Glenda Project – Executive Summary - 2020

GLENDA PROJECT

Severe Weather Research Institute

Glenda Project – Purpose

The primary mission of the Glenda Project is to provide the capability to rapidly gather previously inaccessible localized microclimate data from altitudes ranging from ground level to over 100,000 feet and to return this data for immediate use.

The Glenda Project is mix of adaptable ground stations combined with a reusable sounding rocket delivery system, and rapidly deployable weather balloons which are designed to place instrument packages into areas previously considered to be too hazardous or inaccessible using traditional platforms such as aircraft, helicopters, kites, etc.

Glenda Project – Data Capabilities

The Glenda Project has the capability to collect temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and other types of environmental data from ground level to over 100,000 feet.

Glenda payloads are designed to be launched into thunderstorms, tornados, and other volatile weather environments and to return intact with its collected data.

Glenda Project – Engineering / Remote Sensing

Dave Davis – Everett, WA – Engineering - Brings decades of experience from engineering work in private industry and United States government in rocket research, and aerospace. Extensive background in electronics, mechanics, communications, computing, and storm spotting. Member of the National Association of Rocketry since 1983, and been involved with hobby related rocketry since the 1960’s.

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Robert (Bob) Pullman – Malo, WA - Remote Sensing - Has three decades of experience in video / media communication and the computer industry and his expertise is world renown. His work has enabled governments to formulate policies and legislation in international, national and local forums. He has developed products that are used by universities for seminars, by corporations for internal operations to meet government regulations, by scientists for research work in field and laboratory conditions, by government departments for device operations and maintenance, and by the military for use in battlefield activities. Member of the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Association.

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Glenda Project – Media Communications / Public Relations

Tim Quigg – Dayton, WA – Communications - Brings a unique mix of personal background and professional experience to the Glenda Project. Quigg has over two decades of experience in customer service and media relations. He is the former Assistant Editor of Extreme Rocketry Magazine (2000 to 2007), as well as a freelance writer of numerous articles for Sport Rocketry Magazine. He is a current member of the National Association of Rocketry, and is the 2001 recipient of the National Association of Rocketry's President's Award, in recognition of his work with youth in model rocketry on a national level. He has also written a book on the topic of high power rocketry; "A Guide to Level One Certification" currently published by ARA Press. With over 33 years in law enforcement, he's currently the Civil Deputy for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

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Glenda Project – Columbia County, WA - Intercept Teams

John Quigg – Dayton, WA – Operations / Logistics / Visuals - Brings to the project a mix of skills ranging from high tech computing, to storm spotting field abilities. As the head of our field operations Intercept Team, John plans the missions, deploys the field assets, and collects the data. A SKYWARN trained storm spotter, and a master behind the camera, John continues to bring back amazing photos, and video from the field on our continuing storm intercept operations.

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Glenda Project – Vilonia, AR - Intercept Teams

Eric Coran – Vilonia, AR – First Responder / Videographer - A native of Vilonia, Arkansas and has 8 years of experience with severe weather with many more to come. He is a Volunteer Firefighter, Volunteers with the Red Cross, an Amateur radio operator, and is and now experimenting with telemetry for data transfer. Extensive experience in Tornado alley, as well as, the delta region. He is known for intercepting storms in the Jungle of Arkansas and has had live video shown on KARK 4 and FOX 16 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His video work has also been shown on Storm View Live and TVN Weather. Eric brings to the table a young fresh mind with lots of ideas and room to learn more!

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Glenda Project – Data Collection Methods

Glenda has several methods for collecting data:

- Rocket Launched - Active Flight Data Collection Systems – Transmitters
- Weather Balloon Launched – Active Flight Data Systems - Radiosondes
- Rocket Launched - Passive Flight Data Collection Systems – Dataloggers
- Ground Stations

Glenda Project – Typical Flight Vehicles

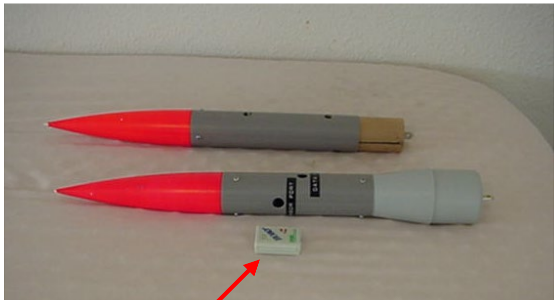
9875 Booster
- 4” diameter booster, 3” diameter capsule
- Digital Radiosonde Active Payload with GPS
- GPS, and Temperature dual data logger payload
- 2,000 to 20,000 foot altitude envelope

FAR 101 Booster
- 3” diameter booster, 2.125” diameter capsule
- GPS, and Temperature dual data logger Payload
- 2,500 foot altitude envelope
- Exempt from FAA Waiver Constraints

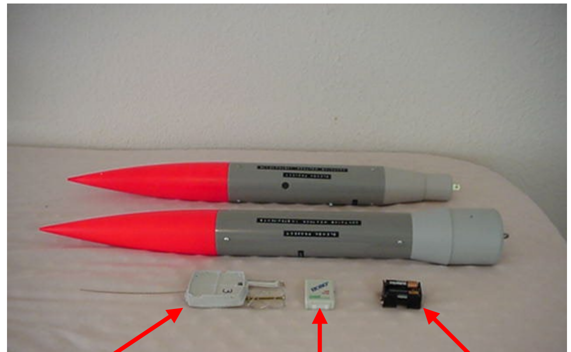
5475 Booster
- 2.125” diameter booster, 3” diameter capsule
- Digital Radiosonde Active Payload with GPS
- GPS, and Temperature dual data logger payload
- 2,000 to 15,000 foot altitude envelope

Glenda Project – Typical Flight Payloads

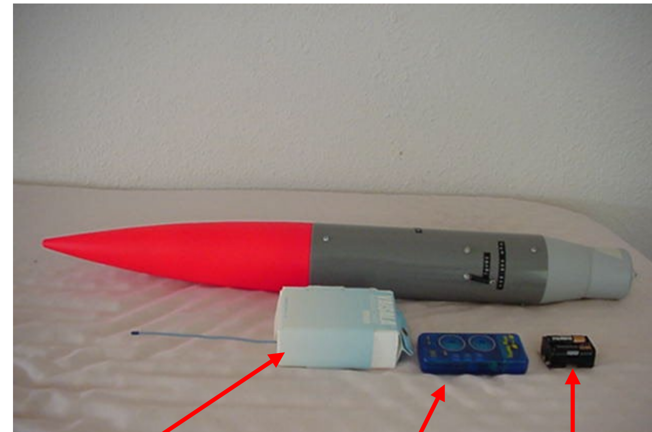
The Glenda project uses several different payload capsule configurations carrying a variety of instrumentation in order to gain weather related information, and other micro-climate data



Datalogger



Digital Radiosonde Datalogger Battery Pack



Analog Radiosonde Locator Beacon Battery Pack

54mm (2.125”) Capsules

- Datalogger Payloads
- Measures Temperature& RH values at 1 second intervals.
- Used by 54mm & 75mm boosters.

75mm (3”) Capsules

- Datalogger Payloads
- Measures Temperature & RH values at 1 second intervals.
- Digital Radiosondes transmitting temperature, RH, barometric pressure, and GPS coordinates.
- Used by 54mm & 98mm boosters.

98mm (4”) Capsule

- Analog Radiosonde transmitting temperature, RH, and barometric pressure.
- Audio location beacon
- Used by 75mm boosters.

Glenda Project – Typical Flight Profile

2 – Intercept Phase

3 – Data Collection Phase

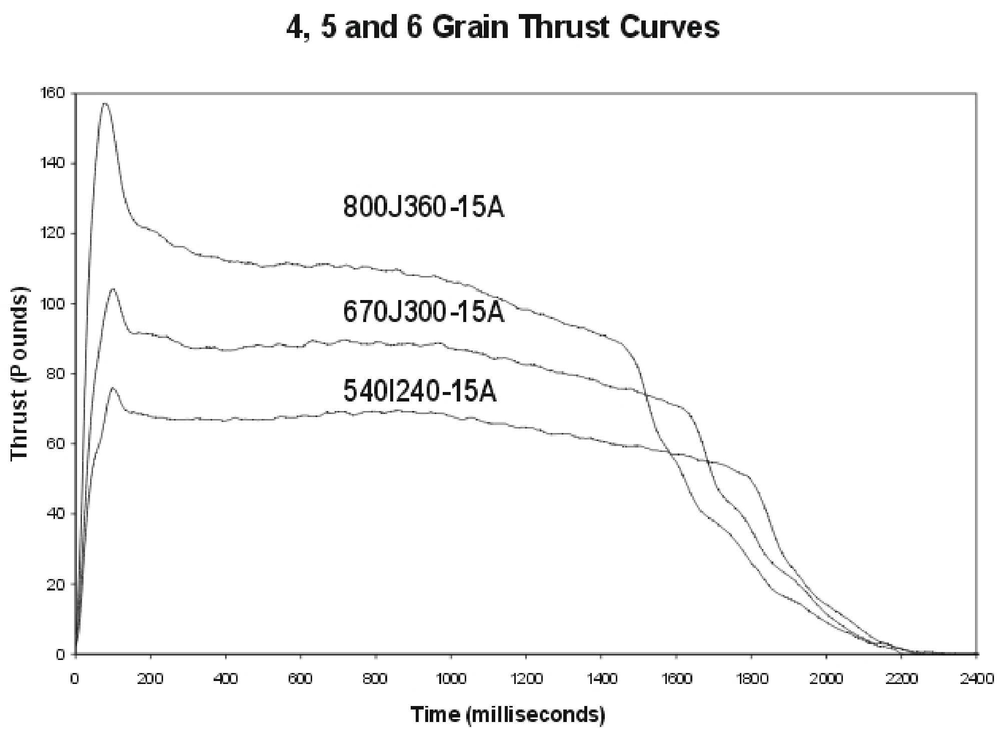
4 – Recovery Phase

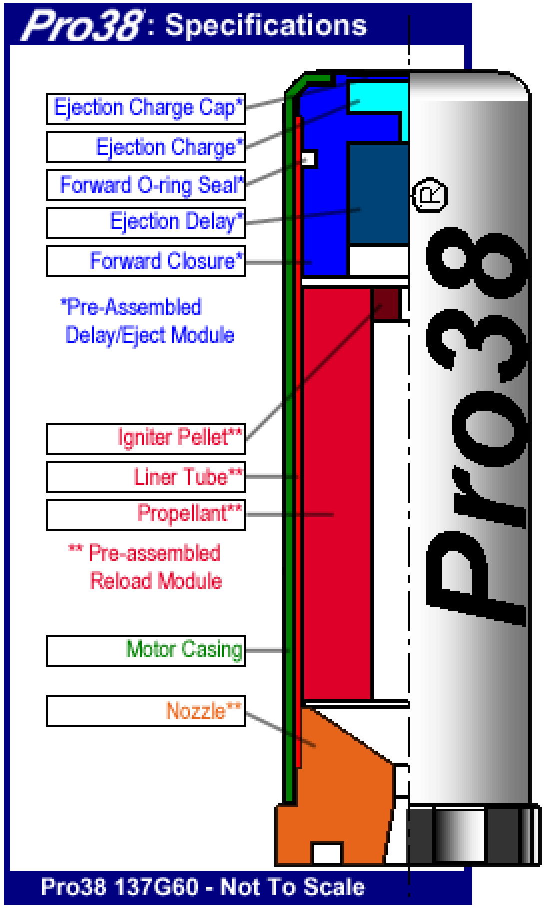
1 – Launch Phase

Note: Propulsion is provided by reloadable /reusable rocket motors giving the capability of rapid turnaround between flights.

Glenda Project – Propulsion

The Pro38 / Pro54 rocket motor propulsion system is the first commercial thermoplastic propellant-based solid rocket motor and is produced by Cesaroni Technology Inc. of Toronto Canada. The Pro38 / Pro 54 is a modular, reloadable Solid propellant rocket motor system designed primarily for use in launching small experimental payloads by universities, colleges, research institutes and sport rocketry enthusiasts.

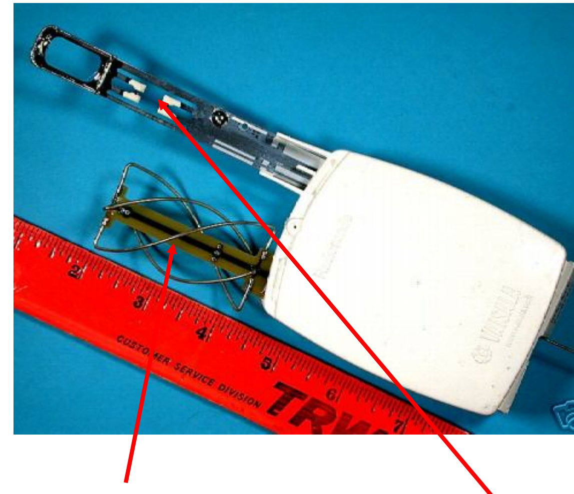




Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Converted Radiosonde Payloads

The Glenda Project uses converted radiosondes that are designed primarily for use with weather balloons. The circuitry and sensors function properly under thrust loads of the Glenda boosters and are compatible with NOAA / NWS radiosonde receiver systems.



The radiosonde contains instruments capable of making direct measurements of air temperature, humidity and pressure. These observed data are transmitted immediately to the ground station by a radio transmitter located within the instrument package.

Vaisala RS92 Radiosonde

Radiosonde Specifications:

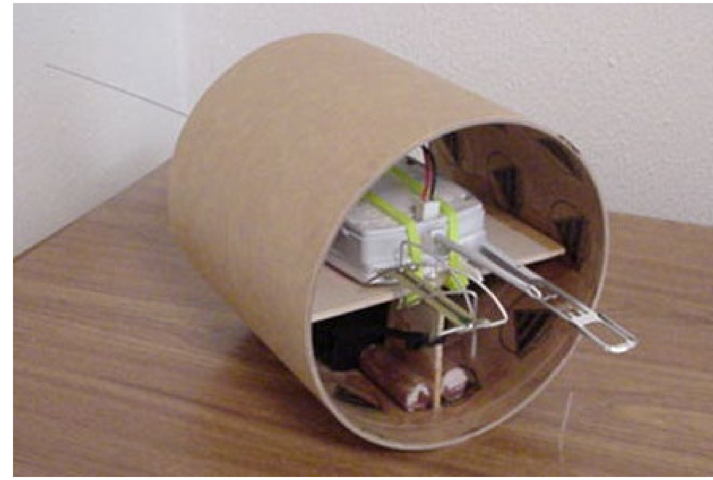
- Pressure range 3mb to 1060mb +/- .1mb
- Operating temperature range of -90°C to +60°C
- Relative Humidity from 0 to 100%
- Sampling Rate of once per second for the sensor suite
- Provides positioning data via GPS for payload location and wind velocity

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Booster Launched Payload - Data Acquisition Flow Diagram

Sensor Data Transmitted from Capsule

- Barometric Pressure Sensor Data
- Temperature Sensor Data
- Relative Humidity Sensor Data
- GPS - Payload Position Data



Active Payload cushioned within the flight capsule

Ground Receiver and Antenna System

Data recorded into Laptop and graphically displayed

GPS – Ground Station / Intercept Vehicle Position Data

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

A Typical Booster Launched Payload Configuration

Mobile Ground Station / Intercept Vehicle

Isolated Laptop Power Supply

Telemetry Receiver

Cellular Modem w/ internet connection

Laptop

Not Shown:

a) External Telemetry Receiver Antenna
b) External GPS Antenna
c) External Cellular Modem Antenna

Flight Vehicle

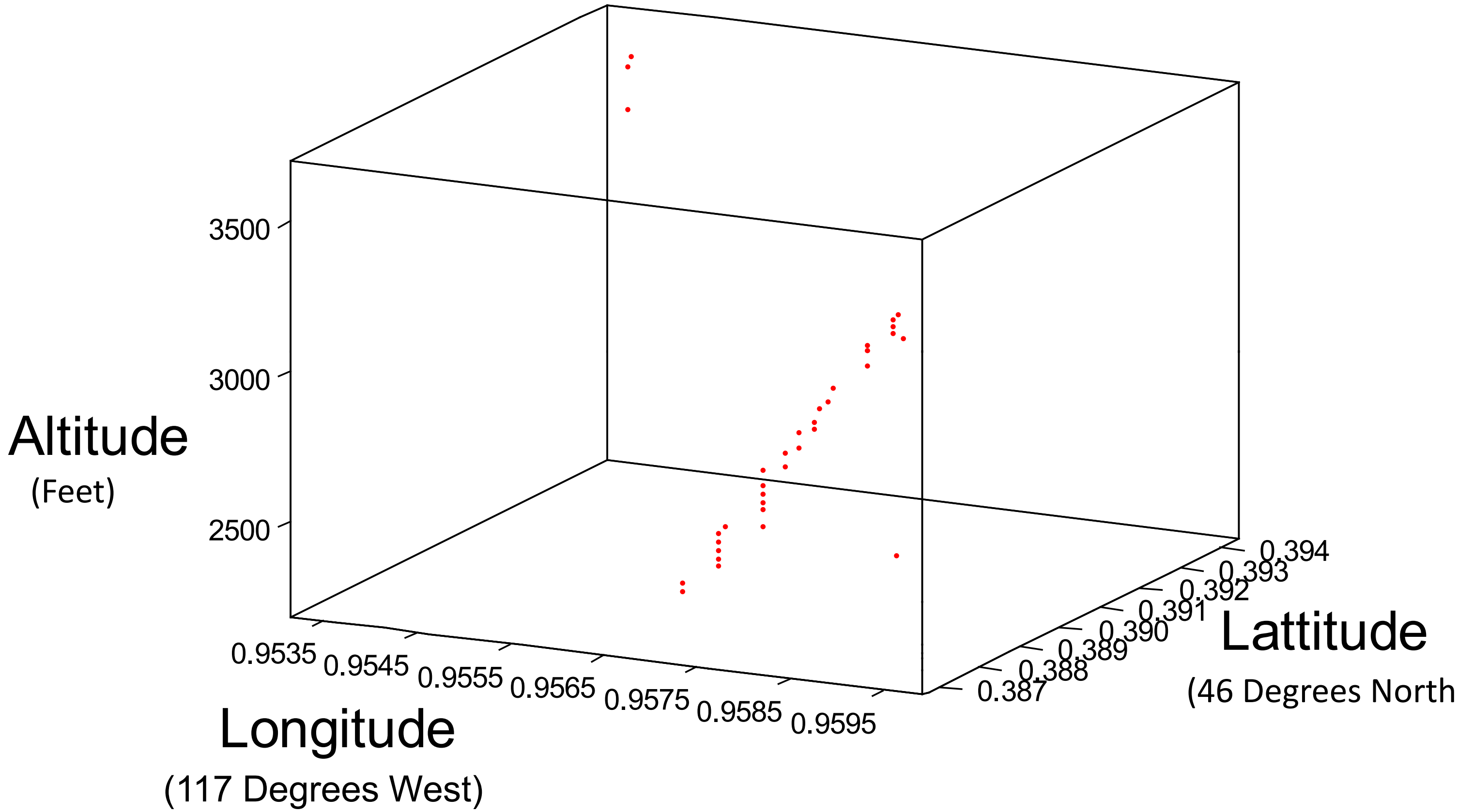
Payload Capsule

Length: 65”
Diameter: 3”
Dry Weight: 3.5 Pounds
Attainable Altitudes: 2,000 feet to 20,000 feet

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

"Lone Tree" Launch Site – June 11th, 2011

Lattitude / Longitude / Altitude / Motion



Note: After an initial shift at altitude, due to the winds aloft, recovery was nominal

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

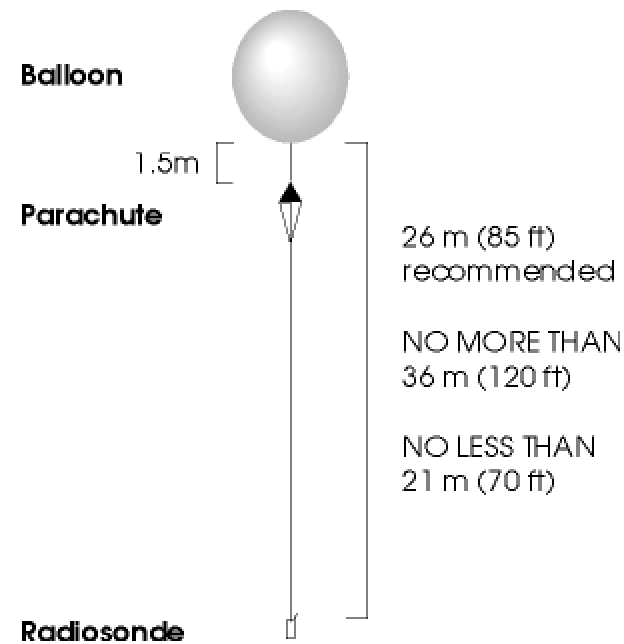
Balloon Launched Payloads – Radiosondes

In 2013, the Glenda Project expanded our flight capability to conduct actual weather balloon launches with the intent to expand our flight envelope to over 100,000 feet. The most significant challenge was the development of the ground support equipment and infrastructure.

