

# **Development of a new semi-empirical parameterization for below-cloud scavenging of size-resolved aerosol particles by both rain and snow**

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1 **Abstract.** A parameter called the scavenging coefficient  $\Lambda$  is widely used in aerosol chemical  
2 transport models (CTMs) to describe below-cloud scavenging of aerosol particles by rain and snow.  
3 However, uncertainties associated with available size-resolved theoretical formulations for  $\Lambda$  span  
4 one to two orders of magnitude for rain scavenging and nearly three orders of magnitude for snow  
5 scavenging. Two recent reviews of below-cloud scavenging of size-resolved particles  
6 recommended that the upper range of the available theoretical formulations for  $\Lambda$  should be used in  
7 CTMs based on uncertainty analyses and comparison with limited field experiments. Following  
8 this recommended approach, a new semi-empirical parameterization for size-resolved  $\Lambda$  has been  
9 developed for below-cloud scavenging of atmospheric aerosol particles by both rain ( $\Lambda_{rain}$ ) and  
10 snow ( $\Lambda_{snow}$ ). The new parameterization is based on the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of  $\Lambda$  values from an  
11 ensemble data set calculated using all possible “realizations” of available theoretical  $\Lambda$  formulas  
12 and covering a large range of aerosol particle sizes and precipitation intensities ( $R$ ). For any aerosol  
13 particle size of diameter  $d$ , a strong linear relationship between the 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\log_{10}(\Lambda)$  and  
14  $\log_{10}(R)$ , which is equivalent to a power-law relationship between  $\Lambda$  and  $R$ , is identified. The log-  
15 linear relationship, which is characterized by two parameters (slope and y-intercept), is then further  
16 parameterized by fitting these two parameters as polynomial functions of aerosol size  $d$ . A  
17 comparison of the new parameterization with limited measurements in the literature in terms of the  
18 magnitude of  $\Lambda$  and the relative magnitudes of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  suggests that it is a reasonable  
19 approximation. Advantages of this new semi-empirical parameterization compared to traditional  
20 theoretical formulations for  $\Lambda$  include its applicability to below-cloud scavenging by both rain and  
21 snow over a wide range of particle sizes and precipitation intensities, ease of implementation in any  
22 CTM with a representation of size-distributed particulate matter, and a known representativeness

23 based on the consideration in its development of all available theoretical formulations and field-  
24 derived estimates for  $\Lambda(d)$  and their associated uncertainties.

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## 26 **1 Introduction**

27 The removal of below-cloud aerosol particles by precipitation, either rain or snow, decreases the  
28 concentrations of particulate matter in the air and contributes to the wet deposition of toxic  
29 pollutants. This process has been identified as one of the most efficient removal mechanisms for  
30 atmospheric particles and is thus a key process in aerosol chemical transport models (CTMs)  
31 (Textor et al., 2006). Simulating this process with reasonable accuracy in CTMs has important  
32 impacts when model results from CTMs are used to assess air quality, climate, or ecosystem issues.  
33 This process, however, involves complex interactions between aerosol particles and falling  
34 hydrometeors and thus is commonly parameterized in CTMs (e.g., Zhang, 2008; Gong et al., 2011).  
35 A parameter called the scavenging coefficient  $\Lambda$  ( $s^{-1}$ ) serves this purpose (Seinfeld and Pandis,  
36 2006).

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38 Various theoretical and empirical formulations for  $\Lambda$  exist in the literature to parameterize rain and  
39 snow scavenging of below-cloud aerosol particles. This choice matters because CTMs with  
40 different  $\Lambda$  formulations produce significantly different predictions of particulate matter  
41 concentrations and atmospheric deposition budgets (e.g., Rasch et al., 2000; Solazzo et al., 2012).  
42 To quantify the differences in the existing size-resolved formulations for  $\Lambda$  and to identify the  
43 dominant **product terms** causing these differences, we recently conducted detailed reviews of  
44 available parameterizations of below-cloud scavenging of size-resolved aerosol particles by rain  
45 ( $\Lambda_{rain}$ ) and by snow ( $\Lambda_{snow}$ ) (Wang et al., 2010, 2011; Zhang et al., 2013). The major conclusions

46 from these review studies can be summarized as follows: (1) Different theoretical formulations for  
47  $\Lambda$  can differ by one to two orders of magnitude for scavenging by rain ( $\Lambda_{rain}$ ) and by up to three  
48 orders of magnitude for scavenging by snow ( $\Lambda_{snow}$ ), depending on aerosol particle size. (2)  
49 Different formulas for hydrometeor-aerosol particle collection efficiency, which is one of the key  
50 **product terms** of the available theoretical formulations for  $\Lambda$ , can cause uncertainties of one order of  
51 magnitude or more for both  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  whereas different formulas for the three other **product**  
52 **terms** of  $\Lambda$ , i.e., the number size distribution, terminal velocity, and effective cross-sectional area of  
53 falling hydrometeors, can cause uncertainties of a factor of 2 to 5 in  $\Lambda$ . (3) The majority of field-  
54 derived estimates of  $\Lambda_{rain}$ , from which empirical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  formulas were developed, are one to two  
55 orders of magnitude larger than all theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  formulas; the only exception is one controlled  
56 outdoor field experiment that obtained  $\Lambda_{rain}$  to a similar order of magnitude to the theoretical values  
57 **(Sparmacher et al., 1993; Wang et al. 2010)**. A similar feature was also found for  $\Lambda_{snow}$ , although  
58 the differences between the few available field measurements and theoretical values are not as large  
59 as for  $\Lambda_{rain}$ . (4) The differences between empirical and theoretical  $\Lambda$  values can largely be  
60 explained by additional processes/mechanisms that influence field-derived estimates of  $\Lambda$  but that  
61 are not considered in the theoretical  $\Lambda$  formulas.

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63 Based on the conclusions listed above, we provided some recommendations regarding the  
64 applications of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterizations in CTMs (Wang et al., 2010, 2011; Zhang et al.,  
65 2013) as follows: (1) Empirical  $\Lambda$  formulas should not be used in CTMs because some of the  
66 processes contributing to the field-derived estimates of  $\Lambda$  are treated in CTMs separately; (2)  
67 Upper-range values of available theoretical  $\Lambda$  formulations should be used in CTMs because they

68 are closer to, while still smaller than, the field-derived estimates of  $\Lambda$ , and thus are thought to be  
69 more realistic than mid- to lower-range values from the available theoretical  $\Lambda$  formulations; (3) A  
70 simple semi-empirical formula for size-resolved  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  should be developed that takes into  
71 account the large range of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values that can be obtained from existing theoretical  
72 formulas, the many different possible choices for their **product terms**, and the upper-bound values  
73 provided by field-derived estimates. **Note that certain physical processes that have potential to**  
74 **increase particle collection efficiency, e.g., storm dynamics (Chate, 2005) and rear capture of**  
75 **particles by falling drops (Quérel et al., 2013), are not explicitly or implicitly treated in any existing**  
76 **theoretical formulas. Thus, existing theoretical formulas are likely to be biased low for certain rain**  
77 **types.**

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79 The present study follows the above recommendations to develop a new semi-empirical formula for  
80 size-resolved  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$ . The new parameterization is based on the existing theoretical  
81 framework for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  (e.g., Slinn, 1984). Existing empirical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  formulas  
82 purely based on field measurements are not used directly for the parameterization development;  
83 they are, however, used for comparison, selection, and evaluation purposes in this study. In the  
84 following sections, the methodology employed to develop the new parameterization is briefly  
85 described in Sect. 2. The development and resulting form of the parameterization is described in  
86 detail in Sect. 3. Next, a discussion on the new parameterization is presented in Sect. 4 followed by  
87 some conclusions in Sect. 5.

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## 89 2 Methodology

90 In CTMs that simulate aerosol particle number concentrations, the time change of number  
91 concentration for aerosol particles undergoing below-cloud scavenging by falling hydrometeors is  
92 commonly described as (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006):

$$93 \quad \frac{\partial n(d,t)}{\partial t} = -\Lambda(d) \cdot n(d,t) \quad , \quad (1)$$

94 where  $n(d, t)$  is the number concentration of aerosol particles with a diameter  $d$  at time  $t$  and  $\Lambda(d)$   
95 is the size-resolved scavenging coefficient ( $s^{-1}$ ) for aerosol particles of size  $d$ .  $\Lambda(d)$  can be  
96 described theoretically as (Slinn, 1984):

$$97 \quad \Lambda(d) = \int_0^{\infty} A(d, D_p)(V_D - v_d)E(d, D_p)N(D_p)dD_p \quad , \quad (2)$$

98 where  $D_p$  is the diameter of a hydrometeor (either raindrop or melted snow particle) and  $N(D_p)$  is  
99 the number size distribution of hydrometeors,  $V_D$  and  $v_d$  are the terminal velocities of hydrometeors  
100 and aerosol particles, respectively,  $E(d, D_p)$  is the collection efficiency (dimensionless) between an  
101 aerosol particle of size  $d$  and a hydrometeor of size  $D_p$ , and  $A(d, D_p)$  is the effective cross-sectional  
102 area of a hydrometeor projected normal to the fall direction.

103  
104 According to Eq. (2), if it is assumed that  $V_D \gg v_d$ , then calculating  $\Lambda$  requires knowledge of four  
105 **product terms**:  $E(d, D_p)$ ,  $N(D_p)$ ,  $V_D$ , and  $A$ . Since raindrops are usually assumed to be spherical,  
106 the effective cross-sectional area  $A$  of a falling raindrop can be estimated as (e.g., Slinn, 1984)

$$107 \quad A(d, D_p) = \frac{\pi}{4}(D_p + d)^2 \quad . \quad (3)$$

108 Extending the review of Wang et al. (2010), lists and references of available formulas for the other  
109 three **product terms** for the calculation of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  are provided in Tables 1, 2 and 3, respectively, while  
110 lists and references of available formulas for all four **product terms** for the calculation of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  are

111 provided in Tables 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively (Zhang et al., 2013). All symbols used in this study  
112 are defined in the appendices in Table 10 (Nomenclature).

