

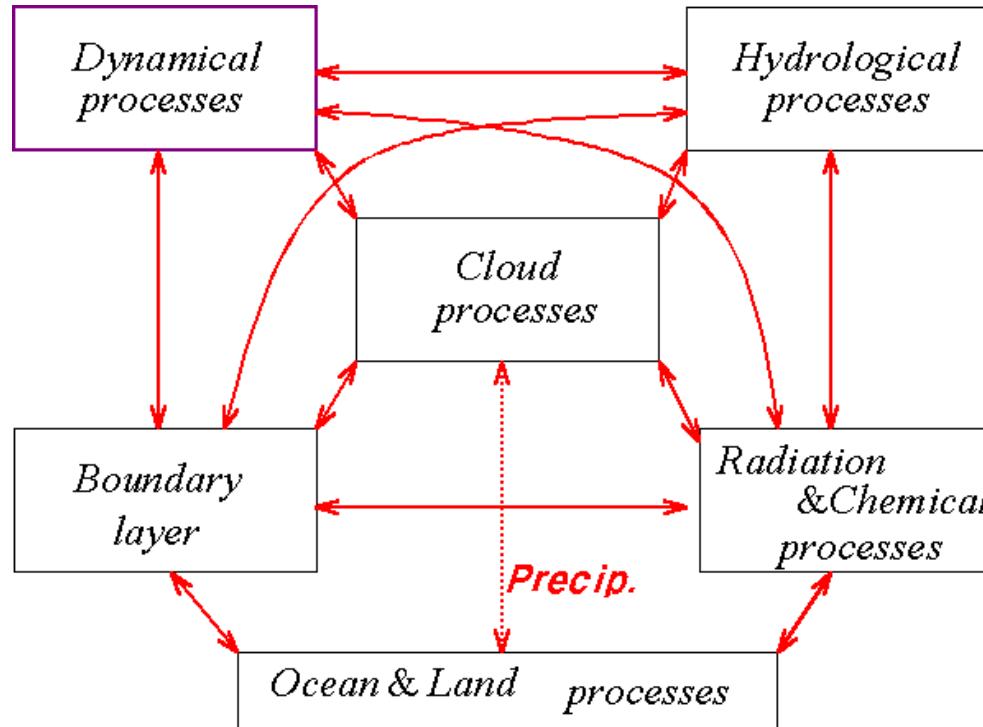
# **Overview of Physical Parameterizations**

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# 1) Concept



## \* Physical processes in the atmosphere

- : Specification of **heating**, **moistening** and **frictional terms** in terms of dependent variables of prediction model
- Each process is a specialized branch of atmospheric sciences.

## \* Parameterization

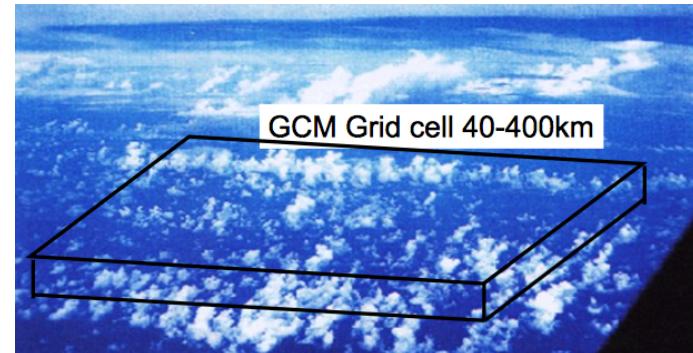
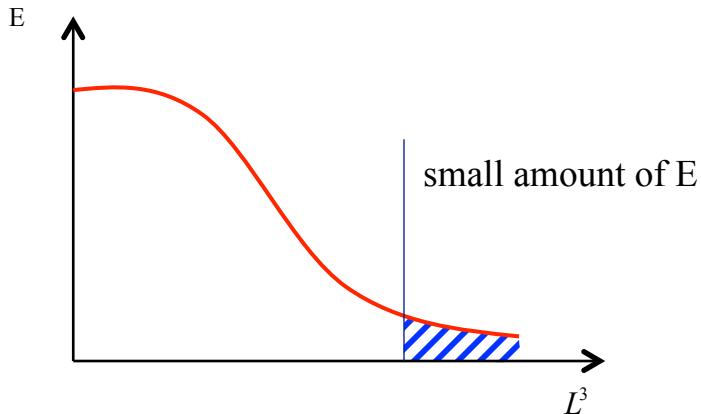
The formulation of physical process **in terms of the model variables** as parameters, i.e., constants or functional relations.

# 1) Concept...continued

## Subgrid scale process

Any numerical model of the atmosphere must use a finite resolution in representing continuum certain **physical & dynamical phenomena** that are smaller than computational grid.

- Subgrid process (Energy perspective)



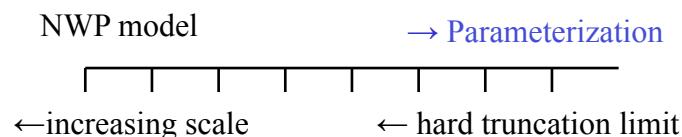
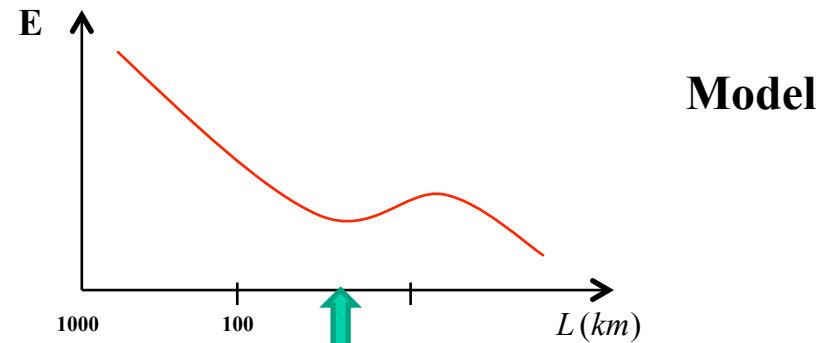
$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , the energy dissipation takes place by molecular viscosity

## Objective of subgrid-scale parameterization

“To design the physical formulation of energy sink, withdrawing the **equivalent amount of energy** comparable to cascading energy down at the grid scale in an ideal situation.”

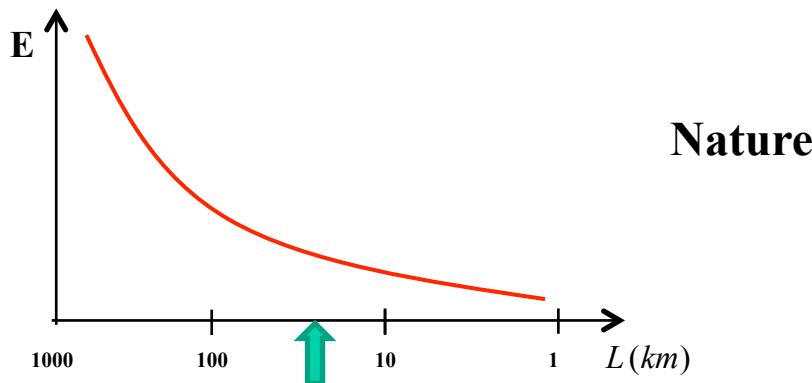
# 1) Concept...continued

\* Parameterization that are only somewhat smaller than the smallest resolved scales.



where truncation limit ; spectral gap

Unfortunately, there is no spectral gap



## 2) Subgrid scale process & Reynolds averaging

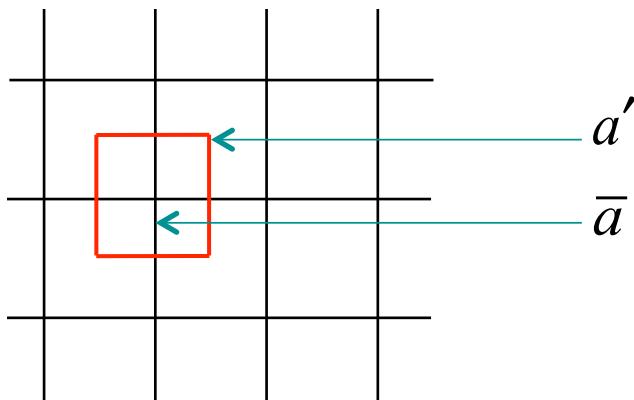
Consider prognostic water vapor equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \rho u q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \rho v q}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \rho w q}{\partial z} + \rho E - \rho C \quad \dots(1)$$

In the real atmosphere,

$$u = \bar{u} + u', \quad q = \bar{q} + q' \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{*} \bar{a} : \text{grid-resolvable} \\ a' : \text{subgrid scale perturbation} \end{array} \right)$$

$\rho'$  is neglected



## 2) Subgrid scale process & Reynolds averaging...continued

\* Rule of Reynolds average :  $\bar{q}' = 0, \bar{u}'\bar{q} = 0, \bar{\bar{u}}\bar{q} = \bar{u}\bar{q}$

then eq.(1) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho \bar{q}}{\partial t} = -\underbrace{\frac{\partial \rho \bar{u} \bar{q}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \rho \bar{v} \bar{q}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \rho \bar{w} \bar{q}}{\partial z}}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{u}' \bar{q}'}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{v}' \bar{q}'}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{w}' \bar{q}'}{\partial z}}_{(2)} + \rho E - \rho C \dots (2)$$

- ① grid-resolvable advection (dynamical process)
- ② turbulent transport

\* How to parameterize the effect of turbulent transport

- a)  $-\rho \bar{w}' \bar{q}' = 0$  : 0th order closure
- b)  $-\rho \bar{w}' \bar{q}' = K \frac{\partial \bar{q}}{\partial z}$  : 1st order closure (K-theory)
- c) obtain a prognostic equation for  $\bar{w}' \bar{q}'$  from (1), (2)

$$\frac{\partial \rho w q}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \rho u w q}{\partial x} + \dots$$

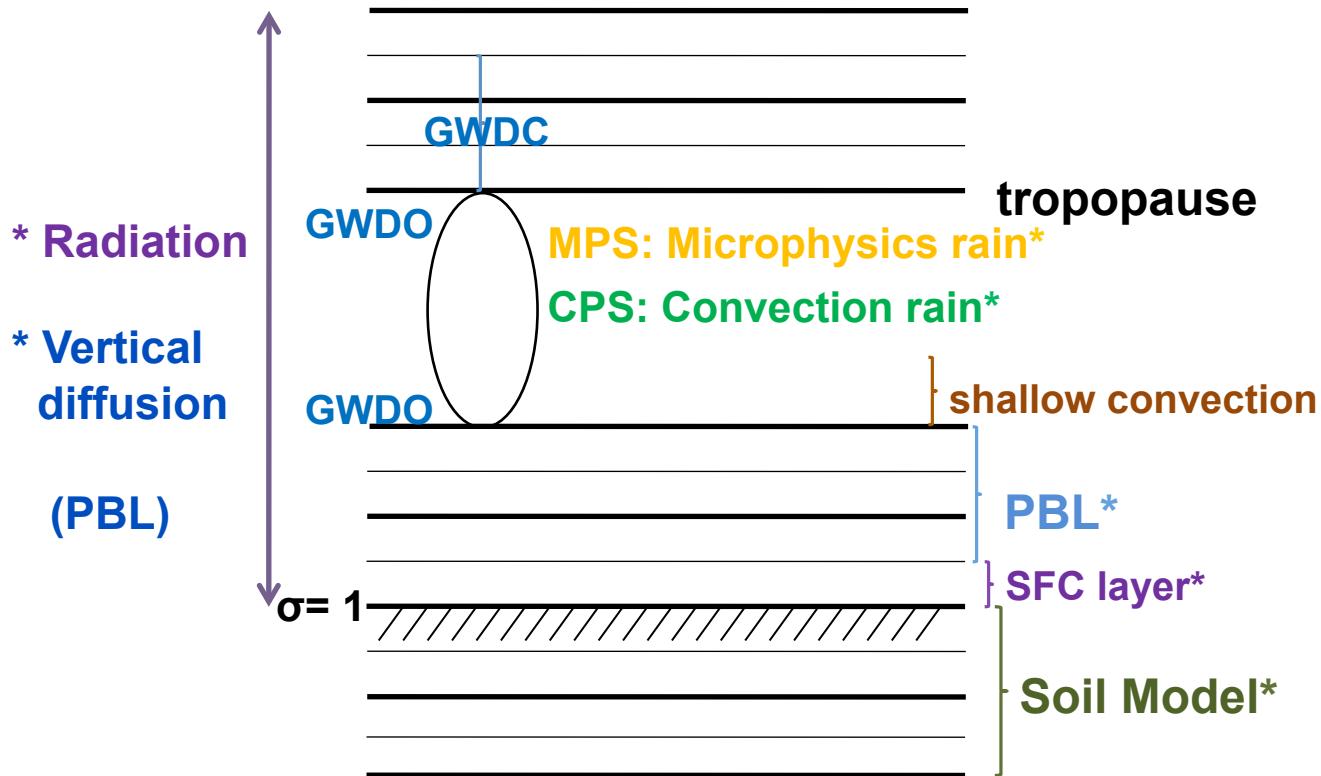
taking Reynolds averaging,

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{w}' \bar{q}'}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{w}' \bar{w}' \bar{q}'}{\partial z}$$

$$-\rho \bar{w}' \bar{w}' \bar{q}' = K' \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \bar{w}' \bar{q}'}{\partial z} \quad : \text{2nd order closure}$$

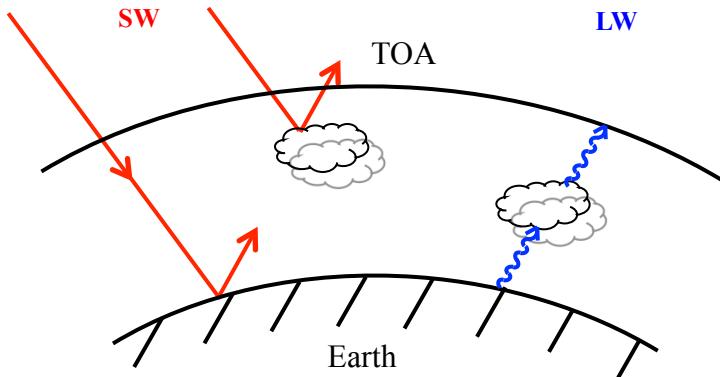
### 3) Schematic of physics algorithm : In modeled atmosphere : 7\* (essential) ~10

$$\frac{d \ln \theta}{dt} = \frac{H}{c_p T}, \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = S, \quad \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \nabla_z \vec{\tau}$$



# 1. Radiation

## 1.1 Concept



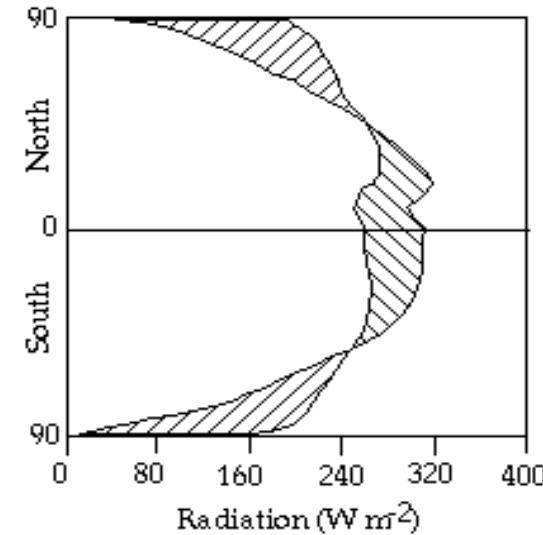
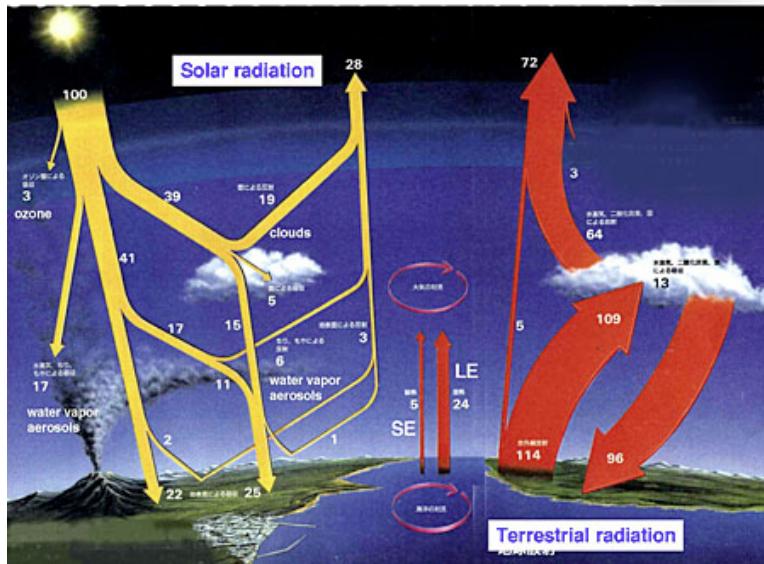
TOA (top of the atmos) :  $S = 1360 \text{ W m}^{-2}$

Mean Flux :  $\frac{S}{4} = 340 \text{ W m}^{-2} \rightarrow \text{Energy source for Earth}$

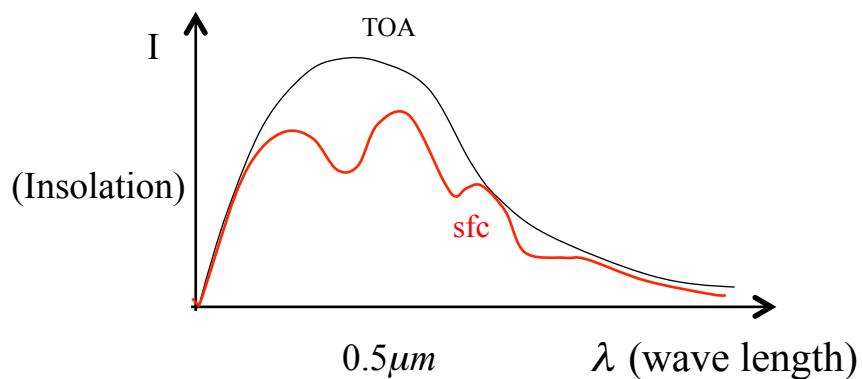
30% : reflected from the atmosphere clouds

→ Back to space by terrestrial infrared radiation

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25% : absorbed in the atmosphere  
45% : absorbed at the earth surface }



