

SPG Build 3 Training Hotline Meteorologists



- Terminal Doppler Weather Radar Basics
 - FAA radar designed to cover only its associated airport
 - 2 operational modes – both 6 minutes in duration
 - Monitor (VCP90) and Hazardous (VCP80)
 - Elevation angles are site dependent
 - Occasional non-operational modes
 - Calibration
 - Others?
 - Clutter filtering performed within 90 km and below approximately 10 degrees elevation

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- TDWR Basics (continued)
 - Base data is relative to magnetic north and adjusted to true north by the SPG
 - Spot blanking performed at some sites
 - SPG has no control over the TDWR RDA
 - C-band radar (5 cm wavelength)
 - 0.55 degree beam sampled every 1.0 degrees
 - Two VCPs, both are constructed from one long range scan followed by multiple short range scans, including one repeat cut (similar to MPDA)

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- Long Range Scan – 248 nmi* (460 km*)
 - Always the first elevation cut of a volume scan
 - Always at 0.6 degrees elevation angle
 - Reflectivity data only
 - Reflectivity data range is -30 to +80 dBZ
 - Low PRF
 - 150 meter range resolution close to radar, 300 meter range resolution beyond 135 km
 - NOTE: SPG combines the 150 meter data into 300 meter data by averaging the returned power of every two bins.
 - *LR reflectivity product display range is reduced to 225 nmi (416 km)
 - Data from this long range scan is used by TDWR in all subsequent short range scans of the volume for range ambiguity mitigation.
 - PRF selection
 - Setting of data quality flags

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- Short Range Scans – 48 nmi (90 km)
 - Used for all but the first elevation cut of a volume scan
 - Elevation angles vary by TDWR site
 - Reflectivity, Velocity and Spectrum Width
 - Reflectivity data range is -30 to +80 dBZ
 - Velocity data range is +/- 156 knots
 - Spectrum width data range is 0 to 10 m/sec
 - High PRF
 - 150 meter range resolution
 - Data truncated at 70,000 feet above radar level
 - Applicable above approximately 7 degrees elevation

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- VCP90 – Monitor Mode
 - Used when no significant weather is near the associated airport
 - 6-minutes to complete
 - Maximum elevation angle is 60 degrees at all sites
 - Minimum elevation angle varies by site with some as low as 0.1 degree
 - Most like a WSR-88D scanning strategy
 - After the 0.6 degree long range scan, 15 short range elevation scans are performed in sequence, low to high

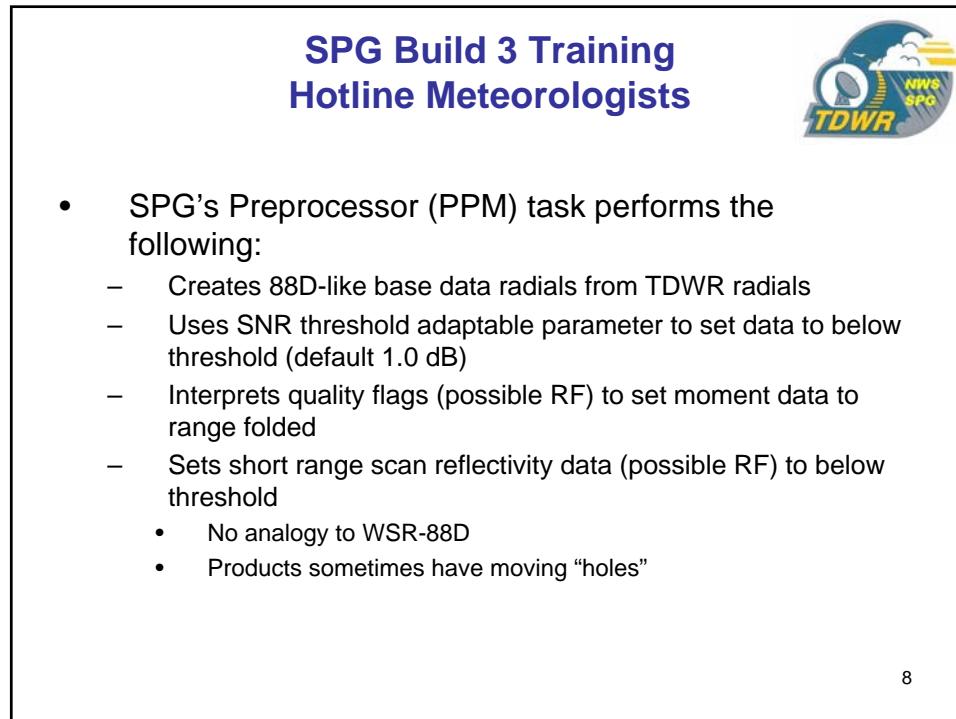
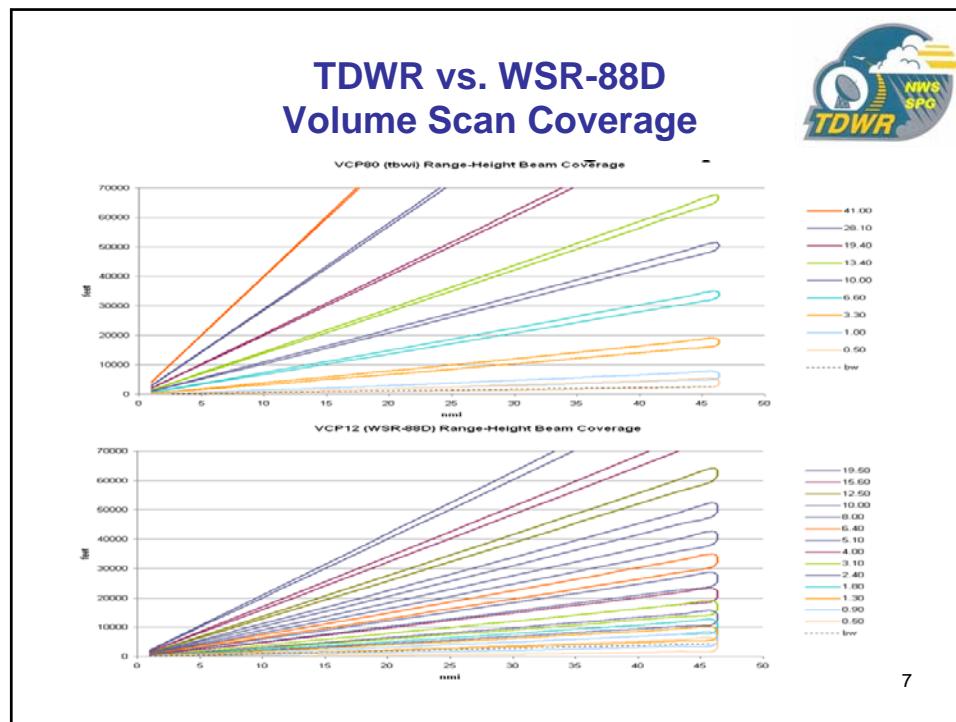
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- VCP80 – Hazardous Mode
 - Used when significant weather is near the associated airport
 - 6-minutes to complete
 - Maximum elevation angle varies by site from 60 degrees at Orlando to as low as 20.1 degrees at several sites
 - Minimum elevation angle varies by site with some as low as 0.1 degree
 - Most *unlike* a WSR-88D scanning strategy
 - After the 0.6 degree long range scan, 21 short range elevation scans are performed in a complex sequence:
 - lowest elevation scanned one per minute
 - third scan is performed only once
 - all remaining scans are performed every 3 minutes
 - 3-minute “mini-volume” technique by SPG for some algorithms

