





Typhoon Committee Roving Seminar 2011

Topic B(1): Operational QPE/QPF Systems - An Overivew



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Onternational Synergy





Forecasting Synergy for the Olympic







B08FDP Goals

Quoted from "B08FDP Proposal":

- To implement advanced nowcast systems, processes and science for the B08 Olympics
- > To demonstrate and optimize technology transfer, its implementation, and subsequent use in advanced nowcast systems and forecast operations
- To develop and implement new verification techniques for assessing the effectiveness of HIW nowcasts and quantitative precipitation nowcasts
- > To quantify the impact of the implementation of operationally focused nowcast systems on the quality of HIW forecasts, forecasters and end-users
- To promote the implementation of nowcasting techniques in China and for the benefit of WMO countries

MILESTONES FOR B08FDP

Phase 1

1. The 1st International workshop of B08 Project; B08FDP Implementation Plan was endorsed.

Phase 3

2. The preliminary data Phase 4
working environment of

Jan.

2005







Participating Nowcasting Systems

BJANC (BMB&NCAR, China)

CARDS (MSC, Canada)

GRAPES-SWIFT (CMA, China)

MAPLE (McGill & WDT, Canada)

NIWOT (NCAR, USA)

STEPS (BOM, Australia)

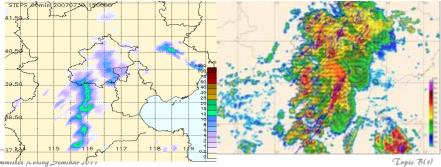
SWIRLS (HKO, Hong Kong, China)

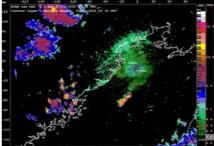
TIFS (BOM, Australia)

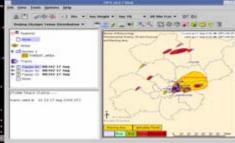
Verification (RTFV)

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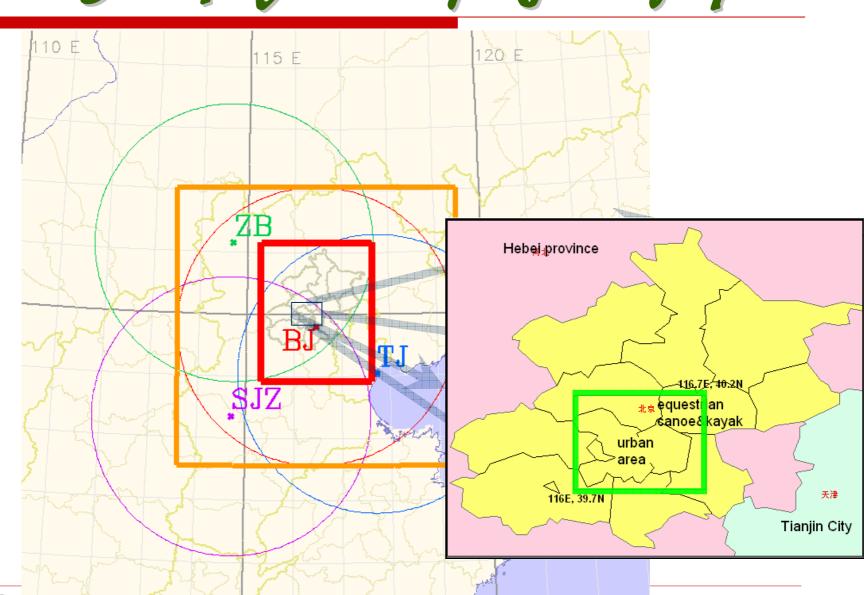








Bos FDP for Beijing Olympic



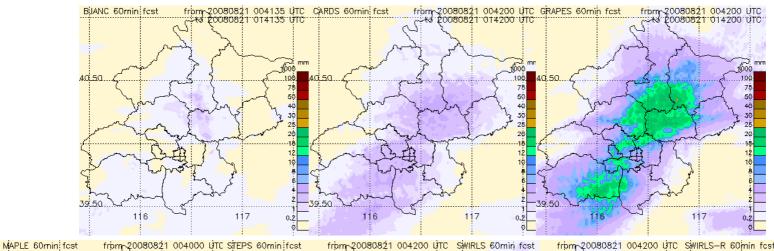
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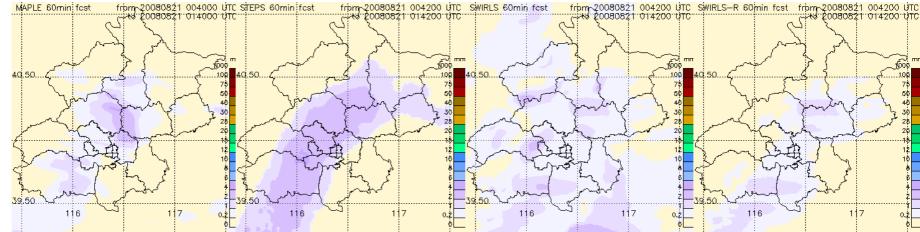




