



臺灣區域豪雨觀測與預報觀測實驗(TAHOPE):簡介與初步成果

Taiwan-Area Heavy rain Observation and Prediction Experiment (TAHOPE): Overview and preliminary results

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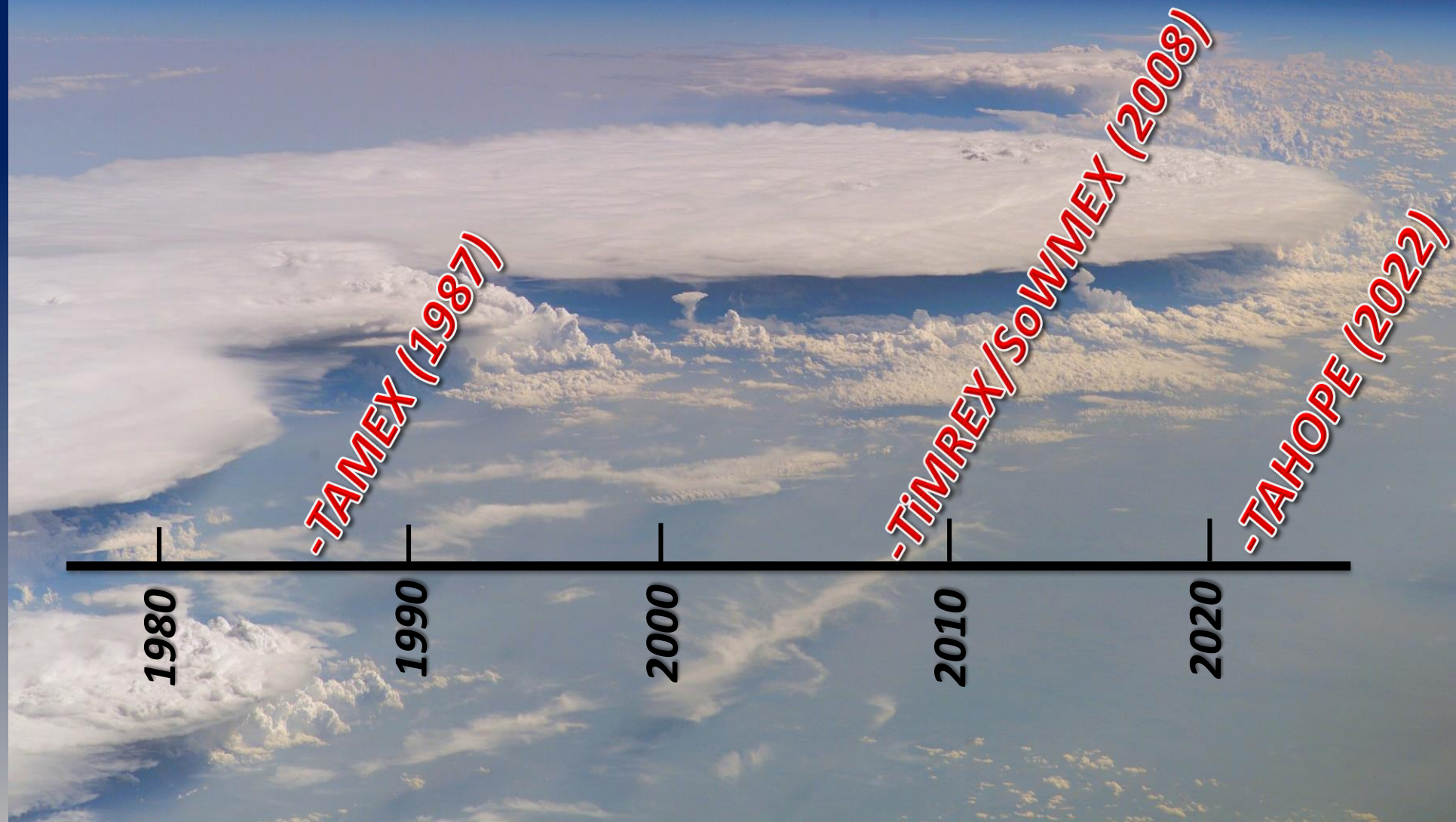
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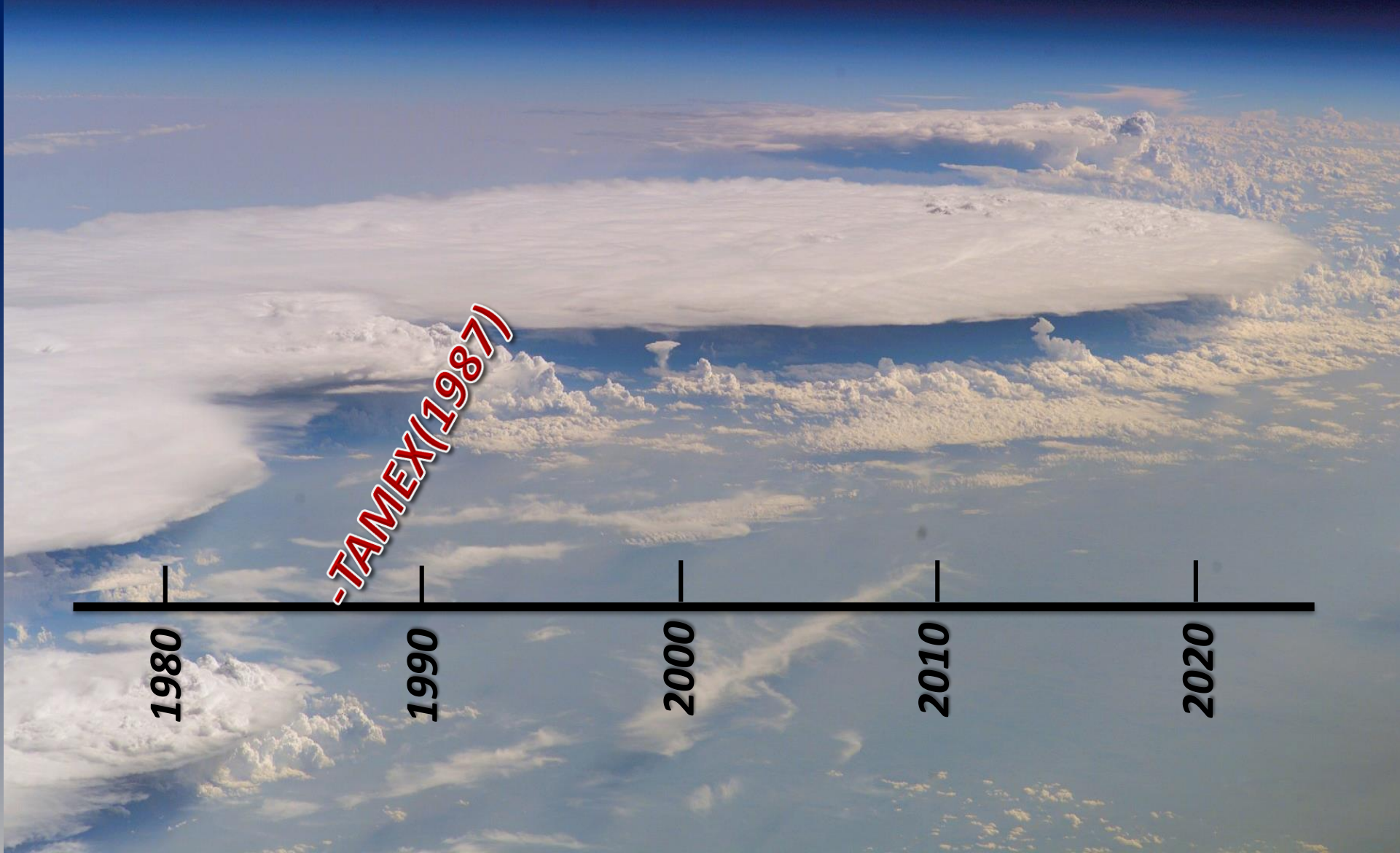


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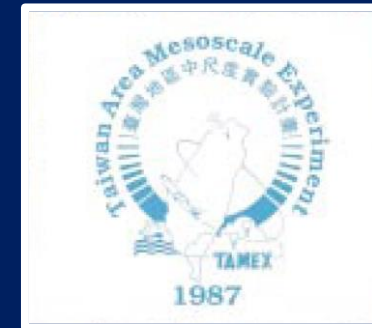


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The Taiwan Area Mesoscale Experiment (TAMEX, May-June 1987)

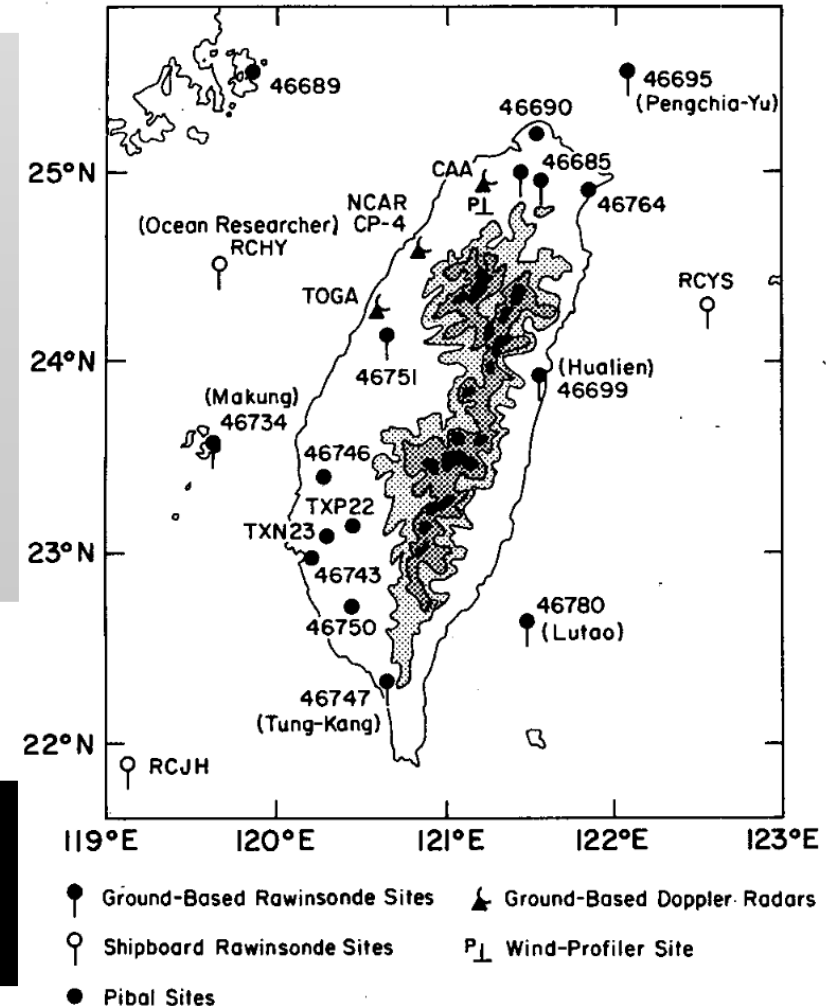


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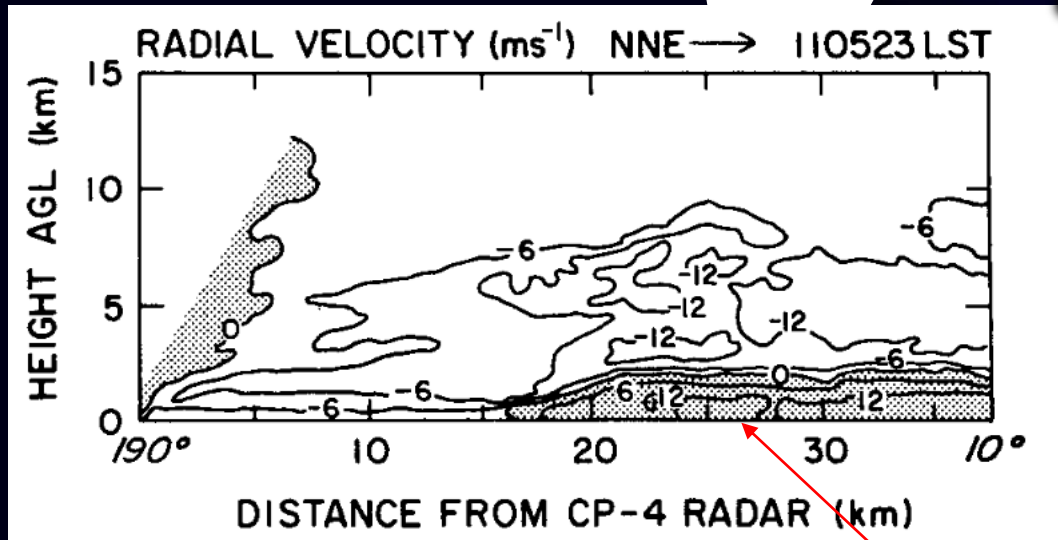
Study of heavy rainfall

- Meiyu front
- Mesoscale convective systems
- Orographic effects
- Local circulations

Doppler radars, soundings,
surface stations, NOAA P-3
aircraft

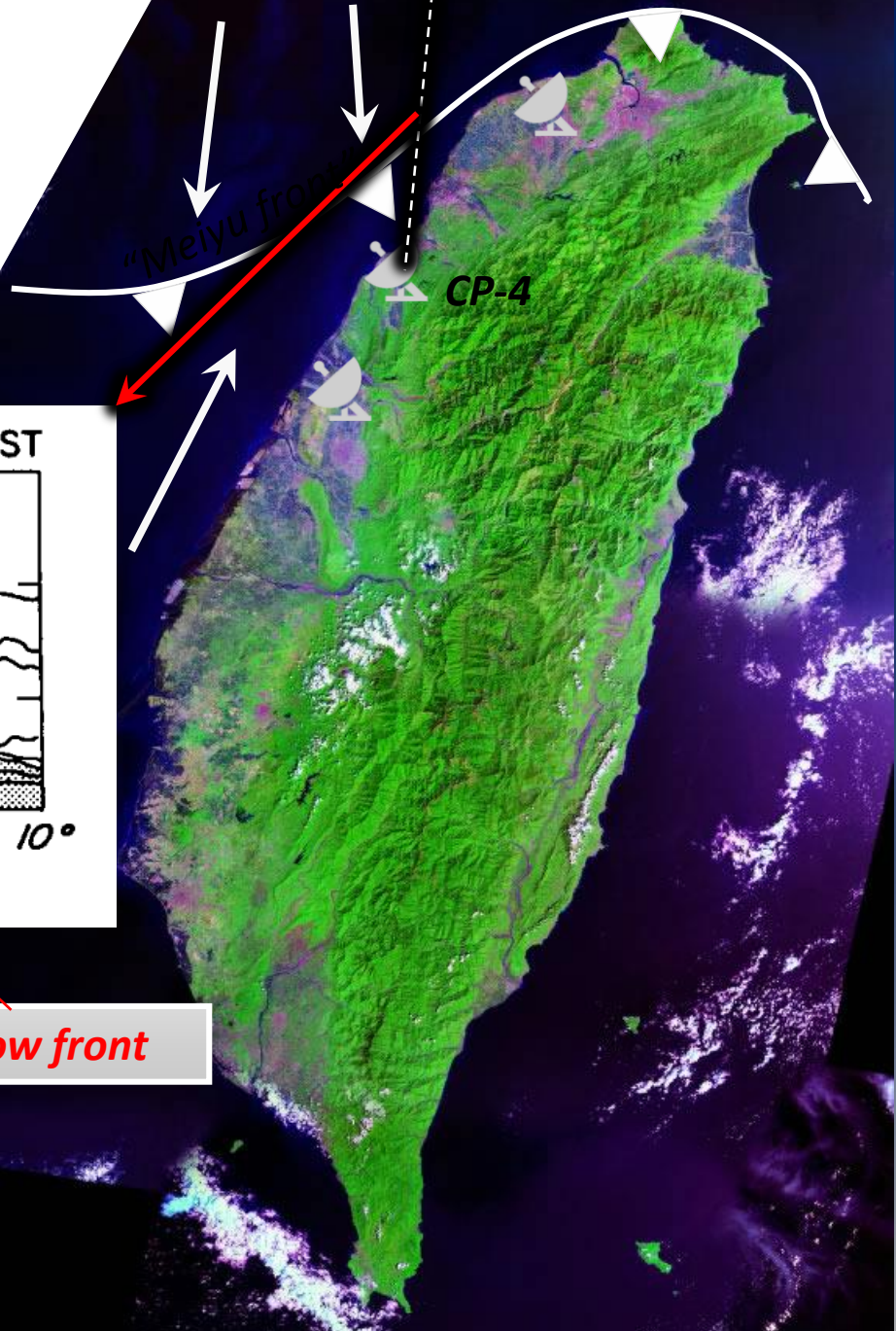


**TAMEX Radar observations along
"Meiyu" front** (Trier et al. 1990; Lin et al. 1990, 1992; Wang et al. 1990; Chen and Chou 1993; Chen and Li 1995; Li et al. 1997; others)

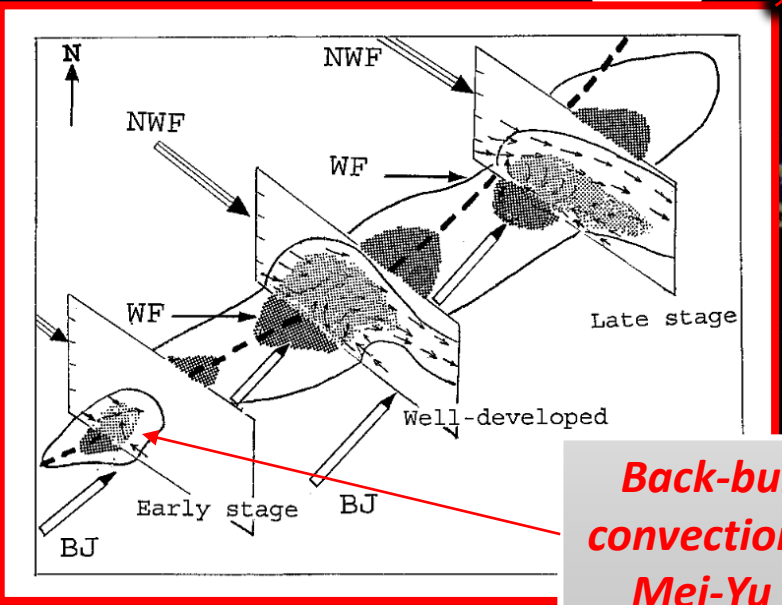


(Trier et al. 1997)

Shallow front



TAMEX Radar observations of convection along "Meiyu" front (Trier et al. 1990; Lin et al. 1990, 1992; Wang et al. 1990; Chen and Chou 1993; Chen and Li 1995; Li et al. 1997; others)

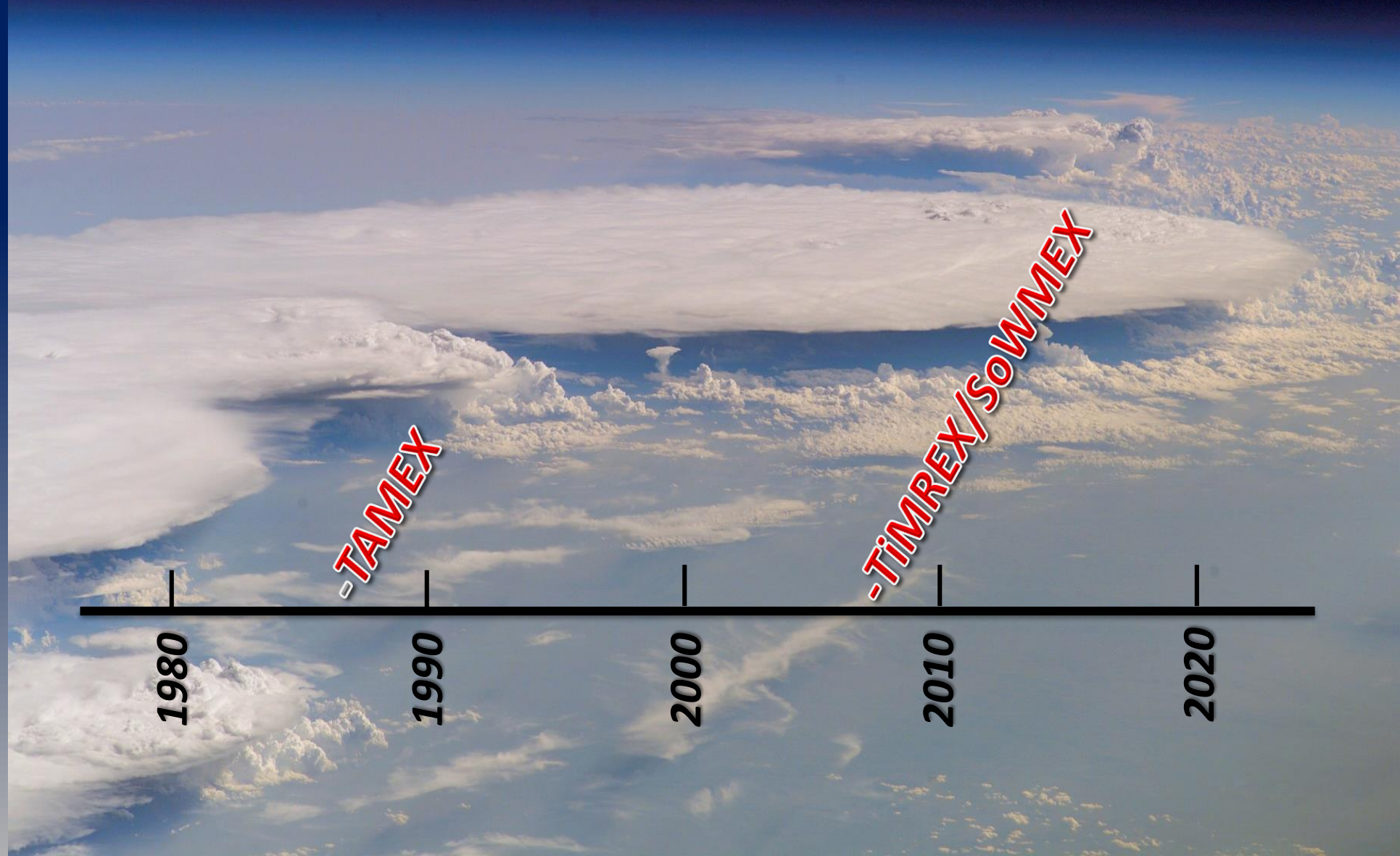


Back-building convection along Mei-Yu front

(Li, Chen and Lee 1997)



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Southwest Monsoon Experiment

Terrain-influenced Monsoon Rainfall Experiment

15 May – 30 June

2008

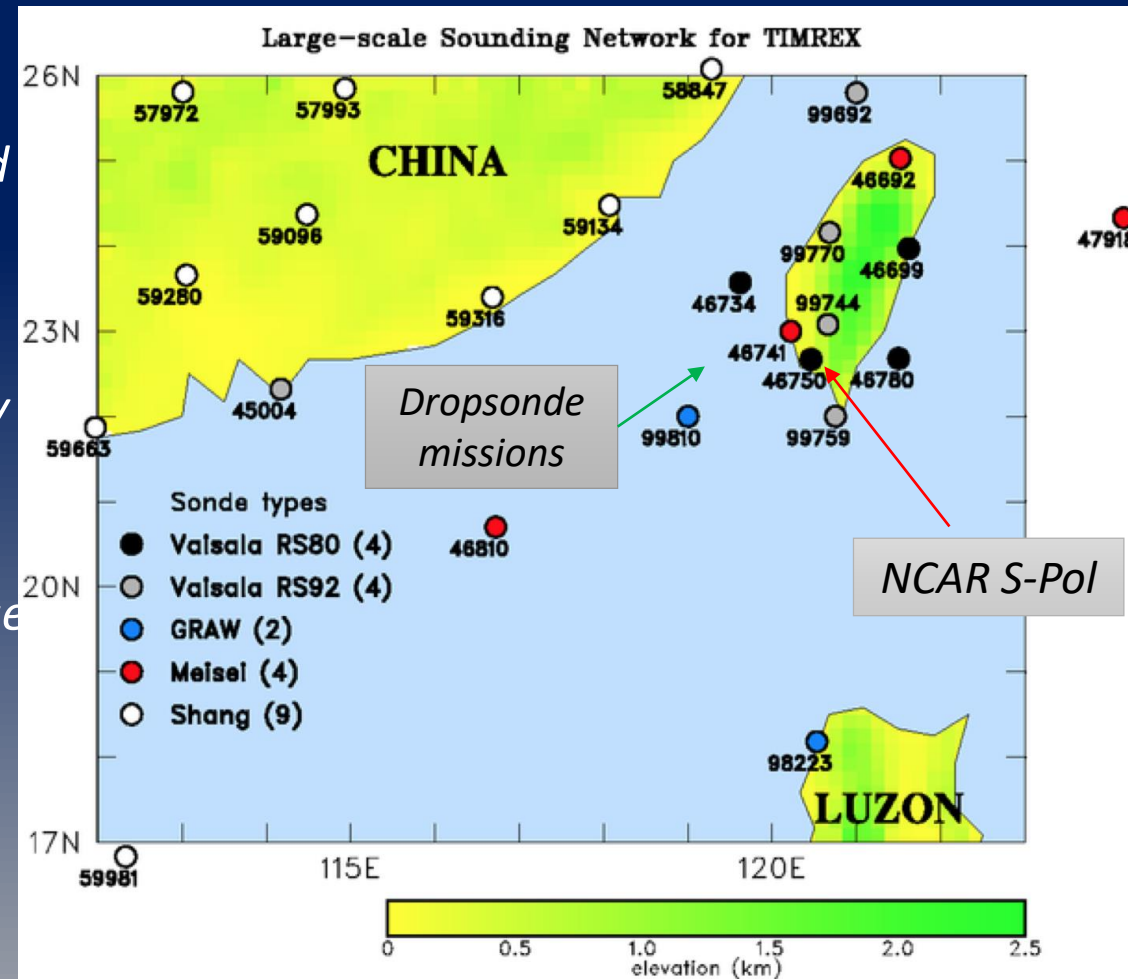
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Scientific Objectives

- Terrain effect on the flow and MCSs
- MCS dynamics, microphysics, and predictability
- Mesoscale data assimilation/QPF
- Convective initiation/diurnal cycle/boundary layer processes

Participants

- Field phase: US-Taiwan
- Post-field phase activities/workshops: Korea, Japan, Viet Nam, PRC

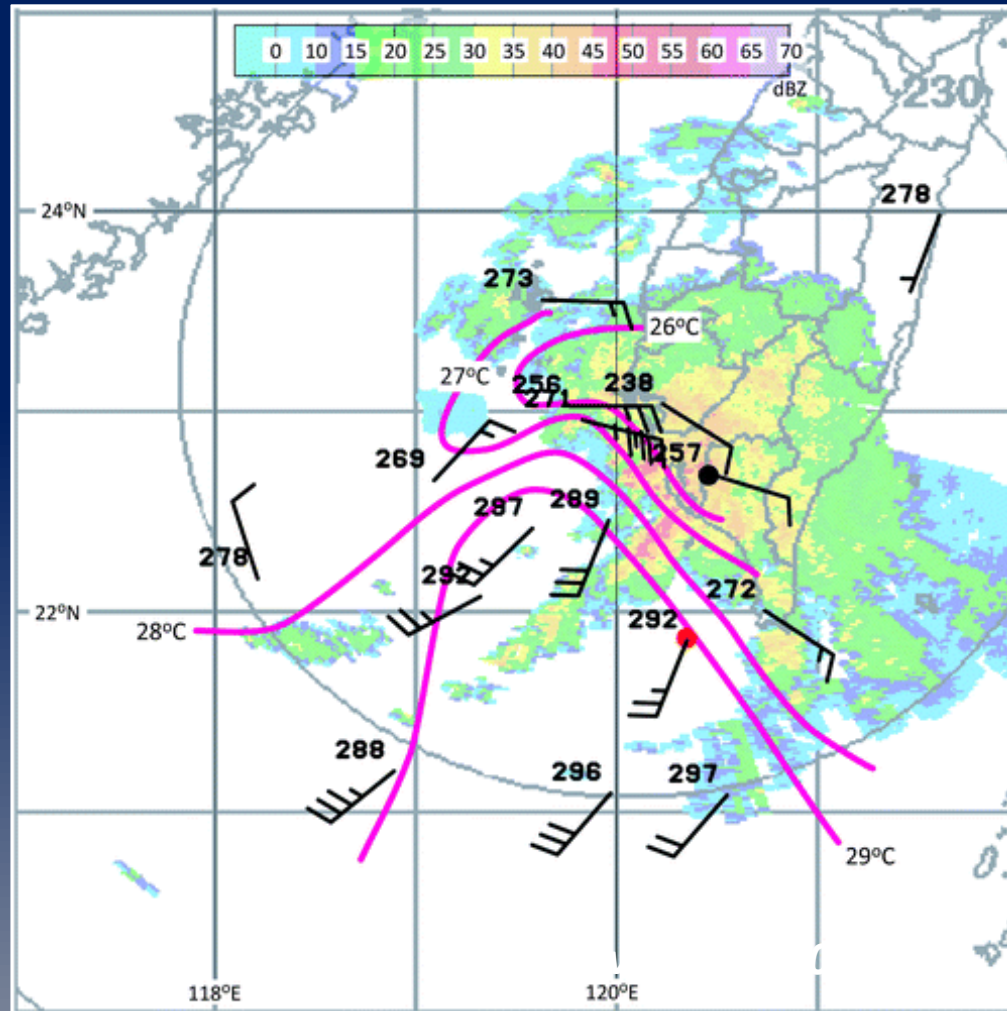




Observations of shallow fronts (Davis et al. 2012)

- Despite shallowness and weak T gradient, impact on convection is significant
- T contrast reinforced by cool downdrafts over land
- Analogous to coastal fronts at higher latitudes

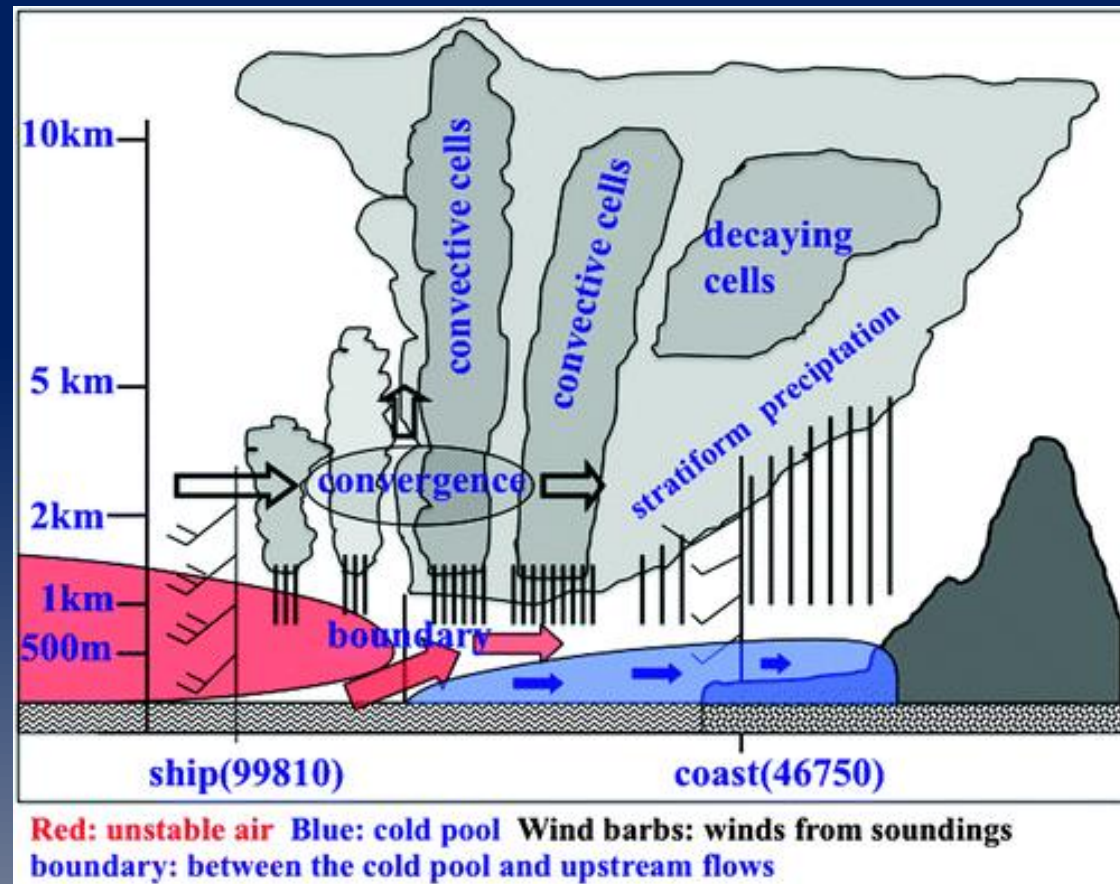
990 hPa wind, T_v at 06Z on 5 June 2008





Extreme rainfall 14-16 June 2008 (Xu et al. 2012)

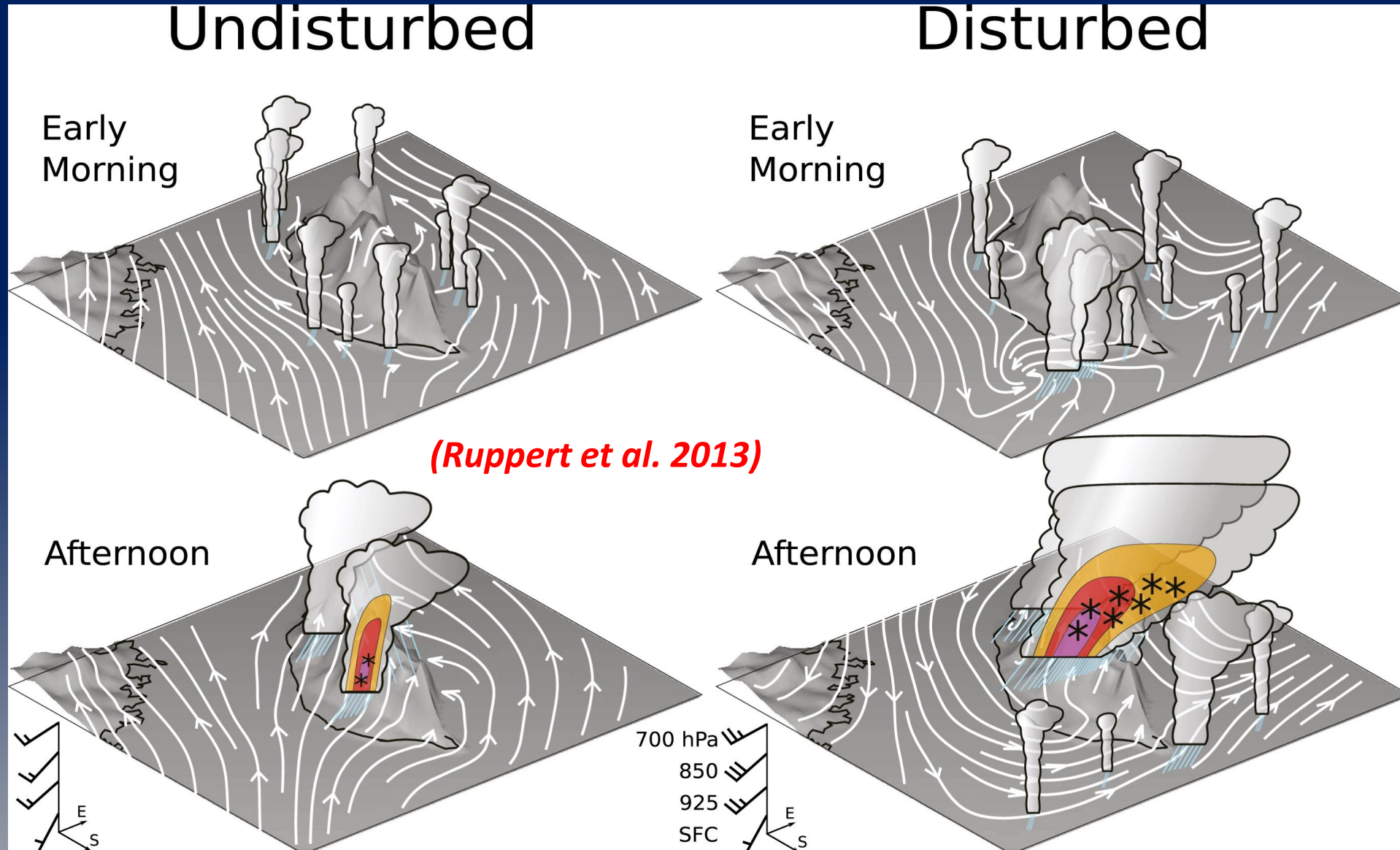
- *Convective cell triggering by low-level jet impinging on shallow cold pool*
- *Cold pool reinforced by continuous precipitation*
- *Cold pool trapped by terrain*
- *Virtual extension of island barrier to the southwest*