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- SPG's Preprocessor (PPM) task functionality (continued):
 - Velocity is quantized from 0.25 m/s precision to 0.5 or 1.0 m/s by PPM, depending on adaptation data setting
 - Dealias velocity data and TDWR Scans 2 & 3 merged based on adaptation data setting as follows:
 - "TDWR using cut 3"
 - Reflectivity from cut 2 and TDWR dealias velocity from cut 3
 - "SPG using cut 3" (default)
 - Reflectivity from cut 2 and aliased velocity from cut 3 which is then dealias by the SPG using the WSR-88D dealiasing algorithm
 - "SPG using cut 2"
 - Reflectivity from cut 2 and aliased velocity from cut 2 which is then dealias by the SPG using the WSR-88D dealiasing algorithm
 - PRF of scan 3 is consistent with other surface scans.
 - Use of scan 2 can show data where other scans may be range folded, but time loops may appear jumpy

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- SPG's Preprocessor (PPM) task functionality (continued):
 - Sector Blanking
 - Sets status to enabled if TDWR base data reports it
 - Resets it to disabled if base data does not report it during a compete volume scan
 - Like RPG, SPG products report spot blanking if enabled
 - Forms RDA Status Message to emulate WSR-88D
 - Becomes TDWR Unit Status display on AWIPS
 - VCP change
 - Calibration Mode

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- SPG's Preprocessor (PPM) task functionality (continued):
 - Fills missing and "fat" radials caused by:
 - Missing: UDP packet loss
 - Poor quality FAA/WFO communication
 - SPG hardware glitch
 - Unusual SPG activity (e.g., base data compress & burn DVD)
 - Fat: Large delta azimuth, without packet loss
 - Cases
 - Single radials or sectors within an elevation.
 - Crossed elevation: PPM forms End-of-Elevation and Beg-of-Elevation
 - Skipped elevation: Lets downstream task PBD abort the volume scan
 - Mitigation to minimize volume scan aborts
 - PPM formed radial is blank except for bins at max range
 - Informs user of missing data and to distinguish from typical radar data problems (strokes, blockage, spot blanking, glitches)

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- Build 3 SPG Base Products
 - Reflectivity
 - 16 data level, 300 meter resolution, 225 nmi range
 - 256 data level, 300 meter resolution, 225 nmi range
 - 16 data level, 150 meter resolution, 48 nmi range
 - 256 data level, 150 meter resolution, 48 nmi range
 - Velocity
 - 16 data level, 150 meter resolution, 48 nmi range
 - 256 data level, 150 meter resolution, 48 nmi range
 - Spectrum Width
 - 8 data level, 150 meter resolution, 48 nmi range

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- Build 3 SPG Derived Products
 - Composite Reflectivity
 - VIL
 - Echo Tops
 - CR, VIL and ET
 - All products formats identical to WSR-88D versions except data range is 48 nmi
 - VCP90: 6-minute updates; includes all elevations
 - VCP80: 3-minute updates; includes all elevations in each mini-volume, reusing the first and third scans for the second mini-volume

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- Build 3 SPG Derived Products (continued)
 - Storm Tracking Information
 - Hail Index
 - Mesocyclone Detection
 - Tornadic Vortex Signature
 - STI, HI, MD, DMD and TVS
 - All product formats identical to WSR-88D versions except range is 48 nmi
 - VCP90: 6-minute updates; includes elevations below configurable elevation number
 - VCP80: 3-minute updates; includes elevations below configurable elevation number in each mini-volume, reusing the third scan for the second mini-volume

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- Build 3 SPG Products (continued)
 - Velocity Azimuth Display
 - VAD Wind Profile
 - VAD, VWP
 - All product formats identical to WSR-88D versions except maximum range is 48 nmi
 - VCP90: 6-minute updates; includes all elevations
 - VCP80: 6-minute updates; includes the last cut of each short range angle

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- Build 3 SPG Derived Products (continued)
 - User Selectable Layer Reflectivity
 - ULR
 - Product format identical to WSR-88D version except maximum range is 48 nmi
 - VCP90: 6-minute updates; includes all elevations
 - VCP80: 6-minute updates; includes all elevations

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- Build 3 SPG Derived Products (continued)
 - One-Hour Precipitation
 - Three-Hour Precipitation
 - Storm Total Precipitation
 - User Selectable Precipitation
 - Hybrid Scan Reflectivity
 - Digital Precipitation Array
 - Supplemental Precipitation Data
 - OHP, THP, STP, USP, DHR, HSR, DPA, SPD
 - All product formats are identical to WSR-88D versions
 - VCP90: 6-minute updates; **includes only the first elevation**
 - VCP80: 6-minute updates; **includes only the first elevation**
 - No REC due to heavy clutter filtering within 90 km by TDWR RDA
 - Data is power averaged from 300 meter to 1 km resolution
 - No blockage file used
 - Will use gage-bias if provided by AWIPS

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TDWR SPG

Product / Algorithm Processing



#	Angle	Min	Max	90	80	TDWR SPG (Product Time)								
						2200	2200	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212
25	60.0	57.6	62.5	60.0		16								
24	55.0	52.6	57.5	55.1		15								
23	50.0	47.6	52.5	50.2		14								
22	45.0	42.6	47.5	45.3		13								
21	40.0	37.6	42.5	40.4	42.0	12								
20	35.0	32.6	37.5	35.5		11								
19	30.0	27.6	32.5	30.6	28.1	10								
18	25.0	22.1	27.5	25.7		9								
17	19.5	18.0	22.0	20.8	19.4	8								
16	16.7	15.7	17.9	15.9		7								
15	14.0	13.1	15.6		13.4									
13	10.0	9.6	11.0	11.0	10.0		6							
10	6.0	5.7	6.6	6.1	6.6	5								
7	3.4	2.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	4								
3	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	3								
2	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	1								
2	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	2								
AWIPS Binning Scheme						bwi	90			80				
tbwi example						VNUM	1			2				

Algorithms/Products run on scans as indicated by cell side border (1 per 6 minute PPS, ULR, VWP), top (derived mini-vol), and patterns (storm analysis mini-volume).

