

MPEX CASE OVERVIEW:

...prepared for MPEX workshop 19-20 Nov. 2013

IOP	Case Description	Instrumenta- tion	Case Notes
1: 15 May	Upper level vortex in west Texas, pro- duced widespread convection and se- vere weather in Texas and Oklahoma; unexpected tornadoes near Dallas	GV drops: 27 Upsondes: 2	Poor WRF- ARW forecast in Oklahoma
2: 16 MAY	Upper tropospheric vortex over Colo- rado with subsequent convection in Kansas and Nebraska	GV drops: 30 Upsondes: 4	WRF-ARW forecast rea- sonable
3: 18 MAY	Mid-troposheric vortex in the Texas panhandle produced convection in Ok- lahoma and Kansas	GV drops: 17 Upsondes: 8	WRF-ARW forecast rea- sonable
4: 19 MAY	An upper-level jet-front system over Colorado and New Mexico contributes to tornado outbreak in eastern Okla- homa and Kansas	GV drops: 29 Upsondes: 14	Good WRF- ARW forecast
5: 20 May	Tornado outbreak targeted in central Oklahoma (Moore, OK tornado)	Upsondes: 21	Good WRF- ARW forecast
6: 21 MAY	An eastward moving upper-level trough in New Mexico and west Texas con- tributes to widespread convection in east-central Texas	GV drops: 27	WRF-ARW convection over forecast in Arkansas
7: 23 MAY	A surface front in northwest Texas along with weak upper tropospheric PV features in New Mexico and Arizona contribute to severe convection in west-central Texas	GV drops: 29 Upsondes: 9	WRF-ARW convection over forecast in west Texas
8: 27 MAY	An upper tropospheric feature over the intermountain region embedded within sub-tropical southwesterly flow con- tributes to locally intense convection in western and south-central Nebraska and north-central Kansas	GV drops: 29 Upsondes: 11	Reasonable WRF- <u>ARW</u> forecast
9: 28 MAY	Weak features in southwesterly flow over New Mexico contribute to strong convection in southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles	GV drops: 21 Upsondes: 19	WRF-ARW convection a bit overdone and displaced southeast
10: 29 May	Deep trough over the intermountain region and moderately strong south- westerly flow over the high plains con- tributes to widespread convection from Texas through South Dakota. Bow echo with northern bookend vortex targeted in western OK and eastern Texas Panhandle	Upsondes: 17	WRF-ARW forecasts widespread convection; mesoscale details lack- ing

11: 30 MAY	Strong trough and associated jet over Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico contributes to widespread severe con- vection in eastern Kansas, east-central Oklahoma, extending northeastward into Illinois	GV drops: 26 Upsondes: 24	WRF-ARW forecast only marginally successful over Kansas and Oklaho- ma
12: 31 MAY	Strong jet over Colorado, New Mexico and west Texas contributes to tornadic storms in central and eastern Oklaho- ma, extending northeastward into Mis- souri and Illinois (El Reno, OK tornado)	GV drops: 28 Upsondes: 16	Good WRF- ARW forecast
13: 03 June	cold front in Wyoming and Colorado contributes to scattered convection from western Nebraska southward to the Oklahoma Panhandle	GV drops: 32 Upsondes: 18	WRF-ARW forecast mar- ginal, espe- cially in Ne- braska
14: 04 June		Upsondes: 13	
15: 08 June	northwesterly flow over Wyoming and Colorado contributes to widespread convection from the Oklahoma Pan- handle northeastward into Iowa	GV drops: 31 <u>Upsondes</u> : 13	Poor WRF- ARW forecast in Iowa
16: 11 June	embedded in southwesterly flow con- tributes to convection from Montana southeastward to northern Nebraska	GV drops: 33 Upsondes: 3	WRF-ARW convection overpredicted
17: 12 June	Upper-level trough extending from North Dakota southward through Ne- braska contributes to severe convec- tion from Iowa eastward (a strong Derecho was anticipated from Chicago eastward). A weak upper-level feature in northern Utah contributes to scat- tered convection in northeast Wyo- ming.	GV drops: 33 Upsondes: 4	WRF-ARW correctly pre- dicts a mod- est convec- tive wind event from Chicago eastward
18: 14 June		GV drops: 33 Upsondes: 2	WRF-ARW forecast quite reasonable

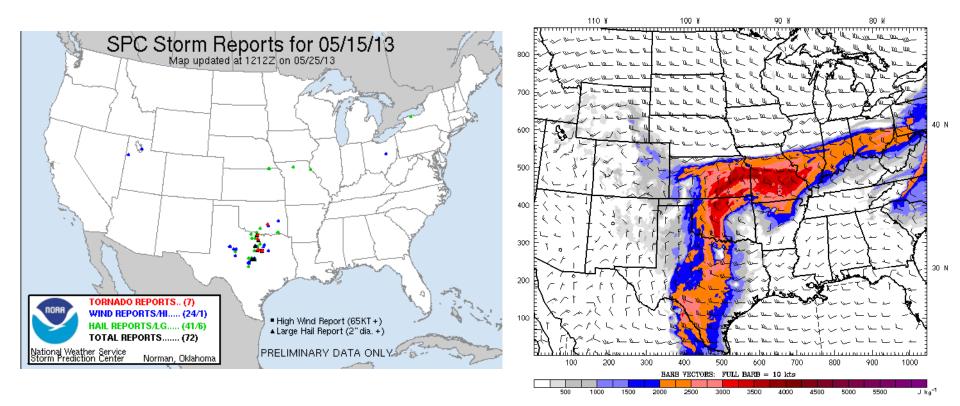
Preliminary Summary of Upsonde Operations (Jeff Trapp)

Date	Location	Description (sampling strategy)
515	northern Texas	tornadic supercell (NSSL only)
516	southwestern Kansas	convective cells (upstream)
518	west-central Kansas	tornadic supercell (upstream)
519	central Oklahoma	two tornadic supercells (surround)
520	central Oklahoma	tornadic supercell (surround)
523	northwestern Texas	tornadic supercell (surround), developing MCS (inflow)
527	central Kansas	intense cell with some supercell characteristics (surround)
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529	western Oklahoma/eastern Texas Panhandle	developing bow echo, northern bookend vortex (surround)

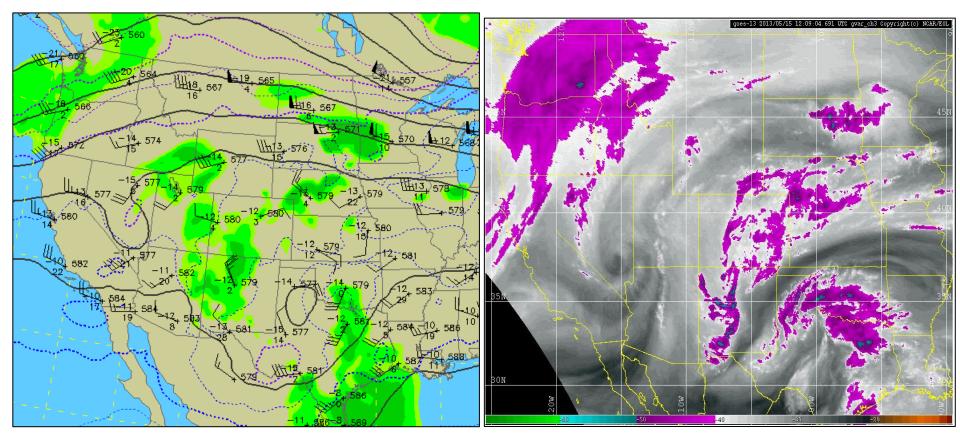
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530	south-central Oklahoma	non-tornadic supercell (surround), non-tornadic supercell (downstream-Purdue only)
531	central Oklahoma	tornadic supercell (surround)
603	Oklahoma Panhandle/southwest Kansas	intense cells with some HP supercell characteristics (surround), developing bow echo
604	eastern Texas Panhandle	pre-convective environment only

13 missions in 3 weeks Purdue + NSSL sonde usage: ~150 CSU sonde usage: ~35 additional soundings from TAMU

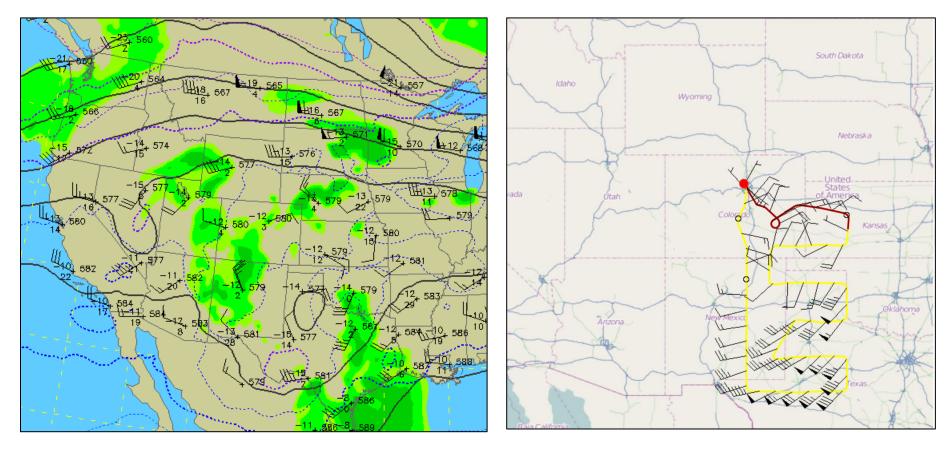


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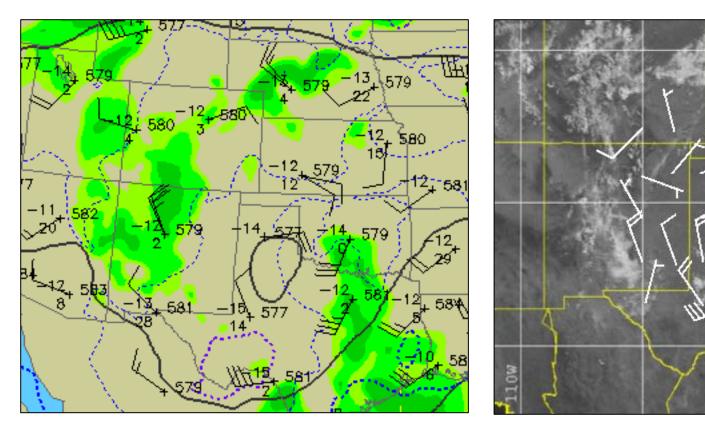
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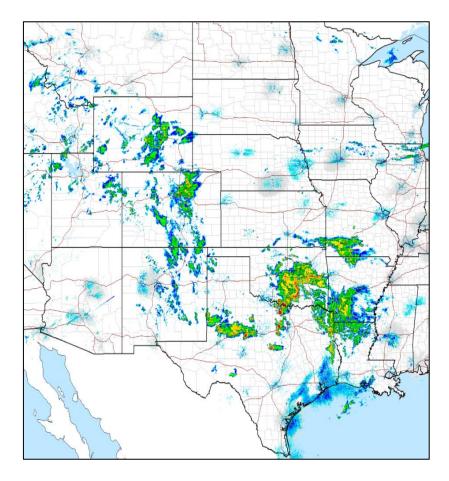
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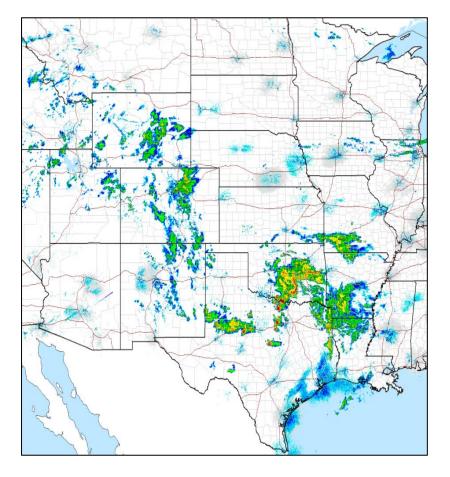


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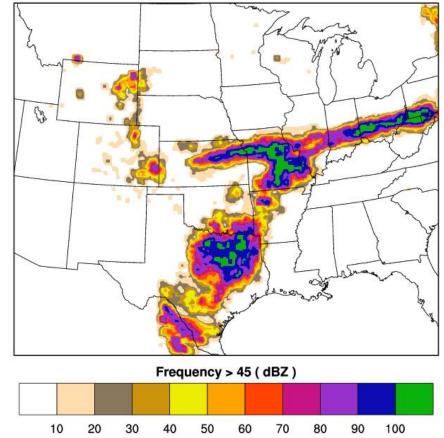
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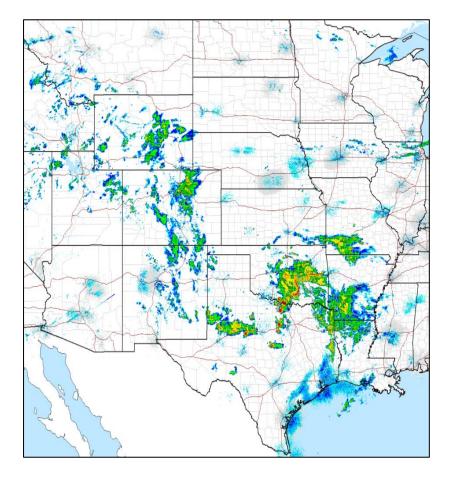
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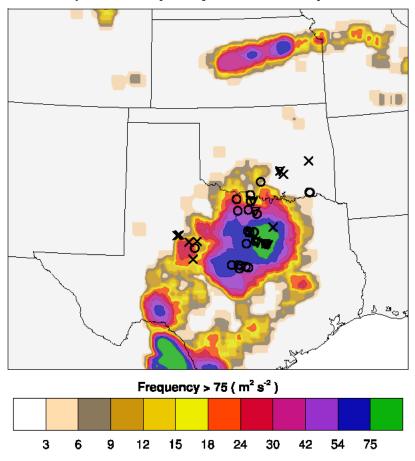
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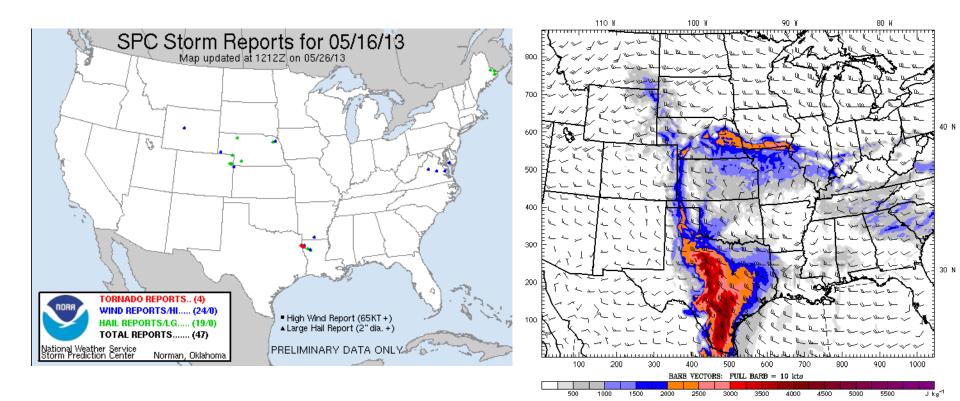
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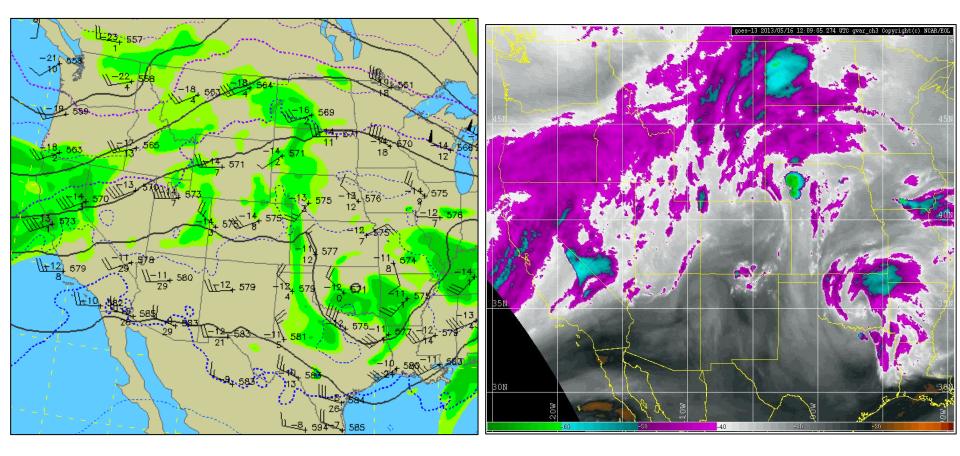
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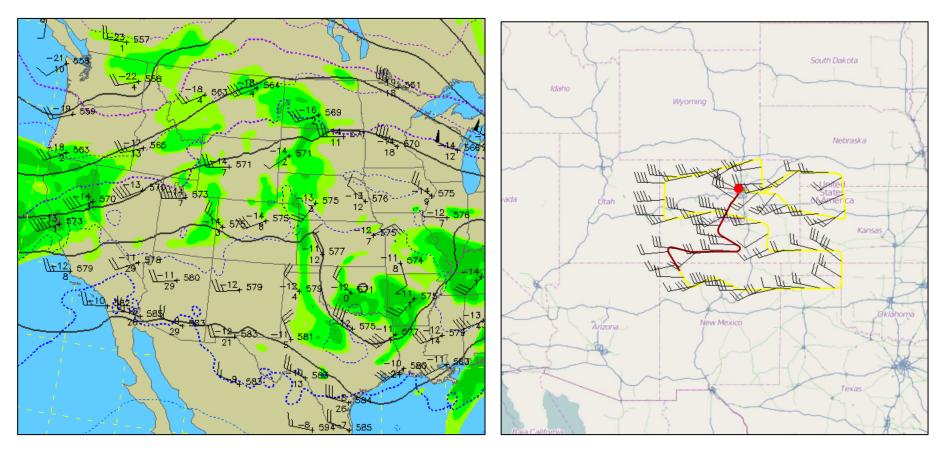


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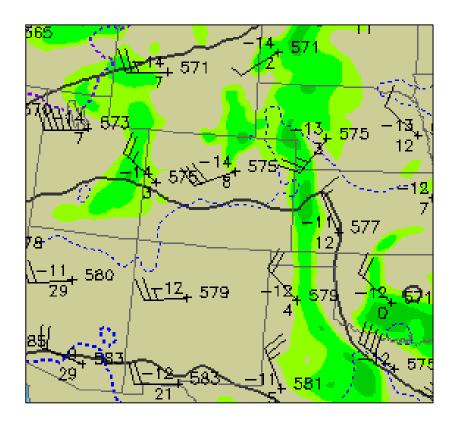
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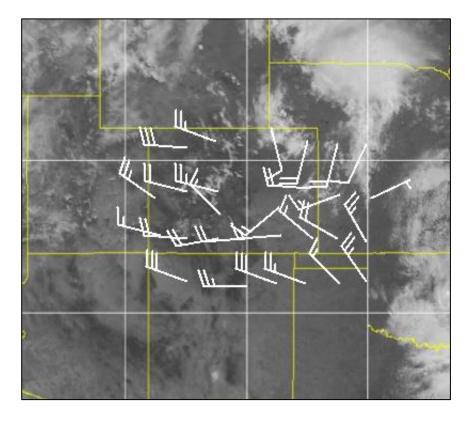
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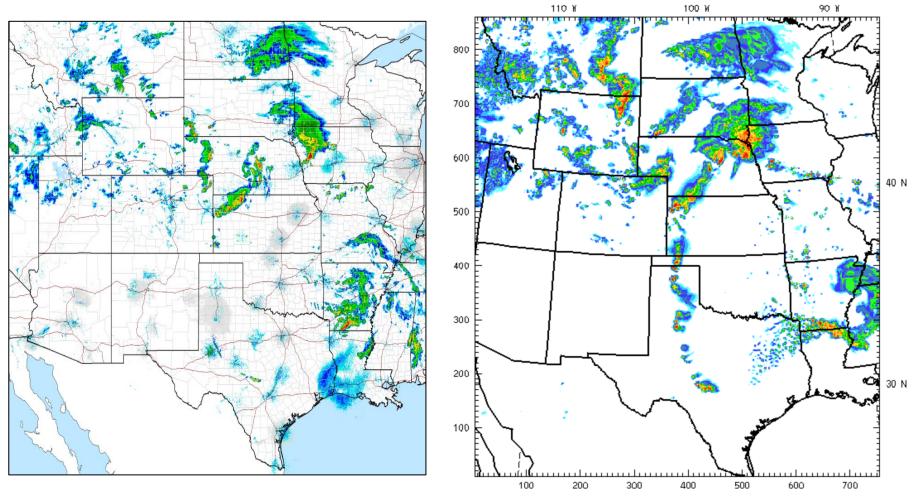
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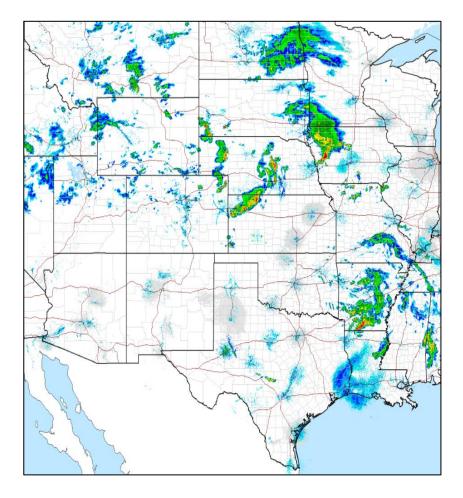
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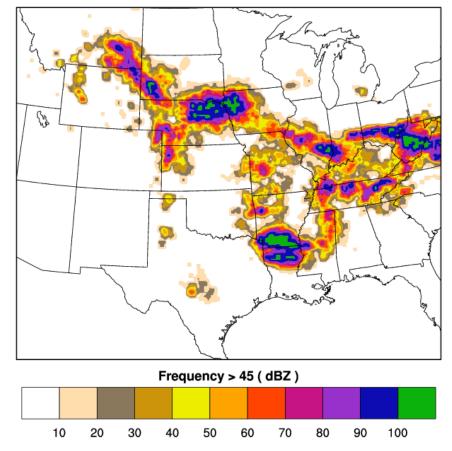


