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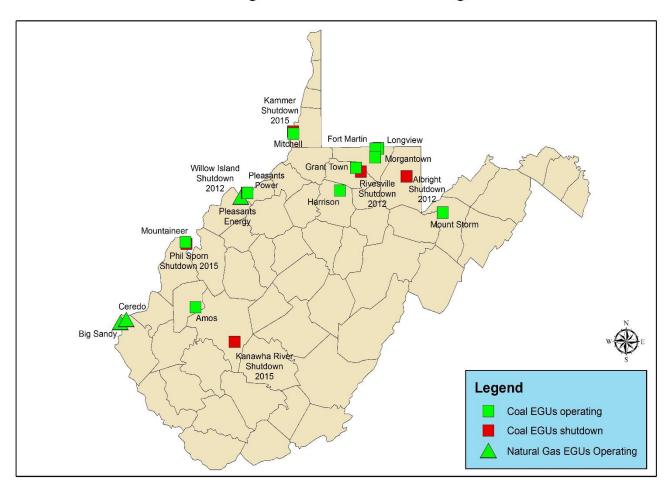
**Appendix H: HYSPLITS** 

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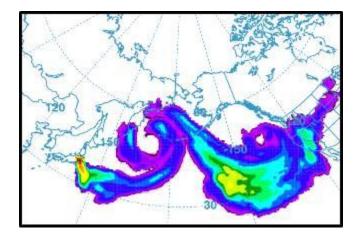
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#### West Virginia Electric Generating Units



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#### **HYSPLIT Description**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Air Resource Laboratory maintains a model for simulating atmospheric dispersions. This model is called the Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory (HYSPLIT). The HYSPLIT model is a complete system for computing simple air parcel trajectories, as well as complex transport, dispersion, chemical transformation, and deposition simulations. HYSPLIT continues to be one of the most extensively used atmospheric transport and dispersion models in the atmospheric sciences community. A common application is a back-trajectory analysis to determine the origin of air masses and establish source-receptor relationships.

The HYSPLIT back-trajectory model was used in the West Virginia Transport SIP to determine historical wind patterns and if West Virginia air emission sources could contribute to downwind air monitoring station's ozone exceedances. The day and beginning time a downwind air monitoring station experienced an exceedance of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) Ozone 8-hour standard were used in the HYSPLIT model as the starting point for the backward air mass trajectories. Ozone exceedances for 2015, 2016, and 2017 were evaluated.

#### **HYSPLIT Data Inputs:**

To run the HYSPLIT model, the Eta Data Assimilation System (EDAS) 40 kilometer archived meteorological data was used. This archive contains atmospheric data from 2004 to present, which includes the Ozone exceedance years West Virginia evaluated. As pervious noted, the model was selected to run in backward trajectory direction mode. Air monitoring station Ozone exceedance dates and times were used with the exceedance beginning hour converted to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Each HYSPLIT model total run time was set to 48 hours. This length of time was sufficient to show air mass directions that may have crossed West Virginia's borders prior to the station's Ozone exceedance. Latitude and longitude coordinates entered represent the station's physical location. Three vertical wind heights were selected to account for the possibility of the model showing a wind height bottoming out at ground level. Vertical heights at 500, 1,000, and 1,500 meters above ground level were entered.

#### **HYSPLIT Model Results:**

Based on Alpine's modeling, HYSPLIT backward trajectory models were run for four downwind air monitoring stations which were projected to be impacted by West Virginia air emission sources. These stations include the Harford, Maryland (station No. 24-025-1001), Gloucester, New Jersey (34-015-0002), Richmond, New York (station No. 36-085-0067), and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (station No. 42-101-0024). The HYSPILT model results for each model run are shown in the plots below for Ozone exceedances occurring in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

These HYSPLIT plots demonstrate that the majority of the air mass affecting the modeled air monitoring stations on an exceedance day did not cross West Virginia's borders. The following tables indicate with an X which vertical wind height backward trajectories crossed into West Virginia in the 48 hours preceding the exceedance. Of the 97 HYSPLIT model runs, representing 291 separate vertical wind heights, only 77 heights (26%) cross West Virginia's borders. Although these heights may have crossed West Virginia's borders, only 50 (17%) potentially cross an industrial area of the state (red Xs in the following table) where air emissions are more predominate. Additionally, in most of these cases the ozone concentration exceedance experienced was near the ozone NAAQS.

A review of the plots shows for the higher exceedance days the winds were coming from the north-north-west or the south-south-west. These wind directions do not across or intersect the state of West Virginia. Most notably, backward trajectories coming from the north-north-west strongly indicate that international emissions may be impacting the air monitoring stations on days with ozone NAAQS exceedances.

#### Harford, MD (Station No. 24-025-1001):

	Ozone Conc.	Did Air Mass Cross WV Borders?		
Date	(ppm)	500 m	1,000 m	1,500 m
6/11/15	0.074	X	X	X
8/31/15	0.072	X	X	X
9/2/15	0.88			
9/3/15	0.074			
9/4/15	0.074			
5/25/16	0.079			
5/26/16	0.080	X	X	
6/20/16	0.079			
7/21/16	0.072			
7/22/16	0.082		X*	
7/25/16	0.076			X
7/27/16	0.079			
9/14/16	0.077			X
9/23/16	0.080			
5/17/17	0.076	X	X	X
5/18/17	0.073			
6/12/17	0.077	X	X	X
6/13/17	0.088	X	X	X
7/19/17	0.072			X
7/20/17	0.086	X	X	
	Totals:	6	7	7

<sup>\*</sup>Trajectory hit ground before exiting West Virginia boundaries.

#### Gloucester, NJ (Station No. 34-015-0002):

	Ozone Conc.	Did Air Mass Cross WV Borders?		
Date	(ppm)	500 m	1,000 m	1,500 m
6/11/15	0.080	X	X	
7/28/15	0.079			X
8/23/15	0.075			
9/1/15	0.076	X		
9/2/15	0.077			
5/25/16	0.083			
6/11/16	0.074			
6/20/16	0.077	X		
7/8/16	0.076			
7/22/16	0.074		X	
7/27/16	0.071			
9/23/16	0.079			
5/17/17	0.071	X	X	X
5/18/17	0.076			
6/12/17	0.073	X	X	X
6/13/17	0.078	X	X	X
7/19/17	0.076			X
7/20/17	0.071		X	X
	Totals:	6	6	6

#### **Richmond, NY (Station No. 36-085-0067):**

	Ozone Conc.	Did Air Mass Cross WV Borders?		
Date	(ppm)	500 m	1,000 m	1,500 m
5/5/15	0.075		,	,
5/17/15	0.073	X	X	X
6/11/15	0.080	X		
7/19/15	0.073			
7/28/15	0.079			
8/15/15	0.075			
8/16/15	0.072	X	X	
8/17/15	0.074			
9/3/15	0.081			
9/17/15	0.085			
5/25/16	0.086			
5/26/16	0.078			
5/28/16	0.074		X	X
6/11/16	0.071			
7/6/16	0.075			
7/15/16	0.071	X	X	X
7/21/16	0.077			
7/22/16	0.081		X	
7/28/16	0.071			
7/29/16	0.073			
5/17/17	0.081			
5/18/17	0.074			X
6/10/17	0.071			
6/12/17	0.079	X	X	
6/13/17	0.072			
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8/1/17	0.072			
	<b>Totals:</b>	5	6	4

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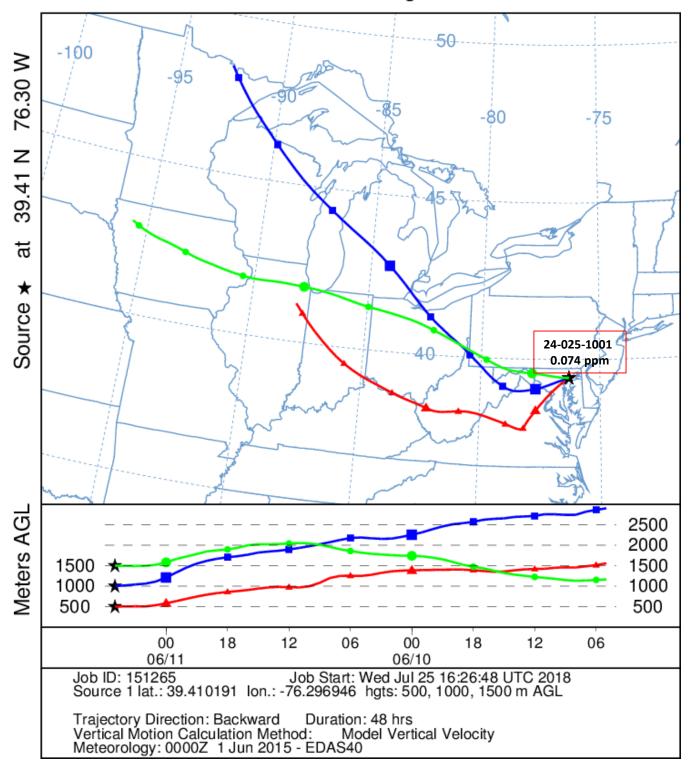
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Date	(ppm)	500 m	1,000 m	1,500 m
5/8/15	0.073			
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7/19/15	0.074	X		
7/28/15	0.075			X
7/29/15	0.074			
8/15/15	0.080			
8/30/15	0.071			X
9/2/15	0.079			
9/16/15	0.076			
9/17/15	0.086			
9/18/15	0.078			
5/25/16	0.084			
5/26/16	0.079	X		
6/11/16	0.074			
6/20/16	0.073			
6/26/16	0.076			
7/21/16	0.081			
7/22/16	0.084		X	
8/31/16	0.080			
9/23/16	0.078			
4/11/17	0.073		X	X
5/17/17	0.086	X	X X	X
5/18/17	0.092			
6/10/17	0.073			
6/12/17	0.075	X	X	X
6/13/17	0.076	X	X	X
6/22/17	0.072			
7/18/17	0.074			
7/19/17	0.073		X	X
7/22/17	0.072			
8/1/17	0.074			
9/25/17	0.071			
	Totals:	6	7	8