PPS: Long Range Cut

VWP: Last Cut of Each Short Range Angle

ULR: Every Cut

STL HI, MD, TVS, cat:
Cut #'s as noted & reuse 1.0 deg cut

CR, VIL, ET: Cut #'s as noted & reuse 1.0 deg cut

1 CR, VIL, ET: Cut #'s as noted & reuse 1.0 deg and Long Range cut

Product Times (top) of Base Product Elevation Cuts indicated by cell color

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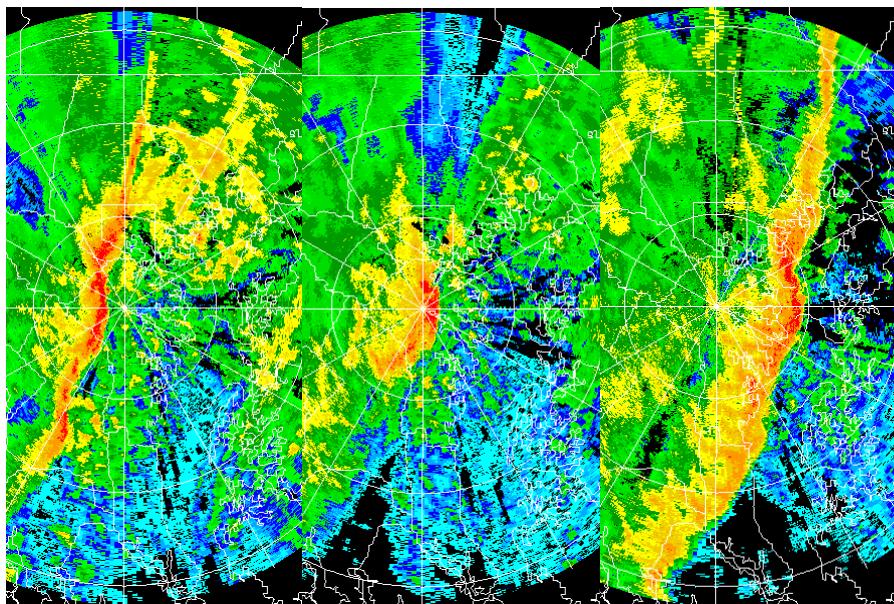
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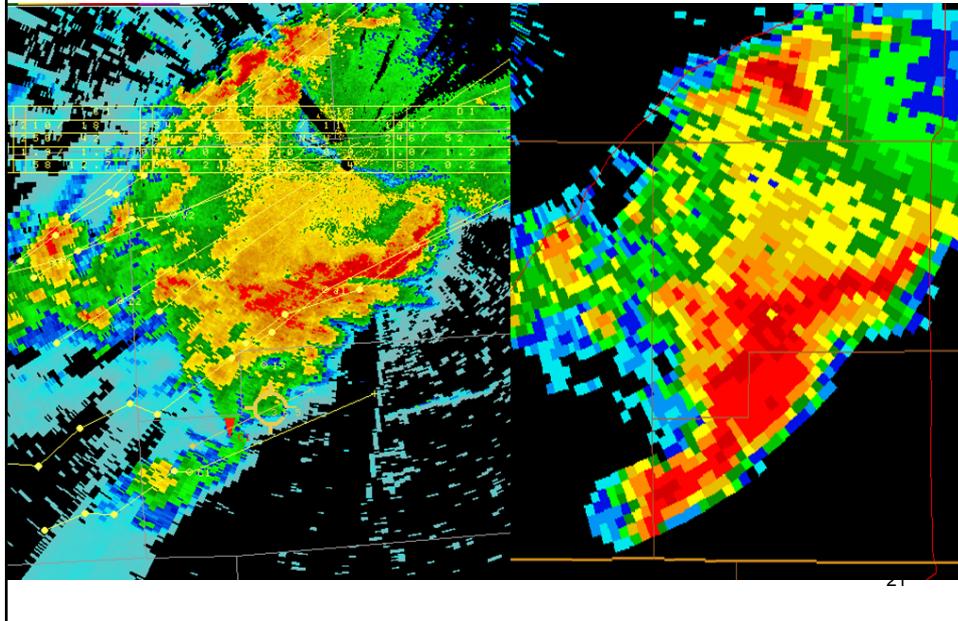
- TDWR Data Quality Issues
 - Attenuation
 - Range unfolding
 - Velocity dealiasing errors
 - Elevation-dependent noise correction
 - Clutter filter effects
 - Data shift
 - Data availability
 - Interference
 - Wind farms

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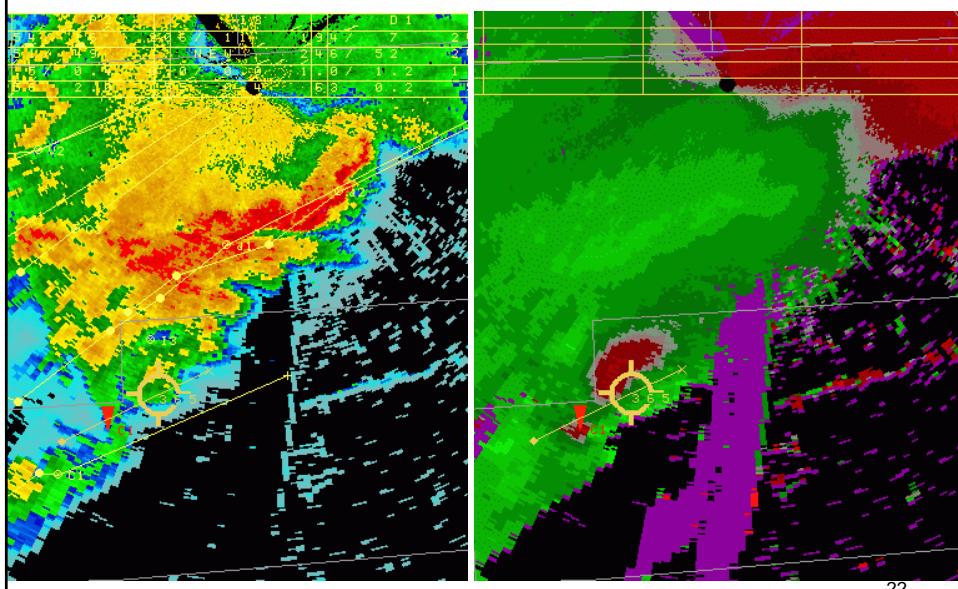
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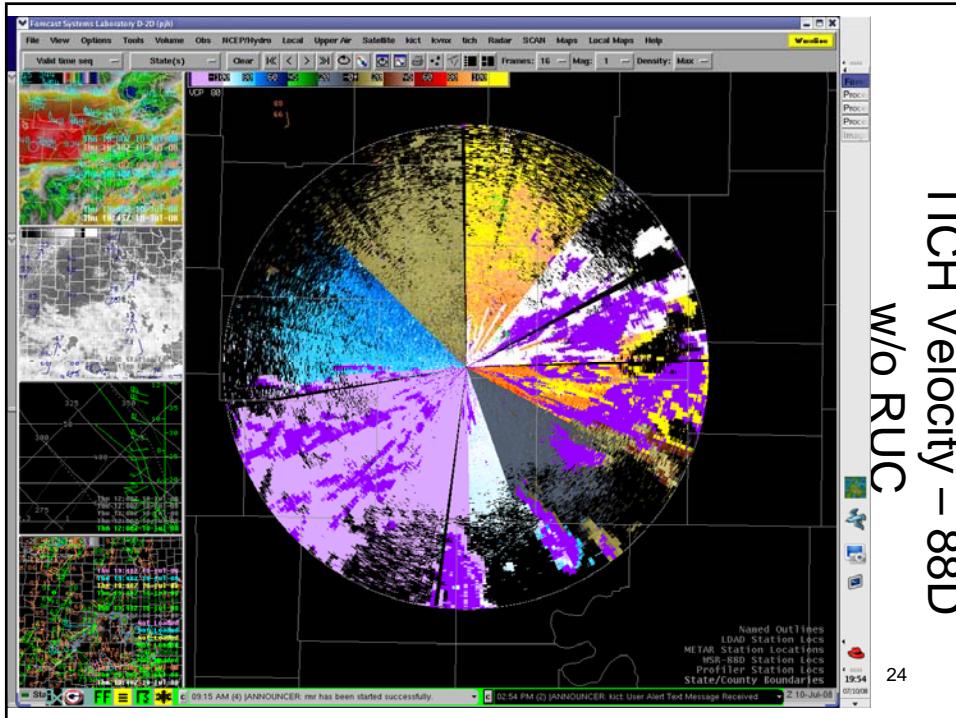
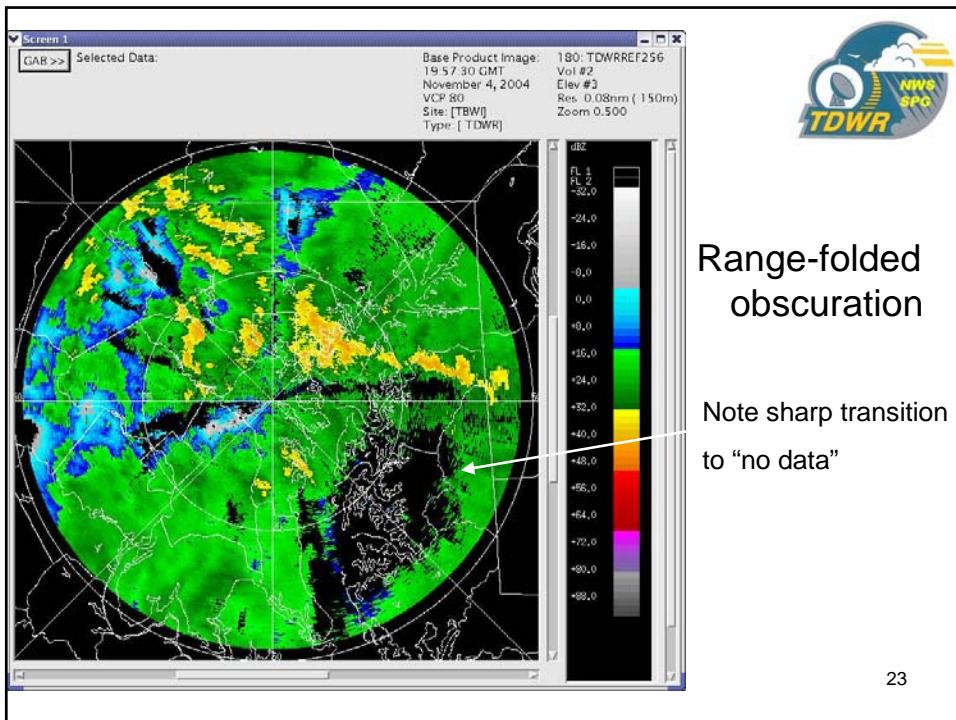


