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Flt ID: 20120618H1	From: KMCF	To: KMCF
Flt. No: 12 -	Blk In: 1612 z	Time On: 1604 z
ETD: 102	Blk Out: 0953 z	Time Off: 1000 z
ETE: 6 +	Blk Time: + 6.3 Hrs	Flt Time: + 6.1 Hrs
Sponsoring Org: AOC	Program: PSM	Purpose: WIND/STMR CAL

## AOC Flight Crew

(13)

Aircraft Commander: HALVERSON	Data System: NAEHER
Co-Pilot: SWEENEY , KIBBEY	AVAPS: MASCARO
Navigator: BRAKOB ,	System Eng: LYNCH, C
Flight Eng: KLIPPEL , HEYSTEK	AA: RICHARDS
Flight Director: WILLIAMS ,	AA: WARNECKE
Avionics: PEEK	Crew Chief:

## Participating Scientists / Visitors

Name (Last, First)	Activity on Aircraft	Affiliation

Remarks (Storm Name, Mission ID, Recco Times, Fix Times)

Recco Times

Fix # Fix Time

Storm Name: WYWKA TRAIN

Mission ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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Flight ID: 20120618H1	Time Off: 1000	Time On: 1604
	A/C - Takeoff	Wx Station - Takeoff
	A/C - Land	Wx Station - Land
Pressure	PS2 1014.9 / PS1 1012.2	29.99 1015.1 1017.5 / 1016.1
	30.04 1016.8	
	Number	Data Disposition / Date / Quality
Flight Level Tapes		
Radar Tapes		
Cloud Physics Tapes / CDs		
Video Tapes		
Dropsondes	2	Good: 2 Bad:
AXBT	1	
AXCP		
AXCTD		

## Remarks:

42002 27 152 12009 105M Wx 25/20 NO PLAB in P.S. & SFR  
 102 22/20 TDM. 2 went out @ 1430Z  
 ~ HD03  
 NO NOVATEL  
 NO HD03 (update for SFR)  
 NO SFR on screens or WMM (HD03) but yes in display  
 bad  
 15kts SFC  
 vprinter? where?  
 NO SCR 800 on windows  
 W: Vista, FR logger, R: Amap  
 SEA restarted?  
 BT came in but NOT show up in AAMPS Data by -  
 or display App - Resolved this  
 Old Sys NOT picking up should work for next flight

Power shift  
 shuts everything  
 down

## NOAA • AOC • SED N42RF AVAPS DROP LOG

Lead Tech: Joe Bosko

Project: Hurricane 2012

Mission: WIND CAL 2012Flight ID: 20120618H4Take Off: 1000ZLanding: 1604ZFlt Dir: TESS WILLIAMS

Drop #	Sonde Serial #	Rcvr #	Press Offset	Launch Time	Operator	Charge \$\$ To	Comments	Good ?
1	111745312	1	Ø	1124Z	JW	AOC		✓
2	111755701	1	66	1503Z	JW	AOC		
3	<del>1210915309</del>	2	<del>+.6</del>		<del>JW</del>	<del>AOC</del>		
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WD WS WZ 120pts

# P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

121 pts per leg

726 pts 5,9334976

2.2614303

.999 Cor

P9A pdA roll patch  
5 of

P9A 82

15k

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
1,500	with	180	.8 .6		102237	102437	
1,500	into	180	.3 .08		103201	103401	
1,500	with	210	.4 .2		104310	104510	
1,500	into	210	.5 .3		105202	105402	
1,500	into	240	.6 .3		111458	111658	
1,500	with	240	.6 .4		112332	112532	

10k

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
5,000	into	180	.8 .7		113420	113620	
5,000	with	180	.5 .3		114140	114230	114232 114312
5,000	into	210	.7 .5		115144	115344	
5,000	with	210	.2 .04		120358	120558	
5,000	into	240	.2 .04		121100	121136	121314-121428
5,000	with	240	.3 .09		121915	122115	

84+

5k

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
10,000	into	180	.6 .1		123642	123842	
10,000	with	180	.5 .3		124345	124545	
10,000	into	210	.3 .09		125258	125458	
10,000	with	210	.2 .07		125920	130120	
10,000	into	240	.4 .2		132120	132320	
10,000	with	240	.8 .7		132808	133008	

14059 - 16914

1.5

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
15,000	into	180	.9 .8		134218	134418	
15,000	with	180	1 .1		135000	135200	
15,000	into	210	.9 .8		135759	135959	
15,000	with	210	.4 .2		140522	140722	
15,000	with	240	1 .1		142050	142250	
15,000	into	240	.6 .4		142753	142953	

