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## ABSTRACT

A demonstrated need exists for better wind field information over the open ocean, especially as a forcing function for ocean circulation models. Microwave scatterometry, as a means of remotely sensing surface wind information, developed in response to this requirement for a surface wind field with global coverage and improved spatial and temporal resolution. This development led to the 1978 deployment of the SEASAT Satellite Scatterometer (SASS). Evaluations of the three months of SEASAT data have established the consistency of SASS winds with high quality surface wind data from field experiments over limited areas and time periods. The directional ambiguity of the original SASS vectors has been removed by Atlas et al. (1987) for the entire data set, and the resulting SASS winds provide a unique set of scatterometer wind information for a global comparison with winds from conventional sources.

A one-month (12 August to 9 September 1978) subset of these dealiased winds, in the western North Atlantic, is compared here with a conventional, pressure-derived wind field from the 6-hourly surface wind analyses of the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center (FNOC), Monterey, CA. Through an objective mapping procedure, the irregularly spaced SASS winds are regridded to a latitude-longitude grid, facilitating statistical comparisons with the regularly spaced FNOC wind vectors and wind stress curl calculations. The study includes qualitative comparisons to synoptic weather maps, calculations of field statistics and boxed mean differences; scatter plots of wind speed, direction, and standard deviation; statistical descriptions of the SASS-FNOC difference field, and wind stress curl calculations.

The SASS and FNOC fields are consistent with each other in a broad statistical sense, with wide scatter of individual values about a pattern of general agreement. The FNOC wind variances are slightly smaller than the SASS values, reflecting smoothing on larger spatial scales than the SASS winds, and the SASS mean values tend to be slightly higher than the FNOC means, though the increase is frequently lost in the large scatter. Exceptions to the pattern of relatively small consistent variations between the two fields are the pronounced differences associated with extremely strong winds, especially during Hurricane Ella, which traveled up the East Coast of the United States during the latter part of the study period. These large differences are attributed mainly to differences in the inferred positions of the pressure centers and in the response at the highest wind speeds ( $> 20\text{m/s}$ ). The large statistical differences between the SASS and FNOC fields, present under high wind conditions, may yield significantly different ocean forcing, especially when the strong winds persist over longer periods of time. Under less intense wind conditions, usually prevailing over the ocean, the two fields correspond well statistically and the ocean responses forced by each should be similar.

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## 1. Introduction

The large-scale oceanic circulation has been extensively studied, especially over the past 100 years, and considerable advances have been made in theoretical understanding of the processes involved. A critical part of this study is the attempt to understand the forcing that drives the circulation. The two major driving forces are the stress due to wind blowing over the ocean surface and the buoyancy-driven motions due to thermohaline processes. The directly wind-driven circulation is confined to, and dominates, flow in the upper layers of the ocean. It is primarily horizontal motion, but convergence and divergence of this flow give rise to vertical motion, creating regions of upwelling or downwelling. Theoretical study of the wind-driven circulation was motivated initially by attempts to account for observed surface currents, starting with the work of Nansen (1898), Ekman (1905), and Sverdrup (1947). Further progress was associated with attempts to explain westward intensification, reflected in strong western boundary currents (Stommel, 1948; Munk, 1950). This work established our basic understanding of how wind stress drives the ocean circulation, and subsequent developments are reviewed by Veronis (1981) and Pond and Pickard (1983).

While wind-forcing is accepted as the primary driving force in the upper layers, thermohaline forces also play a significant role in ocean circulation, especially in the lower layers where they tend to dominate. In this case, water movements are associated with changes in density, either from temperature or salinity changes. In the ocean these changes normally occur as an increase in density at the surface, either directly through cooling or indirectly through freezing and subsequent production of more saline water. Such processes cause a buoyancy-driven vertical flow that is followed by horizontal flow due to continuity requirements or to geostrophic currents resulting from the changes in density. Thermohaline processes are frequently associated with changes in weather and climate, and may also be strongly influenced by the wind field, especially in terms of surface heat fluxes and downward mixing in the surface layer. Therefore, the wind field plays a most critical role, both directly and indirectly,

in forcing the ocean circulation, and its specification is crucial to reaching a more complete understanding of that circulation through theory and model developments.

However, the development and verification of these theories and their application to global circulation models are hampered by the current lack of good wind fields over the open ocean. The most frequently used fields for wind-forcing are averaged estimates of the wind stress, available both globally (Hellerman, 1967,1968; Han and Lee, 1983; Hellerman and Rosenstein, 1983) and for particular regions (for example: Bunker, 1976; Hastenrath and Lamb, 1977; O'Brien and Goldenberg, 1982). These climatological values are averaged across monthly, seasonal, and annual periods, generally from all available ship reports in the chosen period, extending over a considerable length of time and employing some wind speed to stress conversion. In the case of the Hellerman and Rosenstein (1983) analyses, for example, ship reports from 1870 to 1976 were used to form monthly averages, and stress was computed from wind speed based on a wind speed and atmospheric stability dependent drag coefficient. Many uncertainties still exist in the details of the wind speed to wind stress relationship (discussed in Section 2), and these parameterization issues limit the accuracy of the stress fields. However, a greater limitation is posed by the long averaging periods, which result in a considerable loss of information on the temporal variability of the wind field. In addition to the wind stress fields derived from long-term ship reports, daily maps of wind speed derived from surface pressure analyses, supplemented by ship and buoy reports, are available. While these are available much more frequently than the averaged stress fields, they are not direct measurements of the surface wind field, but inferred from the much smoother quantity of pressure. Spatial resolution is considerably reduced due to these inherently large pressure field scales, and small, intense circulations may be lost in the broader scale unless they are observed independently.

The insufficient amount of wind measurements, sparse global coverage, and restricted scales of conventional wind information available limit the studies that can be done. In particular, conventional sources generally provide winds only at larger scales ( $> 1000$  km), geostrophically from surface pressure fields, and at very small

scales ( $< 10$  km), from ship and buoy reports. There is virtually no resolution of the intermediate spatial scales, which contain significant energy and are important to atmospheric forcing of the ocean (Freilich and Chelton, 1986). The conventional data also lack sufficient temporal resolution for modeling the temporal variability of the upper ocean, especially over larger areas. The absence of information at shorter time and space scales forces reliance on long time-averaged data for modeling purposes. These averages are of some use in studying the mean circulation, but lose much of the variability needed to drive the more complex models. Some studies of the temporal and spatial variability in realistic wind fields, as well as of the impact of that variation on ocean motions, have been conducted, though the studies are necessarily limited by the coarse resolution of climatological wind fields (for example: Willebrand, 1978; Willebrand et al., 1980; Muller and Frankignoul, 1981). The forcing effect of wind stress on the ocean surface is a major determinant for ocean waves and upper ocean currents. Knowledge of these motions is crucial to many fields, including basic oceanographic research, climate studies, and practical ocean operations. The interrelation of these motions and the wind forcing can be more fully evaluated only if an accurate, global wind field is available for input into the numerical models. Conventional sources of wind field information, including many different types of observations and analyses, do not currently provide sufficient information for this purpose, and a repeated, global measurement of wind stress (or velocity) over the ocean would therefore be a unique contribution (O'Brien, 1982).

The microwave scatterometer, yielding wind velocity as inferred from surface roughness measured by reflected radiation, was developed to provide this missing information. Mounted on aircraft or, more effectively, on satellites, this instrument has the potential to provide a more accurate, variable, global wind field at higher temporal and spatial resolutions than currently available. The SEASAT Satellite Scatterometer (SASS), launched in 1978, was the first operational scatterometer system to be flown. The three months of data returned from that mission is a unique set of information that has yet to be repeated, since no scatterometer has flown since. Details of basic scatterometer theory, the SEASAT mission, and SASS itself are given in Section 2.

The wind forcing information derived from scatterometer measurements provides both new research opportunities with the expanded information it makes available, as well as very useful information for immediate use in practical operations. Improved specification of the wind forcing would allow ocean modelers to better estimate ocean behavior, and therefore reach a more thorough understanding of upper ocean physics. The scatterometer can resolve winds on the intermediate spatial scales and the global, shorter time scales that are missing in conventional data. This information would contribute greatly to modeling of the temporal and spatial variability of the upper ocean (Freilich and Chelton, 1986). The ocean is forced by the wind stress, both directly, and indirectly through mass field adjustments, and the stress field must be incorporated into any realistic ocean model. Current parameterizations of thermodynamic forcing, including the surface fluxes of sensible and latent heat, use aerodynamic bulk formula models that incorporate wind velocity. So, better wind field information would improve our understanding and modeling capability of both wind stress and thermodynamic forcing. In the absence of good forcing fields from conventional sources, oceanographers are restricted to artificial forcing fields, at best adjusting the sparse information currently available to obtain reasonable results from the model. Some of the new ocean modeling opportunities opened up by the more accurate, extensive wind fields provided by the scatterometer include: 1) improved ocean basin models, 2) improved wind forcing related process studies, 3) improved prediction and monitoring of ocean climate phenomena such as El Niño, and 4) better input for practical, daily ocean forecasting models.

Scatterometer derived wind fields will also have valuable applications to meteorological research and weather prediction, and to a better understanding of processes at the air-sea interface. Assimilation of scatterometer data may have a significant impact on numerical weather prediction, through both model initialization and subsequent updates (Cane et al, 1981; Yu and McPherson, 1979; 1981; Duffy and Atlas, 1986; Harlan and O'Brien, 1986). The additional information provided by the scatterometer is particularly important in data sparse areas, such as the Southern Ocean. Scatterometer derived wind fields also have important applications to naval

and commercial ocean operations. These include tactical weather forecasting, acoustic conditions forecasting, surf forecasting for amphibious operations, ship routing, and warnings of potentially catastrophic situations. More commercial uses include oil platform design, drilling schedules, and commercial fishing schedules. The potential cost savings associated with these scatterometer wind applications are summarized in O'Brien (1982).

Better vector wind stress fields will be needed to drive the increasingly sophisticated ocean models, designed to resolve temporal and spatial variability on finer scales. The choice of a particular wind field for this forcing is crucial when we want to more accurately establish the influence of the "real" surface winds on ocean circulation. At that point it becomes crucial to pick the "best" wind field available, in terms of accurately reproducing the actual winds with sufficient resolution at the desired scales. Even if it is not possible to determine which is best in an absolute sense, it is important to at least reach a good understanding of the differences between the various wind fields available, especially in their ultimate impact on model output. In particular, when conventional and scatterometer derived fields are considered as alternative forcing functions, the presence or absence of significant differences between the two can influence the decision to deploy a scatterometer in the first place. If no significant differences are found between the two fields, over the time and space scales of interest, then the effort and expense necessary to develop and maintain an operational scatterometer is not justified, since it would not significantly augment information already available. This study does not intend to address the more comprehensive question of the need for a scatterometer, assuming, as discussed briefly above, that this requirement is already well-established (Brown, 1983;1986; O'Brien, 1982). Rather, assuming that the scatterometer wind fields will be available and will therefore compete with conventional winds as model input, this work seeks to examine the differences between these fields in a more detailed fashion. This is accomplished by qualitatively and quantitatively comparing two such fields, the conventional surface wind analyses from the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center (FNOC) in Monterey CA, and SEASAT Scatterometer winds from R. Atlas at the

Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) (Atlas et al., 1987), obtained through the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, CA. An overview of satellite scatterometry is provided in Section 2 to introduce some basic atmospheric boundary layer and microwave backscatter concepts. Section 3 describes the SEASAT mission and SASS, and Section 4 provides a general description of the various data used and outlines the objective mapping procedure used to regrid the scatterometer winds. Section 5 provides more detailed wind field statistics and various quantitative comparisons between the scatterometer and conventional winds, including boxed mean differences, scatter plots of various quantities, difference field statistics, and wind stress curl calculations. Section 6 contains the summary and conclusions.

## 2. Background

The development of microwave scatterometer theory is based on studies of the atmospheric boundary layer, radar scatter, and ocean surface motions. Some of the basic concepts from these areas that apply directly to scatterometer work are reviewed here. The complex nature of the air-sea boundary makes quantifying and measuring physical processes there a difficult problem. Wind stress,  $\tau$ , represents the transfer of momentum from the atmosphere to the ocean. This transfer of momentum slows the air near the ocean surface, creating an atmospheric boundary layer. The vertical profile of wind velocity in the atmosphere is dominated by molecular processes in the few millimeters closest to the sea surface, with turbulent motions, governed by friction and buoyancy, dominating the rest of the surface layer (Stewart, 1985). At higher levels the surface effect diminishes and the geostrophic general circulation of the atmosphere governs the flow. The region most critical to scatterometer work is the 20 meters closest to the surface, and concentration on this region affects assumptions made about the relative dominance of various processes. In general, the wind velocity profiles are derived analytically, combining a logarithmic layer with an Ekman spiral modified by secondary flow for winds greater than 5 m/s (Brown, 1986). The various parameters and details behind this theory are discussed in more detail below and in Appendix 1.

The study of atmospheric and surface boundary layers is based on formulas and empirical correlations that were originally derived from empirical studies. Many field experiments have been conducted to investigate the relevant processes, and then to adjust the formulas and refine the empirical constants (see Stewart, 1985 for partial review). Three quantities, the fluxes across the sea surface of horizontal momentum, sensible heat, and latent heat, are of particular interest in the 1 cm to 10 m surface layer where the surface effect dominates. Within this turbulent atmospheric surface layer, the fluxes are approximately constant with height and the wind and temperature profiles are logarithmic - with adjustments for stability (Halbertstam, 1980). Much study has been devoted to deriving the fluxes from wind speed and temperature

profiles. The similarity concepts of Obukhov (1946) and initial experiments of Monin and Obukhov (1954) are incorporated in most of the profile formulas. The vertical profile of wind velocity, and its relation to surface drag, or stress, strongly influences the transfer of energy from atmosphere to ocean. Wind stress,  $\tau$ , is accepted as the major driving force for large-scale ocean circulation. However, practical considerations have dictated that, rather than being measured directly, the wind stress is normally derived from wind velocity,  $U$ , usually measured at some distance above the ocean surface. This is a highly complicated relationship, dependent on the complex dynamics of the boundary layer at the air-ocean interface.

The scatterometer uses a measure of the surface roughness, determined from the reflection of microwave radiation, as an inferred measure of the air-sea energy transfer. The surface roughness can be connected to a particular geophysical parameter, such as wind velocity or wind stress, as well as to the backscattered power that forms the scatterometer signal. In practice, a direct relation is sought between the backscatter and a geophysical parameter, commonly chosen to be the wind velocity at some height above the surface. However, this relation has no direct physical basis, and is determined empirically. The theoretical justification for the empirical relation comes rather from our understanding of various parts of the process, and the interconnection of quantities such as the wind velocity, wind stress, ocean wave spectrum, and backscattered radiation. The review of these basic concepts below is divided into three broad areas, the  $U$ -to- $\tau$  relation, the impact of wind stress on the ocean wave spectrum, and the relation between the ocean wave spectrum and reflected radiation. These are examined in turn, followed by a discussion of their practical, but indirect application in the direct relation between wind velocity and reflected radiation. In a sense this discussion can be seen as describing two paths to the same goal, the first a multi-step, theoretical process and the second a single, empirical step, where the latter path is dependent on the principles established by the former.

## Wind velocity and wind stress

The U-to- $\tau$  relation is determined by converting the wind at some reference height,  $U_{ref}$ , through the boundary layer, to a surface stress,  $\tau$ . This connection between the wind velocity profile and wind stress are of primary importance to scatterometry. The interfacial momentum flux, or wind stress, can be defined as the average turbulent transfer of horizontal momentum from atmosphere to ocean by vertical air movements (O'Brien, 1982). For a constant wind, the wind stress is calculated from correlations between perturbations of the vertical and horizontal wind components, expressed as :

$$\tau = \rho \overline{uw}$$

where:

$\tau$  = wind stress ( $N/m^2$ )

$\rho$  = air density ( $kg/m^3$ )

$u, w$  = horizontal and vertical velocity (m/s)

(Stewart, 1985)

The averaging period must be long enough to form stable averages of the turbulent properties, yet short enough for mean conditions to be steady. Times of 40 minutes to 1 hour are usually chosen. Compounding the complex theoretical issues in this relation are the practical difficulties inherent in measuring the relevant quantities. The ocean surface is a difficult environment to work in, and the critical turbulent time and space scales are relatively short. To circumvent the constraints of direct measurement, a series of empirical relationships (bulk or aerodynamic formulae) have been developed. These relate the wind stress to the wind velocity at some height, with the usual form:

$$\tau = \rho C_D U_{ref}^2$$

where:

$C_D$  = drag coefficient

$U_{ref}$  = wind velocity at some reference height (m/s)

The exact formulation of the drag coefficient is still subject to considerable debate, and varies with wind speed and atmospheric stability, as discussed in Appendix 1. A commonly accepted formulation is that of Large and Pond (1981), which combines a constant value for  $C_D$  at lower wind speeds ( $< 11$  m/s) with an expression that is linearly dependent on wind speed at higher speeds (see Appendix 1 for the exact form).

The wind velocity profile near the surface varies sharply with height and depends on both  $\tau$  and atmospheric stability. The transfer of heat and momentum depend on turbulence generated by both wind shear and buoyancy (affected by temperature and humidity stratification). Shear dominates near the surface and buoyancy becomes relatively more important at some height above the surface. The influence of stability is illustrated by considering the case of cold air blowing over warmer water. Air is heated from below and rises, causing instability in the air column and enhancing the turbulence due to just the mechanical shear of the wind stress. In the opposite case, when warm air blows over cold water, there is a suppression of turbulence as cooling from below stably stratifies the air column. The impact of wind stress and stability on motions in the turbulent layer is described quantitatively by Monin-Obukhov similarity theory, discussed in more detail in Appendix 1. A primary result from these theories is that, assuming that the influence of atmospheric stability is weak, the wind velocity profile is logarithmic with height for neutral stability, and simply shifted by stability corrections. Under unstable conditions, or for a strongly stratified atmosphere, these formulations are no longer valid, but the condition of weak stratification is generally satisfied over widespread areas, except in the tropics where strong convection cells are common.

Though considerable debate still exists on some details of the theory and on the exact formulation of the relation, there is a generally accepted understanding of the wind stress-to-velocity connection. The choice of wind velocity in particular, and if so, at what height, as the relevant parameter to relate to microwave backscatter is a still greatly debated issue. The neutral stability wind at 19.5 m was chosen for the original processing of SEASAT scatterometer data, based on anemometer heights

aboard some weather ships. From boundary layer considerations, a better choice would be the wind velocity closer to the surface (such as at 10 m), or the friction velocity. Another alternative parameter, using the wind just above the surface, is discussed in a later section. Though the "best" parameter has yet to be decisively chosen, for the initial evaluations made for SASS development, the most practical choice was wind velocity. The boundary layer wind velocity theories described here provide justification for that particular choice, as they connect the wind velocity to wind stress. A factor requiring further evaluation is the effect of stratification, especially since it can have a significant influence at all scales. The parameterizations discussed here hold for relatively weak stratification effects, but are questionable under conditions where atmospheric stratification plays an important role, such as in the tropics. To isolate these effects for future uses, widespread measurements are needed of both the currently available sea surface temperature measurements, and the not yet generally available air temperature measurements over the ocean (Atlas et al., 1986). A more detailed parameterization of the effects of stability, along with better sea surface and air temperature observations would significantly improve and extend the range of scatterometer wind algorithms.

#### Wind stress and the ocean wave spectrum

Given some stress at the ocean surface, the next step is to determine how this transfer of momentum from the air is reflected in the ocean wave spectrum. Understanding the processes behind this energy transfer is a fundamental problem of remote sensing. Important factors in the wind-wave relation include wave generation, wave-wave and wave-current interactions, wind strength, atmospheric stratification, sea surface temperature, and sea state. The ultimate goals are to determine how much energy is transferred from air to ocean, on what scales the transfer takes place, and how the energy is partitioned to various ocean features, in particular, waves and currents. Wind generated waves range from millimeters to hundreds of meters and, while there is considerable theoretical understanding of the longer gravity waves, the

high-frequency end of the spectrum is much less well understood. Current theory holds that the short wavelengths reflect the surface response to the local wind field. As discussed in detail in the following section, scatterometers are designed to look at these wavelengths, in particular at the centimeter-length capillary waves. Some physical factors that influence the surface ripple field are: 1) the tangential and normal stresses at the surface, 2) the fraction of momentum transfer going into capillary waves, 3) the magnitude and direction of the swell, 4) ocean currents and mixing, 5) wave history, 6) hydrostatic stability (Davidson et al., 1981). The lack of definitive descriptions of open ocean capillary waves and their relation to the surface fluxes has hindered theoretical understanding in this area. Evidence also exists that only a portion of the air-sea momentum transfer goes into these waves, and the assumption that the short waves reflect the entire momentum transfer, and therefore the wind stress, is not supported by any complete quantitative theory (Brown, 1986). Partial explanations are available for various processes, especially wave generation, growth, and interaction, but many critical effects have yet to be modeled, and a single, unified theory does not exist. Short waves are associated with skin friction-induced small-scale stress, and therefore do not account for the direct momentum transfer through form drag on long waves from pressure fluctuations (Brown, 1986). The partitioning of momentum transfer between shear stress and form drag is discussed in more detail in Appendix 2. Other unaccounted for factors that may distort the local wave field to local wind relationship include swell, usually generated at more distant locations and unrelated to local winds, and momentum transfer to ocean currents, thus unavailable for wave generation. At present, the influence of uncorrelated swell and the momentum loss to currents are assumed to be small and are neglected. A short review of some theories and experiments on the basic physics behind the transfer of energy from air to water is given in Appendix 2. The concepts and studies discussed here provide the still rough theoretical understanding of the wind-wave relation used to justify scatterometer development. These present interpretations are supported by the generally good results gained from scatterometer measurements made thus far. Further refinements of the assumed stress-to-wave spectrum relation are still needed

to resolve effects such as the time response of wave formation, interference from other waves, and the effect of sea slicks.

#### Ocean wave spectrum and radar backscatter

The final step is to determine the ocean wave spectrum from information on surface roughness gained from reflected radiation, or backscatter. The interaction of electromagnetic radiation with the surface provides information on surface features, depending on the wavelengths of the radiation and the features. Extracting surface information from the power of the backscatter signal therefore requires knowledge of both scattering theory and surface characteristics. Details of relevant surface scattering principles are provided in Appendix 3. The primary radiation measure is the normalized radar cross section (NRCS),  $\sigma^o$ , a ratio of the reflected to incident energy across a unit surface area. The crucial problem is to characterize the shape of  $\sigma^o$  for a given sea surface parameter, generally chosen to be the ocean wave spectrum. Scatter from the wavy ocean surface is described by two physical mechanisms, specular and Bragg (or resonant) scatter, which depend on the incidence angle (angle between the radar beam and local surface vertical) and wavelength of the incident radiation, and on the wavelengths of the surface waves. Appendix 3 contains further descriptions of these scatter mechanisms, including the incidence angle dependence and ranges, and the adjustments needed to accommodate the multiple scales of oceanic motion. The most useful return for scatterometry is the resonant scatter from capillary waves, yielding both speed and direction information on the wave spectrum, and by association, on the surface stress or wind velocity.

These basic scattering concepts are complicated by the complex conditions actually present on the sea surface. Wave tank and field experiments have shown spikes in backscatter returns due to sharp-crested waves that are close to breaking (Kwoh and Lake, 1984). The effect on  $\sigma^o$  of rain striking the surface is significant, but not well understood. The capillary waves tend to be damped by rainfall, thus decreasing backscatter return, but rain-generated ripples also appear, increasing the

radar return. Some experimental evidence has shown  $\sigma^o$  to increase with rainfall (Moore et al., 1979), but more study is needed to determine the magnitude of this effect. Sea slicks can significantly affect backscatter as well (Huhnerfuss et al., 1983), and recent work further demonstrates the impact of wave slope and atmospheric stratification on the radar return (Keller et al., 1985). At higher wind speeds, when the surface is confused, with significant foam and spray coverage, the application of Bragg scatter theory is questionable and new models may be necessary (Atlas et al., 1986).

While microwave backscatter theory is reasonably well understood in terms of electromagnetic radiation principles, the precise connection to the short wave spectra is not well specified. Rather, as discussed in detail in Section 3, the assumed relation between the two is used to justify empirical models that relate backscatter to wind velocity and various parameters of the radar signal. Though these models produce realistic results and have been used with much success, they shed little light on the physical processes that link microwave backscatter and ocean wave spectra. Also, as discussed by Plant (1986), the current formulations of short wave spectra derived from physical principles (eg: Phillips, 1977; Kitaigorodskii, 1983; and Phillips, 1985) are not directly applicable to scatterometry, since they cannot account for the dramatic increase in the backscatter signal with the increase in wind speed (and therefore surface roughness). Addressing this question, Plant (1986) derives a form for the short wave spectrum that incorporates long wave-short wave interactions as well as wind input and dissipation. The expression for the short wave spectra is valid to second order in long wave slope, and is then used, for the case of locally generated seas, to develop an expression for  $\sigma^o$ , also valid to second order in long wave slope. This formulation allows a more detailed investigation of the effects of long wave slope and propagation on backscatter, through the tilting and hydrodynamic modulation of the short waves, but it is still a considerable simplification of actual ocean conditions. Assuming that the relevant parameter is the backscatter from capillary waves, in the real ocean these ripples (and therefore the associated  $\sigma^o$  signal) are modulated by ocean currents, internal waves, and sea state, and subject to tilt effects from longer

waves. Surface currents cause variations in  $\sigma^o$  through their effects on waves, including changing the direction of propagation and amplifying wave amplitudes by local velocity convergences. The effect of internal waves is not that pronounced at this scale, but sea state can have a significant impact (Atlas et al., 1986). The influence of sea state is especially important in rougher conditions, when foam, spray, and breaking waves disrupt the surface and contaminate the backscatter return, often as signal spikes.

In the absence of detailed knowledge of the actual long wave field, the optimum conditions for scatterometry occur when equilibrium is reached by those waves approximately one order of magnitude longer than the capillary waves (Atlas et al., 1986). These conditions are assumed in scatterometer algorithm development, and though this steady state condition is typical for the open ocean, it will not hold near significant circulation features, such as fronts. In order to completely specify the modulation and tilt effects for future algorithms, more extensive and more highly resolved *in situ* ocean wave spectra information is needed. In addition to refining the empirical scatterometer relations, this information could also provide a means of developing and validating theories on the physical processes discussed here. These scattering concepts, though simplifications of realistic conditions, are supported by the few experimental studies available (see Stewart, 1985 for summary). The difficulty of making simultaneous measurements of ocean wave spectra and backscatter has necessarily limited the amount of experimental evidence. While many questions still remain to be answered, there is increasing physical understanding of microwave backscatter, of the short ocean wave spectrum, and of the connection between them. Future study will be directed to quantifying the effects on microwave backscatter of rain, wave slope, sea surface temperature, currents, internal waves, and breaking waves.

#### Empirical U-to- $\sigma^o$ relation

The theories described above are used to establish a physical foundation, through a convoluted, multiple-relation process, on which to connect microwave backscatter

surface wind velocity. The response of short capillary waves to environmental changes at the air-sea interface, as measured by radar backscatter, is used to determine wind speed and direction. Given the theoretical support provided by these concepts, the practical application is to use that basis to justify seeking a direct relation between wind and the measured radar cross-section. The direct relation is established in three steps: 1) isolate the critical parameters, 2) establish the basic form of the equation (ie: power law, drag law, etc.), and 3) describe the detailed aspects of the model through empirical coefficients. Empirical studies have shown the dependence of  $\sigma^o$  on wind speed and wind direction relative to the horizontal antenna pointing angle as well as on the incidence angle, polarization, and frequency of the radar signal (Plant, 1986). Wind speed dependence is described by an adjusted power law while directional dependence is characterized by an approximately  $\cos(2\chi)$  dependence on the relative azimuth angle,  $\chi$ . The empirical coefficients are derived by tuning the basic equation to a set of data, for which both the known and unknown variables have been found. An obvious limitation to this process is that tuning to a particular data set constrains the backscatter-to-wind relation to the range of conditions present in that data. The specific details of the  $\sigma^o$ -to-wind relation used for SEASAT scatterometer data are described in Section 3. It should be mentioned that the radar cross-section has been shown to correlate well with both wind velocity and friction velocity (Liu and Large, 1981). However, as mentioned above, due to the need for conventional measurements to validate the empirical relation, and to the relative unavailability of wind stress measurements, a wind velocity dependence was chosen for SEASAT. One problem with current formulations is an inconsistency between the parameterizations for neutral wind and friction velocity. The current choices of power law relations to backscatter for both are not compatible with the expected connection between the two for a neutrally stratified atmosphere (Pierson et al., 1986).

Recent theoretical and experimental evidence indicates that the capillary wave spectrum, and by assumption the microwave backscatter, correlates better with a

near-surface wind field characteristic,  $R$ , than with either the neutral wind or friction velocity (Pierson et al., 1986). This new parameter is expressed as:

$$R = \left( \frac{U(\frac{\lambda}{2})}{C(\lambda)} - 1 \right)^2$$

where:

$U(\frac{\lambda}{2})$  = average wind at half a Bragg wavelength above the surface

$C(\lambda)$  = phase speed of Bragg waves

$\lambda$  = Bragg wavelength

(Pierson et al., 1986)

This term is related to the normal stresses, and correlation with short wave spectra depends on the assumption that normal stresses dominate tangential stresses in wave generation (Atlas et al., 1986). Unlike a direct correlation of backscatter to friction velocity, use of  $R$  requires definition of the wind profile and specification of a drag coefficient, or friction velocity and roughness length (Pierson, et al., 1986). So the application of  $R$  with scatterometer data is similar to using the neutral stability winds, but with a characteristic that is more physically related to the surface roughness. These concepts may improve future scatterometer missions, but SEASAT data was processed with a  $\sigma^o$  -to- $U$  relation and that will be emphasized here. Despite many unresolved issues, the available SASS results have demonstrated that useful correlations between microwave backscatter and a wind or surface roughness parameter can be found (Brown, 1986).

### 3. SEASAT Scatterometer (SASS)

A considerable microwave backscatter history culminated in the development of the SEASAT scatterometer, commencing with experiments on radar sea clutter during and after World War II. The initial proposal to use microwave backscatter to determine winds at the ocean surface came from Moore and Pierson (1967). A history of the various initial experiments can be found in Moore and Fung (1979). Following the general procedures discussed above, various empirical forms were developed for the backscatter-to-wind vector relation (Moore and Fung, 1979; Boggs, 1981; Jones et al., 1982; Schroeder et al., 1982a; Woiceshyn et al., 1986). The final choice for SEASAT, discussed in detail below, was a single power law relation with a least squares inversion (Moore and Fung, 1979; Jones et al., 1977). Following the SEASAT mission, the scatterometer model function was tuned through comparison with high quality surface wind data, primarily that collected in the Gulf of Alaska (GOASEX) and Joint Air-Sea Interaction (JASIN) experiments (Jones et al., 1982; Schroeder et al., 1982a, 1982b; Wurtele et al., 1982; Brown, 1983). Some results from these experiments are summarized following a more detailed description of the SEASAT scatterometer.

The SEASAT oceanographic satellite, launched in June 1978, carried several microwave remote sensing instruments, including SASS (Figure 1). The mission of SEASAT was to conduct proof-of-concept experiments for the detection of surface features by remote sensing. These features included surface wind, sea surface temperature, wave height, ocean topography, and sea ice, as well as information on internal waves, atmospheric water vapor, and the marine geoid. The SEASAT mission ended in October 1978 due to a power failure, but the three months of returned data provided sufficient information to meet the original objectives. The satellite flew in an approximately circular orbit with an inclination angle of  $108^\circ$ , at an altitude of 800 km, and with an orbital period of about 101 minutes, thus circling the Earth 14 times a day (Boggs, 1982). The wide swath scatterometer sensor covered 95% of the ocean every 36 hours (Boggs, 1982). During the first part of its mission SEASAT maintained

a 17-day repeat cycle (the period before repeating the same ground track), with a minimum spacing between equatorial crossings of 88 km during that interval. From August 27, 1978 to the end of the mission, SEASAT switched to a three day repeat cycle, with a minimum equatorial crossing separation of 470 km (Boggs, 1982). The scatterometer operated nearly continuously during the mission, returning over 90 days of good information. SASS used four, dual-polarized fan beam antennas, oriented at  $45^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$  relative to the satellite track, to get measurements at two orthogonal azimuth angles. The X-shaped illumination pattern of these beams formed a double-sided swath of potential wind-vector data about the satellite subtrack, and a narrow strip of only wind speed information near nadir (Figure 2). The transmitted frequency was 14.6 GHz, with a slight shift in the return signal from doppler effects. The antenna beams were electronically subdivided into 15 resolution cells by doppler filtering, using the intersection of the antenna pattern and the lines of constant doppler shift. The final backscatter resolution cell was generated by integrating the received power over a 1.89 second period. The signal processing provided a spatial resolution of approximately 50 km within the double-sided swaths.

Several sources of instrument error affect the backscatter measurement,  $\sigma^\circ$ , including random errors due to communication noise, uncertainty in spacecraft attitude, and instrument processing, as well as several bias errors (Boggs, 1982). Communication noise is the primary random error and depends on the doppler bandwidth, the signal integration period, and the signal-to-noise ratio (Fischer, 1972). The next most significant source of measurement error comes from uncertainty in spacecraft orientation, and therefore antenna pointing direction. The attitude error encompasses errors in roll, pitch, and yaw, as well as instrument alignment. Boggs (1982) lists values for these various random error sources. Bias errors between the four antennas were estimated from measurements of backscatter over the Amazon rain forest and relatively small corrections were made during sensor data processing. Corrections to  $\sigma^\circ$  for attenuation through the atmosphere were made for backscatter cells that coincided with measurements made by the Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR). This was possible only on the right side of the satellite track, since the SMMR swath

was one-sided. The lack of attenuation correction is significant primarily for high rain rates, and the anomalous wind values produced under those conditions are easily flagged in most cases. Finally, the  $\sigma^o$  measurements from the integrated "footprints" were screened for anomalous values and for the presence of ice or land, and then input into a geophysical algorithm to obtain the wind vectors.

#### SASS geophysical algorithm

The particular geophysical algorithm used for SASS is described completely in Boggs (1982). It computes the 19.5 m neutral stability wind speed and direction at a particular time and location. Basically, it consists of three components: 1) a cell-pairing process to match forward and aft cell values, 2) a wind-to- $\sigma^o$  model function, and 3) a least-squares estimator to invert the model function. Prior to the backscatter-to-wind inversion, a complex temporal and spatial reorganization of the backscatter data is needed. The  $\sigma^o$  cell measurements are spread out across the swath for all particular times and antenna patterns. The wind determination algorithm requires at least two, roughly colocated (in both time and space)  $\sigma^o$  measurements, approximately orthogonal in azimuth. The orthogonality condition requires at least one  $\sigma^o$  measurement from both the forward and aft antenna beams. The data can be grouped either by cell-pairing, in which individual forward and aft cell measurements are matched, or binning, in which all  $\sigma^o$  measurements within a given area are used to find a single wind solution for that area. Cell pairing was used in the production of the original wind vector data produced from SASS and is described more fully in the next section. Forward and aft beam measurements were paired if they fell within given time and distance separations, with some redundancy of data as some individual cells were paired more than once. The cell-pairing mode was chosen for the initial data production since it yielded the highest resolution wind vector solutions (Boggs, 1982). Subsequent processing (discussed at the end of this section) used the binning mode, with a 50 km resolution. In both cases, nadir wind solutions (in the narrow strip directly below the satellite) were formed from binned data, without the

need for orthogonal measurements, due to the lack of directional information at low incidence angles. In each case, the time and location assigned to the wind solution are the centroids of those of the grouped  $\sigma^o$  measurements. Once matched, the paired or binned backscatter measurements are input into the model function, which is the empirical relationship that describes the dependence of  $\sigma^o$  on the 19.5 m neutral stability wind. The relation chosen for SASS data can be expressed in logarithmic form as:

$$\sigma_{db}^o = G(\theta, \chi, \epsilon) + H(\theta, \chi, \epsilon) \log_{10} U_{19.5}$$

where:

$\sigma_{db}^o$  = backscattered power in decibels

$\theta$  = incidence angle

$\chi$  = wind direction relative to radar azimuth angle

$\epsilon$  = polarization of incident radiation

$U_{19.5}$  = neutral stability wind at 19.5m (m/s)

(Boggs, 1982)

The  $\sigma^o$  values have a range of more than 50 db for typical wind speed ranges, so there is a clear advantage to using a logarithmic form (Woiceshyn et al., 1986). It should also be repeated that this particular empirical relationship is an arbitrary choice and does not have a direct physical basis. The incidence angle,  $\theta$ , is defined at the surface as the acute angle between the antenna look direction and the local surface vertical at a doppler cell center (Figure 3). The relative wind azimuth,  $\chi$ , is the angle between the local horizontal wind direction,  $\gamma$ , and the radar azimuth angle,  $\phi$ , measured from north to the projected antenna look direction, at the cell center (Figure 4). The radar azimuth angle can be thought of as the instantaneous azimuthal direction of the antenna beam pattern on the surface (Woiceshyn et al., 1986). So, the model function depends implicitly on the actual wind direction through an explicit relation to the relative wind azimuth angle,  $\chi$ .  $\chi$  is defined so that the upwind condition, with the antenna pointing directly into the wind, corresponds to  $\chi = 0^\circ$  and the downwind condition to  $\chi = 180^\circ$ . The original sensor data processing

actually used the value of the radar azimuth angle calculated at the sub-satellite point, instead of at the cell center. This introduces a relatively small error that can be neglected in most cases (Boggs, 1982). The wind direction used for SASS processing is defined in the meteorological sense as coming from a given direction, measured clockwise from the north. The empirically derived G and H coefficients are given as coefficient tables for vertical and horizontal polarizations and incremental values of  $\theta$  and  $\chi$ . They are tabulated for  $0^\circ < \theta < 70^\circ$  in  $2^\circ$  steps and  $0^\circ < \chi < 180^\circ$  in  $10^\circ$  steps for both polarizations. A first-order interpolation was used to extract values from the  $2^\circ$   $\theta$  table, while a second-order interpolation was used with the  $10^\circ$   $\chi$  table. The dependence of G and H on azimuth is approximately  $\cos(2\chi^*)$ , where  $\chi^*$  is the difference between wind direction and radar azimuth, with maxima at  $\chi^* = 0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ . The harmonic dependence means that the relative wind direction,  $\chi$ , used in the model function, has a functional range of 180 degrees (Boggs, 1982). The G-H tables were originally determined from aircraft measurements and then modified after several SEASAT validation workshops. The final table was formed by combining two models over different incidence angle ranges (Boggs, 1981; Schroeder et al., 1982a). The selection of parameters and the choice of a relatively simple, logarithmic form with a power law dependence are still subject to considerable debate (Atlas et al., 1986; Woiceshyn et al., 1986), but generally good results and confirmation of basic concepts were obtained from this initial formulation. The model function is a unique relation for the dependence of  $\sigma^\circ$  on the 19.5 m neutral stability wind, but the wind retrieval process requires using this relation in the opposite direction. This inversion requires at least two colocated, roughly orthogonally viewed  $\sigma^\circ$  measurements and is not a unique specification. A weighted least-squares estimation, also referred to as a sum-of-squares approach, was used to accomplish the actual inversion (Boggs, 1982; Jones et al., 1982).

One limitation of this  $\sigma^\circ$  -to-wind algorithm is that for a given  $\sigma^\circ$  grouping there may be up to four possible wind vector solutions, all with approximately the same wind speed, but with widely varying directions. Figure 5 illustrates this for the ideal case of two orthogonal, noise-free, colocated  $\sigma^\circ$  measurements of the same

wind. The curves are possible solutions in wind speed ( $U$ )-azimuth angle ( $\chi$ ) space for particular values of backscatter ( $\sigma^\circ$ ) and incidence angle ( $\theta_i$ ). Wind solutions are found at the curve intersections and this case shows the large variation of directions and small range of wind speeds for the different possible solutions. As shown, a  $90^\circ$  separation in azimuth yields the most distinct intersections. Noisy measurements further complicate this process, since the intersections are then spread over a larger area. These direction aliases cannot be removed without further processing, usually requiring some independent knowledge of the wind field. Future scatterometers will help resolve this ambiguity problem, by adding an additional antenna on each side, reducing the maximum number of solutions to only two, separated by nearly  $180^\circ$ .

#### SASS performance evaluations

Evaluations of the final SASS wind retrieval algorithms initially indicated that it met the required specifications of  $\pm 2$  m/s in wind speed and  $\pm 20^\circ$  in wind direction on a synoptic scale. The final results from the SASS workshops were rms differences of 1.3 m/s for a range of 4 to 26 m/s, and  $16^\circ$  for a  $0^\circ$ -to- $360^\circ$  range (Lame and Born, 1982; Jones et al., 1982). However, these rms values were calculated for a restricted data set that was limited to the particular wind speed range and geographical area of the conventional wind data used for tuning and validation. These statistics do not always accurately reflect performance for other subsets of the data, as discussed in detail by Woiceshyn et al. (1986). Sources of error for the SASS generated winds exist both in the geophysical interpretation of the radar signal and in factors that may contaminate the signal, such as rain, sea surface temperature, and radar polarization. Many of these questions were addressed in the scattering theory discussion. An additional point is that the inherent spatial averaging of each SASS footprint may smooth out variations of the small scale turbulent winds (up to 10 m/s) embedded in the footprint area (Brown, 1986). The spatial smoothing may be especially significant for small, intense features, such as thunderstorms. Strong circulation features, such as fronts, cyclones, and hurricanes, also pose a problem, since they generally

violate the steady state conditions assumed in the  $\sigma^o$ -to-U algorithms. Differences in wind retrieval system behavior across a front are evident in the changed character of the scatterometer signal across the front (Brown, 1983). Adjustments to the wind retrieval system are needed to more fully account for these flow features, most likely as parameterizations that can be incorporated into the steady state algorithms (Brown, 1986).

Various evaluations of the SASS data have identified problems with different aspects of the wind retrieval algorithms. Woiceshyn et al. (1986) use intercomparisons of horizontally and vertically polarized SASS data and comparisons between *in situ* and SASS winds to demonstrate the inadequacy of the power law relation at all observed wind speeds and incidence angles. This stems from the tuning of the data to the limited range of conditions observed in the "surface truth" experiments and to the inability of a single power law to model the difference in surface roughness over two distinct wind regimes. Woiceshyn et al. (1986) discuss other problems, including the inaccuracy of the SASS winds at low wind speeds. The combination of a sum-of-squares inversion technique and the signal from noise subtraction process may yield negative backscatter values for light winds (Pierson et al., 1986). Using a power law assumption with this inversion process means that the negative values must be discarded, causing a considerable loss of information at lower wind speeds. A better option may be to use a maximum likelihood estimation inversion that will make use of all the data (Pierson et al., 1986). Preliminary work on a new scatterometer wind extraction system that removes many of these biases in the SASS model is presented in Woiceshyn et al. (1984). A careful statistical analysis of the original SASS winds by Wentz et al. (1984, 1986) also revealed several systematic errors in the SASS data. They found that horizontally polarized backscatter signals yielded winds that were biased high relative to those from vertically polarized backscatter returns, a cross-swath wind gradient error was introduced from an incorrect  $\sigma^o$  vs incidence angle relation, low signal-to-noise ratio  $\sigma^o$  values were discarded - so low winds were biased high and data gaps existed for areas of light winds, and the SASS winds were biased high by approximately 1 m/s relative to conventional winds. Some of these errors are

similar to those discussed by Woiceshyn et al. (1986), but Wentz (1986) retains the power law relation and corrects the model coefficients, rather than choosing another form for the model function. Finally, the question of directional ambiguity in the wind vector solutions has received considerable attention (Wurtele et al., 1982; Peteherych et al., 1984). Several alternatives to the SASS algorithm method have been developed (Hofman, 1982, 1984; Gohil and Pandey, 1985; Woiceshyn et al., 1986; Brown, 1986), and the design of future scatterometers will considerably reduce this alias problem.

#### SASS data reprocessing

The original SASS wind data, processed with the model function and cell-pairing method described above, is available on Geophysical Data Record (GDR) tapes located at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). The alias problem and other errors discovered in the initial GDR processing, mentioned briefly above, motivated a reprocessing of the entire sensor data set. Wentz et al. (1986) reprocessed the entire 96-day data set, binning the backscatter values into 50 km cells oriented perpendicular to the satellite subtrack. These combined  $\sigma^0$  measurements were then inverted to obtain the wind vectors, on both 50 and 100 km grids. The winds were retrieved with an improved  $\sigma^0$ -to-wind model, based on an assumed Rayleigh wind distribution, rather than tuning to *in situ* measurements. The model was designed to minimize the systematic errors dependent on polarization or incidence angle identified earlier, and used a single power law relationship, except for an adjustment for the higher nadir winds. Based on climatology, the winds were assumed to be Rayleigh distributed about a mean of 7.4 m/s (Wentz et al., 1984). This statistical approach has several advantages over a tuning approach, including the ability to use all the satellite measurements, rather than just those matched with a limited, high-quality conventional data set, and elimination of the problem of matching the different temporal and spatial scales of satellite and conventional data. The pre-averaging of the backscatter measurements across larger cells increases the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for the final  $\sigma^0$  value, which is especially useful at low wind speeds. A typical cell in the middle

of the swath contained four  $\sigma^{\circ}$  measurements from each antenna, and SNR increased by a factor of two (Wentz et al., 1986). These reprocessed winds show more consistency and lower residual errors than the original SASS winds in intercomparisons over different polarizations and incidence angles. A comparison to buoy winds showed good general agreement in wind speed, with a 1.6 m/s rms difference and -0.1 m/s bias, supporting the statistical assumptions made in deriving the new model (Wentz et al., 1986).

The directional ambiguity in the SASS winds was removed by several different methods, both subjective and objective, for various subsets of the original data. Peterherych et al., (1984) developed a subjective dealiasing method and produced a global, 15-day (6-20 September 1978) set of dealiased SASS winds. Their method is based on procedures described by Wurtele et al., (1982) and Baker et al., (1984), where meteorological analysis and pattern recognition are used to select an alias. Rather than using subjective meteorological analysis to dealias the data, alternative objective techniques have been developed, including those of Hoffman (1982, 1984), Baker et al., (1984), and Yu and McPherson (1984). Atlas et al., (1987), used a modified version of the model of Baker et al., (1984) to objectively dealias the complete 96-day set of reprocessed, 100 km resolution, multiple-solution vectors. Atlas et al., (1987) employed the Goddard Laboratory for Atmospheres (GLA) analysis/forecast system in an iterative, three-pass procedure, combining conventional data and previously analyzed SASS winds as a first-guess field. These unambiguous SASS wind vectors are subsequently identified as Atlas winds in this paper, to distinguish them from the original GDR winds. They form the principal set of scatterometer winds to be evaluated and compared with conventional wind data in this study.

#### 4. Data description and handling

The initial data set obtained was a subset of the GDR data, supplied by NASA Ocean Data Systems (NODS) at JPL. Figure 6 shows a swath of these winds from SEASAT revolution 184. The alias problem discussed above limited its usefulness, and when the Atlas data set became available it was used, rather than the GDR data, for all subsequent evaluations. As mentioned in Section 3, the Atlas SASS winds are referred to as Atlas winds, in order to distinguish them from the original GDR data and from other sets of SASS wind data. In the preliminary analysis, we removed the directional ambiguity for selected GDR winds subjectively, by comparison of the plotted GDR wind vectors to synoptic weather and pressure maps. The SASS solution in closest agreement with the conventionally derived wind field was selected wherever possible, while those cases where an unambiguous solution was not obvious were dropped from further consideration. Due to uncertainties imposed by this rough dealiasing scheme, the GDR winds were most useful in an initial screening of the Atlas winds, rather than as input for further analysis. After basic pattern agreement was established, these winds were most useful in ensuring the proper reading, transfer, and display of Atlas wind vector data. This study concentrates on a one-month subset of the full 96-day record, from 12 August to 10 September 1978, over a portion of the western North Atlantic, from 20-30°N and 40-80°W. The Atlas data is regularly spaced along the satellite subtrack, but it is irregularly spaced on a latitude-longitude grid, and the nature of satellite orbit ground coverage means that data samples in a given area are widely separated in both time and space. Typically, two passes cross the study area, separated by approximately 100 minutes and 2500 km, followed 12 hours later by another two passes, offset in space from the first pair.

Since the primary purpose was to compare scatterometer winds to a conventional wind field, a readily available, suitable conventional wind field was needed. The 6-hour synoptic surface wind analyses provided by the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center (FNOC) in Monterey, CA, through the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), were selected. These winds are generated by combining ship and buoy wind

reports with pressure-derived winds and are inherently smoothed to some extent on larger pressure field scales. A subset of the analyses was extracted, covering the same western North Atlantic area as the scatterometer data, interpolated to a  $1^\circ$  latitude by  $1^\circ$  longitude grid. In addition to this wind field data, synoptic weather and pressure charts were also employed. These small-scale, large-area facsimile charts are quite crude, but provide a source of qualitative information for comparison to both the Atlas and FNOC fields.

An important factor in any comparison between satellite and conventional measurements is the different temporal and spatial averaging inherent in each. The scatterometer footprint is at the shorter end of the mesoscale range, a measurement averaged over roughly 50 km in space and nearly instantaneous in time, but sampled at widely separated intervals of both space and time. Ship and buoy wind measurements are point measurements in space, and may be averaged over an arbitrary time period, especially in the case of the buoy winds. Conventional, pressure-derived surface wind fields have larger, synoptic scales, comparable to those of the scatterometer swath (500 to 1000 km). These differing scales are important to a proper interpretation of the differences between the various data (Pierson, 1983; Stewart, 1985).

So the available data are the GDR winds, the Atlas winds, the FNOC winds, and the synoptic weather and pressure maps. The primary comparison is between the Atlas and FNOC winds, both between vector fields and in a broader, statistical sense, with the weather maps used mostly for initial screening and evaluation. This screening included verifying the general flow patterns and the location of significant meteorological features. The Atlas-FNOC wind comparison was hindered immediately by the irregular spacing of the Atlas data (relative to a latitude-longitude grid). Boxed mean differences were calculated for some areas, by calculating component means for each field for a series of areas, then finding the differences between the means in these boxes. These have limited usefulness, especially since the resolution of the Atlas-FNOC difference field generated in this manner is very poor, so further processing of the scatterometer winds was necessary to regrid the field. To obtain regularly gridded

scatterometer data, objective mapping techniques were employed, concentrating on spatial mapping.

#### Objective mapping procedure

Objective mapping is basically an interpolation scheme that incorporates knowledge of the field statistics and data locations in construction of an informed estimate of the field at desired locations. A major advantage of the process is that it provides an estimate of the error field at the same time, yielding an objective measure of how well the mapping does at different points. The formulation used here follows that of Bretherton, Davis, and Fandry (1976), and most details of the actual mapping procedure are omitted, except for the form of the data covariance matrix, the general form and particular choice of which are described briefly below. Input of field information is made through choices of the form and scales of the data covariance matrix. This matrix,  $A_{rs}$ , has the general form:

$$A_{rs} = F(x_r - x_s) + E\delta_{rs}$$

where:

$A_{rs}$  = covariance matrix of all pairs of observations, r and s

$F(x_r - x_s)$  = covariance as a function of spatial separation

$E$  = variance due to measurement noise

The covariance function,  $F(\vec{x})$ , where  $\vec{x}$  is the spatial separation in x and y, is used to form the covariance matrix between of pairs of individual data measurements. After experimenting with various forms of this covariance function, a simple gaussian form was chosen:

$$F(\vec{x}) = \sigma_S^2 \exp\left(\frac{-x^2 - y^2}{R_S^2}\right) + \sigma_N^2 \exp\left(\frac{-x^2 - y^2}{R_N^2}\right)$$

where:

$F(\vec{x})$  = covariance function

$\sigma_S^2$  = signal variance

$R_S$  = signal scale (for both x and y in this case)

$\sigma_N^2$  = "noise" variance due to small scale signal

$R_N$  = "noise" scale

Both of these matrices,  $A_{rs}$  and  $F(\vec{x})$ , are dependent only on the position of the observations, so they are constant for different realizations of the data field, unless one expects the statistics of the data field to change with time. In that case, the scales of the covariance function must be adjusted according to the expected statistical evolution of the data field. The choices of scales and variances used in this formulation depend on the expected allocation of the field information into signal and noise. In this case, the "noise" is actually real information, usually at the smaller scales, that is arbitrarily designated as noise. This division depends mostly on what scales are present in the data and on what scales we are interested in studying. Additional scales can be incorporated explicitly in the covariance function as well, each with a similar form to that shown above. The relative weight of each different scale is determined by the magnitude of the variance, also known as the amplitude function. Expected instrument noise is incorporated in the noise level,  $E$ , representing the contribution of random noise to the variance at each observation point. The  $A_{rs}$  covariance matrix is inverted in the mapping process, and a small amount of measurement noise is usually needed to keep the process mathematically stable, even if "perfect" data are available.

An advantage of objective mapping is that it yields a measure of the error, due both to the procedure and to the statistical assumptions made about the data. The magnitude and structure of this error variance can be used to assess the impact of various imposed conditions on the mapping process. Some definitions of terms used to describe the accuracy of the mapping are needed at this point. For the case of unit signal variance, in which the error maps are non-dimensional, useful mapping is defined as areas with error variance  $\leq 0.6$  and accurate mapping is defined as areas with error variance  $\leq 0.3$ . The signal spatial scale (or scales),  $R_S$ , has the greatest impact on the estimate field as a whole, both through the need for it to be consistent with the actual scales of the data and in its relation to data

spacing. The imposed signal scale must be reasonably close to those of the original field for the mapping process to work. The area of accurate mapping is considerably increased when the signal scale is larger than the data spacing (Bretherton, Davis, and Fandry, 1976). Varying the noise scale,  $R_N$ , has an impact that seems confined mostly to the vicinity of each data point. Choosing a vanishingly small noise scale causes the small-scale noise to exert an effect similar to measurement noise over much of the field, except exactly at the data locations. At these points it yields a conservative error estimate (Bretherton, Davis, and Fandry, 1976). Choosing  $\sigma_N^2 = 0$ , thereby assuming that the "noise" from the small-scale signal is not significant, does not change the area of useful mapping, compared to a choice of a small ( $\sigma_N^2 \simeq 0.1$ ) noise variance, when an infinitesimal noise scale ( $R_N = 0$ ) is used. However, this vanishing noise does increase the area of accurate mapping (Bretherton, Davis, and Fandry, 1976). These general considerations were taken into account in the initial selection of the covariance function, with the final choice decided by how well the resulting estimate field reproduced the original winds.

To avoid the complication of mapping vector quantities, the U and V components were mapped separately as independent scalar properties. Several combinations of scales and variances were tested, with an eye towards finding the simplest formulation that would accurately reproduce the wind field. The final selection was:

$$F(\vec{x}) = 1.0 \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x}{500\text{km}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{500\text{km}}\right)^2\right]$$

The choice of a 500 km signal scale smooths the original field slightly, depending on the amount of variation at yet smaller scales. The choice of  $\sigma_N^2 = 0$  reflects the fact that we expect the small-scale signal variation to not contribute significantly to the total data covariance. After experimenting with different values of the noise variance, a simple choice of a constant  $E = 0.1$  was made, so measurement noise is incorporated along the diagonal of the covariance matrix,  $A_{rs}$ . This value is somewhat arbitrary, since it is difficult to precisely determine the measurement, or instrument, noise of scatterometer data. Instrument error is a combination of many different SASS sensor

data errors, and also includes potential errors introduced during reprocessing of the backscatter data. In initial experiments, this choice of a reasonably conservative instrument noise variance produced good results, so it was used in all subsequent mapping. If the covariances imposed on the estimated field are inconsistent with those of the actual data, the mapped field can vary considerably from the original field. More severe inconsistency in the imposed conditions can introduce ill-conditioned matrices, resulting in a breakdown of the mapping process, either through a failure of the matrix inversion, or through the production of worthless estimates. The extent to which the estimated field reproduces the original is a good indication of whether the imposed scales and variances are appropriate. Ideally, the difference between the estimated and original fields at any point should be close to the imposed noise at that point. The estimate formed from the simple covariance function and variances given above is a good representation of the original data (a more detailed comparison is given below), so those choices were employed in all subsequent mapping.

The chosen mapping procedure is one that includes an estimate of the mean and may result in error variances greater than the signal variance (greater than unity in the non-dimensional case) in some cases. The mapping process was initially evaluated by mapping two revolutions, 744 and 830, that contained a large number of wind vectors, and then overlaying vector plots of the original and mapped data and examining the structure of the error maps. Overlaying vector plots showed the agreement between both the closely colocated vectors and the general circulation patterns of each field. In regions of abundant data, the mapping closely reproduced the original field in both respects, with a small amount of smoothing of markedly anomalous vectors, and in areas where winds change rapidly over short distances. The latter is particularly evident in regions of light and variable winds when no well-defined circulation pattern is present. A notable feature of these initial maps is the relatively poor performance in data-sparse corners of the estimate grid that require significant extrapolation from interior points. These extrapolated border values are noticeably worse than those between the swaths, which is an expected result since the extrapolation is one-sided, and this emphasizes the need to map only over areas with reasonable amounts of

data. Lowest error variance values are found where data is densest, and the double-swath pattern of the data field is quite evident in the associated error maps (Figures 7 and 8).

Evaluations of this type, made on the initial runs, demonstrated that the chosen mapping procedure worked well and that the chosen covariance function was appropriate. However, the spatial distribution of the data presented an entirely new problem. Mapping the diagonal satellite tracks of entire revolutions in the study area produced large regions of high error variance, with little useful information, on either side of the satellite swath. In addition, the fairly large numbers of wind vectors present in each revolution are computationally expensive to map, since the objective mapping routine requires inverting a square matrix with a dimension equal to the number of data. Thus, the need to discard large amounts of information from the large-area mappings is even less acceptable. The solution chosen here was to map successive boxes along the path of each satellite revolution. From one to four boxes were needed for each revolution, depending on the length of the track (Figure 9), and data input for each box included all the vectors within one correlation distance (500 km) of each edge. One drawback to this process is that by using smaller grids we lose low wave number information, especially in the meridional direction, since the swaths are aligned more north-south than east-west. However, this loss should not be significant since we expect the smaller, synoptic scale ( $\sim 500$  km) to dominate most of the signal. Synoptic scale dominance is particularly true in the meridional direction, due to the rather strong dependence of weather patterns on latitude and the tendency for weather systems to move in a zonal direction. It should be noted that low wave number information is also missing in the zonal direction, since the swaths are not wide enough to resolve it. The lack of low wave number information in the zonal direction cannot be corrected without combining data from several revolutions, and in that case, the large temporal and spatial separations involved introduce yet further complications. For this study, the loss of low wave number information was accepted as a necessary trade-off for the use of a simpler, spatial mapping.

As before, the mapped data was checked by comparison to input scatterometer data through vector plot overlays and error variance plots, and through comparing statistics of the original and estimated fields. This time a more detailed comparison was done, using objective maps made for all the revolutions on each of three separate days, spread through the data set. The scatterometer revolutions from days 230, 236 and 248 each contained swaths with large numbers of winds vectors, as well as both well-defined circulation patterns and regions of more variable winds. These features facilitated the subsequent comparison to the mapped wind field. By overlaying vector plots, we can see the agreement between both the closely collocated vectors and the general circulation patterns. The circulation patterns, especially those around the strong low pressure systems in the north, are closely reproduced, agreeing in the inferred location of the low pressure center and associated fronts, and in the direction and magnitude of overlapping vectors. Revolution 830, on day 236, is a good example of this (Figures 7 and 9). Some of the highest magnitude vectors in the original field are not picked up in the estimate field, especially in cases where there is one anomalously high vector in a field of generally lower magnitude. Likewise, some of the lighter winds are overestimated in the mapped field, particularly in the case when they are surrounded by or border on an area of higher magnitude winds. Both of these reflect the slight smoothing of the mapping process, which tends to reduce anomalous vectors embedded in a more uniform field. More isolated vectors are generally closely reproduced in the mapping, since they hold relatively more weight in a data-sparse area, and they are then joined by extrapolation to areas with more input information. This worked well for vectors that fit reasonably well into the overall pattern and did not have extreme spatial separations, which was usually the case for isolated points in this data. In any case, the need for excessively large extrapolation was minimized, since care was taken to map over regions of denser data. Differences in closely collocated vectors from the two fields were most evident in regions of light and variable winds, where the winds change rapidly and more randomly over relatively short distances. The wind magnitudes tend to be the same, but the directions may vary considerably, up to 180 degrees in a few cases. However, since this variation is

typical of those areas in the first place, and since the wind magnitudes are small, the impact on the final results is minimized. Statistics of the two fields were similar for these initial cases, also confirming our choice of covariance matrix. Statistics for each field are given for the complete data set in Section 5. Overall, the mapping procedure is effective at accurately reproducing the original field; in the general circulation patterns, for overlapping vectors, and in a broader, statistical sense.

## 5. Results and discussion

Prior to the detailed intercomparison of the FNOC and Atlas wind fields, they were initially compared to matching synoptic weather charts to obtain a rough subjective estimate of their quality. This comparison was used to verify basic flow patterns, as well as the location of and circulation around major weather features. It was a means to identify gross errors and it also helped to resolve some computer plotting questions. To the extent possible, given the coarse nature of the weather maps, both wind fields compare well to the flow patterns evident in the weather maps. In particular, the series of strong low pressure systems that tracked across the northern section of the study area are closely reproduced in the Atlas and FNOC winds. The wind field inferred locations of the low pressure centers are sometimes displaced slightly ( $\leq 200$  km) from those of the meteorological analyses, especially for the Atlas winds. However, no extreme displacements are noted, and in each case the difference is well within the coarse resolution limits of the weather maps. The broader circulation associated with these low pressure systems, as reflected in the Atlas and FNOC wind patterns, is consistent for each with the isobars and frontal systems of the meteorological analyses. This consistency is true both for the spatial patterns observed at a particular time, and for the temporal evolution of the patterns across several synoptic analysis periods. The major difference stems from the greater resolution and higher variability in the two wind fields, which contain small-scale features that are smoothed out of the weather maps. For the Atlas winds, some of the differences can also be attributed to the offset in the times of the satellite passes from the 6-hourly synoptic analysis times. This difference in time can be up to 3 hours, but is generally less than 1 hour for this data. The strongest features during the study period were Hurricane Ella and Tropical Storm Flossie, and both showed up clearly and in good agreement with the meteorological analyses in the Atlas and FNOC winds.

The comparison between the mapped scatterometer and FNOC winds was accomplished in several ways, both qualitative and quantitative. Atlas data from a particular satellite revolution were matched to colocated FNOC data at the synoptic

time closest to the revolution time. Overlaying plots of the two fields provided a good qualitative look at their differences. Basically, the fields appear very similar, especially across areas with little spatial variation in the wind. Significant differences in both magnitude and direction are observed in wind vectors from the two fields in the vicinity of strong weather features. Some of these differences can be accounted for by the offset in time between the two fields, which may be up to three hours. Also, the sampling pattern of the scatterometer did not always provide complete spatial coverage of important features, and filling in with mapped values at the margin of available data gives uncertain results, due to the high error variance in the mapping there. The difficulty posed by these high variance areas was minimized by mapping only within the extent of available data as much as possible. Another explanation of the observed differences between the two fields is the higher spatial resolution and therefore greater inherent variability of the Atlas winds. Even though there is some smoothing of the scatterometer winds, both in the data generation and objective mapping stages, it is still on a scale less than that used to generate the FNOC winds. The impact of this greater variability is expected to be much more near areas of intense, smaller-scale circulation, and the observed differences in the two wind fields reflect this.

Quantitative comparison of the Atlas and FNOC wind vectors is accomplished in several ways: 1) statistical descriptions of each field, 2) differences in the mean values within latitude-longitude boxes, 3) scatter plots of wind speed and direction for each field, and 4) statistical descriptions of the difference field (Atlas-FNOC). Initial evaluations include the ungridded as well as the mapped Atlas winds, but subsequent calculations require colocated vectors and are only done for the mapped Atlas and FNOC winds. Most calculations were done on the east and north components of the wind, but some vector statistics are also shown. The various quantities are computed for the instantaneous vector field "snapshots" and also for one-day and three-day averaging periods. In addition, the statistics are also subsequently grouped by latitude to examine its impact, since weather patterns, and therefore wind, tend to group in zonal bands. Most of the comparisons done in this study concentrate on the wind velocity, since that is the data available, rather than on the wind stress, though it is

recognized that stress is a better representation of the driving force provided by the wind. However, the conversion from velocity to stress is not trivial, especially over larger areas and longer periods of time, and introduces additional uncertainties due to factors such the formulation of the drag coefficient. Also, the stress values are quite small and this can cause problems in the difference calculations. For these reasons, the bulk of the statistics are calculated for the wind velocity, either in component or vector form. In addition to these velocity calculations, the wind stress curl is calculated for the Atlas and FNOC wind fields, and examined for significant and consistent differences between them. Since this parameter is so crucial to ocean circulation forcing, we found it useful to find and compare the values from the two fields, recognizing the limitations on stress calculations discussed above.

