



Snowfall Retrieval Products  
AKA: We Are In This Together!

# Some Faces of ARM Precipitation Radar Data



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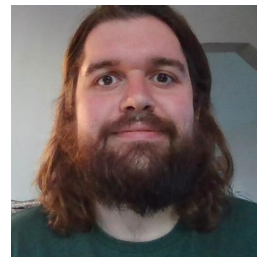
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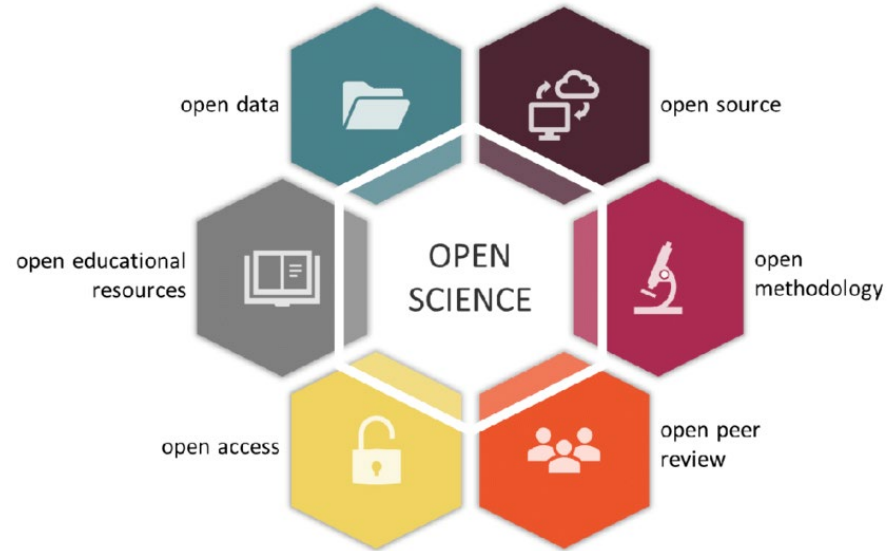


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*This does not include the many engineers who make radar data possible....*

# Overarching philosophy

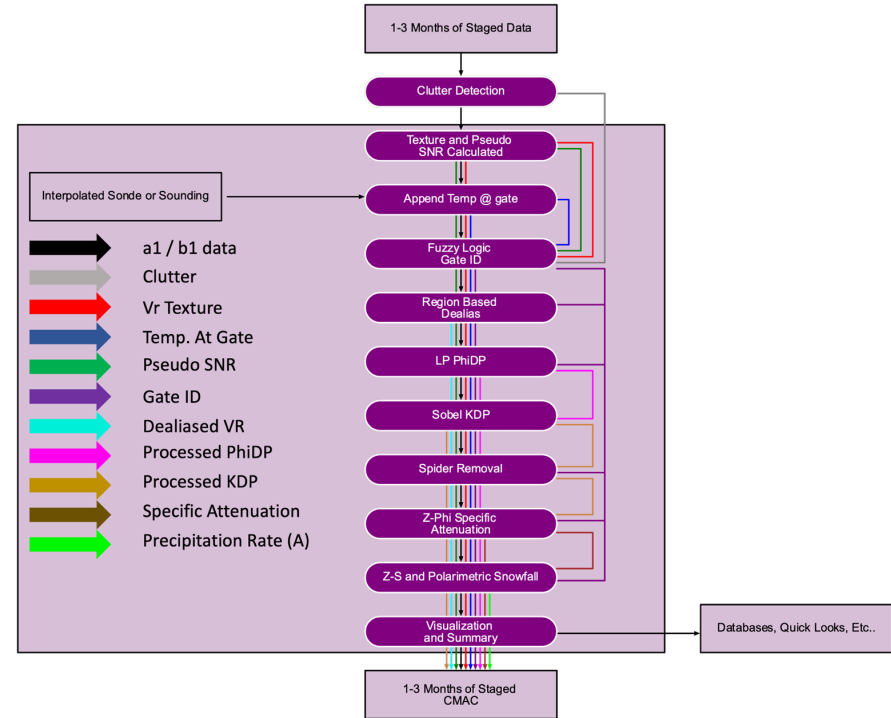
- Open Science.
- As we work make cookbooks.
- Where impactful support radar engineering. We can't build products or facilitate science without data.
- Highest priority is quality gate based data. Start here and build into bespoke solutions.
- There will be corner cases. We will release and re-run.



