

# The development of BCC\_RAD radiative transfer model and its applications

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# BCC\_RAD 大气辐射

## 传输模式

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# Chapters

1. Correlated k-Distribution Method for Atmospheric Absorption
2. Aerosol Optics
3. Cloud Optics
4. Radiative Transfer Algorithms
5. Comparison between BCC\_RAD and Different Radiation Models
6. Applications in RF and GWP studies
7. Applications in BCC\_AGCM

# Outline

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**Correlated k-Distribution Method**

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Radiative Transfer Algorithms

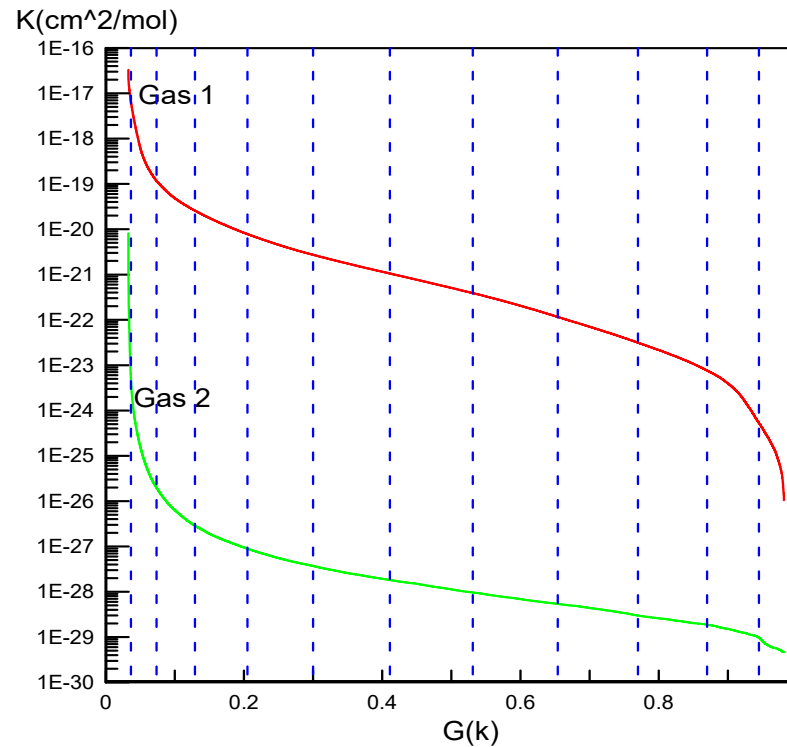
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Comparison of BCC\_RAD with other Models

# Methods for Overlapping

(Zhang et al., JGR, 2003)

- Completely Uncorrelated
- Perfectly Correlated
- Partly Correlated



## Scheme I: Completely uncorrelated:

Formula-1 
$$T(u_1, u_2) = T(u_1)T(u_2) = \sum_{i=1, M} A_i A_j \exp[-(k_i^1 u_1 + k_j^2 u_2)]$$

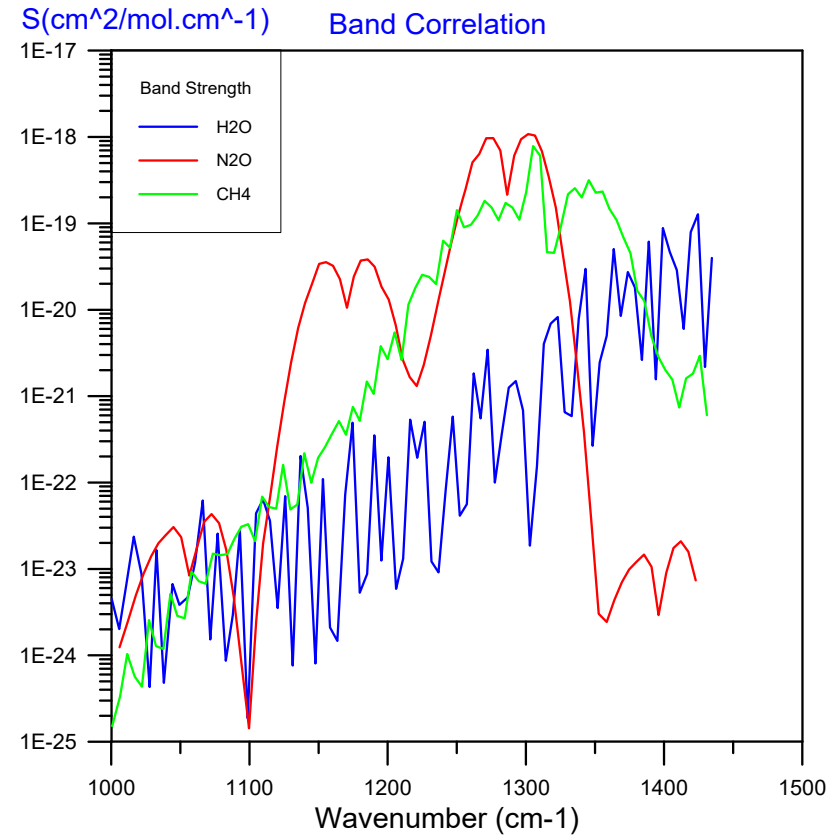
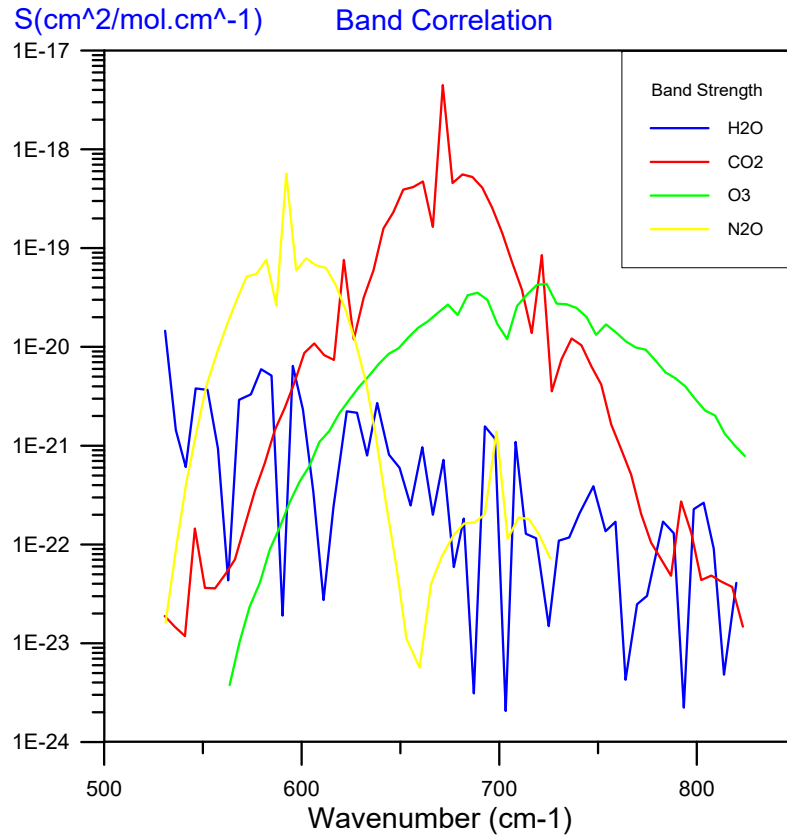
## Scheme II: Perfectly correlated:

Formula-2 
$$T(u_1, u_2) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j \exp[-(k_j^1 u_1 + k_j^2 u_2)]$$

# Problems of Above Two Schemes

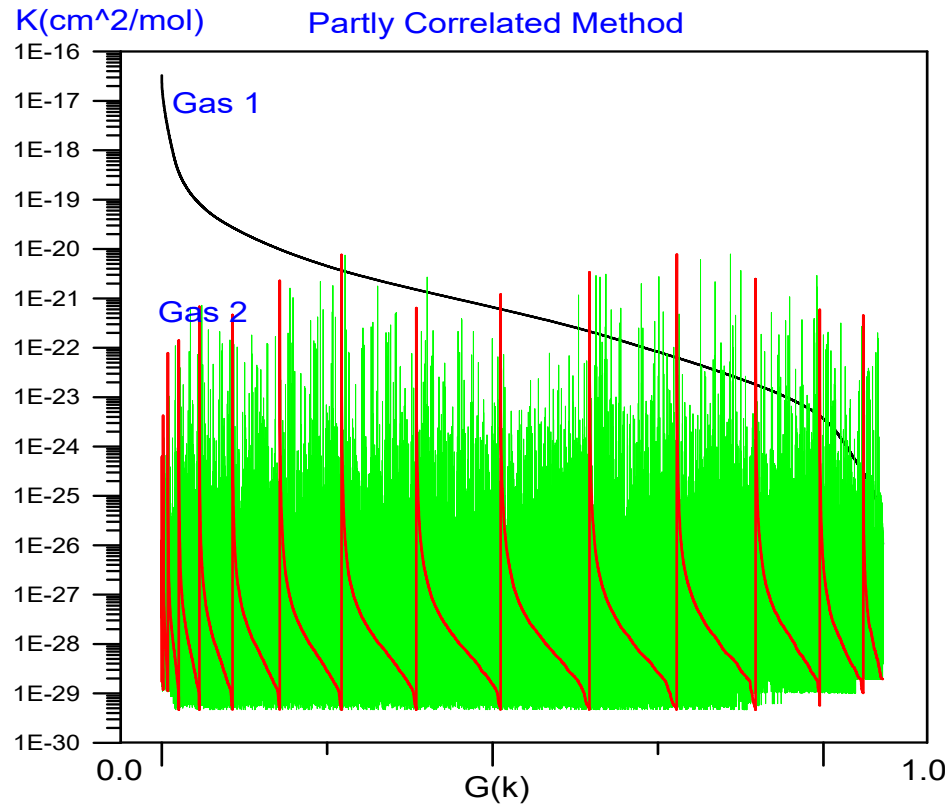
- **Scheme-I:**
  - \*Underestimates or overestimates transmittance (Shi, 1984; Chou et al., 2001);
  - \*Cannot be used in some remote sensing applications (Yang et al., 2000);
- **Scheme-II:**
  - \*Overestimates transmittance for most cases (Firsov et al., 1998).

