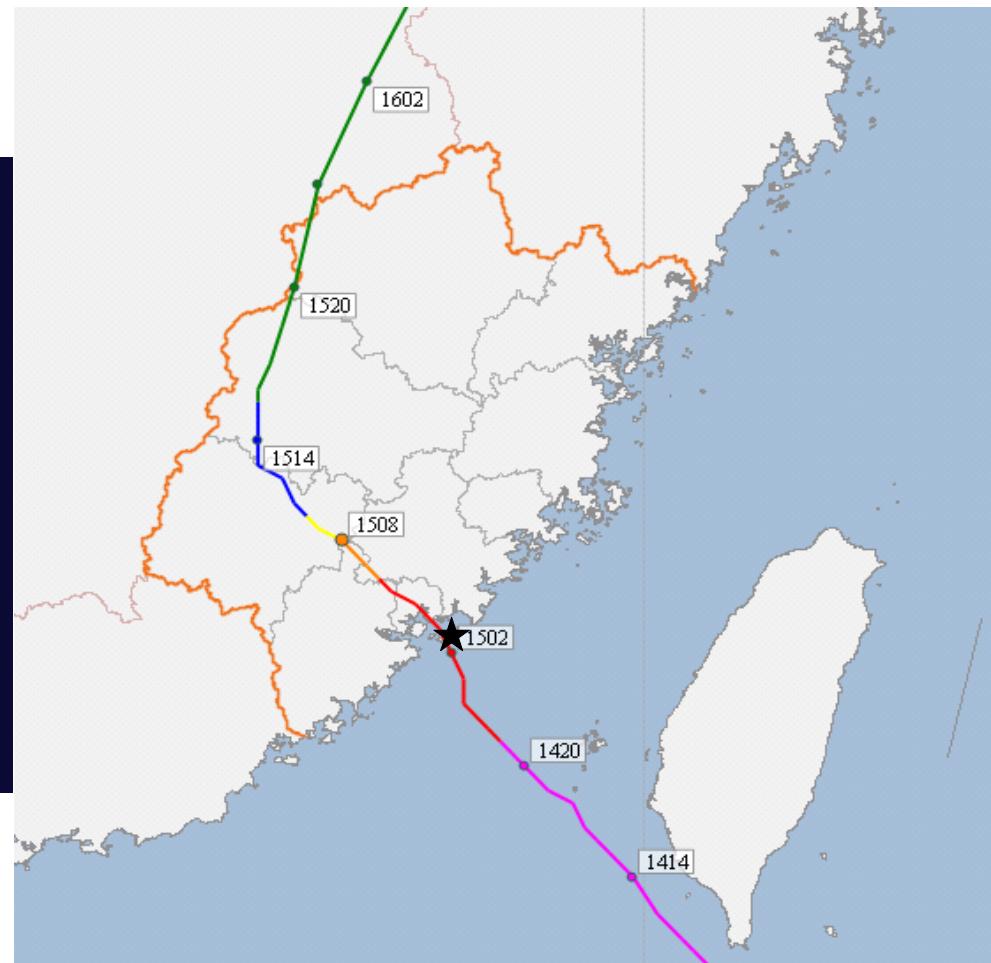
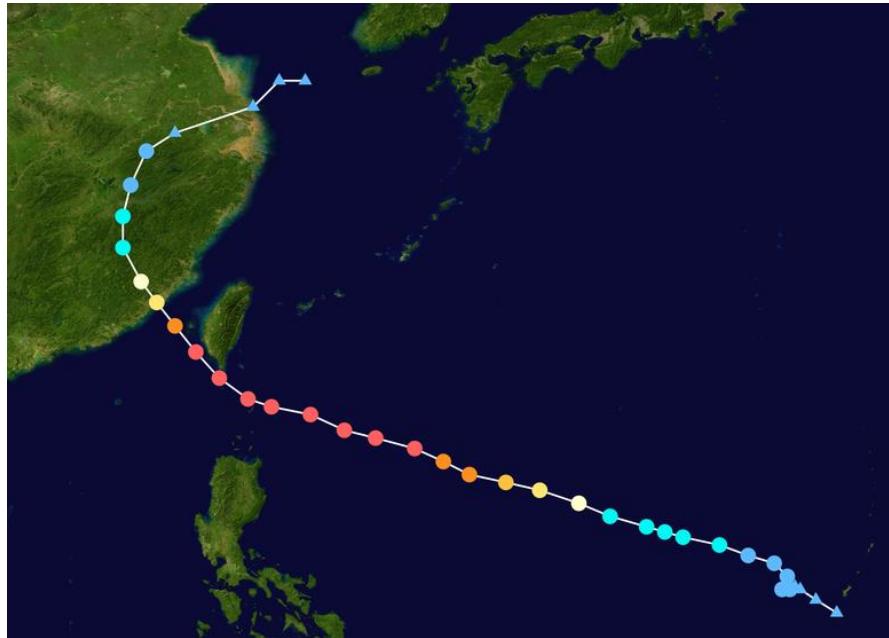