## Field statistics

Three separate wind fields are examined in this study, the ungridded Atlas SASS winds, the objectively mapped Atlas winds (derived from the first), and the FNOC combined pressure-derived and buoy and ship report winds. Descriptions of the individual wind fields are provided in various forms, qualitative and quantitative. Representative vector plots, mean and standard deviation for data within individual areas (matching the objective mapping grid), and the mean and standard deviation of all data on a particular day are given for all three fields. In addition, for the mapped Atlas and FNOC fields, mean speed and vector statistics, daily averages grouped by latitude, and three-day averages are shown.

### Ungridded Atlas winds

For the ungridded Atlas winds, Table 1 shows the U and V component statistics for individual areas in each revolution, including mean, variance, weighted variance, standard deviation, and number of data. In this and following tables, the variance is simply the sample variance and the weighted variance accounts for the effect of varying wind speeds on variance values and is normalized by the rms value:

$$\sigma_w^2 = \frac{\langle (U_i - \bar{U}_i)^2 \rangle}{\langle U_i^2 \rangle}$$

The data used includes all those vectors within the corresponding mapping grid as well as within one correlation length (that used in the mapping) of any grid edge. This is the same data that was used as input to the objective mapping program. Figure 10 shows the distribution of the component means and standard deviations graphically. Areas of high wind speed, such as 715 U1 and 735 U1 (where U1 indicates a particular box along the satellite revolution), or high variance relative to wind speed, such as 715 V1 and 779 U2, can be associated with meteorological features present near those areas, as shown by synoptic weather maps. Those areas with high mean wind speed and significant variance, especially 836 U2 and V2 and 1008 U2 and V2, straddle circulation about well-developed low pressure systems, reflecting the strength of the

system and the sharp variation in wind direction across fronts and around the low. Areas that include a single front, like 715 1, show a large mean and lower variance in one direction (U in this case), and a low mean with much larger variance in the other direction. Across this particular front, while the winds remain predominantly easterly, the north-south direction varies up to  $180^\circ$ , driving down the mean and increasing the variance in the V component. For the entire data set, the mean U values tend to be greater than the corresponding V values on average, roughly two-thirds of the time, but the weighted variances are split nearly evenly in relative size for the two components.

Statistics for the U and V components of the ungridded Atlas winds, averaged over one-day periods rather than just instantaneous "snapshots", are listed in Table 2. The mean magnitudes are evenly split, with neither U or V relatively larger on average, and the weighted variances are fairly even, with  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  17 out of 29 times (59%). The daily means are lower than those for the individual areas in Table 1, and the variances increase, with the standard deviation now greater than the mean in each case. The lower mean values and higher variances are consistent with what we expect, since over the course of one day the samples are taken from widely spaced areas, usually from 2 or 3 revolutions, and the winds can vary greatly within those space and time scales.

#### Mapped Atlas winds

The distribution of U and V components, and wind speed and direction from all the mapped Atlas vectors in this data set are shown in Figure 11. The U component is evenly divided between positive (westerly wind) and negative, while the V component is more frequently positive (southerly wind). The distribution of magnitudes coarsely reflects the Rayleigh distribution expected of the original Atlas data, providing more confirmation of the objective mapping process. The wind direction bins indicate the compass direction the wind is blowing toward, for example,  $0^\circ$  is a southerly (or northward) wind. This distribution also shows the slightly more frequent occurrence of southerly winds. Various statistics for the U and V components in individual

boxes (within revolutions) for the objectively mapped Atlas SASS winds are listed in Table 3 and shown graphically in Figure 12. It should be noted that these cannot be directly compared to the corresponding values for the ungridded winds, since those were calculated over slightly larger areas and included more data. Again, mean U magnitudes tend to be larger, with  $|U| > |V|$  68 out of 117 times (59%). The relative values of the weighted component variances are generally close, and  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  51 out of 117 times (44%). Compared to the values for the ungridded winds, the weighted variances of the mapped winds tend to be slightly lower, with  $\sigma_{un}^2 > \sigma_{map}^2$  187 out of 234 times (80%), including 101 of 117 (86%) for U and 86 of 117 (74%) for V. This trend is expected since the objective mapping process smooths the data field to some extent. Table 4 presents the statistics for the U and V components of the mapped SASS winds, averaged over one day periods. The means are reduced relative to the individual "snapshot" values, and the variances increase to the point where the standard deviation is greater than the mean in most, though not all, cases. The component magnitudes are evenly split in relative size, while the weighted variances show some difference between components, with  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  19 out of 29 times (66%). The greater variance of the zonal wind, on average, reflects the slightly greater range of speeds associated with it, as compared to the meridional wind. In North Atlantic mid-latitudes, one expects the average zonal wind to be larger than the average meridional wind (Leetmaa and Bunker, 1978). Component statistics, again averaged over one day periods and now also grouped into 10° latitude bins are shown in Table 5. Tables 6 and 7 list one-day and three-day average vector statistics, including the mean speed, the speed and vector variance and standard deviation, and the percentage of the vectors that fall in each of four direction bins. The standard deviation of the wind vector is defined as:

$$\sigma_{vec} = \left( \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N [(u_i - \bar{u})^2 + (v_i - \bar{v})^2] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

while the standard deviation of the mean wind speed is defined as:

$$\sigma_{spd} = \left( \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N [ (|U|_i - \overline{|U|})^2 ] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{where: } |U| = (u^2 + v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The mean speed and vector deviations are quite different, with  $\sigma_{spd}$  smaller and much more uniform across a given area than  $\sigma_{vec}$ . In this case the directions are given in the oceanographic sense of going toward a particular direction. The bins each include  $90^\circ$  of arc, centered on the given direction. For example, the north bin includes  $315^\circ < \theta \leq 45^\circ$ , where  $\theta$  is the direction that the wind is blowing toward.

### FNOG winds

The distributions of the U and V components, and wind speed and direction from all the FNOG wind vectors are shown in Figure 13. As with the Atlas winds, the U component distribution is divided evenly between positive and negative values and the V component is more frequently positive, indicating southerly winds. The magnitude distribution differs from that of the Atlas winds, with more winds at the lower wind speeds. However, there are several FNOG values in the highest speed range (25-30 m/s), while there are no Atlas values of that magnitude. The direction distribution shows the tendency for the FNOG winds to be southerly, to an even greater extent than the Atlas winds. Statistics for the U and V components in individual areas for the FNOG wind field are listed in Table 8, and shown graphically in Figure 14. The chosen times are those closest to the time of each satellite pass, and given the 6-hour spacing of the FNOG analyses, may be up to 3 hours different from the time of the satellite pass. Most times were much closer than this upper limit, and in all cases, the best FNOG match was at either the 00Z or 12Z analysis times. The mean U magnitude is larger than the mean V magnitude slightly more times, 88 of 144 (61%), with one case where both are the same, and a slightly greater proportion of the V component winds have higher variances than the corresponding U component, 83 of 145 (57%). The trend observed in the two sets of Atlas winds, of higher means in one component relative to the other being associated with lower relative variances in that same component, is also seen in the FNOG data. Again, we expect winds

of greater variability to have their means reduced, when cases of both positive and negative component wind speeds are summed.

Table 9 presents the one-day average statistics for the U and V components of the FNOC winds. As was true for the scatterometer winds, the daily means are lower than the earlier means for individual areas, and the variances are relatively larger, with standard deviations greater than the mean values in most cases. The mean U value tends to be larger than the corresponding V mean value more of the time, with  $|U| > |V|$ , 17 of 29 times (59%). The weighted variance of the U component is also greater than that of the V component more frequently, with  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  19 of 29 times (66%). The greater variance in the zonal wind can again be associated with the wider speed range of the zonal (-2.5 to 3.7 m/s) compared to the meridional (-0.8 to 3.8 m/s) winds. The mean daily meridional winds are mostly positive, indicating southerly winds, which is the expected average flow in this area at this time of year. This behavior parallels what is observed in the scatterometer winds as well. Table 10 lists statistics for the component winds, averaged over one day periods and grouped into 10° latitude bins. Tables 11 and 12 list one-day and three-day average vector statistics, including the percentage of the vectors within each averaging period that fall in each of four direction bins. Again, the directions indicate wind blowing toward a particular direction.

## Boxed mean differences

Prior to regridding the scatterometer winds, a preliminary evaluation of the difference between the scatterometer and FNOC winds was made by calculating the difference between the mean U and V components over  $10^\circ$  latitude by  $10^\circ$  longitude boxes. This was done for a limited subsection of the data, three separate days, in order to get a rough idea of the magnitude of the difference and possibly any obvious bias or structure. To increase the amount of data used in calculating the mean values and to provide adequate spatial coverage, daily averages were computed. This was done simply by using all the FNOC data from the 00Z and 12Z, as well as 00Z of the following day, synoptic analysis times, and the scatterometer data that fell within three hours of those times. Data from three separate days, 18 and 24 August and 5 September (Julian days 230, 236, and 248 respectively), were investigated. For day 230, data from SEASAT revolutions 744, 750, 751, and 758 were used; for day 236, from revolutions 830, 836, 837, and 844; and for day 248, from revolutions 1002, 1003, 1008, 1009, 1016. Tables 13, 14, and 15 list the  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$  mean and standard deviation for individual latitude-longitude boxes and the entire area. The  $\Delta U$  ( $U_a - U_f$ ) and  $\Delta V$  ( $V_a - V_f$ ) for each box are also displayed in a grid. Some boxes contained no scatterometer values for a particular day and are marked N/A. For days 230, 236, and 248, the respective  $\Delta U$  values are -1.29, 1.12, and -1.03 m/s, while the  $\Delta V$  values are 0.57, 1.34, and 2.14 m/s. The average values of the boxed differences are somewhat lower, with  $-0.63 \pm 2.04$ ,  $0.36 \pm 1.19$ , and  $-0.91 \pm 1.93$  m/s for mean  $\Delta U$ , and  $0.05 \pm 2.09$ ,  $0.58 \pm 2.13$ , and  $0.52 \pm 2.44$  m/s for mean  $\Delta V$ , with all mean differences less than one standard deviation.

The difference between mean values for the entire region is thus larger than the difference expected within the smaller area of any latitude-longitude box. The increased difference is due in part to the greater spatial variability of the wind field when averaged across the larger area. The average component variances computed for the entire area, for both SASS and FNOC winds, are close in magnitude and day-to-day differences, with the only significant difference on day 248, between the

$U_a$  variance of  $46.23 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$  and the  $U_f$  variance of  $29.98 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ . The boxed mean differences exhibit no obvious latitudinal, meridional, or temporal biases or trends, at least not evident over these three days. The boxed variances of the Atlas winds tend to be higher than the corresponding FNOC wind variances, for both U (23 out of 30) and V (22 out of 30) components. The relatively greater variances of the Atlas winds is an expected result, since the higher resolution scatterometer winds should be more variable than those from the smoothed FNOC surface analysis. Those cases where the FNOC variances are higher generally correspond to coverage of strong circulation features, picked up completely by the FNOC analysis on its regular grid, but only partially covered by the satellite swath. This potential, but unresolvable, difference in spatial coverage within a given latitude-longitude box is one reason for regriding the satellite data to locations corresponding to those of the FNOC data. From this very limited set of data the most significant fact to emerge is the negative result that no readily apparent bias exists between the two fields. The limited methods of intercomparison (ie: boxed mean values) and associated poor resolution of the difference field dictate an alternative process, in which scatterometer and FNOC winds are colocated on a regular grid to facilitate statistical comparisons.

## Scatter plots of wind speed and direction

As a check on the mapped winds, the average daily standard deviations of the U and V components of the original and mapped scatterometer winds were plotted versus one another (Figure 15). Values fall along the 45° line without much scatter, providing confirmation of the chosen mapping procedure. Scatter plots of Atlas vs FNOC wind speeds and directions over one-day periods are given in Figures 16 to 44. The speed plots simply show the degree of agreement about a 45° line, while the direction plots have a slightly more difficult interpretation, since the periodic nature of compass directions means that values in the upper left and lower right corners also indicate closer agreement. The most obvious feature of nearly all the plots, especially those for direction, is the large degree of scatter present. The scatter tends to increase at higher wind speeds, in some cases about the 45° line, and in others tailing off to one side. With the exception of days 229, 230, 231, 244, 247, and 248, the daily averaged Atlas wind speeds are greater than the FNOC wind speeds. No consistent trends are evident in the pattern of agreement as a function of wind speed. On some days (see days 225 and 235) the scatter seems evenly split between Atlas and FNOC, with or without offset from the 45° line. On others (see days 232, 233, and 234) the pattern trails to the right at higher wind speeds, indicating that the higher Atlas winds were not picked up by the FNOC analysis. Day 248 shows an especially distinctive curve to the right for the highest Atlas wind speeds. During this period Hurricane Ella was moving along the east coast of North America, weakening and moving northeast over the open ocean by 12Z on day 248. The Atlas winds at this time, from revolution 1008 (Figure 45), are considerably higher than those from the corresponding FNOC analysis (Figure 46). The offset in time should not be a significant factor, since this satellite pass was only ~ 40 minutes prior to the analysis time. The difference between the two fields can be interpreted as either a too rapid weakening in the meteorological analysis, or an overestimation by the scatterometer, perhaps due to the extreme surface weather associated with the hurricane. Without additional information the exact cause cannot be determined with certainty, but it

is a good example of possible differences in the two fields in response to a strong circulation feature.

There are also several days (see days 230, 246, and 247) in which high FNOC winds are not reflected by Atlas values, tilting the scattered points to the left. Day 244 shows this trend of greater FNOC speeds, at higher wind speed ranges, in addition to a very large scatter at the higher wind speeds. For day 230, revolution 744 in particular, the tilt seems to be due to the mapping, more than to a difference in the actual winds. The most northern box was extrapolated too far at its northern edge, and since the wind field magnitudes increase to the north, the extrapolated estimates are significantly lighter than the corresponding FNOC winds. The objective map of revolution 744 was one of the first made, and demonstrates the artificial differences that can be imposed by even slightly faulty mapping. More care was taken with subsequent maps to keep the boundaries of the estimate grids within the extent of the input data. For days 244 and 247, the likely cause of the higher FNOC winds is again related to the passage of Hurricane Ella. On day 244 the hurricane was intense, and small in area, and the rapid change in winds over short distances could easily account for the large scatter seen in the Atlas vs. FNOC scatter plot at the higher wind speeds. Strongest winds were present during this period in the fully developed hurricane, and limited comparisons to high-quality surface wind data have shown some tendency for the SASS to underestimate the highest ( $\geq 20$  m/s) wind speeds (Jones et al., 1982). This may be the case in this situation, especially since, as shown above, when the winds abated by day 248 the Atlas values became relatively larger than those of the FNOC analysis. For day 246 (with no satellite passes over Hurricane Ella), the probable cause of the relatively high FNOC winds is that the strongest winds in a developing tropical storm at the southern edge of the grid area were not picked up in the available Atlas data. The consistent differences exhibited by these specific cases were not reflected through the entire data set. Despite the large amount of scatter about any estimated regression line on a particular day and the different slopes of those lines for different days, the overall trend is towards agreement between Atlas and FNOC wind speeds across the entire data set.

Agreement in wind directions also follows the same general trend, with even more variation and no easily discernible pattern. Differences of up to  $180^\circ$  are found, especially on days 228, 229, 230, 234, 235, and 251. Two factors can strongly influence directional differences, both due to slight mismatches in the sampling times and areas of the two fields. The first is the inherent variation under light and variable wind conditions (under high pressure cells for example), in which small differences in sampling times and locations, and integrating intervals could easily show up as observed differences. The second factor involves offsets in the locations of well-developed circulation patterns for the two fields, especially cyclones, where the actual winds sharply change direction over relatively short distances. The potential for differences from offset patterns is particularly large for intense features such as hurricanes, where the change of wind direction is extremely rapid and the wind speeds are very large. The differences resulting from offset patterns are "real", since the winds seen by each field are not quite the same. For most of this data set, the meteorological features tend to match up well, so the first factor has a more significant role in the average directional differences. The exception is again related to the passage of Hurricane Ella, and offsets in its location in the two fields lead to extreme directional differences. The difference in circulation patterns is evident in the Atlas winds from revolution 1008 (Figure 45), where the inferred location of the low pressure center is to the northeast of that of the day 248 12Z FNOC analysis (Figure 46). The broader circulation patterns associated with less intense cyclones are generally much more similar between the two fields and exhibit less extreme differences than the hurricane case. Overall, the comparisons of the individual wind vectors shown in these scatter plots show that there are significant differences in the fields, particularly in the generally larger magnitude of the Atlas winds. The wide scatter prevents resolution of other trends, however, at least of any pattern that remains consistent throughout most of the data.

In addition to the daily plots of wind speed and direction comparisons, various averaged quantities were plotted in the same fashion. These averaged values are shown in Figures 47 to 58, and include various one-day and three-day period plots of mean speed and speed and vector standard deviation, as well as the means and standard

deviations for the U and V components, including a separation into latitude bins. The form of the mean speed and vector standard deviations are the same as given for the field statistics. From the daily mean speed plot (Figure 47) it is obvious that the Atlas winds are higher on average. The spatial variability, as expressed by the standard deviation of the mean speed, seems to be generally the same, given the small sample size and fair amount of scatter (Figure 48). The vector standard deviation shows that the Atlas wind directions are slightly more variable on average than the FNOC values (Figure 48). The three-day average values show a similar pattern, with all average Atlas speeds greater than FNOC speeds, a nearly even split in the standard deviations of the mean speed, and all but one of the Atlas vector standard deviations larger than the corresponding FNOC value (Figures 49 and 50). Scatter plots of the daily mean values of the U and V wind components (Figure 51) show a trend of agreement along the 45° line for U and a wider dispersion with more highly negative Atlas than FNOC values for V. For both components, and most markedly for eastward velocity, most of the average FNOC values are larger than the corresponding Atlas velocities. This can be partially attributed to the greater variability of the Atlas winds, however, which tends to reduce the mean U and V values as negative and positive velocities cancel each other. Eastward average velocities are split rather evenly between positive and negative, while northward velocities are mostly positive. This corresponds with expected average flow patterns over this area at this time of year.

Plots of the standard deviations of the U and V components (Figure 52) show general agreement between Atlas and FNOC variability, with greater dispersion for the northward values. For both components, especially the northward, most Atlas values are greater than the FNOC values. The relatively greater variability of the Atlas winds is expected, since the FNOC fields are smoothed over a larger area than the Atlas fields. The plots of U and V component means and standard deviations, grouped into latitude bins (Figures 53 to 58) exhibit many of the same patterns as the combined daily values. The Atlas standard deviations are greater and the mean FNOC values are slightly higher. The eastward velocities are negative (southerly) in the 20-30°N bin, increase and become positive in the 30-40°N bin, and decrease

slightly in magnitude and scatter about zero in the 40-50°N bin, averaging positive in each latitude bin. The standard deviations for both components are smallest in the 20-30°N bin and of relatively similar magnitude in the two northern bins.

#### Difference field statistics

Various statistics on the U and V components of the Atlas-FNOC vector difference field for individual areas within each revolution are listed in Table 16, including the mean, variance, weighted variance, standard deviation, mean squared difference, and weighted mean squared difference. The distributions of the  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$  component means, and the speed and direction of the difference vectors (formed from individual  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$  components) are shown graphically in Figure 59. Most values of  $\Delta U$ ,  $\Delta V$ , and  $|\Delta \vec{U}|$  fall within a  $\pm 5$  m/s range, with a much smaller, but significant number in the -10 to -5 m/s range for  $\Delta V$  and 5 to 10 m/s range for  $|\Delta \vec{U}|$ . The difference vector direction,  $\theta_{\Delta \vec{U}}$ , is evenly distributed among the various direction bins, with slightly more in the 180° - 300° range (southeasterly in the meteorological sense). So the difference vector does not appear to have any preferential direction over this data set. The revolution and box number of the Atlas wind field and the synoptic analysis time of the matching FNOC wind field are listed in each case. The mean squared difference (MSD) is simply the expected value of the square of the difference between either the U or V Atlas and FNOC components:

$$\text{MSD} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (U_{Ai} - U_{Fi})^2$$

The weighted mean squared difference (WMSD) is weighted by the square of the Atlas field:

$$\text{WMSD} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (U_{Ai} - U_{Fi})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N U_{Ai}^2}$$

As with the weighted variance, the normalized mean squared difference is more useful for intercomparisons of values from different areas, since it removes the influence of wind strength on the MSD magnitude. Areas of stronger winds will tend to have larger mean squared differences than those of lighter winds, simply because the individual

magnitudes are larger, but a more accurate measure is to determine which of two cases is proportionally larger, relative to the respective wind strengths, rather than in the absolute sense. The relative sizes of the means and variances of the two components are evenly split, with  $|U| > |V|$  71 out of 144 times (49%) and  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  70 out of 141 times (50%), with three cases of equal variance.

One-day averaged statistics for the U and V components of the vector difference field are listed in Table 17. The mean daily U and V magnitudes are quite small and less than one standard deviation in nearly all cases, with the only exceptions coming in the V component means on days 237 and 243. As expected, the one-day average means are lower than the "snapshot" values from individual areas, and the corresponding variances are higher than those for individual areas. The large variances of the averaged difference field components, with most weighted variances greater than 0.9, combined with the low mean values, indicates a lack of obvious bias between the two fields over one day periods. The values of the U component range from -1.73 to 1.15 m/s and those of the V component from -3.13 to 1.36 m/s, with the largest magnitudes occurring during days 242 to 245, particularly in the V component. Though the V component has a slightly greater range than U, neither component is consistently larger than the other, with  $|U| > |V|$  13 out of 29 times (45%). The relative sizes of the weighted variances are also split evenly between the two components, with  $\sigma_u^2 > \sigma_v^2$  15 out of 29 times (52%). The mean U component is nearly evenly split between positive (westerly winds) and negative (easterly winds) directions, with U positive 13 out of 29 times (45%), while the mean V component shows more bias in sign, with V positive (southerly winds) only 8 of 29 times (28%). So, though there does not seem to be an east-west directional bias between the Atlas and FNOC winds, the Atlas winds tend to be more southerly (negative) than the FNOC winds. Table 18 presents U and V component statistics, grouped into 10° latitude bins and averaged over one-day periods.

In addition to various statistical quantities calculated for the U and V components of the difference field, mean speed and vector statistics were also computed. To calculate these values, the component difference field ( $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$ ) was treated as a

vector, with the speed,  $|\Delta\bar{U}|$ , calculated as  $(\Delta U^2 + \Delta V^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and the speed and vector variances calculated as shown in the preceding section. This method of calculating the mean speed generally yields values considerably larger than the difference of the magnitude of the Atlas and FNOC vectors, especially in cases where the Atlas and FNOC components are of opposite sign. So these mean speed values reflect differences in direction as well as magnitude. Table 19 contains these values for individual areas and instantaneous times, Table 20 has the same for the entire area averaged over one-day periods, and Table 21 contains values grouped into  $10^\circ$  latitude bins and averaged over one day periods. The largest mean speed values for individual areas, such as 952 2, 988 1, 1008 2, and 1074 2, are all associated with circulation around strong low pressure systems, with Hurricane Ella in the first three cases. The rapid change in direction of these winds, across relatively short distances, results in large differences if the location of the low pressure center is even slightly offset between the Atlas and FNOC fields. A good example of this is Atlas revolution 1008 (Figure 45), mentioned in the previous section, where the inferred location of the low is displaced to the northeast, relative to that of the FNOC day 248 12Z analysis (Figure 46). The standard deviation of the mean speed is always less than the mean value, with the largest variance in the areas of highest mean speed, such as those discussed above. The very large vector variance values for all these same areas also establish the significant impact of the directional differences. The one-day averages do not exhibit the extreme values of the individual areas, with the average mean speed remaining the same, and the speed and vector variances increasing slightly on average. The standard deviation of the mean speed is less than the mean speed in all but one case, day 248, which is associated with the passage of Hurricane Ella. An interesting trend in the daily averages is that both the speed and vector variance increase towards the end of the study period (late August and early September). The progressive increase is most likely associated with the stronger weather patterns that begin to track further south at that time (reaching the northern edge of the study area), as well as with the influence of Hurricane Ella. The daily averages, grouped by latitude, exhibit similar trends, and the standard deviation of the mean speed is greater than the mean value

in every case. The most noticeable trend in these is the distinct increase of the mean speed, and speed and vector variances, from south to north. The largest values fall within the  $40^{\circ} - 50^{\circ}$  N bin, and this supports the association of greater Atlas-FNOC differences with the stronger weather patterns that are generally found there.

## Wind stress curl

A primary use for synoptic scale wind fields is as a driving force for ocean circulation models, since the wind stress is the single most important factor in determining that circulation. The input of wind energy into the ocean through the surface stress is reflected in the directly wind-driven Ekman flow, in the geostrophic flow due to divergence of the Ekman flow, and in the indirectly wind-driven motions due to thermohaline forcing. Considering just the frictional Ekman layer at the surface, vertical integration of the Ekman equations, in combination with mass conservation, yields a simple relation between the vertical component of the curl of the wind stress and the vertical velocity at the base of the Ekman layer:

$$f\rho w_e = \hat{k}\text{curl}\vec{\tau}$$

where:

$f$  = Coriolis parameter (1/s)

$\rho$  = water density ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ )

$w_e$  = vertical velocity at base of the Ekman layer (m/s)

$\hat{k}\text{curl}\vec{\tau}$  = vertical component of the wind stress curl ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^3$ )

The vertical velocity at the base of the Ekman layer, driven by the wind stress curl, then acts as an upper boundary condition on the interior circulation. In the interior of the ocean, beneath the Ekman layer, we expect the linear vorticity balance to hold:

$$\beta v = f \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

where:

$\beta$  = variation of the Coriolis parameter with latitude (1/ms)

$v$  = meridional velocity (m/s)

$\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$  = vertical gradient of vertical velocity

In the general case, the wind stress curl acts as a driving force on this interior flow, through the dynamics of the Ekman layer, but a special case illustrates a more direct

connection between the circulation and wind stress curl. The Sverdrup relation is a simple form of the relation between the curl of the wind stress and the mass transport, found by vertically integrating the linear vorticity equation, neglecting lateral friction, and assuming that vertical velocity vanishes at the bottom. The resulting equation is:

$$\beta M_y = \hat{k} \text{curl} \bar{\tau}$$

where:

$M_y$  = vertically integrated meridional transport

As discussed by Stommel (1965), the Sverdrup relation actually expresses a balance between the divergence of the Ekman transport and the divergence of the geostrophic transport. A further discussion of this dynamical balance and the relationship between the wind stress curl, Ekman transport, and geostrophic transport is given by Stommel (1965). It must be noted that, in addition to the frictional wind stress-driven motions described by these relations, motions forced by thermohaline processes are also significant. These are not discussed further, except to note that the surface wind field plays an important indirect role in this forcing as well, through its impact on the surface fluxes and on mixing in the water column. Further discussion of some basic aspects of thermohaline processes can be found in Pond and Pickard (1983) and Veronis (1981).

These relationships are then used by modelers to impose the direct and indirect forcing of the wind stress as a boundary condition on the ocean circulation. Pond and Pickard (1983) provide a brief review of various aspects of this process, including the typical wind fields used, the impact of wind field resolution, and the wind stress forcing used in several models. The usual choice of wind stress information is a climatological average wind stress field, several of which are available (Bunker, 1976; Han and Lee, 1983; Hellerman and Rosenstein, 1983). The shortest time scale of these fields is usually a monthly average, which is useful for computing mean circulation patterns, but which has limited application at shorter time scales. Large-scale ocean currents and ocean properties such as the sea surface temperature and vertical

temperature distribution display pronounced spatial and temporal variability. The variations of ocean motions and properties are directly related to the variability of the surface wind field, most of which is lost in the averaged climatological fields. The coarse spatial and temporal resolution associated with climatological fields prevents their use in examining the detailed structure and evolution of the ocean circulation in response to wind forcing. In addition to this resolution problem, even the accuracy of climatology is questionable, since it does not necessarily reflect local conditions at any particular time. The results of forcing from an averaged wind field may be considerably different from the overall effect of a temporally evolving wind field. The synoptic fields discussed in this paper are more appropriate than the climatological mean fields for forcing on a daily basis, as is needed to update numerical forecast models for example. Since knowledge of the wind stress curl is so crucial, it is important to examine the wind stress curl values for the Atlas and FNOC wind fields, in addition to the wind velocities.

For each field, the first step is to calculate wind stress from the wind velocity, using the wind stress and drag coefficient formulations of Large and Pond (1981).

$$\vec{\tau} = \rho C_D |\vec{U}| \vec{U}$$

where:

$$\tau_u = \rho C_D |\vec{U}| u$$

$$\tau_v = \rho C_D |\vec{U}| v$$

$\vec{U}$  = vector wind velocity

$C_D$  = drag coefficient based on total wind magnitude,  $|\vec{U}|$

The wind magnitude,  $|\vec{U}|$ , acts as a scale factor for each of the stress components, reflecting the fact that each velocity component will have an effect on the surface roughness, and that the combined effect will appear in both stress components. For the same reason, the drag coefficient,  $C_D$ , as a measure of the surface roughness, is

based on the magnitude of the wind, rather than the individual U and V components. Once the stress is found at each point, the curl is calculated as:

$$\text{curl}\vec{\tau} = \frac{\partial\tau_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial\tau_x}{\partial y}$$

where the partial derivatives are estimated by a simple finite difference. Using a finite difference method may underestimate the wind stress curl, especially if there are large spatial separations in the data. The underestimation is more of a concern in curl calculations made from wind stress averaged over longer periods, which tend to be more widely spaced than the 1° latitude by 1° longitude grid used here. Though the amount of underestimation due to finite differencing is reduced for the smaller grid spacing, it will still be present to some degree, yielding slightly conservative wind stress curl values.

With this scheme, the wind stress curl was computed at the interior points of each individual grid area for the Atlas and FNOC winds. These were then averaged for each grid and also over one day periods. Values for the wind stress curl, averaged over individual areas for the Atlas winds, are listed in Table 22. Included are the mean, variance, weighted variance, standard deviation, and the number of data points. These statistics are calculated in the same manner used previously for the wind velocity components. The average  $\text{curl}\tau_A$  magnitude of  $1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{N/m}^3$  is in agreement with the  $O(10^{-7})$  magnitudes generally expected (Pond and Pickard, 1983). The wind stress curl is positive in 96 of 145 times (66%), which is an expected result, since estimates made from climatological winds tend to show positive wind stress curl north of approximately 30°N in the North Atlantic (Leetmaa and Bunker, 1978). The mean values are generally close to the respective standard deviations, with the standard deviations being larger a slightly greater percentage of the time,  $\sigma_A > |\text{curl}\tau_A|$  85 of 145 times (59%), with both the same three times.

Wind stress curl averages for individual areas of the FNOC winds are shown in Table 23, in the same format as for the Atlas values. The average  $\text{curl}\tau_F$  magnitude of  $1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{N/m}^3$  is again of the expected order of magnitude, and it is positive 103 of 145 times (71%). As with the Atlas values, the mean  $\text{curl}\tau_F$  values are generally close

to their respective standard deviations, with  $\sigma_F > |\text{curl}\tau_F|$  74 of 145 times (51%), and equal three times. For both the Atlas and FNOC winds, the relatively large standard deviations indicate that there is considerable variation of the wind stress curl, even within the gridded areas. Comparing the relative magnitudes of values from the two fields in each area,  $|\text{curl}\tau_A| > |\text{curl}\tau_F|$  91 of 145 times (63%), with both the same three times. Both in an average sense (from all areas) and for individual grids, the Atlas winds tend to have a slightly greater wind stress curl magnitude than the FNOC winds. In general, the respective area averages from each field agree in sign, with both having the same sign 122 of 145 times (84%). The average difference (in magnitudes) between mean curl values of the two fields is  $8.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{N/m}^3$ , which is of the same order as the means, but is also less than the standard deviations, so the difference is often swamped by the variation of the two fields.

The Atlas and FNOC wind stress curl fields were also compared by examining contour plots of the wind stress curl values within individual boxes. For both the Atlas and FNOC fields, results from the contour plots are consistent with the area statistics, also reflecting the increased magnitudes and increased spatial variability of the wind stress curl in regions of more intense circulation. More quiescent areas are associated with broad patterns and smaller  $\text{curl}\tau$  magnitudes, such as revolution 664 2, while areas of stronger weather are associated with more variable patterns and larger  $\text{curl}\tau$  magnitudes, such as 664 3 (Figure 60) or the extreme case of 715 1 (Figure 61). There is considerable variation in the amount of agreement between the plots for each field, with no obvious, consistent pattern to the differences. There is generally better agreement in regions of broad flow, with little spatial variability (revolution 1059 2 - Figure 62), partially because the Atlas and FNOC wind fields usually correspond well in those cases. Frequently, the basic structure of the two  $\text{curl}\tau$  fields is similar, especially in the latitudinal variation, but colocated individual values can be quite different, either because the range of values is different or there is a bias between the two fields.

Revolution 830 1 (Figure 63) illustrates both the similarities and differences that can be present in the matching contour plots. In this case, the same general trends are

reflected in each field, including similar magnitudes across most of the area, the same tendency for curl $\tau$  values to group in meridional bands, and similar zonal variation of the sign of the values. Large negative values are present in the east, becoming more positive to the west, and then again more negative yet further west. However, distinct differences are also present along the western edge, in the more negative Atlas values and the greater meridional variation of the FNOC winds. Also, the meridional bands do not have quite the same orientation for each field, and the values of the two fields are slightly different, such as along 52°W, where the positive Atlas values reach much farther south than the positive FNOC values. A similar case is revolution 1008 2 (Figure 64), where the two fields have similar patterns, but the FNOC values seem displaced to the southeast relative to the Atlas values, and the Atlas values are more extreme, especially near 45°N 48°W and in the northeast corner. Despite the overall correspondence between the Atlas and FNOC curl $\tau$  fields seen in many plots, there are also many areas (both with light and strong winds) where neither the patterns nor values of the two fields are in agreement, such as revolution 1008 1 (Figure 65). A consistent difference between the two fields is not apparent in the curl $\tau$  contour plots, so a general conclusion cannot be drawn.

The point values of wind stress curl were also averaged over one-day periods, and the results are listed in Table 24 for the Atlas winds and in Table 25 for the FNOC winds. The same statistics are computed as in the previous case. As for the area averages, the daily averages tend to be positive, with  $\overline{\text{curl}\tau_A}$  and  $\overline{\text{curl}\tau_F}$  each positive 19 of 29 times (66%). For both the Atlas and FNOC data, the standard deviation is greater than the mean for every day. Averaging the magnitudes of all the daily values also shows that the standard deviation is greater than the mean, with  $|\overline{\sigma_A}| = 2.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{N/m}^3$  compared to  $|\overline{\text{curl}\tau_A}| = 6.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{N/m}^3$ , and  $|\overline{\sigma_F}| = 3.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{N/m}^3$  compared to  $|\overline{\text{curl}\tau_F}| = 5.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{N/m}^3$ . This large variation is most likely due to the wide spatial separation that occurs over the course of one day as data from different revolutions are combined. The relative magnitudes of the daily average wind stress curl reflect the same trend present in the individual areas, with  $|\overline{\text{curl}\tau_A}| > |\overline{\text{curl}\tau_F}|$  19 of 29 times (66%). The average  $|\overline{\text{curl}\tau_A}|$  value is also slightly larger than the average

$|\overline{\text{curl}\tau_F}|$  value so, as for the individual areas, the Atlas wind stress curl tends to be slightly greater. The daily averages from each agree in sign most of the time, with both having the same sign 25 of 29 times (86%). The average of the difference between the daily means is  $4.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{N/m}^3$ , close to the mean values, but well under the standard deviation of each. The differences between the Atlas and FNOC curl values are of significant size relative to the mean values of each and show considerable scatter, with a tendency for the Atlas values to be slightly higher than the FNOC values. However, the large variation brings into question the significance of the larger magnitudes of the Atlas wind stress curl values, both for the smaller areas and averaged over one-day periods.

## 6. Summary and Conclusions

There is a demonstrated need for better wind field information over the open ocean in order to drive the increasingly complex ocean circulation models. Most modelers have relied on fairly simple, artificial wind fields or climatological mean fields to provide wind forcing, but the advent of more sophisticated models requires realistic wind fields to provide a more highly resolved forcing function. Conventional wind data generally lack the combination of resolution and coverage needed for study of the temporal and spatial variability of the global ocean. Climatological fields provide global coverage, but do not have sufficient spatial or temporal resolution, while ship and buoy reports from field investigations provide highly resolved wind data in both space and time, but only over limited areas and for short periods of time. The conventional fields of most potential use are the synoptic analyses that combine winds derived from surface pressure fields and from available ship and buoy reports. Such synoptic data is available on a regular, frequent basis over much of the global ocean, but is inherently smoothed on the larger, pressure field scales, losing a considerable amount of the spatial variability in the wind field. Additionally, in areas such as the Southern Ocean, with limited surface pressure and wind reports, even the smoothed analyses are questionable. The requirement for a more highly resolved, global specification of the surface wind field led to the development of scatterometer theory, as a means of inferring surface wind information from a remotely sensed measurement of surface roughness from reflected radiation. This initial development culminated in the 1978 deployment of an operational scatterometer, SASS, on the SEASAT oceanographic satellite. Initial evaluations determined that SASS met its stated objectives (Jones et al., 1982) and, despite some later qualifications, the three months of data returned from this mission provide a unique source of useful scatterometer wind information.

With the deployment of an operational scatterometer, the primary sources of more extensive wind information will be the conventional, pressure-derived wind fields and scatterometer-derived wind fields. Both wind fields have the potential to provide

considerably more information than climatological mean fields, with greatly increased temporal and spatial resolution. There are drawbacks and limitations to each, particularly in the smoothing of conventional winds on pressure-field scales and in the irregular sampling of the scatterometer measurements. However, each is reasonably accurate and the question is to select one as forcing for ocean models, or to determine the differences, if any, between them. Though the choice of the "best" field in an absolute sense is severely hindered by the virtual absence of accurate, widespread "surface truth" information, it is as important to evaluate the differences between the two fields. An investigation of these differences has been the focus of this study, using SASS winds available from R. Atlas at the Goddard Space Flight Center (through JPL), and 6-hourly synoptic analysis winds from the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center (FNOC).

A one-month subset of the Atlas data, from 12 August to 9 September 1978, over the western North Atlantic, from  $20^{\circ} - 50^{\circ}\text{N}$  and  $40^{\circ} - 80^{\circ}\text{W}$ , was chosen for this study. The comparison required a regridding of the irregularly spaced SASS winds to a regular latitude-longitude grid to match the FNOC vector locations. The regridding was accomplished by objective mapping, following the procedure of Bretherton, Davis, and Fandry (1976). Comparison of the original and mapped Atlas wind fields, graphically and statistically, ensured that the mapping accurately reproduced the wind field. Comparison of the Atlas and FNOC wind fields to synoptic weather maps demonstrated qualitative agreement with surface weather features and general circulation patterns. Differences between the two fields were examined quantitatively by various means, including calculations of field statistics and boxed mean values, scatter plots of speed, direction, and standard deviation, statistical descriptions of the Atlas-FNOC difference field, and calculations of the wind stress curl values for each field.

The Atlas and FNOC fields are similar, in a broad statistical sense, across the entire study period, with wide scatter of the individual points about a general trend of agreement. The broad correspondence of the two fields is evident in the similar distribution of U and V components, for all individual vectors (Figures 11 and 13)

and for those averaged over grid areas (Figures 12 and 14). The distribution of individual vectors into direction bins also follows a similar pattern for each, though more pronounced in the case of the FNOC winds (Figures 11 and 13). The broad agreement and large variation of individual points between the two fields is portrayed clearly in the Atlas vs. FNOC scatter plots, for both wind speed and direction. The relatively low mean values and high variances of the one-day average  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$  components indicate agreement in an average sense, within the limitations of individual field variation. The basic similarity of the Atlas and FNOC fields is also indicated by comparisons of the wind stress curl fields. The values of the overall average curl  $\tau$  are very close, the curl  $\tau$  values from each field tend to agree in sign over various averaging periods, and the difference between values from each, averaged over grid areas as well as one-day periods, is less than the variation of the fields within these areas and times.

Despite this general correspondence, relatively small but consistent differences do exist, reflecting the greater smoothing of the FNOC winds on larger scales, and the slightly greater Atlas wind magnitudes. The smoothing of the FNOC field is evident in the variances of the U and V components, averaged over grid areas, as the Atlas variances are more frequently larger than the FNOC values (Figures 12 and 14). The Atlas winds also exhibit a greater range of directions for more of the wind vectors (Figures 11 and 13), indicating greater variability in direction. Scatter plots of the vector standard deviations (Figure 48) show the greater variance of the Atlas winds over one-day and three-day periods, as do the plots of standard deviations of the U and V components over the same periods, as well as grouped by latitude (Figures 52 to 58). The tendency for the Atlas wind magnitudes to be larger shows up in the greater numbers of the U and V components (from individual vectors and grid area averages) at higher wind speed ranges for the Atlas winds (Figures 11 to 14). Scatter plots of all wind speeds from single days, and the scatter plots of all one-day and three-day mean wind speeds show that Atlas values are greater than FNOC values most of the time. The scatter tilts toward larger Atlas values in 23 of the 29 daily plots, 25 of 29 of the mean daily Atlas wind speeds are higher, and all of the three-day

mean Atlas wind speeds are higher. The consistency of this trend is striking, but can be assigned only limited significance, since in many cases the difference is less than the variation of the individual fields over the particular averaging period. Difference field statistics show that significant differences exist between individual vectors, but that the average differences are small, especially relative to the variation across a given averaging period or area. The nearly even division of  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta V$  into positive and negative values and the relatively even distribution of the difference vector in various direction bins (Figure 59) indicates that there is no preferential direction to the individual difference vectors. For one-day averages,  $\overline{\Delta U}$  is still split relatively evenly into positive and negative values, but  $\overline{\Delta V}$  is negative in most cases, indicating that the daily mean Atlas winds are more southerly than the FNOC winds.

The general similarity and relatively minor differences between the Atlas and FNOC fields summarized above characterize most of the data in this study, but some extreme differences are present in limited areas. Though significantly different individual vectors are scattered throughout the data, regions of large and extensive differences are associated in particular with strong circulation features such as hurricanes. The large differences are due in large part to offsets in the location of the low pressure centers, since even relatively small changes can cause large differences to appear. The influence of strong circulation patterns is obvious in the difference field statistics, where the largest values, for individual points as well as various averaged quantities, are found in the vicinity of intense weather, especially Hurricane Ella. The mean speed and vector variances of the difference field vectors increase towards the end of the study period and also from south to north on average. Both the later time (September) and northern regions ( $40^\circ - 50^\circ N$ ) are associated with relatively stronger weather patterns. In addition to these vector differences, the response at the highest wind speed range is also significantly different for the two fields, as the FNOC values are generally higher. The relatively higher FNOC winds may reflect underestimation by the SASS, but the small numbers of vectors involved prevent any general conclusion.

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For this one month period, the Atlas and FNOC winds are similar in their basic circulation patterns, in the statistical descriptions of each field, and in the average agreement of individual vectors. Most of the differences that do exist lie within the considerable scatter due to the variation of each field. However, the extreme differences associated with intense circulation features have the potential to greatly reduce the overall agreement if their occurrence is frequent enough. The ultimate impact on ocean model forcing will depend on the particular area studied and the averaging period. In regions of frequent strong weather, the scatterometer and conventional winds could yield quite different results, especially at shorter time and space scales. Differences at the shorter scales would apply particularly to prediction models for forecasting, that depend strongly on the temporal and spatial variations of the input data. Assuming that the possible underestimation of the highest wind speeds by the SASS is resolved in subsequent scatterometers, and that the circulation patterns and inferred positioning of weather systems are reproduced more accurately by the scatterometer winds (Duffy and Atlas, 1986), the scatterometer information will be a significant improvement in these applications. For more quiescent regions and for data averaged over longer periods the differences in the two fields should be relatively minor. The slightly greater spatial resolution of the scatterometer winds will be mostly lost in averages over longer periods of time, and should give results similar to those of conventional field in those cases.

## Appendix 1: Aspects of atmospheric boundary layer theory

Motions in the turbulent, atmospheric boundary layer are described by Monin-Obukhov similarity theory, which quantifies the balance between turbulence produced by wind shear and by buoyancy. A different velocity scale is important in this theory:

$$u_* = (\tau/\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} = |\overline{uw}|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

or,

$$\tau = \rho(u_*)^2$$

where:

$$u_* = \text{friction velocity (m/s)}$$

The friction velocity,  $u_*$ , is a surface flux parameter used as another means of representing wind stress, in this case the kinematic stress. Also introduced is the Monin-Obukhov scaling length,  $L$ , which gives the height at which the turbulent energy production from non-neutral buoyancy and from mechanical shear in the neutral case are equivalent (Large and Pond, 1981). Essentially, it is the height at which shear and buoyancy effects are approximately the same.  $L$  can be expressed as:

$$L = -\frac{u_*^3 T_a \rho c_p}{\kappa g H} \approx \frac{(C_D)^{\frac{1}{2}} T_a U_{10}^2}{\kappa g (T_s - T_a)}$$

where:

$T_a$  = air temperature at surface (K)

$c_p$  = specific heat capacity of air (1030 J/kgK)

$\kappa$  = von Karman's constant ( $\sim .35$ )

$g$  = acceleration of gravity (9.8m/s<sup>2</sup>)

$H$  = flux of sensible heat (W/m<sup>2</sup>)

$U_{10}$  = mean wind speed at 10m above mean sea level (m/s)

$T_s$  = mean sea surface temperature (K)

(Stewart, 1985)

In both of these forms it is assumed that temperature effects are much greater than those of humidity, which is generally true for mid-latitudes, but does not generally hold in the tropics or under conditions of high evaporation, requiring adjustment to the equations in those cases (Stewart, 1985). A more general form can be found in Pond et al. (1971). For typical values of air-sea temperature difference,  $L$  is usually greater than 30 meters, with the possible exception of very light wind conditions. Since this height is above the area most crucial to scatterometry, stability plays a secondary role and enters as adjustments to profiles derived by assuming a neutrally stable atmosphere.

Neglecting stability, the velocity profile is logarithmic with height. The stability corrections are functions of the non-dimensional stability parameter,  $\frac{z}{L}$ , where  $z$  is the height above the surface and:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z}{L} = 0 & \quad \text{neutral stability} \\ \frac{z}{L} > 0 & \quad \text{stable conditions} \\ \frac{z}{L} < 0 & \quad \text{unstable conditions} \end{aligned}$$

This yields the mean wind profile, in gradient form:

$$\phi_m = \frac{\kappa z}{u_*} \frac{du}{dz}$$

where:

$z$  = height above mean sea level (m)

$\phi_m = \phi_m\left(\frac{z}{L}\right)$  = dimensionless wind shear

(Businger et al., 1971)

Integrating this yields the actual profile:

$$U_z = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \left( \ln\left(\frac{z}{z_o}\right) + \phi_m\left(\frac{z}{z_o}\right) \right)$$

where:

$U_z$  = wind speed at some height  $z$  (m/s)

$z_o$  = roughness parameter (m)

Since  $\phi_m(0) = 1$ , the neutral wind profile is logarithmic with height, as required. The form of  $\phi_m$  is known only empirically, with one formulation as:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_m &= (1 - 15 \frac{z}{L})^{-\frac{1}{4}} & (\frac{z}{L} < 0) \\ \phi_m &= (1 + 4.7 \frac{z}{L}) & (\frac{z}{L} > 0) \\ \phi_m &= 1 & (\frac{z}{L} = 0)\end{aligned}$$

(Businger et al., 1971)

Stewart (1985) shows that if the influence of stability is relatively weak,  $\phi_m$  can be expanded in a power series, yielding the profile solution:

$$U_z = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} (\ln(\frac{z}{z_0}) + \beta(\frac{z - z_0}{L}))$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 4.7 & \frac{z}{L} > 0 \\ \beta &= 3.8 & \frac{z}{L} < 0\end{aligned}$$

The major effect of stability is simply to shift the velocity profile away from the logarithmic form at non-neutral conditions. To estimate stress with a drag law from this profile, either the velocity or drag coefficient must be corrected for stability.

Given a similar equation for the virtual temperature profile and the expression for  $L$ , we have a closed set of equations that can be solved for the fluxes given the profiles, or vice versa. However, the solution depends on finding a suitable expression for the roughness parameter,  $z_0$  (Halberstam, 1980). This parameter arises from the mathematical process and can be considered a statistical description of the density and height of the roughness elements (Wu, 1980). In the equations,  $z_0$  represents the height, close to the surface, at which  $U$  vanishes. In reality the velocity does not vanish, because, in the few centimeters immediately above the surface, viscosity effects become important, and the above relations are no longer valid. For solid surfaces  $z_0$  is closely related to surface roughness and usually taken as constant, but a constant  $z_0$  is not applicable to the moving ocean surface. Since wave heights (which form

the roughness elements) are changed by the wind,  $z_o$  has a pronounced wind speed dependence. The exact form of this dependence is not known, and many studies have been done to specify an empirical relation between  $z_o$  and  $u_*$ . Charnock (1955) assumes that the shorter, steeper waves are primarily responsible for variations in the relevant roughness parameter and that these are usually in equilibrium with the local wind. His predicted form for  $z_o$  was:

$$z_o = \frac{au_*^2}{g}$$

where:

$a =$  a proportionality constant (0.0156)

This information fits the observations well and also fixes the form of the drag coefficient, since  $C_D$  is related to  $u_*$ . The relation is rationalized physically by Wu (1968), as an equation of state that characterizes the equilibrium between wind and waves with gravity waves acting as roughness elements (Wu, 1980). Further refinements to this form have been made, both those that assume a unique relation (Cardone, 1969; Garratt, 1977) and those that also incorporate further adjustments for swell and wind fetch (Kitaigorodskii and Zaslavskii, 1974). Garratt (1977) reviews several of these and concludes that a simple  $z_o$  -to- $u_*$  relation is adequate, of the form:

$$z_o = 1.469 \times 10^{-5} u_*^2 \quad (\text{CGS units})$$

Halberstam (1980) showed that the  $u_*$  derived from different forms of  $z_o$  did not correlate significantly differently with backscatter measurements. The absence of significant differences is mostly a function of the considerable scatter in the SASS backscatter data, since it tends to swamp the differences due to different  $z_o$  formulations.

As mentioned above, this parameterization of  $z_o$  also fixes the form of the drag coefficient, since  $C_D = (\frac{u_*}{U_{10}})^2$ , then using the derived form of  $z_o$  in the log profile:

$$C_D = \left[ \frac{\kappa}{\ln\left(\frac{gz}{au_*^2}\right)} \right]^2 \quad (\text{Stewart, 1985})$$

With known values of  $\kappa$ ,  $g$ ,  $z$ , and  $a$ , these equations can be solved numerically to yield  $C_D(U_{10})$  (Stewart, 1985). Many measurements have been made to determine an empirical  $C_D$ -to- $U_{ref}$  relation, both through direct and indirect techniques (ie: Smith, 1980; Large and Pond, 1981). The specification of wind speed dependence has been a major issue. Measurements made by Smith (1980), Large and Pond (1981), and others show a definite, though widely scattered, increase of the drag coefficient with wind speed. Wu (1980) uses scaling laws for  $C_D$  to explicitly demonstrate that  $C_D$  must increase with wind speed if both the wind speed follows a logarithmic profile and the Charnock relation holds. Physically, this increase, especially at higher wind speeds, can be tied to the different character of the ocean surface, as compared to a solid surface. Over a solid surface, as wind speed increases the viscous sublayer becomes thinner and roughness elements begin to protrude through it, increasing the roughness length (and drag coefficient). In the fully rough condition, the elements are completely exposed and since the roughness length will not increase with further increase of velocity, the drag coefficient is constant. On the other hand, on the ocean surface the short waves are the roughness elements and these continue to grow with increasing wind speed, even though a fully rough condition exists. So the drag coefficient continues to increase with increasing wind velocity. One notable aspect of ocean surface roughness is the presence of two markedly different regimes for lower and higher wind speeds. Within the atmospheric boundary layer, under neutral or unstable stability conditions, instabilities and large-scale coherent structures develop for winds higher than about 7 m/s (Brown, 1986). This change of behavior in the boundary layer flow is reflected by a discontinuity in plots of surface roughness versus backscatter. This pattern has been recognized for quite some time - see Woiceshyn et al. (1986) for a more complete discussion.

The discontinuous behavior of  $C_D$  cannot be fit with a single linear relation, in other words, by choosing a constant drag coefficient over the entire range of wind speeds. The alternative generally chosen is to fit two linear relations, across lower and higher wind speed regimes. Large and Pond (1981) have shown that a form of the drag coefficient that is constant at low wind speeds and varies linearly with  $U$  at

higher wind speeds fits the observations best. They relate the neutral drag coefficient referenced to 10 m ( $C_{DN10}$ ) and the wind speed at 10 m ( $U_{10}$ ):

$$C_{DN10} = \begin{cases} 1.2 \times 10^{-3} & U_{10} \leq 11\text{m/s} \\ (0.49 + .065U_{10}) \times 10^{-3} & U_{10} > 11\text{m/s} \end{cases}$$

They also provide a method for calculating stress from wind speed at other heights, using this formula and the air-surface temperature difference. The variability of the drag coefficient with wind speed affects transient forcing as well as the mean wind stress. Variable drag coefficients have been shown to yield transient forcing that is approximately 30% higher than that for constant coefficients (Smith, 1980). The increased contribution of variable drag coefficients is an important consideration in selecting the forcing parameterizations and U-to- $\tau$  conversion, if necessary, for ocean modeling. With these relations, wind speed at various levels in the surface layer can be related to wind speed near the surface, and to stress on the surface through a drag coefficient. Stewart (1985) outlines the procedures: 1) Given the wind velocity at some height,  $U_z$ , and the air-sea temperature difference, find L and estimate  $\frac{z}{L}$ ; 2) If  $\frac{z}{L}$  is negligible and stability effects can therefore be ignored, use the logarithmic wind profile and Charnock's value of  $z_0$  to find  $U_{ref}$  (usually at 10 m); 3) If  $\frac{z}{L}$  is small, but not negligible, correct  $U_z$  to the value it would have if  $\frac{z}{L} = 0$  (at the same height), then find  $U_{ref}$  with the log profile; 4) If  $\frac{z}{L}$  is not small, then  $U_{ref}$  can be estimated by numerical integration of the velocity profile, but it is generally better to get a new measurement of  $U_z$  at a lower height. The extrapolations made for large  $\frac{z}{L}$  values are not very accurate.

## Appendix 2: Ocean waves and energy transfer

Capillary waves have wavelengths of about two centimeters, at which scale surface tension is a dominant influence. The sea surface can be described with spectra calculated from a three-dimensional Fourier transform, and the spectrum of wind-generated gravity waves is well known (Stewart, 1985). Spectra for the higher frequency capillary waves are not as well understood, nor is the actual spectra of the entire sea surface. Leonart and Blackman (1980) discuss spectral characteristics of capillary waves and summarize some high-frequency wave measurements. Their studies indicate that the shape of the frequency spectrum, over the capillary wave range, depends on friction velocity, viscosity, and surface tension, and therefore on the local wind field. The height of small wavelength waves depends on balancing the input of energy from the wind and from other waves through wave-wave interactions with the loss of energy through viscosity, surface films, and other wave-wave interactions (Stewart, 1985). The method by which wind energy is input to capillary waves is still not completely understood, as discussed by Phillips (1977). Variations in both surface pressure, a normal force, and shear stress, a tangential force, contribute to wave growth. Phillips (1977) makes a distinction between two types of stress fluctuations, those generated by atmospheric turbulence and those induced by flow over the wavy surface. Turbulent stresses, due to their random nature, tend to contribute energy across a large frequency range, while the induced stresses contribute energy more selectively, enhancing the growth of only particular wave components (Phillips, 1977). An important issue is the allocation of the total momentum transfer, between the fraction associated with tangential stress, which is assumed to correlate with capillary waves, and the portion associated with the normal force of form drag, acting on the longer wave components (Stewart, 1985). Kitaigorodskii (1970) summarizes some of this work and finds that 70-85% of the momentum transfer to waves is linked to capillary waves, and the rest to longer waves. Theoretical calculations (Brooke Benjamin, 1959; Miles, 1962) and experimental observations (Kendall, 1970) indicate that

the normal stresses are more important than the tangential stresses in energy transfer. Pierson et al. (1986) cite this work in their choice of a new physical parameter to relate to microwave backscatter, discussed in Section 2. The presence of significant energy transfer to the longer waves means that this long wave energy input must relate nearly constantly to the short wave energy input in order for the assumed linear wind-to-short wave spectra relations to hold (Brown, 1986). While an approximately constant relation holds for the near steady state conditions commonly found over the ocean, it does not hold under non-steady state conditions, such as those found in the vicinity of fronts and other weather systems. Phillips (1977) formulates an expression for the air-ocean energy flux that portion energy into wave motion and currents. It includes terms for the flux of energy into waves alone, for energy flux from normal and tangential stress variations, for the loss of mean flow energy from Reynold's stresses of the induced motion working against the mean velocity gradient, and for energy loss from wave-induced motion from molecular viscosity or variations in the turbulent Reynold's stress (Phillips, 1977).

In addition to the role of long waves in the partition of transferred energy, the presence of these waves may attenuate or enhance short wave growth, depending on the relative magnitude and orientation of the two (Phillips, 1978). The short wave shape, and therefore the associated surface roughness, can also change due to wave-current interactions, under the same wind conditions (Longuet-Higgins, 1978). Rain can significantly alter the short wave spectra, primarily by causing damping at higher rates of fall. Sea surface temperature variations affect short waves through the associated changes in viscosity, up to a factor of two across a 0-30°C temperature range (Pierson et al., 1986). Mixed layer dynamics, such as those responsible for Langmuir circulations can also significantly affect short wave spectra (Brown, 1986). These effects illustrate the complex system of multiple, interacting processes that complicate the basic picture of energy flux to the waves as a tangential stress correlated with short wave elevation and a normal stress in phase with the slopes of the longer waves.

### Appendix 3: Aspects of radar scatter theory

Microwave scatterometry is based to a large extent on known principles of radar scatter from rough surfaces. Calculating the backscatter from incident radiation on rough surfaces requires matching the electric and magnetic fields of the radiation across a boundary of known shape. Specifically, the scattering cross-section,  $\sigma$ , can be written as  $4\pi$  times the ratio of the scattered radiant intensity at the receiver to the power density incident on the area:

$$\sigma = 4\pi A \cos \theta \left( \frac{I_s}{\Theta_i} \right)$$

where:

$\sigma$  = backscatter cross-section ( $m^2$ )

$A$  = surface area ( $m^2$ )

$\theta$  = incidence angle measured from vertical

$I_s$  = radiant intensity (W/sr)

$\Theta_i$  = radiant flux (W)

(Stewart, 1985)

The incidence angle,  $\theta$ , is the angle between the incident radar beam and the local surface vertical. Power density is the radiant flux,  $\Theta_i$ , divided by the projected area,  $A \cos(\theta)$ . Using the radar equation, an expression for the received power can be found in terms of the transmitted power and the scattering cross section. Stewart (1985) develops an expression of this type for a point target. Since the sea is a distributed, rather than a point target, the chosen radiation measure is the normalized radar backscatter cross section (NRCS),  $\sigma^o$ . The dimensionless  $\sigma^o$  is a ratio of the reflected to incident energy across a unit surface area, rather than the projected area. From these relations we can, in theory, find the power scattered toward the radar receiver if the form of  $\sigma^o$  is known. So the problem is to find  $\sigma^o$  for a given sea surface.

Current approaches to wave scattering from statistically rough surfaces fall into two categories: 1) specular or tangent-plane theory for slightly wavy surfaces, and

2) Bragg-resonance theory for slightly rough surfaces. These two physical mechanisms take place over different ranges of incidence angles, with specular scatter at near vertical  $\theta$ , and Bragg scatter at larger angles. Specular scatter is a mirror-like reflection from wave facets that are oriented to reflect energy directly back toward the radar receiver. Because the direct reflection comes from wave slopes perpendicular to the incidence angles, and the fact that ocean wave slopes are rarely more than  $20^\circ$ , this mechanism is restricted to a small range of incidence angles. To apply this mechanism, wave facet shape must be specified, an estimate made of the probability of proper facet orientation made, and then the energy reflected by the facet calculated (Stewart, 1985). The estimate is generally made by use of a tangent plane approximation, through either a physical optics or geometrical optics approach. Stewart (1985) discusses the process in more detail, with expressions that sum the scatter over the incidence area, weighted by a probability distribution of surface slopes. The sea surface slopes are assumed to have a Gaussian distribution that is anisotropic about the wind direction. Those ocean wave lengths that are shorter than the radar wavelength do not contribute to this type of scatter. The return from specular scatter is isotropic in azimuth, which means that only magnitude and not direction information can be determined.

At larger incidence angles, the number of facets available for direct scatter decreases rapidly and another mechanism dominates the scatter. This is Bragg scatter, a resonant reflection from those wave components that match the projected radar wavelength on the ocean surface. It can be described as the combination of scattering from different surface elements, which, through constructive interference enhances the scattering from regular surface structures with favorable wavelengths, and through destructive interference diminishes all other reflections. The physical principle behind this type of scatter is that of a diffraction grating, and the radiation scatters in directions set by spacing and orientation of the regular surface elements relative to the radar wavelength (Stewart, 1985). The ocean surface can be viewed as a superposition of plane waves, and considering scattering as a linear process, then each individual component acts as a diffraction grating for a particular radiation wavelength. Since

this resonant scatter adds coherently in the far field, with power given by Bragg's equation, it is known as Bragg scatter. Resonant scatter theory can be used with a physical optics approach to relate the backscatter measurement to the ocean surface. In a formulation developed by Wright (1968), using linearized boundary conditions, the backscatter cross section is directly proportional to the mean spectral density of the short-wavelength ocean waves:

$$\sigma''(\theta, k)_{ij} = 16\pi k_r^4 \cos^4 \theta |g_{ij}(\theta, \epsilon_r)|^2 \Psi(k_x, k_y)$$

where:

$\Psi(k_x, k_y)$  = 2-D Fourier spectrum of surface height fluctuations

$g_{ij}(\theta, \epsilon_r)$  = first-order scattering coefficients

$\epsilon_r$  = complex dielectric constant of seawater

$k_r$  = radar wavenumber

$\theta$  = incidence angle

The actual dependence is on the spectrum of ocean wave slopes, but since that is linearly related to the surface height spectrum (ie: to the wave height spectrum), one can be used in place of the other (Stewart, 1985). This form combines the spectral densities of waves traveling toward and away from the antenna, since their respective doppler shifts are indistinguishable from each other.

For resonant scatter theory to hold, one condition is that  $k_r h \ll 1$ , where  $h$  is the wave height. This condition is not satisfied for the short radar wavelengths used with capillary waves, but the scatter from these waves is handled by considering the ocean as a composite surface (Stewart, 1985). Composite surface theory assumes that the ocean surface has two separable scales of motion, with short-wavelength ripples superimposed on the longer gravity waves (Figure 66). Wright (1968) and Bass et al. (1968) first developed the basic principles of composite surface scattering theory, characterizing backscatter from the actual sea surface over the Bragg scatter range of incidence angles. Over small areas the Bragg scatter is calculated from the local wave

field and local surface orientation. A probability distribution based on the slopes of the longer waves can then be used to integrate the local scatter values over a larger area. These mechanisms valid at intermediate incidence angles are then combined with the specular scatter mechanism at small incidence angles to produce a backscatter model for the ocean over a large range of incidence angles (Valenzuela, 1978). Laboratory and field experiments (see Stewart, 1985 for partial summary) support the two-scale Bragg scattering model over incidence angle ranges of approximately  $20^\circ < \theta < 70^\circ$  for vertical polarization and  $20^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$  for horizontal polarization. For  $\theta < 20^\circ$ , specular scatter starts to interfere, and it becomes the dominant scattering process for incidence angles on the order of the rms wave slope, roughly  $5^\circ$ - $8^\circ$  for wind generated waves. In the  $10^\circ$ - $20^\circ$  incidence angle range, the backscatter is relatively insensitive to wind speed. At the largest incidence angles ( $\theta > 60^\circ$ ), wedge diffraction may become an important mechanism (Lyzenga et al., 1983), and shadowing by larger waves may prevent signal reception. Also, at these large angles, the intermittent signal scattered from white caps may be as strong as that from Bragg scatter, significantly contaminating the return.

