Climate on the planet Mars

화성에서의 이산화탄소 구름 생성과 강설(snowfall) 에 대하여

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Abstract

화성은 지구와 다른 기후 환경을 가지고 있다. 그러나 화성에서도 구름이 생기고 눈이 내린다. 따라서 화성에서 일어나는 기상현상에 대한 논의가 지구의 기상현상 이해의 확장에 도움이 되며 화성 탐사나 Teraforming의 연구에도 많은 도움이 될 것이라 생각하여 이번 연구를 시작하게 되었다.

Procedure of Modeling

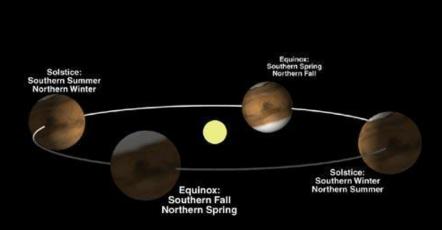
Cloud formation

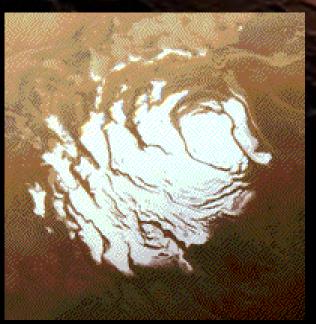
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Characteristics of Mars

Martian Climate & Global CO₂ cycle

- The central characteristic of the present Martian climate is the global CO2 cycle
- Temperatures in the polar regions during the long winter season fall to the extent that the tenuous CO2 atmosphere itself is deposited on the surface, forming the seasonal caps and significantly altering the global atmospheric pressure.





North polar cap during winter



South polar cap during winter

4 Seasons of the Mars

Snowfall at the Mars

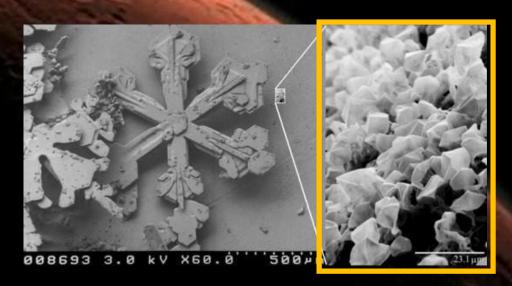
Snow on Mars: NASA Spacecraft Spots 'Dry Ice' Snowflakes

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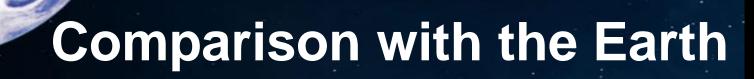


A spacecraft orbiting Mars has detected carbon dioxide snow falling on the Red Planet, making Mars the only body in the solar system known to host this weird weather phenomenon.

The snow on Mars fell from clouds around the planet's south pole during the Martian winter spanning 2006 and 2007, with scientists discovering it only after sifting through observations by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter

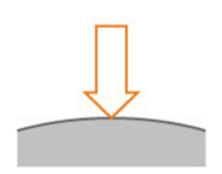


이산화탄소 눈 결정모양



	Earth	Mars	
Average Distance from Sun	93 million miles	142 million miles	
Average Speed in Orbiting Sun	18.5 miles per second	14.5 miles per second	
Diameter	7,926 miles	4,220 miles	
Tilt of Axis	23.5 degrees	25 degrees	
Length of Year	365.25 Days	687 Earth Days	
Length of Day	23 hours 56 minutes	24 hours 37 minutes	
Gravity	2.66 times that of Mars	0.375 that of Earth	
Temperature	Average 57 degrees F	Average -81 degrees F	
Atmosphere	nitrogen, oxygen, argon, others	mostly carbon dioxide, some water vapor	

Gravity



Surface Gravity

The gravitational acceleration experienced at a planet's surface

About	38% t	hat o	f Earth
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Mars:

3.71 meters per second squared Earth:

