

An evaluation of a new method for measuring low level vertical temperature structure



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Test and Demonstration

- **MTP5-HE collocated at**
 - **PSCAA RASS/Profiler site on NOAA CAMPUS**
 - **Hanford WA 400' ft Met tower**

- **Demonstrate**
 - **Accuracy**
 - **Ease of operation**
 - **Reliability**
 - **Ability to meet operational needs of PSCAA**

MTP 5-H

Harsh climate



- **Height range up to 600 m**
- **Height resolution 50 m**
- **Rotating Teflon™ scanner window minimizes cleaning**
- **Frequency 59.6 GHz, 3° view, Double Side-Band (DSB)**
- **Very good accuracy**
- **Wide ambient operating temperature range**
- **Long-life scanner motor, typically 5 years operation**

MTP 5-HE

Harsh, Extended range



- Height range up to 1,000 m
- Height resolution varies from 50 m to 120 m
- Frequency 56.7 GHz, 3° view, narrower bandwidth, Single Side-Band (SSB)
- Improved specification of radiometer to maintain signal to noise performance
- Mist, cloud and heavy rain slightly degrades accuracy of temperature measurement

MTP 5-P Polar



- **For operation in Polar regions**
- **Height range up to 600 m**
- **Height resolution 10m in lowest part of scan**
- **Frequency 60.4 GHz, $<1^\circ$ view**
- **Large parabolic dish antenna with very narrow beam angle**
- **Modified 2AP sun tracker for antenna and radiometer scan**
- **For use in Arctic and Antarctic**

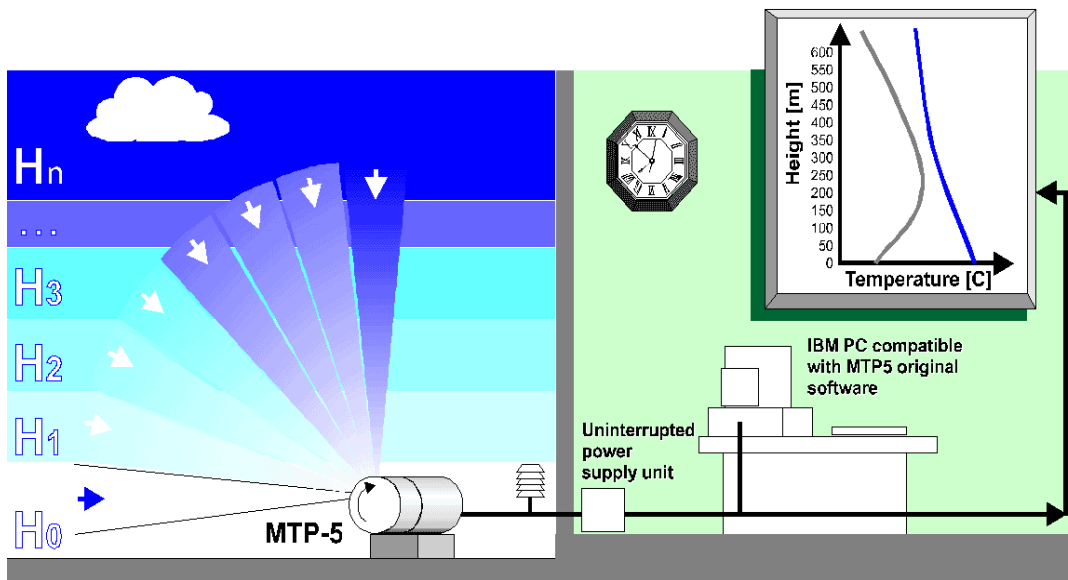
MTP 5- H/HE- What Does It Do ?



- **Real-time measurement of air temperature in the Planetary Atmospheric Boundary Layer**
- **Heights up to 1,000m above the instrument (depends on model type)**
- **Simple automatic operation**
- **Self-calibrating**
- **Minimal maintenance**

MTP 5-H/HE

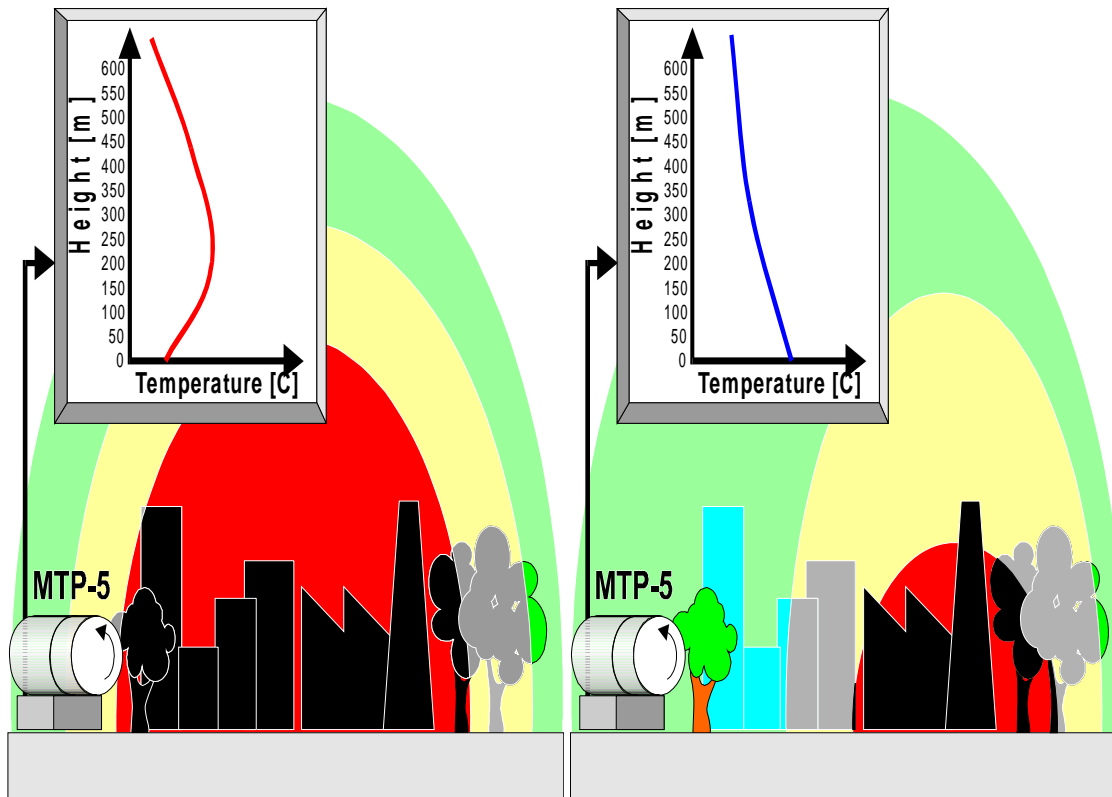
What Is The Method ?



