

Summary

Physical Processes in Convection

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Cloud Electricity and Lightning

Science Issues

- 1) Microphysics interactions with electrification and lightning
Kinematic interactions with electrification and lightning
- 2) Environmental interactions with electrification and lightning
- 3) Lightning initiation

Measurements Needed

- 1) Hydrometeor properties – *cloud water in mixed phase*
- 2) High-resolution 3-D flow of advective and turbulent flows
- 3) Lightning properties, particle charge, E-field
- 4) Updraft in-flow state parameters, wind, aerosol

Aerosols, Cloud Physics and Radiation

Science Issues

- 1) Feedbacks between *vertical motion* and aerosol and microphysical processes for various storms and environment
- 2) Role of *hydrometeor size distributions* in microphysical processes and cloud-radiative forcing
- 3) *Graupel/hail characteristics* for various storms and environment
- 4) *Vertical and horizontal aerosol distribution* effects on cloud microphysical and radiative processes

Key Measurements Needed

- 1) Entire particle size distribution
- 2) In situ, co-located u , v , w , T , q , p , PSDs, CCN/IN concentrations
- 3) Higher spatial and temporal sampling of above parameters near cloud/storm top
- 4) 3D measurements of T , q , & aerosol characteristics
- 5) Long-term statistics on u , v , w , T , q , p , CCN/IN

Chemistry

Science Issues

- 1) Convective Transport of trace gases and aerosols
- 2) Lightning NO_x production
- 3) Ozone production/loss
- 4) Wet Scavenging of soluble trace gases and aerosols
- 5) New Particle Formation
- 6) Composition of Fire Plumes

Key Measurements Needed

- 1) Broad suite of chemical species (CO , O_3 , NO_y , NMHC, halogens)
- 2) Lightning flash rates, extent, energy
- 3) Composition of trace gases and aerosols in hydrometeors
- 4) Environmental conditions (including photolysis rates)
- 5) Fluxes: surface, PBL to free trop, inflow, outflow

Specific Instruments and Facilities Needed

- 1) Large-sampling volume in-situ particle size distribution probe
- 2) Storm penetrating aircraft
 - microphysics package, cloud water mixed phase, electric field, particle charge, trace gas package, aerosol package, radiation, u, v, w, T, q, p
- 3) Slow moving platform for (deep) convection (e.g., UAVs, helicopters, etc)
- 4) Community Lightning Mapping (LMA, interferometer, e-field change, efield)
- 5) Fast-scan, mobile, multi-frequency (S, C, X, Ku, Ka) Doppler/dual-pol radars
- 6) Enhanced mobile profiling (with aerosols), surface mesonet

Specific Instruments and Facilities Needed

- 7) Trace gases: In situ continuous analyzers (1 Hz), grab samples (on-board and/or lab analysis **of canisters or tubes at high frequency**) for aircraft and balloons
- 8) Aerosols: aerosol mass spectrometer, impactors
- 9) Counterflow virtual impactor (hydrometeors for lab analysis)
- 10) Aerosol, ozone, water vapor, NO₂ lidars
- 11) 3-D volumes of tracer concentration**
- 12) Long path absorption; **networks desired**
- 13) UV/Vis spectrometer for trace gas column amounts
- 14) Spectral-radiometer for actinic flux
- 15) In-cloud instrument inlets**