

Impacts of varying small ice crystal shapes and concentrations on bulk scattering properties of tropical cirrus

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1. Motivation

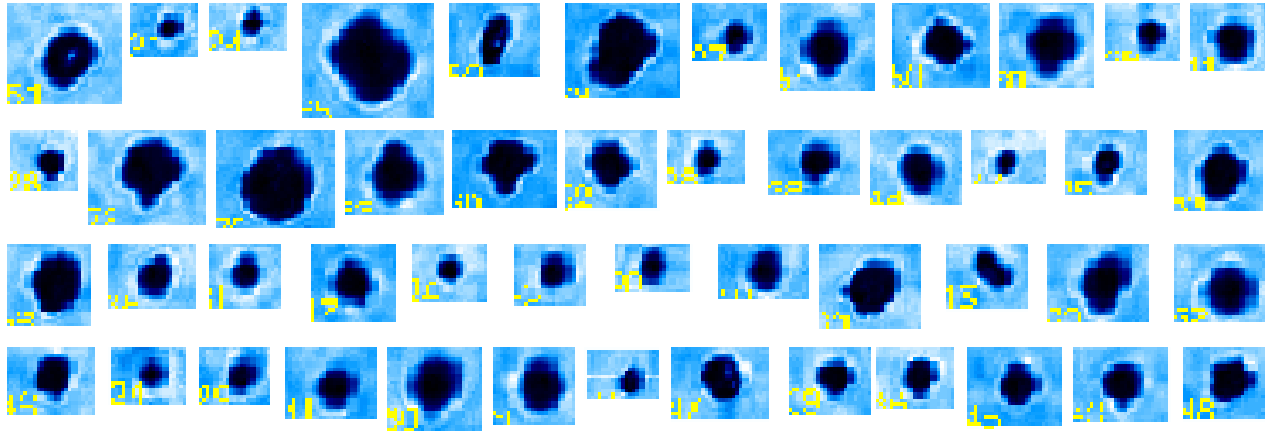
Concentration

- ✓ **Shattering of large ice crystals may enhance concentrations of small ice crystals ($D < \sim 50 \mu\text{m}$)**
- ✓ **GCM simulations with high concentration of small ice crystals**
 - +12% global ice cloud amount**
 - 5 W m⁻² cloud forcing in Tropics**

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Small Ice Crystals



Sphere (old studies)



Chebyshev particle (McFarquhar et al., 2002)



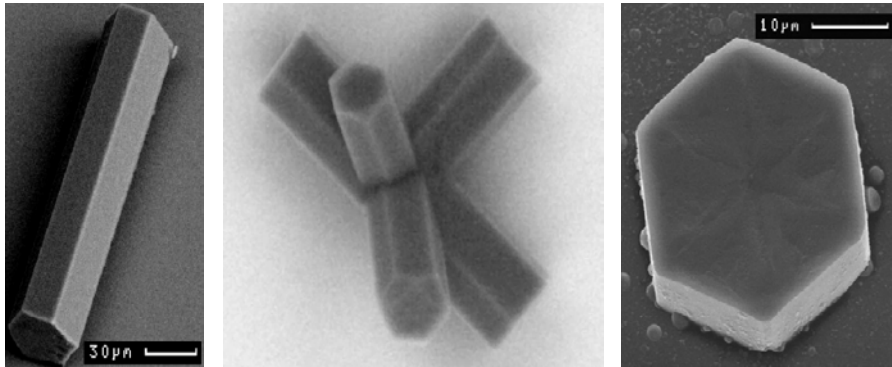
Droxtal (Yang et al., 2003)



Gaussian random sphere (Nousiainen and McFarquhar, 2004)

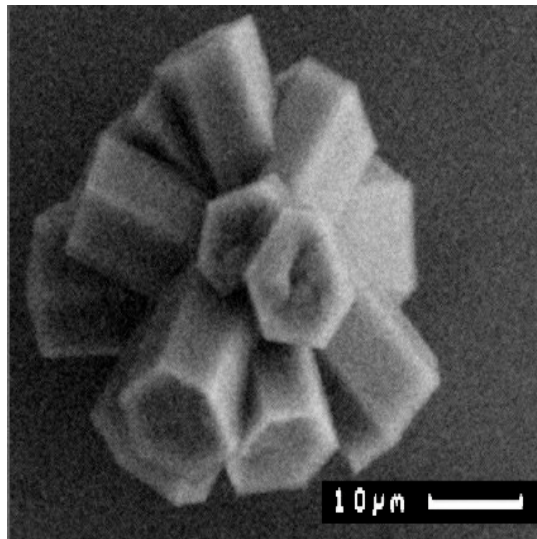
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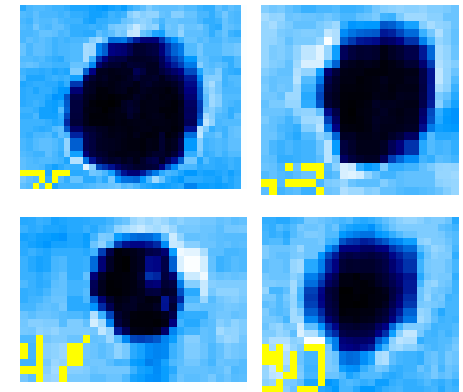
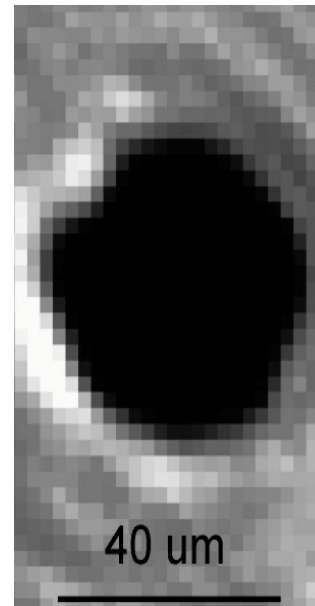


The ice analogues were crystalline particles of sodium fluorosilicate Na_2SiF_6 grown from solution on glass substrates

Ice Analogues



→
CPI



Quasi-spheres ??

Ulanowski et al. (2009)

Electron microscopy
image of ice analogue

I. Introduction

1. Motivation

Shape

- ✓ **Several idealized models represent shapes of small ice crystals**
 - **Chebyshev particle, droxtal, Gaussian random sphere**
- ✓ **State-of-art cloud probes cannot distinguish shapes of small ice crystals**
- ✓ **98.45 % particles were 1 particle/frame in CPI, suggests shattering not responsible for observed small crystals on CPI during TWP-ICE**

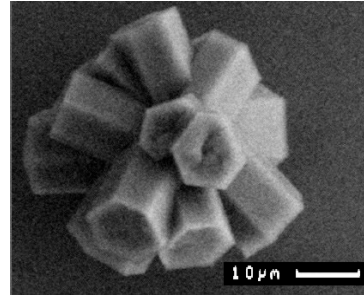
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Q. What are impacts of small crystal shape and concentration on bulk scattering properties of cirrus?

