

1 Isotopic composition of convective rainfall in the inland tropics of 2 Brazil

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20 **Abstract.** ~~Strong convective systems characterize the~~The tropical central-southern region of Brazil ~~is characterized by strong~~
21 ~~convective systems.~~ These systems provide abundant water ~~supply~~ for agro-industrial activities ~~andbut also~~ pose flood risks to
22 large cities. Here, we present high-frequency (2-10 min; ~~inter and intra-event~~) rainfall isotopic compositions (n=90 samples)
23 to reveal ~~the~~ regional and local atmospheric processes controlling the isotopic variability of convective systems ~~betweenfrom~~
24 2019-2021. ~~Inter- and intra-event~~ rainfall weighted-average (δ_{wgd}) values were low ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wgd}} < -$
25 ~~10.0 ‰) due to, including initial (δ_{initial}), median (δ_{med}), and the influence of evapotranspiration from the Amazon forest during~~
26 ~~the summer and~~ difference between lowest and highest isotope values ($\Delta\delta$), and detailed meteorological data, were used in
27 inter-event and intra-event analysis. The lower δ_{initial} values were associated with higher rainfall along Hysplit trajectories. ~~In~~
28 ~~contrast, from the Amazon forest during the summer, compared to autumn and spring seasons, when Hysplit trajectories from~~
29 ~~the Atlantic Ocean and South Brazil exhibited had lower rainfall amounts, resulting in high $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wgd}} \geq -4.2 ‰$, of rainfall.~~
30 ~~Consequently, there were high δ_{initial} values. This strong regional δ_{wgd} pattern often masks δ signature was conserved during~~
31 ~~certain convective intra-event isotopic variability. Therefore, we analyzed~~ events, with similar values between the δ_{initial} and
32 δ_{median} . However, for other intra-events, the δ_{initial} values were altered by local processes connected to cloud features, rainfall
33 vertical structure of local rainfall, and humidity conditions, resulting in increased isotopic variations ($\Delta\delta$) during intra-events.

34 Our analysis includes inter and intra-event evaluations. For inter-event analysis, use rainfall weighted-average (δ_{wgd}) values.
35 These values were more negative ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{wgd} < -10.0\text{‰}$) due to evapotranspiration from the Amazon forest during the summer.
36 This was associated with higher rainfall along Hysplit trajectories, compared to autumn and spring. During these seasons,
37 Hysplit trajectories from the Atlantic Ocean and South Brazil had lower amounts of rainfall, resulting in high $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{wgd} > -4.2$
38 ‰ . This regional δ -signature masked the local processes analysed in the intra-event analysis. The local rainfall is affected by
39 its vertical structure, which can be measured using reflectivity (Z) from micro radar data parameters (maximum, median and
40 amplitude) in the vertical profile of the MRR. Variations in Z indicate that changes in isotopic patterns caused by microphysical
41 processes within falling of raindrops led during their fall to changes in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and d -excess the surface. Our findings establish a
42 novel framework for evaluating the meteorological controls on the isotopic variability of convective precipitation in tropical
43 South America, fill the gap of high-frequency studies in this region, and generate ~~ana-comprehensive~~ isotopic-meteorological
44 dataset for ~~convective~~future model ~~evaluations~~.ing ~~evaluation~~ studies.

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45 1 Introduction

46 _____The tropical central-southern region of Brazil (CSB) is the primary contributor to the country's economy, with
47 agriculture and agroindustry as the main sectors (Zilli et al., 2017). These economic activities are highly dependent on seasonal
48 rainfall for irrigation and hydropower supply (Luiz Silva et al., 2019). Projected changes in the frequency of heavy and extreme
49 rainfall events ~~in future climate scenarios~~ (Marengo et al., 2020; Donat et al., 2013; IPCC, 2021; Marengo et al., 2021) pose a
50 significant threat to regional economic ~~growth~~enterprises and ~~energy~~power generation. Similarly, according to Marengo et al.
51 (2021), simulations with ~~the~~ pre-CMIP6 models suggest that the intensification of heavy rainfall events could exacerbate the
52 prevalence of floods and landslides in susceptible regions. Such occurrences have resulted in a total cost of US\$41.7 billion
53 over the past half-century (Marengo et al., 2020; World Meteorological Organization, 2021).

54 Extreme precipitation events are linked to convective systems (CS). ~~These systems~~The CS significantly contribute ~~to the~~
55 ~~proportion of~~ annual rainfall ~~budget~~ and account for a ~~large numbersignificant portion~~ of extreme rainfall ~~events~~ (Roca and
56 Fiolleau, 2020). Across the tropics, diurnal surface heating amplifies convection, generating short-lived events that can occur
57 in consecutive days. Rapid upward movement of air results in ~~large condensation and precipitation rates~~ ~~quick condensation~~
58 ~~and formation of precipitation with substantial droplets and heavy rainfall~~ (Breugem et al., 2020; Kastman et al., 2017; Lima
59 et al., 2010; Machado et al., 1998). This is identified by vigorous vertical development in the form of *cumulus-nimbus* and
60 *cumulus congestus* (convective clouds) and low-level divergence (stratiform clouds) (Siqueira et al., 2005; Machado and
61 Rossow, 1993; Zilli et al., 2017; Houze, 1989, 2004). Precipitation associated with these systems are commonly referred as
62 convective and stratiform rainfall, and account for 45% and 46% of the total rainfall in South America, respectively
63 (Romatschke and Houze, 2013).

64 Whether rainfall is convective or stratiform ~~rainfall~~ has been suggested to determine variations in stable isotope
65 composition of precipitation across the tropics (Zwart et al., 2018; Sánchez-Murillo et al., 2019; Sun et al., 2019; Han et al.,

2021; Aggarwal et al., 2016; Munksgaard et al., 2019). ~~Processes driving the variations in the isotopic composition in convective systems are more complex and less understood compared to the case of other precipitation producing systems. (de Vries et al., 2022). Studies using the isotopic composition of rain and water vapor have quantified and modelled physical processes related to convection (Bony et al., 2008; Kurita, 2013). Previous studies have suggested that the isotopic composition of convective systems is connected to the integrated history of convective activity (Risi et al., 2008; Moerman et al., 2013), depth of organized convection and aggregation (Lawrence et al., 2004; Lekshmy et al., 2014; Lacour et al., 2018; Galewsky et al., 2023), microphysical processes within clouds (Aggarwal et al., 2016; Lawrence et al., 2004; Zwart et al., 2018), and cold pool dynamics (Torri, 2021). These interpretations simplified and lumped the effects of multiple rainfall timescales (e.g. monthly, daily and sub-hourly high frequency), providing different perspectives on convective processes, such as the regional (synoptic forcings) and local factors (e. g. microphysical processes occurring both within and below the cloud) (Kurita et al., 2009; Muller et al., 2015; Graf et al., 2019; Lee and Fung, 2008).~~

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High-frequency rainfall sampling and analyses of stable isotope ratios has been used to better understand the evolution of large weather systems such as tropical cyclones and typhoons (Sun et al., 2022; Sánchez-Murillo et al., 2019; Han et al., 2021), squall lines (Taupin et al., 1997; Risi et al., 2010; Tremoy et al., 2014; de Vries et al., 2022), ~~and mid-latitude cyclones, and cold fronts (Barras and Simmonds, 2009; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004; Aemisegger et al., 2015; Thurnherr and Aemisegger, 2022; Muller et al., 2015; Landais et al., 2023). High-resolution isotope information can provide a better insight into the~~ (Barras and Simmonds, 2009; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004; Aemisegger et al., 2015; Thurnherr and Aemisegger, 2022; Landais et al., 2023; Muller et al., 2015), ~~local evaporation effects (Graf et al., 2019; Aemisegger et al., 2015; Lee and Fung, 2008). High-resolution isotope information can provide a better insight into the development of weather systems and cloud dynamics, both responsible for changes in the rain type, intensity, and inherent isotope- isotopic~~ variability during the life cycle of rainfall events (Coplen et al., 2008; Muller et al., 2015; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004).

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In this study, we used high-frequency rainfall sampling to ~~disentangle~~ investigate regional (moisture origin/transport, regional atmospheric circulation) ~~from~~ and local (below-cloud processes, vertical structure of rainfall, cloud top temperature) processes ~~that~~ controlling the isotopic composition of convective rainfall. High-frequency rainfall was integrated with ground-

100 based observational data (Micro Rain Radar and automatic weather station), satellite imagery (GOES-16), ERA-5 reanalysis
101 products, and HYSPLIT trajectories to better characterize convective rainfall over the inland tropics of Brazil.

102 2 Data and Methods

103 2.1 Sampling site and weather systems

104 The rainfall sampling site was [located](#) in Rio Claro city, São Paulo State (Fig. 1a). The station (-22.39°S, -47.54°W,
105 670 m a.s.l.) is part of the Global Network of Isotopes in Precipitation network (GNIP) and is influenced by weather systems
106 responsible for rainfall variations and seasonality linked to the regional atmospheric circulations across the CSB region. The
107 rainfall seasonality over CSB is associated with: (i) frontal systems (FS), represented mainly by cold fronts from southern
108 South America acting throughout the year, and (ii) the activity of the South Atlantic Convergence Zone (SACZ) during austral
109 summer (December to March) (Kodama, 1992; Garreaud, 2000) (Fig. 1b). These features are mostly responsible for CS
110 development (Romatschke and Houze, 2013; Siqueira et al., 2005; Machado and Rossow, 1993) (Fig. 1c), and were captured
111 during their passage over the Rio Claro station.

112 2.2 Rainfall sampling and isotope analyses

113 High-frequency rainfall sampling was conducted using a passive collector (2 to 10 minutes intervals) from September 2019 to
114 February 2021, except for April, July, and August (during winter 2020), when no rainfall was observed in the study area. The
115 pandemic Covid-19 disrupted access to the university [campus](#), thereby reducing the number of rainfall events sampled during
116 the spring of 2020, particularly at night (e.g., lockdowns). In this study, the rainfall samples collected do not consist of
117 consecutive day-night pairs during the same day. In total, 90 samples representing eight convective events (3 night-time and 5
118 day-time events) were collected. Samples were transferred to the laboratory and stored in 20 mL HDPE bottles at [4°C](#). In
119 parallel to high-frequency sampling, monthly cumulative rainfall samples were also collected [at the Rio Claro site during the](#)
120 [study period as a contribution to the GNIP network](#), using the methodology recommended by the International Atomic Energy
121 Agency (IAEA, 2014).

122 Rainfall samples were analyzed for stable isotope composition using Off-Axis Integrated Cavity Output Spectroscopy (Los
123 Gatos Research Inc.) at the Hydrogeology and Hydrochemistry laboratory of UNESP's Department of Applied Geology and
124 at the Chemistry School of the National University (UNA, Heredia, Costa Rica). All results are expressed in per mil relative
125 to Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (V-SMOW). The certified calibration standards used in UNESP were USGS-45 ($\delta^2\text{H}$
126 = -10.3 ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ = -2.24 ‰), USGS-46 ($\delta^2\text{H}$ = -236.0 ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ = -29.80 ‰), including one internal standard (Cachoeira de
127 Emas - CE - $\delta^2\text{H}$ = -36.1 ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ = -5.36 ‰). USGS standards were used to calibrate the results on the V-SMOW2-SLAP2
128 scale, whereas CE was used for memory and drift corrections. At UNA, the certified standards MTW ($\delta^2\text{H}$ = -130.3 ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

129 = -16.7 ‰), USGS45 ($\delta^2\text{H} = -10.3$ ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -2.2$ ‰), and CAS ($\delta^2\text{H} = -64.3$ ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -8.3$ ‰) were used to correct the
130 measurement results for memory and drift effects and to calibrate them on the V-SMOW2-SLAP2 scale (García-Santos et al.,
131 2022). The analytical uncertainty (1σ) was 1.2 ‰ for $\delta^2\text{H}$ and 0.2 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for UNESP analysis and 0.38 ‰ for $\delta^2\text{H}$ and
132 0.07 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for UNA analysis. Deuterium excess (*d*-excess) was calculated as: $d\text{-excess} = \delta^2\text{H} - 8 \cdot \delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Dansgaard,
133 1964), with uncertainties (1σ) of 1.33 and 0.43 ‰, respectively. This secondary isotope parameter was used to interpret the
134 influence of moisture origin/transport (Sánchez-Murillo et al., 2017; Froehlich et al., 2002) and local processes (Aemisegger
135 et al., 2015; Muller et al., 2015; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004).

136 2.3 Meteorological data

137 An Automatic Weather Station (AWS) Decagon Em50 (METER) was installed ~~next to~~ the Micro Rain Radar (MRR)
138 (METEK) at 670 m.a.s.l. ~~within~~ immediate vicinity of the rainfall collection site. Meteorological data were recorded at 1
139 min intervals for rain rate (RR, mm min^{-1}), air temperature (T, $^{\circ}\text{C}$) and relative humidity (RH, %). The MRR data for reflectivity
140 (~~Z~~, ~~in~~Ze, dBZ), and fall velocity (w , m s^{-1}) were also recorded at 1 min intervals. MRR parameters correspond to the mean
141 values measured at the elevation between 150 and 350 meters above surface. MRR operated at a frequency of 24.230 GHz,
142 modulation of 0.5 – 15 MHz according to the height resolution mode. For this work, different height resolutions (31 range bin)
143 were tested, 150 m, 200 m, 300 m and 350 m, resulting in vertical profiles of 4650 m, 6200 m, 9300 m and 10.850 m,
144 respectively (Endries et al., 2018). The MRR data used in the following discussion are the near-surface data (first measurement
145 from 150 m to 350 m). Lifting Condensation Level (LCL, meters) was computed from AWS RH and T, using expression
146 proposed by Soderberg et al. (2013). ~~The~~ and rainfall amount (R, mm) was ~~also~~ calculated during the sampling interval.
147 GOES-16 imagery was used to identify the convective nuclei of the cloud-top (10.35- μm , Band-13) and brightness temperature
148 (BT, $^{\circ}\text{C}$), at 10 min intervals during the sampling period (Ribeiro et al., 2019; Schmit et al., 2017). The 10.35- μm BT is often
149 used to estimate the convective cloud depth, since the lower BT is linked to deeper cloud tops (Adler and Fenn, 1979; Roberts
150 and Rutledge, 2003; Adler and Mack, 1986; Ribeiro et al., 2019; Machado et al., 1998). The weather systems (fronts,
151 instabilities, and low pressure) were defined according to the synoptic chart and meteorological technical bulletin of the Center
152 for Weather Forecast and Climatic Studies of the National Institute of Space Research (CPTEC/INPE) that used information
153 of numerical models, automatic weather stations, satellite and radar images, reanalysis data and regional atmospheric models,
154 such as the Brazilian Global Atmospheric Model and ETA model.