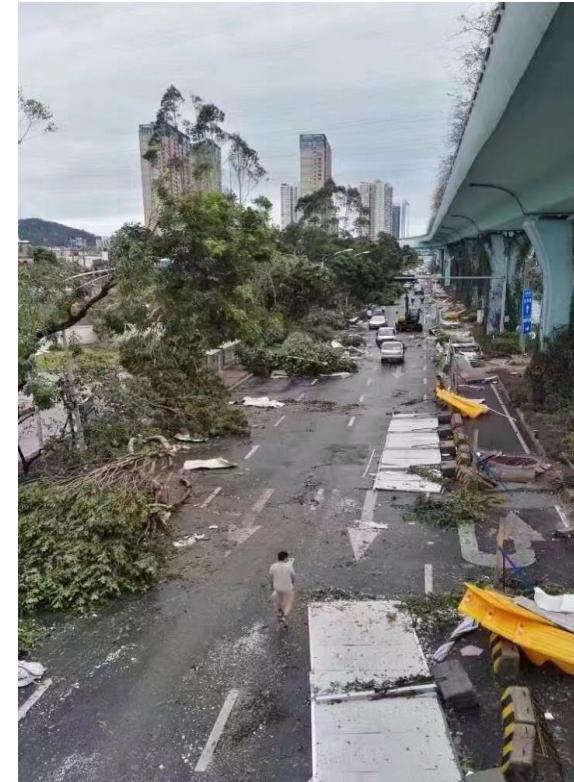
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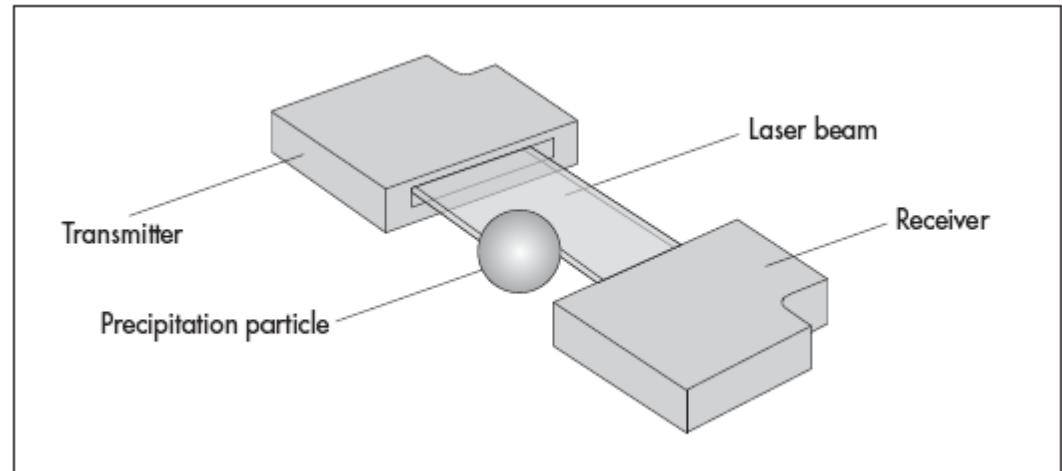
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Track of Meranti (2016)





LPA10 disdrometer



similar to the PARSIVEL disdrometer

64 drop sizes (0.1-30mm)

32 velocities (0.2-20m/s)