Gallagher, Rachael & Falster, Daniel & Maitner, Brian & Salguero-Gómez, Roberto & Vandvik, Vigdis & Pearse, William & Schneider, Florian & Kattge, Jens & Alroy, John & Ankenbrand, Markus & Andrew, Samuel & Balk, Meghan & Bland, Lucie & Boyle, Brad & Bravo Avila, Catherine & Brennan, Ian & Carthey, Alexandra & Catullo, Renee & Cavazos, Brittany & Enquist, Brian. (2019). The Open Traits Network: Using Open Science principles to accelerate trait-based science across the Tree of Life. [10.32942/osf.io/kac45](https://doi.org/10.32942/osf.io/kac45).

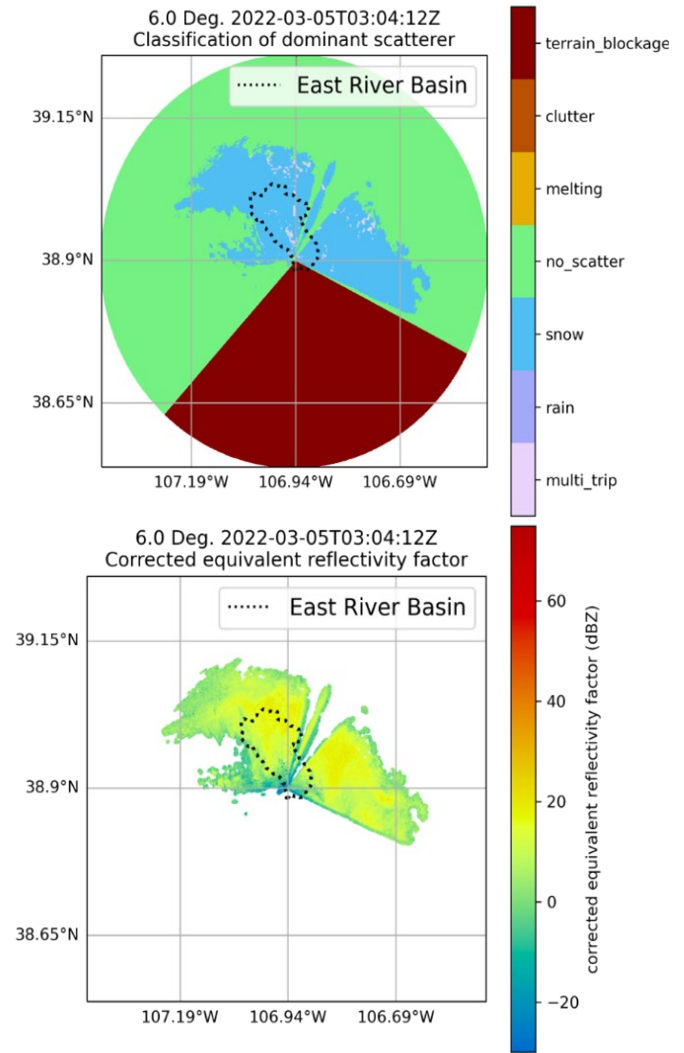
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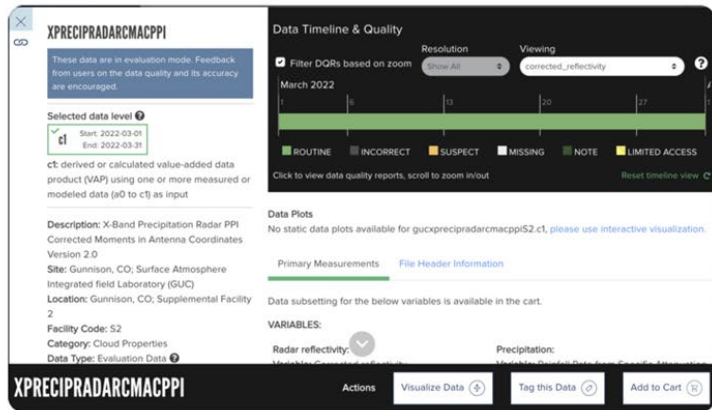




**Joe O'Brien** 12:02 AM

@Scott Collis @Max Grover @Bobby Jackson @Zachary Sherman @drfeldman @AdamTheisen 🗨️🗨️🗨️🗨️

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if someone could mention the data are now discoverable at my poster tomorrow, that would be great!

I'll send out a email to the SAIL/SPLASH group in the morning once I download it



**Bobby Jackson** 4:54 AM

Just in time for the SAIL breakout today!



