

Excerpt from the Juneau Empire, 19 October 2004

Gusts coming down Third Street in Douglas caught people's attention, too.

Sherill Baxter said she was cleaning at P.P.'s Douglas Inn at around 9:30 a.m. Monday when she heard the wind break things outside. "It was a pretty good gust."

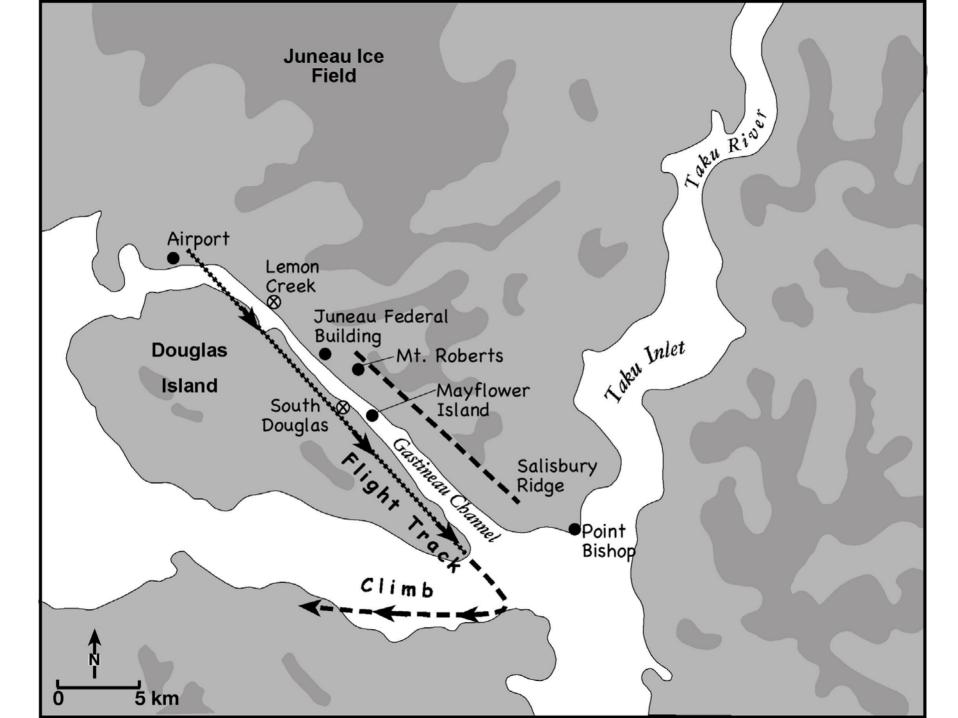
She said that in addition to the door at the cafe breaking, it looked like the wind broke the back window of a vehicle parked on the street. She also noticed the gas station losing a garbage can that had been tied down.

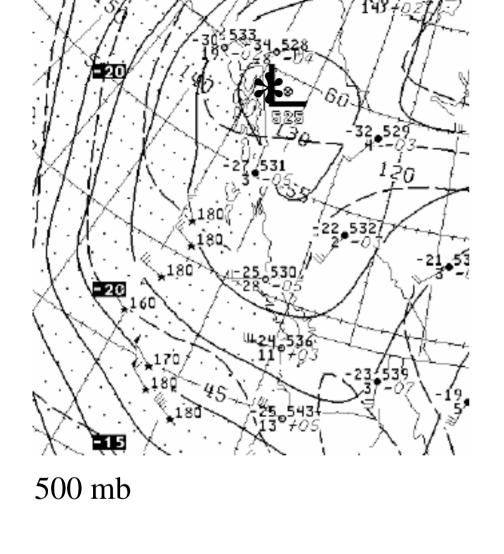
The plastic container that held the windshield squeegee at the gas pumps blew away, too, he said. The container was retrieved. "The squeegee is still lost."

