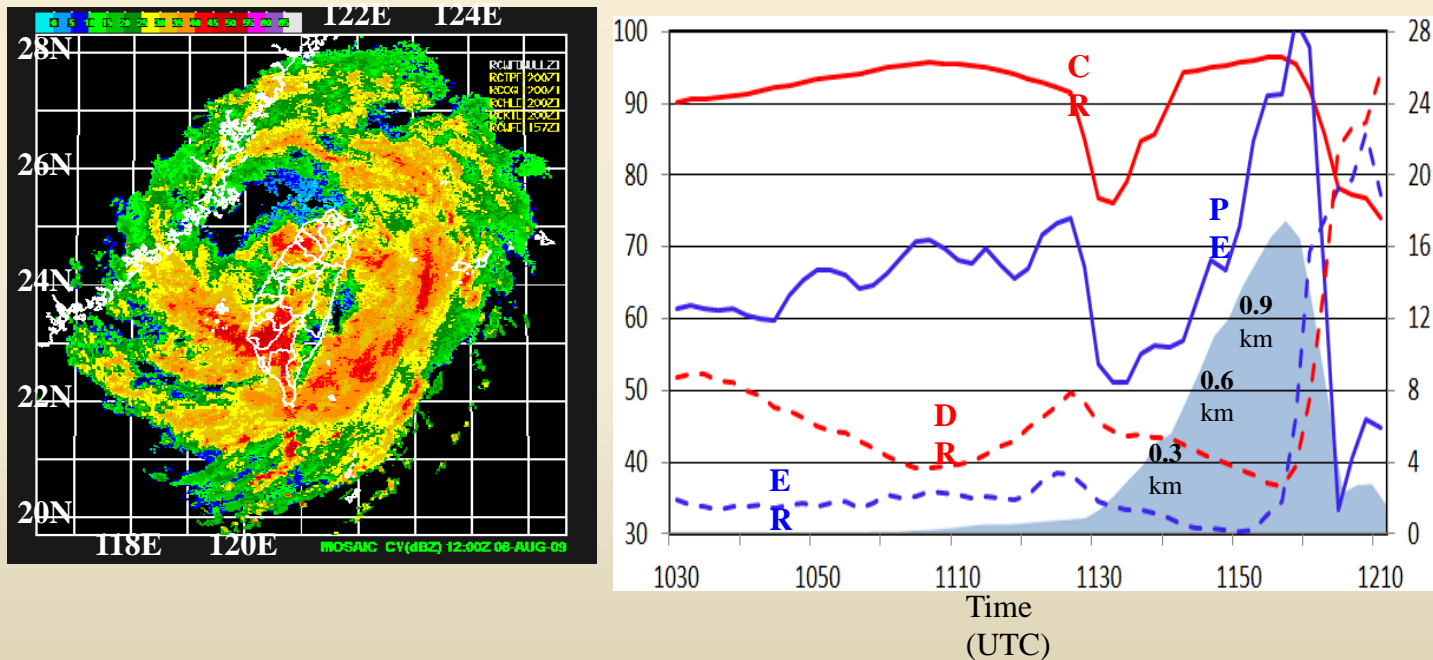


# Water Budget and Precipitation Efficiency of Typhoon Morakot (2009)

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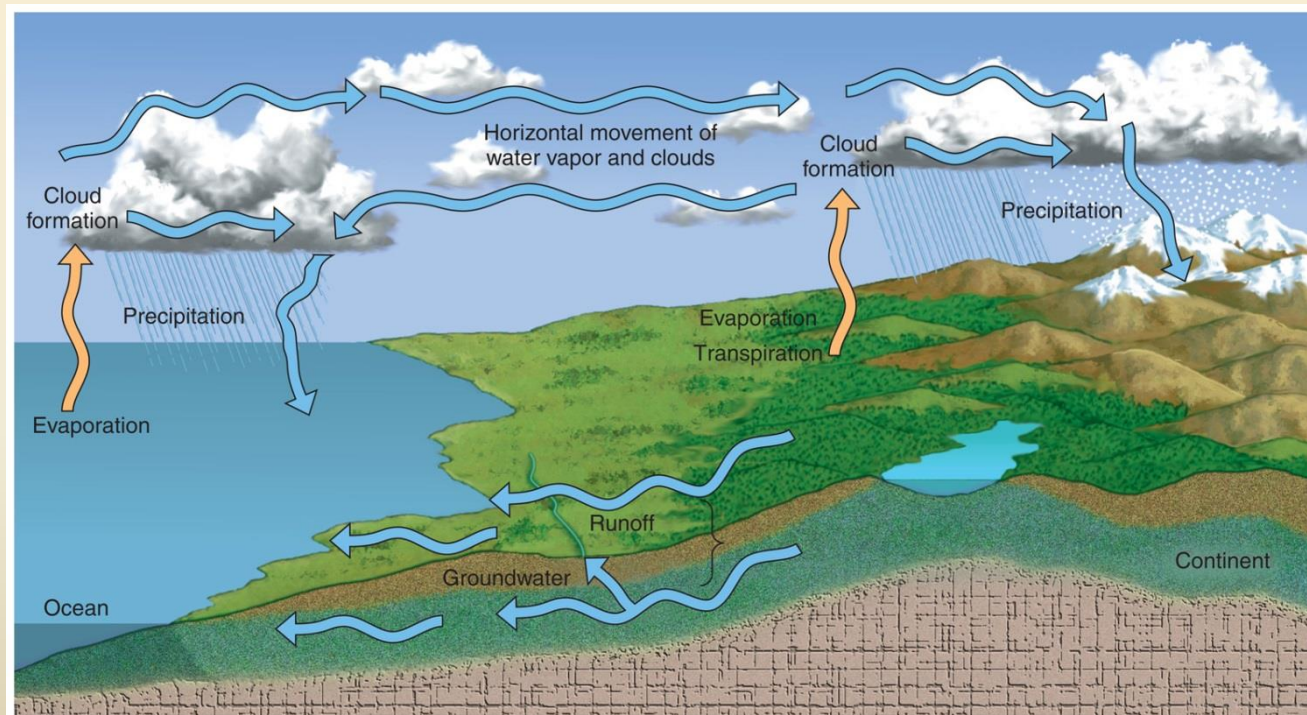


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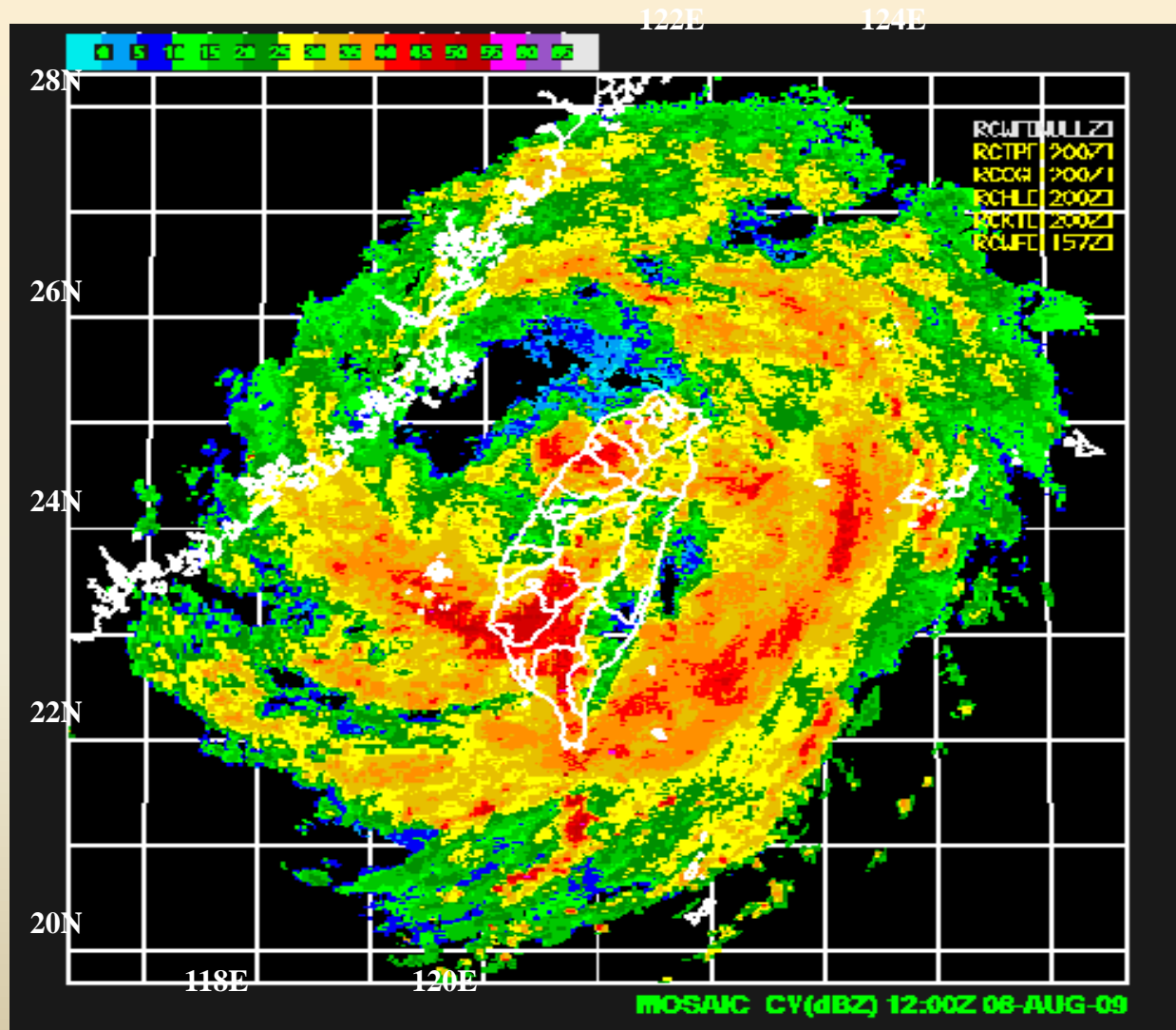
# Hydrological Cycle and Precipitation Efficiency

- The **occurrence of precipitation** is determined by the **environmental dynamics** and **microphysics** of weather and climate systems.
- **Precipitation efficiency (PE)** is used to evaluate **how efficiently the convective system produces precipitation**.

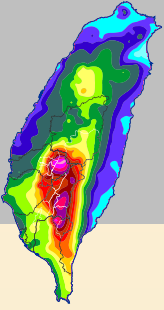
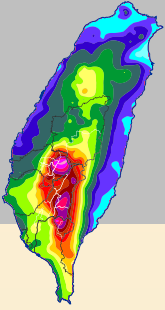


# Typhoon Morakot (2009)

## Radar Reflectivity Composite



# Uniqueness of Typhoon Morakot



- 1. Morakot occurred in a dry monsoon season**
- 2. Long duration and record-breaking rainfall (> 3 m)**
- 3. Weakening steering flow; small translation speed;  
long influencing time (> 64 hours)**
- 4. Asymmetric precipitation structure embedded in  
large-scale convection zone**
- 5. Coexistence of southwesterly monsoon and typhoon**
- 6. Continuous formation of outer rainbands**
- 7. Mountain lifting effect**

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TAO Special Issue on Typhoon Morakot (Wu and Yang 2011)

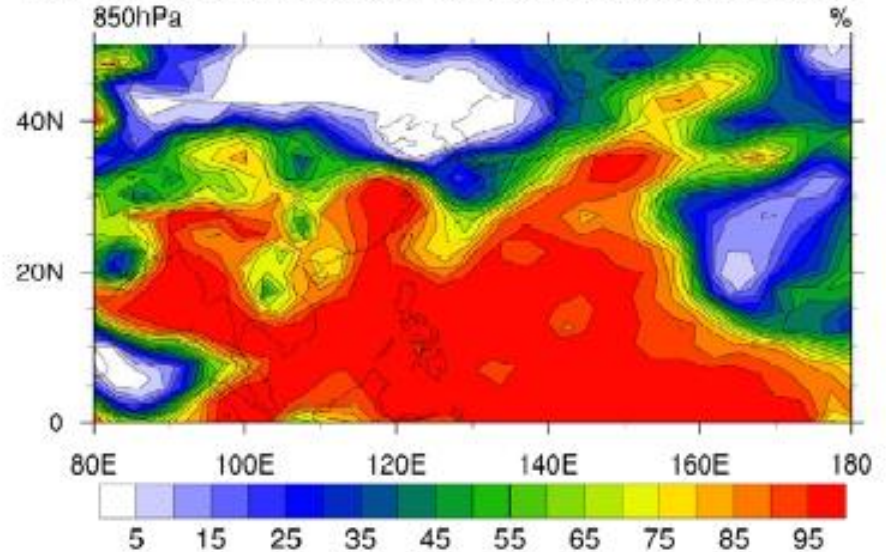
# SST and Precipitation

How anomalous was the 2009 typhoon season?

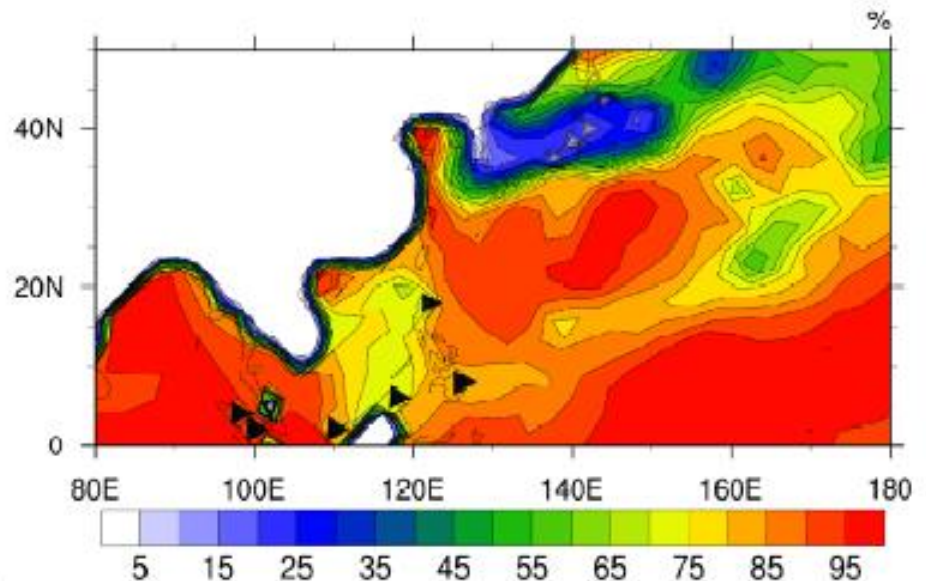
- humid, high SST > PR95
- but less precipitation < PR10

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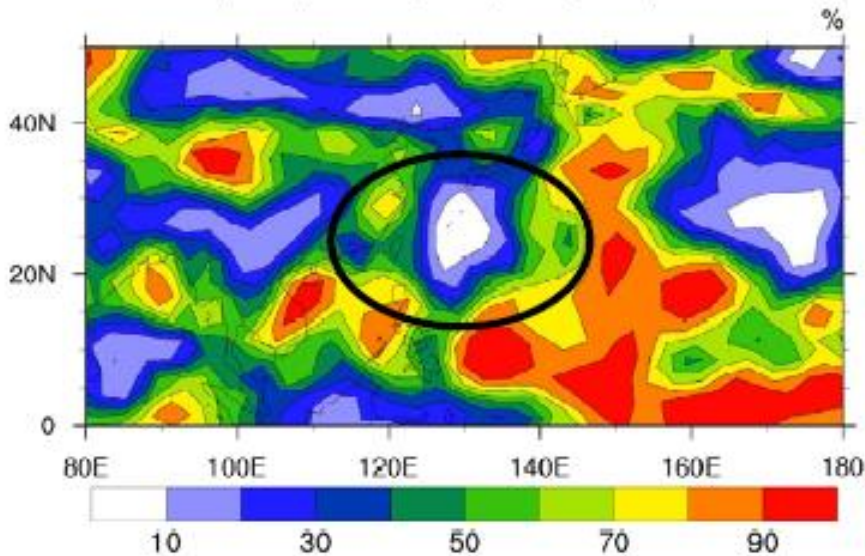
NCEP 850hPa Specific Humidity percentile, Jul-Sep 2009, base period 1948-2009



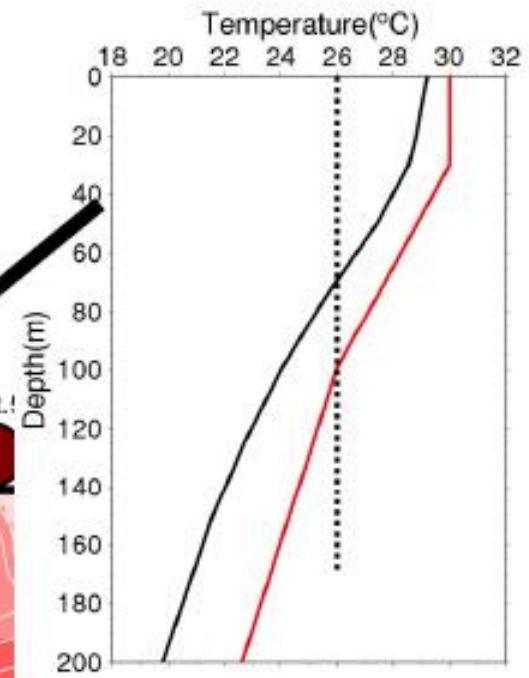
NOAA SST Percentile, Jul-Sep 2009, base period 1854-2009



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*Warm eddy provides favourable  
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development before landfall*

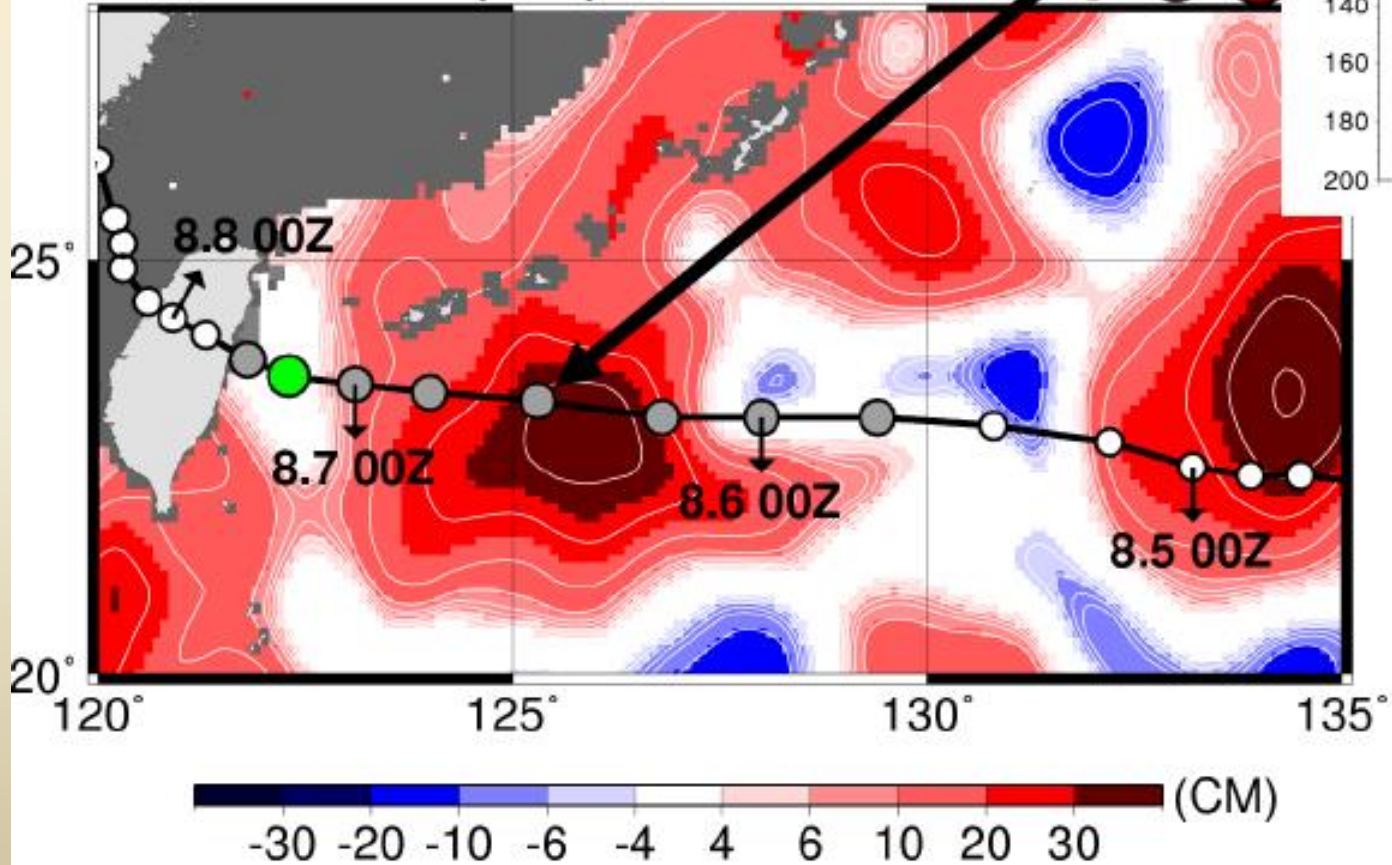


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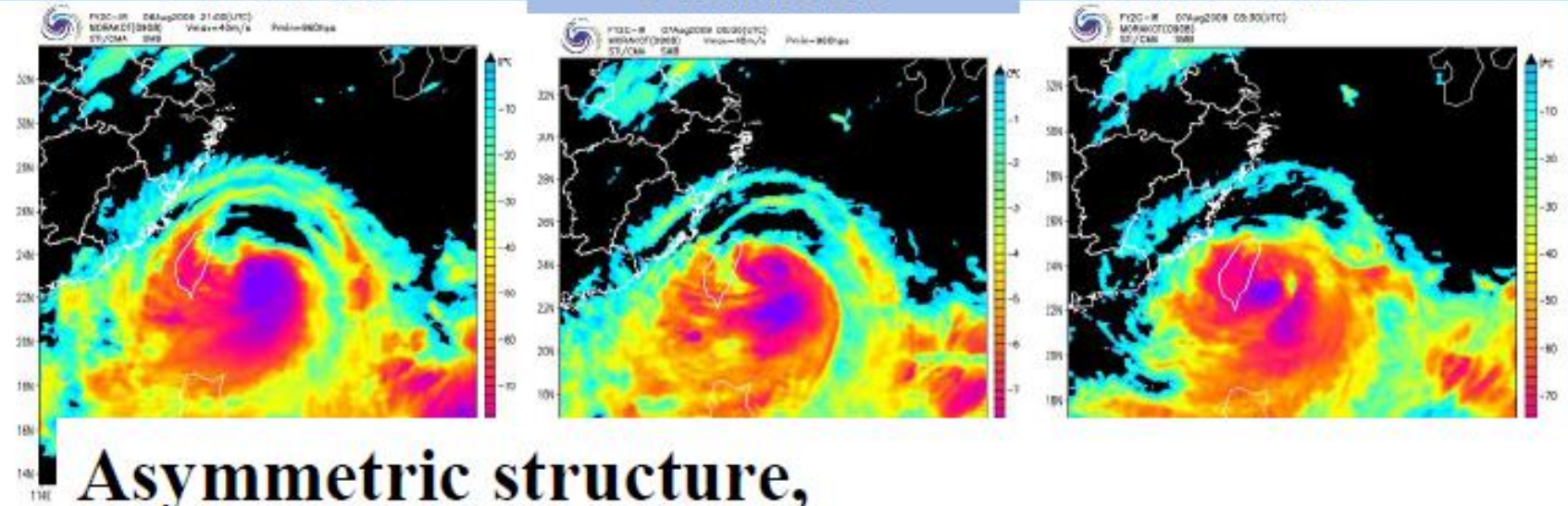


