

# Unit 3

Zeroth and first law of thermodynamics  
formulated in terms suitable for  
atmospheric sciences

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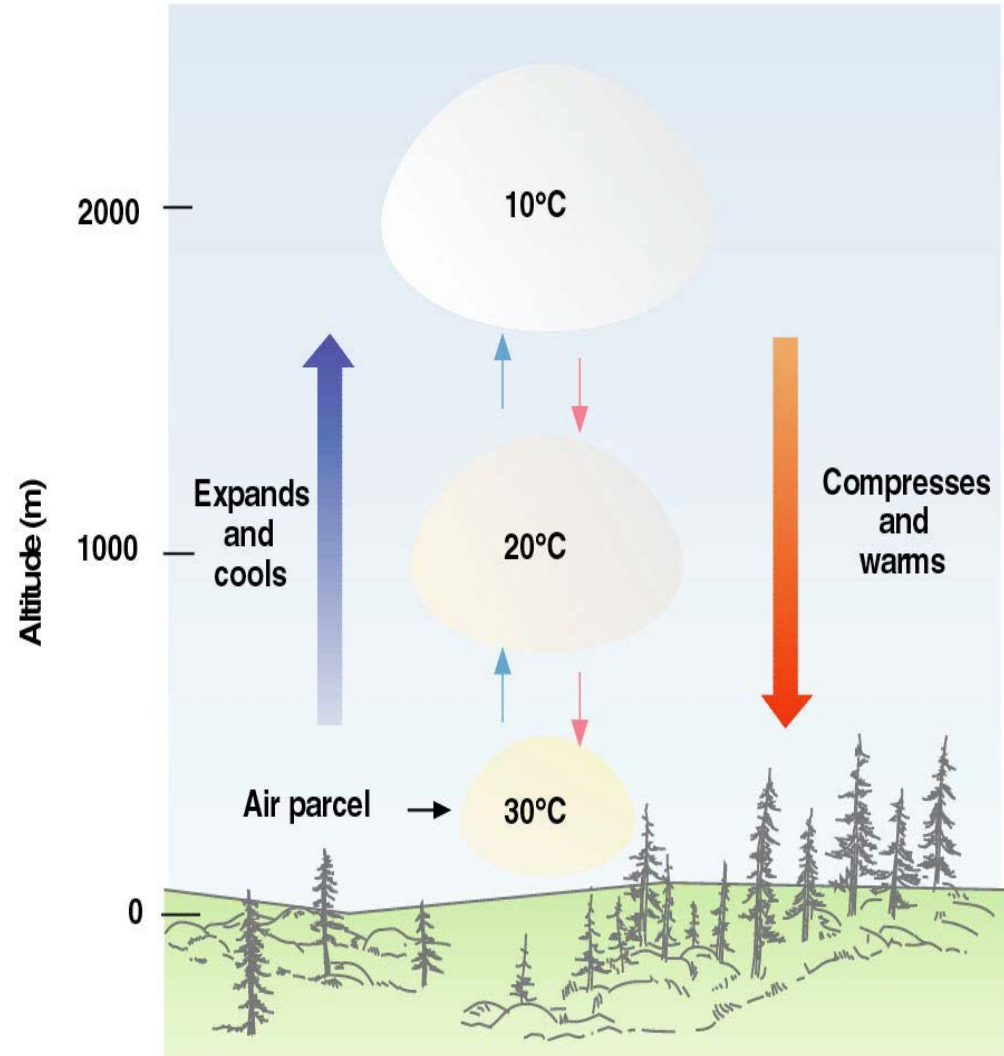
# First law of thermodynamics