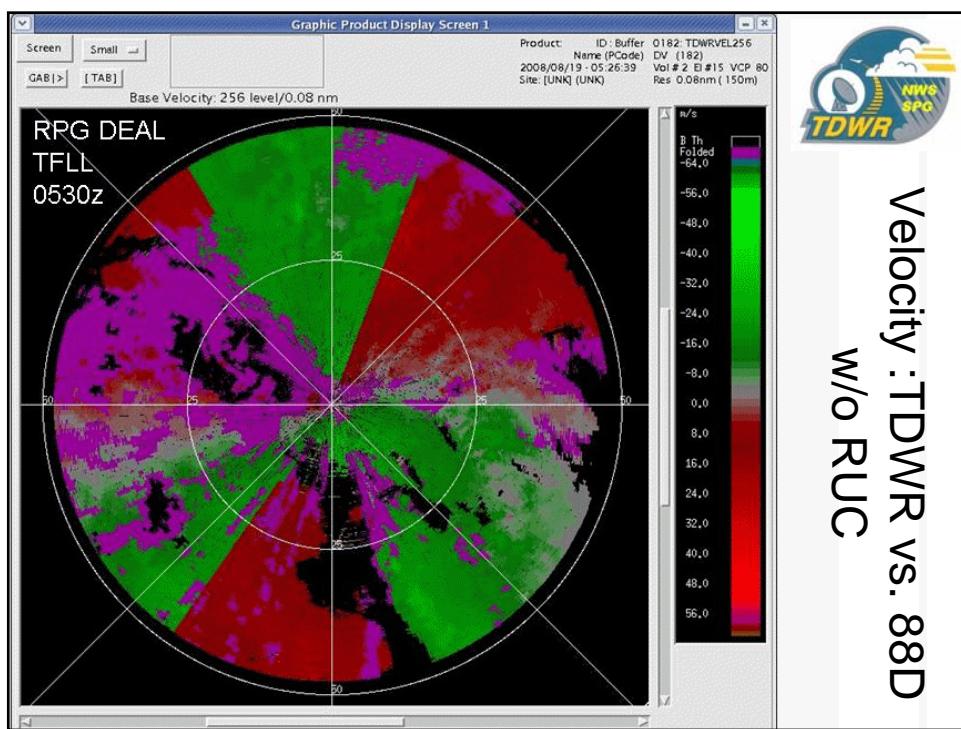
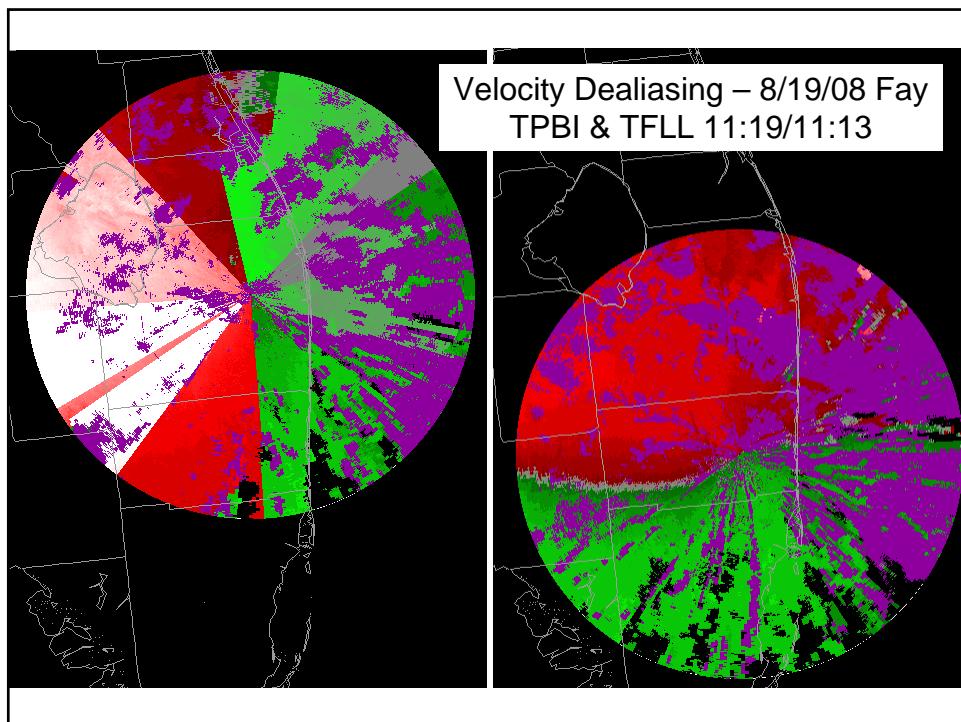
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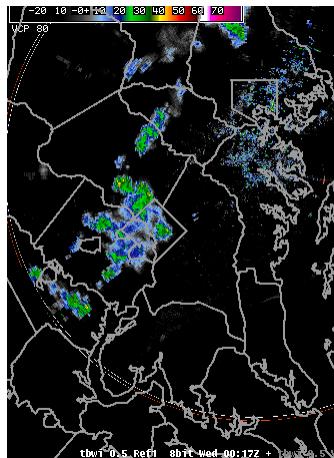


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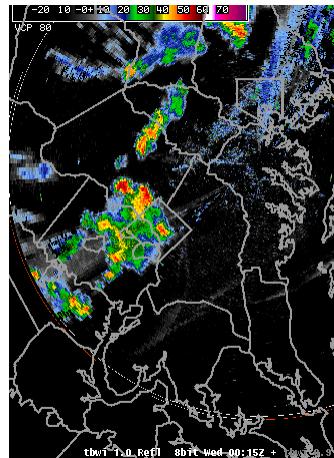


Elevation-Dependent Noise Correction

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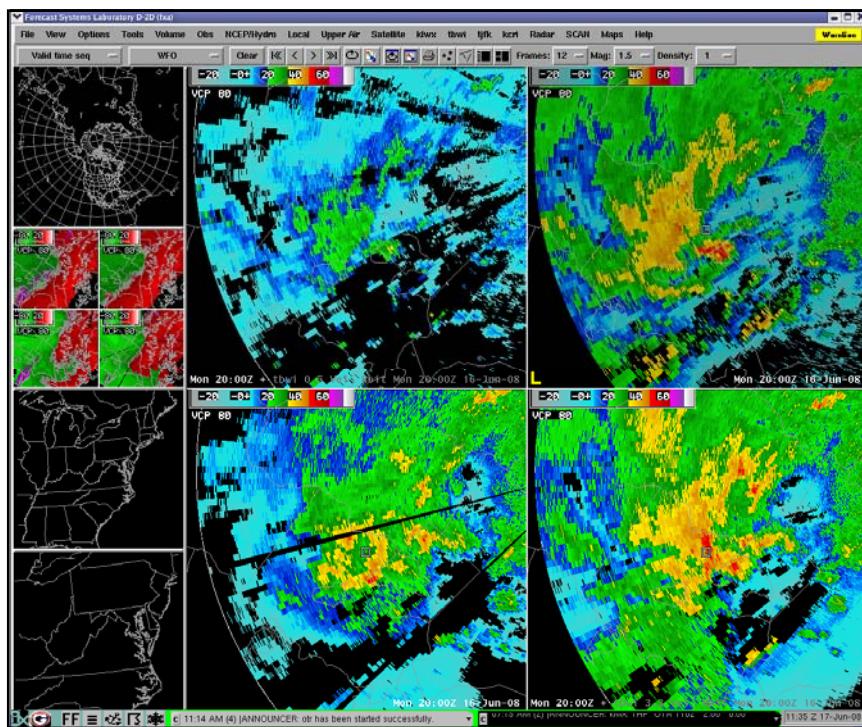


