When will stratus clear?



Three mechanisms

- Insolation
- increased wind
- advection of drier air

Clearance by insolation





 Draw a DALR from the stratus top to the surface pressure

Clearance by increased wind

Increasing the wind speed will deepen the mixing layer ...



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Clearance by increased wind



 ... and can mix drier air from above into the cloudy layer which may disperse the stratus



Clearance by advection of drier air



- drier air from another source may clear the stratus
- use satellite pictures to observe rear edge of stratus
- Example follows.



Area of drier air spreads south west with time