$$du = \delta q - \delta w + \sum_i \mu_i dn_i$$

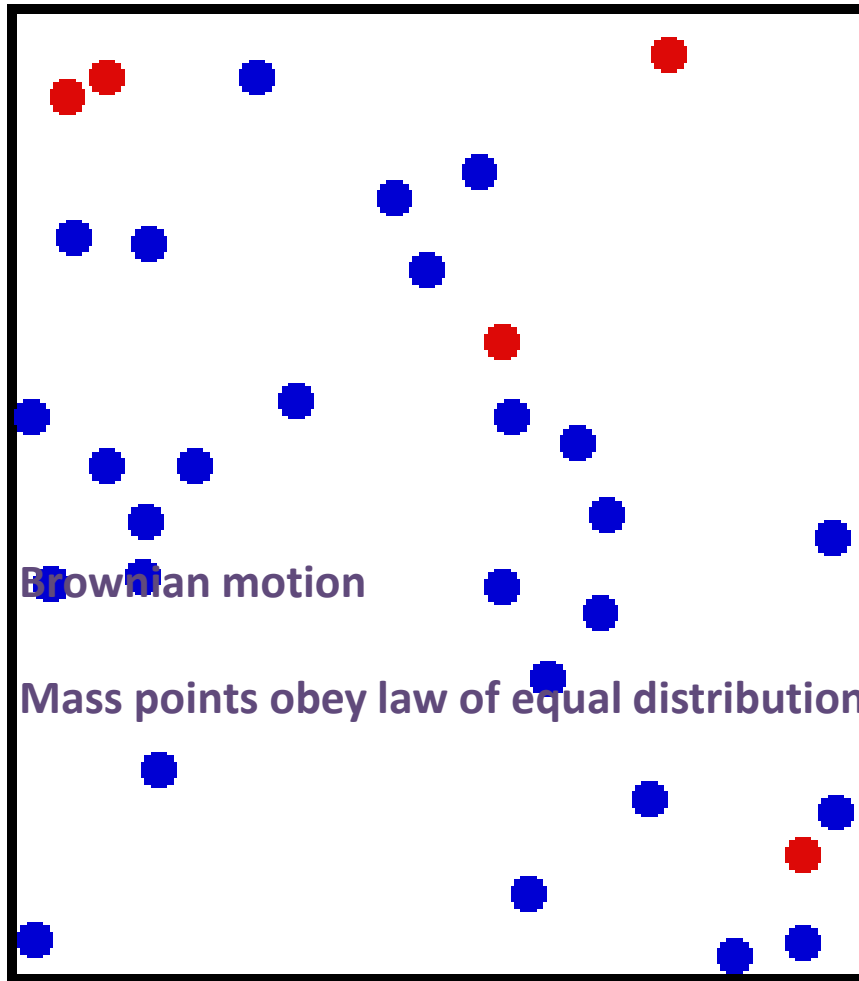
$$dE_{total} = dU + d\left(\frac{v^2}{2}\right) + d\Phi + \delta Q$$

# Expansion & contraction

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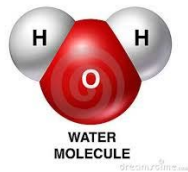


# Kinetic theory of heat: $U = \text{const.} \cdot T$



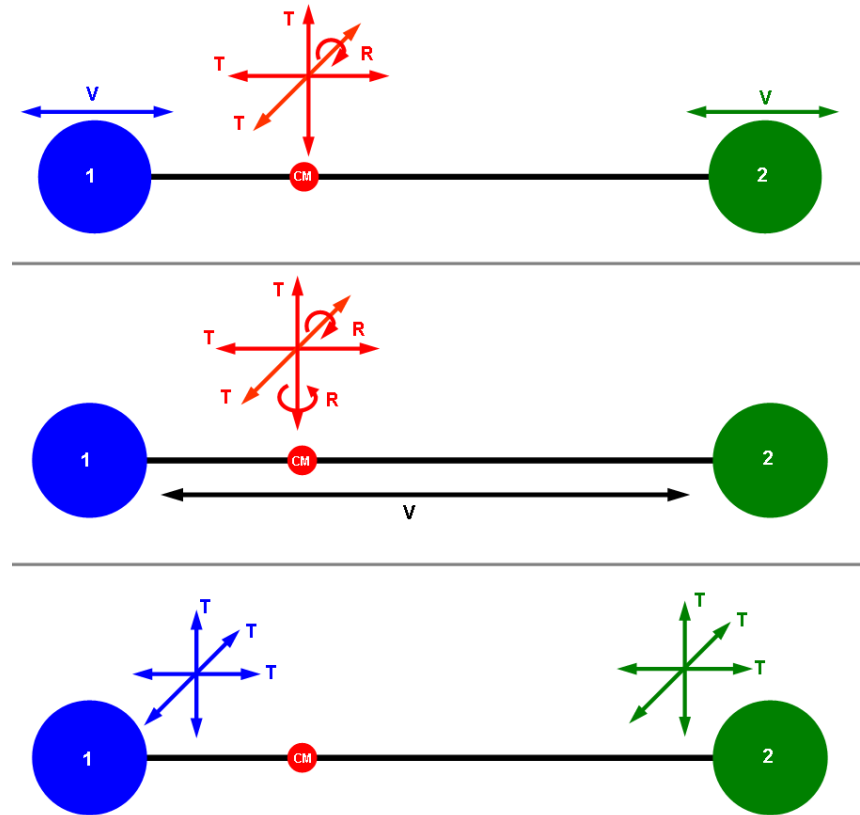
$$\overline{U} = \frac{m \overline{v^2}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} k T$$

