



# PERILS Data Overview, QC, Availability

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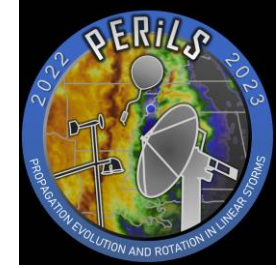


**All FARM Data  
Freely Available  
with no restrictions or obligations  
to all PERILS PIs and Collaborators**

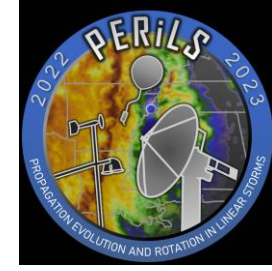
**Available by FTP**

By PERILS design, instruments are deployed  
*as parts of arrays* to maximize success of integrated data,  
not only individual sub-project goals.

Scientific success and maximum exploitation of integrated data  
sets depends on free sharing of data



# FARM to Table

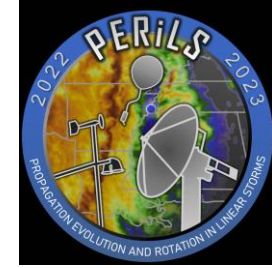


- Modern, repeatable, verifiable science requires raw data availability, as well as cited, and/or provided, specific, repeatable, methods.
- Heavily processed data , e.g staggered-PRT velocity, Z, rho-HV, should be traceable back to raw observations.
- What are the ingredients in that data sausage?
- Do you trust that velocity or ZDR product, or clutter filter
- Can those fields be recreated?
- Are your analyses repeatable?



*“You were right—I really didn’t want to know how it’s made, because that was incredibly boring.”*

# FARM to Table



## FARM makes available:

- Radar calibration files
- Raw time series (by mail)
- Code and formulas used for indexing , clutter filters, pulse pair or other, staggered PRT methods, filtering, parameter files used when converging IQ to processed products
- Inclinometer data and bubble level images
- ZDR birdbath time series and calibration adjustments
- Raw moments and corrected moments (e.g. raw ZDR and corrected ZDR)
- Data and code permitting staggered and individual short/long pulse velocity product (VShort, Vlong, Vstagger, ZH, ZV, etc.)
- Data allowing merged Frequency1 + Frequency2 calculations to reduce noise and error
- DORADE and CFRADIAL
- Level L0, L1, L2+ sounding data, *raw through filtered and processed*, EOL and SPC formats, including SHARPy skewT plots
- Operator notes, gps
- READMEs describing navigation and other adjustments
- GURU deployment maps

### There's much more available from radars than a few processed products

Maybe you like or don't like clutter filtered data

Maybe you want to reduce noise in, say, the ZDR field by combining independent Freq1 and Freq2 data

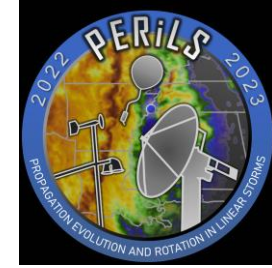
Maybe you don't like the staggered PRT Velocity speckling

Maybe you want 1-degree, or 0.2 degree beam indexing

Ask us, and we can work with you, going back to the raw I,Q data



# PERiLS 2023 Data Collection Summary



## Radar Summary

Operated:

Feb. 16 (IOP01) to Apr. 27, 2023 (IOP06)

### **COW:**

Dual-pol  
Multi-Doppler member

No Data
Data Available

### **DOW7:**

Dual-frequency, dual-pol  
Multi-Doppler member

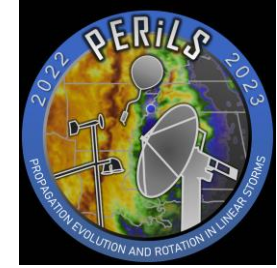
### **DOW6:**

Single-frequency, dual-pol  
Chasing radar, filler radar, targeted at last minute  
Ad hoc Multi-Doppler member

DOW6 filled in when other PERiLS radars were unavailable for some IOPs, to complete dual-Doppler lobes, and to conduct “chasing”/targeted missions.

Platform	IOP01	IOP02	IOP03	IOP04	IOP05	IOP06
COW1						
DOW6						
DOW7						
SCOUT1 Mobile Mesonet						
SCOUT3 Mobile Mesonet						
SONDE1 Soundings	8	7	7	8	5	3
SONDE2 Soundings	7	6	4	7	4	
SONDE3 Soundings	6	5	5	9	4	
SONDE4 Soundings	8	4	6	9	4	
SONDE5 Soundings	8	9	8	11	7	
PODs	13	13	13	13	13	8
Disdrometers	3	3	3	3	3	2

# Radar Data QC Process



## Basic Radar QC:

- Geo-reference (Heading, Lat/Lon, range-to-first-gate)
- Reflectivity Calibration/Correction
- ZDR Calibration/Correction
- Elevation Correction (COW)
- Custom beam indexing
- Default ground clutter filter
- Parsing (slicing sweeps)
- Metadata

## Auxiliary Documents and Documentation:

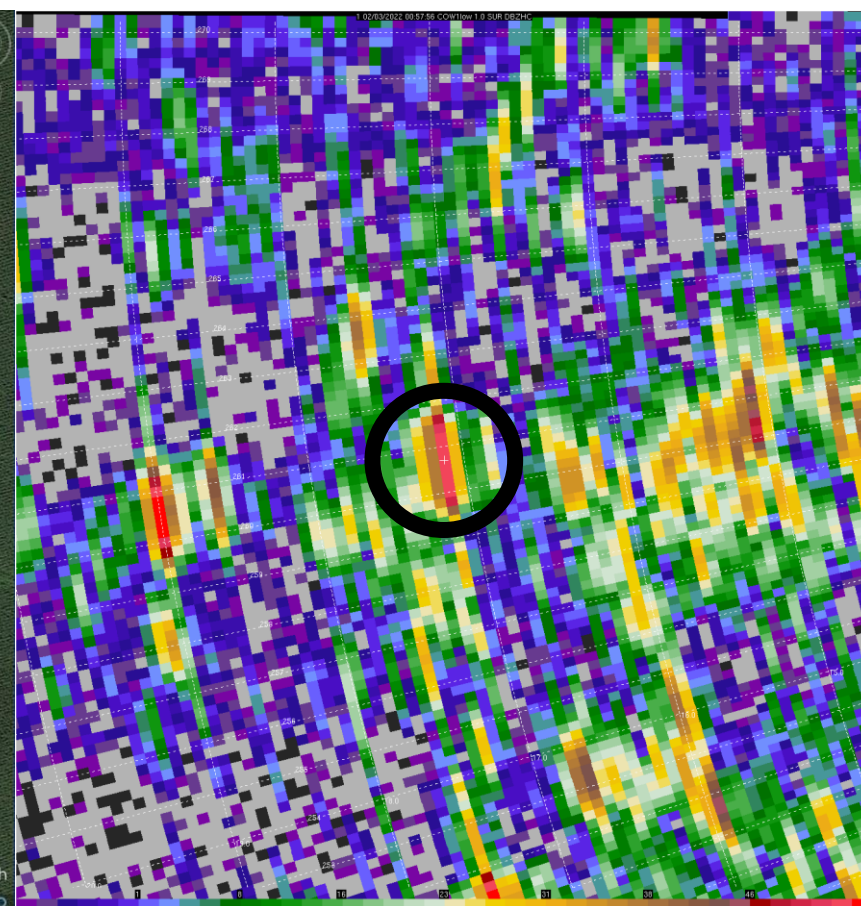
- READMEs
- Operator Notes
- Inclinator Files
- Tuner log
- Mast Data
- Site/IOP, bubble level, weather Pictures
- Processing code
- Calibration files



# Geo-Referencing via Clutter Targets

Ground Clutter: 4 – 9 targets (ideally one in each quadrant)

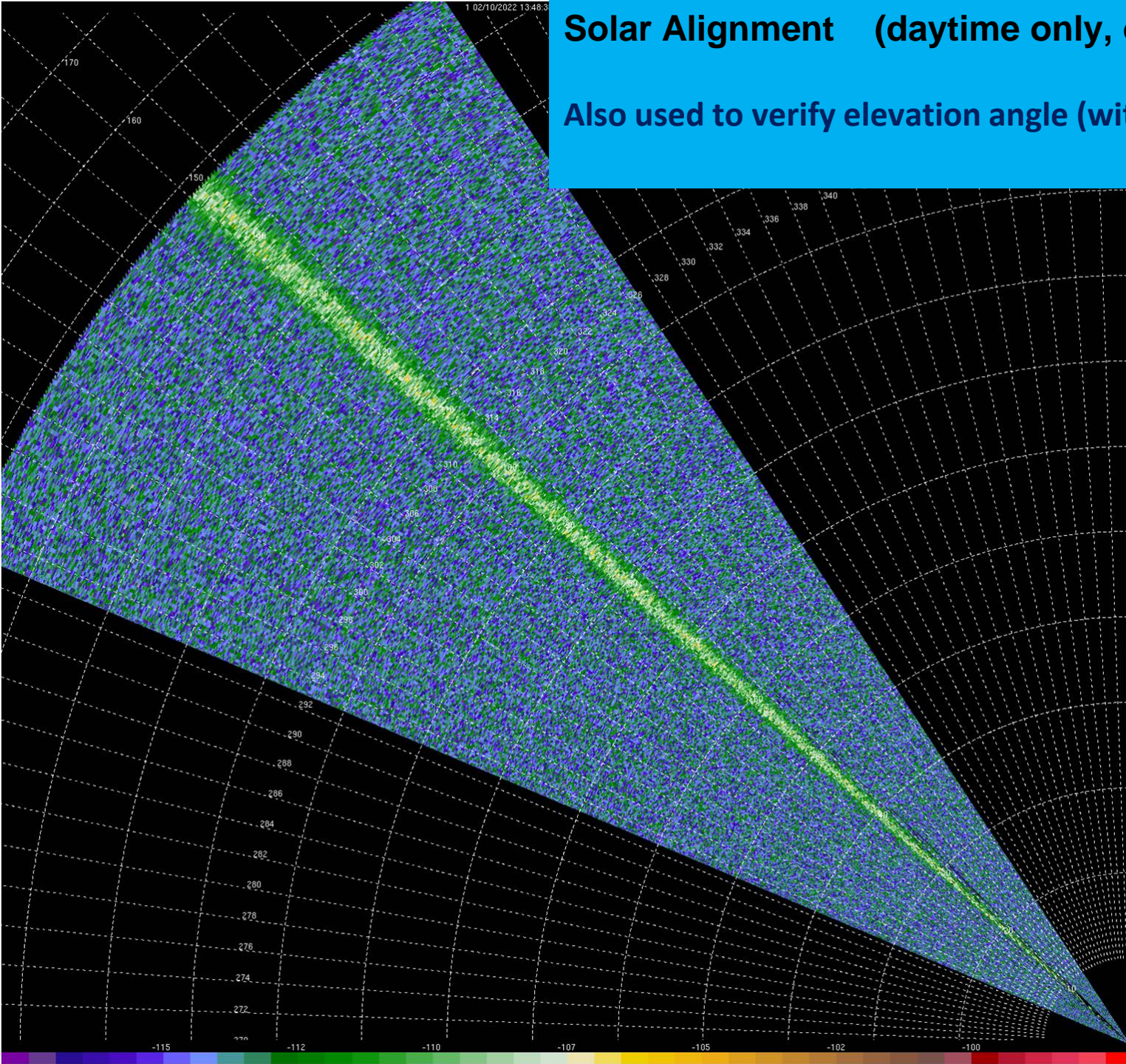
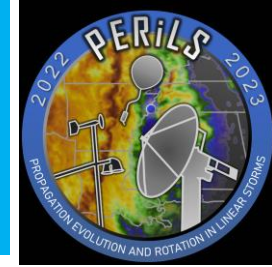
- Heading
- Range-To-First-Gate