The signal / data processing systems were already in place which made the transition to actual balloon launches rather seamless.

100 gram and 150 gram balloons

Parachute and Radiosonde de-reeler



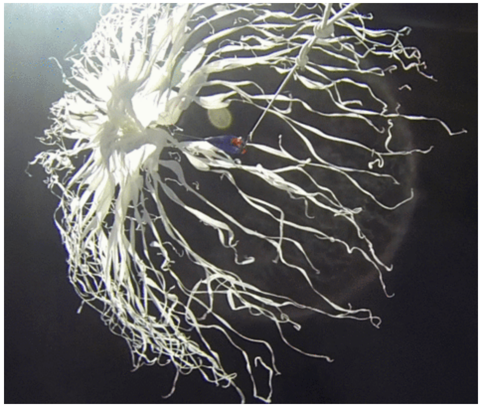
Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – Typical Flight Profile

2 – Data Collection Phase

At 100,000 feet, the temperature is around -40 degrees F with air pressure close to a vacuum

3 – Balloon Burst



1 – Launch Phase

4 – Recovery Phase

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Ground Support Equipment (GSE) in support of balloon inflation

Integrated Pressure Regulator with “Tool Free” connector to Helium Tank

25 foot connection hose

Balloon “Stinger” with Helium Rated flow control / shut off valve

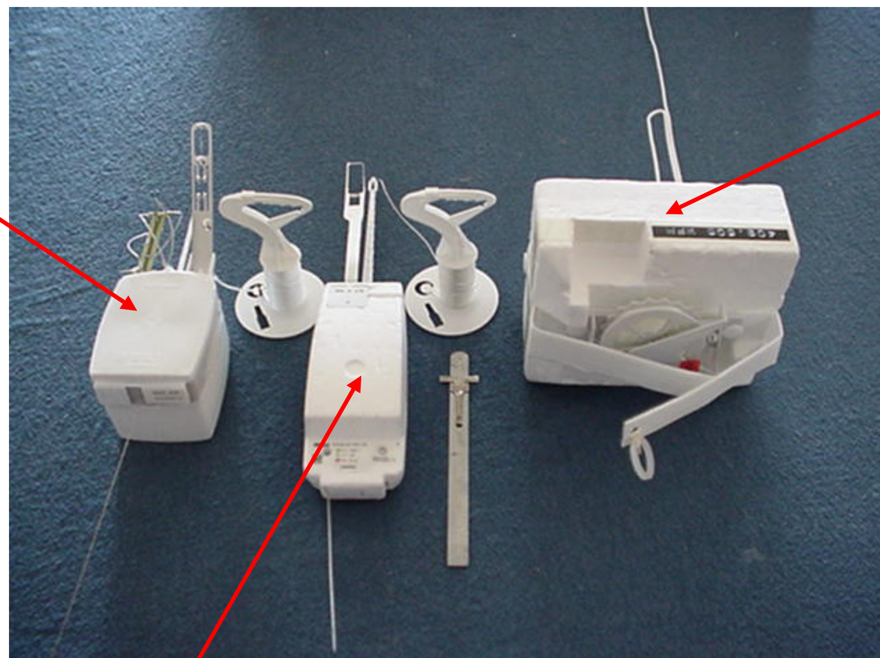
Un-inflated weather balloon on “Stinger”.

Radiosonde Launch Platform

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – Radiosondes

The Glenda Project has expanded our balloon payload launch capability by adding the Lockheed / Martin / Sippican (LMS-6), and Vaisala RS41-SG to our inventory of flyable radiosondes. The reason driving this, is that, Vaisala has discontinued the RS92-SGP radiosonde, and they are becoming increasingly unavailable. Our flight envelope has expanded to over 100,000 feet, and our signal / data processing systems are already in place making the addition of these new models a natural step in system evolution.



Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – LMS-6 Radiosonde

The first example of this latest generation of radiosondes, is the Lockheed-Martin-Sippican LMS-6. The LMS-6 utilizes current GPS receivers and sophisticated temperature and humidity sensing technology and processing, provides optimized meteorological, wind, and position data as the payload ascends through the atmosphere. Precision factory calibration of the radiosonde sensors eliminates the time and expense of preflight baseline checks, and lithium battery power extends deployment flight times.

<u>LMS-6 Characteristics:</u>

Dimensions : 153 x 127 x 75 mm

Weight : approx. 250g with built-in battery, de-reeler and string

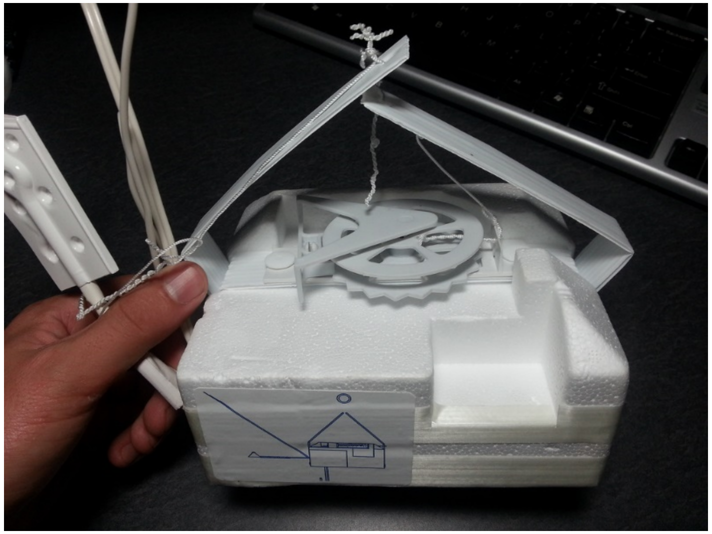
Frequency : 16 synthesized WFM frequencies possible between 400.250 and 405.875 with a step of 375kHz

Power supply : 9 volt lithium battery (3 CR123A 3 volt lithium batteries on clips), 180 mA consumption

Modulation : GFSK - 4800 Bds

Transmitting power : 60mW

Sensors : Temperature: thermistor, Humidity: capacitive sensor. The payload location is determined by GPS (Trimble Copernicus module type 58048-10 with patch antenna)



3 Volt - CR123A Battery

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

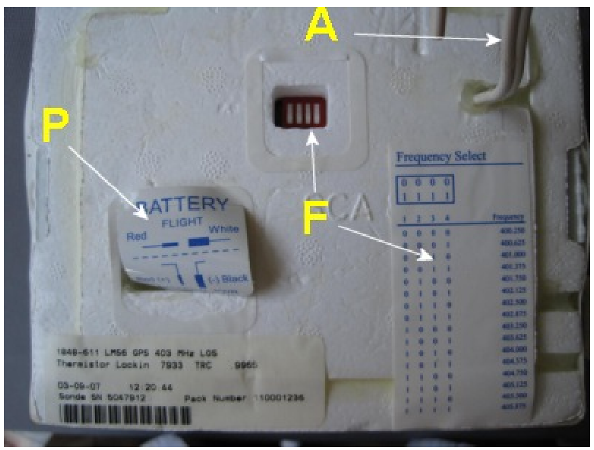
Balloon Launched Payloads – LMS-6 Radiosonde

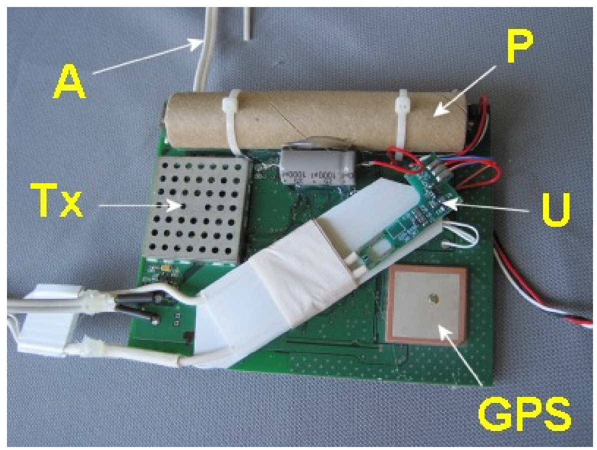
LMS-6 Components:

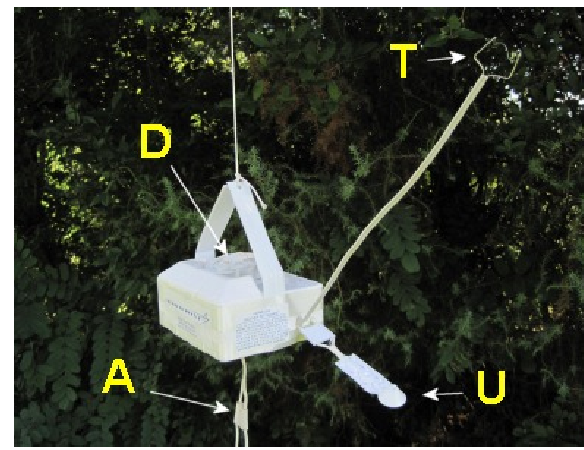
(A) 403 MHz transmitter antenna
(F) Frequency selection switch and combination list
(P) Power connections

(Tx) WFM Transmitter 403MHz
(P) Lithium battery (3) CR123A
(A) 403 MHz transmitter antenna
(GPS) GPS receiver antenna
(U) Humidity Sensor interface

(D) De-Reeler
(T) Temperature Sensor
(A) 403 MHz Transmitter Antenna
(U) Humidity Sensor







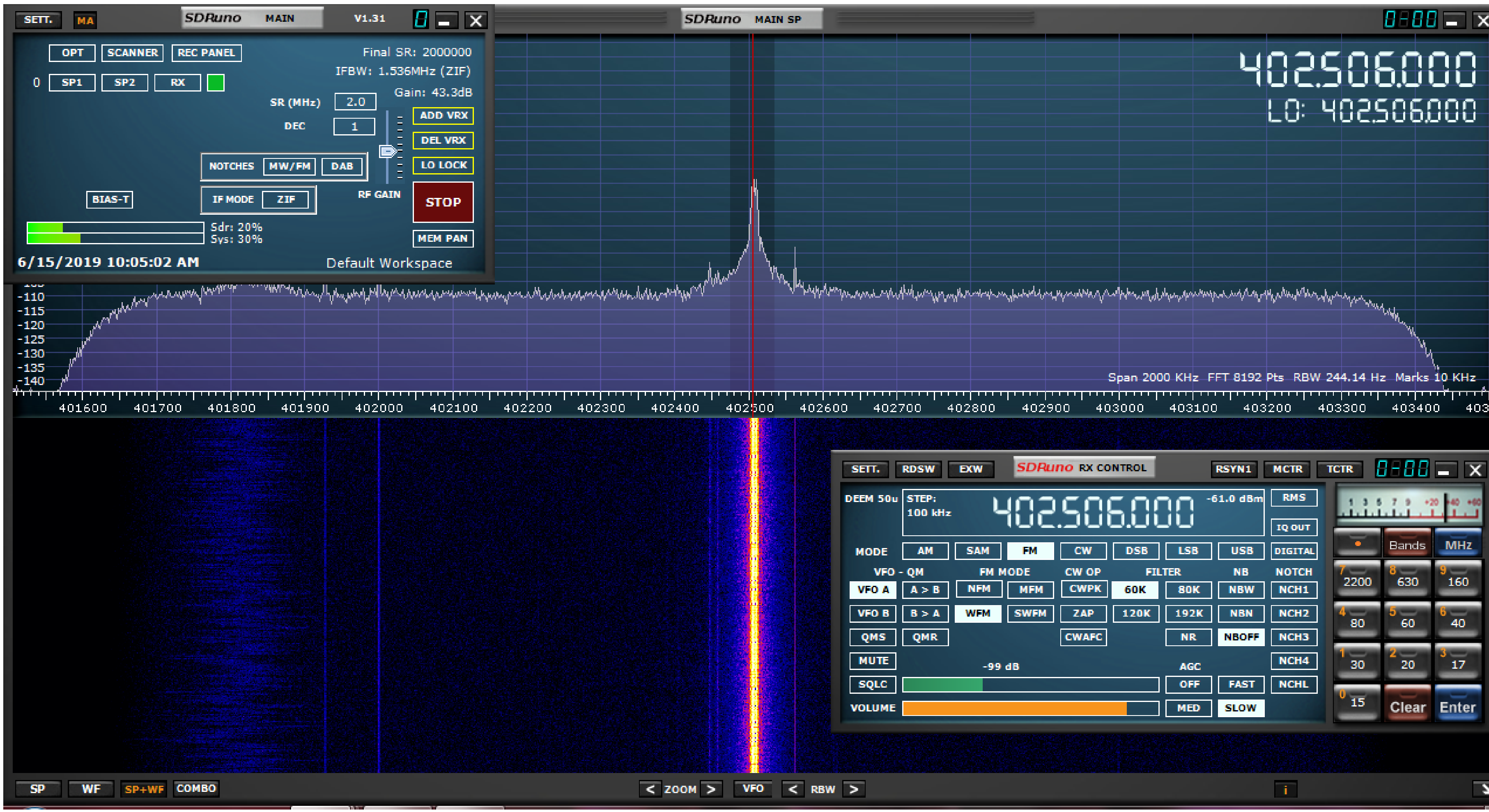
LMS-6 Packaged

LMS-6 Unpackaged

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – LMS-6 Radiosonde

Signal processed through SDR receiver unfiltered under 402.506 Mhz WFM



Radiosonde signal preset at 402.500 MHz WFM. Actual transmitted frequency is 402.506 MHz WFM

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – LMS-6 Radiosonde

Telemetry data processed using SONDE software from data streamed through the SDR receiver

File Edit

General | History | Map | Altitude | Ascent

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Temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity data processing capabilities are under development at the software developer

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – Vaisala RS41-SG Radiosonde

The other example of this latest generation of radiosondes, is the Vaisala RS41-SG, which is the replacement for the RS92-SGP. The RS41 utilizes current GPS receivers and sophisticated temperature and humidity sensing technology and processing, provides optimized meteorological, wind, and position data as the payload ascends through the atmosphere. Precision factory calibration of the radiosonde sensors eliminates the time and expense of preflight baseline checks, and lithium battery power extends deployment flight times.

RS41-SG Characteristics:

Dimensions : 155 x 63 x 46 mm

Weight : approx. 130g with external de-reeler and string

Frequency : 400.15 to 406.000 synthesized WFM frequencies

Power supply : 3 volt lithium battery (2 AA 1.5 volt lithium batteries on clips), 150 mA consumption – 240 minute life cycle

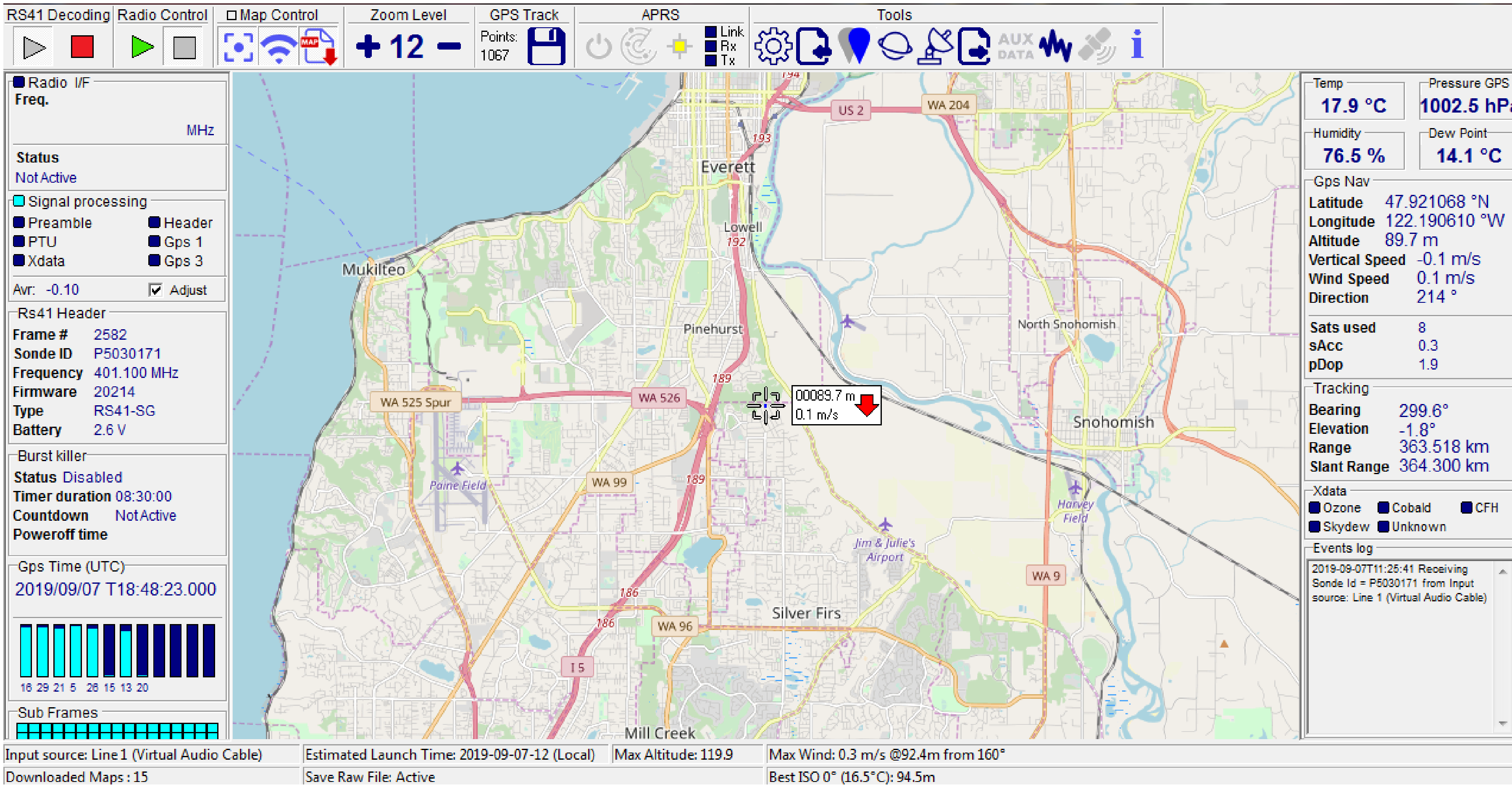
Transmitting power : minimum 60mW

Sensors : Temperature: Platinum Resistor, Humidity: Thin Film Capacitor. The payload location and barometric pressure is determined via GPS

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – Vaisala RS41-SG Radiosonde

Telemetry data processed using RS41-Tracker software with data streamed through the SDR receiver



Radiosonde set at 401.100 MHz WFM with a one second sampling rate with full mapping capabilities

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Transmitters

Balloon Launched Payloads – Vaisala RS41-SG Radiosonde

Telemetry data downloadable into Excel format for rapid data processing post flight

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude	Battery Voltage	Sats used	Wind Speed	Wind Dir	Vertical Speed	Temperature	Pressure	Humidity	Dew point (deg)
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32	09/07/19	18:28:17	47.921083	-122.190627	91.1	2.7	7	0.0	119	0.0	16.7	1002.4	81.5	13.8

Data is in metric format, with a one second sampling rate. Battery Voltage is captured, as well as several directional, and Dew Point attributes not previously recorded.

