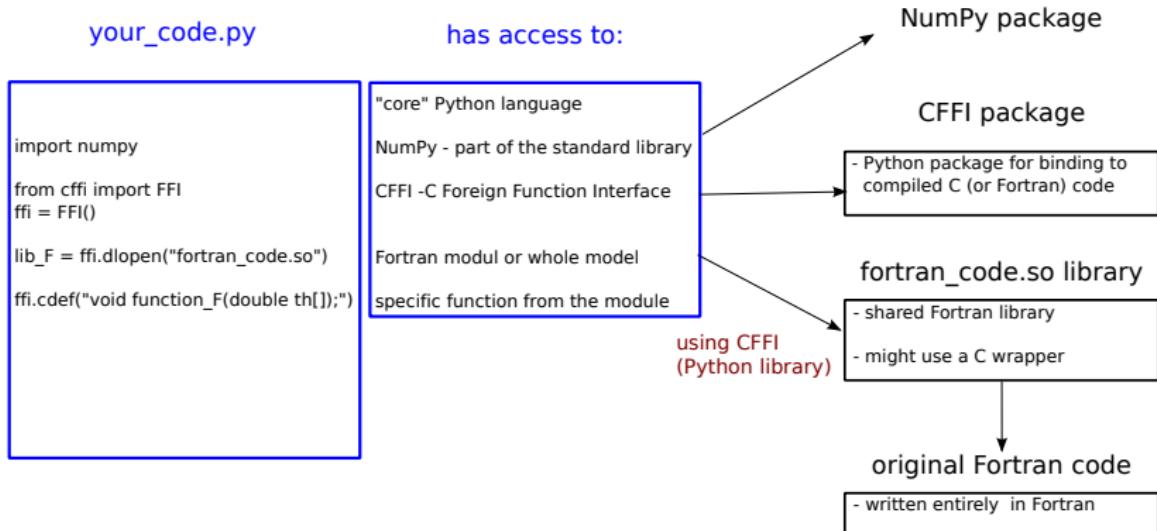
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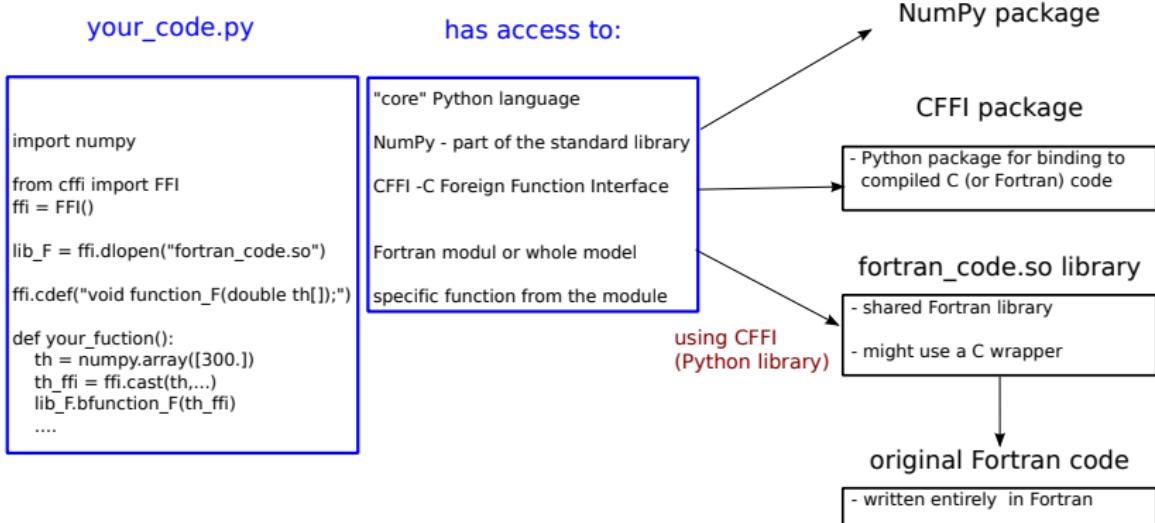
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- creating a shared library from Kessler module

```
gfortran -c -fPIC module_mp_kessler.f90 -o module_mp_kessler.o
```

```
gfortran -shared -fPIC module_mp_kessler.o wraper.f90 -o libkessler.so
```



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- calling Kessler scheme from the shared library

```
import numpy as np
from cffi import FFI
ffi = FFI()

# function creates cdata variables of a type "double *" from a numpy array
def as_pointer(numpy_ar):
    return ffi.cast("double*", numpy_ar.__array_interface__['data'][0])

# define a python function - binding a C function
def kessler(nx, ny, nz, dt_in, variable_nparr):
    # provide a signature for the C function
    ffi.cdef("void c_kessler(double t[], double qv[], double qc[], ....
              int its, int ite, int jts, int jte, int kts, int kte);")

# load a library with the C function
lib = ffi.dlopen('libkessler.so')