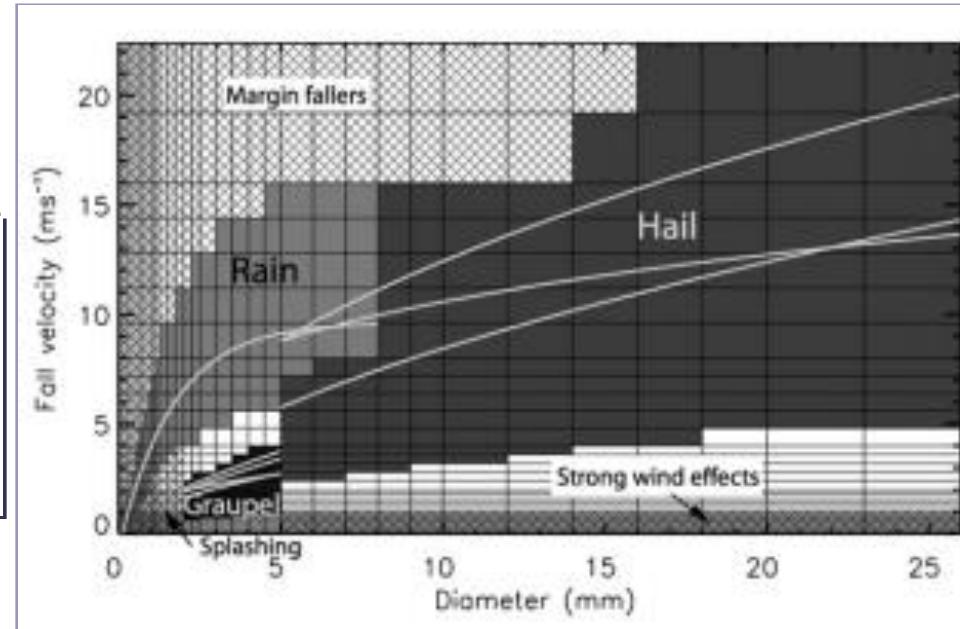
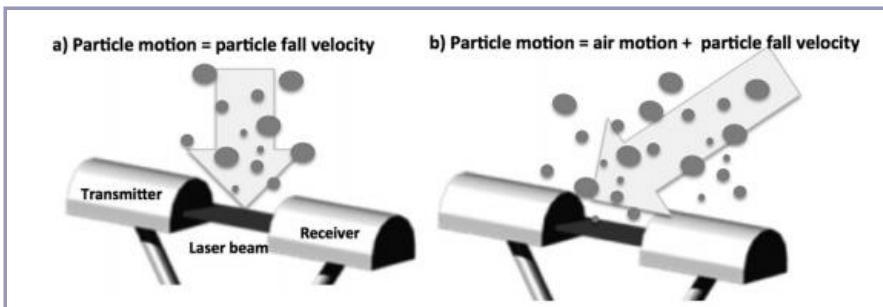
laser measurement area (63cm^2)

Output data :raindrop size distribution (RSDs)

Quality-control

1. Remove:

- Strong wind effects
- Splashing
- Margin fallers



Friedrich et al. (2013)

Quality-control

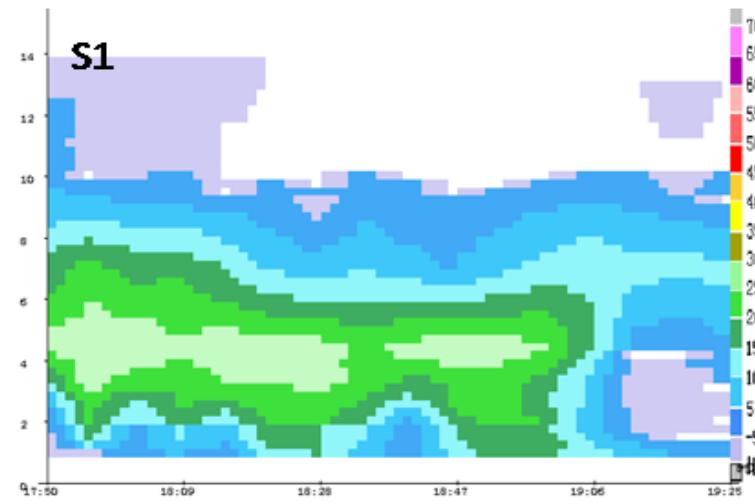
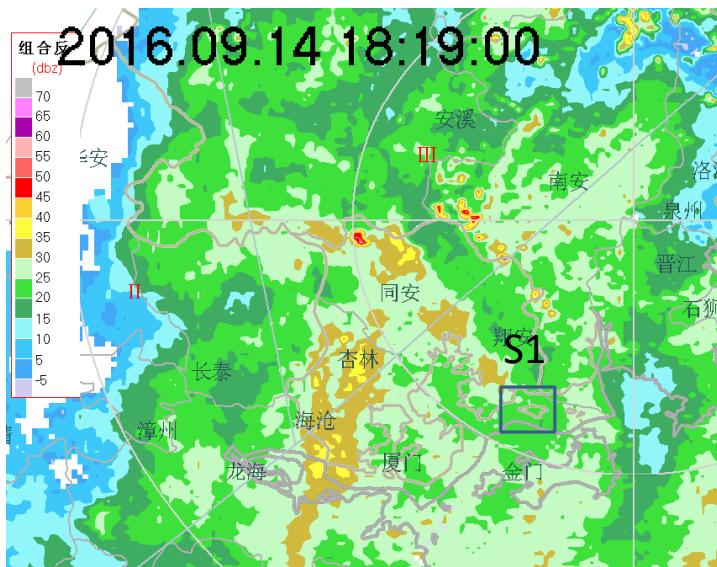
2. minimize instrument error (Battaglia et al ,2009)

$$D = \begin{cases} D_d & (D_d \leq 1.00\text{mm}) \\ D_d \times (1.075 - 0.075D_d) & (1.00\text{mm} < D_d \leq 5.00\text{mm}) \\ 0.7 \times D_d & (D_d > 5.0\text{mm}) \end{cases}$$

