

*Atmospheric Physics*

*Lecture 1*

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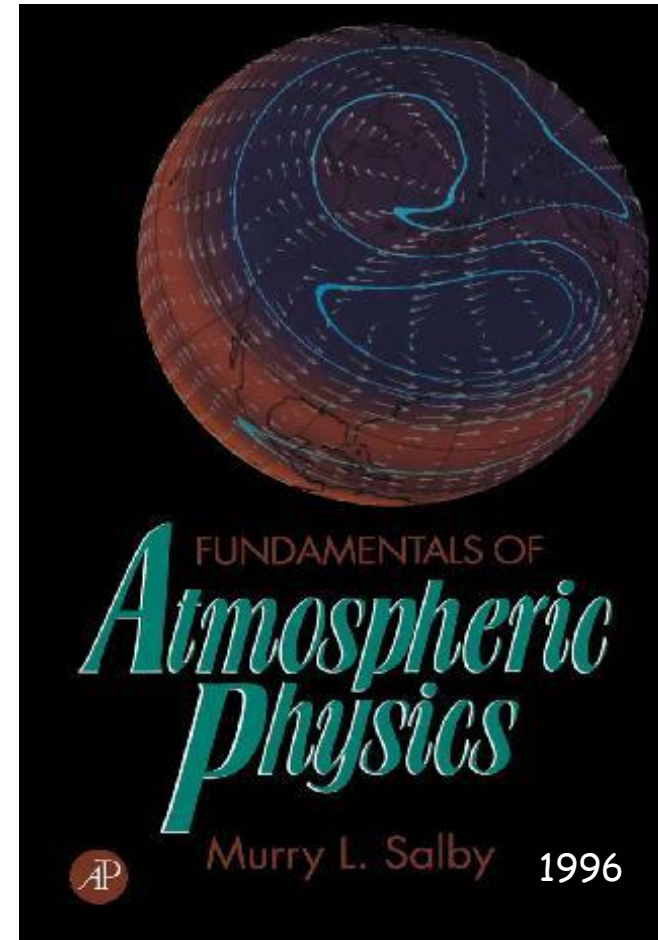
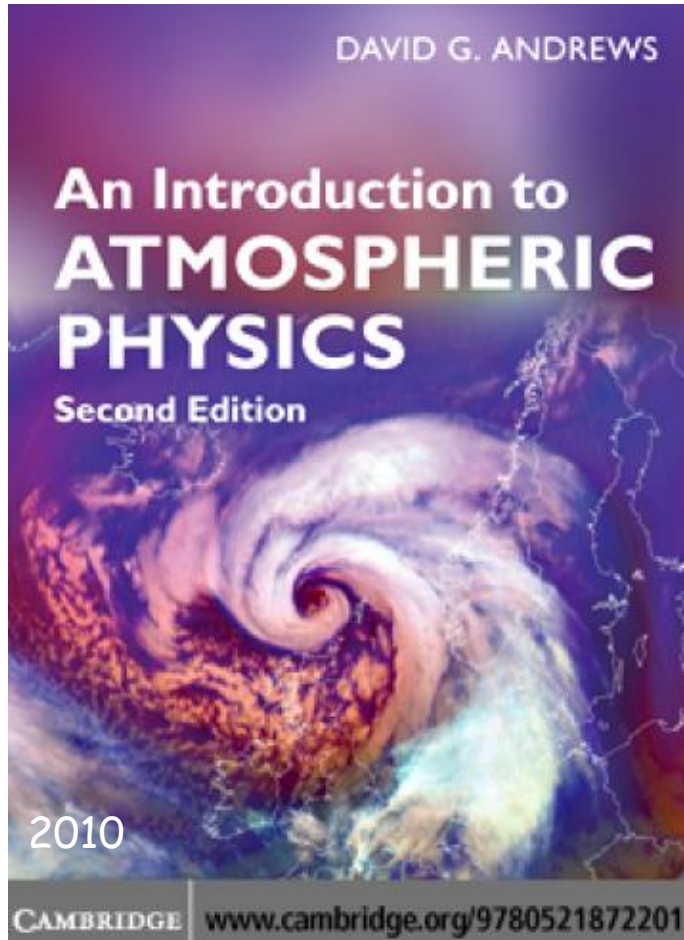