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

April 22nd , 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Storm Intercept

On April 22nd, 2016, the Glenda Project launched a Vaisala RS-92 SGP radiosonde payload, testing our updated antenna and receiver ground station.

The April 22nd flight featured a 400 gram balloon filled with 50 cubic feet of helium. Projected flight altitude was approximately 90,000 feet. The RS-92 payload contained a GPS positioning system plus a weather sensor suite telemetry package. Ground wind speed was around 10 mph with temperatures in the 70’s.

Shortly after 3:15pm, a thunderstorm passed through the area and the weather balloon and its associated payload were ingested into the storm system for a successful storm intercept.

Flight performance was impressive and we achieved a viable data set from launch to balloon burst at just over 50,000 feet, continuing on under parachute until loss of signal at 41,000 feet due to the level of turbulence from the storm cell combined with earth curvature and local terrain.

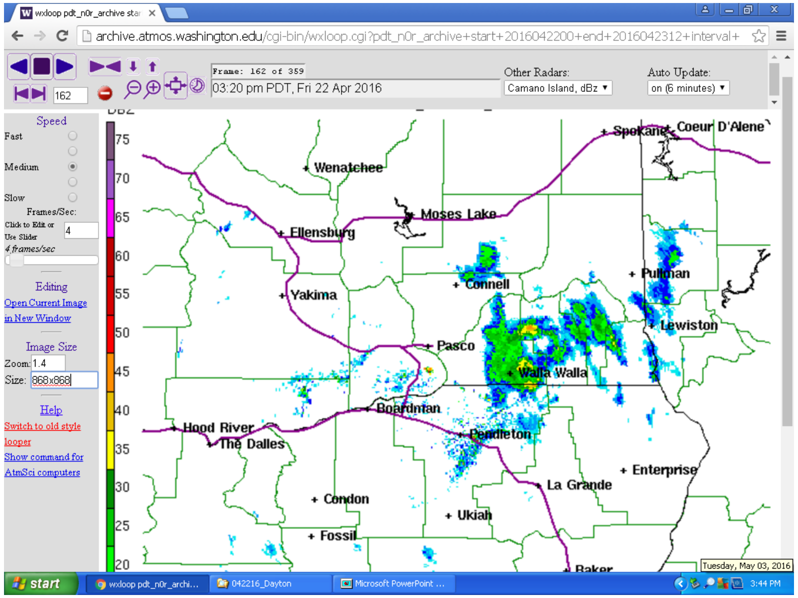
The following slides display the data collected from the flight.

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

April 22nd , 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Storm Intercept

Photo Courtesy of Liz Quigg

Visual of Storm Intercept



Pendleton, OR – Radar Track

The storm cell that was intercepted, was tracked on Pendleton, OR radar and visually by the intercept team. Our mobile ground station collected a viable data set and that data is shown in the following slides as well.

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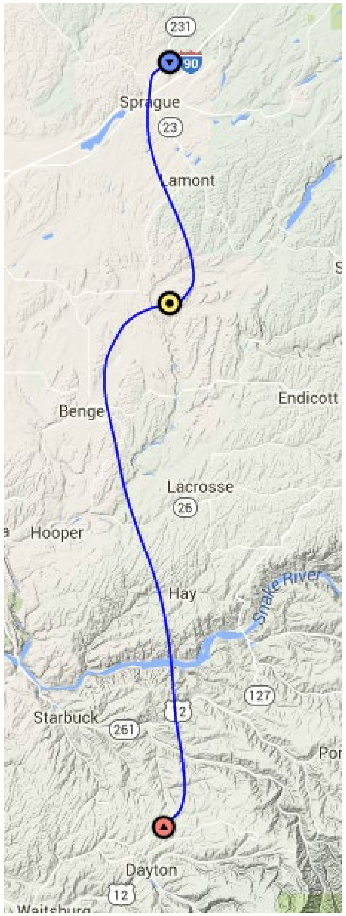
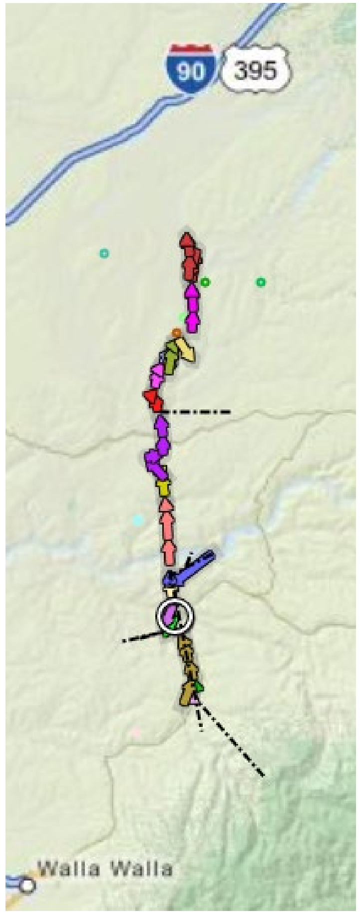
April 22nd, 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Ground Track



Flight Simulation



Actual Flight Path

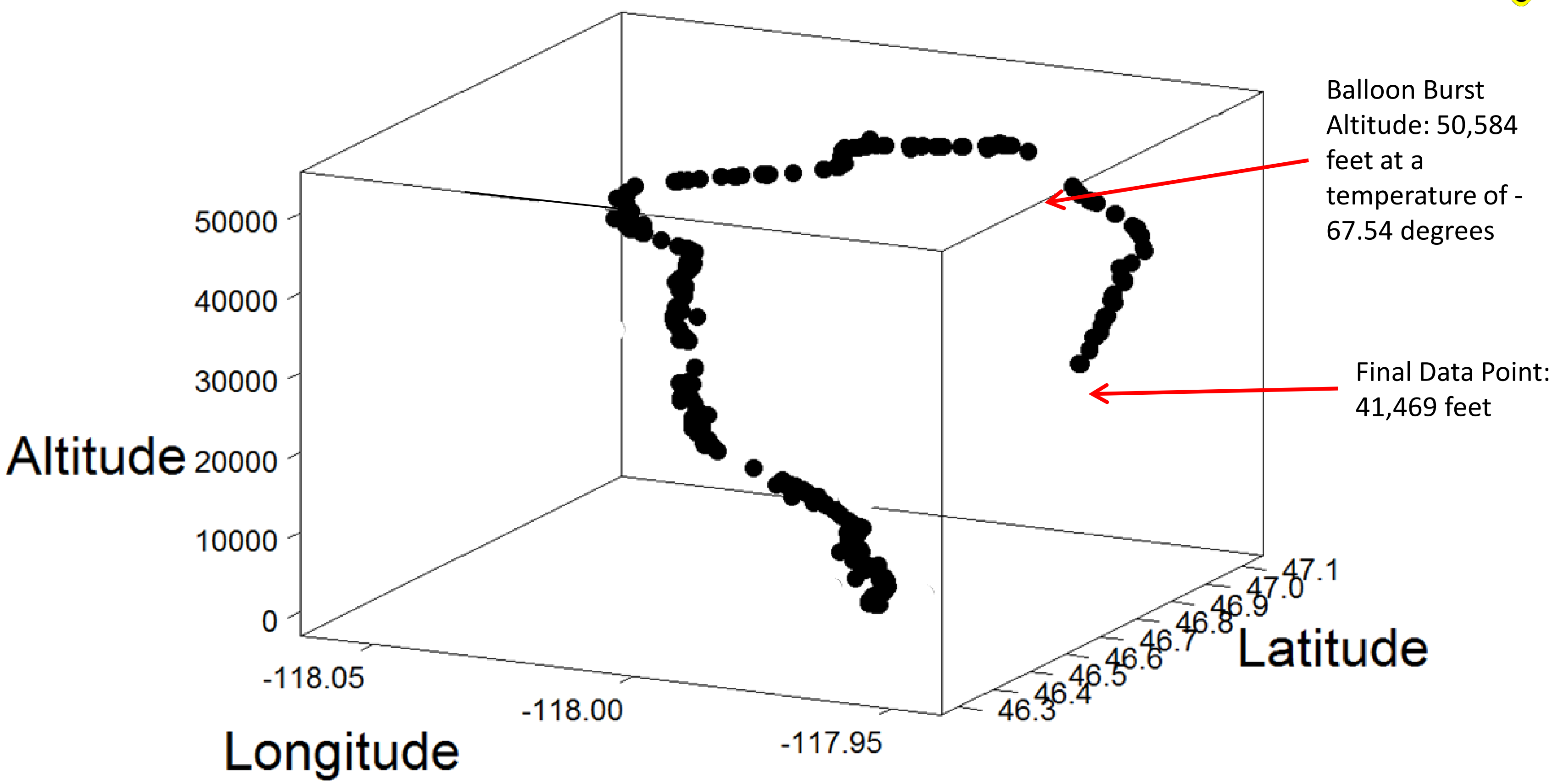
The actual flight trajectory ground track measured just over 60 miles before loss of signal and aligned very well with the pre-flight simulation.

After transition from launch conditions, the balloon was ingested into the passing storm system and followed its south to north storm track.

Ground wind speed exceeded 30 mph, while the storm ground track was close to 40 mph.

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

April 22nd, 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Altitude Track



While the balloon ground track appears linear, the balloon and its payload followed the circulation of the storm cell and hovered along the top of the cell while also moving in a south to north path.

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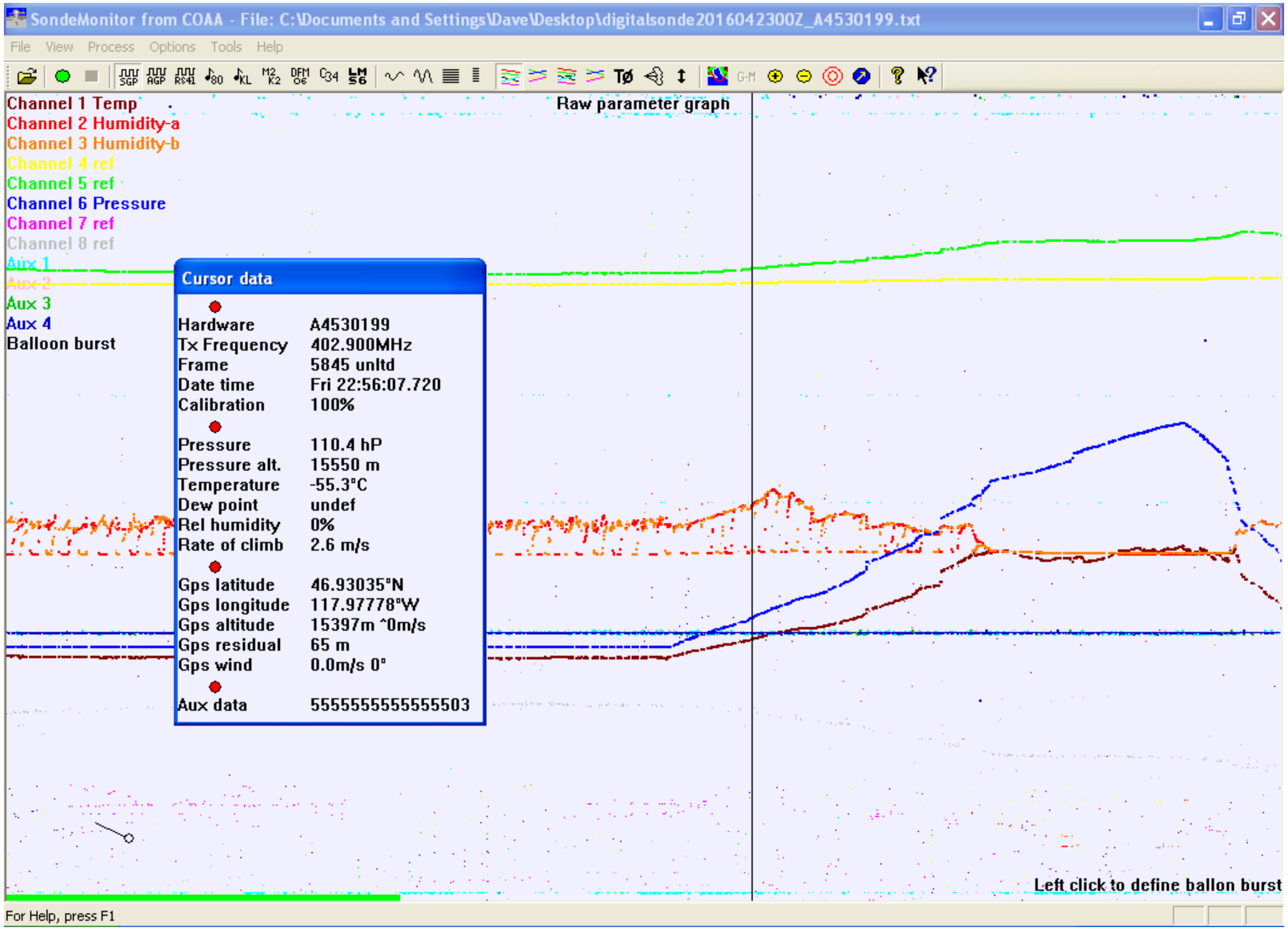
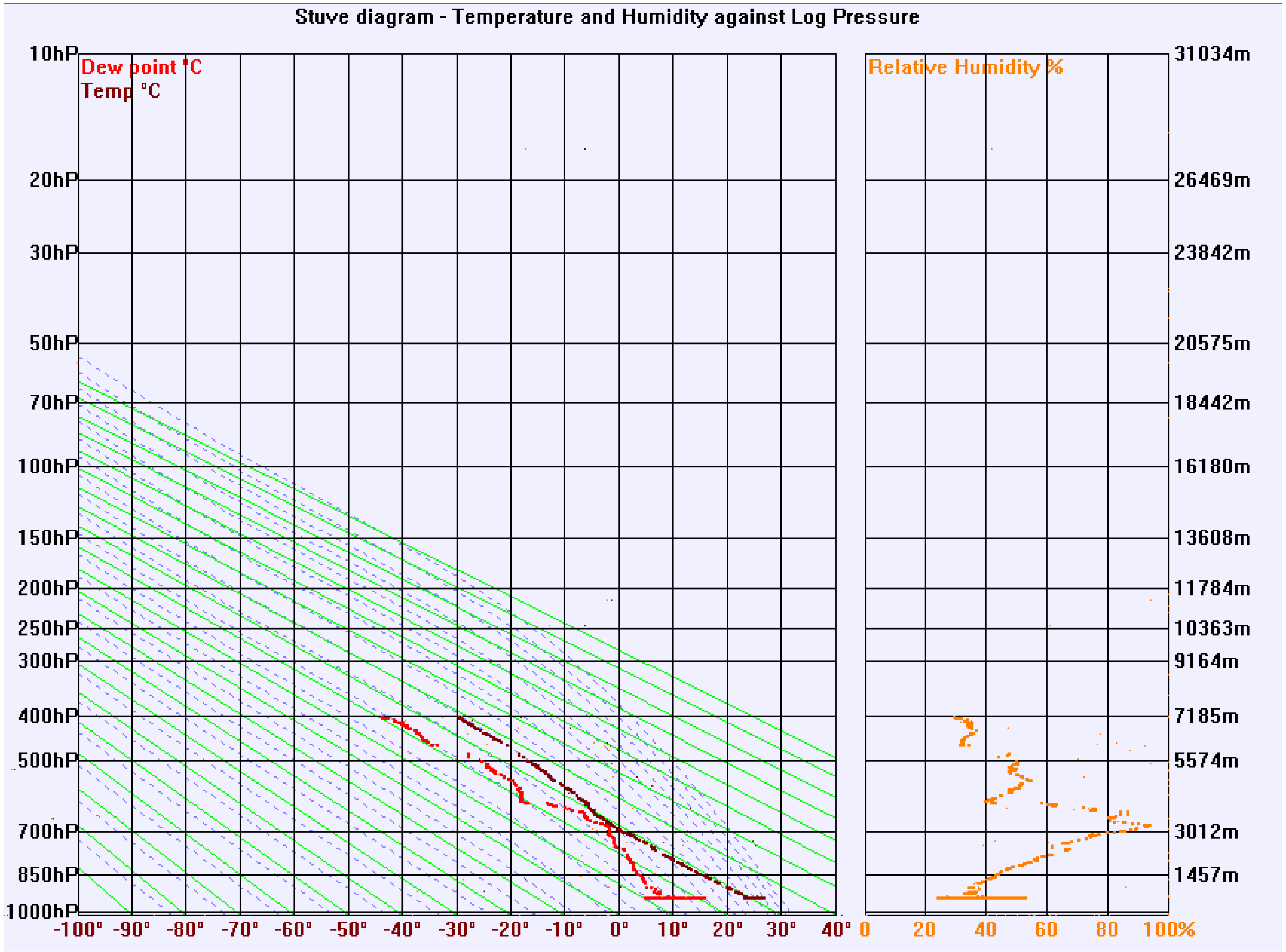
April 22nd, 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Software



The Sondemonitor software performed flawlessly providing data capture collected via the upgraded antenna and receiver.

Glenda Project – Active Payloads - Application

April 22nd, 2016 – Balloon Launched Payload – Weather Sensor Data



The Sondemonitor software also provides Temperature, Dew Point, and Relative graphing capability vs pressure / altitude.