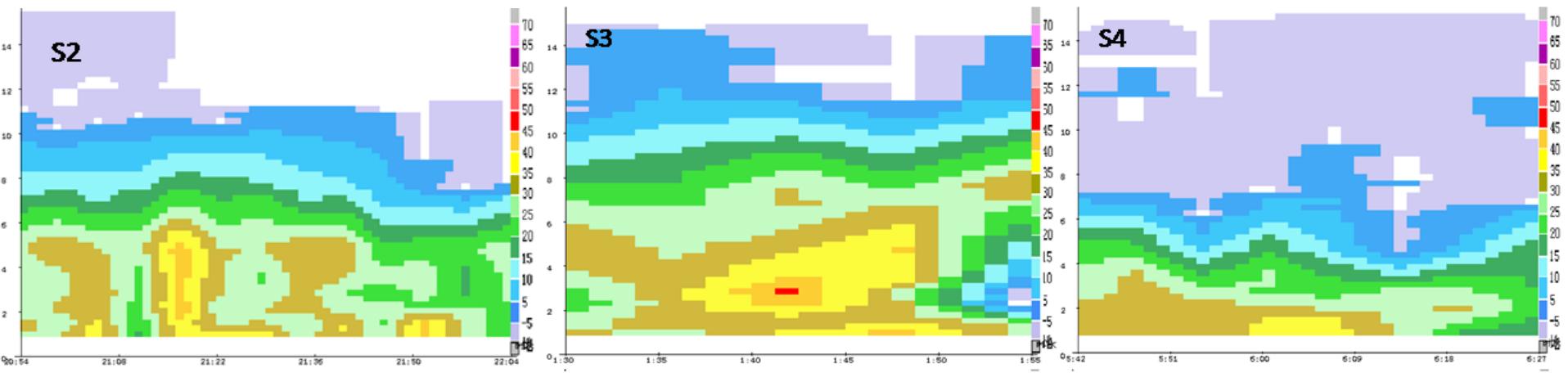
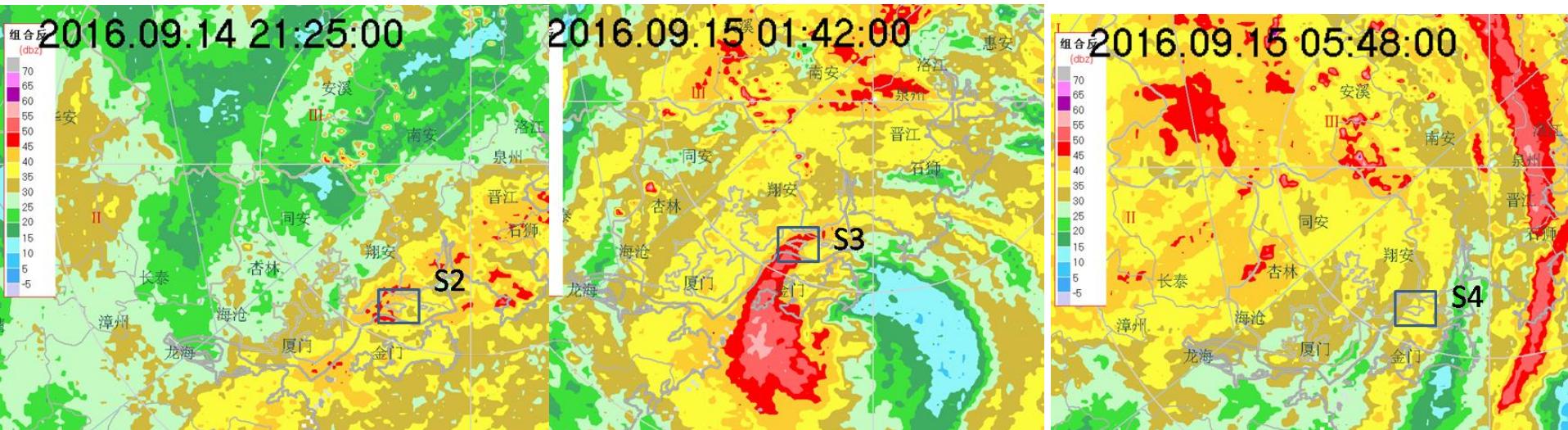
where D is the equivalent sphere diameter and D_d is the diameter measured by disdrometer