**Scott Collis** 7:18 AM

Unreal

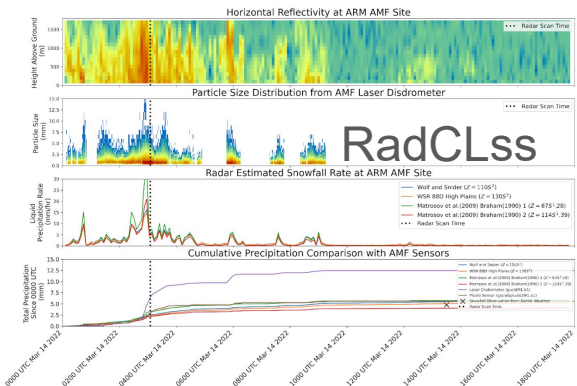


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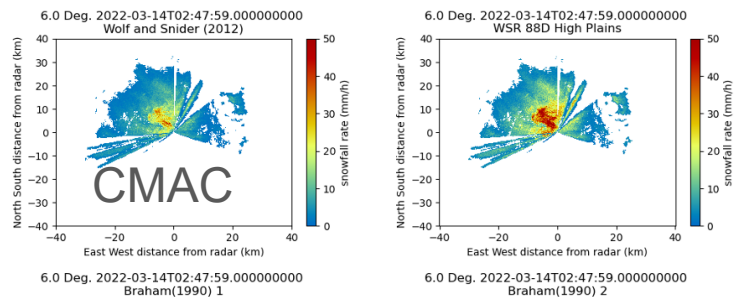
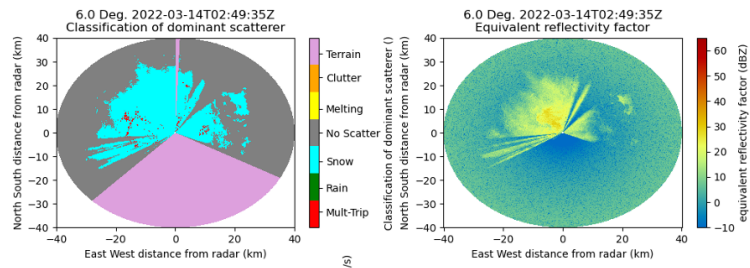
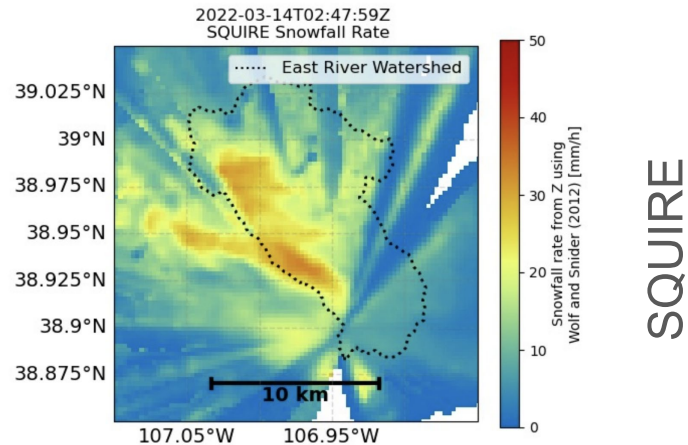
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# Products!

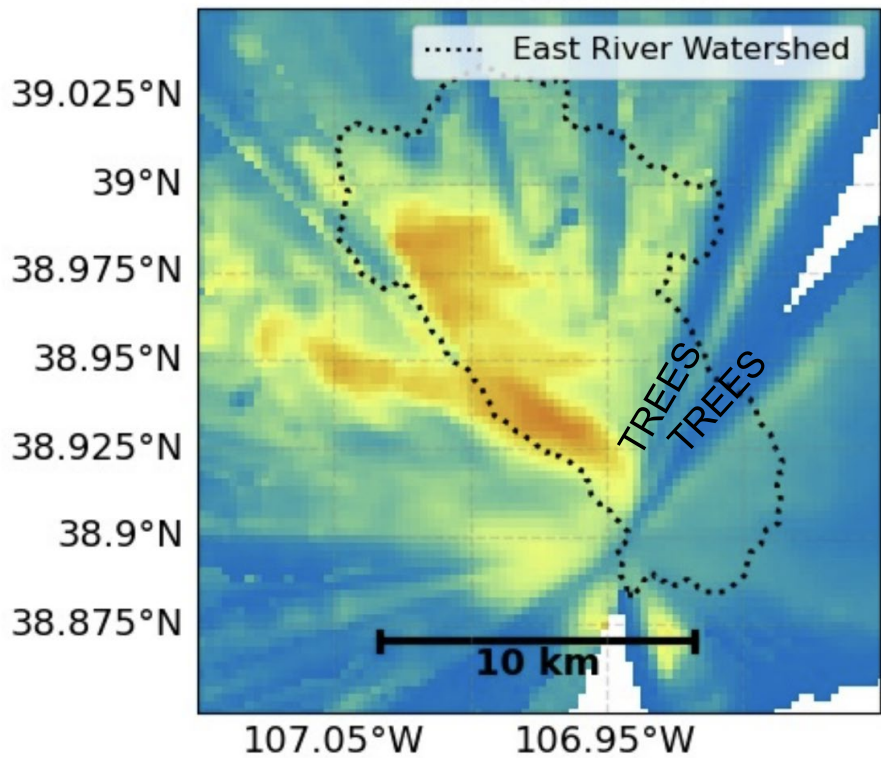
- For radar enthusiasts: CMAC.
- For radar retrievals, a new product, RadCLss. Columns over sensors.
- For hydrologists, modelers etc, a new product, SQUIRE, QPE at surface.
- All with for reflectivity based snow estimates.