# Correlation among Gases





# Scheme III: partly correlated



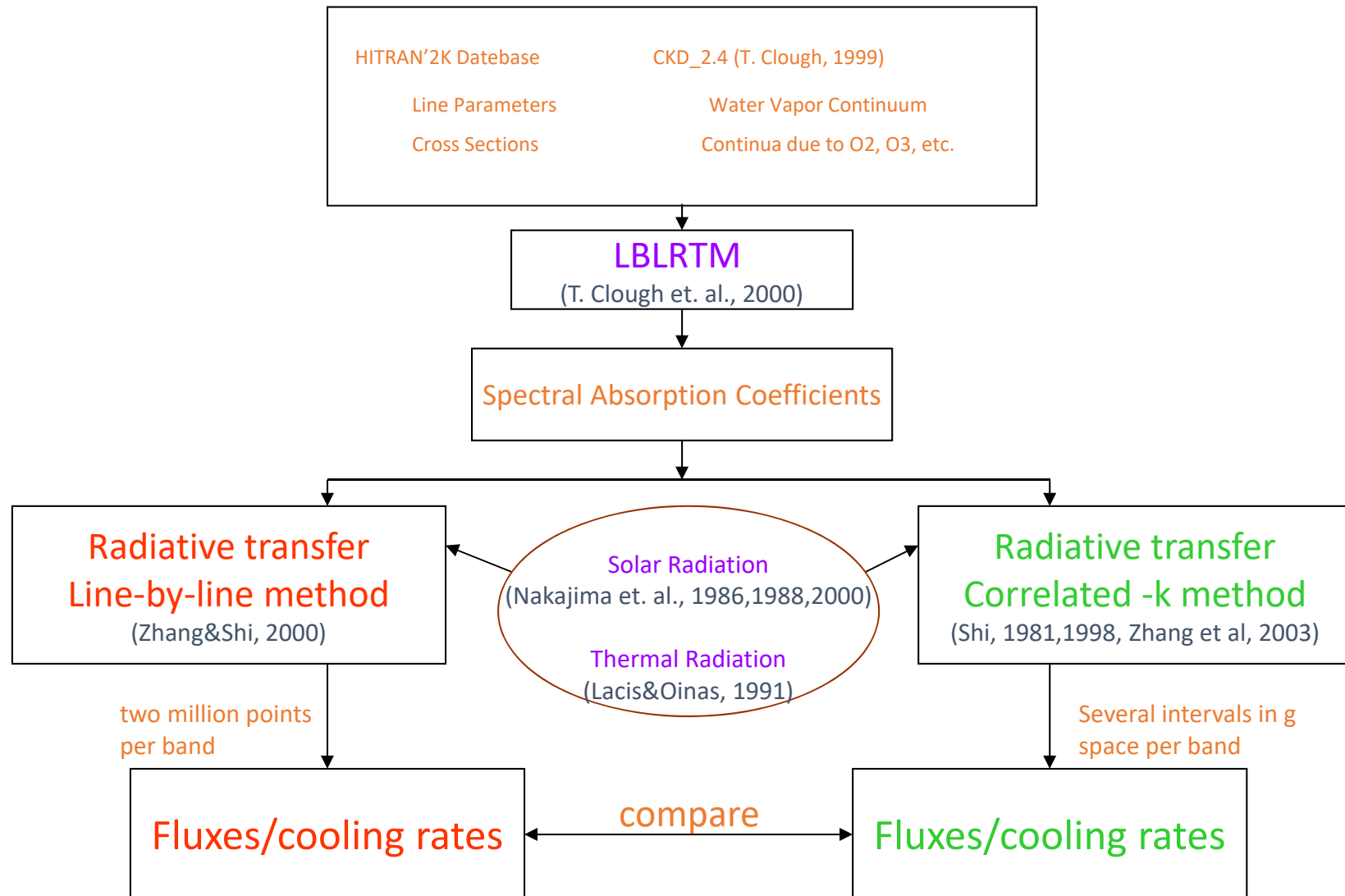
Formula-4

Formula-5

$$T(u_1, u_2) = \sum_{i=1}^M A_i \exp[-(k_i^1 u_1 + k_i^2 u_2)]$$

$$T(u_1, u_2) = \sum_{i=1}^M A_i \exp[-(k_i^1 u_1 + \overline{k_i^2} u_2)]$$

# Flow Chart for Calculation (Zhang et al., JGR, 2003)



# Optimal method to chose overlapping bands (Zhang et al., JQSRT, 2006a)

- Criteria

$$Diff = \frac{1}{M_{layer} \cdot N_{atm}} \sum_{\substack{layer=1 \\ iatm=1}}^{N_{atm}} (CR_{layer\ iatm}^{ck-D} - CR_{layer\ iatm}^{LBL})^2$$

$$Method = Method[Min(Diff1, Diff2, Diff3, Diff4), \dots]$$

M<sub>layer</sub>=75; N<sub>atm</sub>=6;

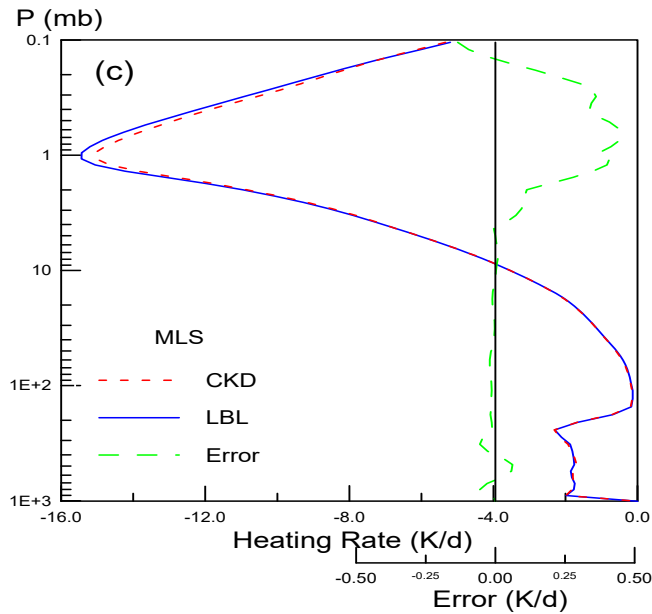
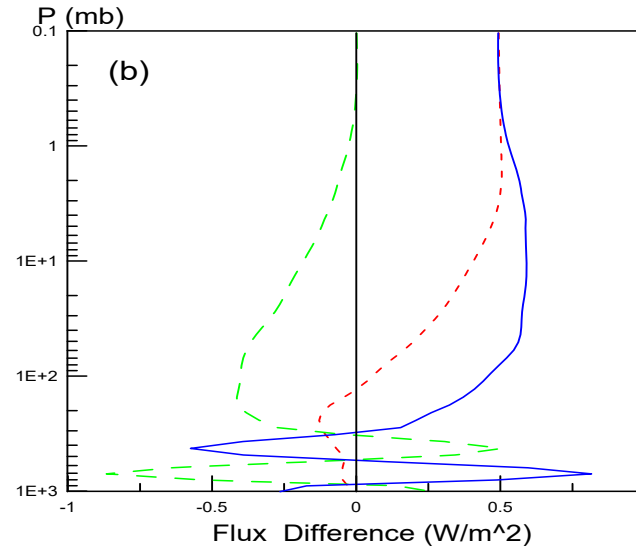
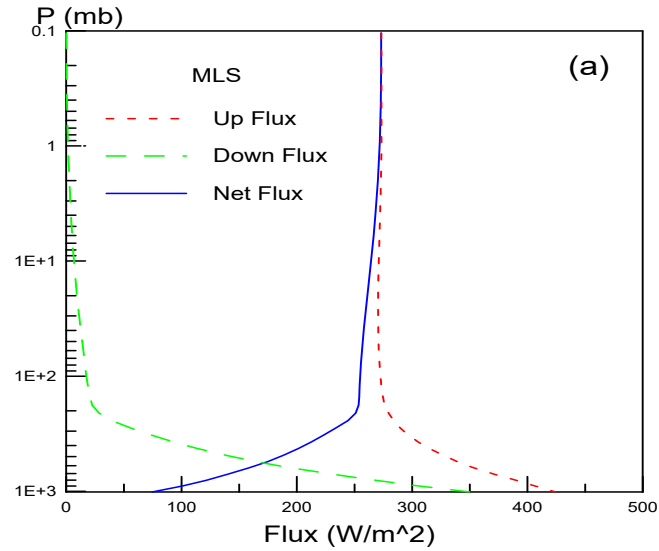
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| 1. Tropical;       | 4. High-Lat summer; |
| 2. Mid-Lat summer; | 5. High-Lat winter; |
| 3. Mid-Lat winter; | 6. US standard.     |

# Band Configuration

Band	Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	k-interval	Gases	Transmittance model
1	10 - 250	12	H <sub>2</sub> O	
2	250 - 430	14	H <sub>2</sub> O	
3	430 - 530	16	H <sub>2</sub> O	
4	530 - 630	14	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	Formula-1
5	630 - 700	16	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>	Formula-5
6	700 - 820	16	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>	Formula-1
7	820 - 940	6	H <sub>2</sub> O	
8	940 - 1200	10	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>	Formula-1
9	1200 - 1300	9	H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	Formula-4
10	1300 - 1390	14	H <sub>2</sub> O, N <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	Formula-1
11	1390 - 1480	16	H <sub>2</sub> O	
12	1480 - 1810	14	H <sub>2</sub> O	
13	1810 - 2110	10	H <sub>2</sub> O	
14	2110 - 2680	14	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	Formula-1
15	2680 - 3500	8	H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	Formula-2
16	3500 - 3900	15	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub>	Formula-2
17	3900 - 4540	16	H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	Formula-5
18	4540 - 6150	16	H <sub>2</sub> O	
19	6150 - 8050	15	H <sub>2</sub> O	
20	8050 - 12000	16	H <sub>2</sub> O	
21	12000-22000	3	H <sub>2</sub> O, O <sub>3</sub>	Formula-5
22	22000-31000		---	
23	31000-33000	2	O <sub>3</sub>	
24	33000-35000	2	O <sub>3</sub>	
25	35000-37000	2	O <sub>3</sub>	
26	37000-43000	4	O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>	Formula-1
27	43000-49000	2	O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>	Formula-5

# Sensitivity to Concentration

2 × CO<sub>2</sub> (330 ppmv) Results



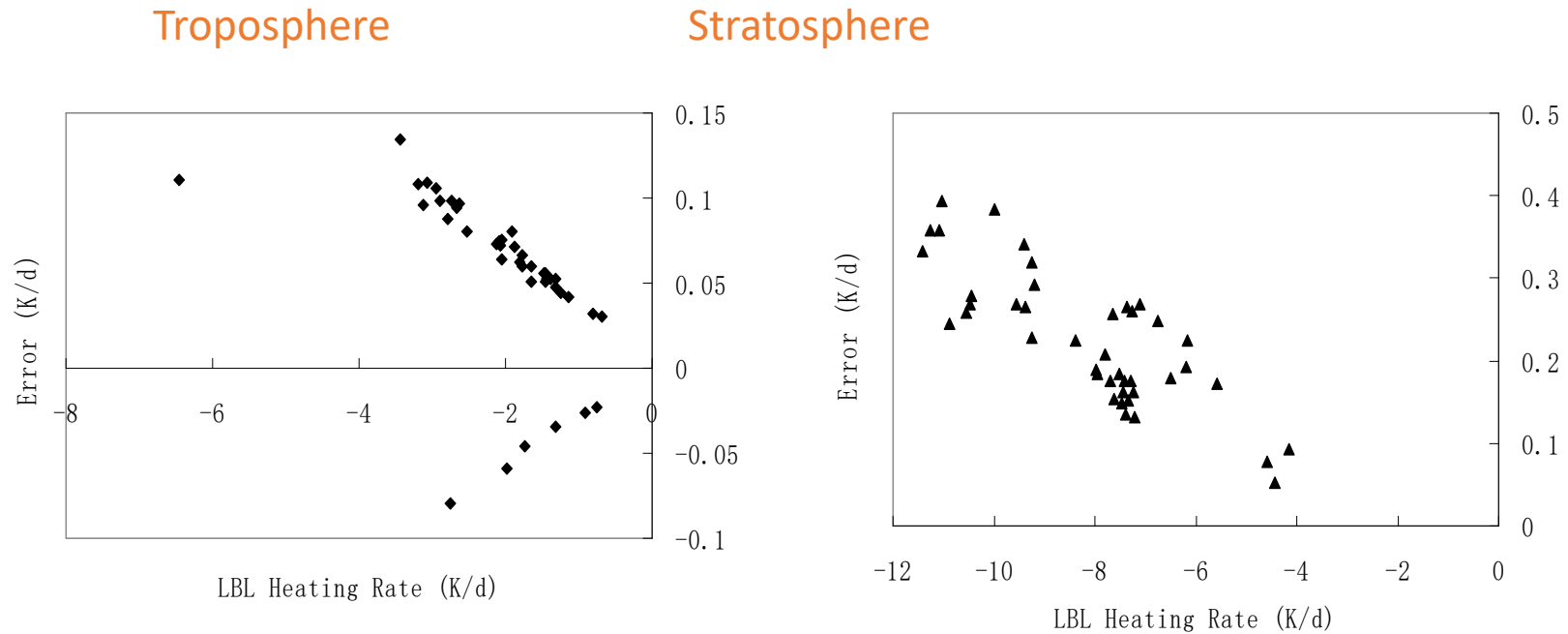
## Maximum Error

2 × CO<sub>2</sub>      CO<sub>2</sub>

Troposphere: 0.06K/d --- 0.06K/d;

Stratosphere: 0.45K/d --- 0.33K/d;

# Maximum Errors of LW Heating Rates For 42 Diverse Profiles (Garand et al., 2001)

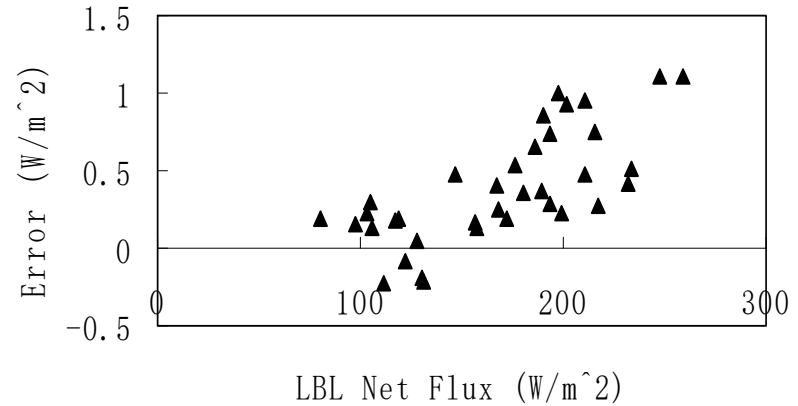
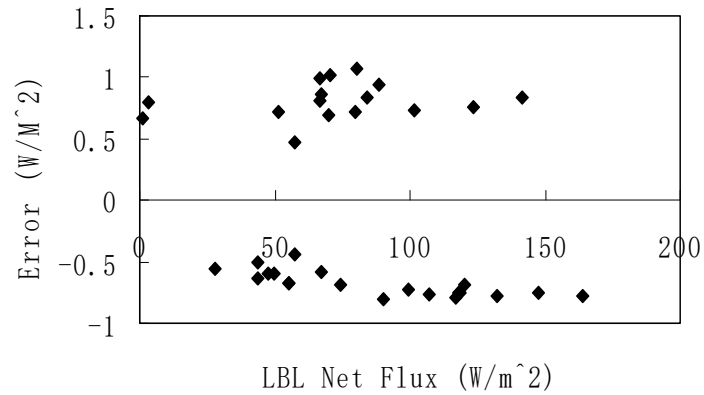