**Solar Alignment (daytime only, of course) (within 0.2)**

**Also used to verify elevation angle (within 0.1-0.2)**





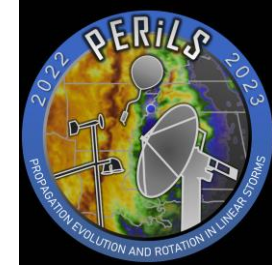
# Z Correction/Calibration:

Moderate intensity precipitation (subjectively avoiding suspected attenuation and Mie scattering regions)

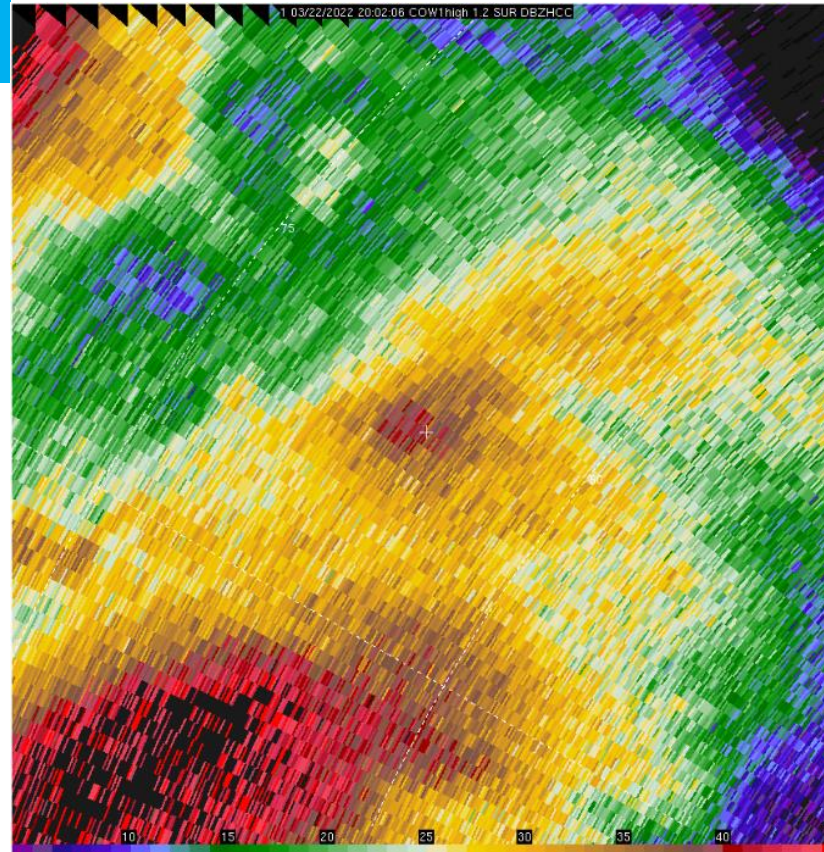
Most linear response region of receiver (-90 to -60 dB)

Match height/time with 88D

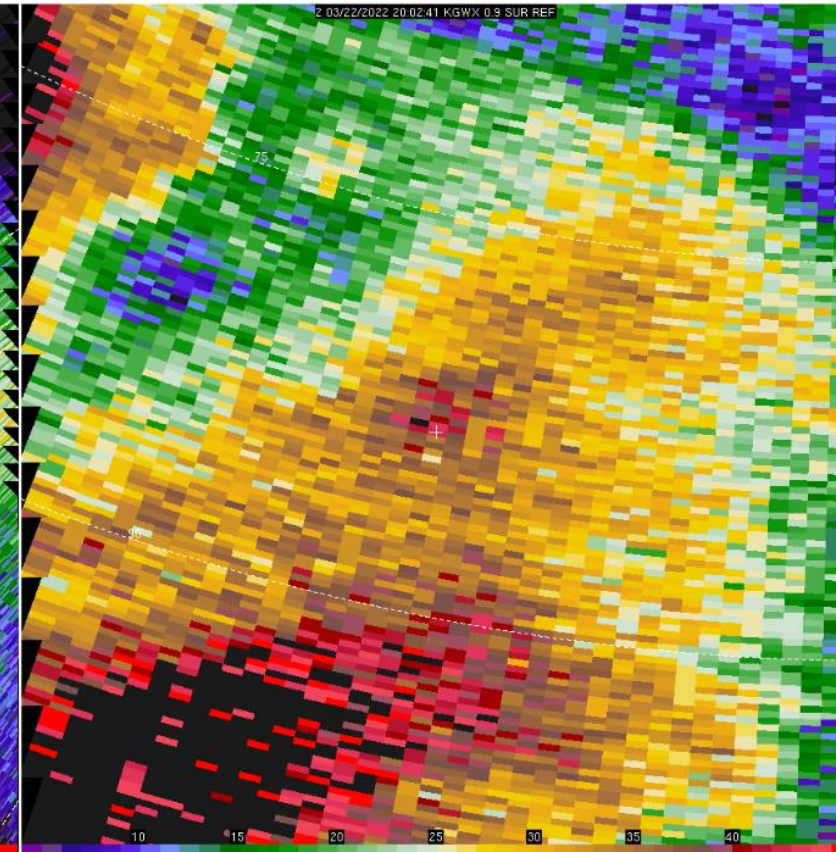
DO for all radars/frequencies and cross check



