

臺灣地區豪雨觀測與預報觀測實驗(TAHOPE):回顧與研究成果

Taiwan-Area Heavy rain Observation and Prediction Experiment (TAHOPE):  
Overview and Research Results

楊明仁 Ming-Jen Yang  
臺灣大學大氣科學系

中國文化大學大氣科學系專題報告

2024年11月28日

臺北市士林區華岡中國文化大學校園





## Acknowledgement 致謝:

Ming-Dean Cheng 鄭明典<sup>2</sup>, Yu-Chieng Liou 廖宇慶<sup>3</sup>

Pay-Liam Lin 林沛練<sup>3</sup>, Po-Hsiung Lin 林博雄<sup>1</sup>, Hung-Chi Kuo 郭鴻基<sup>1</sup>

Kuo-Chen Lu 呂國臣<sup>2</sup>, Chung-Chieh Wang 王重傑<sup>4</sup>, Ching-Hwang Liu 劉清煌<sup>5</sup>,

Pao-Liang Chang 張保亮<sup>2</sup>, Jou-Ping Hou 侯昭平<sup>6</sup>, Kao-Shen Chung 鍾高陞<sup>3</sup>,

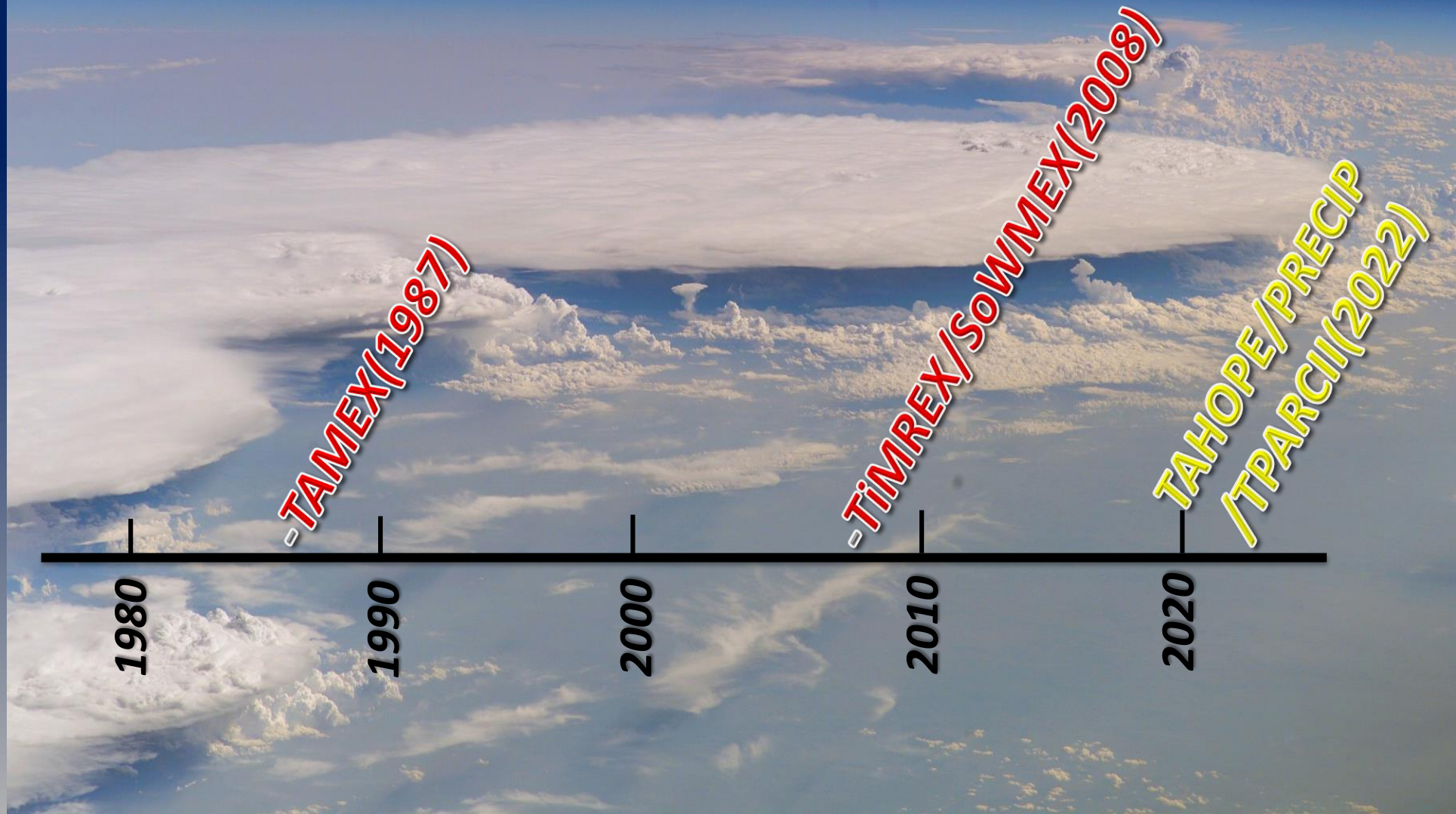
Wei-Yu Chang 張偉裕<sup>3</sup>, Shu-Chi Yang 楊舒芝<sup>3</sup>, Ching-Yuang Huang 黃清勇<sup>3</sup>,

Ping-Fang Lin 林品芳<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>National Taiwan University, <sup>2</sup>Central Weather Bureau, <sup>3</sup>National Central University, <sup>4</sup>National Taiwan Normal University, <sup>5</sup>Chinese Culture University, <sup>6</sup>National Defense University



# *International Field Campaigns on Taiwan Investigating Extreme Rainfall*







Lead PI: Ming-Jen Yang  
Taiwan



Lead PI: Michael Bell  
USA



Lead PI: Kazuhisa Tsuboki  
Japan

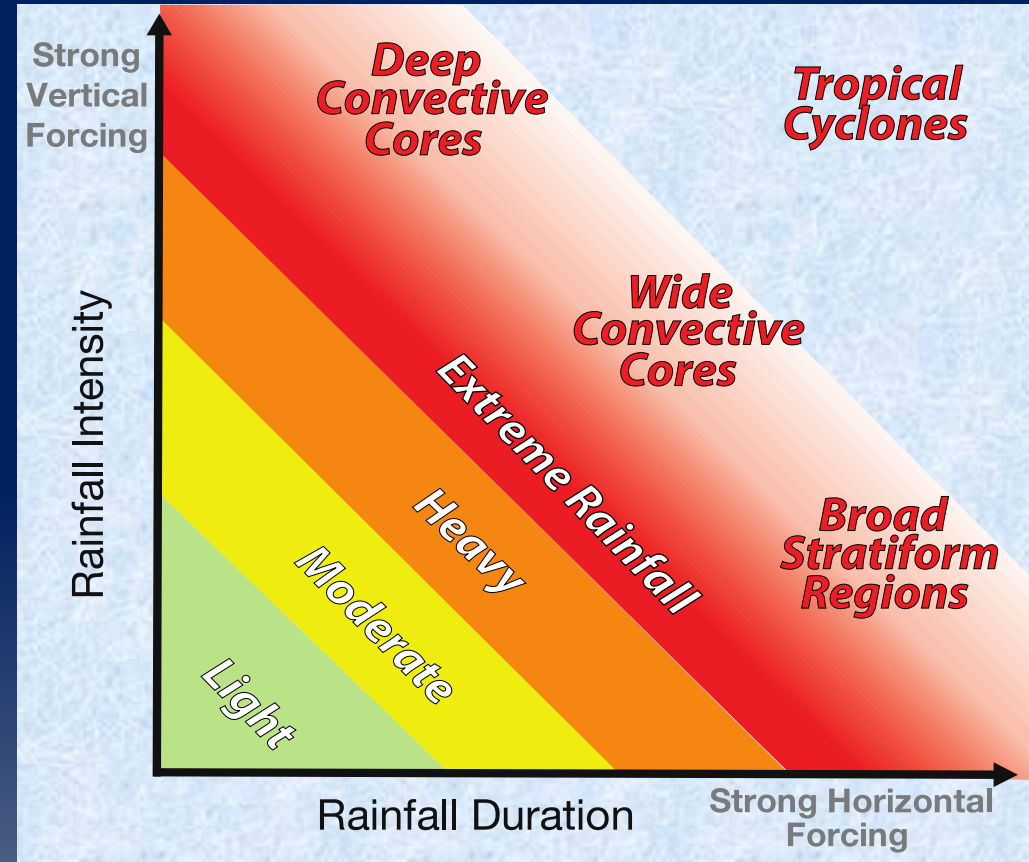


Figure from  
Michael Bell

- **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*



# NCAR S-Pol



# NCU TEAM-R



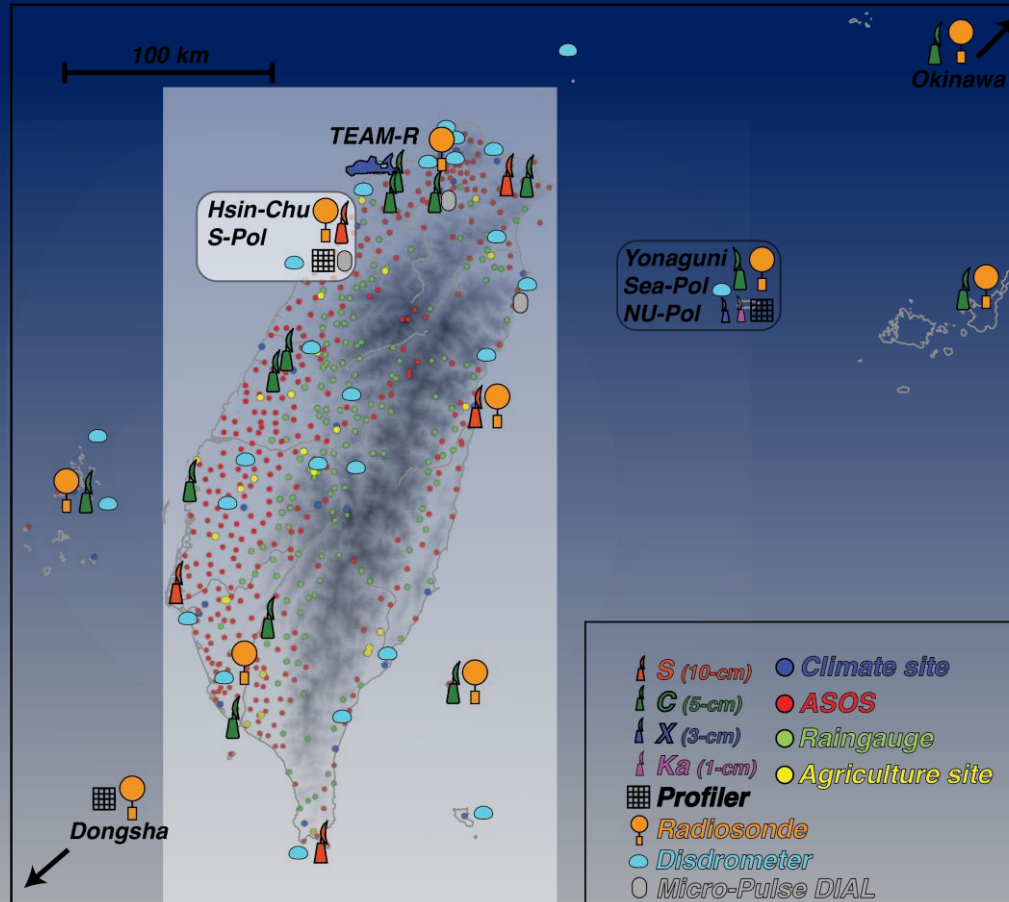
# NCAR MPD



# TAHPOPE/ PRECIP/ T-PARCII ~~2020~~ 2022

--Endorsed by WMO

Slide from  
Michael Bell



# CSU Sea-Pol



# NAGOYA NU-POL



# TAHOPE/PRECIP 2022 S-Pol Radar Antenna Assembly

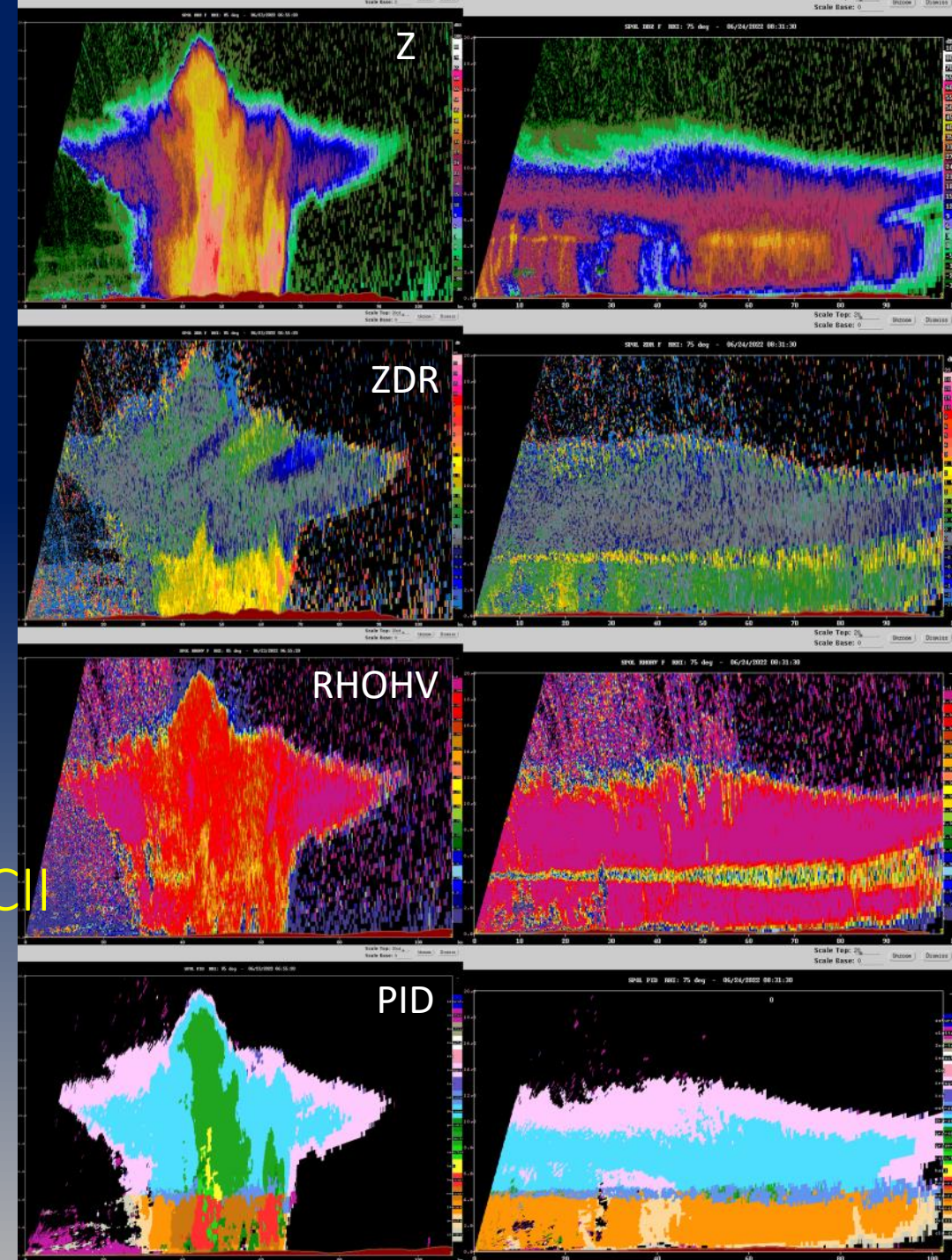
Video from  
李文兆資深科學家 (NCAR)





# 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-PARCII
- 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)



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

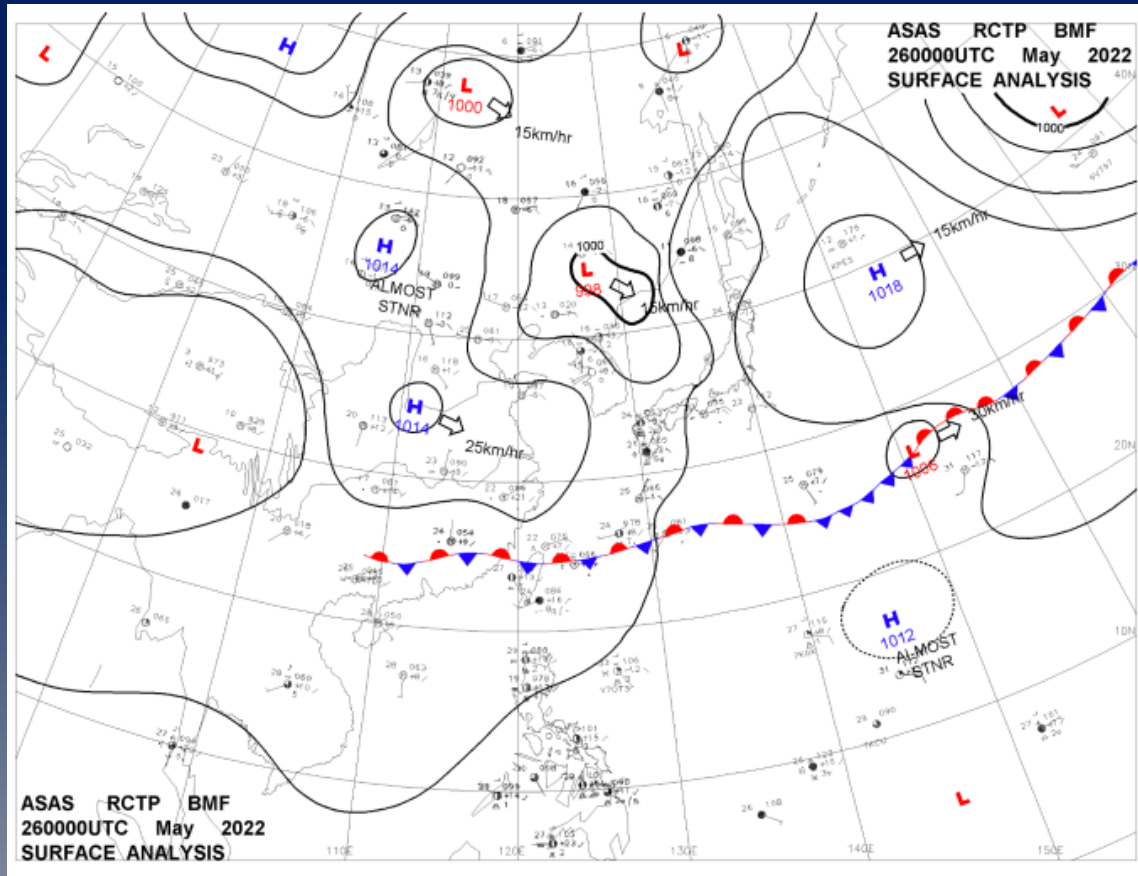
IOP7	7/05 00Z – 7/05 04Z	Typhoon Aere approaching Kyushu with dropsondes observation (Heavy rainfall over Kyushu and Honshu)
SOP5	7/05 00Z – 7/06 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
SOP6	7/06 00Z – 7/07 00Z	Afternoon thunderstorm at Taipei Basin
IOP8	7/13 06Z – 7/16 06Z	Rainfall associated with 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)

備註：

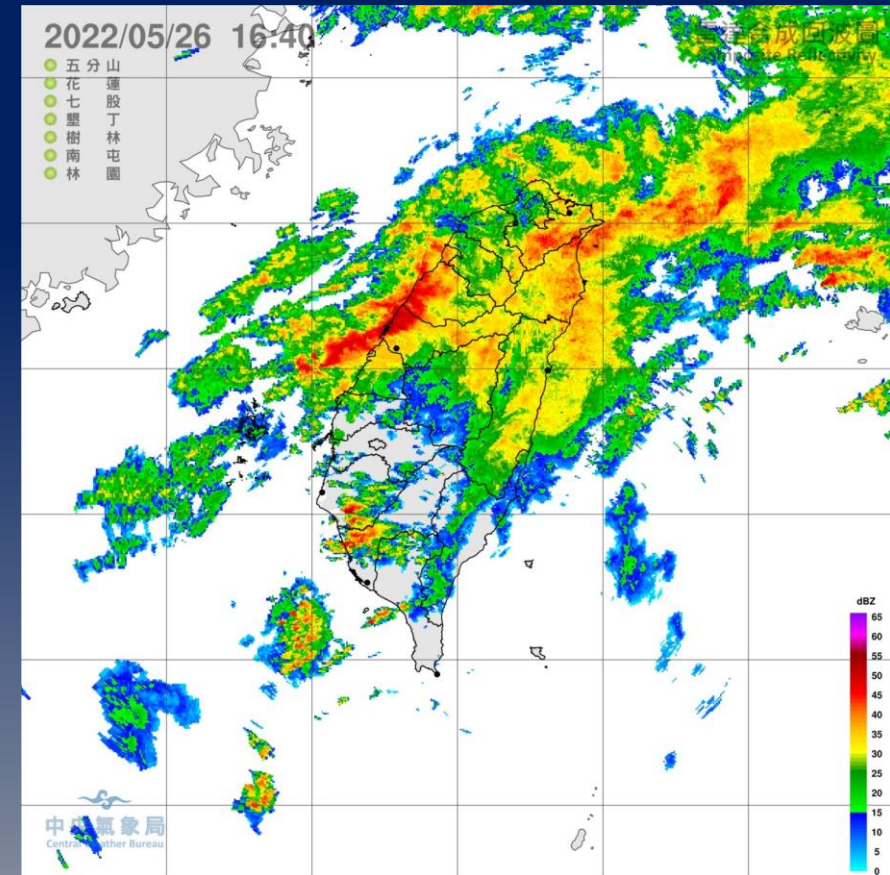
IOP (intensive observation periods)為有劇烈降水天氣且有額外密集觀測之個案。

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



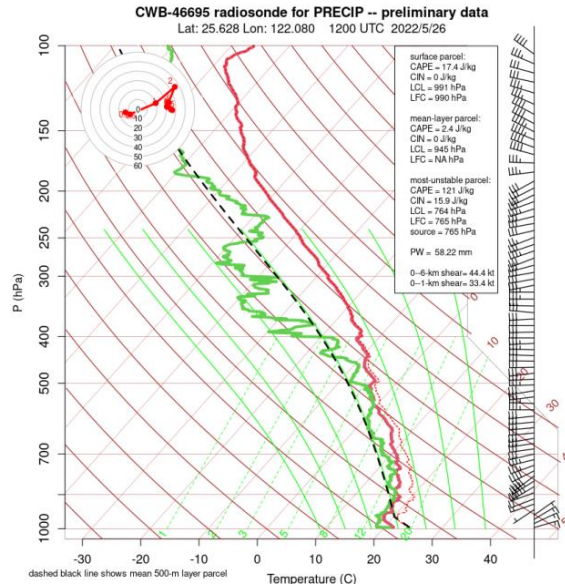
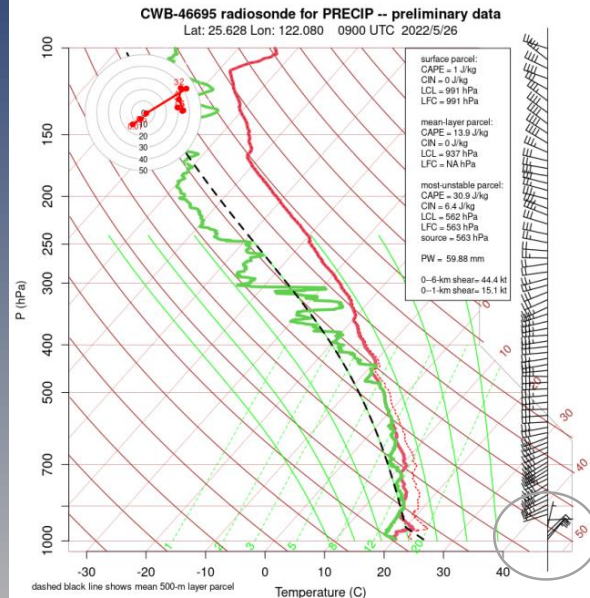
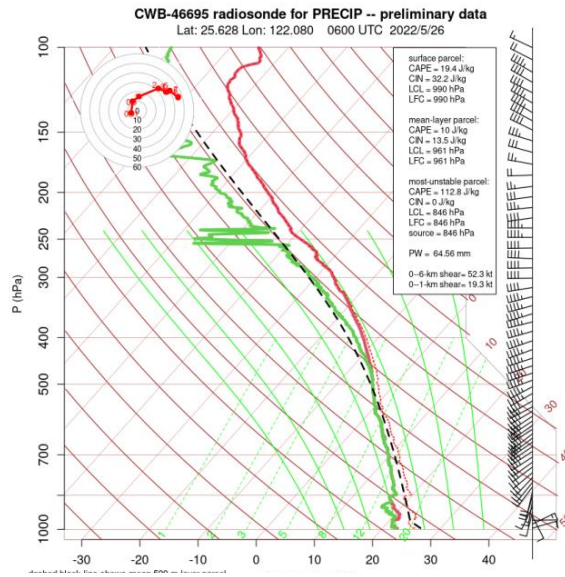
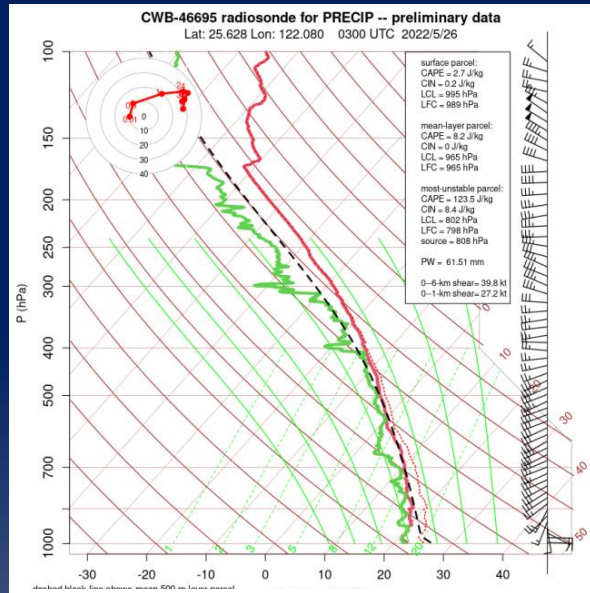
Surface weather map on 00 UTC 26 May:  
A Mei-Yu front is approaching from  
southeastern China to Taiwan



An MCS with backbuilding  
structure on 26 May for IOP 1

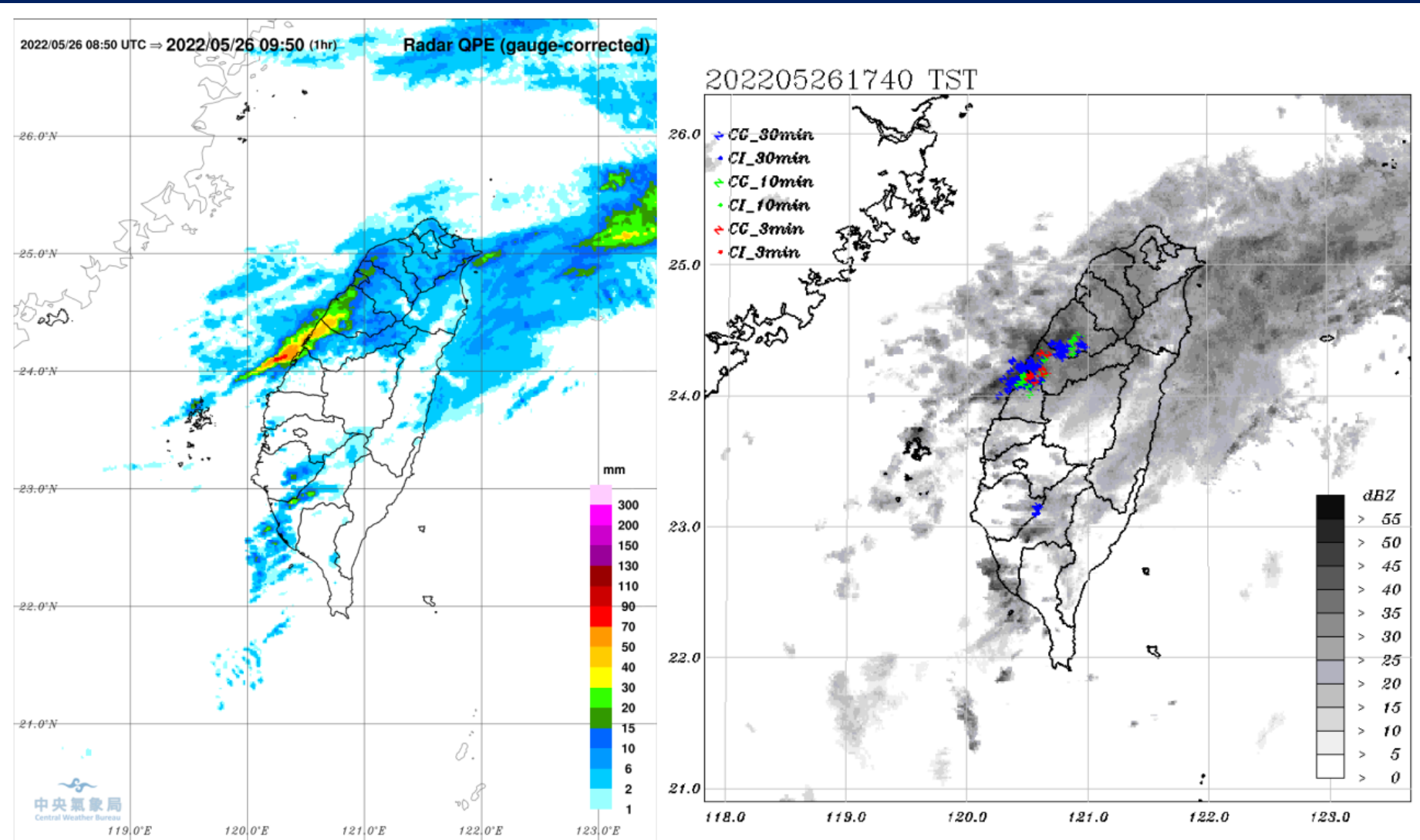


# 3-hourly Pengjiayu soundings at 03, 06, 09 and 12 Z on May 26



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

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

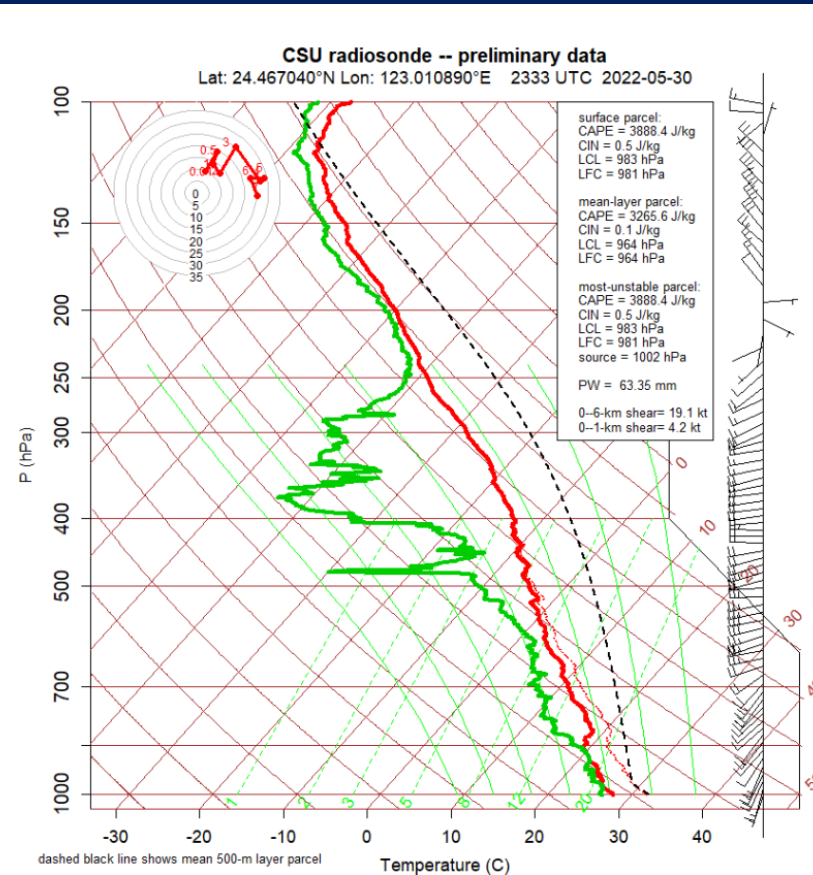
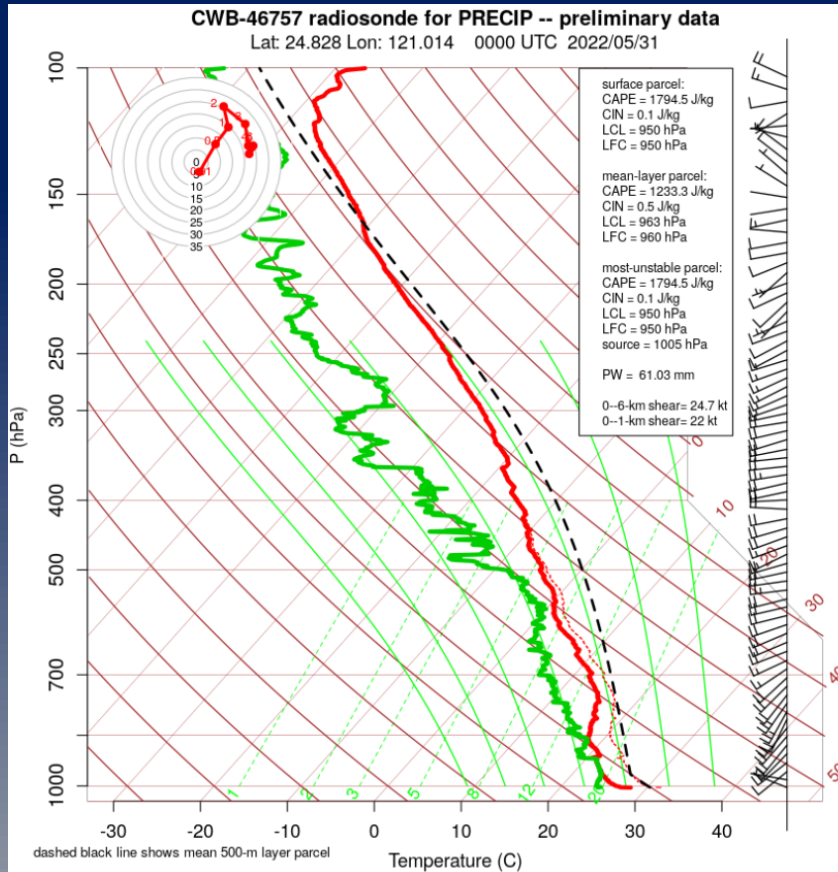


Hourly rainfall > 70 mm/h and intense lightning over central Taiwan.