## 1.2 Solar radiative transfer



- At TOA,

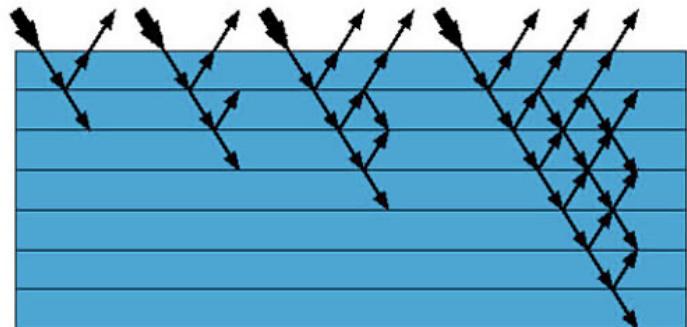
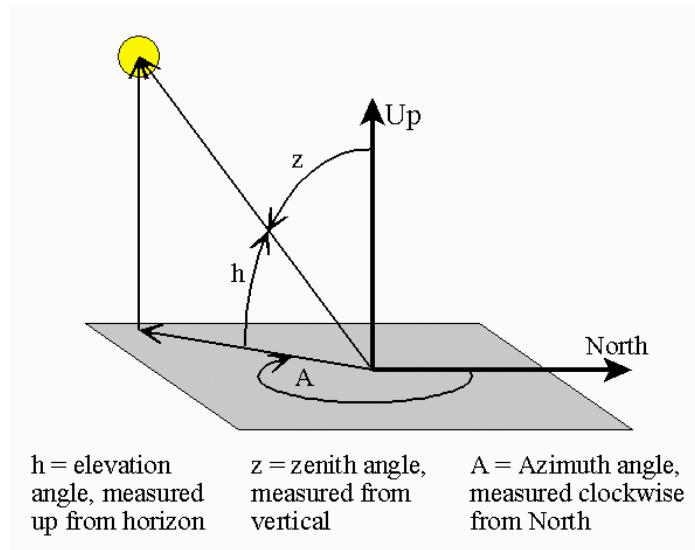
$$F = S \left( \frac{dm}{d} \right)^2 \cos \theta_0 \quad (\theta_0 : \text{Zenith angle})$$

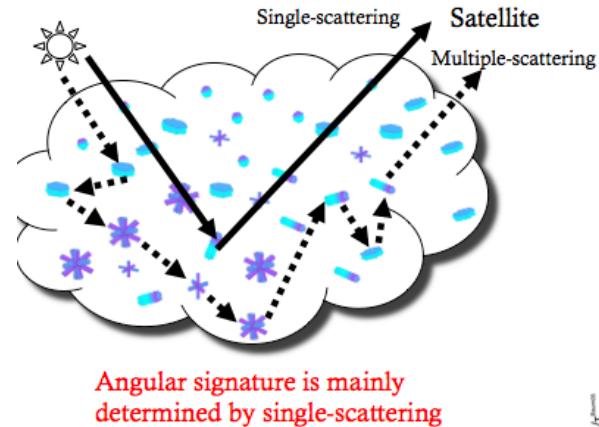
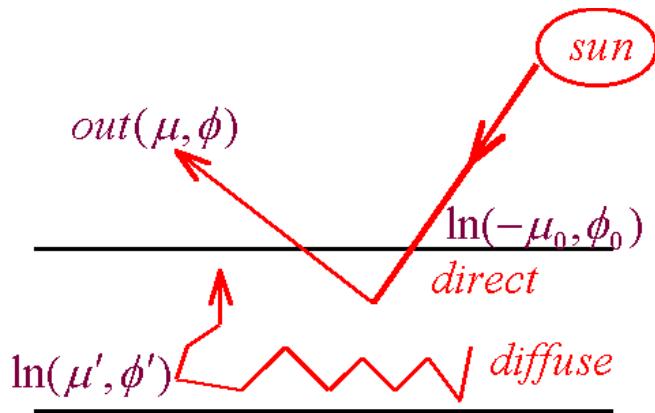
- Basic equations  $\mu = \cos \theta$

$$\mu \frac{dI(\tau, \mu, \phi)}{d\tau} = I(\tau, \mu, \phi) - J(\tau, \mu, \phi)$$

absorption      source emission

$$d\tau = -k_v \rho_a dz \quad \tau(\text{optical depth}) = \int_z^{z_\infty} k_v(z') \rho_a(z') dz' = \int_0^p k_v(p') q(p') \frac{dp'}{g}$$





$E_{\text{out}}^{\text{scat}} E_{\text{out}}^{\text{geom}}$

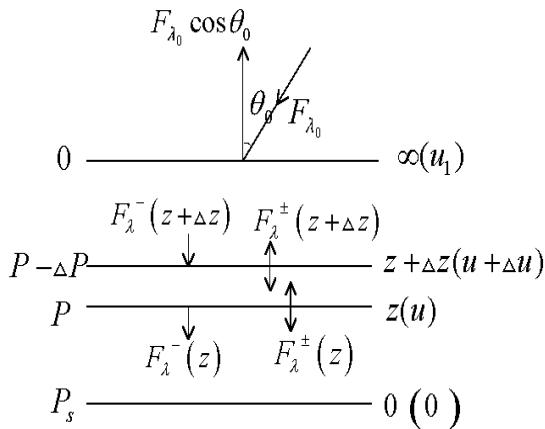
$$J = J(\tau, \mu, \phi) = \frac{\tilde{\omega}}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 I(\tau, \mu', \phi') P(\mu, \phi; \mu', \phi') d\mu' d\phi' [\text{diffuse (multiple) scattering}] \\ + \frac{\tilde{\omega}}{4\pi} F_0 P(\mu, \phi; -\mu_0, \phi_0) e^{-\frac{\tau}{\mu_0}} [\text{single(direct) scattering}]$$

$$\begin{cases} P : \text{Scattering phase function : redirects } (\mu', \phi') \rightarrow (\mu, \phi) \\ \tilde{\omega} = \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_e} : \text{Scattering albedo} \\ \quad \text{scattering cross section/extinction(scattering + absorption) cross section} \end{cases}$$

\* remove  $\phi$  dependency using  $P(\cos \theta)$  function

\*  $P, \tilde{\omega}$ , Albedo depend on  $\lambda$ , particle size & shape.

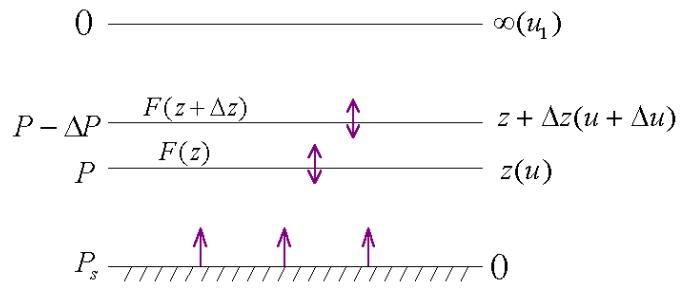
$$P(\cos \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^N \tilde{\omega}_l P_l(\cos \phi) \quad : \text{Legendre Polynomial}$$



Radiative transfer equation solver.

$\rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{Discrete - ordinates method} \\ \text{Two - Stream and Eddington's approximation} \\ \text{Delta - function adjustment and similarity principle} \\ \delta - \text{Four stream approximation} \end{cases}$

## 1.3 Terrestrial radiation

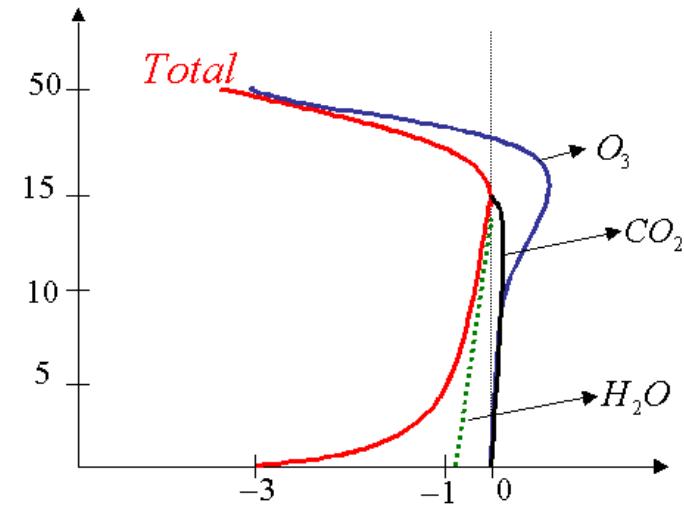
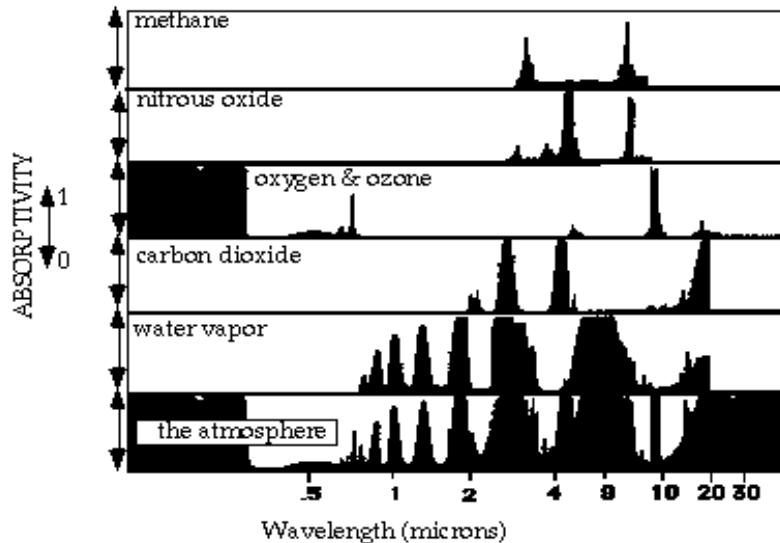


0, $\mu$	.....	$\tau_{\infty}, z_{\infty}, 0$
$\tau', \mu'$	.....	$\tau', z', P'$
$\tau, \mu$	.....	$\tau, z, P$
$\tau', \mu'$	.....	$\tau', z', P'$
$\tau, 0$	.....	$\tau_s, 0, P_*$

$$F(z) = F^{\uparrow}(z) - F^{\downarrow}(z)$$

$$\Delta F = F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right|_{IR} = - \frac{1}{c_P \rho} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta P} = - \frac{g}{c_P} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta u}$$



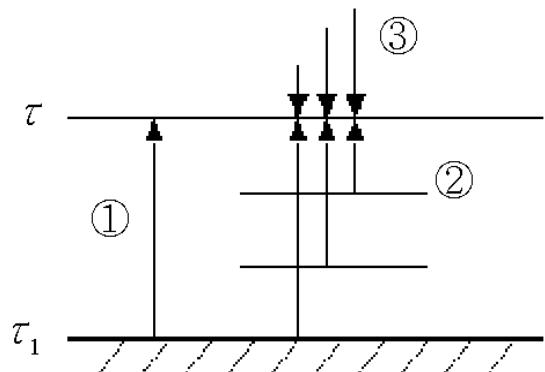
In spectral bands (monochromatic)

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \quad \mu \frac{dI_\nu(\tau, \mu)}{d\tau} &= I_\nu(\tau, \mu) - B_\nu(T) & \text{B.C.} \quad \begin{cases} SFC (\tau = \tau_1), I_\nu(\tau, \mu) = B_\nu(T_s) \\ TOP (\tau = 0), I_\nu(0, -\mu) = 0 \end{cases} \\ \downarrow \quad -\mu \frac{dI_\nu(\tau, -\mu)}{d\tau} &= I_\nu(\tau, -\mu) - B_\nu(T) \end{aligned}$$

$$F^\uparrow(\tau) = 2\pi B_\nu(T_s) \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{(\tau_1-\tau)}{\mu}} \mu d\mu + 2 \int_0^1 \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau} \pi B_\nu[T(\tau')] e^{-\frac{(\tau'-\tau)}{\mu}} d\tau' d\mu$$

$$F^\downarrow(\tau) = 2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{\tau} \pi B_\nu[T(\tau')] e^{-\frac{(\tau-\tau')}{\mu}} d\tau' d\mu$$

$$d\tau = -k_\nu p d\nu \approx \int_0^{u_1} k_\nu du, \quad u_1 = \int_0^\infty \rho dz \quad (\text{path length})$$



**LW is time consuming !**

## 1.4 Cloud fraction

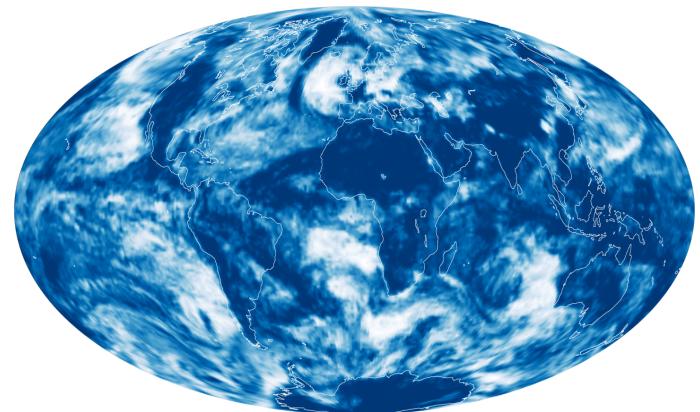
### i) Conventional method (Slingo)

$$f = f_c(\text{convective cloud, CPS}) + f_l(\text{large-scale cloud, MPS})$$

$f_c$  : depends on precipitation,  $p_{\text{top}}$ ,  $p_{\text{bottom}}$

$$f_l : \text{depends on RH} = 1 - \left[ \frac{1 - RH}{1 - RH_0} \right]^{0.5}$$

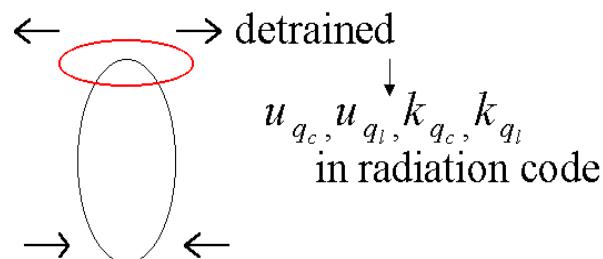
where  $RH_0$  is the critical value of RH,  
which is optimized based on observations



### ii) Advanced method (Chou)

- inclusion of ice, liquid hydrometeors as prognostic water substances
- consistent treatment of water substance for both precipitation & radiative properties.

$f_c$  : uses information of detrainment water substances from sub-grid scale clouds in convective parameterization scheme (CPS)



$f_l$  use the hydrometeor information from microphysics routine (MPS),  $q_c, q_s, q_i, \dots$

### iii) Radiation properties

$$\tau_i^c = \text{cwp} \left[ a_i + \frac{b_i}{r_{ei}} \right] f_{ice} \quad (\text{optical thickness})$$

$$w_i^c = 1 - c_i - d_i r_{ei} \quad (\text{co-albedo})$$

$$g_i^c = e_i - f_i r_{ei} \quad (\text{asymmetry factor})$$

$$f_i^c = (g_i^c)^2 \quad (\text{forward peak fraction})$$

a-f : coeff : depends upon band and k-

$$\bar{\tau}_c = \sum_i \tau_i \quad i : \text{each gas}$$

(The effective optical thickness for each spectral band)

- The long wave cloud emissivity (  $E_{cld}$  )

$$c_f' = E_{cld} c_f$$

$$E_{cld} = 1 - e^{-Dk_{abc} \text{cwp}}$$

where  $D = 1.66$  : diffusivity factor

$$k_{abc} = k_l(1 - f_{ice}) + k_i f_{ice} \quad : \text{absorptivity coefficient}$$

#### - For diagnostic microphysics scheme,

- cloud water scale height

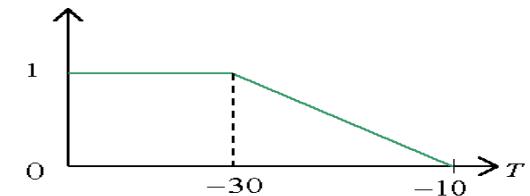
$$h_1 = a \ln(1.0 + \frac{b}{g} \int_{P_t}^{P_s} q dp)$$

- cloud droplet size,

$$r_{ee} \begin{cases} = 10\mu m & \text{over ocean} \\ < 10\mu m & \text{over land} \end{cases} : \text{warm clouds}$$

$$r_{ei} : 10\mu m \text{ (low)} \sim 30\mu m \text{ (high)} : \text{(high) ice clouds}$$

- ice fraction,  $f_{ice}$



#### - For prognostic microphysics scheme,

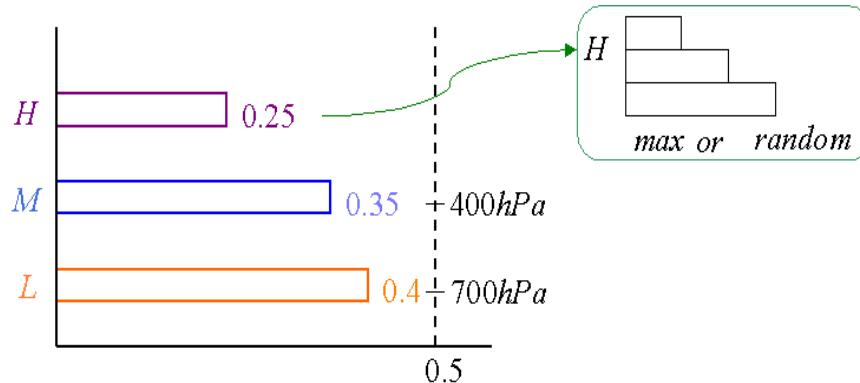
: Broadband radiation : Radiative properties are explicitly computed from prognostic water substances

: Simplified radiation : Dudhia (1989)

$$\alpha_p \text{ (absorption coefficient)} = \frac{1.66}{2000} \left( \frac{\pi N_0}{\rho_{rs}^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad m^2 g^{-1} = \begin{cases} 2.34 \times 10^{-3} \quad m^2 g^{-1} & \text{for snow} \\ 0.33 \times 10^{-3} \quad m^2 g^{-1} & \text{for rain} \end{cases}$$

$$u_p \text{ (effective water path length)} = (\rho q_{rs})^{\frac{3}{4}} \Delta z \times 1000 \quad gm^{-2} \rightarrow \tau_p \text{ (transmission)} = \exp(-\alpha_p u_p)$$

#### iv) Cloud overlapping



Maximum overlapping : 0.4

Minimum overlapping : 1.0

$$\text{Random overlapping} : H + (1-H)M + \{1-H-(1-H)M\}L = 0.6$$

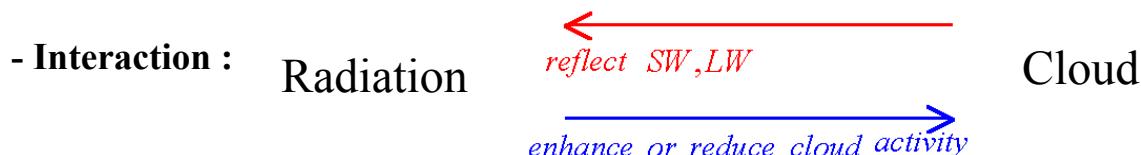
#### - Computation :

$\tau$  is scaled by  $A_c$  (cloud cover) at a given layer.