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114 As mentioned in the Introduction, different choices for these **product terms** give a large range of  $\Lambda$   
115 values. To develop a new  $\Lambda$  parameterization, the following five-step approach was employed.  
116 The first step was to generate an ensemble of all potential  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values as a function of aerosol  
117 **particle diameter**  $d$  and a specified precipitation intensity  $R$  using all possible combinations of the  
118 **product-term** formulas listed in Tables 1 to 3, and to generate a second ensemble of all potential  
119  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values using all possible combinations of the **product-term** formulas listed in Tables 4 to 7.  
120 In the second step, the ensembles of calculated  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values were closely scrutinized and  
121 unrealistic values were modified or removed where it was possible to identify shortcomings in the  
122 formulation of any of the **product-term** parameterizations. In the third step, the 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  
123 values of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  were extracted from the reduced ensembles of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values for  
124 each aerosol **particle diameter** bin and precipitation intensity  $R$ . Note that the decision to choose  
125 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile values was somewhat arbitrary, but it was based on the recommendations in Wang et  
126 al. (2010) and Zhang et al. (2013) that the upper range of theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values should  
127 be used in CTMs and on the complementary evidence on upper bounds provided by field-derived  
128 estimates of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$ . **Steps 1 to 3 were** repeated many times in order to span a large range  
129 of precipitation intensity values, which resulted in a large data set of 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}(d, R)$  and  
130  $\Lambda_{snow}(d, R)$  values. This 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile data set was then used as the basis for generating the new  
131  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterizations through a curve-fitting technique (Step 4) followed by an  
132 assessment of their relative errors (Step 5). The next section describes the application of the above  
133 approach to develop a new parameterization for the below-cloud scavenging of size-resolved

134 aerosol particles by both rain and snow.

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### 136 **3 Development of the new parameterization**

137 To solve Eq. (2) numerically for size-resolved  $\Lambda$  using selected **product-term** formulas, a number of  
138 size bins or sections need to be defined to describe both aerosol-particle and hydrometeor size  
139 distributions. A similar bin structure to that used previously in Wang et al. (2010) and Zhang et al.  
140 (2013) was also used here. Briefly, one set of 100 size bins was used to discretize the size  
141 distribution of raindrops (for  $\Lambda_{rain}$ ) or snow particles (for  $\Lambda_{snow}$ ) and a second set of 100 size bins  
142 was used to discretize the size distribution of aerosol particles. The size ranges considered were 1  
143  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10 mm in particle diameter for raindrops or snow particles (as liquid-water equivalent) and  
144 0.001  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in particle diameter for aerosol particles. A constant-volume ratio between  
145 successive size bins was used for both discretizations. The ambient temperature was assumed to be  
146 15°C for rain cases and -10°C for snow cases and the ambient pressure was assumed to be 1013.5  
147 hPa. **Uncertainties associated with the choice of ambient temperature and pressure values are**  
148 **discussed in Sect. 4.3 below.**

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#### 150 **3.1 $\Lambda_{rain}$**

151 Following step 1 of the approach described in Sect. 2, we calculated  $\Lambda_{rain}$  as a function of **particle**  
152 **diameter** for 100 size bins using Eq. (2) and 400 different combinations of formulas for  $E(d, D_p)$ ,  
153  $N(D_p)$ , and  $V_D$  (i.e., 5, 10, and 8 formulas, respectively, as listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3). Note that  
154 the **product-term** formulas were originally generated from a wide range of rain types such as  
155 “widespread”, convective, thunderstorm and hurricane. **Figure 1 shows the results for a**  
156 **precipitation intensity  $R$  of 1.0 mm h<sup>-1</sup> as an example.** The predicted  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values differ by one order



157 of magnitude for ultrafine (e.g.,  $<0.01 \mu\text{m}$ ) and giant (e.g.,  $>10 \mu\text{m}$ ) aerosol particles and by nearly  
158 two orders of magnitude for particles in the diameter range from  $0.01 \mu\text{m}$  to  $10 \mu\text{m}$ .

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160 Next, following step 2 from Sect. 2, we found that two groups of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles had different shapes  
161 from the rest of the profiles for different precipitation intensities. One group predicts much higher  
162  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values for aerosol particles larger than  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  (see group of yellow lines in Fig. 1a) and the  
163 other group predicts much lower  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values for aerosol particles larger than  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  (see group of  
164 red lines in Fig. 1a). The first group was identified to be caused by the use of the  $E(d, D_p)$  formula  
165 of Park et al. (2005) and the second group by the use of the  $E(d, D_p)$  scheme of Ackerman et al.  
166 (1995).

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168 Upon further investigation we found that the Park et al. (2005) formula neglects the critical Stokes  
169 number threshold in the inertial impaction mechanism, which leads to an additional contribution of  
170 inertial impaction to  $E(d, D_p)$  for particles smaller than  $3 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter. In fact, inertial impaction  
171 can only occur for particles with a Stokes number above the critical Stokes number, which is close  
172 to 1.2. The corresponding threshold diameter is close to  $3 \mu\text{m}$  for a unit-density particle and a 1  
173 mm raindrop (Phillips and Kaye, 1999; Loosmore and Cederwall, 2004). Thus,  $\Lambda_{rain}$  calculated  
174 using the  $E(d, D_p)$  formula of Park et al. (2005) is believed to be an overestimation for particles in  
175 the size range from  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  to  $3 \mu\text{m}$ . The  $E(d, D_p)$  scheme of Ackerman et al. (1995), on the other  
176 hand, considers the collection mechanisms of Brownian diffusion, convective Brownian diffusion  
177 enhancement, and inertial impaction. In this scheme, the required collision efficiency values are  
178 interpolated from a look-up table from Hall (1980). The table, however, only covers collector  
179 (raindrop) sizes of 10 to  $300 \mu\text{m}$  in radius and the collision efficiencies for collectors smaller than  
180  $30 \mu\text{m}$  were later found to be underestimated (Vohl et al., 2007). Other deficiencies of the table

181 were also discussed in detail in Vohl et al. (2007) and together these deficiencies appear to be the  
182 main cause of the lower values of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  for particles in the size range from 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$   
183 compared to the rest of the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  formulas.

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185 The above examination suggests that the two groups of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles that used the  $E(d, D_p)$   
186 formulation of Park et al. (2005) and Ackerman et al. (1995) were not as realistic as the rest of the  
187  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles. We thus removed the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles based on the  $E(d, D_p)$  formulation of Park et al.  
188 (2005) from further consideration since there was no easy way to fix the problem. We noticed,  
189 however, that Vohl et al. (2007) had updated the Hall (1980) table with new experimental results  
190 that provided more realistic collision efficiencies for wider size ranges for both collector and  
191 collected particles. Thus, we chose to keep the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles based on the  $E(d, D_p)$  scheme of  
192 Ackerman et al. (1995) for further analysis, but these were modified profiles based on the updated  
193 collision efficiency table of Vohl et al. (2007) in place of the Hall (1980) table.

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195 With this finalized selection of the available  $E(d, D_p)$  formulas (Table 1), there are 320  $\Lambda_{rain}$   
196 profiles based on different combinations of the **product terms** that are retained for further analysis  
197 (Fig. 1b). The use of the revised Ackerman et al. (1995)  $E(d, D_p)$  scheme dramatically changed the  
198 corresponding 80  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles (the red lines in Figure 1b), whose magnitudes increased by a factor  
199 of 2-3 for large particles ( $d > 10 \mu\text{m}$ ) and over an order of magnitude for particles between 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$   
200 and 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter. The revised  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles were also comparable to the other 240  $\Lambda_{rain}$   
201 profiles that used different  $E(d, D_p)$  formulas (see the large group of black lines in Fig. 1b). Thus,  
202 it is recommended that the Hall (1980) table should be used with caution in the parameterization of  
203  $\Lambda_{rain}$  in CTMs.

204  
205 Using the 320  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles shown in Fig. 1b, we identified a number of percentile values of  $\Lambda_{rain}$   
206 for each aerosol **particle diameter**. These maximum, 95<sup>th</sup>-, 90<sup>th</sup>-, 80<sup>th</sup>-, 70<sup>th</sup>-, and 50<sup>th</sup>-percentile,  
207 and minimum  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles are shown in Fig. 1c. Note that the dots in this panel correspond to the  
208 original  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values shown in Fig. 1b and the lines are the calculated percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles. Note  
209 also that the percentile profiles in Fig. 1c may not match exactly with any of the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles  
210 shown in Fig. 1b, but they represent the range and distribution of the ensemble of all theoretical  
211  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values across the range of different aerosol particle sizes.

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213 In Fig. 1d the percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles are compared with the available  $\Lambda_{rain}$  measurements and one  
214 empirical formula (Laakso et al., 2003; see Appendix A) that were summarized in Wang et al.  
215 (2010). Note that the blue solid triangles in this panel come from the controlled outdoor  
216 experiment of Sparmacher et al. (1993) while the other symbols come from *in situ* field  
217 measurements made by different researchers. Note that even the maximum theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values  
218 are smaller than the majority of field-experiment-derived values and those from the empirical  
219 formula of Laakso et al. (2003), and the differences can be larger than one order of magnitude for  
220 particles smaller than 3  $\mu\text{m}$ . However, the 50<sup>th</sup>- to 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles seem to  
221 agree reasonably well with the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values estimated from the controlled outdoor experiment of  
222 Sparmacher et al. (1993). It is also worth noting that the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profile from the parameterization of  
223 Henzing et al. (2006), which was developed using a three-parameter fit to a set of pre-calculated  
224  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values generated from a theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  formulation (see Appendix B), falls into the lower  
225 range of the ensemble of available theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values.