# Structure of Morakot while landfalling Taiwan

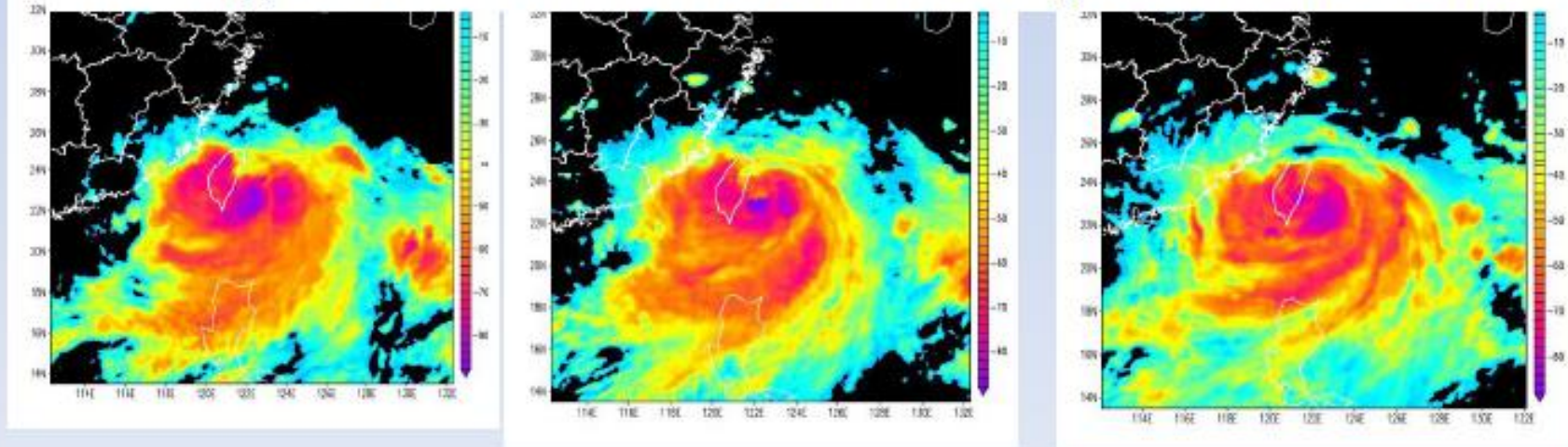
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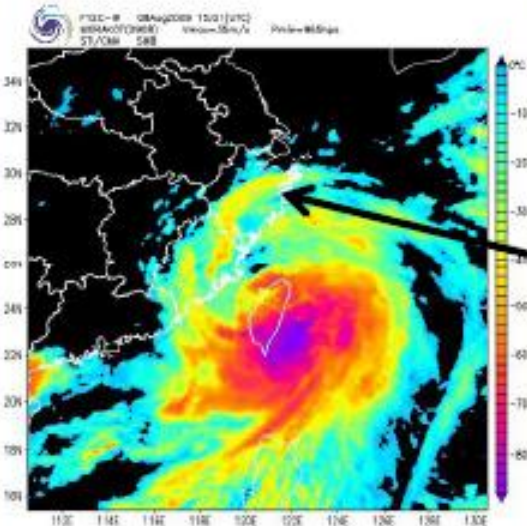
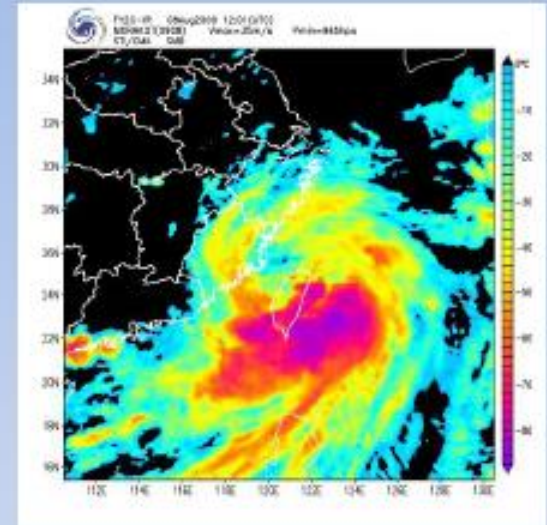
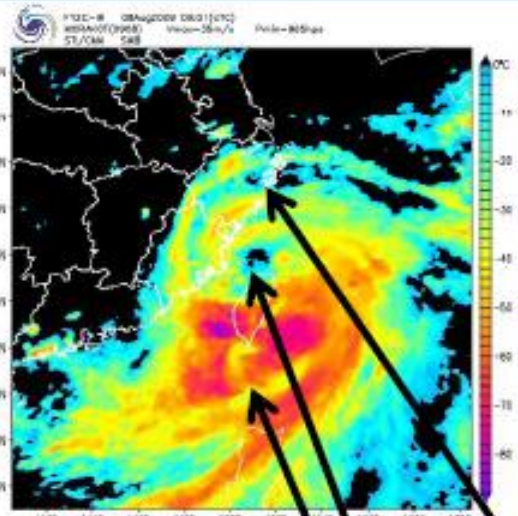
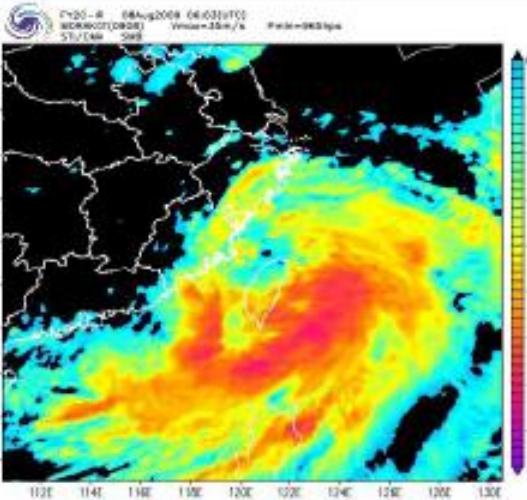
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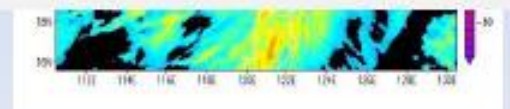
**Asymmetric structure,  
strong convective in the south part of Morakot**



# Structure of Morakot in the Taiwan strait



loose structure,  
hollow and big eye  
asymmetric structure  
spiral rainband



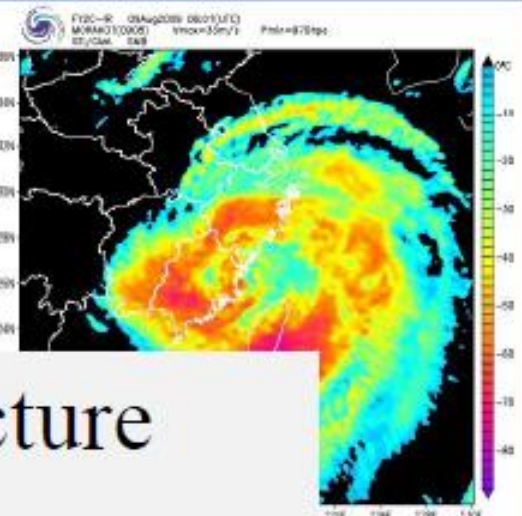
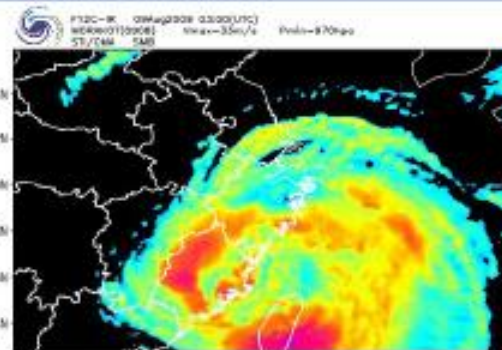


# Structure of Morakot while landfalling China mainland

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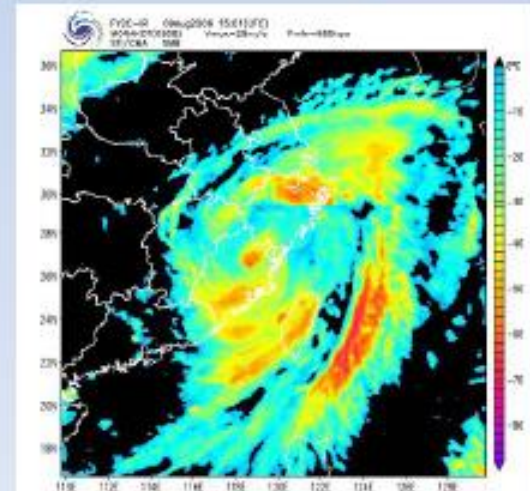
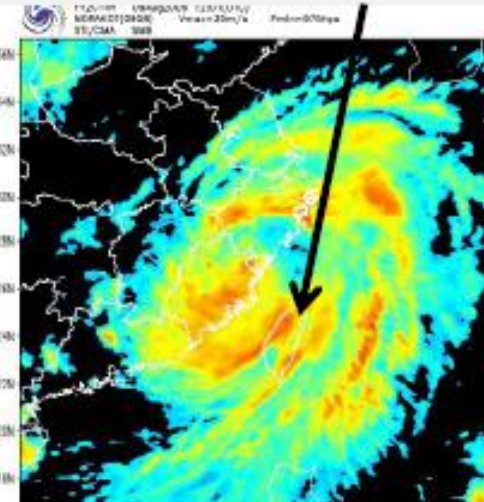
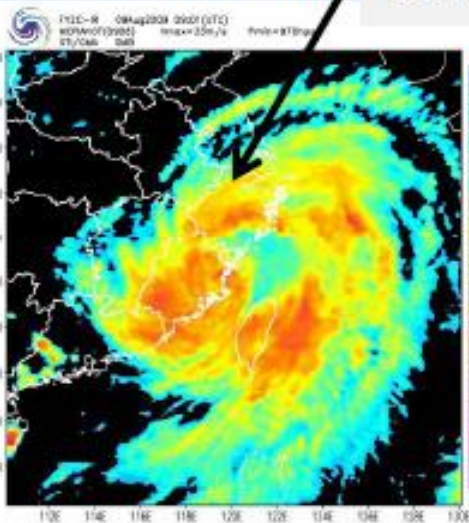
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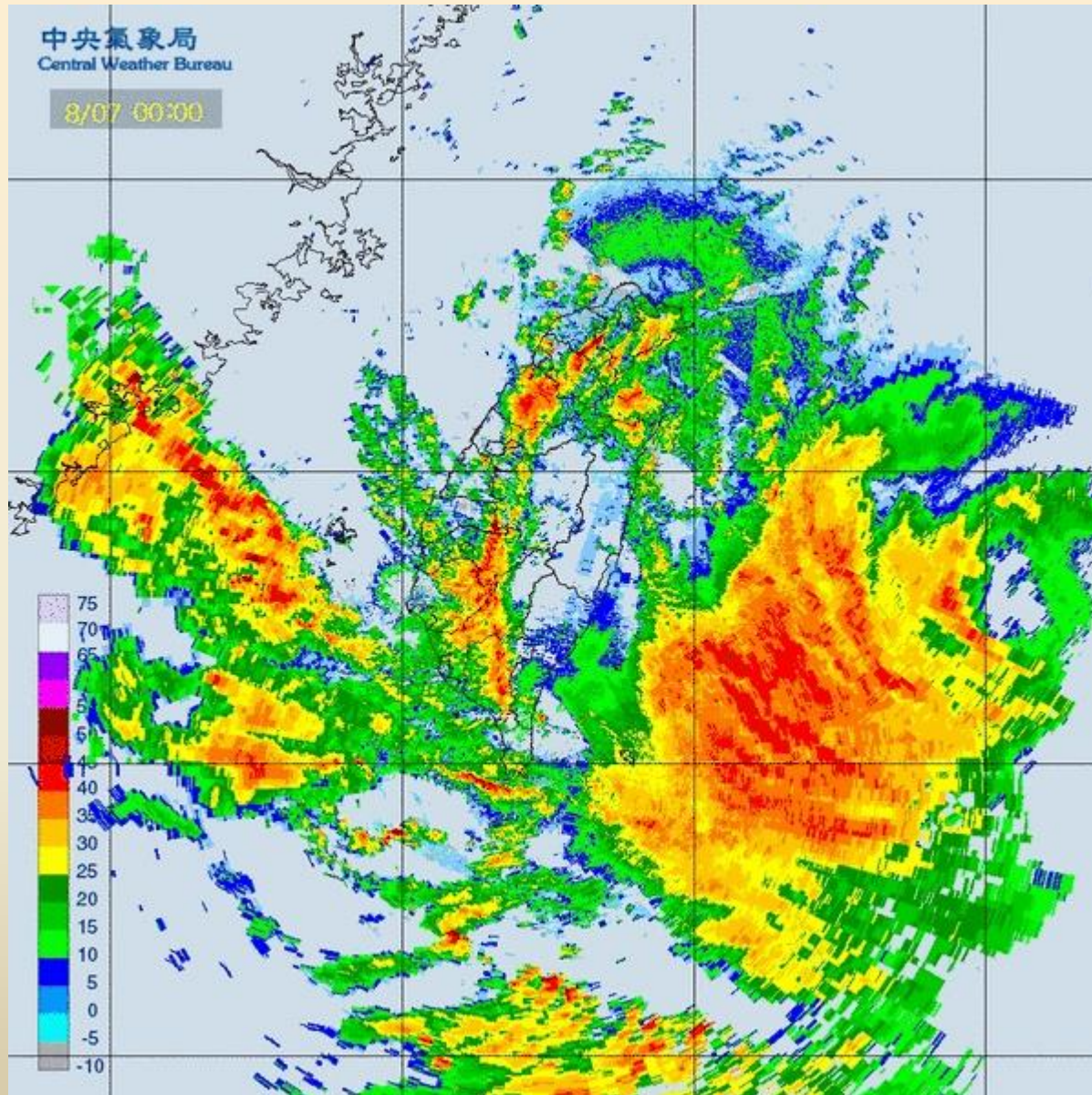


Disorganization structure  
decreased convection

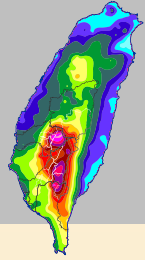
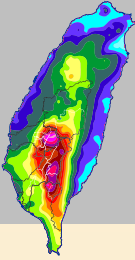
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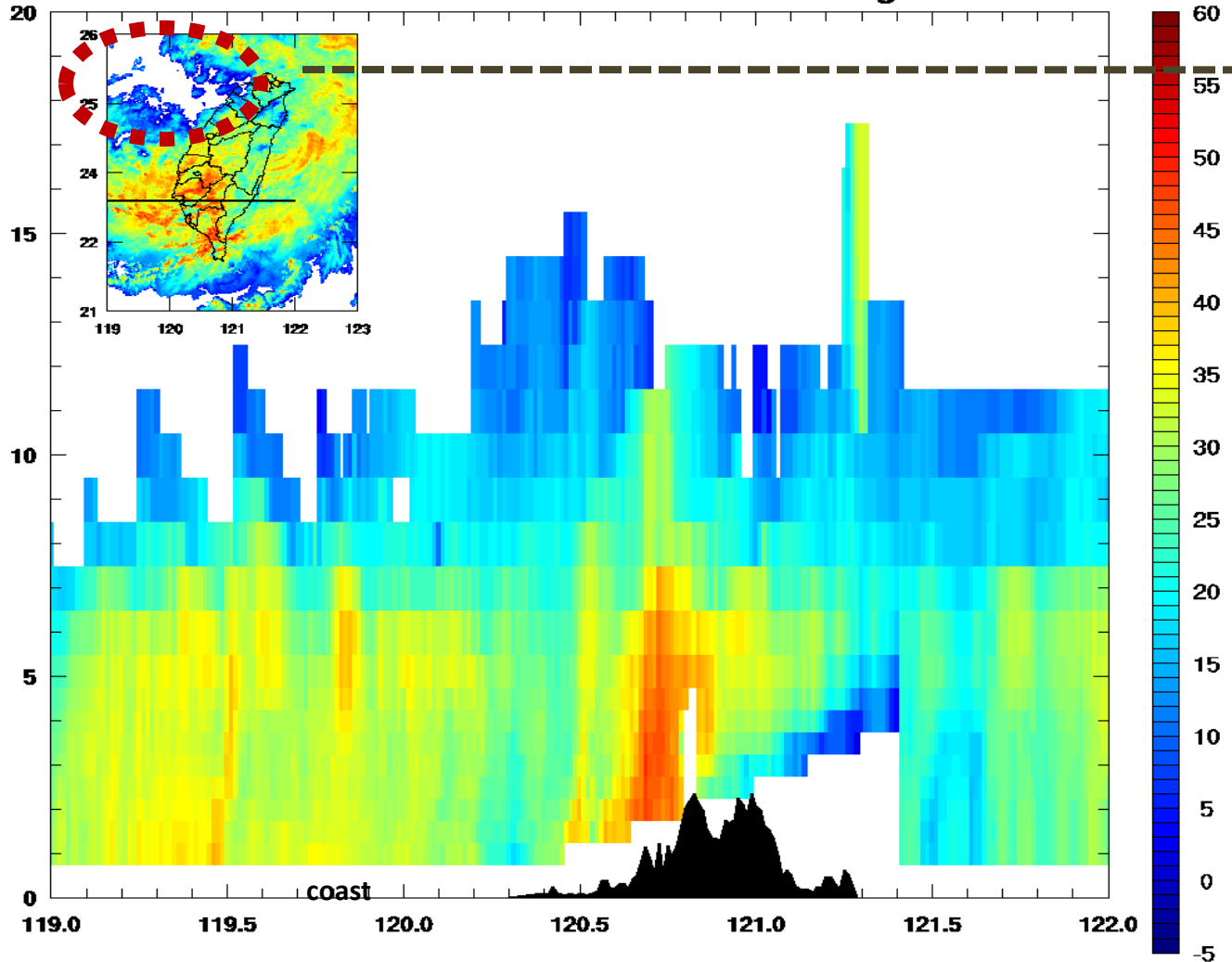
# Radar Reflectivity Loop of Morakot (2009)



# Continuous formation of the outer rainbands over the Taiwan Strait



CWB QPESUMS Composite 3D Refl X Cross  
2009/08/08 20:00 Lat = 23.00 AvgNum = 5



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## Typhoon Morakot (2009)

before



after



<http://daveslandslideblog.blogspot.com/>

More than 100 houses affected

Over all in Taiwan: Life losses close to 700.

# Morakot

- 614 deaths confirmed, 92 still reported as missing.
  - More than 1.6 million people evacuated.
  - Direct economic loss estimated at US\$ 5.3 billion.
- (UN OCHA report) (over Taiwan and mainland China)





災前10米寬

千萬別小看大自然的力量！

Before



金峰鄉



災後800米寬

After



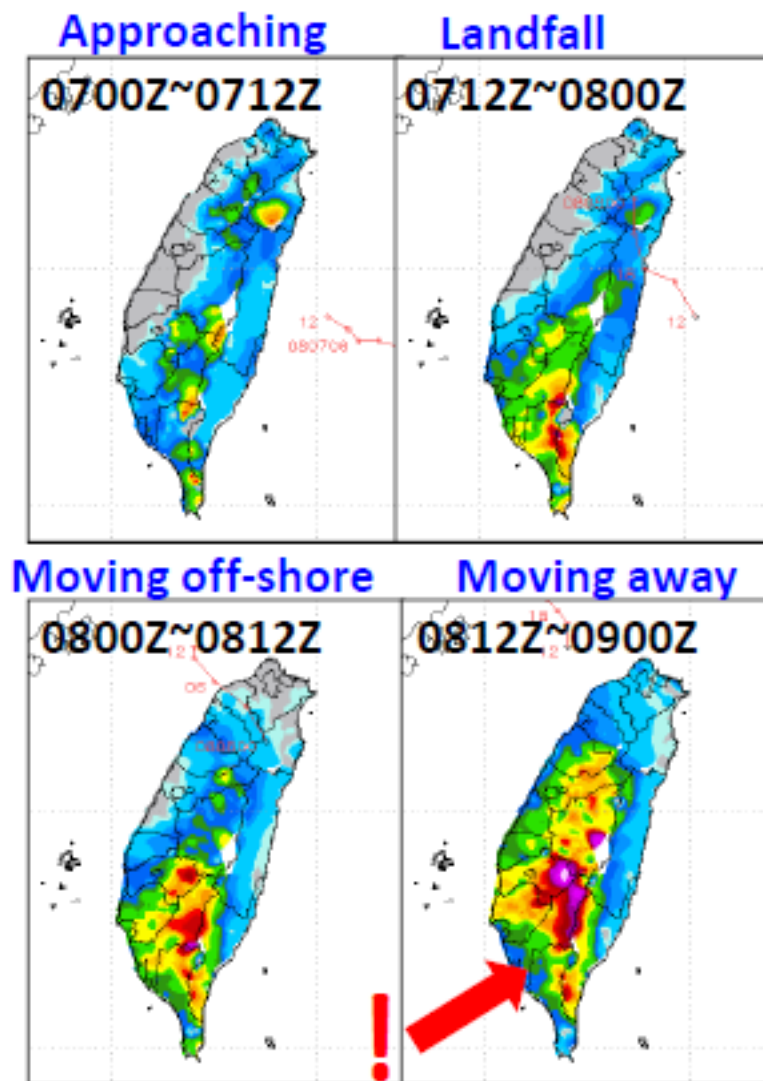
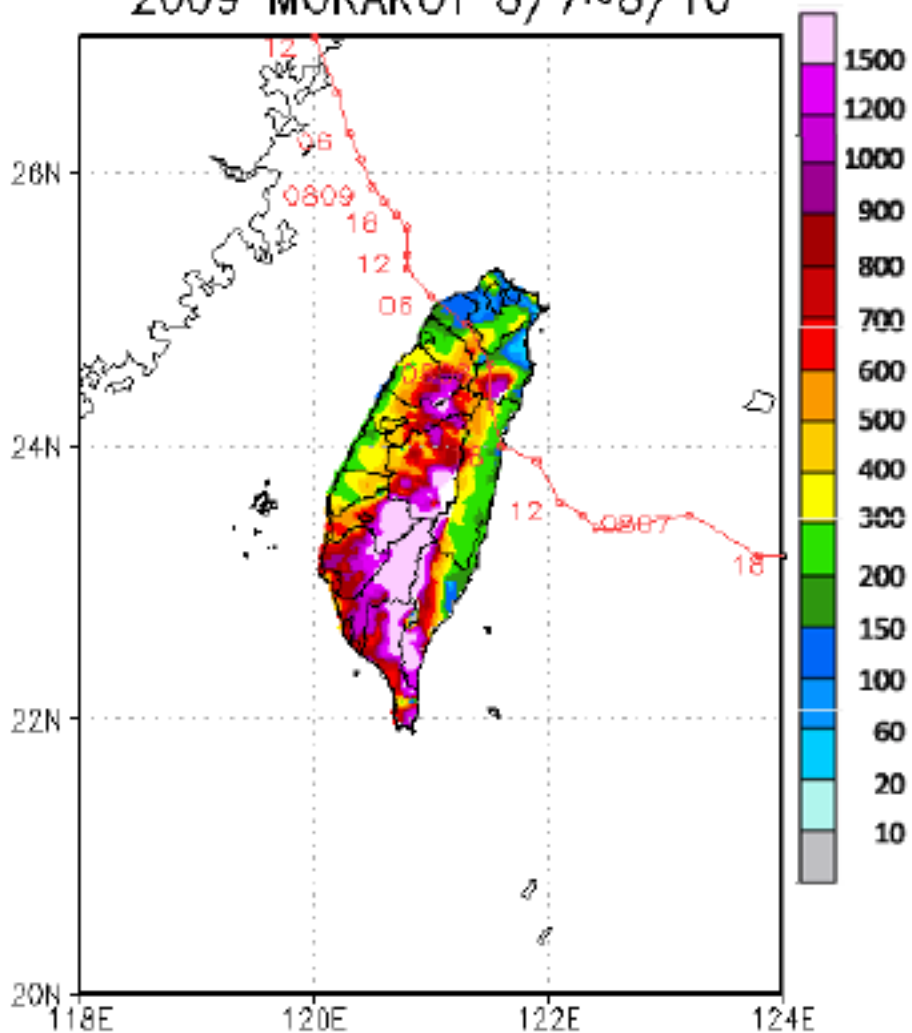
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# Rainfall during the Morakot period