(Xu et al. 2012)

Diurnal Cycle of Convection during TiMREX

Courtesy: Richard Johnson



(Ruppert et al. 2013)

➤ Morning rainfall offshore, afternoon maxima on coastal plain

➤ Dominant rainfall on at higher elevations over CMR in afternoon

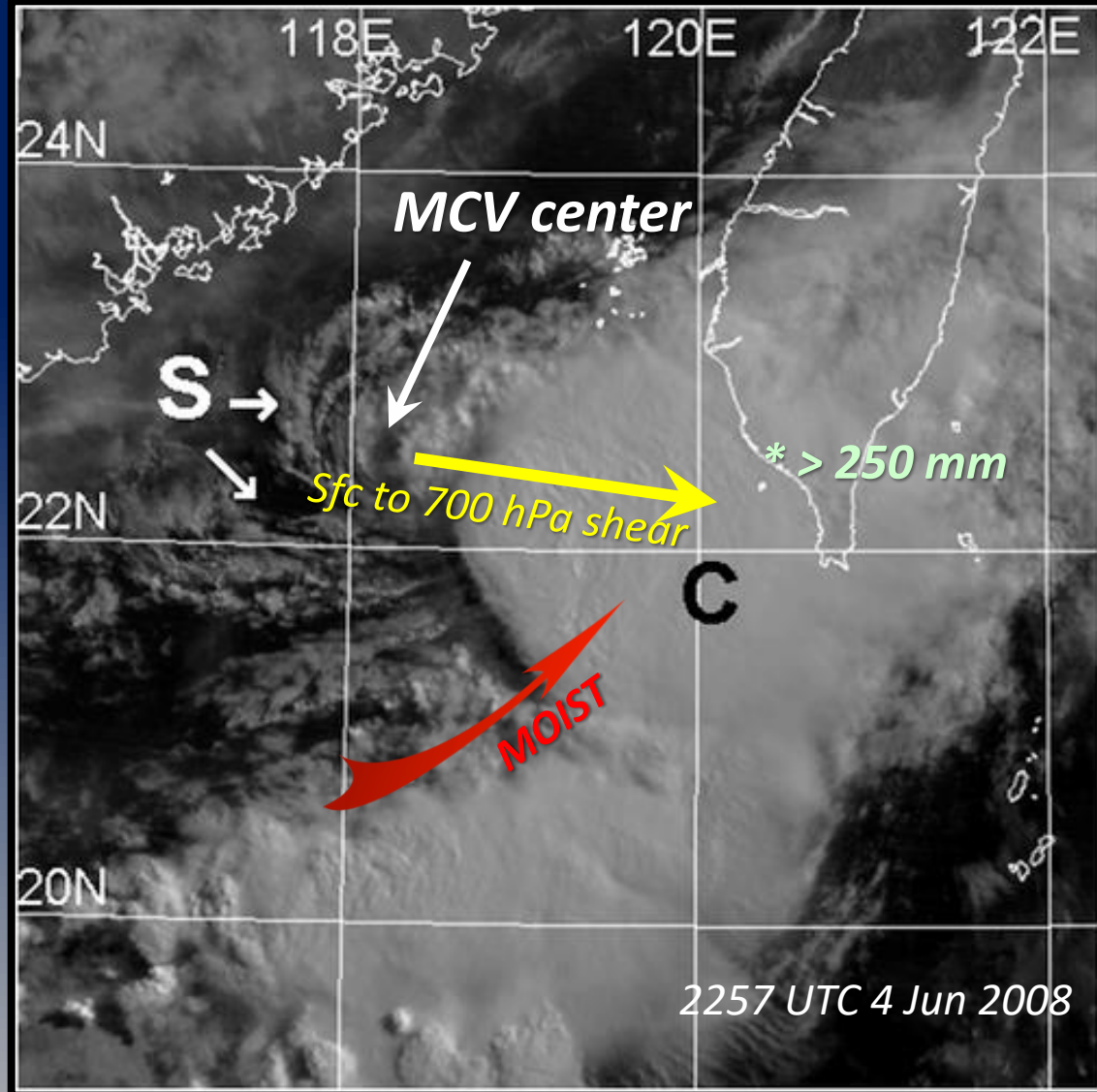
Mesoscale Convective Vortex (MCV) during TiMREX

4-5 June 2008 Heavy Rainfall

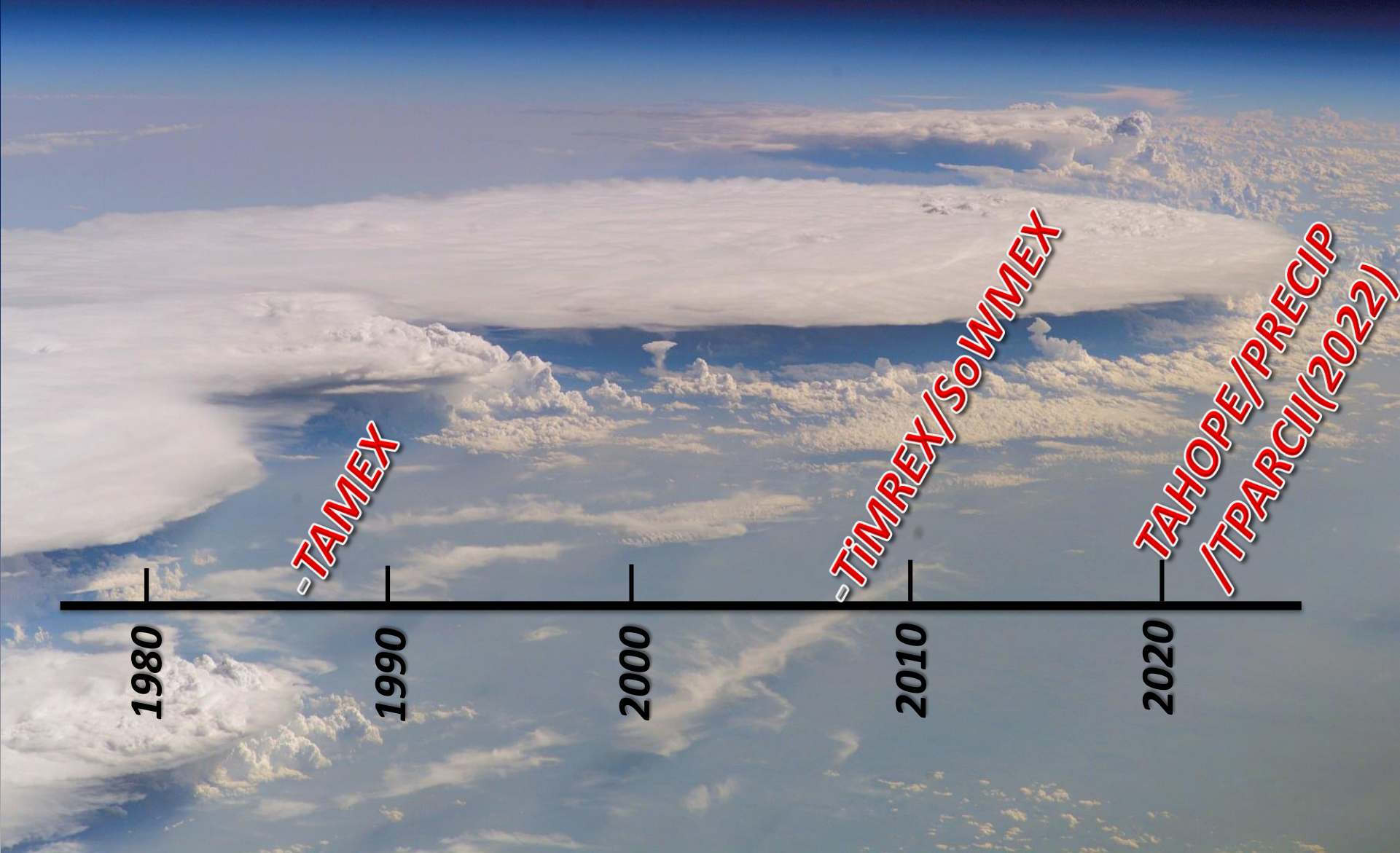
TiMREX/SoWMEX

(Lai, Davis, and Jou 2011, MWR)

Heavy rain over southern Taiwan downshear of vortex center, aided by moist southwesterly flow



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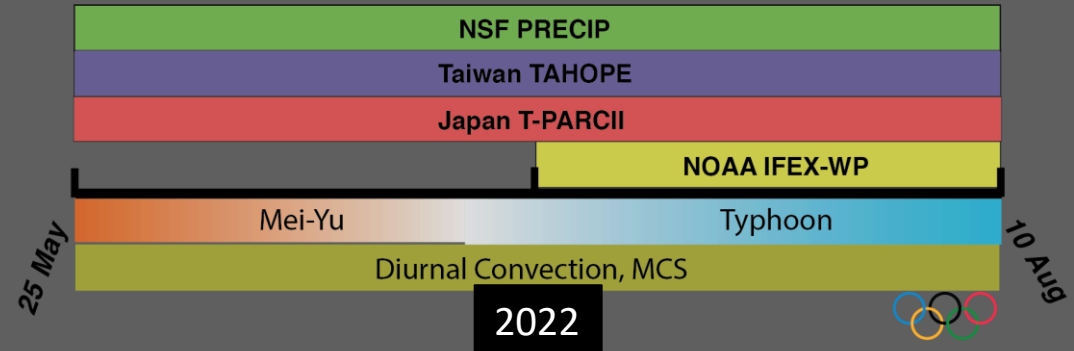
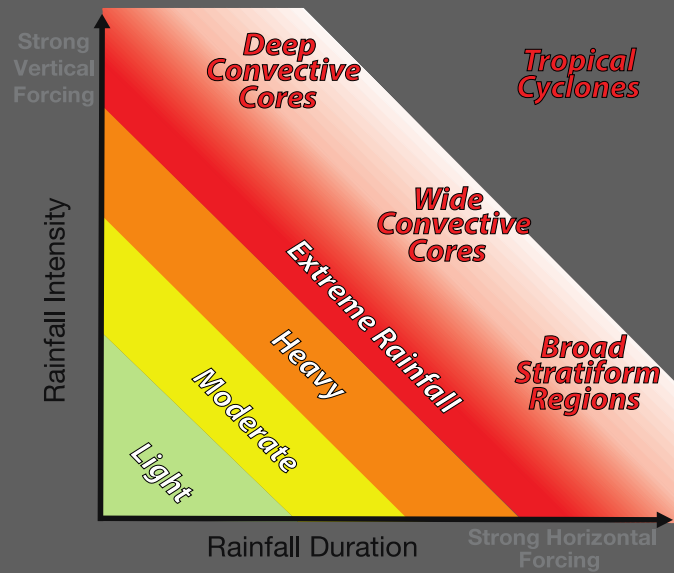
(Courtesy Michael Bell)

Prediction of Rainfall Extremes Campaign In the Pacific (PRECIP) ~~2020~~ 2022

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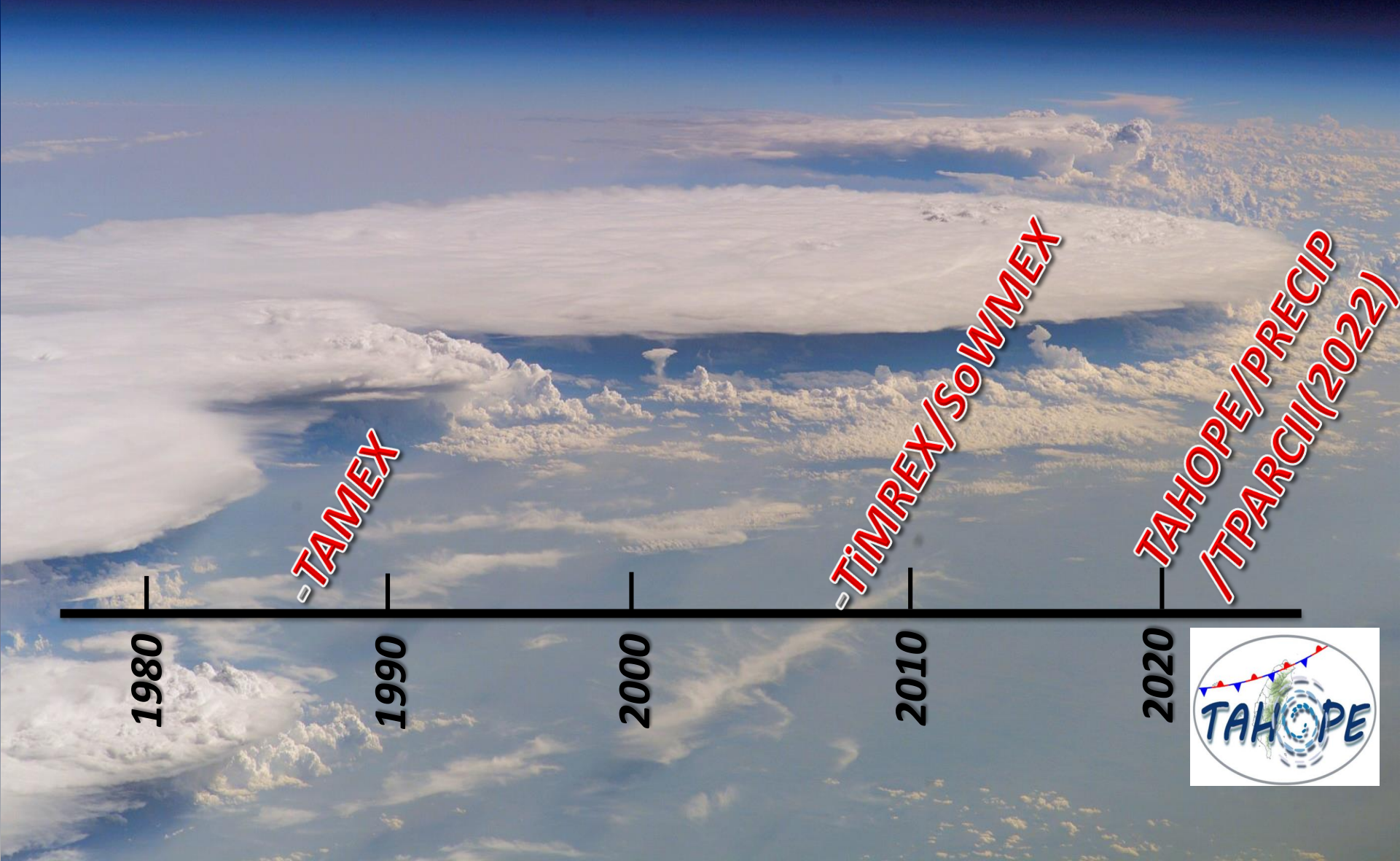


- PRECIP has been proposed for 25 May – 10 August ~~2020~~ 2022 to observe Mei-yu front, MCSs, diurnal convection, and typhoons near Taiwan
- Part of an international effort to study extreme rainfall
 - Taiwan TAHOPE (Taiwan-Area Heavy rain Observation and Prediction)
 - Japan T-PARCII (Tropical cyclones-Pacific Asian Research Campaign for Improvement of Intensity estimations/forecasts)
 - NOAA IFEX-WP (Intensity Forecast Experiment – Western Pacific)

General Scientific Findings from TAMEX and SoWMEX/TiMREX

- *Moist, unstable conditions and weak CIN over Taiwan during onset of summer monsoon: convection is readily initiated by Meiyu front, cold pools, orography, flow blocking, SST gradients*
- *Extreme rainfall is often a result of a complex interplay among above processes*
- *MCS organization leading to extreme rainfall: many aspects similar to that observed elsewhere in the tropics and in the midlatitudes*

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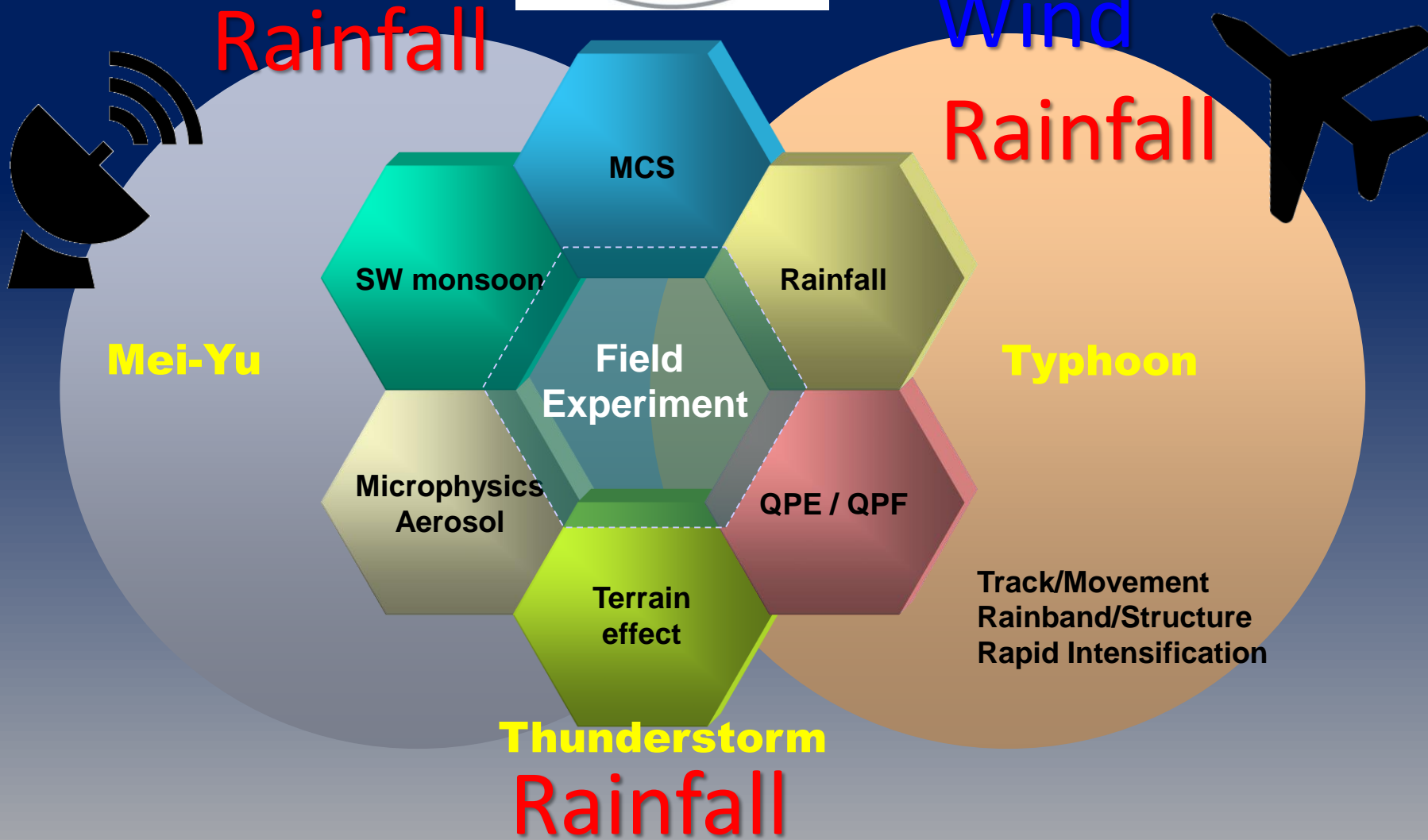


Table 1.1 Atmospheric scale definitions. (Adapted after Thunis and Bornstein 1996.)

Horizontal Scale	Lifetime	Stull (1988)	Pielke (2002)	Orlanski (1975)	Thunis and Bornstein (1996)	Atmospheric Phenomena
10 000 km	1 month	Macro	Synoptic Regional	Macro- α	Macro- α	General circulation, long waves
				Macro- β	Macro- β	Synoptic cyclones
2000 km	1 week	Macro	Regional	Meso- α	Macro- γ	Fronts, hurricanes, tropical storms, short cyclone waves, mesoscale convective complexes
200 km	1 day			Meso- β	Meso- β	Mesocyclones, mesohighs, supercells, squall lines, inertia-gravity waves, cloud clusters, low-level jets, thunderstorm groups, mountain waves, sea breezes
20 km	1 h	Meso	Meso	Meso- γ	Meso- γ	Thunderstorms, cumulonimbi, clear-air turbulence, heat island, macrobursts
2 km				Micro- α	Meso- δ	Cumulus, tornadoes, microbursts, hydraulic jumps
200 m	30 min	Micro	Micro	Micro- β	Micro- β	Plumes, wakes, waterspouts, dust devils
20 m	1 min			Micro- γ	Micro- γ	Turbulence, sound waves
2 m	1 s	Micro- δ	Micro- δ			

Source:
 "Mesoscale Dynamics"
 Textbook by Lin (2007)

Orlanski (1975; BAMS)



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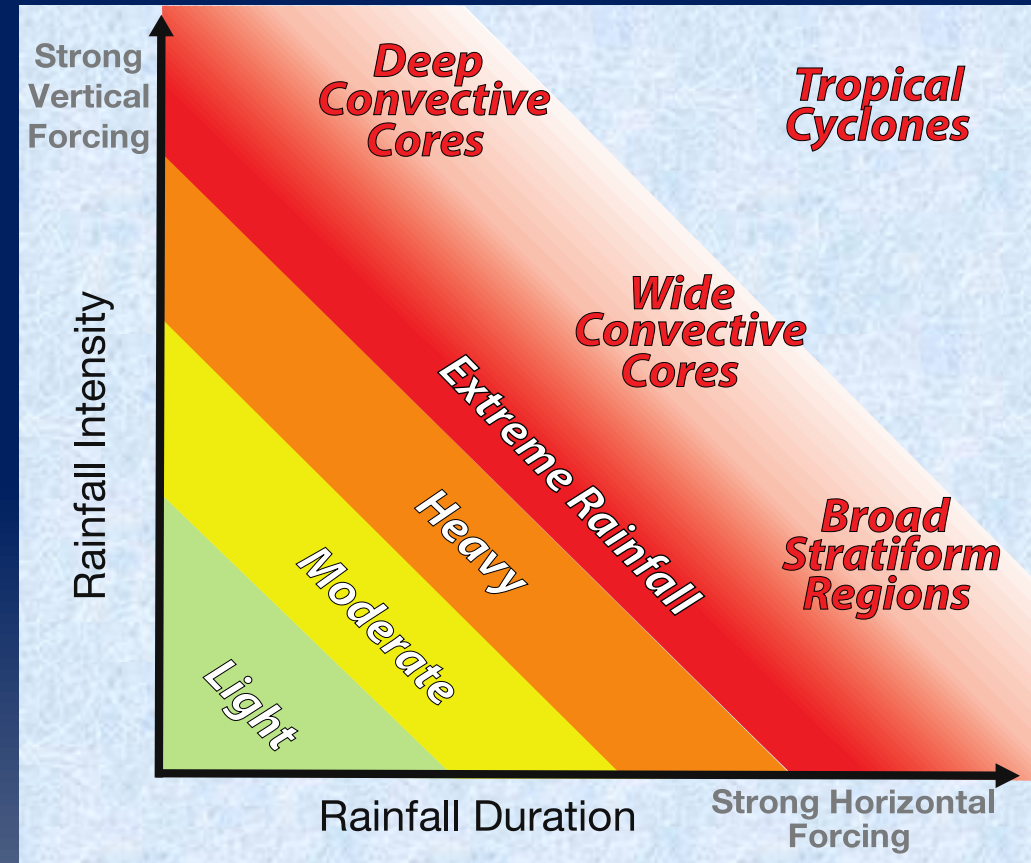


Figure from
Michael Bell

- **Primary objective** is to simplify complexity of multi-scale interactions by identifying key ingredients and processes in the two limiting cases of high intensity and long duration events in a *moisture-rich environment*

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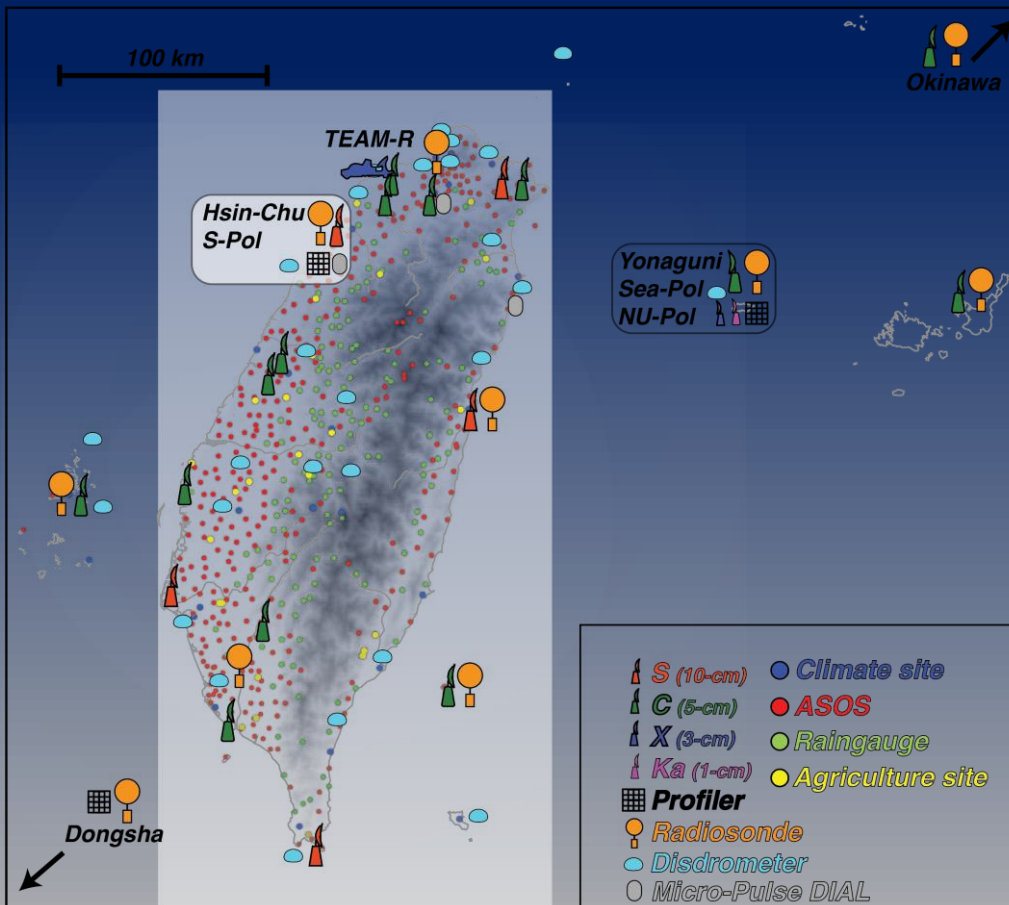
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TAHOPE/PRECIP 2022 S-Pol Radar Antenna Assembly



Video from Dr. Wen-Chau Lee at NCAR

TAHOPE/PRECIP 2022 S-Pol Radar Observation



Video from Hsinchu County Government

TAHOPE/PRECIP 2022

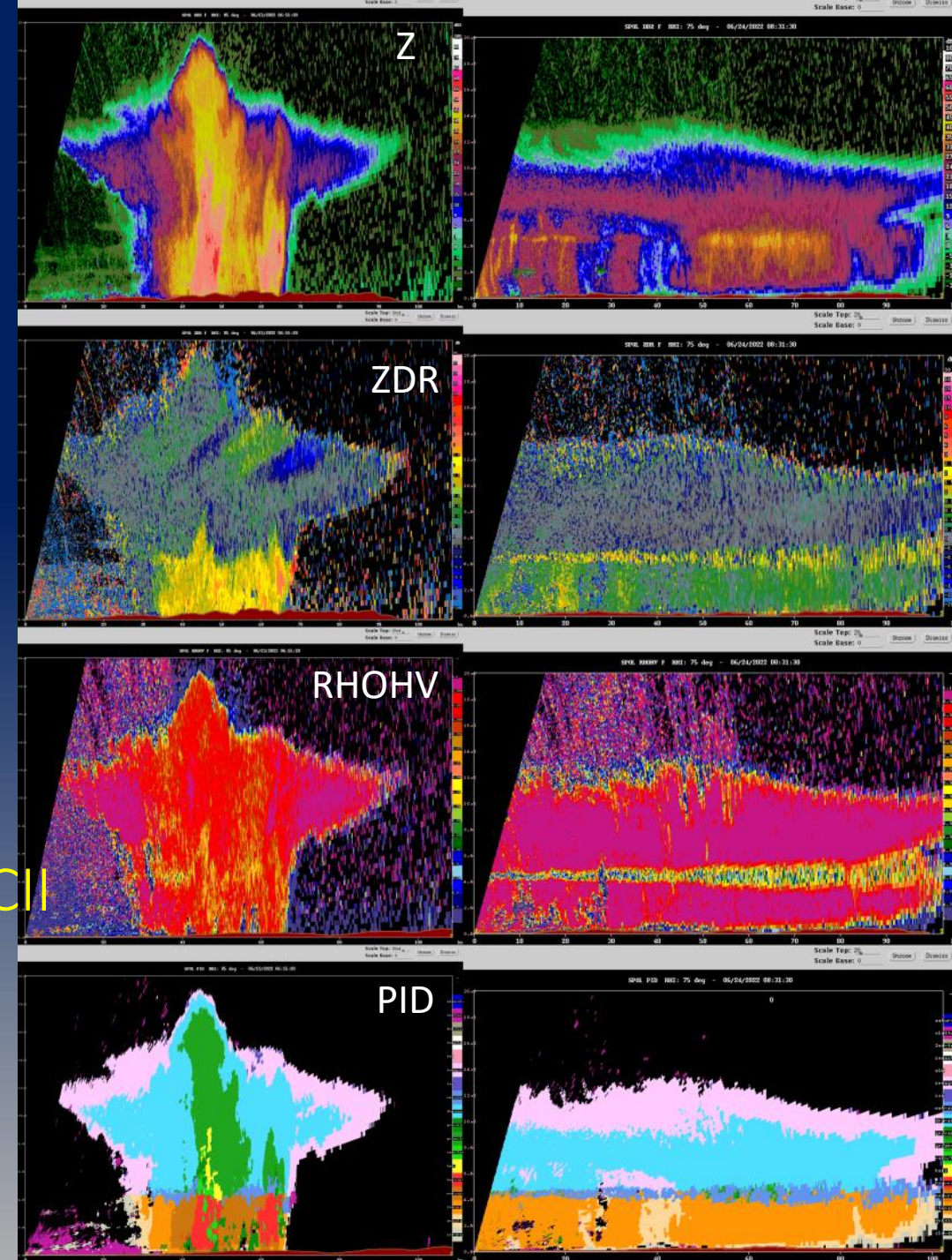
Sounding Release on Pengjiayu Island



Video from Prof. Jou-Ping Hou at
National Defense University

Over 286,000 RHI scans in 2022

- S-Pol operated from 5/25 – 8/10 (78 days)
 - Over 176,000 RHIs
- SEA-POL operated from 6/10 – 8/22 (74 days)
 - Over 100,000 RHIs
- TEAM-R operated from 5/15 – 7/31 (78 days)
- 3 MPDs operated from 5/28 – 8/10 (75 days)
- 1,341 soundings from TAHOPE/PRECIP/T-PARCHEM
- 11 Intensive Observing Periods (IOPs) & 8 Special Observation Periods (SOPs)



List of IOPs & SOPs during TAHOPE 2022 (5/25 to 8/10 : 11 IOPs totally)

	Period	Description
SOP1	5/25 00Z – 5/26 00Z	Mei-Yu front and MCS
IOP1	5/26 00Z – 5/28 00Z	Mei-Yu front and MCS (Backbuilding MCS on 5/26)
IOP2	5/31 00Z – 5/31 12Z	Afternoon thunderstorm (Thunderstorms with seep echo top of 16-km over Yilan)
IOP3	6/06 06Z – 6/12 12Z	Quasi-stationary Mei-Yu front on Taiwan (Backbuilding MCS over Miaoli; a squall line approaching northern Taiwan on 6/10)
IOP4	6/15 00Z – 6/16 00Z	Prefrontal southwesterly in a weakening Mei-Yu front (Dry air intrusion at low level over northern Taiwan)
SOP2	6/23 00Z – 6/24 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm
SOP3	6/24 00Z – 6/25 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm (Hail case at Taipei Basin)
IOP5	6/25 00Z – 6/25 15Z	Afternoon thunderstorm (Intense thunderstorms over Taipei, Taoyuan, and Miaoli)
SOP4	6/29 00Z – 6/30 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm
IOP6	7/01 00Z – 7/04 00Z	Rainfall associated with TC Chaba and TC Aere (Heavy rainfall on eastern and southern Taiwan)

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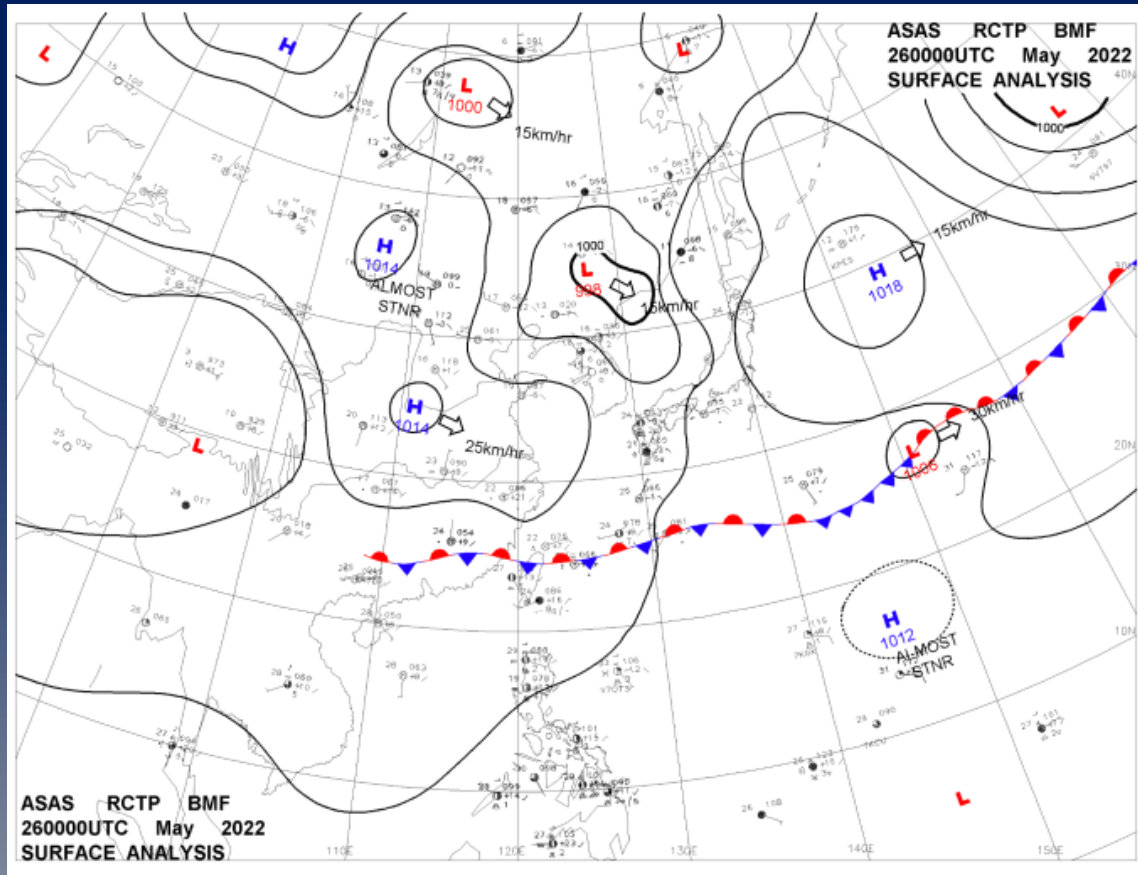
IOP7	7/05 00Z – 7/05 04Z	Typhoon Aere approaching Kyushu with dropsondes observation (Heavy rainfall over Kyushu and Honshu)
SOP5	7/05 00Z – 7/06 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
SOP6	7/06 00Z – 7/07 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
IOP8	7/13 06Z – 7/16 06Z	Rainfall associated with TD 90W (Heavy rainfall on eastern and southern Taiwan)
SOP7	7/19 00Z – 7/20 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
SOP8	7/20 00Z – 7/21 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
IOP9	7/29 00Z – 7/29 12Z	Moisture transport by low pressure and afternoon thunderstorm (Heavy rainfall in the evening; thunderstorms and lightning over northern Taiwan)
IOP10	8/01 00Z – 8/03 18Z	Moisture transport by low pressure (Heavy rainfall in Taipei Basin, central and southern Taiwan)
IOP11	8/04 00Z – 8/04 12Z	Afternoon thunderstorm (Thunderstorms in Taipei Basin)

