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[A-AS04]Towards integrated understandings of cloud and precipitation processes

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Clouds and precipitation are among the largest uncertainties in weather predictions and climate projections. To overcome this difficulty, substantial progresses are required in understandings of cloud and precipitation processes and their interactions with large-scale environment. Such progresses, however, have been hampered by historical separation of the science community into two, namely, one for clouds and the other for precipitation, despite the fact that clouds and precipitation are inseparable phenomena.
This session aims to integrate various studies of clouds and precipitation across the two communities over different spatial and temporal scales. A particular focus is placed on better understandings of fundamental processes governing the cloud and precipitation phenomena and their multi-scale interactions with environment through dynamical, thermodynamical and radiative processes. A wide variety of studies with theoretical, modeling and observational approaches are solicited in this session to seek a novel way for combining different methodologies to obtain unified, holistic understandings of the cloud and precipitation systems. The solicited area of research includes but is not limited to cloud microphysics, cloud-radiation interaction, convection dynamics, meso-scale phenomena and various multi-scale interactions including tropical aggregation of clouds, by means of a breadth of approaches encompassing in-situ and satellite observations, theoretical process studies and numerical modeling. Through discussion of presented papers, the session is also intended to enhance collaborations among different disciplines and communities for substantially advancing our understandings of cloud and precipitation processes.

[AAS04-P05]Evaluation of mixed-phase clouds in NICAM over the Southern Ocean using CALIPSO and a satellite simulator

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It is important to evaluate and improve the cloud properties in non-hydrostatic models such as NICAM (Satoh et al. 2014) using observation data. One of the methods is a radiance-based evaluation using satellite data and a satellite simulator, which avoids making different settings of the microphysics between retrieval algorithms and NICAM.

One of the challenging issues is an evaluation of mixed-phase clouds, which consist of water vapor, ice particles, and supercooled water droplets. It is known one of the main reasons why climate models reveal large errors about the reflection of solar radiation over the Southern Ocean and Arctic.

The purpose of this study is an evaluation and improvement of mixed-phase clouds over the Southern Ocean in NICAM using a Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation (CALIPSO) and a satellite simulator.
We evaluate thermodynamics phase of mixed phases clouds over the Southern Ocean between 45°S to 65°S and 170°E to 170°W following Yoshida et al. (2010) method. We investigate impacts of microphysical processes on the characteristics of mixed-phase clouds.