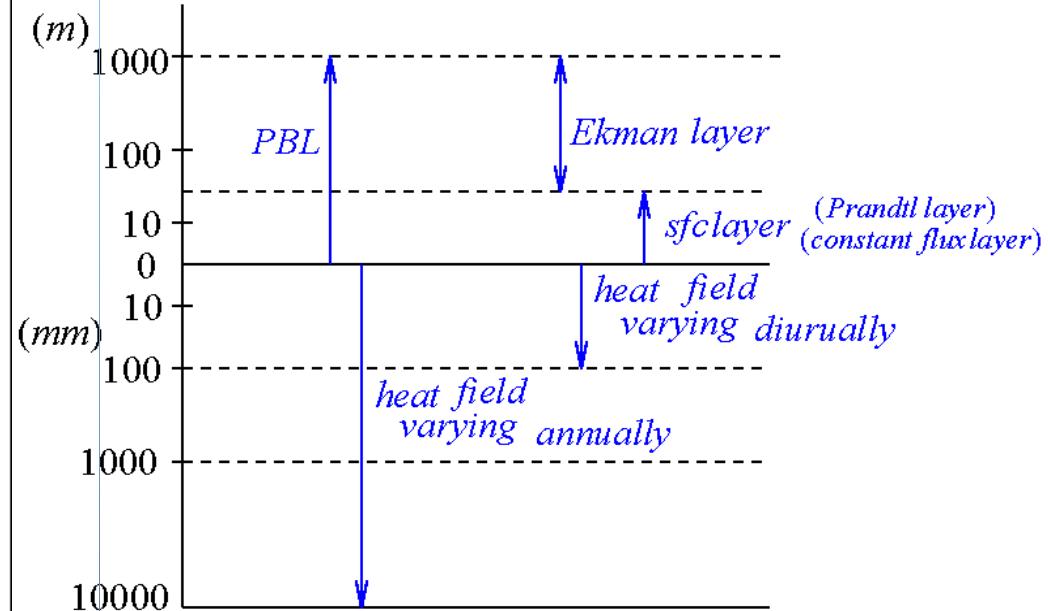
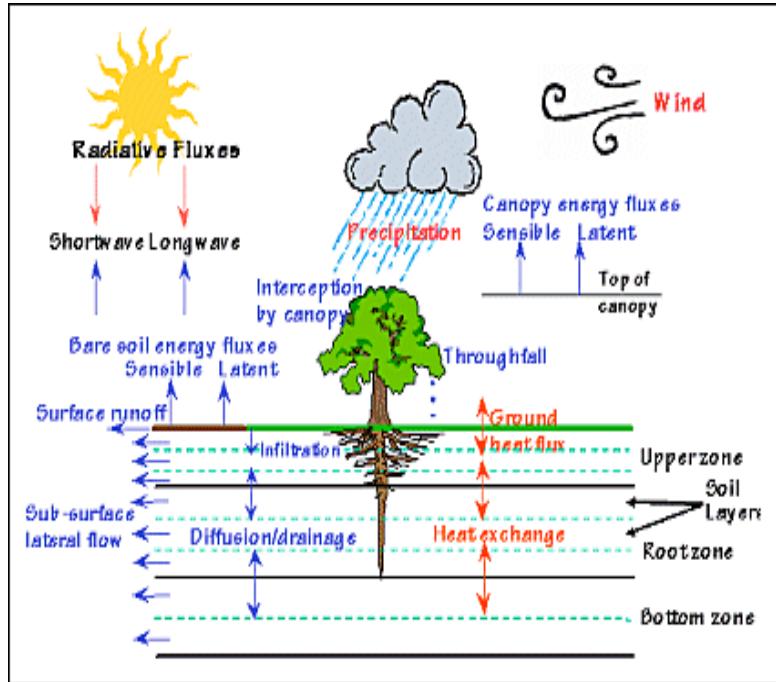
- Flux for each of  $A_c, (1-A_c)$   $\xrightarrow{A_{free} \quad A_{cld}}$  summation

- Issues :  $A_c = 0$  or  $1 \leftarrow$  in WRF versus partial cloudiness in GFS : WRF has partial cloudiness recently



## 2. Land-surface processes

### 2.1 Concept : Surface layer + soil model



**Atmospheric surface layer** : the lowest part of the atmospheric boundary layer (typically about a tenth of the height of the BL ) where mechanical (shear) generation of turbulence exceeds buoyant generation or consumption. Turbulent fluxes and stress are nearly constant with height.

→ In atmospheric models, it is defined the height of the lowest model level.

## 2.2 Surface layer parameterization

Surface layer schemes calculate **friction velocities and exchange coefficients** that enable the calculation of surface heat and moisture fluxes by the land-surface models. These fluxes provide a lower boundary condition for the vertical transport done in the PBL Schemes.

Over water surfaces, the surface fluxes and surface diagnostic fields are computed in the surface layer scheme itself. Sea surface temperature can be predicted by the surface energy budget and mixed layer mixing

### 1) Bulk method (before 1990, MM4)

$$H_0 = \rho C_p C_H |\vec{V}_a| \Delta T$$

$$E_0 = \rho L C_H |\vec{V}_a| \Delta q M_a$$

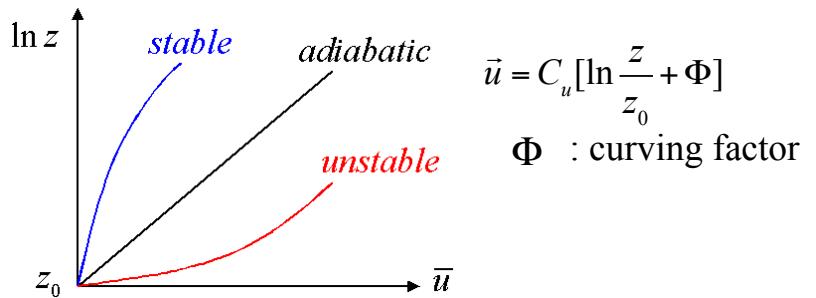
$$\vec{\tau}_0 = \rho C_D |\vec{V}_a| \vec{V}_a$$

$C_D, C_H$  : prescribed  
 $= 0.01$  over land,  $= 0.001$  over water

### 2) Monin-Obukov similarity

$$\frac{k_z}{u_*} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \phi_m(z/L), \quad \frac{k_z}{u_*} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} = \phi_t(z/L)$$

$$\text{Integrate, } F_m = \int_{z_0}^{h_s} \frac{dz}{z} \phi_m dz = \ln\left(\frac{h_s}{z_0}\right) - \psi_m(h_s, z_0, L)$$



\* **Profile function** :  $\phi_m$  and  $\phi_t$

Dyer and Hicks formula for similarity

- unstable ( $L < 0$ )

$$\phi_m = (1 - 16 \frac{0.1h}{L})^{-\frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{for } u, v$$

$$\phi_t = (1 - 16 \frac{0.1h}{L})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } \theta, q$$

- stable ( $L > 0$ )

$$\phi_m = \phi_t = (1 + 5 \frac{0.1h}{L})$$

$$\text{where } L = u_*^2 \bar{\theta} / (kg\theta_*) = - \frac{\rho C_p \theta_0 u_*^3}{kgH_0}$$

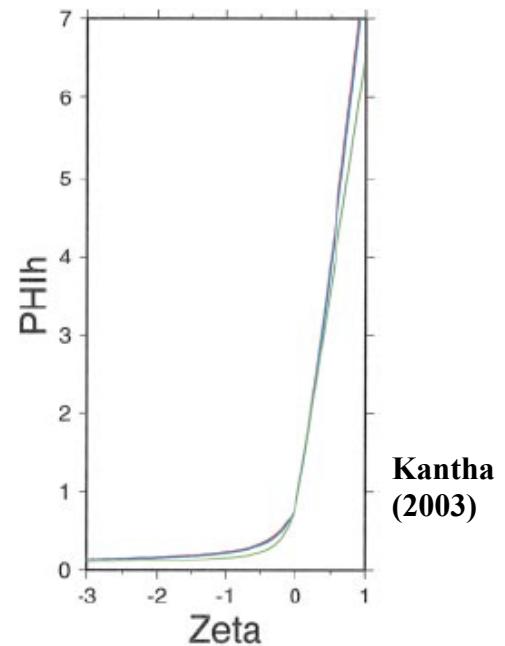
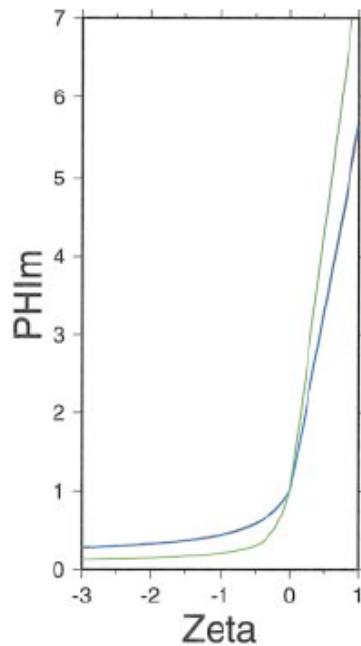
\* **Useful relation** :

$$\text{Given the } F_m, F_H \quad C_D = k^2 / F_m^2, C_Q = C_H = k^2 / (F_m F_t) \quad u_* = kU / F_m$$

$$\tau_0 = \rho k_m \frac{du}{dz} = -\overline{u'w'} = \rho C_d U^2$$

$$H_0 = -\rho C_p k_h \frac{d\theta}{dz} = \rho C_p \overline{\theta'w'} = -\rho C_p C_H U \Delta\theta$$

$$E_0 = -\rho L \overline{q'w'} = -\rho L C_q U \Delta q$$



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(2003)

$$\frac{h_s}{L} = \frac{\phi_m^2 (hs/L)}{\phi_t (hs/L)} Ri = \zeta \quad (\text{Zeta} = hs/L)$$

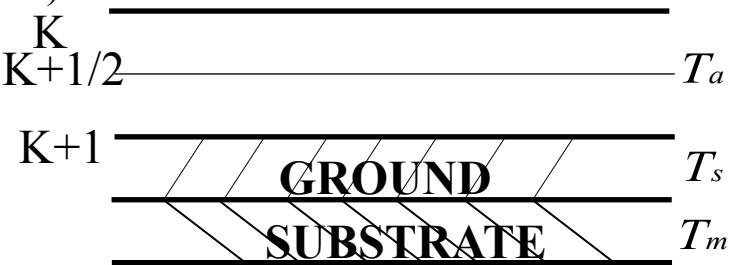
$$\text{where } Ri = \frac{g}{\theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^{-2}$$

## 2.3 Soil model

1) **Slab model** : force-restore method (before 1990 : MM4)

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \lambda_T(R_n - LE - H) - \frac{2\pi}{\tau}(T_s - T_a)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau}(T_s - T_m) \quad : T_m, \text{ daily mean}$$



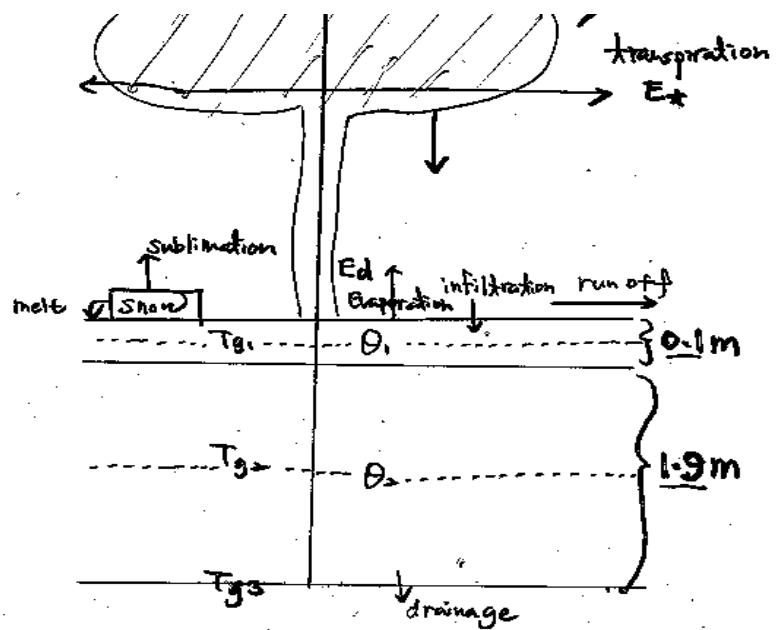
2) **Multi-layer model** : OSU method

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \lambda_T(R_n - LE - H) \quad : \text{surface T}$$

$$(\rho C)_i \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\lambda T_g \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial z}) \quad : \text{soil T}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (D \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial z}) + K \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial z} + F_\Theta \quad : \text{soil moisture}$$

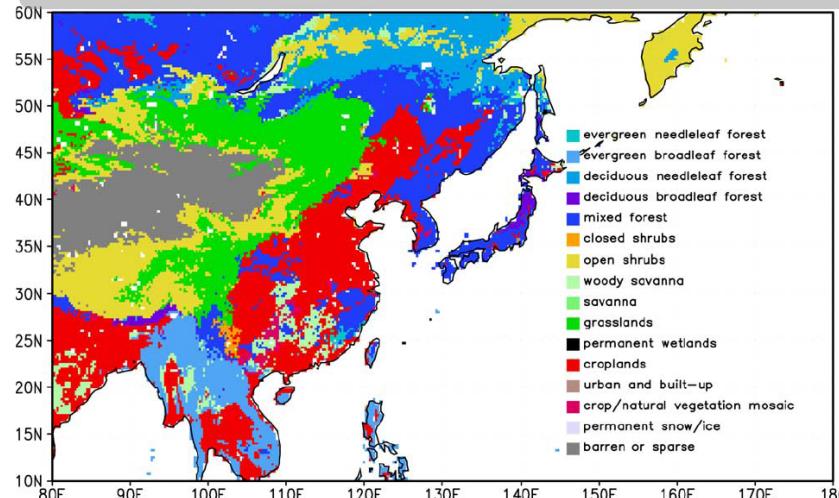
- NOAH, SIB, PLACE, VIC, CLM, etc



## 2.4 Vegetation type → $z_0$ , Albedo

### Vegetation types

MODIS (satellite)

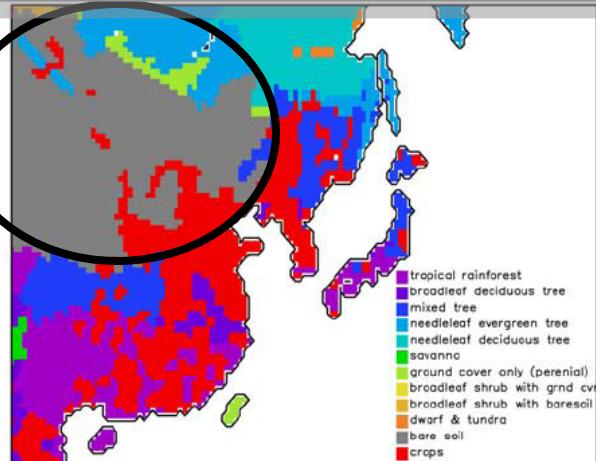


13 type data set  
1 degree

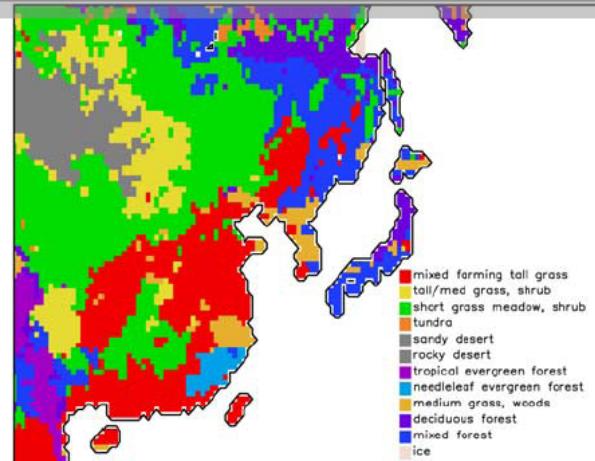
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20 min

The Simple Biosphere model (SiB)

quite broad  
desert region



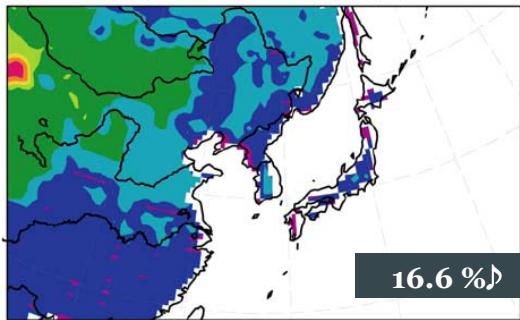
United States Geological Survey's (USGS)



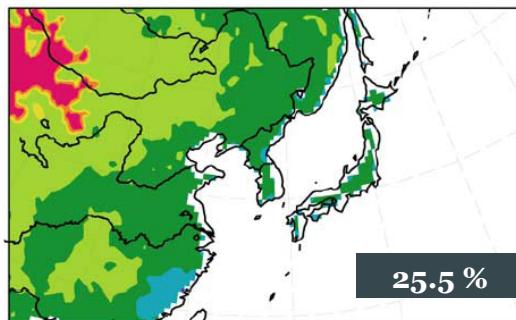
## Albedo and roughness length ( $z_0$ )

Albedo

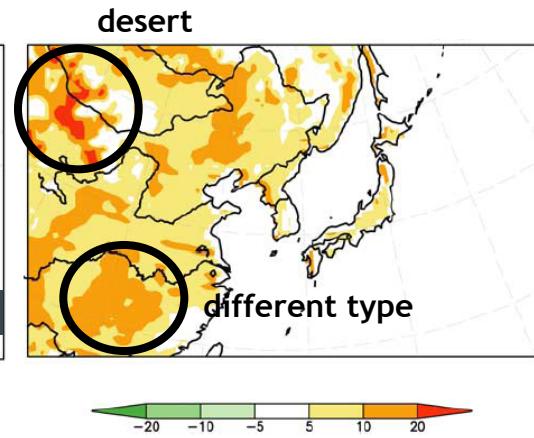
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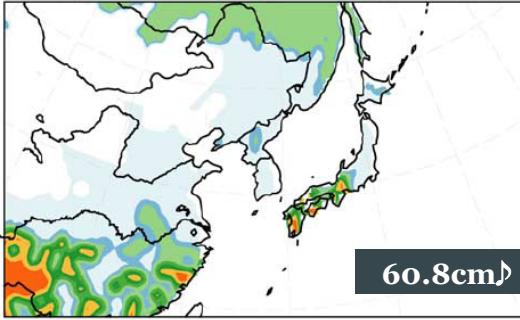