156 2.4 Hysplit modeling and Reanalysis data

157 The origin of air masses and moisture transport to the Rio Claro site were evaluated using the HYSPLIT (Hybrid-Single
158 Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory) modeling framework (Stein et al., 2015; Soderberg et al., 2013). The trajectories of
159 the air masses were estimated for 240 hours prior to rainfall onset, considering the estimated time of residence of the water
160 vapor (Gimeno et al., 2010, 2020; van der Ent and Tuinenburg, 2017). Start time of trajectories was the same as the start time

161 of rainfall events. The trajectories were computed using NOAA's meteorological data (global data assimilation system, GDAS:
162 1 degree, global, 2006-present), with ending elevations of the trajectories at 1500 m above the surface, taking into account the
163 climatological height of the Low Level Jet, within 1000–2000 m (Marengo et al., 2004). Ten-day trajectories representing
164 convective events were calculated as trajectory ensembles, each consisting of twenty-seven ensemble members released at
165 start hour of convective rainfall sample collection. Ensembles were produced by varying the initial trajectory wind speeds and
166 pressures, according to the HYSPLIT ensemble algorithm, in order to account for the uncertainties involved in the simulation
167 of individual backward trajectories (Jeelani et al., 2018). A sum of the rainfall intensity (mm hr^{-1}) along the trajectories was
168 used to analyse rainout of the moist air masses according to the Jeelani et al. (2018).

169 Reanalysis data were used to better understand the influence of atmospheric circulation on isotopic composition of rainfall
170 at the study area. ERA-5 information was used to evaluate hourly vertical integrals of eastward water vapor flux ($\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$)
171 during convective events sampled. The Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) data (MERRA-2, 1 hour, 0.5 x
172 0.625 degree, V5.12.4 were used for calculations of latent heat flux (LHF). Aqua/AIRS L3 Daily Standard Physical Retrieval
173 (AIRS-only) data (1-degree x 1-degree V7.0, Greenbelt, MD, USA, Goddard Earth Sciences Data and Information Services
174 Center) (known as GES DISC) were used for average outgoing longwave radiation (OLR). OLR values below 240 W m^{-2}
175 indicate organized deep convection (Gadgil, 2003).

176 2.5 Identification of convective rainfall events and vertical variations of reflectivity

177 In general, the identification of ~~CSeonvective-precipitation-systems~~ was based on the vertical structure of the given
178 precipitation system (lack of the melting layer and bright band - BB) in the radar profiles featuring high reflectivity values
179 ($\text{ZZe} > 38 \text{ dBZ}$) (Houze, 1993, 1997; Steiner and Smith, 1998; Rao et al., 2008; Mehta et al., 2020; Endries et al., 2018) and
180 satellite imagery (Vila et al., 2008; Ribeiro et al., 2019; Siqueira et al., 2005; Machado et al., 1998). Consequently, ~~conveective~~
181 ~~rainfall was defined in this study by (i)~~ convective ~~rainfall was defined in this study by (i) conveective~~ cloud nuclei observed in
182 GOES-16 imagery, (ii) no BB detected, (iii) $\text{ZZe} > 38 \text{ dBZ}$ near to the surface and (iv) rainfall intensity (AWS) of at least 10
183 mm h^{-1} (Klaassen, 1988) (Fig. 1c,d). The convective nuclei were identified using GOES-16 imagery, determined as a
184 contiguous area of at least 40 pixels with BT lower than 235K ($\leq -38 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) over Rio Claro station, according to previous studies
185 (Ribeiro et al., 2019).

186 The Z is defined as the mean number of raindrops within a specific diameter interval per unit volume of air. Therefore, Z
187 represents the concentration of a particular raindrop property (in this case, the 6th power of their diameter, proportional to the
188 square of their volume) (Houze, 1993; Mehta et al., 2020; Uijlenhoet, 2001). A highhigher Z value indicates a highhigher
189 concentration of raindrops. A modification in the formation mechanism for precipitation particles results in a change in Z of
190 the vertical profile (Houze, 1997). Descriptive statistics were conducted on the Z values at different heights to comprehend
191 and quantify the dynamics of rain particle formation during intra-events. The resulting parameters from considering the entire
192 vertical profile of the MRR are: Z_{max} : is the maximum reflectivity value in the vertical profile indicating the maximum

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193 concentration of raindrops; Z_{median} : refers to the median reflectivity in the vertical profile and was used to synthetize the change
194 in vertical Z values; and $Z_{\text{amplitude}}$ (Z_{amp}): is defined as the difference between the maximum and minimum reflectivity values
195 in the vertical profile. In other words, asimpler terms, the larger Z_{amp} indicates that raindrops undergo the Z amplitude, the
196 more microphysical transformations the raindrops undergo as they fall to the surface.

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197 2.6 Preliminary assessment of local processes

198 Below-cloud atmospheric conditions are known to be relevant and while we acknowledge that a more robust dataset is required
199 to provide sound conclusions, a preliminary assessment of this factor is herein included.

200 Since the isotopic composition of near-ground water vapor during the rainfall events was not measured, the framework
201 proposed by Graf et al. (2019) for interpreting below-cloud effects on rainfall isotopes cannot be applied here. A semi-
202 quantitative evaluation of those effects is demonstrated for all rainfall events, despite the need for a more substantial dataset
203 to establish firm conclusions. This analysis considers the following assumptions: (i) median values of isotope and
204 meteorological parameters recorded for each analysed event (Table 1) will be used in the calculations, (ii) linear interpolation
205 of air temperature and relative humidity between the cloud base level and the ground level will be adopted to estimate the
206 relative humidity at the cloud base (RH_{NCL}), (iii) it will be assumed that atmosphere is saturated with water vapour at the cloud
207 base level ($RH = 100\%$), and (iv) the reservoir of water vapour below the cloud base level is isotopically homogeneous (Risi
208 et al., 2019; Sarkar et al., 2023).

209 Isotopic evolution of raindrops falling through unsaturated humid atmosphere beneath the cloud base level will be
210 calculated using the generally accepted conceptual framework for isotope effects accompanying evaporation of water into a
211 humid atmosphere (Craig and Gordon, 1965; Horita et al., 2008). Isotopic evolution of an isolated water body (e.g. falling
212 raindrop) evaporating into a humid atmosphere can be described by the following equations (Gonfiantini, 1986):

$$213 \delta = \left(\delta_a - \frac{A}{B} \right) F^B + \frac{A}{B} \quad (1)$$

214 where

$$215 A = \frac{h_N \delta_a + \epsilon_{kN} + \epsilon_{aq} / \alpha_{aq}}{1 - h_N + \epsilon_{kN}} \quad (2)$$

216 and

$$217 B = \frac{h_N - \epsilon_{kN} - \epsilon_{aq} / \alpha_{aq}}{1 - h_N + \epsilon_{kN}} \quad (3)$$

218 Parameter F describes the remaining fraction of the evaporating mass of water (raindrop), while δ_a stands for the isotopic
219 composition of ambient moisture. Initial and actual isotopic compositions of the evaporating water body, expressed in δ
220 notation, are represented by δ_0 and δ , respectively. The variables in equations (3) and (4) are described as:

221 h_N —relative humidity of the ambient atmosphere, normalized to the temperature of the evaporating water body;

222 α_{eq} —temperature dependent equilibrium fractionation factor, derived from empirical equations proposed by Horita and
223 Wesolowski (1994);

224 ϵ_{eq} —equilibrium fractionation coefficient: $\epsilon_{eq} = \alpha_{eq} - 1$ (4)

225 ϵ_{kin} —kinetic fractionation coefficient; $\epsilon_{kin} = \alpha_{kin} - 1$ (5)

226 The kinetic fractionation coefficient is a linear function of the relative humidity deficit in the ambient atmosphere (Gat,
227 2001; Horita et al., 2008):

228 $\epsilon_{kin} = n \epsilon_{diff} (1 - h_N)$ (6)

229 where n describes a turbulence parameter, varying from zero to one and ϵ_{diff} is the kinetic fractionation coefficient associated
230 with diffusion of water isotopologues in air.

231 The value of n is controlled mainly by wind conditions prevailing over the evaporating surface. It quantifies the apparent
232 reduction of ϵ_{diff} due to the impact of turbulent transport. The value of $n = 0.5$, was adopted in the calculations, following the
233 results of laboratory experiments with evaporation of water drops in a humid atmosphere reported by Stewart (1975).
234 Following this same publication, the value of the F parameter for each event was computed based on the rate of change of
235 evaporated drop radius as a function of ambient relative humidity (Stewart, 1975). Droplets with a drop size distribution of
236 1mm are assumed based on previous studies in this region of study (Zawadzki and Antonio, 1988; Cecchini et al., 2014).
237 Travel time of raindrops drops from the cloud base to the surface was derived from the position of LCL level and the terminal
238 velocity of drops. It was further assumed in the calculations that the difference between drop temperature and ambient air
239 temperature is small, thus allowing to use ambient humidity instead to normalized humidity. Although this assumption may
240 result in an over-estimation of the impact of partial evaporation of raindrops on their isotope characteristics, the effect is
241 expected to be small due to high ambient relative humidities (> 90 %) used in the calculations.

242 2.6.7. Statistical tests

243 The Shapiro-Wilk test was applied to verify that the data distribution was normal (parametric) or non-normal (non-
244 parametric) (Shapiro, S. S.; Wilk, 1965). A significant difference (p-value < 0.05) indicates a non-parametric distribution. A
245 Spearman rank correlation test was used for nonparametric distribution data, whereas Pearson's linear correlation test was
246 applied for parametric data. Correlation tests were conducted between isotopes ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and d -excess) and meteorological data
247 (AWS and MRR variables) during the same time interval and from individual events. Correlation tests were not applied to
248 GOES-16 BT and reanalysis data due to their temporal resolution, which reduced the number of samples. All tests were
249 performed with significance levels defined by a p-value < 0.05, using the R statistical package (R Core Team, 2023).

250 To explore the vertical variation of Zc values measured by the MRR, we carried out descriptive statistics, including
251 minimum, maximum, amplitude, mean, standard deviation, and arithmetic mean. Rainfall weighted averages were also
252 calculated, for each event to evaluate large-scale processes using the equation:

253
$$\delta_{wgd} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Ri\delta_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n Ri} \quad (1)$$

254
255 where δ_{wgd} is the rainfall weighted average of the isotopic composition, R_i is the rainfall of the event (mm), δ_i is the isotopic
256 composition of an individual sample (‰), and n is the number of samples from each event. Rainfall weighted averages refers
257 to the $\delta^{18}O_{wgd}$, δ^2H_{wgd} and d_{wgd} , and median of the $\delta^{18}O_{med}$, δ^2H_{med} and d_{med} .

258 A statistical analysis was carried out to characterize regional and local influences, in accordance with He et al. (2018). The
259 initial isotope data of the events ($\delta_{initial}$) closely reflects the initial air mass or vapor from which the precipitation originates.
260 The $\delta_{initial}$ and median (δ_{med}) values were employed to identify regional influences in inter-event analysis. Also, the difference
261 ($\Delta\delta$) between the lowest $\delta^{18}O$ and the highest $\delta^{18}O$ value represents the local change in δ value during the intra-event (Muller
262 et al., 2015; He et al., 2018).

263 **3.3 Results**

264 **3.1 Inter-event variability of meteorological and isotopic parameters and synoptic characteristics**

265 **3.3.1. Seasonal-mean climatic and isotopic conditions**

266 **3.1**

267 The isotopic composition of monthly rainfall exhibits clear seasonal variations between September 2019 and February 2021
268 (Fig. 2a). Seasonal variability was characterized by wet (low $\delta^{18}O$) and dry (high $\delta^{18}O$) seasons (austral summer and autumn-
269 spring, respectively). ~~Summer high-frequency sampling of convective events could not be done uniformly during the study~~
270 ~~period, but it is still evident that median $\delta^{18}O$ values of high-frequency sampling events (black symbols in Fig. 2a) follow the~~
271 ~~seasonal isotope variability.~~

272 The summer months were characterized by the influence of convective activity, reflected in high latent heat flux and lower
273 OLR (Fig. 2 b-d2e). During autumn and spring, significant lower latent heat flux and higher OLR were associated with less
274 convective development (Houze, 1997, 1989). The formation of convective rainfall may not be primarily controlled by diurnal
275 thermal convection, as rainfall is more likely to be associated with frontal systems (Siqueira and Machado, 2004), as observed
276 in the rainfall episodes during autumn and spring.

277 A significant influence of the cold fronts was observed before, during, and after their passage over the study area (Fig. 2a).
278 During autumn and spring, the convective events of 2019/11/05, 2020/11/18, and 2020/05/23 were associated with cold fronts
279 in the study area. On 2020/06/09, changes in the regional atmosphere over the state of São Paulo caused convective rainfall

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280 due to an instability (frontal) system resulting from a cold front settling over the southern region of Brazil. During the summer
281 season, convective rainfall also occurred on 2020/02/01 and 2021/02/24 due to cold fronts and instability (frontal),
282 respectively. In addition, the thermal convection ~~over land of the continental region caused atmospheric ascent via surface~~
283 ~~heating in the inland of Brazil~~, leading to a system responsible for the convective rainfall event on 2020/01/30. As a result of
284 the interaction between thermal convection and the incursion of the frontal system, a low-pressure system (frontal) was
285 responsible for the convective rainfall event on 2020/02/10.