Sergey Matrosov: Use KaZR for VPR.. (Good idea)

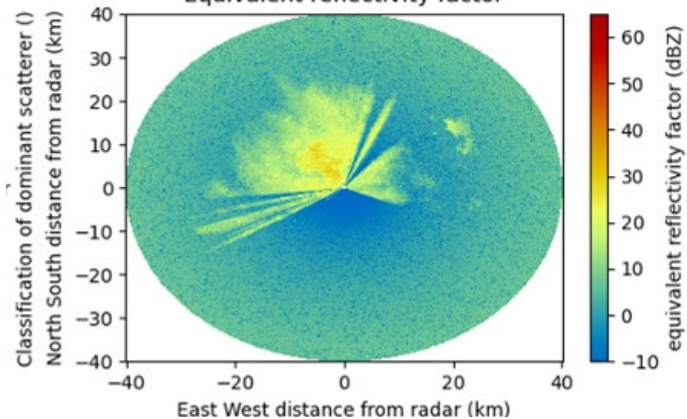


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SQUIRE Snowfall Rate

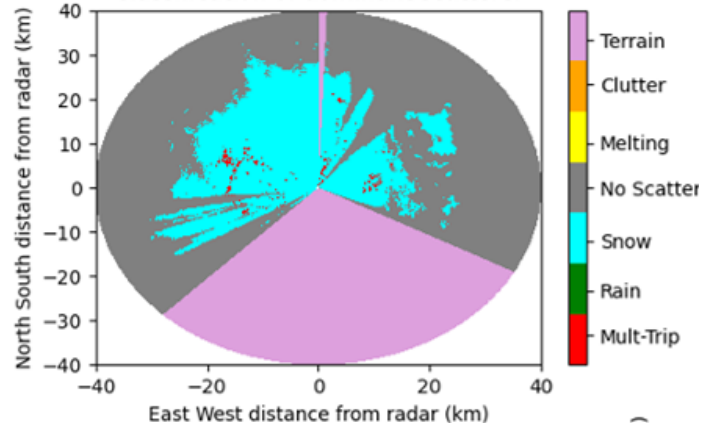


Snowfall rate from Z using  
Wolf and Snider (2012) [mm/h]