## Average Value

Troposphere: 0.068K/d;

Stratosphere: 0.22K/d;

# Maximum Errors of LW Net Fluxs For 42 Diverse Profiles



Accuracy of Net Flux:  
**1.1 W/m<sup>2</sup>**

# Five versions in 17-band scheme

Band	Region(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Gas	5 Versions				
			17H	17M	17L1	17L2	17L3
1	10–250	H <sub>2</sub> O	12	12	4	4	4
2	250–550	H <sub>2</sub> O	16	15	15	4	4
3	550–780	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub>	16	16	16	16	11
4	780–990	H <sub>2</sub> O	5	5	5	5	5
5	990–1200	H <sub>2</sub> O, O <sub>3</sub>	9	9	5	5	5
6	1200–1430	H <sub>2</sub> O, N <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	14	12	5	5	5
7	1430–2110	H <sub>2</sub> O	8	5	5	5	5
8	2110–2680	H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	15	14	2	2	2
9	2680–5200	H <sub>2</sub> O	16	6	5	5	5
10	5200–12,000	H <sub>2</sub> O	7	7	5	5	5
11	12,000–22,000	H <sub>2</sub> O, O <sub>3</sub>	3	3	3	3	3
12	22,000–31,000	—	0	0	0	0	0
13	31,000–33,000	O <sub>3</sub>	2	2	2	2	2
14	33,000–35,000	O <sub>3</sub>	2	2	2	2	2
15	35,000–37,000	O <sub>3</sub>	2	2	2	2	2
16	37,000–43,000	O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>	4	4	4	4	4
17	43,000–49,000	O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>	2	2	2	2	2
Total number of k-intervals			133	116	82	71	66

The selection of number of k-interval (Zhang et al., Optical Engineering, 2006b)





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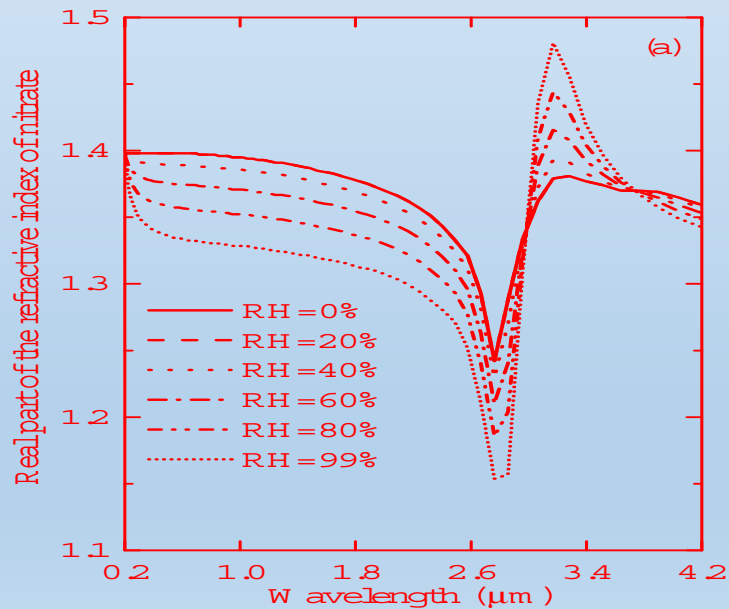
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# Spherical Aerosols

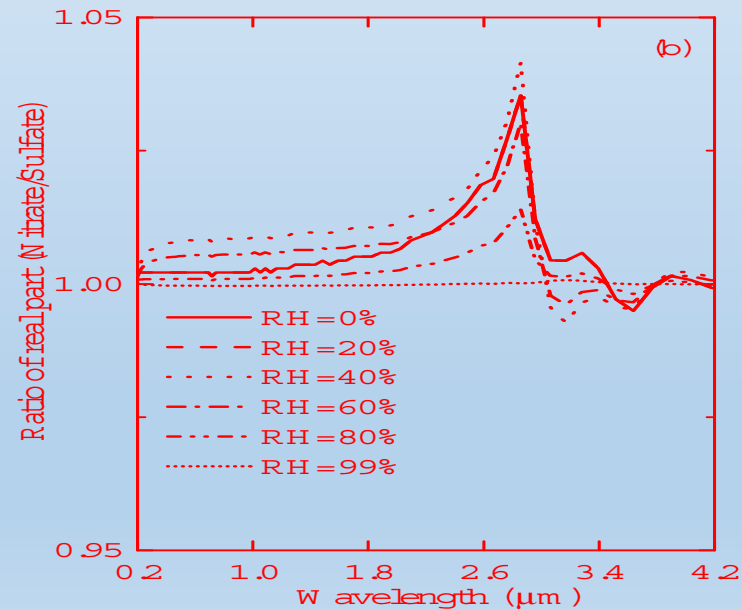
(Zhang et al., 2012; 王志立, 博士论文, 2011)

## Mie Theory: Sulfate, OC, BC, Nitrate, Sea Salt

Real part of the refractive index of nitrate



Ratio of real part (Nitrate/Sulfate)



# Nonspherical dust-like aerosols

(卫晓东和张华, 光学学报, 2011; 卫晓东, 硕士论文, 2010)

The shape of dust particle is irregular. The rotational symmetry **ellipsoid** is used to approximate the shape of the actual dust particle.

The distribution of dust particles is described by **lognormal distribution**:

$$n(r_v) = \frac{dN(r_v)}{dr_v} = \frac{1}{r_v} \frac{N}{\sqrt{2\pi} \ln \sigma} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\ln r_v - \ln r_m}{\ln \sigma} \right)^2 \right]$$

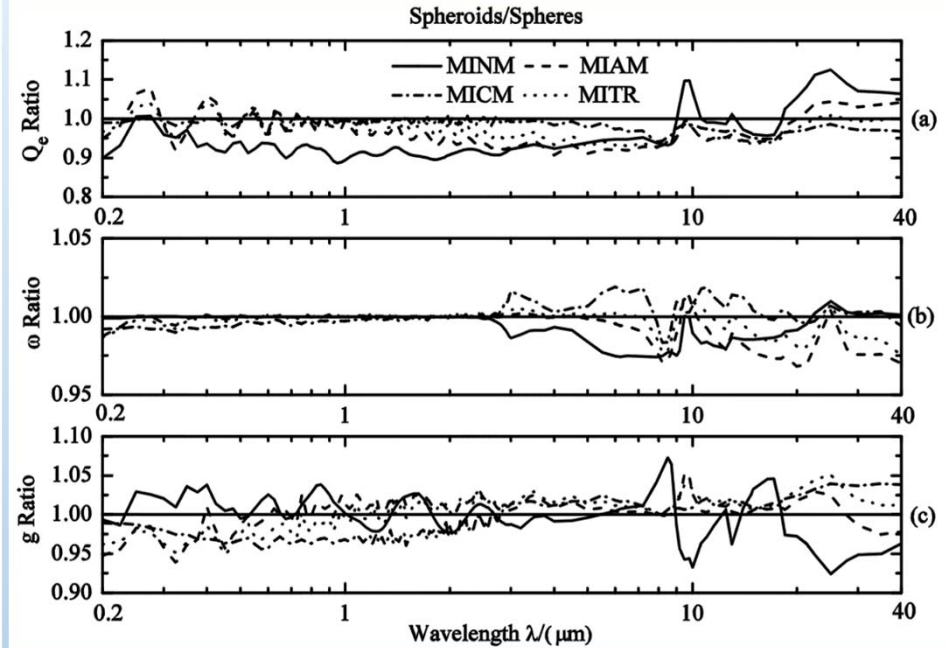
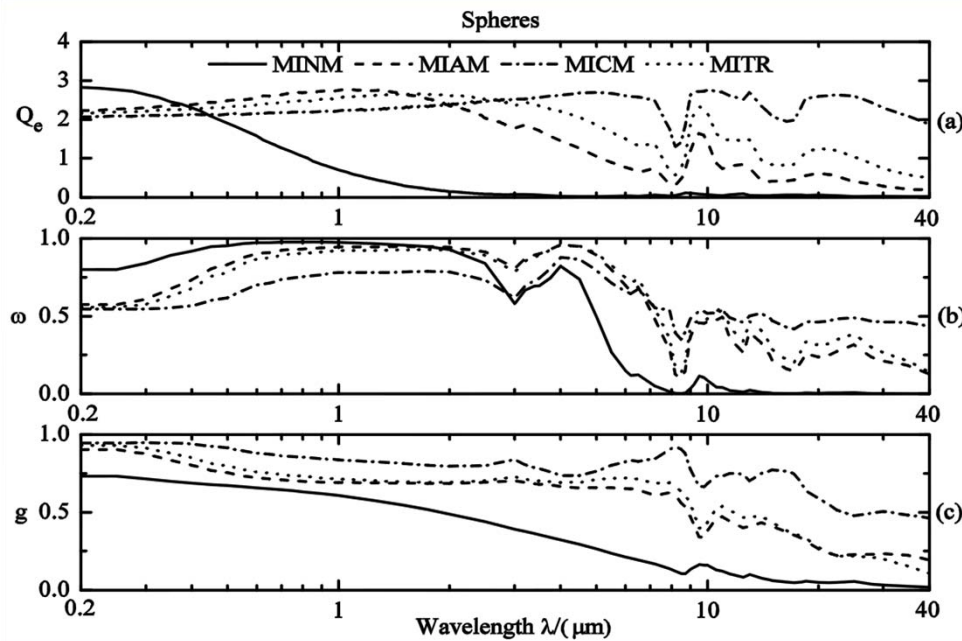
OPAC (Optical Properties of Aerosols and Clouds) model divides dust aerosols into **four types**:

Aerosol types	Mode radius, $r_m$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Standard Deviation, $\sigma$	Density, $\rho$ ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )	mass concentration( $\mu\text{g}$ $\text{m}^{-3}$ )/(part $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
Nuclei mode (MINM)	0.07	1.95	2.60	2.78E-2
Accumulation mode (MIAM)	0.39	2.00	2.60	5.53E0
Coarse mode (MICM)	1.90	2.15	2.60	3.24E2
Transmission mode (MITR)	0.50	2.20	2.60	1.59E1

# Nonspherical dust-like aerosols

Change of  $Q_e$  (a),  $\omega$  (b) and  $g$  (c) of four types of dust-like aerosols with wavelength

Change of ratios of  $Q_e$ (a),  $\omega$ (b) and  $g$ (c) of spheroid to those of sphere with wavelength



The shape of dust-like aerosols has a smaller influence on the extinction efficiency factor, scattering albedo and asymmetry factor compared to the size distribution

# Summary

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## 非球形沙尘气溶胶光学特性的分析

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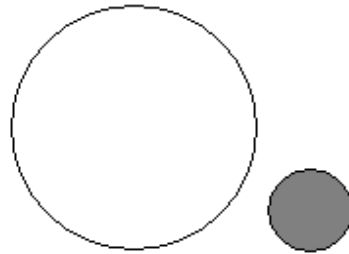
**摘要** 将T矩阵方法与几何光学方法相结合,精确计算了从太阳短波到红外谱段具有一定形状分布和谱分布的非球形沙尘粒子的光学特性,并与等体积球形沙尘的光学特性进行了比较。结果表明:1)相比沙尘粒径大小分布对沙尘气溶胶消光效率因子,单次散射反照率以及不对称因子的影响,沙尘形状对上述参数的影响明显偏小;2)非球形与球形沙尘粒子的相函数在短波区存在显著差异,这种差异在卫星探测常用的可见光区达到最大,并且随着散射角的变化具有一定的规律;3)在短波区,雷达方程中的消光后向散射比受沙尘形状的影响比较显著,因此在利用雷达方程反演沙尘气溶胶光学厚度时应考虑非球形效应。

**关键词** 大气光学;光学特性;T矩阵方法;几何光学方法;沙尘气溶胶;非球形粒子

**the retrieval of dust optical depth by lidar.**

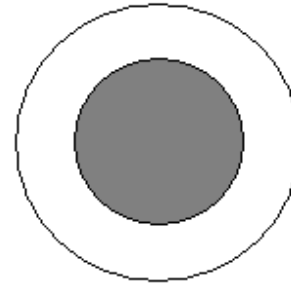
# Different mixing of aerosols

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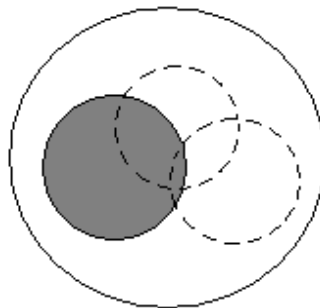
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**core-shell**