#### **HYSPLIT Backward Trajectory Plots:**

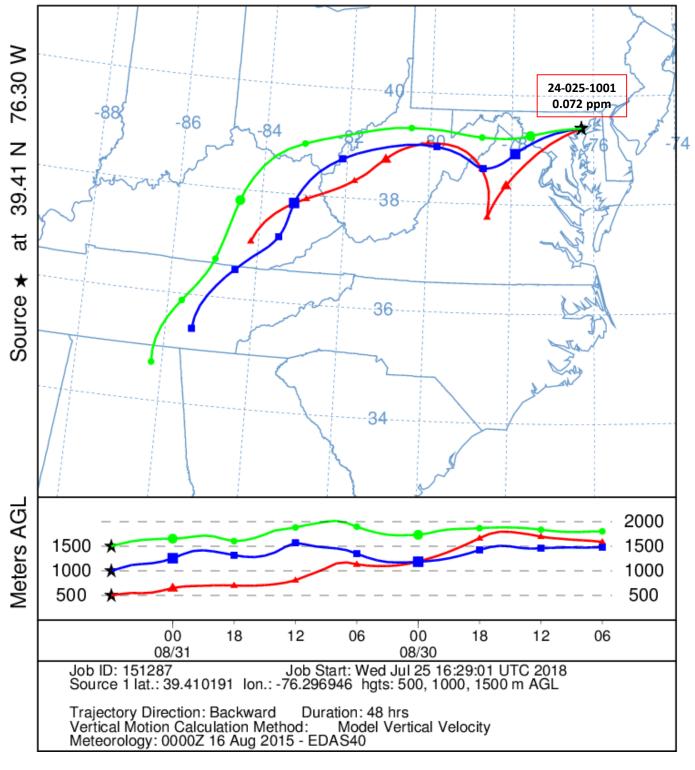
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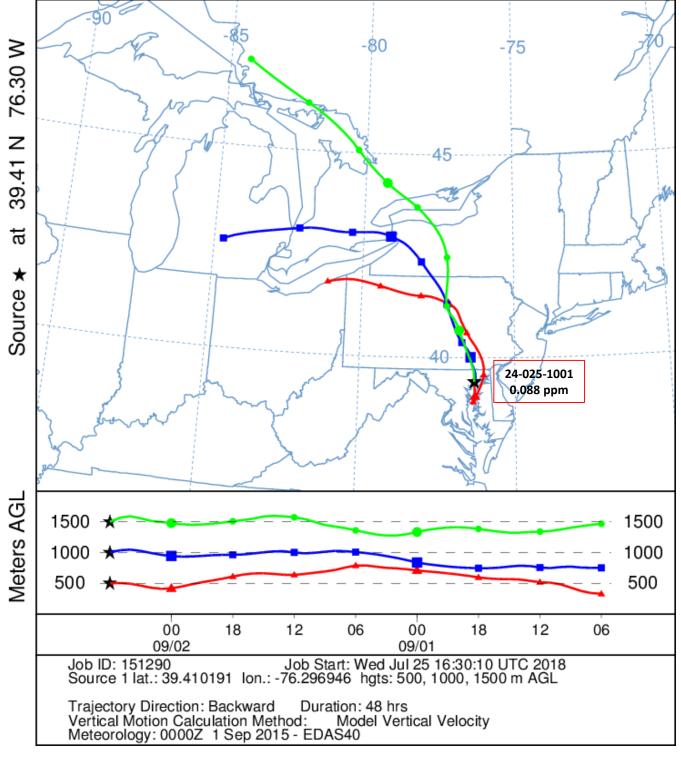
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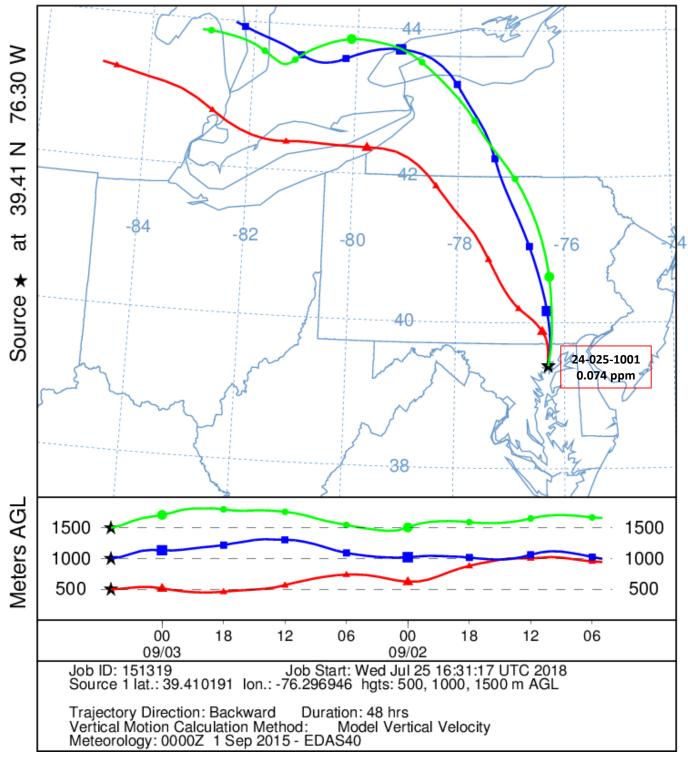
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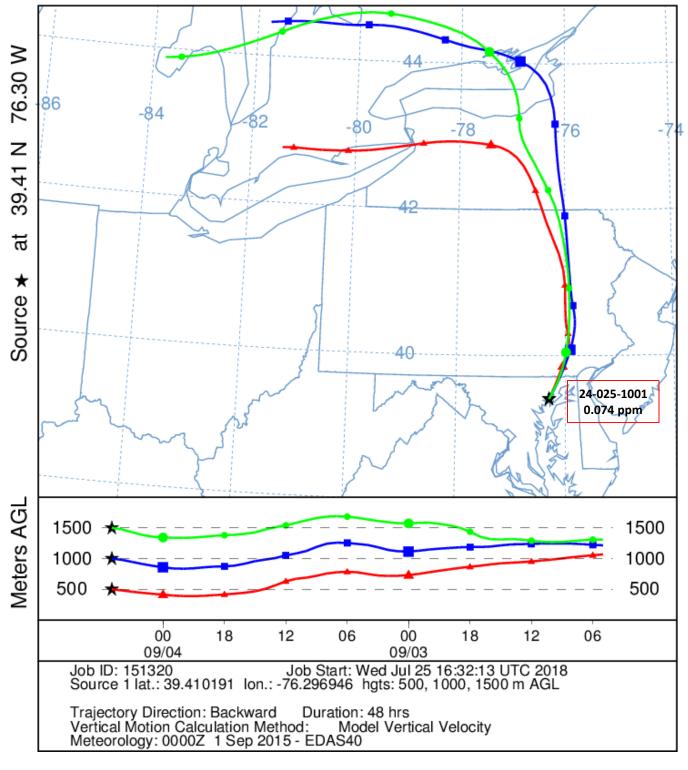
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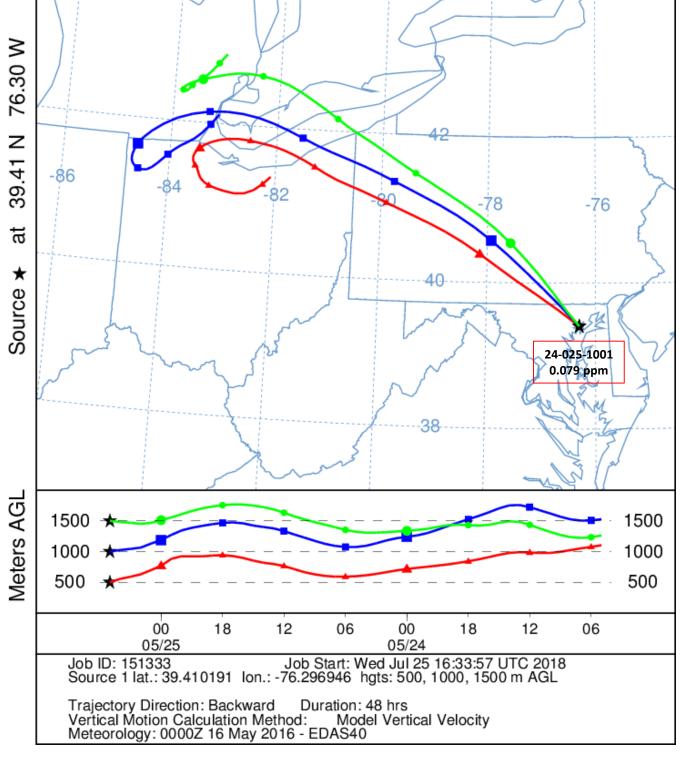
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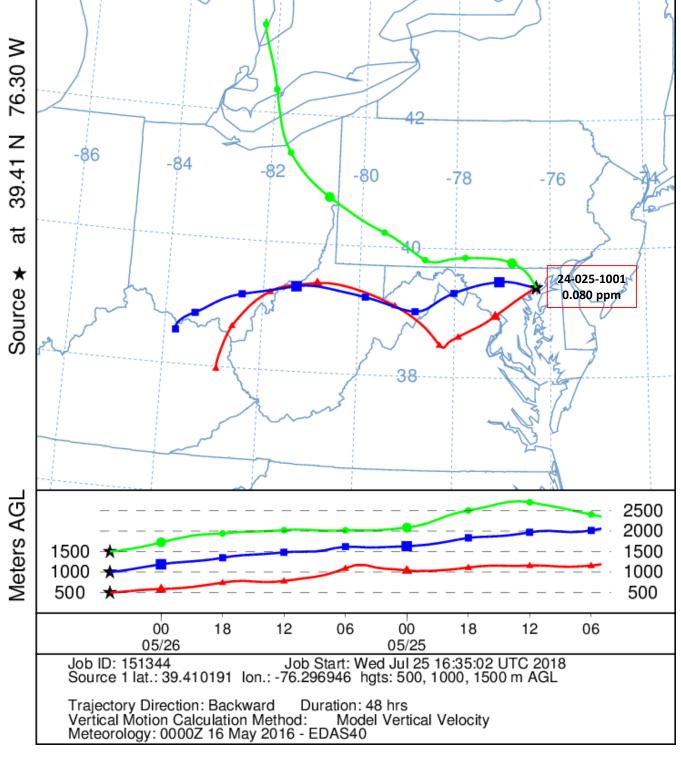
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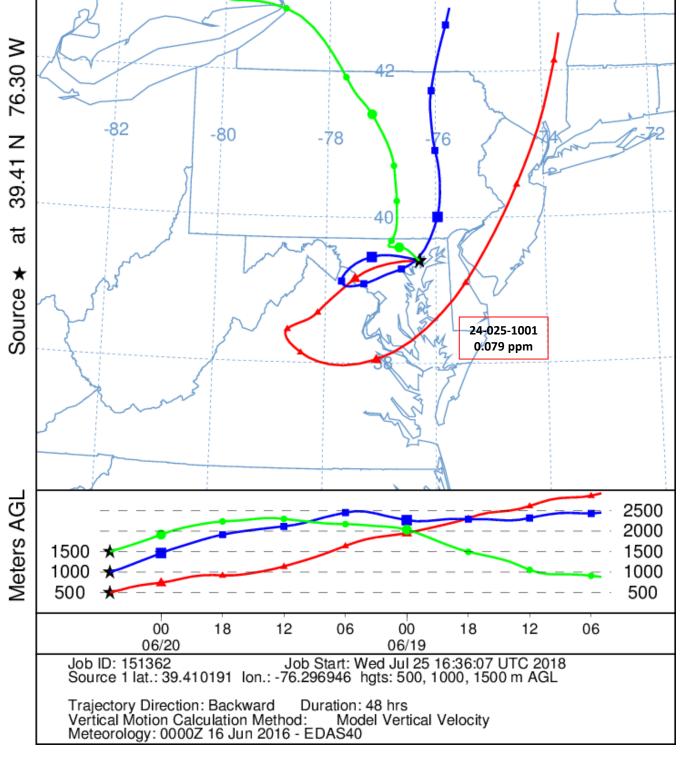
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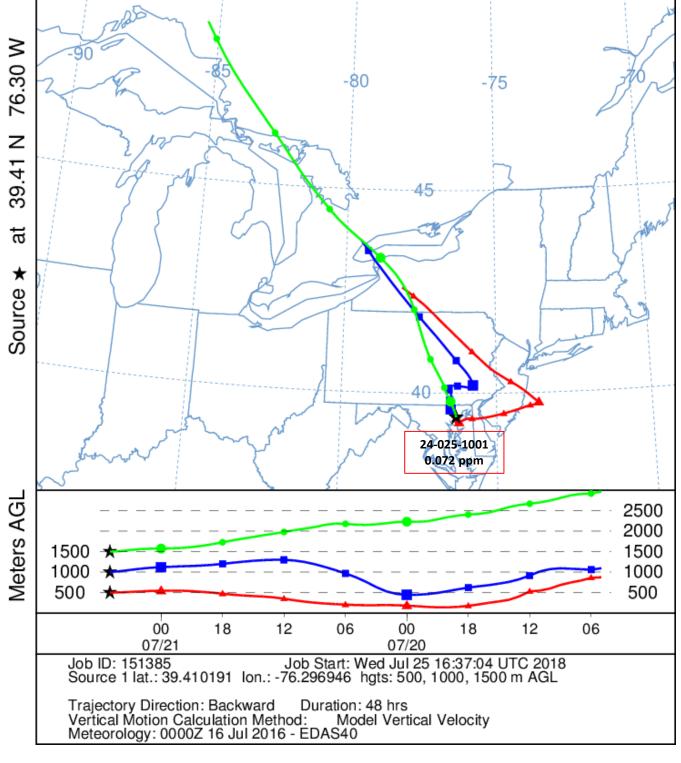
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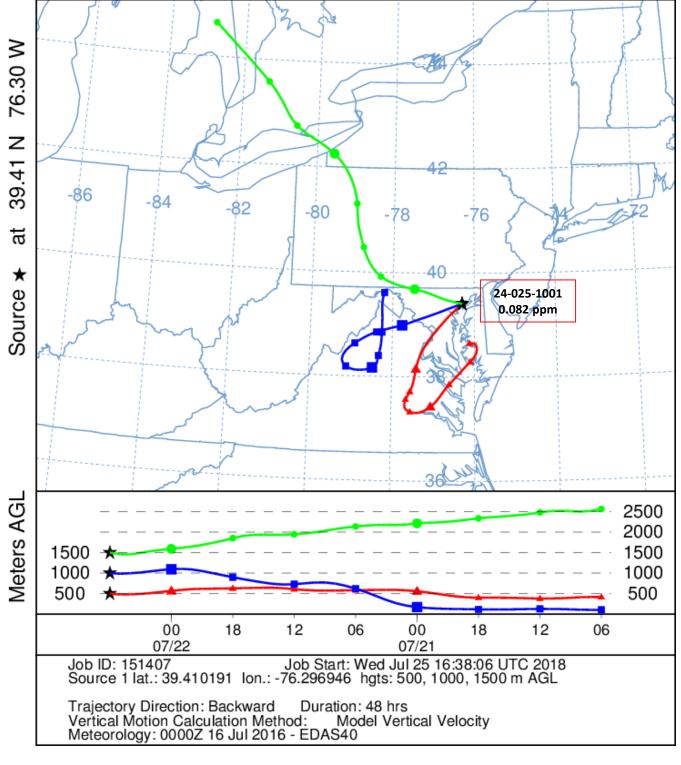
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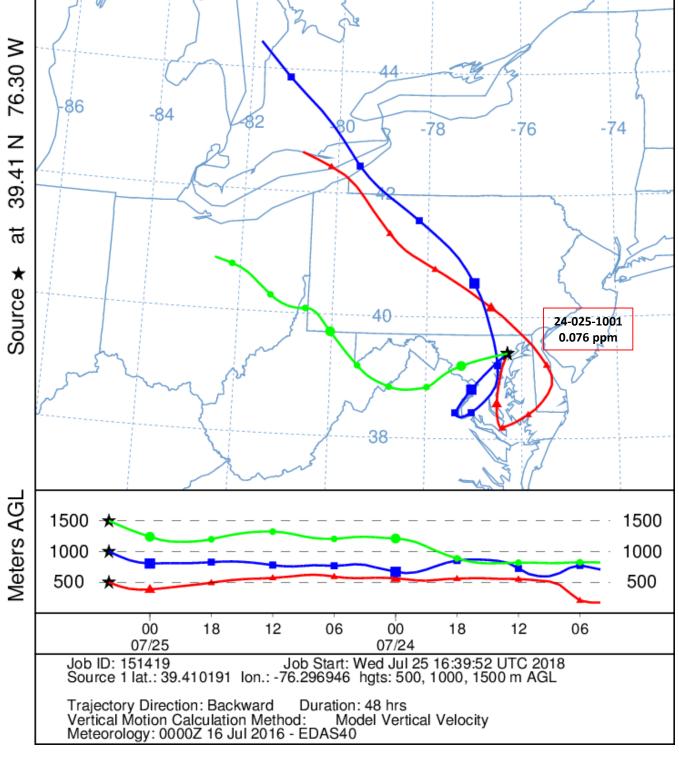
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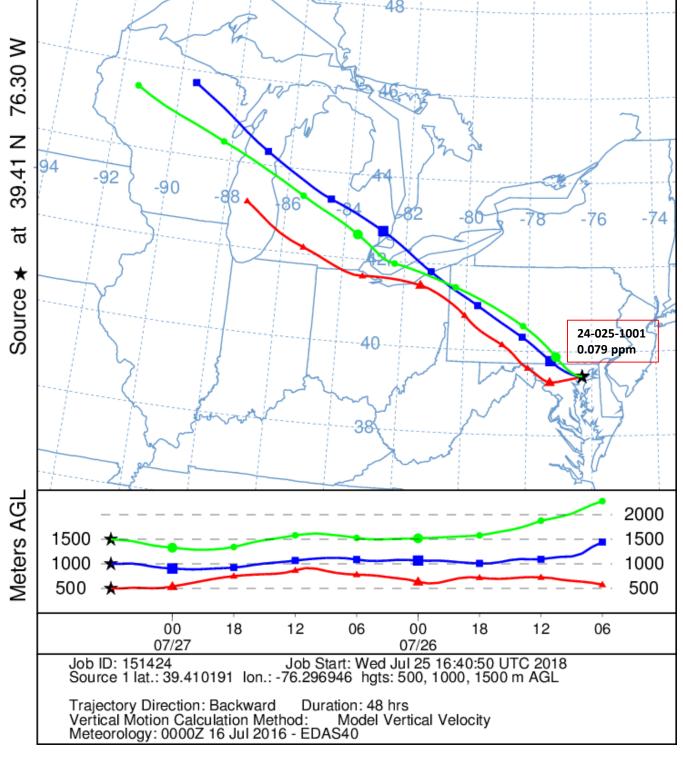
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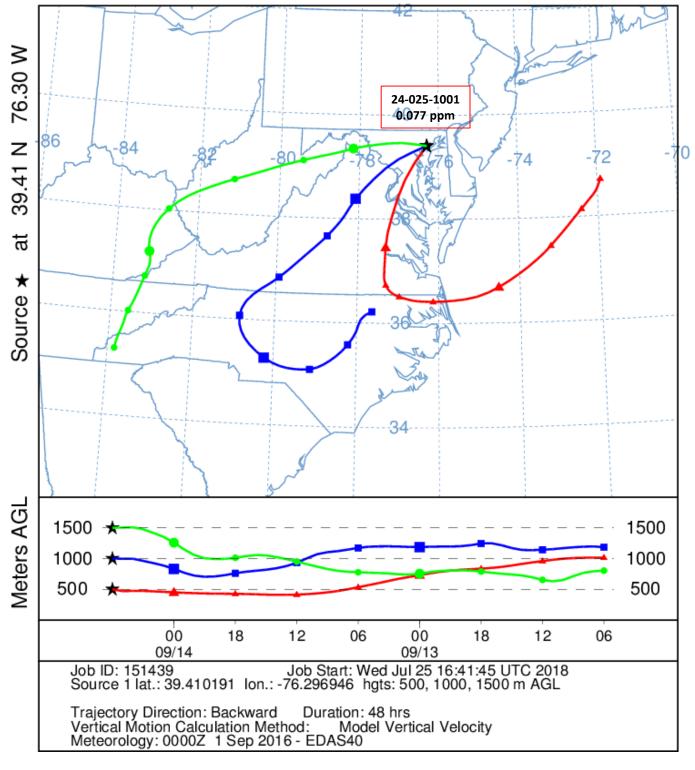
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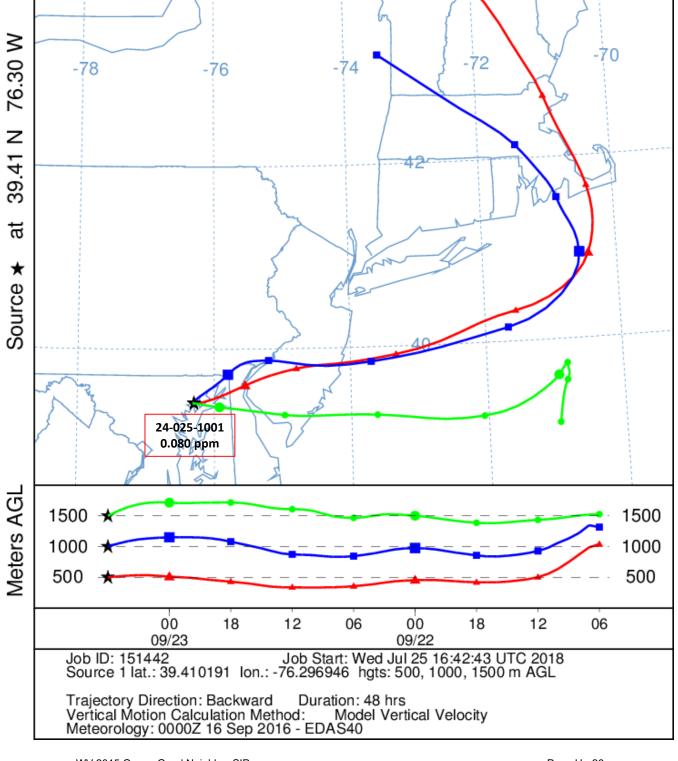