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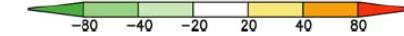
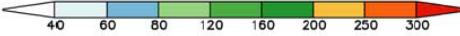
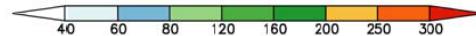
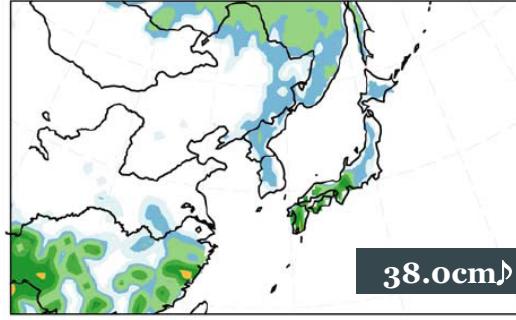


Roughness length

60.8cm



38.0cm

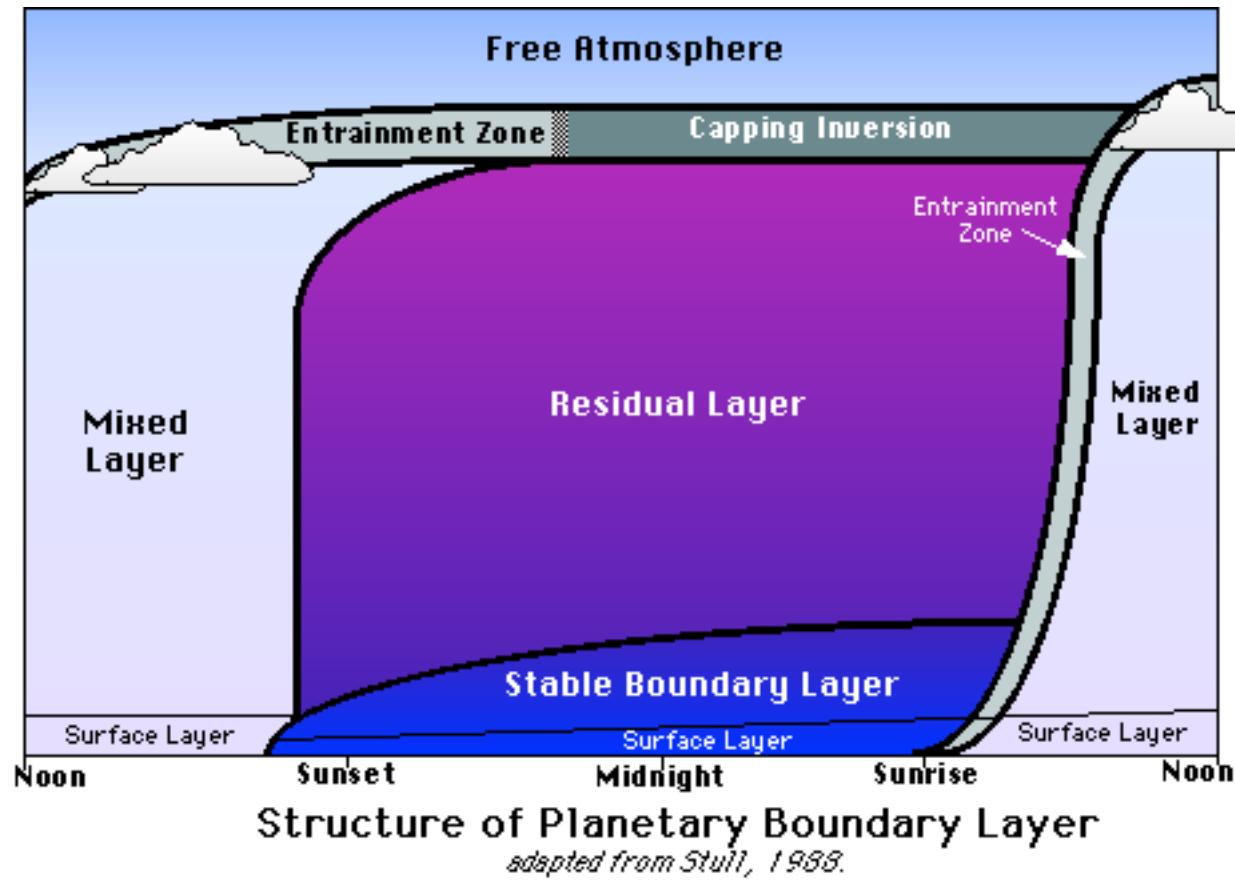


Much uncertainties in calibration/optimization !!!

### 3. Vertical diffusion (PBL)

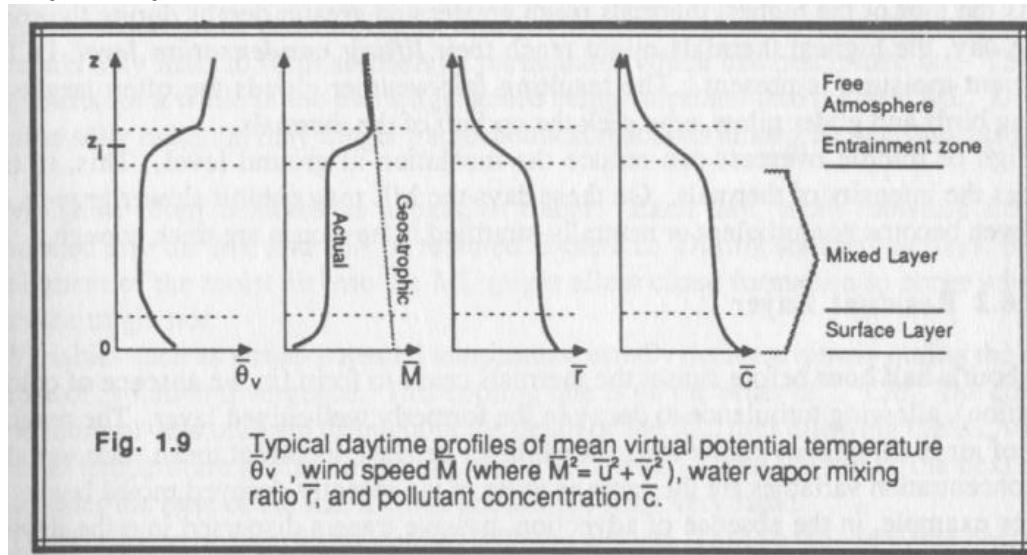
#### 3.1 Concept

- computes the parameterized effects of vertical turbulent eddy diffusion of momentum, water vapor and sensible heat fluxes



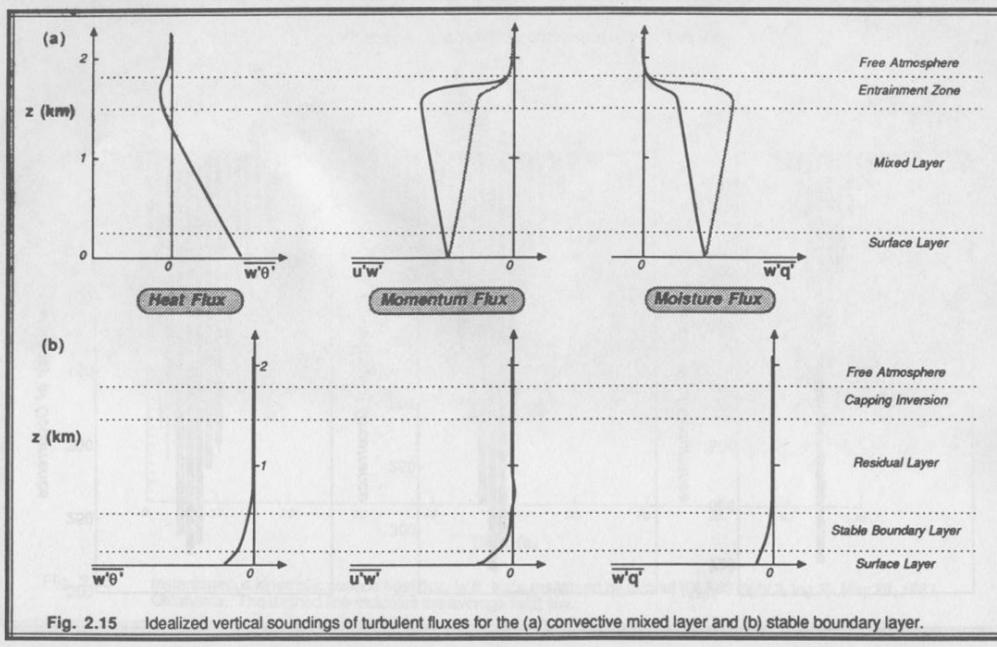
## 3.2 Planetary Boundary Layer Structure : schematic

### Daytime profiles



**Fig. 1.9** Typical daytime profiles of mean virtual potential temperature  $\bar{\theta}_v$ , wind speed  $M$  (where  $M^2 = \bar{U}^2 + \bar{V}^2$ ), water vapor mixing ratio  $\bar{r}$ , and pollutant concentration  $\bar{c}$ .

### Daytime flux profiles



**Fig. 2.15** Idealized vertical soundings of turbulent fluxes for the (a) convective mixed layer and (b) stable boundary layer.

### 3.3 Classifications : how to determine, $k_c$

#### i) Local diffusion (Louis 1979)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-\bar{w}\bar{c}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (k_c \frac{\partial c}{\partial z}) \quad k_c : \text{diffusivity}, \quad k_m, k_t = l^2 f_{m,t}(Ri) \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right|$$

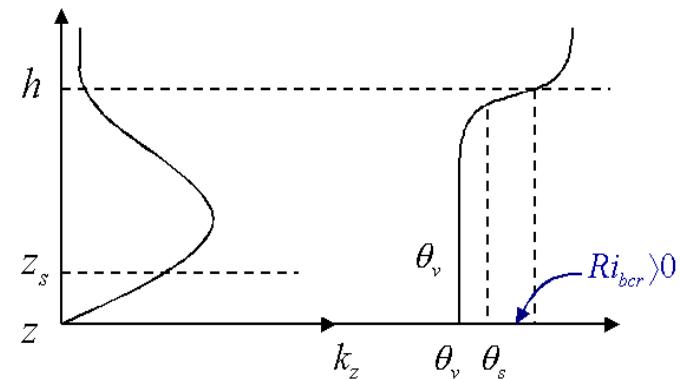
Local Richardson number

#### ii) Nonlocal diffusion (Troen and Mahrt 1986)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-\bar{w}\bar{c}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (k_c (\frac{\partial c}{\partial z} - \gamma_c))$$

$$k_{zm} = k_w z (1 - \frac{z}{h})^p, \quad h = R_{ibcr} \frac{\theta_m}{g} \frac{U^2(h)}{(\theta_v(h) - \theta_s)}$$

$$\theta_s = \theta_{va} + \theta_T (= b \frac{(\theta_v' w')_0}{w_s}), \quad w_s = u_* \phi_m^{-1}$$



#### iii) Eddy mass-flux diffusion (Siebesma and Teixiera 2000)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (-\bar{w}\bar{c}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ -k_c \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial z} + M(c_u - \bar{c}) \right]$$

small eddies    strong updrafts

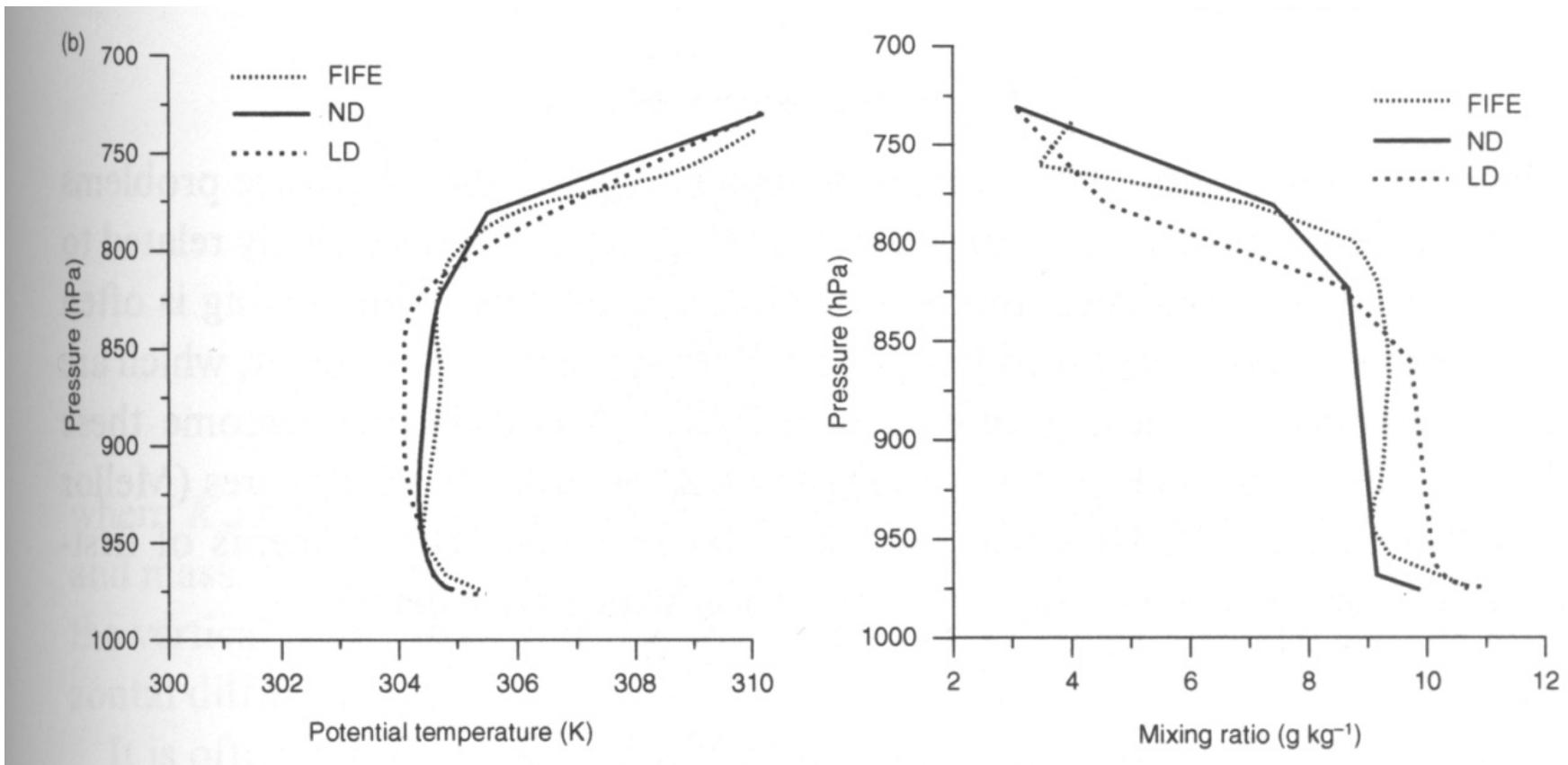
#### iv) TKE (Turbulent Kinetic Energy) diffusion (Mellor and Yamada 1982)

TKE equation :

$$\frac{\overline{\partial u_i u_j}}{\partial t} + \overline{u_j} \frac{\partial \overline{u_i u_j}}{\partial x_j} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left[ \overline{u_i u_j u_k} + \frac{1}{\rho} \dots \right]$$

$$\overline{u_i u_j} ==> k_z = \text{fn (TKE)}$$

### 3.4 Local versus nonlocal



Local scheme (LD) typically produces unstable mixed layer in order to transport heat upward. But, observation (FIFE) shows near neutral or slightly stable BL in the upper part of BL

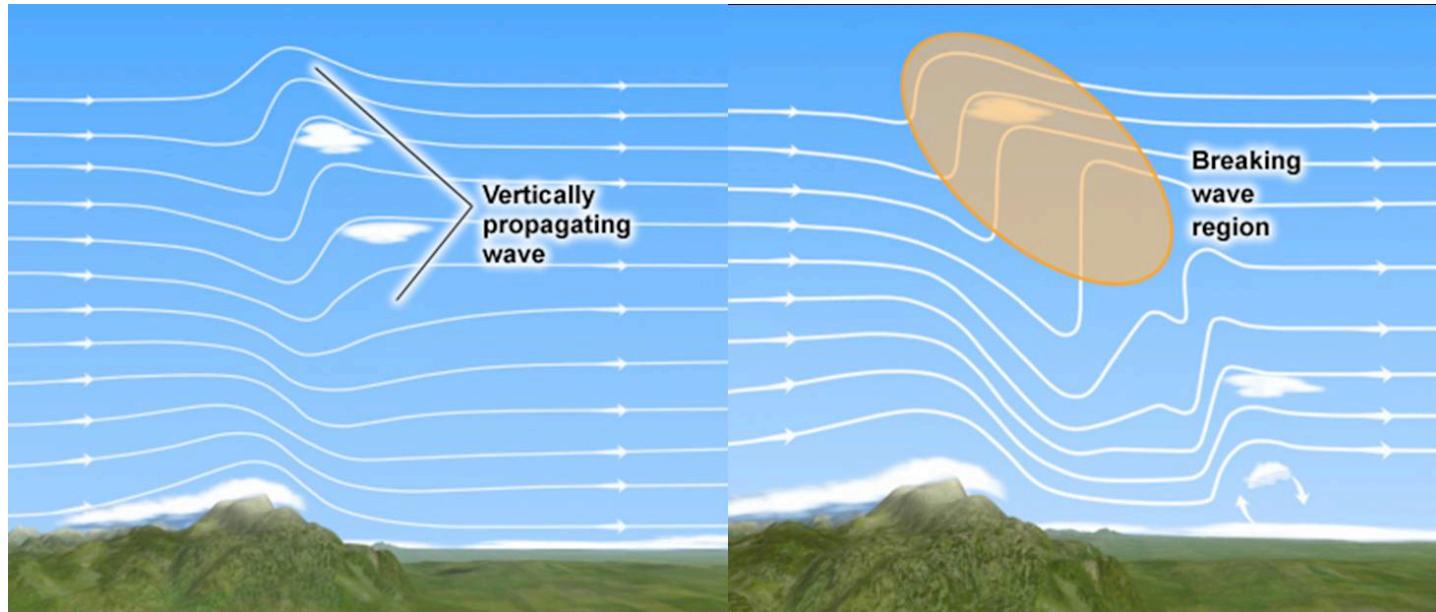
Hong and Pan (1996)

# 4. Gravity Wave Drag

- GWDO : GWD induced by sub-grid scale orography
- GWDC : GWD induced by precipitating deep convection