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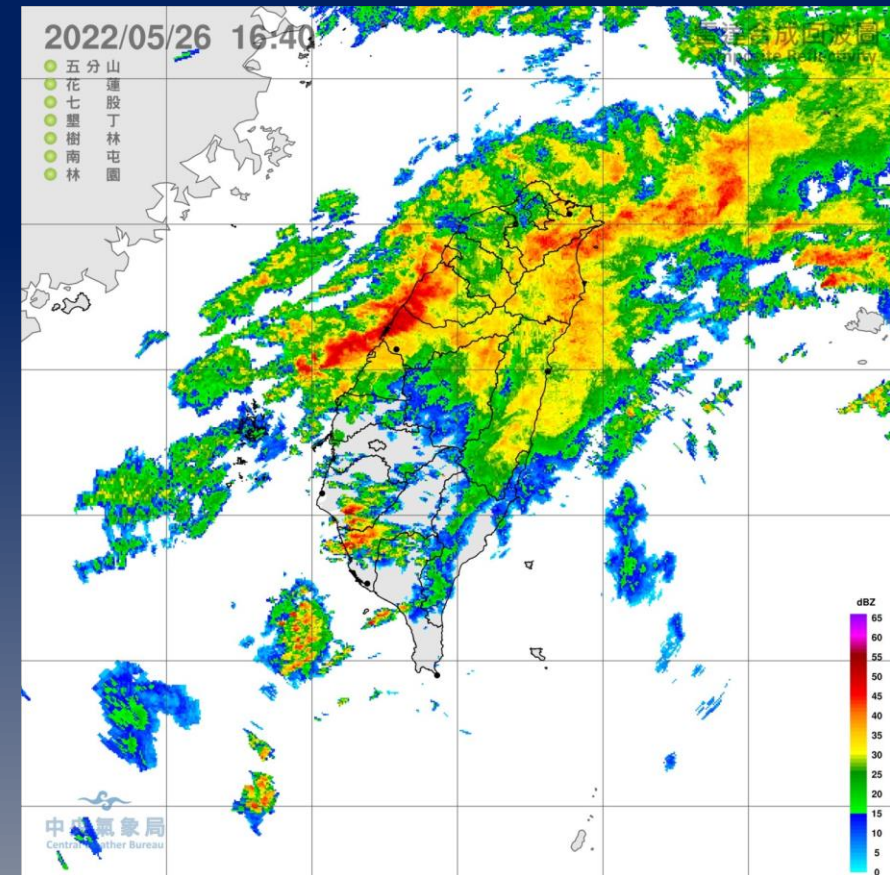
IOP (intensive observation periods) 為有劇烈降水天氣且有額外密集觀測之個案。

SOP (special observation periods) 為有劇烈降水天氣，但沒有額外密集觀測之個案(無探空加放)。

IOP1 weather feature: Backbuilding MCS along a Mei-Yu front

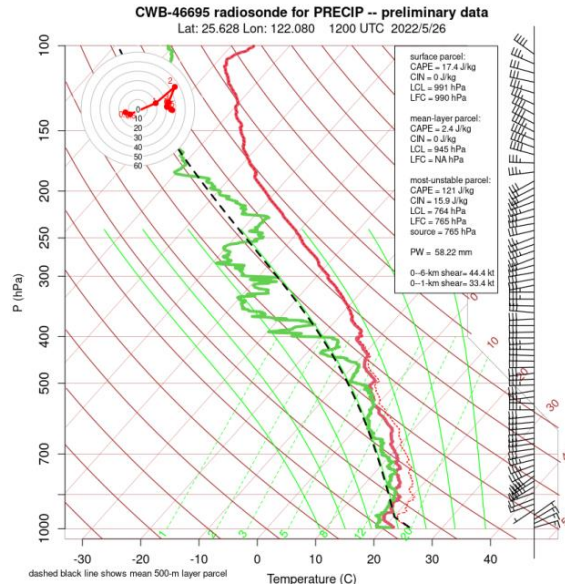
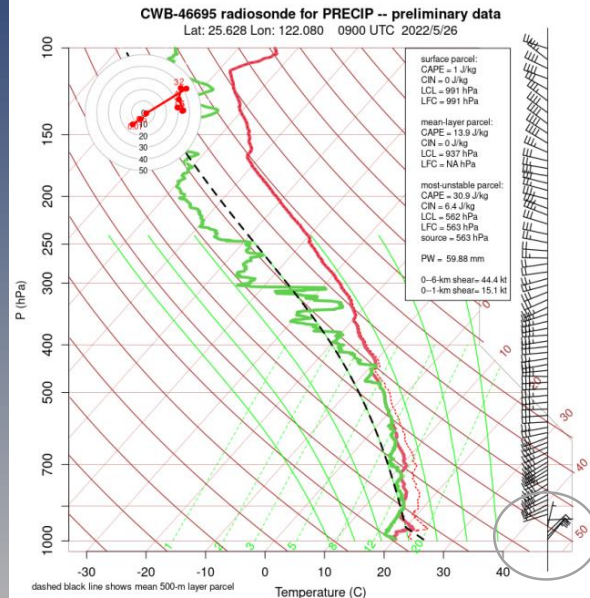
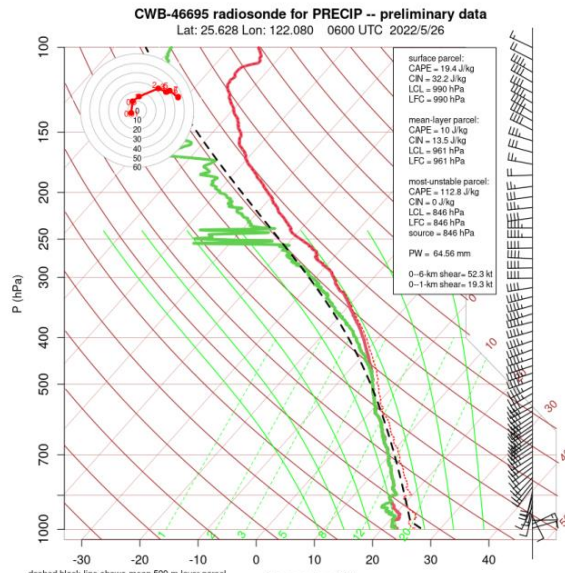
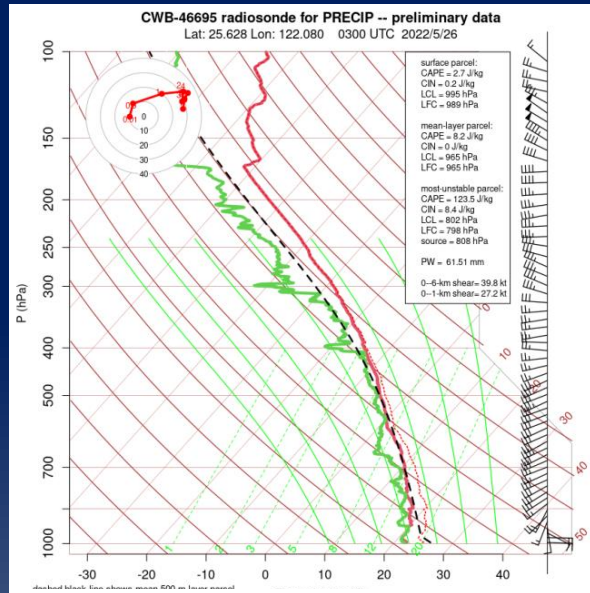


Surface weather map on 00 UTC 26 May:
A Mei-Yu front is approaching from
southeastern China to Taiwan



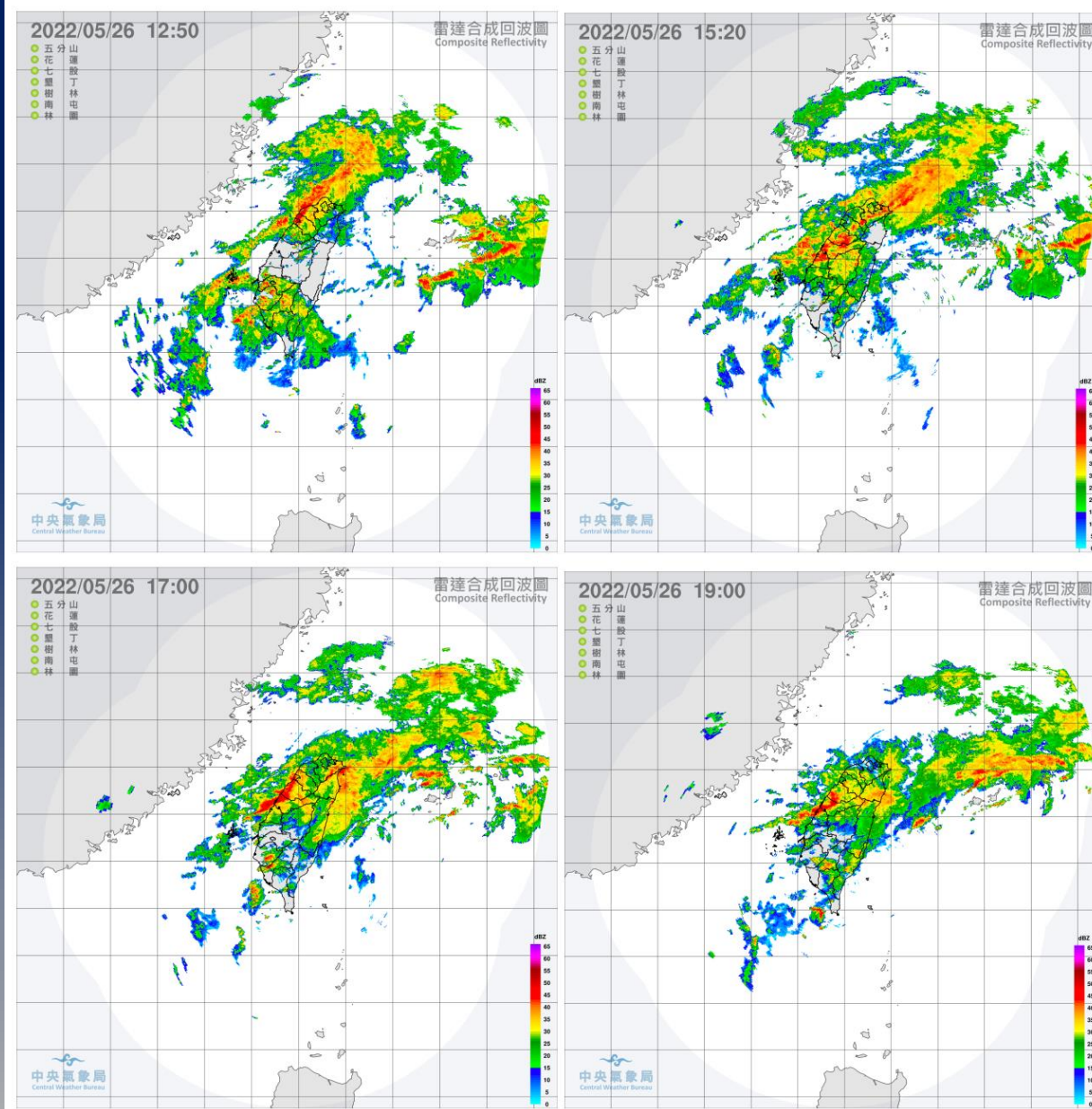
An MCS with backbuilding
structure on 26 May for IOP 1

3-hourly Pengjiayu soundings at 03, 06, 09 and 12 Z on May 26



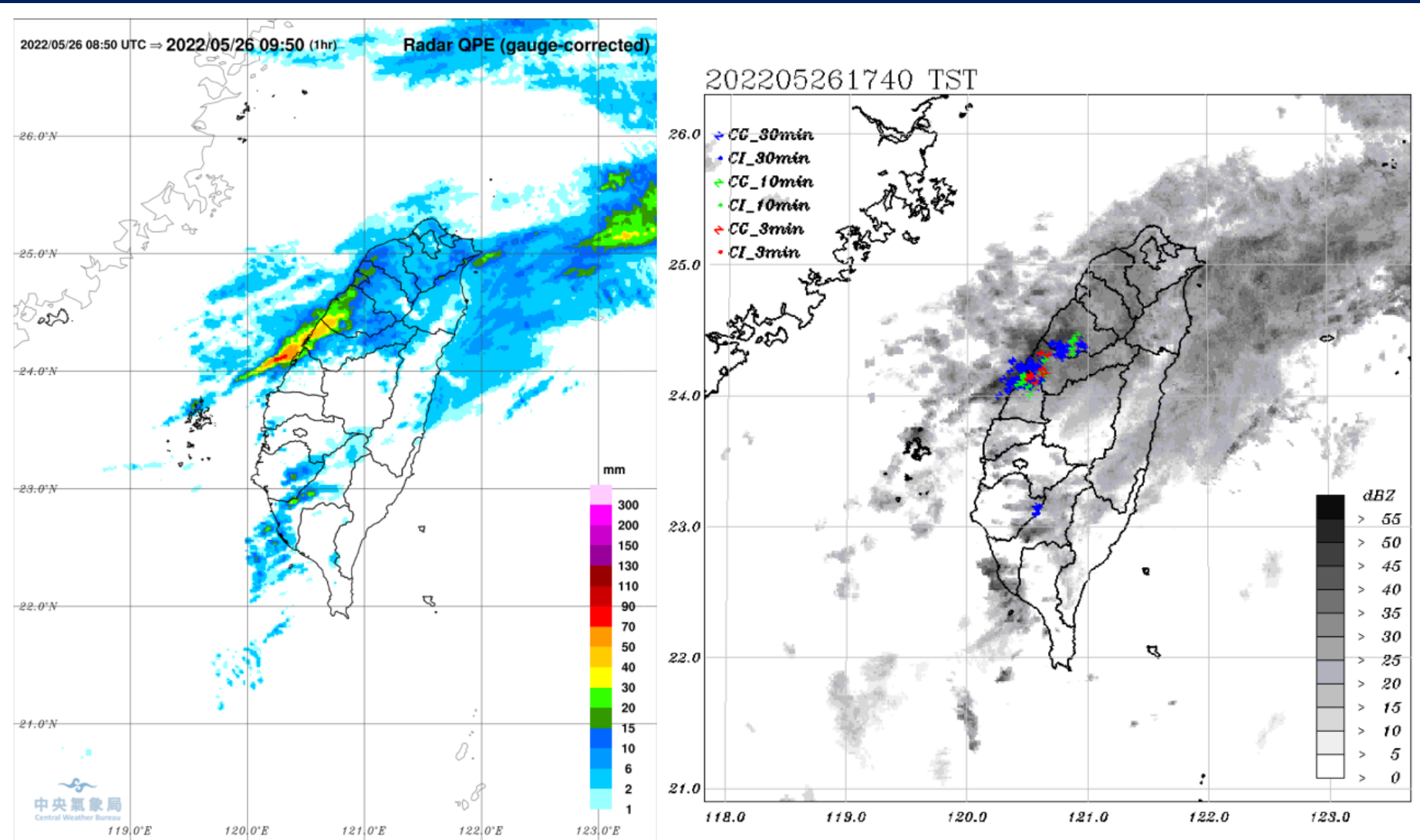
Pengjiayu surface wind turned to northerly at 09 UTC, indicating the passage of the Mei-Yu front.

CWB radar composite at 1250, 1520, 1700 and 1900 LST on May 26



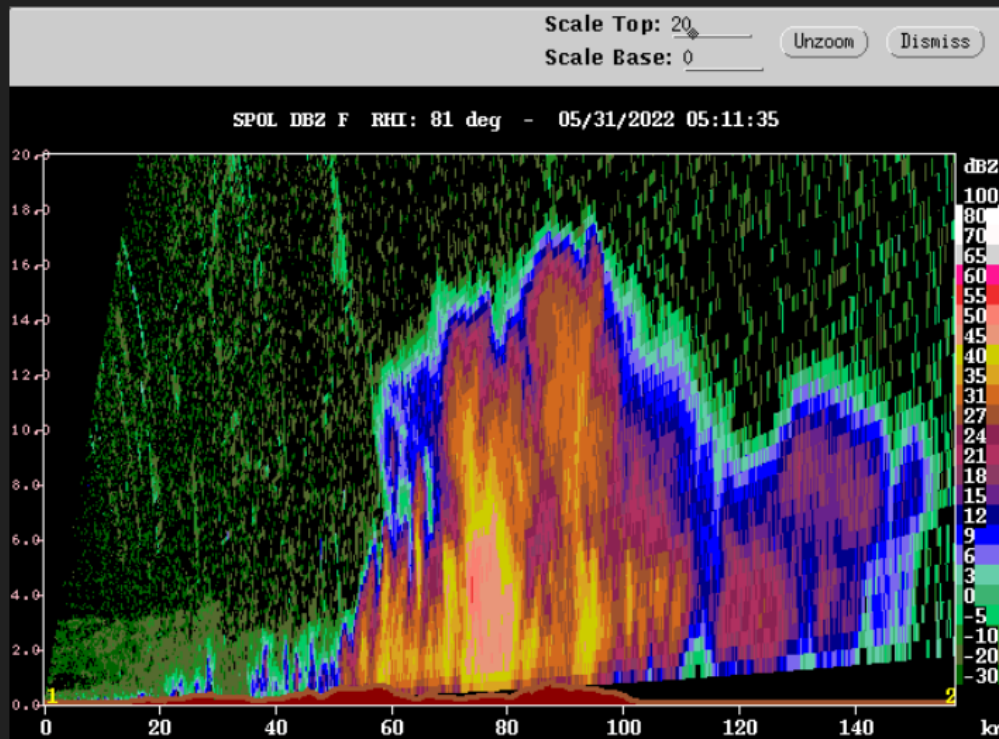
Radar composites highlight the movement of a NE-SW rainband over the western Taiwan, with new cells forming on the upstream side of this rainband, a signature of back-building MCS.

Notable period of 1-h radar-estimated rainfall and lightning at 1740 LST on May 26



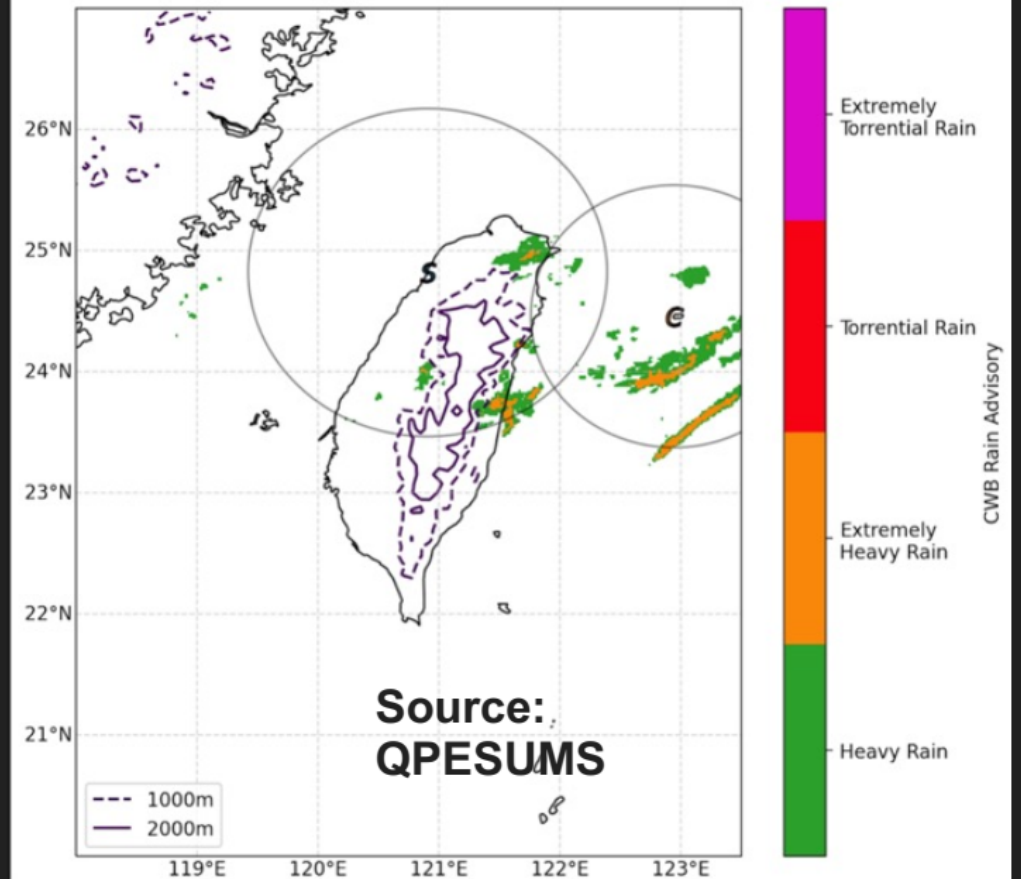
Hourly rainfall > 70 mm/h and intense lightning over central Taiwan.

PRECIP/TAHOPE observations – IOP2



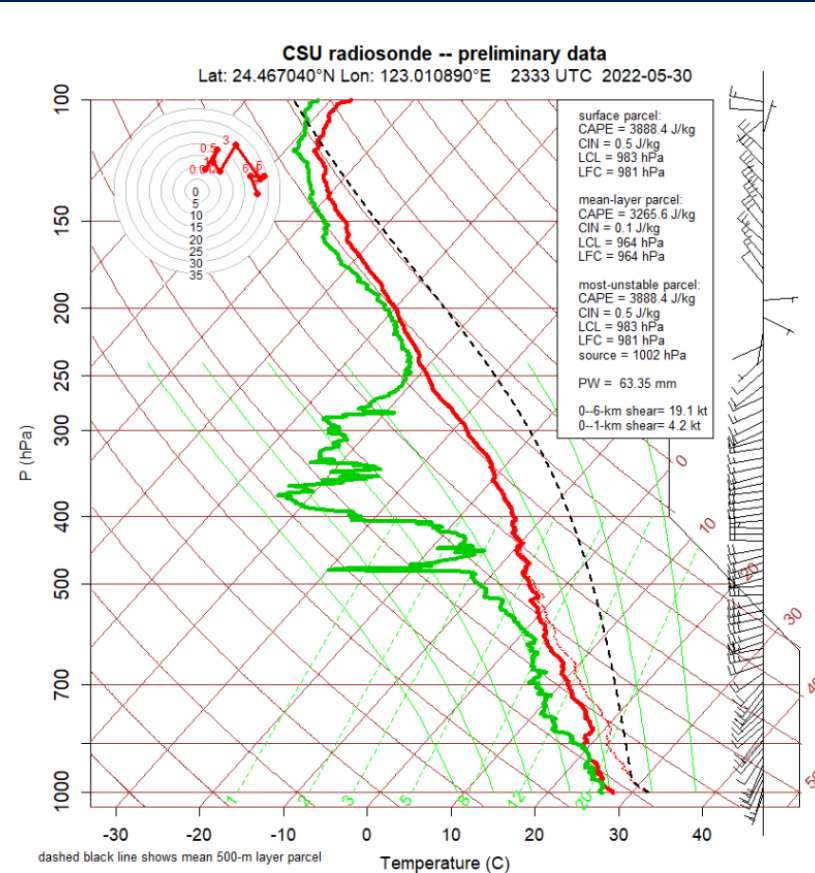
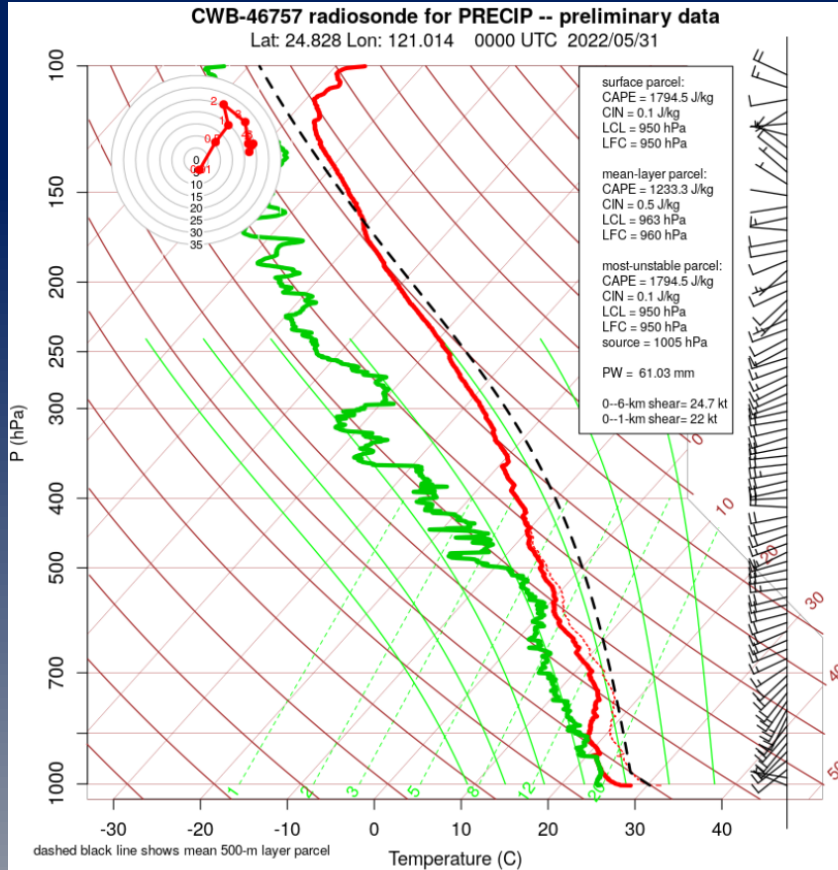
S-Pol (05 UTC 31 May)

I/D Map: 2022-05-31 00:00:00Z - 2022-05-31 12:00:00Z
Domain = FULL, Gap Allowance = 1hr



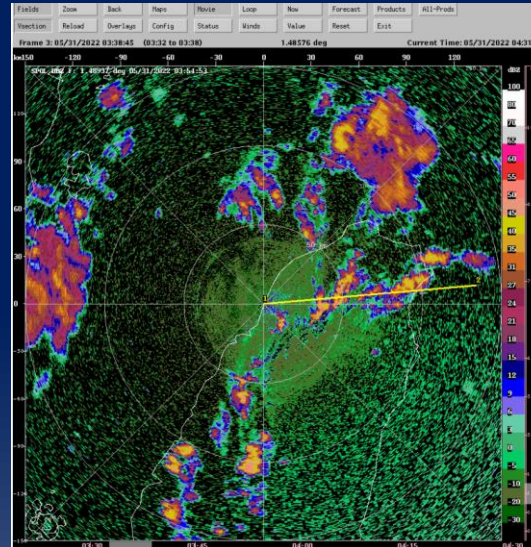
Strong convective instability indicated by 00 UTC soundings at Hsinchu (left) and Yonaguni (right)

CAPE ~ 1800 J/kg
at Hsinchu

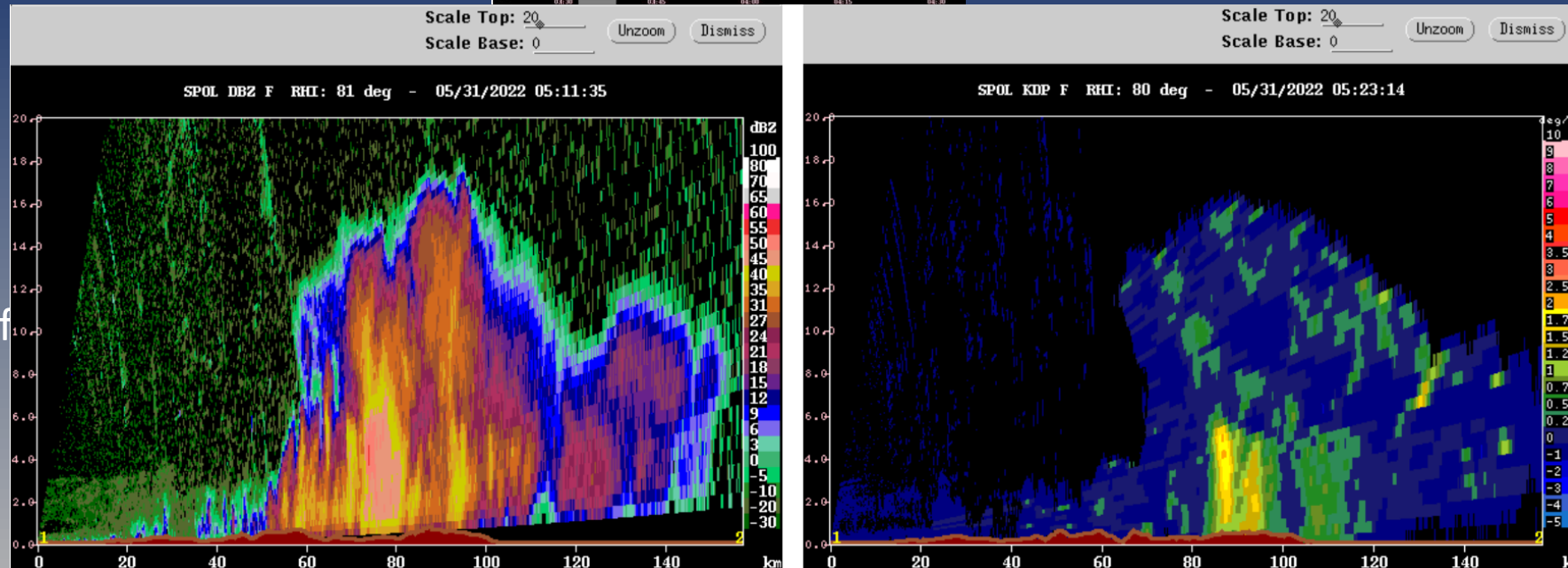


CAPE ~ 3900 J/kg
at Yonaguni Island

S-Pol radar observations of deep convective cells for the IOP2 afternoon thunderstorms



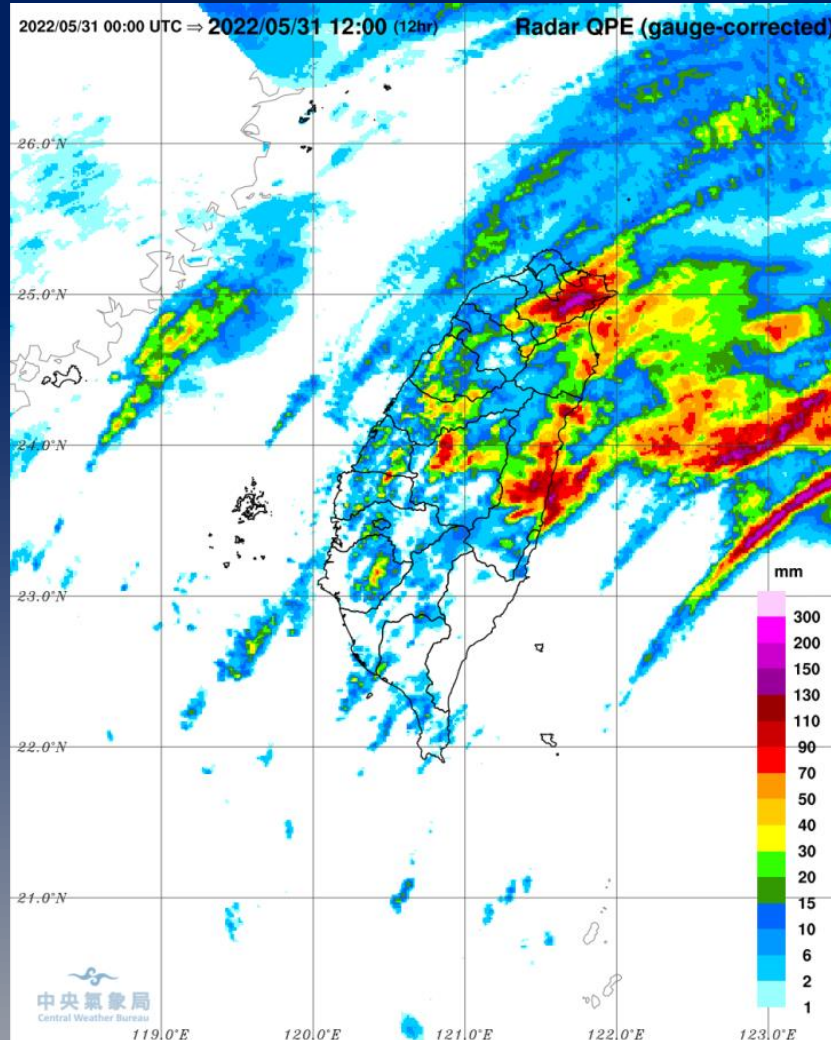
Reflectivity PPI
at 0431 UTC



81-degree RHI of
Z echo top ~ 16
km at 0511 UTC

81-degree RHI of
KDP at 0511 UTC

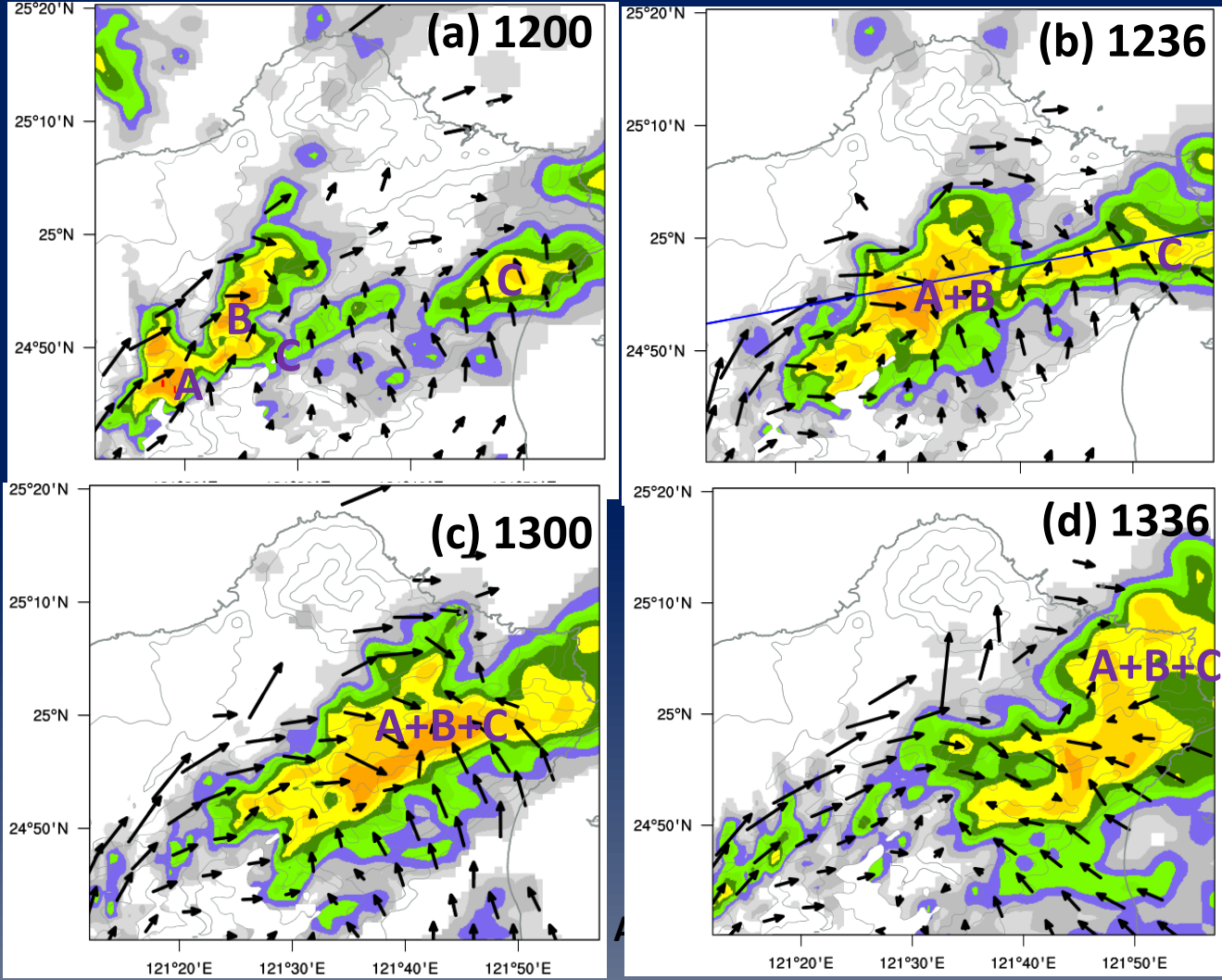
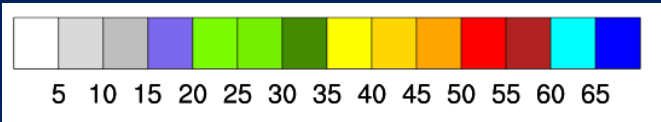
Intense rainfall for the IOP2 afternoon thunderstorms



