

1 **Simulated microphysical properties of winter storms from bulk-type microphysics**  
2 **schemes and their evaluation in the WRF (v4.1.3) model during the ICE-POP 2018**  
3 **field campaign**

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19 **Abstract**

20 This study evaluates the performance of four bulk-type microphysics schemes, Weather Research and  
21 Forecasting (WRF) Double-Moment 6-class (WDM6), WRF Double-Moment 7-class (WDM7), Thompson,  
22 and Morrison, focusing on hydrometeors and microphysics budgets in the WRF model version 4.1.3. Eight  
23 snowstorm cases, which can be subcategorized as cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction cases,  
24 depending on the synoptic environment during the International Collaborative Experiment held at the  
25 Pyeongchang 2018 Olympics and Winter Paralympic Games (ICE-POP 2018) field campaign, are selected.  
26 All simulations present a positive bias in the simulated surface precipitation for cold-low and warm-low cases.  
27 Furthermore, the simulations for the warm-low cases show a higher probability of detection score than  
28 simulations for the cold-low and air-sea interaction cases even though the simulations fail to capture the  
29 accurate transition layer for wind direction. WDM6 and WDM7 simulate abundant cloud ice for the cold-low  
30 and warm-low cases, so snow is mainly generated by aggregation. Meanwhile, Thompson and Morrison  
31 simulate insignificant cloud ice amounts, especially over the lower atmosphere, where cloud water is  
32 simulated instead. Snow in Thompson and Morrison is mainly formed by the accretion between snow and  
33 cloud water and deposition. The melting process is analyzed as a key process to generate rain in all schemes.  
34 The discovered positive precipitation bias for the warm-low and cold-low cases can be mitigated by reducing  
35 the melting efficiency in all schemes. The contribution of melting to rain production is reduced for the air-sea  
36 interaction case with decreased solid-phase hydrometeors and increased cloud water in all simulations.

37 **Keywords:** Microphysics budgets, Hydrometeors, Snowfall, Bulk-type cloud microphysics, ICE-POP 2018.

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## 1. Introduction

International Collaborative Experiments for Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic winter games (ICE-POP 2018) field campaign was conducted over the Gangwon region, the northeastern part of the Korean Peninsula during winter between 2017 and 2018. Various microphysical datasets in higher spatial and temporal resolutions were collected during ICE-POP 2018 using X-band Doppler dual-polarization radar (MXPoI), vertically pointing W-band Doppler cloud profiler (WProf), two dimensional video disdrometers (2DVD) and PARticle Size VELOCITY (PARSIVEL) disdrometers, etc. Furthermore, numerical weather prediction using various high-resolution models around the world was conducted to support weather forecasts during the Olympic winter games as part of the Forecast Demonstration Project efforts of World Weather Research Program in World Meteorological Organization. The analysis of collected observed data and high-resolution modeling information during ICE-POP 2018 can improve our understanding of the snowfall formation mechanism and related cloud microphysics processes over the complex terrain along the mountainous region over Korea (Kim et al., 2021a; Gehring et al., 2020b; Gehring et al., 2021; Lim et al., 2020; Jeung et al., 2020).

Over the past decades, comparisons of microphysics schemes for simulating convection have been performed, either on idealized testbeds (Morrison and Grabowski, 2007; Morrison and Milbrandt, 2011; Bao et al., 2019) or real-world testbeds (Liu and Moncrieff, 2007; Luo et al., 2010; Han et al., 2013; Min et al., 2015; Das et al., 2021). Han et al. (2013) evaluated cloud microphysics schemes for simulating winter storms over California using observations from a space-borne radiometer and a ground-based precipitation profiling radar. Simulations using four different cloud microphysics, Goddard, Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) single-moment 6-class scheme (WSM6), Thompson, and Morrison, showed a large variation in the simulated radiative properties. All schemes overestimated precipitating ice aloft, and thus, positive biases in the simulated microwave brightness temperature were found. The Morrison scheme presented the greatest peak reflectivity due to snow intercept parameters. Min et al. (2015) reported that the experiment with the WRF double-moment 6-class (WDM6) scheme shows better agreement with the radar observations for summer monsoon over the Korean Peninsula compared to WSM6. Das et al. (2021) performed numerical

65 simulations over southwest India and concluded that the WDM6 microphysics scheme better simulates the  
66 vertical convection structure of deep convection storms than the Morrison scheme and the Milbrandt-Yau  
67 double-moment scheme and compare favorably to radar observations.

68 The aforementioned studies compared simulated precipitation, reflectivity, and storm structures using  
69 different microphysics schemes under real-convection testbeds (Han et al., 2013; Min et al., 2015; Das et al.,  
70 2021). Although these studies attempted to evaluate model performance using possible radar measurements,  
71 they did not suggest microphysics pathways affecting the superiority of model performance. Recently, a few  
72 studies have analyzed major microphysical pathways to cloud hydrometeor production, i.e., precipitation (Fan  
73 et al., 2017; Vignon et al., 2019; Huang et al., 2020). Fan et al. (2017) simulated mesoscale squall line with  
74 eight cloud microphysics schemes in the WRF model and identified processes that contribute to the large  
75 variability in the simulated cloud and precipitation properties of the squall line. They found that the simulated  
76 precipitation rates and updraft velocities present significant variability among simulations with different  
77 schemes. Differences in ice microphysics processes and collision-coalescence parameterizations between the  
78 schemes affected the simulated updraft velocity and surface rainfall variability. Huang et al. (2020) presented  
79 simulation results of WSM6, Thompson, and Morrison microphysics schemes for the severe rainfall case in  
80 the coastal metropolitan city of Guangzhou, China. The simulation using WSM6 scheme presented the most  
81 similar feature of precipitation with the observation in terms of intensity and distribution. Heating and cooling  
82 rate by condensation and evaporation processes led to the difference of storm development and precipitation  
83 among the simulations.

84 Through the modeling and observational studies of winter storms, the major microphysics processes  
85 affecting the characteristics of winter storms have been figured out (McMillen and Steenburgh, 2015; Lim et  
86 al., 2020; Ma et al., 2021) and the cloud microphysics parameterizations have been evaluated by utilizing the  
87 measurements from extensive observation campaigns (Solomon et al., 2009; Molthan and Colle, 2012;  
88 Conrick and Mass, 2019). Lim et al. (2020) analyzed the microphysical pathway to generate hydrometeors  
89 using WSM6 and WDM6 and showed that abundant cloud ice generation through the depositional process in  
90 both schemes can be a reason for the positive precipitation bias during the winter season. Through snowstorm  
91 simulations over the Great Salt Lake region, McMillen and Steenburgh (2015) reported that WDM6 generates

92 more graupel and less snow with more total precipitation than Thompson scheme. The difference in graupel  
93 generation is due to WDM6's more efficient freezing of rain to graupel compared to Thomson. The amount  
94 of simulated graupel and snow affects precipitation efficiency for the selected snowstorm. Ma et al. (2021)  
95 emphasized that the cloud ice deposition/sublimation parameterization greatly affects to the snowfall amount.  
96 By altering this parameterization in WSM6 scheme, the overestimation of the snowfall amount was notably  
97 reduced in WRF simulations. Solomon et al. (2009) verified the microphysical characteristics for the simulated  
98 mixed-phase clouds by utilizing the intensive measurements taken during the Mixed-Phase Arctic Cloud  
99 Experiment (M-PACE). They showed that the double-moment microphysics scheme simulates realistic liquid  
100 water paths, compared to the single-moment scheme. Through the comparison between the observation data  
101 during The Canadian CloudSat/Cloud–Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observations  
102 (CALIPSO) Validation Project (C3VP) and assumptions used in microphysics schemes, Molthan and Colle  
103 (2012) concluded that single-moment schemes having a flexibility in size distribution parameters as functions  
104 of temperature can represent the vertical variability as observed ones from aircraft data. Conrick and Mass  
105 (2019) evaluated Thompson microphysics scheme in the WRF model using observations collected during the  
106 Olympic Mountains Experiment (OLYMPEX) field campaign by the Global Precipitation Measurement  
107 (GPM) satellite and showed that Thompson scheme underpredicts radar reflectivity below 2 km and  
108 overpredicts one above 2 km, consistent with the vertical mixing ratio profiles from GPM Microwave Imager.

109 Although major microphysics processes have been explored in a certain convection environment in  
110 previous studies, simulated hydrometeor profiles have not been evaluated with the observation. Therefore, we  
111 cannot determine whether the analyzed microphysical pathway is plausible. The purpose of this study is to  
112 compare simulated hydrometeors and microphysics budgets as well as precipitation using different bulk-type  
113 cloud microphysics schemes and evaluate the results with the possible observations during the ICE-POP 2018  
114 field campaign. Furthermore, our study aims to estimate which microphysical pathway is possible under a  
115 certain synoptic circumstance, which can be feasible by evaluating hydrometeor profiles with the observations.  
116 This study is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the observation data used in this study and model  
117 design with the case description. Results and summary are presented in sections 3 and 4, respectively.

## 119 2. Experimental setup

### 120 2.1. Case description

121 The eight snowfall events during the ICE-POP 2018 field campaign are selected in our study. Kim et al. (2021a)  
122 classified the eight cases into three categories, namely, cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction, according  
123 to synoptic characteristics. A widespread snowfall can occur over the northeastern part of Korea during the  
124 passage of a low-pressure system (LPS) over the Korean Peninsula (Nam et al., 2014; Gehring et al., 2020b).  
125 Snowfall cases, categorized as a cold-low type, occur when the LPS located in the north of the polar jet  
126 produces precipitation in the middle of the Korean Peninsula. These cases are featured with the predominant  
127 westerly flow from the ground level to the cloud top (Kim et al., 2021a). From the thorough visual inspection  
128 of sea-level pressure pattern, radar composite images, and accumulated precipitation distribution at the ground,  
129 CASES 1 and 3 are categorized as a cold-low type (Table 1).

130 When the LPS located in the south of the polar jet passes over the southern part of Korea, widespread  
131 precipitation can occur over the southern and middle parts of the Korean Peninsula. Kim et al. (2021a)  
132 classified snowfall cases occurring under this synoptic situation as a warm-low type. One of the most  
133 significant characteristics of this pattern is the two different vertical layers (Tsai et al., 2018; Kim et al., 2018;  
134 Kim et al., 2021a; Kim et al., 2021b): the deep system aloft (~10 km height) is associated with LPS widespread  
135 precipitation with the westerly flow, whereas the other snowstorm below is associated with sea-effect snow  
136 with the easterly or northeasterly flow (Kor'easterlies, hereafter) (Park et al., 2020). Thus, the seeder-feeder  
137 effect is expected in this type of precipitation systems. This vertical structure is maintained until the LPS-  
138 related widespread precipitation moves further east to the East Sea or Japan, followed by the shallow  
139 precipitation system with the Kor'easterlies-induced snow. Five warm-low events, CASES 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 in  
140 Table 1 were identified during the field campaign.

141 Snowfall cases associated with the air-sea interaction occur, accompanied by the Siberian high expansion  
142 toward Kaema Plateau and/or East Sea. As the cold air from the north flows over the warm East Sea, a snow  
143 cloud is formed (Veals et al., 2019; Steenburgh and Nakai, 2020), and it is advected by the Kor'easterlies,

144 resulting in frequent snowfall over the northeastern part of Korea. The depth of the snowfall system is  
145 generally shallower (less than ~3 km height) than other types and is determined by the depth of the  
146 Kor'easterlies layer and the height of the thermal inversion layer above. The air-sea interaction is the most  
147 frequent synoptic scenario to produce heavy snowfall in the northeastern part of the Korean Peninsula (Cheong  
148 et al., 2006; Choi and Kim, 2010; Kim et al., 2021a). However, only one event, CASE 7 in Table 1, is identified  
149 during the ICE-POP 2018 field campaign. Our study selects CASES 3, 6, and 7 as representative cases for the  
150 cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction categories, respectively. A more detailed explanation of the  
151 characteristics of each category is provided in Kim et al. (2021a).