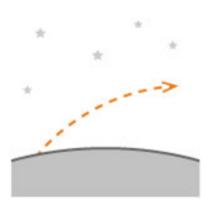
9.80665 meters per second

squared

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12.2 feet per second squared

32.174 feet per second squared



Escape Velocity

The speed an object needs to break free from the gravitational attraction of a planet, moon, or other body without further propulsion

About 45% that of Earth

Mars:

18,108 kilometers per hour (5.03 km/second)

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11,252 miles per hour

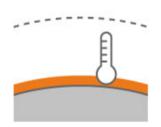
Earth:

40,284 kilometers per hour (11.19 km/second)

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25,030 miles per hour

Temperature



Temperature of the Surface (Typical Minimum/Maximum)

How hot or cold the surface varies between day and night and among seasons

Mars is colder than Earth because it is farther from the Sun.

Mars:

-284 to 86° Fahrenheit -140 to 30° Celsius

Earth:

-126 to 136° Fahrenheit -88 to 58° Celsius



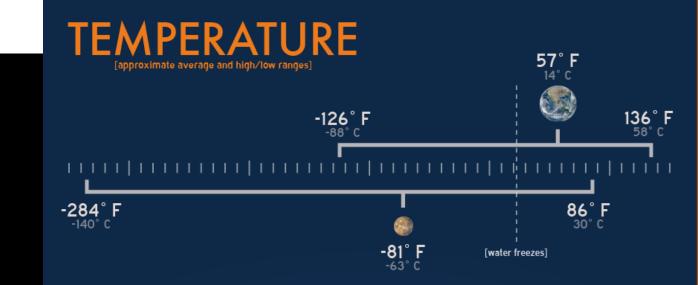
Measurement of how hot or cool the atmosphere is at different altitudes (heights relative to the surface)

Mars:

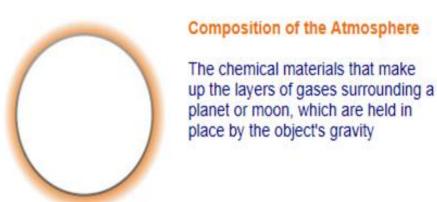
-81° Fahrenheit -63° Celsius 210 Kelvin

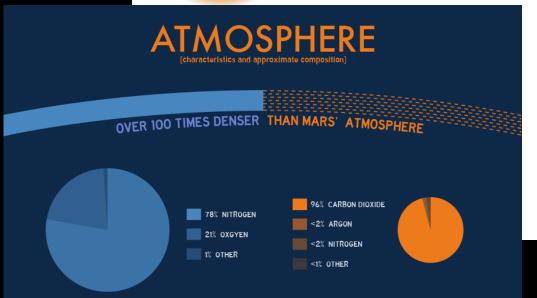
Earth:

59° Fahrenheit 15° Celsius 288 Kelvin



Composition





Mars' atmosphere is 100 times less dense than Earth's

Mars:

Main Gases:

96% Carbon Dioxide (CO2)*

1.93% Argon (Ar)**

1.89% Nitrogen (N2)

0.145% Oxygen (O2)

<0.01% Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Earth:

Main Gases:

78.09% Nitrogen (N₂) 20.95% Oxygen (O₂)

0.93% Argon (Ar)