- **Passive Microwave Receiver**
- **Measures 5 mm wavelength thermal radiation from the atmosphere from 0 - 90° elevation**
- **Software derives temperature profile**

MTP 5h/HE- What Is It For ?

- Air pollution forecasts
- Emergency response
- Weather now-casting (1-5 hrs)
- Atmospheric chemistry studies
- Model Validation



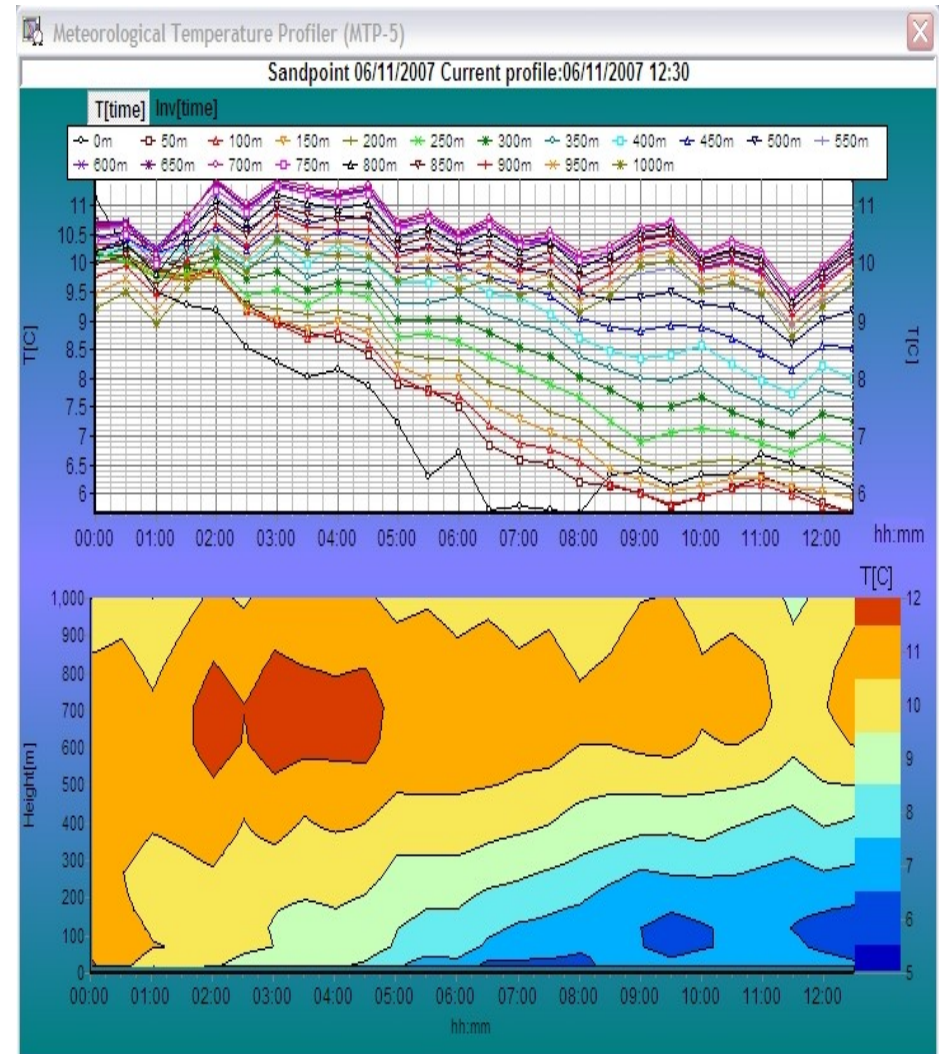
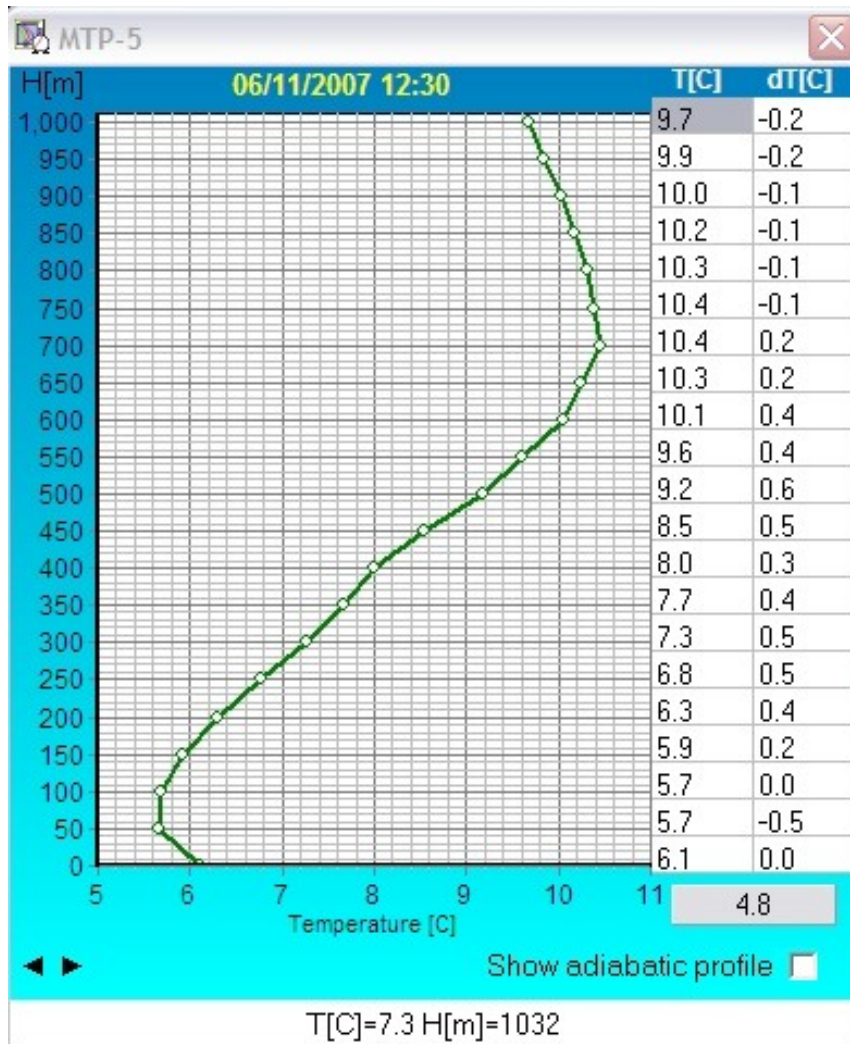
