

N43RF ERROR SUMMARY

HURRICANE 2009

HURRICANE BILL

Flight ID: 090819I2

<u>Sensor or system</u>	<u>Number or Name</u>
INE (for wind derivation)	INE1
Accelerometer	ACC1
Temperature Probe	TT1
Dew Point Probe	TDM2X (EDGETECH)
Static Pressure	PSF
Dynamic Pressure	PQF1
Vert. Wind	ALTI1X
Constants File	n43_hur09v2.adc
Project Directory	/acdata/2009/hur09/P3

Notes:

There were three instances after takeoff of erroneous or missing inertial data being skipped in the creation of the netCDF file resulting in data gaps:

01:07:21 - 01:07:26Z

01:53:41Z

02:29:41Z

The two second-long gaps did not cause any subsequent disruption to the data. However, for the six second gap, there was one second of erroneous data that followed resulting in the need for the following data to be patched using the substitution method with the following offsets: hdgi1 (0.6 offset), gsui1 (-1.15), alti1 (-27 using the altnvtl), lati1 and loni1 were both offset by 0.00015 using latnvl and lonnvl respectively.

Dewpoint sensor #2...TDM2 (EdgeTech) had several occurrences where its' value was greater than ambient temperature thus producing humidity values above 100%. For most of these occurrences TDM2 output was not modified. The highest value for RH left in the RXC file (not corrected) was 133% at 00:26:17Z (there was a gradual rise of several seconds to this value so no obviously erroneous "spike" was available to be corrected). TDM2 values were modified to remove what would have been more extreme RH spikes. A raw dew point spike of 40.03C at 00:27:04Z was patched to 14.60C manually using statistical methods with a weighting factor of 0.35. Similar patching was performed during the interval from 00:26:19Z to 00:28:51Z to remove several spikes, replacing them with a curve with a beginning value of 14.53C to an ending value of 11.92C.

All other flight level instruments worked optimally during the flight. A 140 meter spike in absolute altitude at 23:42:36Z was deemed to be valid when correlated with a sudden rise in Pressure Altitude, along with a sharp peak in vertical acceleration associated with penetration of a strong outlying feeder band approximately 100 NM northeast of the center.

The RINU1550 GPS altitude output was used for extrapolating sea level pressure from flight altitude. An eye center dropsonde was conducted at 02:01:01Z. The extrapolated sea level pressure from flight altitude, 700 mb or 10,000 feet, at the time of this release was 946.2 mb with a splash sonde pressure of 949 mb (with 13 knots of wind at the surface).

Twenty three dropsondes (23) were deployed during the mission, all but one were good (the 2146Z inbound drop failed to acquire GPS winds). No AXBT were deployed.

SPECIAL NOTE!!! The variable names dpj_wgs, dpj_was and dpj_wz in the netCDF file represent vertical ground, vertical air and vertical wind speeds, respectively, computed using Dave Jorgensen's vertical wind algorithm. It is recommended that these values be used for vertical wind analysis.

	Takeoff	Landing
	1955Z	0357Z
Aircraft Static Pressure	1002.1mb	1004.9mb
Corrected Tower Pressure	1001.8mb	1004.7mb

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AOCWF-1

Flt ID: 090819IB	From: TBPB	To: TBPB
Flt No: 09-057	Blk In: 0402z	ATA: 0357
ETD: 2000z	Blk Out: 1943z	ATD: 1955z (8.0)
ETE: 8+00	Blk Time: 8.3	Flt Time: 8.0
Sponsor Org: HRD	Program: PHX	Purpose: TDR/FIXES/sounds HURRICANE BILL

AOC Personnel

AC: CHOF	Sys Eng: Bosko
CP: NELSON/MARTIN	Data Sys: Naehen
Nav: Kidder/Gallagher	Radar:
FE: Best/Klippe	GPS/BT: San Souci
FD: Henning/Parrish	Cld Phys:
Avionics:	

Participating Scientists / Visitors / AOC

Name (Last, First)	Activity on Aircraft	Affiliation
Cione, Joe	LPS	HRD
Gamache, John	Radar	HRD
Annane, Bashir	Editsoude	HRD
Dvorsky, Jason	IWRAP	UMASS

E 105 PT 20 31 N 56 45 W

eye 20 32 N 58 36 W

LAND 1011 mb TBPB (1004.7 STA)
1011.4 system SLP (1004.9 Ps)

Proposed/Actual Mission Remarks (Recco, Fixes, Storm, PENET, NHOP #)

1008 mb Takeoff
(29.77) (1001.8 STA)
1008.2 mb ~~8.3~~ (1002.1 Ps)

Recco1 2052z

2110
58162018
5814

1+15
IP 18 35.5
56 20.5
6 19 50 1+50
57 38
2150z

eyeball
0027

300/16
00z 19.9N 58.3W
1141Z 1813N
55 29W
952 129 NE
SEMR105
113 kts 120 meters

Flt ID: **090819I2** Time Off: **1955Z** Time On: **0357Z**

A/C (Take Off) Wx Station (Take Off) A/C (Land) Wx Station (Land)

Pressure **1002.1 mb** **1001.8** **1004.9** **1004.7**

	Number	Data Disposition / Date / Quality
Flt Lvl Tapes	2	
Radar Tapes	1	
Cloud Physics Tapes		
Video Tapes		
AXBT	0	
AXCP		
AXCTD		
Dropsondes	23	1 failed to get GPS winds (2146z)