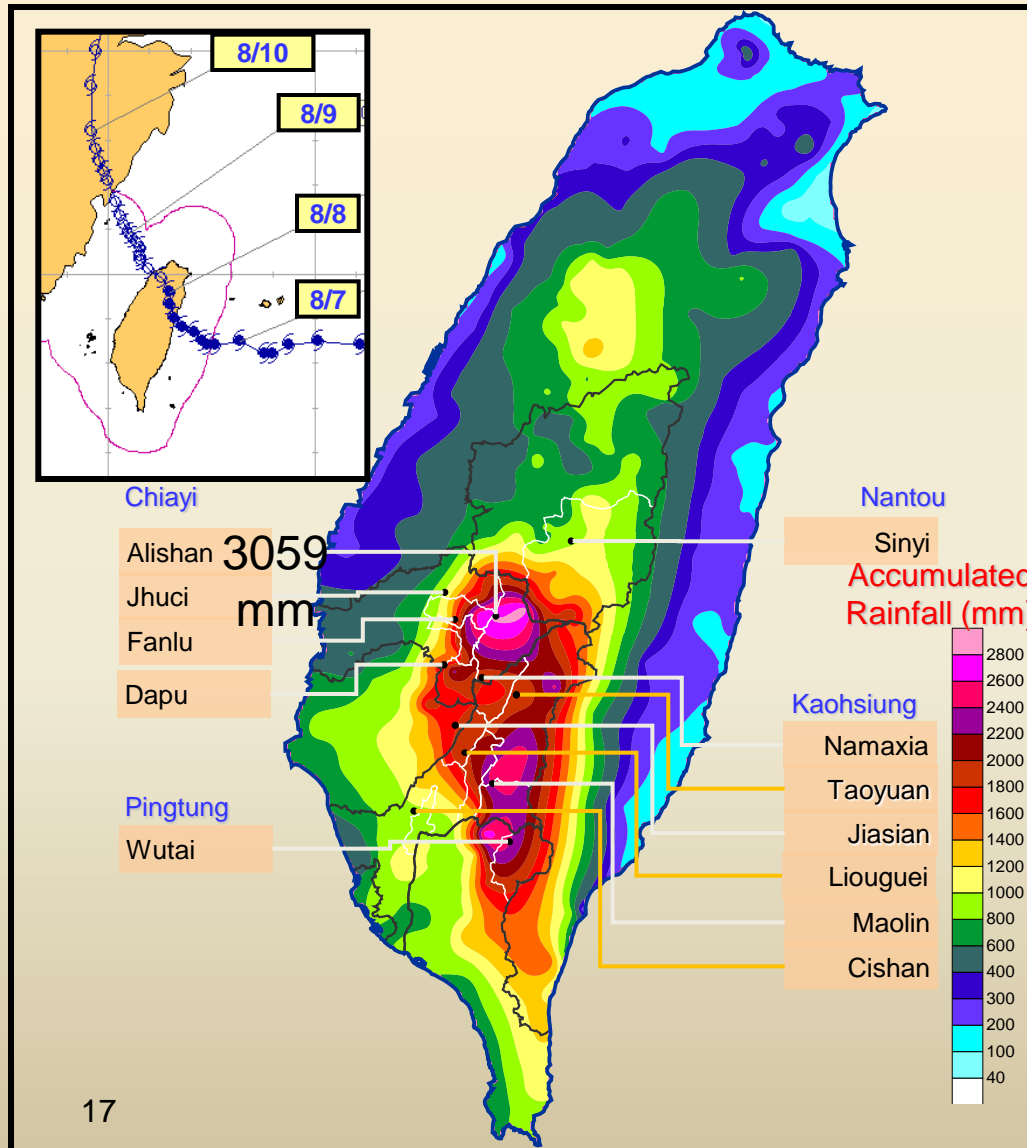
2009 MORAKOT 8/7~8/10



**Heaviest rainfall occurred when Morakot was leaving Taiwan.**

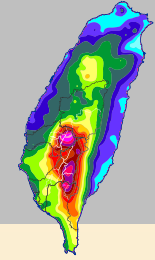
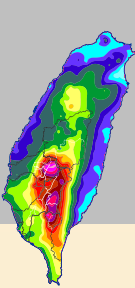


# Long duration Record-breaking rainfall



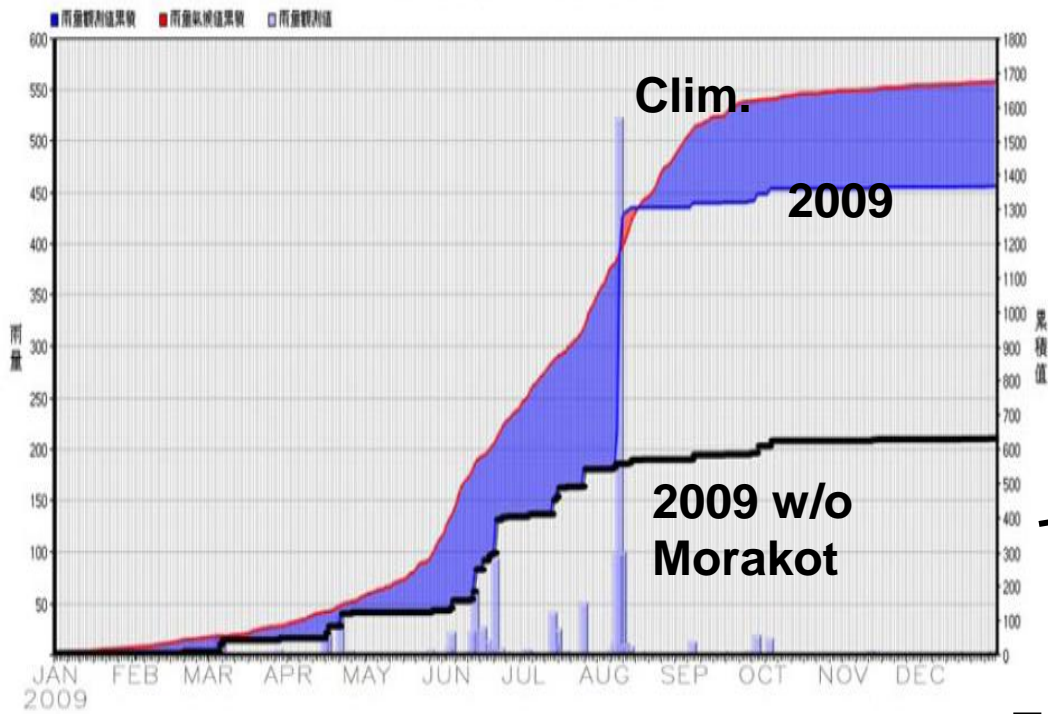
Source: CWB  
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# Even with the record-breaking rainfall, 2009 annual rainfall is still below average

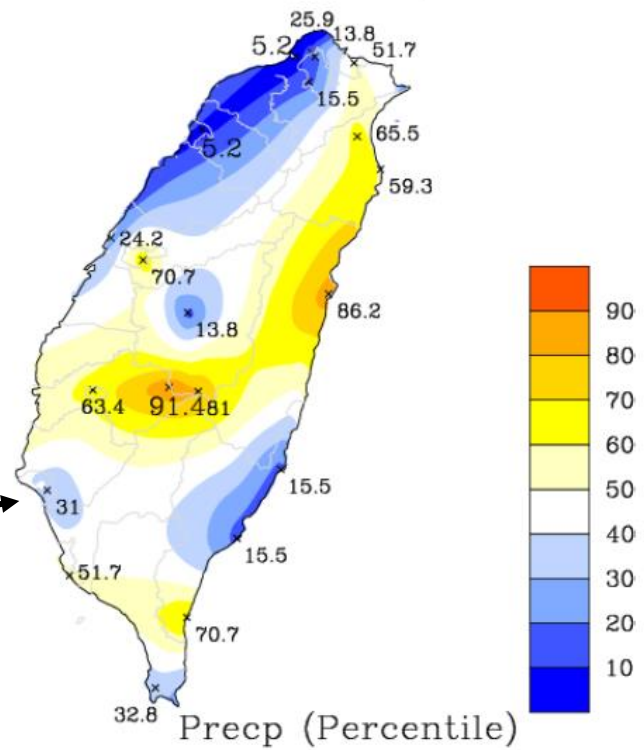


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台南站 2009年1月1日 ~ 2009年12月31日

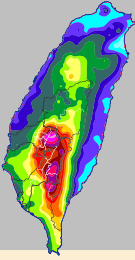


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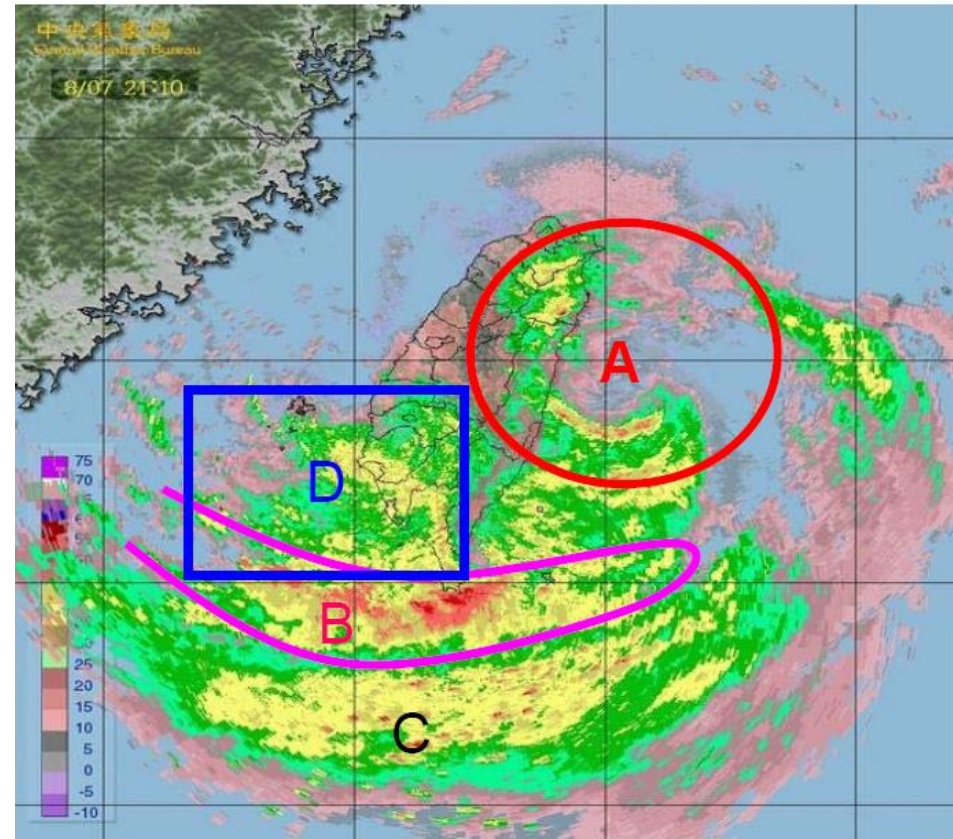
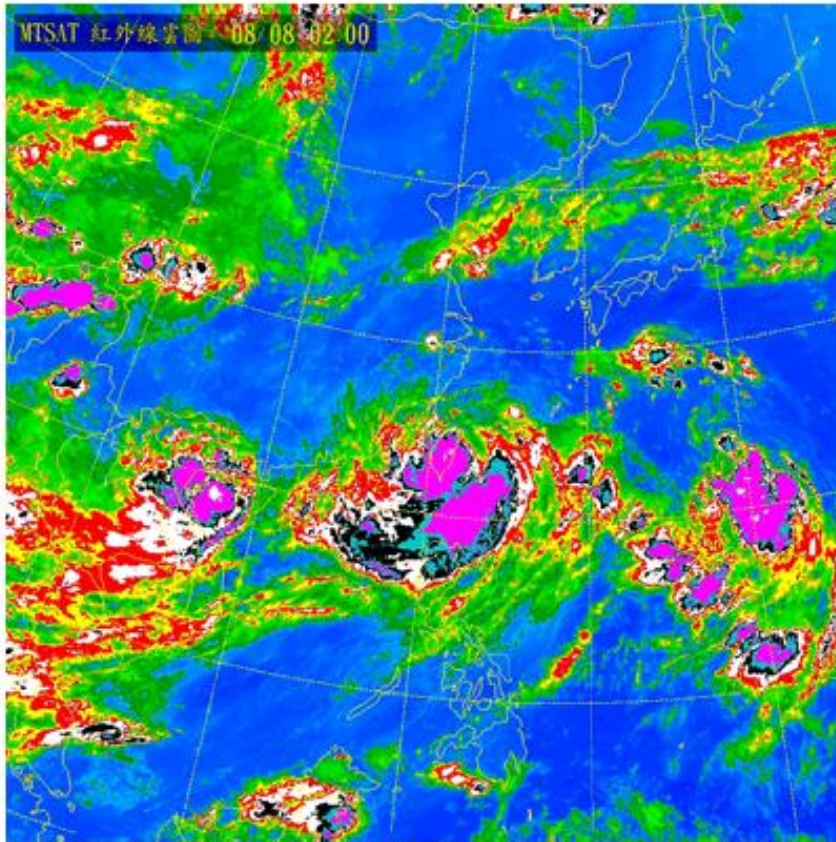
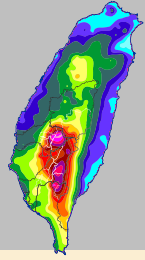


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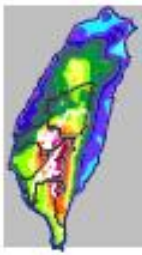
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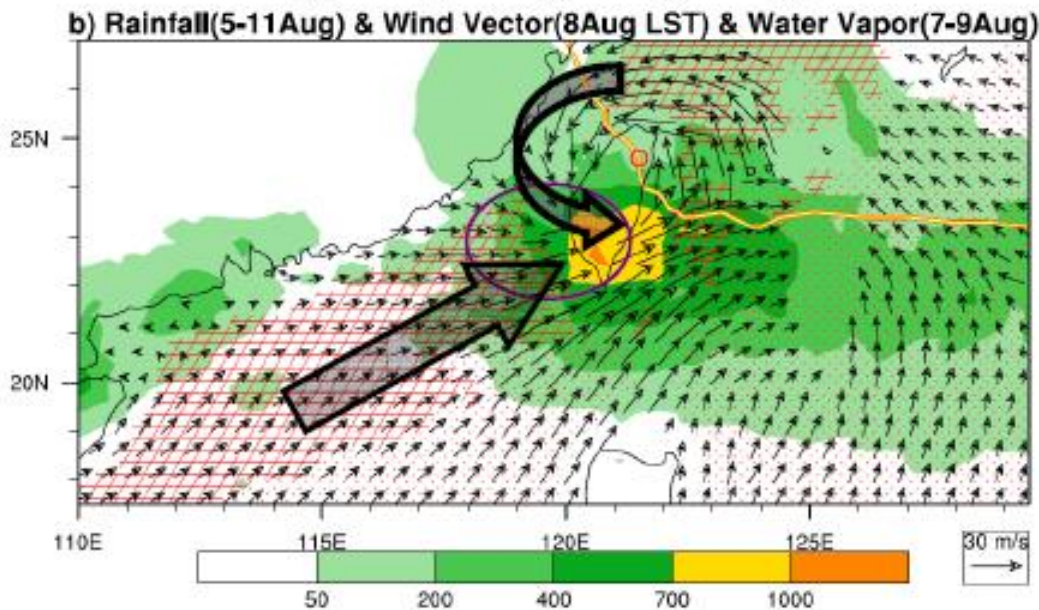
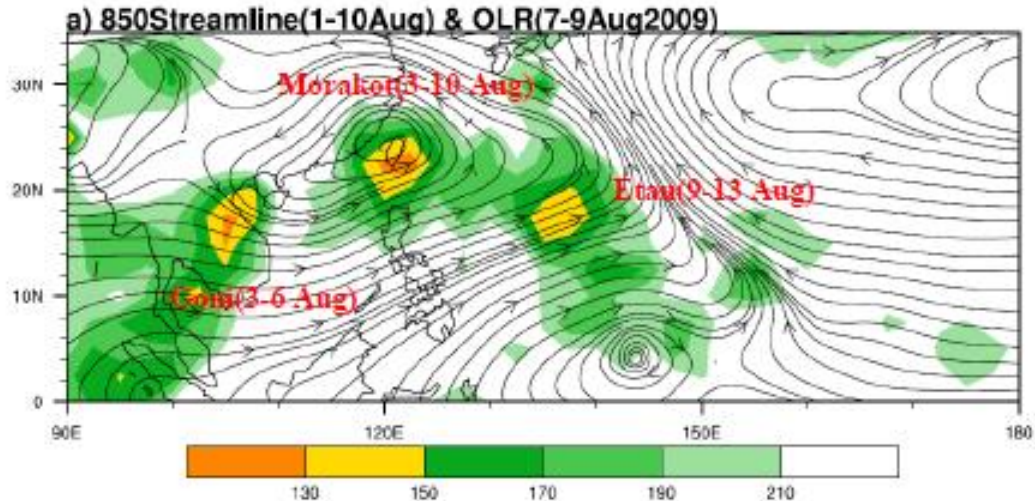
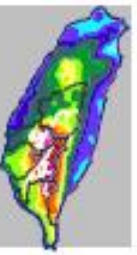
# Asymmetric structure embedded with Large-scale convection zone



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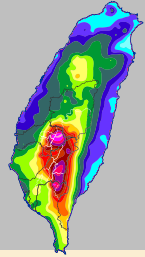
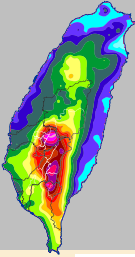
# Typhoon Goni, Morakot, and Etau in a Monsoon Gyre, Moist Southwesterly



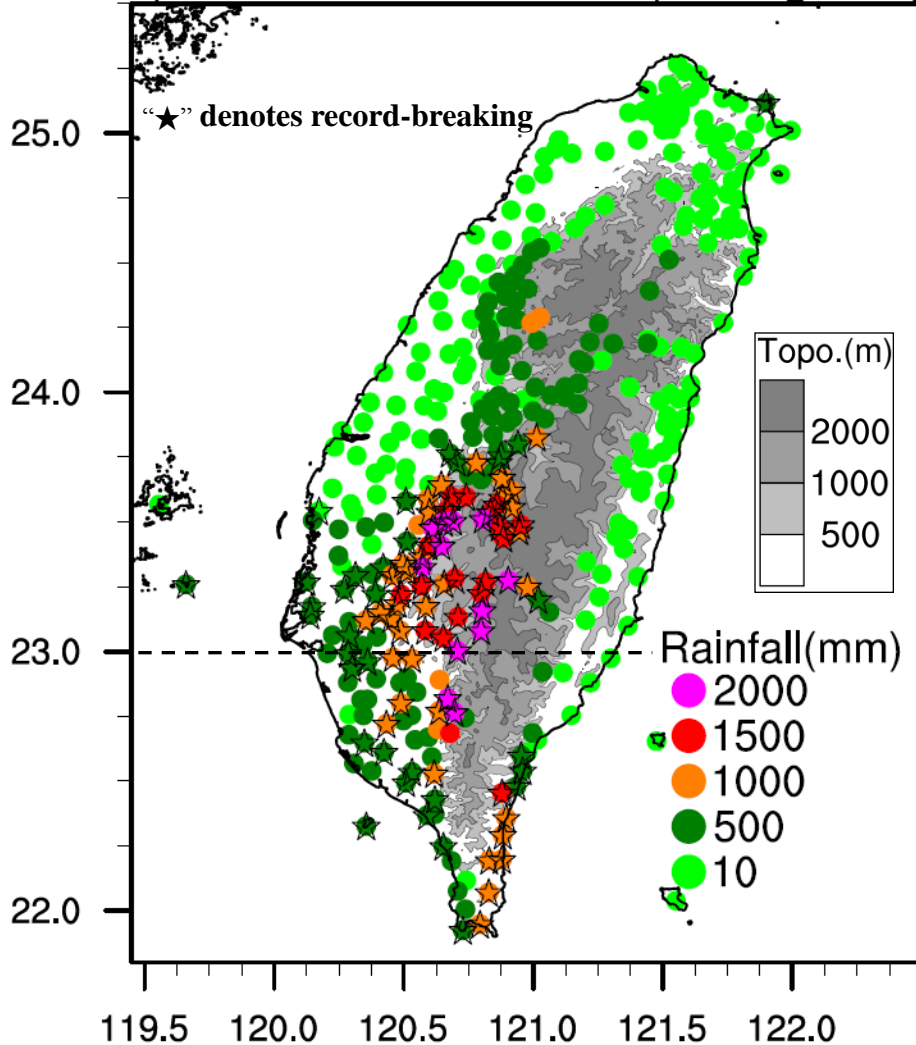
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Hong et al., 2010:  
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# Convergence between the NW-ly typhoon flow and SW-ly monsoon flow

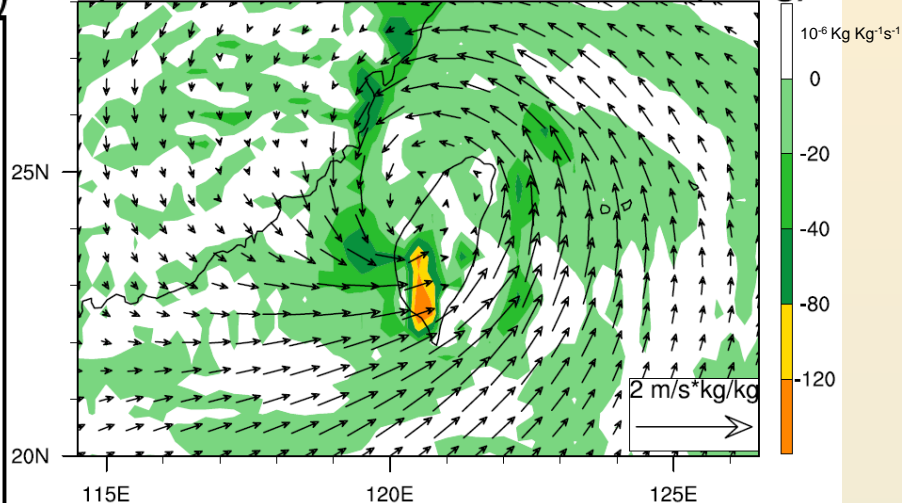
## Monsoon & Terrain Effect



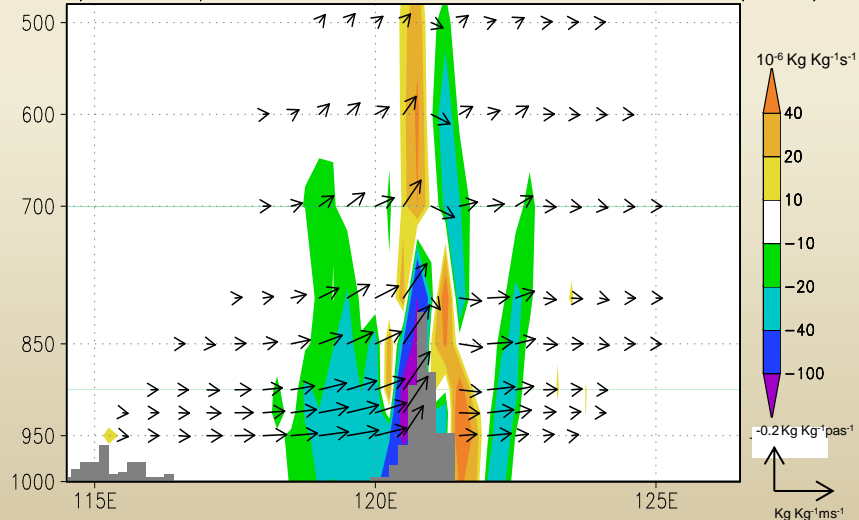
a) Taiwan Station Rainfall (7-9Aug2009)

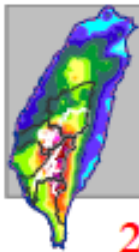


b) moisture flux and div. at 925hPa (8Aug)

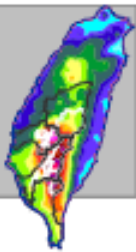


c) cross profile of moisture flux and div. (23N)





# Multiscale: 40-50 day ISO 10-30 day perturbation, and typhoon



2009/7/20~2009/8/18 850hPa UV  
(vector) & q (shaded)

