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# Lidar-Radar Open Software Environment (LROSE) Overview and Workshop Goals



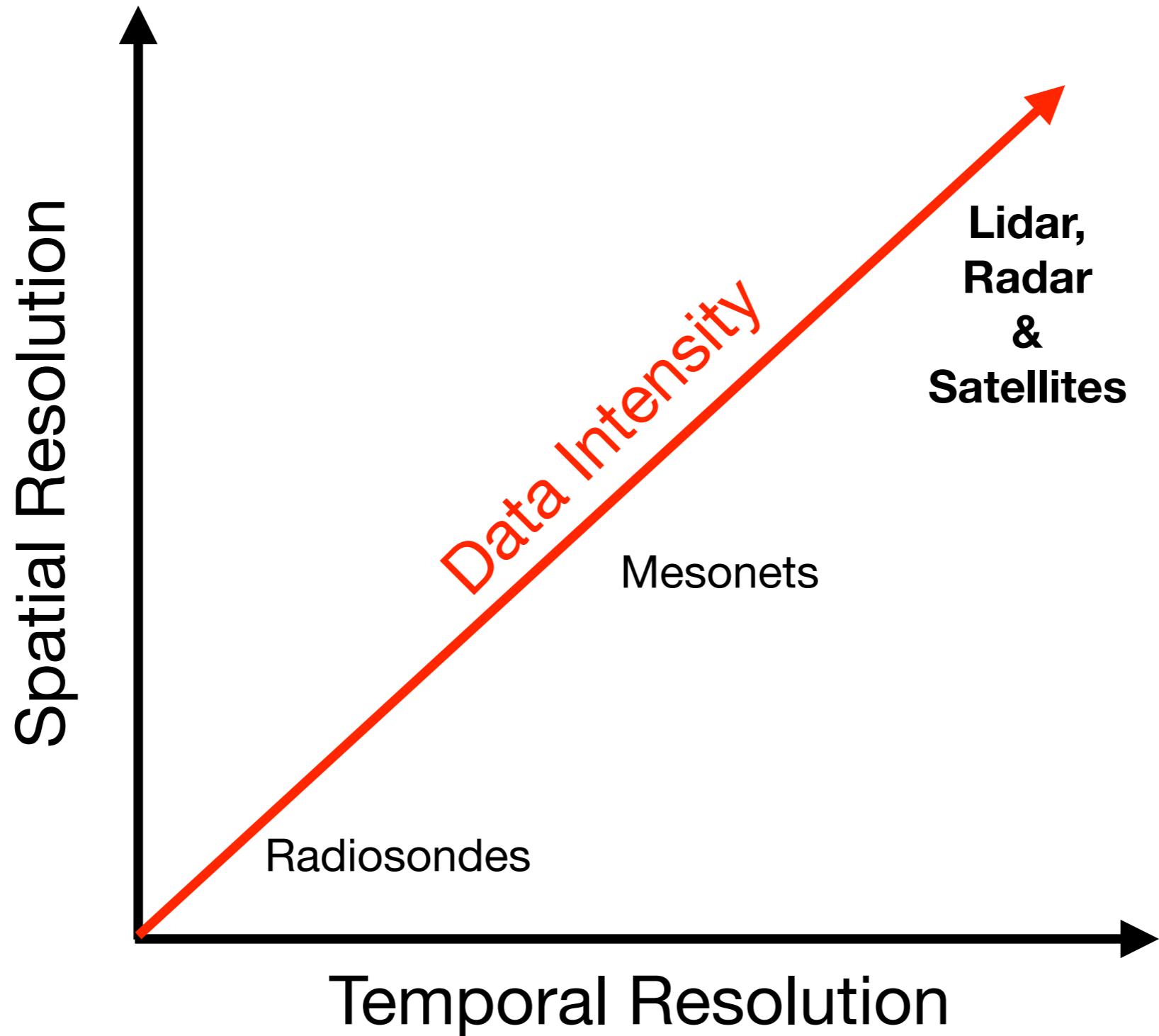
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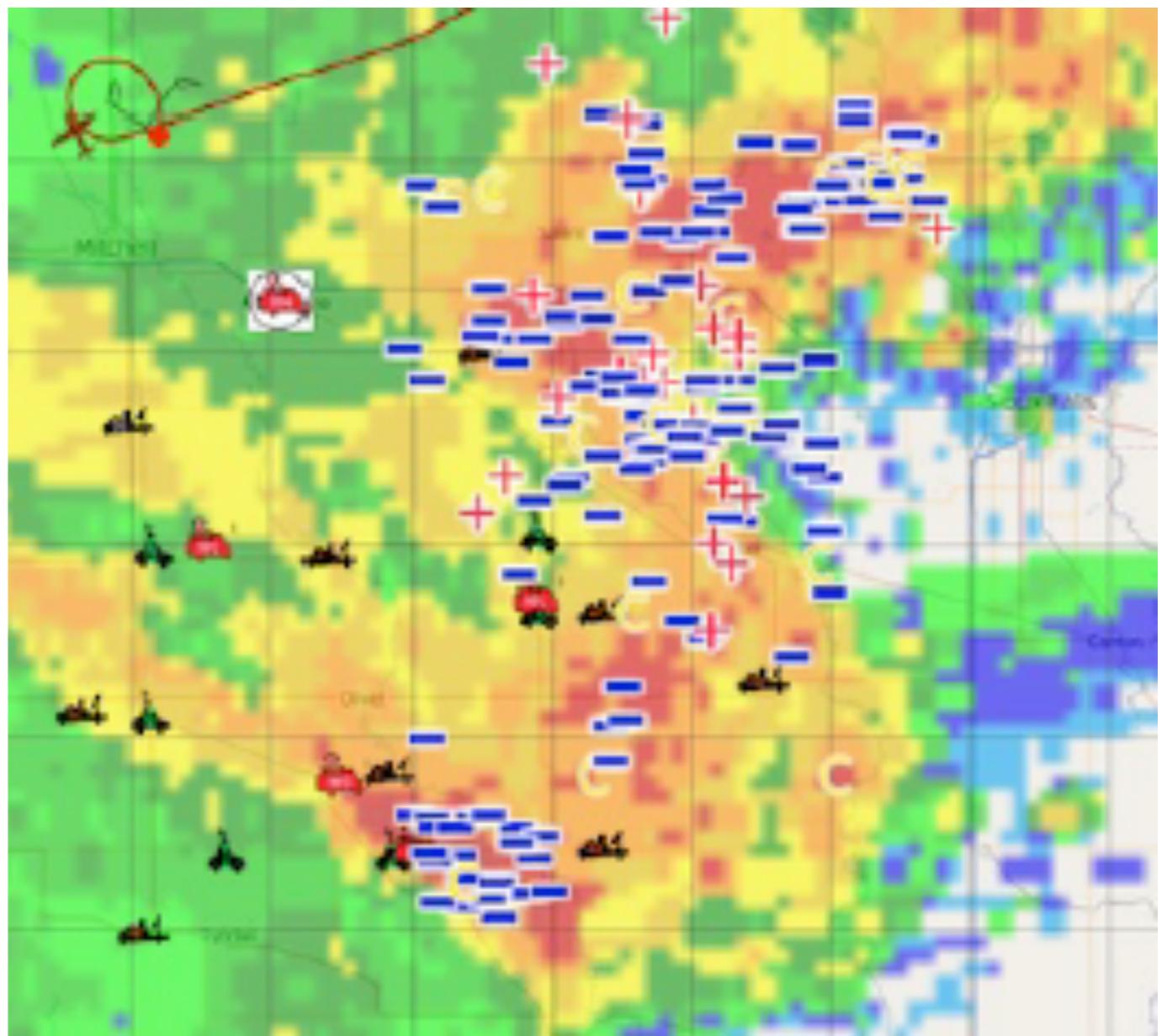


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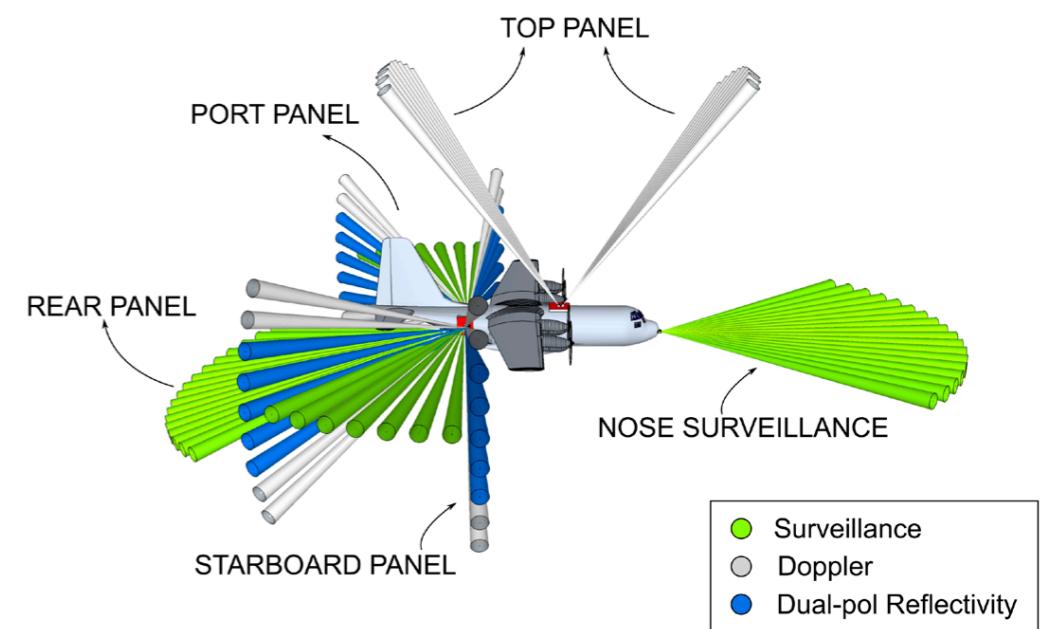
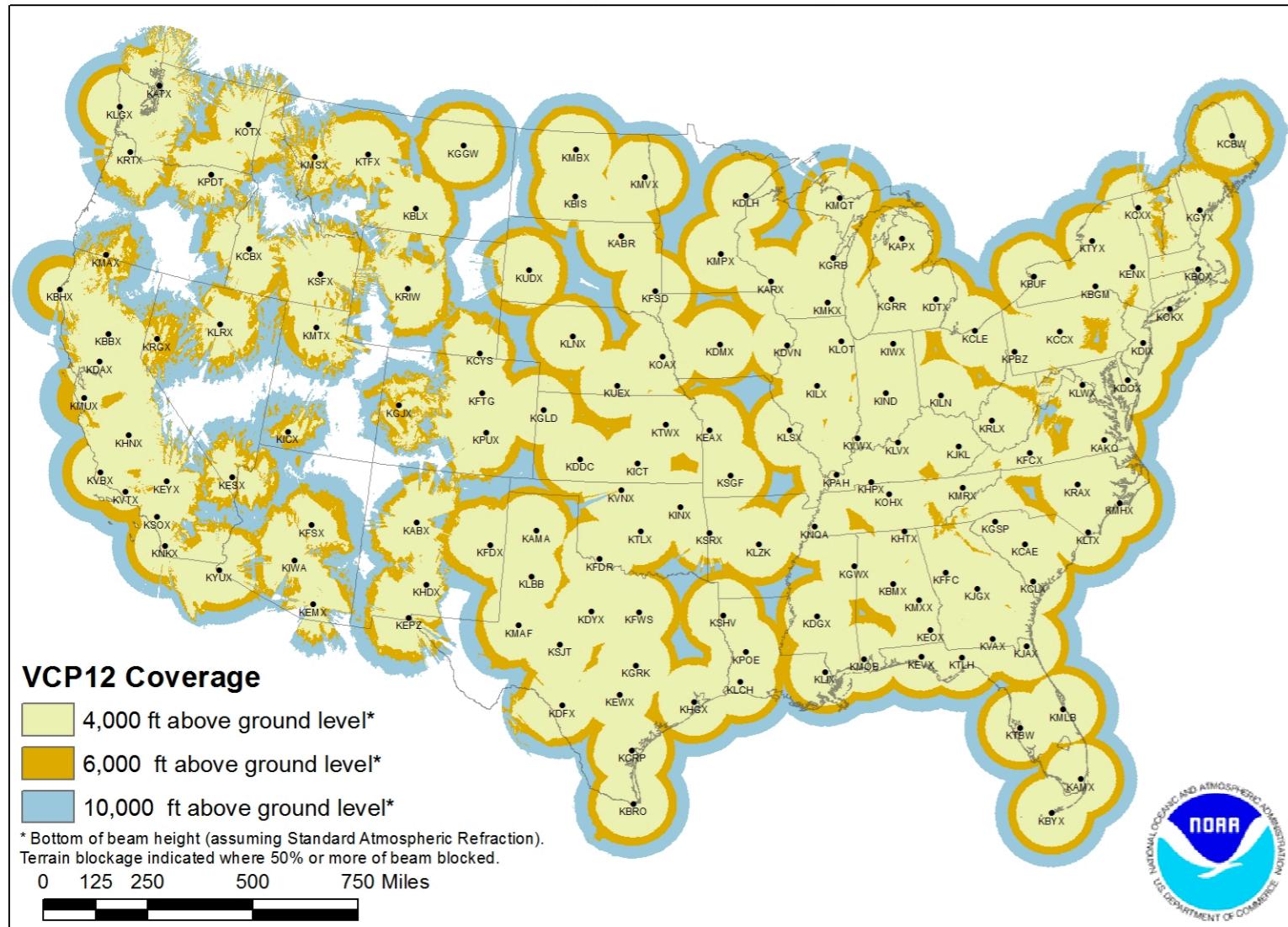


- 5 minutes of NSF sponsored PECAN radar data on 6 July 2015 from 12 radars contains over 200 sweeps and **~50 million** individual radar gates in a  $100 \times 100$  km domain
- Polarimetric radars produce Doppler velocity, radar reflectivity, differential reflectivity, differential phase, and correlation coefficient ( **$5x = 2.5 \times 10^8$  obs / 5 minutes**)
- Research radars record time series of each radar pulse, ranging from 1000 - 10,000 Hz. Assimilate just 2nd order moments of the H & V spectra ( **$4x \sim 10^9$  obs / 5 minutes**)
- Squall line maturation and decay occurs over 9 hour IOP ( **$100x = 10^{11}$  obs = 0.1 Tobs**)



# ***Exascale challenges:*** Massive data flow, storage, quality control, compression, and assimilation

# NEXRAD Coverage Below 10,000 Feet AGL

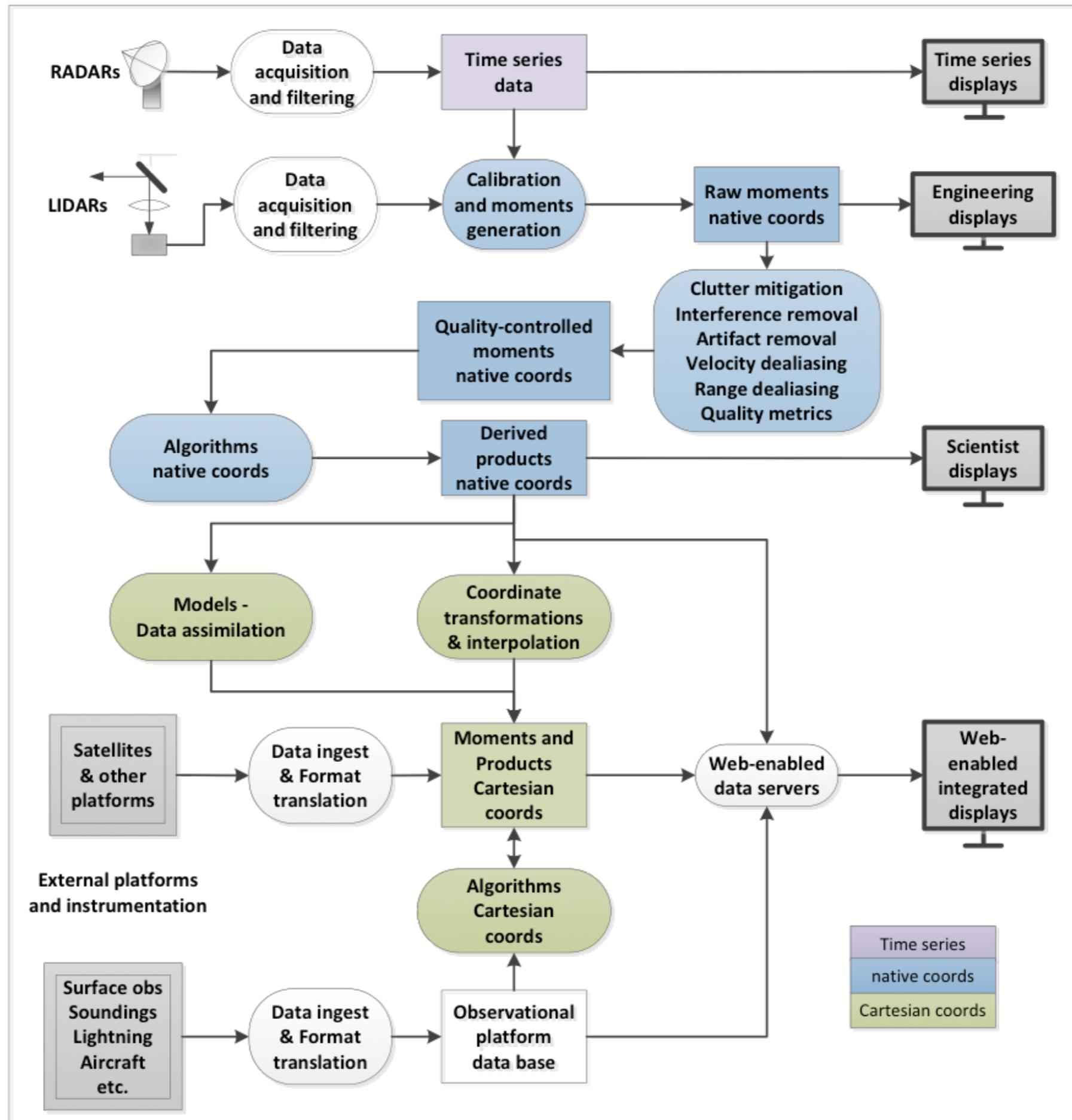


# LROSE: Lidar-Radar Open Software Environment

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- LROSE is a project to develop common software for the LIDAR, RADAR and Profiler community
- Joint 4-year project between Colorado State University and NCAR Earth Observing Laboratory recently funded by NSF SI2-SSI (Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation)
- It is based on collaborative, open source development, with algorithms and analysis tools developed and supported by the community.
- Data stored in portable data formats such as CfRadial, based on UNIDATA NetCDF, following the Climate and Forecasting (CF) conventions to facilitate data assimilation by models

<https://nsf-lrose.github.io>



Radar Software Needs	Personal Research Needs	Community Needs	Total Score
NCAR-maintained centralized repository for radar software (esp. including wind synthesis) with data sets for software testing	55	41	96
Standardized software packages and toolkits (multi-platform, modular, menu-driven, easy for community to add to, ease of conversion among new and old radar data formats)	30	53	83
Training (workshops/online tutorials)	48	15	63
Ability to integrate radar and non-radar data sets	25	32	57
Open source tools and software	30	16	46
3D/4D Visualization Software (with publication quality output)	24	21	45
Next generation wind synthesis software to replace the legacy (REORDER/CEDRIC) algorithms, while maintaining current functionality	15	27	42
Common radar data format standard and a common metadata standard (e.g. CfRadial)	19	15	34
64-bit compatible real-time display software tool	19	11	30
Improved radar data quality control (solo) (Oye et al., 1995)	12	20	32
Automated quality control software	14	13	27
Detailed documentation for data products, tools, and code	18	7	25
Improved dual-polarization processing	10	12	22
Accessible variational Doppler radar assimilation and thermodynamic retrieval	7	4	11
Totals	326	287	613

# LROSE Overview

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- GitHub open source collaboration ([github.org](https://github.org))
  - Free personal plan for .edu users allows for private repositories
- LROSE radar virtual toolbox
  - Low setup time, just open the box using Docker or on the cloud to get the latest tools (see Heistermann et al. 2015)
- LROSE one part of larger National Strategic Computing Initiative (NSCI)
  - Integration with SI2 Big Weather Web for data assimilation
  - Cloud computing (e.g. full NEXRAD database on Amazon S3)