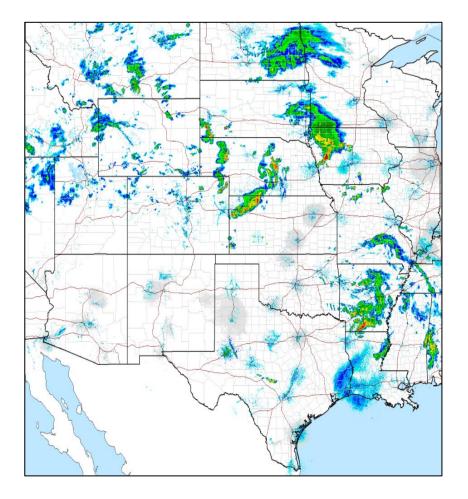
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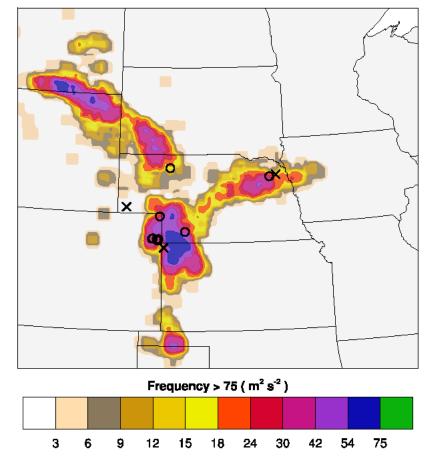


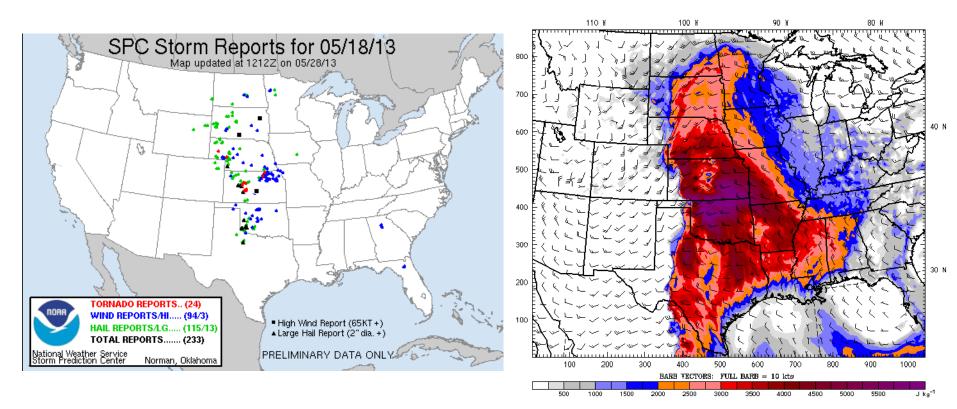
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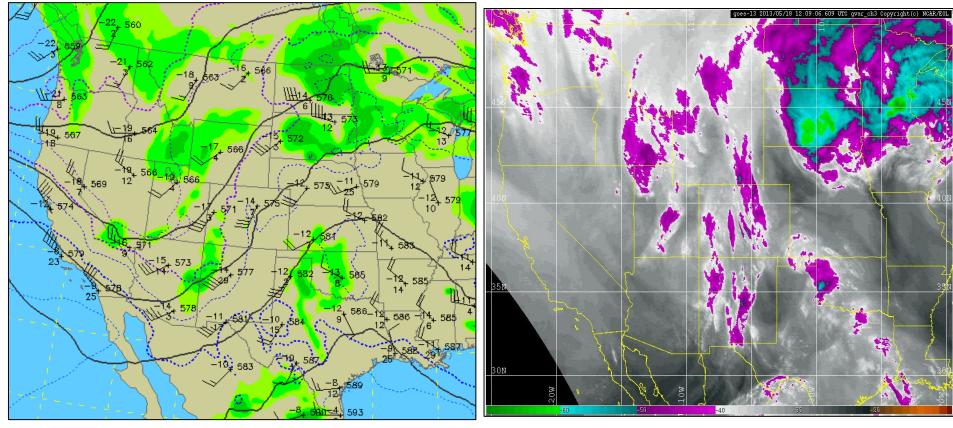


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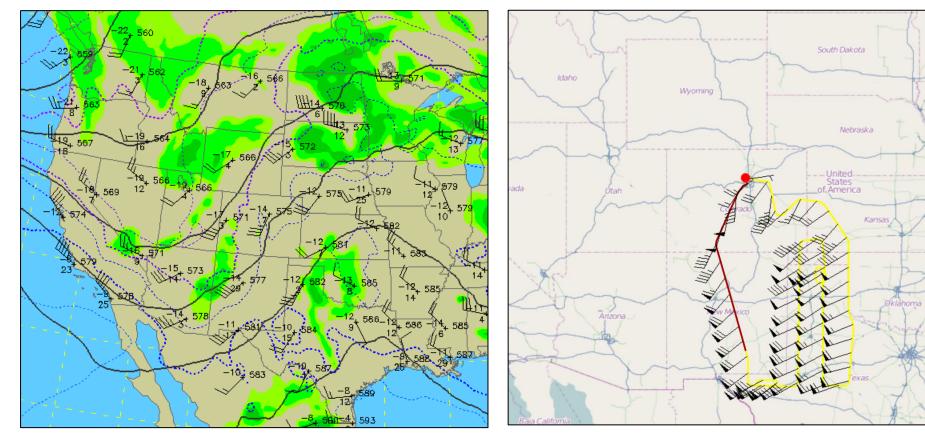


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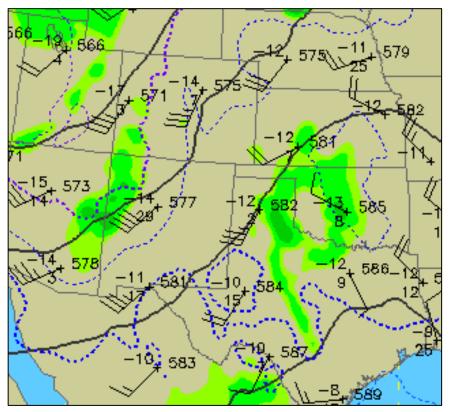
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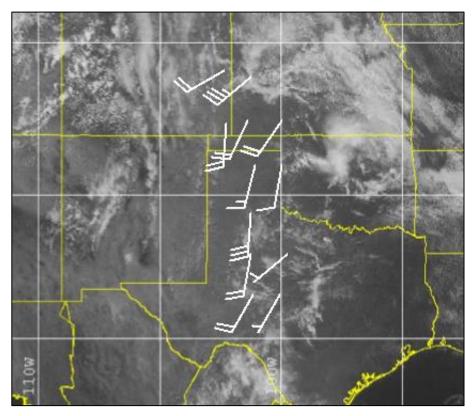


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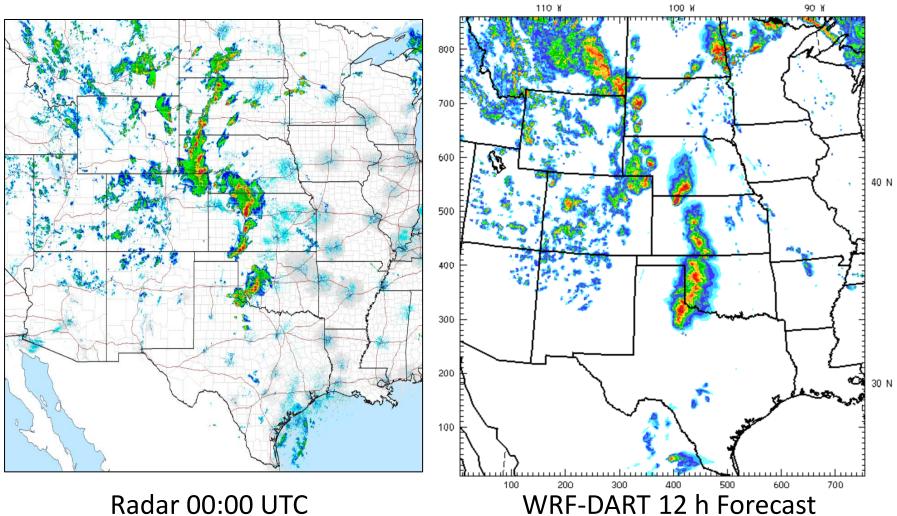
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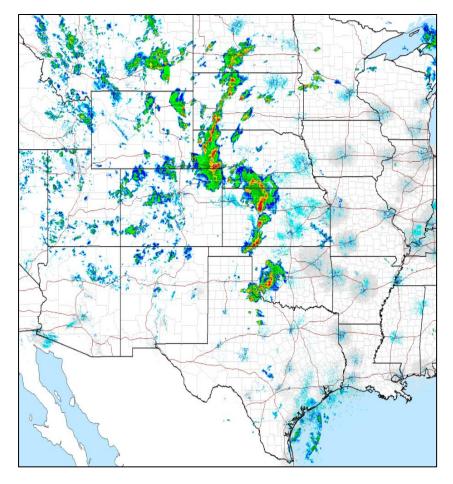
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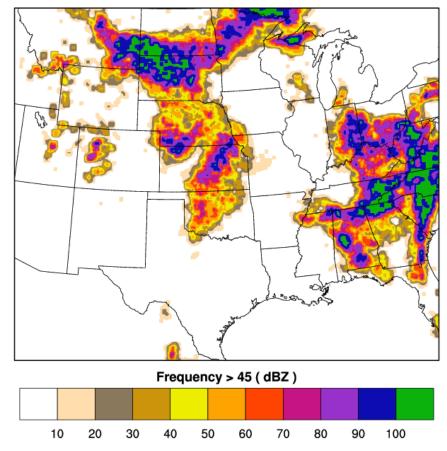
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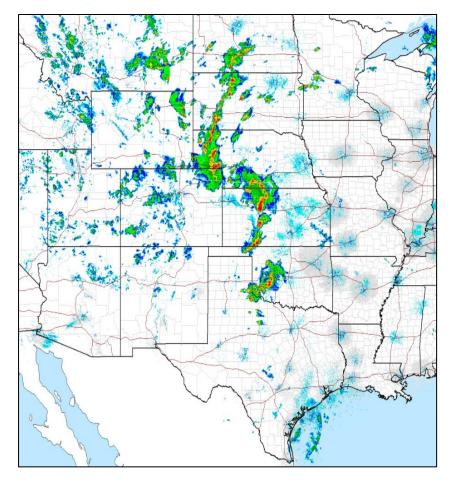


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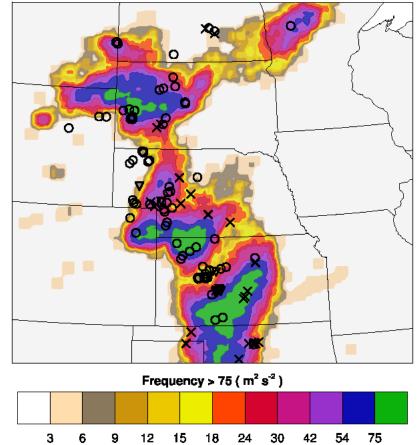


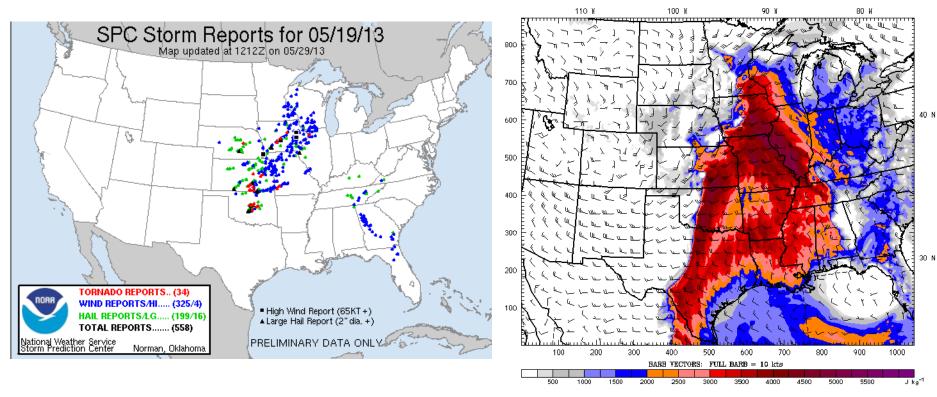
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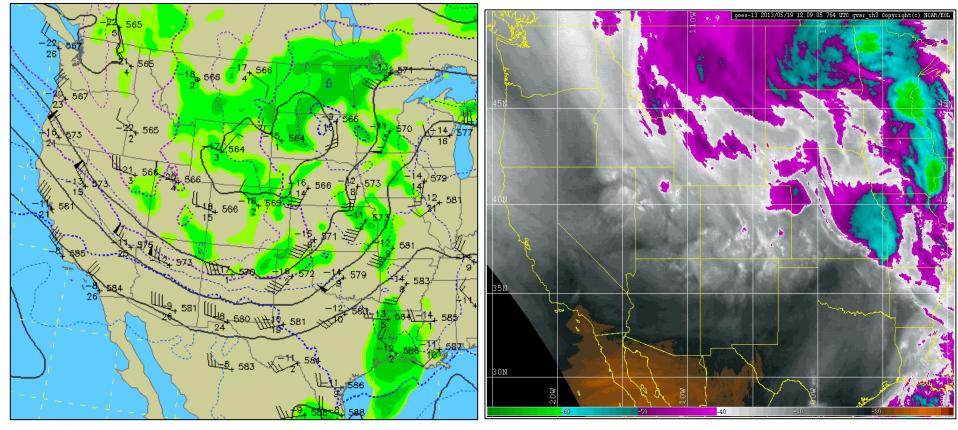


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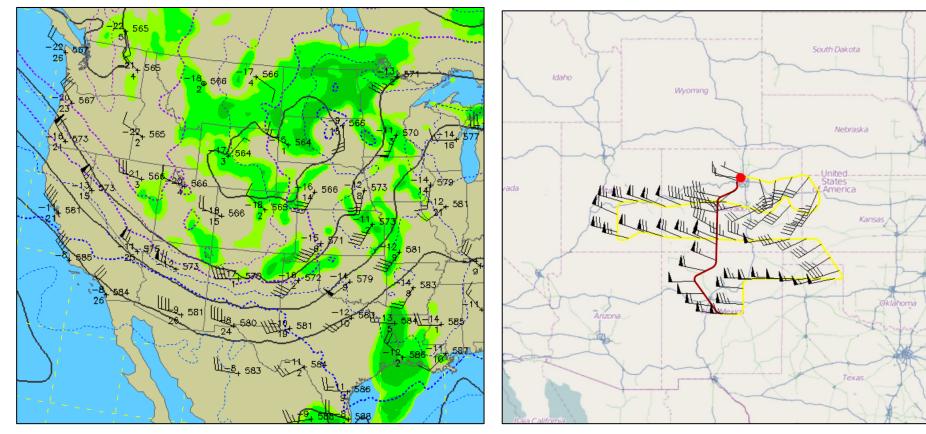


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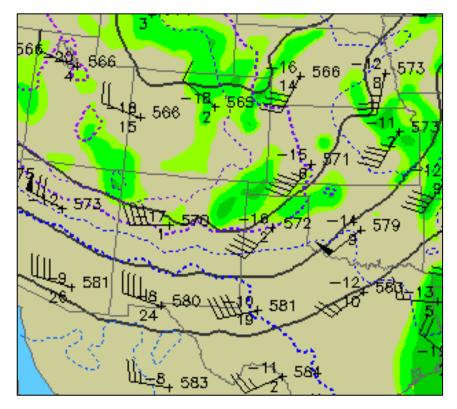
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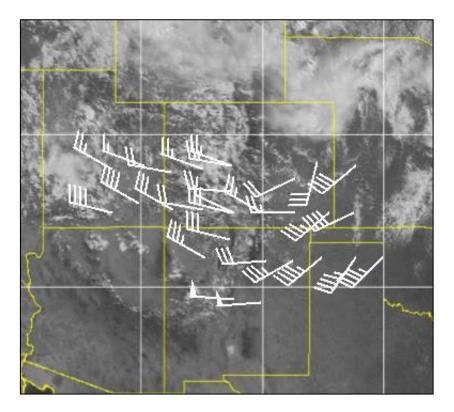


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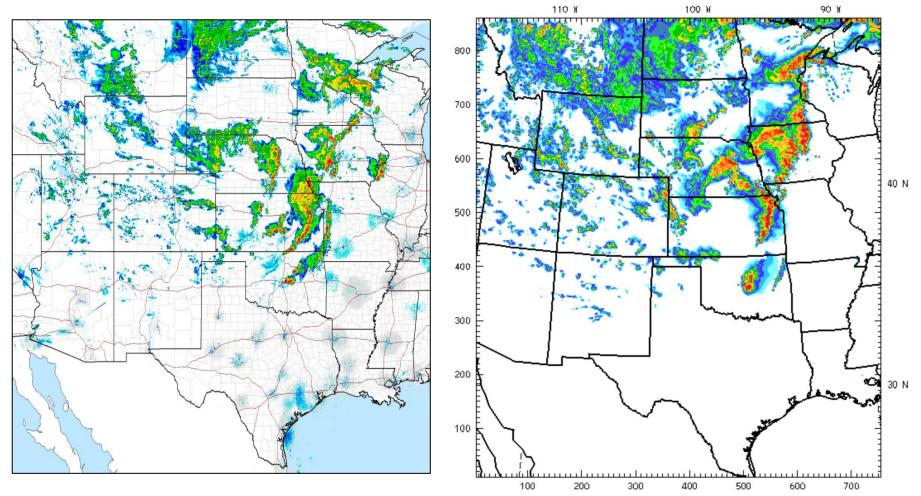
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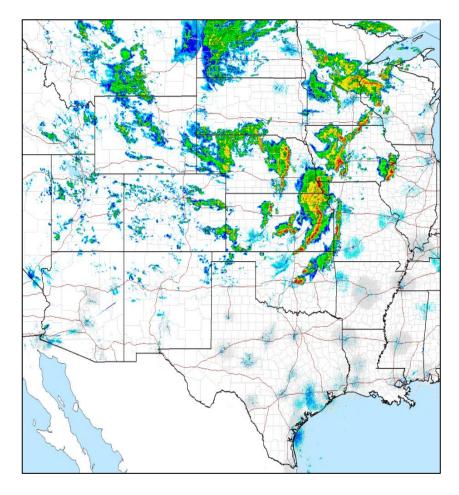


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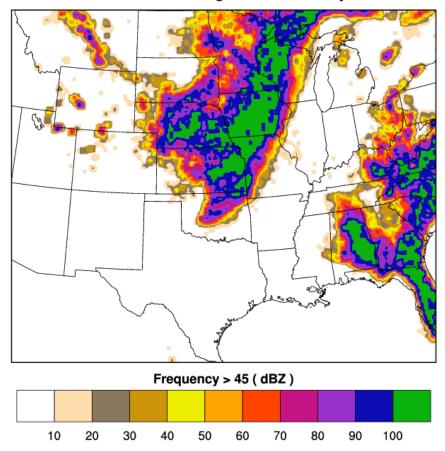


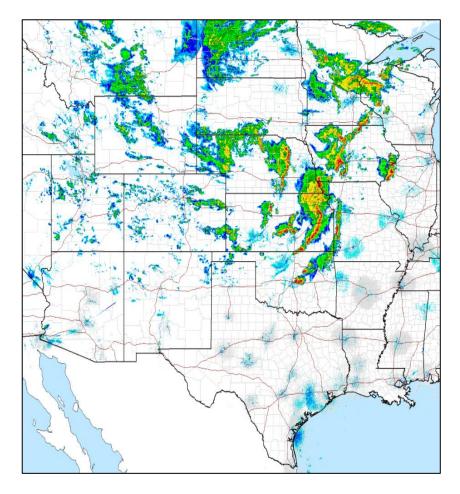
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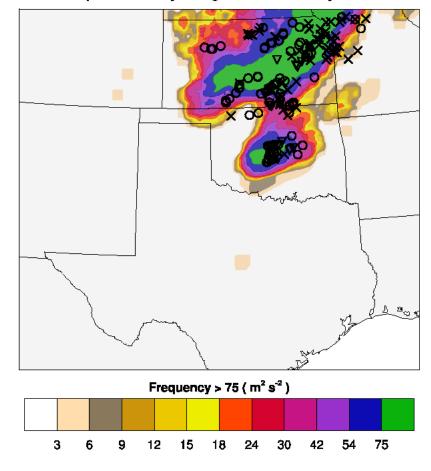


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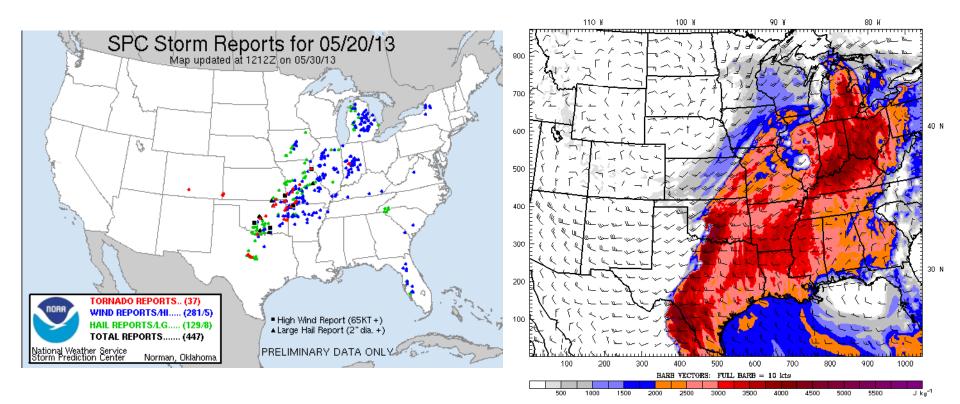




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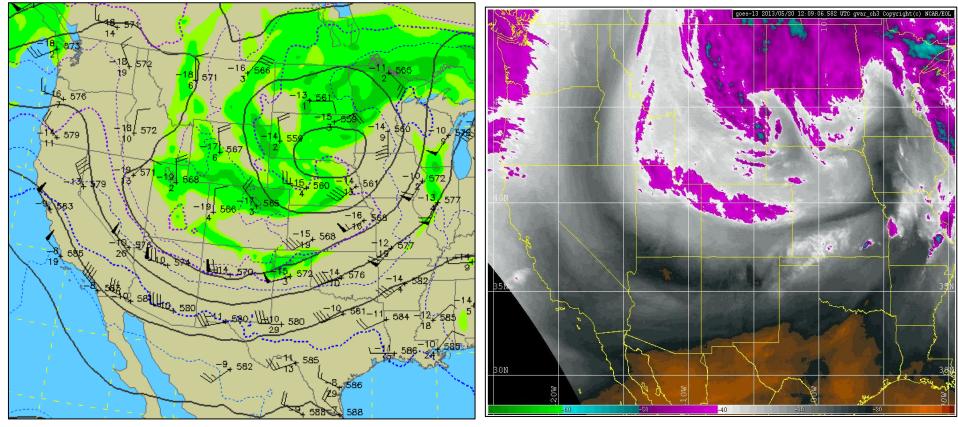