Wavelet analysis

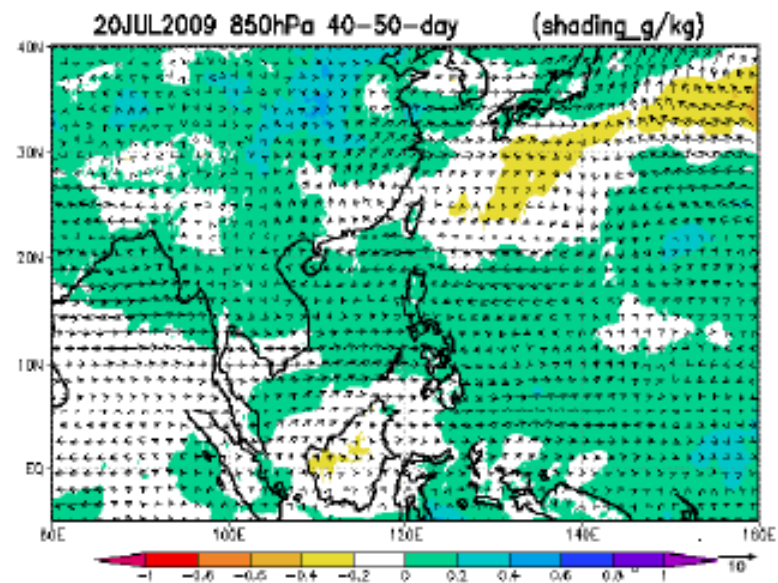
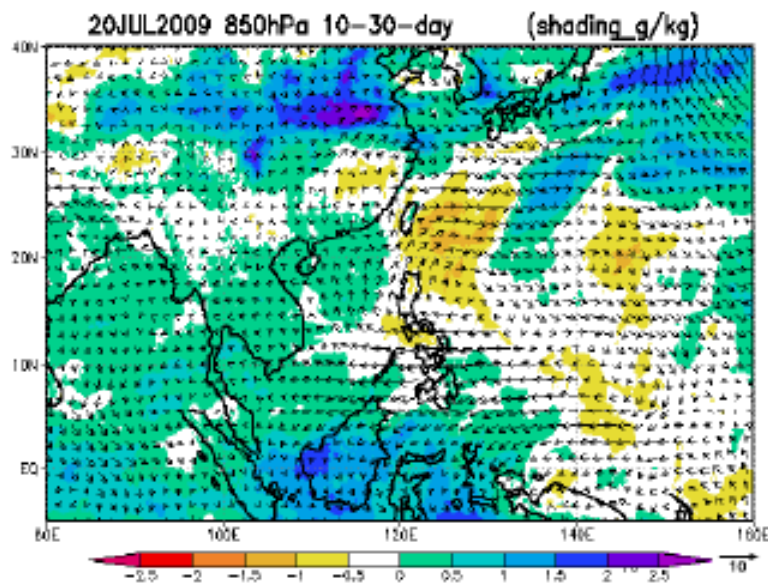
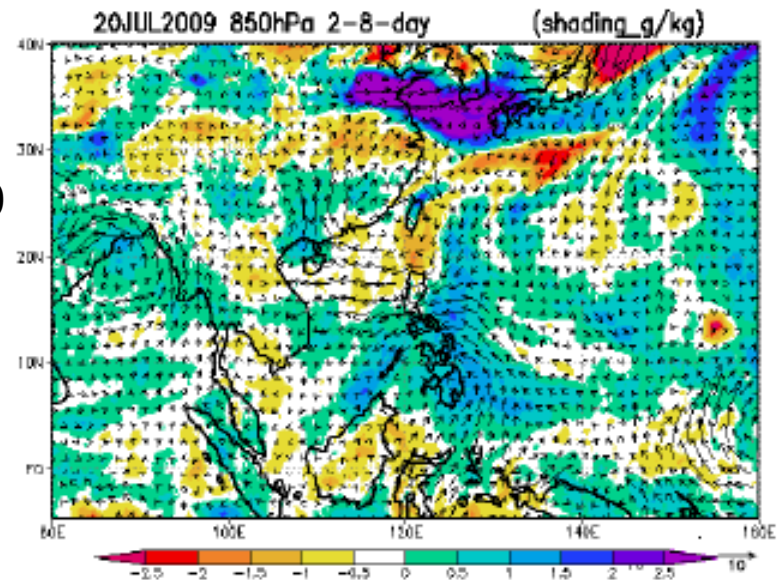
2-8 days → TC

Hong et al. 2010

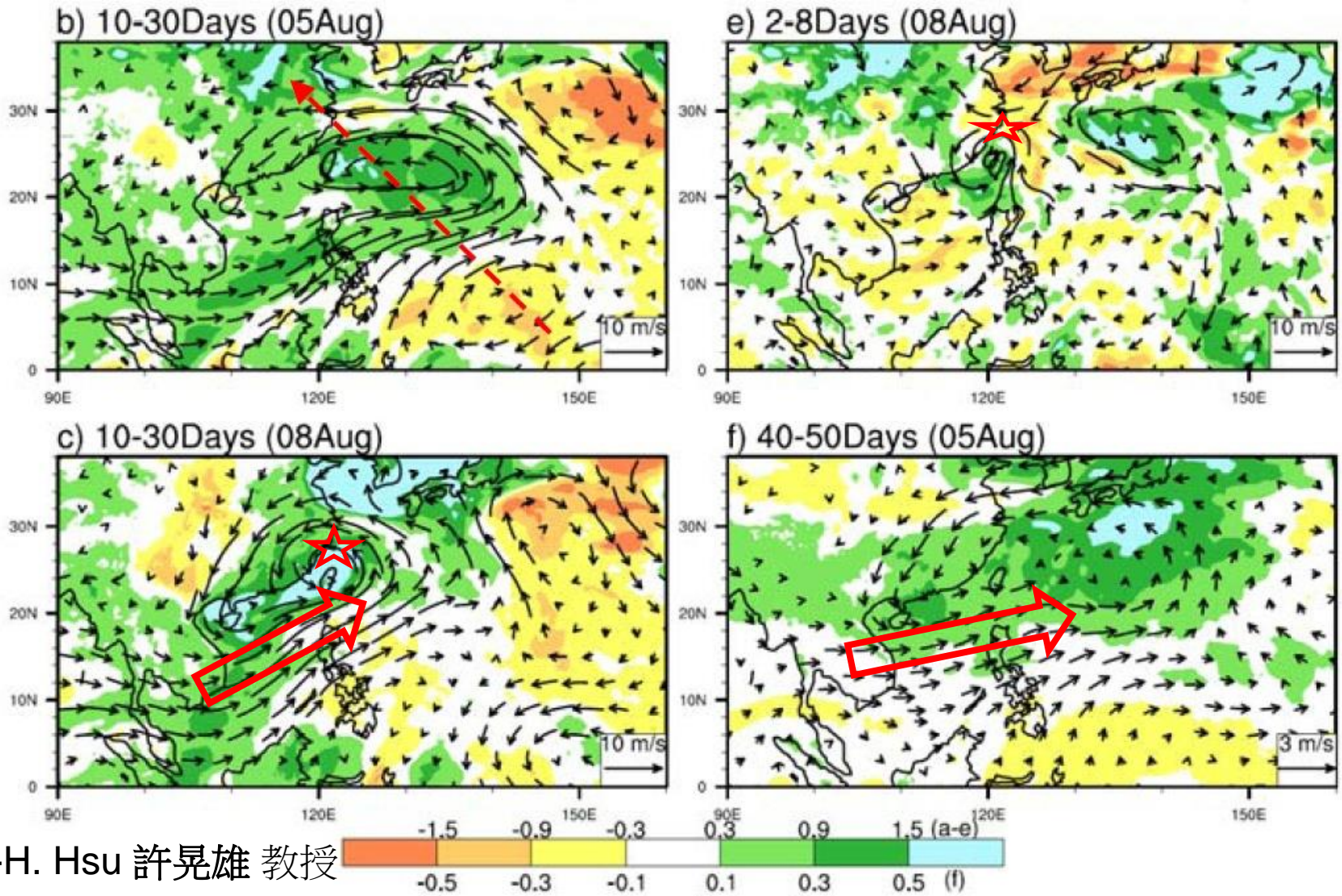
10-30 days → submonthly wave

40-50 days → ISO

- 10-30 days : contributes the largest amount of moisture



# 40-50 day ISO provides water vapor channel from the Indian Ocean/South China Sea, transporting moisture into Typhoon Morakot



# Background Summary

- Morakot's landfall on Taiwan occurred concurrently with the **southwesterly monsoonal flow, very slow TC movement and the continuous formation of mesoscale convection**. (Chien and Kuo 2011; JGR)
- The terrain of Taiwan strongly determines Morakot's **rainfall distribution** at the time of landfall. (Fang et al. 2011 in WAF; Huang et al. 2011 and Yen et al. 2011 in TAO)
- **PE** (Precipitation Efficiency) was used to predict rainfall from grid-scale vapor convergence in operational model forecasts (Doswell et al. 1996; Auer and Marwitz 1968; Heymsfield and Schotz 1985; Chong and Hauser 1989; Li et al. 2002a; Tao et al. 2004; Sui et al. 2005).
- Yang et al. (2011; MWR) investigates the evolution of the **water vapor, cloud, and precipitation budgets** of Nari (2001) prior to and after **landfall on Taiwan**.
- The water budget study may help us to understand the basic **physical mechanisms** producing the **heavy rainfall on Taiwan** for Morakot, and improve the microphysical parameterization for TCs in the future.



# Budget Equations

[Gamache et al. (1992), Braun (2006), Yang et al. (2011)]

**Water vapor budget:**  $q_v$

$$\text{Tend} = \text{HFC} + \text{VFC} + \text{Div} + \text{Diff} + \text{Cond}_T + \text{Evap} + \text{PBL} + \text{Resd.}$$

**Cloud budget:**  $q_c = q_w + q_i$

$$\text{Tend} = \text{HFC} + \text{VFC} + \text{Div} + \text{Diff} + \text{P} - \text{Cond}_T - \text{Evap} + \text{PBL} + \text{Resd.}$$

where  $\text{Cond}_T$  is the total condensation and deposition;

$\text{Evap}$  is the evaporation and sublimation;

$\text{HFC}$  is the net horizontal flux convergence;

$\text{VFC}$  is the vertical flux convergence;

$\text{Div}$  is the divergence term

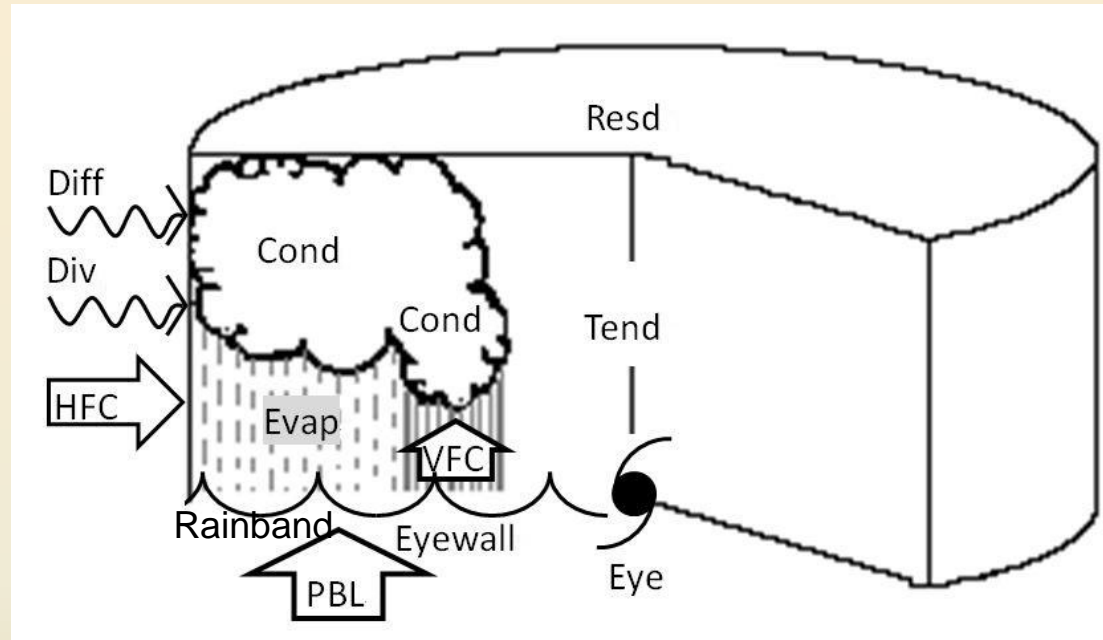
$\text{Diff}$  is the numerical diffusion

$\text{PBL}$  is the boundary layer source and vertical (turbulent) diffusion

$\text{P}$  is the precipitation flux

$\text{Resd}$  is the residual term

# Conceptual Model for TC Water Budget

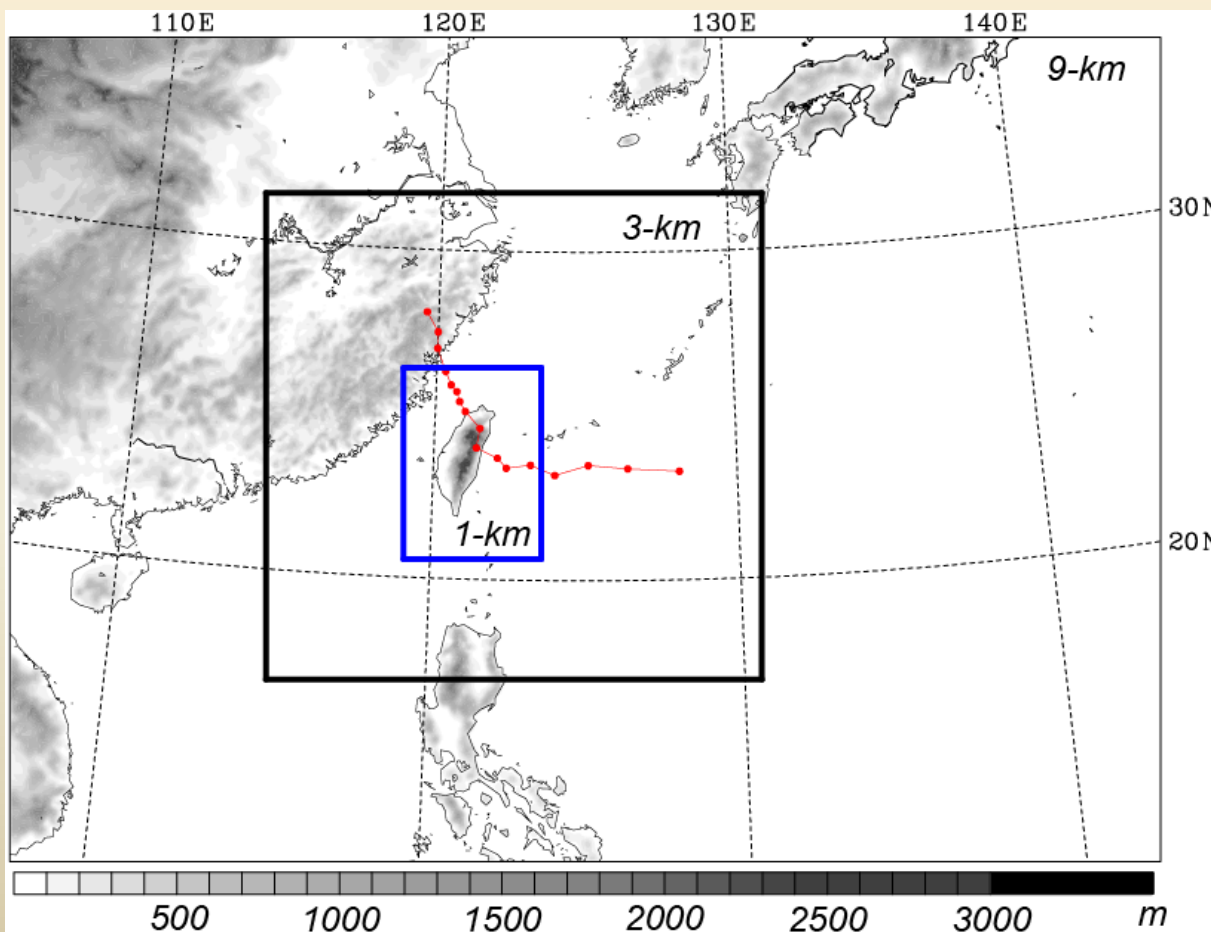


**CMPE** (Cloud Microphysics Precipitation Efficiency; CMPE2, Sui et al. 2007):

$$PE = P/Cond_T = P/[SI_{qv} + \text{sgn}(Q_{CM})Q_{CM}]$$

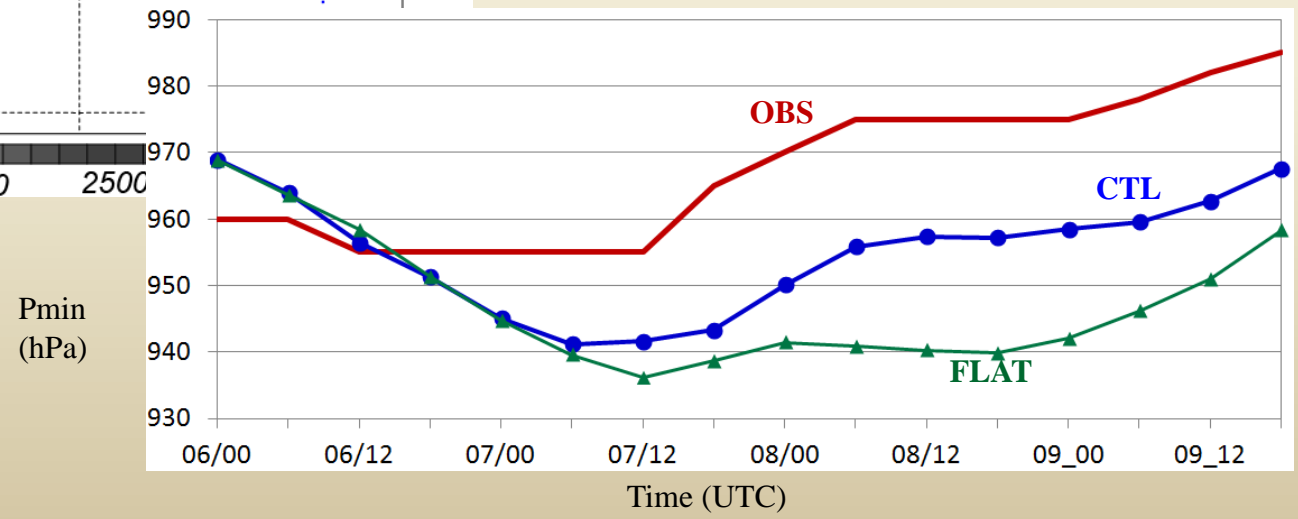
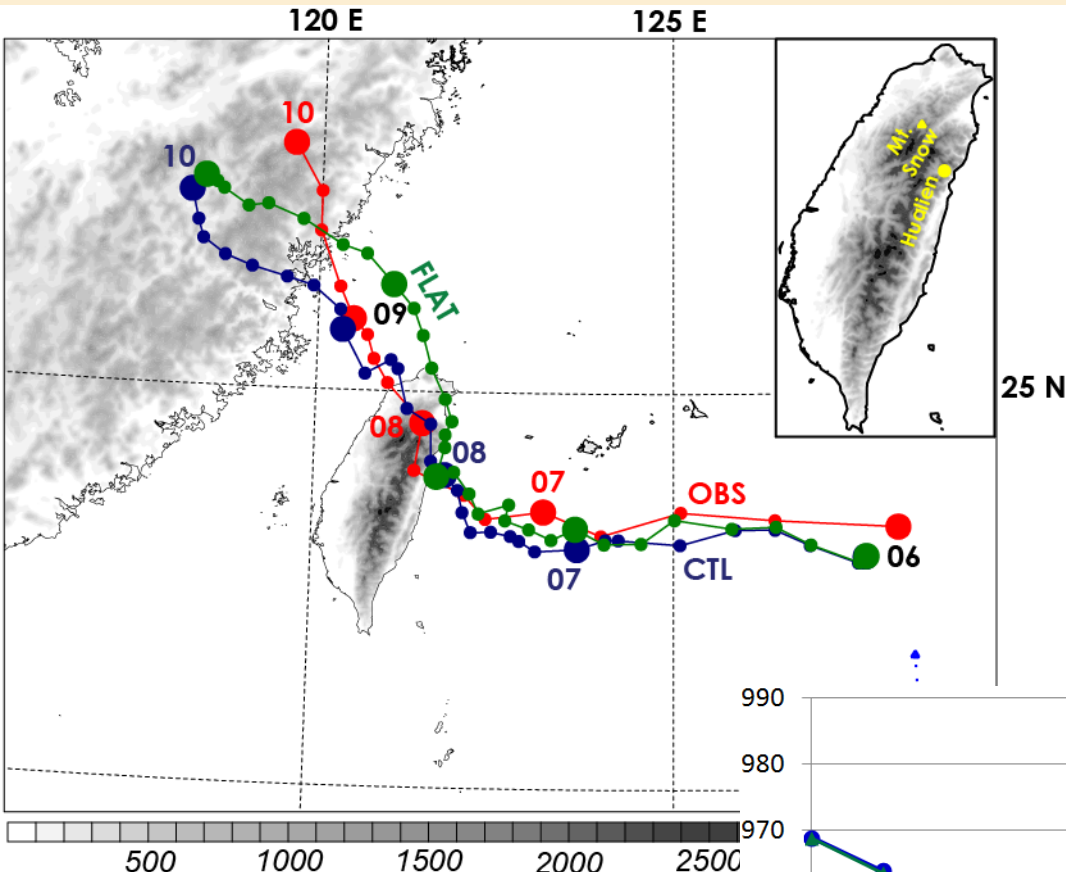
# WRF domain and physics for Morakot Simulation

➤ 9/3/1 km (416x301 / 541x535 / 451x628)



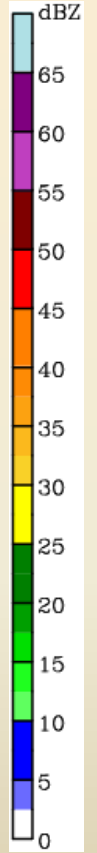
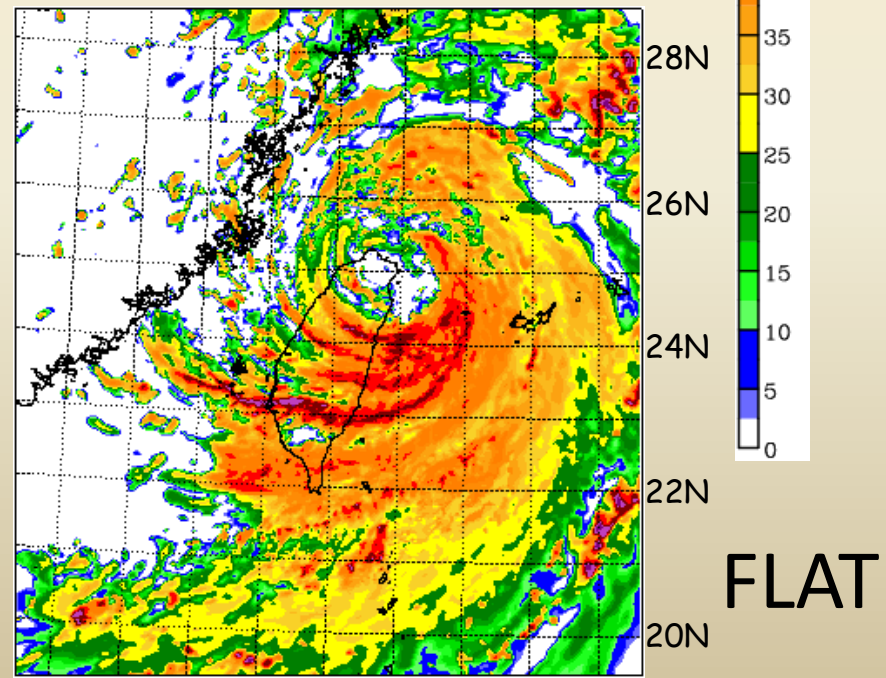
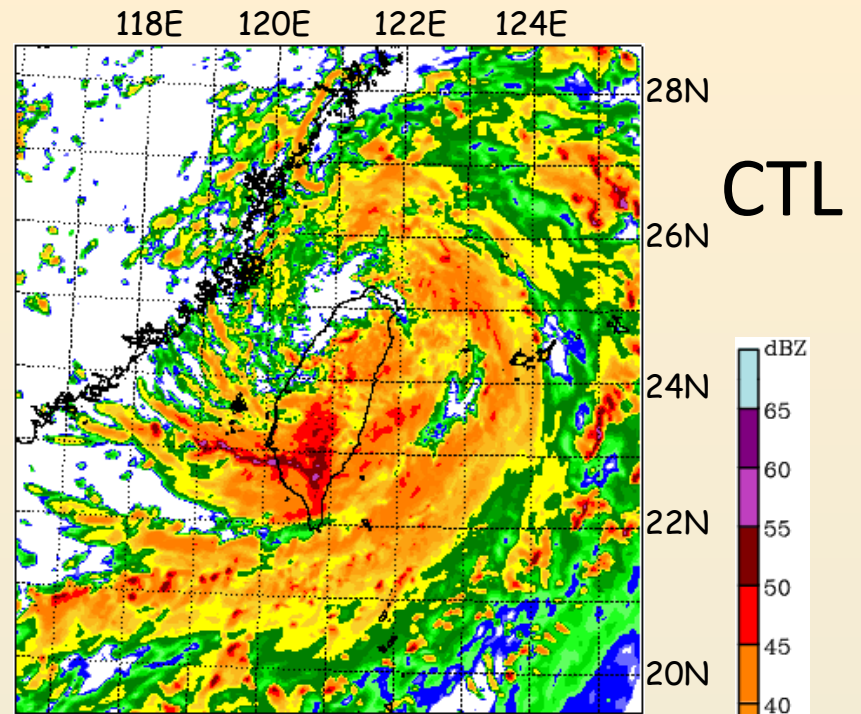
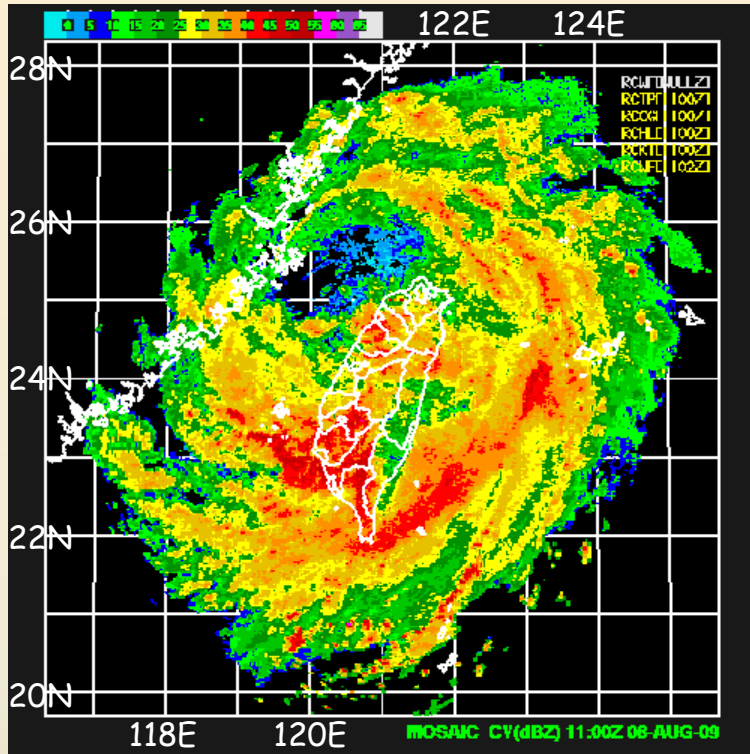
- ✓ 31 sigma ( $\sigma$ ) levels
- ✓ Two-way feedbacks
- ✓ **No CPS is used**
- ✓ WRF Single-Moment 6-class scheme (WSM6)
- ✓ YSU PBL scheme
- ✓ IC/BC: ECMWF 1.125° lat/lon
- ✓ Initial time: 0000 UTC, 6 Aug 2009
- ✓ Integration length: 96 h