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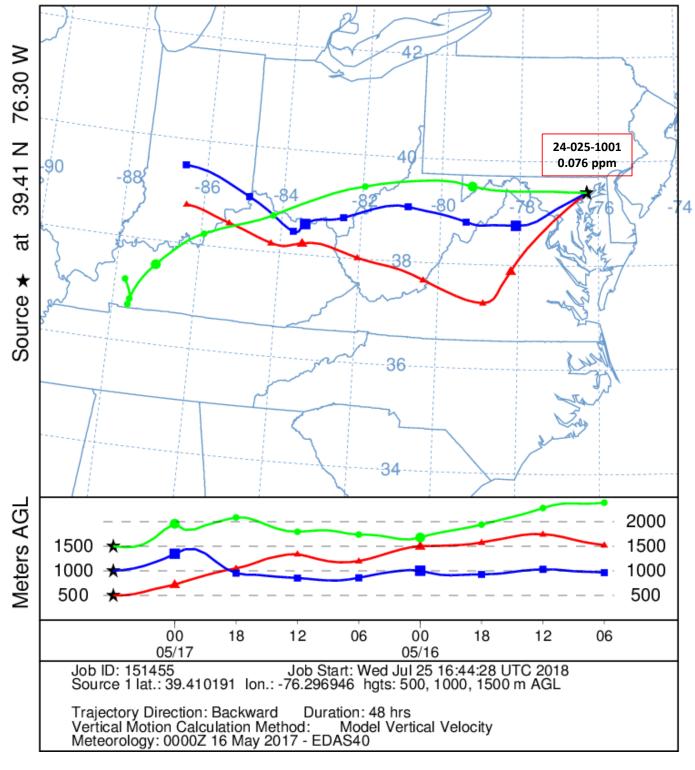
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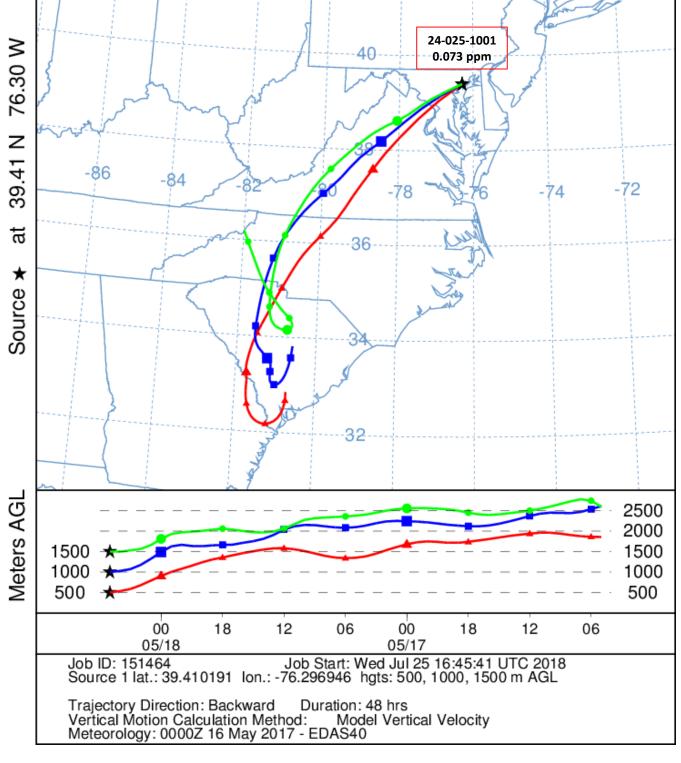
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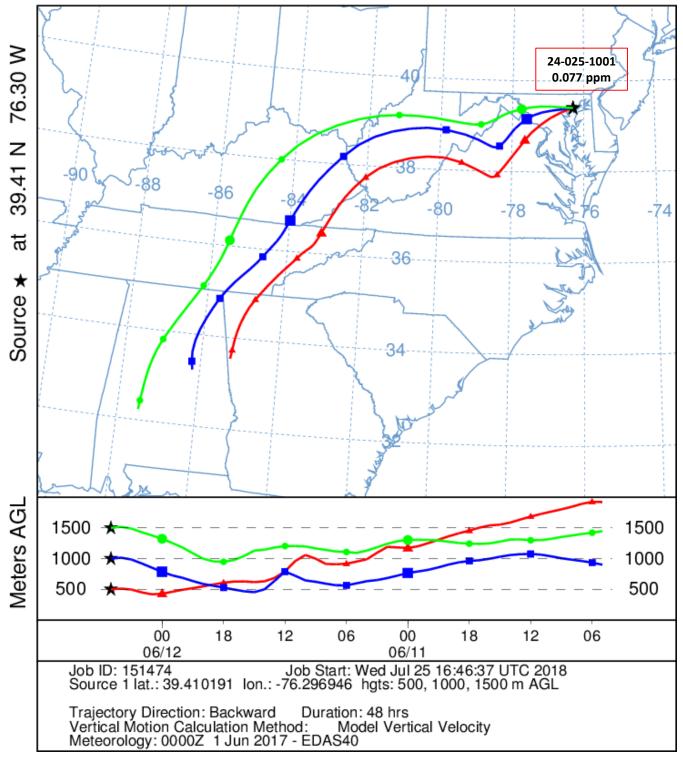
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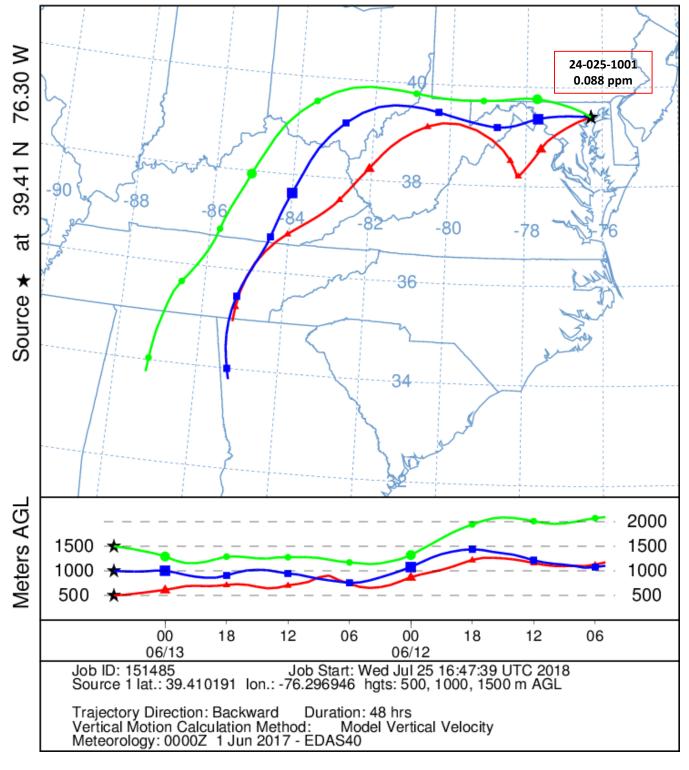
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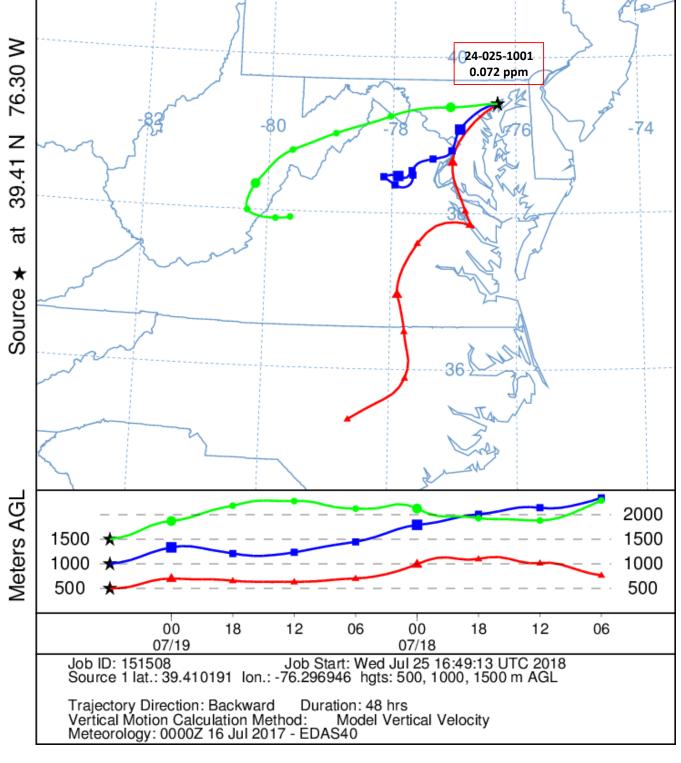
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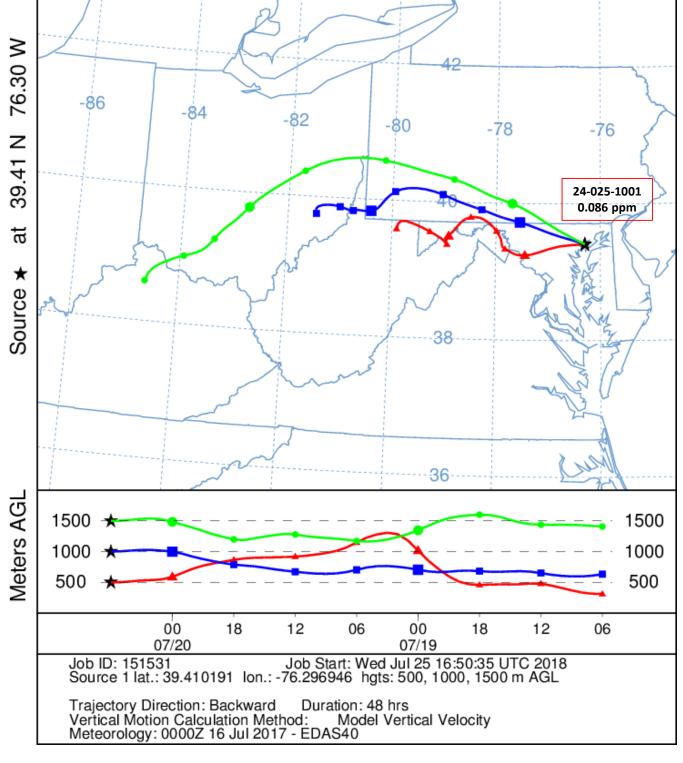
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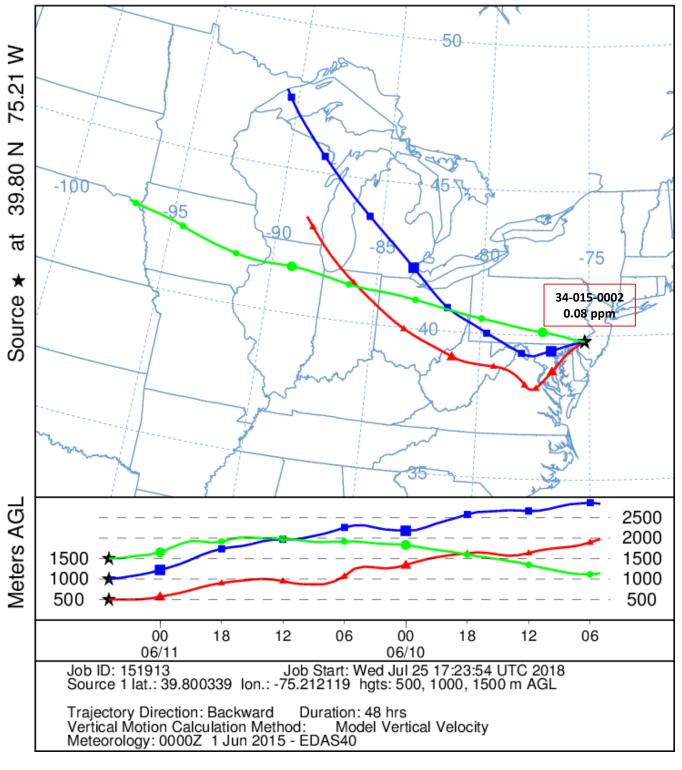
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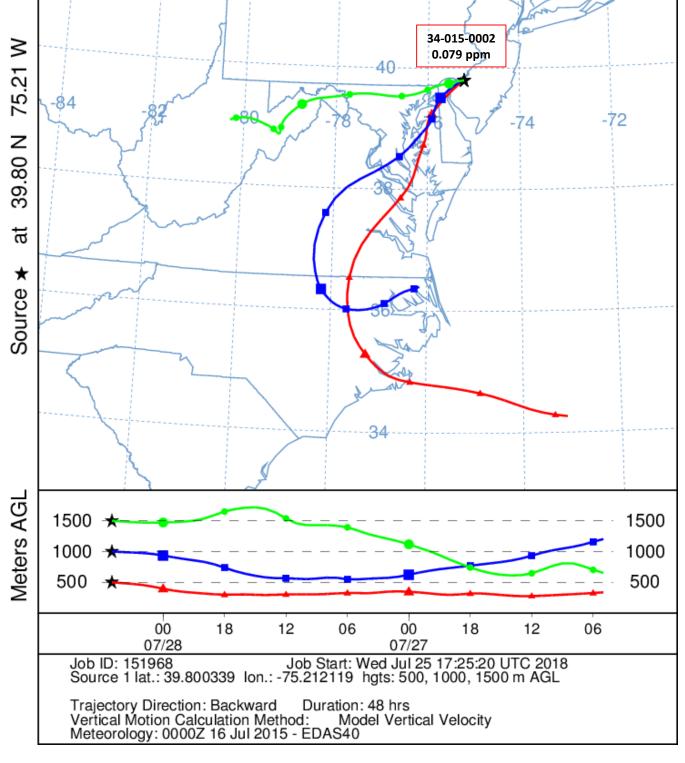
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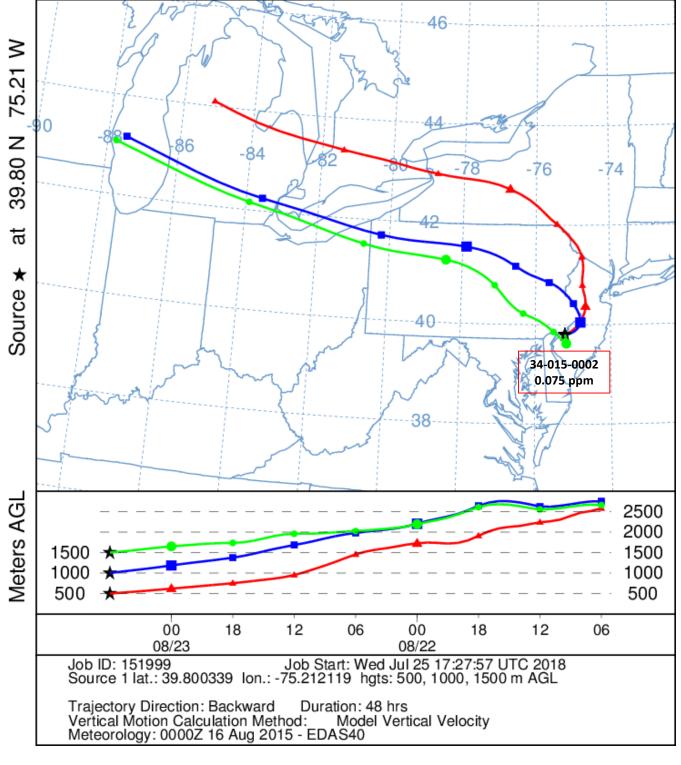
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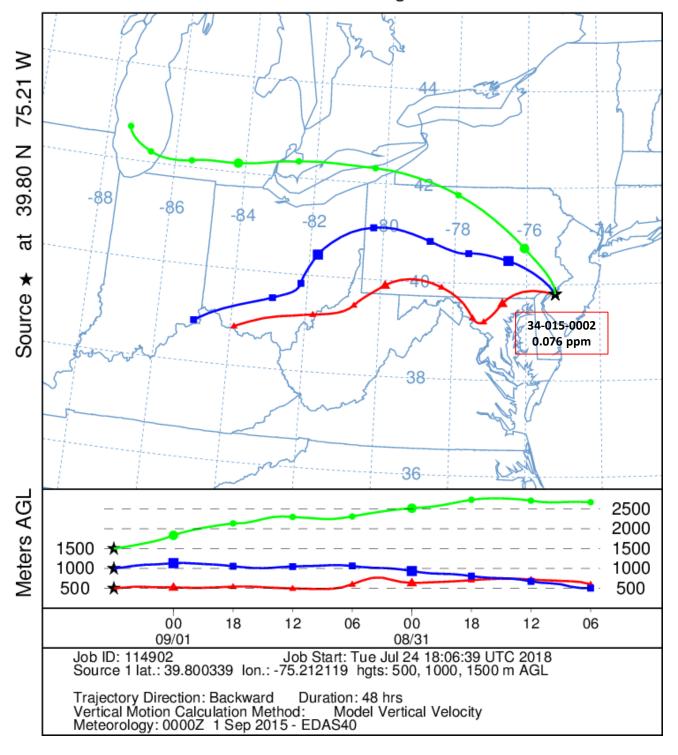
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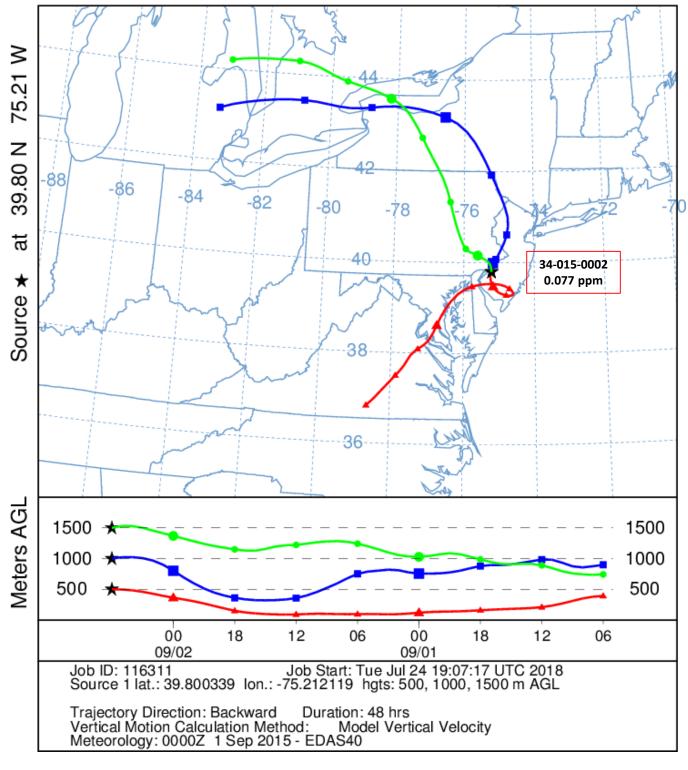
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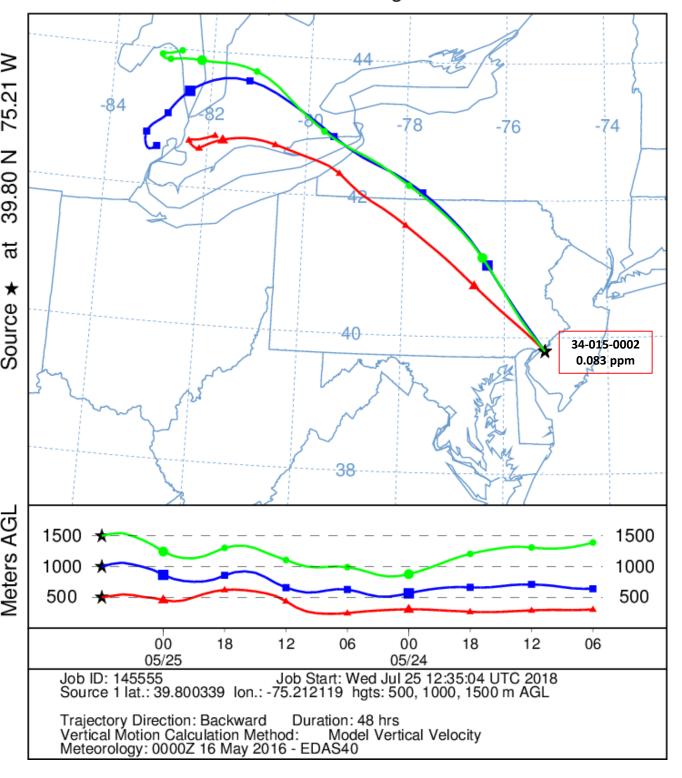
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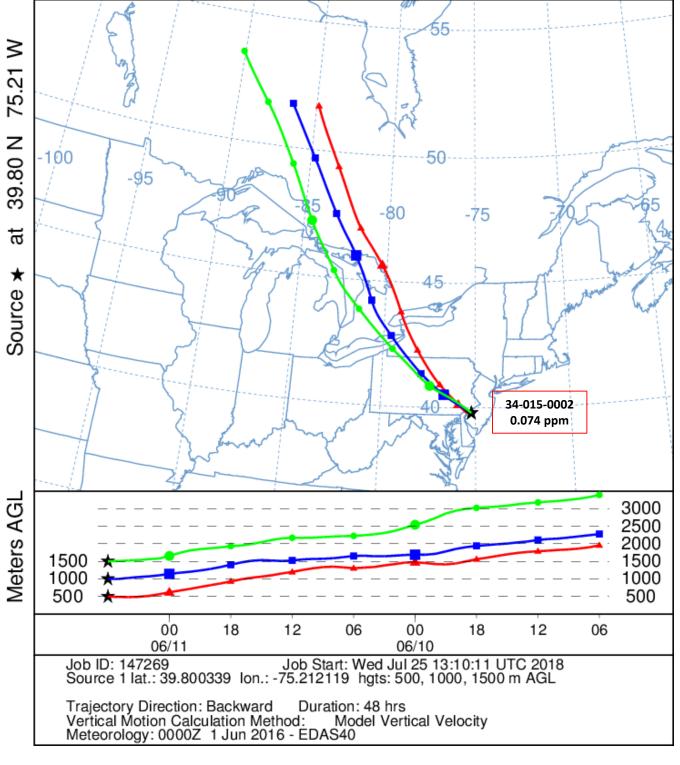