COW1

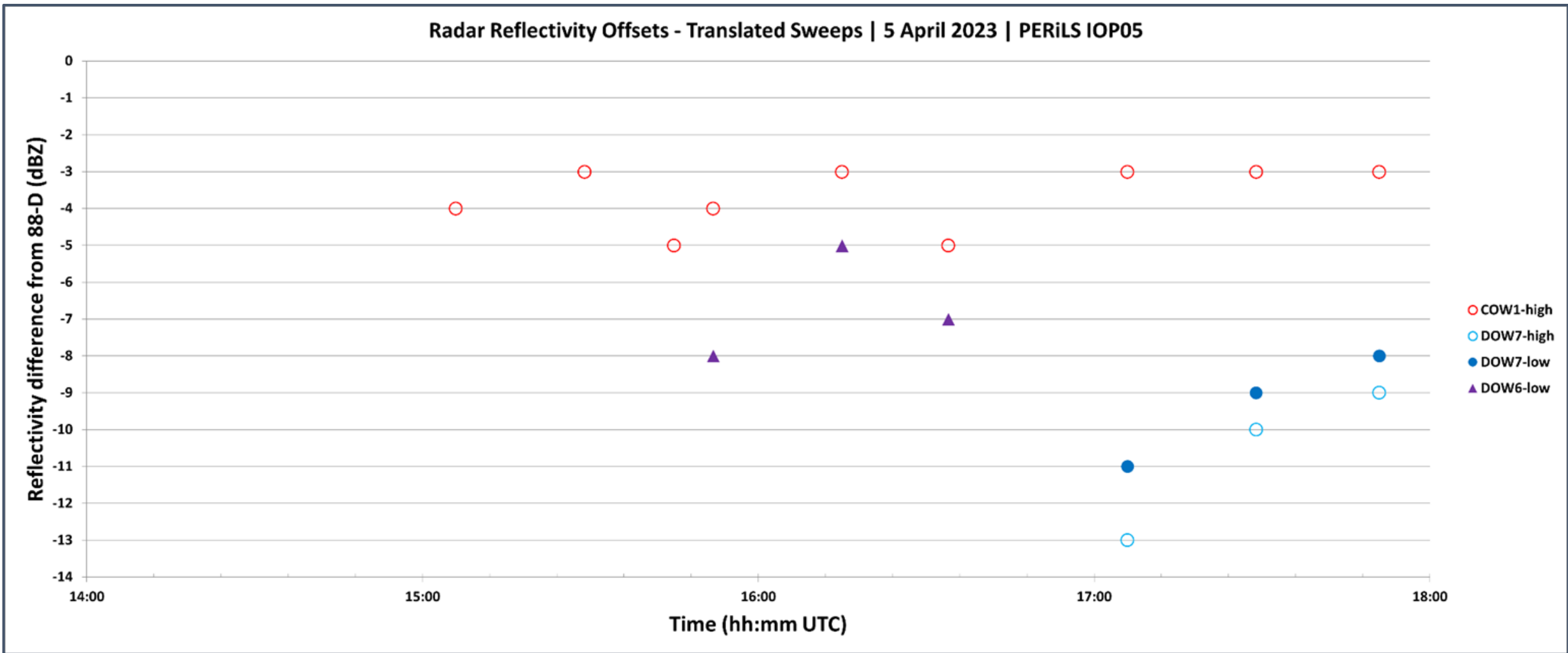


WSR-88D



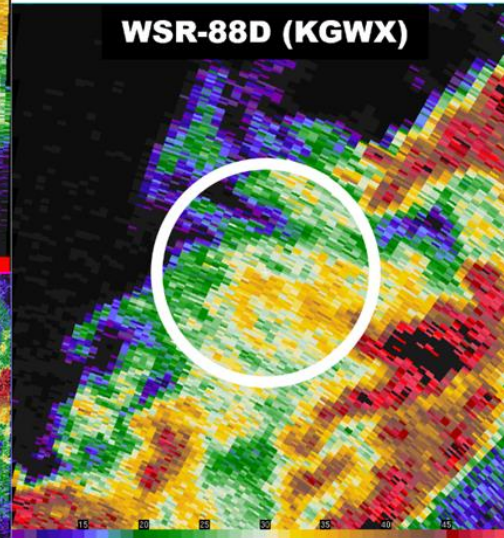
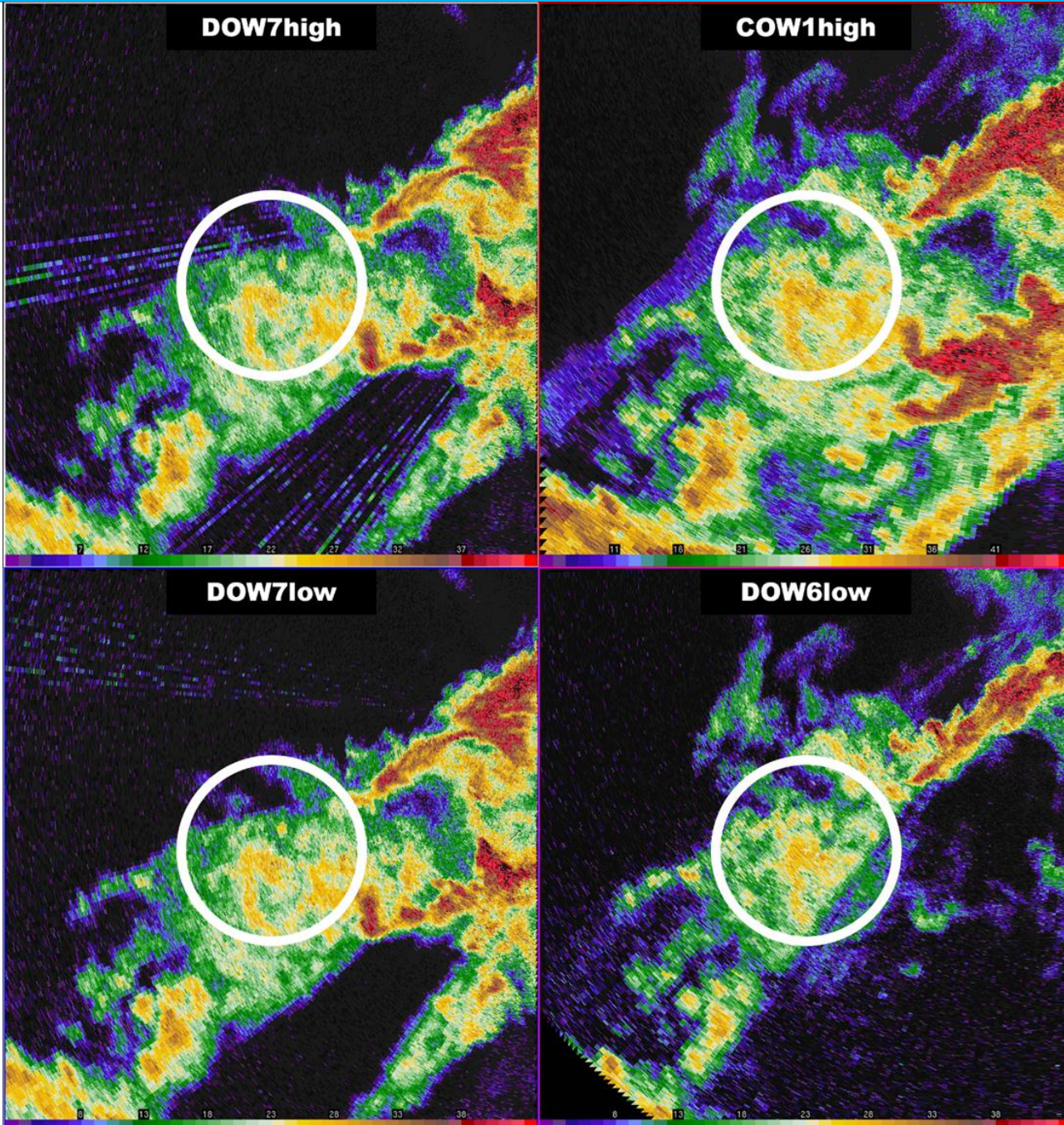
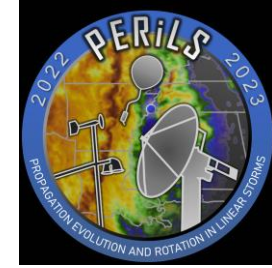
# Z Correction/Calibration: Example from PERiLS 2023 IOP05

Decide a tolerance ( $\pm 2$  dBZ, for example) and apply an offset for particular time intervals





# Z Correction/Calibration: Result



One never has exact agreement, due to geometry, attenuation, and general “radar-ness”

We try hard to get the best, consensus, Z values.



# ZDR Correction/Calibration:

- Vertical (VER) scans in moderate precipitation every ~12 minutes
- In linear response region of receiver (-95 to -55 dB)
- Histogram of filtered ZDRM to get offset - find median
- Do for all radars/all frequencies AND cross check



Assumption: Hydrometeors/cloud particles have  $\int$  ZDR = 0 dB at vertical incidence (e.g. Gorgucci et al. 1999)

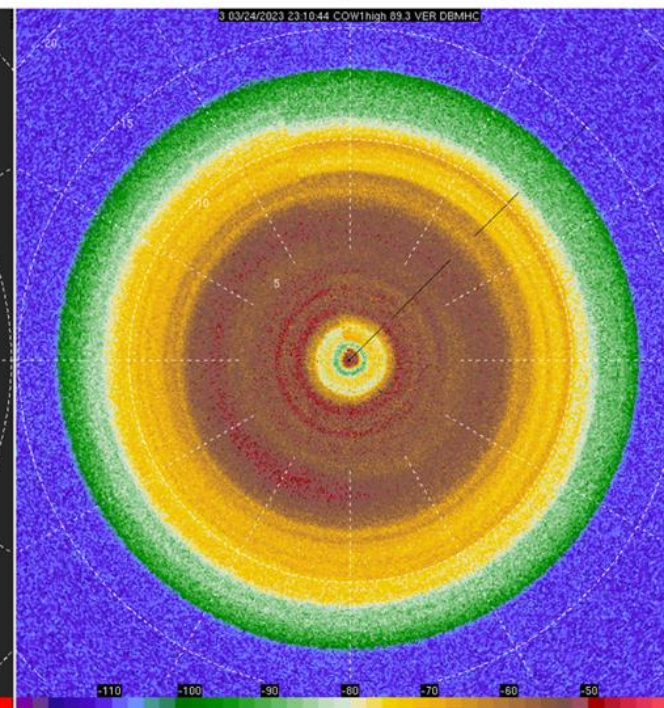
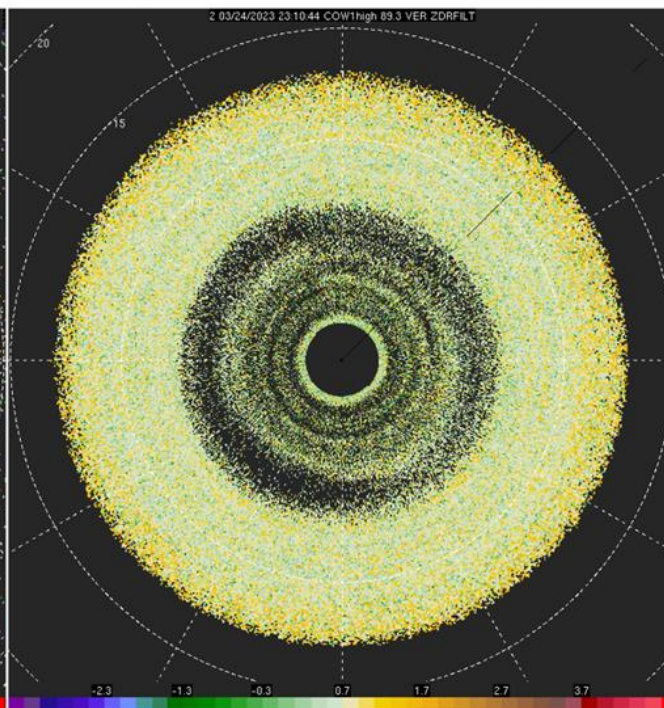
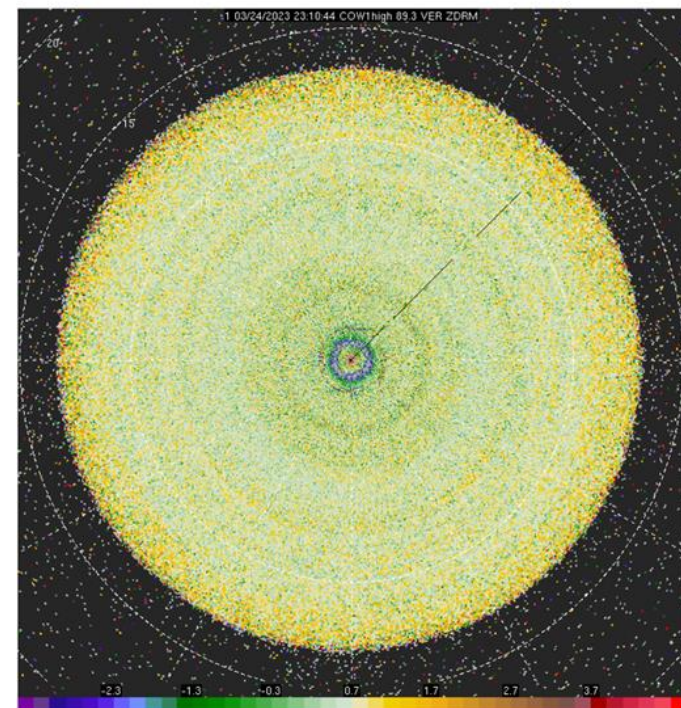
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Message: 3.65 H
Message: 3.75 H
Message: 3.85 H
Finished!
Message: Counts Histogram in regular intervals of ZDRFILT
Message: From 03/06/2022 12:42:05.510 to 03/06/2022 12:42:17.553 for DOW7high
at 89.0 deg.
Message:
Message:      Missing:      551 gates
Message:      Points below:  29 gates
Message:      Points above:  121 gates
Message:      Points between: 42649 gates
Message: Mean:      1.15
Message: Sdev:     0.77
Message: Median:    1.15
Message: Mode:     1.15
Message:
Message:      8      | 504      | 1000     | 1496     | 1992     | 2488     |
Message:
Message: -1.95 H
Message: -1.85 H
Message: -1.75 H
Message: -1.65 H
Message: -1.55 H
Message: -1.45 H
Message: -1.35 H
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Message: 3.75 H
Message: 3.85 H
Finished!
    
