**Readme File for DAWN\_V3 Data**

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Included in this Version3 release are ascii files and .png images of the DAWN vertical profiles of SNR, wind speed, and wind direction, as well ascii files containing line-of-sight wind measurements, and .kmz files showing (for Google Earth) the DC-8 flight tracks on each mission with embedded wind and snr profile images for each DAWN profile location. The ascii files were not included where the roll/aircraft turns prevented accurate measurements. It is hoped that this will be included in the next version of processing.

Although the file names contain the word “quicklook”, these are indeed the version3 files that were processed after the field campaign. The times of the files are LST/EST except for May 27 and May 29 which are 3 hours earlier because the time was still being recorder on PST as it was during the test flight. This will also be remedied in the next version of processing.

The DAWN profiles being provided at this time have been processed with DAWN\_V3 software. DAWN\_V0 was used to generate the “Quick Look” profiles available in near real time during the CPEX campaign.

The primary upgrades from V0 to V3 are the following:

1. DAWN pointing angles have been calibrated using surface returns from the ground (mostly the Florida peninsula and Cuba).
2. For the scans using more than 2 looks (usually 5 looks) velocities have been computed using the available data at fewer than 5 looks (minimum 2 looks). Number of look angles used to compute wind speed and direction is noted in the ASCII file (see “Notes” on next page)
3. For DAWN\_V3 processing, a multi-pass strategy is used. First a “baseline” product is generated with the following rules:
4. 75 m LOS range gates are used to obtain the “high resolution” profiles. While the shortest-range gate for DAWN is ~ 30 m, we have found that 75 m is optimal for V3. Should a researcher want the 30 m LOS product, that can be provided but will be only useful in areas with high aerosol/cloud returns.
5. A sliding range gate of 37 m is used to display and report wind estimates. Thus, there is some overlap between adjacent levels.
6. The quality thresholds are very relaxed for this product and thus it will tend to be noisy when the signal is weak. The two quality tests set for “baseline reasonable quality” are the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) for individual LOS products and the Goodness of Fit (GOF) for the vector products derived from a best fit solver.
7. Adaptive integration (new SWA algorithm) has been applied to the DAWN data to improve (vastly) the vertical coverage in V3 compared to V0. See file entitled “Adaptive Signal Integration Algorithm” for more detail on this process.
8. All DAWN data collection during turns with banks greater than 2° or climb/descents greater than 3 m/s have been withheld from distribution in V3. V4 will include soundings obtained under those conditions.
9. A value for the 10-m wind speed is plotted in yellow. At this time this wind speed is only a suggestion and is not to be used for analysis. The wind speed value is computed using the following equation:

 U10M = Uref \* (10/Zref).143

After the baseline product is generated, the Adaptive Signal Integration Algorithm (ASIA) is applied to the LOS data. The rules for the ASIA V3 process are:

1. Select a minimum signal integration length equal to 8 \* the baseline range gate. In the V3 case, this minimum ASIA length would be 8\*37 = 296 (~ 300 m vertical).
2. For the first pass through the ASIA process, an integrated length of 5 \* the minimum ASIA length is used. For V3 processing this maximum ASIA length is 5\*8\*37 = 1480 (~ 1300 m vertical).
3. The SNR thresholds for passing data on to the solver is tighter for the ASIA product than for the baseline product. The GOF threshold is also tighter for the ASIA product than for the baseline product. The reasoning is that the ASIA products should be the “best” products the integration will produce. This is not saying that the baseline products are all, as a class, less reliable. In V3 we allowmore marginal base line products to be viewed just in case the researcher wishes to mine those noisy baseline values for “good” data at very high vertical resolutions.

Other Notes:

1. Ignore values below z=0. They are just there to confirm surface heights.
2. Recommend using integration type “o” values with care and where 65 m vertical resolution is desired. Otherwise use integration type “1” for the higher resolution product.
3. For most complete profiles, use integration type 1-5 data and note the integration depth.

ASCII Profile Data

Name Example: 20170615\_132152\_132421\_6\_prof\_quick\_ALL\_SORT.csv

 20170615 (yyyymmdd)

 132152 (hhmmss in LST) – Beginning time of processing folder

 132421(hhmmss in LST) – Time of Scan

 6 – Number of Scan in processed folder

Header definitions for ASCII Profile file

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Column | Parameter | Units | Comments |
| 1 | Height | m | AMSL |
| 2 | Wind Direction | deg |  |
| 3 | Wind Speed | m/s |  |
| 4 | U comp | m/s | Not computed for ASIA products |
| 5 | V comp | m/s | Not computed for ASIA products |
| 6 | W comp | m/s | Not computed for ASIA products |
| 7 | SNR | dB | Average of the LOS SNRs used in estimate |
| 8 | GOF | m/s | Output of solver (stdev of deviations from best fit) |
| 9 | # angles max | # |  |
| 10 | # angles used | # |  |
| 11 | Latitude | deg |  |
| 12 | Longitude | deg |  |
| 13 | A/C heading | deg | AMSL |
| 14 | A/C altitude | m |  |
| 15 | Integration length | m |  |
| 16 | Integration index | # | Use for sorting ASIA products from baseline products |
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ASCII LOS DATA

Name Example: 20170615\_132152\_132251\_2\_los\_quick.dat

 20170615 (yyyymmdd)

 132152 (hhmmss in LST) – Beginning time of processing folder

 132251(hhmmss in LST) – Time of Scan

 2 – Number of Scan in processed folder

The following is the format for the LOS files (i.e., 20170606\_164455\_174146\_80\_los\_quick.dat)

Line 1 Example 174146 5 172

 160710 start time (LST) of scan

 5 Number of Look Angles

 172 Number of Range gates AND lines to follow

Line 2-172 – Look angle time,

 Look angle,

 Range gate number,

 aircraft heading (deg),

 latitude (deg N),

 longitude (deg W),

 range gate height (m amsl),

 SNR (dB),

 Los velocity (m/s)

Repeated for Number of Look Angles (i.e., for Look Angles 2, 3, 4 and 5 for a 5-look angle scan)

Other Notes:

1. Ignore values below range gate height=0.

Profile Figures (.png)

Name Example: 20170615\_135337\_140450\_30\_prof\_quick.png

 20170615 (yyyymmdd)

 135337 (hhmmss in LST) – Beginning time of processing folder

 140450 (hhmmss in LST) – Time of Scan

 30 – Number of Scan in processed folder

A .png image of the corresponding .csv profile

Contact

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