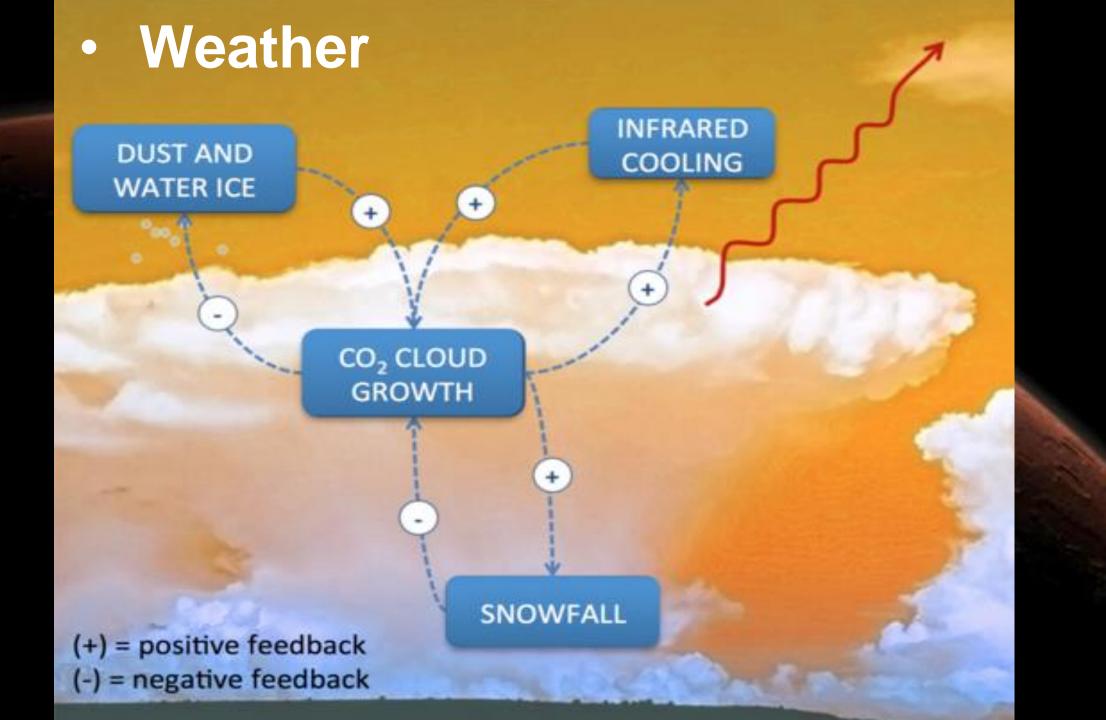
0.039% Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

Both planets also have other gases in very small amounts (trace gases).

Did you know ...?

*Carbon dioxide is used for carbonation in beverages. Frozen carbon dioxide is "dry ice."

**Argon is used to make blue "neon lights."



CO2 Cloud

Assumption

- 1) 태양과 화성과의 거리는 변하지 않는다.
- 2) 화성은 세차운동을 하지 않는다.
- 3) 화성의 먼지 폭풍에 대한 효과는 무시한다.
- 4) Dry adiabatic air (대기는 건조단열적으로 상승)
- 5) CO2 cloud의 ice crystal은 구형으로 생긴다.
- 6) Homogeneous CO2 atmosphere
- 7) 대기의 총 두께 ~ 70Km
- 8) 대기를 이상기체로 가정한다.
- 9) Hydrostatic Assumption
- 10) 먼지폭풍으로 인해 CCN이 충분히 공급된다.

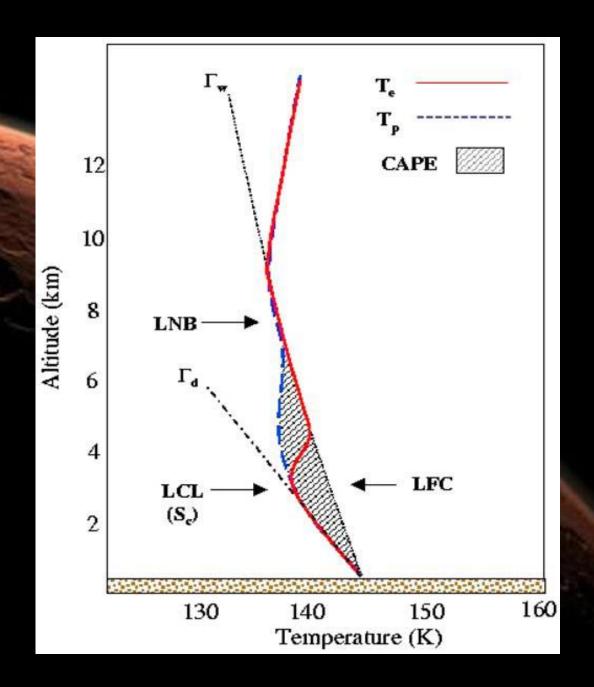
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Conceptual Figure