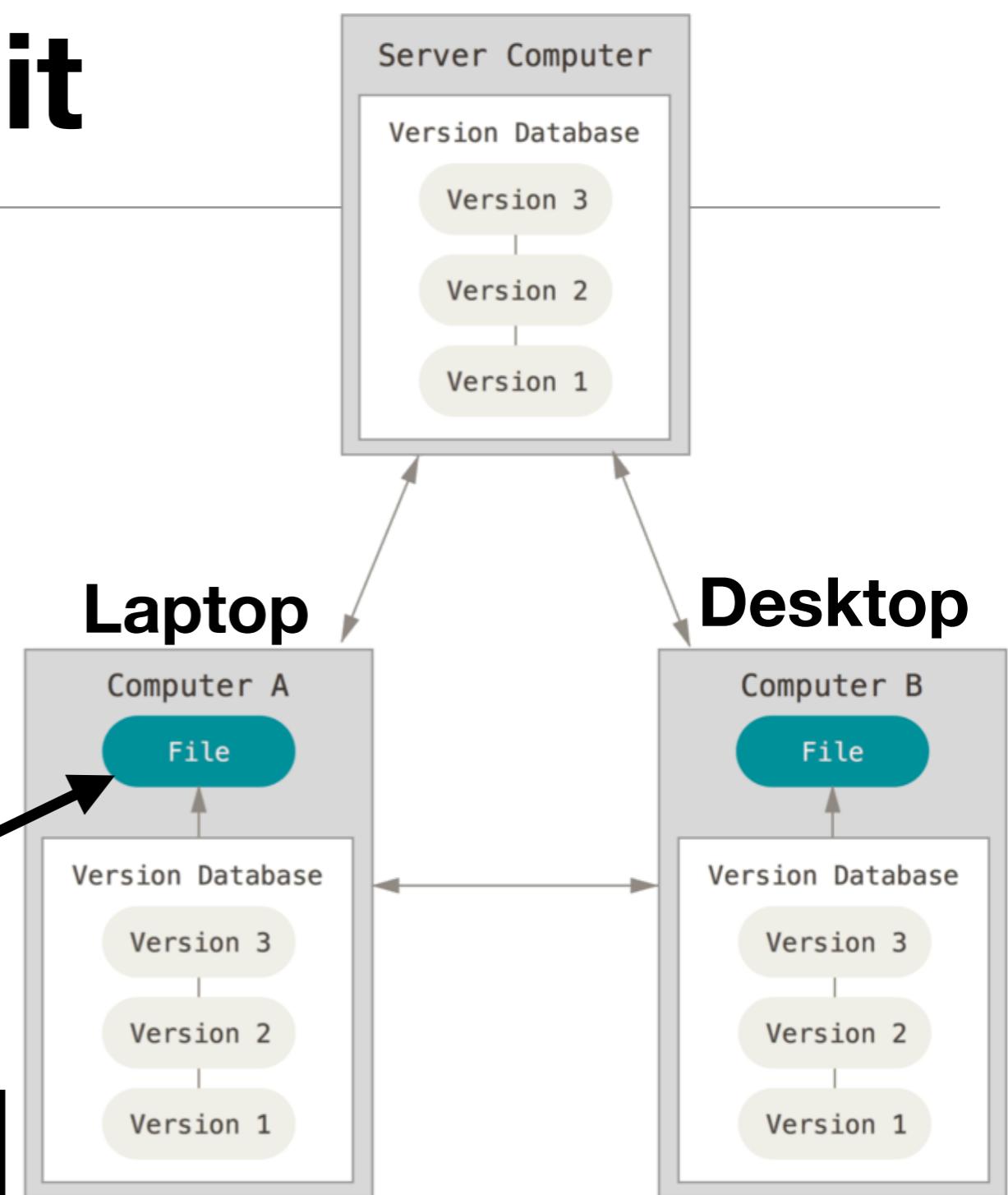
# Brief Primer on Git

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$ ls  
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my-awesome_script_20170110.jl  
my-awesome_script_bad_version.jl  
my-awesome_script_new_version.jl  
my-awesome_script_v1.jl  
my-awesome_script_v2.1.jl  
my-awesome_script_v2.jl
```

my-awesome\_script.jl

Files are stored in a database that keeps track of your changes and is distributed across multiple devices and the cloud

GitHub



Code

Pull requests 0

Projects 0

Wiki

Pulse

Graphs

Settings

Core C/C++ code for LROSE. <https://www.eol.ucar.edu/content/lida...>

Edit

587 commits

1 branch

3 releases

2 contributors

Branch: master ▾

New pull request

Create new file

Upload files

Find file

Clone or download ▾

This branch is even with NCAR:master.

Pull request Compare

mike-dixon apps/Radx/RadxPartRain: working on melting layer

Latest commit 05378fc a day ago

build exporting LROSE\_INSTALL\_DIR

2 months ago

codebase apps/Radx/RadxPartRain: working on melting layer

a day ago

docs Editing make docs

12 days ago

release\_notes adding-from-cvs

5 months ago

.gitignore Merge branch 'master' of https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-core

5 days ago

LICENSE.txt adding

5 months ago

README.md Updating README

5 months ago

README.md

## Irose-core



 - The Lidar Radar Open Software Environment

LROSE is a co-operative project between:

- Dept. of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University (CSU) and the
- The Earth Observing Lab at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).

LROSE is funded by the National Science Foundation.

‘Fork’ a repo to contribute to LROSE development

‘Clone’ a repo to use it yourself locally

View your code and revision history

← Use a pretty README file to document your project or algorithm

# **Infrastructure**

*NetCDF data support layer*

*Data servers for display applications*

*Higher-level language bindings for C++ library classes*

*Higher-level language native data handling library*

*Portability layer*

*Open source software distribution mechanism*

# **Displays**

*ASCOPE for spectral radar I/Q time series*

*BSCAN for vertically pointing data*

*Low-level viewer and editor for polar data*

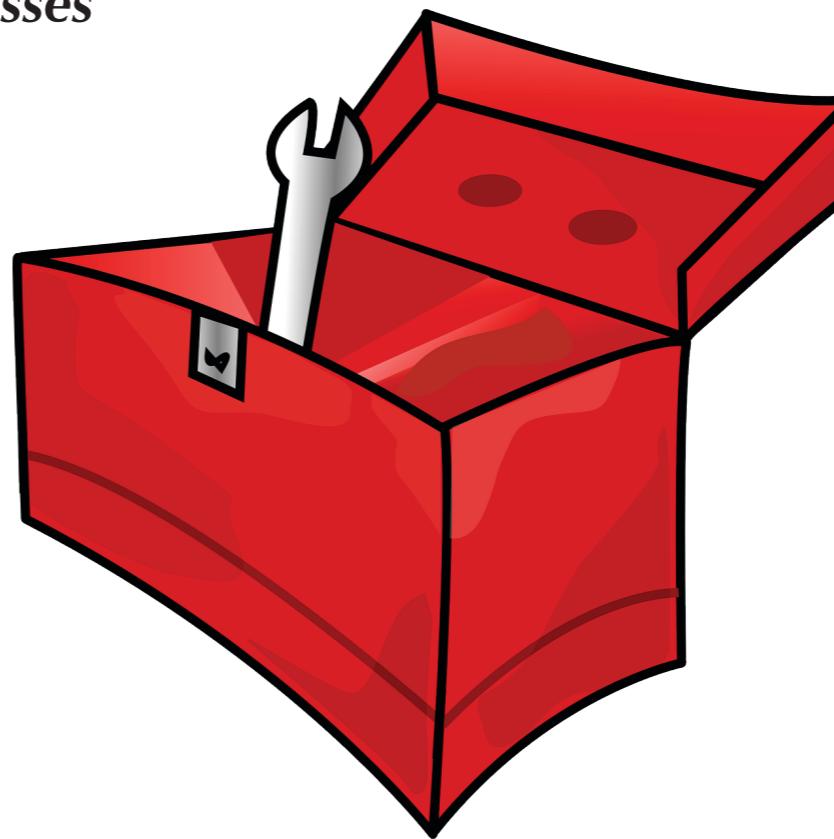
*Platform-independent viewer for data integration*

*Display and editor tool for profiler data*

# **Core Suite Algorithms**

*Well-tested, published algorithms*

*Common tasks and widely used tools*



# **Community Algorithms**

*Specialized software toolsets*

*Configurable modules for different instruments and science goals*

*Partner-maintained packages (DOE PyArt, BALTRAD, and others)*

Time period	Infrastructure	Proposed tasks	
	Displays		Algorithms
Year 1	Develop and test initial virtual machine image. Set up software distribution mechanism (GitHub). Enhance portability and compilation on target platforms.	Develop (or enhance) the most widely required displays (e.g. those that integrate radar/lidar data with other sources)	Develop/enhance tier 1 algorithms – i.e. those most in demand (refer to Tables 1 and 4)
Year 2	Develop and test advanced virtual images. Begin development of bindings for higher level languages.	Enhance existing displays. Begin development on BSCAN and profiler editing display tools.	Develop/enhance tier 2 algorithms – i.e. those next most in demand
Year 3	Enhance virtual images. Begin development of native APIs for higher level languages.	Enhance existing displays. Begin ASCOPE spectral display development.	Develop/enhance tier 3 algorithms – i.e. those next most in demand
Year 4	Enhance virtual images.	Enhance existing displays.	Develop/enhance tier 4 algorithms – i.e. those next most in demand

# Workshop Goals

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1. Discuss current state of LROSE software and partner tools, and develop future plans for maximum synergy and community benefit.
2. Discuss software, science, and technical priorities, building on the 2012 NSF Radar workshop. Begin to define reproducible workflows for different users, platforms, and disciplines.
3. Refine the mechanisms by which community input and code are included in the project.
4. Solicit and discuss new transformative ideas that would be enabled by improved lidar and radar software tools.

# Logistics

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- ReadyTalk enabled for all talks and breakouts. Please talk into the microphone or telephone, and repeat questions.
- 3 breakout groups in each of three sessions. Need volunteers for moderation and rapporteurs. Keep the discussion lively and open for all (especially students).
- Plenary discussion to summarize and assimilate breakouts, with aim towards some group consensus.
- White paper from workshop discussion and recommendations will be distributed to wider community for feedback.

## Breakout #1 “Building common infrastructure”

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- 1) “Working Together”: LROSE, PyART, BALTRAD, and more
- “Defining Workflows”: Common tasks for common goals and reproducibility
  - 2) Quality Control and Data Assimilation
  - 3) Polarimetric Radar Applications

## Breakout #2 “Science and technical needs”

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- 1) “Tech talk”: LROSE internals and design principles
- “Science Priorities”: Meeting the needs of scientists across disciplines
  - 2) Airborne Doppler Radar
  - 3) Ground-based Radar

## Breakout #3 “Enabling Science”

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- “Building Community”
  - 1) Mechanisms for including externally developed or maintained code, including testing and verification
  - 2) Documentation, community wiki, and support
  - 3) “Big Ideas”: Leveraging LROSE for high-risk high-reward science

# Lidar Radar Open Software Environment LROSE

## Existing Software Status

First User's Group Workshop  
NCAR, Boulder, Colorado  
2017/04/11 – 2017/04/12

Mike Dixon  
Earth Observing Laboratory (EOL)  
National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)  
Boulder, Colorado

# LROSE

LROSE is an NSF-funded project to enhance the software tools available to the community of users of radars, profilers and lidars.

- Funded via NSF SI2 software infrastructure program.
- Open source, community data formats, permissive free licensing.
- Portable code, high-level languages where appropriate.
- Virtualization – supports containers and virtual hosts, as well as running natively.
- Makes maximum use of existing software, refactoring and modifying as appropriate.
- Provides common applications for research, teaching and real-time operations.

# LROSE

**LROSE CORE  
development**  
CSU  
NCAR



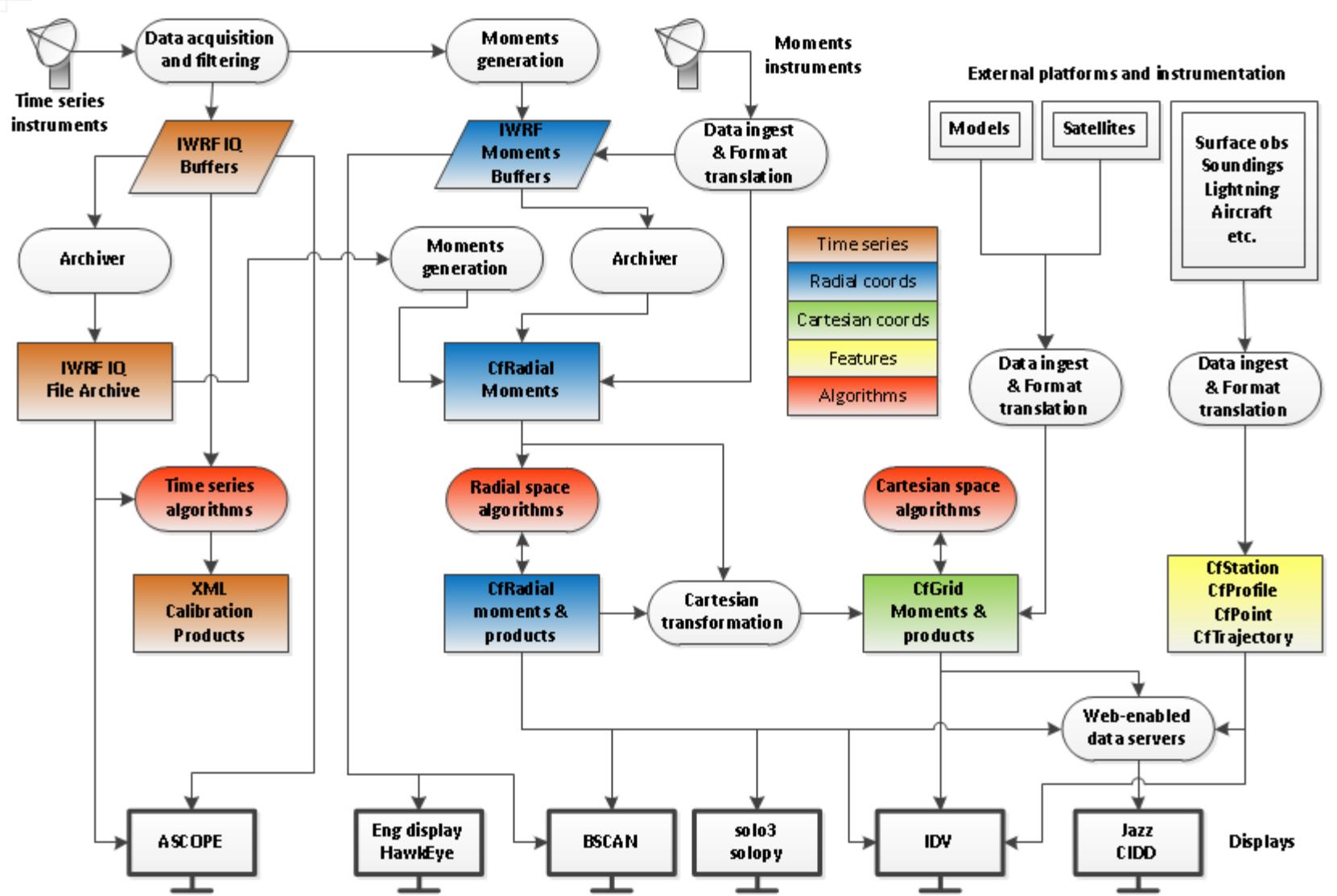
NSF's prime interest aligns with the university and research community.

The LROSE team recognizes that collaboration with other institutions will enhance our capabilities and reduce redundancy of effort.

## Collaboration

Universities  
Research Centers (e.g. CSWR)  
PyArt toolbox (DOE/ARM)  
BALTRAD toolbox (Sweden)  
wradlib toolbox (Germany)  
BOM (Australia)  
NCAS (UK)  
Environment Canada  
NCMS (UAE)  
WMO data exchange  
Commercial sector  
etc.

PyArt, wradlib and BALTRAD are mature, but still under active development.



LROSE Data Flow Overview

# Application Development Status

The status of the LROSE applications varies, with some being mature, some actively under development, and some that do not yet exist.

Mature applications will be shown in blue:

**RadxQpe**

Applications under active development will be shown in red:

**AScope**

Applications which do not yet exist will be shown in gray:

**TitanPerfectForecast**

# Calibration, Digital receiver, Time series generation Clutter filtering, Moments computation

Solar scans and cross-polar power monitoring for Z and ZDR calibration

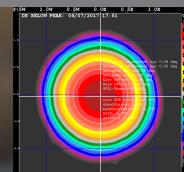
**RadxSunMon**

**SunCal**

**AltCpCompute**

**ZdrCalSimHv**

**RadxClutMon**

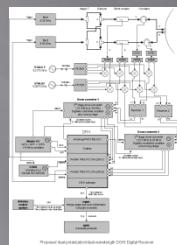


Vertical scanning for ZDR calibration



**VertCompute**

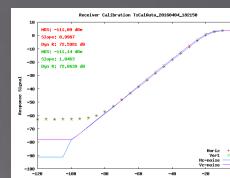
Digital receiver, pulse analysis  
Time series generation



**dowdrx**  
**spoldrx**  
**hcrdrx**

Engineering ATE calibration

**RadarConst**  
**TsCalAuto**



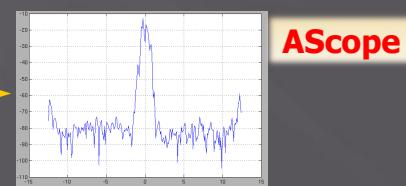
**Dsr2Radx**

Moments archive

**CMD**  
**Iq2Dsr**

Clutter filtering  
Moments generation

**TsSmartSave**  
Time series archive



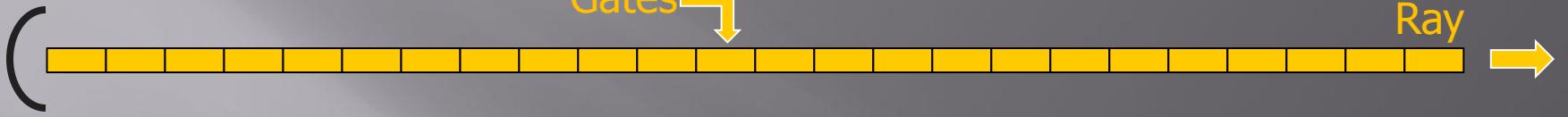
Time series analysis

# Polar space format conversion

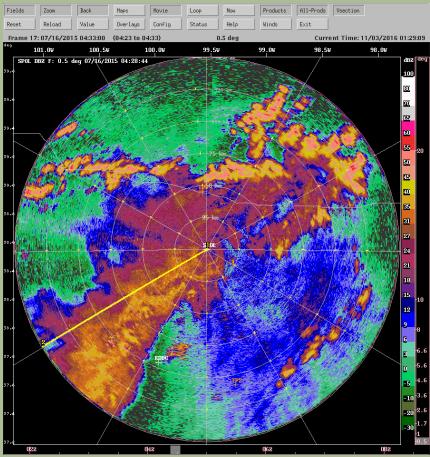
**RadxConvert**

Type	Notes	Type	Notes
D3R	Read-only	NEXRAD Level 2	Read-write
DOE	Read-only	NEXRAD Level 1,3	Read-only
DORADE	Read-write	NOXP	Read-only
EEC-Edge	Read-only (work in progress)	NSSL-MRD	Read-only
FORAY	Read-write	ODIM-H5	Read-write (work in progress)
Gamic	Read-only	RAPIC	Read-only
Gematronik Rainbow	Read-only (writeable with python script)	SIGMET Raw (Vaisala)	Read-only
HSRL (LIDAR)	Read-only	TDWR	Read-only
HRD (Hurricane Research Division)	Read-only	TWOLF	Read-only
Leosphere (LIDAR)	Read-only	UF	Read-write
CfRadial-1	Read-write	CfRadial-2 (WMO)	Read-write (work in progress)

# RADAR and LIDAR volumes are made up of gates, rays and sweeps

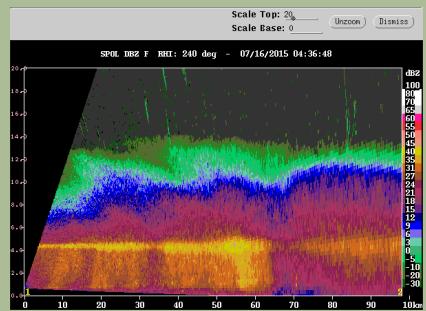


PPI mode – surveillance / sector – constant elevation sweeps

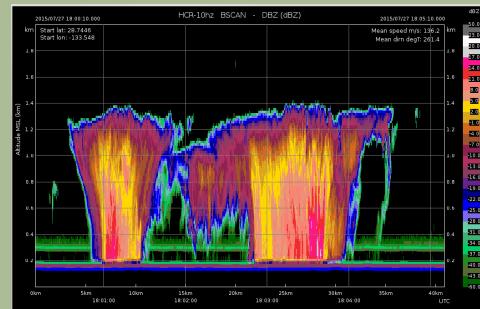


A collection of **GATES** forms a **RAY**.  
A collection of **RAYS** forms a **SWEEP**.  
A collection of **SWEEPS** forms a **VOLUME**.

RHI mode – constant azimuth sweeps



Vertical pointing mode  
Sweeps are time-delimited

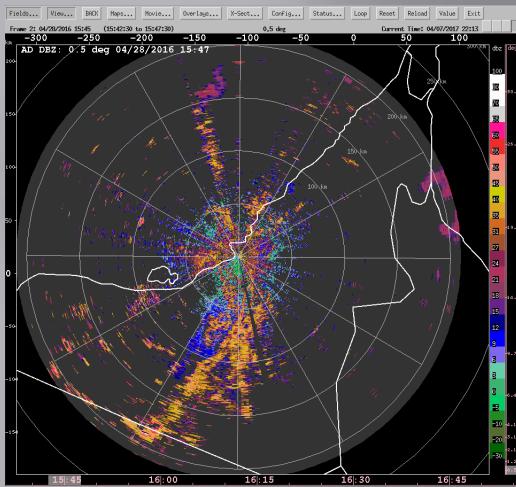


# Data manipulation and filtering

Application Name	Description
<a href="#">Ts2NetCDF</a>	Convert NEXRAD level 1 and IWRF time series to NetCDF
<a href="#">TsPrint</a>	Print NEXRAD level 1 and IWRF time series
<a href="#">RadxPrint</a>	Print contents of Radx-supported file
<a href="#">RadxConvert</a>	Convert file formats, data representation, compression. Select on elevation angles, sweep numbers. Override selected metadata.
<a href="#">RadxCheck</a>	Check for validity of Radx (CfRadial) file
<a href="#">RadxMergeVols</a>	Merge Radx volumes into a single file
<a href="#">RadxMergeFields</a>	Merge selected fields from different Radx files into a single file
<a href="#">RadxDwellCombine</a>	Combine dwells from Radx volumes into longer dwells (for example for vertical pointing radars)
<a href="#">RadxDiffFields</a>	Checks for differences between fields in Radx files
<a href="#">RadxTimeMedian</a>	Compute time-base median values for selected fields in RadxFile
<a href="#">RadxPersistentClutter</a>	Determine the points for which clutter is persistent over a large number of volumes - helps to identify residual clutter locations
<a href="#">RadxFilter</a>	Compute filtered fields in range (e.g.median filter over n gates)
<a href="#">RadxCov2Mom</a>	Compute moments from co-variances in Radx files
<a href="#">RadxMon</a>	Monitor incoming Radx data in real-time data stream
<a href="#">FixRadxValues</a>	Make selected modifications to data values in Radx file
<a href="#">FixCfradialPaths</a>	Convert file names to conform to CfRadial directory structure and naming convention

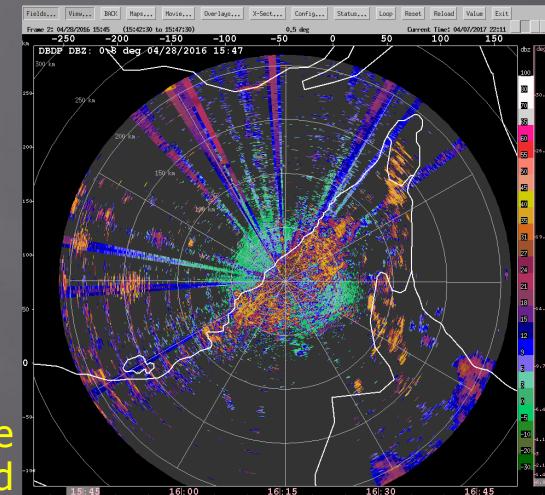
# Data Quality Tools

**RadxQc**

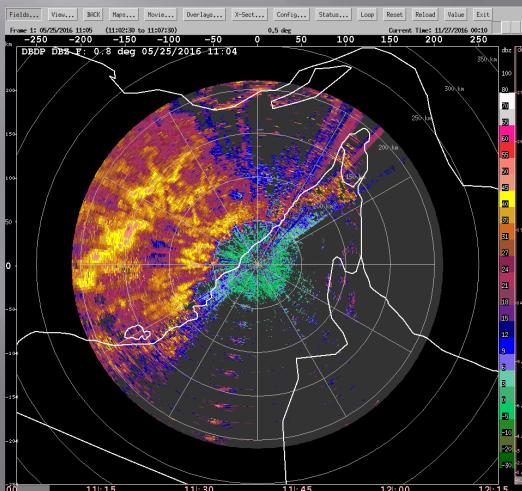


Anomalous propagation

Tools are under development for mitigation of common data quality problems

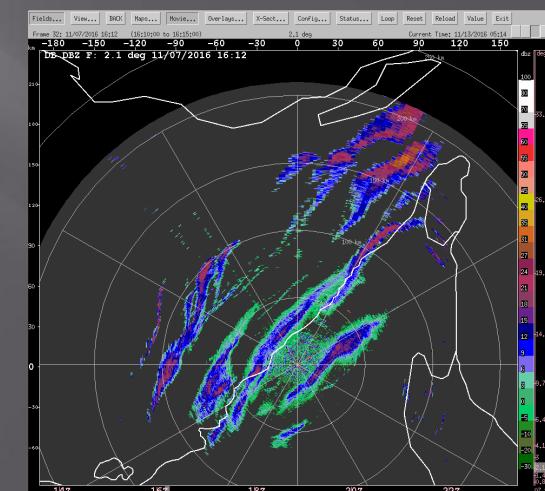


Radio-LAN interference  
at C-band



Sea clutter

Work is ongoing since the quality issues vary by location and radar type



Military chaff

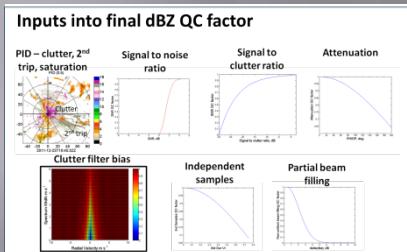
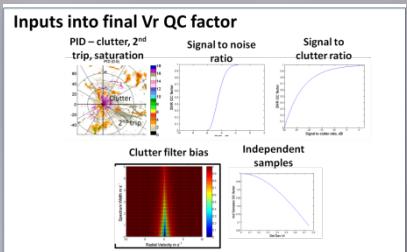
Examples are from the UAE NCMS Abu Dhabi and Dubai radars

# Real-time data QC For Model Data Assimilation in collaboration with USWRP-funded NCAR STEP program

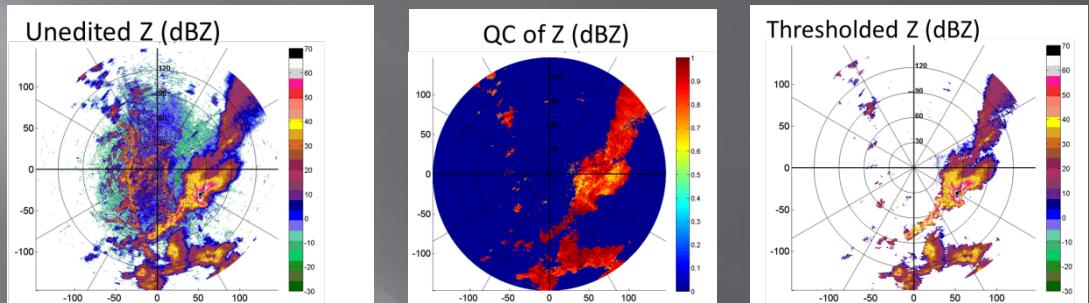
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for this material

**RadxModelQc**

For now consider Z and Vr only  
Compute QC Factors between 0 and 1

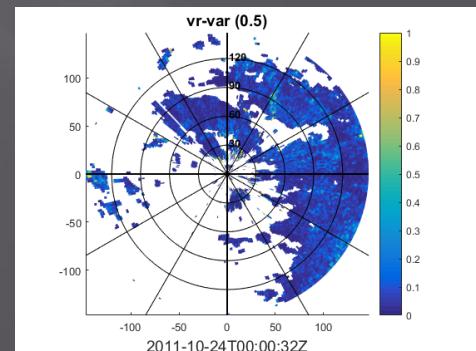
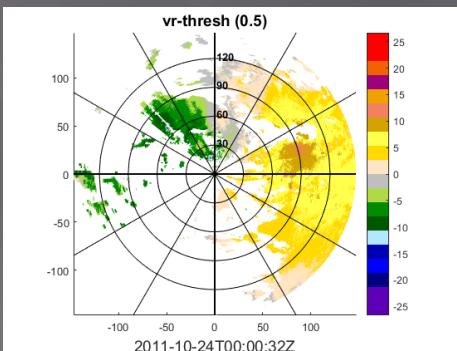


Create thresholded fields using points with QC factor > 0.5  
Example below is for Reflectivity Z



## Estimation of variance

- Estimate variance from the data itself: direct measurement, measurement variance and small scale natural variations, takes into account all sources of measurement variance
- Theoretical estimate of variance: radar characteristics (dwell time, wavelength), echo characteristics (SNR, Spectrum Width)

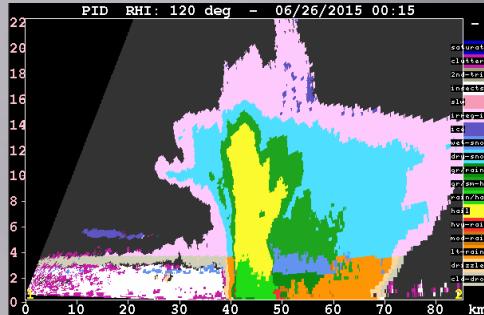


- QC factors designed for numerous error sources
- PID (clutter, 2nd trip, saturation); SNR; SCR; clutter filter bias; independent samples; attenuation; partial beam filling
  - Vary from 0 to 1
  - Designed using radar theory, studies in the literature

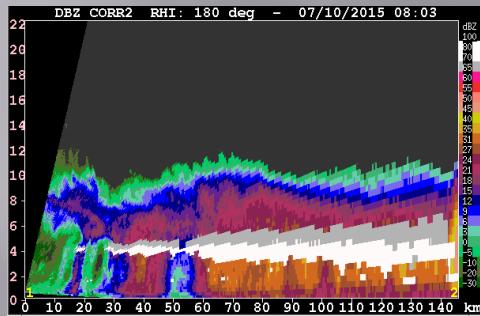
Final Vr and Z QC factors are computed by multiplying all of the error source QC factors together

A threshold of 0.5 is then applied

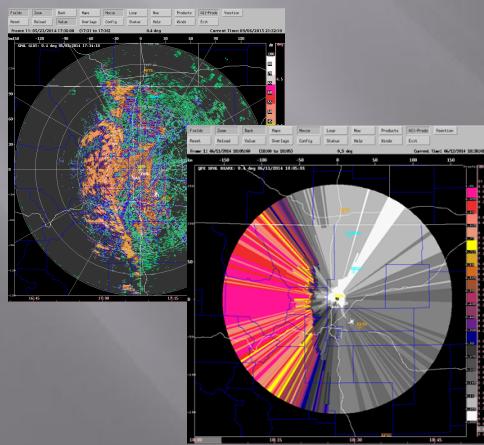
# Microphysics, Precipitation Rate and Accumulation



NCAR Hybrid  
Precip Rate

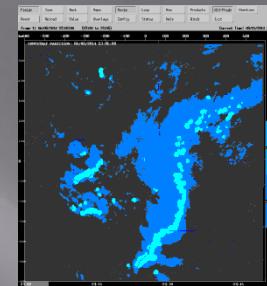


Melting layer  
identification



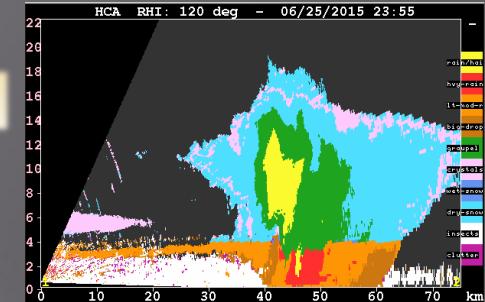
Beam blockage  
identification

**RadxBeamBlock**



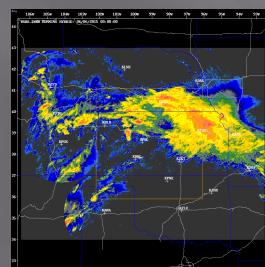
NEXRAD HCA

**RadxHca**



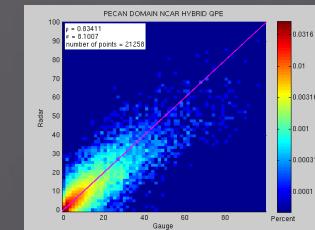
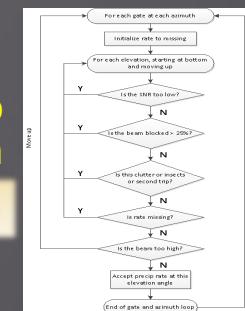
**ConvStrat**  
**stratiform\_filter**

Precip accumulation



Quantative precip  
estimation

**RadxQpe**

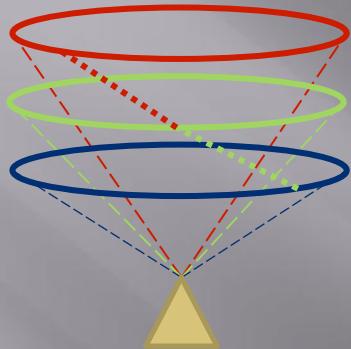


Precip  
verification

**QpeVerify**

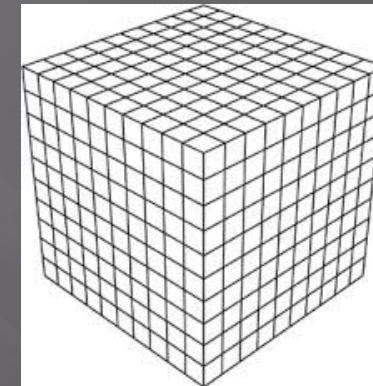
Tools for hydrometeor type, precip rate estimation and QPE

# Coordinate transformation



Radx2Grid

Radx2Cart



Radial/polar coordinates

Rectangular/Cartesian coordinates

Radx2Grid can produce 3 types of regular grid:

- 3-D Cartesian grid (z, y, x)
- Cartesian PPIs (elev, y, x)
- Regular polar grid (elev, az, range)

Some users find Radx2Grid daunting to use because of the many options in the parameter file.  
Perhaps we need to add a simpler version (Radx2Cart) which only performs the most common transformation.

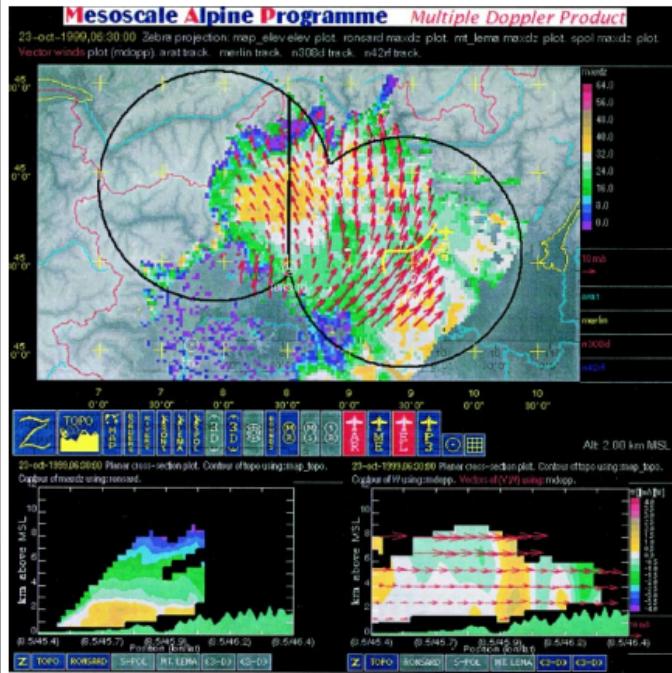
sprint

Legacy app that interpolates from the data values immediately surrounding the output grid point.

reorder

Legacy app that uses a weighted interpolation of all grid points within a certain distance of the output grid point.

# Doppler wind retrieval



Example of multi-Doppler wind synthesis  
(Chong et al., BAMS, Vol. 81, No. 12, December 2000)

**RadxEvad**

Single Doppler wind retrieval application using the Enhanced VAD method.

Thomas Metejka and Ramesh C. Srivastava, 1991: 'An Improved Version of the Extended Velocity-Azimuth Display Analysis of Single-Doppler Radar Data', Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology, Vol 8, No 4, August 1991

**cedric**

Legacy multi-Doppler wind retrieval app in FORTRAN, widely used in the research community, often in conjunction with [sprint](#) or [reorder](#).

**RadarWind**

Multi-Doppler wind retrieval app developed by Bell, Lee and others for the analysis of Doppler airborne tail radars e.g. eldora and NOAA tail radars

**SAMURAI**

3-D variational multi-Doppler wind retrieval app , Bell et al, 2012

**VDRAS**

4-D variational multi-Doppler wind retrieval app , Crook and Sun, 2002.

Doppler wind retrieval, and velocity dealiasing, seem to be ideal candidates for LROSE-community collaboration to develop new easy-to-use methods.

**GVTD**

Single Doppler hurricane/tornado wind retrieval

Lee et al. 1994, 1999; Jou et al. 2008

**JamesDealias**

4D velocity dealiasing

James and Houze, JTec, 2001

**PyArtDealias**

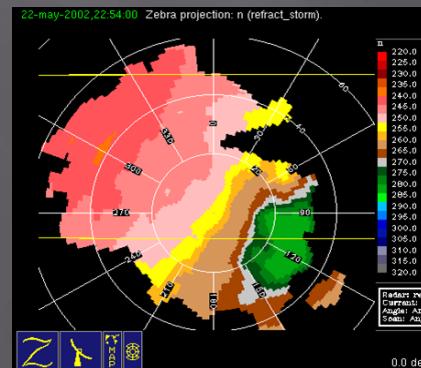
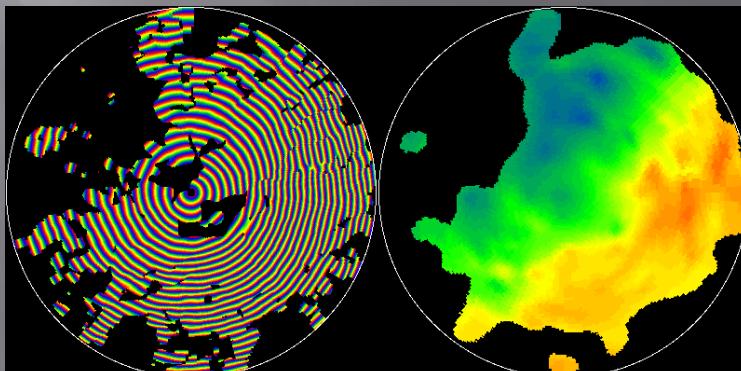
Velocity dealiasing based on PyArt algorithm

# Nowcasting and Storm Analysis

App Name	Description	Reference
<a href="#">Titan</a>	Storm tracking – convective.	TITAN (Dixon and Wiener, 1993)