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 - to the C++ libcloudph++ library
 - to exemplary Fortran code



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- Python code that initialize the Fortran model

```
from cffi import FFI
from libcloudphxx import common

ffi = FFI()
lib = ffi.dlopen("test.so")
ffi.cdef("void main(void*,void*);")

@ffi.callback("double(double,double,double)")
def rw3_cr(rd3, kappa, T):
    return common.rw3_cr(rd3, kappa, T)

@ffi.callback("double(double,double,double)")
def S_cr(rd3, kappa, T):
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lib.main(rw3_cr, S_cr)
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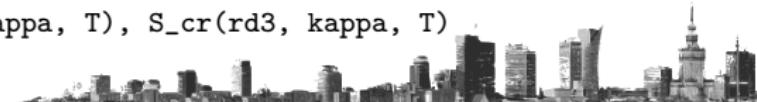
- Fortran code with main function

```
module test
  interface
    function f3arg(a1,a2,a3) bind(c)
      use iso_c_binding
      real(c_double) :: f3arg
      real(c_double), value :: a1,a2,a3
    end
  end interface

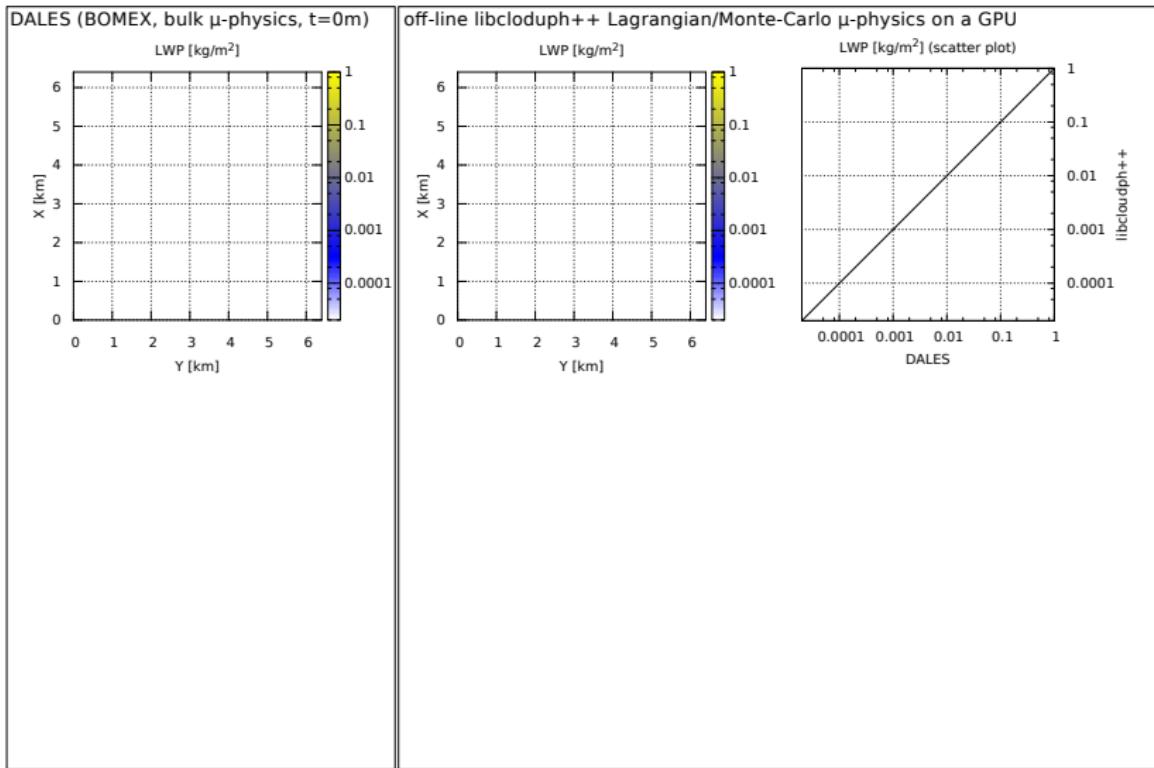
  contains

  subroutine main(rw3_cr_p, S_cr_p) bind(c)
    use iso_c_binding
    type(c_funptr), value :: rw3_cr_p, S_cr_p