# # of degrees of freedom for molecules differs



$$\bar{U} = \frac{1}{2} f n R^* T = \frac{f}{2} k T$$

Recall: Temperature of thermosphere is determined from kinetic theory of heat!



# Specific heat

Definitions:  $c_v := \left. \frac{\delta q}{dT} \right|_v = \left. \frac{T ds}{dT} \right|_v$

$$c_p := \left. \frac{\delta q}{dT} \right|_p = \left. \frac{T ds}{dT} \right|_p$$

1<sup>st</sup> law of thermodynamics :  $\delta q = T ds = du + p dv$

If  $v=0$

$$\Rightarrow du = c_v dT$$

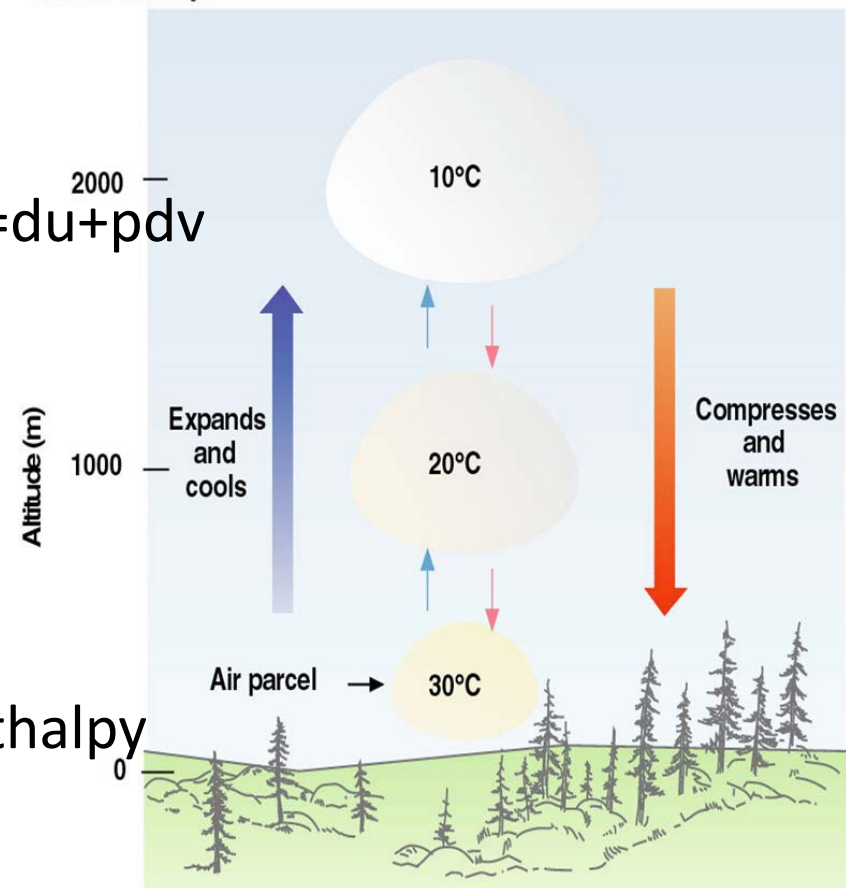
$$\Rightarrow \text{If } du=0 \Rightarrow u(T)$$