II. Idealized models

Budding Bucky Ball (3B)



Ice Analogue



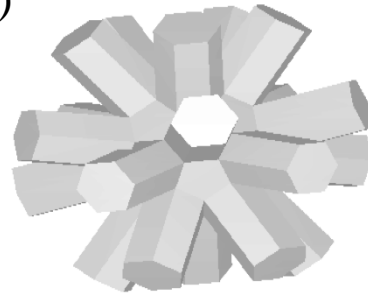
Idealized Model

a)



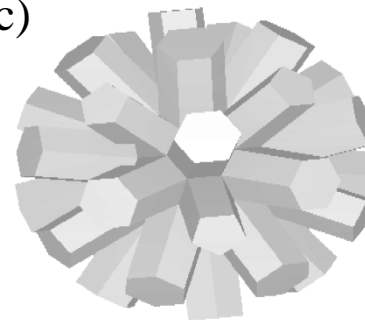
Core

b)



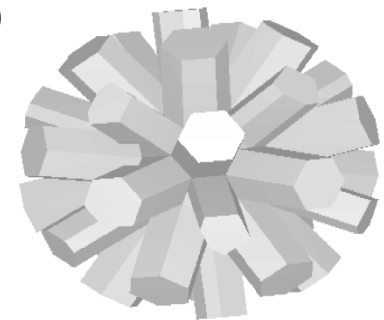
3B with 20
regular
Hexagonal
columns

c)



3B with 20
regular
Hexagonal &
12 pentagonal
columns

d)



3B with 20
regular &
12 irregular
hexagonal
columns

II. Idealized models

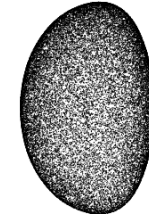
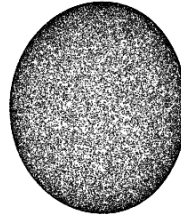
Area ratio

0.85

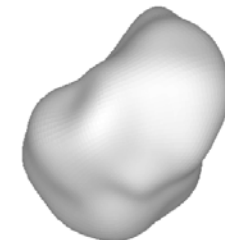
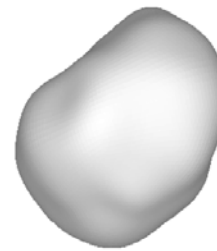
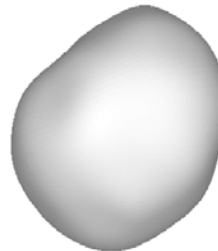
0.77