18171 - 21079

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
20,000	with	180	.3 .1		145050	145250	
20,000	into	180	.3 .1		150040	150210	150325 150355
20,000	with	210	.7 .6		150810	151010	
20,000	into	210	.5 .3		151645	151845	
20,000	with	240	.9 .8		152920	153120	
20,000	into	240	.8 .7		153718	153918	

CLD  
6,108560  
2,277652  
7,5A  
7,203803  
0.22

ALL

score 6.002433889  
INT 2.291311227

corr 3630  
0.996

Slip

> length of slope

PQB PDB

PDB -15 when straight + level

15k 110053 -110535 283pts  
Slope 7.21228847

141058 -141606 309 slope 6.818409172

Bath 592 7.044860821

OLD 6.108560  
2.277652  
0.22  
7.203803

AA

15k

Plot WD WS UWZ for ALL legs + circles

Chg in Amp of WD + S + UWZ in circles +  
equalize WRAD b/y + after 90/270 turns  
circles

130030  
132100

0.22

0.15

0.25

90/270  
123830 124145



PD Beta off -15

270

070 240

# P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

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Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
1500	with	180	60/12	240	1021	1024	
1500	into	180	60/10	060	1029	1035	extended
1500	with	210	60/15	240	1041	104530	SFMR
1500	into	210	30/5	060	105447		
1500	into	240	60/7	060	1111		
1500	with	240	62/12	210			sonde

4mw

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Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
5,000	into	180	065/13	070	1235		
5,000	with	180		250	1242		
5,000				070	1250		SFMR
5,000				250	1259		SFMR
5,000				070			
5,000				250			BT

(2)

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
10,000	into	180	070/12	070	1133	1136	
10,000	with	186	068/18	250	1140	1144	
10,000	into	210	073/10	070			
10,000	with	240	068/13	250			
10,000	into	240	075/10	070			
10,000	with	240	076/11	250			

250/120

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11/11

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Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
15,000	into		98/15	105			
15,000	with		163/20	285	1348		
15,000	into		100/12	105	1356	13	
15,000	with			285	1403		
15,000	with		142/18	285			
15,000	into		182/10	105	1426		extended b/a turb

315

130

305

310

130

310

270 90 130

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
20,000			127/8	310	1450		
20,000			023/3	130	1458		
20,000				310			
20,000				130			
20,000				310			
20,000				130	1536		

15K

<https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&view=bsp&ver=ohhl4rw8mbn4>

180 102238 - 102437 ✓

180 ~~102238 - 102437~~  
103152 - 103351 ✓210 104310 - 104510 ✓  
105206 - 105405 ✓240 111310 - 111510 X  
112315 - 112515 X

3628

5.97316  
2.28302  
.996150120 - 150210  
50

5K

180 123642 - 123842 ✓  
124215 - 124415 +210 125200 - 125400 +  
125915 - 130115 ✓  
20 20240 132125 - 132325 ✓  
132125 - 133000 ✓

10K

180 113410 - 113610 ✓  
114115 - 114315 • 7X210 115405 - 115605 • .83X  
120350 - 120550 ✓240 121239 - 121438 X • .485  
121920 - 122120 ✓

20K

180 145053 - 145252 ✓

150120 - 150210  
150310 - 150420210 150810 - 151010 ✓  
151659 - 151858 +240 152925 - 153125 ✓  
153710 - 153910 +

1.5K

180 134220 - 134420 ✓  
- 134955 - 135155210 135758 - 135958  
140520 - 140720240 141925 - 142125 ✓  
142200 - 142900 +

024

.127

• 37

• 625

20K 6.16044

15K 5.92633 → 2.28356  
→ 2.26052

10K 6.05185 2.33625

5K 5.96403 2.30510

1.5K 5.60606 2.21801

• 9974

• 9992

• 9977

• 9985

• 9888

All

5.97312

2.28302

.9964



## P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

### Suggested Order of Operations

SFMR Calibration: Needs to be done before 9AM with legs centered over buoy

15,000 ft PA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins —

\*\*Yaw Maneuver, 200 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles,  $\pm 5^\circ$  Sideslip, Roll  $< \pm 3^\circ$  —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Dropsonde on last leg

060 ↗

10,000 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

070

5,000 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins

3 Concentric Circles to the Left,  $30^\circ$  Roll, 210 kts IAS

3 Concentric Circles to the Right,  $30^\circ$  Roll, 210 kts IAS

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins

AXBT on last leg (need to be depressurized)

- D.P.