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**ZDRM**

**Filtered ZDRM  
(-95 < DBMHC < -55)**

**Power (DBMHC)**



**Median = 0.65 dB = ZDR Offset**



# ZDR Correction/Calibration: Example from COW1 PERiLS 2023 IOP01

Decide a tolerance ( $\pm 0.2$  dB) and apply offsets for particular time intervals (volume by volume)

When measured ZDR offset  $>$  tolerance, these volumes are noted in READMEs (typically limited VER scan data for reliable offset)



### COW1 High Frequency ZDRM Offsets | PERiLS 20230216 IOP01



**PROJECT NAME:** PERiLS  
**IOP NAME:** IOP01  
**IOP DATE:** February 16 - 17, 2023

**Author of README:** Josh Aikins  
**Date of README:** 8/18/2023

**Radar Name:** DOW7  
**Frequency:** 9.35 GHz (low), 9.5 GHz (high)  
**File Format:** dorade & cfradial netcdf  
**Date Translated:** 7/7/2023

**Number of Files:** 2438 (high) + 2438 (low)  
**IOP Start Time (UTC):** 16:39 2/16/2023  
**IOP End Time (UTC):** 01:22 2/17/2023

**Receiver Configuration:**

Time (start – end)	Pulse Length (ns)	Gate Length (m)	Num. of Gates	Range (km)	Stagger	PRF (Hz)	Nyquist Velocity (m/s)
16:39:56 (2/16) – 01:22:13 (2/17)	500	75	1000	75	3/4	1666.7/1250	39.4 (high) 40.1 (low)

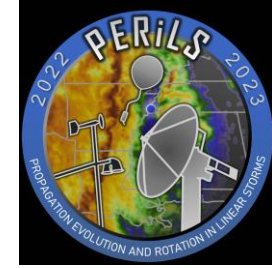
**Scan Strategies:**

Time (start – end)	Regime / Scan ID	Rotation Rate	Sync	Vol. per sync	Elevation Angles	Azimuth Angles
16:39:56 (2/16) – 01:22:13 (2/17)	vol6m30 + vol31s + vertpos + Sync	30 - 31 deg/s SUR  50 deg/s VER	12 min	3	0.5° - 9.5° SUR (x27) 0.5° - 9.5° SUR (x27) 89° VER (x2)	0° - 360°

**HEADERS / NAVIGATION**

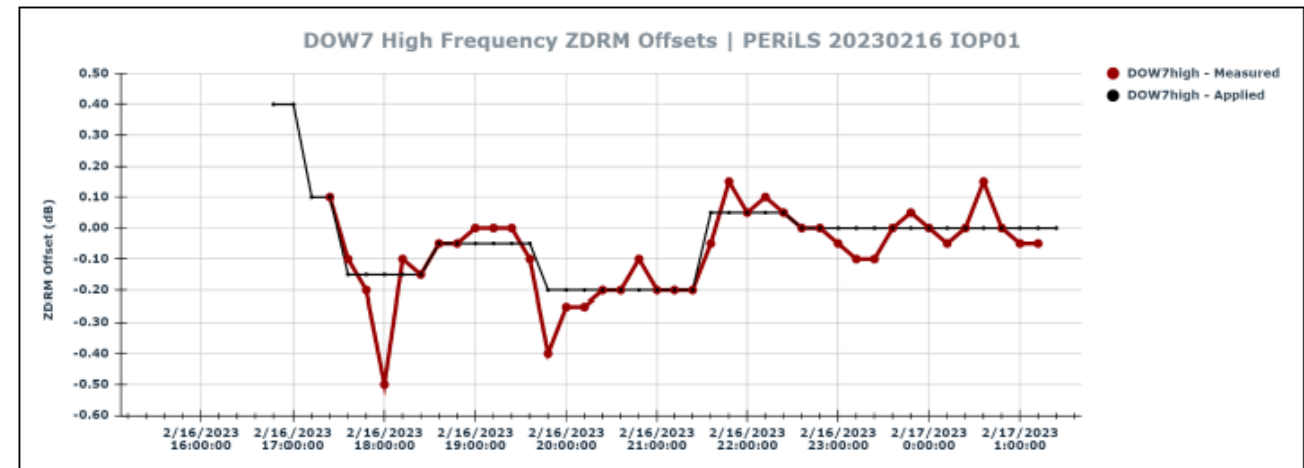
**Latitude:** 32.711021 N      Obtained from GPS + verified with Google Earth  
**Longitude:** 88.172447 W      Obtained from GPS + verified with Google Earth  
**Altitude:** 53 m      Approximated using Google Earth + [USGS 3DEP](#)  
**Heading:** 276.7 deg      Solar Alignment + Clutter

# READMEs



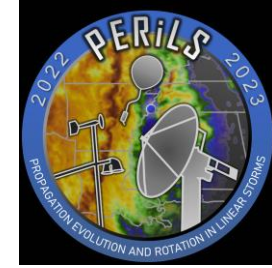
**Applied ZDR Offset Corrections:**

Time Start	Time End	ZDR Corrections (High)
02/16/2023 16:36:00	02/16/2023 16:59:59	-0.40
02/16/2023 17:00:00	02/16/2023 17:23:59	-0.10
02/16/2023 17:24:00	02/16/2023 18:23:59	0.15
02/16/2023 18:24:00	02/16/2023 19:35:59	0.05
02/16/2023 19:36:00	02/16/2023 21:23:59	0.20
02/16/2023 21:24:00	02/16/2023 22:23:59	-0.05
02/16/2023 22:24:00	02/17/2023 01:23:59	0.00