<a href="#">ctrec</a>	Echo tracking – stratiform. Produces U/V vectors.	CTREC (Tuttle and Foote, 1990)
<a href="#">OpticalFlow</a>	Echo tracking for extrapolation. Produces U/V vectors.	Bab-Hadiashar, A, D. Suter, and R. Jarvis, 1996, 2-D Motion extraction using an image interpolation technique. SPIE Vol. 2564, 271-281.
<a href="#">ScaleSep</a>	Scale separation of precipitation elements for nowcasting purposes.	Alan W. Seed, Clive E. Pierce, and Katie Norman, 2013. Formulation and evaluation of a scale decomposition-based stochastic precipitation nowcast scheme. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH, VOL. 49, 6624–6641, doi: 10.1002/wrcr.20536, 2013
<a href="#">TitanVectors2Mdv</a>	Produces a field of U/V vectors from Titan storm tracks.	
<a href="#">VerifyTracks</a>	Verifies Titan track forecasts.	TITAN (Dixon and Wiener, 1993)
<a href="#">StormInitLocation</a>	Location of Titan storm initiation events	
<a href="#">StormInitClimatology</a>	Climatology of Titan storm initiation events	
<a href="#">Tracks2Ascii</a>	Titan storm properties in ASCII table	
<a href="#">Tstorms2Xml</a>	Titan storm properties in XML	
<a href="#">TrackGridStats</a>	Titan storm properties over a grid	

# Refractivity

Application Name	Refractivity apps	Reference
<b>PhaseDiff</b>	Compares radar volumes to measure and output phase differences, which are used to determine suitable time ranges to use in RefractCalib	
<b>RefractCalib</b>	Reads radar I&Q data over an interval of time and uses that to identify targets, and to produce a static background calibration field.	
<b>Refract</b>	Reads radar data and uses the calibration field from RefractCalib and from the difference between the data and the calibration, estimates refractivity.	Fabry, F., 2004: Meteorological value of ground target measurements by radar. J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol., 21, 560–573
<b>CalcMoisture</b>	Calculates water vapor pressure and dew point temperature based on the refractivity and the mean temperature and pressure values from a group of weather stations.	



# Other algorithms

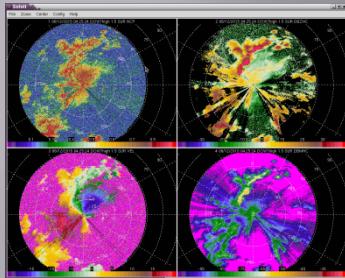
Purpose	Reference	Prototype?
Quality metrics / error assessment	Bell et al. 2013	Yes
Attenuation correction in precipitation	Gu et al. 2011	Yes
Compositing data from multiple instruments	Henja and Michelson, 2012	Yes
Vertical profile of reflectivity - VPR	Kirstetter et al. 2013	No
Vertically integrated liquid - VIL	Greene and Clarke, 1972	Yes
Thermodynamic retrieval	Roux et al. 1993	Yes
Wind shear detection	Albo and Kessinger 1996	No
Meso-cyclone detection	Stumpf et al. 1996	No
Wind profiler moments estimation	NIMA (Cornman et al. 1998)	No
Wind profiler clutter rejection	ICRA (Merritt 1995)	No

## Reading other data types

LROSE applications are available for reading non-radar data types, including:

- model output
- satellite
- surface observations, soundings
- lightning
- aircraft tracks from experiments

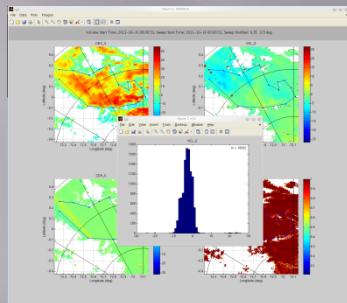
# Displays



**soloii**

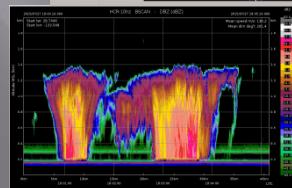
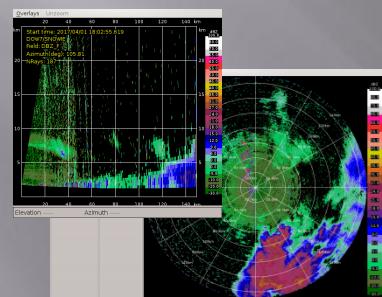
**solo3**

Legacy C/C++  
polar display  
in wide use

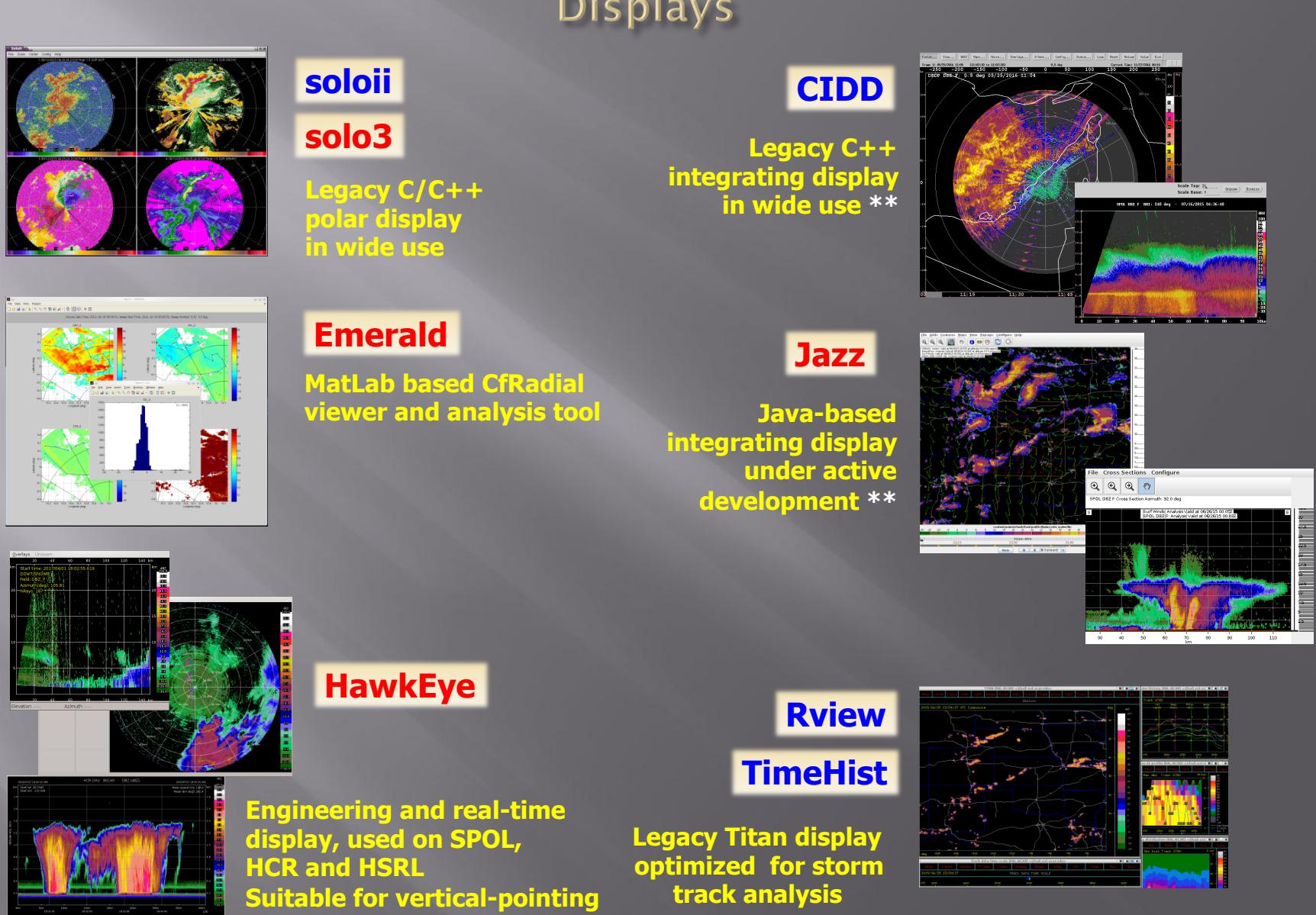


**Emerald**

MatLab based CfRadial  
viewer and analysis tool



Engineering and real-time  
display, used on SPOL,  
HCR and HSRL  
Suitable for vertical-pointing  
and staring radars and lidars \*\*



**CIDD**

Legacy C++  
integrating display  
in wide use \*\*

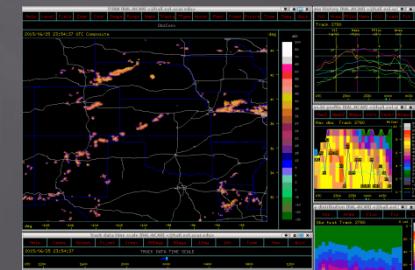
**Jazz**

Java-based  
integrating display  
under active  
development \*\*

**Rview**

**TimeHist**

Legacy Titan display  
optimized for storm  
track analysis



\*\* - capable of background image generation for web catalog

# LROSE GitHub repositories

Description	GitHub URL
Main LROSE GitHub site	<a href="https://github.com/nsf-lrose">https://github.com/nsf-lrose</a>
LROSE core	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-core">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-core</a>
LROSE NetCDF support libs	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-netcdf">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-netcdf</a>
Color scales and maps for LROSE displays	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-displays">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-displays</a>
Matlab display for CfRadial data	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-emerald">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-emerald</a>
Java-based Jazz display	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-jazz">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-jazz</a>
Code for legacy soloii application	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-soloii">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-soloii</a>
Code for legacy solo3 application	<a href="https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-solo3">https://github.com/NCAR/lrose-solo3</a>

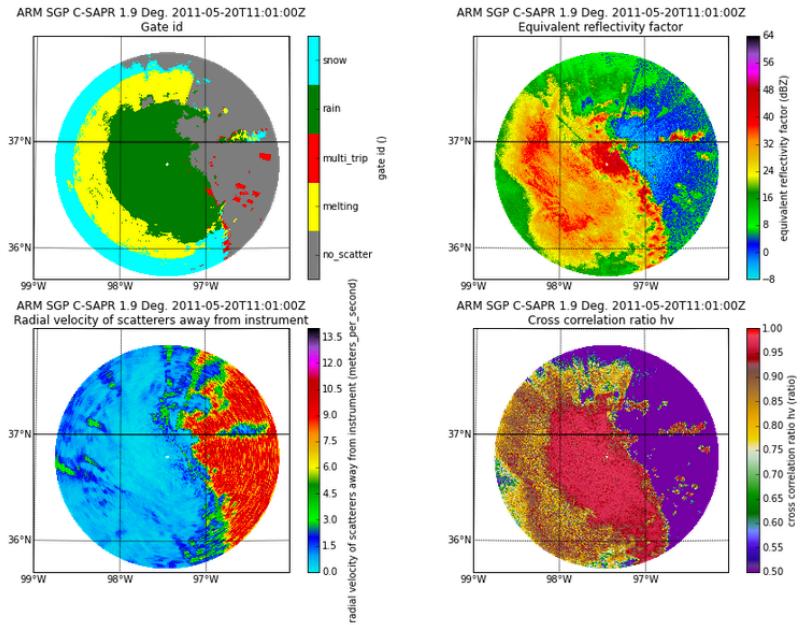
These are the current repositories for LROSE.  
The location of these may change as the project matures.

# THANK YOU

*OPEN THE SOURCE.. FREE THE MIND...*



# THE PYTHON ARM RADAR TOOLKIT: A COMMUNITY BASED ARCHITECTURE FOR INTERACTING WITH WEATHER RADAR DATA



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April 11<sup>th</sup>

LROSE Kick off workshop, NCAR, Boulder.

# HISTORY AS PRELUDE

## Py-ART was born of frustration...

- In 2007 I started my postdoctoral appointment at BoM working on Tropical storm dynamics.
- Two key frustrations led to OSRA (Open Source Radar Applications, the precursor to Py-ART) : Stupid number of data formats and the cumbersome API (or lack thereof) of existing objective analysis software (Gridding).



The Stupid, It Burns

# PY-ART: INSPIRED BY THE SCIENTIFIC PYTHON COMMUNITY.

We've got nothing on cat videos...

- There is a very large community of developers who work across funding lines on “Core scientific functionality” within the Python ecosystem.
- Key to this is community codebases which are bigger than one person or funding stream.
- As we were looking at licensing and ideas for Py-ART it became clear that using a permissive license and getting the code into GitHub and well tested was essential to building a codebase that lasts the test of time.

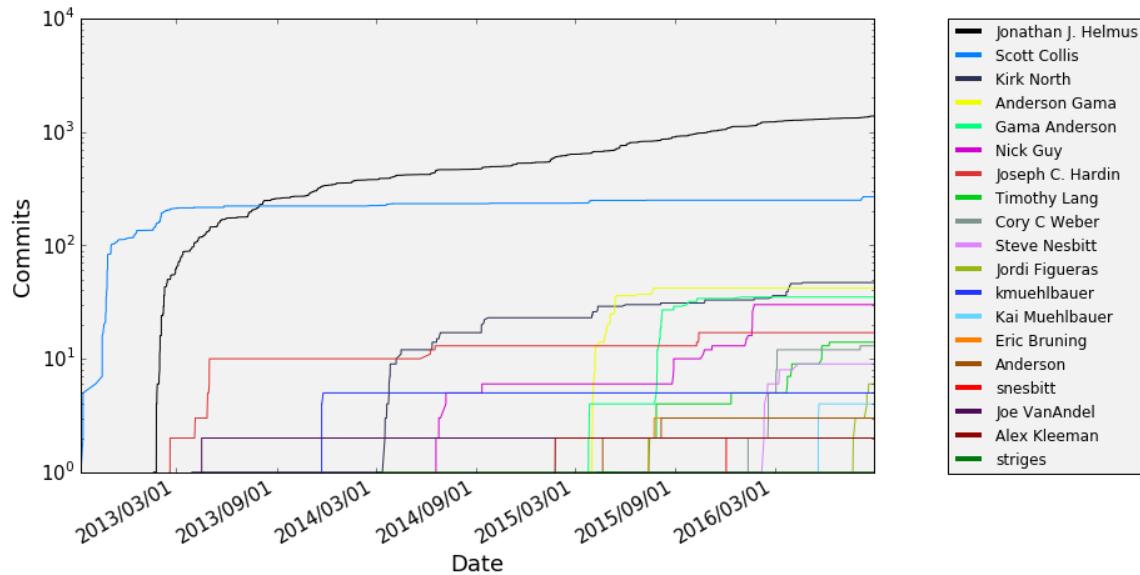


# SO WHAT EXACTLY IS PY-ART?

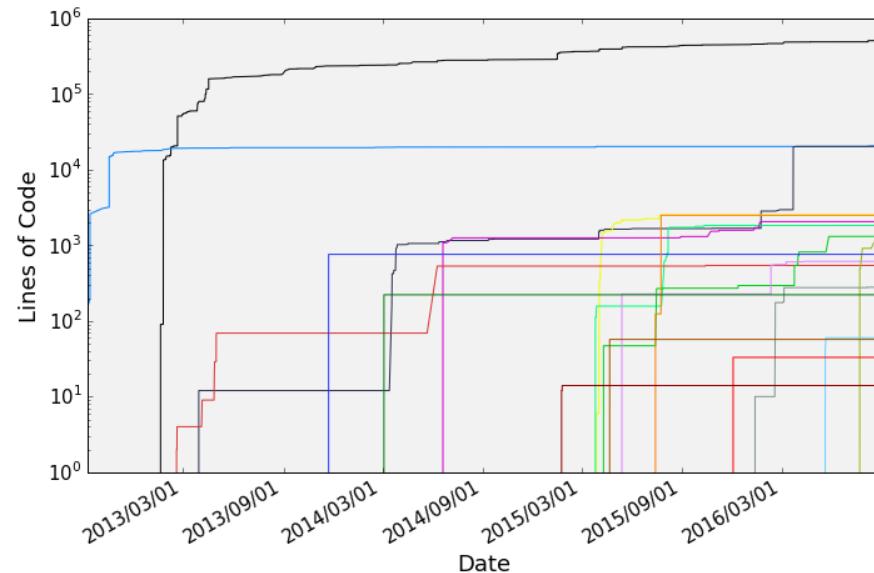
**Primarily it is a way of expressing gated data in the Python programming language.. Practically it is more.**

- Py-ART is a data-model driven open architecture for working with radar data in the Python programming language.
- It is a community codebase which uses GitHub to allow users to interact with the code including submitting “Pull Requests”.
- Funded by ARM covering around 0.3FTE.
- Designed mainly for analysis and visualization and not operational software, although it could be and is used in operations by some groups.
- Py-ART has can read a large number of formats and the data model is based on the CF-Radial standard.
- 100's of users, 1000's of downloads, 15 contributors, 3 funded by ARM.

## Commits by Author Over Time



## Lines by Author Over Time



# PY-ART IS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN RADAR AND THE SCIPY STACK

100's of millions of dollars get spent on building and optimizing core mathematical code. We need to leverage this.

- Companies like Continuum Analytics and Enthought are large companies who spend 10's of Millions of dollars each giving away software. Why?
- They know that \$\$ invested in the Scipy stack pays dividends. The same code we use in Py-ART is used to do short term market prediction.
- Cython has become the key tool for building high performance code by making a bridge between C and Python.
- Many promising early projects like Numba and Dask.
- Py-ART works great with IPyParallel for mapping problems to clusters.. My record is 1024 cores!



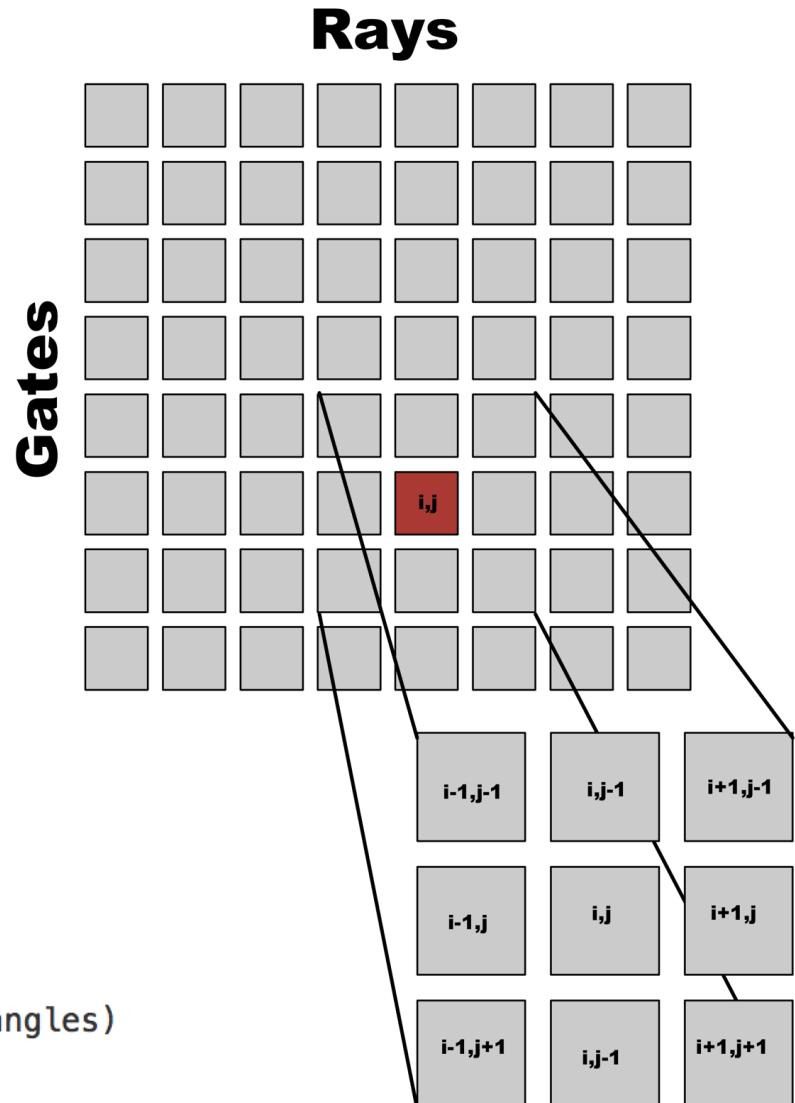
# DEMONSTRATION

# FUN EXAMPLES (1)

## Texture

- We had early issues with our magnetron radars using Normalized Coherent Power (aka SQI) for filtering multi-trip echoes.
- Another determinant is the texture of radial velocity. As nth trips do not have the same saved phase as the local oscillator in areas that are no first trip returns  $V_r$  randomly varies between  $-nyq, +nyq$
- BUT, folds can give false positives if you simply apply ray-wise std.
- Use statistics on the unit circle.. And scipy's general filter convolution.

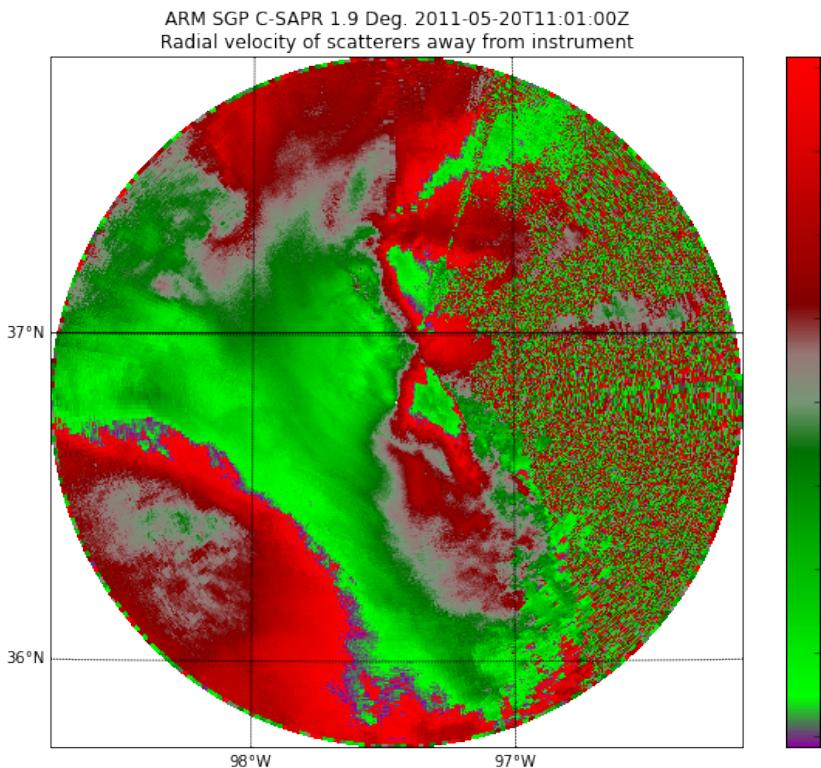
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angles = np.asarray(angles)
x = np.cos(angles)
y = np.sin(angles)
norm = np.sqrt(x.mean()**2 + y.mean()**2)
return np.sqrt(-2 * np.log(norm))
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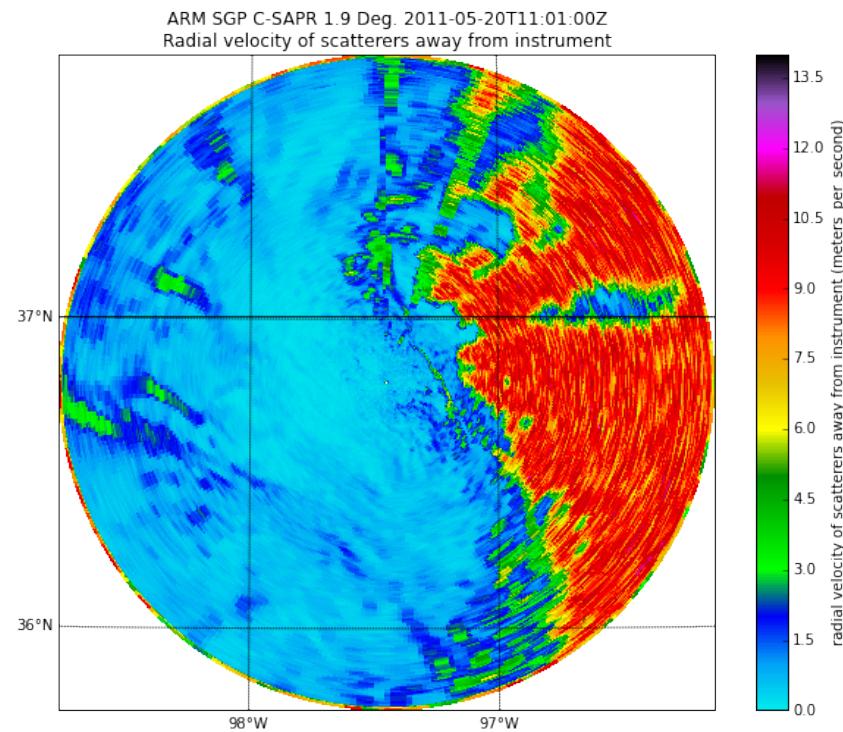
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$$G(t + \Delta t, z, y, x) = (1 - \frac{t + \Delta t - t_1}{t_2 - t_1})G_1(t_1, z, y + v\Delta t, x + u\Delta t) + \frac{t + \Delta t - t_1}{t_2 - t_1}G_2(t_2, z, y - v\Delta t, x - u\Delta t)$$

# FUN EXAMPLES (2)

## Image shifting for advective interpolation

- For radars than are non-synchronized or we need to determine and correct for advection of radial velocity patterns.
- We have implemented a image shift detection technique to get X/Y advection between volumes using cross correlation (same is in image stabilization).
- We have implemented an image shifter using NDImage
- Todo: Combine forward and backward projected images, “Advection averaging”

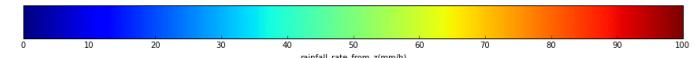
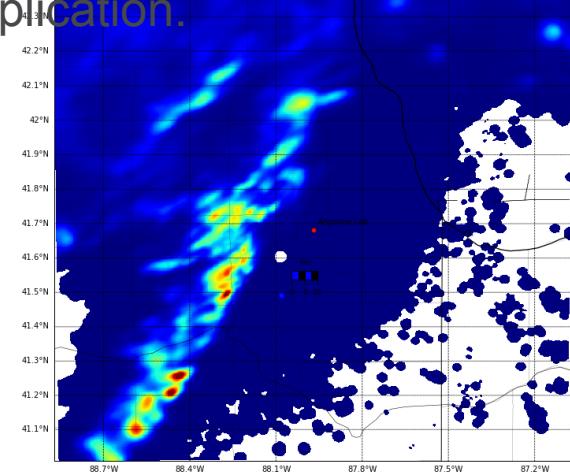
$$\mathbf{G}_{t1} = \mathcal{F}\{\mathbf{R}_{t1}\}, \mathbf{G}_{t2} = \mathcal{F}\{\mathbf{R}_{t2}\}$$

$$C = \frac{\mathbf{G}_{t1} \circ \mathbf{G}_{t2}^*}{|\mathbf{G}_{t1} \circ \mathbf{G}_{t2}^*|}$$

$$r = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{C\}$$

$$\Delta x, \Delta y = \text{argmax}\{r\}$$

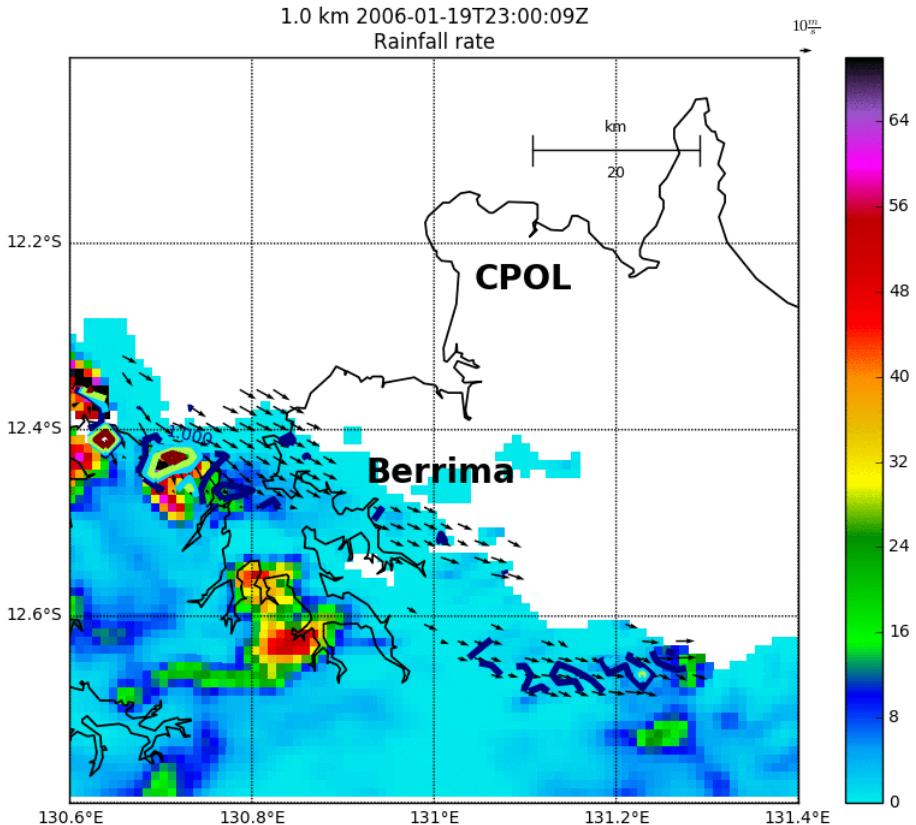
where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Fourier transform,  $*$  is the complex conjugate and  $\circ$  represents element wise multiplication.



# WORKS WITH PY-ART

Py-ART has enabled a rich ecosystem of dependent apps

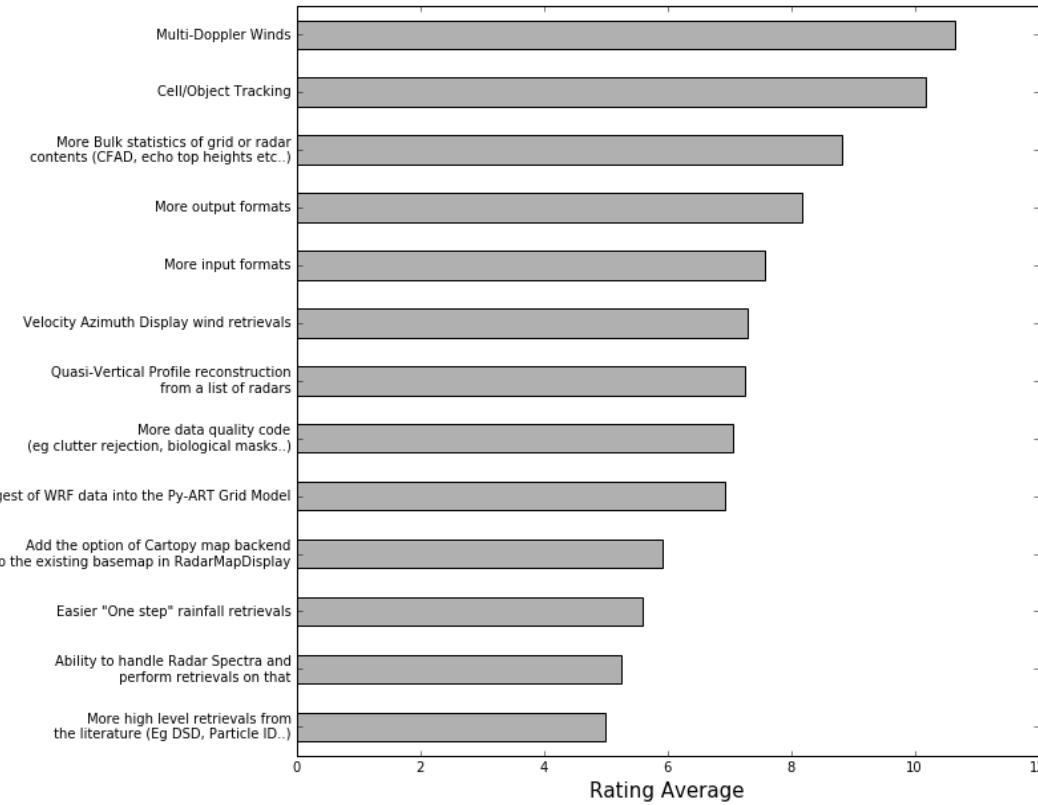
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- CSU Radar Tools  
[https://github.com/CSU-Radarmet/CSU\\_RadarTools](https://github.com/CSU-Radarmet/CSU_RadarTools)
- Multidop  
<https://github.com/tjlang/MultiDop>



# THE PY-ART ROADMAP

Assuring we are good stewards of public funds and meet the needs of our stakeholders

- Survey Completed:**
- Roadmap Drafted:**
- Initial Review:**
- Stakeholder Review:**
- Public Review:**
- DoE Review:**



# SOME ADVICE (?) FOR LROSE

## Benefit from our pain.

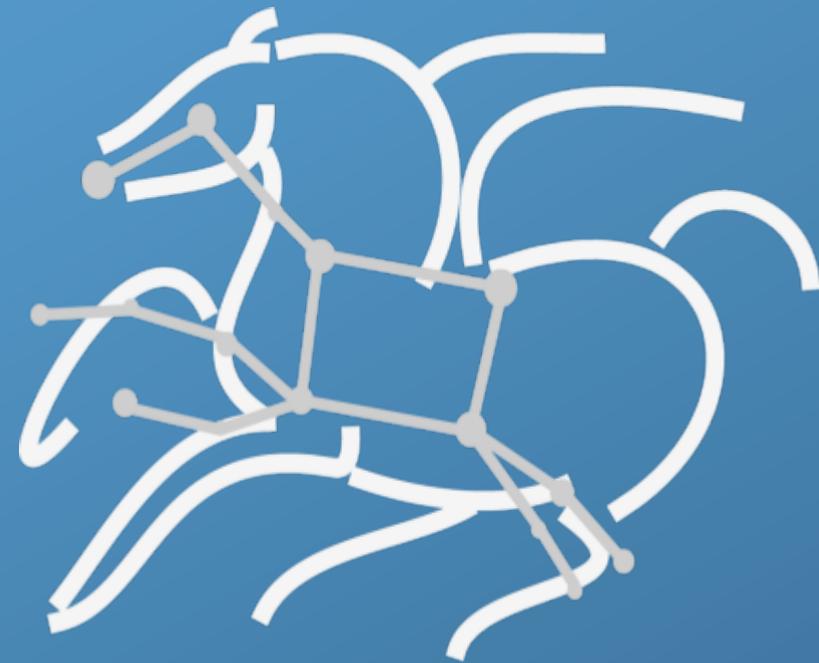
- Always think about how your package will survive when funding runs out.. Disaster planning
- Identify staff that you never want to leave, and get them **to document everything they do.**
- Do less, better.
- All the stuff the geeks geek out on, Continuous integration, coverage tests, document generation and self documenting code **is actually really important to make sure you do not spend the rest of your days maintaining code.**
- Be mindful of every dependency you take on. Consider conditional functionality.

The background of the slide is a grayscale aerial photograph of a large industrial or research facility, likely Argonne National Laboratory. The image shows a complex network of roads, parking lots, and several large, rectangular buildings. In the foreground, there is a prominent circular or oval-shaped structure, possibly a reactor or a large storage tank, surrounded by a fence and some greenery.

**THANK YOU!**

# Compute Pipelines using Pegasus Workflows: An Introduction

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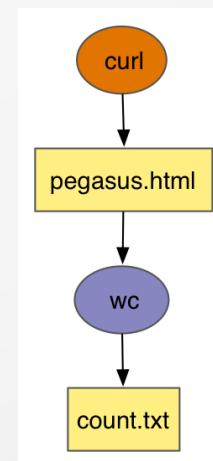
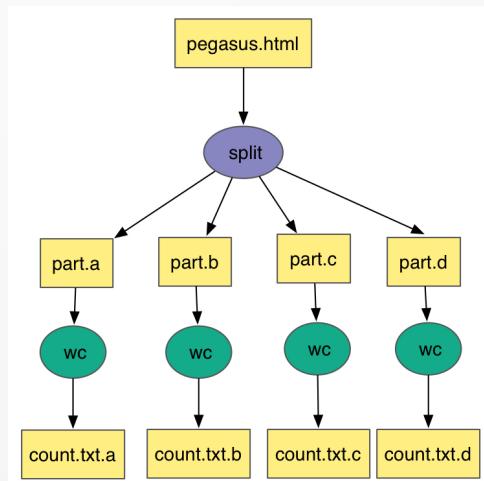
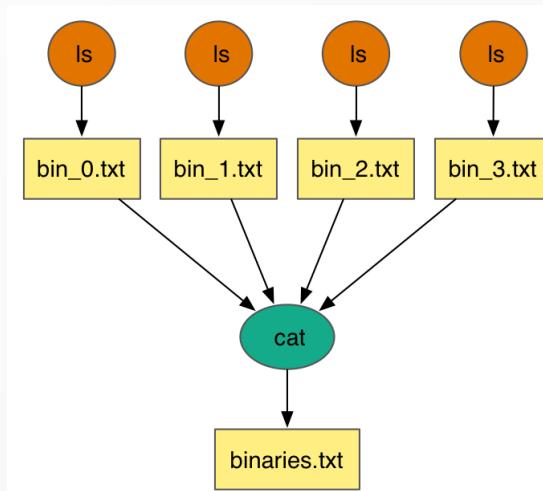
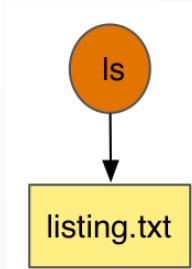
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# Compute Pipelines – Building Blocks



Challenges scientists face while developing pipelines

## Portability

How can you run a pipeline on Amazon EC2 one day, and a PBS cluster the next?

## Data Management

How do you ship in the small/large amounts data required by your pipeline?

Different protocols: Can I use SRM? How about GridFTP? HTTP and Squid proxies?

Can I use Cloud based storage like S3 on EC2?

## Debug and Monitor Computations.

Users need automated tools to go through the log files

Need to correlate data across lots of log files

Need to know what host a job ran on and how it was invoked

## Restructure Pipelines for Improved Performance

Short running tasks?

Data placement?

# Why Pegasus?

Automates complex, multi-stage processing pipelines

Enables parallel, distributed computations

Portable: Describe once; execute multiple times

Automatically executes data transfers

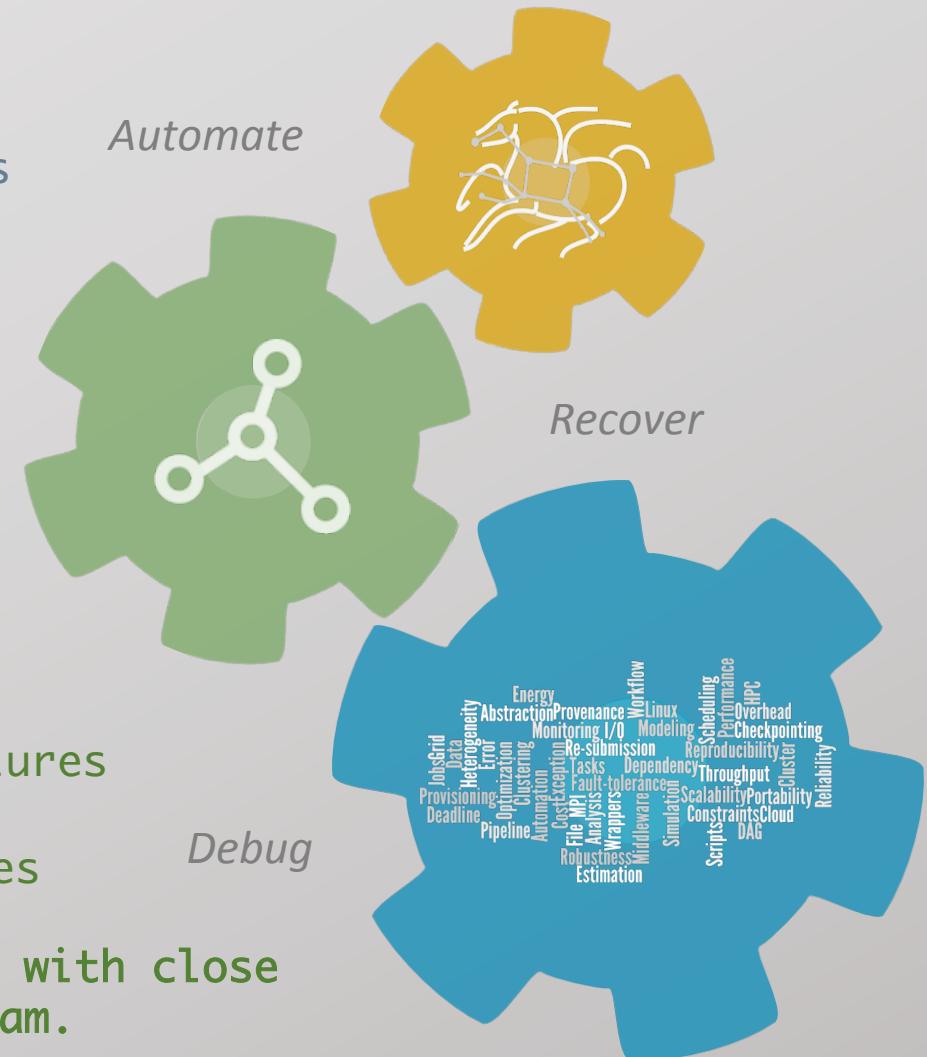
Reusable, aids reproducibility

Records how data was produced (provenance)

Provides tools to handle and debug failures

Keeps track of data and files

NSF funded project since 2001, with close  
Collaboration with HTCondor team.



# Key Pegasus Concepts

Pegasus WMS == Pegasus planner (mapper) + DAGMan workflow engine + HTCondor scheduler/broker + Pegasus Monitoring layer

- Pegasus maps workflows to infrastructure
- DAGMan manages dependencies and reliability
- HTCondor is used as a broker to interface with different schedulers
- Monitoring layer parses condor logs and puts them in a relational database

Workflows are DAGs (or hierarchical DAGs)

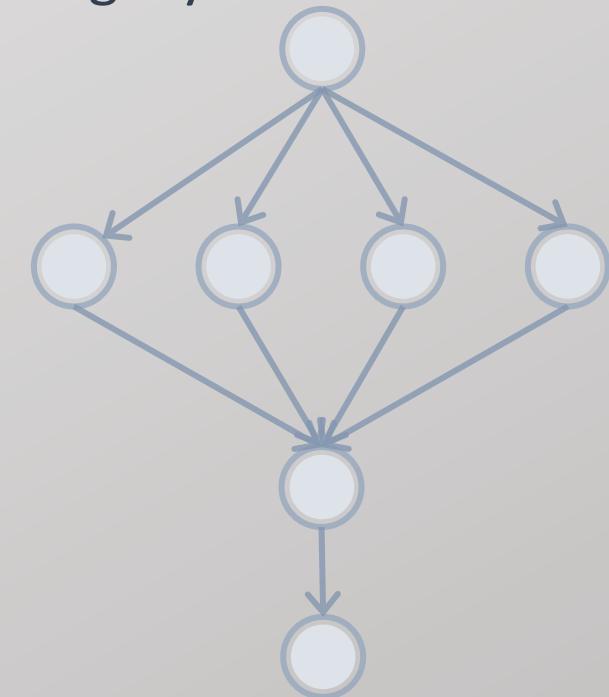
- Nodes: jobs, edges: dependencies
- No while loops, no conditional branches

Planning occurs ahead of execution

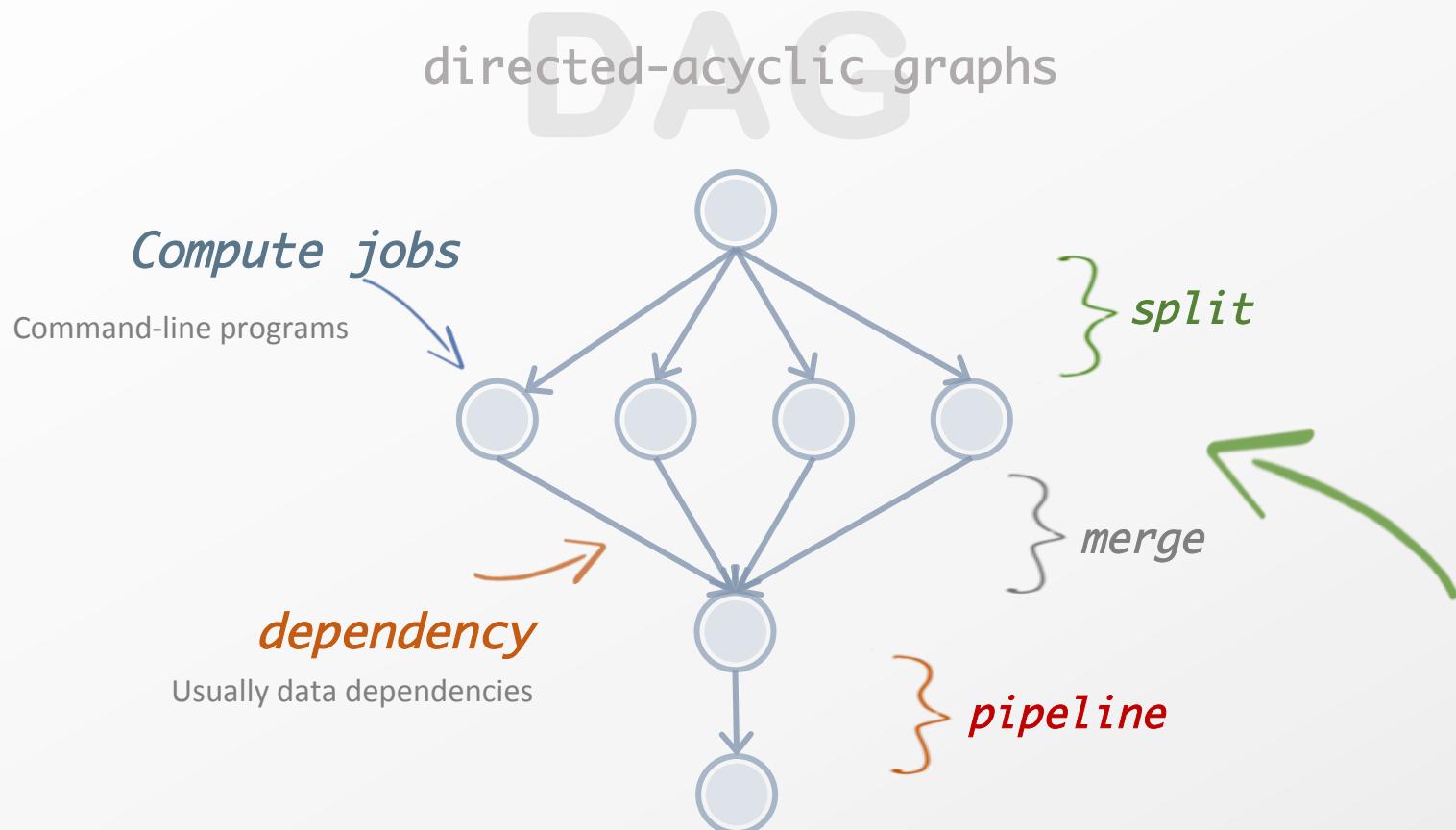
- (Except hierarchical workflows)

Planning converts an abstract workflow into an executable workflow

- Planner is like a workflow compiler. Compiles user workflows to target execution environment.



# Taking a closer look into a Pegasus workflow...



Pegasus input workflow description

Looks very similar to how users describe their pipelines

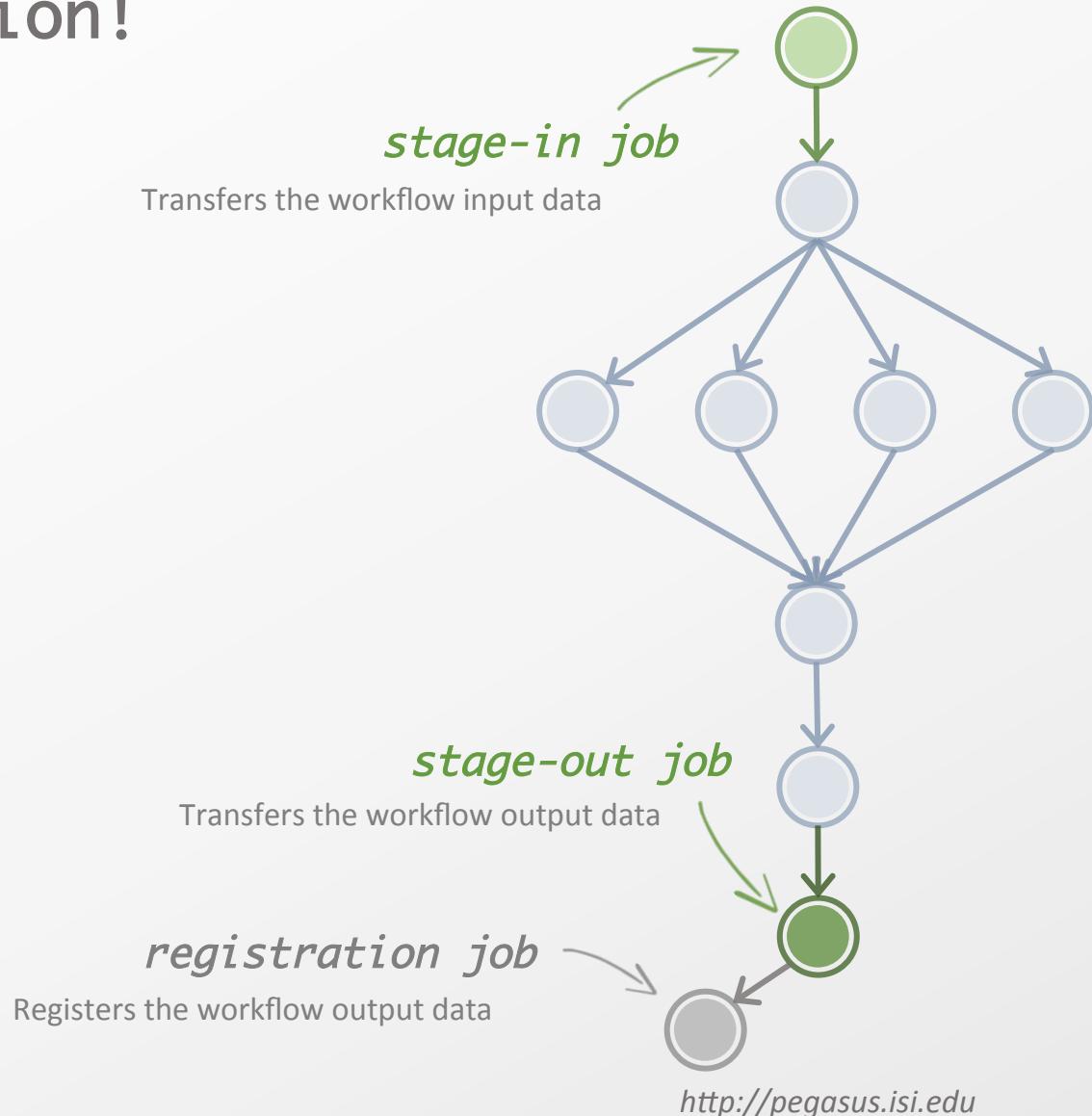
Only identifies computation steps, devoid of resource descriptions and data locations

**File aware** For each node you specify the input and output files by use of **logical identifiers**

abstract workflow  
executable workflow  
optimizations  
storage constraints

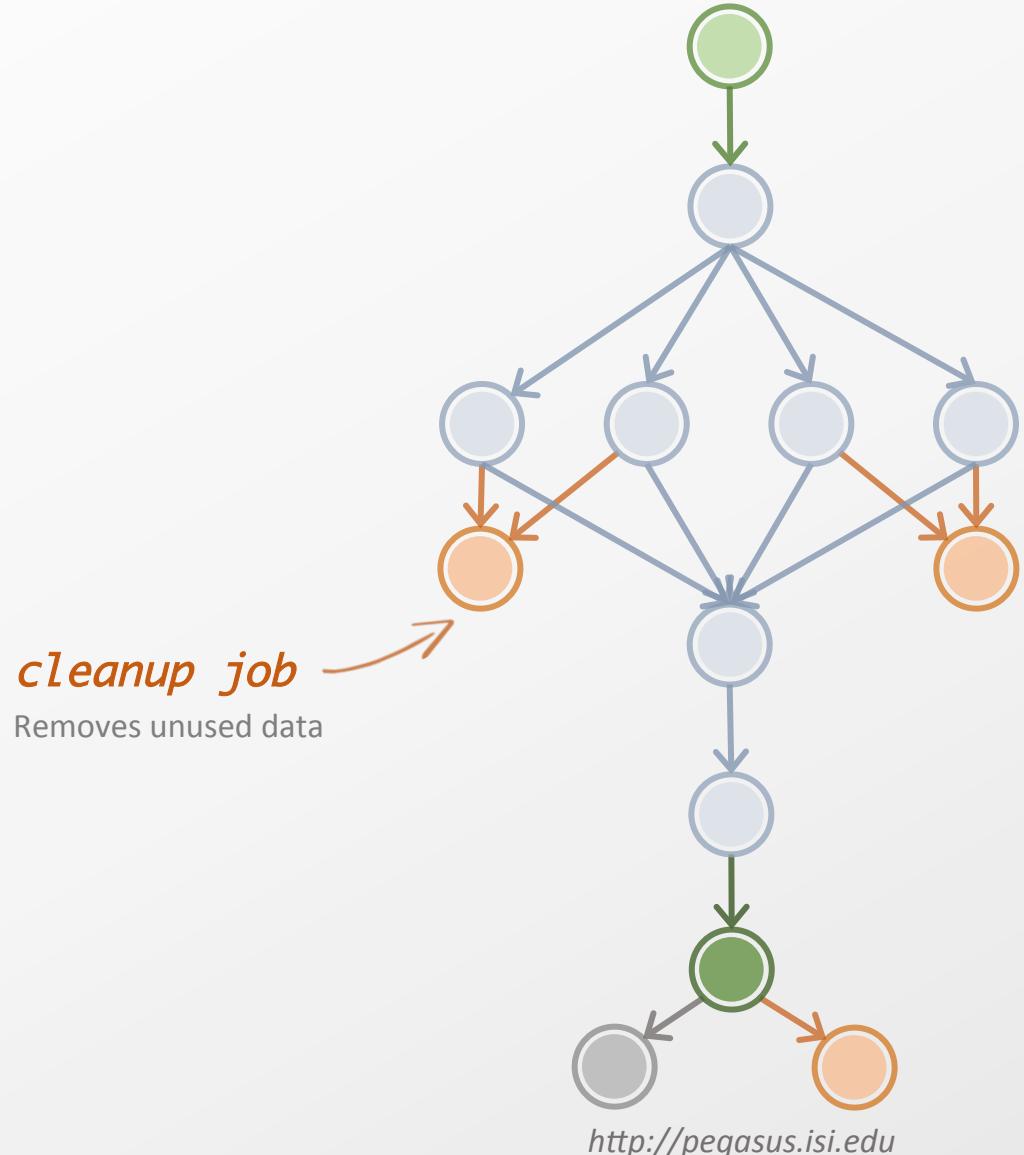
# From the abstraction to execution!

abstract workflow  
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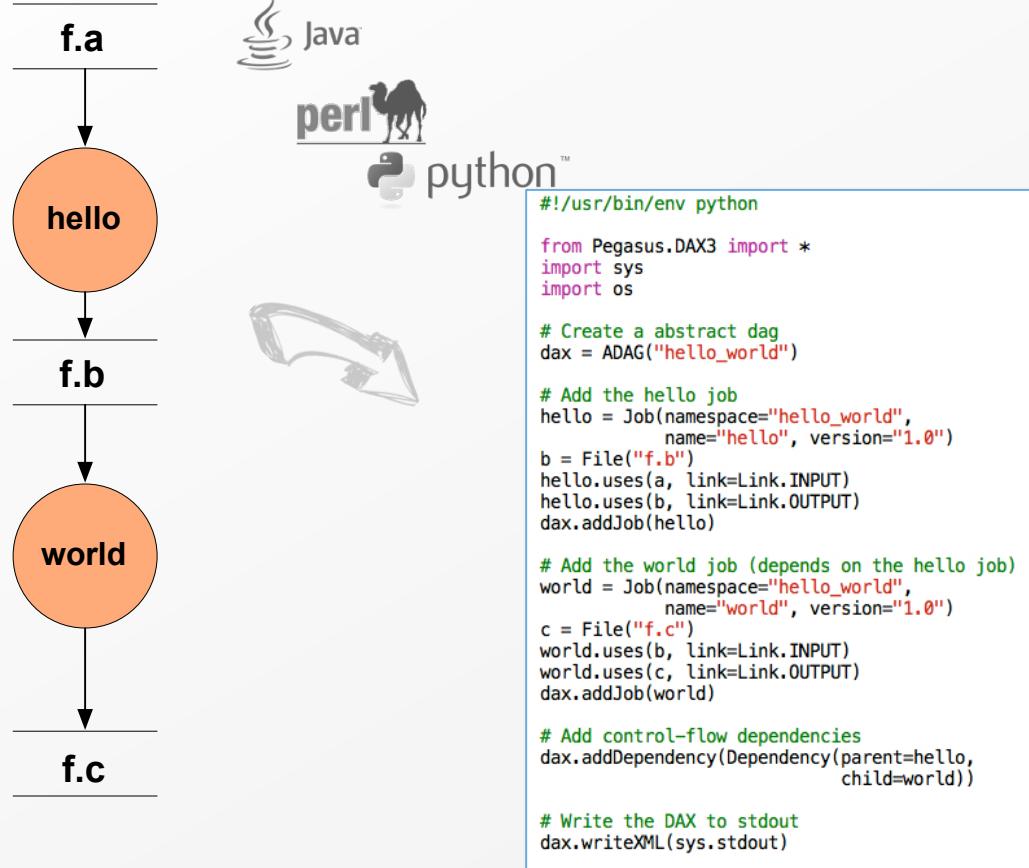


# Optimizing storage usage...

abstract workflow  
executable workflow  
optimizations  
storage constraints



# Pegasus also provides tools to generate the abstract workflow

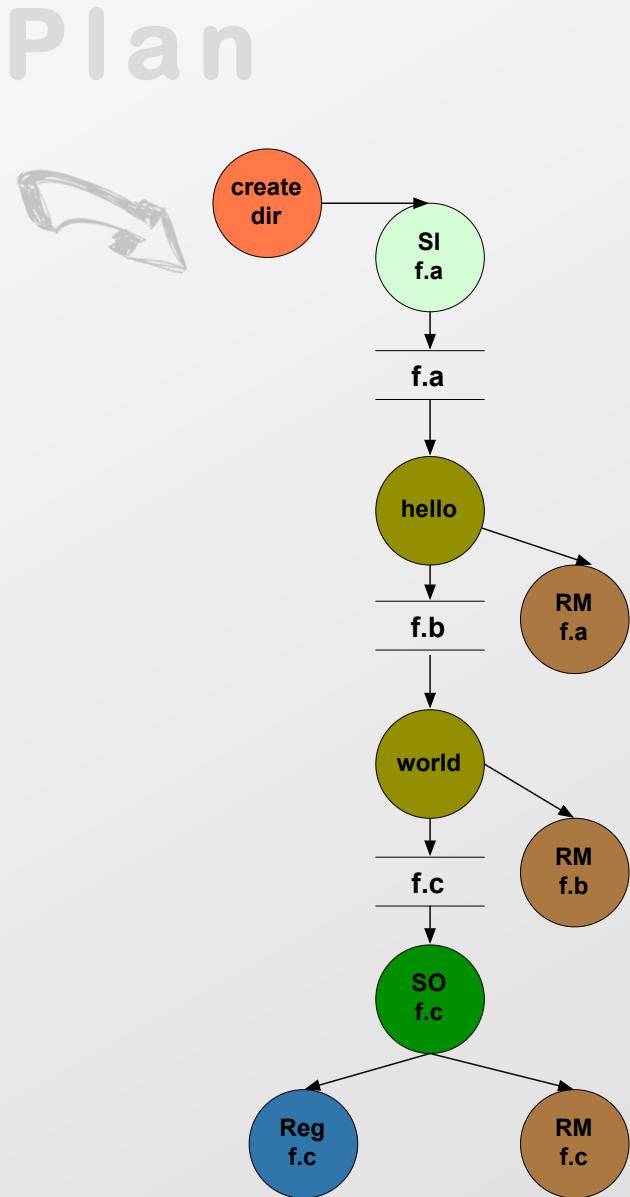


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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- generator: python -->
<adag xmlns="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX"
      version="3.4" name="hello_world">

  <!-- describe the jobs making
       up the hello world pipeline -->
  <job id="ID0000001" namespace="hello_world"
       name="hello" version="1.0">
    <uses name="f.b" link="output"/>
    <uses name="f.a" link="input"/>
  </job>

  <job id="ID0000002" namespace="hello_world"
       name="world" version="1.0">
    <uses name="f.b" link="input"/>
    <uses name="f.c" link="output"/>
  </job>

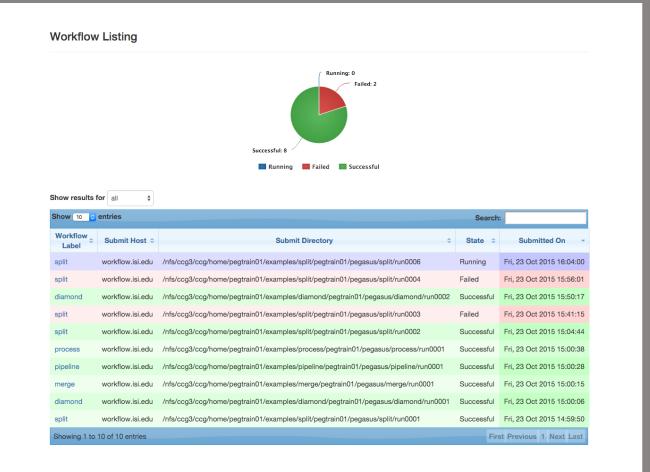
  <!-- describe the edges in the DAG -->
  <child ref="ID0000002">
    <parent ref="ID0000001"/>
  </child>
</adag>
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DAG in XML

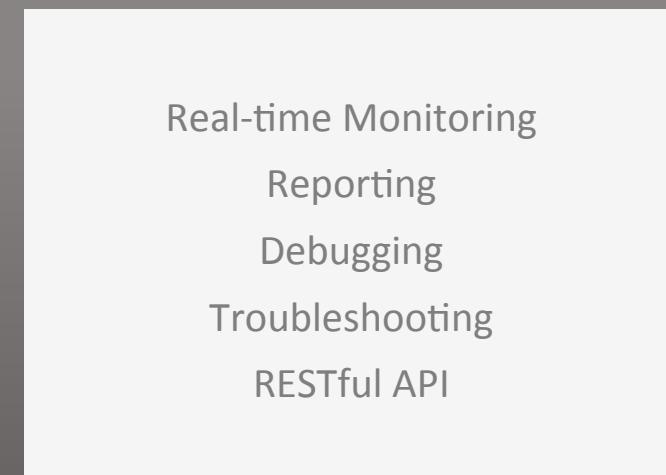
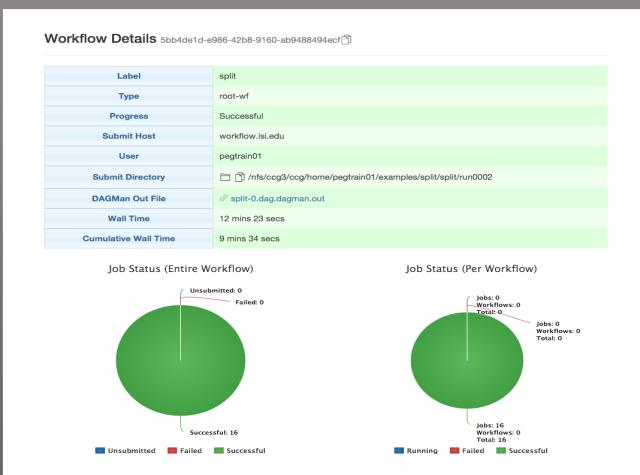
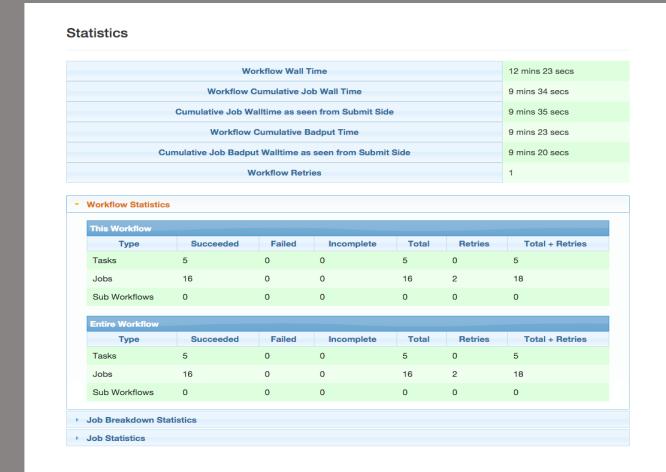
# So, what information does Pegasus need?





# Pegasus dashboard

web interface for monitoring and debugging workflows





# But, if you prefer the command-line...