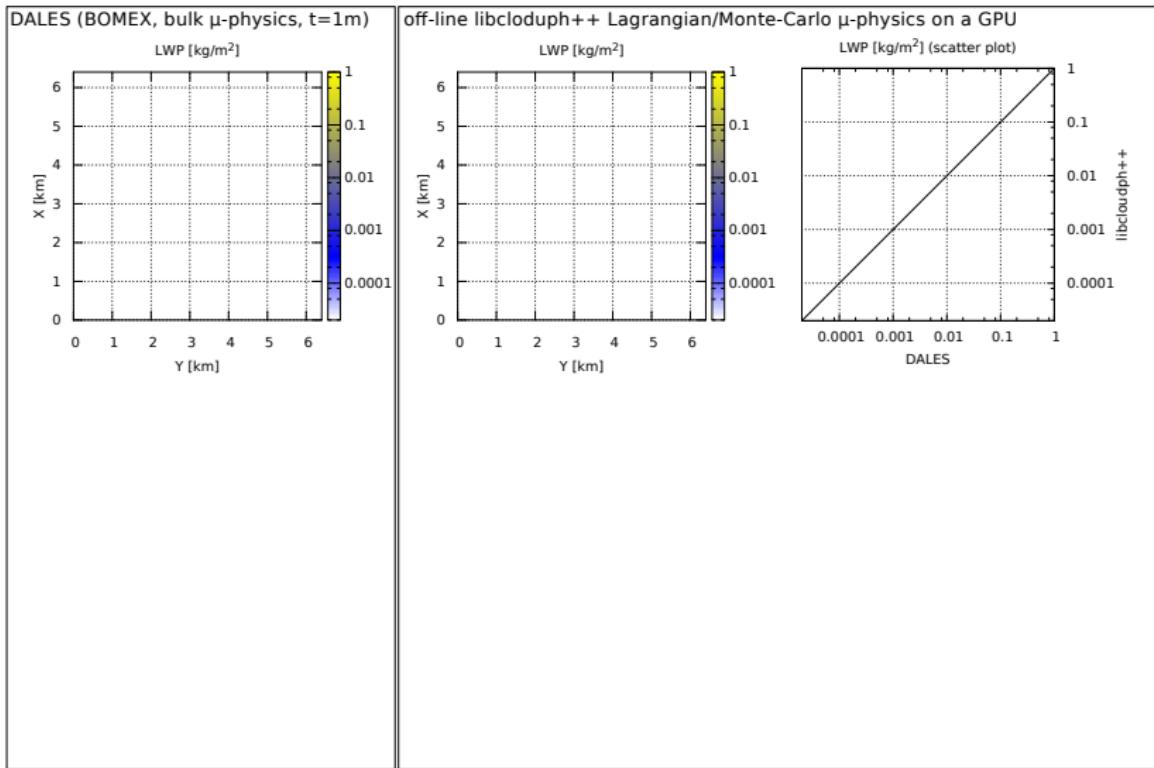
    procedure(f3arg), pointer :: rw3_cr, S_cr
    call c_f_procpointer(rw3_cr_p, rw3_cr)
    call c_f_procpointer(S_cr_p, S_cr)
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    print*, rw3_cr(rd3, kappa, T), S_cr(rd3, kappa, T)
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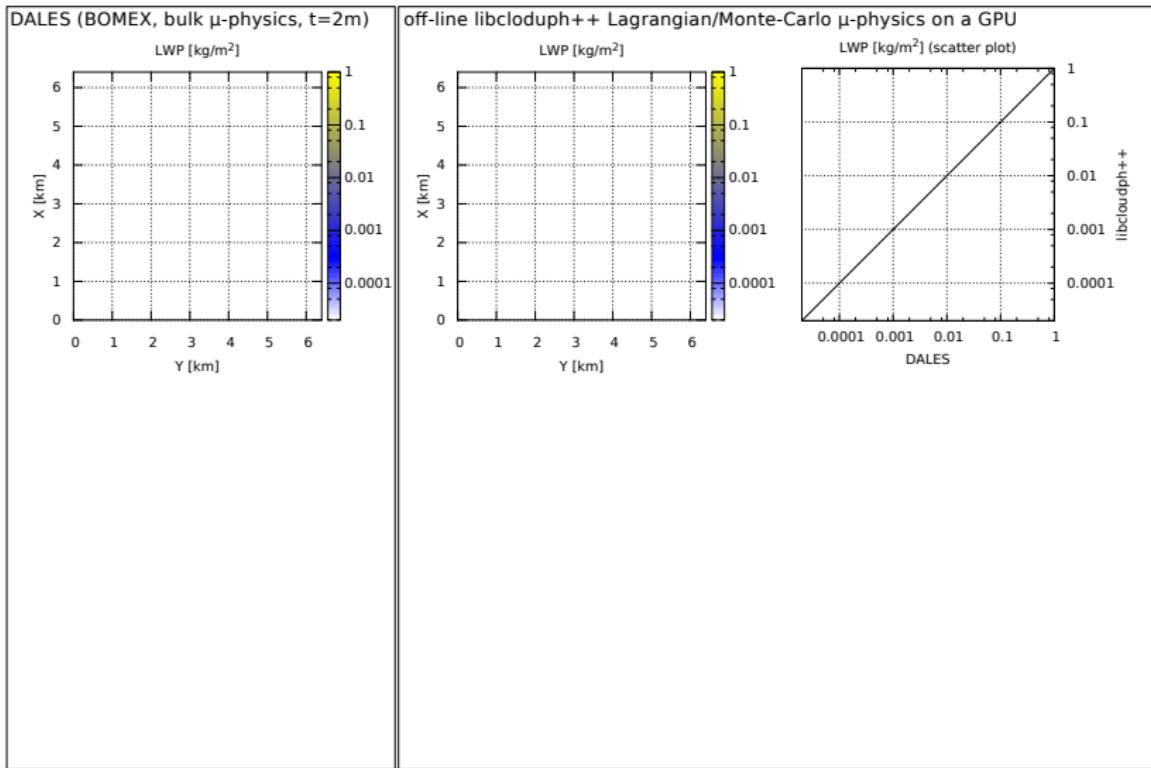
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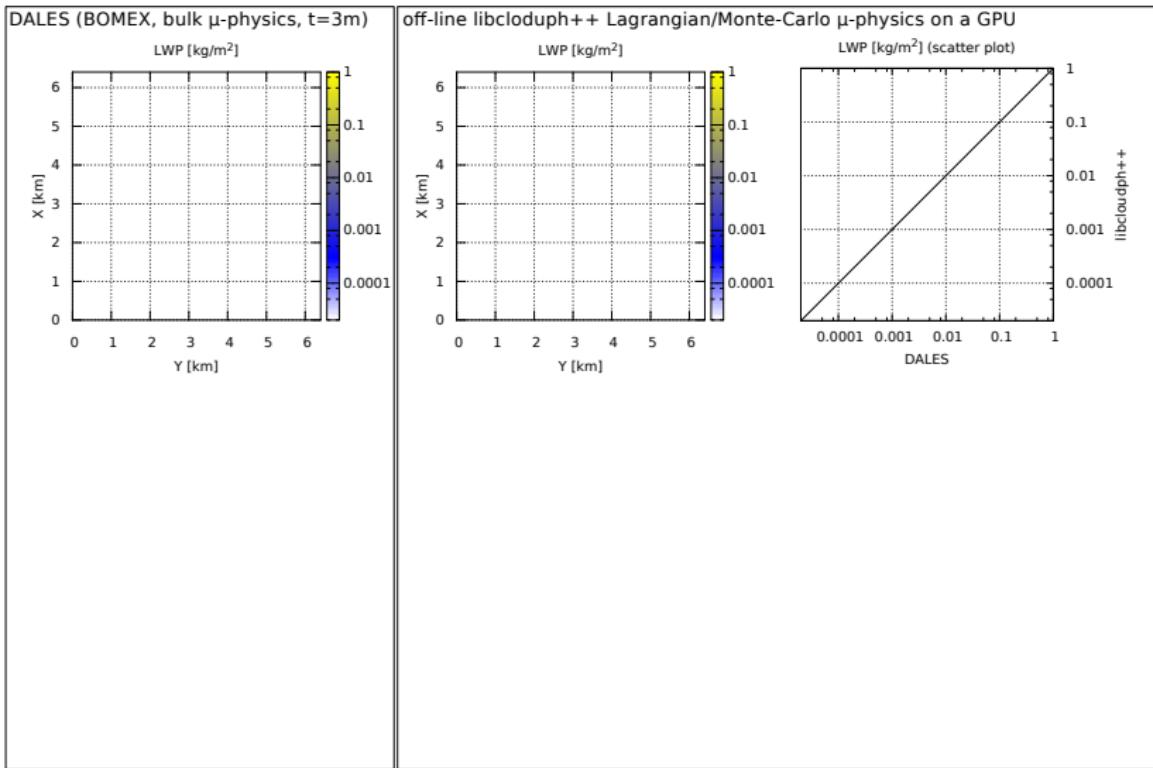
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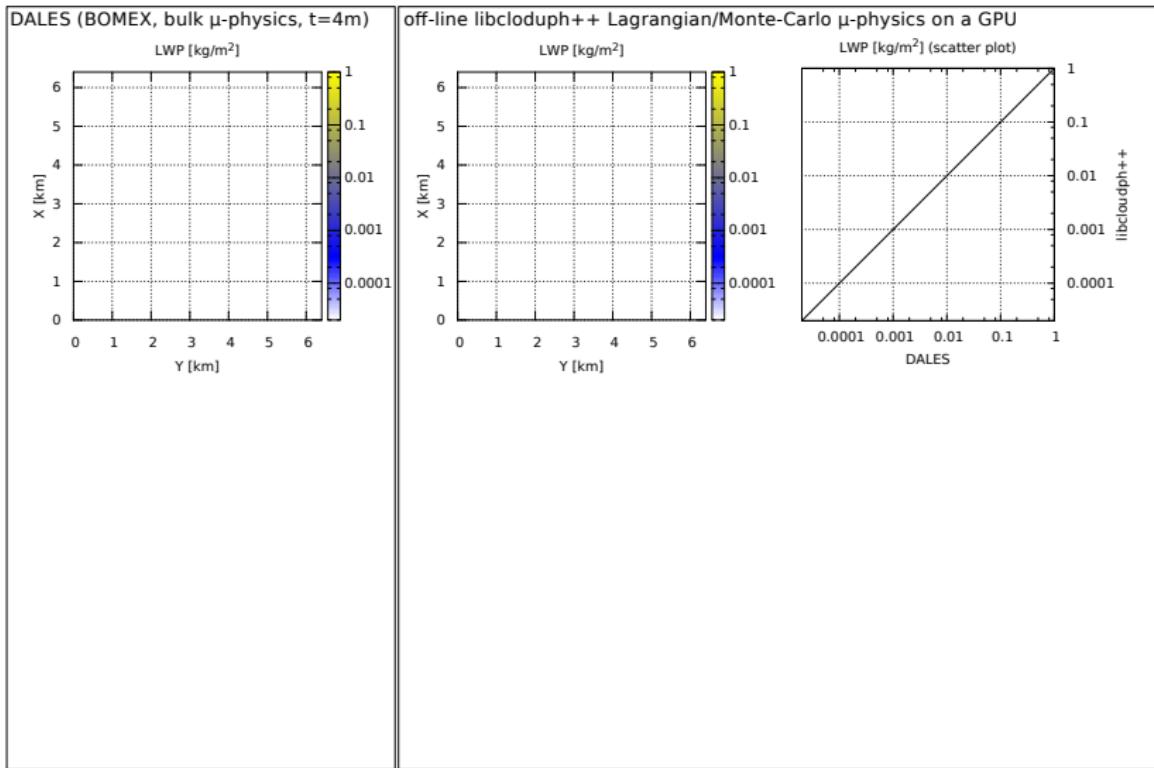
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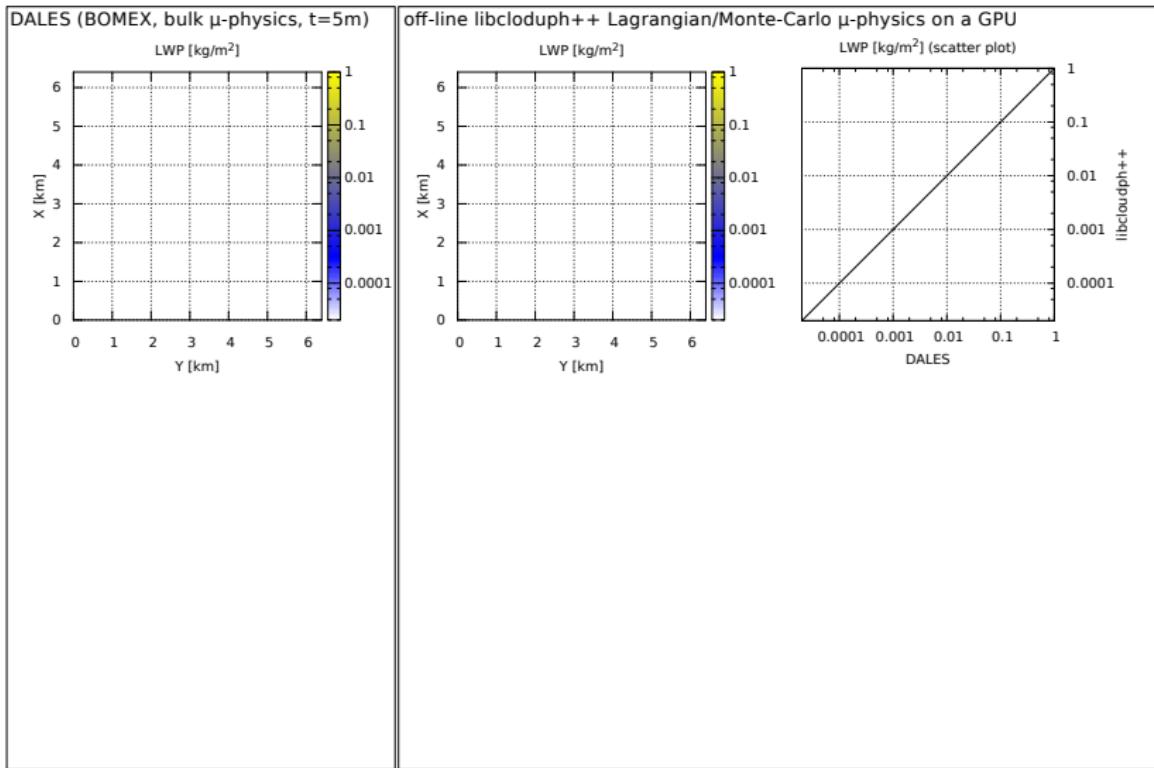
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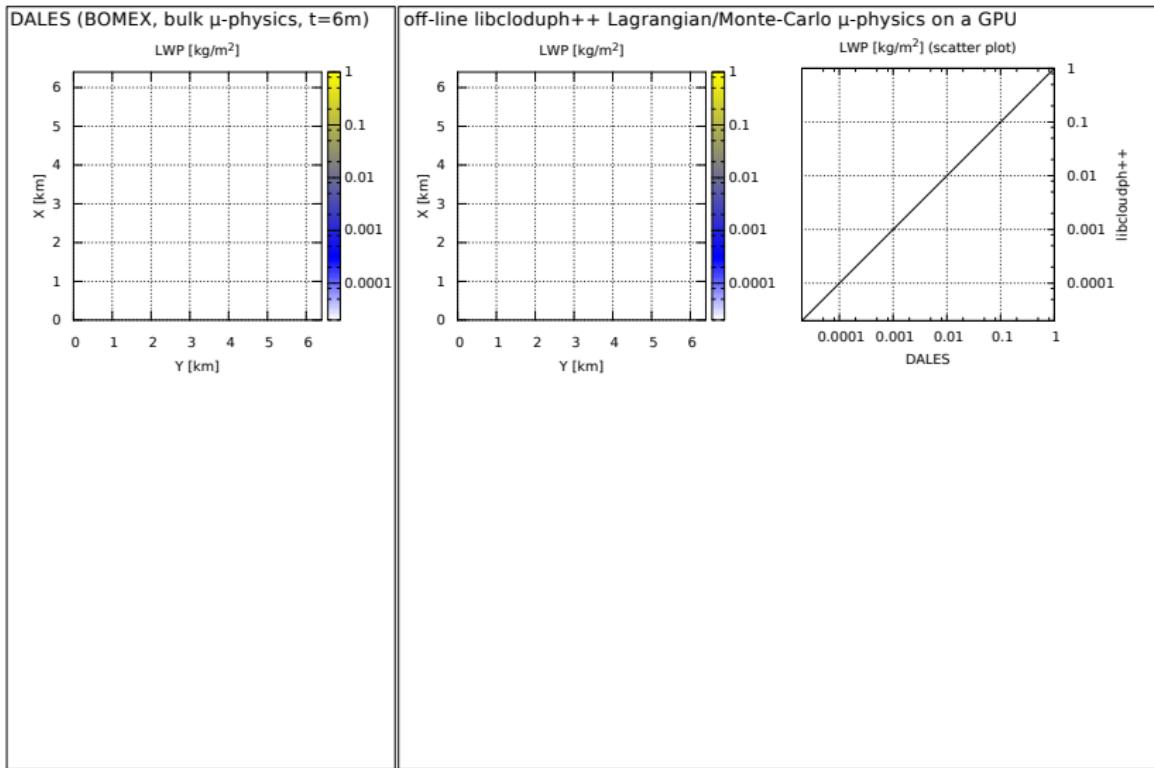
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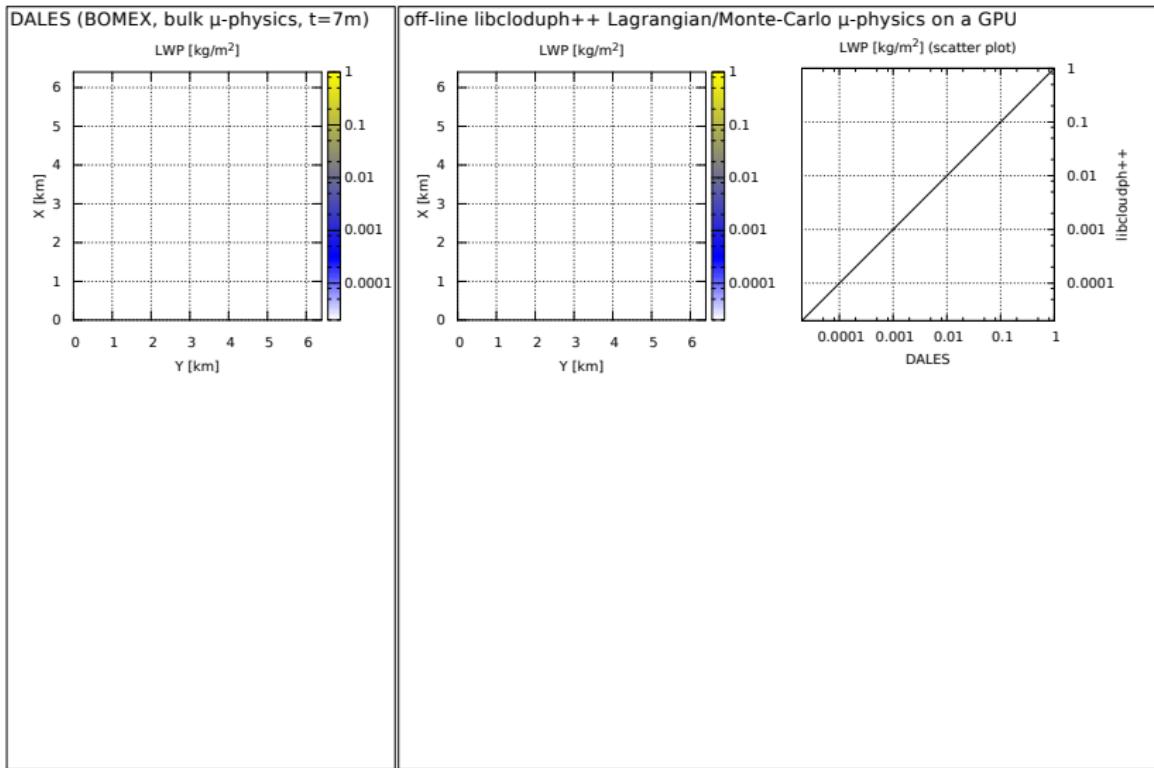
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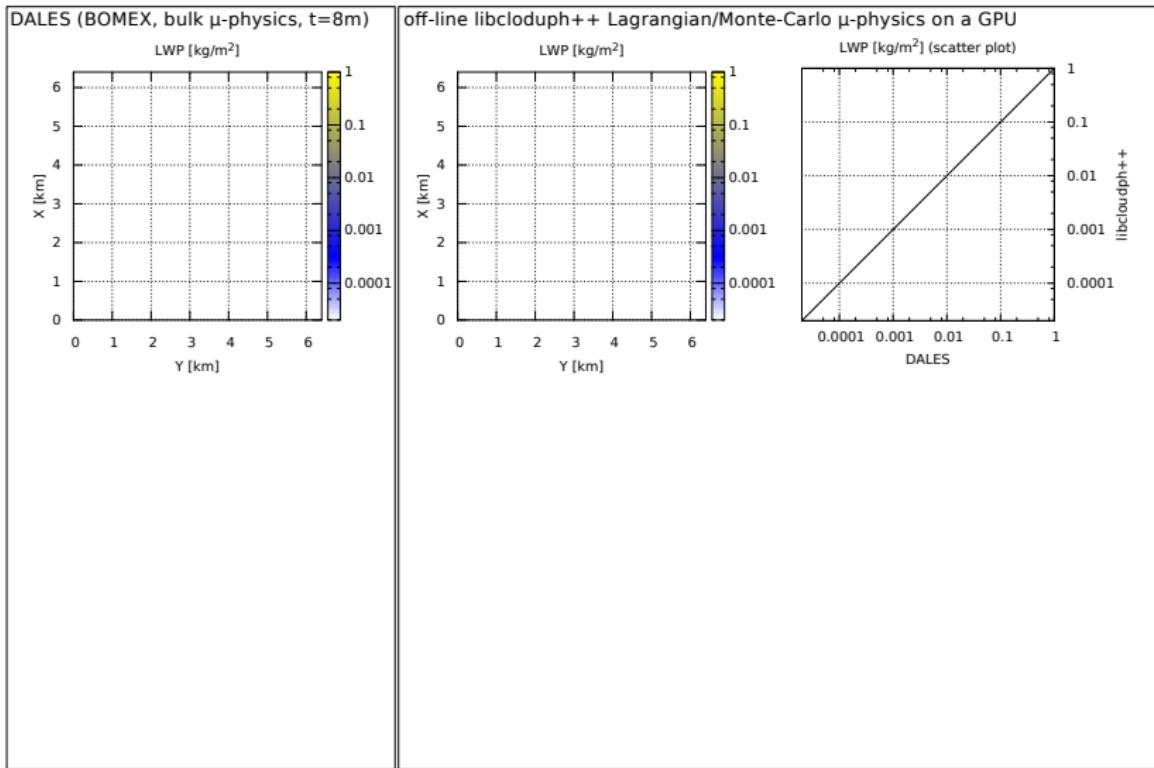
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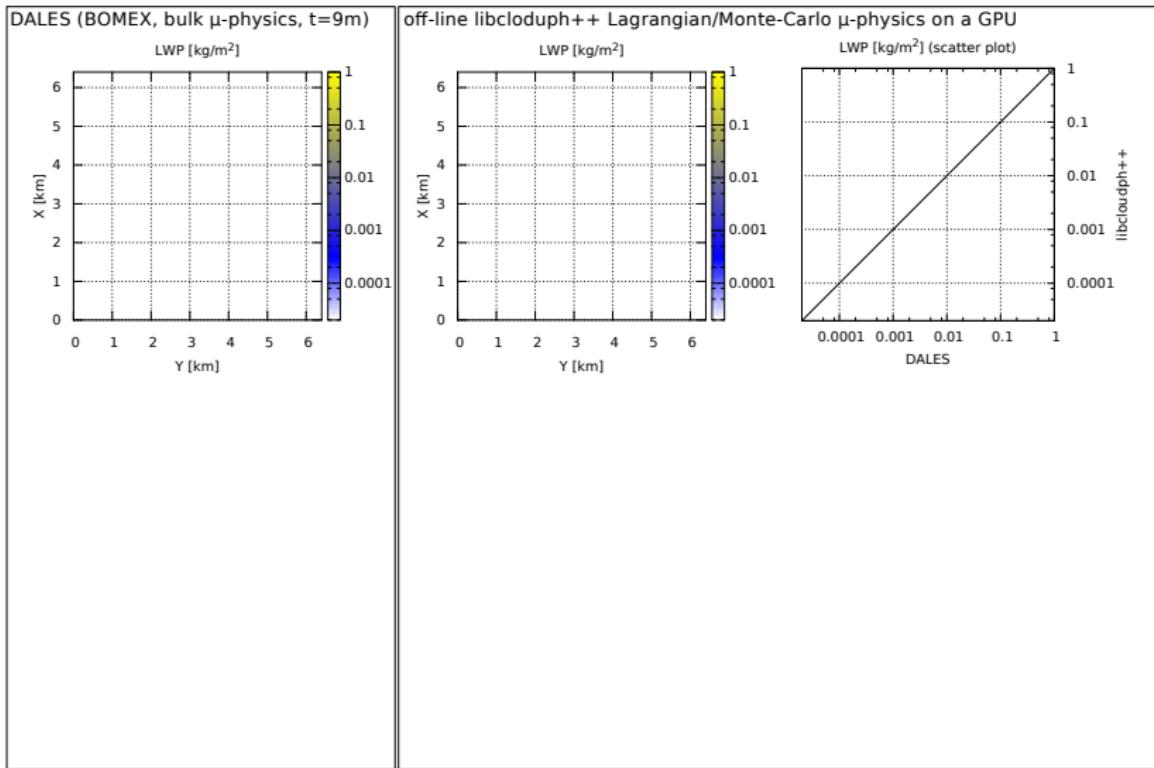
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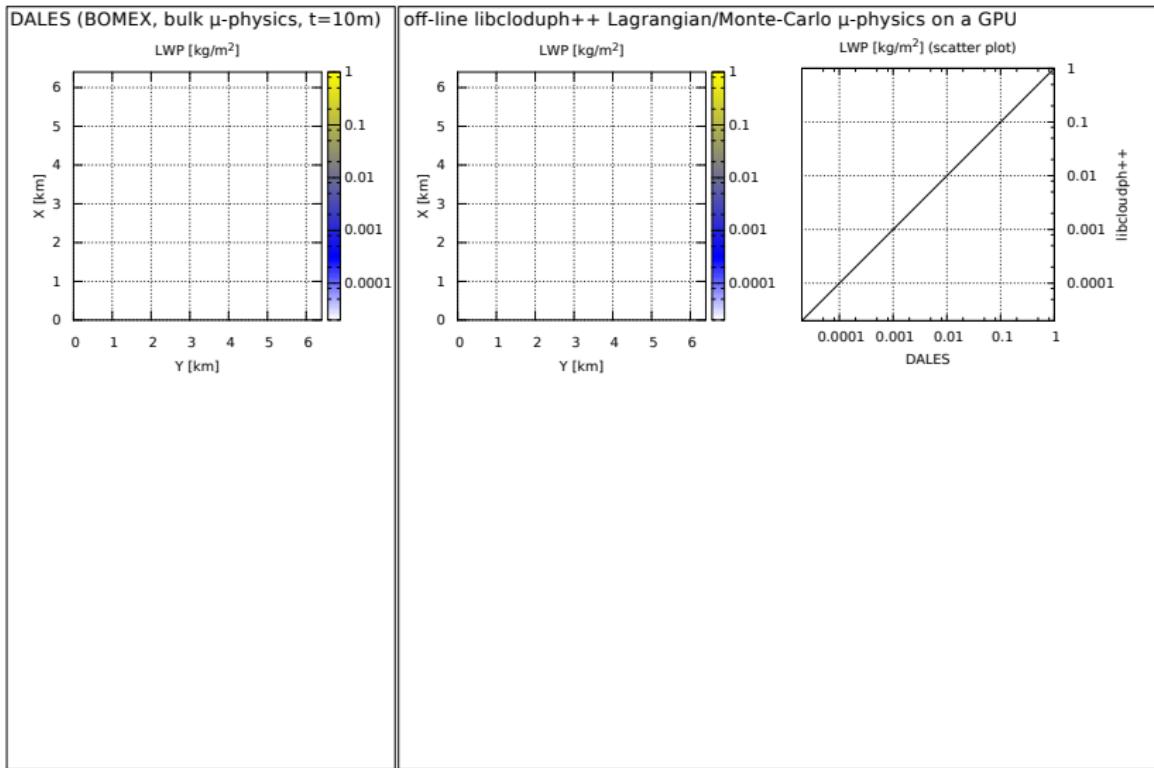