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227 The large differences in  $\Lambda_{rain}$  between the *in situ* field-derived values and those from the controlled  
228 outdoor experiment and between the field experiments and the theoretical formulations are caused  
229 by many different factors. Some of the differences might reflect the real-world situation while  
230 others are due to experimental errors and to errors in the theoretical formulations (Khain and  
231 Pinsky, 1997; Maria and Russell, 2005; Andronache et al., 2006; Wang et al., 2011; Quérel, 2012;  
232 Quérel et al., 2013). Choosing the upper range of theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values for applications in CTMs  
233 appears to be a reasonable choice because these values are only slightly higher than the  
234 corresponding values from the controlled outdoor experiment but are still lower than values from  
235 the majority of field experiments. Thus, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the range of the ensemble of  
236 theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles was chosen for further analysis and parameterization development.

237  
238 Moving to step 3 in Sect. 2, we repeated the calculation of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  with Eq. (2) for all of the 320  
239 combinations of **product-term** formulas for each of 37 different precipitation intensities  $R$ , which  
240 covered the range of values from 0.01 to 100 mm h<sup>-1</sup> and were uniformly distributed  
241 logarithmically (same as the tick values shown in x-axis of Fig. 2b). 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values  
242 were then calculated from the ensemble of theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles for each aerosol **particle**  
243 **diameter** bin  $d$  and every precipitation intensity  $R$ . These 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  data are plotted  
244 against precipitation intensity in Fig. 2a as a set of 100 lines, with each line representing one  
245 aerosol **particle diameter** and in the form of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  vs.  $R$ .

246  
247 Regression analysis suggests that for each aerosol **particle diameter** (i.e., each individual line in  
248 Fig. 2a), there exists a strong linear relationship between  $\log_{10}(\Lambda_{rain})$  and  $\log_{10}(R)$ , or in other  
249 words a power-law relationship between  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $R$ , which can be expressed as:

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$$\log_{10}(\Lambda(d, R)) = \log_{10}(A(d)) + B(d)(\log_{10} R) \quad , \quad (4)$$

251 
$$\Lambda(d, R) = A(d)R^{B(d)} \quad . \quad (5)$$

252  
 253 Linear regression analysis based on Eq. (4) was performed for all 100 lines and the squares of the  
 254 resulting correlation coefficients were very high, ranging from 0.9963 to 1.0. Figure 2b shows  
 255 seven of these regression lines for seven selected aerosol **particle diameters** with the original data  
 256 (the 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values for 37  $R$  values) shown as symbols.  $B(d)$  values were obtained for  
 257 all 100 aerosol sizes directly from the regression analysis. It is apparent from this panel that both  
 258 the slope of the regression lines ( $B(d)$ ) and its y-intercept ( $\log_{10}A(d)$ ) may vary with aerosol particle  
 259 diameter. Note, however, that the y-intercept does not cross the y-axis shown in Fig. 2b because  
 260 the actual  $R$  value instead of  $\log_{10}(R)$  is used for the x-axis. But according to Eq. (4),  $A(d)$  equals  
 261  $\Lambda_{rain}(d, 1)$  (i.e., when  $R = 1.0 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$ ), so  $A(d)$  values are also readily available. The resulting  $A(d)$   
 262 and  $B(d)$  values are plotted in Figs. 2c and 2d, respectively, for each of 100 aerosol **particle**  
 263 **diameters** .

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 265 Since  $A(d)$  and  $B(d)$  correspond at this stage to sets of discrete data, a least-square polynomial  
 266 curve-fitting technique was used to fit these power-law coefficient data and parameterize  $A(d)$  and  
 267  $B(d)$  as continuous functions of aerosol **particle diameter**. Due to the abrupt change of the values of  
 268 both  $A(d)$  and  $B(d)$  at **particle diameters** between 1 and 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , the **particle diameter** range of each of  
 269 the two data sets was split into two contiguous segments for separate but more accurate fitting.  
 270 After many tests, the separation point of the two segments was determined to be 1.97  $\mu\text{m}$  for  $A(d)$   
 271 (see Fig. 2c) and 1.94  $\mu\text{m}$  for  $B(d)$  (see Fig. 2d). We thus chose 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  to be the separation point  
 272 for both the  $A(d)$  and  $B(d)$  curve fits. After some experimentation, the following polynomial  
 273 functions (up to sixth order) were selected for fitting the four segments:

$$\log_{10}(A(d)) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(\log_{10} d) + a_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + a_3(\log_{10} d)^3 & d \leq 2.0 \mu\text{m} \\ b_0 + b_1(\log_{10} d) + b_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + b_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + b_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + b_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + b_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d > 2.0 \mu\text{m} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$B(d) = \begin{cases} c_0 + c_1(\log_{10} d) & d \leq 2.0 \mu\text{m} \\ e_0 + e_1(\log_{10} d) + e_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + e_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + e_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + e_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + e_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d > 2.0 \mu\text{m} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Note that the unit of  $d$  is  $\mu\text{m}$ . The empirical best-fit coefficients that were obtained for the above equations are listed in Table 8.

A comparison of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values predicted by the new parameterization described by Eqs. (5), (6) and (7) with the data used for developing the parameterization (the 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}(d, R)$  values) is shown in Fig. 3a for five different precipitation intensities. Very good agreement is evident for the full range of aerosol particle size and full range of precipitation intensity. To further examine the comparison shown in Fig. 3a, the relative error between  $\Lambda_{rain}$  values from the new parameterization and the original 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile values was also calculated (Fig. 3b). The relative error was within 10% for most of the aerosol particle sizes, except for the 2-6  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter range for which the error could be larger than 30%. The largest relative errors corresponded to the aerosol **particle diameters** where  $\Lambda_{rain}$  increased abruptly with **particle diameter**. It should also be noted that various particle-size separation points were tested for the separate fits of Eqs. (6) and (7) (e.g., from 1.9 to 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and a separation point of 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  does lead to the minimum relative errors for most aerosol sizes.

Overall, this new simple semi-empirical parameterization provides a good fit of the original  $\Lambda_{rain}$  data for all aerosol particle sizes and precipitation intensities. As well, uncertainties associated with the use of this new scheme in CTMs to parameterize  $\Lambda_{rain}$  should not be larger than those shown by Wang et al. (2010) to be associated with the existing theoretical formulas. **The  $\Lambda(d)$  profile**

296 generated from the new parameterization does not exactly match any of the existing theoretical  
297 profiles considered, but for all aerosol particle diameters its values will lie within the upper range of  
298 an ensemble of theoretical  $\Lambda(d)$  values obtained from all possible combinations of existing product-  
299 term formulas. The new parameterization is designed for use in CTMs to describe below-cloud  
300 scavenging of size-resolved aerosol particles. We believe it to be a reasonable first-order  
301 approximation for any precipitation conditions, considering that precipitation intensity and  
302 precipitation type (i.e., rain or snow) are likely to be the only precipitation information available in  
303 most CTMs (e.g., information on different rain types or droplet size distributions will not be  
304 available).

### 305 **3.2 $\Lambda_{snow}$**

306 The development of the new semi-empirical parameterization for  $\Lambda_{snow}$  follows the same approach  
307 described above for  $\Lambda_{rain}$ . The first step was to calculate an ensemble of theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  profiles  
308 across the aerosol particle size spectrum using Eq. (2) for a precipitation intensity of  $1.0 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  for  
309 all possible combinations of the **product terms** listed in Tables 4 to 7. There are three  $E(d, D_p)$ , four  
310  $N(D_p)$ , eight  $V_D$ , and four  $A$  formulas available in the literature related to snow particles, but some  
311 of the  $V_D$  formulas were only applicable to specific snow types. Thus, a total of 168 combinations  
312 of these **product-term** formulas were used to calculate  $\Lambda_{snow}$  profiles (see Fig. 4a). Note that these  
313 formulas cover four habit types of snow crystals – spherical ice crystals, dendritic snow plates,  
314 columnar ice crystals, and graupel particles (see Table 7), all of which occur frequently in nature  
315 (e.g., Hobbs et al., 1972).

316  
317 As discussed in Zhang et al. (2013), the range of the ensemble of available theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$   
318 formulations is much larger than that for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  (compare Fig. 4a with Fig. 1b). It is likely that part  
319 of this larger range is due to real variability (e.g., different snow particle shapes and related

320 properties affecting  $\Lambda_{snow}$ ) while the other part is due to parameterization errors (e.g., improper  
321 formulation of related parameters). Examining the ensemble of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  profiles plotted in Fig. 4a  
322 (i.e., step 2), we did not find any obviously unrealistic profiles. The two clusters with distinct  
323 minima were caused by different formulas applying to different snow particle shapes and should  
324 not be considered as unrealistic (cf. Figs. 1, 2, and 8 of Zhang et al., 2013). Considering that  
325 information about snow particle shapes is not commonly available in CTMs, we chose to group all  
326 of the existing formulas together without explicit consideration of snow particle shape. Thus, all of  
327 the values in Fig. 4a were used for further analysis. Similar to Fig. 1c, the range and percentile  
328 values of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  were also generated as shown in Fig. 4b. Also plotted are two field-derived  
329 empirical formulas for  $\Lambda_{snow}$ , one from Paramonov et al. (2011) (Appendix C) and one from Kyrö  
330 et al. (2009) (Appendix D), but it should be noted that both formulas are more applicable to weaker  
331 snowfall intensities (e.g., 0.1-0.2 mm hr<sup>-1</sup>) than the intensity assumed in Fig. 4b (1 mm hr<sup>-1</sup>) and are  
332 only valid for aerosol particle sizes in 0.01-1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter range. Figure 4b shows that the upper  
333 range of the theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  profiles calculated assuming a snowfall intensity of 1 mm hr<sup>-1</sup> are of  
334 the same order of magnitude as the limited field data, which were observed under mostly weaker  
335 snowfall intensities. The theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  profiles would be smaller than the experimental data if  
336 the same snowfall intensity as observed in the field were to be used for the calculation of  $\Lambda_{snow}$   
337 using Eq. (2). To be consistent with the choice made for  $\Lambda_{rain}$ , the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the ensemble  
338 of all theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  formulations at each aerosol particle diameter was also used to develop the  
339 new parameterization for  $\Lambda_{snow}$ . However, the evidence supporting this choice is somewhat weaker  
340 for  $\Lambda_{snow}$  than for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  due to the very limited field data for snow scavenging cases.