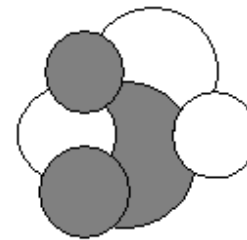
(b)

**Maxwell**



(c)

**Bruggeman**

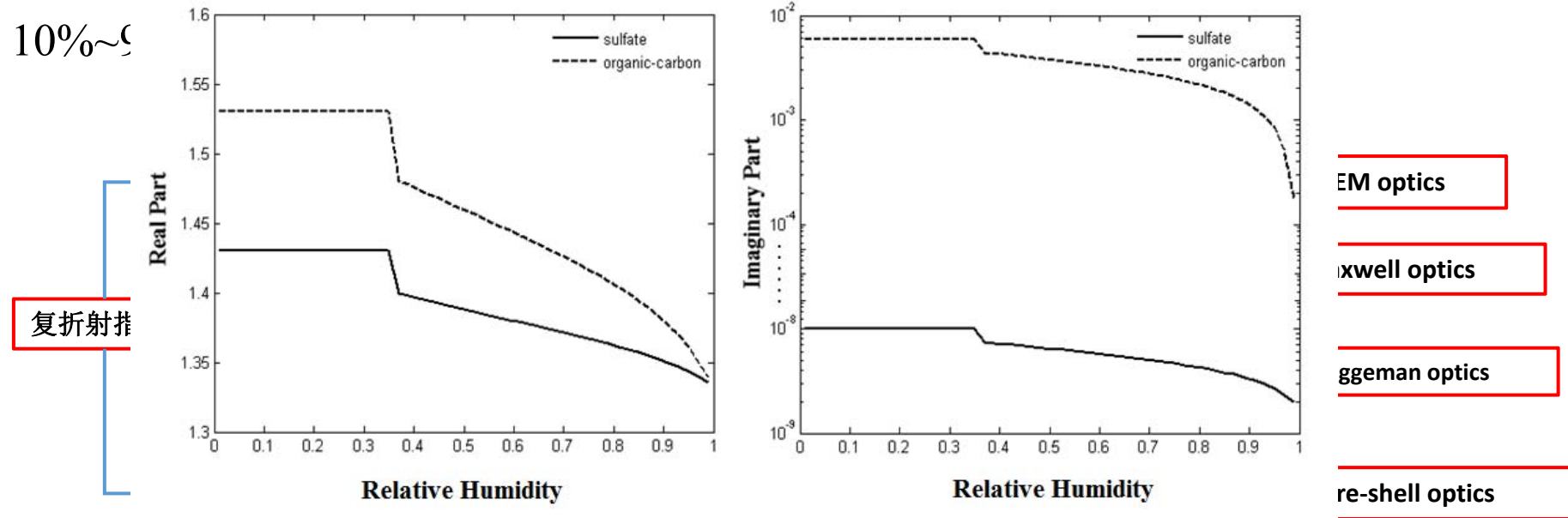


(d)

Mixing models considered in BCC\_RAD

# The optical properties of aerosols

- Complex refractive indices are from HITRAN 2005 database.
- The optical properties of BC-sulfate and BC-OC aerosols including 17 Wave bands: 0.204–1000  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  relative humidity bins: 0.2–0.99, 10 volume mixing ratio bands: 10%~99%



Maxwell equivalent media

Bruggeman equivalent media

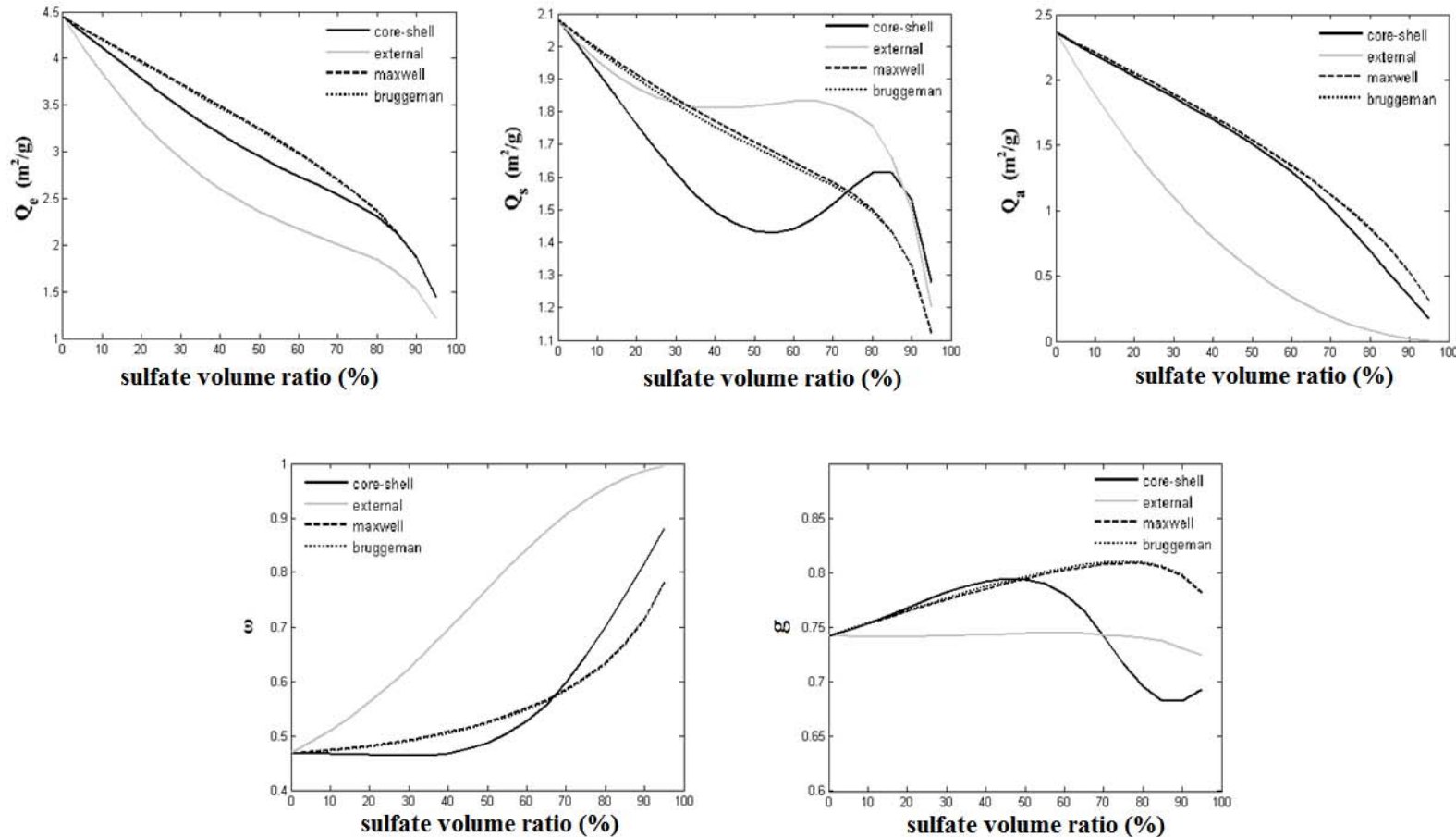
The change of refractive indices with radii growth (Bohren *et al.*, 1998)

$$m = \sqrt{m_a^2 \frac{m_b^2 + 2m_a^2 + 2f_b(m_b^2 - m_a^2)}{m_b^2 + 2m_a^2 - f_b(m_b^2 - m_a^2)}} = m_w + (m_d - m_w) \times \frac{(r_d)^3}{(r_m)^3} f_a \frac{m_a^2 - m^2}{m_a^2 + 2m^2} + f_b \frac{m_b^2 - m^2}{m_b^2 + 2m^2} = 0$$



# The optical properties of aerosols

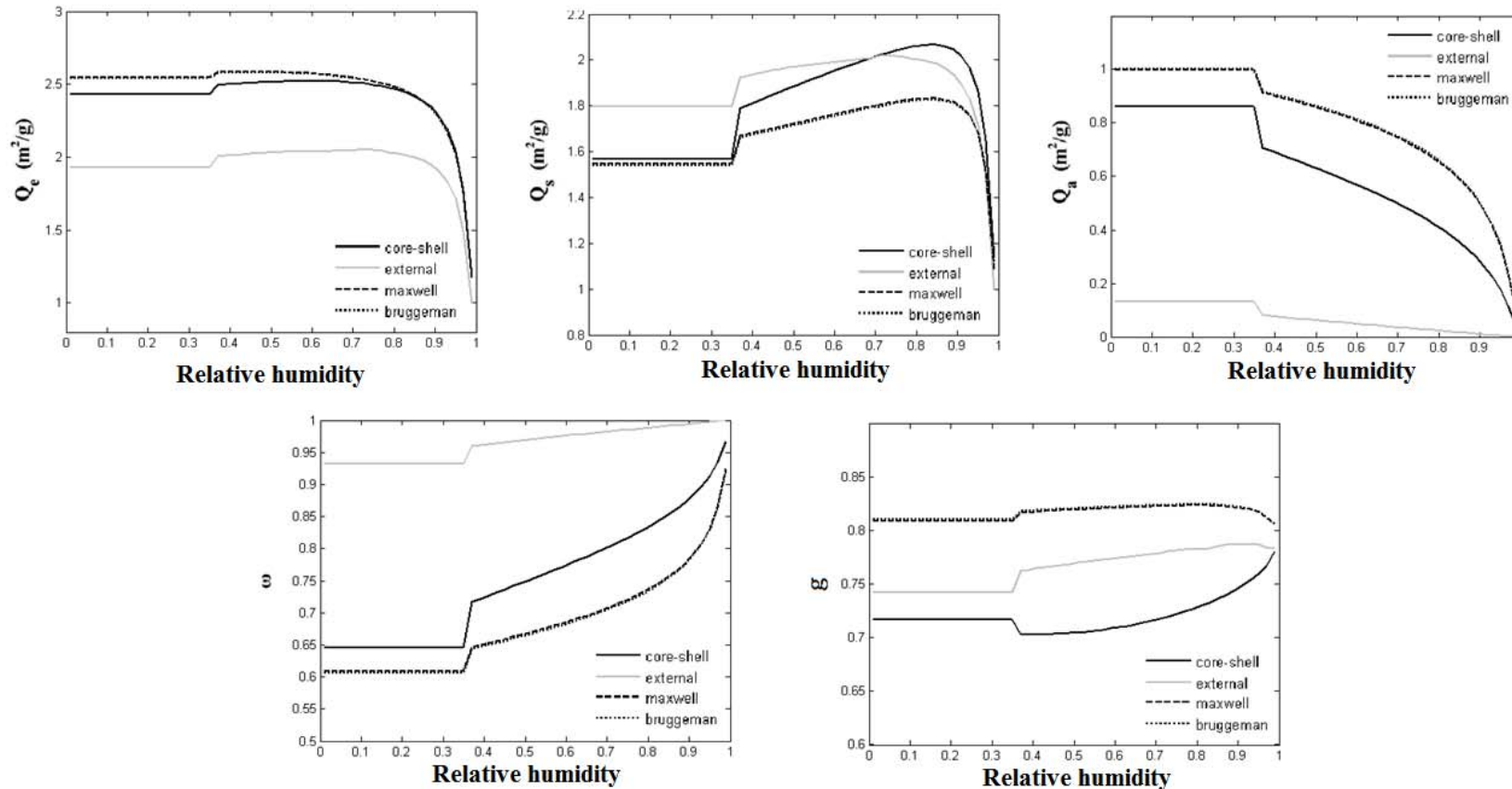
(Zhang et al., JQSRT, 2015a)



The change of BC-sulfate aerosol optical properties with sulfate volume ratio

# The optical properties of aerosols

(Zhang et al., JQSRT, 2015a)



The change of BC-sulfate aerosol optical properties with relative humidity

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# 1、Optical Properties of Water Cloud

Water cloud optical properties

(卢鹏, 博士论文, 2012  
; Lu et al., JAS, 2011)

