

Simplified version of MG2008 Appendix A

Note that $\delta = q_v - q_s$ where the saturation mixing ratio, $q_s = q_{sat,liq}(p, T) = \epsilon e_{sat,liq}(T)/(p - e_{sat,liq}(T))$.

Neglecting the effects of mixing and radiation (as in pyrcl), the evolution equations for a broad set of quantities (not including the cloud droplet number concentration) can be written:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z \\ p \\ T \\ q_v \\ q_c \\ q_i \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ -\rho_{air} g w \\ -\frac{g w}{c_p} + \frac{L_v}{c_p} C \\ -C \\ C \\ 0 \\ A_\delta w - \frac{\delta}{\tau} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where the condensation rate C is defined

$$C = \frac{\delta}{\tau \Gamma} \quad (2)$$

and the thermodynamic constants, A_δ and Γ , are

$$A_\delta = \left(\frac{g}{c_p} \right) \frac{dq_{sat}}{dT} - \frac{q_s \rho_{air} g}{p - e_{sat}} \quad (3)$$

$$\Gamma = 1 + \frac{L}{C_p} \frac{dq_s}{dT}. \quad (4)$$

Last, the relaxation timescale for the supersaturation is

$$\frac{1}{\tau_c} = 4\pi D_v N_c \langle r \rangle_c \quad (5)$$

Formally, $\langle r \rangle_c$ is the number-weighted mean radius:

$$\langle r \rangle_c = \frac{\int n_c(r) r dr}{\int n_c(r) dr} \quad (6)$$

where it should be noted that $N_c = \int n_c dr$. For simplicity, we will approximate $\langle r \rangle_c$ as the volume mean radius, r_v , which is defined by:

$$\frac{4\pi r_v^3}{3} N_c \rho_{liquid} = \rho_{air} q_c \quad (7)$$

The computation of N_c is diagnostic rather than predicted by an evolution equation like those in (1) above.

TODO:

- computation of N_c following MG2008, sec. 2.3, and including parameters as derived in MG200X and KC199X.
- Add proper citations.