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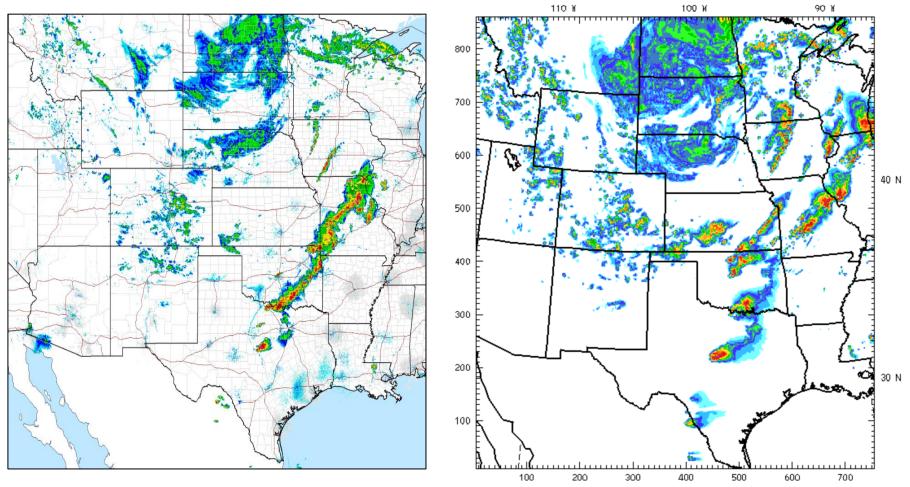
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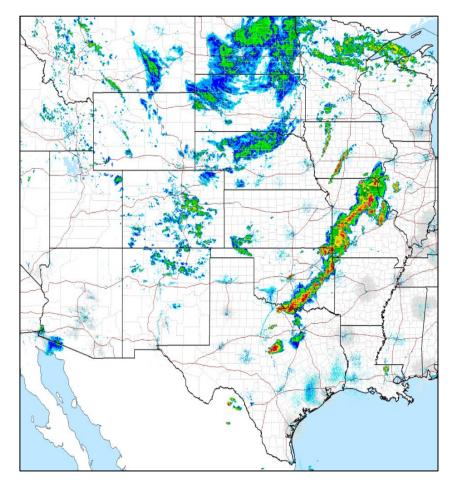
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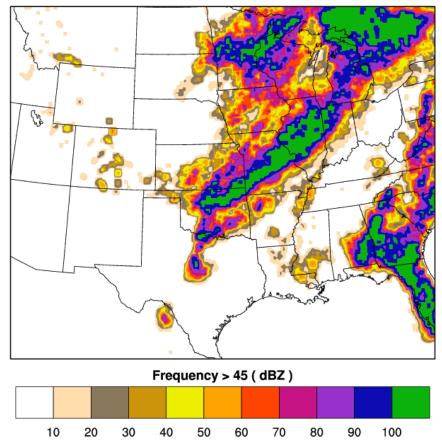
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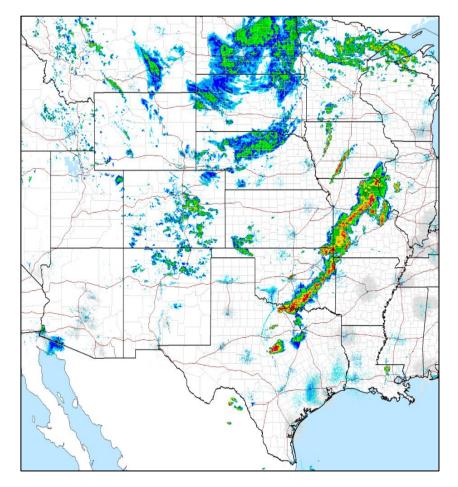


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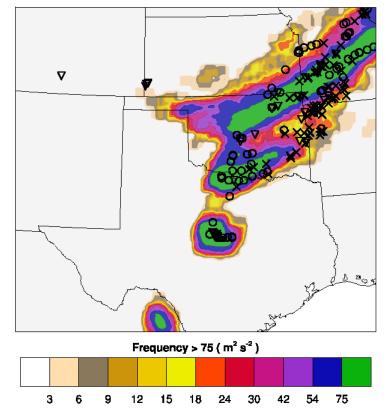


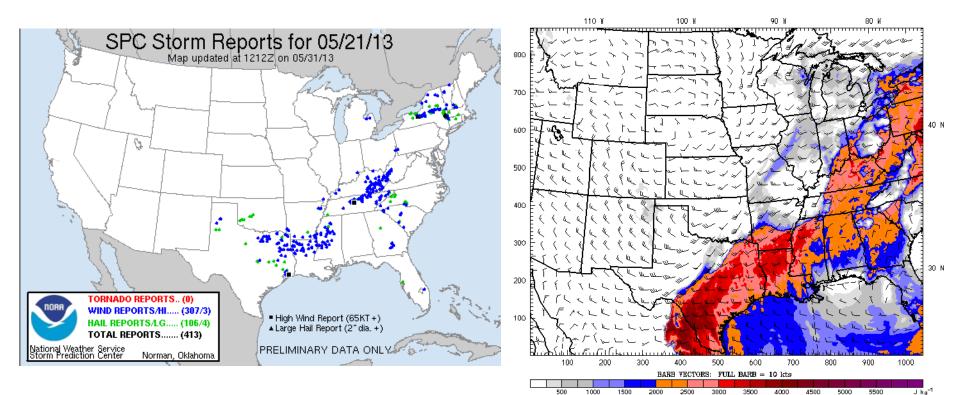
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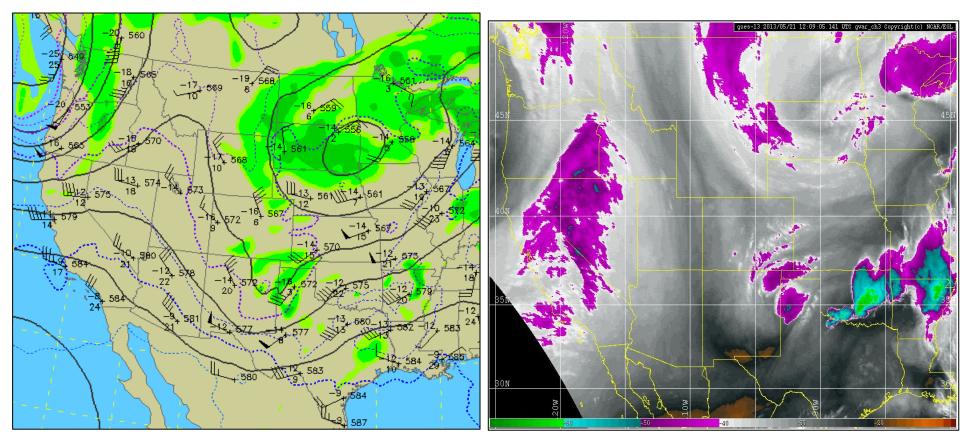


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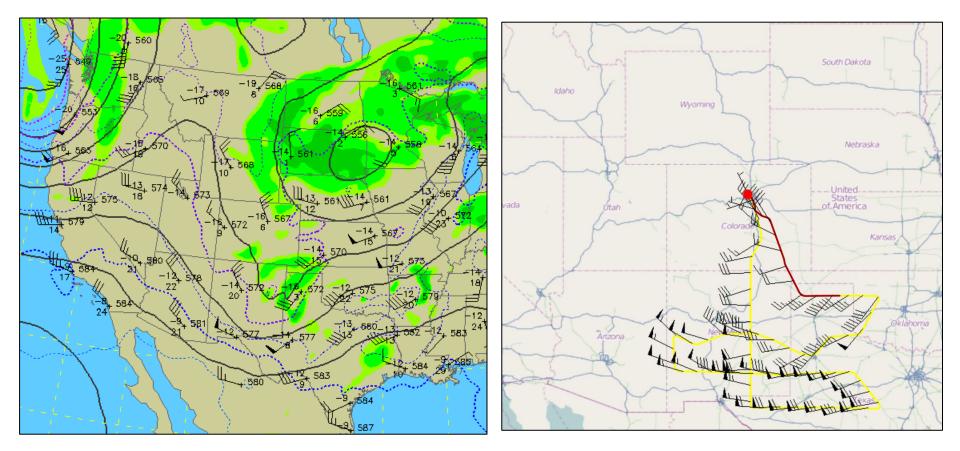


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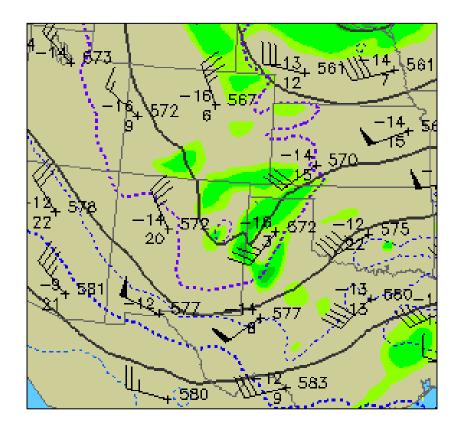
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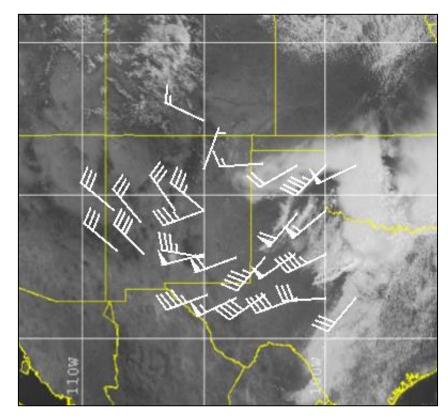
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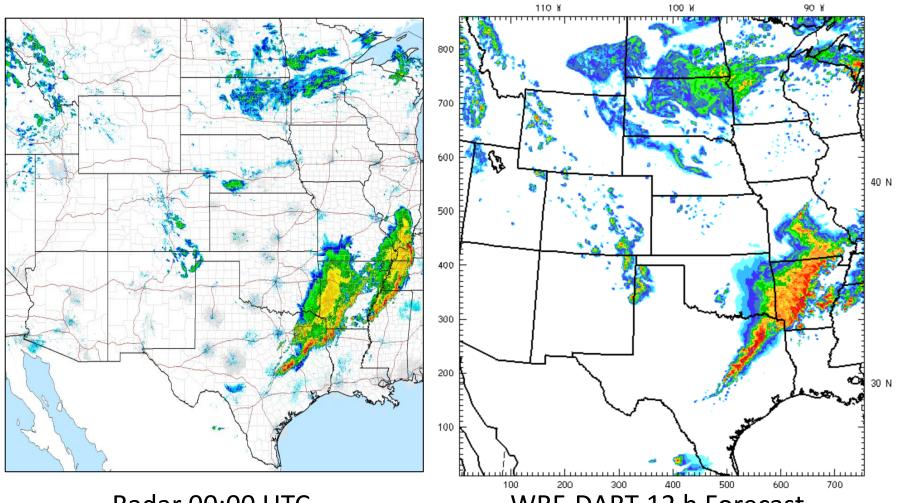
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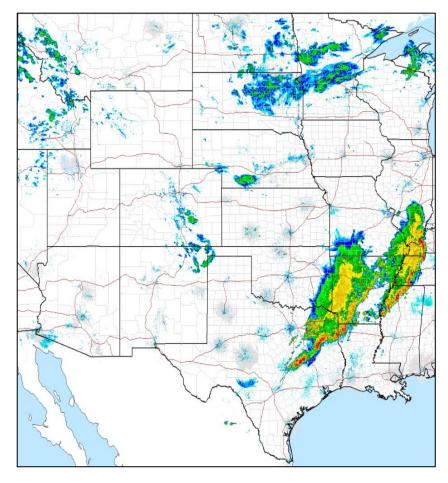


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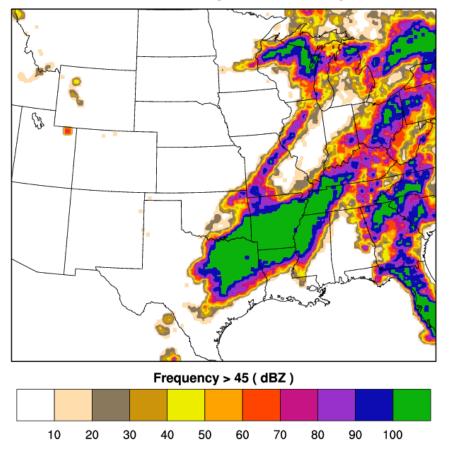
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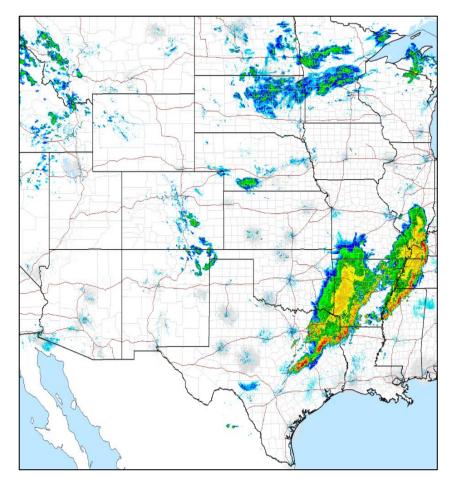


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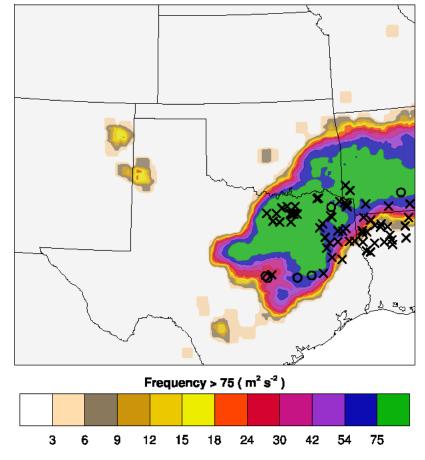


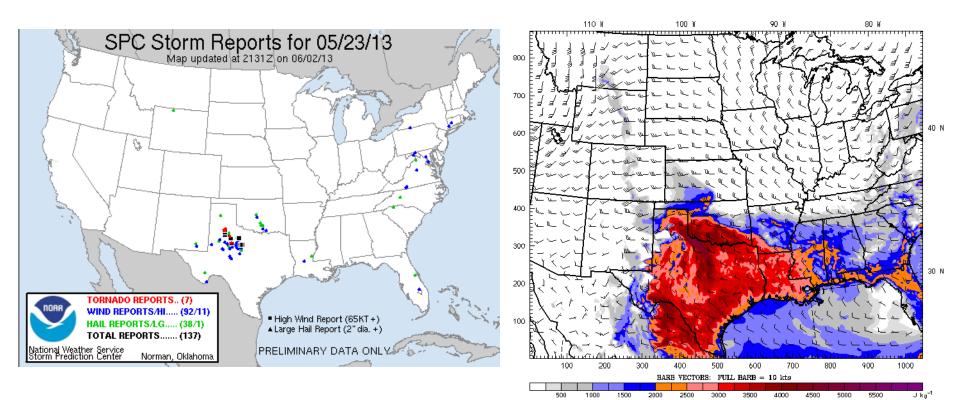
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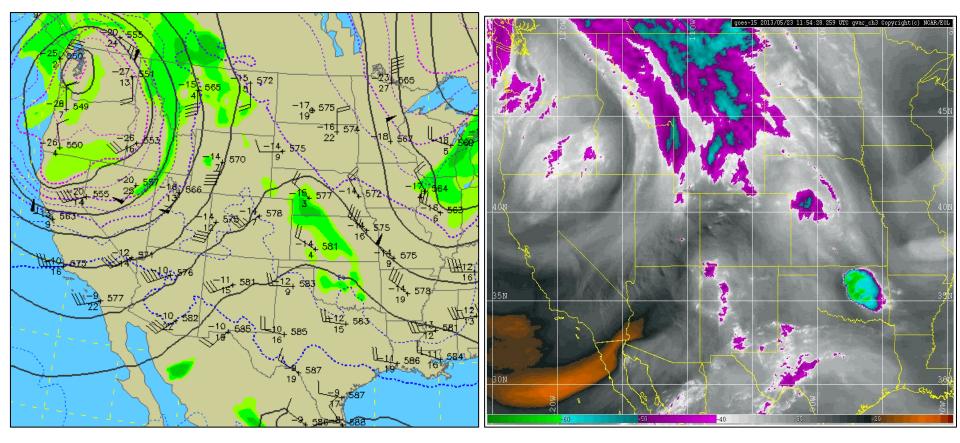


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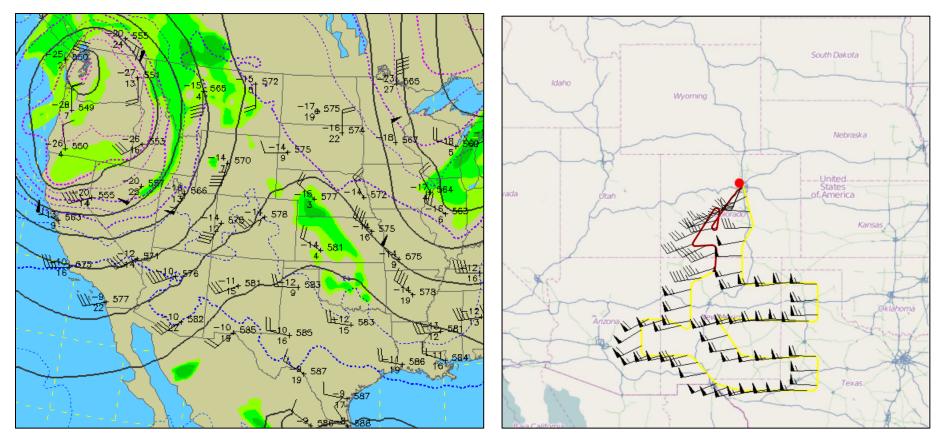


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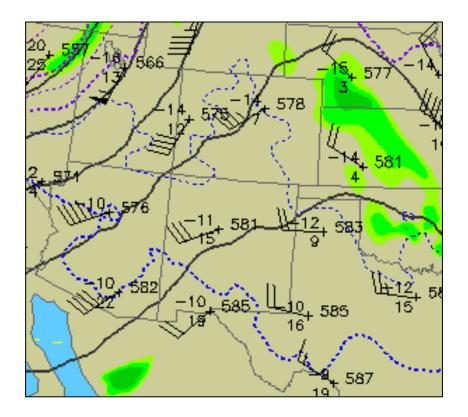
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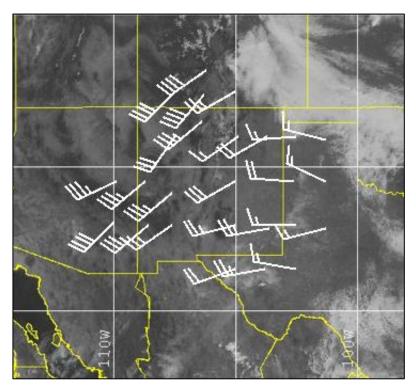


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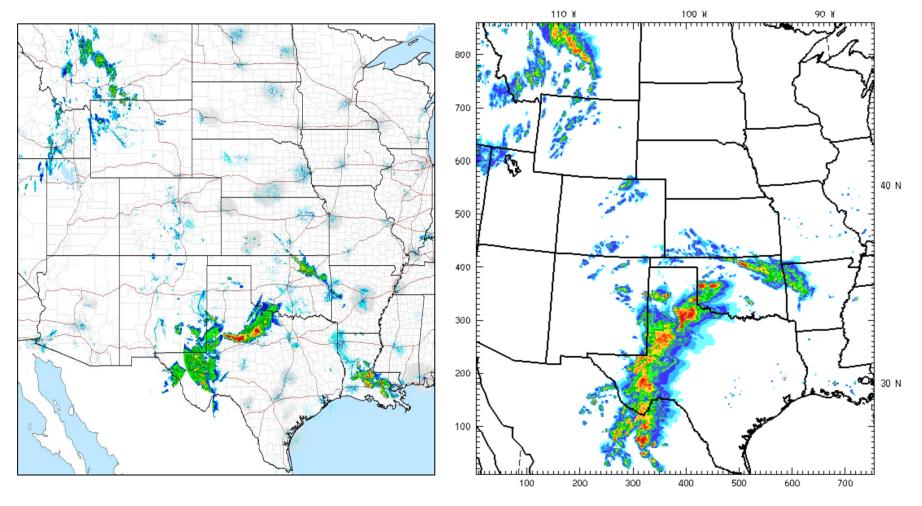
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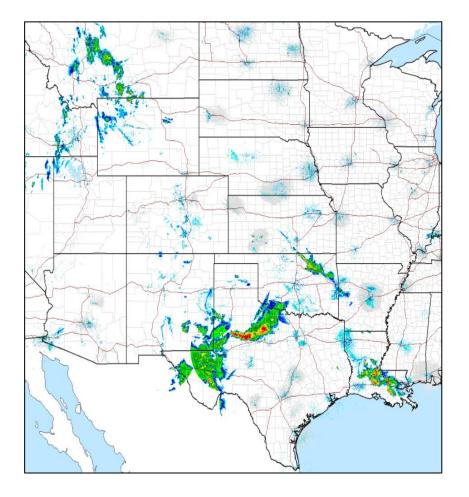


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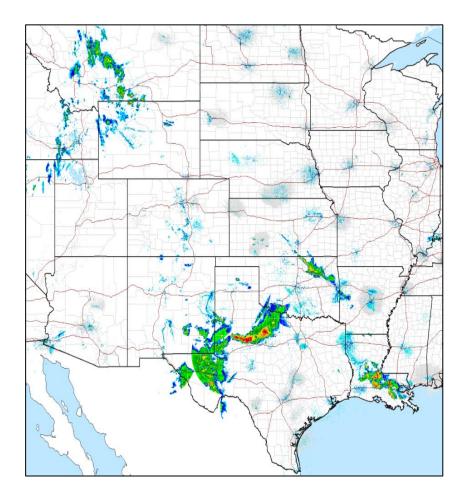
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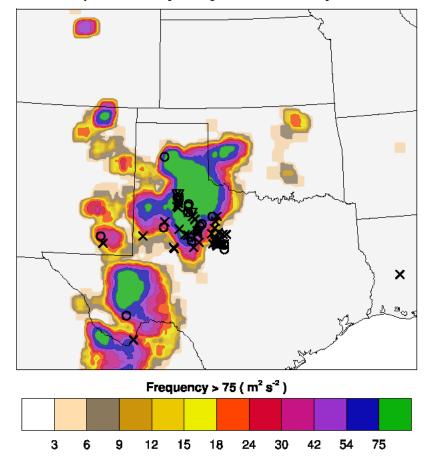