6.0 Deg. 2022-03-14T02:49:35Z  
Equivalent reflectivity factor



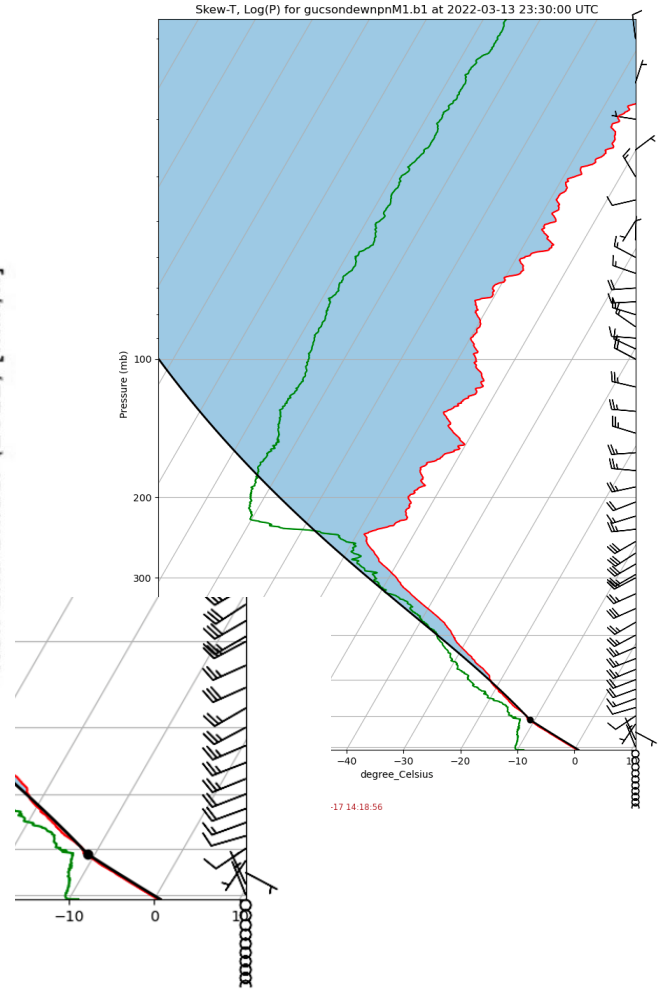
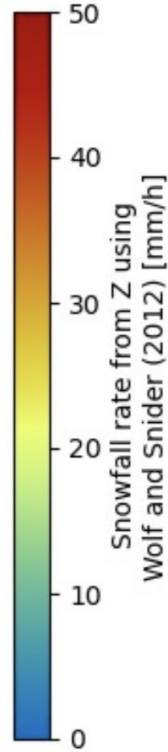
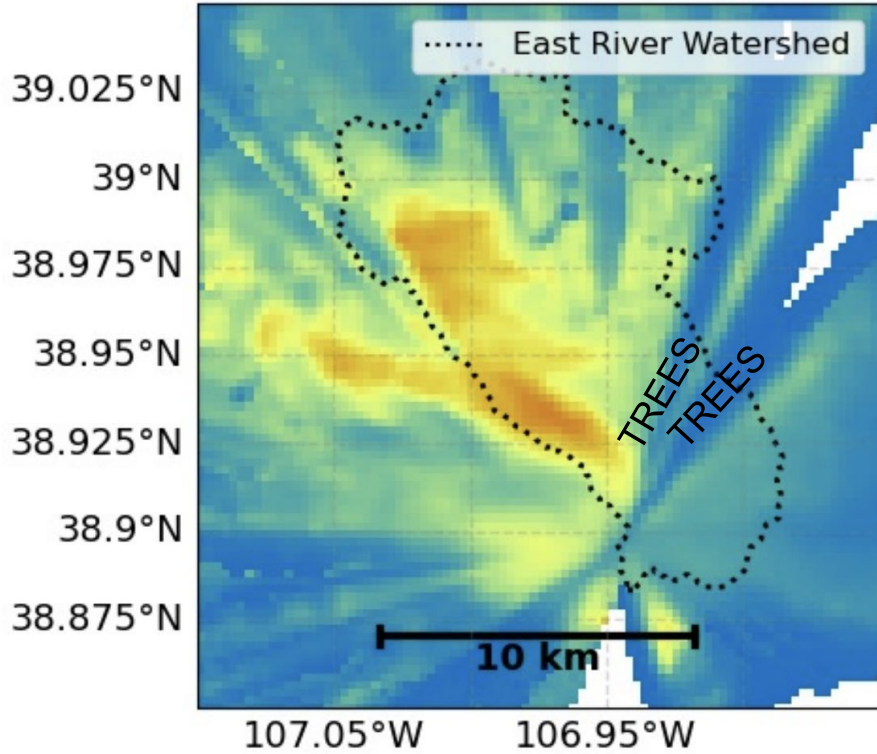
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Classification of dominant scatterer