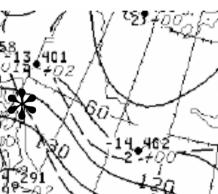
Wind Profiler and Research Aircraft Observations in Gastineau Channel during the Taku Wind Event of 18 October 2004

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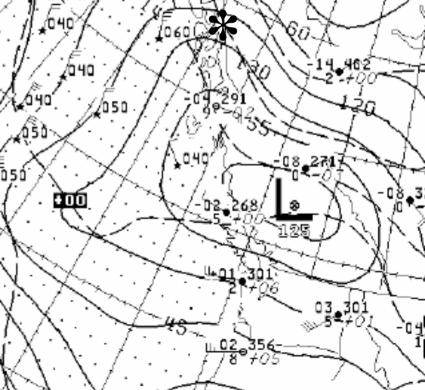
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- COAMPS Output

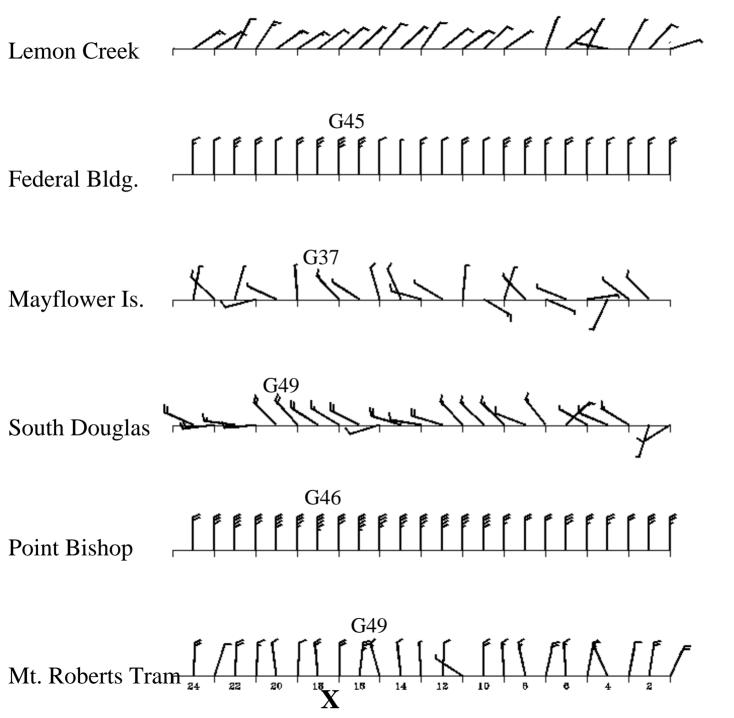


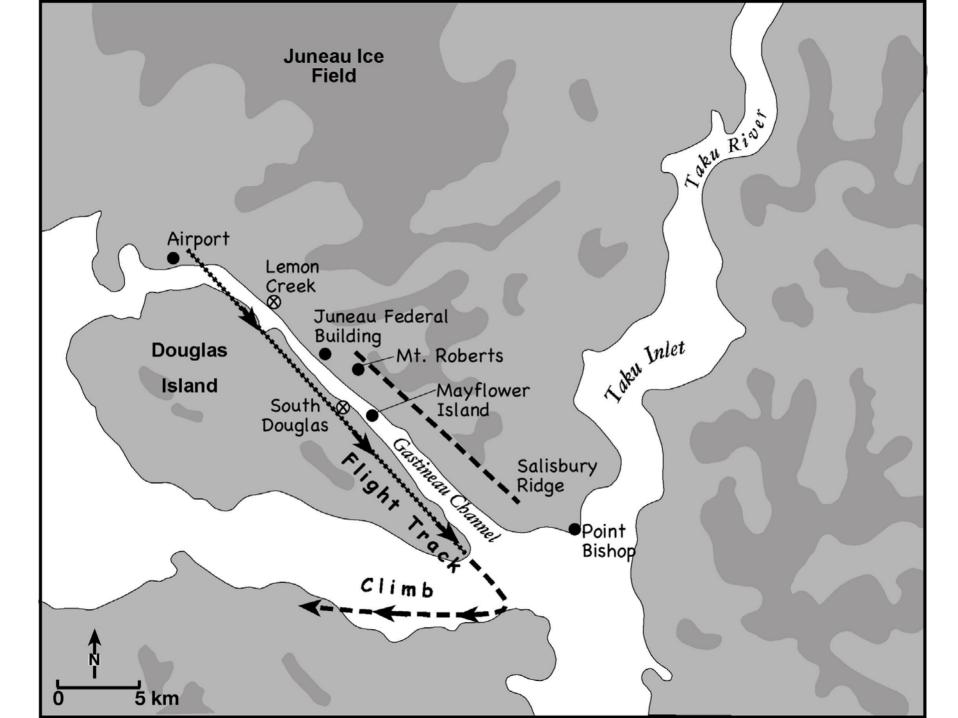




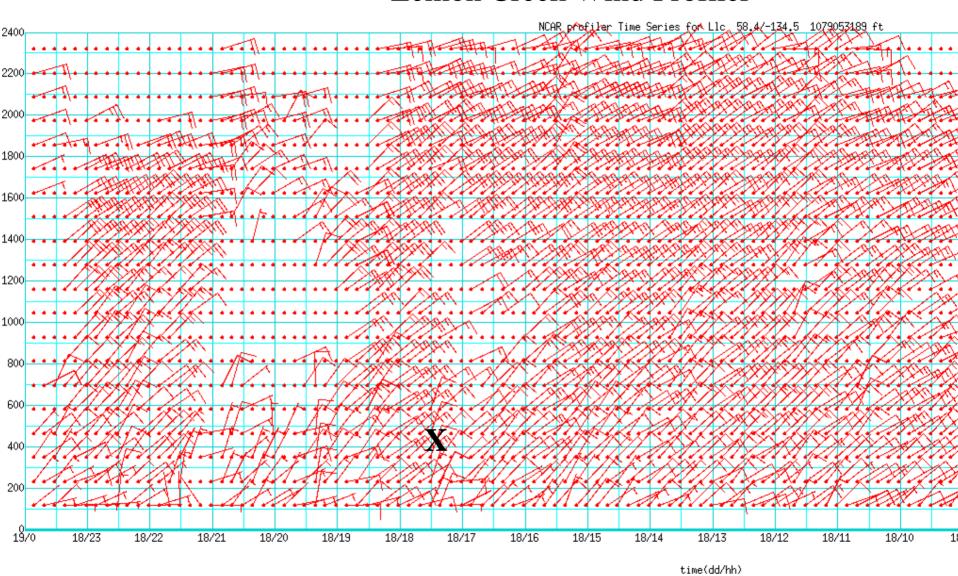
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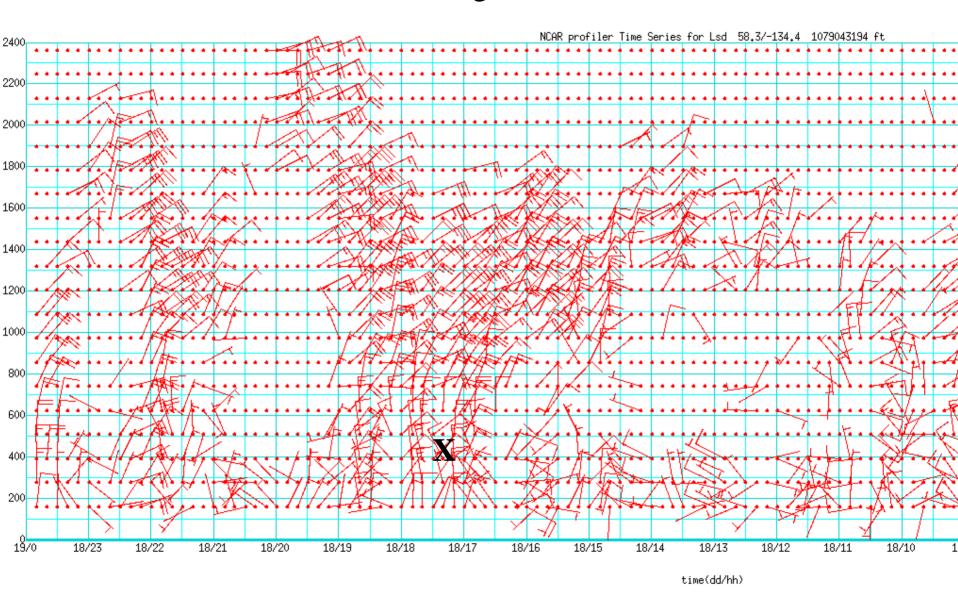