286 **3.3.2. Isotopic and local meteorological variations**

287 Table 1 presents an overview of the sampling, isotope ~~compositions (δ_{initial} , δ_{med} (median), and $\Delta\delta_{\text{wg}}$)~~ and
288 median values of meteorological variables from individual events. ~~The Sampled events had a duration of sampled events~~
289 ~~ranged from 141 min to 18 min or fewer minutes.~~ The T and T_{wg} exhibited small differences among the events. In contrast,
290 RR, RH, LCL, Z_{Ze} , w, and BT varied considerably between events. The maximum recorded values for these parameters were
291 97 %, 489 m, 46 dBZ, 8 m s⁻¹ and -63 °C, respectively.

292 Isotope values varied among convective events, with a range of -11.0 ‰, ~~-91.292.8~~ ‰ and +15.7 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{med}}$.
293 ~~$\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{med}}$ median values of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$ and d_{med} excess, respectively. In most cases, the median and weighted average of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$,~~
294 ~~$\delta^2\text{H}$ and d -excess have similar and equal values. However, there is one event where the median for d -excess is 7.2 and the~~
295 ~~weighted average is 11.1 (Table 1). The maximum differences between the δ_{initial} and δ_{med} for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, and d -excess were 1.6~~
296 ~~‰, 9.1 ‰, and 9.5 ‰, respectively. The maximum $\Delta\delta$ values for all isotopes parameters, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$ and d -excess were 7.3 ‰,~~
297 ~~43.0 ‰ and 19.2 ‰, respectively.~~

298 **3.1.3. 32. Inter-event variability of the isotope parameters Moisture origin**

299 ~~Hysplit air mass back trajectories revealed three main locations as moisture origin during the presence of convective~~
300 ~~rainfall: Amazon forest, Atlantic Ocean, and southern Brazil (Fig. 3).~~ The sourcing of moisture for rainfall over Rio Claro
301 varies seasonally and spatially, suggesting complex interactions in moisture transport and mixing that strongly influence the
302 ~~δ_{wg} initial~~-isotopic composition of rainfall throughout the year (Table 1). ~~Hysplit air mass back-trajectories revealed three~~
303 ~~main domains as moisture origin during the presence of convective rainfall: Amazon forest, Atlantic Ocean, and southern~~
304 ~~Brazil (Fig. 3).~~

305 Summer rainfall events were characterized by the trajectory and length of moist air masses arriving from the Amazon forest
306 (2020/02/10, 2020/02/01, and 2020/01/30) (Fig. 3a). As a result, there was a large amount of rainfall along Hysplit trajectories.
307 Rainfall amounts were 177 mm, 126 mm and 78 mm, respectively, ~~for these dates.~~ Remarkably, these events exhibited ~~very~~
308 similar isotope characteristics (~~$\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{wg}}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wg}}$, $\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{wg}}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wg}}$, $\delta^2\text{H}_{\text{wg}}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wg}}$~~) (Table 1). In contrast, the event on 2021/02/24 presented

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309 higher $\delta_{\text{wgdlwgdinitial}}$ values, reflecting the oceanic moisture influence (Fig. 3a), with a lowest amount of rainfall (53 mm) along
310 Hysplit trajectory.

311 Based on ERA-5, the vertically integrated eastward vapor flux corroborates the influence of a distinct mechanism for
312 moisture transport and $\delta_{\text{wgdlwgdinitial}}$ values. Negative values for vertical vapor fluxes over the Amazon forest during sampled
313 convective events in summer (Fig. 4a, b, d) clearly illustrate a westward moisture flux from the Atlantic Ocean to the Amazon
314 forest. Positive values in the central-southern region of Brazil indicate moisture being transported eastward from the Amazon
315 forest. However, these moisture fluxes were not observed on 2021/02/24 when the eastward vapor flux was positive with high
316 values over the Atlantic Ocean (250 ~ 750 kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹).

317 The autumn convective events on 2020/05/23 and 2020/06/09 revealed a significant continental origin of moist air masses
318 (from south-western Brazil). In addition, during the second event, the Amazon-type trajectory started in the southern Atlantic
319 and did not reach the boundary of the rainforest (Fig. 3b). ~~Both in both~~ autumn events ~~reported, there was~~ the lowest amount
320 of rainfall amounts (4 mm) along Hysplit trajectories. On 2020/05/23 negative vertical flux values (-500 ~ -250 kg m⁻¹s⁻¹) were
321 observed in south-western Brazil, indicating moisture transport from the Atlantic Ocean to the continent. This favored a vapor
322 flux (500 ~ 750 kg m⁻¹s⁻¹) from western Brazil to the study area (Figure 4f). On 2020/06/09, there were slightly negative values
323 (-250 ~ 0 kg m⁻¹s⁻¹) of eastward vapor flux in the Amazon forest, indicating less influence from rainforest moisture. Conversely,
324 positive vapor flux values (250 ~ 500 kg m⁻¹s⁻¹) were observed in the western part of continental Brazil.

325 Two events in the spring season (Fig. 3c) also showed contrasting origin of moisture and ~~dwgdinitial-weighted average d-~~
326 ~~excess~~ values, despite only slight differences in $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wgdlwgdinitial}}$ and $\delta^{46}\text{S}_{\text{wgdlwgdinitial}}$ (Table 1). The mean trajectory on 2020/11/18 clearly belongs
327 to the Amazon category, although it only passed over the south-eastern boundary of the Amazon rainforest and had a much
328 shorter length and lower rainfall along Hysplit trajectory (23 mm) compared to the Amazon trajectories observed during the
329 summer season. Thus, positive values of the eastward vapor flux (250 ~ 750 kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹) were not distributed along the Amazon
330 forest to the Atlantic Ocean as typically observed (Fig. 4h). The mean trajectory on 2019/11/05 the eastward vapor flux (>
331 500 kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹, Fig. 4g) were circling around Rio Claro, indicating the continental moisture origin (from southern Brazil), and
332 low amount of rainfall along Hysplit trajectory of 8 mm.

333 3.2.23 Intra-event variability of the isotope and meteorological parameters

334 _____ The temporal evolution of isotope characteristics and selected meteorological parameters of convective rainfall are
335 shown in Fig. 5-6 (summer), ~~and~~ Fig. 7-6 (autumn) and Fig. 8 (-spring). The vertical Z variation of the MRR in all events
336 shows a pattern of values ranging from 0 to 10 dBZ at the top, a wide band of lowest values and noise attenuating the reflectivity
337 producing white horizontal and vertical bands, and an increase in Z values closer to the surface where ZmaxZmáx occurs
338 (highest values ranging from 44 to 51 dBZ). During intra-events, Z, isotopic parameters, and GOES-16 BT display distinct
339 temporal patterns across events and seasons. There are largewide variations in ZZc values and inverse, opposite patterns of

340 variation between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and d -excess (much more variable), and between T and RH. Different decreasing, increasing or stable
341 trends. Colder BT values were observed in BT values, and decrease or stable during intra-events, which did not occur for R.
342 The key meteorological component of each event is detailed in the following sections described the main seasonal results for .
343 The study emphasizes the intra-lack of pattern in the measured values for reflectivity (Z_e) in the vertical profile. Only higher
344 Z_e values were observed near the surface (from 2km to 200m), which indicates an increase in rain rates. Despite the similar
345 vertical structure, the temporal evolution varied considerably among events. Furthermore, the GOES-16 BT shows unique
346 temporal patterns among events.
347 The differences in $\Delta\delta$ observed between convective events were explained by intra-events (refer to Table 1) and how local
348 factors may affect the regional isotopic signature as illustrated by the inter-event analysis.

3.2.3.1. During summer sSummer intra-events

350 _____ Low variability patterns were observed on 2020/02/01 (Fig. 5, left) and 2020/01/30 (Fig. 5, right) for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, T, RH,
351 and BT. Both events were shorter in duration (≤ 25 minutes) and had a higher R (≤ 5.4 mm) value at the beginning, which
352 decreased over the course of the event (0.2 mm). Similar patterns of MRR vertical profiles were observed. profile occurred
353 between the events, illustrated by similar Z values parameters, with low variability of Z_{median} (7 ~ 17 dBZ and 8 ~ 15 dBZ),
354 Z_{max} ($Z_{\text{máx}}$ (23 ~ 48 dBZ and 19 ~ 46 dBZ) and Z_{Z_e} amplitude decreasing along the event (17 ~ 45 dBZ and 19 ~ 42 dBZ),
355 respectively. Strong. The strong and significant ($p < 0.0001$) correlations were observed between isotopic composition and
356 MRR parameters for 2020/02/01: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - Z_{Z_e} ($r = -0.9$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -w ($r = -0.9$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $Z_{\text{máx}}$ ($r = -0.9$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - Z_{ampl} ($r = -0.8$), d -excess-
357 Z_{Z_e} ($r = 0.9$), and d -excess-w ($r = 0.9$), d -excess- Z_{max} ($r = -0.9$) and d -excess- Z_{ampl} ($r = 0.9$). No), while there were no
358 significant correlations between isotopic composition and meteorological parameters for 2020/01/30, except for although a
359 moderate correlation was observed between $\delta^2\text{H}$ and Z_{median} ($r = -0.5$).

360 _____ Large isotopic and meteorological variations were observed for 2021/02/24 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$: -7.9 ~ -4.4 ‰, d -excess: +1.2 to
361 +18.4 ‰) and 2020/02/10 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$: -15.2 ~ -7.9 ‰, d -excess: +4.8 ~ +21.4 ‰) (Fig. 5). Nevertheless, for both events there
362 were no possible defined isotopic pattern variations characterized by specific abrupt changes corresponding to variations of R
363 and Z parameters (grey bands in Fig. 6). On 2021/02/24 a strong and significant ($p < 0.05$) correlation was observed between
364 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and R ($r = -0.8$), Z ($r = -0.6$), Z_{max} ($r = -0.6$), Z_{ampl} ($r = -0.6$), Z_{median} ($r = 0.7$), and between d -excess and R (r
365 $= -0.6$), Z ($r = -0.5$), Z_{max} ($r = 0.5$), Z_{ampl} ($r = 0.5$) and Z_{median} ($r = -0.7$). For 2020/02/10, the significant correlations
366 were reported. correlation was between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -RH ($r = -0.5$), d -excess-RH ($r = 0.5$) and d -excess and Z_{median} ($r = 0.5$).

367 In addition, d -excess values lower than +10 ‰ were observed at the end of the events (2020/02/01, 2020/02/10 and
368 2021/02/24), corresponding to low values of the R and Z parameters and high RH (black dotted cycle in Figs. 5 and
369 6).

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371 Lower values of $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ were observed on the 2020/02/01 and 2020/01/30 compared to higher $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values observed on the
372 2020/02/10 and 2021/02/24. In contrast, all summer events exhibit high $\Delta\delta$ values for d -excess (Table 1). Despite this variation
373 in isotopic amplitude, the evolution of these events is characterized by different amounts of available humidity (Table 1 and
374 Table 2). For the 2021/02/24 event, lower humidity values were observed below the cloud ($\text{RH}_{\text{INT}} = 93\%$) and at the surface
375 ($\text{RH} = 78 - 88\%$, median value 86%). The other events had higher humidity conditions ($\text{RH}_{\text{INT}} = > 96\%$ and $\text{RH} > 90\%$).
376 Nevertheless, only 2021/02/24 and 2020/02/10 show d -excess values lower than 10% , suggesting that the specific local factors
377 can influence the variations in the isotopic composition of the precipitation, as shown below for each event.

378 Specifically, the events on 2020/02/01 (Fig. 5c,e) and 2020/01/30 (Fig. 5d,f) showed consistent $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ trends ($-11.6 - -10.0$
379 $\%$ and $-10.6 - -9.6\%$, respectively). In contrast, these events showed an inverted V-shaped (from $11.3 - 15.3\%$ to $15.4 -$
380 7.0%) and V-shaped (from $20.8 - 11.4\%$ to $14.6 - 16.2\%$) patterns for d -excess, respectively. The patterns of rainfall
381 intensity were similar for both events, with high rainfall amount at the beginning of event, decreasing over the time. In BT
382 values, decreased ($50 - 65\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) and constant variations ($52 - 53\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) occurred on 2020/02/01 and 2020/01/30 events,
383 respectively. The strong and significant ($p < 0.0001$) correlations were observed between isotopic composition and MRR
384 parameters for 2020/02/01: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -Ze ($r = -0.9$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -w ($r = -0.9$), d -excess-Ze ($r = 0.9$) and d -excess-w ($r = 0.9$), while there
385 were no correlations between isotopic composition and meteorological parameters for 2020/01/30.

386 On 2021/02/24 (Fig. 5i,k) and 2020/02/10 (Fig. 5j,l), notable fluctuations were observed in both the isotope and
387 meteorological parameters. On 2021/02/24, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ varied from $-7.9 - -4.4\%$, and d -excess varied from 1.2 to 18.4% . The
388 evolution of the event was characterized by varying local weather conditions, as evidenced by a larger BT range ($38 - 57$
389 $^\circ\text{C}$). Radar reflectivity is displayed in a vertical profile, illustrating these changes, with larger Ze values during the event (red
390 colors in Fig. 5g). As a result, three peaks of maximum rainfall amount were observed, which corresponded to the distinct
391 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and for d -excess values: at 15:49 local time (2.6 mm, 7.6% and 13.0%), at 16:24 (3.1 mm, 6.9% and 8.4%) and at
392 17:28 (3.3 mm, 7.9% and 17.9%), respectively. Also, strong, and significant ($p < 0.05$) correlation was observed between
393 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -R ($r = -0.8$), d -excess-R ($r = -0.6$) and MRR parameter, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -Ze ($r = -0.6$) and d -excess-Ze ($r = -0.5$).