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Table 1: Ungridded Atlas SASS component wind statistics  
Individual area averages

U COMPONENT

AREA	MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
658 U1	2.239	12.195	0.715	3.492	76
U2	-3.163	10.170	0.507	3.189	76
664 U1	-6.794	5.514	0.107	2.348	75
U2	-3.700	12.953	0.489	3.599	99
U3	2.241	21.700	0.821	4.658	71
665 U1	-1.158	9.218	0.883	3.036	76
672 U1	5.543	8.045	0.208	2.836	61
U2	3.894	7.466	0.331	2.732	77
U3	-4.825	1.053	0.043	1.026	48
678 U1	-1.634	5.265	0.671	2.295	61
679 U1	-6.254	5.689	0.127	2.385	72
U2	-1.521	28.067	0.934	5.298	85
686 U1	-3.978	11.816	0.430	3.437	75
U2	-7.641	4.322	0.069	2.079	114
692 U1	-2.129	10.841	0.717	3.293	43
693 U1	-6.517	11.607	0.215	3.407	120
U2	-3.370	19.035	0.632	4.363	74
U3	4.943	12.997	0.349	3.605	65
700 U1	-4.808	5.481	0.192	2.341	113
701 U1	4.454	2.980	0.131	1.726	59
U2	1.181	16.580	0.935	4.072	71
U3	-4.342	18.507	0.500	4.302	56
708 U1	-2.730	22.909	0.764	4.786	61
U2	2.348	11.282	0.679	3.359	61
715 U1	11.136	13.919	0.101	3.731	80
U2	8.567	11.062	0.131	3.326	88
U3	2.072	37.505	0.909	6.124	70
U4	-3.123	18.114	0.655	4.256	88
716 U1	2.460	4.923	0.456	2.219	27
721 U1	4.859	12.490	0.348	3.534	71
722 U1	-4.467	25.776	0.568	5.077	68
U2	1.734	21.393	0.890	4.625	61
729 U1	1.124	19.738	0.951	4.443	84
U2	-4.625	8.739	0.291	2.956	83
735 U1	10.240	15.319	0.128	3.914	27
736 U1	-3.009	21.125	0.704	4.596	120
U2	0.722	6.218	0.934	2.494	74
U3	0.762	6.879	0.940	2.623	49
744 U1	2.192	8.751	0.652	2.958	68
U2	1.252	11.277	0.883	3.358	171
U3	-3.020	25.656	0.741	5.065	151
750 U1	-3.405	18.457	0.617	4.296	135
U2	-0.481	8.251	0.980	2.870	127
U3	0.055	12.184	1.009	3.491	115
751 U1	0.062	28.627	1.008	5.350	126
758 U1	3.504	5.505	0.311	2.346	79
772 U1	3.671	6.040	0.311	2.458	61
773 U1	1.280	2.570	0.621	1.603	36
779 U1	-4.380	8.037	0.296	2.835	125
U2	1.420	31.006	0.945	5.568	146

	U3	5.308	11.379	0.289	3.373	72
780	U1	-5.037	9.672	0.278	3.110	39
787	U1	3.320	12.649	0.538	3.557	86
	U2	0.965	48.947	0.992	6.996	92
	U3	3.462	18.393	0.608	4.289	151
	U4	-3.216	27.771	0.733	5.270	115
793	U1	2.559	12.247	0.656	3.500	88
	U2	-0.043	10.198	1.015	3.193	65
794	U1	-3.326	31.193	0.747	5.585	61
	U2	4.334	25.594	0.582	5.059	68
801	U1	2.201	18.236	0.796	4.270	98
	U2	-0.016	33.640	1.009	5.800	116
	U3	2.832	8.416	0.514	2.901	153
	U4	-1.722	11.532	0.801	3.396	118
802	U1	1.927	21.812	0.865	4.670	68
	U2	1.702	33.717	0.937	5.807	53
807	U1	-1.112	35.657	0.992	5.971	38
808	U1	-2.619	16.112	0.706	4.014	117
	U2	-0.460	12.382	0.993	3.519	100
	U3	0.987	8.601	0.914	2.933	53
815	U1	-5.708	2.140	0.062	1.463	59
816	U1	-0.979	59.283	1.000	7.700	63
	U2	0.640	22.835	0.989	4.779	158
	U3	-0.520	19.534	0.995	4.420	113
822	U1	-4.443	7.856	0.285	2.803	113
	U2	0.958	21.369	0.965	4.623	139
	U3	4.553	11.921	0.366	3.453	134
823	U1	-0.394	18.463	1.008	4.297	61
830	U1	4.266	32.819	0.646	5.729	141
	U2	5.458	12.738	0.300	3.569	158
	U3	0.741	10.356	0.956	3.218	143
836	U1	6.032	10.190	0.219	3.192	87
	U2	3.525	48.995	0.806	7.000	80
837	U1	-1.658	6.134	0.695	2.477	100
844	U1	4.147	4.534	0.209	2.129	94
	U2	-1.012	32.243	0.977	5.678	130
845	U1	2.000	20.368	0.843	4.513	93
865	U1	-2.916	20.489	0.710	4.526	150
	U2	1.010	25.822	0.967	5.082	185
	U3	-1.217	54.924	0.982	7.411	120
965	U4	-2.385	55.281	0.915	7.435	101
866	U1	2.522	7.549	0.548	2.748	63
873	U1	-1.980	38.363	0.917	6.194	86
	U2	2.679	21.807	0.759	4.670	81
	U3	-0.835	24.610	0.981	4.961	109
887	U1	0.512	11.762	0.987	3.430	109
	U2	-3.158	11.422	0.537	3.380	104
888	U1	-3.753	2.759	0.164	1.661	44
901	U1	-3.811	11.514	0.444	3.393	138
902	U1	-2.939	7.677	0.474	2.771	63
	U2	-3.200	15.885	0.612	3.986	107
916	U1	-0.979	26.278	0.978	5.126	72
916	U2	-3.696	17.048	0.559	4.129	83
916	U3	-3.876	8.983	0.376	2.997	103
930	U1	-1.091	7.981	0.880	2.825	78
930	U2	-4.647	5.679	0.209	2.383	102
951	U1	-2.033	18.650	0.827	4.319	76
951	U2	1.033	4.710	0.824	2.170	78

951	U3	1.948	1.874	0.333	1.369	40
952	U1	-3.304	5.154	0.322	2.270	69
952	U2	-1.593	17.417	0.884	4.173	66
959	U1	-1.905	3.770	0.514	1.942	65
959	U2	-2.517	1.318	0.173	1.148	55
959	U3	-4.940	5.510	0.185	2.347	106
973	U1	3.559	19.690	0.613	4.437	83
973	U2	-1.320	14.540	0.903	3.813	79
973	U3	-5.709	9.182	0.220	3.030	107
987	U1	-5.273	10.702	0.279	3.271	135
988	U1	5.049	27.901	0.526	5.282	90
988	U2	0.935	45.160	0.991	6.720	100
1002	U1	4.987	2.907	0.105	1.705	96
	U2	2.953	11.787	0.578	3.433	111
	U3	-2.247	13.503	0.732	3.675	141
1003	U1	-0.843	9.923	0.981	3.150	19
1008	U1	4.815	25.207	0.524	5.021	85
	U2	8.896	51.021	0.394	7.143	92
1009	U1	-0.541	20.488	0.995	4.526	114
	U2	2.717	14.106	0.661	3.756	100
1016	U1	1.549	38.730	0.949	6.223	120
	U2	-6.931	21.866	0.314	4.676	123
1017	U1	1.155	2.503	0.662	1.582	45
1030	U1	-5.049	21.254	0.456	4.610	124
1031	U1	5.378	10.863	0.274	3.296	68
	U2	0.525	16.022	0.994	4.003	91
	U3	-3.221	14.785	0.593	3.845	69
1051	U1	4.020	46.282	0.747	6.803	93
1052	U1	1.539	34.457	0.944	5.870	104
	U2	3.328	20.643	0.656	4.543	90
1059	U1	1.362	21.381	0.929	4.624	93
	U2	-2.731	12.665	0.632	3.559	135
1060	U1	-1.532	1.786	0.439	1.336	28
1074	U1	-7.526	109.563	0.666	10.467	67
	U2	1.758	119.552	0.981	10.934	146
	U3	4.365	35.014	0.650	5.917	150
	U4	-0.089	9.993	1.011	3.161	85

V COMPONENT

AREA	MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N	
658	V1	2.239	12.195	0.715	3.492	76
	V2	1.113	2.851	0.704	1.688	76
664	V1	0.611	7.517	0.965	2.742	75
	V2	1.147	5.766	0.821	2.401	99
	V3	2.828	11.097	0.586	3.331	71
665	V1	5.400	16.441	0.362	4.055	76
672	V1	3.642	7.809	0.373	2.795	61
	V2	3.984	5.697	0.265	2.387	77
	V3	0.099	1.588	1.015	1.260	48
678	V1	3.176	4.131	0.292	2.033	61
679	V1	0.843	3.930	0.857	1.982	72
	V2	2.635	11.560	0.629	3.400	85
686	V1	-1.751	5.423	0.644	2.329	75
	V2	-1.094	5.421	0.825	2.328	114

692	V1	3.860	7.561	0.339	2.750	43
693	V1	0.839	10.328	0.944	3.214	120
	V2	1.690	6.960	0.716	2.638	74
	V3	4.355	5.566	0.228	2.359	65
700	V1	-4.140	2.101	0.109	1.450	113
701	V1	0.036	11.975	1.017	3.461	59
	V2	1.234	8.679	0.861	2.946	71
	V3	1.110	4.054	0.778	2.014	56
708	V1	1.349	5.311	0.754	2.305	61
	V2	1.418	5.500	0.741	2.345	61
715	V1	-0.836	50.865	0.999	7.132	80
	V2	-1.705	13.122	0.826	3.622	88
	V3	-0.074	1.749	1.011	1.323	70
	V4	-0.891	10.667	0.941	3.266	88
716	V1	2.668	3.282	0.319	1.812	27
721	V1	-2.641	16.314	0.708	4.039	71
722	V1	-0.276	8.851	1.006	2.975	68
	V2	0.317	9.734	1.006	3.120	61
729	V1	-1.426	3.562	0.641	1.887	84
	V2	-1.527	3.794	0.624	1.948	83
735	V1	-0.296	9.079	1.028	3.013	27
736	V1	-0.962	4.923	0.848	2.219	120
	V2	-1.499	4.757	0.686	2.181	74
	V3	4.016	2.863	0.151	1.692	49
744	V1	2.106	7.554	0.636	2.749	68
	V2	3.453	9.689	0.449	3.113	171
	V3	1.720	8.680	0.749	2.946	151
750	V1	-1.213	4.194	0.744	2.048	135
	V2	-0.006	8.246	1.008	2.872	127
	V3	1.599	9.527	0.794	3.087	115
751	V1	3.249	7.272	0.409	2.697	126
758	V1	2.377	6.555	0.541	2.560	79
772	V1	3.604	3.844	0.229	1.960	61
773	V1	-0.583	5.309	0.965	2.304	36
779	V1	0.430	4.323	0.966	2.079	125
	V2	2.459	11.457	0.658	3.385	146
	V3	1.066	45.594	0.989	6.752	72
780	V1	2.732	6.250	0.461	2.500	39
787	V1	-2.476	50.567	0.901	7.111	86
	V2	2.470	14.157	0.704	3.763	92
	V3	2.505	9.000	0.592	3.000	151
	V4	1.879	4.599	0.569	2.144	115
793	V1	-4.761	5.758	0.203	2.400	88
	V2	-4.884	11.843	0.333	3.441	65
794	V1	2.685	8.247	0.538	2.872	61
	V2	-0.189	13.089	1.012	3.618	68
801	V1	-6.007	20.076	0.359	4.481	98
	V2	1.841	18.428	0.851	4.293	116
	V3	0.232	17.031	1.003	4.127	153
	V4	-1.083	6.999	0.863	2.645	118
802	V1	-3.434	22.533	0.663	4.747	68
	V2	1.165	5.231	0.806	2.287	53
807	V1	0.762	9.377	0.966	3.062	38
808	V1	1.674	8.586	0.759	2.930	117
	V2	0.878	19.249	0.971	4.387	100
	V3	-3.971	26.968	0.639	5.193	53
815	V1	-1.284	3.451	0.685	1.858	59
816	V1	-0.630	16.429	0.992	4.053	63

	V2	-1.613	20.813	0.894	4.562	158
	V3	1.754	14.067	0.826	3.751	113
822	V1	0.627	3.082	0.894	1.756	113
	V2	1.909	4.986	0.580	2.233	139
	V3	1.915	21.302	0.859	4.615	134
823	V1	0.008	21.622	1.017	4.650	61
830	V1	1.655	23.899	0.903	4.889	141
	V2	2.108	15.136	0.777	3.890	158
	V3	2.654	4.139	0.371	2.034	143
836	V1	0.470	5.014	0.969	2.239	87
	V2	5.145	21.086	0.446	4.592	80
837	V1	1.111	11.967	0.915	3.459	100
844	V1	-1.421	3.592	0.645	1.895	94
	V2	-0.865	4.108	0.851	2.027	130
845	V1	-1.601	7.858	0.760	2.803	93
865	V1	3.057	12.302	0.570	3.507	150
	V2	3.801	15.677	0.522	3.959	185
	V3	4.349	11.032	0.370	3.321	120
	V4	1.899	37.834	0.921	6.151	101
866	V1	-1.374	14.778	0.899	3.844	63
873	V1	3.084	31.995	0.778	5.656	86
	V2	6.051	6.499	0.151	2.549	81
	V3	4.083	6.279	0.274	2.506	109
887	V1	3.891	8.459	0.360	2.908	109
	V2	0.561	8.054	0.971	2.838	104
888	V1	0.728	0.862	0.628	0.928	44
901	V1	1.441	5.748	0.739	2.397	138
902	V1	4.015	17.281	0.522	4.157	63
902	V2	0.665	4.284	0.914	2.070	107
916	V1	-6.505	14.878	0.261	3.857	72
916	V2	-2.881	15.688	0.659	3.961	83
916	V3	1.036	4.868	0.826	2.206	103
930	V1	-3.435	14.218	0.550	3.771	78
930	V2	-0.453	5.487	0.973	2.342	102
951	V1	-2.081	2.353	0.354	1.534	76
951	V2	-2.459	3.180	0.346	1.783	78
951	V3	-2.849	3.188	0.284	1.785	40
952	V1	7.529	17.104	0.233	4.136	69
952	V2	7.056	21.487	0.303	4.635	66
959	V1	0.807	10.156	0.954	3.187	65
959	V2	0.621	4.453	0.936	2.110	55
959	V3	-3.832	7.200	0.330	2.683	106
973	V1	-1.431	6.471	0.767	2.544	83
973	V2	-2.755	2.635	0.259	1.623	79
973	V3	-1.309	4.365	0.723	2.089	107
987	V1	-2.892	4.494	0.350	2.120	135
988	V1	8.259	39.916	0.371	6.318	90
988	V2	3.847	12.100	0.452	3.479	100
1002	V1	9.504	3.795	0.040	1.948	96
	V2	6.334	13.369	0.250	3.656	111
	V3	1.992	5.411	0.579	2.326	141
1003	V1	-4.514	5.538	0.216	2.353	19
1008	V1	6.589	21.260	0.330	4.611	85
	V2	9.472	51.634	0.367	7.186	92
1009	V1	2.303	4.063	0.435	2.016	114
	V2	0.846	9.730	0.940	3.119	100
1016	V1	5.922	10.729	0.235	3.276	120
	V2	1.466	24.592	0.927	4.959	123

1017 V1	5.186	7.805	0.226	2.794	45
1030 V1	-1.957	8.104	0.683	2.847	124
1031 V1	3.343	9.739	0.469	3.121	68
V2	1.189	14.765	0.922	3.843	91
V3	-1.570	24.552	0.921	4.955	69
1051 V1	5.661	108.102	0.778	10.397	93
1052 V1	0.507	30.187	1.001	5.494	104
V2	-4.635	28.670	0.575	5.354	90
1059 V1	7.275	12.706	0.194	3.565	93
V2	5.064	9.957	0.280	3.155	135
1060 V1	-1.663	2.368	0.469	1.539	28
1074 V1	5.256	81.280	0.755	9.016	67
V2	-1.240	121.694	0.994	11.031	146
V3	-0.991	67.082	0.992	8.190	150
V4	-0.335	7.564	0.997	2.750	85

Table 2: Ungridded Atlas SASS component wind statistics - 1-day averages

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-0.720	26.060	0.982	5.105	486
V	2.236	10.957	0.688	3.310	486
225 U	-1.897	32.461	0.902	5.697	489
V	1.049	10.627	0.908	3.260	489
226 U	-2.776	32.242	0.808	5.678	628
V	-0.204	12.890	0.998	3.590	628
227 U	0.611	45.880	0.994	6.773	539
V	-0.789	16.347	0.965	4.043	539
228 U	2.117	45.433	0.912	6.740	556
V	-1.102	16.523	0.933	4.065	556
229 U	-0.322	29.390	0.998	5.421	632
V	0.809	10.624	0.943	3.259	632
230 U	-0.375	23.460	0.995	4.844	724
V	1.828	10.026	0.751	3.166	724
231 U	3.052	6.765	0.422	2.601	179
V	2.170	7.517	0.617	2.742	179
232 U	0.113	32.800	1.001	5.727	634
V	1.037	19.621	0.949	4.430	634
233 U	0.012	30.609	1.001	5.533	926
V	-1.101	25.519	0.956	5.052	926
234 U	-1.103	25.662	0.956	5.066	869
V	-1.076	23.019	0.953	4.798	869
235 U	0.316	29.565	0.998	5.437	877
V	0.925	16.703	0.952	4.087	877
236 U	1.680	27.300	0.907	5.225	810
V	0.936	15.692	0.948	3.961	810
237 U	0.970	26.786	0.969	5.176	277
V	-1.369	7.525	0.803	2.743	277
238 U	-1.435	33.986	0.944	5.830	561
V	2.623	21.113	0.755	4.595	561
239 U	-1.515	21.785	0.907	4.667	425
V	2.966	14.645	0.626	3.827	425
240 U	-2.549	14.509	0.692	3.809	504
V	1.997	10.473	0.725	3.236	504
241 U	-3.267	15.535	0.593	3.941	467
V	0.178	17.292	1.000	4.158	467
242 U	-2.858	17.301	0.681	4.159	363
V	-2.144	17.25	0.791	4.154	363

243 U	-2.497	15.265	0.713	3.907	169
V	-2.421	12.829	0.689	3.582	169
244 U	-2.476	12.786	0.677	3.576	396
V	-0.019	24.092	1.003	4.908	396
245 U	-2.399	25.893	0.820	5.089	371
V	-1.218	11.975	0.892	3.461	371
246 U	-1.492	39.713	0.949	6.302	456
V	0.741	29.367	0.984	5.419	456
247 U	-0.710	31.102	0.986	5.577	523
V	2.888	34.086	0.805	5.838	523
248 U	0.805	41.735	0.986	6.460	765
V	4.175	28.833	0.624	5.370	765
249 U	-1.746	40.097	0.931	6.332	505
V	1.782	26.404	0.894	5.138	505
250 U	-1.885	34.931	0.911	5.910	266
V	-0.397	18.012	0.995	4.244	266
251 U	1.109	29.008	0.961	5.386	510
V	3.620	53.994	0.806	7.348	510
252 U	0.184	51.466	1.001	7.174	474
V	2.454	62.263	0.914	7.891	474

Table 3: Mapped Atlas SASS component wind statistics - area averages

U component

<u>REV</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
658 U1	4.098	3.378	0.168	1.838	49
U2	-4.553	2.720	0.116	1.649	36
664 U1	-7.179	3.022	0.055	1.738	36
U2	-4.128	0.864	0.048	0.930	64
U3	5.628	14.099	0.311	3.755	36
665 U1	-0.152	3.945	1.022	1.986	36
672 U1	6.097	4.069	0.099	2.017	36
U2	4.340	2.850	0.132	1.688	49
U3	-5.128	0.858	0.032	0.926	36
678 U1	-1.757	2.174	0.417	1.475	49
679 U1	-7.142	1.662	0.032	1.289	36
U2	-1.396	21.771	0.942	4.666	36
686 U1	-3.526	1.159	0.085	1.077	49
U2	-8.387	1.265	0.018	1.125	49
692 U1	-2.764	6.509	0.466	2.551	36
693 U1	-7.849	4.805	0.072	2.192	49
U2	-0.125	4.279	1.025	2.069	36
U3	7.091	2.947	0.055	1.717	36
700 U1	-4.162	2.910	0.144	1.706	100
701 U1	5.221	1.918	0.066	1.385	36
U2	2.582	3.948	0.376	1.987	36
U3	-6.729	5.848	0.115	2.418	36
708 U1	-4.737	7.618	0.255	2.760	36
U2	4.551	2.404	0.104	1.551	36
715 U1	12.511	6.562	0.040	2.562	49
U2	8.060	1.257	0.019	1.121	49
U3	2.580	9.355	0.594	3.059	36
U4	-4.430	19.636	0.505	4.431	49
716 U1	3.059	3.524	0.276	1.877	36
721 U1	6.785	8.259	0.152	2.874	64
722 U1	-5.810	11.100	0.249	3.332	36
U2	4.577	8.061	0.279	2.839	49
729 U1	2.221	7.029	0.595	2.651	49
U2	-6.259	3.772	0.088	1.942	36
735 U1	10.185	10.020	0.088	3.165	36

736 U1	-3.789	6.327	0.308	2.515	49
U2	2.002	0.995	0.200	0.997	49
U3	0.122	5.151	1.018	2.270	49
744 U1	1.196	17.283	0.931	4.157	121
U2	2.548	1.235	0.160	1.111	121
U3	-4.737	10.466	0.319	3.235	121
750 U1	-3.059	18.362	0.666	4.285	121
U2	-1.584	6.991	0.747	2.644	49
U3	2.441	7.212	0.552	2.685	64
751 U1	2.106	18.090	0.817	4.253	49
758 U1	3.608	1.346	0.094	1.160	49
772 U1	4.288	1.577	0.079	1.256	49
773 U1	2.241	0.579	0.104	0.761	36
779 U1	-5.407	1.301	0.043	1.141	49
U2	1.473	16.807	0.902	4.100	49
U3	7.407	2.350	0.041	1.533	49
780 U1	-5.084	5.975	0.189	2.444	36
787 U1	3.120	3.874	0.286	1.968	64
U2	-1.961	45.232	0.946	6.725	36
U3	5.276	5.853	0.174	2.419	49
U4	-4.670	8.206	0.275	2.865	49
793 U1	5.699	11.789	0.268	3.434	49
U2	-1.857	4.105	0.552	2.026	36
794 U1	-5.387	1.843	0.060	1.357	36
U2	6.374	7.134	0.150	2.671	49
801 U1	3.760	5.845	0.295	2.418	36
U2	-2.134	40.876	0.923	6.393	36
U3	3.461	1.860	0.135	1.364	49
U4	-2.618	2.658	0.281	1.630	49
802 U1	3.985	43.080	0.742	6.564	49
U2	0.283	17.538	1.016	4.188	49
807 U1	-0.575	21.287	1.012	4.614	36
808 U1	-3.318	5.832	0.349	2.415	49
U2	2.142	7.018	0.615	2.649	36
U3	-6.572	5.654	0.116	2.378	36
815 U1	-5.637	1.204	0.037	1.097	36
816 U1	-2.672	30.229	0.822	5.498	49
U2	1.621	16.976	0.878	4.120	64
U3	0.777	7.704	0.945	2.776	49
822 U1	-4.865	2.041	0.080	1.429	49
U2	1.267	6.441	0.814	2.538	49
U3	6.730	12.817	0.221	3.580	64
823 U1	-0.472	14.181	1.012	3.766	36
830 U1	1.281	33.791	0.961	5.813	121

U2	4.800	7.074	0.236	2.660	81
U3	1.204	2.843	0.669	1.686	64
836 U1	5.337	9.696	0.256	3.114	36
U2	0.872	45.911	0.992	6.776	121
837 U1	-1.211	2.185	0.604	1.478	64
844 U1	4.956	1.180	0.046	1.086	36
U2	-2.003	17.167	0.824	4.143	49
845 U1	2.281	5.439	0.513	2.332	121
865 U1	-5.150	6.097	0.187	2.469	64
U2	4.101	4.562	0.214	2.136	64
U3	-4.587	29.789	0.590	5.458	81
U4	0.019	36.865	1.029	6.072	36
866 U1	3.035	5.254	0.366	2.292	49
873 U1	-4.072	19.614	0.546	4.429	81
U2	6.919	5.432	0.102	2.331	49
U3	-0.940	14.347	0.949	3.788	121
887 U1	2.564	7.602	0.544	2.757	36
U2	-2.878	8.729	0.518	2.955	49
888 U1	-3.852	1.212	0.076	1.101	36
901 U1	-3.899	5.717	0.274	2.391	121
902 U1	-1.488	2.655	0.551	1.630	49
U2	-3.649	11.407	0.463	3.377	121
916 U1	2.357	11.493	0.681	3.390	64
U2	-6.806	2.676	0.055	1.636	49
U3	-3.508	6.299	0.341	2.510	49
930 U1	0.467	6.682	0.988	2.585	49
U2	-5.344	2.066	0.068	1.437	49
951 U1	-3.284	20.237	0.664	4.499	36
U2	1.080	1.115	0.495	1.056	36
U3	2.141	0.602	0.116	0.776	36
952 U1	-2.710	1.366	0.157	1.169	49
U2	-2.246	10.658	0.688	3.265	49
959 U1	-2.170	0.891	0.160	0.944	49
U2	-2.754	0.297	0.038	0.545	36
U3	-5.150	4.594	0.148	2.143	49
973 U1	3.063	4.395	0.322	2.096	36
U2	-1.423	0.671	0.251	0.819	36
U3	-6.993	4.408	0.083	2.100	49
987 U1	-5.437	6.194	0.173	2.489	121
988 U1	6.973	17.335	0.265	4.164	36
U2	-1.070	16.781	0.945	4.097	100
1002 U1	4.029	2.348	0.127	1.532	121
U2	5.439	6.236	0.175	2.497	49
U3	-3.103	7.825	0.450	2.797	121

1003	U1	0.150	3.905	1.010	1.976	64
1008	U1	3.190	7.833	0.440	2.799	36
	U2	6.538	68.106	0.618	8.253	121
1009	U1	-1.800	10.402	0.767	3.225	121
	U2	4.763	3.753	0.142	1.937	121
1016	U1	3.393	13.884	0.553	3.726	49
	U2	-7.608	9.405	0.140	3.067	81
1017	U1	2.008	2.917	0.425	1.708	36
1030	U1	-4.464	12.801	0.392	3.578	121
1031	U1	5.608	4.806	0.133	2.192	64
	U2	1.669	21.126	0.906	4.596	36
	U3	-5.088	5.881	0.186	2.425	36
1051	U1	3.665	46.865	0.782	6.846	121
1052	U1	1.631	16.638	0.870	4.079	100
	U2	5.786	21.046	0.389	4.588	49
1059	U1	0.816	16.569	0.981	4.070	49
	U2	-2.113	5.648	0.565	2.377	49
1060	U1	-1.723	0.750	0.203	0.866	36
1074	U1	-12.984	16.989	0.092	4.122	49
	U2	6.019	86.731	0.716	9.313	49
	U3	5.368	25.262	0.472	5.026	49
	U4	-1.800	6.988	0.697	2.643	36

V component

<u>REV</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>	
658	V1	2.348	5.671	0.512	2.381	49
	V2	0.783	0.763	0.563	0.873	36
664	V1	0.697	7.154	0.961	2.675	36
	V2	0.504	0.670	0.733	0.818	64
	V3	6.018	9.940	0.217	3.153	36
665	V1	6.552	8.178	0.161	2.860	36
672	V1	1.903	4.385	0.556	2.094	36
	V2	5.178	1.530	0.054	1.237	49
	V3	-0.345	2.044	0.971	1.430	36
678	V1	2.290	2.559	0.330	1.600	49
679	V1	0.300	1.428	0.966	1.195	36
	V2	4.115	5.656	0.252	2.378	36
686	V1	-1.647	6.412	0.713	2.532	49
	V2	-0.190	4.279	1.012	2.069	49
692	V1	4.238	2.136	0.107	1.462	36
693	V1	-0.022	8.535	1.021	2.921	49

V2	2.856	0.576	0.066	0.759	36
V3	5.321	1.389	0.047	1.179	36
700 V1	-5.105	1.591	0.058	1.261	100
701 V1	-2.044	1.692	0.291	1.301	36
V2	3.107	1.875	0.163	1.369	36
V3	0.644	1.992	0.847	1.412	36
708 V1	1.106	3.433	0.753	1.853	36
V2	0.611	1.833	0.850	1.354	36
715 V1	-2.938	33.891	0.810	5.822	49
V2	-0.544	4.302	0.954	2.074	49
V3	-0.121	0.544	1.001	0.737	36
V4	-1.537	10.174	0.825	3.190	49
716 V1	2.665	1.623	0.187	1.274	36
721 V1	-1.090	6.569	0.858	2.563	64
722 V1	0.365	4.426	0.998	2.104	36
V2	-2.375	5.131	0.481	2.265	49
729 V1	-1.376	1.944	0.512	1.394	49
V2	-0.686	3.524	0.904	1.877	36
735 V1	-0.944	3.958	0.835	1.990	36
736 V1	-0.725	2.596	0.846	1.611	49
V2	-3.226	1.533	0.129	1.238	49
V3	4.880	0.395	0.016	0.628	49
744 V1	0.242	7.246	1.000	2.692	121
V2	3.527	4.739	0.276	2.177	121
V3	1.789	2.227	0.412	1.492	121
750 V1	-0.649	2.233	0.847	1.494	121
V2	-0.735	3.176	0.870	1.782	49
V3	1.711	9.999	0.783	3.162	64
751 V1	3.950	5.721	0.270	2.392	49
758 V1	3.703	3.839	0.220	1.959	49
772 V1	3.010	5.429	0.378	2.330	49
773 V1	-0.524	2.342	0.918	1.530	36
779 V1	-0.439	1.081	0.864	1.040	49
V2	3.342	2.503	0.184	1.582	49
V3	0.307	35.855	1.018	5.988	49
780 V1	2.052	6.889	0.632	2.625	36
787 V1	-4.738	28.877	0.568	5.374	64
V2	4.819	7.055	0.235	2.656	36
V3	2.837	8.013	0.504	2.831	49
V4	1.296	5.452	0.777	2.335	49
793 V1	-5.169	1.560	0.055	1.249	49
V2	-6.090	11.234	0.234	3.352	36
794 V1	2.540	6.962	0.527	2.639	36
V2	0.223	2.434	1.000	1.560	49

801 V1	-6.323	6.528	0.141	2.555	36
V2	2.917	10.017	0.549	3.165	36
V3	-0.310	8.872	1.010	2.979	49
V4	-1.391	3.634	0.661	1.906	49
802 V1	-2.567	19.814	0.762	4.451	49
V2	1.444	3.897	0.660	1.974	49
807 V1	0.178	6.640	1.024	2.577	36
808 V1	1.189	9.143	0.882	3.024	49
V2	2.250	2.495	0.333	1.579	36
V3	-6.572	5.654	0.116	2.378	36
815 V1	-0.674	3.190	0.897	1.786	36
816 V1	-1.467	19.705	0.918	4.439	49
V2	-2.284	8.930	0.637	2.988	64
V3	3.606	4.746	0.269	2.178	49
822 V1	0.344	1.206	0.928	1.098	49
V2	1.321	1.504	0.467	1.226	49
V3	2.547	25.010	0.804	5.001	64
823 V1	-2.613	14.472	0.693	3.804	36
830 V1	2.843	14.832	0.651	3.851	121
V2	3.422	5.288	0.312	2.299	81
V3	3.180	2.167	0.177	1.472	64
836 V1	0.768	3.045	0.858	1.745	36
V2	5.857	13.292	0.280	3.646	121
837 V1	1.457	7.338	0.785	2.709	64
844 V1	-1.584	0.739	0.229	0.859	36
V2	-0.616	5.484	0.952	2.342	49
845 V1	-2.898	2.840	0.253	1.685	121
865 V1	2.096	9.725	0.696	3.119	64
V2	3.336	7.210	0.396	2.685	64
V3	4.180	17.918	0.509	4.233	81
V4	-0.401	45.699	1.025	6.760	36
866 V1	-1.525	8.263	0.793	2.874	49
873 V1	5.177	13.500	0.336	3.674	81
V2	5.209	6.631	0.197	2.575	49
V3	3.961	2.557	0.140	1.599	121
887 V1	3.655	6.857	0.342	2.618	36
V2	1.205	4.756	0.778	2.181	49
888 V1	0.584	0.253	0.432	0.503	36
901 V1	1.364	1.604	0.465	1.267	121
902 V1	5.982	22.001	0.384	4.691	49
V2	-0.133	2.233	1.000	1.494	121
916 V1	-8.635	4.288	0.054	2.071	64
V2	-1.126	5.284	0.820	2.299	49
V3	0.894	4.652	0.869	2.157	49

930 V1	-3.137	9.054	0.484	3.009	49
V2	-0.654	3.297	0.901	1.816	49
951 V1	-2.505	2.700	0.303	1.643	36
V2	-2.831	0.990	0.110	0.995	36
V3	-2.401	2.285	0.286	1.512	36
952 V1	6.055	3.046	0.077	1.745	49
V2	5.842	17.202	0.337	4.148	49
959 V1	0.719	9.274	0.966	3.045	49
V2	0.540	0.053	0.155	0.231	36
V3	-4.432	5.942	0.233	2.438	49
973 V1	-2.453	1.896	0.241	1.377	36
V2	-3.119	0.834	0.079	0.913	36
V3	-0.746	2.177	0.810	1.475	49
987 V1	-3.004	3.044	0.253	1.745	121
988 V1	10.503	32.575	0.229	5.707	36
V2	3.623	2.465	0.158	1.570	100
1002 V1	9.666	2.279	0.024	1.510	121
V2	6.420	3.225	0.073	1.796	49
V3	1.454	2.334	0.527	1.528	121
1003 V1	-4.668	5.978	0.216	2.445	64
1008 V1	6.507	4.642	0.099	2.155	36
V2	12.315	28.861	0.160	5.372	121
1009 V1	2.683	1.841	0.204	1.357	121
V2	-0.950	5.578	0.867	2.362	121
1016 V1	5.737	7.319	0.183	2.705	49
V2	0.389	22.008	1.005	4.691	81
1017 V1	3.661	8.947	0.405	2.991	36
1030 V1	-2.345	6.308	0.537	2.512	121
1031 V1	3.049	7.606	0.453	2.758	64
V2	3.351	9.056	0.452	3.009	36
V3	-5.074	2.710	0.095	1.646	36
1051 V1	6.260	69.274	0.642	8.323	121
1052 V1	2.039	16.908	0.809	4.112	100
V2	-7.241	8.142	0.135	2.853	49
1059 V1	7.560	4.184	0.068	2.045	49
V2	5.438	8.482	0.224	2.912	49
1060 V1	-1.559	1.211	0.336	1.100	36
1074 V1	4.286	55.585	0.763	7.456	49
V2	-1.321	140.918	1.008	11.871	49
V3	0.160	18.131	1.019	4.258	49
V4	-1.124	2.801	0.702	1.674	36

Table 4: Mapped Atlas SASS component wind statistics - 1-day averages

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-0.109	27.102	1.002	5.206	378
V	2.548	9.800	0.603	3.130	378
225 U	-2.146	26.860	0.856	5.183	340
V	1.444	8.633	0.807	2.938	340
226 U	-2.580	26.378	0.800	5.136	463
V	-0.201	14.313	0.999	3.783	463
227 U	1.222	41.364	0.967	6.432	499
V	-1.085	12.714	0.917	3.566	499
228 U	2.929	41.766	0.831	6.463	453
V	-0.926	9.551	0.919	3.090	453
229 U	0.077	23.575	1.001	4.855	631
V	0.938	8.676	0.909	2.946	631
230 U	-0.189	19.515	1.000	4.418	695
V	1.500	7.567	0.772	2.751	695
231 U	3.490	1.869	0.133	1.367	134
V	2.314	7.031	0.570	2.652	134
232 U	0.937	27.555	0.971	5.249	466
V	0.928	18.717	0.958	4.326	466
233 U	1.256	27.875	0.948	5.280	636
V	-0.878	20.890	0.966	4.571	636
234 U	-0.069	22.367	1.001	4.729	623
V	-0.661	16.108	0.975	4.013	623
235 U	0.930	25.584	0.969	5.058	662
V	1.383	14.450	0.884	3.801	662
236 U	1.728	22.131	0.882	4.704	693
V	1.755	15.901	0.839	3.988	693
237 U	1.730	12.742	0.813	3.570	206
V	-2.126	4.021	0.472	2.005	206
238 U	-0.722	30.494	0.985	5.522	545
V	3.213	15.631	0.603	3.954	545
239 U	-0.785	24.319	0.978	4.931	372
V	3.671	8.444	0.386	2.906	372
240 U	-2.849	10.468	0.564	3.235	412
V	1.587	8.519	0.773	2.919	412
241 U	-2.960	13.620	0.609	3.690	453
V	-0.269	20.098	0.999	4.483	453
242 U	-2.283	18.757	0.785	4.331	260
V	-2.884	17.582	0.681	4.193	260

243 U	-2.438	12.859	0.689	3.586	98
V	-1.896	7.668	0.686	2.769	98
244 U	-2.067	9.356	0.688	3.059	340
V	0.417	20.773	0.995	4.558	340
245 U	-2.908	12.271	0.593	3.503	255
V	-1.567	7.474	0.755	2.734	255
246 U	-2.110	26.434	0.858	5.141	378
V	0.370	23.519	0.997	4.850	378
247 U	-0.205	24.179	1.000	4.917	612
V	2.840	31.501	0.797	5.613	612
248 U	1.386	32.991	0.946	5.744	920
V	4.065	33.472	0.670	5.786	920
249 U	-1.612	33.314	0.930	5.772	423
V	0.694	20.302	0.979	4.5067	423
250 U	-1.184	30.780	0.960	5.548	257
V	-0.586	16.216	0.983	4.027	257
251 U	1.892	29.322	0.893	5.415	404
V	2.939	48.639	0.851	6.974	404
252 U	-0.847	60.832	0.991	7.799	317
V	2.138	47.377	0.915	6.883	317

Table 5: Mapped Atlas SASS component wind statistics  
1-day/10 deg latitude averages

20-30 N

DAY		MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WGTVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
224	U	-5.065	2.995	0.105	1.731	172
	V	0.425	2.455	0.936	1.567	172
225	U	-5.751	12.935	0.282	3.597	157
	V	0.874	6.562	0.901	2.562	157
226	U	-6.214	6.767	0.149	2.601	234
	V	-2.127	10.329	0.698	3.214	234
227	U	-3.709	15.100	0.524	3.886	257
	V	-2.051	9.979	0.705	3.159	257
228	U	-0.885	29.174	0.978	5.401	255
	V	-1.079	5.259	0.821	2.293	255
229	U	-3.432	16.122	0.579	4.015	255
	V	0.348	4.332	0.977	2.081	255
230	U	-2.887	20.574	0.713	4.536	291
	V	1.139	5.638	0.815	2.375	291
231	U	none				
	V	none				
232	U	-5.050	5.105	0.167	2.259	134
	V	0.864	5.246	0.881	2.290	134
233	U	-2.935	12.661	0.597	3.558	183
	V	0.861	6.828	0.907	2.613	183
234	U	-1.550	13.212	0.849	3.635	268
	V	1.120	7.463	0.859	2.732	268
235	U	-1.683	12.889	0.823	3.590	234
	V	1.216	9.640	0.870	3.105	234
236	U	0.595	9.093	0.966	3.015	298
	V	-0.282	10.091	0.995	3.177	298
237	U	1.047	12.525	0.925	3.539	170
	V	-2.240	4.649	0.482	2.156	170
238	U	-1.259	18.209	0.924	4.207	234
	V	2.302	10.170	0.659	3.189	234
239	U	-1.910	12.091	0.771	3.477	206
	V	2.715	4.913	0.401	2.216	206
240	U	-3.649	7.836	0.371	2.799	327
	V	0.700	2.601	0.844	1.613	327
241	U	-3.729	8.151	0.370	2.855	291
	V	0.662	2.836	0.869	1.684	291
242	U	-4.426	4.991	0.203	2.234	98
	V	0.120	4.539	1.007	2.131	98
243	U	-5.344	2.066	0.068	1.437	49
	V	-3.137	9.054	0.484	3.009	49
244	U	-3.756	8.655	0.381	2.942	134
	V	-0.079	26.388	1.007	5.137	134
245	U	-4.822	8.329	0.264	2.886	134
	V	-2.731	5.708	0.435	2.389	134
246	U	-3.176	14.065	0.584	3.750	257
	V	-0.441	13.058	0.989	3.614	257
247	U	-3.334	12.896	0.538	3.591	342
	V	0.511	10.147	0.978	3.185	342
248	U	-3.168	16.285	0.620	4.035	359
	V	1.849	8.293	0.709	2.880	359

249	U	-3.894	22.368	0.597	4.729	310
	V	-0.589	18.208	0.984	4.267	310
250	U	-3.436	18.987	0.619	4.357	193
	V	-1.792	13.260	0.808	3.641	193
251	U	-0.013	13.783	1.005	3.713	185
	V	2.239	17.110	0.777	4.136	185
252	U	-1.904	4.547	0.559	2.132	121
	V	1.404	15.760	0.895	3.970	121

30-40 N

DAY		MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WGTVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
224	U	3.592	9.611	0.428	3.100	170
	V	4.831	8.551	0.269	2.924	170
225	U	-0.527	15.173	0.987	3.895	183
	V	2.368	10.930	0.663	3.306	183
226	U	1.859	18.166	0.844	4.262	193
	V	1.305	11.022	0.870	3.320	193
227	U	4.921	6.697	0.217	2.588	193
	V	0.671	5.973	0.934	2.444	193
228	U	5.876	8.862	0.204	2.977	198
	V	-0.590	7.498	0.960	2.738	198
229	U	1.883	2.979	0.457	1.726	219
	V	2.319	12.228	0.697	3.497	219
230	U	1.525	9.032	0.798	3.005	219
	V	2.668	7.950	0.529	2.820	219
231	U	3.421	2.178	0.157	1.476	85
	V	1.513	7.164	0.765	2.677	85
232	U	3.410	19.260	0.625	4.389	268
	V	2.313	13.548	0.719	3.681	268
233	U	3.408	27.240	0.703	5.219	353
	V	-0.548	20.704	0.988	4.550	353
234	U	1.940	22.936	0.862	4.789	270
	V	-2.394	19.074	0.771	4.367	270
235	U	3.294	17.333	0.616	4.163	294
	V	0.900	16.828	0.957	4.102	294
236	U	2.834	10.451	0.566	3.233	338
	V	-0.028	10.595	1.003	3.255	338
237	U	2.895	5.721	0.407	2.392	157
	V	-2.597	2.658	0.283	1.630	157
238	U	1.360	34.300	0.952	5.857	279
	V	2.574	21.331	0.765	4.619	279
239	U	5.075	10.959	0.300	3.310	85
	V	4.551	7.243	0.260	2.691	85
240	U	0.228	8.741	1.006	2.956	85
	V	4.997	16.767	0.404	4.095	85
241	U	-4.147	9.782	0.364	3.128	98
	V	2.428	26.265	0.824	5.125	98
242	U	-3.169	17.994	0.646	4.242	98
	V	-2.132	8.116	0.645	2.849	98
243	U	0.467	6.682	0.988	2.585	49
	V	-3.137	9.054	0.484	3.009	49
244	U	-1.407	7.363	0.793	2.714	121
	V	1.684	20.751	0.886	4.555	121
245	U	0.154	10.890	1.012	3.300	72

	V	-0.957	3.232	0.788	1.798	72
246	U	5.018	14.588	0.369	3.819	72
	V	4.025	59.545	0.795	7.717	342
247	U	3.538	16.815	0.576	4.101	149
	V	2.643	54.157	0.891	7.359	149
248	U	3.397	9.080	0.441	3.013	355
	V	1.544	23.513	0.910	4.849	355
249	U	4.010	9.444	0.371	3.073	149
	V	4.081	9.139	0.355	3.023	149
250	U	5.608	4.806	0.133	2.192	64
	V	3.049	7.606	0.453	2.758	64
251	U	3.301	24.853	0.700	4.985	98
	V	0.160	61.431	1.010	7.838	98
252	U	4.067	47.661	0.746	6.904	147
	V	2.026	69.308	0.950	8.325	147

40-50 N

DAY		MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WGTVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
224	U	6.097	4.069	0.099	2.017	36
	V	1.903	4.385	0.556	2.094	36
225	U	none				
	V	none				
226	U	-2.764	6.509	0.466	2.551	36
	V	4.238	2.136	0.107	1.462	36
227	U	12.511	6.562	0.040	2.562	49
	V	-2.938	33.891	0.810	5.822	49
228	U	12.511	6.562	0.040	2.562	49
	V	-2.938	33.891	0.810	5.822	49
229	U	3.257	29.912	0.742	5.469	157
	V	-0.030	6.712	1.006	2.591	157
230	U	2.041	12.060	0.746	3.473	234
	V	1.369	9.063	0.832	3.011	234
231	U	3.608	1.346	0.094	1.160	49
	V	3.703	3.839	0.220	1.959	49
232	U	1.291	24.465	0.945	4.946	100
	V	-1.298	42.126	0.971	6.490	100
233	U	-0.085	26.023	1.006	5.101	172
	V	-1.418	37.298	0.954	6.107	172
234	U	-1.888	31.009	0.904	5.569	121
	V	0.327	16.074	1.002	4.009	121
235	U	1.943	38.096	0.913	6.172	234
	V	1.859	21.419	0.864	4.628	234
236	U	1.077	39.727	0.976	6.303	242
	V	4.350	16.284	0.463	4.035	242
237	U	none				
	V	none				
238	U	-4.329	24.614	0.570	4.961	162
	V	4.678	15.861	0.421	3.983	162
239	U	-4.072	19.614	0.546	4.429	81
	V	5.177	13.500	0.336	3.674	81
240	U	none				
	V	none				
241	U	-1.617	28.415	0.923	5.331	113
	V	-5.379	18.646	0.393	4.318	113

242	U	-1.617	28.415	0.923	5.331	113
	V	-5.379	18.646	0.393	4.318	113
243	U	none				
	V	none				
244	U	-0.344	5.351	0.990	2.313	85
	V	-0.602	8.657	0.971	2.942	85
245	U	-2.170	0.891	0.160	0.944	49
	V	0.719	9.274	0.966	3.045	49
246	U	none				
	V	none				
247	U	4.029	2.348	0.127	1.532	121
	V	9.666	2.279	0.024	1.510	121
248	U	5.284	36.662	0.569	6.055	242
	V	10.991	17.267	0.125	4.155	242
249	U	none				
	V	none				
250	U	none				
	V	none				
251	U	3.665	46.865	0.782	6.846	121
	V	6.260	69.274	0.642	8.323	121
252	U	-12.984	16.989	0.092	4.122	49
	V	4.286	55.585	0.763	7.456	49

Table 6: Mapped Atlas SASS wind statistics - 1-day vector average plus direction bins  
(wind blowing toward a given direction)

DAY	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
224	6.130	5.743	2.396	36.901	6.075	378	0.29	0.26	0.00	0.45
225	6.074	5.205	2.282	35.490	5.957	340	0.22	0.18	0.04	0.56
226	6.426	6.025	2.455	40.690	6.379	463	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.43
227	6.701	11.767	3.430	54.077	7.354	499	0.12	0.44	0.18	0.26
228	6.838	13.910	3.730	51.314	7.163	453	0.08	0.56	0.14	0.23
229	5.236	5.676	2.382	32.251	5.679	631	0.31	0.25	0.14	0.30
230	4.974	4.590	2.142	27.081	5.204	695	0.36	0.25	0.06	0.33
231	4.865	2.718	1.649	8.900	2.983	134	0.43	0.53	0.04	0.00
232	6.343	7.691	2.773	46.271	6.802	466	0.24	0.35	0.13	0.28
233	6.488	8.960	2.993	48.764	6.983	636	0.14	0.35	0.28	0.23
234	5.612	7.369	2.715	38.473	6.203	623	0.16	0.27	0.28	0.29
235	5.941	7.468	2.733	40.033	6.327	662	0.32	0.32	0.10	0.26
236	5.878	9.507	3.083	38.031	6.167	693	0.35	0.35	0.15	0.16
237	4.642	2.656	1.630	16.763	4.094	206	0.02	0.39	0.44	0.15
238	7.023	7.578	2.753	46.123	6.791	545	0.42	0.21	0.07	0.30
239	6.342	6.559	2.561	32.762	5.724	372	0.51	0.11	0.01	0.38
240	4.955	5.040	2.245	18.987	4.357	412	0.25	0.07	0.02	0.66
241	5.891	7.785	2.790	33.716	5.807	453	0.17	0.04	0.17	0.62
242	6.450	8.149	2.855	36.337	6.028	260	0.08	0.03	0.38	0.52
243	5.101	3.873	1.968	20.527	4.531	98	0.07	0.08	0.32	0.53
244	5.195	7.518	2.742	30.127	5.489	340	0.29	0.09	0.29	0.33
245	5.051	5.083	2.254	19.744	4.443	255	0.05	0.08	0.35	0.51
246	6.575	11.205	3.347	49.952	7.068	378	0.18	0.12	0.25	0.45
247	7.227	11.487	3.389	55.679	7.462	612	0.41	0.09	0.16	0.34
248	7.981	21.153	4.599	66.462	8.152	920	0.45	0.22	0.09	0.23
249	6.814	10.161	3.188	53.615	7.322	423	0.22	0.23	0.16	0.40
250	6.316	8.699	2.949	46.994	6.855	257	0.12	0.30	0.21	0.37
251	8.458	18.499	4.301	77.959	8.829	404	0.43	0.23	0.15	0.19
252	9.033	31.664	5.627	108.209	10.402	317	0.33	0.17	0.19	0.31

Table 7: Mapped Atlas SASS wind statistics - 3-day average plus direction bins  
(wind blowing toward a given direction)

DAYS	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
224-226	6.173	6.073	2.464	39.936	6.320	962	0.26	0.19	0.09	0.46
227-229	5.974	8.727	2.954	43.681	6.609	1279	0.21	0.36	0.16	0.27
230-232	5.523	6.285	2.507	35.133	5.927	1161	0.31	0.29	0.09	0.31
233-235	6.074	8.221	2.867	44.297	6.656	1455	0.22	0.32	0.20	0.25
236-238	6.381	8.985	2.998	43.563	6.600	1238	0.38	0.29	0.11	0.22
239-241	6.094	7.278	2.698	38.266	6.186	825	0.32	0.07	0.10	0.51
242-244	5.739	8.166	2.858	35.453	5.954	600	0.20	0.06	0.33	0.41
245-247	6.587	10.585	3.253	50.629	7.115	867	0.31	0.09	0.21	0.39
248-250	7.617	18.897	4.347	66.982	8.184	1177	0.38	0.24	0.12	0.26
250-252	8.374	22.633	4.757	90.887	9.533	844	0.28	0.27	0.18	0.27

Table 8: FNOC component wind statistics - area averages

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DAY/TIME		MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WGTVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
224 00	U1	2.545	3.364	0.344	1.834	49
	U2	-3.856	0.386	0.025	0.621	36
224 12	U1	-7.366	1.021	0.018	1.010	36
	U2	-2.861	2.862	0.260	1.692	64
	U3	2.679	2.679	0.178	1.637	36
224 12B	U1	-0.010	3.531	1.029	1.879	36
225 00	U1	8.389	2.700	0.037	1.643	36
	U2	1.747	1.940	0.392	1.393	49
	U3	-3.904	0.898	0.056	0.948	36
225 12	U1	1.151	1.946	0.602	1.395	49
225 12B	U1	-6.839	0.567	0.012	0.753	36
	U2	-1.600	15.450	0.879	3.931	36
226 00	U1	-1.679	3.442	0.556	1.855	49
	U2	-6.840	1.363	0.028	1.167	49
226 12	U1	-0.724	2.306	0.834	1.518	36
226 12B	U1	-7.656	3.595	0.058	1.896	49
	U2	0.993	4.948	0.854	2.224	36
	U3	5.461	0.828	0.027	0.910	36
227 00	U1	-4.194	3.963	0.184	1.991	100
227 00B	U1	3.048	0.456	0.047	0.675	36
	U2	1.424	1.940	0.496	1.393	36
	U3	-5.128	2.171	0.076	1.473	36
227 12	U1	-4.642	5.093	0.192	2.257	36
	U2	0.547	0.081	0.214	0.285	36
228 00	U1	12.509	5.660	0.035	2.379	49
	U2	8.149	2.325	0.034	1.525	49
	U3	2.342	9.411	0.643	3.068	36
	U4	-4.650	3.755	0.148	1.938	49
228 00B	U1	0.918	0.625	0.431	0.791	36
228 12	U1	4.249	1.663	0.084	1.289	64
228 12B	U1	-4.985	5.404	0.180	2.325	36
	U2	1.611	3.579	0.587	1.892	49
229 00	U1	1.375	1.763	0.487	1.328	49
	U2	-3.573	5.119	0.289	2.263	36
229 12	U1	9.977	11.068	0.100	3.327	36
229 12B	U1	-2.432	4.303	0.425	2.074	49
	U2	2.416	1.583	0.214	1.258	49
	U3	1.293	0.942	0.363	0.971	49
230 00	U1	3.658	25.670	0.661	5.067	121
	U2	0.908	4.895	0.862	2.213	121
	U3	-3.336	14.368	0.566	3.790	121
230 12	U1	-3.864	10.684	0.419	3.269	121
	U2	0.641	1.494	0.797	1.222	49
	U3	3.714	5.027	0.268	2.242	64
230 12B	U1	0.878	6.530	0.911	2.555	49
231 00	U1	3.290	15.740	0.600	3.967	49
232 00	U1	4.540	1.136	0.052	1.066	49
232 00B	U1	3.199	1.215	0.106	1.102	36
232 12	U1	-4.410	1.784	0.084	1.336	49
	U2	2.176	10.528	0.700	3.245	49

		U3	6.399	4.770	0.105	2.184	49
232	12B	U1	-2.756	2.913	0.279	1.707	36
233	00	U1	2.748	9.540	0.563	3.089	64
		U2	1.518	9.978	0.831	3.159	36
		U3	4.629	4.263	0.166	2.065	49
		U4	-3.570	5.603	0.307	2.367	49
233	12	U1	5.409	3.799	0.115	1.949	49
		U2	2.042	4.779	0.542	2.186	36
233	12B	U1	-4.325	2.326	0.111	1.525	36
		U2	5.099	5.354	0.171	2.314	49
234	00	U1	2.693	8.920	0.560	2.987	36
		U2	-2.256	24.208	0.846	4.920	36
		U3	3.269	1.963	0.156	1.401	49
		U4	-2.725	5.952	0.449	2.440	49
234	00B	U1	1.235	9.892	0.882	3.145	49
		U2	-1.242	5.173	0.783	2.274	49
234	12	U1	-1.376	10.786	0.871	3.284	36
234	12B	U1	-3.548	4.064	0.245	2.016	49
		U2	1.890	5.467	0.615	2.338	36
		U3	-1.188	2.016	0.598	1.420	36
235	00	U1	-4.249	1.461	0.075	1.209	36
235	00B	U1	-3.123	30.521	0.770	5.525	49
		U2	2.203	7.622	0.617	2.761	64
		U3	-0.664	8.981	0.972	2.997	49
235	12	U1	-2.819	4.108	0.343	2.207	49
		U2	1.796	2.226	0.412	1.492	49
		U3	4.612	11.261	0.348	3.356	64
235	12B	U1	-2.036	0.774	0.158	0.880	36
236	00	U1	0.720	33.438	0.993	5.783	121
		U2	4.902	8.663	0.266	2.943	81
		U3	0.039	2.235	1.015	1.495	64
236	12	U1	4.508	13.433	0.402	3.665	36
		U2	1.904	32.370	0.906	5.689	121
236	12B	U1	0.116	2.075	1.009	1.441	64
237	00	U1	5.729	0.920	0.027	0.959	36
		U2	-1.135	10.234	0.905	3.199	49
237	00B	U1	-0.255	4.369	0.993	2.090	121
238	12	U1	-3.856	2.811	0.159	1.677	64
		U2	2.248	1.911	0.275	1.382	64
		U3	-4.194	8.327	0.323	2.886	81
		U4	-0.760	13.474	0.985	3.671	36
238	12B	U1	1.920	1.755	0.325	1.325	49
239	00	U1	-6.168	11.113	0.227	3.334	81
		U2	5.407	1.293	0.042	1.137	49
		U3	-1.207	6.974	0.829	2.607	121
240	00	U1	2.462	8.271	0.586	2.876	36
		U2	-3.922	8.973	0.371	2.995	49
240	00B	U1	-2.341	0.379	0.065	0.615	36
241	00	U1	-2.938	8.201	0.489	2.864	121
241	00B	U1	-0.682	3.496	0.899	1.870	49
		U2	-3.014	2.538	0.219	1.593	121
242	00	U1	-3.324	1.853	0.144	1.361	64
		U2	-3.050	0.582	0.059	0.763	49
		U3	-0.312	4.986	1.001	2.233	49
243	00	U1	0.957	6.831	0.898	2.614	49
		U2	-3.768	3.037	0.177	1.743	49
244	12	U1	-4.521	15.699	0.440	3.962	36
		U2	0.732	2.860	0.862	1.691	36

	U3	1.521	0.989	0.302	0.994	36
244 12B	U1	-1.089	36.305	0.988	6.025	49
	U2	-6.862	131.218	0.747	11.455	49
245 00	U1	1.546	1.006	0.298	1.003	49
	U2	0.192	1.548	1.004	1.244	36
	U3	-6.041	5.442	0.130	2.333	49
246 00	U1	4.887	5.362	0.184	2.316	36
	U2	-0.125	1.647	1.019	1.283	36
	U3	-5.280	0.832	0.029	0.912	49
247 00	U1	-3.287	9.251	0.463	3.042	121
247 00B	U1	2.481	139.787	0.984	11.823	36
	U2	-0.072	12.236	1.010	3.498	100
248 00	U1	6.185	1.376	0.035	1.173	121
	U2	6.664	10.889	0.198	3.300	49
	U3	-1.764	10.913	0.783	3.303	121
248 00B	U1	3.092	2.486	0.207	1.577	64
248 12	U1	5.367	14.806	0.343	3.848	36
	U2	7.190	47.829	0.482	6.916	121
248 12B	U1	-1.940	3.151	0.457	1.775	121
	U2	3.285	3.003	0.218	1.733	121
249 00	U1	4.551	11.445	0.359	3.383	49
	U2	-4.974	12.419	0.336	3.524	81
249 00B	U1	-1.615	1.141	0.307	1.068	36
250 00	U1	-4.298	10.430	0.362	3.230	121
250 00B	U1	4.874	2.812	0.106	1.677	64
	U2	-2.317	1.454	0.214	1.206	36
	U3	-3.803	0.642	0.043	0.801	36
251 12	U1	5.354	34.252	0.547	5.852	121
251 12B	U1	-3.517	16.317	0.572	4.039	100
	U2	2.407	11.552	0.675	3.399	49
252 00	U1	2.614	16.148	0.713	4.018	49
	U2	-3.517	4.905	0.286	2.215	49
252 00B	U1	-0.607	1.176	0.778	1.084	36
253 00	U1	-10.485	18.268	0.143	4.274	49
	U2	5.566	51.617	0.633	7.185	49
	U3	4.852	10.822	0.317	3.290	49
	U4	-1.753	3.670	0.553	1.916	36

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DAY/TIME		MEAN (m/s)	VAR (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	WGTVAR	SDEV (m/s)	N
224 00	V1	2.310	0.449	0.078	0.670	49
	V2	0.174	0.700	0.985	0.837	36
224 12	V1	-0.962	0.657	0.420	0.811	36
	V2	0.776	0.492	0.453	0.701	64
	V3	2.274	4.548	0.474	2.132	36
224 12B	V1	2.313	4.545	0.465	2.132	36
225 00	V1	0.041	0.505	1.025	0.710	36
	V2	3.352	1.583	0.124	1.258	49
	V3	-0.401	0.114	0.419	0.337	36
225 12	V1	2.804	1.014	0.115	1.007	49
225 12B	V1	-1.067	2.058	0.655	1.435	36
	V2	4.481	4.773	0.193	2.185	36
226 00	V1	-2.159	4.537	0.498	2.130	49

	V2	-0.983	2.165	0.701	1.471	49
226 12	V1	8.182	0.394	0.006	0.627	36
226 12B	V1	-0.805	3.495	0.858	1.870	49
	V2	2.557	3.711	0.366	1.926	36
	V3	3.166	1.203	0.107	1.097	36
227 00	V1	-4.025	5.667	0.260	2.380	100
227 00B	V1	-0.692	0.526	0.531	0.725	36
	V2	1.235	0.306	0.168	0.553	36
	V3	-0.483	1.027	0.834	1.013	36
227 12	V1	1.170	0.254	0.157	0.504	36
	V2	1.058	0.041	0.035	0.203	36
228 00	V1	-3.708	23.905	0.643	4.889	49
	V2	1.208	4.902	0.783	2.214	49
	V3	0.957	1.881	0.685	1.372	36
	V4	-0.871	1.920	0.727	1.386	49
228 00B	V1	1.160	0.465	0.259	0.682	36
228 12	V1	0.145	3.205	1.009	1.790	64
228 12B	V1	-0.041	1.008	1.027	1.004	36
	V2	1.833	1.287	0.279	1.134	49
229 00	V1	0.854	1.121	0.613	1.059	49
	V2	-1.563	3.842	0.622	1.960	36
229 12	V1	-2.162	8.450	0.656	2.907	36
229 12B	V1	-0.077	3.154	1.019	1.776	49
	V2	0.383	1.578	0.932	1.256	49
	V3	4.355	1.328	0.066	1.152	49
230 00	V1	2.421	7.333	0.558	2.708	121
	V2	6.364	1.535	0.037	1.239	121
	V3	1.800	2.518	0.439	1.587	121
230 12	V1	-0.011	1.530	1.008	1.237	121
	V2	1.640	0.394	0.128	0.627	49
	V3	4.502	4.151	0.170	2.037	64
230 12B	V1	3.339	4.864	0.306	2.205	49
231 00	V1	5.297	2.169	0.072	1.473	49
232 00	V1	3.285	0.927	0.079	0.963	49
232 00B	V1	-0.216	1.661	1.000	1.289	36
232 12	V1	-0.538	0.594	0.682	0.771	49
	V2	2.722	3.045	0.293	1.745	49
	V3	1.972	6.600	0.637	2.569	49
232 12B	V1	2.912	1.819	0.178	1.349	36
233 00	V1	-1.560	24.322	0.922	4.932	64
	V2	1.760	6.661	0.696	2.581	36
	V3	4.236	3.818	0.176	1.954	49
	V4	2.037	0.975	0.191	0.987	49
233 12	V1	-2.264	0.900	0.150	0.949	49
	V2	-1.151	16.873	0.952	4.108	36
233 12B	V1	1.630	0.564	0.176	0.751	36
	V2	1.455	6.325	0.761	2.515	49
234 00	V1	-2.383	17.691	0.773	4.206	36
	V2	4.375	6.128	0.244	2.475	36
	V3	0.862	6.364	0.912	2.523	49
	V4	-0.716	2.278	0.830	1.509	49
234 00B	V1	-1.050	11.943	0.933	3.456	49
	V2	1.277	0.763	0.321	0.873	49
234 12	V1	2.027	5.106	0.563	2.260	36
234 12B	V1	0.107	5.330	1.019	2.309	49
	V2	2.248	0.926	0.156	0.962	36
	V3	-1.403	10.279	0.859	3.206	36
235 00	V1	-2.088	0.659	0.132	0.812	36