Band-mean  
parameterization

**k- distribution  
parameterization**

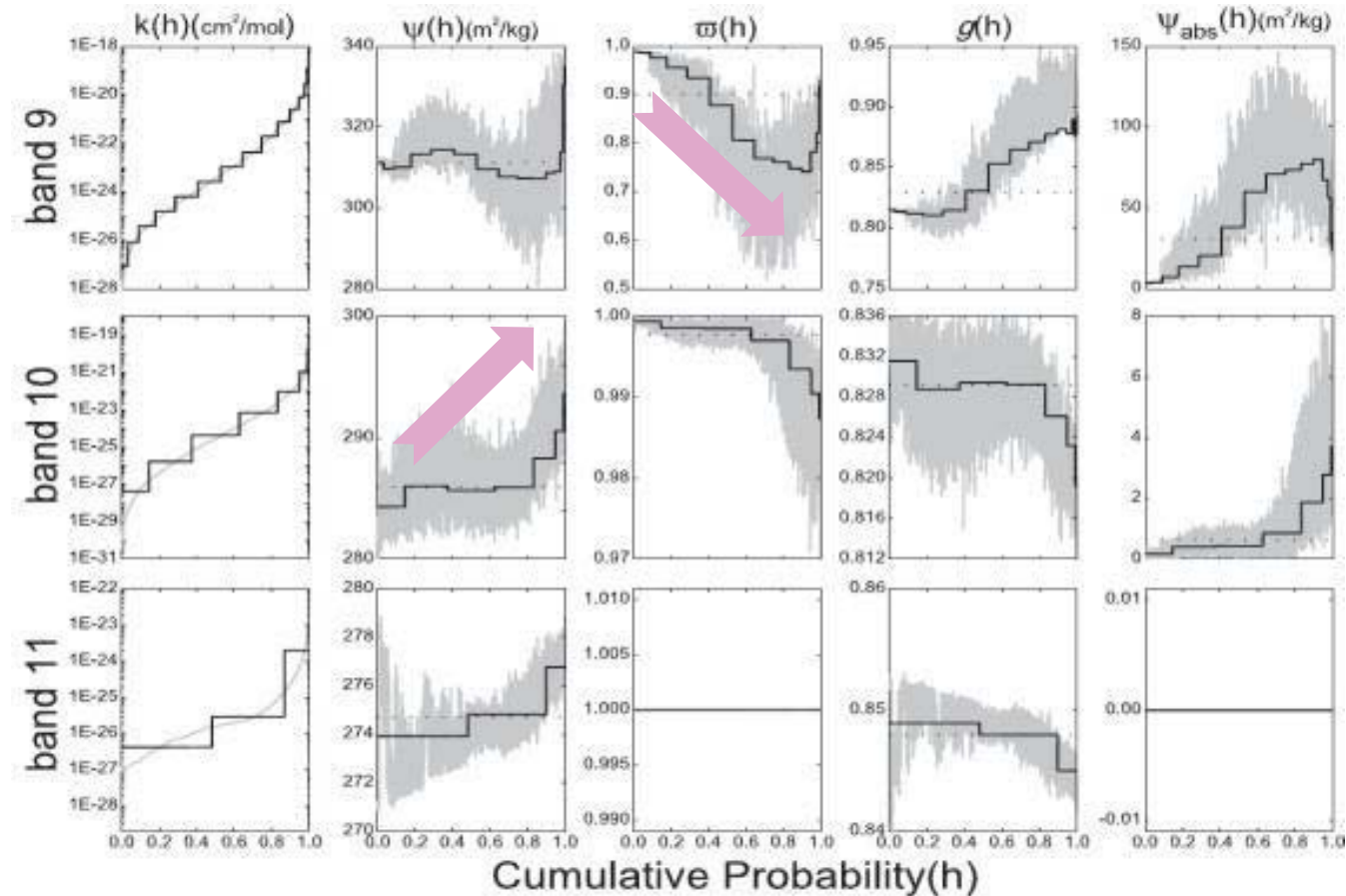
- ignores the correlation between gaseous absorption and cloud optical properties in the band
- overestimates the heating rate at the top of cloud in shortwave

- considers the correlation
- improves the precision of radiation calculation of cloudy sky

# The correlation of the optical properties between water cloud and water vapor

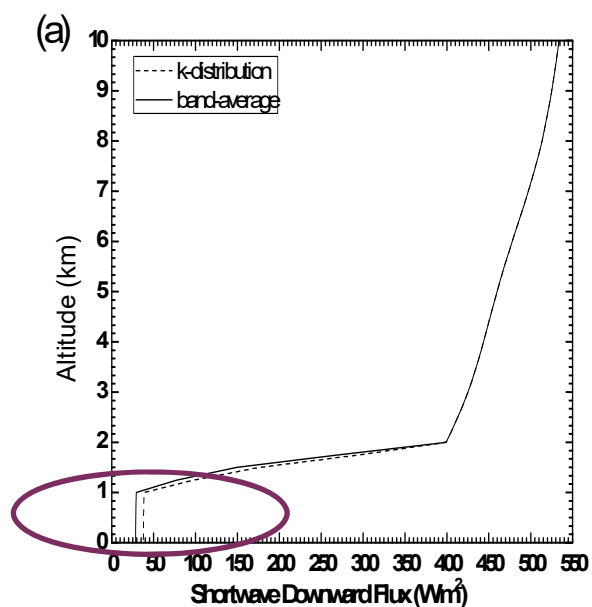
Rearranging Kabs of water vapor.

Mapping the optical properties of water clouds.

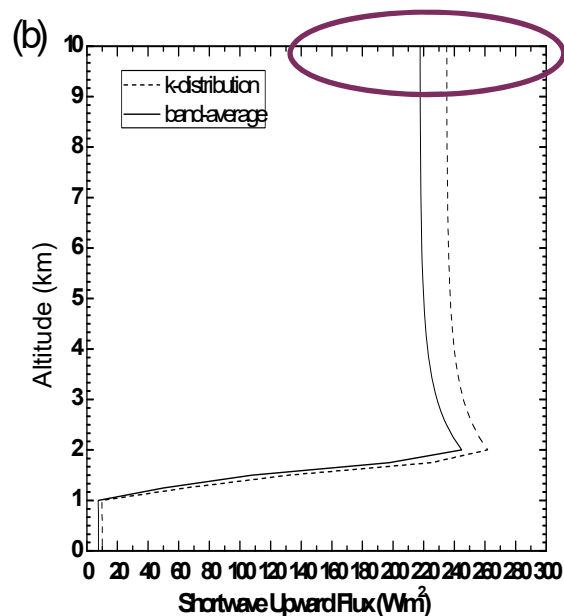


(Lu et al, JAS, 2011)

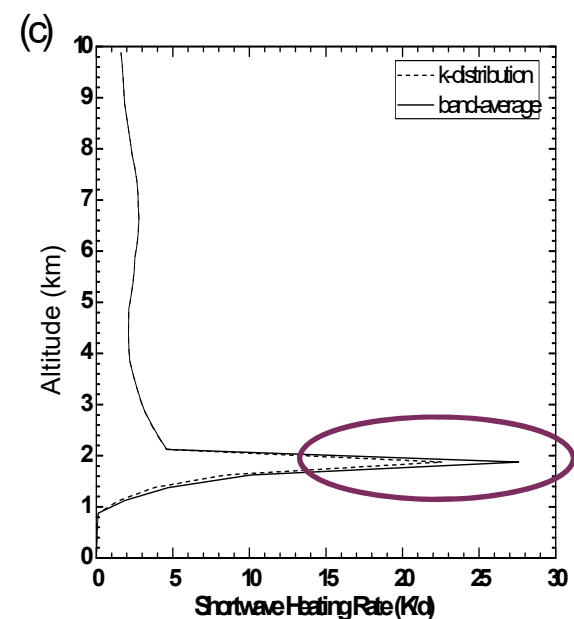
# The effect of two schemes of water cloud on radiative flux and heating rate



短波向下辐射通量

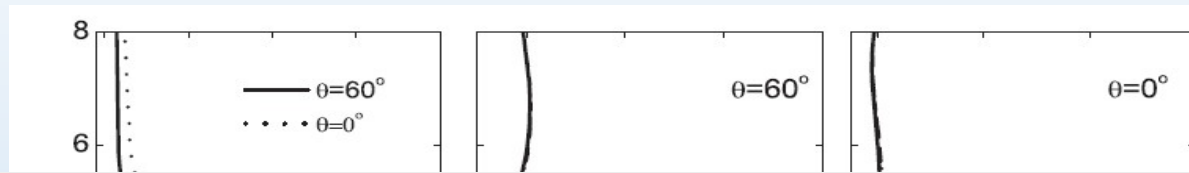


短波向上辐射通量

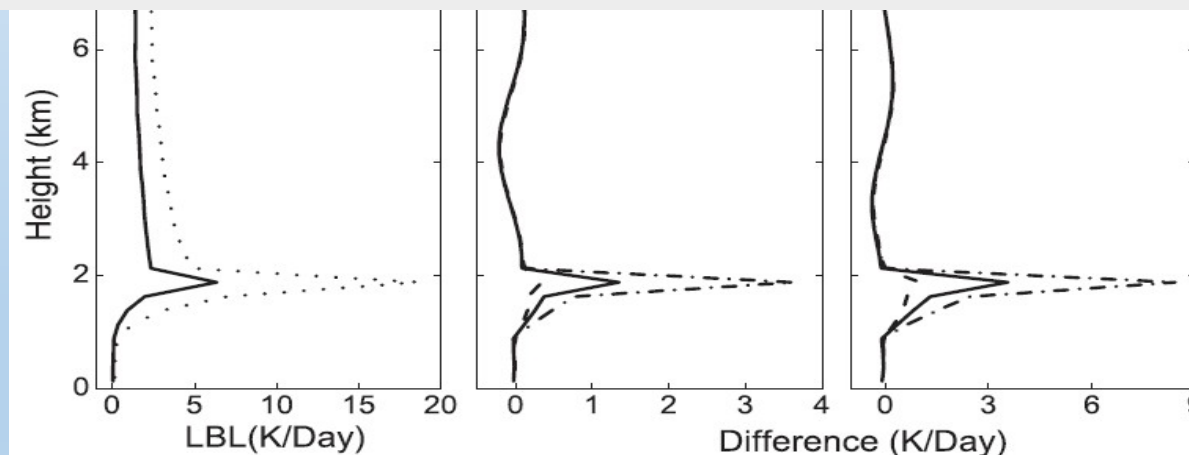


短波加热率

# Optical Properties of Water Cloud



Compared to the band-mean scheme, the k-distribution cloud scheme can reduce the overestimation of shortwave heating rate at the top of cloud.



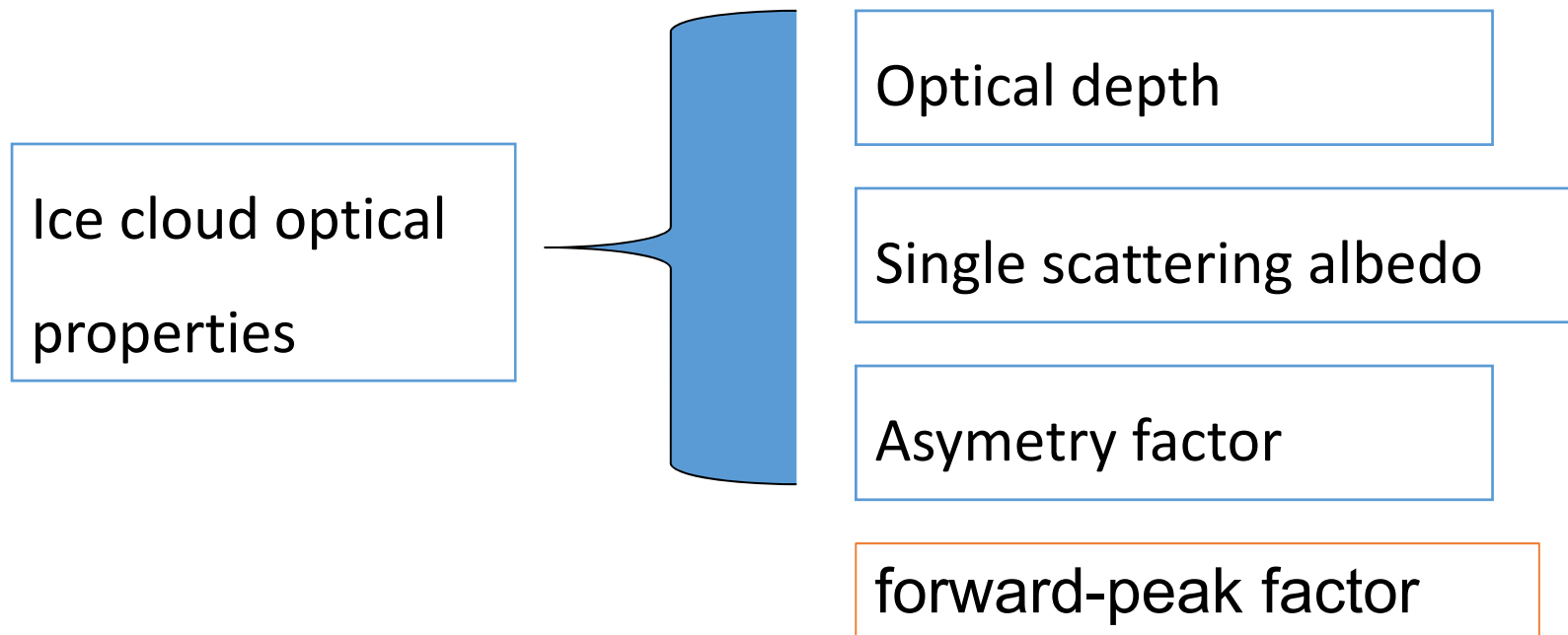
**Left:** Shortwave heating rate by LBL for the middle and low clouds, in MLS profile with solar zenith angle  $\theta_0=0^\circ$  and  $\theta_0=60^\circ$ .