394 On 2020/02/10, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ showed a variation from $-15.2 - -7.9\%$ and for d -excess from $4.8 - 21.4\%$. During the beginning of
395 the event and until 21:03 local time, high BT values ($16 - 45\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) corresponded to the higher Ze values (red colors in Fig.
396 5h) and high RH ($\sim 97\%$). After this time, lower Ze and lowest BT values were observed ($45 - 57\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). There were two
397 breakpoints in the rainfall trend (increasing to decreasing) corresponding to the change in isotope values ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and d -excess),
398 occurring at 20:36 (4.8 to 3.2 mm, -13.9 to -9.5% and 15.7 to 9.4%) and 21:57 (2.0 to 0.8 mm, -14.9 to -7.9% and 21.4 to
399 4.8%) respectively. In addition, for this event strong and significant ($p < 0.05$) correlation was observed only between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -
400 RH ($r = -0.5$) and d -excess-RH ($r = 0.5$).

401 3.2.3.2 During autumn and spring intra-events

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402 AutumnThe autumn events show distinct isotopic patterns, of variation. The 2020/05/23 event exhibited had a small
403 isotopic ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$: $-2.6 \sim -2.7 \text{ ‰}$, d -excess: $+16.7 \sim +19.0 \text{ ‰}$) and meteorological (declining T, R and Z parameters along the
404 event) variation (Fig. Figure 7). On 2020/06/09 (Fig. Figure 7) two isotopic distribution patterns were recorded, occurred, the
405 first with minimal short variation ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$: $-3.6 \sim -3.4 \text{ ‰}$, d -excess: $+26.4 \sim +17.7 \text{ ‰}$) and large (the second with high $\delta^{18}\text{O}$: $-$
406 values ($-1.5 \sim -2.9 \text{ ‰}$; ‰) and low d -excess: $+$ ($+15.3 \sim +6.3 \text{ ‰}$) variations, corresponding to high RH, R, Z, Z_{max} and
407 Z_{max} (grey bands in Fig. 8). Strong and significant ($p < 0.05$) correlations were observed between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -RH ($r = 0.5$),
408 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -T ($r = -0.6$), d -excess-RH ($r = -0.6$), d -excess-T ($r = 0.7$) and d -excess- Z_{max} ($r = -0.5$) on 2020/06/09. However, no
409 significant correlations were found during the event on 2020/05/23.

410 Distinctive Spring events exhibit unique isotopic patterns were also found during spring events, of variation. On
411 2019/11/05, a change in the vertical profile and Z parameters was observed (grey bands in Fig. 8), with a shift in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ from
412 maximum depletion (-4.1 ‰) to enrichment at the end of the event ($-3.2 \sim -1.7 \text{ ‰}$). On 2020/11/18, (Fig. 8), there was a
413 gradual decrease observed in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($-2.7 \sim -5.4 \text{ ‰}$) and an increase in d -excess ($+10.2 \sim +23.1 \text{ ‰}$). The latter ‰ observed
414 during the event. This was accompanied by a progressive increase in RH, decrease in T, and constant values of Z_{median} values
415 (Fig. 87b, d, f, h, j). On 2019/11/05 a strong and significant ($p < 0.005$) correlations were correlation was observed between
416 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and Z ($r = -0.7$), w ($r = -0.7$), Z_{max} ($r = -0.7$) and Z_{min} ($r = -0.6$), and between d -excess and RH ($r = -0.7$), T (r
417 $= 0.8$), w ($r = 0.6$), Z_{min} ($r = 0.5$) and Z_{median} ($r = -0.5$). For 2020/11/18, the significant correlations were obtained correlation
418 was between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -RH ($r = -0.5$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -T ($r = 0.7$), d -excess- Z_{min} ($r = 0.7$).

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420 Lower $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values were observed during autumn and spring events in comparison to summer events. Both autumn and spring
421 events showed higher $\Delta\delta$ values for d -excess when compared to summer events. For the events on 2020/05/23 ($\text{RH}_{\text{INT}} = 93 \%$,
422 $\text{RH} 78 \sim 89 \%$, with median of 87%) and 2020/11/18 ($\text{RH}_{\text{INT}} = 92 \%$ and $\text{RH} 70 \sim 90 \%$, with median of 85%), lower humidity
423 conditions were recorded, whereas for all other events, humidity conditions were high ($\text{RH}_{\text{INT}} \Rightarrow 97 \%$ and $\text{RH} \Rightarrow 90 \%$) as
424 show in Tables 1 and 2.

425 For autumn events on 2020/06/09 (Fig. 6a,c,e) and 2020/05/23 (Fig. 6b,d,f), a slight increase trend ($-3.7 \sim -1.5 \text{ ‰}$) and
426 stationary trend ($-2.6 \sim -2.7 \text{ ‰}$) were observed regarding $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. On the other hand, for the same events, d -excess showed a W-
427 shaped trend ($17.7 \sim 6.3 \text{ ‰}$, during the last part of the event) and V-shaped pattern ($16.7 \sim 19.0 \text{ ‰}$), respectively. Both events
428 demonstrated a decrease in rainfall amount: from 6.2 to 0.2 mm on 2020/06/09, 2020, and from 2.6 to 0.2 mm on 2020/05/23.
429 Additionally, the range of BT increased from -55°C to -35°C and from -60°C to -52°C , respectively. Strong and significant
430 ($p < 0.05$) correlations were observed between isotopic and surface meteorological parameters during the event on 2020/06/09,
431 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -RH ($r = 0.5$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -T ($r = -0.6$), d -excess-RH ($r = -0.6$), and d -excess-T ($r = 0.7$). However, no significant correlations
432 were found during the event on 2020/05/23.

433 Spring convective events exhibited contrasting variations in isotopes and meteorological conditions. On 2019/11/05 (Fig.
434 6g,i,k), slight fluctuations were observed in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($-3.0 \sim -1.7 \text{ ‰}$, slightly increasing trend), while d -excess values were higher

(21.0–28.0 ‰, decreasing trend). This slight fluctuations in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values correspond to the constant and higher Z_e near surface. This is evidenced by the highest and significant ($p < 0.0003$) correlations observed between isotopic and MRR parameters, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - Z_e ($r = 0.7$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - w ($r = 0.7$), and d -excess- w ($r = 0.6$). In contrast, these fluctuations were not related with changes in rainfall amount (0.6–5.0 mm) and BT (65–62 °C).

On 2020/11/18, two distinct steps revealed a decreasing trend in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (2.7–5.4 ‰), and a substantial increasing trend in d -excess (10.2–23.1 ‰) (Fig. 6h,j,l). Between 15:10 and 16:05 local time, the vertical profile of the MRR exhibited variable Z_e values, with concomitant decreases in both BT values (62 and 65 °C) and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (2.7–4.0 ‰) and increase in both rainfall (1.2–2.0 mm), d -excess (10.2–19.6 ‰) and RH (70–82 %) values. After this period, Z_e values increased closer to the surface, resulting in a slight decrease in temperature (65–63 °C). Additionally, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, d -excess, rainfall amount and RH fluctuated (3.8–5.4 ‰, 18.0–23.1 ‰, 1.8–2.2 mm and 84–90 %, respectively). Regardless of this, no significant correlations were found due to the considerable variations between isotopic and rainfall, as well as BT and MRR parameters. The significant ($p < 0.001$) correlations were only observed for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -RH ($r = 0.9$), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -T ($r = 0.9$), d -excess-RH ($r = 0.9$), and d -excess-T ($r = 0.9$).

4. Discussion

Detailed evaluations of the isotopic variability in convective rainfall were provided at both inter- and intra-event scales. The key regional and local controls on the isotopic composition of convective rainfall can be divided in two groups: (i) rainfall produced by different moisture source region(s) represented by scale. Such separation between inter-event isotopic values, and (ii) local effects associated with vertical rainfall structure and surface meteorological conditions. In- and intra-events allows for improved evaluation of fractionation processes that occurred during moisture transport towards the formation of local rainfall. Generally, In general, during the summer, thermal conditions dominate convective processes. During, while during autumn and spring, convective rainfall was associated with frontal systems (Fig. 2). In this regard, δ_{wet} It is crucial to quantify these synoptic variations is crucial for understanding seasonal differences in atmospheric conditions, which that affect the moisture source and transport across seasons. Thus, the δ_{wet} values better constrained capture the large-scale processes (such as vaporvapour origin, convective activity and weather systems) with stronger due to the ponderation by rainfall amount dependencies. The individual isotopic, reducing the local effects, for example illustrated by the increase in d -excess value on 2021/02/24 (arithmetic mean of +7.2 ‰) and weighted-average of +11.1 ‰) (Table 1). The patterns of isotopic variations are more influenced by local effects revealed microphysical processes such as coalescence (i.e., higher concentration of raindrops with high Z values) hat are often masked, revealing processes that are hidden by weighted averages and long-term averages during the evolution of individual precipitation systems, are influenced by vapor origin, convective activity, and weather systems, which may be further modified by local processes, resulting in distinct values of δ_{med} and large $\Delta\delta$.

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466 Thus, the key regional and local controls on the isotopic composition of convective rainfall are, respectively: (i) rainfall
467 of moist air masses during their transport in the atmosphere, from the source region(s) to the collection site showed by
468 inter-event analysis, and (ii) local effects associated with convective cloud characteristics, vertical rainfall structure and near-
469 surface meteorological humidity conditions.

470 4.1 Regional atmospheric controls

471 Regional aspects of atmospheric moisture transport to the Rio Claro site were illustrated in HYSPLIT backward
472 trajectories (Fig. 3) and maps of vertically integrated moisture flux across the region (Fig. 4). Most of moist air masses
473 arriving at Rio Claro during summer (2020/02/10, 2020/02/01, and 2020/01/30) exhibited a common origin in the equatorial
474 Atlantic Ocean and were subjected to a long rainfall rainout of moist air masses, extending over several thousand kilometers.
475 Along this pathway, air masses interacted with the Amazon forest. Intensive moisture recycling resulted in of moisture leads
476 to a small continental isotope gradient of δ values of rainfall across the Amazon forest (Salati et al., 1979; Rozanski et al.,
477 1993) and elevated d -excess (Gat, J. R., & Matsui, 1991). At Rio Claro, the arriving air masses are depleted in heavy isotopes
478 ($\delta_{\text{wgd}}^{\text{initial}} \leq -10.0$ ‰) due to rainout enhanced amount of rainfall along the trajectories (≥ 78 mm), after the southeastern
479 deflection from the Andes, with consistent $d_{\text{wgd}} > +14$ ‰ initial weighted average d -excess higher than $+149.0$ ‰, inherited
480 through the interaction of maritime moisture with the Amazon forest. In contrast, the summer event on 2021/02/24 was
481 influenced by oceanic moisture and had a short trajectory compared to the other typical summer events, as indicated by the
482 lower amount of rainfall along the Hysplit trajectory (53 mm), which explains the higher $\delta_{\text{wgd}}^{\text{initial}}$ values ($\delta^{18}\text{O} = -7.26$ ‰ and
483 d -excess = $+11.13$ ‰).

484 The convective events during representing spring and autumn season exhibited substantially shorter trajectories suggesting
485 that the atmospheric “pump” transporting moisture from the equatorial Atlantic Ocean to the Amazon forest was much weaker
486 or non-existent during this time of the year. Those short trajectories suggest enhanced evapotranspiration of source moisture
487 for rainfall (Salati et al., 1979; Risi et al., 2013; Gat, J. R., & Matsui, 1991; Worden et al., 2007; Brown et al., 2008; Levin et
488 al., 2009; Worden et al., 2021). As a result, those trajectories were characterized by a reduction in the amount of rainfall along
489 the trajectories and enriched $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{wgd}} \geq -4.2$ ‰ $\delta_{\text{wgd}}^{\text{initial}} (\geq -43.21$ ‰) and higher $d_{\text{wgd}} = \geq +16.5$ ‰, initial weighted average d -
490 excess ($\geq +160.50$ ‰).

491 In addition, on 2019/11/05, the highest d_{wgd} ($+23.3$ ‰) weighted average d -excess was observed on 2019/11/05 ($+23.3$ ‰).
492 This was characterized by due to a continental moisture trajectory circling around Rio Claro (Fig. (Figure 3c) over a greater RH
493 gradient (e.g., sugar cane crop regions). A possible explanation for the higher d -excess value could be evapotranspiration and
494 evaporation from bare soil, such as during the sugarcane crop (da Silva et al., 2021). Evaporation from soil increases kinetic
495 fractionation, favoring the evaporation of HDO due to high diffusivity, resulting in a strong d -excess changes (Risi et al.,
496 2013), the highest initial d excess (≥ 24.1 ‰) were observed on 2019/11/05 and 2020/09/06 events. A possible explanation of

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497 these greater d -excess values may be enhanced interaction with the surface of the continent, resulting in evapotranspiration
498 processes. At steady state, transpiration is a non-fractionating process. This means that soil water pumped by plants returns to
499 the atmosphere without any detectable change in its isotopic composition (Cuntz et al., 2007; Flanagan et al., 1991; Dongmann
500 and Nürnberg, 1974). If it is assumed that soil water available to plants has isotopic characteristics equal to the mean values
501 of the two events described, then the water vapor released to the local atmosphere during transpiration will possess identical
502 isotopic signatures. Now, assuming that this water vapor is lifted by convection and then condenses, it is possible to easily
503 calculate the isotopic composition of the first condensate. Assuming an isotopic equilibrium between the gaseous and liquid
504 phases of water in the cloud:

$$505 \quad \delta_L = \alpha_{eq}(1000 + \delta_V) - 1000 \quad (7)$$

506 where δ_L and δ_V signify delta values of liquid (condensate) and vapor phase, respectively, at isotopic equilibrium, whereas α_{eq}
507 stands for equilibrium fractionation factor. Equilibrium fractionation factors for ^2H , ^{18}O and d -excess were calculated using
508 empirical expressions proposed by (Horita and Wesolowski, 1994). The assumed condensation temperature was equal 20 °C
509 and 18 °C (cf. Tdw for 2019/11/05 and 2020/06/09, respectively in Table 1). The calculated isotopic characteristics of the first
510 condensate are equal $\delta^2\text{H} = +85.1 \text{ ‰}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.6 \text{ ‰}$, $d \text{ excess} = +32.3 \text{ ‰}$ and $\delta^2\text{H} = +81.0 \text{ ‰}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.5 \text{ ‰}$, $d \text{ excess} =$
511 $+28.8 \text{ ‰}$, for both respectively events. This example calculation suggests the transpiration process could generate isotopically
512 enriched rainfall and greater d -excess.

