

# OWLeS Orographic ( $O_2$ )

## *Summary of Snow Transect Science*

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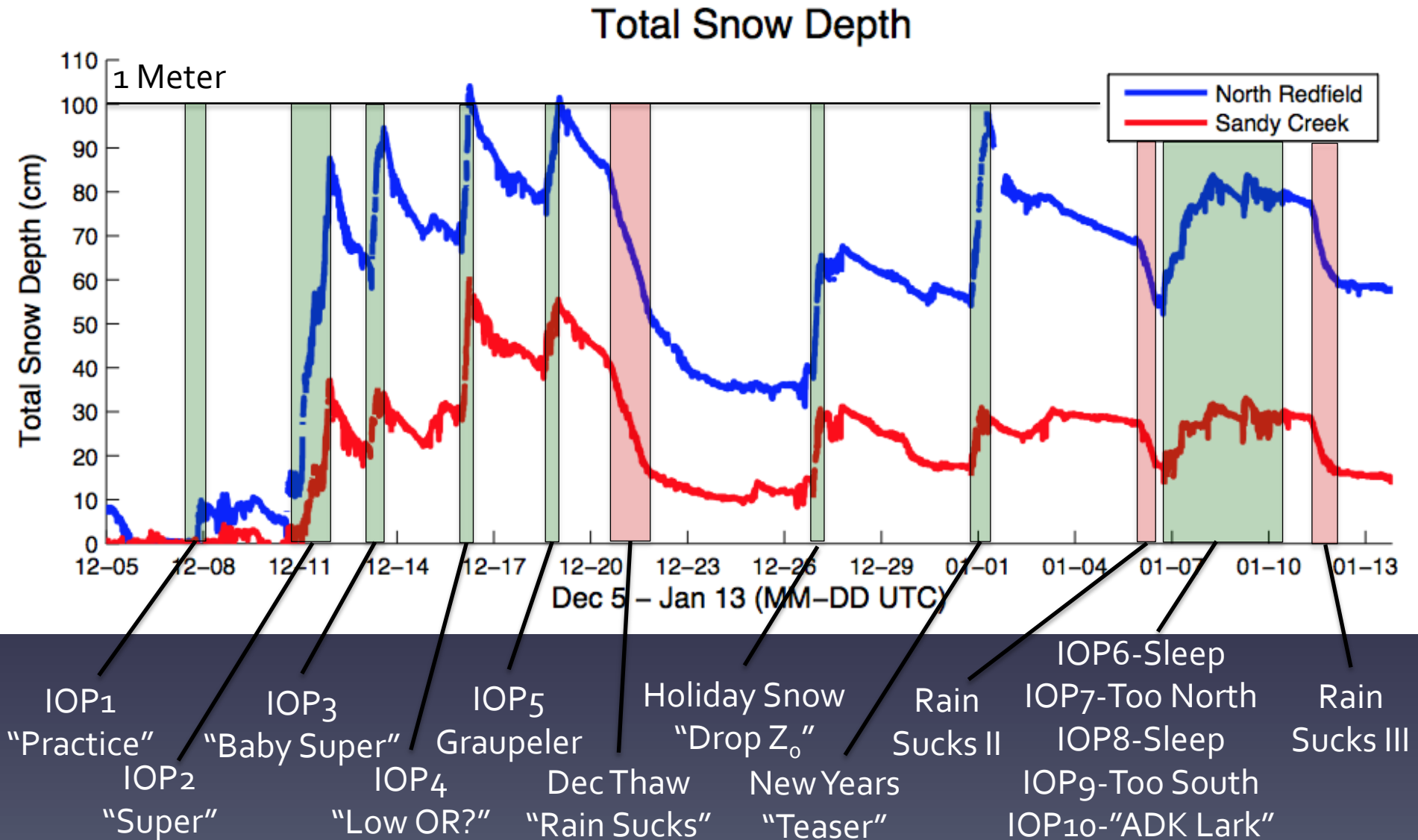
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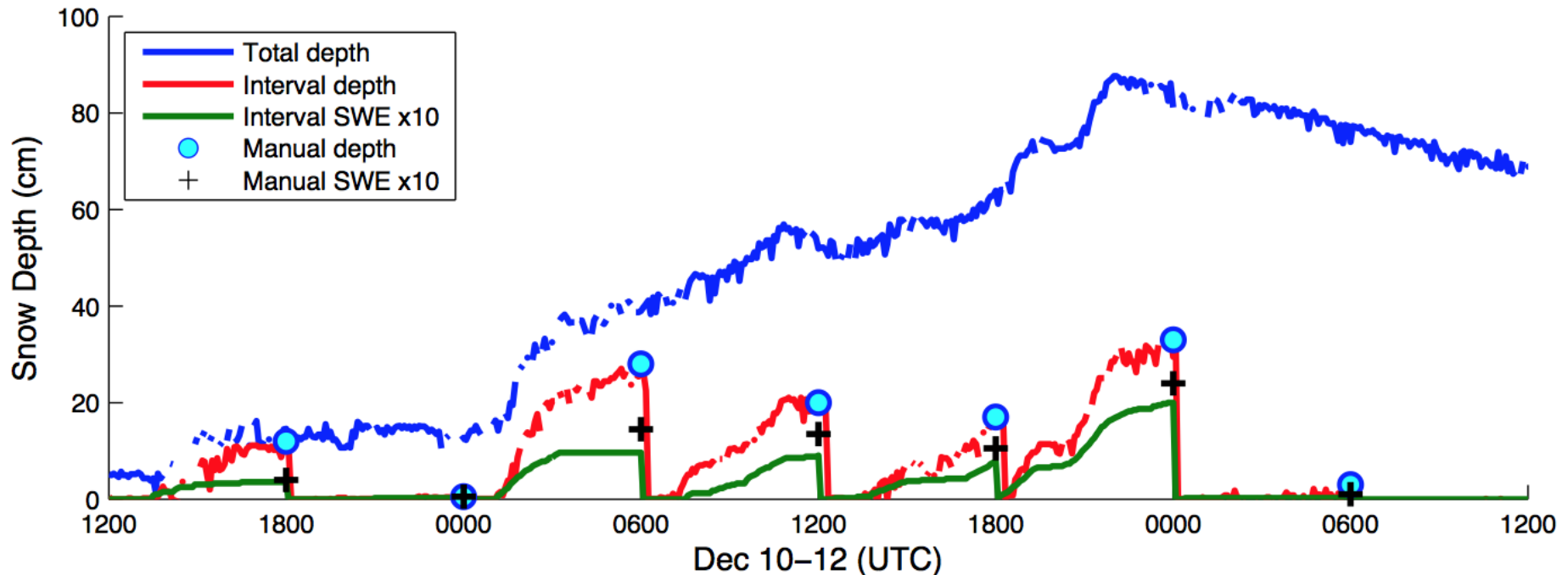
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# OWLeS in One Image