```
$ pegasus-status pegasus/examples/split/run0001
STAT IN_STATE JOB
Run 00:39 split-0 (/home/pegasus/examples/split/run0001)
Idle 00:03 └split_ID0000001
Summary: 2 Condor jobs total (I:1 R:1)

UNRDY READY PRE IN_Q POST DONE FAIL %DONE STATE DAGNAME
 14      0    0     1      0    2    0     11.8 Running *split-0.dag
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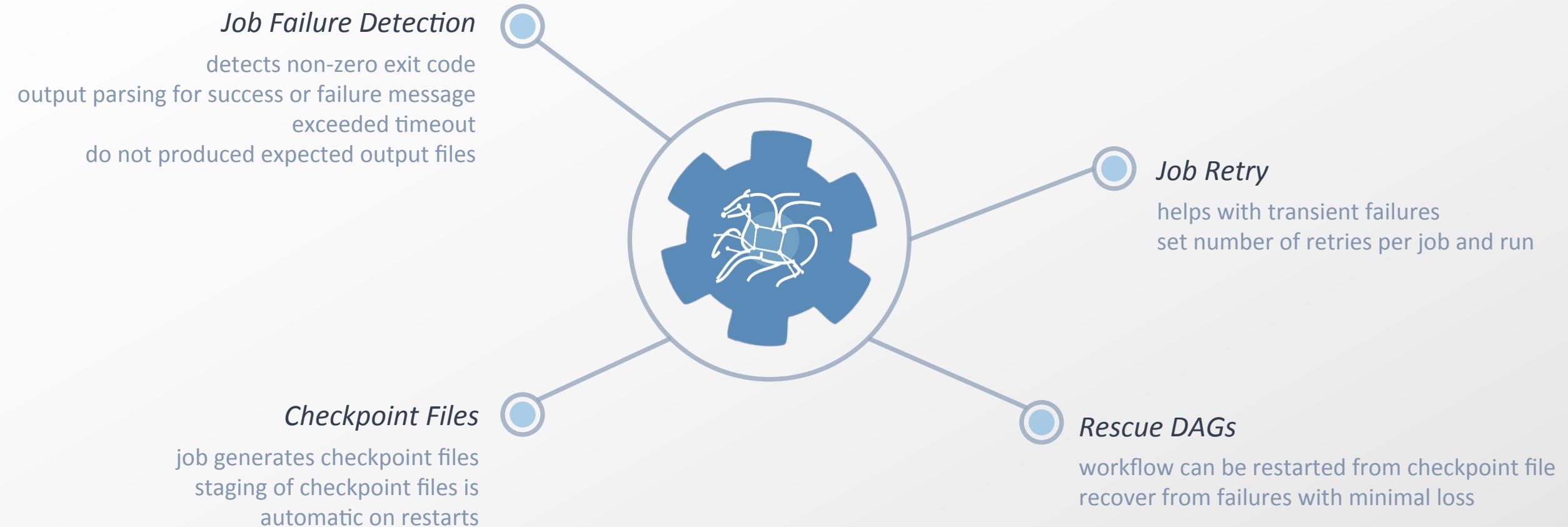
```
$ pegasus-analyzer pegasus/examples/split/run0001
pegasus-analyzer: initializing...

*****Summary*****
Total jobs : 7 (100.00%)
# jobs succeeded : 7 (100.00%)
# jobs failed : 0 (0.00%)
# jobs unsubmitted : 0 (0.00%)
```

```
$ pegasus-statistics -s all pegasus/examples/split/run0001
-----
Type          Succeeded Failed Incomplete Total Retries Total+Retries
Tasks           5        0        0       5        0        5
Jobs            17       0        0      17        0       17
Sub-Workflows   0        0        0       0        0        0
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Workflow wall time : 2 mins, 6 secs
Workflow cumulative job wall time : 38 secs
Cumulative job wall time as seen from submit side : 42 secs
Workflow cumulative job badput wall time :
Cumulative job badput wall time as seen from submit side :
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**...Pegasus provides  
a set of concise  
and powerful tools**

# And if a job fails?



# pegasus-kicksstart

```
> () login02.osgconnect.net — Konsole
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# Data Staging Configurations

- Condor I/O (HTCondor pools, OSG, ...)
  - Worker nodes do not share a file system
  - Data is pulled from / pushed to the submit host via HTCondor file transfers
  - Staging site is the submit host
- Non-shared File System (clouds, OSG, ...)
  - Worker nodes do not share a file system
  - Data is pulled / pushed from a staging site, possibly not co-located with the computation
- Shared File System (HPC sites, XSEDE, Campus clusters, ...)
  - I/O is directly against the shared file system

# pegasus-transfer

- Pegasus' internal data transfer tool
- Supports many different protocols
- Directory creation, file removal
  - If protocol supports, used for cleanup
- Two stage transfers
  - e.g. GridFTP to S3 = GridFTP to local file, local file to S3
- Parallel transfers
- Automatic retries
- Checkpoint and restart transfers
- Credential management
  - Uses the appropriate credential for each site and each protocol (even 3<sup>rd</sup> party transfers)

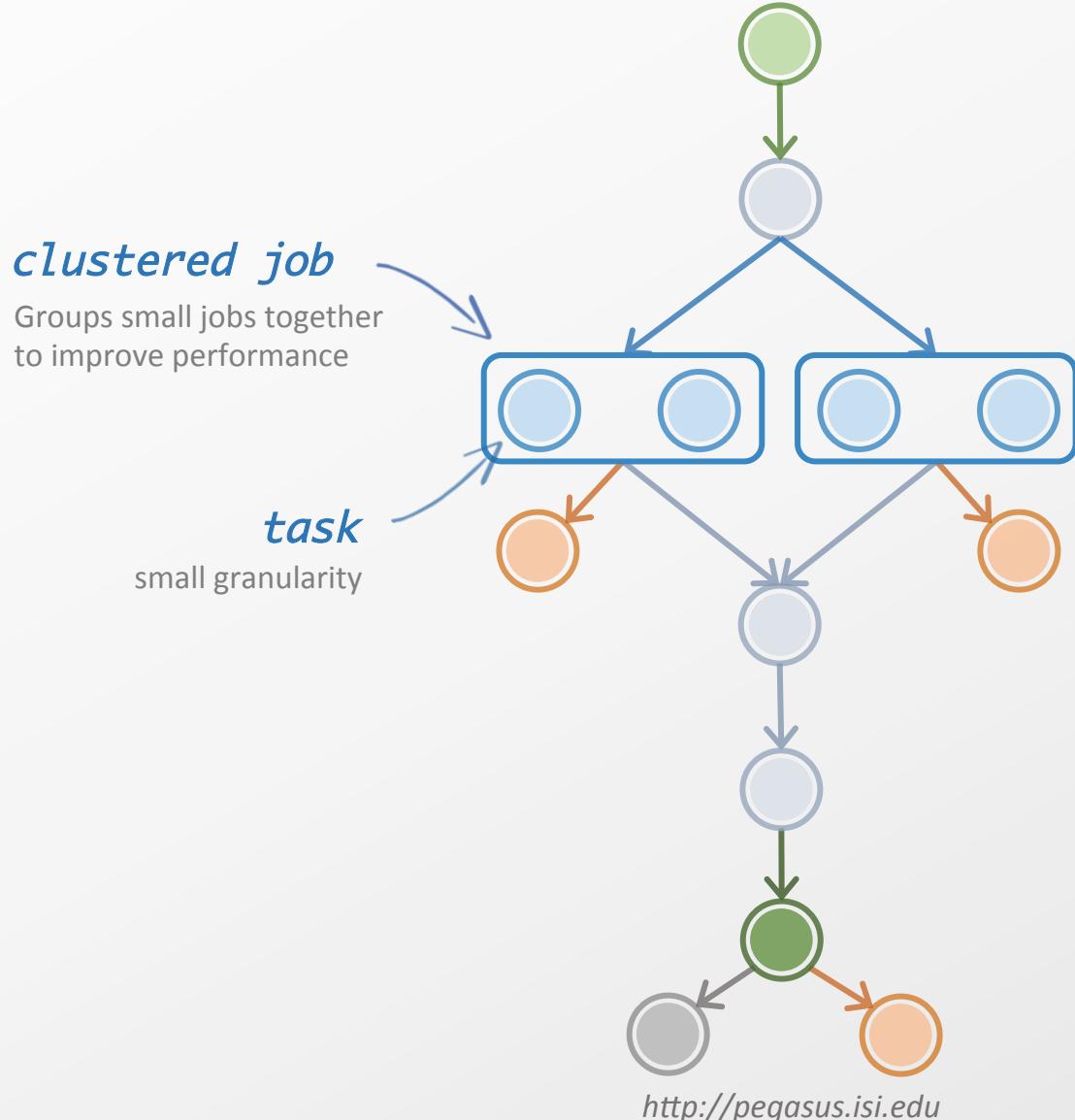
## Protocols

- HTTP
- SCP
- GridFTP
- iRods
- Amazon S3
- Google Storage
- SRM
- FDT
- stashcp
- cp
- ln -s