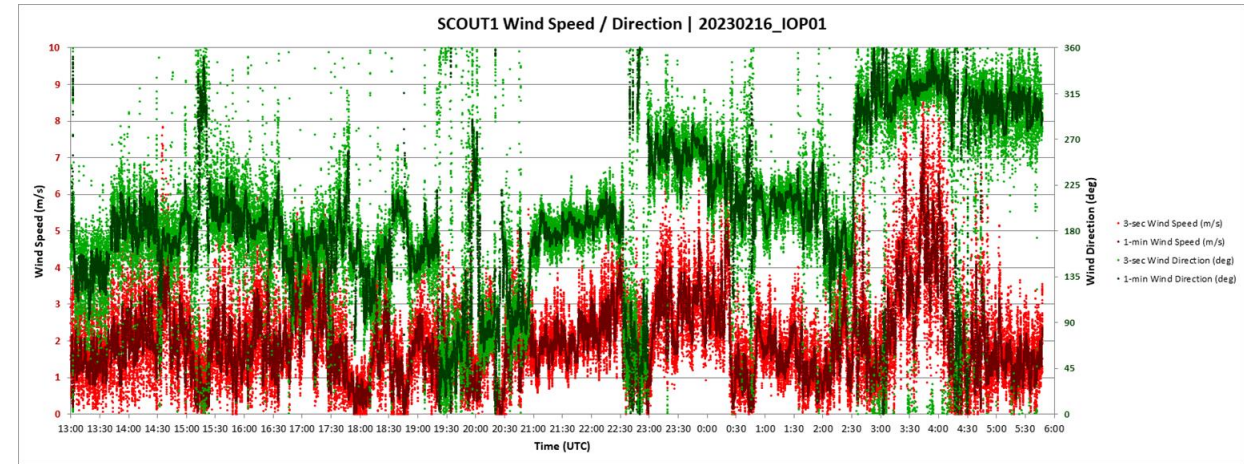




# POD/Mesonet Data QC

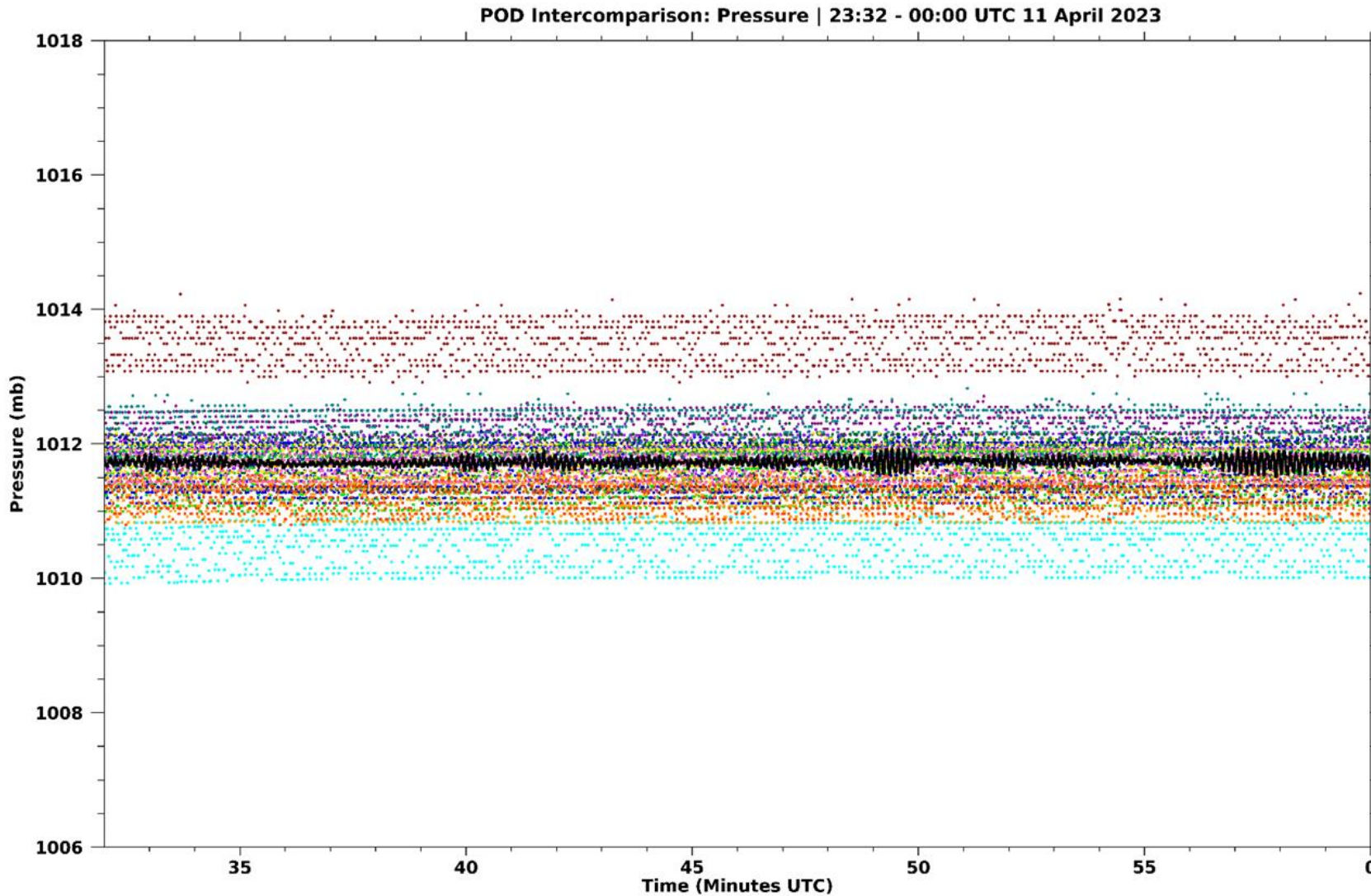
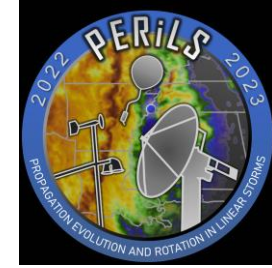


- Trim data file to deployment period
  - POD: stationary deployment
  - MM: stationary + driving deployment (parking lot to parking lot)
- Import into EXCEL template
  - Input blade anemometer offset
  - Input POD/MM heading
  - **Input pressure correction**
  - SPECIAL: Replace blade anemometer wind data with sonic (if needed)
  - Wind directions fixed to True North (calculates U & V components)
  - **Computes 1-sec, 3-sec, & 1-min centered averaged winds**



U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU	
Stationary Threshold -->				1	Anemometer Offset -->			176.3	Pressure Offset-->			0															
Heading		Stationary		Transect	Blade Anemometer Spd/Dir Correction								Latitude	Longitude	1-sec	1-sec	1-sec	3-sec	3-sec	3-sec	3-sec	1-min	1-min	1-min	1-min	Corr	
Override	Final				Wind Dir Corr	Veh Spd	U obs	V obs	U veh	V veh	U true	V true	deg	dec	dec	Wind Spd	Wind Spd	Wind Dir	U	V	Spd	Dir	U	V	Spd	Dir	Pressure
					deg	m/s	m/s	m/s	m/s	m/s	m/s	m/s	deg	dec	dec	m/s	kts	deg	m/s	m/s	m/s	deg	m/s	m/s	m/s	deg	mb
270	270	1	0		128.19	0.00	-3.24	2.54	0.00	0.00	-3.24	2.54	33.45481	-88.80888		4.1	8.0	128.2									997.8684
270	270	1	0		123.98	0.00	-3.25	2.19	0.00	0.00	-3.25	2.19	33.45481	-88.80888		3.9	7.6	124.0	-3.05	1.45	3.4	115.5					997.9496
270	270	1	0		81.9	0.00	-2.66	-0.38	0.00	0.00	-2.66	-0.38	33.45481	-88.80888		2.7	5.2	81.9	-2.38	0.80	2.5	108.7					997.9496
270	270	1	0		116.04	0.00	-1.23	0.60	0.00	0.00	-1.23	0.60	33.45481	-88.80888		1.4	2.7	116.0	-2.26	1.05	2.5	115.0					997.9496

# POD Intercomparison: Pressure Offsets



POD_O	-0.04	+/- 0.18
POD_N	1.77	+/- 0.28
POD_M	-0.51	+/- 0.18
POD_L	-0.54	+/- 0.22
POD_K	0.02	+/- 0.21
POD_J	0.48	+/- 0.28
POD_I	-0.21	+/- 0.29
POD_H	0.04	+/- 0.30
POD_G	-1.26	+/- 0.30
POD_F	-0.14	+/- 0.30
POD_E	-0.05	+/- 0.30
POD_D	0.04	+/- 0.29
POD_B	0.39	+/- 0.29
POD mean	bias	+/- 1SD

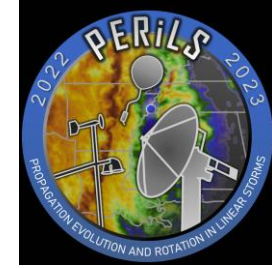
IOP Start/Stop Times



# Soundings: QC Overview

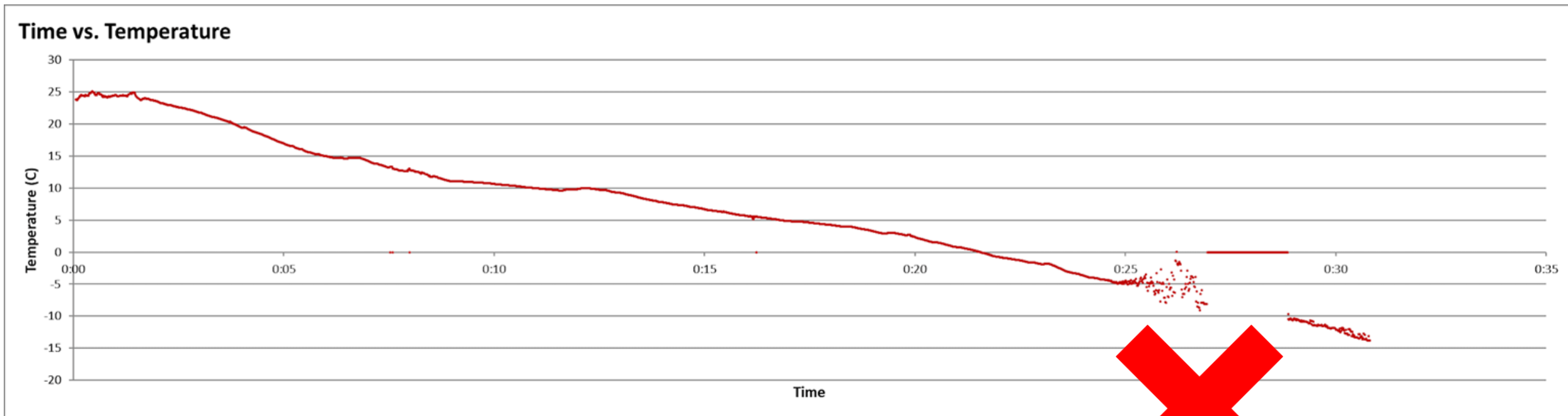
- L0
  - Field Data Collection (GRAWMET Run 1)
  - Raw Time Series Analysis
  - Initial Conditions Verification (mistakes are made sometimes)
  - GRAWMET Run 2
  - Convert to CSV & remove descent data
- L1
  - Run through ASPEN Quality Control software (NCAR) - Removes bad data (new 2023!)
  - Output EOL formatted sounding file
  - Output ASPEN SkewT plots
  - Correct EOL file headers
- L2
  - Use modified FORTRAN scripts to interpolate EOL soundings to constant height (Hgt) and pressure (Prs) sounding files
  - Add objective QC flags (super-adiabatic T/Td, descent)
  - Add additional QC flags manually (visually bad/questionable) – data gaps, T/Td spikes (sensor failures)
  - Convert Hgt sounding files to SPC format
  - Ingest SPC soundings into SHARPPy & output skewT, hodograph, & indices
- README, User Guide, detailed QC overview available