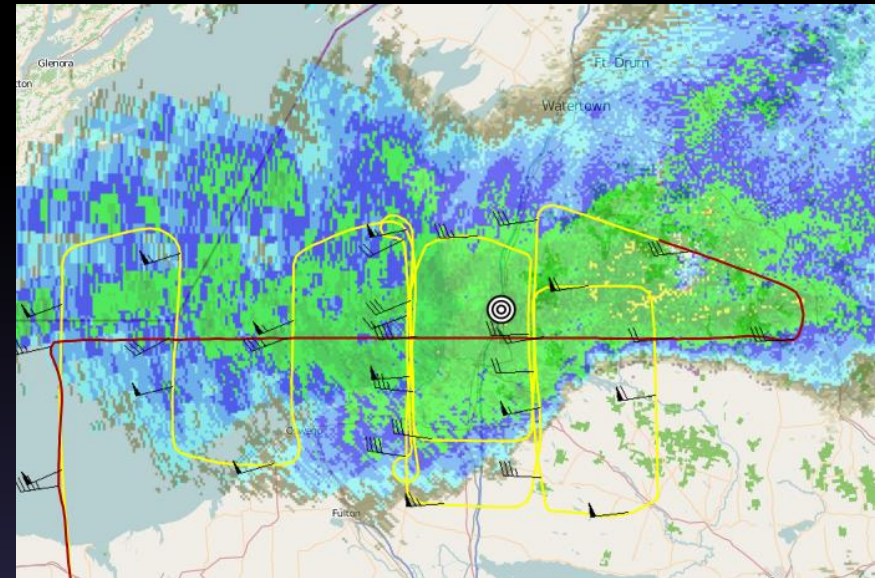
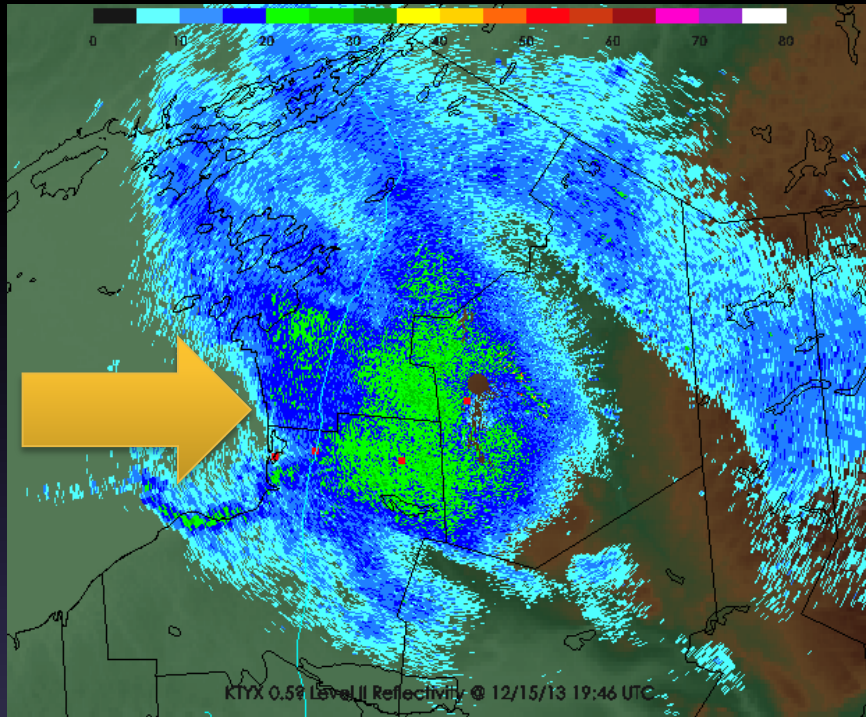
# Multisensor Perspective: IOP2