# A few more features...

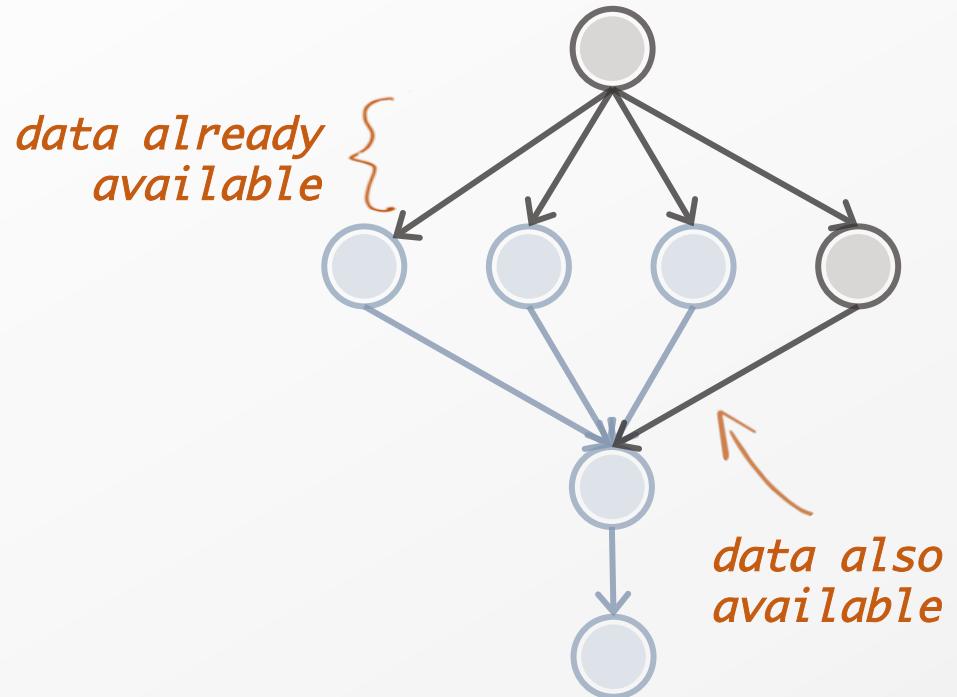
# Performance, why not improve it?

workflow restructuring  
workflow reduction  
hierarchical workflows

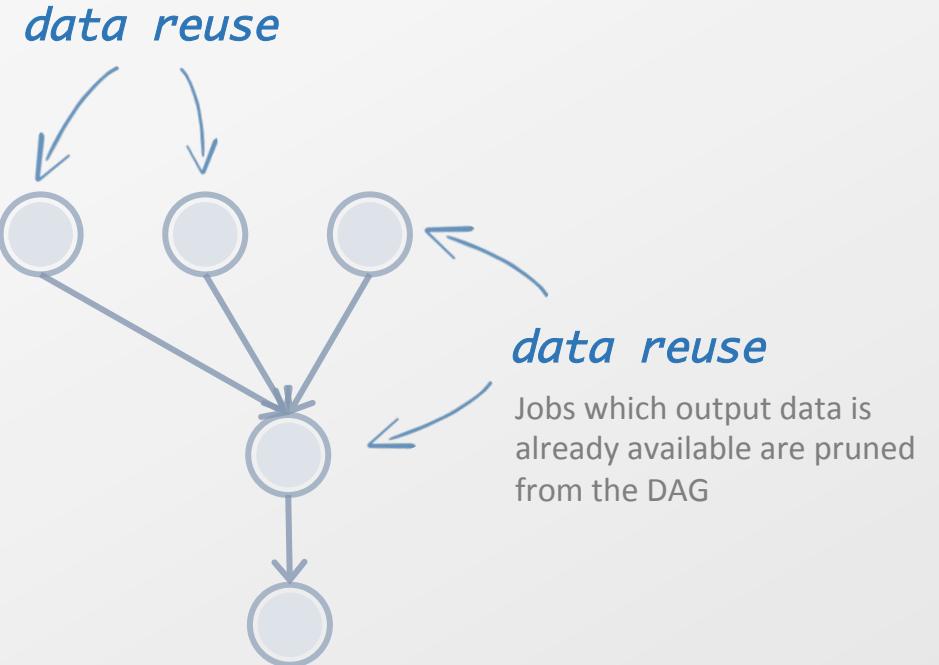


# What about data reuse?

workflow restructuring  
workflow reduction  
hierarchical workflows

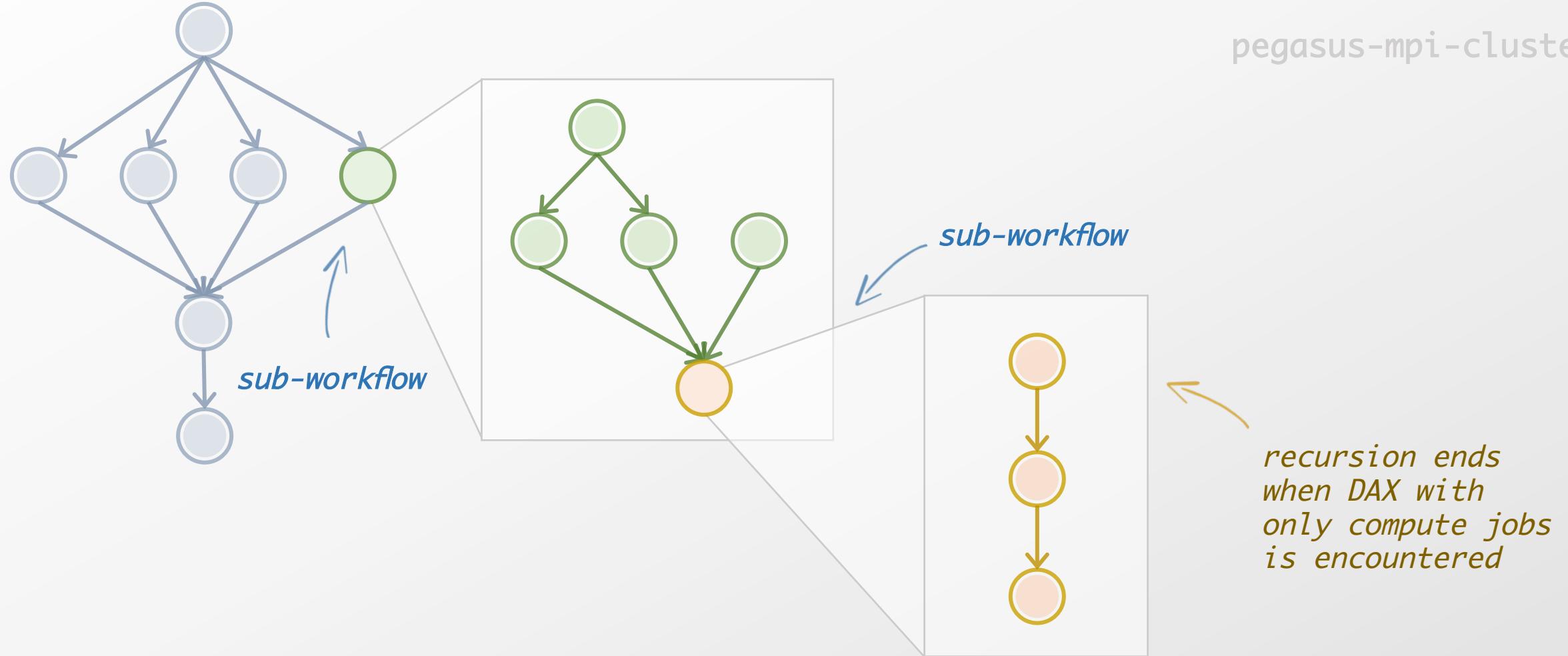


*workflow reduction*

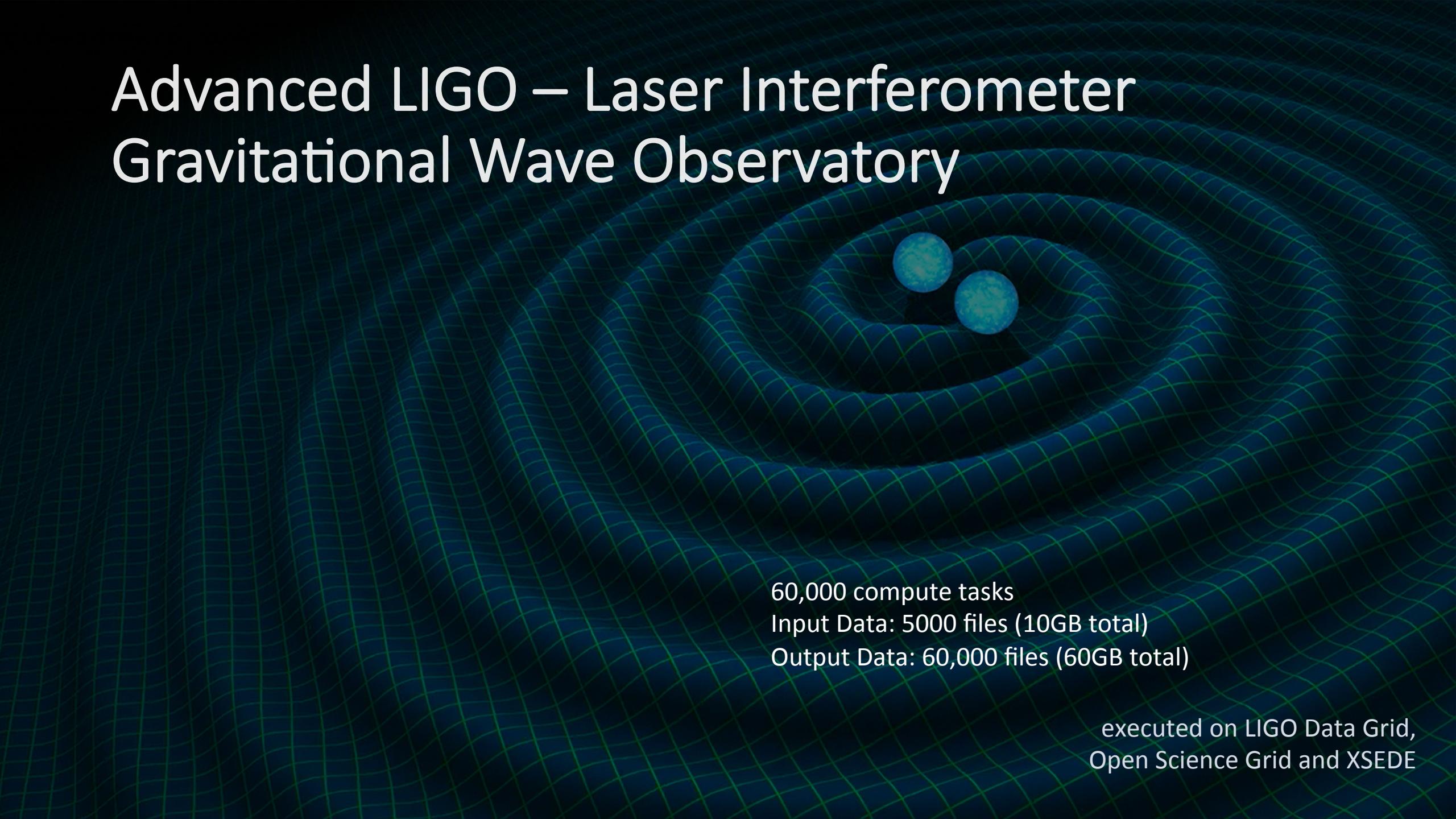


# Pegasus also handles large-scale workflows

workflow restructuring  
workflow reduction  
hierarchical workflows  
pegasus-mpi-cluster



# Advanced LIGO – Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory

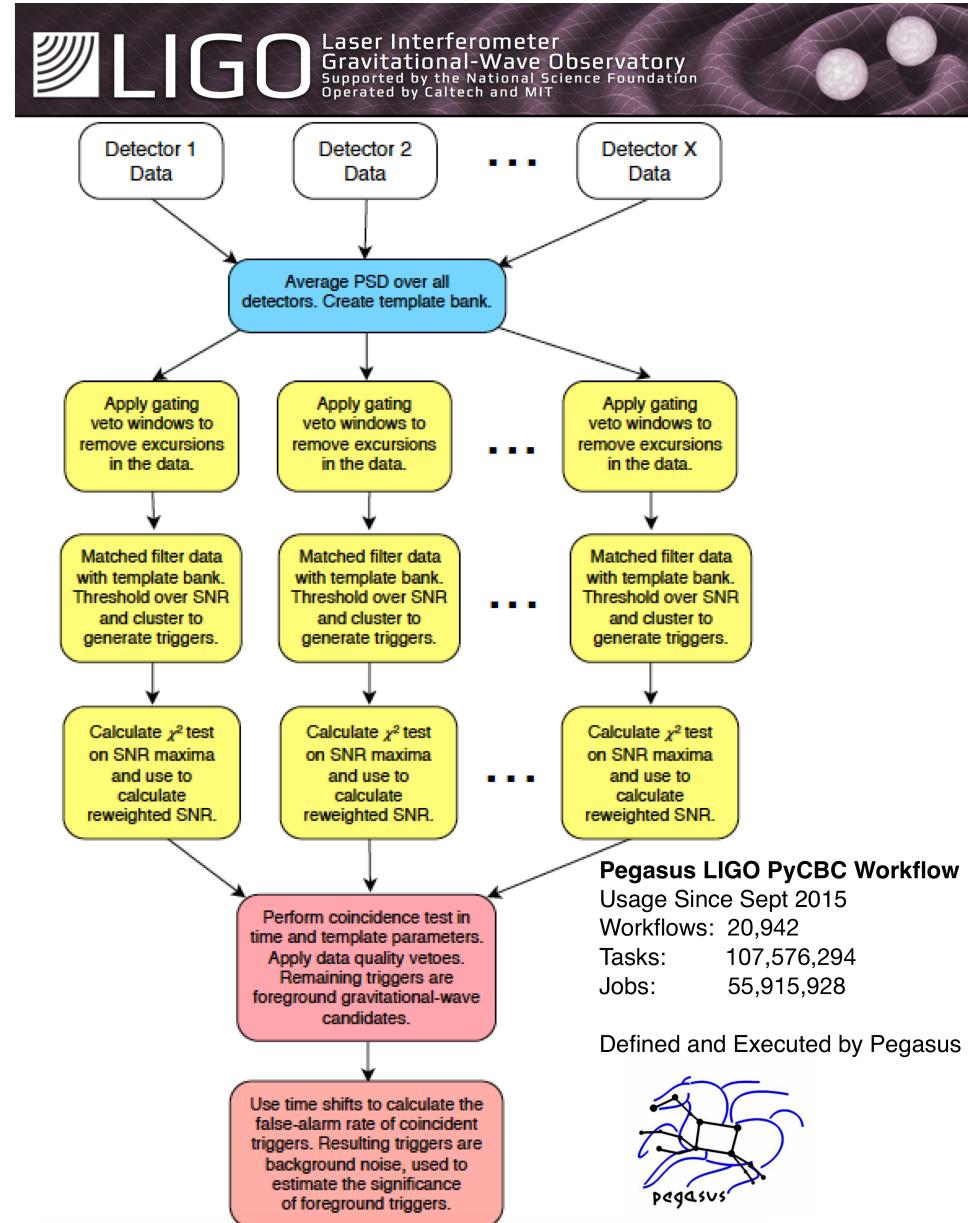


60,000 compute tasks  
Input Data: 5000 files (10GB total)  
Output Data: 60,000 files (60GB total)

executed on LIGO Data Grid,  
Open Science Grid and XSEDE

# Advanced LIGO PyCBC Workflow

- One of the main pipelines to measure the statistical significance of data needed for discovery.
- Contains 100's of thousands of jobs and accesses on order of terabytes of data.
- Uses data from multiple detectors.
- For the detection, the pipeline was executed on Syracuse and Albert Einstein Institute Hannover
- A single run of the binary black hole + binary neutron star search through the O1 data (about 3 calendar months of data with 50% duty cycle) requires a workflow with 194,364 jobs.  
Generating the final O1 results with all the review required for the first discovery took about 20 million core hours



**PyCBC Papers:** An improved pipeline to search for gravitational waves from compact binary coalescence. *Samantha Usman, Duncan Brown et al.*

The PyCBC search for gravitational waves from compact binary coalescence, *Samantha Usman et al* ( <https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.02357> )

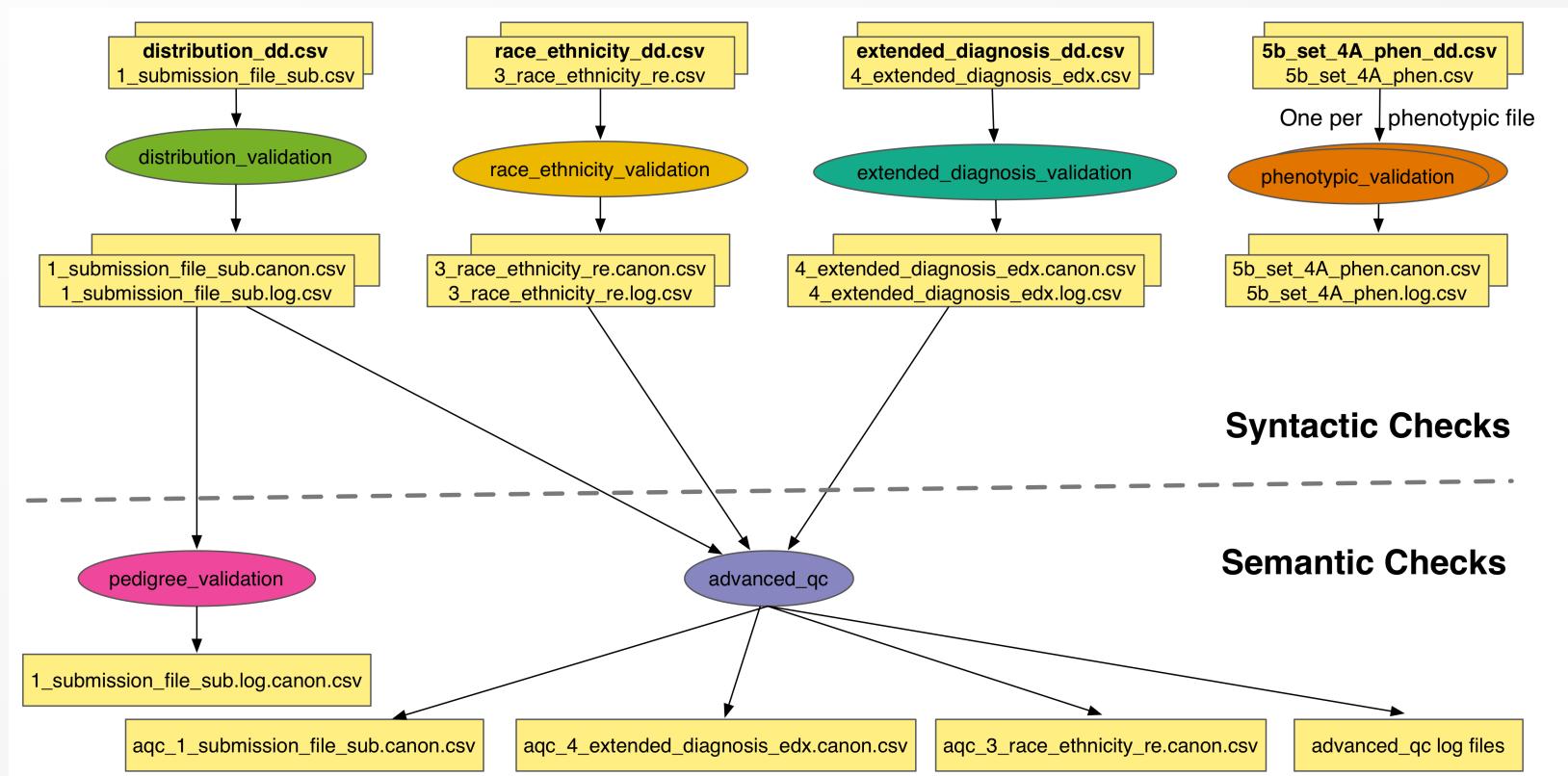
**PyCBC Detection GW150914:** First results from the search for binary black hole coalescence with Advanced LIGO. *B. P. Abbott et al.*

# Benefits to LIGO provided by Pegasus- Expanded Computing Horizons

- No longer limited to a single execution resource
  - Non Pegasus LIGO pipelines can often only run on LIGO clusters
  - Input is replicated out of band , in a rigid directory layout.
  - Rely on the shared filesystem to access data.
- Pegasus made it possible to leverage Non LDG Computing Resources
  - Open Science Grid
    - Dynamic – Best Effort Resource with no shared filesystem available
  - Large NSF Supercomputing Clusters XSEDE
    - No HTCondor
    - Geared for Large MPI jobs, not thousands of single node jobs
    - LIGO tried to setup XSEDE cluster as a LDG site but mismatch in setup.
    - Pegasus enabled LIGO to use XSEDE without changes at LIGO or at XSEDE
  - VIRGO Resources in Europe
    - Clusters with no shared filesystem and different storage management infrastructure than LDG
    - No HTCondor

# Automated Quality Control Workflows for NIMH-NRGR

The NIMH Repository and Genomics Resource (NIMH-RGR) is large NIH funded center that facilitates psychiatric genetic research by providing a collection of over 150,000 well characterized, high quality patient and control bio-samples.



*Pipeline to automate quality control checks on incoming phenotypic data to the center*

*Earlier curation process was manual done by analysts at the center, that was often error prone*

*Web based system developed on top of Pegasus WMS by the center.*

[https://www.nimhgenetics.org/submit\\_data/](https://www.nimhgenetics.org/submit_data/)

**SOYBEAN KNOWLEDGE BASE (SoyKB)**  
A web resource for Soybean Translational Genomics

**SoyKB Home**

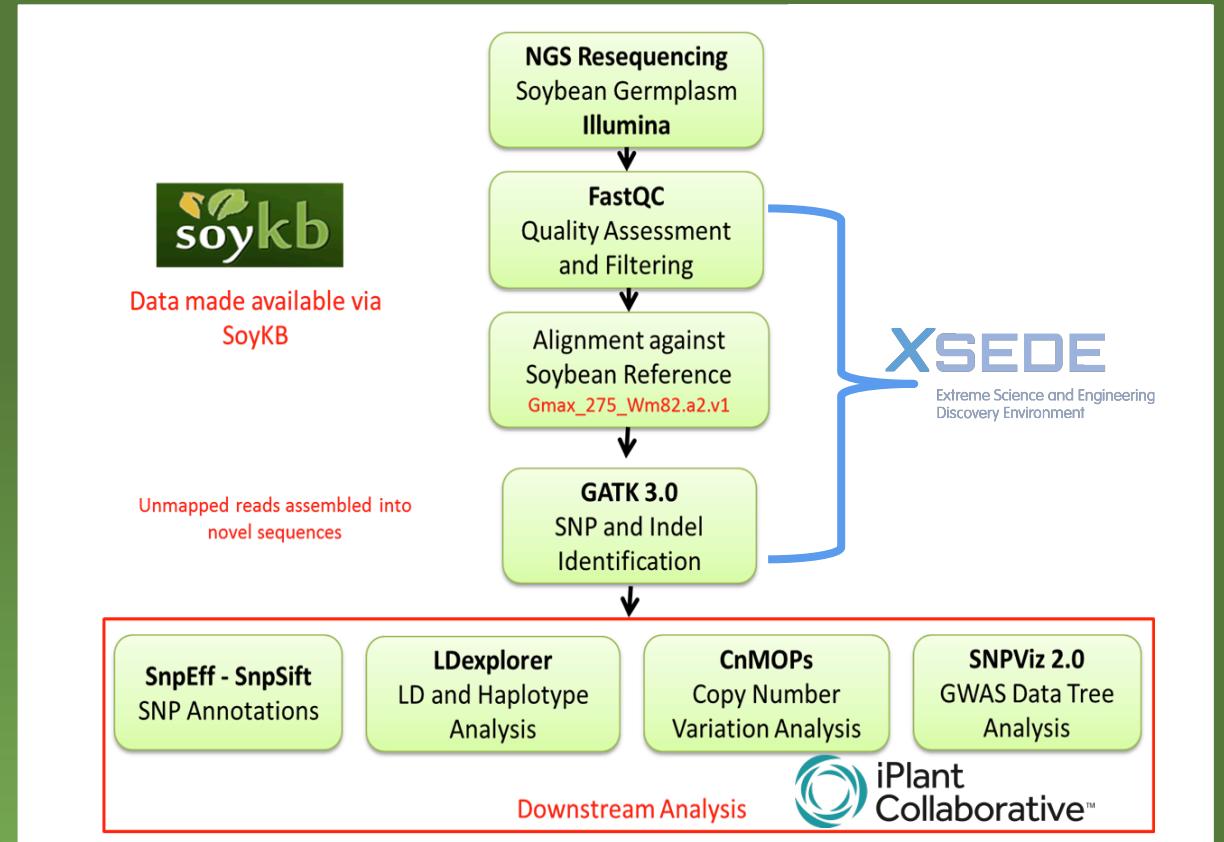
A hallmark of modern biology is tremendous amounts of complex omics data, which require large-scale data management, comprehensive computational analyses, and efficient integration, for better understanding of the data and hypothesis generation. For soybean with a newly sequenced genome, there is an increasing need from the soybean community to have a one-stop interactive, web-based portal to browse, access and share knowledge about soybean.

Towards this, we developed the Soybean Knowledge Base (SoyKB), a comprehensive all-inclusive web resource for soybean. SoyKB is designed to handle the storage and integration of the gene, genomics, EST, microarray, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, pathway and phenotype data.

SoyKB provides an informatics-based social network system to build connections among soybean researchers, producers and consumers.

**Latest News**

- SoyKB: a powerful tool at the junction of plant biology and computer science
- University of Missouri Leads Soybean Sequencing Effort
- SoyKB: Leading the convergence of wet and dry science in the era of Big Data



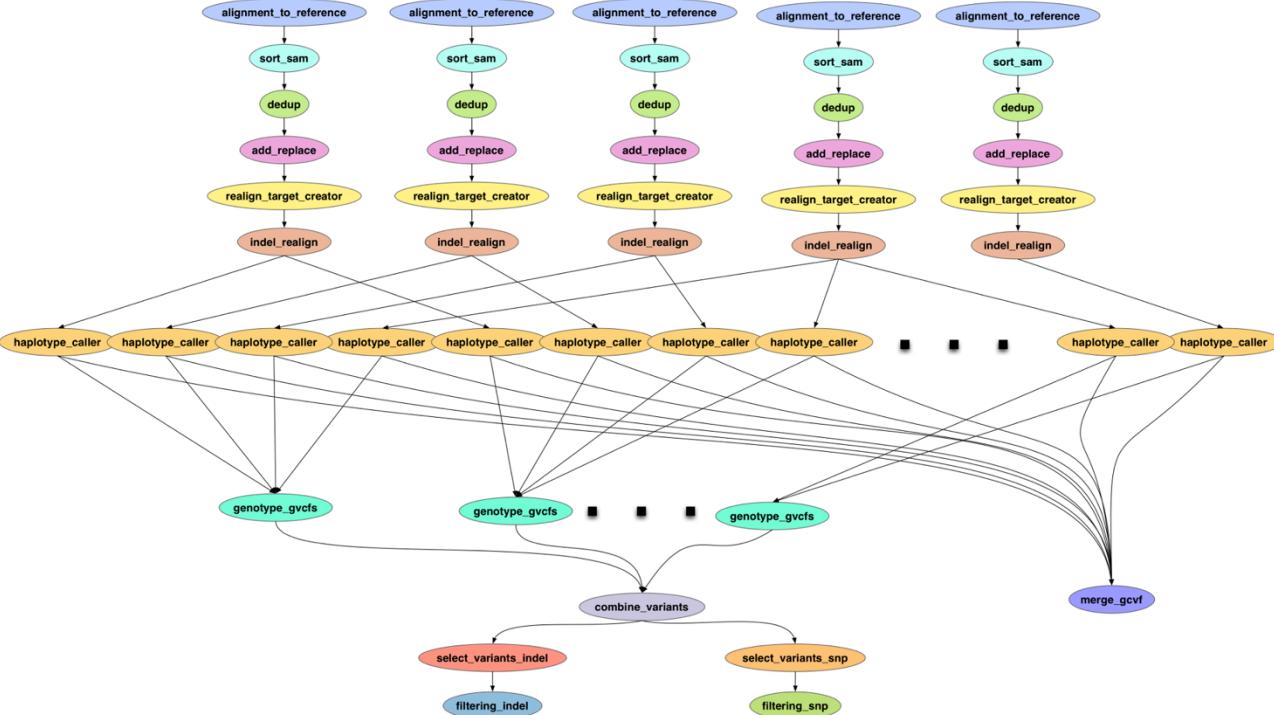
# <http://soykb.org>

XSEDE Allocation

PI: Dong Xu

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<https://github.com/pegasus-isi/Soybean-Workflow>



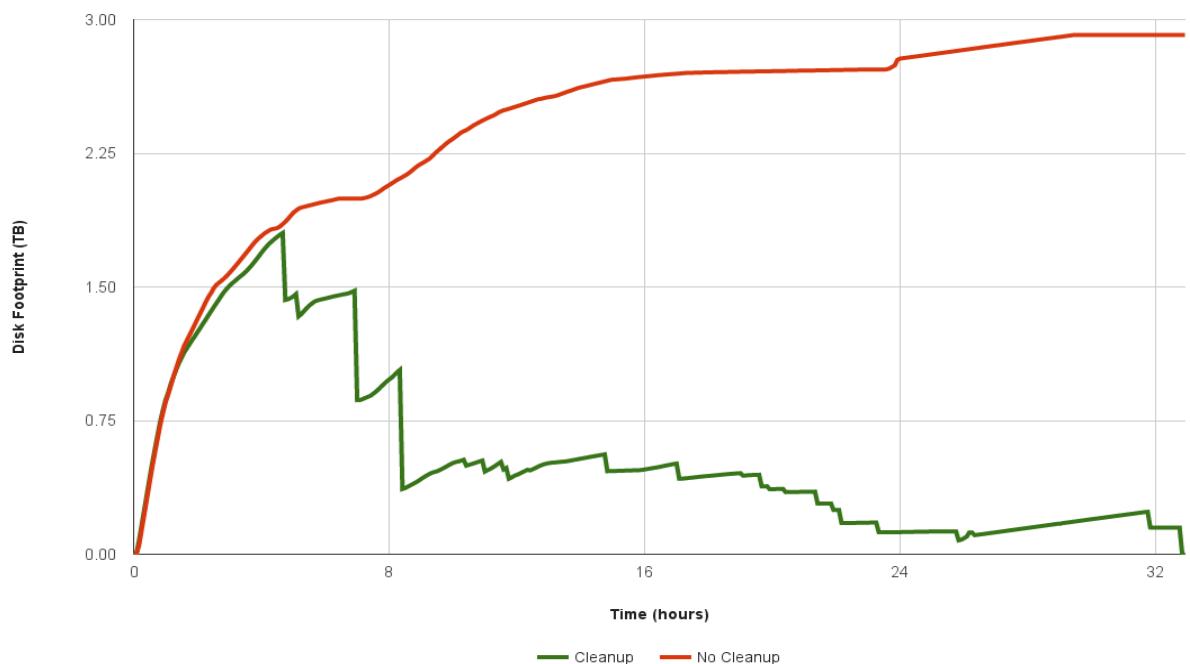
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Indel_realign	GATK	1	10
Haplotype_caller	GATK	1	3
Genotype_gvcfs	GATK	1	10
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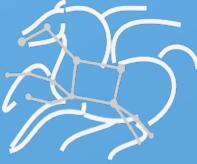
## TACC Wrangler as Execution Environment

Flash Based Shared Storage

Switched to glideins (pilot jobs) - Brings in remote compute nodes and joins them to the HTCondor pool on in the submit host - Workflow runs at a finer granularity

Works well on Wrangler due to more cores and memory per node (48 cores, 128 GB RAM)





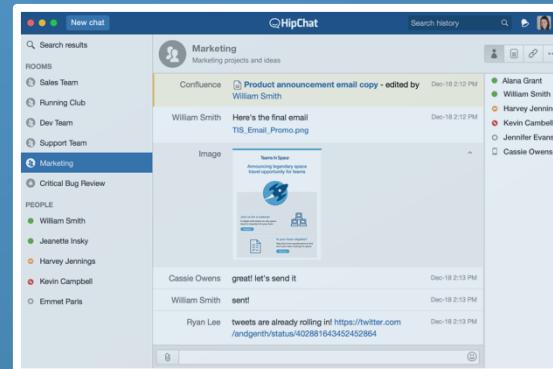
# Pegasus

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Automate, recover, and debug scientific computations.