## 152 **2.2. Observation data**

153 The observed precipitation from the Korea Meteorological Administration Automatic Weather Station (AWS)  
154 during the analysis period for CASE 3, CASE 6, and CASE 7 is shown in Figure 1. A heated tipping-bucket  
155 gauge was located on each station. The forecast and analysis period for each case is noted in Table 1 with the  
156 total accumulated rain [mm] and the maximum rain rates [ $\text{mm h}^{-1}$ ] during the analysis period. The spatial  
157 distribution of surface precipitation in CASE 3 is rather uniform (Fig. 1a), producing a maximum rain rate of  
158  $2.41 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$ . For CASE 6, surface precipitation is concentrated in the southeastern and coastal regions (Figs.  
159 1b). The maximum rain rate along the coastal region is shown in CASE 7 (air-sea interaction). The observed  
160 maximum rain rate is  $3.9 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  for CASE 6 and  $4.87 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  for CASE 7. The greatest amount of  
161 precipitation is observed with CASE 4 (warm-low), and the least one with CASE 3 (cold-low) among the  
162 eight cases (Table 1).

163 Accurate measurement of precipitation by a heated tipping-bucket gauge is a challenge in windy  
164 environment. Strong winds lead to severe undercatch of snowfall amount in particular for a solid precipitation  
165 (Goodison et al., 1998; Thompson and Eidhammer, 2014; Kochendorfer et al., 2017; Smith et al., 2020). Other  
166 sources of measurement uncertainty include sublimation or evaporation on the heated gauge funnel  
167 (Rasmussen et al., 2012), orifice capping during heavy snowfall (Boudala et al., 2014), blowing snow (Geerts  
168 et al., 2015), and representativeness of the observation particularly in the mountainous region. Hence, it should  
169 be noted that the precipitation amount analyzed in this study may suffer from these sources of uncertainty,

likely resulting in less precipitation amount. Despite these limitations, this study takes an advantage of dense network of heated tipping-bucket gauges, which was comprised of 129 stations within the studied area of about  $160 \times 200 \text{ km}^2$ . In addition, all gauges were equipped with a single shield that improves catch efficiency of snow in windy condition (Kochendorfer et al., 2017).

During the ICE-POP 2018 field campaign, remote-sensing, and in situ measurements for cloud properties were performed over the northeastern part of South Korea. The location of one coastal site, Gangneung-Wonju National University (GWU), and three mountain sites, DaeGwallyeong regional Weather office (DGW), MayHills Supersite (MHS), and BoKwang 1-ri Community Center (BKC), are noted in Figure 1a. PARSIVEL disdrometers (Löffler-Mang and Joss, 2000; Tokay et al., 2014) at the GWU and DGW sites provide the frequency distributions of particle fall velocity as functions of diameter at the surface; thus, we can obtain the information about the surface precipitation type for each representative case, as shown in Figure 2. At the coastal site, GWU, a mixture of snow and liquid-type precipitation is measured for CASE 3. CASE 6 is characterized by the liquid-type and graupel-like precipitation, and CASE 7 consists of the liquid-type precipitation. At the mountain site, DGW, a mixture of liquid-type precipitation with snow and graupel is observed in all cases, but a more intense signal of the liquid-type precipitation is seen in CASE 7.

The MXPOL radar measurement, located at the GWU site, provides the classified hydrometeor information along the direction between MHS and GWU. Figure 3 shows the area of hydrometeor types in which the hourly average fraction is larger than the threshold. The period is selected for the peak time of the domain-averaged rain for each case. The radar-classified hydrometeors are 8 hydrometeor types based on the algorithm proposed by Besic et al. (2018): crystals (CR), aggregates (AG), light rain (LR), rain (RN), rimed ice particles (RP), wet snow (WS), ice hail and high-density graupel (IH), and melting hail (MH). The hydrometeors are not drawn over the region, where radar echoes are absent.

CR is the primary hydrometeor type, and AG is between 1.5 and 3.0-km level in CASE3 (Fig. 3a). For CASE6, CR is also the major hydrometeor type over the entire observational region. A small portion of AG exists around the coastal GWU site at the 0.5-km level (Fig.3b). Hydrometeors are mainly classified into CR, AG with a small portion of RP above the 0.5-km level, and WS/LR below the 0.5-km level from the



196 observation for CASE 7 (Fig. 3c). The freezing level is drawn using the radiosonde observations at BKC site  
197 on 09 UTC 22 Jan, 00 UTC 08 Mar, and 15 UTC 15 MAR for each case. The retrieved wind fields (cross-  
198 barrier and vertical wind) from multiple surveillance Doppler radars (Liou and Chang, 2009; Tsai et al., 2018)  
199 are also represented in Figure 3. The wind fields are the hourly averaged ones during the 1-h time window,  
200 centered at the maximum precipitation time. The westerly winds generally blow from mountains to the ocean  
201 and become stronger with higher altitude in CASE 3. Both CASESs 6 and 7 show the transition zone of wind  
202 fields, northeasterly below and southwesterly above. In general, the flow patterns well follow the overall  
203 characteristic of winds for three types of precipitation systems (see Kim et al. 2021a).

### 204 **2.3. Model design**

205 The Advanced Research WRF model version 4.1.3 (Skamarock et al., 2008) is used for simulations. The WRF  
206 model is a nonhydrostatic, compressible model with an Arakawa-C grid system and has several options for  
207 each physics parameterization. The model grids consist of three nested domains with a horizontal grid spacing  
208 of 9, 3, 1 km (Fig. 4). The 65 vertical levels are configured with a 50-hPa model top. Table 2 shows the  
209 summary of the model configuration, including the number of model grids, the physics parameterization used,  
210 and initial/boundary conditions for model integration. The Kain-Fritsch (Kain and Fritsch, 1990; Kain, 2004)  
211 scheme is only applied to the outer domain of the 9-km resolution domain. The model forecast and analysis  
212 periods for each case are listed in Table 1. The model results are evaluated over the Yeongdong area of  
213 northeastern South Korea during the analysis period, represented as a dotted square in Figure 4.

214 Four cloud microphysics parameterizations, namely, WDM6 (Lim and Hong, 2010), WRF Double-  
215 Moment 7-class (WDM7) (Bae et al., 2019), Thompson (Thompson et al., 2008), and Morrison (Morrison et  
216 al., 2005), are used in our study. WDM6 and WDM7 schemes include the corrections for the numerical errors  
217 in ice microphysics parameterizations (Kim and Lim, 2021) and for cloud evaporation and melting processes  
218 (Lei et al., 2020). WDM6, Thompson, and Morrison parameterizations include five hydrometeor types such  
219 as cloud water, rain, ice, snow, and graupel. WDM7 is developed on the basis of WDM6 by adding the  
220 prognostic variable of hail mixing ratio. WDM6 and WDM7 predict both number concentration and the  
221 mixing ratio for liquid particles but only the mixing ratio for solid-phase hydrometeors. Thompson predicts

222 the number concentration and the mixing ratio for ice and rain but only the mixing ratio for other hydrometeors.  
223 In Morrison, the number concentration and the mixing ratio are predicted for all hydrometeors, except for  
224 cloud water, for which only the mixing ratio is predicted. There exist the aerosol-aware versions of Thompson  
225 and Morrison schemes in the WRF model. However, we perform the model simulations using Thompson and  
226 Morrison schemes, which do not include the aerosol activation processes; thus, two schemes do not predict  
227 the cloud water number concentration. Table 3 shows the prognostic variables for each microphysics scheme.  
228 The tested parameterizations are full or partially double-moment schemes, as shown in Table 3. For the  
229 microphysics budget analysis, the name of the source/sink terms in each microphysics scheme, differently  
230 designated, is matched, as shown in Table 4. For example, the cloud water condensation/evaporation process  
231 from all microphysics schemes is identically denoted as QCCON.

### 233 3. Results

#### 234 3.1. Cold-low case

235 The simulation results for cold-low cases are presented in this section. Figure 5 shows the statistical skill  
236 scores of bias, root mean square error (RMSE), probability of detection (POD), and false alarm ratio (FAR)  
237 for the simulated precipitation using the WDM6, WDM7, Thompson, and Morrison schemes. White, black,  
238 yellow, and blue-colored bars represent the results for the simulations with the WDM6, Thompson, and  
239 Morrison schemes. The cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction cases are shaded in blue, red, and green  
240 color. We adopt the threshold value of  $0.05 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  to judge the existence of precipitation when calculate POD  
241 and FAR. The calculation method of POD and FAR follows the study of Rezacova et al. (2009). All  
242 microphysics parameterizations present a positive bias for against the surface precipitation. Thompson and  
243 Morrison simulations show better skill scores in bias, RMSE, and FAR, compared to WDM6 and WDM7.  
244 The accumulated precipitation during the analysis period for CASE 3, the representative case of the cold-low  
245 type, is shown in Figures 6a–d. All schemes simulate the precipitation as a type of snow over the northeastern  
246 part of the domain. WDM6 and WDM7 simulate more liquid rain at the surface precipitation than Morrison

247 and Thompson. Simulated hydrometeor types at the surface are compared qualitatively with measurements  
248 using PARSIVEL disdrometers (Fig. 2). In CASE 3, the simulated hydrometeor types are snow and rain over  
249 the coast and mountains in all schemes (Figs. 6a–d). Although graupel-type precipitation is not predicted at  
250 the surface in all schemes, the overall feature matches well with the observation (Figs. 2a and d).

251 When the strongest domain-averaged precipitation intensity is observed, the simulated hydrometeors and  
252 wind are compared with the retrieved ones from radars along the cross-section between GWU and MHS sites  
253 (Figs. 3a and 7a–d). For the comparison analysis, hydrometeor types of CR, AG, and IH from the retrievals  
254 can be regarded as cloud ice, snow, and hail in the model. The hydrometeor type of RP can be corresponded  
255 to graupel in the model. RN and MH can be considered rain in the model, and LR as cloud water or rain. WS  
256 is not predicted by any of the microphysics schemes verified in our study. WDM6 and WDM7 simulate cloud  
257 ice over the entire region of the cross-section above 2-km level. Furthermore, cloud ice is predicted, even near  
258 the mountain top, with a snow amount greater than  $0.38 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  at around 1.5-km level. However, both schemes  
259 miss the observed snow near GWU site. Thompson and Morrison also simulate sufficient snow mass, showing  
260 its maximum near the mountain top. However, cloud ice is not simulated with both schemes. This is because  
261 Thompson and Morrison schemes efficiently transfer cloud ice to snow at the cut-off diameter of 200 and 250  
262  $\mu\text{m}$ , therefore the schemes keep all cloud ice size relatively small. Over the mountain top where cloud ice is  
263 shown in WDM6 and WDM7, cloud water is simulated with Morrison and Thompson instead. More cloud ice  
264 with WDM6 and WDM7 can be also confirmed in the time-domain averaged vertical profiles of hydrometeors  
265 (Fig. 8). As shown in Figures 8a and b, the vertical distributions of hydrometeors from WDM6 and WDM7  
266 are comparable in terms of the vertical extent and the maximum level of hydrometeors, except hail. WDM7  
267 simulates more hail as much as decreased snow. Thompson rarely produces ice and shows the largest snow  
268 amount among the schemes used in the experiments. Morrison simulates cloud ice in layers between 3-and 6-  
269 km levels. Consistently with the hydrometeor distribution shown from the cross-section, Thompson and  
270 Morrison produce more cloud water below 4-km level than WDM6 and WDM7 (Figs. 8c and d). In all  
271 experiments, the simulated winds blow from the inland to the ocean, consistently shown from the observation

(Figs. 3a and 7a–d). Meanwhile, the simulated winds are weaker than the observation over the mountainous areas.