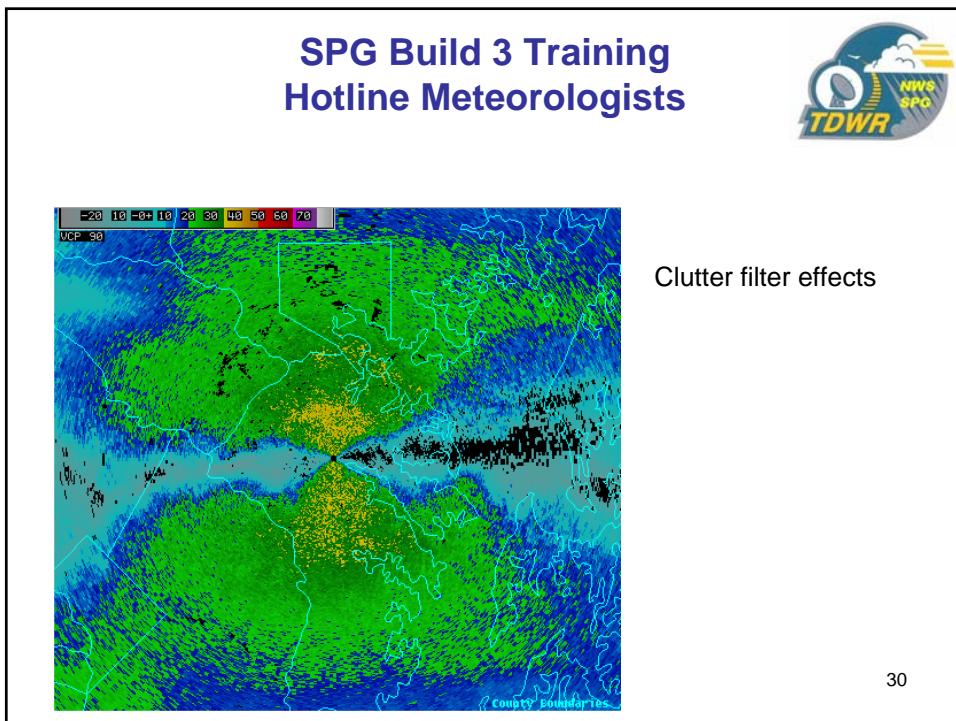
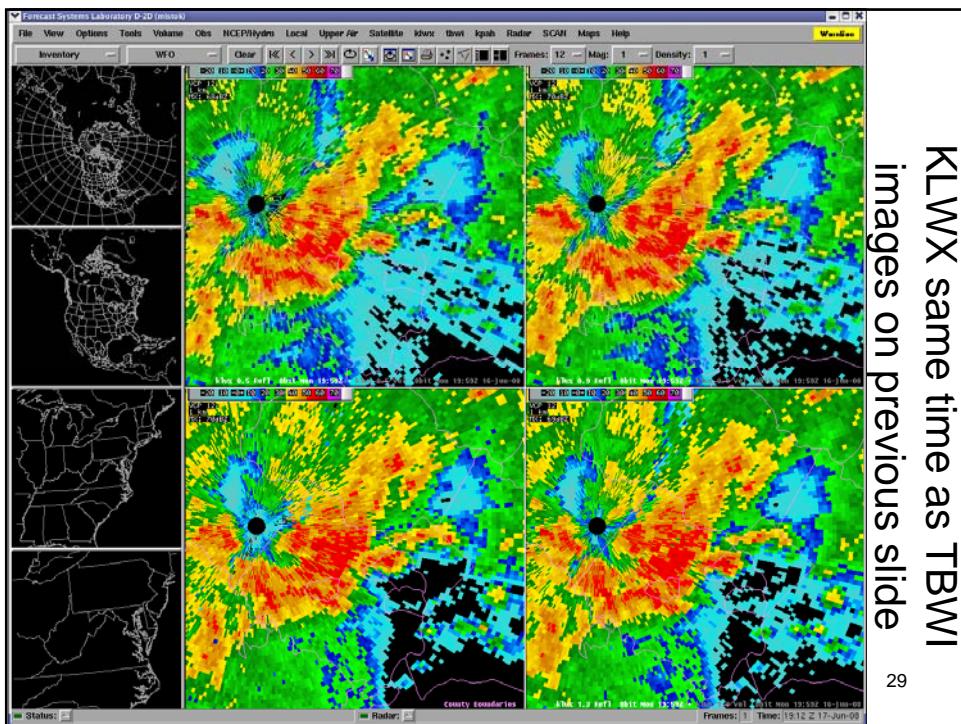
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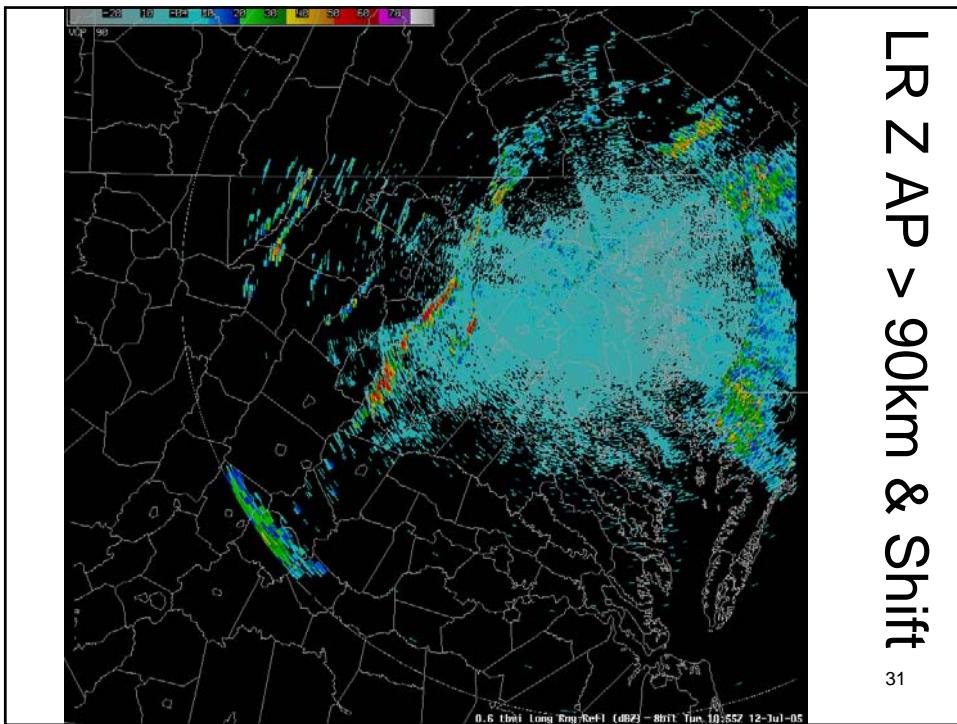
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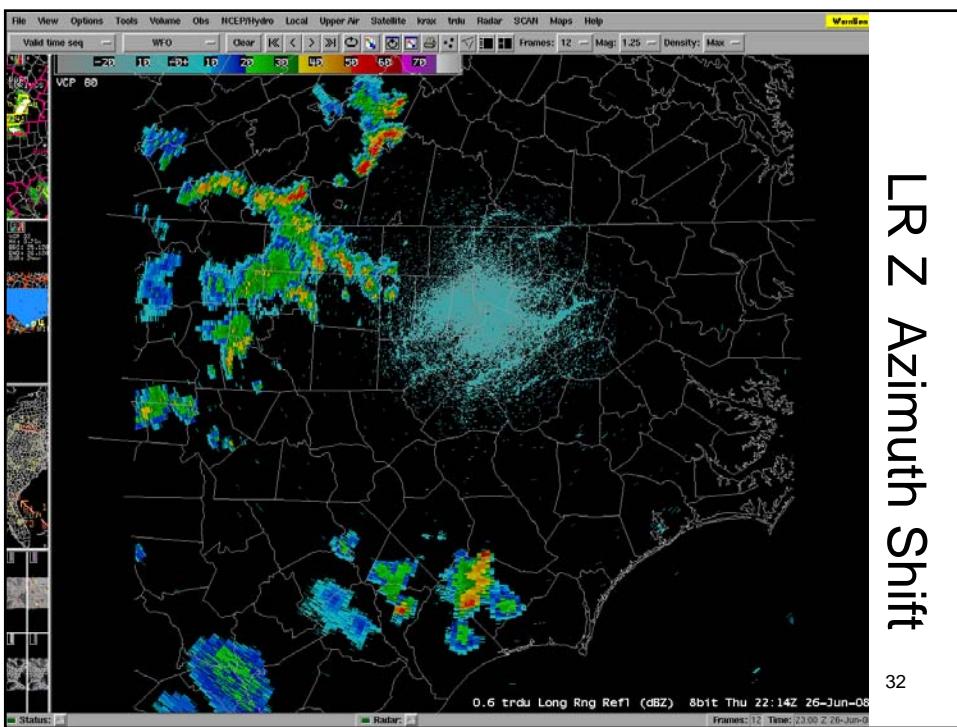
LR Z AP > 90km & Shift