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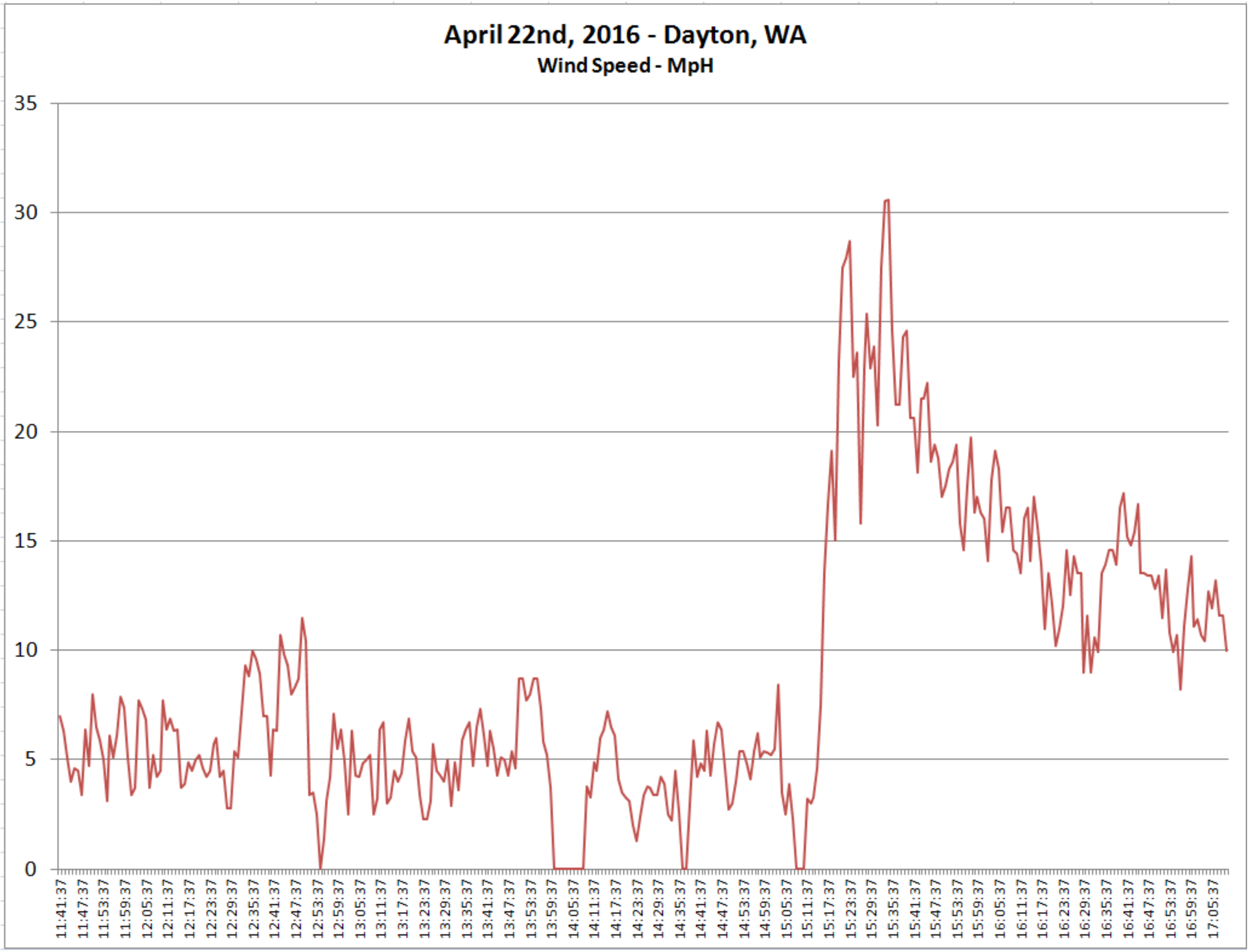
April 22nd, 2016 – Ground Station Data – Wind Speed



In parallel with the balloon launch, Glenda was also capturing ground condition data. The storm cell impacted our collection site just after 3:15 pm as the balloon payload was being ingested into the storm cell. Winds in excess of 30 mph were recorded. While not as impressive as our June 2012 storm intercept, it is still a significant accomplishment as we've now added the balloon intercept capability.

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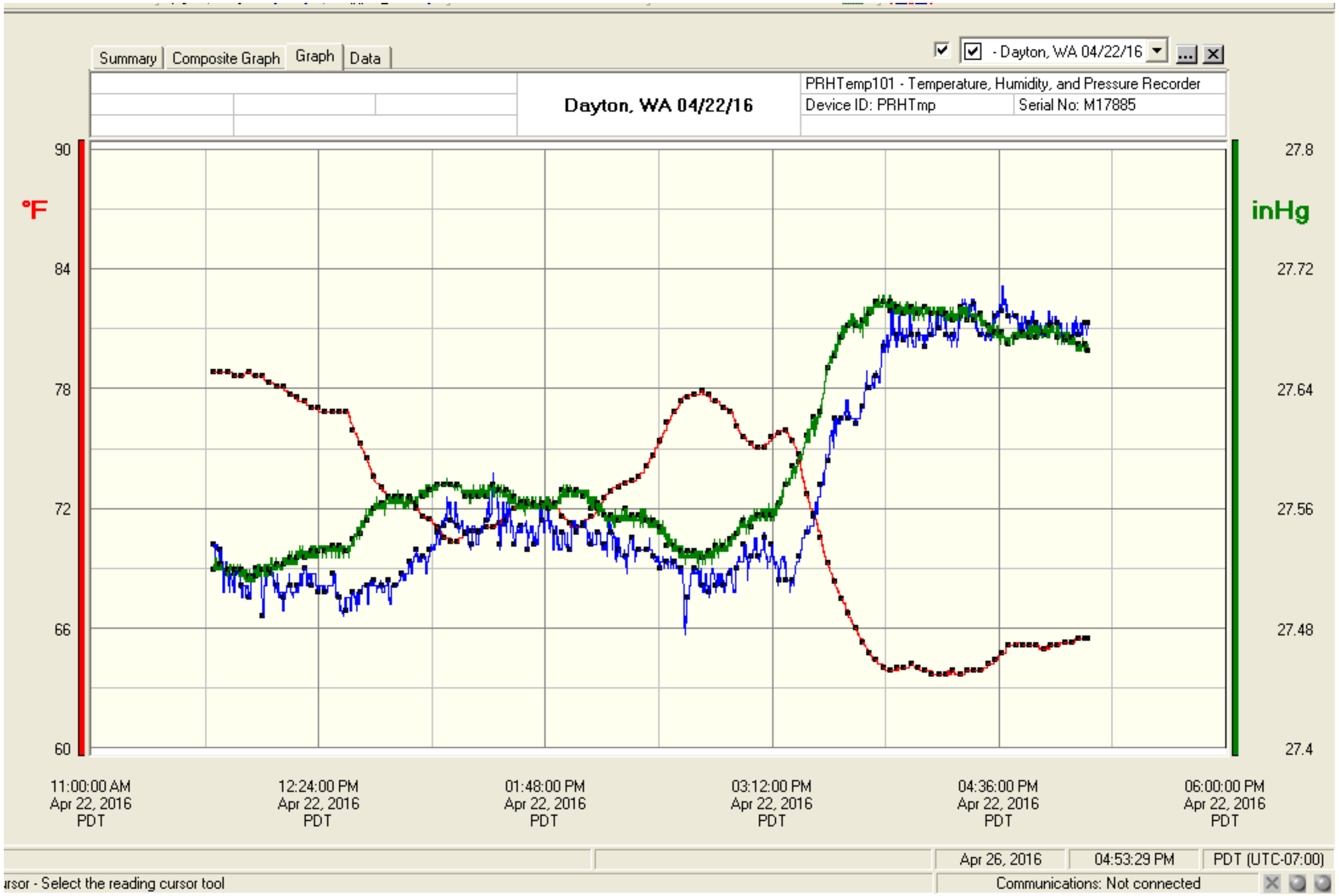
April 22nd, 2016 – Ground Station Data – Temp, Baro, RH



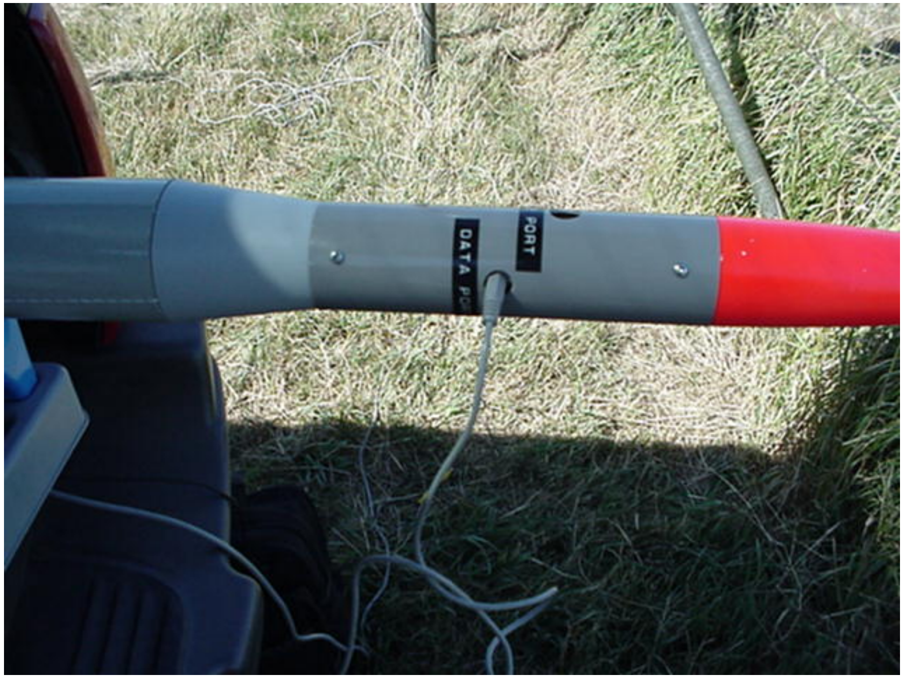
Temperature, Barometric Pressure, and Relative Humidity data were also being collected in real time at less than 2 second intervals during the storm intercept as well. A noticeable shift can be seen in the data as the storm cell passes over the collection site.

Glenda Project - Passive Payloads – Data Loggers

A data logger is an electronic instrument that records measurements over time. Typically, data loggers are small, battery-powered devices that are equipped with a microprocessor, data storage and sensors. Most data loggers utilize software on a personal computer to initiate the logger and view the collected data.

Prior to a Glenda launch, the data logger is connected to a laptop computer. Then, systems software is used to select logging parameters (sampling intervals, start time, etc.) and initiate the logger. The logger is then disconnected from the laptop and installed inside the Glenda payload capsule. Upon launch, the logger records each measurement and stores it in memory along with the time and date.

Post recovery, the logger is then reconnected to the laptop computer and the software is used again to readout the data and see the measurements as a graph, showing the profile over time. The tabular data can be viewed as well, or exported to a spreadsheet for further manipulation.



Glenda Project - Passive Payloads – Data Loggers

Canmore GT-740FL GPS Data Logger

The GT-740FL is a single board GPS receiver / data logger featuring surface mount components and power supply designed to with stand the high flight loads of the Glenda boosters.

Data Logger Specifications:

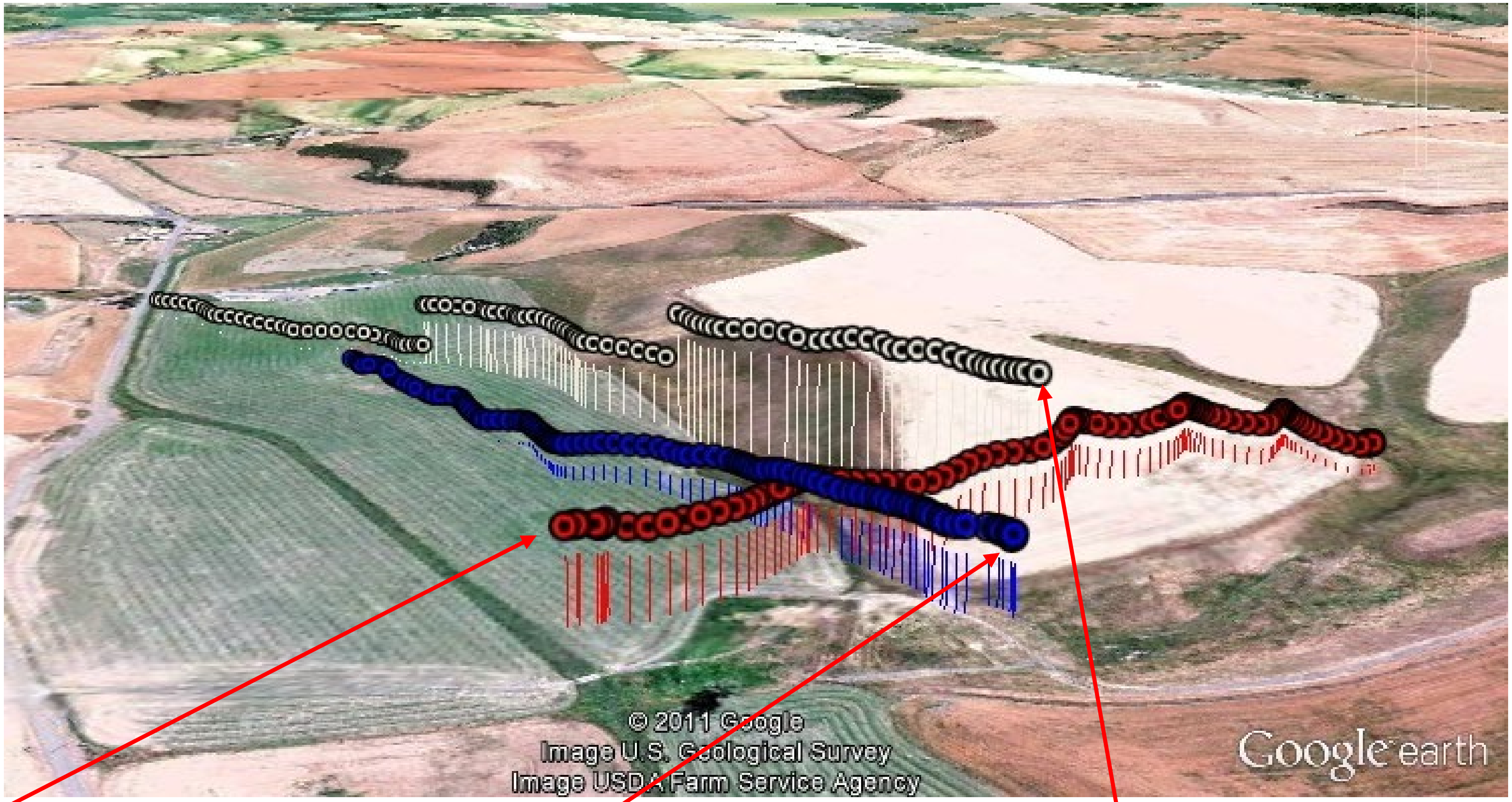
- 48 track verification channels
- SiRF IV low power chipset
- Adjustable sampling rates from 1 second +
- Satellite signal reception sensitivity: -163dbm
- Position: +/- 2.5 meters CEP
- Data compatible with Google Earth
- Size/Weight: .625 x 1.17 x 2.75" (16 x 30 x 70 mm)/approx. 2.5 oz.(71 grams)
- Time to reposition: < 0.1 second average
- Time to boot: <34 seconds (cold), 1 sec (hot)
- Ultra low power consumption; over 17/56 hours continuous use
- Water resistant to IPX6 standard

Glenda Project - Passive Payloads – Application

GPS Data Logging

4D wind current mapping over local terrain.

(4D is latitude, longitude, elevation and velocity)



May 14th
7554 Booster – Aerotech I211
"Thunderstorm Intercept"
Apogee: 2,706 Feet
Ground Level Wind Speed: 4.5 mph

June 11th
9875 Booster – CTI I170
Apogee: 2,211 Feet
Ground Level Wind Speed: 10 mph

October 1st
7554 Booster – Aerotech I211
Apogee: 2,354
Ground Level Wind Speed: 14.5 mph

Glenda Project - Passive Payloads – Data Loggers

MicroLite Temperature Data Logger

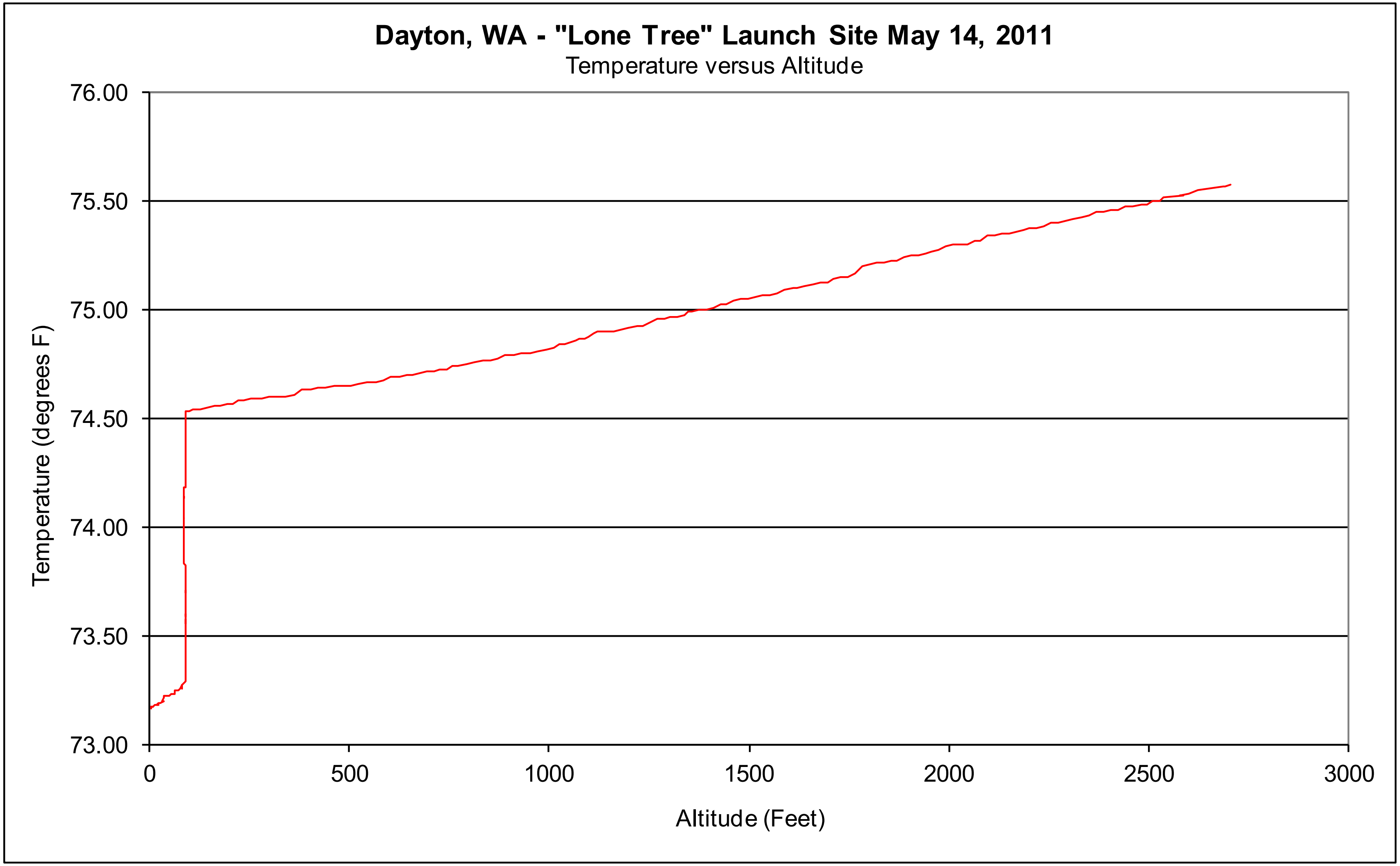
The MicroLite USB Data Logger is a small electronic device for monitoring and recording temperature. Manufactured to stringent IP68 standards, the MicroLite logger is dustproof and is only 4.3” long and 1” thick. The data logger features a three digit LCD display, direct USB connection, wide temperature range, high accuracy and large sample memory. Data can be displayed on the small numeric screen or downloaded to the MicroLab Lite software via the USB 2.0 connector.

<u>Data Logger Specifications:</u>

- Internal Temp Sensor: -40°C to 80°C Thermal Conductor enabling a fast sensor response time
- Sampling Resolution A/D Resolution: 16Bit 0.1°C
- Data Storage Capacity: 16,000 Samples
- Sampling Rate: 1 per second to 1 per 2 Hours
- Battery: Replaceable 3V Lithium Battery - CR2032
- Battery Life: 2 Years at 1 second Sampling Rate
- Dimensions: 11cm x 3.9cm x 2.6cm (4.3" x 1.5" x 1.0")
- Weight: 45.5 grams (1.6oz)
- Software: MicroLab Lite for Windows
- Standard Compliance: IP68, NEMA6 (30 Minutes for 0.5 meter Depth)

Glenda Project - Passive Payloads – Application

Temperature / GPS Data Logger – Temperature vs Altitude
"Lone Tree" Launch Site – May 14th, 2011



Glenda Project – Video Payloads

In May 2007, the Glenda Project deployed its “First Generation” camera probe called “Ranger Intercept” named from the lunar photographic missions from the 1960’s.

