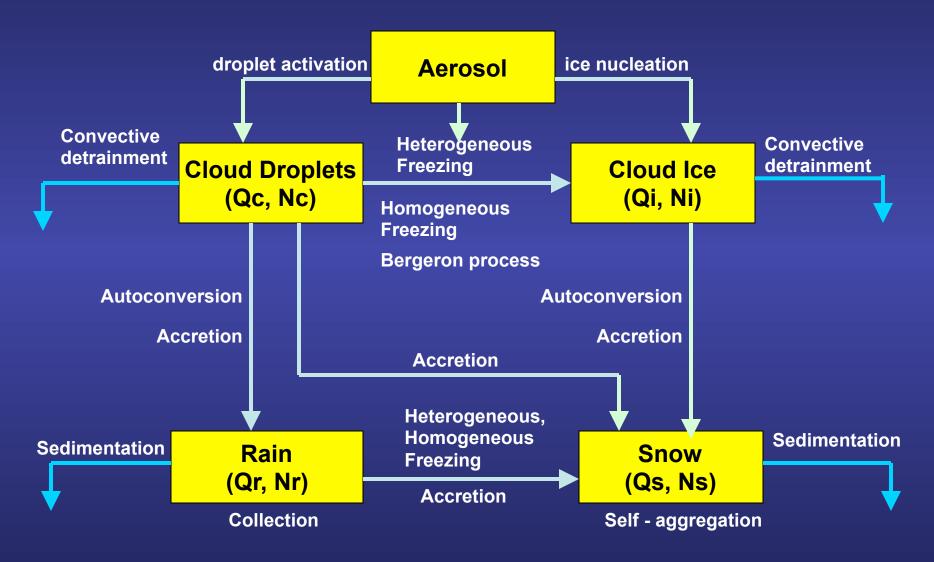
**Convective Microphysics Parameterization** 

# Motivation

- More realistically describe microphysical processes in convection parameterization
- Better treat convective and stratiform cloud interactions
- Better treat convective cloud-aerosol interactions

# **Processes Considered for Convective Microphysics**

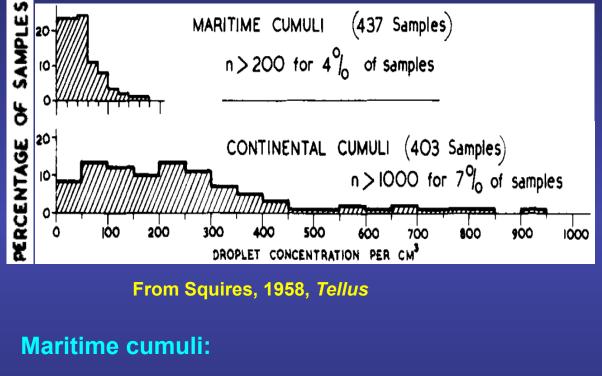


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### **Cloud droplet number concentration**

**OBS** 

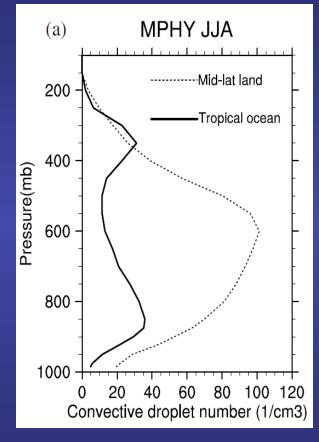
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20~60 per cm<sup>3</sup> (Wood et al., 2011)

**Continental cumuli:** 

50~300 per cm<sup>3</sup> or even higher

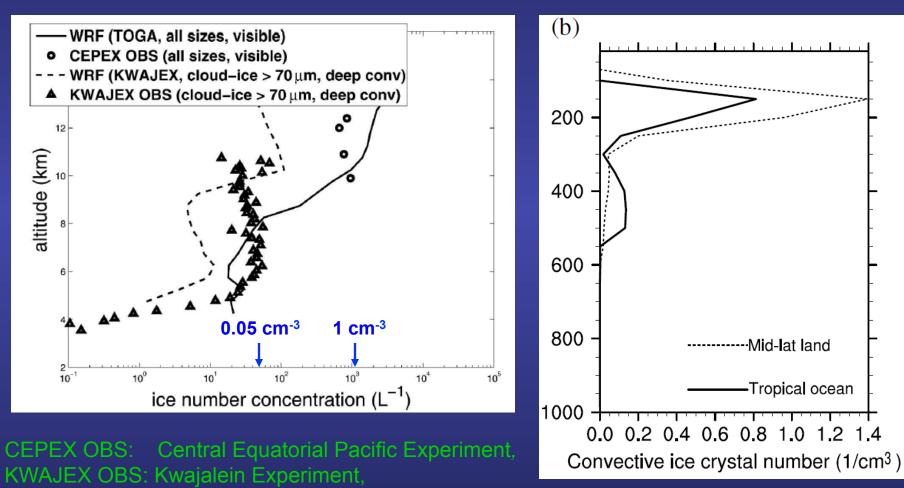


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### **Cloud ice crystal number concentration**

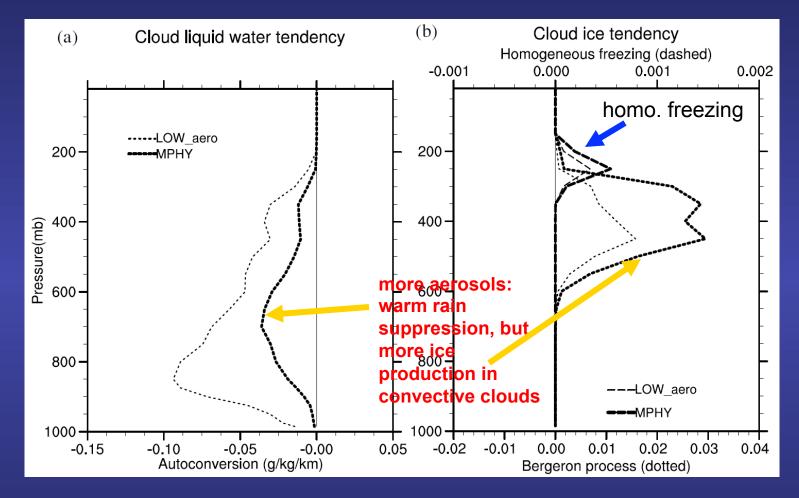
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WRF: WRF simulations, From Phillips et al. 2007, *J. Atmos. Sci.* 

## **Response to aerosol concentration change**



MPHY: climatological aerosol distribution LOW\_aero: aerosol concentration is reduced by a factor of 10