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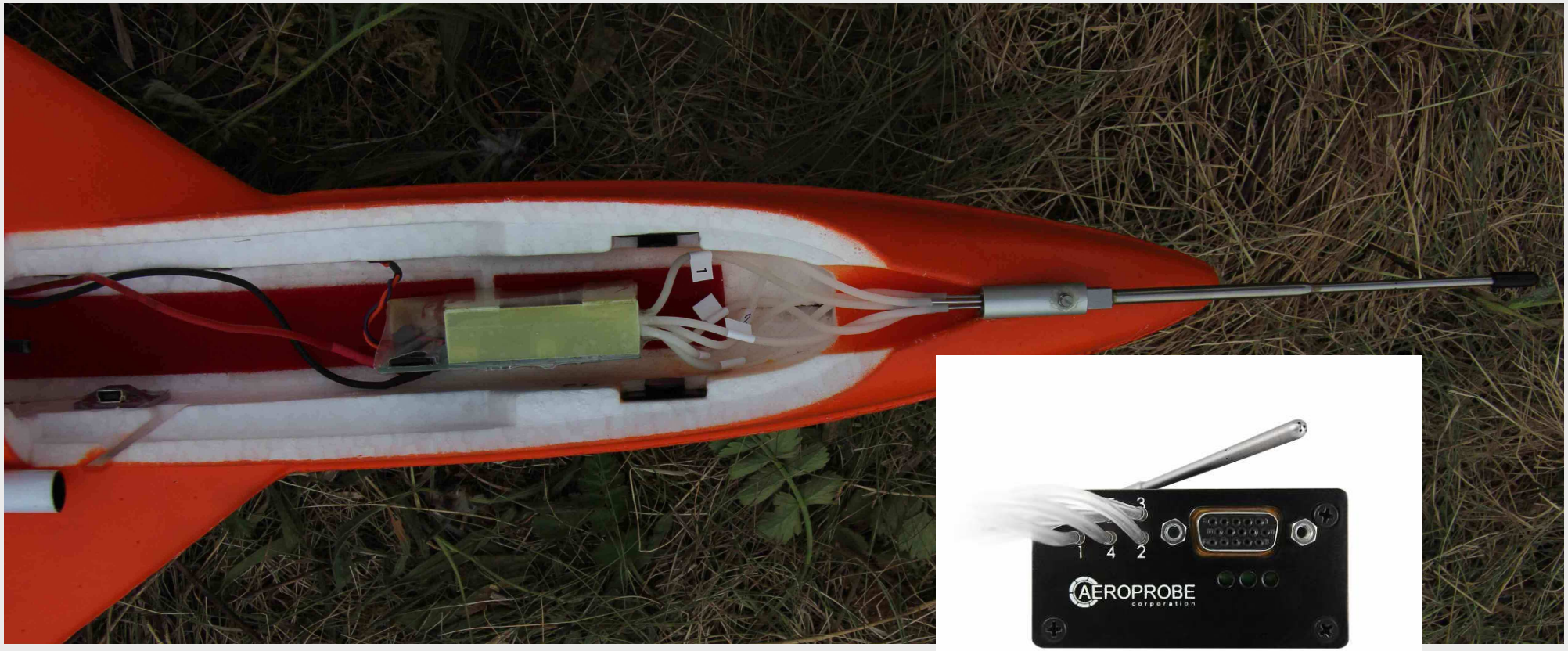
5 hole turbulence probe on SUMO