0.69

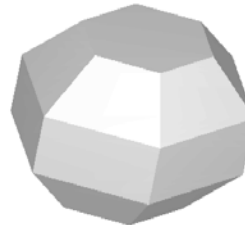
Chebyshev particles



Gaussian random spheres



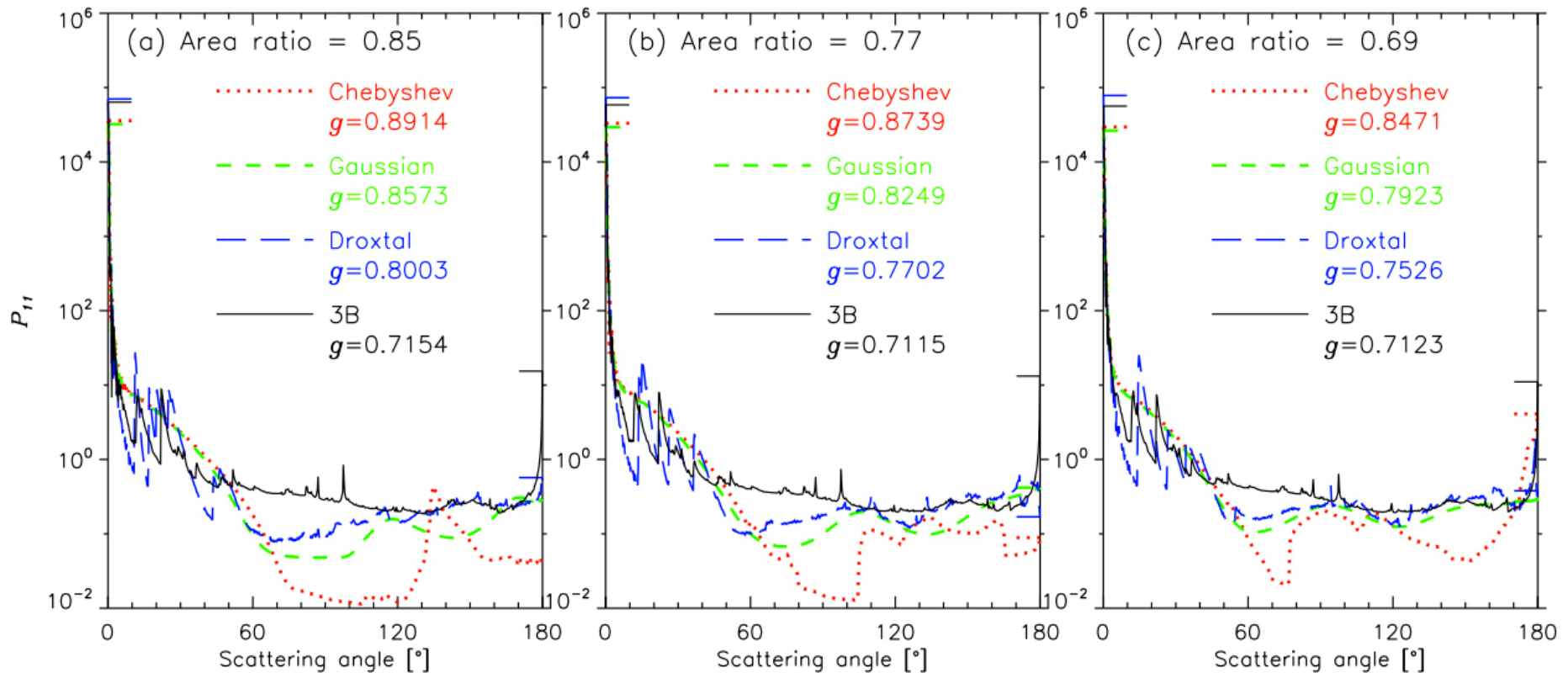
Droxtals



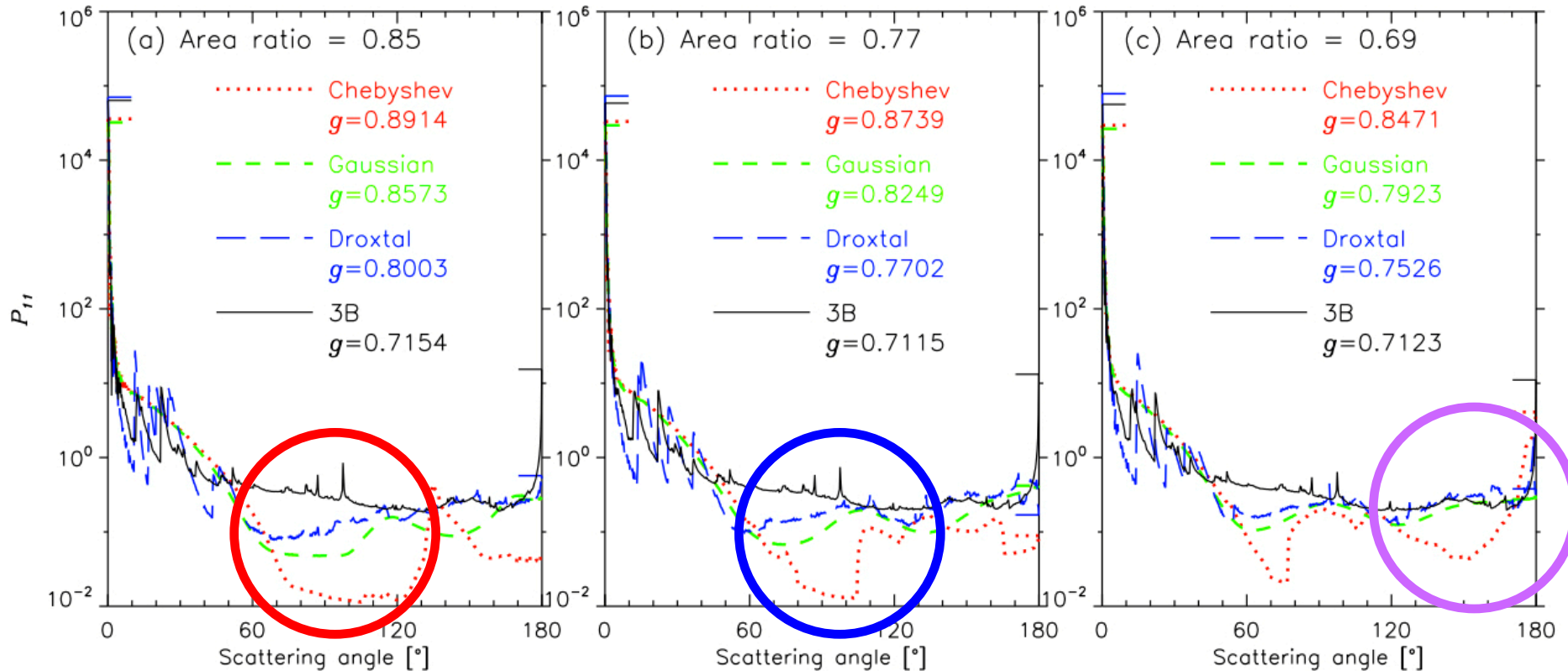
Budding Bucky ball (3B)



III. Single-scattering properties

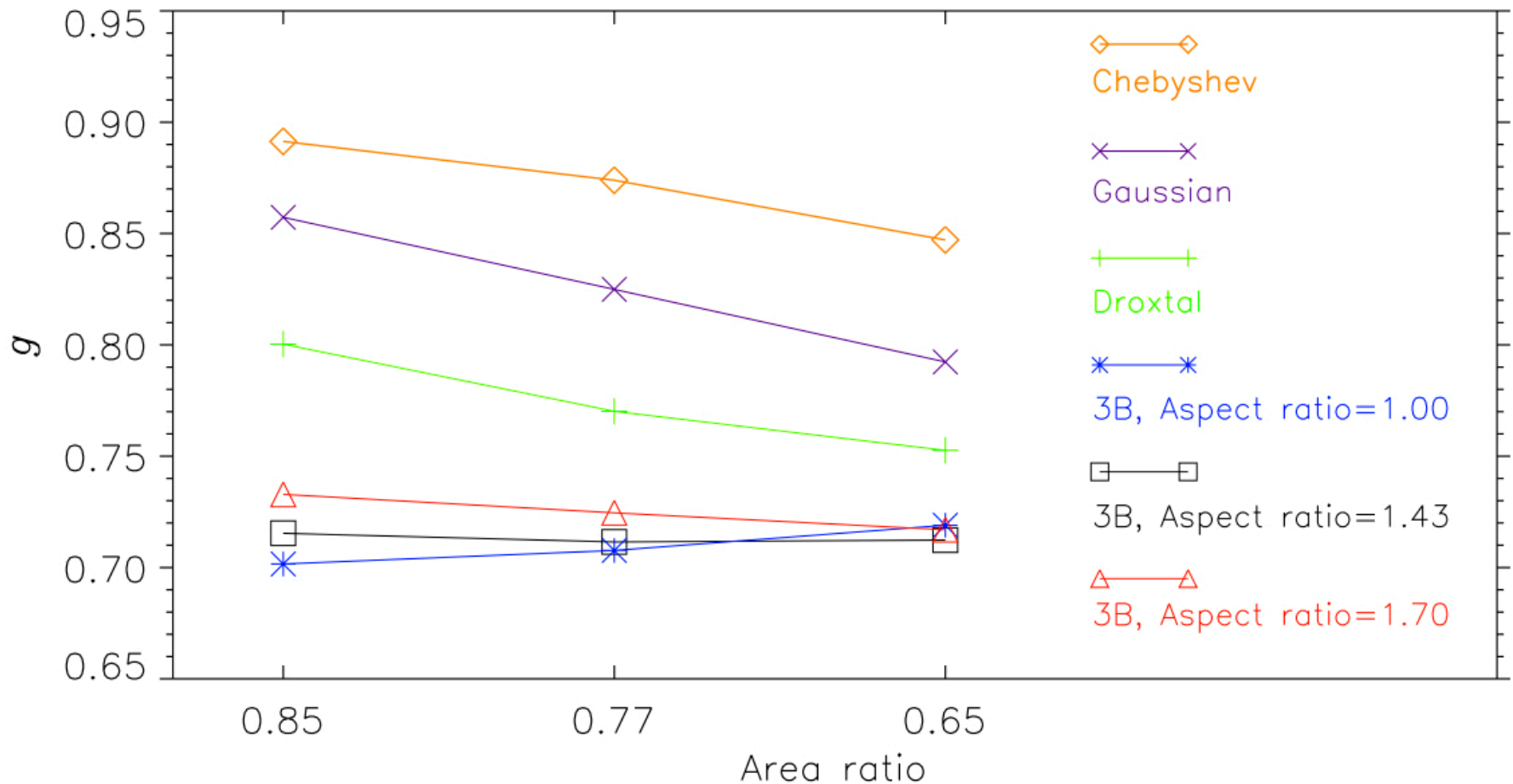


III. Single-scattering properties



- For area ratio of 0.85, differences are 21.6%, **993.8%**, and 131.7% in forward, lateral, and backward direction
- For area ratio of 0.77, differences are 20.2%, **509.8%**, and 101.3%
- For area ratio of 0.69, differences are 16.1%, 146.5%, and **156.1%**

