

TJNU Multimodal Cloud Database, 12K Samples Agreement

Introduction

The TJNU Multimodal Cloud Database, 12K samples (MCD-12K) is collected in Tianjin, China from 2017 to 2025. It contains 12000 multimodal ground-based samples which are divided into seven sky types: 1) cumulus, 2) altocumulus and cirrocumulus, 3) cirrus and cirrostratus, 4) clear sky, 5) stratocumulus, stratus and altostratus, 6) cumulonimbus and nimbostratus, 7) mixed cloud. The MCD-12K is composed of 5000 training samples and 7000 test samples from seven classes, and each sample comprises one ground-based cloud image and a set of multimodal cloud information which are one-to-one correspondence. The cloud images are captured by a sky camera with fisheye lens and stored in JPEG format with the pixel resolution of 1024×1024. The multimodal cloud information collected by a weather station includes temperature, humidity, pressure and wind speed, and is stored in a vector with four elements. All the samples are cooperatively annotated by the meteorologists and the ground-based cloud researchers. The MCD-12K will be provided free of charge to cloud-related researchers in order to promote research. This agreement is granted by the providers in College of Electronic and Communication Engineering, Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin, China, and Meteorological Observation Centre, China Meteorological Administration, Beijing, China.

Content

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