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342 Theoretical size-resolved  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values were calculated in step 3 using the 168 combinations of  
343 **product-term** formulas for each of 37 precipitation intensities uniformly distributed logarithmically  
344 from  $0.001 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  to  $10 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  in liquid water equivalent. Given that 10 mm of snow is  
345 approximately equivalent to 1 mm of rain, a different range of precipitation intensities was used to  
346 generate the  $\Lambda_{snow}$  ensemble data set than that used in the  $\Lambda_{rain}$  case. 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values  
347 for each aerosol **particle diameter** were then extracted for each precipitation intensity and are  
348 plotted in Fig. 5a, where again each line corresponds to a fixed aerosol **particle diameter**. The  
349 relationship between  $\log_{10}(\Lambda_{snow})$  and  $\log_{10}(R)$  can also be described by Eq. (4). Linear regressions  
350 were again calculated, and the squares of the correlation coefficients of the 100 regressions were  
351 again very high, ranging from 0.9736 to 0.9997. Seven of the 100 regression lines together with the  
352 data points being fit are plotted in Fig. 5b as examples.

353  
354 The same approach described in Sect. 3.1 was also used here to generate  $\log_{10}(A(d))$  and  $B(d)$   
355 values (Figs. 5c and d) and to conduct least-squares polynomial curve-fitting to parameterize  
356  $\log_{10}(A(d))$  and  $B(d)$  for all  $d$  values. Again, the data sets were split into two contiguous segments  
357 for separate fitting. Multiple intersections between the two fitting functions were found for both the  
358  $\log_{10}(A(d))$  and  $B(d)$  cases. This time a final separation point was chosen at a **particle diameter** of  
359  $1.44 \mu\text{m}$  because this value produced the minimum relative errors between the parameterized and  
360 the original theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values. The polynomial fitting formulas for the snow case are shown  
361 below and their corresponding empirical best-fit coefficients are listed in Table 8.

$$362 \log_{10}(A(d)) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(\log_{10} d) + a_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + a_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + a_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + a_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + a_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d \leq 1.44 \mu\text{m} \\ b_0 + b_1(\log_{10} d) + b_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + b_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + b_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + b_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + b_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d > 1.44 \mu\text{m} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$363 B(d) = \begin{cases} c_0 + c_1(\log_{10} d) + c_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + c_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + c_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + c_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + c_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d \leq 1.44 \mu\text{m} \\ e_0 + e_1(\log_{10} d) + e_2(\log_{10} d)^2 + e_3(\log_{10} d)^3 + e_4(\log_{10} d)^4 + e_5(\log_{10} d)^5 + e_6(\log_{10} d)^6 & d > 1.44 \mu\text{m} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

364  
365 A comparison of the new parameterization described by Eqs. (5), (8) and (9) with the  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values  
366 from Fig. 5a is shown in Fig. 6a for five different precipitation intensities and the relative error  
367 from this comparison is shown in Fig. 6b. Reasonably good agreement was observed for the full  
368 range of aerosol particle size and full range of precipitation intensity. The relative error was within  
369 30% for most aerosol particle sizes, except for the 1-4  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter range, for which the error could  
370 be as large as 50%. Considering the very large range (i.e., two orders of magnitude or larger) of the  
371 existing theoretical  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values (cf. Fig. 4), an uncertainty of 50% or a factor of 2 in the  
372 parameterized  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values should be acceptable.

373

## 374 **4 Discussion**

### 375 **4.1 Power-law relationship between $\Lambda$ and $R$**

376 A power-law relationship between the size-resolved  $\Lambda_{rain}$  or  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameters and precipitation  
377 intensity  $R$  for each **particle diameter**  $d$  was identified in Sect. 3 and was used in the development of  
378 the new parameterization. The finding of such a power-law relationship is not surprising since  
379 many earlier theoretical and experimental studies also suggested the existence of such a  
380 relationship, although most of the earlier studies focused on bulk  $\Lambda$  instead of size-resolved  $\Lambda$   
381 (Mircea et al., 1998; Andronache, 2003; Duhanyan and Roustan, 2011). A brief comparison of the  
382 results from the present study with earlier studies in terms of the power-law parameters **is provided**  
383 **in Table 9 and** presented below.

384

385 **Early investigations reviewed by McMahon and Denison (1979) and more recent theoretical**  
386 **considerations (e.g., Scott, 1982; Mircea et al., 1998; Andronache, 2003) as well as field and**  
387 **experimental studies (Jylhä, 1991; Okita et al., 1996; Sparmacher et al., 1993) have suggested that**

388 the exponent  $B$  had values in the range of 0.59 to 0.94 for  $\Lambda_{\text{rain}}$  and 0.3 to 1.14 for  $\Lambda_{\text{snow}}$  (see Table  
389 9 and the reviews of Sportisse (2007) and Duhanyan and Roustan (2011)). The field measurements  
390 by Jylhä (1991) and Okita et al. (1996) reported  $B$  values of 0.64-0.76. Sparmacher et al. (1993)  
391 fitted their experimental  $\Lambda$  data from their controlled outdoor study with a power-law relationship  
392 and obtained  $B(d)$  values of 0.59, 0.60, 0.94 and 0.61 for four selected aerosol particle diameters of  
393 0.23, 0.46, 0.98 and 2.16  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively, for rain scavenging and values of 0.62, 0.89 and 1.09 for  
394 three selected aerosol particle diameters of 0.46, 0.98 and 1.66  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively, for snow  
395 scavenging. The  $B$  values obtained from theoretical derivations (Scott, 1982; Mircea et al., 1998;  
396 Baklanov and Sorensen, 2001; Andronache, 2003; Feng, 2007) ranged from 0.59 to 0.86 for  
397 submicron particles and from 0.7 to 0.86 for coarse-mode particles for rain scavenging and from  
398 0.31 to 1.14 for both submicron and for coarse-mode particles for snow scavenging with different  
399 habit types of snow crystals. However, the two most recent field studies on snow scavenging (Kyrö  
400 et al., 2009; Paramonov et al., 2011) did not identify a clear dependency of  $\Lambda_{\text{snow}}$  on  $R$ . As  
401 discussed in Zhang et al. (2013), we speculated that this might be due to the small range of snowfall  
402 intensities sampled in these experiments.

403  
404 The values of  $B(d)$  in the present study fall in the range of 0.64-0.91 for rain scavenging (Fig. 2d)  
405 and 0.53-0.86 for snow scavenging (Fig. 5d). More specifically,  $B(d)$  has values in the ranges 0.64-  
406 0.67, 0.67-0.72, and 0.72-0.91 for ultrafine particles ( $d < 0.01 \mu\text{m}$ ), mid-range particles ( $0.01 \mu\text{m} <$   
407  $d < 2 \mu\text{m}$ , and large particles ( $d > 2.0 \mu\text{m}$ ), respectively, for rain scavenging and values in the  
408 ranges 0.66-0.77, 0.53-0.66, and 0.58-0.89, respectively, for the same particle diameter size ranges  
409 for snow scavenging. Thus, the results of the present study related to the exponent of the power-

410 law relationship between  $\Lambda$  and  $R$  are comparable with most of the previous studies for both rain  
411 and snow scavenging.

412  
413 As noted in Sect. 3.1 the parameter  $A(d)$  equals  $\Lambda(d)$  when  $R = 1.0 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$ . Therefore, the values  
414 of  $A(d)$  should be similar to the upper range of those in the theoretical formulas and lower than  
415 those in the field-data based empirical ones given the design decisions made in the development of  
416 the new parameterization. A comparison of  $A(d)$  values from the new parameterization with those  
417 found in the literature (see Table 9) supports this hypothesis.

418

#### 419 **4.2 Relative magnitudes of $\Lambda_{rain}$ and $\Lambda_{snow}$**

420 We briefly compared the relative magnitudes of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  in one of our previous studies  
421 (Zhang et al., 2013) and concluded that snow scavenging seemed to be more effective than rain  
422 scavenging for equivalent precipitation amounts (i.e., liquid water equivalent) based on the median  
423 and upper-range theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  values. Since the 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the ensembles of  
424 both theoretical  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  formulations were used in this study to develop the new  
425 parameterizations for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$ , values of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  from the new scheme might be expected to be  
426 larger than values of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  from the new scheme for equivalent precipitation intensity. To obtain a  
427 quantitative measure of the relative magnitudes of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  for the new parameterization, the  
428 ratios of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  to  $\Lambda_{rain}$  as a function of precipitation intensity were calculated for all 100 aerosol  
429 particle diameters.

430

431 Figure 7a shows that the magnitude of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  is higher than that of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  for the same precipitation  
432 intensity by a factor ranging from three to 300, depending on aerosol particle size and precipitation

433 intensity. The ratio of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  to  $\Lambda_{rain}$  is the highest for medium particle sizes (i.e.,  $0.1 < d < 5.0 \mu\text{m}$ ;  
434 shown as yellow lines) and is the lowest for coarse and giant particles (e.g.,  $d > 5.0 \mu\text{m}$ ; shown as  
435 green lines). The largest ratios were found for a **particle diameter** of about  $2.0 \mu\text{m}$  for all  $R$  values.  
436 However, the lowest ratios were found to occur for a **particle diameter** of  $100 \mu\text{m}$  for small  $R$  values  
437 (lowest green line) and a **particle diameter** around  $4.0 \mu\text{m}$  for large  $R$  values (lowest yellow line).  
438 The dependence of the  $\Lambda_{snow}$  to  $\Lambda_{rain}$  ratio on particle diameter can be better seen in Fig. 7b for  
439 selected  $R$  values. The ratio decreases with increasing  $R$  for medium-size particles (yellow lines in  
440 Fig. 7a), increases with increasing  $R$  for ultrafine particles (some of the blue lines in Fig. 7a), and  
441 only change slightly with increasing  $R$  for giant particles (e.g.,  $d > 10 \mu\text{m}$ ; some of the blue lines in  
442 Fig. 7a).