12-h radar-estimated rainfall > 150 mm
over NE and eastern Taiwan for IOP2 event
⇒ meets the CWB Heavy Rain Warning
criteria
⇒ Heavy rain alert and flash flood alert
were issued by CWB at 0431 and 0531 UTC

Source: Jack Miao

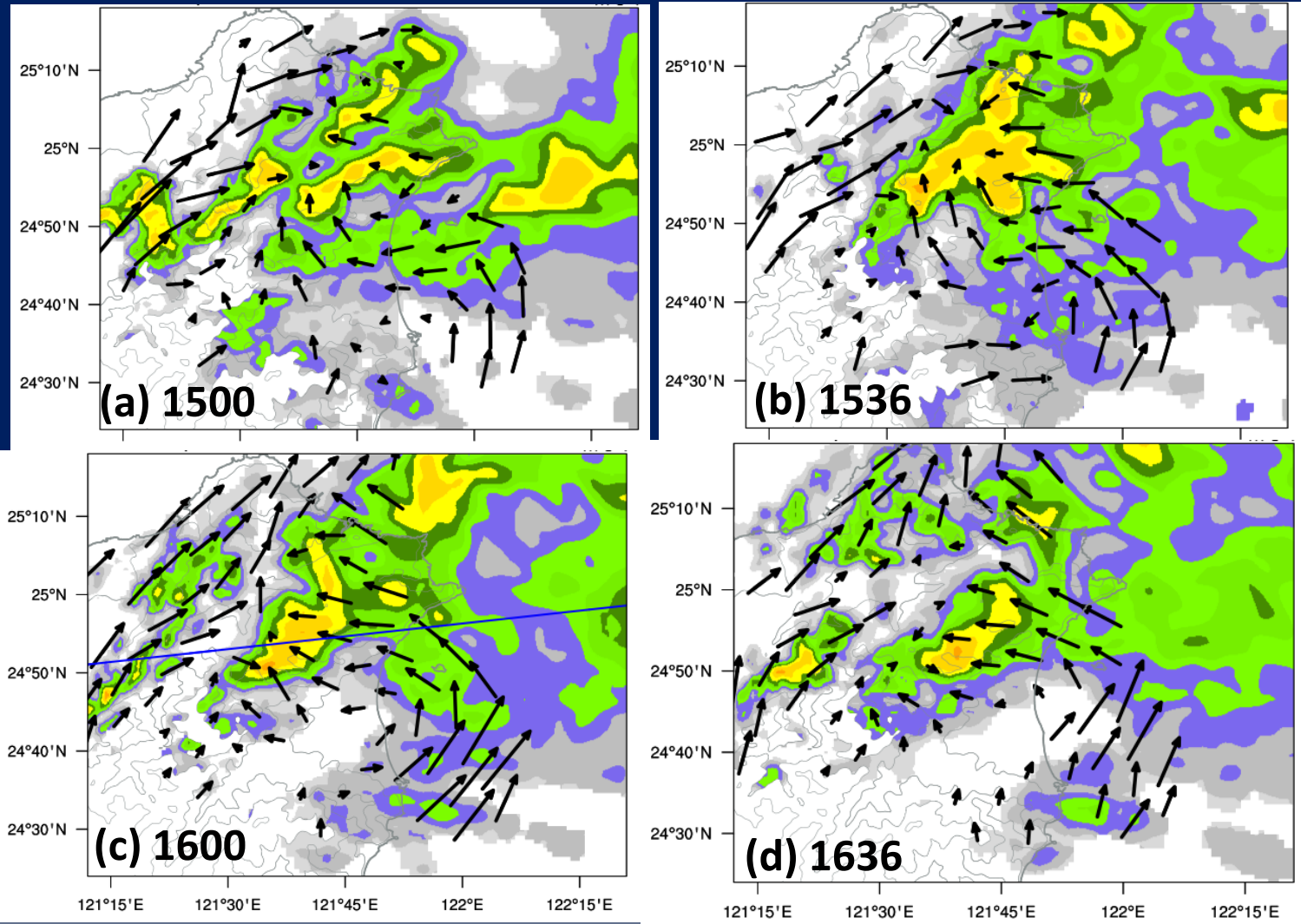
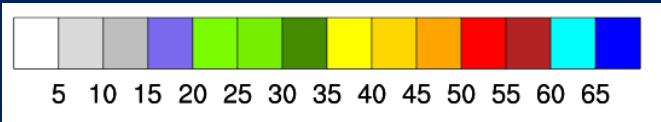
horizontal wind
(vector) at Z=1.5 km,
and ZH (colored) at
Z=1.5 km



- 1209-1231 LST: cells A and B merge to form cell A+B, while the mid-level updrafts (2 m/s) do not merge => **discrete** updraft structure
- The difference in environmental wind speed near cells A and B suggests that the physical mechanism of cell A+B merger may be a **rear-end collision** due to the **different propagation speeds** (Miao and Yang 2018).

Source: Jack Miao

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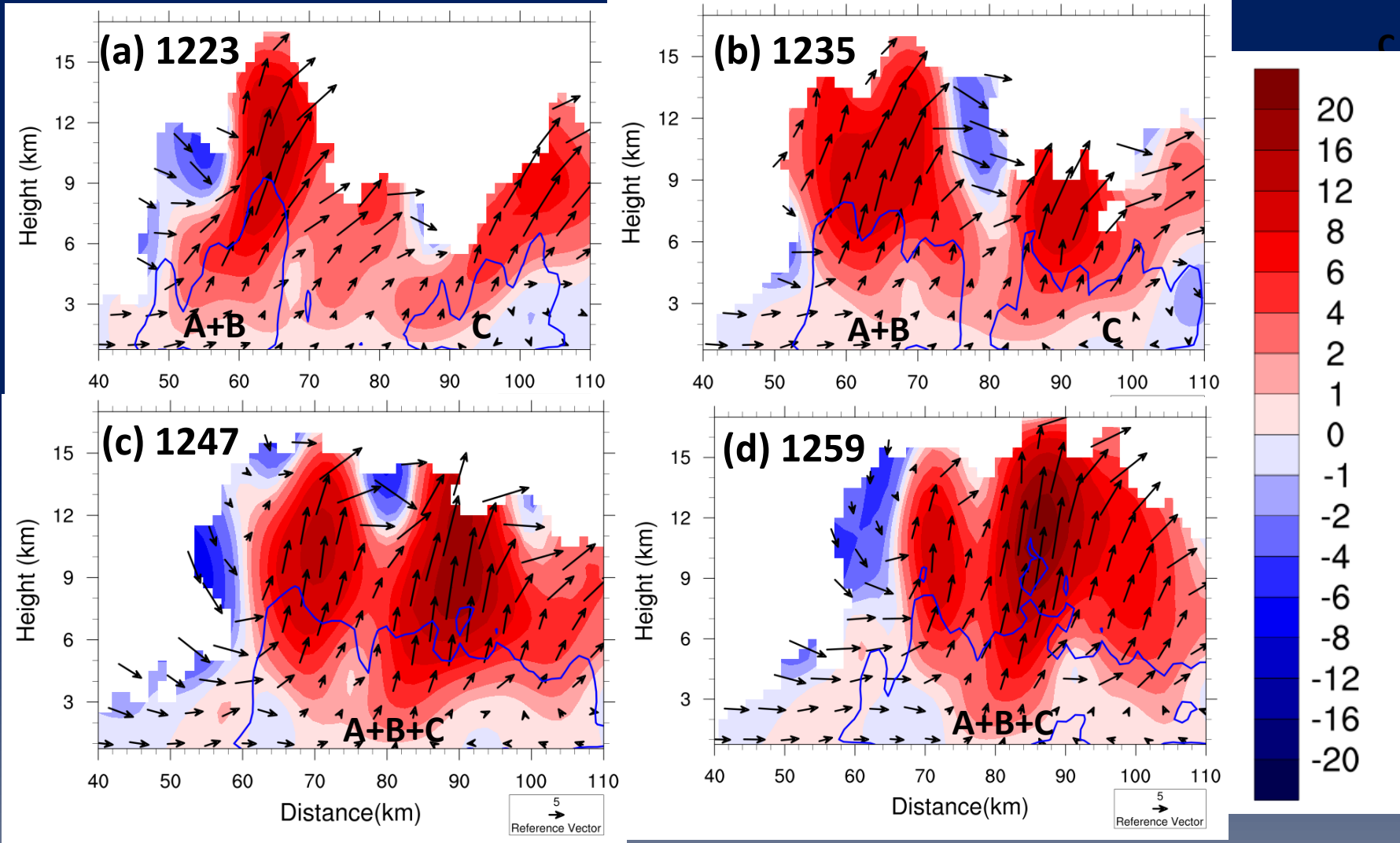


- 1500-1636 LST: Convective cells were isolated and weaker; easterly winds north of a mesoscale vortex over Yilan prevailed over the Snow Mountain Range, which resulted in the subsidence evaporation associated with the easterly downslope wind.

Source: Jack Miao

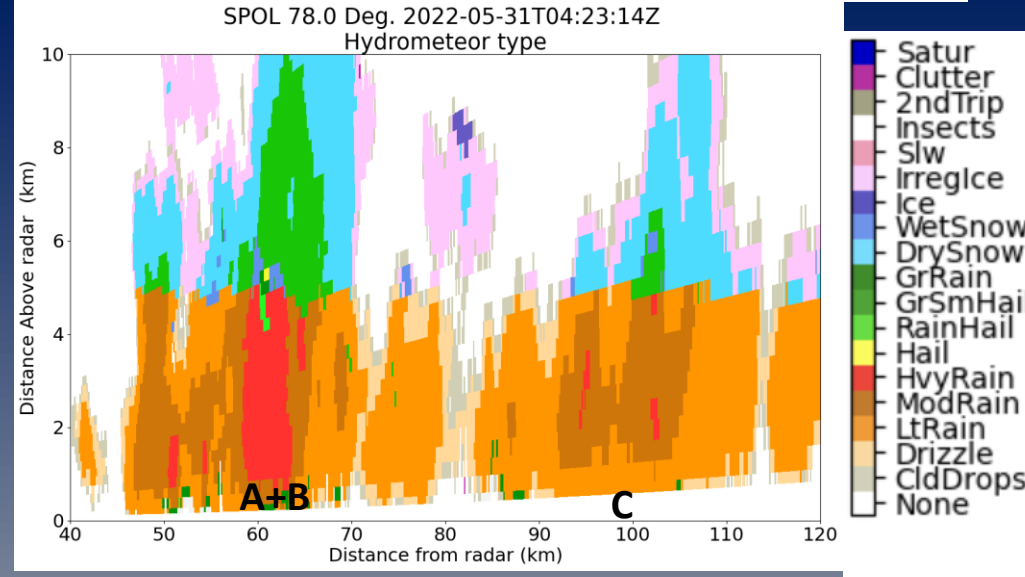
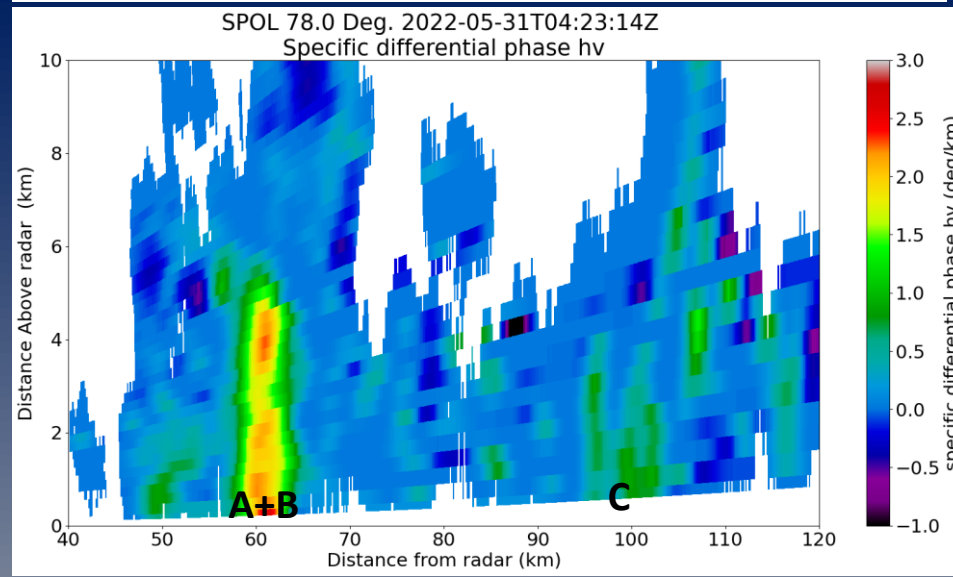
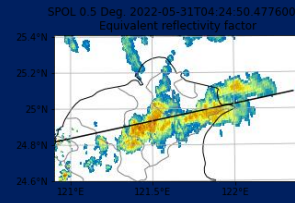
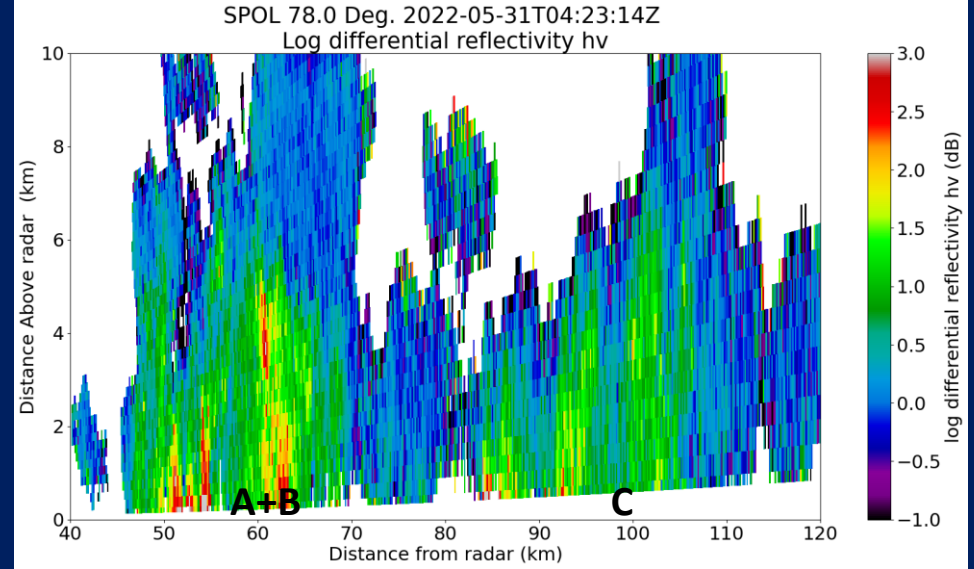
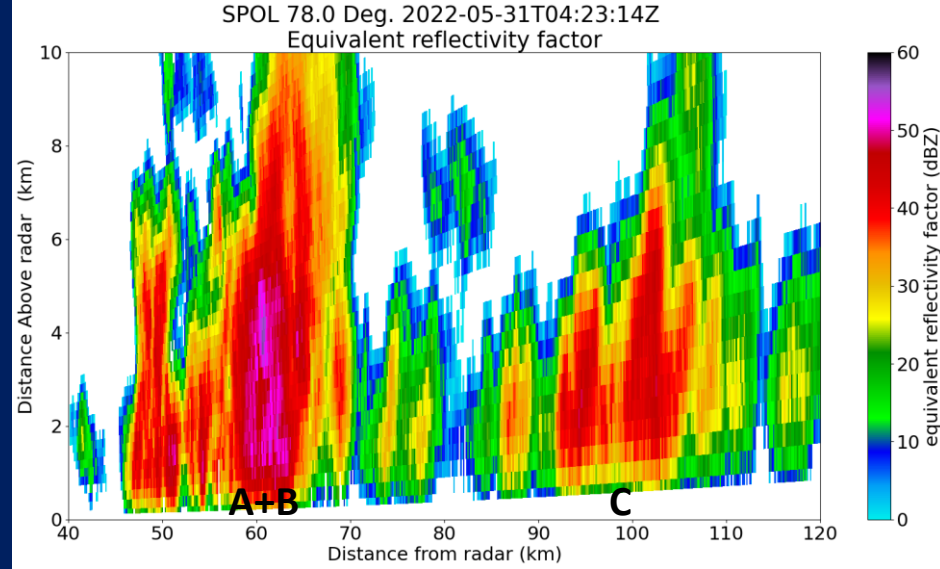
Vertical velocity (colored), and 35-dBZ contour (blue line)

Multiple Cell Merger



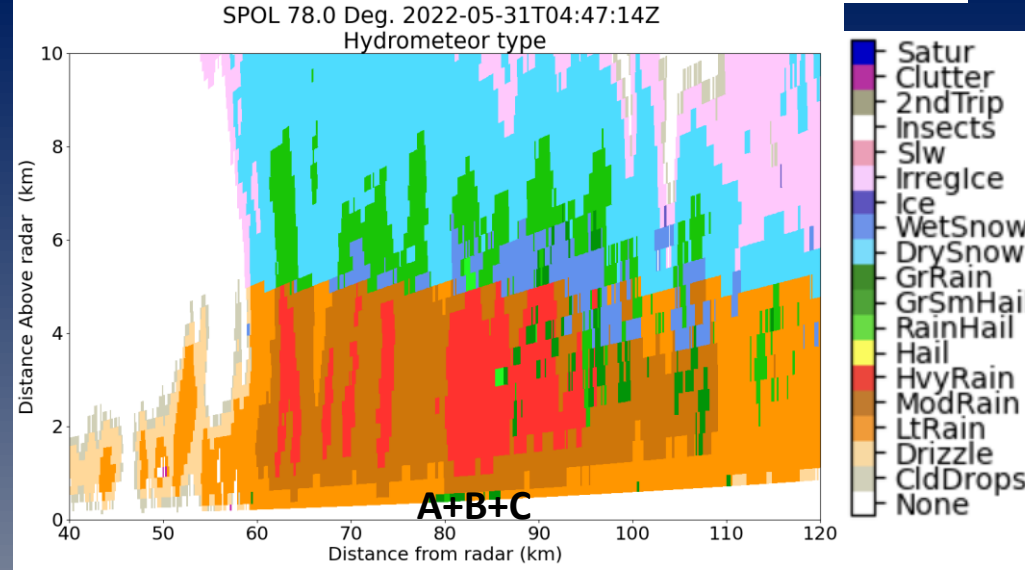
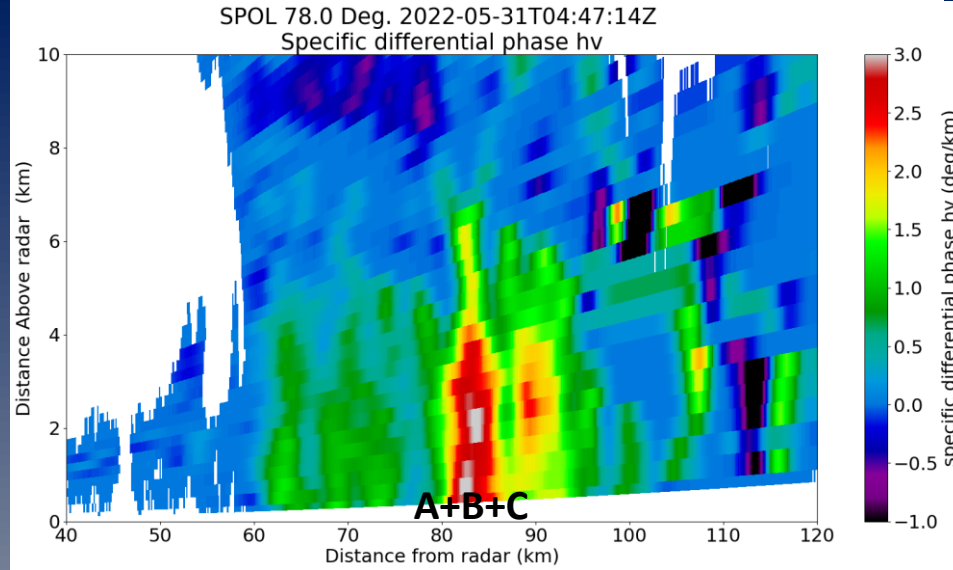
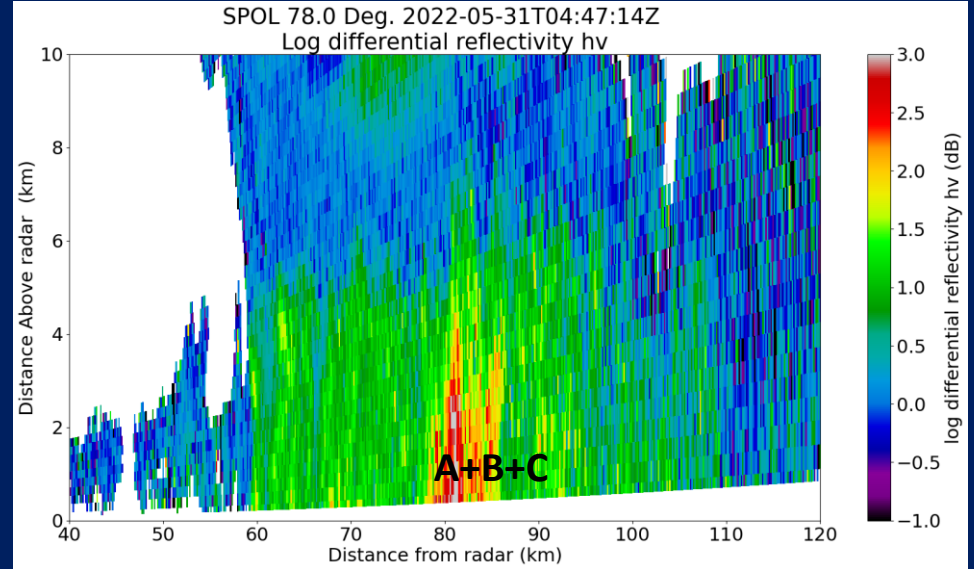
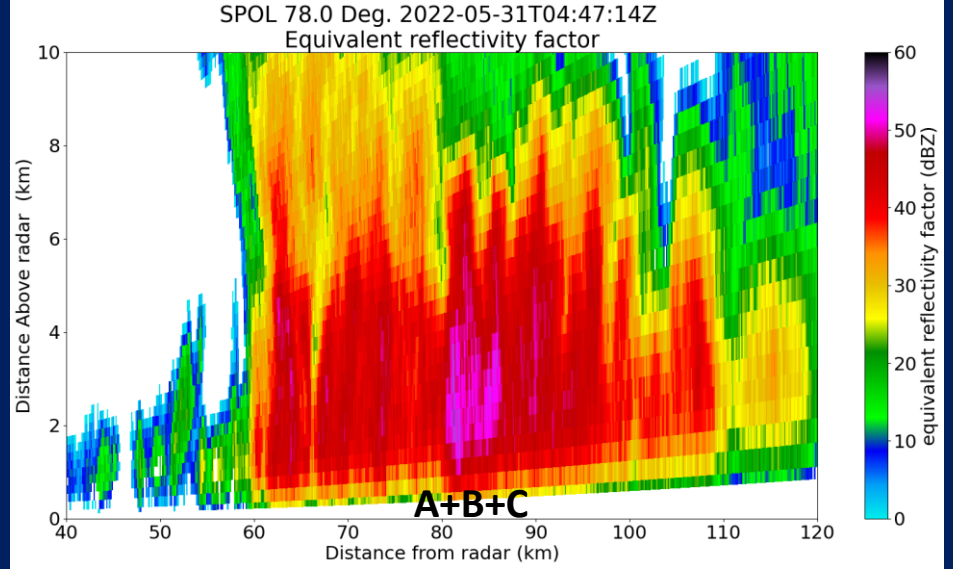
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- 1231-1300 LST: cells A+B and C merge to form cell A+B+C, with **stronger updrafts** and **wider storm**, similar to those in previous modeling studies (Miao and Yang 2018; Miao and Yang 2020; Miao and Yang 2022)

Source:
Jack Miao



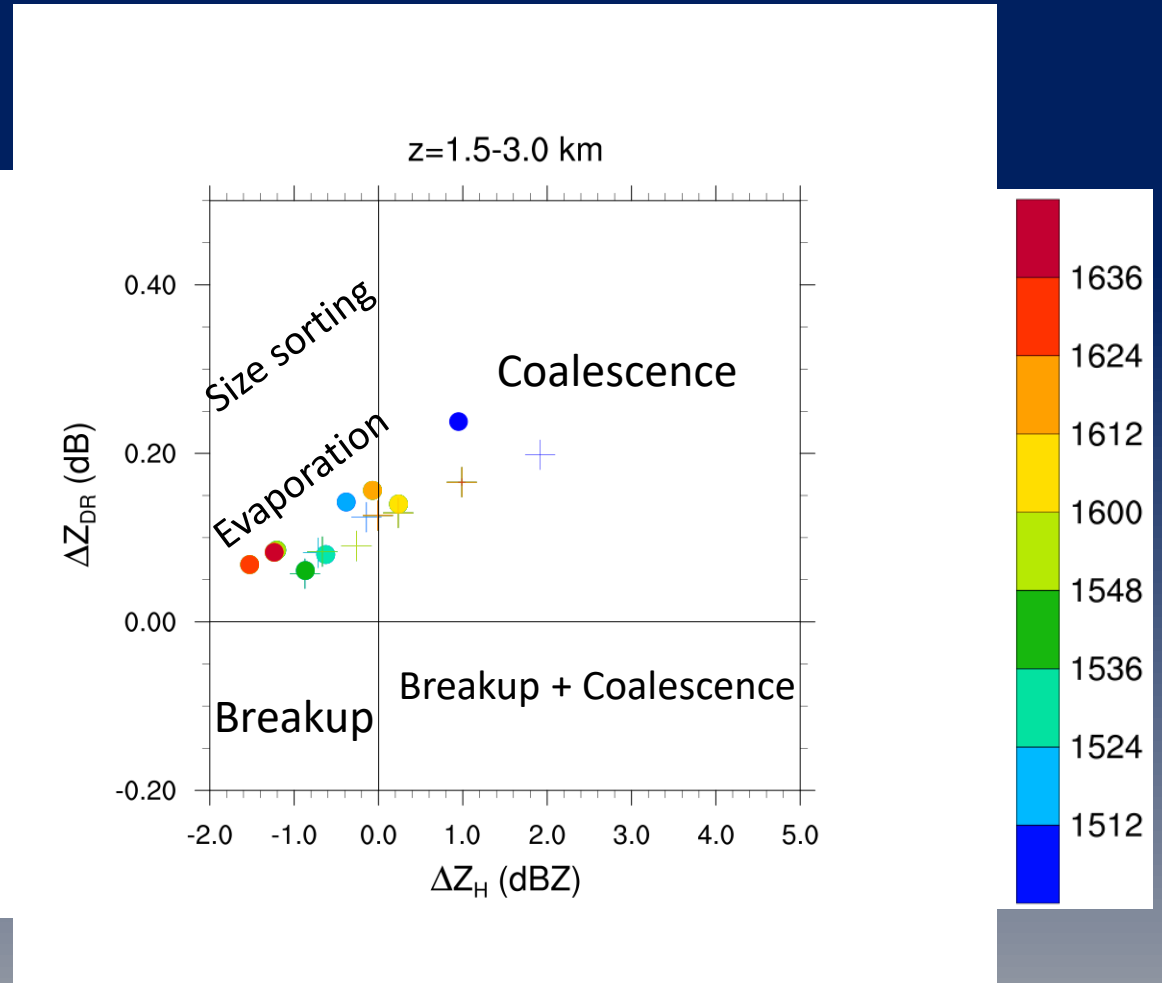
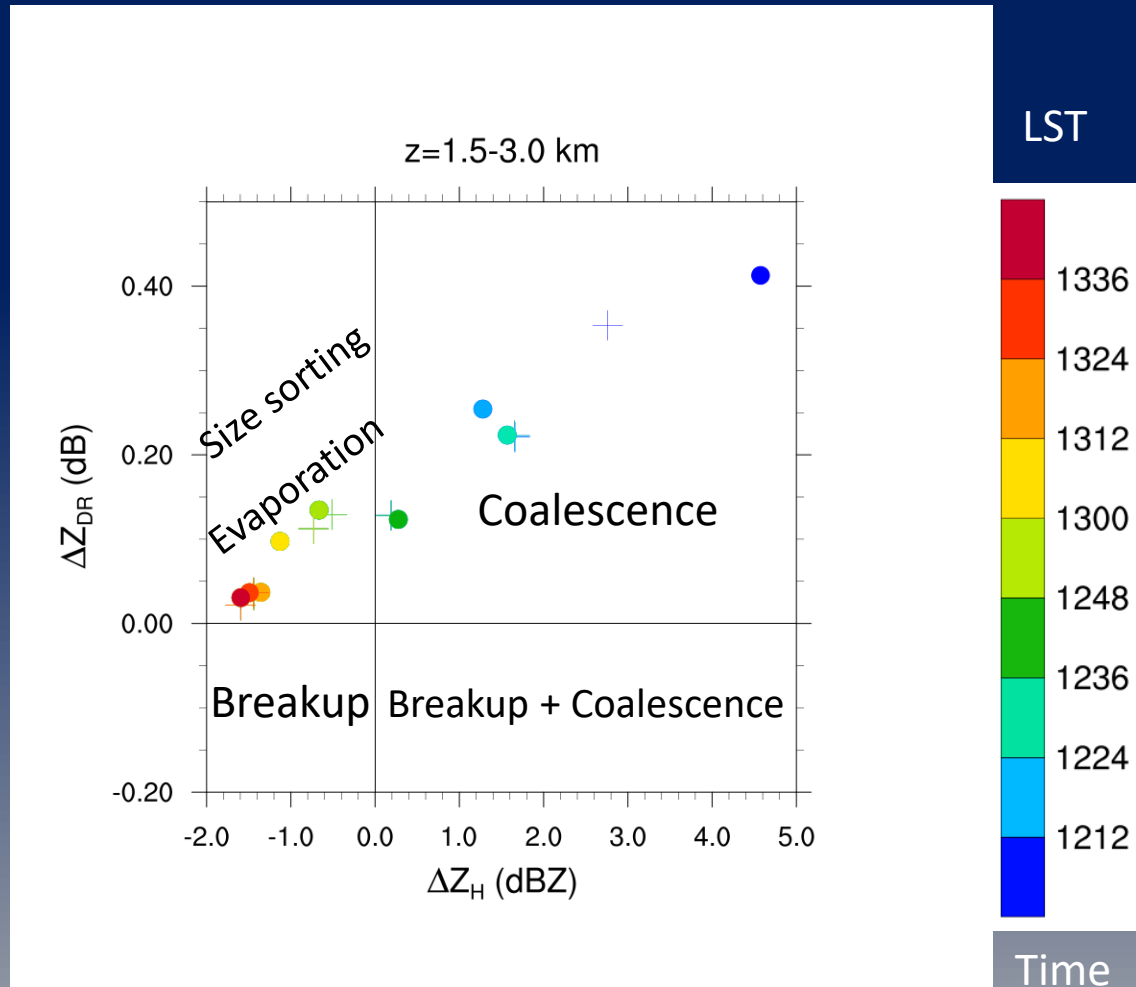
- 1223 LST (cell A+B and cell C): **ZDR columns (>1dB)** at x=60 km and 100 km with heights reaching 6 km => **updrafts**.
- The ZDR values within the **ZDR column** of cells A+B (x~60 km) are relatively large, with local maxima located at the **middle (3-5 km)** and **low levels (0.5-2.5 km)**. The area of maximum ZDR values at middle levels corresponds to **graupel/rain and hail/rain mixture**, with a reduced correlation coefficient of **~0.94**, indicating the presence of **mixed-phase processes**