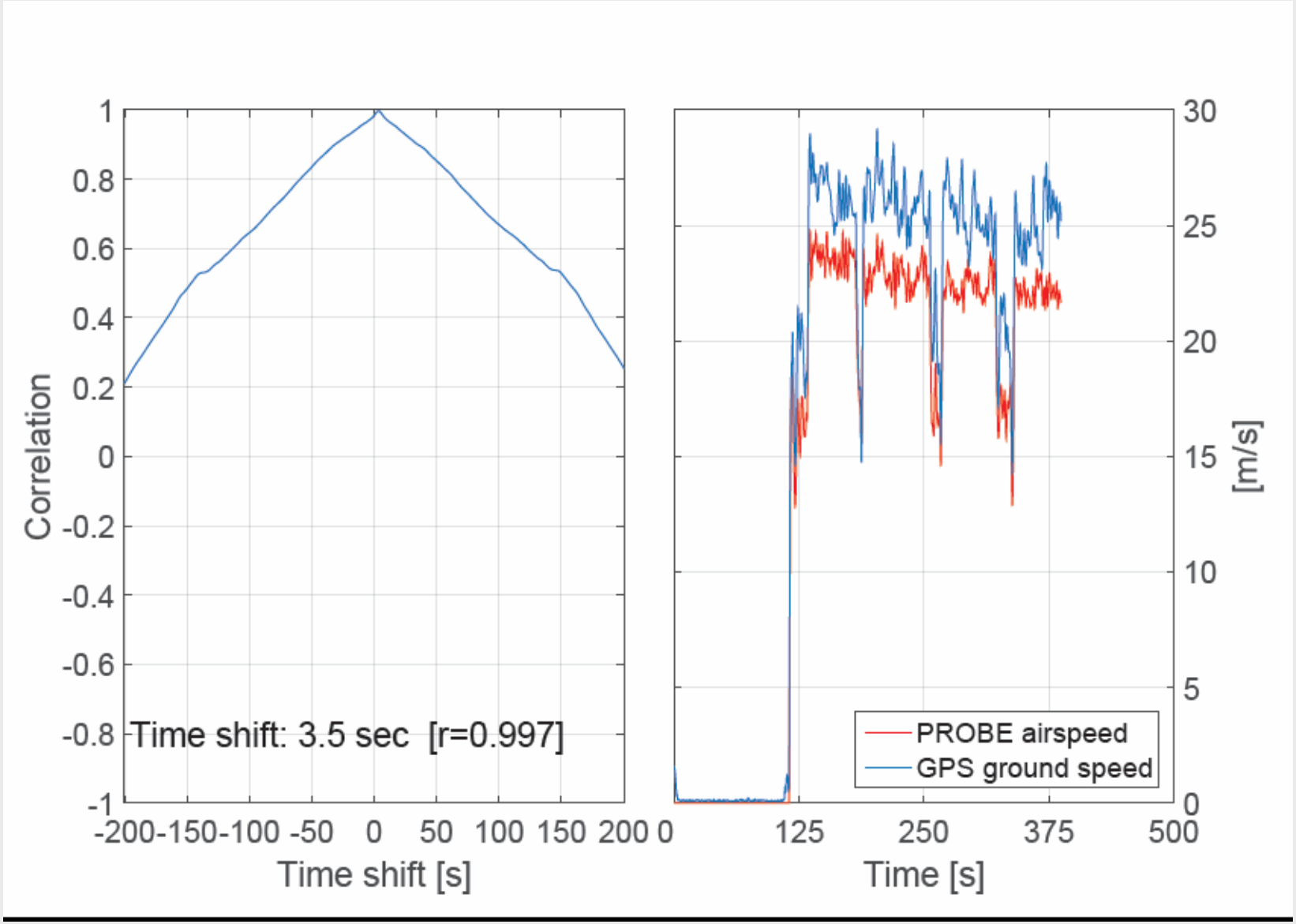
Micro Air Data System, commercially available by Aeroprobe
3D flow vector with 100 Hz resolution

Challenges with the system during BLLAST

- aircraft attitude and flow probe record data on two unsynchronized data loggers
- altitude stabilization of the SUMO aircraft was not quite perfect
- the yaw angle is not measured but had to be estimated from the angle of sideslip measurements of the flow probe

- the first two issues are solved now, but for the BLLAST data we had to develop a pragmatic approach to make use of the SUMO turbulence data