443  
444 **It is possible to offer some explanation of the strong dependence of this ratio on aerosol particle**  
445 **diameter in terms of the physics of precipitation scavenging. Figures 1d and 4b show that the 90<sup>th</sup>-**  
446 **percentile  $\Lambda$  profiles are qualitatively similar for rain and snow scavenging. However, two**  
447 **significant differences exist between these two profiles. The first difference relates to the value of**  
448 **the aerosol particle diameter at which the minimum  $\Lambda$  value occurs. The  $\Lambda_{rain}$  minimum occurs at a**  
449 **particle diameter around  $0.4 \mu\text{m}$  whereas the  $\Lambda_{snow}$  minimum occurs at a particle diameter around**  
450  **$0.1 \mu\text{m}$  (which corresponds to a local minimum in Fig. 7). For submicron particles, scavenging is**  
451 **mainly controlled by the interception mechanism and the contribution of this mechanism to**  
452 **scavenging increases with increasing particle diameter (e.g., see Fig. 1 of Wang et al., 2010). For**  
453 **snow scavenging, the increase of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  with particle diameter in this size range is faster than that**  
454 **for rain scavenging due to the larger cross-sectional areas of snow particles. Thus, the ratio**  
455 **between the snow and rain scavenging coefficients in Fig. 7 increases in the particle diameter range**

456 between 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The second significant difference relates to the abrupt transition of  $\Lambda_{rain}$   
457 from an interception regime to an inertial-impaction regime at a particle diameter of about 2  $\mu\text{m}$   
458 (Fig. 1d). For particle diameters larger than 2  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Lambda_{rain}$  increases more quickly with  $d$  than does  
459  $\Lambda_{snow}$ . As a result, the  $\Lambda_{snow}$  to  $\Lambda_{rain}$  ratio decreases quickly with increasing  $d$  until leveling off for  
460 particle diameters close to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

461  
462 Some previous studies also support this result that snow scavenging is more effective than rain  
463 scavenging for equivalent precipitation amounts. Several field studies carried out before the 1980s  
464 found that snow scavenging of aerosols was 28 to 50 times more efficient than rain scavenging  
465 based on the equivalent water content of the precipitation (Reiter, 1964; Carnuth, 1967; Reiter and  
466 Carnuth, 1969; Graedel and Franey, 1975). The average  $\Lambda_{snow}$  value obtained in the controlled  
467 outdoor experiment of Sparmacher et al. (1993) was five times higher than the average  $\Lambda_{rain}$  value  
468 obtained in similar controlled conditions for two aerosol particle diameters (0.46 and 0.98  $\mu\text{m}$ ).  
469 Tschiersch (2001) obtained values of  $\Lambda_{snow}$  up to two orders of magnitude higher than  $\Lambda_{rain}$  for  
470 particles in the size range of 0.5-3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  for low precipitation intensities (water equivalent < 1 mm  
471  $\text{h}^{-1}$ ). Two recent field studies also claimed that snow is a better scavenger of aerosol particles than  
472 rain per equivalent water content (Kyrö et al., 2009; Paramonov et al., 2011). This limited  
473 experimental evidence suggests that the new parameterization is qualitatively correct in terms of the  
474 relative magnitudes of  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$ , although it may not be quantitatively accurate.

### 475 **4.3 Uncertainties in the new $\Lambda$ parameterization related to the choice of ambient atmospheric** 476 **conditions**

477 The new parameterization for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  was developed assuming the ambient temperature to  
478 be 15°C for rain scavenging and -10°C for snow scavenging and the ambient pressure to be 1013.5

479 hPa for both rain and snow scavenging. Such a choice may introduce uncertainties in  $\Lambda$  when the  
480 actual ambient atmospheric state differs from the assumed one. To investigate this issue a set of six  
481 sensitivity tests was performed, four for two other ambient temperatures for rain (5°C, 30°C) and  
482 for snow (-5°C, -30°C) and two for one other ambient pressure (900 hPa) for both rain and snow.  
483 Figure 8 shows the percentage difference of the calculated 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda$  for the above  
484 mentioned temperature and pressure values relative to the  $\Lambda$  from the new parameterization scheme  
485 for different aerosol particle diameters and a precipitation intensity of 1.0 mm h<sup>-1</sup>. The changes in  
486  $\Lambda$  values due to different ambient temperature and pressure values are generally within 10% for all  
487 particle sizes for both rain and snow scavenging except for particle diameters from 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2.0  
488  $\mu\text{m}$  for rain scavenging, where the differences can reach 30%. Of the four product terms needed to  
489 calculate  $\Lambda$ , only  $E(d, D_p)$  and  $V_D$  might be impacted by changes in ambient temperature or  
490 pressure, and  $\Lambda$  is much more sensitive to  $E(d, D_p)$  than to  $V_D$  (Wang et al., 2010; Zhang et al.,  
491 2013). Therefore, uncertainties in  $\Lambda$  due to ambient atmospheric condition are likely to arise  
492 mainly from the impact of different ambient temperatures and pressures on collection efficiency  
493  $E(d, D_p)$ . The larger uncertainty at particle diameters of 0.1 to 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  for rain scavenging than for  
494 snow scavenging is due to the inclusion of thermophoresis and diffusiophoresis collection  
495 mechanisms in some of the theoretical formulas, since these two collection mechanisms are  
496 sensitive to the ambient atmospheric condition and have a large contribution to particle scavenging  
497 at this particular aerosol size range (Wang et al., 2010). Similar uncertainties were also found for  
498 other precipitation intensities.

## 499 **5 Conclusions**

500 The availability of a number of existing theoretical formulas for the size-resolved scavenging  
501 coefficient  $\Lambda(d)$  requires somewhat arbitrary choices to be made when selecting amongst these

502 schemes and their **product terms** for implementation in a chemical transport model followed by the  
503 coding and run-time solution of often complex algorithms. The new semi-empirical  $\Lambda$   
504 parameterization developed in the present study only requires input of precipitation intensity and  
505 precipitation type – two routine output variables in any meteorological model used as a CTM  
506 driver. Thus, this new parameterization is readily implementable in any size-resolved aerosol  
507 CTM. The new parameterization produces  $\Lambda(d)$  values similar to the upper range of an ensemble of  
508 theoretical  $\Lambda(d)$  values generated using combinations of all existing **product-term** formulas and is  
509 **closer** than the majority of theoretical  $\Lambda(d)$  formulas in terms of comparisons with field-derived  
510  $\Lambda(d)$  values. The power-law relationship obtained in this study between  $\Lambda(d)$  and precipitation  
511 intensity  $R$  appears to be comparable to empirical power-law relationships obtained from  
512 experimental measurements. The new parameterization produces faster removal of atmospheric  
513 aerosol particles by snow scavenging than by rain scavenging for equivalent precipitation intensity,  
514 a result in qualitative agreement with evidence from a limited number of field experiments.  
515 However, due to the large uncertainties in theoretical  $\Lambda$  formulations, the large gaps between  
516 theoretical and field-based  $\Lambda$  values, and the very limited existing data base of field measurements  
517 of below-cloud scavenging of size-resolved aerosol particles, **especially for snow conditions**, more  
518 experimental studies are needed at more locations under more climate regimes and for a wider  
519 range of aerosol particle sizes to improve our understanding of scavenging processes and to further  
520 improve  $\Lambda$  formulations.



521

## 522 **Appendix A**

### 523 **Laakso et al. (2003) empirical parameterization for $\Lambda_{rain}(d)$**

524 Laakso et al. (2003) suggested a parameterization for  $\Lambda_{rain}(d)$  based on their analysis of six years of  
525 field measurements over forests in southern Finland:

$$526 \quad \log_{10} \Lambda(d) = a_1 + a_2[\log_{10} d]^{-4} + a_3[\log_{10} d]^{-3} + a_4[\log_{10} d]^{-2} + a_5[\log_{10} d]^{-1} + a_6 R^{1/2}, \quad (A1)$$

527 where  $d$  is particle diameter (in m),  $a_1=274.35758$ ,  $a_2=332839.59273$ ,  $a_3=226656.57259$ ,  
528  $a_4=58005.91340$ ,  $a_5=6588.38582$ ,  $a_6=0.244984$ ,  $R$  is rainfall intensity (in  $\text{mm h}^{-1}$ ). The formula is  
529 valid only for limited ranges of particle diameters 0.01- 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and for rain intensities 0-20  $\text{mm h}^{-1}$ .

530

## 531 **Appendix B**

### 532 **Henzing et al. (2006) $\Lambda_{rain}(d)$ formula fitted from comprehensive numerical simulation**

533 Henzing et al. (2006) developed a simple  $\Lambda_{rain}$  parameterization that represents below-cloud  
534 scavenging coefficients as a function of aerosol particle size and rainfall intensity. The  
535 parameterization is a simple three-parameter fit through below-cloud scavenging coefficients  
536 calculated at high particle size resolution. The calculations were based on the concept of collection  
537 efficiency between polydisperse aerosol particles and raindrop distributions. Specifically, Slinn's  
538 semi-empirical formula was used for the raindrop-particle collection efficiency. The gamma-  
539 function fit of de Wolf (2001) and the empirical formula of Atlas et al. (1973) were applied to  
540 represent the raindrop size distribution and the terminal fall velocity, respectively. The  
541 parameterization has been applied in a global chemical transport model. The final fitting function  
542 has the form

$$543 \quad \Lambda(d) = A_0 \left( e^{A_1 R^{A_2}} - 1 \right), \quad (B1)$$

544 where the parameters  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are provided in a table that is available  
545 at [http://www.knmi.nl/~velthove/wet\\_deposition/coefficients.txt](http://www.knmi.nl/~velthove/wet_deposition/coefficients.txt).

