报告题目: Have we been underestimating aerosol effects on convective clouds and climate?



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报告摘要:

Aerosol effects on clouds, precipitation and climate have been assessed until now mainly by comparing satellite observed cloud properties to aerosol optical depth (AOD). However, AOD is a crude and insensitive measure of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN). This resulted in large under-estimates and under appreciation of aerosol impacts on clouds. Newly developed methodology to retrieve CCN from satellite-measured cloud base drop concentration and updraft provides new capabilities, which resulted in new quantitative insights with respect to the magnitude of the impacts of aerosols on clouds and climate, from marine stratocumulus to deep convection. This presentation will focus on the impacts of CCN on deep tropical convective clouds. Some of the main insights are: (1) Additional CCN cause convective invigoration and deeper clouds. The effect saturates for CCN>~1000 cm⁻³; (2) Additional CCN induce enhanced lightning activity, with a maximum around CCN = ~1000 cm⁻³. Adding CCN beyond that reduces the lightning activity; (3) Additional CCN increases rain intensities, as well as the probability for large hail and tornadoes; (4) The aerosol convective invigoration induces enhancement of the regional monsoonal circulation. Based on the insights obtained so far it is clear that incorporating the aerosols into numerical weather prediction and constraining the simulations by the combined CCN and cloud observations is imperative to the advancement in the prediction skill for convective clouds and precipitation at all scales.