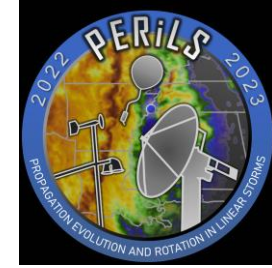
# L0 - Raw Time Series Analysis

- T sensor failure example

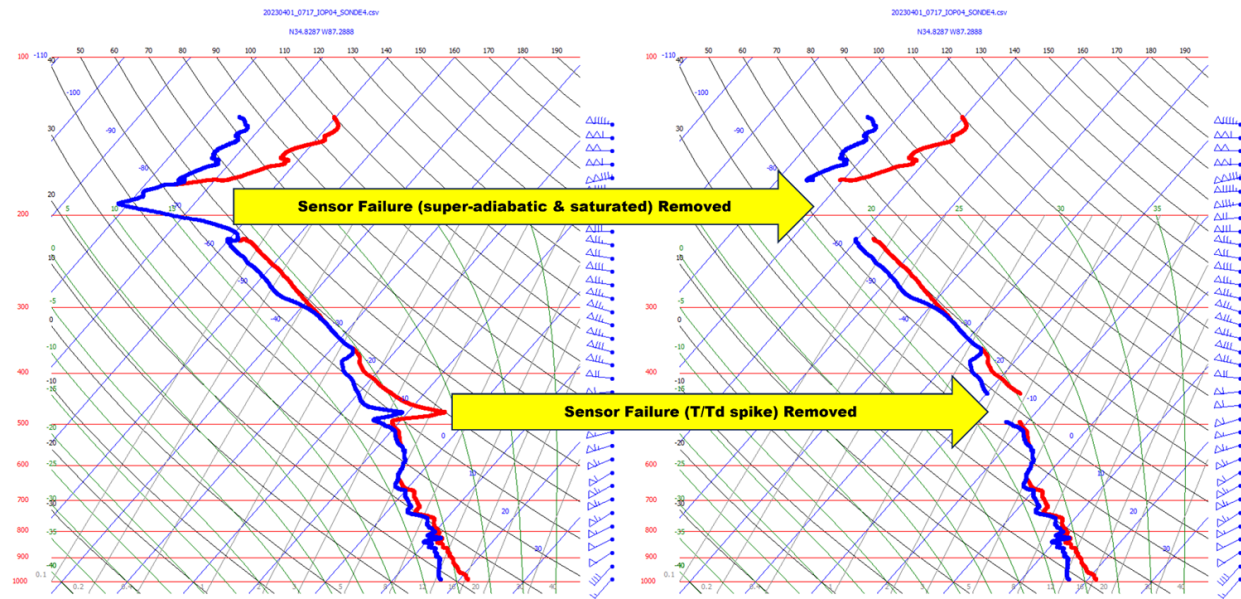




# L1 – ASPEN QC



- Atmospheric Sounding Processing Environment (ASPEN)
  - <https://www.eol.ucar.edu/content/aspn>
  - Outlier, buddy, limit, filter checks
  - Smoothing
  - Remove bad T/Td layers (sensor failures)



Advanced Configuration Management

QC Parameters | Processing | WMO | Auto Save | Synoptic Map | Visual

Configuration set name: upsonde-1s

Pressure	Temperature	RH	GPS Lat/Lon	GPS Alt	Winds	
<input type="text" value="0"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="0"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="0"/> (s)			<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	Dropsonde Wind Equilibration Time
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dropsonde Equilibration Time Override
	<input type="text" value="20"/> (s)				<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	Dynamic Correction
		<input type="checkbox"/>				Dynamic Correction Wavelength
<input type="text" value="4.5"/> std. dev.	<input type="text" value="5"/> std. dev.	<input type="text" value="10"/> std. dev.			<input type="text" value="5"/> std. dev.	Thresholding
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outlier Check
<input type="text" value="0"/> (mb)	<input type="text" value="0"/> (degC)	<input type="text" value="0"/> (%)				Disable Outlier Check
<input type="text" value="1.5"/> (mb/s)	<input type="text" value="0.5"/> (degC/s)	<input type="text" value="3"/> (%/s)	<input type="text" value="0.005"/> (deg/s)	<input type="text" value="50"/> (m/s)	<input type="text" value="1.5"/> (m/s^2)	Offset to Add
<input type="text" value="30"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="20"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="20"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="30"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="30"/> (s)	Buddy Check Slope
<input type="text" value="1.5"/> (mb)	<input type="text" value="0.8"/> (degC)	<input type="text" value="20"/> (%)	<input type="text" value="0.01"/> (deg)	<input type="text" value="50"/> (m)	<input type="text" value="3"/> (m/s)	QC Filter Wavelength
						QC Filter Deviation Limit
<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)			<input type="text" value="10"/> (s)	Disable QC Filter
<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Smoothing Wavelength
					<input type="checkbox"/>	Disable Satellite Check
					<input type="text" value="4"/>	Number of Satellites Limit
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disable Wind Error Check
					<input type="text" value="5"/> (s)	Pressure Monotonic Check
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					<input type="checkbox"/>	Vertical Velocity Difference Limit
						Disable Vertical Wind Calculation

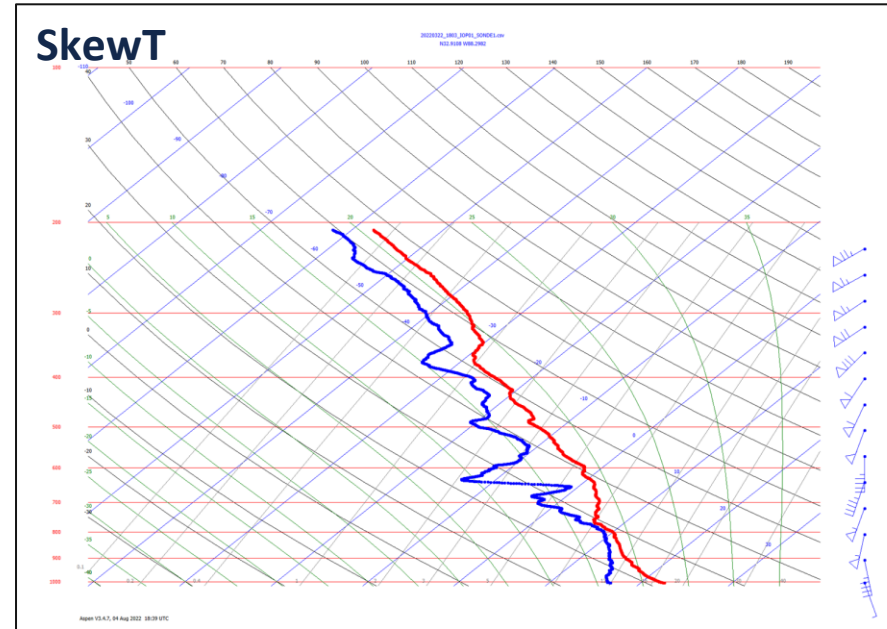
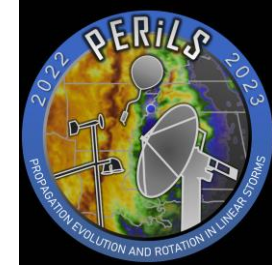
OK Cancel



# L1 – ASPEN QC

## • Output:

- EOL sounding file
- SkewT plot
- Summary PDF



Data Type/Direction: FARM Mobile Radiosonde/Ascending														<b>EOL</b>		
File Format/Version: EOL Sounding Format/1.1																
Project Name/Platform: PERILS/FARM_Mobile																
Launch Site: SONDE1																
Launch Location (lon,lat,alt): 88 17.89'W -88.298150, 32 54.65'N 32.910800, 49.10																
UTC Launch Time (y,m,d,h,m,s): 2022, 03, 22, 18:03:37																
Sonde Id/Sonde Type: 18043739/GRAW DFM-09																
Reference Launch Data Source/Time: unknown/unknown																
System Operator/Comments: /																
Post Processing Comments: Aspen V3.4.7; Created on 04 Aug 2022 18:36 UTC; Configuration editsonde																
Time	-- UTC	--	Press	Temp	Dewpt	RH	Uwind	Vwind	Wspd	Dir	dZ	GeoPoAlt	Lon	Lat	GPSAlt	
sec	hh	mm	ss	mb	C	%	m/s	m/s	m/s	deg	m/s	m	deg	deg	m	
-1.00	18	3	36.00	1003.60	22.50	16.63	69.00	-1.74	4.79	5.10	160.00	-999.00	49.10	-88.298150	32.910800	-999.00
0.00	18	3	37.00	1003.40	22.35	16.48	68.97	-1.74	4.80	5.11	160.05	3.45	50.88	-88.298150	32.910800	49.10
1.00	18	3	38.00	1002.96	22.25	16.38	68.97	-1.80	4.88	5.21	159.74	3.80	54.62	-88.298190	32.910860	53.80
2.00	18	3	39.00	1002.48	22.16	16.30	68.97	-1.88	4.98	5.32	159.37	4.22	58.87	-88.298220	32.910930	58.60
3.00	18	3	40.00	1001.94	22.09	16.24	69.03	-1.96	5.09	5.46	158.95	4.54	63.48	-88.298260	32.910990	63.40
4.00	18	3	41.00	1001.39	22.01	16.20	69.16	-2.05	5.21	5.60	158.55	4.74	68.26	-88.298290	32.911050	68.20
5.00	18	3	42.00	1000.84	21.94	16.18	69.37	-2.14	5.33	5.74	158.17	4.82	73.09	-88.298330	32.911120	73.00
6.00	18	3	43.00	1000.28	21.88	16.17	69.62	-2.22	5.45	5.89	157.81	4.83	77.92	-88.298370	32.911180	77.80
7.00	18	3	44.00	999.73	21.83	16.17	69.83	-2.31	5.57	6.03	157.49	4.79	82.71	-88.298400	32.911250	82.60
8.00	18	3	45.00	999.19	21.78	16.15	69.95	-2.39	5.69	6.17	157.24	4.76	87.46	-88.298440	32.911310	87.30
9.00	18	3	46.00	998.64	21.73	16.12	69.99	-2.47	5.81	6.31	157.00	4.77	92.17	-88.298470	32.911370	92.10
10.00	18	3	47.00	998.10	21.69	16.08	70.01	-2.55	5.93	6.46	156.74	4.82	96.87	-88.298510	32.911440	96.90