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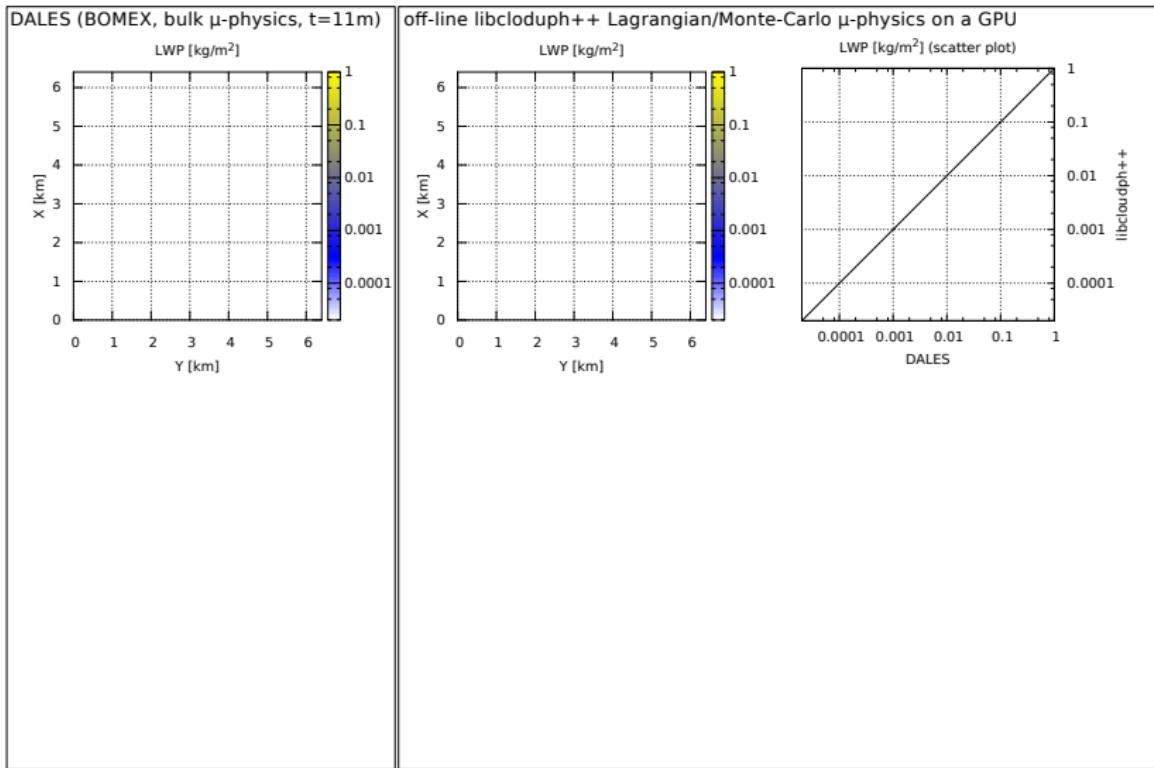
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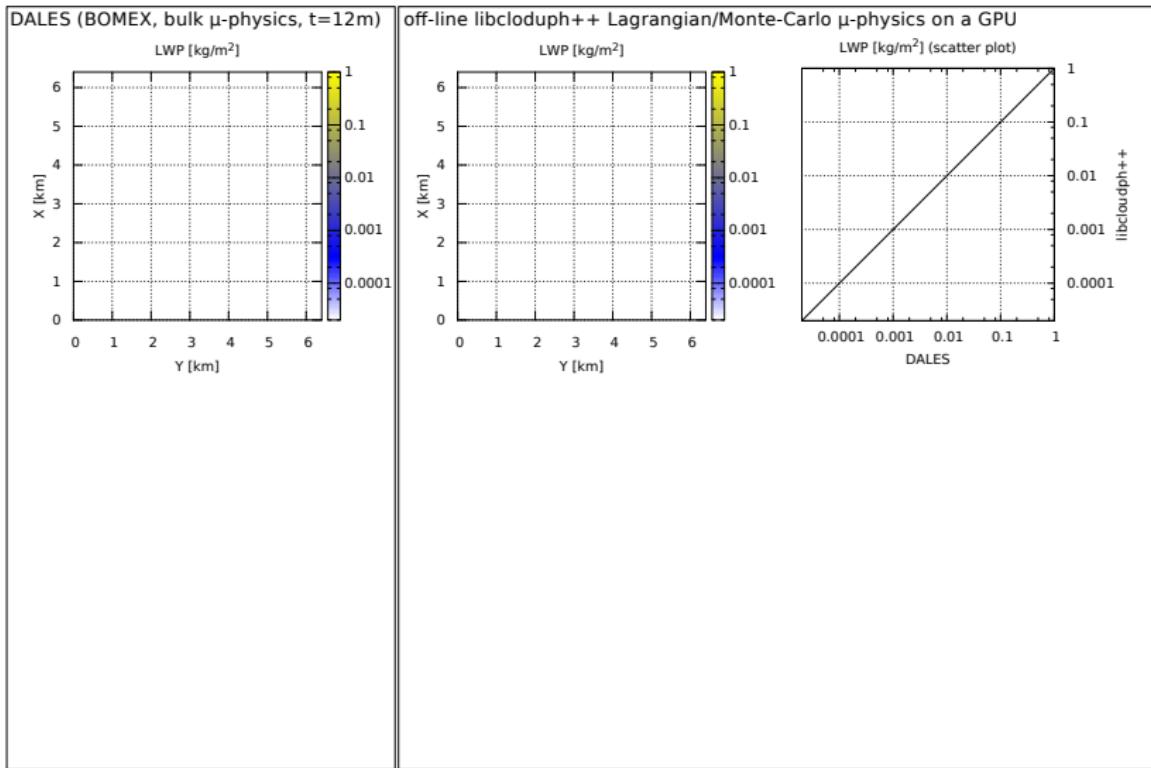
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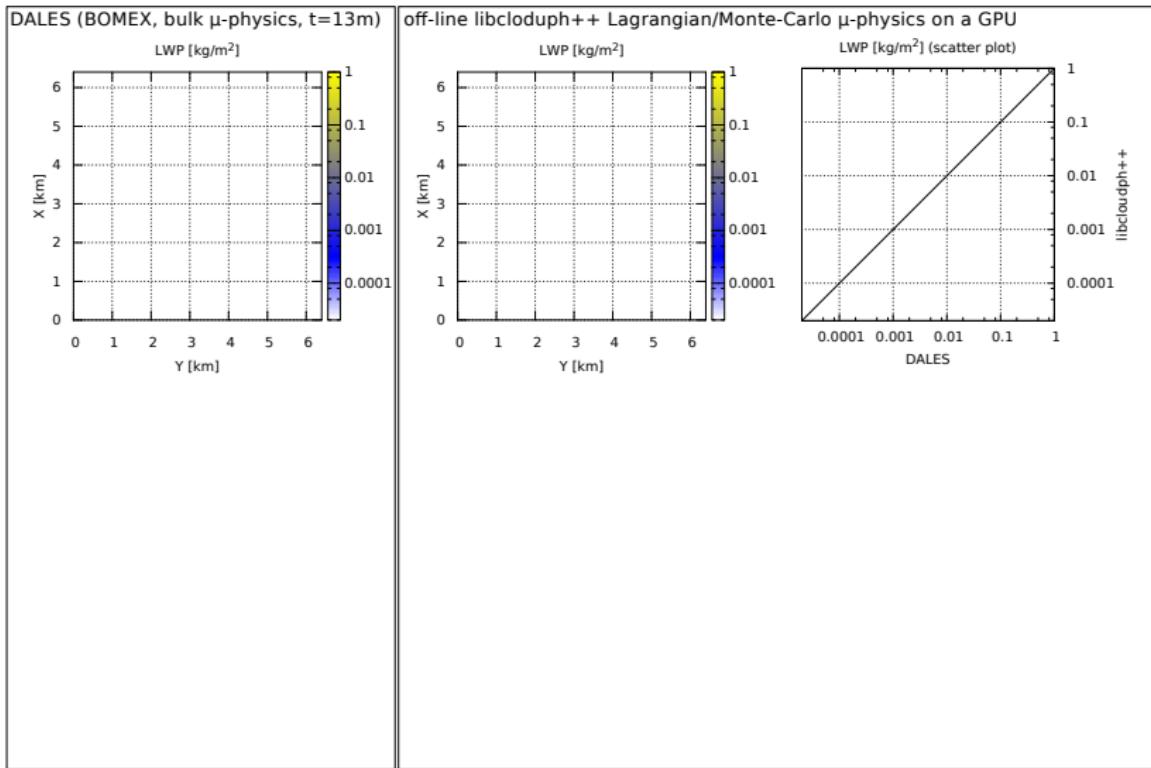
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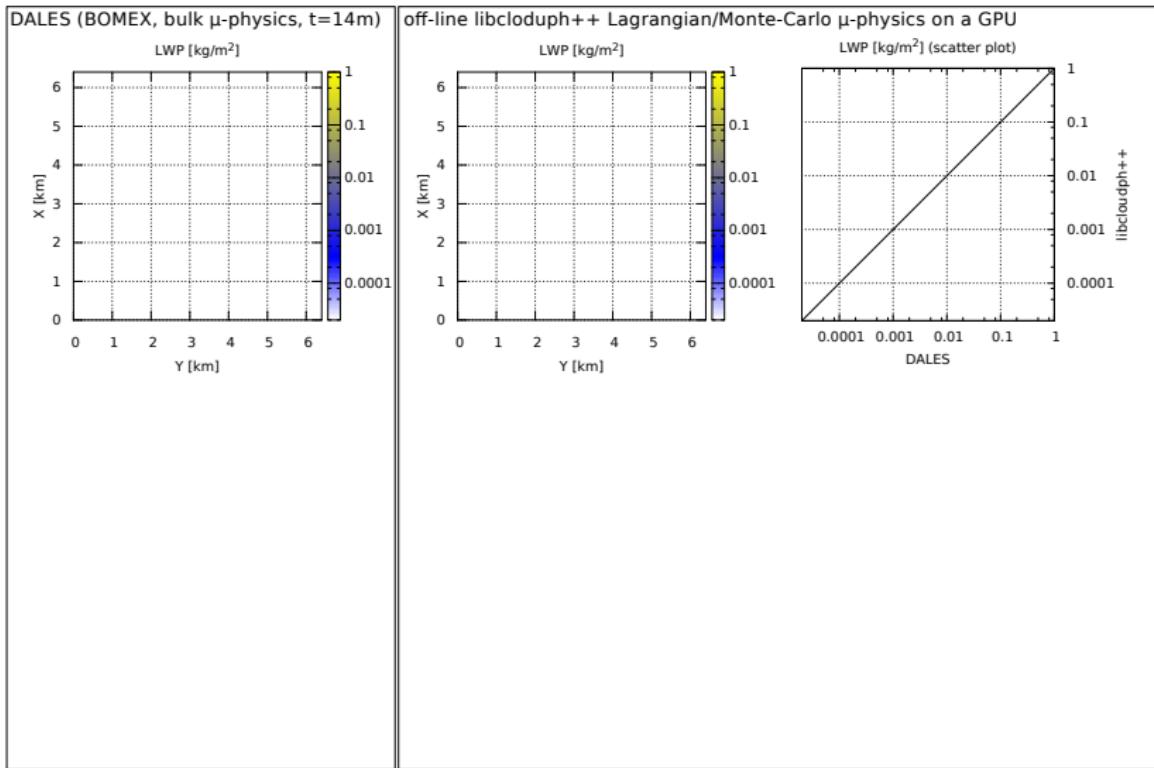
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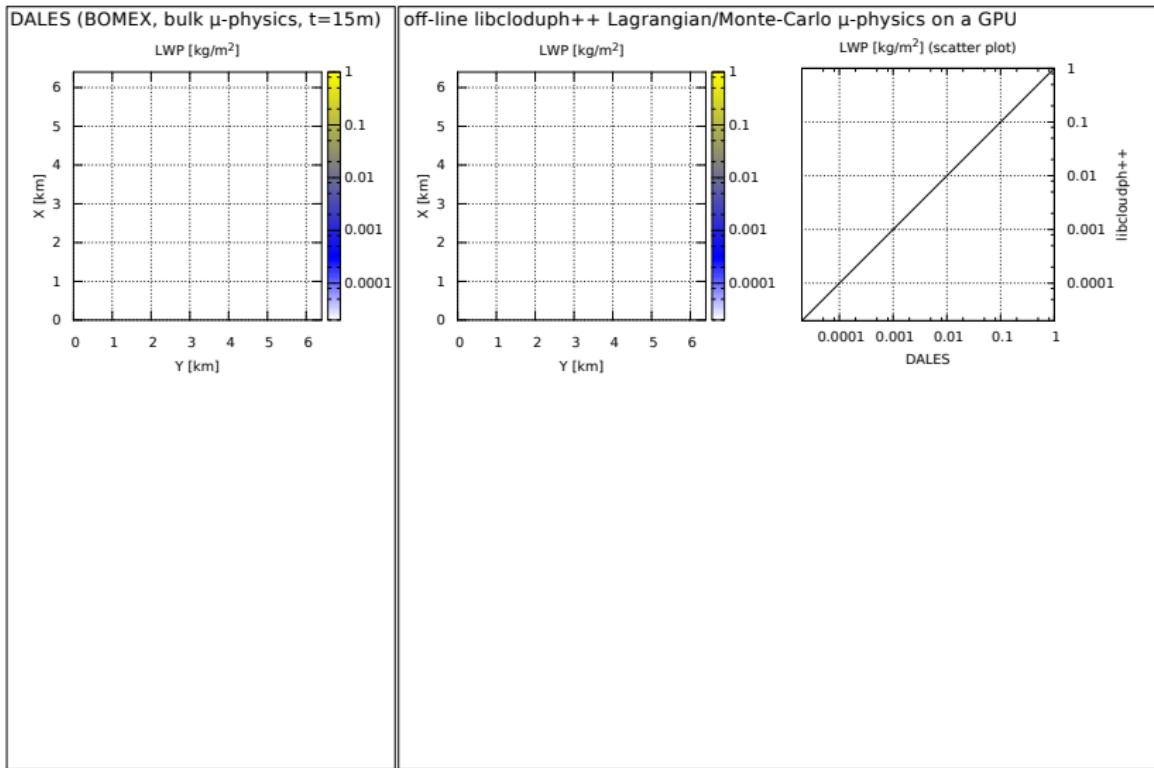
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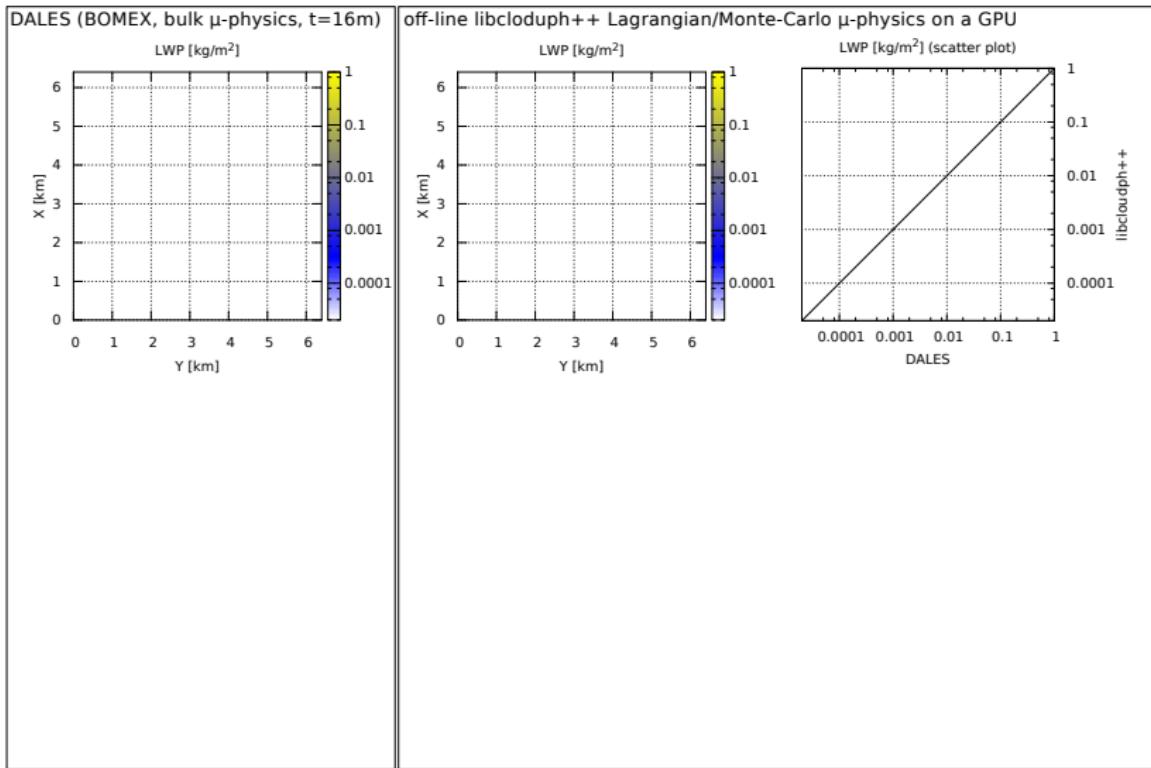
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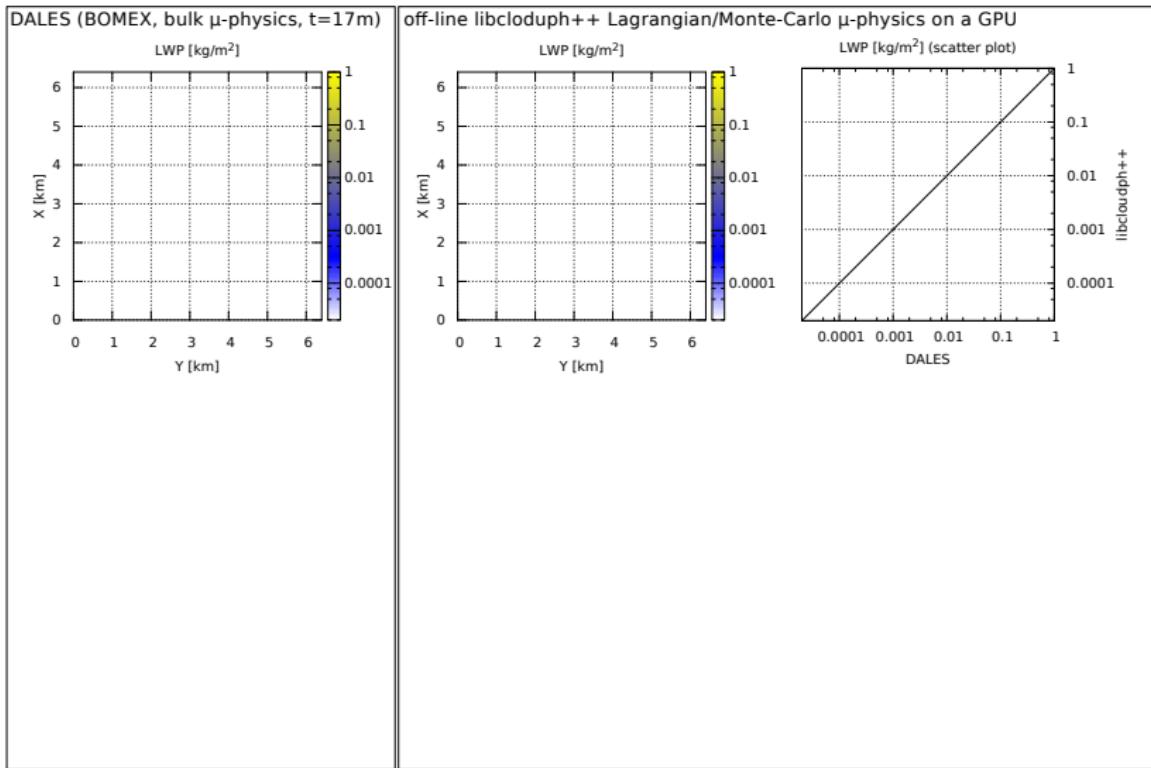
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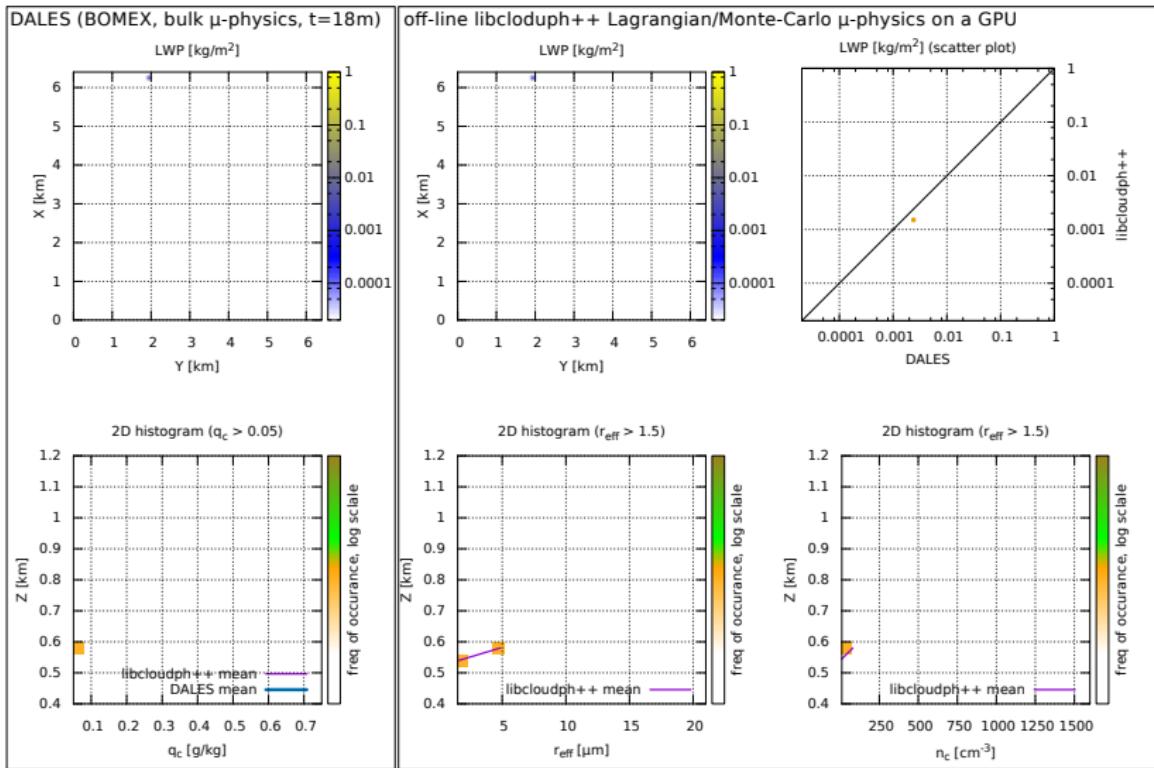
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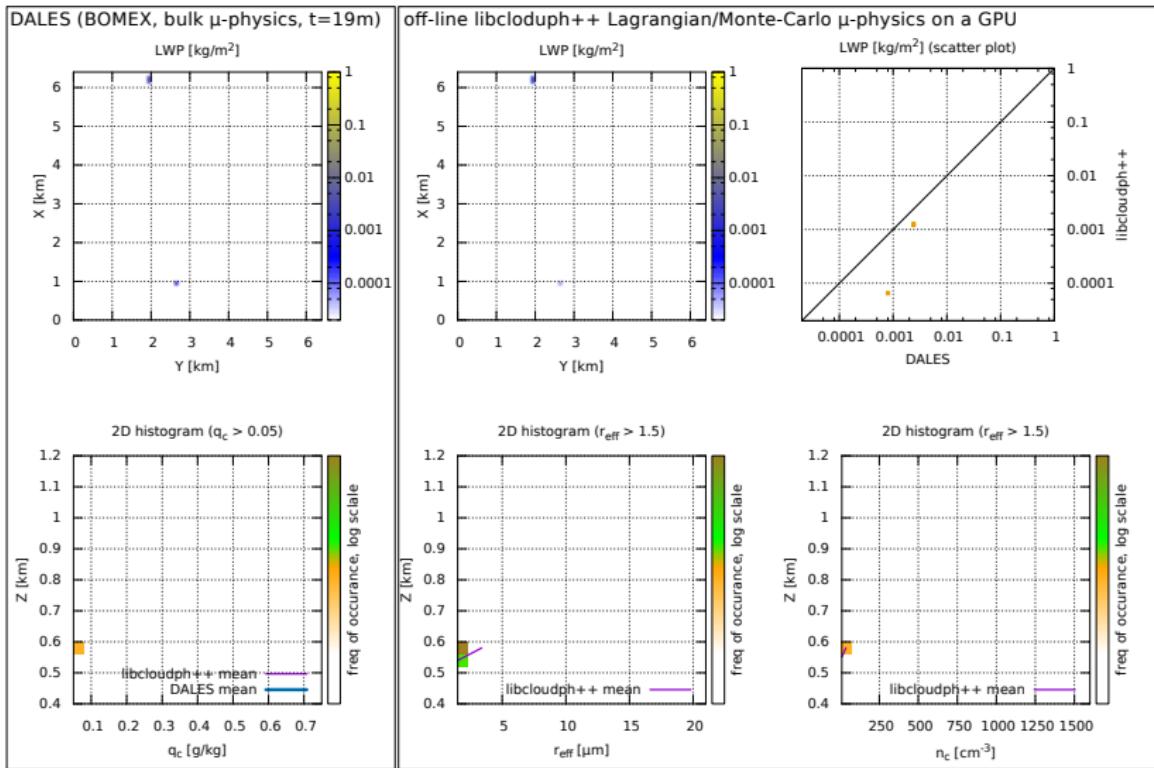
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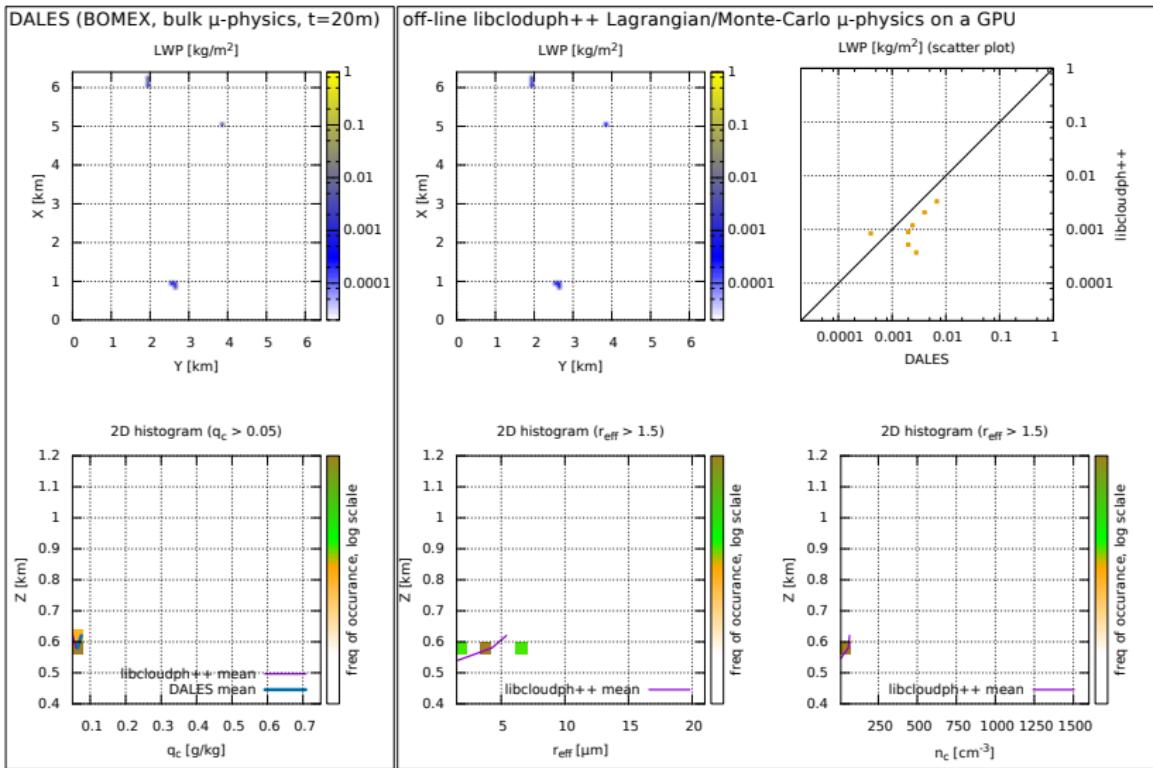
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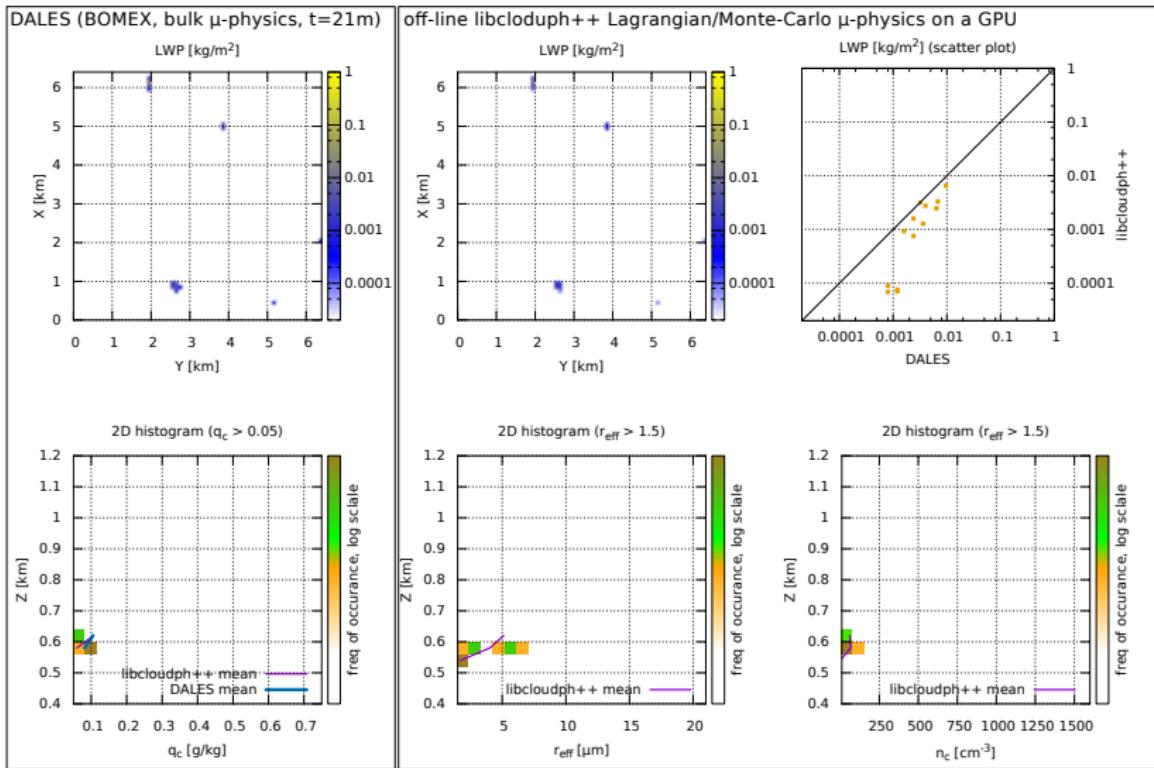