The relative contribution of microphysics processes in the production of each hydrometeor is compared among experiments in Figure 9. The production rate of microphysical processes is averaged over the same analysis domain and duration, as considered in the precipitation and hydrometeor analysis shown in Figures 5 and 6. The absolute values of every production rate to generate or dissipate a certain hydrometeor are summed, and each production rate is divided by the sum to generate a percentage. The positive rates in Figure 9 indicate source processes for the hydrometeor, and the negative rates indicate sink ones. The contribution of sedimentation could be indirectly estimated from the hydrometeor mixing ratio and cloud microphysics budget amount. The cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) activation process (QCGEN) is the main source of cloud water in WDM6 and WDM7 (Figs. 9a–b). Meanwhile, cloud water in Thompson and Morrison is primarily generated by QCCON due to the absence of QCGEN (Figs. 9c–d). QCGEN includes only the condensation, but QCCON includes both condensation and evaporation. The negative sign of QCCON means that the magnitude of evaporation is greater than that of condensation. Note that we use the non-aerosol-aware version of the Thompson and Morrison scheme, which excludes aerosols and related microphysics processes. The collision/coalescence between cloud water and other hydrometeors (QCACR, QCACS, and QCACG) is the main sink for cloud water in all schemes. Besides these accretions, evaporation is another major sink of cloud water in WDM6 and WDM7. Most of the rain is produced by melting from solid-phase hydrometeors (QRMLT) (Figs. 9e–h) in all experiments and consumed by the evaporation process (QRCON), except for Thompson.

The deposition/sublimation of water vapor to cloud ice (QIDEP) is the primary source of cloud ice (Figs. 9i–l). Cloud ice decreases as it is converted into snow due to the auto-conversion process (QSAUT) and collision/coalescence process with snow (QIACS). The main processes to generate or deplete cloud ice are identical in all microphysics schemes. However, the absolute magnitude of QIDEP in WDM6 and WDM7, that is, approximately  $1.4 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ , is greater than that in Morrison and Thompson, approximately  $0.05 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ , leading to more cloud ice generation. In WDM6 and WDM7, most of the snow is produced by QSAUT and

298 QIACS, but in Morrison, it is produced by QCACS and deposition from water vapor to snow (QSDEP) (Figs.  
299 9 m–o). QCACS is the primary source of snow in Thompson as well (Fig. 9p). Snow is depleted by a melting  
300 process (QSMLT) in all simulations. The accretion between snow and hail (QSACH) is also the primary sink  
301 of snow in WDM7. Meanwhile, graupel is mainly produced by the accretion process, QCACG, in WDM6(7)  
302 and Morrison. However, in Thompson, graupel is mainly produced by the freezing process (QGFRZ) and  
303 QCACS. WDM7, predicting hail additionally, shows that the collision/coalescence between graupel and hail  
304 (QGACH) and QSACH are the major processes for hail generation. Meanwhile, Jang et al. (2021) showed  
305 that QGACH and QSACH can be eliminated by applying the mass-weighted terminal velocity for hail  
306 following the method by Dudhia et al. (2008); thus, the hail generation considerably decreases.

307 Except for the major sinks of graupel and snow, QGACH and QSACH, the responsible microphysical  
308 processes for generating hydrometeors in WDM6 and WDM7 are similar. The inclusion of aerosols in the  
309 microphysics processes causes the difference in major source/sink of cloud water, which can be seen from the  
310 comparison between WDM6(7) and Morrison/Thompson. In addition, more efficient cloud ice and inefficient  
311 cloud water production in WDM6(7), compared to others, cause the difference in the primary microphysics  
312 processes for snow production. Kim et al. (2021a) estimated possible microphysical processes from the  
313 measured particle size distribution and diameter for the cold-low case during ICE-POP 2018. Both aggregation  
314 and riming are analyzed as major processes to produce snow at the mountain site. Our analysis shows that  
315 aggregation is preferred in WDM6(7) and riming in Thompson and Morrison at the top of the mountain (Figs.  
316 7a–d). In addition, the enhanced melting of solid-phase particles in WDM6(7), compared to Thompson,  
317 produces much rain, resulting in a larger positive bias of simulated precipitation.

### 318 **3.2. Warm-low case**

319 Simulated precipitation, hydrometeors, and microphysics budgets are compared for the warm-low cases in  
320 this section. The warm-low category includes five cases such as CASES 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Overall, all  
321 simulations in the warm-low category show better POD and FAR than those in the cold-low category, except  
322 FAR for CASE 8. Consistent with the simulations for the cold-low category, all simulations in the warm-low  
323 category present a positive bias of surface precipitation, except CASE 4 with WDM7 (Fig. 5). WDM6 overall

324 shows the best bias scores. Morrison shows the best POD score, but the worst bias, RMSE, and FAR, by  
325 producing abundant precipitation, except for CASE 5. All simulations show the worst bias and RMSE scores  
326 for CASE 5 among the warm-low cases. WDM6, Thompson, and Morrison simulate the surface precipitation  
327 type as rain and snow (Figs. 6e, g, and h). However, WDM7 simulates hail-type precipitation amount more  
328 than 10 mm over the southeastern part of the analysis domain. Jang et al (2021) noted that WDM7 generates  
329 too much hail regardless of the simulated convection. The area receiving the snow-type precipitation is  
330 confined in a narrow mountain region with WDM7 (Fig. 6f). The simulated hydrometeor types in all  
331 simulations are inconsistent with the observations, especially over the coastal region. The observation  
332 certainly shows graupel-like precipitation over the coastal region (Fig. 2b).

333        Figures 7e–h shows the simulated hydrometeors and wind fields for CASE 6 when the strongest domain-  
334 averaged precipitation intensity is observed. The simulated cloud ice appears just above the freezing level in  
335 WDM6 and WDM7. WDM7 simulates the freezing level lower than other schemes, which is not consistent  
336 with the observation (Figs. 7f and 3b). Meanwhile, Thompson and Morrison simulate a large amount of snow  
337 above the surface with an absence of cloud ice because these schemes only allow the relatively small size of  
338 cloud ice. WDM7, Thompson, and Morrison simulate cloud water below the 0.5-km level over the coast. The  
339 vertical profiles of the time-domain averaged hydrometeors present more snow and cloud water with  
340 Thompson and Morrison (Fig. 10cd). Figure 10 also shows that WDM6 and WDM7 simulate more cloud ice  
341 between the 10-km level and surface than other schemes. Morrison produces cloud ice between the 6- and 12-  
342 km levels, and Thompson simulates a little cloud ice amount. However, the sum of snow and cloud ice amount  
343 is greatest in Thompson. All cloud ice in Thompson scheme is relatively smallest, therefore its mixing ratio  
344 can be nearly always an order of magnitude or more less than other schemes. Kim et al. (2021a) mentioned  
345 that snowfall cases belonging to the warm-low category show the deepest system and precipitation are  
346 enhanced by the seeder–feeder mechanism with two different precipitation systems divided by wind fields,  
347 easterly below and westerly above. However, the transition layer of wind direction in all simulations is located  
348 at the higher latitude, relative to the observed layer (compare Figs. 7e–h and 3b), which can cause a deficiency  
349 in simulating related microphysical mechanisms.

350 The relative contribution of microphysical processes to generate each hydrometeor among the schemes  
351 is compared in Figure 11. QCGEN and QCCON are the primary sources for cloud water in WDM6(7) and  
352 Thompson/Morrison, respectively. The contribution of QRWET, responsible for generating rain, is reduced  
353 with WDM7 for the warm-low case, compared to the cold-low case. QRMLT is still the primary source of  
354 rain in all simulations (Figs. 11 e–h). The major sinks and sources of the liquid hydrometeors are identical  
355 between the warm-low and cold-low cases. The responsible microphysical processes for cloud ice formation  
356 and depletion are also identical to those for the cold-low case (Figs. 11i–l). The main source of cloud ice is  
357 QIDEP in all simulations. The magnitude of QIDEP in WDM6 and WDM7 is  $5.5 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ , which is  
358 approximately 10 times larger than that of Morrison and Thompson, leading to an abundant production of  
359 cloud ice greater than  $0.06 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  (Fig. 10ab).

360 The melting processes (QSMLT, QGMLT, and QHMLT) are the primary sinks of solid-phase  
361 precipitating particles such as snow, graupel, and hail in all simulations. The relative contribution of melting  
362 for the warm-low case, CASE 6, is greater than that for the cold-low case, CASE 3, due to the warm  
363 environment and the extended vertical range of solid-phase hydrometeors (Figs. 10m–u). All simulations show  
364 that the magnitude of QRMLT in CASE 6 is approximately 10 times larger than that in CASE 3. The melting  
365 process can largely affect rain production, resulting in surface precipitation in the warm-low case. The  
366 contribution of QCACS to snow generation is significantly decreased in Thompson and Morrison in the warm-  
367 low case compared to the cold-low case. This is because of the reduced cloud water in CASE 6 with Thompson  
368 and Morrison, compared to the CASE 3. In both schemes, cloud water generation is suppressed in the warm-  
369 low case. Even though both QSAUT and QIACS are still the major sources of snow production in WDM6(7),  
370 the contribution of QSAUT decreases, and that of QIACS increases in WDM6 and WDM7 in the warm-low  
371 case compared to the cold-low case. There is no distinct discrepancy for the key microphysical processes of  
372 graupel (and hail) formation and depletion between the warm-low and cold-low cases.

### 373 **3.3. Air-sea interaction case**

374 Statistical skill scores for the simulated precipitation are presented in Figure 5 for the air-sea interaction case.  
375 Only one case, CASE 7, is classified as an air-sea interaction category during the ICE-POP 2018 field  
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376 campaign, presenting a negative bias. Overall, Morrison shows the best skill scores for the simulated  
377 precipitation. The POD from simulations with WDM6 and WDM7 show the worst scores due to the missing  
378 precipitation events over the southwestern part of the analysis domain (Figs. 1c and 6i, j). The precipitation  
379 system, which is initiated by air-mass transformation over the East Sea, propagates to inland areas by the  
380 easterly winds. Therefore, the precipitation area is restricted in the eastern area of the Korean Peninsula and  
381 intense precipitation is presented along the coast in both the observation and simulations (Figs. 6i–l). WDM6  
382 and WDM7 simulate solid-phase precipitation amounts more than 14 mm. In addition, WDM7 produces hail-  
383 type precipitation over the coast. The precipitation type simulated with WDM6 and WDM7 does not match  
384 with the observed types, especially over the coast (Figs. 2 and 6i–l). Observation shows pure liquid-type  
385 precipitation, but both simulations produce excess solid-phase precipitation.

386 The simulated hydrometeor distribution and wind fields over the cross-section are compared to the  
387 observations (Figs. 3 and 7i–l). When the strongest domain-averaged precipitation intensity is observed, all  
388 simulations produce a significant amount of cloud water below the 3-km level. A large amount of cloud water  
389 in the simulations can be also confirmed in the time-domain averaged vertical profiles of hydrometeors (Fig.  
390 12). In all simulations, simulated hydrometeors are confined to below the 4-km level. WDM6 and WDM7  
391 produce the largest amount of cloud water and cloud ice/snow. The experiment with Morrison simulates more  
392 rain than other simulations (Fig. 12d). WDM6 and WDM7 simulate cloud ice with some snow and graupel  
393 below the 2-km level, which is consistent with the observation in which CR, AG, and RP are seen (Figs. 3 and  
394 7i, j). However, the region with the graupel (RP in the observation) is shifted to the coastal region in WDM6  
395 and WDM7, generating excess solid-phase precipitation over the coast. Consistent with other cases,  
396 Thompson and Morrison do not simulate cloud ice at the maximum precipitation time. Morrison simulates  
397 snow between the surface and 2-km level, representing its maximum at the coastal GWU site (Fig. 7l). All  
398 experiments show the westerly wind over the ocean and coastal area, indicating that they fail to simulate the  
399 Kor'easterlies, which is the most important dynamical characteristics of the air-sea interaction category.