synchronization by cross-correlation



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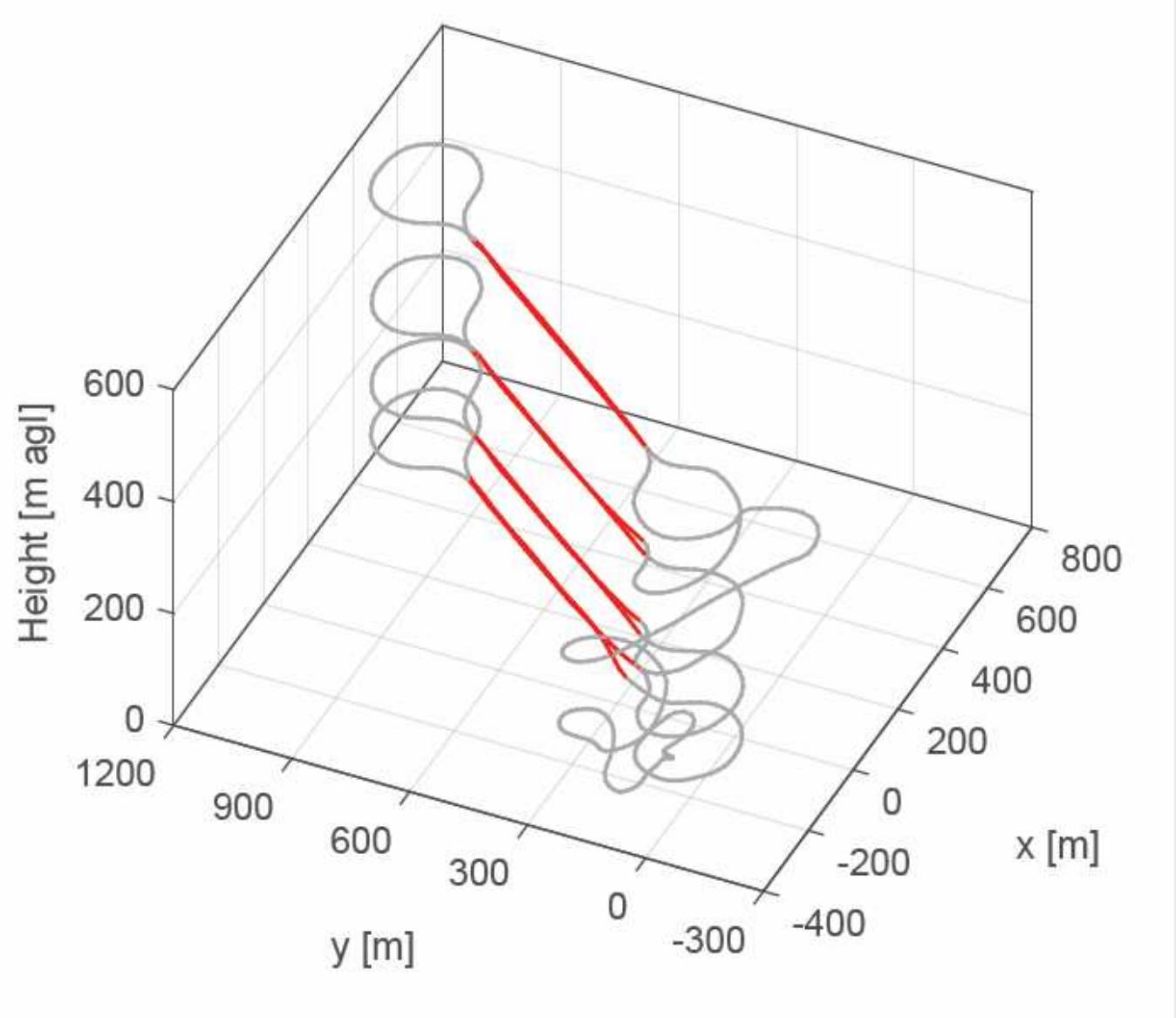
SUMO flight patterns for turbulence measurements



Insufficient motion compensation of the vertical velocity

$$w = -\frac{U_a}{(1+\tan^2\alpha+\tan^2\beta)^{1/2}}\Big[\sin\theta - \tan\beta\cos\theta\sin\phi - \tan\alpha\cos\theta\cos\phi\Big] + w_{gs}$$