513 Thus, these regional processes were imprinted in the initial isotopic composition ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{initial}}$ and d -excess) of all convective
514 events. This regional δ -signature was preserved during summer (2020/01/30 and 2020/02/01), autumn (2020/06/09) and spring
515 (2019/11/05) events, as indicated by similar $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{initial}}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{med}}$, lower $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values. In addition, the d -excess exhibited greater
516 difference between δ_{initial} and δ_{med} , and higher $\delta\Delta$ values in relation to the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -parameters for all convective rainfall events.
517 The following section provides more detail on the variability of d -excess in terms of local atmospheric processes.

518 4.2 Local atmospheric controls

519 In deep convection, precipitation particles primarily grow through the collection of water (known as coalescence) by
520 larger droplets and/or ice particles (known as riming). These larger particles sweep water from the cloud on their falling paths
521 in the presence of strong rising air currents. Previous studies As a parcel of rising air ascends, the growing particles within it
522 move until they become large enough to fall relative to the air. As the air parcel ascends, particles fall out at each successive
523 height. The remaining lighter particles disperse laterally over a larger area due to the diverging airflow. Convective air
524 movements create concentrated reflectivity peaks in the radar pattern because most of the precipitation mass falls within a few
525 kilometres of the updraft centres (Houghton, 1968; Houze, 1997) noted that in deep precipitation atmospheric convection, the
526 primary growth mechanism for precipitation particles is the collection of water (known as coalescence) from the cloud by
527 larger droplets and/or ice particles (known as riming) that sweep water from the cloud on their falling paths in the presence of

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528 ~~strong rising air currents. As a parcel of rising air ascends, the growing particles within it move until they become large enough~~
529 ~~to fall relative to the air.~~ The irregular blank bands visible in the vertical MRR profiles (Fig. 5) could be attributed to the
530 lateral dispersion of remaining particles. The concentrated high reflectivity values (Fig. 5) illustrate this pattern, which
531 typically occurs close to the surface and indicates the occurrence of Z_{max} .

532 Variations in the isotopic composition of the rainfall reflect changes in this mechanism of raindrop formation (Sun et
533 al., 2022; Aggarwal et al., 2016). This is shown by the vertical variation in the Z values of the events on 2020/02/10,
534 2021/02/24, 2020/06/09 and 2019/11/05 (grey band in Fig. 6, 7, 8). A possible reason for this change is that the process of
535 coalescence during the falling raindrops towards the surface may have been altered. This can be seen in the higher Z_{ampl}
536 values (40 ~ 50 dBZ), which suggest that water particles were being incorporated into the raindrop during the fall at the surface,
537 resulting in a larger water particle and consequently a higher concentration in the raindrops and the occurrence of Z_{max} close
538 to the surface. The $\delta^{18}O$ values generally increased while the d -excess decreased, resulting in a change in the isotopic variation
539 pattern, reflecting the diffusive exchange process between the surrounding vapor and the raindrops. As the air parcel grows and
540 floats upwards, particles begin to fall out at each successive height. The remaining particles, which are lighter, are then
541 dispersed laterally over a larger area by the diverging airflow. This lateral spreading is responsible for the irregular blank bands
542 that are visible in the vertical profile of the MRR (Fig. 5i,j-8i,j). Convective air movements produce concentrated reflectivity
543 peaks in the radar pattern due to most of the precipitation mass falling within a few kilometres of the updraft centres. Fig. 5i,j-
544 8i,j illustrate this pattern, which is typically close to the surface, indicating of Z_{max} occurrence.

545 Variations in the isotopic composition of the rainfall reflect changes in this mechanism of raindrop formation (Sun et al.,
546 2022; Aggarwal et al., 2016). This is shown by the vertical variation in the Z_c values (including Z_{max} , Z_{median} and
547 $Z_{amplitude}$ parameters) of the events on 2020/02/10, 2021/02/24, 2020/06/09 and 2019/11/05 (grey band in Fig. 6, 7, 8). A
548 possible reason for this change is that the process of coalescence during the fall of raindrops towards the surface may have
549 been altered. This can be seen in the higher $Z_{amplitude}$ values, which suggest that water particles were being incorporated into
550 the raindrop during the fall at the surface, resulting in a larger water particle and consequently a higher water concentration in
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552 decreased, resulting in a change in the isotopic variation pattern, reflecting the diffusive exchange process between the
553 surrounding vapor and the raindrops (Gedzelman and Lawrence, 1990; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004). In contrast, since the
554 isotopic pattern of the events on 2020/02/01 (Fig. 5), 2020/01/30 (Fig. 5), RH (~ 90 %). Strong and 2020/05/23 (Fig. 7)
555 exhibited small variation due to the low variability insignificant correlations were found between Z values, parameters and
556 $\delta^{18}O$ and d -excess, supporting these findings. Therefore, the main local control on the isotopic variability of intra-events
557 corresponded to is mainly controlled by the vertical structure of the rainfall event.

558 The d -excess values decreased and the $\delta^{18}O$ values increased at the end of the events on 2020/02/01, 2021/02/24 (Fig. 6a)
559 and 2020/02/10 (black dotted cycle in Figs. 5a, 6a and Fig. 6b, respectively). This was due to the formation of residual
560 rainfall at low altitudes and a decrease in rainfall intensity during the dissipation phase of the convective cell. On
561 2020/11/18 (Fig. 8b), the $\delta^{18}O$ values constantly decreased, illustrating a typical depletion of heavy isotopes based on Rayleigh

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562 distillation processes due to the progressive condensation of convective systems. Previous studies have widely observed these
563 mechanisms during intra-events, and both interpretations are supported (Adar et al., 1991; Coplen et al., 2008, 2015; Barras
564 and Simmonds, 2009; Celle-Jeanton et al., 2004; Muller et al., 2015).

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566 The events on summer (2020/02/10 and 2021/02/24), autumn (2020/05/23) and spring (2020/11/18) exhibited substantial
567 differences in δ_{initial} , δ_{med} , and higher $\Delta\delta$ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^3\text{H}$ and d excess (Table 1), implying that local processes modified the
568 regional isotopic imprint.

569 Overall, the Rayleigh distillation governs the depletion of isotopic composition for the events 2020/02/10 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{initial}} = -12.3$
570 ‰ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{med}} = -13.9$ ‰) and 2020/11/18 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{initial}} = -2.7$ ‰ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{med}} = -4.1$ ‰). This depletion is linked to a reduction of
571 isotopic exchange and the local increase in cloud top heights, which leads to a rise in BT values observed at both events,
572 ranging from -16 to -45 °C (Fig. 5) and -62 and -65 °C (Fig. 6), respectively. The intra-event analysis facilitates identification
573 of variable fractionation processes during the evolution of these rainfall systems. The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ trends of both events show
574 similarities, but notable differences in d excess trends occur due to varying vertical profiles and RH conditions. On 2020/02/10,
575 the Zc changed towards the end of the event while RH remained consistently high (97%). This induced a change in d excess
576 during a specific time of the event. On the other hand, on 2020/11/18, Zc was varied at the beginning of event with lower RH
577 of 70–82%, leading to a lower d excess during the start of event. The observed strong and significant correlations between
578 isotopic composition and RH support this variation for both events.

579 The event of 2021/02/24 provides a suitable example of the impact of local factors. The marked differences between the
580 initial and median values for d excess (13 ‰ and 7.2 ‰, respectively) and the isotopic composition, enriched with initial
581 ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{initial}} = -7.6$ ‰ and $\delta^3\text{H}_{\text{initial}} = -47.8$ ‰) and median ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{med}} = -6.8$ ‰ and $\delta^3\text{H}_{\text{med}} = -44.8$ ‰) values (Table 1), resulted in a
582 distinctive enrichment in the isotopic composition. This enrichment is associated with the diverse vertical structure of rainfall
583 and low humidity conditions (RH, 78–88%). Alterations in both rainfall patterns and Zc levels under low humidity conditions
584 promote the preferential escape of lighter isotopologues from liquid water (Dansgaard, 1964). This is corroborated by notable
585 and negative correlations between isotopic composition, rainfall volume, and Zc. In addition, the preferential escape of lighter
586 isotopologues also occurred during the 2020/05/23, characterized by lower RH (78–89%), resulted in enriched isotopic
587 composition.

588 The semi-quantitative evaluation illustrated in Table 2 reinforces the intra-event analysis, suggesting a modification of the
589 mean d excess. The intra-event results indicate that local changes in the isotopic composition of rainfall are controlled by the
590 specific cloud characteristics and the vertical structure of rainfall, which are connected to local humidity conditions. Therefore,
591 the reduction in d excess was greater during the events on 2021/02/24, 2020/05/23, and 2020/11/18 due to cloud features and
592 low humidity conditions, compared to the event on 2020/02/10 that had high local humidity conditions.

593 5 Concluding remarks

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594 ~~This~~The study ~~used~~employed high-frequency isotopic~~isotope~~ composition of rainfall parameters (δ_{initial} , δ_{med} , and $\Delta\delta$) as well as meteorological data to investigate the regional and local mechanisms controlling the isotopic characteristics of convective precipitation.

597 Based on ~~the~~ inter-event analysis, ~~it has been revealed that~~ the regional isotopic characteristics are different between summer and autumn-spring seasons. The $\delta_{\text{wgdl}}^{\text{initial}}$ is determined by moisture transport mechanisms and convection features. The ~~main~~key factors are ~~the gradual reduction of heavy isotopes progressive rainfall~~ along moisture trajectories. ~~The rainfall produced and Rayleigh distillation along these tracks was the moisture transport pathway. The effect of rainfall along trajectories is~~ pronounced during summer events, associated with the longer moisture transport pathway from the Amazon Forest, ~~producing forest, which produces~~ depleted isotope values~~heavy isotopes~~. In contrast, reduced autumn and spring rainfall along trajectories ~~is~~are associated with ~~at~~the shorter moisture transport pathway from the Atlantic Ocean and southern Brazil. ~~This produces , producing~~ enriched isotope characteristics ~~and high d_{wgdl} values . This regional δ signature has been preserved in both summer, autumn, and spring events. Specific events in autumn and spring with high d excess values were~~ associated with ~~transpiration evapotranspiration and soil evaporation of soil processes~~ along the moisture transport pathway.

607 ~~Within , demonstrating how regional convective events, processes interact with the tropical surface and alter the isotopic composition.~~

609 ~~During the advance of convective rainfall, the regional δ_{wgdl} signature was altered by local effects, generated the isotope variability (large $\Delta\delta$ values), as shown by the intra-event isotopic evolution evaluation. The vertical structure of rainfall, described as shown by the Z parameters in the vertical MRR profile and Z parameters, is the main local control. During falling raindrops, a microphysical change can cause a vertical change in Z values, resulting in abrupt variations in isotopic patterns. These findings~~These changes were observed in all Z parameters (maximum, median, and amplitude) and were supported by significant and strong correlations between the MRR parameters and isotopic parameters in each event. ~~The critical local controls are the cloud changes and the vertical structure of the rainfall. The local controls occur under certain specific conditions of low relative humidity of ambient. These local mechanisms amplify the discrepancy between the δ_{initial} and δ_{med} values, leading to significant $\Delta\delta$ values. Significant correlations between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, d excess, Z_e , and RH, as well as the semi-quantitative evaluation, lend support to the significance of the vertical structure and relative humidity conditions outlined in this study.~~

620 Therefore, the isotopic composition of convective rainfall is controlled by an interplay of regional and local factors. The complex and dynamic conditions of convective rainfall formation across the tropics can be understood using high-frequency analysis. ~~Although high-frequency rainfall sampling is logistically difficult, we encourage future studies of this type in different geographical regions across the tropics, to better understand the factors controlling the isotopic composition of convective rainfall during rainy period. Extensive monitoring of local meteorological parameters and modeling of regional moisture transport to the rainfall collection site, along with the application of more robust below-cloud models, should accompany such studies.~~

627 ~~Through identifying the complexity of the factors that make up the isotopic composition of convective rainfall in the study~~
628 ~~area, it was possible to understand why it was so difficult to apply regression models in past studies when using daily data and~~
629 ~~separation of rainfall types for the Rio Claro GNIP station.~~

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635 **Data availability**

636 A complete database (isotope characteristics of rainfall as well as selected meteorological parameters characterizing these
637 events) are available at: <https://doi.org/10.17632/kk3gs8zn4s.1> (dos Santos et al., 2023). Monthly GNIP data:
638 <https://www.iaea.org/services/networks/gnip>. GOES-16 imageries are available at:
639 https://home.chpc.utah.edu/~u0553130/Brian_Blaylock/cgi-bin/goes16_download.cgi. The weather systems are available at:
640 <https://www.marinha.mil.br/chm/dados-do-smm-cartas-sinoticas/cartas-sinoticas> and
641 <http://tempo.cptec.inpe.br/boletimtecnico/pt>. Reanalysis data are available at:
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Table 1. Summarizing overall convective rainfall events, isotope and meteorological parameters