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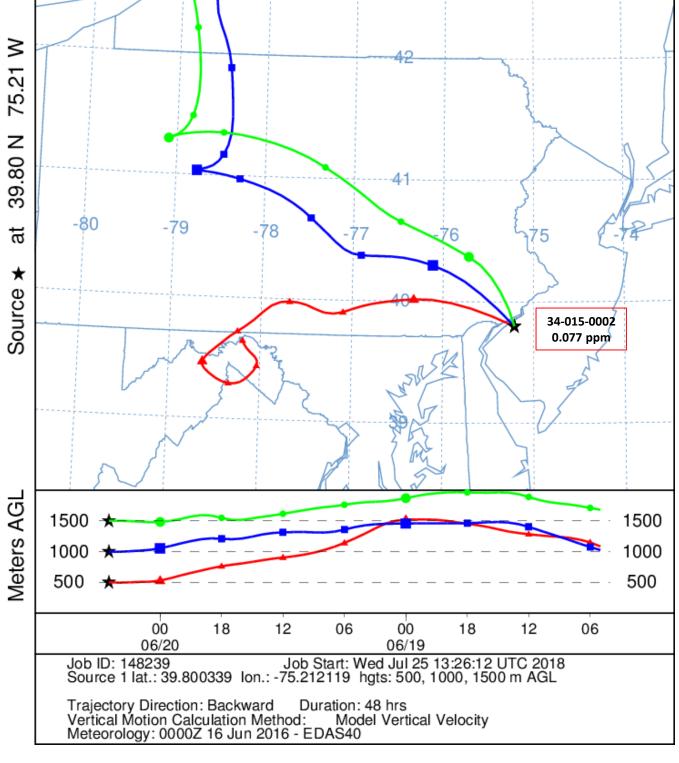
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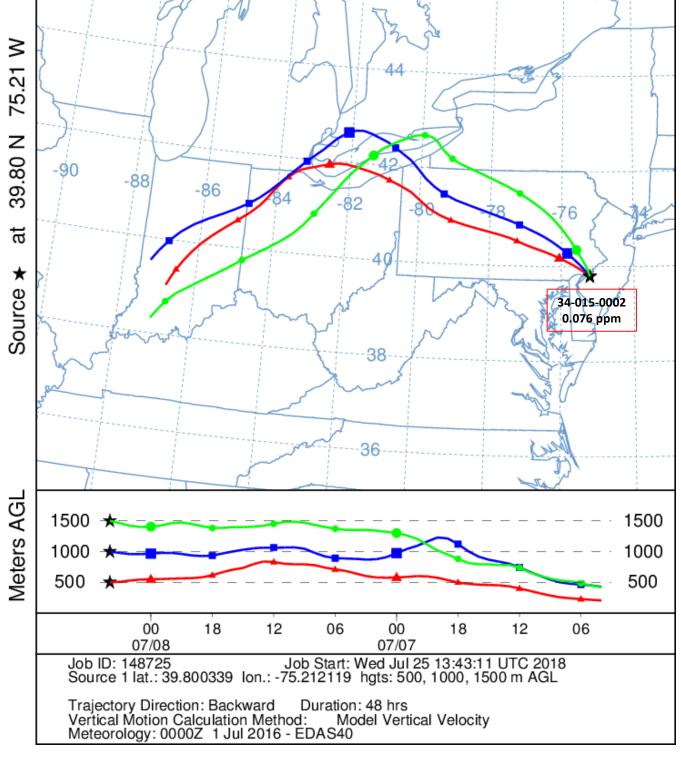
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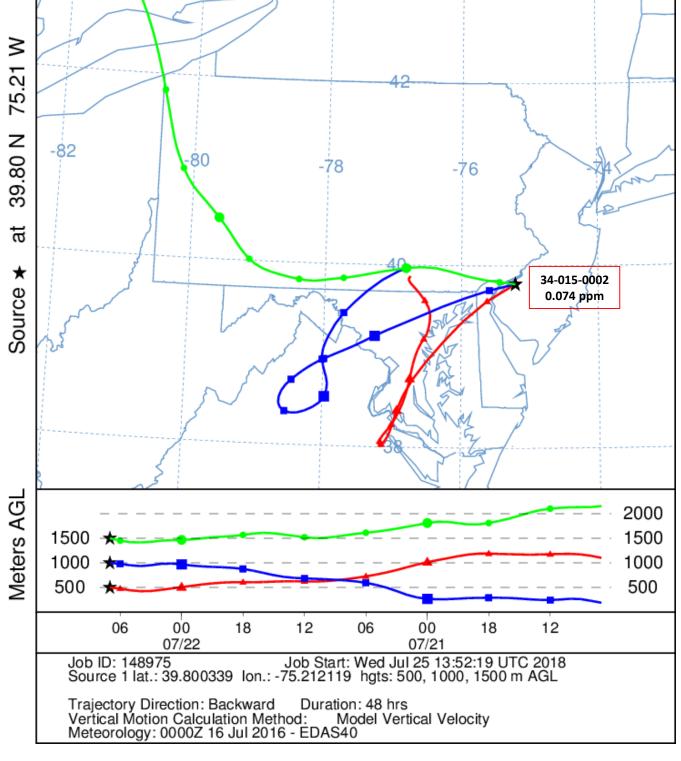
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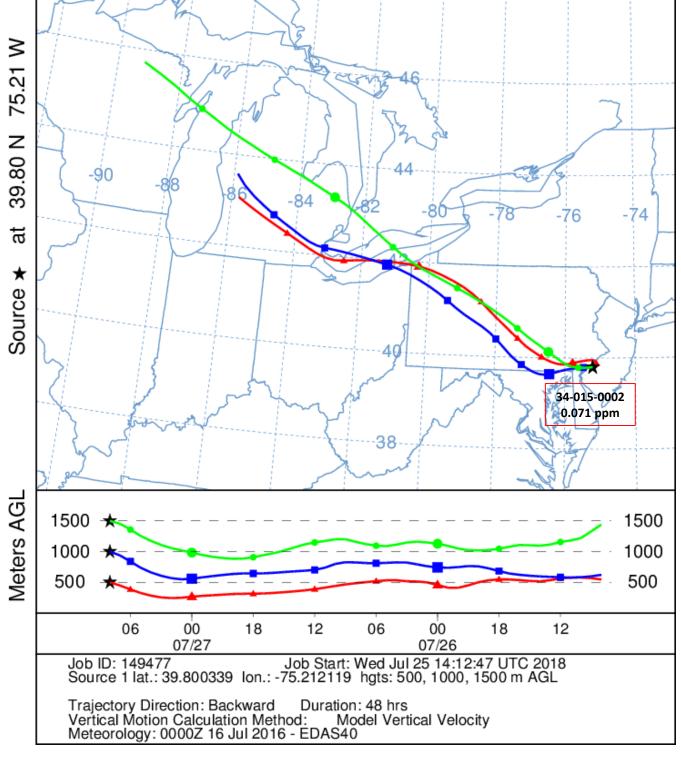
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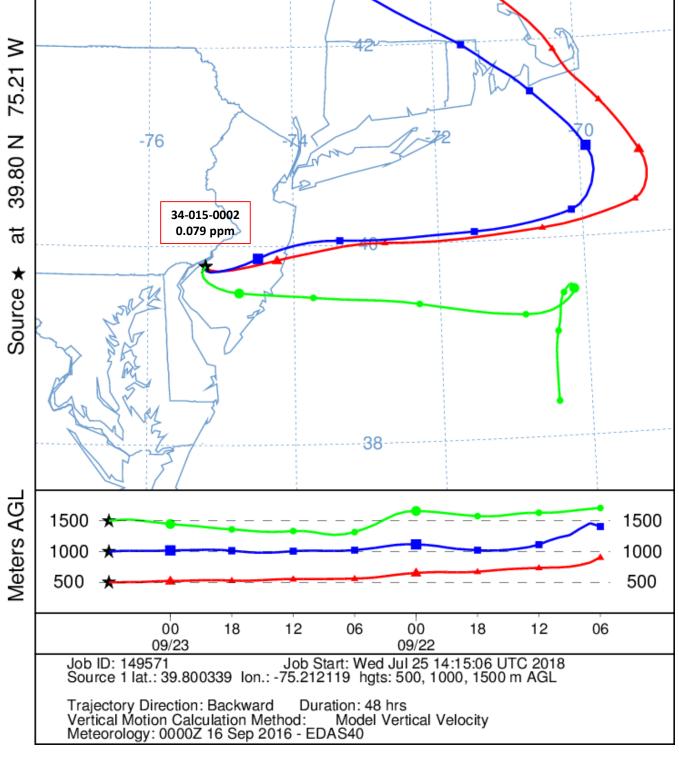
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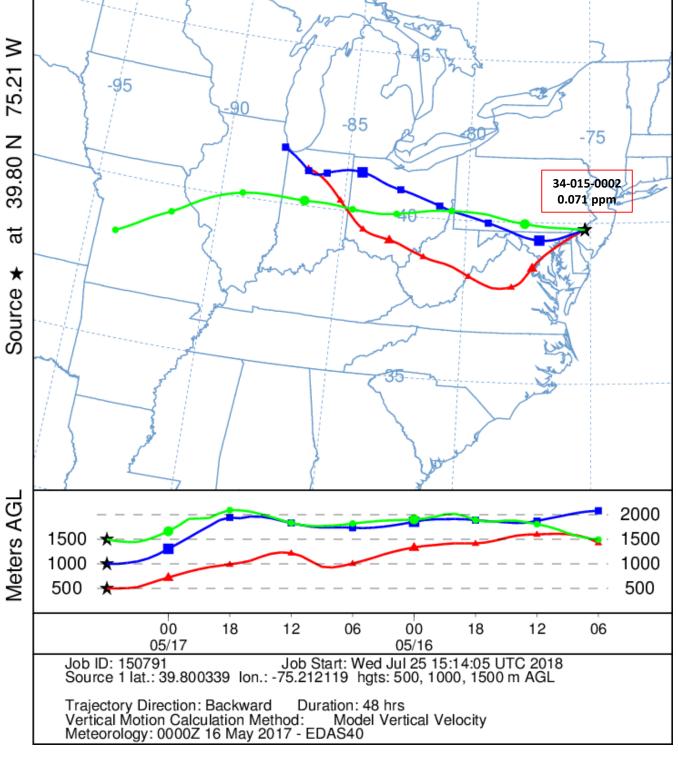
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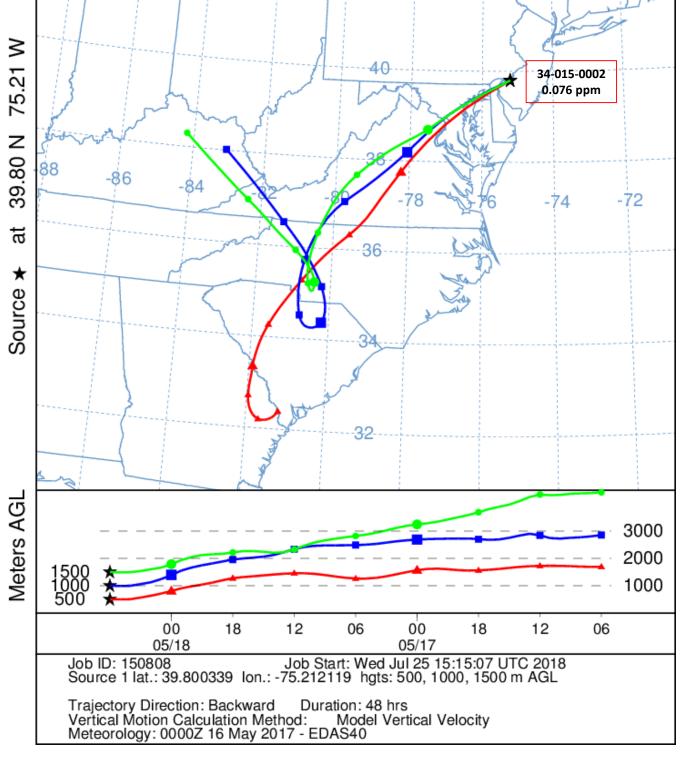
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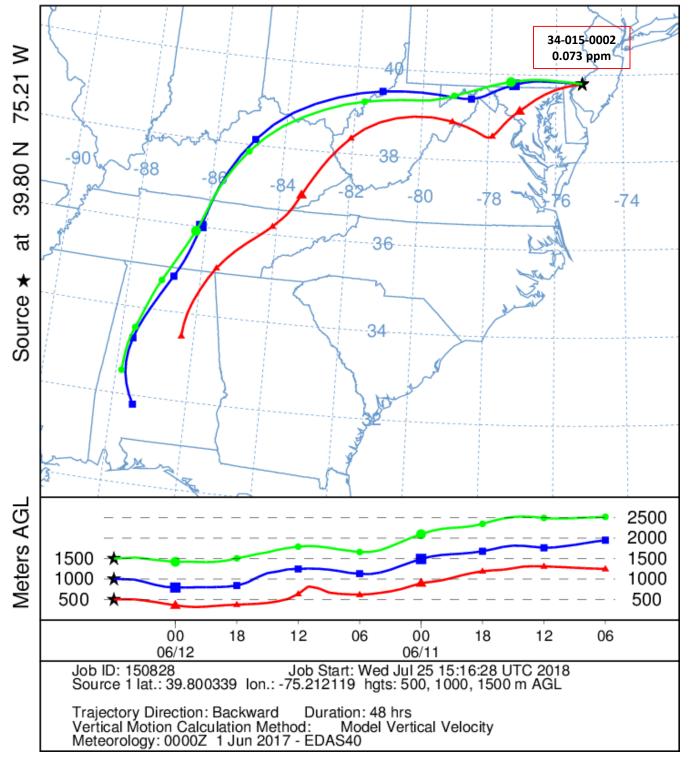
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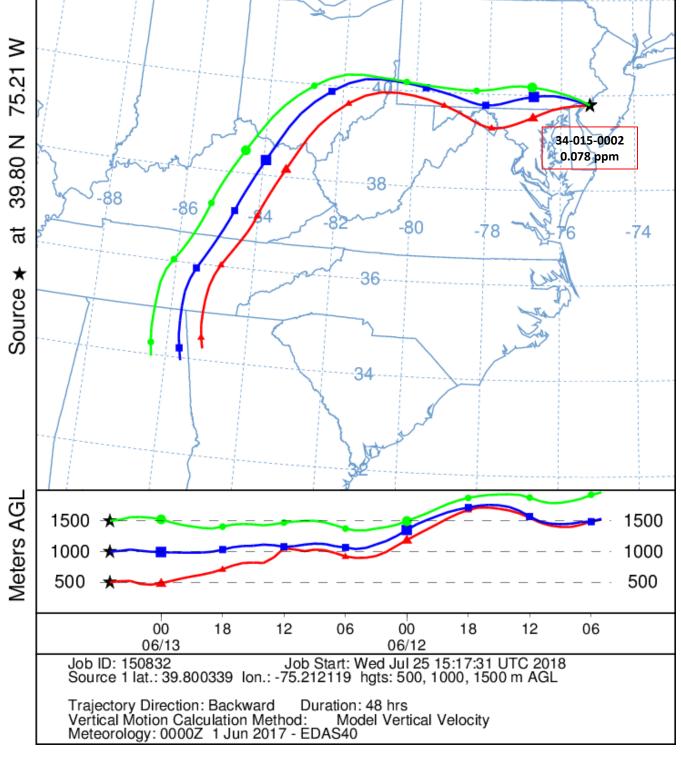
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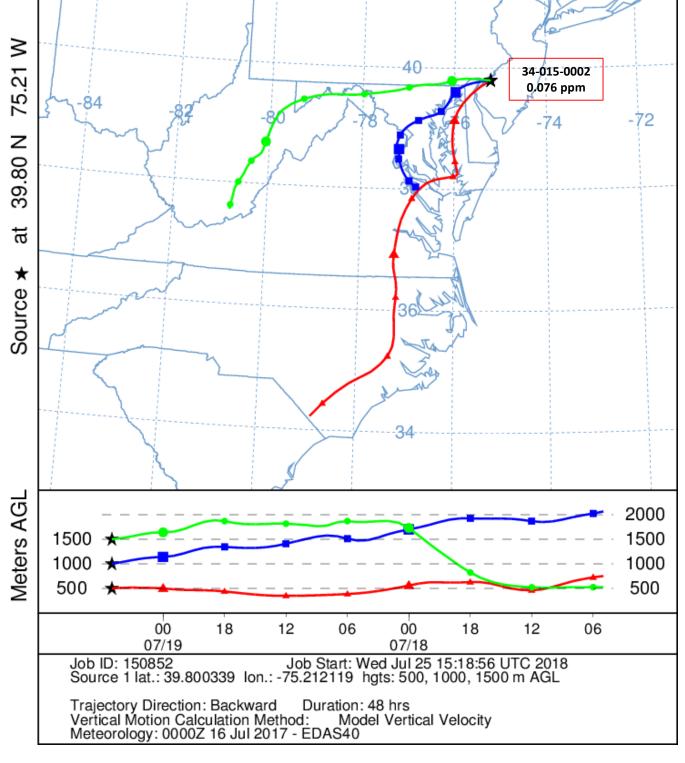
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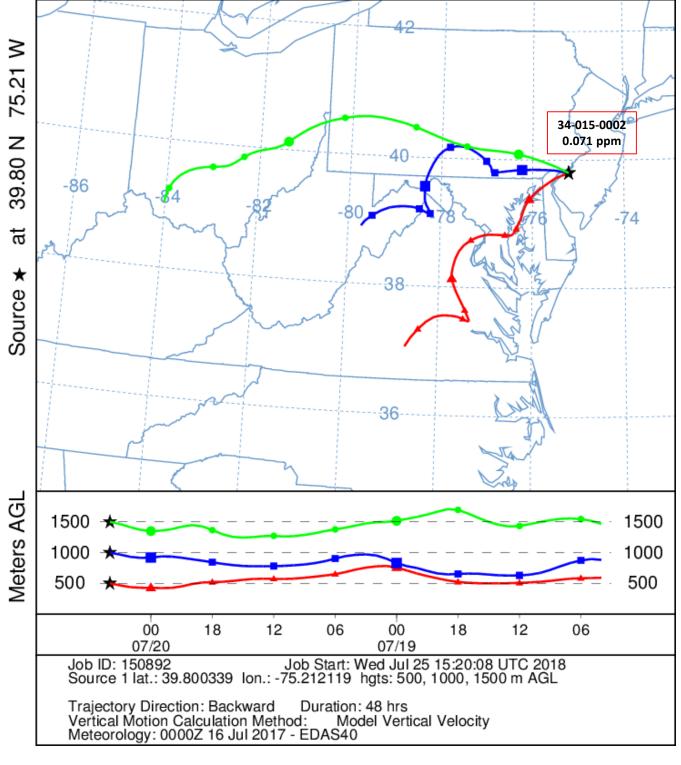
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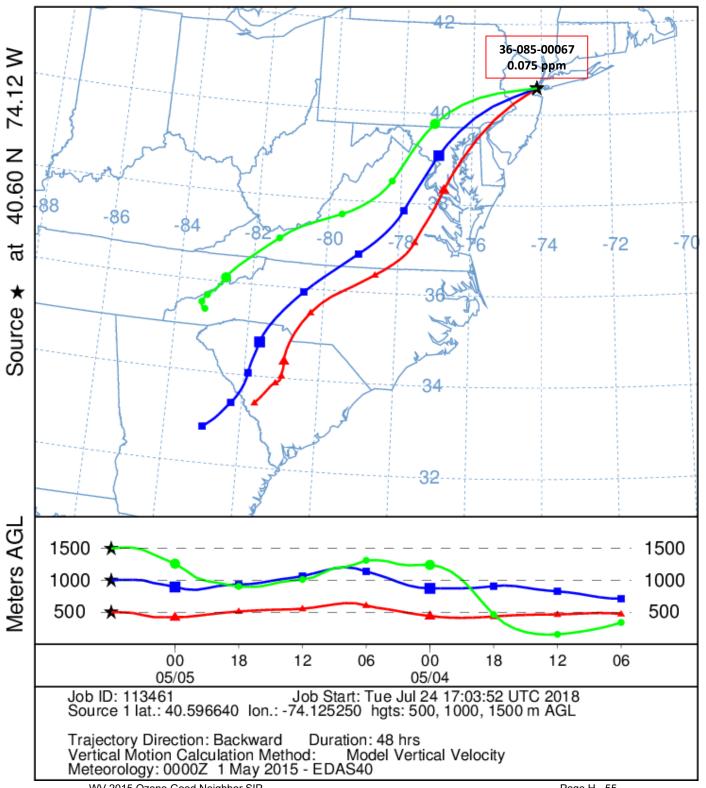
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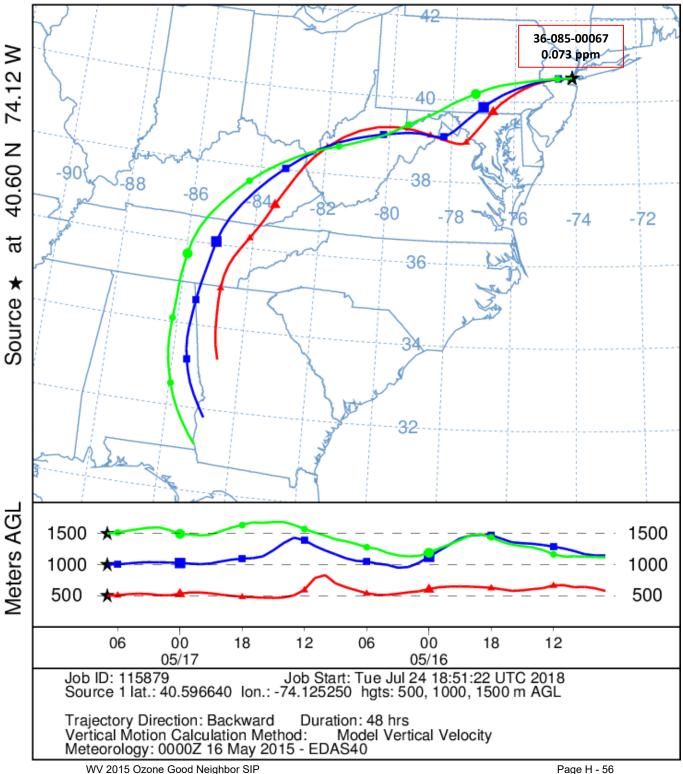