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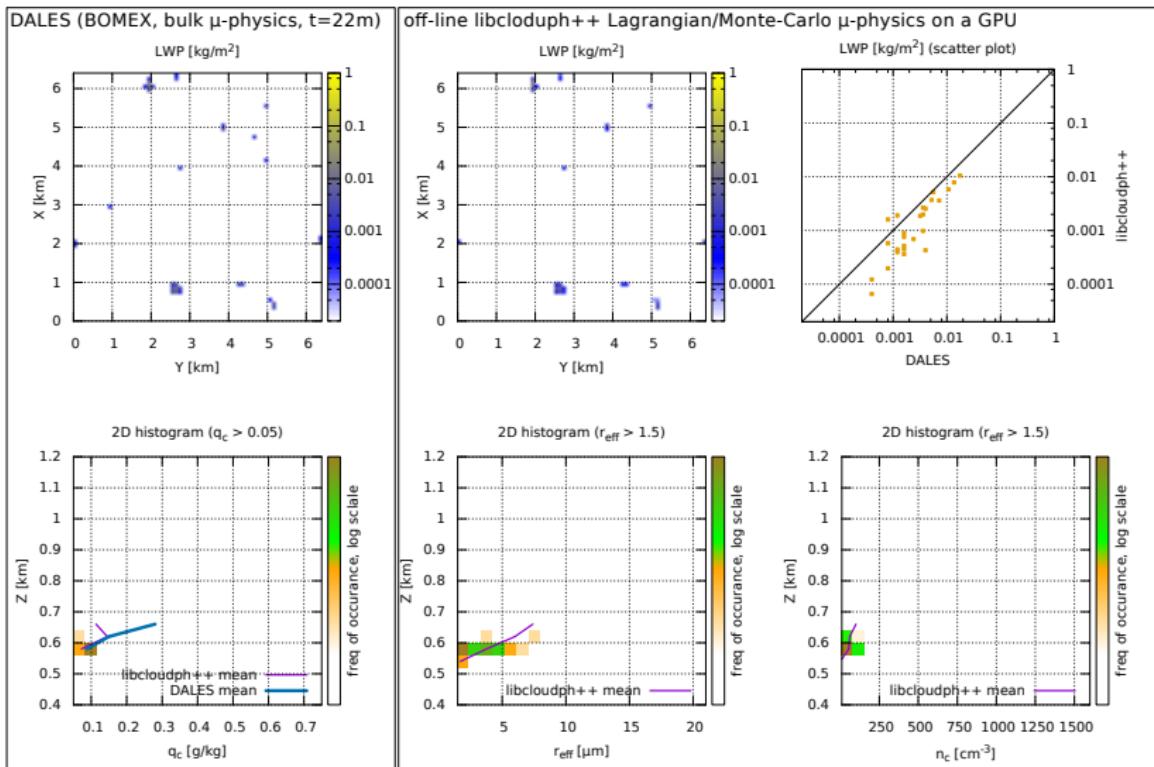
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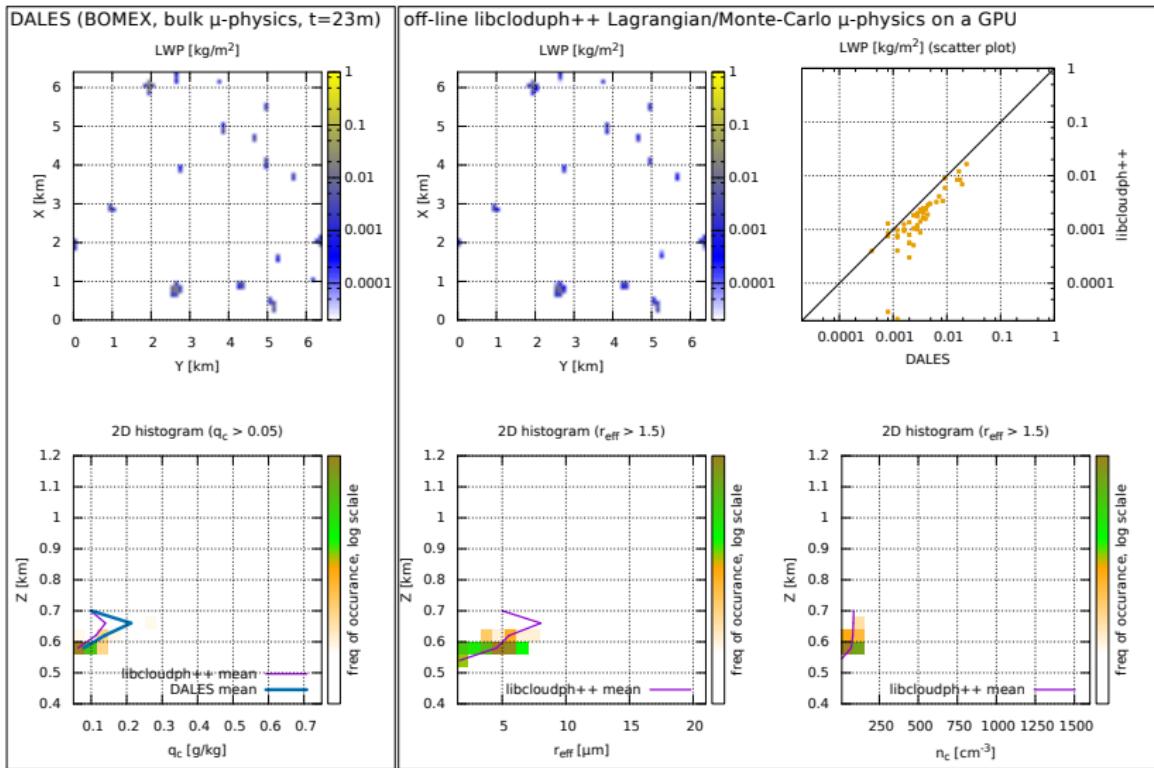
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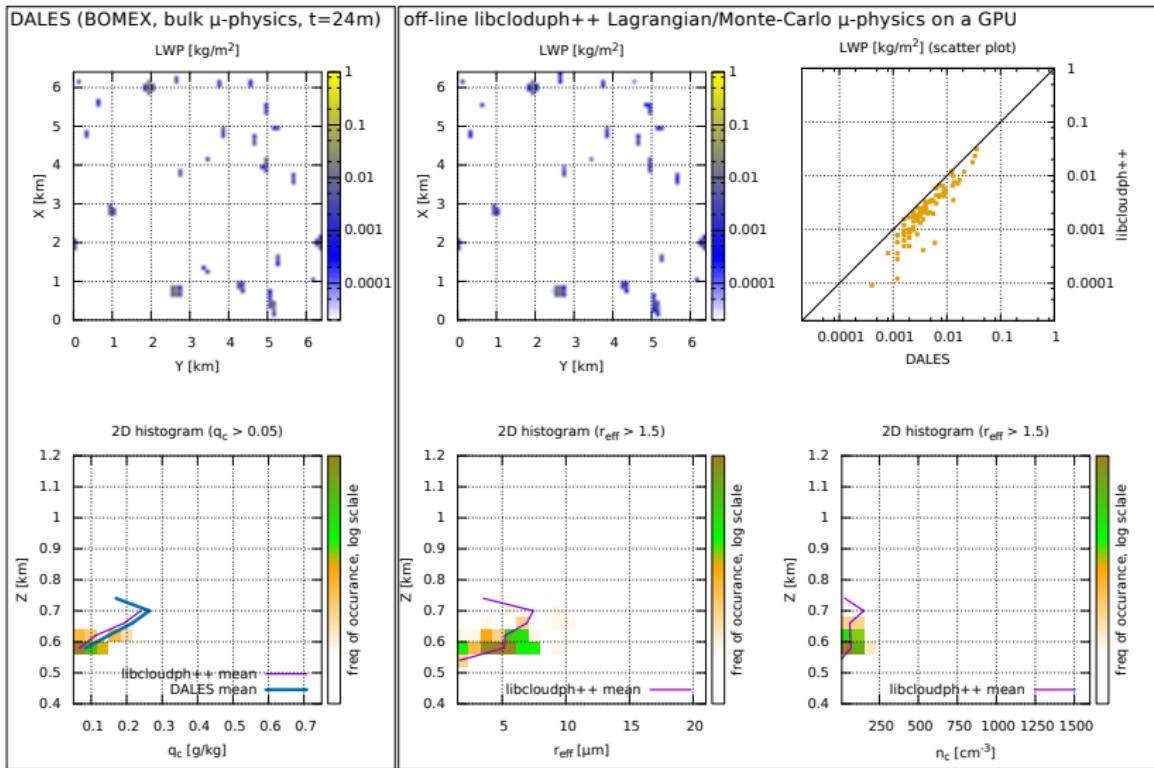
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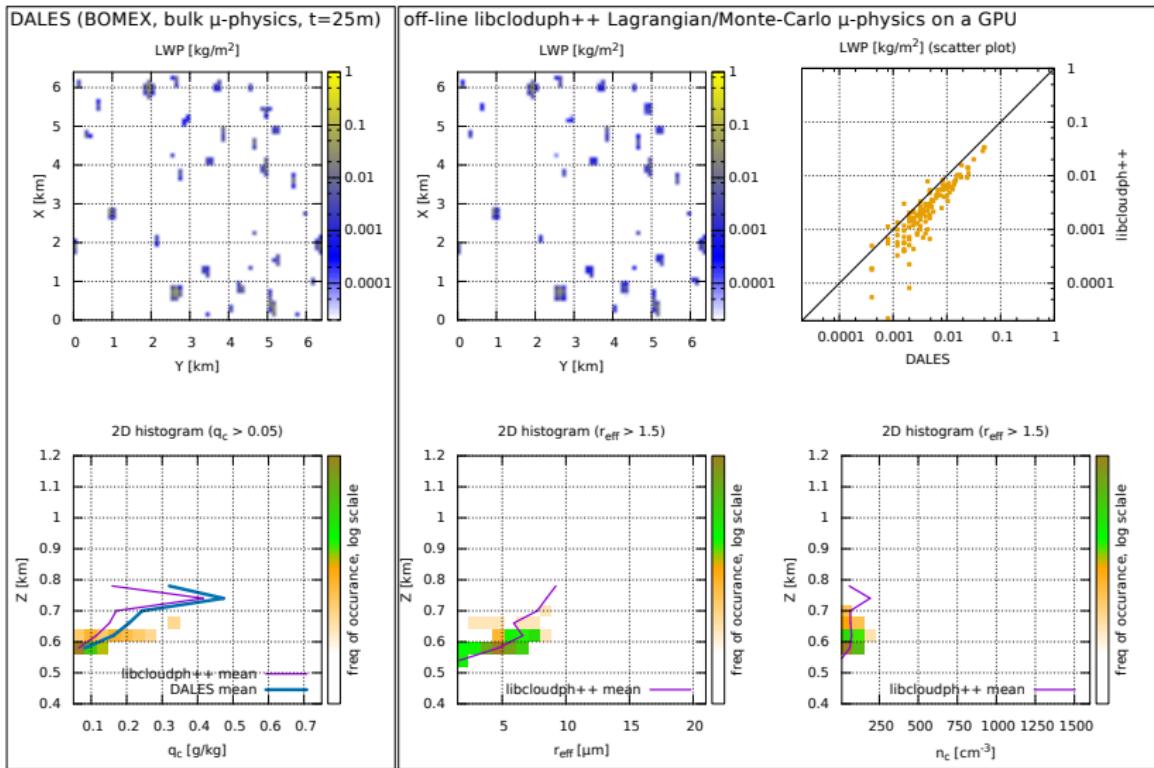
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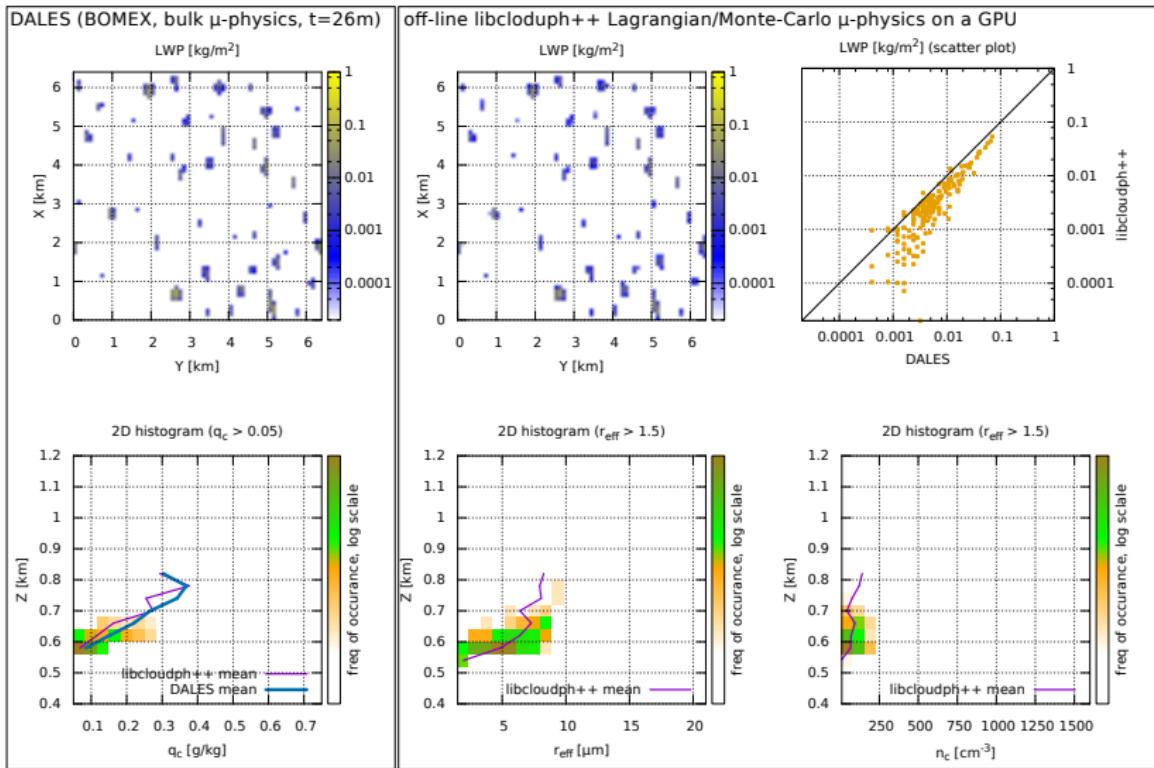
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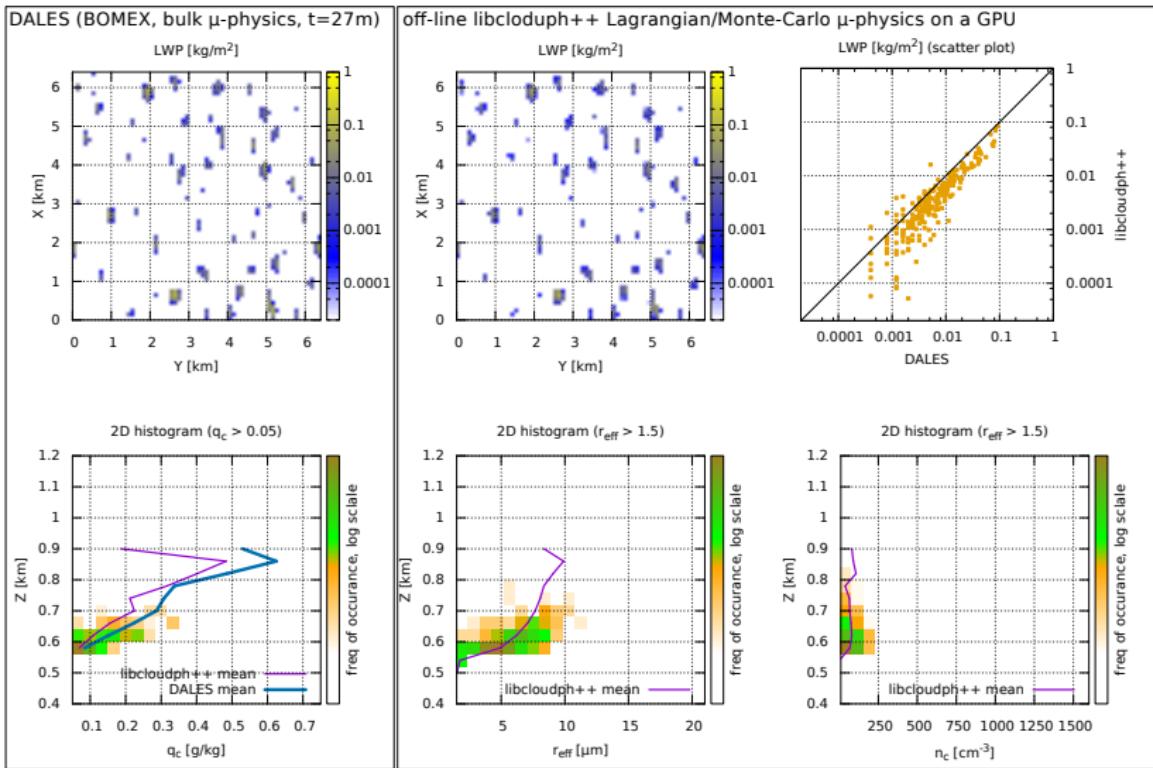
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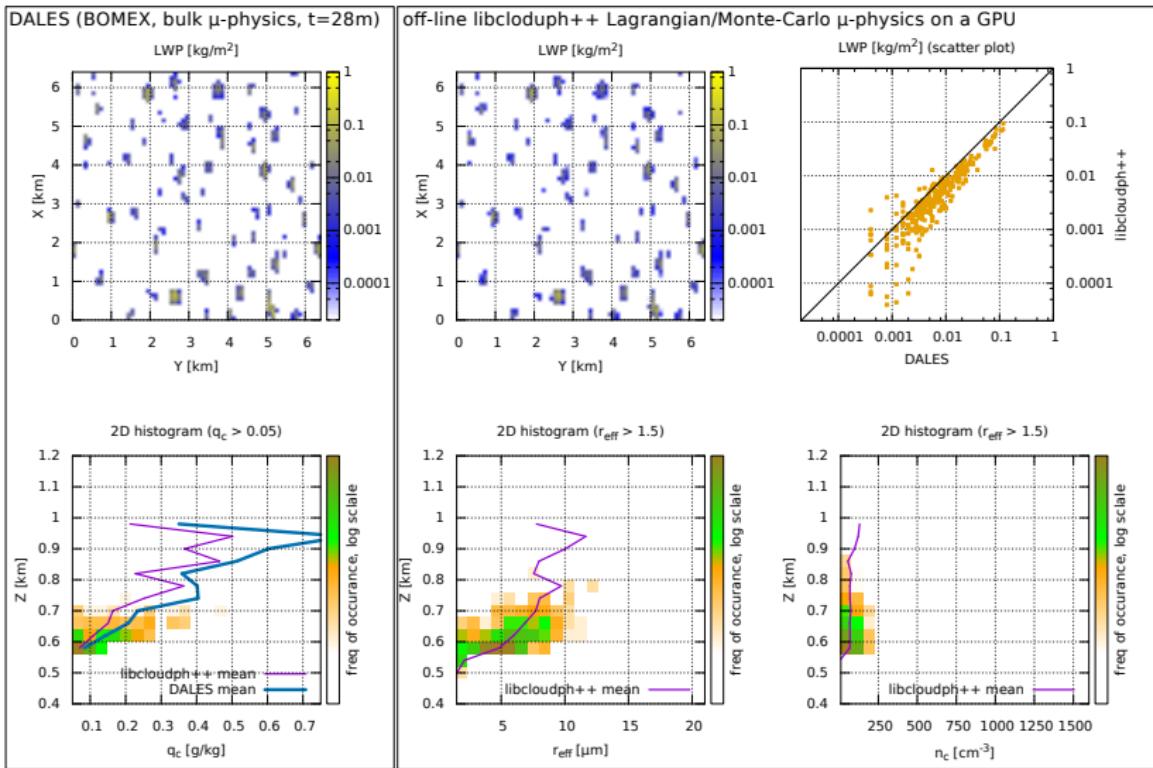
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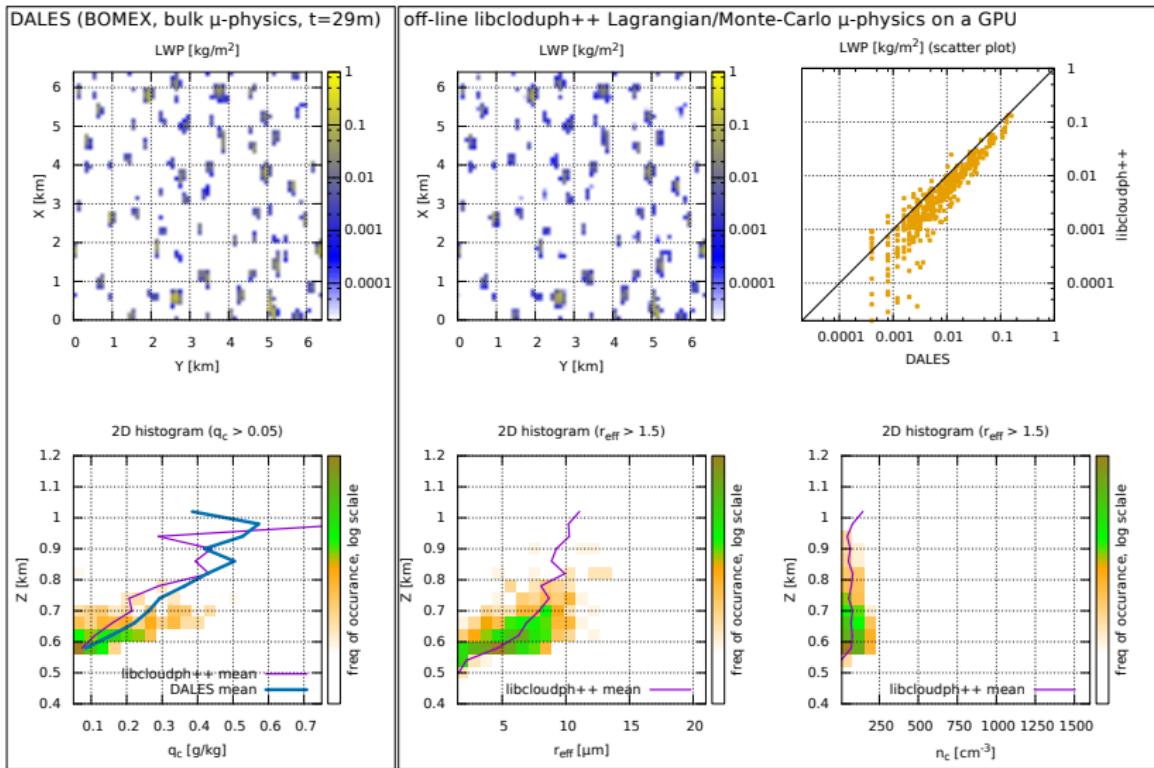
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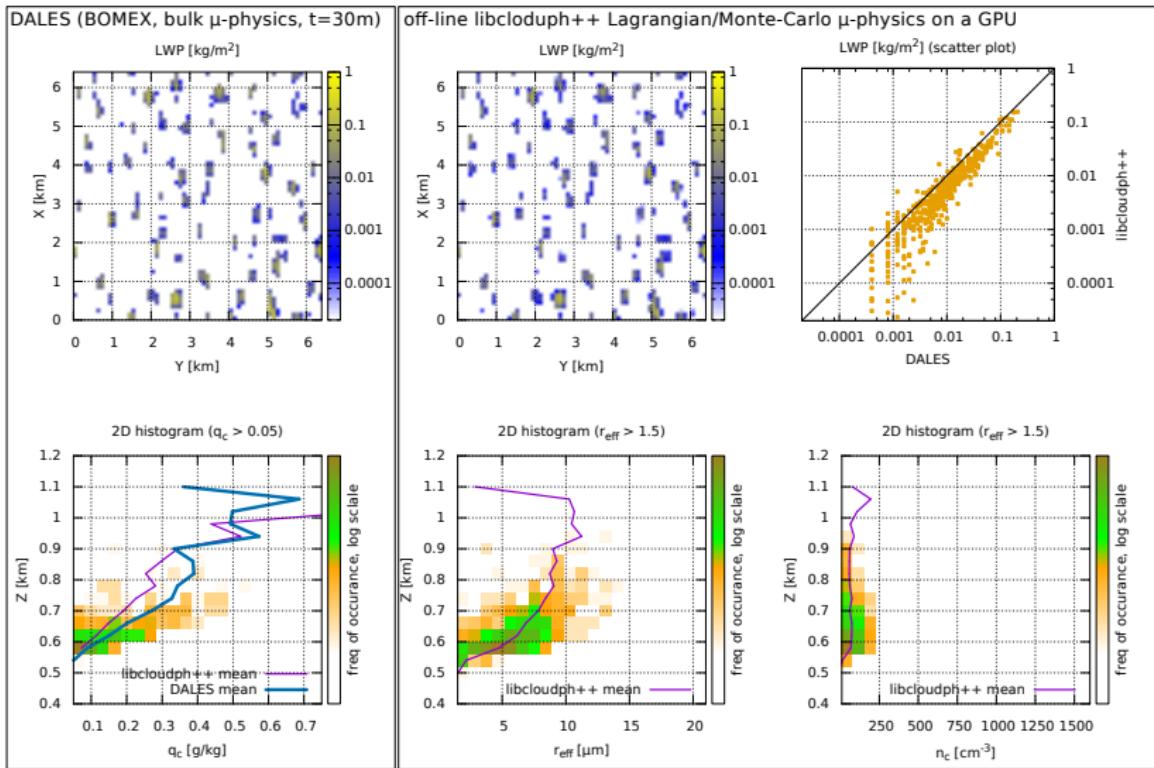
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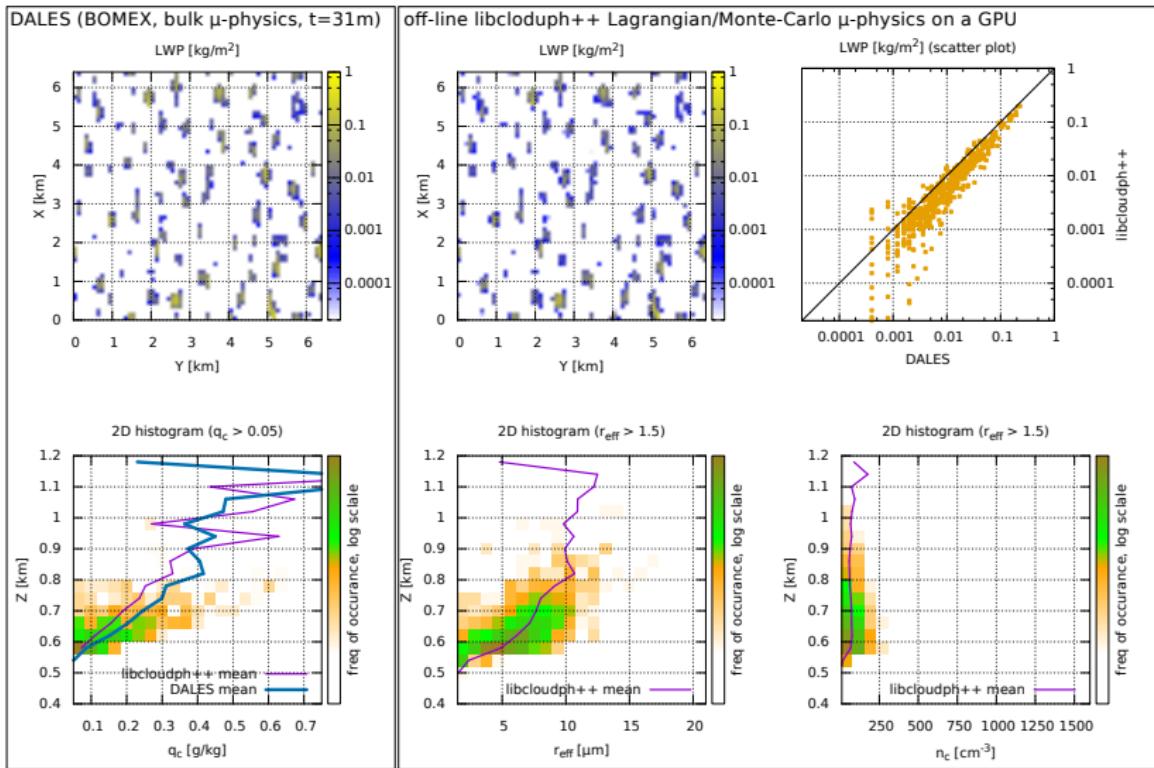
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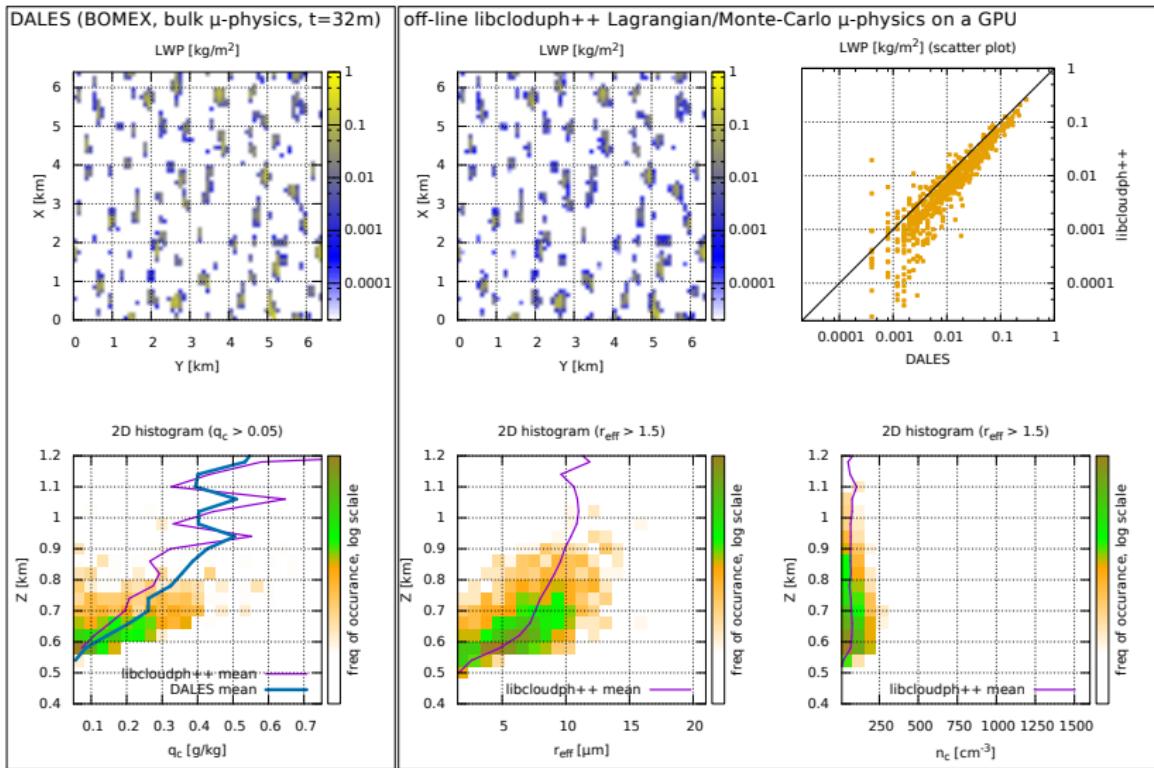
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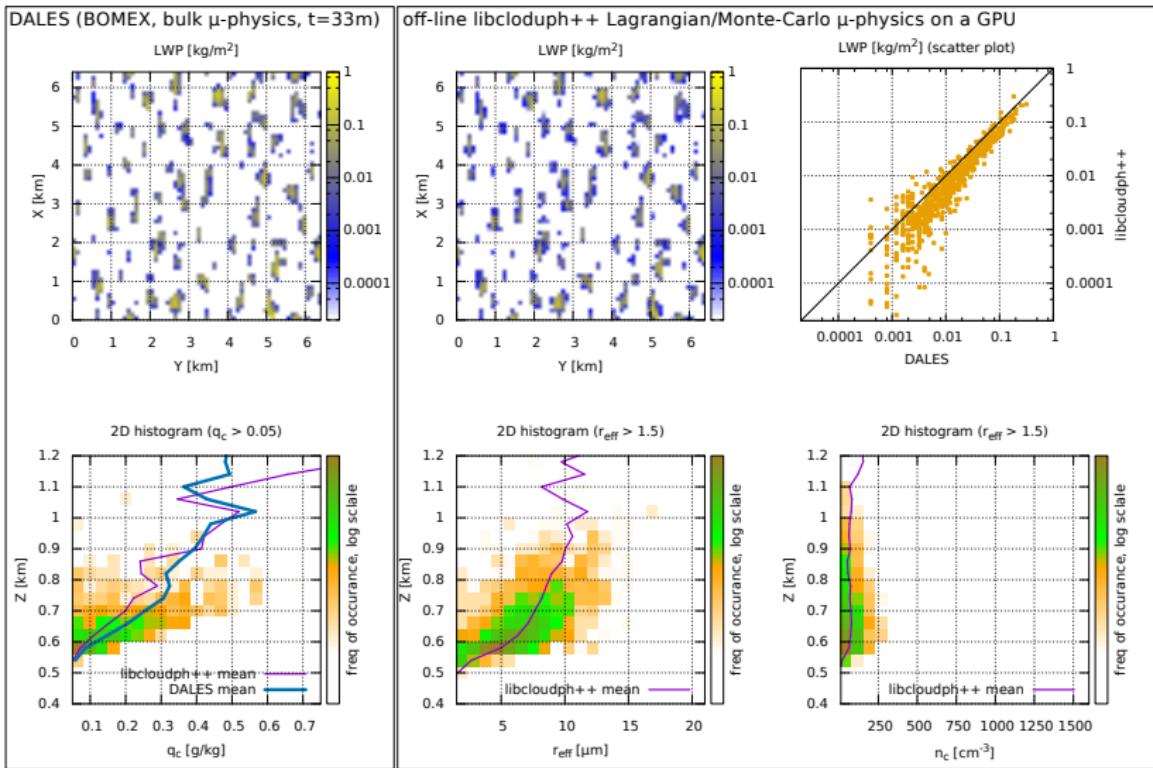