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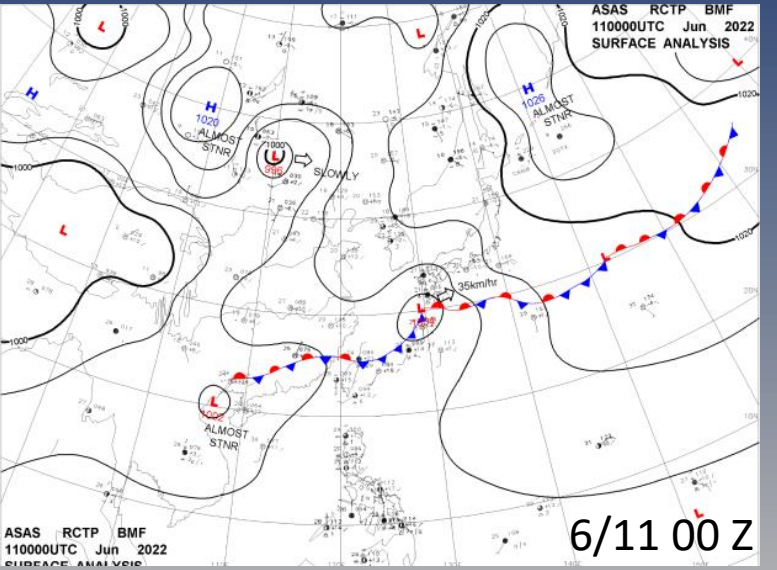
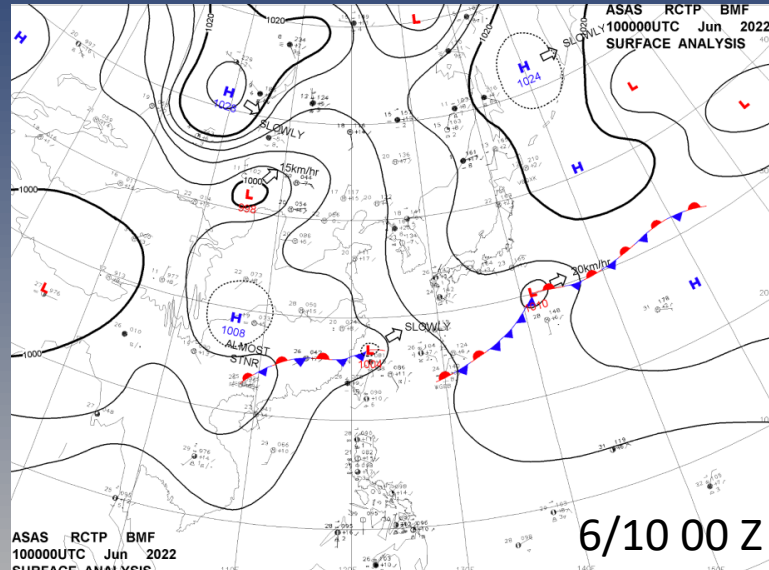
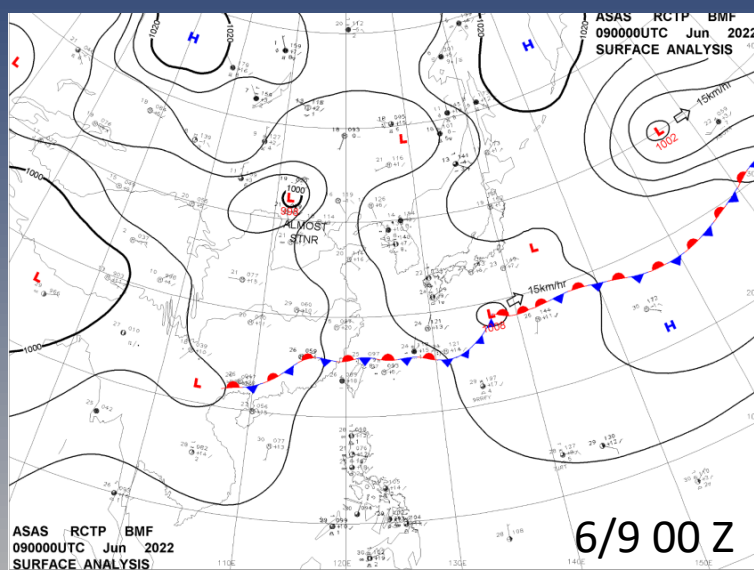
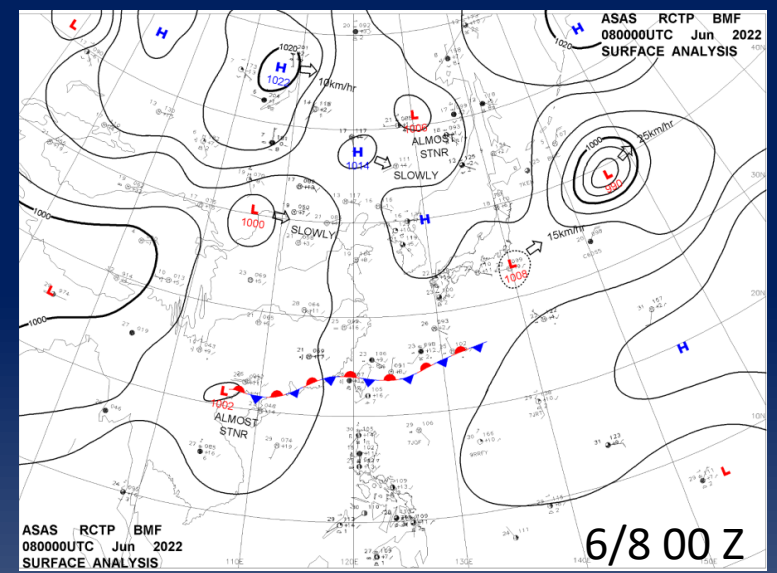
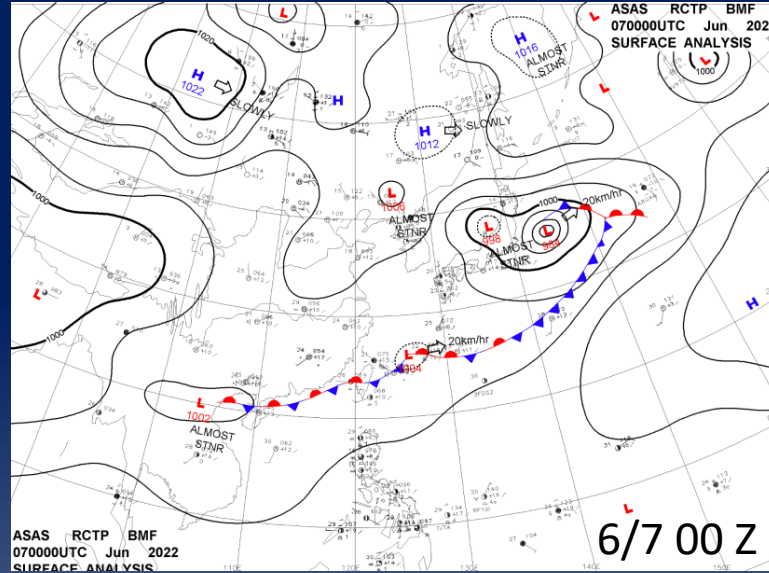
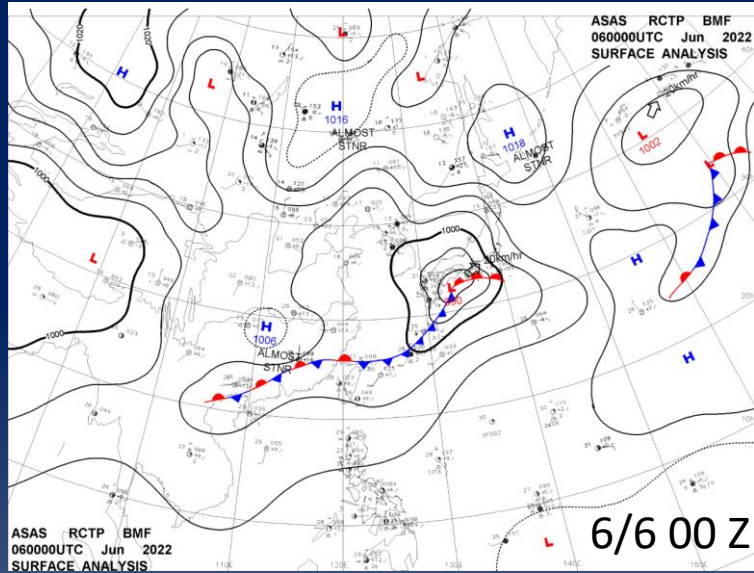


- 1247 LST (A+B+C cell merger): **ZDR column** ($x=84\text{km}$) with a height of **7km**. **Wider ZDR column => wider updraft**
- KDP column above the melting layer was composed of **graupel and rain/hail mixture**. A reduced correlation coefficient (**~ 0.92**) at 4-6 km height indicated an **more active mixed-phase process**.

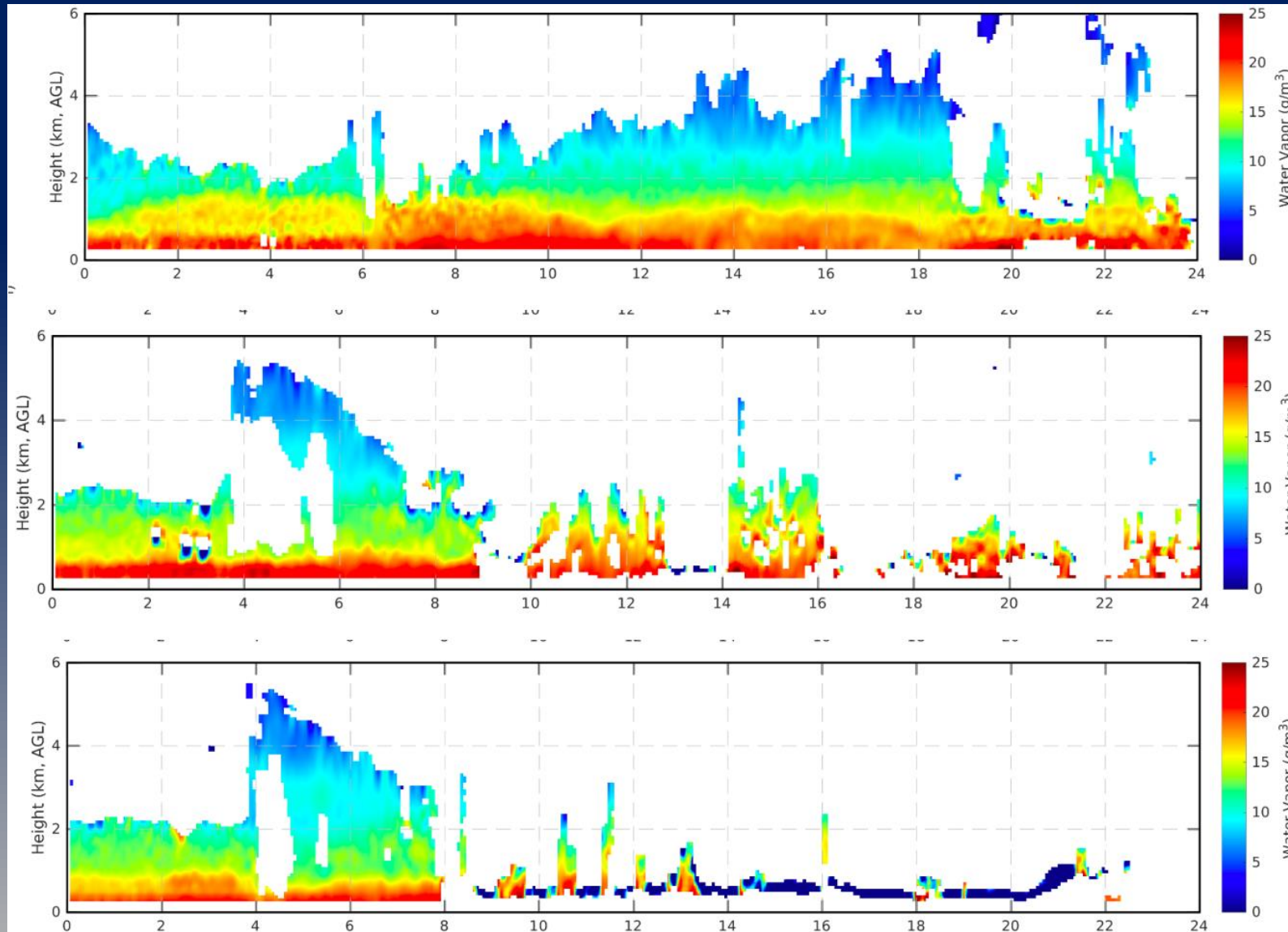
Phase Diagram for Microphysical Processes



IOP3: Passage of a quasi-stationary Mei-Yu front with embedded MCSs and squall lines

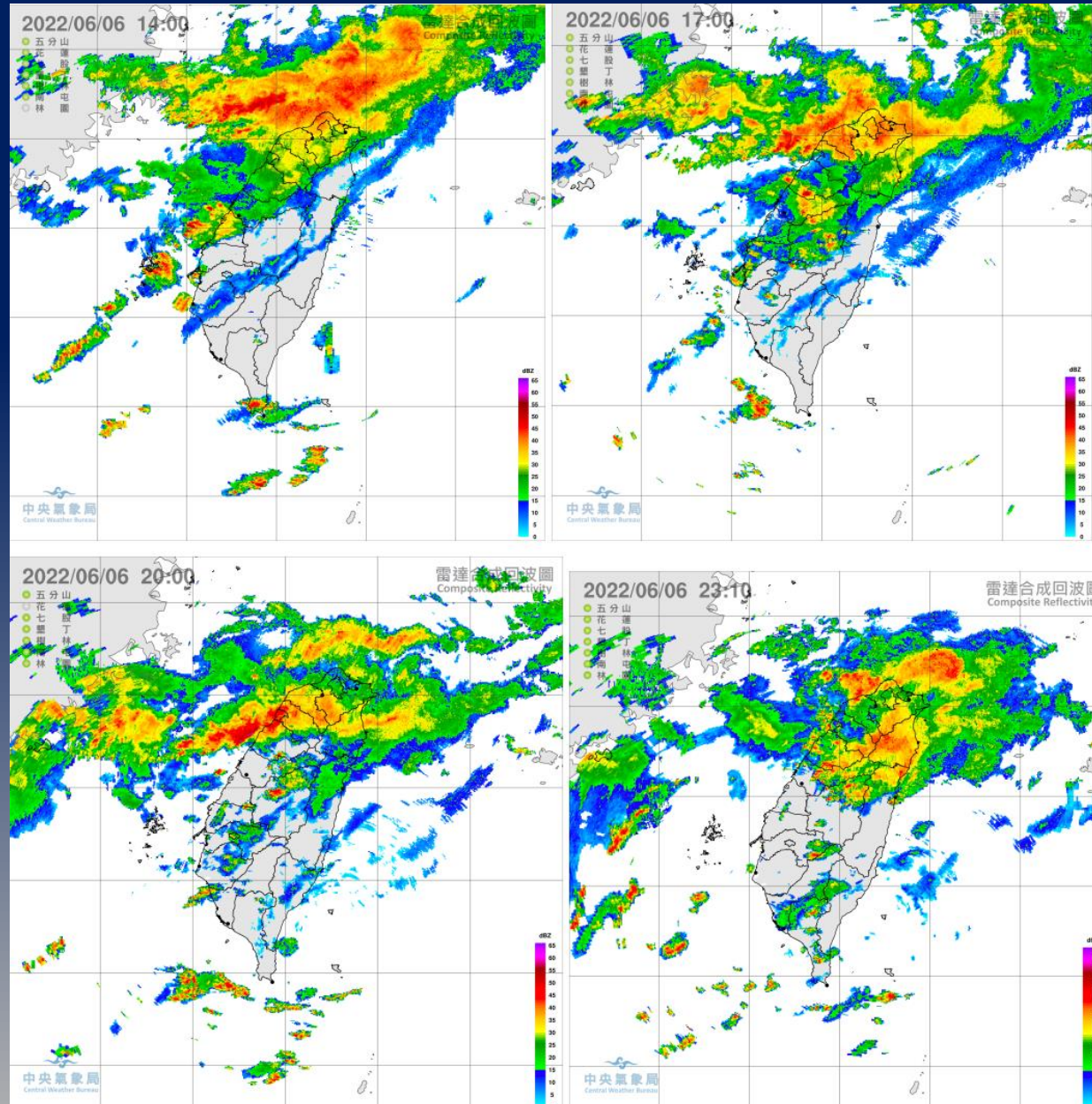


Water vapor time series on June 6 from MPDs at Yilan (upper), Hsinchu (middle), and NCU (bottom) stations



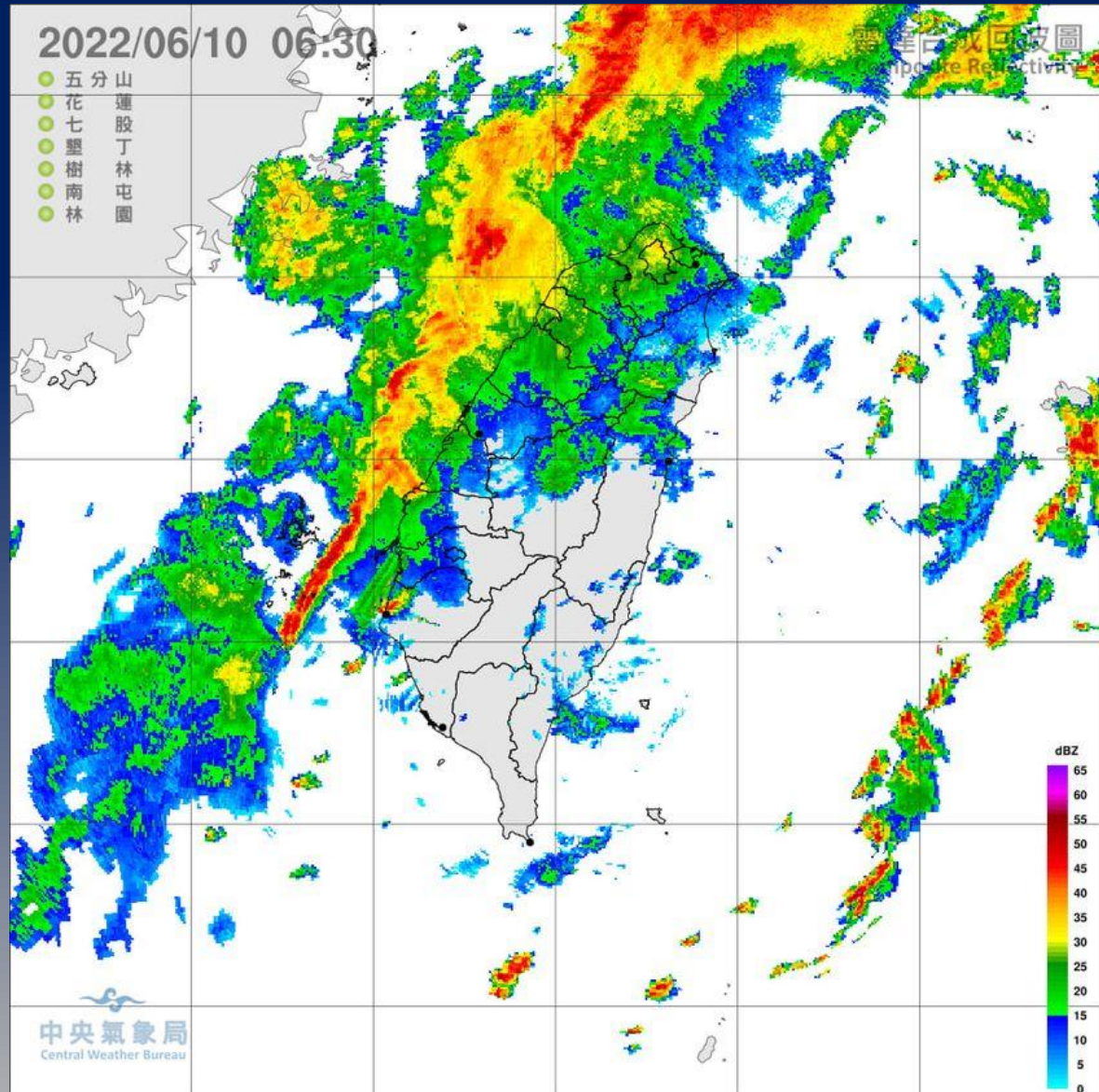
Low-level moisture is increasing with time, particularly after 06 UTC, leading to precipitation at Hsinchu and NCU at 08 UTC.

Radar composite images at 14, 17, 20, and 23 LST on June 6 during IOP3

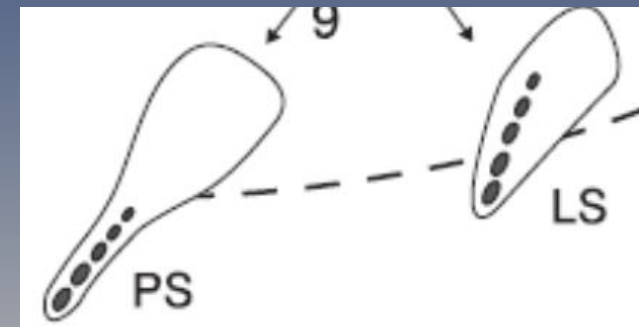


Deep convective cells within broader stratiform precipitation over northern and central Taiwan on June 6.

IOP3: Leading-stratiform and parallel-stratiform MCSs on June 10



For IOP 3, Leading-stratiform (LS) and parallel-stratiform (PS) MCSs occurred over the Taiwan Strait on 10 June.



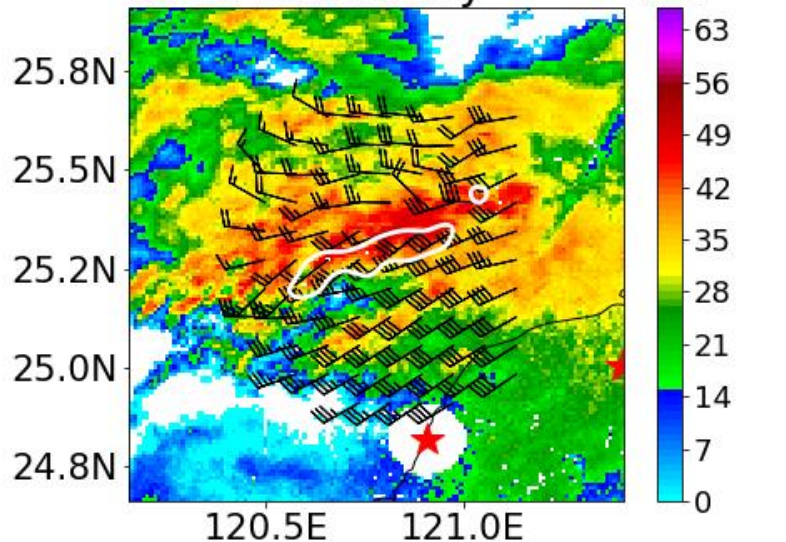
Parker and Johnson (2000)

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@ Z = 2.0 km

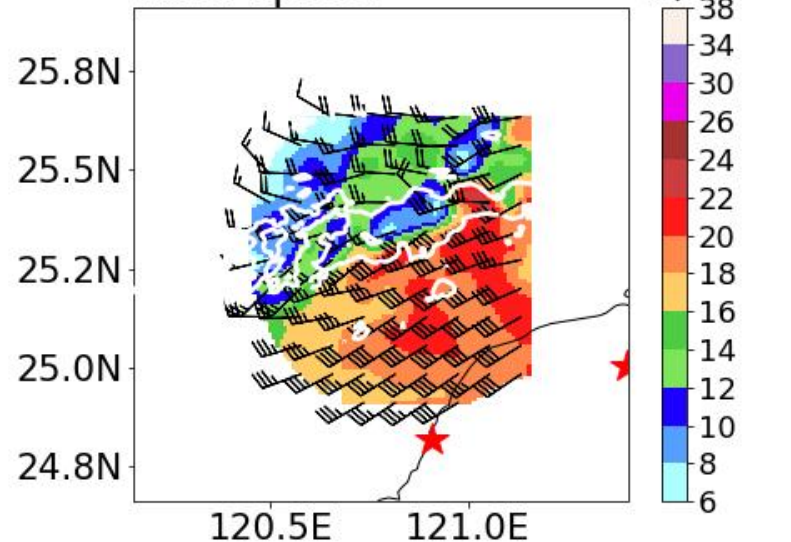
SPOL reflectivity

dBZ



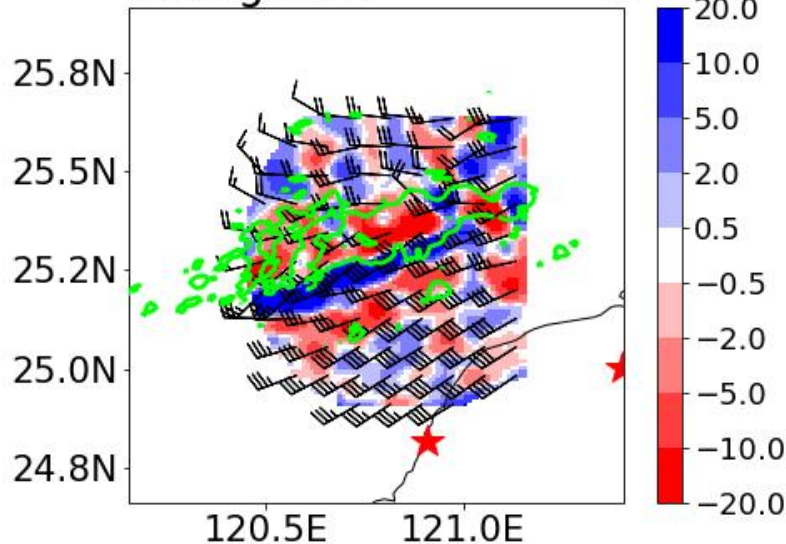
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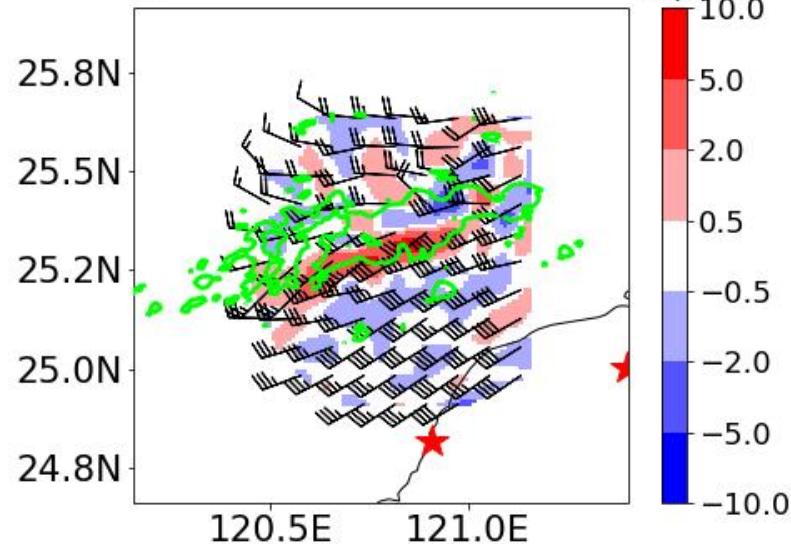
divergence

10^{-4} s^{-2}



W

m/s



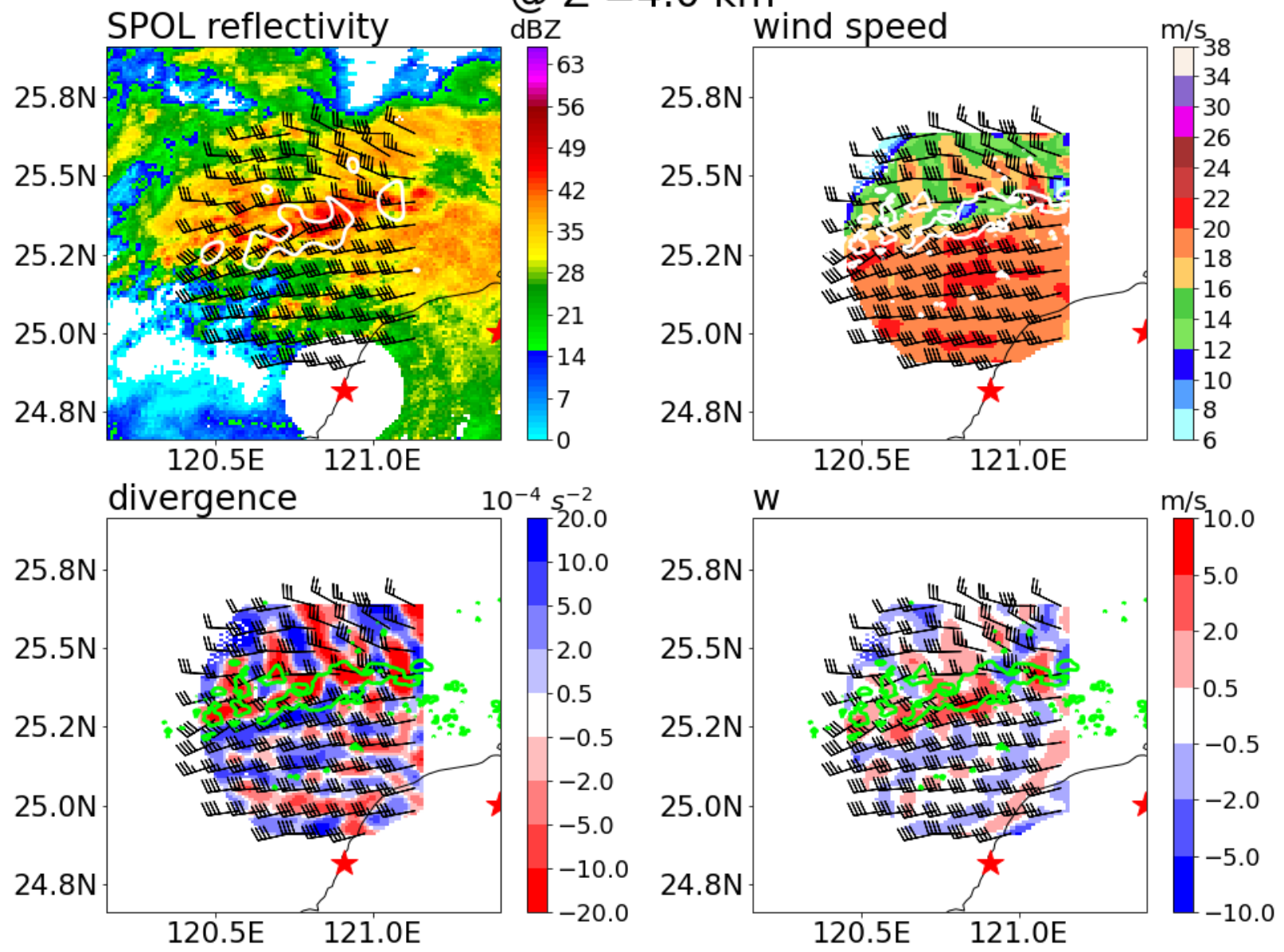
Barrier Jet/
Low-Level Jet

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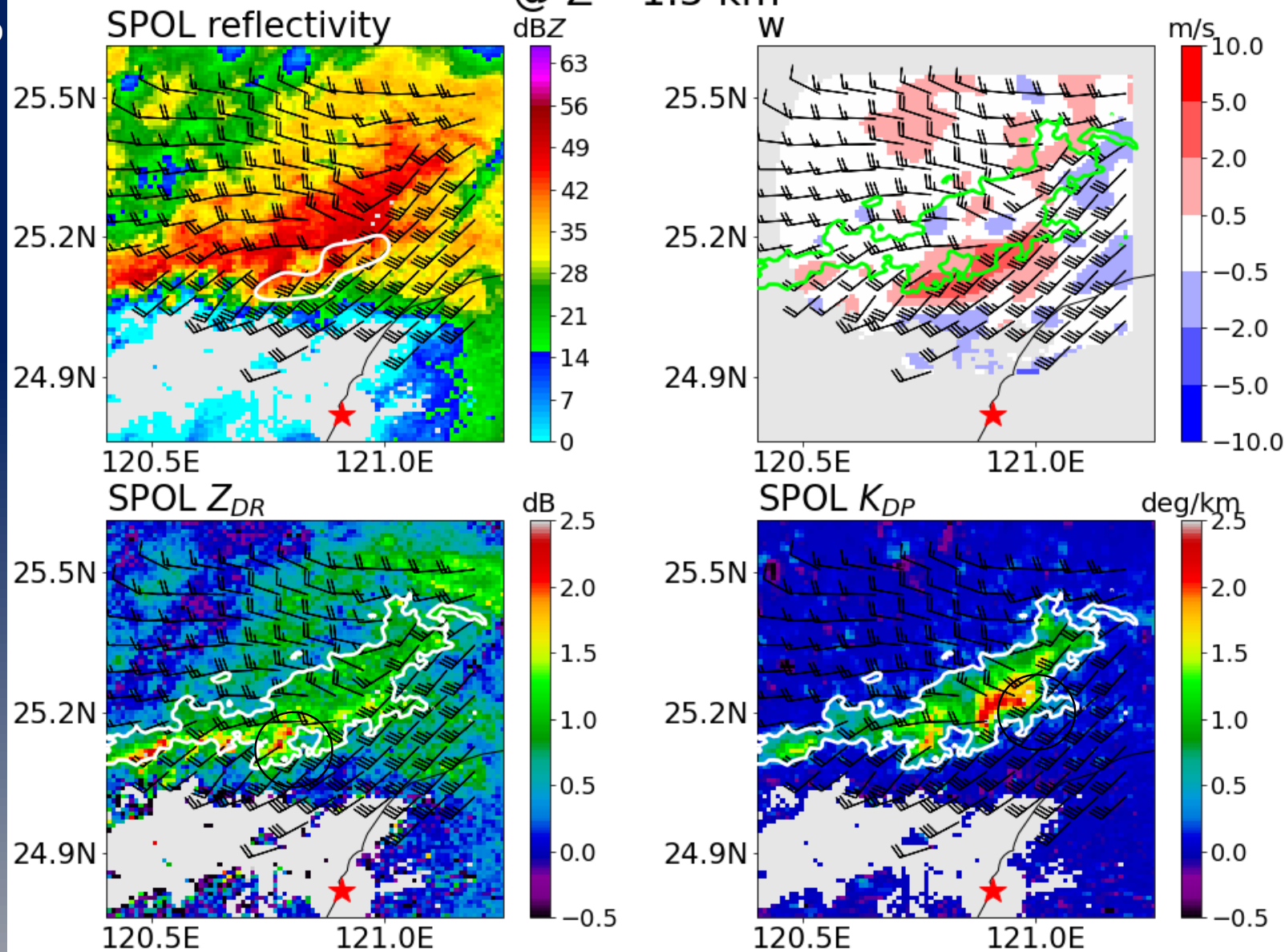
@ Z = 4.0 km

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@ Z = 1.5 km



Hydrometeor Size-sorting

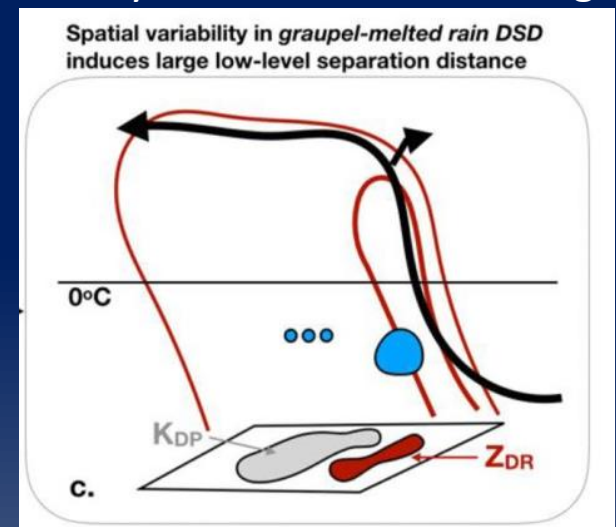
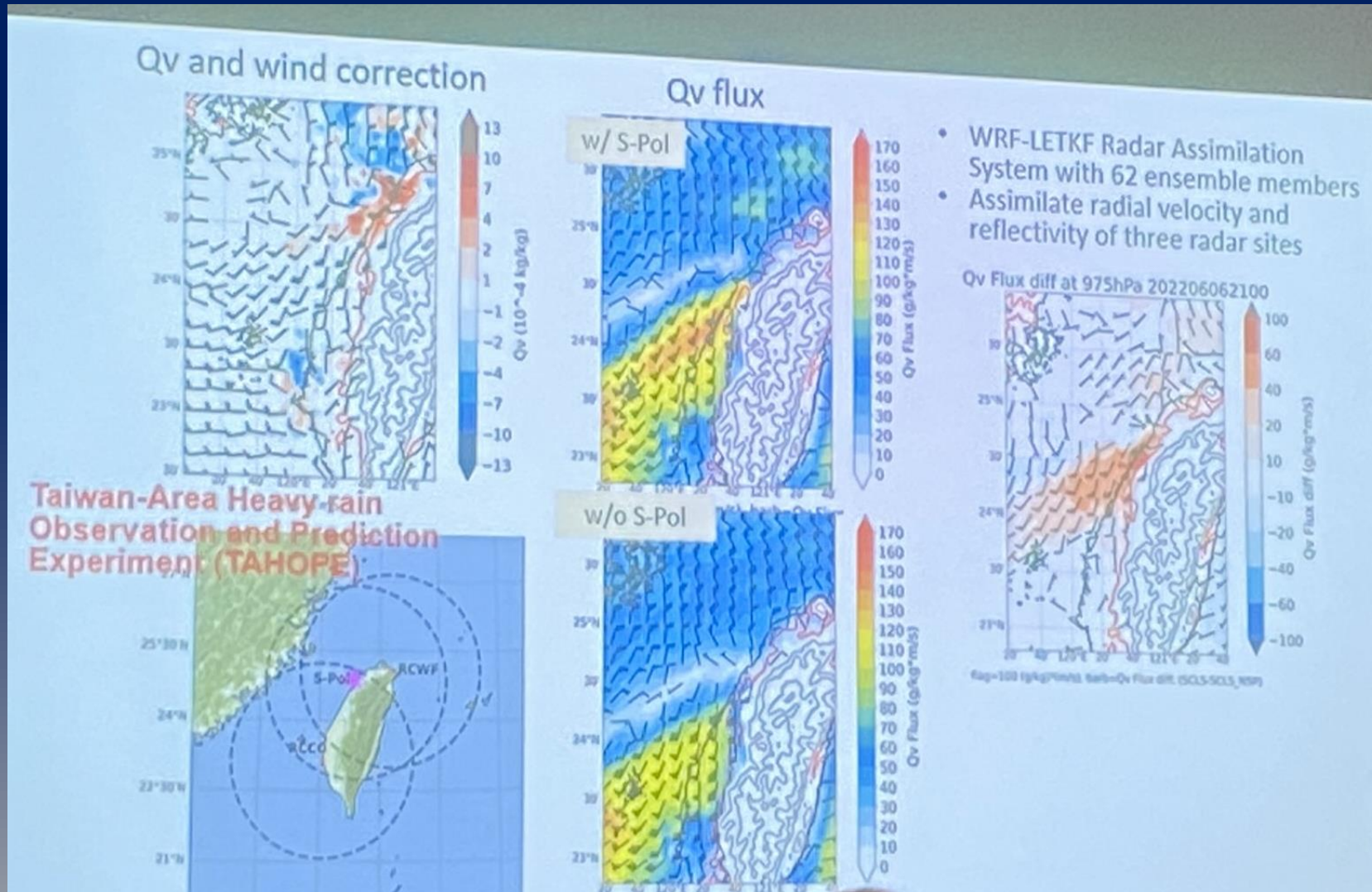


Fig. 17c of Tam, Yang, and Lee for an PECAN MCS in Oklahoma (2022; JGR)

Source:
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Assimilating the S-Pol radar data enhances the low-level moisture transport!