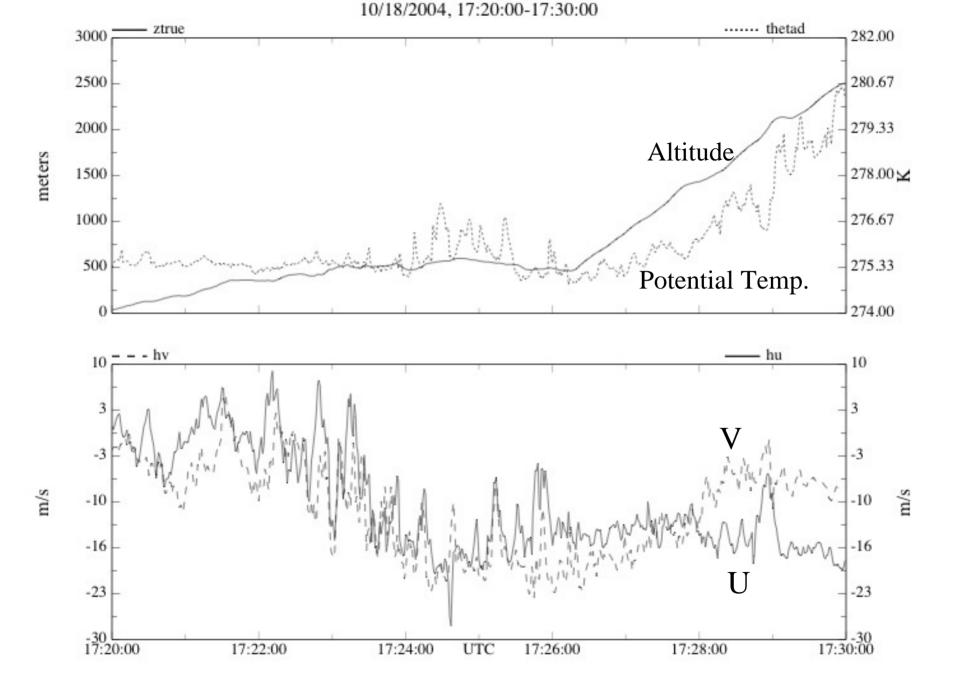


Lemon Creek Wind Profiler

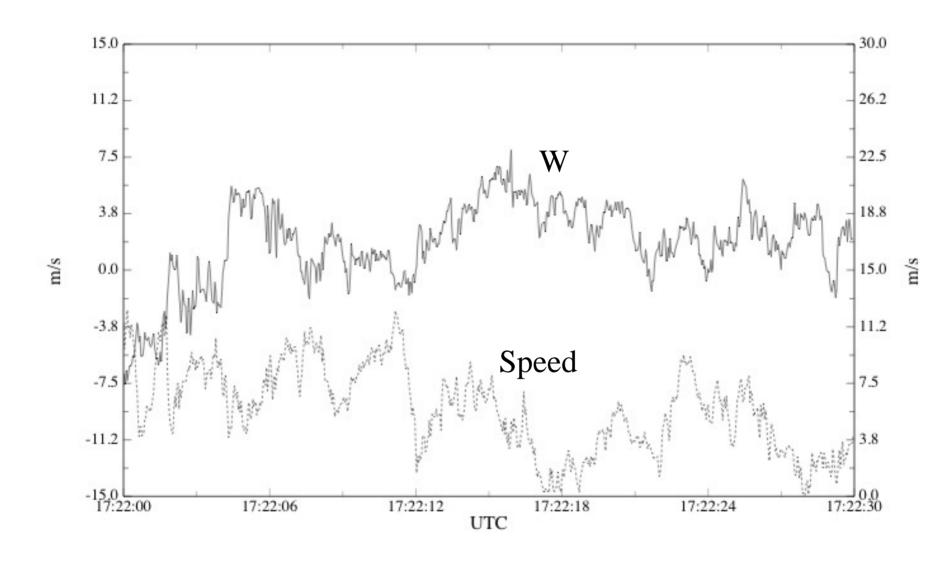


South Douglas Wind Profiler



