Geophysical Research Abstracts, Vol. 8, 02366, 2006 SRef-ID: 1607-7962/gra/EGU06-A-02366 © European Geosciences Union 2006



Aerosol Effects on Deep Convection in Tropical Hurricanes Observed in the Tropical Cloud Systems and Processes (TCSP) Experiment

V. T. J. Phillips (1), C. Andronache (2), and P. Ginoux (3)

(1) AOS Program, Department of Geosciences, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, USA; (2) Boston College, Boston, USA; and (3) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL), NOAA, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

Simulations of cases of deep convection in cases of tropical hurricanes from the Tropical Cloud Systems and Processes (TCSP) field campaign of NASA are presented with advanced cloud models. A comparison with aircraft observations is performed. Models are initialised with multiple aerosol species predicted by the GFDL general circulation model (GCM). A novel way of predicting heterogeneous nucleation of crystals from dust and soot species is proposed and implemented in the model.

Sensitivity tests reveal a dependence of latent heating and vertical velocities on the aerosol-dependent processes of glaciation and production of precipitation in the simulated storms.