

The ice ball condition for the planet with gray atmosphere.

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Numerical simulations with an atmospheric GCM are performed to investigate the ice ball conditions of the terrestrial planets. The model utilized is based on 3D spherical primitive equation. Gray radiation and convective adjustment are implemented. The surface is covered with ocean and sea ice exists in low temperature region. The growth rate and heat budget of sea ice are evaluated using the model of Semtner (1988). Ice albedo is 0.2 and albedo in other region is zero. Parameter study is performed with various values of solar constant and terrestrial annual mean distribution of solar radiation. The results show that ice ball earth emerges with the values of solar constant under 1100 W/m^2 . The critical value, 1100 W/m^2 , almost equals that obtained by 1D energy balance model