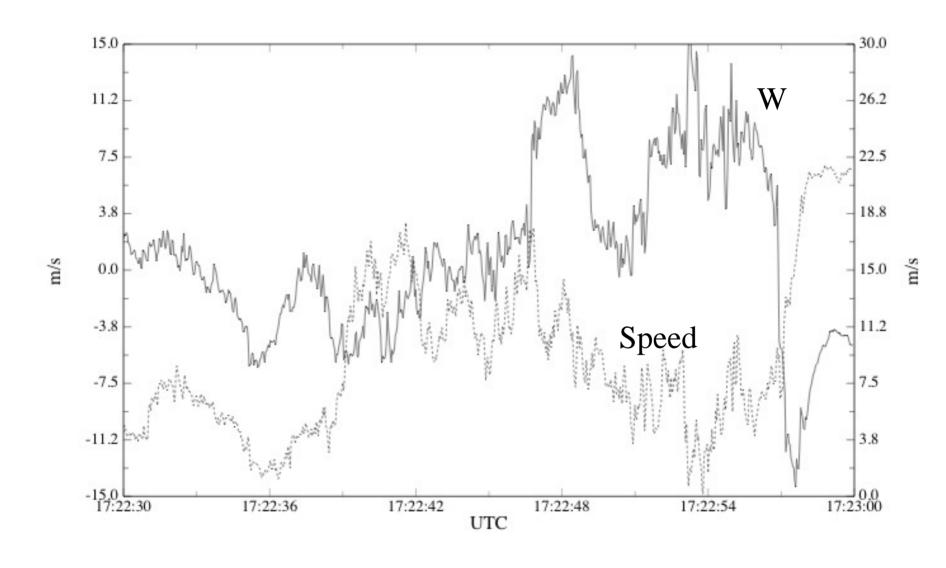


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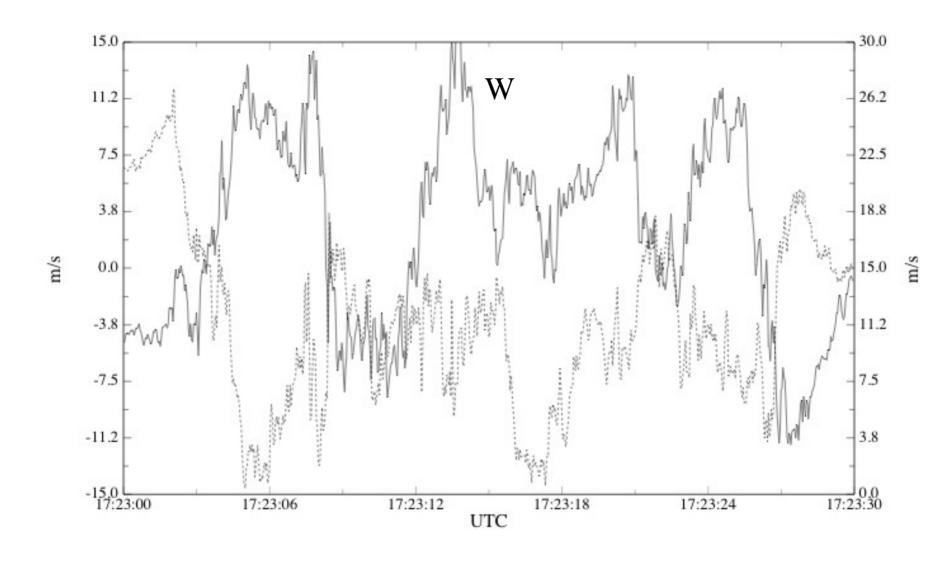