400 Figure 13 shows the relative contribution of microphysical processes for CASE 7. Unlike the cold-low  
401 and warm-low cases, cloud water is mainly depleted by QCACR in Thompson and Morrison due to decreased



402 snow production in the air-sea interaction case. The primary source and sink for cloud water are not changed  
403 in WDM6 and WDM7. In all simulations, the relative contribution of QRMLT in the generation of rain  
404 decreases, and the contribution of cloud water-to-rain processes such as QCACR, QRAUT, and QRWET  
405 increases. In particular, QCACR and QRAUT are the main sources of rain in Thompson, and QCACR in  
406 Morrison. For cloud ice, QIDEP and the generation of ice by nucleation and CCN activation (QIGEN) are  
407 analyzed as the major sources in all simulations. The contribution of QIGEN in cloud ice production increases  
408 compared to cold-low and warm-low cases. In WDM6 and WDM7 schemes, the magnitude of QIDEP is 0.27  
409  $\text{g kg}^{-1}$ , which is about 10 times larger than that in Thompson and Morrison. In all simulations, the relative  
410 contribution of QCACS to the formation of snow increases due to increased cloud water generation, and those  
411 of QIACS and QSAUT decrease with the decreased cloud ice generation. However, QIACS and QSAUT in  
412 both WDM6 and WDM7 are still major sources of snow. In Morrison, the contribution of QSDEP to snow  
413 formation is significantly reduced in the air-sea interaction case, unlike the cold-low and warm-low cases.  
414 Several microphysics processes are involved in graupel formation with Thompson for the air-sea interaction  
415 case, but the formed graupel amount is not identified in the surface precipitation.

#### 417 **4. Summary**

418 This study evaluates the performance of the four microphysics parameterizations, WDM6, WDM7, Thompson,  
419 and Morrison, which have been widely used as cloud microphysics options in the WRF model, in simulating  
420 snowfall events during the ICE-POP 2018 field campaign. Eight snowfall events, classified into three  
421 categories (cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction), depending on the synoptic characteristics, are  
422 selected. The evaluation is conducted focusing on the simulated hydrometeors, microphysics budgets, wind  
423 fields, and precipitation using the measurement data from MXPOL radar, multiple surveillance Doppler radars,  
424 PARSIVEL disdrometers, and AWS. Most simulations show a deficiency of a positive bias in the simulated  
425 precipitation for the cold-low and warm-low cases. The simulations for the air-sea interaction case present a  
426 negative bias and show the best bias score. Overall, the modeled precipitation for the warm-low cases shows  
427 a better POD score than that for the cold-low and air-sea interaction cases.

428 The simulated hydrometeor types at the surface for the cold-low case are snow and rain over both coastal  
429 and mountainous regions, regardless of the microphysics schemes, which is consistent with the observed  
430 features. Both WDM6 and WDM7 simulate an abundant amount of cloud ice and snow, especially over the  
431 mountain top and its downslope region when the strongest precipitation intensity is observed. The retrievals  
432 from the radar also classify cloud ice and snow as primary hydrometeor types over the downslope region of  
433 the mountain top. Thompson and Morrison simulate sufficient snow amount; however, both do not produce  
434 cloud ice over the downslope region, because these schemes keep all cloud ice relatively small, compared to  
435 WDM6 and WDM7. In all experiments, the simulated winds blow from the inland to the ocean, as observed  
436 in the Doppler radar-retrieved one. Most rain mixing ratio is produced by melting in all experiments. The  
437 primary processes that generate or deplete cloud ice are identical in all microphysical schemes, which are the  
438 deposition for the formation and conversion to snow or collision/coalescence for depletion. Snow is mainly  
439 generated by aggregation in WDM6 and WDM7, but the accretion between snow and cloud water and  
440 deposition is mainly generated in Thompson and Morrison.

441 For the warm-low case, all experiments mainly produce rain and snow-type surface precipitation over  
442 the coastal and mountainous areas. WDM7 predicts hail-type precipitation amount more than 10 mm, which  
443 is not observed. The simulated hydrometeor types in all simulations are inconsistent with the observations,  
444 which shows graupel-like precipitation especially over the coastal region. WDM6 and WDM7 simulate the  
445 cloud ice amount between 0.01 and 0.1 g kg<sup>-1</sup> near the coast site when the maximum precipitation is observed.  
446 Meanwhile, Morrison and Thompson simulate more snow over the corresponding region, compared to WDM6  
447 and WDM7. Although the simulated precipitation skill scores for the warm-low category are the best among  
448 all simulated categories, all simulations have a problem, the lower wind- transition layer, compared to the  
449 observed-transition layer. Through the microphysics budget analysis, it is found that the major sources and  
450 sinks of hydrometeors are identical between the cold-low and warm-low cases. Meanwhile, the magnitude of  
451 melting is significantly enhanced in warm-low cases compared to cold-low cases, due to the warmer  
452 environment and more available solid-phase hydrometeors. The relative contribution of collision/coalescence  
453 between cloud water and snow to produce snow is decreased compared to cold-low cases in the simulations

454 with Thompson and Morrison, which is due to the reduced cloud water. For the air-sea interaction case,  
455 WDM6 and WDM7 simulate surface precipitation as a solid-phase type along the coast, which is inconsistent  
456 with the observation. This is because WDM6 and WDM7 produce excessive cloud ice amount with  
457 graupel/snow over the coast. In addition, none of the experiments simulate the low-level Kor'easterlies. Unlike  
458 the cold-low and warm-low cases, simulations for the air-sea interaction case produce abundant cloud water  
459 amount greater than  $0.2 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  abundant cloud water. Therefore, rain is greatly generated by cloud  
460 collision/coalescence of cloud water, not primarily from melting.

461 More cloud ice generation with WDM6 and WDM7 and more cloud water generation with the Morrison  
462 and Thompson schemes are distinct in all cases. Therefore, the major microphysical processes to generate  
463 snow are significantly related with cloud ice in WDM6 and WDM7, and with cloud water in Morrison and  
464 Thompson. Thompson (or Morrison) scheme transfers the cloud ice to snow at the diameter of 200 (or 250)  
465  $\mu\text{m}$ , therefore more snow exists relative to WDM6 and WDM7 schemes, in which the maximum allowable  
466 diameter of cloud ice is  $500 \mu\text{m}$ . Melting is the major process to produce rain in warm-low and cold-low cases.  
467 Therefore, the positive precipitation bias revealed from the warm-low and cold-low cases can be mitigated by  
468 modulating the melting efficiency in all schemes. Microphysics budget analysis shows that the inclusion of  
469 the prognostic variable of CCN number concentration changes the major source of cloud water production.  
470 CCN activation is the major process to produce cloud water with WDM6 and WDM7, with the CCN number  
471 concentration serving as a prognostic variable, but the condensation is the major process for cloud water  
472 generation with Morrison and Thompson. Our study also shows that the additional prognostic variable of hail  
473 has no advantage in simulating precipitation and hydrometeor profiles and produces excessive hail at the  
474 surface for the snowfall event that occurs over the complex terrain region in the eastern part of the Korean  
475 Peninsula. Even though several studies simulated snow storm cases under the horizontal resolution of 1-km  
476 or 1.33 km (Alcott and Steenburgh, 2013; Molthan et al., 2016; Vignon et al., 2019; Veals et al., 2020), the 1-  
477 km horizontal resolution, used in our study, could be coarse for some generating cells during winter season.

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734 intervals for CASE 3, CASE 6, and CASE 7 are 3, 10, and 5 mm.

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750 of the absolute value of each production tendency, which corresponds to 100%, are noted in the upper left  
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	Forecast Period [UTC]	Analysis Period [UTC]	Accumulated Precipitation [mm]	Maximum Rain Rate [mm h <sup>-1</sup> ]	Synoptic Feature
CASE 1	2017.11.24.1200–26.1200	2017.11.24.20000–26.0000	32.09	13.23	Cold Low
CASE 2	2017.12.23.1200–24.1800	2017.12.23.2000–24.1200	18.60	6.45	Warm Low
CASE 3	2018.01.22.0000–23.0600	2018.01.22.0300–23.0000	6.03	2.41	Cold Low
CASE 4	2018.02.27.1800–03.01.0000	2018.02.27.2300–28.1800	57.12	10.19	Warm Low
CASE 5	2018.03.04.0000–05.1200	2018.03.04.0800–05.0900	55.17	13.65	Warm Low
CASE 6	2018.03.07.0000–08.1200	2018.03.07.0500–08.1000	33.07	3.93	Warm Low
CASE 7	2018.03.15.0000–16.0000	2018.03.15.0800–15.1800	25.52	4.87	Air-sea interaction
CASE 8	2018.03.20.1200–21.1800	2018.03.20.1800–21.1400	25.83	3.186	Warm Low

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765 **Table 2.** Summary of the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model configuration.

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	WRF v4.1.3			Reference
	Domain 1	Domain 2	Domain 3	
Number of grid (x × y × z)	169 × 169 × 65	294 × 348 × 65	330 × 339 × 65	
Cumulus	Kain-Fritsch			Kain and Fritsch, 1990; Kain, 2004
PBL	Yonsei University Scheme			Hong et al., 2006
Surface layer	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov scheme			Jiménez et al., 2012
Land surface	Unified Noah Land Surface Model			Chen and Dudhia 2001
Long/short wave radiation	Rapid Radiative Transfer Model for General Circulation Models			Iacono et al., 2008
Initial/boundary conditions	ERA-interim 0.75 Degree			Dee et al., 2011

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Parameterization (Reference)	$N_C$	$Q_C$	$N_R$	$Q_R$	$N_I$	$Q_I$	$N_S$	$Q_S$	$N_G$	$Q_G$	$N_H$	$Q_H$
WDM6 (Lim and Hong, 2010)	O	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	X	X
WDM7 (Bae et al., 2019)	O	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	X	O
Thompson (Thompson et al., 2008)	X	O	O	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	X	X
Morrison (Morrison et al., 2005)	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X	X

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Hydrometeor	Notation	Source/sink processes for each microphysics scheme				Meaning
		WDM6	WDM7	Thompson	Morrison	
Cloud water	QCCON	pcond	pcond	prw_vcd	pcc	Condensation/evaporation of cloud water
	QCGEN	pact	pact	-	-	CCN activation
	QRAUT	praut, prevp_s	praut, prevp_s	prr_wau	prc	Conversion from cloud water to rain
	QCFRZ	pihtf, pihmf	pihtf, pihmf	pri_wfz, pri_hmf	mnucce, pihmf	Freezing of cloud water
	QCACR	pracw	pracw	prr_rcw	pra	Accretion between cloud water and rain
	QCACI	-	-	-	psacwi	Accretion between cloud water and ice
	QCACS	paacw(T≤0°C)	paacw(T≤0°C)	prs_scw, prg_scw	psacws,pgsacw	Accretion between cloud water and snow
	QCACG	paacw(T≤0°C)	paacw(T≤0°C)	prg_gcw	psacwg	Accretion between cloud water and graupel
	QCACH	-	Phacw	-	-	Accretion between cloud water and hail
	QRWET	paacw, paacw(T≥0°C)	paacw, paacw, phacw(T≥0°C)	-	-	Wet growth and shedding
	QCMUL	-	-	-	qmults, qmultg	Ice multiplication
QCMLT	pimlt	pimlt	prw_iml	-	Melting to cloud water	
Rain	QRAUT	praut, prevp_s	praut, prevp_s	prr_wau	prc	Conversion from cloud water to rain
	QRCON	prevp	prevp	prv_rev	pre	Condensation/evaporation of rain
	QCACR	pracw	pracw	prr_rcw	pra	Accretion between cloud water and rain
	QRACI	piacr	piacr	prr_rci	piacr, piacrs	Accretion between rain and ice