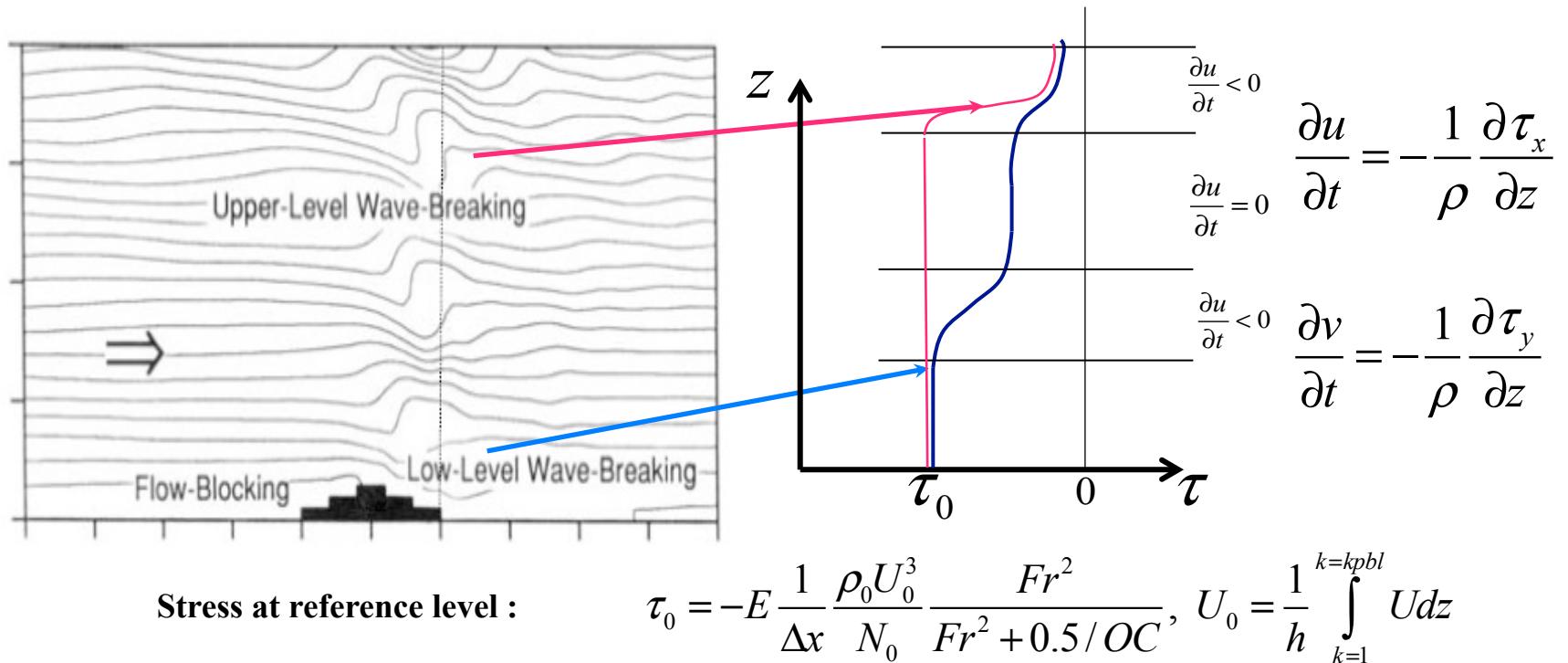
## 4.1 Concept

This scheme (GWDO) includes the effect of mountain induced gravity wave drag from sub-grid scale orography including convective breaking, shear breaking and the presence of critical levels. Effects are strong in the **presence of strong vertical wind shear and thermally stable layer**.



\* In smoothed model orography, momentum stress near mountain cannot be generated

## 4.2 Enhanced lower tropospheric gravity wave drag (Kim and Arakawa 1995)



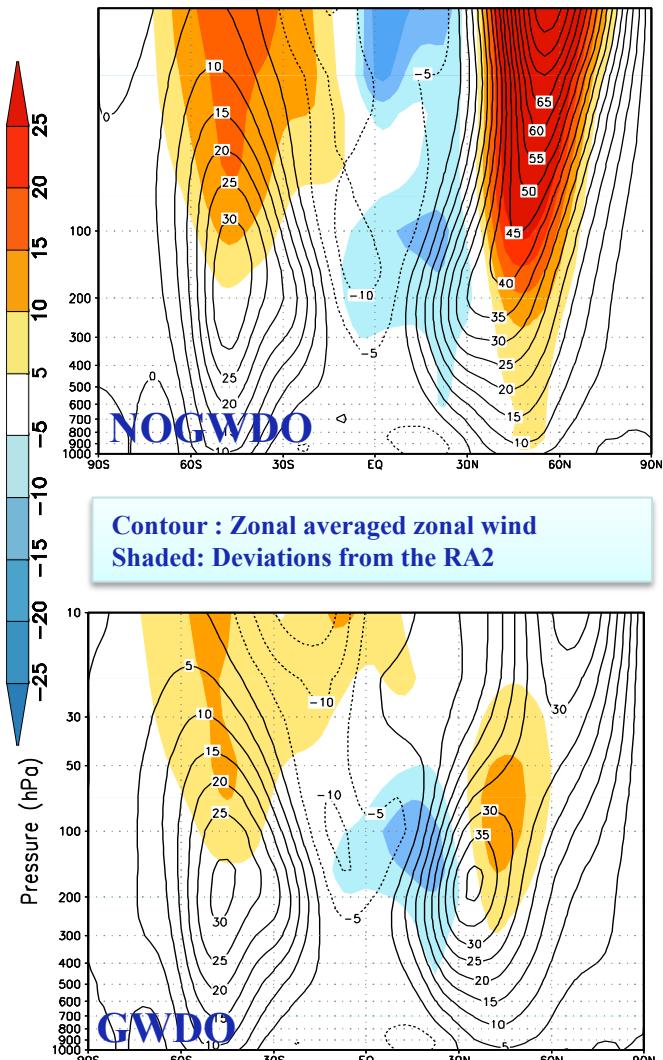
**Reference level (KA95) :** Max (2, KPBL)

**Conventional** : the conventional Ri number-based wave- breaking mechanism using the saturation hypothesis, which works mainly in the upper atmosphere

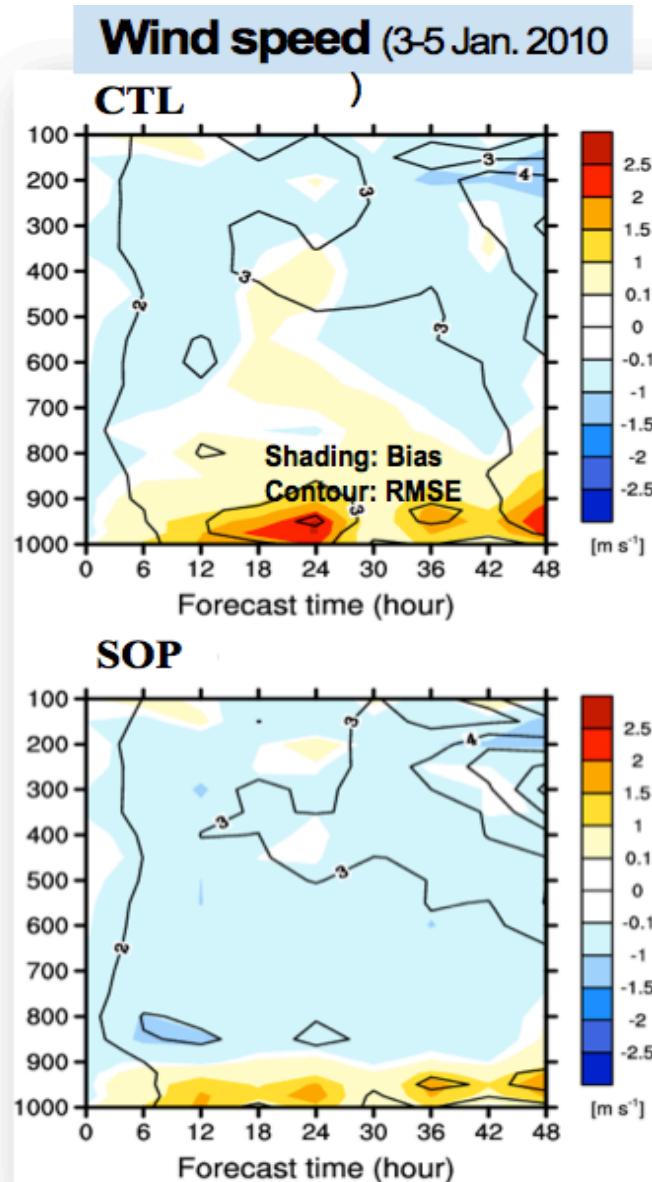
**Advanced**: the higher-moment orographic statistics-based wave- breaking mechanism using half-theory (Scorer parameter  $\sim BVF^{**2} / U^{**2}$ ) and half-empiricism obtained from mesoscale mountain wave simulations, which breaks in the lower atmosphere as well as upper layer, together with flow blocking

## 4.3 Impact of GWDO

Zonal-averaged zonal wind (96/97 DJF)



→ Improves the upper level jets  
(Kim and Hong, 2009)

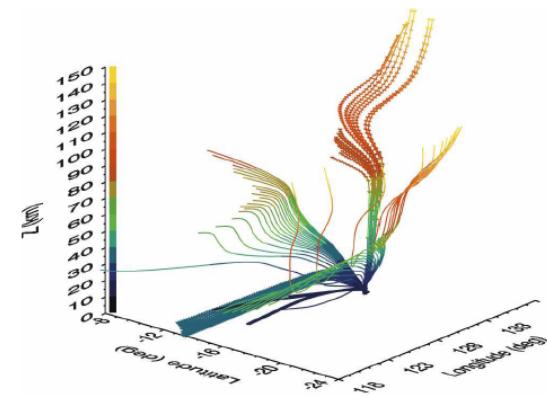
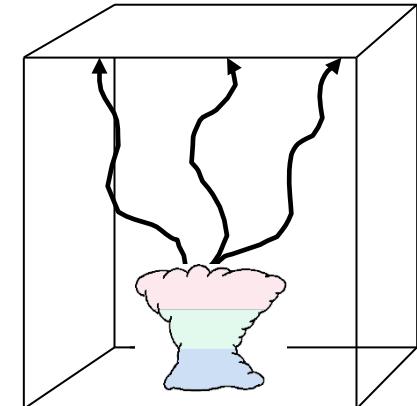


Flow blocking → Improves the low-level winds (Choi and Hong, 2015)

## 4.4 Convective GWD (CGWD) or non-orographic GWD

### CGWD parameterizations

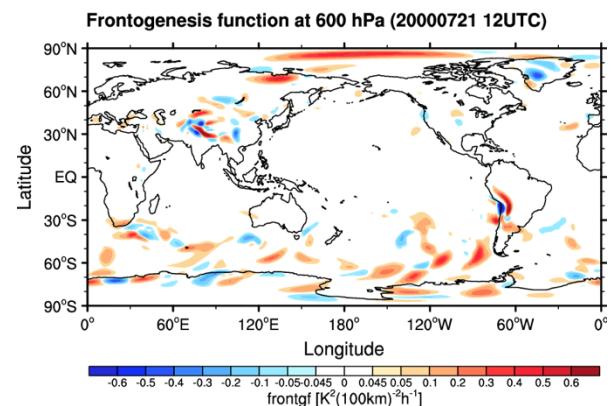
- Chun and Baik (1998, 2002): The momentum flux spectrum for the CGWD parameterization was **first analytically formulated**
- Song and Chun (2005): **Nonstationary parts** of convective GWs were included in the parameterization
- Song and Chun (2008): **Ray-based parameterization** that can represent a three-dimensional propagation of GWs was developed
- Choi and Chun (2011): Two free parameters, **the moving speed of the convective source** and **wave-propagation direction**, were determined



### Jet/Front GWD parameterizations

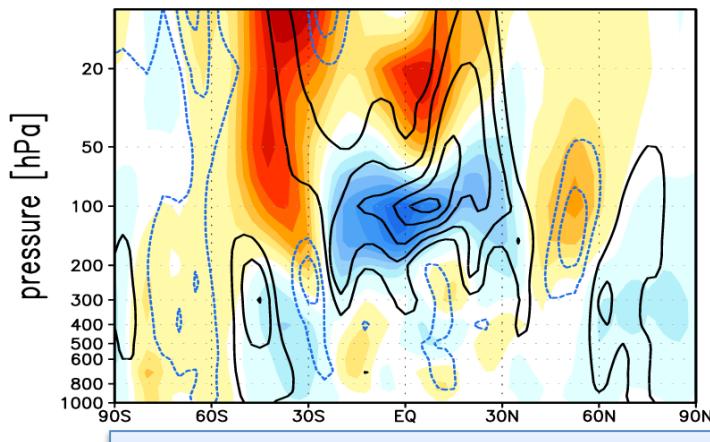
- At this moment, there is **no source-level momentum flux formulation** of jet/front GWs, due primarily to the lack of complete understanding of generation mechanisms
- Charron and Manzini (2002), Richter et al. (2010): **Frontogenesis function** was adopted to diagnose the generation of frontal GWs

\* It is very rare to have this CGWD or no\_mtn\_GWD

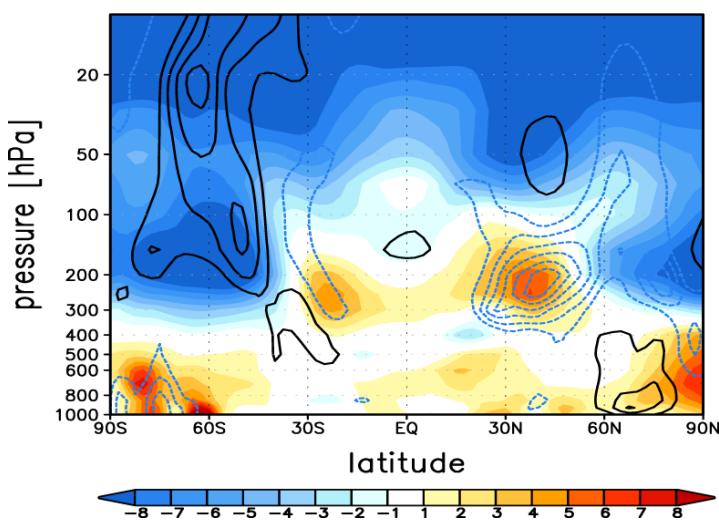


## 4.5 Improvement by GWDC (Chun and Baik 1998, Jeon et al. 2010)

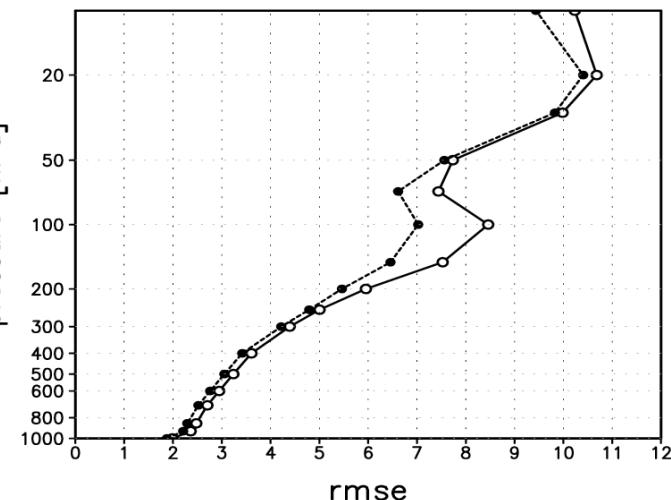
a) SAS\_CB98 Zonal wind difference



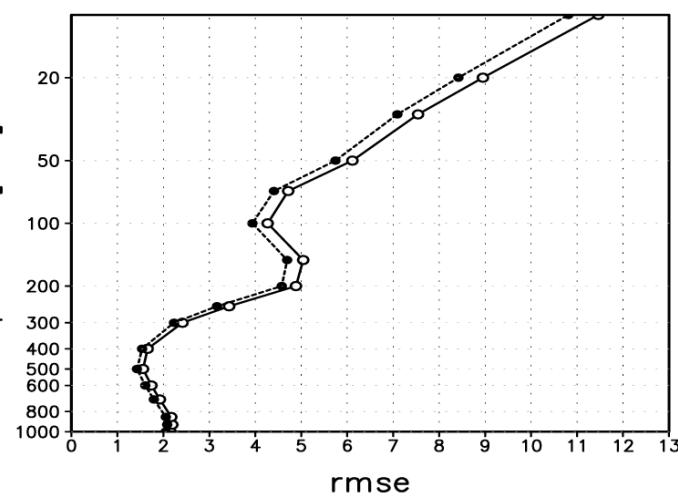
a) SAS\_CB98 Temperature difference



c)



b)



Wind and temperature RMSE are reduced in upper atmosphere

# Precipitation Processes

## Concept : precipitation algorithms (CPS and MPS)

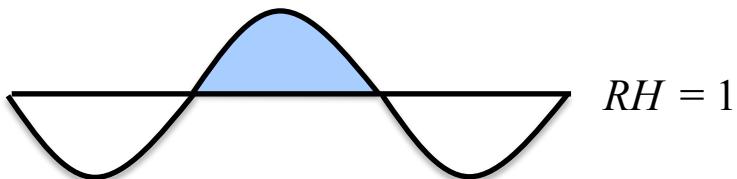
- In real atmosphere, dynamical motion  $\rightarrow RH > 1 \Rightarrow$  clouds form  $\rightarrow$  produces rain
- In modeled atmosphere,  $RH < 1$

But generate clouds by sub-grid scale motion  $\rightarrow$  requires parameterized process  
(it is often related to the deep convection processes)

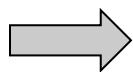
Deep convection : 2~10 km



$$\overline{RH} < 1$$



$\Delta x \implies 0$ , more grid-resolvable precipitation



Thus, we need the cumulus parameterization scheme to account for releasing conditional instability due to subgrid scale motion

- Grid-resolvable (Microphysics scheme : MPS) : Supersaturation  $\rightarrow$  clouds
- Subgrid scale (Cumulus parameterization scheme : CPS) : CAPE removal  $\rightarrow$  clouds

