

Model comparison with "the" observation

Precipitation



Is there any "truth" that you could rely on?







Geostationary infrared imagery (Nov. 2013)



What lies beneath a high cloud?



Infrared versus microwave measurements

Typhoon Cimaron (2006) observed by the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) satellite http://trmm.gsfc.nasa.gov/publications_dir/extreme_events.html



マイクロ波放射計と 衛星シミュレータ(概論)

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Microwave effects on cloud and precip.

Microwave radiative transfer equation

 $\frac{dT_{b}}{d\tau_{v}} = -\frac{T_{b}}{T_{b}} + (1 - \omega_{v})T + \omega_{v}\int P_{v}(\Omega, \Omega')T_{b}'d\Omega'$ Thermal emission Confluence by scattering



18GHz Brightness Temperature



23GHz Brightness Temperature

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Precipitable Water (Column Water Vapor)



36GHz Brightness Temperature



89GHz Brightness Temperature



Surface Precipitation



雲・降水レーダと 衛星シミュレータ(研究例)

Masunaga, Satoh, and Miura, JGR (2008)



Infrared histogram: model vs. satellite



Cloud and Precip Top Heights (CTH and PTH)



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Missing 94-GHz Echoes above 8 km

The 94-GHz back-scattering coefficient begins to be saturated due to non-Rayleigh scattering as snow content increases.



$$\begin{split} & H = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho N r^{3} \implies r = \left(\frac{3W}{4\pi \rho N}\right)^{1/3} \\ & \mathbf{Rayleigh regime} \\ & \mathbf{Wavelength} >> 2\pi r \\ & \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G} \\ & \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G} \\ & \mathbf{G} \\$$

A Modification to snow microphysics

Snowflake mass spectrum = $\underline{m(D)n(D)} = \underline{aD^b N_0 \exp(-\lambda D)}$ where a=2.5x10⁻² kg m⁻² and b=2 (original=Grabowski, 1998) a=5x10⁻⁴ kg m⁻¹ and b=1 (modified)



PSD Impact on the CTH/PTH Histogram



Multi-sensor simulator packages

- COSP: CFMIP Observation Simulator Package
 - CFMIP (http://cfmip.metoffice.com/COSP.html)
- ECSIM: EarthCARE Simulator
 - ESA (Voors et al, 2007)
- J-simulator: Joint Simulator for Satellite Sensors
 - JAXA/U Tokyo (http://www22.atwiki.jp/j-simulator/)
- RTTOV: Radiative Transfer Model for TOVS
 - UK MetOffice/ECMWF (Matricardi et al. 2004; Bauer et al., 2006)
- SDSU: Satellite Data Simulator Unit
 - Nagoya U (http://precip.hyarc.nagoya-u.ac.jp/sdsu/)
- Goddard SDSU
 - NASA GSFC (http://cloud.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.php?section=14)
- Visit "Satellite Data Simulator Portal" for quick overview
 - https://sites.google.com/site/satellitesimulators/

The SDSU package

SDSU WWW site

- precip.hyarc.nagoya-u.ac.jp/ sdsu/
- User registration
 - only requires your name and email address.
- Patches (Linux shell scripts)
 - available for existing SDSU-v2 users in case of future upgrades.
- SDSU v2.1.4 is the latest.

Satellite Data Simulator Unit (SDSU)

SDSU ver. 2.1.0 is now available (released on Sep. 8, 2009).

1. Overview

This package contains Fortran codes to simulate microwave brightness temperature, radar reflectivity, and visible/infrared radiance as measured by meteorological satellite sensors. The three simulator components aimed at microwave radiometers, radars, and visible/IR imagers can be executed either individuality or all together. Radiative transfer codes are implemented with Mie-theory-based subroutines to compute the radiative properties of cloud and precipitating hydrometeors as well as a gas absorption database covering a broad range of electromagnetic spectrum. A beam-convolution program is also provided so that the non-uniform beam filing effect is taken into account for an arbitrary FOV size.



The existing and prospective satellite sensors applicable include (but are not limited to)

Microwave radiometers and sounders^{*1} Special Sensor Microwave/Imager (SSM/I)

- Special Sensor Microwave/Imager (SSM/I)
 Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM)
- Tropical Rainfail Weasuring Miss Microwave Imager (TMI)
- Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer
- (AMSR) and AMSR-E
- · Coriolis WindSat
- Global Precipitation Measurement Mission (GPM)
- Microwave Imager (GMI)
- Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit (AMSU) and Microwave Humidity Sounder (MHS)

Microwave F ii. Radars

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 TRMM Precipitation Radar (PR)
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 CloudSat Cloud Profiling Radar (CPR)
- GPM Dual-frequency Radar (DPR)
- iii. Visible and infrared imagers
 - Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR)
 - TRMM Visible/Infrared Scanner (VIRS)
 - Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)
 - Visible/IR sensors onboard operational geostationary satellites such as GMS (MTSAT), GOES, and Meteosat.

SDSU gallery shows some sample simulations.

[*1: A minor modification to the radiative transfer code will be needed to simulate mixed polarization channels, typical of cross-track scanning sounders.]

2. SDSU version 2

The SDSU is now upgraded to version 2. Major changes from the earlier version are

The entire code has been rewritten in Fortran 90.
 New user interface is supported to customize the hydrometeor particle size distributions (PSDs) incorporated in the simulator.
 The PSD library currently consists of 9 PSD models
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SDSU Structure



Summary: Advantages and challenges

Advantages

- Independent of algorithm uncertainties, which are often very difficult to track down.
 - Sensitivity to assumptions can be tested with simulators.
- Simulators offer a tool to diagnose cloud microphysics.

Challenges

- Interpretations of synthetic satellite measurements require a profound knowledge of physical principles in satellite remote sensing.
 - Radiative transfer theory, electromagnetic dynamics, etc.
- Close communication between scientists in different areas (modeling and satellite experts etc.) would be crucial.