# Tracks from the **CWB** (OBS) and **WRF** (CTL/FLAT)

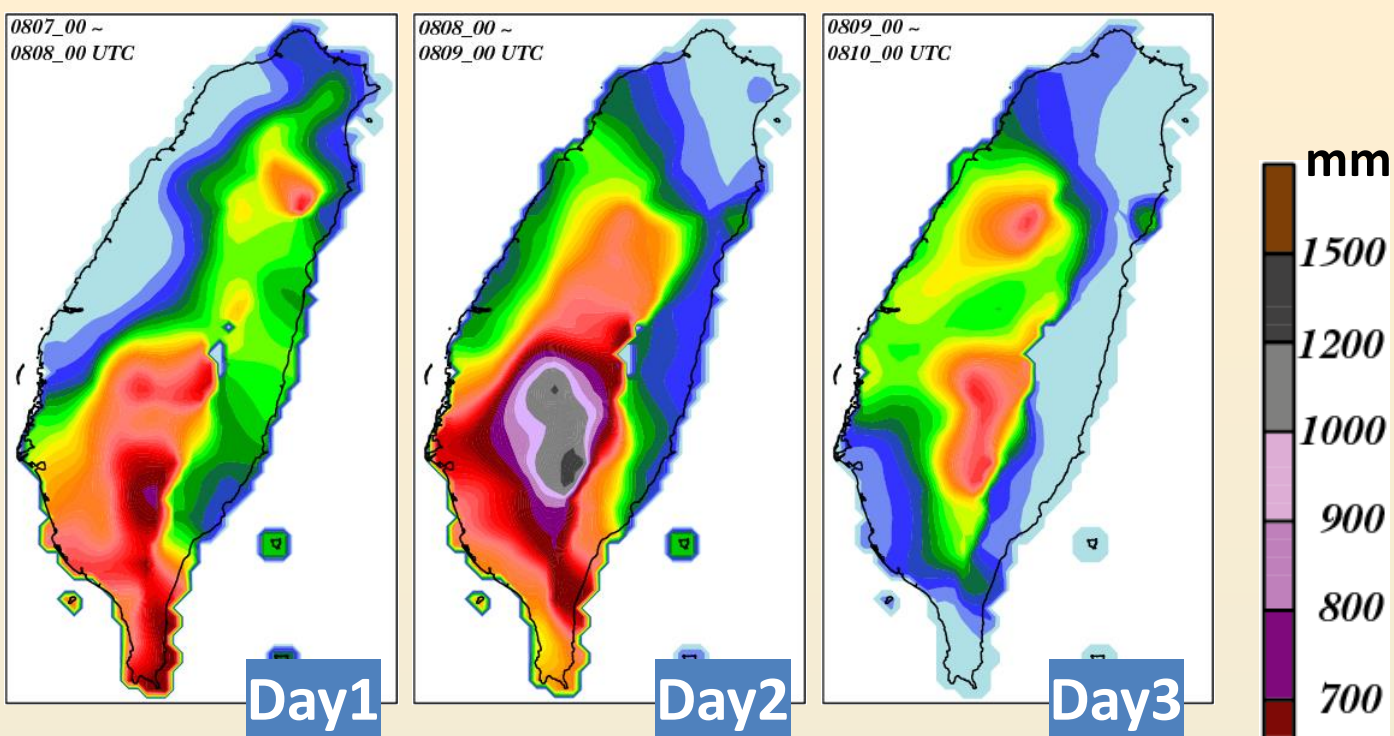


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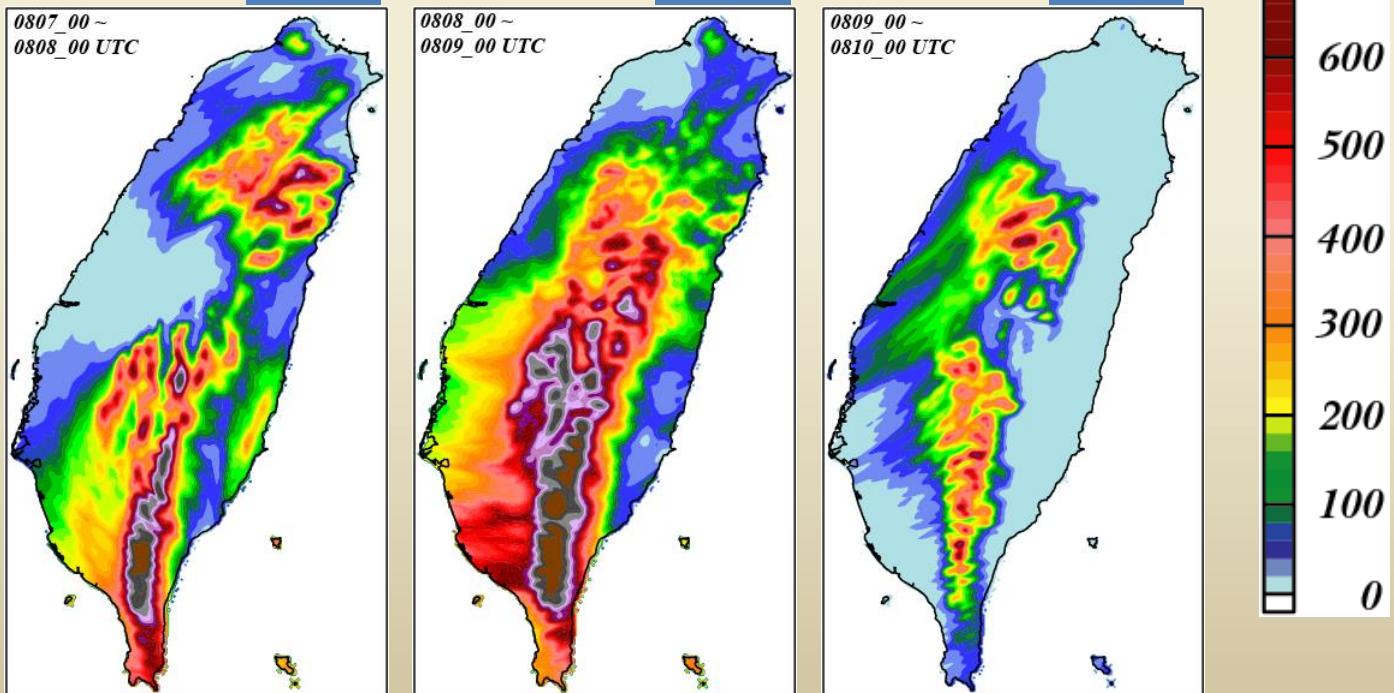
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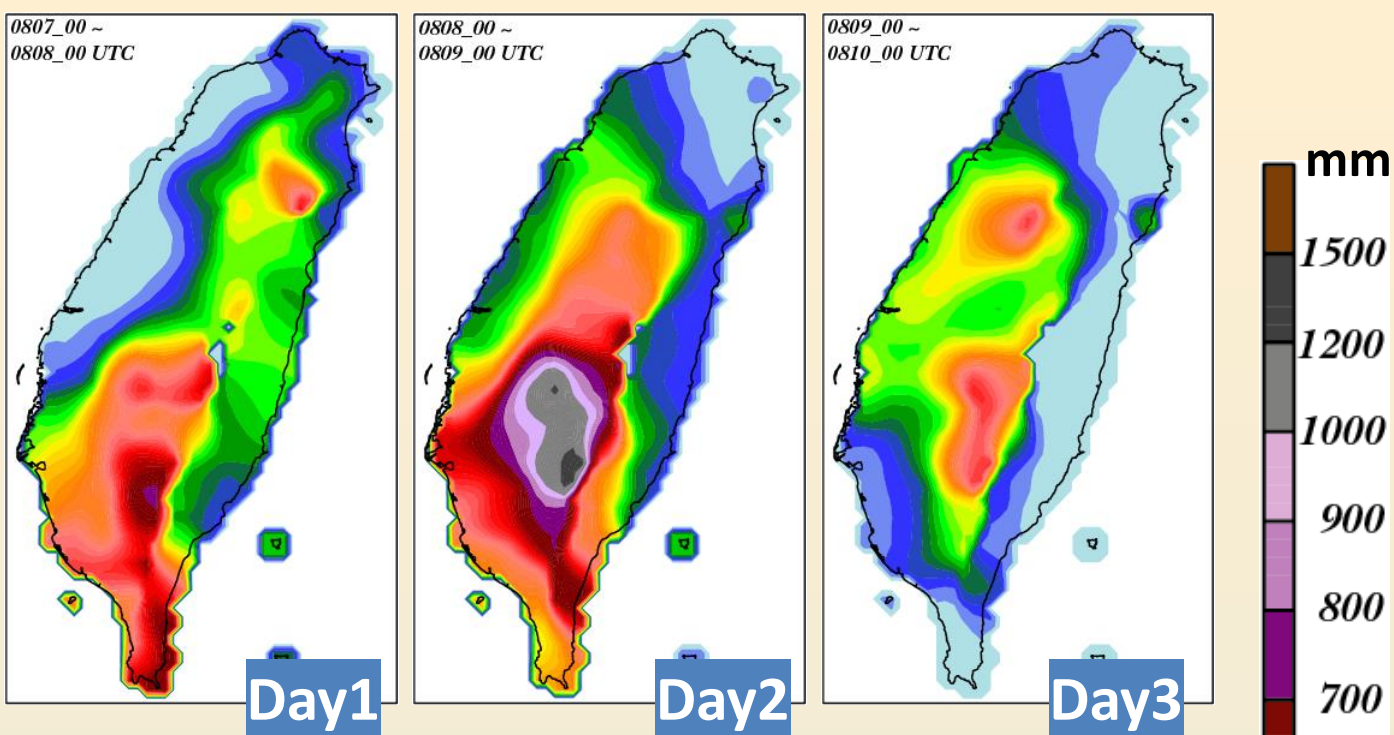
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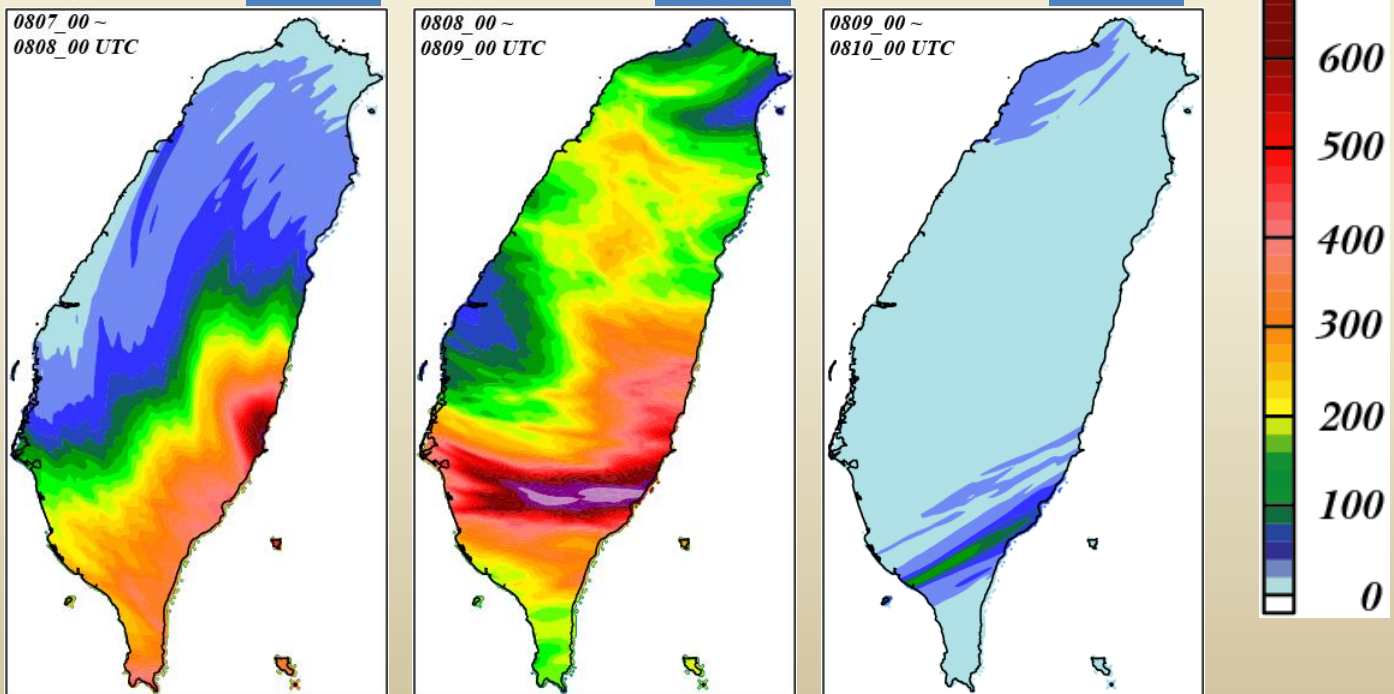
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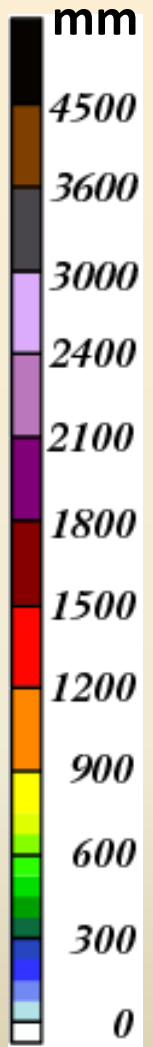
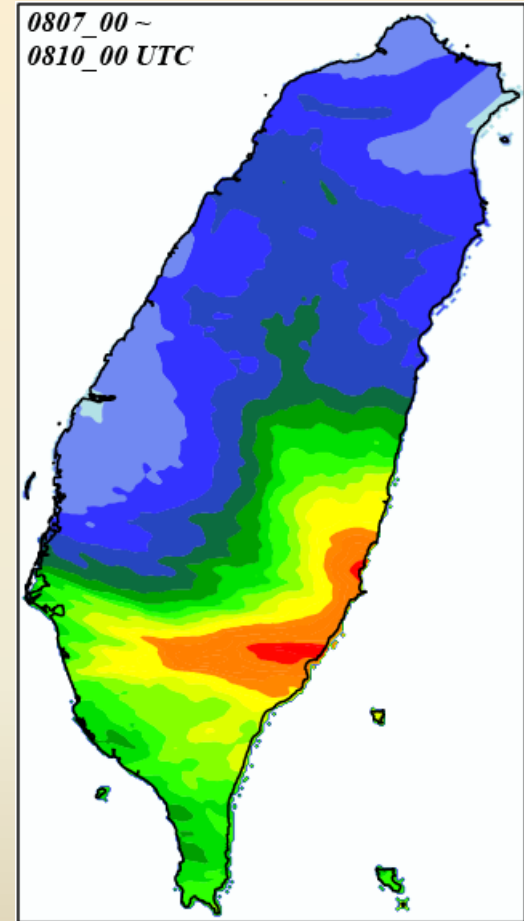
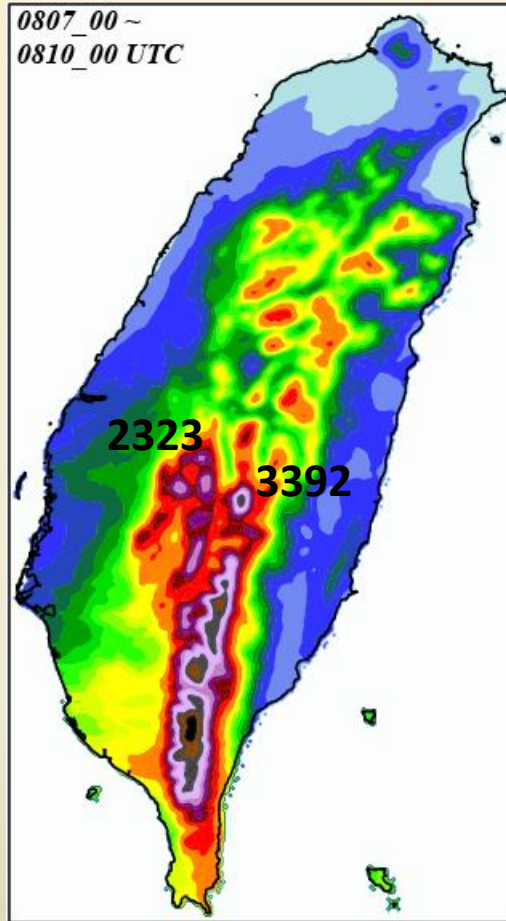
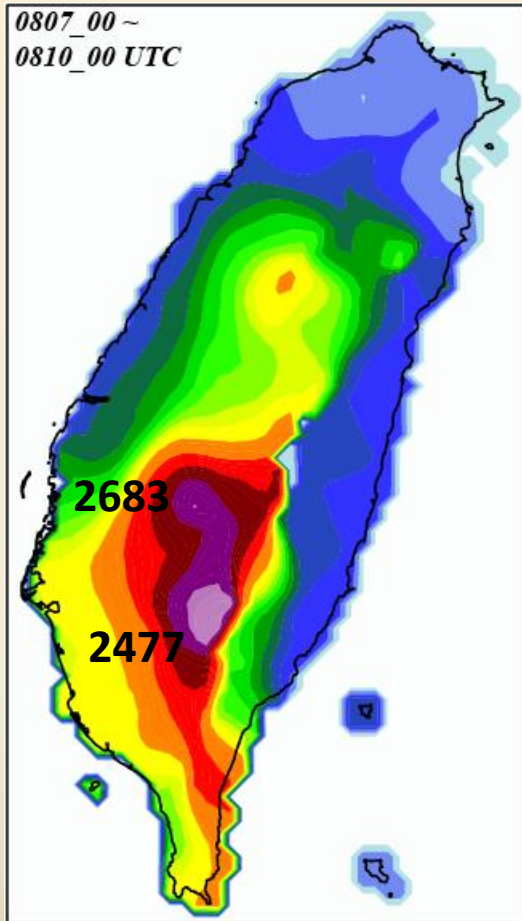


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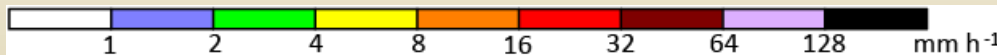
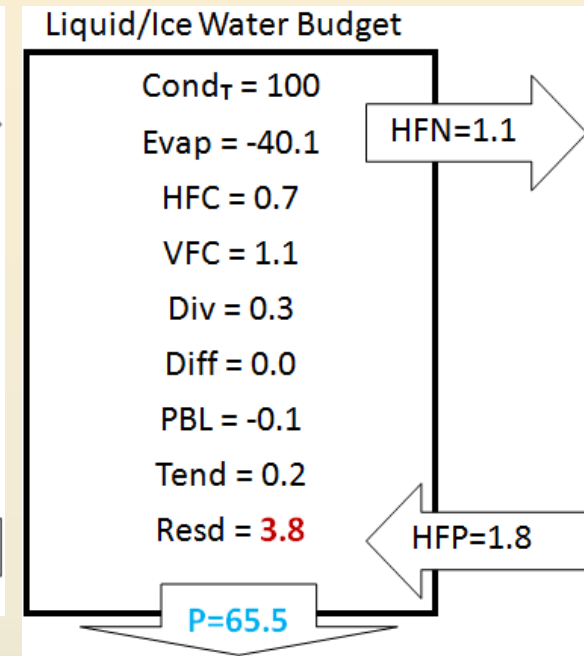
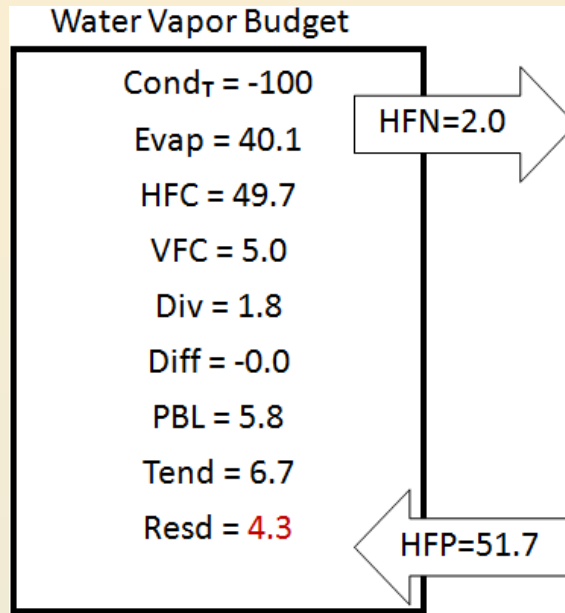
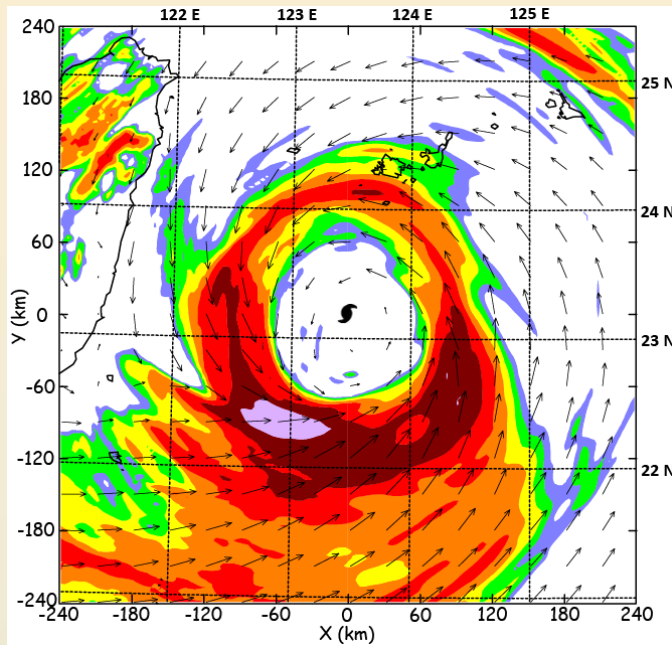
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WRF\_FLAT





