

Daily summary, July 11

July 11, 16:15 CDT

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Summary: Stations 1-4 operational, no ISFS staff on-site

- thunder storm passage with very strong winds (25 m/s) 4:00-4:30
- overnight wakes from ESE to SE direction (Stn 2 more under 'turbine influence')
- before the storm wake from southerly direction
- boundary passing in late morning switches turbine wakes to WNW to NW for the afternoon and evening
- sensors functional except during/ few hrs. after rain events
- krypton sensors possibly need cleaning

Vdsm: 13.5-13.8 V during day, down to 12.5 at night

P: ok

T.2m: ok, stn4 about 0.5 degree cooler than stns 2-4 from 9:30 (Jul 10) to 0:30 (Jul 11)
stn 2 is about 1.0 degree warmer than other sites in daytime

RH.2m: 95-100% nighttime; dropping to 75% by afternoon

- night before rain: stn 4 few% RH higher than stn 2-3,
- night after rain stn 1&3 few% RH lower than sites 2 & 4
- daytime stns 3-4 ~ 5% RH higher than stn 2, stn 2 few %RH lower than stn 1

H2O.2m: ok, 22 g/m³ night, after storm drop to 17 g/m³; daytime rise to 23 g/m³

- stn 2 about 1.0 g/m³ more than other sites from 22:00 Jul 10 - 0:00
- after midnight stn 1 & 3 agree and stn 2 & 4 agree about 0.75 g/m³ less at sites 1, 3
- after rainfall same pattern also seen stn 1,3 drier than 2,4
- daytime stn 1 and 4 (sometimes) are 0.5-0.7 g/m³ less than other stations

Wetness: dew collected on sensor by 8:30 [Jul 9] until 3:30 [Jul 10], sensor remaining wet following storm passage 3:30-4:30, continual shower until 6:30
sensor dry by 11:30

T.10m: ok, stn 2 0.75 degree warmer than stn 4 before midnight, other sites in btwn stn 2 & 4
stations in most agreement after rainfall and into the afternoon

RH.10m: ok, stn4 a few%RH lower than stn 2, other sites in between for night period before rain
stn 1 & 4 few% RH lower than other sites for afternoon

H2O.10m: ok, nighttime (before rain): 0.5 g/m³ less vapor at stn 4 vs. stn 2 (stns 1,3 in between the two)
after rain this difference is 0.2 g/m³ or less
few daytime periods with 1 g/m³ less vapor at stn 4 than stns 2-3 as in H2O.2m

Spd.10m: ok, stn 2 0.5 m/s higher than other sites before midnight, less change after midnight,
daytime: stn 2 certain periods early afternoon of slightly lower wspd than other sites other wise good agreement

Dir.10m: ok, ESE to E flow much of evening, SSE a few hours before rainfall, after storm passage winds from NE to later S by 9:00
cold front passage around 9:30, winds mostly out of W to WNW in afternoon

T.10m - T.2m: ok, stns 4 0.5 degree warmer at 10 m vs. 2m than at stn 2,3 mostly before midnight
daytime stn2 warmer at 2m than 10 m at least by 1.0 degree from 11:00-16:00, late afternoon nearing 2.0 DT difference than other sites

H2O.10m - H2O.2m: ok, stn 1 and 3 slightly more moist gradient than site 2 & 4, stn 4 about 0.5-0.75 g/m³ drier than stns 1 & 3
daytime stns 3 & 4 are drier (more negative gradient, ~2.0 g/m³, 10m-2m) than other sites (1.5 g/m³)
daytime stn 1 slightly smaller dry gradient than at other sites

spd.4.5m: ok, see comments of Spd.10m

dir.4.5m: ok, larger nighttime variations noted at 4.5 vs. 10 m from 22:00 (Jul 10)-1:00 (Jul 11)
stn 1 more ESE vs. other sites SE wind at 4.5 m, all sites at 10m with SE wind in this period

w.4.5m: ok, stn 2 more w>0 (0.03 m/s) in early evening but not so much after midnight, stns 3 & 4 more w<0 (-0.05 m/s) for much of the night
stn 1 closest to 0 in nighttime (-0.02 m/s)
after storm passage: stns 3 mostly w<0 (-0.06 m/s), stn2 slightly w>0
pattern changes after cold front passage, afternoon max w at Site 4 (~0.08 m/s), min at stns 1 & 2 (-0.06 m/s)

tc.4.5m: ok, stn 2 about 0.6 degree warmer than stn 1 before midnight other sites in between (turbine wake from the ESE?)
before storm event stns 1 & 2 are about 0.5 cooler than sites 3 & 4 (turbine wake from south)
site 1 slightly cooler than other sites for mid-late afternoon

ldiag: ok, a few 100s samples missing around thunderstorm event

vh2ov: ok, stn 2 below 10 mV before rainfall, above 80 mV after rainfall until mid afternoon
stn 4 below at or above 100 mV most of night; dropping to 50 mV by afternoon

kh2o: not ok, stn 4 and 2 affected by noise in overnight, signal is restored around late morning (values within those at sites 1 & 3)

h2o(licor): ok, btwn 12-25 g/m³ for night to day behavior
stn 1 close to stn 3 for night period, though 5 g/m³ more moist at stn 1 vs. stn 3 after the rainfall until 7:00

lidiag (licor): ok, a few samples not taken during and after rain fall (4:00-11:00)

TKE.4.5m: ok, for ESE flow before midnight stn 2 about 0.1 m²/s² larger TKE than other sites
after midnight stn 3 & 4 about 0.25 m²/s² more than Site 1 and 2 for SSE to S winds

w'w': ok, see comment for TKE.4.5m, also similar pattern in v'v'

u* : ok, see comment for TKE.4.5m, also pattern seen in u'w' and v'w'
night: greater departure in stn 2 v.s other sites v'w' stress than u'w' stress

w'T' : ok, nighttime: stn 2 more cooling (-0.03 C m/s) than other sites (-0.01 C m/s)
daytime: stn 4 less max heat flux than other sites, stn 2 & 1 have highest daytime peak

w'h2o': ok, stn 4 and 2 least positive daytime flux max~-0.15 g/m²/s
stn 3 gives most flux > 0 about 0.18 g/m²/s

h2o'h2o': ok, stns 1,3 mostly in agreement except during thunderstorm

kh2o'kh2o': not ok, krypton sensors at site 4 high anomalous readings during/after rainfall, agreement after late morning

co2: ok,

w'co2': ok, no consistent night pattern of flux > 0 at one site more than other
before frontal passage stn 3 more flux < 0 than stn 1
after cold front stn 1 often more negative flux than stn 3

co2'co2': ok, very small, but less variance at stn 3 than stn 1 for most of nighttime
after sensor dries from rain: slightly larger variance at stn 3 vs. stn 1 also in daytime