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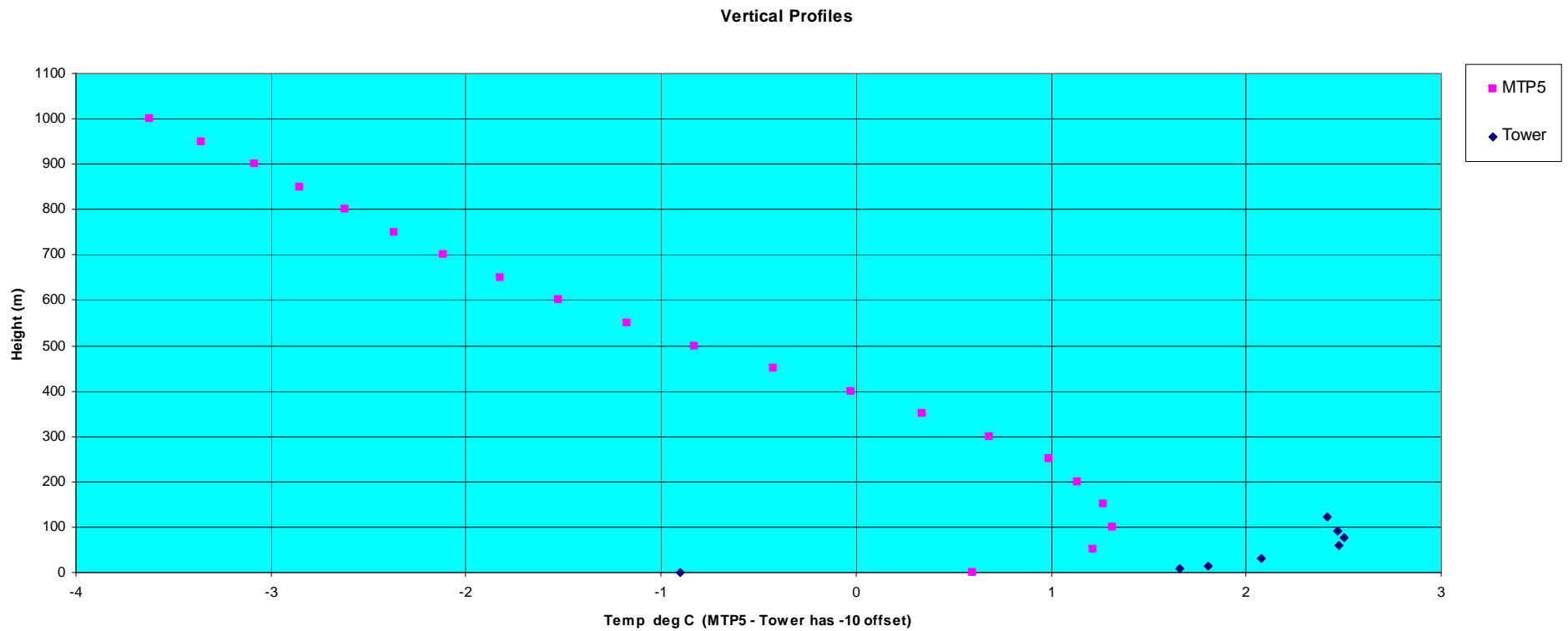
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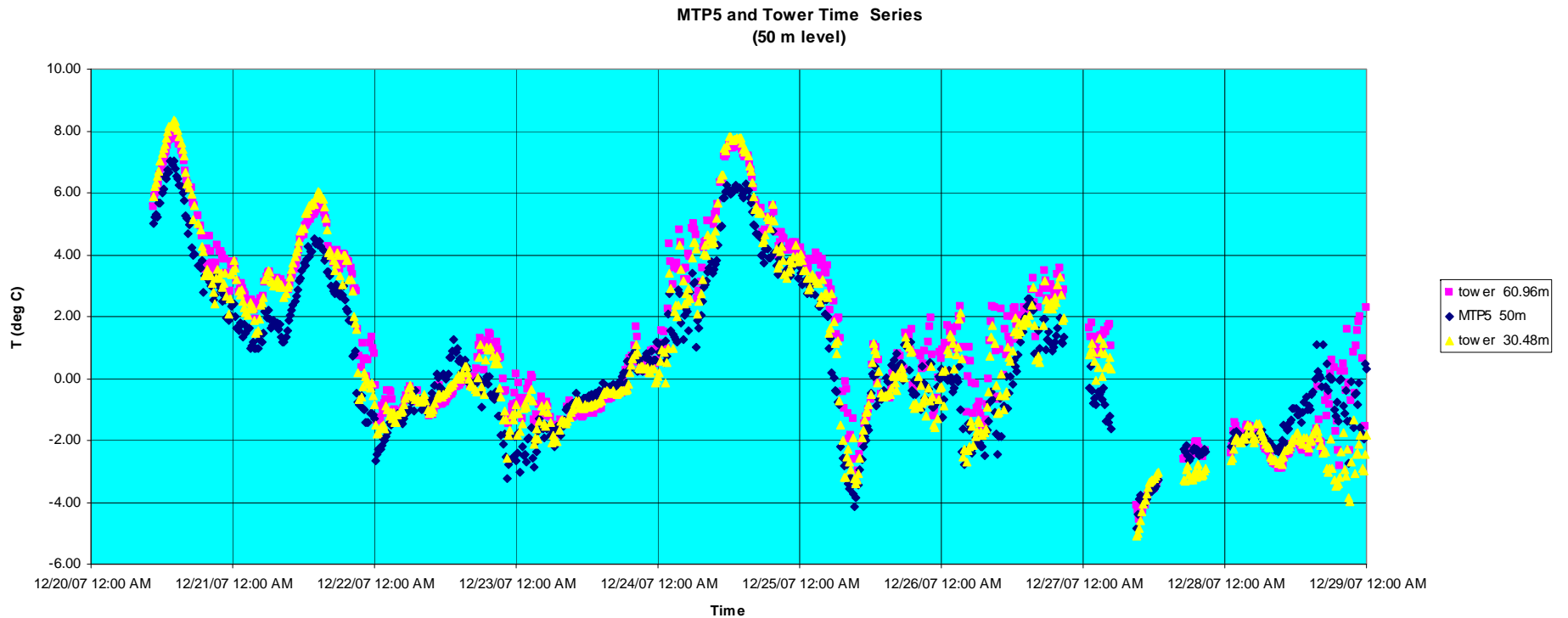
Output Graphics