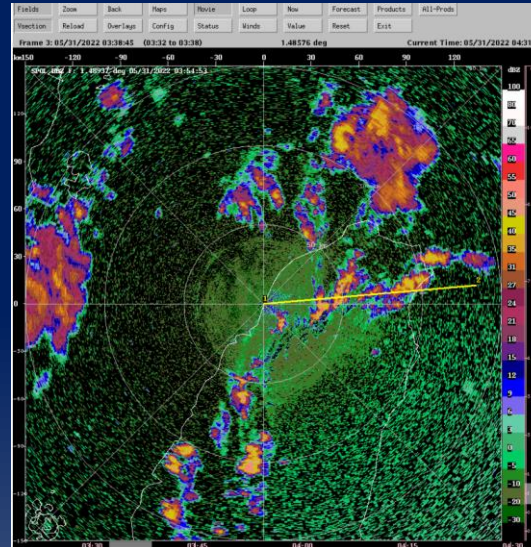
# IOP2: Strong convective instability indicated by 00 UTC soundings at Hsinchu (left) and Yonaguni (right)

CAPE ~ 1800 J/kg  
at Hsinchu

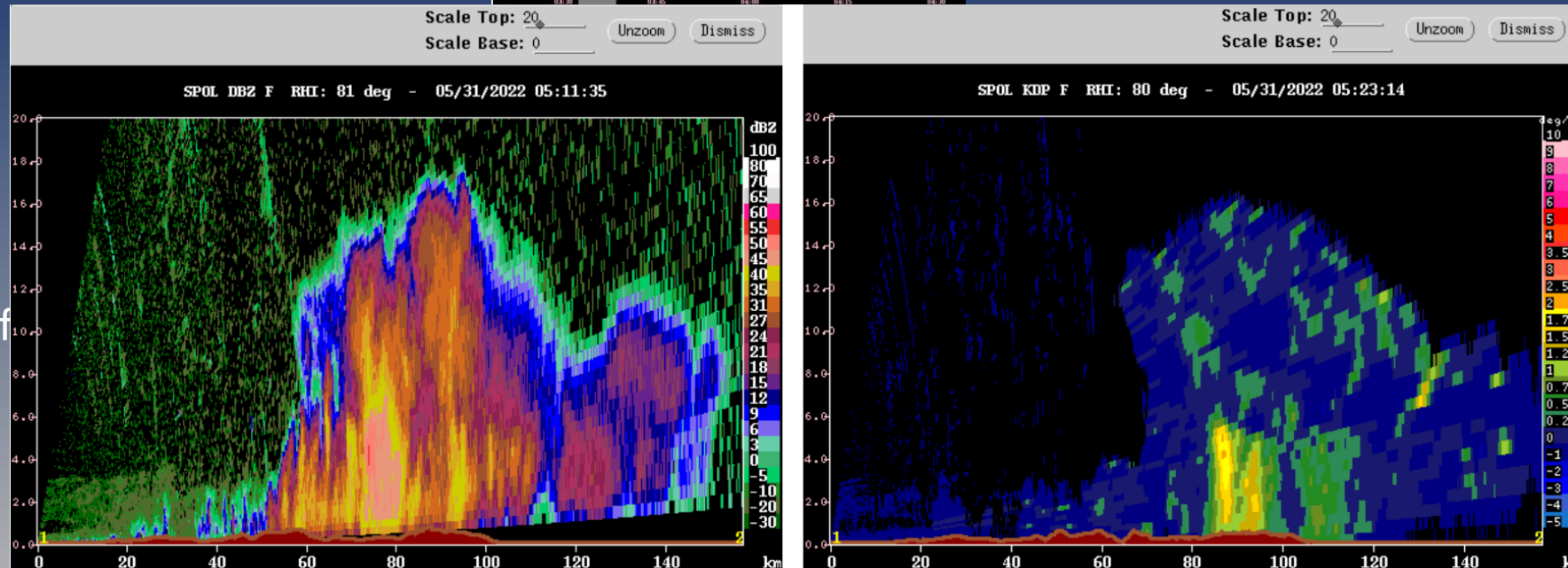


CAPE ~ 3900 J/kg  
at Yonaguni Island

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



Reflectivity PPI  
at 0431 UTC

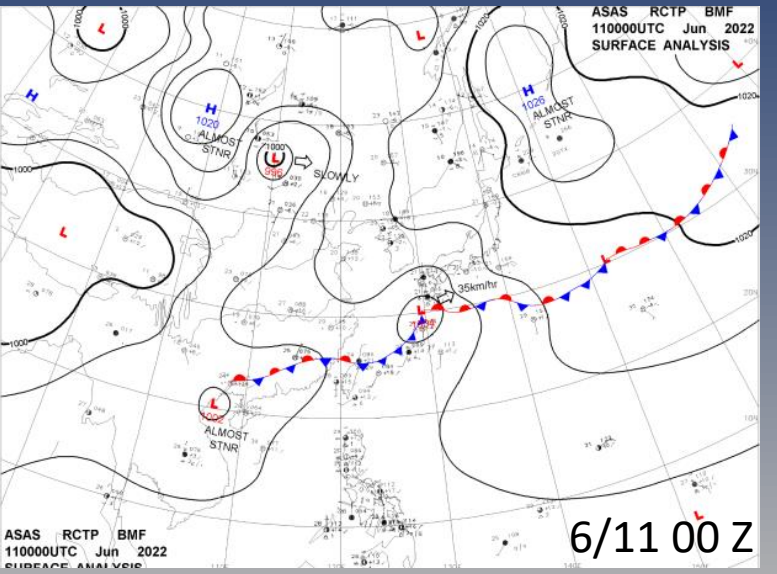
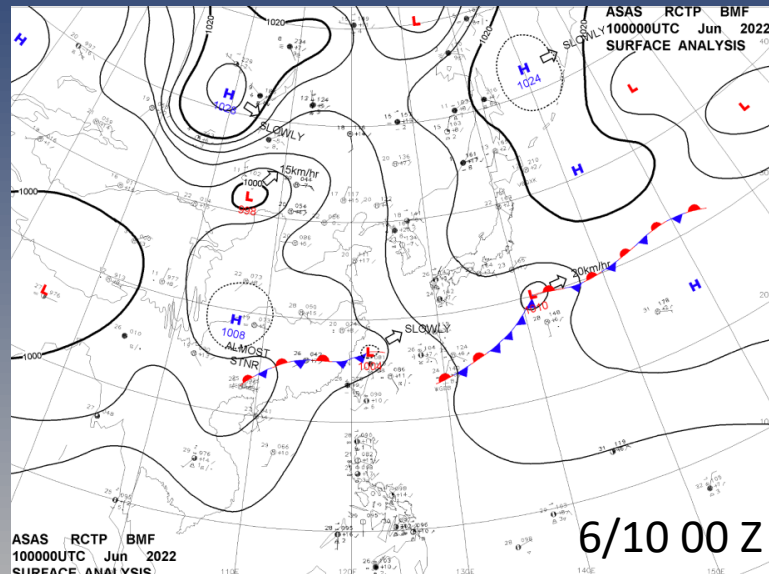
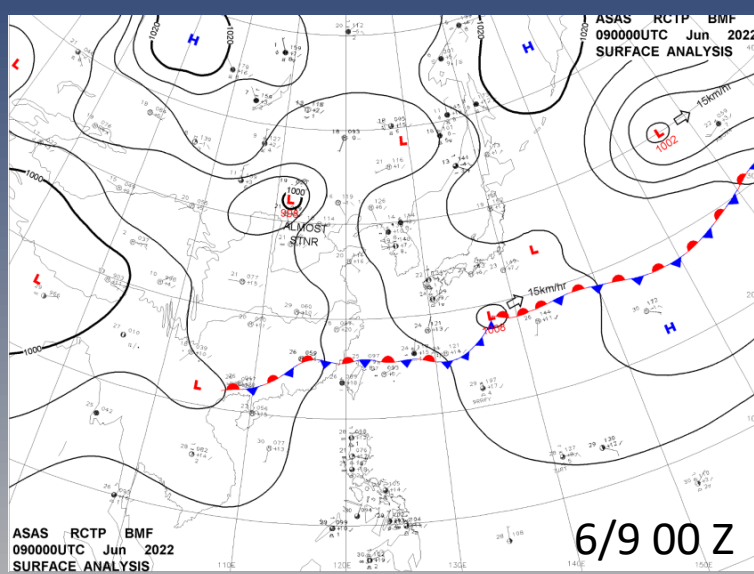
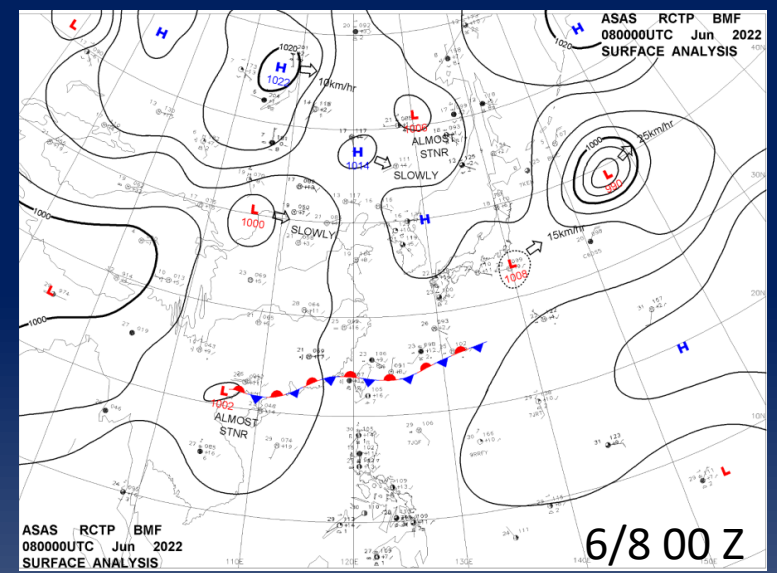
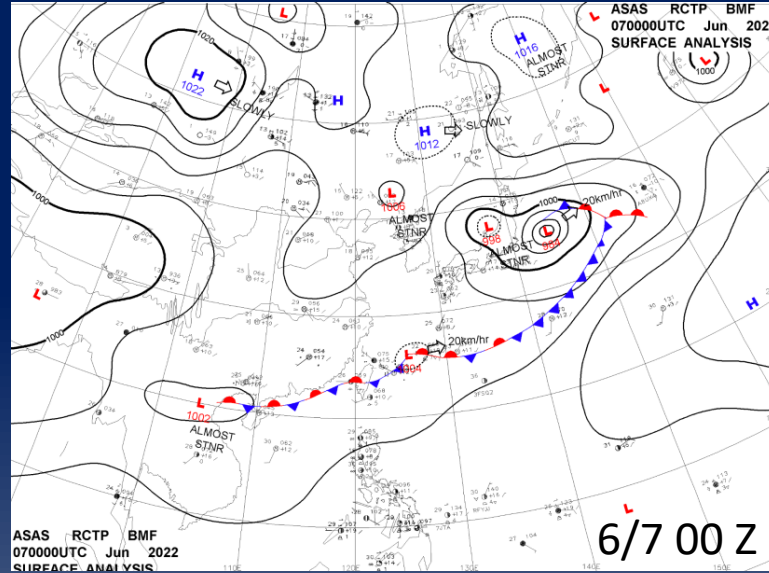
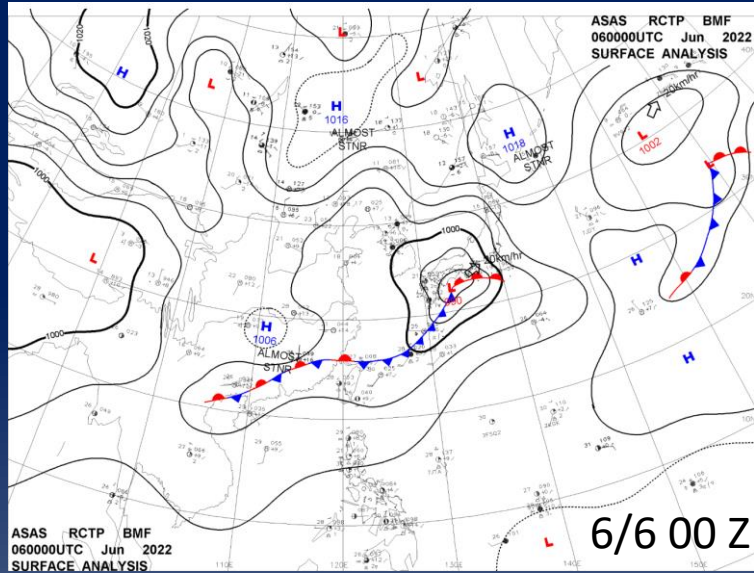


81-degree RHI of  
Z echo top ~ 16  
km at 0511 UTC

81-degree RHI of  
KDP at 0511 UTC



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



# A Comparison of Two Meiyu Front Cases during TAHOPE 2022: Exploring the Physical Mechanisms for the Precipitation Feature Differences

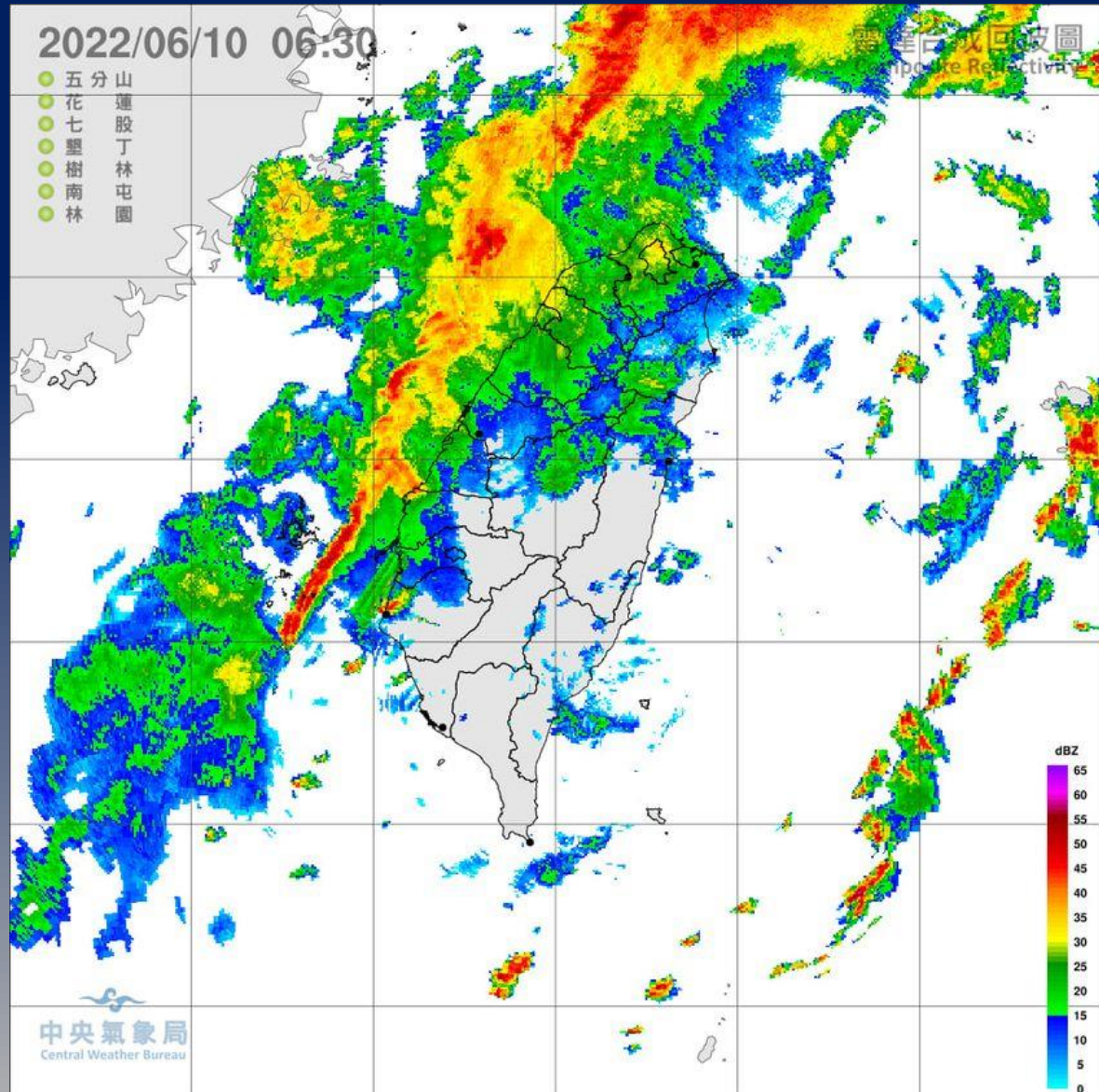
Zhu, Pin-Rui, 2025: Radiosonde Observations of Environments Supporting Convection Initiation under weak synoptic condition during TAHOPE. *NTU Master Thesis*.



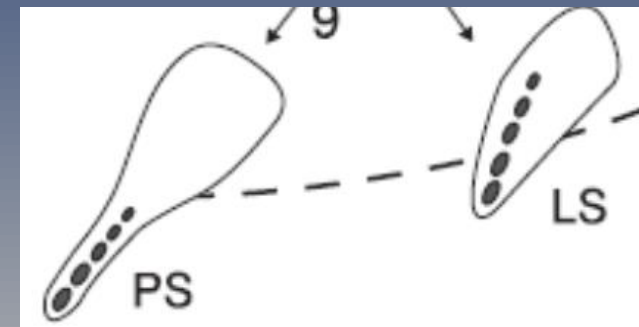
# Short Summary for Synoptic-scale Analysis

Categories	Fields (Domain 1)	IOP1	IOP3 (first sub-period)
Dynamic Factor	Frontal Slope		😊
	Frontal Intensity		😊
	925 mb Wind (MBLJ)		😊
	850 mb Wind (SLLJ)		😊
	700 mb Wind (SLLJ)		😊
Thermodynamic Factor	925 mb Specific Humidity	(😊)	
	850 mb Specific Humidity	(😊)	
	700 mb Specific Humidity	(😊)	
Dynamic Factor + Thermodynamic Factor	900~1000 mb IVT		😊
	900~1000 mb IVT Divergence	😊	
	700~900 mb IVT		(😊)
	700~900 mb IVT Divergence		😊

# 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)



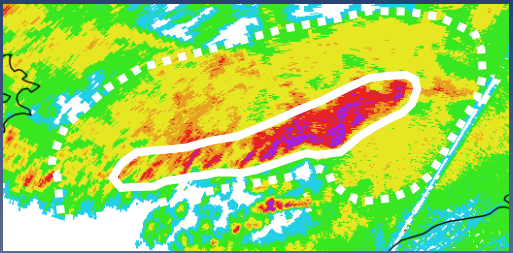
# The Development of a Squall Line during IOP3

Liao, Chiu-Ling, and Ming-Jen Yang, 2024: The Development of a Squall Line during IOP3 in the TAHOPE 2022. *The 2024 AOGS Annual General Meeting, Pyeongchang, Korea, 23–28 June 2024, Asian Oceania Geoscience Society (AOGS), AS76-A009.*

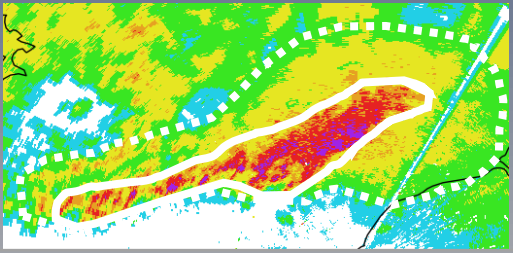
.

# Low-Level Winds

- strong **southwesterly** winds in **front** of the convective line & **northwesterly** winds **behind** the convective line



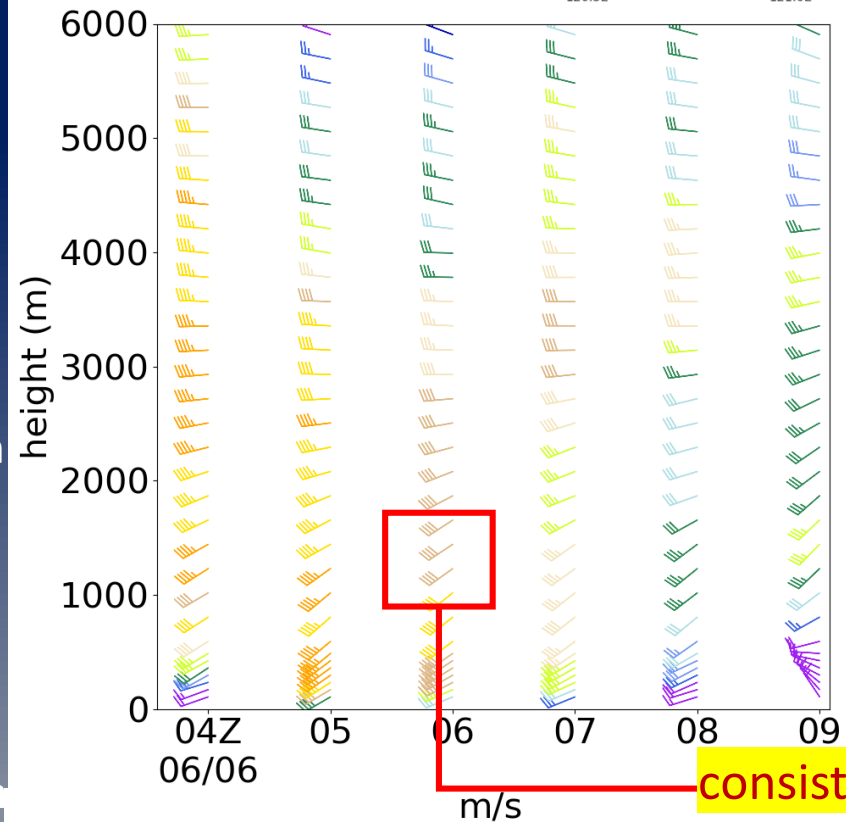
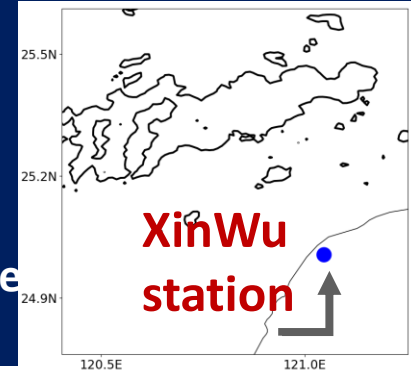
05:36  
Trailing Stratiform  
(TS, Parker and Johnson 2000)



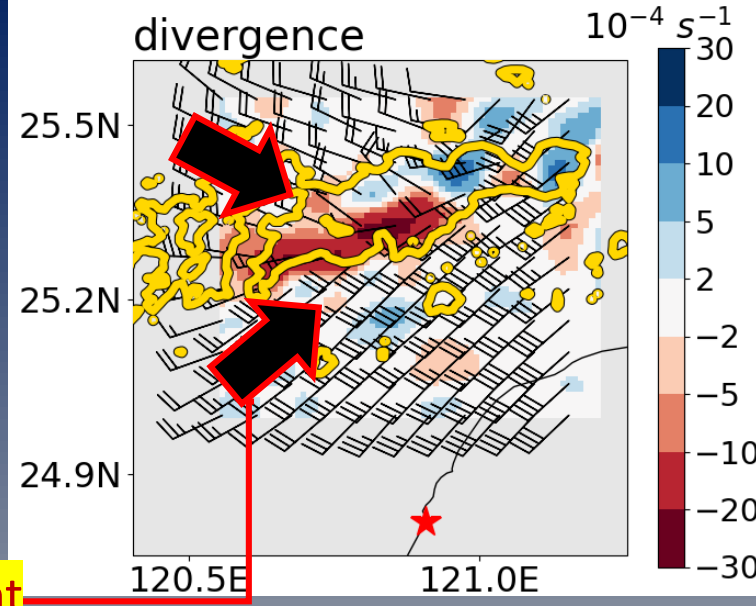
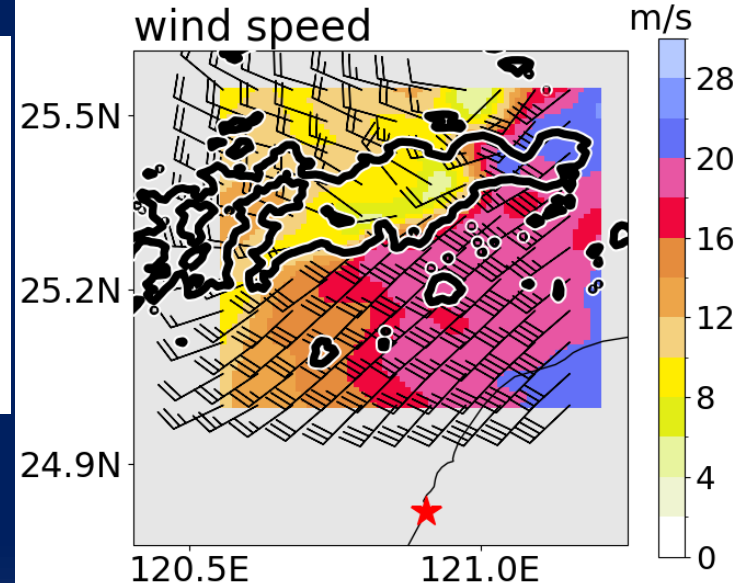
06:36  
Parallel Stratiform  
(PS, Parker and Johnson 2000)

— strong echo    - - - - - weak echo

vertical wind profile  
from wind profiler



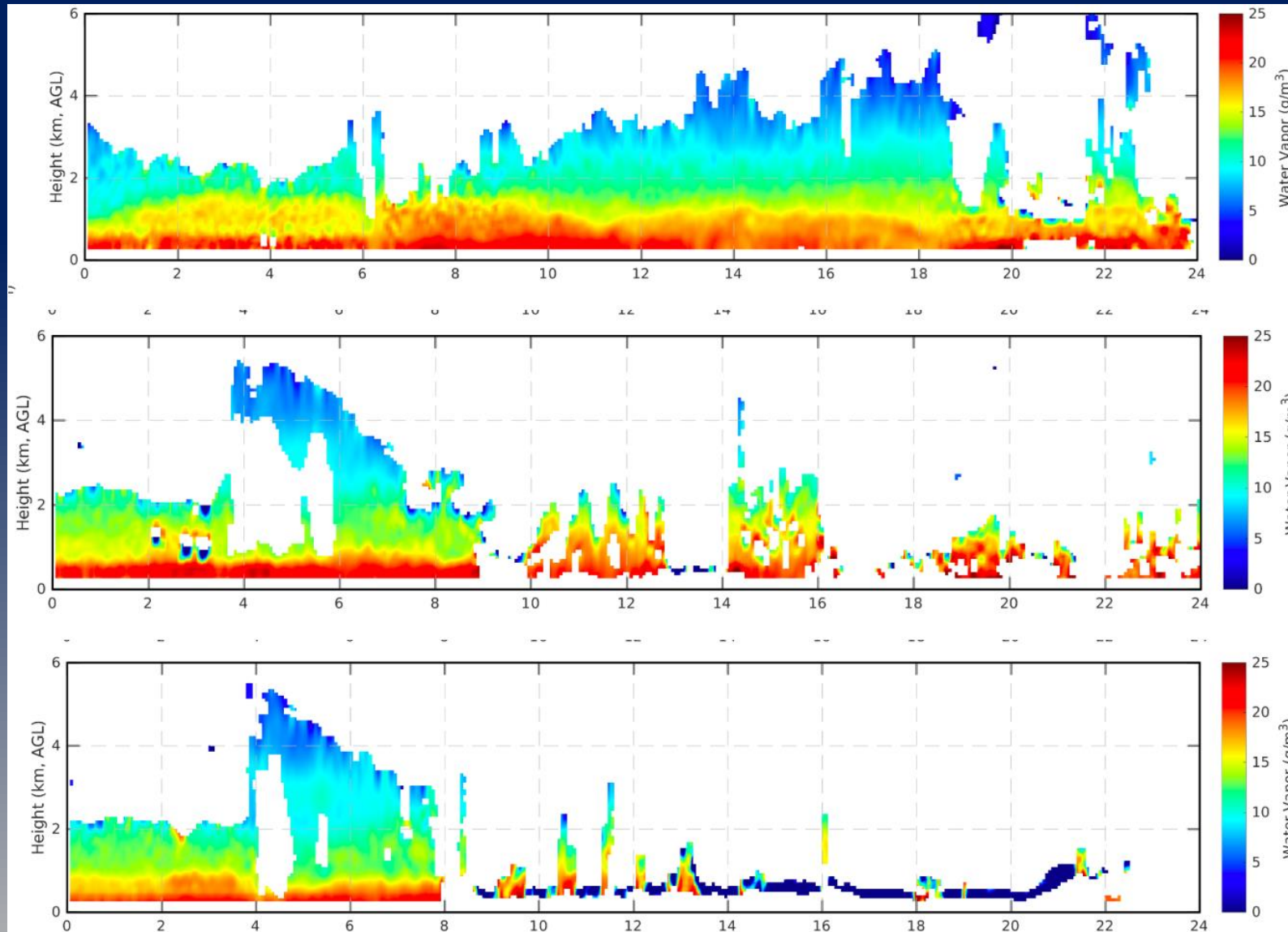
location: XinWu  
time: 04:00 to 09:00



colors: (a) wind speed (b) divergence  
contour: 40 dBZ  
time: 06:00  
height: 1.5 km



# 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.

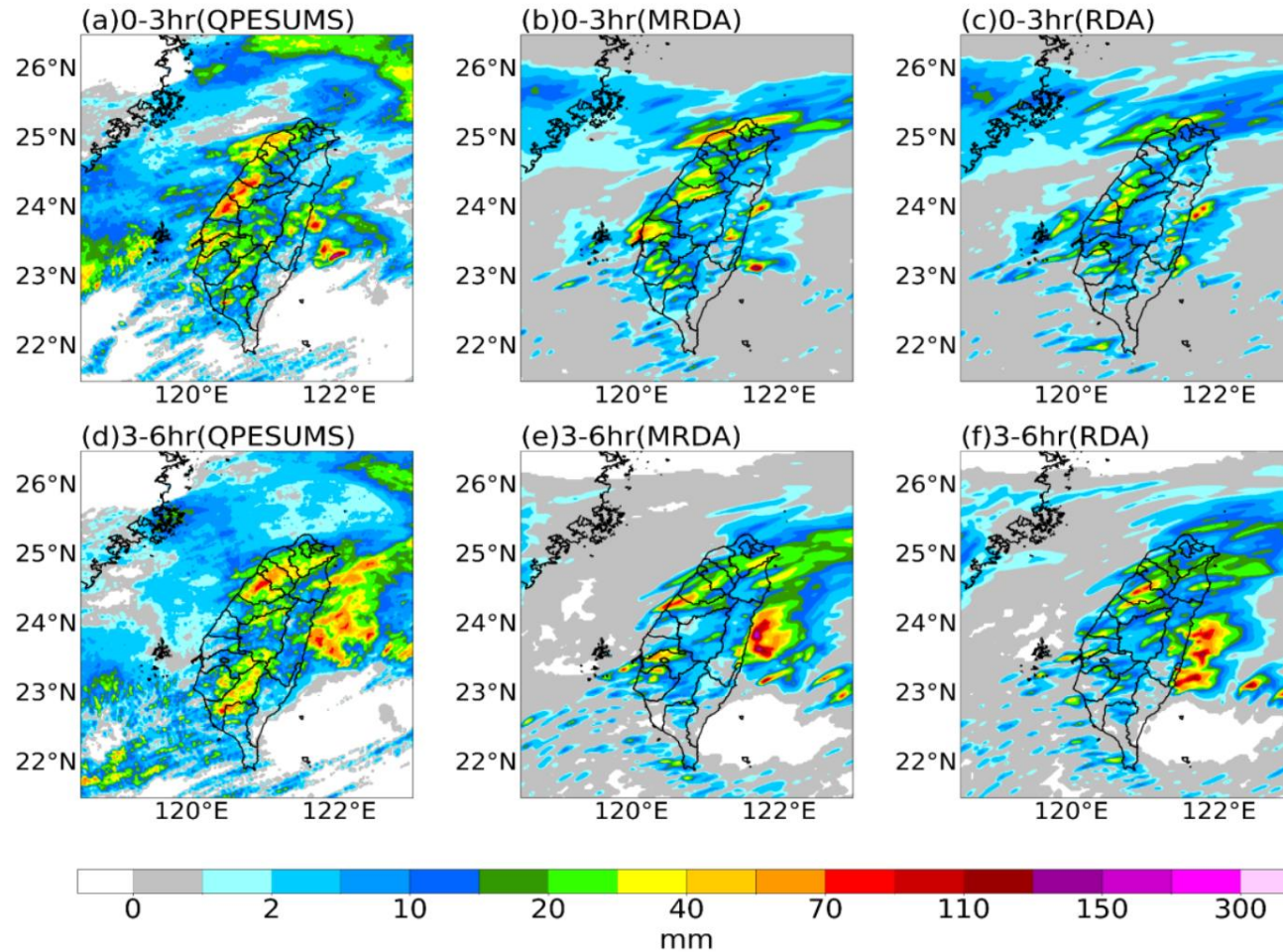


Fig. 7. Three-hourly accumulated rainfall from (top) 0300 to 0600 UTC and (bottom) 0600 to 0900 UTC on 7 June from (a, d) QPESUMS and model forecasts from (b, e) MRDA and (c, f) RDA initialized by the ensemble analysis mean at 0300 UTC on 7 June.

Source:  
 Prof. Shu-Chih Yang (NCU) &  
 Prof. Shu-Hua Chen (UC Davis)

Assimilating the S-Pol radar  
 data improves the QPF skill!

Yang, S.-C., S.-H. Chen, L. J.-Y. Liu, H.-L. Yeh, W.-Y. Chang, K.-S. Chung, P.-L. Chang, and W.-C. Lee, 2024: Investigating the mechanisms of an intense coastal rainfall event during TAHOPE/PRECIP-IOP3 using a multiscale radar ensemble data assimilation system. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, Early Online Release.