546

## 547 **Appendix C**

### 548 **The empirical $\Lambda_{snow}(d)$ formula from Paramonov et al. (2011)**

549 Paramonov et al. (2011) proposed a  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterization from the empirical fit to field  
550 measurements from four winters (2006-2010) in an urban environment in Helsinki, Finland:

$$551 \quad \Lambda(d) = 10^{a_1 + a_2 [\log_{10} d]^{-2} + a_3 [\log_{10} d]^{-1}} + g \cdot (RH) - h, \quad (C1)$$

552 where  $d$  is particle diameter (in m),  $a_1=28.0$ ,  $a_2=1550.0$ ,  $a_3=456.0$ ,  $g=0.00015$ ,  $h=0.00013$ , and  $RH$   
553 is relative humidity. The formula is only valid for aerosol particles of 0.01–1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter and  
554 snowfall intensities of 0.1 to 1.2  $\text{mm h}^{-1}$  (as liquid water equivalent). Nevertheless, the formula is  
555 applicable to snowfall episodes of snowflakes, snow grains, snow crystals, ice pellets, as well as  
556 snow mixed with rain.

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## 558 **Appendix D**

### 559 **The empirical $\Lambda_{snow}(d)$ formula from Kyrö et al. (2009)**

560 Kyrö et al. (2009) suggested a size-resolved  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterization from an empirical fit to four  
561 years (2005-2008) of field measurements in a rural background environment in Finland:

$$562 \quad \Lambda(d) = 10^{a_1 + a_2 [\log_{10} d]^{-2} + a_3 [\log_{10} d]^{-1}}, \quad (D1)$$

563 where  $d$  is particle diameter (in m),  $a_1=22.7$ ,  $a_2=1321.0$ , and  $a_3=381.0$ . The parameterization  
564 applies to snowfall types of light continuous snowfall and snow grains with intensities of the order  
565 of 0.1  $\text{mm h}^{-1}$  (as liquid water equivalent) and to aerosol particles of 0.01–1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.

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Table 1. List of semi-empirical formulas for raindrop–aerosol particle collection efficiency  $E(d, D_p)$ . Symbols used in Tables 1-9 and their units are defined in Table 10.

Source	Formula
Slinn (1984) <sup>(a)</sup>	$E(d, D_p) = \frac{4}{\text{Re} Sc} \left[ 1 + 0.4 \text{Re}^{1/2} Sc^{1/3} + 0.16 \text{Re}^{1/2} Sc^{1/2} \right]$ $+ 4 \frac{d}{D_p} \left[ \frac{\mu_a}{\mu_w} + \left( 1 + 2 \text{Re}^{1/2} \right) \frac{d}{D_p} \right] + \left( \frac{St - St^*}{St - St^* + 2/3} \right)^{3/2}$
Andronache et al.(2006) <sup>(b)</sup>	$E(d, D_p) = \frac{4}{\text{Re} Sc} \left[ 1 + 0.4 \text{Re}^{1/2} Sc^{1/3} + 0.16 \text{Re}^{1/2} Sc^{1/2} \right]$ $+ 4 \frac{d}{D_p} \left[ \frac{\mu_a}{\mu_w} + \left( 1 + 2 \text{Re}^{1/2} \right) \frac{d}{D_p} \right] + \left( \frac{St - St^*}{St - St^* + 2/3} \right)^{3/2}$ $+ E_{th}(d, D_p) + E_{dph}(d, D_p) + E_{es}(d, D_p)$ $E_{th}(d, D_p) = \frac{4\alpha_{th} (2 + 0.6 \text{Re}^{1/2} \text{Pr}^{1/3}) (T_a - T_s)}{V_D D_p}$ $E_{dph}(d, D_p) = \frac{4\beta_{dph} (2 + 0.6 \text{Re}^{1/2} Sc_w^{1/3}) \left( \frac{P_s^0}{T_s} - \frac{P_a^0 RH}{T_a} \right)}{V_D D_p}$ $E_{es}(d, D_p) = \frac{16KC_c Q_r q_p}{3\pi\mu_a V_D D_p^2 d}$
Park et al. (2005)	Brownian diffusion and interception from Jung and Lee (1998) Initial impaction from Calvert (1984)
Croft et al. (2009)	Brownian diffusion from Young (1993) Impaction from a modified Hall (1980) table
Ackerman et al. (1995)	Brownian diffusion from Fuchs (1964) Impaction from Hall (1980) table

<sup>(a)</sup> The formula takes into account the three most important collection mechanisms for below-cloud particle scavenging. The first term represents Brownian diffusion, the second term represents interception, and the third term represents inertial impaction.  $Re$  is the Reynolds number:  $Re = D_p V_D \rho_a / 2\mu_a$ .  $Sc$  is the Schmidt number:  $Sc = \mu_a / \rho_a D_{diff}$ , where  $D_{diff} = k_b T_a C_c / (3\pi\mu_a d)$  with the Cunningham correction factor:  $C_c = 1 + 2\lambda_a / d \left( 1.257 + 0.4 \exp\left(-0.55d / \lambda_a\right) \right)$ .  $St$  is the Stokes number:  $St = 2\tau(v_D - v_a) / D_p$  with the

characteristic relaxation time of a particle:  $\tau = (\rho_p - \rho_a) d^2 C_c / 18 \mu_a$ .  $St^*$  is the critical Stokes number expressed as:  $St^* = \frac{1.2 + \ln(1 + Re)}{1 + \ln(1 + Re)}$ .

- (b) The formula takes into account three additional collection mechanisms due to thermophoresis  $E_{th}(d, D_p)$ , diffusiophoresis  $E_{dph}(d, D_p)$ , and electrostatic forces  $E_{es}(d, D_p)$  based on Slinn (1984). The parameter  $\alpha_{th}$  and the Prandtl number  $Pr$  in  $E_{th}(d, D_p)$  are defined as,  $\alpha_{th} = \frac{2C_c(k_a + 5\lambda_a/D_p k_p)k_a}{5P(1 + 6\lambda_a/D_p)(2k_a + k_p + 10\lambda_a/D_p k_p)}$ , and  $Pr = c_p \mu_a / k_a$ , respectively. The parameter  $\beta_{dph}$  and the Schmidt number for water  $Sc_w$  in  $E_{dph}(d, D_p)$  are defined as  $\beta_{dph} = \frac{T_a D_{diffwater}}{P} \sqrt{\frac{M_w}{M_a}}$ , and  $Sc_w = \mu_a / \rho_a D_{waterdiff}$ , respectively. The parameter  $K$  in  $E_{es}(d, D_p)$  is set as  $9 \times 10^9$  (in  $Nm^2 C^{-2}$ ).  $Q_r$  and  $q_p$  are the mean charges on the raindrop and on the aerosol particle (in Coulomb, C), respectively, with opposite sign, and are parameterized as  $Q_r = a\alpha D_p^2$  and  $q_p = a\alpha d^2$  with  $a = 0.83 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\alpha$  ( $C m^{-2}$ ), an empirical parameter, in the range of 0-7 corresponding to cloud charges from neutral to highly electrified clouds.

Table 2. List of raindrop number size distribution ( $N(D_p)$ ) formulas. The general forms of the (a) exponential, (b) gamma, and (c) lognormal distributions are commonly written as  $N(D_p) = N_{0e} \exp(-\beta_e D_p)$ ,  $N(D_p) = N_{0g} D_p^\gamma \exp(-\beta_g D_p)$ , and  $N(D_p) = \frac{N_{total}}{\sqrt{2\pi} D_p \ln(\sigma_D)} \exp\left[-\frac{(\ln(D_p) - \ln(D_{mean}))^2}{2(\ln(\sigma_D))^2}\right]$ , respectively. See Table 10 for definitions of other symbols and units.

Raindrop number size spectrum	Formula definition	Rain type	Source
Exponential distributions <sup>(a)</sup>	$N_{0e} = 0.08, \beta_e = 41R^{-0.21}$	Widespread	Marshall and Palmer(1948)
	$N_{0e} = 0.30, \beta_e = 57R^{-0.21}$	Drizzle	Joss et al. (1968)
	$N_{0e} = 0.014, \beta_e = 30R^{-0.21}$	Thunderstorm	Joss et al. (1968)
	$N_{0e} = 0.07R^{0.37}, \beta_e = 38R^{-0.14}$	Thunderstorm	Sekhon and Srivastava (1971)
	$N_{0e} = 0.071M^{0.648}, \beta_e = \left(\frac{10^{-6} \rho_w \pi N_{0e}}{M}\right)^{0.25}$ $M = 0.0626R^{0.913}$	Convective	Zhang et al. (2008)
Gamma distributions <sup>(b)</sup>	$N_{0g} = 168.53R^{-0.384}$ $\gamma = 2.93, \beta_g = 53.8R^{-0.186}$	Widespread	de Wolf (2001)
	$N_{0g} = \frac{6.36 \times 10^{-4} M}{d_0^4} \left(\frac{1}{d_0}\right)^{2.5}$ $\gamma = 2.50, \beta_g = 5.57/d_0$ $d_0 = 0.157M^{0.168}, M = 0.062R^{0.913}$	Hurricane	Willis (1984)
	$N_{0g} = \frac{5.1285 \times 10^{-4} M}{d_0^4} \left(\frac{1}{d_0}\right)^{2.16}$ $\gamma = 2.16, \beta_g = 5.588/d_0$ $d_0 = 0.1571M^{0.1681}, M = 0.062R^{0.913}$	Hurricane	Willis and Tattelman (1989)

Lognormal distributions <sup>(c)</sup>	$N_{total} = 1.72 \times 10^{-4} R^{0.22}$ , $D_{mean} = 0.072R^{0.23}$ $\sigma_D = 1.43 - 3.0 \times 10^{-4} R$	Widespread	Feingold and Levin (1986)
	$N_{total} = 1.94 \times 10^{-4} R^{0.30}$ , $D_{mean} = 0.063R^{0.23}$ $\sigma_D = e^{\sqrt{0.191 - 1.1 \times 10^{-2} \cdot \ln(R)}}$	Widespread	Cerro et al. (1997)

Table 3. List of empirical and theoretical raindrop terminal velocity ( $V_D$ ) formulas.