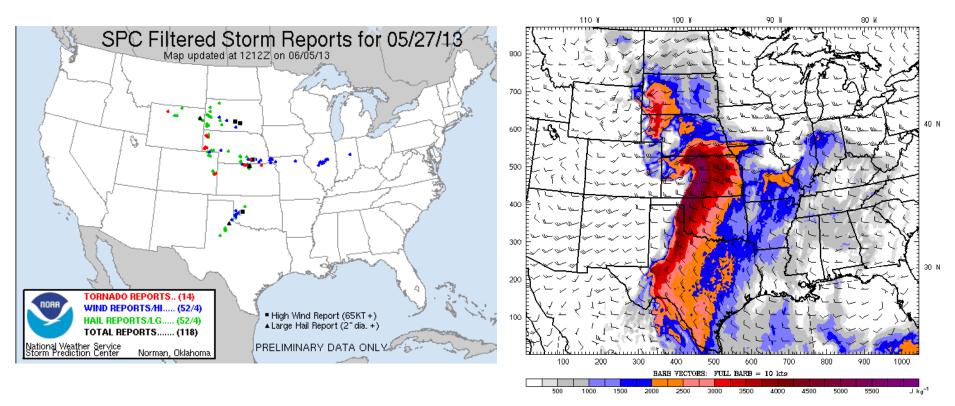
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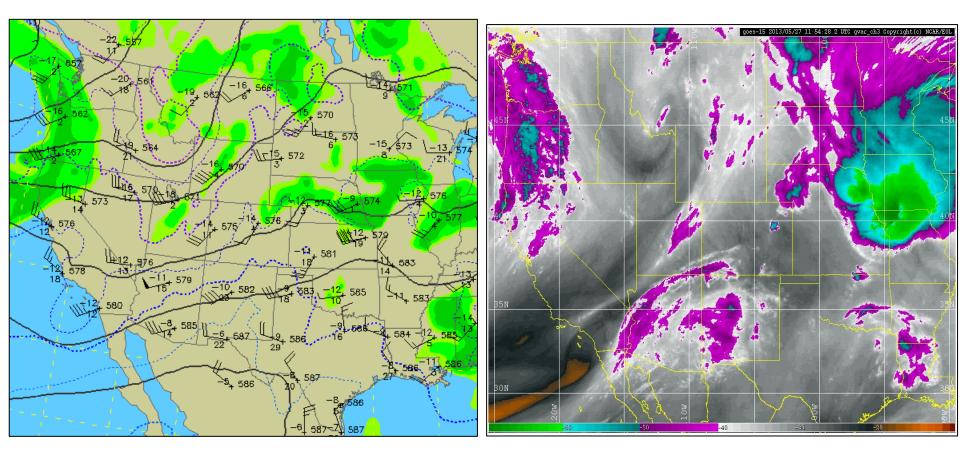


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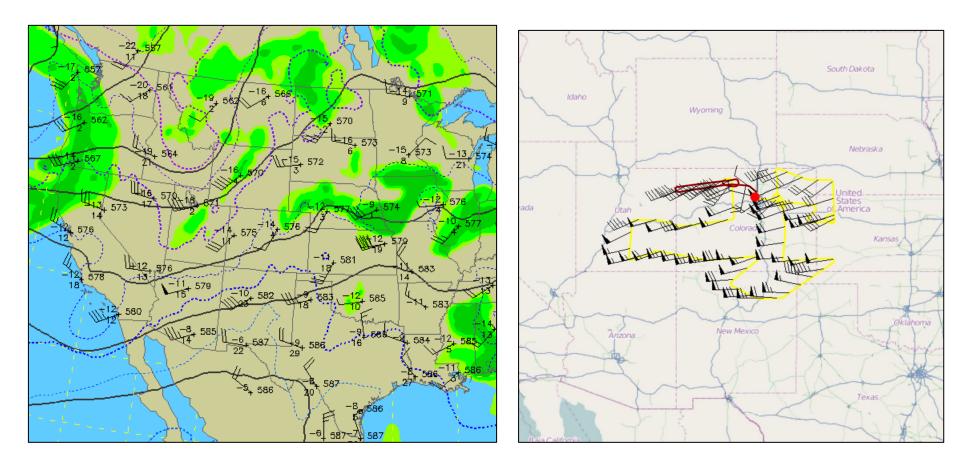


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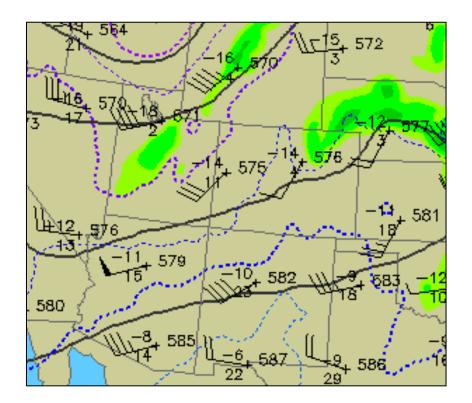
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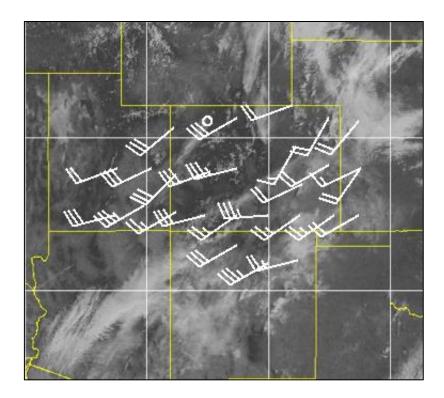


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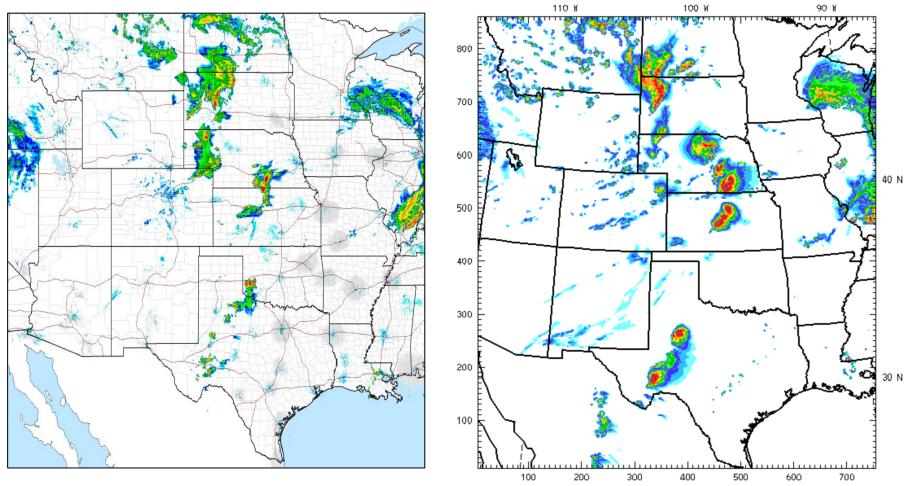
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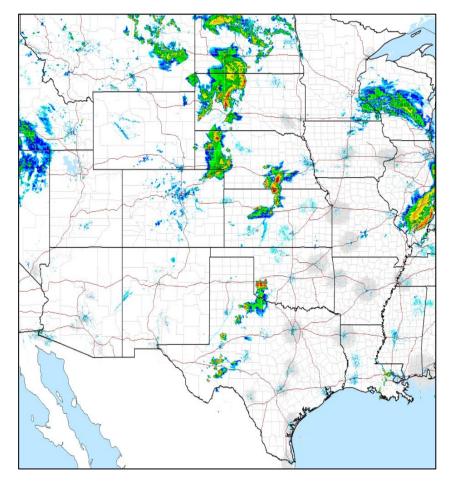


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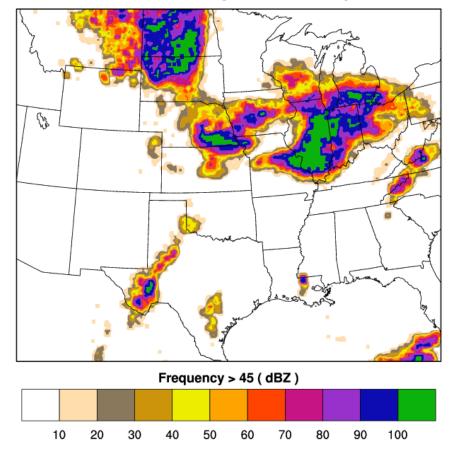


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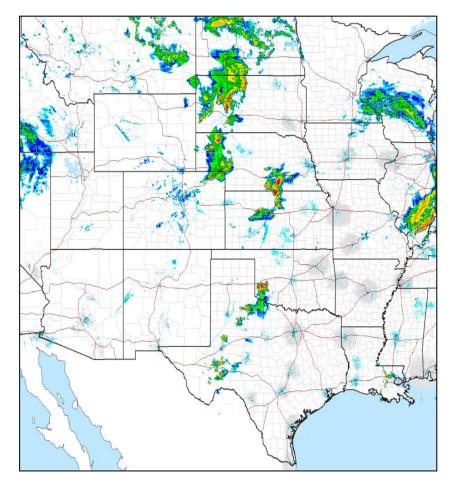
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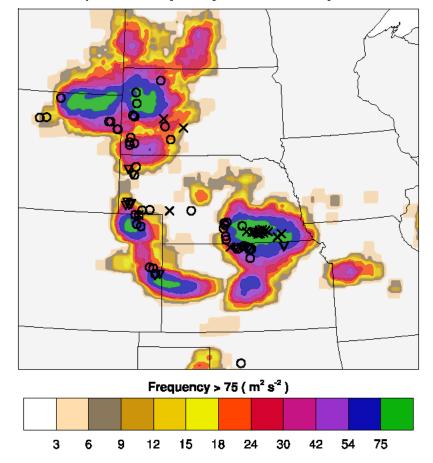
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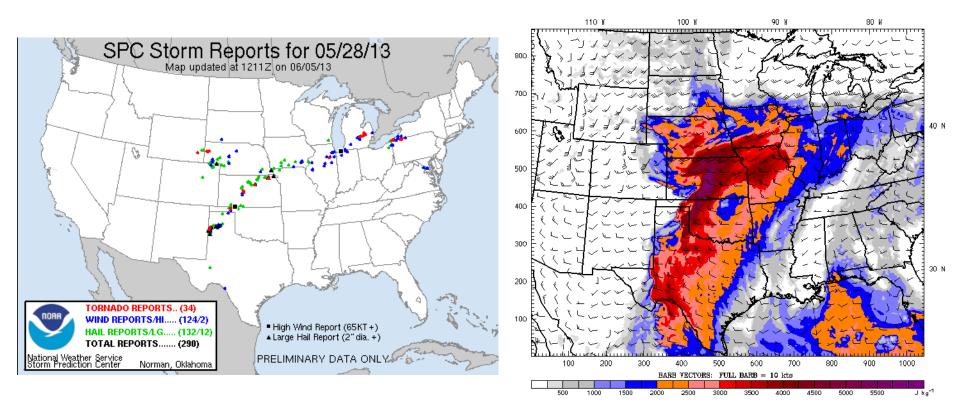
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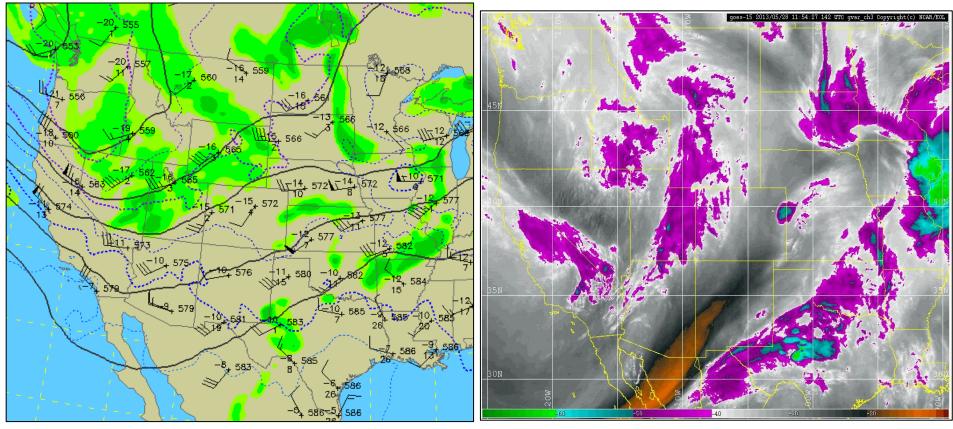
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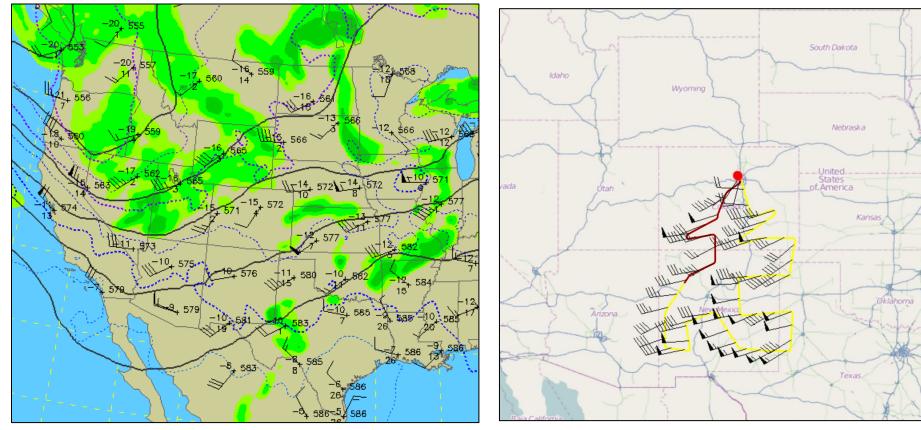


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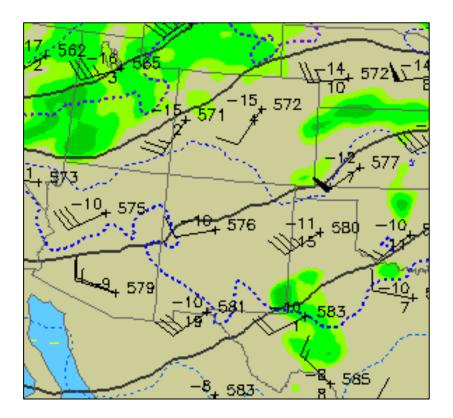
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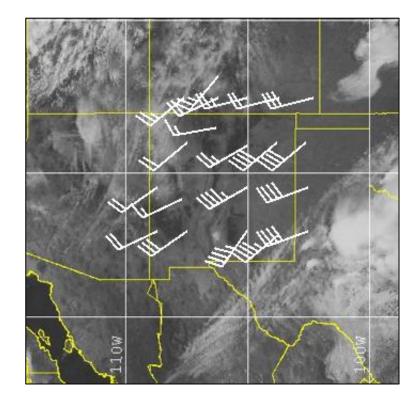
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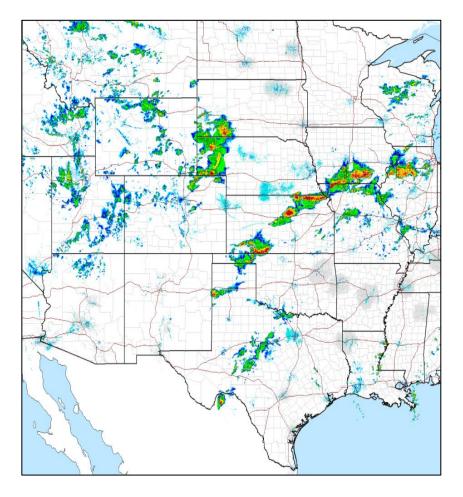




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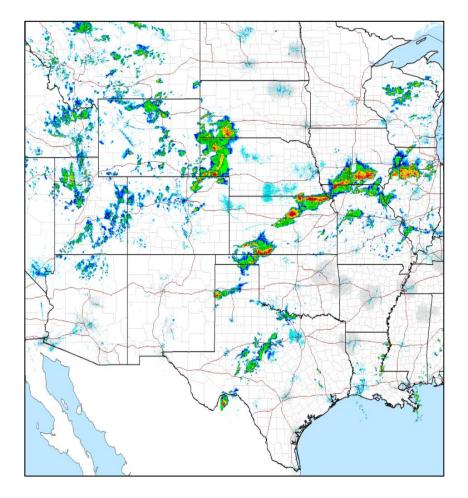


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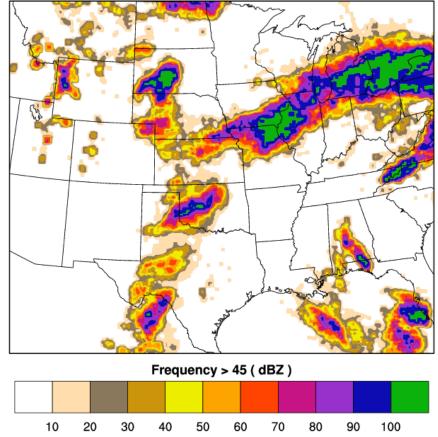
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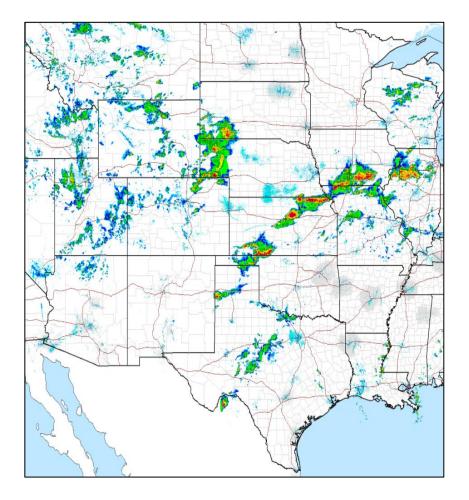
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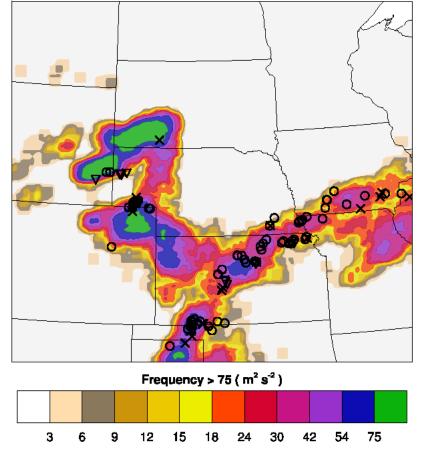
Lowest Mod LvI Refl - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-18



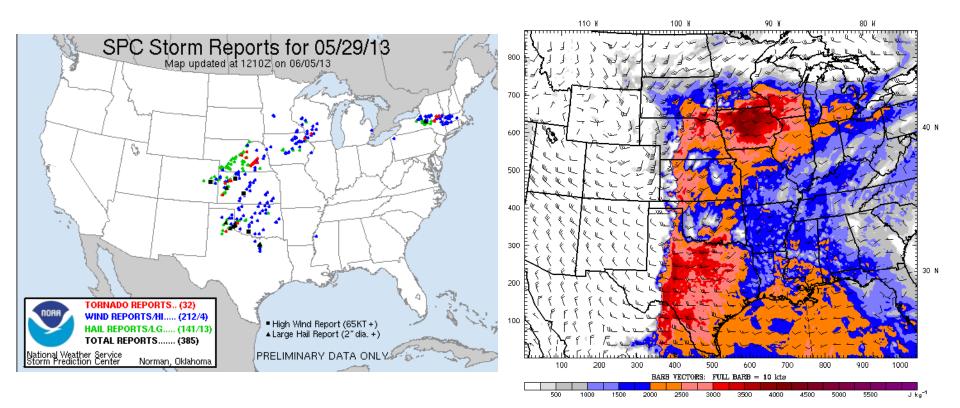
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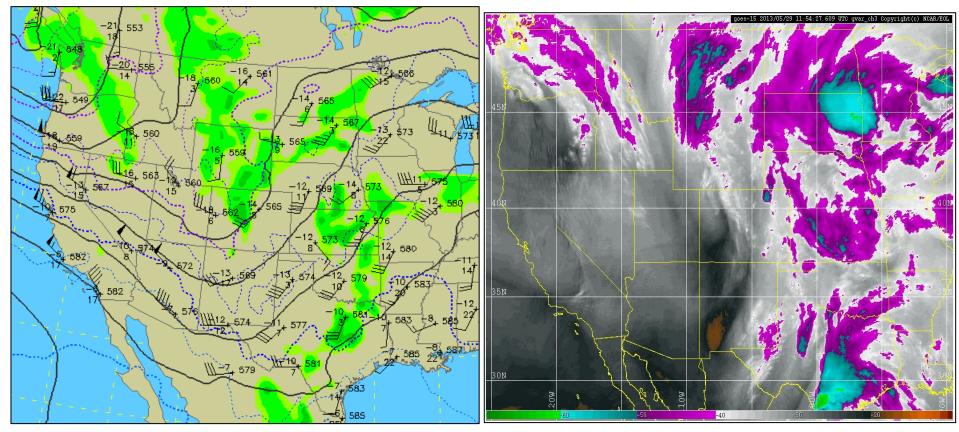
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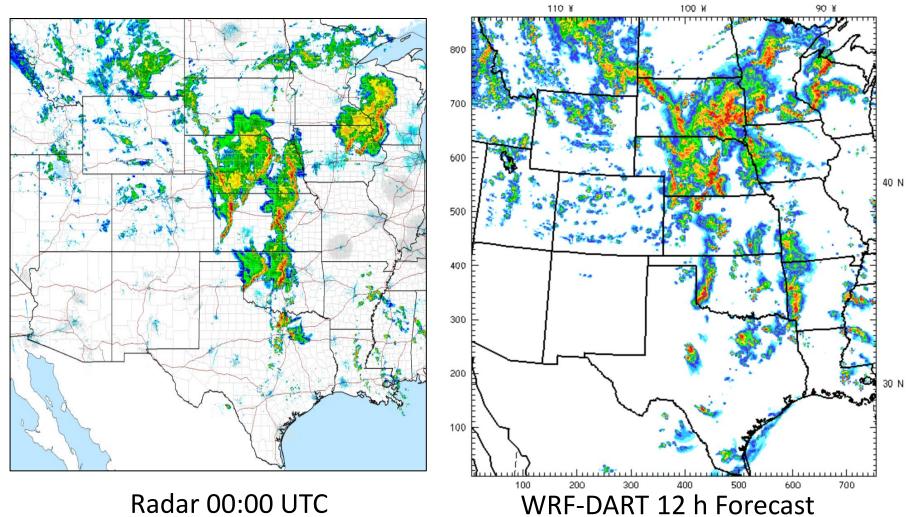