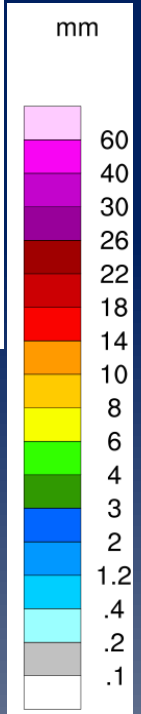
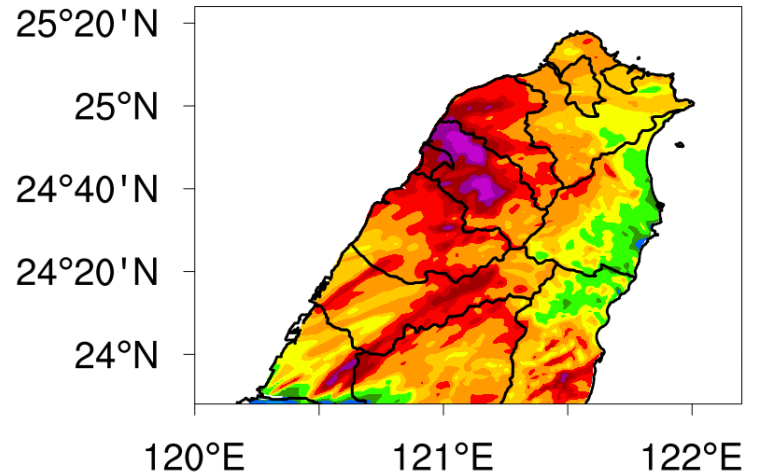
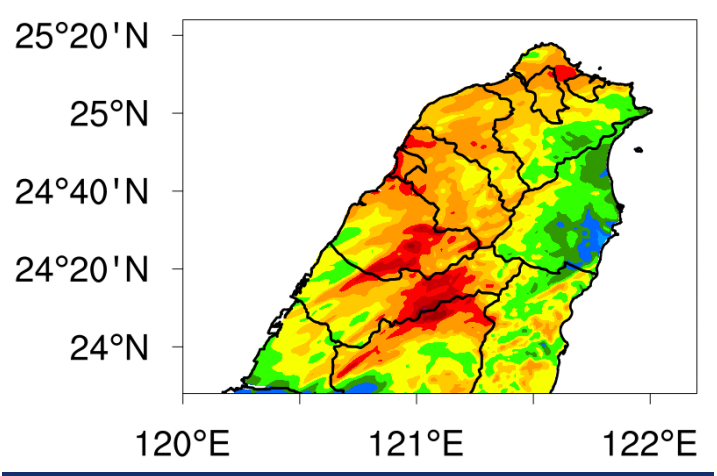
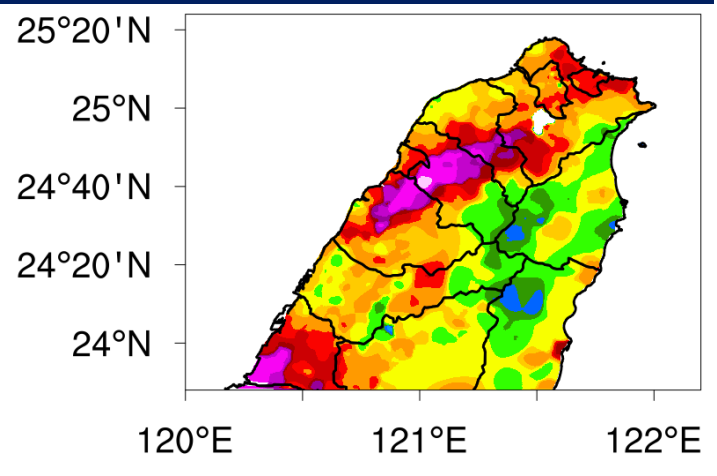
Source:  
Prof. Kao-Shen Chung  
(NCU)

3h

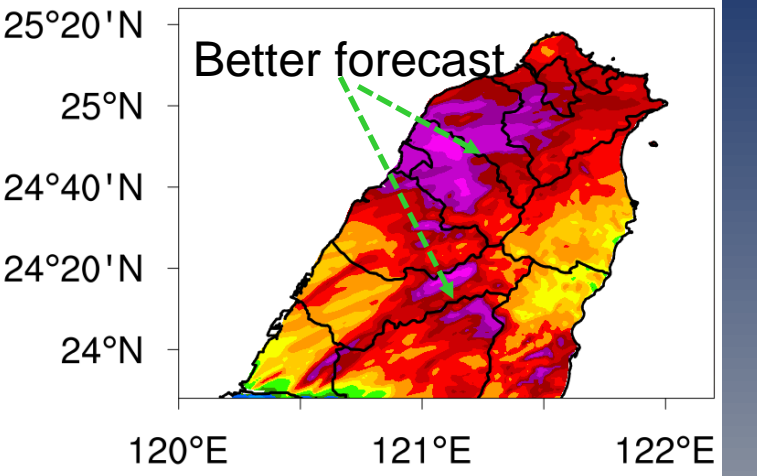
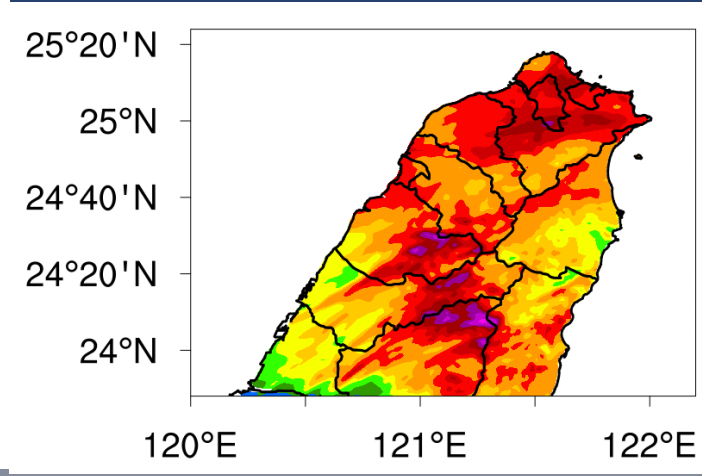
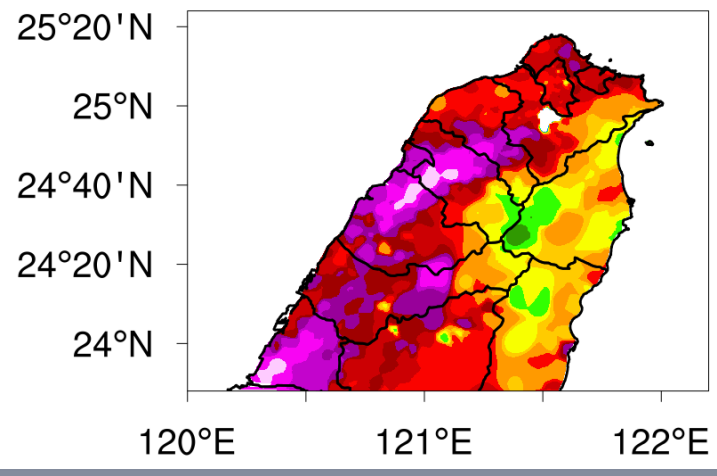
OBS

3Rad

3Rad\_Qv



6h

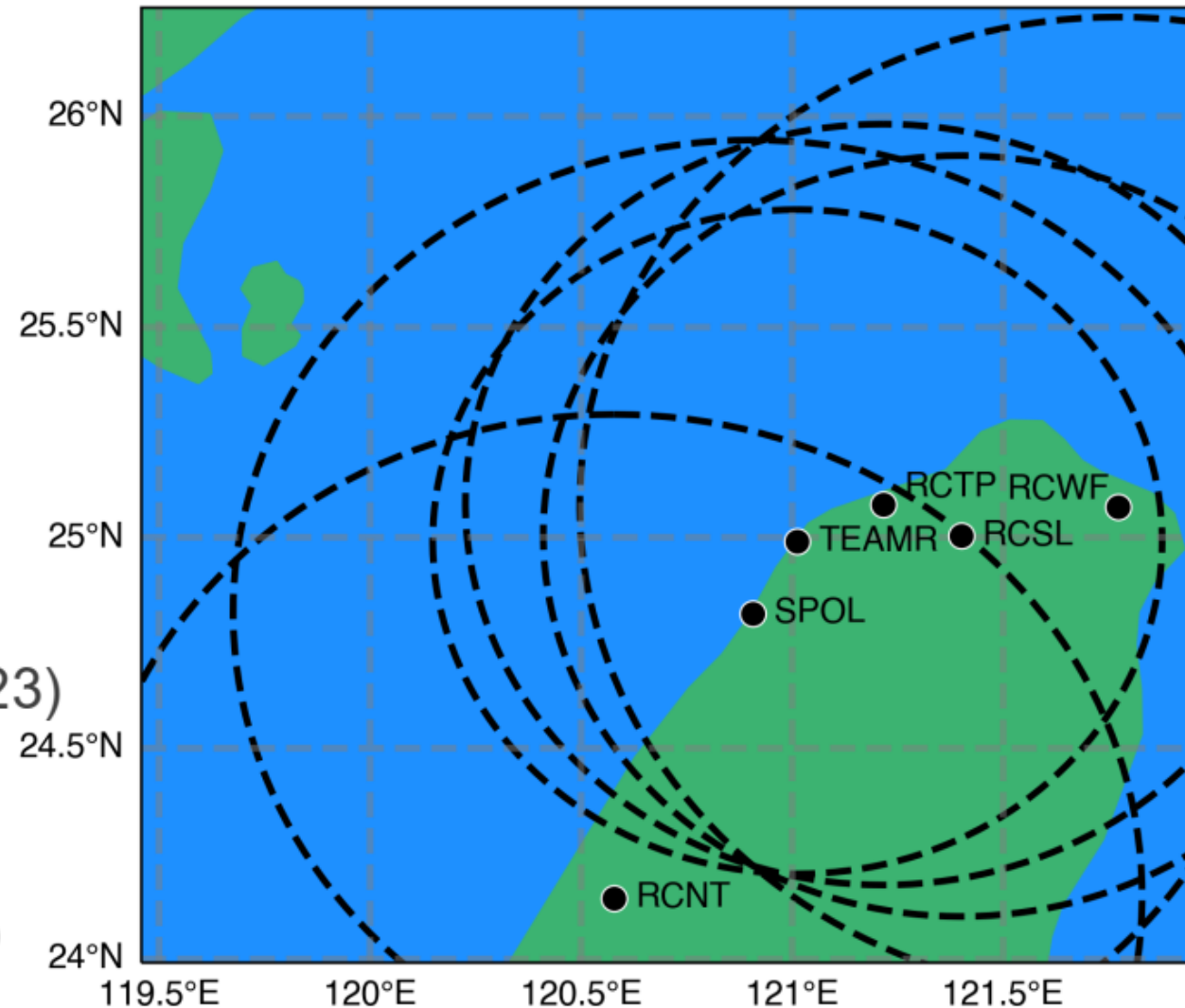
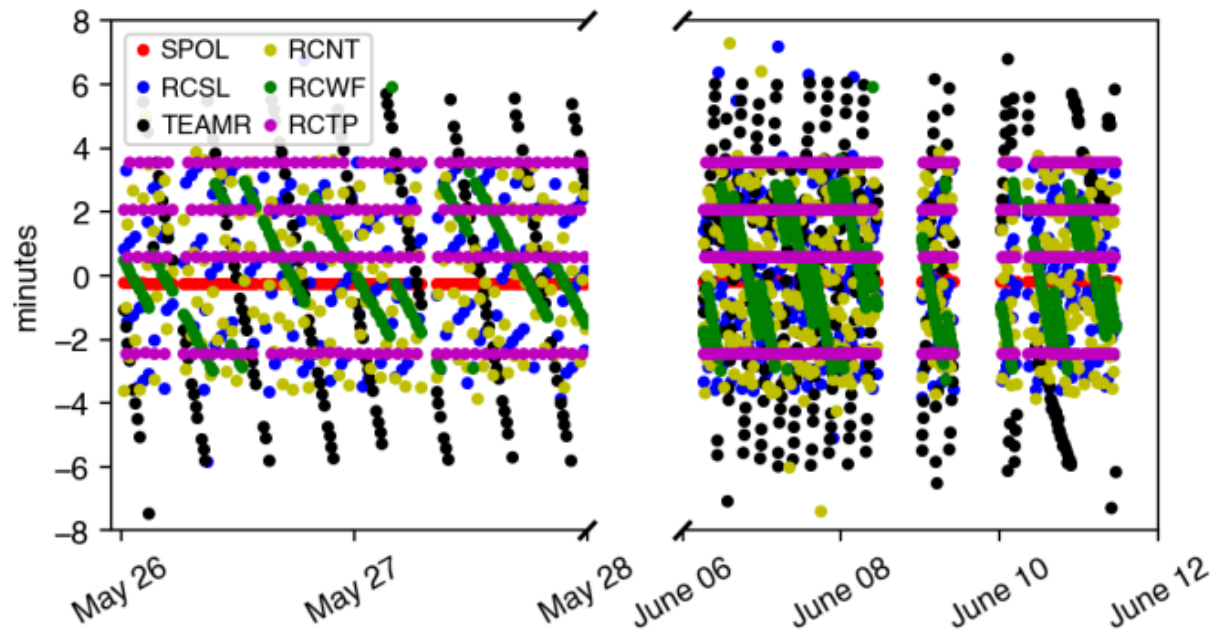


Chung, K.-S., and others, 2024: Analyzing and Assimilating Humidity Profiles through the MPD Data: Insights from the TAHOPE IOP3 Case Study. ICMCS-16 meeting, Korea.

- Assimilate 3 radars (S-Pol, TEAM-R, and RCWF)
- Observation errors: 5 dBZ for Z, 3 m/s for V<sub>r</sub>, 1 g/kg for Q<sub>v</sub>
- Horizontal localization: 12 km for updating Q<sub>v</sub>

# Multi-Doppler analysis with 6 radars from PRECIP/TAHOPE and CWA

Slide from  
Michael Bell

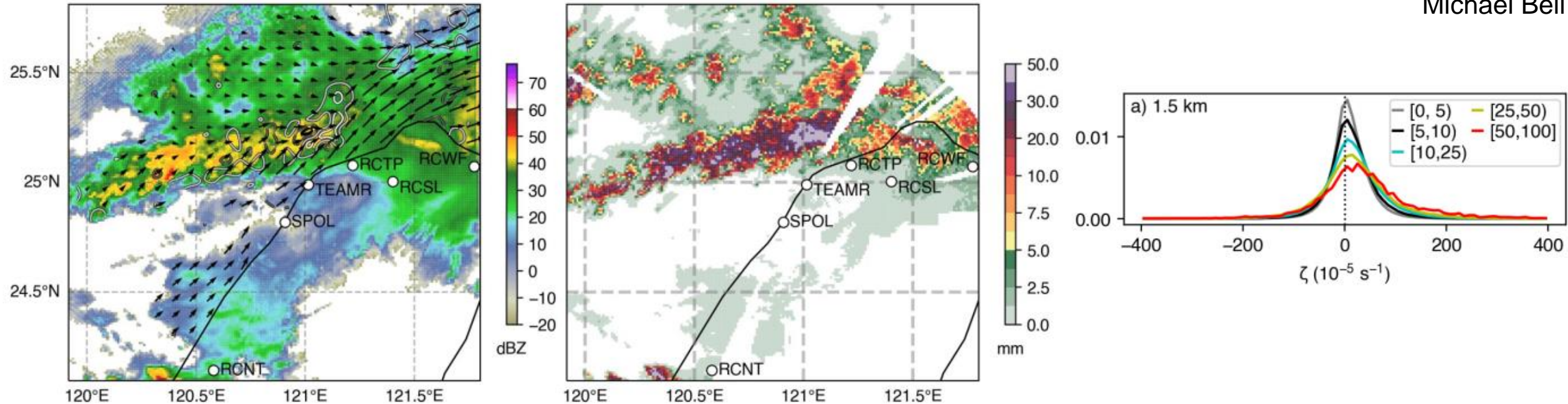


- SAMURAI-terrain analyses (Cha and Bell 2023)
  - 1 km horizontal grid spacing with 4 km low-pass filter
  - FRACTL condition number threshold to remove winds with poor multi-Doppler geometry
  - **545** analyses anchored on S-Pol times (every 12 min)

# Evaluating the relationship between dynamics and rain rate

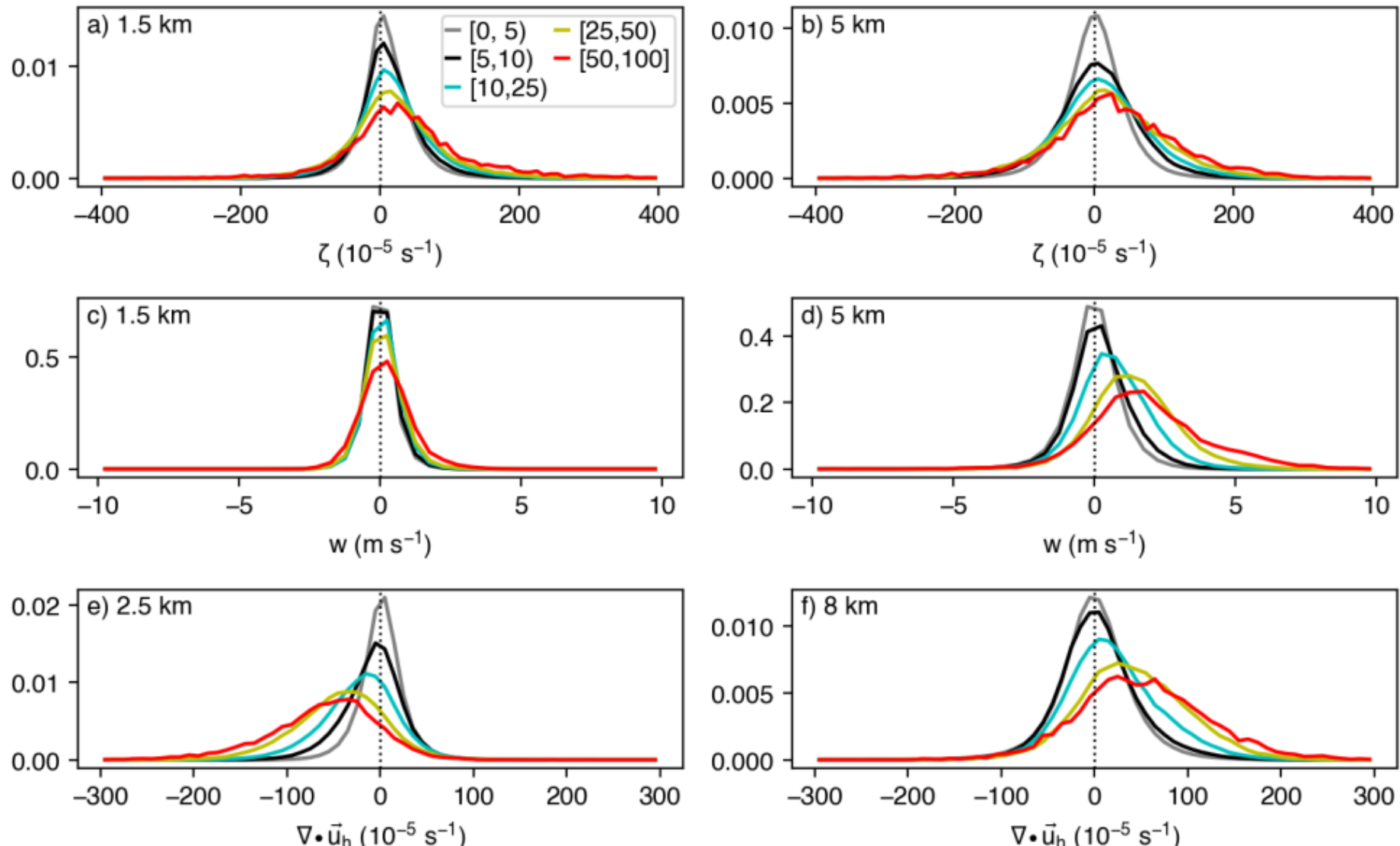
- Grid point by grid point comparisons (only over the ocean)
- Composite according to rain rate at 1.5-km
- Examine **vorticity**, **vertical motion**, **divergence**, and **convective/stratiform partitioning**

Slide from  
Michael Bell

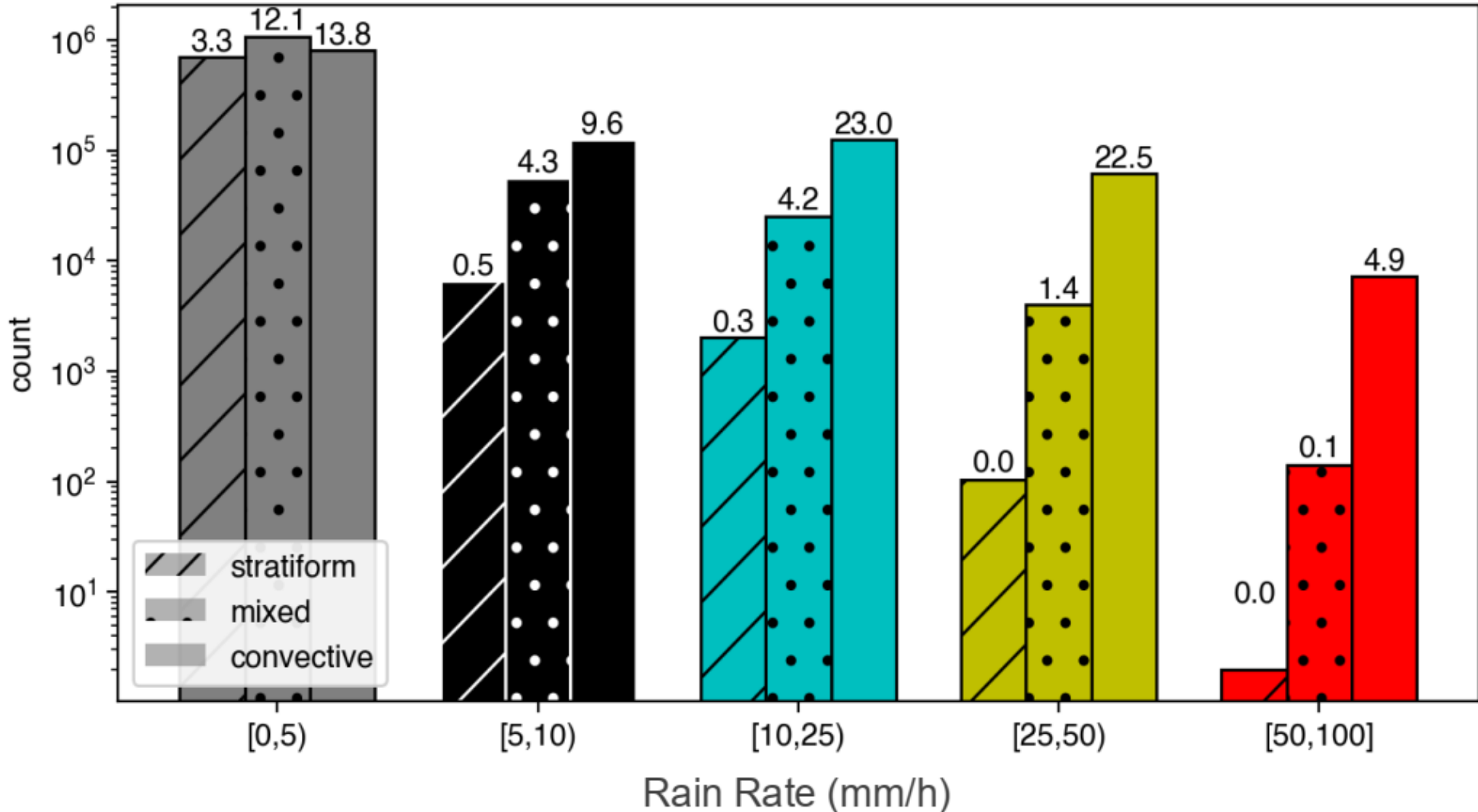




# Vorticity, vertical motion, and divergence distributions are functions of rain rate



# Intense rainfall is increasingly convective and comprises 50% of rainfall total



# Heavy Rain vs. Light Rain

Low: 0-5 mm/hr  
High: 50+ mm/hr

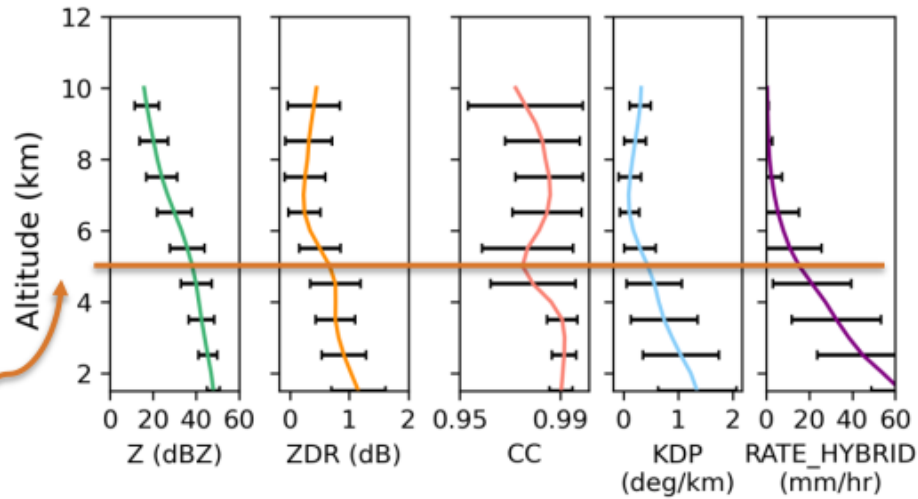
## Heavy Rain

- Polarimetric variables show that rain intensifies primarily through **collision-coalescence** below the melting level
- **Accretion** helps seed intense rainfall

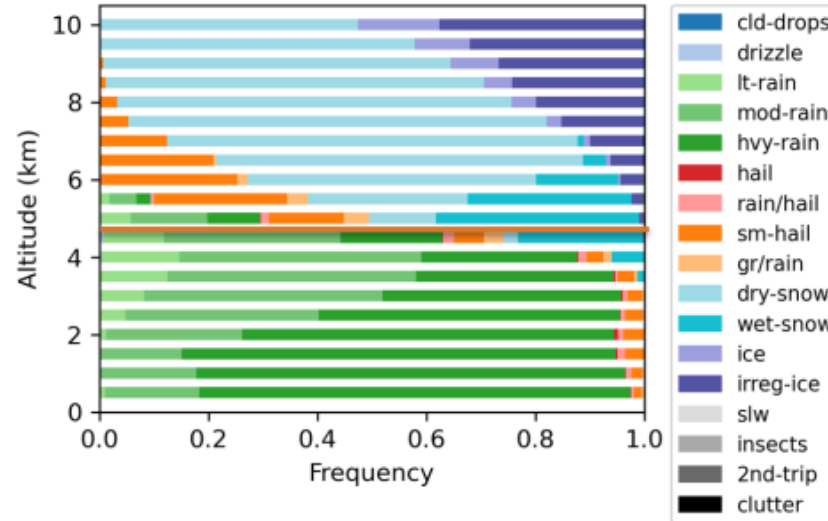
## Light Rain

- Higher concentrations of irregular ice and wet snow aloft
- Very little graupel and supercooled water
- Dominant processes are **ice aggregation** and melting

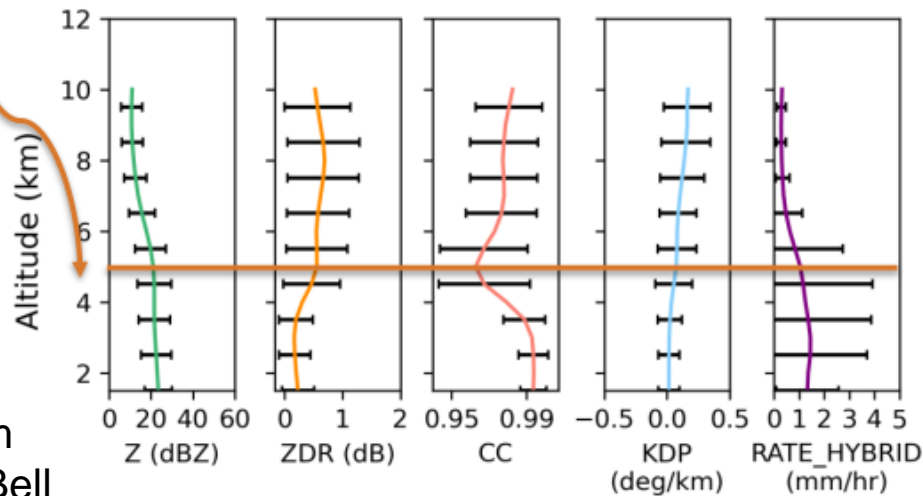
6 Hour Averaged High Rain Rate Polarimetric



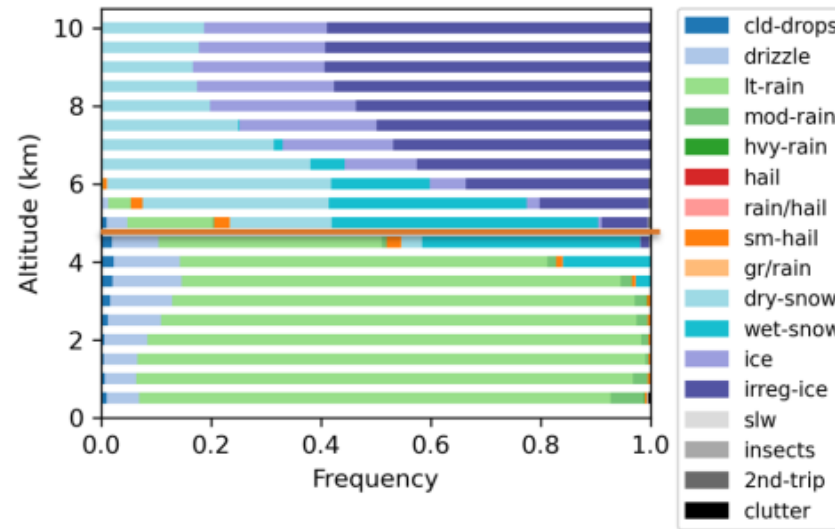
6 Hour High Rain Rate PID



6 Hour Averaged Low Rain Rate Polarimetric



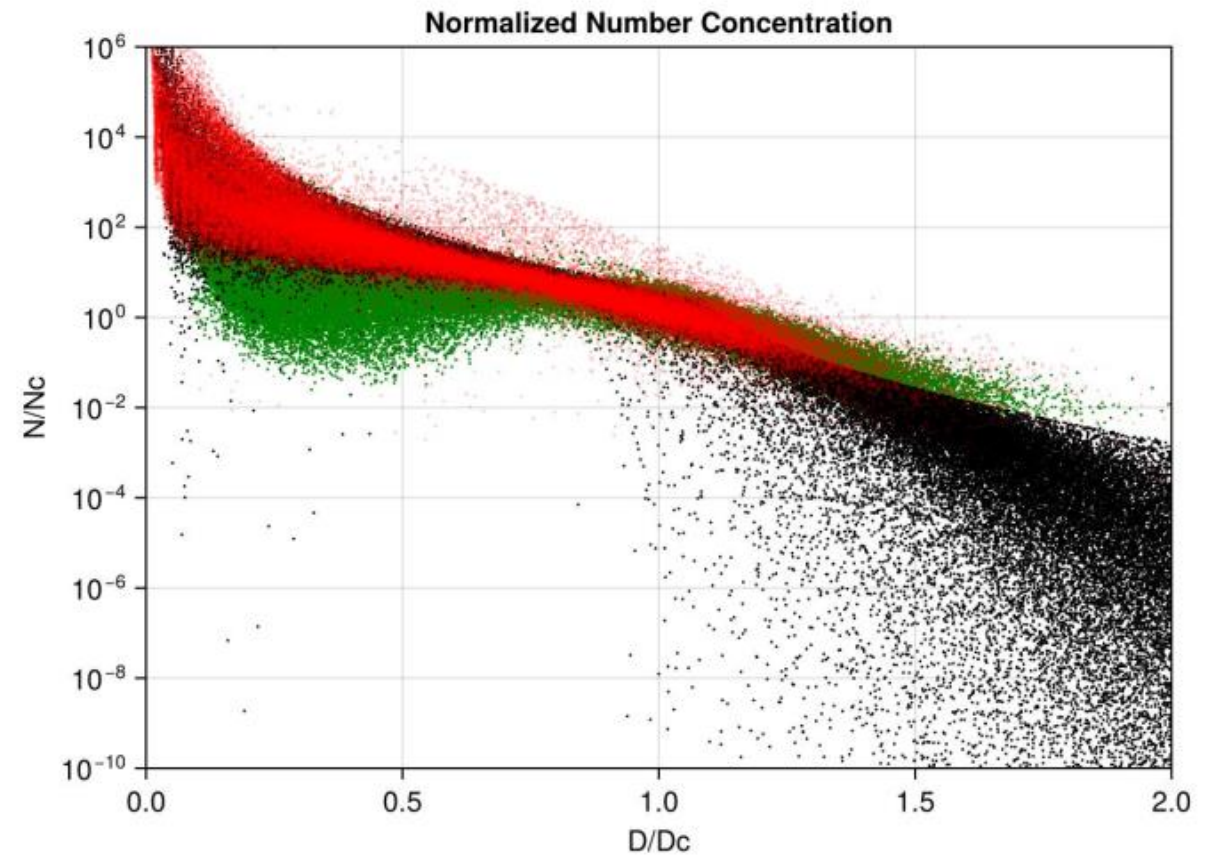
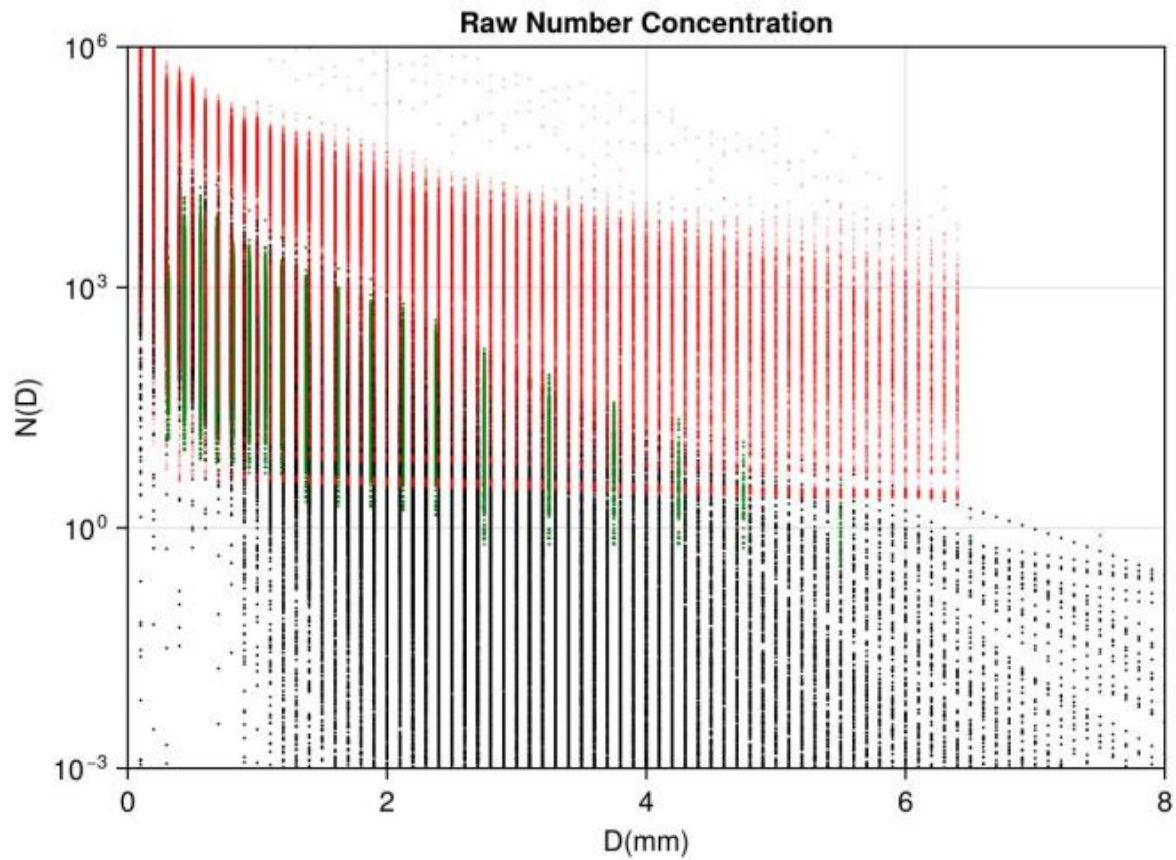
6 Hour Low Rain Rate PID