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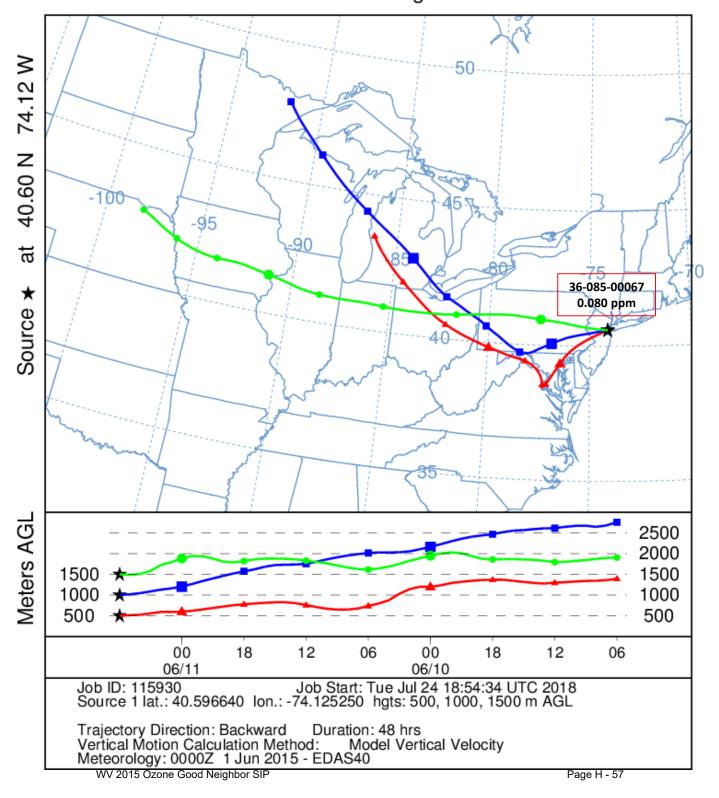
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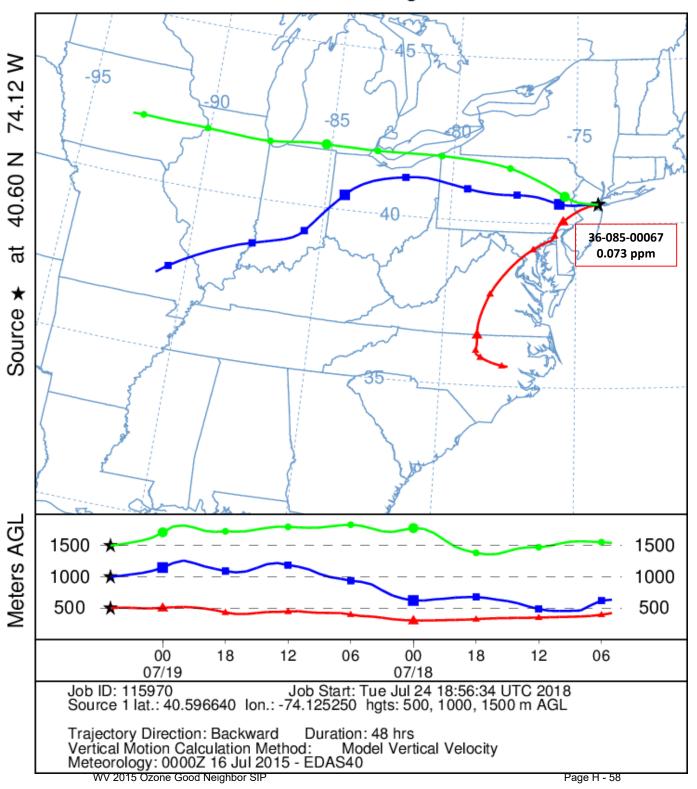
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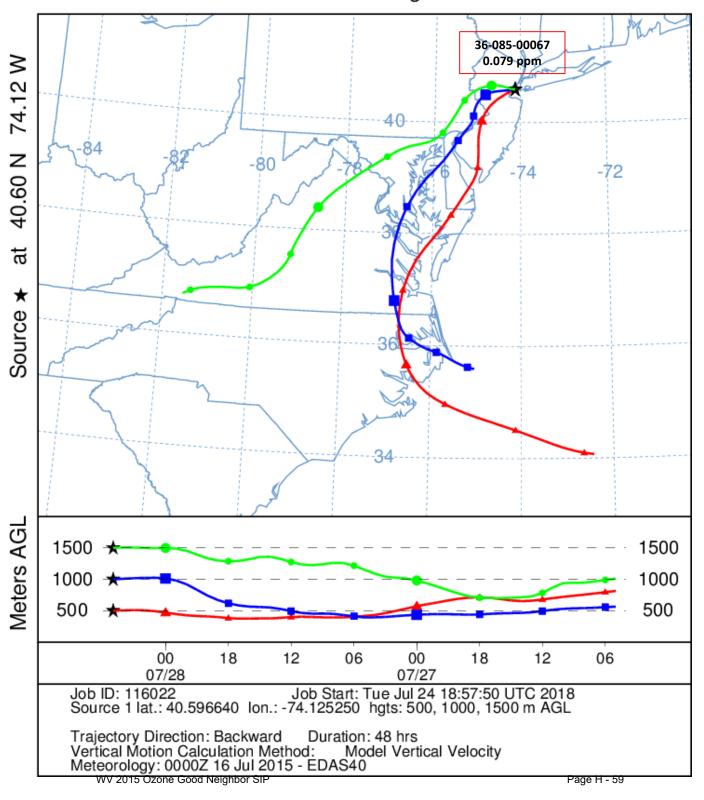
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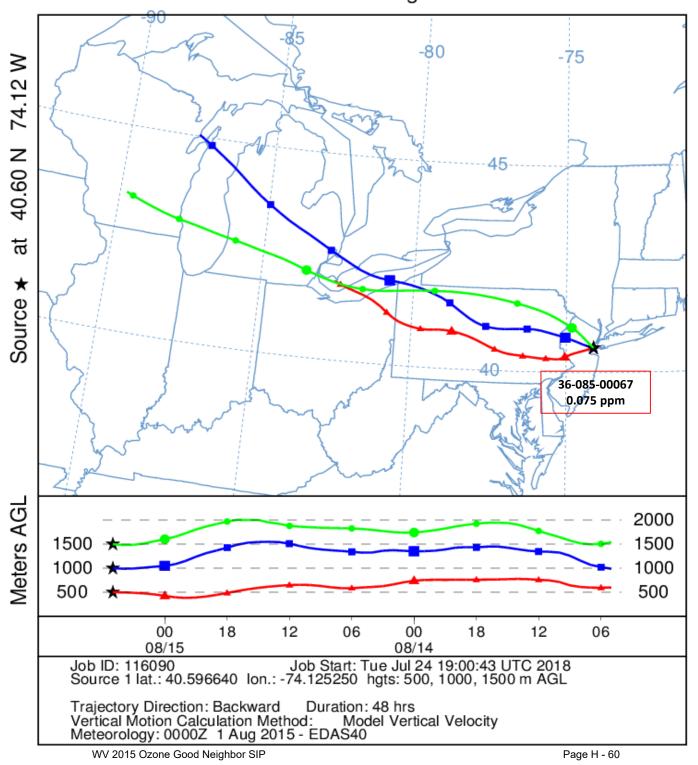
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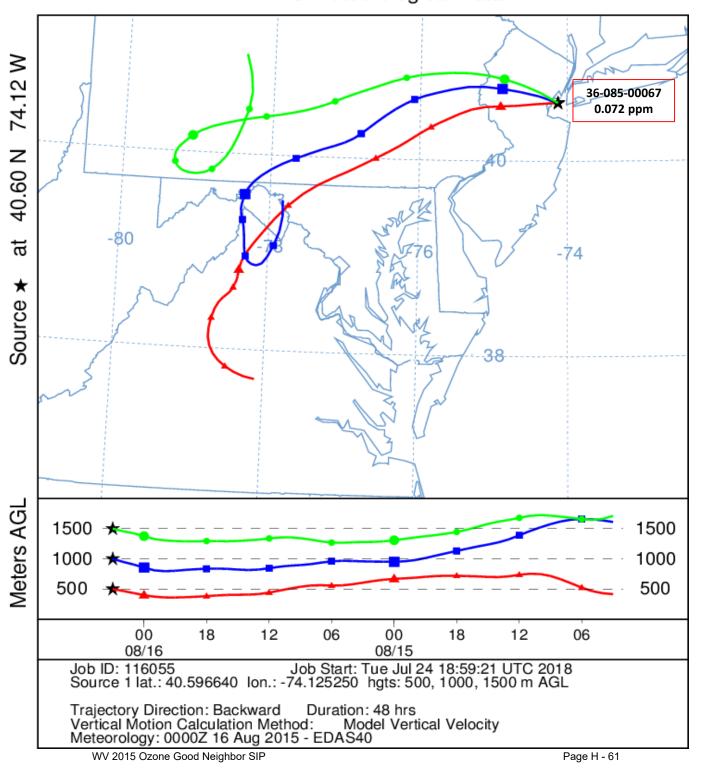
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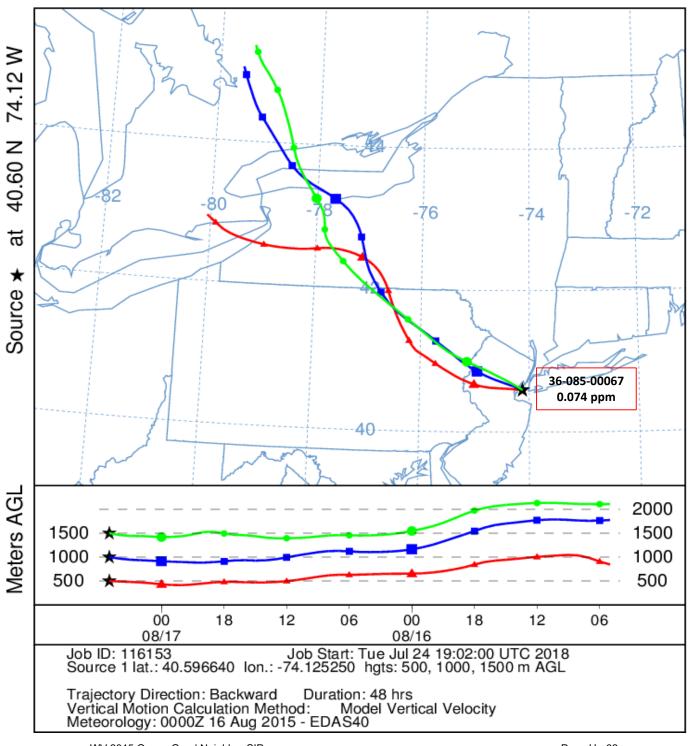
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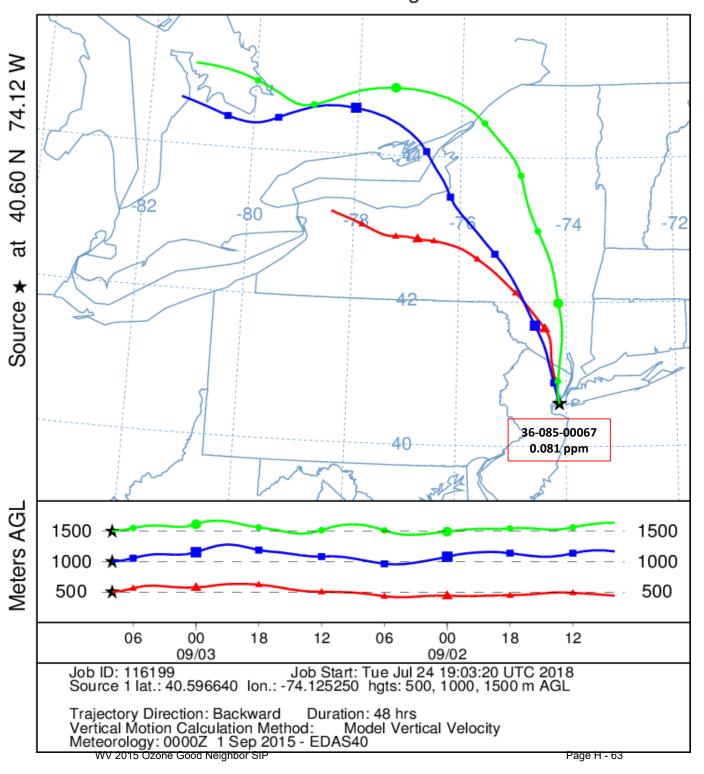
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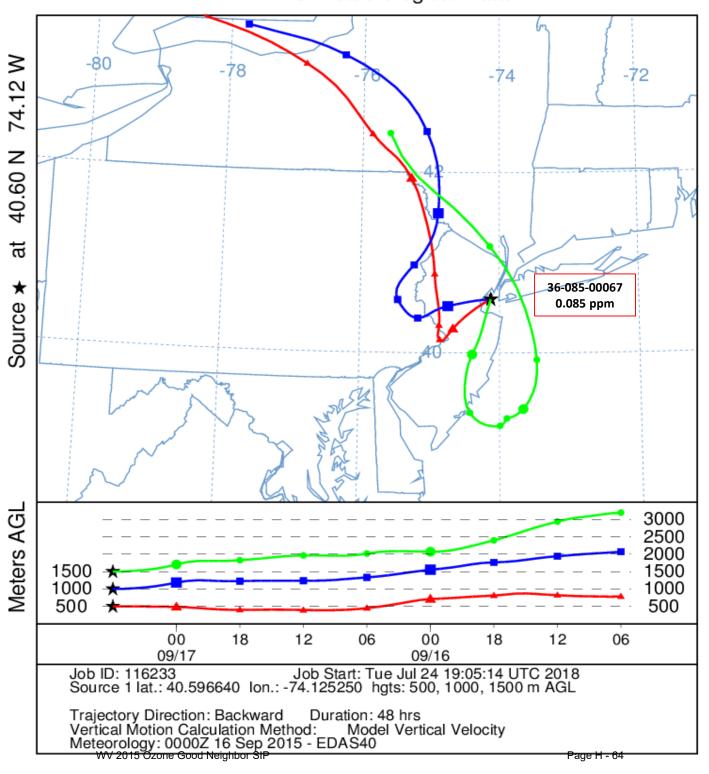
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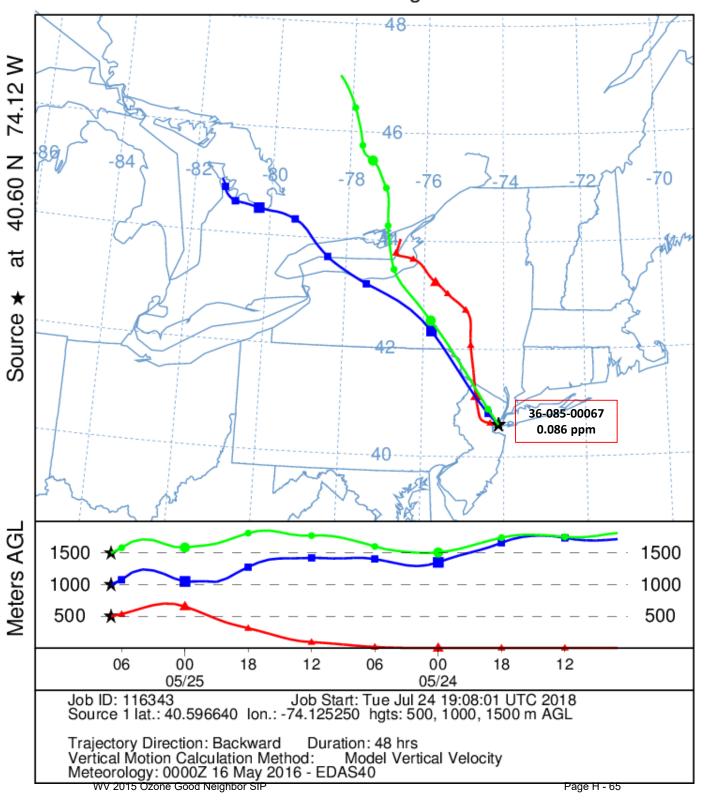
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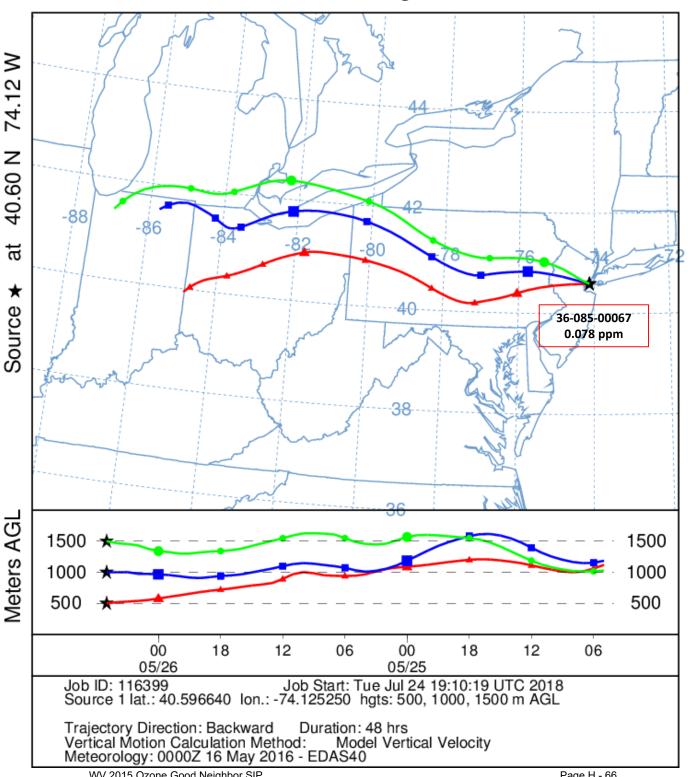
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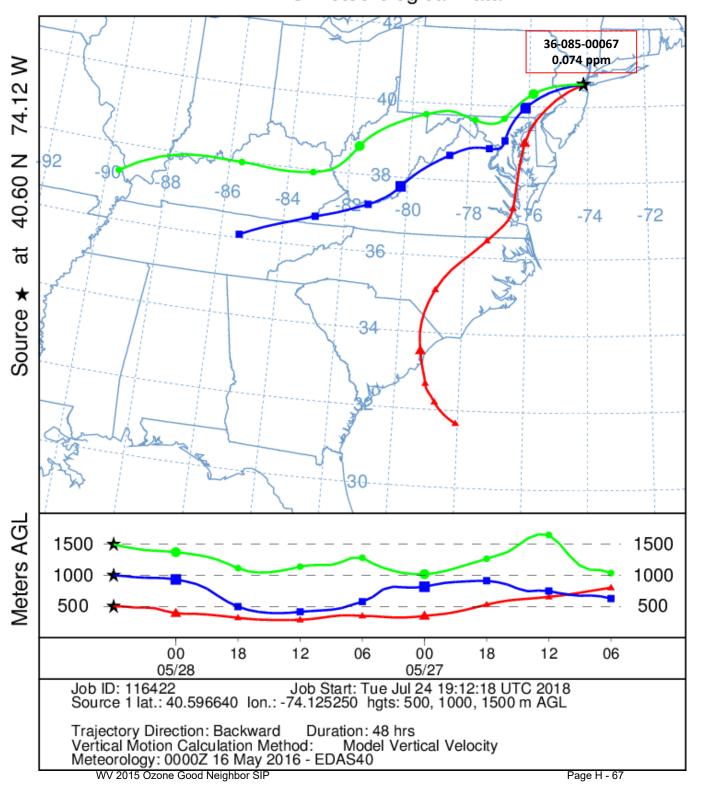
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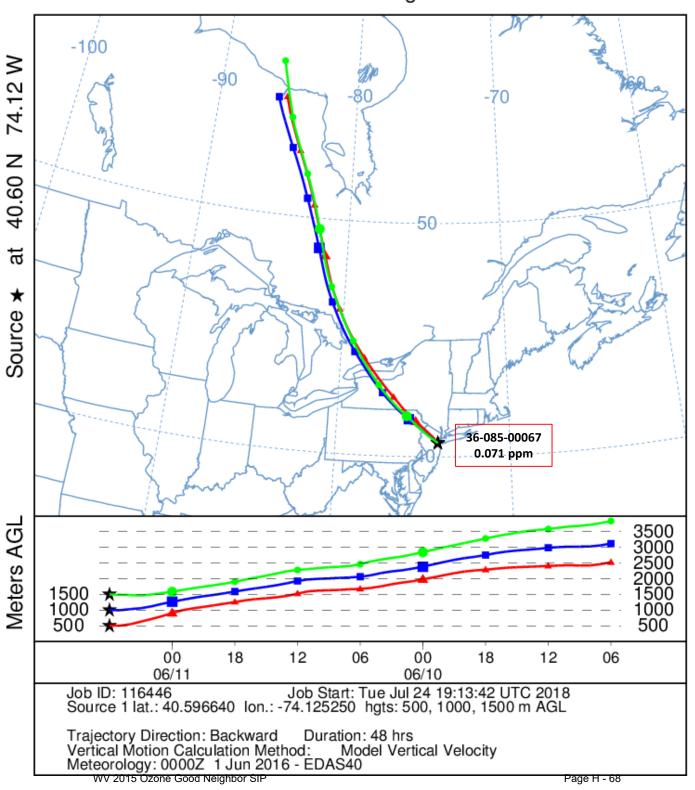
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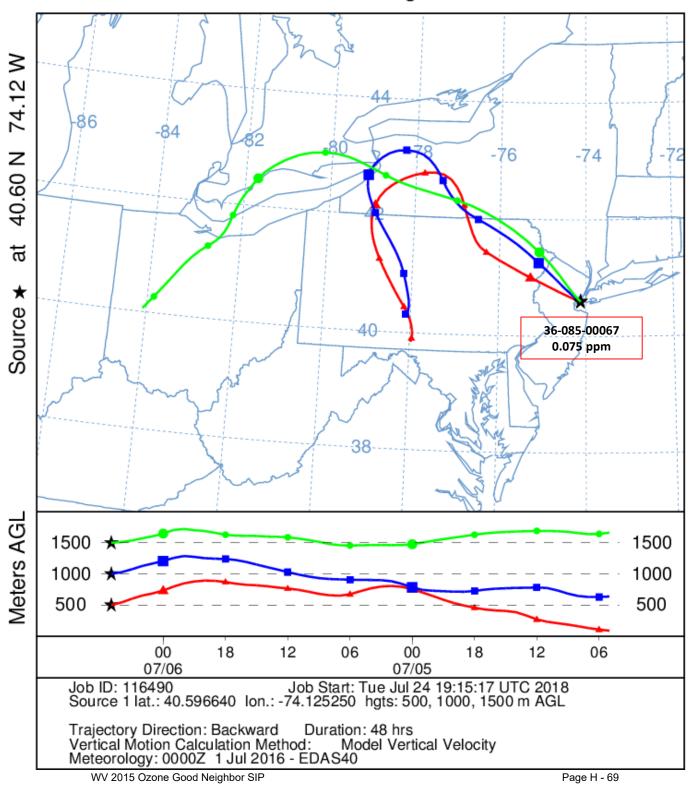