235 00B	V1	2.257	19.478	0.806	4.413	49
	V2	-0.384	6.699	0.994	2.588	64
	V3	1.516	1.701	0.429	1.304	49
235 12	V1	-0.014	1.620	1.021	1.273	49
	V2	2.538	0.601	0.085	0.775	49
	V3	1.446	20.677	0.921	4.547	64
235 12B	V1	-1.027	6.191	0.875	2.488	36
236 00	V1	2.267	19.855	0.800	4.456	121
	V2	1.683	2.362	0.457	1.537	81
	V3	1.706	1.687	0.369	1.299	64
236 12	V1	1.780	0.202	0.060	0.449	36
	V2	6.065	11.968	0.246	3.459	121
236 12B	V1	-0.191	2.257	0.999	1.502	64
237 00	V1	1.109	3.108	0.731	1.763	36
	V2	0.445	2.926	0.955	1.711	49
237 00B	V1	0.372	1.085	0.893	1.042	121
238 12	V1	1.347	8.670	0.838	2.945	64
	V2	4.461	2.523	0.113	1.588	64
	V3	3.762	2.685	0.160	1.639	81
	V4	1.924	5.247	0.596	2.291	36
238 12B	V1	-0.262	1.929	0.985	1.389	49
239 00	V1	5.269	6.788	0.197	2.605	81
	V2	5.236	0.636	0.023	0.797	49
	V3	3.269	2.279	0.176	1.510	121
240 00	V1	4.932	12.467	0.342	3.531	36
	V2	1.378	5.943	0.770	2.438	49
240 00B	V1	-0.477	1.026	0.837	1.013	36
241 00	V1	-1.220	7.554	0.841	2.748	121
241 00B	V1	6.402	18.109	0.308	4.255	49
	V2	0.492	3.819	0.948	1.954	121
242 00	V1	-3.780	7.242	0.338	2.691	64
	V2	-0.245	2.582	0.997	1.607	49
	V3	1.054	8.491	0.900	2.914	49
243 00	V1	2.004	3.668	0.482	1.915	49
	V2	0.470	2.489	0.936	1.578	49
244 12	V1	-1.237	3.503	0.710	1.872	36
	V2	0.685	0.470	0.507	0.686	36
	V3	2.377	0.220	0.037	0.469	36
244 12B	V1	2.864	15.479	0.662	3.934	49
	V2	3.846	105.889	0.893	10.290	49
245 00	V1	1.575	5.215	0.687	2.284	49
	V2	1.145	0.258	0.165	0.508	36
	V3	0.141	2.401	1.012	1.550	49
246 00	V1	1.012	4.576	0.836	2.139	36
	V2	0.313	1.176	0.947	1.084	36
	V3	-0.042	0.552	1.018	0.743	49
247 00	V1	-2.579	6.768	0.506	2.602	121
247 00B	V1	7.182	104.769	0.683	10.236	36
	V2	3.145	2.963	0.231	1.721	100
248 00	V1	9.310	4.477	0.049	2.116	121
	V2	7.021	3.441	0.065	1.855	49
	V3	1.764	3.306	0.517	1.818	121
248 00B	V1	-0.711	4.335	0.908	2.082	64
248 12	V1	8.241	7.761	0.103	2.786	36
	V2	7.697	44.395	0.430	6.663	121
248 12B	V1	2.702	0.729	0.091	0.854	121
	V2	-0.096	5.535	1.007	2.353	121
249 00	V1	5.569	10.666	0.257	3.266	49

	V2	0.019	16.876	1.012	4.108	81
249 00B	V1	2.009	6.905	0.642	2.628	36
250 00	V1	-0.768	4.170	0.883	2.042	121
250 00B	V1	3.309	2.010	0.156	1.418	64
	V2	3.229	1.744	0.144	1.321	36
	V3	-2.070	5.167	0.555	2.273	36
251 12	V1	5.314	64.207	0.699	8.013	121
251 12B	V1	-1.316	14.339	0.900	3.787	100
	V2	-3.581	27.975	0.695	5.289	49
252 00	V1	6.783	9.069	0.165	3.012	49
	V2	3.036	6.542	0.419	2.558	49
252 00B	V1	-0.475	1.133	0.854	1.065	36
253 00	V1	0.421	33.841	1.015	5.817	49
	V2	-2.925	93.933	0.934	9.692	49
	V3	-1.183	5.605	0.814	2.368	49
	V4	-0.654	1.079	0.731	1.039	36

Table 9: FNOC component wind statistics - 1-day averages

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-0.234	20.735	1.000	4.554	378
V	1.193	3.309	0.701	1.819	378
225 U	-1.229	23.873	0.943	4.886	340
V	0.758	7.354	0.930	2.712	340
226 U	-2.223	18.383	0.789	4.288	463
V	-0.201	13.628	0.999	3.692	463
227 U	0.624	35.262	0.991	5.938	499
V	-0.820	9.059	0.933	3.010	499
228 U	2.234	31.682	0.866	5.629	453
V	-0.013	7.074	1.002	2.660	453
229 U	0.807	21.933	0.973	4.683	631
V	2.245	9.824	0.662	3.134	631
230 U	0.222	20.806	0.999	4.561	695
V	2.980	7.705	0.465	2.776	695
231 U	3.772	6.800	0.330	2.608	134
V	3.080	6.322	0.401	2.514	134
232 U	1.556	18.062	0.884	4.250	466
V	1.572	9.150	0.789	3.025	466
233 U	1.190	16.892	0.924	4.110	636
V	0.532	11.917	0.978	3.452	636
234 U	-0.568	14.678	0.980	3.831	623
V	0.455	9.704	0.981	3.115	623
235 U	0.696	20.454	0.978	4.523	662
V	1.184	10.423	0.883	3.228	662
236 U	1.452	19.291	0.903	4.392	693
V	2.038	10.751	0.722	3.279	693
237 U	0.582	10.881	0.974	3.299	206
V	0.518	1.926	0.881	1.388	206
238 U	-1.388	18.064	0.905	4.250	545
V	3.324	6.577	0.373	2.565	545
239 U	-1.528	20.189	0.899	4.493	372
V	3.513	7.751	0.386	2.784	372
240 U	-2.285	8.209	0.612	2.865	412
V	1.101	13.837	0.922	3.720	412
241 U	-2.497	5.200	0.455	2.280	453
V	0.052	14.181	1.002	3.766	453
242 U	-1.982	6.738	0.633	2.596	260
V	-0.312	9.412	0.994	3.068	260

243 U	-1.405	10.521	0.849	3.244	98
V	1.237	3.641	0.709	1.908	98
244 U	-2.014	37.820	0.906	6.150	340
V	1.529	21.015	0.902	4.584	340
245 U	-1.179	17.432	0.930	4.175	255
V	0.670	2.748	0.862	1.658	255
246 U	-1.066	28.716	0.964	5.359	378
V	0.811	22.394	0.974	4.732	378
247 U	1.851	35.255	0.913	5.938	612
V	3.104	28.171	0.746	5.308	612
248 U	2.225	28.439	0.852	5.333	920
V	3.835	23.687	0.617	4.867	920
249 U	-1.576	22.789	0.904	4.774	423
V	1.199	12.631	0.900	3.554	423
250 U	-1.667	20.537	0.884	4.532	257
V	0.625	8.086	0.957	2.844	257
251 U	0.861	32.198	0.980	5.674	404
V	1.980	41.203	0.915	6.419	404
252 U	-0.418	44.690	0.999	6.685	317
V	0.820	32.411	0.983	5.693	317

Table 10: FNOC component wind statistics

1-day/10° latitude averages

20° - 30° N

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-4.231	4.351	0.196	2.086	172
V	0.040	0.941	1.004	0.970	172
225 U	-4.965	9.001	0.268	3.000	157
V	0.384	7.313	0.986	2.704	157
226 U	-5.617	5.126	0.140	2.264	234
V	-2.169	6.332	0.575	2.516	234
227 U	-3.559	10.310	0.450	3.211	257
V	-1.502	7.547	0.772	2.747	257
228 U	-1.197	14.172	0.911	3.765	255
V	0.258	3.090	0.983	1.758	255
229 U	-2.290	11.989	0.698	3.462	255
V	0.783	3.943	0.868	1.986	255
230 U	-2.846	14.322	0.640	3.785	291
V	1.306	4.004	0.703	2.001	291
231 U	none				
V	none				
232 U	-3.658	3.864	0.224	1.966	134
V	1.331	3.192	0.646	1.787	134
233 U	-2.869	6.129	0.428	2.476	183
V	1.016	2.349	0.697	1.533	183
234 U	-1.812	8.910	0.733	2.985	268
V	0.421	3.927	0.960	1.982	268
235 U	-1.686	5.977	0.680	2.445	234
V	0.302	4.197	0.983	2.049	234
236 U	-0.257	4.509	0.989	2.123	298
V	0.550	2.169	0.880	1.473	298
237 U	-0.508	6.168	0.965	2.484	170
V	0.393	1.603	0.917	1.266	170
238 U	-1.276	8.599	0.844	2.932	234
V	2.004	5.945	0.598	2.438	234
239 U	-2.051	7.415	0.640	2.723	206
V	2.164	4.995	0.517	2.235	206
240 U	-3.048	5.489	0.372	2.343	327
V	-0.115	6.111	1.001	2.472	327

241 U	-2.527	6.267	0.496	2.503	291
V	-0.125	7.006	1.001	2.647	291
242 U	-2.040	6.986	0.631	2.643	98
V	0.762	5.520	0.913	2.349	98
243 U	-3.768	3.037	0.177	1.743	49
V	0.470	2.489	0.936	1.578	49
244 U	-3.822	23.897	0.624	4.888	134
V	0.766	10.227	0.952	3.198	134
245 U	-4.173	8.871	0.338	2.978	134
V	0.120	1.395	0.997	1.181	134
246 U	-2.184	11.917	0.716	3.452	306
V	0.038	9.739	1.003	3.121	306
247 U	-1.808	12.309	0.792	3.508	342
V	0.631	10.371	0.966	3.220	342
248 U	-2.533	9.352	0.594	3.058	359
V	1.711	6.788	0.700	2.605	359
249 U	-3.876	8.897	0.372	2.983	310
V	0.073	9.963	1.003	3.156	310
250 U	-3.837	7.468	0.337	2.733	193
V	-0.265	6.925	0.995	2.631	193
251 U	-2.951	11.617	0.573	3.408	185
V	0.000	13.077	1.005	3.616	185
252 U	-2.127	4.899	0.522	2.213	121
V	0.893	6.416	0.896	2.533	121

30° - 40° N

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	1.983	4.258	0.522	2.064	170
V	2.603	2.689	0.285	1.640	170
225 U	0.012	7.347	1.005	2.711	183
V	1.952	9.338	0.713	3.056	183
226 U	1.612	8.357	0.766	2.891	193
V	0.620	6.465	0.948	2.543	193
227 U	3.176	10.288	0.506	3.208	193
V	0.822	2.001	0.751	1.415	193
228 U	3.955	9.536	0.379	3.088	198
V	1.010	3.040	0.751	1.744	198
229 U	1.332	3.615	0.673	1.901	219
V	4.576	7.221	0.257	2.687	219
230 U	0.842	4.473	0.867	2.115	219
V	4.630	6.054	0.220	2.460	219

231 U	3.972	1.600	0.092	1.265	85
V	1.802	4.250	0.571	2.062	85
232 U	3.878	7.883	0.344	2.808	268
V	2.441	5.469	0.480	2.339	268
233 U	2.926	13.020	0.604	3.608	353
V	0.832	12.956	0.952	3.599	353
234 U	1.240	12.151	0.891	3.486	270
V	-0.047	13.226	1.004	3.637	270
235 U	2.884	11.934	0.590	3.455	294
V	0.992	8.860	0.903	2.977	294
236 U	2.196	12.133	0.717	3.483	338
V	0.808	2.265	0.778	1.505	338
237 U	1.117	9.936	0.893	3.152	157
V	0.541	1.628	0.852	1.276	157
238 U	0.487	16.981	0.990	4.121	279
V	3.237	5.958	0.363	2.441	279
239 U	4.160	6.329	0.269	2.516	85
V	5.107	5.581	0.177	2.362	85
240 U	0.650	7.886	0.960	2.808	85
V	5.780	16.076	0.326	4.009	85
241 U	-1.866	3.434	0.499	1.853	98
V	3.079	21.397	0.698	4.626	98
242 U	-1.046	7.724	0.884	2.779	98
V	0.880	4.370	0.857	2.090	98
243 U	0.957	6.831	0.898	2.614	49
V	2.004	3.668	0.482	1.915	49
244 U	-2.504	66.851	0.921	8.176	121
V	2.102	44.686	0.917	6.685	121
245 U	2.540	8.995	0.587	2.999	72
V	1.078	2.387	0.679	1.545	72
246 U	3.684	73.020	0.853	8.545	72
V	4.097	63.553	0.800	7.972	72
247 U	4.119	40.899	0.710	6.395	149
V	3.739	42.750	0.757	6.538	149
248 U	3.605	10.653	0.451	3.264	355
V	2.616	17.674	0.722	4.204	355
249 U	3.200	12.635	0.554	3.555	149
V	3.738	7.866	0.361	2.805	149
250 U	4.874	2.812	0.106	1.677	64
V	3.309	2.010	0.156	1.418	64
251 U	2.511	13.718	0.690	3.704	98
V	1.601	45.461	0.956	6.742	98
252 U	4.344	27.428	0.595	5.237	147
V	0.892	53.689	0.992	7.327	147

40° - 50° N

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	8.389	2.700	0.037	1.643	36
V	0.041	0.505	1.025	0.710	36
225 U	none				
V	none				
226 U	-0.724	2.306	0.834	1.518	36
V	8.182	0.394	0.006	0.627	36
227 U	12.509	5.660	0.035	2.379	49
V	-3.708	23.905	0.643	4.889	49
228 U	12.509	5.660	0.035	2.379	49
V	-3.708	23.905	0.643	4.889	49
229 U	5.107	29.329	0.531	5.416	157
V	1.370	11.273	0.862	3.357	157
230 U	3.596	17.847	0.581	4.225	234
V	3.593	6.897	0.349	2.626	234
231 U	3.290	15.740	0.600	3.967	49
V	5.297	2.169	0.072	1.473	49
232 U	2.305	9.951	0.656	3.155	100
V	-0.365	20.398	1.003	4.516	100
233 U	1.295	15.063	0.905	3.881	172
V	0.463	20.688	0.995	4.548	172
234 U	-2.345	22.947	0.812	4.790	121
V	2.819	12.111	0.607	3.480	121
235 U	0.979	33.752	0.976	5.810	234
V	2.040	19.962	0.830	4.468	234
236 U	1.312	33.119	0.954	5.755	242
V	4.166	19.467	0.530	4.412	242
237 U	none				
V	none				
238 U	-5.181	10.639	0.284	3.262	162
V	4.515	5.279	0.206	2.298	162
239 U	-6.168	11.113	0.227	3.334	81
V	5.269	6.788	0.197	2.605	81
240 U	none				
V	none				
241 U	-3.205	1.310	0.113	1.145	113
V	-2.247	8.278	0.625	2.877	113
242 U	-3.205	1.310	0.113	1.145	113
V	-2.247	8.278	0.625	1.145	113
243 U	none				

	V	none				
244	U	1.536	0.987	0.296	0.993	85
	V	1.914	3.231	0.471	1.797	85
245	U	1.546	1.006	0.298	1.003	49
	V	1.575	5.215	0.687	2.284	49
246	U	none				
	V	none				
247	U	6.185	1.376	0.035	1.173	121
	V	9.310	4.477	0.049	2.116	121
248	U	6.687	24.754	0.357	4.975	242
	V	8.504	24.988	0.257	4.999	242
249	U	none				
	V	none				
250	U	none				
	V	none				
251	U	5.354	34.252	0.547	5.852	121
	V	5.314	64.207	0.699	8.013	121
252	U	-10.485	18.268	0.143	4.274	49
	V	0.421	33.841	1.015	5.817	49

Table 11: FNOC wind statistics - 1-day vector average plus direction bins  
(wind blowing toward a given direction)

DAY	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
224	4.595	4.359	2.088	24.043	4.903	378	0.29	0.25	0.00	0.46
225	5.323	4.898	2.213	31.225	5.588	340	0.31	0.17	0.08	0.44
226	5.619	5.360	2.315	32.011	5.658	463	0.17	0.23	0.17	0.43
227	5.583	14.152	3.762	44.320	6.657	499	0.15	0.39	0.11	0.35
228	5.393	14.605	3.822	38.754	6.225	453	0.16	0.55	0.04	0.26
229	5.421	8.026	2.833	31.756	5.635	631	0.47	0.26	0.03	0.24
230	5.553	6.569	2.563	28.510	5.339	695	0.53	0.19	0.01	0.27
231	5.659	4.378	2.092	13.121	3.622	134	0.26	0.72	0.01	0.00
232	5.178	5.241	2.289	27.210	5.216	466	0.25	0.45	0.06	0.24
233	5.003	5.447	2.334	28.808	5.367	636	0.23	0.39	0.14	0.24
234	4.458	5.006	2.237	24.381	4.938	623	0.23	0.26	0.14	0.37
235	5.077	6.956	2.637	30.875	5.557	662	0.32	0.32	0.09	0.27
236	5.018	11.093	3.331	30.041	5.481	693	0.37	0.42	0.04	0.18
237	3.024	4.227	2.056	12.807	3.579	206	0.26	0.44	0.02	0.28
238	5.627	5.921	2.433	24.640	4.964	545	0.50	0.13	0.02	0.35
239	5.916	7.566	2.751	27.940	5.286	372	0.50	0.08	0.01	0.41
240	4.710	6.256	2.501	22.045	4.695	412	0.30	0.03	0.08	0.59
241	4.512	5.232	2.287	19.379	4.402	453	0.23	0.04	0.17	0.56
242	4.144	2.946	1.716	16.149	4.019	260	0.23	0.09	0.18	0.51
243	3.943	1.997	1.413	14.163	3.763	98	0.31	0.14	0.01	0.54
244	6.038	28.676	5.355	58.834	7.670	340	0.34	0.21	0.02	0.42
245	4.080	5.313	2.305	20.179	4.492	255	0.23	0.29	0.03	0.45
246	5.754	19.715	4.440	51.109	7.149	378	0.28	0.17	0.12	0.43
247	7.007	19.227	4.385	57.280	7.568	612	0.46	0.17	0.09	0.28
248	7.180	20.204	4.495	52.124	7.220	920	0.48	0.26	0.05	0.21
249	5.583	8.102	2.846	35.419	5.951	423	0.27	0.17	0.05	0.50
250	5.230	4.344	2.084	28.622	5.350	257	0.20	0.23	0.03	0.54
251	7.382	23.454	4.843	73.400	8.567	404	0.35	0.19	0.22	0.24
252	7.403	22.970	4.793	77.100	8.781	317	0.30	0.20	0.13	0.38

Table 12: FNOC wind statistics - 3-day average plus direction bins  
(wind blowing toward a given direction)

DAYS	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
224-226	5.184	4.989	2.234	29.464	5.428	962	0.27	0.21	0.08	0.44
227-229	5.355	9.885	3.144	37.231	6.102	1279	0.31	0.35	0.06	0.28
230-232	5.402	6.072	2.464	28.868	5.373	1161	0.42	0.29	0.03	0.26
233-235	4.923	5.981	2.446	29.025	5.387	1455	0.28	0.34	0.11	0.28
236-238	5.286	8.907	2.985	30.038	5.481	1238	0.42	0.29	0.03	0.25
239-241	5.145	6.766	2.601	26.412	5.139	825	0.35	0.06	0.10	0.49
242-244	5.218	18.385	4.288	41.112	6.412	600	0.29	0.16	0.09	0.46
245-247	6.146	16.910	4.112	48.754	6.982	867	0.39	0.21	0.07	0.33
248-250	6.754	17.383	4.169	51.313	7.163	1177	0.42	0.25	0.04	0.29
250-252	7.047	19.952	4.467	68.832	8.297	844	0.26	0.23	0.15	0.36

Table 13: Boxed mean differences - 18 Aug 1978 (Day 224)

Mean Atlas SASS winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total  
for data from revs 744, 750, 751, 758

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
60	70	40	50	2.33	6.39	5.59	0.90	16
50	60	40	50	2.35	6.97	4.21	4.78	51
40	50	40	50	3.05	7.59	1.51	9.80	73
70	80	30	40	5.23	3.47	1.22	4.88	21
60	70	30	40	2.82	8.53	5.73	8.33	89
50	60	30	40	1.40	6.21	1.28	6.53	94
40	50	30	40	-0.67	10.75	0.59	6.68	81
70	80	20	30	-4.44	23.36	1.00	5.68	49
60	70	20	30	-4.54	11.62	2.34	4.30	116
50	60	20	30	-1.37	16.07	-0.54	4.41	22
40	50	20	30	-3.93	18.90	-0.65	2.96	64
40	80	20	50	-0.31	20.89	2.05	9.72	676

Mean FNOC winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total for 12Z 18 Aug

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
70	80	40	50	3.42	10.72	-2.86	23.50	121
60	70	40	50	5.42	4.12	0.26	29.43	121
50	60	40	50	4.64	6.35	7.04	2.61	121
40	50	40	50	5.37	7.55	1.18	14.05	121
70	80	30	40	1.64	4.99	0.03	4.73	121
60	70	30	40	2.19	0.20	4.79	4.00	121
50	60	30	40	1.44	0.66	2.84	2.03	121
40	50	30	40	0.75	1.73	1.64	0.42	121
70	80	20	30	-2.45	14.97	1.51	2.85	121
60	70	20	30	-2.75	10.71	2.14	3.24	121
50	60	20	30	-3.20	10.27	0.28	1.49	121
40	50	20	30	-3.86	10.68	-0.01	1.53	121
40	80	20	50	0.98	18.54	1.47	13.39	1271

Difference of boxed component means:

Atlas-FNOC: U component/V component

	*80*	*70*	*60*	*50*	*40*
*50*					
	N/A	-3.09/5.34	-2.29/-2.83	-2.31/0.33	
*40*	3.59/1.19	0.63/0.93	-0.04/-1.55	-1.42/-1.05	
*30*	-1.99/-0.51	-1.79/0.19	1.83/-0.82	-0.07/-0.64	
*20*					

Table 14: Boxed mean differences - 24 Aug 1978 (Day 230)

Mean Atlas SASS winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total  
for data from revs 830, 836, 837, 844

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
60	70	40	50	3.59	42.43	-3.04	5.36	6
50	60	40	50	9.07	12.41	-3.22	17.50	35
40	50	40	50	0.67	36.64	5.83	15.71	101
60	70	30	40	0.54	10.35	-1.17	4.35	67
50	60	30	40	4.86	6.19	2.45	10.90	65
40	50	30	40	6.35	3.96	0.45	4.52	110
70	80	20	30	-3.72	0.00	5.16	0.00	1
60	70	20	30	-0.41	7.23	3.62	5.11	104
50	60	20	30	-2.42	13.53	0.75	4.45	95
40	50	20	30	-2.70	21.67	-1.71	3.90	33
40	80	20	50	1.76	26.67	1.61	14.69	615

Mean FNOC winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total for 12Z 24 Aug

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
70	80	40	50	-2.96	25.33	0.26	10.47	121
60	70	40	50	0.82	28.59	-3.60	36.39	121
50	60	40	50	7.76	7.66	-4.07	23.69	121
40	50	40	50	1.90	32.37	6.07	11.97	121
70	80	30	40	0.14	9.01	-1.18	3.23	121
60	70	30	40	0.42	4.47	-1.29	3.23	121
50	60	30	40	3.53	10.22	1.14	2.80	121
40	50	30	40	6.19	5.02	1.92	0.47	121
70	80	20	30	-2.99	1.75	0.39	2.95	121
60	70	20	30	-0.67	2.43	0.64	0.72	121
50	60	20	30	-1.68	4.27	1.11	2.14	121
40	50	20	30	-3.02	7.91	1.01	0.74	121
40	80	20	50	0.64	23.57	0.27	15.15	1271

Difference of boxed component means:

Atlas-FNOC: U component/V component

	*80*	*70*	*60*	*50*	*40*
*50*					
*40*	N/A	2.77/0.56	1.31/0.85	-1.23/-0.24	
*30*	N/A	0.12/0.12	1.33/1.31	0.16/-1.48	
*20*	-0.73/4.77	0.26/2.99	-0.75/-0.36	0.33/-2.72	

Table 15: Boxed mean differences - 5 Sep 1978 (Day 248)

Mean Atlas SASS winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total  
for data from revs 1002, 1003, 1008, 1009, 1016

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
60	70	40	50	6.40	3.21	0.34	1.85	11
40	50	40	50	8.66	39.68	10.48	26.85	104
70	80	30	40	-1.81	2.37	-4.75	6.49	17
60	70	30	40	4.66	4.43	-0.42	13.64	54
50	60	30	40	3.92	7.16	6.31	7.30	34
40	50	30	40	4.50	4.55	7.07	8.25	100
70	80	20	30	-4.37	4.28	4.64	0.44	8
60	70	20	30	-2.03	10.86	2.49	3.16	103
50	60	20	30	-5.59	8.93	-0.53	13.91	128
40	50	20	30	-8.41	14.95	3.66	6.41	53
40	80	20	50	0.59	46.23	3.80	29.29	611

Mean FNOC winds - 10 deg lat/10 deg lon boxes and total for 12Z 5 Sep

LON1	LON2	LAT1	LAT2	UMEAN	UVAR	VMEAN	VVAR	N
70	80	40	50	1.42	19.44	-2.58	25.93	121
60	70	40	50	4.84	14.65	-2.11	16.94	121
50	60	40	50	4.62	24.93	-2.10	21.69	121
40	50	40	50	7.19	47.83	7.70	44.39	121
70	80	30	40	-1.06	6.70	-0.97	6.11	121
60	70	30	40	3.28	3.00	-0.10	5.53	121
50	60	30	40	6.58	6.00	3.65	8.63	121
40	50	30	40	5.60	15.97	8.51	4.66	121
70	80	20	30	-1.58	0.42	1.23	0.90	121
60	70	20	30	-1.94	3.15	2.70	0.73	121
50	60	20	30	-2.42	7.10	1.58	4.11	121
40	50	20	30	-5.49	10.55	1.91	4.92	121
40	80	20	50	1.63	29.98	1.65	23.98	1271

Difference of boxed component means:

Atlas-FNOC: U component/V component

	*80*	*70*	*60*	*50*	*40*
*50*					
	N/A	1.56/2.45	N/A	1.47/2.78	
*40*					
	-0.76/-3.78	1.37/-0.33	-2.66/2.66	-1.10/-1.44	
*30*					
	-2.79/3.40	-0.09/-0.21	-3.17/-2.11	-2.92/1.74	
*20*					

Table 16: Atlas-FNOC difference field component statistics - area averages  
(including mean squared difference)

REV	TIME	MEAN	VAR	WGTVAR	SDEV	DEVMN	MSD	WGTMSD	N
658 U1	224 00 U1	1.553	6.411	0.737	2.532	0.131	8.693	0.432	49
658 V1	224 00 V1	0.039	6.407	1.021	2.531	0.131	6.277	0.567	49
658 U2	224 00 U2	-0.697	1.610	0.785	1.269	0.045	2.051	0.088	36
658 V2	224 00 V2	0.609	1.011	0.747	1.005	0.028	1.354	0.999	36
664 U1	224 12 U1	0.187	1.971	1.010	1.404	0.055	1.951	0.036	36
664 V1	224 12 V1	1.659	5.658	0.686	2.379	0.157	8.253	1.109	36
664 U2	224 12 U2	-1.267	2.422	0.607	1.556	0.038	3.989	0.223	64
664 V2	224 12 V2	-0.271	0.722	0.920	0.850	0.011	0.784	0.859	64
664 U3	224 12 U3	2.096	5.754	0.576	2.399	0.160	9.986	0.220	36
664 V3	224 12 V3	3.744	14.367	0.513	3.790	0.399	27.984	0.610	36
665 U1	224 12B U1	-0.141	2.540	1.020	1.594	0.071	2.489	0.645	36
665 V1	224 12B V1	4.239	4.657	0.207	2.158	0.129	22.498	0.442	36
672 U1	225 00 U1	-2.292	4.131	0.446	2.032	0.115	9.269	0.225	36
672 V1	225 00 V1	1.862	3.175	0.484	1.782	0.088	6.553	0.831	36
672 U2	225 00 U2	2.593	1.294	0.162	1.138	0.026	7.993	0.370	49
672 V2	225 00 V2	1.827	1.548	0.319	1.244	0.032	4.853	0.171	49
672 U3	225 00 U3	-1.224	2.807	0.664	1.676	0.078	4.227	0.156	36
672 V3	225 00 V3	0.056	2.468	1.027	1.571	0.069	2.403	1.141	36
678 U1	225 12 U1	-2.908	2.107	0.200	1.452	0.043	10.520	2.017	49
678 V1	225 12 V1	-0.514	4.466	0.963	2.113	0.091	4.639	0.599	49
679 U1	225 12B U1	-0.304	0.984	0.938	0.992	0.027	1.049	0.020	36
679 V1	225 12B V1	1.368	3.528	0.666	1.878	0.098	5.300	3.586	36
679 U2	225 12B U2	0.205	4.244	1.018	2.060	0.118	4.168	0.180	36
679 V2	225 12B V2	-0.366	2.400	0.973	1.549	0.067	2.467	0.110	36
686 U1	226 00 U1	-1.848	2.054	0.379	1.433	0.042	5.426	0.400	49
686 V1	226 00 V1	0.512	9.929	0.994	3.151	0.203	9.988	1.110	49
686 U2	226 00 U2	-1.547	0.632	0.210	0.795	0.013	3.012	0.042	49
686 V2	226 00 V2	0.793	1.671	0.737	1.293	0.034	2.267	0.536	49
692 U1	226 12 U1	-2.040	5.718	0.588	2.391	0.159	9.722	0.696	36
692 V1	226 12 V1	-3.944	1.533	0.090	1.238	0.043	17.044	0.851	36
693 U1	226 12B U1	-0.193	2.576	1.006	1.605	0.053	2.561	0.039	49
693 V1	226 12B V1	0.784	6.492	0.931	2.548	0.132	6.974	0.834	49
693 U2	226 12B U2	-1.118	2.566	0.685	1.602	0.071	3.745	0.897	36
693 V2	226 12B V2	0.299	3.669	1.003	1.916	0.102	3.657	0.419	36







823 U1	235 12B U1	1.565	10.565	0.831	3.250	0.293	12.719	0.908	36
V1	V1	-1.586	5.814	0.712	2.411	0.161	8.167	0.391	36
830 U1	236 00 U1	0.56	4.37	0.94	2.09	0.04	4.64	0.13	121
V1	V1	0.58	14.78	0.99	3.84	0.12	14.99	0.66	121
U2	U2	-0.10	2.19	1.01	1.48	0.03	2.17	0.07	81
V2	V2	1.74	2.72	0.48	1.65	0.03	5.71	0.34	81
U3	U3	1.16	1.06	0.44	1.03	0.02	2.40	0.56	64
V3	V3	1.47	0.76	0.26	0.87	0.01	2.92	0.24	64
836 U1	236 12 U1	0.83	3.69	0.86	1.92	0.10	4.28	0.11	36
V1	V1	-1.01	3.37	0.78	1.83	0.09	4.30	1.21	36
U2	U2	-1.03	18.98	0.95	4.36	0.16	19.89	0.43	121
V2	V2	-0.21	14.52	1.01	3.81	0.12	14.44	0.30	121
837 U1	236 12B U1	-1.33	1.62	0.48	1.27	0.03	3.35	0.93	64
V1	V1	1.65	6.51	0.71	2.55	0.10	9.12	0.98	64
844 U1	237 00 U1	-0.77	1.31	0.70	1.15	0.04	1.87	0.07	36
V1	V1	-2.69	5.23	0.42	2.29	0.15	12.33	3.82	36
U2	U2	-0.87	5.91	0.90	2.43	0.12	6.55	0.31	49
V2	V2	-1.06	8.73	0.90	2.96	0.18	9.68	1.68	49
845 U1	237 00B U1	2.54	4.03	0.39	2.01	0.03	10.43	0.98	121
V1	V1	-3.27	3.23	0.23	1.80	0.03	13.90	1.24	121
865 U1	238 12 U1	-1.29	1.45	0.47	1.20	0.02	3.10	0.10	64
V1	V1	0.75	0.99	0.64	0.99	0.02	1.53	0.11	64
U2	U2	1.85	3.69	0.52	1.92	0.06	7.06	0.33	64
V2	V2	-1.12	4.49	0.79	2.12	0.07	5.68	0.31	64
U3	U3	-0.39	12.11	1.00	3.48	0.15	12.12	0.24	81
V3	V3	0.42	12.51	1.00	3.54	0.15	12.53	0.36	81
U4	U4	0.78	12.52	0.98	3.54	0.35	12.78	0.36	36
V4	V4	-2.32	37.76	0.90	6.14	1.05	42.11	0.94	36
866 U1	238 12B U1	1.12	7.09	0.87	2.66	0.14	8.19	0.57	49
V1	V1	-1.26	7.17	0.83	2.68	0.15	8.62	0.83	49
873 U1	239 00 U1	2.10	11.64	0.73	3.41	0.14	15.89	0.44	81
V1	V1	-0.09	2.06	1.01	1.44	0.03	2.04	0.05	81
U2	U2	1.51	7.97	0.79	2.82	0.16	10.09	0.19	49
V2	V2	-0.03	7.48	1.02	2.73	0.15	7.32	0.22	49
U3	U3	0.27	2.56	0.98	1.60	0.02	2.61	0.17	121
V3	V3	0.69	2.49	0.84	1.58	0.02	2.95	0.16	121
887 U1	240 00 U1	0.10	5.01	1.03	2.24	0.14	4.88	0.35	36
V1	V1	-1.28	1.75	0.52	1.32	0.05	3.33	0.17	36
U2	U2	1.04	2.73	0.73	1.65	0.06	3.76	0.22	49
V2	V2	-0.17	3.13	1.01	1.77	0.06	3.10	0.51	49



987 U1	247 00	U1	-2.150	5.616	0.551	2.370	0.046	10.191	0.285	121
V1		V1	-0.424	15.454	0.997	3.931	0.128	15.506	1.288	121
988 U1	247 00B	U1	4.491	92.398	0.840	9.612	2.567	110.004	1.680	36
V1		V1	3.321	68.394	0.882	8.270	1.900	77.524	0.546	36
U2		U2	-0.998	2.169	0.690	1.473	0.022	3.143	0.177	100
V2		V2	0.478	1.527	0.877	1.236	0.015	1.740	0.112	100
988 U1	247 00B	U1	4.491	92.398	0.840	9.612	2.567	110.004	1.680	36
V1		V1	3.321	68.394	0.882	8.270	1.900	77.524	0.546	36
U2		U2	-0.998	2.169	0.690	1.473	0.022	3.143	0.177	100
V2		V2	0.478	1.527	0.877	1.236	0.015	1.740	0.112	100
988 U1	247 00B	U1	4.491	92.398	0.840	9.612	2.567	110.004	1.680	36
V1		V1	3.321	68.394	0.882	8.270	1.900	77.524	0.546	36
U2		U2	-0.998	2.169	0.690	1.473	0.022	3.143	0.177	100
V2		V2	0.478	1.527	0.877	1.236	0.015	1.740	0.112	100
1002 U1	248 00	U1	-2.16	2.28	0.33	1.51	0.02	6.91	0.37	121
V1		V1	0.36	2.61	0.96	1.62	0.02	2.72	0.03	121
U2		U2	-1.22	1.73	0.54	1.32	0.04	3.20	0.09	49
V2		V2	-0.60	1.28	0.79	1.13	0.03	1.62	0.04	49
U3		U3	-1.34	2.61	0.60	1.62	0.02	4.39	0.25	121
V3		V3	-0.31	1.55	0.95	1.25	0.01	1.63	0.37	121
1003 U1	248 00B	U1	-2.94	3.68	0.30	1.92	0.06	12.28	3.18	64
V1		V1	-3.96	12.16	0.44	3.49	0.19	27.63	1.00	64
1008 U1	248 12	U1	-2.18	5.14	0.53	2.27	0.14	9.74	0.55	36
V1		V1	-1.73	3.00	0.51	1.73	0.08	5.92	0.13	36
U2		U2	-0.65	76.63	1.00	8.75	0.63	76.42	0.69	121
V2		V2	4.62	65.40	0.76	8.09	0.54	86.19	0.48	121
1009 U1	248 12R	U1	0.14	4.36	1.00	2.09	0.04	4.34	0.32	121
V1		V1	-0.02	2.48	1.01	1.57	0.02	2.46	0.27	121
U2		U2	1.48	3.04	0.58	1.74	0.03	5.20	0.20	121
V2		V2	-0.85	1.53	0.68	1.24	0.01	2.24	0.35	121
1016 U1	249 00	U1	-1.16	2.42	0.65	1.55	0.05	3.71	0.15	49
V1		V1	0.17	2.48	1.01	1.57	0.05	2.45	0.06	49



Table 17: Atlas-FNOC difference field component statistics - 1-day averages

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	0.126	5.692	1.000	2.386	378
V	1.355	6.333	0.777	2.516	378
225 U	-0.917	5.039	0.859	2.245	340
V	0.686	4.447	0.907	2.109	340
226 U	-0.357	4.217	0.973	2.054	463
V	0.000	6.518	1.002	2.553	463
227 U	0.598	5.827	0.944	2.414	499
V	-0.266	5.887	0.990	2.426	499
228 U	0.695	7.846	0.944	2.801	453
V	-0.913	8.177	0.909	2.860	453
229 U	-0.730	9.868	0.950	3.141	631
V	-1.307	7.141	0.808	2.672	631
230 U	-0.412	11.391	0.987	3.375	695
V	-1.480	5.720	0.724	2.392	695
231 U	-0.233	6.686	0.999	2.586	134
V	-0.766	2.903	0.837	1.704	134
232 U	-0.618	6.341	0.945	2.518	466
V	-0.644	10.690	0.965	3.270	466
233 U	0.065	10.250	1.001	3.201	636
V	-1.410	12.745	0.866	3.570	636
234 U	0.498	6.919	0.967	2.630	623
V	-1.116	10.804	0.898	3.287	623
235 U	0.234	5.698	0.992	2.387	662
V	0.198	9.399	0.997	3.066	662
236 U	0.275	7.607	0.992	2.758	693
V	-0.283	10.829	0.994	3.291	693
237 U	1.148	6.725	0.840	2.593	206
V	-2.644	5.662	0.449	2.380	206
238 U	0.666	7.995	0.949	2.827	545
V	-0.111	7.885	1.000	2.808	545
239 U	0.743	6.408	0.923	2.531	372
V	0.158	3.277	0.995	1.810	372
240 U	-0.564	3.733	0.924	1.932	412
V	0.486	5.241	0.959	2.289	412
241 U	-0.463	12.716	0.986	3.566	453
V	-0.321	9.003	0.991	3.000	453
242 U	-0.301	19.147	0.999	4.376	260
V	-2.572	8.591	0.566	2.931	260

243 U	-1.033	2.197	0.678	1.482	98
V	-3.132	7.982	0.451	2.825	98
244 U	-0.054	31.594	1.003	5.621	340
V	-1.111	24.144	0.954	4.914	340
245 U	-1.728	4.227	0.587	2.056	255
V	-2.237	5.790	0.537	2.406	255
246 U	-1.044	14.779	0.934	3.844	378
V	-0.441	15.709	0.990	3.963	378
247 U	-1.421	10.770	0.843	3.282	612
V	-0.263	11.738	0.996	3.426	612
248 U	-0.839	15.860	0.958	3.982	920
V	0.230	16.622	0.998	4.077	920
249 U	-0.036	9.672	1.002	3.110	423
V	-0.505	7.143	0.968	2.673	423
250 U	0.484	7.264	0.972	2.695	257
V	-1.211	3.925	0.730	1.981	257
251 U	1.031	26.992	0.964	5.195	404
V	0.959	26.897	0.969	5.186	404
252 U	-0.429	16.367	0.992	4.046	317
V	1.318	15.125	0.899	3.889	317

Table 18: Atlas-FNOC difference field component statistics - 1-day/10° latitude averages

20° - 30° N

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-0.834	2.525	0.788	1.589	172
V	0.385	2.672	0.953	1.635	172
225 U	-0.786	2.504	0.806	1.582	157
V	0.490	2.817	0.927	1.678	157
226 U	-0.597	3.039	0.898	1.743	234
V	0.042	4.983	1.004	2.232	234
227 U	-0.150	5.024	0.999	2.241	257
V	-0.549	4.780	0.944	2.186	257
228 U	0.312	8.660	0.993	2.943	255
V	-1.336	7.479	0.810	2.735	255
229 U	-1.142	4.845	0.790	2.201	255
V	-0.435	5.341	0.969	2.311	255
230 U	-0.041	6.681	1.003	2.585	291
V	-0.167	3.525	0.996	1.878	291
231 U	none				
V	none				
232 U	-1.392	1.507	0.439	1.227	134
V	-0.466	2.299	0.920	1.516	134
233 U	-0.066	3.592	1.004	1.895	183
V	-0.156	4.212	1.000	2.052	183
234 U	0.262	4.423	0.988	2.103	268
V	0.699	3.986	0.894	1.997	268
235 U	0.002	6.887	1.004	2.624	234
V	0.914	4.452	0.845	2.110	234
236 U	0.852	5.839	0.892	2.416	298
V	-0.832	9.161	0.933	3.027	298
237 U	1.555	6.933	0.745	2.633	170
V	-2.634	5.784	0.456	2.405	170
238 U	0.017	3.931	1.004	1.983	234
V	0.298	3.675	0.980	1.917	234
239 U	0.141	3.034	0.998	1.742	206
V	0.551	2.529	0.897	1.590	206
240 U	-0.601	3.785	0.915	1.945	327
V	0.816	5.679	0.898	2.383	327
241 U	-1.202	4.650	0.765	2.156	291

V	0.787	6.242	0.913	2.498	291
242 U	-2.386	3.179	0.360	1.783	98
V	-0.642	3.082	0.890	1.755	98
243 U	-1.576	0.371	0.130	0.609	49
V	-1.124	2.734	0.694	1.654	49
244 U	0.065	12.965	1.007	3.601	134
V	-0.846	22.692	0.976	4.764	134
245 U	-0.649	3.739	0.905	1.934	134
V	-2.851	7.633	0.486	2.763	134
246 U	-1.603	3.584	0.584	1.893	306
V	-0.528	8.471	0.971	2.910	306
247 U	-1.526	3.757	0.618	1.938	342
V	-0.120	6.578	1.001	2.565	342
248 U	-0.635	8.079	0.955	2.842	359
V	0.138	5.891	1.000	2.427	359
249 U	-0.018	11.852	1.003	3.443	310
V	-0.662	8.654	0.955	2.942	310
250 U	0.400	8.597	0.987	2.932	193
V	-1.527	3.852	0.625	1.963	193
251 U	2.938	23.631	0.735	4.861	185
V	2.239	14.432	0.745	3.799	185
252 U	0.223	3.268	0.993	1.808	121
V	0.511	5.737	0.964	2.395	121

30° - 40° N

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	1.609	4.891	0.656	2.212	170
V	2.228	8.987	0.647	2.998	170
225 U	-0.539	6.977	0.965	2.641	183
V	0.416	5.559	0.975	2.358	183
226 U	0.248	4.449	0.991	2.109	193
V	0.552	5.533	0.953	2.352	193
227 U	1.745	4.304	0.587	2.075	193
V	-0.150	4.316	1.000	2.077	193
228 U	1.921	6.582	0.643	2.565	198
V	-1.601	7.590	0.750	2.755	198
229 U	0.551	7.064	0.963	2.658	219
V	-2.257	6.544	0.564	2.558	219
230 U	0.683	9.006	0.955	3.001	219
V	-1.962	6.050	0.613	2.460	219
231 U	-0.550	2.757	0.911	1.660	85

V	-0.289	2.587	0.980	1.608	85
232 U	-0.468	7.248	0.974	2.692	268
V	-0.128	7.583	1.002	2.754	268
233 U	0.482	12.026	0.984	3.468	353
V	-1.380	11.087	0.855	3.330	353
234 U	0.701	9.741	0.955	3.121	270
V	-2.347	11.678	0.681	3.417	270
235 U	0.410	5.757	0.975	2.399	294
V	-0.092	6.947	1.002	2.636	294
236 U	0.638	5.152	0.929	2.270	338
V	-0.837	9.171	0.932	3.028	338
237 U	1.777	5.343	0.631	2.311	157
V	-3.138	3.721	0.275	1.929	157
238 U	0.873	9.268	0.927	3.044	279
V	-0.663	12.782	0.970	3.575	279
239 U	0.915	7.131	0.904	2.670	85
V	-0.557	5.386	0.956	2.321	85
240 U	-0.422	3.550	0.963	1.884	85
V	-0.783	1.549	0.723	1.245	85
241 U	-2.281	5.502	0.517	2.346	98
V	-0.651	1.235	0.750	1.111	98
242 U	-2.123	6.622	0.599	2.573	98
V	-3.011	7.764	0.463	2.786	98
243 U	-0.490	3.466	0.953	1.862	49
V	-5.141	5.162	0.164	2.272	49
244 U	1.097	66.644	0.990	8.164	121
V	-0.418	37.485	1.004	6.123	121
245 U	-2.385	1.197	0.174	1.094	72
V	-2.035	3.735	0.477	1.933	72
246 U	1.333	56.002	0.982	7.483	72
V	-0.072	46.855	1.014	6.845	72
247 U	-0.582	32.787	0.996	5.726	149
V	-1.095	30.133	0.968	5.489	149
248 U	-0.209	7.590	0.997	2.755	355
V	-1.072	6.211	0.846	2.492	355
249 U	0.810	6.214	0.910	2.493	149
V	0.343	3.039	0.969	1.743	149
250 U	0.734	3.231	0.869	1.797	64
V	-0.260	2.985	0.993	1.728	64
251 U	0.790	18.939	0.978	4.352	98
V	-1.442	19.662	0.913	4.434	98
252 U	-0.277	26.826	1.004	5.179	147
V	1.135	22.043	0.951	4.695	147

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEAN</u> (m/s)	<u>VAR</u> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )	<u>WVAR</u>	<u>SDEV</u> (m/s)	<u>N</u>
224 U	-2.292	4.131	0.446	2.032	36
V	1.862	3.175	0.484	1.782	36
225 U	none				
V	none				
226 U	-2.040	5.718	0.588	2.391	36
V	-3.944	1.533	0.090	1.238	36
227 U	0.002	7.798	1.021	2.792	49
V	0.769	16.747	0.985	4.092	49
228 U	0.002	7.798	1.021	2.792	49
V	0.769	16.747	0.985	4.092	49
229 U	-1.850	18.249	0.847	4.272	157
V	-1.400	8.480	0.816	2.912	157
230 U	-1.555	16.196	0.873	4.024	234
V	-2.224	5.273	0.517	2.296	234
231 U	0.318	13.213	1.013	3.635	49
V	-1.594	2.414	0.492	1.554	49
232 U	-1.015	17.260	0.953	4.155	100
V	-0.933	32.106	0.983	5.666	100
233 U	-1.380	15.074	0.892	3.883	172
V	-1.881	23.696	0.874	4.868	172
234 U	0.457	5.881	0.973	2.425	121
V	-2.492	9.209	0.600	3.035	121
235 U	0.964	5.375	0.856	2.318	234
V	-0.181	15.493	1.002	3.936	234
236 U	-0.235	12.262	1.000	3.502	242
V	0.184	14.743	1.002	3.840	242
237 U	none				
V	none				
238 U	0.851	13.359	0.954	3.655	162
V	0.163	7.306	1.003	2.703	162
239 U	2.096	11.638	0.733	3.411	81
V	-0.092	2.060	1.008	1.435	81
240 U	none				
V	none				
241 U	1.589	32.619	0.936	5.711	113
V	-3.132	8.524	0.467	2.920	113
242 U	1.589	32.619	0.936	5.711	113
V	-3.132	8.524	0.467	2.920	113
243 U	none				

	V	none				
244	U	-1.880	6.471	0.652	2.544	85
	V	-2.517	5.160	0.451	2.272	85
245	U	-3.716	2.304	0.143	1.518	49
	V	-0.855	0.900	0.558	0.949	49
246	U	none				
	V	none				
247	U	-2.156	2.277	0.330	1.509	121
	V	0.356	2.613	0.961	1.616	121
248	U	-1.404	39.855	0.957	6.313	242
	V	2.487	38.426	0.864	6.199	242
249	U	none				
	V	none				
250	U	none				
	V	none				
251	U	-1.689	25.996	0.908	5.099	121
	V	0.946	45.078	0.989	6.714	121
252	U	-2.499	12.473	0.676	3.532	49
	V	3.865	9.818	0.400	3.133	49

Table 19: Atlas-FNOC difference field vector statistics - area averages

REV	TIME	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N
658	1	224 00	3.174	4.997	2.235	12.818	49
	2		1.605	0.852	0.923	2.621	36
664	1	224 12	2.383	4.653	2.157	7.629	36
	2		1.875	1.279	1.131	3.144	64
	3		5.016	13.171	3.629	20.121	36
665	1	224 12B	4.488	4.983	2.232	7.197	36
672	1	225 00	3.773	1.630	1.277	7.305	36
	2		3.375	1.484	1.218	2.842	49
	3		2.236	1.679	1.296	5.276	36
678	1	225 12	3.562	2.524	1.589	6.573	49
679	1	225 12B	2.149	1.781	1.335	4.512	36
	2		2.277	1.491	1.221	6.644	36
686	1	226 00	3.605	2.466	1.570	11.983	49
	2		2.185	0.515	0.718	2.304	49
692	1	226 12	5.025	1.564	1.250	7.251	36
693	1	226 12B	2.763	1.939	1.393	9.068	49
	2		2.426	1.560	1.249	6.236	36
	3		3.002	3.417	1.849	5.179	36
700	1	227 00	2.635	2.865	1.693	8.701	100
701	1	227 00B	2.737	1.420	1.192	2.391	36
	2		2.743	1.318	1.148	4.070	36
	3		2.498	0.691	0.831	3.170	36
708	1	227 12	1.511	0.565	0.751	2.900	36
	2		4.297	1.896	1.377	4.195	36
715	1	228 00	4.260	6.628	2.574	24.545	49
	2		2.741	1.226	1.107	5.751	49
	3		2.368	0.998	0.999	5.511	36
	4		3.883	6.015	2.452	20.904	49
716	1	228 00B	3.018	3.563	1.888	5.888	36
721	1	228 12	3.713	4.617	2.149	10.538	64
722	1	228 12B	2.162	1.441	1.200	5.380	36
	2		6.020	4.190	2.047	14.134	49
729	1	229 00	3.125	1.688	1.299	5.847	49
	2		3.701	1.910	1.382	7.780	36
735	1	229 12	2.492	1.150	1.072	5.966	36
736	1	229 12B	2.082	0.748	0.865	2.868	49
	2		3.765	1.702	1.304	2.705	49
	3		2.360	1.512	1.229	5.517	49
744	1	230 00	5.561	8.405	2.899	28.691	121
	2		4.216	7.305	2.703	14.400	121
	3		2.708	5.941	2.437	11.356	121
750	1	230 12	2.489	1.783	1.335	6.965	121
	2		3.630	3.119	1.766	5.756	49
	3		3.943	1.580	1.257	7.814	64
751	1	230 12B	2.456	2.274	1.508	6.511	49
758	1	231 00	3.938	2.490	1.578	15.628	49
772	1	232 00	2.428	1.183	1.088	7.059	49
773	1	232 00B	1.701	0.912	0.955	2.848	36
779	1	232 12	1.568	0.874	0.935	2.360	49
	2		1.928	0.668	0.817	3.566	49
	3		4.159	5.672	2.382	19.459	49
780	1	232 12B	2.938	2.065	1.437	4.608	36
787	1	233 00	5.391	25.609	5.060	44.731	64

	2		5.780	11.463	3.386	23.756	4.874	36
	3		3.128	2.580	1.606	10.144	3.185	49
	4		1.911	1.469	1.212	3.402	1.844	49
793	1	233 12	4.138	1.677	1.295	10.453	3.233	49
	2		6.776	12.188	3.491	18.729	4.328	36
794	1	233 12B	3.212	2.523	1.588	11.122	3.335	36
	2		3.358	4.169	2.042	12.473	3.532	49
801	1	234 00	5.005	18.239	4.271	26.876	5.184	36
	2		3.016	2.304	1.518	9.463	3.076	36
	3		2.063	0.836	0.914	3.740	1.934	49
	4		1.723	0.827	0.909	3.382	1.839	49
802	1	234 00B	6.979	8.896	2.983	48.552	6.968	49
	2		2.973	2.044	1.430	8.663	2.943	49
807	1	234 12	2.984	1.509	1.228	6.488	2.547	36
808	1	234 12B	1.899	1.135	1.065	3.568	1.889	49
	2		1.452	0.814	0.902	2.917	1.708	36
	3		5.562	2.493	1.579	5.595	2.365	36
815	1	235 00	2.503	1.548	1.244	3.954	1.989	36
816	1	235 00B	5.361	8.285	2.878	23.260	4.823	49
	2		3.724	4.487	2.118	14.558	3.816	64
	3		4.266	3.558	1.886	16.994	4.122	49
822	1	235 12	2.445	2.294	1.515	3.993	1.998	49
	2		2.191	1.519	1.233	4.624	2.150	49
	3		3.132	4.407	2.099	8.583	2.930	64
823	1	235 12B	4.402	1.550	1.245	16.379	4.047	36
830	1	236 00	3.379	8.288	2.879	19.147	4.376	121
	2		2.534	1.478	1.216	4.908	2.215	81
	3		2.155	0.682	0.826	1.813	1.346	64
836	1	236 12	2.526	2.261	1.504	7.059	2.657	36
	2		4.883	10.579	3.252	33.499	5.788	121
837	1	236 12B	3.153	2.574	1.604	8.123	2.850	64
844	1	237 00	2.963	5.584	2.363	6.544	2.558	36
	2		3.772	2.047	1.431	14.648	3.827	49
845	1	237 00B	4.715	2.121	1.456	7.265	2.695	121
865	1	238 12	1.971	0.763	0.873	2.437	1.561	64
	2		3.097	3.203	1.790	8.177	2.859	64
	3		4.256	6.620	2.573	24.624	4.962	81
	4		6.667	10.747	3.278	50.281	7.091	36
866	1	238 12B	3.660	3.479	1.865	14.258	3.776	49
873	1	239 00	3.581	5.167	2.273	13.698	3.701	81
	2		3.611	4.469	2.114	15.443	3.930	49
	3		2.177	0.829	0.911	5.052	2.248	121
887	1	240 00	2.618	1.395	1.181	6.756	2.599	36
	2		2.267	1.751	1.323	5.855	2.420	49
888	1	240 00B	2.065	1.282	1.132	2.160	1.470	36
901	1	241 00	3.191	4.043	2.011	6.642	2.577	121
902	1	241 00B	1.852	0.664	0.815	3.323	1.823	49
	2		2.731	2.229	1.493	8.946	2.991	121
916	1	242 00	8.326	8.878	2.980	22.581	4.752	64
	2		4.235	2.632	1.622	5.739	2.396	49
	3		3.832	3.201	1.789	7.735	2.781	49
930	1	243 00	5.589	3.967	1.992	8.628	2.937	49
	2		2.513	0.485	0.697	3.105	1.762	49
951	1	244 12	2.674	3.121	1.767	7.251	2.693	36
	2		4.023	1.101	1.049	4.908	2.215	36
	3		4.959	1.834	1.354	3.253	1.804	36
952	1	244 12B	5.754	23.787	4.877	44.510	6.672	49
	2		13.919	45.227	6.725	217.163	14.736	49

959	1	245	00	3.963	2.018	1.421	3.204	1.790	49
	2			3.074	1.069	1.034	1.489	1.220	36
	3			5.348	6.390	2.528	13.424	3.664	49
973	1	246	00	3.948	3.405	1.845	3.663	1.914	36
	2			3.814	1.456	1.207	2.576	1.605	36
	3			2.550	1.192	1.092	4.329	2.081	49
987	1	247	00	4.685	3.782	1.945	21.070	4.590	121
988	1	247	00B	11.104	66.054	8.127	160.790	12.680	36
	2			2.013	0.838	0.916	3.695	1.922	100
1002	1	248	00	2.766	1.986	1.409	4.890	2.211	121
	2			1.915	1.171	1.082	3.016	1.737	49
	3			2.322	0.632	0.795	4.162	2.040	121
1003	1	248	00B	5.714	7.380	2.717	15.843	3.980	64
1008	1	248	12	3.593	2.826	1.681	8.139	2.853	36
	2			10.416	54.558	7.386	142.025	11.917	121
1009	1	248	12B	2.308	1.492	1.221	6.841	2.616	121
	2			2.468	1.367	1.169	4.570	2.138	121
1016	1	249	00	2.205	1.327	1.152	4.893	2.212	49
	2			4.866	11.635	3.411	28.446	5.334	81
1017	1	249	00B	4.187	3.463	1.861	5.181	2.276	36
1030	1	250	00	2.471	1.139	1.067	4.759	2.182	121
1031	1	250	00B	2.389	1.035	1.017	6.215	2.493	64
	2			4.785	17.628	4.199	24.822	4.982	36
	3			3.862	0.494	0.703	4.853	2.203	36
1051	1	251	12	7.522	17.801	4.219	71.073	8.430	121
1052	1	251	12B	7.679	27.876	5.280	49.299	7.021	100
	2			7.737	14.553	3.815	50.327	7.094	49
1059	1	252	00	2.494	1.518	1.232	3.949	1.987	49
	2			3.455	1.950	1.397	6.227	2.495	49
1060	1	252	00B	2.137	0.808	0.899	3.017	1.737	36
1074	1	253	00	5.944	7.844	2.801	22.291	4.721	49
	2			9.458	25.542	5.054	114.015	10.678	49
	3			4.626	6.251	2.500	26.758	5.173	49
	4			2.256	1.827	1.352	6.833	2.614	36

Table 20: Atlas-FNOC difference field vector statistics - 1-day averages

DAY	REVS	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N
224	658-672	3.024	4.714	2.171	12.024	3.468	378
225	672-686	2.939	2.139	1.462	9.486	3.080	340
226	686-701	2.907	2.391	1.546	10.734	3.276	463
227	700-716	2.980	3.245	1.801	11.714	3.423	499
228	715-729	3.585	4.463	2.113	16.022	4.003	453
229	729-744	3.627	6.077	2.465	17.008	4.124	631
230	744-758	3.677	5.936	2.436	17.109	4.136	695
231	758-773	2.785	2.421	1.556	9.590	3.097	134
232	772-787	3.135	7.978	2.825	17.030	4.127	466
233	787-802	3.913	9.652	3.107	22.993	4.795	636
234	801-816	3.555	6.558	2.561	17.722	4.210	623
235	815-830	3.230	4.742	2.178	15.095	3.885	662
236	830-845	3.604	5.586	2.364	18.435	4.294	693
237	844-845	4.184	3.143	1.773	12.387	3.520	206
238	865-873	3.337	5.178	2.276	15.878	3.925	545
239	873-888	2.715	2.873	1.695	9.685	3.112	372
240	887-902	2.638	2.553	1.598	8.974	2.996	412
241	901-916	3.831	7.329	2.707	21.719	4.660	453
242	916-930	5.097	8.395	2.897	27.736	5.267	260
243	930	4.051	4.593	2.143	10.179	3.190	98
244	951-959	5.737	23.976	4.896	55.739	7.466	340
245	959-973	3.809	3.478	1.865	10.017	3.165	255
246	973-988	4.159	14.428	3.798	30.487	5.522	378
247	987-1003	3.665	11.145	3.338	22.508	4.744	612
248	1002-1017	4.017	17.087	4.134	32.481	5.699	920
249	1016-1031	3.348	5.838	2.416	16.813	4.100	423
250	1030-1031	2.969	4.044	2.011	11.189	3.345	257
251	1051-1060	6.004	19.742	4.443	53.889	7.341	404
252	1059-1074	4.514	12.980	3.603	31.492	5.612	317

Table 21: Atlas-FNOC difference field vector statistics  
1-day/10 deg latitude averages

DAY	LAT	MEAN	VARSPD	SDSPD	VARVEC	SDVEC	N
224	20-30	2.000	2.023	1.422	5.198	2.280	172
	30-40	3.900	6.173	2.485	13.878	3.725	170
	40-50	3.773	1.630	1.277	7.305	2.703	36
225	20-30	2.209	1.272	1.128	5.321	2.307	157
	30-40	3.271	2.246	1.499	12.536	3.541	183
226	20-30	2.547	1.868	1.367	8.021	2.832	234
	30-40	2.950	2.201	1.484	10.416	3.227	193
	40-50	5.025	1.564	1.250	7.251	2.693	36
227	20-30	2.659	3.032	1.741	9.803	3.131	257
	30-40	3.083	2.152	1.467	8.620	2.936	193
	40-50	4.260	6.628	2.574	24.545	4.954	49
228	20-30	3.665	4.541	2.131	16.138	4.017	255
	30-40	3.917	5.035	2.244	14.172	3.765	198
	40-50	4.260	6.628	2.574	24.545	4.954	49
229	20-30	2.808	3.769	1.941	10.186	3.192	255
	30-40	3.700	5.281	2.298	13.609	3.689	219
	40-50	4.858	8.399	2.898	26.729	5.170	157
230	20-30	2.574	3.585	1.894	10.206	3.195	291
	30-40	3.691	5.705	2.388	15.056	3.880	219
	40-50	4.779	5.927	2.435	21.468	4.633	234
231	30-40	2.120	1.187	1.089	5.344	2.312	85
	40-50	3.938	2.490	1.578	15.628	3.953	49
232	20-30	2.062	1.695	1.302	3.806	1.951	134
	30-40	3.134	5.210	2.283	14.831	3.851	268
	40-50	5.531	20.384	4.515	49.366	7.026	100
233	20-30	2.401	2.037	1.427	7.804	2.794	183
	30-40	4.137	8.089	2.844	23.111	4.807	353
	40-50	5.266	16.355	4.044	38.768	6.226	172
234	20-30	2.517	2.608	1.615	8.409	2.900	268
	30-40	4.335	8.582	2.929	21.418	4.628	270
	40-50	3.956	5.781	2.404	15.090	3.885	121
235	20-30	3.057	2.793	1.671	11.339	3.367	234
	30-40	3.143	3.451	1.858	13.262	3.642	294
	40-50	3.726	7.898	2.809	20.867	4.568	234
236	20-30	3.674	2.877	1.696	15.000	3.873	296
	30-40	3.477	3.311	1.820	14.322	3.784	338
	40-50	4.131	9.961	3.156	27.004	5.197	242
237	20-30	4.443	2.271	1.507	12.717	3.566	170
	30-40	4.313	3.430	1.852	9.064	3.011	157
238	20-30	2.431	1.760	1.327	7.605	2.758	234
	30-40	4.083	6.524	2.554	22.049	4.696	279
	40-50	3.918	5.972	2.444	20.665	4.546	162
239	20-30	2.178	1.119	1.058	5.562	2.358	206
	30-40	3.190	3.379	1.838	12.516	3.538	85
	40-50	3.581	5.167	2.273	13.698	3.701	81
240	20-30	2.758	2.863	1.692	9.464	3.076	327
	30-40	2.177	1.105	1.051	5.099	2.258	85
241	20-30	3.107	3.276	1.810	10.892	3.300	291
	30-40	3.043	3.064	1.751	6.737	2.596	98
	40-50	6.552	10.271	3.205	41.141	6.414	113
242	20-30	3.172	2.263	1.504	6.261	2.502	98
	30-40	4.912	3.729	1.931	14.386	3.793	98

	40-50	6.552	10.271	3.205	41.141	6.414	113
243	20-30	2.513	0.485	0.697	3.105	1.762	49
	30-40	5.589	3.967	1.992	8.628	2.937	49
244	20-30	4.778	13.381	3.658	35.656	5.971	134
	30-40	7.748	44.986	6.707	104.129	10.204	121
	40-50	4.384	2.163	1.471	11.631	3.410	85
245	20-30	3.913	4.565	2.137	11.372	3.372	134
	30-40	3.511	2.399	1.549	4.932	2.221	72
	40-50	3.963	2.018	1.421	3.204	1.790	49
246	20-30	3.367	3.535	1.880	12.054	3.472	306
	30-40	7.526	47.225	6.872	102.856	10.142	72
247	20-30	3.068	3.248	1.802	10.335	3.215	342
	30-40	5.767	30.984	5.566	62.918	7.932	149
	40-50	2.766	1.986	1.409	4.890	2.211	121
248	20-30	3.078	4.892	2.212	13.969	3.738	359
	30-40	3.229	4.543	2.131	13.801	3.715	355
	40-50	6.591	42.845	6.546	78.280	8.848	242
249	20-30	3.726	7.014	2.648	20.504	4.528	310
	30-40	2.763	2.347	1.532	9.253	3.042	149
250	20-30	3.162	4.903	2.214	12.450	3.528	193
	30-40	2.389	1.035	1.017	6.215	2.493	64
251	20-30	5.482	21.568	4.644	38.062	6.169	185
	30-40	5.115	14.896	3.859	38.601	6.213	98
	40-50	7.522	17.801	4.219	71.073	8.430	121
252	20-30	2.706	1.935	1.391	9.006	3.001	121
	30-40	5.526	19.497	4.416	48.866	6.990	147
	40-50	5.944	7.844	2.801	22.291	4.721	49