### Description

- 20220322\_1803\_IOP01\_SONDE1.csv

### Processing Steps

- QC processing completed (in less than 1.0s)
- Levels created (in less than 1.0s)
- WMO message coded (in less than 1.0s)
- Tabs updated (in 3.0s)
- Levels created (in 1.0s)

### QC Data Recovery Statistics

- 2826 raw data records
- pres : input file reported 2826 (100.0%) values, QC retained 2826 (100.0%), overall rate: 100.0%
- tdry : input file reported 2826 (100.0%) values, QC retained 2826 (100.0%), overall rate: 100.0%
- RH : input file reported 2826 (100.0%) values, QC retained 2826 (100.0%), overall rate: 100.0%
- winds: input file reported 2826 (100.0%) values, QC retained 2826 (100.0%), overall rate: 100.0%

### QC Height Integration

- Downward integration starts @ 49.1m

### QC for GPS Altitude

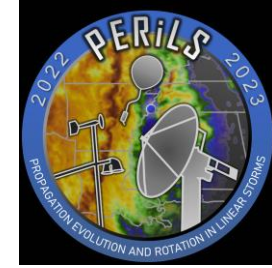
- Points which failed the limit check: 0
- Sats check not applied.
- Points which failed the buddy check: 0
- Points which failed the Q/C filter check: 0

## Summary





# L2 – Constant Hgt & Prs Interpolation + QC Flags



- Following [Ciesielski et al. \(2012\)](#):
  - Run modified FORTRAN scripts ([webpage](#)) on EOL sounding file
  - Output sounding data with constant height interpolation (5 m)
  - Output sounding data with constant pressure interpolation (1 mb)
  - Add quality control flags for pressure, height, temperature, dewpoint, & winds
- Objective QC checks
  - Super-adiabatic layers ( $T/T_d < -15^\circ/\text{km}$ )  $\rightarrow$  flag = 2
  - Non-hydrostatic check (Height decreases)  $\rightarrow$  flag = 2

Flag	Meaning
1	parameter good
2	parameter objectively questionable
3	parameter visibly questionable
4	parameter objectively bad
5	parameter visibly bad
6	parameter interpolated
7	parameter estimated
8	parameter unchecked
9	parameter omitted/missing

STN	DATE	GMT	HTS	LAT	LON							
SONDE1	20220322	1803	49	32.91080	-88.29815							
NLVL =2372												
P	HT	TC	TD	DIR	SPD	QP	QH	QT	QD	QW	LON	LAT
1003.6	49.1	22.50	16.63	160.04	5.10	1	1	2	2	1	-88.29815	32.91080
1003.5	50.0	22.42	16.55	160.06	5.10	1	1	2	2	1	-88.29815	32.91080
1002.9	55.0	22.24	16.37	159.71	5.21	1	1	2	2	1	-88.29819	32.91087
1002.3	60.0	22.14	16.29	159.22	5.36	1	1	2	2	1	-88.29823	32.91095
1001.8	65.0	22.06	16.23	158.80	5.50	1	1	2	1	1	-88.29827	32.91101
1001.2	70.0	21.98	16.19	158.38	5.65	1	1	2	1	1	-88.29830	32.91108
1000.6	75.0	21.92	16.18	158.01	5.80	1	1	1	1	1	-88.29835	32.91114
1000.0	80.0	21.86	16.17	157.68	5.95	1	1	1	1	1	-88.29839	32.91121

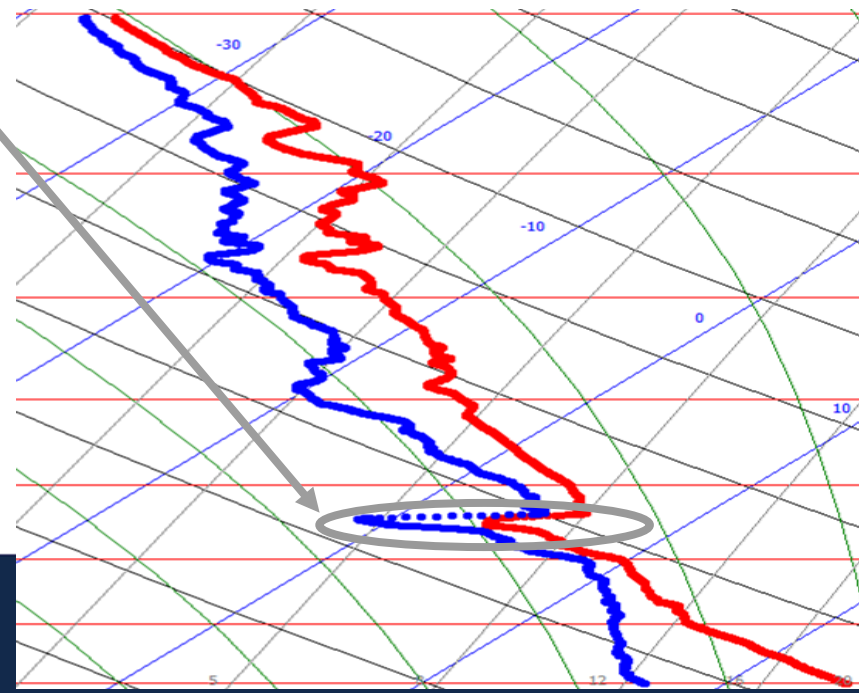
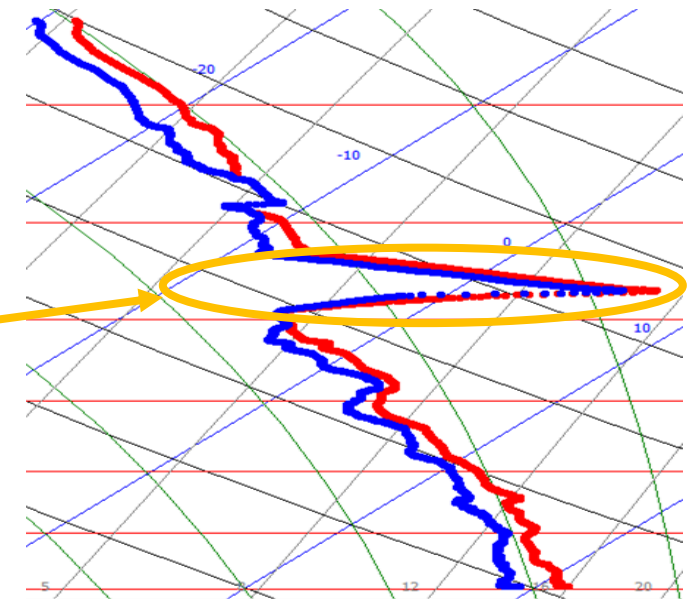
L2 Hgt



# L2 – Visual QC Flags

- Add visual QC checks

- T/Td “spikes” from sensor failures → flag = 5 (now removed by ASPEN, new 2023)
- Missing height/pressure/GPS from RTS → flag = 3
- T/Td near saturation in tropopause → flag = 3
- Super-adiabatic layers likely affected by evaporation of wet sensor → flag = 3 (where not already flag = 2)

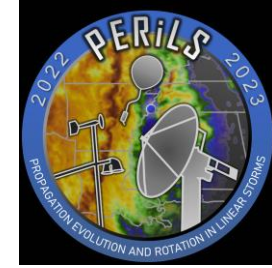


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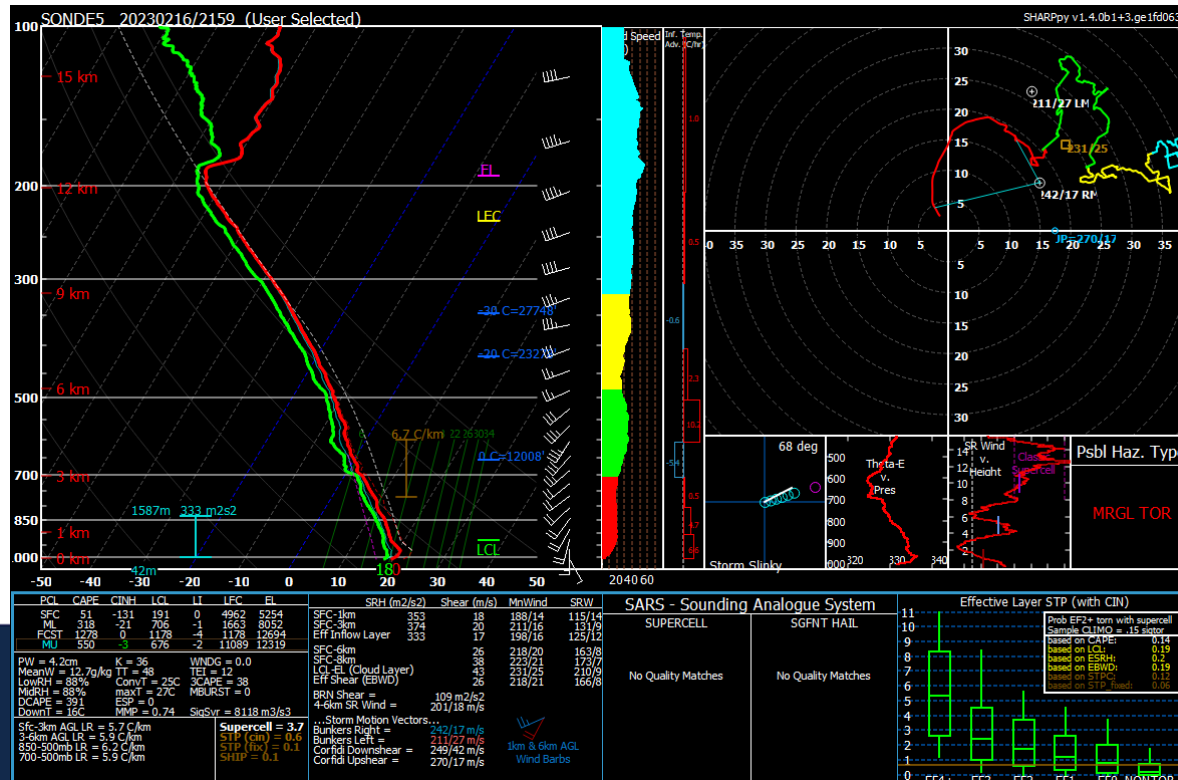




