Bottom-up Eyewall Reconstruction of Typhoon Fanapi (2010) after Encountering the Taiwan Terrain

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Typhoon Fanapi (2010): ³⁰ Track, Radar Echo, Rainfall

Data: Central Weather Bureau (CWB), Taiwan





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Radar Observations: Liou, Wang, and Huang (2016; MWR)

Radar Reflectivity by RCCG (PPI 1.39°) at 08-13 UTC



Radial Wind by TEAM-R (RHI 0°) at 08-13 UTC



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Scientific Question:

How did Typhoon Fanapi (2010) reorganize its eyewall after crossing terrain?



Top-down? or Bottom-up?

Recall the fundamental problem for TC genesis:

TC genesis over the Ocean: Top-down? or Bottom-up?



Houze et al. (2009; MWR)

WRF Model Configuration



Domain	D01	D02	D03
Grid Size	9 km	3 km	1 km
Vertical eta layer	55		
umulus Parameterization	Grell- Devenyi	N/A	
Cloud Microphysics Parameterization	Double-moment Morrison scheme		
PBL Parameterization	YSU scheme		
Long-wave Radiation Parameterization	RRTM scheme		
Short-wave Radiation Parameterization	Dudhia scheme		
Initial/Boundary Condition	ECMWF 1.125 degree resolution, every 6 hours		

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Observed vs. Simulated Tracks



0% terrain 50% terrain 100% terrain/CTL CWB Best-track

Radar Reflectivity Composite

Data: Central Weather Bureau









WRF Simulation









Vertical Wind Shear between Z = 2 km and $Z = 5 \text{ km} (V_{2\text{km}} - V_{5\text{km}})$

Multiple-Doppler analysis by Liou et al. (2016)

WRF Simulation





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Horizontal Wind at Z = 2 km

Multiple-Doppler radar synthesis by Liou et al. (2016; MWR)













Upward transport of southerly with time

Analysis by Liou et al. (2016; MWR)



WRF/100%TERRAIN (CTL)









WRF/50% TERRAIN









WRF/50% TERRAIN



WRF/0% TERRAIN











Hence and Houze (2008; JGR)



(b) 1100 UTC

8000

7000

6000

5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

W

140

160

180

200

m/s

50

40

30

20

10

-10

-20

-30

-40

-50

220 E

Typhoon Fanapi (2010)

Conceptual Model for the Bottom-up Eyewall Reorganization of TC Fanapi









Conclusions:

- The low-level cyclonic vorticity over the western side of CMR was formed by the vortex-tube stretching when the Fanapi vortex had not completely passed over the CMR.
- A southerly jet was formed along the western foothill of CMR as the SHWM within the principal rainband encountered the CMR. The tilting of horizontal vortex tube within the SHWM by the horizontal gradient of vertical velocity (downslope winds above the CMR and convective updrafts within the rainband) produced strong vertical vorticity in the western foothill and plane. The low-level vertical vorticity was later transported upward through vertical advection and then connected with the mid-level TC vortex circulation.
- Through the vorticity-budget analyses and terrain sensitivity experiments, it is found that the bottom-up processes is active to reorganize the eyewall when Typhoon Fanapi was over the southwestern plain of the CMR.

Thanks for your attention