MTP5-HE vs Hanford tower

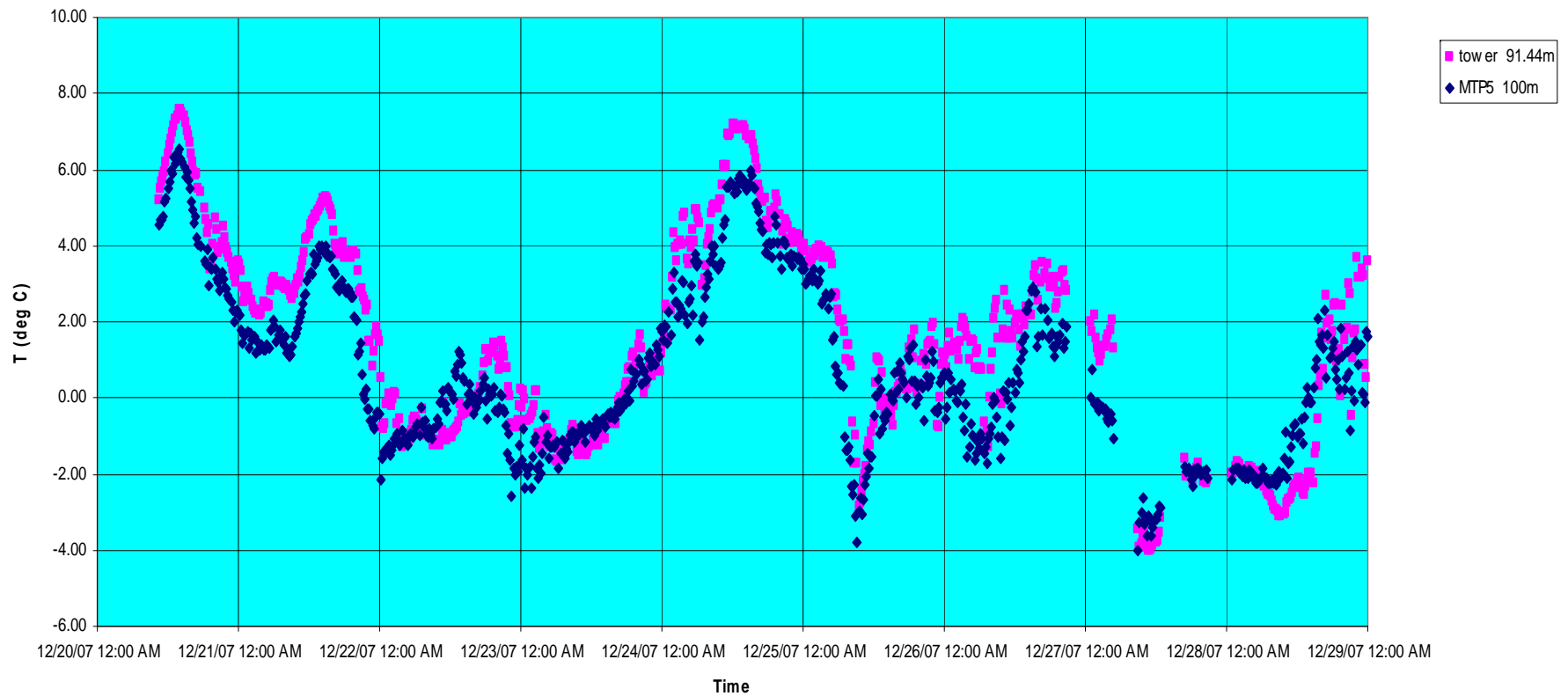


MTP5-HE vs Hanford tower



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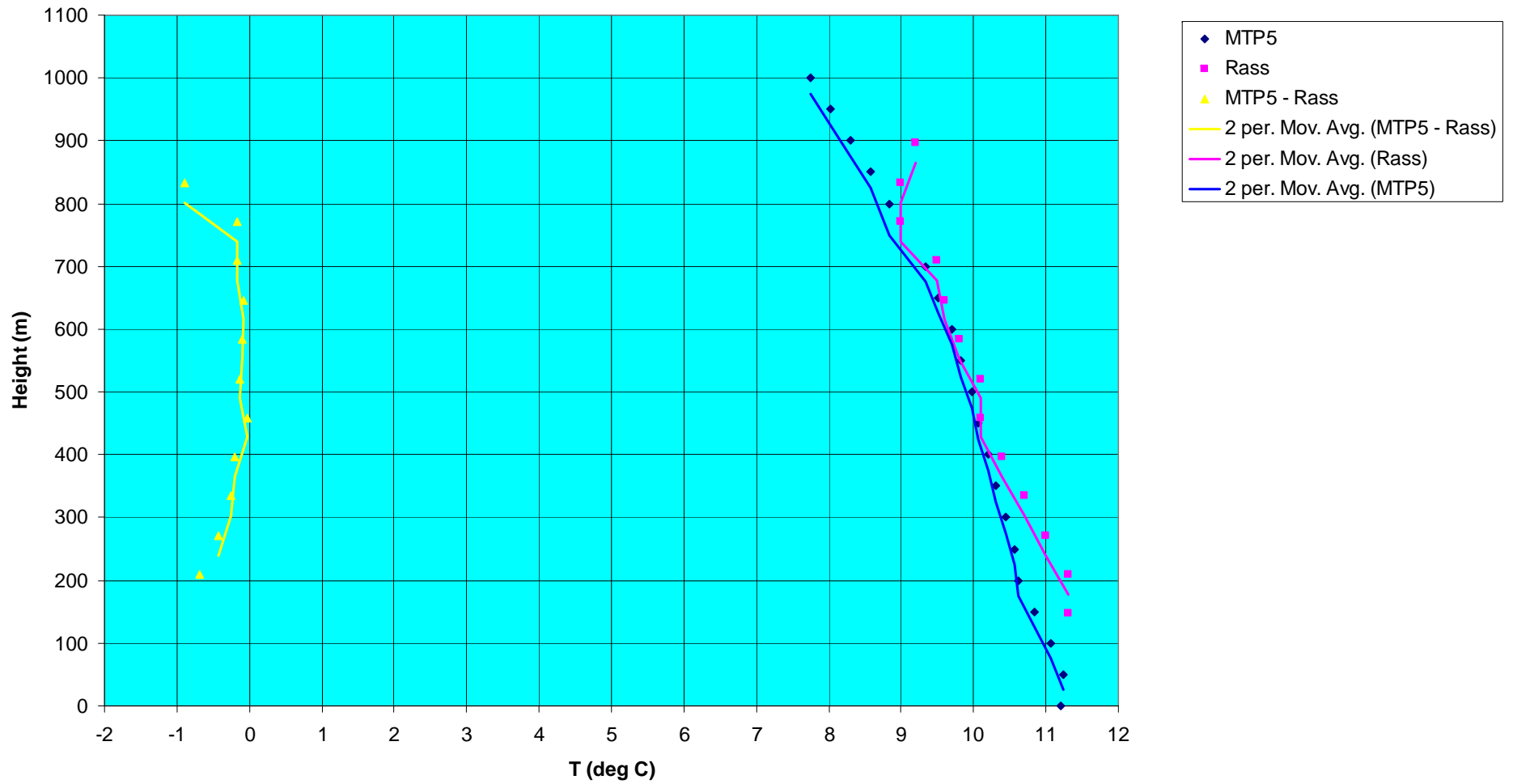
MTP5 and Tower Time Series
(100 m AGL)