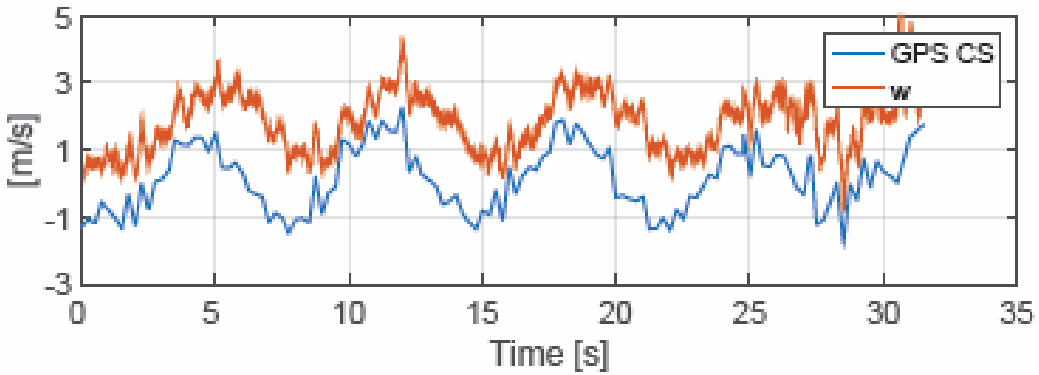
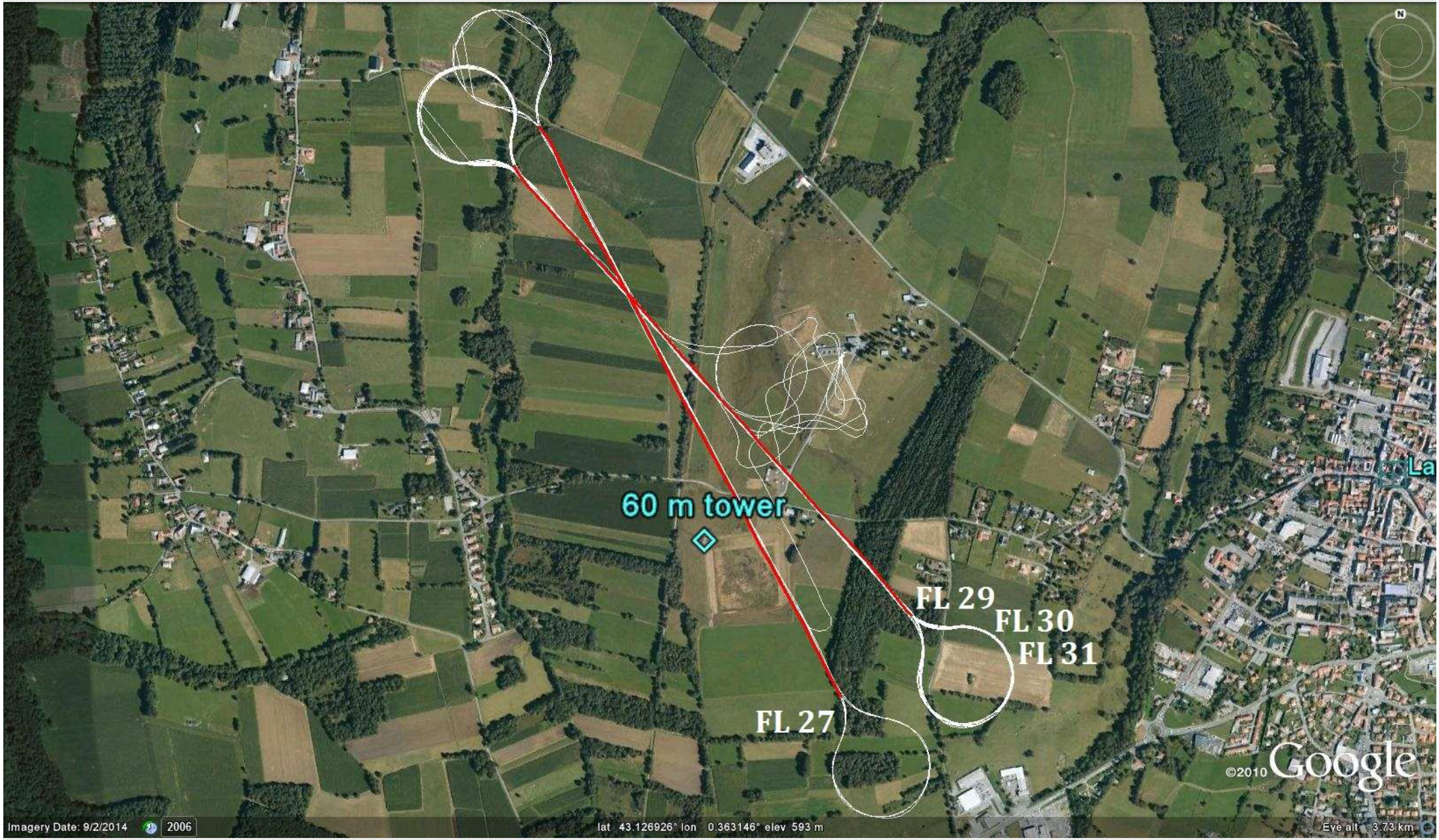