1315Z BT

1,500 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Yaw Maneuver, 200 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles,  $\pm 5^\circ$  Sideslip, Roll  $< \pm 3^\circ$  —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

20,000 ft PA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —

Pitch Maneuver, 210 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles,  $\pm 5^\circ$  Pitch

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins

Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins

Dropsonde Deployment on first leg 180kts

\*\* If running late save 15,000ft Yaw maneuver for during climb from 1,500ft to 20,000ft



## P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

### Legs:

- 1 leg tracking true into wind and 1 leg tracking true with the wind at each IAS at each altitude (total of 30 legs)
- Must be at least 3 mins long
- DO NOT CHANGE TRACK/HEADING!!
- If wind speed > 13kts and wind direction changes by > 10° then Re-Do!
- Do 90/270 turns at the end of leg between into/with wind to head back on reciprocal course.



Into wind, 90/270, with wind – 3 Minutes

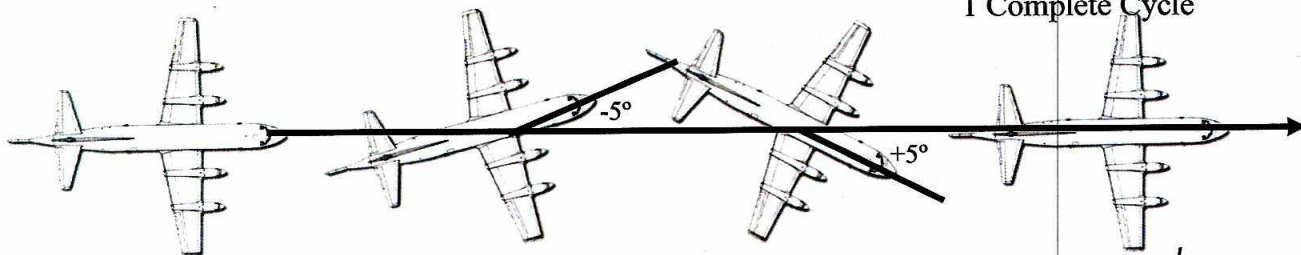
#### A/C speeds:

180 kts  
210 kts  
240 kts

#### Altitudes:

1,500 ft RA  
5,000 ft RA  
10,000 ft RA  
15,000 ft PA  
20,000 ft PA

### Yaw Maneuvers:



- Do at 1,500 ft RA and 15,000 ft PA
- Do at 200 kts IAS (See WP-3 Standard Op Notes)

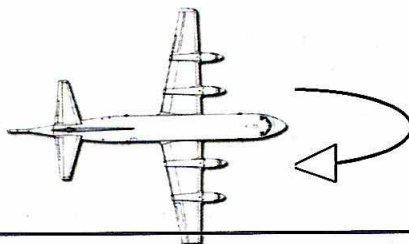
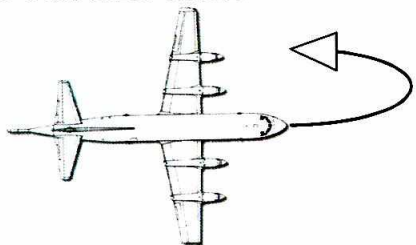
- TRY NOT TO FLUCTUATE IAS!!
- Yaw by  $\sim \pm 5^\circ$  sideslip, Roll  $< \pm 3^\circ$
- Do 5 cycles (above picture is 1 cycle)

1 min per cycle

$\sim 5-6$  min

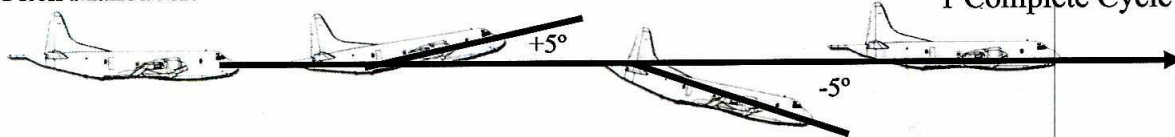
+/- 55 PD3

### 3 Concentric Circles:



- 5,000 ft RA
- 30° roll
- 3 left turns
- 3 right turns
- At 210 IAS racetrack legs

### Pitch Maneuver:



- Do at 20,000 ft PA
- Do after the 210 IAS racetrack and before you start the 240 IAS racetrack

- Do at 215 kts IAS
- Do 5 Cycles of  $\pm 5^\circ$  Pitch (above picture is 1 complete cycle)

N42RF Calibration Results  
From June 18, 2012 Wind Cal Flight

N42RF flew a 6 hour mission on June 16, 2012 over the USF buoy 42022 to the WSW of Macdill, at 27.5N 83.7W. Several maneuvers were executed in order to determine the coefficients for the attack and slip angles. Yaw maneuvers were performed at 1500 feet and 15000 feet to provide input for deriving the slope for the aircraft's slip angle. Several speed runs, tracking into and out of the wind, were flown at five pre-determined altitudes. The data collected from these maneuvers were used to determine the slope and intercept for the aircraft's attack angle.