## Get Started

### HipChat



### Pegasus Website

<http://pegasus.isi.edu>

### Users Mailing List

[pegasus-users@isi.edu](mailto:pegasus-users@isi.edu)

### Support

[pegasus-support@isi.edu](mailto:pegasus-support@isi.edu)



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## Thank You

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## Meet our team



Ewa Deelman



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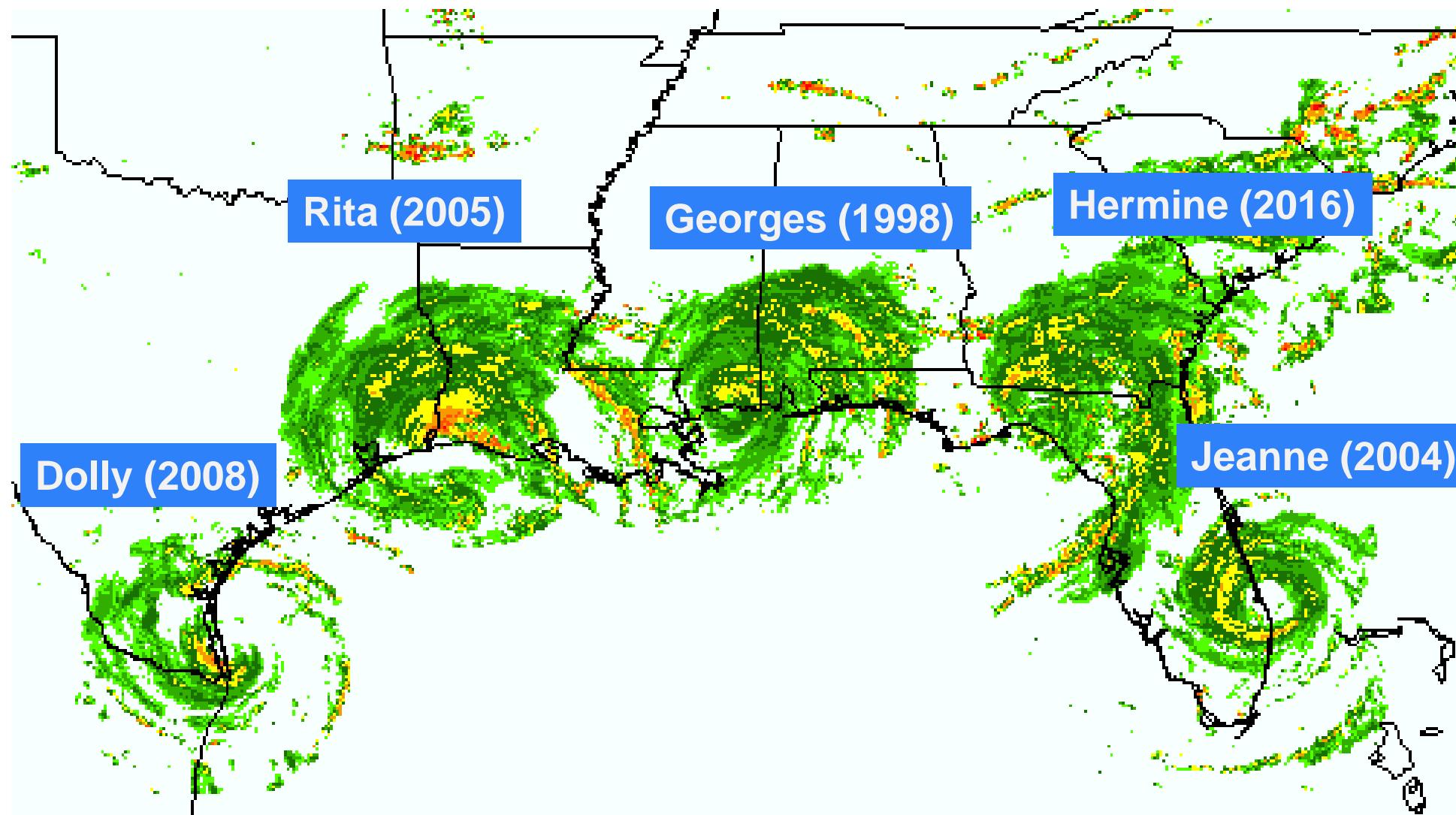
# Defining the spatial properties of precipitation features using data from the WSR-88D network



**Dr. Corene Matyas**  
**Jingyin Tang, Ph.D. Candidate**  
Department of Geography  
University of Florida



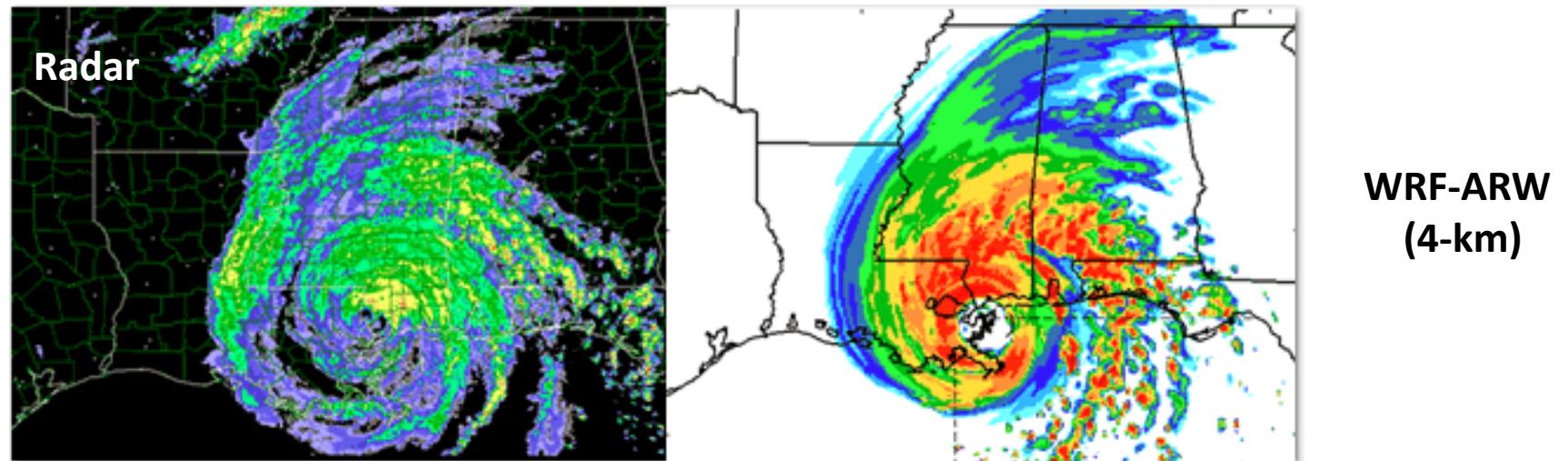
# Research Goal: Define and Predict Spatial Properties of Tropical Cyclone (TC) Rain Fields



# Motivation: Address Model Inaccuracies at Landfall

- Poor understanding of the dominant physical mechanisms that lead to weakening PRIOR to landfall

Hurricane  
Katrina  
(2005)



- Understanding distribution of convection is key

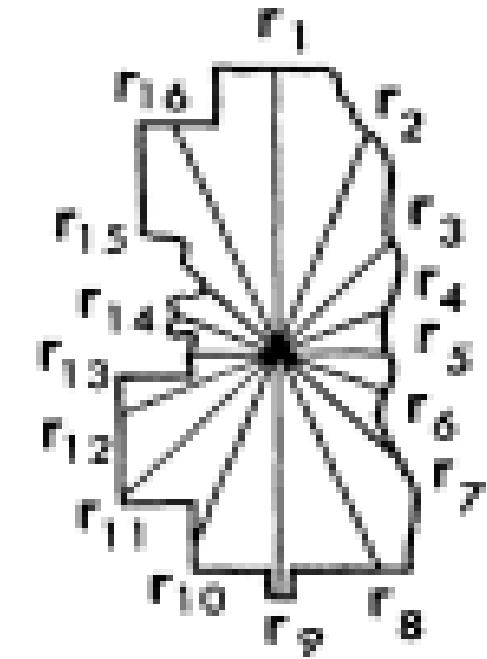
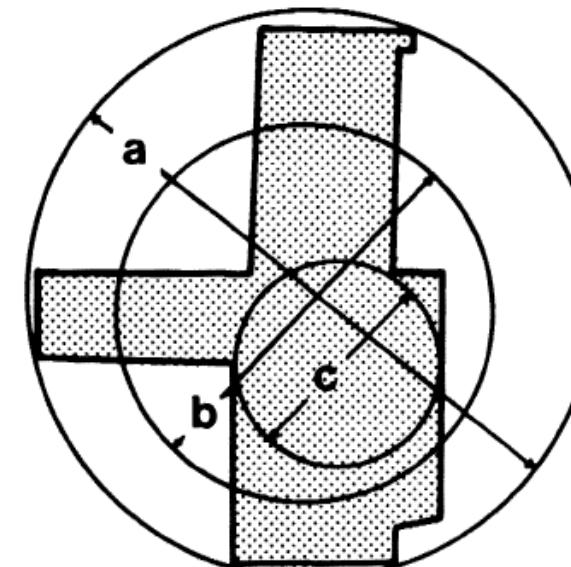
# Geographers Measure Space

Spatial attributes: location, symmetry, area, compactness, smoothness, fragmentation

E.g., Boyce and Clark 1964; Lee and Sallee 1970; Frolov 1975;  
MacEachren 1985; Wentz 2000; Williams and Wentz 2008; Li et al. 2014

Applications to tropical cyclones

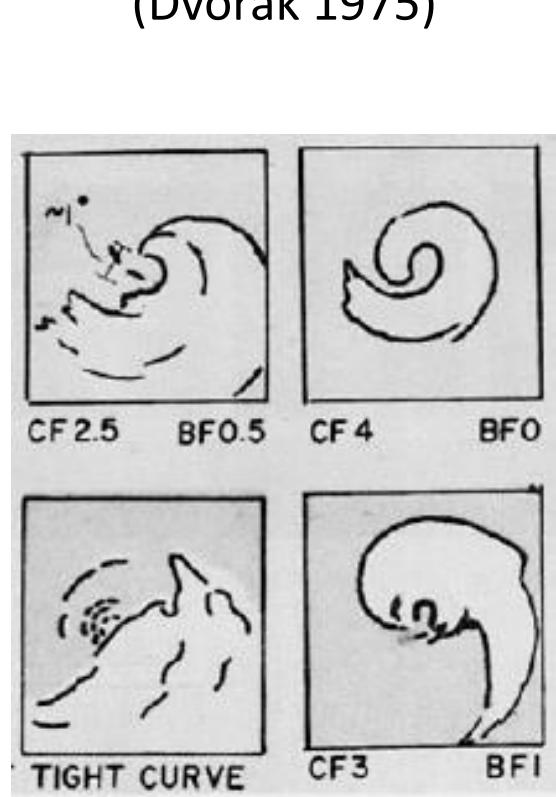
- Intensity
- Vertical wind shear
- Dry air entrainment



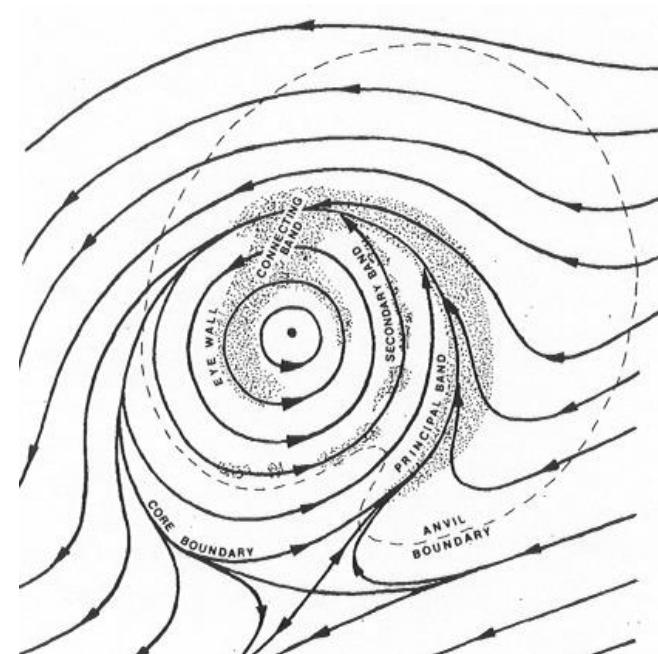
Dispersion about centroid  
(Boyce and Clark 1964)

Circumscribed, same  
area, inscribed circles  
(MacEachren 1985)

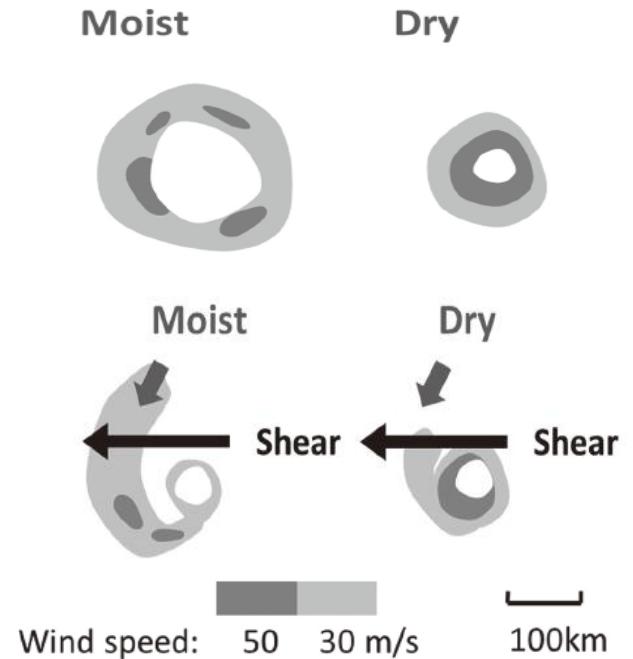
# TC Shapes: Indicators of Health and External Forcings



Common rainband configurations  
(Willoughby et al. 1984)



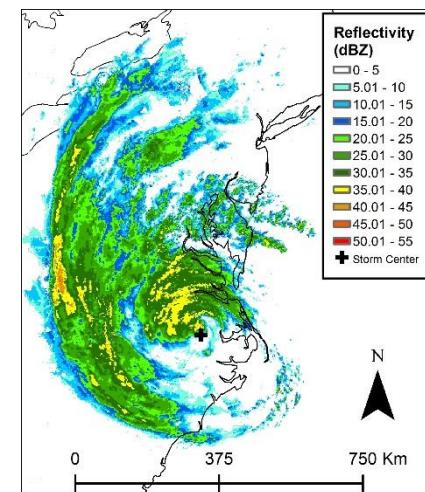
Wind shear and moisture  
(Ying and Zhang 2012)



# Shape Metrics: Observed vs. Simulated Reflectivity

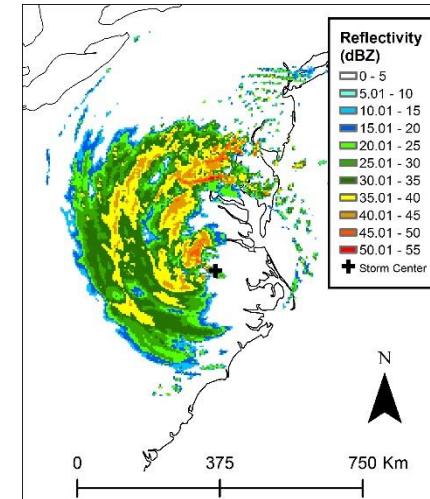
- Use shape metrics to examine spatial distribution of reflectivity
- Hurricane Isabel (2003) landfall NC, examine for 18 hours
- Reflectivity from WSR-88D network
- Simulated reflectivity Weather Research and Forecasting model (4 variations)
- 3 km grid, 3.5 km altitude

Cumulus  
Kain-Fritsch

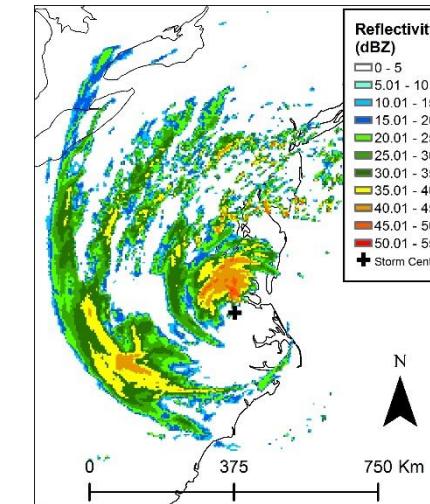


WSR-88D

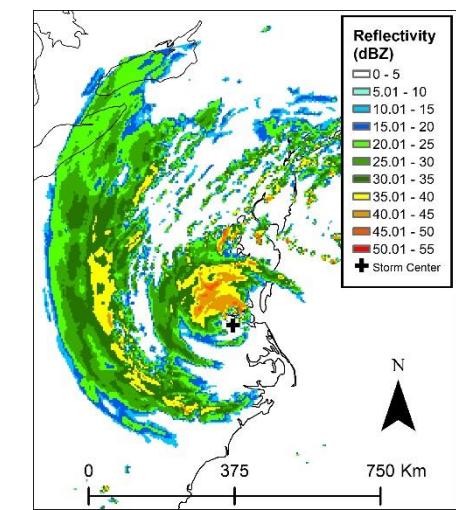
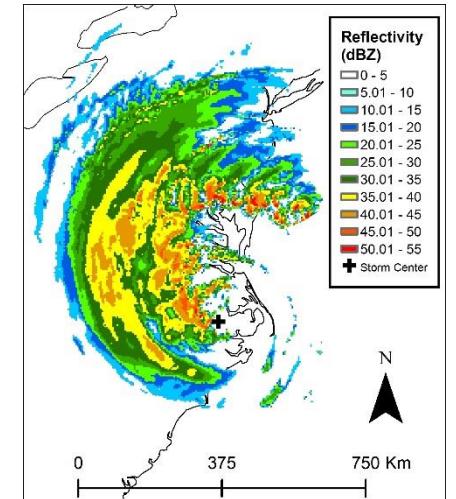
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Tiedtke



Hydrometeors  
Single

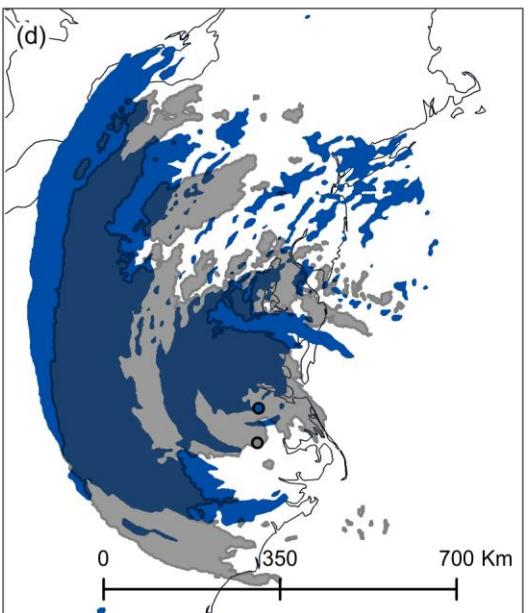
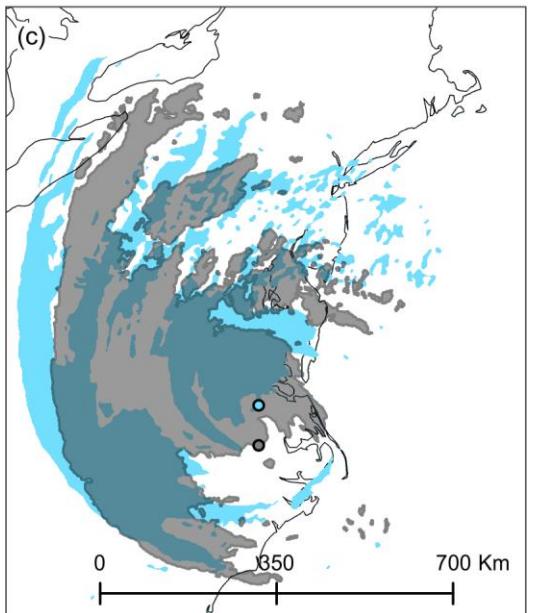
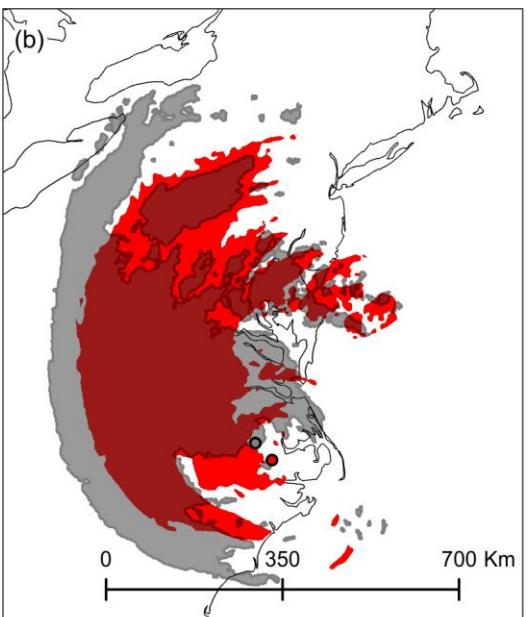
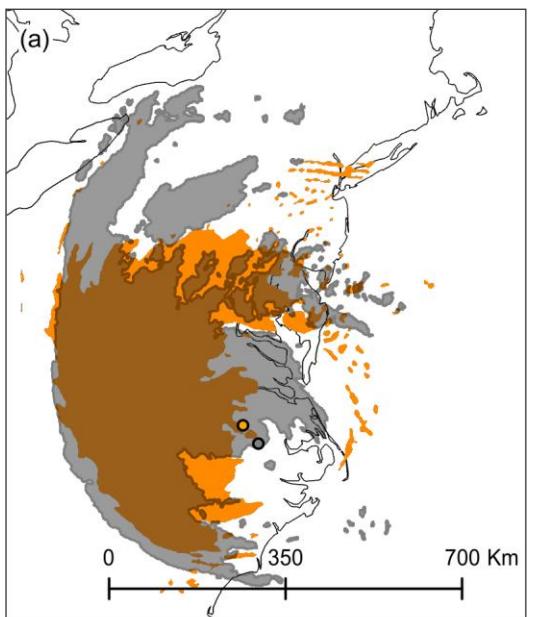


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# Shape Metrics

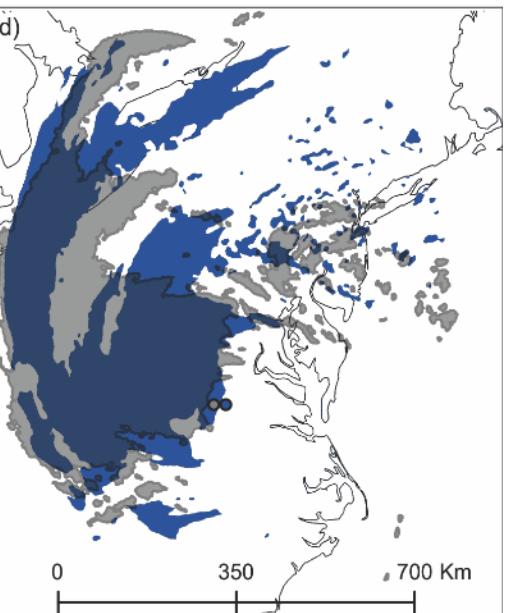
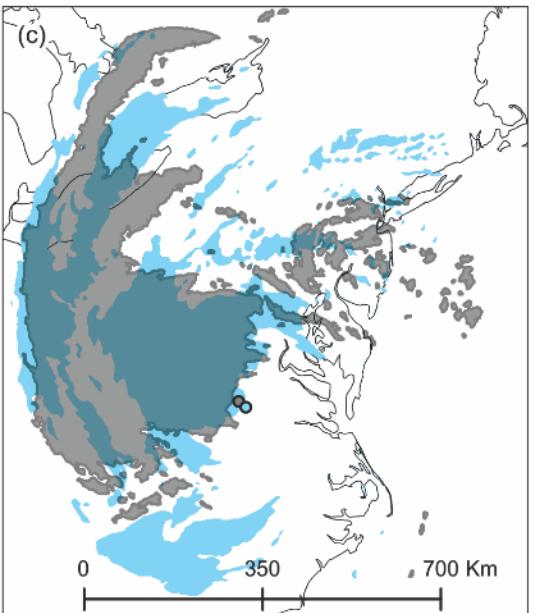
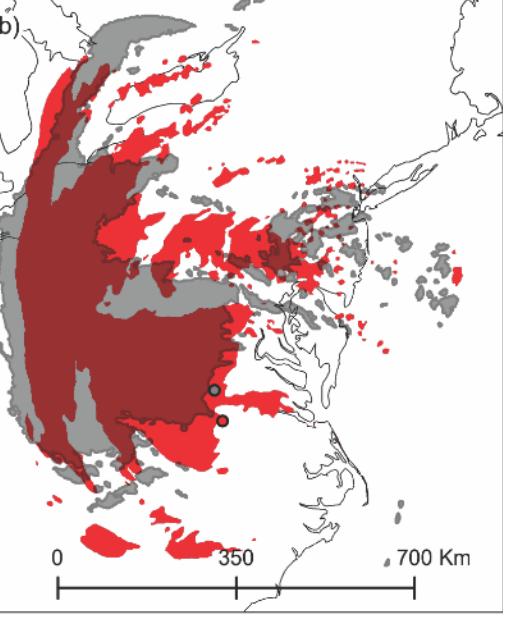
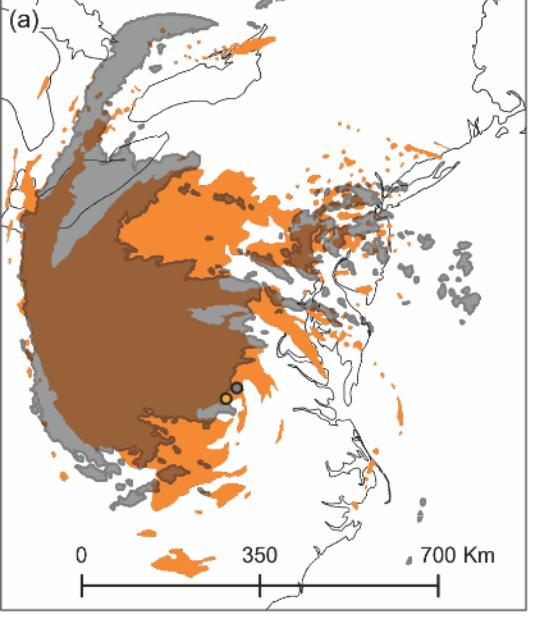
Metric	Equation	Near 0	Near 1	Literature
Elongation	$E = \frac{(Length - Width)}{Length}$	Circular	Elliptical	Matyas (2007, 2009) <i>Professional Geographer, J. of Appl. Met. and Clim.</i>
Solidity	$S = \frac{Area}{Convex Area}$	Empty	Filled	Jiao et al. (2012) <i>ISPRS J. Photogram. and R.S.</i>
Closure	$C = \frac{\text{no.} 1^\circ \text{ angles intersecting polygons}}{360}$	Exposed	Enclosed	Modified arc-length from Matyas (2007) <i>Prof. Geog.</i>
Dispersion	$D = \sum_{i=1}^{NP} \frac{Area_i}{\sum_j^{NP} Area_j} \left( \frac{r_{centroid,i}}{r_{search}} \right)$	Centralized	Dispersed	Zick and Matyas (2016) <i>Annals of the AAG</i>
Fragmentation	$F = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{NP} \frac{Area_i}{ConvexArea_i} \left[ 1 - \frac{NP-1}{NP + \log_{10} Area} \right]$	Cohesive	Fragmented	Zick and Matyas (2016) <i>Annals of the AAG</i>



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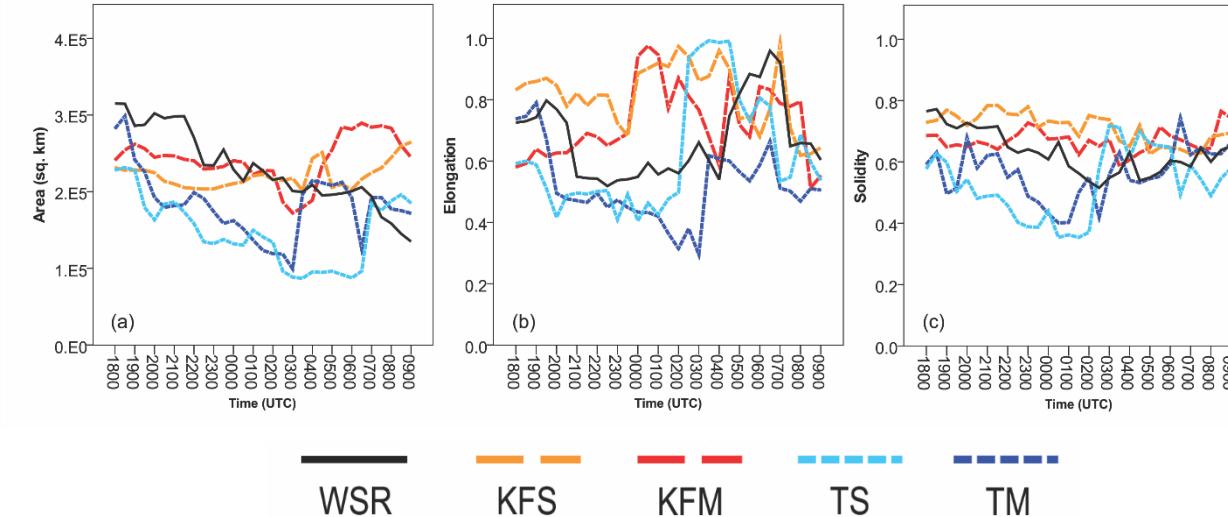
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## 20 dBZ regions

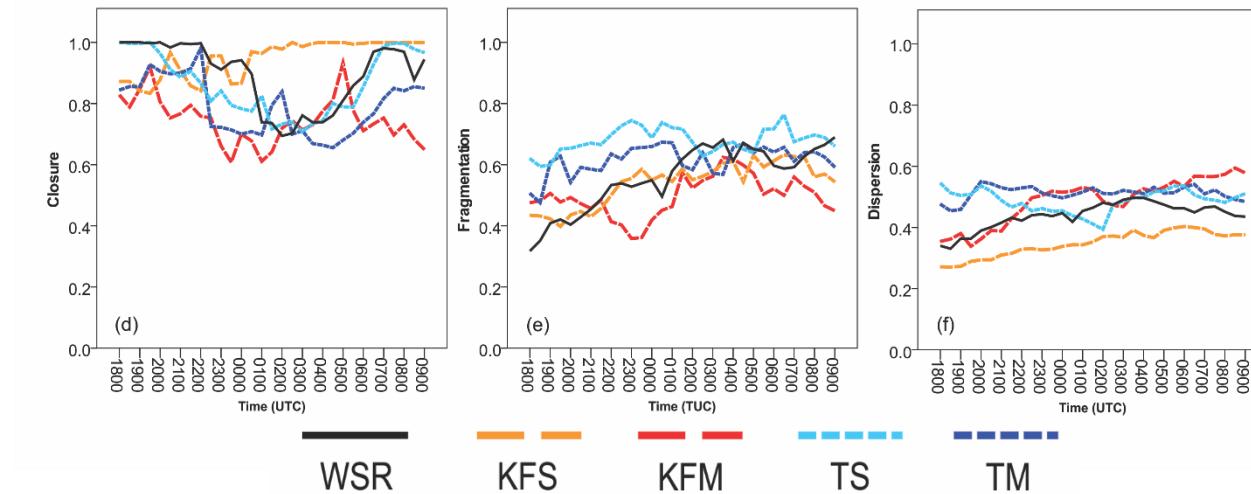


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A, B, C: Largest polygon only  
D, E, F: All polygons



# 20 dBZ Polygons (Light rainfall)

Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between WSR polygons bounded by 20 dBZ and those produced by four simulations and time