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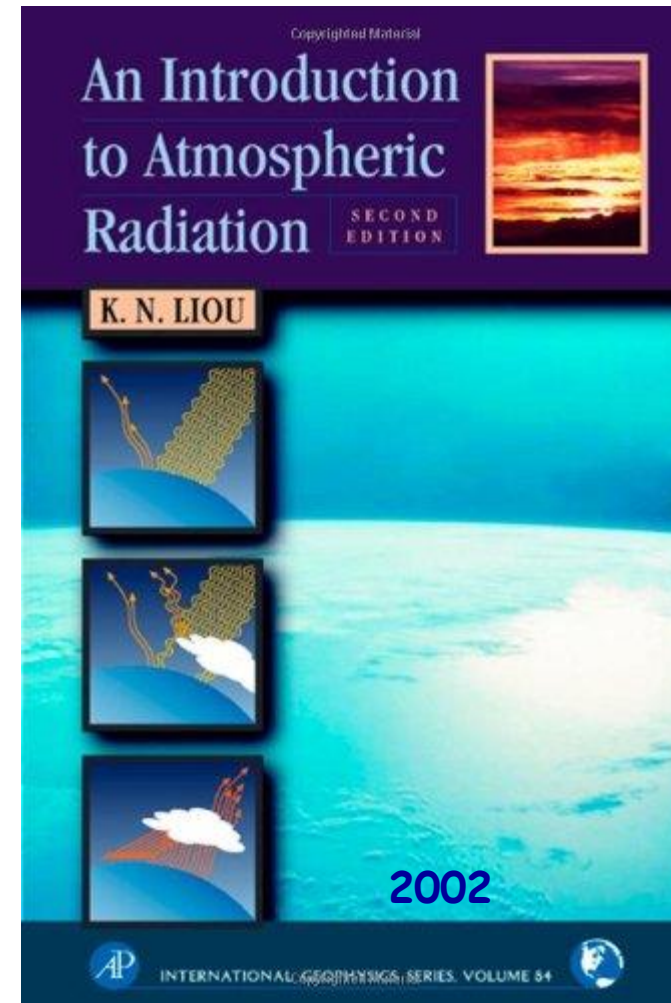
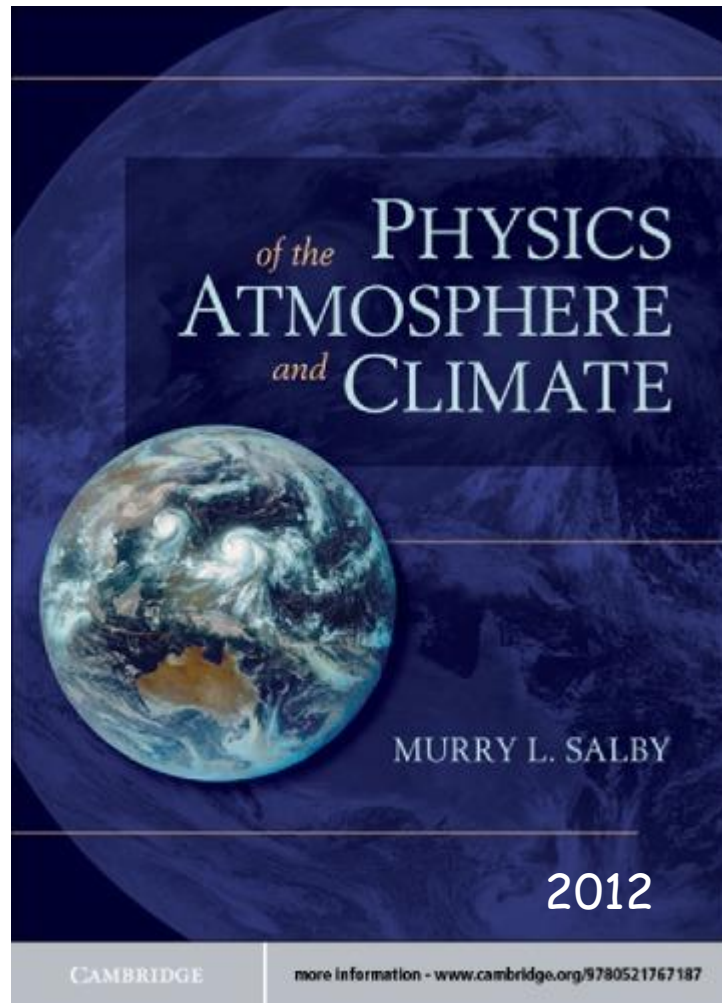
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