III. Single-scattering properties

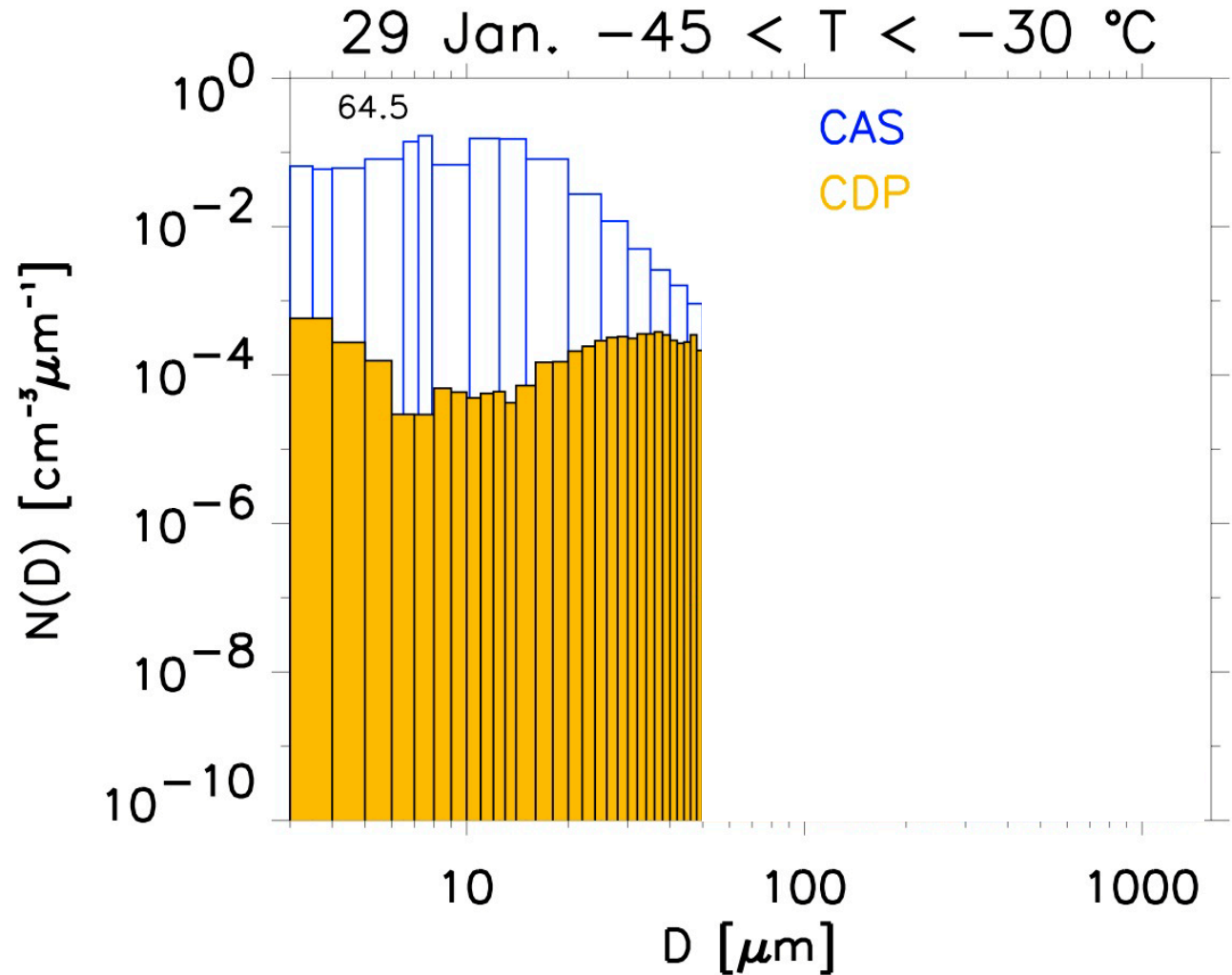


➤ **The g varies by up to 24.6%, 22.8%, and 18.9% for area ratio of 0.85, 0.77, and 0.69**