Melting layer

Slide from Michael Bell





*DSDs from 2,928 3-min averaged spectra (~1.8 km) from merged MPS and 2DVD disdrometers in Greeley, CO and Huntsville, AL (black)*

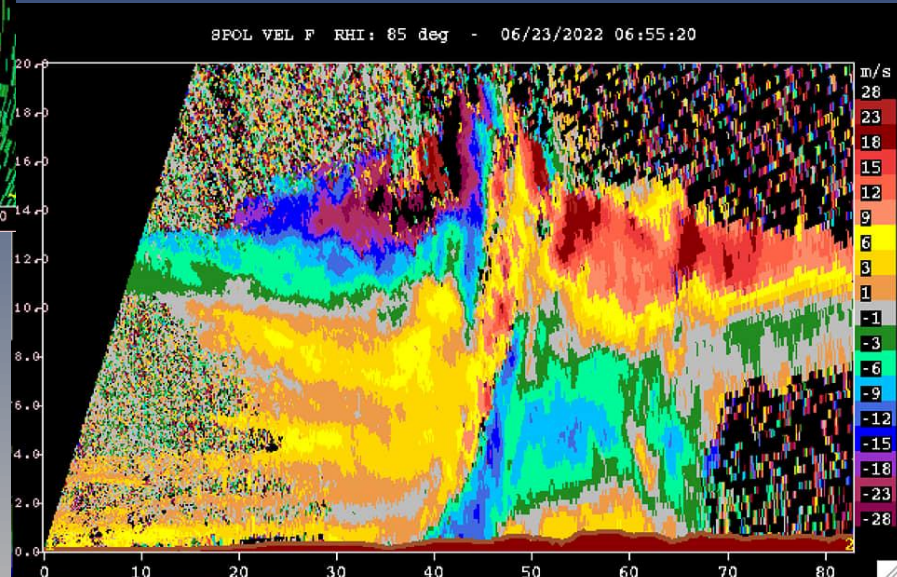
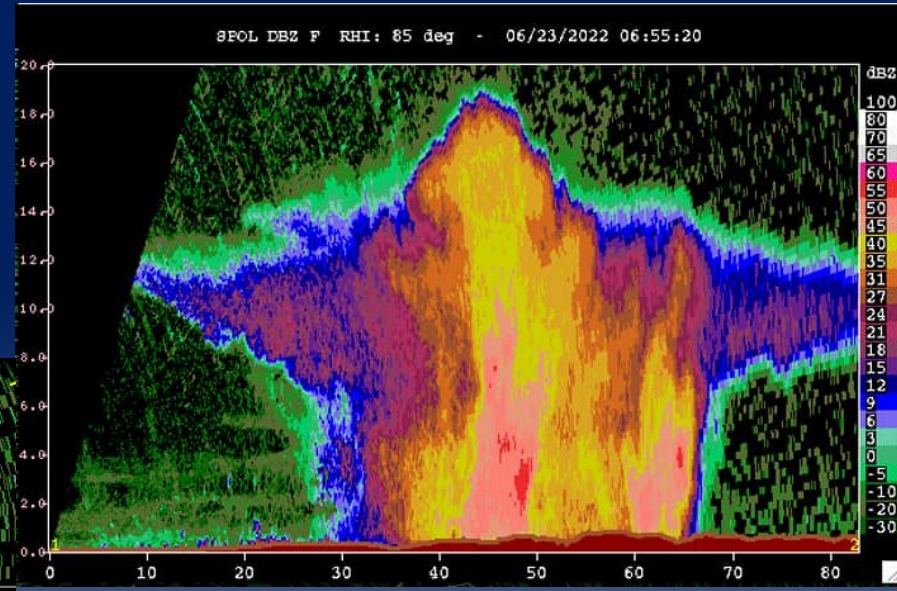
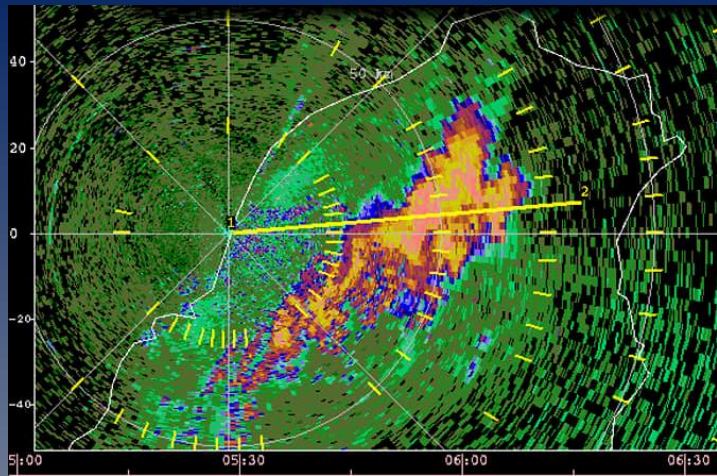
*DSDs from 11,778 1-min averaged spectra (~0.6 km) from Parsivel disdrometers in Hsin-Chu, Taiwan and Yonaguni, Japan (green)*

*HSDs from 2,432 10-sec averaged spectra (~1.1 km) from PIP measurements in mixed phase region of 33 tropical cyclones (red)*

- Use of 3-moment  $D_c$  based on temporal collapses variability of DSDs substantially
- If normalized shape is climatologically invariant, knowledge of the temporal and only one of  $Z$  (M6) or  $V$  (M3) is sufficient to retrieve the entire DSD



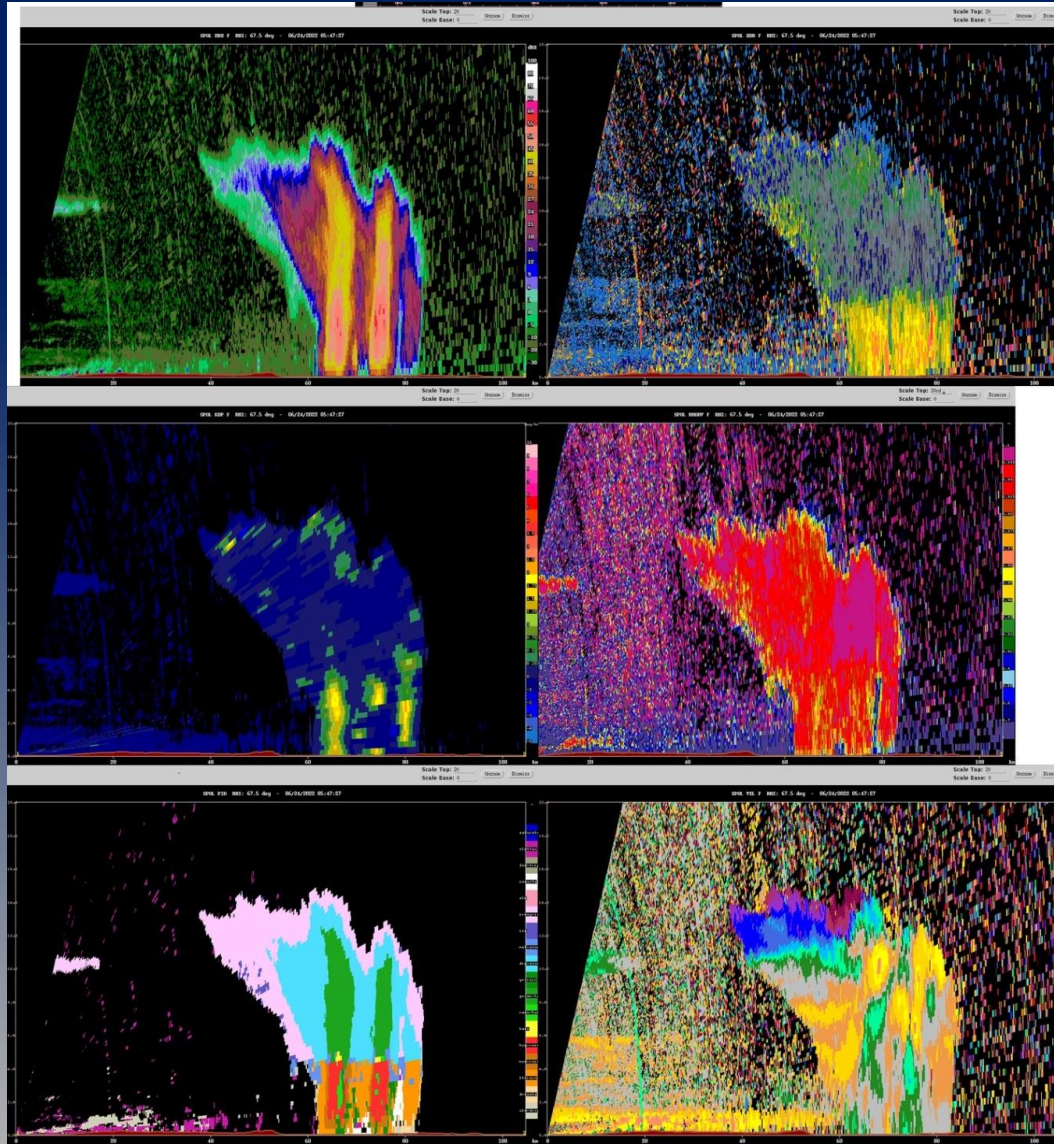
# Special Observation on June 23 (SOP2): S-Pol radar observations



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.



# Special Observation on June 24 (SOP3): Hailstone in central Taipei



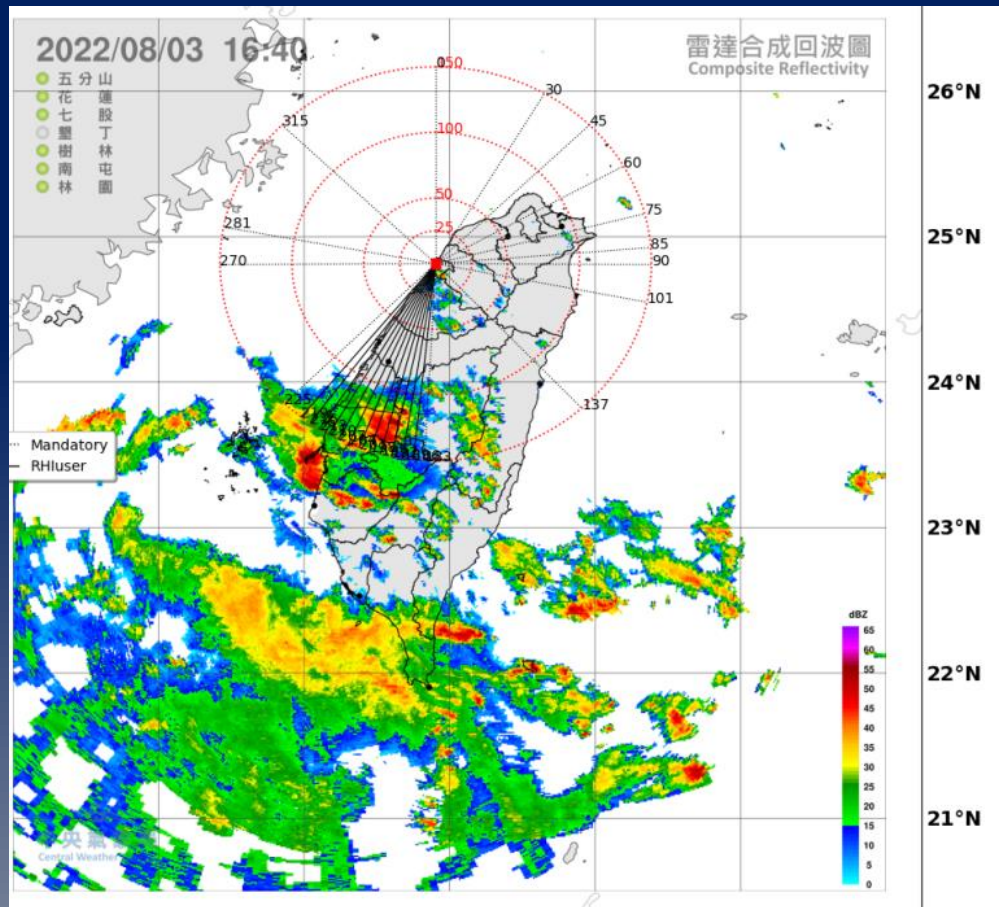
On 24 June, an intense downburst with hail particles in the center of Taipei (near CWB).

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

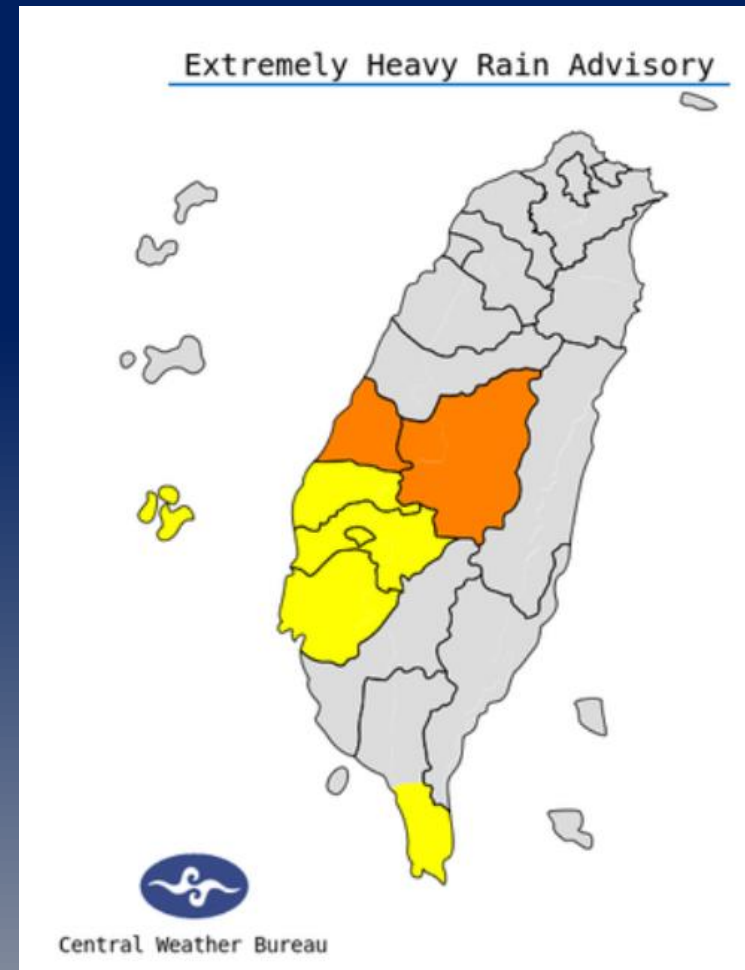




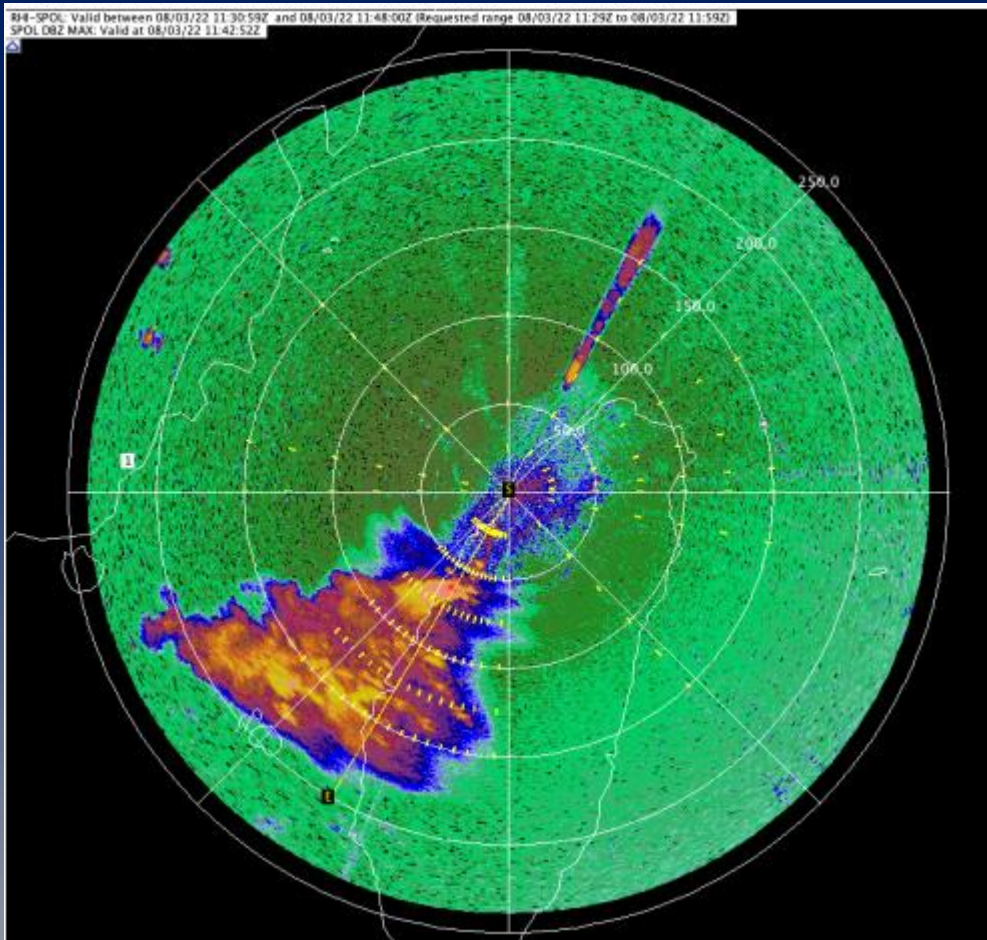
# IOP 10: Moisture transport from low pressure during 1-3 August



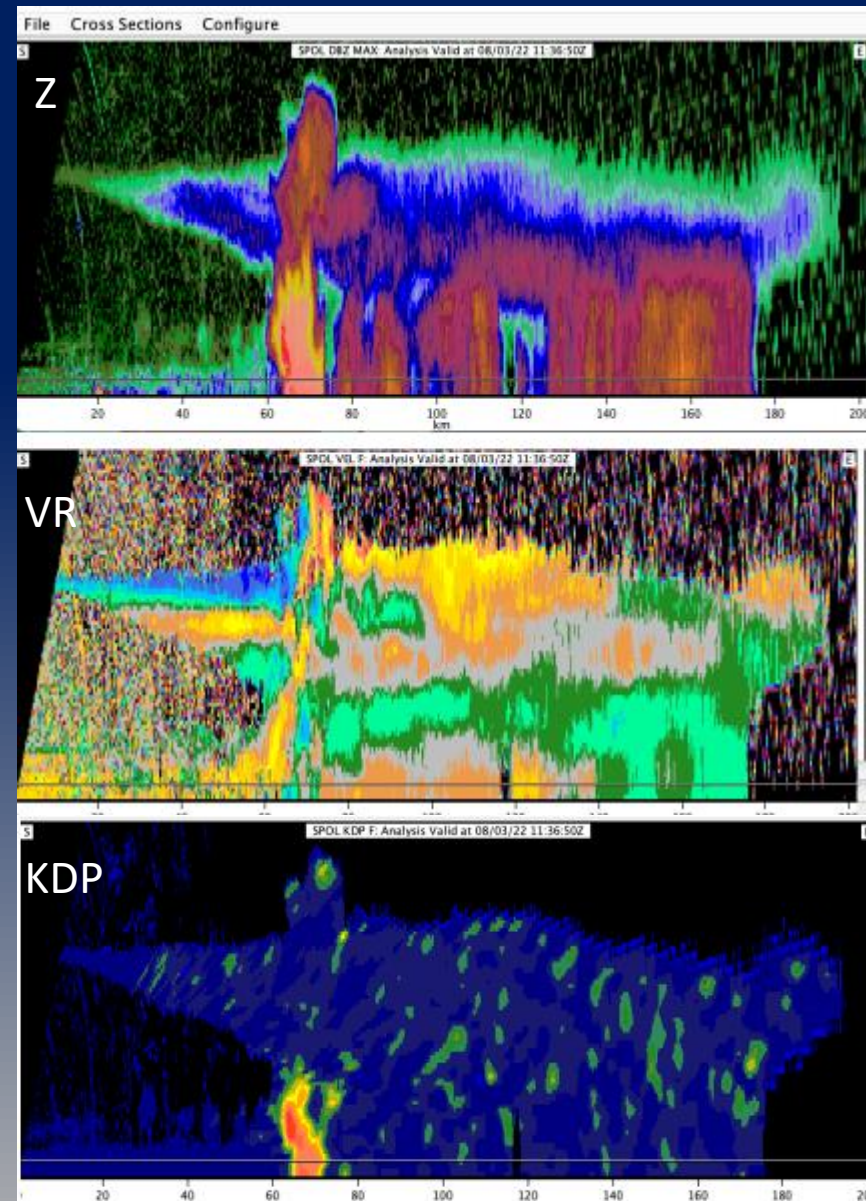
S-Pol intense RHI scans on the thunderstorms on August 3 over central Taiwan



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



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

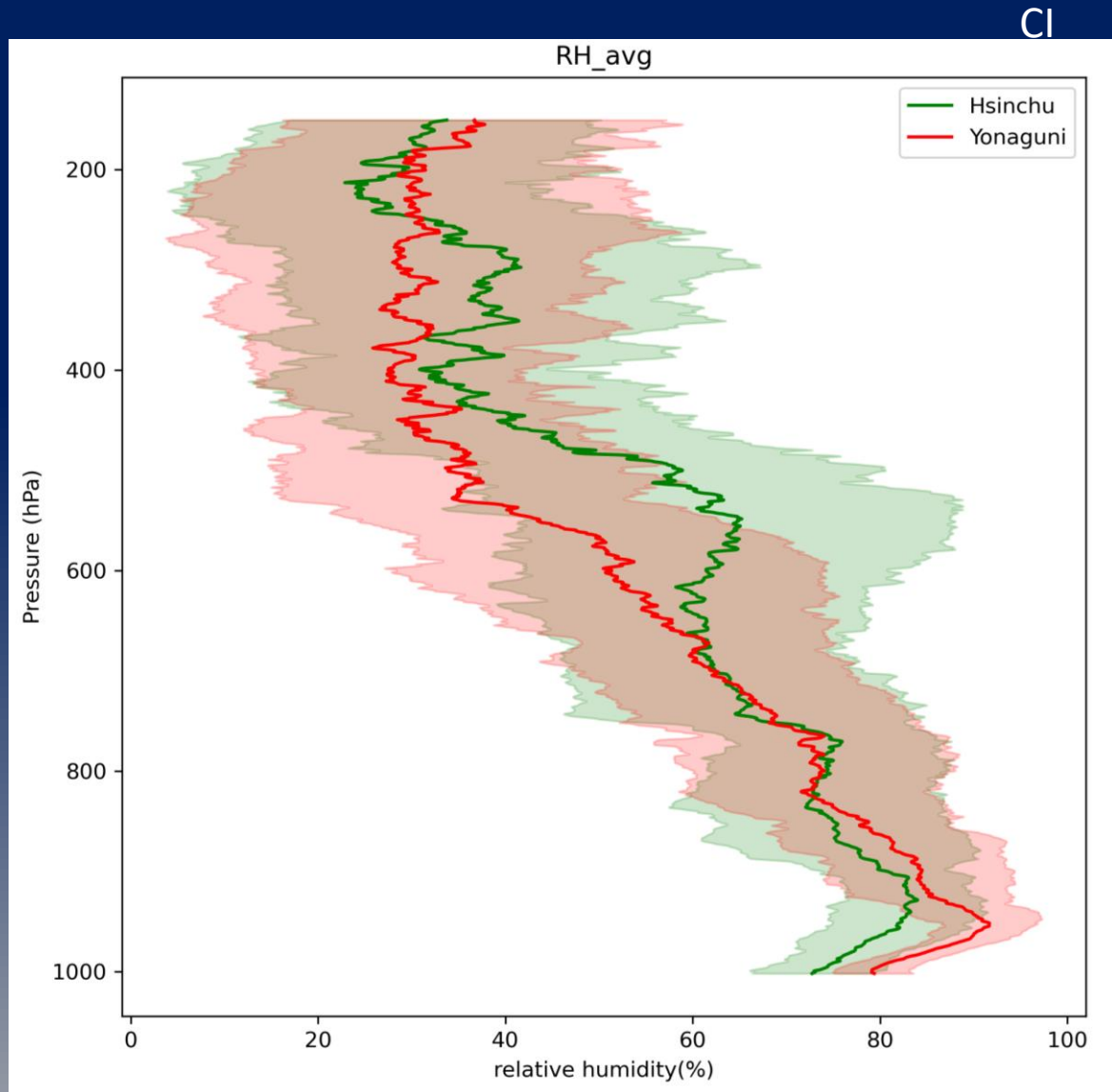


# Convection Initiation (CI) during TAHOPE/PRECIP 2022

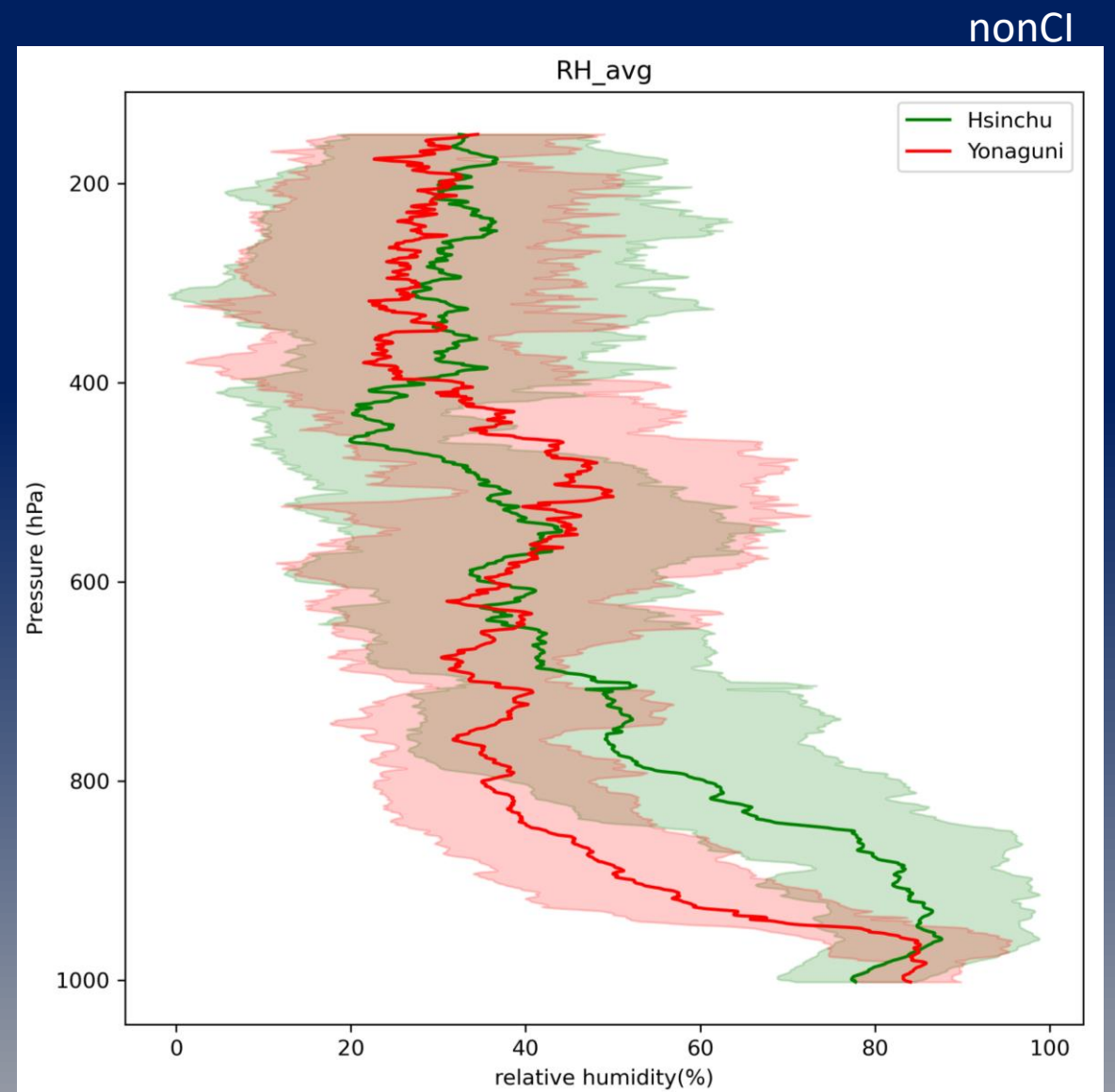
Liu, Yu-Ming, 2025: Radiosonde Observations of Environments Supporting Convection Initiation under weak synoptic condition during TAHOPE. *NTU Master Thesis*.



# CI events – Hsinchu(00 UTC) and Yonaguni(00 + 06 UTC)



Hsinchu CI rh  
Yonaguni CI rh



Hsinchu nonCI rh  
Yonaguni nonCI rh

# Afternoon thunderstorms case on IOP 2

Miao, J. E., **M-J. Yang\***, K. L. Rasmussen, M. M. Bell, H.-C. Kuo, and T.-Y. Cha, 2024: Microphysical and kinematical characteristics of merged and isolated convective cells over the complex terrain of the Taipei Basin, *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.*, in review.



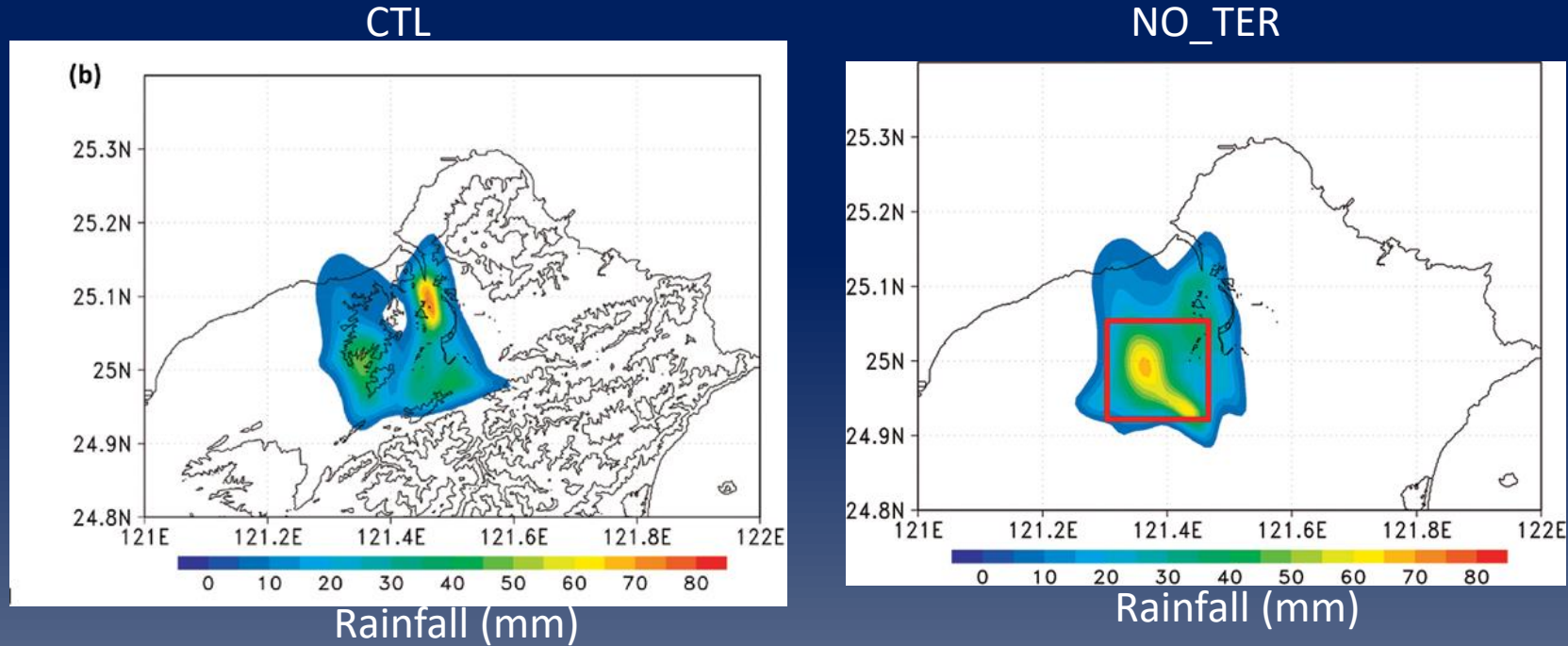
# Multiscale Interactions Contributing to Orographic Extreme Rainfall

- Multiscale interactions of various processes: **large-scale wind, local circulation, microphysics, cold pool, and terrain effects** (Houze 2012; Xu et al. 2012).
- **Cell merger** (Tao and Simpson 1989; Carey and Rutledge 2000; Jou et al. 2016; Miao and Yang 2018; Wu et al. 2021; Miao and Yang 2022; Jung and Jou 2023).
- **Microphysical processes** leading to the generation of **extreme rainfall** (Morrison et al. 2020; Chen et al. 2022)





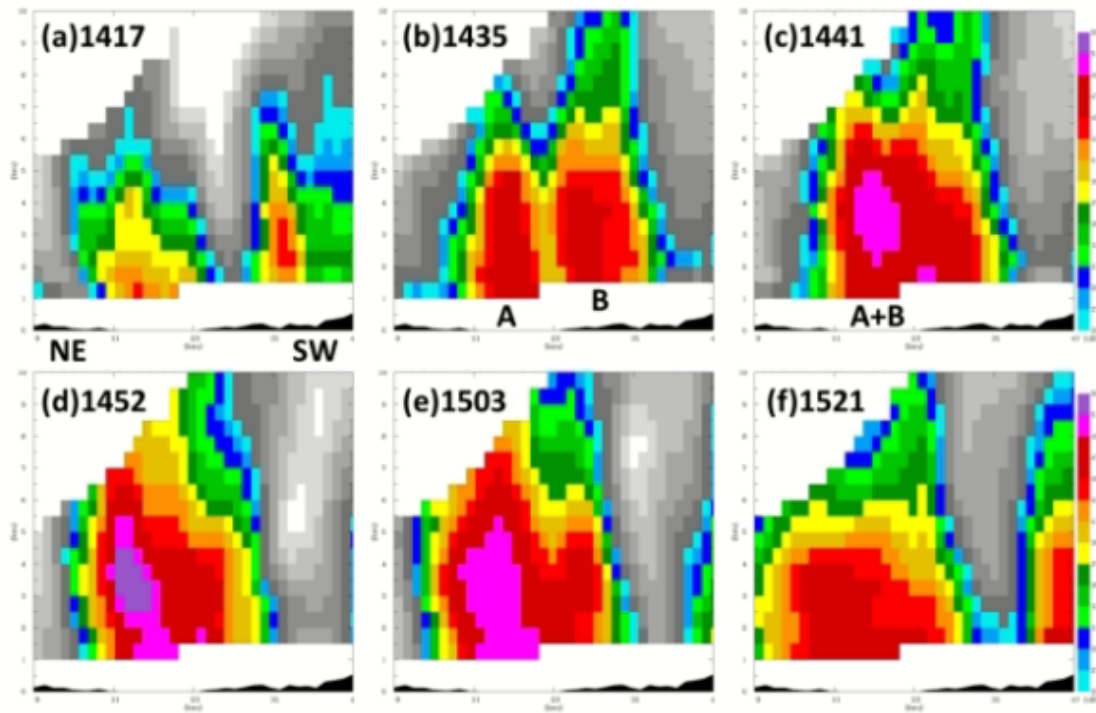
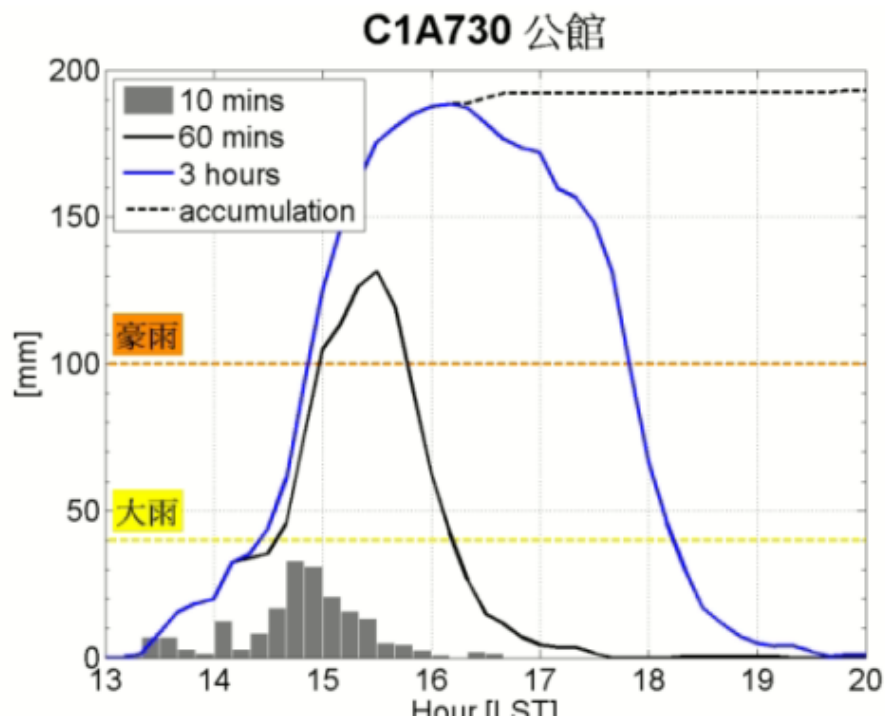
# Impacts of terrain



- ATS case is investigated using observations and IBM\_VDRAS. (Wu et al. 2021)
- Location of maximum rainfall in NO\_TER is **shifted**, compared to that in CTL.
- Terrain **confines** and **intensifies** the rainfall inside the Taipei Basin.

