# The Experiments of Weather Instruments & Observations lab.

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# General formula of surface code

#### **MiMiMjMJ**

MMULaULo4 h0h0h0im4 IrIxVV Nddff (00fff) 1SnTTT

$$\begin{cases}
2SnTdTdTd\\
or\\
29UUU
\end{cases}
3P0P0P0P0
\begin{cases}
4PPPP\\
or\\
4a3hhh
\end{cases}
5aPPP 6RRRtr$$

$$\begin{cases}
7wwW1W2\\
or\\
or\\
7wawaWa1Wa2
\end{cases}
8NhCLCMCH 9GGgg$$

# Drawing and analysis of surface observation codes and instruments used for measurement

The surface observation code is written in the following form:

 $M_iM_iM_jM_j$  YYGGIw

IIiii I<sub>R</sub>I<sub>x</sub>hVV Nddff 1S<sub>n</sub>TTT 2S<sub>n</sub>T<sub>d</sub>T<sub>d</sub>T<sub>d</sub> 3P<sub>o</sub>P<sub>o</sub>P<sub>o</sub>P<sub>o</sub>P<sub>o</sub> 4PPPP 5aPPP 6RRRt<sub>R</sub> 7wwW<sub>1</sub>W<sub>2</sub> 8N<sub>h</sub>C<sub>L</sub>C<sub>M</sub>C<sub>H</sub>

• <u>Note:</u> There are latitude and longitude codes (LaLaLa) and (LoLoLo) but they are not mentioned in the main code above.

#### $M_iM_iM_jM_j$

The type of station, and replace it with one of the following formulas:

If the report is from a stable ground station (AAXX)

If the report was taken from a marine station (BBXX)

If the report is from a mobile earth station (OOXX)

#### **YYGGI**w

YY	Date (01-31)
GG	Time (00-23)
Iw	The source and units of wind speed, takes the following values:
0	If the speed is <b>estimated (m/s)</b>
1	If the speed is <b>measured (m/s)</b>
2	If the speed is <b>estimated (knot)</b>
3	If the speed is measured (knot)
/	If the wind speed <b>is not available</b>

# IIiii

II Zone number / iii Station number

## $I_RI_xhVV\\$

## Vísibility group:

$I_R$	Gíde of Sediment group	
0,1,2	In the present of sediment	
	This means that there is a sixth group	
3,4	In the absence of sediment, omitted or unattended sediment	
	This means that the sixth group does not exist	
$I_X$	Gíde of weather case	
1	Presence of weather case	
	This means that there is a seventh group	
2	In the absence of weather case	
	This means that the seventh group does not exist	
h	Base height of lower cloud	

h	feet	Meters
0	0-100	0-50
1	100-300	50-100
2	300-600	100-200
3	600-900	200-300
4	900-1900	300- 600
5	1900-3200	600-1000
6	3200-4900	1000-1500
7	4900-6500	1500-2000
8	6500-8000	2000-2500
9	8,000 or higher or no cloud	2500 or higher or no
		cloud
/	Height of base of cloud is not known.	

#### Cloud Base Height Measuring Devices:

- 1. Balloon
- 2. Scout
- 3. The siliometer
- 4. By the mathematical equation:

H=(T-Ta)/6.5\*1000

where:

H is the height of the cloud

T dry temperature

Ta The degree of dew point

6.5 is a constant number which is the rate of temperature decrease per 1000 metres.

VV	Vísíbílíty (00-99)
0 - 50	We add two zeros to the right and the visibility is measured in units (m)
51 - 55	Doesn't used
56 – 80	We subtract 50, and the visibility is measured in units (km).
81 – 89	Visibility is calculated from the equation below and is measured in units (km) $VV=(ones\ digit)*5+30$
90 – 99	This group gives visibility at sea

The location of the visibility is as shown on the station