## North Redfield: IOP2





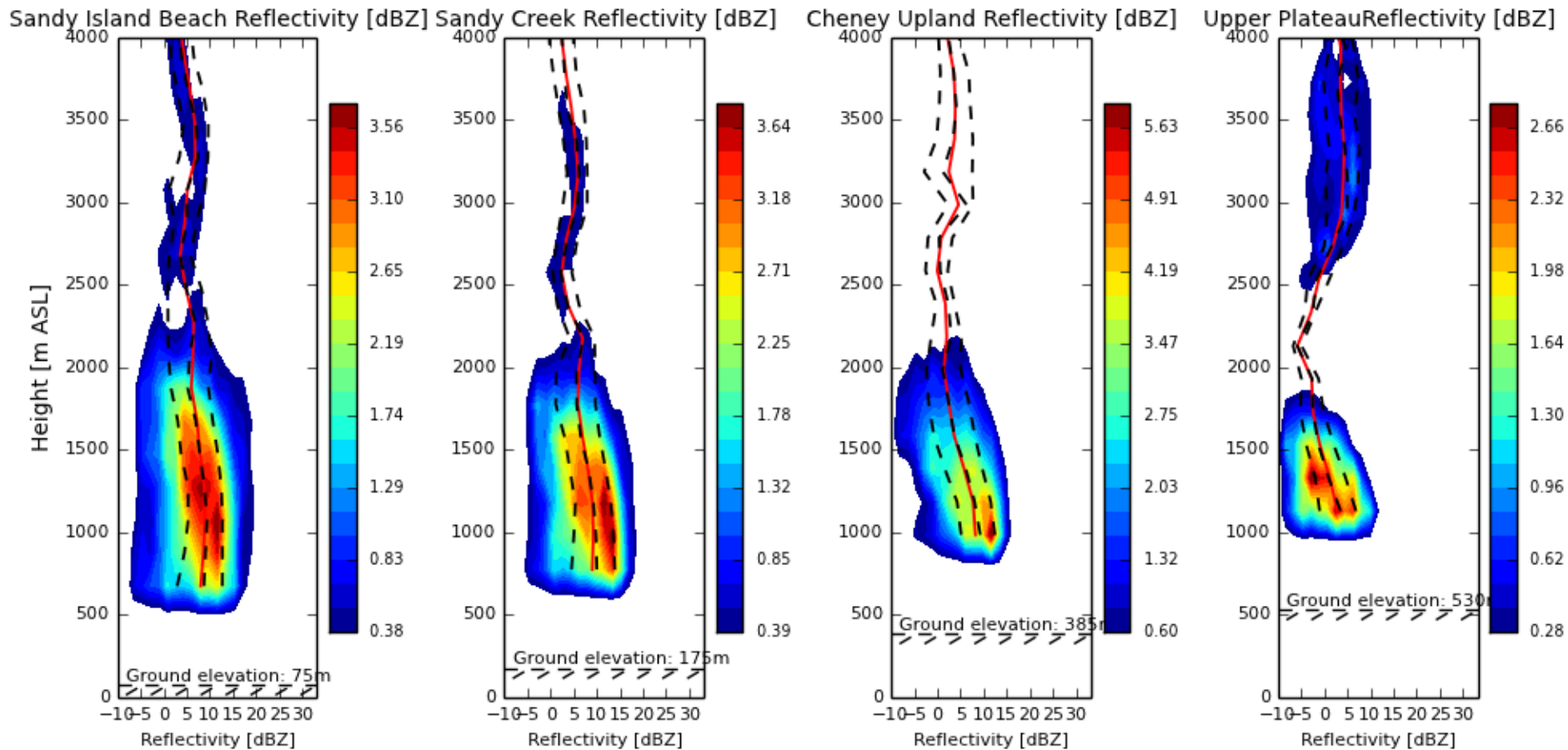
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Along-band increase in reflectivity