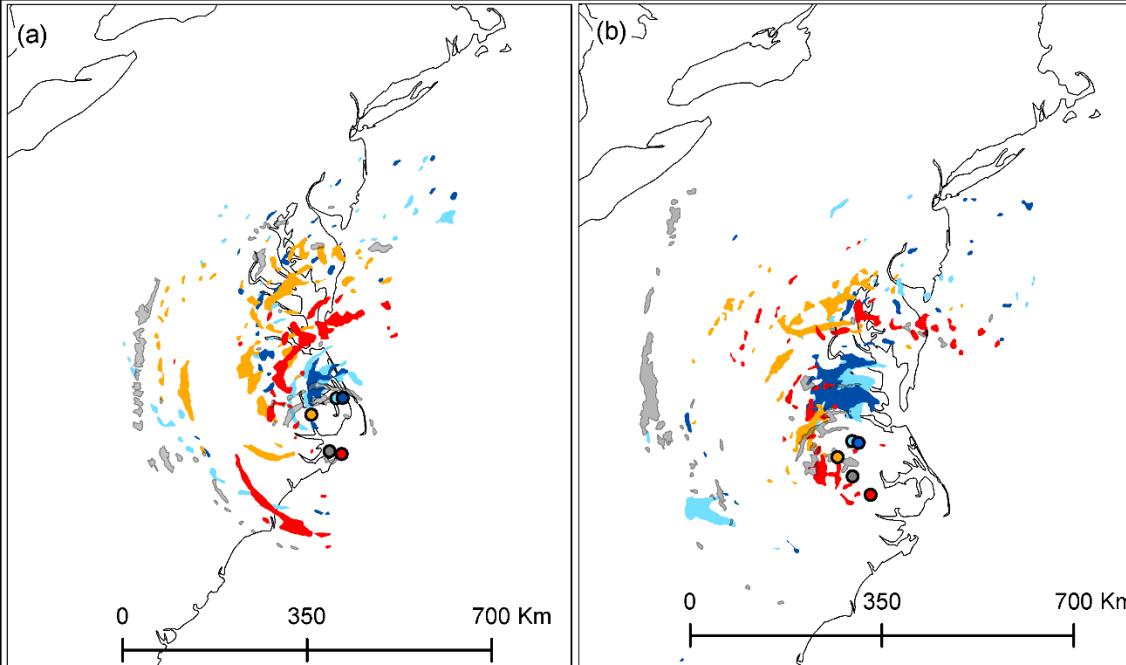
	Area	Elongation	Solidity	Dispersion	Closure	Fragmentation
KFM	-0.183	0.100	0.180	<b>0.513</b>	<b>0.516</b>	<b>0.497</b>
KFS	-0.234	-0.097	0.398	<b>0.750</b>	-0.317	0.608
TM	0.204	<b>0.492</b>	0.272	0.225	<b>0.789</b>	0.232
TS	0.341	0.434	-0.160	-0.205	<b>0.844</b>	0.063
Time	<b>-0.962</b>	-0.226	<b>-0.605</b>	<b>0.680</b>	<b>-0.528</b>	<b>0.854</b>

Significant at  $\alpha = 0.01$

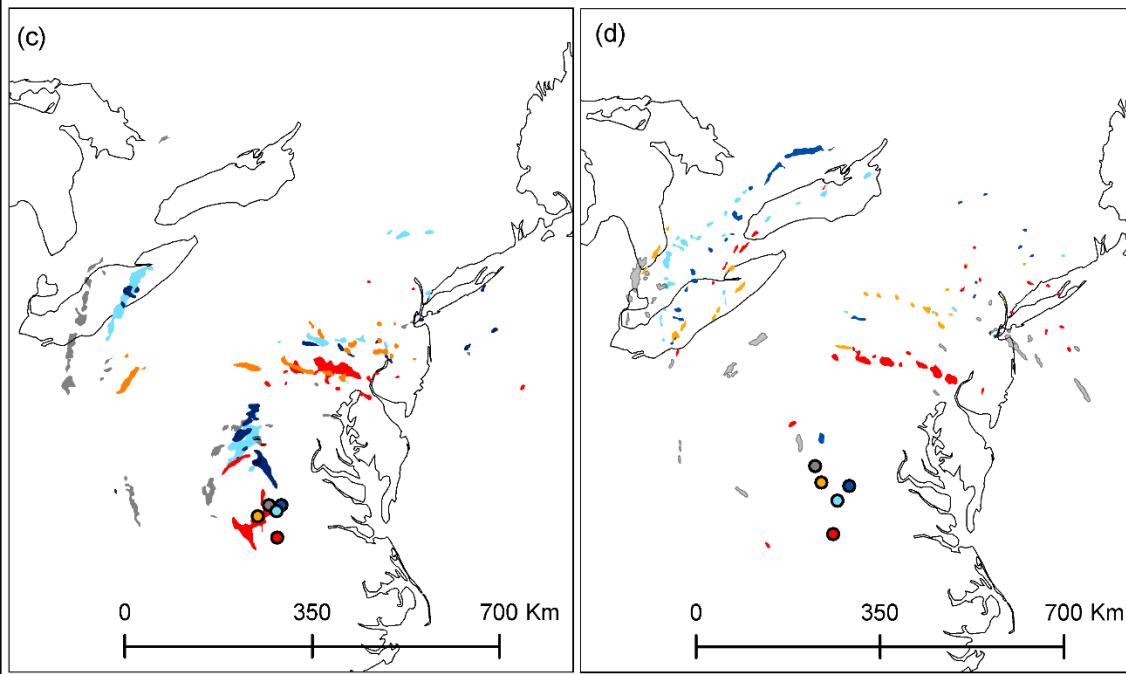
Significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$

# 40 dBZ regions

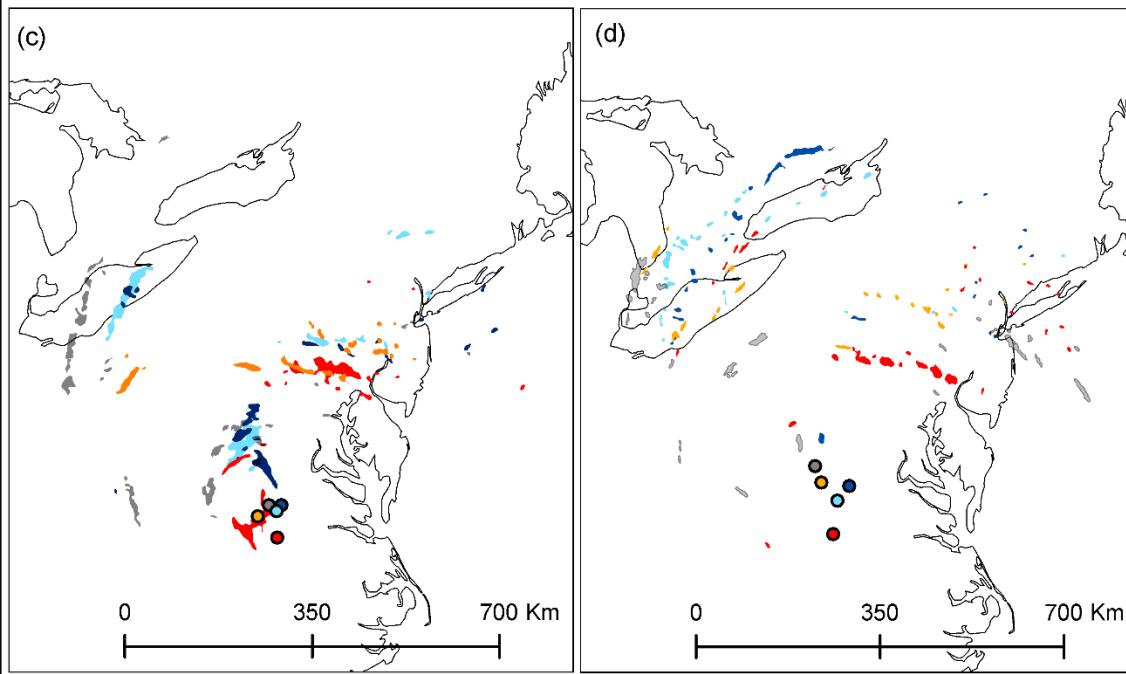
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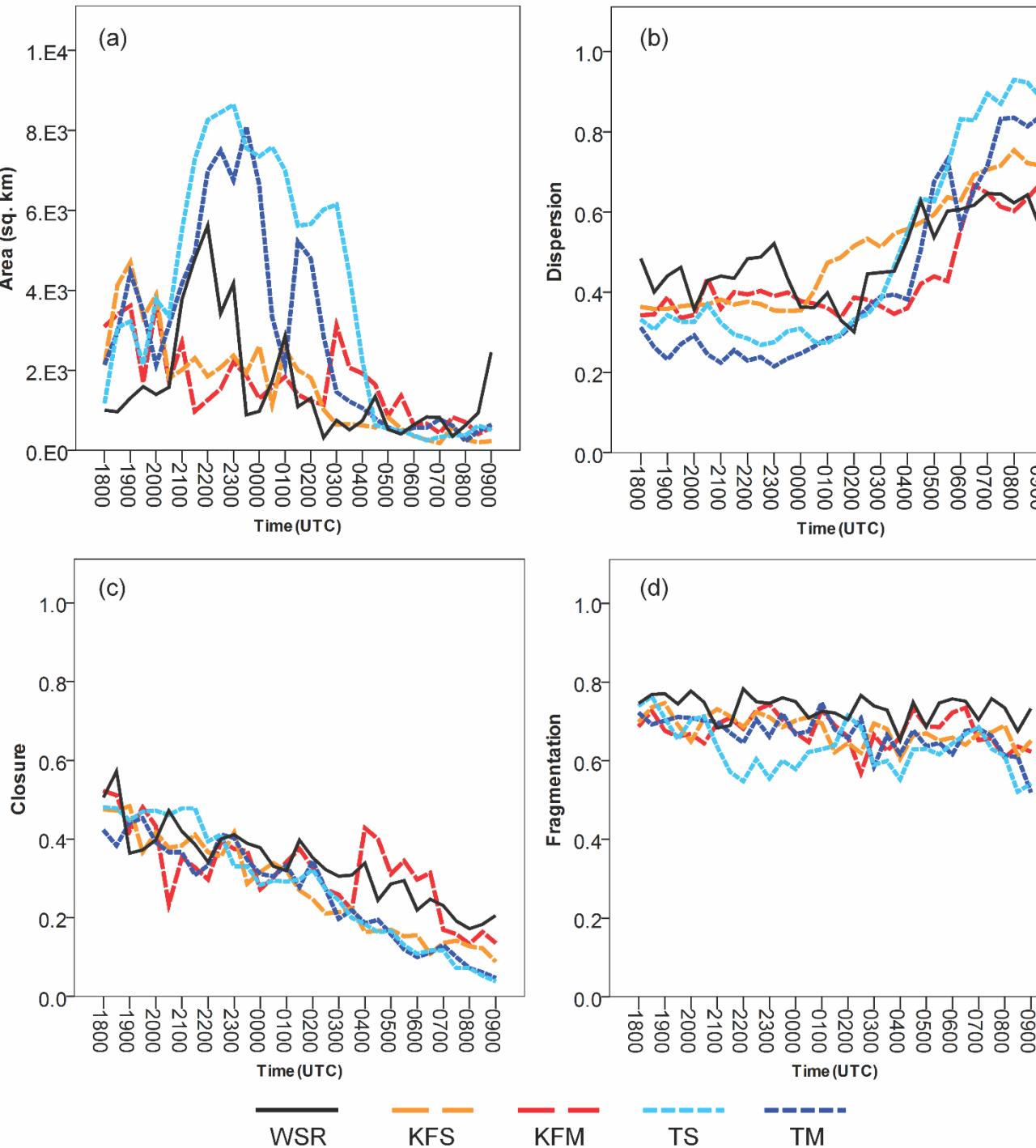
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# 40 dBZ Polygons (Heavy rainfall)

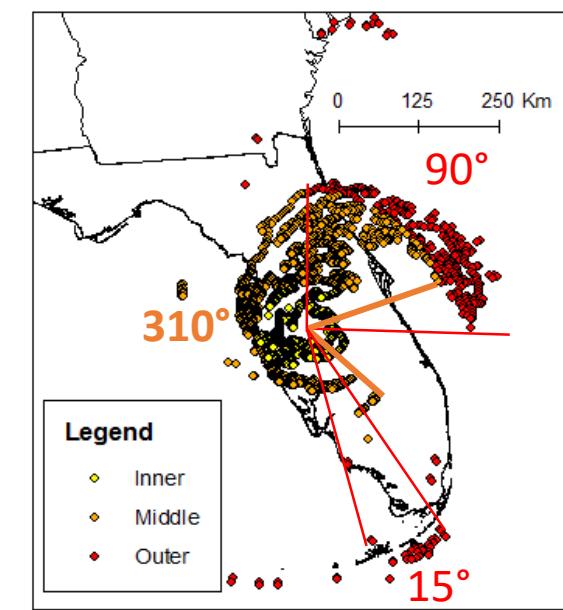
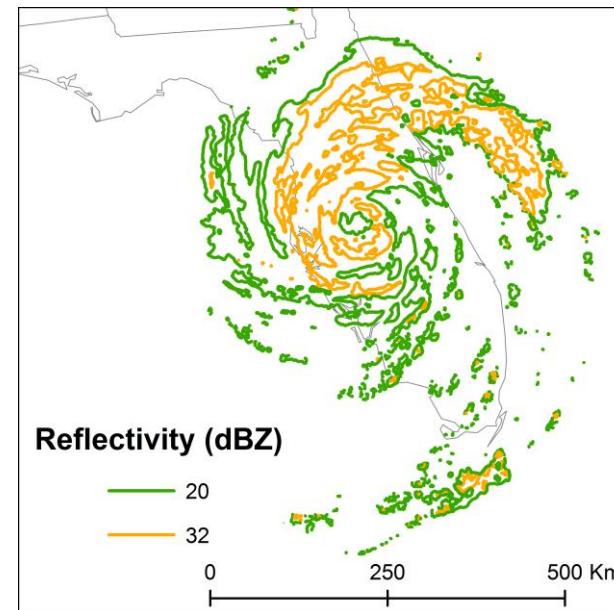
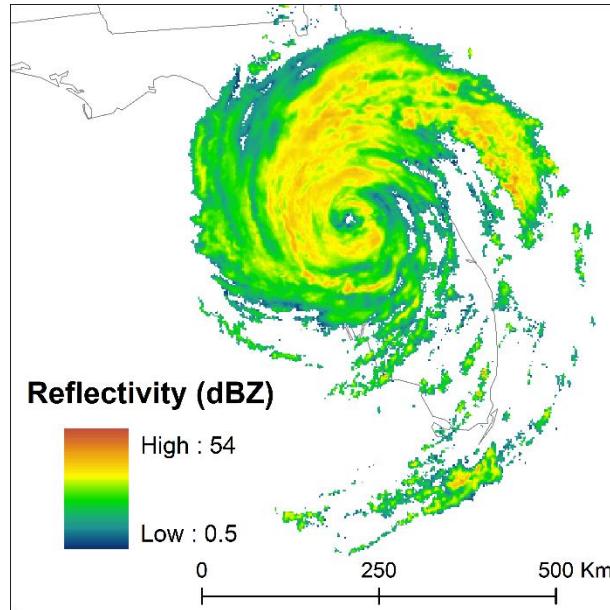


Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between WSR polygons bounded by 40 dBZ and those produced by four simulations and time

	Area	Dispersion	Closure	Fragmentation
KFM	0.27	0.151	<b>0.661</b>	<b>0.659</b>
KFS	0.146	0.315	<b>0.873</b>	<b>0.581</b>
TM	0.281	<b>0.498</b>	<b>0.907</b>	<b>0.639</b>
TS	0.353	<b>0.565</b>	<b>0.915</b>	<b>0.709</b>
Time	<b>-0.416</b>	0.104	<b>-0.934</b>	<b>-0.728</b>

Significant at  $\alpha = 0.01$   
Significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$

# Another Way to Measure Closure/Exposure



1. Contour 20 and 32 dBZ regions
2. Intersect contours with radial lines every 1°
3. Record intersections as points
4. Sweep over radial distance (storm size)
5. Identify angles where points are found
6. Filled areas must be at least 10° wide
7. Repeat every 10 minutes
8. Relate time series to vertical wind shear, storm motion

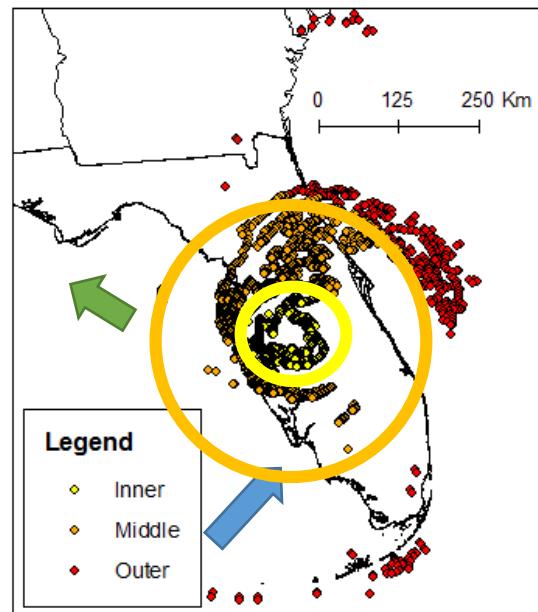
Radius of Outermost Closed Isobar: 370 km

Middle region:  $\frac{1}{2}$  ROCI

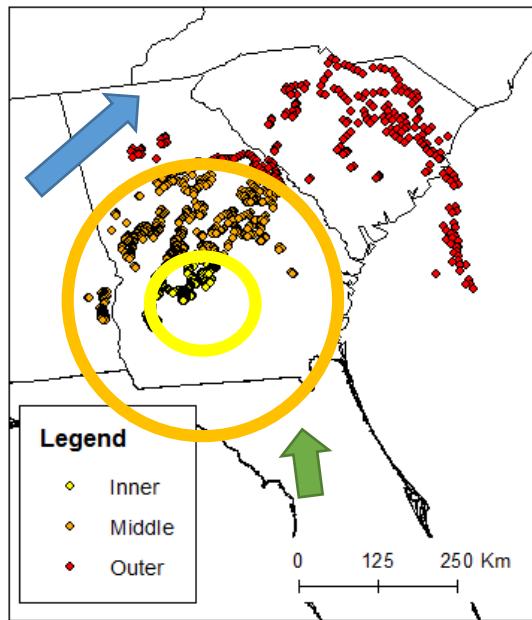
Outer: ROCI + 100 km

# 32 dBZ Contour Intersections

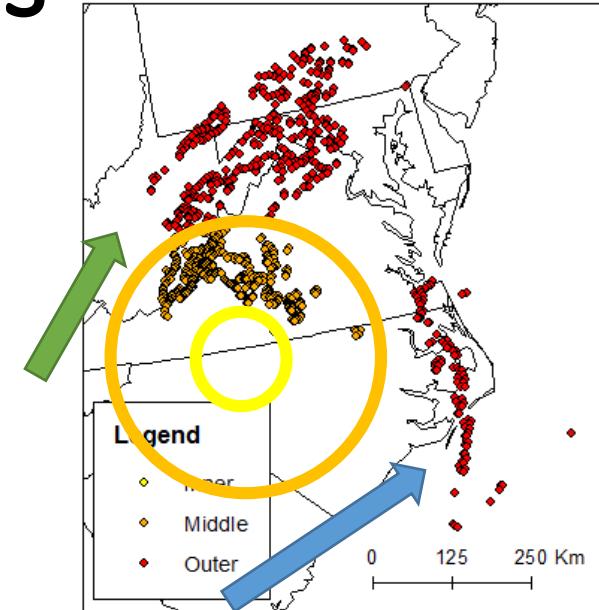
Storm Motion      200-850 hPa Shear



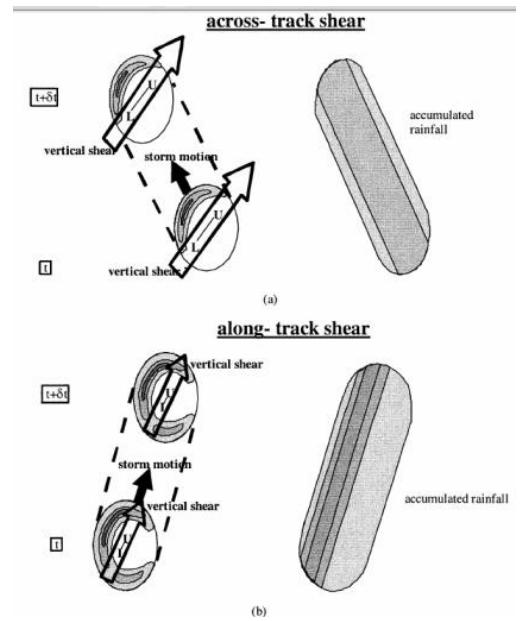
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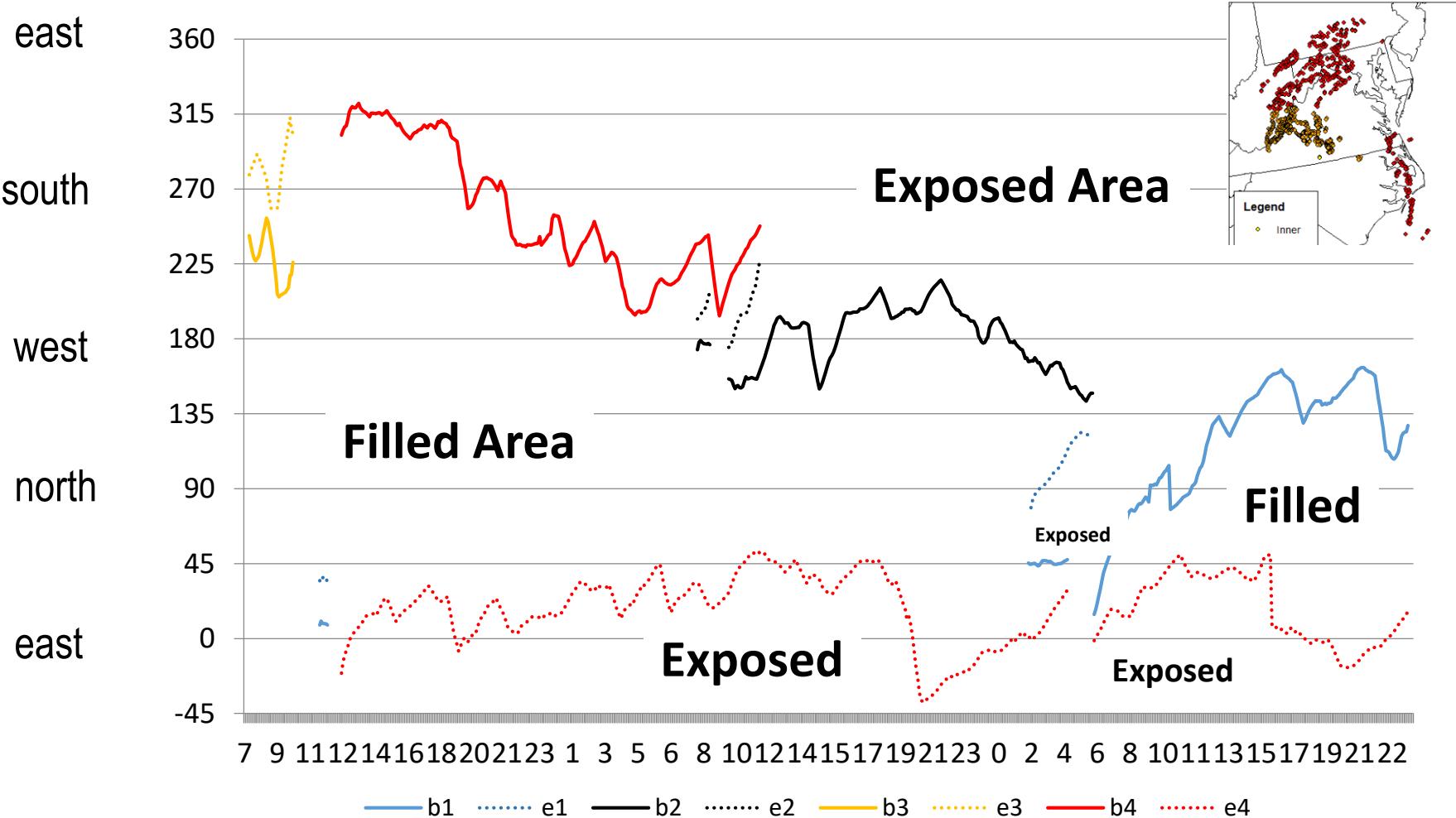


Rogers et al. (2003)  
Fig. 21

- Exposure of middle and inner regions increases with time
- Rainfall focused downshear left, ahead of storm center
- Relationship corresponds well to published research

9/28 1500 UTC

# 32 dBZ Middle Region (74-222 km)



- Middle region shrinks in coverage from 360° to 90°
- Core becomes exposed from southeast to west
- Rainfall remains north and east of center
- Using storm size worked well to subdivide radially

# Summary

- Perspective from Geography: need to better predict spatial patterns of rainfall
- Shape metrics: accurate calculations require high-resolution data
- Implications for better predictions of TC rainband structures
- Comparisons with model output
- Applications for other weather systems
- Future directions: 3D shapes with tracking over time

# Technical Notes about Fast Gridding



- We frequently perform the gridding algorithm on radar products.
- Many applications can create single/multiple radar gridding products.
- Our goal:
  - Performance
  - Performance
  - Performance
- Some lessons we learned from development of multi-radar gridding algorithms.

# Strategy Comparison

- Two-step method vs one-step method
  - Two-steps: ① create individual grids for each radar ② combine grids into a large mosaic
  - One-step: Directly put all gates on the final mosaic
- Interpolation:
  - Linear interpolation
  - Angular interpolation
- Architecture
  - Sequential
  - Parallel (single node)
  - Distributed

# Single Radar or Multi Radar

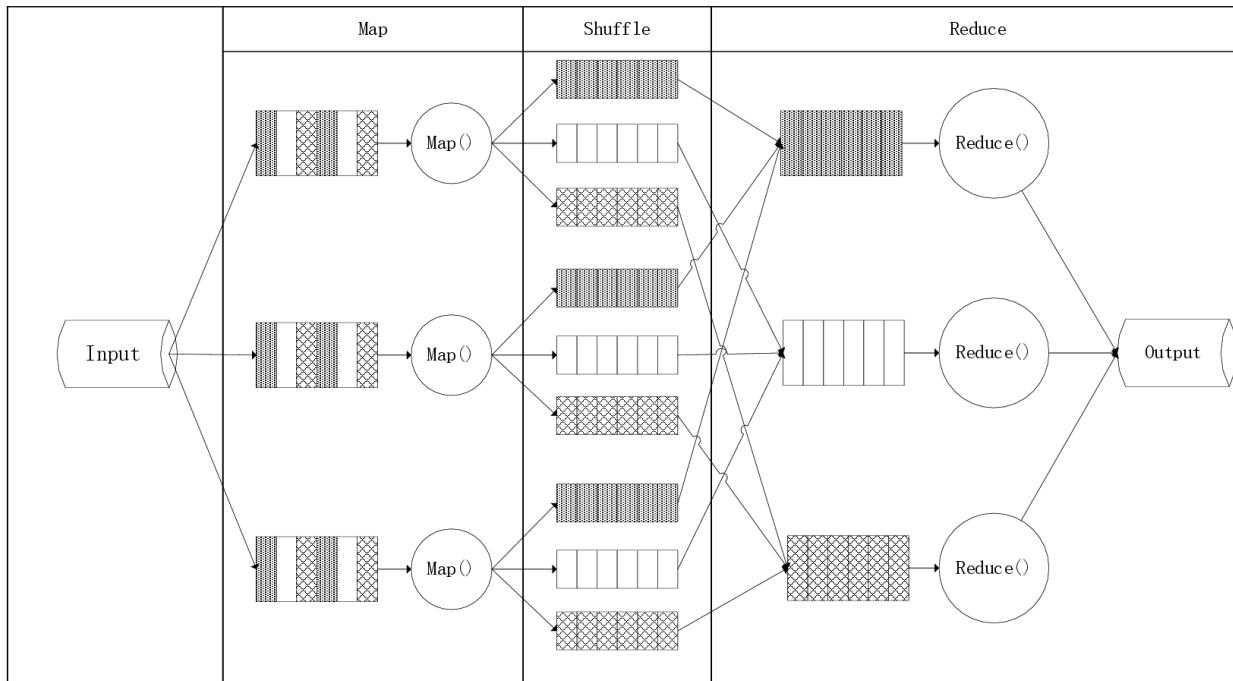
## Single radar/Mosaic

1. Assume the radar at  $(0,0,z)$ : Azimuthal Equidistant Projection. North: Y-axis
2. Combine:
  1. Inverse project back to the Earth Spheroid (lat/lon)
  2. Forward project to a new geographic projection (e.g. Lambert Conformal Conic)
  3. Resampling/rectify on new grid
- Problem
  - ① Synchronize cells in overlapped area
  - ② Expensive computations on inverse/forward projection
  - ③ How to keep interpolation consistent due to geographical distortions.