Video

	Forward	Left Side	Right Side	Down	Remarks
Time On					
Time Off					
Rate					

Remarks

OBS 1 4 8 10 13 14 19 21 23 25 26
 HD 11, 13, 19, 23, 35 39

(ATZ 8.1001)
 (291.5001)

N43RF AVAPS DROP LOG

Project : Hurricane '09

Mission : BILLFlight ID : 0908191BTake Off : 2000

Landing : _____

Flt Dir : PARRISH / HENNING Launcher S/N : _____

DENNIES

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Drop #	Sonde Serial #	Rcvr #	Press Offset	Launch Time	Winds Time	Operator	Charge \$\$ To	Comments	Good ?
✓ 1	084 919 119	4	.4	2136		DSF		IP	✓
✓ 2	084 919 050	3	.4	2146				NO GAS	X
✓ 3	091 849 040	4	.4	2148				IN BOUND	✓
✓ 4	083 219 023	2	.6	2156				INNER EDGE	✓
✓ 5	083 259 188	3	.2	2159				CENTER DROP	✓
✓ 6	084 439 009	4	.6	2200				OUTBOUND	✓
✓ 7	084 919 144	2	.4	2212				OUT MIDDLE	✓
✓ 8	084 419 074	2	0	2224				NW POINT	✓
✓ 9	084 429 033	2	0	2253				SW CORNER	✓
✓ 10	083 259 023	2	-.2	2305				SW INBOUND	✓
✓ 11	084 419 086	4	0	2316				SW INNER EYE	✓
✓ 12	084 919 135	3	.3	2322				NE EYEWALL	✓
✓ 13	084 919 220	2	.5	2331				NE OUT	✓
✓ 14	084 919 117	1	.5	2343				NE CORNER	✓
✓ 15	084 919 211	2	.6	0002				N POINT	✓
✓ 16	084 919 223	2	.3	0016				N 52.5° PT.	✓
✓ 17	084 919 133	3	.5	0027				N INNER EYE	✓
✓ 18	084 919 103	1	.7	0047				S MIDDLE	✓
✓ 19	084 439 045	2	.6	0101				S POINT	✓
✓ 20	084 919 094	4	.0	0134				E POINT	✓
✓ 21	084 419 137	2	.3	0157				E EYEWALL	✓
✓ 22	084 419 048	3	0	0201				CENTER	✓
✓ 23	083 259 025	2	0	0223				W POINT	✓

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20-30 058-18
20-34 58.31FIX TYPES
(G) - GPS (I) - INS (R) - RADIO (V) - VISUAL (C) - CELESTIAL (D) - DR

MISSION LOG			PAGE ____ OF ____																		
TIME	FIX TYPE	POSITION	INS 1 POSITION	K ERR	INS 2 POSITION	K ERR	MH	VAR +E==>	TH	DR +R==>	TRK	GS	WD	WS	ALT	TAS	NEXT PT	DIST	TIME	ETA	REMARKS
2213	C	NY RADIO POSIT	2 REF																		
2036	A	N 20 01 059 08	20 01 59 09	-1 -1	20 N 59 08	+1 0	181	15W	166	6R	172	306	019	65	100	249	SW	74		2050	
2310	C	POSIT REPORT	✓ 1736 N 058 28W																		
2317	C	2005 058 02	205																		
2331	A	2046 57 20	20 47 57 20	-3 0	20 44 57 19	+2 +1	086	16W	070	25L	095	234	140	100	FL100	252	NE	40		2344	
0010	C	POSIT REPORT	21-28 058-15	090/	110 20-18 058-15	0050															
0056	C	20-19.676 058-19.989																			
0057	A	18-57.3 058-19.5	18-57.3 058-19.5	-1.9 +3.3	18-57.8 058-19.4	+3.6 +1.1	209	16W	193	12L	181	236	257	45	1000	251	S	105	27	0058	
0110	C	POSIT REPORT	18-57 057-33	090/	110 20-32 058-34	0205															
0120	A	20-18.1 058-48.9	20-17.4 058-48.5	+2.7 +1.4	20-18.5 058-49.2	+4.2 -1.3	013	15U	358	6L	352	325	158	80	1000	253	E	6	+02	0122	
0201	C	20-26.493 058-40.897																			
0210	C	POSIT REPORT	20-25 059-25	090/	110 20-25 060-30																
0230	A	20-00.9 060-29.5	20-04.2 060-29.0	-3.3 +1.5	19-55.5 060-30.8	+5.4 -1.3	189	15W	174	2L	172	307	344	91	FL100	262	RG	410	+40	0238	
0320	A	19-52.4 059-45.8	19-57.8 059-45.8	-1.4 +1.0	19-48.1 059-46.5	+7.3 -1.7	188	14U	174	2L	172	317	153	4	FL190	319	RG	93	+00	0353	
0325		CLR TO LAND																			0409 34/4 1012
0357	LAND	12-04.8 059-28.9	12-00.0 059-27.0	-5.2 +1.9	12-57.9 059-30.8	+6.9 -1.9															
0401	REL			020/	125/	7.11															

20256030 RG1 → 190 20256030

CBIL

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