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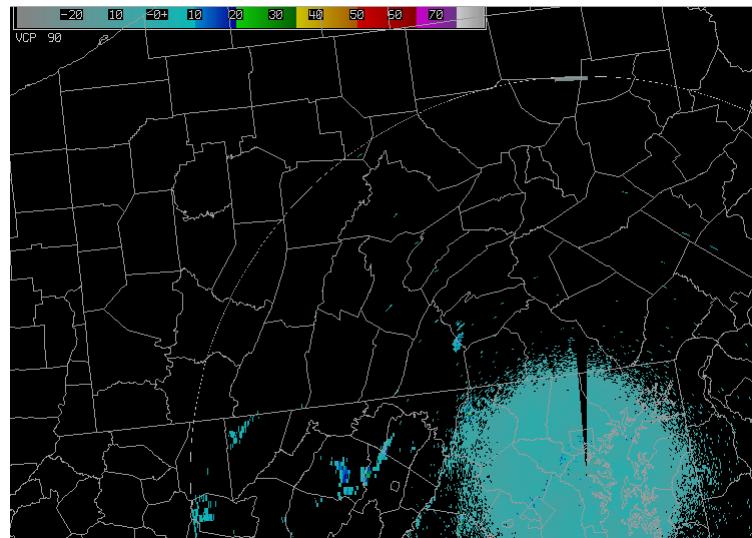


LR Z Azimuth Shift

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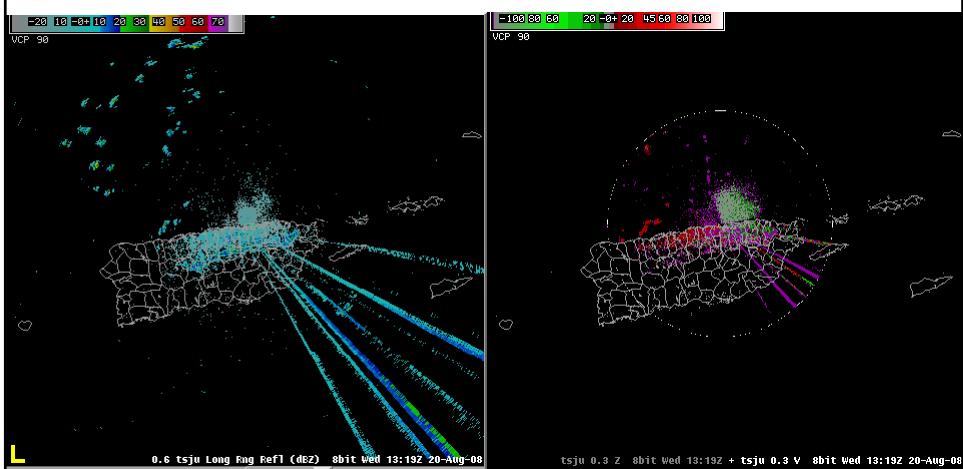


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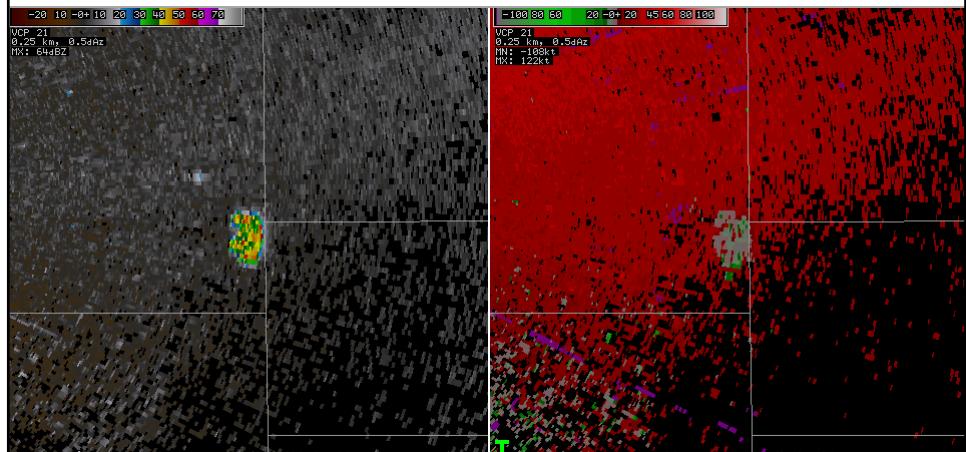
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SPG Build 3 Training TSJU Interference



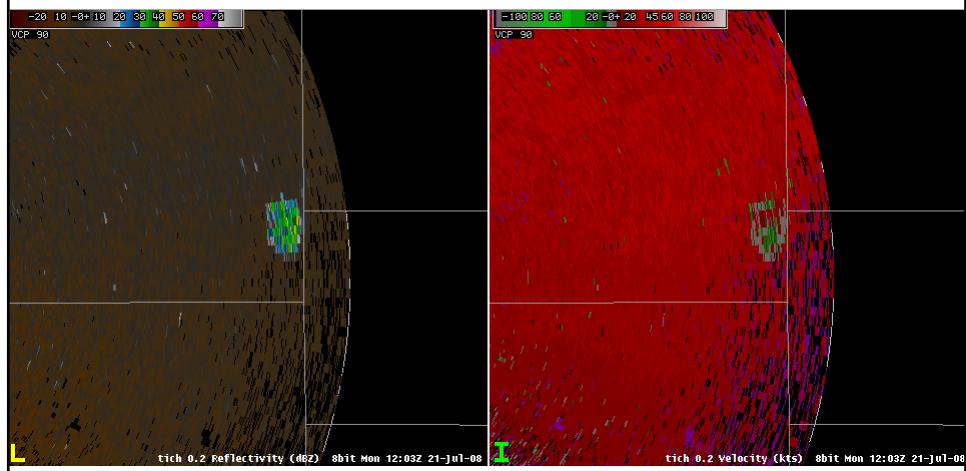
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TDWR SPG Products RPCCDS & SBN/NOAAPORT



