# Improving the WBF process in CAM5 and impacts on cloud phase partitioning

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### Wegener-Bergeron-Findeisen





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#### Homogeneous mixing:

• Mixing zone volume: (100) km (100) km(1) km = (10<sup>13</sup>) m<sup>3</sup> in the typical GCM grid box.

# **Heterogeneous mixing** (pocket structure) (Korolev et al. 2003):

- Pockets extend to (10<sup>2</sup>) m in extreme case.
- (1<sup>0</sup>) m as the mixing zone.
- Mixing zone volume:  $(10^3)$  m  $(10^3)$  m(10) m =  $(10^7)$  m<sup>3</sup>.

## Wegener-Bergeron-Findeisen

- The supersaturation relaxation time scale for ice deposition is given by  $\tau_i = (epsi)^{-1}$  for ice.
- $\tau_i$  determine the local in-cloud deposition rate of water vapor onto cloud ice through

$$A = \frac{q_v^* - q_{vi}^*}{\Gamma_p \tau_i}$$

where  $q_v^*$  is the in-cloud water vapor mixing ratio,  $q_{vi}^*$  is the in-cloud water vapor mixing ratio at ice saturation and <sub>p</sub> is the psychrometric correction to account for the release of latent heat.

• Apply a random number to simulate randomly distributed subgrid pocket structures of pure liquid and pure ice.

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#### **Boundary Layer Mixed-Phase clouds** Model vs. Aircraft Data (Oct. 9-12)