If  $p=0$  with  $T ds = dh - v dp$

$$\Rightarrow dh = c_p dT \quad \text{with } h = u + pv \text{ specific enthalpy}$$

After integration:  $u = c_v T, \quad h = c_p T$

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# R, $c_p$ and $c_v$ are related

$$Tds = c_v dT + pdv = c_v dT + d(pv) - vdp$$

With Eq. of state

$$c_v dT + d(pv) - vdp = c_v dT + R dT - vdp = (c_v + R) dT - vdp$$

Comparison with  $Tds = c_p dT - vdp$  yields

$$c_p - c_v = R$$

Air parcel:

$$c_p = 1004 \text{ J/(kgK)}, c_v = 717 \text{ J/(kgK)}, R_d = 287 \text{ J/(kgK)}$$

$$(c_p - c_v) / c_p = R_d / c_p = \kappa = 0.286 \text{ Poisson-constant}$$

$$c_p / c_v = 1.4$$

# Potential temperature

- Adiabatic ascend:  $\delta Q = Tds = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  expands  $dv > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  performs work  $p dv$

$\Rightarrow du < 0, dT < 0$

Question:  $dT/dz = ?$

$$c_p dT = \frac{1}{\rho} dp$$

$$c_p dT = \frac{R_d T}{p} dp$$

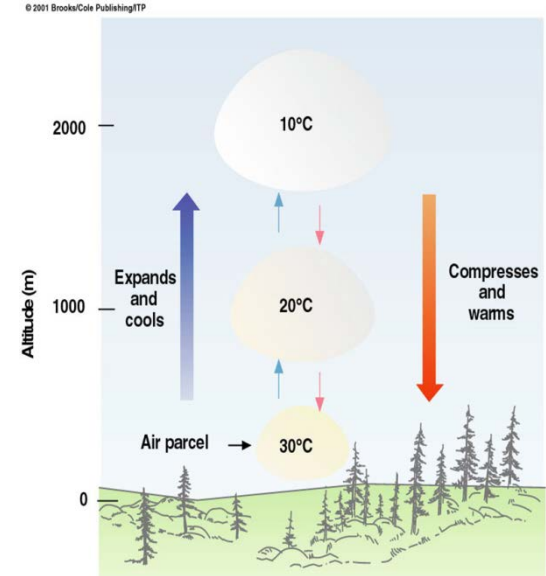
$$c_p \frac{dT}{T} - \frac{R_d dp}{p} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad c_p d(\ln T) - R_d d(\ln p) = 0$$