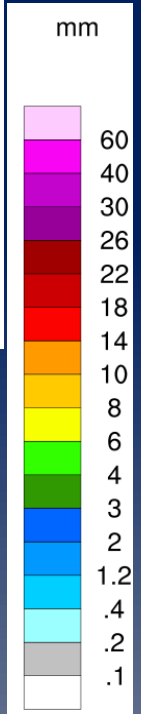
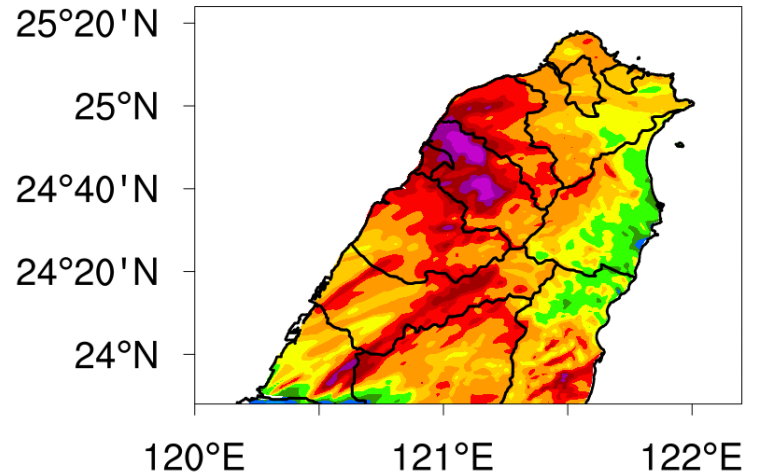
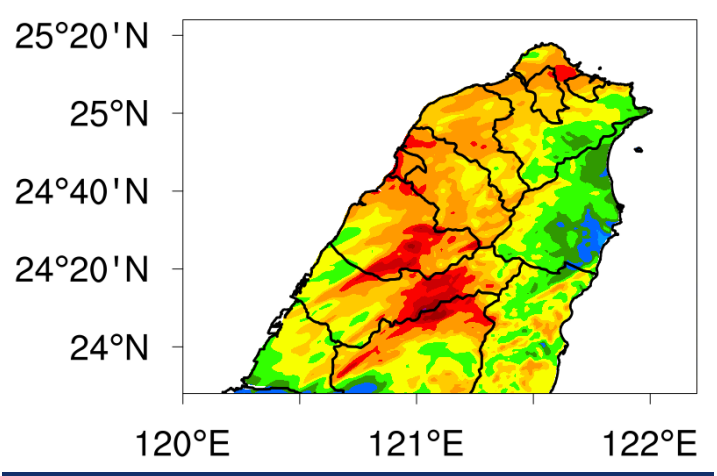
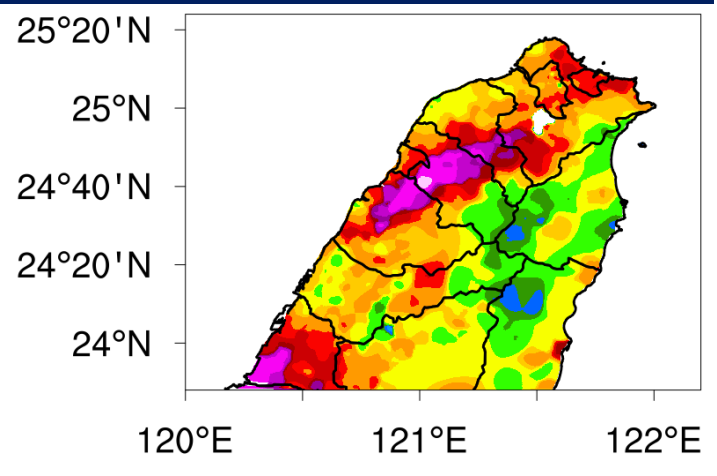
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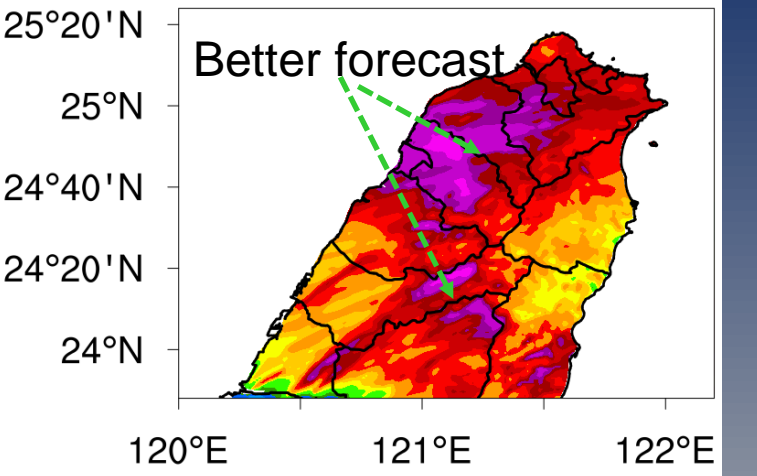
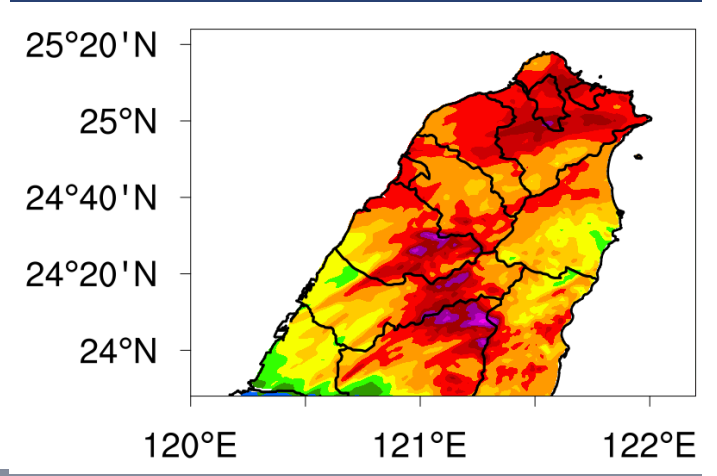
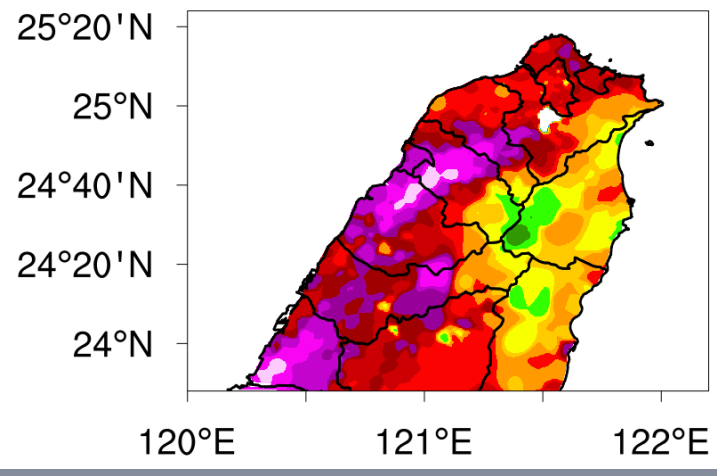
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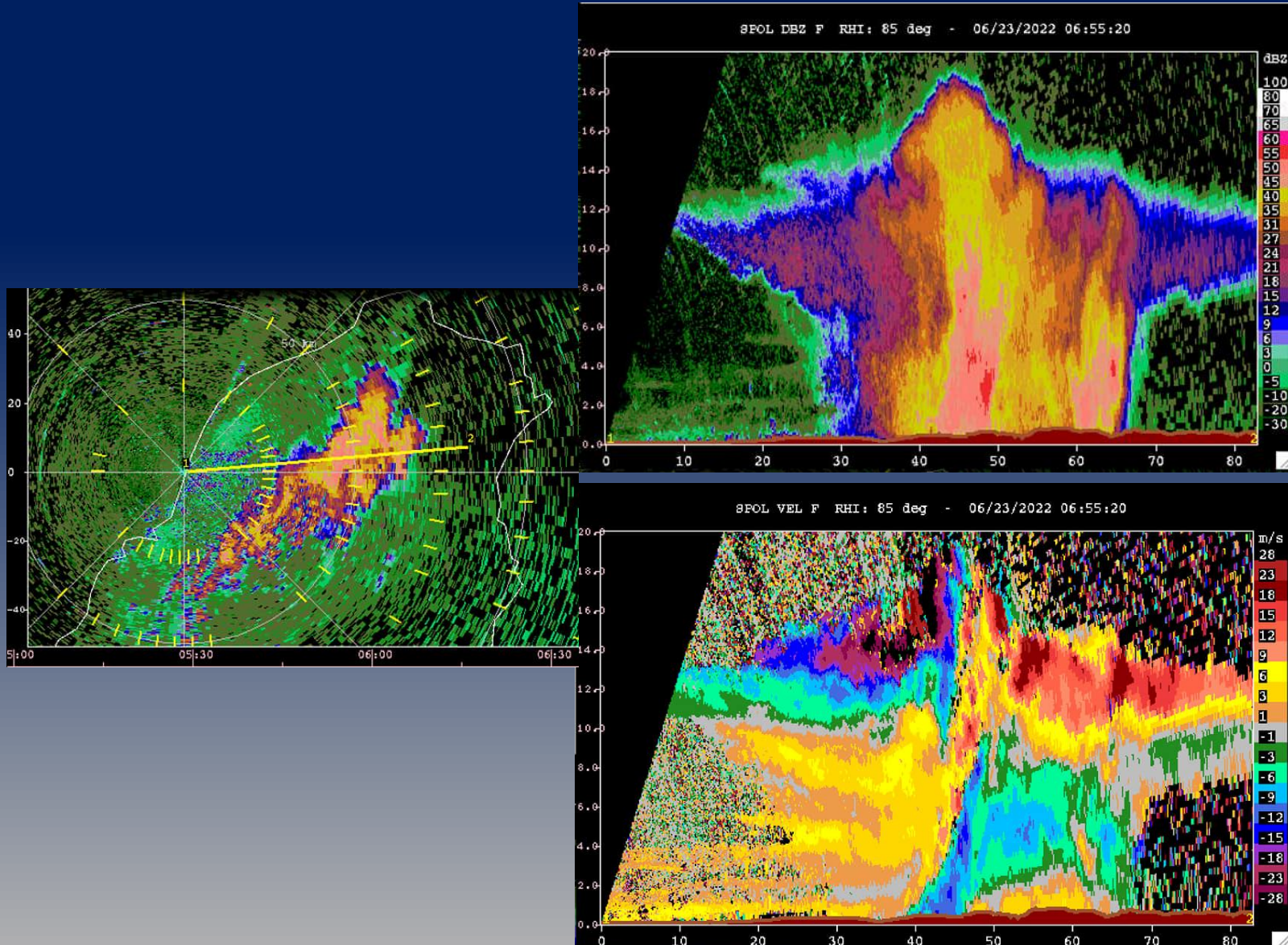


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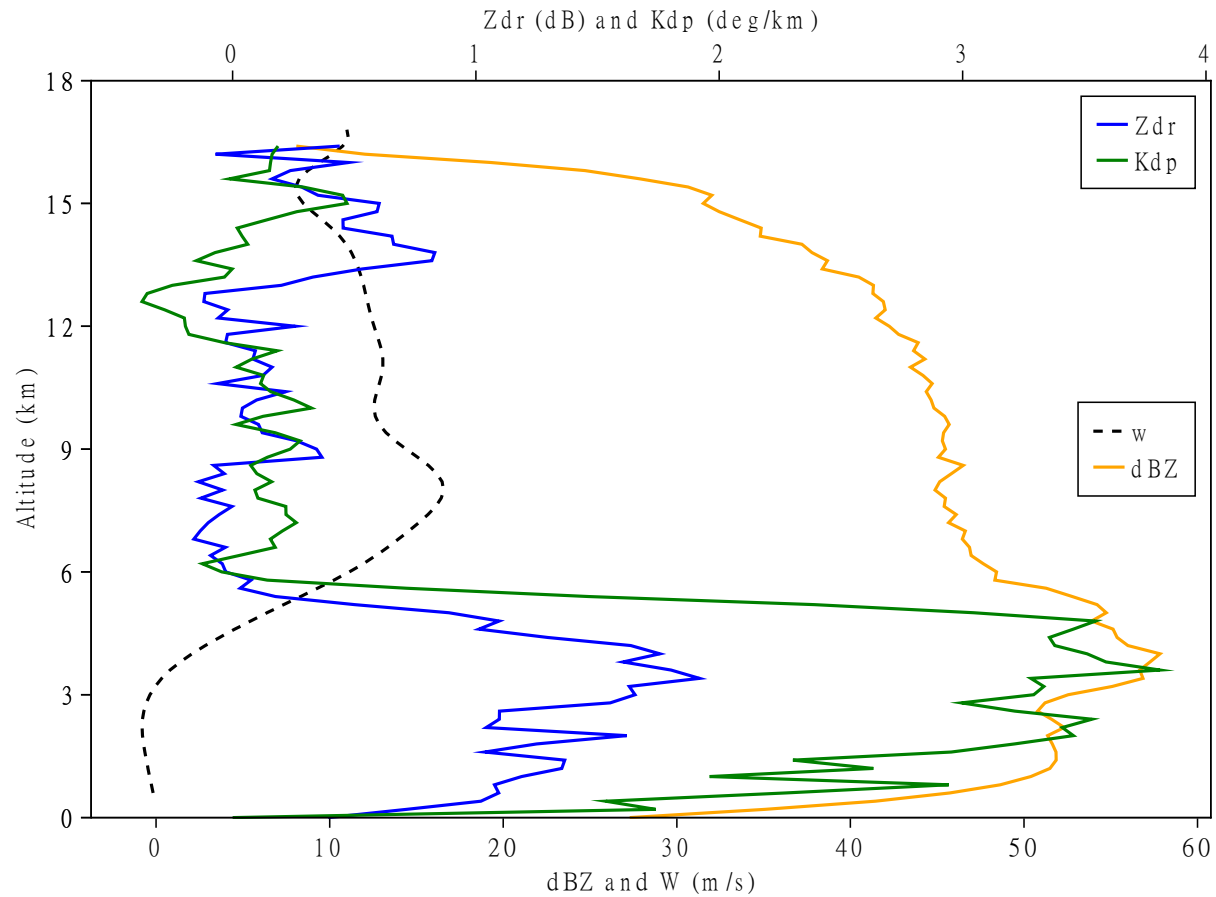
- Assimilate 3 radars (S-Pol, TEAM-R, and RCWF)
- Observation errors: 5 dBZ for Z, 3 m/s for V_r, 1 g/kg for Q_v
- Horizontal localization: 12 km for updating Q_v

Special Observation on June 23: S-Pol radar observations

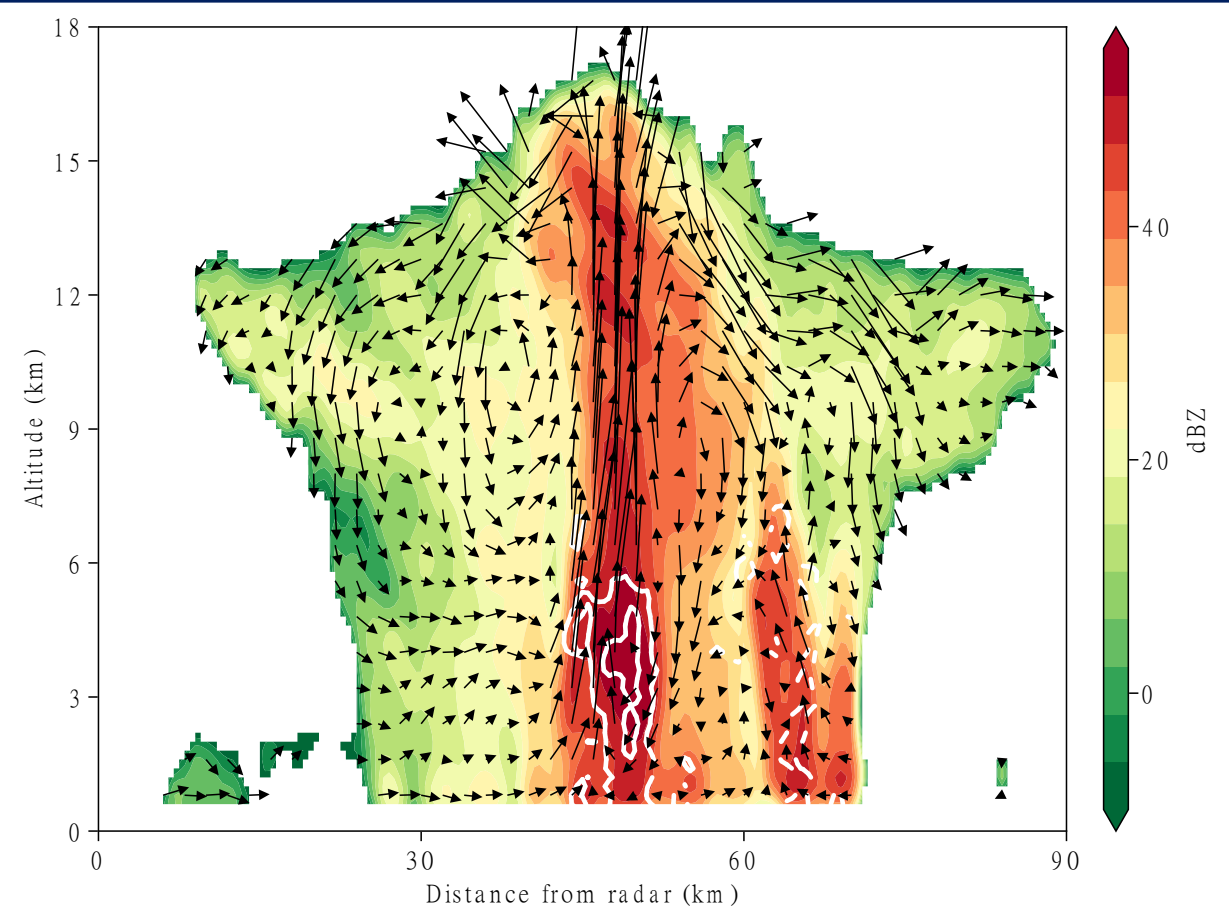


Deep convection with overshooting cloud top and anvils (with low-level convergence and upper-level divergence) over northern Taiwan as seen from S-Pol radar on 07 UTC 23 June.

Source:
Michael Bell

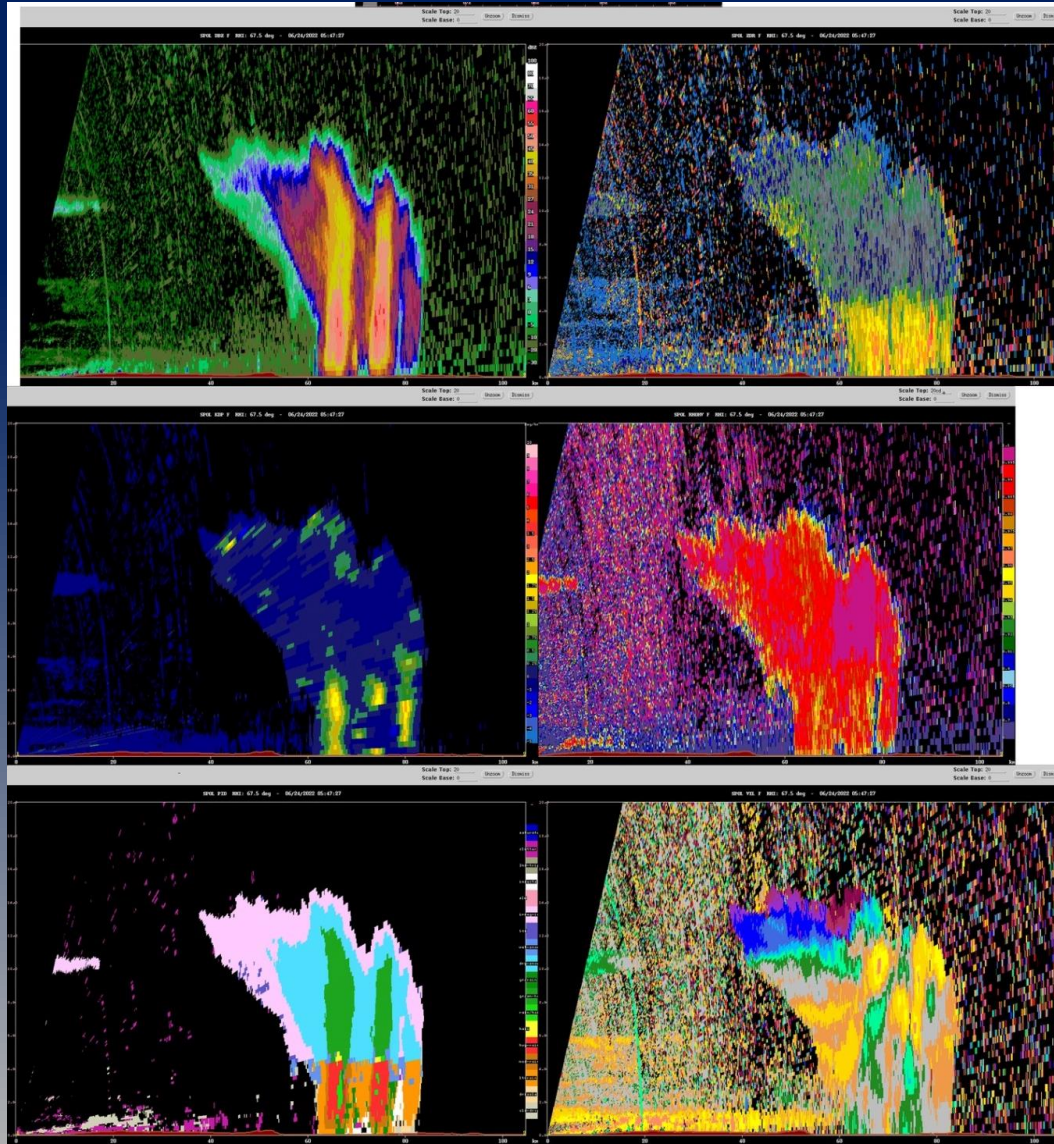


Vertical profiles of Z, W, Zdr, and Kdp
at the center of the storm



Radar reflectivity & circulation vector

Special Observation on June 24: Hailstone in central Taipei

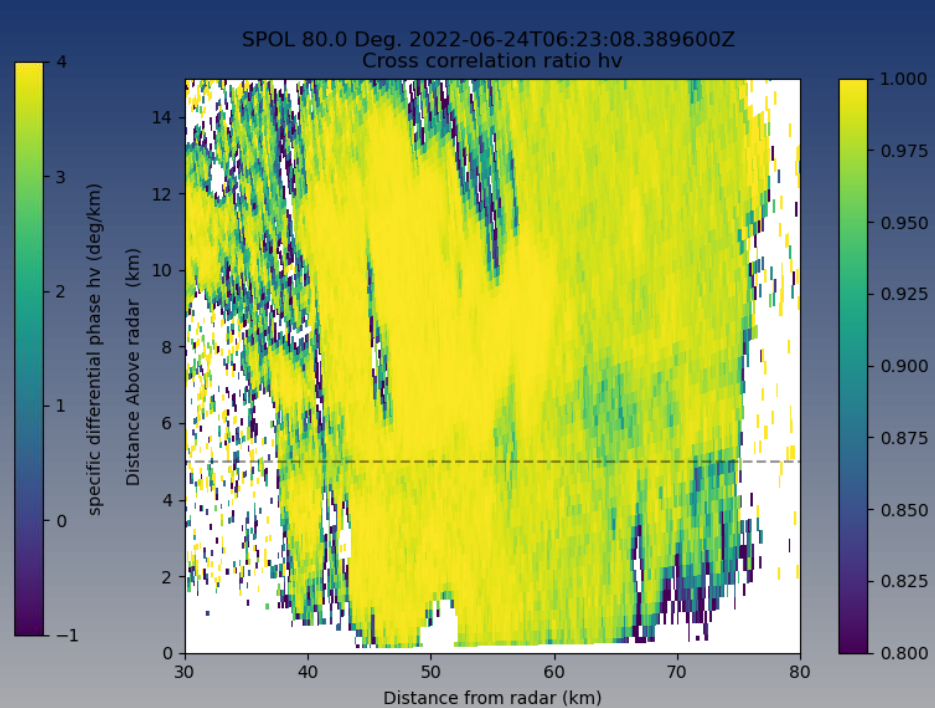
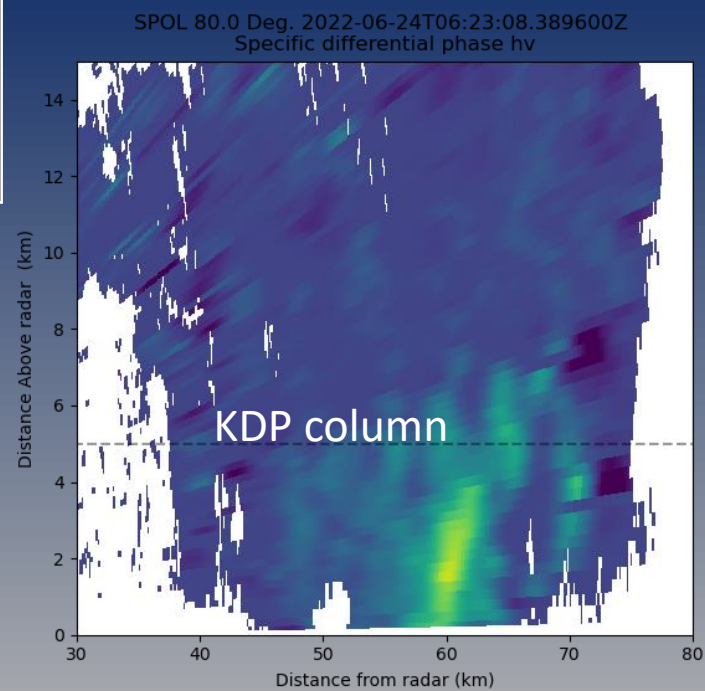
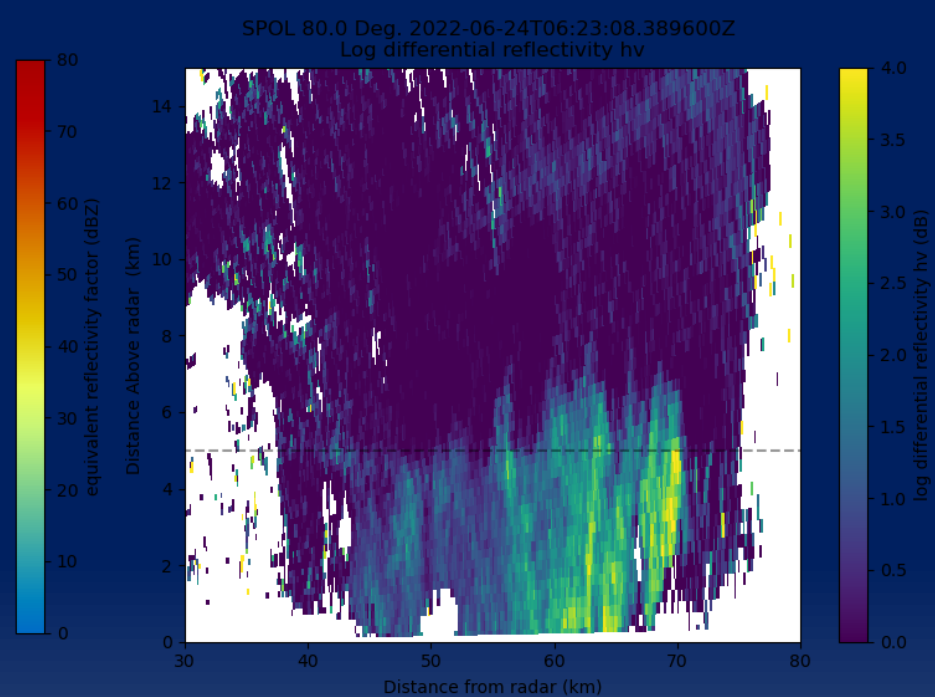
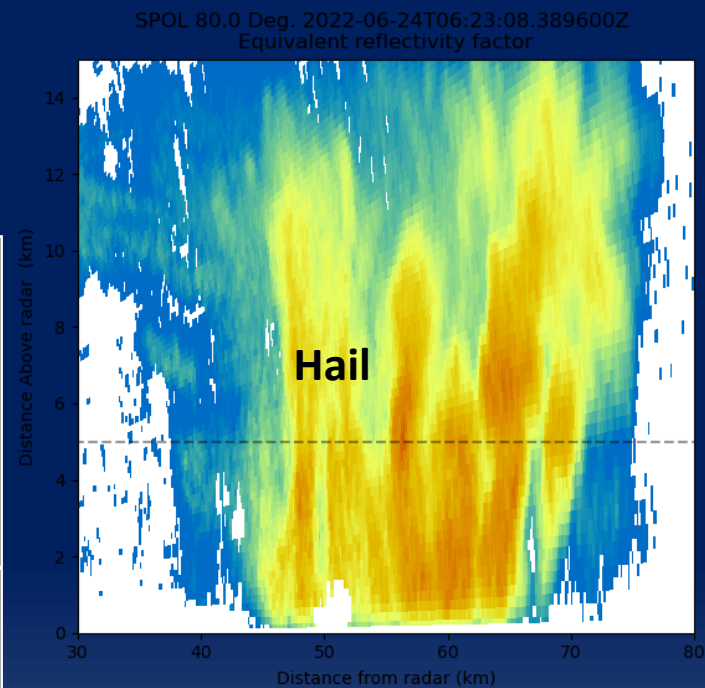
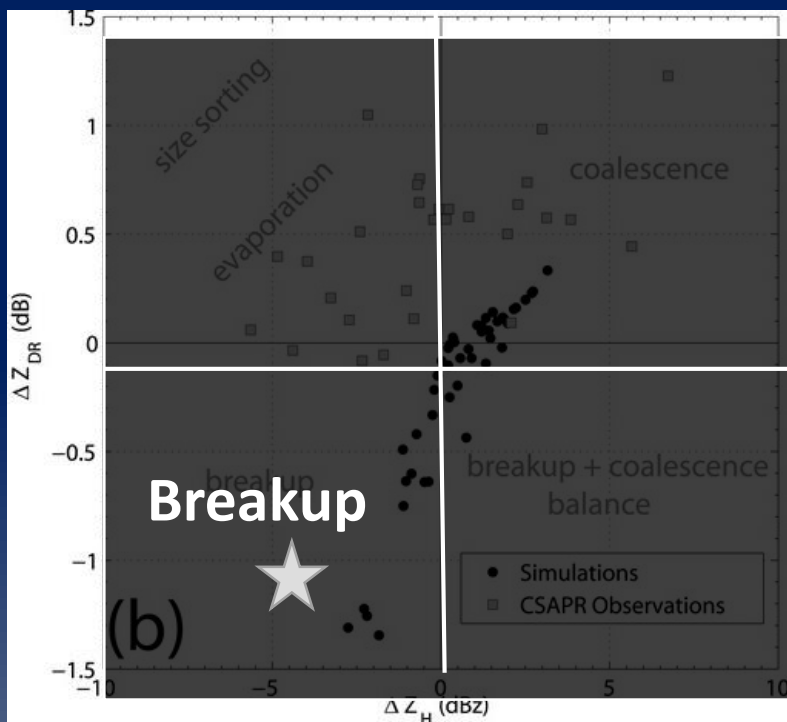


On 24 June, an intense downburst with hail particles in the center of Taipei (near CWB).

The RHI cross sections from SPOL radar showed intense convective storms with horizontal width less than 10 km.