Characteristics of echo

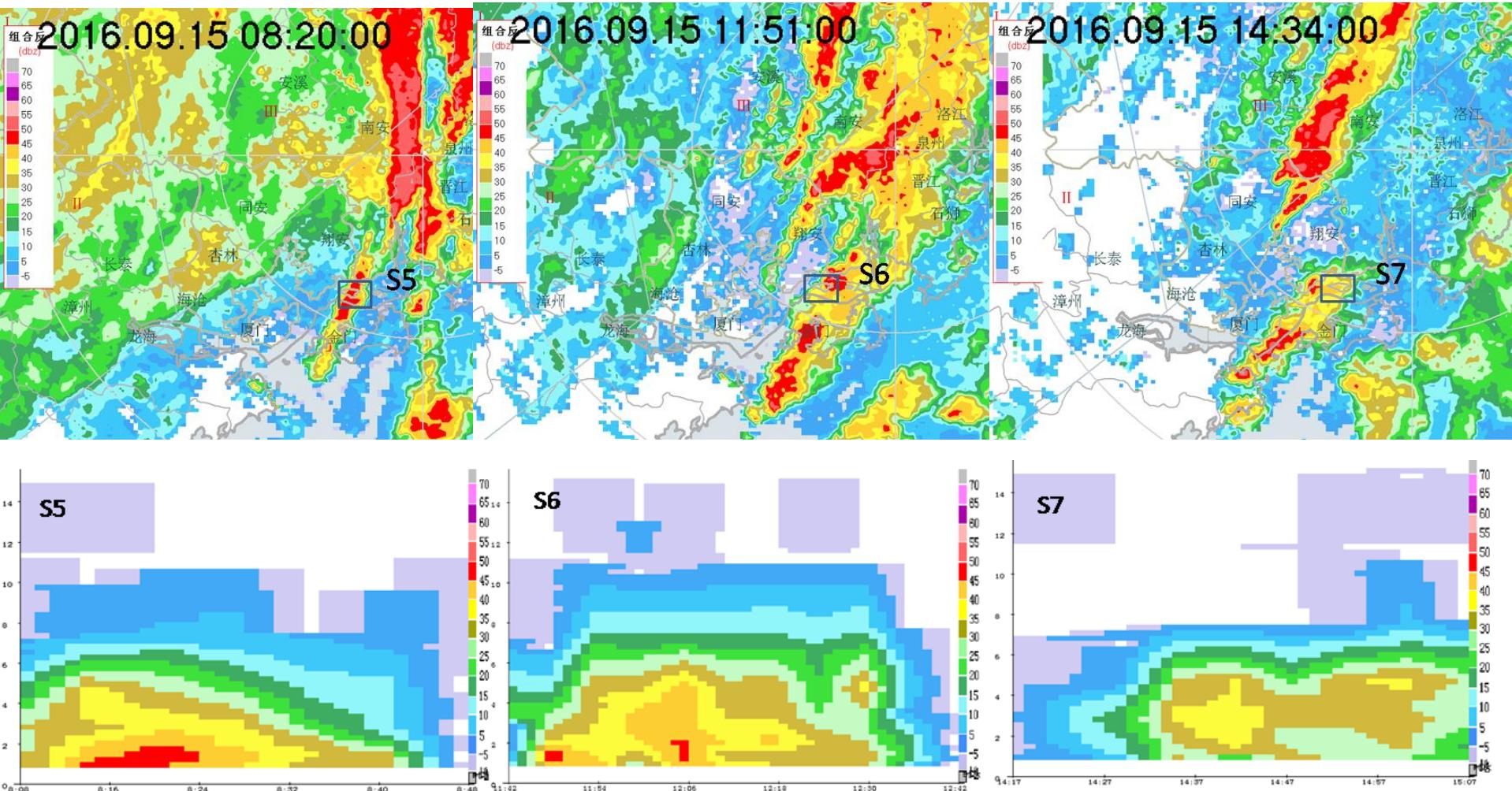
- in the front side of outer rainband



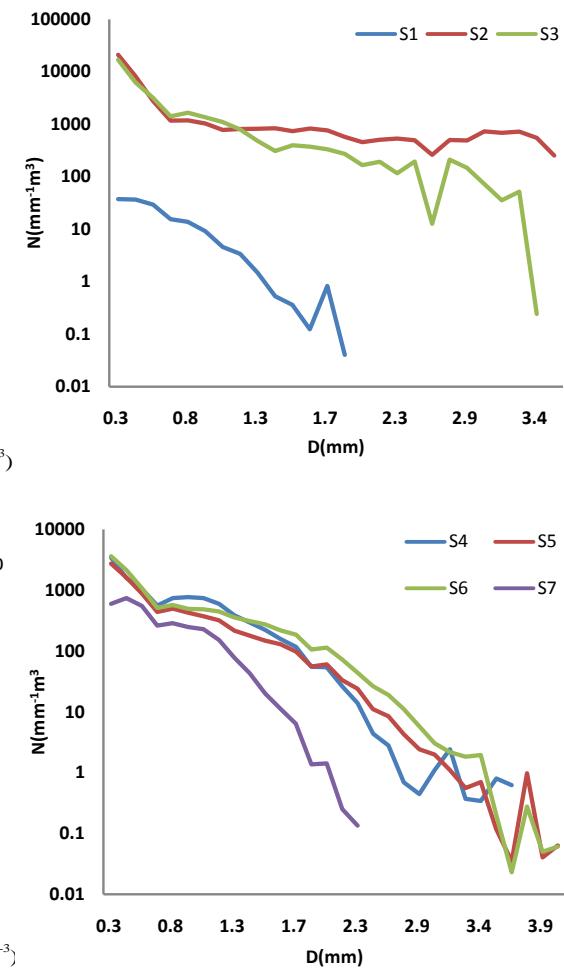
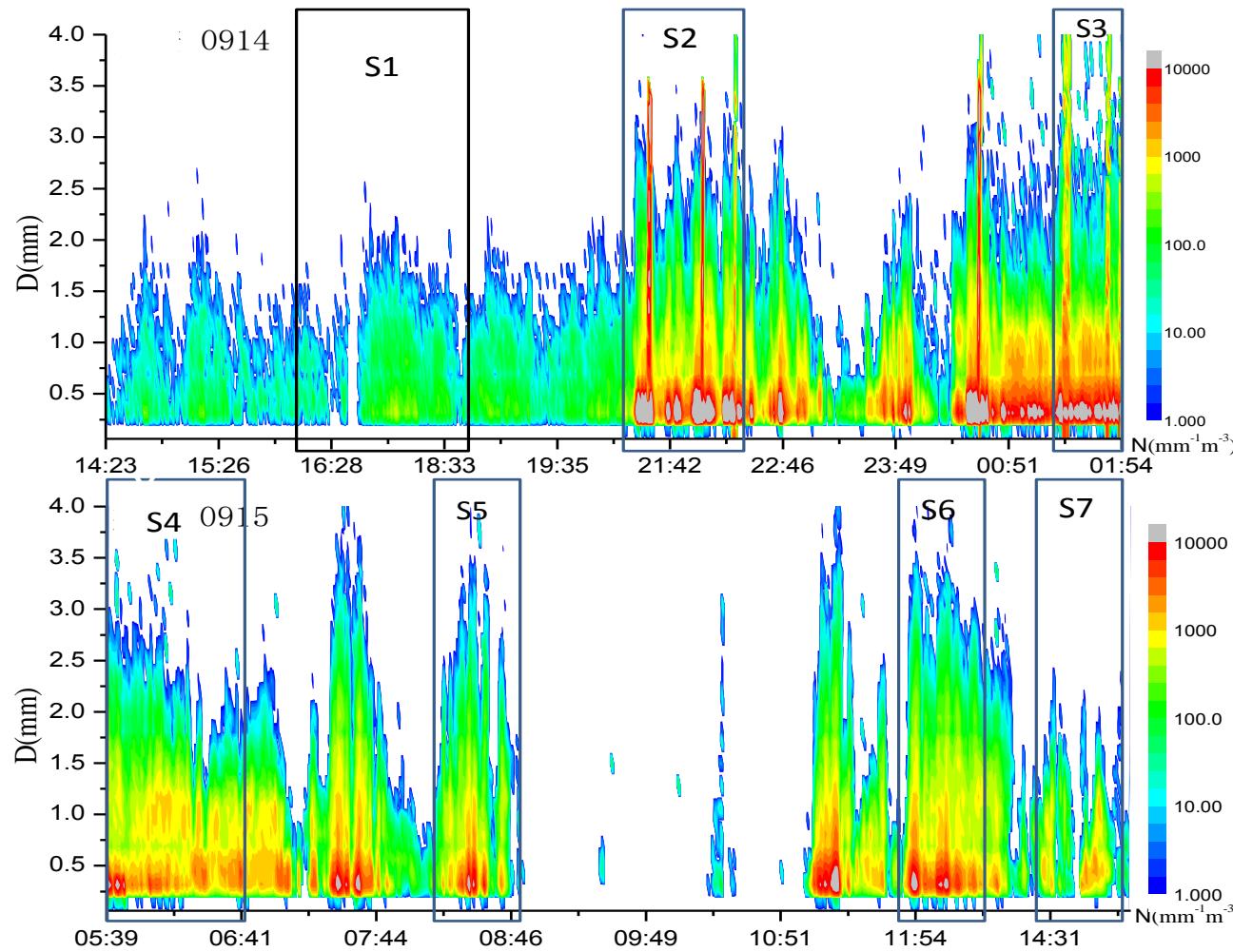
•major rainband



•residual cloud



Characteristics of RSDs



Gamma distribution :

$$N(D) = N_0 D^\mu \exp(-\lambda D)$$

μ : shape

λ : slope

N_0 : Intercept , depend on μ

Widely used in:

cloud-model

Dual polarization radar measure precipitation

Gamma distribution

$$N(D) = N_0 D^\mu \exp(-\lambda D)$$

- *Weakness:* N_o not independent

Normalized Gamma distribution (Bringi et al. (2003))