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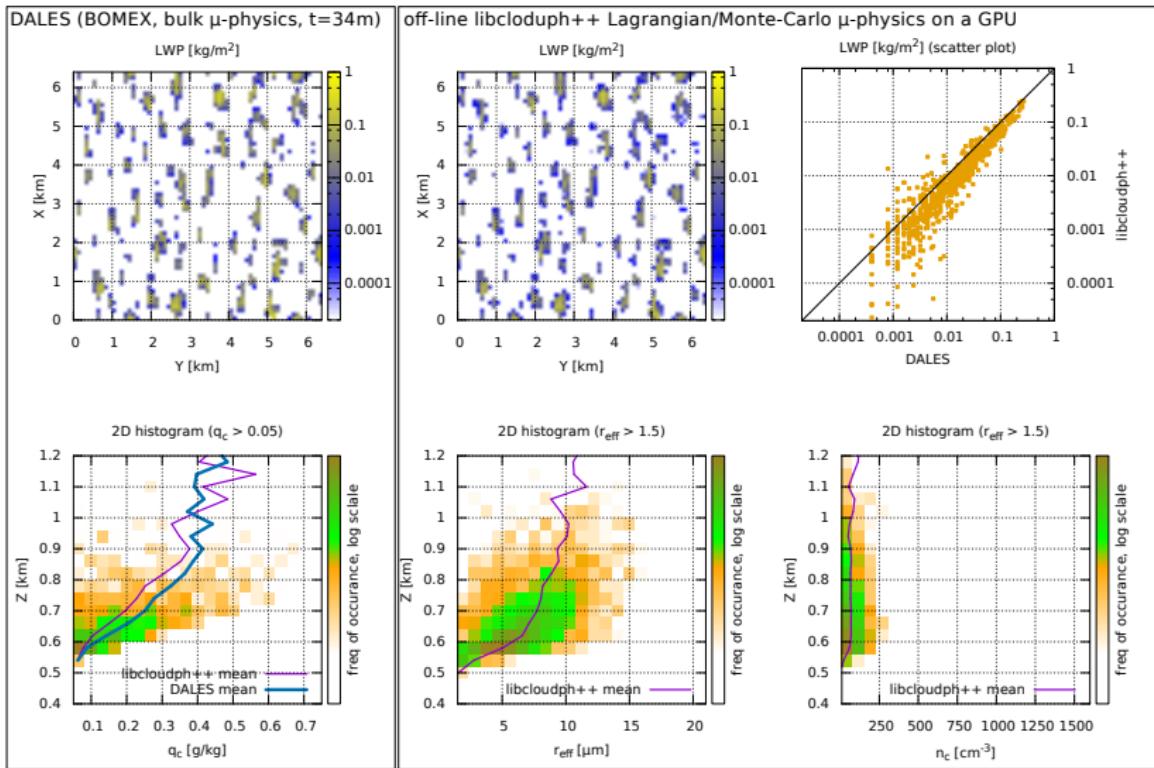
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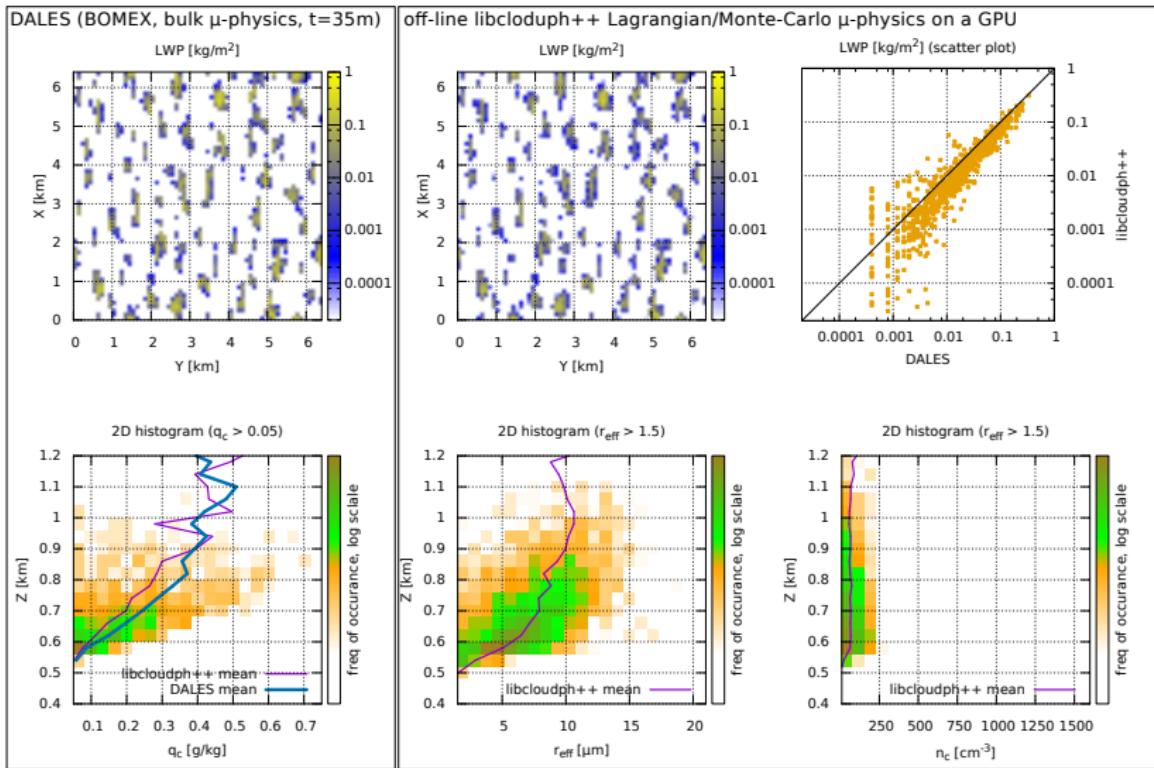
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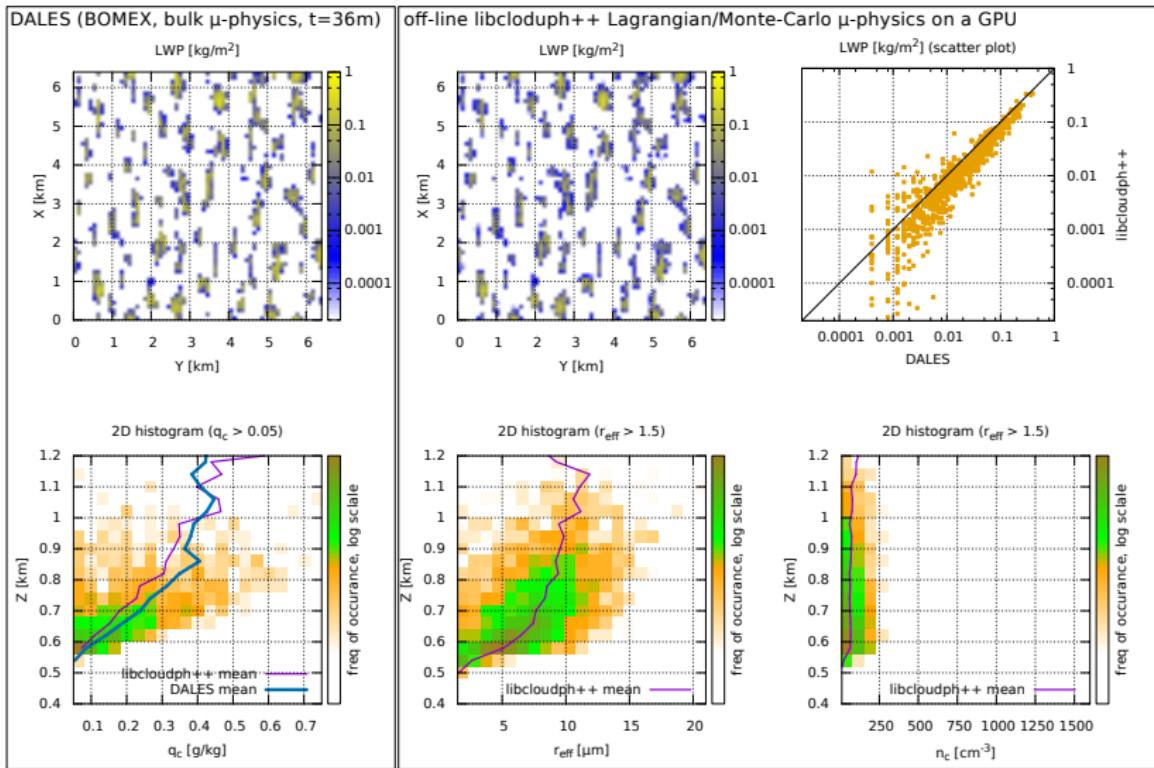
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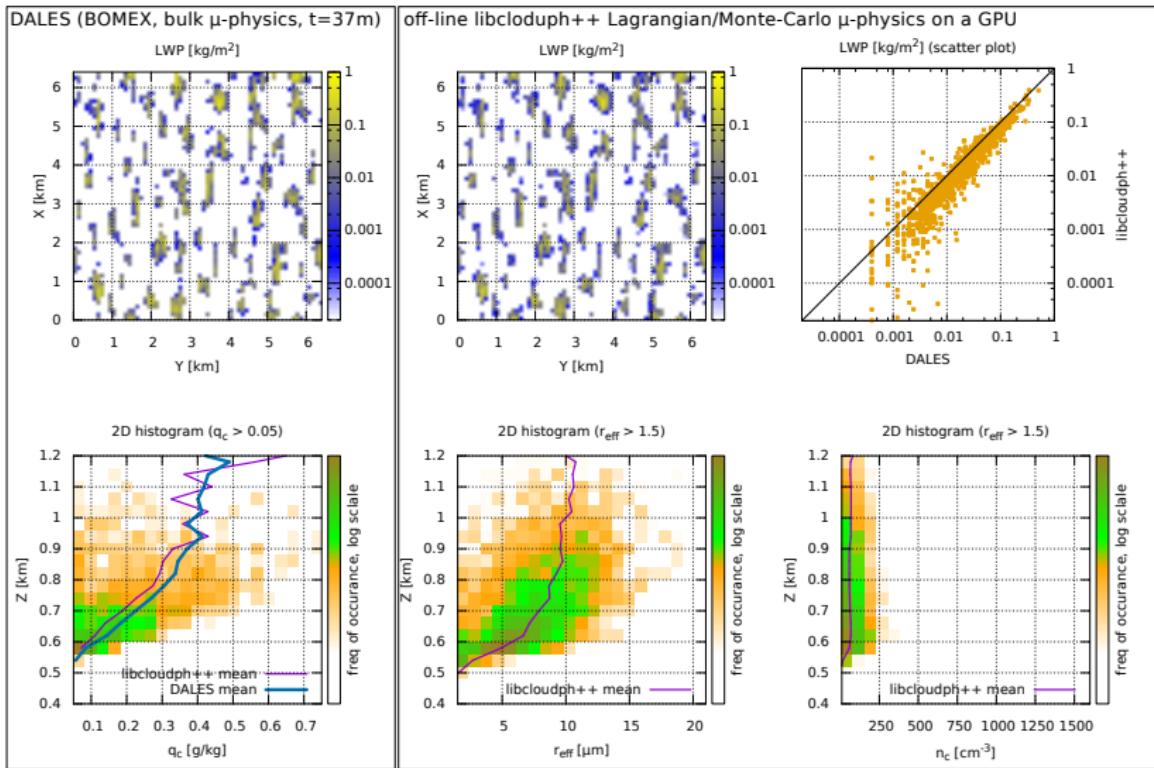
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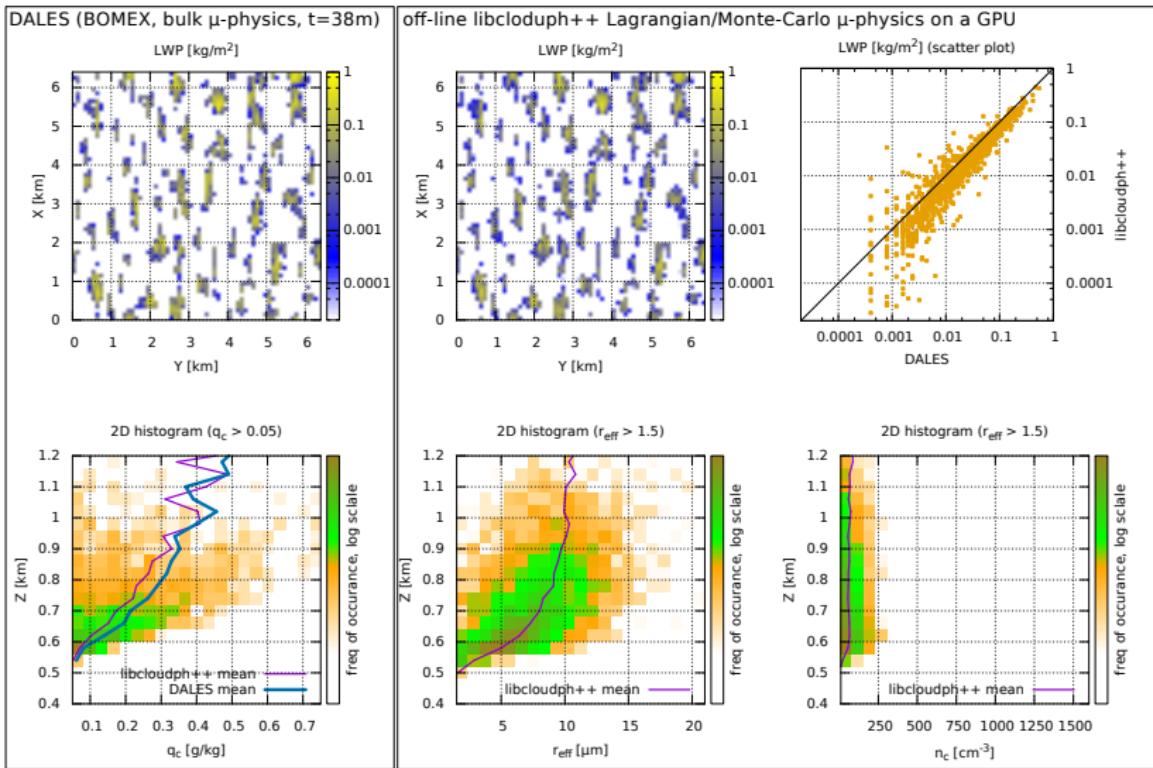
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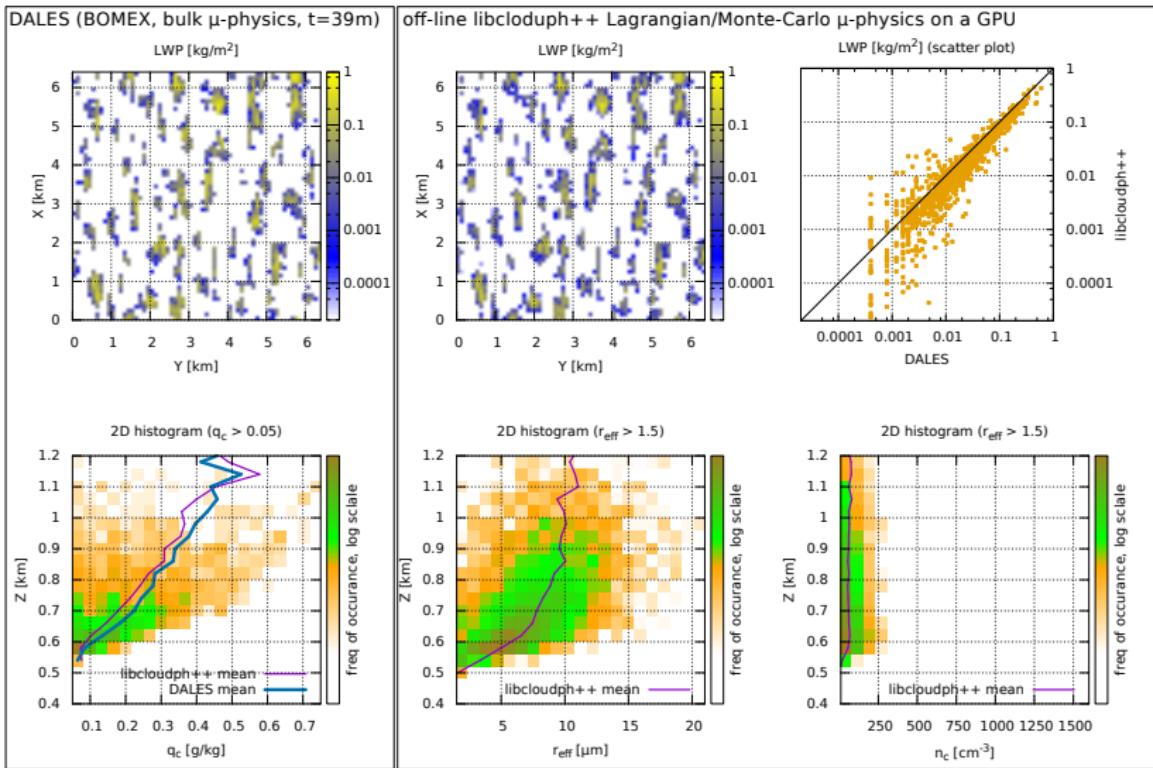
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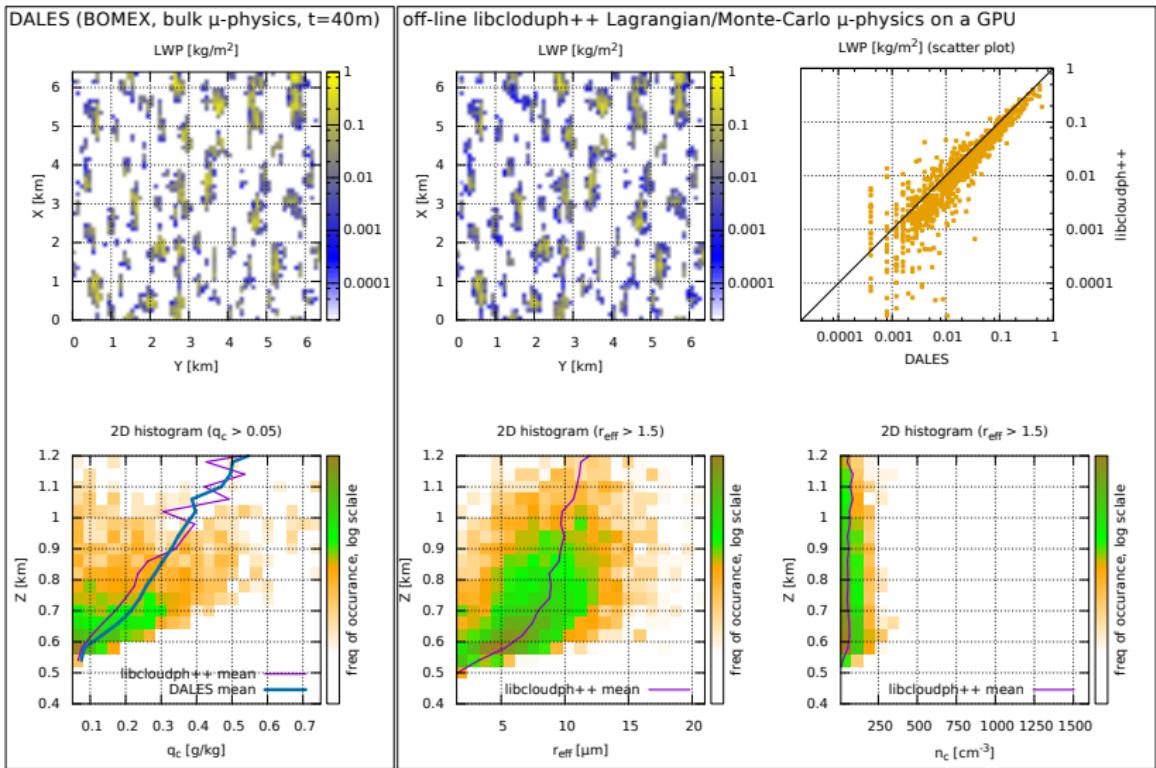
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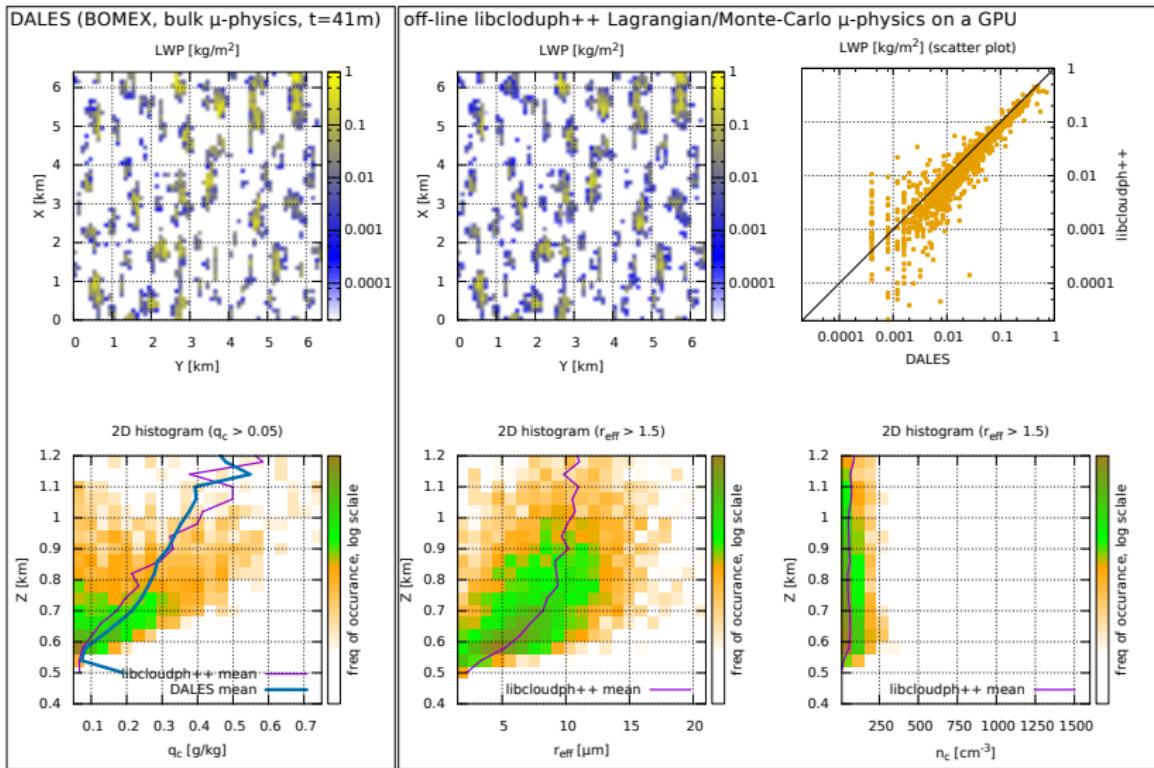
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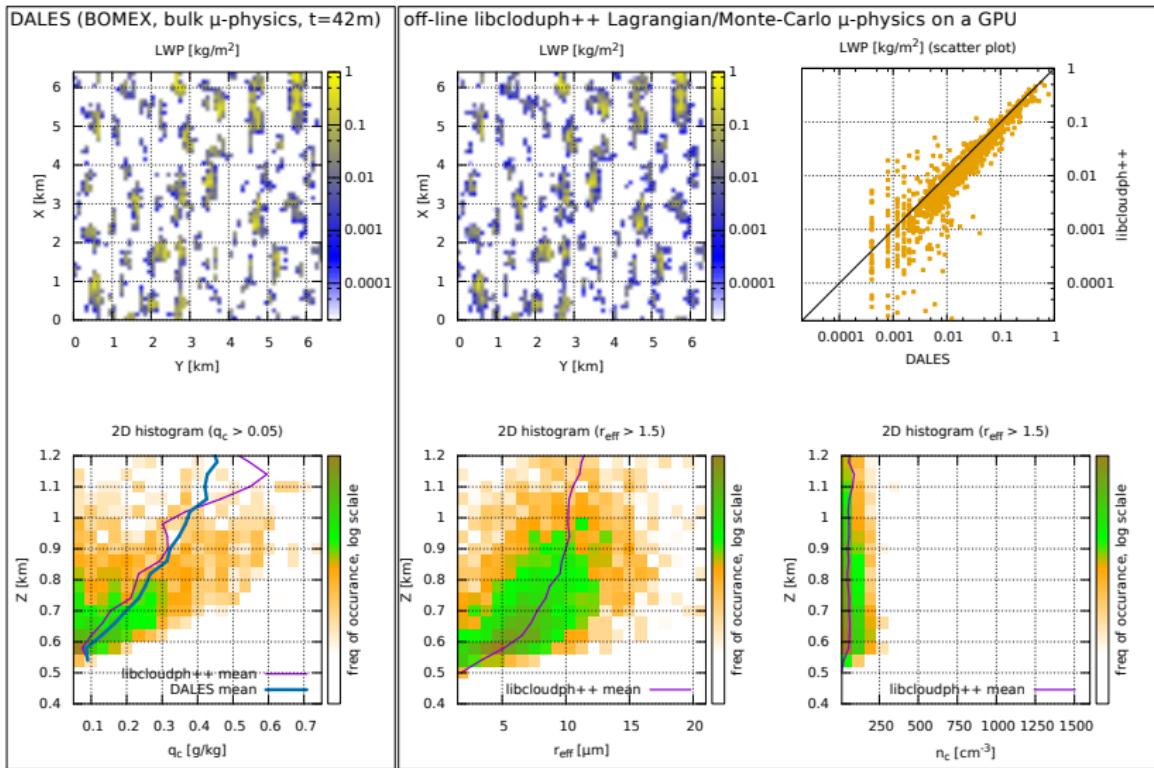
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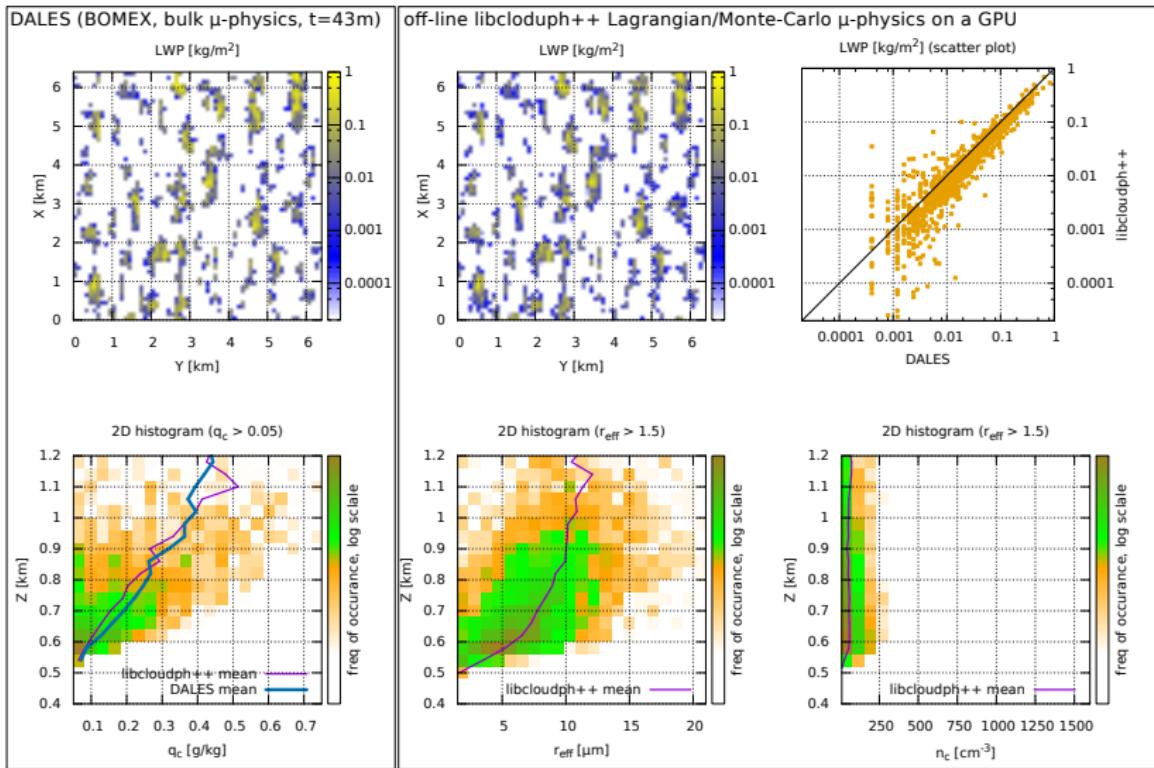
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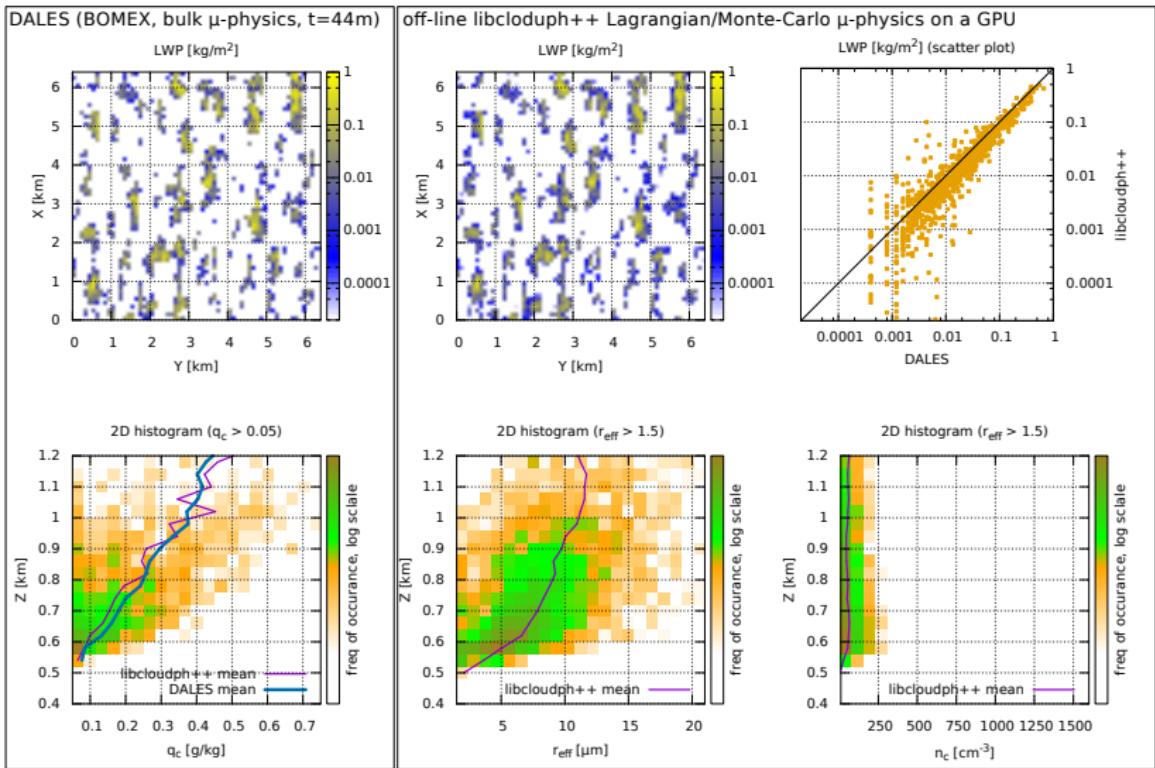