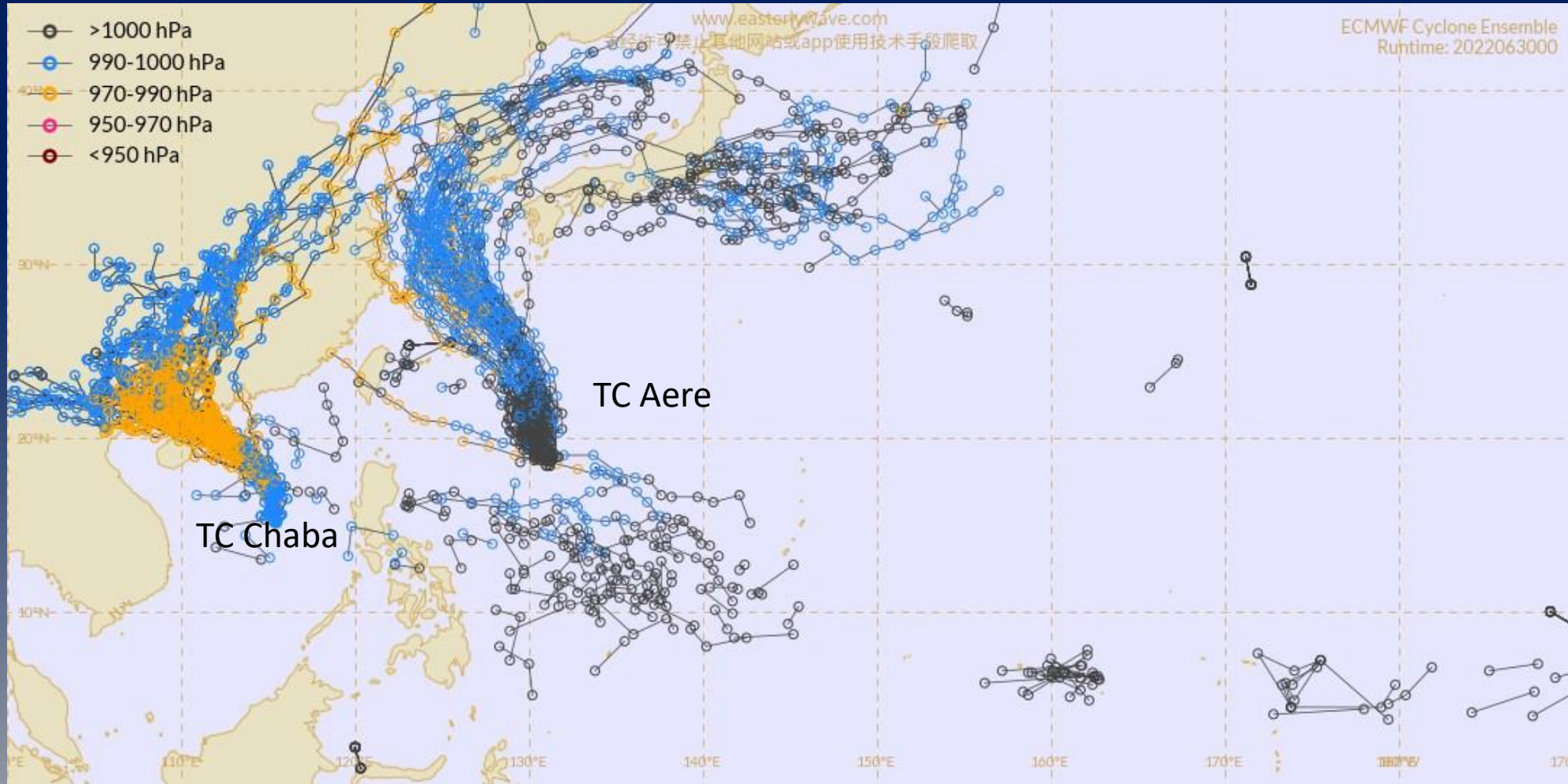


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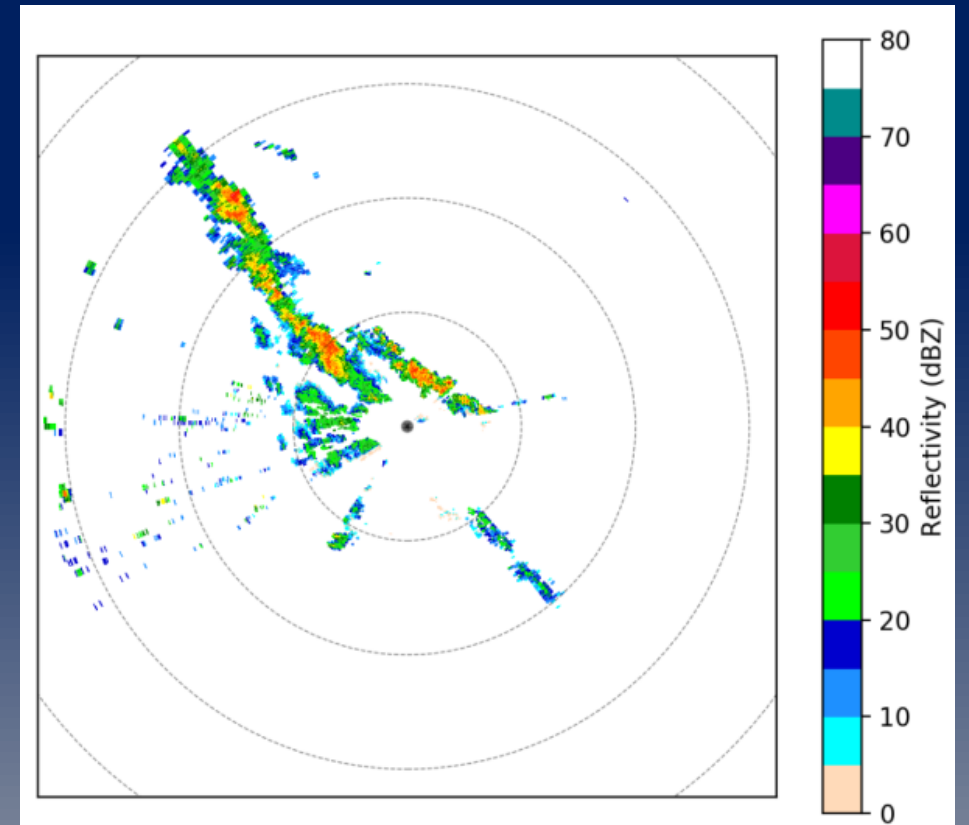
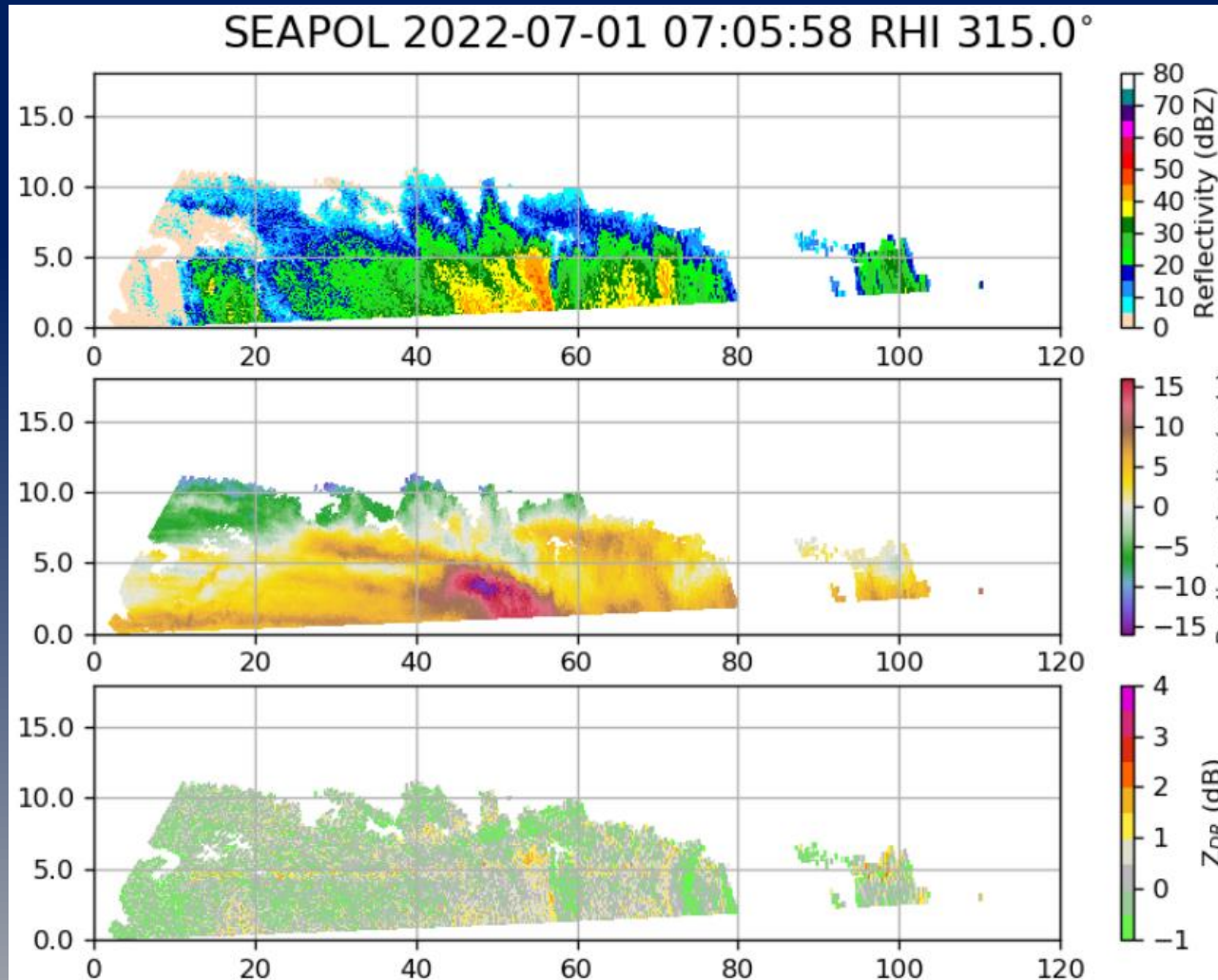


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IOP6: TCs Aere and Chaba near Taiwan

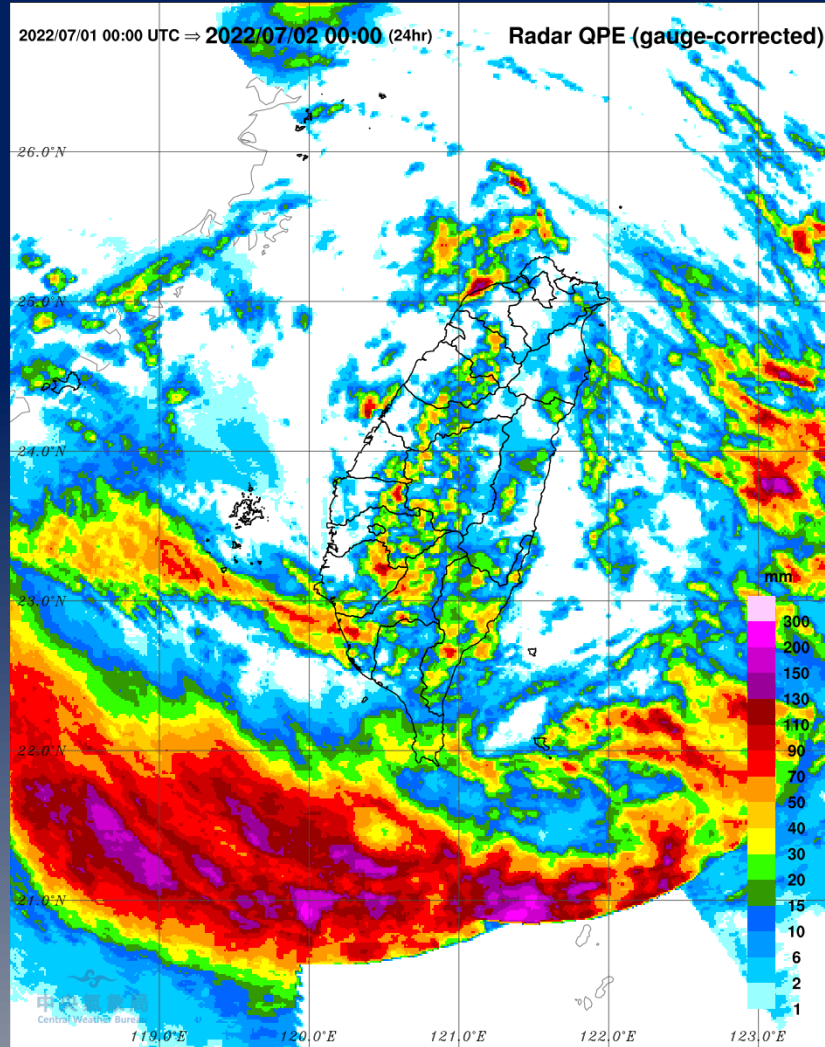


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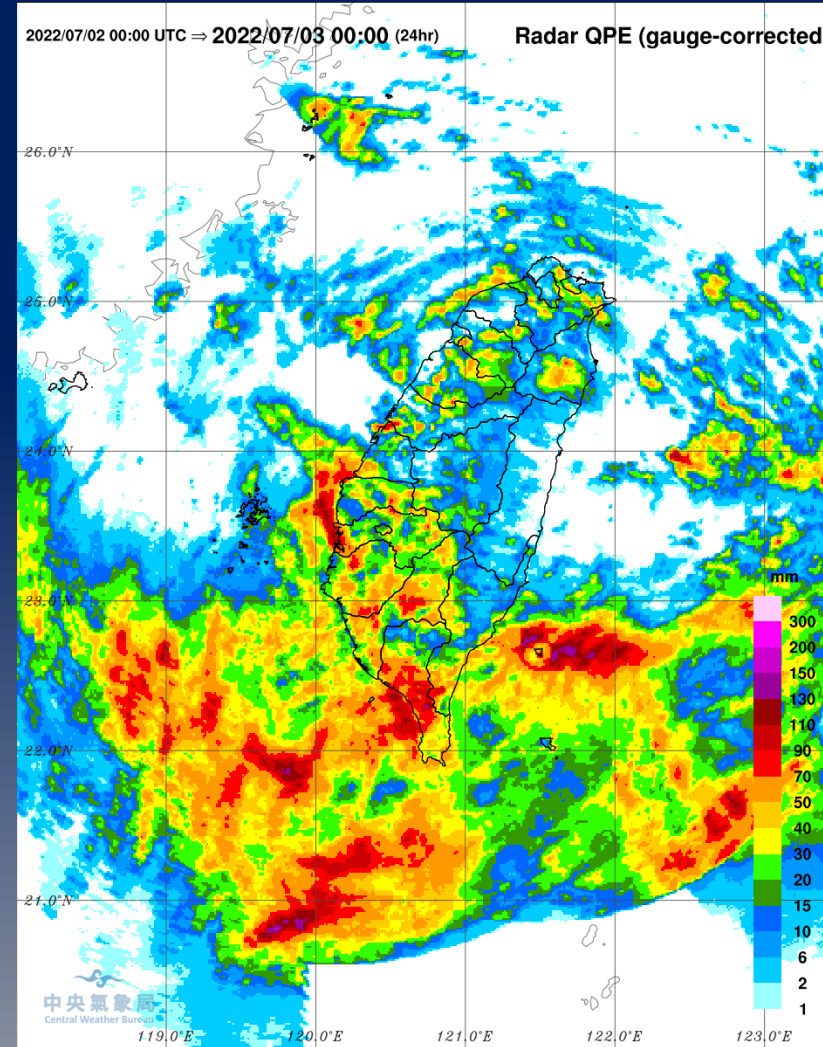


Squall-line feature near Yonaguni observed by SEA-POL radar on July 1st

IOP 6: TCs Aere and Chaba near Taiwan

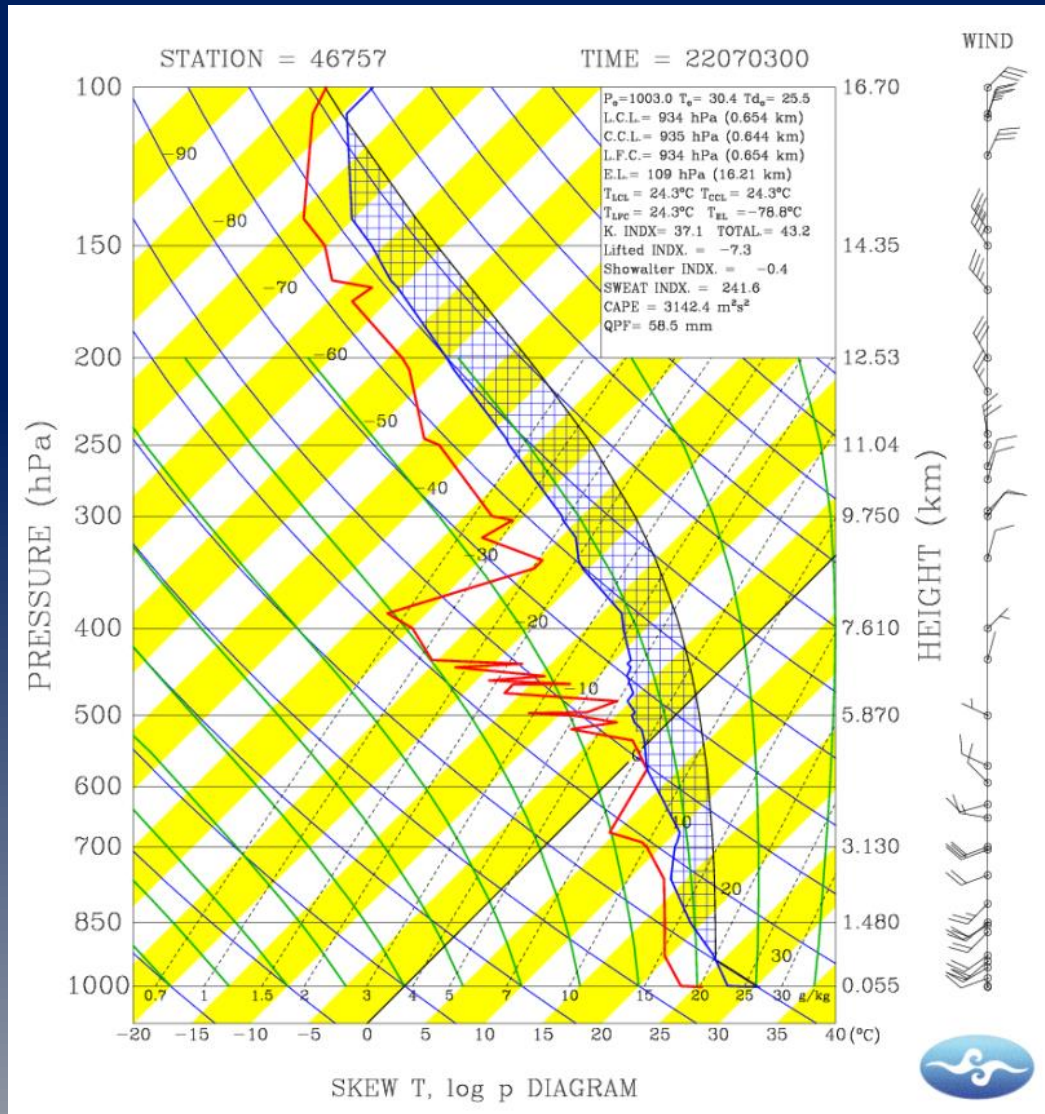


24-h Rainfalls associated with
TC Aere on July 1st

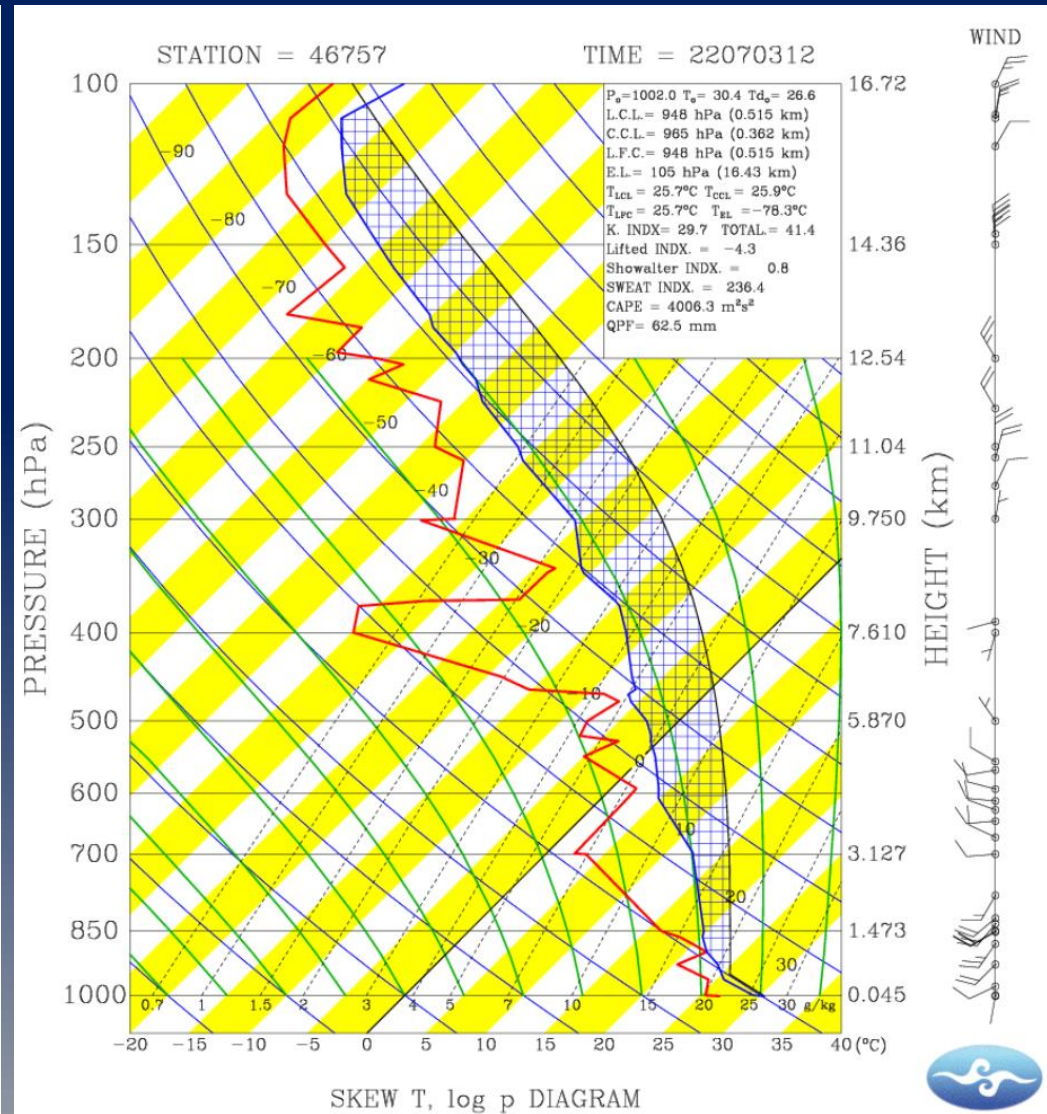


24-h Rainfalls associated with
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IOP 6: Unstable soundings at Hsinchu

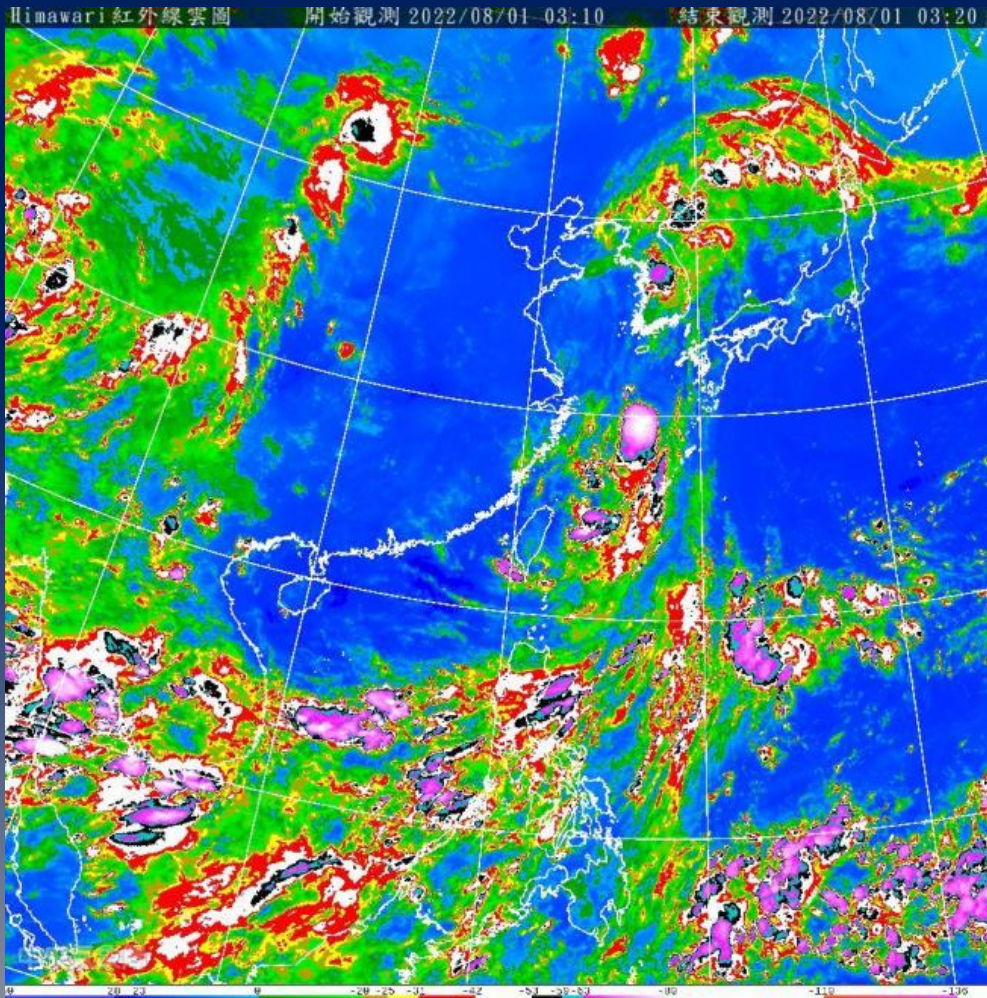


CAPE ~ 3100 J/kg at 00 Z on July 3rd

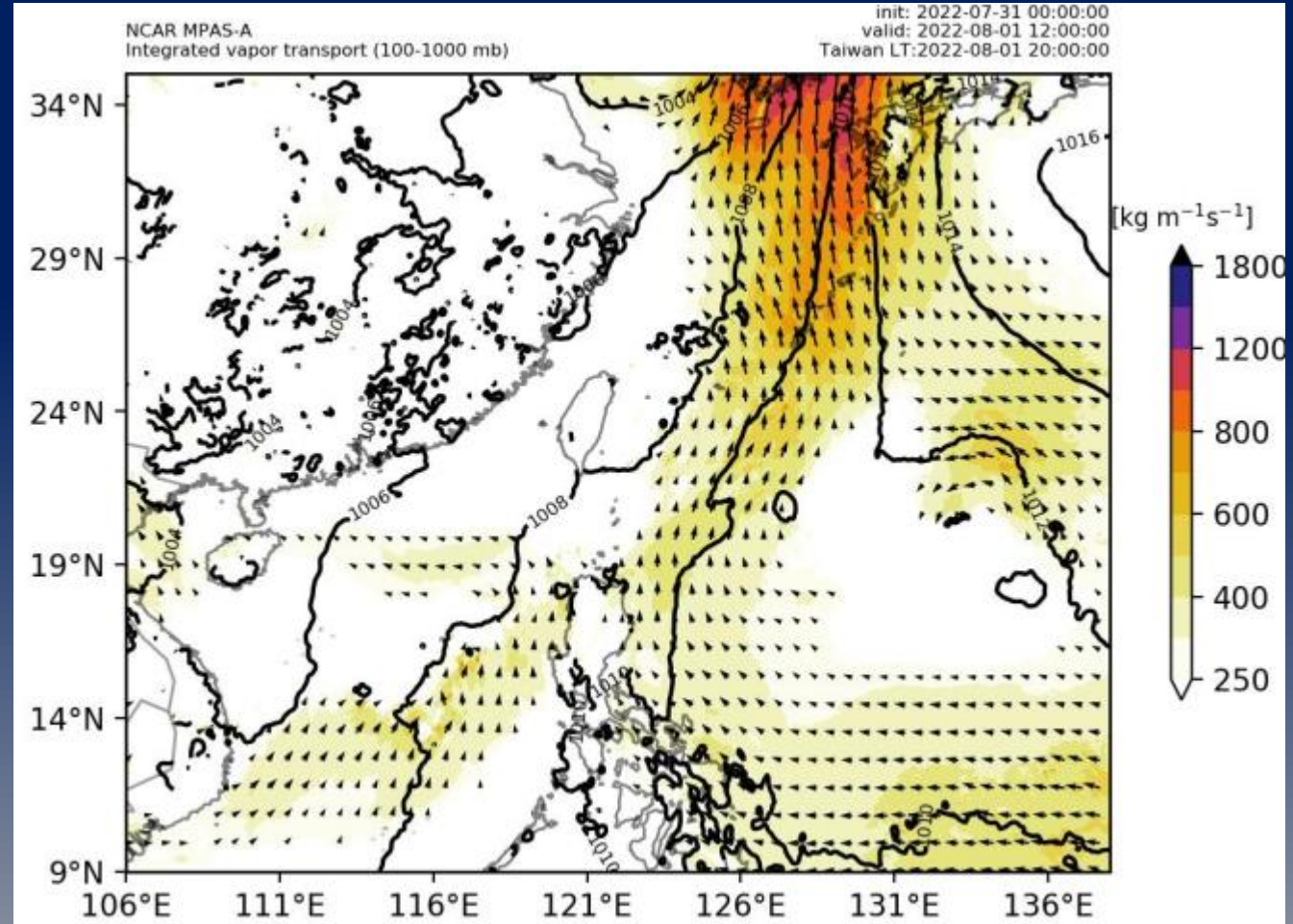


CAPE ~ 4000 J/kg at 12 Z on July 3rd, but only scattered showers observed near Hsinchu => Lack of forcing mechanisms

IOP 10: Moisture transport from low pressure during 1-3 August

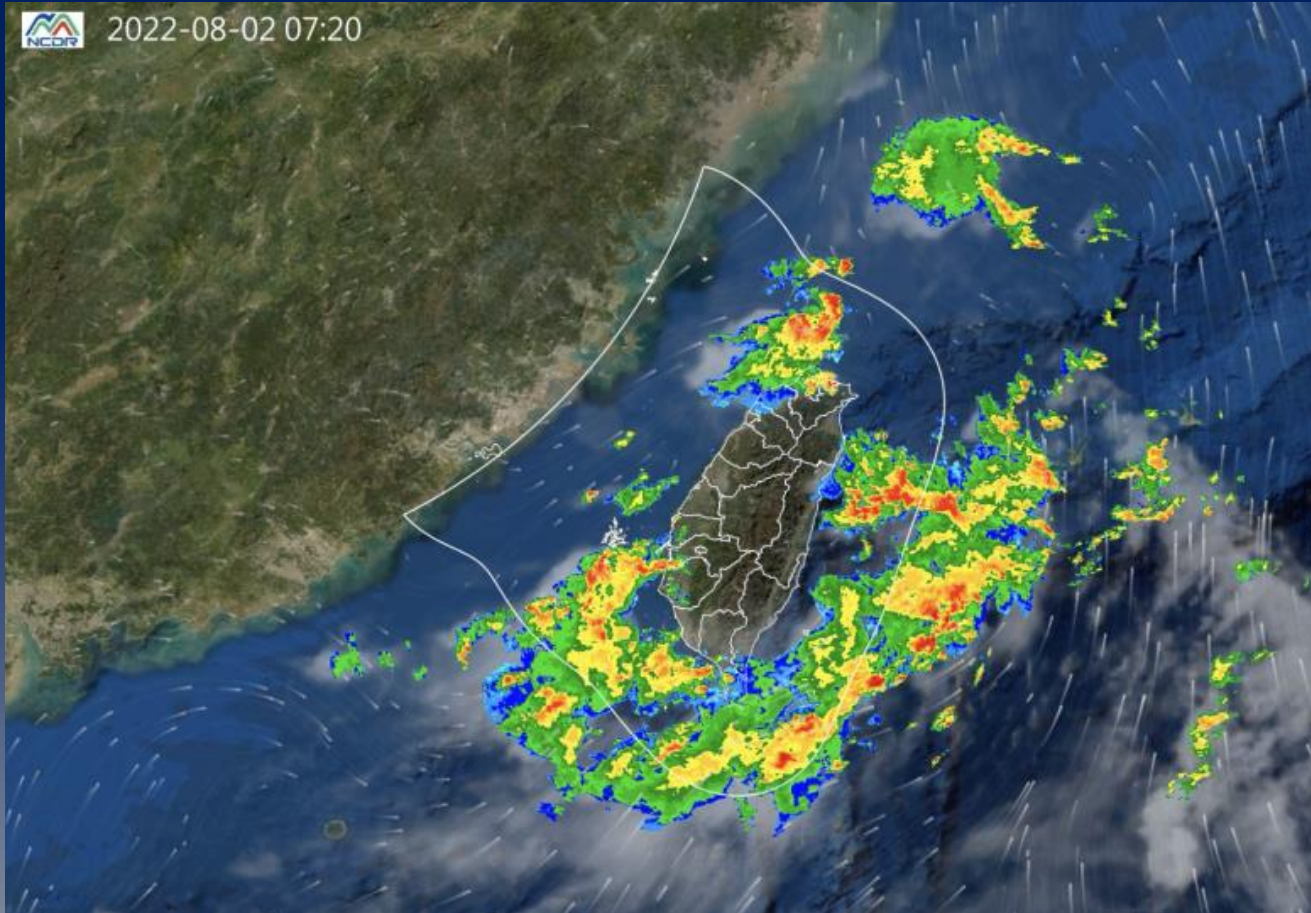


IR image on at 03 LST on August 1 =>
Low pressure to the northeast of Taiwan

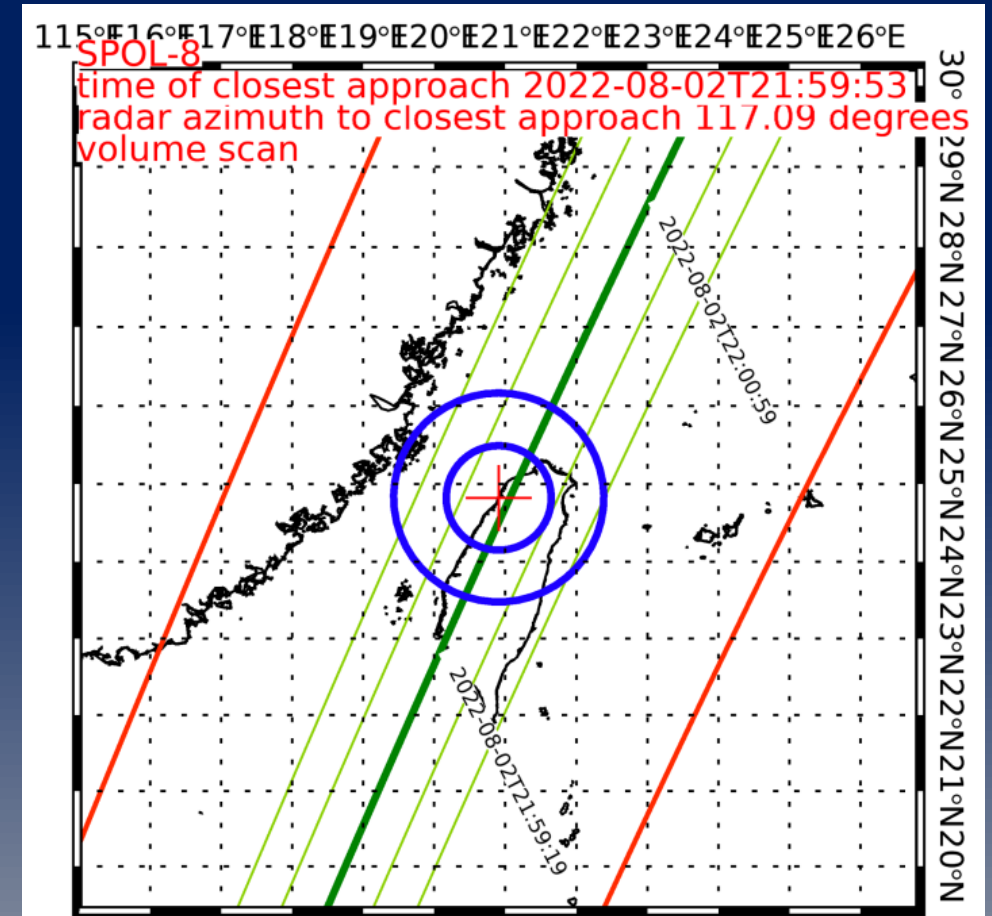


Integrated Vapor Transport at 12 UTC
on August 3

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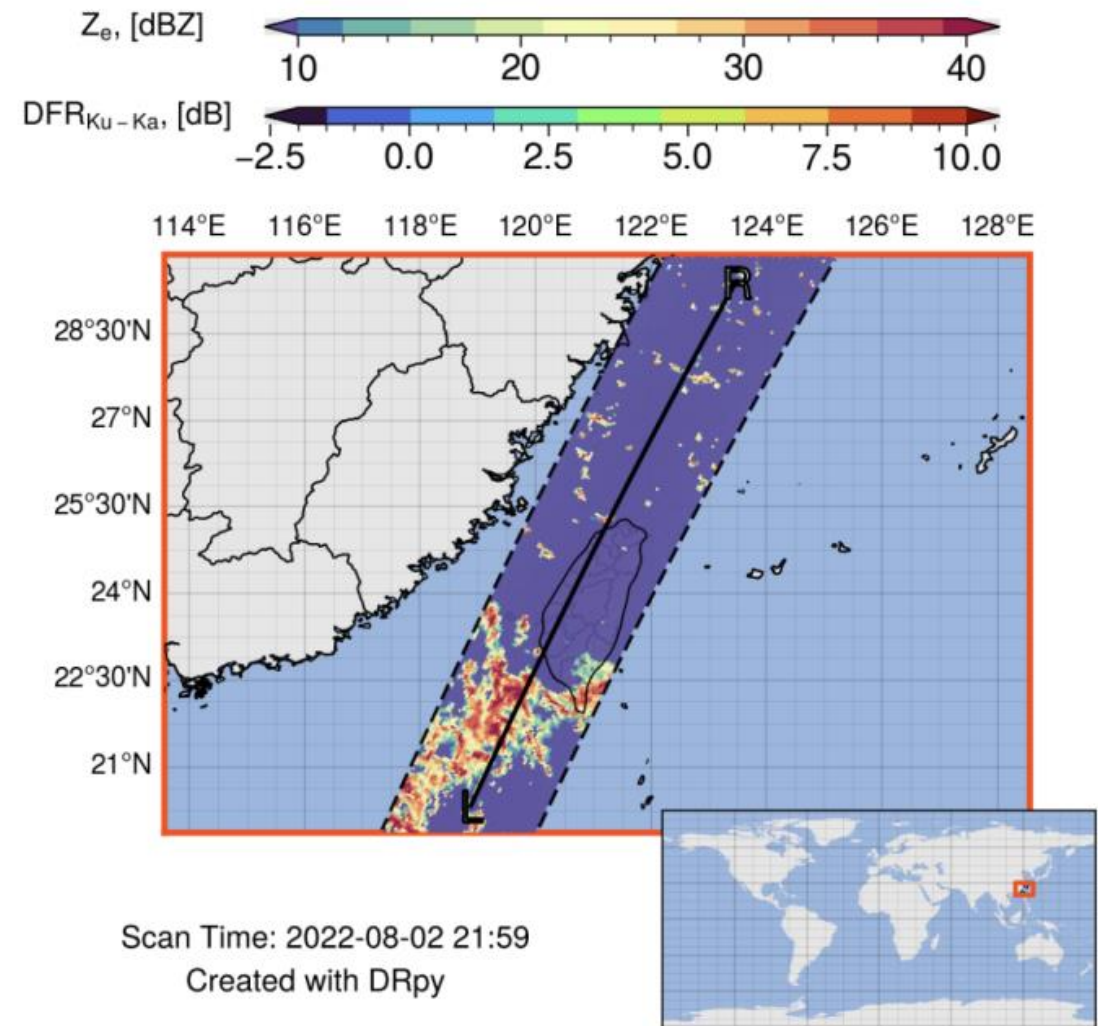
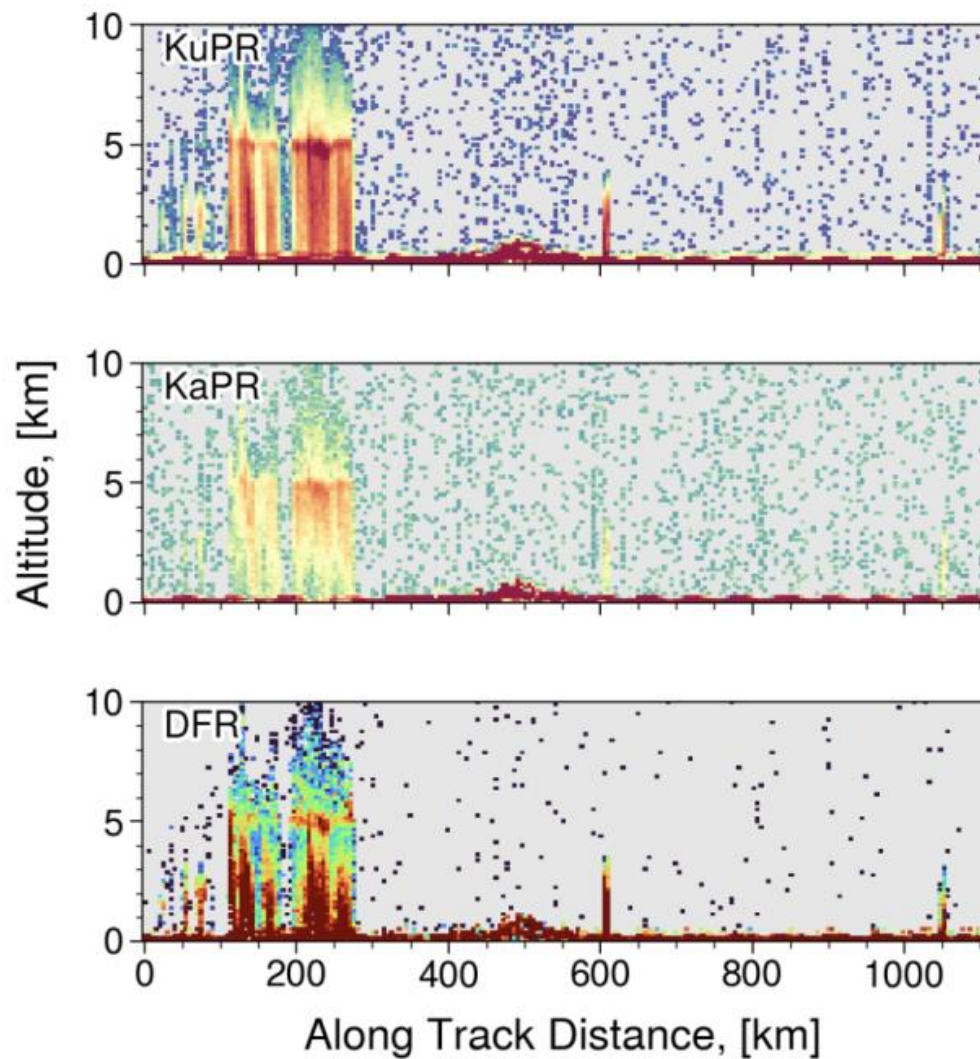