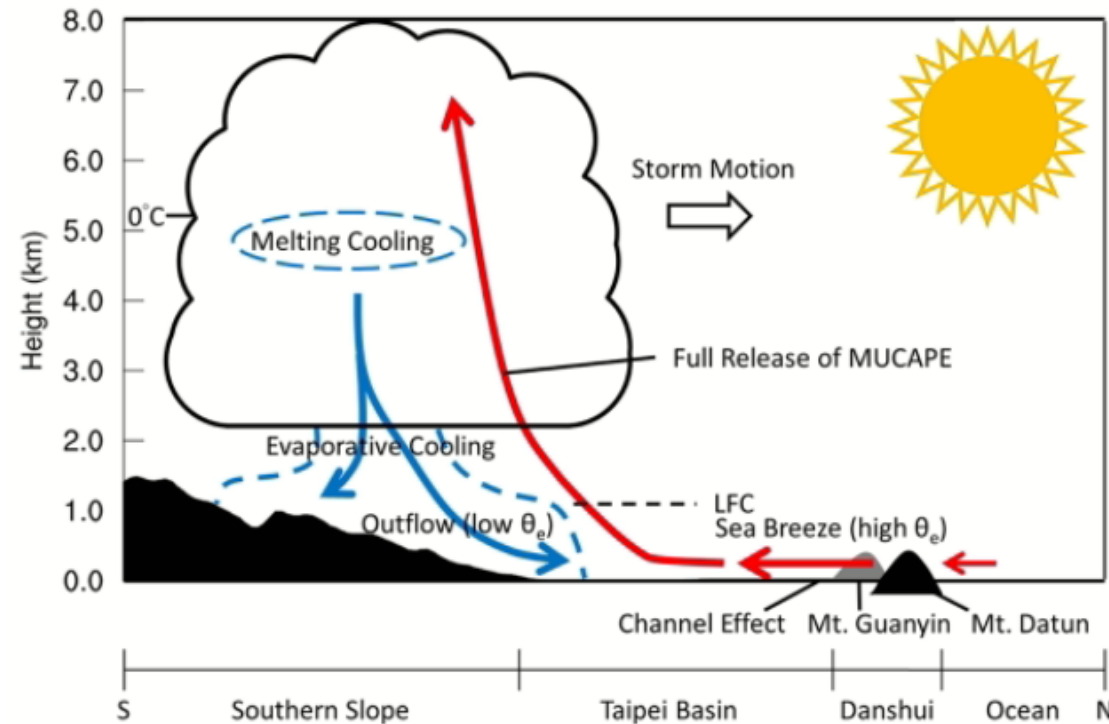
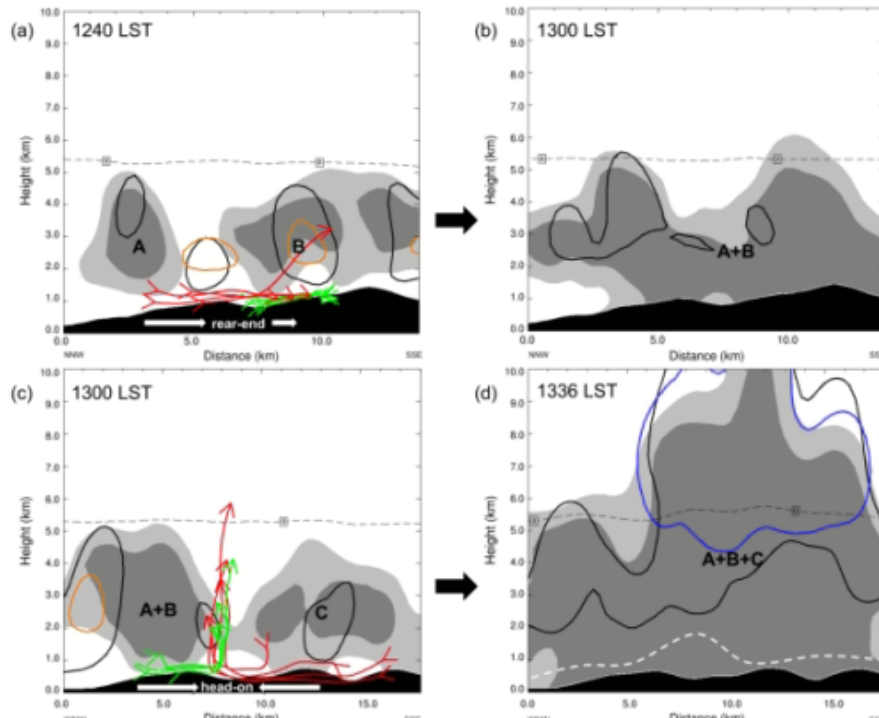
# Extreme rainfall associated with cell merger

- **Urban flooding** case on 14 June 2015 was closely related to the **merger of convective cells**. The merger of convective cells produced an **enlarged precipitation area** and **stronger radar echoes** extending to much higher altitudes. (Jou et al. 2016)
- Wu, Liou et al. (2021) investigated the ATS event (19 August 2014) in Northern Taiwan. They found that after **cell merger**, the convective system became stationary and produced heavy rainfall over Taipei Basin.
- 7 July 2017 (Lo 2019); 22 July 2019 (Chen 2021); 4 June 2021 (Huang et al. 2022);



# Sea breeze and cold pool play an important role in the initiation and development of weakly-forced thunderstorm over Taipei Basin.

(Chen et al. 2007; Jou et al. 2016; Miao and Yang 2018; Kuo and Wu 2019; Miao and Yang 2020; Wu et al. 2021)

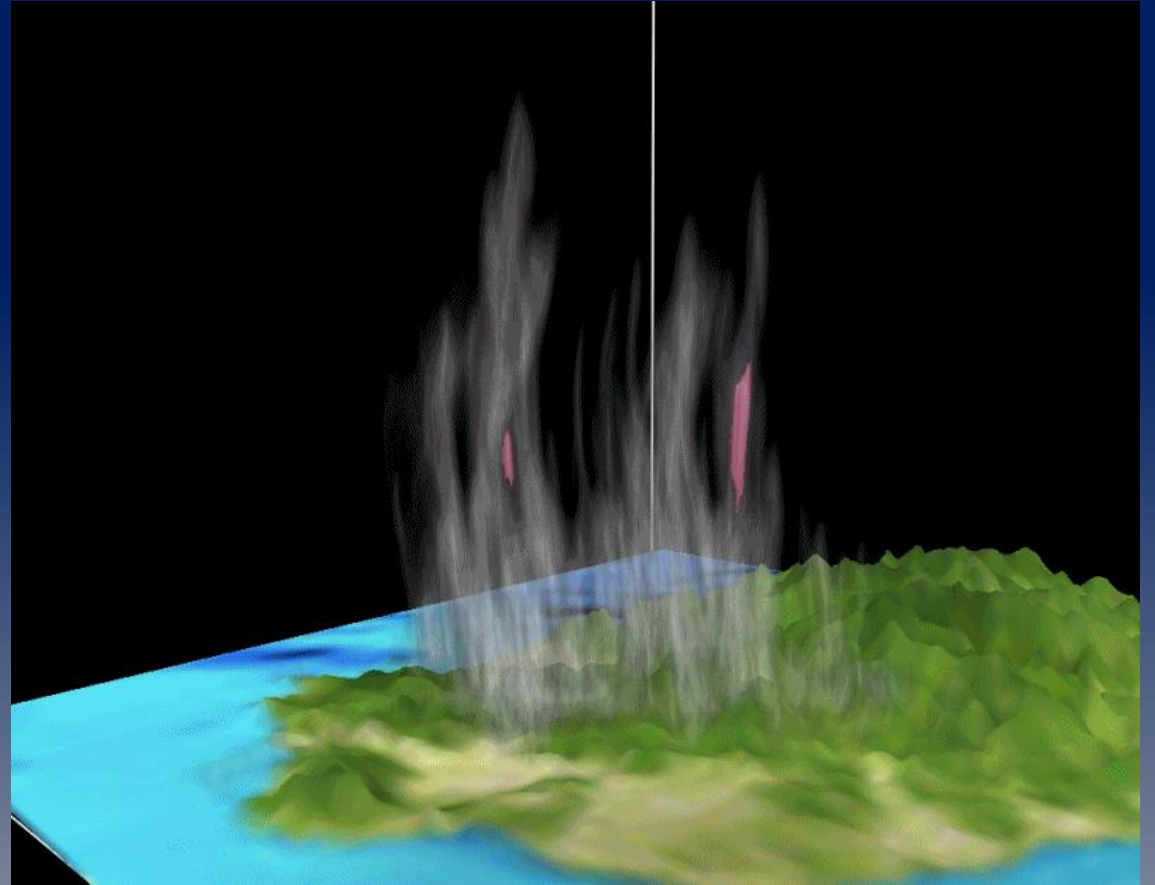
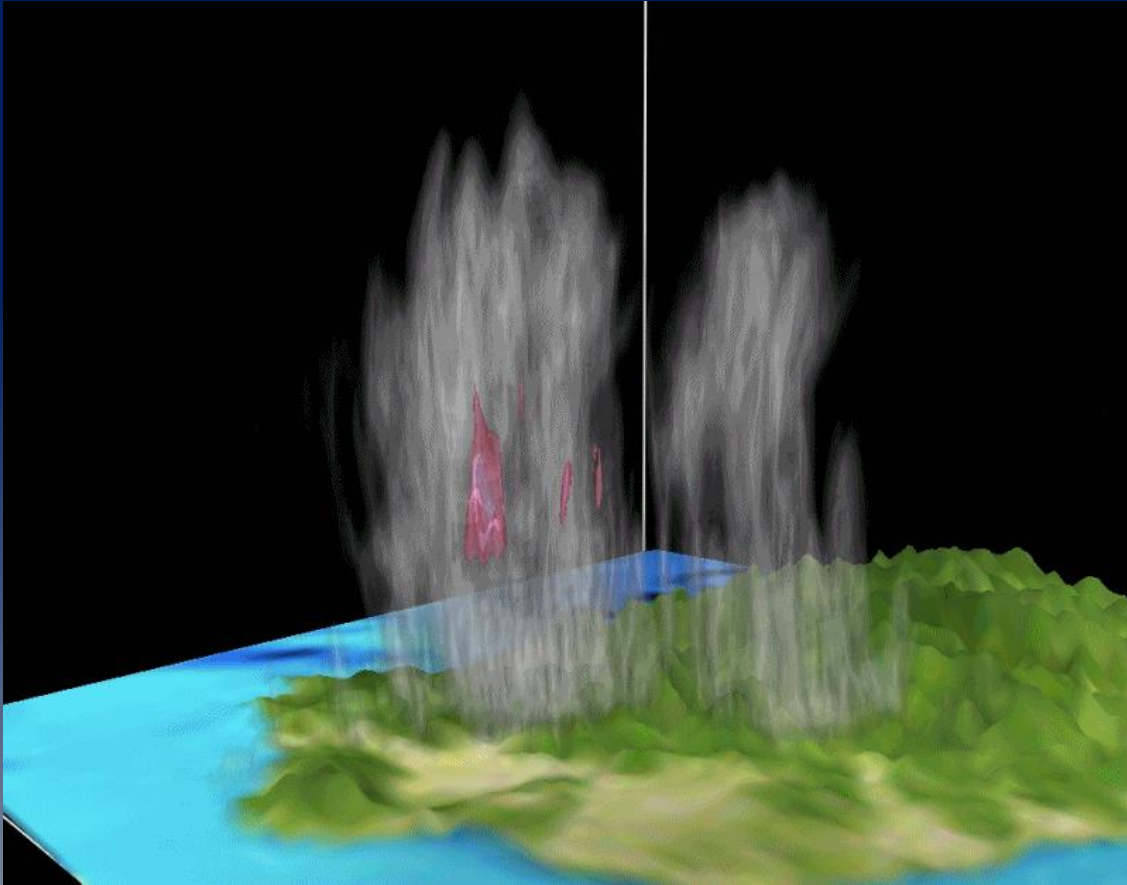


Miao and Yang  
2018

Miao and Yang  
2020



# Impacts of mid-level moisture and terrain



- Forward trajectories
- 200 air parcels originating north of the gust front

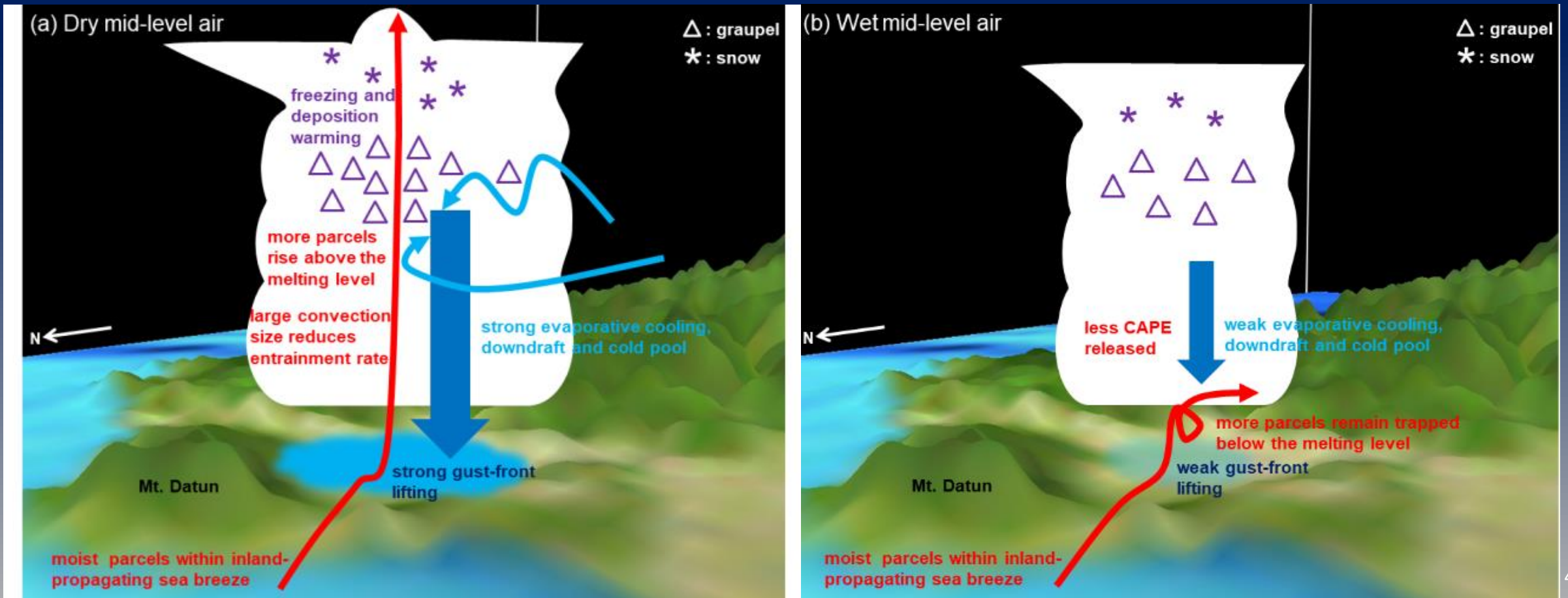
Miao and Yang 2022, JAS

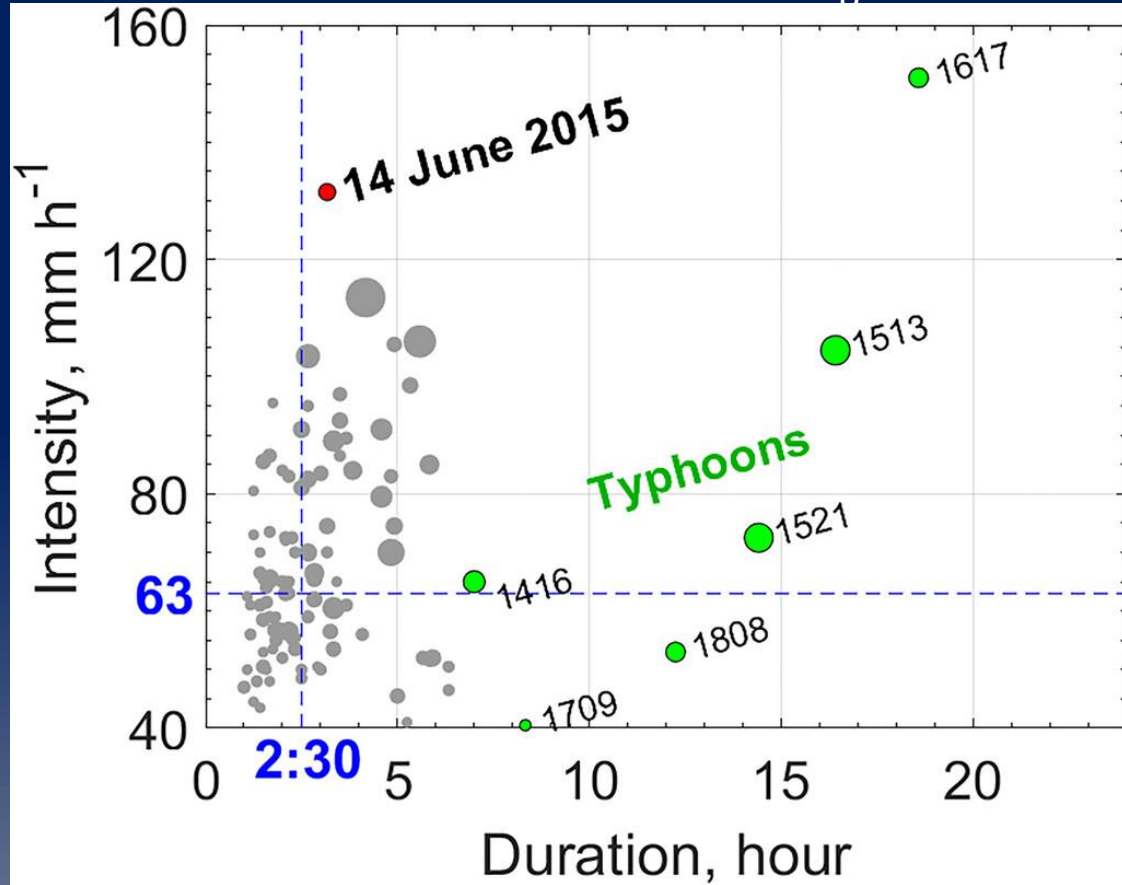
# Mid-level RH and terrain play an important role in evolution of weakly-forced ATS over Taipei Basin.

(Wu et al. 2021; Tsujino et al. 2021; Miao and Yang 2022)

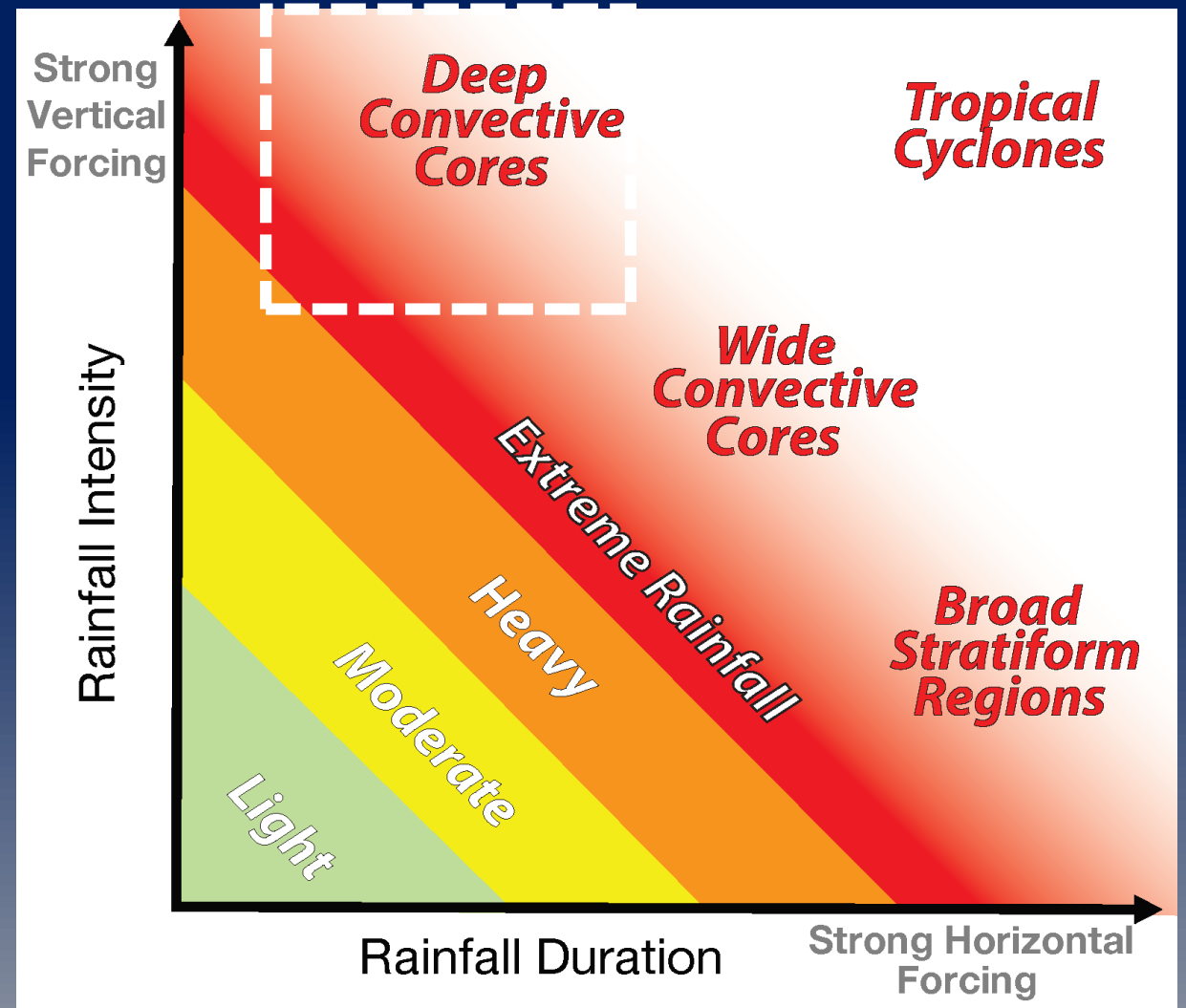
Basin confinement effect

Miao and Yang 2022, JAS





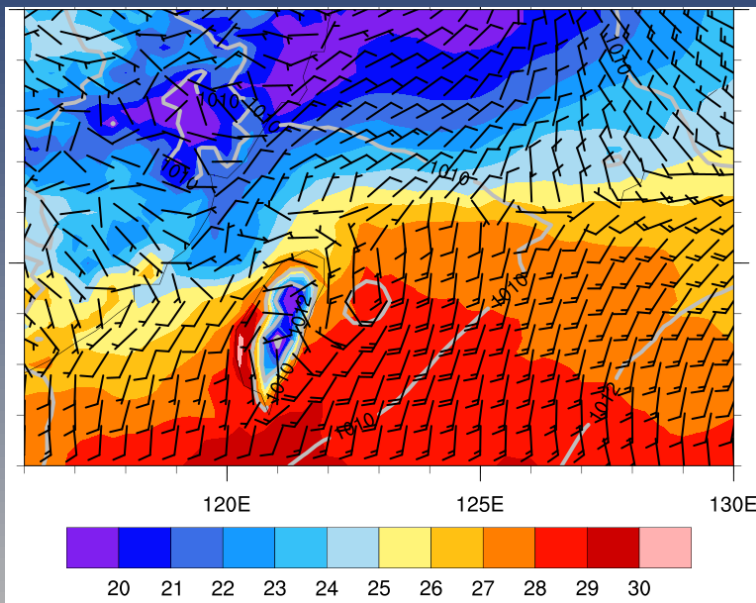
- Intensity-duration framework
- Moisture-rich environment
- Key ingredients and processes





# Orographic extreme rainfall in strongly-forced ATS

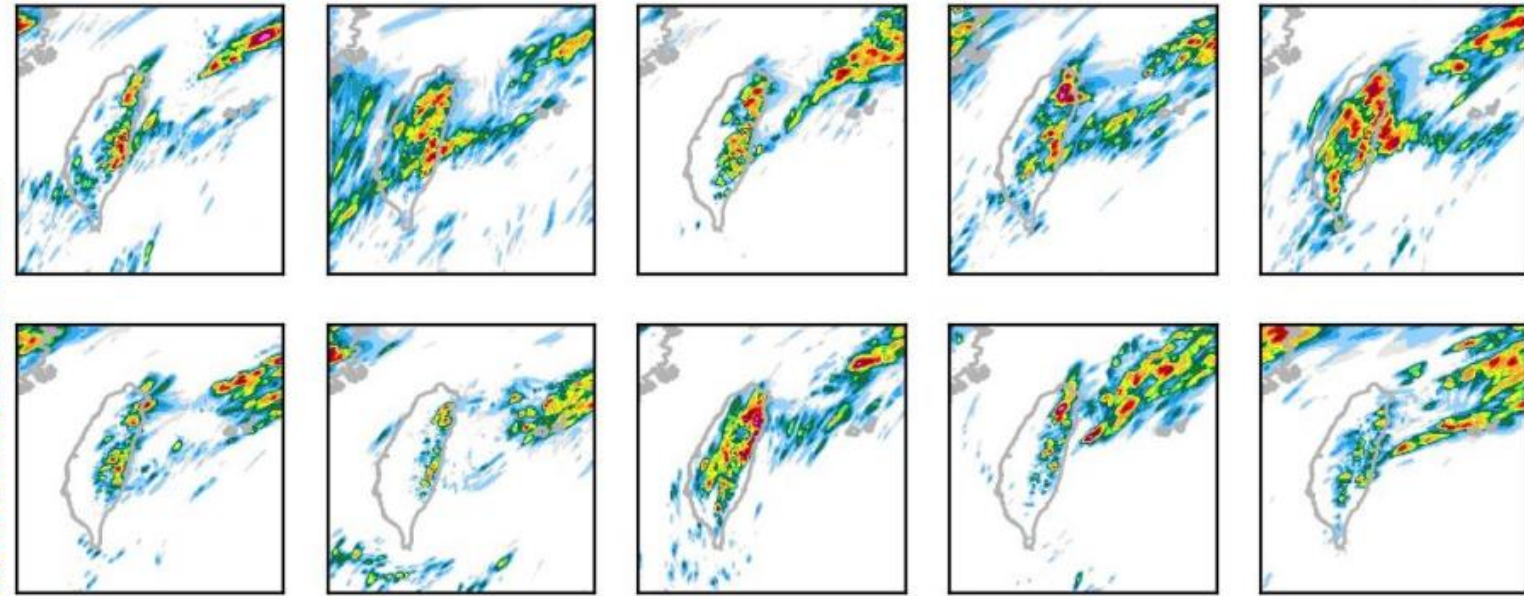
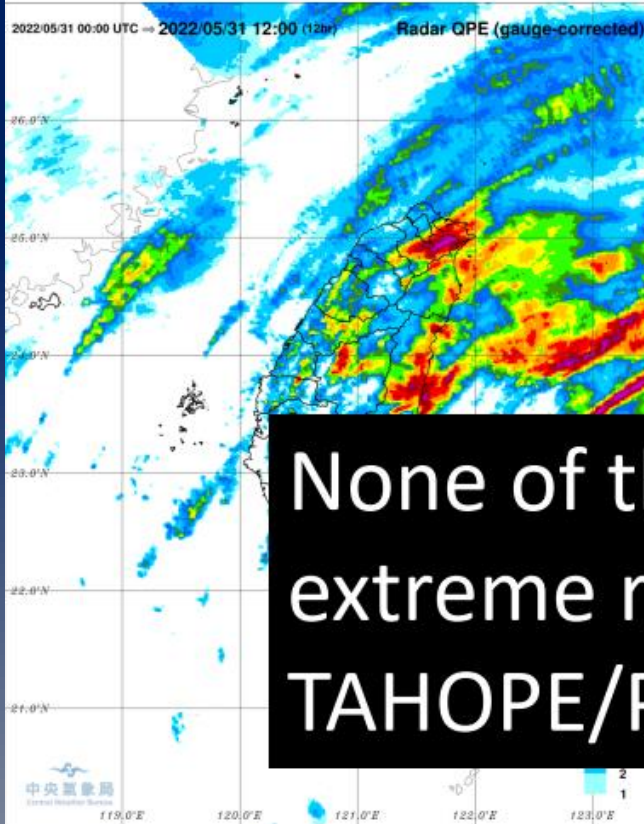
- Previous studies have focused on **weakly-forced ATS**.
- Different environments => **mesoscale processes** may vary (Houze 2014)
- Impacts of **terrain** are different under weak and strong synoptic environment (Rocque and Rasmussen 2022)
- Ingredients for orographic extreme rainfall in **strongly-forced ATS**



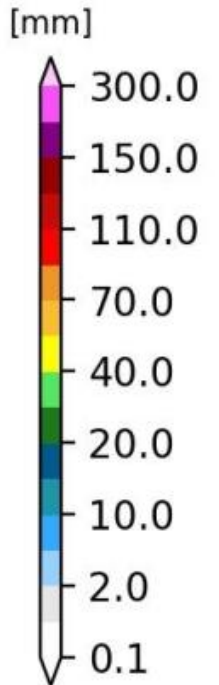
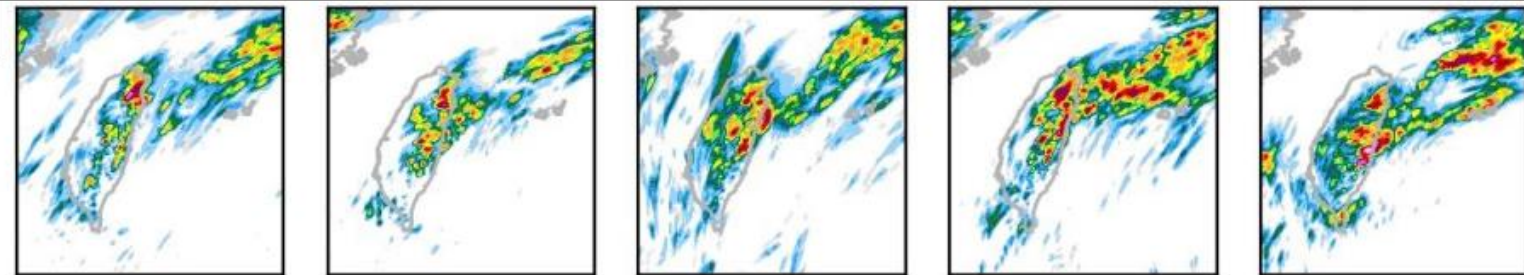
PSU WRF-EnKF  
12-h 20-member Rain

init: 2022-05-30\_12:00:00  
valid: 2022-05-31\_12:00:00  
Taiwan LT: 2022-05-31\_20:00:00

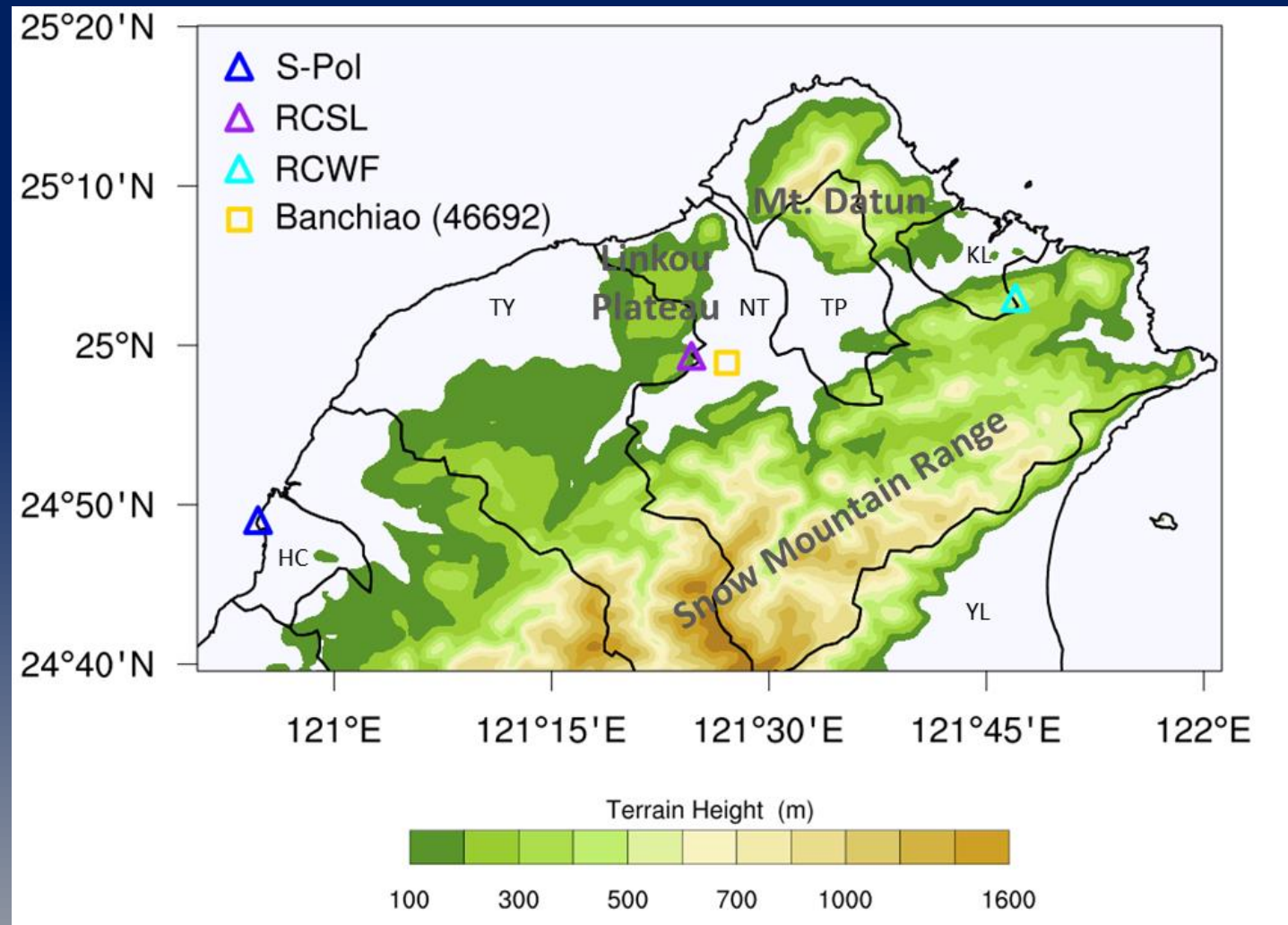
2022/05/31 08–20 LST



None of the ensemble members well captured the extreme rainfall over the Taipei Basin during TAHOPE/PRECIP IOP 2!