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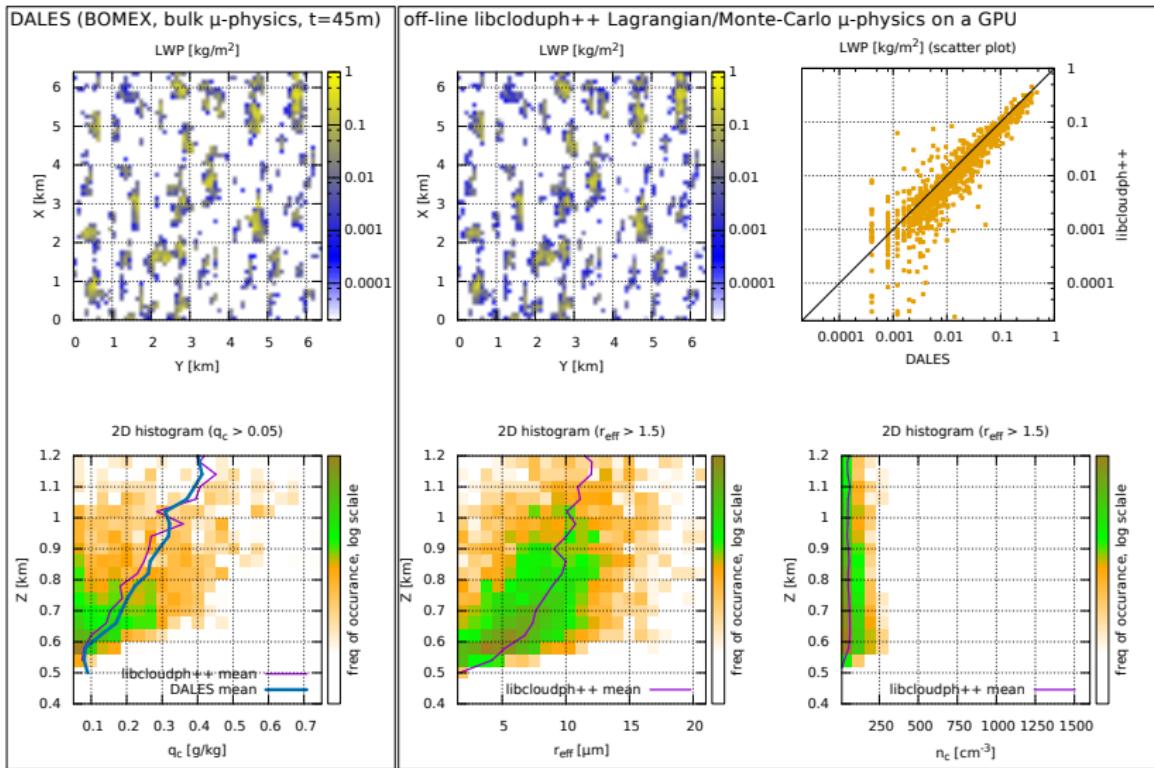
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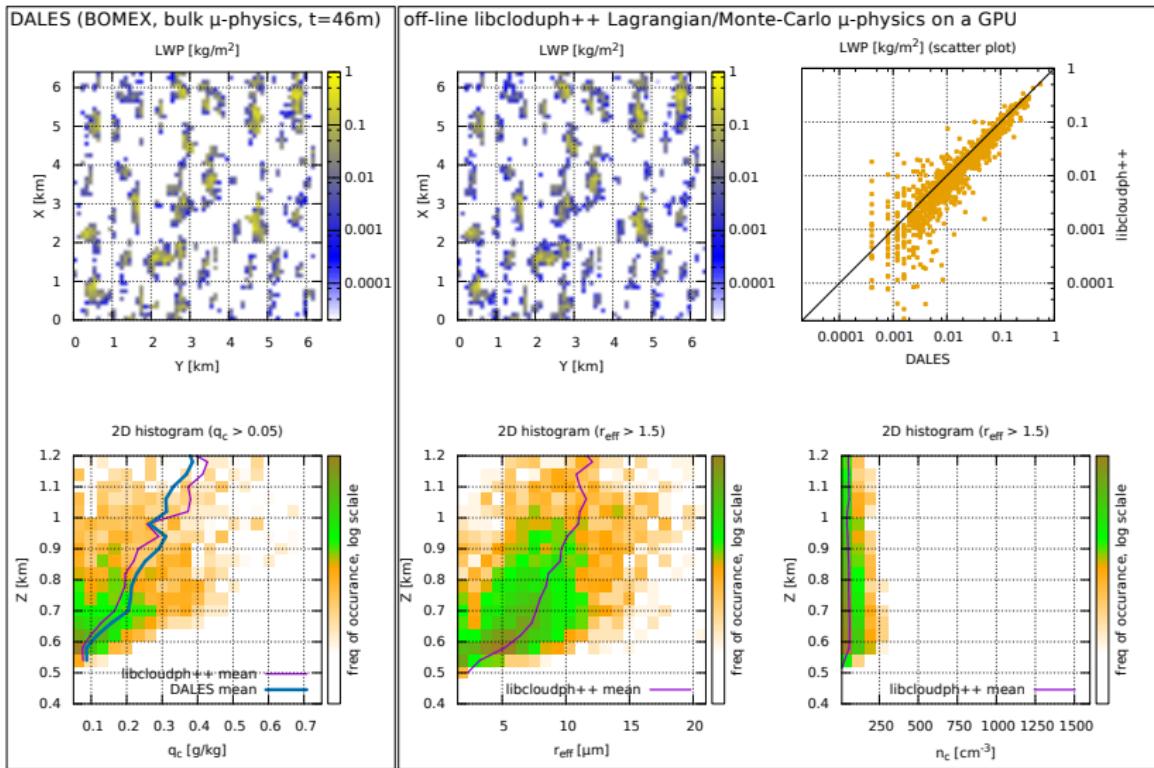
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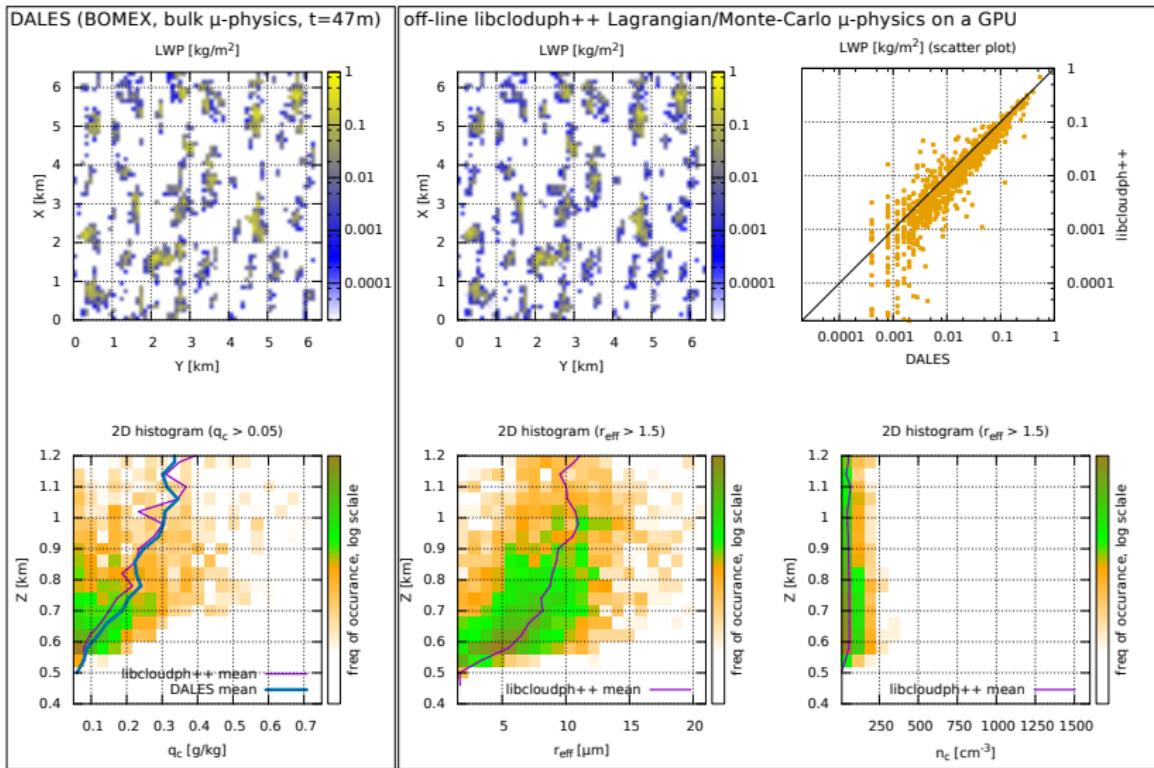
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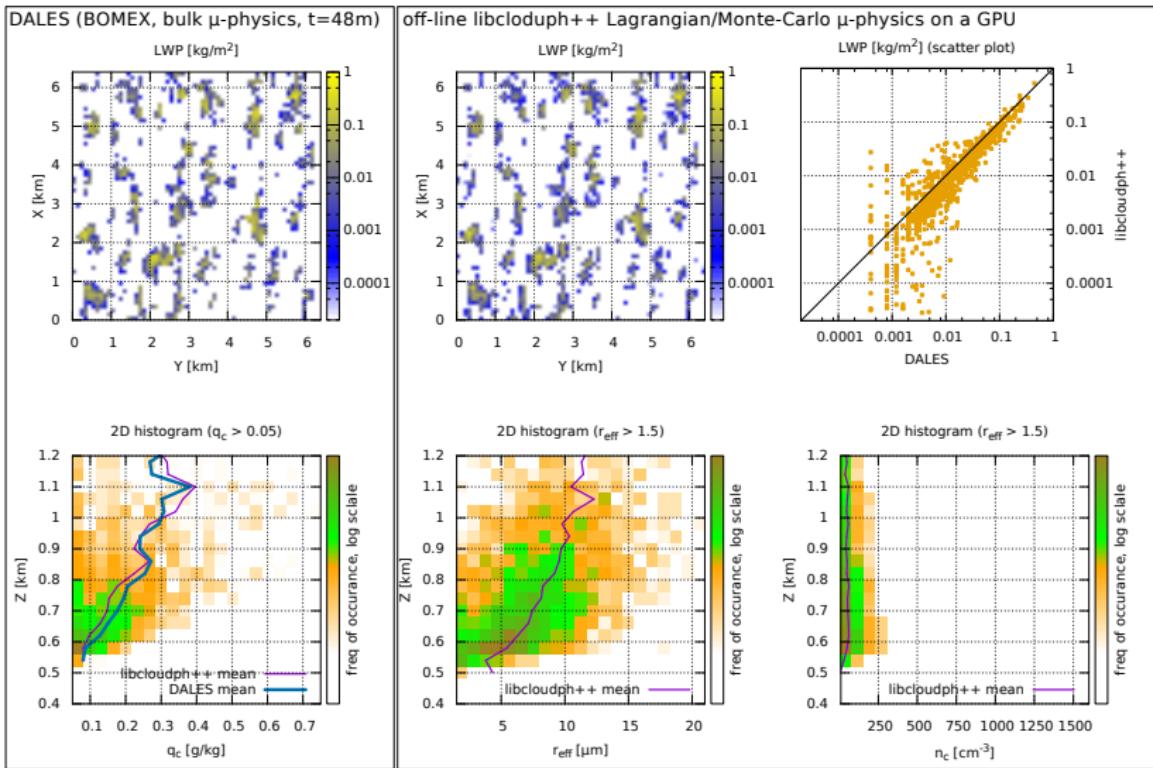
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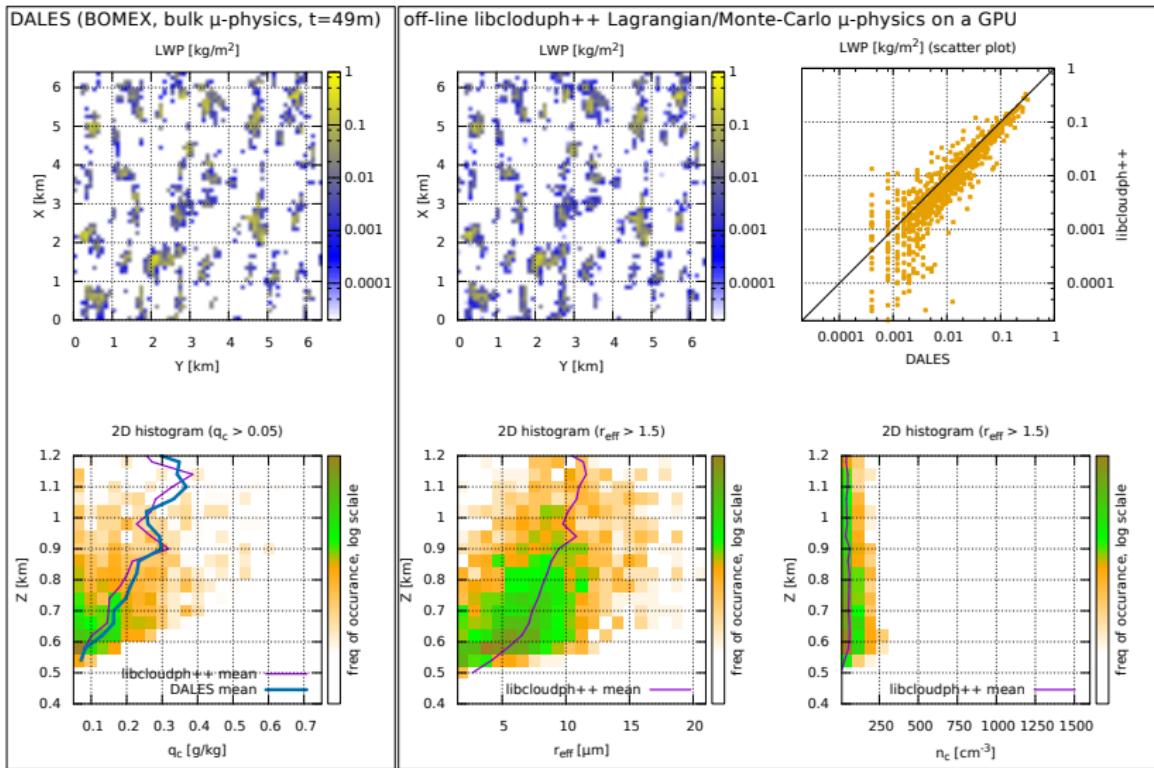
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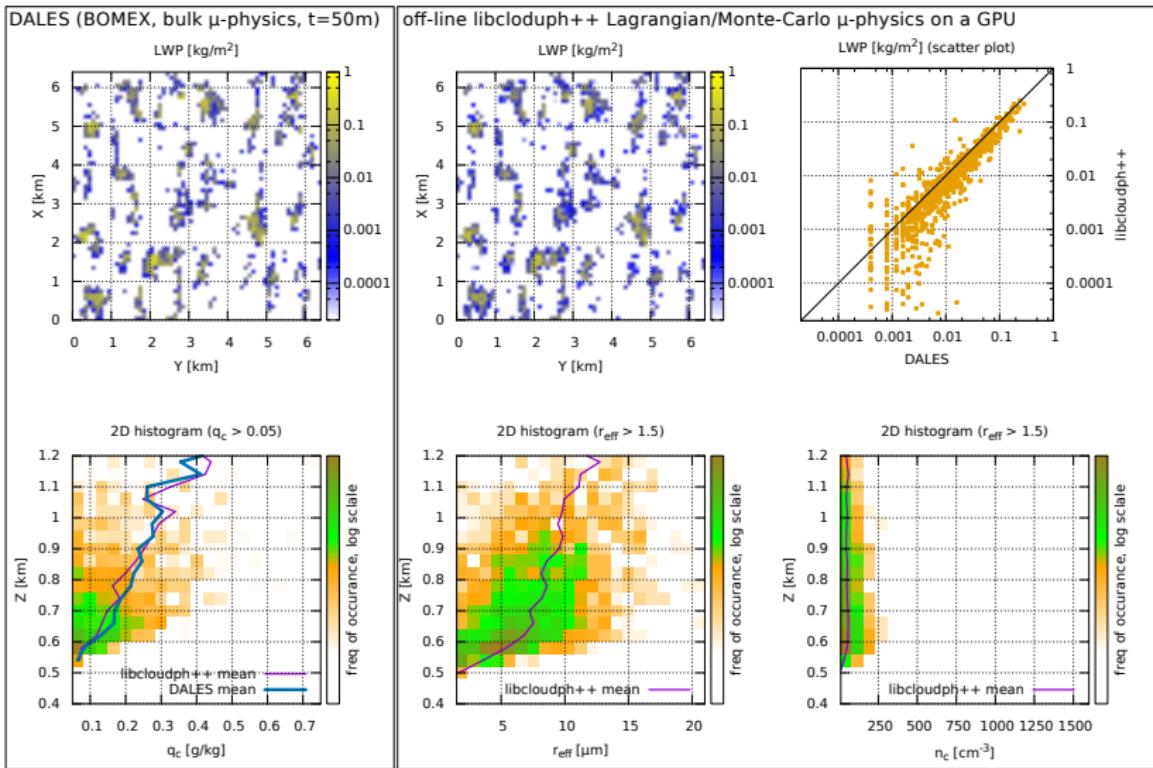
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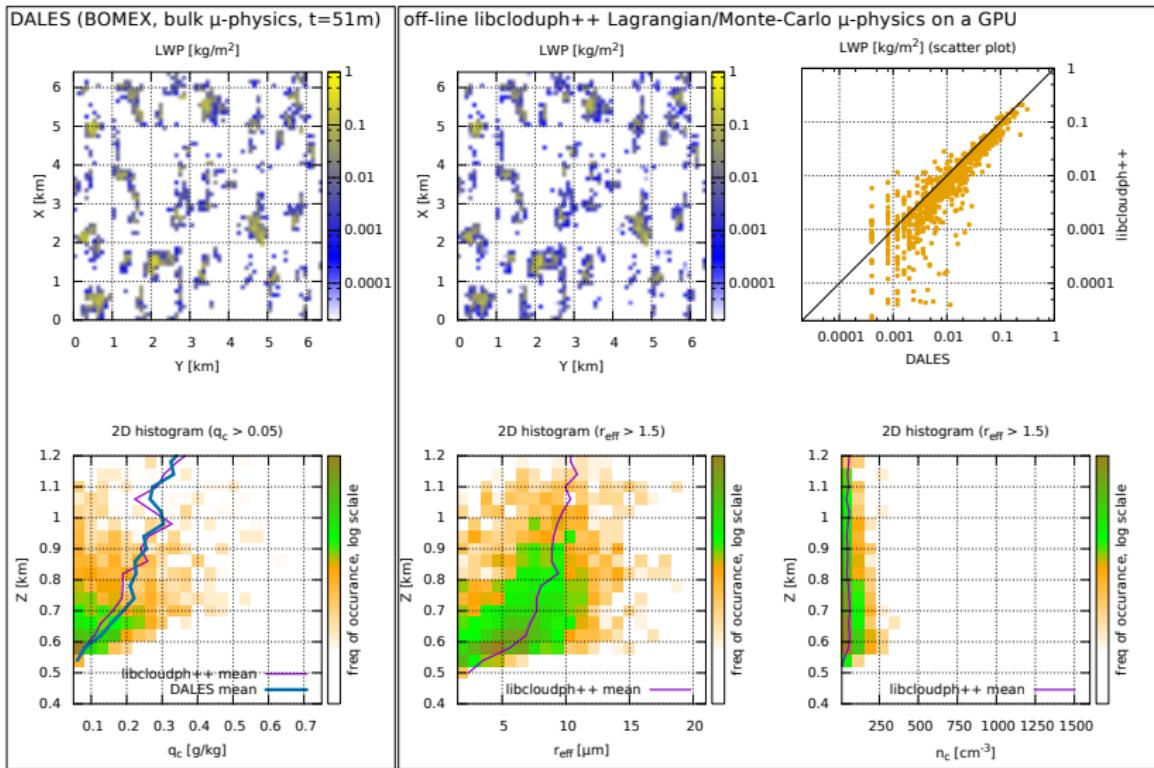
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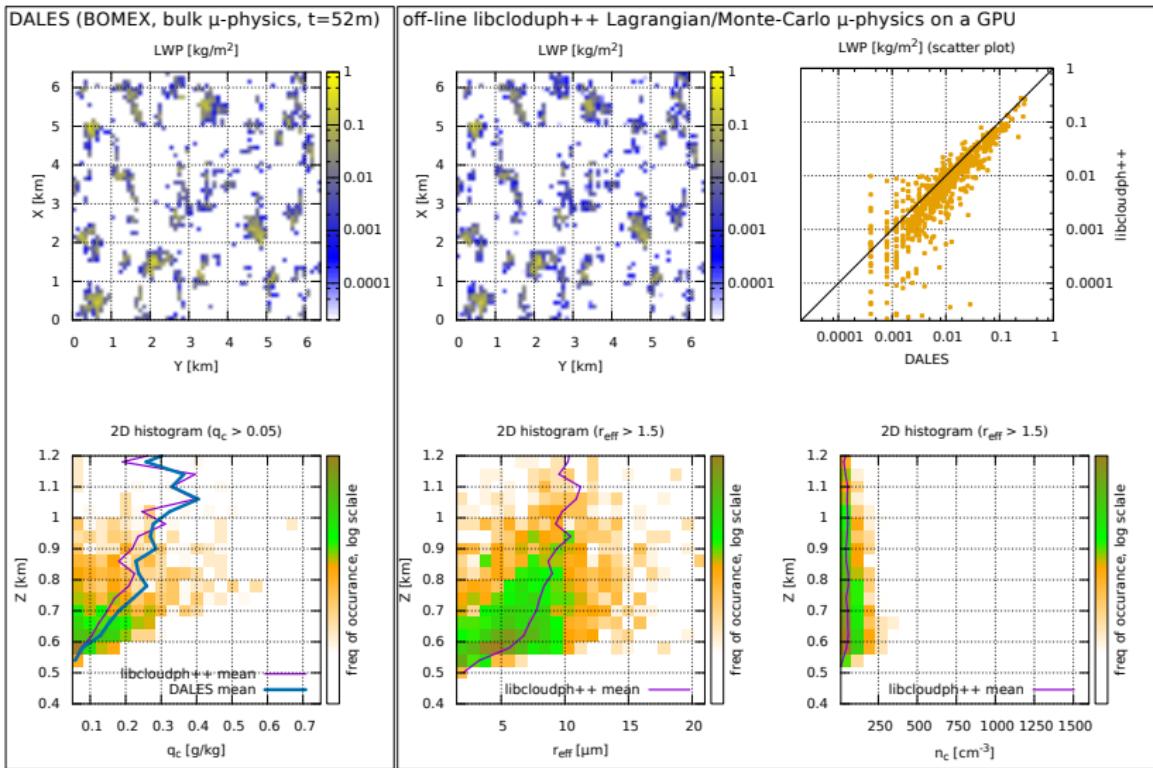
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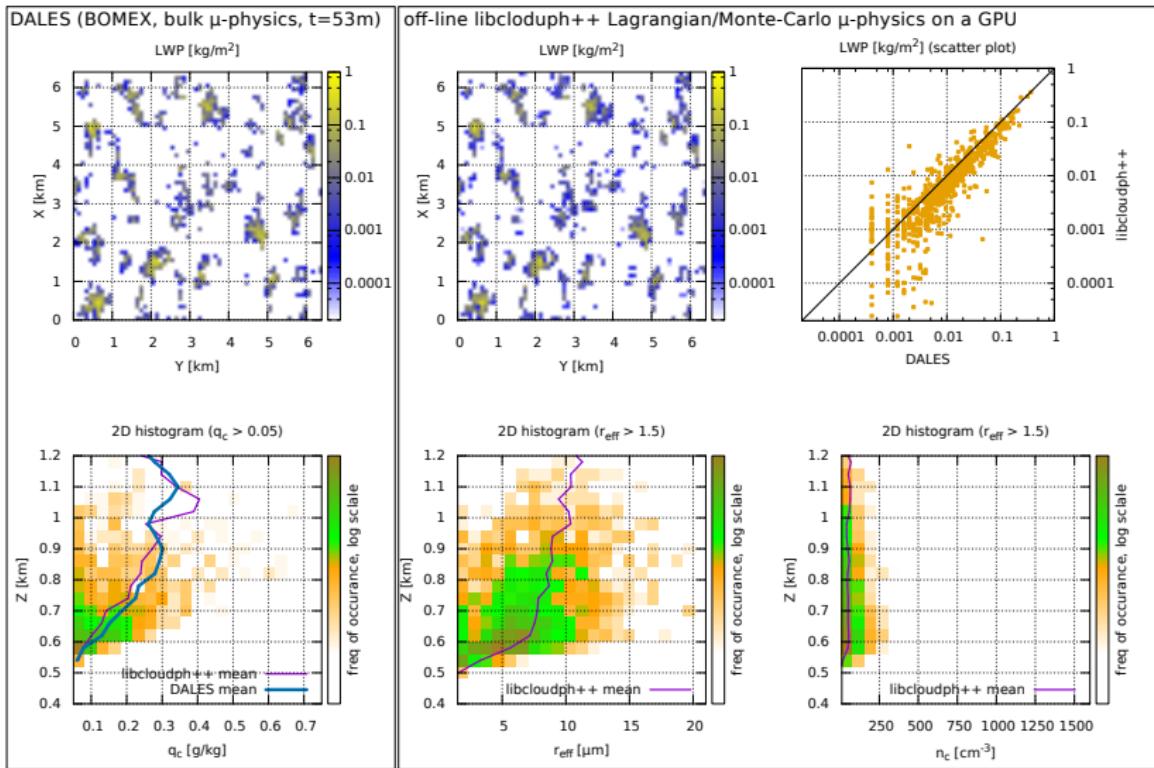
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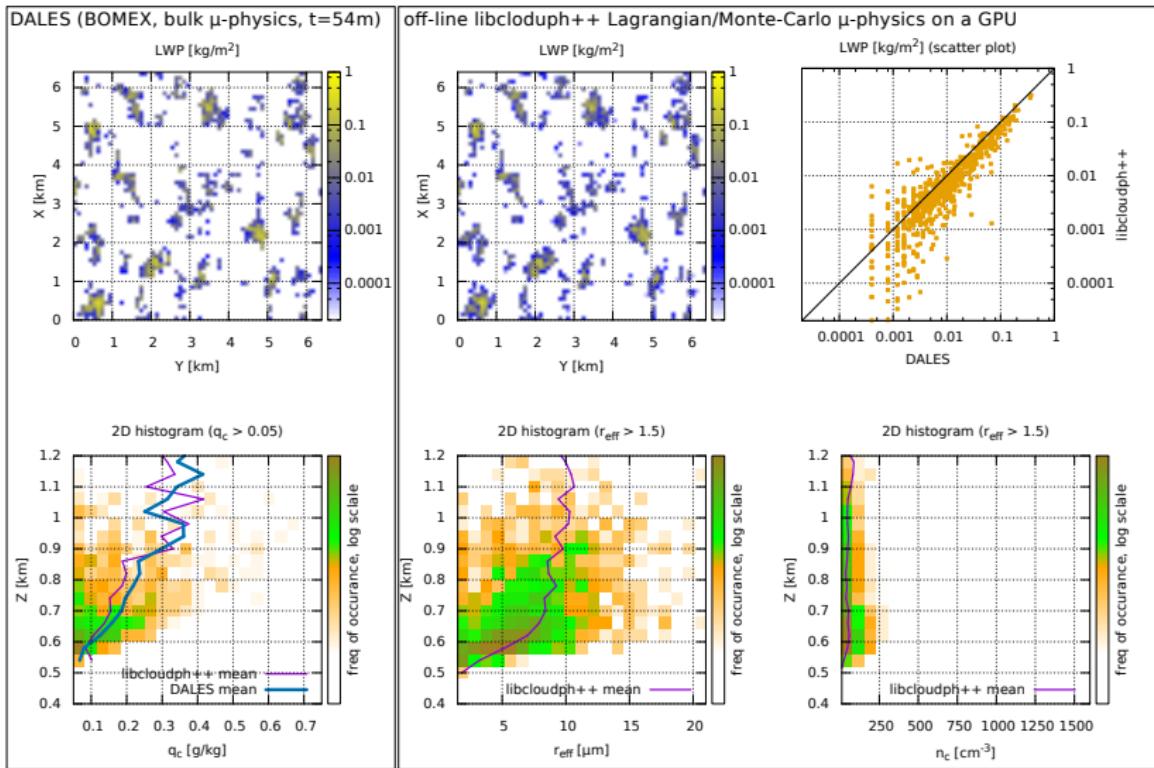
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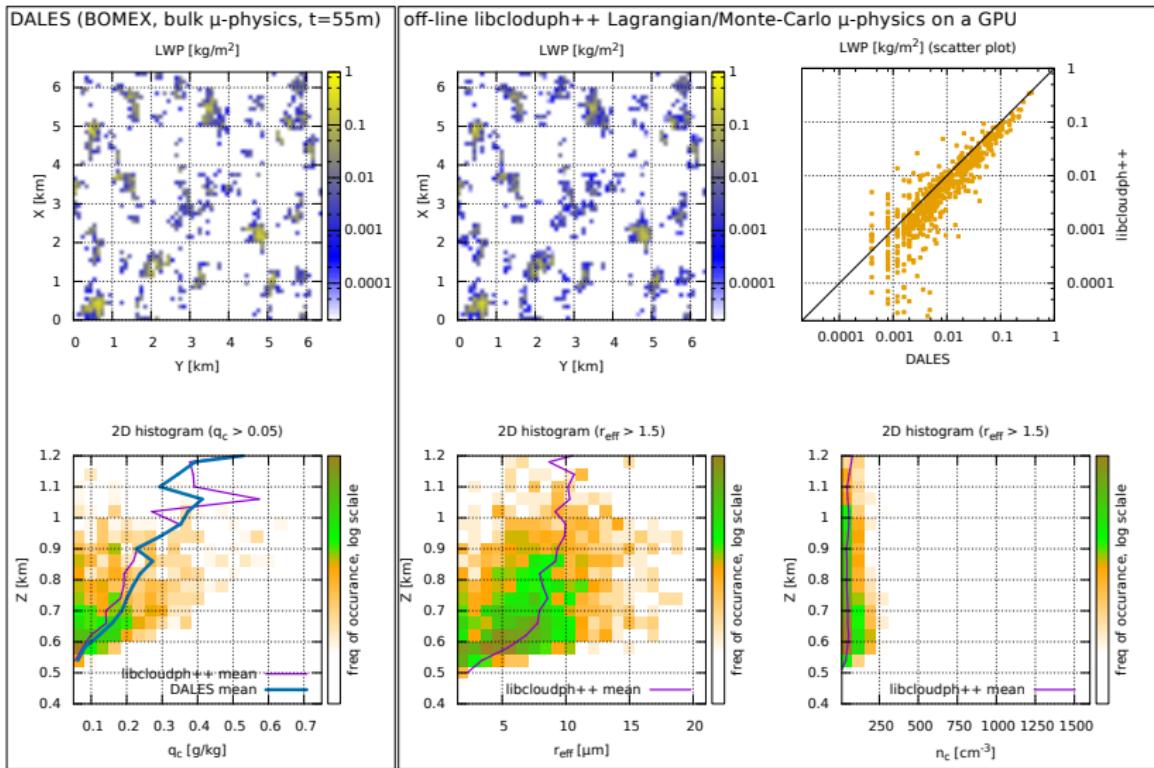
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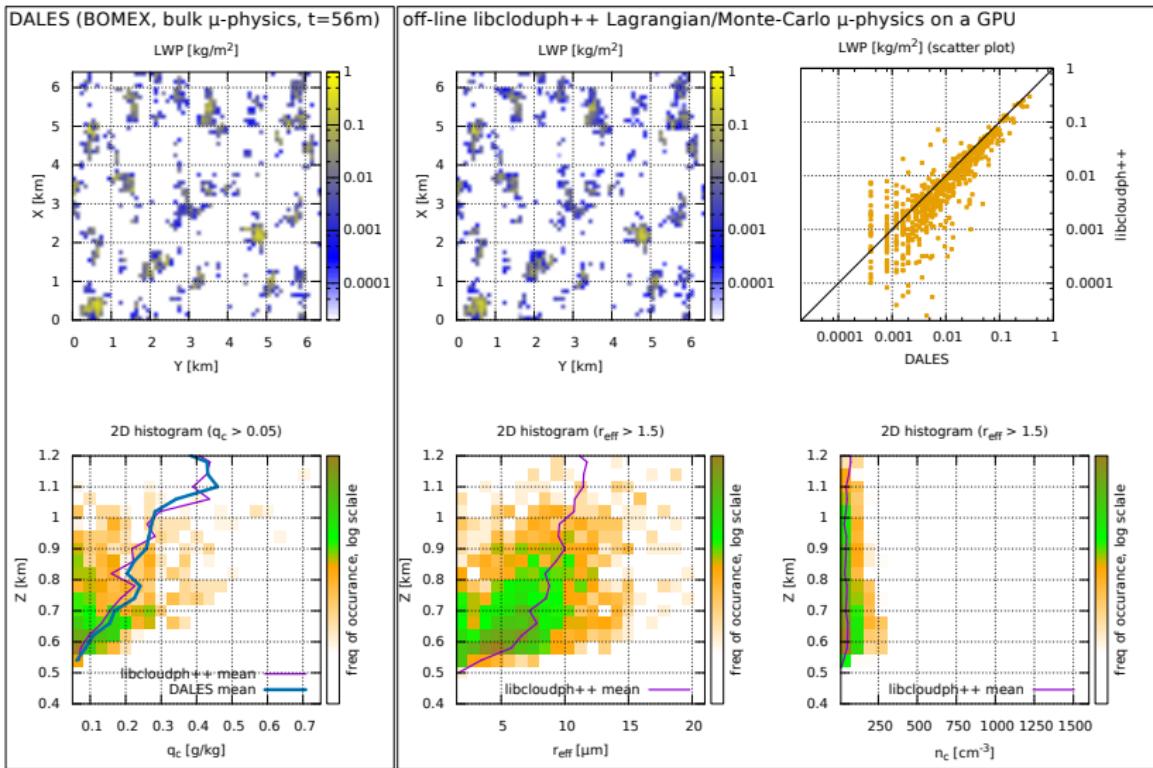
