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Call for Papers

Weather and Climate under Complex Terrain and Variable Land Surfaces: Observations and Numerical Simulations

Under global climate change, weather and regional climate extremes are increasingly notable and frequent. Many studies have emphasized on these extremes. Most studies have focused on the effects of the ocean, such as sea surface temperatures (SSTs) and the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Relatively less effort has been made so far to study the influences of complex terrain and variable land surfaces (e.g., mountains, glaciers, deserts, coastlines, etc.).

Complex terrain is a critical source of external forcing for weather and climate systems. Variable land surface conditions play essential roles not only in local weather and climate extremes but also in global climate change. In addition, owing to uncertainties in the representation of terrain, surface characteristics, and soil states (e.g., soil moisture and soil temperature) in numerical models, as well as severely inadequate observations, accurate weather forecasting/climate prediction is difficult using numerical models over complex topography and landforms. Drought, desertification, glacial melting, etc., and their effects on weather and regional climate are not clearly understood, thus becoming a challenging issue.

This special issue aims to collect the newest research results in the areas of weather and climate extremes under the influence of complex terrain and variable land surfaces and also to arouse further attention to related studies from the interested science community.

Papers for this special issue are solicited for, although not limited to, the following topics:

- Observations, numerical simulations, and prediction of high-impact and extreme weather and climate events over complex terrain and variable surface conditions;
- Observations and numerical simulations of terrain-induced severe precipitation and weather phenomena;
- Urbanization effects on extreme heavy rainfall events;
- Observations, numerical simulations, and assessments of the formation and evolution of droughts and drought disasters;
- Impacts of changes in land use and land cover on high-impact weather and climate extremes;
- Effects of desertification and glacial melting on regional weather and climate;
- Influences of soil moisture and surface fluxes on extreme weather and climate.

Contributions from authors in and out of China are encouraged. Publication charges for innovative, well-written papers will be waived, pending the scores and comments of the editor and reviewers. Three best papers will be selected and awarded certificates and cash prizes.
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