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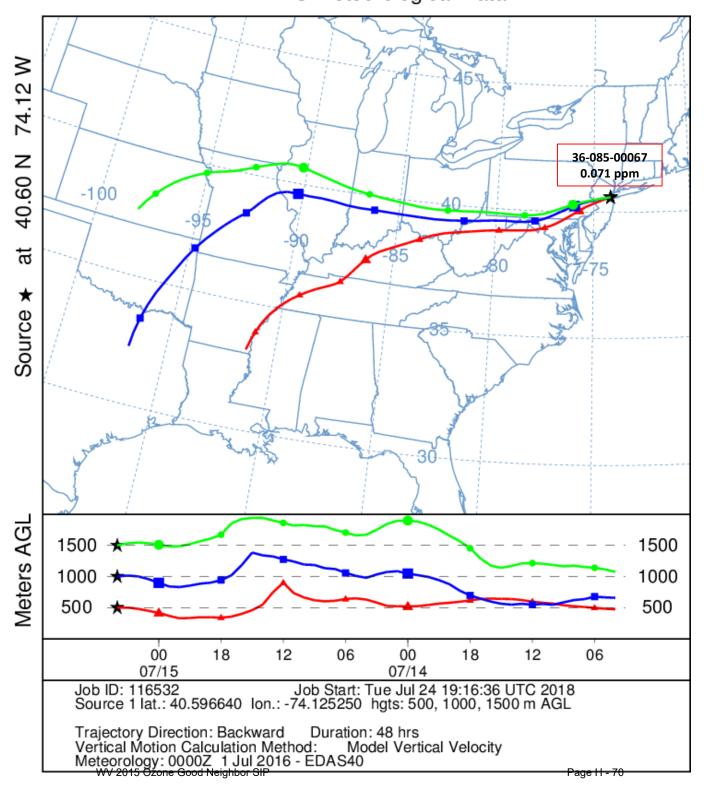
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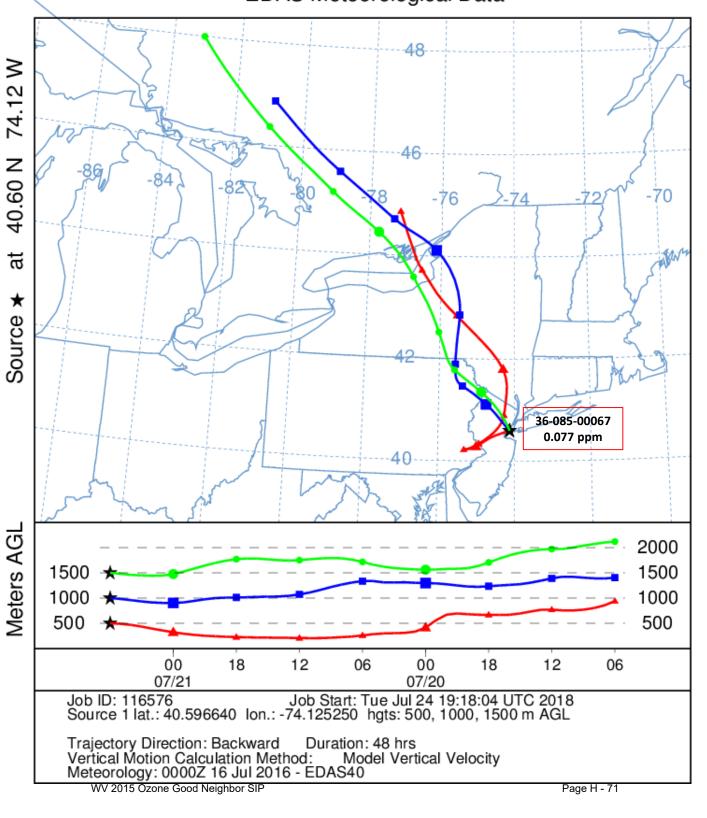
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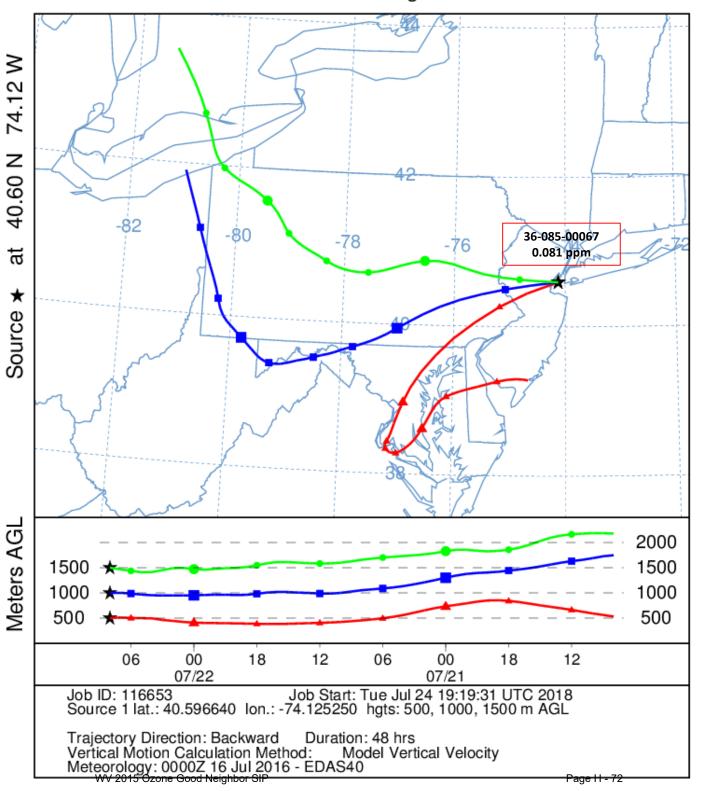
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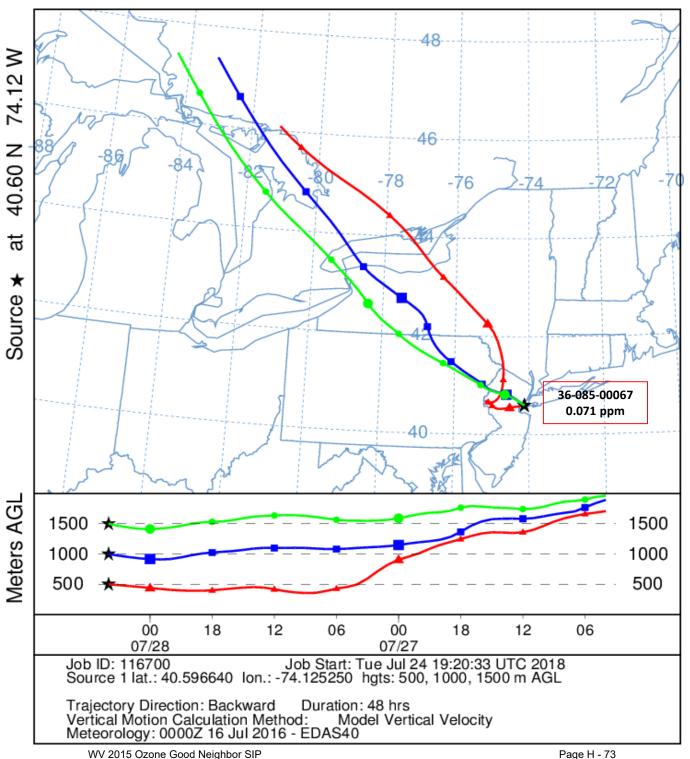
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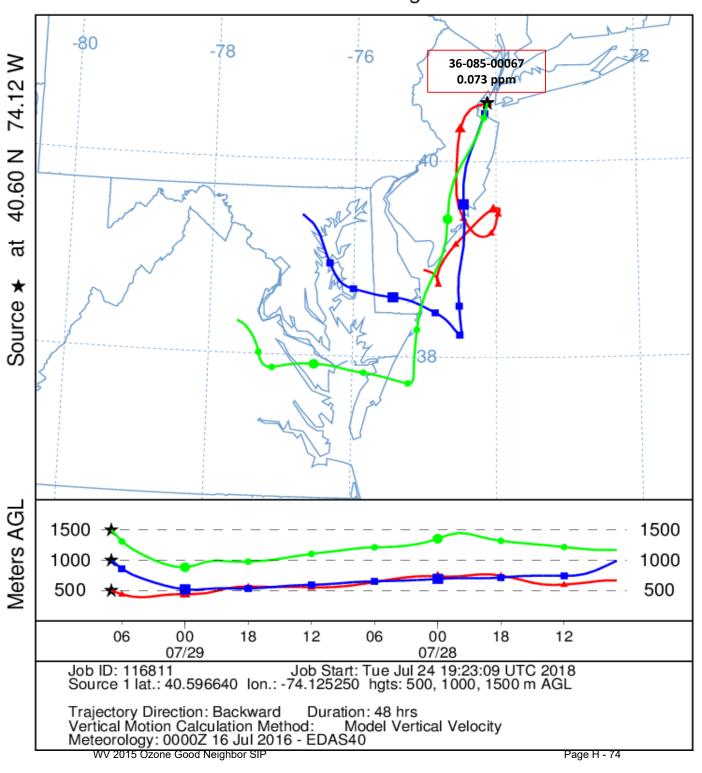
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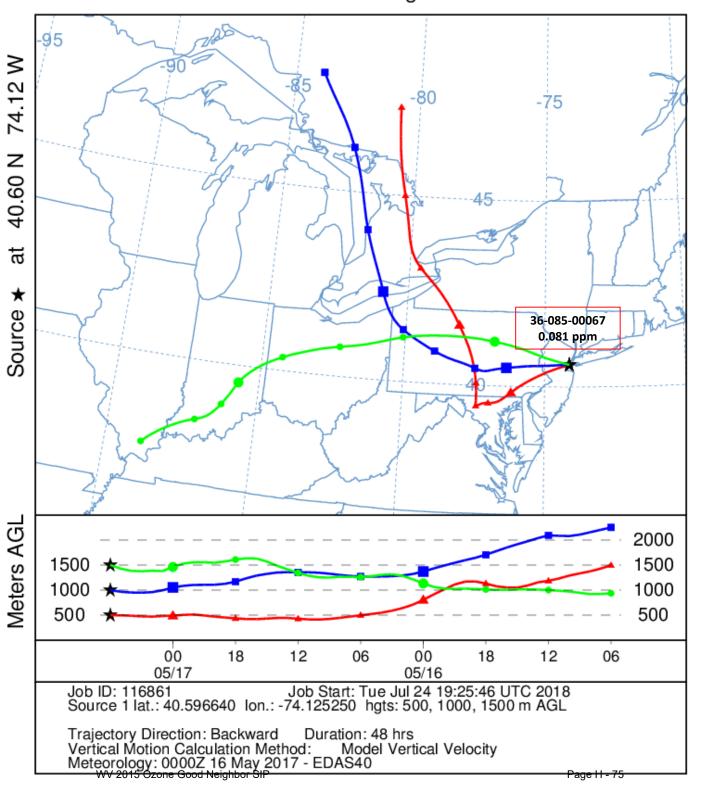
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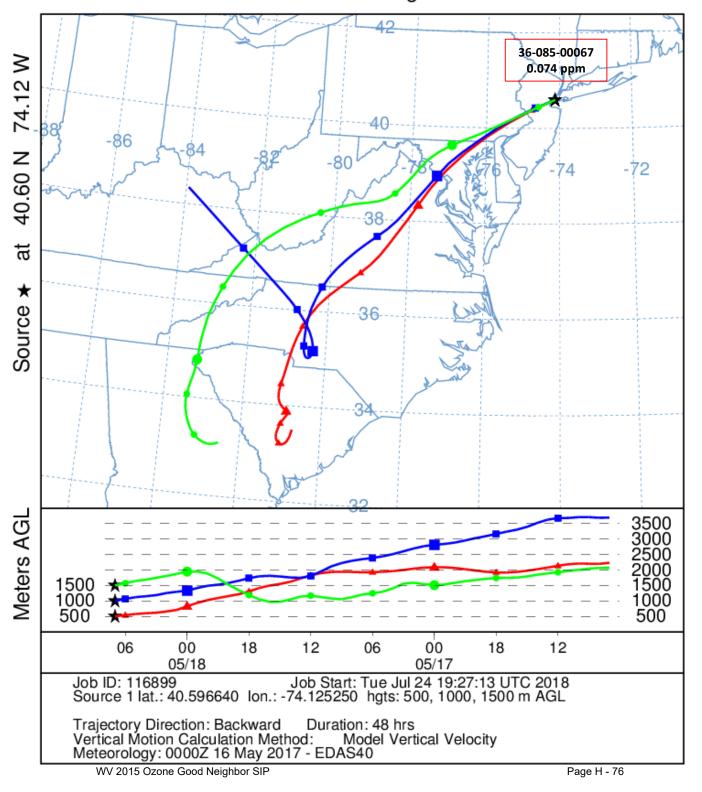
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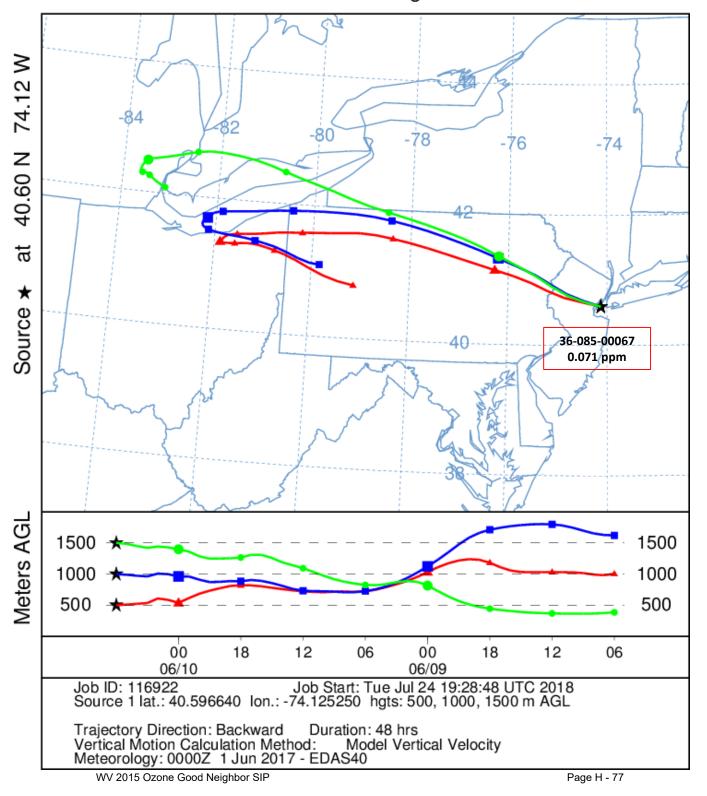
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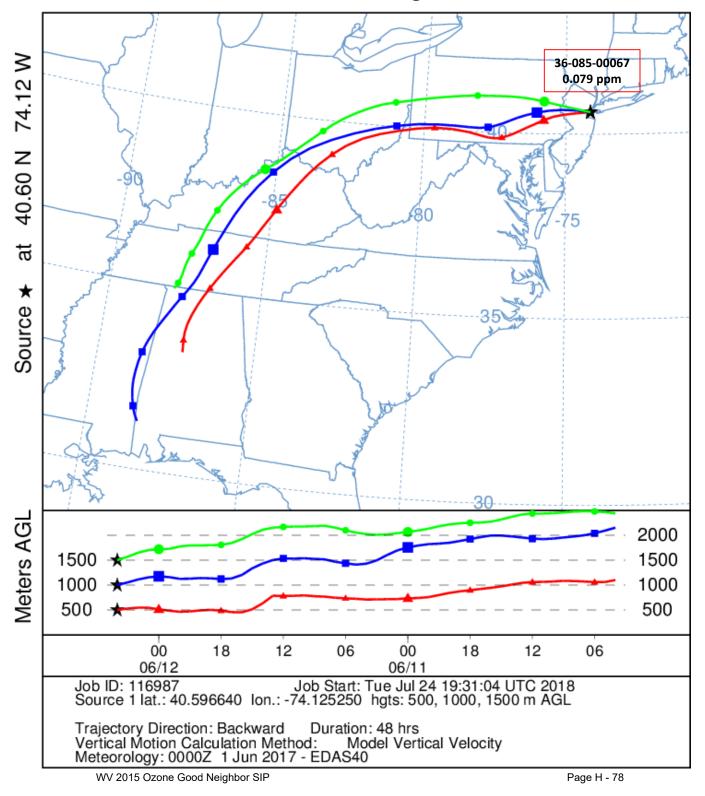
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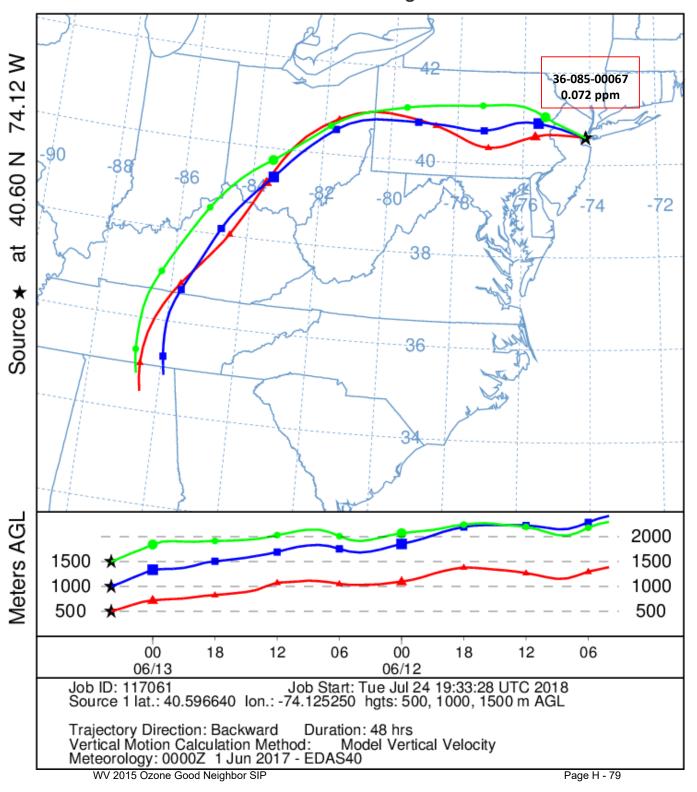
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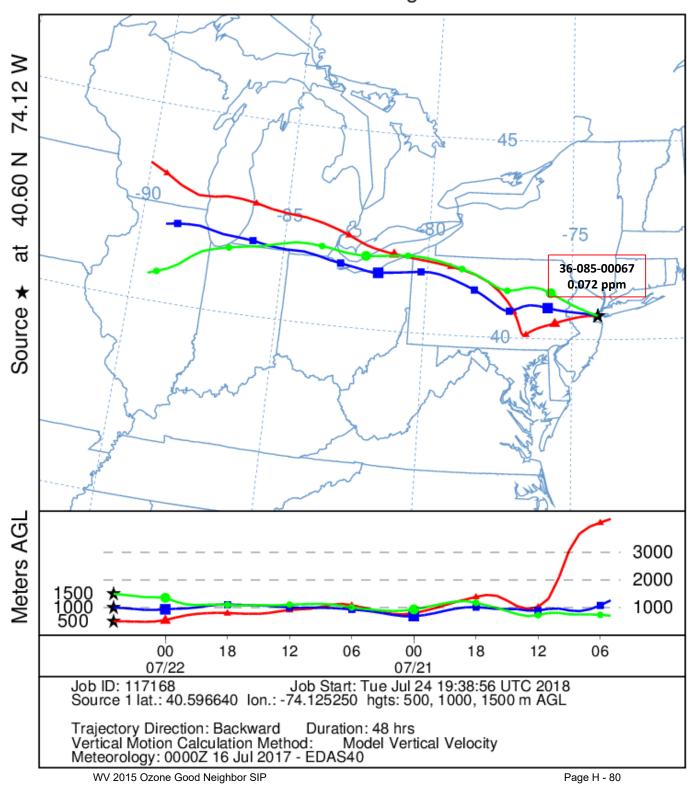
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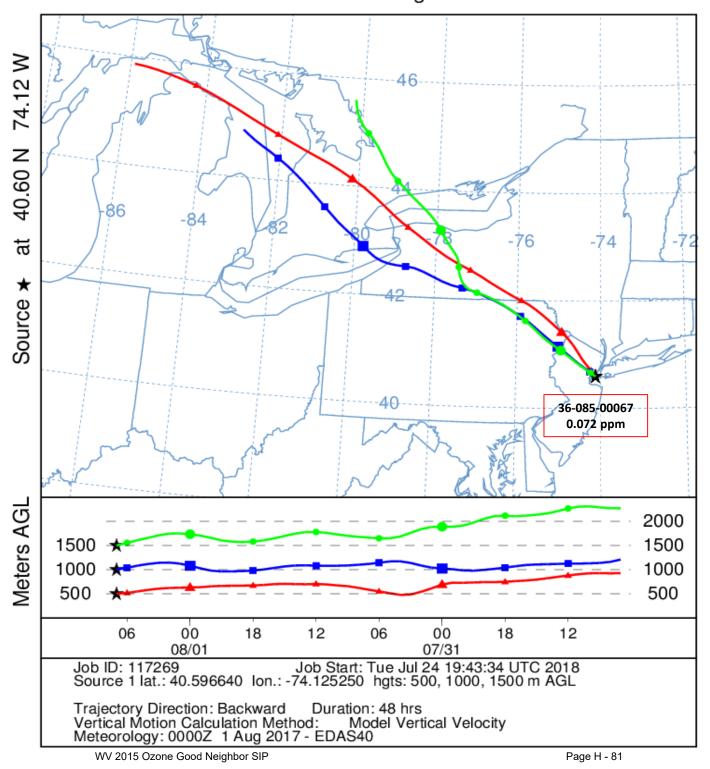
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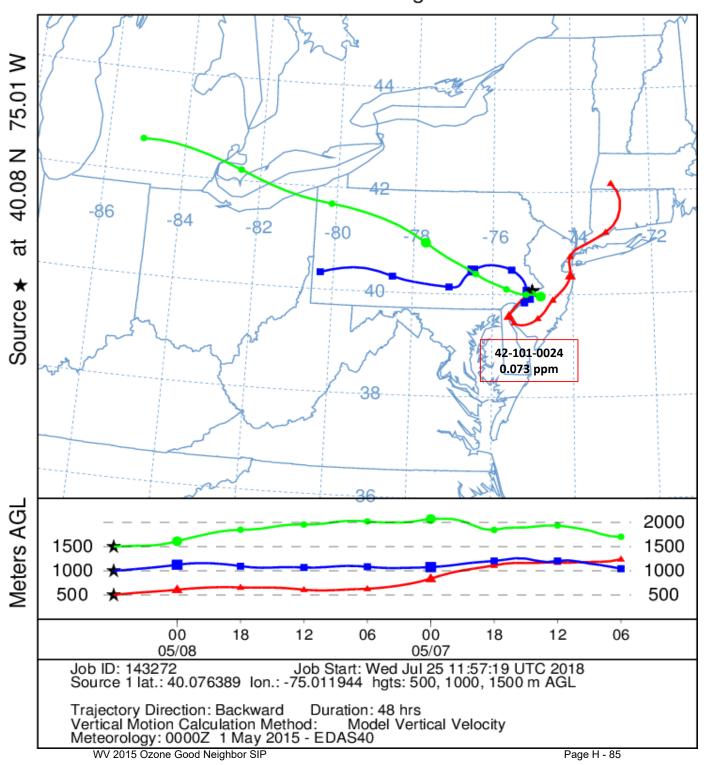