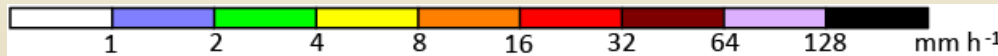
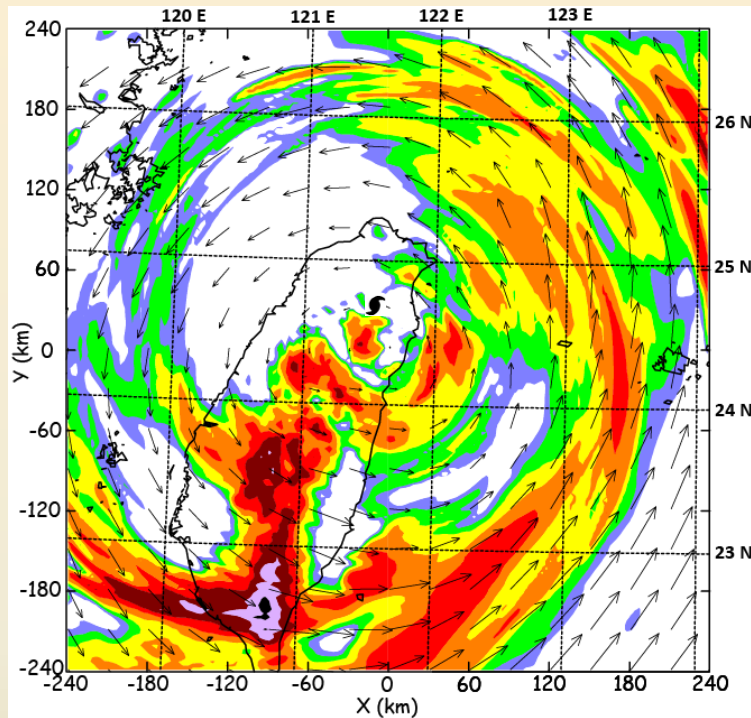
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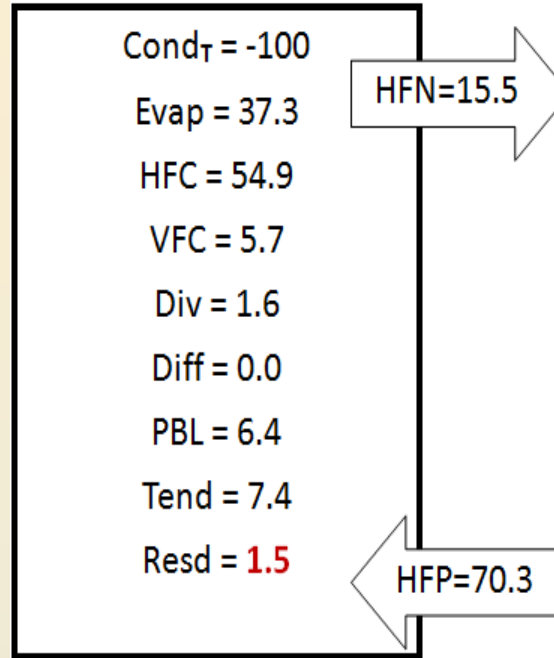
Water Vapor Budget:  $Tend = HFC + VFC + Div + Diff + Cond_T + Evap + PBL + Resd.$

Liquid/Ice Water Budget:  $Tend = HFC + VFC + Div + Diff + P - Cond_T - Evap + PBL + Resd.$

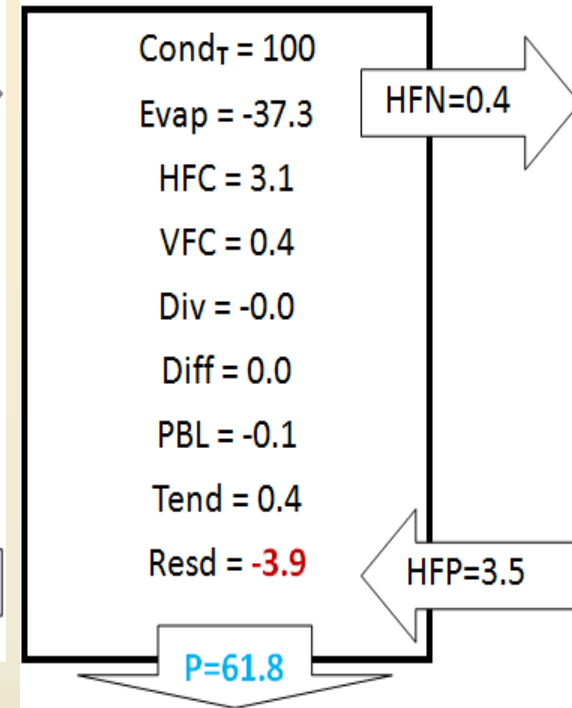
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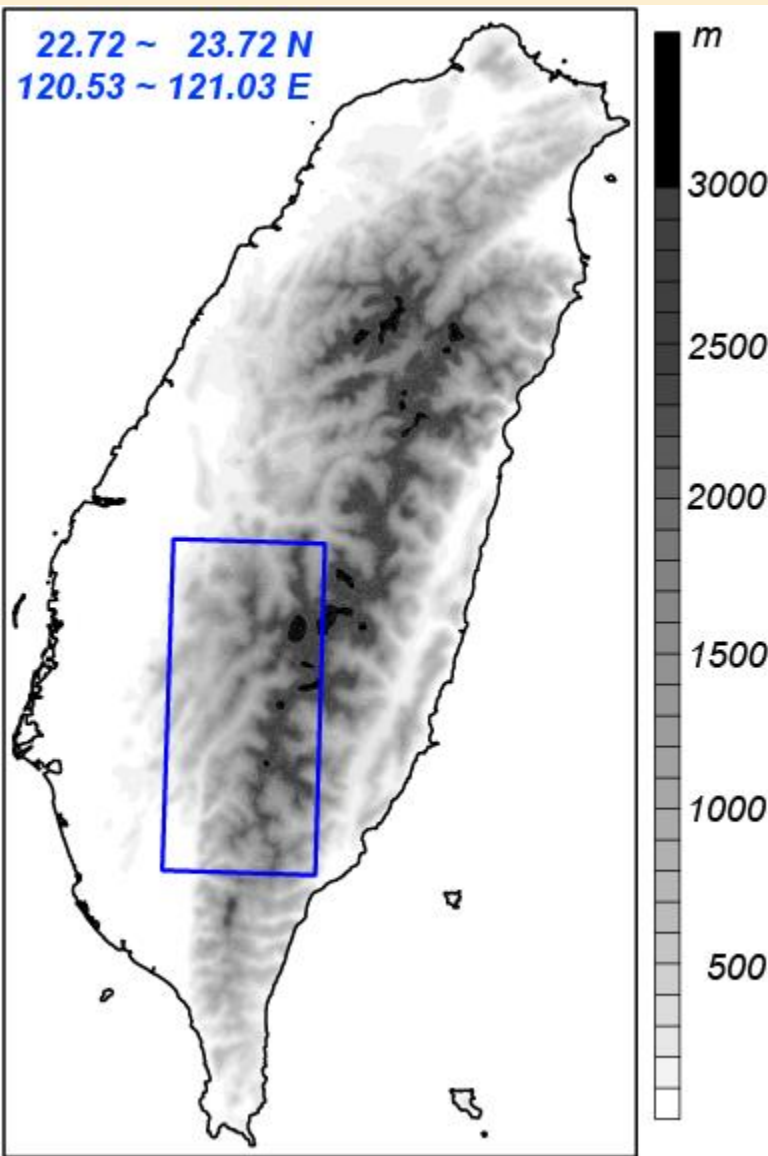


## Liquid/Ice Water Budget

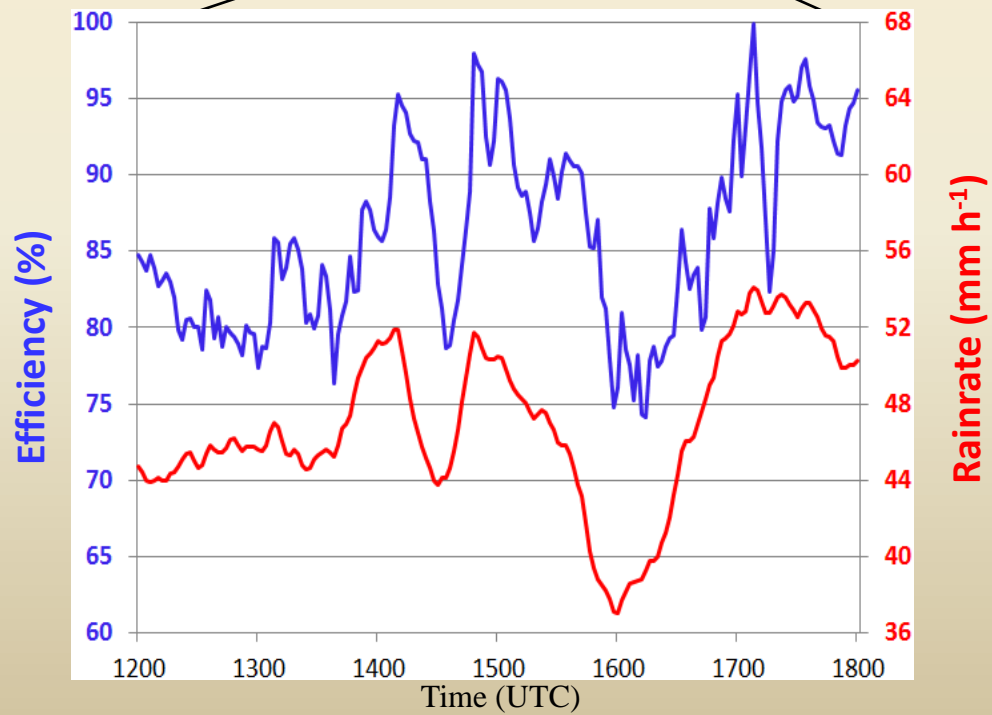
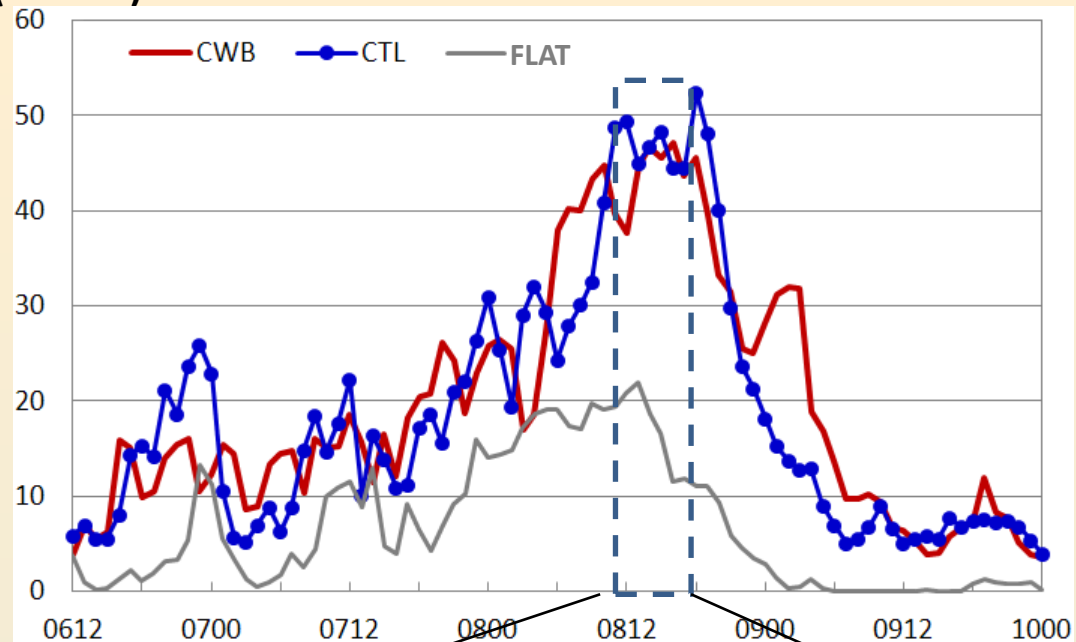


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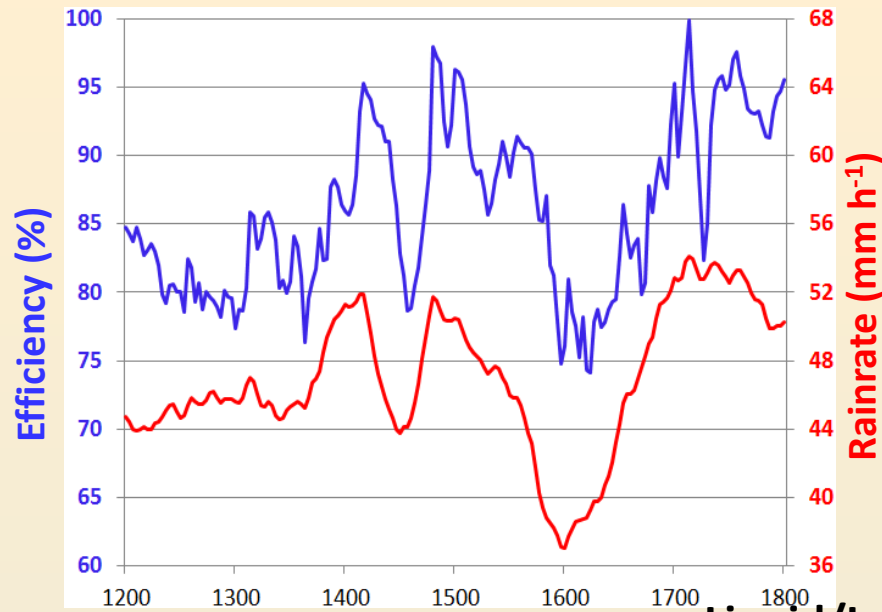
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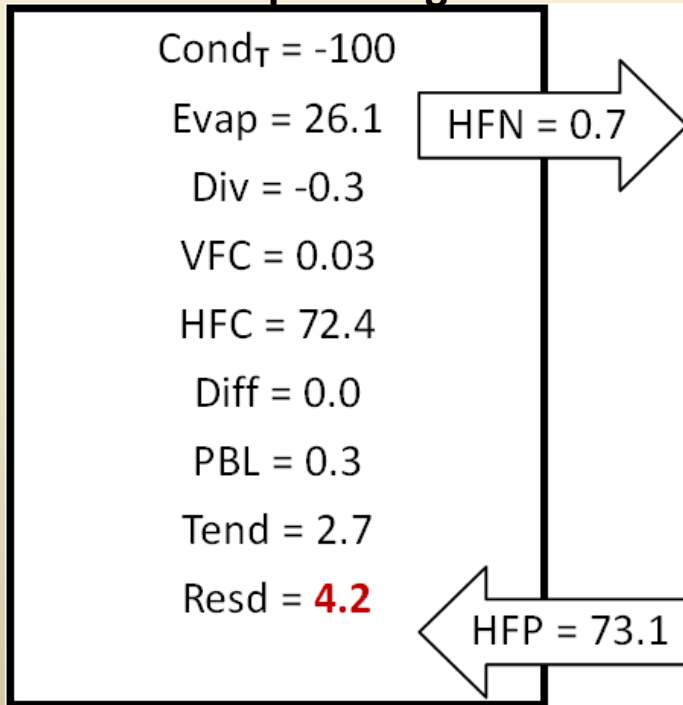
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Within the box area  
over the mountains

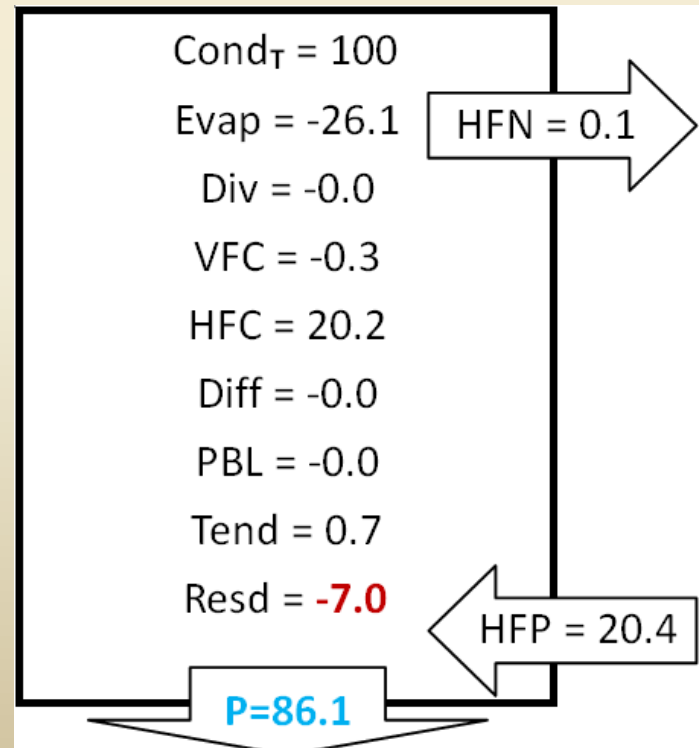


### Water Vapor Budget

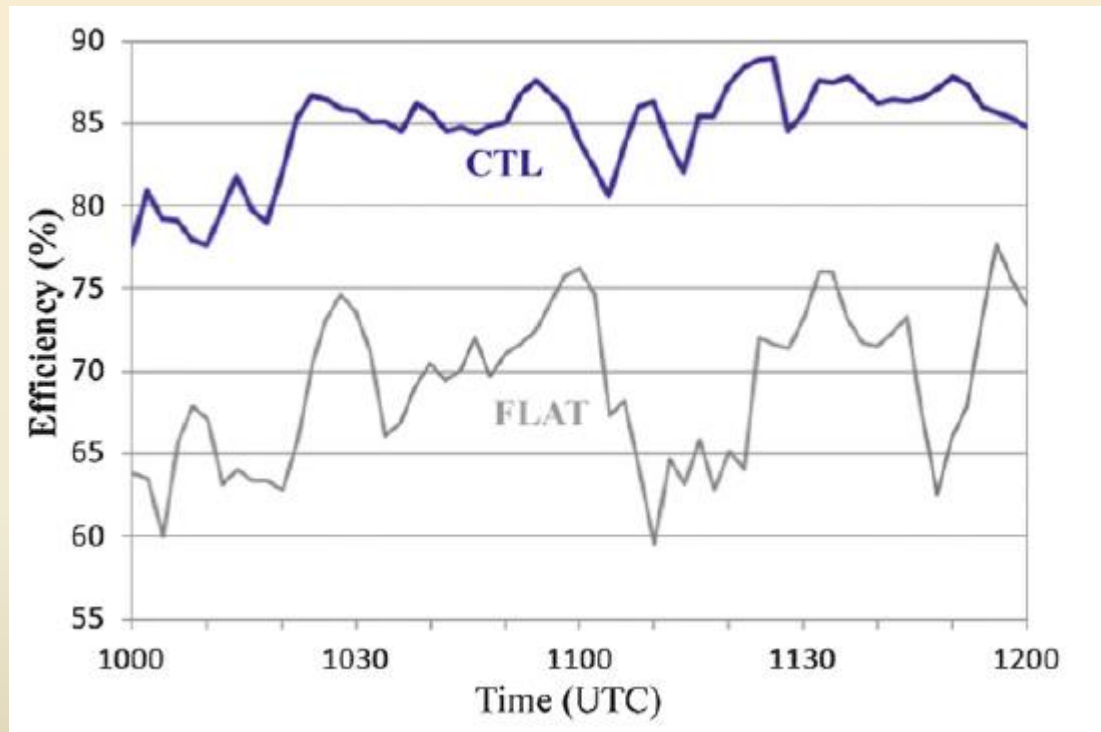


Time  
(UTC)

### Liquid/Ice Water Budget



PEs of the CTL and FLAT run over the box area



# Further decomposition of microphysical parameters into three components

**Condensation Ratio:**

$$CR = \text{Cond}_C / \text{Cond}_T$$

**Deposition Ratio:**

$$DR = (\text{Dep}_S + \text{Dep}_G + \text{Dep}_I) / \text{Cond}_T$$

**Evaporation Ratio:**

$$ER = \text{Evap}_R / \text{Cond}_T$$

where  $\text{Cond}_T$  is the total condensation and deposition;

$\text{Cond}_C$  is the cloud water condensation;

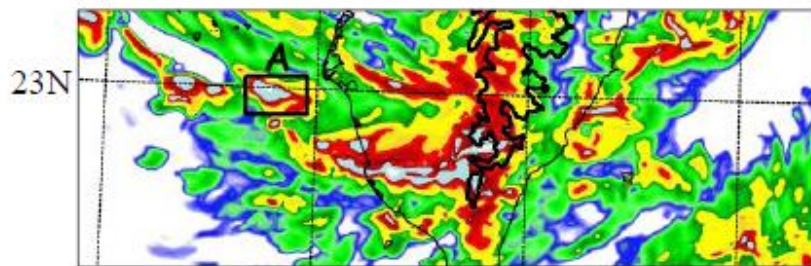
$\text{Dep}_S$  is the snow deposition;

$\text{Dep}_G$  is the graupel deposition;

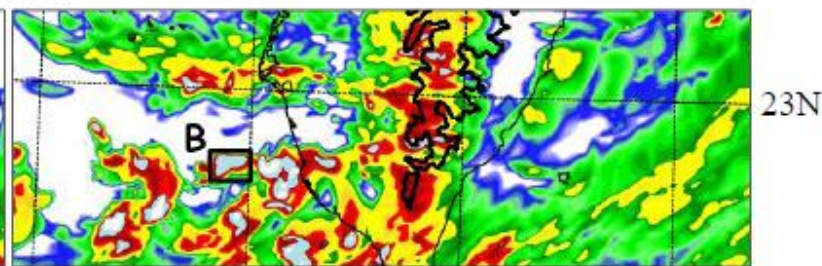
$\text{Dep}_I$  is the cloud ice deposition;

