Cloud Physics

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Lecturer

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Lecture Contents

1. Cloud Microphysics

nucleation, vapor diffusion, collection (coalescence, aggregation, riming), breakup, fallout, ice enhancement, melting

2. Cloud Dynamics

buoyancy, entrainment, in-cloud rotation

3. Rayleigh-Bénard Convection

laboratory experiments, linear stability analysis, Lorenz equations

- 4. Representation of Cloud Processes in Numerical Models
 - explicit representation (bin and bulk), implicit representation (cumulus parameterization)
- 5. Recent Issues in Cloud Physics

References

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- Microphysics of Clouds and Precipitation, H. R. Pruppacher and J. D. Klett, 1997, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 954 pp.
- 6. Cloud and Precipitation microphysics, J. M. Straka, 2009, Cambridge University Press, 392 pp.
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- 8. Fluid Mechanics, 4th edition, P. K. Kundu and I. M. Cohen, 2008, Academic Press, 872 pp.
- 9. Bénard Cells and Taylor Vortices, E. L. Koschmieder, 1993, Cambridge University Press, 337 pp.
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Grading

mid-term exam: 25%

final exam: 25% homework: 35%

term-paper presentation: 15%

* homework: solving problems, reading and summarizing articles

Problems and articles will be given in the class.