convectional cloud 생성 시나리오

- condensation begins. (LCL)
- When the parcel temperature is higher than the back ground environment temperature free convection can occur (LFC).
- The parcel will continue to rise due to buoyancy until its temperature is again equal to the environment temperature (LNB)



Calculation

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At surface T= 249.5K
Gravitational Acceleration = 2.69 m/s^2
Density of solid dry ice = 1560kgm^-3
Latent heat of sublimation at 121K, 613KJkg^-1
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Saturation vapor pressure of carbon dioxide (empirical)

$$\ln e_{si} = \frac{\Delta H}{RT} + 23.8(\ln torr)$$

$$\Delta H = 6.5 \text{kcal/mole}$$

(Bryson et al., 109) Vapor pressure e = p

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{e}{e_{si}}$$

Calculation

Dew point $T-T_{frost} = -R_v T T_{frost} \ln r$

$$T_{frost} = 236.2K$$

Lifting condensation level

$$\frac{T - T_{frost}}{TT_{frost}} = \frac{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}{\frac{l_v}{R_v}} \ln \frac{T_{lcl}}{T} + (\frac{1}{T_{lcl}} - \frac{1}{T})$$

$$T_{lcl} = 167.6K$$

Calculation

Dew point & Dry Lapse rate

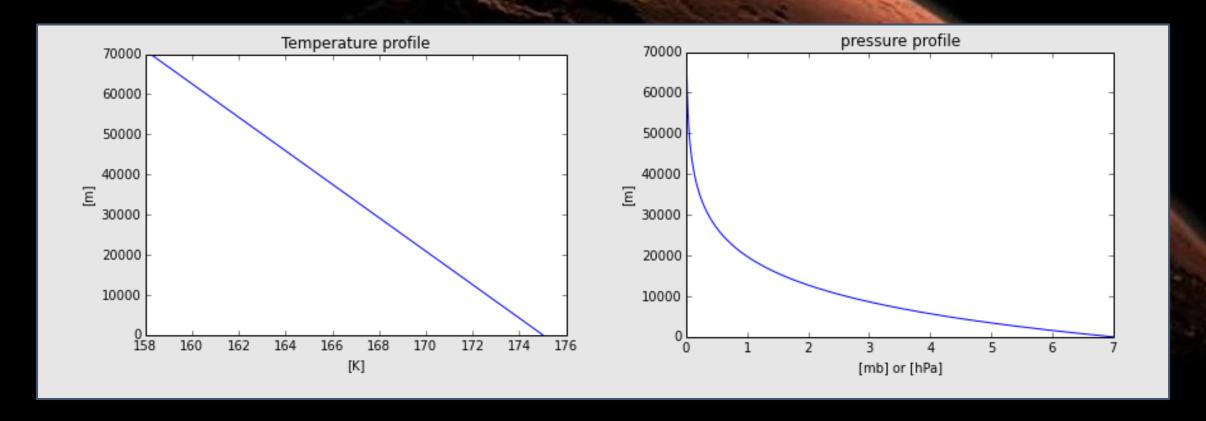
$$\Gamma_{frost} = -\frac{dT_{frost}}{dz} = \frac{g}{\epsilon l_v} \frac{T_{frost}^2}{T}$$