**Middle:** The errors for  $\theta_0=60^\circ$ .

**Right:** The errors for  $\theta_0=0^\circ$

(Lu et al., JAS, 2011)

## 2、 New parameterization for ice cloud (Zhang et al, JQSRT, 2015b)



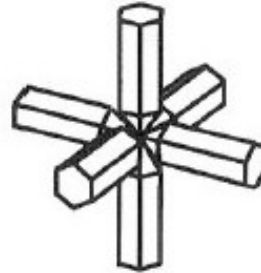


# Habits in the dataset

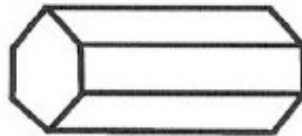
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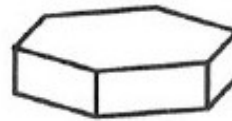
Bullet rosette



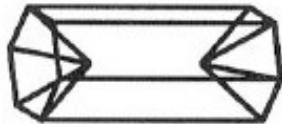
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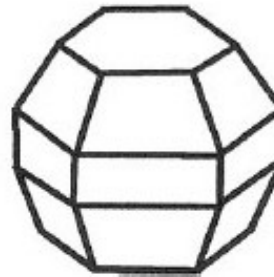
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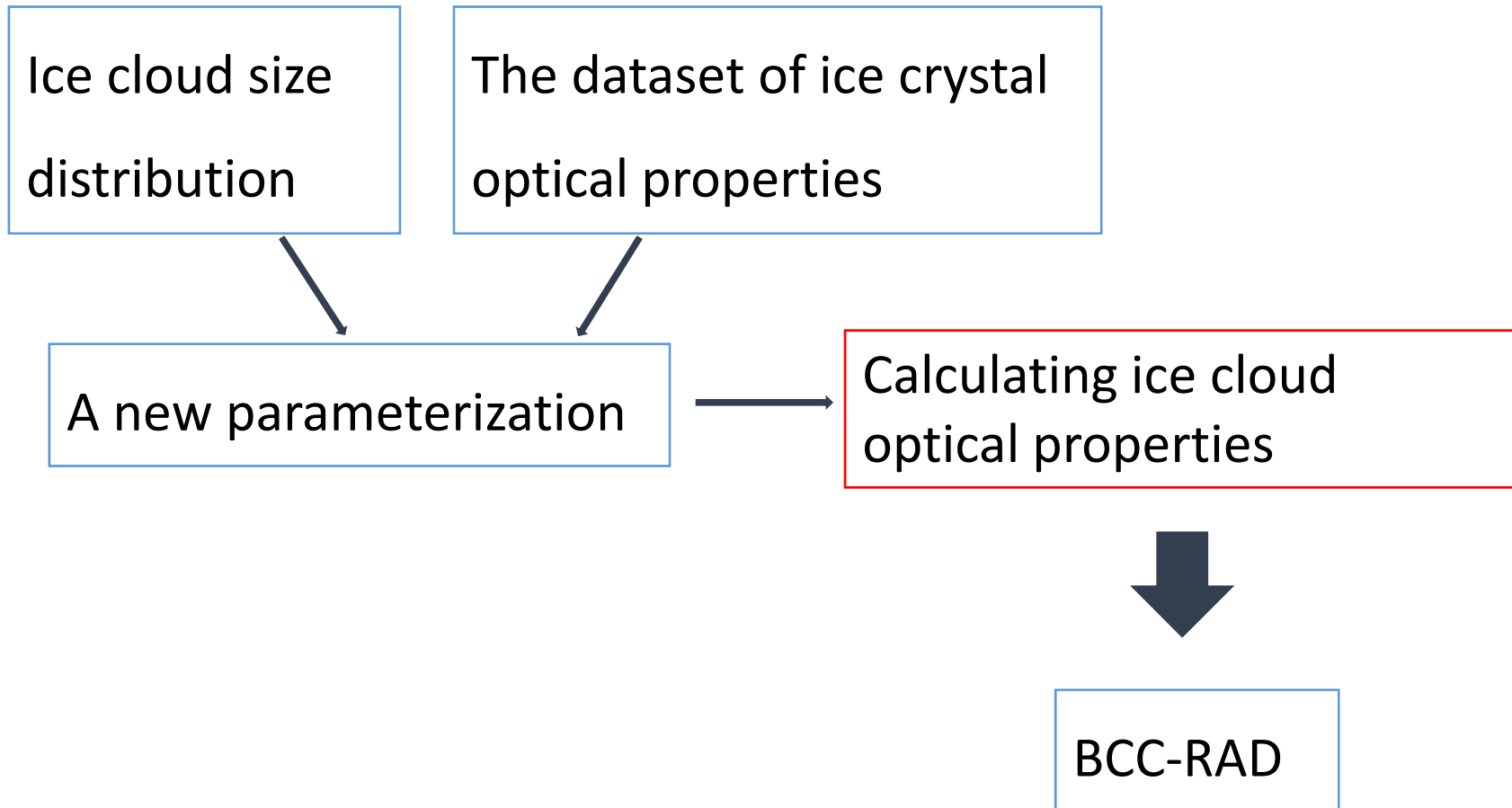
Hollow column



Droxtal



# Method



# Data

- Ice crystal particles: six habits.
- Geometric properties: equivalent projected area size and equivalent volume size for 38 size bins.
- Optical properties: extinction efficiency, single scatter albedo, asymmetry factor, and  $\delta$ -function forward-peak factor for 38 size bins and 65 wavelengths (Yang et al., 2006).

# Size distributions and weight distribution

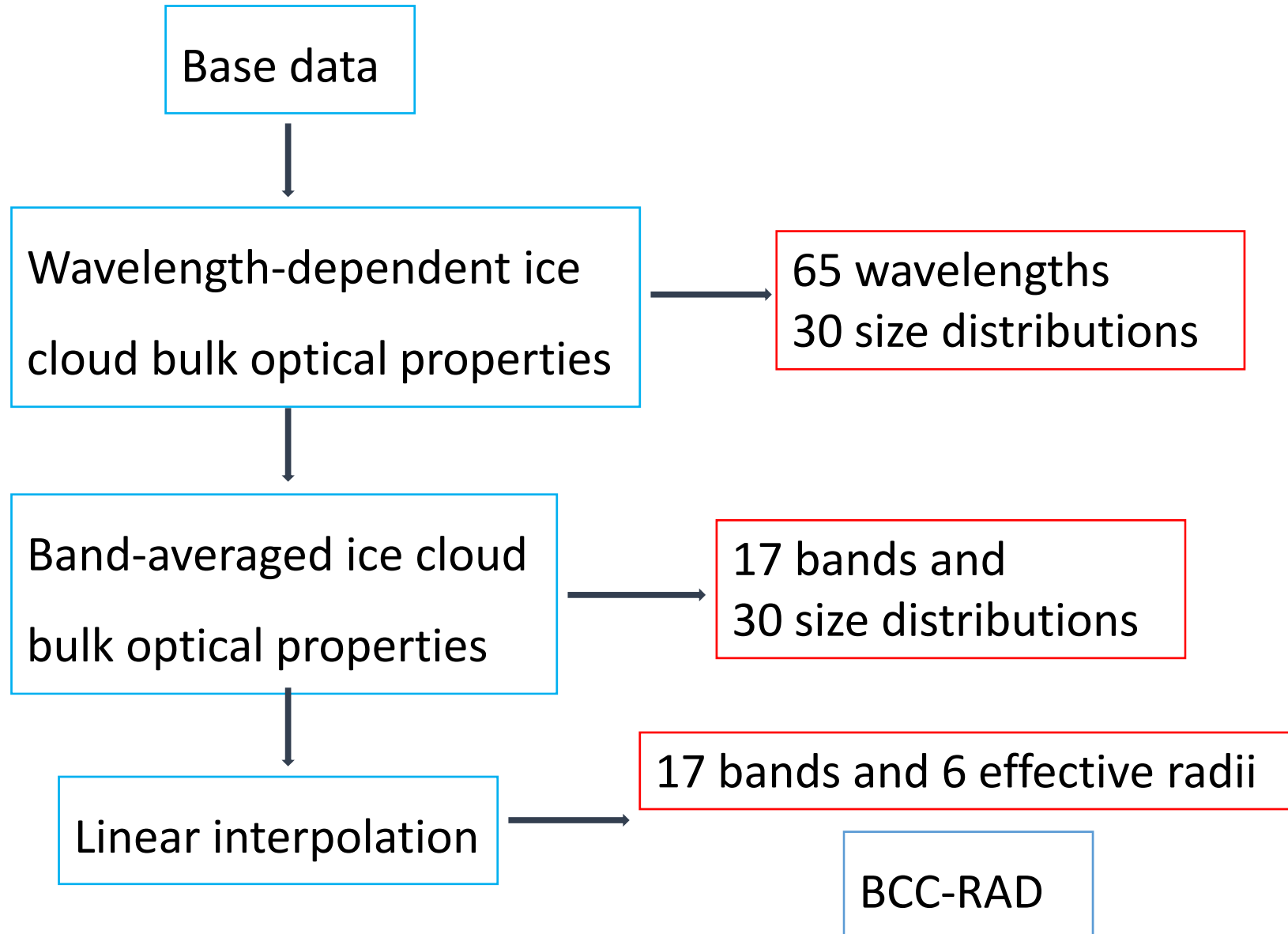
- 30 size distributions of the ice crystals by Fu (1996)

- Baum et al. (2005):

$L < 60 \mu\text{m}$  comprises 100% droxtals;  $60 < L < 1000 \mu\text{m}$  comprises 50% solid columns, 35% hexagonal plates, and 15% spatial bullet rosettes;  $1000 < L < 2000 \mu\text{m}$  comprises 45% solid columns, 45% hollow columns, and 10% aggregates;  $L > 2000 \mu\text{m}$  comprises 97% spatial bullet rosettes and 3% aggregates.

Zhang et al., JQSRT, 2015

# Steps of creating the new parameterization



The band-averaged ice cloud bulk optical properties:

$$\overline{k_{ex}} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) k_{ex}(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) d\lambda};$$

$$\overline{k_{ab}} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) k_{ab}(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) d\lambda};$$

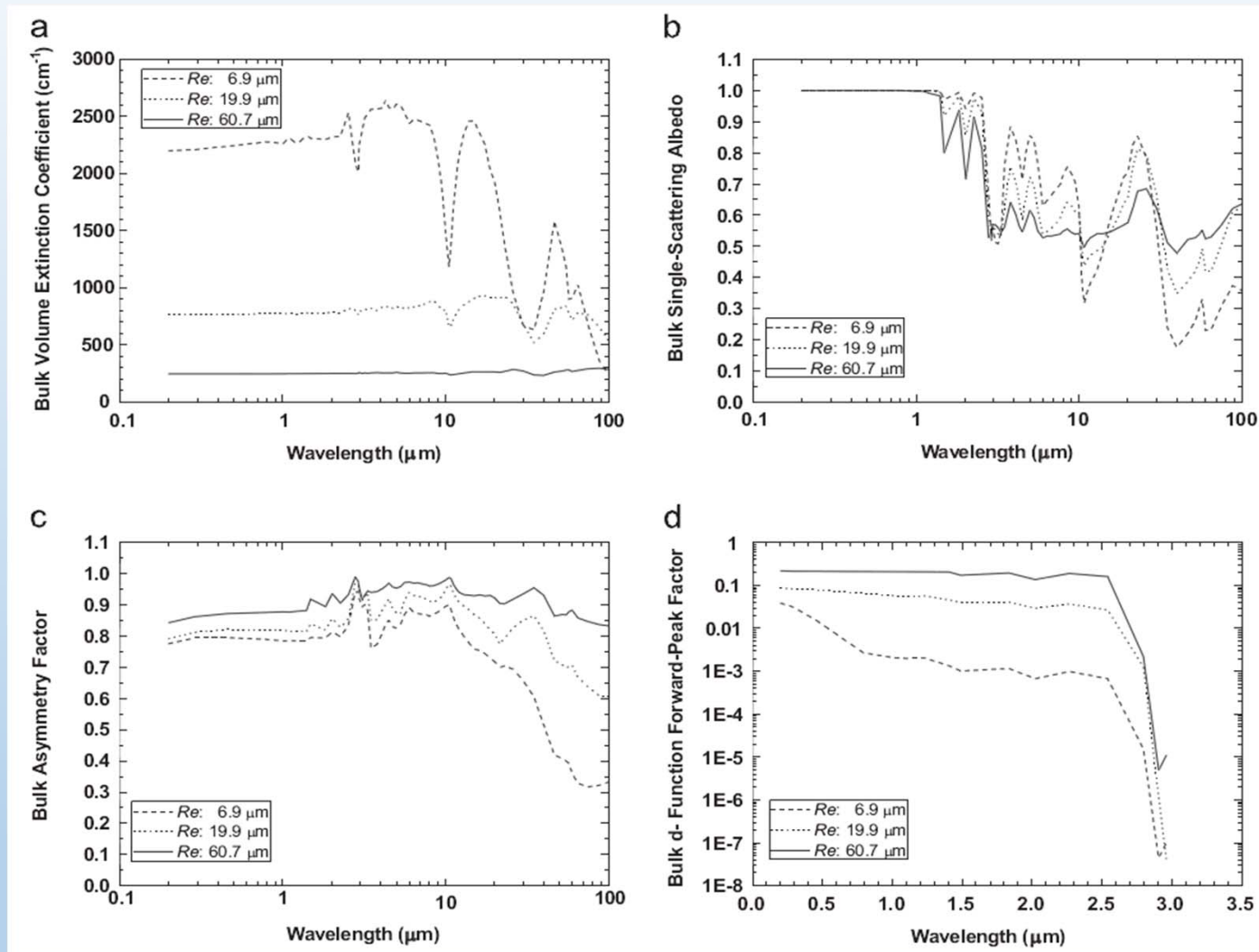
$$\overline{\omega} = 1 - \frac{\overline{k_{ab}}}{\overline{k_{ex}}};$$