Table 22: Atlas SASS wind stress curl - individual area average

REV/BOX	MEAN	VARIANCE	WVAR	STND DEV	N
658 1	-0.79E-08	0.15E-13	1.04	0.12E-06	25
2	0.72E-07	0.40E-14	0.44	0.63E-07	16
664 1	0.25E-07	0.50E-14	0.94	0.71E-07	16
2	0.22E-07	0.17E-14	0.79	0.41E-07	36
3	0.49E-06	0.96E-13	0.29	0.31E-06	16
665 1	0.55E-10	0.79E-14	1.07	0.89E-07	16
672 1	0.76E-07	0.67E-13	0.98	0.26E-06	16
2	0.77E-07	0.23E-13	0.82	0.15E-06	25
3	0.95E-08	0.27E-15	0.79	0.16E-07	16
678 1	-0.32E-07	0.28E-14	0.75	0.53E-07	25
679 1	0.68E-07	0.56E-14	0.57	0.75E-07	16
2	0.99E-08	0.34E-14	1.03	0.58E-07	16
686 1	-0.48E-07	0.63E-14	0.75	0.79E-07	25
2	0.60E-07	0.51E-14	0.60	0.71E-07	25
692 1	0.24E-07	0.58E-14	0.96	0.76E-07	16
693 1	0.12E-06	0.72E-14	0.34	0.85E-07	25
2	0.48E-07	0.64E-15	0.22	0.25E-07	16
3	0.58E-09	0.56E-13	1.07	0.24E-06	16
700 1	0.32E-07	0.97E-14	0.92	0.99E-07	64
701 1	-0.10E-06	0.21E-14	0.17	0.45E-07	16
2	0.82E-07	0.31E-14	0.32	0.56E-07	16
3	0.23E-06	0.83E-14	0.14	0.91E-07	16
708 1	0.20E-06	0.16E-13	0.28	0.13E-06	16
2	0.48E-07	0.13E-13	0.89	0.11E-06	16
715 1	0.11E-05	0.51E-12	0.31	0.71E-06	25
2	0.88E-07	0.57E-13	0.91	0.24E-06	25
3	0.99E-07	0.57E-14	0.37	0.75E-07	16
4	0.21E-06	0.98E-13	0.71	0.31E-06	25
716 1	0.35E-07	0.14E-14	0.55	0.38E-07	16
721 1	-0.74E-07	0.46E-13	0.92	0.21E-06	36
722 1	0.25E-06	0.11E-13	0.15	0.10E-06	16
2	0.68E-07	0.94E-13	0.99	0.31E-06	25
729 1	0.74E-07	0.49E-14	0.48	0.70E-07	25
2	0.88E-07	0.75E-14	0.51	0.87E-07	16
735 1	-0.46E-06	0.43E-13	0.17	0.21E-06	16
736 1	0.10E-06	0.32E-14	0.23	0.56E-07	25
2	-0.53E-07	0.28E-14	0.52	0.53E-07	25
3	0.87E-07	0.58E-14	0.44	0.76E-07	25
744 1	-0.20E-08	0.33E-13	1.01	0.18E-06	81
2	-0.72E-07	0.52E-14	0.50	0.72E-07	81
3	0.11E-06	0.68E-14	0.36	0.83E-07	81
750 1	0.71E-07	0.21E-13	0.81	0.14E-06	81
2	-0.29E-07	0.26E-14	0.78	0.51E-07	25
3	0.13E-08	0.42E-14	1.03	0.65E-07	36
751 1	0.11E-06	0.22E-13	0.66	0.15E-06	25
758 1	-0.38E-07	0.73E-14	0.86	0.85E-07	25
772 1	-0.12E-06	0.96E-14	0.41	0.98E-07	25
773 1	-0.22E-07	0.87E-15	0.66	0.29E-07	16
779 1	0.37E-07	0.38E-14	0.76	0.61E-07	25
2	0.11E-06	0.80E-14	0.42	0.90E-07	25
3	0.15E-06	0.59E-13	0.73	0.24E-06	25
780 1	0.30E-06	0.22E-13	0.21	0.15E-06	16
787 1	-0.48E-06	0.16E-12	0.41	0.39E-06	36

2	-0.50E-06	0.20E-12	0.46	0.45E-06	16
3	0.15E-06	0.23E-13	0.51	0.15E-06	25
4	0.13E-06	0.72E-14	0.31	0.85E-07	25
793 1	-0.10E-06	0.46E-13	0.84	0.22E-06	25
2	-0.48E-06	0.60E-13	0.21	0.24E-06	16
794 1	0.11E-06	0.41E-14	0.27	0.64E-07	16
2	0.85E-07	0.36E-13	0.86	0.19E-06	25
801 1	-0.16E-06	0.15E-13	0.38	0.12E-06	16
2	-0.40E-06	0.94E-14	0.05	0.97E-07	16
3	0.22E-08	0.32E-14	1.04	0.56E-07	25
4	0.29E-07	0.24E-14	0.76	0.49E-07	25
802 1	-0.37E-06	0.12E-12	0.47	0.35E-06	25
2	0.13E-06	0.57E-14	0.24	0.75E-07	25
807 1	-0.30E-06	0.50E-13	0.37	0.22E-06	16
808 1	0.83E-08	0.29E-14	1.02	0.53E-07	25
2	0.72E-07	0.17E-14	0.26	0.42E-07	16
3	0.22E-06	0.27E-14	0.05	0.52E-07	16
815 1	0.29E-07	0.43E-14	0.88	0.66E-07	16
816 1	0.65E-07	0.90E-13	0.99	0.30E-06	25
2	0.16E-07	0.87E-14	1.00	0.93E-07	36
3	0.91E-07	0.50E-14	0.38	0.71E-07	25
822 1	0.74E-07	0.49E-15	0.08	0.22E-07	25
2	0.66E-07	0.11E-14	0.21	0.34E-07	25
3	0.16E-06	0.19E-12	0.91	0.43E-06	36
823 1	-0.19E-06	0.31E-13	0.48	0.18E-06	16
830 1	-0.16E-06	0.93E-13	0.79	0.30E-06	81
2	0.20E-06	0.45E-13	0.53	0.21E-06	49
3	0.13E-07	0.35E-14	0.98	0.59E-07	36
836 1	-0.20E-08	0.40E-14	1.07	0.63E-07	16
2	-0.17E-06	0.16E-12	0.86	0.40E-06	81
837 1	0.71E-07	0.54E-14	0.52	0.74E-07	36
844 1	0.20E-07	0.45E-14	0.97	0.67E-07	16
2	0.81E-07	0.40E-14	0.38	0.63E-07	25
845 1	0.57E-08	0.30E-14	1.00	0.55E-07	81
865 1	0.59E-07	0.66E-14	0.67	0.81E-07	36
2	-0.21E-09	0.17E-13	1.03	0.13E-06	36
3	-0.35E-06	0.44E-12	0.79	0.66E-06	49
4	-0.11E-06	0.69E-13	0.90	0.26E-06	16
866 1	0.57E-07	0.84E-14	0.75	0.92E-07	25
873 1	-0.24E-06	0.11E-12	0.67	0.33E-06	49
2	-0.18E-06	0.20E-13	0.37	0.14E-06	25
3	0.11E-06	0.14E-13	0.53	0.12E-06	81
887 1	-0.15E-07	0.68E-14	1.03	0.82E-07	16
2	0.74E-07	0.51E-14	0.49	0.72E-07	25
888 1	-0.57E-07	0.20E-14	0.39	0.45E-07	16
901 1	0.49E-07	0.51E-14	0.69	0.71E-07	81
902 1	-0.40E-06	0.99E-13	0.39	0.31E-06	25
2	-0.47E-07	0.80E-14	0.79	0.89E-07	81
916 1	-0.37E-06	0.14E-12	0.50	0.37E-06	36
2	-0.44E-07	0.15E-13	0.92	0.12E-06	25
3	-0.61E-07	0.98E-14	0.74	0.99E-07	25
930 1	-0.49E-07	0.77E-14	0.79	0.88E-07	25
2	0.58E-07	0.39E-14	0.55	0.63E-07	25
951 1	0.13E-06	0.59E-14	0.28	0.77E-07	16
2	0.58E-08	0.50E-15	1.00	0.22E-07	16
3	-0.41E-07	0.24E-14	0.62	0.49E-07	16
952 1	-0.45E-08	0.11E-13	1.04	0.11E-06	25
2	0.28E-06	0.26E-12	0.78	0.51E-06	25

959	1	-0.14E-06	0.46E-14	0.20	0.68E-07	25
	2	0.11E-07	0.29E-15	0.73	0.17E-07	16
	3	0.11E-06	0.60E-14	0.33	0.78E-07	25
973	1	0.66E-07	0.24E-14	0.36	0.49E-07	16
	2	0.26E-07	0.79E-15	0.56	0.28E-07	16
	3	0.13E-06	0.16E-13	0.49	0.13E-06	25
987	1	0.11E-06	0.11E-13	0.48	0.11E-06	81
988	1	0.97E-07	0.41E-11	1.06	0.20E-05	16
	2	0.14E-06	0.72E-14	0.26	0.85E-07	64
1002	1	-0.13E-06	0.76E-14	0.33	0.87E-07	81
	2	0.14E-06	0.13E-13	0.40	0.12E-06	25
	3	0.27E-07	0.46E-14	0.87	0.68E-07	81
1003	1	0.12E-07	0.22E-13	1.02	0.15E-06	36
1008	1	-0.46E-07	0.48E-14	0.73	0.69E-07	16
	2	-0.87E-07	0.46E-11	1.01	0.22E-05	81
1009	1	0.35E-07	0.70E-14	0.86	0.84E-07	81
	2	0.60E-08	0.66E-14	1.01	0.81E-07	81
1016	1	0.10E-06	0.19E-14	0.15	0.44E-07	25
	2	0.17E-06	0.28E-12	0.92	0.53E-06	49
1017	1	-0.11E-07	0.61E-14	1.04	0.78E-07	16
1030	1	0.52E-07	0.75E-14	0.74	0.87E-07	81
1031	1	0.18E-06	0.11E-13	0.27	0.11E-06	36
	2	-0.59E-07	0.13E-13	0.83	0.11E-06	16
	3	-0.12E-06	0.33E-13	0.73	0.18E-06	16
1051	1	0.14E-06	0.13E-11	1.00	0.12E-05	81
1052	1	0.19E-06	0.18E-13	0.35	0.14E-06	64
	2	-0.18E-06	0.13E-12	0.83	0.36E-06	25
1059	1	0.29E-06	0.30E-13	0.27	0.17E-06	25
	2	-0.44E-07	0.80E-14	0.83	0.90E-07	25
1060	1	0.20E-07	0.26E-14	0.92	0.51E-07	16
1074	1	0.51E-06	0.85E-12	0.79	0.92E-06	25
	2	0.23E-06	0.71E-12	0.97	0.84E-06	25
	3	0.45E-06	0.84E-13	0.30	0.29E-06	25
	4	0.72E-07	0.18E-14	0.26	0.42E-07	16

Table 23: FNOC wind stress curl - individual area averages

REV/BOX	MEAN	VARIANCE	WVAR	STND DEV	N
658 1	-0.10E-07	0.82E-14	1.03	0.91E-07	25
2	0.11E-07	0.64E-15	0.88	0.25E-07	16
664 1	0.32E-07	0.45E-14	0.86	0.67E-07	16
2	0.42E-07	0.78E-15	0.31	0.28E-07	36
3	0.83E-07	0.35E-14	0.35	0.59E-07	16
665 1	-0.30E-07	0.53E-15	0.38	0.23E-07	16
672 1	0.21E-06	0.37E-14	0.08	0.61E-07	16
2	-0.31E-08	0.51E-15	1.02	0.23E-07	25
3	0.48E-07	0.61E-16	0.03	0.78E-08	16
678 1	0.36E-07	0.16E-14	0.57	0.40E-07	25
679 1	0.50E-08	0.75E-14	1.06	0.87E-07	16
2	0.12E-06	0.31E-14	0.19	0.56E-07	16
686 1	0.46E-07	0.35E-14	0.64	0.59E-07	25
2	0.37E-07	0.39E-14	0.77	0.63E-07	25
692 1	0.23E-07	0.30E-13	1.05	0.17E-06	16
693 1	0.12E-06	0.13E-13	0.50	0.12E-06	25
2	0.24E-08	0.15E-14	1.06	0.38E-07	16
3	0.54E-07	0.78E-14	0.76	0.88E-07	16
700 1	0.32E-07	0.83E-14	0.90	0.91E-07	64
701 1	-0.70E-08	0.29E-15	0.90	0.17E-07	16
2	0.19E-07	0.27E-15	0.43	0.16E-07	16
3	0.13E-06	0.80E-15	0.04	0.28E-07	16
708 1	0.15E-06	0.36E-14	0.14	0.60E-07	16
2	-0.44E-08	0.27E-16	0.61	0.52E-08	16
715 1	0.66E-06	0.11E-12	0.21	0.34E-06	25
2	0.79E-07	0.11E-13	0.66	0.11E-06	25
3	0.11E-06	0.38E-14	0.24	0.62E-07	16
4	0.11E-06	0.23E-14	0.15	0.48E-07	25
716 1	-0.17E-07	0.28E-16	0.09	0.53E-08	16
721 1	-0.49E-07	0.18E-14	0.44	0.43E-07	36
722 1	0.16E-06	0.11E-14	0.04	0.33E-07	16
2	0.45E-07	0.69E-15	0.26	0.26E-07	25
729 1	0.45E-07	0.69E-15	0.26	0.26E-07	25
2	0.11E-06	0.25E-14	0.18	0.50E-07	16
735 1	-0.39E-06	0.46E-13	0.23	0.21E-06	16
736 1	0.59E-07	0.27E-14	0.44	0.52E-07	25
2	-0.33E-07	0.82E-15	0.43	0.29E-07	25
3	0.34E-09	0.12E-14	1.04	0.35E-07	25
744 1	-0.19E-06	0.32E-13	0.46	0.18E-06	81
2	0.61E-07	0.55E-14	0.60	0.74E-07	81
3	0.80E-07	0.43E-14	0.40	0.65E-07	81
750 1	0.83E-07	0.11E-13	0.61	0.10E-06	81
2	-0.15E-07	0.17E-15	0.44	0.13E-07	25
3	0.32E-07	0.66E-14	0.89	0.81E-07	36
751 1	0.60E-07	0.35E-14	0.51	0.59E-07	25
758 1	0.44E-07	0.87E-14	0.84	0.93E-07	25
772 1	0.98E-08	0.22E-14	1.00	0.47E-07	25
773 1	-0.37E-07	0.61E-15	0.31	0.25E-07	16
779 1	0.43E-07	0.12E-14	0.41	0.35E-07	25
2	0.87E-07	0.37E-14	0.33	0.61E-07	25
3	-0.40E-07	0.26E-13	0.98	0.16E-06	25
780 1	0.14E-06	0.62E-15	0.03	0.25E-07	16
787 1	-0.24E-06	0.57E-13	0.50	0.24E-06	36

2	0.91E-09	0.64E-14	1.07	0.80E-07	16
3	0.11E-06	0.11E-13	0.47	0.10E-06	25
4	0.89E-07	0.13E-14	0.14	0.36E-07	25
793 1	0.89E-07	0.12E-13	0.62	0.11E-06	25
2	-0.20E-06	0.26E-13	0.39	0.16E-06	16
794 1	0.81E-07	0.46E-15	0.07	0.21E-07	16
2	0.90E-07	0.72E-13	0.93	0.27E-06	25
801 1	-0.13E-06	0.46E-13	0.76	0.22E-06	16
2	-0.35E-06	0.10E-13	0.07	0.10E-06	16
3	0.90E-08	0.22E-14	1.00	0.47E-07	25
4	0.76E-07	0.40E-14	0.42	0.63E-07	25
802 1	-0.37E-07	0.46E-13	1.01	0.21E-06	25
2	0.49E-07	0.11E-14	0.32	0.33E-07	25
807 1	-0.21E-06	0.13E-13	0.24	0.12E-06	16
808 1	0.54E-07	0.21E-14	0.43	0.46E-07	25
2	0.70E-07	0.84E-15	0.15	0.29E-07	16
3	0.88E-07	0.37E-14	0.33	0.61E-07	16
815 1	0.60E-07	0.44E-15	0.11	0.21E-07	16
816 1	-0.11E-06	0.20E-13	0.63	0.14E-06	25
2	0.15E-07	0.76E-14	1.00	0.87E-07	36
3	0.76E-07	0.17E-14	0.23	0.42E-07	25
822 1	0.55E-07	0.67E-15	0.18	0.26E-07	25
2	0.47E-07	0.11E-14	0.33	0.33E-07	25
3	0.25E-07	0.35E-13	1.01	0.19E-06	36
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830 1	-0.14E-06	0.38E-13	0.67	0.19E-06	81
2	0.21E-06	0.25E-13	0.36	0.16E-06	49
3	0.72E-08	0.75E-15	0.96	0.27E-07	36
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2	-0.12E-06	0.12E-12	0.91	0.35E-06	81
837 1	0.15E-07	0.80E-15	0.81	0.28E-07	36
844 1	0.49E-07	0.46E-14	0.68	0.68E-07	16
2	0.40E-07	0.14E-14	0.49	0.38E-07	25
845 1	0.11E-07	0.47E-15	0.81	0.22E-07	81
865 1	0.23E-07	0.12E-14	0.72	0.35E-07	36
2	-0.27E-09	0.86E-14	1.03	0.93E-07	36
3	-0.93E-07	0.48E-13	0.86	0.22E-06	49
4	-0.11E-06	0.36E-14	0.24	0.60E-07	16
866 1	0.18E-07	0.11E-14	0.80	0.33E-07	25
873 1	-0.32E-06	0.50E-13	0.33	0.22E-06	49
2	0.35E-07	0.44E-14	0.81	0.66E-07	25
3	0.91E-07	0.19E-14	0.19	0.44E-07	81
887 1	-0.78E-07	0.67E-14	0.54	0.82E-07	16
2	0.26E-07	0.56E-15	0.46	0.24E-07	25
888 1	-0.11E-07	0.48E-15	0.85	0.22E-07	16
901 1	0.71E-07	0.55E-14	0.52	0.74E-07	81
902 1	-0.31E-06	0.43E-13	0.31	0.21E-06	25
2	-0.42E-07	0.40E-14	0.70	0.63E-07	81
916 1	-0.60E-07	0.20E-13	0.87	0.14E-06	36
2	-0.57E-07	0.39E-14	0.56	0.62E-07	25
3	-0.14E-07	0.37E-14	0.99	0.61E-07	25
930 1	-0.32E-07	0.17E-14	0.64	0.42E-07	25
2	0.59E-07	0.15E-14	0.31	0.39E-07	25
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3	-0.81E-08	0.69E-15	0.97	0.26E-07	16
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	2	0.15E-07	0.38E-15	0.64	0.19E-07	16
	3	0.87E-07	0.28E-14	0.27	0.53E-07	25
973	1	0.93E-07	0.26E-14	0.23	0.51E-07	16
	2	0.95E-08	0.36E-16	0.29	0.60E-08	16
	3	0.46E-07	0.15E-14	0.43	0.39E-07	25
987	1	0.60E-07	0.93E-14	0.73	0.96E-07	81
988	1	0.12E-05	0.29E-10	1.01	0.54E-05	16
	2	0.11E-06	0.21E-13	0.65	0.14E-06	64
1002	1	-0.12E-06	0.48E-13	0.76	0.22E-06	81
	2	0.21E-06	0.37E-13	0.47	0.19E-06	25
	3	0.61E-07	0.11E-14	0.23	0.33E-07	81
1003	1	-0.13E-07	0.22E-14	0.95	0.47E-07	36
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1016	1	0.19E-06	0.44E-13	0.57	0.21E-06	25
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1074	1	0.87E-07	0.14E-11	1.04	0.12E-05	25
	2	0.28E-06	0.13E-11	0.98	0.11E-05	25
	3	0.16E-06	0.36E-13	0.61	0.19E-06	25
	4	0.51E-07	0.12E-14	0.33	0.35E-07	16

Table 24: Atlas SASS wind stress curl - 1-day averages

DAY	MEAN	VARIANCE	WVAR	STND DEV	N
224	0.73E-07	0.38E-13	0.88	0.19E-06	182
225	0.24E-07	0.15E-13	0.97	0.12E-06	164
226	0.42E-07	0.15E-13	0.90	0.12E-06	235
227	0.18E-06	0.16E-12	0.83	0.40E-06	251
228	0.19E-06	0.19E-12	0.85	0.44E-06	225
229	0.64E-08	0.28E-13	1.00	0.17E-06	375
230	0.23E-07	0.19E-13	0.98	0.14E-06	435
231	-0.65E-07	0.83E-14	0.67	0.91E-07	66
232	-0.39E-07	0.12E-12	0.99	0.34E-06	234
233	-0.12E-06	0.11E-12	0.88	0.34E-06	316
234	-0.30E-07	0.54E-13	0.99	0.23E-06	307
235	0.23E-07	0.68E-13	1.00	0.26E-06	370
236	-0.26E-07	0.71E-13	0.99	0.27E-06	421
237	0.23E-07	0.42E-14	0.89	0.65E-07	122
238	-0.72E-07	0.13E-12	0.96	0.35E-06	317
239	-0.31E-07	0.57E-13	0.99	0.24E-06	212
240	-0.38E-07	0.33E-13	0.96	0.18E-06	244
241	-0.95E-07	0.58E-13	0.87	0.24E-06	273
242	-0.12E-06	0.67E-13	0.84	0.26E-06	136
243	0.42E-08	0.86E-14	1.02	0.93E-07	50
244	0.49E-07	0.58E-13	0.97	0.24E-06	164
245	0.36E-07	0.15E-13	0.93	0.12E-06	123
246	0.11E-06	0.29E-12	0.96	0.54E-06	218
247	0.41E-07	0.18E-12	0.99	0.42E-06	384
248	0.42E-08	0.69E-12	1.00	0.83E-06	572
249	0.78E-07	0.72E-13	0.93	0.27E-06	239
250	0.52E-07	0.20E-13	0.89	0.14E-06	149
251	0.11E-06	0.50E-12	0.98	0.70E-06	236
252	0.24E-06	0.30E-12	0.85	0.55E-06	157

Table 25: FNOC wind stress curl - 1-day averages

DAY	MEAN	VARIANCE	WVAR	STND DEV	N
224	0.38E-07	0.63E-14	0.82	0.80E-07	182
225	0.55E-07	0.65E-14	0.68	0.81E-07	164
226	0.45E-07	0.85E-14	0.81	0.92E-07	235
227	0.12E-06	0.50E-13	0.79	0.22E-06	251
228	0.12E-06	0.54E-13	0.79	0.23E-06	225
229	-0.19E-07	0.29E-13	0.99	0.17E-06	375
230	0.13E-07	0.21E-13	0.99	0.15E-06	435
231	0.11E-07	0.52E-14	0.99	0.72E-07	66
232	0.16E-08	0.28E-13	1.00	0.17E-06	234
233	-0.21E-07	0.42E-13	0.99	0.20E-06	316
234	-0.14E-07	0.23E-13	1.00	0.15E-06	307
235	0.10E-07	0.29E-13	1.00	0.17E-06	370
236	-0.13E-07	0.46E-13	1.00	0.21E-06	421
237	0.22E-07	0.14E-14	0.76	0.38E-07	122
238	-0.40E-07	0.36E-13	0.96	0.19E-06	317
239	-0.39E-07	0.40E-13	0.97	0.20E-06	212
240	-0.25E-07	0.20E-13	0.97	0.14E-06	244
241	-0.34E-07	0.21E-13	0.95	0.14E-06	273
242	-0.24E-07	0.90E-14	0.95	0.95E-07	136
243	0.14E-07	0.37E-14	0.97	0.61E-07	50
244	-0.12E-06	0.44E-11	1.00	0.21E-05	164
245	0.27E-07	0.52E-14	0.88	0.72E-07	123
246	0.16E-06	0.21E-11	0.99	0.15E-05	218
247	0.80E-07	0.12E-11	1.00	0.11E-05	384
248	0.59E-07	0.15E-12	0.98	0.39E-06	572
249	0.52E-07	0.48E-13	0.95	0.22E-06	239
250	0.33E-07	0.59E-14	0.85	0.77E-07	149
251	0.20E-06	0.38E-12	0.91	0.61E-06	236
252	0.12E-06	0.42E-12	0.98	0.65E-06	157

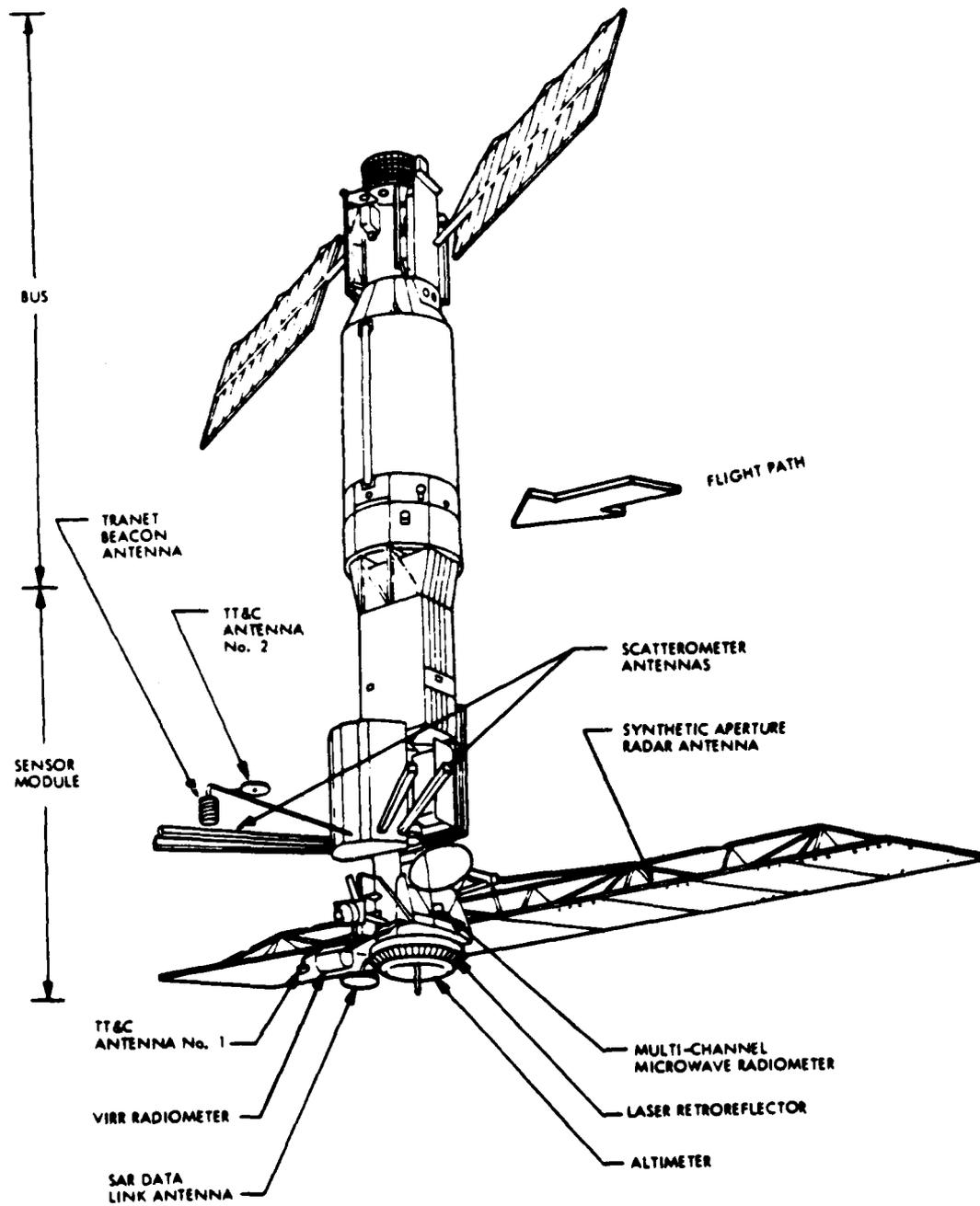


Figure 1: Seasat Configuration (from Boggs, 1982)

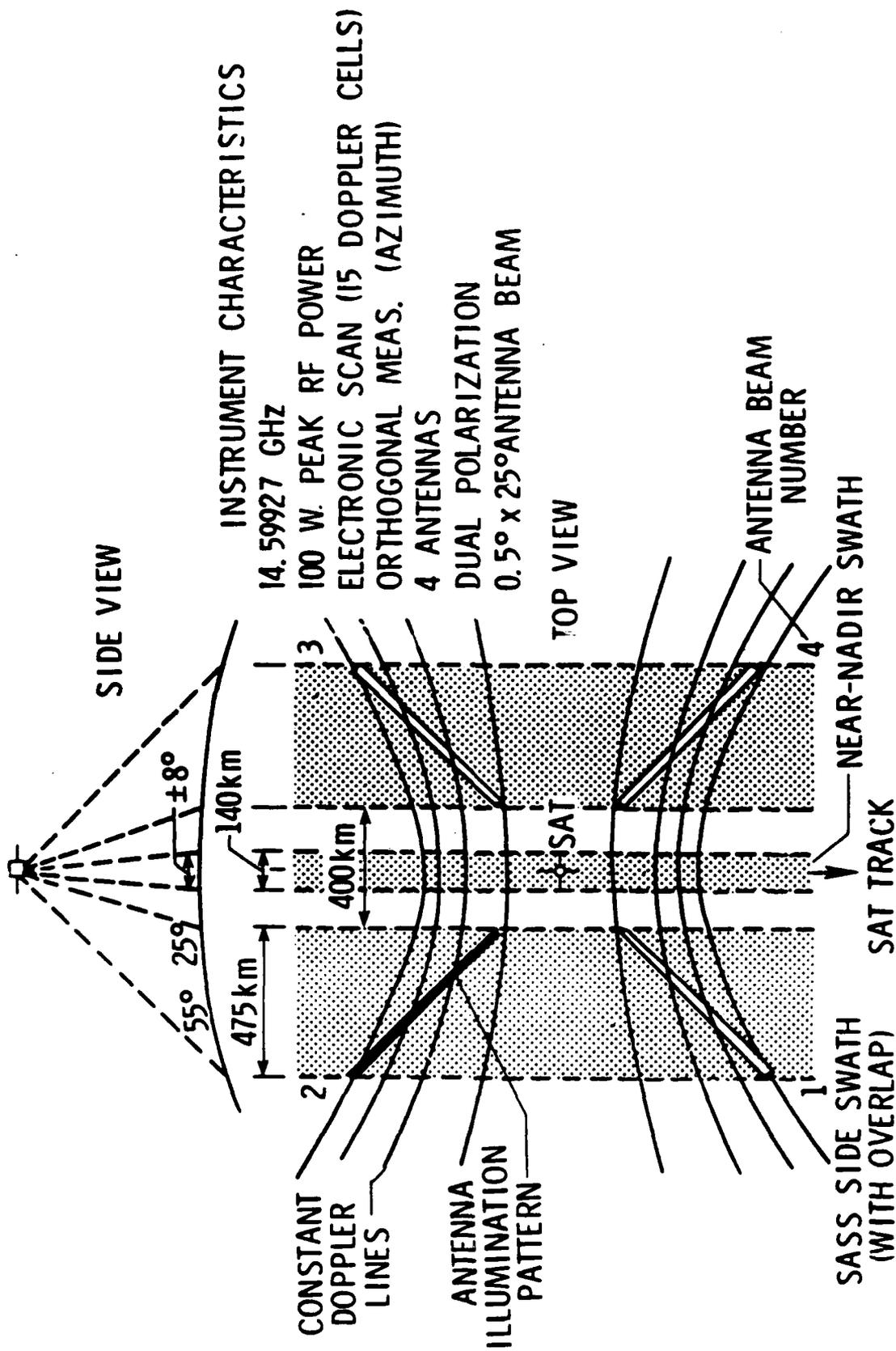


Figure 2: SEASAT scatterometer illumination pattern and instrument characteristics (from Boggs, 1982)

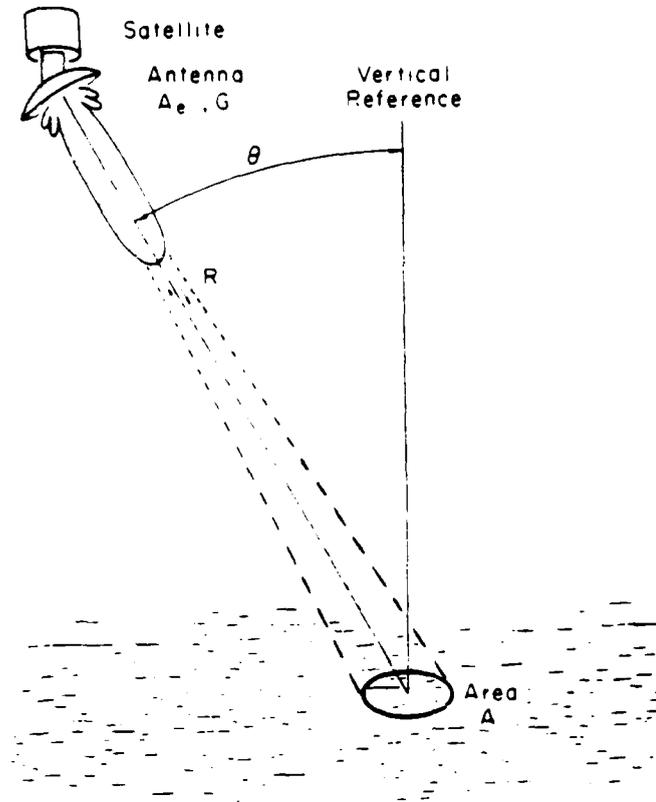


Figure 3: Radar geometry for scatter from a sea surface.  
(from Stewart, 1985)

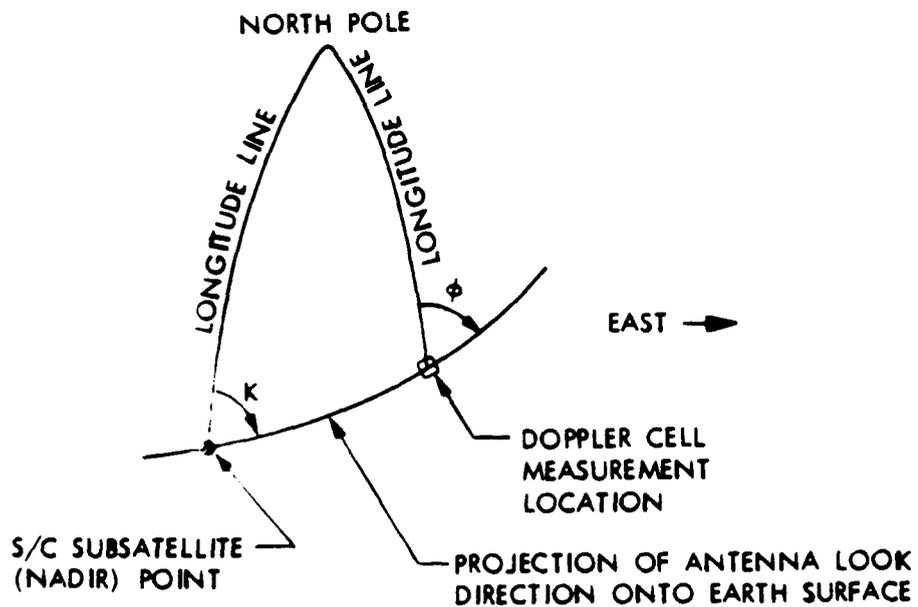


Figure 4: Projected antenna look direction and local  
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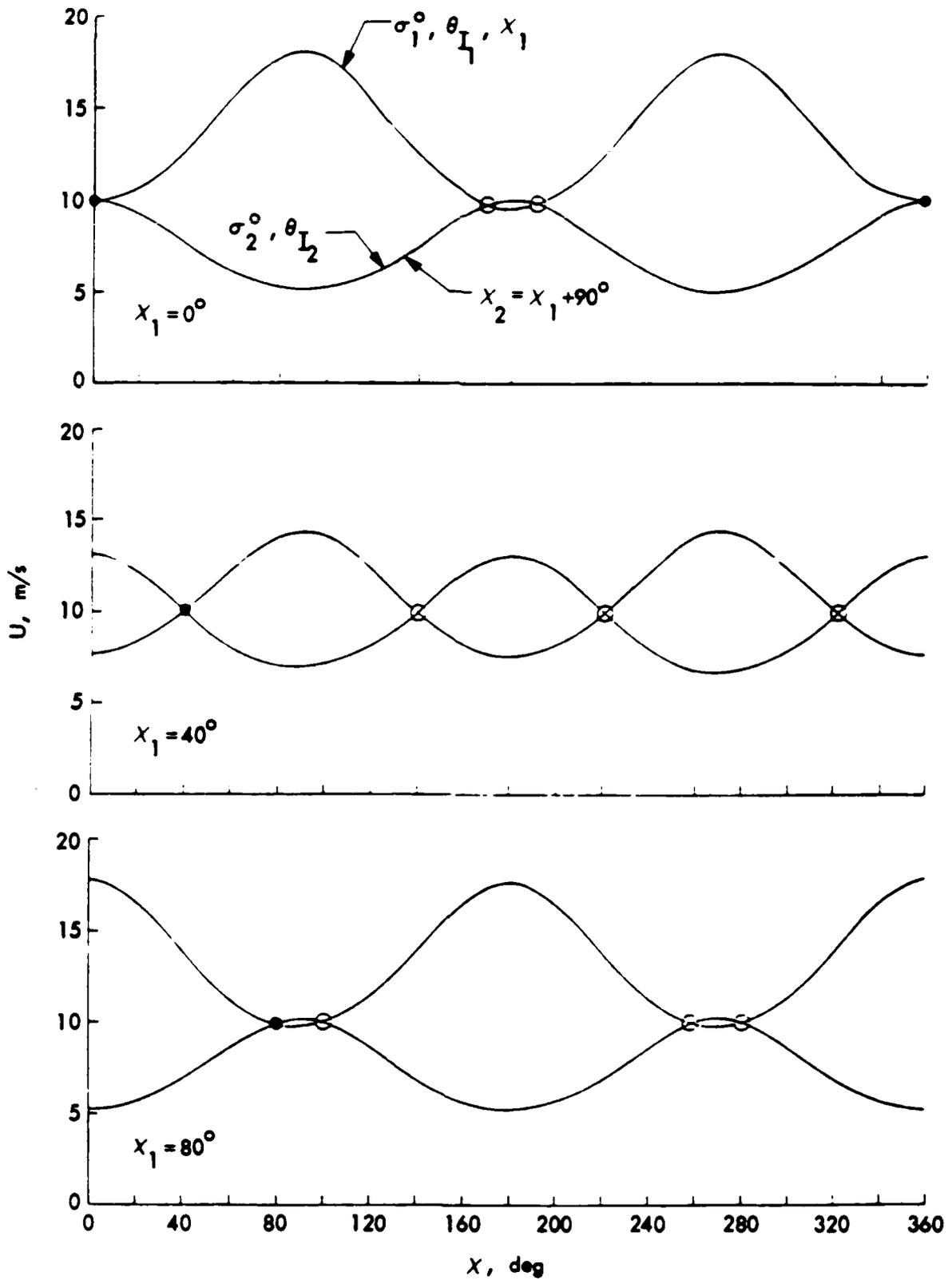


Figure 5: Examples of noise-free solutions for beam patterns  $90^\circ$  apart, vertical polarization, and a wind speed of 10 m/s for wind directions of  $X = 0^\circ, 40^\circ,$  and  $80^\circ$  (from Boggs, 1982)

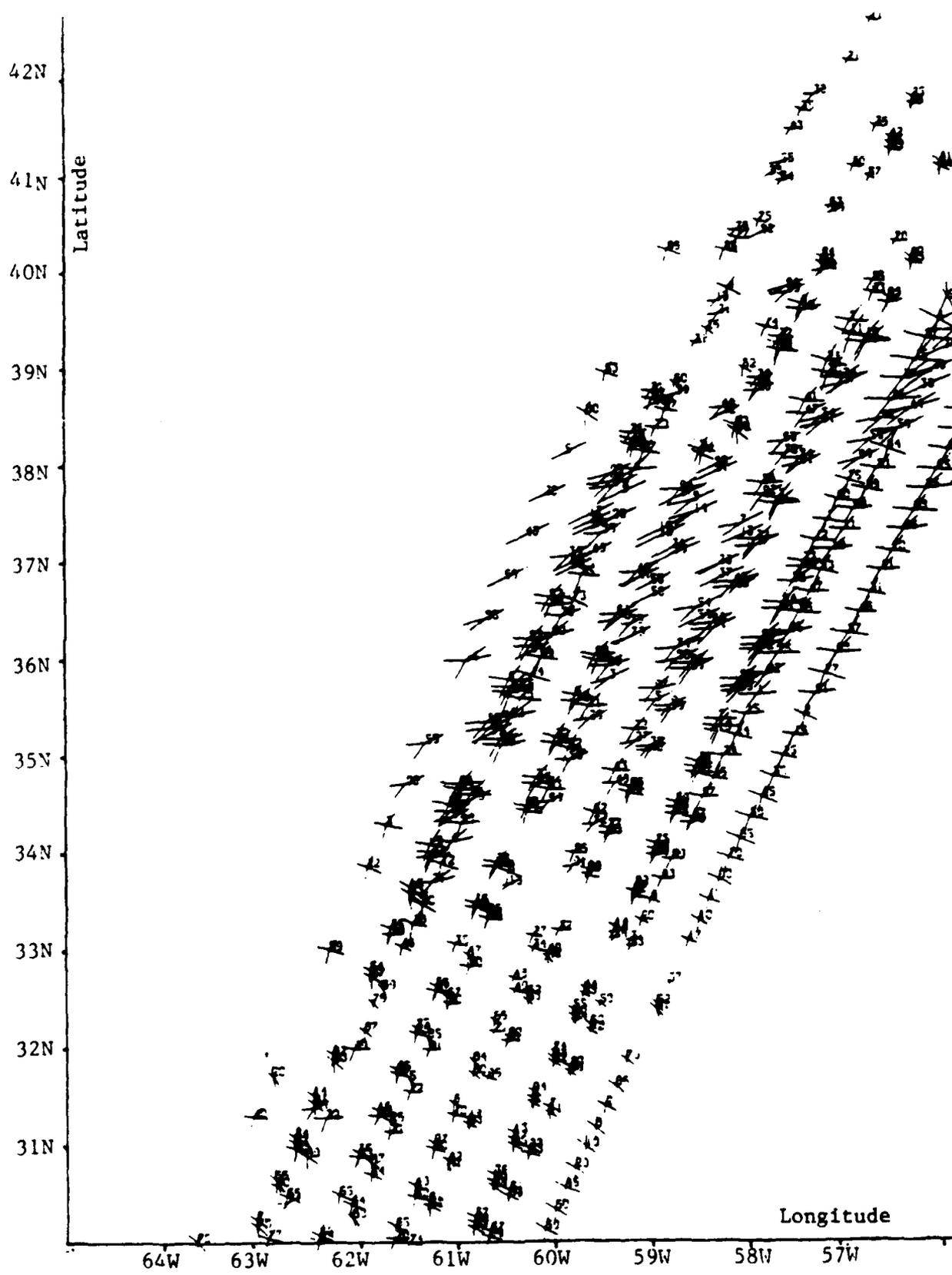


Figure 6: Aliased GDR SASS wind vectors - Rev 184

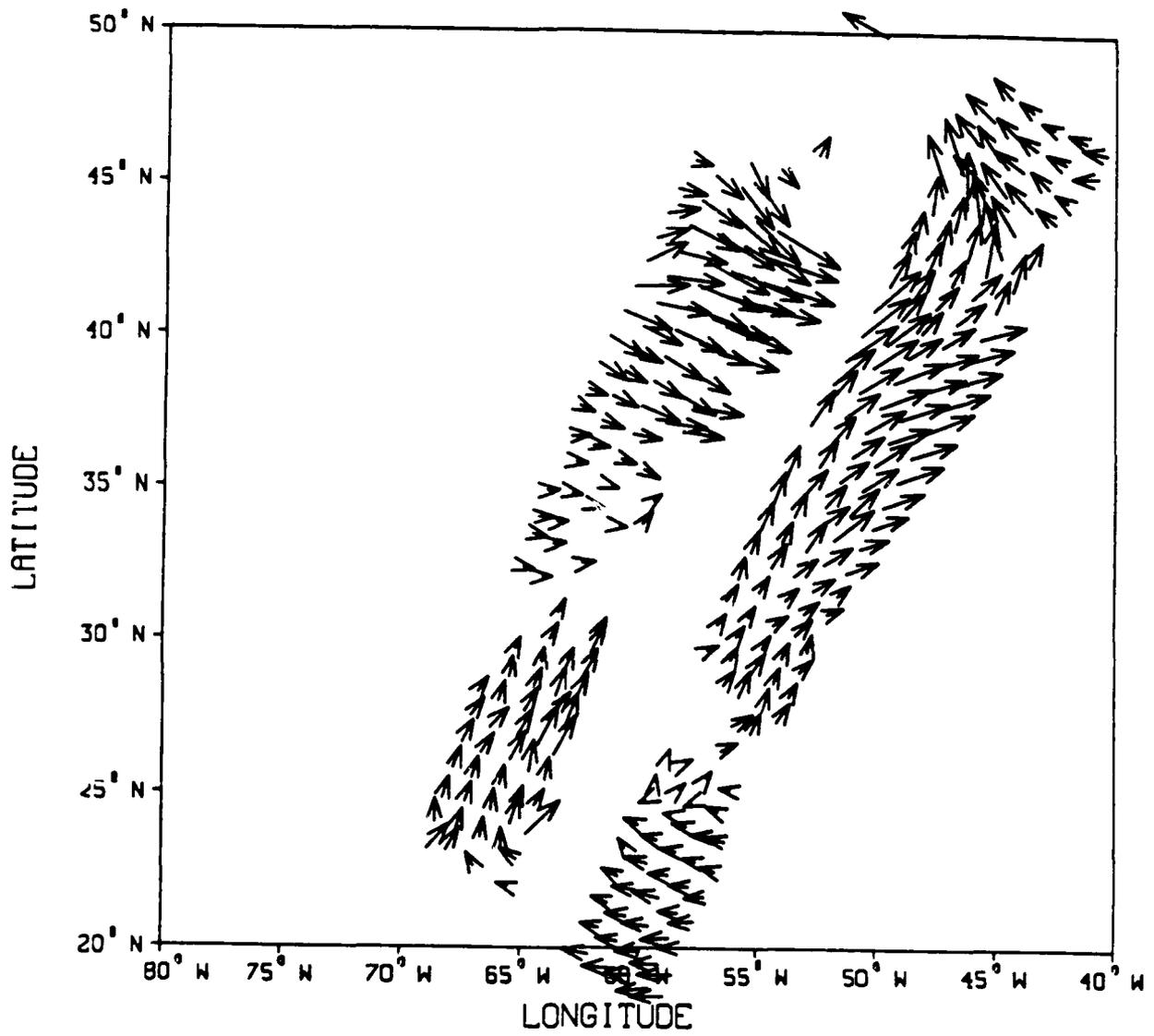


Figure 7: Ungridded Atlas SASS winds - Rev 830

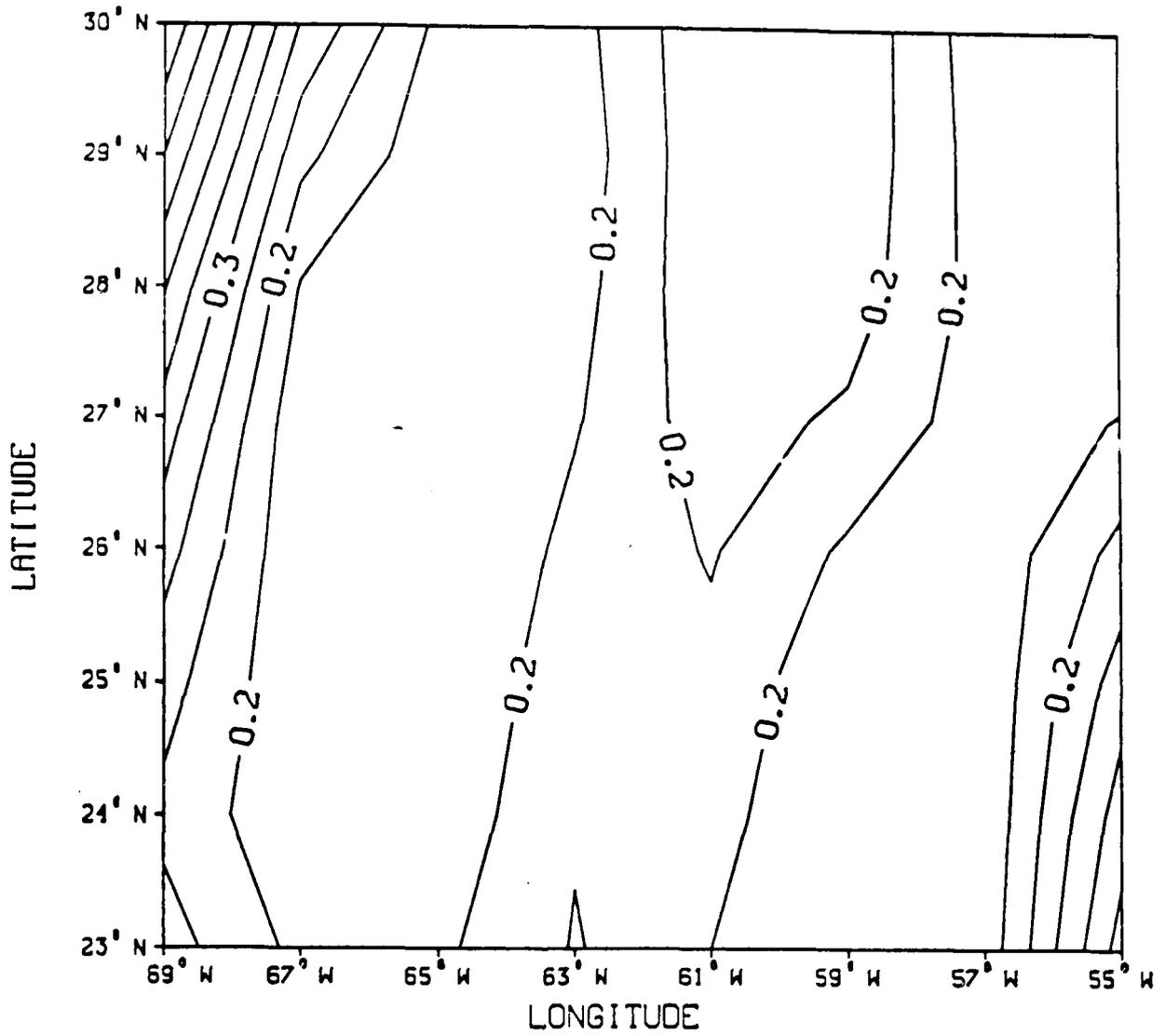


Figure 8: Objective error map - normalized standard deviation  
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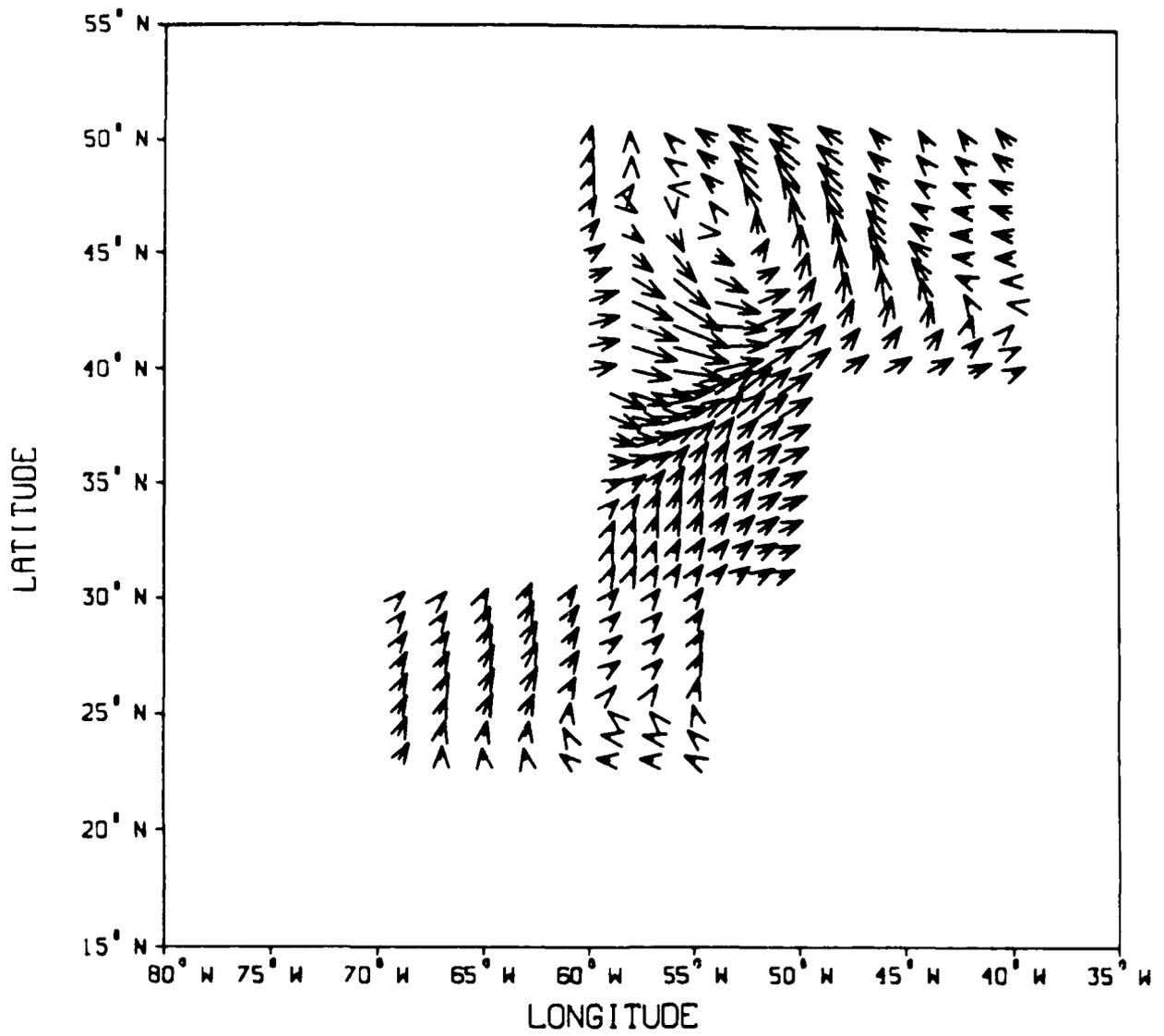


Figure 9: Mapped Atlas winds - Rev 830

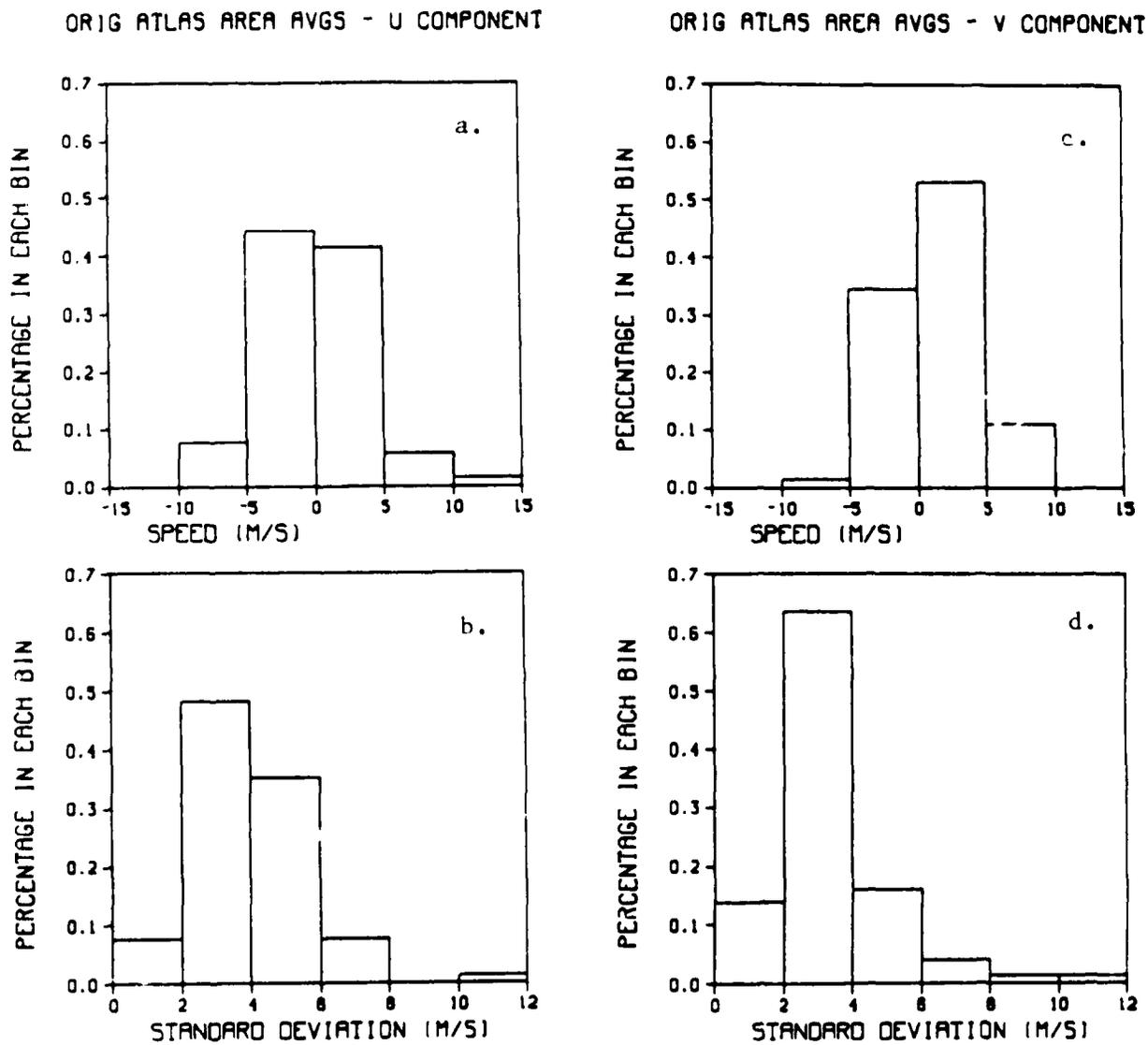
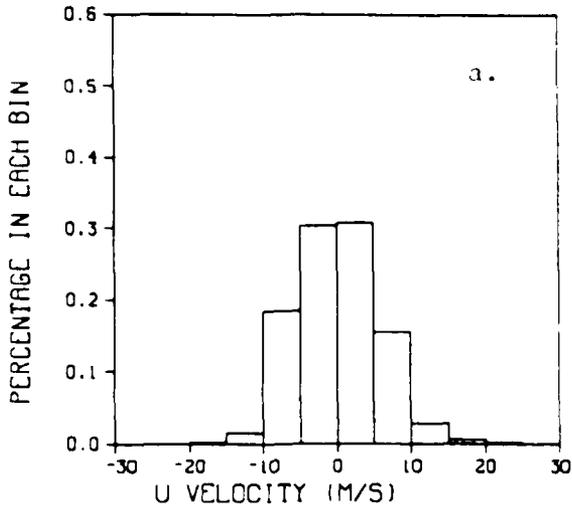


Figure 10: Distribution of ungridded Atlas wind components - averaged over individual boxes. a. U velocity, b. U stnd dev., c. V velocity, d. V stnd dev. N = 145 pts

ATLAS INDIVIDUAL VECTORS - N=8214



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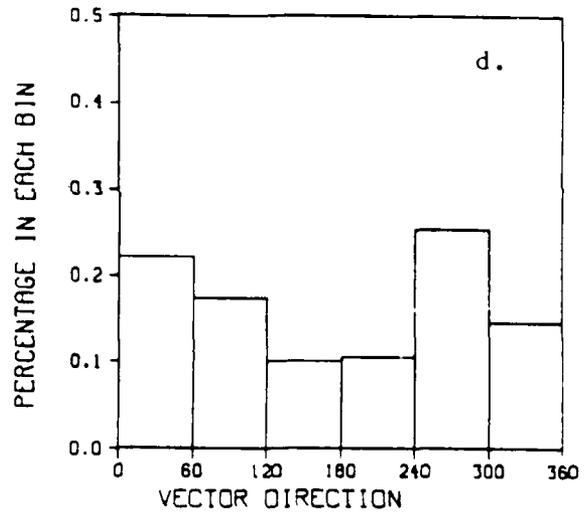
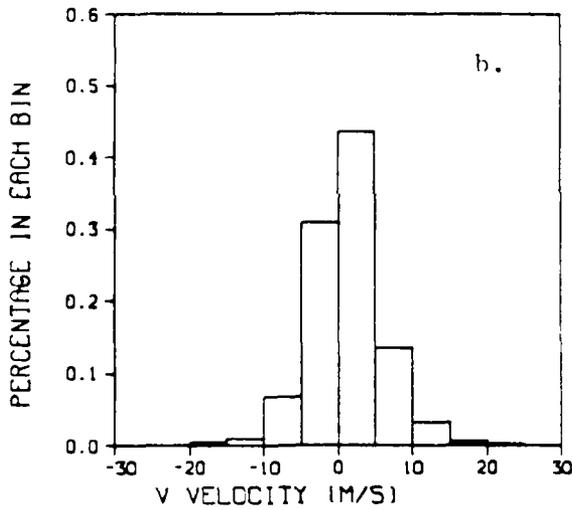
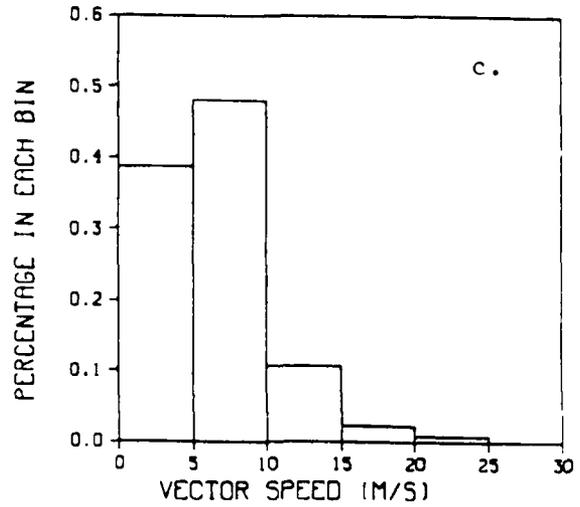
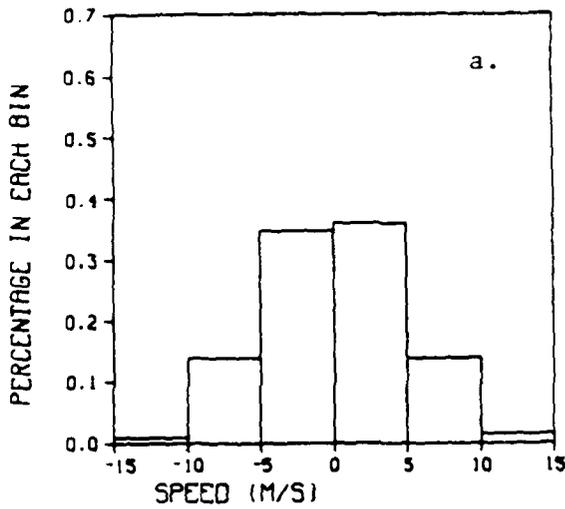


Figure 11: Distribution of all individual mapped Atlas wind vectors  
a. U velocity, b. V velocity, c. vector speed,  
d. vector direction  
N = 8214 pts