	QRACS	psacr, pseml	psacr, pseml	pr_rcs	prac	Accretion between rain and snow
	QRACG	pgacr, pgeml	pgacr, pgeml	pr_rcg	pracg	Accretion between rain and graupel
	QRACH	-	phacr, pheml	-	-	Accretion between rain and hail
	QRFZ	pgrfz	Pgrfz	pri_rfz, prg_rfz	mnuccr, phsmf, pghmf	Freezing of rain
	QRMUL	-	-	-	qmultr, qmultrg	Ice multiplication by rain
	QRMLT	psmlt, pgmlt	psmlt, pgmlt, phmlt	pr_r_sml, pr_r_gml	pimlt, psmlt, pgmlt	Melting to rain
	QRWET	paacw, paacw(T $\geq$ 0°C)	paacw, paacw, phacw(T $\geq$ 0°C)	-	-	Wet growth and shedding
Cloud ice	QIGEN	pigen	pigen	pri_iha, pri_inu	mnuccd	Ice nucleation
	QIDEP	pidep	pidep	pri_ide	prd, eprd	Deposition/sublimation of ice
	QIMUL	-	-	pri_ihm	qmults, qmultr, qmultg, qmultrg	Ice multiplication
	QIFRZ	pihmf, pihtf	pihmf, pihtf	pri_hmf, pri_rfz	mnuccc, pihmf	Freezing to ice
	QSAUT	psaut	psaut	prs_iau	prci	Conversion to snow
	QCACI	-	-	-	psacwi	Accretion between cloud water and ice
	QRACI	praci	praci	pri_rci	praci, praxis	Accretion between rain and ice
	QIACS	psaci	psaci	prs_sci	prai	Accretion between ice and snow
	QIACG	pgaci	pgaci	-	-	Accretion between ice and graupel

	QIACH	-	phaci	-	-	Accretion between ice and hail
	QIMLT	pimlt	pimlt	prw_iml	-	Melting from ice
Snow	QSAUT	psaut	psaut	prs_iau	prci	Conversion to snow
	QSDEP	psdep	psdep	prs_sde, prs_ide	prds, eprds	Deposition/sublimation of snow
	QSMUL	-	-	prs_ihm	-	Ice multiplication
	QSFZR	-	-	-	pshmf	Freezing to snow
	QGAUT	pgaut	pguat	-	-	Conversion to graupel
	QCACS	paacw(T≤0°C)	paacw(T≤0°C)	prs_scw, prg_scw	psacws,pgsacw	Accretion between cloud water and snow
	QRACS	psacrqs, pracs, pseml	psacrqs, pracs, pseml	prs_rcs	pracs, psacr	Accretion between rain and snow
	QIACS	Psaci	psaci	prs_rci	prai	Accretion between ice and snow
	QSACG	-	-	-	-	Accretion between snow and graupel
	QSACH	-	phacs	-	-	Accretion between snow and hail
	QSMILT	psmlt	psmlt	prr_sml	psmlt	Melting from snow
	QRACI	piacrqs, praciqs	piacrqs, praciqs	-	piacrs, racis	Accretion between rain and ice
	QSEVP	psevp	psevp	-	evpms	Evaporation of melting snow
Graupel	QGAUT	pgaut	pgaut	-	-	Conversion to graupel
	QGDEP	pgdep	pgdep	prg_gde	prdg, eprdg	Deposition/sublimation of graupel
	QGMUL	-	-	prg_ihm	-	Ice multiplication
	QGFRZ	pgfrz	pgfrz	prg_rfz	mnucrr, pghmf	Freezing to graupel
	QCACG	paacw(T≤0°C)	paacw(T≤0°C)	prg_gcw	psacwg	Accretion between cloud water and graupel
	QRACG	pgacr, pgeml	pgacrqg, pgeml, pracg	prg_gcr	pracg	Accretion between rain and graupel
	QIACG	pgaci	pgaci	-	-	Accretion between ice and graupel

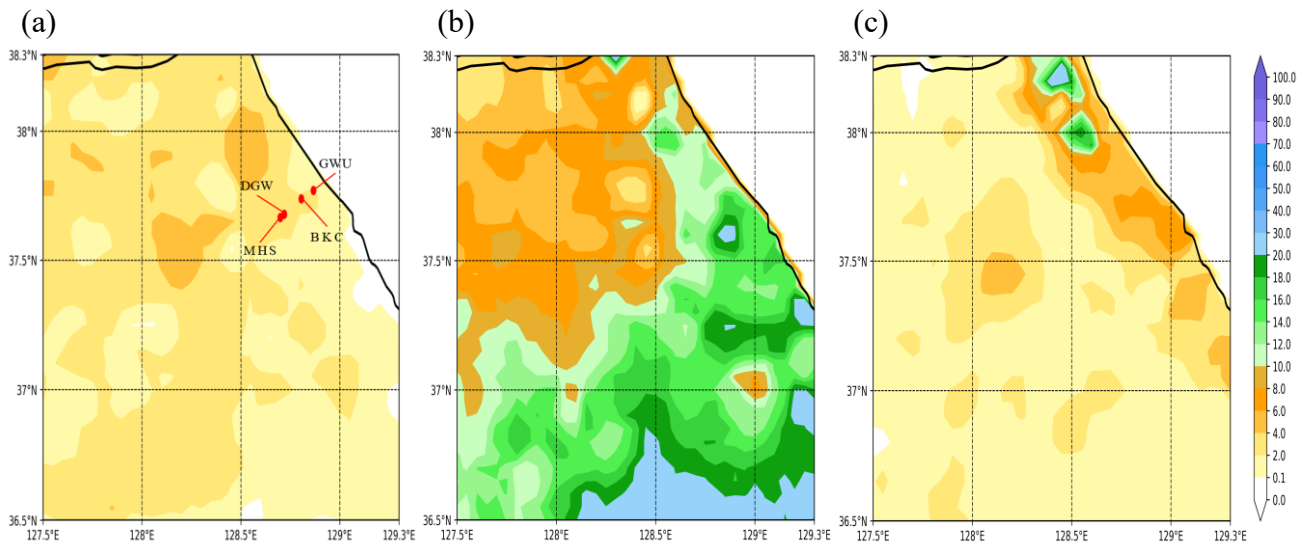
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	QGACH	-	phacg	-	-	Accretion between graupel and hail
	QGLT	pgmlt	pgmlt	prg_gml	pgmlt	Melting from graupel
	QCACS	-	-	prg_scw	pgsacw	Accretion between cloud water and snow
	QRACS	piacrqg, praciqg	piacrqg, praciqg	prg_rci	pgracs	Accretion between rain and snow
	QRACI	pracs, psacrqg	pracs, psacrqg	prg_rcs	-	Accretion between rain and ice
	QGEVP	pgevp	pgevp	-	evpmg	Evaporation of melting graupel
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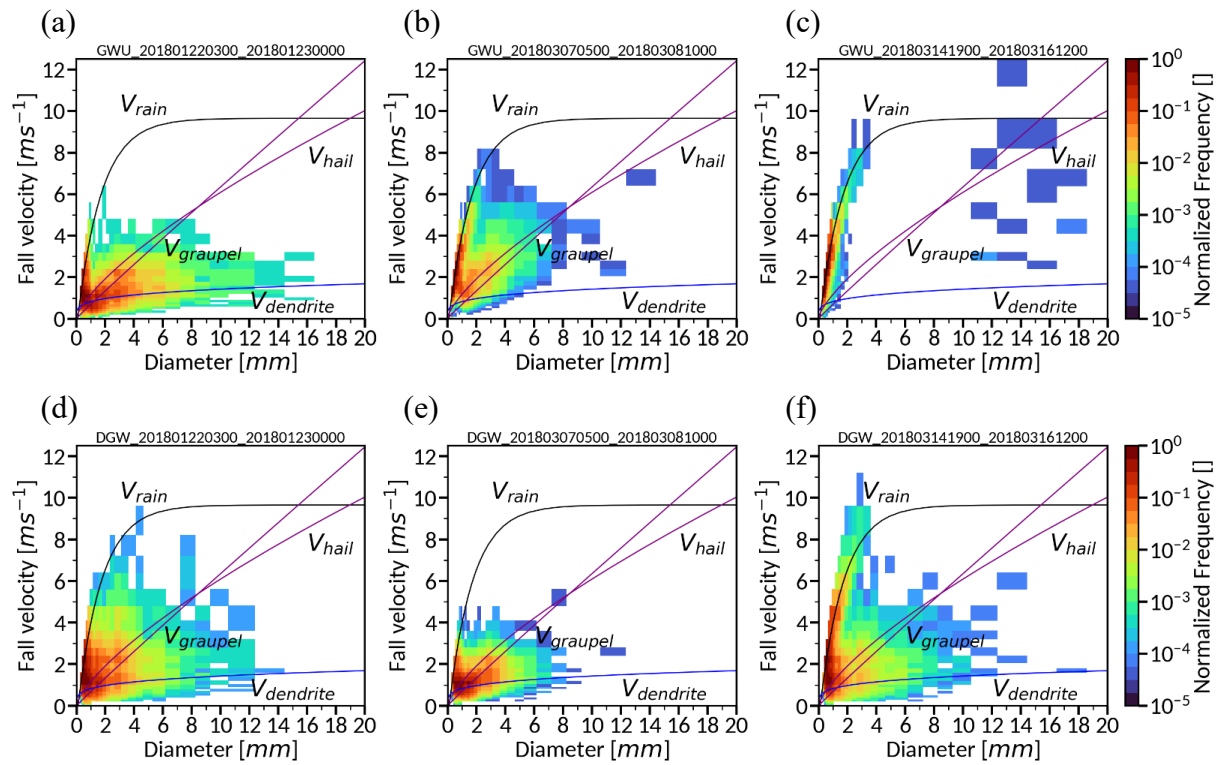
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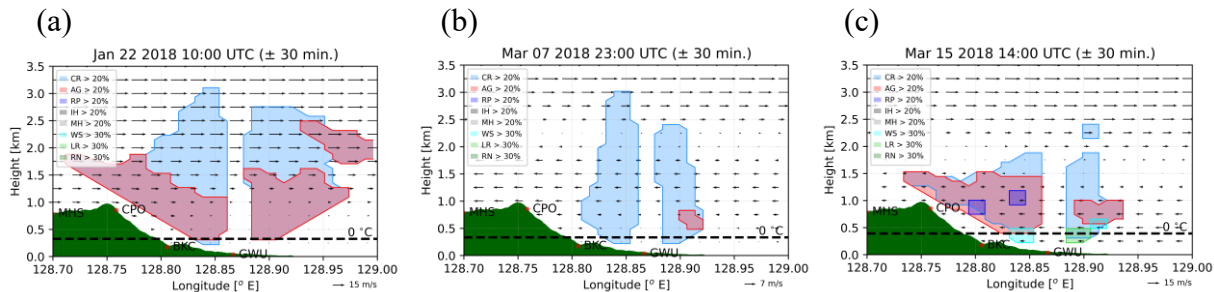
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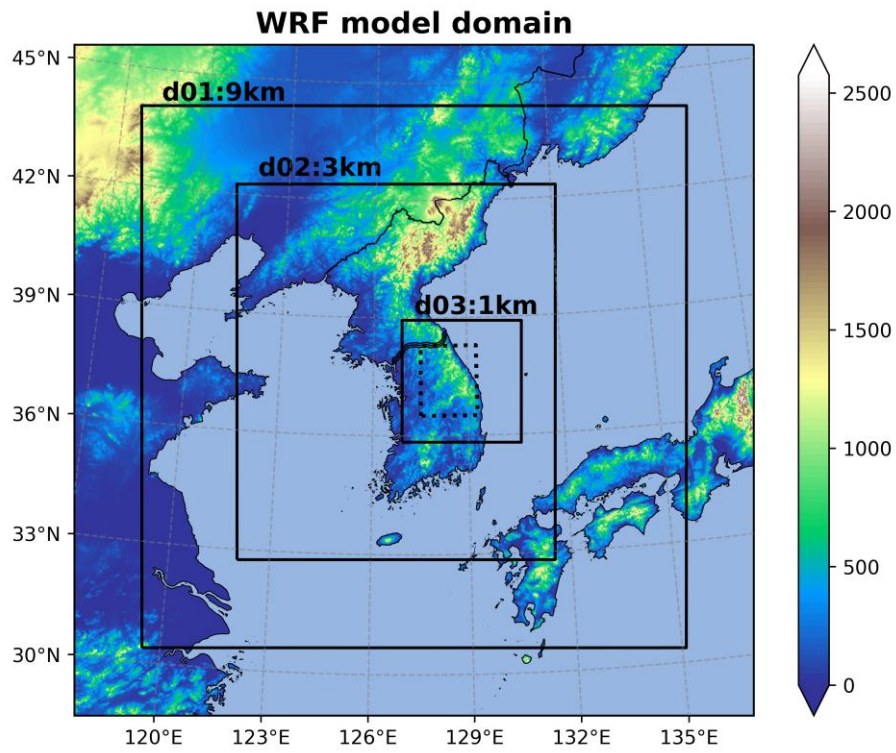
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**Figure 3.** Area of hydrometeor types in which hourly average fraction of hydrometeors is larger than the threshold indicated. Hydrometeor types are derived from X-band Doppler dual-polarization radar (MXPol) along the cross-section between MHS and GWU sites at (a) 10 UTC 22 Jan (CASE 3), (b) 23 UTC 07 Mar (CASE 6), and (c) 14 UTC 15 Mar (CASE 7). Eight hydrometeor categories such as crystal (CR), aggregate (AG), rimed particle (RP), ice hail/graupel (IH), melting hail (MH), wet snow (WS), light rain (LR), and rain (RN) are identified. The flows along the cross-section, retrieved from multiple Doppler radars, are also drawn in each figure and the vertical component of the arrows are upward air motion. The flows and classified hydrometeors are the hourly averaged ones.



