

Overview of MSFC Natural Environments Proposed Use of Doppler Radar Wind Profilers on Day-of-Launch

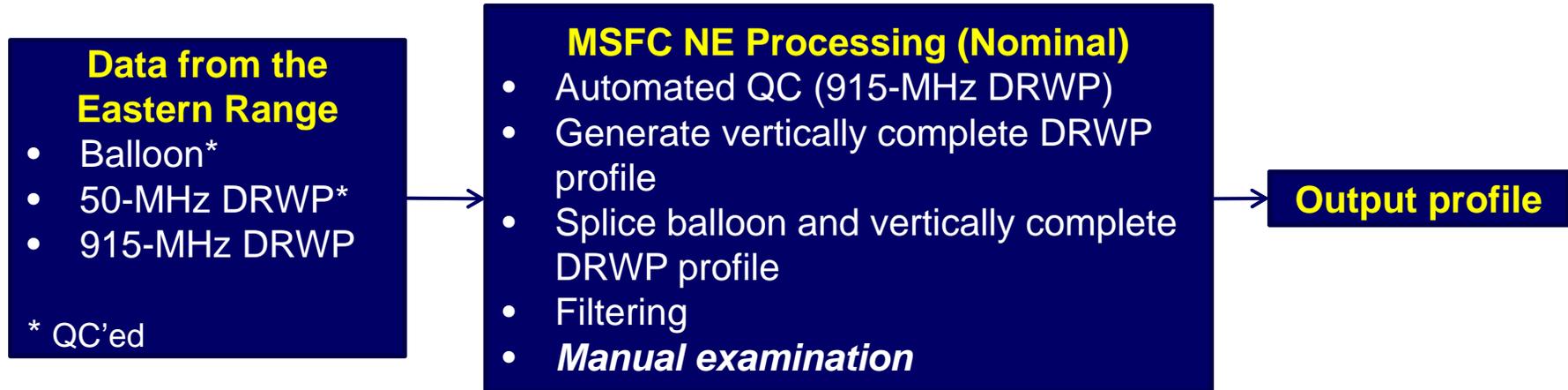
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Background

- Marshall Space Flight Center Natural Environments (MSFC NE) has developed algorithms to generate vertically complete profiles from the Eastern Range Doppler Radar Wind Profiler (DRWP) network.
 - Automated quality control (QC)
 - Interpolating schemes
 - Filtering
 - Manual QC
- Spliced profiles are used in Space Launch System trajectory and loads design analyses.
- Evaluate how to incorporate algorithms to process spliced profiles on day-of-launch.
- MSFC NE is planning to develop the capability to generate a vertically complete wind profile from any source during day-of-launch (DOL) operations.

Proposed Method to Generate DOL Wind Profiles



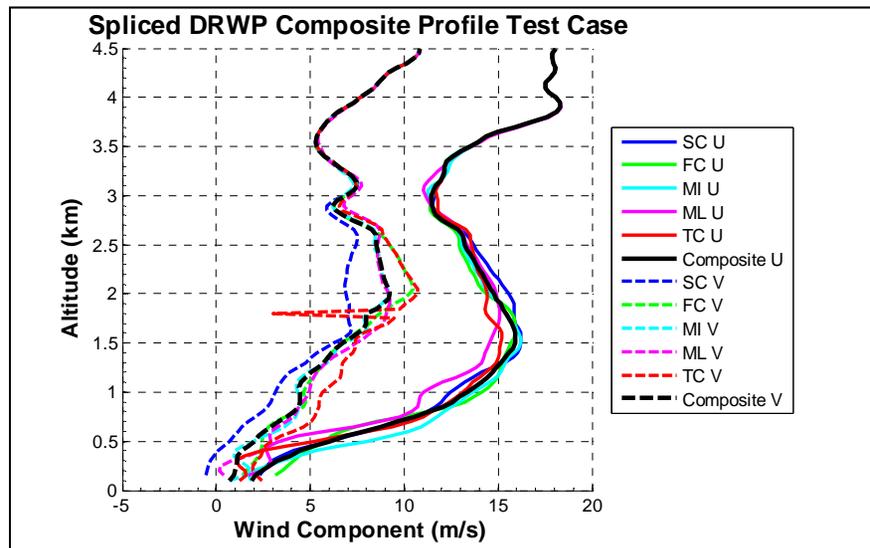
- MSFC NE briefs DOL team on measurement system status before DOL.
- MSFC NE generates output wind profile based on *a posteriori* knowledge and QC.
- MSFC NE distributes output wind profile through the Meteorological Interactive Data Display System (MIDDS) to users at JSC and KSC.

Forward Work

- Develop software to process real-time data from MIDDs on DOL.
 - Define software requirements.
 - Incorporate DRWP splicing and wind filtering algorithms.
 - Enable MSFC NE DOL personnel to quickly and efficiently examine profiles and select the profile to use.
 - Perform verification and validation tests.
- Estimated completion date spring 2015.

Backup

Available Data



- Overlay wind profiles from different sources.
 - DRWP
 - Balloon
- DRWP profiles
 - QC'ed 50-MHz DRWP data from the Eastern Range.
 - Non-QC'ed 915-MHz DRWP data from ER. Data QC'ed by MSFC.
 - DRWP profiles spliced by MSFC NE.
- Manual examination needed.
- Selected profile written to file for distribution to end users.