Why Low OR?

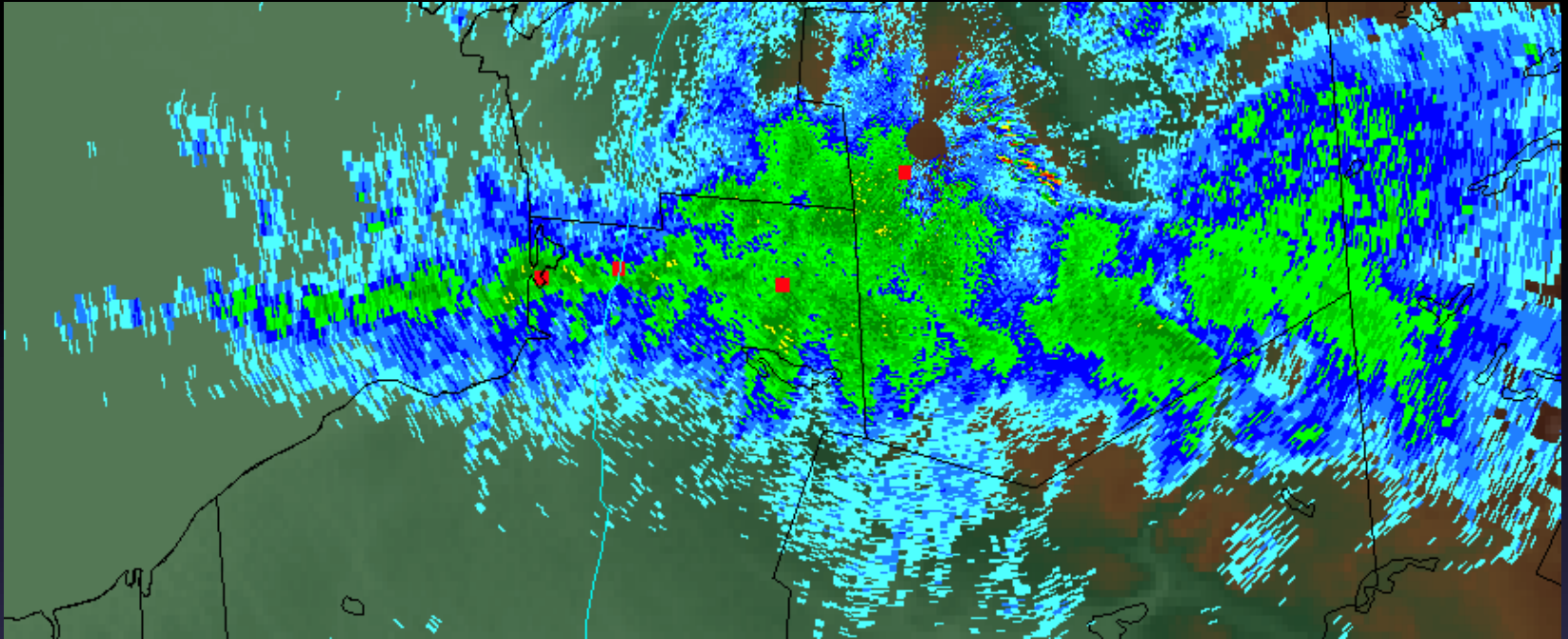
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Low-level sublimation?