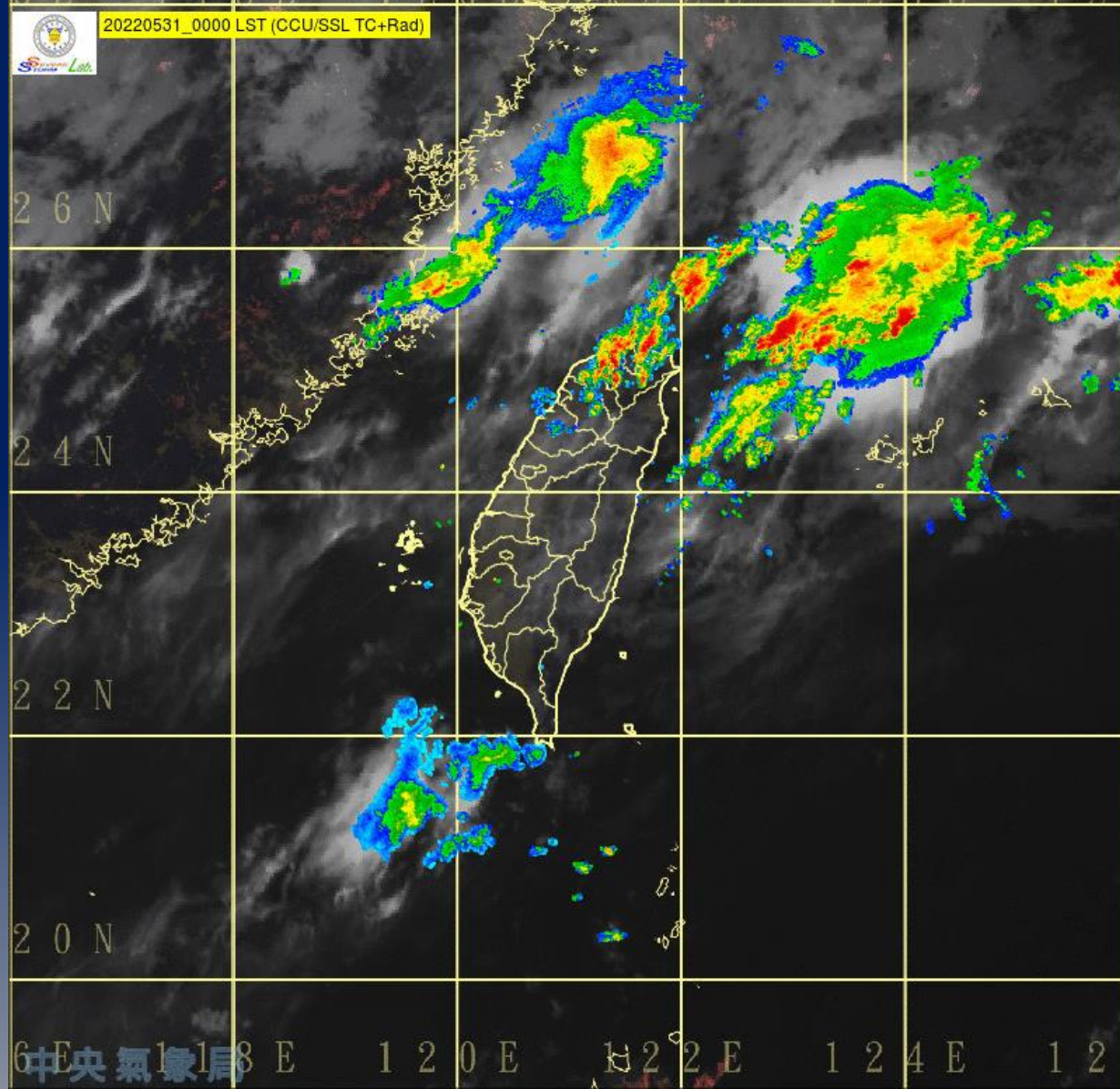


# Microphysical and Kinematical Characteristics of Merged and Isolated Convective Cells over the Taipei Basin

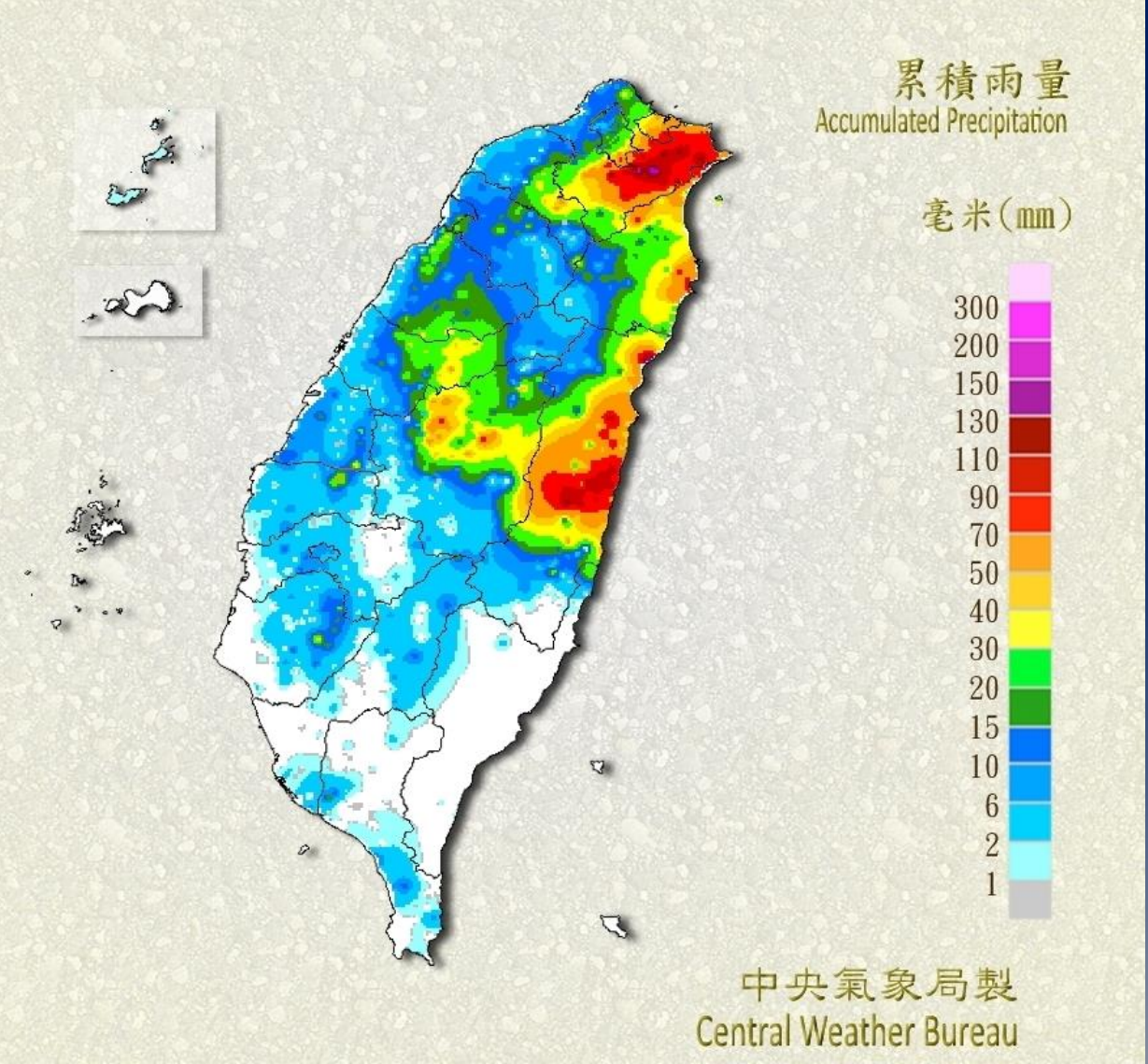


- Microphysics: S-Pol RHI (NCAR/EOL S-Pol Team 2023)
- Kinematics: SAMURAI-Terrain (Cha and Bell 2023)





2022/05/31 00:00~2022/05/31 18:00

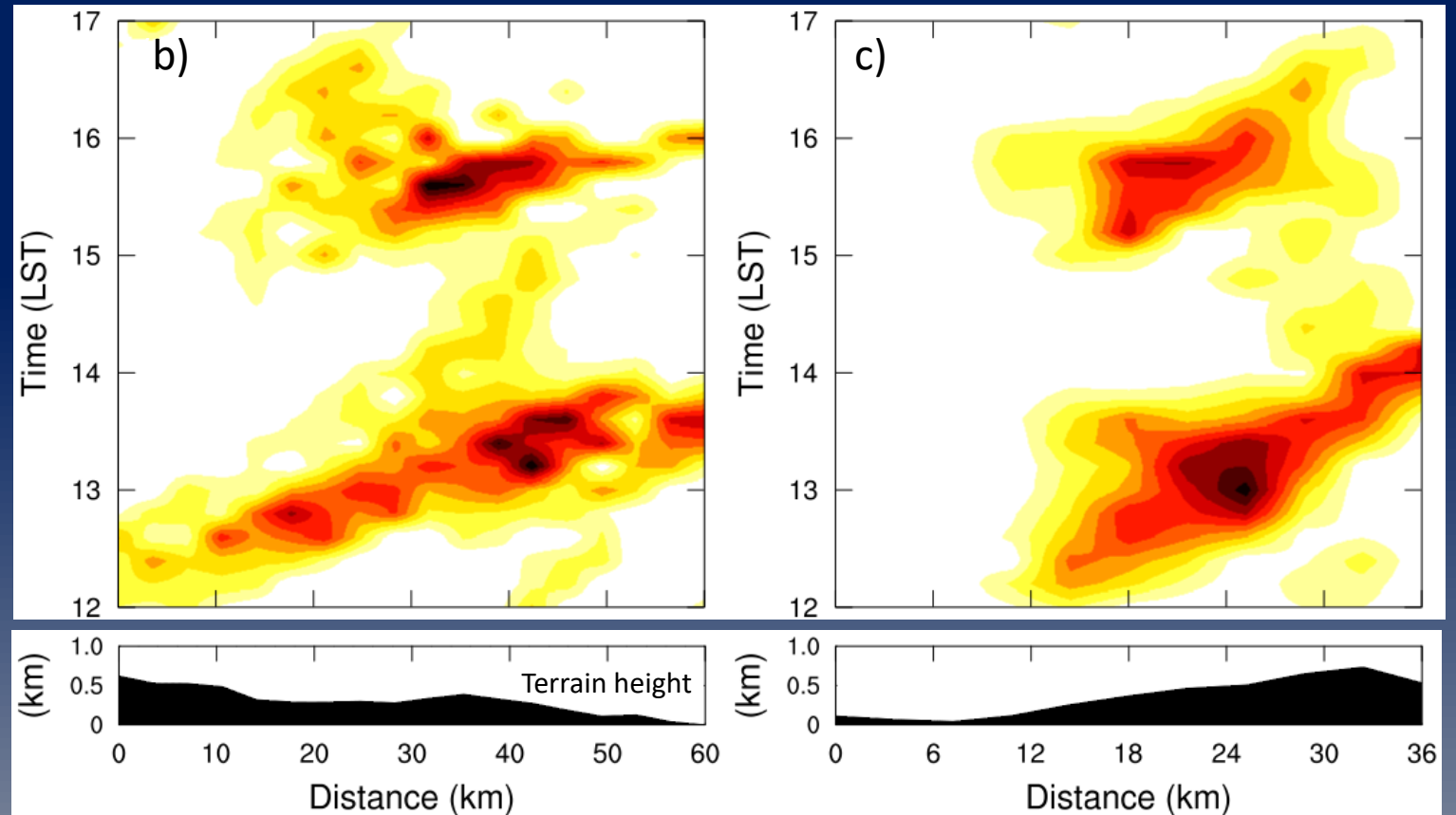
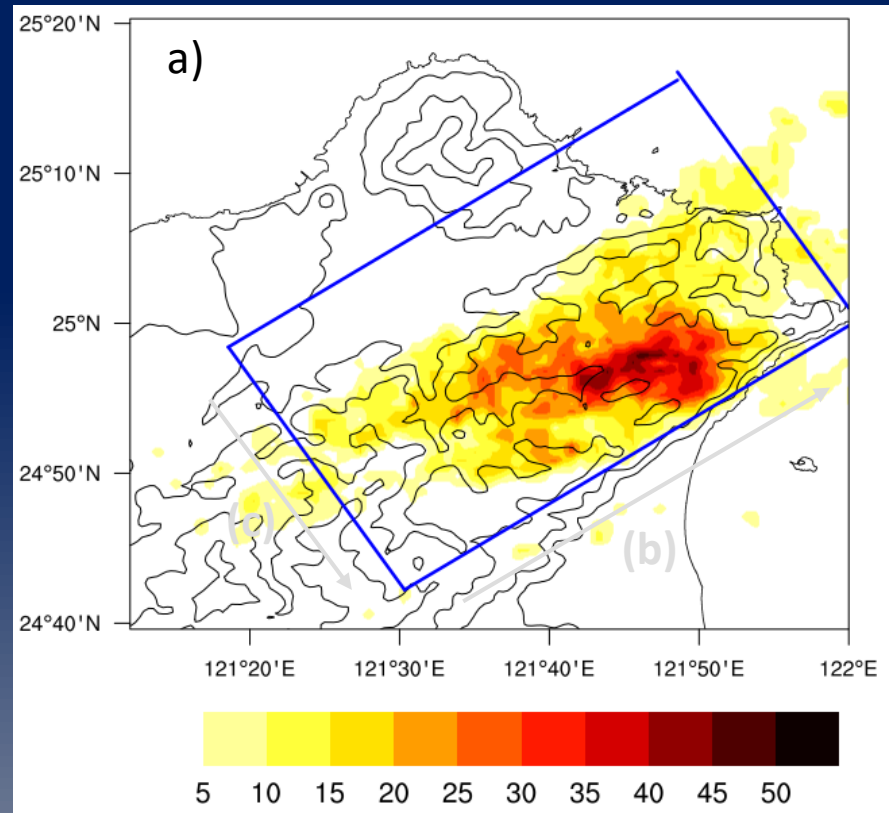


**TAHOPE/PRECIP IOP 2:** (1) Weak rainfall occurred in the morning;  
(2) Strong ATS; (3) Deep convection near northeastern coast



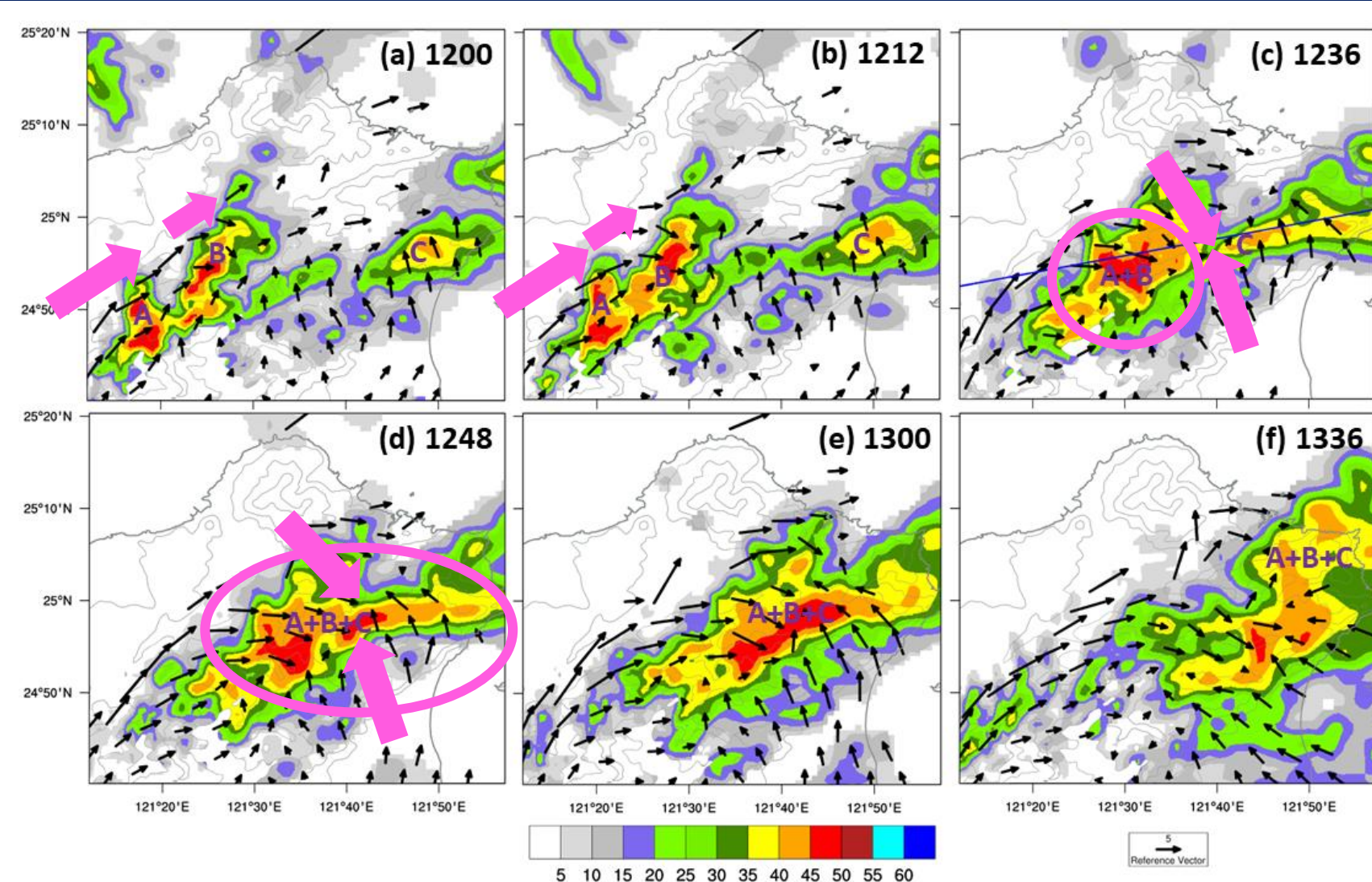


# Spatial and temporal distribution of ZH>40dBZ at 3 km MSL



- **Strong convection** mainly occurred over the **Snow Mountain Range (SMR)**
- Episode 1: 1200-1400 LST; episode 2: 1500-1700 LST
- Convection was **confined within the mountainous region**, resulting in **heavy rainfall** over **SMR**.

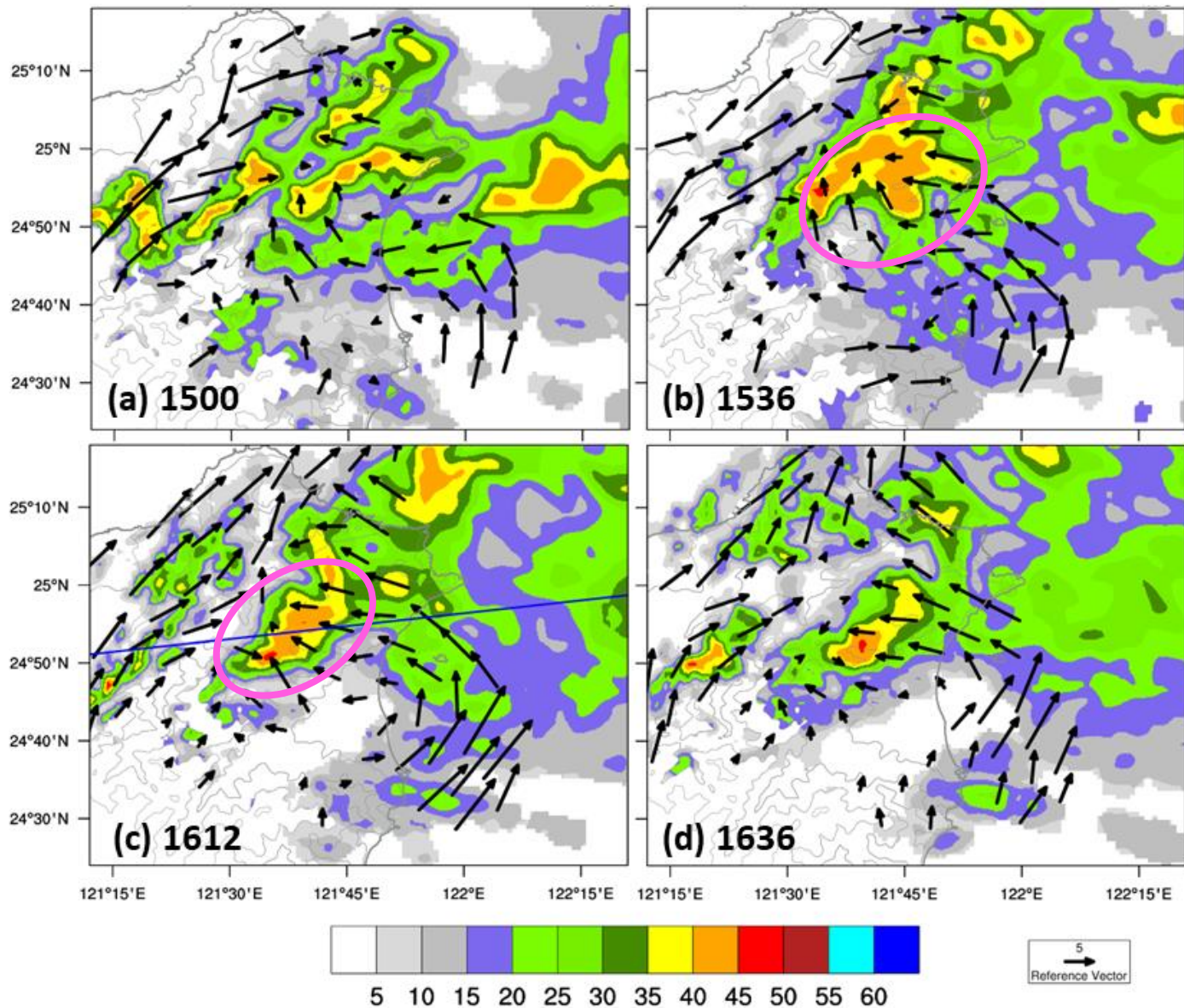




## Episode 1

S-Pol ZH & wind at  $z=1.5$  km

- Multiple cell merger (MCM)
- A and B merger: rear-end collision due to the different propagation speeds (Miao and Yang 2018)
- A+B and C merger: convergence produced by upslope winds
- Terrain played an essential role in the merger of A+B and C.

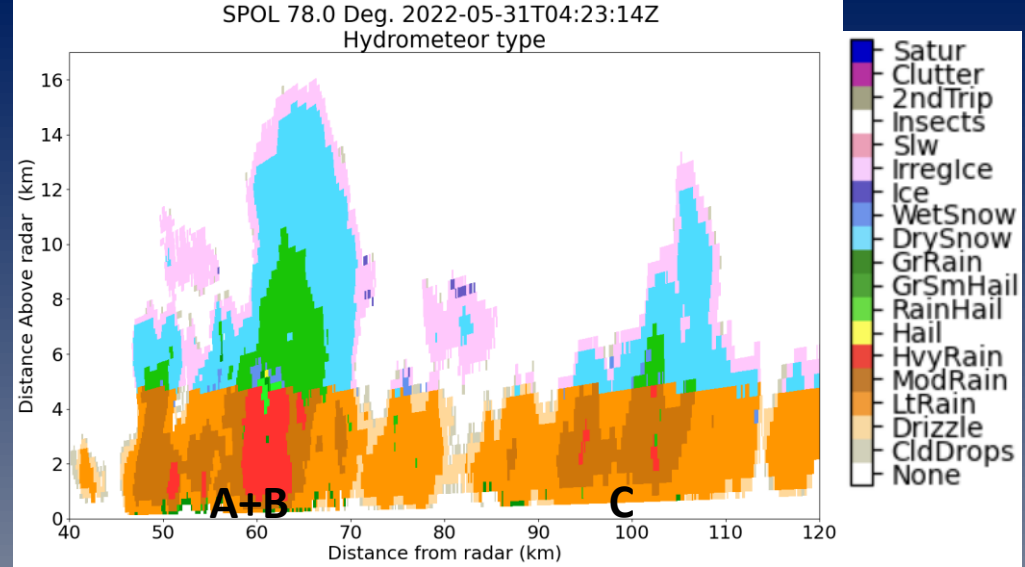
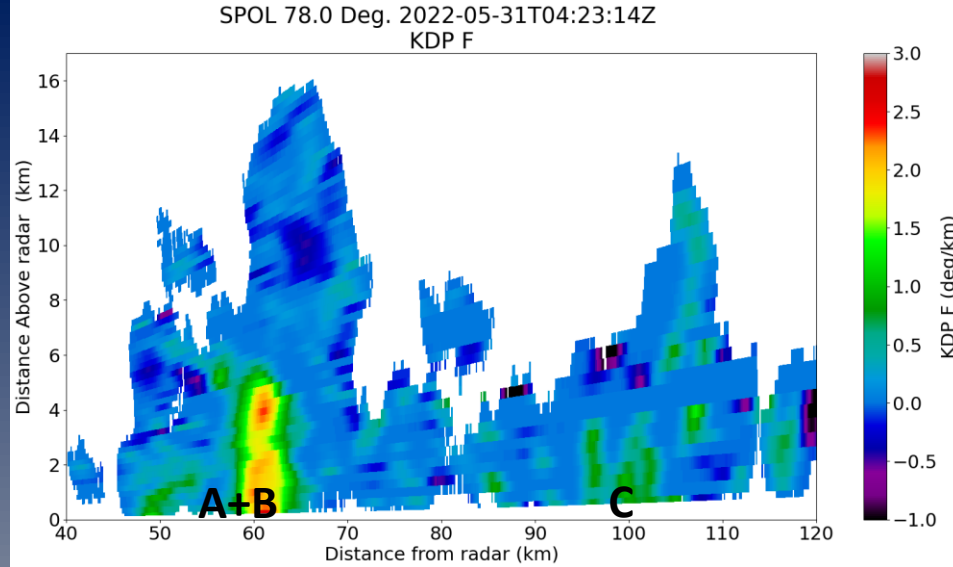
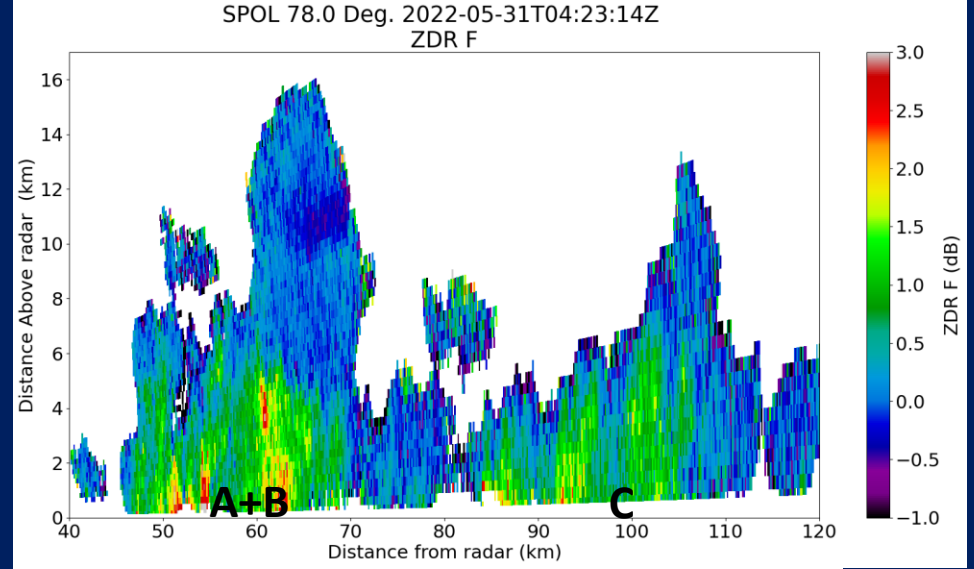
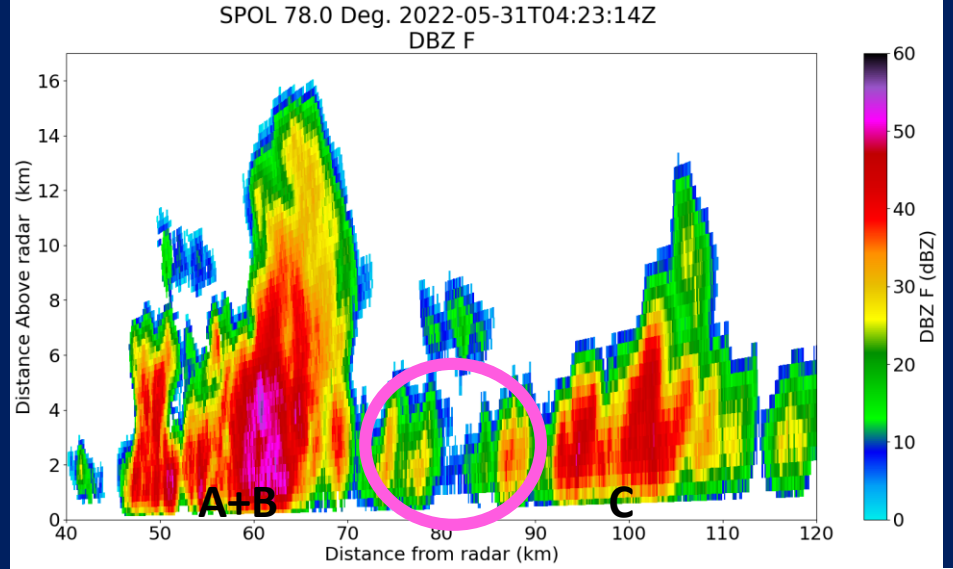