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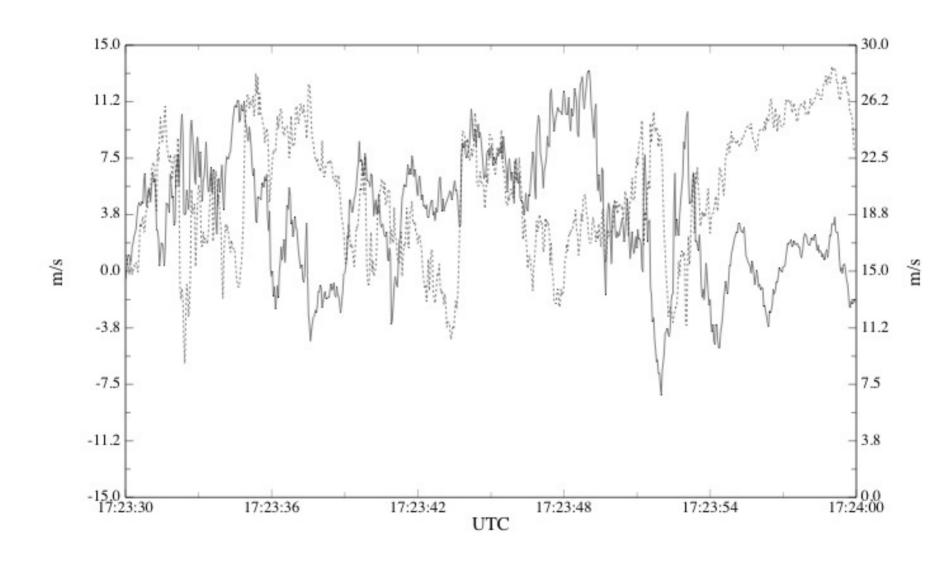