Dew point lapse rate = 1.346*10^-3 K/km Dry lapse rate = 5.27 K/km

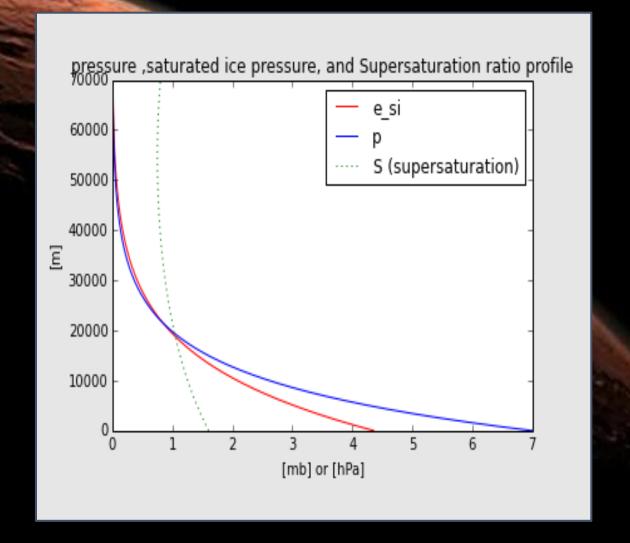
$$z_{lcl} - z_0 = \frac{T_0 - T_{frost,0}}{\Gamma_d - \Gamma_{frost}}$$
$$z_{lcl} = 3.39km$$

Environmental height at $T_{lcl} = 26km$

모델 계산의 용의성을 위해 고도에따라 온도는 선형적으로 감소, 대기의 압력은 hydrostatic equation에 따라 지수적으로 감소하는 모델을 사용.



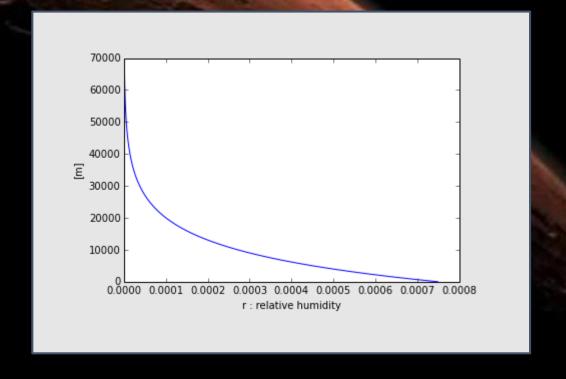
- surface Temperature = 175K (극지방 지표면 온도)
- 계산 결과에 따르면, 고도 20~30Km 사이까지 과포화.
- 화성의 양 극에 극관이 생김.
- 만약 구름이 있다면 구름은 25Km 정도가 넘으면 승화 과 정을 통해 소멸.

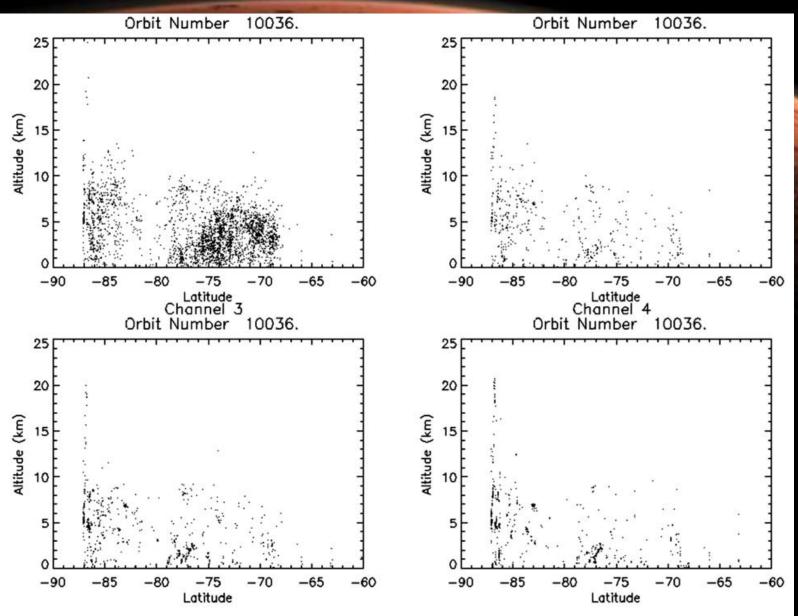


초기 온도가 화성의 평균 온도인 240K 에서는 구름이 생성되기 힘들다.

