### Arctic Lower-Troposphere Observed Structure





#### Different Habit Parameterizations: Different ice concentration sensitivity



## - Habit Impacts -



Dendrites

=> Best match for single layer case. Low ice nuclei concentrations required

Hexagonal plates => Best match for multi-layered case.and SpheresRequire 25 times the ice nucleiconcentration for dendrites.

#### Avramov and Harrington, 2009



Alexei Korolev (ISDAC April 8, 2008)

# **ALTOS: Science Questions**

- What is the distribution of microphysical properties of low-level Arctic clouds?
  - Ice crystal habits
  - Depend on environment?
- What is the horizontal variability in microphysical properties of low-level Arctic clouds?
  - Determining factors?
- Do gravity waves impact microphysical properties of low-level Arctic clouds?
  - Micro- & macroscopic properties
- Retrieval verification
  - Statistical distributions
- Ice shattering
  - Low aspiration balloon measurements

Can routine measurements be accomplished in BC clouds?

# **ALTOS: Measurements**

#### Tether Balloon

- Cloud Particle Imager/FSSP
- Ice Nuclei (filter)
- Cloud Condensation Nuclei
- Basic Met: T, Td, p, u, v

### Surface Instrumentation

- Full radiometer package
- MWR
- Surface Met
- (MMCR, MPL)

### **Sampling Strategies**

- BL Profiling
- Cloud Profiling
- Constant altitude

Instrument Package Images Cloud Particles, Measures Pressure, Temperature, Dew Point, Winds, Ice Nuclei, Records GPS, Contains Onboard PC, Flash Disk and Telemetry





### Mini-CCN instrument

Supersaturations	0.1 to 1% scan (5 min)
Flow rate	100 to 150 cm <sup>3</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>
Column length	130 mm





dimensions: 20 cm x 20 cm x 10 cm

weight and power: 1.5 kg & <25W

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