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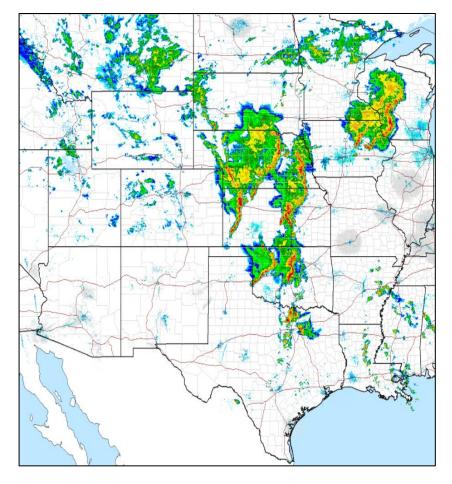


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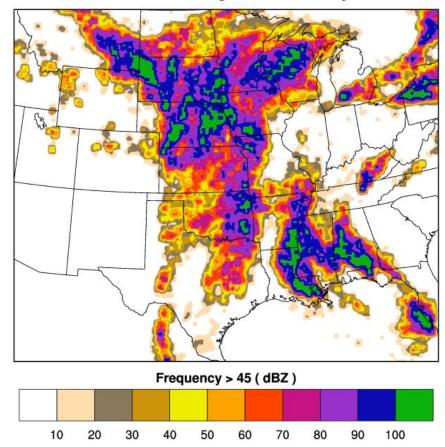
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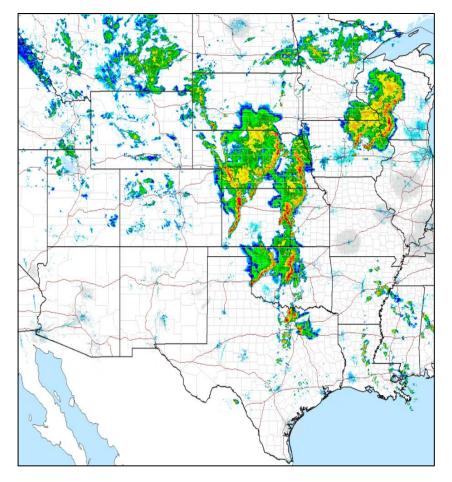
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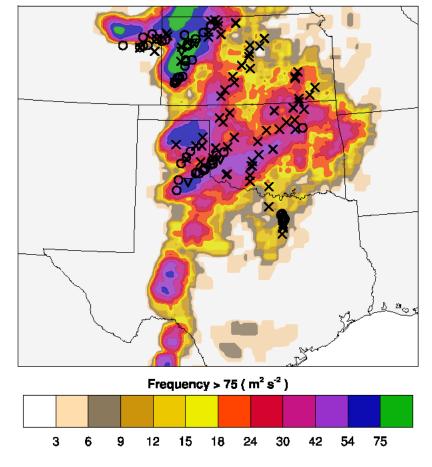
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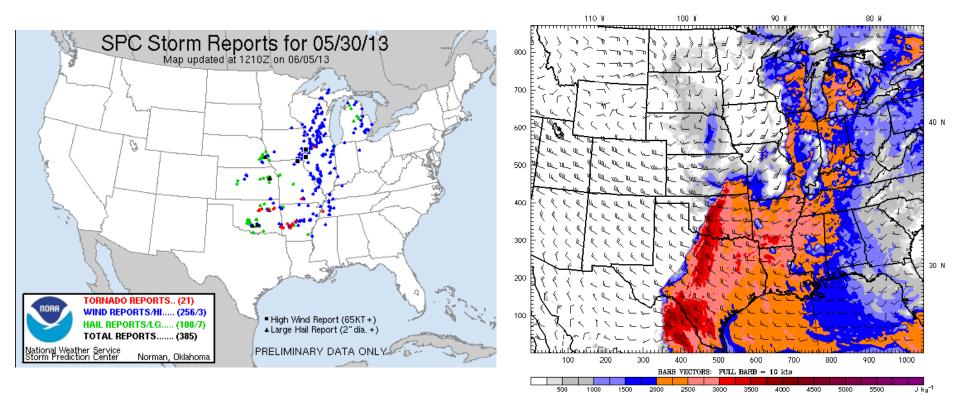
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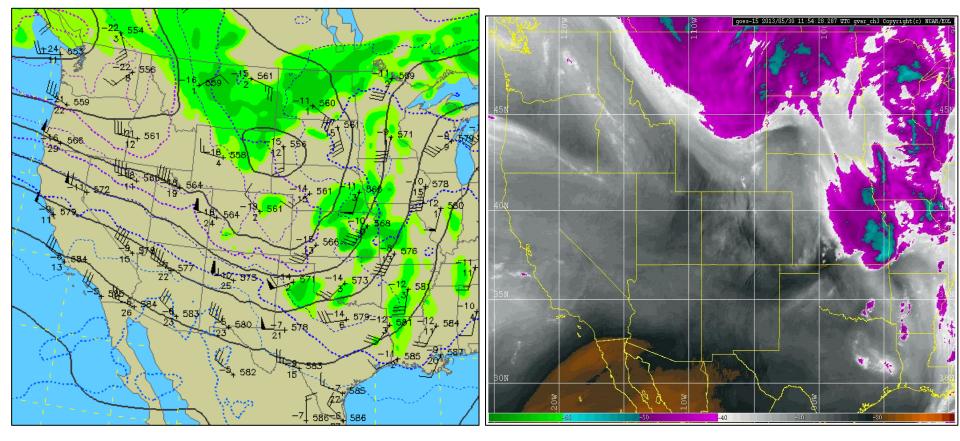
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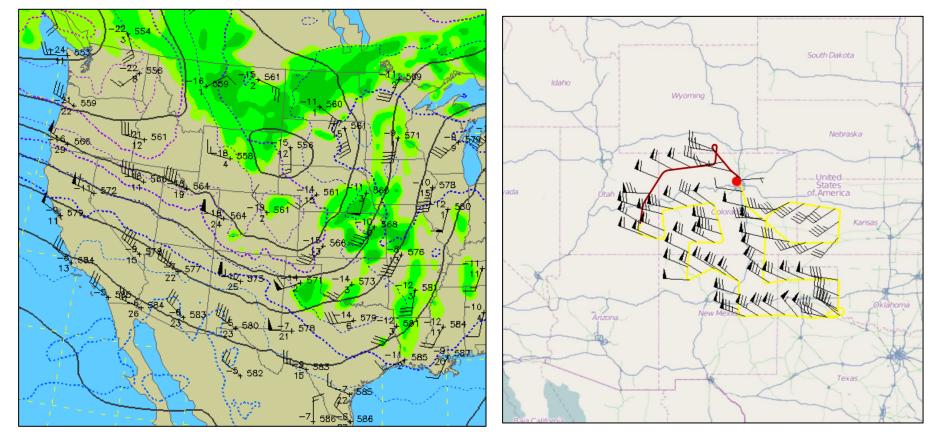


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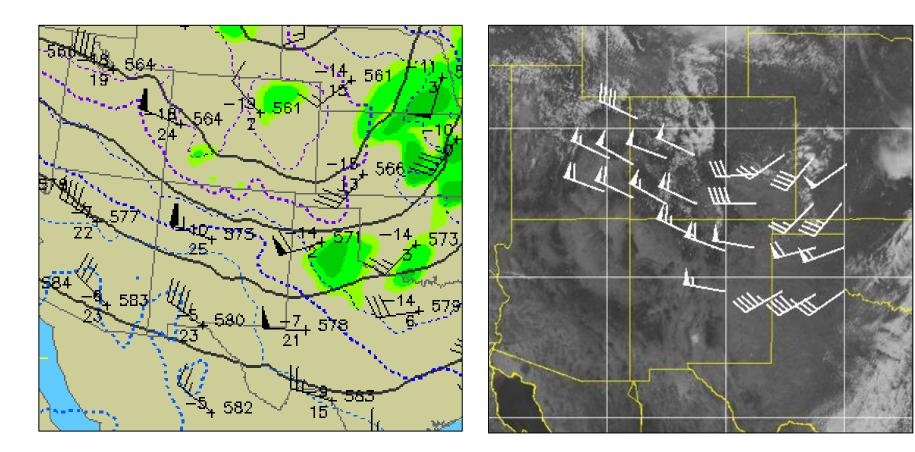
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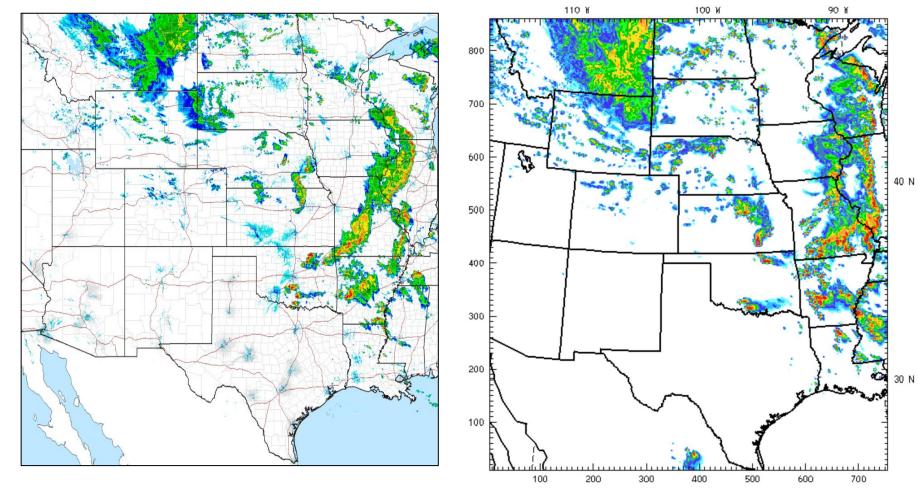
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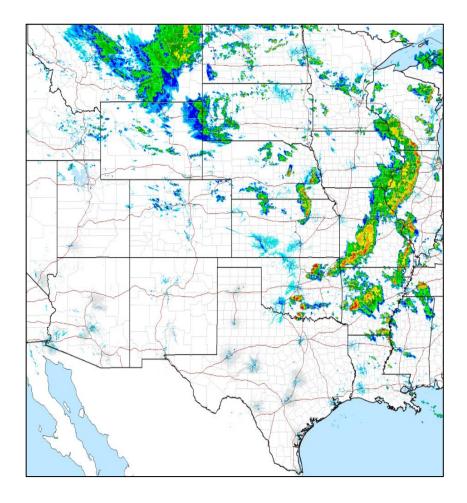
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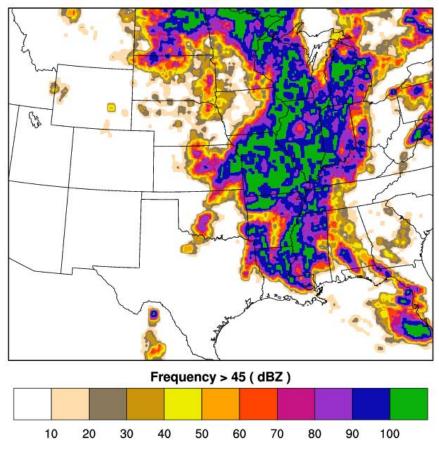


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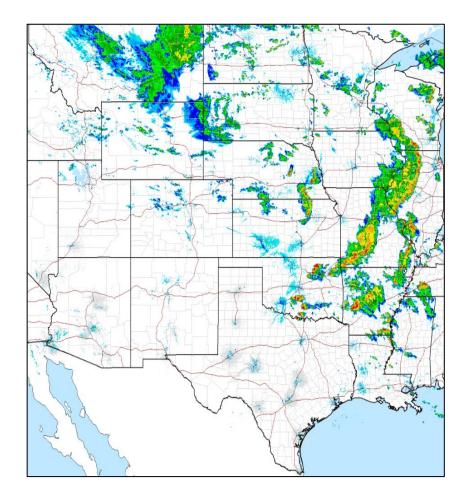
WRF-DART 12 h Forecast



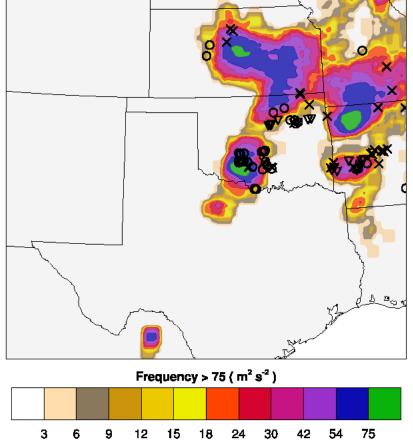
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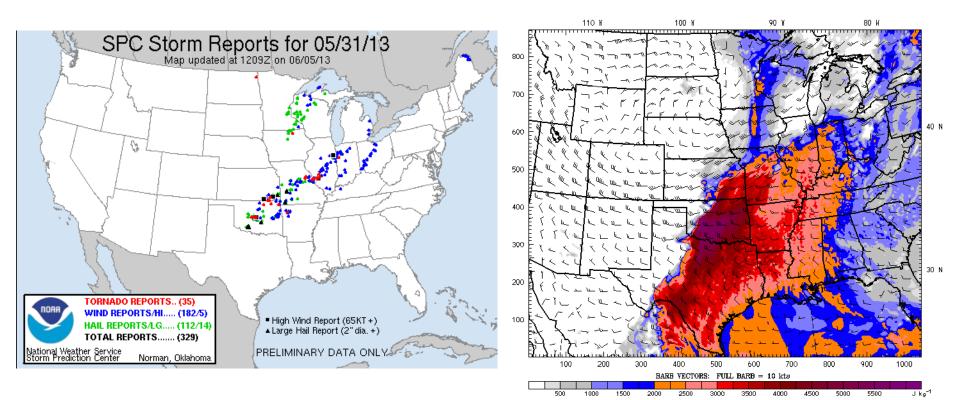
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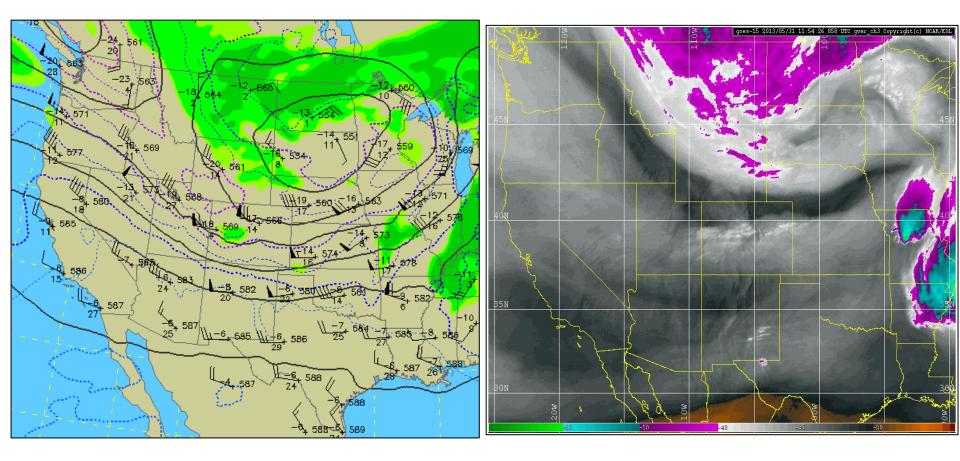
Max Updraft Helicity - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-15



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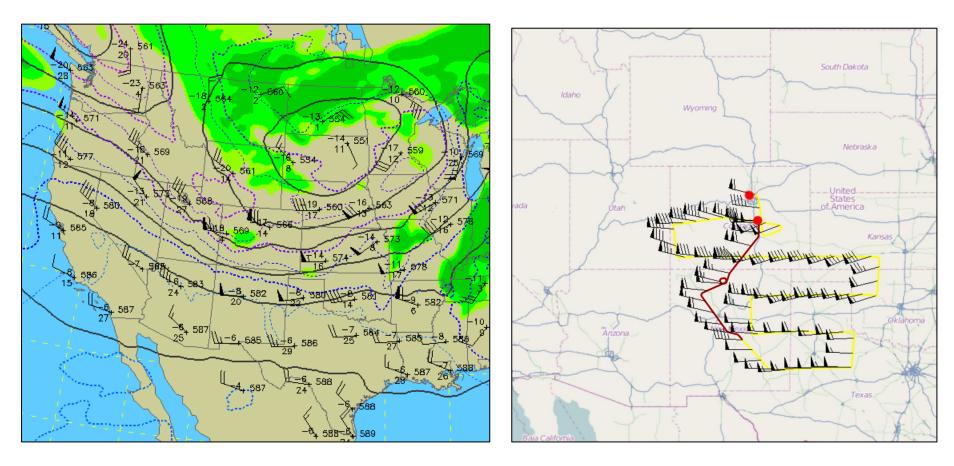


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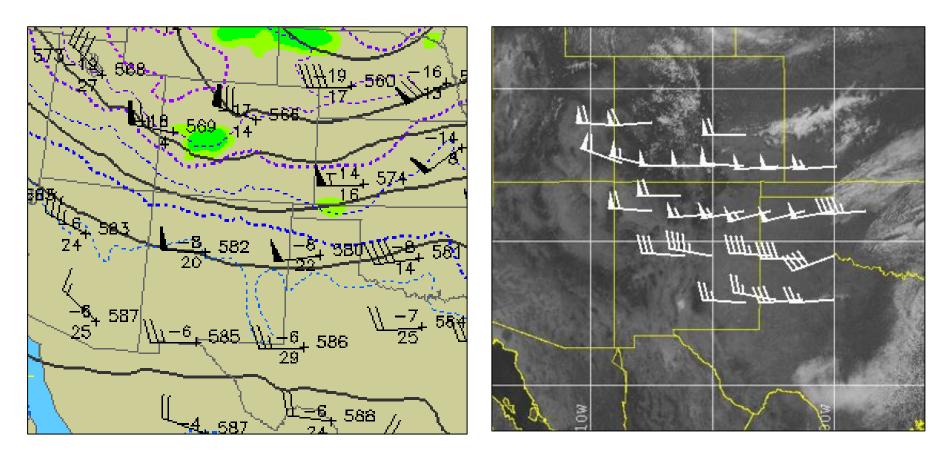
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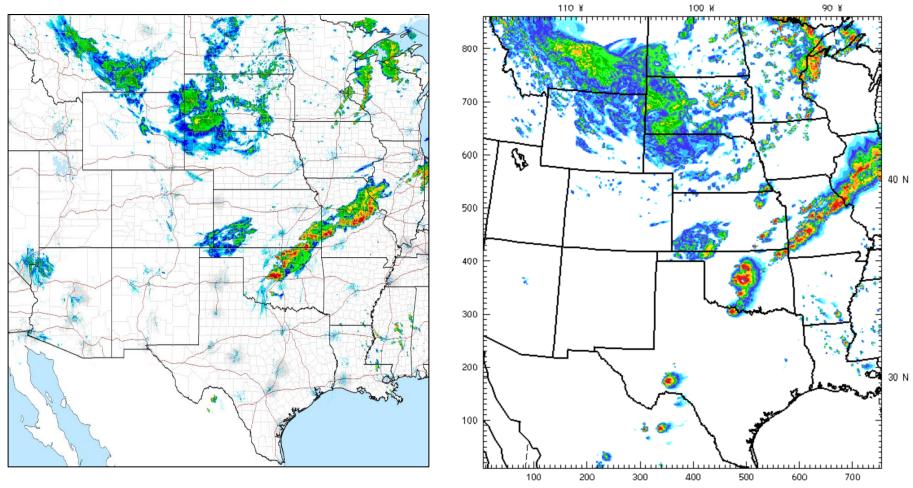
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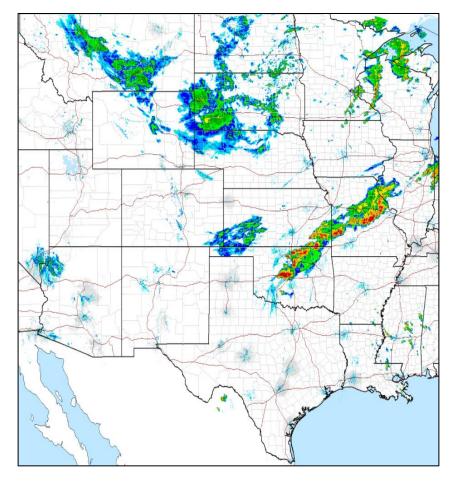
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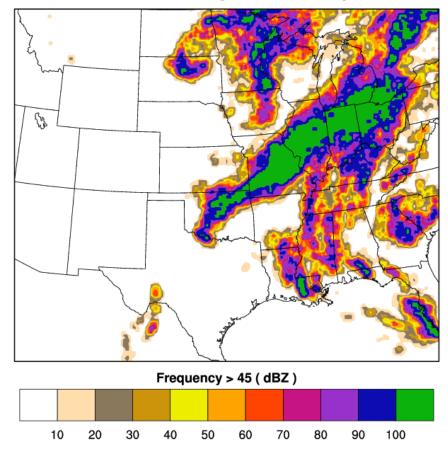


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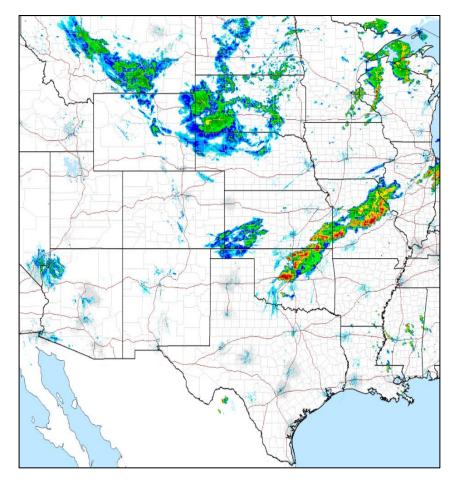
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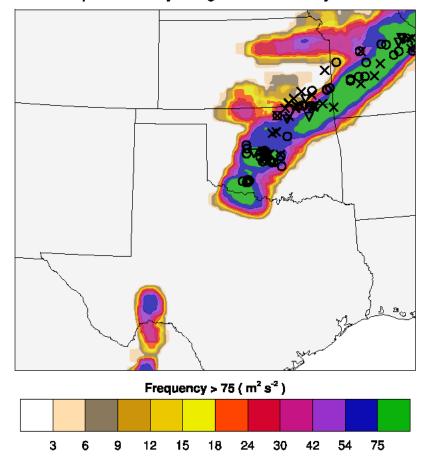
Lowest Mod Lvl Refl - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-18