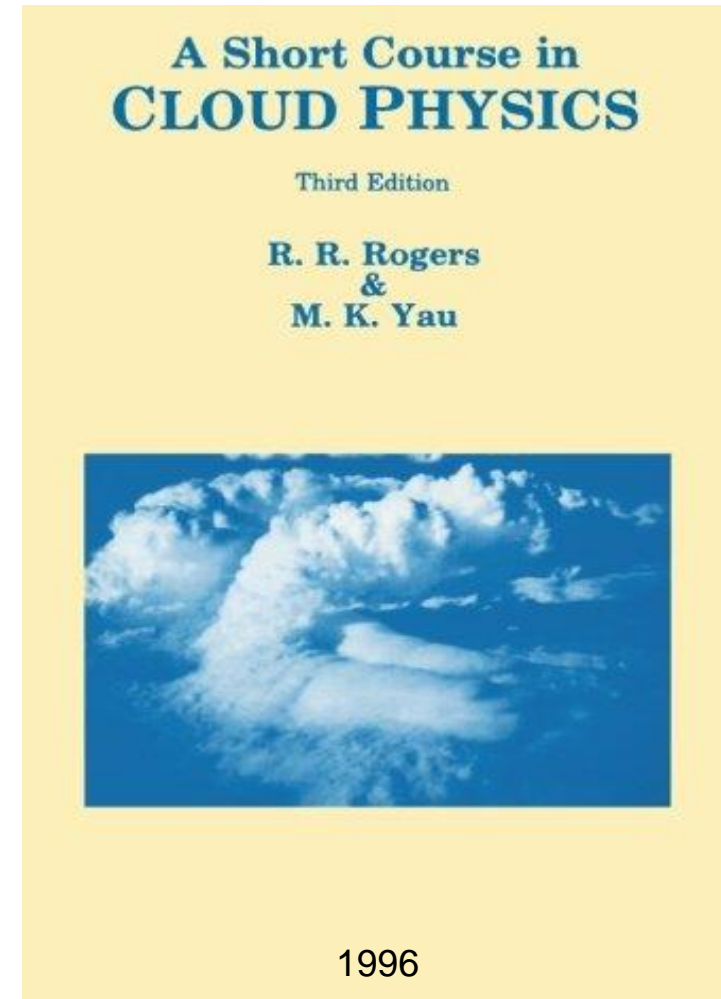
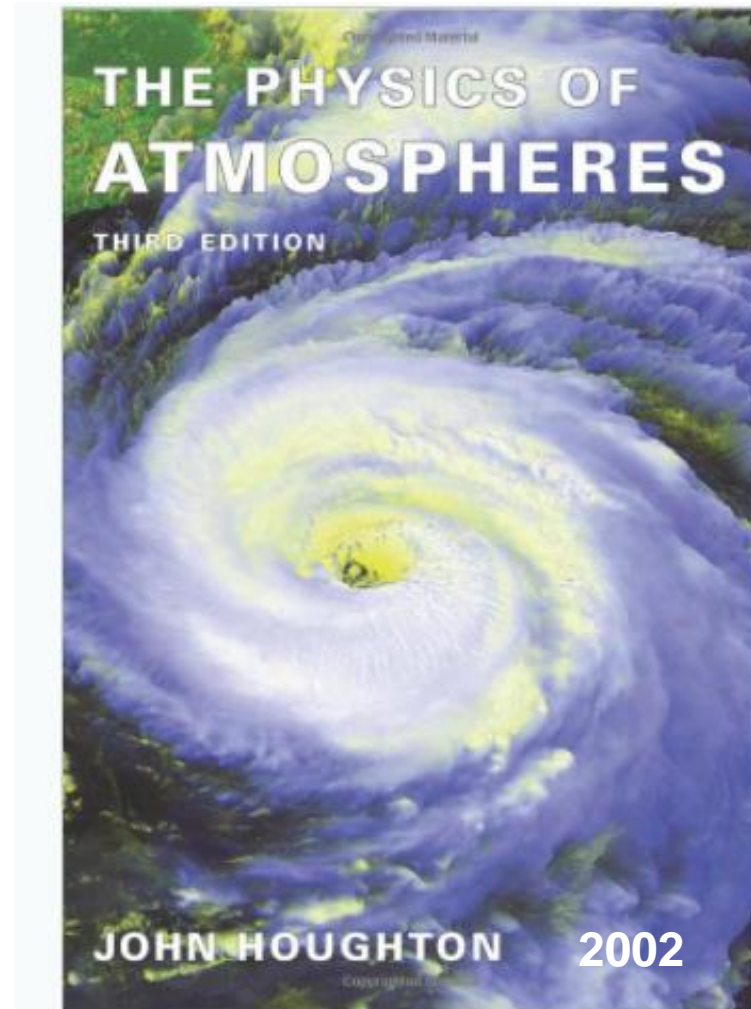
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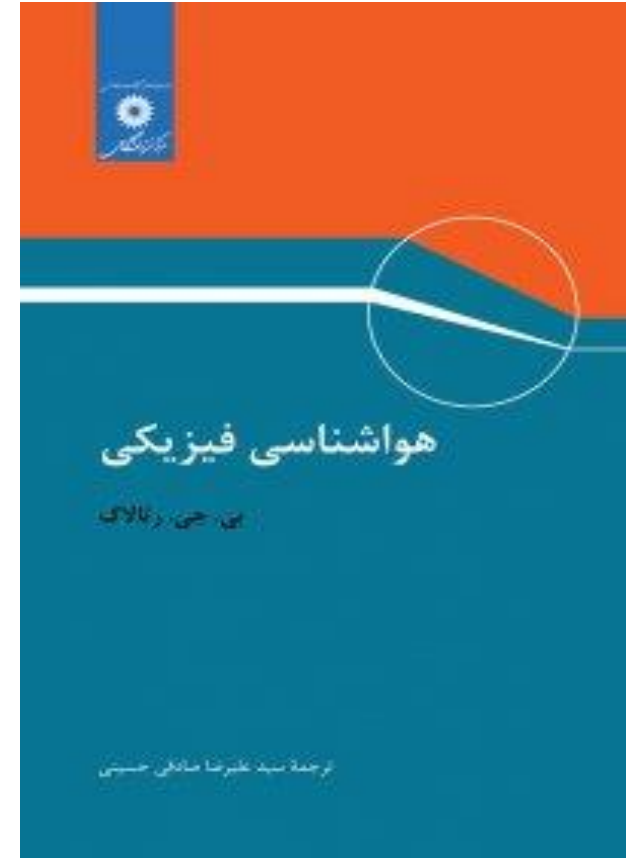