IV. Measurements

Size Distributions

$D < 50 \mu\text{m}$
CAS (upper bound),
CDP (lower bound),
or No small

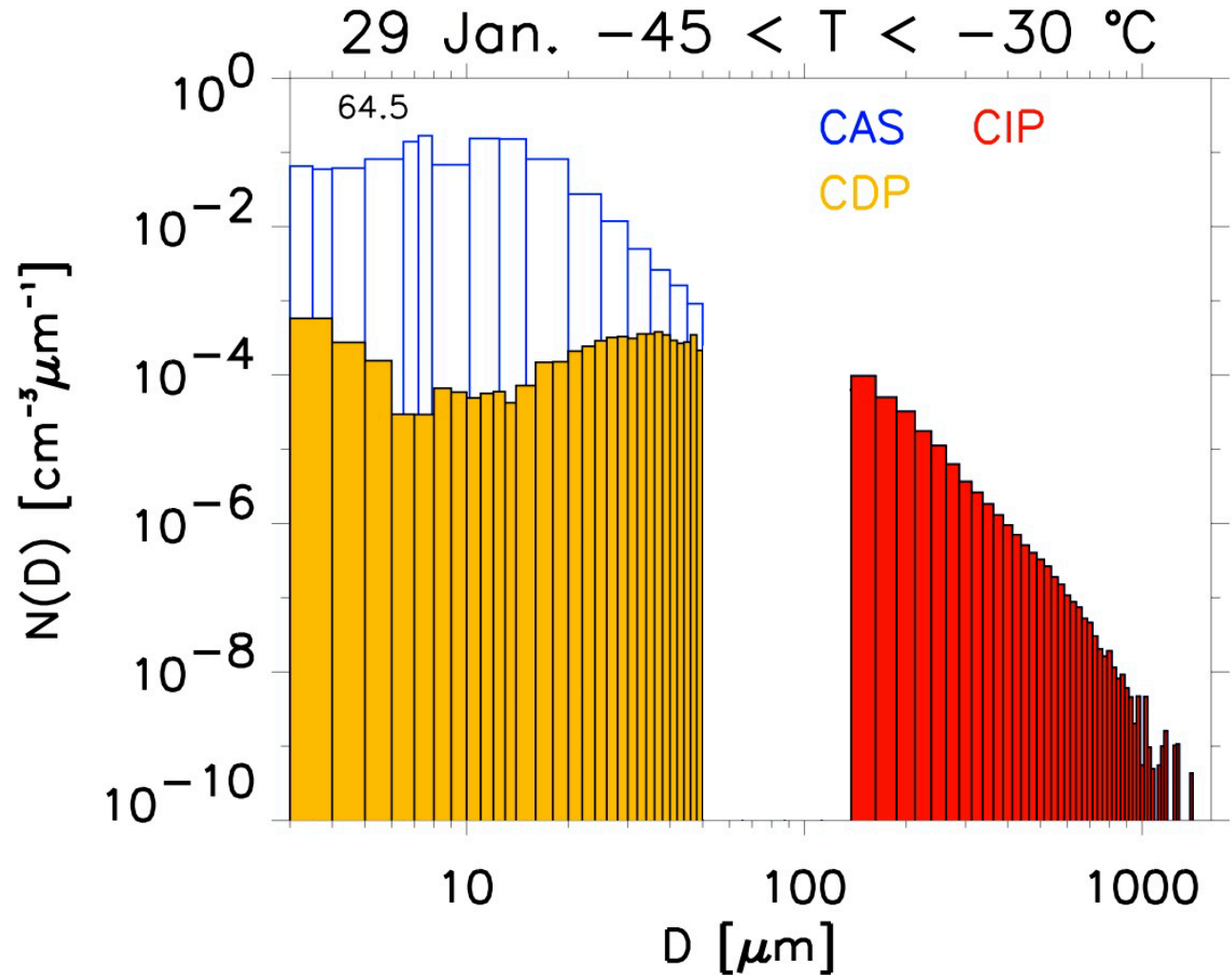


IV. Measurements

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$D > 125 \mu\text{m}$
CIP



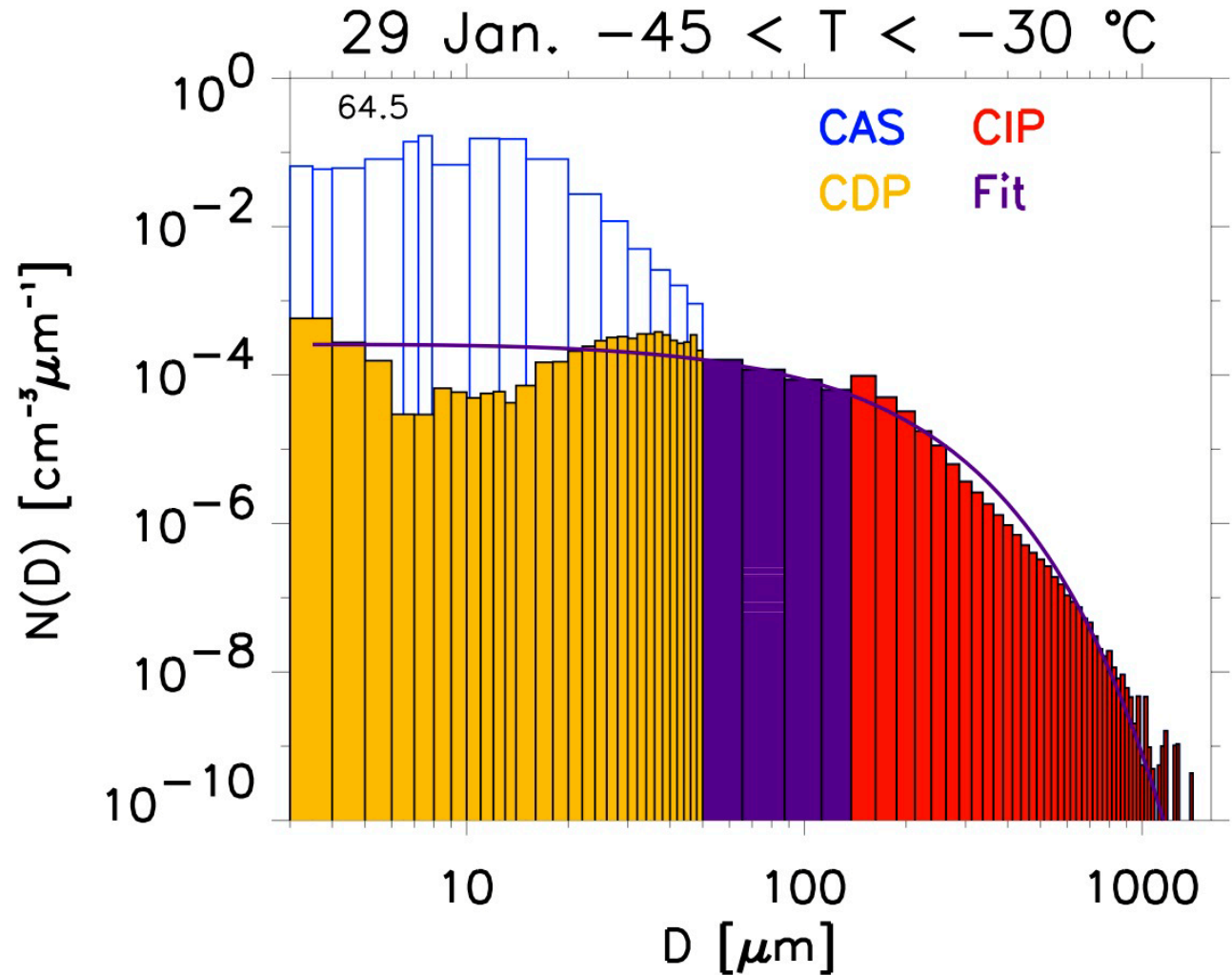
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CIP

$50 < D < 125 \mu\text{m}$
Fit



IV. Measurements

Size distributions: 3 representations

- ✓ **CDP + FIT + CIP**
- ✓ **CAS + FIT + CIP**
- ✓ **FIT + CIP (no small)**

V. Results

Mean P_{11}

CDP+FIT+CIP



NS: No small
ice crystals

SP: sphere

3B : Budding
Bucky ball

DX: Droxtal

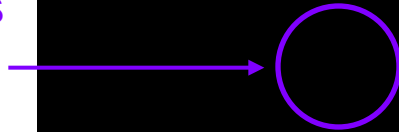
GS: Gaussian
random
sphere

V. Results

Mean P_{11}

CDP+FIT+CIP

Contributions
of pristine
ice crystals
are larger



SP differs most
from other
models

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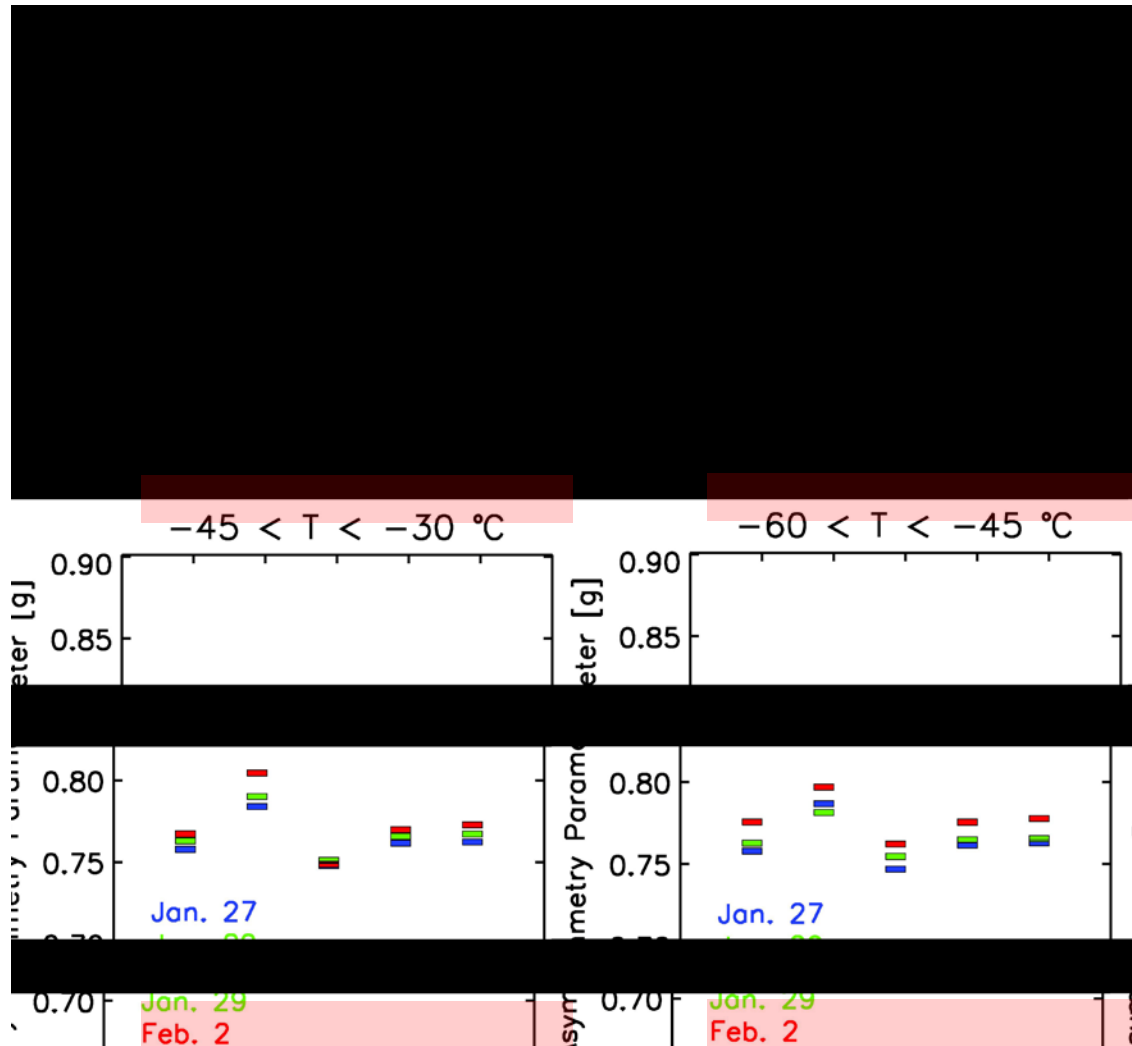
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V. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