Type	Formula	Source
Empirical formulas	$V_D = 1300D_p^{0.5}$	Kessler (1969)
	$V_D = 1767D_p^{0.67}$	Atlas and Ulbrich (1977)
	$V_D = 4854D_p \exp(-1.95D_p)$	Willis (1984)
	$V_D = 958 \left[ 1 - \exp \left( - \left( \frac{D_p}{0.171} \right)^{1.147} \right) \right]$	Best (1950)
	$V_D = -10.21 + 4932D_p - 9551D_p^2 + 7934D_p^3 - 2362D_p^4$	Brandes et al. (2002)
	$V_D = \begin{cases} 0 & D_p \leq 0.003 \\ 4323(D_p - 0.003) & 0.003 \leq D_p \leq 0.06 \\ 965 - 1030 \exp(-6D_p) & D_p > 0.06 \end{cases}$	Henzing et al. (2006)
Theoretical formulas	Beard's scheme	Beard (1976)
	Feng's Scheme	Feng (2007)

Table 4. List of semi-empirical formulas for snow particle–aerosol particle collection efficiency  $E$ .

Source	Formula
Slinn (1984) <sup>(a)</sup>	$E(d, \lambda) = \left(\frac{1}{Sc}\right)^{\alpha_\lambda} + \left[1 - \exp(-(1 + Re_\lambda^{1/2})) \frac{(d/2)^2}{\lambda^2}\right] + \left(\frac{St - St^*}{St - St^* + 2/3}\right)^{3/2}$
Murakami et al (1985) <sup>(b)</sup>	$E(d, D_m) = \frac{48D_{diff}}{\pi D_m V_D} (0.65 + 0.44 Sc^{1/3} Re^{1/2}) + 28.5 I^{1.186} + \left(\frac{S_1 - S_2}{S_2 \exp(S_1 t') - S_1 \exp(S_2 t')}\right)^2$
Dick (1990) <sup>(c)</sup>	$E(d, D_m) = \frac{2mV_D}{3\pi d\mu_a D_m} + \frac{4}{Pe} (1 + 0.4 Re^{1/6} Pe^{1/3})$

(a)  $\lambda$  is the characteristic capture length and  $\alpha_\lambda$  is an empirical constant. Both  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha_\lambda$  depend on the shape of snow particles (e.g., sleet/graupel, rimed crystals, powder snow, dendrite, tissue paper, and camera film).  $Re_\lambda$  is the Reynolds number corresponding to the specific  $\lambda$ ,  $Sc$  is the Schmidt number:  $Sc = \mu_a / \rho_a D_{diff}$ ,  $St$  is the Stokes number, and  $St^*$  is the critical Stokes number:  $St^* = \frac{1.2 + (1/12)\ln(1 + Re_\lambda)}{1 + \ln(1 + Re_\lambda)}$ .

(b) The formula is for snow aggregates. The Reynolds number of a snow particle is defined as:  $Re = D_m V_D \rho_a / \mu_a$ ,  $Sc$  is the Schmidt number, and  $I$  is the size ratio  $d/D_c$  with  $D_c$  the characteristic length of the snow particle. The third term is the theoretical solution of a simplified flow model by Ranz and Wong (1952), involving parameters  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $t'$ , and it can be simplified to  $\exp\left(\frac{-0.11}{St^{1/2} - 0.25}\right)$  if  $St \geq 1/16$ , or to 0 if  $St < 1/16$  (Feng, 2009).

(c)  $Pe$  is the Peclet number:  $Pe = D_m V_D / D_{diff}$  and  $Re$  is the Reynolds number:  $Re = D_m V_D \rho_a / 2\mu_a$ .

Table 5. List of exponential snow particle number size distribution ( $N(D_p)$ ) formulas. Note that actual snow particle size  $D_m$  (cm) was used in Scott (1982) (see Appendix A in Zhang et al., 2013) whereas  $D_p$  was used in other formulas.

$$N(D_p) = N_{0e} \exp(-\beta_e D_p)$$

Source	$N_{0e}$ [ $\text{cm}^{-4}$ ]	$\beta_e$ [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
Marshall and Palmer (1948)	0.08	$\beta_e = 41R^{-0.21}$
Scott (1982)	0.5	$M = 0.37R^{0.94}$ $\beta_e = 20.7M^{0.33} = 28.8R^{0.31}$
Gunn and Marshall (1958)	$N_{0e} = 0.038R^{-0.87}$	$\beta_e = 25.5R^{-0.48}$
Sekhon and Srivastava (1970)	$N_{0e} = 0.025R^{-0.94}$	$\beta_e = 22.9R^{-0.45}$



766 Table 6. List of empirical and theoretical snow particle terminal velocity ( $V_D$ ) formulas.  $X$  is the  
 767 Best number:  $X = \frac{2mg\rho_a D_m^2}{A\mu_a^2}$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\sigma$  are empirical constants (see Table 7), and  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  are  
 768 described as functions of  $X$  (see Mitchell and Heymsfield, 2005).

Source	$V_D$ formula	Particle shape
Langleben (1954)	$V_D = 207.0 D_p^{0.310}$	plane dendrite
Jiusto and Bosworth (1971)	$V_D = 104.9 D_m^{0.206}$	plane dendrite
Locatelli and Hobbs (1974)	$V_D = 64.80 D_m^{0.257}$	plane dendrite
Molthan et al. (2010)	$V_D = 110.1 D_m^{0.145}$	plane dendrite
Jiusto and Bosworth (1971)	$V_D = 153.0 D_m^{0.206}$	column
Matson and Huggins (1980)	$V_D = 1145 D_p^{0.500}$	graupel
Mitchell (1996)	$V_D = \frac{Re \mu_a}{D_m \rho_a}$ $Re = \begin{cases} 0.04394 X^{0.970}, & 0.01 < X \leq 10.0 \\ 0.06049 X^{0.831}, & 10.0 < X \leq 585 \\ 0.2072 X^{0.638}, & 585 < X \leq 1.56 \times 10^5 \\ 1.0865 X^{0.499}, & 1.56 \times 10^5 < X \leq 10^8 \end{cases}$	any shape
Mitchell and Heymsfield (2005)	$V_D = a_v D_m^{b_v}, \quad Re = a_1 X^{b_1}, \quad m = \alpha D_m^\beta, \quad A = \delta D_m^\sigma$ $a_v = a_1 \left( \frac{\mu_a}{\rho_a} \right)^{(1-2b_1)} \left( \frac{2\alpha g}{\rho_a \delta} \right)^{b_1}, \quad b_v = b_1 (\beta - \sigma + 2) - 1$	any shape

Table 7. Snow particle shapes considered in this study and their mass ( $m$ ) and cross-sectional area ( $A$ ) formulas.

<b>Snow particle shape</b>	<b>Mass</b> $m = \alpha D_m^\beta$ [g]	<b>Cross-sectional area</b> $A = \delta D_m^\sigma$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]
Spheres	$m = 0.0524 D_m^{3.00a}$	$A = 0.7854 D_m^{2.00a}$
Dendrites	$m = 0.0022 D_m^{2.19b}$	$A = 0.2285 D_m^{1.88c}$
Columns	$m = 0.0450 D_m^{3.00b}$	$A = 0.0512 D_m^{1.41d}$
Graupel	$m = 0.0490 D_m^{2.80e}$	$A = 0.5000 D_m^{2.00e}$

<sup>a</sup> Obtained from  $m = \rho_s (\pi/6) D_m^3$  and  $A = (\pi/4) D_m^2$ , with  $\rho_s = 0.1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ .

<sup>b</sup> From Woods et al. (2008)

<sup>c</sup> From Mitchell (1996) for “Aggregates of side planes”

<sup>d</sup> From Mitchell (1996) for “Rimed long columns”

<sup>e</sup> From Mitchell (1996) for “Lump graupel”

**Table 8. Empirical constants in the formulations of  $\log_{10}(A(d))$  and  $B(d)$  for  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterizations.**

Constants in $\Lambda_{rain}$ parameterization							
$\log_{10}(A(d))$	$a_0 = -6.2609 \times 10^0$	$a_1 = 6.8200 \times 10^{-1}$	$a_2 = 8.6760 \times 10^{-1}$	$a_3 = 1.2820 \times 10^{-1}$			
	$b_0 = -1.4707 \times 10^1$	$b_1 = 5.1043 \times 10^1$	$b_2 = -9.7306 \times 10^1$	$b_3 = 9.7946 \times 10^1$	$b_4 = -5.3923 \times 10^1$	$b_5 = 1.5311 \times 10^1$	$b_6 = -1.7510 \times 10^0$
B(d)	$c_0 = 7.2300 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_1 = 3.0300 \times 10^{-2}$					
	$e_0 = -6.4920 \times 10^{-1}$	$e_1 = 9.3483 \times 10^0$	$e_2 = -2.1929 \times 10^1$	$e_3 = 2.5317 \times 10^1$	$e_4 = -1.5395 \times 10^1$	$e_5 = 4.7242 \times 10^0$	$e_6 = -5.7660 \times 10^{-1}$
Constants in $\Lambda_{snow}$ parameterization							
$\log_{10}(A(d))$	$a_0 = -4.4260 \times 10^0$	$a_1 = 1.3940 \times 10^0$	$a_2 = -1.2020 \times 10^0$	$a_3 = -3.2942 \times 10^0$	$a_4 = -1.9521 \times 10^0$	$a_5 = -4.9040 \times 10^{-1}$	$a_6 = -4.5700 \times 10^{-2}$
	$b_0 = -4.3531 \times 10^0$	$b_1 = -7.8280 \times 10^{-1}$	$b_2 = 1.2768 \times 10^1$	$b_3 = -1.9864 \times 10^1$	$b_4 = 1.3618 \times 10^1$	$b_5 = -4.4350 \times 10^0$	$b_6 = 5.5510 \times 10^{-1}$
B(d)	$c_0 = 5.6640 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_1 = 8.5000 \times 10^{-3}$	$c_2 = -1.9480 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_3 = -6.5320 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_4 = -5.462 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_5 = -1.7780 \times 10^{-1}$	$c_6 = -2.0100 \times 10^{-1}$
	$e_0 = 5.6890 \times 10^{-1}$	$e_1 = -9.2300 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_2 = 4.0200 \times 10^{-1}$	$e_3 = 1.4523 \times 10^0$	$e_4 = -2.0780 \times 10^0$	$e_5 = 1.0500 \times 10^0$	$e_6 = -1.8210 \times 10^{-1}$

