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“Statistical Characteristics of Convective Clouds over the Western Ghats Derived from Weather Radar Observations”

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Utsav B., Deshpande S.M., Das Subrata K. and Pandithurai G.

Abstract

Convection studies over the Western Ghats region have been mostly confined to the use of satellite and reanalysis datasets, but they have limitations in capturing the temporal evolution of convection. This study fills this noticeable gap by utilizing time-continuous, high resolution X-band radar observations at Mandhardev to provide gridded statistics of convective cloud population for the first time. A Lagrangian tracking algorithm was applied to radar datasets to identify convective cells (storms) and generate their morphology. Observed cells are characterized by shallow depths, sub-MCS scales, short duration, and slow speeds. Convective cells are found to form and maintain frequently along the windward slopes of mountain compared to coastal and lee regions, highlighting orographic response to south-westerly flow. The cell properties follow lognormal distribution and exhibit major mid-afternoon, and minor early-morning peaks. Radar derived statistics of convective clouds provide a useful source for the validation of cloud-resolving models.

This citation is presented to

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**“New Parameterization for Ice Nucleation in Indian Monsoon Clouds
based on CAIPEEX Observation”**

by

S.G. Patade

The thesis gives deep insight into ice nucleation, ice particle size distribution properties, role of different ice particle growth processes in monsoon clouds using laboratory, airborne observations and model simulations. These types of observations have been conducted for the first time for monsoon clouds over Indian continent. The concentrations of ice nuclei particles were measured by a diffusion chamber to develop a parameterization equation for primary ice nucleation. The ice particle size distribution was studied in a comprehensive manner using in situ observations and several parameterizations are formulated for describing the ice water content, ice number concentration and the ice particle growth and precipitation. Model simulations of mixed phase clouds observed during CAIPEEX were conducted to investigate the ice and rain formation processes in such clouds. From modeling studies and aircraft observations it was observed that the warm microphysics plays an important role in the development of ice phase in mixed phase monsoon clouds.

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