<u>Season</u>		<u>Spring</u>		<u>Autumn</u>			<u>Summer</u>		
<u>Data</u>		<u>05/11/2019</u>	<u>18/11/2020</u>	<u>09/06/2020</u>	<u>23/05/2020</u>	<u>30/01/2020</u>	<u>10/02/2020</u>	<u>01/02/2020</u>	<u>24/02/2021</u>
<u>Number of samples</u>		<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Duration</u>		<u>82</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>δ¹⁸O</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>-3.1</u>	<u>-4.2</u>	<u>-3.4</u>	<u>-2.9</u>	<u>-10.0</u>	<u>-13.9</u>	<u>-10.4</u>	<u>-6.8</u>
	<u>Weighted average</u>	<u>-3.0</u>	<u>-4.2</u>	<u>-2.7</u>	<u>-2.9</u>	<u>-10.0</u>	<u>-13.4</u>	<u>-11.1</u>	<u>-7.2</u>
<u>δ²H</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>-13.7</u>	<u>-5.6</u>	<u>-6.9</u>	<u>-64.4</u>	<u>-92.0</u>	<u>-73.5</u>	<u>-44.8</u>
	<u>Weighted average</u>	<u>-1.2</u>	<u>-14.9</u>	<u>-4.9</u>	<u>-6.8</u>	<u>-63.9</u>	<u>-90.4</u>	<u>-75.0</u>	<u>-47.2</u>
<u>d-excess</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>22.9</u>	<u>19.7</u>	<u>17.3</u>	<u>16.3</u>	<u>15.7</u>	<u>17.5</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>7.2</u>
	<u>Weighted average</u>	<u>23.3</u>	<u>19.1</u>	<u>17.3</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>14.2</u>	<u>11.1</u>
<u>Rain rate</u>		<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.5</u>
<u>Automatic</u>	<u>RH</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>86</u>
<u>Weather</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>Station</u>	<u>Tdw</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>LCL</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>468</u>
<u>Micro Rain</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Radar</u>	<u>w</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>7.1</u>
<u>GOES-16</u>	<u>BT</u>	<u>-63</u>	<u>-63</u>	<u>-50</u>	<u>-56</u>	<u>-53</u>	<u>-39</u>	<u>-60</u>	<u>-51</u>

<u>Season</u>		<u>Spring</u>		<u>Autumn</u>			<u>Summer</u>		
<u>Data</u>		<u>2019/11/05</u>	<u>2020/11/18</u>	<u>2020/05/23</u>	<u>2020/06/09</u>	<u>2020/01/30</u>	<u>2020/02/10</u>	<u>2020/02/01</u>	<u>2021/02/24</u>
<u>Number of samples</u>		<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Duration</u>		<u>82</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>δ¹⁸O</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>-3.0</u>	<u>-2.7</u>	<u>-2.6</u>	<u>-3.6</u>	<u>-10.1</u>	<u>-12.3</u>	<u>-10.2</u>	<u>-7.6</u>
	<u>Median</u>	<u>-3.1</u>	<u>-4.2</u>	<u>-2.9</u>	<u>-3.4</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>-13.9</u>	<u>-10.4</u>	<u>-6.8</u>
	<u>Δδ</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>3.5</u>
<u>δ²H</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>-4.6</u>	<u>-4.6</u>	<u>-5.2</u>	<u>-60.1</u>	<u>-86.6</u>	<u>-71.0</u>	<u>-47.8</u>
	<u>Median</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>-13.7</u>	<u>-6.9</u>	<u>-5.6</u>	<u>-64.4</u>	<u>-92.0</u>	<u>-73.5</u>	<u>-44.8</u>
	<u>Δδ</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>8.9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>43.1</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>20.9</u>
<u>d-excess</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>27.4</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>24.1</u>	<u>20.8</u>	<u>12.1</u>	<u>11.3</u>	<u>13.0</u>

	Median	22.9	19.7	16.3	17.3	15.7	17.5	13.4	7.2
	$\Delta\delta$	7.1	12.8	4.0	19.2	9.5	16.6	8.4	17.2
	Rain-rate	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Automatic Weather Station	RH	96	85	87	95	93	97	93	86
	T	21	20	19	19	23	22	23	21
	Tdw	20	17	17	18	21	21	21	18
	LCL	146	489	449	168	247	93	253	468
	Ze	46	38	33	42	38	41	39	35
Micro Rain Radar	w	8	7.1	6.6	7.7	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.1
GOES-16	BT	-63	-63	-56	-50	-53	-39	-60	-51

905 Duration (minutes); Isotopes parameters (‰); Median values of meteorological variables: Rain rate ($\text{mm}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$), Relative Humidity – (RH %), Temperature (T °C), Dew Temperature (Tdw °C), Lifting Condensation Level (LCL meters), Reflectivity (Z_{Ze} dBZ), Vertical Velocity ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) and Brightness temperature (BT °C).

Table 2. The results of semi-quantitative assessment of the impact of below-cloud processes on the isotope characteristics of convective precipitation

Rainfall event	T _{INT.} ^{a)} (°C)	RH _{INT.} ^{b)} (%)	F _r ^{c)} (-)	Δd-excess ^{d)} (‰)
<u>The 2019/11/05 event</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = 0.80, δ ¹⁸ O = -3.11, d-excess = 25.7 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰) ^{e)} : δ ² H = -78.3 δ ¹⁸ O = -12.84, d-excess = 24.4	19.3	97.8	0.9982	1.7
<u>The 2020/11/18</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -13.7, δ ¹⁸ O = -4.16, d-excess = 19.5 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰): δ ² H = -93.2 δ ¹⁸ O = -14.01, d-excess = 18.8	19.0	92.9	0.9795	3.1
<u>The 2020/05/23</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -6.9, δ ¹⁸ O = -2.89, d-excess = 16.2 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰): δ ² H = -86.6 δ ¹⁸ O = -12.72, d-excess = 15.2	18.1	93.4	0.9806	2.8
<u>The 2020/06/09</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -5.5, δ ¹⁸ O = -3.37, d-excess = 21.3 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰): δ ² H = -84.8 δ ¹⁸ O = -13.15, d-excess = 20.4	19.3	97.5	0.9978	0.2
<u>The 2020/01/30</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -64.4, δ ¹⁸ O = -10.03, d-excess = 15.8 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰) ^{e)} : δ ² H = -135.5 δ ¹⁸ O = -19.44, d-excess = 20.0	22.4	96.4	0.9944	0.9
<u>The 2020/02/10</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -91.97, δ ¹⁸ O = -13.85, d-excess = 18.8 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰) ^{e)} : δ ² H = -161.6 δ ¹⁸ O = -23.28, d-excess = 24.6	21.7	98.6	0.9994	0.1
<u>The 2020/02/01</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -73.5, δ ¹⁸ O = -10.44, d-excess = 10.2 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰) ^{e)} : δ ² H = -143.8 δ ¹⁸ O = -19.80, d-excess = 14.6	22.5	96.3	0.9947	0.9
<u>The 2021/02/24</u> δ _w —isotopic composition of rainfall (‰): δ ² H = -44.8, δ ¹⁸ O = -6.79, d-excess = 9.5 δ _A —isotopic composition of equilibrium vapour (‰): δ ² H = -120.3 δ ¹⁸ O = -16.48, d-excess = 11.5	19.3	93.2	0.9800	3.0

910 a) mean temperature of below-cloud ambient atmosphere (linear interpolation between cloud-base and ground-level values)

- b) mean relative humidity of below cloud ambient atmosphere (linear interpolation between cloud base and ground level values)
- e) remaining mass fraction of raindrops after their travel from the cloud base to the surface (see text)
- d) reduction of the d excess of raindrops as a result of their travel from the cloud base to the surface (see text)
- e) assumed isotopic composition of ambient humid atmosphere below the cloud base derived from the measured isotopic composition of rainfall and ground level temperature.

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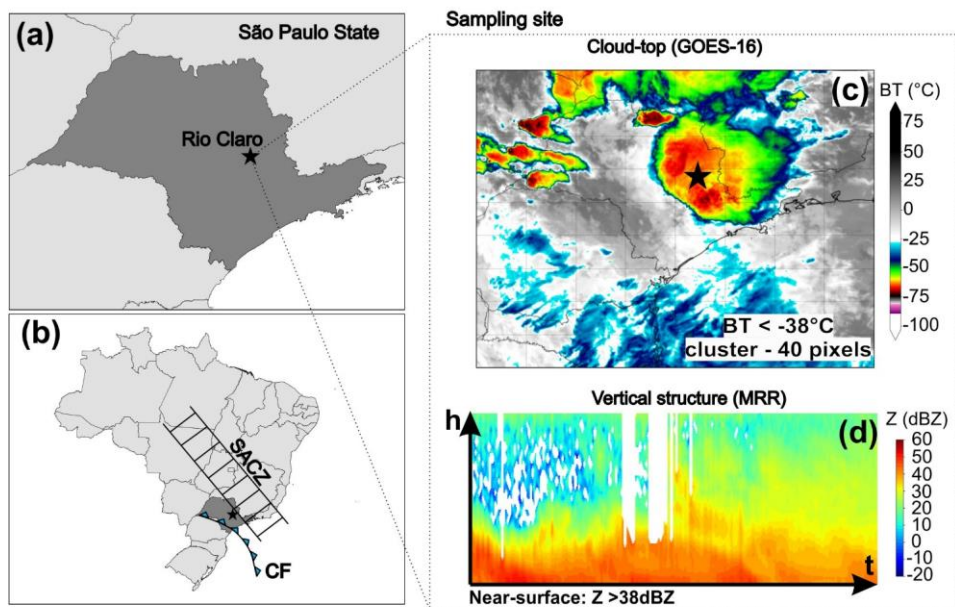


Figure 1. Regional and local context of study area. (a) Localization of sampling site in Rio Claro (black star) (b) regional synoptic context across Brazil and main weather systems (CF – cold front and SACZ – Southern Atlantic Convergence Zone). (c) GOES-16 satellite imagery of convective rainfall (d) Micro Rain Radar (MRR) image of convective rainfall.

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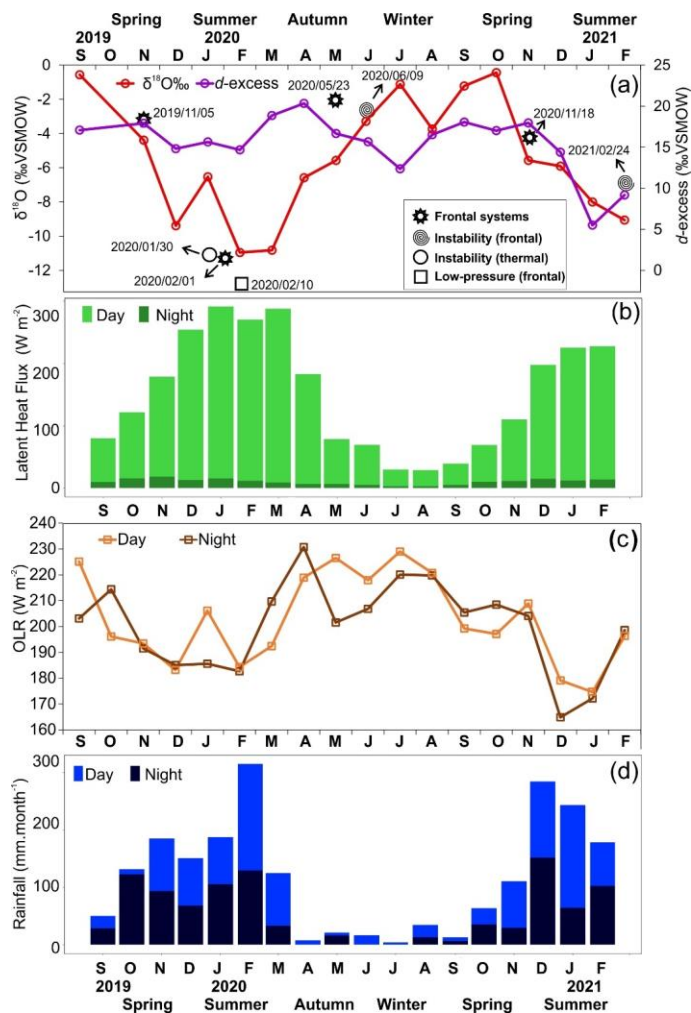


Figure 2. Seasonal variation of isotope and convective parameters. (a) Temporal distribution of monthly $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and d -excess values during study period, with aggregated median of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values for high-frequency convective rainfall events (b) AQUA/AIRS latent heat flux. (c) MERRA-2 outgoing longwave radiation (monthly averaged daytime and night-time data) (d) monthly rainfall amounts at Rio Claro separated into day and night fraction (no rainfall types distinguished). The black symbol indicates weather systems described in section 3.1. The monthly isotopic composition used in this figure was collected by the first authors of the article and determined by the UNESP laboratory, following the same procedures mentioned in section 2.2.