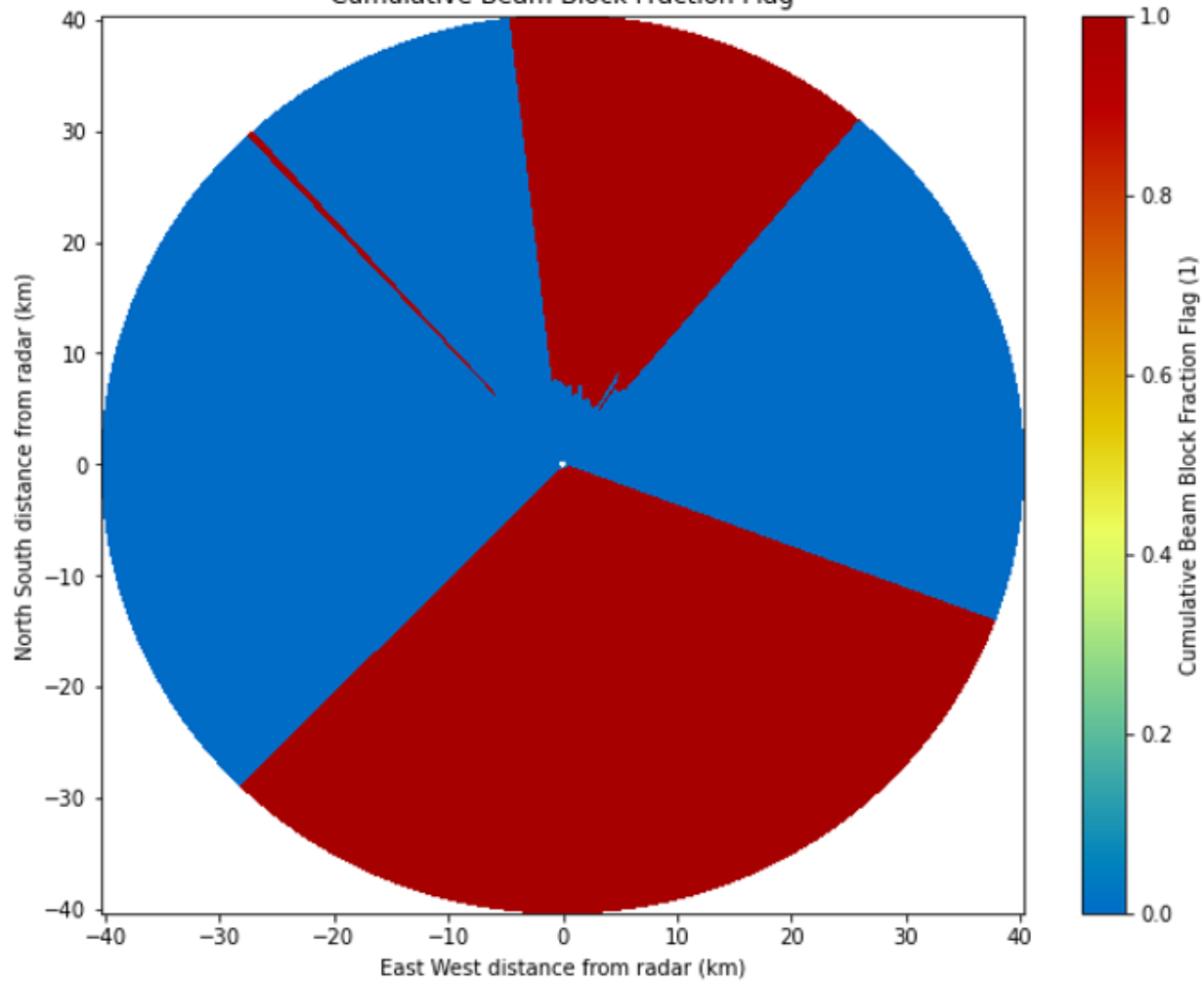
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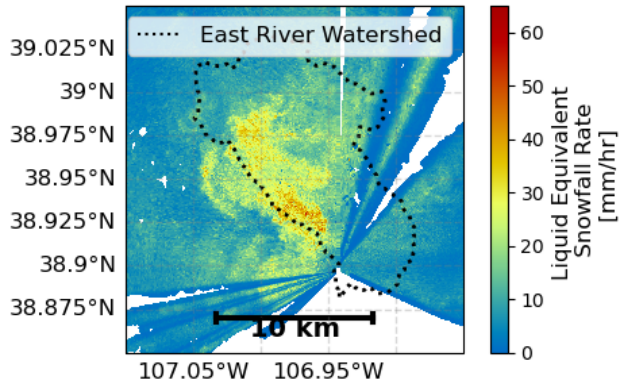
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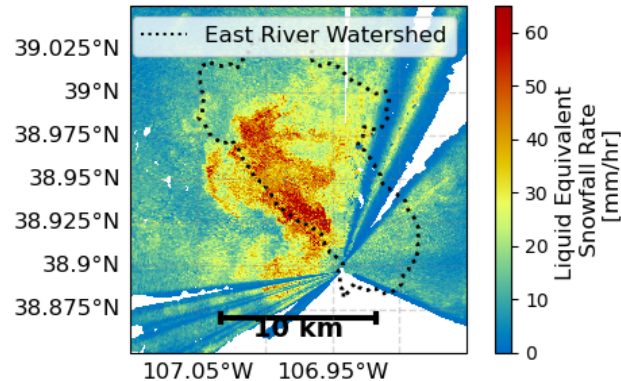
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Cumulative Beam Block Fraction Flag



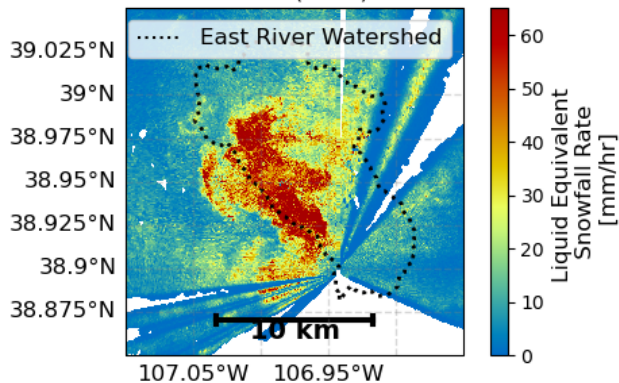
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Wolf and Snider (2012)