#	NNN	WMO	Radar Prod Code	Radar Product Name	Kbytes	Frequency	NWSTG Distribution	NWSTG RPCCDS FTP Dir Name
1	GSM	NXUS6i	2	General Status Message(GSM)	0.1	- 5/day	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.p2gsm
2	FTM	NOUS6i	75	Free Text Message(FTM)	0.3	< 1/day	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.75ftm
3	RSL	SDUS4i	152	Archive Status Product(ASP)	3	3/day	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.152rs
4	TZL	SDUS5i	186	Reflectivity (Z) - 0.6 deg Long Range - 8bit	80	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.186zl
5	TR0	SDUS5i	181	Reflectivity (Z) - Lowest elev - 4bit	25	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.181r0
6	TR1	SDUS2i	181	Reflectivity (Z) - 1.0 deg - 4bit	14	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.181r1
7	TR2	SDUS2i	181	Reflectivity (Z) - 3rd elev - 4bit	12	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.181r2
8	TV0	SDUS5i	182	Velocity (V) - Lowest elev - 8bit	90	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.182v0
9	TV1	SDUS7i	182	Velocity (V) - 1.0 deg - 8bit	70	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.182v1
10	TV2	SDUS7i	182	Velocity (V) - 3rd elev - 8bit	45	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.182v2
11	NCR	SDUS5i	37	Composite Ref (CZ)	20	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.p37cr
12	NET	SDUS7i	41	Echo Tops (ET)	1.5	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.p41et
13	NVW	SDUS3i	48	VAD Wind Profile (VWP)	7.5	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.48wp
14	NVL	SDUS5i	57	Vert Integ Liq (VIL)	1.3	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.57vil
15	NST	SDUS6i	58	Storm Tracking Information (STI)	3.5	10/hr	RPCCDS	DS.58sti
16	NHI	SDUS6i	59	Hail Index (HI)	3.2	10/hr	RPCCDS	DS.p59hi
17	NTV	SDUS6i	61	Tornadic Vortex Signature (TVS)	2.1	10/hr	RPCCDS	DS.61tvs
18	N1P	SDUS3i	78	One Hour Precip (OHP)	10	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.78ohp
19	NTP	SDUS5i	80	Storm Total Precip (STP)	11	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.80stp
20	DPA	SDUS8i	81	Digital Precip Array (DPA)	7	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.81dpr
21	SPD	SDUS6i	82	Supplemental Precipitation Data (SPD)	2.8	10/hr	RPCCDS	DS.82spd
22	DHR	SDUS5i	32	Digital Hybrid Scan Refl (DHR)	32	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.32dhr
23	DSP	SDUS5i	138	Digital Storm Total Precip (STP)	15	10/hr	RPCCDS & SBN	DS.138dp
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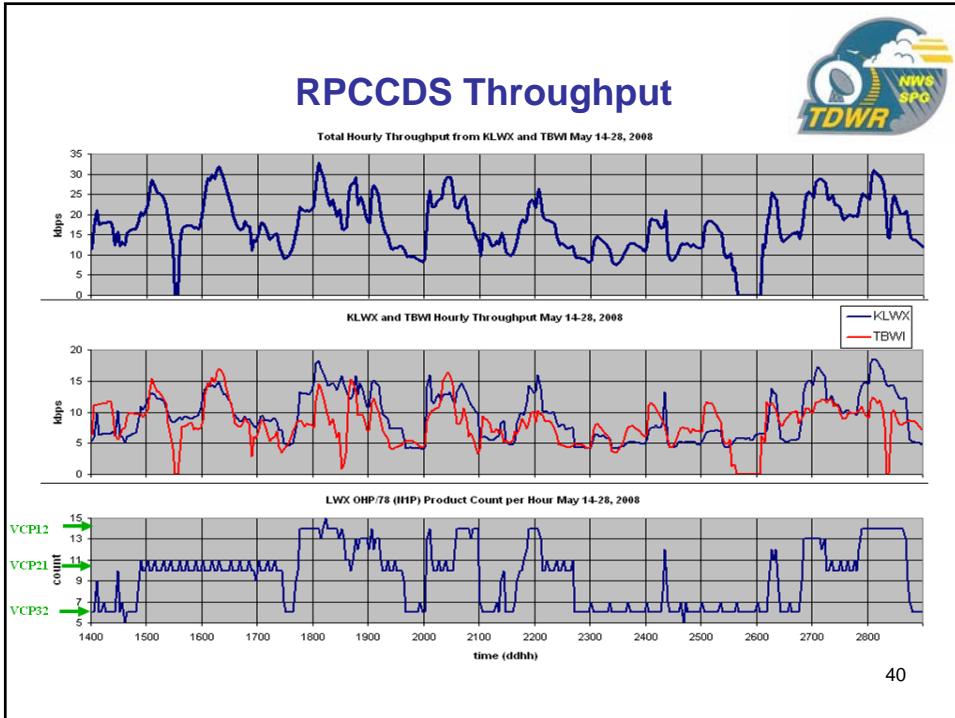
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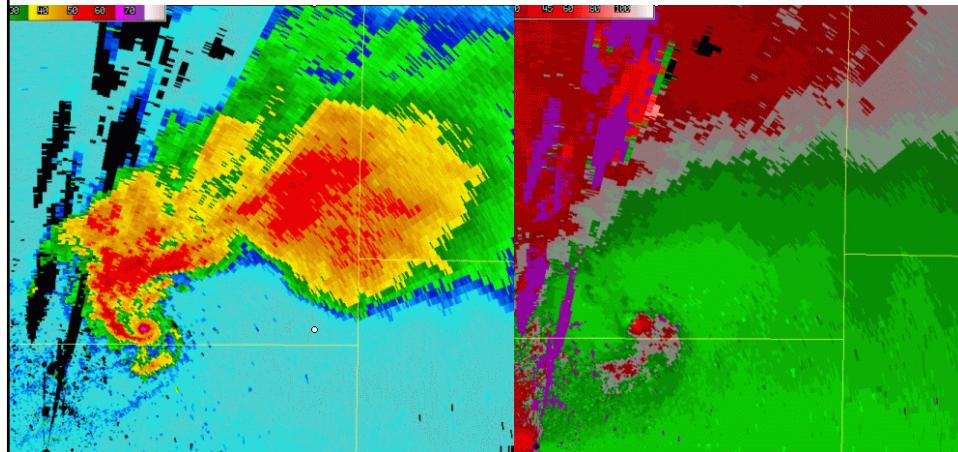
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2	1	KBOX	BOS	3004	Sl.tbos	2			KLWX	BWI	3005	Sl.tbwi	23
3	1	KCLE	LVE	3006	Sl.tive	3			KLWX	DCA	3012	Sl.tdca	24
4	1	KDTX	DTW	3015	Sl.tdtw	4			KLWX	IAD	3019	Sl.tiad	25
5	1	KEAX	MCI	3025	Sl.tmci	5	18	1	KMEG	MEM	3028	Sl.tmem	26
6	1	KFFC	ATL	3002	Sl.tatl	6			KMFL	FLL	3017	Sl.tfl	27
7	2	KFWD	DAL	3010	Sl.tdal	7	19	3	KMFL	MIA	3029	Sl.tmia	28
		KFWD	DFW	3014	Sl.tdfw	8			KMFL	PBI	3035	Sl.tpbi	29
8	1	KGSP	CLT	3007	Sl.tclt	9	20	1	KMKX	MKE	3030	Sl.tmke	30
9	2	KHGX	HOU	3018	Sl.thou	10	21	1	KMLB	MCO	3026	Sl.tmco	31
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10	1	KICT	ICH	3021	Sl.tich	12	23	1	KOHX	BNA	3003	Sl.tbna	33
		KILN	CMH	3008	Sl.tcmh	13	24	2	KOKX	EWR	3016	Sl.tewr	34
11	3	KILN	CVG	3009	Sl.tcvg	14			KOKX	JFK	3023	Sl.tjfk	35
		KILN	DAY	3011	Sl.tday	15	25	1	KOUN	OKC	3033	Sl.tokc	36
12	1	KIND	IDS	3022	Sl.tids	16	26	1	KPBZ	PIT	3038	Sl.tpit	37
13	1	KLIX	MSY	3032	Sl.tmsy	17	27	1	KPHI	PHL	3036	Sl.tphl	38
14	1	KLMK	SDF	3040	Sl.tsdf	18	28	1	KPSR	PHX	3037	Sl.tphx	39
15	2	KLOT	MDW	3027	Sl.tmdw	19	29	1	KRAH	RDU	3039	Sl.trdu	40
		KLOT	ORD	3034	Sl.tord	20	30	1	KSLC	SLC	3042	Sl.tscl	41
16	1	KLSX	STL	3043	Sl.tstl	21	31	1	KTBW	TPA	3044	Sl.ttpa	42
							32	1	KTSA	TUL	3045	Sl.ttl	43
							33	1	KVEF	LAS	3024	Sl.tlas	44
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TDWR SPG Radar Product Central Collection and Distribution											Version May 22, 2008 mii		
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1 1	KBOY	DEN	NXUSI GSN	Y	Y	1 General Status Message(GSM)*	2	0.1	0	DS.2dgm	SL.tadv	1	
1 1 2	KBOX	BOS	NOUSI FTM	Y	Y	2 Free Text Message(FTM)*	75	0.75	0	DS.75fmi	SL.tatt	2	
1 1 3	KCLE	LVE	SDUSI4 RSL	Y	Y	3 Archive Status Product(ASP)*	152	3	0	DS.152rs	SL.tbna	3	
1 1 4	KDTX	DTW	SDUSI8 T7E2	Y	Y	4 Reflectivity (Z) - 8bit	186	80	0.6	DS.186z	SL.tbos	4	
1 1 5	KEAX	MCI	SDUSI8 T7R0	Y	Y	5 Reflectivity (Z) - 4bit	181	25	base*	DS.181r0	SL.tbwi	5	
1 1 6	KEFC	ATE	SDUSI2 T7R1	Y	Y	6 Reflectivity (Z) - 4bit	181	14	1.0	DS.181r1	SL.tcl	6	
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1 10	KICT	ICH	SDUSI7 INET	Y	Y	12 Echo Tops (ET)	41	1.5	-1	DS.41et	SL.tden	12	
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3 11	KILN	CVG	SDUSI1 INV1	Y	Y	14 Vert Integr Lig (VIL)	57	1.3	-1	DS.57vll	SL.tdw	14	
1 11	KILN	DAY	SDUSI6 INST	Y	Y	15 Storm Tracking Information (STI)	58	3.5	-1	DS.58sti	SL.tewr	15	
1 12	KIND	IDS	SDUSI6 INHI	Y	Y	16 Hail Index (HI)	59	3.2	-1	DS.59hi	SL.tfl	16	
1 13	KLJX	MSY	SDUSI1 INTV	Y	Y	17 Tornadic Vortex Signature (TVS)	61	2.1	-1	DS.61tvs	SL.thou	17	
1 14	KLMK	SDF	SDUSI3 INTP	Y	Y	18 One Hour Precip (OHP)	78	10	-1	DS.78ohp	SL.tiad	18	
2 15	KLOT	MDW	SDUSI5 INTP	Y	Y	19 Storm Total Precip (STP)	80	11	-1	DS.80stp	SL.tah	19	
1 15	KLOT	ORD	SDUSI8 DPA	Y	Y	20 Digital Precip Array (DPA)	81	7	-1	DS.81dpa	SL.tich	20	
1 16	KLSX	STL	SDUSI6 SPD	Y	Y	21 Supplemental Precipitation Data (SPD)	82	2.8	-1	DS.82spd	SL.tids	21	
17	KLWX	ADW	SDUSI5 DHR	Y	Y	22 Digital Hybrid Scan Ref (DHR)	32	32	-1	DS.32dhr	SL.tlk	22	
17	KLWX	BWI	SDUSI5 DSP	Y	Y	23 Digital Storm Total Precip (STP)	138	15	-1	DS.138dp	SL.tlas	23	
17	KLWX	DCA	SDUSI8 NMMD	Y	Y	24 Mesocyclone (MD)	141	2	-1	DS.141md	SL.tlive	24	
						Total KBytes per volume scan	459						
						Throughput Kbps (6 min volume scan)	10						
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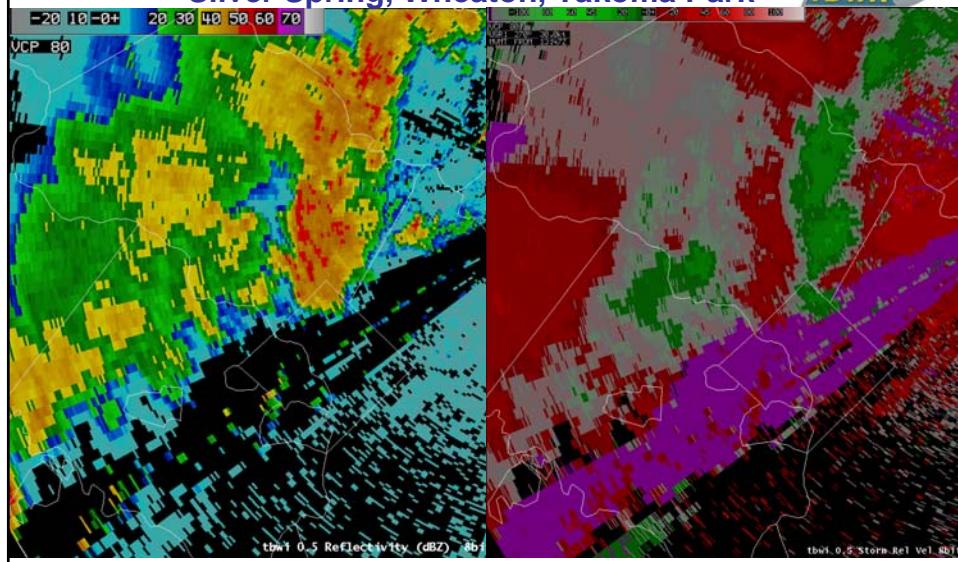