While successful, the payload did not gather the high resolution images required for viable analysis.

Since 2007, cameras and optics have matured to the point where high definition / high resolution images are now possible from compact / light weight payloads.

In September 2014, Glenda successfully deployed a High Definition digital movie camera as an auxillary camera “pod” into our existing payload capsule. This increased resolution now provides a visual record of the environment captured by the on-board sensor suite.

May 2007 – “First Generation” Camera Flight

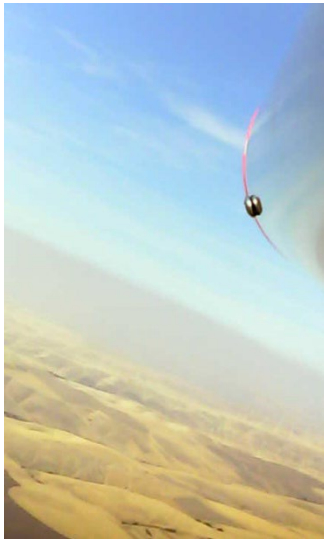
September 2014 – “Second Generation” Camera Pod

Glenda Project - Video Payloads – Application

September 13th, 2014 – Deployment of the Second Generation “Ranger Intercept” Video Payload

2. Mid - Boost

Photo Courtesy of Jon Preston



3. Apogee

4. Descent

5. Final Approach

1. Launch

Photo Courtesy of Jon Preston

6. Landing

Glenda Project – Ground Stations

The Glenda Project has found that, over time, without knowing ground level weather conditions, there is no effective baseline to measure from as we launch instrument packages into severe weather systems.

This acknowledgement has driven the development of several different types of mobile ground stations where their usage can be adapted based on our mission and data requirements.

Some typical examples:

a) Digital Chart Recorders

b) Recording Anemometers

c) TMQ-34 Mobile Military system

d) Coastal Environmental Weatherpak ground stations

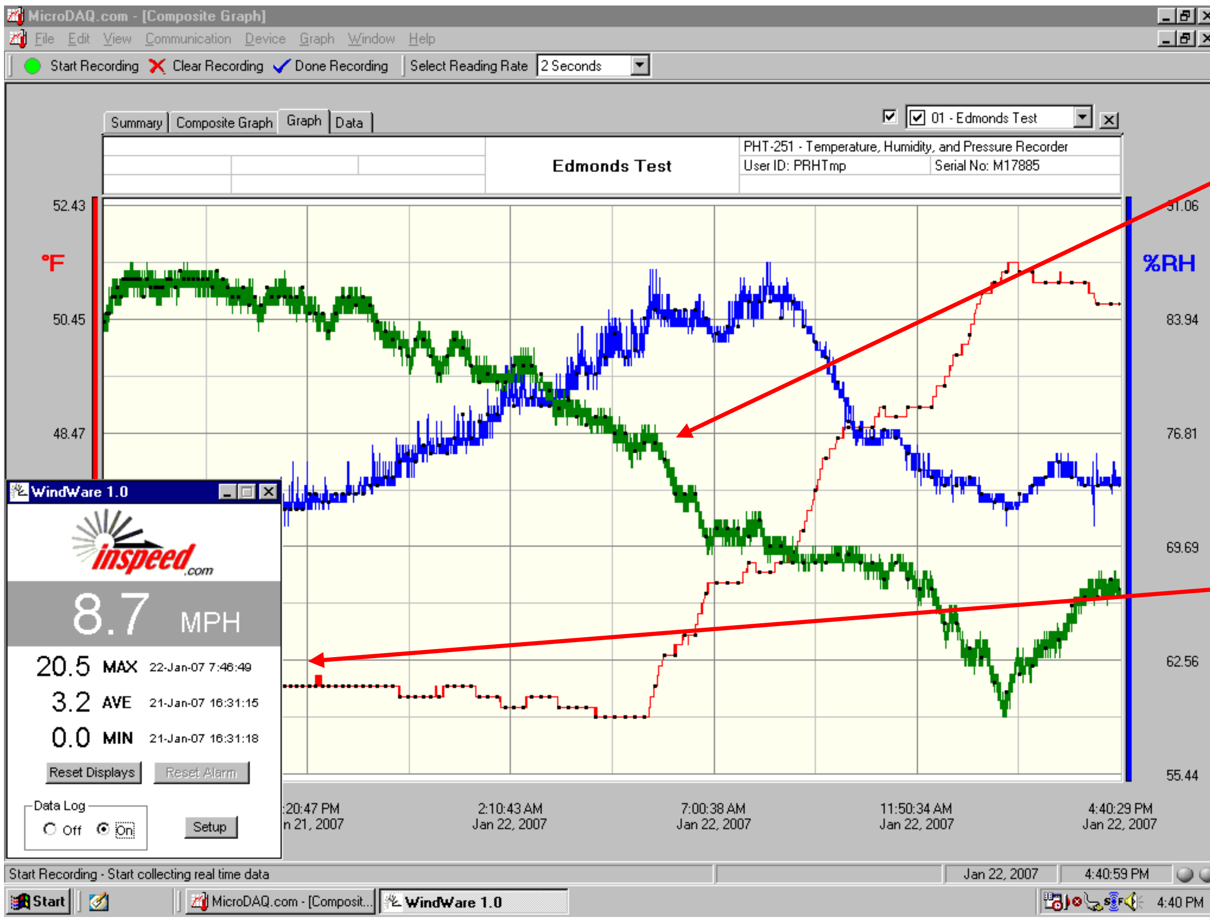
e) Mobile Mesonet ground stations

Glenda Project – Ground Stations

Digital Chart Recorders

Glenda Project utilizes sensors combined with ground based laptops to provide a digital based chart record of ground baseline conditions mapped over time.

The basic example below is a digital chart record of temperature, humidity, barometric pressure and wind speed at a test site.



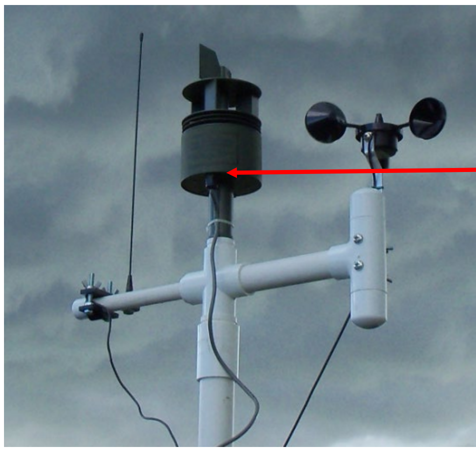
Temperature, Relative Humidity, & Barometric Pressure data using a Madgetech data logger with supporting software

Wind Speed data using InSpeed Anemometer and supporting software

Glenda Project – Ground Stations

AN/TMQ-34 Military Ground Station

Glenda also has an operational portable military weather station. This acquisition further enhances the projects ground condition data collection capabilities.



Sensor Module

Computer Module

The TMQ–34 is a military self contained portable weather measuring system that is powered by a rechargeable Ni CAD battery.

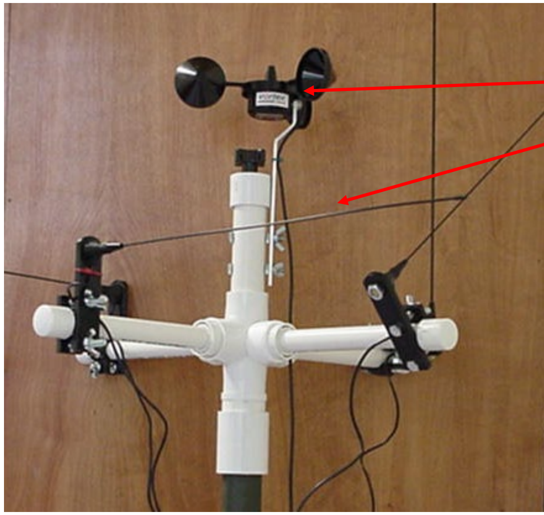
The TMQ–34 alphanumerically displays wind speed and direction, peak wind, temperature, dew point, barometric pressure, 3-hour pressure change, and the minimum and maximum temperature.

The entire TMQ–34, including the system case, weighs about 20 pounds. The set contains a computer module with a pressure sensor, and the main sensor module with a red sensor for temperature, a white sensor for humidity, a wind direction compass, and an anemometer to measure wind speed.

The TMQ–34 can operate in temperatures ranging from a low of –59.5°F to 132°F. The TMQ–34 is intended for use in a tactical environment with an operating range of 100 feet below sea level to 10,000 feet above sea level.

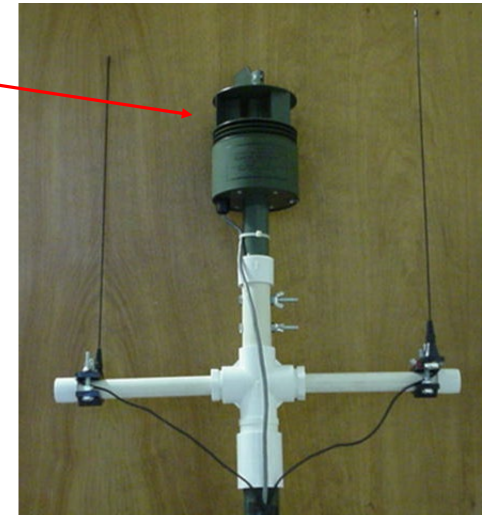
Glenda Project – Ground Stations

Mobile Ground Station Mast System



<u>Removable / Adaptable Mast Sensor Head</u>

- In-Speed Anemometer / TMQ-34 Sensor
- Two / Four Wide Band Receiver Antennas for Radiosonde telemetry signals.
- Mast System Interface Adapter
- Light weight PVC / Fiberglass construction to reduce potential for lightning strike
- Antennas with 1.2 GHz capability allows multiple frequencies and multiple radiosonde reception



- Mast head integrates with man portable mast system

Glenda Project – Weatherpak Ground Station

Coastal Environmental HazMat Weather Station

The Glenda Project now has several Coastal Environmental Weatherpak mobile vehicle mounted and wireless weather stations.

Some of its numerous features are:

- Wireless radio data Telemetry with a 5 mile range
- Self aligning Fluxgate Compass
- Complete sensor suite to record Temperature, Relative Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Wind Speed, and Wind Direction.
- Weighs less than 10 pounds and is deployable in less than 60 seconds
- Highly portable with its own transit case
- Serial data interface to support data logging and display
- Alternate Power Sources from 120VAC to 12 VDC
- Tested and designed for HazMat and severe environments
- Capability to measure "Sigma Theta" to determine atmospheric instability

Mobile Deployment

Vehicle Mounted

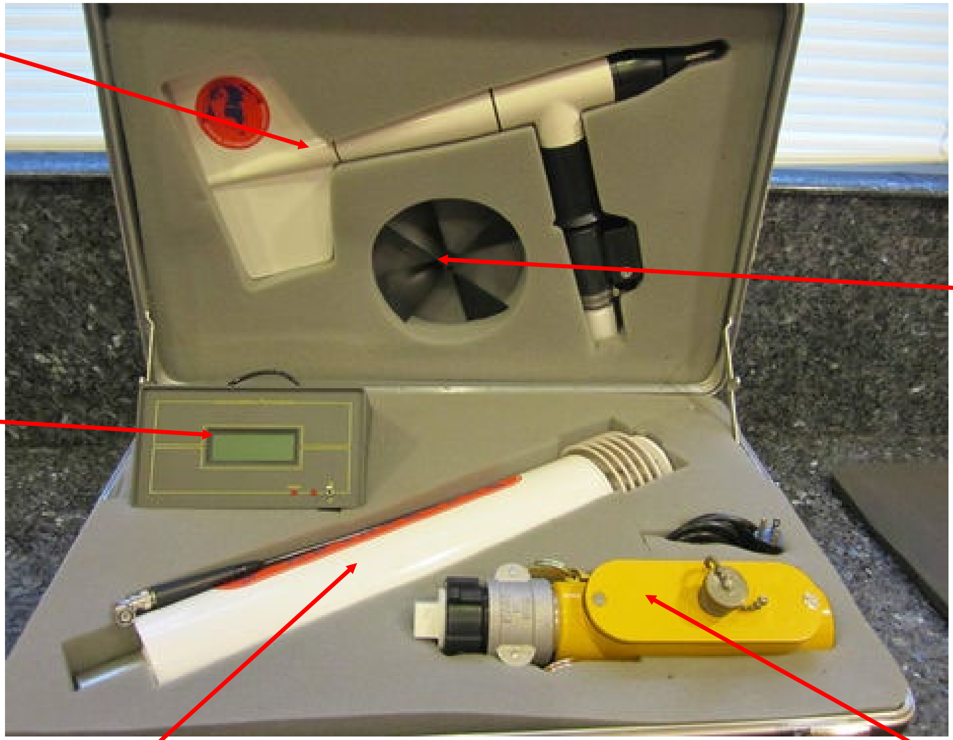
Glenda Project – Weatherpak Ground Station

Coastal Environmental Wireless HazMat Weather Station

System Components

Anemometer / Wind Direction Sensor

Telemetry Receiver Display



Anemometer Propeller

Sensor Suite Unit containing Temperature, Relative Humidity, Barometric Pressure and Telemetry Radio transmitter

Power Distribution Junction Box

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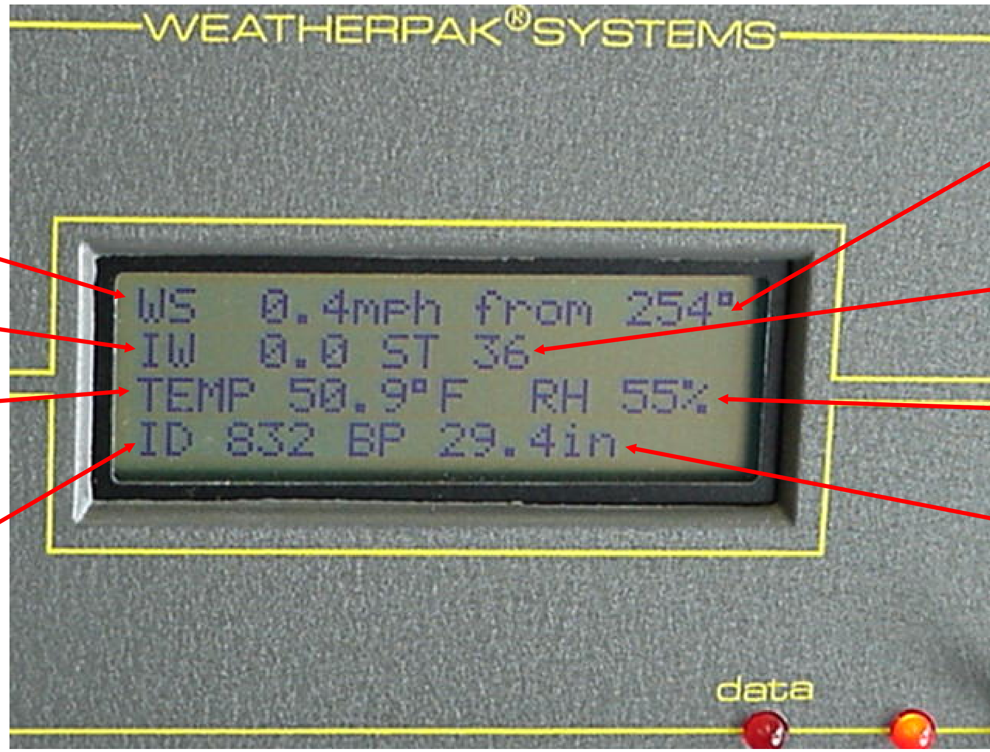
Coastal Environmental Wireless HazMat Weather Station

Receiver Display



Five Minute Average Wind Speed

Immediate Wind Speed

Temperature

WeatherPak Station Identification Number

Five Minute Average Wind Direction

Sigma Theta – Atmospheric Stability Value

Relative Humidity

Barometric Pressure

Data samples are transmitted to the receiver every second with five minute average wind speed and Sigma Theta Values (atmospheric stability) calculated internally within the receiver.

Glenda Project – Weatherpak MTR Ground Station

Coastal Environmental Wireless HazMat Weather Station

In 2016, the Glenda Project was able to obtain a Weatherpak MTR system which provides additional system integration and data gathering capabilities. It also now adds GPS capabilities to our ground station network.

For 2019, a second MTR receiver was added which now allows us both static, and mobile capabilities to monitor multiple deployed stations in the field.

Glenda Project – Weatherpak Ground Station

Coastal Environmental Wireless HazMat Weather Station

Sigma Theta Overview

“Sigma Theta” (ST) is a compound term with its origins coming from both the Statistical / Mathematic community and the Physical Sciences.

The term “Sigma” comes from the Statistical community and is a mathematical term used to define the concept / process called “standard deviation”. Standard Deviation is a process used to explain the amount of variability within a data set with the higher the deviation, the higher the level of variability within the data set.

“Theta” comes from the Physical Sciences / Weather community as the term defining the angle of wind direction.

“Sigma Theta” translated means the amount of variability of the changes in wind direction within a dataset.

Robert Yamartino developed the “standard” ST model back in the 1980’s and it has been adopted by the HazMat / EPA community as their preferred model for measuring atmospheric stability using ground based sensors and is based off of the following equations:

Step 1: Compute the average sine of wind direction, the average cosine, and epsilon

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sin \theta_i \qquad C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \cos \theta_i \qquad \varepsilon = \sqrt{1-(S^2 + C^2)}$$

Step 2: Compute sigma theta as the arcsine of epsilon, and apply a correction factor

$$\sigma_\theta = \text{arcsine}(\varepsilon) \left[1 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon^3 \right]$$

Glenda Project – Weatherpak Ground Station

Coastal Environmental Wireless HazMat Weather Station

Sigma Theta Overview

Frank Pasquill took the next step, and determined levels of Sigma Theta for differing degrees of atmospheric stability. He created a seven tiered system from “A” to “G”, where Class “G” reflects the most stable atmospheric condition, to Class “A” which reflects the highest level of atmospheric in-stability.