## Episode 2

S-Pol ZH & wind at  $z=1.5$  km

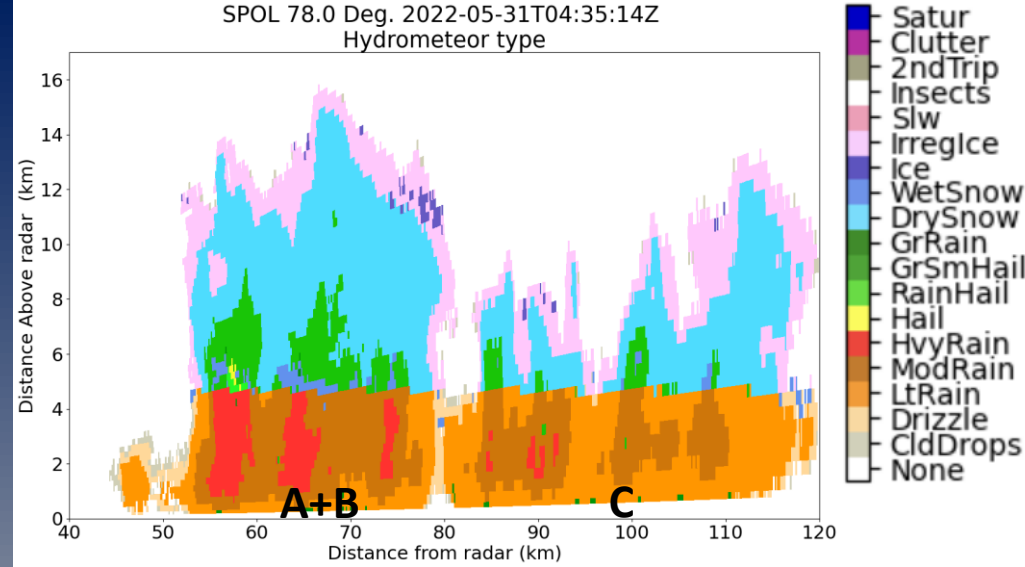
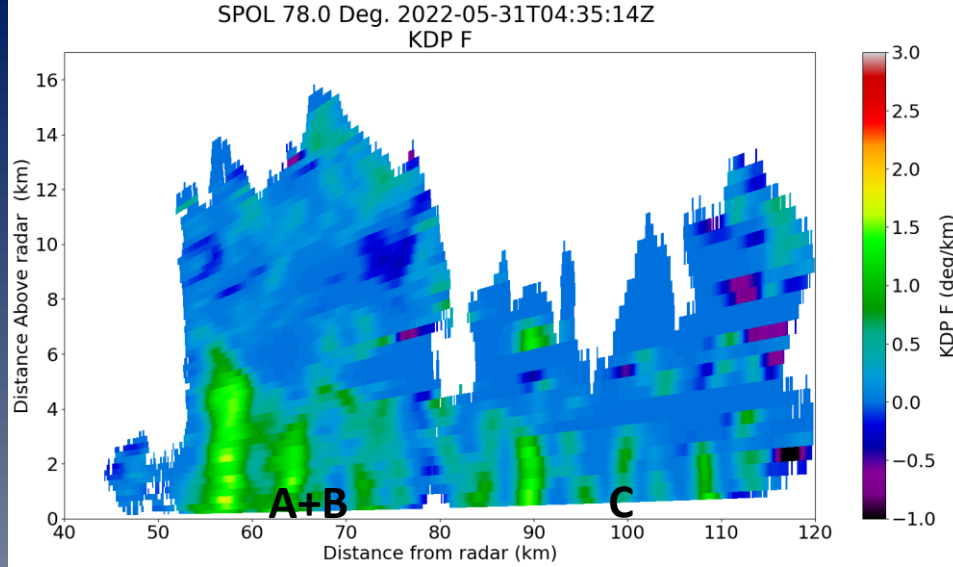
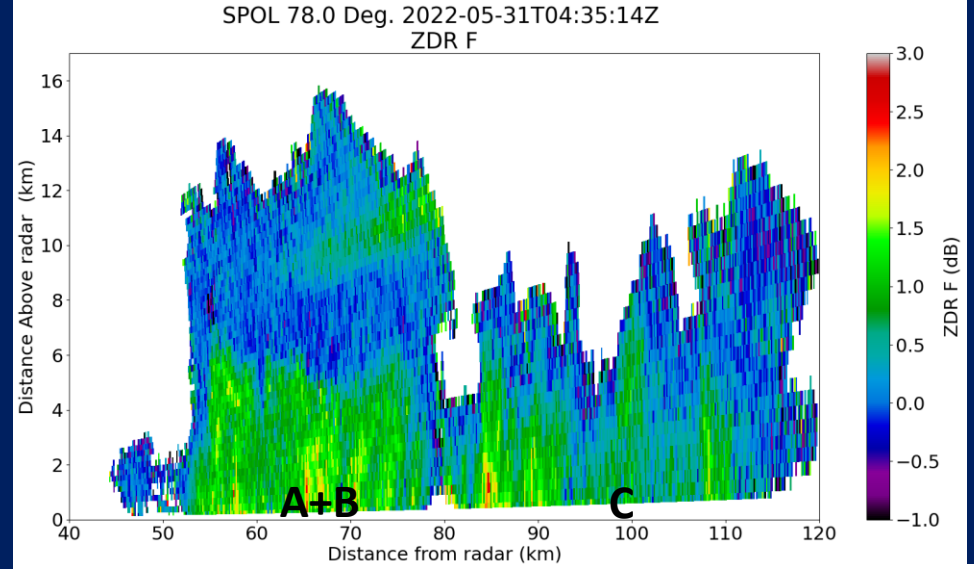
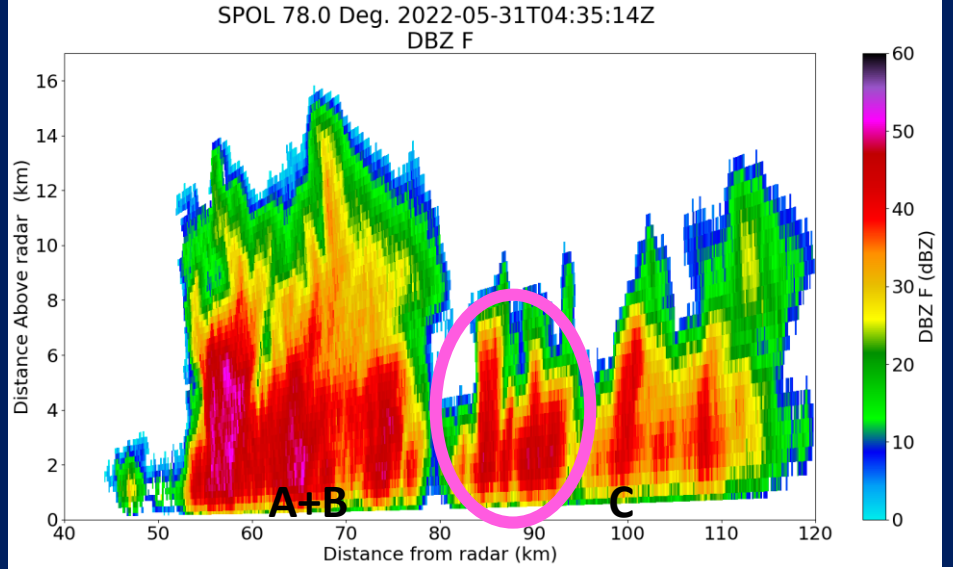
- Isolated convective cells
- **Mesoscale vortex** moved northward.  
Easterly winds north of the vortex penetrated into SMR.
- The convection over SMR was located at the front of the easterly winds.



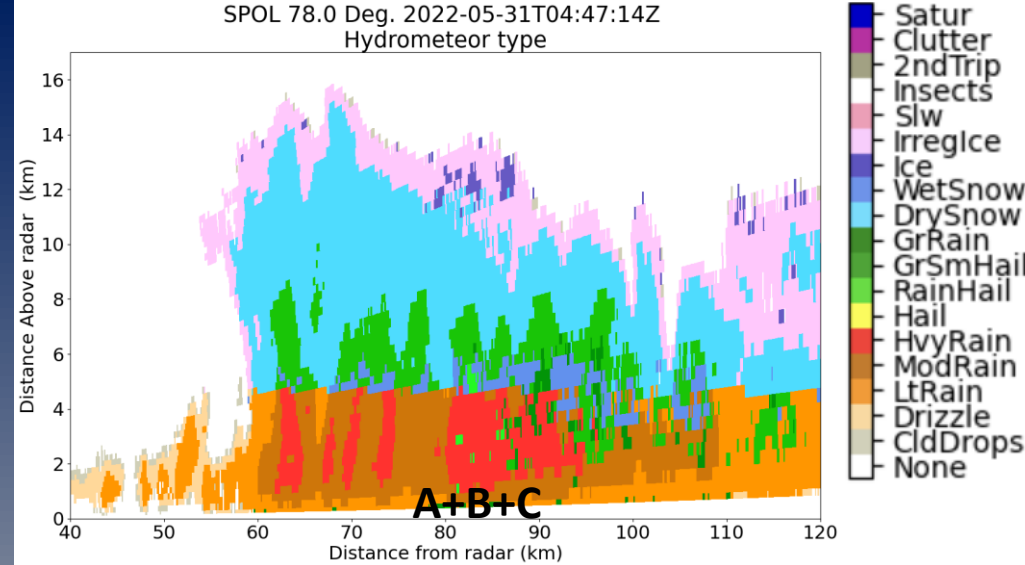
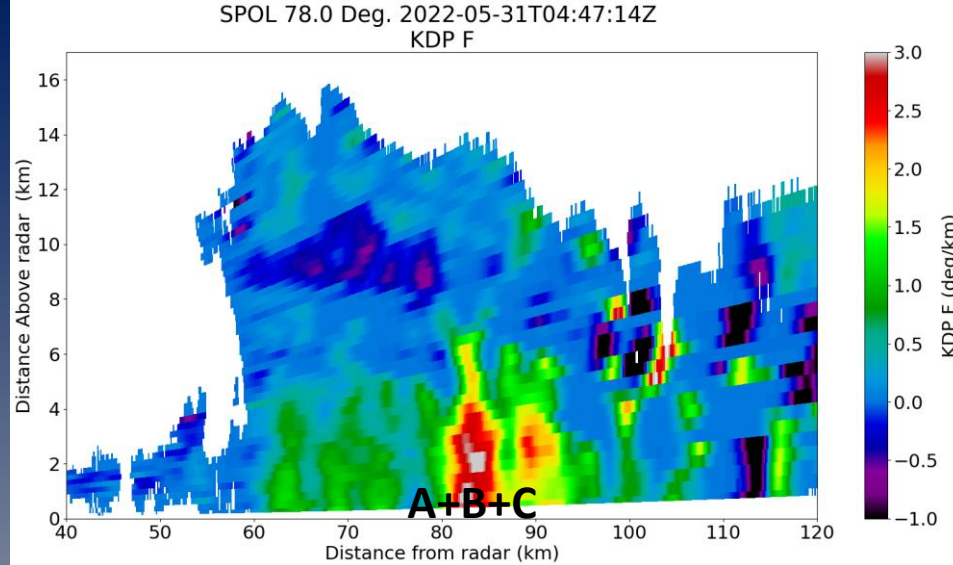
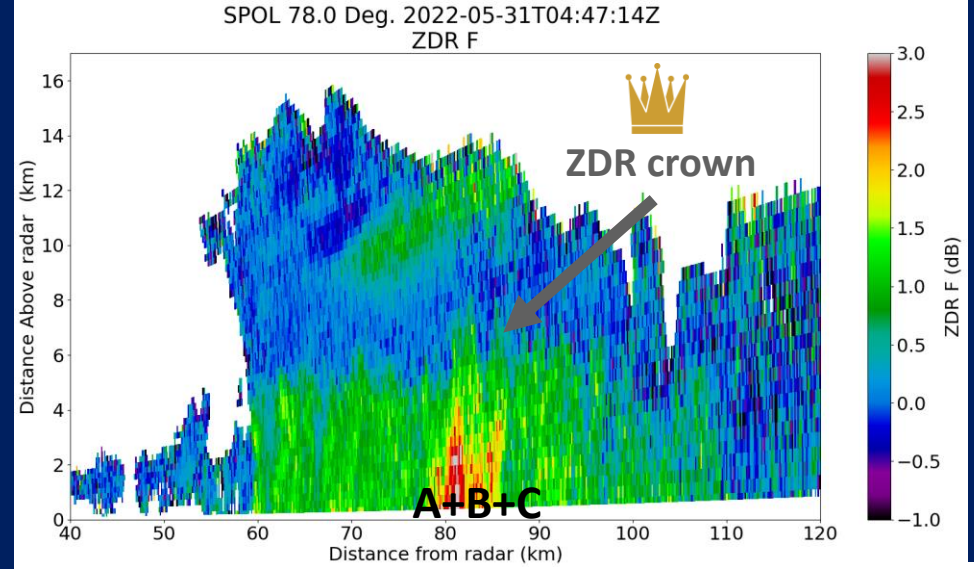
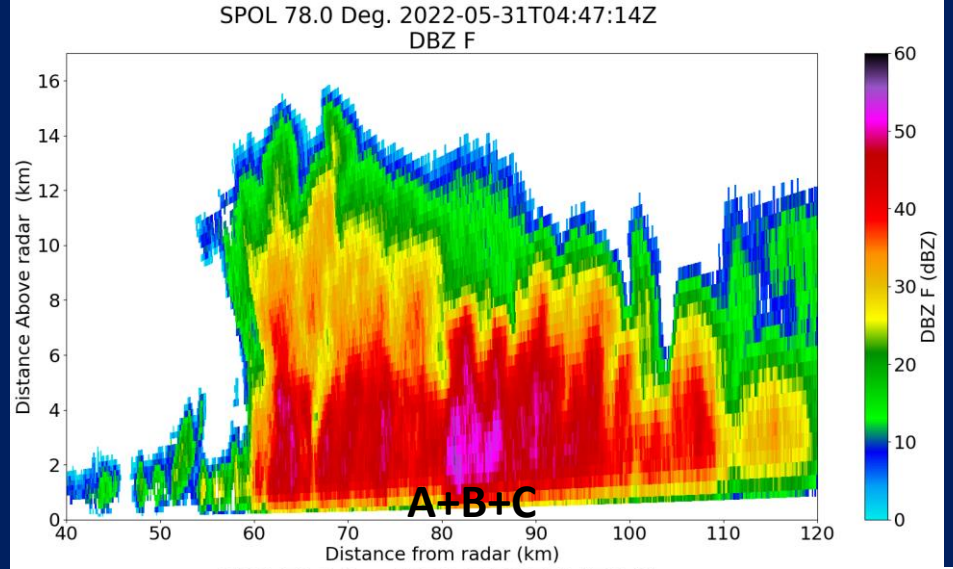


- Before A+B and C merger (1223 LST): echo-top ~14.5 km MSL; graupel at 5-10 km
- ZDR columns at  $x \sim 60$  km and 100 km => convective updrafts
- Shallow cumulus clouds ( $x=70-90$  km): low-level convergence

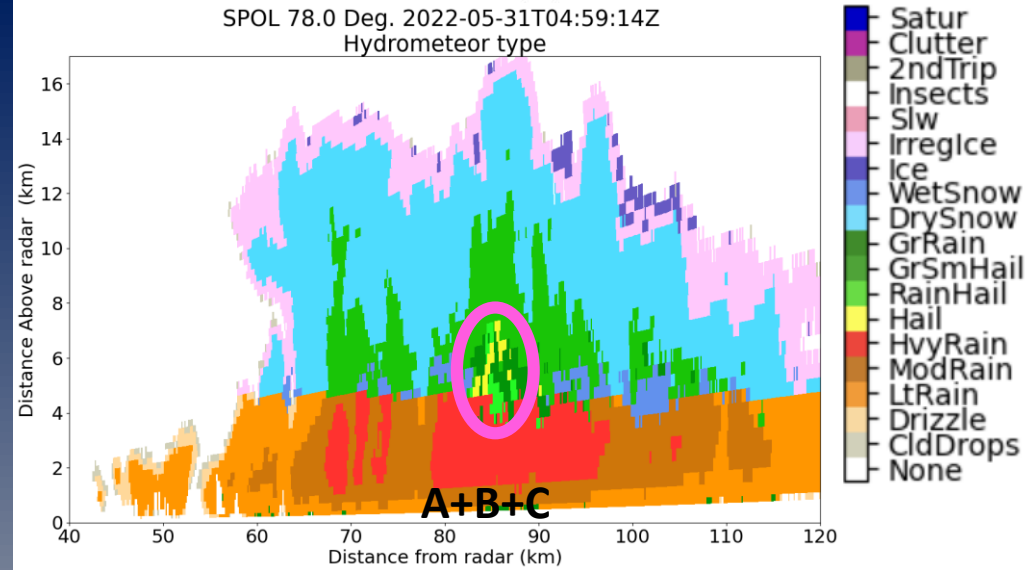
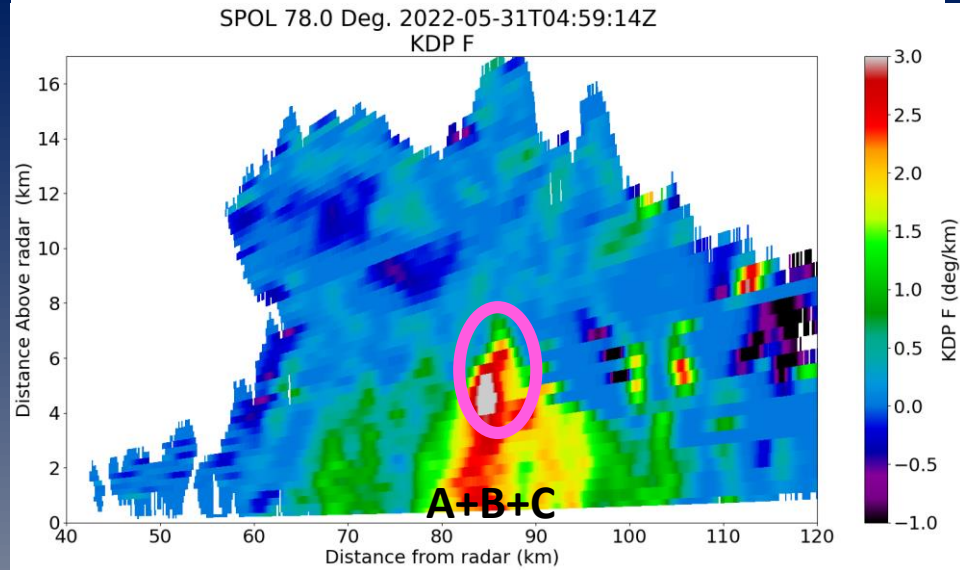
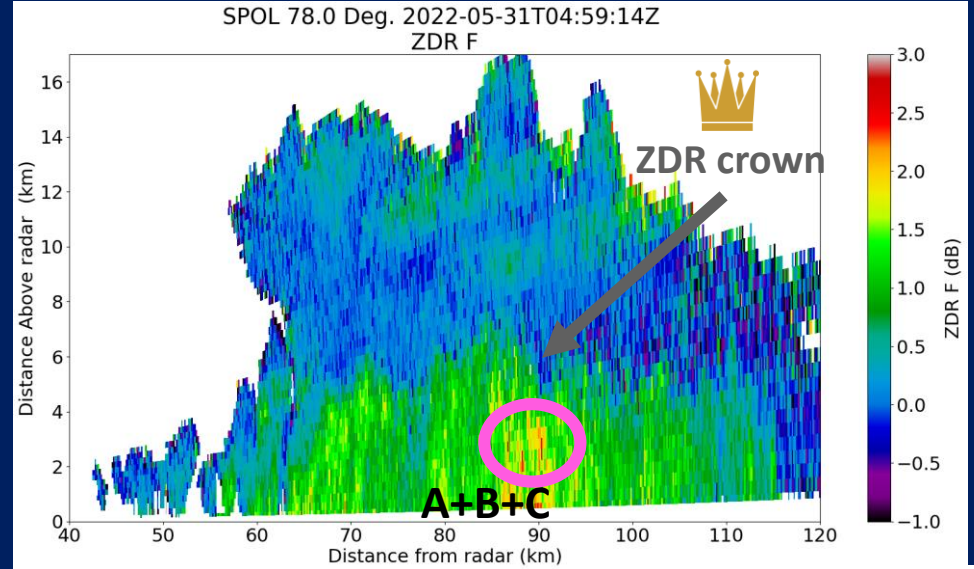
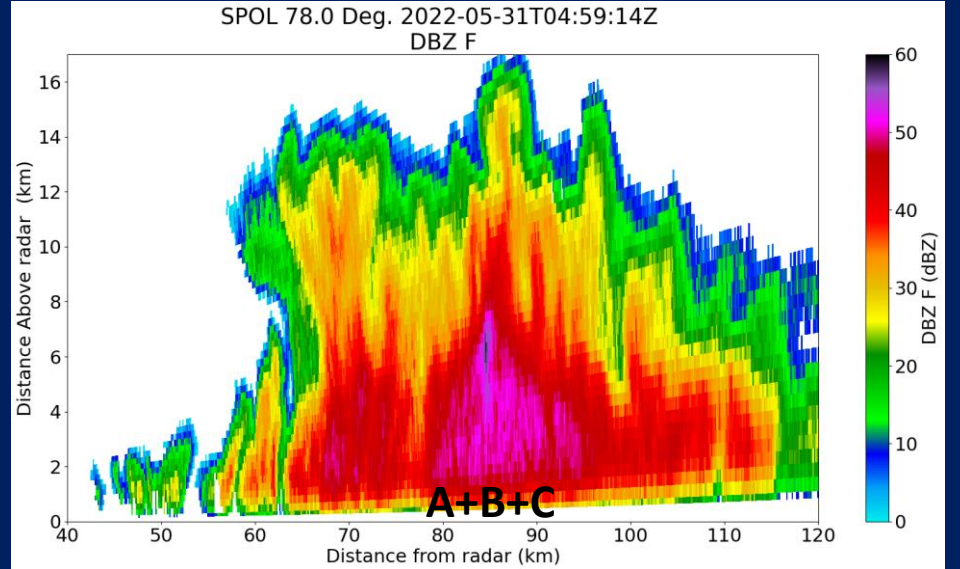




- Before A+B and C merger (1235 LST):
- Shallow cumulus clouds extended above the 8km MSL.
- Low-level convergence produced by upslope winds.



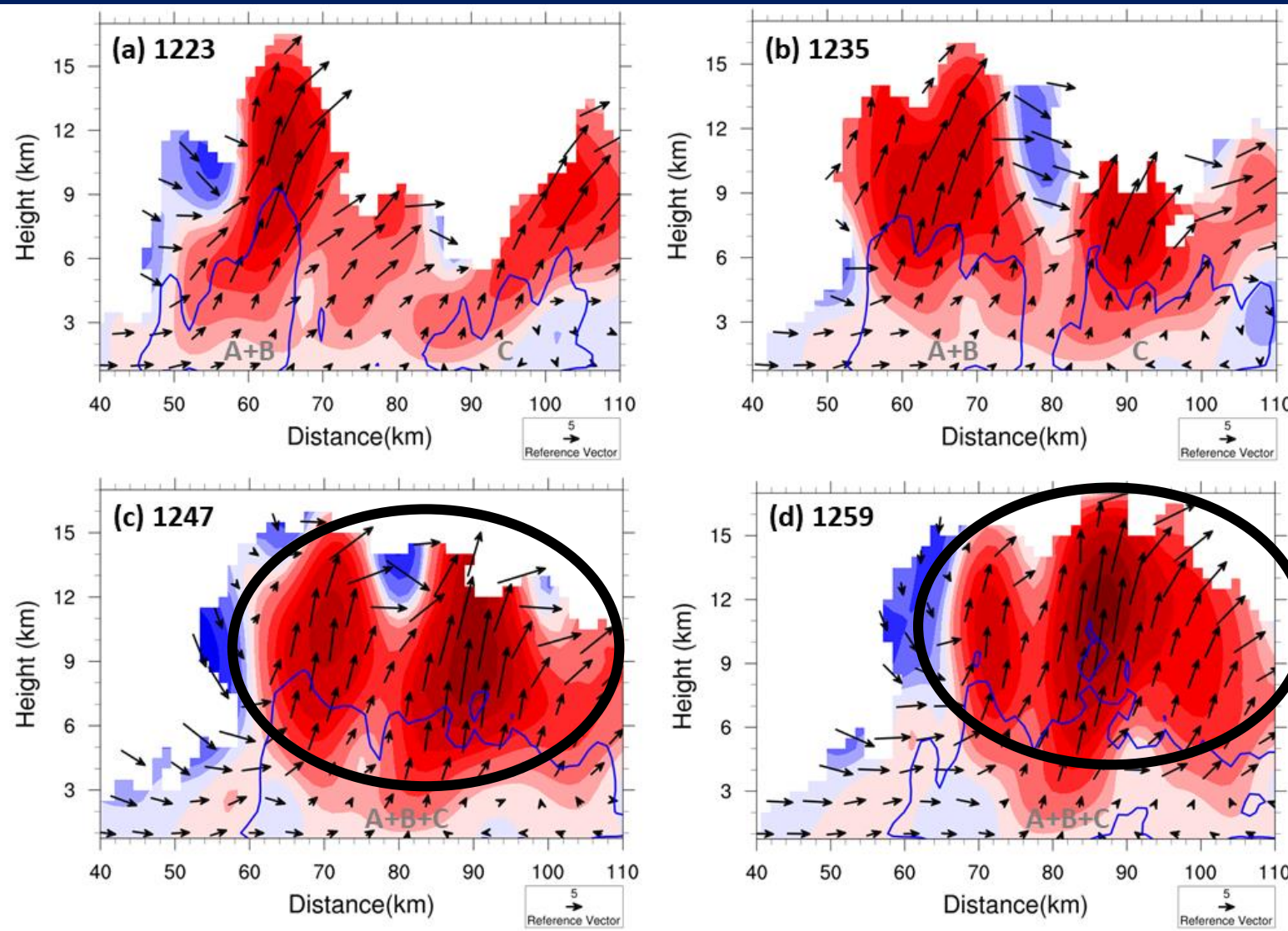
- After A+B and C merger (1247 LST):
- The enhanced ZDR region (>1dB) seems like a **crown** rather than a column!
- KDP column with a height of 7km; Max. ( $\sim 3.5$  /km) was larger.



- After A+B and C merger (1259 LST): echo top exceeding 16 km; max. ZH ~ 60 dBZ
- Water-coated hailstones and large supercooled raindrops: high KDP
- rain/hail and graupel/rain, high ZDR (> 2 dB), shedding and melting of graupel



# Kinematic structure during cell merger process



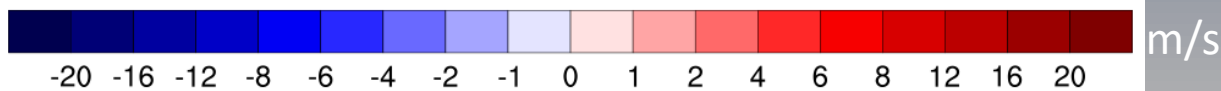
vertical velocity (colored)  
35-dBZ-ZH (blue contour)

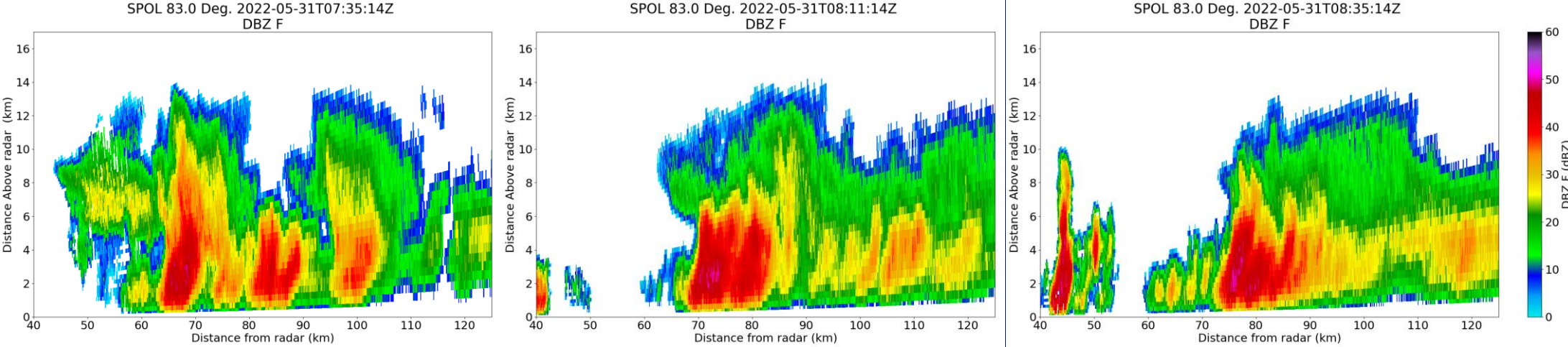
Before merger (1223-1235 LST):

- Retrieved updrafts  $\sim$  ZDR columns.
- Low-level convergence produced by upslope winds.
- Max. vertical velocity  $\sim 12$  m/s.

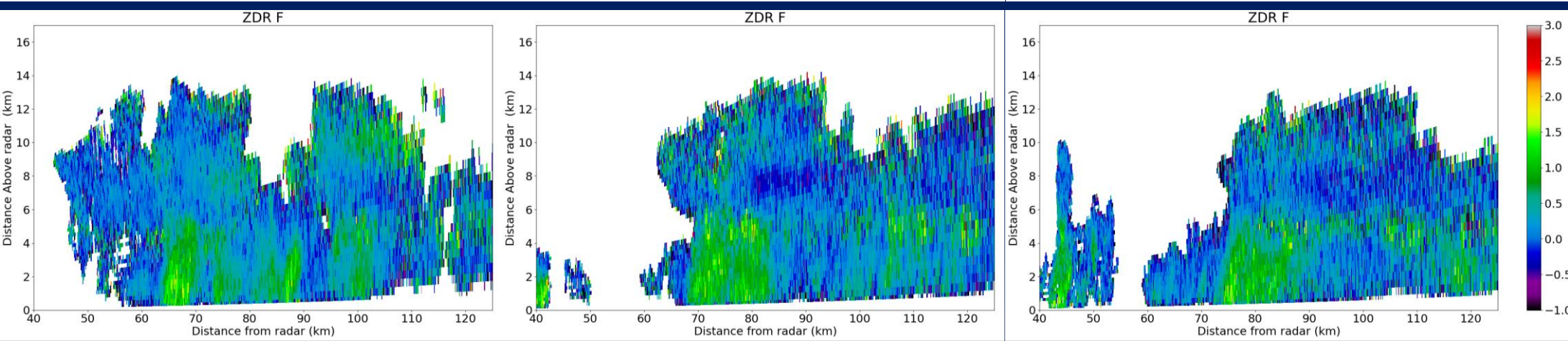
After merger (1247-1259 LST):

- mid-to-upper-level updrafts ( $> 4$  m/s) merged
- Max. vertical velocity  $> 20$  m/s
- a large amount of graupel and hail

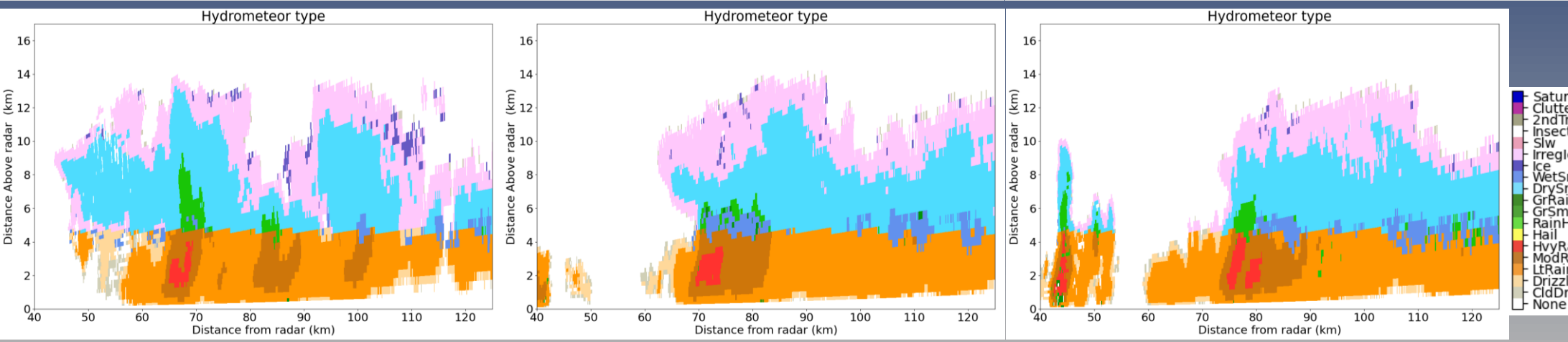




**Episode 2**  
 Isolated cells  
 Echo-top ~  
 12 km MSL



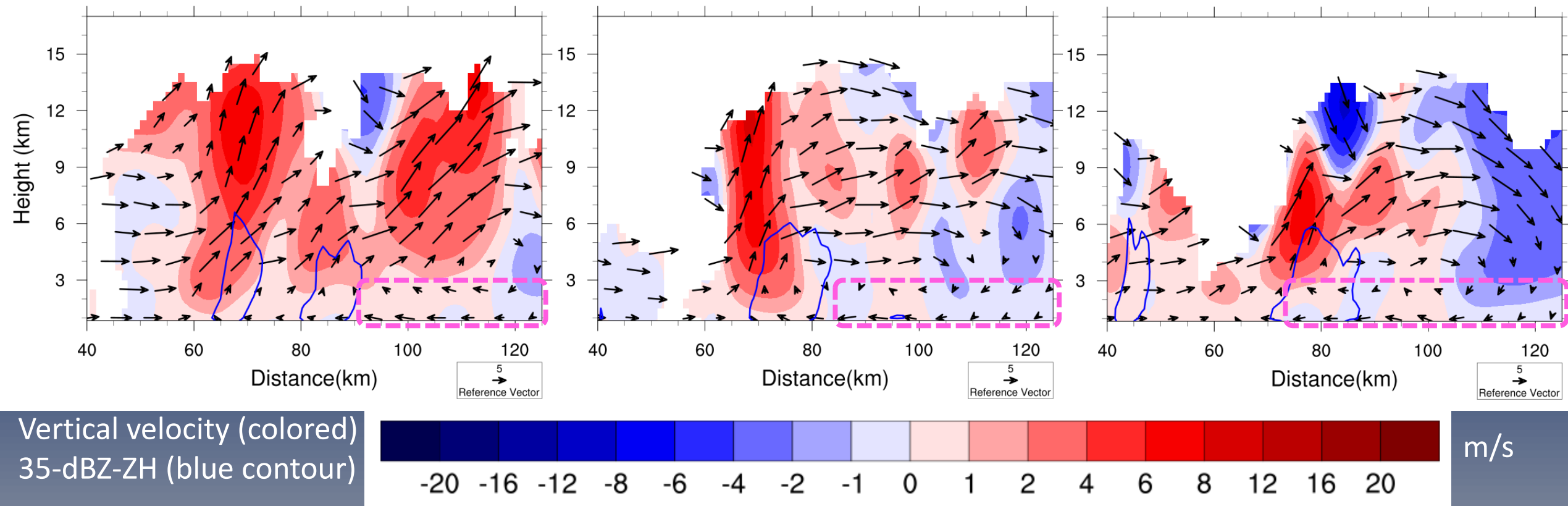
Barely well-  
 defined ZDR  
 column



Snow  
 Decreased  
 rainfall  
 intensity



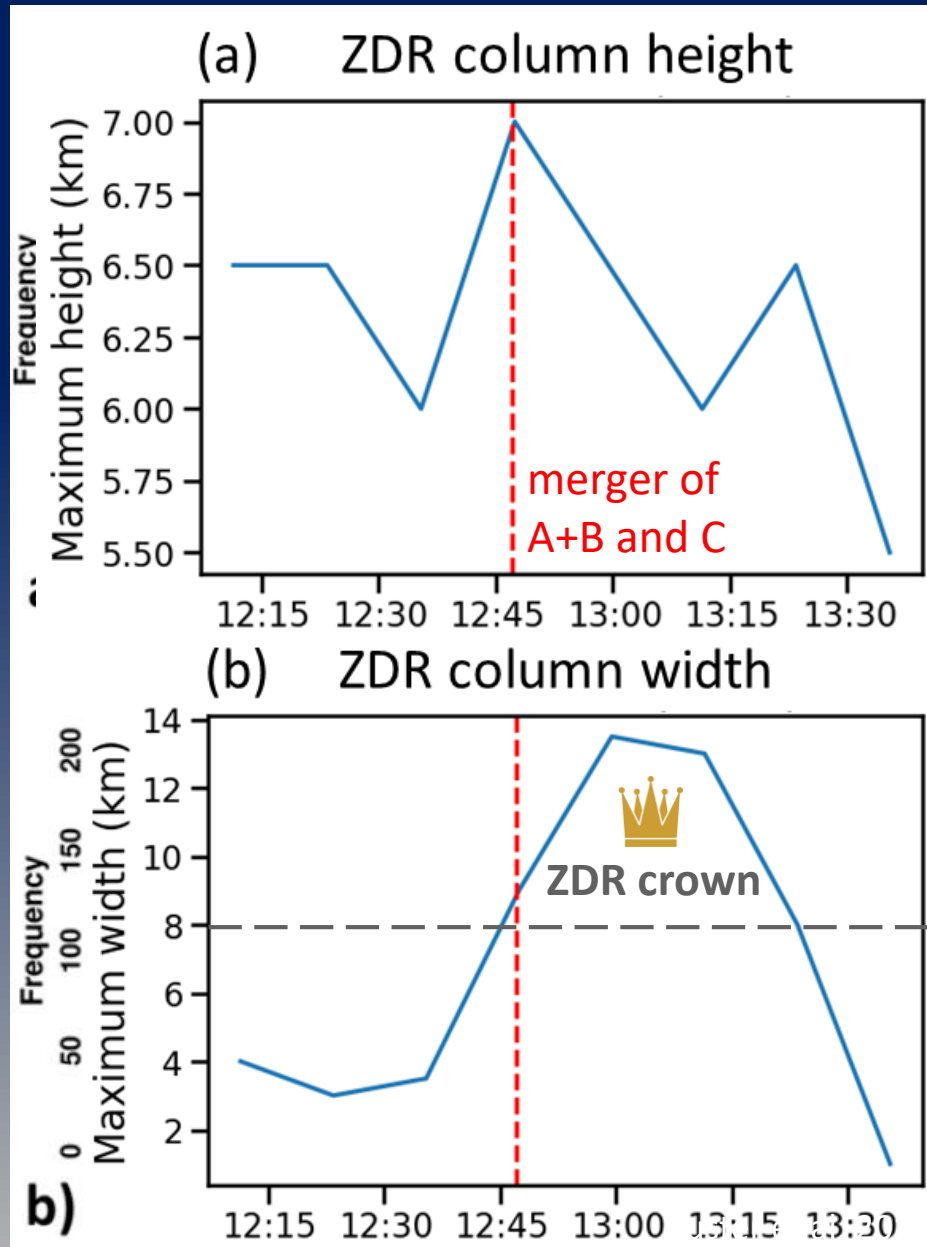
# Kinematic structure during Episode 2



- No cell and updraft merger
- Disorganized and slantwise structure with a max.  $w$  of 8 m/s
- Easterly flow (< 2 km MSL) advanced westward to  $x \sim 75$  km