MAP ATLAS AREA AVGS - U COMPONENT



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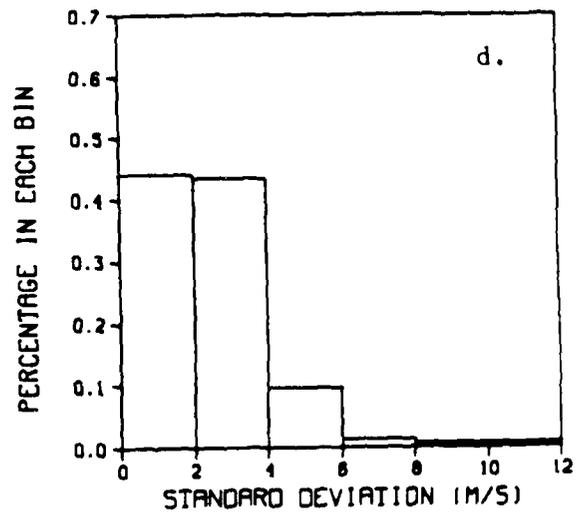
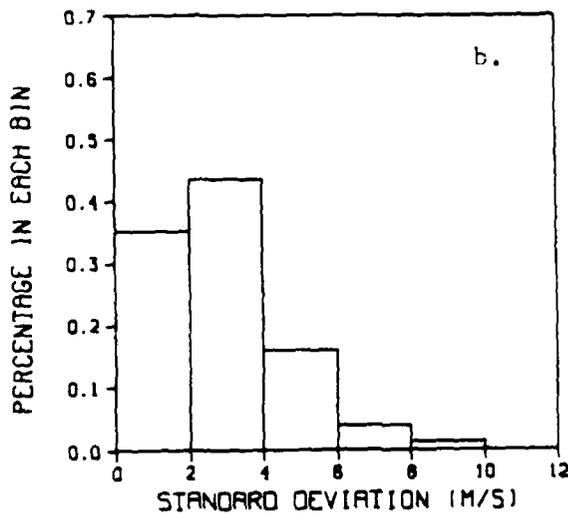
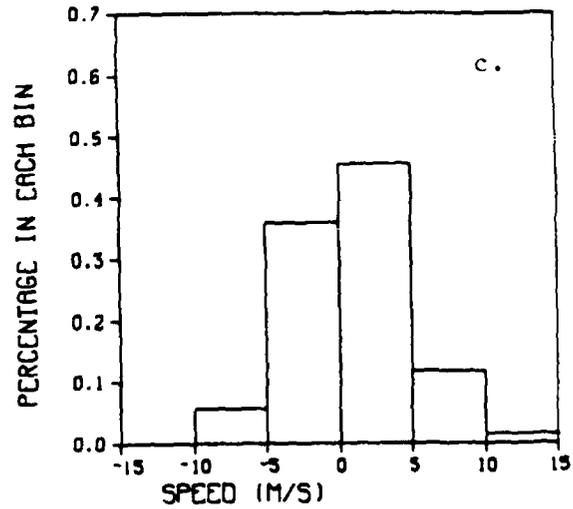


Figure 12: Distribution of mapped Atlas wind components - averaged over individual boxes. a. U velocity, b. U std dev., c. V velocity, d. V std dev. N = 145 pts

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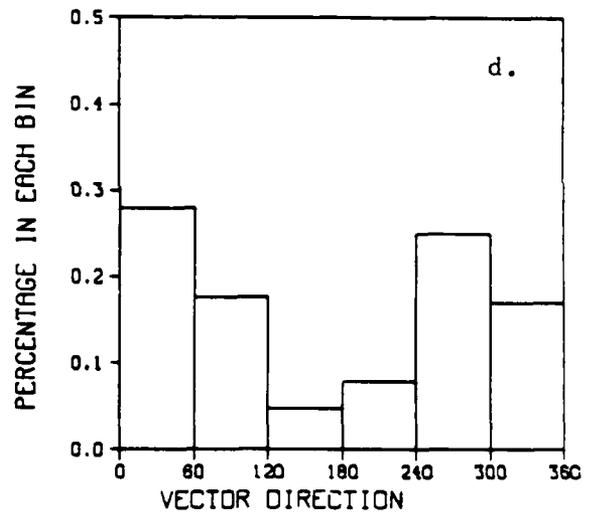
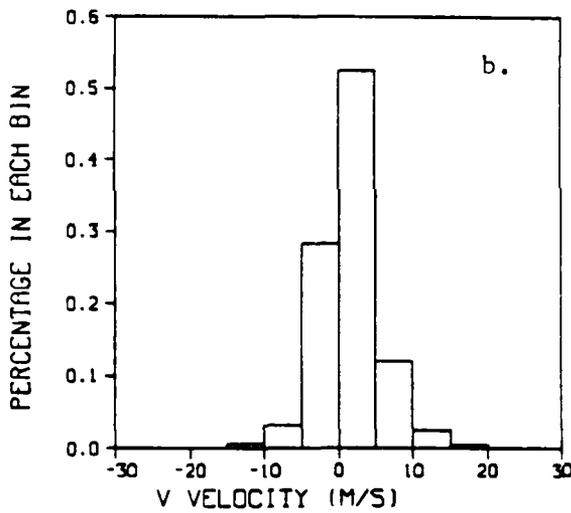
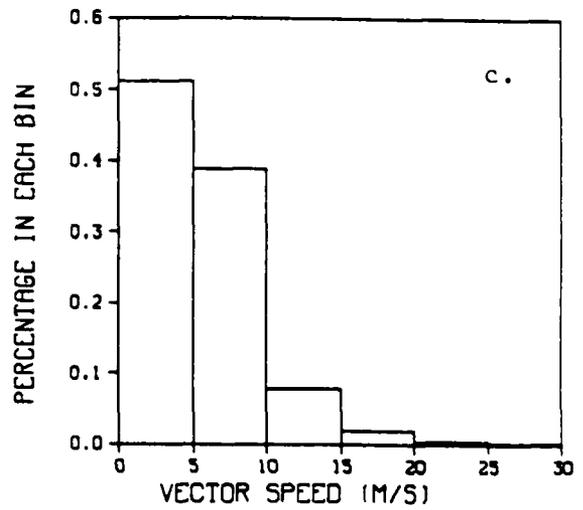
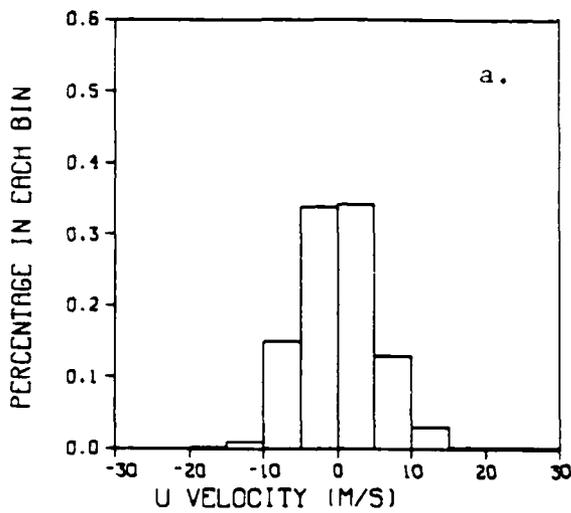


Figure 13: Distribution of all individual FNOC wind vectors  
a. U velocity, b. V velocity, c. vector speed,  
d. vector direction  
N = 8214 pts

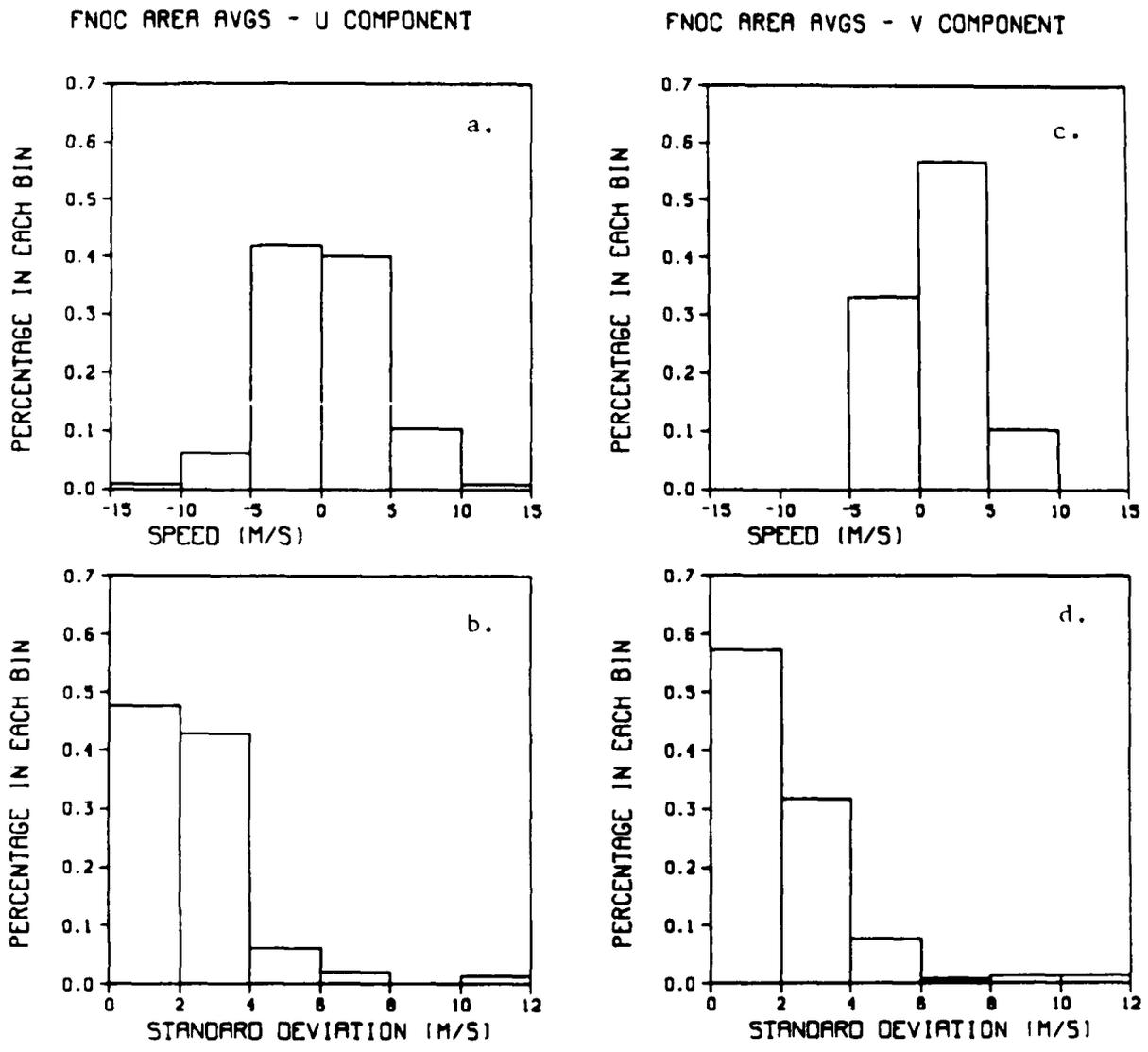


Figure 14: Distribution of FNOc wind components - averaged over individual boxes. a. U velocity, b. U std dev., c. V velocity, d. V std. dev. N = 145 pts

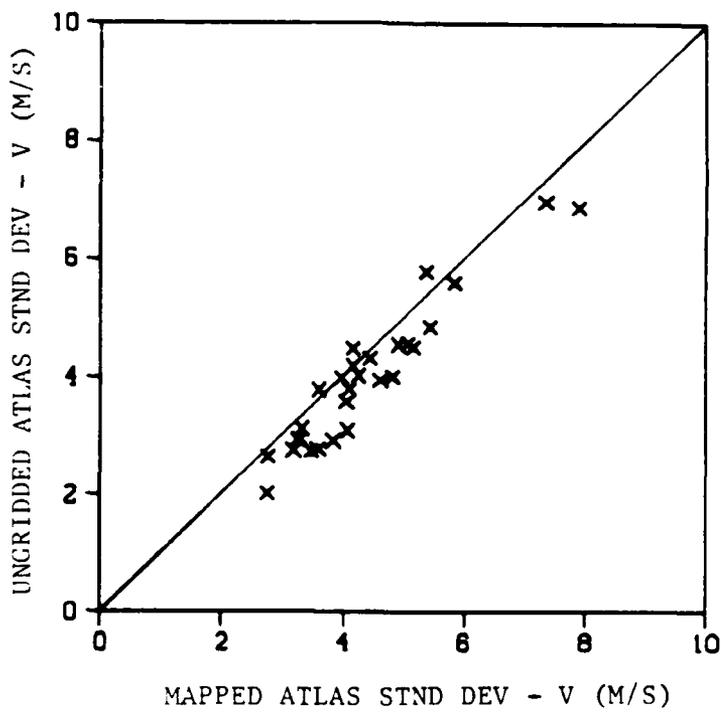
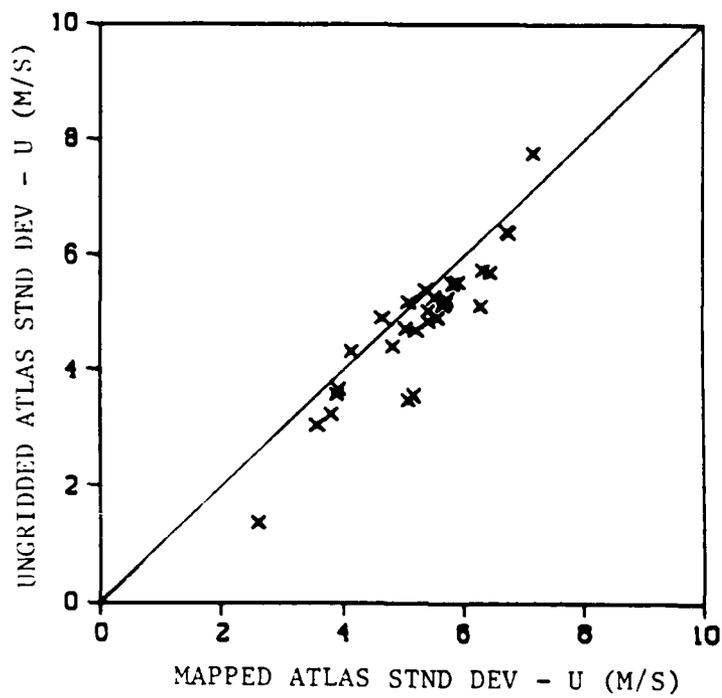


Figure 15: Mapped vs. ungridded Atlas wind component standard deviations - from 1-day averages

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 224 378 PTS

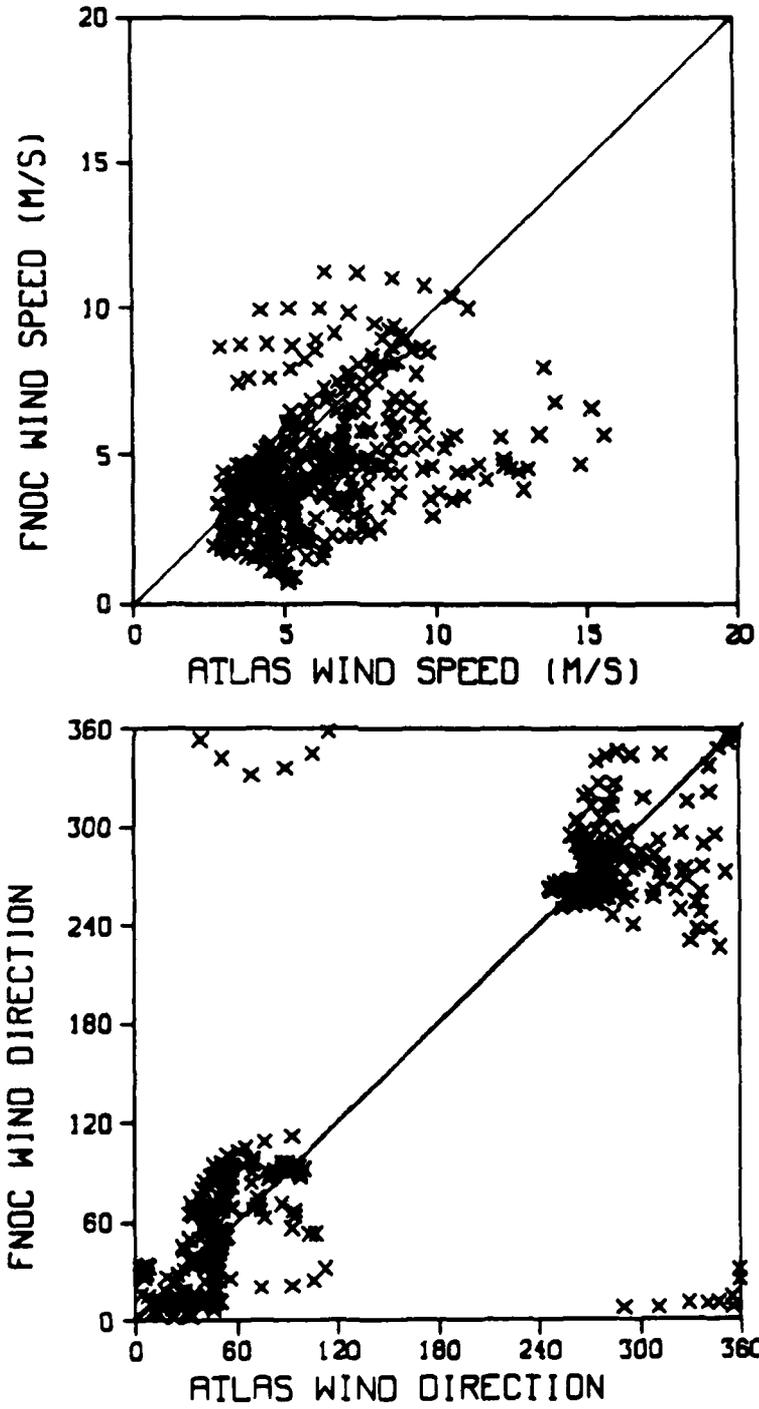


Figure 16: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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DAY 225 340 PTS

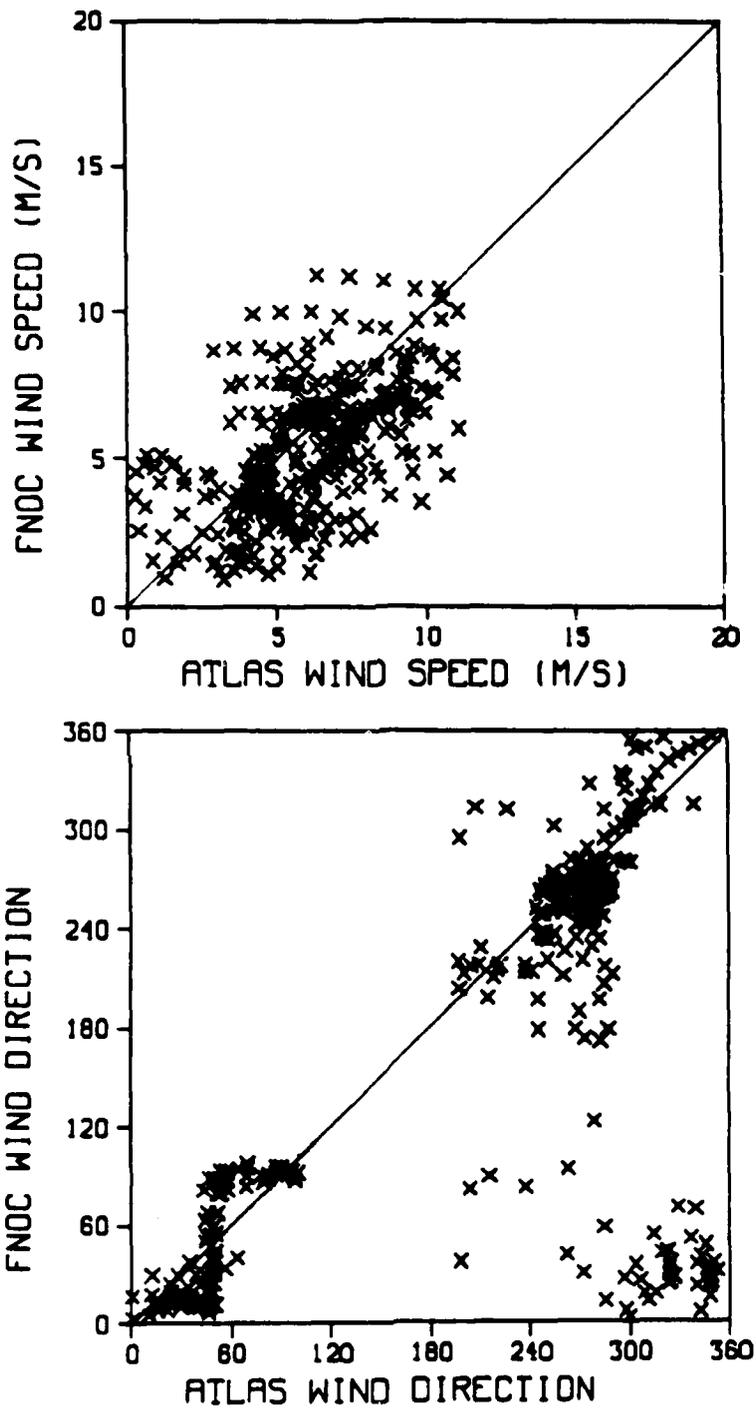


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ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
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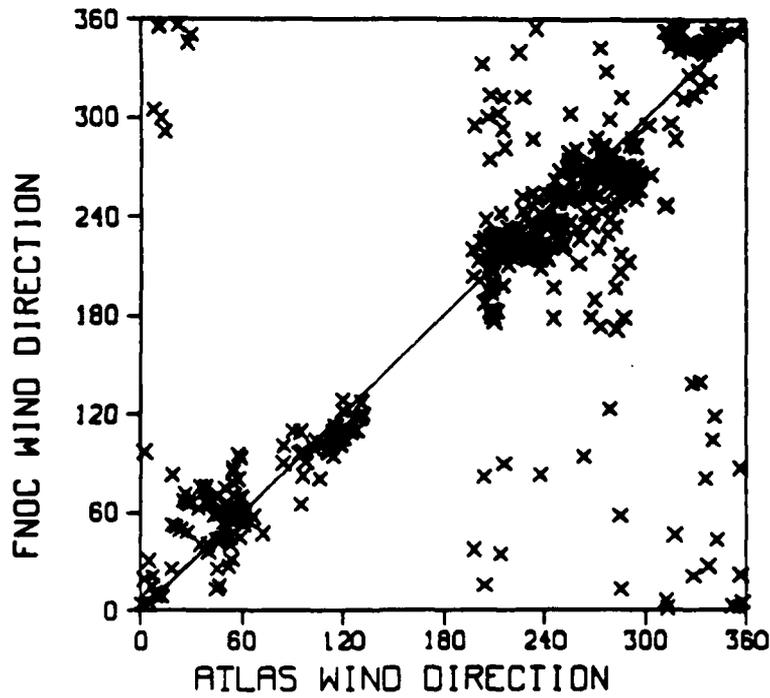
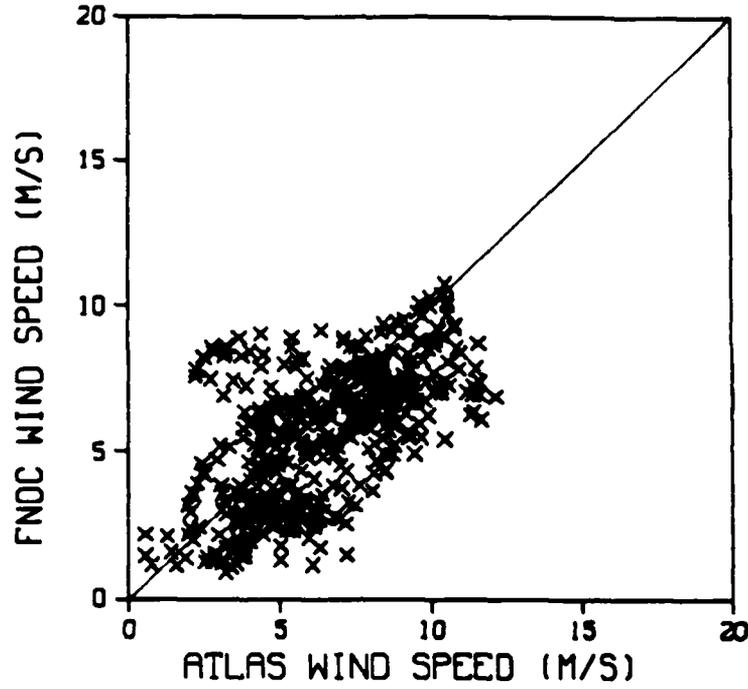


Figure 18: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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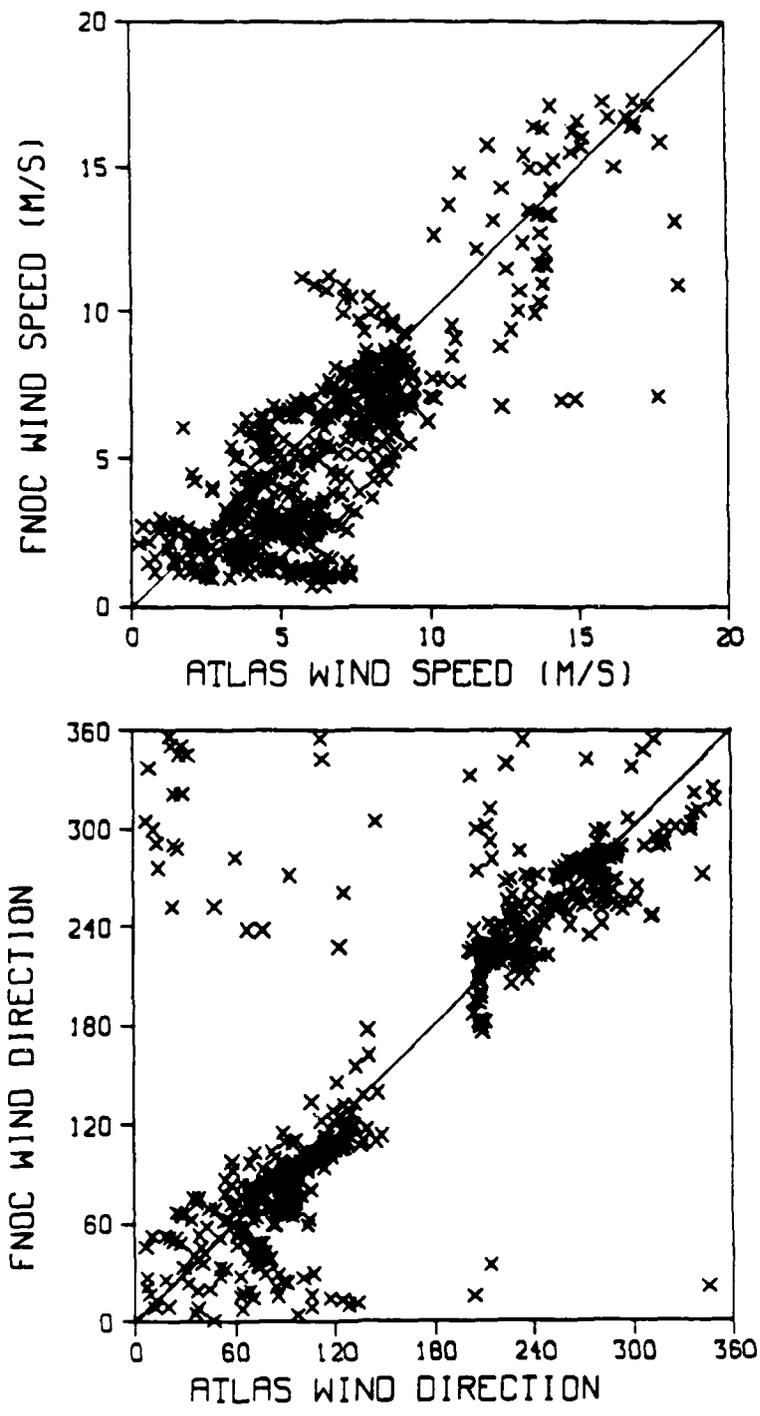


Figure 19: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
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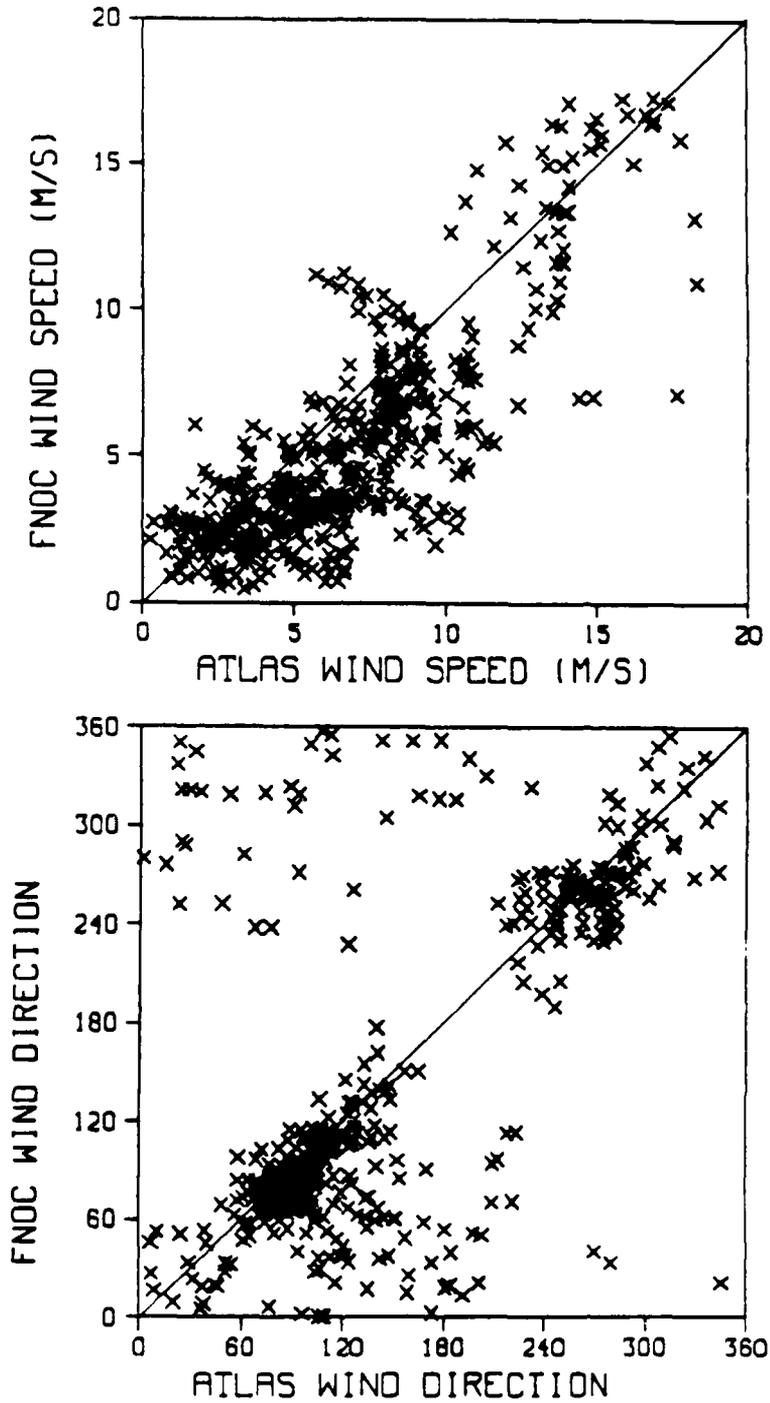


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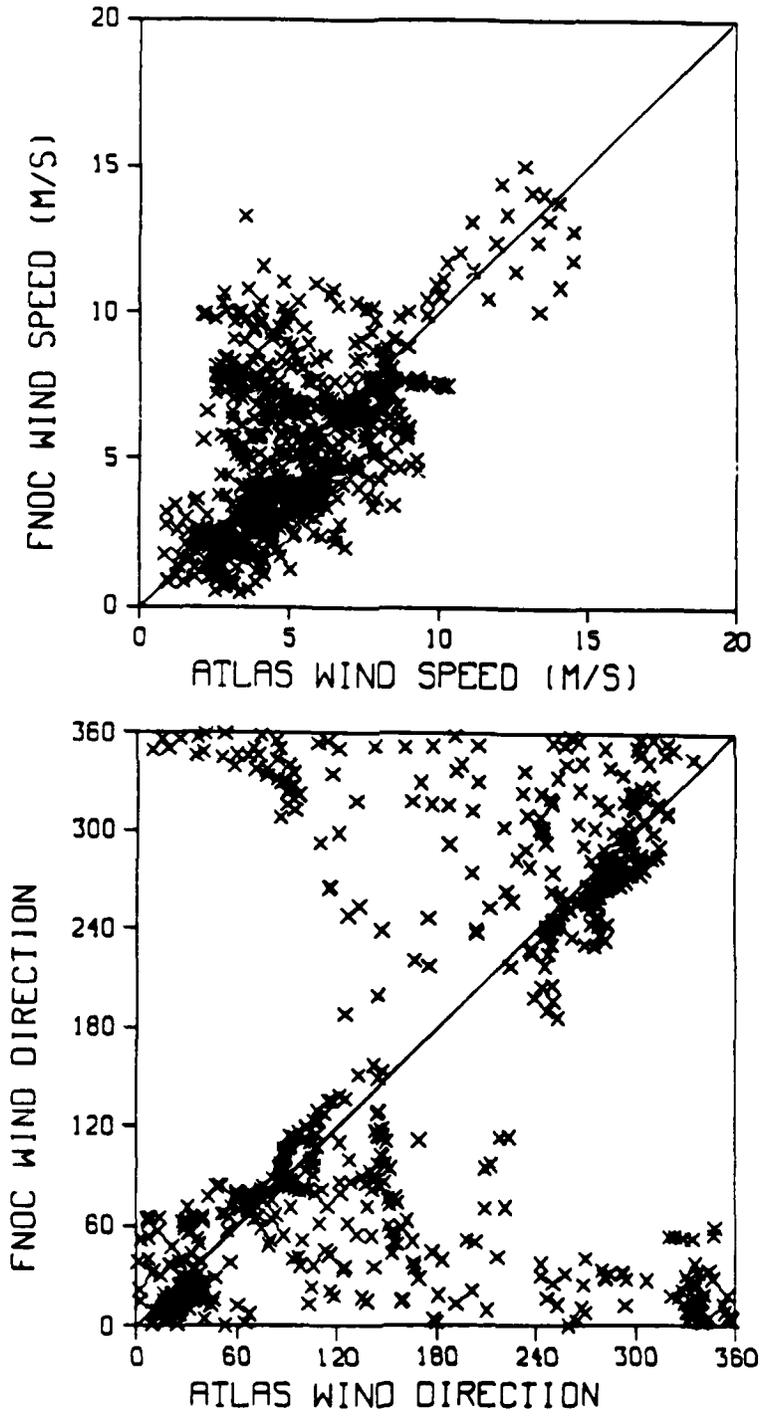


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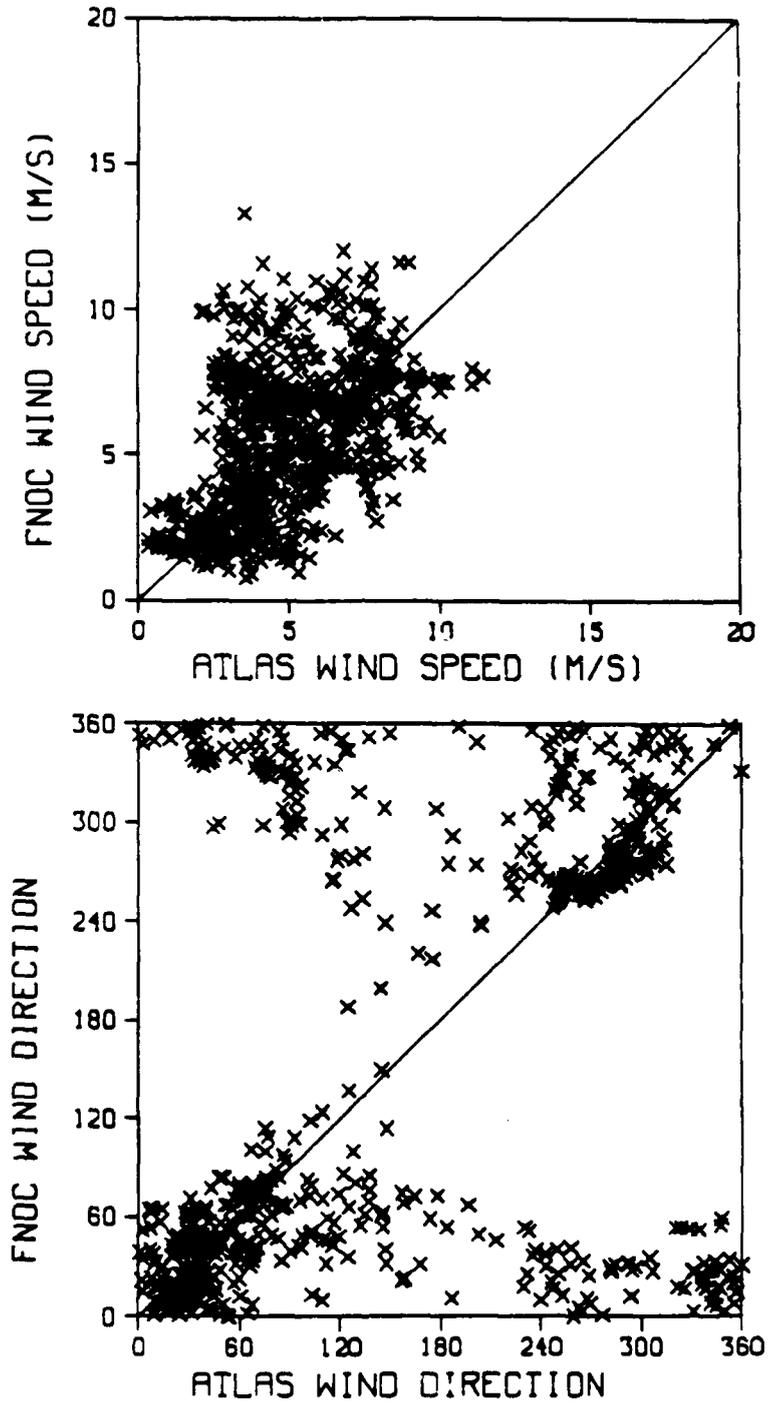


Figure 22: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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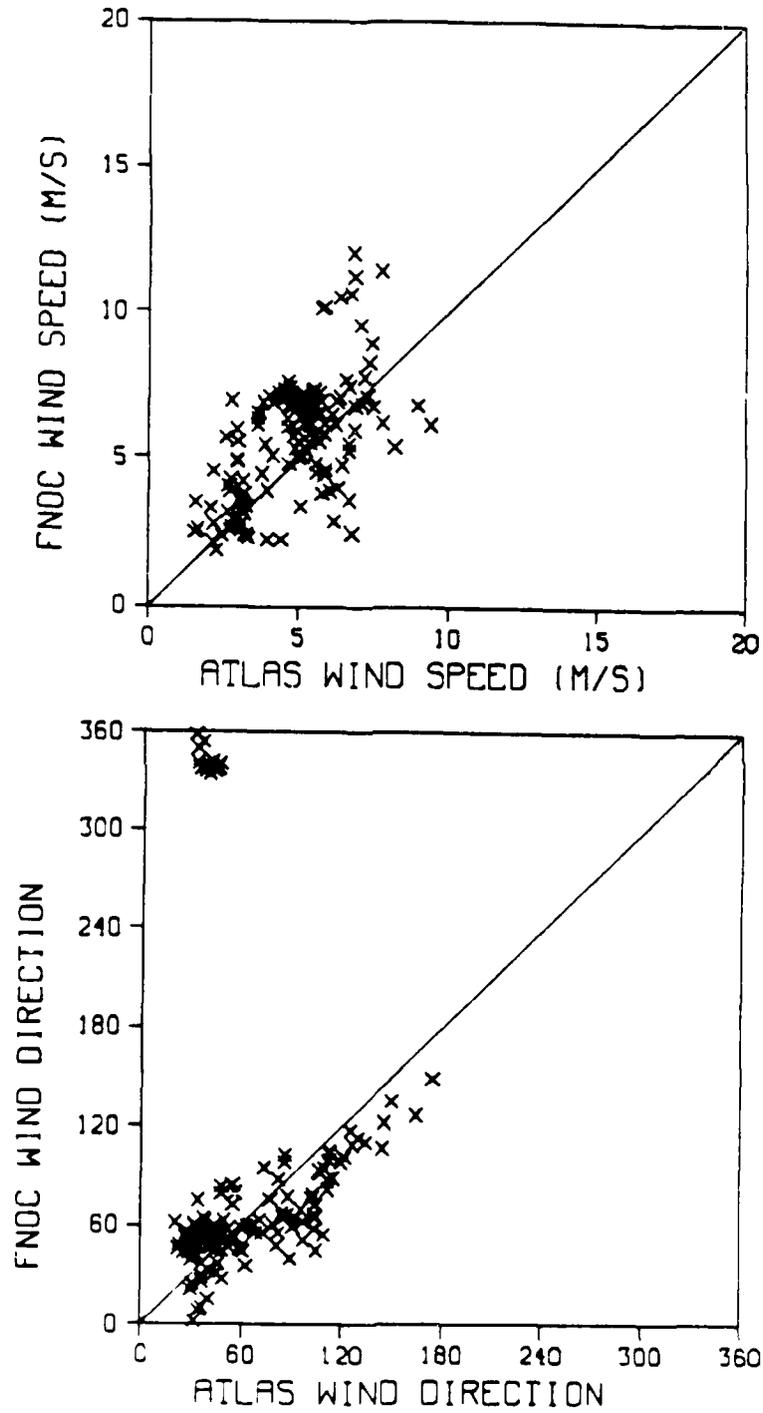


Figure 23: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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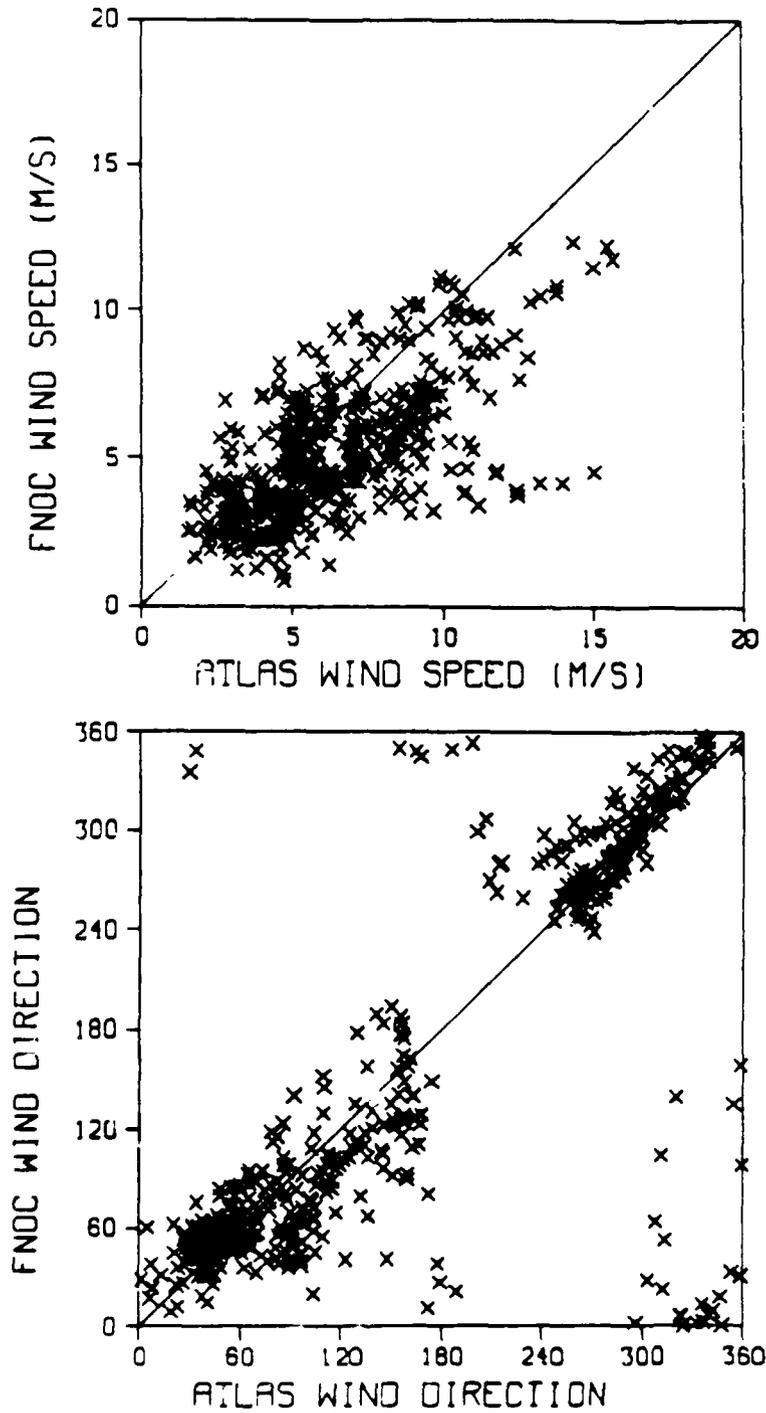


Figure 24: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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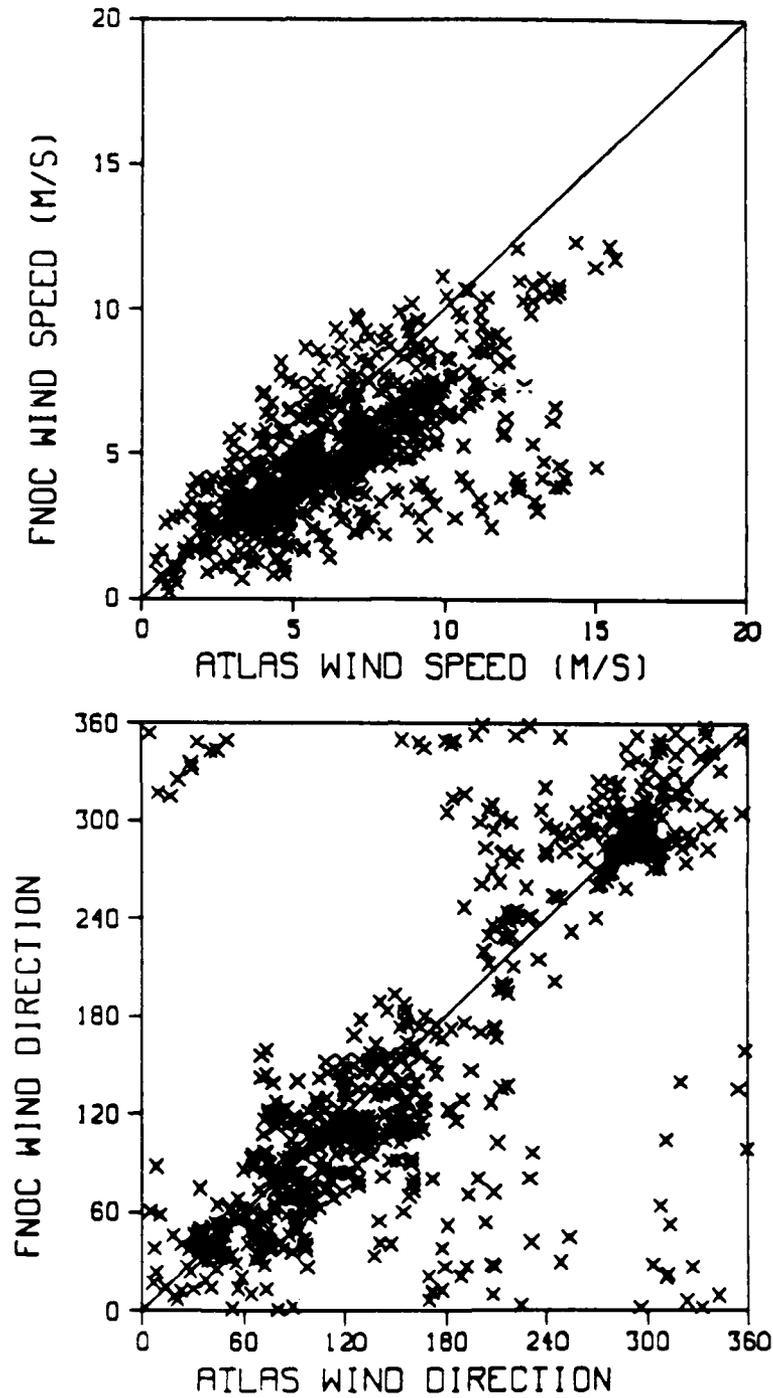


Figure 25: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 234 623 PTS

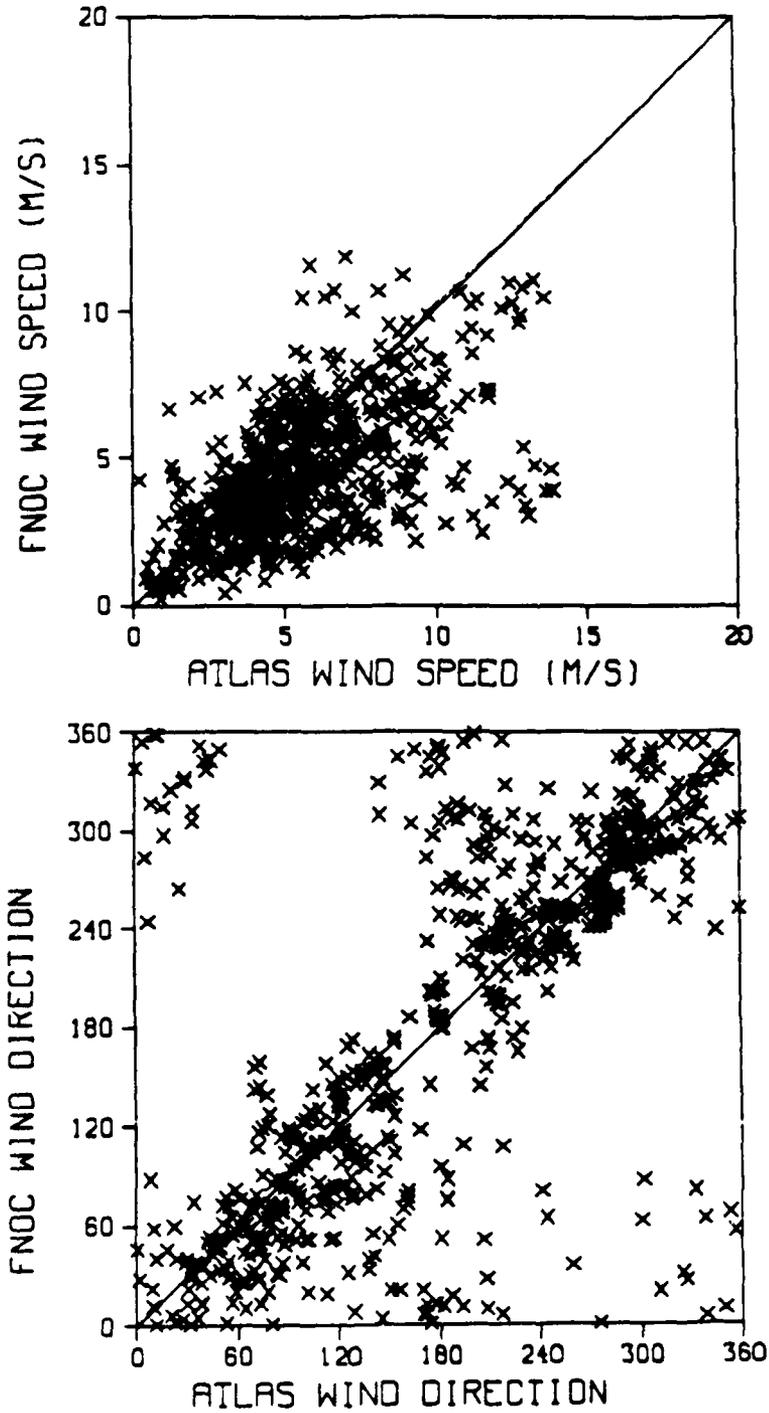


Figure 26: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 235 662 PTS

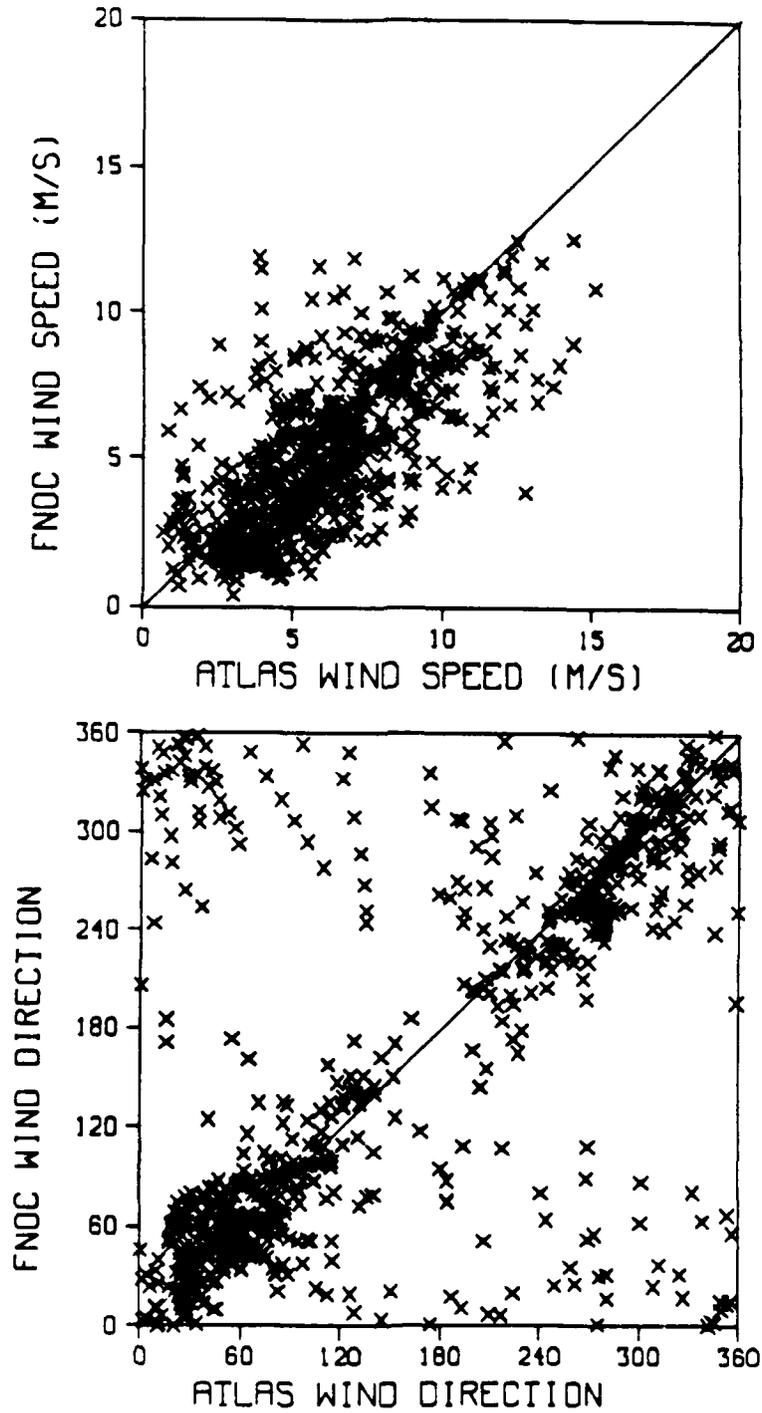


Figure 27: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 236 693 PTS

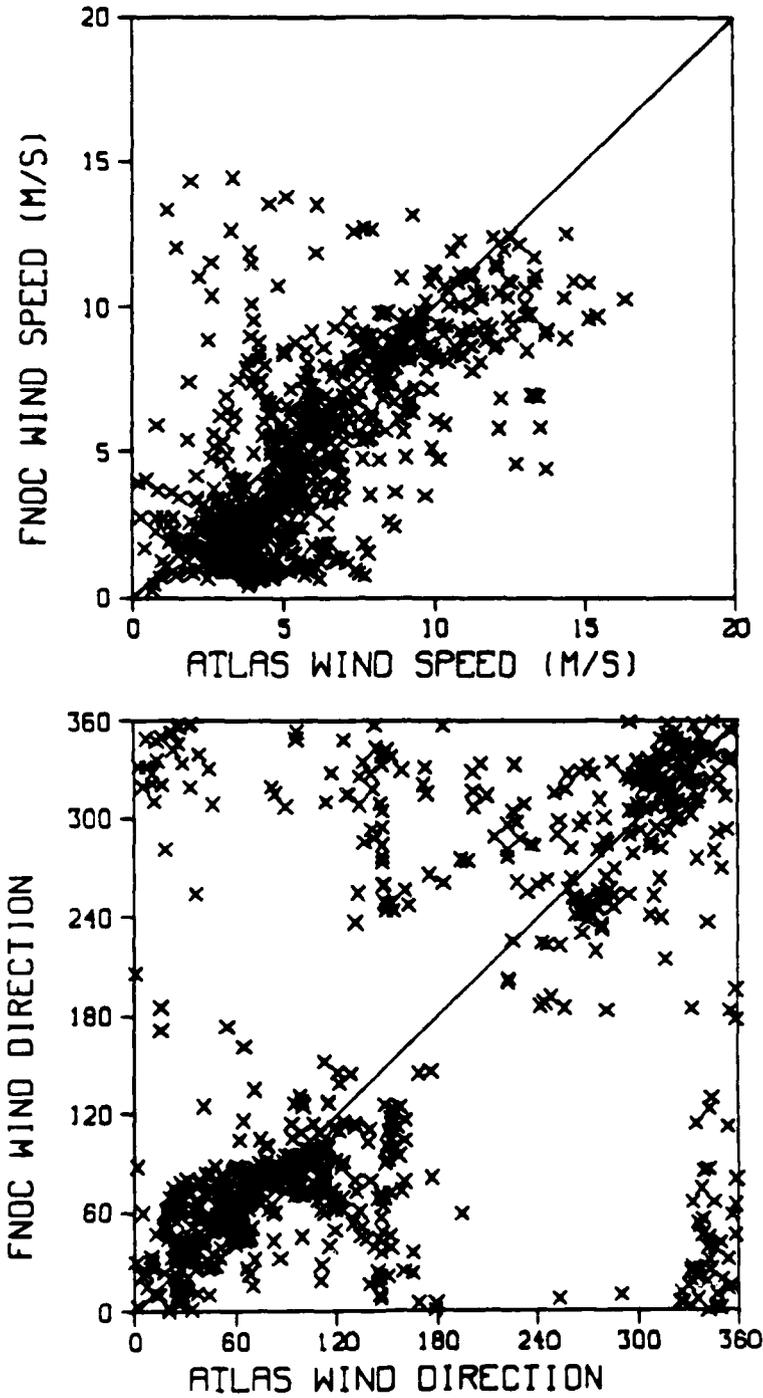


Figure 28: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 237 206 PTS

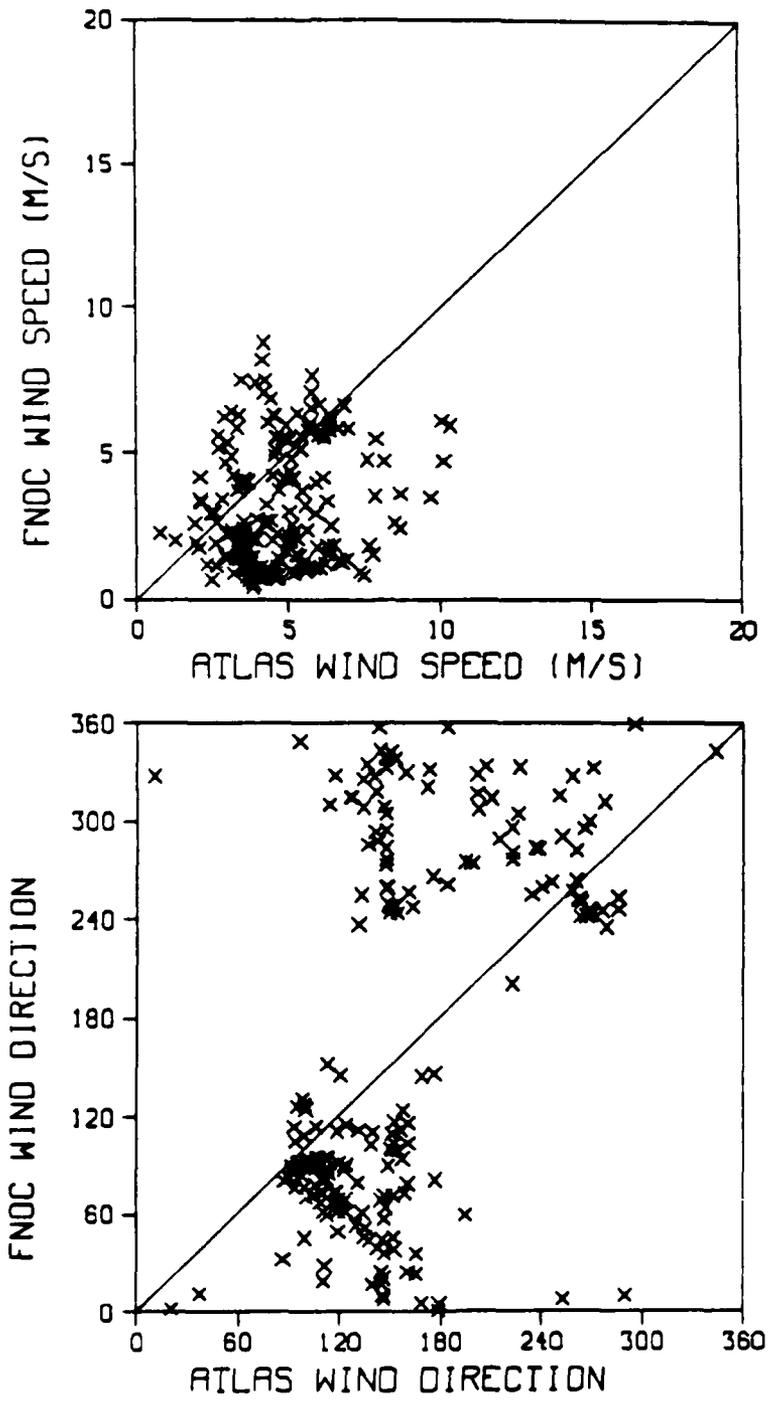


Figure 29: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

# ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

DAY 238 545 PTS

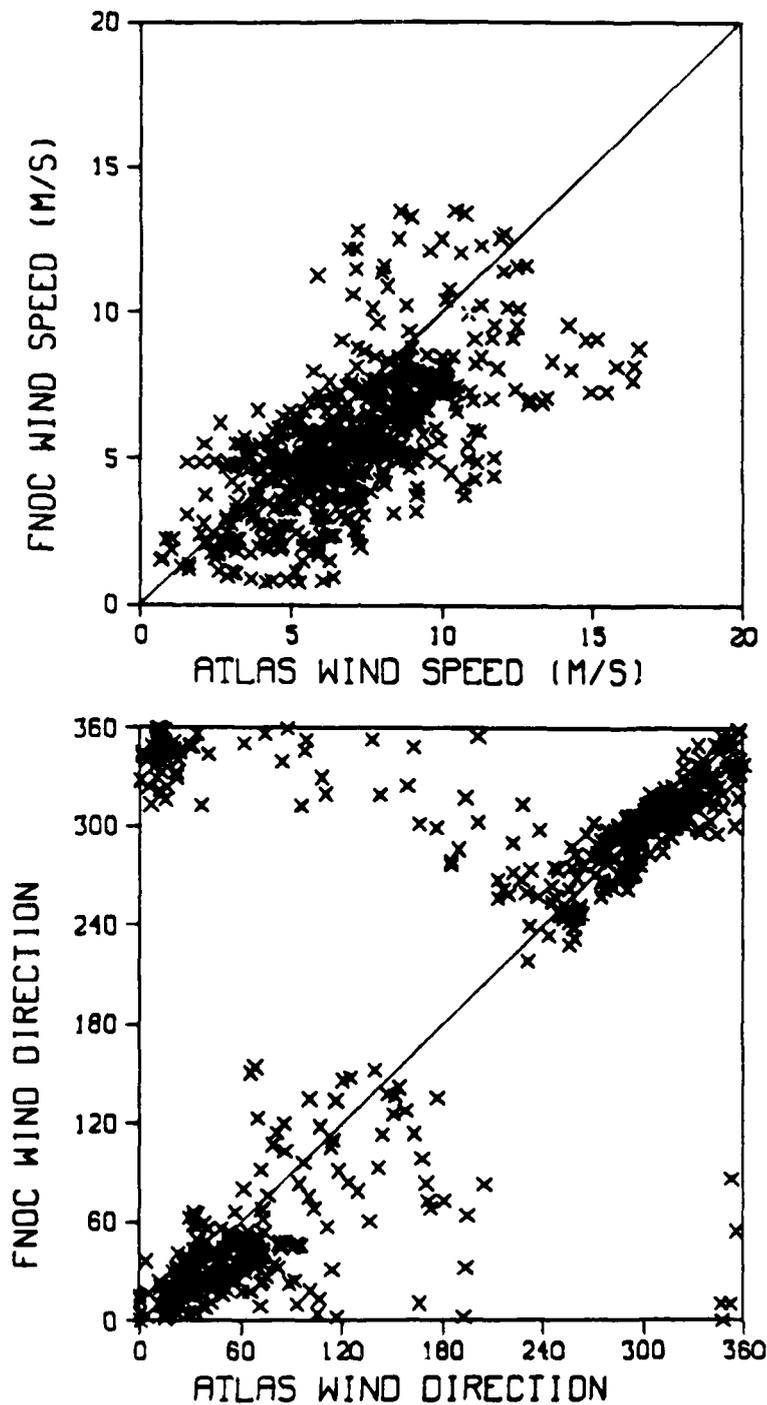


Figure 30: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

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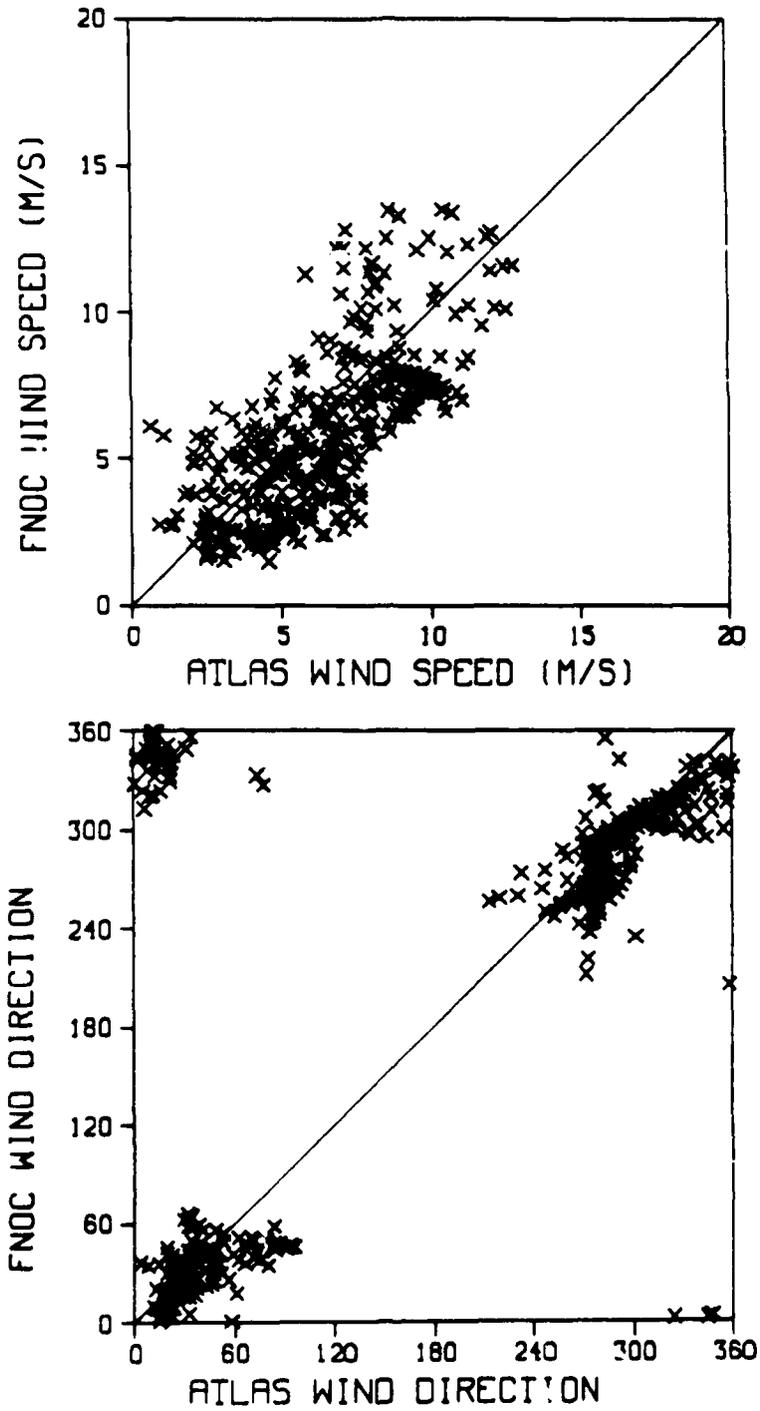