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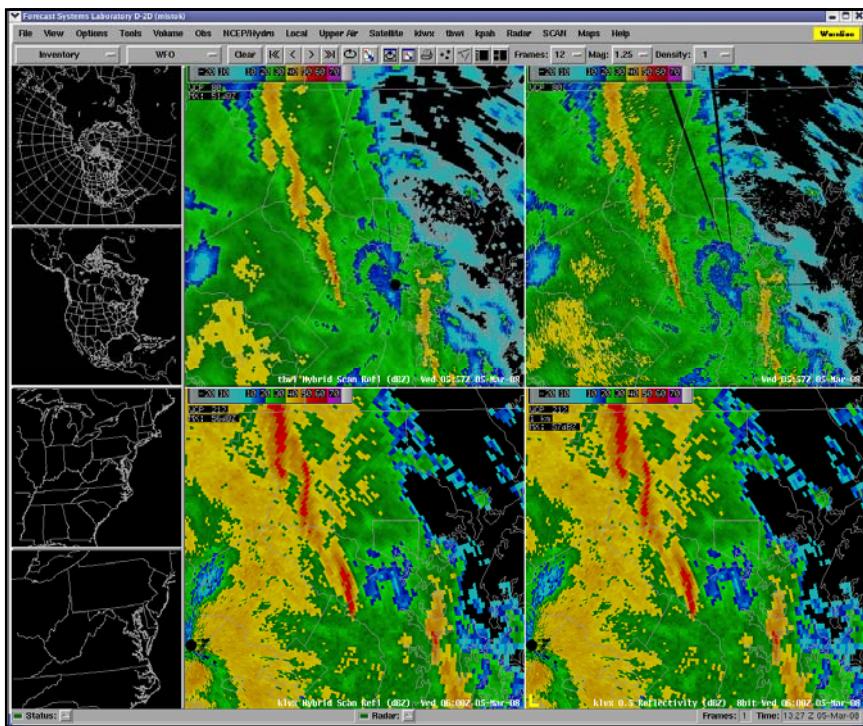
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Similar Z/DHR TBWI vs. KLWX

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Similar Z TBWI vs. KLWX

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