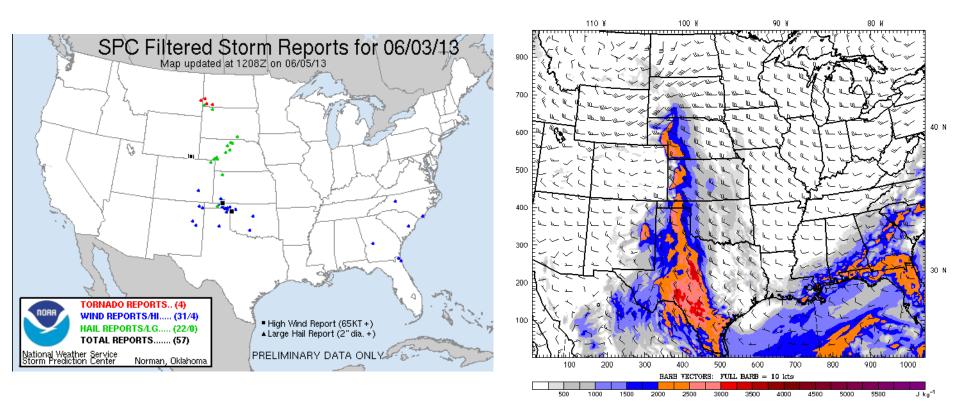
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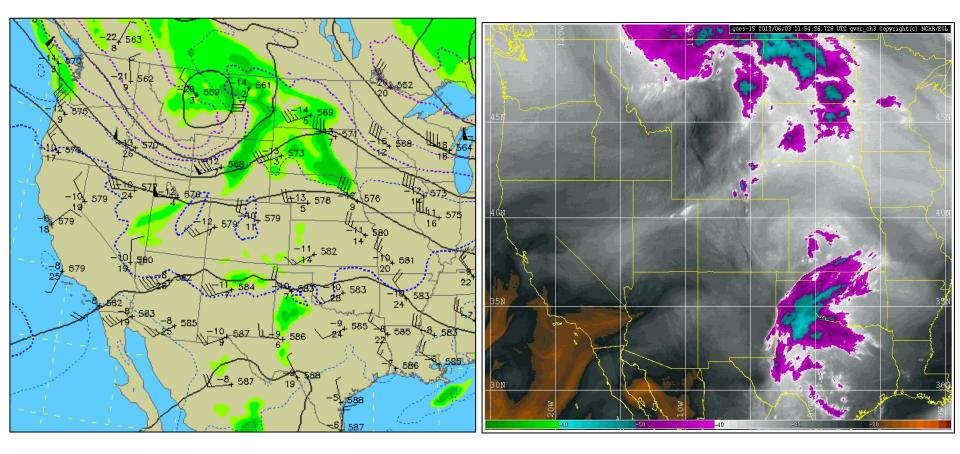
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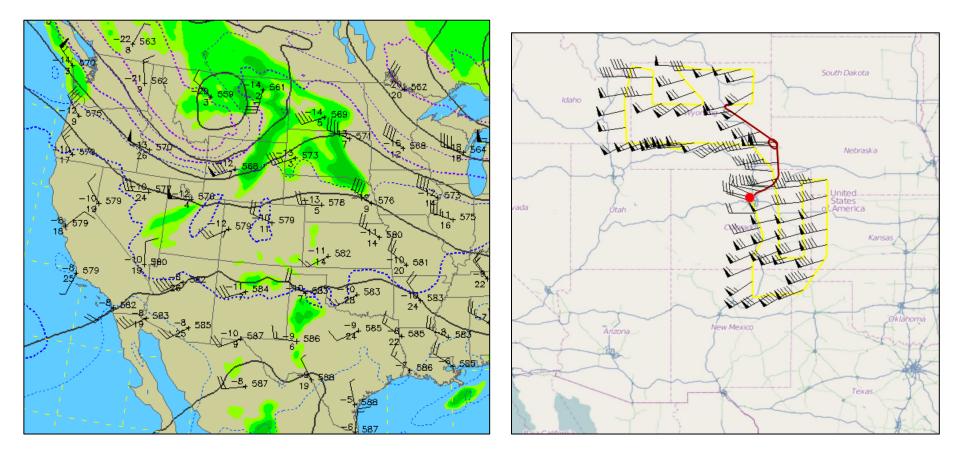


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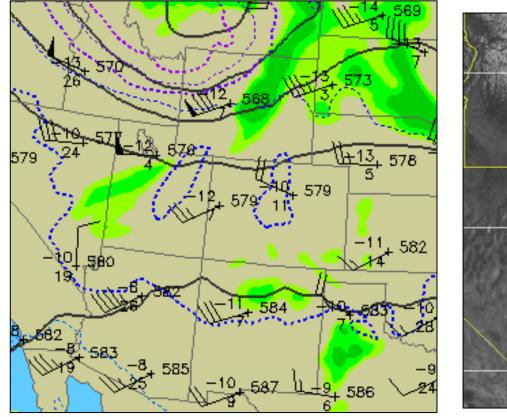
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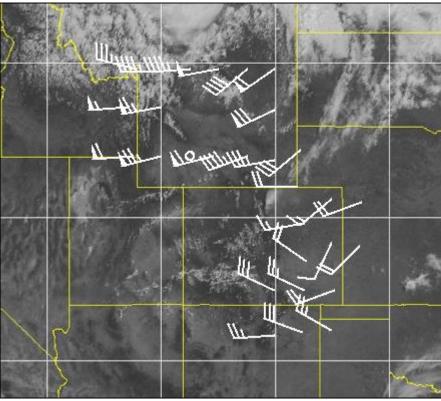
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Flight Track Winds ~200 hPa

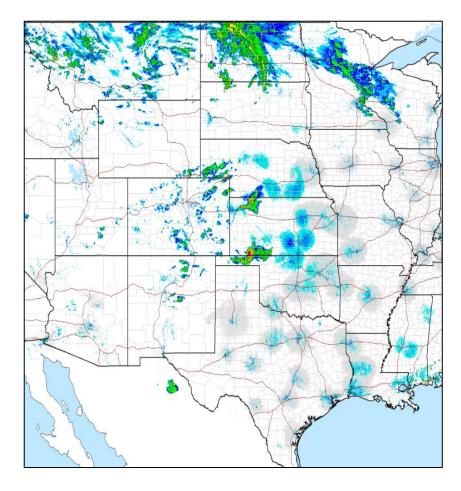




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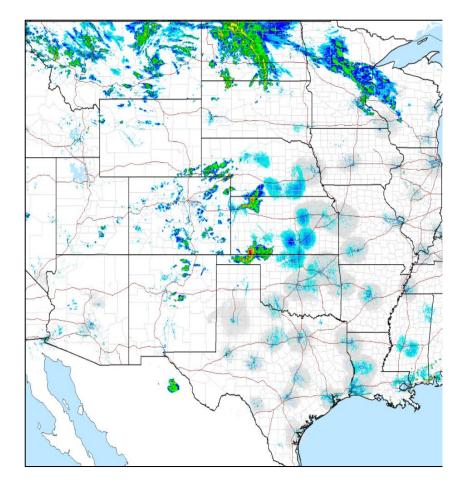


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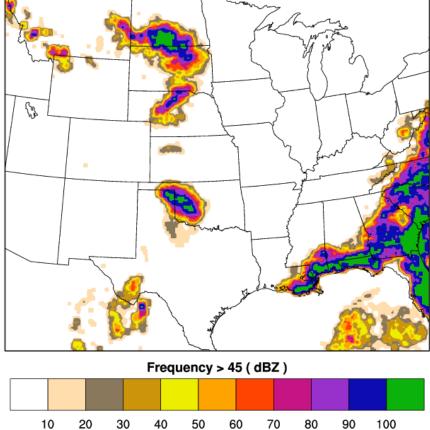
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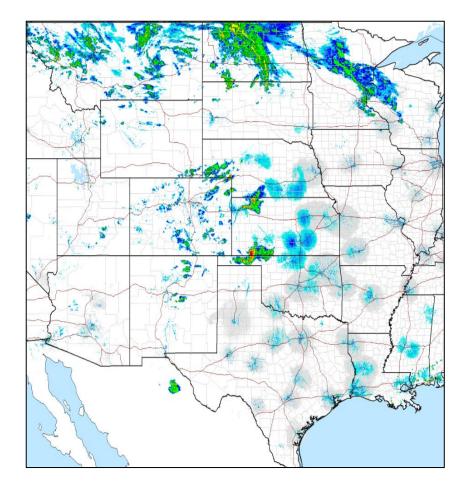
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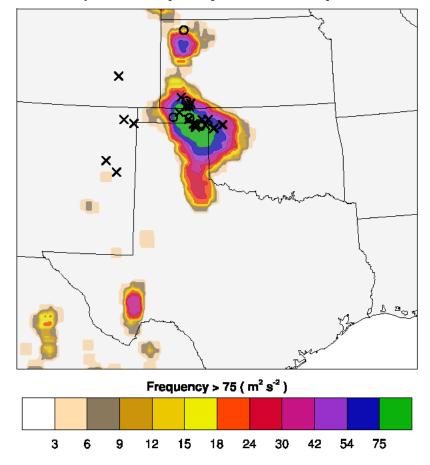
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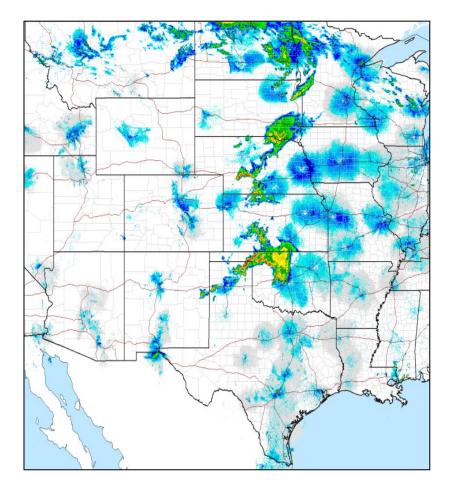
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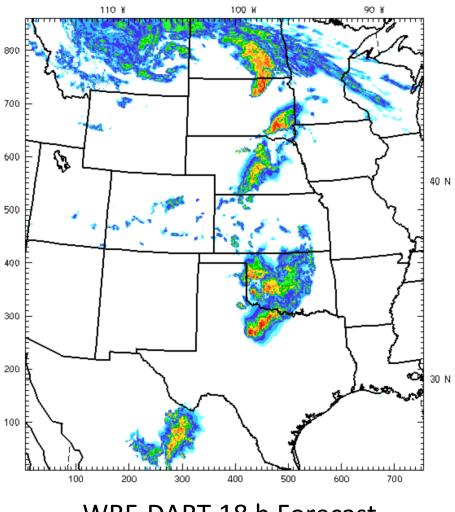
Max Updraft Helicity - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-15



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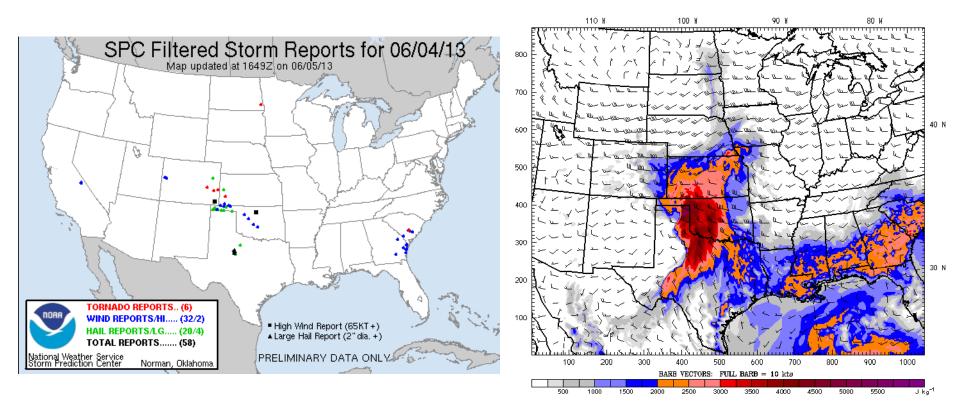


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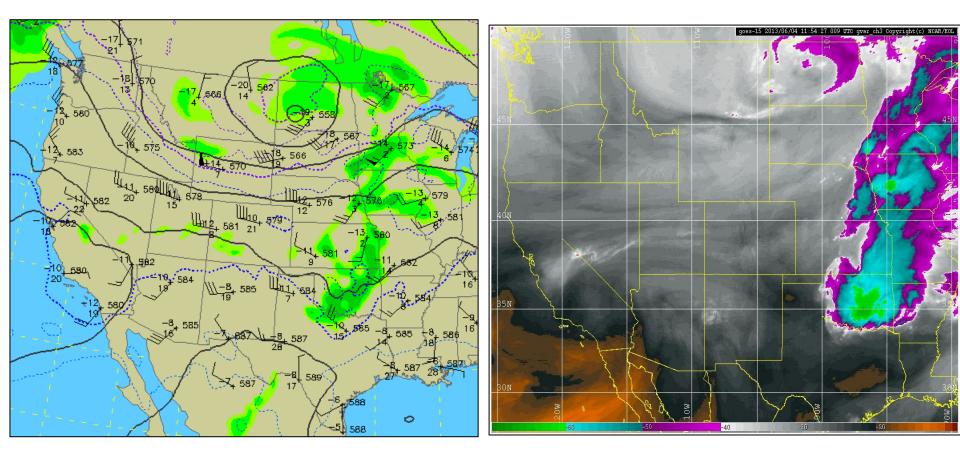


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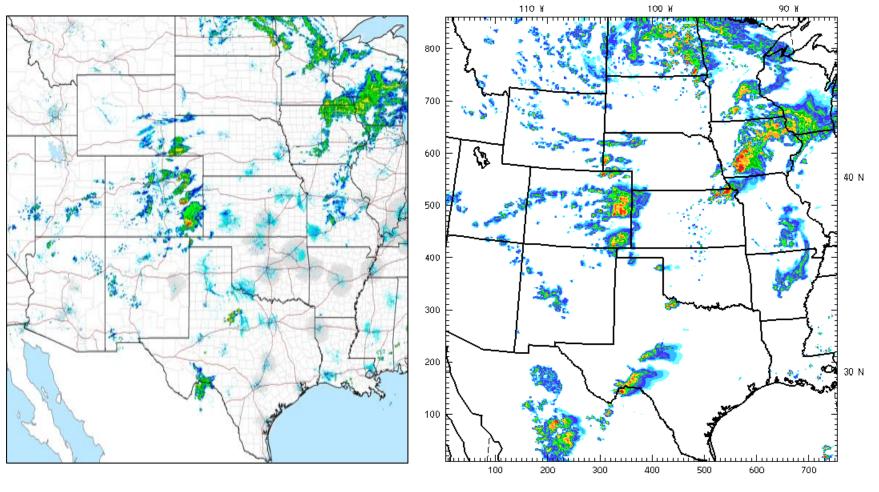


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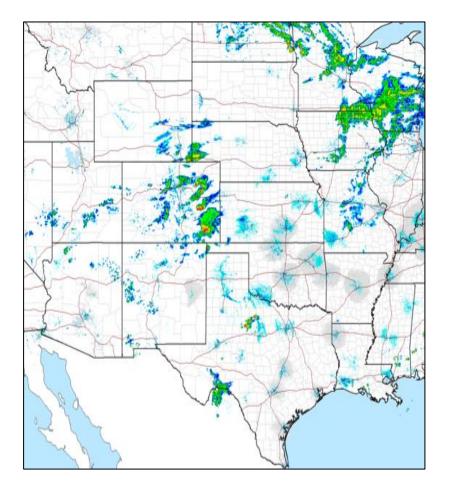
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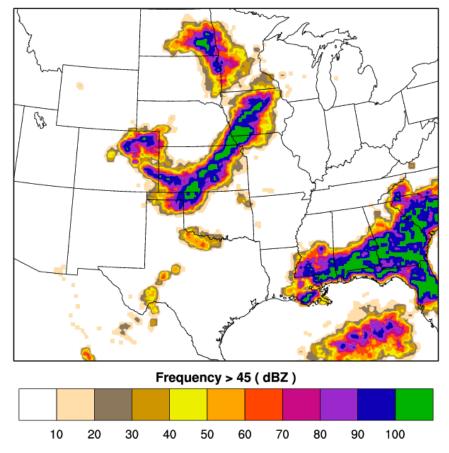


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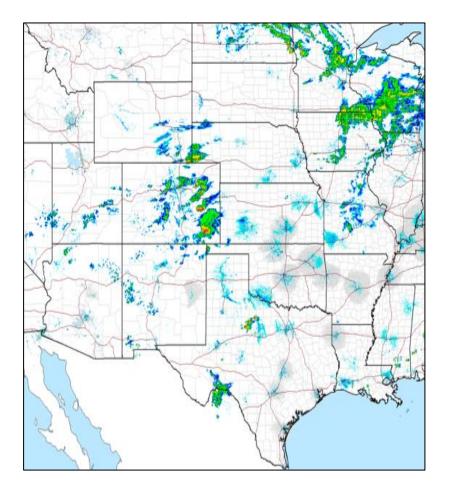
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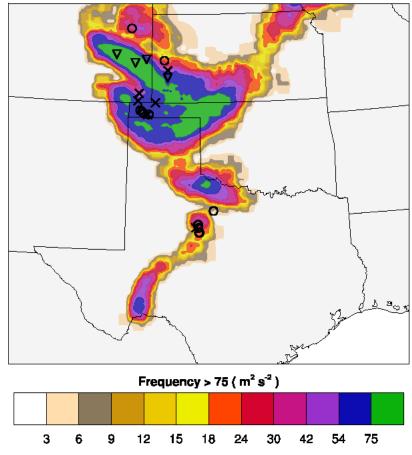
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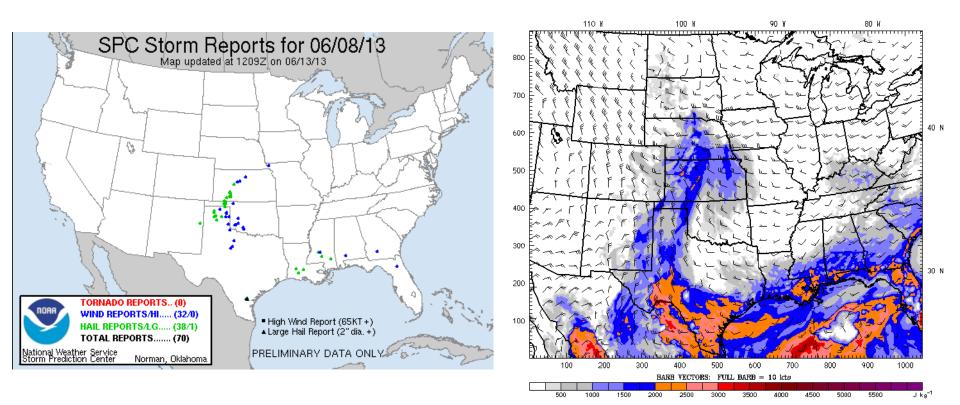
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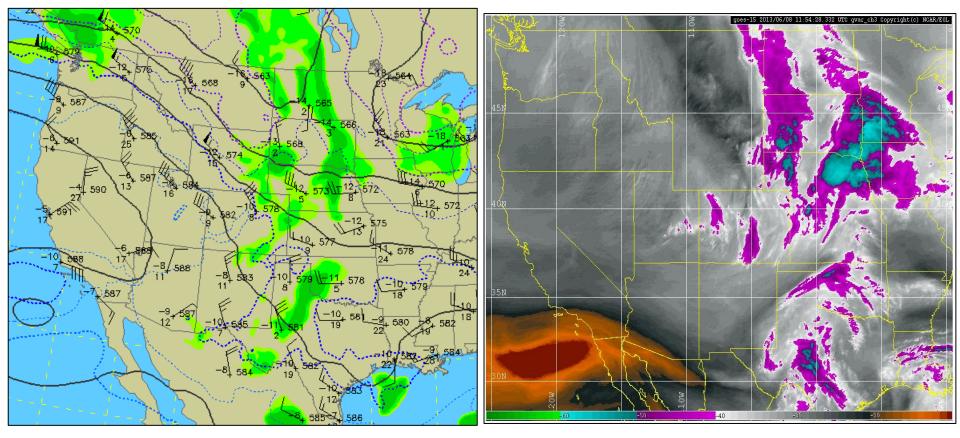
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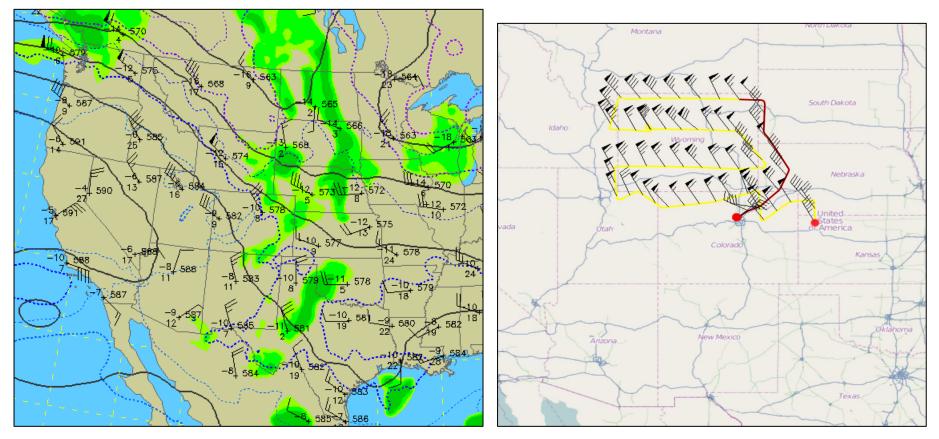