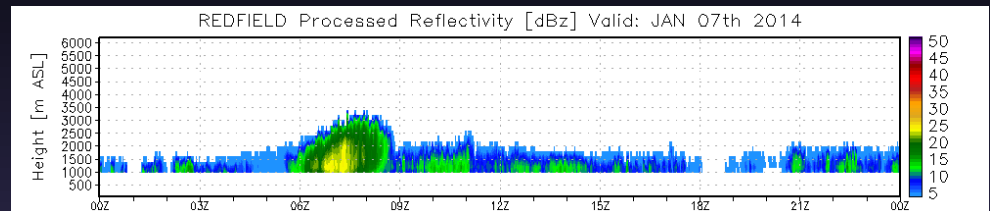
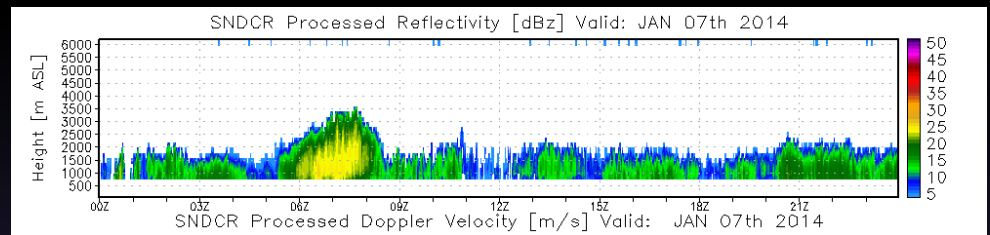
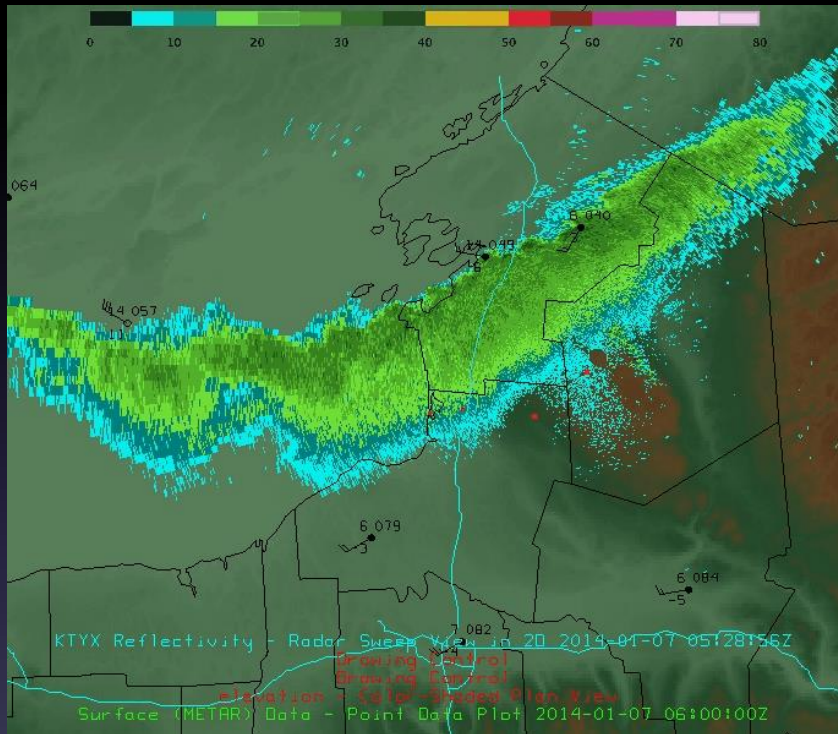
Low-level growth?

# It's Better to be Lucky than Good



IOP<sub>5</sub>

# IOP7 Thundersnow





# Greatest Snow on Earth?



Average Water Content of Freshly Fallen Snow @ Alta, UT: 8.4%  
Average Water Content during IOPs @ North Redfield, NY: 5.8%



# Perspectives

- IOPs 2-5 are great events for our research interests
- Mainly interested now in “repetition” and/or one more big westerly event
- Crème-de-la-crème of orographic lake-effect IOP would allow us to have surveillance DOW, MIPS in North Redfield, Millersville soundings in Sandy Creek, Utah soundings in North Redfield, and UWKA flying over transect