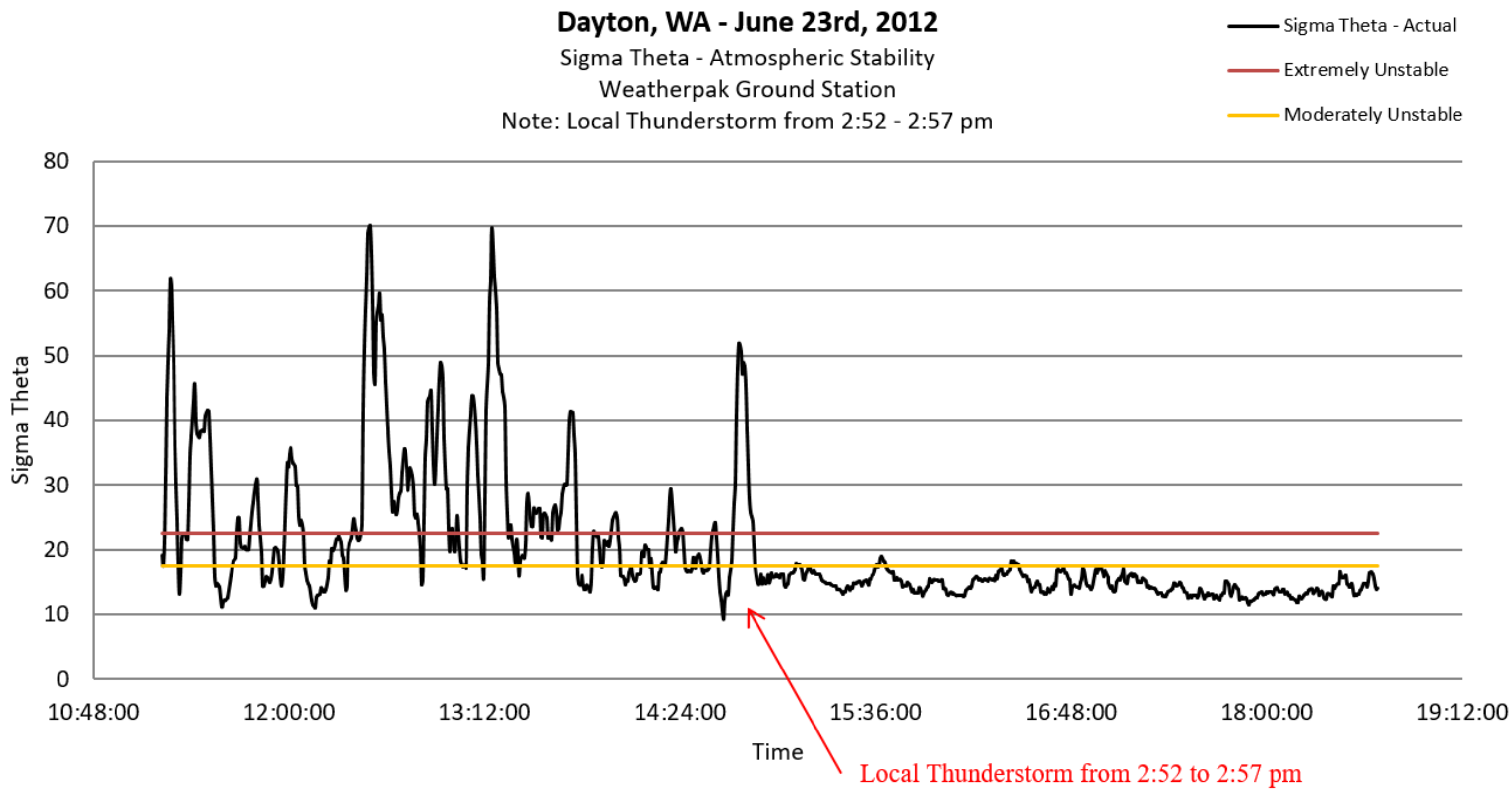
His results are shown in the table below:

Stability Class		Description	Definition
1	A	Extremely Unstable	$22.5 \leq \sigma_\theta$
2	B	Moderately Unstable	$17.5 \leq \sigma_\theta < 22.5$
3	C	Slightly Unstable	$12.5 \leq \sigma_\theta < 17.5$
4	D	Neutral	$7.5 \leq \sigma_\theta < 12.5$
5	E	Slightly Stable	$3.8 \leq \sigma_\theta < 7.5$
6	F	Moderately Stable	$2.1 \leq \sigma_\theta < 3.8$
7	G	Extremely Stable	$\sigma_\theta < 2.1$

Based on this Stability Class table, we can now make determinations of atmospheric stability based on ground station data and not have to rely on balloon launched radiosondes, or rocket launched payloads.

Glenda Project – Ground Station - Application

Weatherpak - Sigma Theta



On June 23rd, a Weatherpak ground station was deployed on the south ridgeline above the BMR "Lone Tree" launch site.

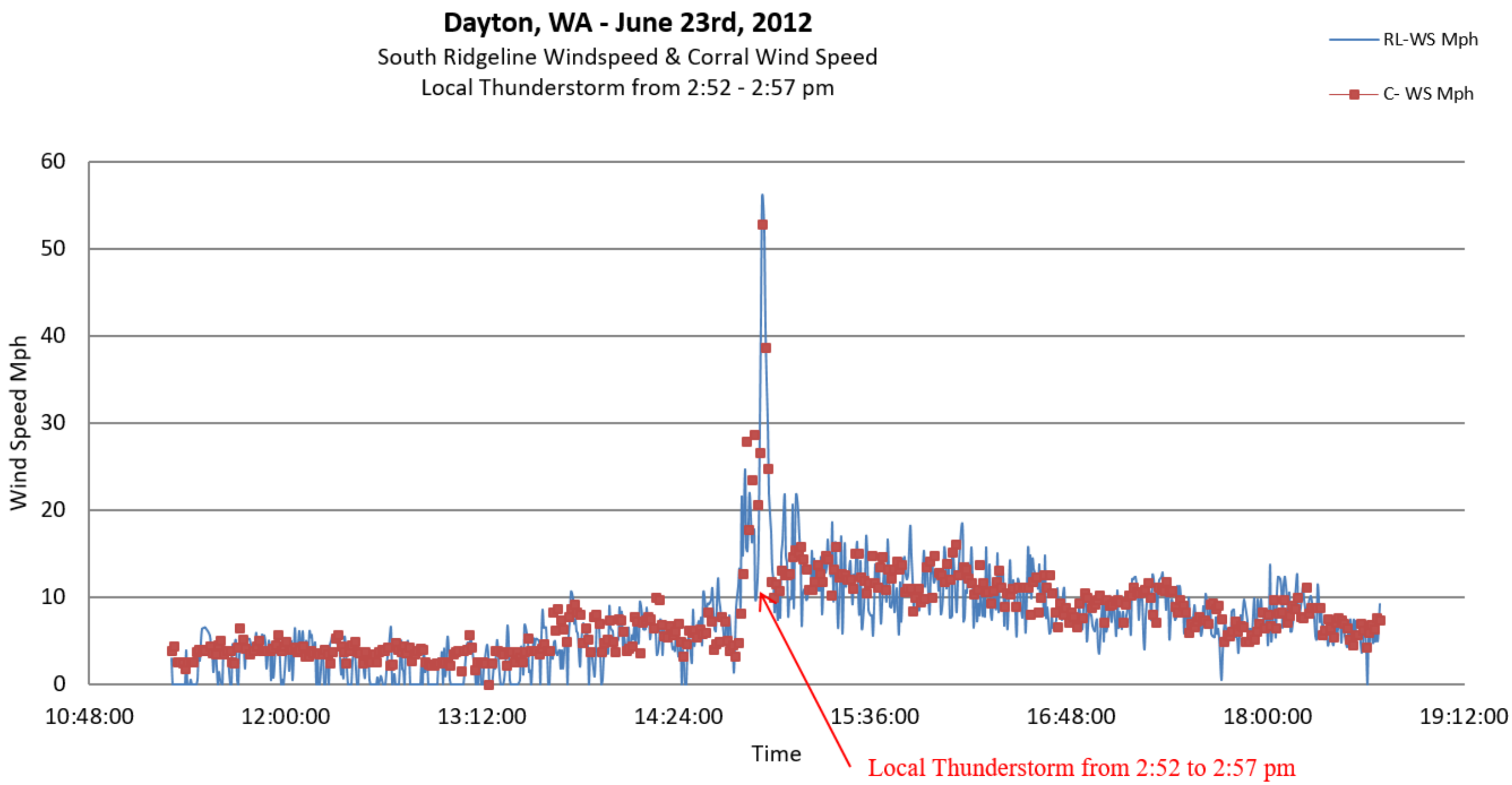
Sigma Theta values reflected "Extremely Unstable" conditions until the passage of a local thunderstorm from 2:52 to 2:57 pm where the Sigma Theta values returned to normal limits.

A case can now be made that Sigma Theta values can be used as a severe weather pre-cursor, and continued deployment opportunities are expected.

Glenda Project – Ground Station - Application

Dual Ground Station Deployment

Dayton, WA – June 23rd, 2012



On June 23rd, our first dual deployment occurred as a thunder storm passed over two ground stations simultaneously with one station the wireless Weatherpak and the second, our vehicle mounted mobile station.

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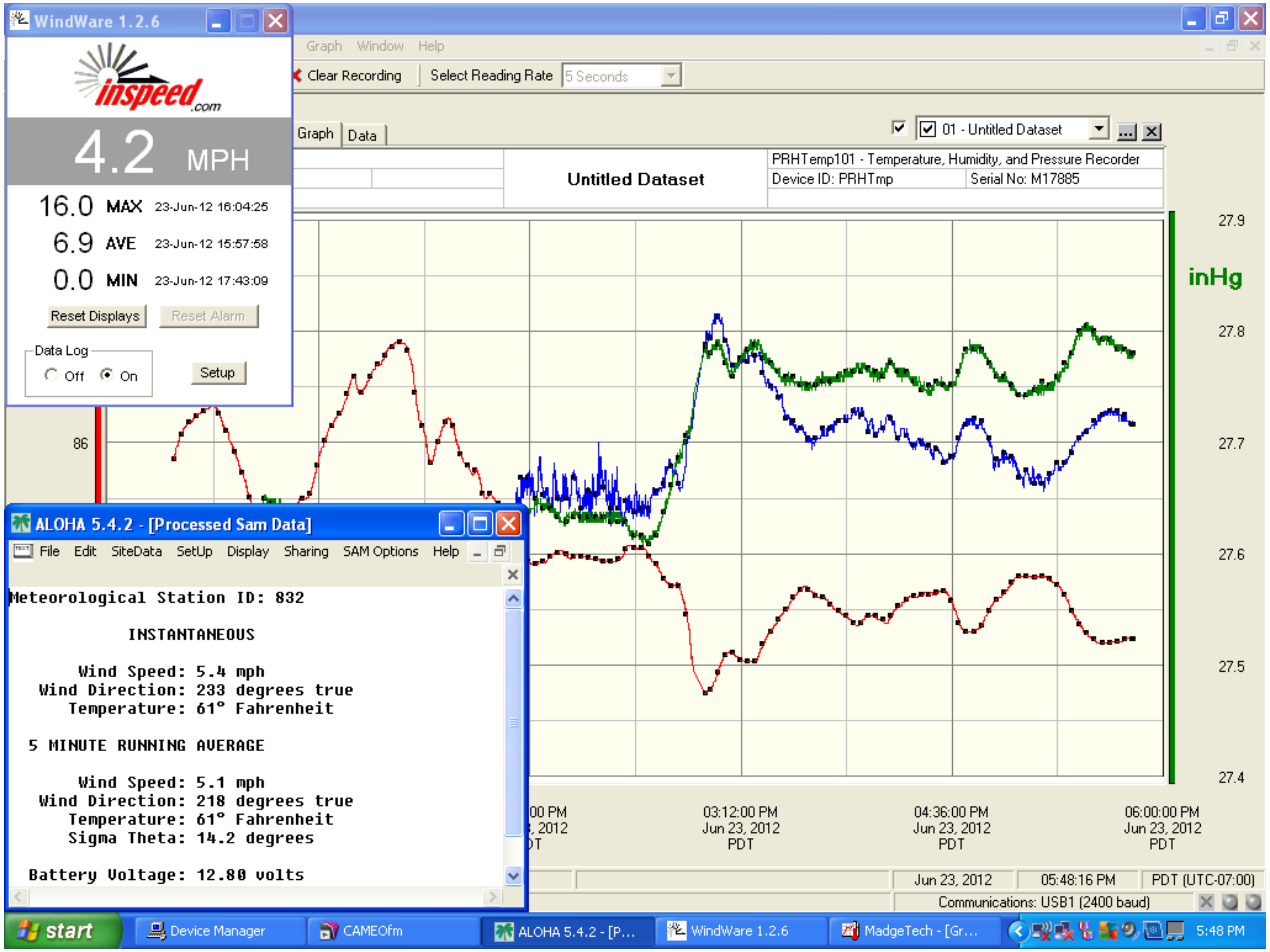
Dual Ground Station Deployment

Dayton, WA – June 23rd, 2012

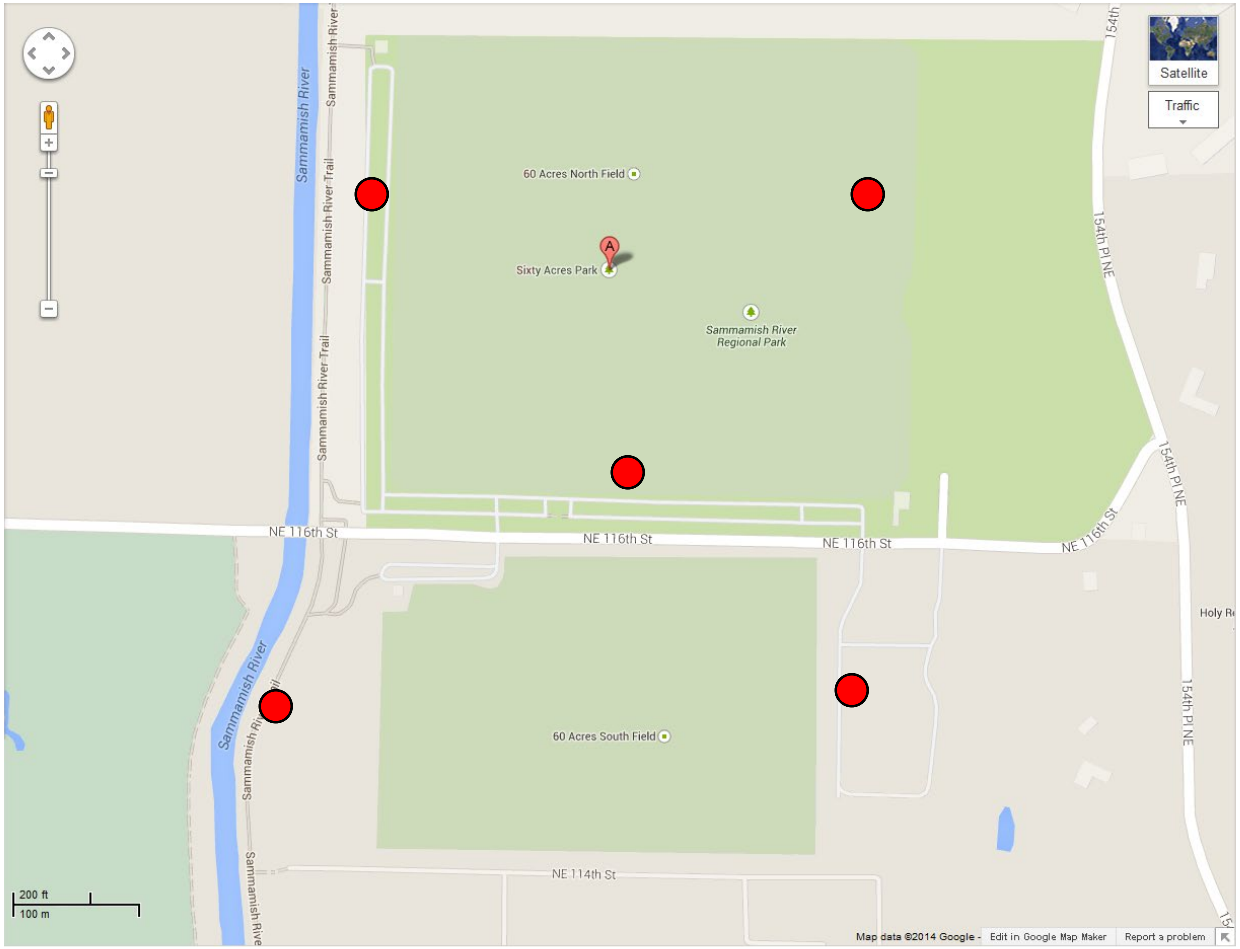


Data from both the wireless and vehicle mounted ground stations were displayed side by side on a common interface for seamless integration.

Glenda Project – Ground Station – Application

GlendaNet – Integrated Ground Station Network

In September of 2014, the Glenda Project took the first of a series of steps by deploying the GlendaNet, a set of Weatherpak weather stations monitoring "conventional" weather variables. Two of the Weatherpaks were wireless, with the third, hard wired to an intercept vehicle.



In 2015, the Glenda Project added additional wireless Weatherpak systems.

A wireless ground station network allows for a highly flexible system that can easily adapt to rapidly changing field conditions, and provides a high level of confidence of data capture in the event a remote station is disabled during a severe weather intercept.

Glenda Project – Ground Station – Application

GlendaNet – Integrated Ground Station Network

The GlendaNet can monitor, and record multiple variables such as wind speed, wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, and Sigma Theta (Atmospheric Stability).

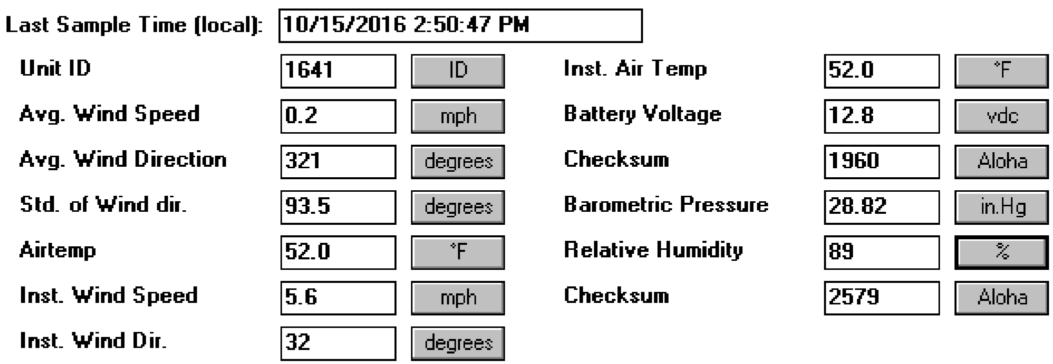
In 2015, Glenda partnered with SMT Designs to consolidate the data feeds from the ground stations, so that only a single laptop is needed to record up to eight remote stations. SMT Designs developed an application program called MULCHER which is able to discern the individual data feeds from each station and store the data on the laptop.

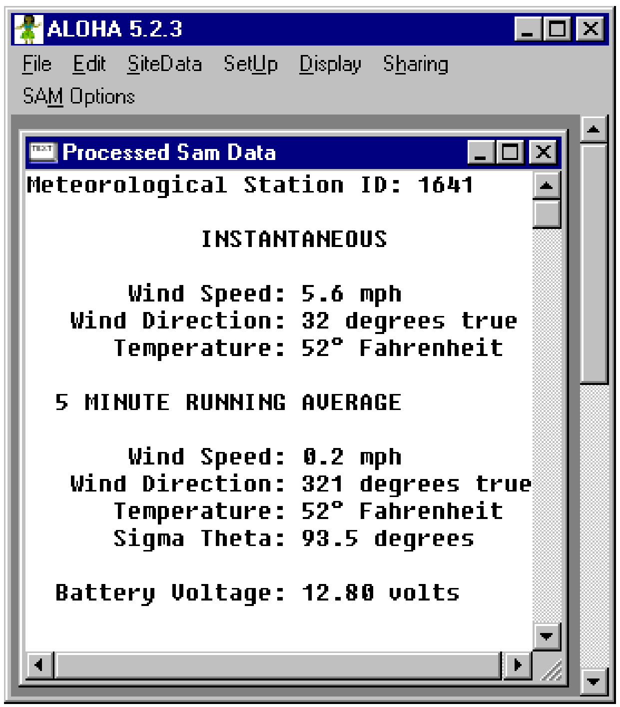
Weatherpak Receivers

Laptop Data Recorders

Glenda Project – Ground Station – Application

GlendaNet – Software and Data Integration





For 2016, the Glenda Project successfully integrated multiple software applications from a common data source.

Integration was achieved between the ALOHA Hazmat and Coastal Environmental's Intercept software using common data from a Weatherpak weather station.

This capability now allows more efficient and effective data processing requiring fewer deployed ground stations

Glenda Project – Ground Station – Application

GlendaNet – Software and Data Integration

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In October 2017, the Glenda Project successfully implemented an integrated "end to end" GlendaNet networked multiple ground station deployment, using the MTR system, common laptop data collection using the Coastal Environmental Intercept software, and a combined mix of wireless and hard wired mobile stations.

Intercept [di.dis] - [Summary]

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Multiple Ground Stations – Multiple Receivers – Integrated Software & Platforms – Multi-Mission Supportability - All in a Mobile Environment

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams

In order to obtain data from dynamic weather phenomena it is necessary to seek out and intercept storms and to launch sensors into the heart of the disturbance, capture the data, and return the data for immediate processing and analysis. Hence the name, Intercept Team.