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# *Chapter 1 - Introduction*

## Definitions

The atmosphere as a physical system

Atmospheric models

Two simple atmospheric models

Some atmospheric observations

Weather and climate Further reading

Some atmospheric observations include :

The mean temperature and wind fields, Gravity waves, Rossby waves, Ozone, Weather and climate

## *Atmospheric physics – A definition*

*Atmosphere* is the gaseous envelope of a celestial body that is confined due to gravitational attraction.

Physics of the Atmosphere - ie the study of all physical phenomena in the atmospheric system.

*Meteorology*

*Atmospheric chemistry* is a branch of atmospheric science in which the chemistry of the Earth's atmosphere and that of other planets is studied.

*Atmospheric science* is a relatively new, applied discipline that is concerned with the structure and evolution of the planetary atmospheres and with the wide range of phenomena that occur within them.

# *The role of physics*

## Thermodynamics

phase transitions - condensation and evaporation

adiabatic processes & T- gradients

## Quantum Mechanics

interaction of radiation & matter

Hydrodynamics: the branch of science concerned with forces acting on or exerted by fluids

Navier-Stokes-Eq

## Transport Phenomena

turbulence

diffusion

matter & energy



## *DESCRIPTION*

Composition and structure of the earth's atmosphere,

Atmospheric thermodynamics,

Atmospheric Radiation

Atmospheric dynamics,

Clouds and precipitation.

## The atmosphere as a physical system

The Earth's atmosphere is a natural laboratory, in which a wide variety of physical processes takes place.

The purpose of this book is to show how basic physical principles can help us model, interpret and predict some of these processes.

This section presents a brief overview of the physics involved.

The atmosphere consists of a mixture of ideal gases: although molecular nitrogen and molecular oxygen predominate by volume, the minor constituents carbon dioxide, water vapour and ozone play crucial roles.

The forcing of the atmosphere is primarily from the sun, though interactions with the land and the ocean are also important.

The atmosphere is continually bombarded by solar photons at infra-red, visible and ultra-violet wavelengths.

Some solar photons are scattered back to space by atmospheric gases or reflected back to space by clouds or the Earth's surface; some are absorbed by atmospheric molecules (especially water vapour and ozone) or clouds, leading to heating of parts of the atmosphere; and some reach the Earth's surface and heat it.

Atmospheric gases (especially carbon dioxide, water vapour and ozone), clouds and the Earth's surface also emit and absorb infra-red photons, leading to further heat transfer between one region and another, or loss of heat to space.

Solar photons may also be energetic enough to disrupt molecular chemical bonds, leading to photochemical reactions;



The atmosphere is generally close to hydrostatic balance in the vertical, except on small scales; that is, the weight of each horizontal slab of atmosphere is supported by the difference in pressure between its lower and upper surfaces.

An alternative statement of this physical fact is that there is a balance between vertical pressure gradients and the gravitational force per unit volume acting on each portion of the atmosphere.

On combining the equation describing hydrostatic balance with the ideal gas law we find that, in a hypothetical isothermal atmosphere, the pressure and density would fall exponentially with altitude.

In the real, non-isothermal, atmosphere the pressure and density variations are usually still close to this exponential form, with an *e-folding* height of about 7 or 8 km.

Gravity thus tends to produce a density stratification in the atmosphere

Thermodynamic principles are essential for describing many atmospheric processes.

For example, any consideration of the effects of atmospheric heating or cooling will make use of the First Law of Thermodynamics.

The concept of entropy (or the closely related quantity, potential temperature) frequently assists interpretation of atmospheric behaviour.