Satellite Remote Sensing of Liquid Water in Cold Clouds for CAM Validation

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MIXED-PHASE FRONTAL CLOUDS



Figure 14. Comparison of fraction of ice, mixed- and liquid-clouds from the present and previous studies. Note that the left-hand and right-hand y-axes are in opposing senses. Lines labelled 1 and 2 should be referred to the left-hand axis and all other curves to the right-hand axis.

Basis for Mixed Phase Cloud Retrieval

1. Use the 12/11 μ m absorption optical depth ratio, β , to estimate the %LW.

2. β is quasi-constant for all-ice clouds but increases with a growing presence of a liquid phase.

3. The mean LW fraction can be estimated from the mean departure of β from its ice threshold value.

Maximum Estimate of β_{eff} vs. Cloud Temperature From Giraud et al., 1997 J. Applied Meteorology





0.63 0.86 11.02 um Color composite 1900 UTC 05 Aug 07



Cirrus-only over-ocean pixels







Procedure:

1. Use tropical anvil PSD scheme for ice portion & a representative mean diameter & dispersion param. for liquid portion of PSD.

2. Increase LW in droplet PSD until observed and predicted β_{eff} match. - Account for changes in n_r/n_i

Evaluate Uncertainties:

- 1. Mean droplet size
- 2. Mean ice particle size
- 3. m-D power laws for ice
- 4. Dispersion param. for ice PSD

%LW is sensitive to mean droplet size, but range of **β** restricts the possibilities.



Dispersion of β at warmer temperatures appears similar to frequency distribution of cloud ice fraction from Korolev et al. (2003, QJRMS)



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22 July Case Study Results



5 August Case Study Results



Sensitivity of $D_{\rm e}$ to % Liquid Water



Summary

- 1. The 12/11 μ m absorption optical depth ratio (β) exhibits quasi-constant behavior for ice clouds but is sensitive to the presence of a liquid phase, making it a possible metric for estimating the liquid water fraction for LW < 50%.
- 2. The increase in β can be interpreted using a microphysics/optical property algorithm that attributes liquid water to the small mode of a bimodal PSD.
- 3. The retrieval of %LW is sensitive to the mean droplet diameter, but the dispersion of β might help define this value.
- 4. Retrieval algorithm was tested on 2 case studies filtered to select single-layer cirrus clouds. For -35 °C < T < 20 °C, LW levels up to 14% were detected which greatly affect the overall D_e and optical properties.
- 5. Variability of LW fraction appears consistent with aircraft measurements and CAM4 predictions.











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Calculation of ϵ_{eff} in Retrieval Algorithm - Based on Parol et al. (1991, JAM) -

Since some scattering may occur, ε retrieved in this way is an effective emissivity, ε_{eff} , which implicitly includes the effects of scattering through its dependence on asymmetry parameter g:

$$\epsilon_{eff}(12 \ \mu m) = 1 - [1 - \epsilon_{eff}(11 \ \mu m)]^{\beta_{eff}}$$

$$\beta_{eff} = Q_{abs,eff(12 \ \mu m)} / Q_{abs,eff(11 \ \mu m)}$$

$$Q_{abs,eff} = Q_{abs} (1 - \omega_o g)/(1 - \omega_o)$$

When g = > 1, all scattering is completely forward scattering and radiation is not redistributed.

Wavelength dependence of tunneling