$$c_p \ln T - R_d \ln p = c_p \ln T_o - R_d \ln p_o = \text{constant}$$

$$\ln \frac{T_o}{T} = \frac{R_d}{c_p} \ln \frac{p_o}{p}$$

$$\Theta = T \left( \frac{p_o}{p} \right)^{\frac{R_d}{c_p}}$$

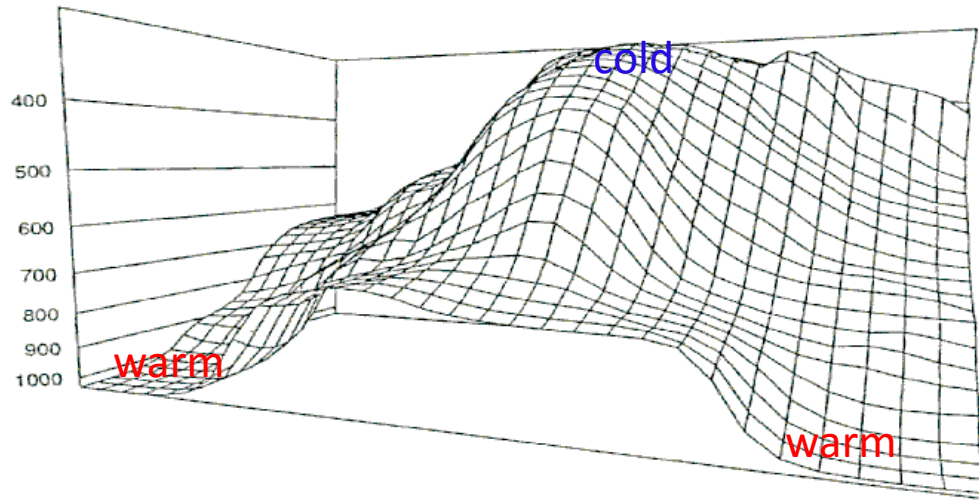
Potential temperature





# 3D isentropic topography can be used for assessment of trace gas/particle origin area

300 K Isentropic Surface



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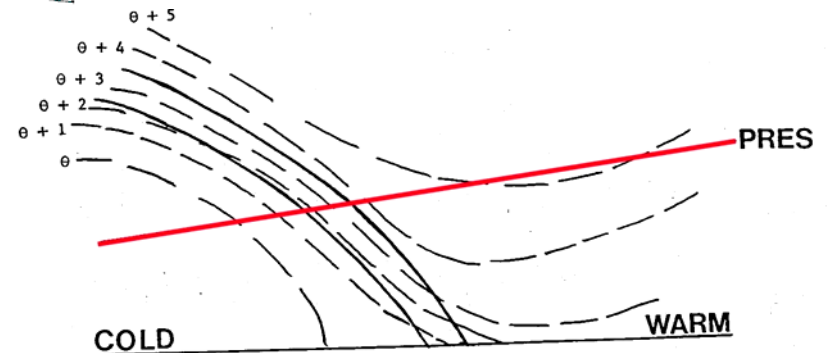
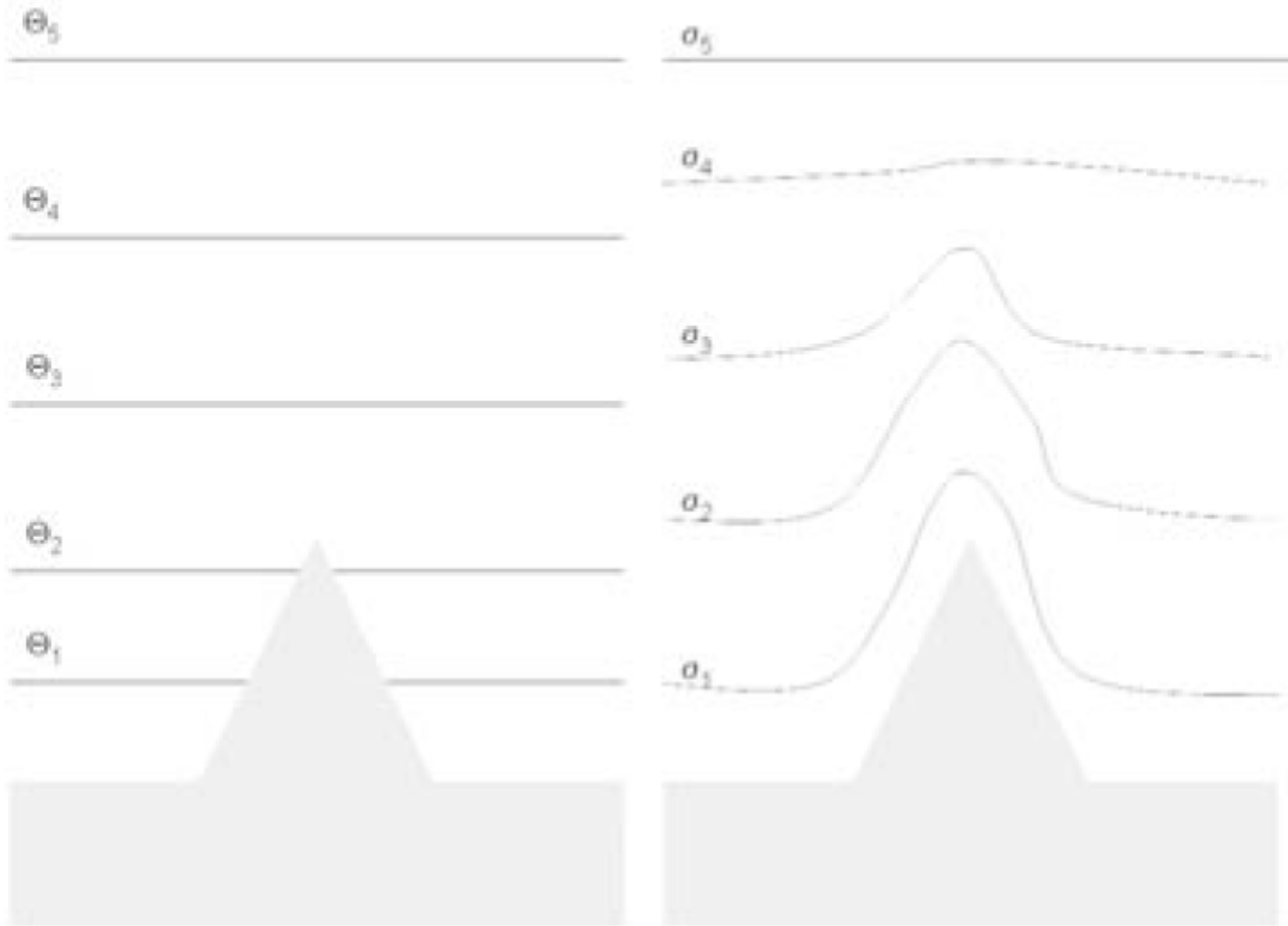


