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#### Stevens and Boucher, 2012 (Nature)

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"Much of this book has centered around the relation between the microscopic and the macroscopic. One of the most important problems in evolutionary theory is the eventual feedback between macroscopic structures and microscopic events: macroscopic structures emerging from microscopic events would in turn lead to a modification of the microscopic mechanisms."

# Prigogine and Stengers 1984 @ BUW

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Figure 19. Nucleation of a liquid droplet in a supersaturated vapor. (a) droplet smaller than the critical size; (b) droplet larger than the critical size. The existence of the threshold has been experimentally verified for dissipative structures.

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#### droplet growth laws in a nutshell: Köhler curve









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FIG. 2. The activation time scale  $\tau_{act}$  as a function of dry aerosol radius  $r_N$  and supersaturation S. For values of  $S < S_{crit}$  (white areas),  $\tau_{act}$  does not exist.

$$r\frac{dr}{dt} = \left(S - \frac{A}{r} + \frac{Br_N^3}{r^3}\right) / (F_k + F_D), \qquad (10)$$

The second time scale is associated with the activation of particles, for which Köhler theory is essential. This makes an analytic solution for (10) impossible. Numerically calculated values of  $\tau_{act}$  measuring the time needed for a wetted aerosol to grow beyond its critical radius  $r_{cnt} = \sqrt{3Br_N^2/A}$  are given in Fig. 2 as a function of



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### lifting the constant T-p assumptions: parcel model

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- N → 0 (and hence q ≈ 0) i.e., weak coupling between particle size evolution and ambient thermodynamics (pertinent to the case of low particle concentration).



















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# model applicability: CCN instruments? (hypothesis...)



#### pictured: UWyoming WyoCCN instrument

(photo from DYCOMS-II CCN data report by Jeff Snider et al.)

https://www.eol.ucar.edu/projects/dycoms/dm/archive/docs/snider\_ccnreadme.pdf

# applicability beyond cloud physics (hypothesis...)



#### Wilson & bubble chambers

https://home.cern/about/updates/2015/06/seeing-invisible-event-displays-particle-physics

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# last slide

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