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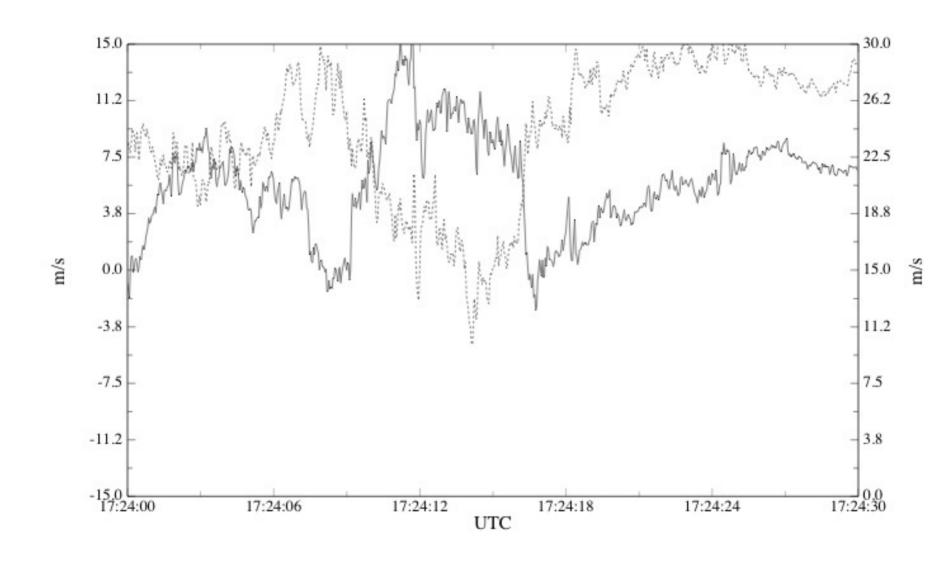
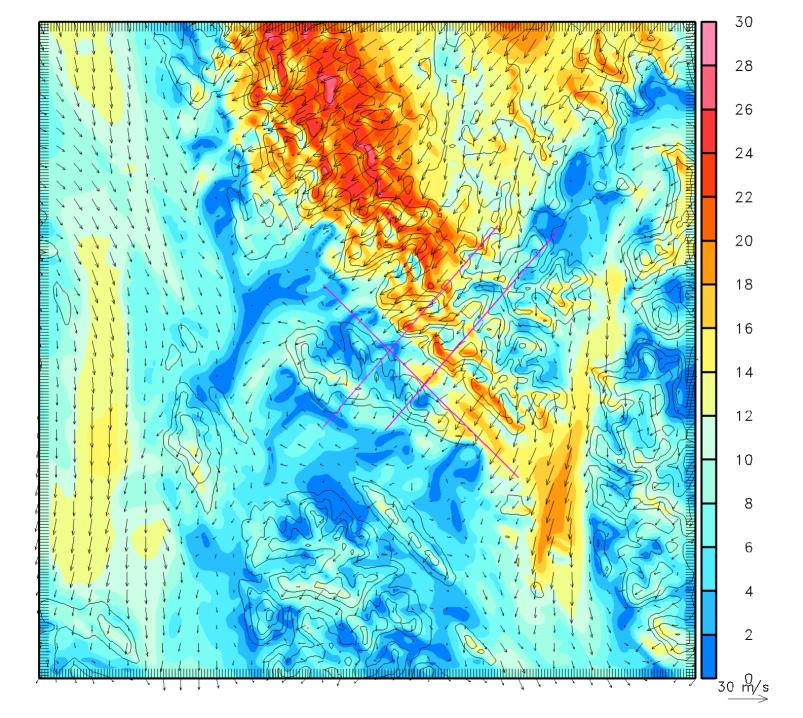




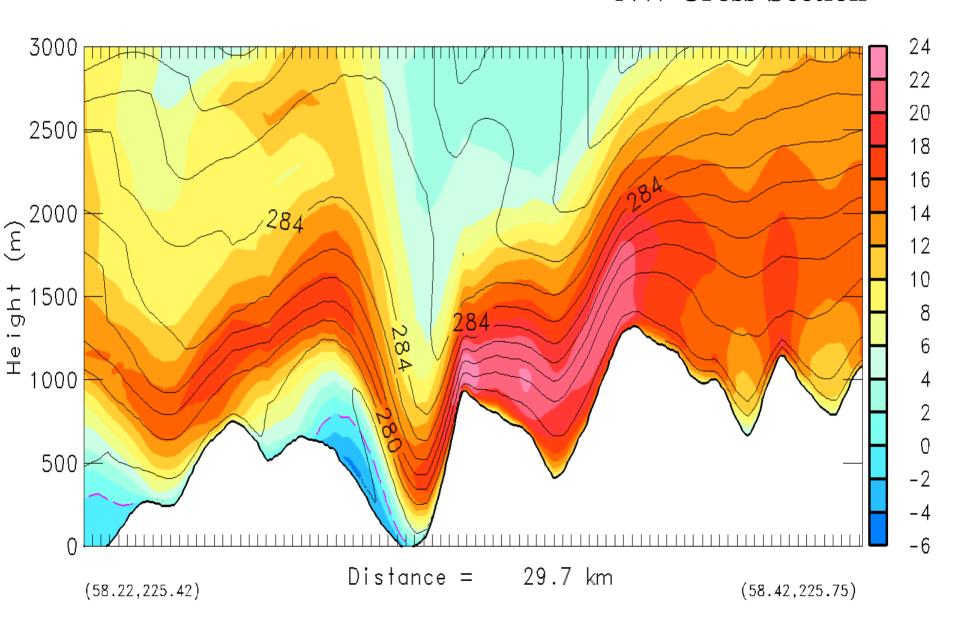
Table 1. Turbulence Parameters in Gastineau Channel