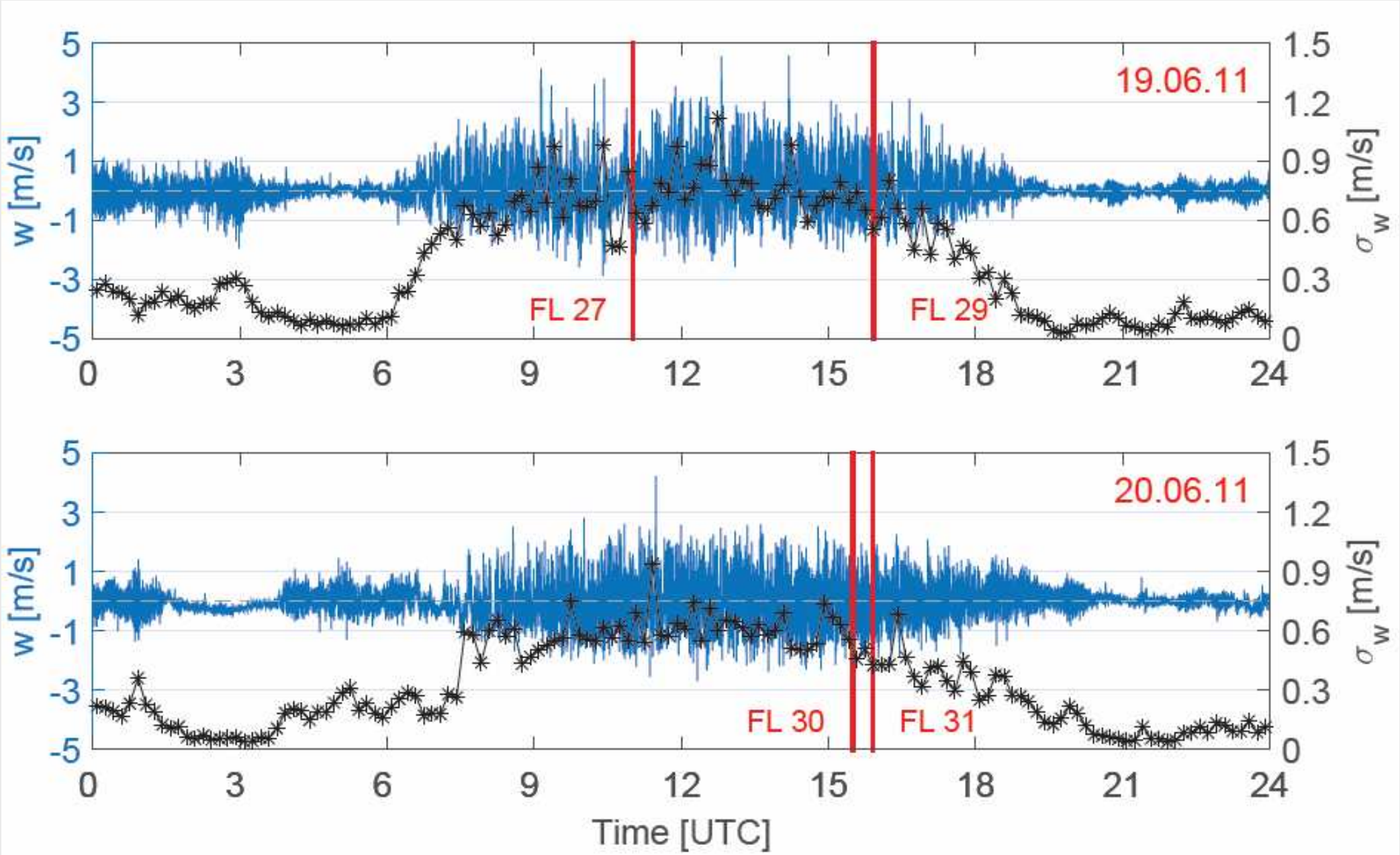