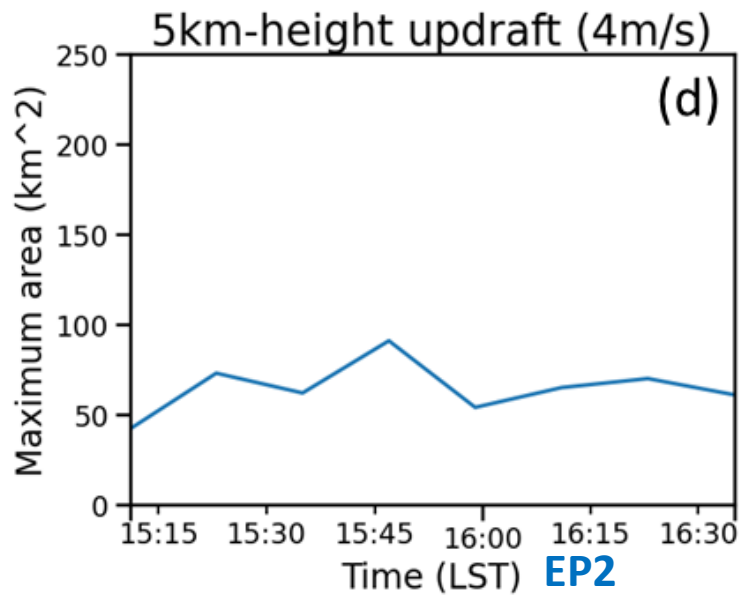
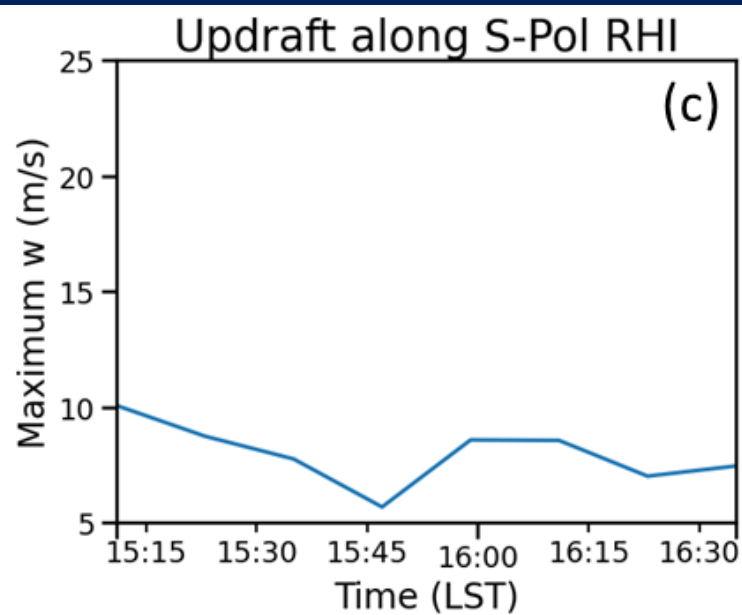
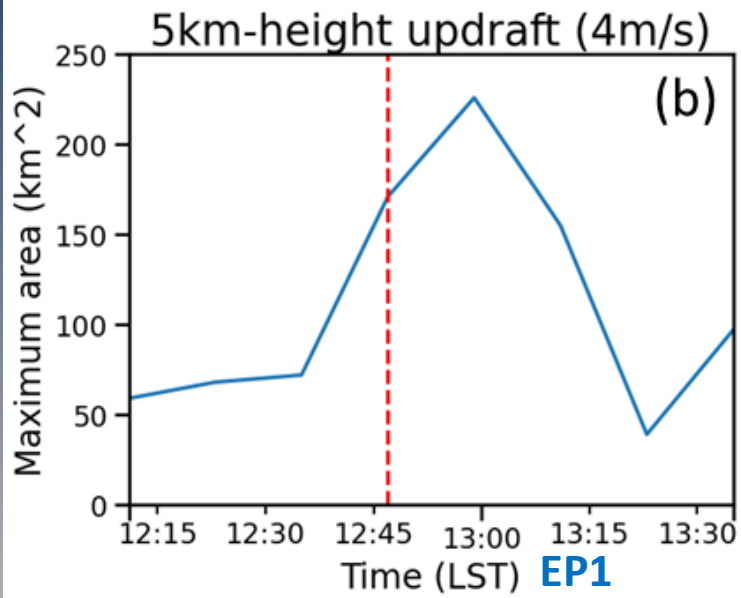
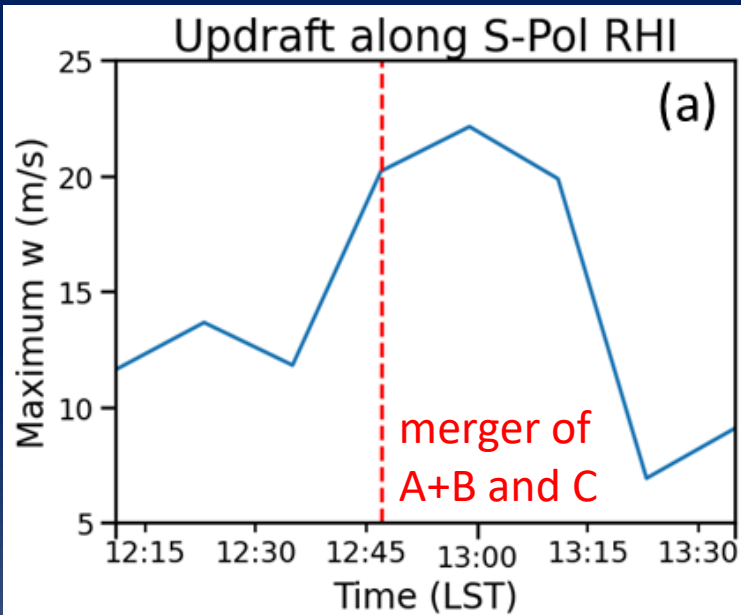


# Evolution of ZDR column/crown during Episode 1



- Tracking ZDR column heights and areas (Snyder et al. 2015; Kuster et al. 2019; French and Kingfield 2021)
- Tracking ZDR columns ( $ZDR \geq 1\text{dB}$  extending up to  $\geq 5\text{ km}$ ) using tobac software (Heikenfeld et al. 2019)
- Maximum height: 6 km  $\rightarrow$  7 km (intensifying updrafts)
- Maximum width: 4 km  $\rightarrow$  8 km  $\rightarrow$  13 km (ZDR crown: 5-km-height width  $>$  8 km)
- $\sim 30\text{ min}$ ; manifestation of updraft merger

# Evolution of updrafts during Episode 1 & 2



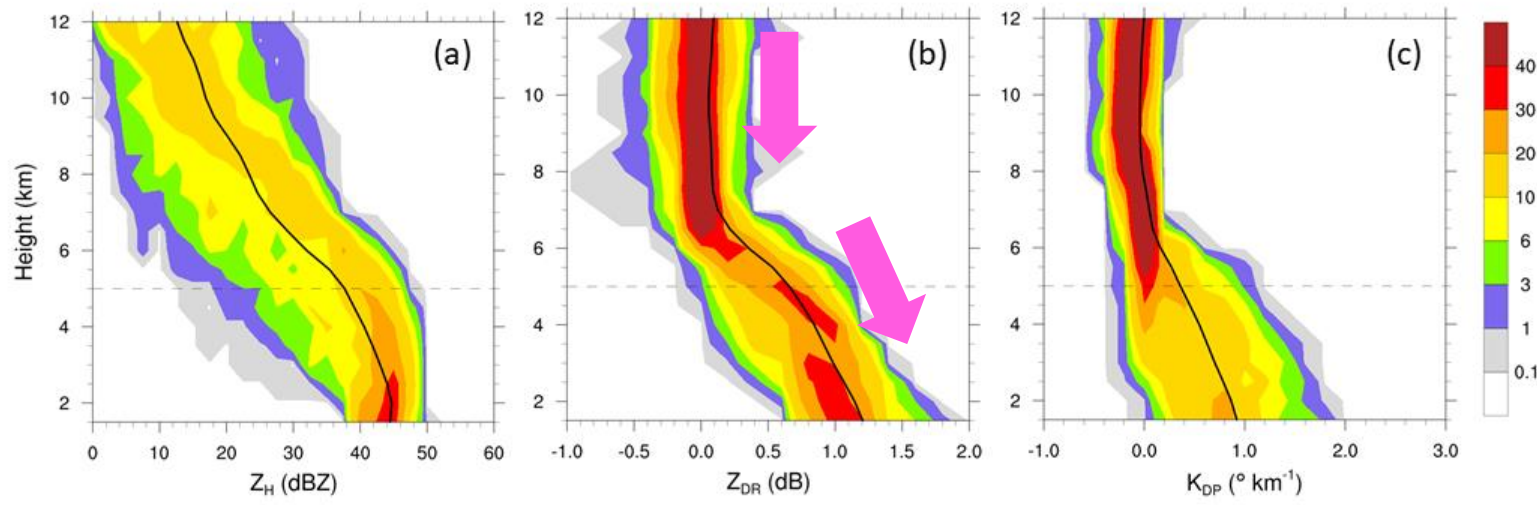
## Episode 1

- Updraft velocity and area rose rapidly around the merging time.
- Updraft velocity and area increased with ZDR column width (**ZDR crown**)
- Less likely to be invaded by the dry air intrusion from environment (Miao and Yang 2022)

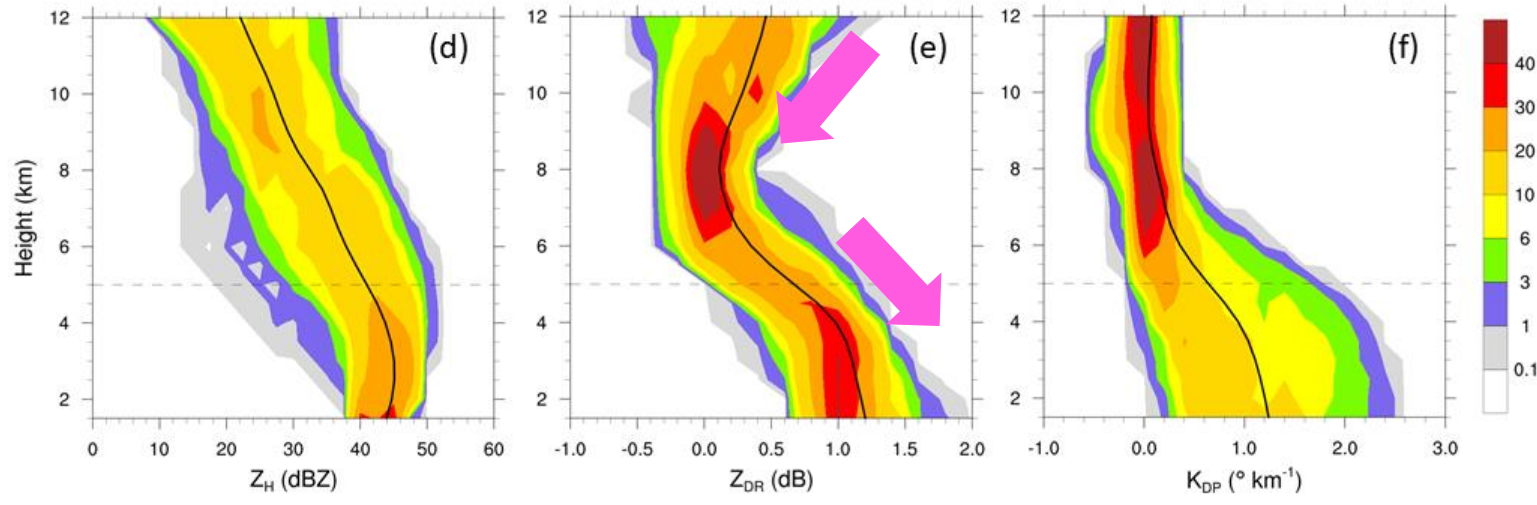
## Episode 2

- No ZDR crown
- Weak updrafts

1224 LST



1300 LST



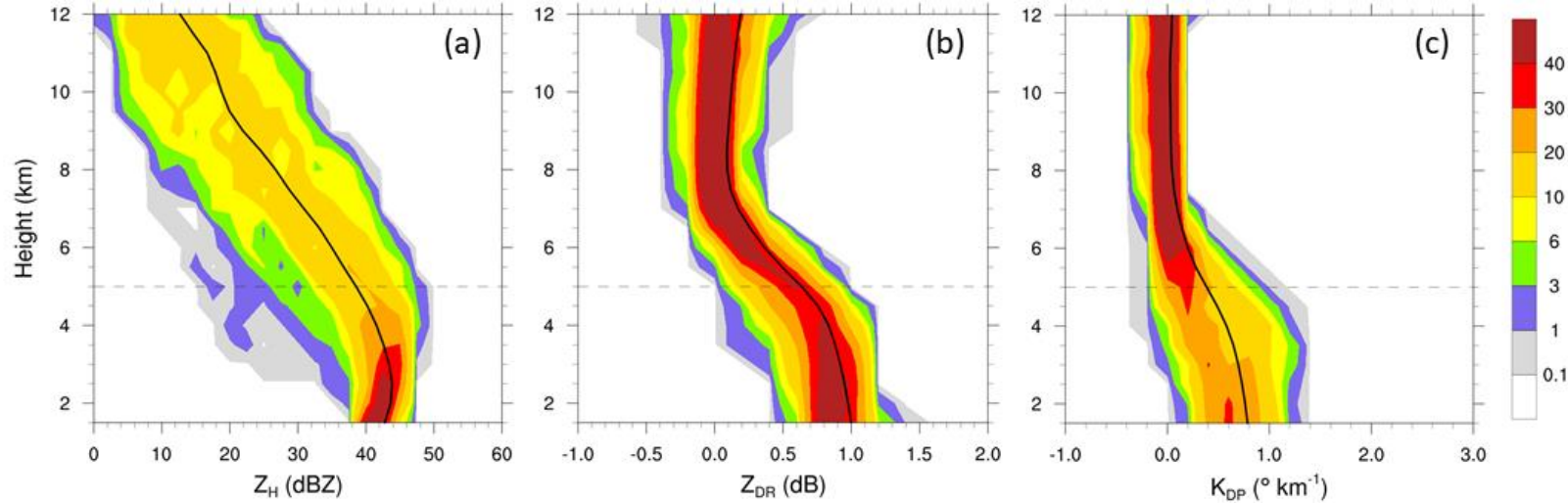
CFAD of reflectivity ( $Z_H$ ), differential reflectivity ( $Z_{DR}$ ) and specific differential phase ( $K_{DP}$ )

Before -> after **multiple cell merger** (Episode 1)

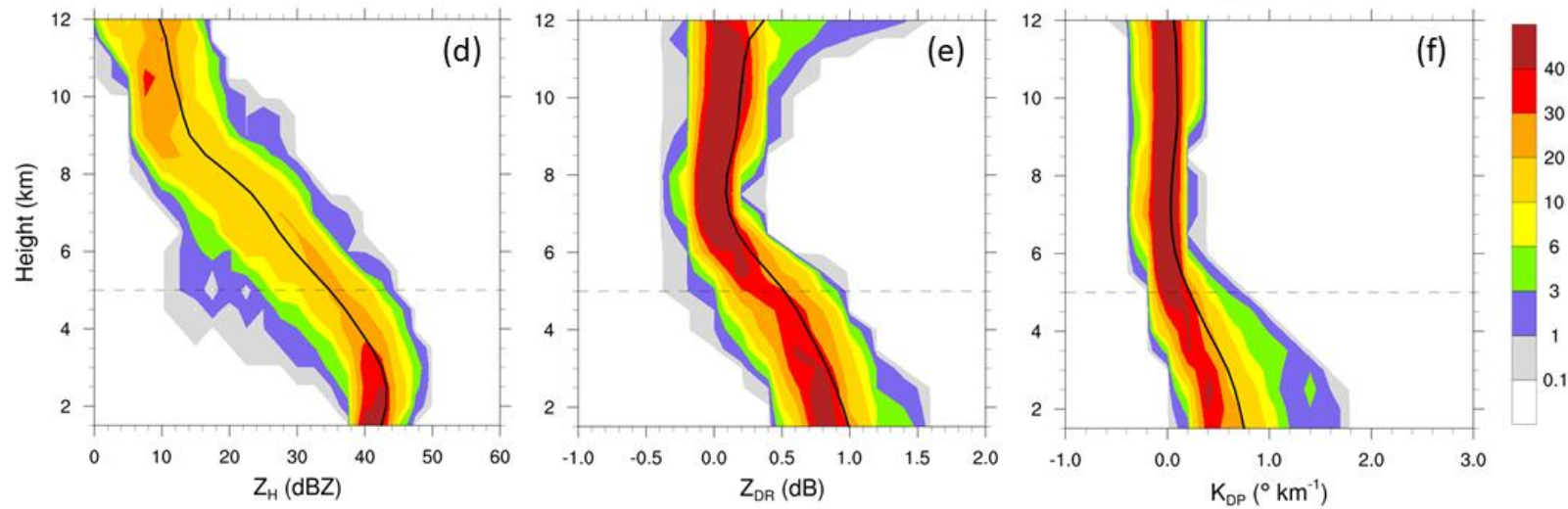
- 1% 35-dBZ  $Z_H$ : 7.5 -> 12 km
- 1% 1-dB  $Z_{DR}$ : 5.5 -> 6.0 km => stronger updrafts
- Downward decrease of  $Z_{DR}$  between 8 and 12 km => more **active riming** (Kumjian et al. 2022)
- Downward increase of  $Z_{DR}$  near  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  level was more pronounced



1524 LST



1612 LST



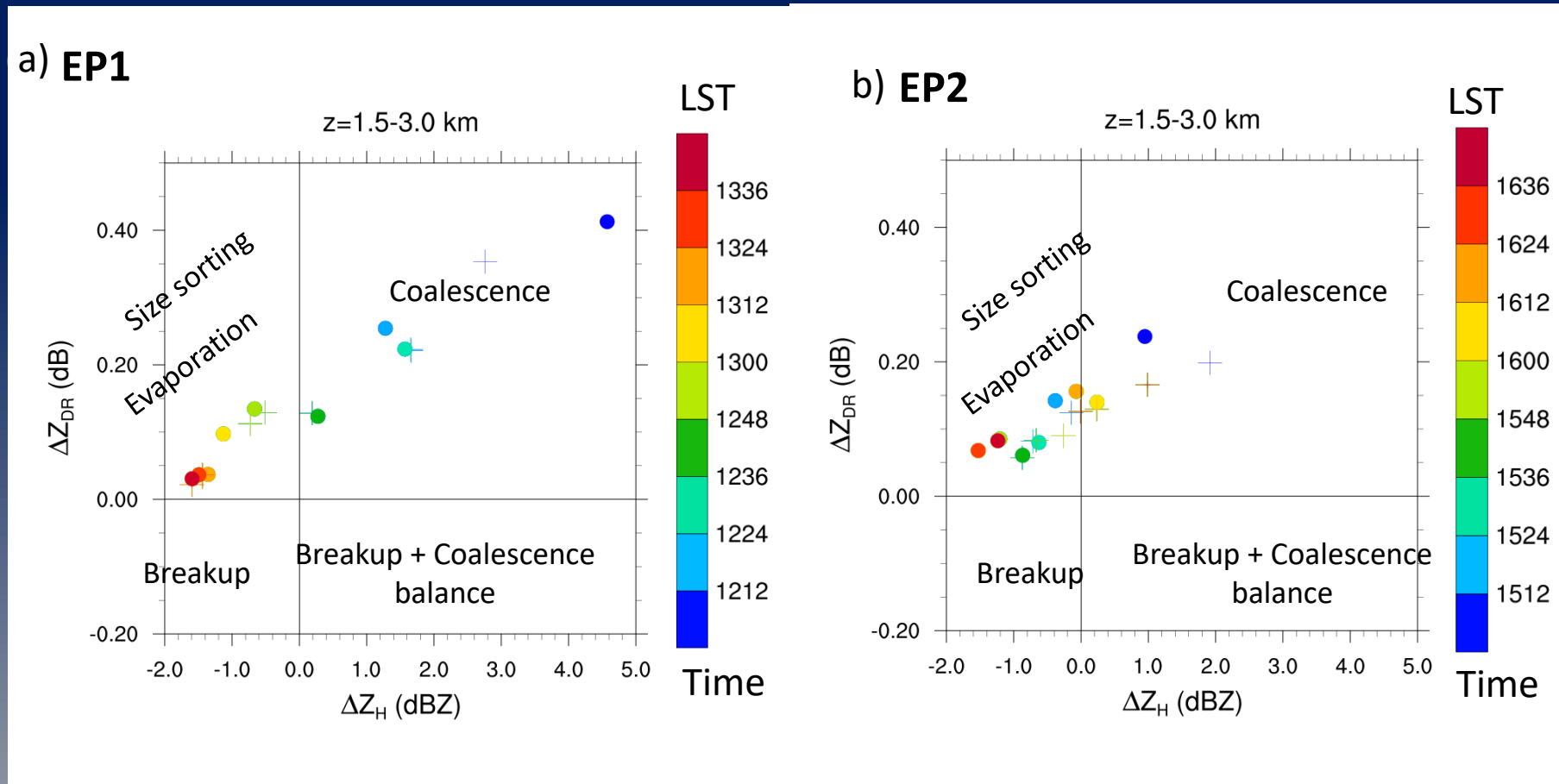
CFAD of reflectivity ( $Z_H$ ), differential reflectivity ( $Z_{DR}$ ) and specific differential phase ( $K_{DP}$ )

Isolated convection (Episode 2)

- 1% 35-dBZ  $Z_H$ : 9  $\rightarrow$  7km
- 1% 1-dB  $Z_{DR}$ : 5 km or lower  $\Rightarrow$  much weaker updrafts
- At 8-12 km, the major distribution ( $> 20\%$ ) of  $Z_{DR} \sim 0$  dB  $\Rightarrow$  no active riming
- Smaller raindrops and lower rainwater content

# “Microphysical fingerprint” for warm-rain processes

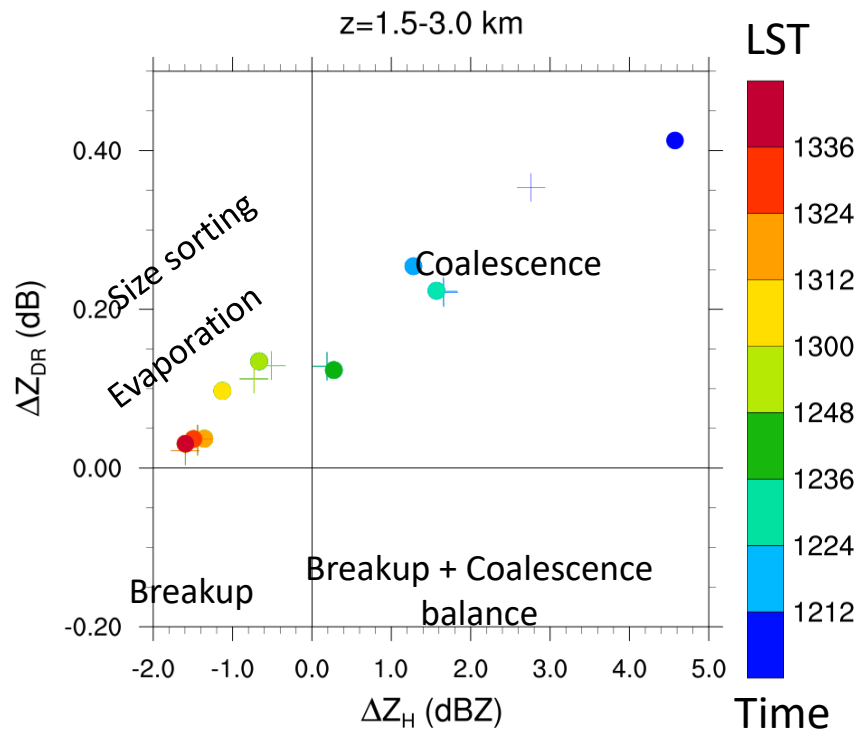
Phase diagram of ZH and ZDR changes (Kumjian et al. 2022) from the 1.5-km pure rain layer over the strong convection (>40 dBZ) during episode 1 and 2



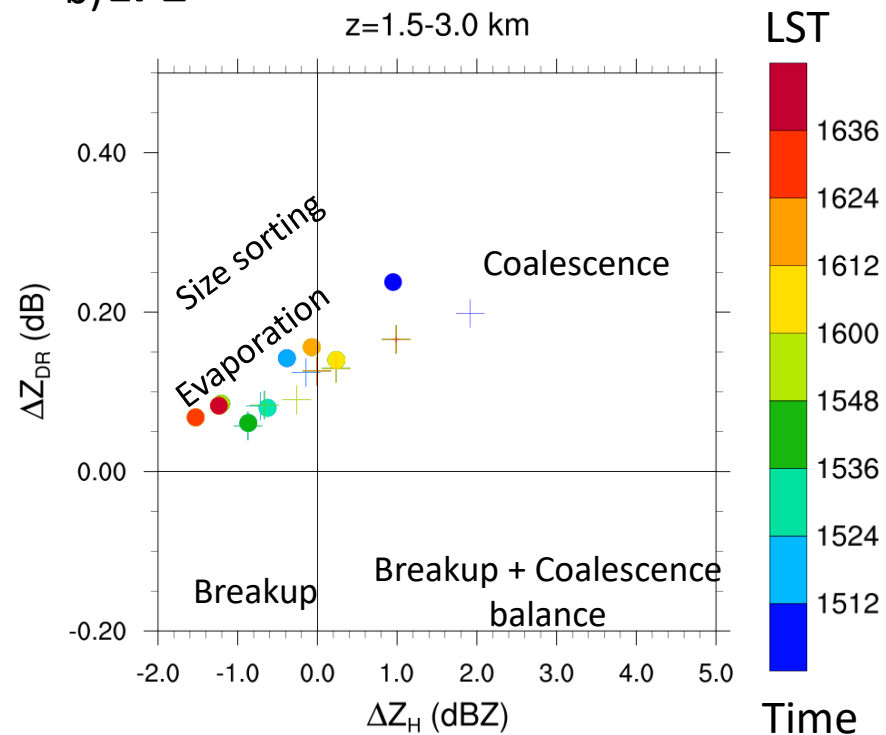
- EP1: Distinct pathway from **coalescence** to **evaporation/size sorting**
- EP2: Most of the samples are located in the **evaporation/size sorting**

# Compared with oceanic convection cases

(a) EP1



b) EP2

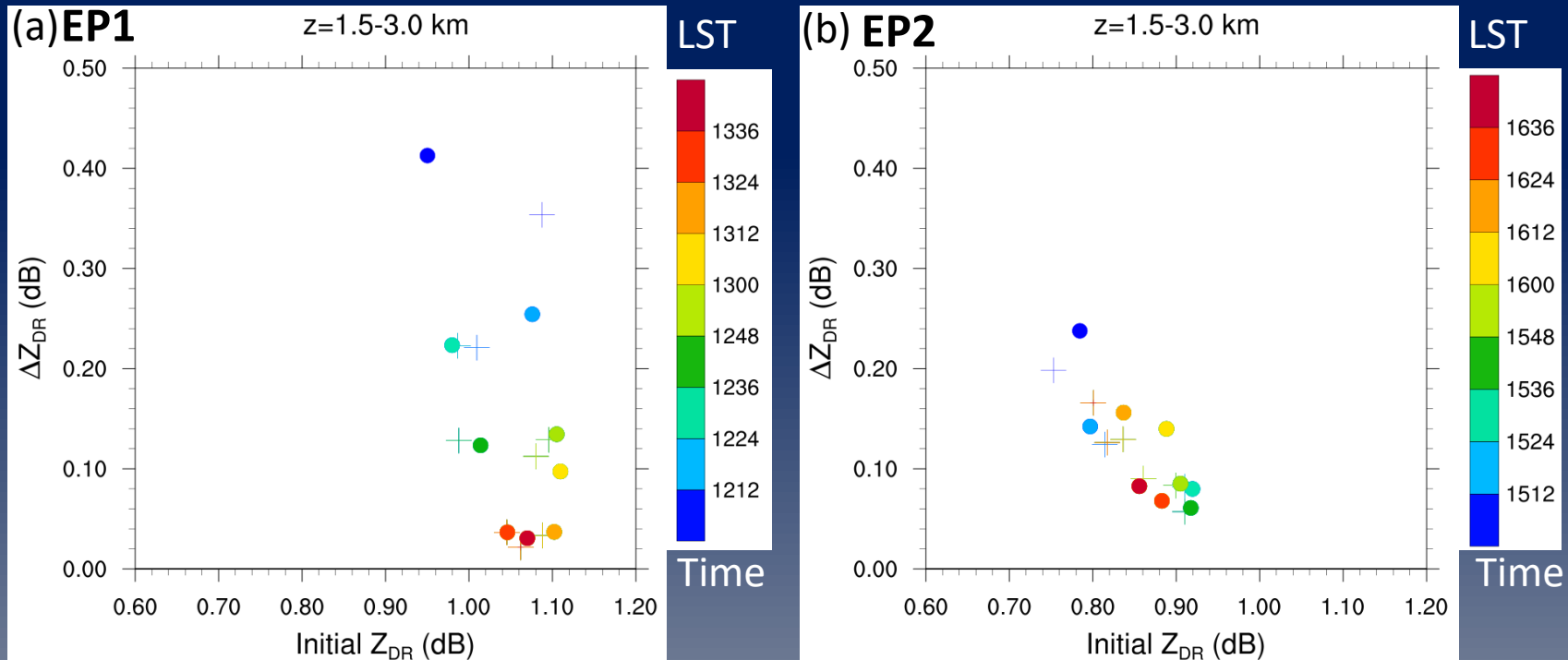


- DYNAMO: convection => **coalescence and evaporation** (Kumjian and Prat 2014)  
stratiform => **breakup**, coalescence and evaporation
- PRECIP IOP 2: consistent with their results on oceanic convection in DYNAMO



# Convective organization may impact evolution of DSD

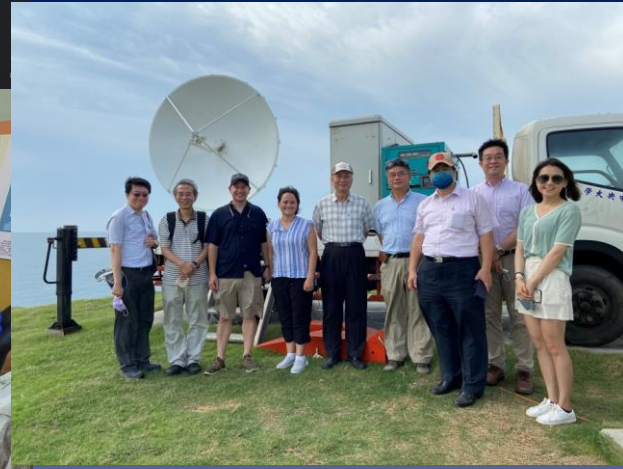
Phase diagram of initial ZDR and  $\Delta Z_{DR}$  from the 1.5-km pure rain layer over the strong convection (>40 dBZ) during episode 1 and 2



- Initially smaller droplets result in larger ZDR increase during EP1 & 2
- Impact of convective organization on evolution of drop size distribution



# 2022年TAHOPE/PRECIP 實驗期間









## Conclusions:

- Multiple convective cell mergers favored by terrain-induced circulation led to intense updrafts and extreme rainfall over Taipei Basin.
- A unique radar signature, "ZDR crown," was associated with the peak phase of the storm, indicating broadening and intensifying updrafts.
- Radar observations like the "ZDR crown" could be crucial for predicting severe weather over complex terrain.



Thank you !!!



Ming-Jen Yang 楊明仁  
mingjen@as.ntu.edu.tw