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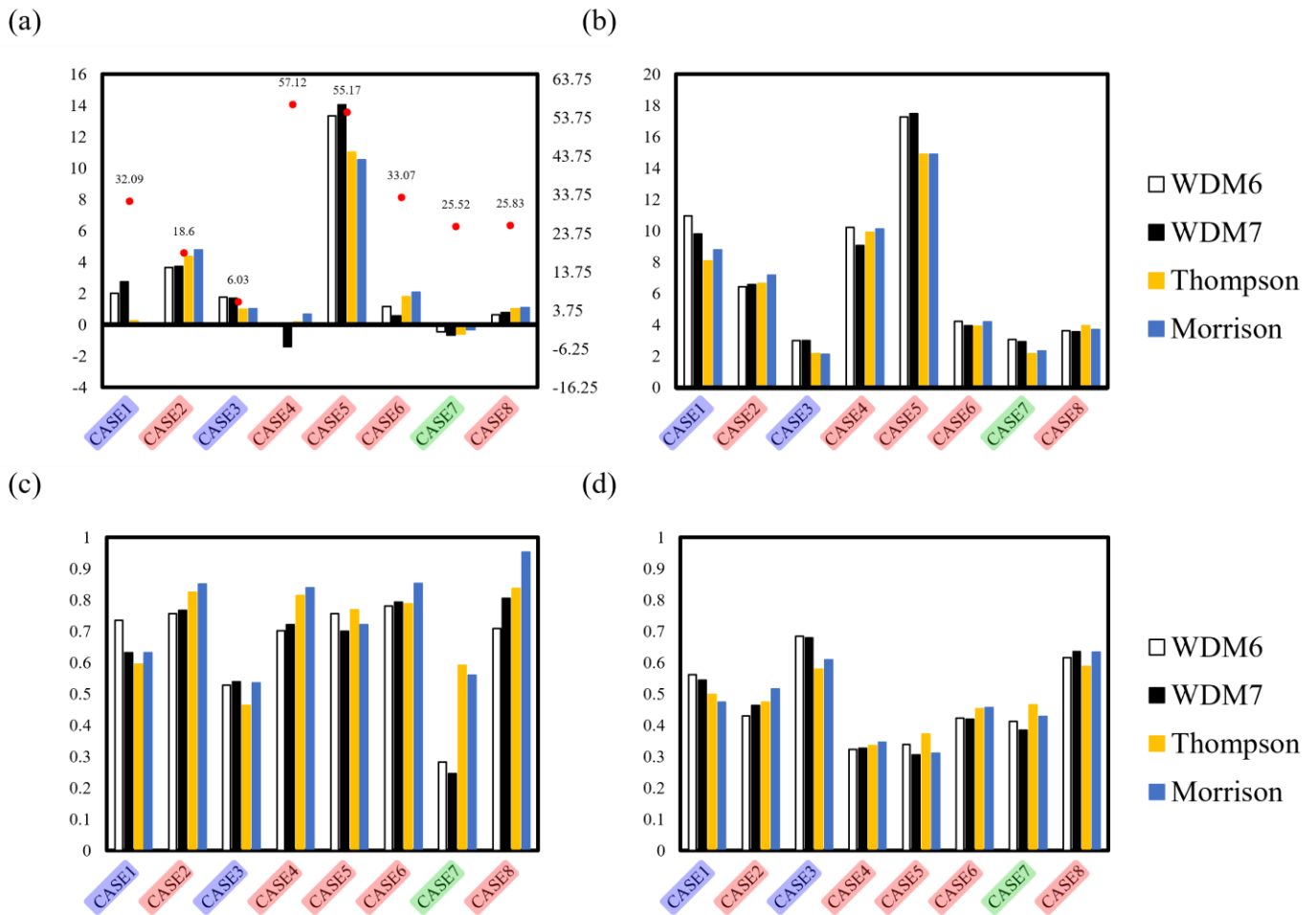
**Figure 4.** Model domain consisted of the three nested domains with 9-3-1-km resolutions centered on the Korean peninsula. Shading indicates the terrain height [m] above the sea level and latitudes and longitudes are denoted in the margins. The analysis domain is denoted with a dotted square inside of the innermost domain, d03.



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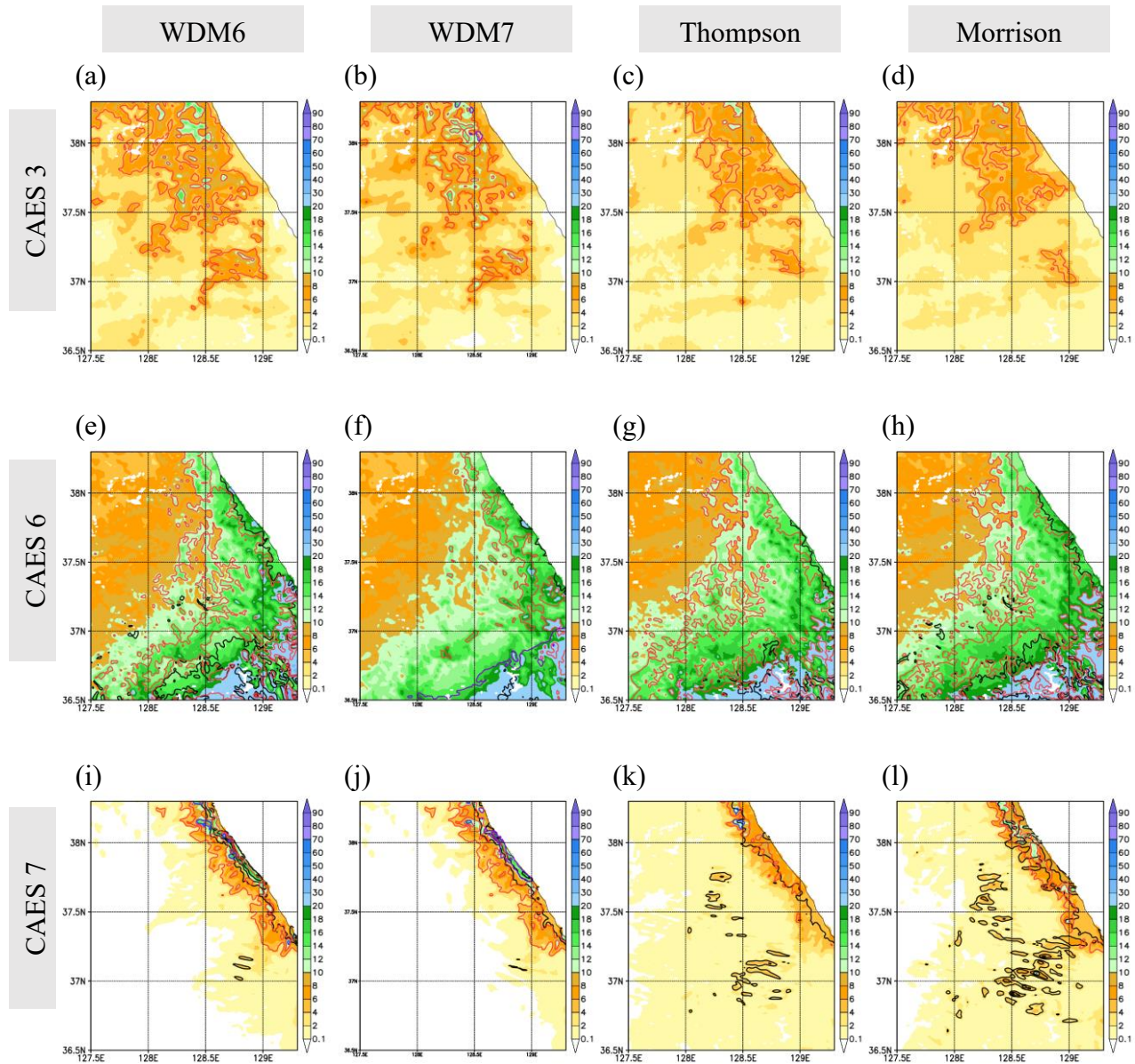
**Figure 5.** Statistical skill scores of bias, root mean square error (RMSE), probability of detection (POD), and false alarm ratio (FAR) for the simulated precipitation, with respect to the AWS observation. The units of bias and RMSE shown in Figures 5(a) and (b) are [mm]. White, black, yellow, and blue-colored bars represent the results for the simulations with the WDM6, WDM7, Thompson, and Morrison schemes. The cold-low, warm-low, and air-sea interaction cases are shaded in blue, red, and green color. The total cumulative precipitation [mm] for each case, obtained from the AWS (Table 1), is also noted in Figure 5(a) using red dots together with the scale in the right y-axis.