The Intercept Teams utilize Jeep Grand Cherokee 4 wheel drive units, and other heavy duty trucks, equipped with specialized tires and suspension to handle road debris situations and evasive maneuvers while on the go. When storm data is required, the teams immediately equip the vehicles with instrument packages and laptop computers inside the vehicle and attach to the roof, weather instrumentation, satellite dishes, sensors and communication gear. Portable rocket launching stands and weather rockets are loaded into the back of the jeep. Transforming from a ordinary vehicle to a fully operational weather pursuit vehicle takes as little as five minutes.

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams - Application

Columbia County – Dayton, Washington

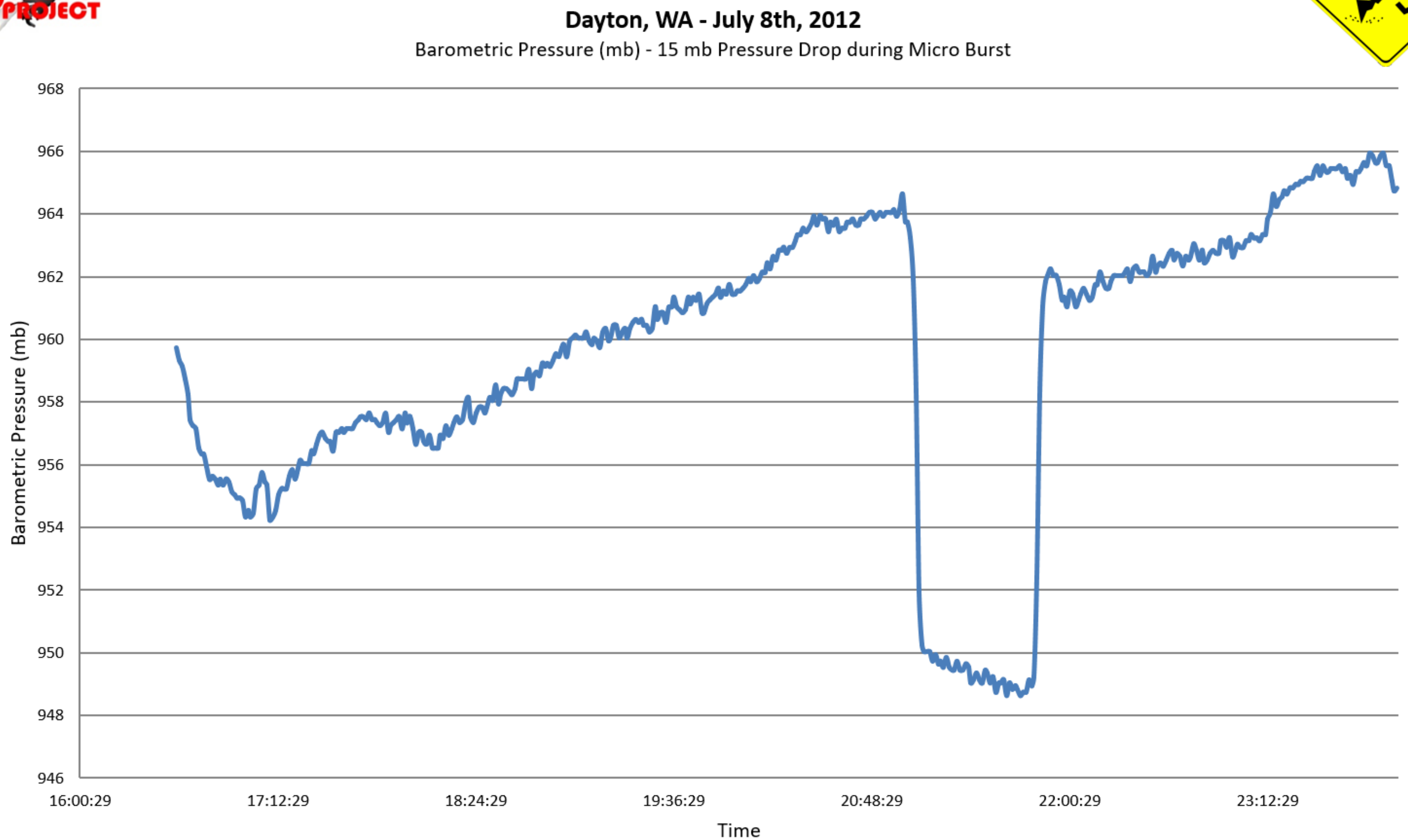
The Glenda Project principle Intercept Team is based in Columbia County Washington and is equipped with an extensive sensor suite from lightning detectors, GPS positioning data loggers, anemometers, to real time internet Doppler radar.

Using the Doppler radar coupled with its on-board GPS navigation system, the team can pinpoint their exact location in relation to storm systems, providing them the best possible opportunity to position themselves in relation to storm system movements. Unlike other storm "chase" teams, this capability allows the Dayton Intercept Team to concentrate less on chasing storms, and more on positioning themselves to intercept storms.

This intercept capability now allows the team to best support local first responders in order for them to pre-deploy assets into the field mitigating severe weather impacts when they occur.

On July 8th, 2012 a severe weather incident created a micro-burst over the north residential area of the town of Dayton, Washington which was detected and recorded on the team's on-board data loggers. Responding to the affected area, the team was able to assist with, and coordinate emergency services response. They coordinated storm debris removal to assist with the response of fire, ambulance and law enforcement units, the evacuation of an elderly person trapped in their residence by storm debris, and assisted with crowd control until power was restored by the power company hours later. All information and storm observations were relayed by the intercept team in real time to the Pendleton National Weather Service and to the local Emergency Management office which resulted in local and regional severe weather alerts being issued.

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams - Application



The Columbia County / Dayton, WA Intercept Team achieved a successful intercept of a microburst thunderstorm and recorded a 16 mb pressure drop during the event.

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams - Application

Columbia County – Dayton, Washington

As a result of the team's response to the July 8th, 2012 storm emergency, subsequent meetings were held with local emergency services. The Dayton intercept team has been requested to assist regional emergency services in future storm events. The team has now been equipped with a BK digital radio system that operates over narrow band microwave in the 155 mhz range. This system allows them direct radio communications to regional law, fire, ambulance and emergency management field units as well as the regional 9-1-1 public safety communications center. The team's integrated real time Doppler and GPS capabilities have allowed them the opportunity to coordinate with local and regional fire departments during lightning storms to aid in the staging of fire assets to suppress lightning strike fires.

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams - Application

Columbia County – Dayton, Washington

In 2012, the Columbia County / Dayton, WA Intercept Team became the "eyes" for Emergency Management and First Responders in severe weather situations.

SKYWARN

Approaching Storms for Intercepts

Glenda Project – Intercept Teams

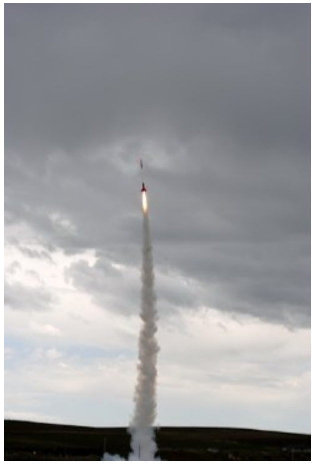
GPS Payload Tracking System

When payloads are launched into severe weather systems, one of the primary challenges, is their return.

Glenda now has the capability to track payload positions using GPS in real time combined with real time display of the “intercept” vehicles position using “non-internet / non-cellular” driven GPS positioning.

The payload transmits its GPS position to the intercept vehicle, while that vehicle integrates its own position in relation to the moving capsule in real time.

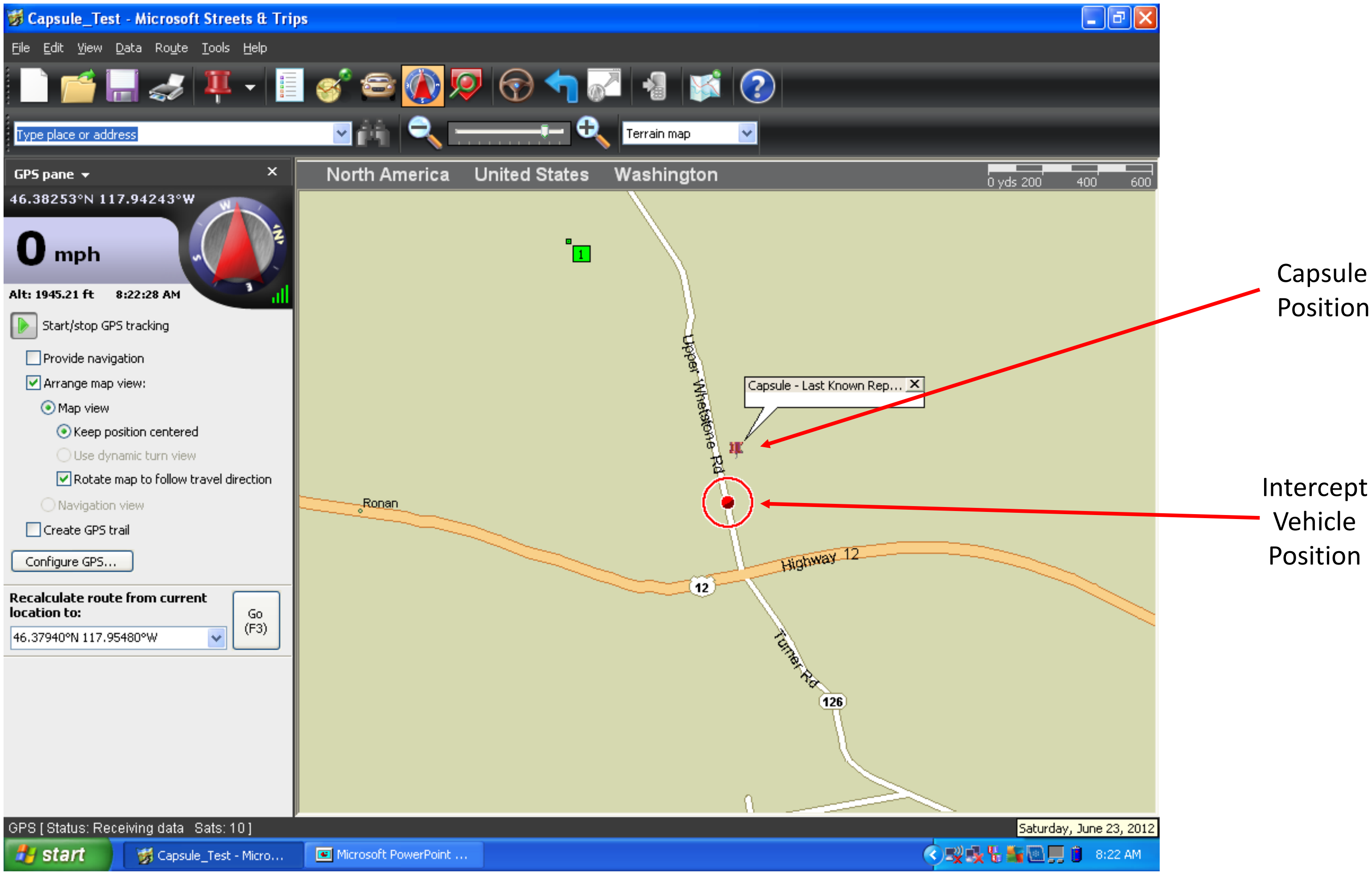
This capability allows real time deployment capture and rapid return to flight for multiple intercepts with the same storm system.



Glenda Project – Intercept Teams - Application

GPS – Payload Tracking System Operational

Dayton, WA – June 23rd, 2012



GPS positioning data from both the payload capsule and the intercept vehicle can now be displayed on a common screen in real time allowing for rapid intercepts and near real time return to flight.

Glenda Project – Remote Sensing

Bayou Canada Research Facility – Malo, Washington

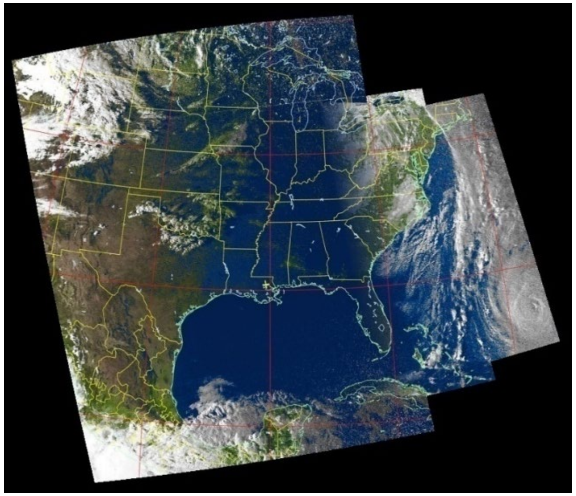
After the catastrophic floods of 2016, a decision was made to relocate from the Gulf Coast Flood Plain, back to Washington State in 2019. This move brings us closer together, as a team, while still maintaining mission focus.

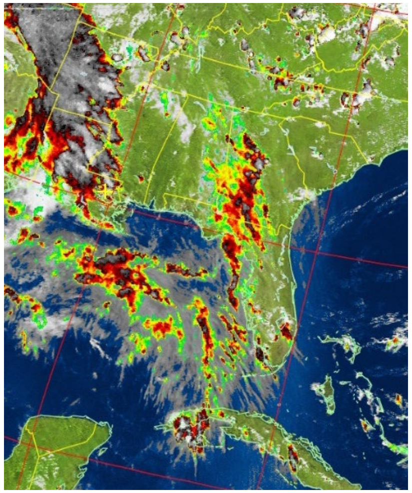
Bayou Canada feeds out weather data in regular intervals as quickly as every two seconds depending on the need for data and weather conditions. We post real time data including radiation and EMF on our website, as well using both web and over the air radio transmissions. We feed directly to: NOAA and the National Weather Service, APRS via ham radio station KE5JJC both over the web and over 2 meter ham frequencies, Citizens Weather Observation Program, Hamweather, PRSWeather, WeatherBUG, and Weather Underground / The Weather Channel.

Glenda Project – Remote Sensing

Bayou Canada Research Facility – Malo, Washington

Weather information is fed automatically into various computer processing centers as well as the National Weather Services. Because our information is sent at much shorter intervals than most typical airport weather stations, the analysis of our data is quicker and affects the decisions and warning announcements issued by the National Weather Service. Because we can provide both mobile and base visuals, additional information can be sent to the National Weather Service via cell phone or ham radio transmissions. The NWS monitors particular ham radio frequencies for reports in major weather situations. The National Weather Service will issue watches and warnings both over the air (weather stations and public networks) and over the web based on the information that we and additional stations send them. The NWS is of course, the official source for Emergency Management Centers.