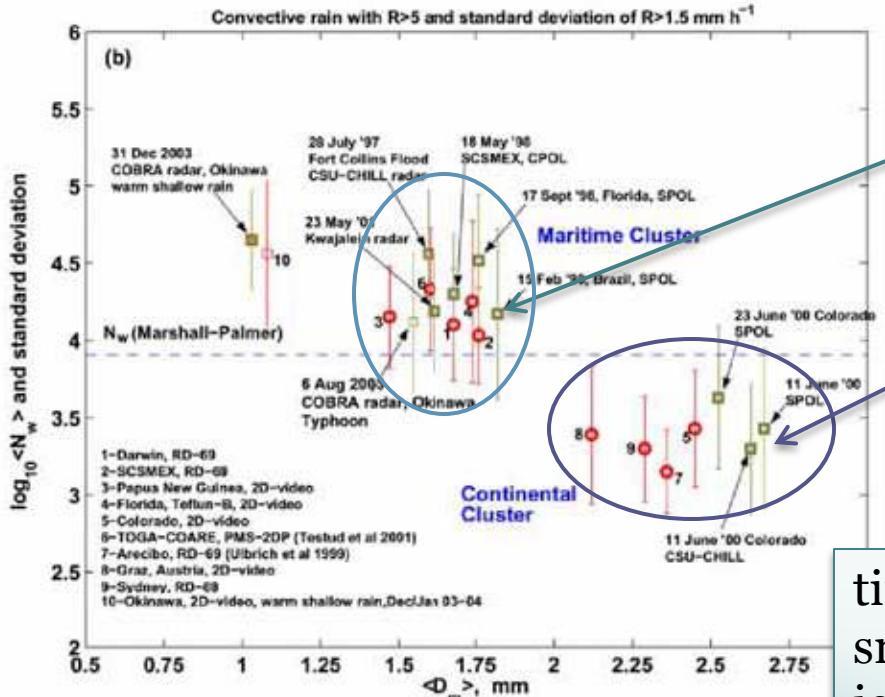
$$N(D) = N_w \left(\frac{D}{D_m} \right)^\mu \exp[-(4 + \lambda) \frac{D}{D_m}]$$

D_m : mass mean diameter

N_w only depend on D_m and LWC

Normalized Gamma distribution described by μ , N_w and D_m

Statistical Results by Bringi et al. (2003)



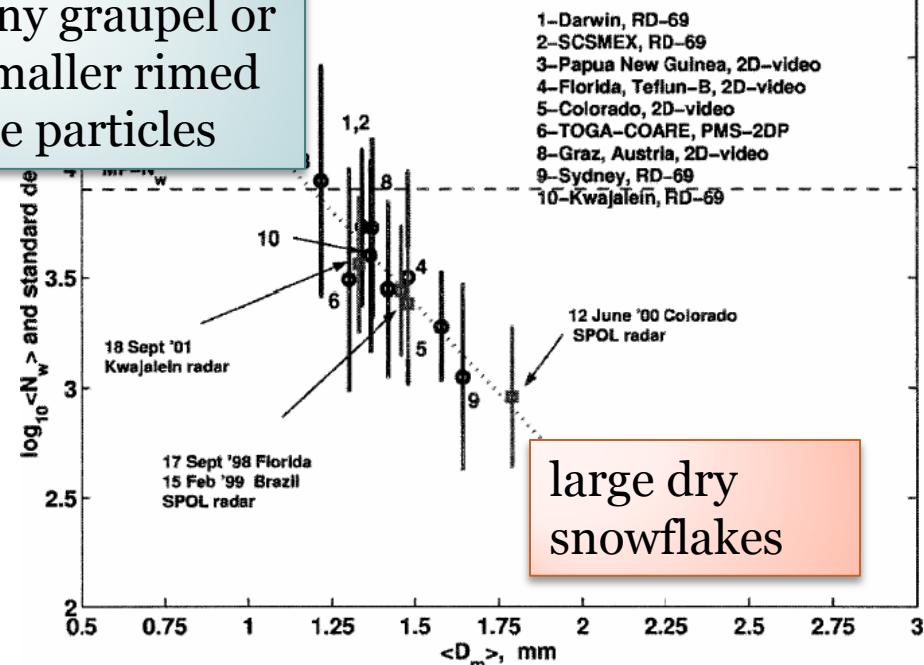
oceanic convection:
 $D_m = 1.5 - 1.75 \text{ mm}$
 $\log_{10} (N_w) = 4 - 4.5$

Oceanic

continental convection:
 $D_m = 2 - 2.75 \text{ mm}$
 $\log_{10} (N_w) = 3 - 3.5$