Figure 6. Example of the unfiltered vertical velocity component, w, and the GPS climb speed (GPS CS) for one single leg (about 1 km length) of flight # 38.

4 flights in the vicinity of the 60 m mast



Derived time series for the different areas – site 1 raw



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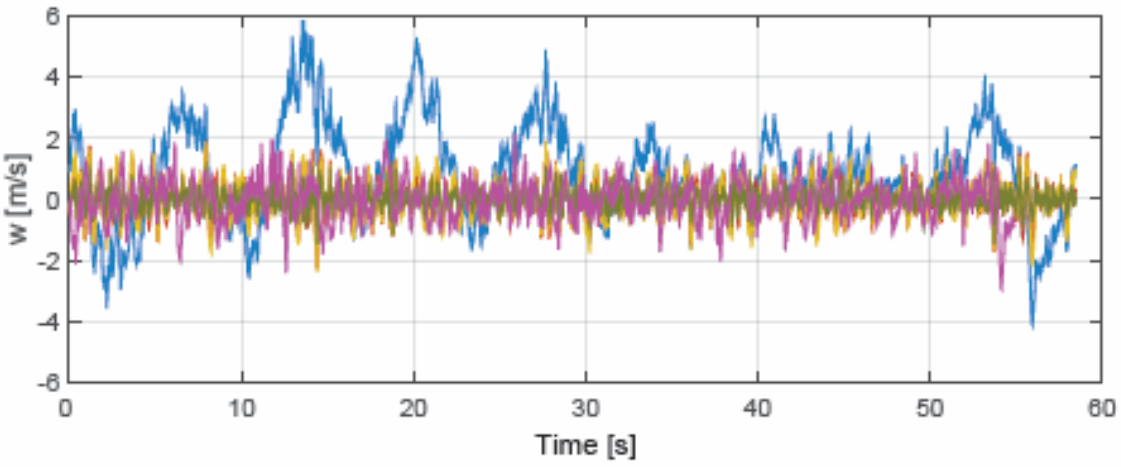
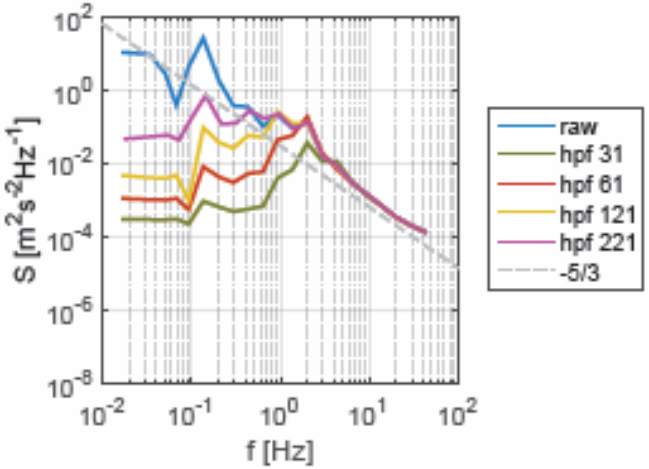
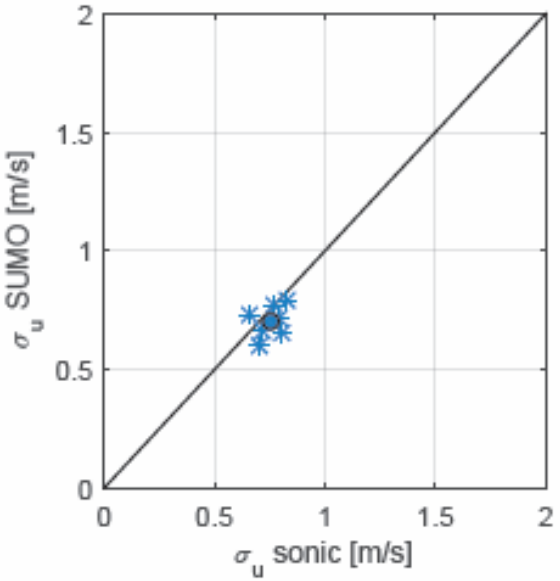
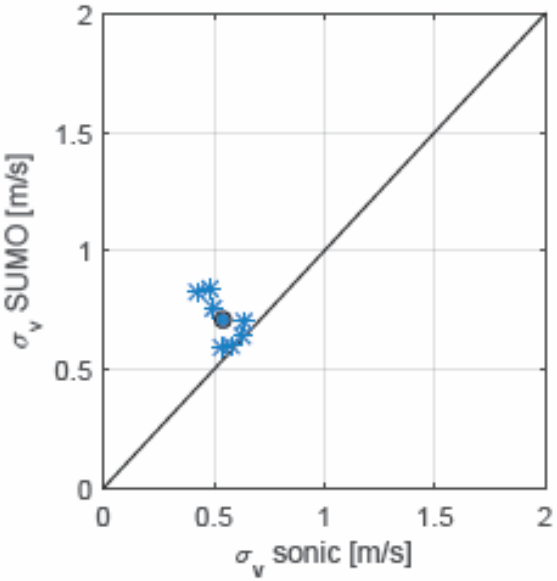
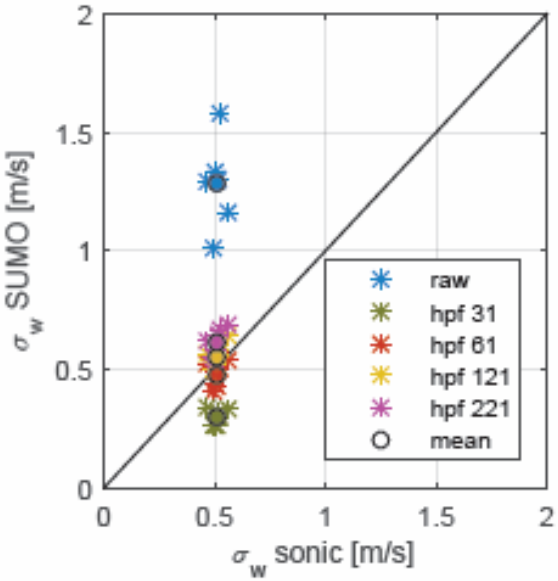
resulting velocity variances and TKE flight #30



