METR 5233: Cloud and Precipitation Physics

Syllabus

CLASSEON: National Weather Center, Rm. 5930
CLASS TIME: Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12:00-12:50
OFFICE HOURS: Mon. & Fri. 2:00-4:00, or drop by when I’m available.

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TEXT BOOK:
Rogers and Yau: A Short Course in Cloud Physics, Third Edition

REFERENCE BOOKS:
Pruppacher and Klett, Microphysics of Clouds and Precipitation
Straka, Cloud and Precipitation Microphysics: Principles and Parameterizations

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to introduce students to the physical states and processes of clouds and precipitation at greater depth than the usual undergraduate course on the subjects. Polarimetric radar data and in-situ observations will be used in the class to illustrate precipitation development and evolution. Potential applications of cloud microphysics in model parameterization will be discussed.

GRADES

Homework problems: 30%
Midterm examination: 30%
Final examination (12/13/2013, 1:30-3:30pm): 40%

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