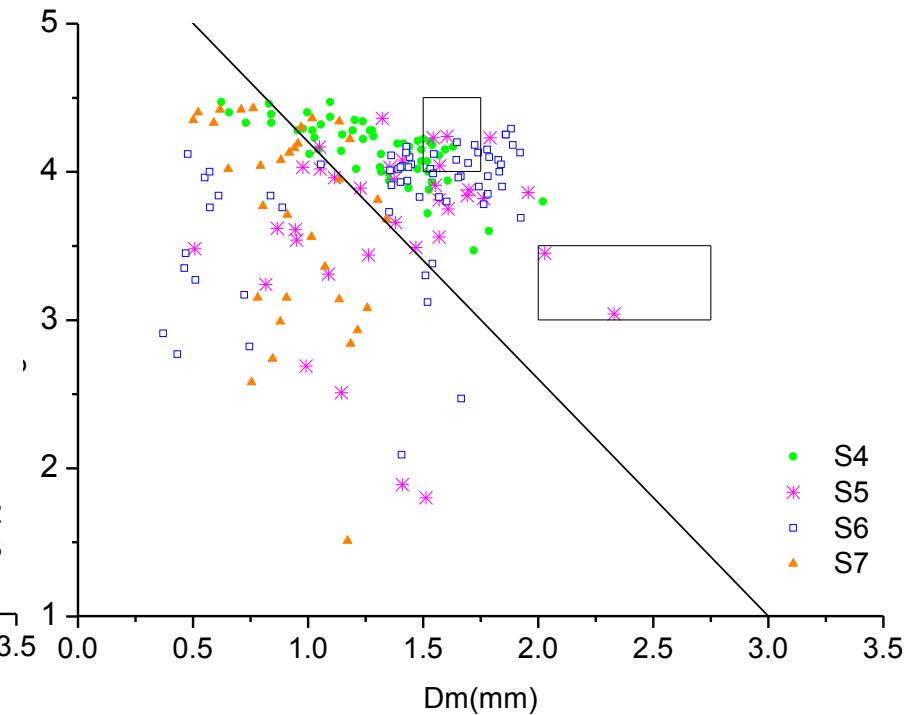
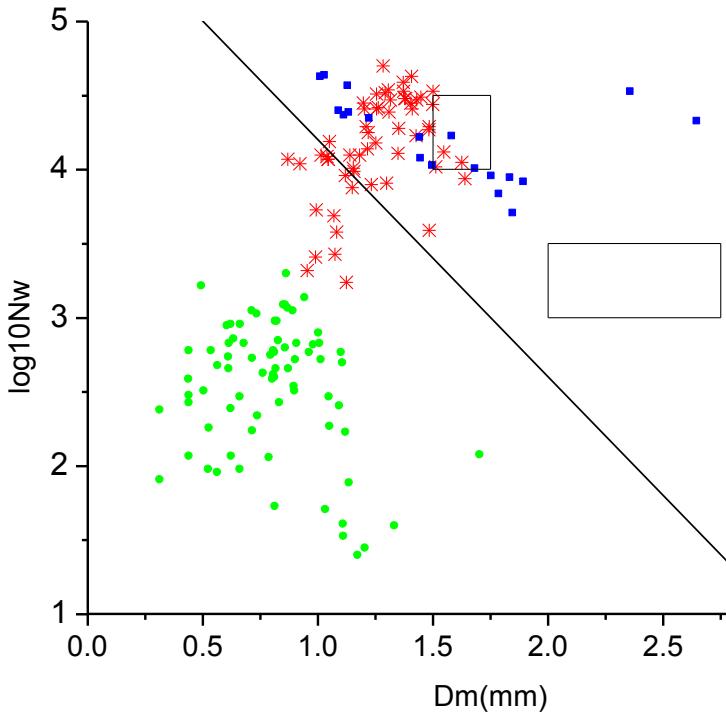
Stratiform/steady rain with $R>0.5$ and standard deviation of $R<1.5 \text{ mm h}^{-1}$

tiny graupel or
smaller rimed
ice particles



stratiform rain samples :
approximate linear distribution

In Meranti



- Stratiform(S1) → oceanic convective-stratiform mix clouds (S2) → oceanic convective(S3) → oceanic convective-stratiform mix clouds (S4-6) → stratiform(S7)

outcomes

From the front side of rainband to the central region then to the rear side or residual cloud of Typhoon Meranti:

- The top of radar echo and reflectivity both increased when the Meranti moving closely, and then decreased during its moving away.
- Meanwhile, the number concentration and spectrum width of RSDs also exhibited the same features as the top of radar echo and reflectivity.
- Moreover, the precipitations were produced by stratiform → oceanic convective-stratiform mix clouds → oceanic convective → oceanic convective-stratiform mix clouds → stratiform.

Thank you