

Cloud model notes

Sedimentation velocity v_f

1. Get r_w by assuming viscous sedimentation

$$v_f = \frac{2}{9} \frac{\beta g r^2 \Delta \rho}{\eta}$$

r_w is the value of particle radius for which $v_f = w^*$

$$\Rightarrow r_w^2 + 1.26 \lambda r_w - \frac{9 \eta w^*}{2 g \Delta \rho} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_w = \frac{1}{2} \left(-1.26 \lambda + \sqrt{(1.26 \lambda)^2 + 18 \frac{\eta w^*}{g \Delta \rho}} \right)$$

2. From $r = r_w / \sigma$ to $r = r_w$

- (a) Find

$$C_d N_{Re}^2 = \frac{32 \rho_a g r^3 \Delta \rho}{3 \eta^2}$$

- (b) Find $x = \ln(C_d N_{Re}^2)$

- (c) Find y from the fit $y = 0.8x - 0.01x^2$

- (d) Find Reynolds number N_{Re} from $x = \ln N_{Re} \Rightarrow N_{Re} = e^x$

3. If $N_{Re} \leq 1000$:

- Find sedimentation velocity v_f from Reynolds number

$$N_{Re} = \frac{2 r \rho_a v_f}{\eta}$$
$$\Rightarrow v_f = \frac{N_{Re} \eta}{2 r \rho_a}$$

4. If $N_{Re} > 1000$:

$$v_f = \beta \sqrt{\frac{8 g r \Delta \rho}{3 C_d \rho_a}}$$