4 models
+
No small

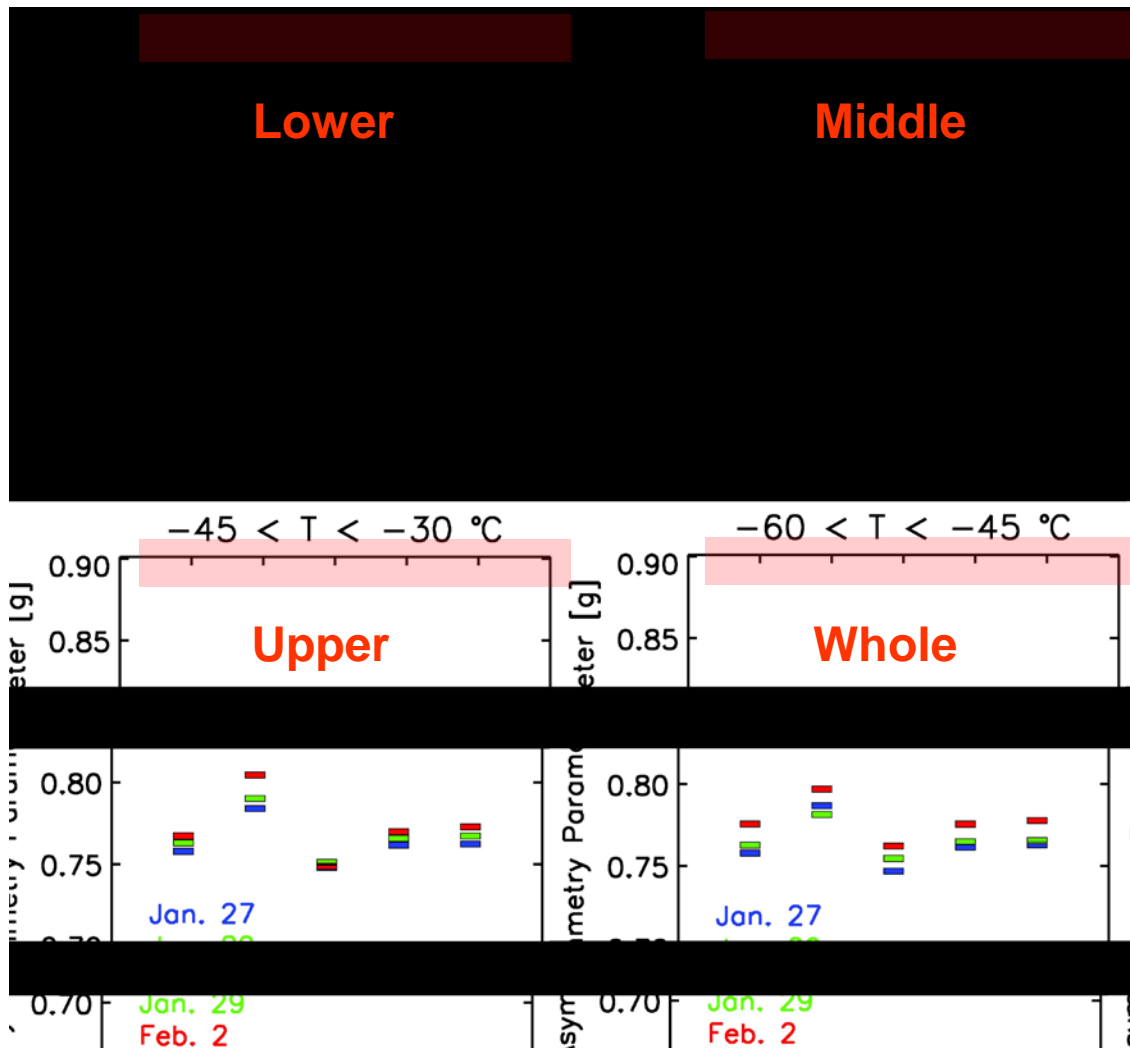


V. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

4 Temperature

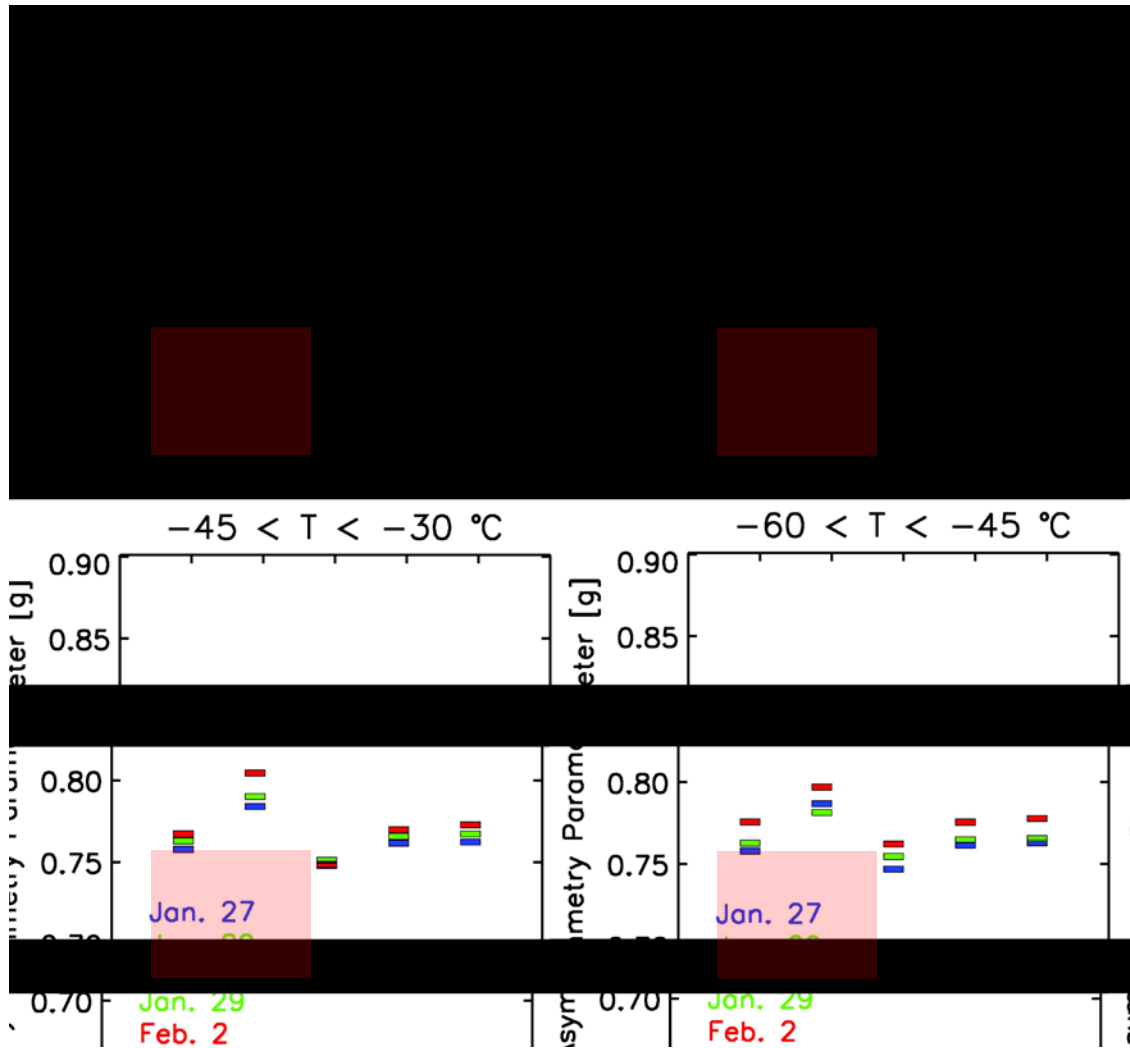


V. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

3 Days

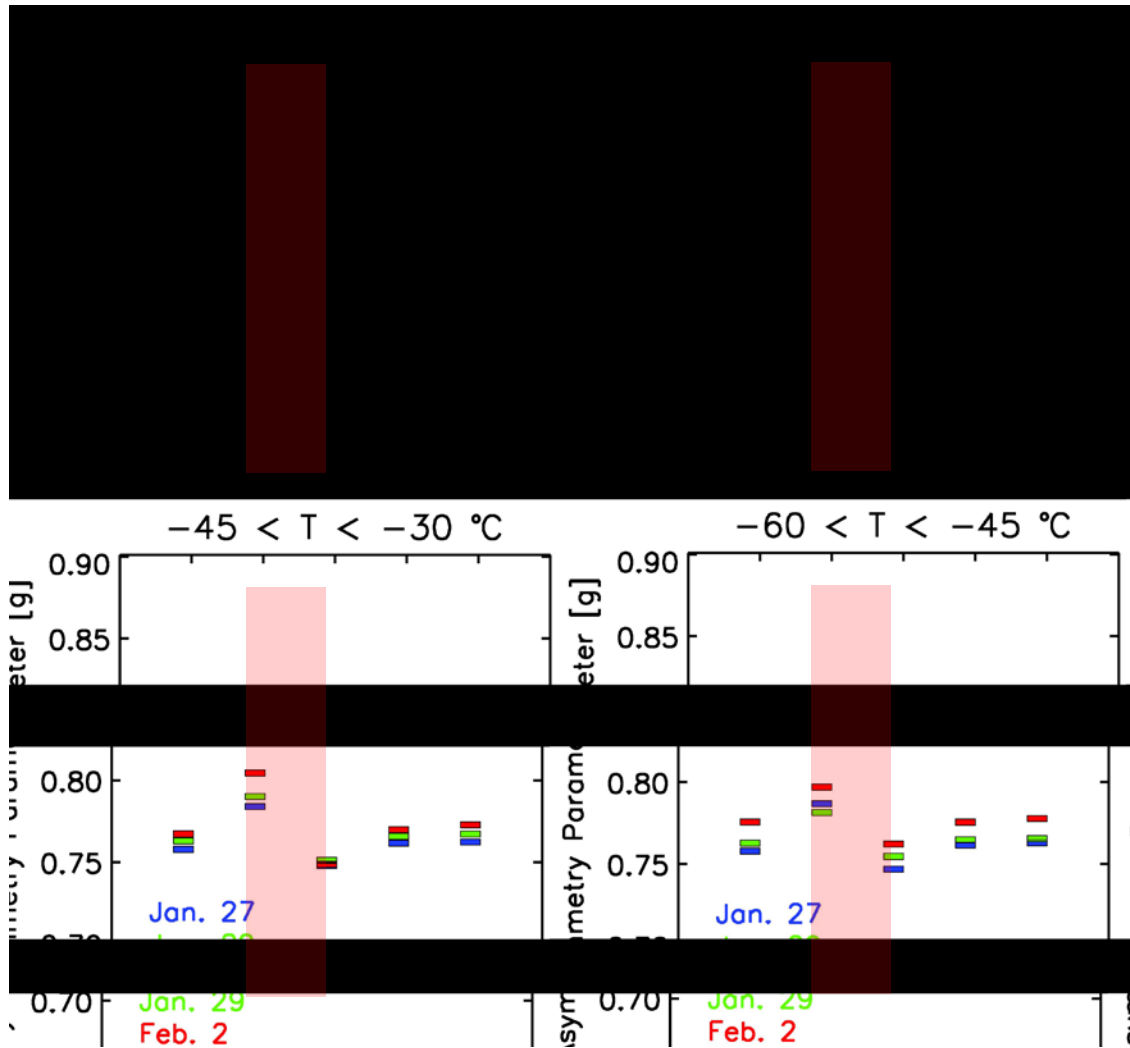


V. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

SP, highest g

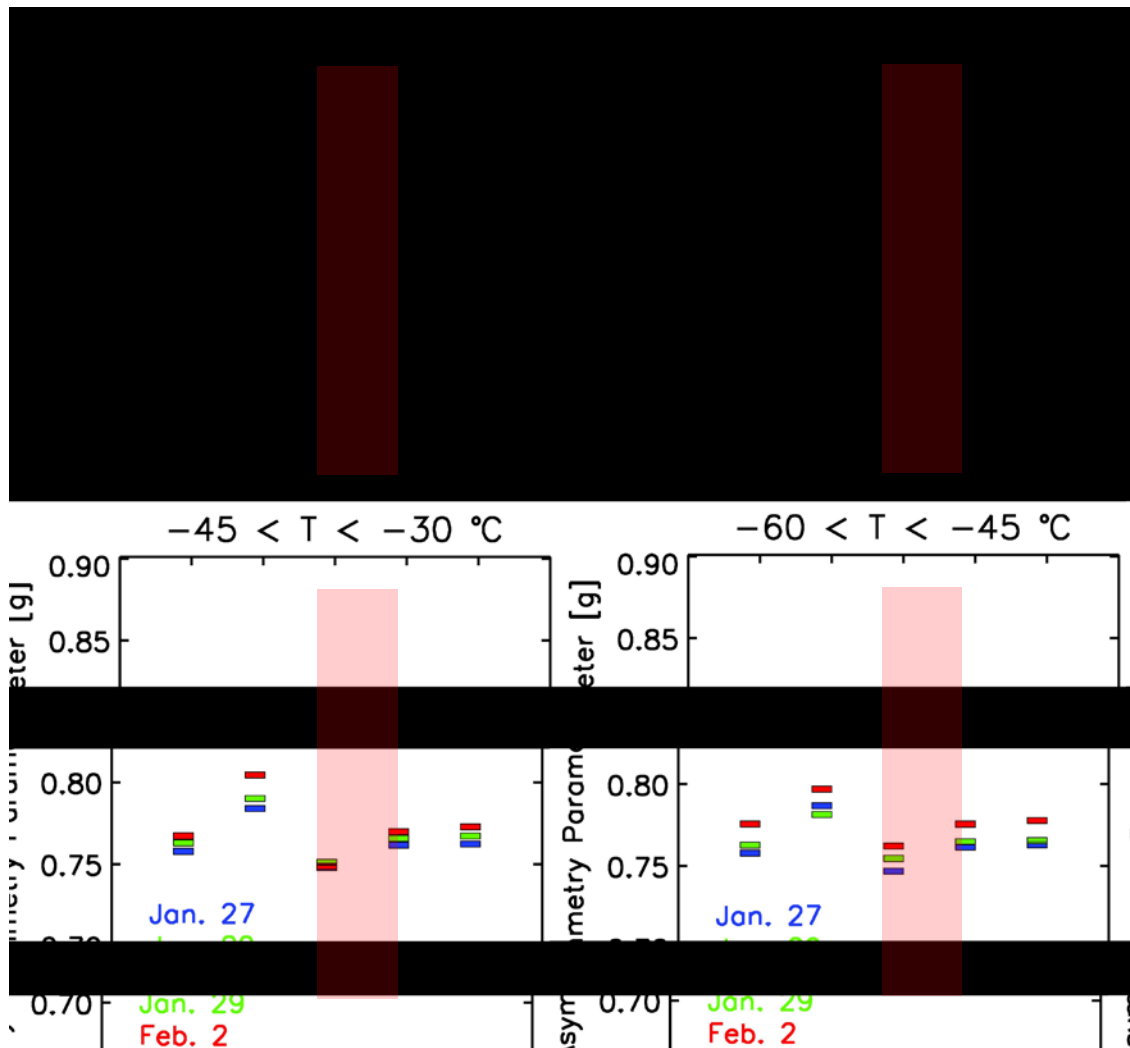


IV. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