$$\overline{g} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) g(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) d\lambda};$$

$$\overline{f_{\delta}} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) f_{\delta}(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} (Sun(\lambda) + \pi B(T, \lambda)) d\lambda};$$

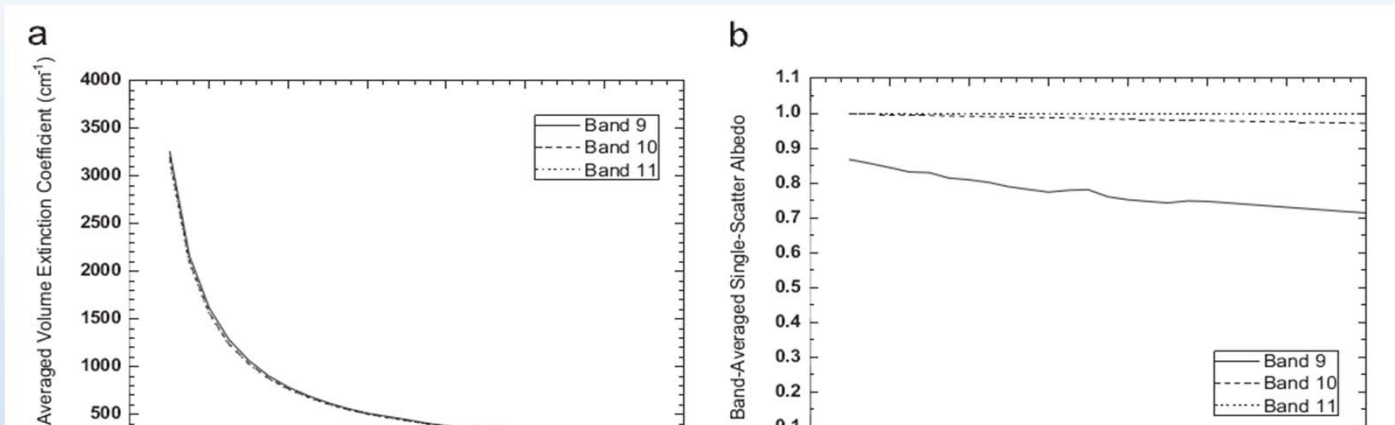
$$\overline{f} = \overline{f_{\delta}} + \frac{1}{2\overline{\omega}}.$$

# Ice Cloud Optics: Bulk Optical Properties

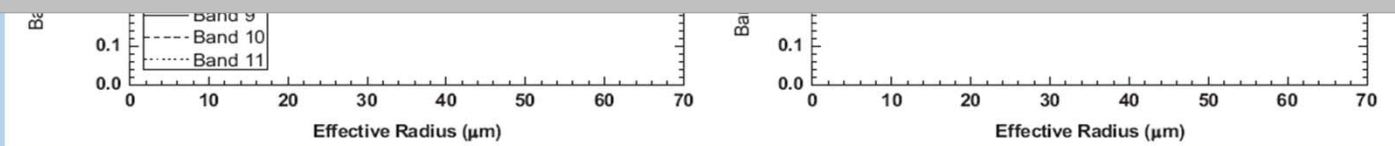


Variations in the bulk (a) extinction coefficient, (b) single scattering albedo, (c) asymmetry factor, and (d) forward-peak factor with wavelength for three size distributions.

## Ice Cloud Optics: Band-averaged



陈琪，硕士论文，2014；  
Zhang et al., JQSRT, 2015；  
陈琪和张华\*，气象学报，2018b；  
陈琪，博士论文，2018.



Variations in the band-averaged (a)extinction coefficient, (b)single-scattering albedo, (c)asymmetry factor and (d)forward-peak factor with the effective radius for three shortwave bands.



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# **BCC\_RAD Participating CIRC**

## **(Randles et al., ACP, 2013)**

CIRC (Continual Intercomparison of Radiation Code).

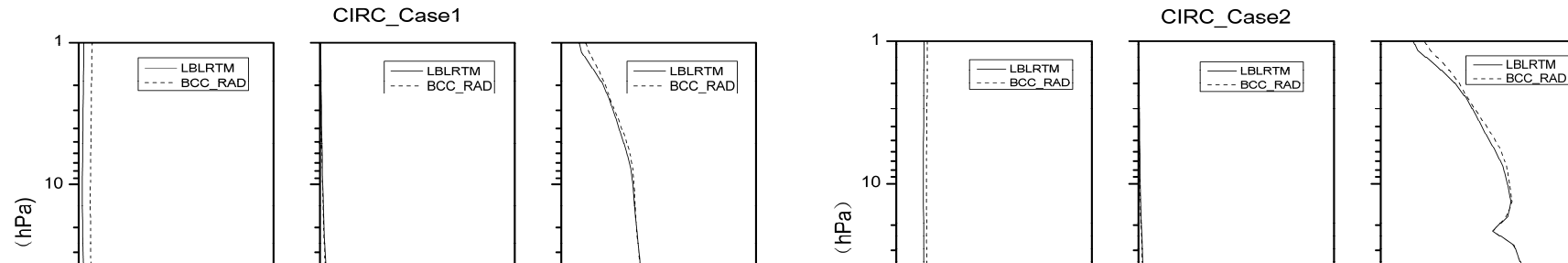
Four cases in clear sky.

Solid line: LBLRTM; dotted line: BCC\_RAD.

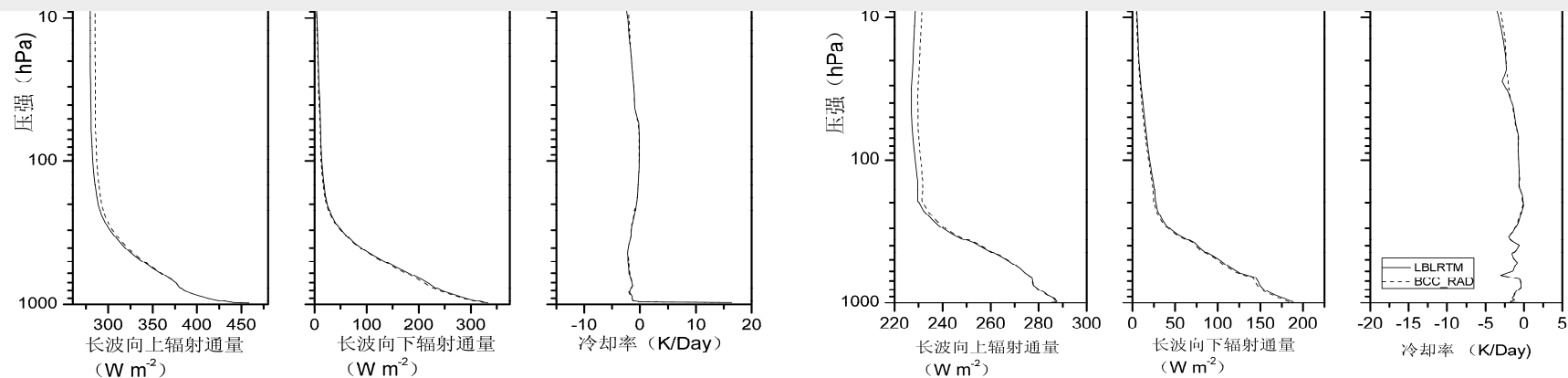
The ordinate is pressure.

The abscissas is longwave up and down flux, and cooling rate, respectively.

# Results of BCC\_RAD Participating in CIRC

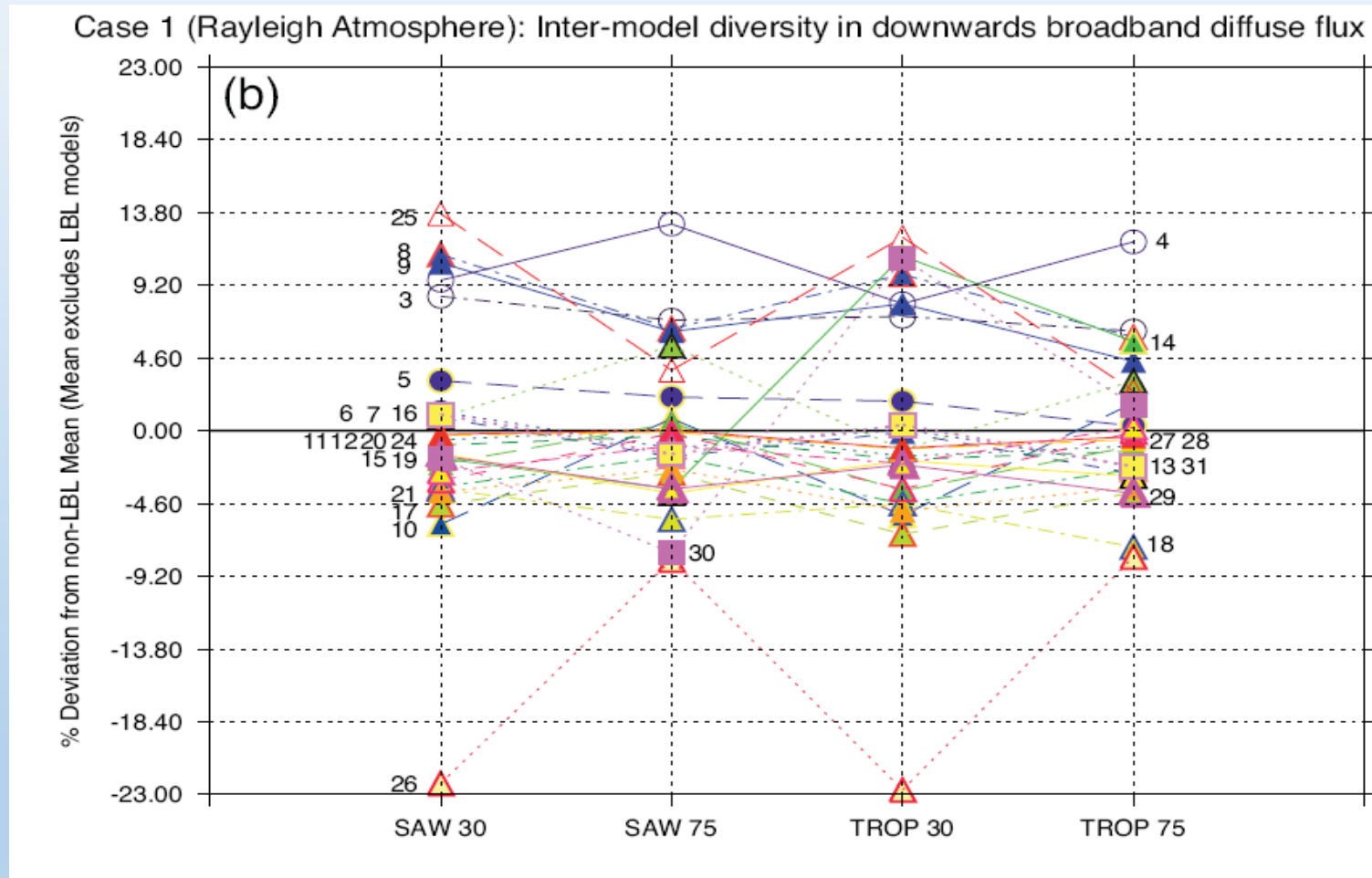


- **Comparing with LBLRTM, the results of longwave up flux of BCC\_RAD are larger, but the down flux are slightly smaller.**
- **The results of cooling rate of BCC\_RAD are smaller than those of LBLRTM between 40 mb and 1 mb.**