$\text{Evap}_R$  is the raindrop evaporation

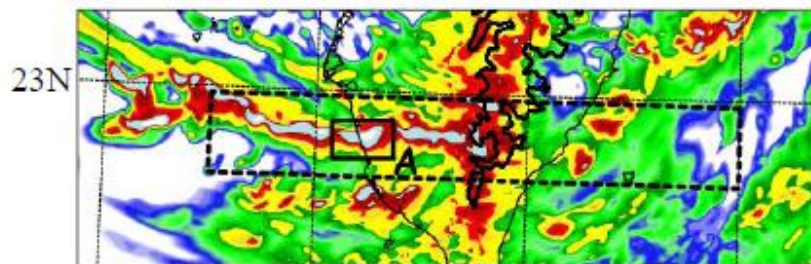
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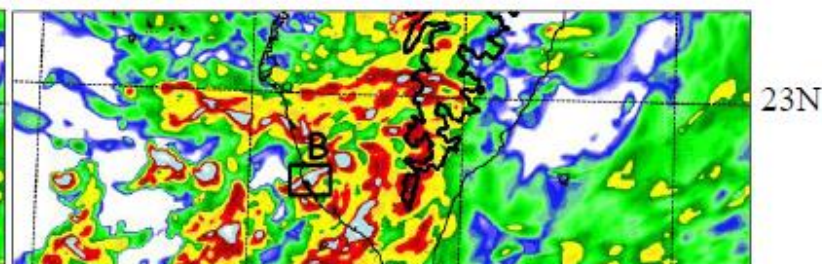
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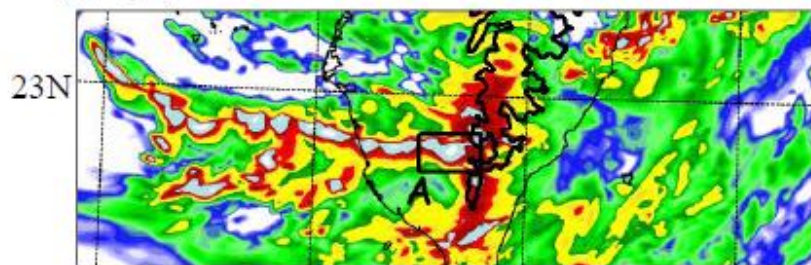
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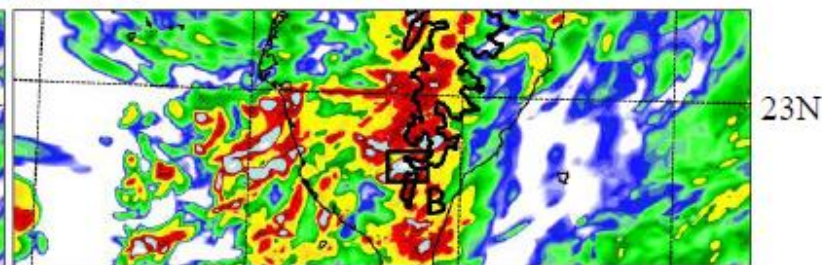
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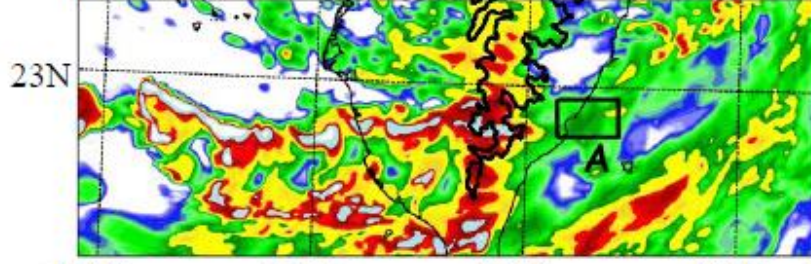
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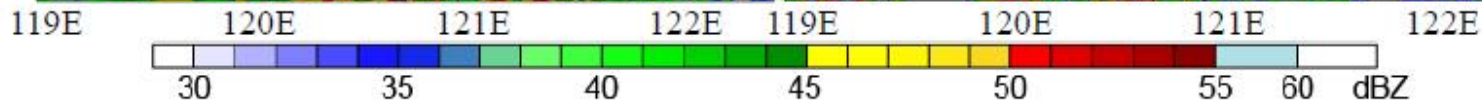
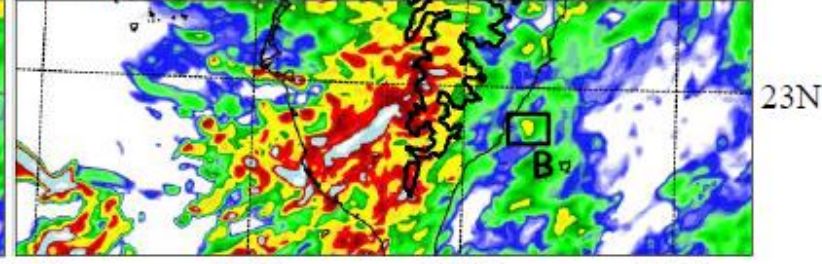
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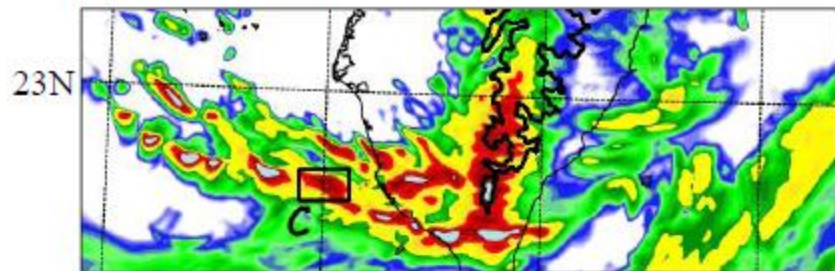
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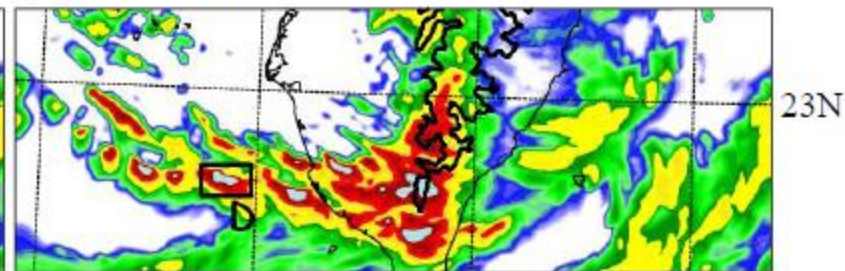
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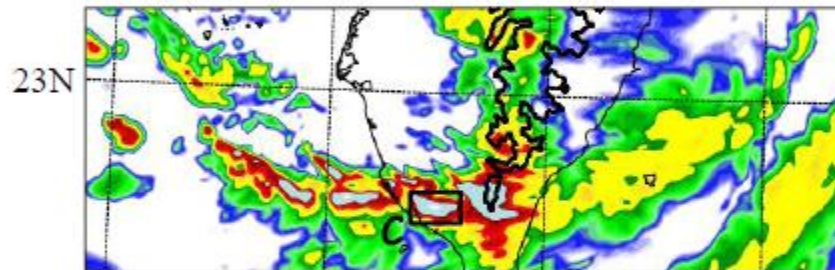
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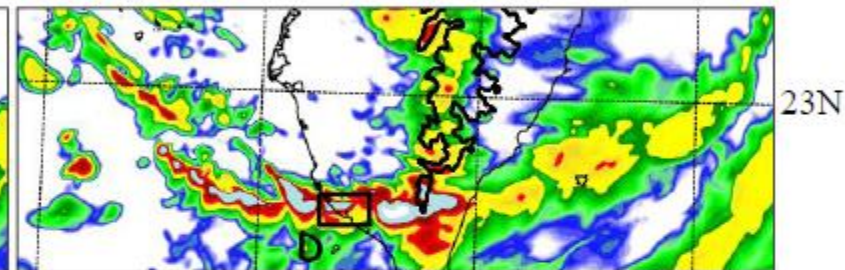
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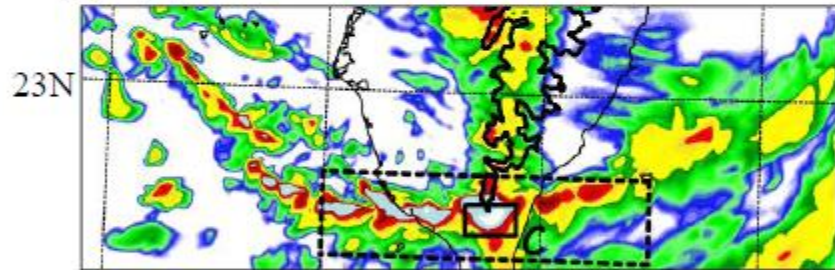
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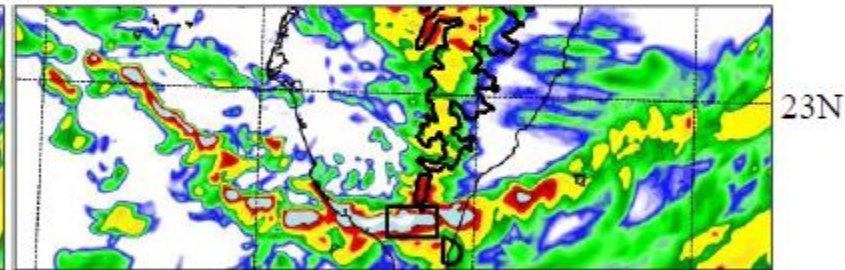
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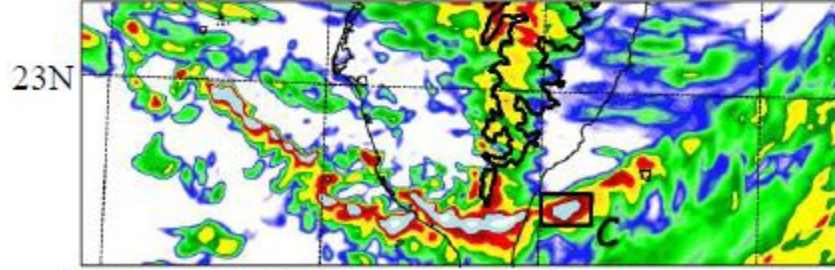
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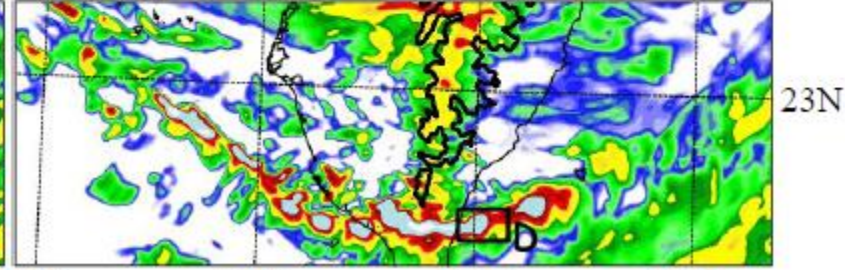
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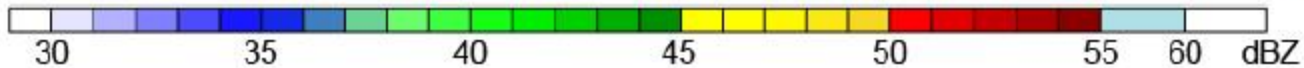
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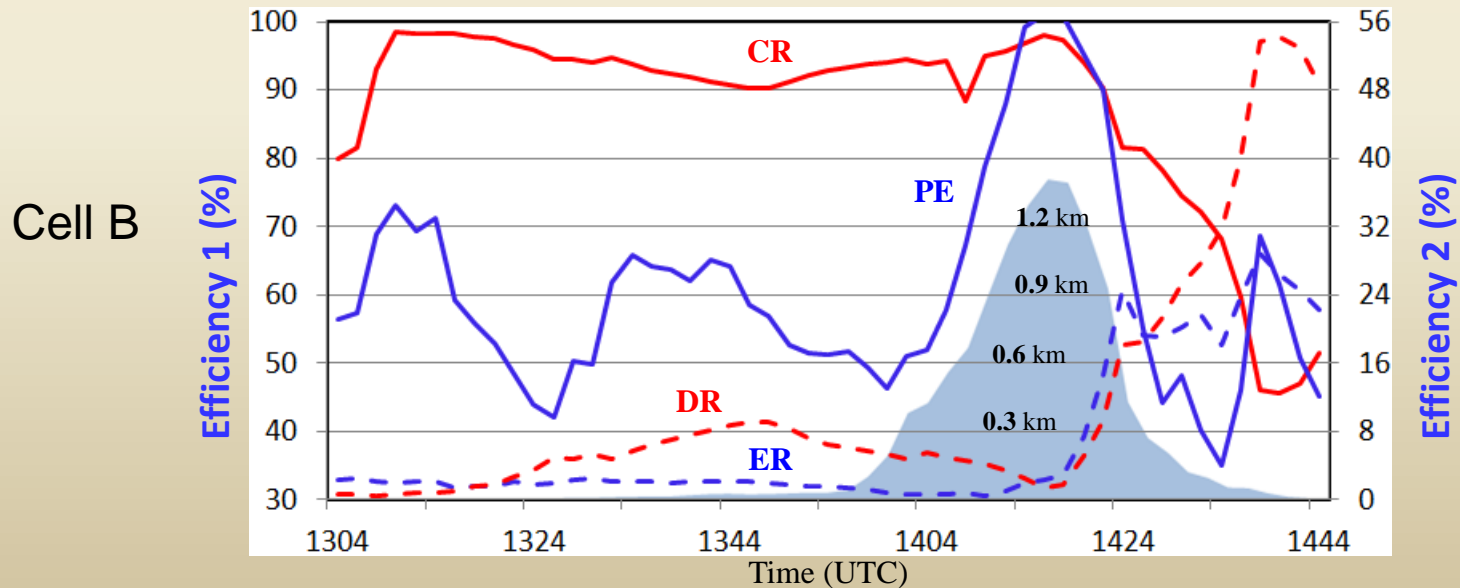
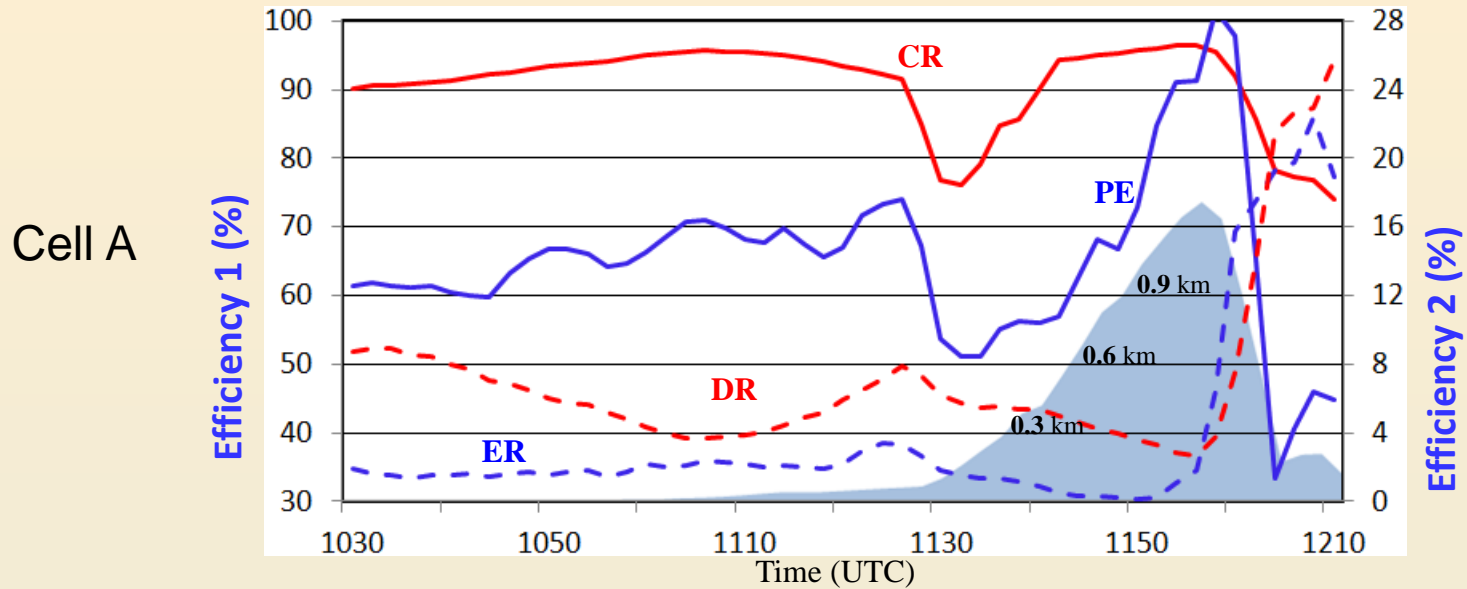


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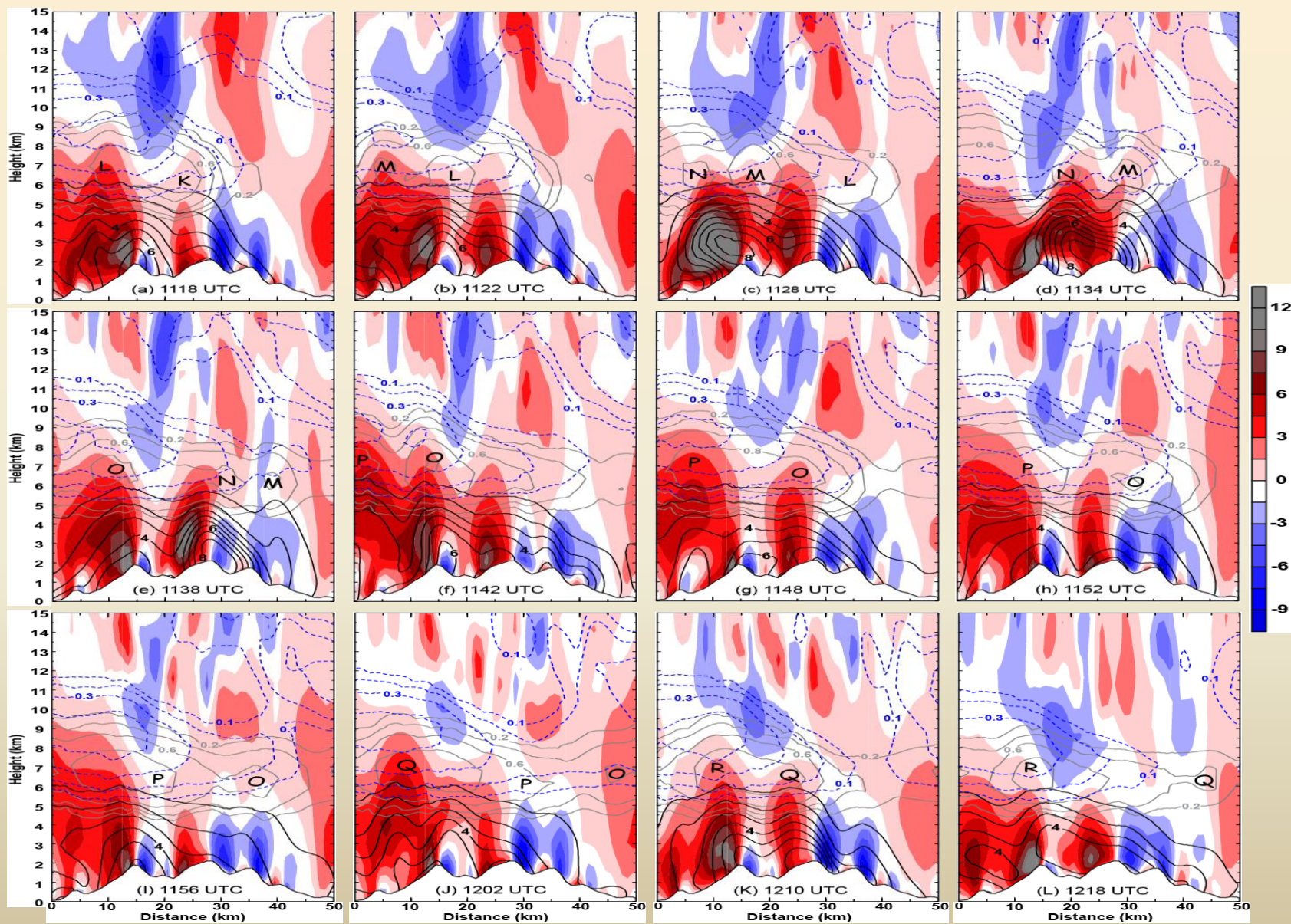




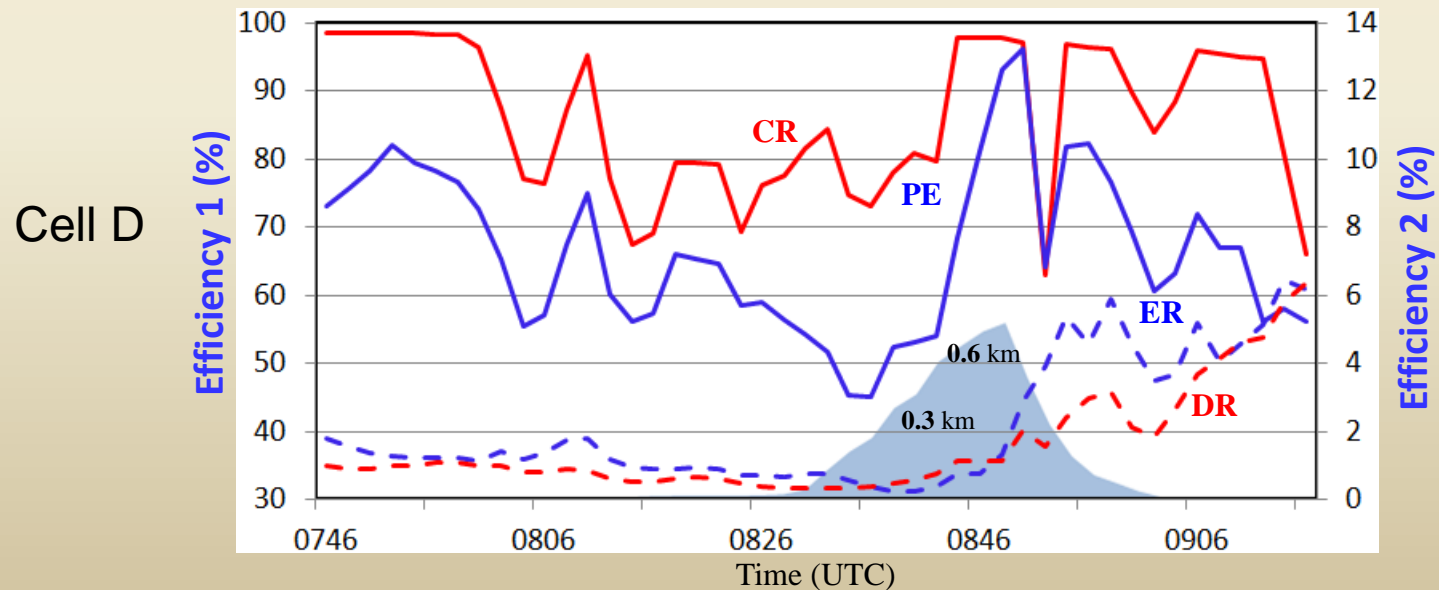
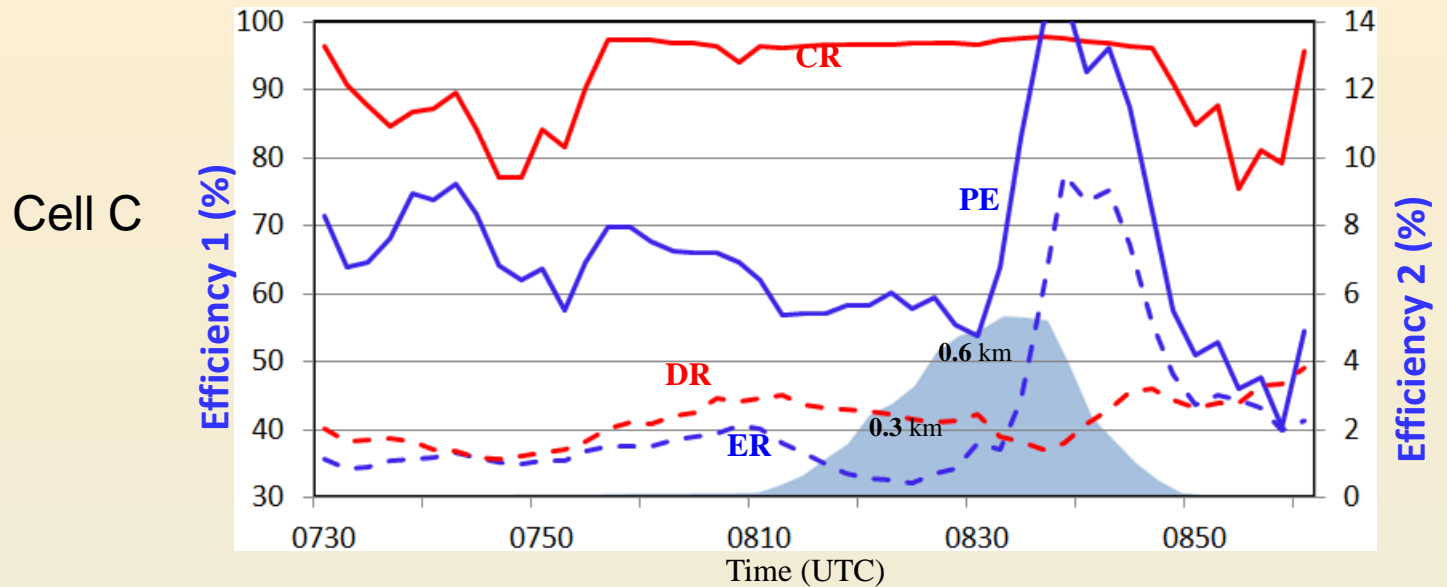
# Lagrangian evolution of microphysical parameters