| Time | W | u' ² | v' ² | w' ² | TKE | $	au_{x}$ | $	au_y$ | F_h |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 0.5 | 70 |
| 21:30–22:00 | -1.3 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 1.7 | -0.5 | 72 |
| 22:00–22:30 | 1.8 | 16.7 | 7.0 | 6.1 30.9 | 14.9 39.0 | 4.3 | 3.7 12.3 | -12 283 |
| 22:30–23:00 23:00–23:30 | 1.2 2.5 | 29.9 34.6 | 17.2 30.9 | 41.4 | 53.4 | 19.7 | 26.2 | 49 |
| 23:30–24:00 | 3.7 | 15.2 | 14.5 | 15.7 | 37.3 | -1.9 | 9.8 | -123 |
| 24:00–24:30 | 5.8 | 9.6 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 15.8 | 3.7 | 10.0 | -98 |
| 24:30–25:00 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 5.0 | -603 |

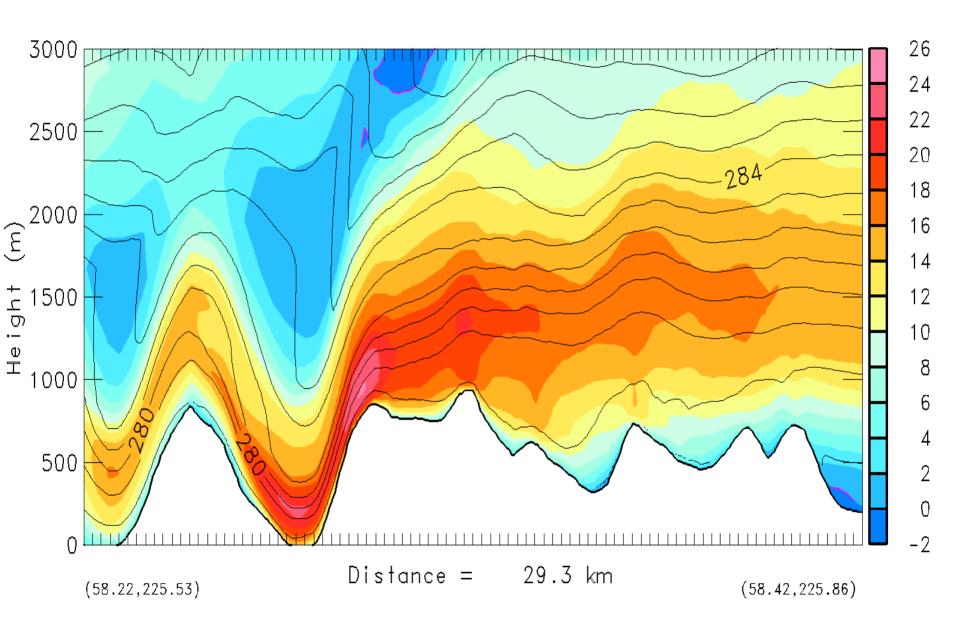
 τ_x and τ_y refer to the zonal and meridional components of the momentum fluxes (Nt/m²), respectively; F_h refers to the sensible heat flux (W/m²). Linear trends in u, v, w, and temperature were removed in computation of the turbulence properties for each 30-second segment.



NW Cross-Section



SE Cross-Section



Final Remarks

- A moderate Taku wind storm occurred on 18 October 2004 during SARJET.
- A research aircraft encountered extreme turbulence in a region of strong vertical wind shear on the flank of the strongest downslope flow.
- 3. A high-resolution (.33 km grid spacing) simulation by COAMPS reproduced the character of the mean flow in Gastineau Channel.