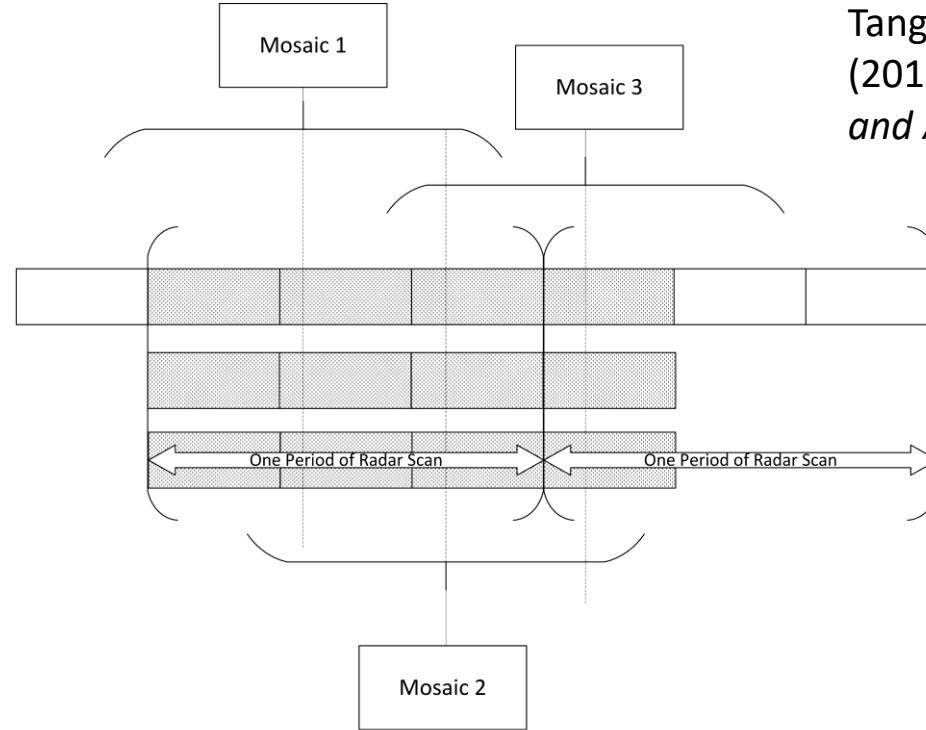
## Multi-radar

1. Gate  $\rightarrow$  **Spheroid**  $\rightarrow$  Geographic Projection
2. Gate  $\rightarrow$  **Spheroid**  $\rightarrow$  Geographic Projection
3. Synchronize multi-radar samplings (e.g. temporal weight, take newest)
  - Problem
    - ① Large memory demands
    - ② Complicated software architecture
    - ③ 0-deg Azimuth is not along Y-axis (geographic convergence)
    - ④ Beams may scale and curve on the map (geographical distortion)

# First Try: Multi-radar using MapReduce



Key: (Time, Elevation, Azimuth, Gate) → Grid Index ( $T, i, j, k$ )  
Value: Radar Moments



Tang and Matyas  
(2016) *J. Ocean  
and Atmos. Tech.*

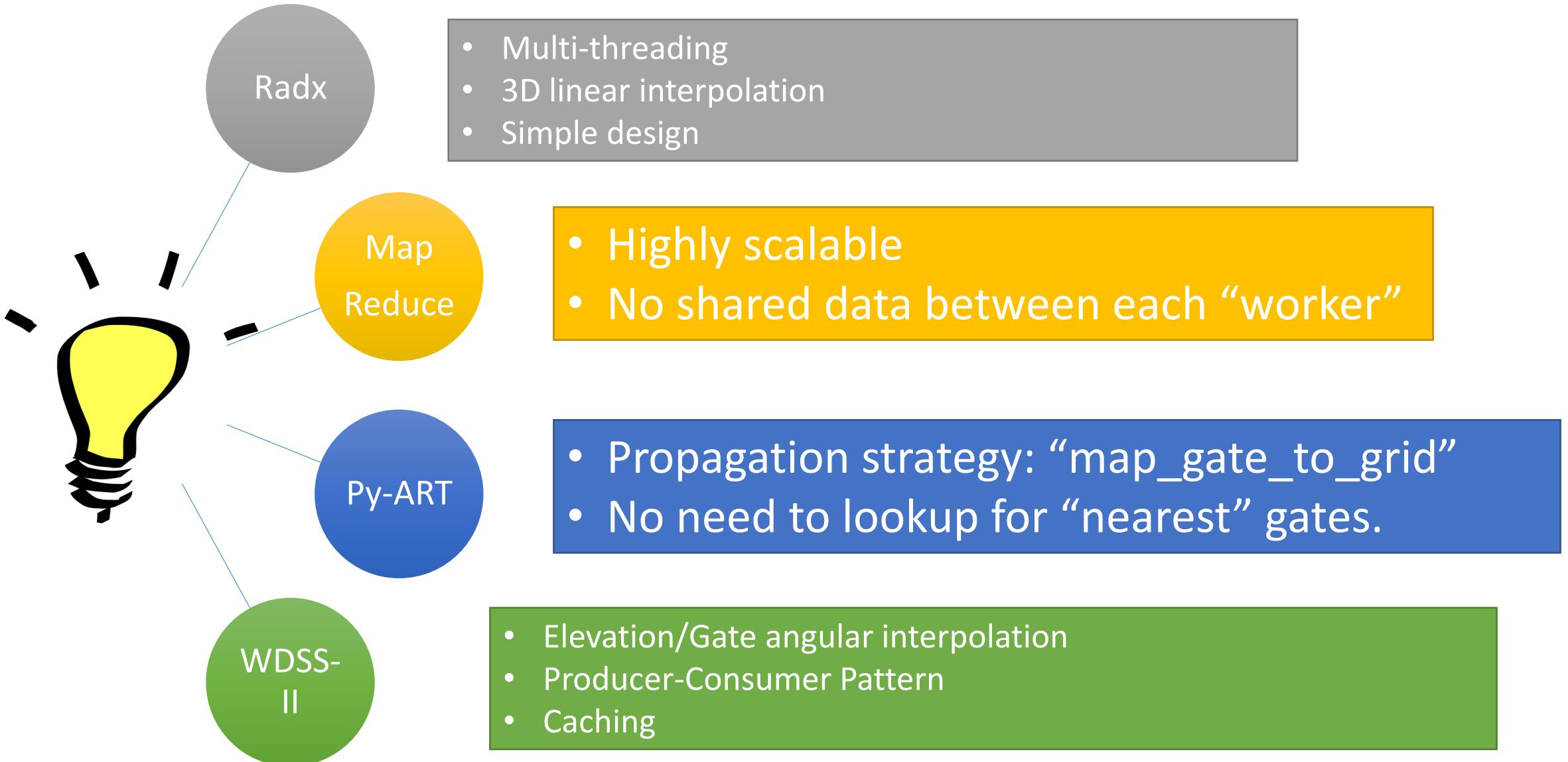
Implementation: Scala Language and Apache Spark  
Distributed Platform: 16 nodes, 4 CPU/node

NetCDF-java *improperly* structures super-resolution scans (0.25deg) in Level-II

Duplicate data to synchronize over time

A conformal geographic projection can save time, as no forward projection (lat/lon to x/y) required, slightly up-scaled

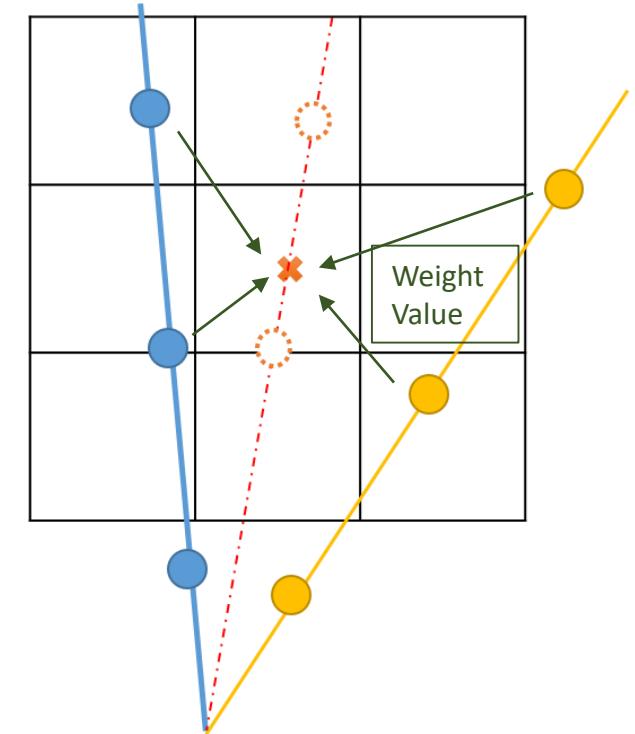
# Getting Inspiration



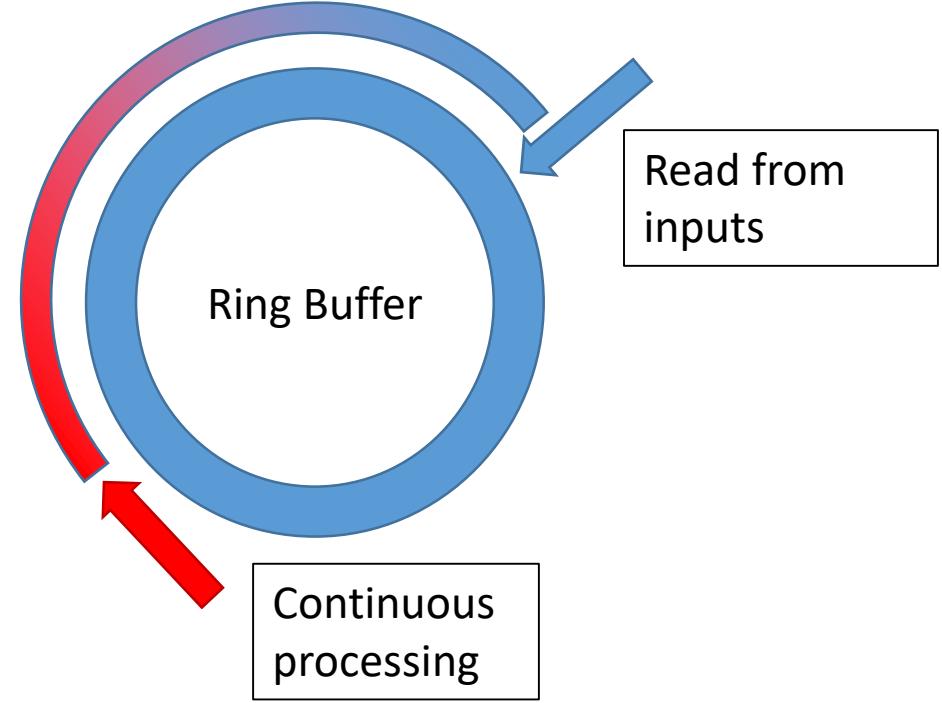
# New Gridding Algorithm



Multi-radar gridding on  
earth spheroid:  
Gate → **WGS 1984**



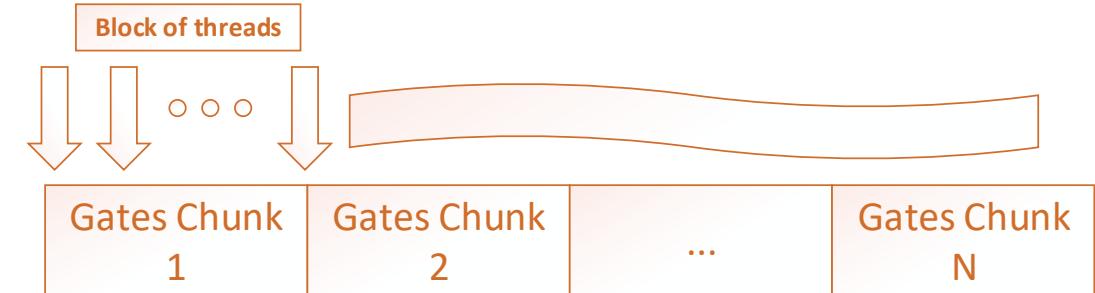
Combined angular,  
distance, and temporal  
interpolation  
Propagation strategies  
Cache



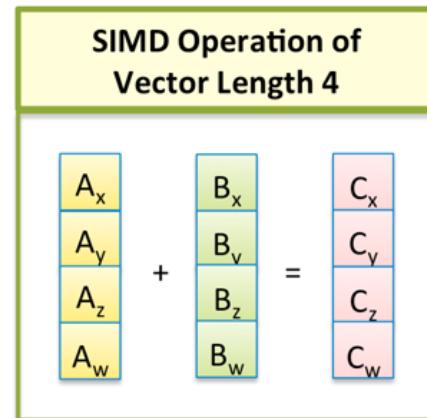
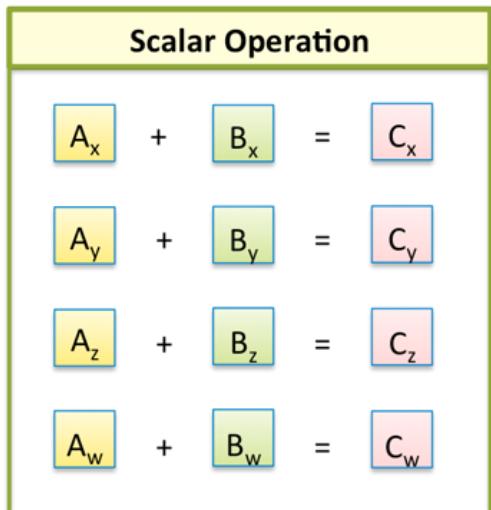
Asynchronous processing  
using a ring buffer  
Multi-threading parallel

# Advanced Performance Tuning

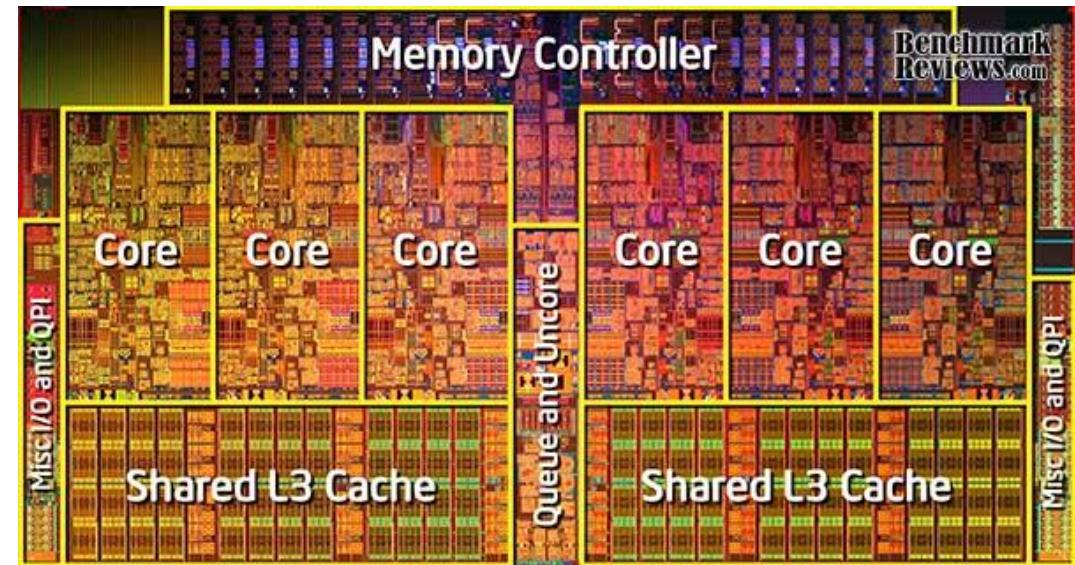
- Avoid Cache Missing



- Vectorization



Intel® Architecture currently has SIMD operations of vector length 4, 8, 16



# Performance and Profiling Remarks

- <0.01 sec to create a single CAPPI layer for a single radar
  - Two Xeon 2650v3 CPUs, 128G Memory, SSD Raid 6
  - $0.005^\circ \times 0.005^\circ \times 250\text{m}$  (60 levels)
- <5 minutes to create nationwide mosaic
  - Lak (2013)\* reported a 32-node configuration for similar resolution.
- Easy to migrate to GPU.
  - 2 minutes to create nationwide mosaic on my home PC (i7, 32G, GTX 1070)
  - No advanced tuning

\*Lakshmanan V, Humphrey T W. A MapReduce technique to mosaic continental-scale weather radar data in real-time[J]. IEEE Journal Of Selected Topics In Applied Earth Observations And Remote Sensing, 2014, 7(2): 721-732.

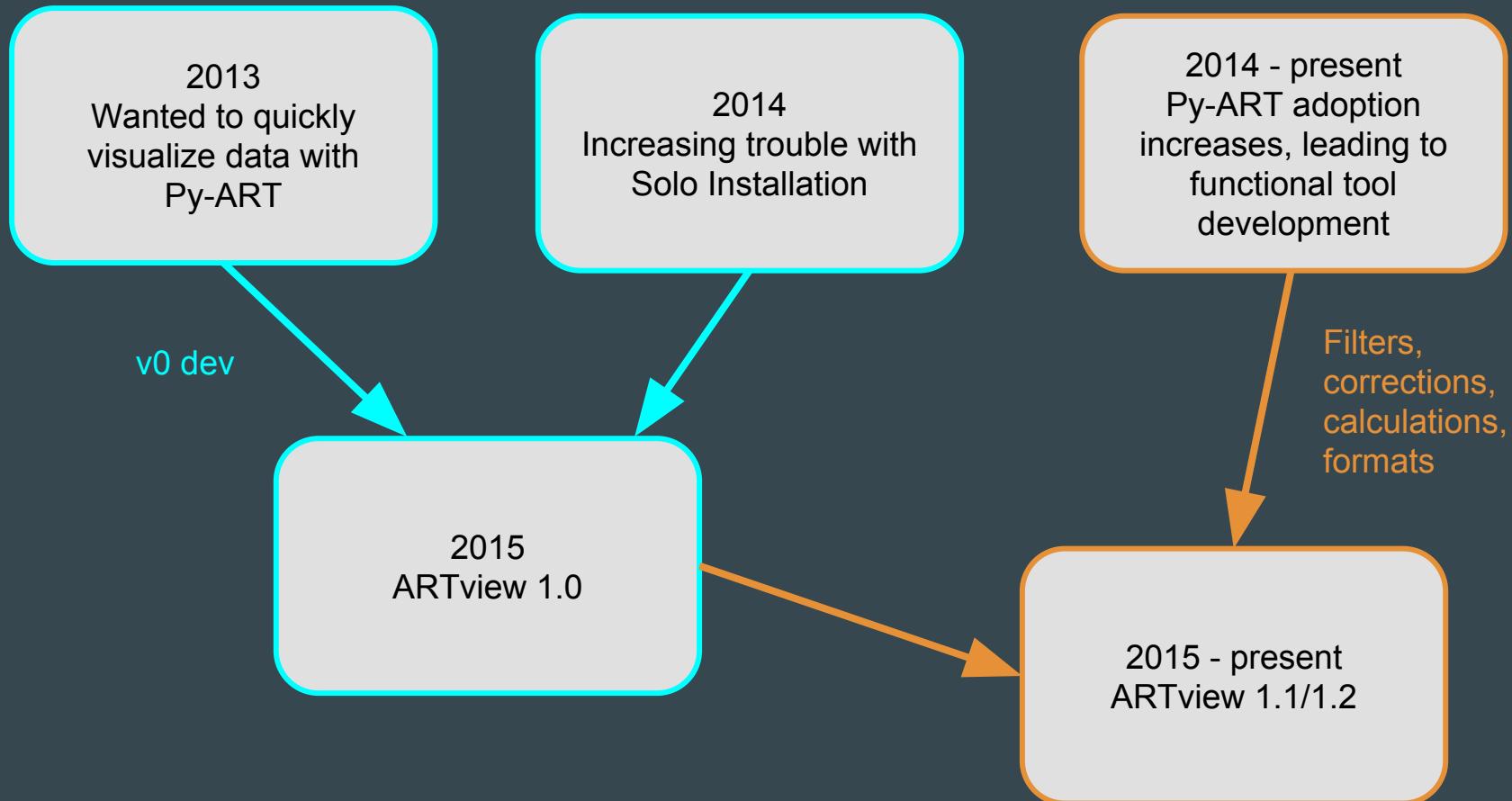
# ARTview: Radar analysis GUI

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Nick Guy

*Not developed as part of The Climate Corporation work*

# Development History

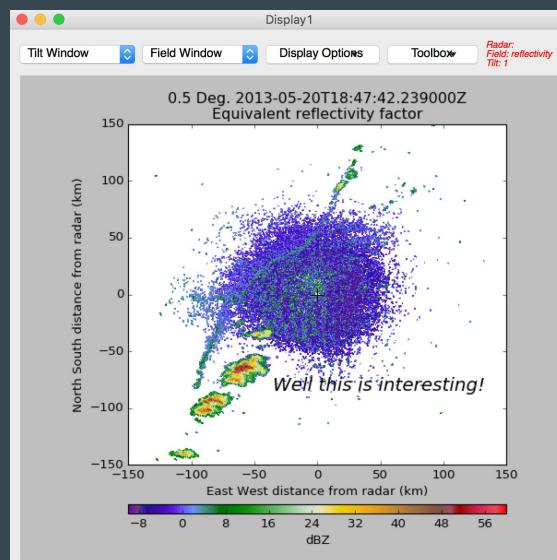
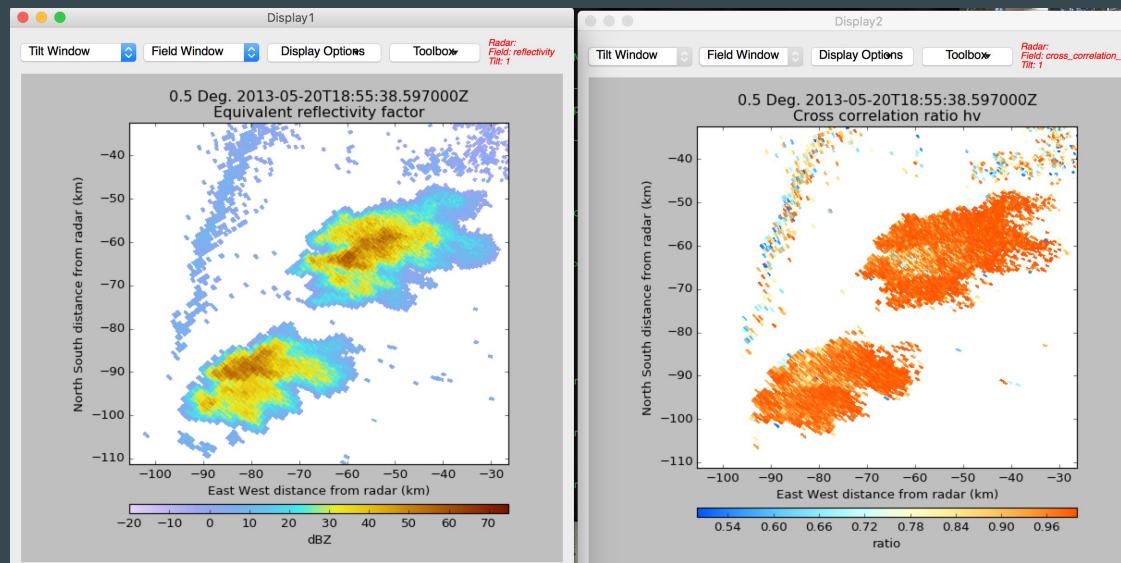
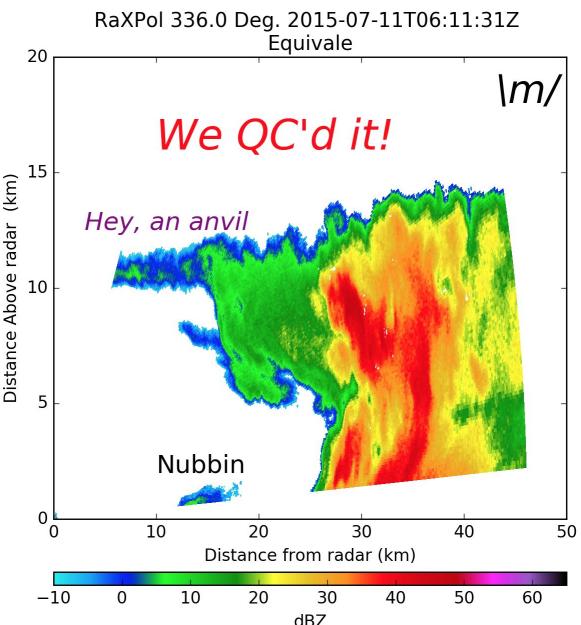


Contributions from others critical!

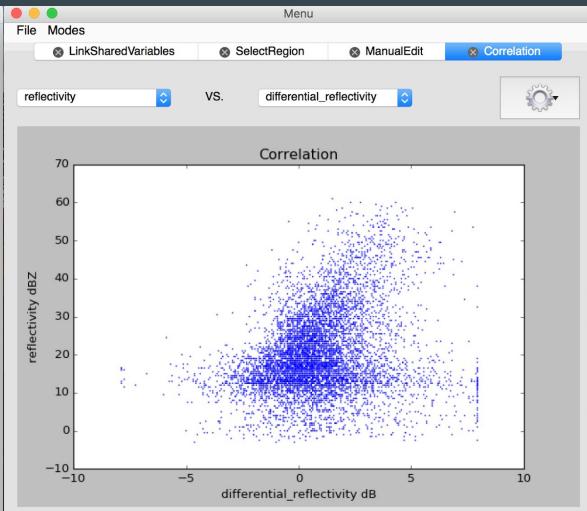
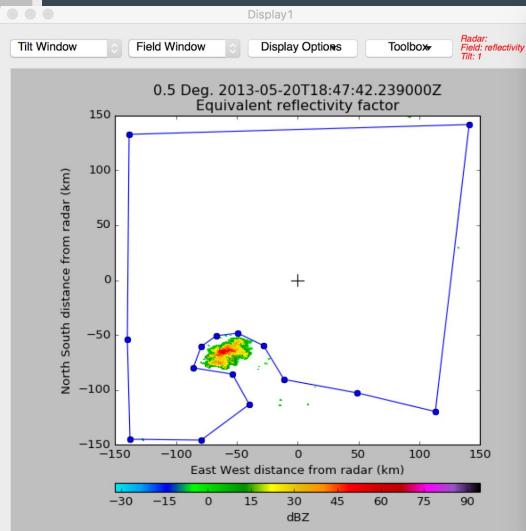
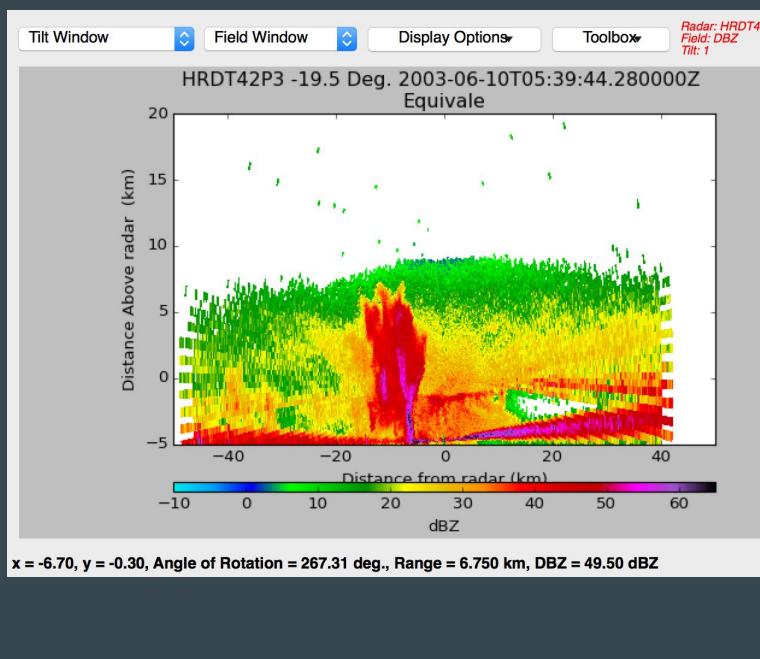
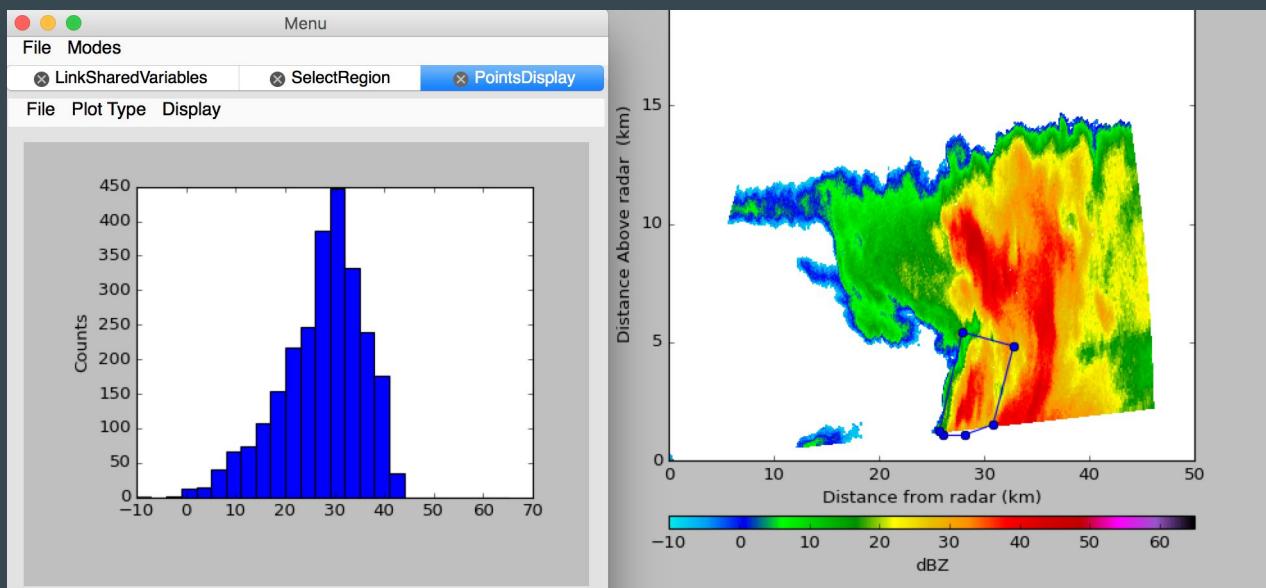
# Design and Philosophy

- Leverage Py-ART input/output/data model
- Employ robust, modern GUI interface
- Modularity
- Design the environment to be extensible
- Documentation, including video tutorials
- Allow quick exploration of data, make it “approachable”
- Data and analysis visualizations
- Provide interface that is both familiar to Solo users, as well as easily navigable by all to Py-ART tools and common operations

# Visualizations

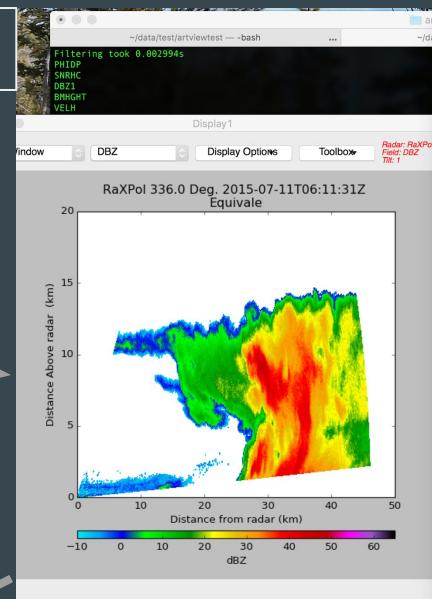
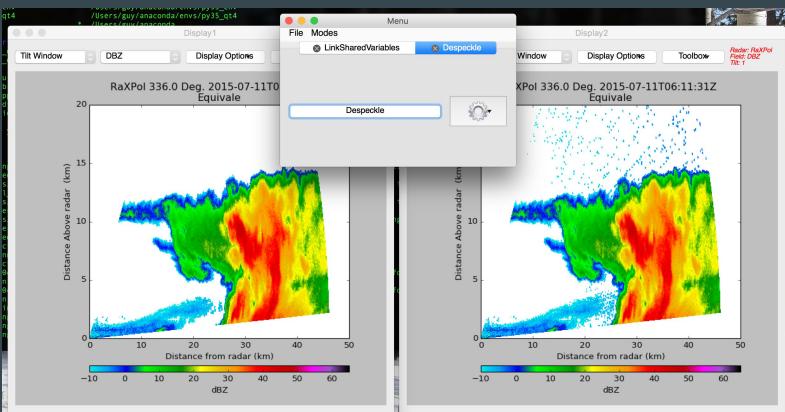


# Data Exploration



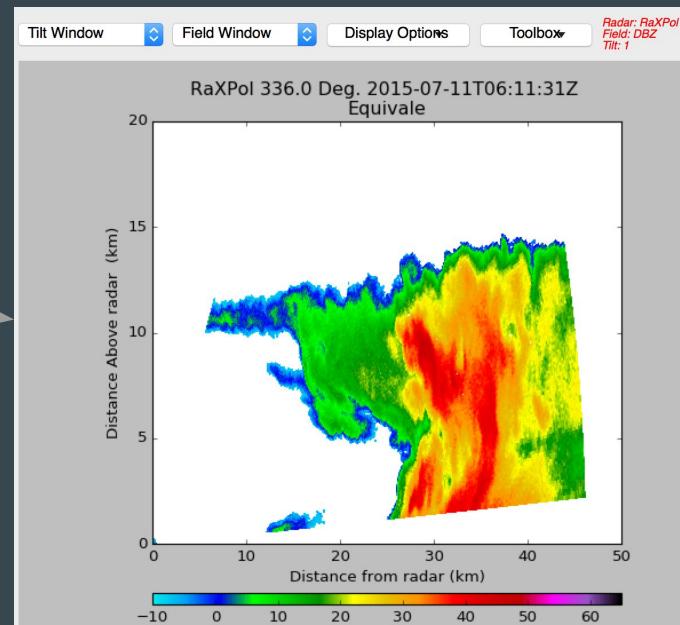
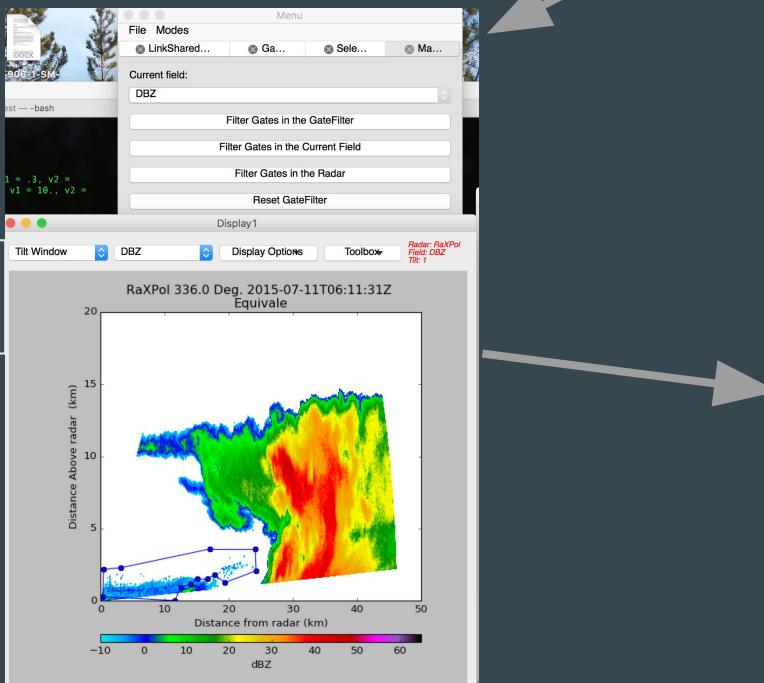
# Data Editing

Filter



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Polygon Removal



# State of ARTview

- v1.2 Released
- Installable via conda package manager
- Currently nearing the end of v1.3 development cycle
- Many Py-ART functions are included
- Can query individual points or selectable polygons of data
- Create images, add text
- Easy file navigation

# What's Next for ARTview?

- v1.3 software release mid-summer
- Short course at the 2017 American Meteorological Society Radar conference along with other open source software packages
- Proper testing
- Increase coverage of Py-ART functions
- Include user-requested features (we're working on it!)
  - Batch functionality
  - Cross-sections
  - etc.
- Improved user interface
- Better documentation
- Roadmap integration with LROSE

# Final thoughts

ARTview is completely unfunded, it's a labor of love of the developers because we like coding and radar data.

We hope that people find this tool useful and contribute their ideas.

The weather radar community is in a unique spot, with a boom in open source projects and many people with the skill set to contribute.

# Thank You!

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## A limited view of other ongoing projects

Airborne Weather Observations Toolkit

<http://nguy.github.io/AWOT/>

PyTDA  
SingleDop  
MultiDop  
PyBlock  
wradlib

PyDisdrometer

<https://github.com/josephhardinee/PyDisdrometer>

CSU RadarTools

[https://github.com/CSU-Radarmet/CSU\\_RadarTool](https://github.com/CSU-Radarmet/CSU_RadarTool)