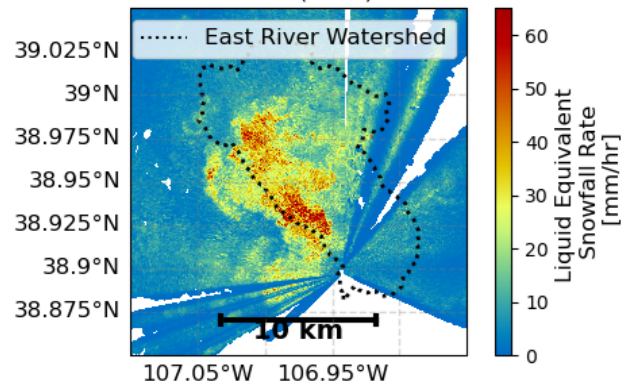
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WSR-88D High Plains



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Braham (1990) 1

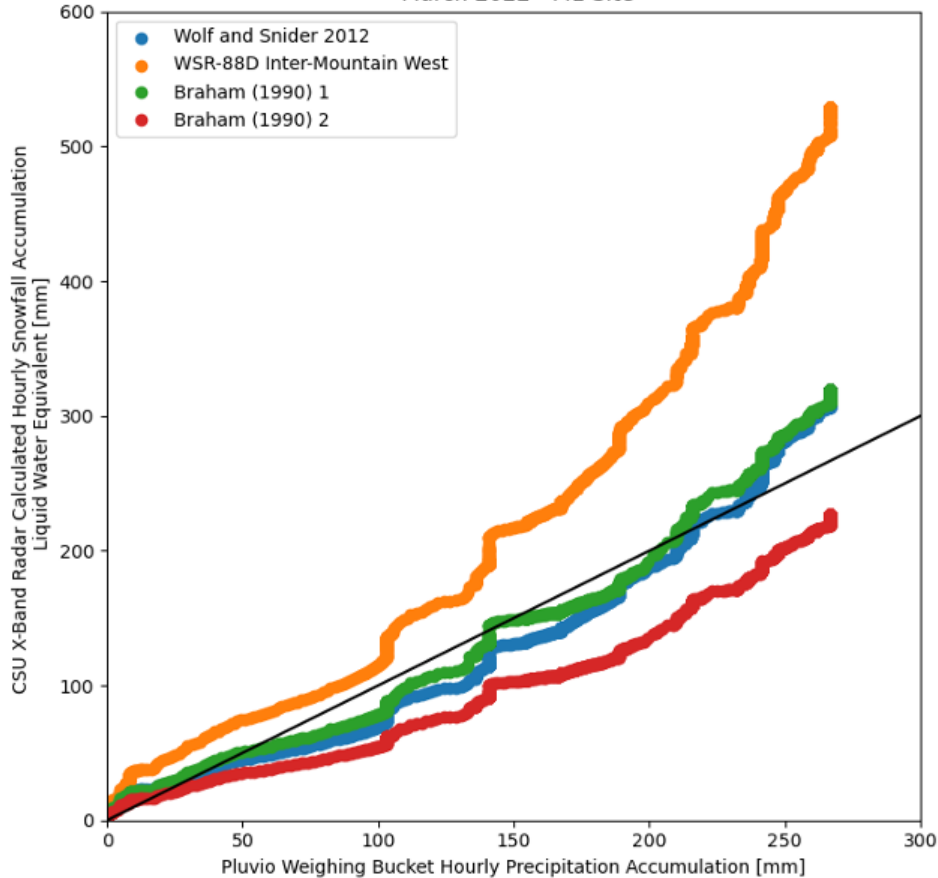


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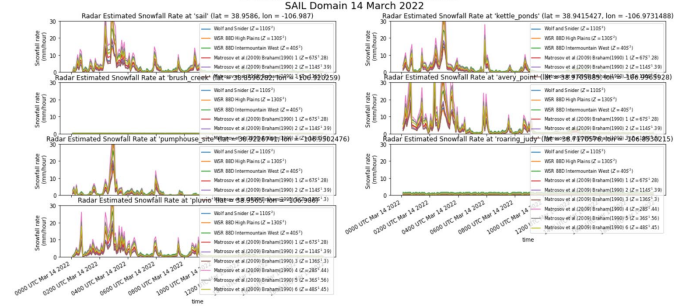