Figure 4. Schematic depiction of isentropic surfaces (dashed lines) and representative pressure surface (solid line) in the vicinity of a cold frontal zone (bold, curved lines).

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# Applications of potential temperature as coordinates



# Dry adiabatic lapse rate

$$d\Theta = \frac{\Theta}{T} \left( dT - \frac{1}{\rho c_p} dp \right)$$

$$c_p d\Theta = \frac{\Theta}{T} (c_p dT - \frac{1}{\rho} dp) = \frac{\Theta}{T} T ds$$

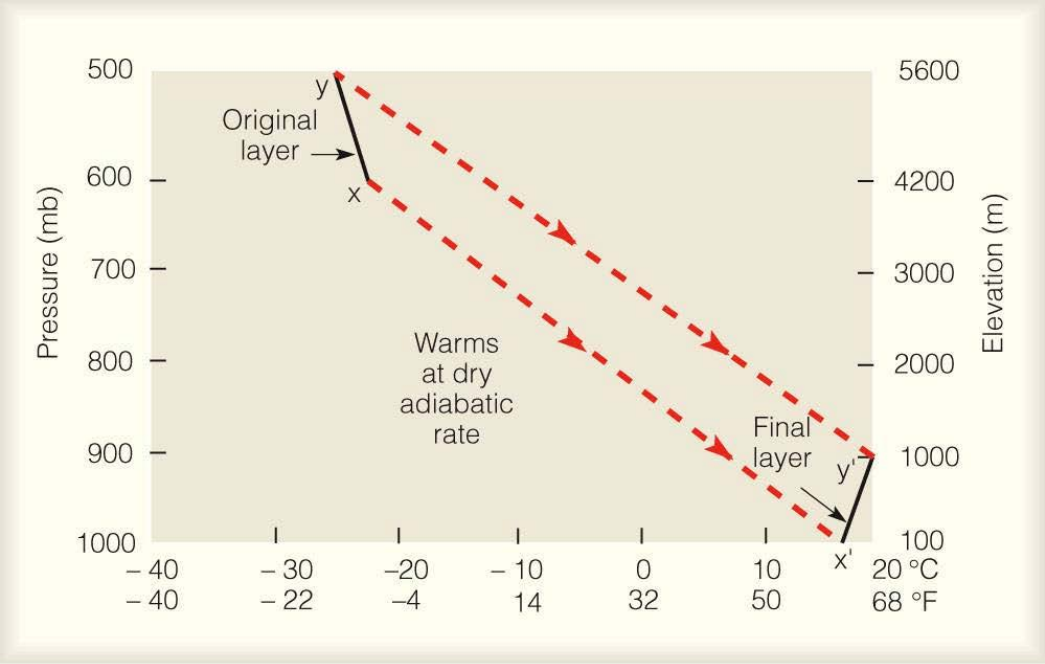
$$c_p \frac{dT}{T} + \frac{g}{T_e} dz = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{dz} = -\frac{g}{c_p} \frac{T}{T_e}$$