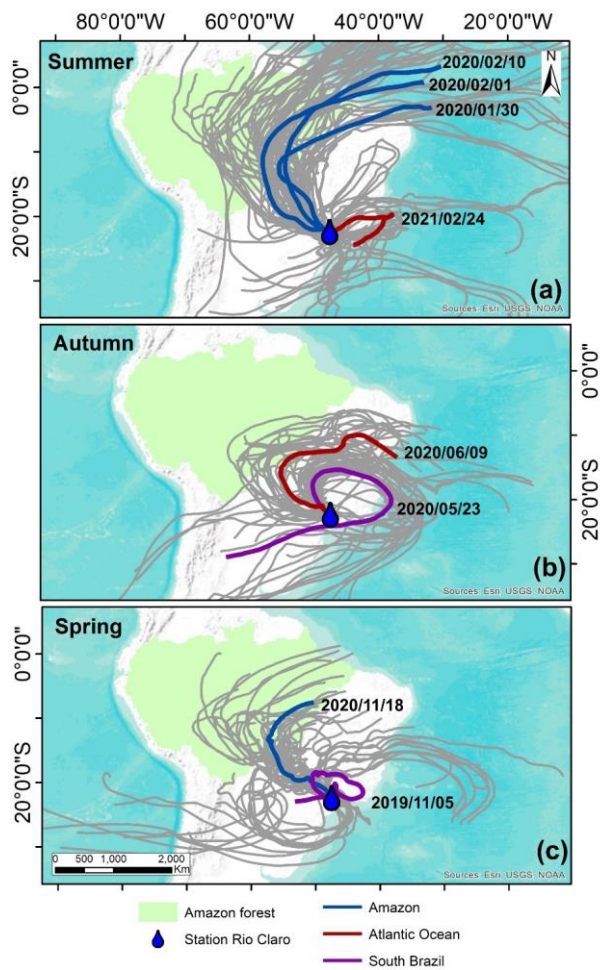
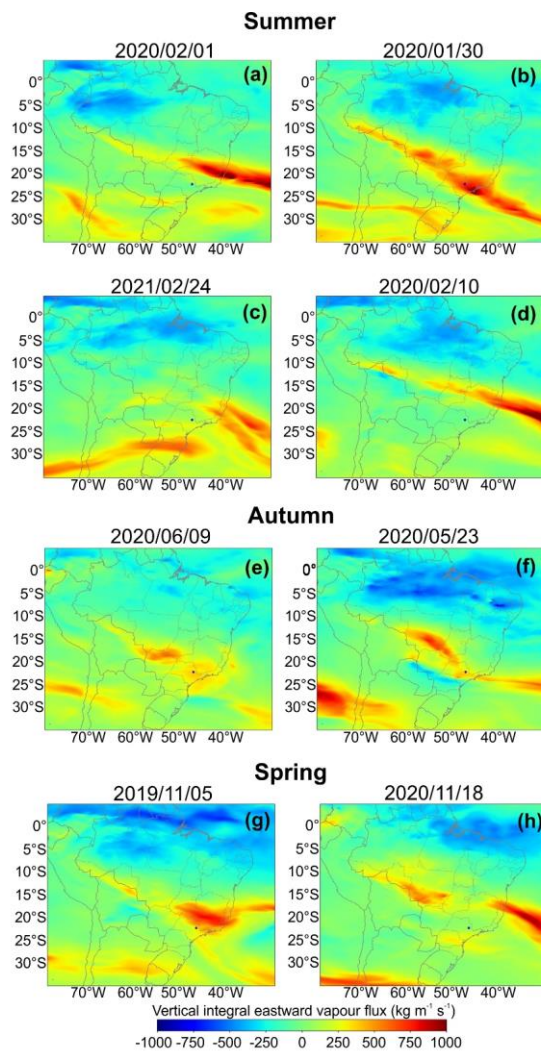
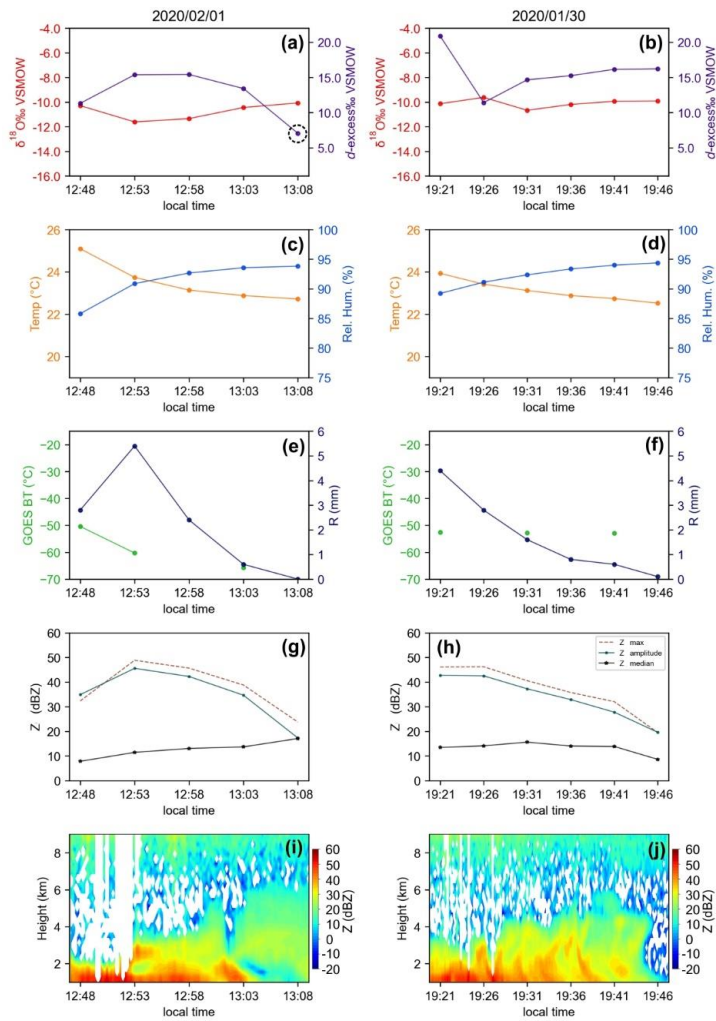


Figure 3. Ten-day backward trajectories arriving at Rio Claro station of eight convective events. (a) Summer, (b) Autumn and (c) Spring. Twenty-seven ensembles are grey lines, and the mean trajectory is the colors lines. The colours of the mean trajectories indicate the origin of air masses. The authors used trivial information, the borders of the countries and the ocean provided by the ESRI base map.

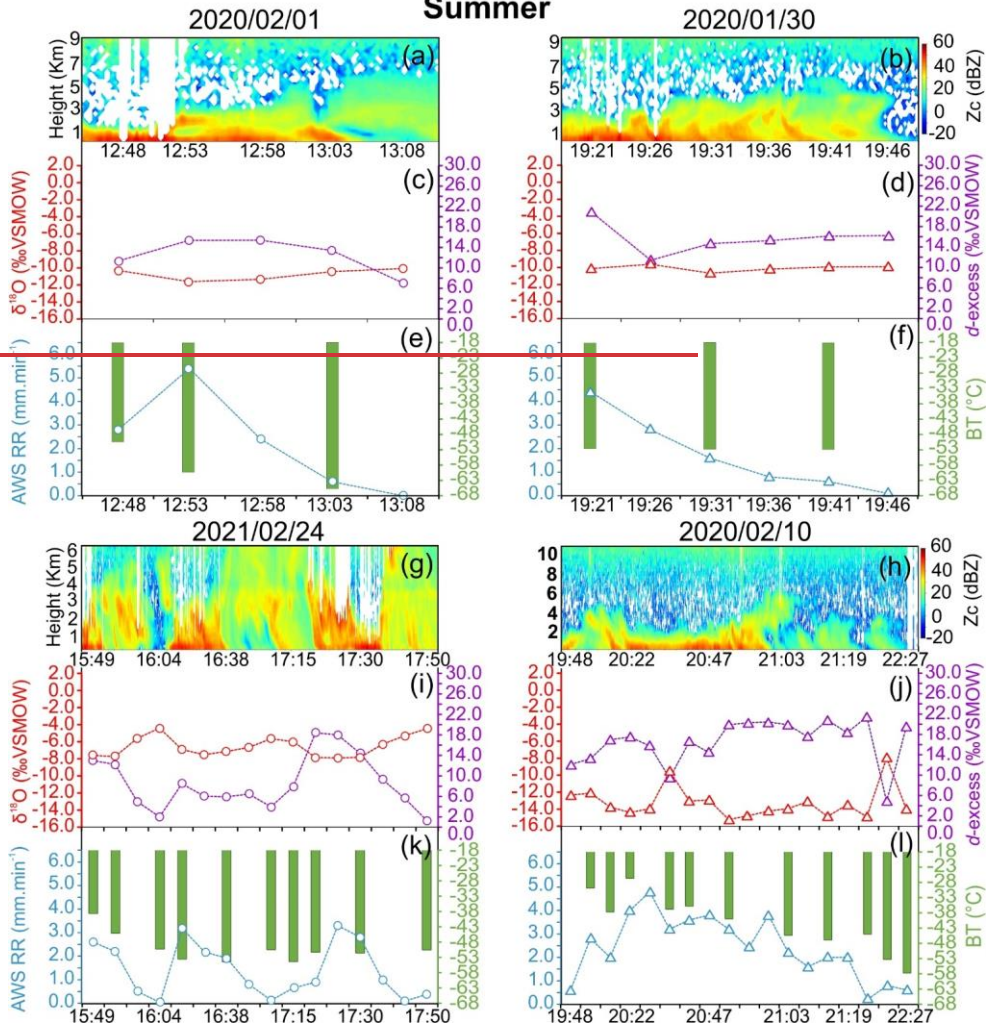


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Figure 4. ERA-5 vertical integral of eastward water vapor flux. (a, b, c, d) summer convective events (e, f) autumn and (g, h) spring aggregated. The maps corresponded to the days when convective rainfall events occurred. Positive values indicate the direction of moisture vapor flux from left to right, and negative values from right to left.



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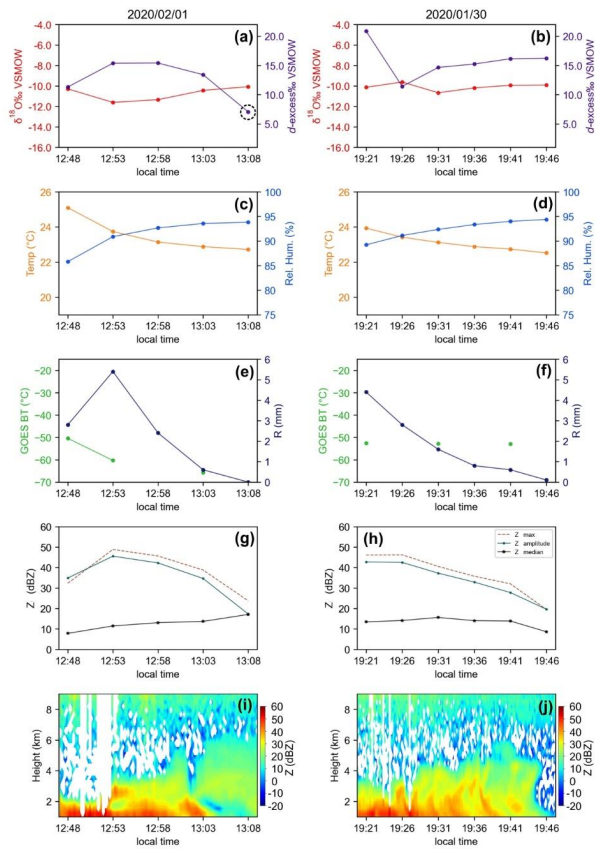
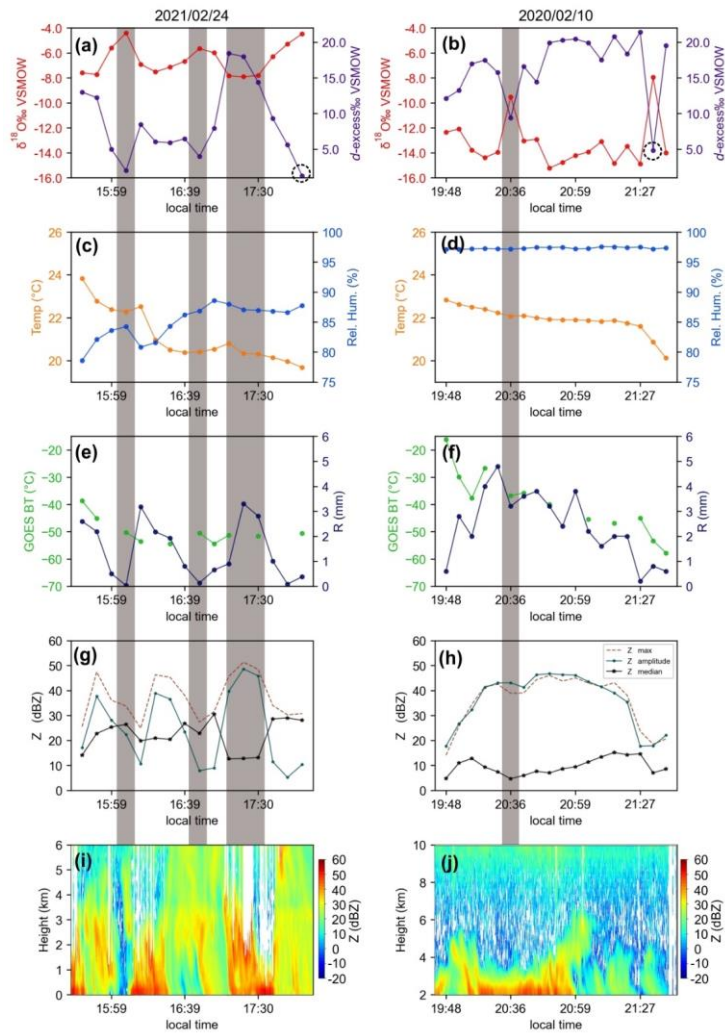


Figure 5. Summer intra-events. (a, b, g, h) radar reflectivity of Micro Rain Radar (e, d, i, j), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (red lines) and d -excess (purple lines) (c, d) Temperature (orange lines) and Relative Humidity (blue lines) (e, f, k, l) brightness temperature (BT – green bars) and rainfall amount (blue lines) (g, h) Reflectivity parameters, Z_{zc} maximum (red lines), Z_{zc} amplitude (green lines) and Z_{zc} median (black lines) (i, j) radar reflectivity of Micro Rain Radar. The black dotted cycle refers to the low d -excess value.