Figure 31: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

# ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

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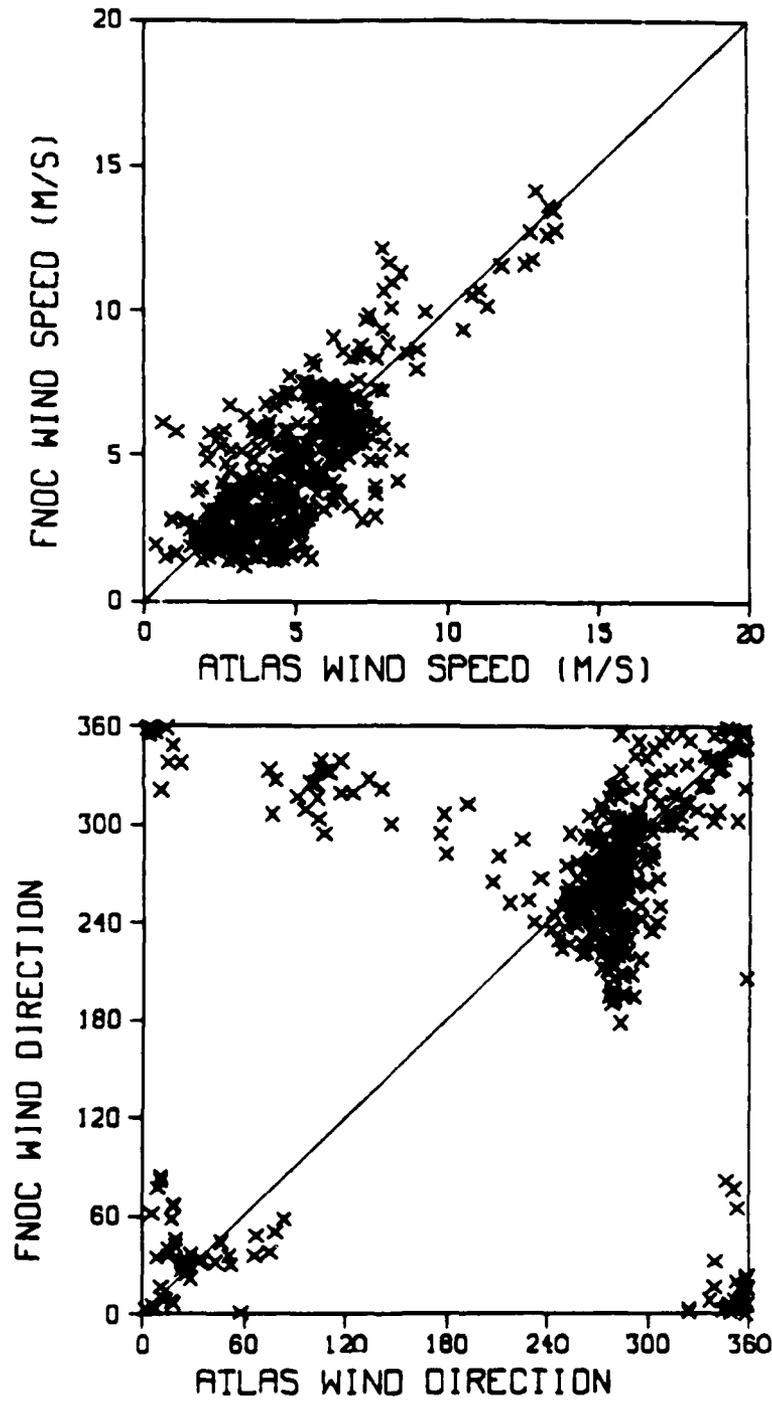


Figure 32: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 241 453 PTS

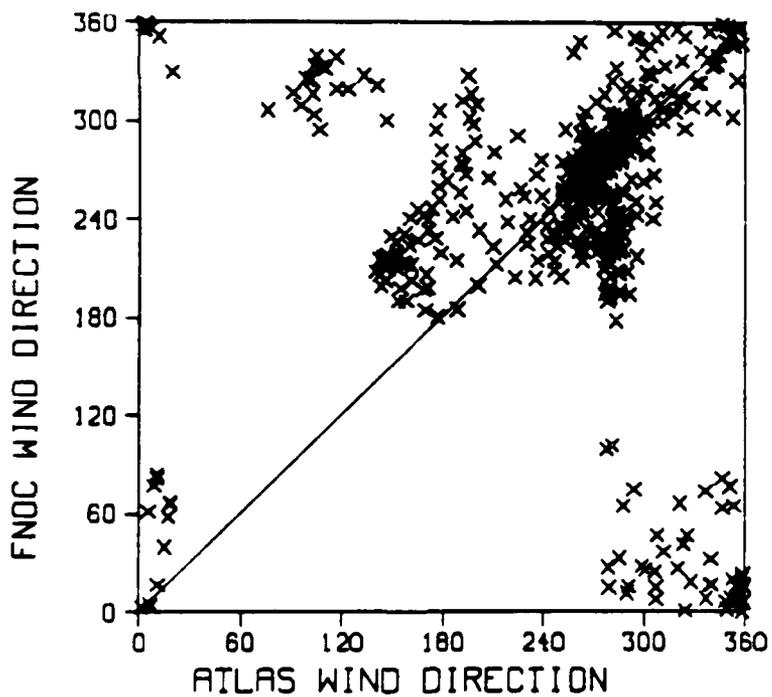
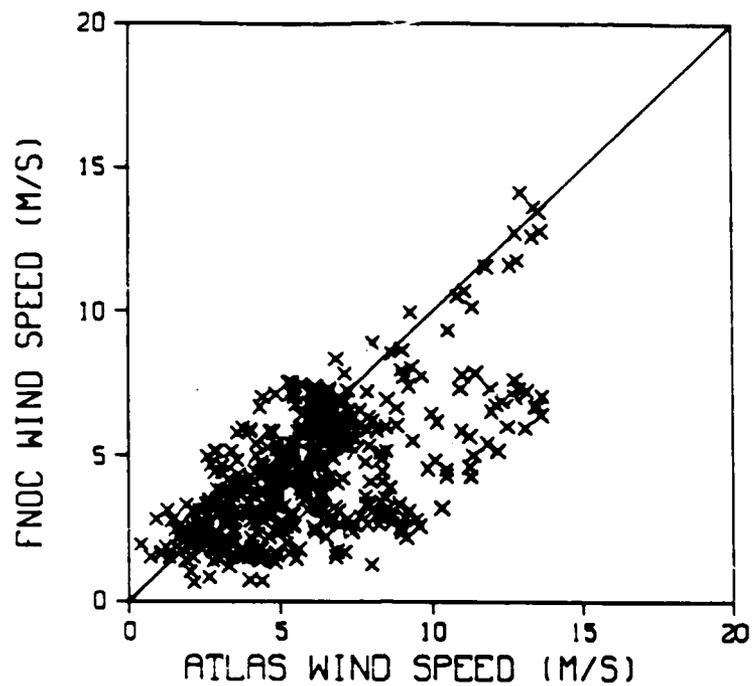


Figure 33: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

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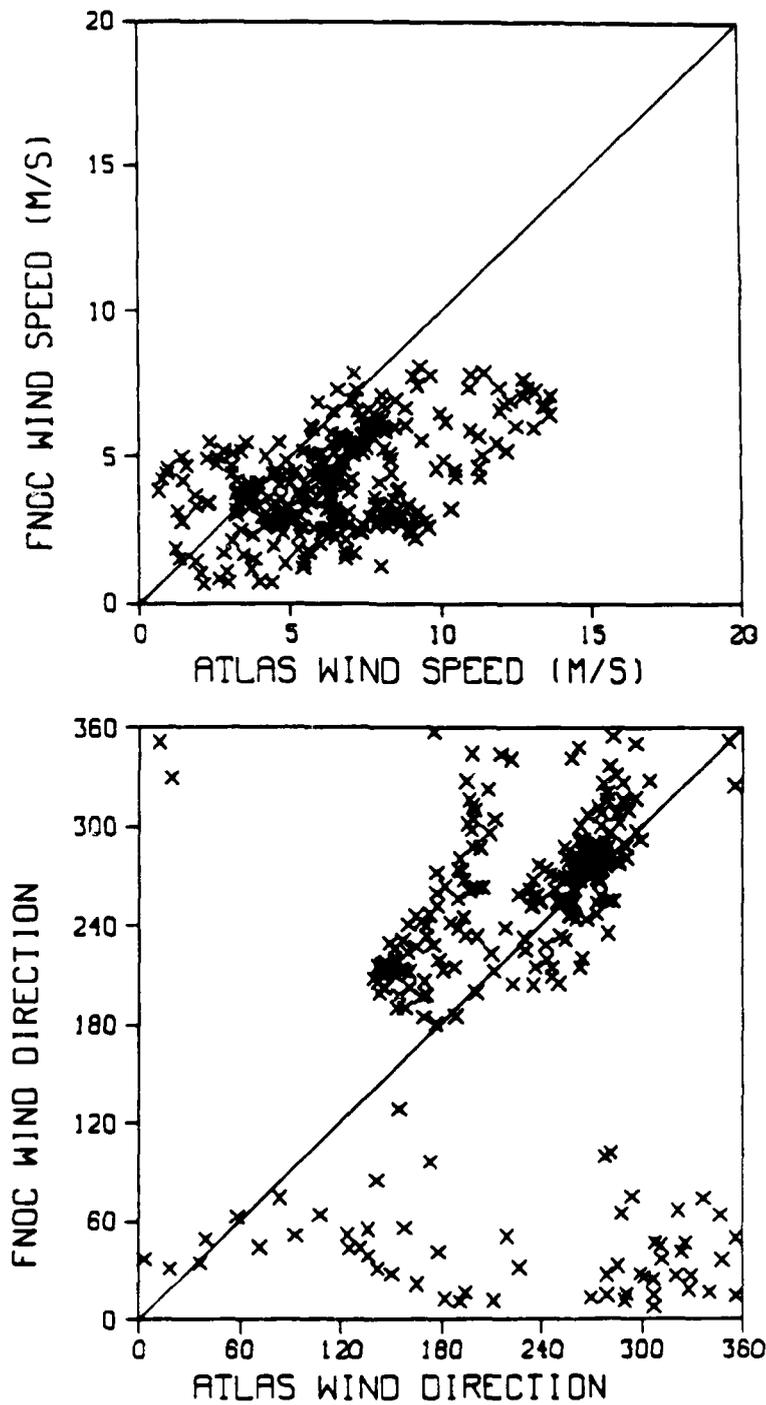


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ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 243 98 PTS

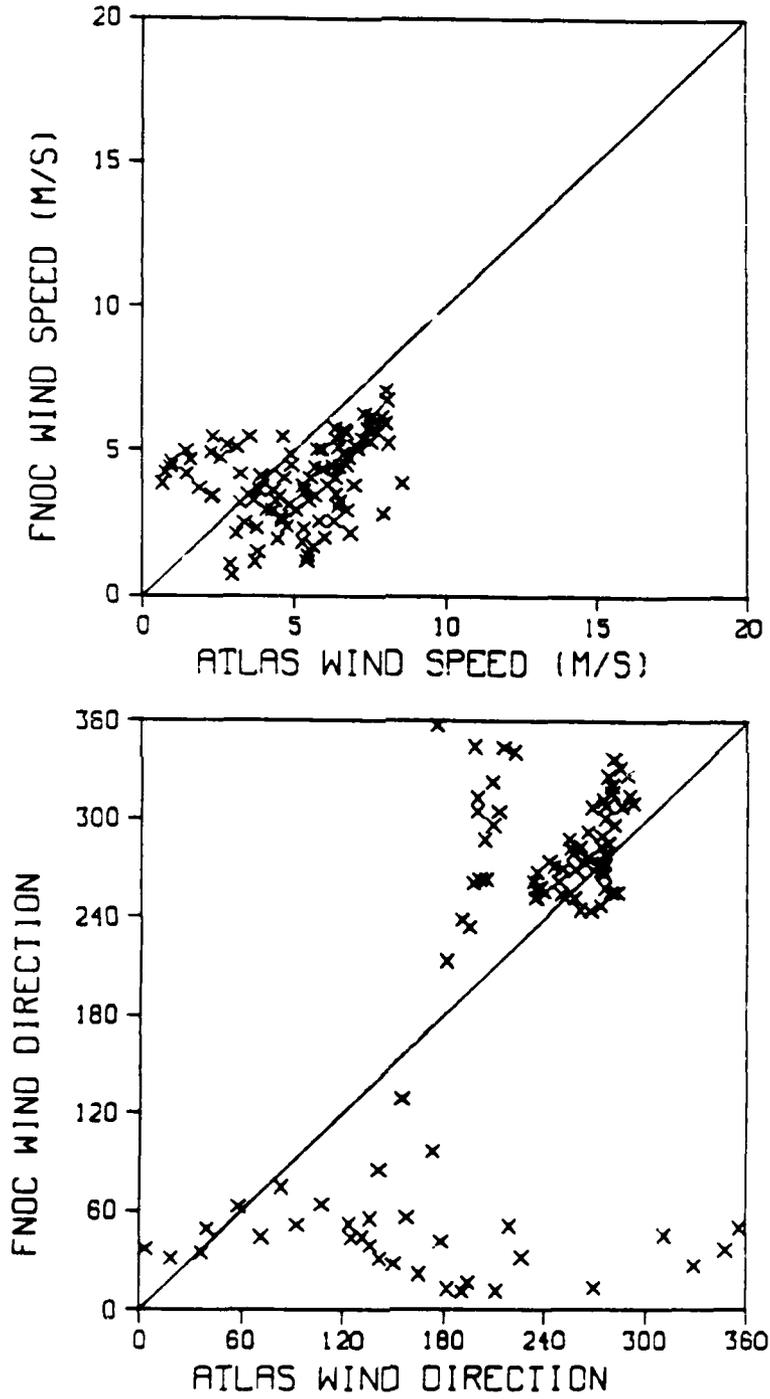


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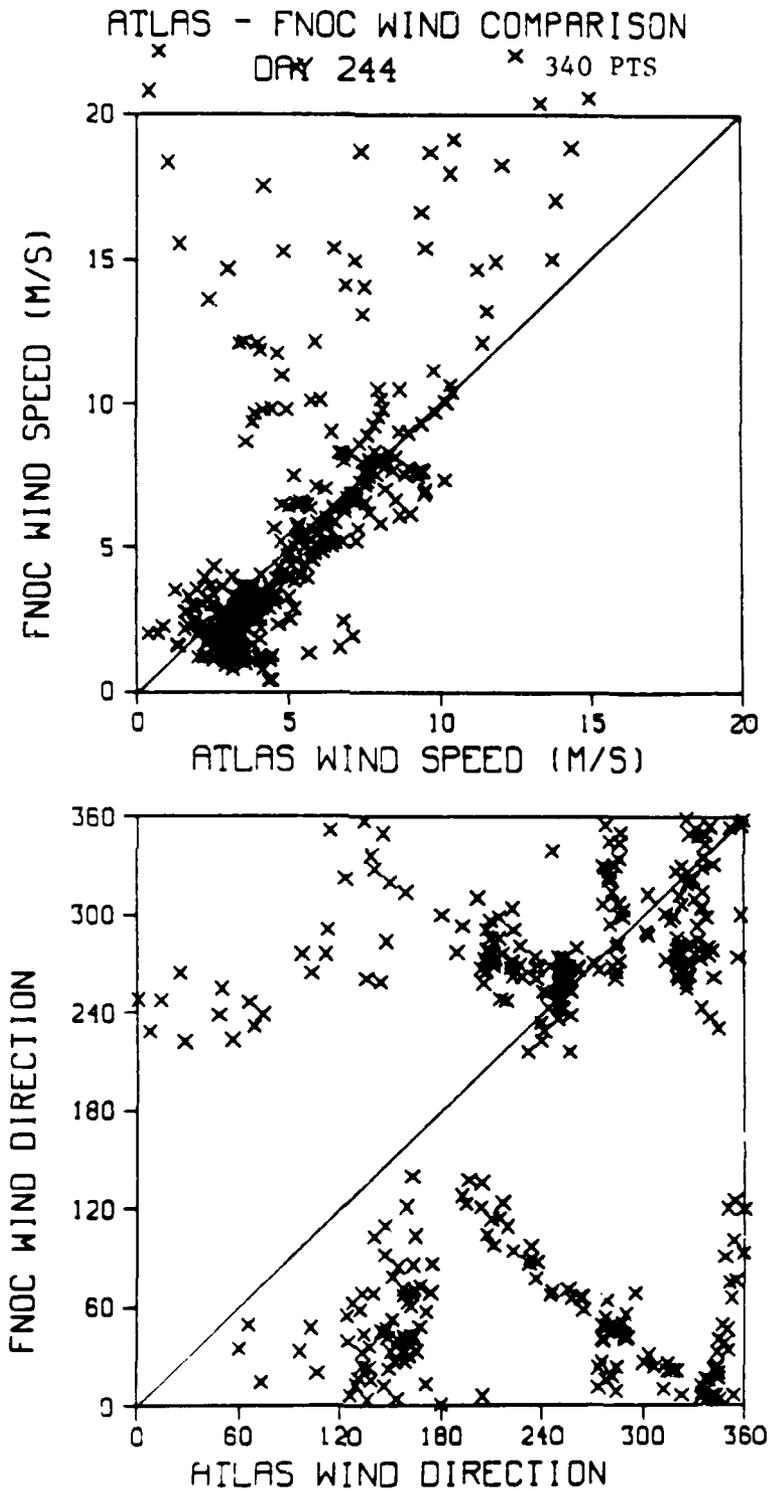


Figure 36: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 245 255 PTS

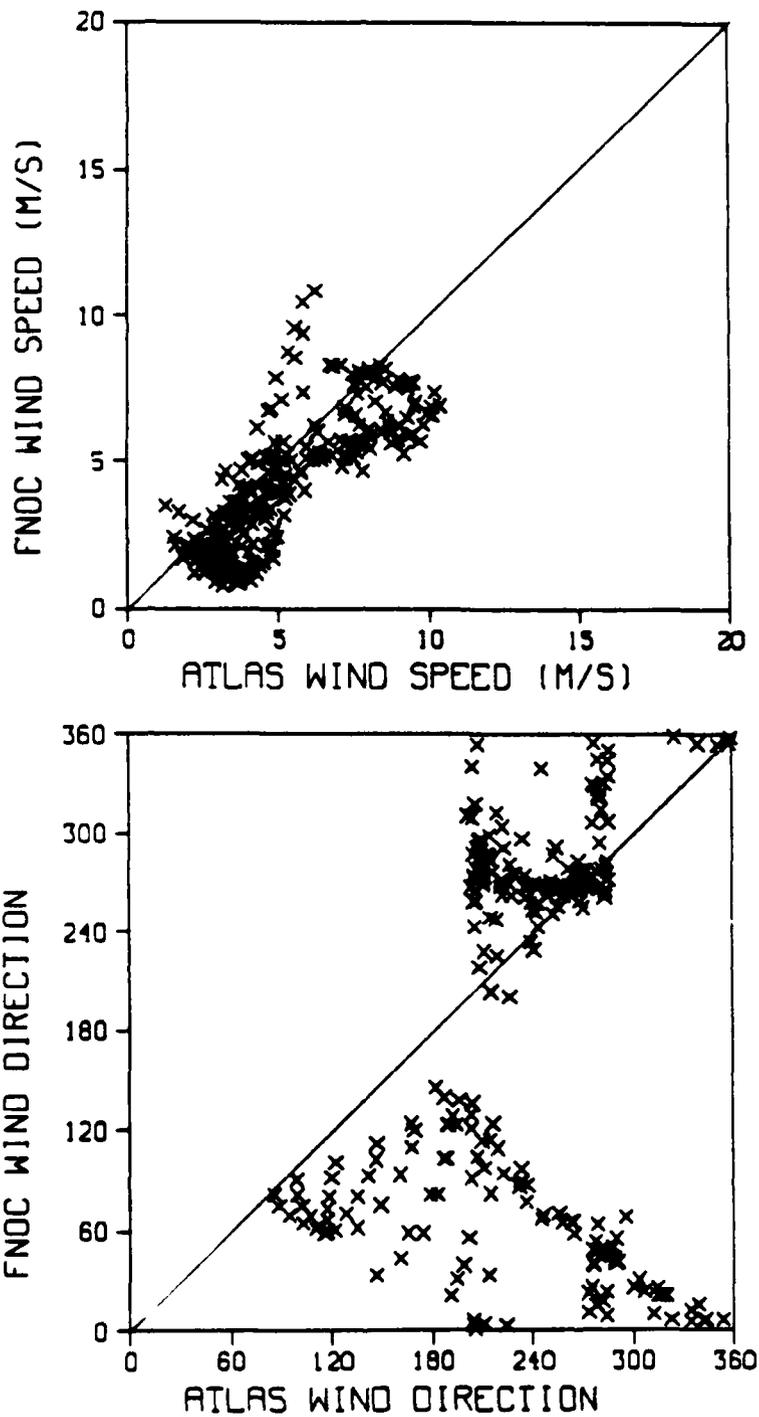


Figure 37: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

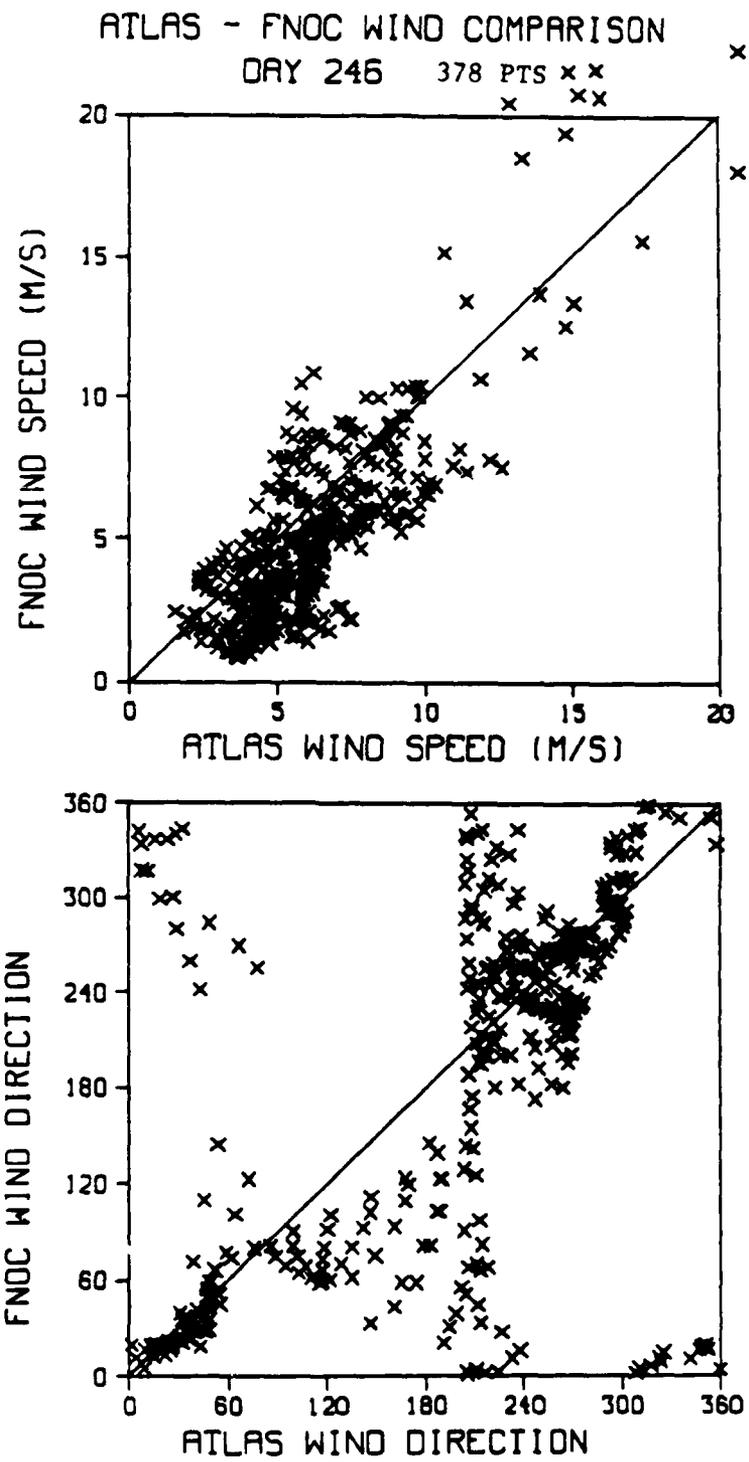


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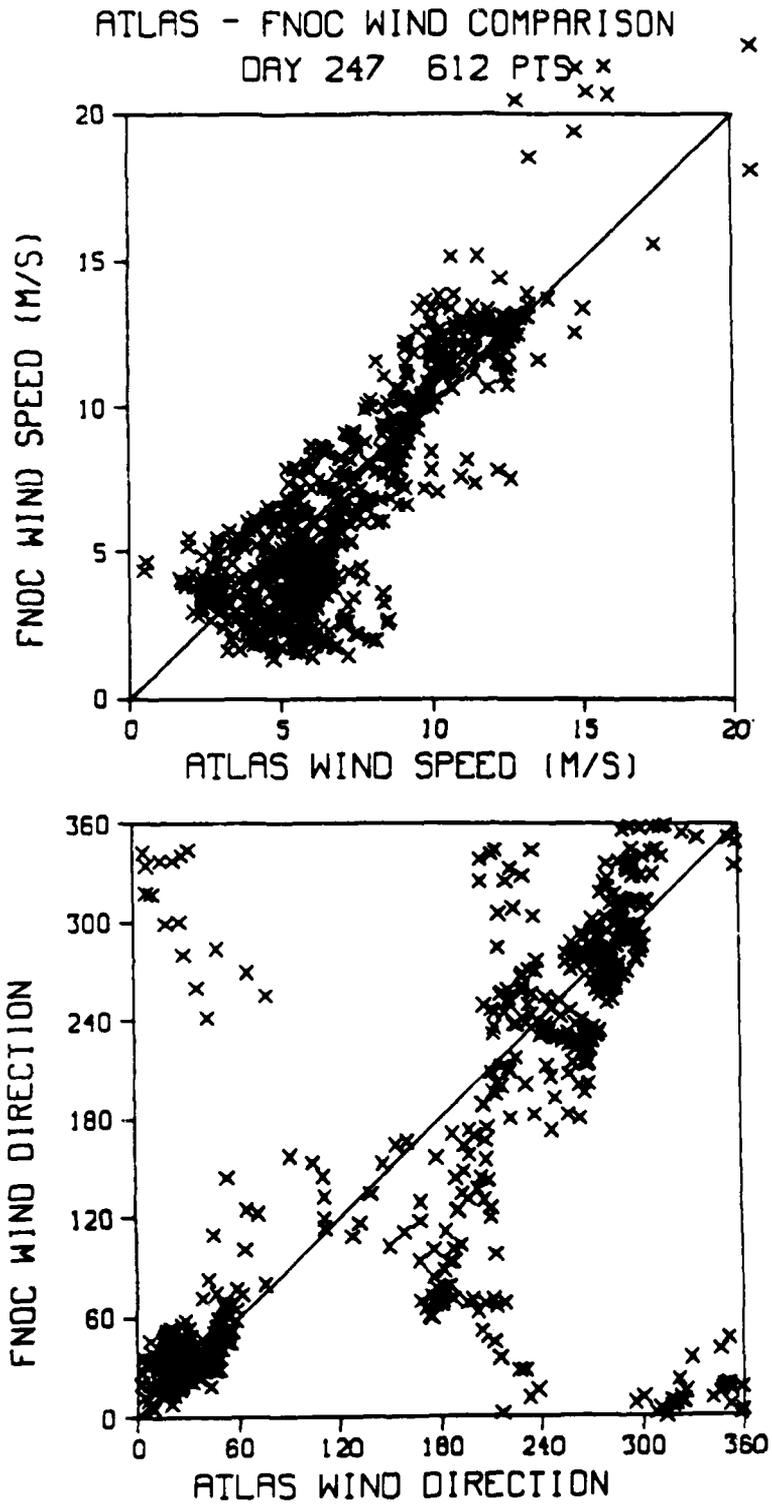


Figure 39: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON  
DAY 248 920 PTS

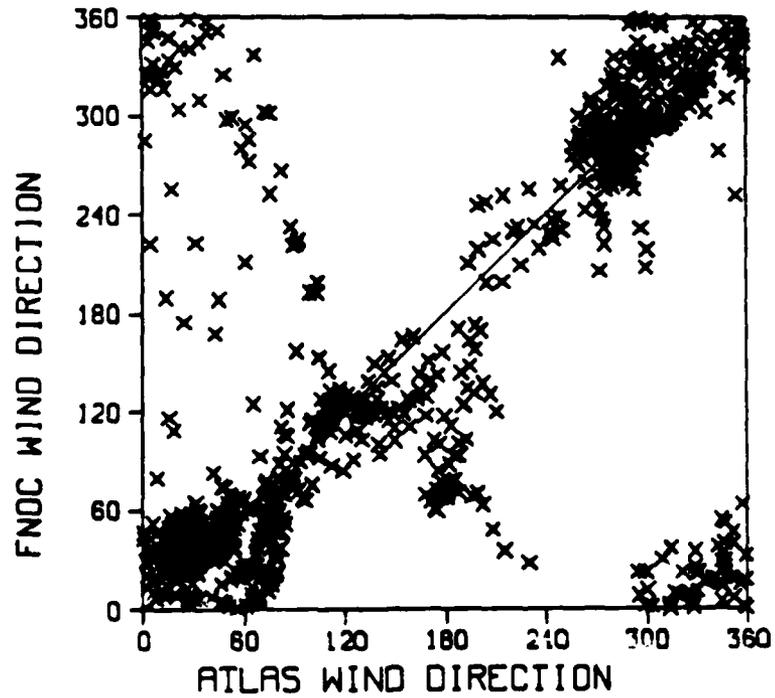
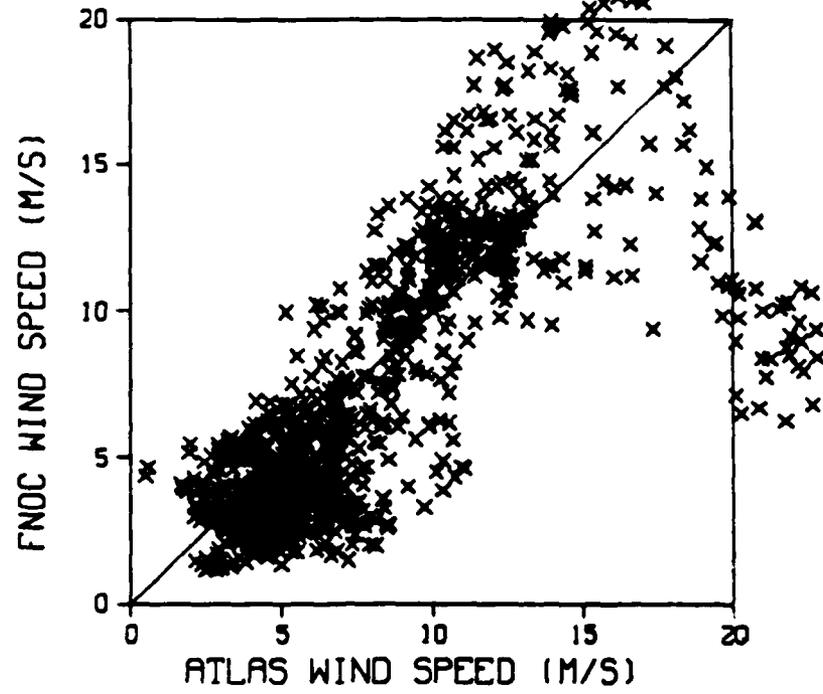


Figure 40: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

# ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

DAY 249 423 PTS

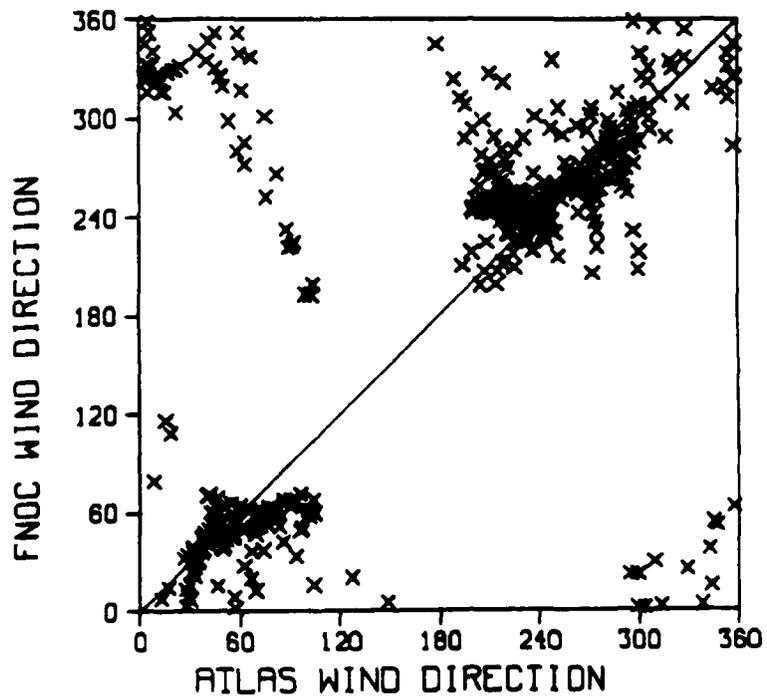
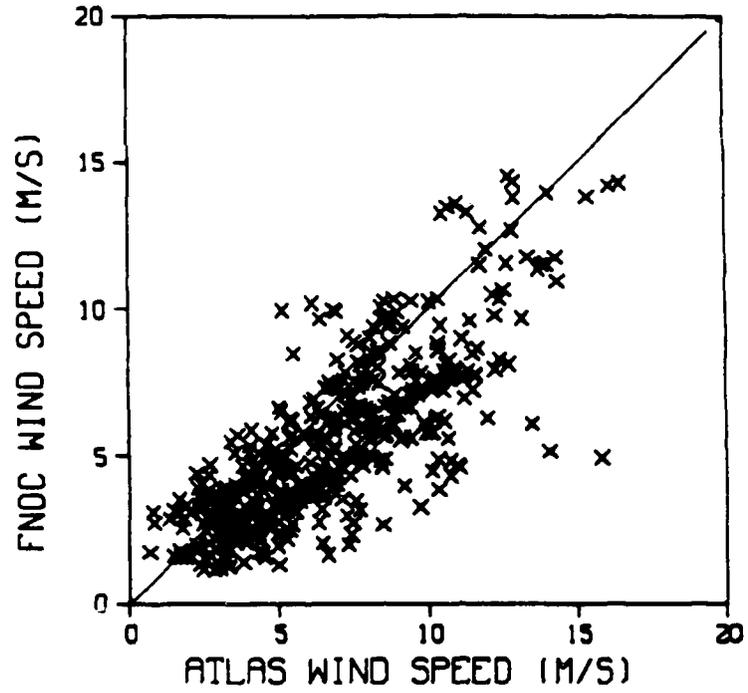


Figure 41: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

# ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

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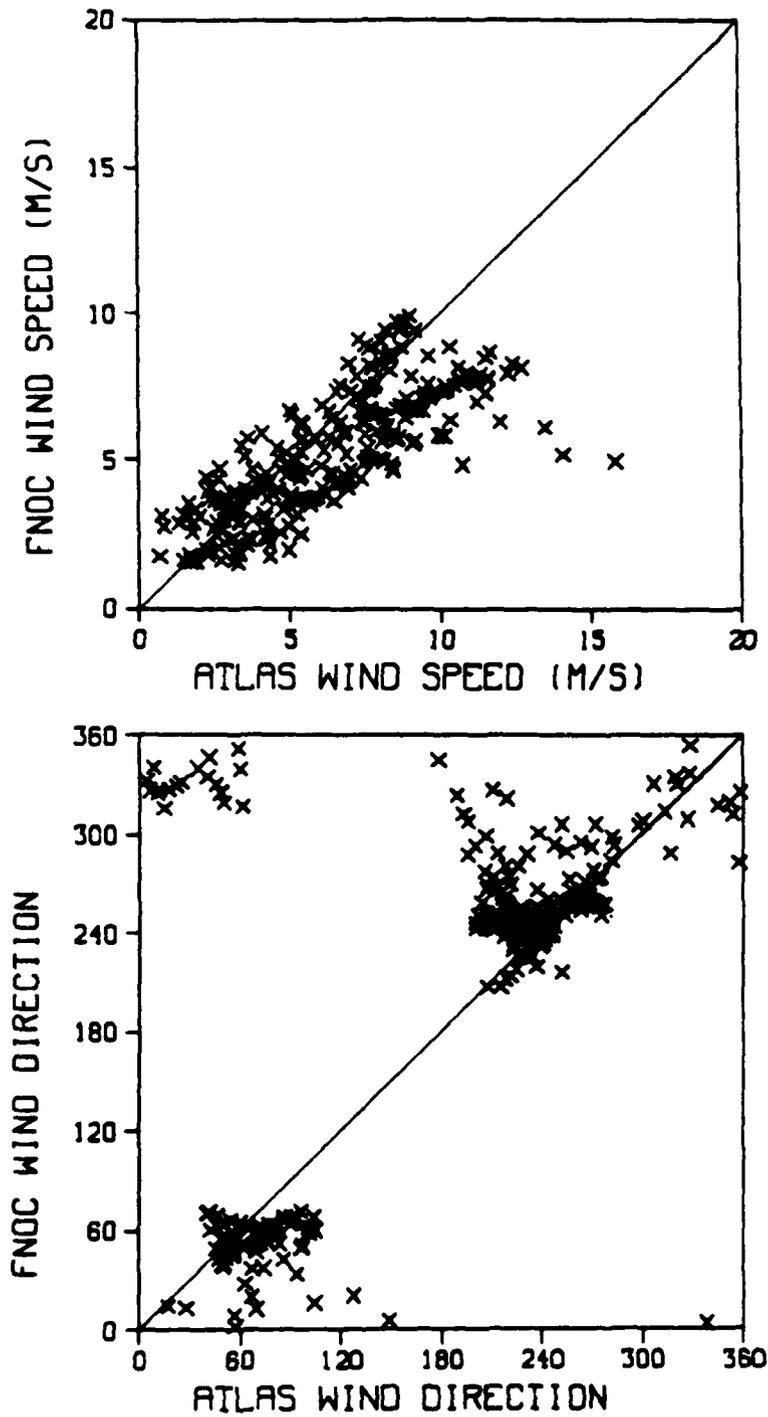


Figure 42: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

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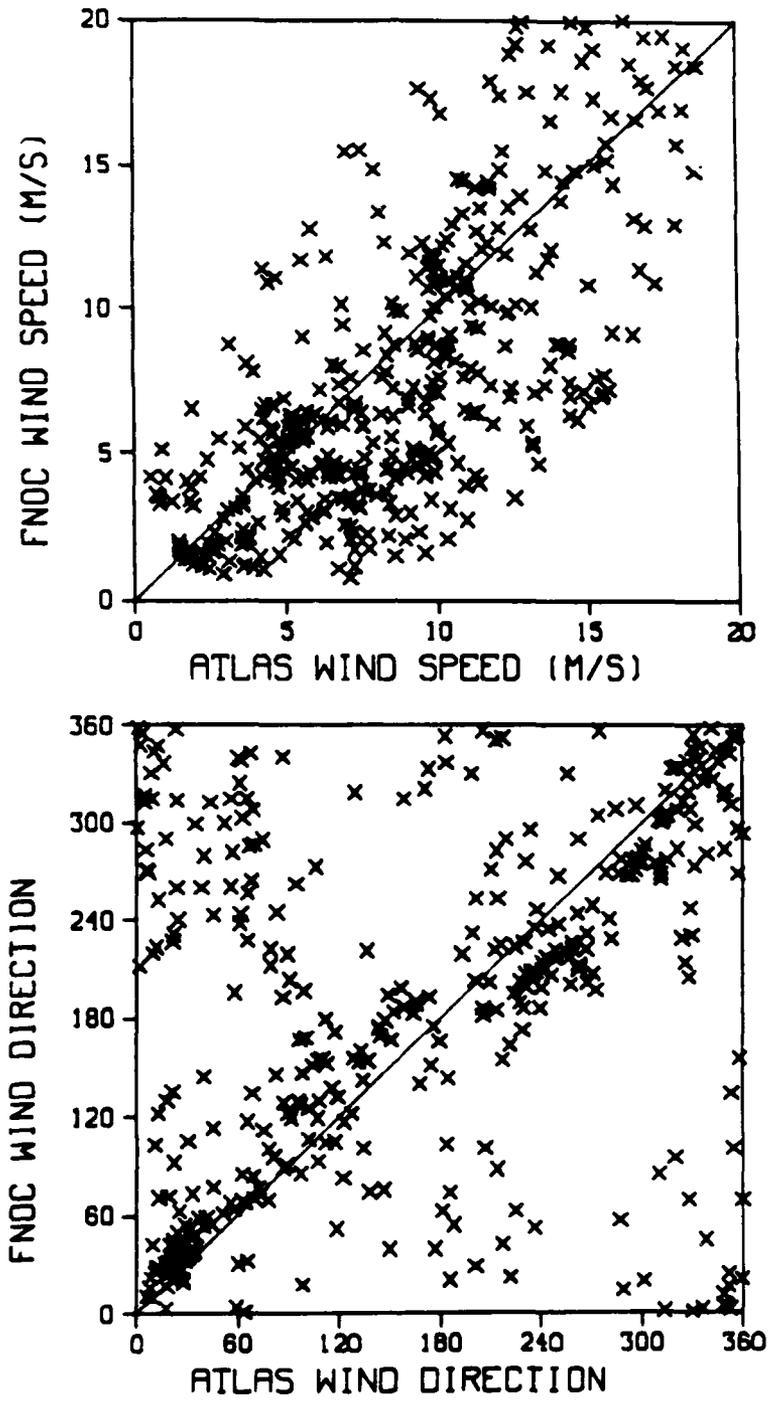


Figure 43: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS - FNOC WIND COMPARISON

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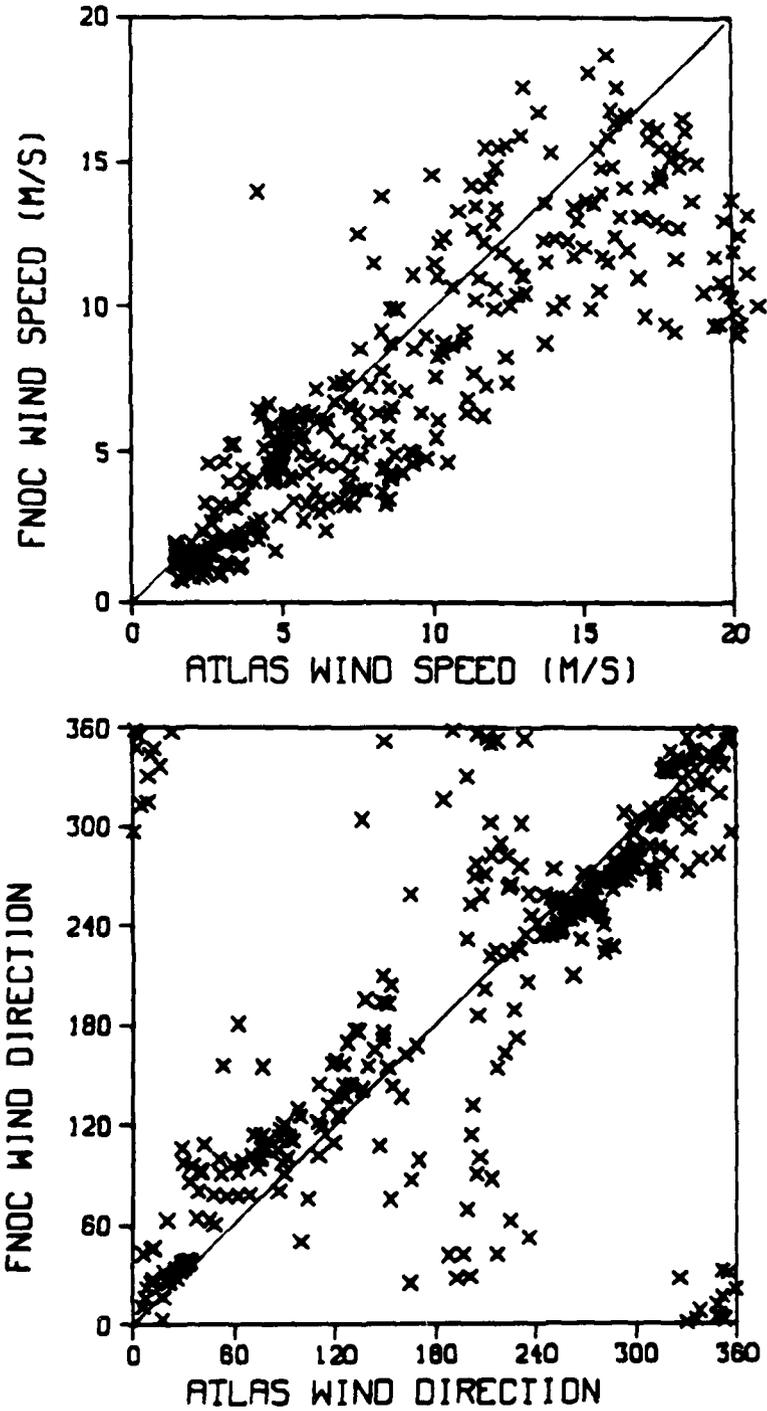


Figure 44: Mapped Atlas vs FNOC wind speed and direction - 1-day period

ATLAS SCATTEROMETER WINDS

REV 1008

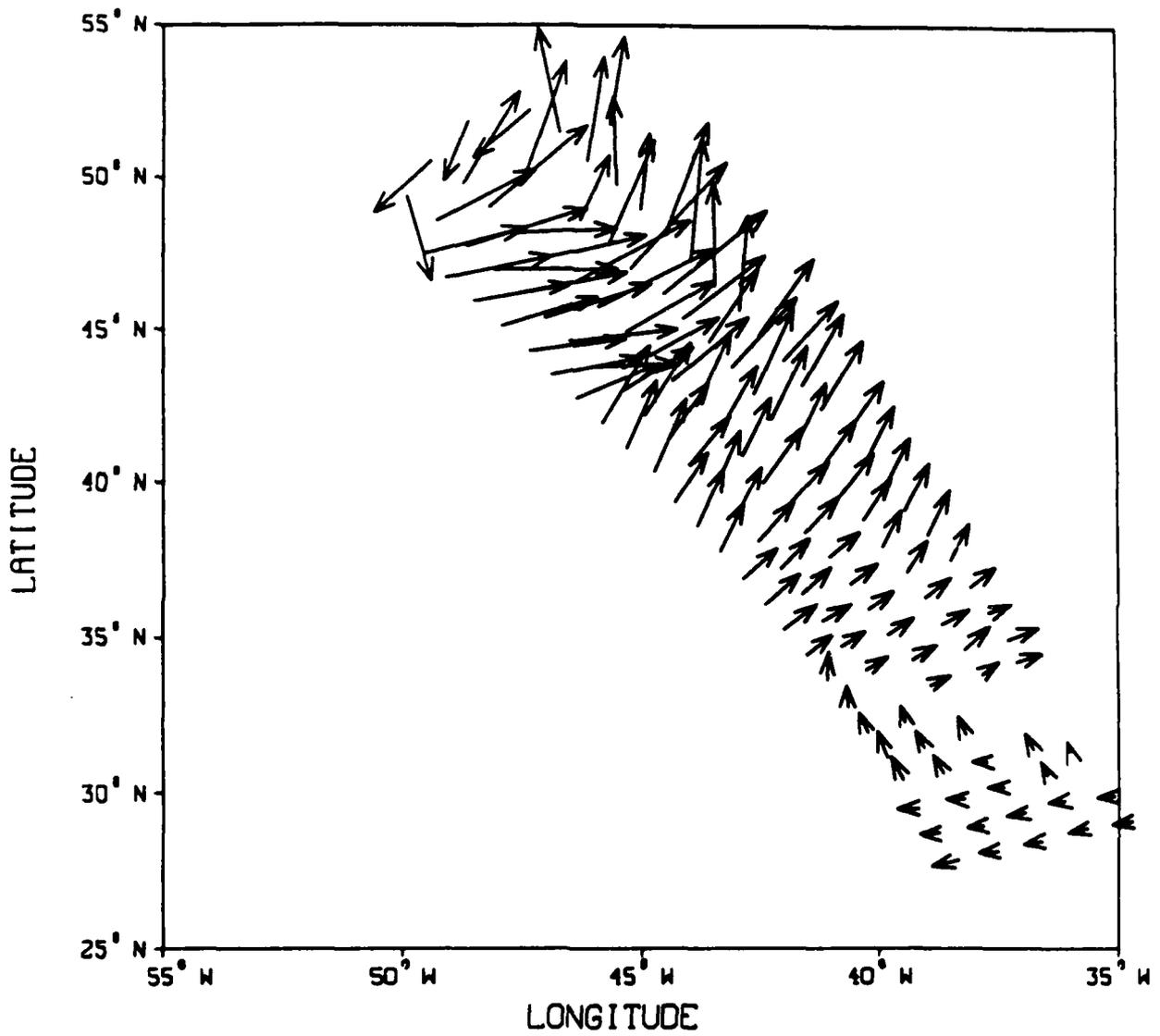


Figure 45: Ungridded Atlas winds - Rev 1008

FNOC SYNOPTIC WINDS

248 12Z

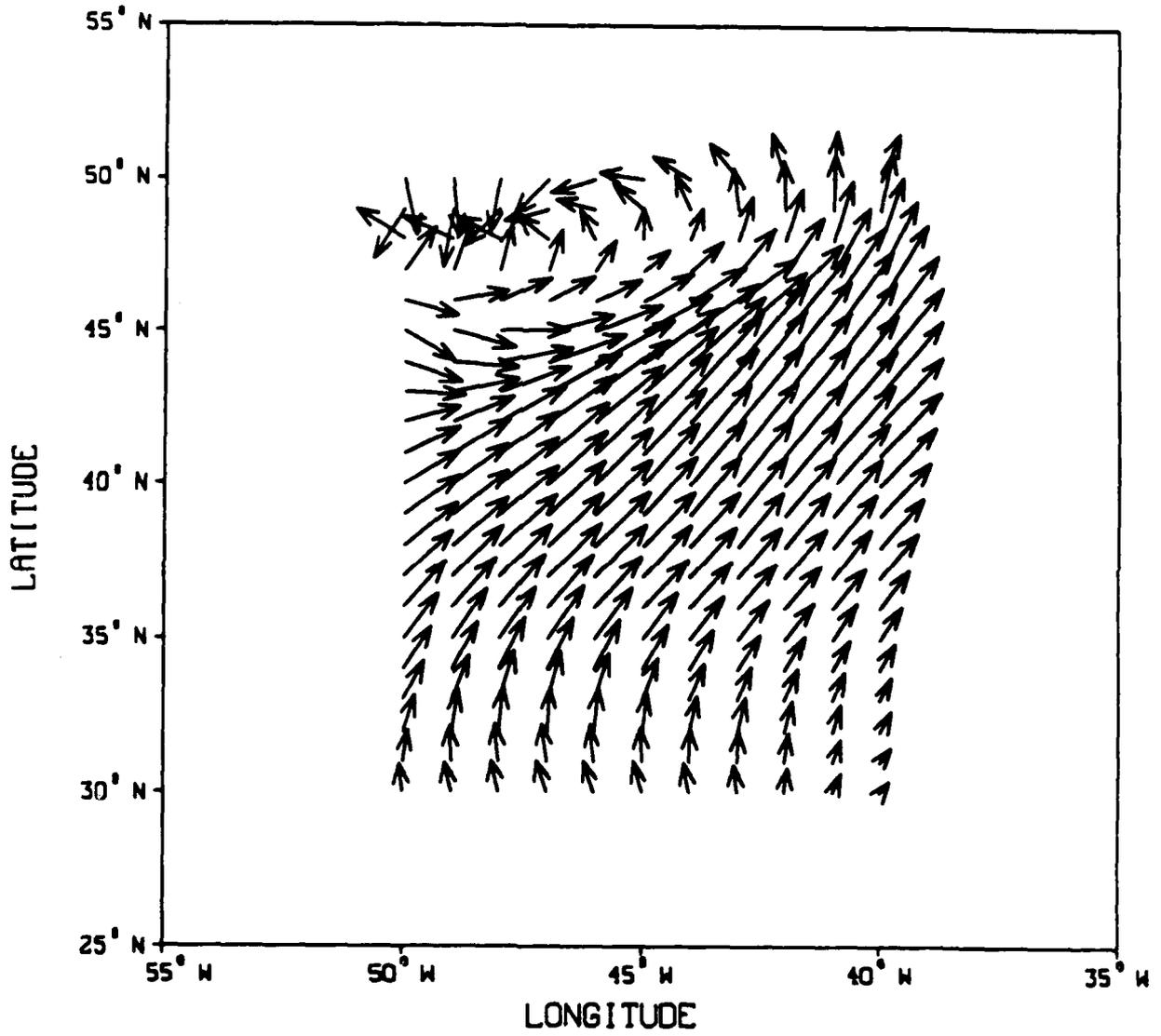


Figure 46: FNOC winds - Day 248 12Z

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT

1 DAY MEAN SPEED

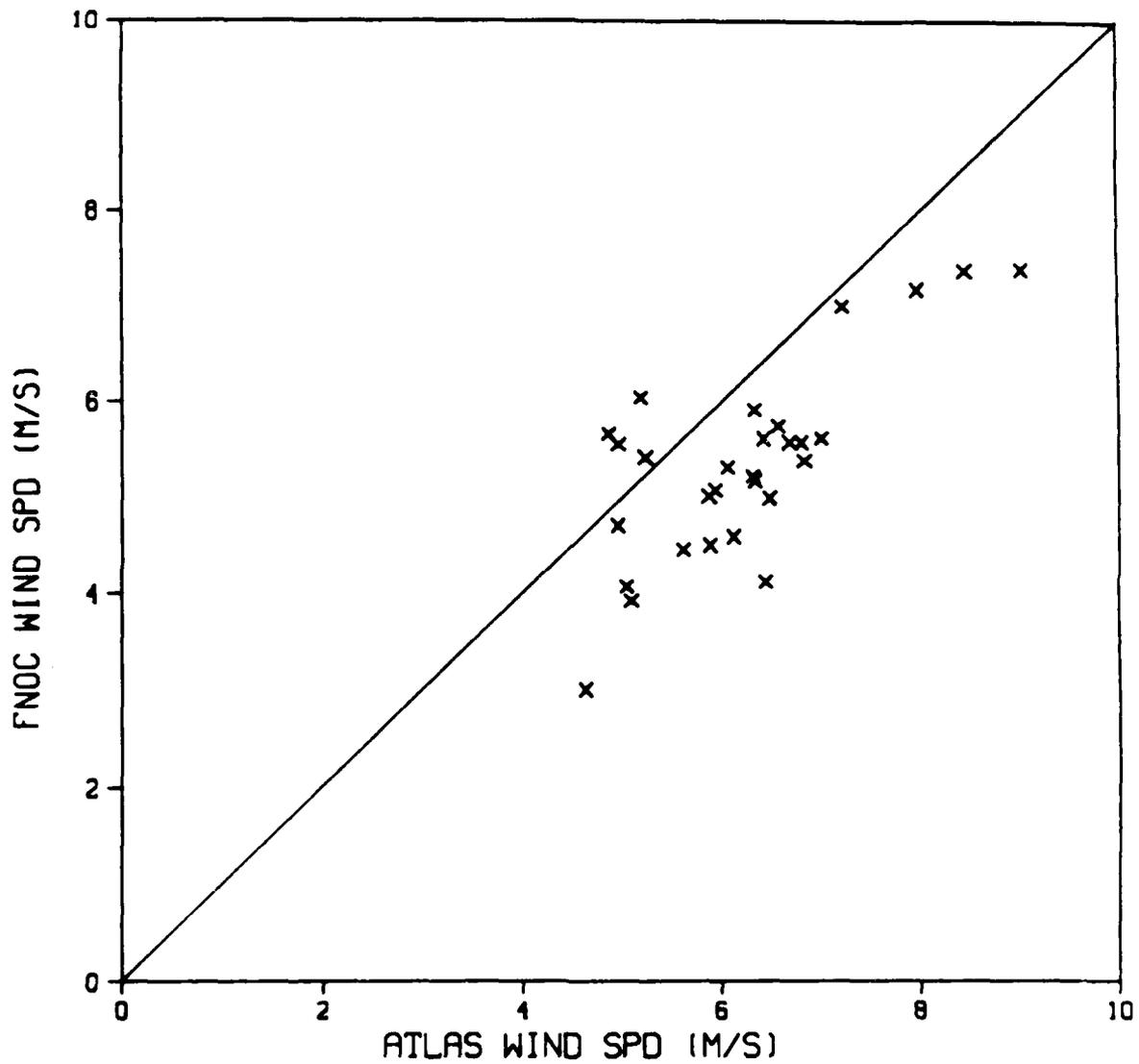


Figure 47: Atlas vs FNOC vector speed - 1-day averages  
N = 29pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
 1 DAY SPD/VEC STND DEV.