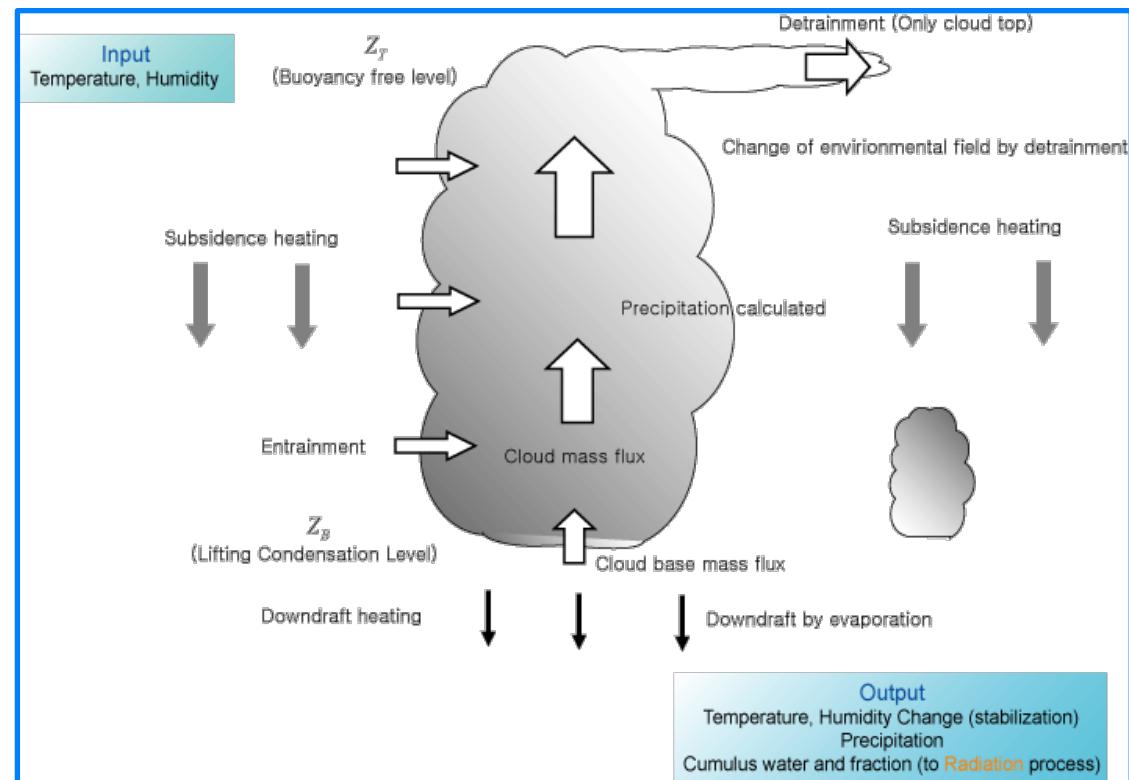
# 5. Cumulus parameterization scheme

## 5.1 Concept

- represents deep precipitating convection and feedback to large-scale
- must formulate the **collective effects of subgridscale clouds** in terms of the **prognostic variable** in grid scale



**Parameterized convection**  
**Deep convection**  
**Subgridscale precipitation**  
**Implicit precipitation**



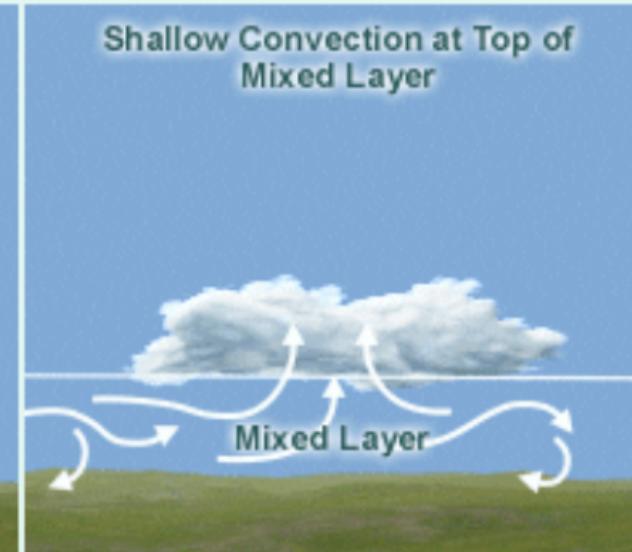
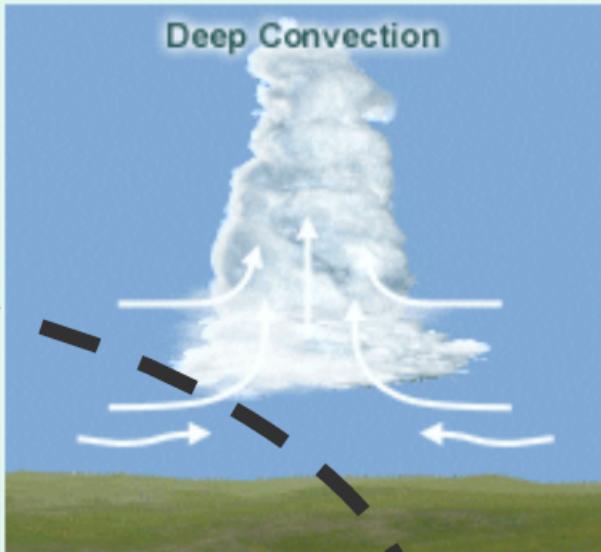
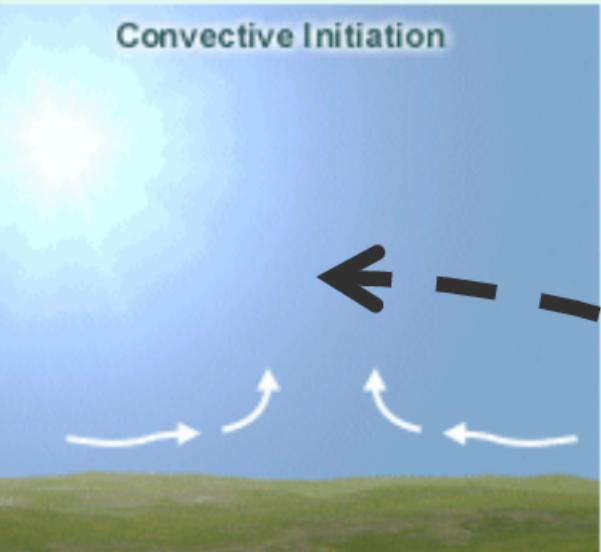
**b**

## Processes CP Schemes Need to Account For

Convective Initiation

Deep Convection

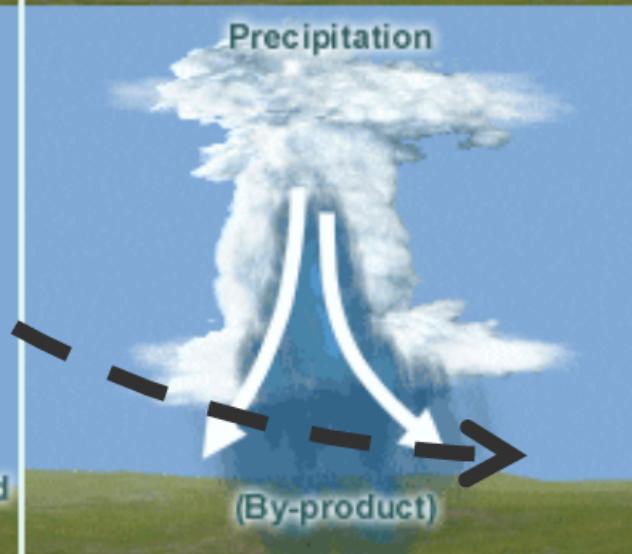
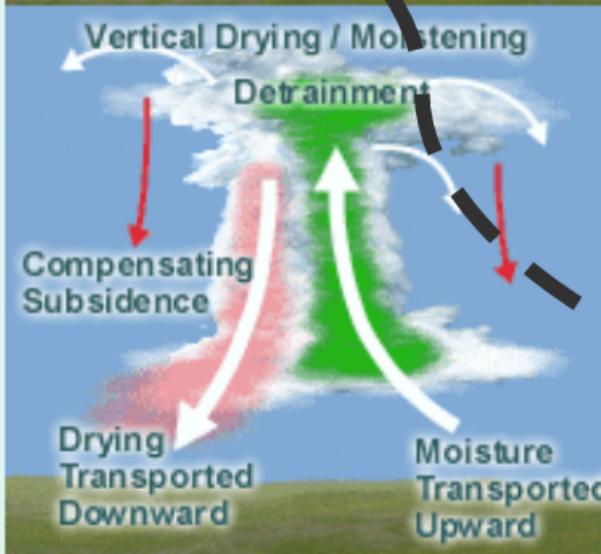
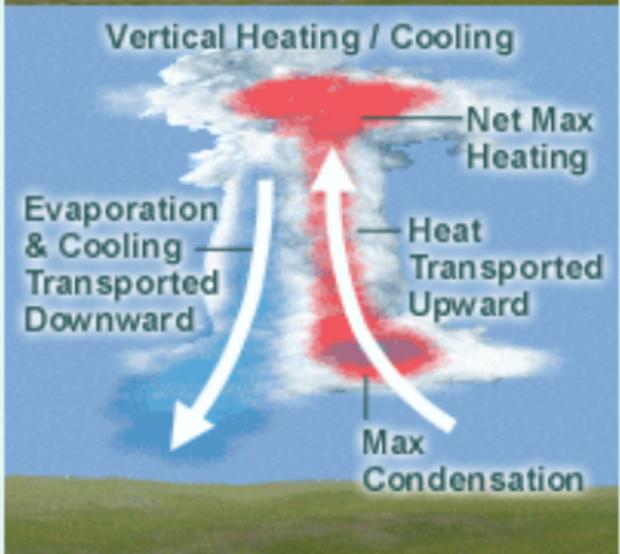
Shallow Convection at Top of Mixed Layer



Vertical Heating / Cooling

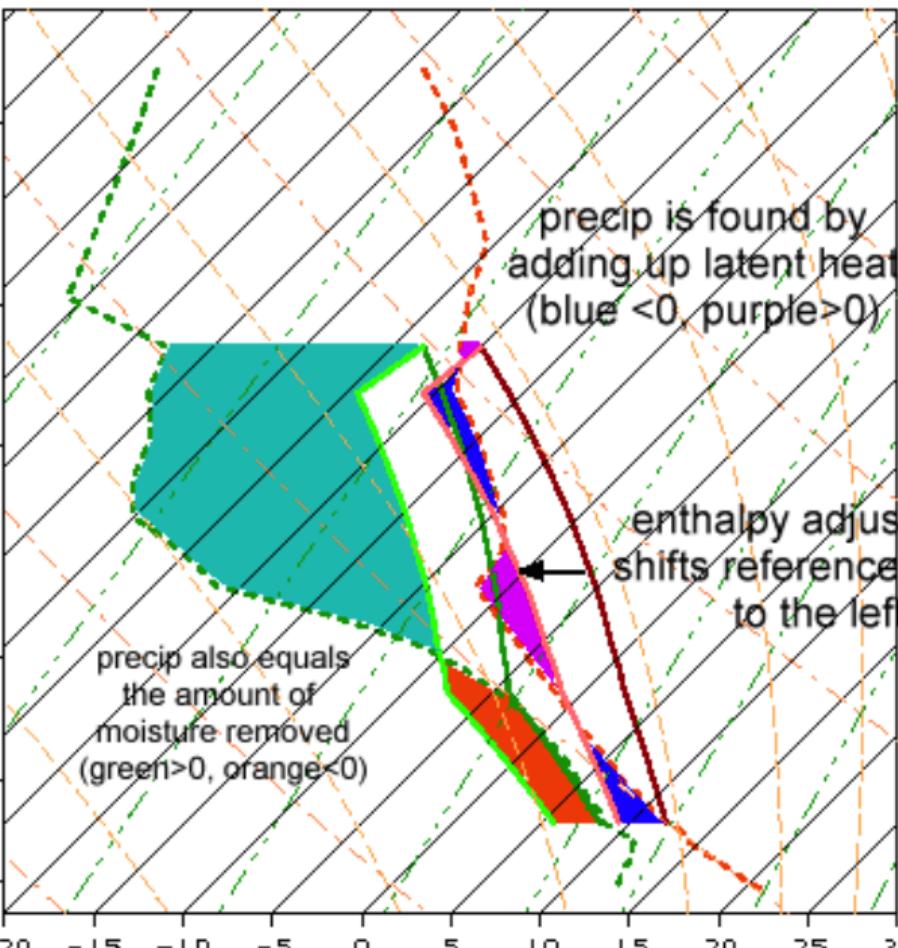
Vertical Drying / Moistening

Precipitation



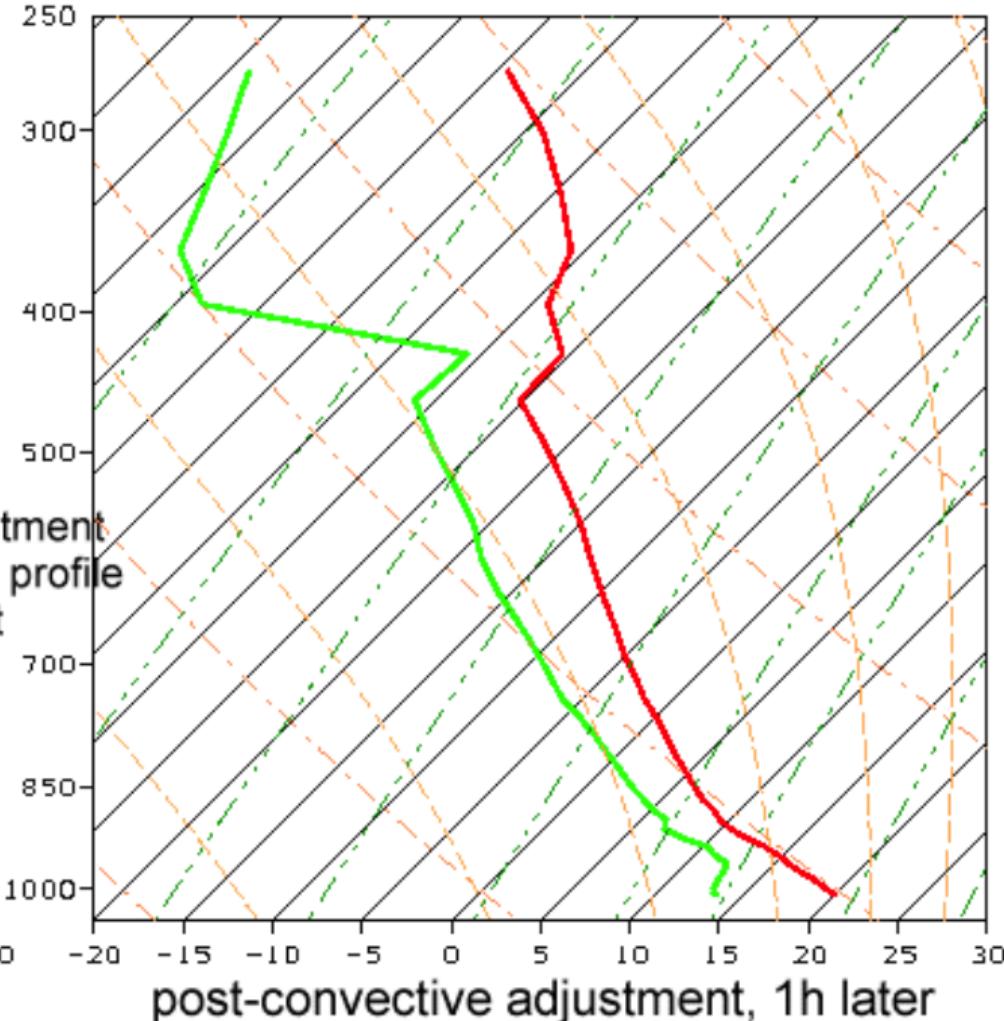
The COMET Program

CPS does not consider the detailed evolution of convection !



Charleston SC 22 Apr 1998 2200 UTC

(dashed=model, darker red/green=1st guess BMJ,  
lighter red/green=enthalpy adjusted BMJ profiles)



Michael Baldwin

CPS consider changes in profile before and after convection

## 5.2 Kuo scheme (1965)

: Cloud is formed in proportional to column-integrated moisture convergence

$$M_t = -\frac{1}{g} \int_0^{P_s} \nabla \cdot (vq) dp + F_{g_s}$$

$$\int_0^{P_s} \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} dp = gbM_t, \quad b : \text{moistening factor}$$

$$\int_0^{P_s} \theta_c dp = gL(1-b)M_t \quad \frac{\theta_c}{\pi} = \frac{\theta_a - \theta}{\tau}$$

### - Modified Kuo scheme

Krishnamurti el al. (1980, 1983) : proportional to

vertical advection of moisture

$$M_t = -\frac{1}{g} \left\{ \int_0^{P_s} \omega \frac{\partial q}{\partial p} dp + F_{q_s} \right\}$$

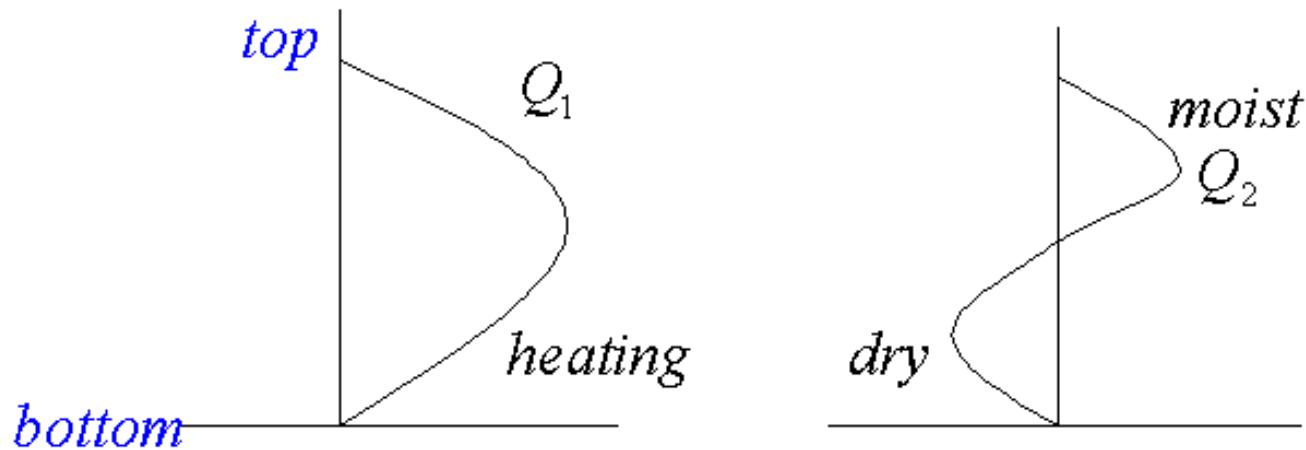
Anthes (AK : 1977) : a revised moistening factor and parcel buoyancy

$$b = \left( \frac{1 - RH}{1 - RH_c} \right)^n$$

- Heating and moistening profiles (prescribed)

