IOP5 – a golden day?

Boundary layer development and large scale influences





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Outline

- Research strategy
- Case
- Observations
- ML modeling
- Driving factors
- Continuation

Research Strategy Boundary layer & aircraft data

- case selection from observations
- First characterisation of case
 - observations
 - Mixed Layer model
 - identify main processes
- Modeling turbulence
 - DALES-model
- Back to observations
 - aircraft turbulent data







Case selection

• "Golden day"

Good match for classical boundary layer theory

• A lot of BL measurements \rightarrow IOP's

• Few disturbing factors

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IOP5 radiation



IOP5 synoptic scale



IOP5 synoptic scale - MM5

12 UTC

21 UTC



Joan Cuxart, BLLAST forecast

Upper air?



Upper air?



22:53 UTC

IOP5 synoptic scale - trajectories



IOP5 Large scale influences



Surface measurements



Surface measurements



Surface measurements



Vertical profiles



BL evolution



Modeling strategy

- Step-by-step reconstruction
- Initialize model with fluxes from observations
- Basic run
- Subsidence
- Advection
- Shear
- Surface heterogeity

Mixed layer

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ML model description

- from Tennekes and Driedonks, 1981
- Boundary layer simplification
- BL structure
 - Single layer
 - Jump
 - Upper air gradient
- Prescribe:
 - Initial state
 - Fluxes
 - (changes in boundary conditions)
- Useful tool to investigate BL processes



BL evolution



ML model initialisation fluxes



ML model basic run





ML model basic run





ML model subsidence





ML model subsidence





ML model prescribed subsidence





ML model prescribed subsidence





ML model - subsidence (-0.36 K/h + advection (-0.68 g/kg/h)



Subsidence

Advection

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Subsidence



Case analysis driving factors

- Strong fluxes, low BL-height
- Early development is unclear
- Subsidence is important to reproduce BL evolution
- Some advection is needed to get BL parameters correct
- No prototype Boundary Layer
- Main influencing factors identified



Continuation: LES modeling

- Use fluxes from measurements
- Use ML modeling as a base
- Try to reproduce the ML results
- Look at BL behaviour with subsidence
- Directional shear
- Surface heterogeneity
- Compare with turbulent data of aircrafts