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 Research

References

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- 3. Physics and Chemistry of Clouds, D. Lamb and J. Verlinde, 2011, Cambridge University Press, 584 pp.
- 4. A Short Course in Cloud Physics, 3rd edition, R. R. Rogers and M. K. Yau, 1989, Pergamon Press, 293 pp.
- Microphysics of Clouds and Precipitation, H. R. Pruppacher and J. D. Klett, 1997, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 954 pp.
- 6. Atmospheric Convection, K. A. Emanuel, 1994, Oxford University Press, 580 pp.
- 7. Fluid Mechanics, 4th edition, P. K. Kundu and I. M. Cohen, 2008, Academic Press, 872 pp.
- 8. Bénard Cells and Taylor Vortices, E. L. Koschmieder, 1993, Cambridge University Press, 337 pp.
- 9. Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, 3rd edition, J. H. Seinfeld and S. N. Pandis, 2016, Wiley, 1120 pp.

Grading

mid-term exam: 30% final exam: 30% homework: 40%

* homework: solving problems, reading and summarizing articles

Problems and articles will be given in the class.