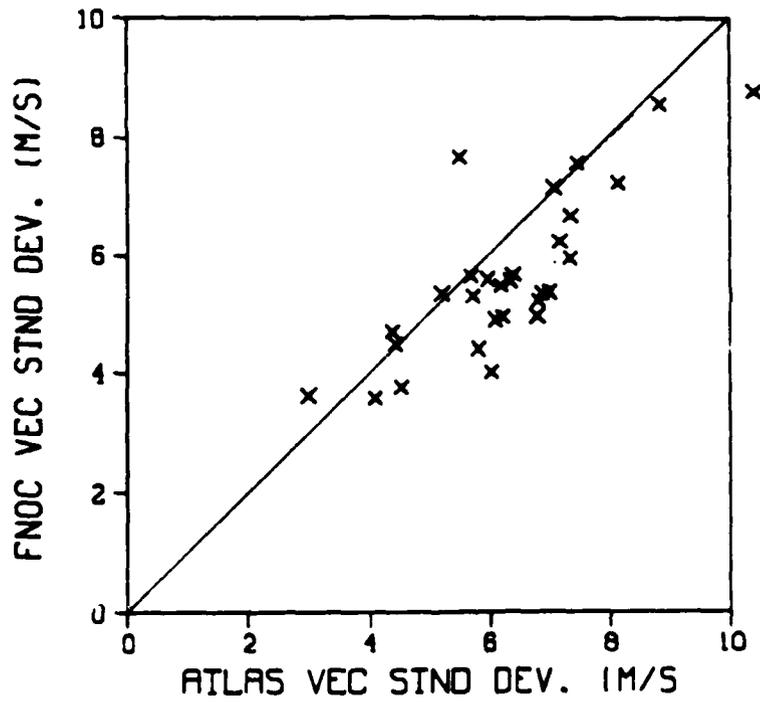
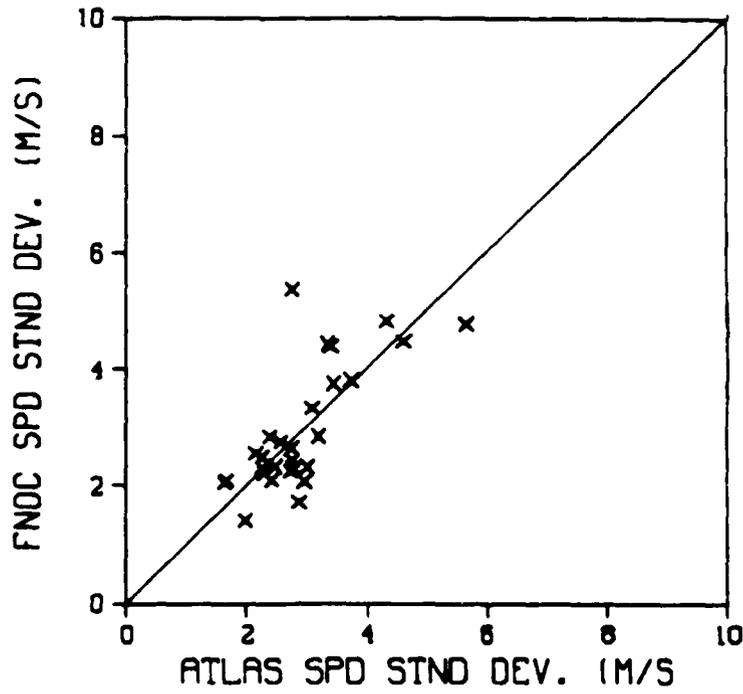


Figure 48: Atlas vs FNOC mean speed and vector standard deviations  
 1-day averages N = 29 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT

3 DAY MEAN SPEED

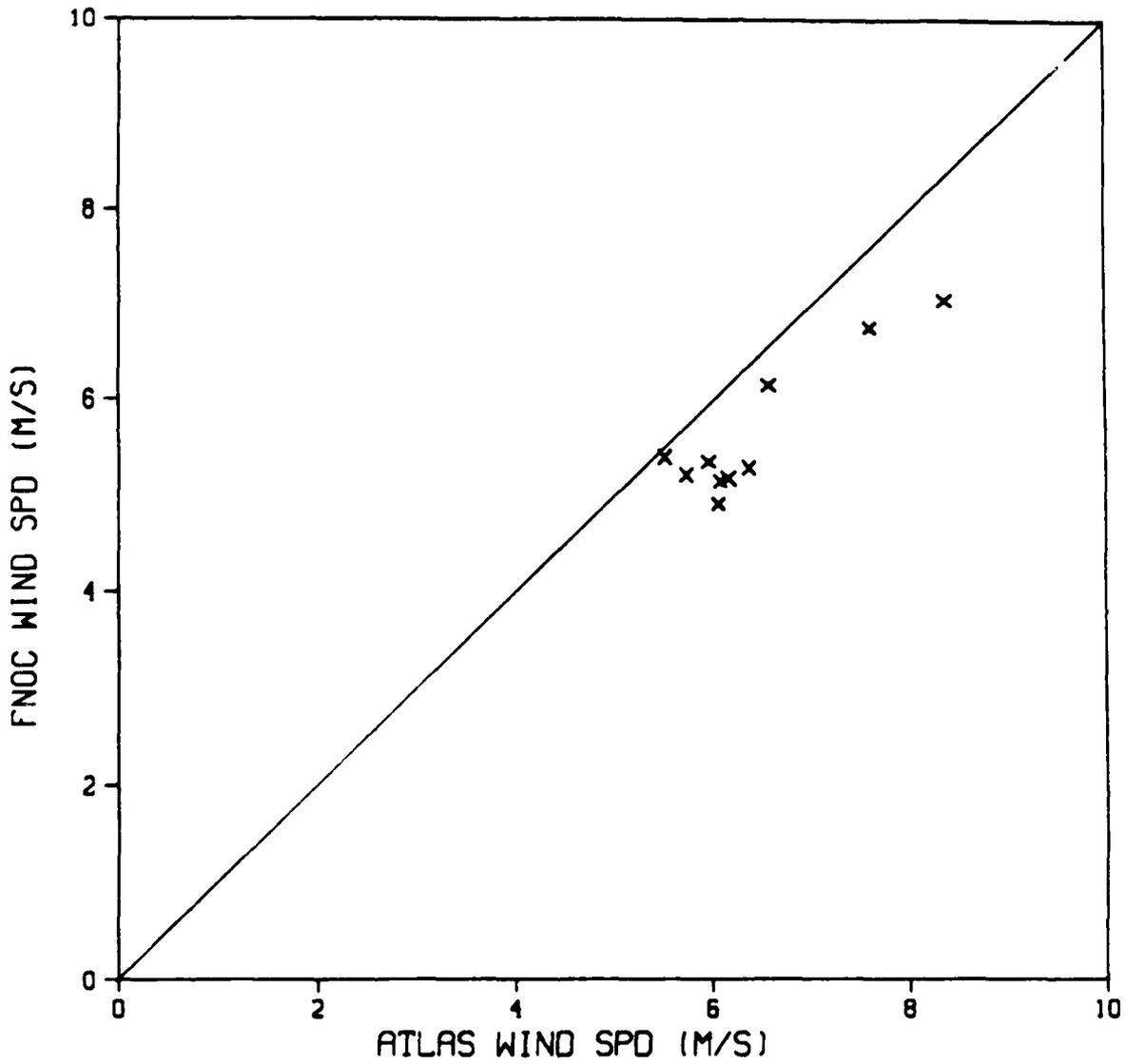


Figure 49: Atlas vs FNOC vector speed - 3-day averages  
N = 10 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
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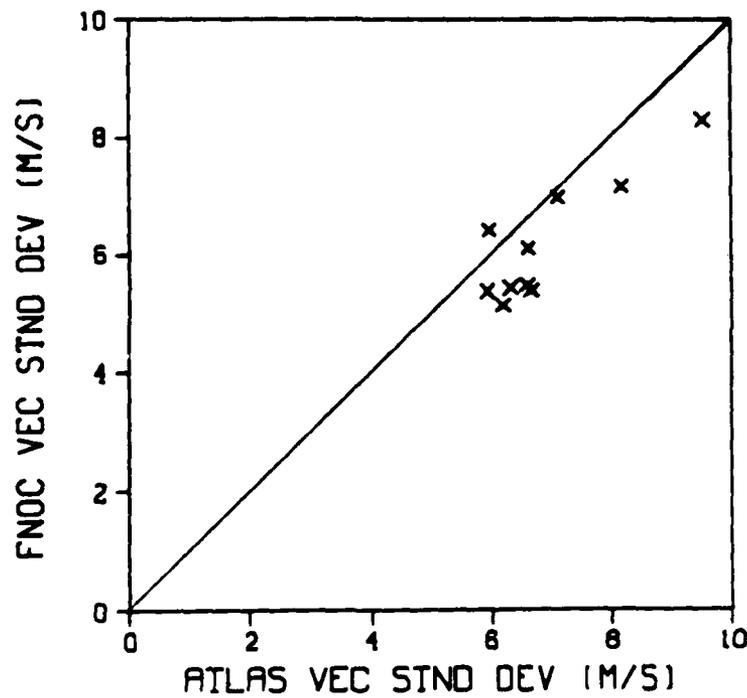
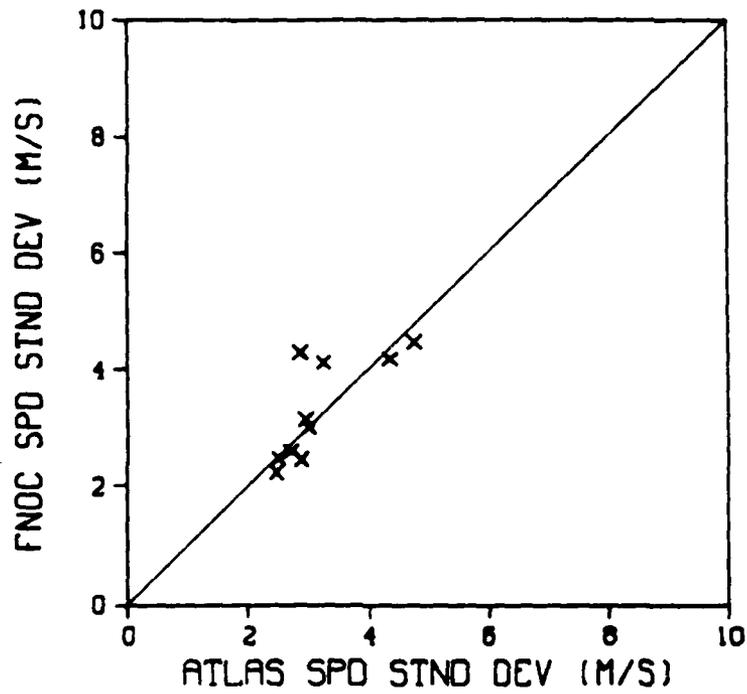


Figure 50: Atlas vs FNOC mean speed and vector standard deviations  
3-day averages N = 10 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
DAILY AVERAGES

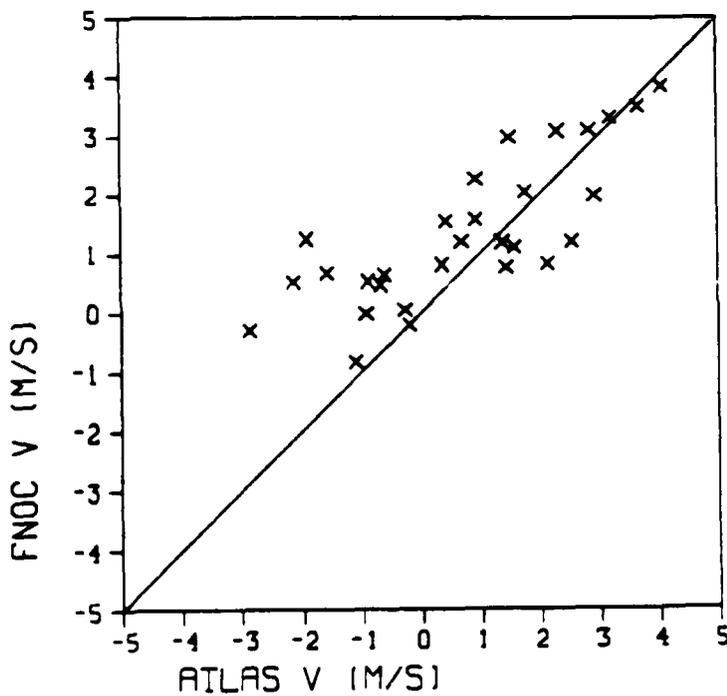
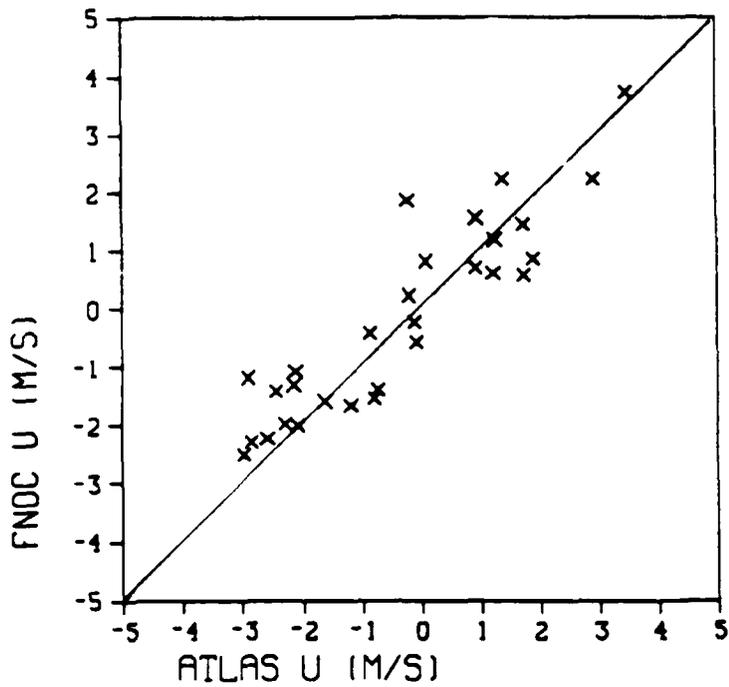


Figure 51: Atlas vs FNOC component velocity - 1-day averages  
N = 29 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC STANDARD DEV  
DAILY AVERAGES

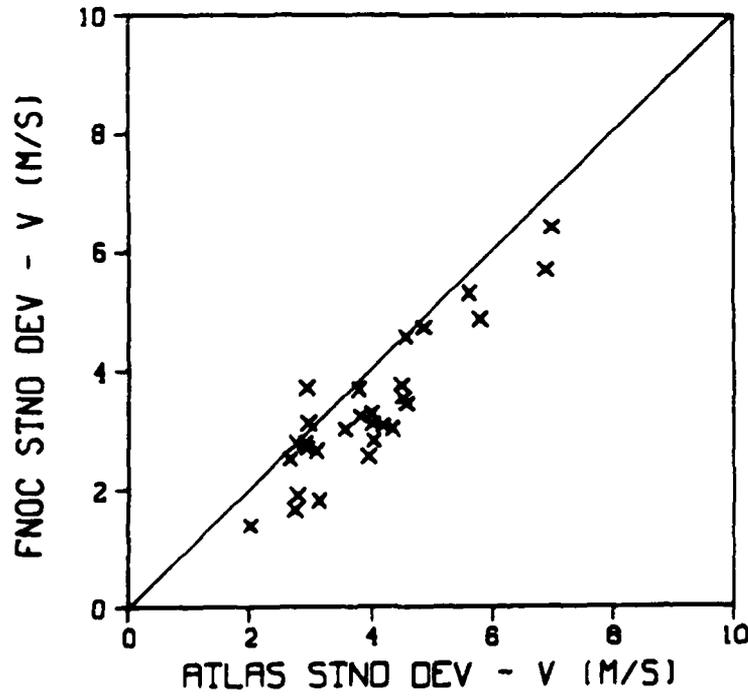
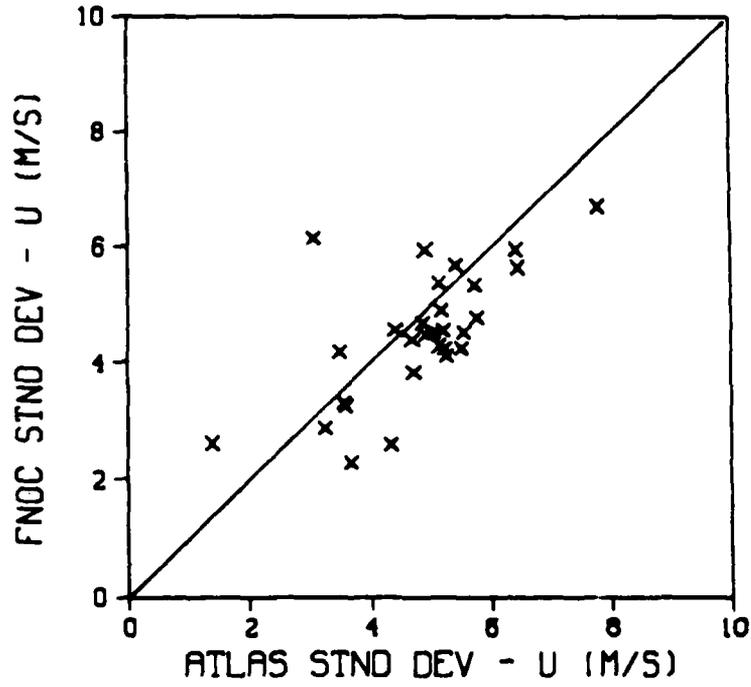


Figure 52: Atlas vs FNOC component standard deviations  
1-day averages N = 29 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
1 DAY/LAT MEAN

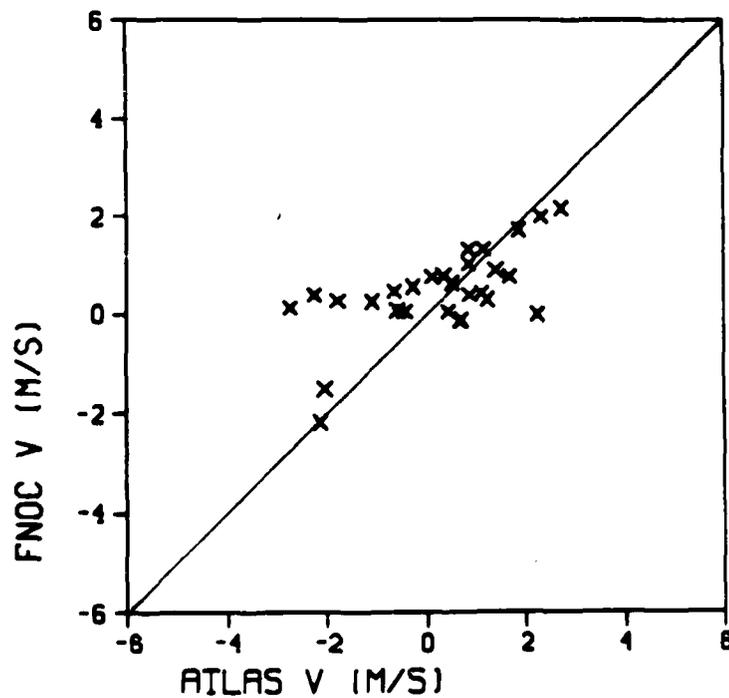
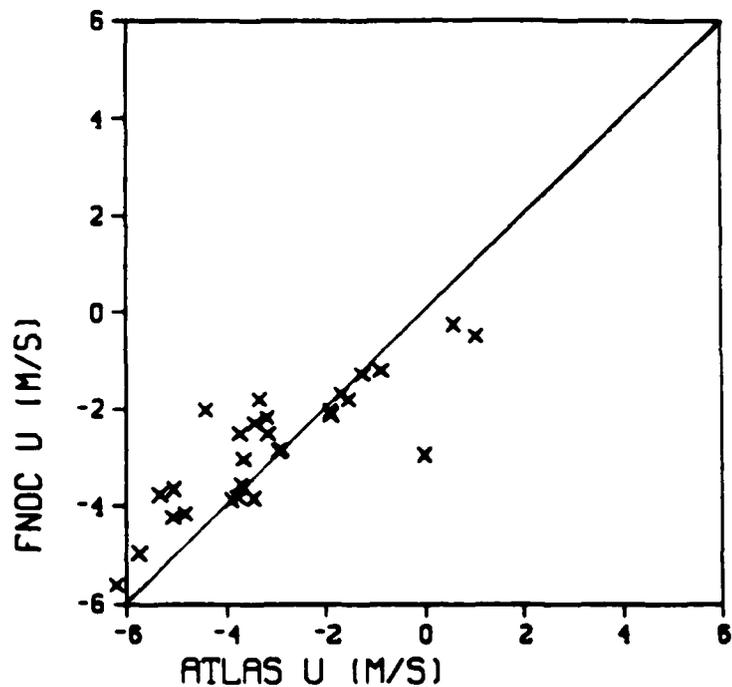


Figure 53: Atlas vs FNOC component velocity - 1-day/10° lat averages  
20°N - 30°N N = 28 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC STANDARD DEV  
 DAY/LAT AVG 20T030

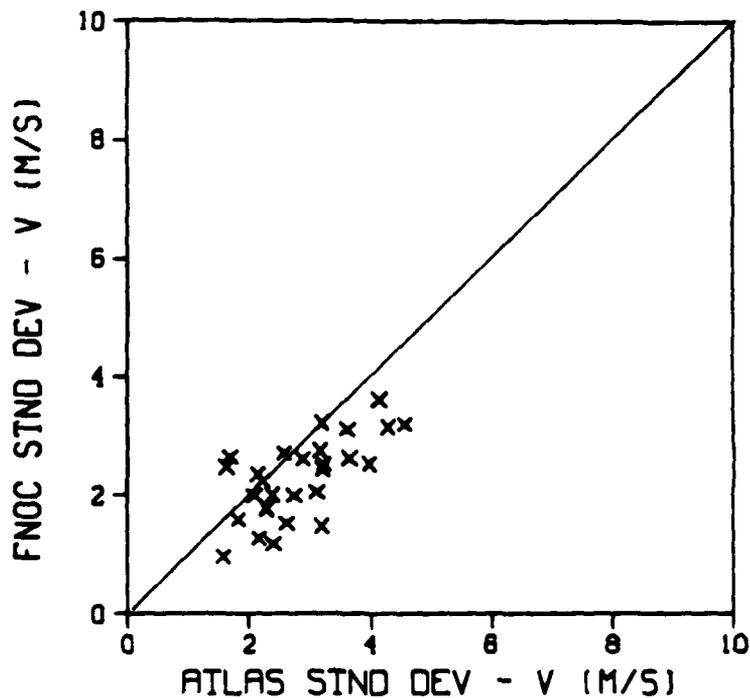
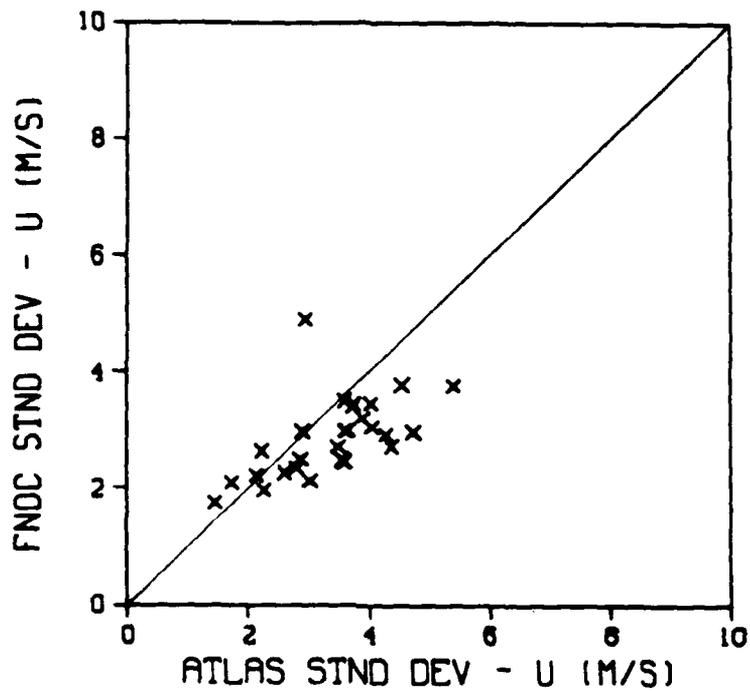


Figure 54: Atlas vs FNOC component standard deviations  
 1-day/10° lat averages 20°N - 30°N  
 N = 28 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
1 DAY/LAT 30-40 MEAN

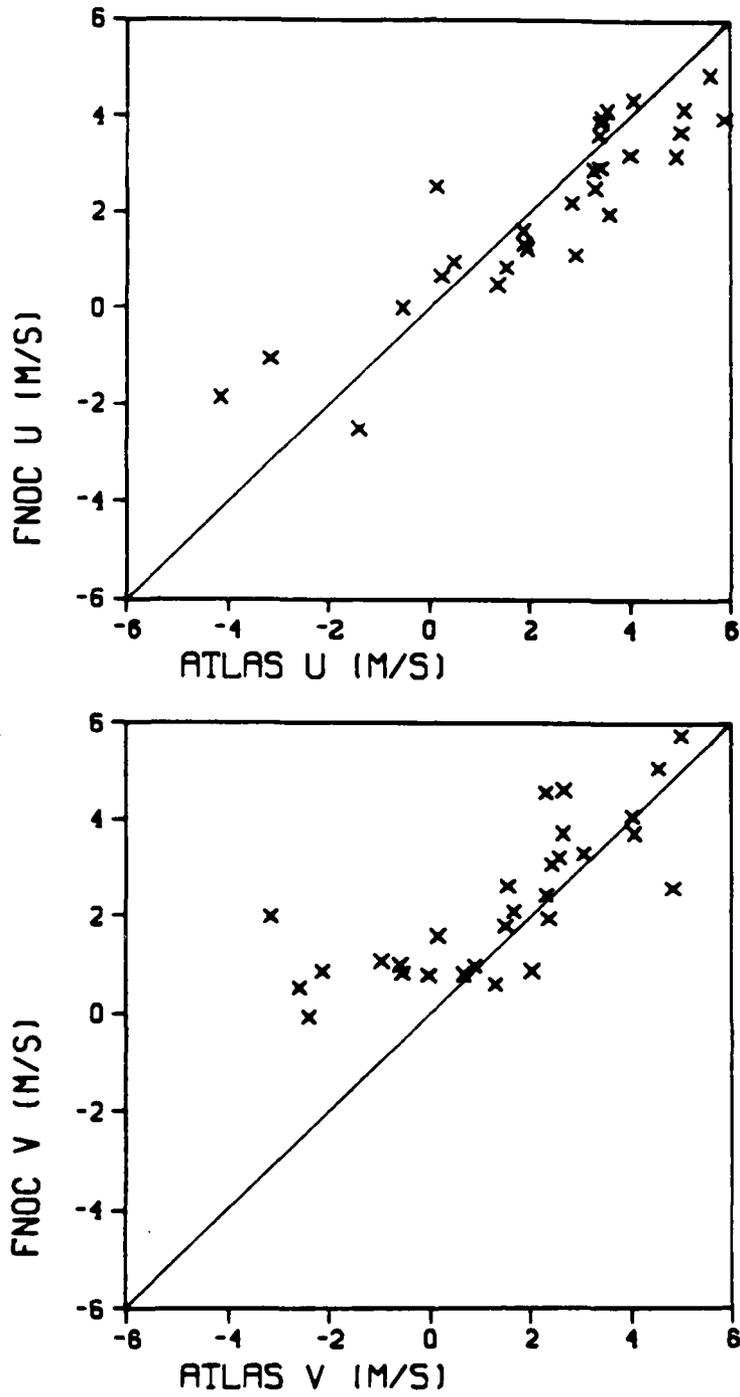


Figure 55: Atlas vs FNOC component velocity - 1-day/ $10^\circ$  lat averages  
 $30^\circ\text{N} - 40^\circ\text{N}$  N = 29 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC STANDARD DEV  
 DAY/LAT AVG 30T040

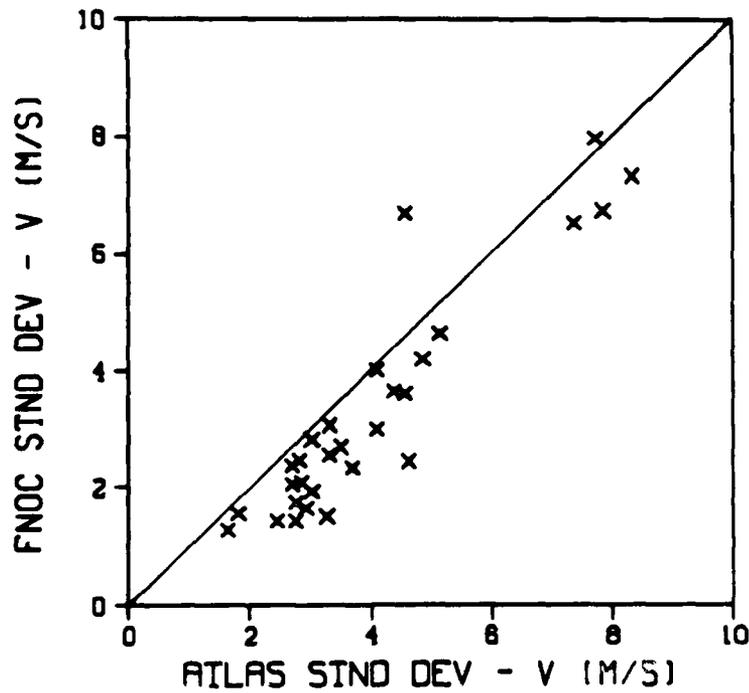
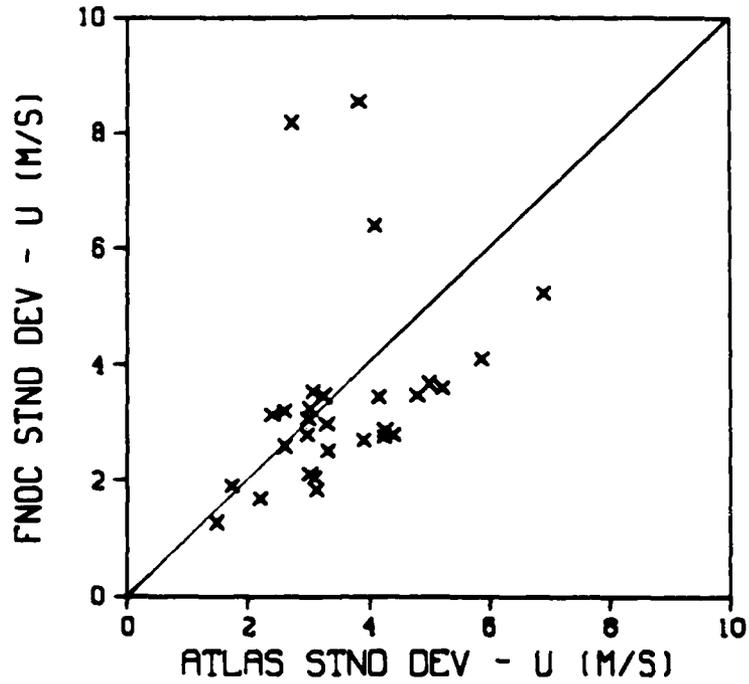


Figure 56: Atlas vs FNOC component standard deviations  
 1-day/10° lat averages 30°N - 40°N  
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ATLAS VS FNOC SCATTER PLOT  
1 DAY/LAT MEAN 40-50

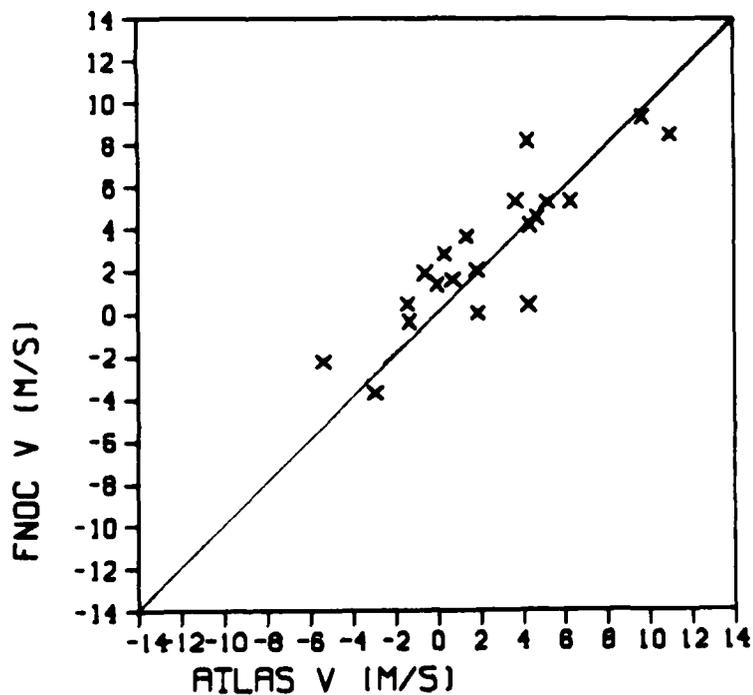
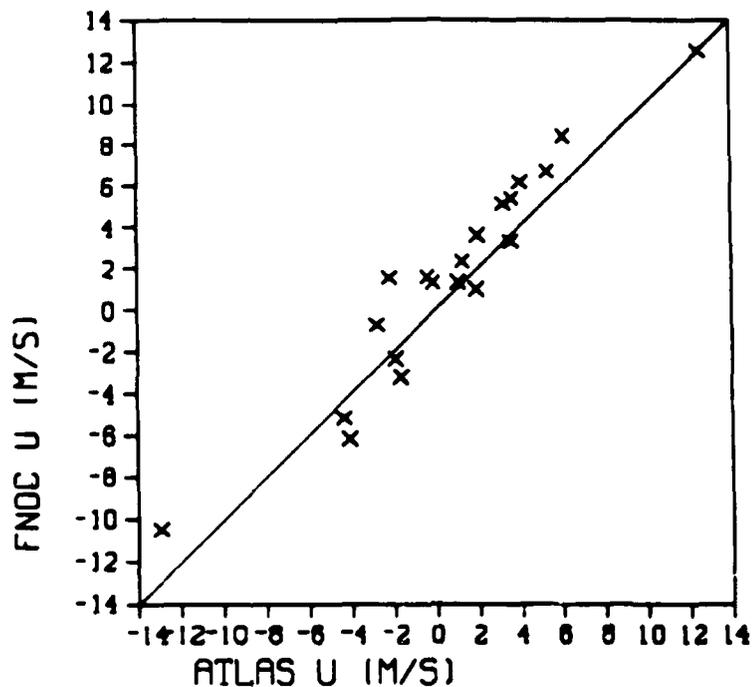


Figure 57: Atlas vs FNOC component velocity - 1-day/10°lat averages  
40°N - 50°N N = 22 pts

ATLAS VS FNOC STANDARD DEV  
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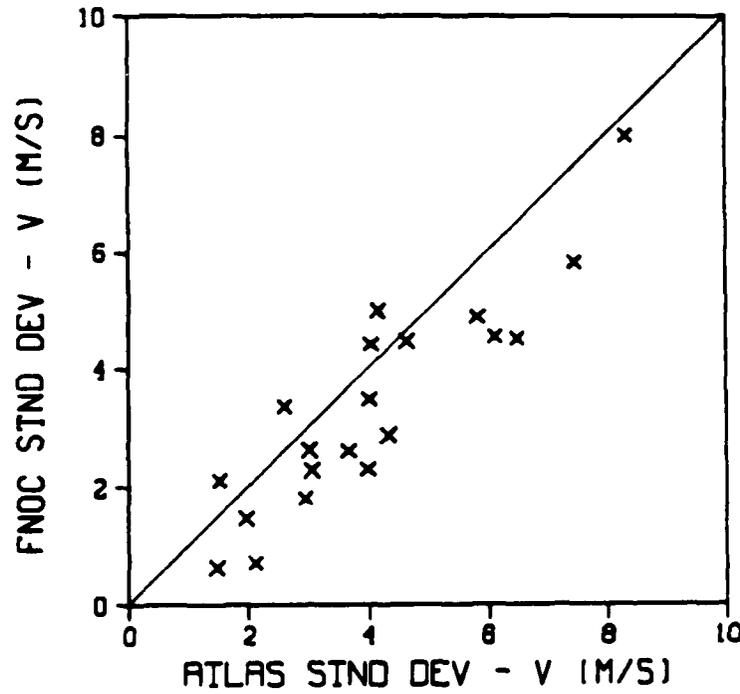
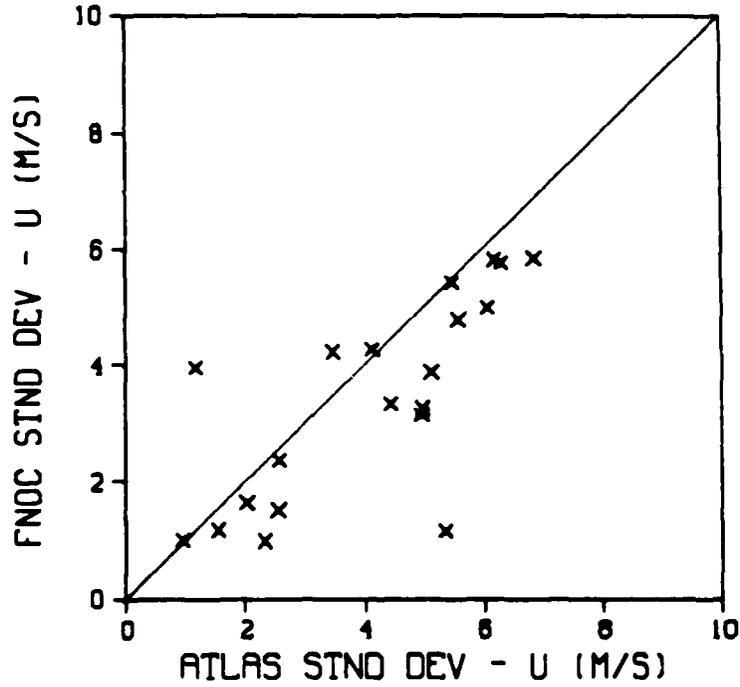
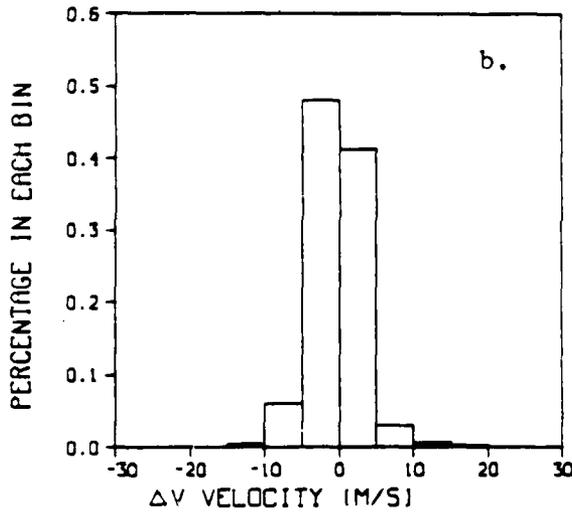
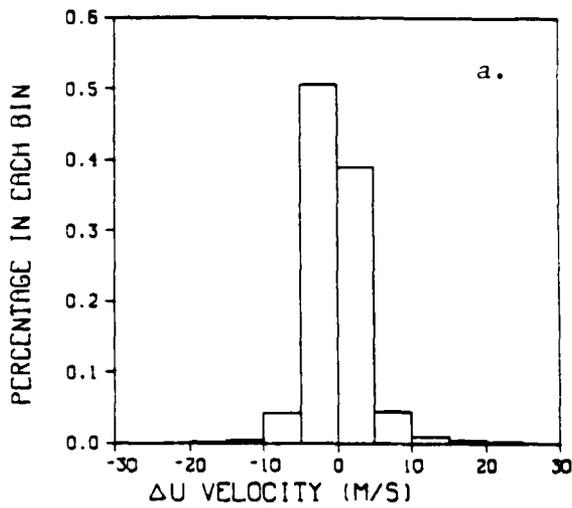


Figure 58: Atlas vs FNOC component standard deviations  
 1-day/10° lat averages 40°N - 50°N  
 N = 22 pts

ATLAS-FNOC INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS



ATLAS-FNOC INDIVIDUAL VECTORS

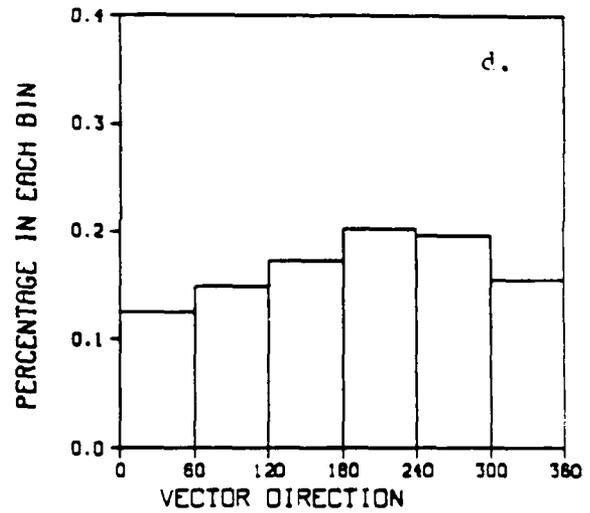
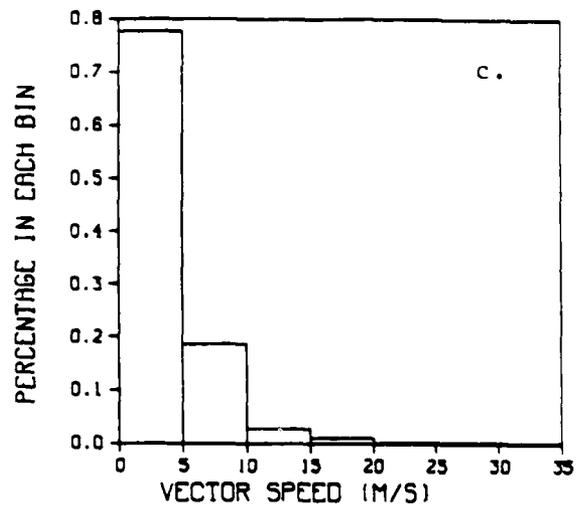
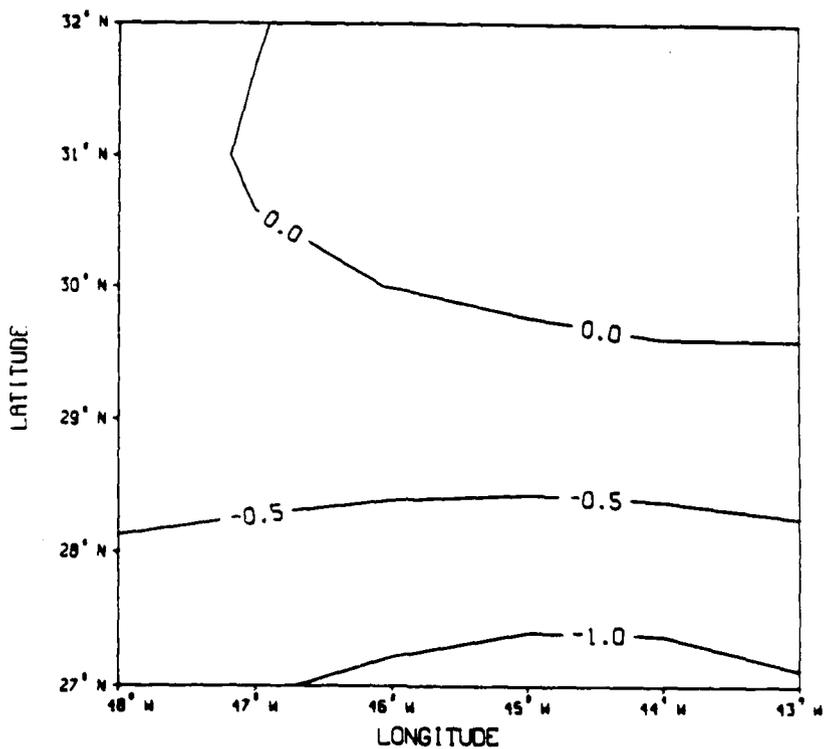


Figure 59: Distribution of all individual Atlas-FNOC difference field vectors. a.  $\Delta U$  velocity, b.  $\Delta V$  velocity, c. vector speed, d. vector direction  
 N = 8214 pts

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664 3

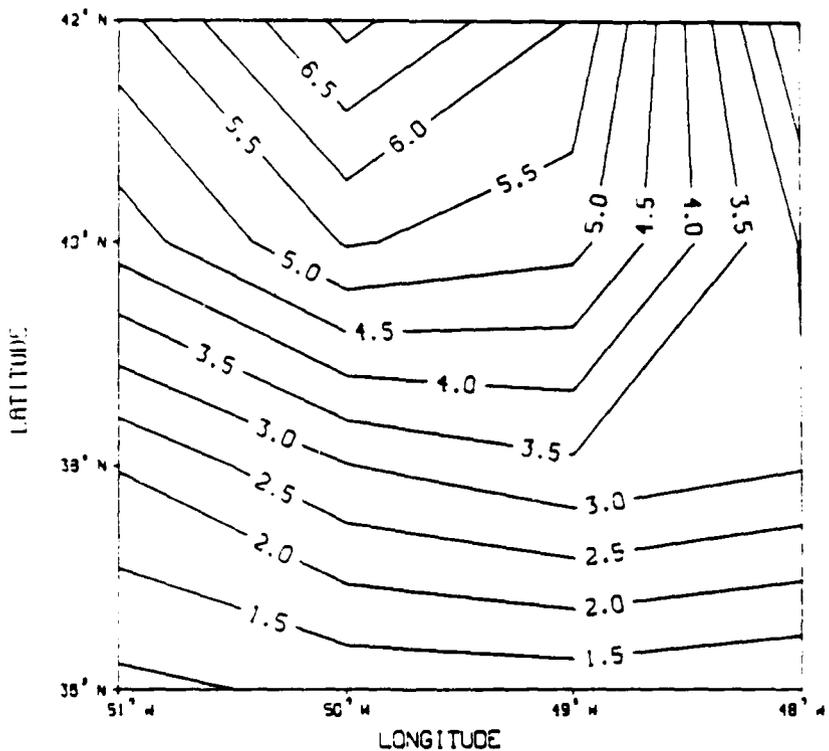


Figure 60: Atlas wind stress curl - Rev 664 boxes 2 and 3  
(  $\times 10^{-7}$  N/m<sup>2</sup> )

WIND STRESS CURL

715 1 ATLAS X 10-7

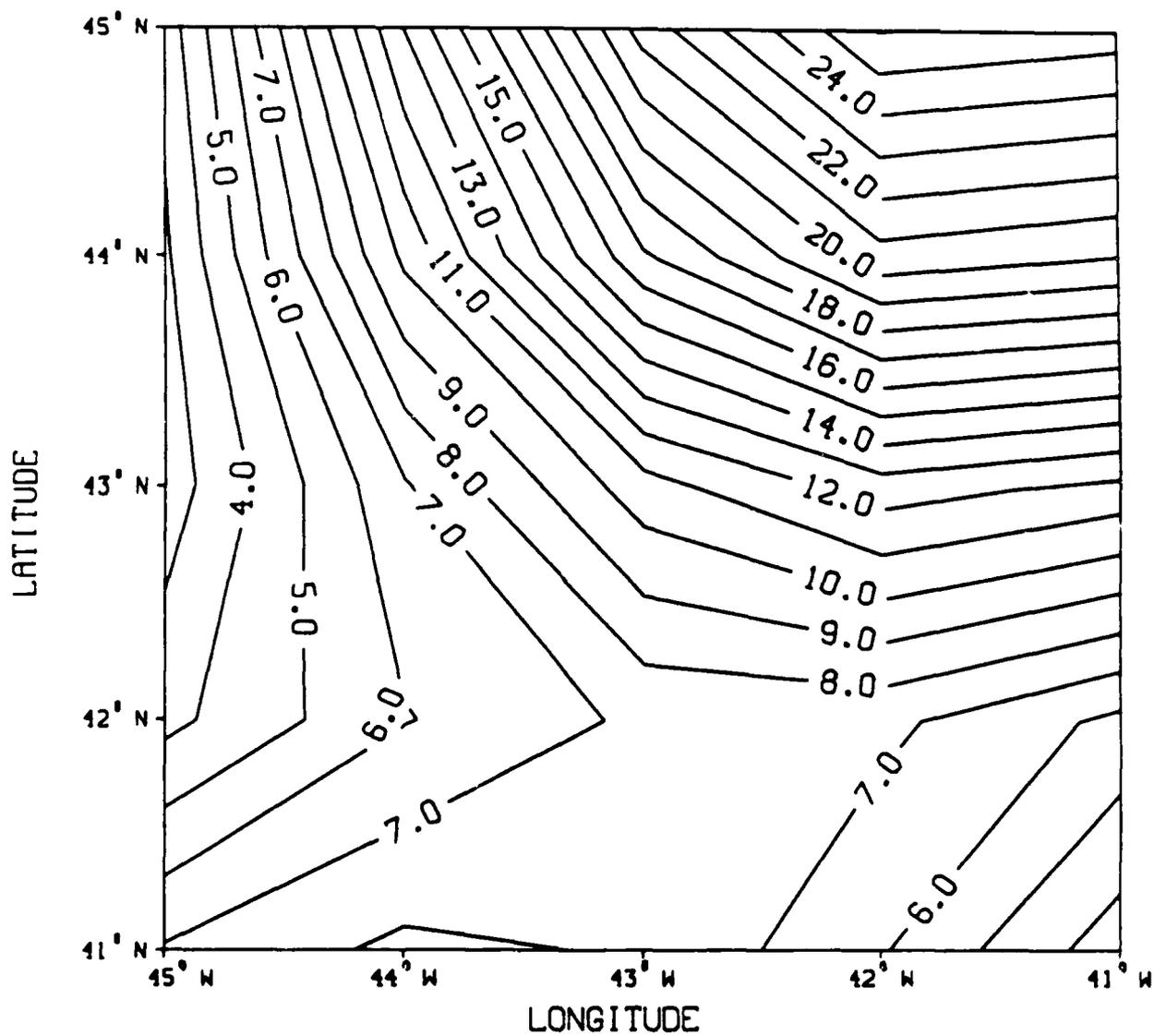
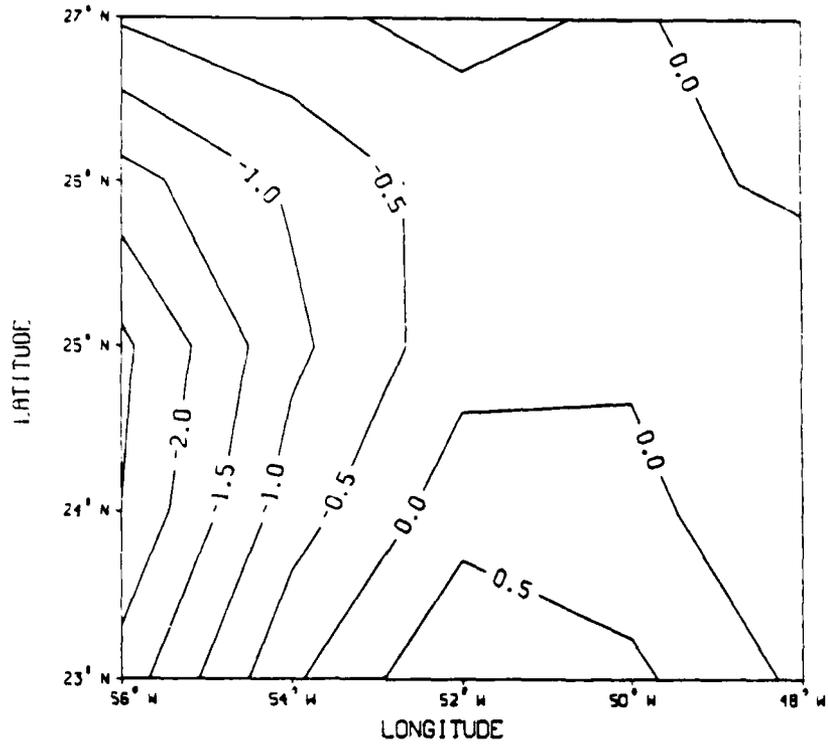


Figure 61: Atlas wind stress curl - Rev 715 1  
( x 10<sup>-7</sup> N/m<sup>2</sup> )

1059 2 ATLAS X 10-7



1059 2 FNOC X 10-7

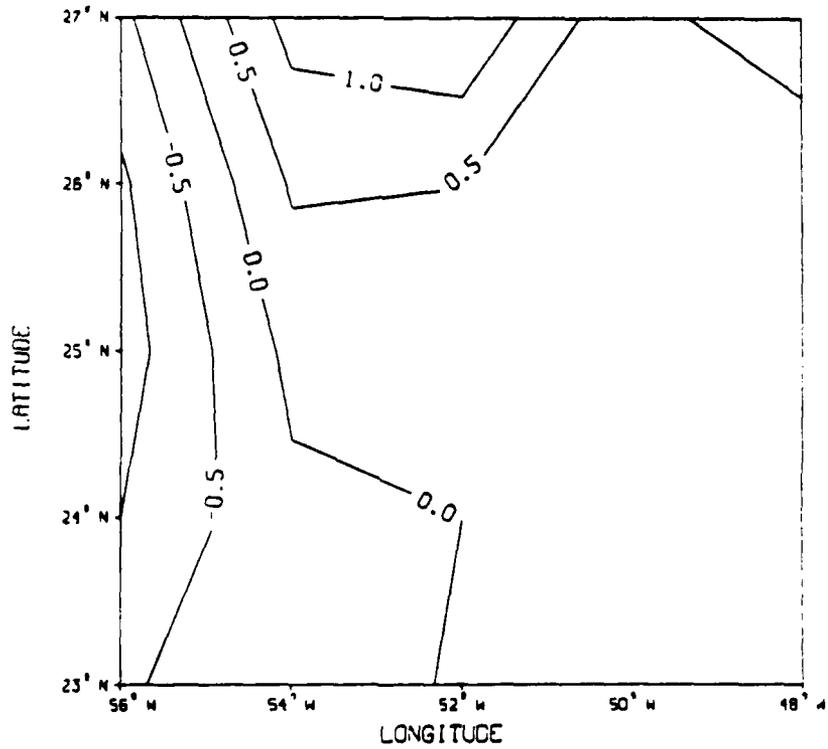
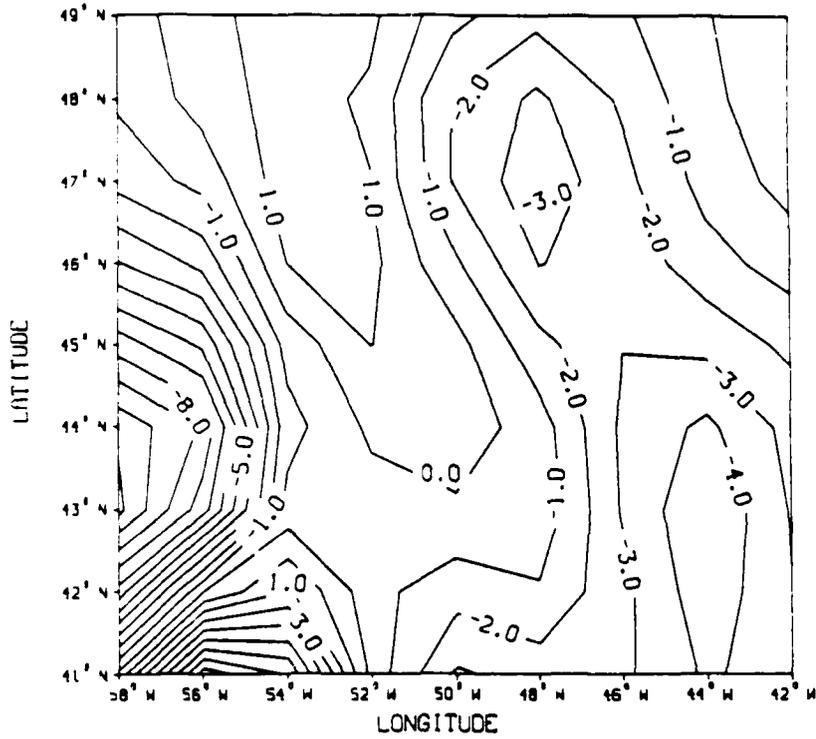


Figure 62: Atlas and FNOC wind stress curl - Rev 1059 2  
(  $\times 10^{-7}$  N/m<sup>2</sup> )

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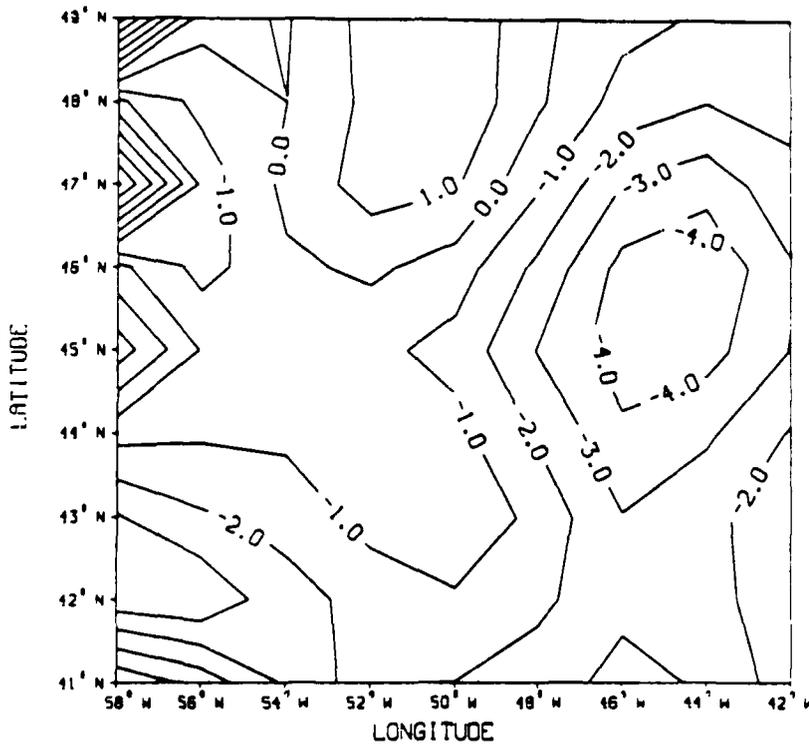
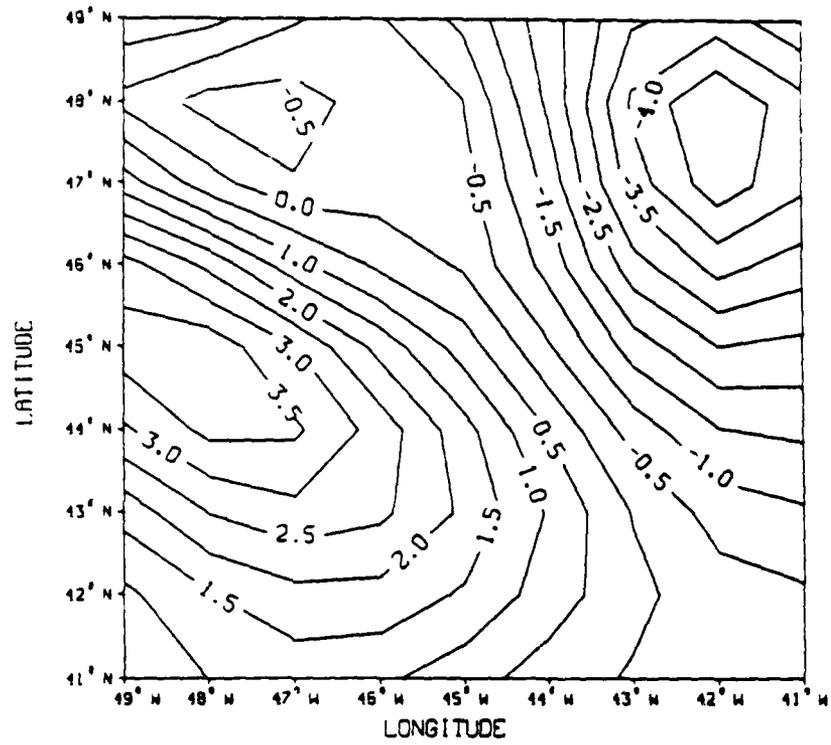


Figure 63: Atlas and FNOC wind stress curl - Rev 830 1  
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1008 2 FNOC X 10-6

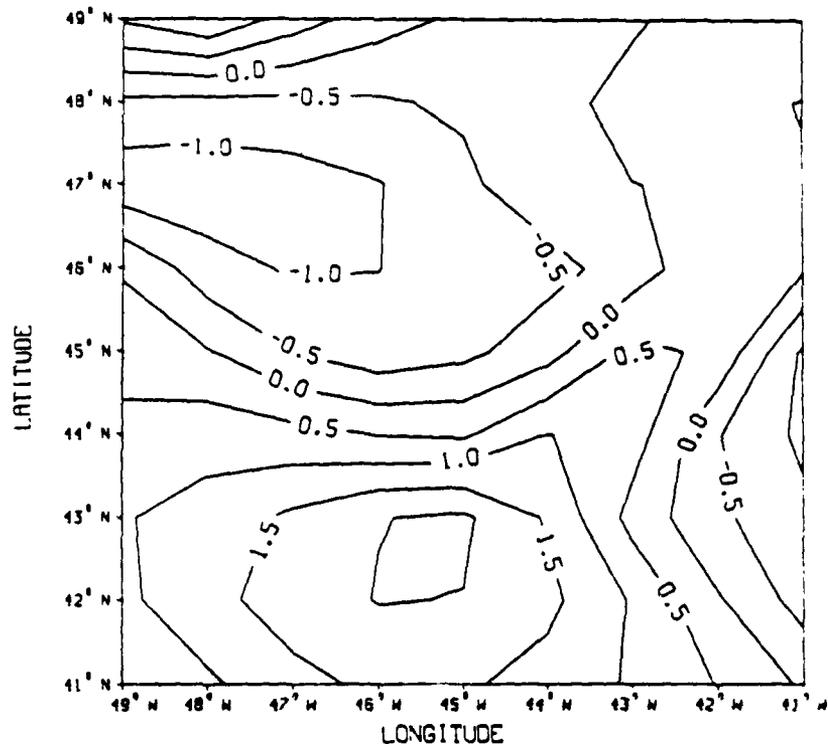
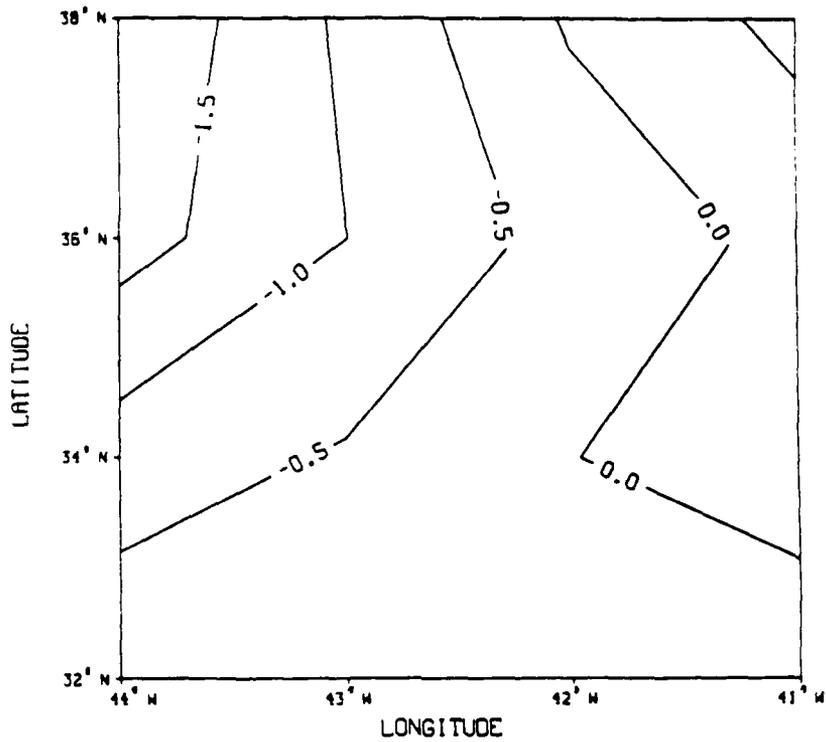


Figure 64: Atlas and FNOC wind stress curl - Rev 1008 2  
(  $\times 10^{-6}$  N/m<sup>2</sup> )

ATLAS 1008 1 X 10<sup>-7</sup>



1008 1 FNOC X 10<sup>-7</sup>

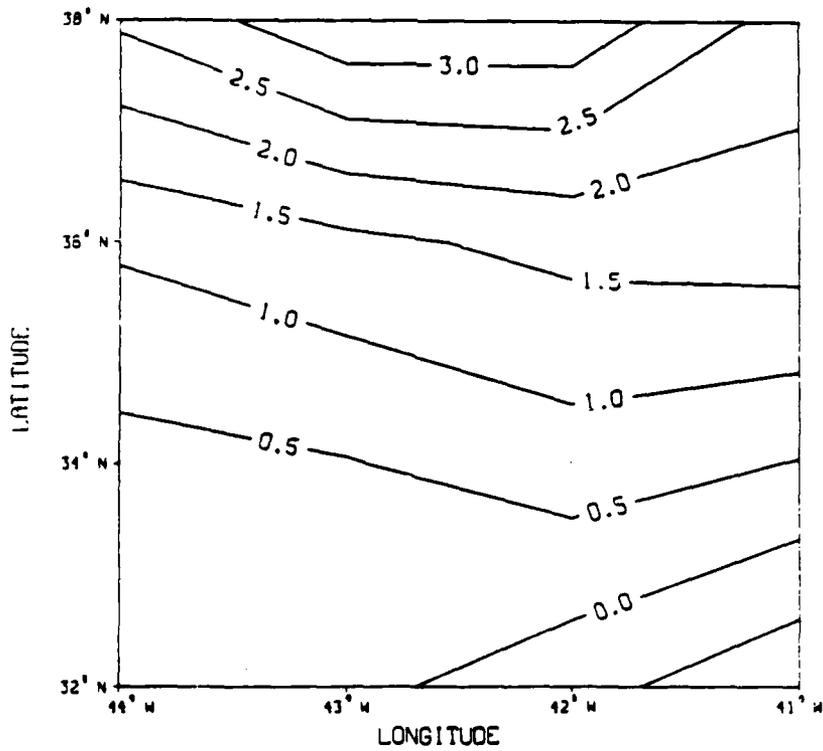


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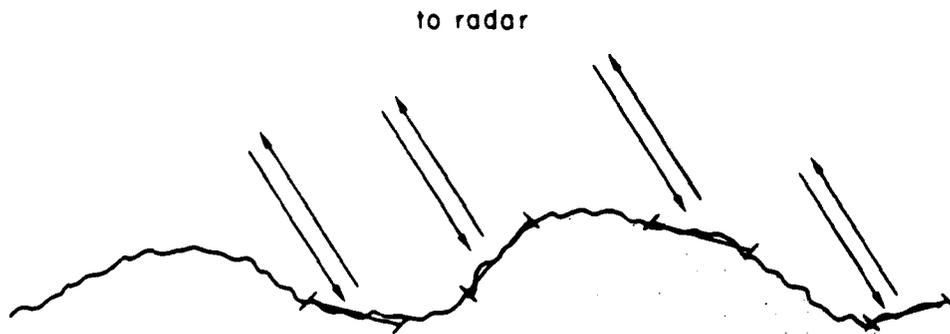


Figure 66: Bragg scatter from short waves tilted by longer waves in the composite surface approximation. The vertical scale is exaggerated. (from Stewart, 1985)

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16. Abstract (Limit: 200 words)  A demonstrated need exists for better wind field information over the open ocean, especially as a forcing function for ocean circulation models. Microwave scatterometry, as a means of remotely sensing surface wind information, developed in response to this requirement for a surface wind field with global coverage and improved spatial and temporal resolution. This development led to the 1978 deployment of the SEASAT Satellite Scatterometer (SASS). Evaluations of the three months of SEASAT data have established the consistency of SASS winds with high quality surface wind data from field experiments over limited areas and time periods. The directional ambiguity of the original SASS vectors has been removed by Atlas et al. (1987) for the entire data set, and the resulting SASS winds provide a unique set of scatterometer wind information for a global comparison with winds from conventional sources.  A one-month (12 August to 9 September 1978) subset of these dealiased winds, in the western North Atlantic, is compared here with a conventional, pressure-derived wind field from the 6-hourly surface wind analyses of the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center (FNOC), Monterey, CA. Through an objective mapping procedure, the irregularly spaced SASS winds are regridded to a latitude-longitude grid, facilitating statistical comparisons with the regularly spaced FNOC wind vectors and wind stress curl calculations. The study includes qualitative comparisons to synoptic weather maps, calculations of field statistics and boxed mean differences; scatter plots of wind speed, direction, and standard deviation; statistical descriptions of the SASS-FNOC difference field, and wind stress curl calculations.		14.	
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