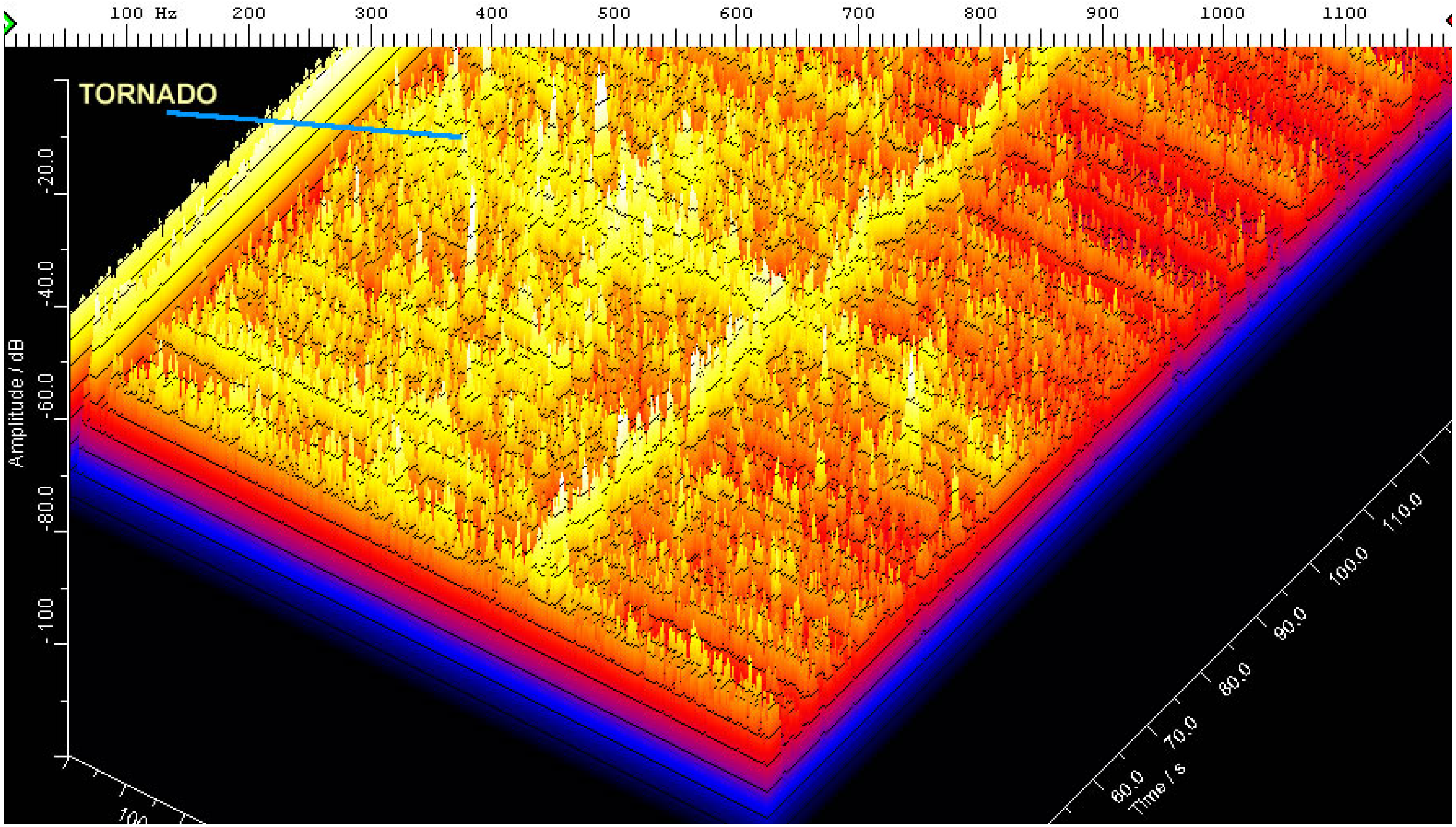




Glenda Project – Remote Sensing – Application

EM Field Mapping

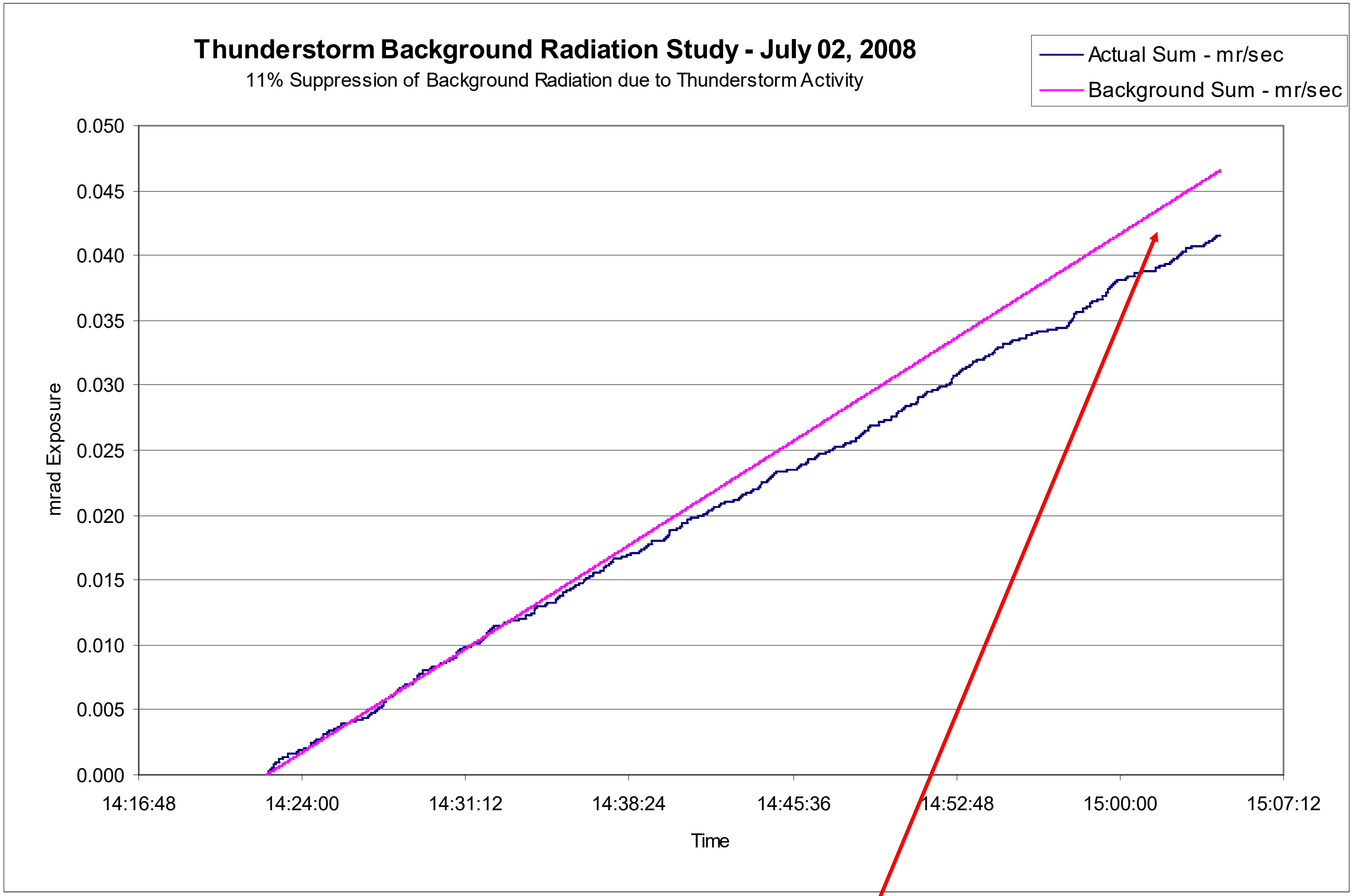
Combining Glenda computing and sensors allows the capability for advanced analysis and detection. Shown below is a 3D Electromagnetic Field (EMF) analysis of a tornado based off of a three second data capture. The circular effects of the funnel are easily visible and provide a snap shot of the electrical activity around a tornado.



Glenda Project – Remote Sensing – Application

Gamma Radiation Studies

Data collection capability of Gamma Ray Radiation during Thunderstorms



During this extensive Thunderstorm, lightning suppressed the "background" gamma radiation count by 11 percent

Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Over many years, the Glenda Project has developed strong local community ties with educational and governmental groups ranging from the National Weather Service, museums, to local schools.

The Glenda Project provides mentorship support to the National Associate of Rocketry “The American Rocketry Challenge “ (TARC), and the NASA Student Launch Initiative (SLI) involving high school, and college student designed and launched payloads.

Glenda is also involved with the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs at several local schools providing a ready built application.

Science
Technology
Engineering
Mathematics

2020 NASA SL Student Launch

THE AMERICAN ROCKETRY CHALLENGE

Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

April 2018 – Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA – “NASA Climate Night”

August 2017 – Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA – STEM “Science Fest”

June 2013 – NWS Pendleton, Oregon Open House

February 2019 – Edmonds, WA –
Westgate Elementary School “Science Night”

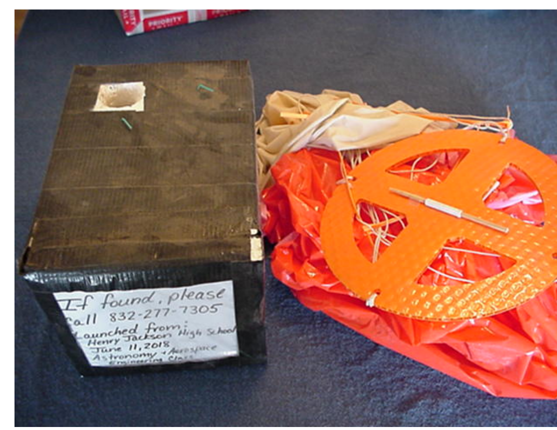
Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – 2018 - Multiple Balloon Launches

On June 11th, 2018, the Glenda Project supported the launch of three student developed payloads from the Henry Jackson High School in Mill Creek, WA. The students provided the payloads, while the Glenda Project provided the balloons, parachutes, helium, and ground support.

The payloads flew across almost the entire state. Launched from western Washington, and landed on the Washington / Idaho border. Two of the three payloads were successfully recovered, and photos from the flights are shown below, and on the following slide.

Henry Jackson High School – From the Balloon



A Successful Recovery

A Successful Launch

Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – 2018 - Multiple Balloon Launches

Two of the payloads carried video cameras. One only captured clouds, while the other reached an altitude of around 20,000 feet before its batteries ran down. As the balloon rotated, it successfully captured views of Mount Rainier, Baker, St. Helens, and the Olympics.

Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – June 3rd, 2019 High Altitude Balloon Launch

For 2019, the students decided to go with a large single balloon over three smaller ones, and the Glenda project provided the balloon, supporting balloon launching equipment, and associated launch related hardware.

While using only a single 600 gram balloon, containing 110 cubic feet of helium, three payloads were carried aloft. Two video cameras were launched, with one pointed horizontally, the other downward, and a Glenda provided RS-92 radiosonde with GPS tracking and active temperature, relative humidity, and barometric pressure sensors.

The launch was successful, even though the radiosonde bounced off the ground on take off damaging the relative humidity sensor. All other sensors were intact.

Based off of the GPS coordinates transmitted back from the payload, it landed near Skycomish / Glacier Peak in the Henry Jackson Wilderness area, and the search for the payloads are underway.

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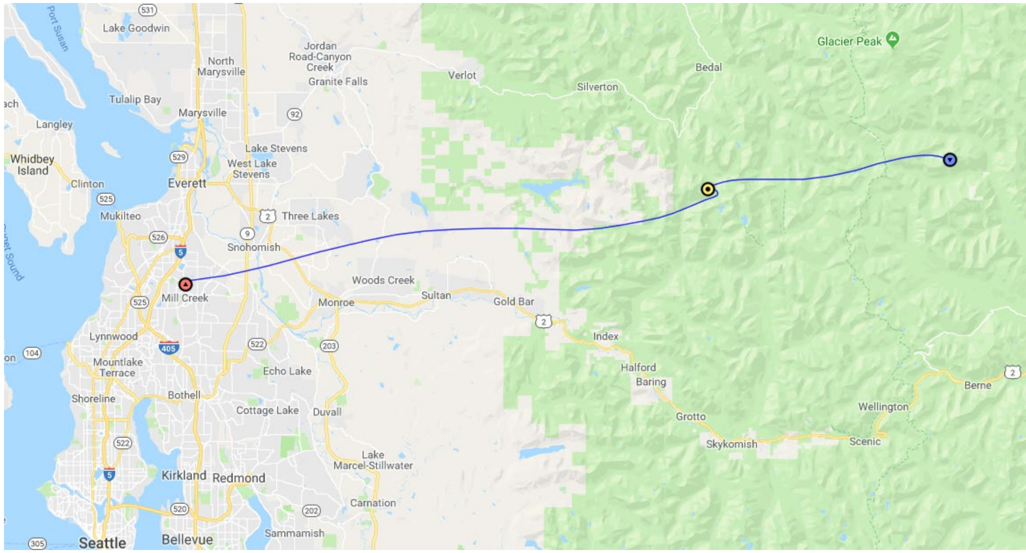
Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – June 3rd, 2019 High Altitude Balloon Launch

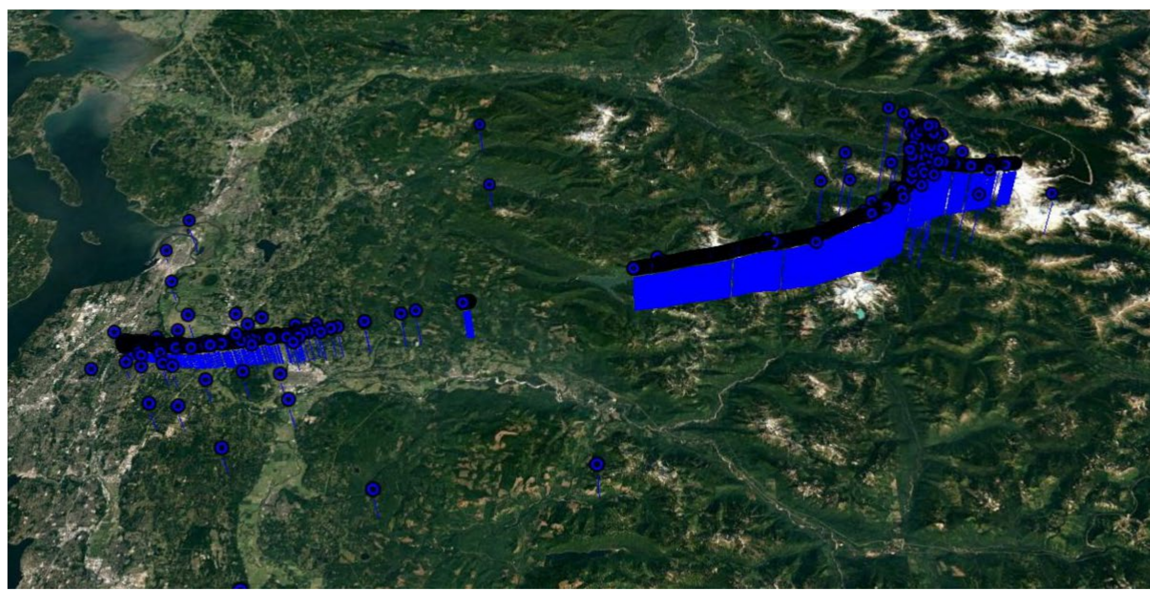
Flight Trajectory Performance



Projected Flight Simulation

Actual Flight Path

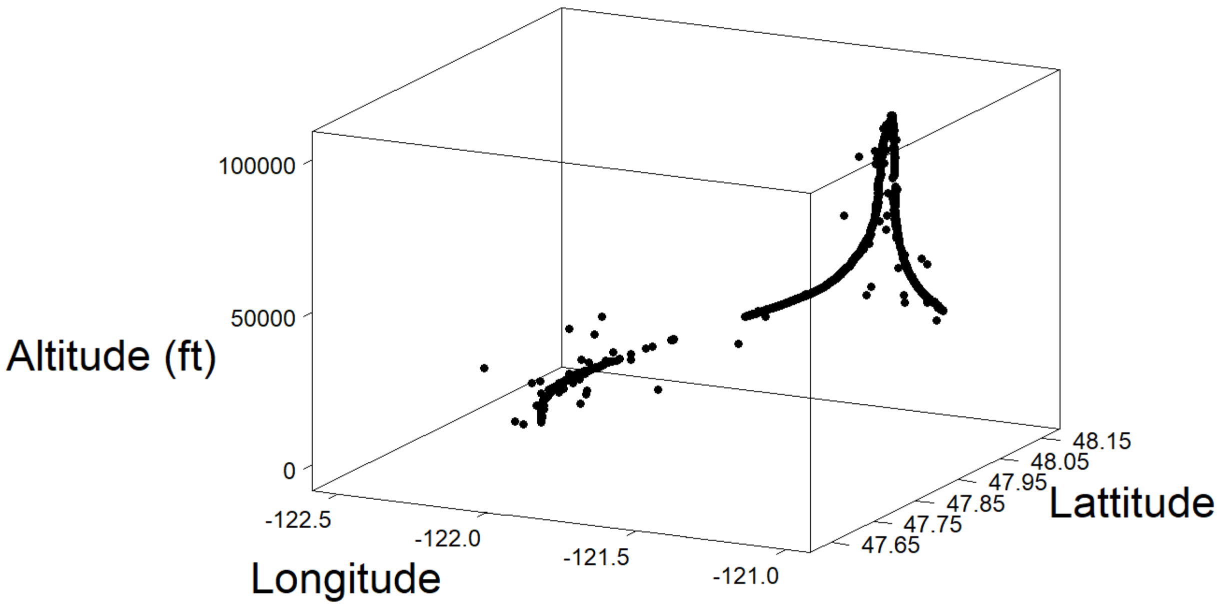
The Actual Flight Path reflected the flight simulation which further proves the data modeling integrity, and improved flight experience.



Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – June 3rd, 2019 High Altitude Balloon Launch

Flight Data – GPS Positioning Telemetry – Altitude Exceeded 100,000 feet



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3486	21:46:06	48.0387	-121.2608	30451.263	99910.594	12042
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3491	21:46:11	48.0384	-121.2603	30485.139	100021.741	12047
3492	21:46:12	48.0384	-121.2603	30488.846	100033.904	12048
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3503	21:46:23	48.0384	-121.2593	30565.477	100285.330	12059
3504	21:46:24	48.0385	-121.2593	30576.997	100323.127	12060
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3524	21:46:52	48.0387	-121.2576	29291.911	96106.760	12083
3525	21:46:53	48.0387	-121.2576	29244.321	95950.617	12084
3526	21:46:54	48.0388	-121.2571	29283.757	96080.007	12085

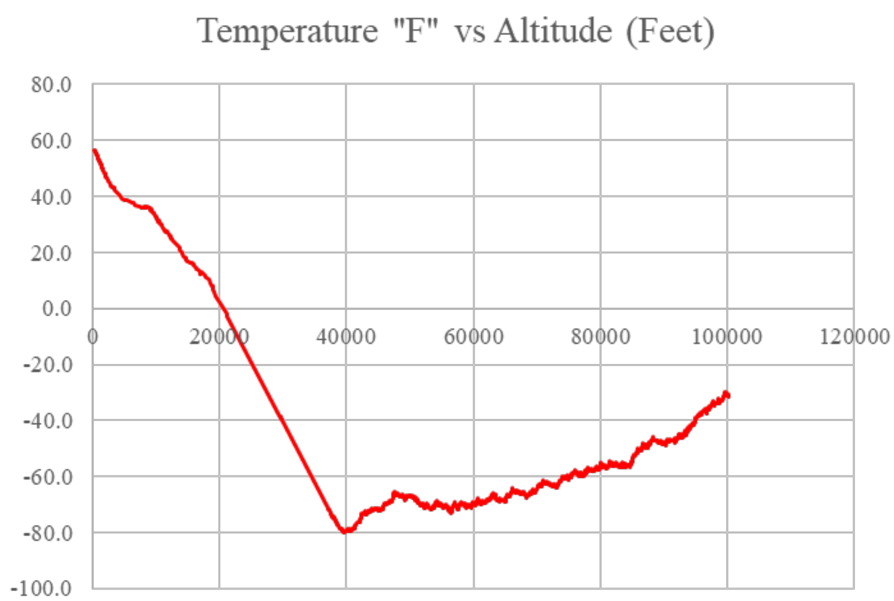
The significant difference between the 2018 Jackson H.S. launches, and the 2019 launch was the addition of live feed transmitted telemetry from the flight. Flight data streams of the payloads position via GPS, plus Temperature, and Barometric (Atmospheric) pressure were captured, and transmitted to the ground receiver station where they were recorded, and presented in real time.

16 seconds over 100,000 feet

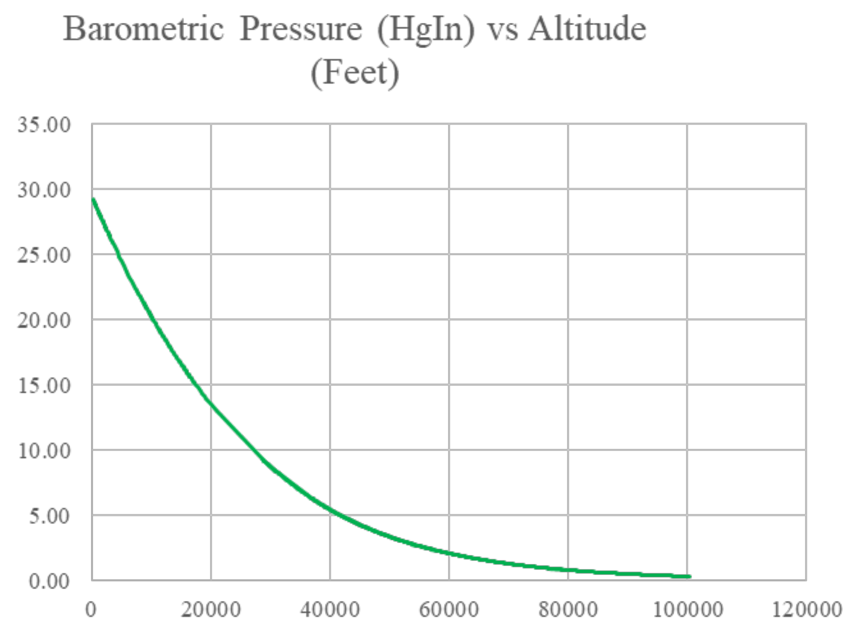
Glenda Project – Educational Outreach

Henry Jackson High School – Mill Creek, WA – June 3rd, 2019 High Altitude Balloon Launch

Flight Data – Temperature and Barometric (Atmospheric) Pressure



-80 Degrees F at 40,000 feet



.31” of Mercury (Barometric Pressure) at 100,253 feet

The On Board Temperature, and Pressure Sensors detected, and transmitted close to a 140 degree temperature drop from near 60 degrees F at launch to -80 degrees F at altitude. Atmospheric pressure levels were at near normal at launch to an almost vacuum at altitude.

Next Steps

While this flight was an amazing success with reaching an altitude of over 100,000 feet, and returning viable positioning and environmental data, it highlights the case between “active”, and “passive” payloads.

“Active” payloads transmit their data to a ground station. While this is more complex, the payload can be expended without loss of data. “Passive “ payloads are much simpler to operate, and are oftentimes much less expensive. However, they do have to be recovered in order to retrieve their data.

While the High Altitude Science (HAS) commercial balloon performed flawlessly, it’s fill neck diameter is smaller than the “standard” Kaymont balloons used by NWS / NASA / DoD. This additional requirement now has driven the creation of a new balloon fill system configured for HAS balloons. In a parallel effort, our existing balloon fill system was updated with these new system upgrades.

This flight has shown how far the Glenda Project has come, in a very short time, in the launch and data collection arena, for high altitude payloads.

Flights above 100,000 feet are planned with even more diverse payloads, and with advanced radiosondes.

In Conclusion

The Glenda Project is a highly mobile data collection system designed to place instrument packages into areas previously considered to be to hazardous or inaccessible using traditional platforms such as aircraft, helicopters, kites, etc.

The operational Glenda Project shows the differences between Hollywood “fiction”, “Reality Television” publicity stunts, and engineering “fact”, from mapping local environments to a tornadic funnel with a full mission suite of sensors and cameras.

We have achieved multiple storm intercepts, deployed a wireless long range ground station network with Sigma Theta capability and built on sustaining relationships with emergency managers and first responders.

An operational balloon deployment capability for applications where booster launches are not feasible is now in place and we continue to expand the flight envelop of our sensors and ground stations.

The Glenda Project is up to the task.