Modular Analysis of Tropical Cyclones

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Nomenclature

Variables

Symbol	Description	Units
ρ	density	${ m kg}{ m m}^{-3}$
p	pressure	Pa
rh	relative humidity	-
T	temperature	K
y	water vapor mass fraction	-
z	altitude	m

Constants

Symbol	Description	Value	Units
σ	ratio, molecular weights	0.622	-
c_p	specific heat capacity, const p	10^{4}	${\rm m}^2{\rm s}^{-2}{\rm K}^{-1}$
g	gravity	9.81	$\rm ms^{-2}$
L	specific latent heat, phase transition	$2.5 * 10^6$	$\mathrm{m^2s^{-2}}$
R	gas constant for air	287.1	${ m m^2s^{-1}K^{-1}}$

Subscripts

Symbol	Description
amb	ambient

eye eye

moist moist adiabat

s ocean-surface value

sat saturated

switch lifting condensation level

trop tropopause

underrun underrunning moist air

v water vapor

vsat saturated water vapor