B08FDP common products

--- 1h QPF guidance (all participants)



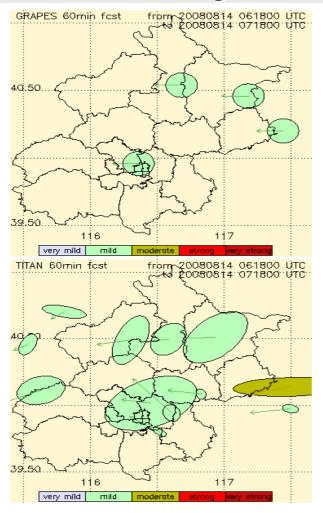


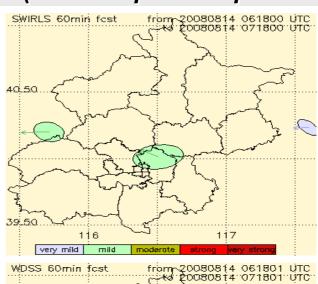


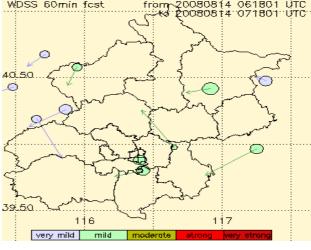


B08FDP common products

--- Storm track guidance (some participants)







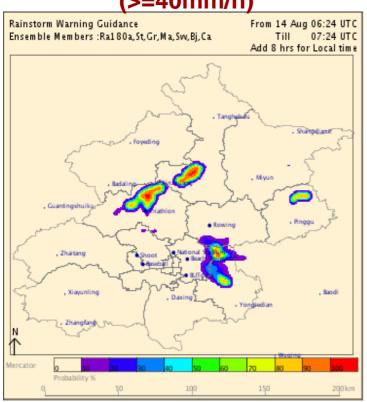




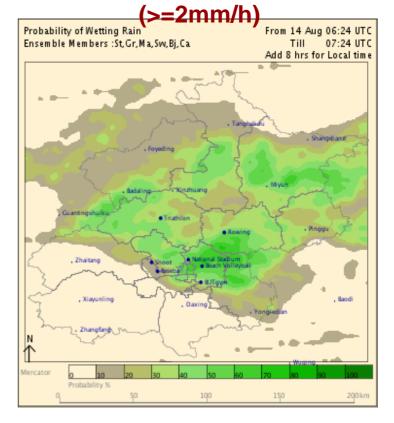
B08FDP special products

--- TIFS' ensemble forecast

Probability of rainstorm warning (>=40mm/h)



Probability of Wetting rain





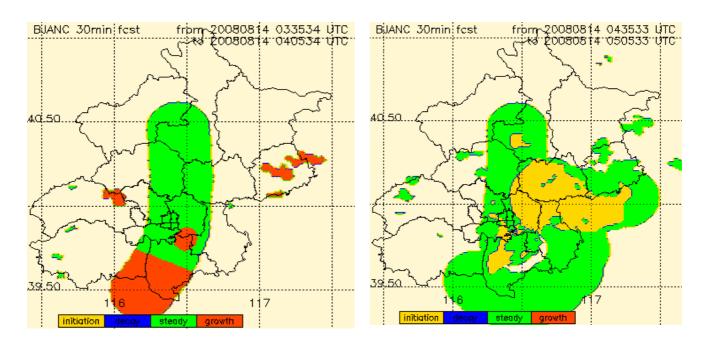


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B08FDP special products

--- BJ-ANC's forecast guidance

0-1h forecast on the variation of echo strength (3:35-4:05UTC) (4:35-5:05UTC)







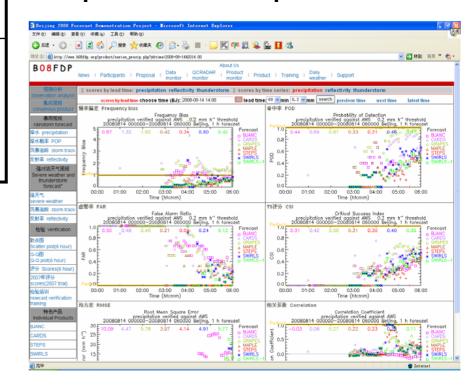


Real-time Forecast Verification

Scatter plots for the past 6 hours	Precipitation	30 min forecast,		
	Reflectivity	60 min forecast		
Q-Q plots for the past 6 hours	Precipitation	30 min forecast, 60 min forecast		
	Reflectivity			
Statistic scores for the past 6 hours	Precipitation	Frequency bias,		
	Reflectivity	POD, FAR, CSI, RMSE,		
	thunderstorm	Correlation Coefficient, Distance Error		