The data, images and results can be found on the server at [/acdata/2012/MET/20120618H1](#) directory. The coefficients were determined using ZR\_TPCAL.xls, an excel program created by 2010 Hollings Scholar Zeljco Raic.

One hundred twenty one (121) points were selected for each leg flown into and with the wind for each airspeed (180, 210, 240 IAS), making a total of 242 points per indicated airspeed per altitude for statistical significance. The following table shows the attack angle coefficients for each of the five altitudes:

	Slope	Intercept
1500 feet	5.575209	2.220725
5000 feet	6.096507	2.337542
10000 feet	6.064407	2.334522
15000 feet	5.933497	2.261431
20000 feet	6.216913	2.296375

The above table is for reference purposes only. To obtain the "final" slope and intercept for attack angle all of the selected data points, ZR\_TPCAL.xls was used. For this calibration flight the slope and intercept for the attack angle are as follows:

For all levels (3630 points)      Slope: **6.002434**      Intercept: **2.291311**

The program computes a correlation coefficient and it is .996 for all legs combined.

The input data to determine the slope for the slip angle came from the two yaw maneuvers. A minimum of, but not limited to, 120 points are required per maneuver. ABD\_TPCAL on the HP1000 computes a slope for the slip angle for each maneuver. For this flight the derived slip angle slopes are as follows:

1500 feet	Slope: 6.818409	for 309 points
15000 feet	Slope: 7.212288	for 283 points



As was for the attack angle derivation, both sets of data were entered into the ABD\_TPCAL program. The "final" slip angle slope from the 831 points was calculated to be **7.044861**.

To determine the slip intercept, a subjective technique is employed using plots of wind direction, wind speed and vertical wind from the circle maneuvers conducted at 5000 feet. Several plots of the aforementioned parameters were made, varying the intercept value for the slip angle. Through some simple statistics and a "meteorological eyeballing" of the plots, a determination for the slip angle intercept is made. For this flight the slip angle intercept was determined to be **+0.15**. As previously stated this method is very subjective. However it does provide a hands-on view of what is happening to the horizontal and vertical wind values when the value for the slip angle intercept is modified.

From Monday's SFMR / Wind calibration flight overall things worked very well! However, below are a few instrument concerns still, and some that were fixed from the 8 June flight.

Instruments:

--**Total Temp 2** (TTM.2) is still extremely noisy, with 3-4 degrees C of noise. This is being looked into. See *TTMnoise\_zoom.png*

--**Dewpointer #2** (TDM.2) a different dewpointer than on the 8 June test flight, did not get cold enough in the high altitudes, nor did it trend with #1 or the TDL, and was slightly too cold at the low altitudes. See *TDM2unresponsive.png*

Dewpointer #1 (TDM.1) appears to be the best, trends with the TDL and reliable compared to sonde data, though it spiked up just before landing as it normally does. See *dewpointers.png*

--**Novatel** data (AltGPS.3, LatGPS.3 and LonGPS.3) at first was not working but this was fixed in flight. Then it worked fine with the exception of one spike where the GPS Quality went down. See *Novatel\_spike.png*

--**Static Pressures** The new AOC A-D box was collecting data for Fuselage (PSM.2). This was compared with PSM.2 and wingtip (PSM.1) from AAMPS data sys before t/o and after landing. The static pressures from this box appear much more stable and consistent, and are closer to the elevation corrected station pressure than PSM.2 from data system. See *StaticPressureCompare.png* - in this image red line is from new box. We will look at this data further to see how it performs at the different altitudes compared with sonde data.

--**Dynamic Attack Pressure** (PQAlpha.1) works great (fixed after last flight).

--No gaps in pure GPS data in fast file and no drop-outs in Radar Altitude data (was seen on previous flight).

All other instruments looked good.

Other:

-SFMR data not in screens or WMM app, but in display app, netCDF and hdocs - Sonia / Leonard have fixed or are fixing this. SFMR data looked reasonable compared to surface wind observations.

-New AXBT system worked for the BT drop but it didn't show up in AAMPS (screens, netCDF, etc) however Dana and Todd already fixed this in flight and it should work next time.

-Remote avaps worked great. I did not see any issues with the sonde data either.

-FD computer is networked to AVAPS and MDS to access files. Tail radar display on FD-2 Linux machine worked good and so did all the other programs.



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## POSITION REPORT

**ENDURANCE REMAINING**

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