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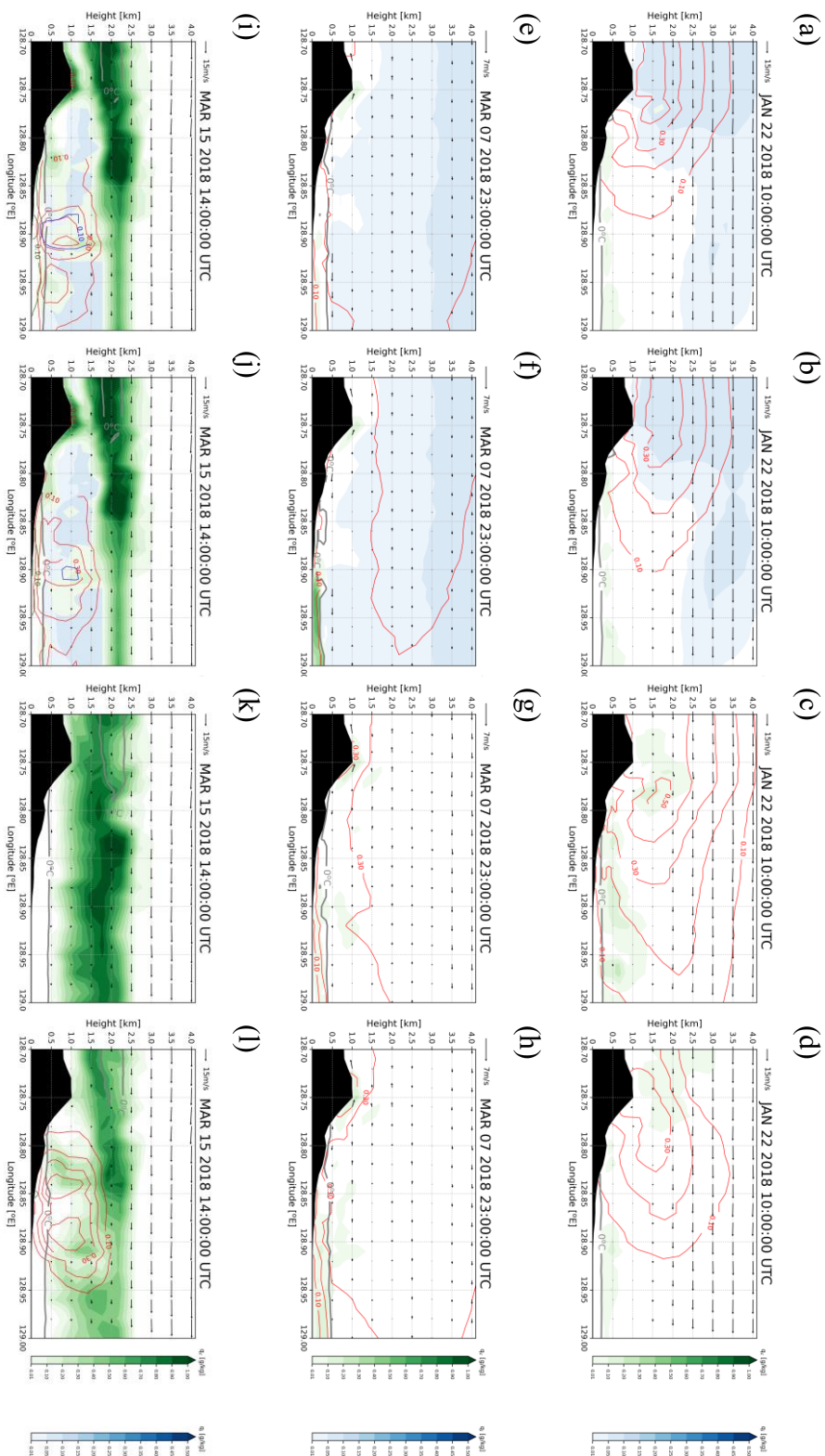
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**Figure 6.** Accumulated precipitation [mm] of the simulations using different cloud microphysics parameterizations during the analysis period. (a)–(d) are for CASE 3, (b), (e) for CASE 6, and (c), (f) for CASE 7 during the analysis period. (a)–(d) are for CASE 3, (e)–(h) for CASE 6, and (j)–(l) for CASE 7. The simulations in the first and second columns are conducted with the WDM6 and WDM7 schemes. The ones in the third and fourth columns are conducted with the Thompson and Morrison schemes. Black, red, blue, and purple contours represent the rain, snow, graupel, and hail-type precipitation at the surface. The contour intervals for CASE 3, CASE 6, and CASE 7 are 3, 10, and 5 mm.



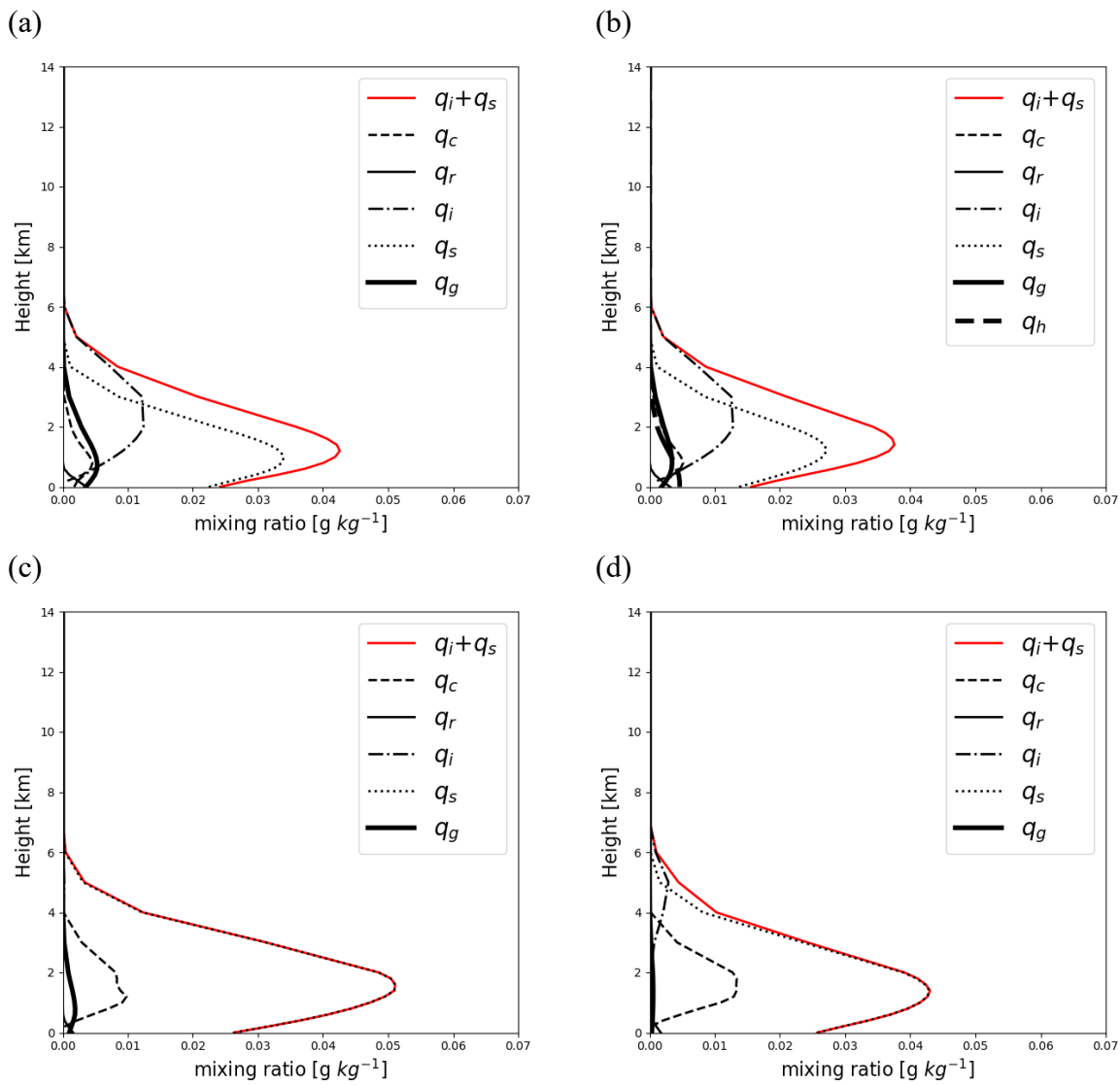
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**Figure 7.** Terrain and the simulated hydrometeor mixing ratio [ $\text{g kg}^{-1}$ ] along the cross-section between GWU and MHS sites for (a)–(e) CASE 3, (f)–(j) CASE 6, and (k)–(o) CASE 7. From the left column, figures indicate the simulation results with the WDM6, WDM7, Thompson, and Morrison schemes. Shaded green and blue indicate the cloud water and ice mixing ratios, respectively. Red, blue, and black-solid contours are for the snow, graupel, and hail mixing ratios. The contour levels are in  $0.1 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  increments and the contour labels are in  $0.1\text{--}0.2 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  increments. The gray solid line represents the  $0^\circ\text{C}$  line. The wind fields are overlaid at the same time.



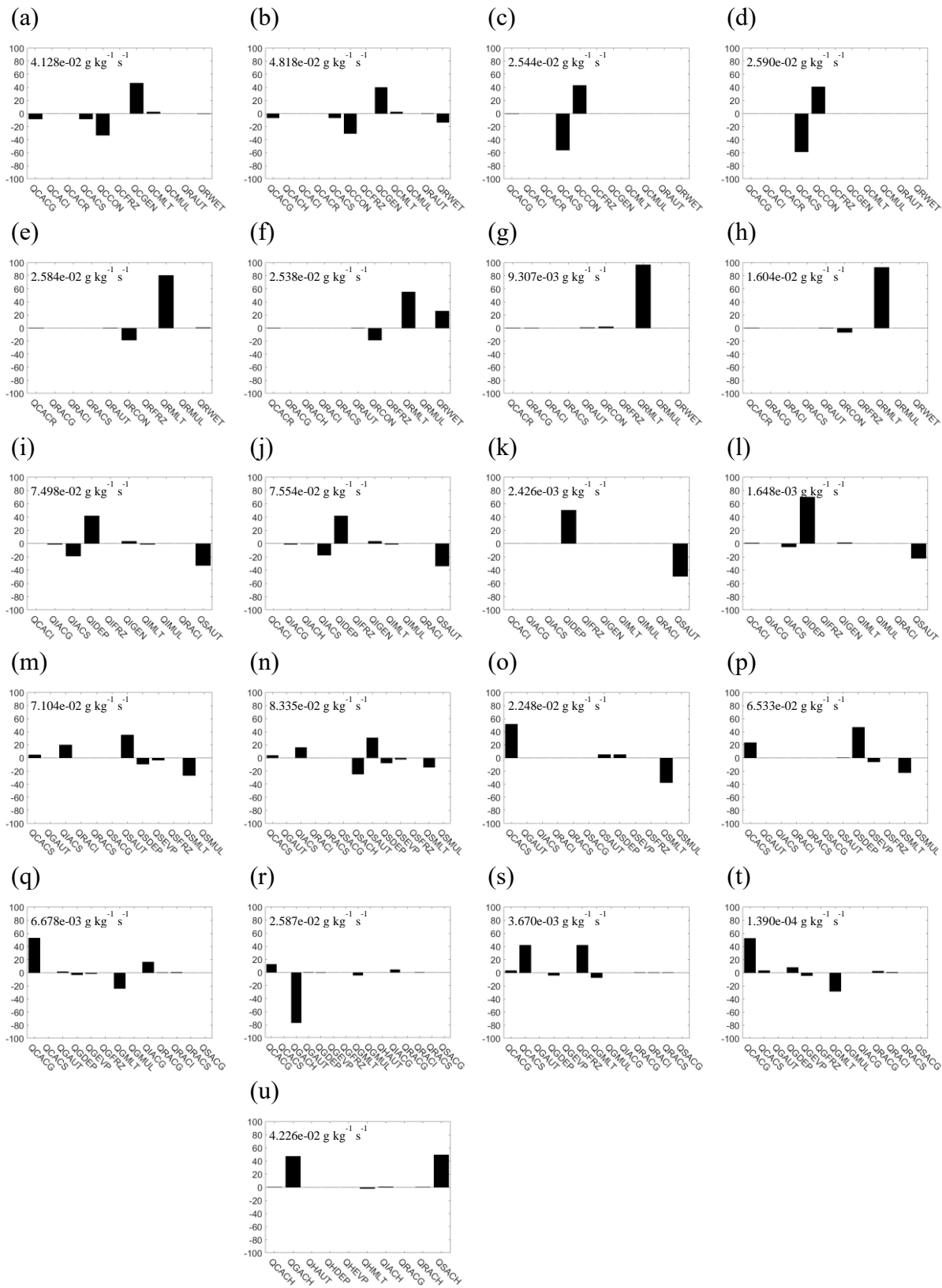
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**Figure 8.** Time-domain averaged vertical hydrometeor mixing ratio profiles from the simulations using (a) WDM6, (b) WDM7, (c) Thompson, and (d) Morrison schemes for CASE 3. The averaged time and domain are the same as Figure 6. The sum of snow and cloud ice mixing ratios is drawn with a red line in all simulations.