# Gravity Waves on the Lee Side (vertical velocity, colored; hydrometeor mixing ratio, contoured)

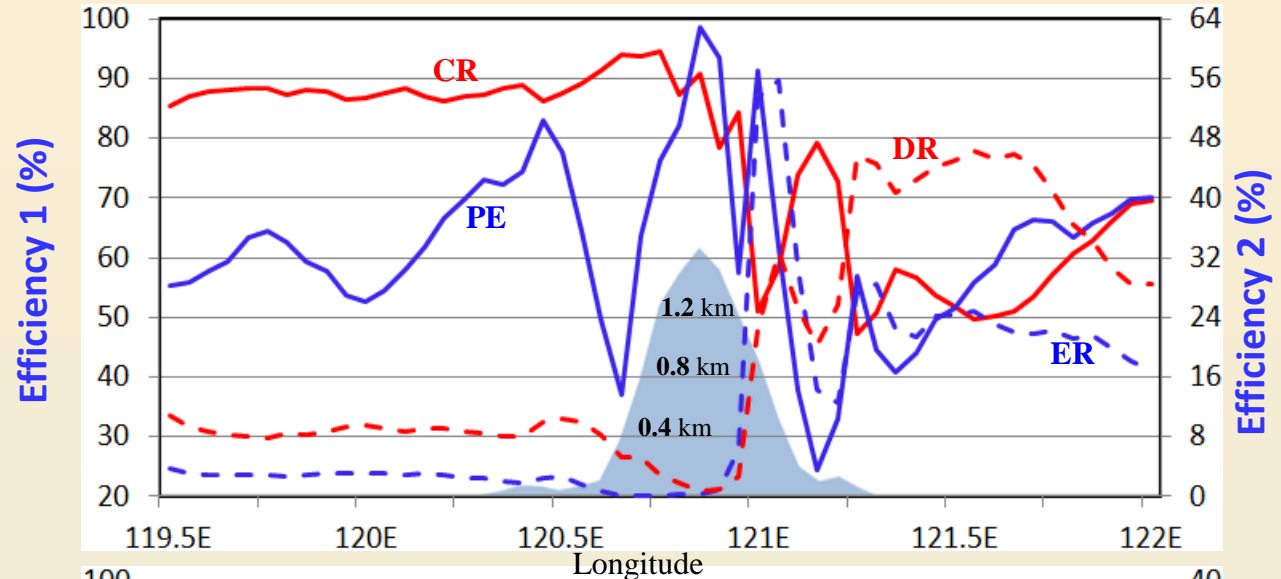


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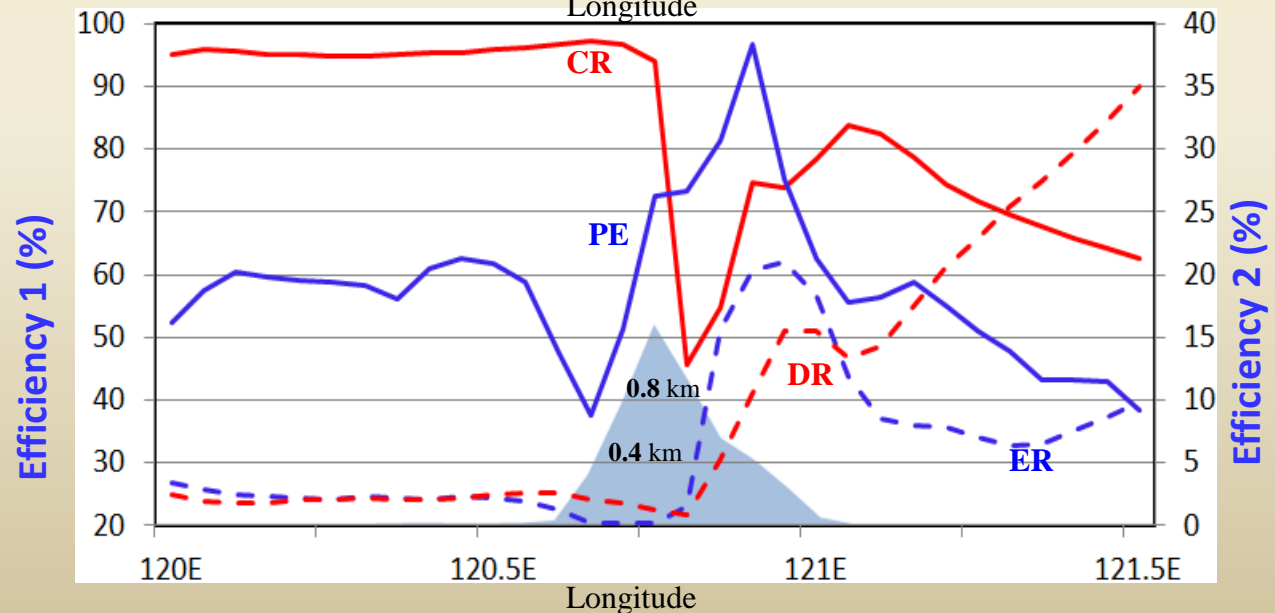


# Eulerian evolution of microphysical parameters In two time-and-space-averaged cross sections

Cross Section A



Cross Section B



Are the Morakot results universal?

⇒ Another **typhoon case for Nari (2001)**

# Heavy rainfall associated with Typhoon Nari (2001)

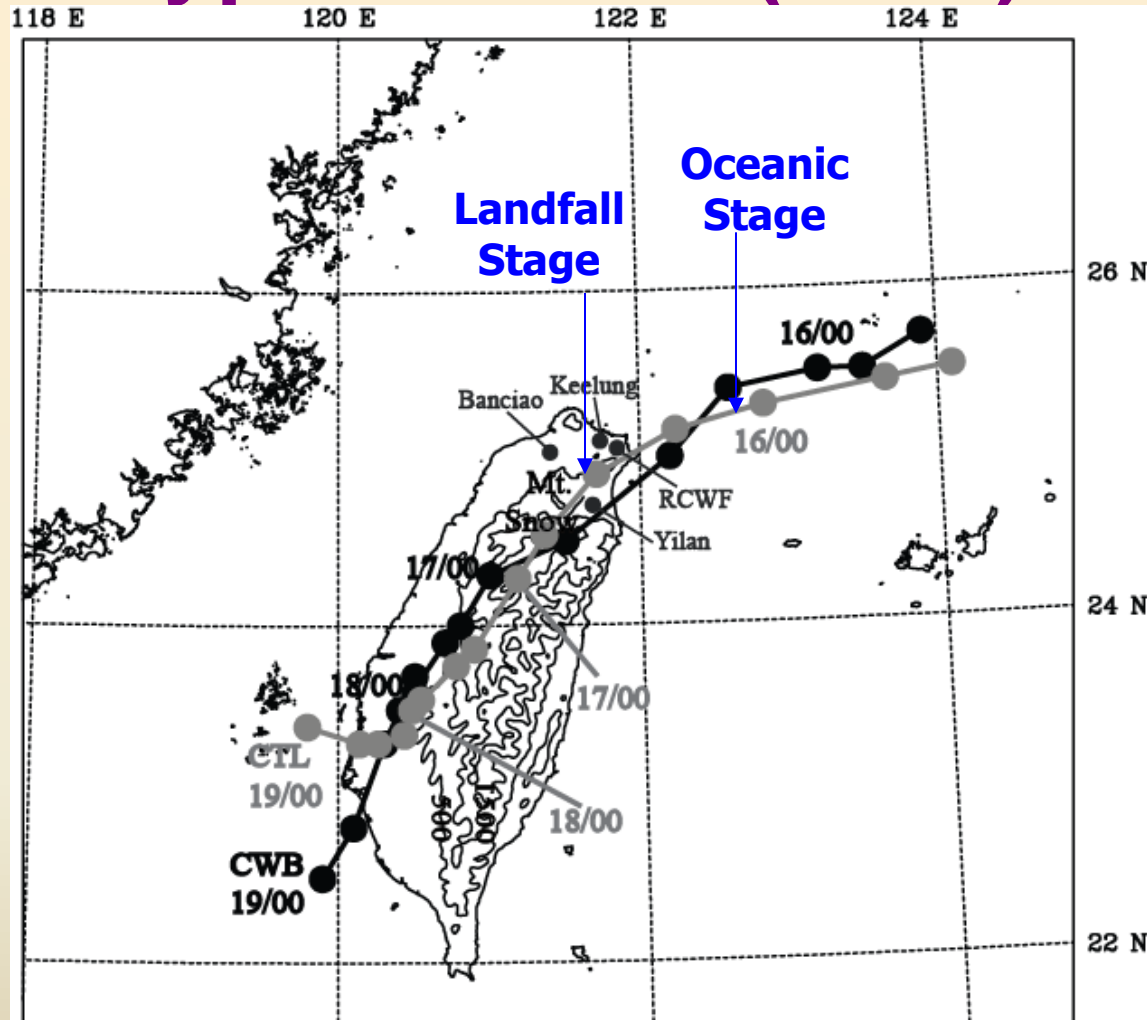


Water World !

Even Buddha cannot save you!



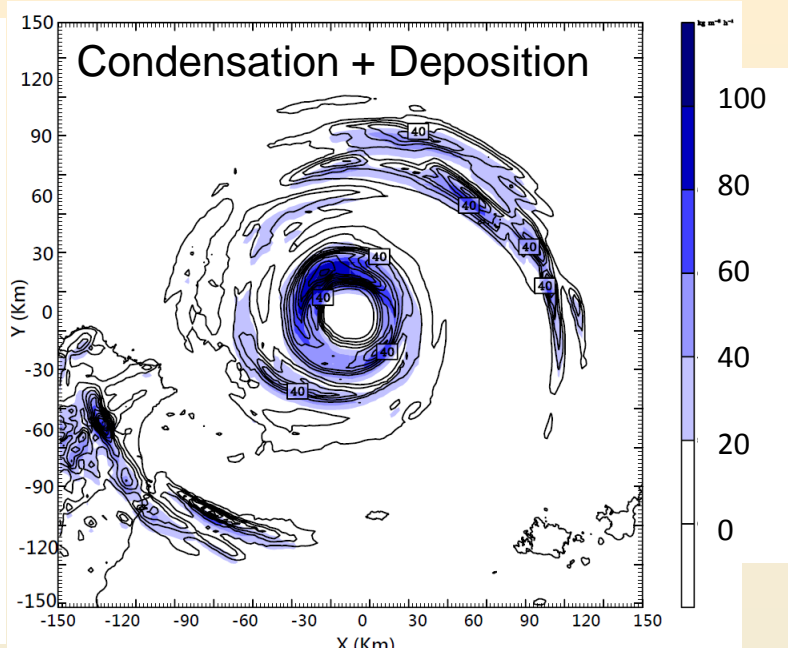
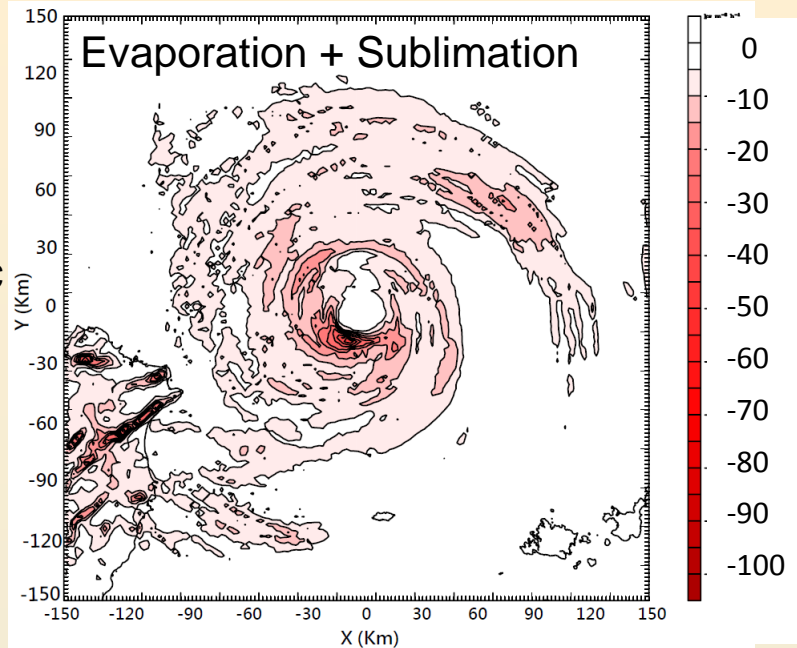
# Typhoon Nari (2001)



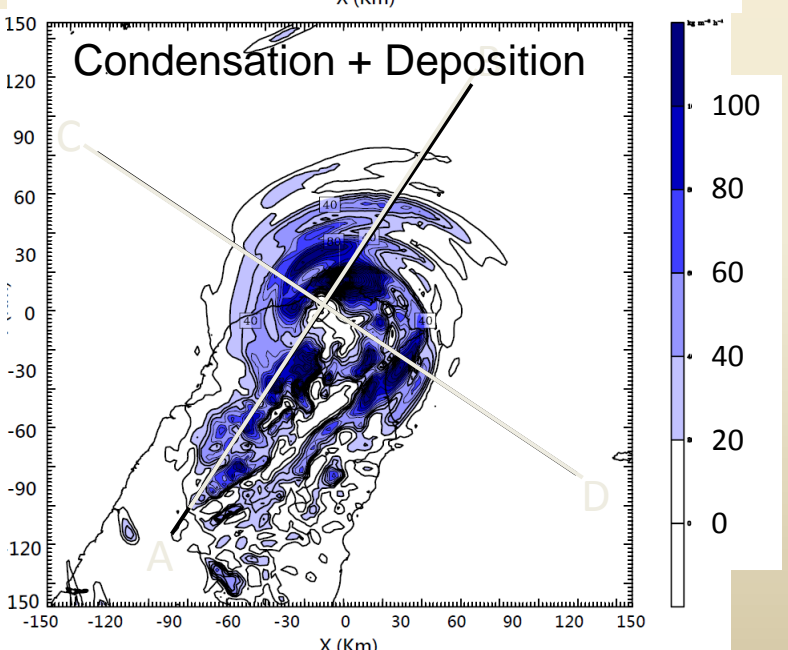
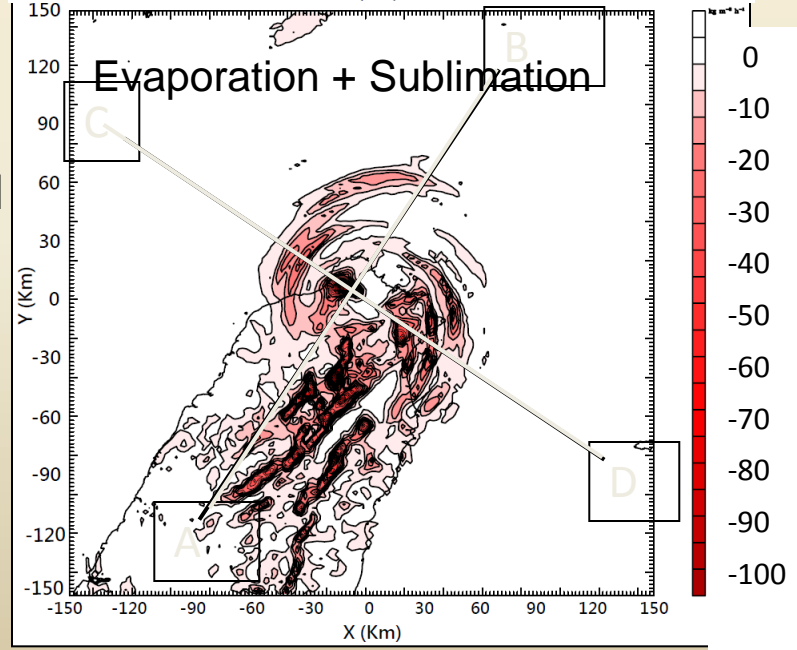
Yang, Zhang,  
and Huang  
(2008; JAS)

Simulation time (hr)	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
Track error (km)	43.3	61.2	26.8	13.4	12	8.5	104.8

Oceanic Stage



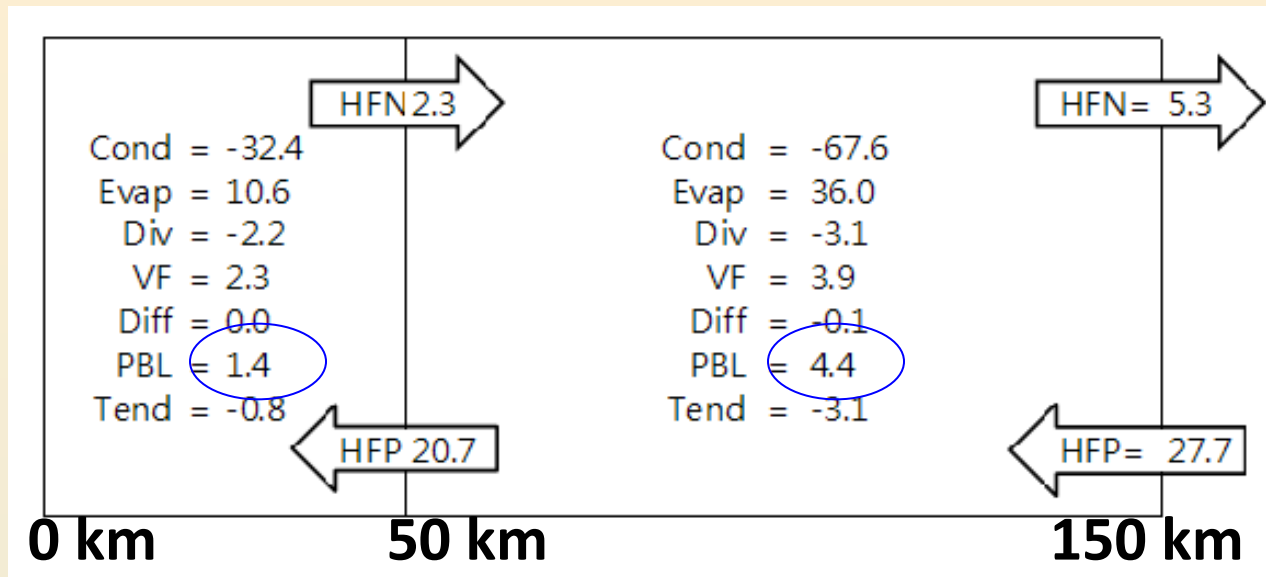
Landfall Stage



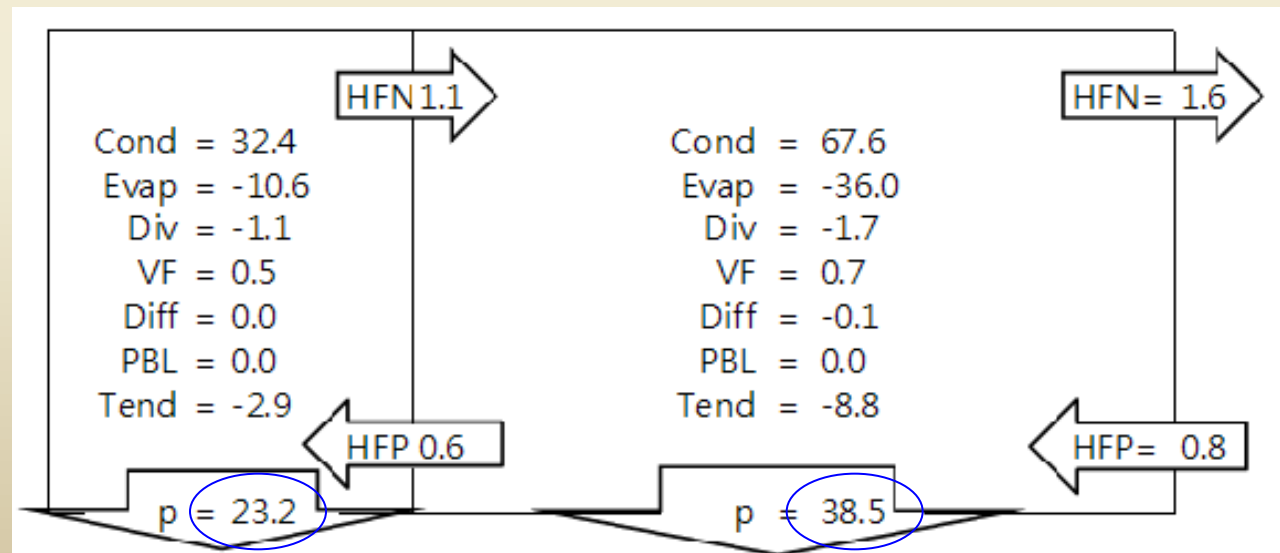


# Oceanic Stage

Vapor Budget

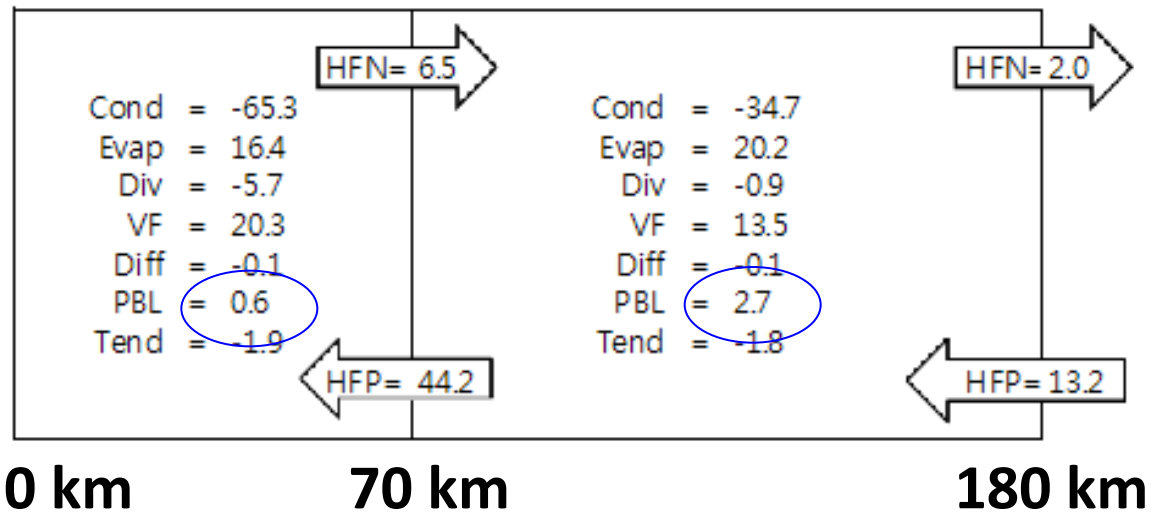


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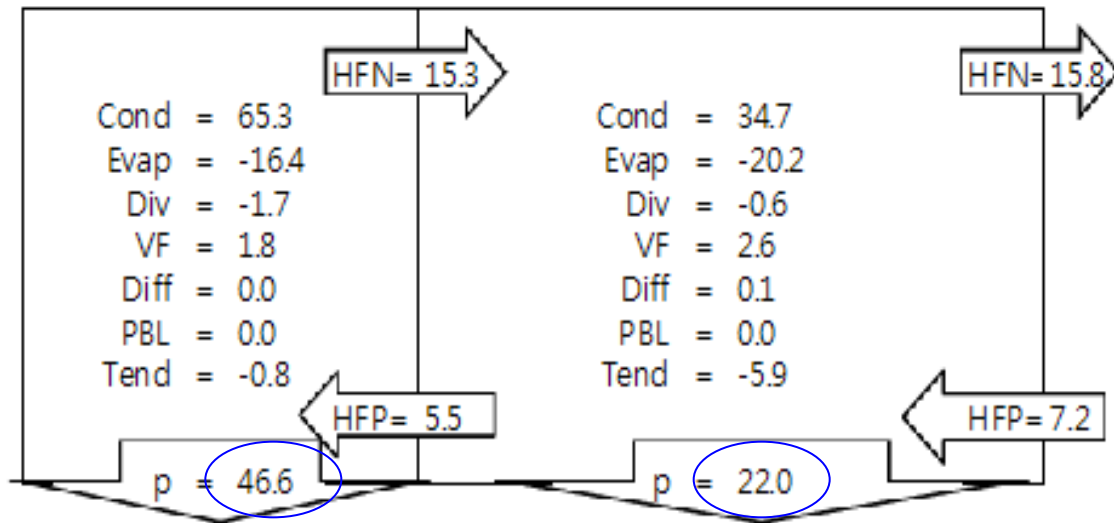


# Landfall Stage

Vapor  
Budget



Liquid/Ice  
Water  
Budget



# Microphysics Precipitation Efficiency

- Oceanic stage (13-14h)

Inner core (R=0-50 km):  $PE=P/Cond=23.2/32.4 \approx 72\%$

Outer region (R=50-150 km):  $PE=P/Cond=38.5/67.6 \approx 57\%$

- Landfall stage (23-24h)

Inner core (R=0-70 km):  $PE=P/Cond=46.6/65.3 \approx 71\%$

Outer region (R=70-180 km):  $PE=P/Cond=22.0/34.7 \approx 63\%$

# Conclusions

- The **1-km WRF simulation** reproduced reasonably well **the Morakot track, the organization, the sizes of eye and eyewall, major convective cells on outer rainbands, and rainfall maxima** on southwest Taiwan.
- **The surface rainrate (36-54 mm/h) and PE (75-100%)** over southwest Taiwan are **highly correlated**.
- The surface rainrate of the no-terrain run are **50% of the full-terrain run**; and the PE of no-terrain run are **15-20% less than the full-terrain run**.
- By following the movement of major convective cells, **PEs are 60-75% over ocean and > 95% above terrain**, which may account for the record-breaking heavy rainfall over Taiwan.
- The **Lagrangian evolution** of major cells shows that **PE and CR are increased on the windward slope but decreased on the lee side; the reverse trend is found for the DR and ER**.
- The **Lagrangian evolution** is **confirmed** by the changes of microphysical parameters across the mountains in two time-and-space-averaged cross sections in **an Eulerian framework**.

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