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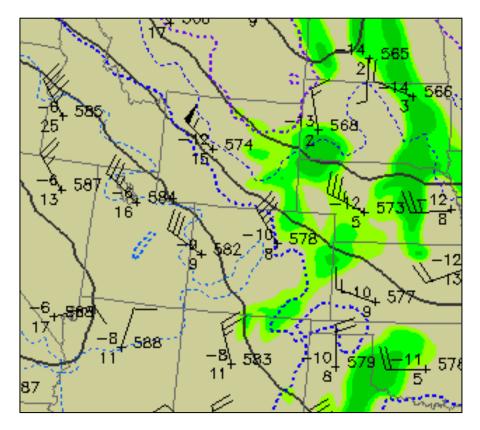
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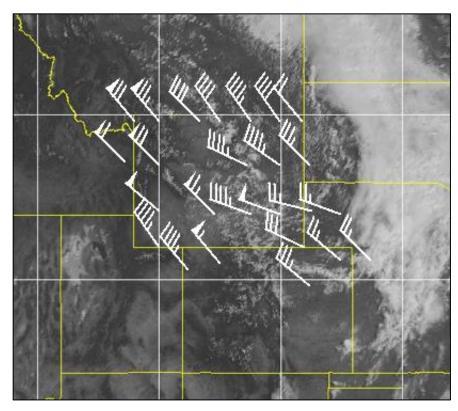
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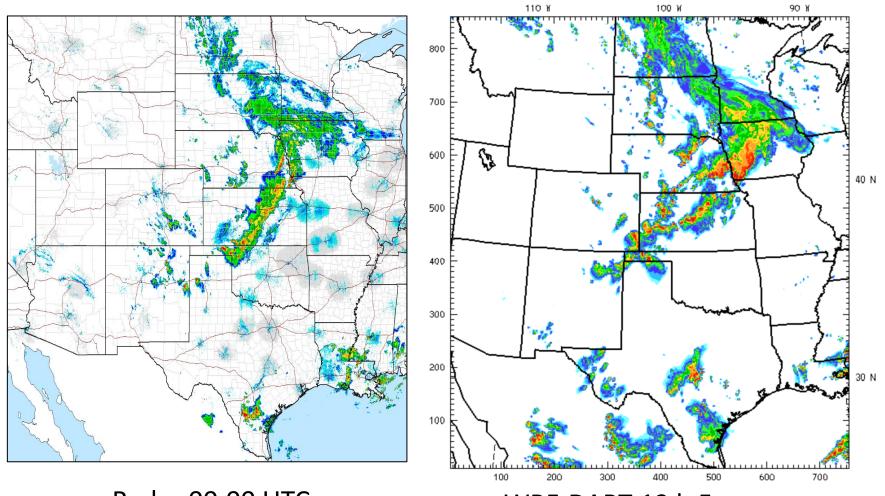
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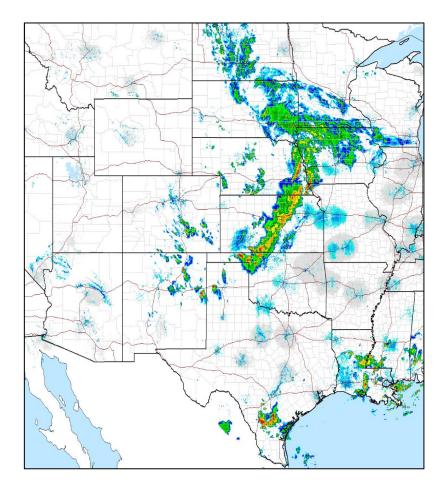
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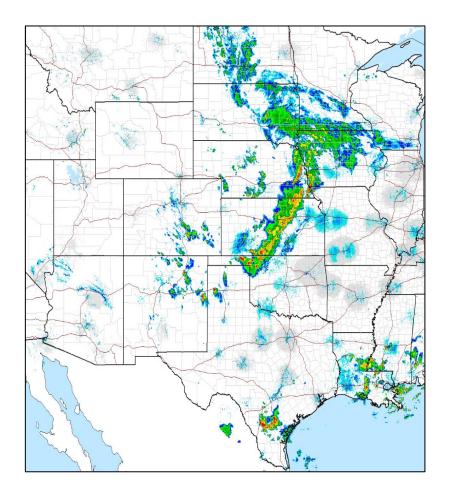
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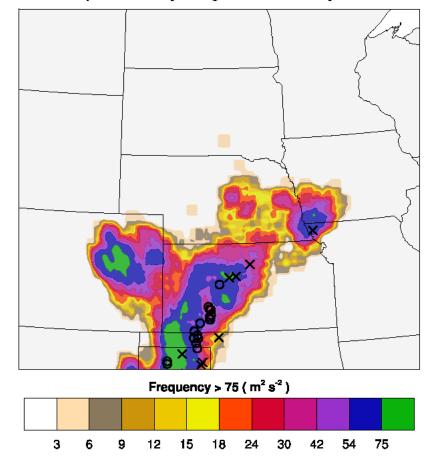


Lowest Mod Lvl Refl - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-18

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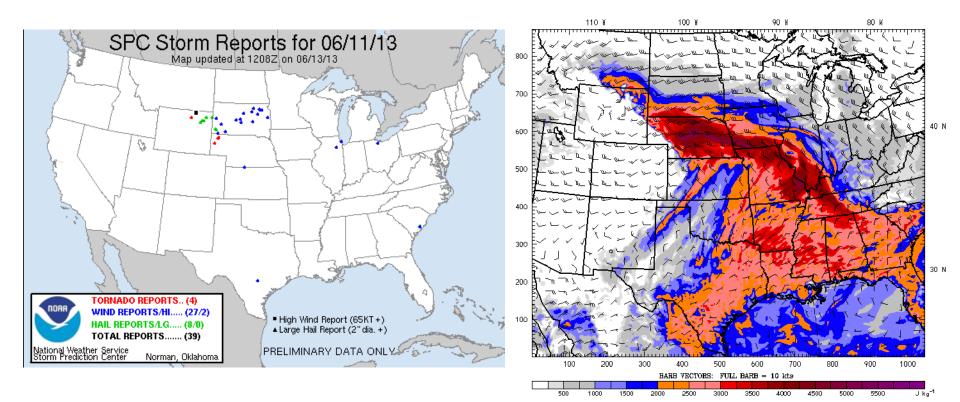


Max Updraft Helicity - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-15



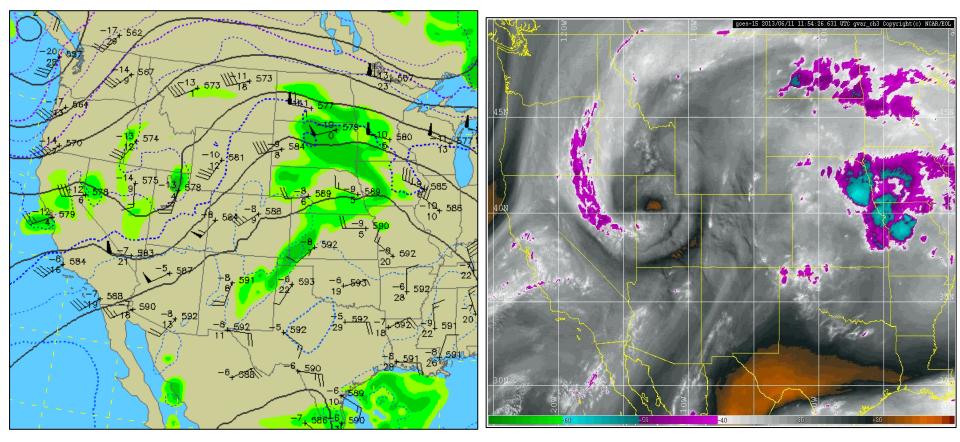
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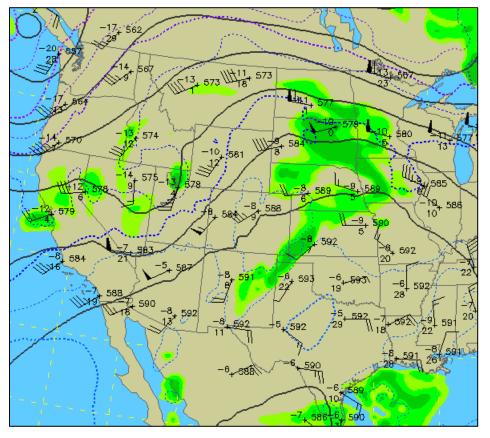
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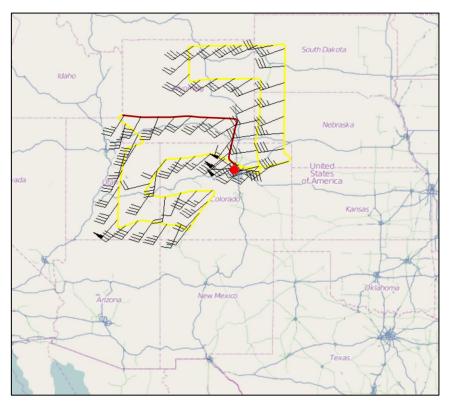
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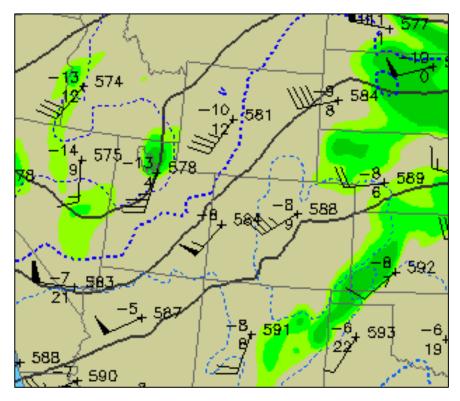
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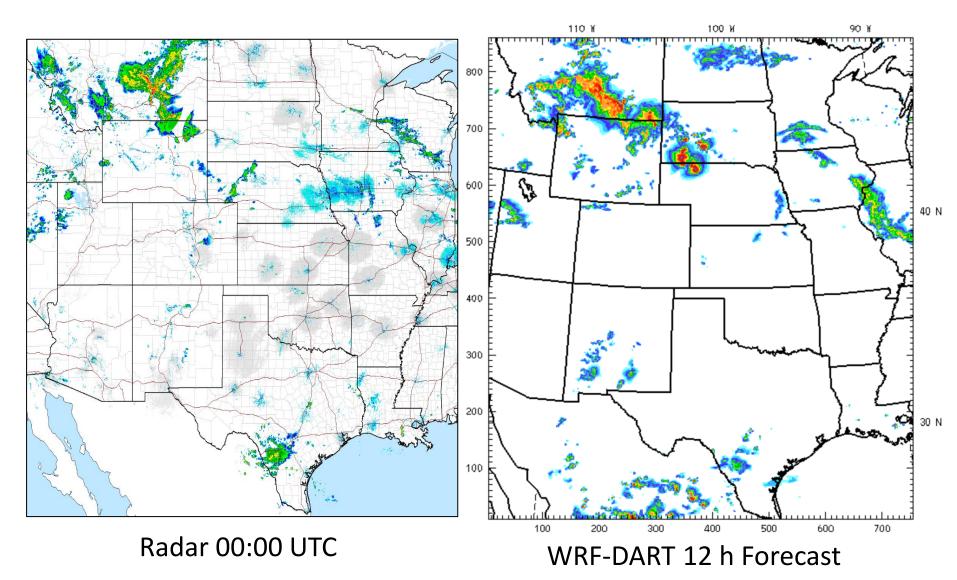
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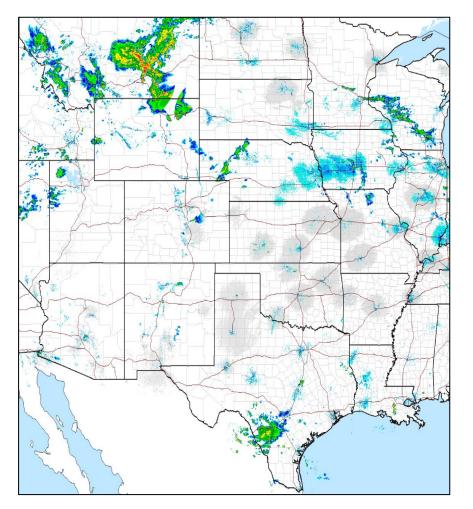


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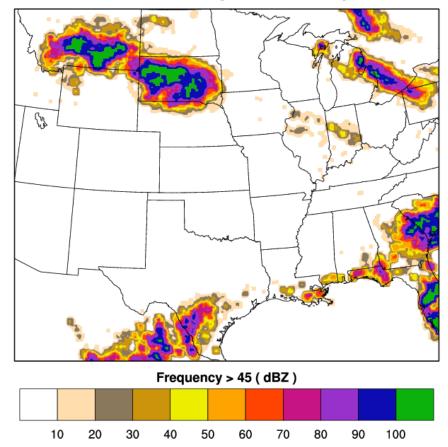
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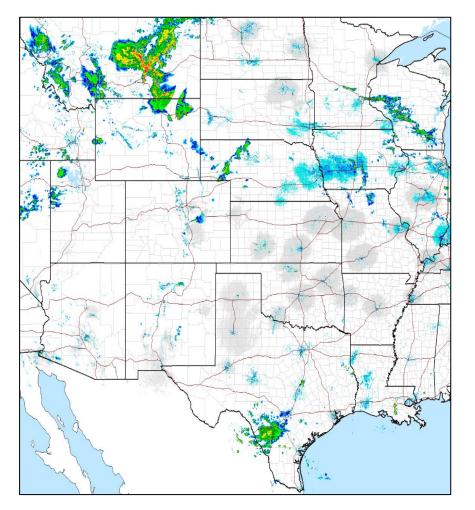




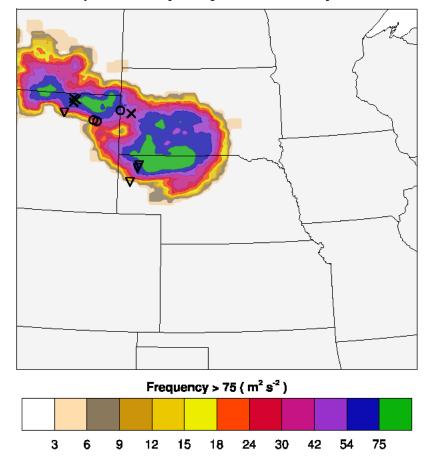
Lowest Mod LvI Refl - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-18



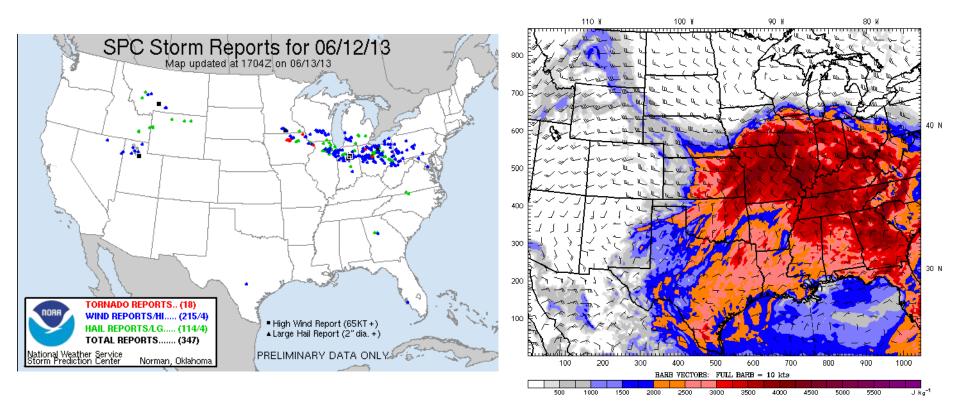
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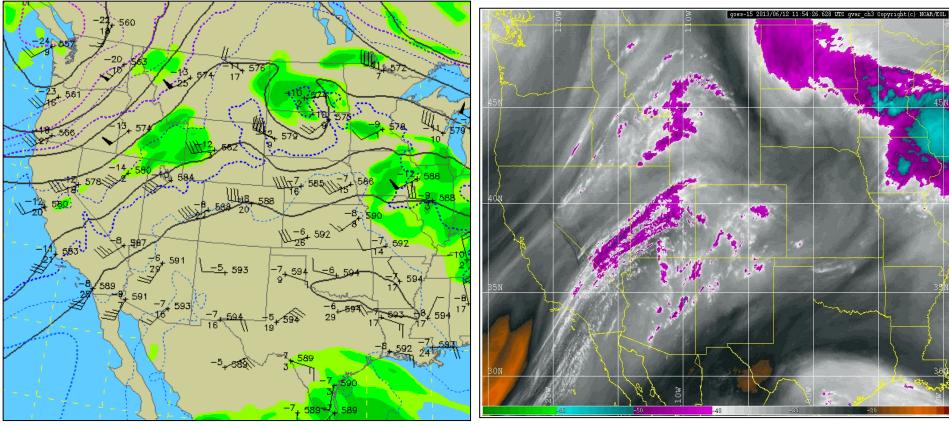
Max Updraft Helicity - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-15



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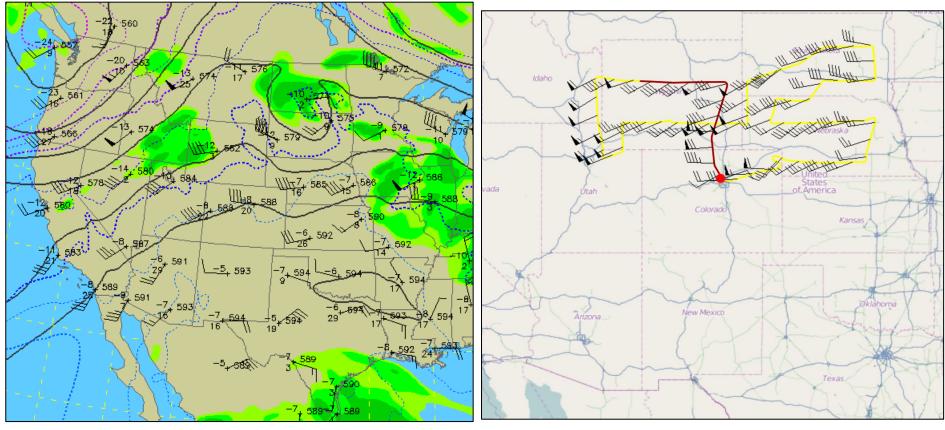


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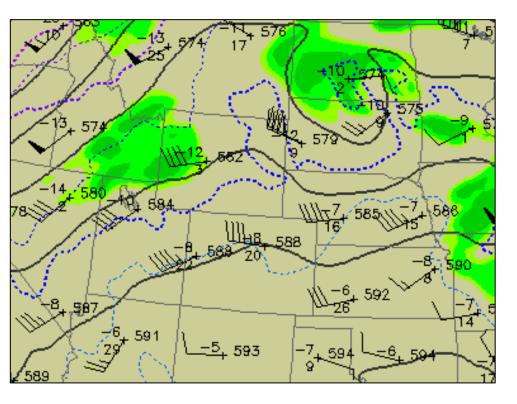
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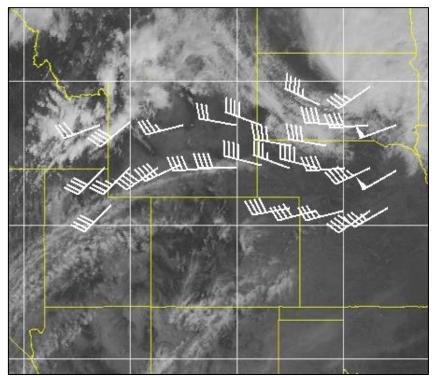


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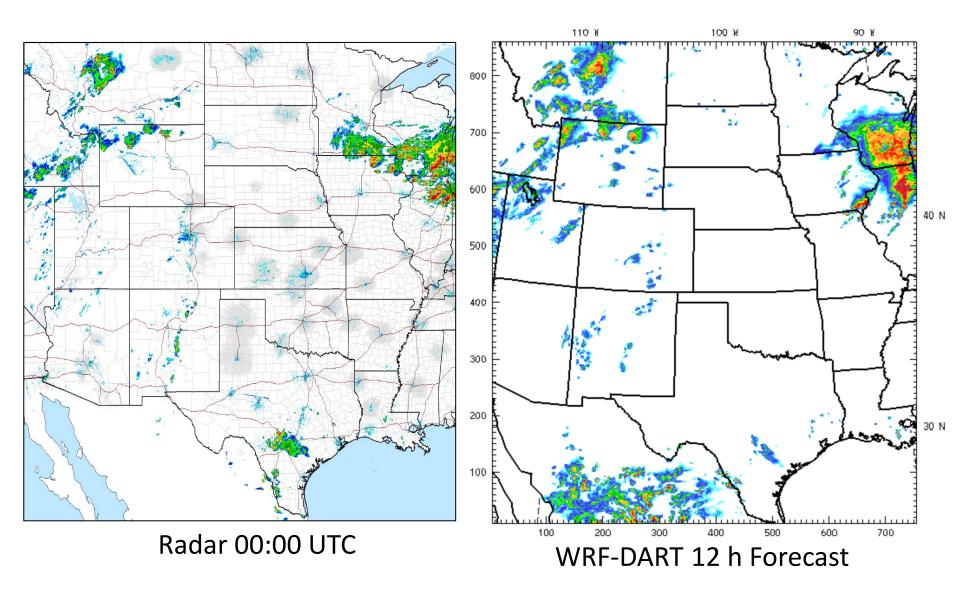
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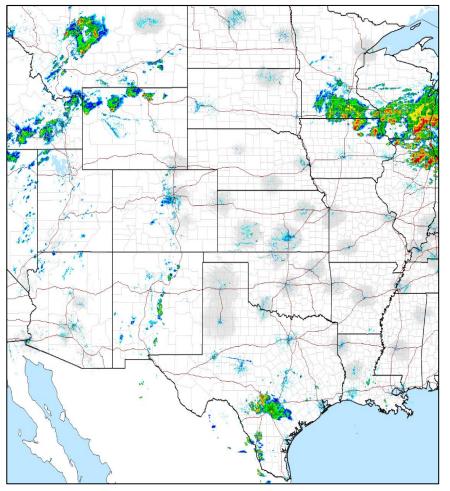


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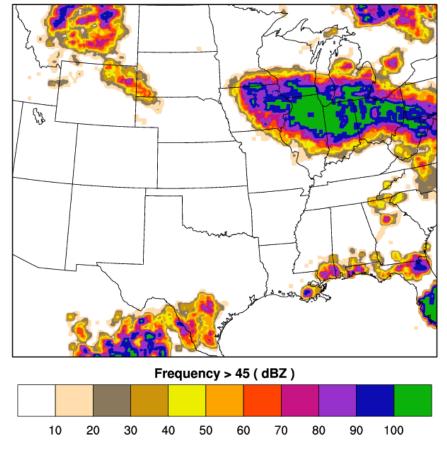


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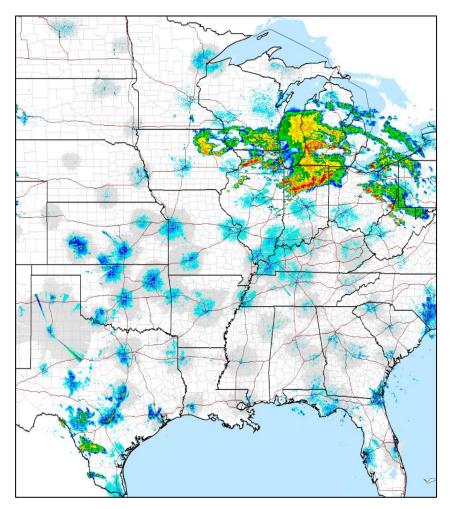




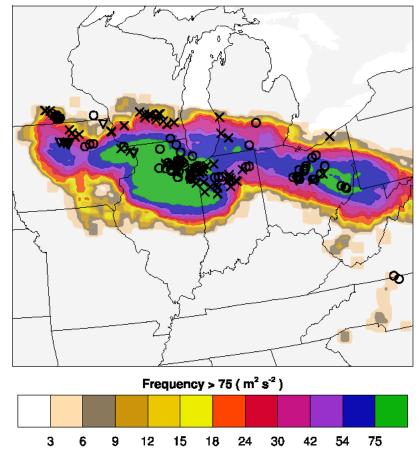
Lowest Mod Lvl Refl - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-18