Radar composite on August 2



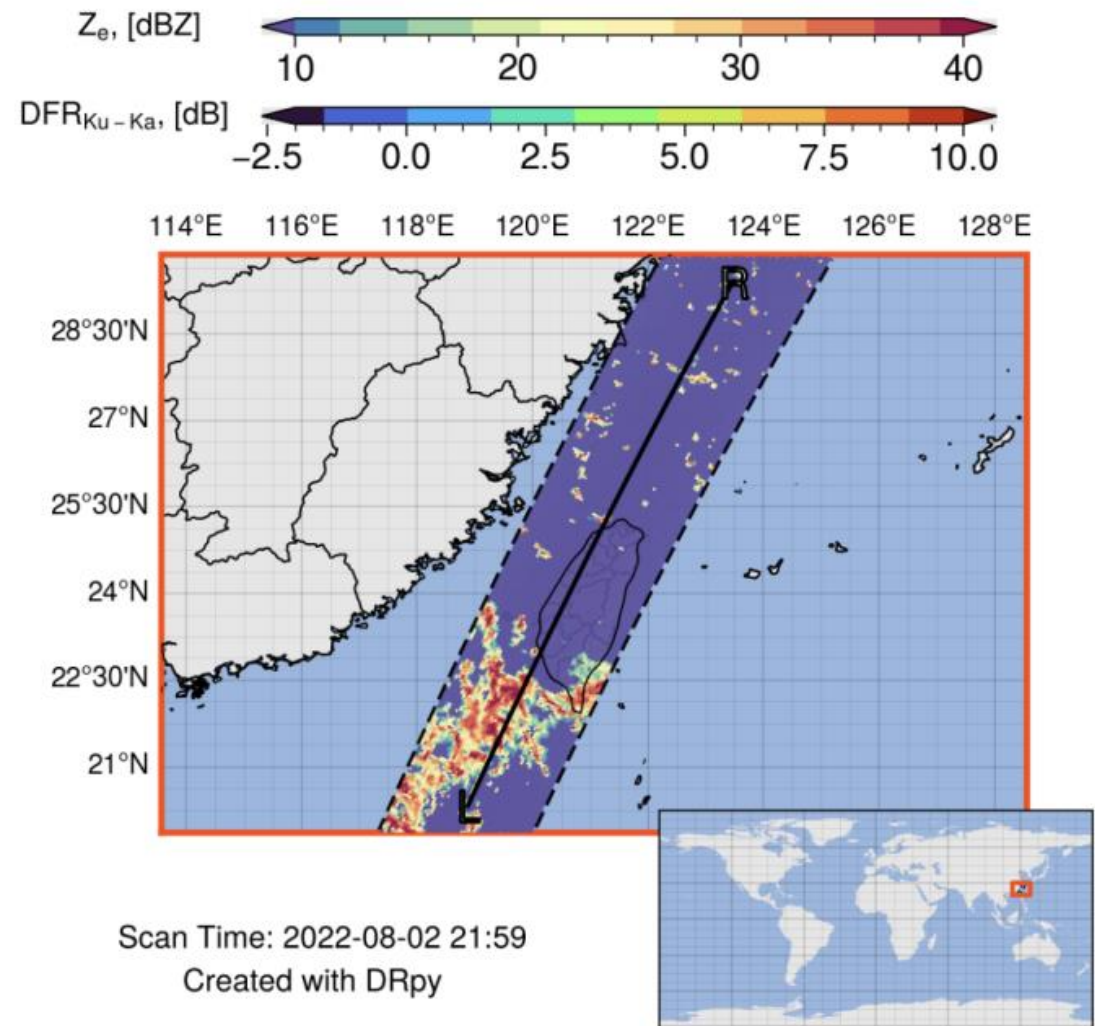
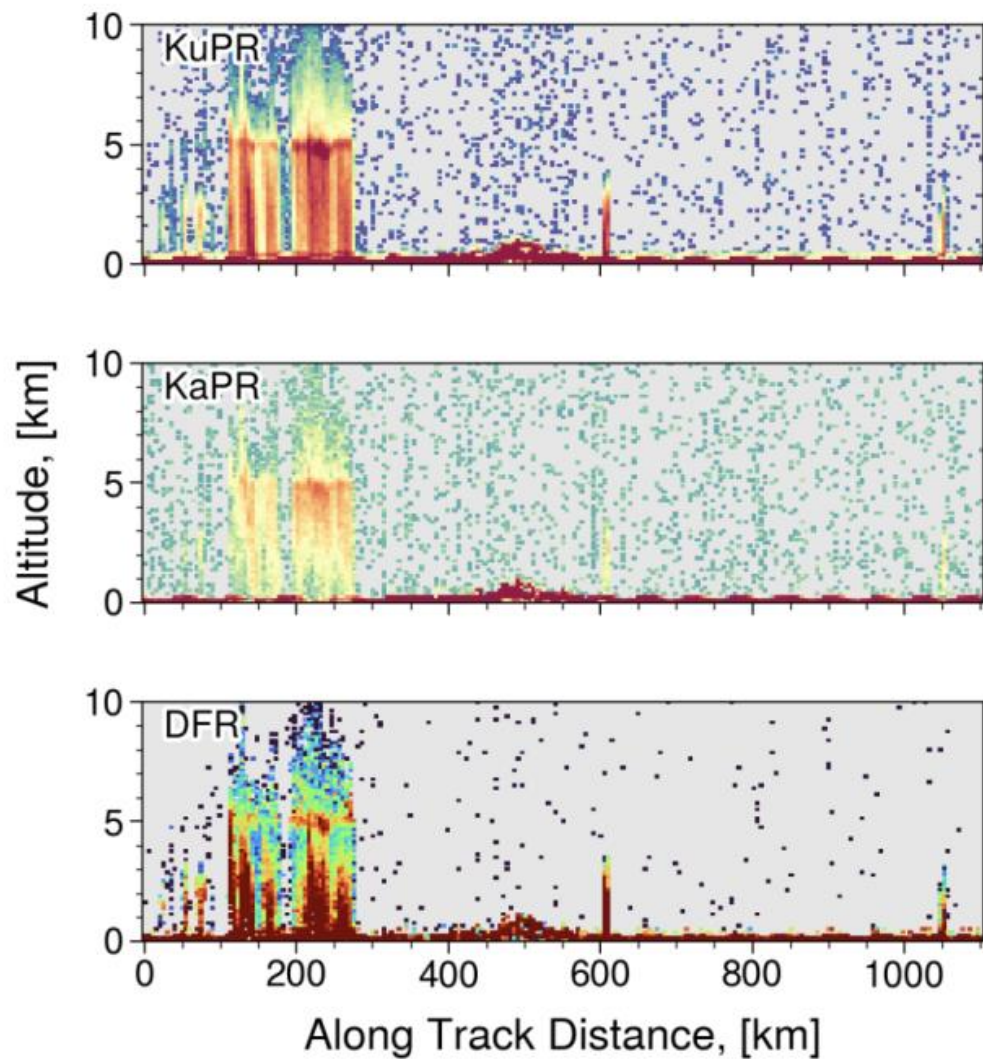
SPOL observations collated with GPM satellite overpass

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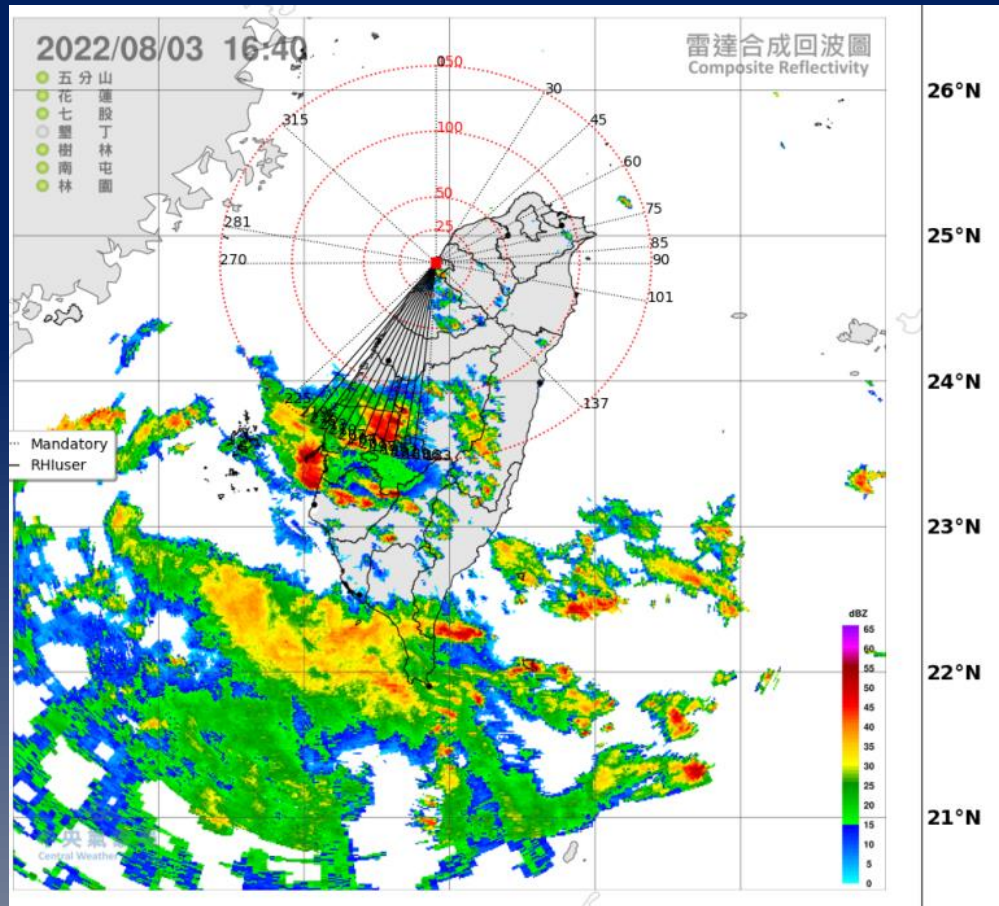
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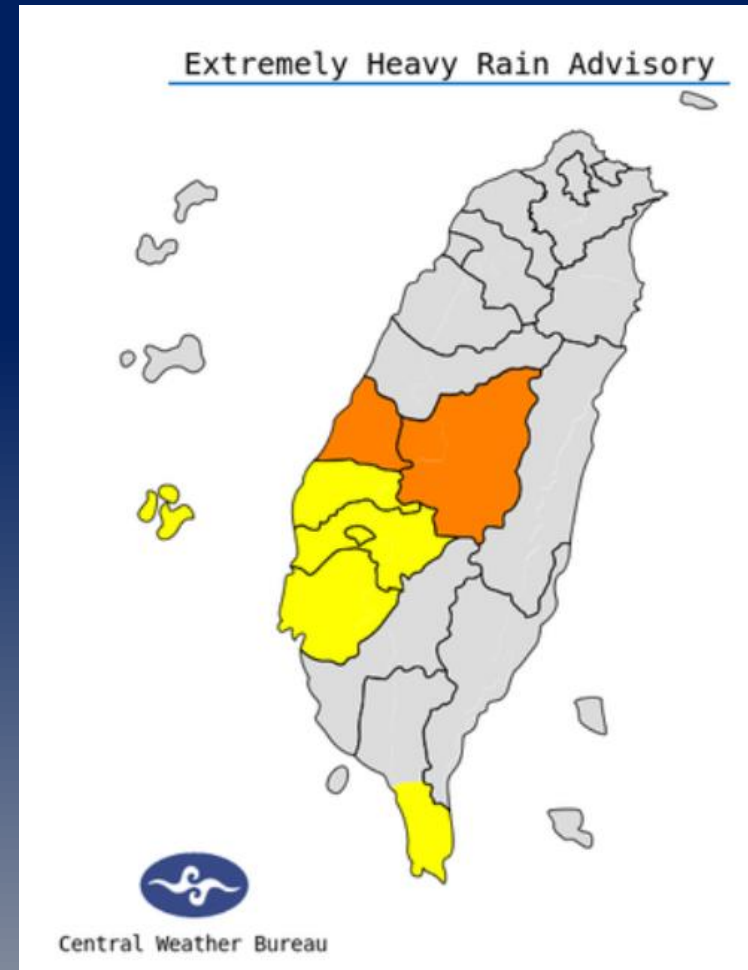


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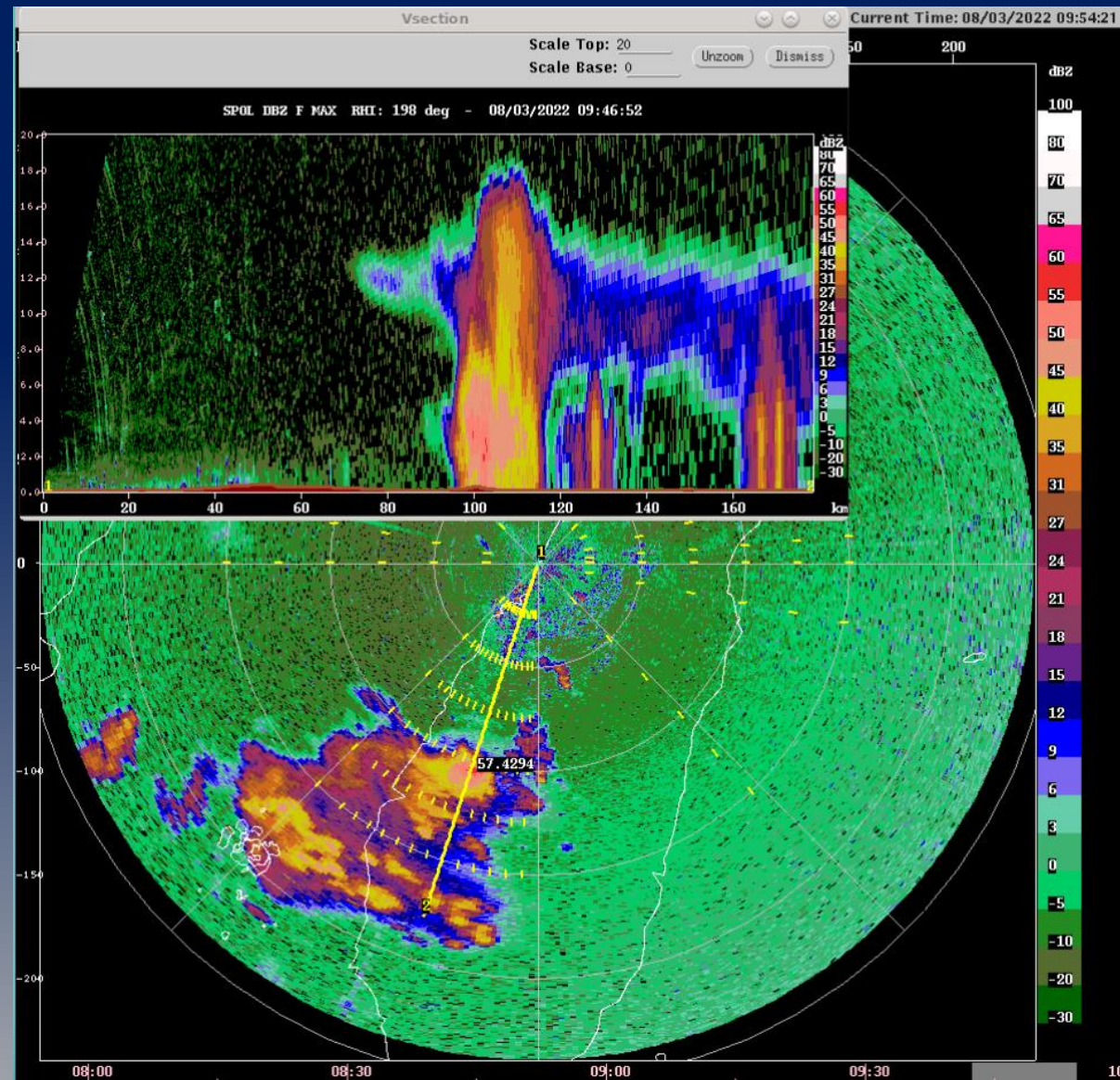
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S-Pol intense RHI scans on the thunderstorms on August 3 over central Taiwan

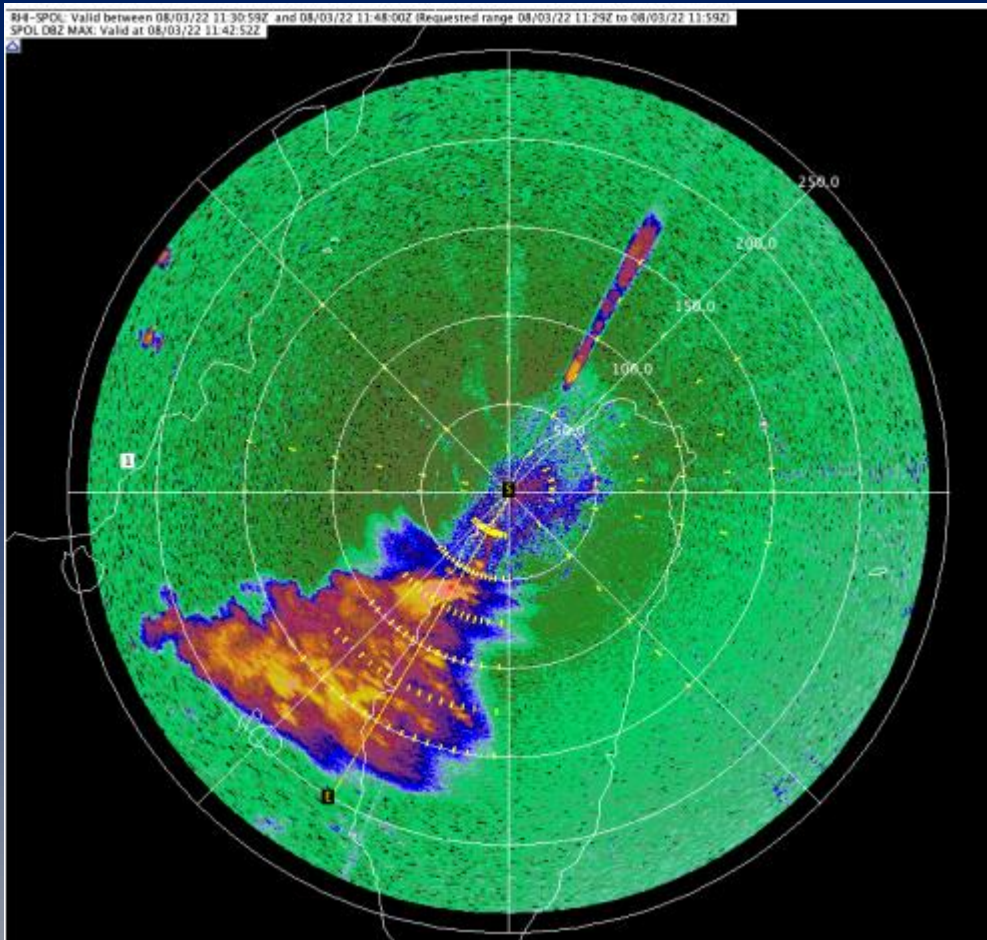


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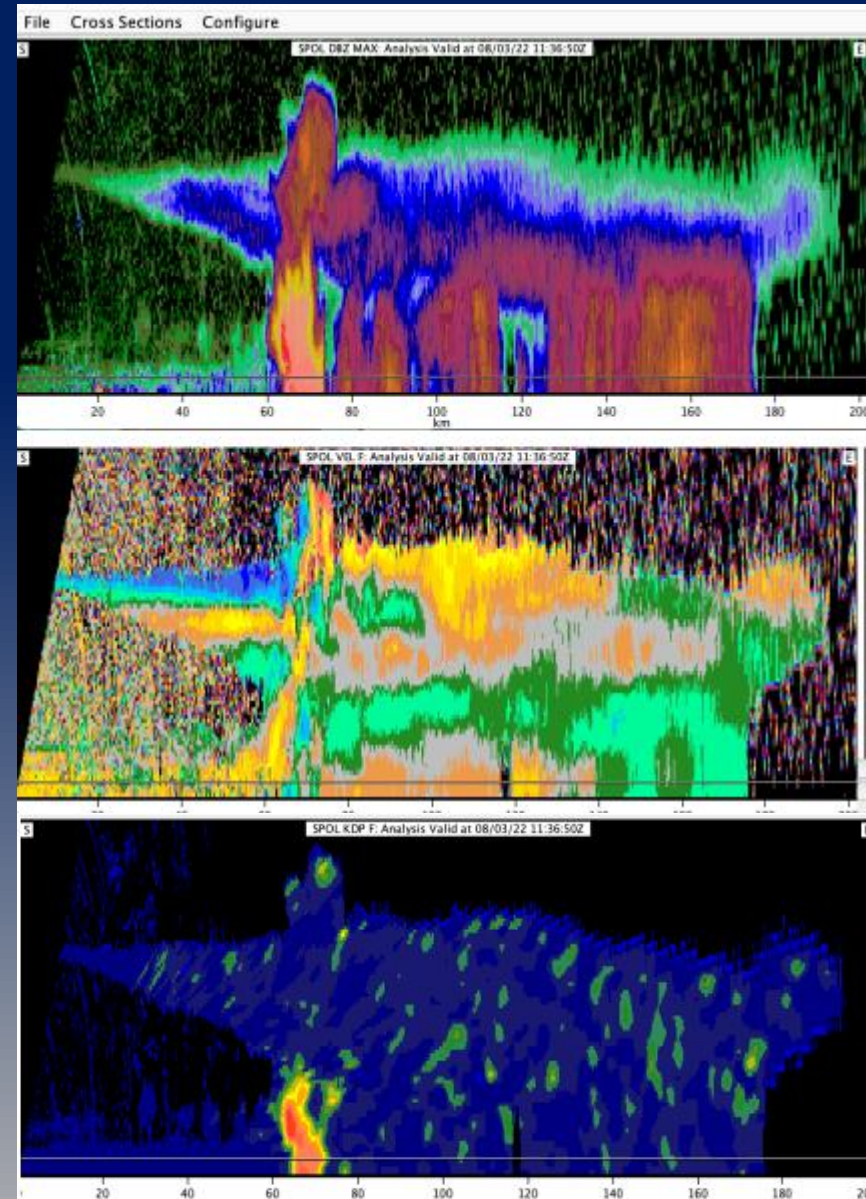


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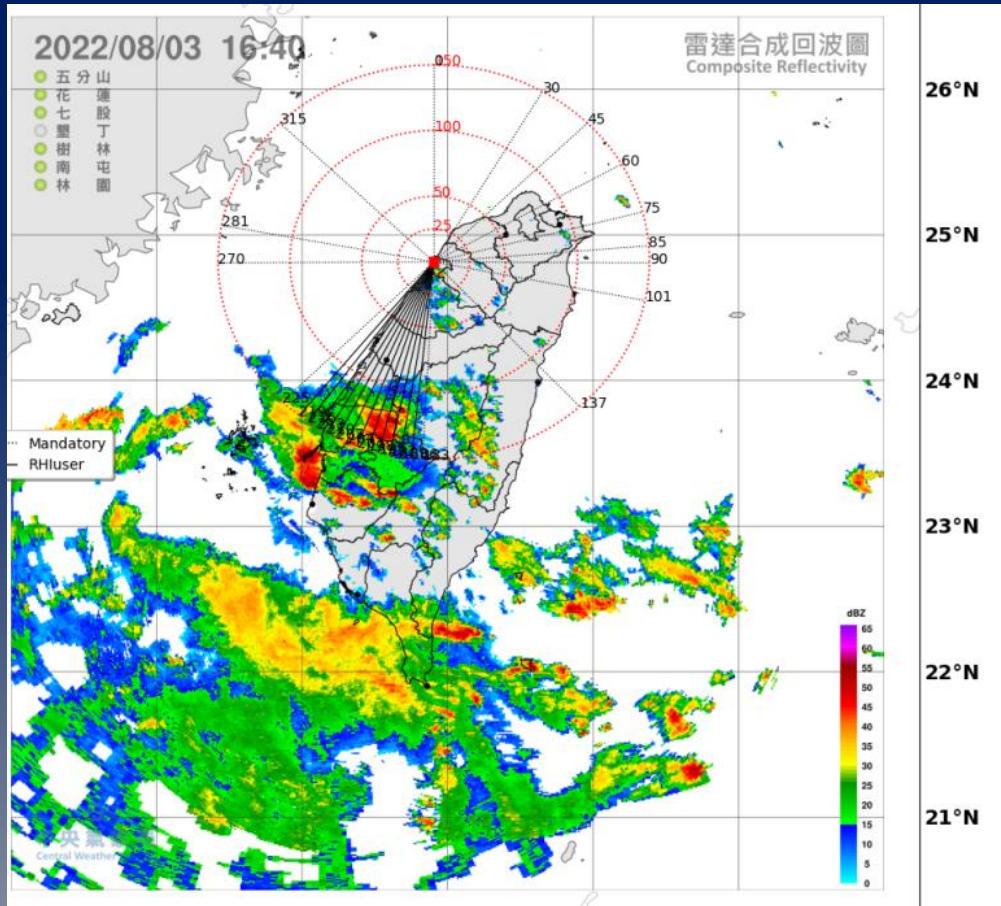
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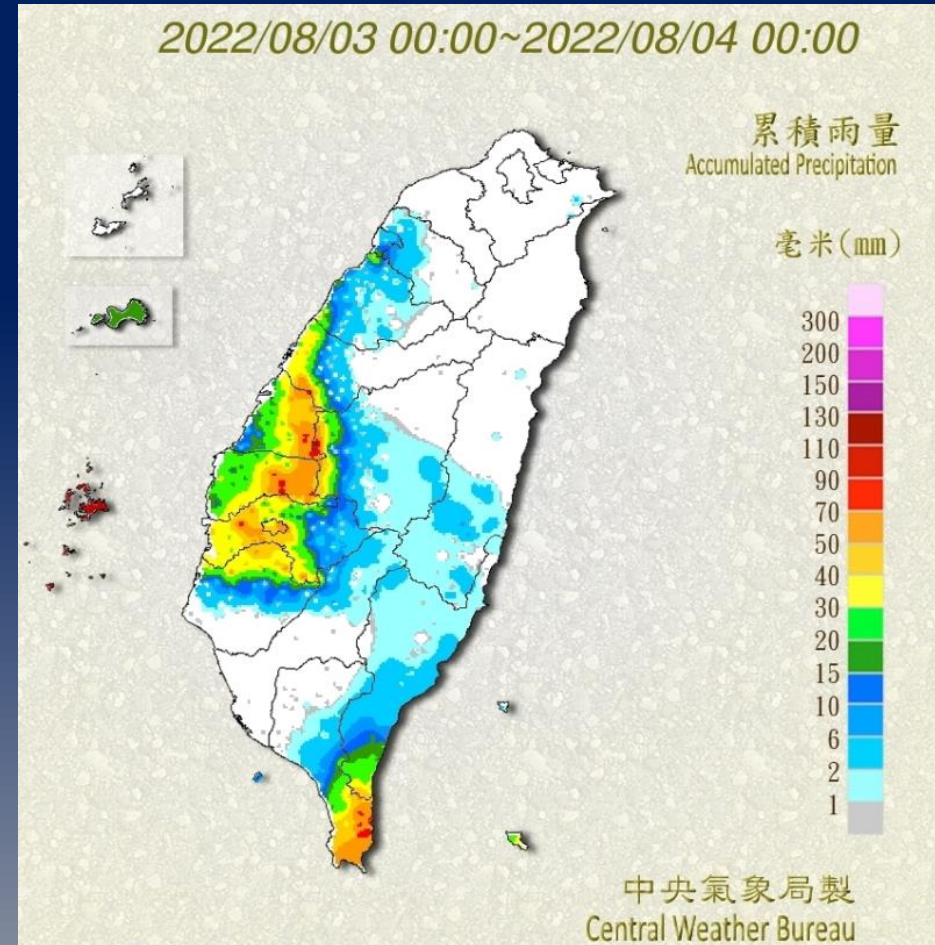
S-Pol intense RHI scans of Z, VR, and KDP on the thunderstorms on August 3



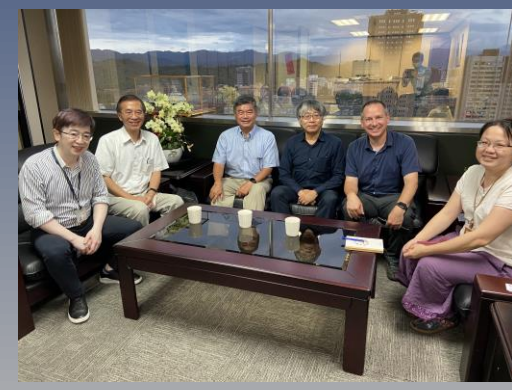
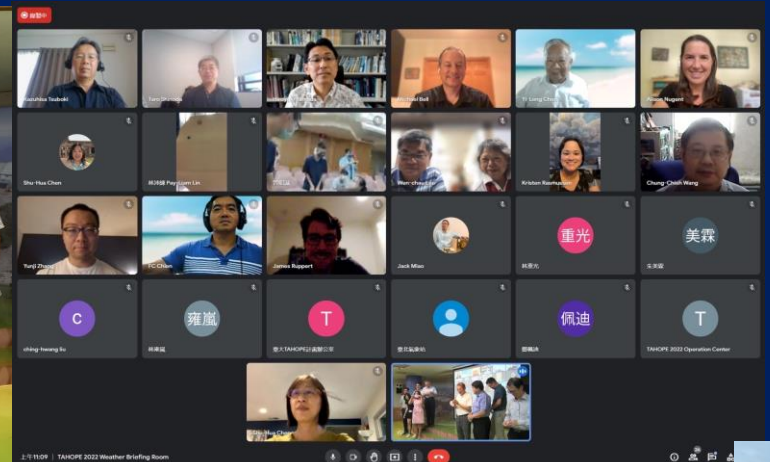
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Radar Composite at
1640 LST on August 3



24-h rainfall on August 3



Conclusions

- TAHOPE/PRECIP/T-PARCII 2022 field experiment were conducted successfully despite 2-year delay and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
 - 1st deployment of NCAR MicroPulse DIAL (MPD) on Taiwan
 - 1st land-based deployment of CSU SEA-POL on Yonaguni, Japan
 - 1st international field campaign on Mei-Yu fronts, MCSs, thunderstorms, and typhoons
- Boundary-layer lifting in moisture-rich environment surrounding Taiwan is a critical factor
 - Strength and position of frontal forcing are essential
 - Diurnal heating over complex terrain on Taiwan – very predictable in some cases, but unpredictable in other cases
- Over 200,000 radar RHIs are composited into comprehensive profiles of polarimetric radar information, and the TAHOPE/PRECIP/T-PARCII data are now open to every one to use.
- TAHOPE data/science workshop at NTU on 29-30 November 2023.

Thank you !!!



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