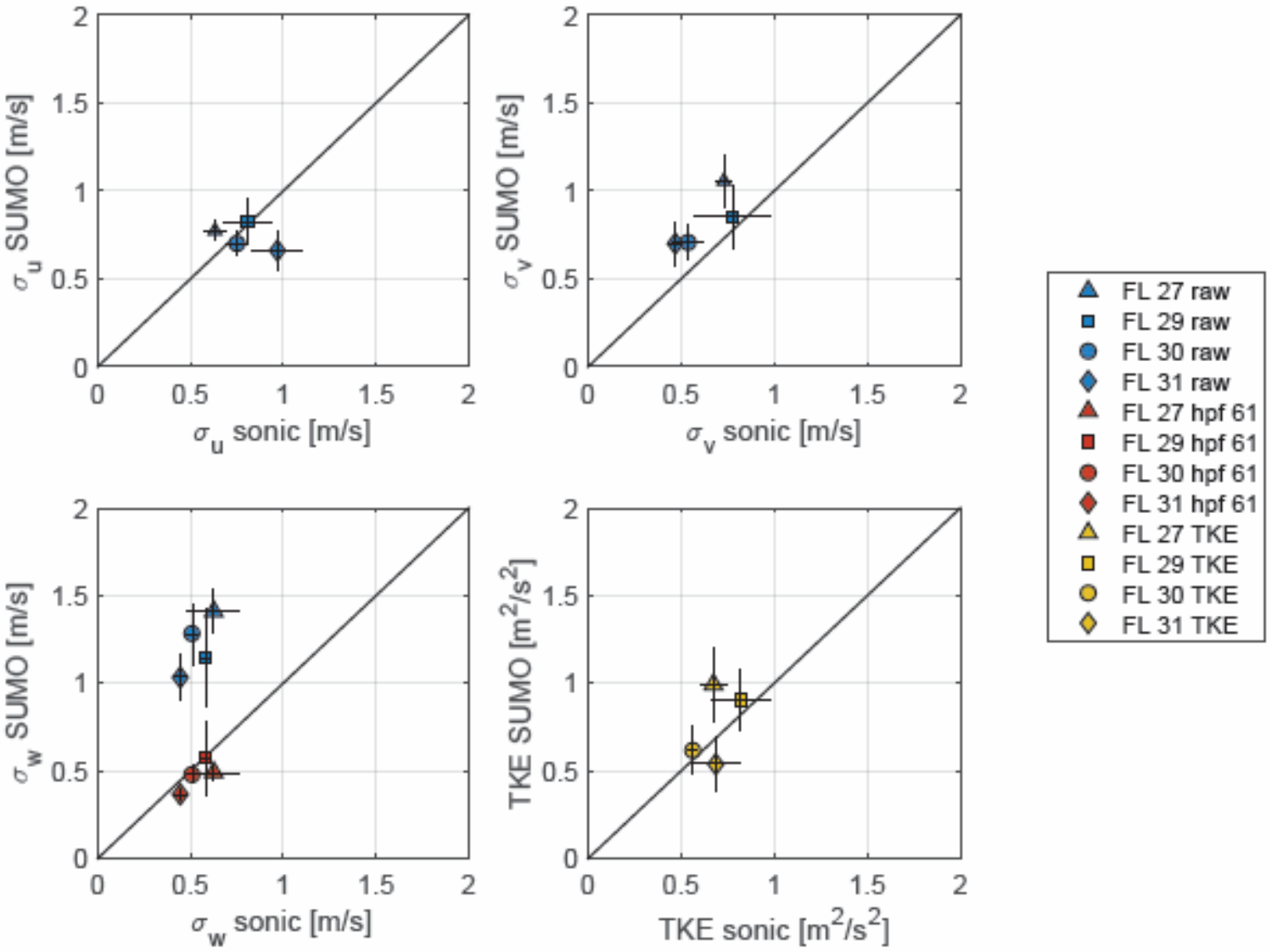








resulting velocity variances and TKE – all flights



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TKE profiles 27.06.2011 – Site 2