# Cook Book Goodness

CSU X-Band Radar Hourly Precipitation Accumulation  
March 2022 - M1 Site



Estimated Snowfall Rates from X-Band Radar



# THE PYTHON ARM RADAR TOOLKIT

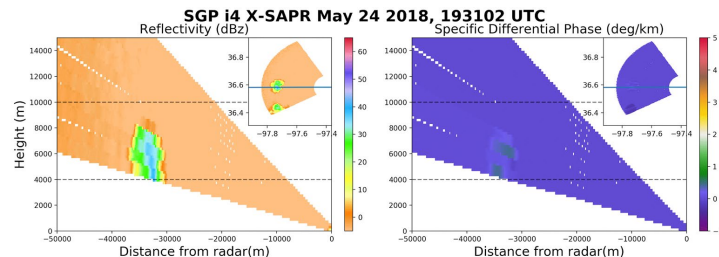
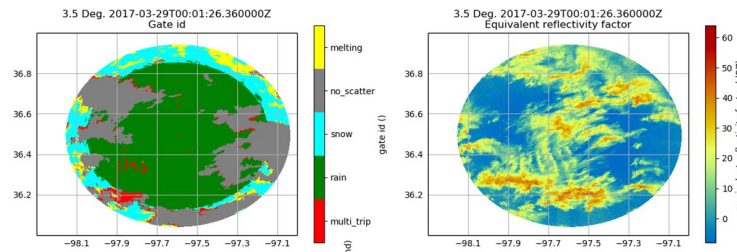
Philosophy: It's all about the data model.

<https://github.com/ARM-DOE/pyart>

- Py-ART's central core is a data model for gated data with pointing information.
- Py-ART created a way of representing radar data in the Python programming language that mirrors the CF-Radial standard.
- Py-ART has a cloud functions to correct, retrieve and grid radar data.
- By keeping a limited scope Py-ART aims to “do less better”.
- There is now a **rich ecosystem** of packages that interact: Py-DDA, CSU tools... etc.<sup>13</sup>

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In [2]: import pyart
        radar = pyart.io.read('/data/cmec/raw/XSW170519002005.RAW54Y0')
        print(radar.ngates, radar.nrays, radar.nsweps)
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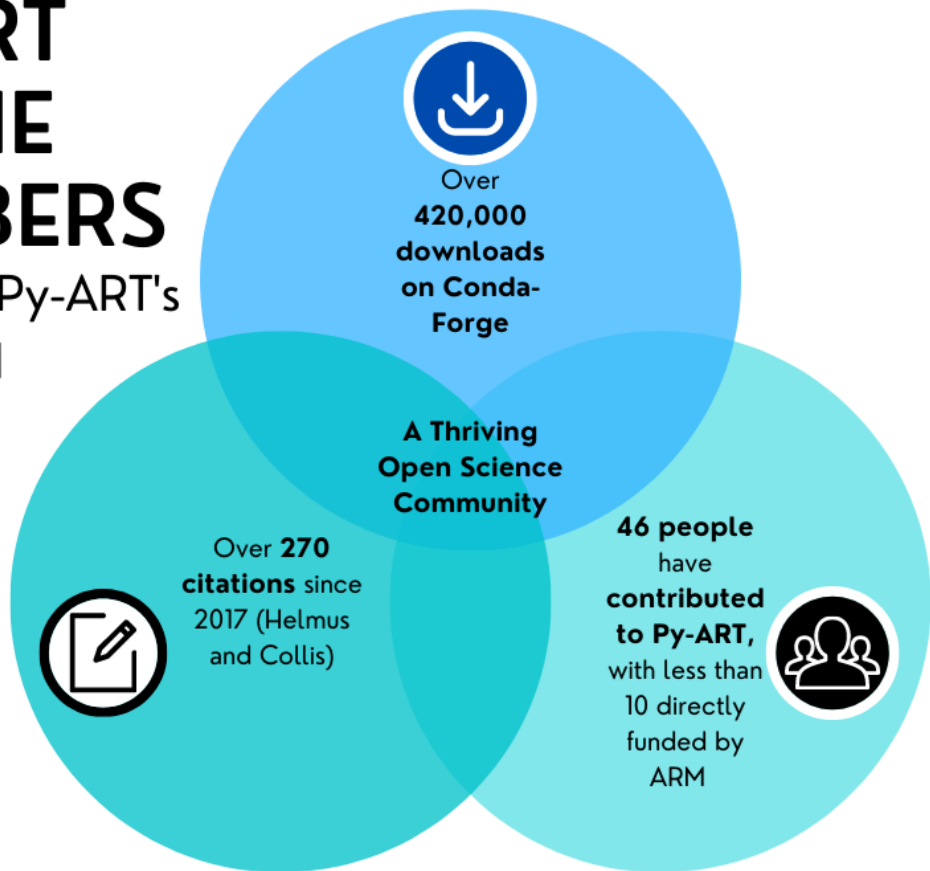


Animation courtesies of users Marcus van Lier-Walqui  
and Sara E. Lytle

Data: Andrei Lindenmaeir – ARM Mentor

# PY-ART BY THE NUMBERS

Measuring Py-ART's  
Impact and  
Success



<https://github.com/openradar/erad2022>

**We know there are challenges.  
We will need your help.**