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# Distribution of Saturation Potential Temperature( $\theta_s$ ) with Height and Latitude

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D IAGRAMS showing the distribution with height and latitude of pressure (p), temperature (T) and potential temperature ( $\theta$ ) for Summer and Winter are given in many of the standard meteorological books and publications. But, as far as is known, there do not appear to be any similar diagrams showing the distribution of moisture with height.

Normand in his paper 'Wet-Bulb temperature and the thermodynamics of the air' discussed the vertical distribution of potential temperature and Equivalent potential temperature. The data used were only for Germany and limited to a height of 3 Km. He noticed that in all seasons of the year the potential temperature increases with height above the surface while on the other hand the E.P.T. in summer months actually decreases with height up to at least 2 Km. With the considerably increased volume cf data that have now become available, Dr. (now Sir Charles) Normand suggested to me that it would be of interest to prepare a diagram showing the distribution of Saturation Potential Temperature ( $\theta_s$ ) with height.

Two diagrams showing the distribution of  $\theta_s$  with height and latitude were prepared under his guidance during the closing part of 1943. The first of the two has a linear scale for latitude while in the second the sine of latitude has been used. A short note on Distribution of Wet Bulb Potential Temperature in Latitude and Altitude' including the first diagram by C.W.B. Normand and myself has appeared recently in Nature.

The publications from which the data have been taken for preparing the diagrams are given in the end The values of  $\theta_s$  have been calculated for the two periods Summer and Winter only. For Summer the mean is based on data of July and August while for Winter the mean is for data of December, January and February.

Relative Humidity data are not available beyond 10 to 12 g.km. As moisture content above 12 g.km. is generally very small, the mixing ratio (x) has been taken as zero for calculating  $\theta_s$  above this height. It may be stated that this assumption does not materially affect the values of  $\theta_s$  at these levels.

The times of ascent were not the same at all the stations but this has been taken into account for smoothing the lines.

The values of  $\theta_s$  for the different stations are given in the following tables I to IV. Data in tables III and IV relate mostly to stations in the United States of America. The diagrams have been drawn mainly from data in tables I and II and of stations in high latitudes from tables III and IV.

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78.7	83.2	784	82.5	84.5	81.4	83.8	89.5	84 3	85.1	88.1	87.6	92.0	23
77.0	83.0	79.5		84.6	80.0	84.2	8.3	84.5	840	87.8	87.9	92.9	11
274.5	84.2	77.9		818	78.4	81.5	816		83.2	87.8	87.9	93.4	15
	82.2	276.4		84.5	76.1	£4·7	799		81.7	2578	287.8	93.2	i
	280.3		2:0 .	2815	274.7	84.7	76.9	281.8	279 3			292.8	Sur.
St. Louis	Oakland calif	Nashville	Albuquer- que	Phoneix	Atlanta	Sandiego	Oharlooton	Elpaso	San-Antonio	Browns Ville	Miami	Swan Island	
38°36'	37°48'	369	95°	33°20'	33°45'	32°47'	32°54'	31°50'	29°30'	25° 55'	25°46'		

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Wet-Bulb potential temperature  $(\theta')$  is a very close approximation to  $\theta_s$  when  $\theta'$ is derived from adiabatic diagrams (*vide* 4.2.2 of my paper on "Saturation and Wet-Bulb Temperatures") Both the  $\theta_s$  diagrams may, therefore, be regarded as diagrams showing the distribution of  $\theta'$  with height. Again, as Equivalent potential temperature ( $\theta_E$ ) is a single-valued function of  $\theta_s$ , the diagrams also represent the vertical distribution of  $\theta_E$ . It may also be mentioned here that as  $\log \theta_E$  is proportional to the total entropy of air (*i.e.* the entropy of mixture of dry air and water-vapour), the  $\theta_s$  diagrams give the vertical distribution of total entropy of air with height and latitude.

lsopleths of  $\theta_s$  in both the diagrams have been drawn at intervals of 2°C. The Tropopause also has been indicated.

The following points regarding the distribution of  $\theta_s$  are of interest.

(1) Two shadings are shown in each of the diagrams. The lower shaded area represents the area where  $\theta_s$  and hence also  $\theta'$ ,  $\theta_E$  and total entropy (S) decrease with

height (i.e.  $\frac{\delta \theta_s}{\delta_z} < 0$ ,  $\frac{\delta \theta}{\delta} < 0$ ,  $\frac{\delta \theta_E}{\delta_z} < 0$ ,  $\frac{\delta_s}{\delta_z} < 0$ ). As  $\frac{\delta \theta_s}{\delta_z} < 0$ , is the condition for con-

vective instability, the lower shaded area represents the area of convective instability This, as may be seen from the diagrams extends from  $0^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$  in Summer and from  $0^{\circ}$ to  $40^{\circ}$  in Winter. The maximum height upto which convective instability extends is about 7 to 8 g km, in Summer near lat,  $25^{\circ}$ .

(2) Above the boundary of the lower shaded area  $\theta_s$  increases with height. The boundary of the upper shaded area gives the heights at which  $\theta_s$  equals the surface value.

$$\theta_{\rm S}$$
) surface =  $(\theta_{\rm S})_{\rm h}$ .

(3) The height of the upper boundary surface does not anywhere extend into the stratosphere. It has a maximum height of about 16 g.km. between lat. 10° and 30° during Summer.

(4) The difference between  $\theta_s$  isopleths and those of potential temperature ( $\theta$ ), in the troposphere except near the poles is very striking. This is due mainly to the influence of Water-vapour.



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