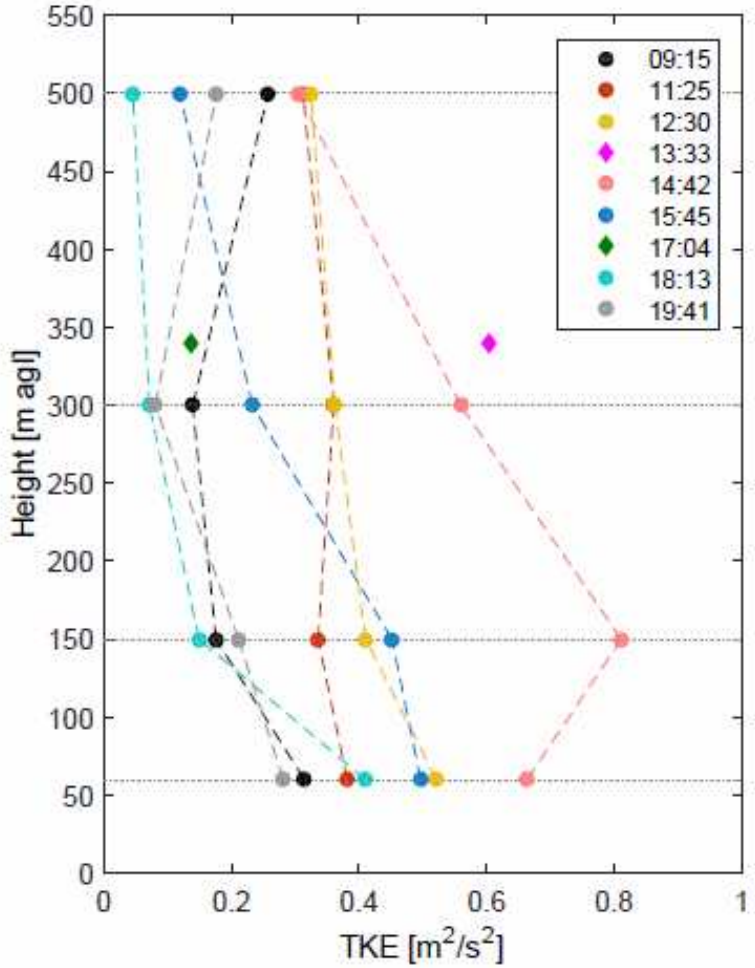

Figure 10. Profiles of TKE from 27 June at Site 2. Consecutive flights are separated by color. The average TKE value over two legs, for each altitude (60, 150, 300 and 500 m agl), is shown by the circles. For the two flights with straight legs in 340 m agl, the diamonds represent the average TKE values. The given flight times are all in UTC.

TKE time series at 2 levels for 15.06.2011 – Site 2

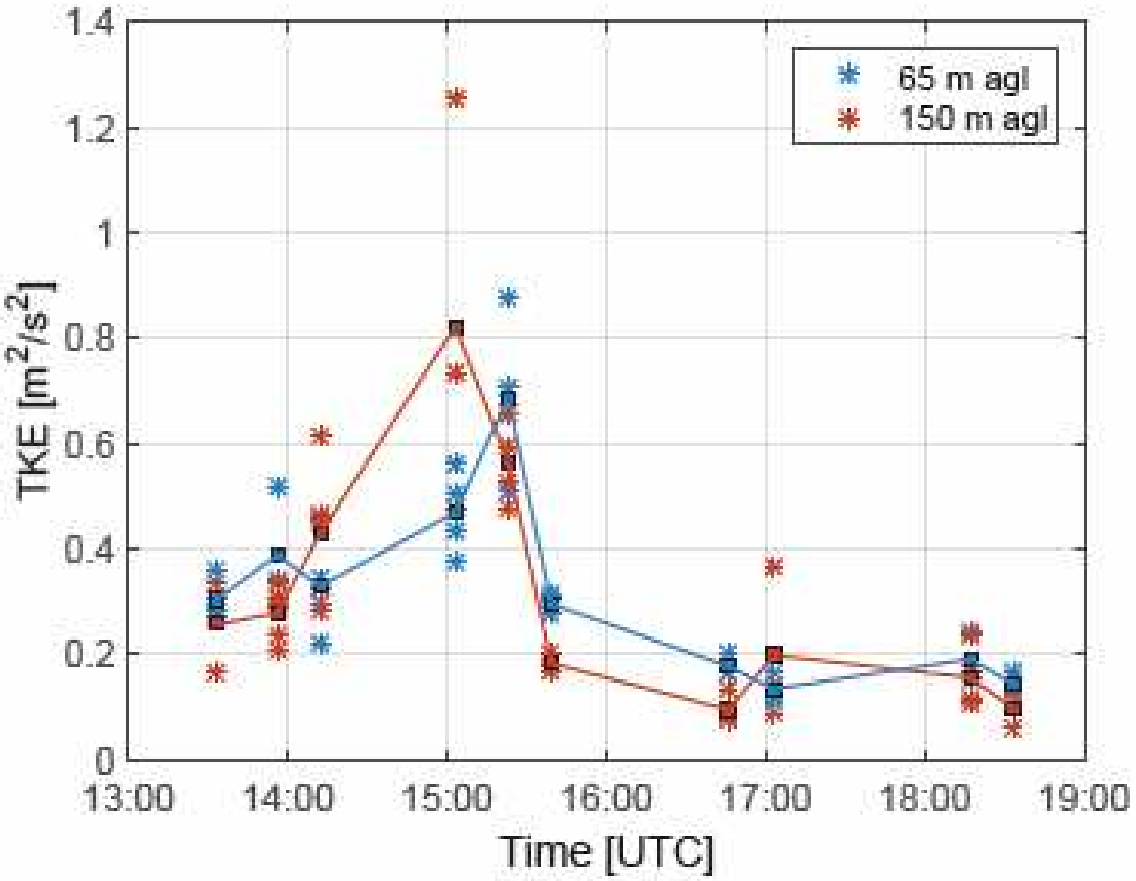

Figure 11. TKE from 15 June at Site 2. The average values of TKE over each straight leg is shown by the stars. The colors indicate the different altitudes of 65 (blue) and 150 (red) m agl. Corresponding mean TKE over all legs is shown by the squares.

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