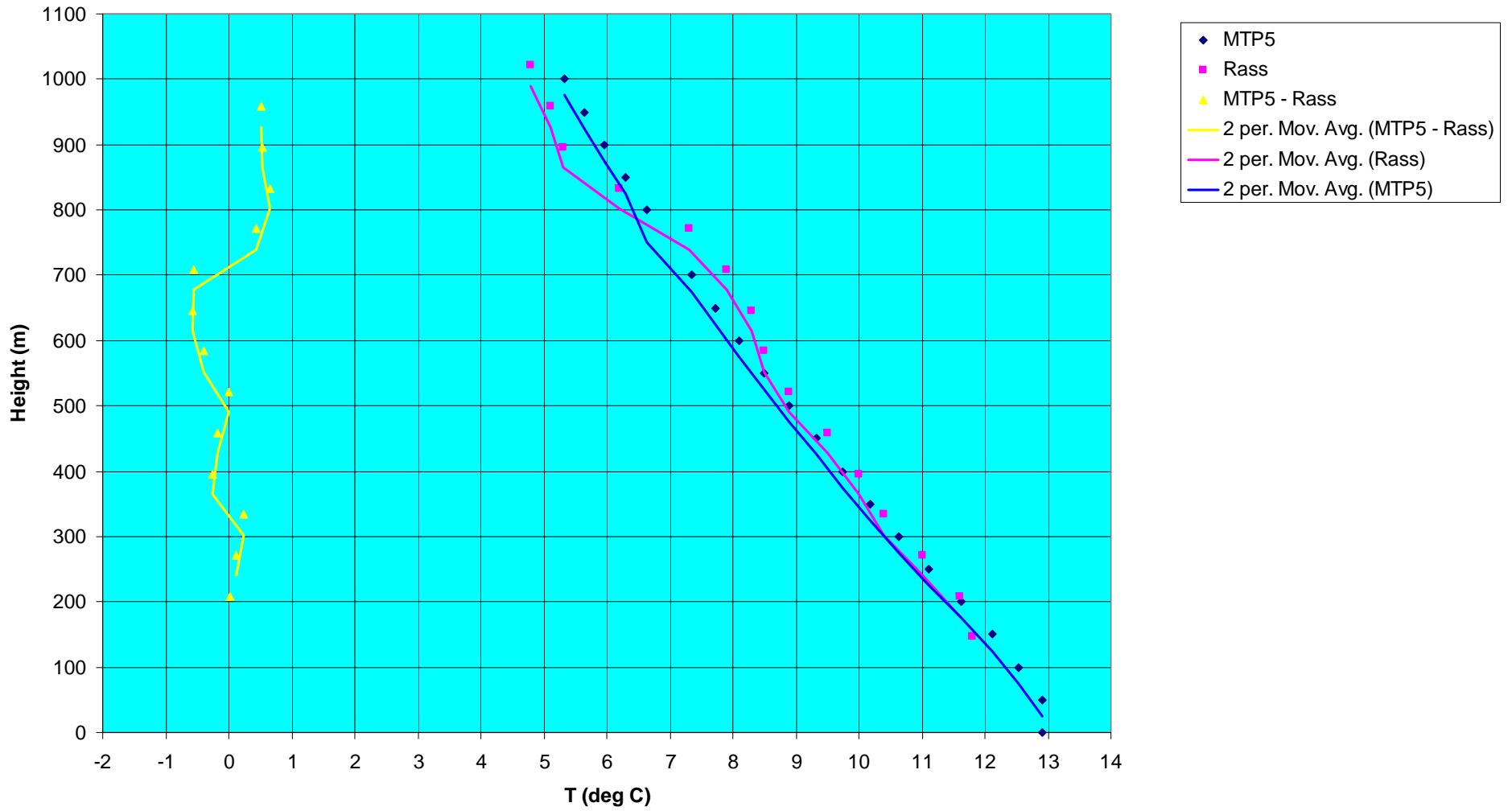
Sand Point Data

➤ **Compare RASS vs MTP 5HE**

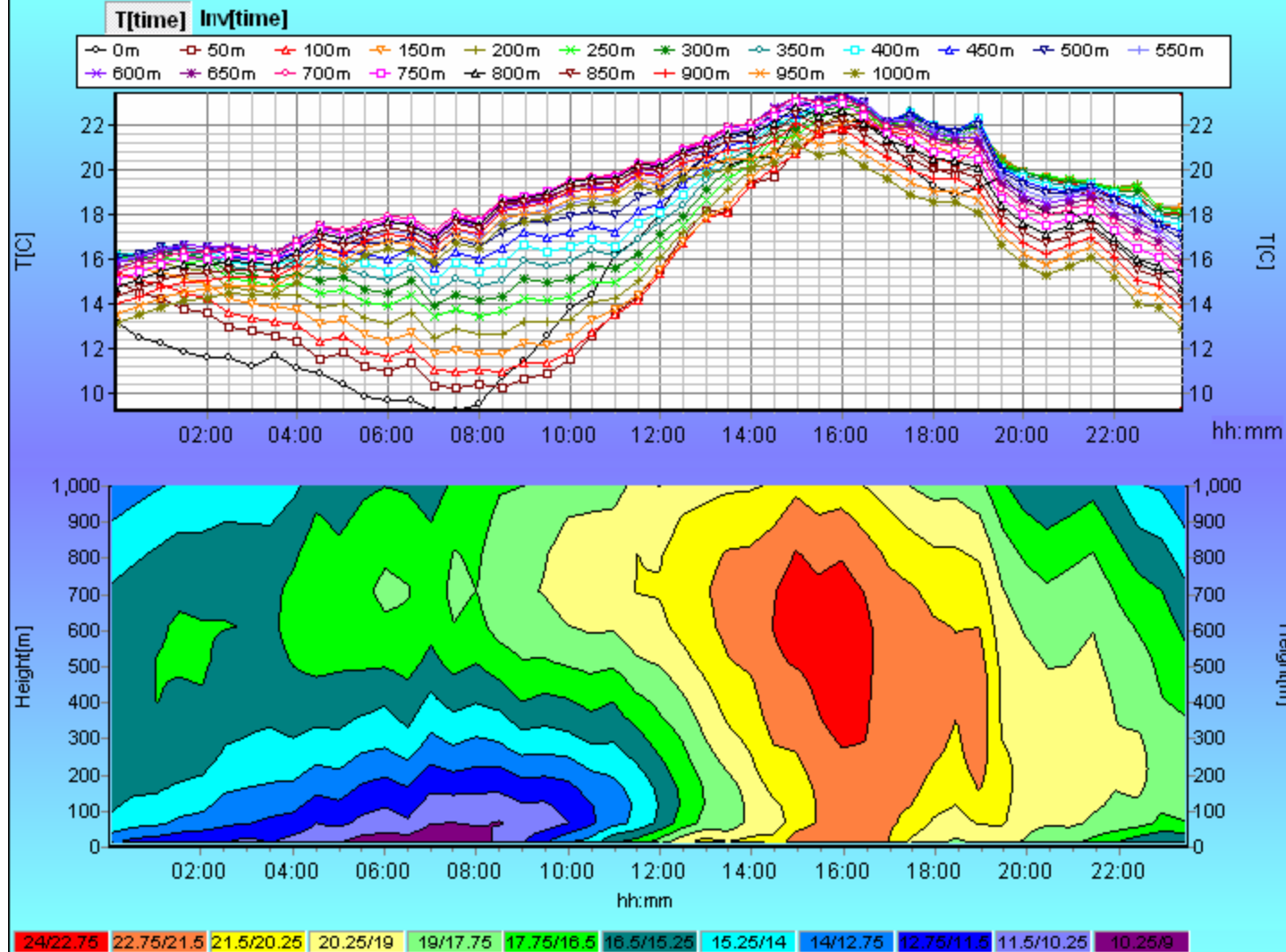
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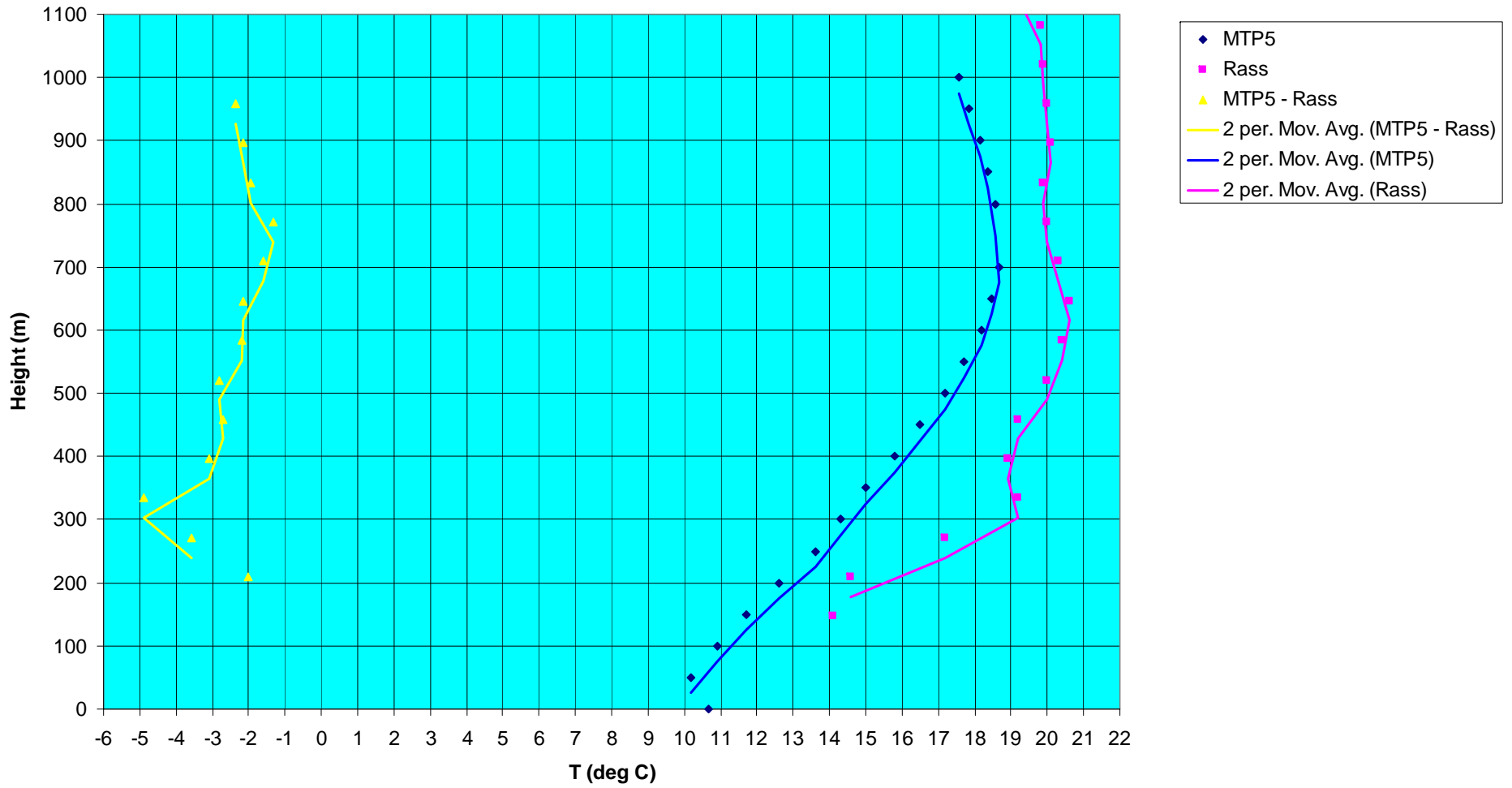
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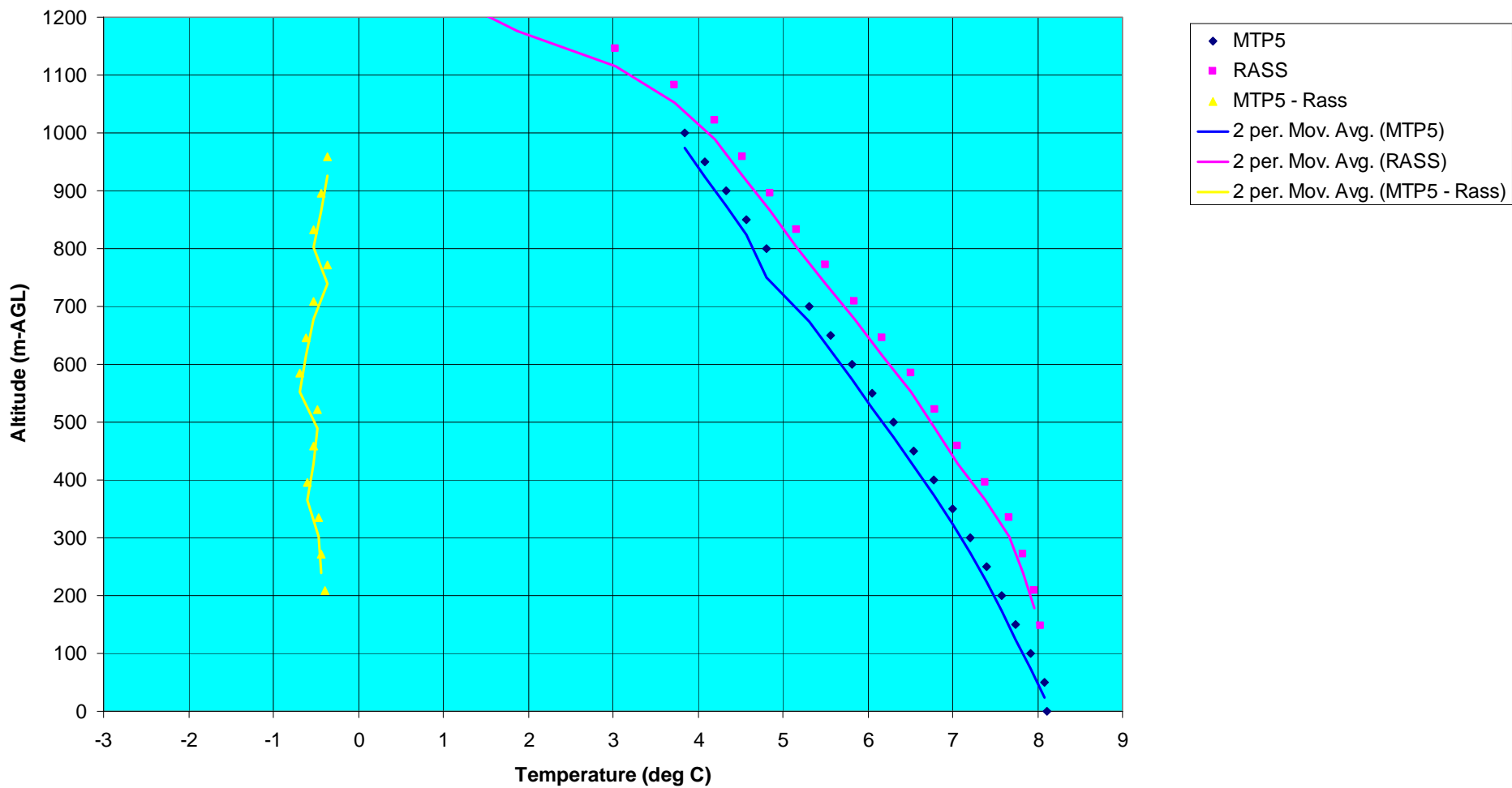
Sandpoint 23/10/2007 Current profile:23/10/2007 23:30



Temperature Profile (23 Oct 2007 15:30 GMT)



Average Temperature Profiles (October and November 2007)



Findings and next steps

- **MTP5- HE met all objectives of the test.**
- **Purchased 2 units (delivery Jun 08)**
- **Deploy in Tacoma WA and Darrington Wa**
 - **Operate for one year**
- **Develop a model evaluation project for BL and air quality considerations**

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Comment

- **More detailed .ppt on this technology is available upon request**