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# NASA WxAP Review 2004

## Turbulence Prediction Radar Implementation

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# Topics

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- **Operational Evaluation Program Overview**
- **Enhanced Turbulence Radar Implementation**
- **Delta B737-800 Aircraft Installation**
- **NASA Role In Safety Technology Development**

# Turbulence Operational Evaluation Program Overview

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- **NASA Enabled Collaborative Program to Bring TPAWS Technology Into Airline Operational Environment**
- **Team Partners:**
  - **NASA**
  - **Aero-Tech Research**
  - **Delta Airlines**
  - **Rockwell Collins**

# Enhanced Turbulence Definition

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- **Initial Industry TPAWS definition oriented toward short range alerting system**
  - **5-10 Mile Detection Range**
  - **Cockpit Effects (Aural, Visual Alerts)**
- **Airlines desire performance characteristics and safety benefits Demonstrated by NASA TPAWS system but universally desire longer ranges – Situational Awareness for Maneuvering**

# Collins Turbulence Direction

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- **Tradeoff Studies Between Alerting and Advisory Systems**
  - Operational Utilization, Radar Implementation, Aircraft Implementation, Certification Implications, Costs
- **Collins Decision to Develop Longer Range Advisory System**
  - 25-40 Mile Capabilities, Lower Reflectivity
  - Cockpit Alerts Possible In Future

# Program Goals

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- Evaluate Operational Utilization and Effectiveness of Enhanced Turbulence Product In Revenue Service
- Evaluate Airline Operational Needs From The Pilot's Perspective
- Establish Meaningful Thresholds / Avoidance Guidelines
- Refine Requirements for Production System

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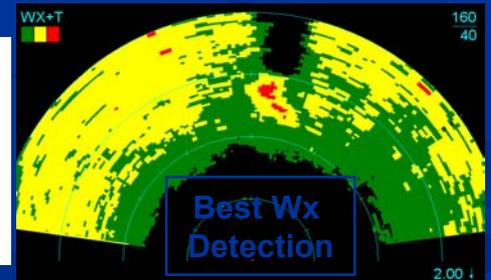
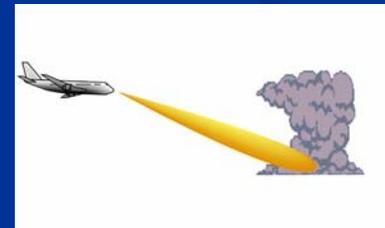
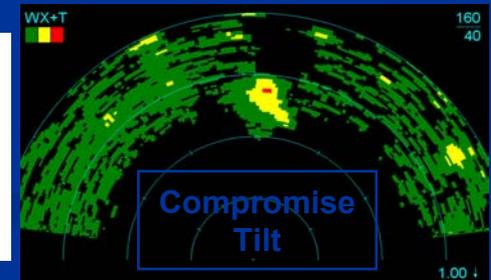
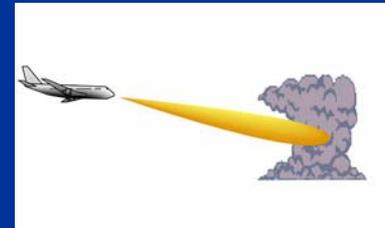
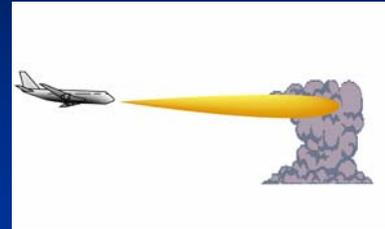
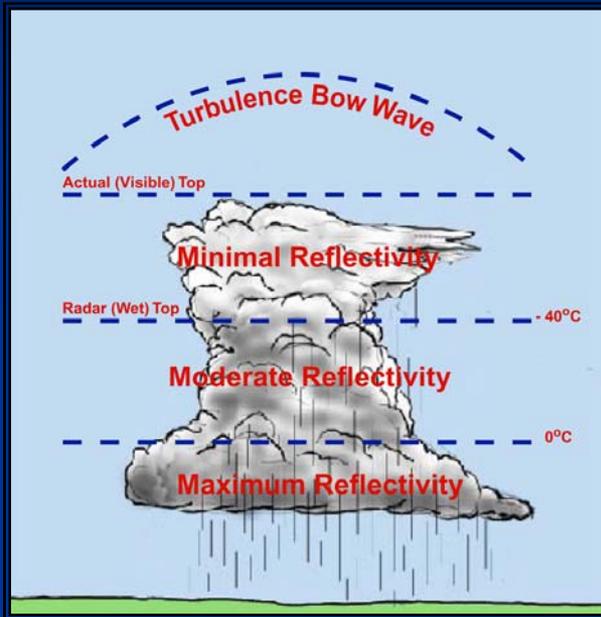
# Enhanced Turbulence Radar Implementation