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**Figure 9.** Relative contribution of time-domain averaged production tendency term during the analysis period. From the left column, figures indicate the simulation results with the WDM6, WDM7, Thompson, and Morrison schemes. (a)–(d) are the terms for cloud water, (e)–(h) for rain, (i)–(l) for cloud ice, (m)–(p) for snow, and (q)–(t) for graupel, and (u) for hail. The hail is only predicted in WDM7. The scaling number, sum of the absolute value of each production tendency, which corresponds to 100%, are noted in the upper left corner of each figure.

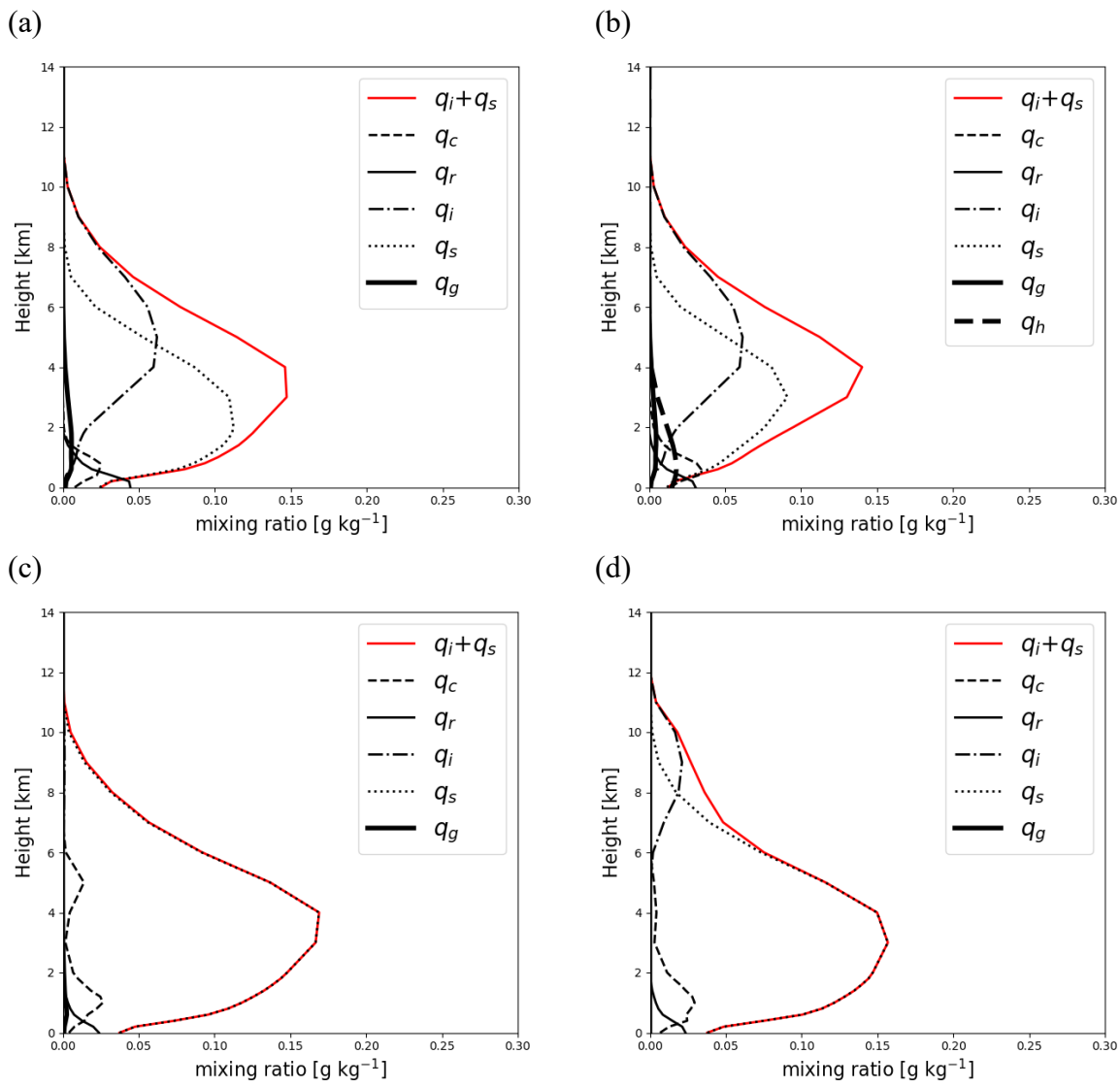




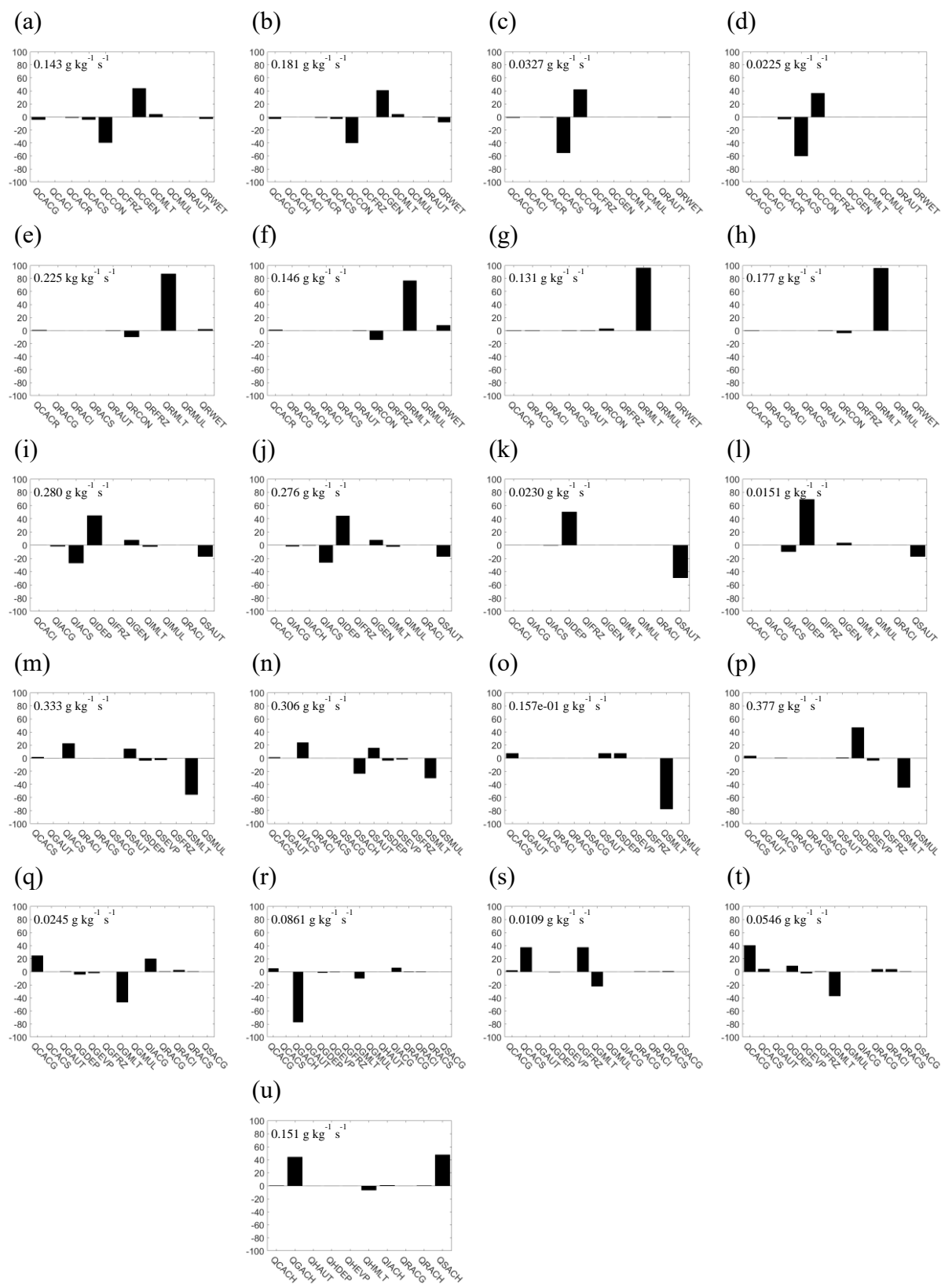
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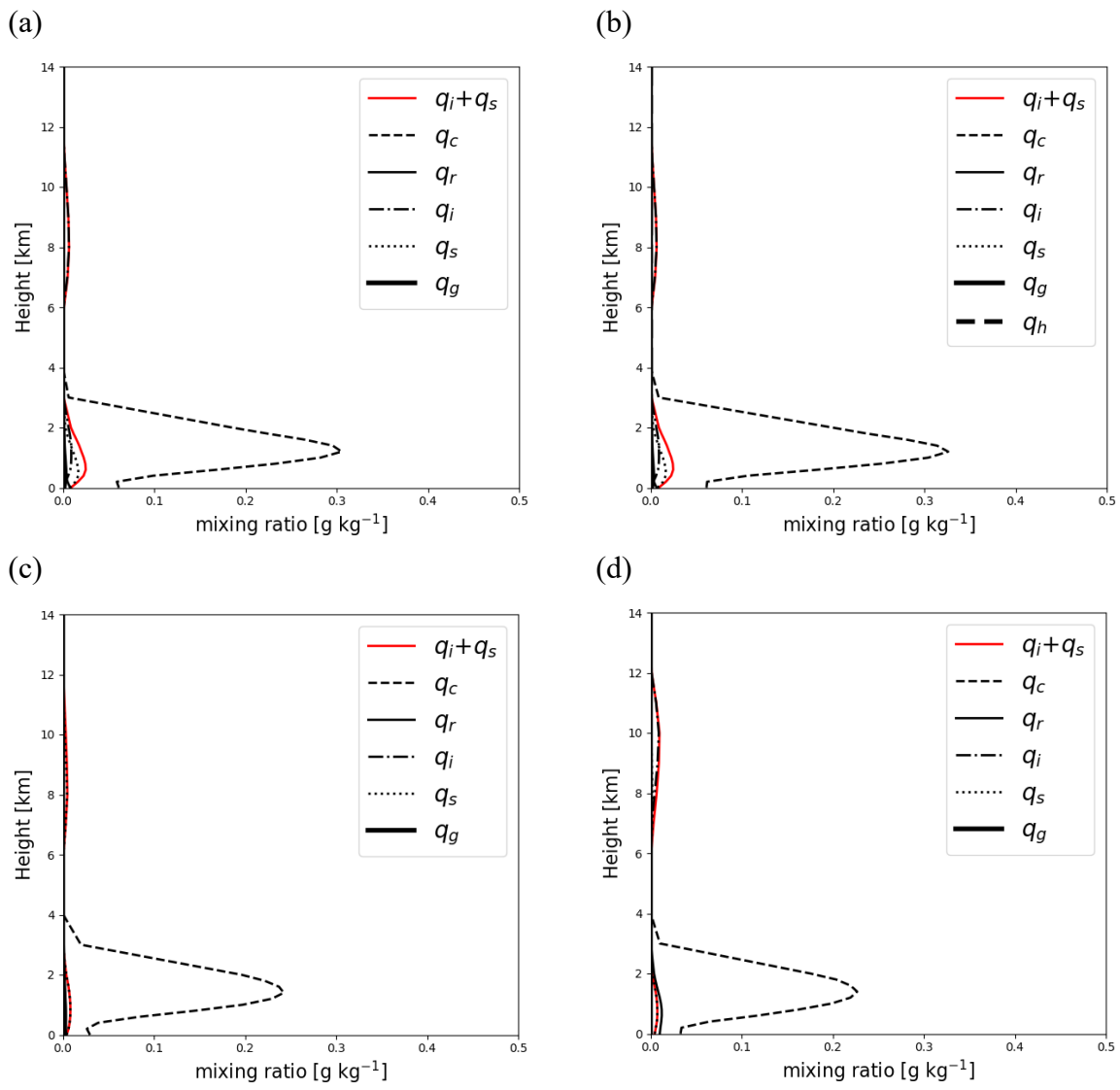
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**Figure 13.** Same as Figure 9 but representing the results for CASE 7.