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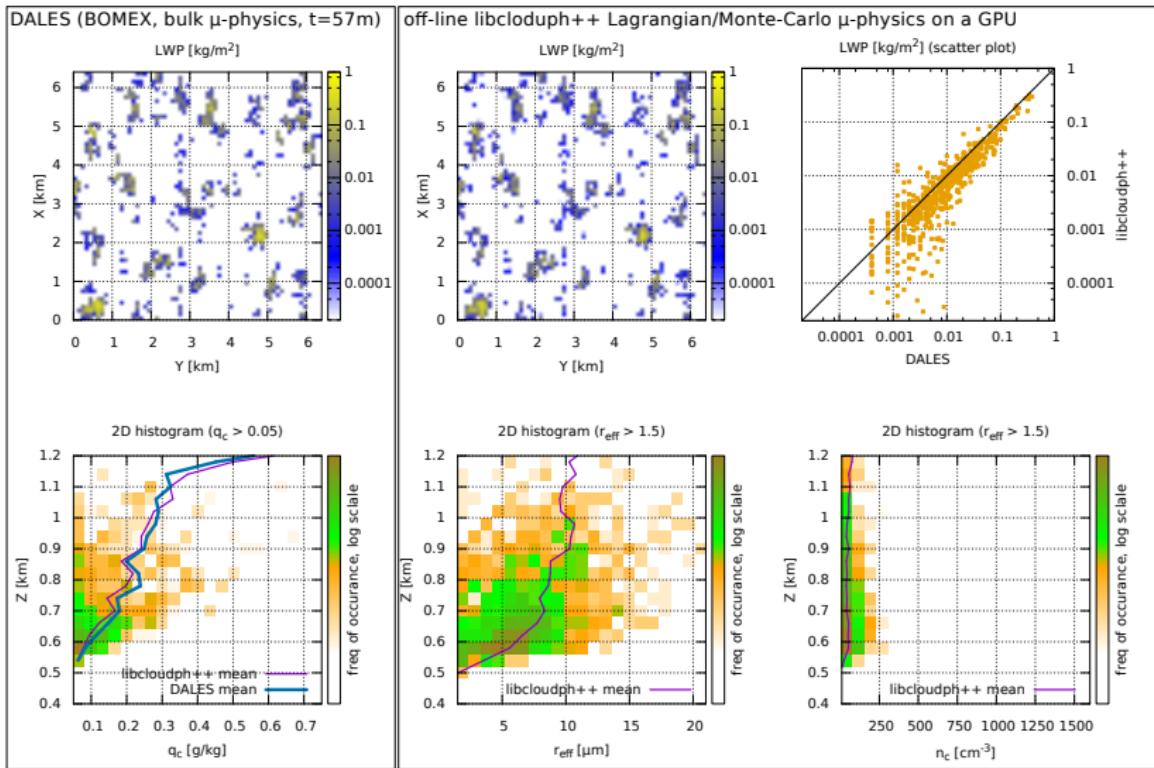
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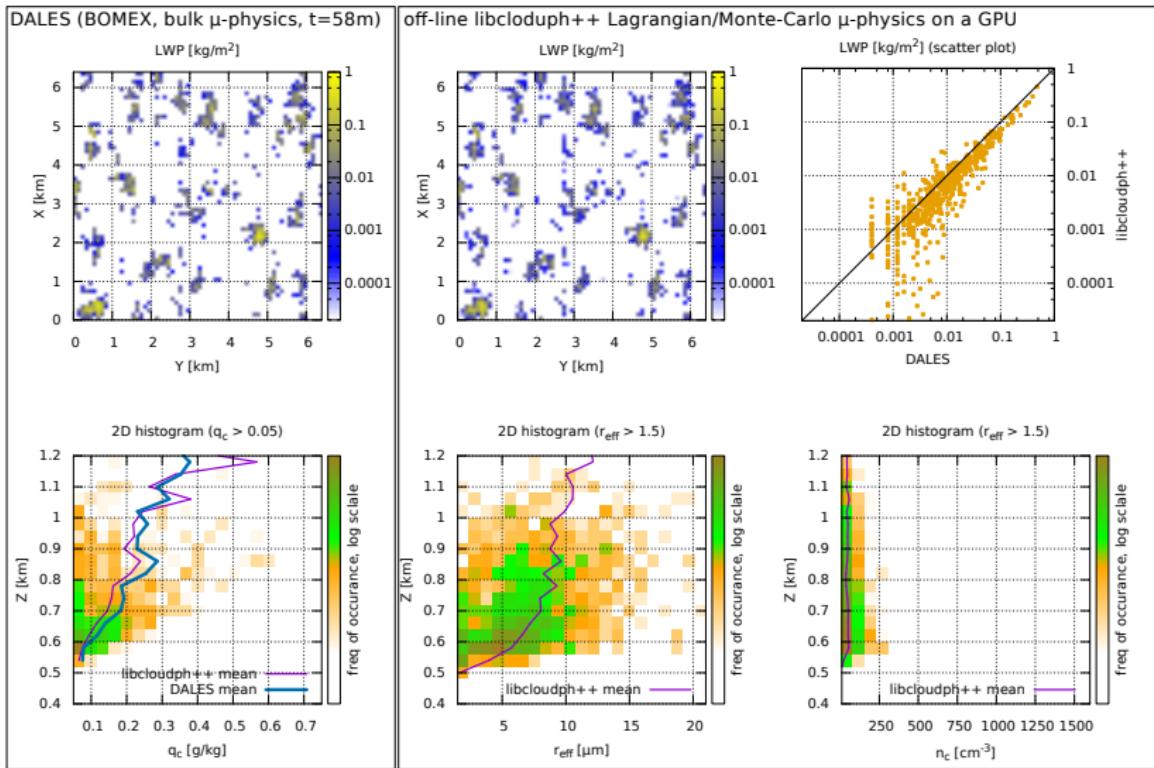
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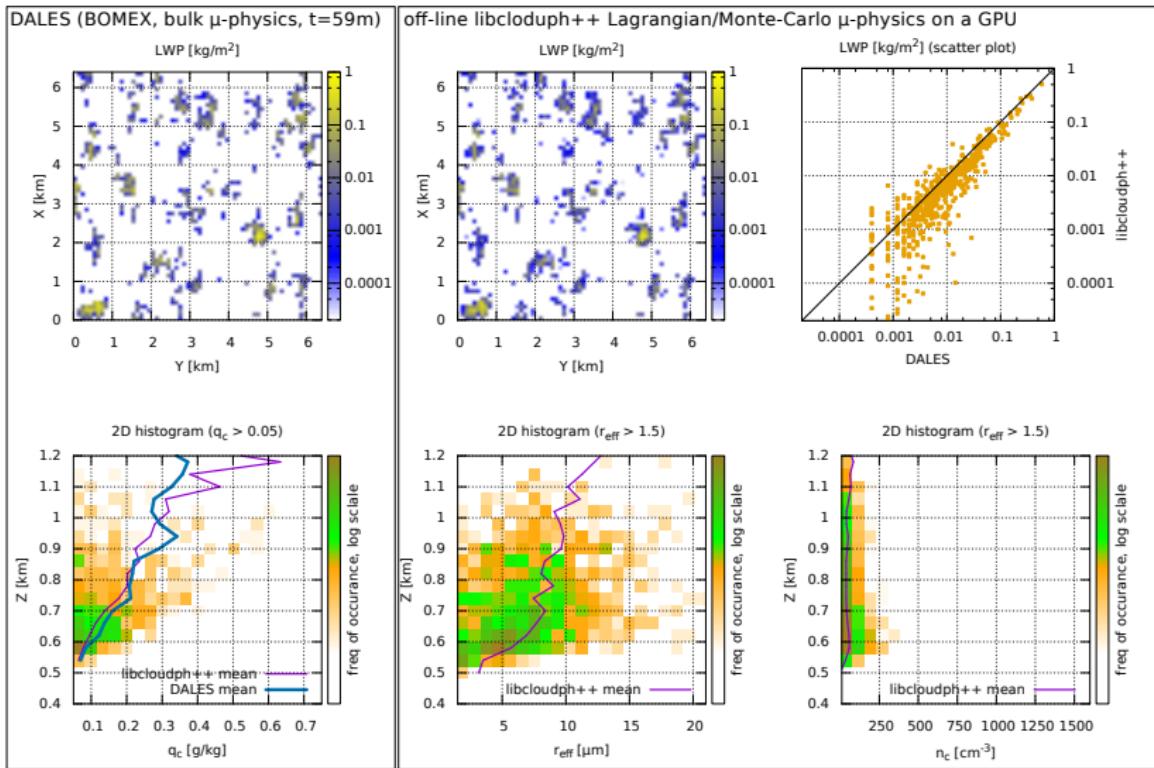
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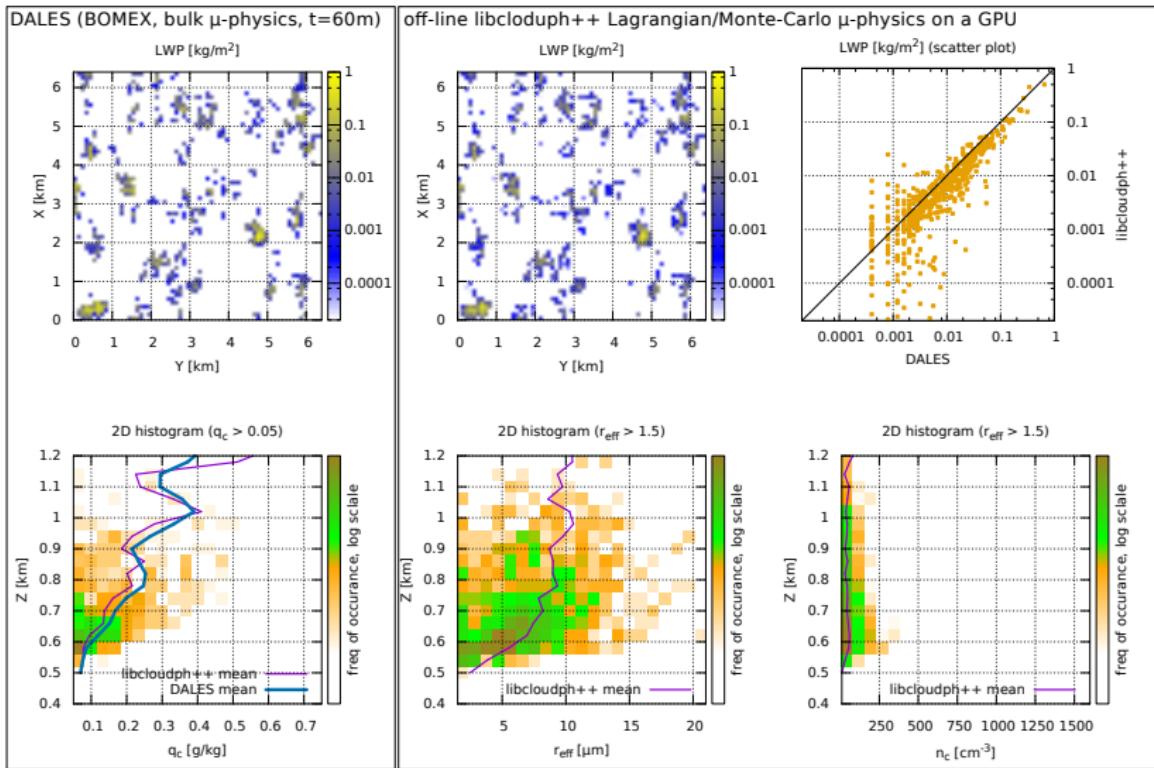
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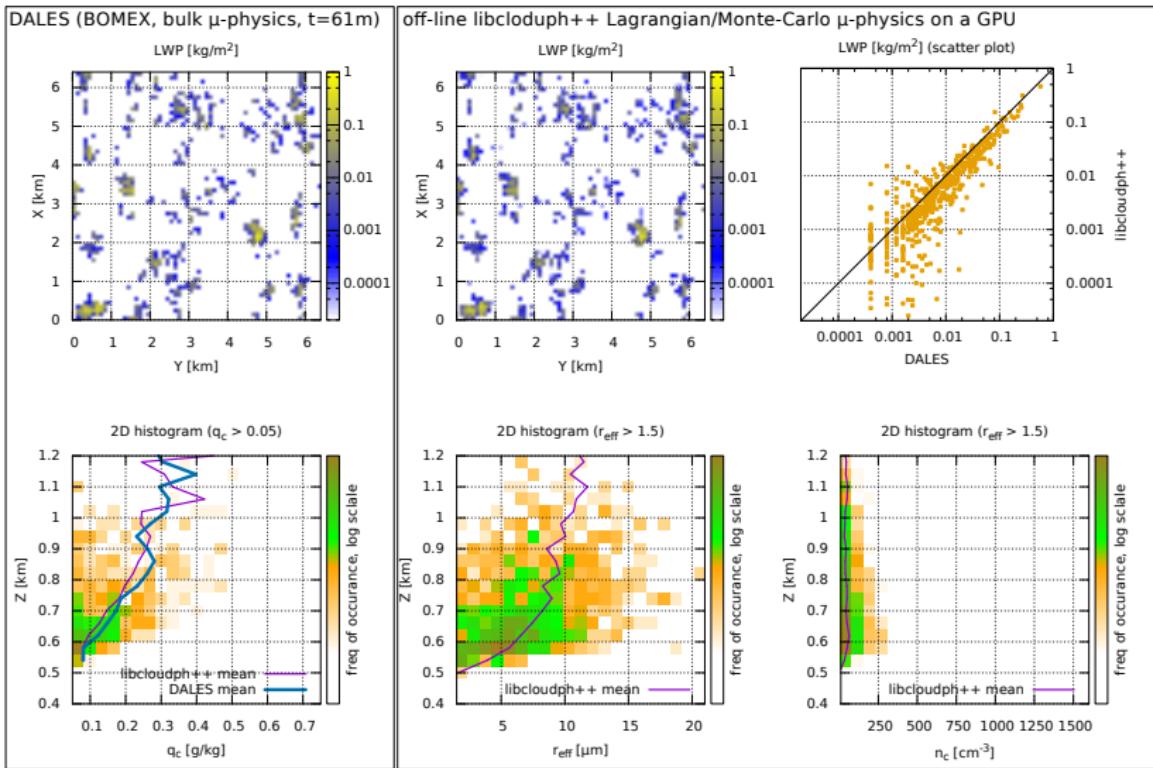
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- off-line Lagrangian microphysics for DALES on GPU
- libcloudph++:
no modifications
- DALES:
ca. 10 LoC changed;
ca. 100 LoC added in a new file
- coupling code:
ca. 300 LoC in Python



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- Python is an efficient glue language
- bindings allow for easier access to schemes in libraries and models written in native languages: Fortran, C++,...
- avoiding changes to original code, no copy-paste
- much easier to access a scheme from a library (libcloudph++) than from a monolithic code