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi} [gL(1-b)M_t Q_1 + Q_r]$$

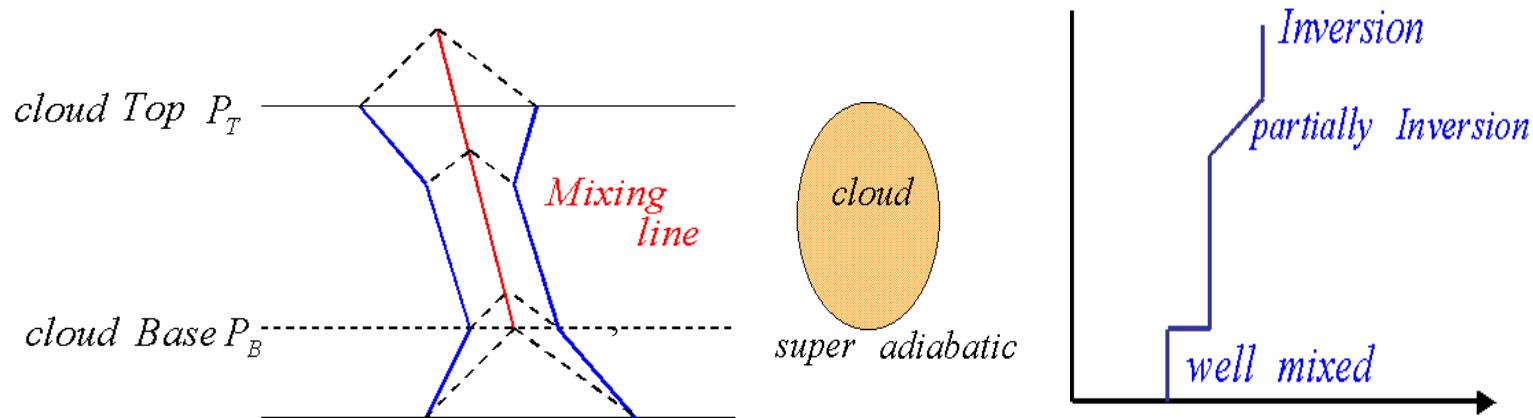
$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -g(1-b)M_t Q_2 \quad \int_0^{P_s} Q_1 dp = \int_0^{P_s} Q_2 dp = 1$$



- Kuo type scheme has been widely used before 1990

## 5.3 Betts-Miller scheme (1986)

: adjust toward reference profiles that are based on observational evidence of convective equilibrium



**Reference profile to be adjusted** : originally based on tropical cyclones

$$\theta'_R(P) = \bar{\theta}(P_B) + \beta M_\theta (P - P_B)$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial p} = \beta \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial p^*} \right)_M \quad \beta = \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial p} \quad p^* : \text{saturation pressure} \quad (= 1.2 \text{ for example})$$

$$M_\theta = 0.85 \left( \frac{\partial \theta^*}{\partial P^*} \right)_M \quad M : \text{Mixing line}$$

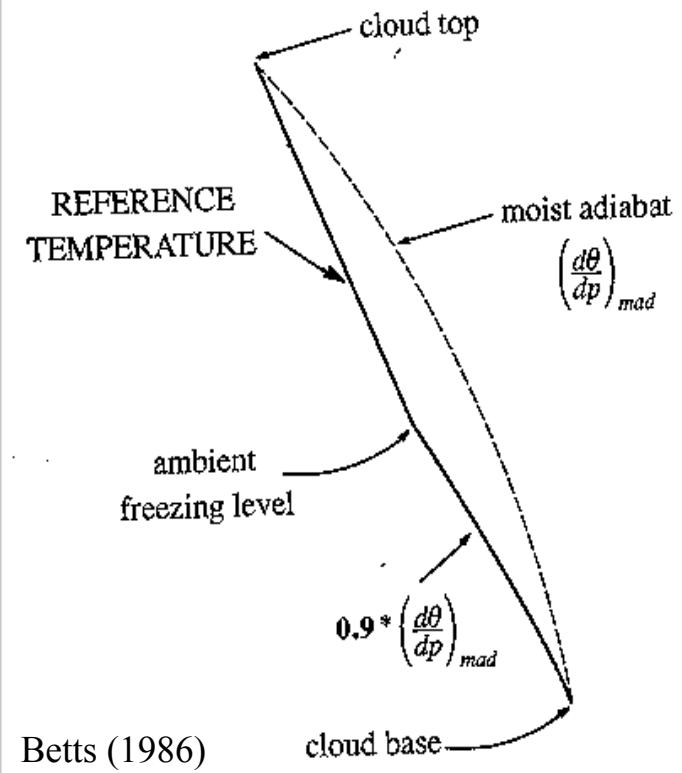
$$\text{Energy Constraints : } \int_{P_B}^{P_{T+1}} C_P (T_R - \bar{T}) dp = \int_{P_B}^{P_{T+1}} (q_R - \bar{q}) dp = 0$$

## - Convective tendencies & Precipitation

$$\left( \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} \right)_{Cu} = \frac{T_R - \bar{T}}{\tau}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \bar{q}}{\partial t} \right)_{Cu} = \frac{q_R - \bar{q}}{\tau}$$

$$Precip = \int_{P_0}^{P_T} \left( \frac{q_R - \bar{q}}{\tau} \right) \frac{dP}{g} = - \frac{C_p}{L} \int_{P_0}^{P_T} \left( \frac{T_R - \bar{T}}{\tau} \right) \frac{dp}{g}$$



- Remarks :
  - Manabe (hard adjustment : toward a moist adiabat)
  - Kuo, BM (soft adjustment : toward reference profiles)

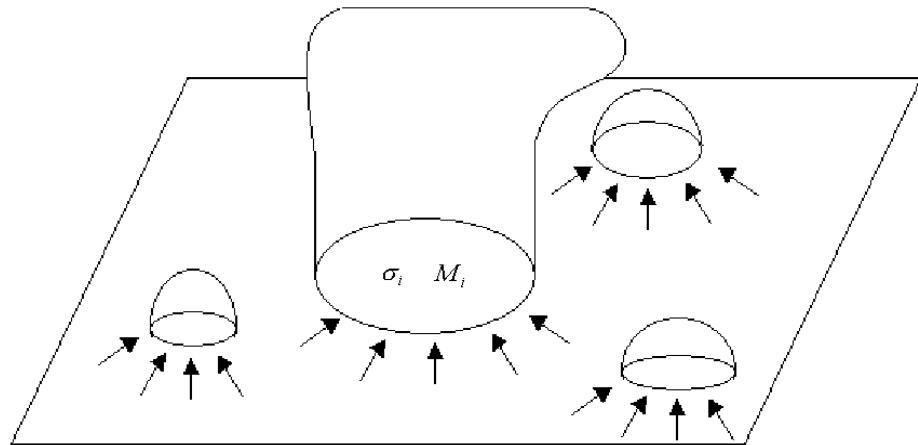
## 5.4 Mass-flux schemes : Arakawa-Schubert (1974)

### i) Concept

-- Mass flux approach, cloud ensemble, quasi-equilibrium

-- Theoretical frame work for CPS

- Area is large enough so that cloud ensemble can be a statistical entity
- Area is small enough so that cloud environment is approximately uniform horizontally



$M_i$  : vertical mass flux through ith cloud

$\sigma_i$  : fractional area covered by ith cloud

$M_c \equiv \sum_i M_i$  : total vertical mass flux

$$\rho M = M_c + \tilde{M}$$

environment

: net mass flux/unit large-scale horizontal area

## ii) Quasi-equilibrium : cloud forcing ~ large-scale adjustment

- CPS computes the warming (cooling) in the grid box due to adiabatic descent (ascent), rather than computing latent heat release in cloud models

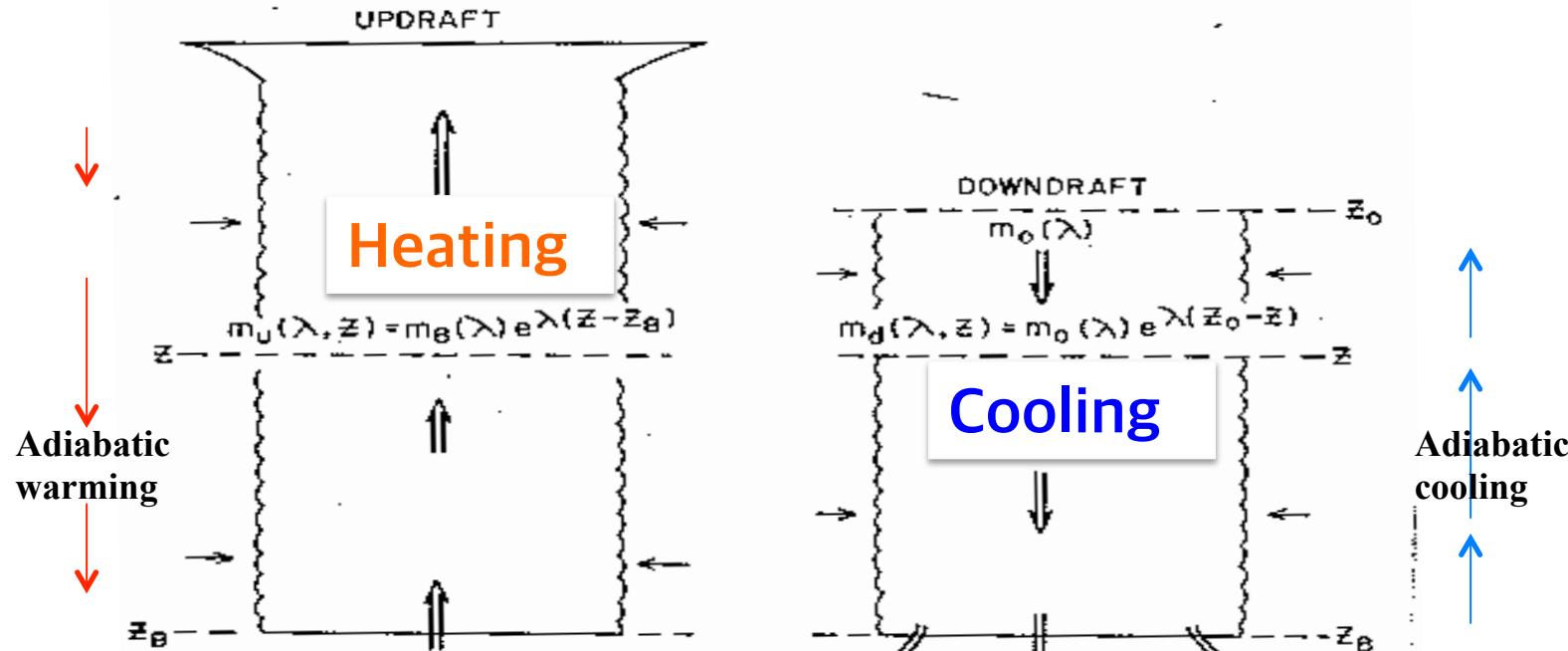


FIG. 4.10. Model for updraft and downdraft of cloud type  $\lambda$  (from Johnson 1976).

### iii) Energy budget equations

Large-scale flux across grid box      Exchange of S between environment and clouds

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho (1 - \sigma_c) \tilde{S} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\overline{\rho \tilde{V} S}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} (\tilde{M} \tilde{S}) - \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial M_i}{\partial Z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} \right) S_{ib} - LE + \tilde{Q}_R \quad : \text{Environment MSE}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \sum_i \sigma_i S_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \sum_i M_i S_i \right) + \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial M_i}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} \right) S_{ib} + \sum_x (LC_x + Q_{Ri}) \quad : \text{in-cloud MSE}$$

$S_i$  :  $C_p T + gz$  (dry static energy) of  $i^{\text{th}}$  cloud

$S_{ib}$  :  $C_p T + gz$  of the air entraining into or detrainning from the  $i^{\text{th}}$  cloud

$C_i$  : condensation in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  cloud

$E$  : evaporation of liquid water in the environment

$Q_r$  : Radiative heating

- Entrainment :  $\frac{\partial M_i}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} > 0, \quad S_{ib} = \tilde{S}$

- Detrainment :  $\frac{\partial M_i}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} < 0, \quad S_{ib} = S_i$

#### iv) Approximation

- Assume  $\sigma_c \ll 1$  ,  $\bar{s} \approx \tilde{s}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \bar{s} = & -\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{v} \bar{s}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho \bar{w} \bar{s}) - \overline{\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{v} s - \rho \bar{v} \bar{s})} \\ & + M_c \frac{\partial \bar{s}}{\partial z} - \sum_{dc} \left( \frac{\partial M_i}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} \right) (\delta_i - \bar{s}) - LE + \dot{\theta}_R\end{aligned}$$

Detrainment clouds      detrainment, entrainment

Adiabatic warming due to hypothetical  
subsidence between the clouds

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \bar{q} = & -\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{v} \bar{q}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho \bar{w} \bar{q}) - \overline{\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{v} q - \rho \bar{v} \bar{q})} \\ & + M_c \frac{\partial \bar{q}}{\partial z} - \sum_{dc} \left( \frac{\partial M_i}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial t} \right) (q_i - \bar{q}) - E\end{aligned}$$

- Spectral cloud ensemble :

$$M_c(z) = \int_0^{\lambda_{\max}} m(z, \lambda) d\lambda \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Sub-ensemble} \\ \text{mass flux of between } \lambda \text{ and } d\lambda + \lambda \end{array}$$

$$= \int_0^{\lambda_{\max}} m_B(\lambda) \eta(z, \lambda) d\lambda$$

$$\eta(z, \lambda) \equiv \frac{m(z, \lambda)}{m_B(\lambda)} \quad ; \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Mass flux at cloud base} \\ \text{normalized subensemble mass flux} \end{array}$$

## v) Closure

$$\frac{\partial m(z, \lambda)}{\partial z} = \mu(z, \lambda) \eta(z, \lambda)$$

$$\eta(z, \lambda) = e^{\lambda(z - z_B)} ; \text{ mass flux profile}$$

- Cloud work function : measure of buoyancy

$$A(\lambda) = \int_{z_B}^{z_D(\lambda)} \eta(z, \lambda) g \frac{T_c(z, \lambda) - \bar{T}(z)}{\bar{T}} dz$$

- Q-G equilibrium

$$\frac{dA(\lambda)}{dt} = \left. \frac{dA(\lambda)}{dt} \right|_{LS} + \left. \frac{dA(\lambda)}{dt} \right|_C \simeq 0$$

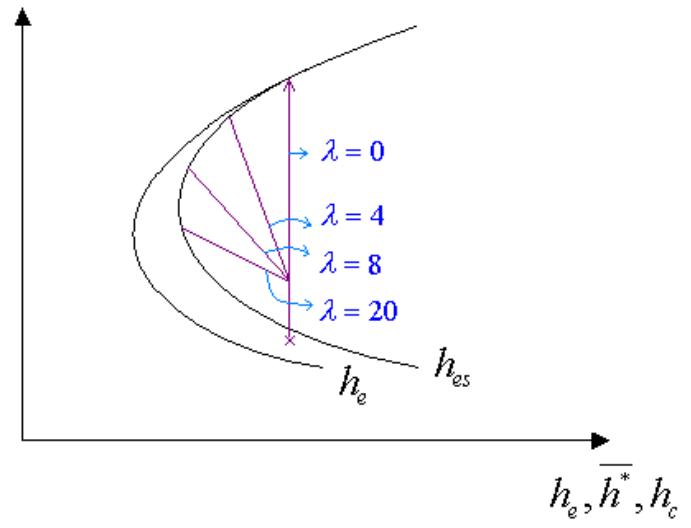
Large-scale forcing  
 $>0$  : destabilized

Adjustment  
 $<0$  : stabilization

Kernel : Cloud scheme kinetic energy

$$K_{ij} = \frac{A'_i - A_i}{(m_B \Delta t)} \quad \sum_j^{i_{\max}} K_{ij} (m_B \Delta t)_j + F_i = 0 \Rightarrow m_B$$

————— compute  $\frac{\partial \bar{s}}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \bar{q}}{\partial t}$  with  $\eta, m_B$



## 5.5 Other schemes

### \* Arakawa-Schubert type mass flux schemes

Grell scheme (1993) : Updraft/downdraft couplet without lateral mixing to find the deepest cloud

Simplified AS (SAS, Han and Pan 2011): revised cloud physics from the Grell

Relaxed AS (RAS, Moorthi and Suarez 1992): linearized profile function

### \* Other mass flux schemes : Low-level control convective schemes (Stensrud 2007)

Kain and Fritsch (2004) : CAPE based sophisticated convective plume model

Emanuel (1991) : Stochastic mixing cloud model

Tiedtke (1989) : Large-scale moisture convergence (KUO) based mass flux (ECMWF IFS model)

Gregory-Rowntree (1990): Parcel buoyancy based turbulence in cloud model (UK model)

# 6. Shallow Convection

## 6.1 Concept

more vigorous vertical mixing of  $q$  and  $T$  above the mixed layer top. With the enhanced vertical eddy transport between LCL and inversion level, this process does not allow the excess moisture trapped near the surface in synoptically inactive regions (**non-precipitating convection**).

- Cooling and moistening above LCL and heating and warming below.