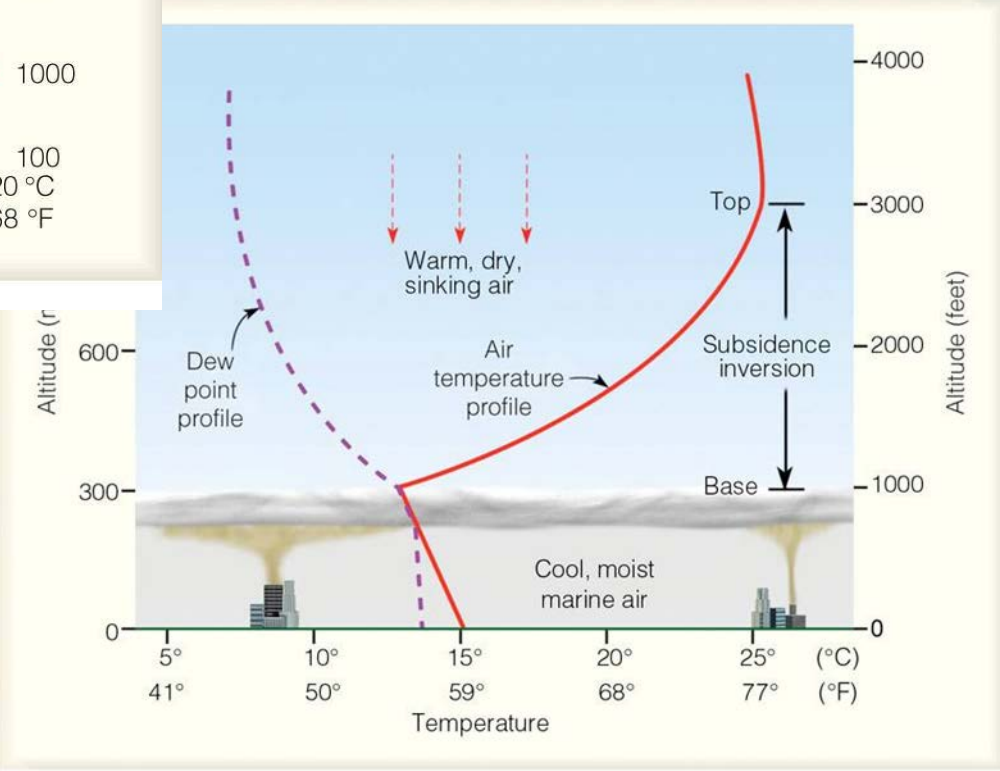
$dp_e = -\rho_e g dz$  with  $p_e = \rho_e R_d T_e$  and  $p_e = p$   
Since  $T_e \sim T$  and  $g/c_p = 0.98 \text{ K}/100\text{m}$

$$\frac{dT}{dz} =: -\Gamma_d = -\frac{g}{c_p} \approx -0.98 \frac{\text{K}}{100\text{m}}$$

# Application of $\Gamma_d$ for forecasting subsidence inversions



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# Application of $\Gamma_d$ to examine the dry static energy

dry static energy:=  $h+gz$  with  $h=u+pv=c_pT$

$$\frac{dh}{dz} = -g$$

$$d(h+gz)/dz=0$$

$$d\theta/dz=0$$

# Diabatic heating

$\delta Q \neq 0 \Rightarrow \theta$  is not conserved  $\Rightarrow d\theta/dz \neq 0$

$$d \ln \Theta - d \ln T = -\kappa d \ln p$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial z} - \frac{g}{c_p}$$

Thermodynamic energy eq.  $Q \equiv \frac{DS}{Dt} = c_p \frac{DT}{Dt} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{Dp}{Dt}$  under diabatic heating:

$$\frac{D\Theta}{Dt} = \frac{Q}{c_p} \left( \frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{-\kappa}$$