

Appendix A. Results of analysis of sondes

Sonde plots were manually analyzed to extract the following types of features:

- I -- Stable or very stable nocturnal BL ($\sim 5^\circ$ per 100m) capped by a slightly stable or neutral layer.
- II – PT inflection from stable to slightly stable or neutral
- III – 100 m thick “kink” in PT, separating \sim neutral layers above and below by a more stable layer. Often drop in dewpoint with increasing elevation over the kink.
- IV – Same as type II, except the layers in question are clearly stable (although not strongly stable).
- V – In slightly stable or neutral layer, almost no signal in PT, but sharp increase in DP
- VI – shift from unstable to neutral

Table A-1. Detailed features picked out of sondes for week of June 18-June24

| Date | UTC Time (CDT) | Elevation ¹ | Description |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--|
| ~Local midnight soundings | | | |
| June 18 | 05:40Z (00:40) | 100 | Type II feature. Inflection in potential temperature (PT) from stable to ~neutral conditions |
| | | 500 | Type III feature. 100 m thick “kink” in PT – a layer of increased stability with ~neutral conditions above and below, but a drop in dewpoint across the PT kind. |
| | | 1000 | Repeat of III feature at 500 meters. |
| June 20 | 05:43Z (00:53) | 100 | II |
| | | 1500 | III |
| | | 2100 | III, except transition in dewpoint is not a change in value (from higher to lower) but rather change in slope (decreasing to constant) |
| June 22 | 05:29Z (00:29) | 100 | Type I feature. Very stable nocturnal BL. PT increasing at ~5° per 100m |
| | | 2400 | Type II feature. Inflection in potential temperature from slightly stable (below) to neutral stability (above) |
| June 23 | 05:30Z (00:30) | 200 | I |
| | | 700 | Type V feature. In slightly stable or neutral layer, almost no signal in PT, but a sharp (~3°) increase in dew point. |
| | | 1500 | Type II or III |
| June 24 | 05:34Z (00:34) | 600 | II |
| | | 2600 | “Wiggle” in dewpoint, and possibly the start of a new slope in dewpoint (decreasing with ht rather than constant) |
| ~6 AM local soundings | | | |
| June 19 | 11:29Z (06:29) | 500 | Type IV feature. Similar to type II, except two slightly stable layers separated by a layer of increased stability – often with a dewpoint change as well. |
| | | 1000 | II |
| June 20 | 11:29Z (06:29) | 350 | I |
| | | 2000 | II |
| June 21 | 11:36Z (06:36) | 200 | I |
| | | 900 | II – also a local minimum in dewpoint |
| June 23 | 11:28Z (06:28) | 150 | I |
| | | 1000 | IV |
| | | 1300 | II |
| ~local noon soundings | | | |
| June 18 | 17:29Z (12:29) | <100 | VI – shift from unstable to neutral |
| | | 800 | III |
| | | 2200 | III |
| | | 2600 | III (although thicker than 100 m) |
| June 19 | 17:29Z (12:29) | 1000 | Transition from neutral to slightly stable, with drop in DP |
| | | 1500 | II |
| June 20 | 17:30Z (12:30) | 100 | VI |
| | | 1600 | III |
| June 22 | 17:37Z (12:30) | 1000 | III |
| | | 2000 | III |
| June 23 | 17:48Z (12:48) | 100 | VI |
| | | 500 | III |
| | | 1100 | III |
| ~ 6PM local soundings | | | |
| June 19 | 23:29Z (18:29) | 200 | Neutral transition to slightly stable, with increase in DP |
| | | 1000 | II or III |
| June 20 | 23:28z (18:28) | 1700 | Neutral to slightly stable transition and drop in DP |
| June 21 | 23:29Z (18:29) | 2500 | Neutral to slightly stable transition and drop in DP |
| June 23 | 23:31Z (18:31) | 1400 | Neutral to slightly stable transition and drop in DP |
| | | 1800 | II |

¹ these are approximate to ±100m. Contact Jameson Schoenfelder at the University of Iowa for more significant figures on the manually determined “features” in the rawinsonde data, or for 3K or 8K plots of balloon data for this period.