 $r: 0.0001 \sim 0.0075$

즉, 온도가 충분히 낮을 때 구름이 생성 된다.



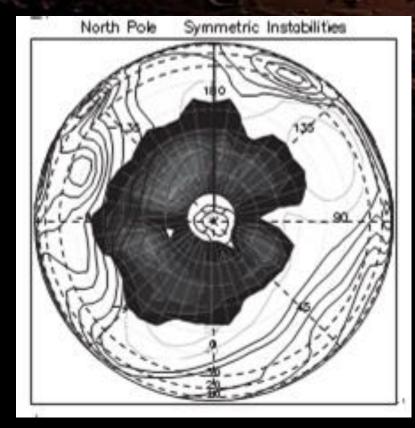


- Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA)를 이용한 관측.
- 남반구 극지방 겨울 의 구름 echo 데이 터.
- 지표에서 20Km까지 다양하게 분포.

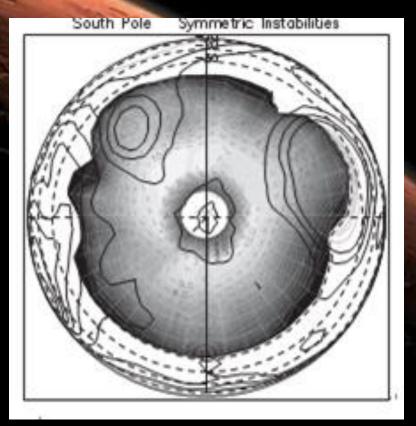
More on Clouds of Mars

Clouds of North & South Pole

✓ 대기의 불안정도 비교



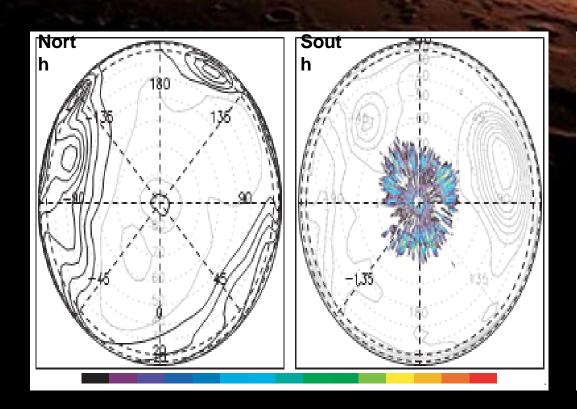
North Pole

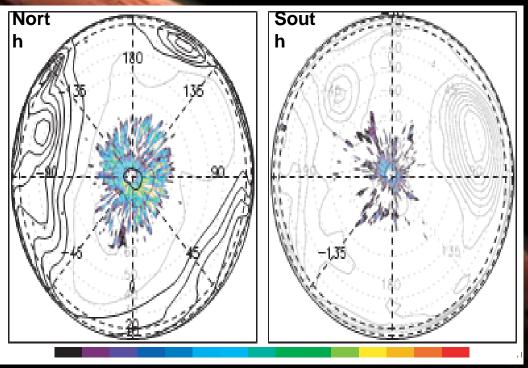


South Pole

Clouds of North & South Pole

✓ 대기의 불안정도에 따른 구름형성 차이

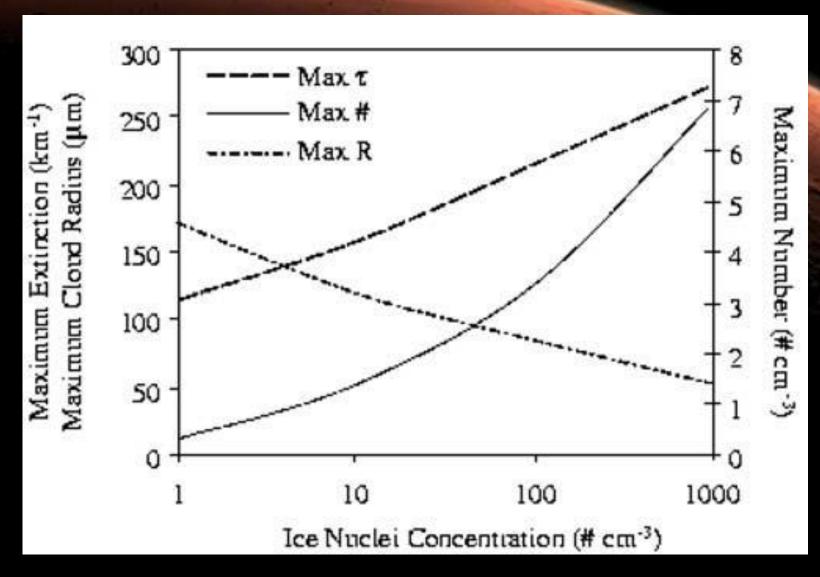




Conditions for growing of ice crystal

- ✓ Updraft wind 상승 기류에 의한 공기의 냉각과 잠열 방출로 얼음 입자들이 지속적으로 성장