# L2 – SPC+SHARPy SkewT Plots



- Python script converts L3 Hgt sounding file to SPC format (keeps questionable data, removes bad data)
- Ingest SPC formatted sounding data into SHARPy & output SHARPy skewT plots with indices & hodographs.
  - <https://github.com/sharppy/SHARPy/blob/main/README.md>
  - Currently using v1.4.0b1 binary (works on Windows 10)



# Sounding README

- A README document is created for each Vehicle ID:
  - # of launches
  - Launch details (launch times UTC, location, ascent rate, max altitude, termination time)
  - Launch notes from the field
  - QC notes (issues found during QC process)
  - Brief QC methodology



**PROJECT NAME:** PERILS  
**SOUNDING TEAM:** SONDE3  
**IOP NAME:** IOP01  
**IOP DATE:** February 16 -17, 2023

**Author of README:** Paul Robinson & Josh Aikins  
**Date of README:** 10/30/2023

**Number of Launches:** 6  
**Start-End Time (UTC):** 16:30:08 UTC (02/16) – 00:56:55 UTC (02/17)

**Radiosonde Type:** GRAW DFM-09  
**Balloon Type:** Kaymont 150 (150 g)  
**Processor:** GRAWMET 5.16 software

## LAUNCH TABLE

Launch Number	Launch Time (UTC)	Latitude (deg)	Longitude (deg)	Altitude (m)	Ascent Rate (m/s) (sfc-3km AGL)	Maximum Altitude (m)	Termination Time (UTC)
1	16:30:08	32.473000	-88.094503	45	4.0	13063	17:35:27
2	17:56:19	32.473000	-88.094503	45	5.1	17389	18:53:41
3	19:59:38	32.473000	-88.094503	45	4.7	11309	20:44:57
4	21:00:08	32.473000	-88.094503	45	5.5	15746	21:59:15
5	00:00:19	32.473000	-88.094503	45	4.7	13109	00:41:36
6	00:56:55	32.473000	-88.094503	45	5.8	20652	02:04:12

## LAUNCH NOTES

Launch 1: None.  
Launch 2: None.  
Launch 3: None.  
Launch 4: None.  
Launch 5: None.  
Launch 6: None.

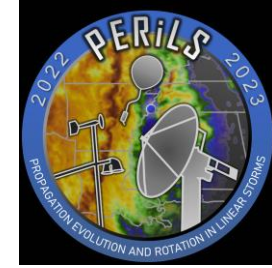
## QUALITY CONTROL NOTES

Launch 1: The launch start time was adjusted by -6 seconds to 14:51 (elapsed time in mm:ss) in the time series data. Temperature and dewpoint were manually flagged as visually questionable during a temperature rebound layer 2895 - 3355 m (720 - 681 mb) directly above an objectively questionable super-adiabatic layer likely influenced by evaporative cooling as the sensor exited a moist cloud layer and entered dry air.





# Disdrometers



Simple conversion from ATM4 format (88 lines per record) to CSV (one record per line)

Raw 10-s resolution data provided

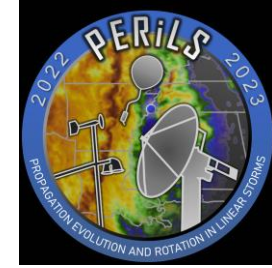
**ATM4**

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1 01:0000.000
2 02:0000.00
3 03:00
4 04:00
5 05: NP
6 06: C
7 07:-9.999
8 08:20000
9 09:00010
10 10:21710
11 11:00000
12 12:022
13 13:450123
14 14:2.11.2
15 15:2.11.1
16 16:0.00
17 17:12.3
18 18:0
19 19::36:42 3/3/2021 2
20 20:17:48:20
21 21:22.03.2022
22 22:FARM_P2S02
23 23:S02
24 34:0000.00
25 35:0000.00
```

## CSV

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1 Date/Time String, Station Name, Station Number, PARSIVEL Rain Intensity, PARSIVEL Rain Accumulation, Wx Code SYNOP wawa, Wx Code SYNOP ww, Wx Code MET
2 yyyy-mm-dd hh:mi:ss UTC, xxxxxxxxxxx, xxxx, mm/h, mm, Table 4680, Table 4677, Table 4678, see NWS, dBZ, m, s, 1, 1, deg C, xxxxxx, x.xx.x, x.xx.x, Amps,
3 2022-03-22 17:48:20, FARM_P2S02, S02, 0.000, 0.00, 00, 00, NP, C, -9.999, 20000, 10, 21710, 0, 22, 450123, 2.11.2, 2.11.1, 0.00, 12.3, 0, 0.000, -9.999
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# **All FARM data from PERILS 2023 have been released (and 2022, of course)**



## **2023 Radar data: COW1, DOW6, DOW7**

Wurman, J., & Kosiba, K. (2023). *PERILS 2023 radar data (Version 1)* [Data set]. Flexible Array of Radars and Mesonets (FARM), University of Illinois. <https://doi.org/10.48514/K7WX-NP56>

## **2023 Non-Radar data: MM, PODs, Disdrometers, Soundings, DOW meteorological masts:**

Wurman, J., & Kosiba, K. (2023). *PERILS 2023 Mobile Mesonet, Sounding, Pod, and Disdrometer Data (Version 1)* [Data set]. Flexible Array of Radars and Mesonets (FARM), University of Illinois. <https://doi.org/10.48514/S52C-MH37>

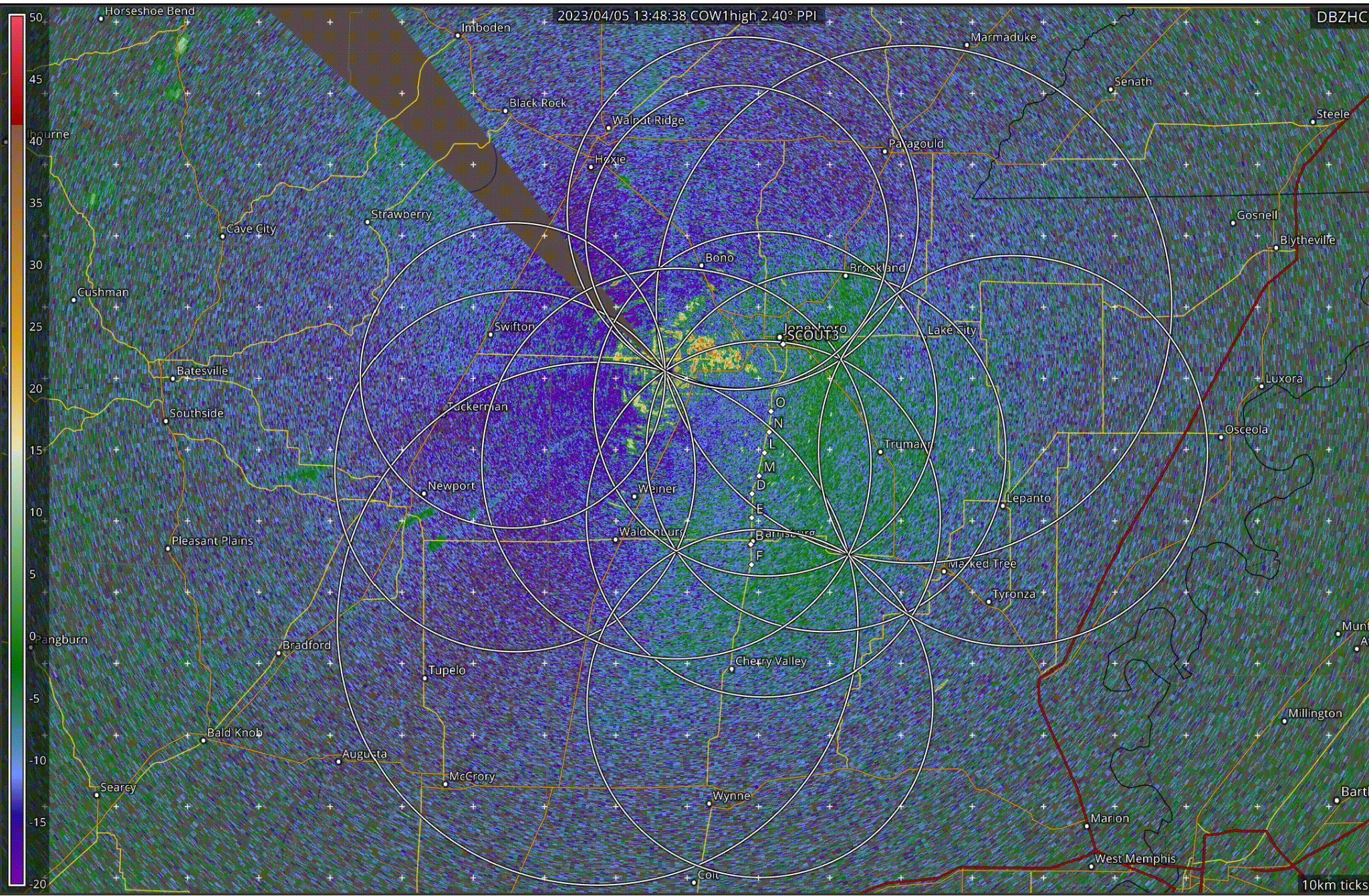
**Data for PERILS and other projects are available at:**

<https://publish.illinois.edu/dowfacility-upgrade/farm-data/>

\*Customized data (e.g. different indexing, raw I,Q time series, by request)

If you have questions relating to data, please contact the FARM Data Manager: **Josh Aikins (jaikins@illinois.edu)**





# GURU2 Deployment Loops