Challenging Issues on fog forecast with a 3D fog forecast model

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Fog Formation



•Cooling

Moistening

•Turbulent Mixing

Reach saturation







Source figures: R. Tardif's Website

3D FOG Model = COSMO + PAFOG



$$\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t} = ADV(N_c) + DIF(N_c) + \left(\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t}\right)_{sed} + \sigma(N_c) \qquad \Box$$

$$\frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t} = ADV(q_c) + DIF(q_c) + \left(\frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t}\right)_{sed} + \sigma(q_c) \qquad \Box$$

Droplet number concentration

_iquid Water Content

LM-Dynamics PAFOG-Microphysics



PAFOG Microphysics

$$\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t}\right)_{act} + \Delta \left(\overline{S}\right) \left(\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t}\right)_{eva} + \left(\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial t}\right)_{sed}$$
$$\frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t}\right)_{con/eva} + \left(\frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t}\right)_{sed}$$

$$\Delta(\overline{S}) = \begin{cases} 1, if(\overline{S}) < 0\\ 0, if(\overline{S}) \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

Supersaturation \mathbf{S}

Assumption for droplet spectra : Log-normal



PAFOG Microphysics





k and N_a depend on their environment (maritime, rural, urban)

2a-Detailed Condensation/Evaporation : parametrised Köhler relation [Chaumerliac et al. (1987) and Sakakibara (1979)]

2b-Time dependent relation between supersaturation S and diameter D

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = A\frac{S}{D}$$

3-Droplet size dependent sedimentation [Berry and Pranger 1974]

Positive Definite Advection Scheme [Bott (1989)]



STANDARD-PAFOG Microphysics





Turbulence Scheme



Turbulent mixing terms are given by a flux gradient relation

$$M_{T} = \frac{1}{\rho\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\zeta} \left(\frac{\rho K_{H}}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial\zeta} \right)$$
$$M_{q^{x}} = \frac{1}{\rho\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\zeta} \left(\frac{\rho K_{H}}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial q^{x}}{\partial\zeta} \right)$$
$$M_{u} = \frac{1}{\rho\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\zeta} \left(\frac{\rho K_{M}}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial\zeta} \right)$$
$$M_{v} = \frac{1}{\rho\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\zeta} \left(\frac{\rho K_{M}}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial\zeta} \right)$$

Parametrized following Mellor and Yamada(1982)

2.5th-Order

(Raschendorfer, 2001)

Modification of Turbulence Scheme



Step 1: replace semi- implicit calculation of the TKE diffusion term by a implicit calculation

Step 2: Based on the work of M. Buzzy, 2008

Instability due to wind Shear term :

$$G_{M} \equiv \frac{\lambda^{2}}{q^{2}} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} u \right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} v \right)^{2} \right]$$

Filtering the wind gradient before evaluating the stability function

$$f_k^{new} = 0.5f_k + 0.2(f_{k-1} + f_{k+1}) + 0.05(f_{k-2} + f_{k+2})$$

More details about problem of the instability in stable turbulence regime.

See Buchard and Deleersnijder 2001, Mellor 2003, Buzzi 2008

Modification of Turbulence Scheme





Modification of Turbulence Scheme



K_h

COSMO-FOG, Setup



Grid •60 layers, dz_min = 4min •dx= 2.8 km

•Domain 200 x 200

Numerics •Standard runge-kutta numerics •dt = 10 s

•Very smooth lateral boundary condition

Physics •ltype_gscp = 4 •dt_rad= 1 min •lmplicit TKE turbulent scheme

PAFOG

•Na=1000 cm⁻³

Lindenberg, Cabauw & Zürich



3 Sites:

- •Lindenberg (Germany), bumpy terrain, alt: 0-500 m.
- •Cabauw (the Netherlands), flat terrain.
- Zürich (Switzerland), mountaineous terrain, alt: 200-3000 m.

Weather Situation:

- •1st-15th October 2005
- •High Pressure System over Europe (Omega weather situation)
- •No cloud cover

only Radiative fog & valley fog

Comparison with MSG satellite product for fog and low stratus

Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 15 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 16 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 17 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 18 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 19 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 20 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 21 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 22 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005- 23 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 00 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 01 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 02 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 03 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 04 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 05 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 06 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 07 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 08 UTC



Lindenberg- 06 October 2005- 09 UTC



Lindenberg- 05 October 2005 48 h forecast



Test influence of soil moiture on fog formation

1.Standard run (original soil moisture)

2.SM = Air Dryness point at each dt

3.SM =Pore Volume at each dt

Lindenberg- Soil Moisture Sensitivity



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Test influence of TKVH_MIN on fog formation

TKVH_MIN = 0.001, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1.0







QC–2m



Cabauw- 05 October 2005 18:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)



Cabauw- 05 October 2005 21:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)



Cabauw- 06 October 2005 00:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)



Cabauw- 06 October 2005 03:00 UTC

x_10⁻⁴

4.5

3.5

3

2.5

2

1.5

0.5

8

7

6



2

1

3

5

longitude

6

MSG-product for fog and low stratus

7

8

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)



49.5

2

1

3

5

longitude

Cabauw- 06 October 2005 06:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)

TKVH min = 0.001



Cabauw- 06 October 2005 09:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)

TKVH min = 0.001



Cabauw- 06 October 2005 12:00 UTC



MSG-product for fog and low stratus

Specifiy water content in kg/kg (COSMO-FOG)

TKVH min = 0.001



12th October 2005-06:30UTC

TKVH min = 0.7



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TKVH min = 0.001



CONCLUSION

- COSMO-FOG = 3D COSMO + PAFOG
- Implementation of new turbulent diffusion scheme
- Turbulent Scheme very sensitive of TKVH min value
- Low Sensitivity to the soil moisture
- Forecasted fog at 3 different terrains with same setup

Outlook

- Sensitivity study of mixing length
- Sensitivity study of microphysic parameters
- longer verification period