**Table 9. List of below-cloud  $\Lambda_{rain}$  and  $\Lambda_{snow}$  parameterizations from literature expressed as  $\Lambda(d, R) = A(d)R^{B(d)}$  (where  $\Lambda$  is in units of  $s^{-1}$ )**

$\Lambda$ ( $s^{-1}$ )	Source	$A(d)$ ( $s^{-1}$ )	$B(d)$	Aerosol diameter range ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Calculation basis
$\Lambda_{rain}$	Jylhä (1991)	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	0.64	0.3 - 0.9	Field measurements
	Okita et al. (1996)	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	0.67 - 0.76	$d > 2.0$	
	Sparmacher et al. (1993)	$2.34 \times 10^{-7}$	0.59	0.23	Controlled experiment
		$3.14 \times 10^{-7}$	0.60	0.46	
		$2.56 \times 10^{-7}$	0.94	0.98	
		$1.72 \times 10^{-6}$	0.61	2.16	
	Scott (1982)	$3.56 \times 10^{-4}$	0.78	10.0	Theoretical calculation
	Mircea et al. (1998) <sup>(a)</sup>	$2.43 \times 10^{-4} E - 7.41 \times 10^{-3} E$	0.78 - 0.86	Any sizes	
Baklanov and Sorensen (2001)	$8.40 \times 10^{-5}$	0.79	$d < 2.8$		
Andronache (2003)	$2.78 \times 10^{-8} - 1.39 \times 10^{-6}$	0.59 - 0.61	$d < 2.0$		
	$6.67 \times 10^{-5} - 2.44 \times 10^{-4}$	0.7	$d > 2.0$		
Feng (2007)	$1.19 \times 10^{-6} - 2.06 \times 10^{-6}$	0.62	0.001 - 0.04		
	$2.36 \times 10^{-7} - 3.69 \times 10^{-7}$	0.61 - 0.62	0.04 - 2.5		
	$2.11 \times 10^{-4} - 3.42 \times 10^{-4}$	0.79	2.5 - 16.0		
	$4.92 \times 10^{-4} - 5.06 \times 10^{-4}$	0.81 - 0.82	16.0 - 100.		

	This work	$6.16 \times 10^{-6} - 1.17 \times 10^{-4}$ $3.83 \times 10^{-7} - 6.16 \times 10^{-6}$ $9.80 \times 10^{-7} - 6.70 \times 10^{-5}$ $6.75 \times 10^{-5} - 6.89 \times 10^{-4}$	0.64 - 0.67 0.67 - 0.72 0.72 - 0.91 0.82 - 0.91	0.001 - 0.01 0.01 - 2.0 2.0 - 3.0 3.0 - 100.0	
$\Lambda_{snow}$	Sparmacher et al. (1993)	$1.60 \times 10^{-6}$ $8.10 \times 10^{-7}$ $3.49 \times 10^{-6}$	0.62 0.89 1.09	0.46 0.98 1.66	Controlled experiment
	Mircea et al. (1998) <sup>(a)</sup>	$2.44 \times 10^{-3} E - 3.59 \times 10^{-2} E$	0.89 - 1.14	Any sizes	Theoretical calculation
	Baklanov and Sorensen (2001)	$8.0 \times 10^{-5}$	0.31	Any sizes	
	Scott (1982)	$2.44 \times 10^{-4}$	1.0	10.0	
	This work	$6.84 \times 10^{-5} - 1.80 \times 10^{-3}$ $4.94 \times 10^{-6} - 1.19 \times 10^{-4}$ $1.19 \times 10^{-4} - 5.13 \times 10^{-4}$ $5.13 \times 10^{-4} - 5.50 \times 10^{-3}$	0.66 - 0.77 0.53 - 0.66 0.58 - 0.61 0.61 - 0.86	0.001-0.01 0.01 - 2.0 2.0 -3.0 3.0 - 100.0	

<sup>(a)</sup> E is the collection efficiency and assumed to be a constant for a given precipitation distribution and aerosols types.

**Table 10. Nomenclature (CGS units).**

$A$	hydrometeor-particle effective cross-sectional area projected normal to the fall direction ( $\text{cm}^2$ )
$C_c$	Cunningham correction factor
$c_p$	heat capacity of air ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$ )
$d$	aerosol particle diameter (cm)
$D_c$	snow-particle characteristic length used in $E$ formula of Murakami et al. (1985) (cm)
$D_{diff}$	aerosol-particle diffusivity coefficient ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ )
$D_m$	maximum dimension of a snow particle (cm)
$D_{mean}$	mean diameter of lognormal spectra (cm)
$D_p$	raindrop or melted snow-particle diameter (cm)
$D_{waterdiff}$	water vapour diffusivity in air ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ )
$E(d, D_p)$	overall hydrometeor-aerosol particle collection efficiency
$E_{dph}(d, D_p)$	collection efficiency due to diffusiophoresis
$E_{es}(d, D_p)$	collection efficiency due to charge effect
$E_{th}(d, D_p)$	collection efficiency due to thermophoresis
$g$	acceleration of gravity ( $\text{cm s}^{-2}$ )
$k_a$	thermal conductivity of air ( $\text{erg cm}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ )
$k_b$	Boltzmann constant ( $\text{erg K}^{-1}$ )
$k_p$	thermal conductivity of particle ( $\text{erg cm}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ )
$m$	particle mass (g)
$M$	precipitation water concentration ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ )
$M_a$	air molecular weight
$M_w$	water vapour molecular weight
$n(d, t)$	aerosol number concentration with diameters $d$ at time $t$
$N(D_p)$	number size distribution of precipitation hydrometeors ( $\text{cm}^{-4}$ )
$N_{0e}$	intercept parameter for exponential size distribution ( $\text{cm}^{-4}$ )
$N_{0g}$	intercept parameter for gamma size distribution ( $\text{cm}^{-\gamma-1} \text{cm}^{-3}$ )
$N_{total}$	total number concentration of precipitation hydrometeors ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
$P$	atmospheric pressure (dyne)
$Pe$	Peclet number
$Pr$	Prandtl number for air
$P_a^o$	vapour pressure of water at temperature $T_a$ (dyne)
$P_s^o$	vapour pressure of water at temperature $T_s$ (dyne)
$q_p$	mean charge of a particle (C)
$Q_r$	mean charge of a raindrop (C)
$R$	precipitation intensity ( $\text{mm h}^{-1}$ )
$Re$	Reynolds number
$RH$	relative humidity (%)
$Sc$	Schmidt number for aerosol particle
$Sc_w$	Schmidt number for water in air
$St$	Stokes number of aerosol particle
$St^*$	critical Stokes number of aerosol particle
$T_a$	air temperature (K)
$T_s$	raindrop surface temperature (K)
$v_d$	aerosol-particle terminal velocity ( $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ )
$V_D$	raindrop or snow-particle terminal velocity ( $\text{cm s}^{-1}$ )
$X$	Davies number
$\alpha, \beta$	empirical constants in mass-diameter power-law relationships
$\delta, \sigma$	empirical constants in area-diameter power-law relationships

$\beta_e$	slope parameter for exponential size distribution
$\beta_g$	slope parameter for gamma size distribution
$\gamma$	shape parameter for gamma size distribution
$\lambda$	snow-particle characteristic capture length used in $E$ formula of Slinn (1984) (cm)
$\lambda_a$	mean free path of air molecules (cm)
$A(d)$	size-resolved aerosol-particle scavenging coefficient ( $s^{-1}$ )
$\mu_a$	dynamic air viscosity ( $g\ cm^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ )
$\mu_w$	water viscosity ( $g\ cm^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ )
$\rho_a$	air density ( $g\ cm^{-3}$ )
$\rho_p$	aerosol-particle density ( $g\ cm^{-3}$ )
$\rho_w$	water density ( $g\ cm^{-3}$ )
$\sigma_D$	standard deviation of lognormal size distribution
$\tau$	characteristic relaxation time of a particle (s)

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Figure 2. (a) 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles as a function of precipitation intensity  $R$  derived from an ensemble of 320  $\Lambda_{rain}$  realizations for 100 particle diameters (a total of 100 lines); (b) linear regression best-fit lines for the 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  data (symbols) from (a) for seven aerosol particle diameters; (c) Values (symbols) of y-intercept  $A(d)$  from the log-linear regressions for 100 particle diameters and their polynomial best-fit curves (lines); and (d) same as in (c) but for the slope  $B(d)$  of the log-linear regressions.



Figure 3. Parameterized size-resolved  $\Lambda_{rain}$  profiles using Eqs. (5), (6) and (7) (solid lines) and the original 90<sup>th</sup> percentile  $\Lambda_{rain}$  data (symbols) (a) and their percentage differences (b) for five different precipitation intensities.

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Figure 5. Same as in Fig. 2 except for  $\Lambda_{snow}$

Figure 6. Same as in Fig. 3 except for  $\Lambda_{snow}$

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Figure 8. Percentage differences in  $\Lambda$  from the use of different temperature and pressure values for (a) rain and (b) snow scavenging versus base case. A precipitation intensity of  $1.0 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$  was assumed, and the base case refers to the ambient conditions used to develop the new  $\Lambda$  parameterization (i.e.,  $p = 1013.25 \text{ hPa}$ ;  $T = 15^\circ\text{C}$  for rain scavenging and  $T = -10^\circ\text{C}$  for snow scavenging).



