# WXR-2100 MultiScan™ Radar

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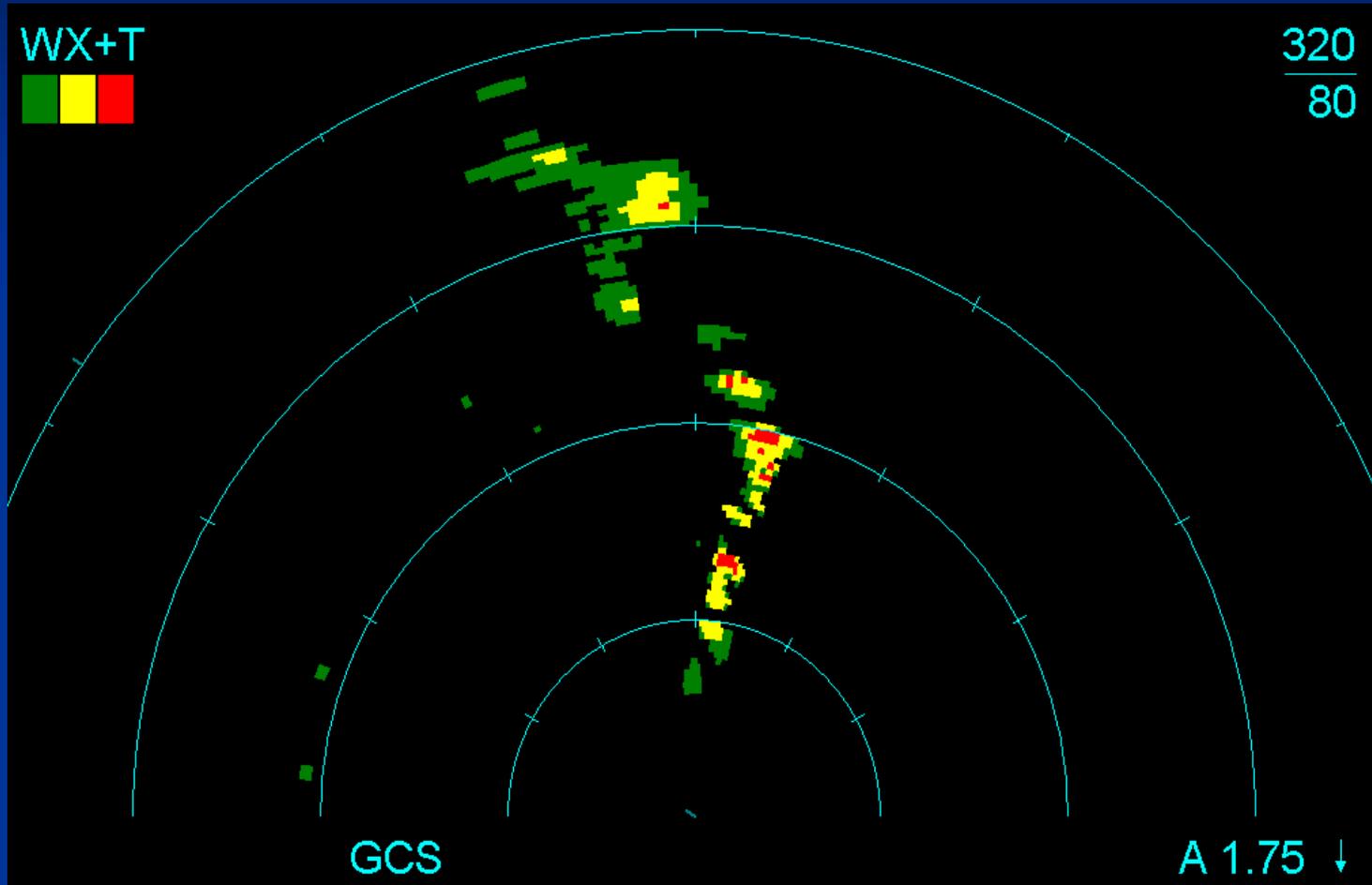
- **WXR-2100 MultiScan™ Radar Platform**
  - **Fully Automatic World-Wide Operation**
  - **Automatic Compensation for Atmospheric and Geographic Characteristics**
  - **Removes Ground Clutter for Clean Weather Display**
  - **Contains Several Features Designed for Turbulence Avoidance at Longer Ranges**

## Ground Clutter Suppression



As the radar beam moves higher in the thunderstorm reflectivity decreases

# MultiScan™ Clutter Free Strategic Weather Detection



MultiScan - 320 nm Strategic Weather

# Enhanced Turbulence Operational Evaluation

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- **Advanced Autocorrelation Turbulence Algorithm**
  - Integrated Turbulence With MultiScan
  - 25 Mile Range, Low Reflectivity Capability
- **Aircraft “G” Load Prediction Hazard Tables**
  - Custom Table for B737-800
  - Additional “Weight” Parameter From FMC Bus
- **Two Level Turbulence Advisory Display**
  - Ride Quality, Safety

# Enhanced Turbulence Display



# **B737-800 Aircraft Installation**

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- **Aircraft STC for Standard WXR-2100 MultiScan™ Completed March 28, 2004**
  - **Additional Weight Parameter from FMC Bus**
  - **System Flying In Revenue Service**
- **Enhanced Turbulence Evaluation System Installation – Late July 2004**
- **In-Service Operational Evaluation**
  - **August 2004 – September 2005**

# Delta B737-800 MultiScan™ Installation



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# NASA Role In Technology Development

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- **NASA Provides Resources and Is A Catalyst For Technology Development Beyond Individual Company's Capabilities**
- **Collaboration of a Wide Variety of Team Members: Research, Government, Scientific, Manufacturing, Air Carriers**
- **Focal Point for Industry / Government Coordination – FAA Involvement Merges Science With Real World Safety / Regulatory Requirements**

# Results of NASA Initiatives

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- **NASA Sponsorship Fosters Safety Technology Growth in Fiscally Limited Industry**
- **NASA Sponsorship Leverages Larger Expenditures Within Industry And Breaks Down Roadblocks To Realize Benefits To The Flying Public**