- ✓ Concentration of IN (Ice Nuclei) 충분한 수의 IN이 없으면 deposition이 일어나 기 매우 어려움. 그러나 IN이 너무 많으면 입자의 크기가 작아져 Snowfall이 일어나지 않을 수 있음.

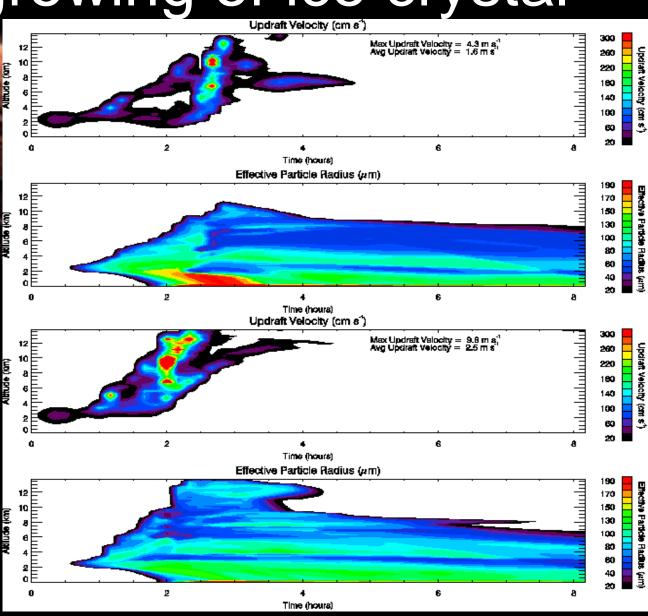
Conditions for growing of ice crystal



- IN이 농도가 낮으면 입자의 반지름은 크 지만 농도가 매우 적 음
- 반면, IN 농도가 높으 면 입자의 반지름은 작지만 농도가 커짐

Conditions for for growing of ice crystal

- Updraft wind에 따라 ice particle이 생성됨
- Updraft wind가 상대적으로 빠른 경우 구름이 더 높이 올라가고 전체적인 입자의 크기가 고도에 따라 고르게 분포.



결과 및 고찰

Result & Discussion

조사를 통해 화성의 특징과 구름 생성과 강설의 조건을 알아보았다. 모델링을 통해 구름의 생성과 소멸 고도를 조사해 보았다.

- -> 화성의 구름은 20 ~ 30Km 까지 연직적으로 존재할 수 있다.
- -> 온도가 충분히 낮은 극지방의 밤에 구름이 잘 생성된다.
- -> 입자의 성장은 updraft wind와 IN의 농도에 영향을 받는다.

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