3B, lowest g



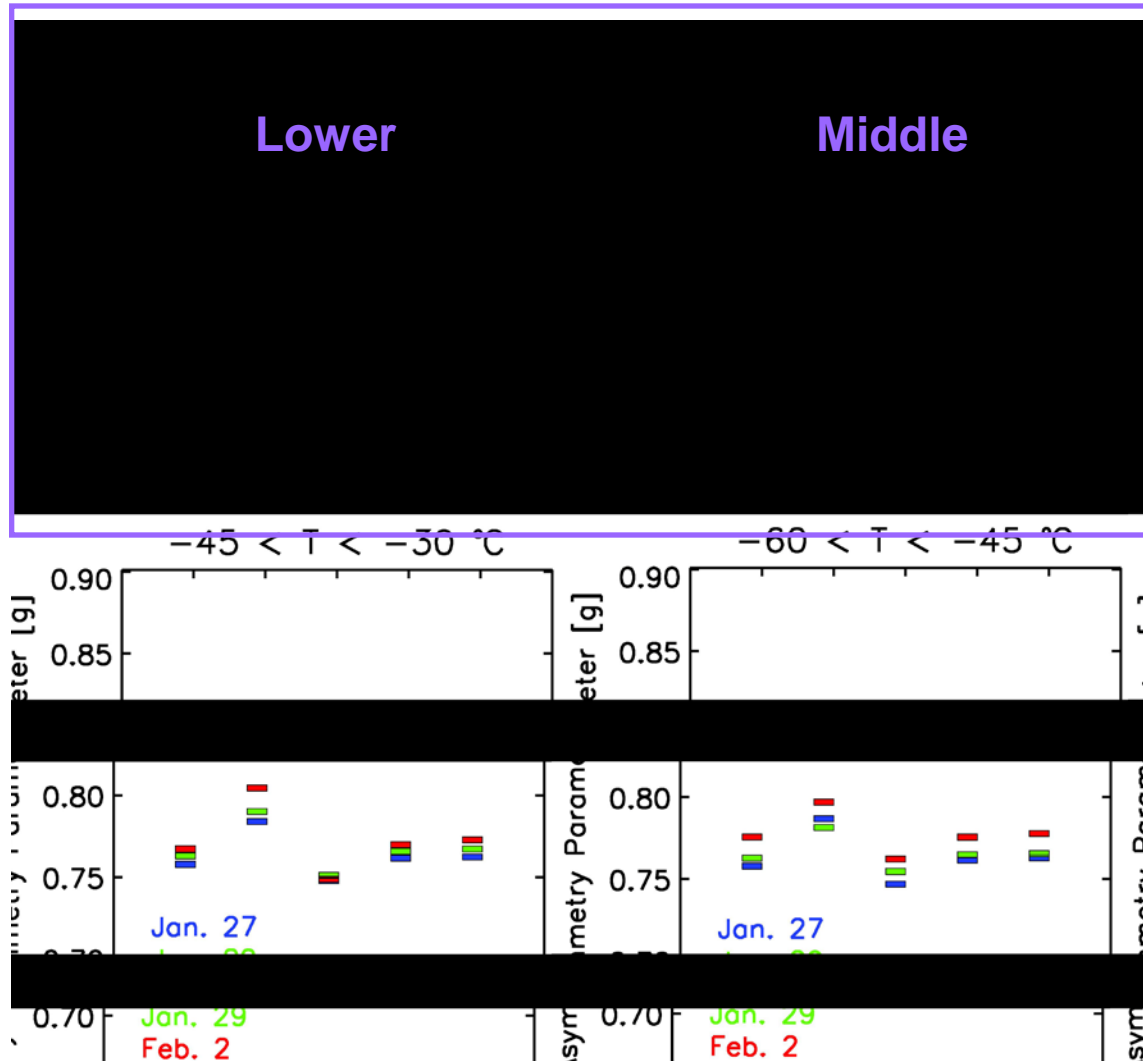
IV. Results

Mean g

CDP+FIT+CIP

Mean g for 2 Feb.
Is larger

Contribution of
small crystal
are smaller



V. Results

Impact of Shape

- ✓ **Difference in mean g for different small crystal models using CAS+FIT+CIP larger than that using CDP+FIT+CIP:**
 - 16.7 % (SP), 5.4 % (DX), 7.8 % (GS), Jan. 27

VI. Summary

- ✓ Up to 21.6% (993.8% and 156.1%) difference in forward (lateral and backward) direction
- ✓ Up to 24.6%, 22.8%, and 18.9% difference in g area ratios of 0.85, 0.77, and 0.69
- ✓ Up to 17% difference in mean g depending on shape and N of small ice crystals
- ✓ Impacts of different models largest at lower temperatures & higher concentrations of small ice crystals
- ✓ Impacts of enhanced N largest at higher temperatures
- ✓ Impacts on bulk scattering depend heavily on assumed models for small ice crystals
- ✓ Higher resolution cloud probe needed