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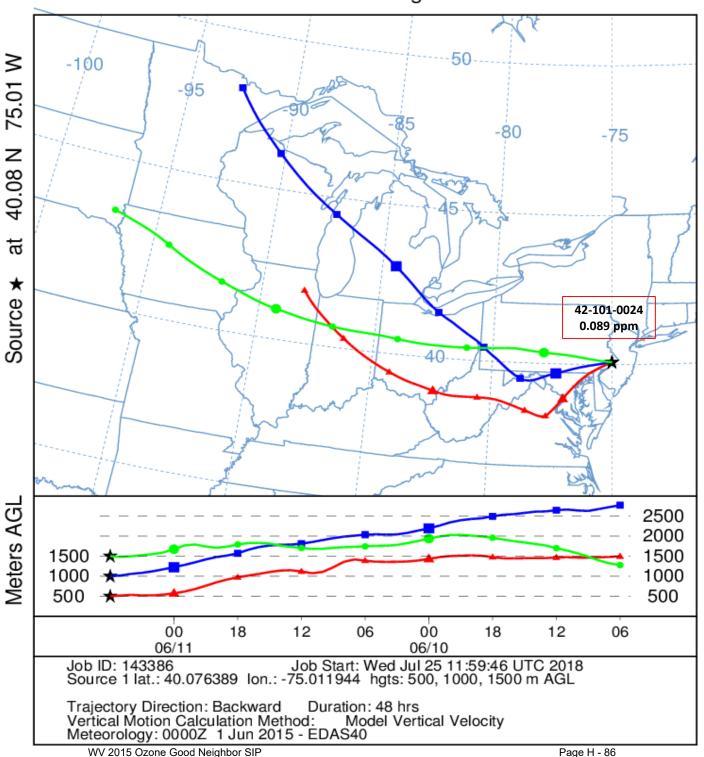
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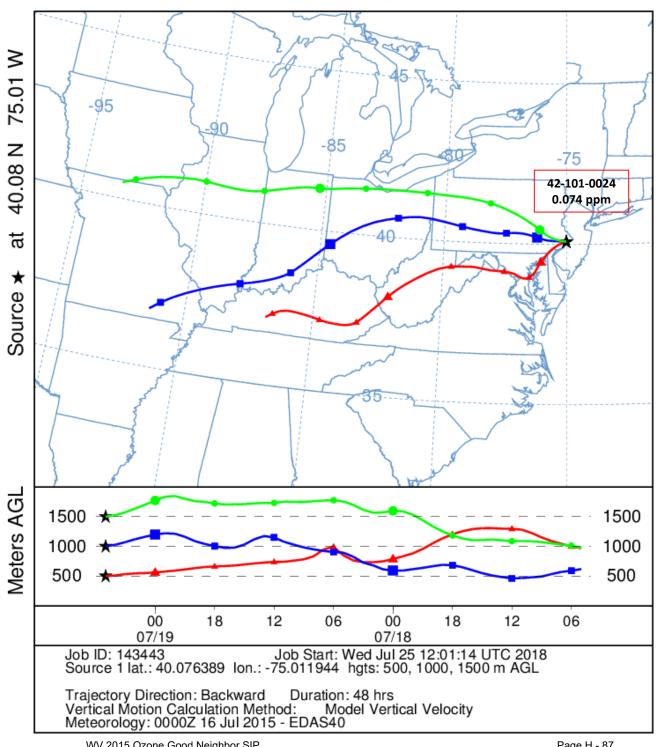
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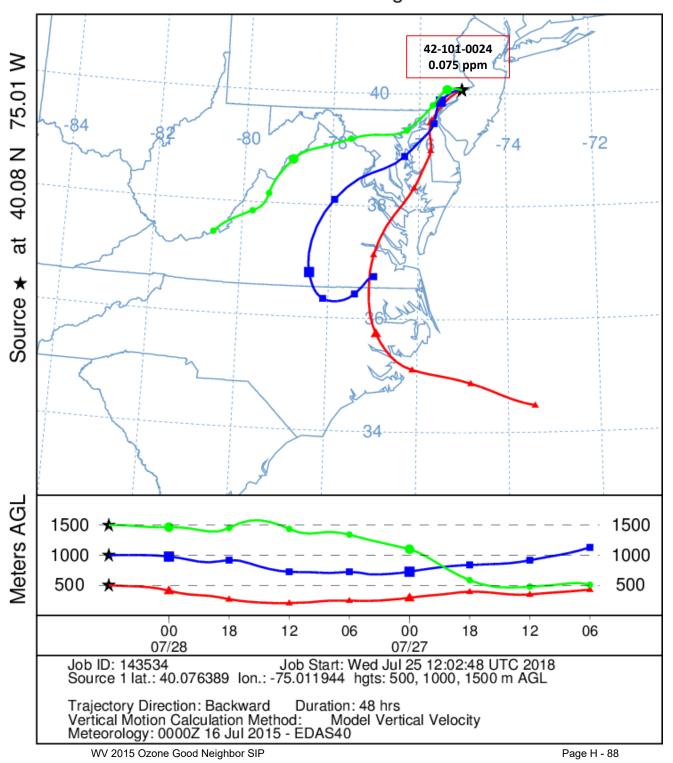
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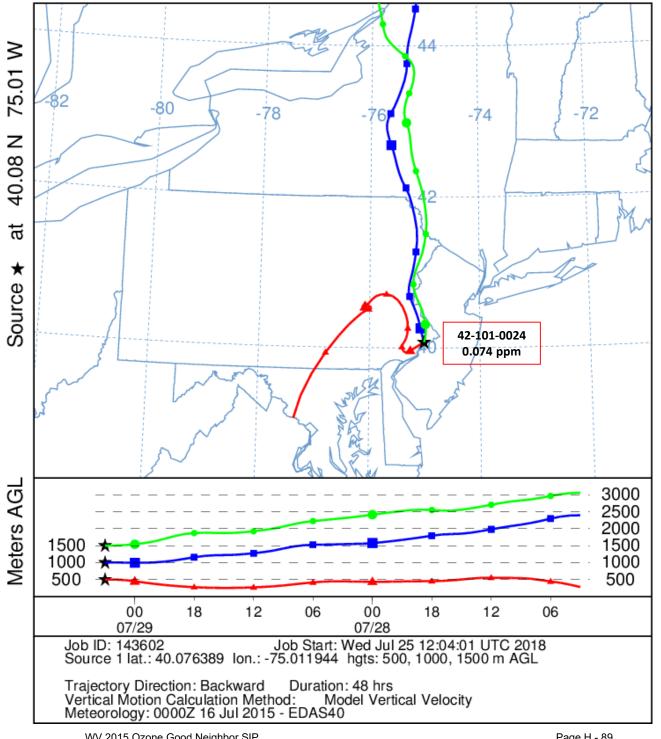
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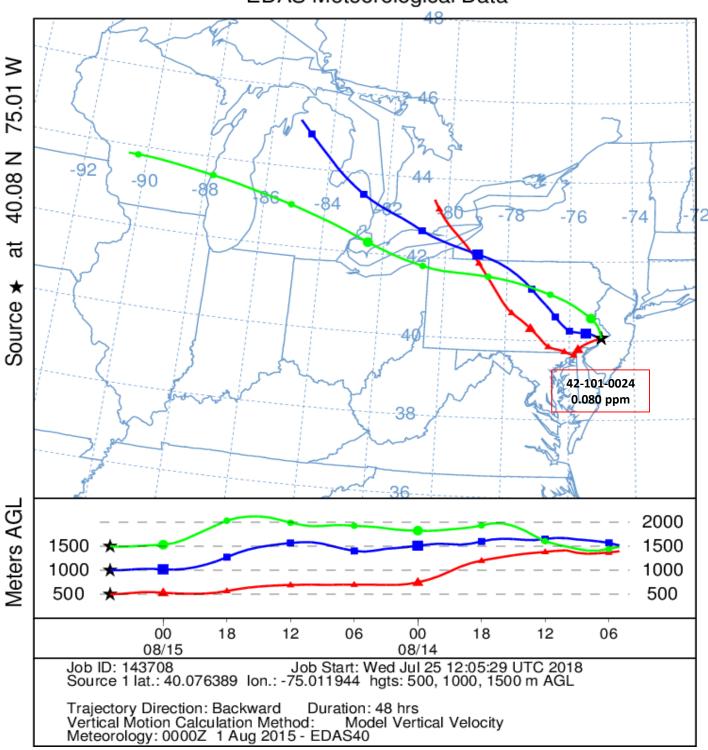
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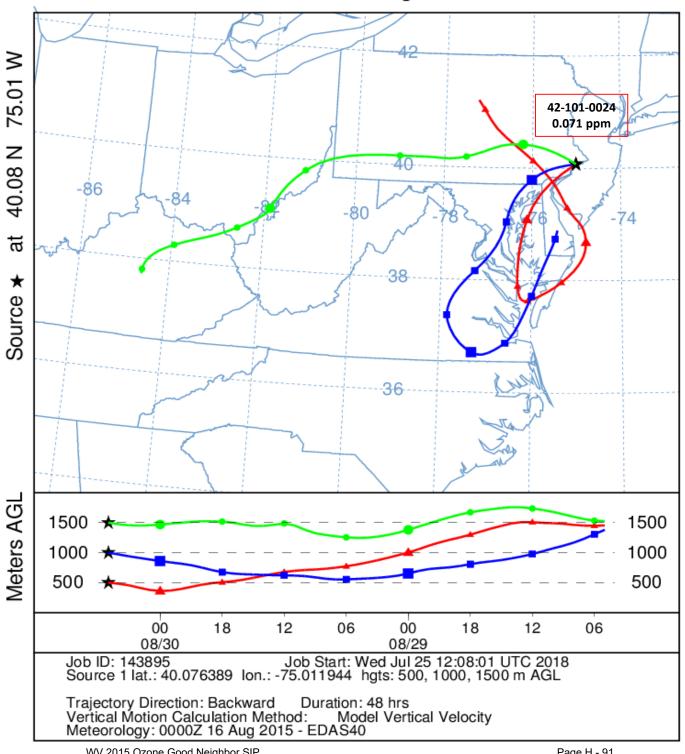
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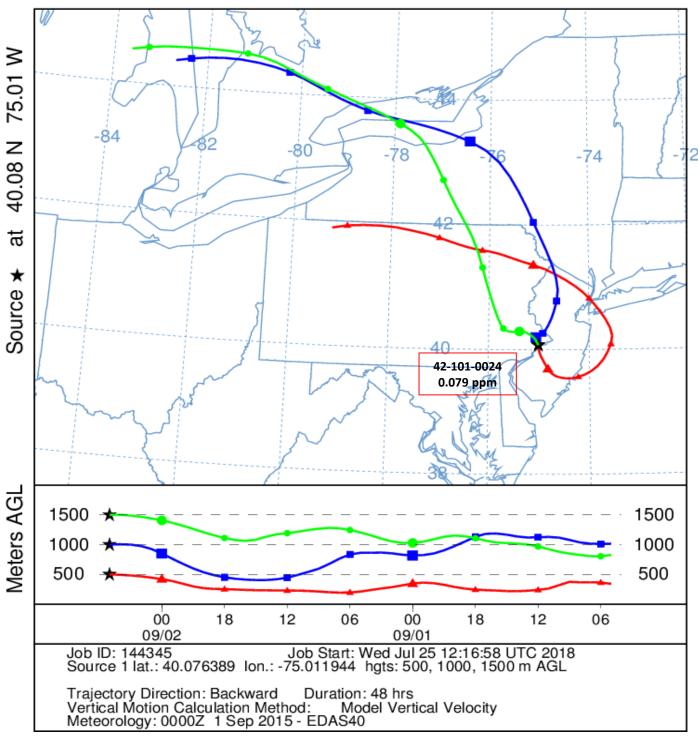
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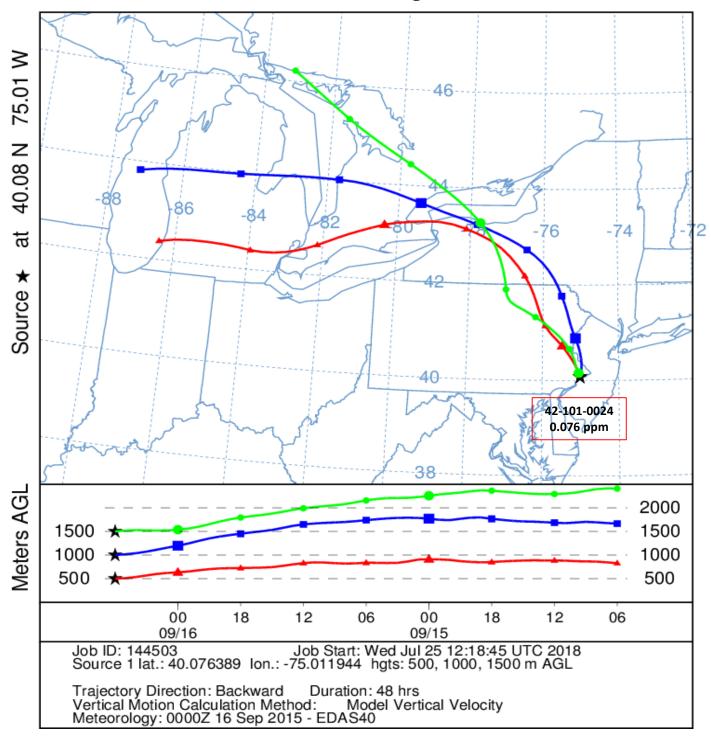
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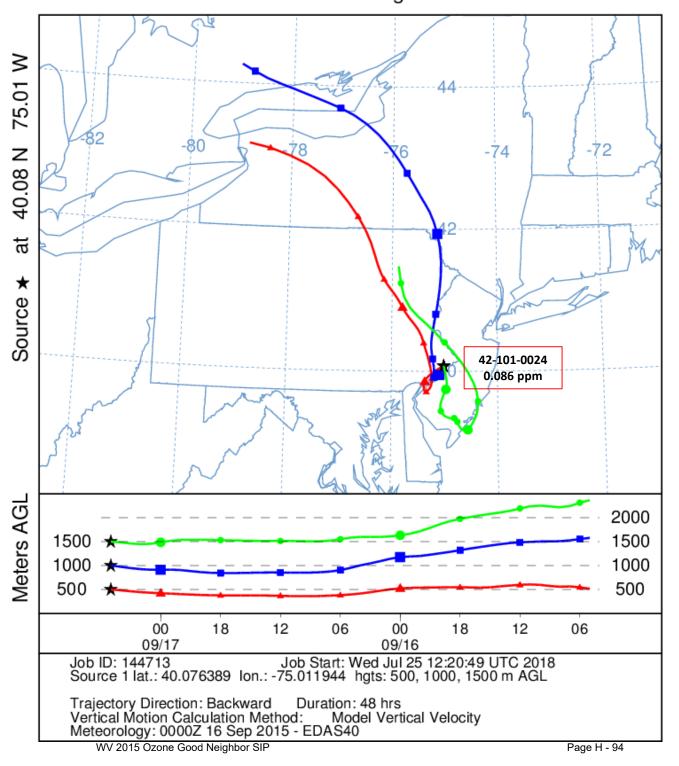
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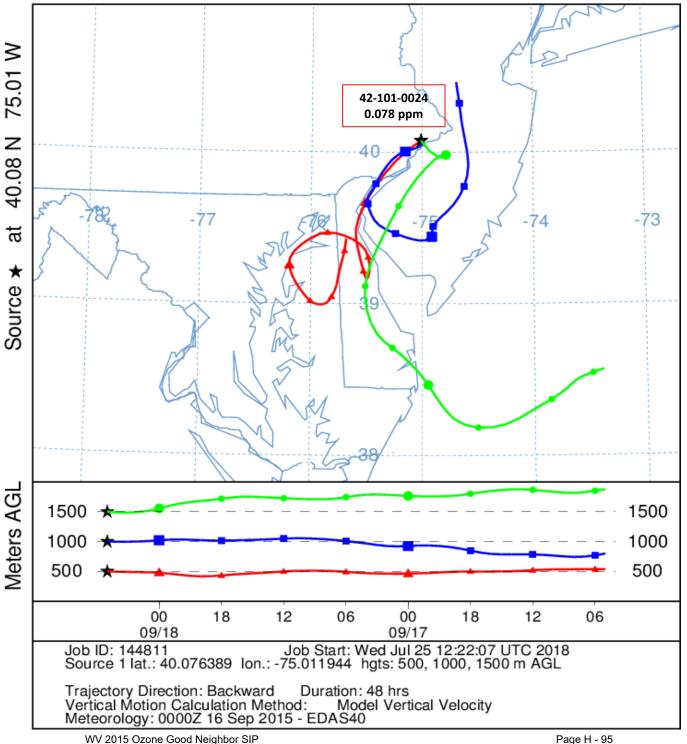
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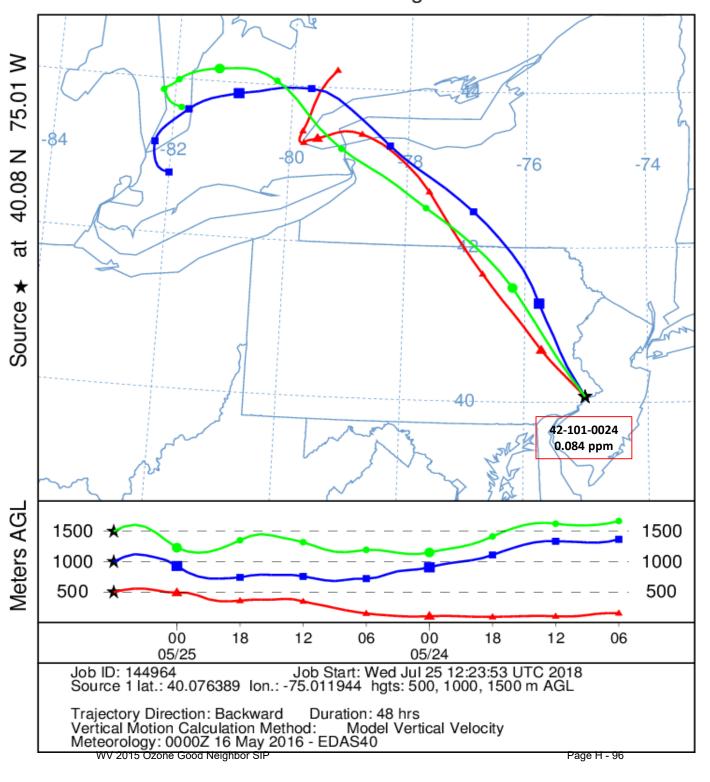
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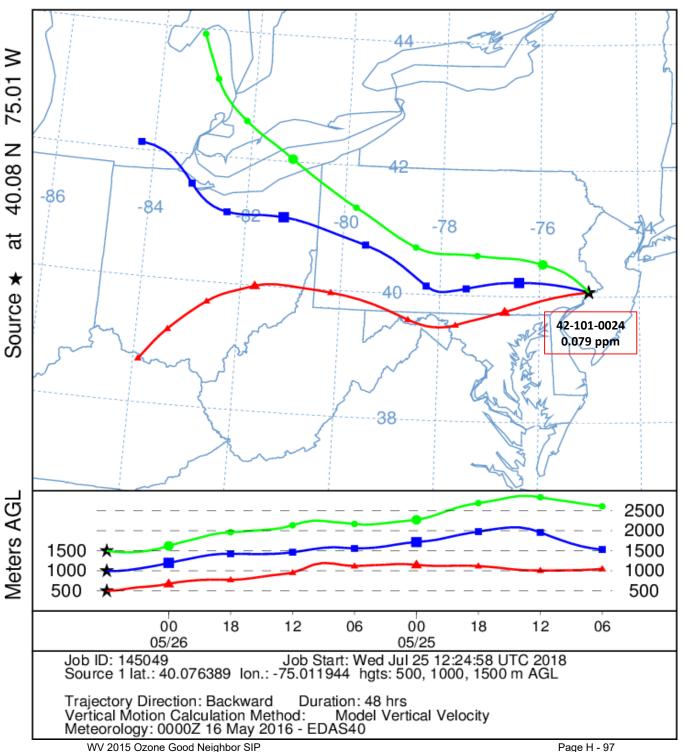
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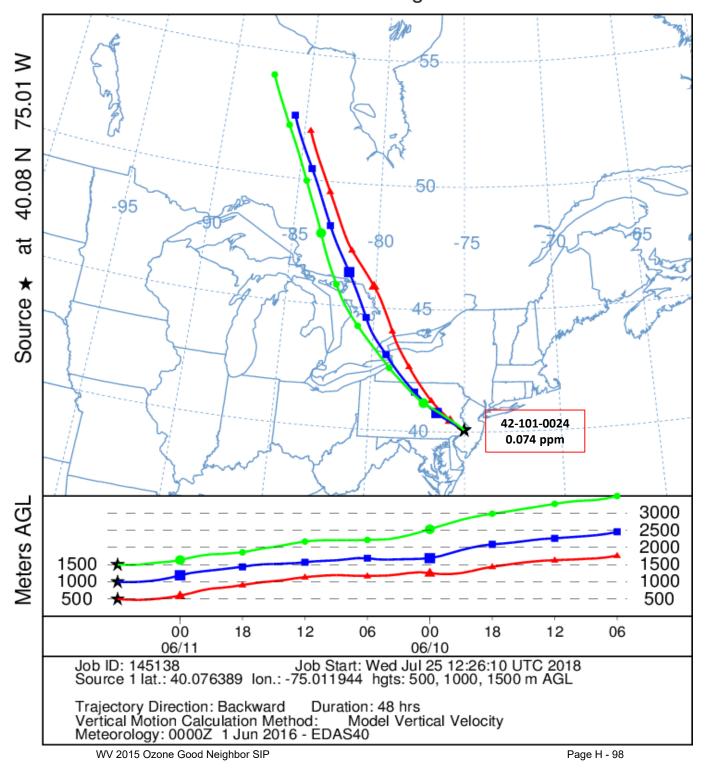
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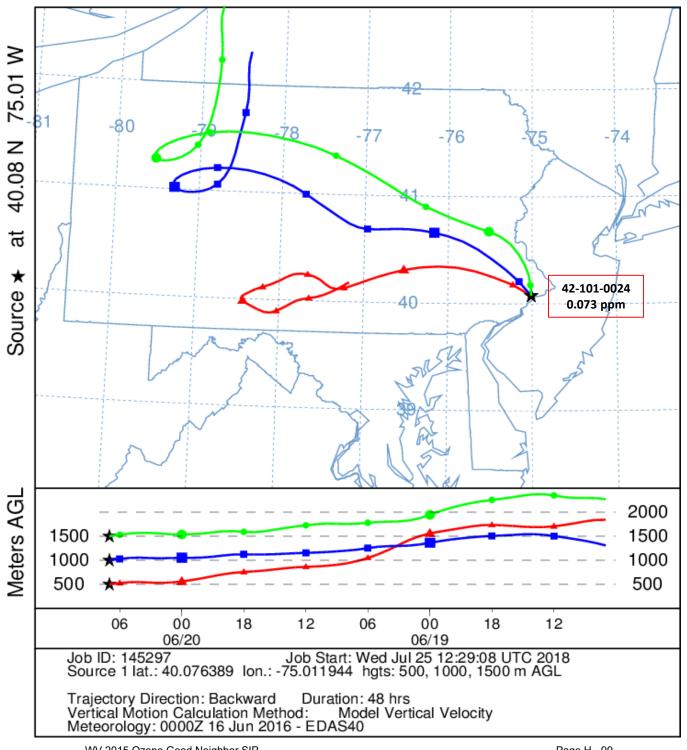
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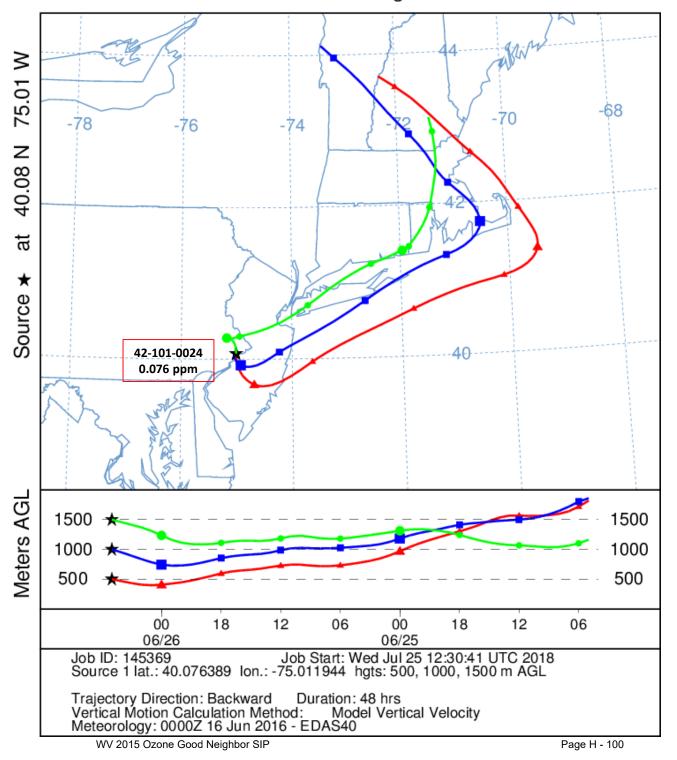