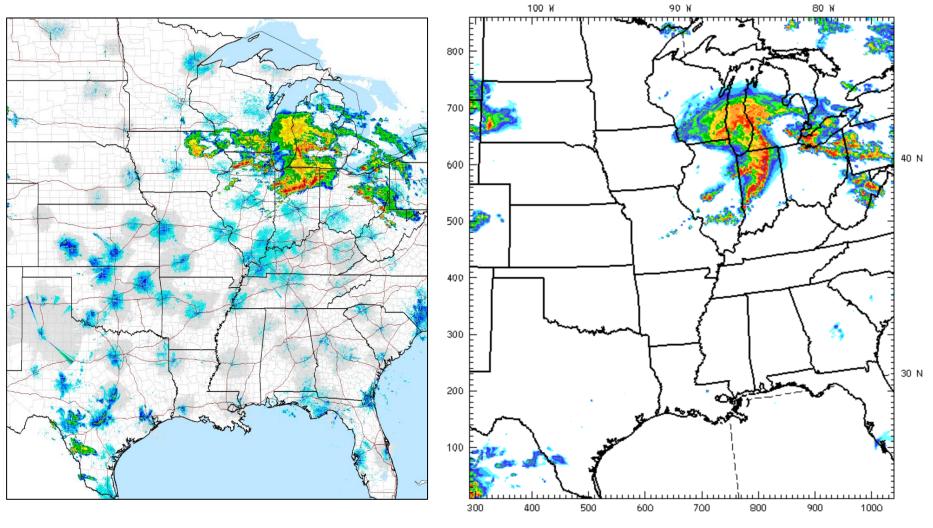
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Max Updraft Helicity - Neighborhood density Fhr 7-15

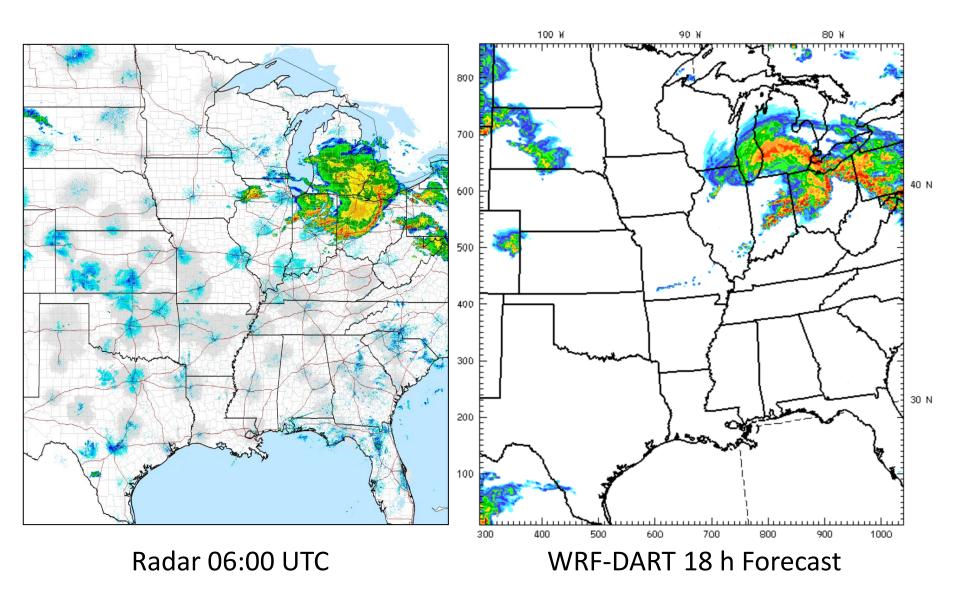


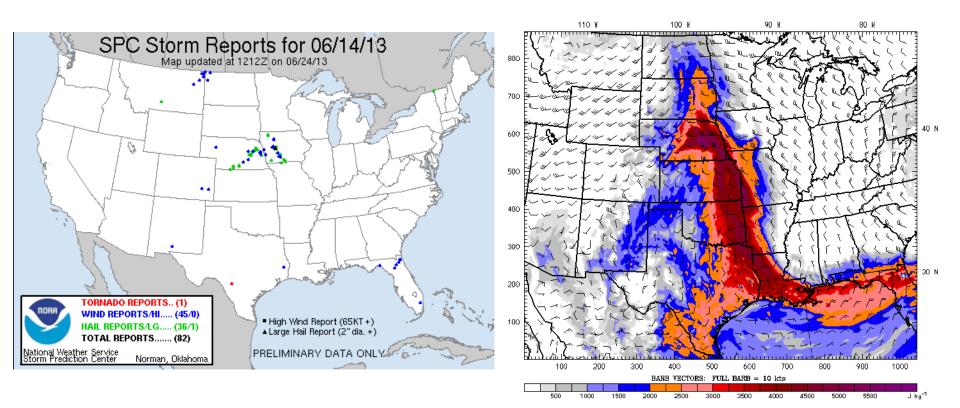
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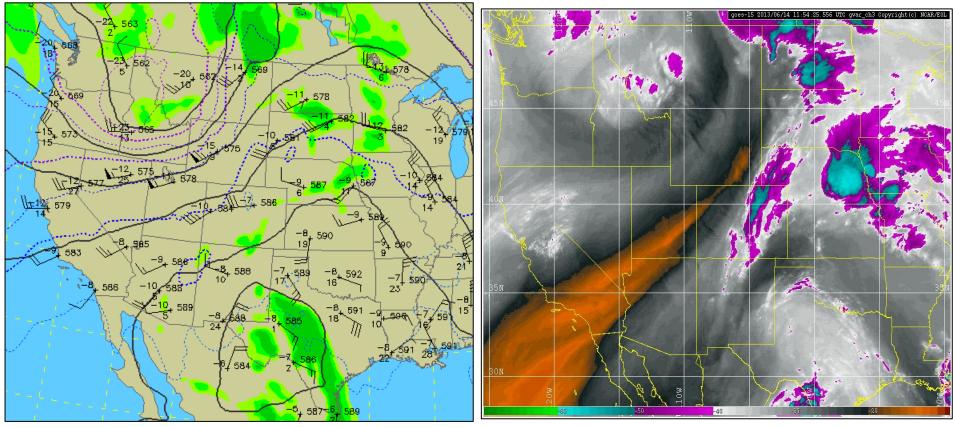
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WRF-DART 15 h Forecast



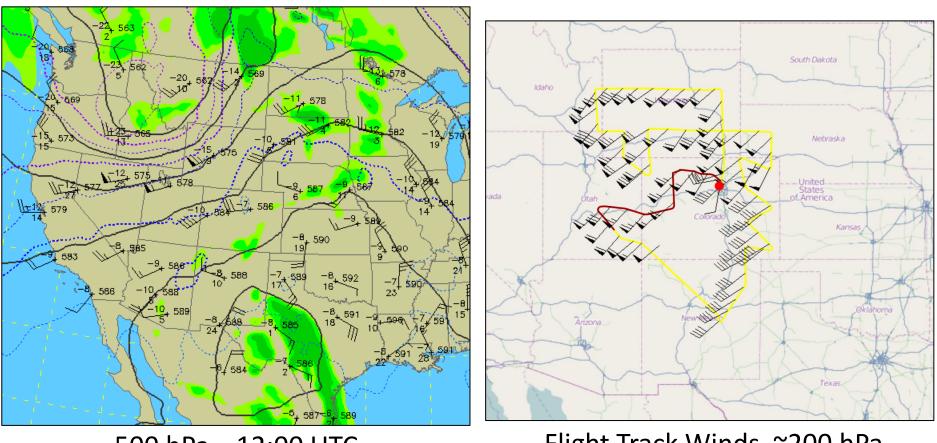


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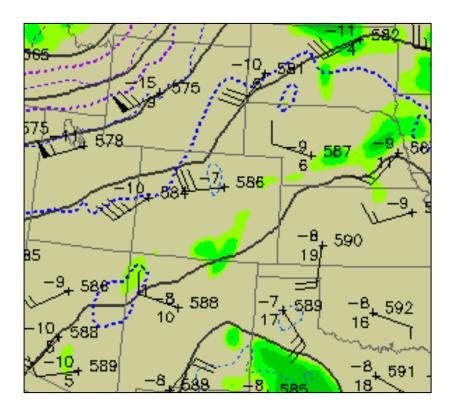
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Water Vapor ~12 UTC

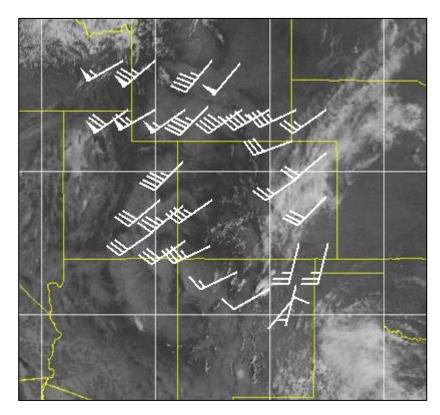


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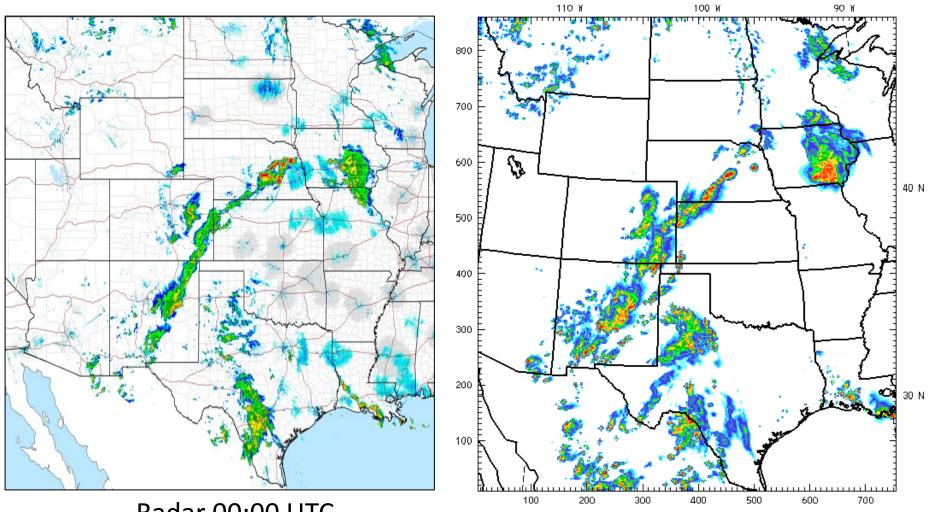
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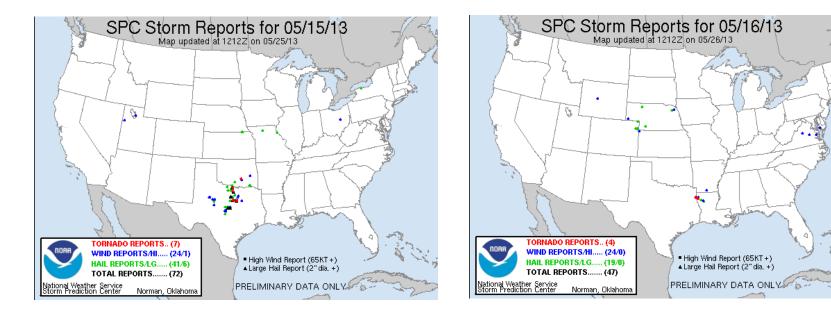


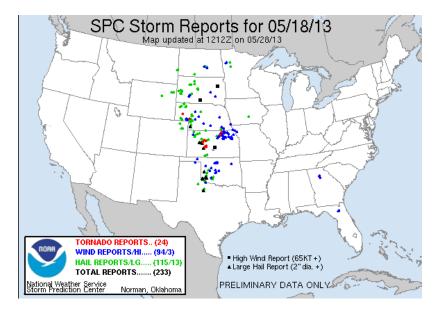
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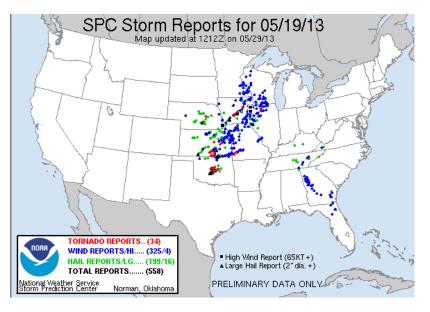


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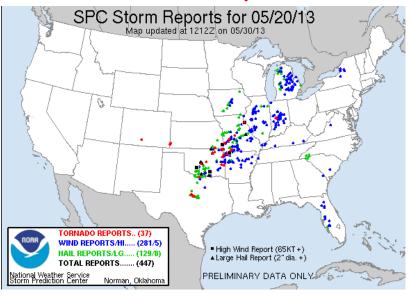
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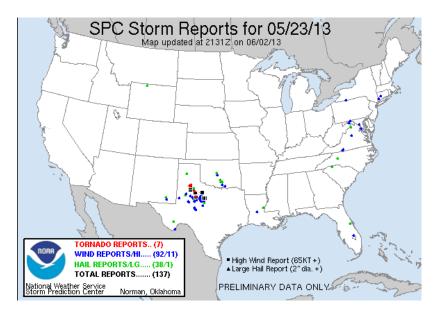


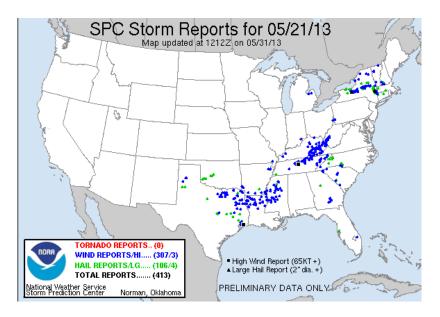


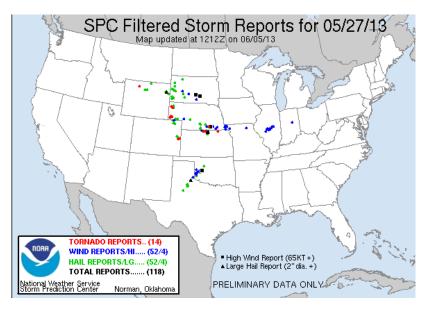


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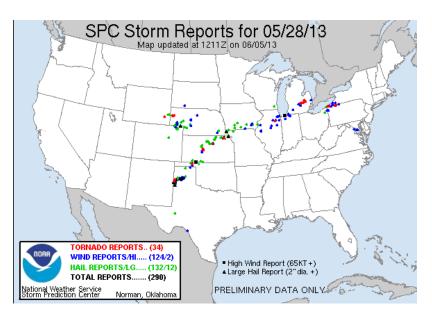


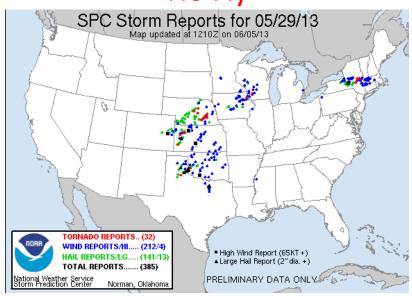


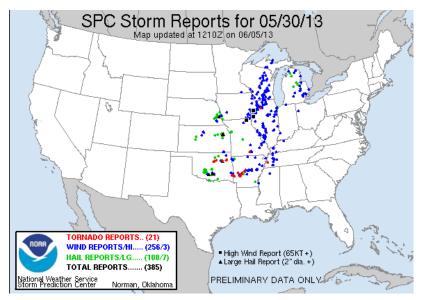


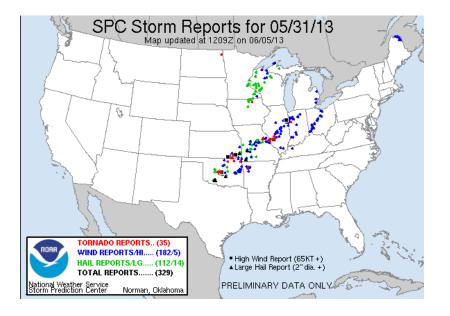


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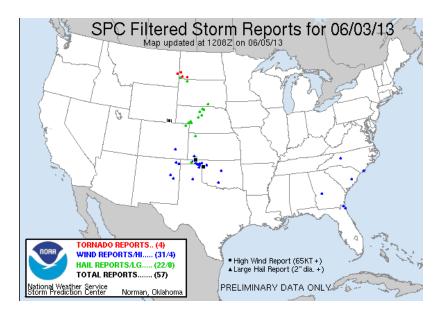


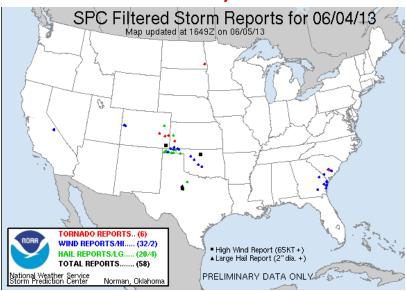


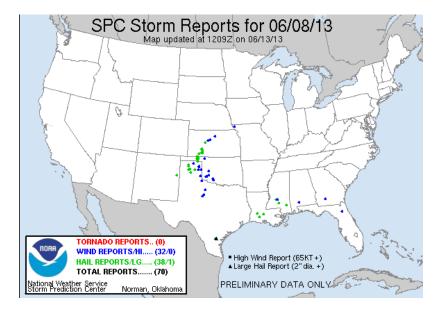


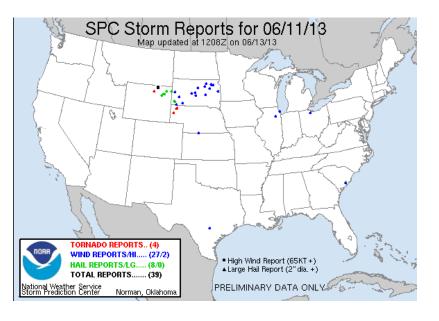


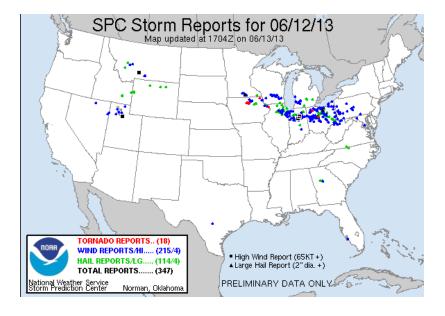
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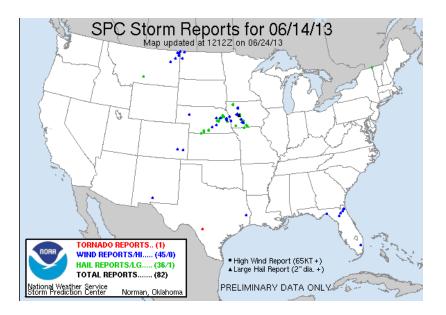


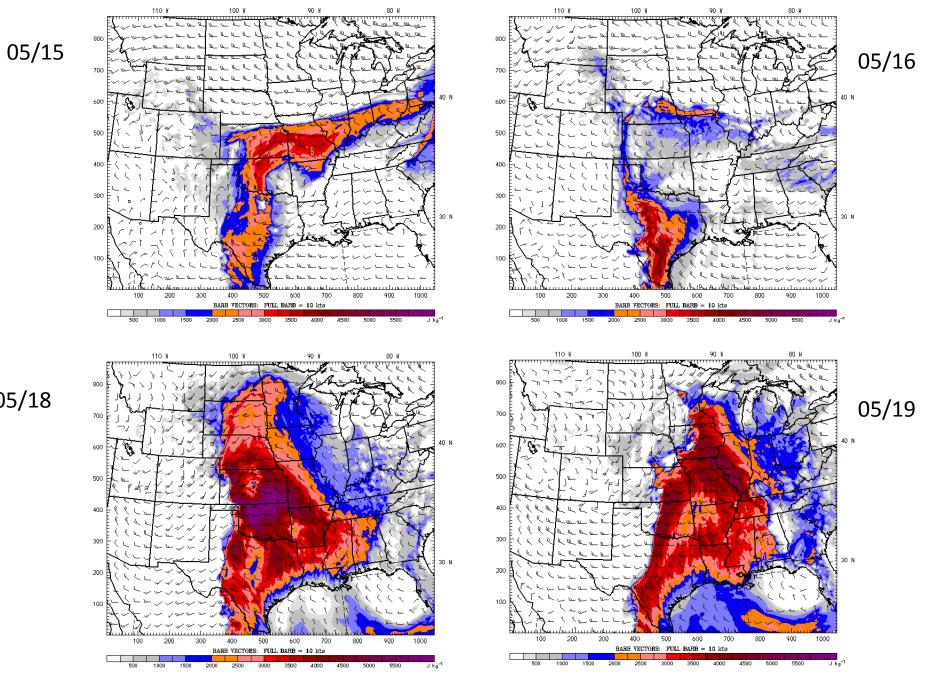




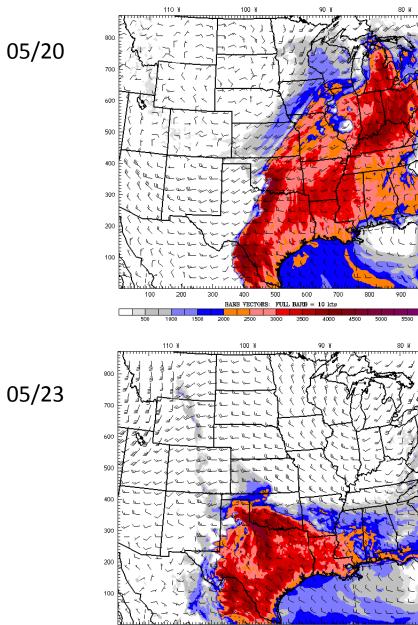








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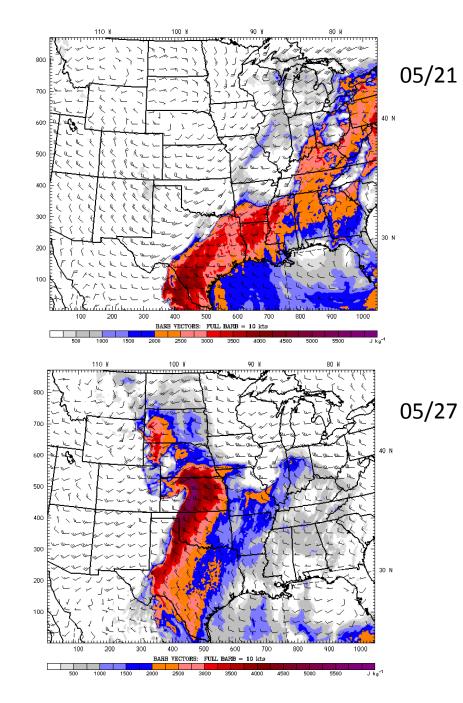
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