# Results of BCC\_RAD Participating in AeroCom

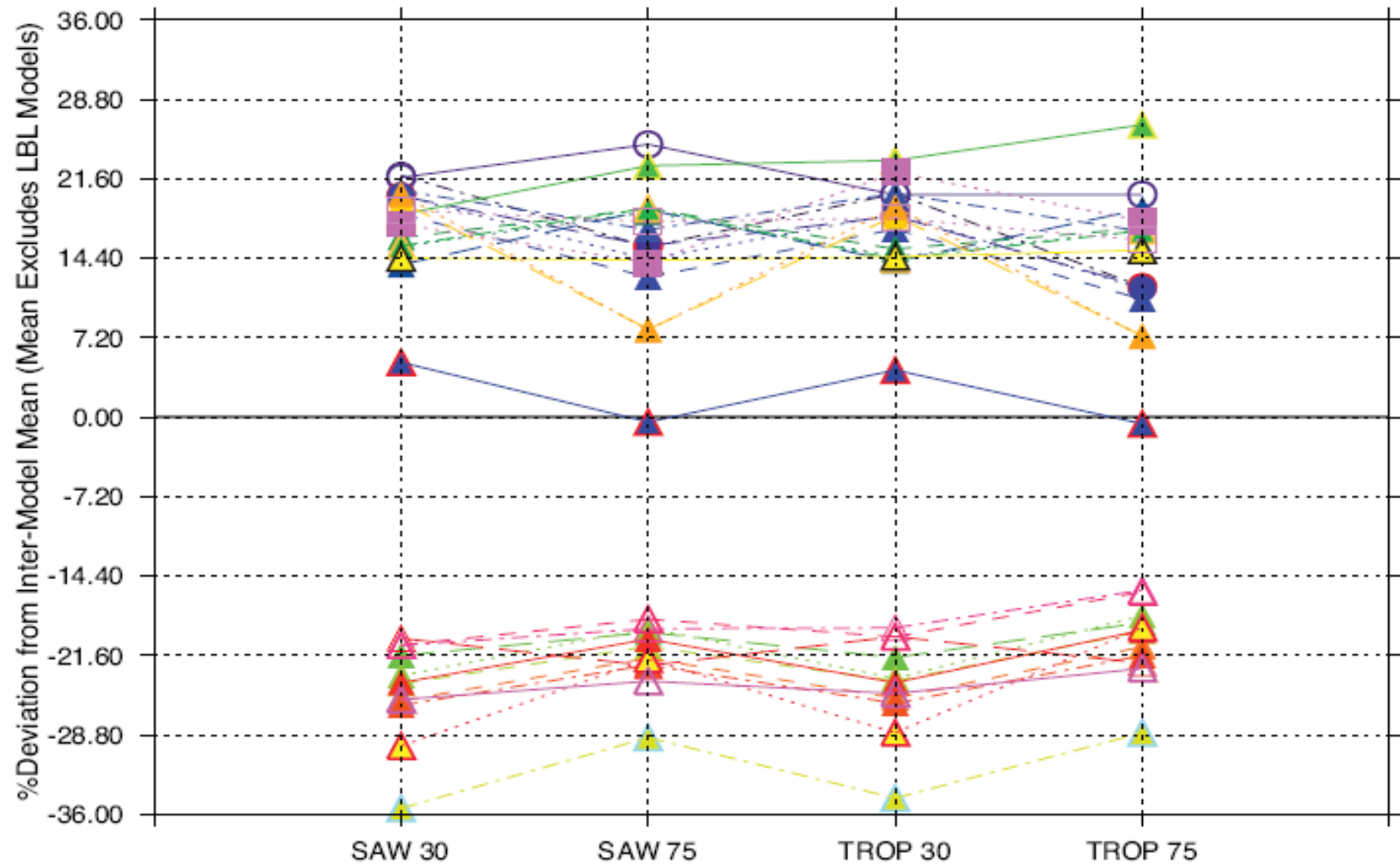
## Myhre et al., ACP, 2013

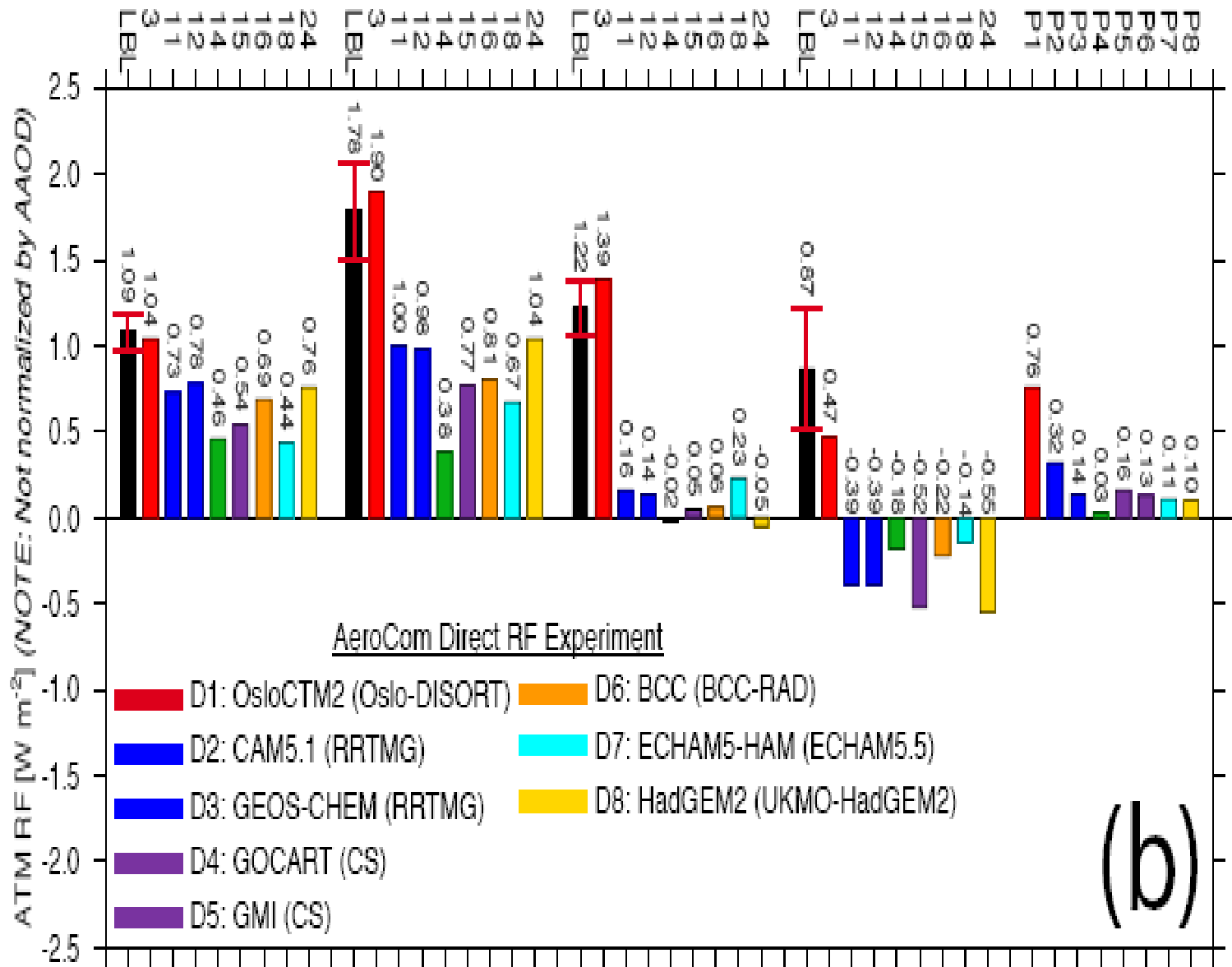


The number of BCC\_RAD is 16.

The results of BCC\_RAD are above the average.

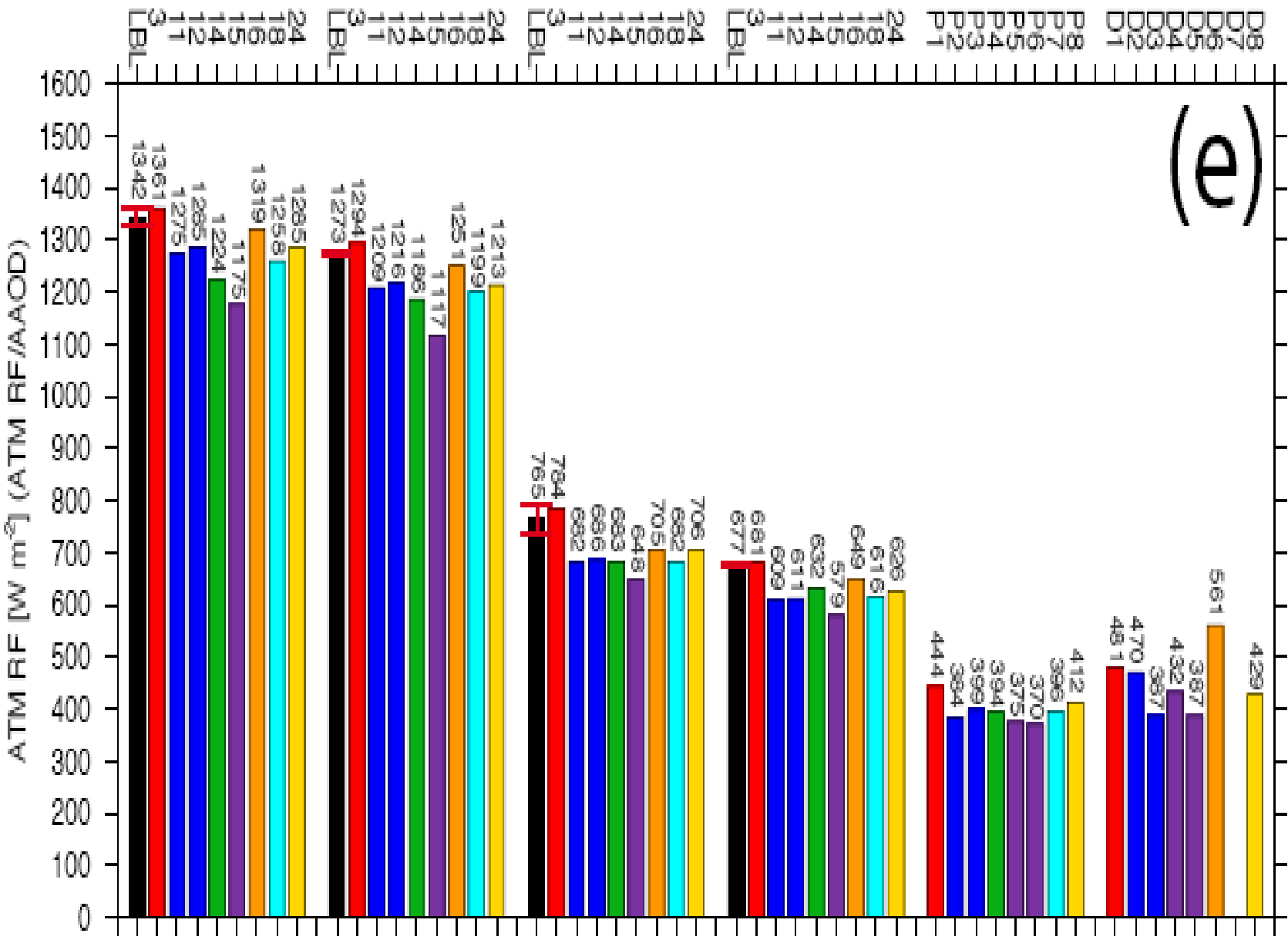
Case 2a (Scattering Aerosols): Downwards broadband diffuse flux





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## Future issues:

- Updated HITRAN dataset for line and continuum;
- Optimal treatment of overlapping bands need to be further studied; more reasonable band dividing scheme and better k-interval choosing method?
- Accurate treatment for ice cloud optical properties, ice habits and their weight in ice cloud, ice particle size distribution, etc.;
- Accurate calculation for aerosol optical properties, getting observational size distribution;
- How use machine learning and large mount of dataset for radiation scheme in climate model for prediction to reduce costs for calculation in LW and SW, is it possible to replace physical scheme with machine learning scheme? The technique to choose dataset for training.
- Spectral albedo observational dataset for RT calculation.
- Cloud overlapping treatment in radiative transfer algorithm.

Thank you for your attention!