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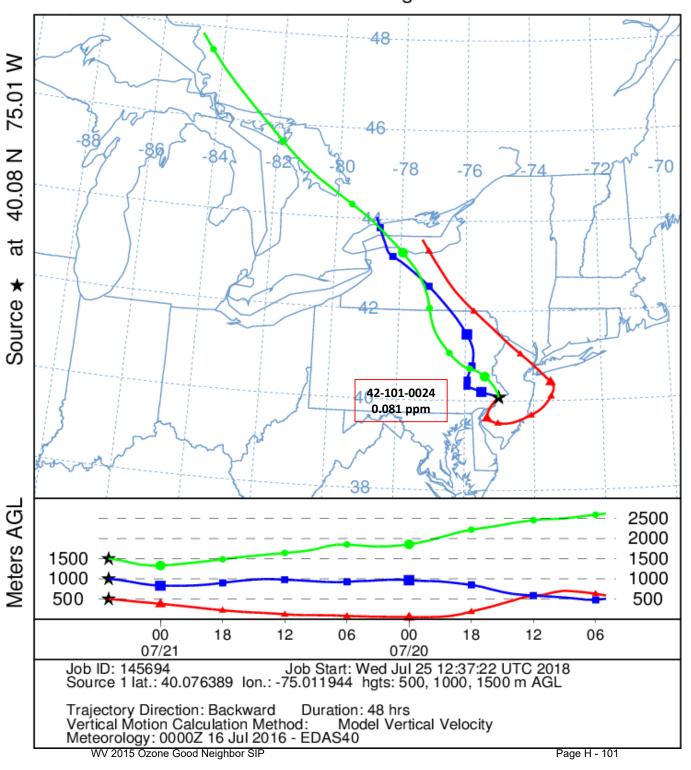
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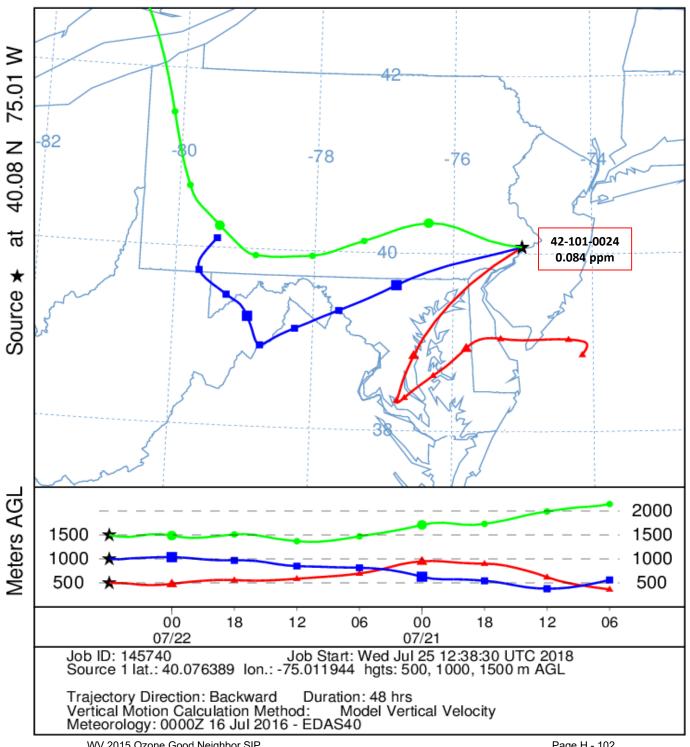
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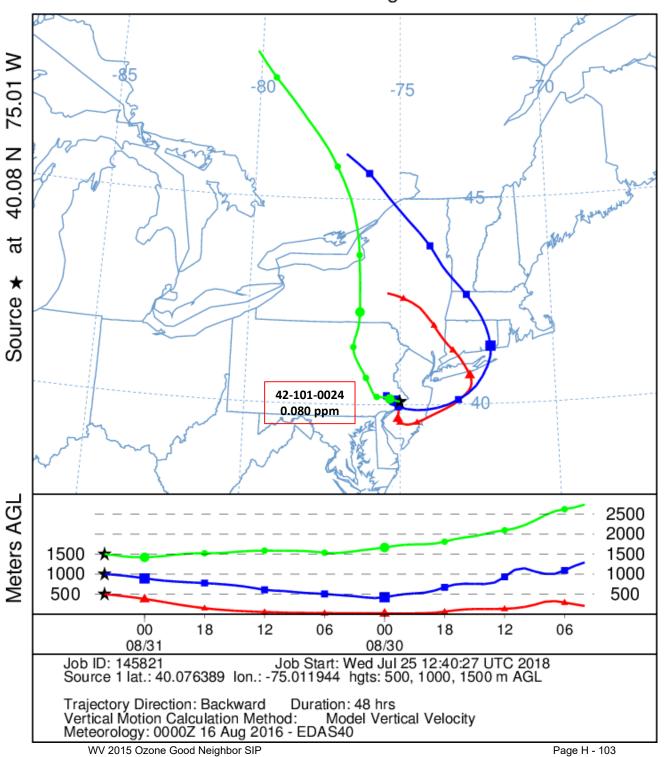
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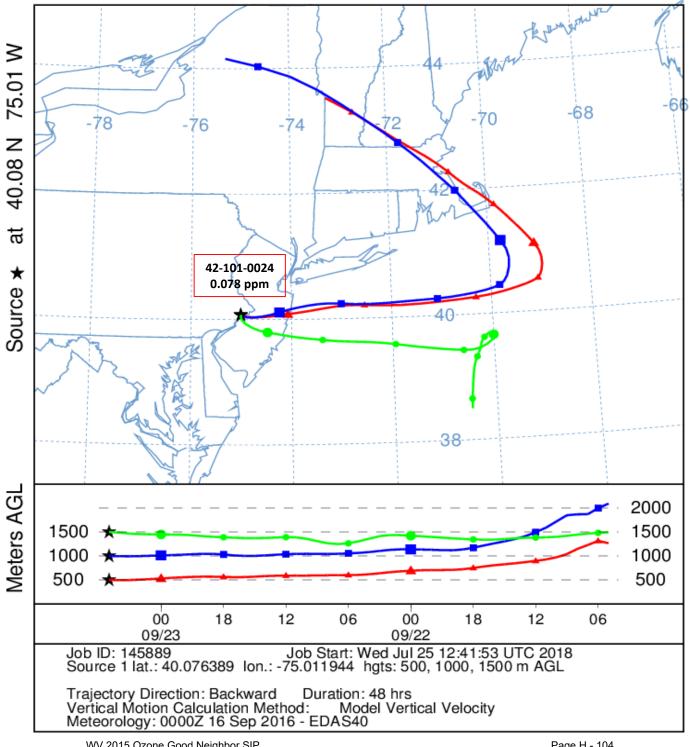
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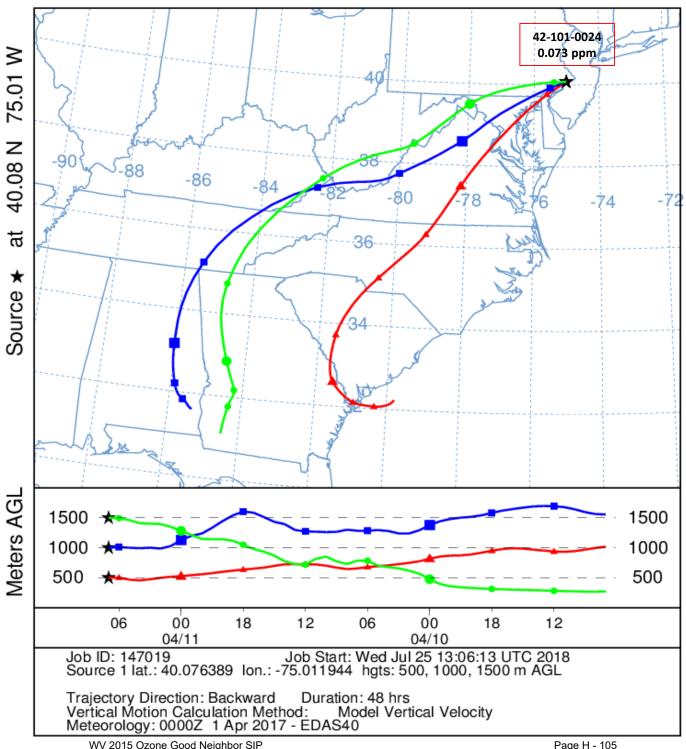
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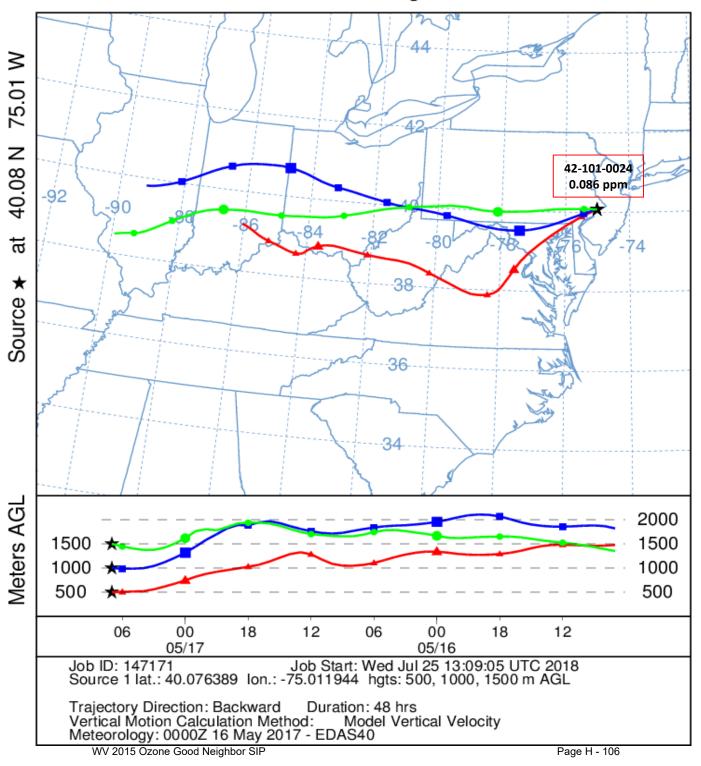
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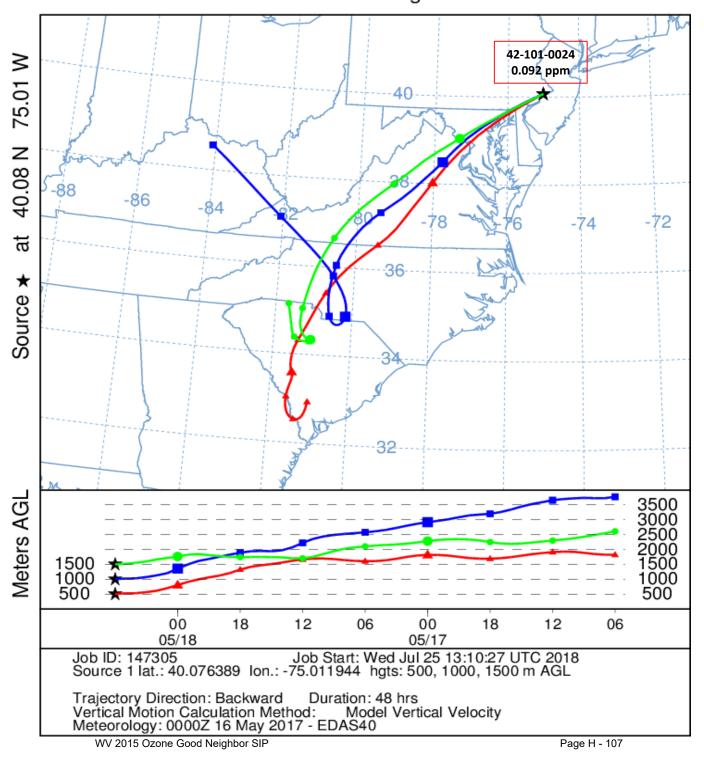
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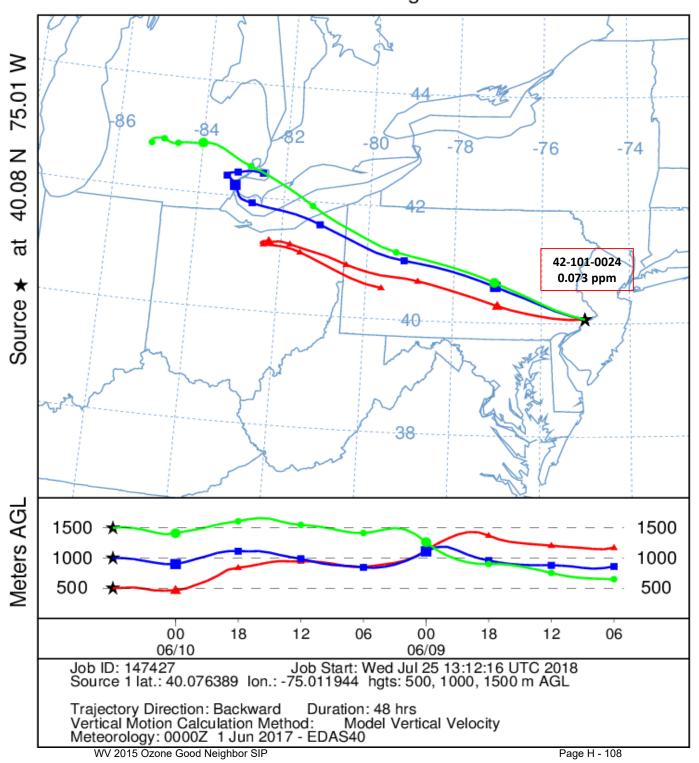
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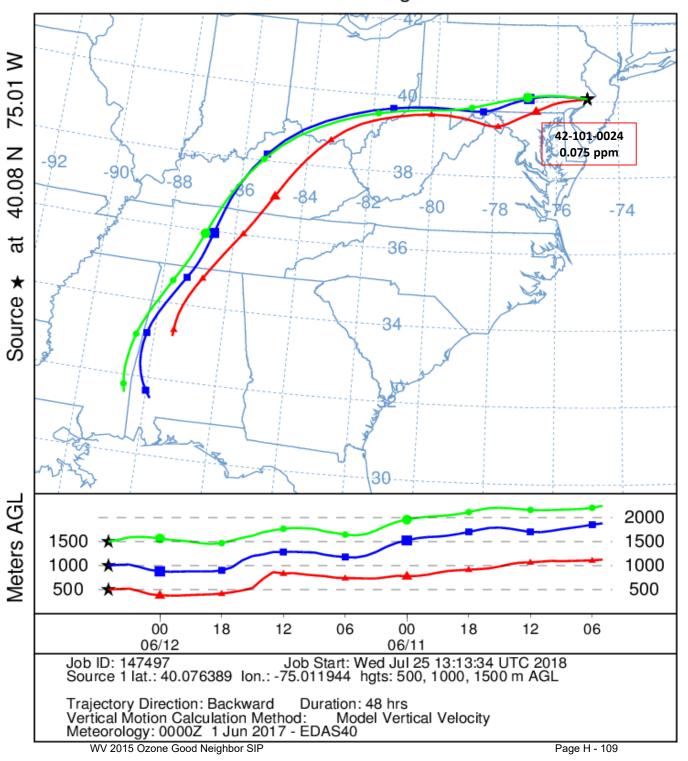
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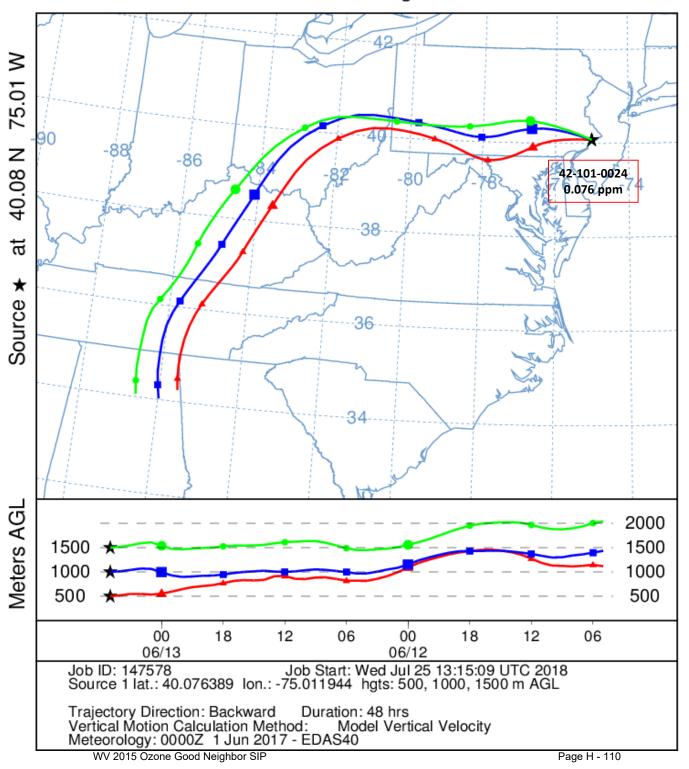
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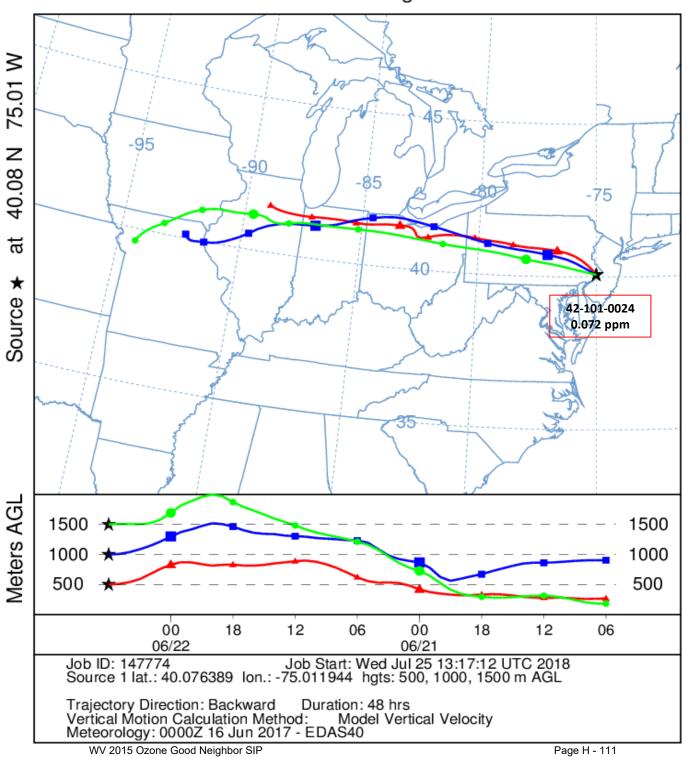
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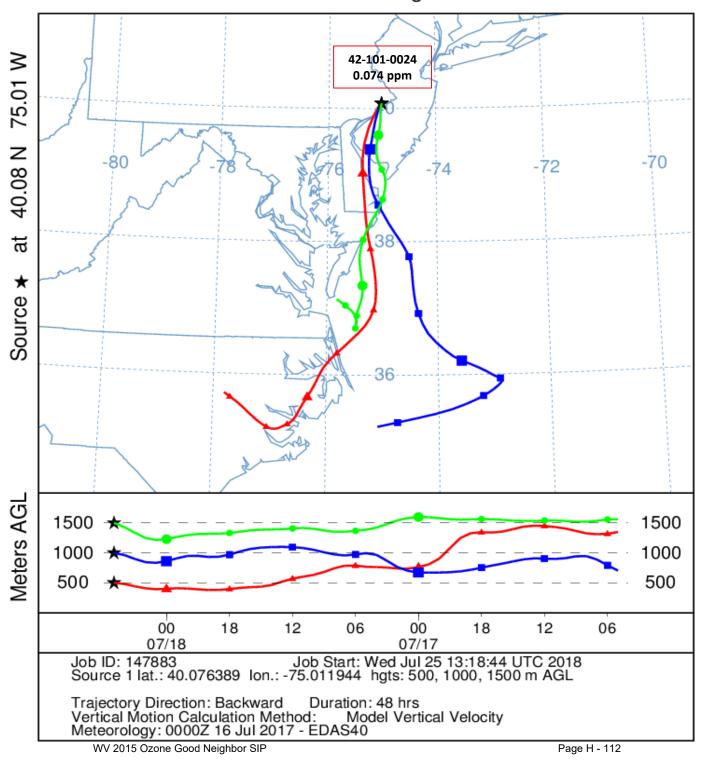
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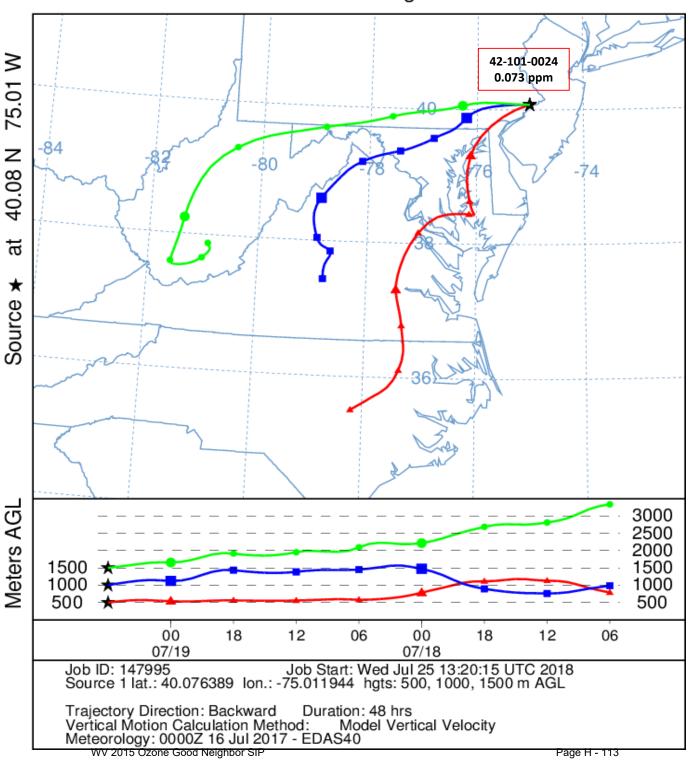
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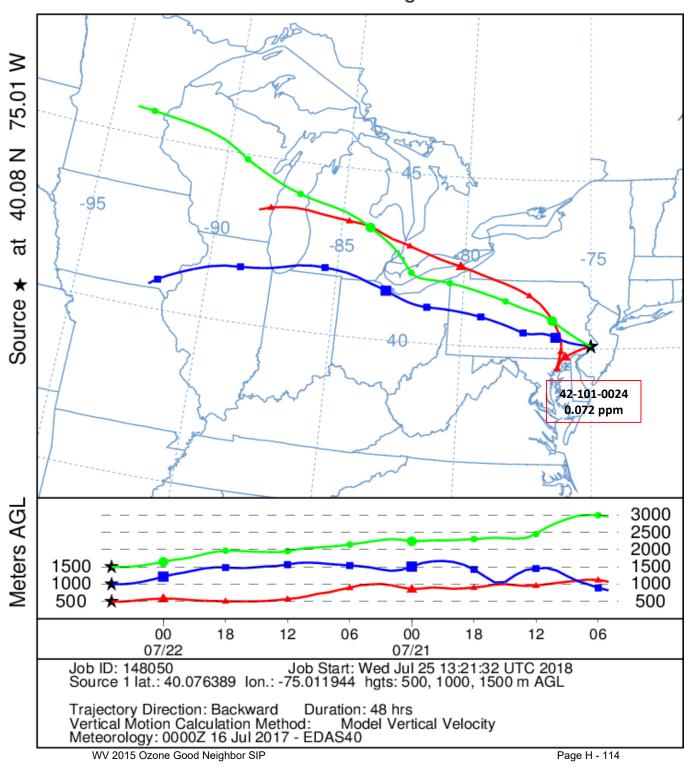
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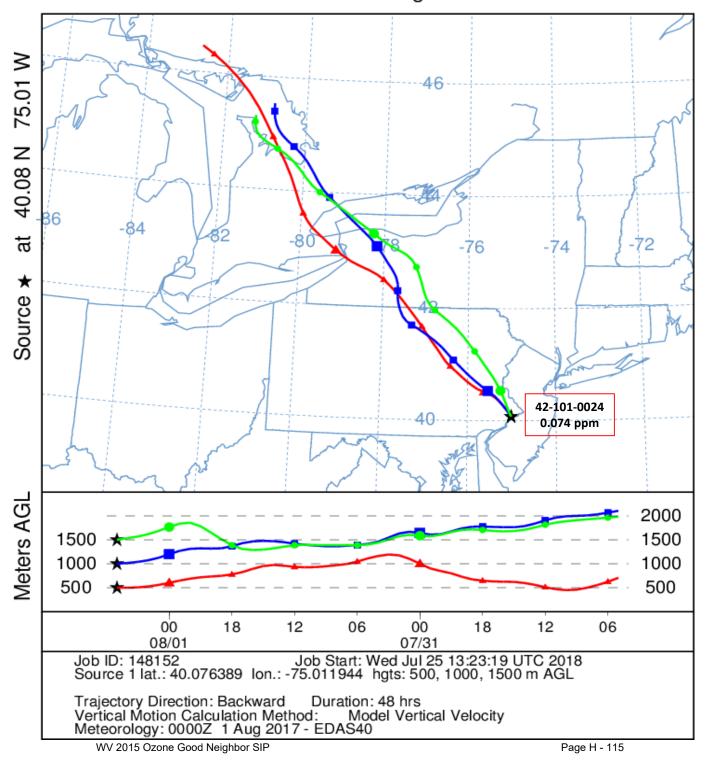
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