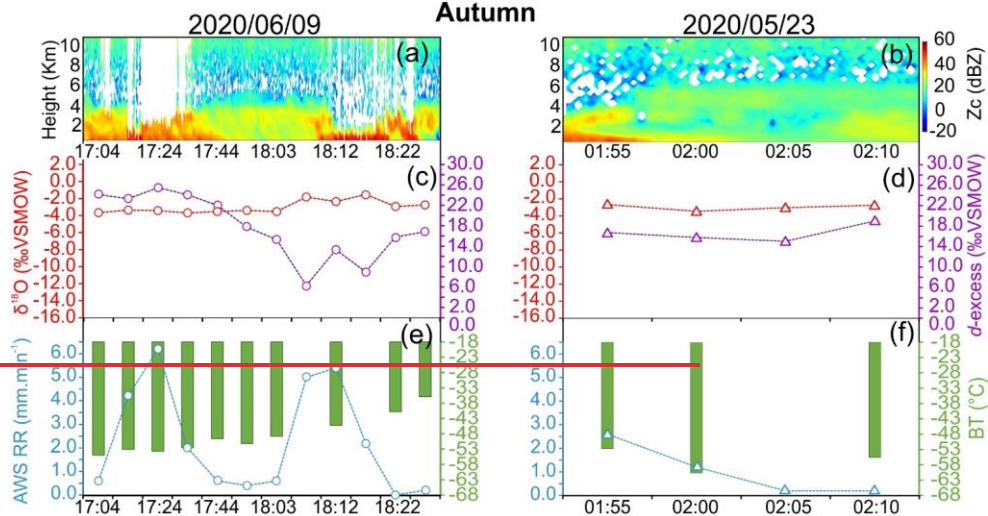
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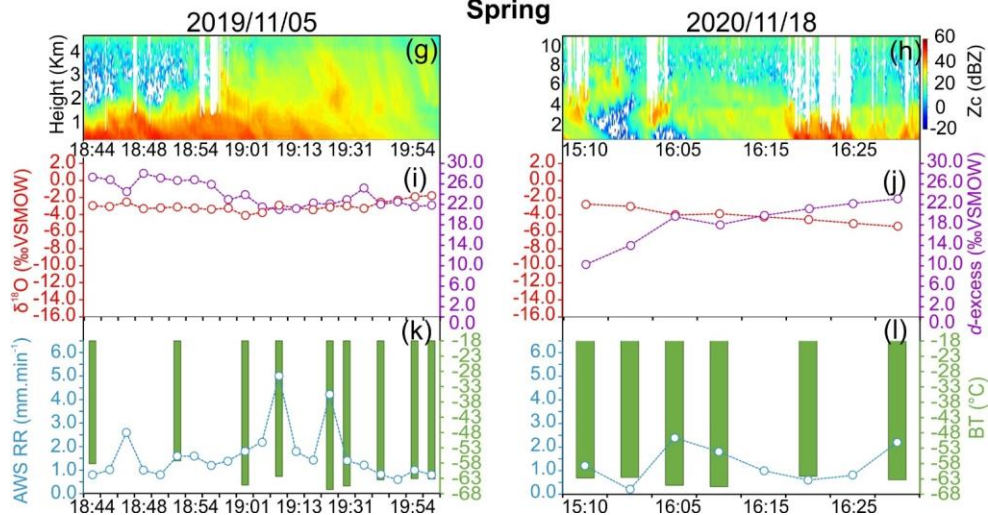
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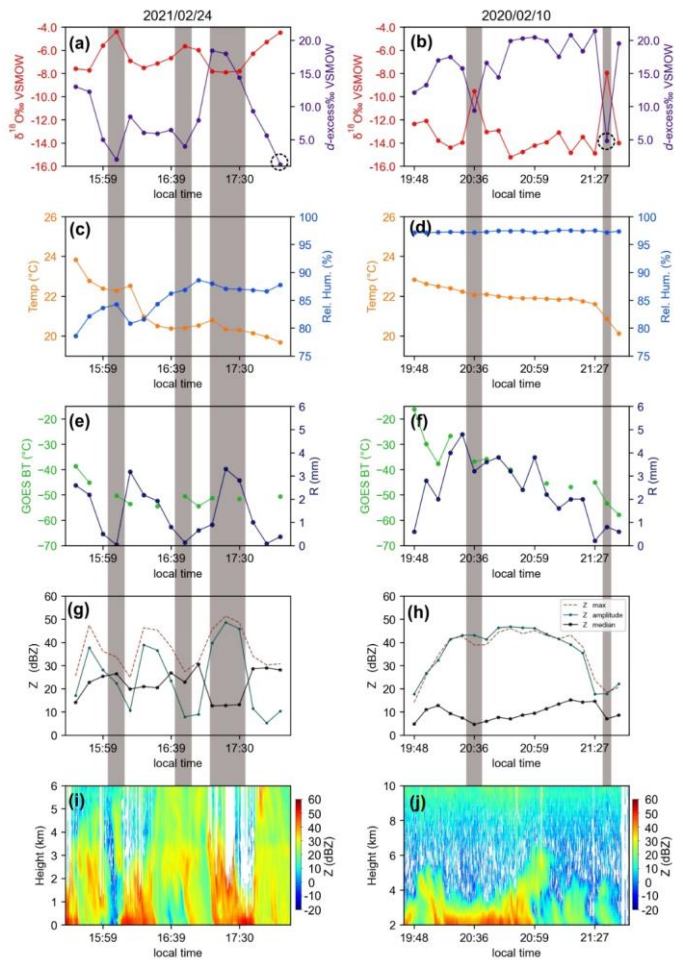
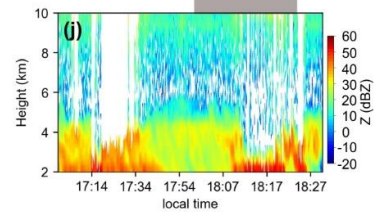
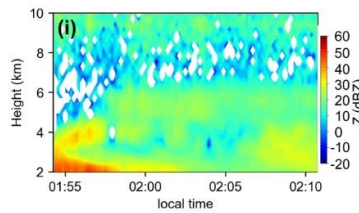
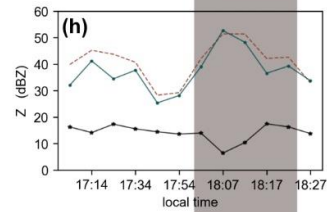
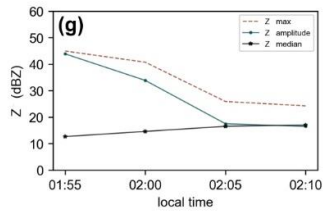
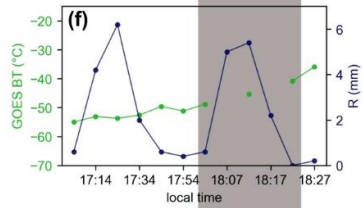
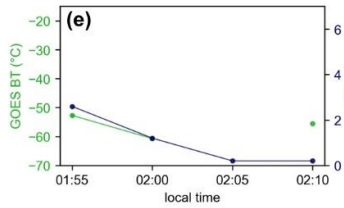
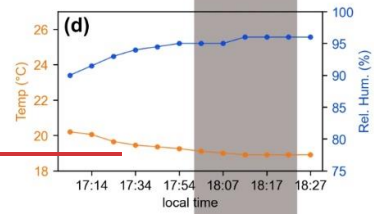
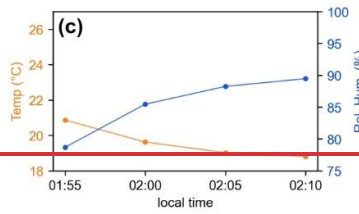
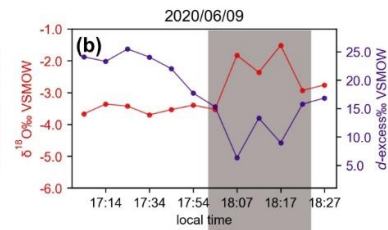
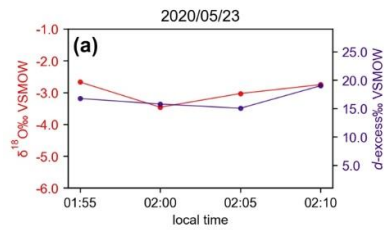


Figure 6. Summer, Autumn, and spring Summer intra-events. Refer to Fig. 5 for legend description.



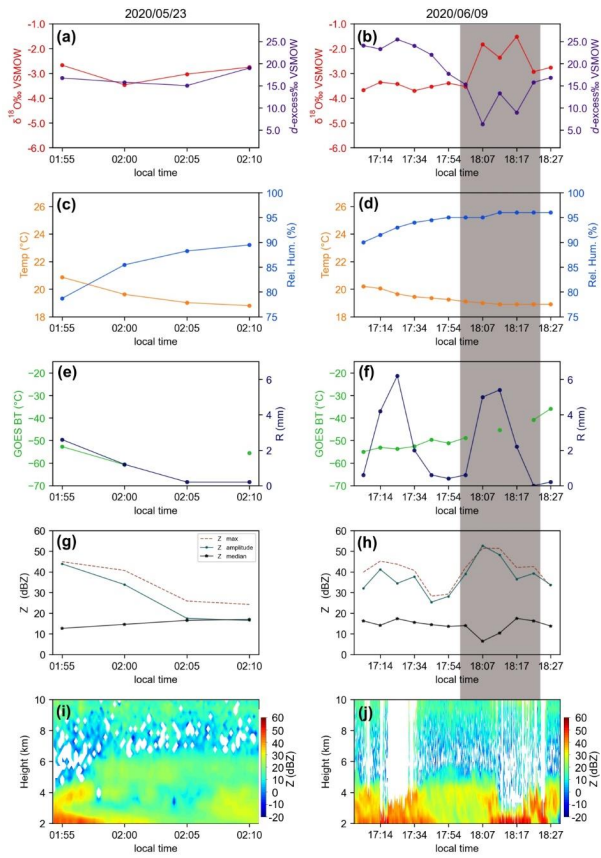
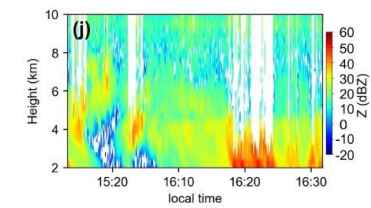
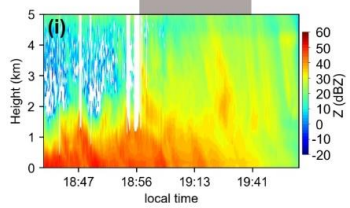
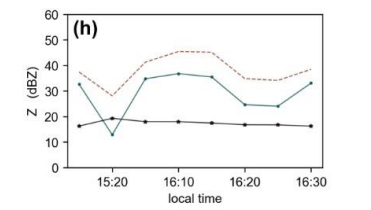
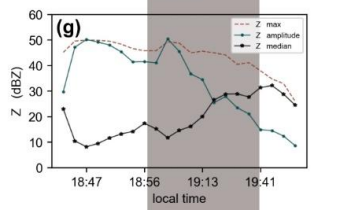
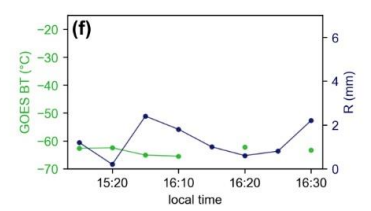
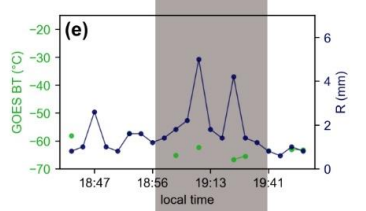
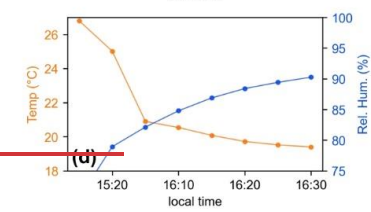
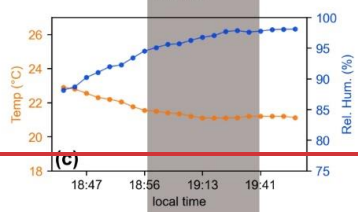
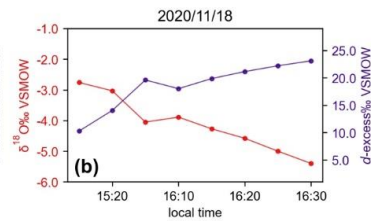
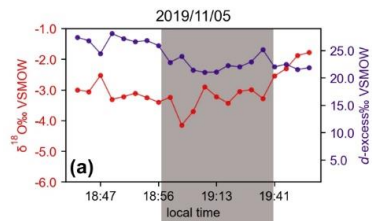


Figure 7. Autumn intra-events. Refer to Fig. 5 for legend description.



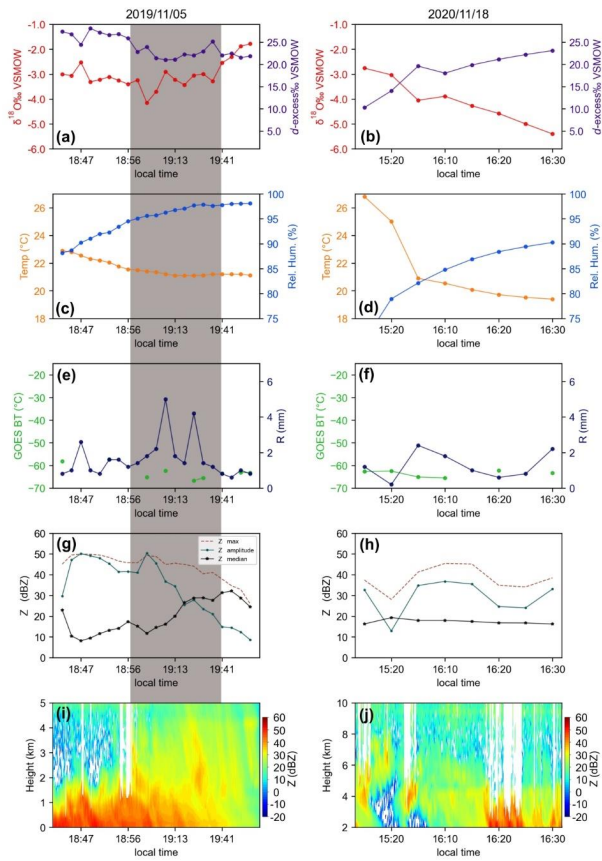


Figure 8. Spring intra-events. Refer to Fig. 5 for legend description.