## 6.2 Classification

- Moist adjustment type : Betts and Miller (1993), Lock et al. (2000), Tiedtke (1983)
- Mass flux type : Kain (2004), Park and Bretherton (2009), Han and Pan (2011)

### Tiedtke (1983)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \rho K \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + \Gamma \right] \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \rho K \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} \right)$$

### Han and Pan (2011)

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} = \varepsilon - \delta$$

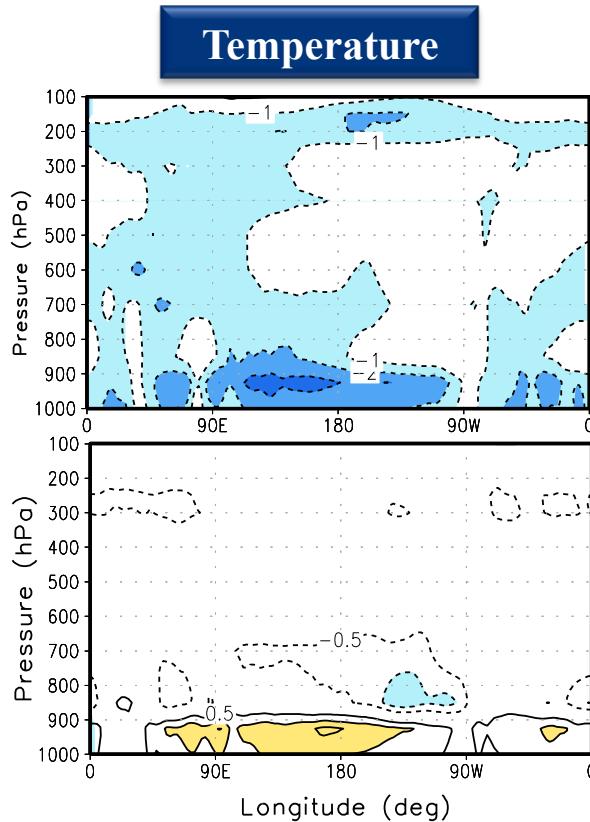
$$\frac{\partial(\eta s)}{\partial z} = (\varepsilon \bar{s} - \delta s) \eta$$

$$\frac{\partial[\eta(q_v + q_l)]}{\partial z} = \eta[\varepsilon \bar{q}_v - \delta(q_v + q_l) - r]$$

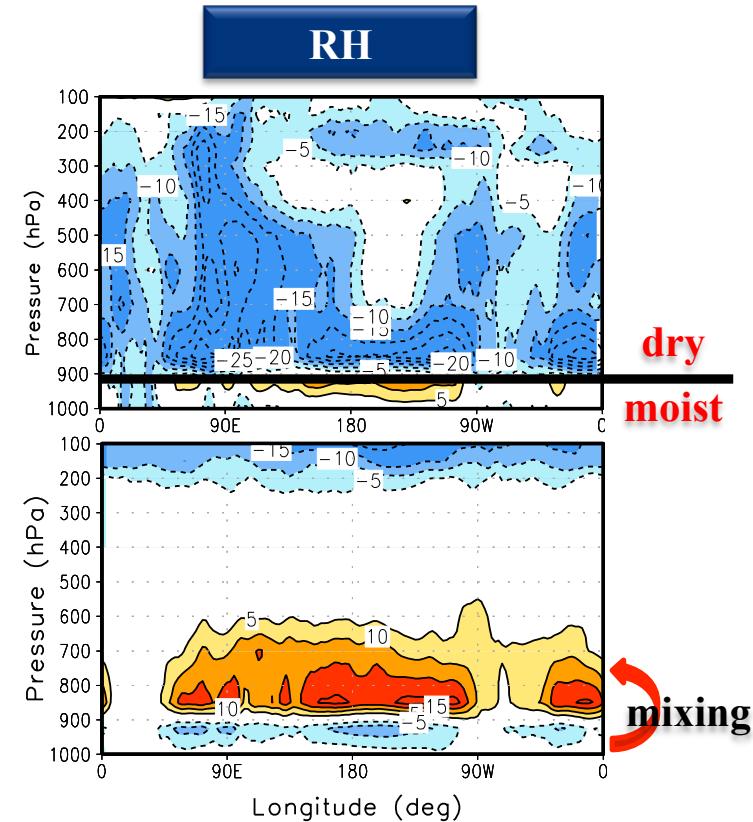
## 6.3 Impact of the shallow convection scheme (SCV)

: JJA 1996 simulation in a GCM

NO SCV – RA2



SCV – NO



\* SCV plays crucial role over the oceans.

## 7. Microphysics scheme

large-scale precipitation  
grid-resolvable scale precipitation  
explicit moisture scheme  
cloud scheme  
non-convective precipitation scheme

### 7.1 Concept

- Remove supersaturation after deep and shallow convection, and feedback to large-scale

### 7.2 Classification : according to the complexity in microphysics

- i) Diagnostic : condensation, evaporation of falling precipitation
- ii) Bulk microphysics : hydrometeors with size distribution in inverse-exponential function
  - Single moment : predict mixing ratios of hydrometeors
  - Double moment : + number concentrations
  - Triple moment : + reflectivity
- iii) Bin microphysics : divides the particle distribution into a number of finite size or mass categories.

## 7.3 Precipitate size distributions

Marshall and Palmer(1948) : exponential law

Heymsfield and Platt (1984) : Power law

$$N_R(D_R) = a D_R^b$$

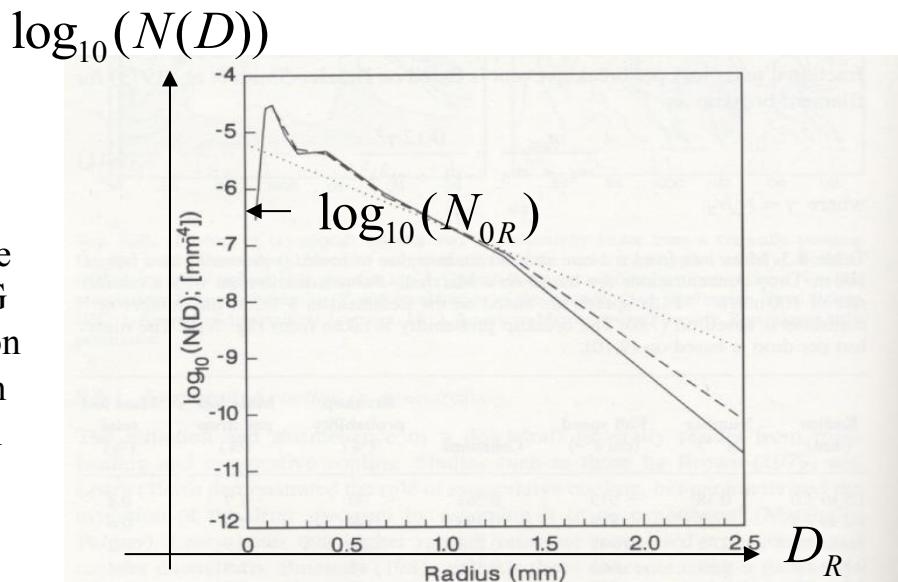
The rain and snow particles are assumed to follow the size distribution derived by Marshall and Palmer(1948), and Gunn and Marshall(1958), respectively. The size distributions for both rain and snow are formulated according to an inverse-exponential distribution and its formula for rain can be expressed by

$$N_R(D_R) = N_{0R} \exp(-\lambda_R D_R)$$

for rain, where  $N_{0R}$  is the intercept parameter of the rain distributions. Slope parameter is

$$\lambda_R = \left( \frac{\pi \rho_w N_{0R}}{\rho q_R} \right)^{1/4}$$

Due to the size distribution in exponential manner (integration of precip for whole size results in constant), we can apply the bulk property microphysics terms.



**FIG. 9.21.** Evolution of a drop spectrum in a subsaturated rainshaft including the effects of coalescence and breakup. The spectrum at the top of the rainshaft is Marshall-Palmer with a rainfall rate of  $110 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$ . (.....), 0 km; (---), 1 km; (—), 2 km;  $R = 110 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$ ;  $t = 24 \text{ min}$ . From Tzivion et al. (1989). *Journal of Atmospheric Sciences*, **46**, 21. American Meteorological Society. Reproduced with permission

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x) &= \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt \\ &\int_0^\infty D_R^{x-1} \exp(-\lambda_R D_R) dD_R \\ &= \Gamma(4) / \lambda_R^4 \end{aligned}$$

## 7.4 Bulk Method : 1-Moment versus 2-Moment

**Mixing Ratio**

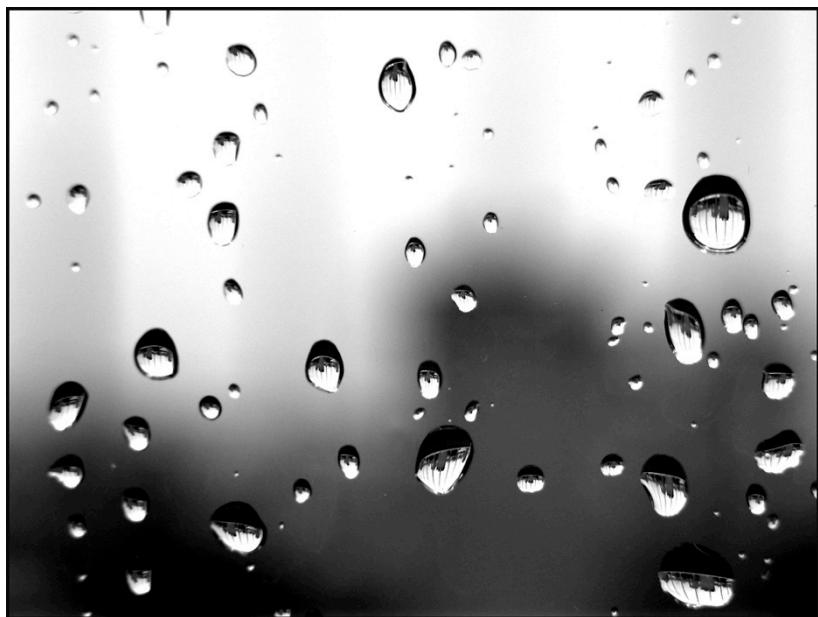
(1-moment/ 2-moment scheme)

$$\left( \int \frac{dM(D_R)}{dt} dN_{DR} \right) / \rho = \frac{dq}{dt} (kg kg^{-1} s^{-1})$$

**Number concentration**

(2-moment scheme)

$$\left( \int \frac{d \text{Prob}(D_R)}{dt} dN_{DR} \right) = \frac{dN}{dt} (m^{-3} s^{-1})$$



**Single moment scheme**

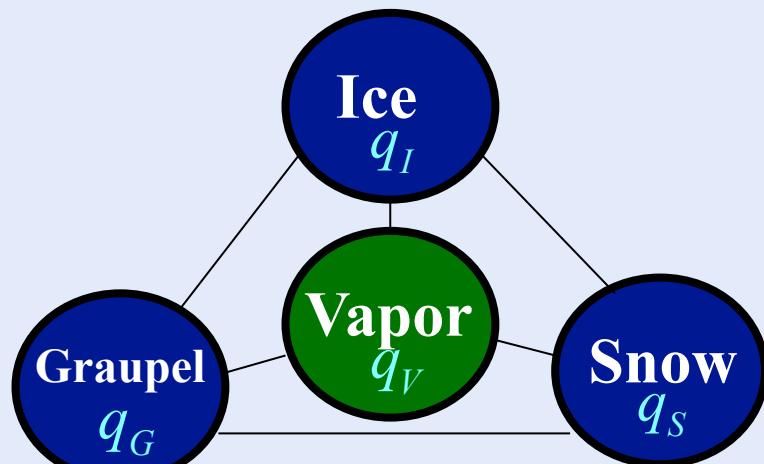
$$dN_{DR} = N_{0R} \exp(-\lambda_R D_R) dD_R$$

**Double moment scheme**

$$dN_{DR} = N_R \lambda_R^2(N_R) D_R \exp(-\lambda_R D_R) dD_R$$

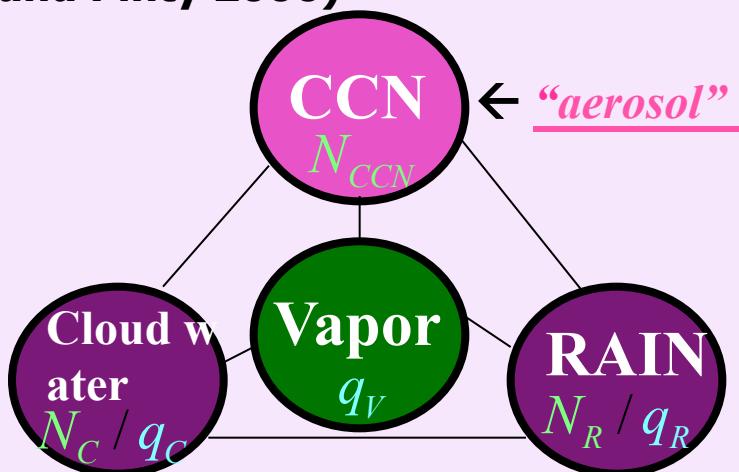
## 7.5 Bulk Method : 1-Moment (WSM) versus 2-Moment (WDM)

**Cold rain processes :**  
(Hong et al. 2004; Hong and Lim 2006)



$q$  for 4 hydrometeors will be predicted (Single Moment)

**Warm rain processes :**  
(Khairoutdinov and Kogan 2000; Cahard and Pinty 2000)



$N, q$  for 2 hydrometeors will be predicted (Double Moment)

**N**: Cloud water, Rain, CCN

**Q**: Cloud water, Rain, Ice, Snow, Graupel, Vapor

**WDM6**

(Lim and Hong, 2010)

## 7.6 WDM6 code

\*\* Warm rain processes (Lim and Hong 2010)

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| warm rain processes
|
| - follows the double-moment processes in Lim and Hong
| =====
|
| do k = kts, kte
|   do i = its, ite
|     supsat = max(q(i,k),qmin)-qs(i,k,1)
|     satdt = supsat/dtcld
|
|   praut: auto conversion rate from cloud to rain [LH 9] [CP 17]
|   (QC->QR)
|
|     lencon = 2.7e-2*den(i,k)*qci(i,k,1)*(1.e20/16.*rslope2(i,k)
|           *rslope2(i,k)-0.4)
|     lenconcr = max(1.2*lencon, qcrmin)
|     if(avedia(i,k,1).gt.di15) then
|       taucon = 3.7/den(i,k)/qci(i,k,1)/(0.5e6*rslope2(i,k)-7.5)
|       praut(i,k) = lencon/taucon
|       praut(i,k) = min(max(praut(i,k),0.),qci(i,k,1)/dtcld)
|
|   nraut: auto conversion rate from cloud to rain [LH A6] [CP 18 & 19]
|   (NC->NR)
|
|     nraut(i,k) = 3.5e9*den(i,k)*praut(i,k)
|     if(qrs(i,k,1).gt.lenconcr)
|       nraut(i,k) = ncr(i,k,3)/qrs(i,k,1)*praut(i,k)
|       nraut(i,k) = min(nraut(i,k),ncr(i,k,2)/dtcld)
|     endif
|
|   pracw: accretion of cloud water by rain      [LH 10] [CP 22 & 23]
|   (QC->QR)
|   nracw: accretion of cloud water by rain      [LH A9]
|   (NC->)
|
|     if(qrs(i,k,1).ge.lenconcr) then
|       if(avedia(i,k,2).ge.di100) then
|         nracw(i,k) = min(ncrk1*ncr(i,k,2)*ncr(i,k,3)*(rslope3(i,k)
|           + 24.*rslope3(i,k,1)),ncr(i,k,2)/dtcld)
|         pracw(i,k) = min(pi/6.*(denr/den(i,k))*ncrk1*ncr(i,k,2)
|           *ncr(i,k,3)*rslope3(i,k)*(2.*rslope3(i,k)
|           + 24.*rslope3(i,k,1)),qci(i,k,1)/dtcld)
|       else
|         nracw(i,k) = min(ncrk2*ncr(i,k,2)*ncr(i,k,3)*(2.*rslope3(i,k)
|           *rslope3(i,k,1)+5040.*rslope3(i,k,1)
|           *rslope3(i,k,1)),ncr(i,k,2)/dtcld)
|         pracw(i,k) = min(pi/6.*(denr/den(i,k))*ncrk2*ncr(i,k,2)
|           *ncr(i,k,3)*rslope3(i,k)*(6.*rslope3(i,k)
|           *rslope3(i,k,1)+5040.*rslope3(i,k,1)*rslope3(i,k,1)
|           ,qci(i,k,1)/dtcld)
|       endif
|     endif
|   endif
| 
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\*Auto conversion from cloud to rain [C → R]

$$\text{Praut} [\text{kg kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}] = L / \tau \quad L = 2.7 \times 10^{-2} \rho_a q_c \left( \frac{10^{20}}{16 \lambda_c^4} - 0.4 \right)$$

$$\tau = 3.7 \frac{1}{\rho_a q_c} \left( \frac{0.5 \times 10^6}{\lambda_c} - 7.5 \right)^{-1}$$

$$\text{Nraut} [\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}] = 3.5 \times 10^9 \frac{\rho_a L}{\tau}$$

\*Accretion of cloud water by rain [C → R]

$$D_R \geq 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{Pracw} [\text{kg kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}] = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_a} K_1 \frac{N_C N_R}{\lambda_c^3} \left\{ \frac{2}{\lambda_c^3} + \frac{24}{\lambda_R^3} \right\}$$

$$\text{Nracw} [\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}] = -K_1 N_C N_R \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_c^3} + \frac{24}{\lambda_R^3} \right\}$$

$$D_R < 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{Pracw} [\text{kg kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}] = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_a} K_2 \frac{N_C N_R}{\lambda_c^3} \left\{ \frac{6}{\lambda_c^6} + \frac{5040}{\lambda_R^6} \right\}$$

$$\text{Nracw} [\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}] = -K_2 N_C N_R \left\{ \frac{2}{\lambda_c^6} + \frac{5040}{\lambda_R^6} \right\}$$

# Resolution Dependency

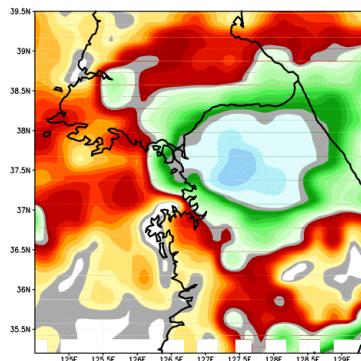
**Cut-off horizontal grid length:** current status in research communities

- PBL : ~50 m (Mirocha, 2008 WRF workshop )
- GWDO : ~ 3 or 1 km (hydrostatic approximation)
- GWDC: ~ 3 or 1 km (go with CP)
- Cumulus parameterization : ~ 3 or 1 km (cloud resolving scale)

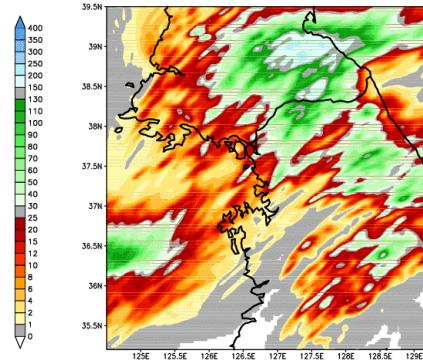
**Gray-zone :** partly resolved and partly parameterized

- CPS (1 km~10 km) : Gerard, Grell and Freitas, Arakawa and Ming, Pan and Han, Kwon and Hong
- PBL (100 m~1 km) : Honnert, Boulle, Shin and Hong
- Other processes such as shallow convection may also consider gray-zone

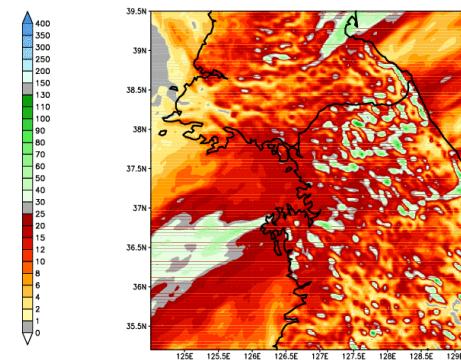
**CPS gray-zone issue : A heavy rainfall simulated by WRF at 3 km**



**OBS**



**No CPS**



**With CPS**

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