- √Three aspects of thunderstorms
- √Three verification items

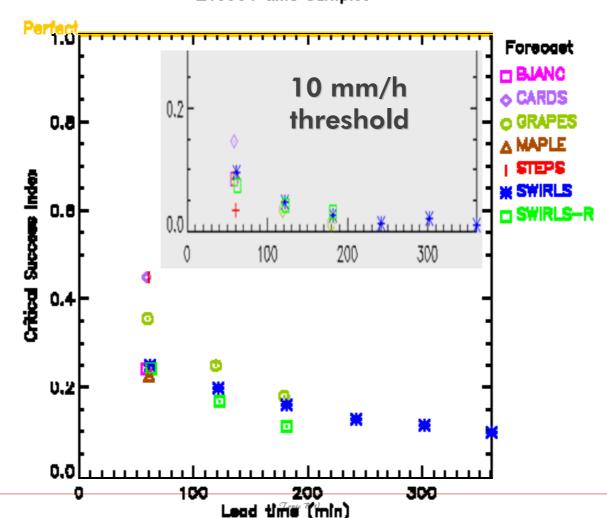
Examples of real-time products on web







Critical Success index precipitation verified against AWS 1 mm h⁻¹ threshold 20050501 000000-20050921 000000 Beijing, pooled values of \leq 215054 time samples

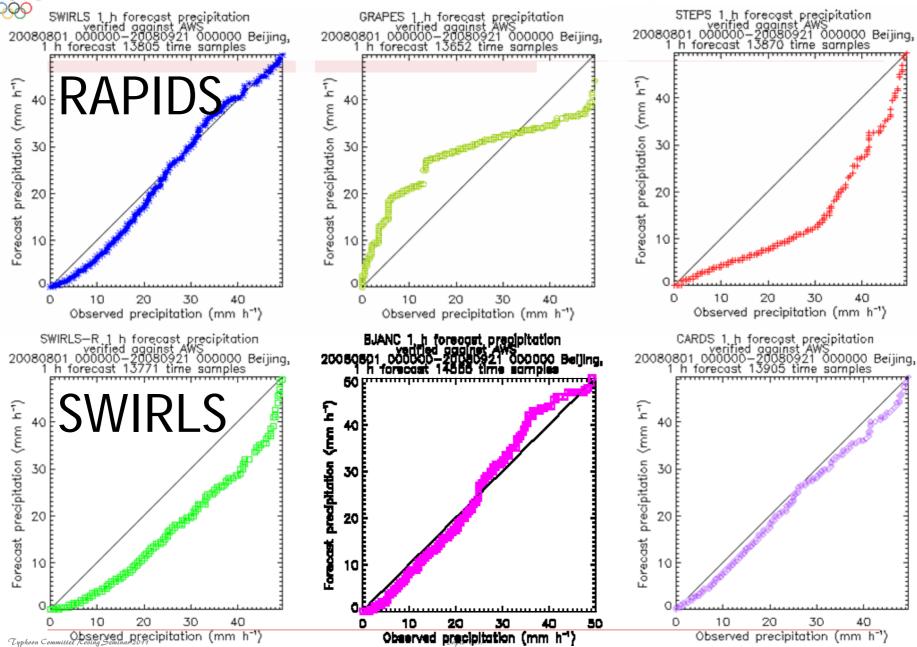


Beijing 2008







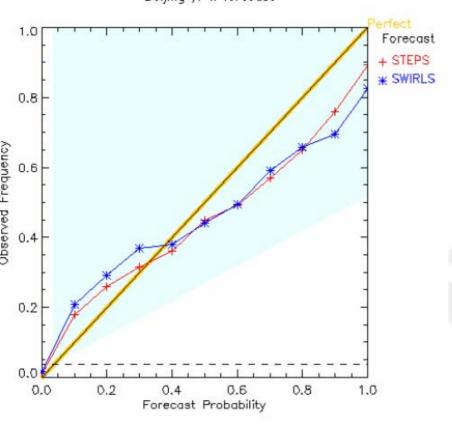




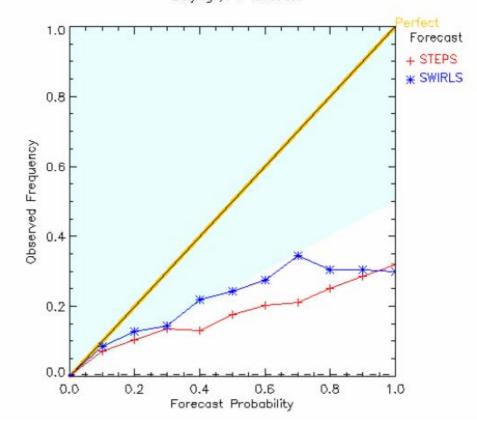




Reliability PDP1 verified against AWS 20080801 000000-20080921 000000 Beijing ,1 h forecast



Reliability POP10 verified against AWS 20080801 000 Beijing ,1 h forecast 20080801 000000-20080921 000000

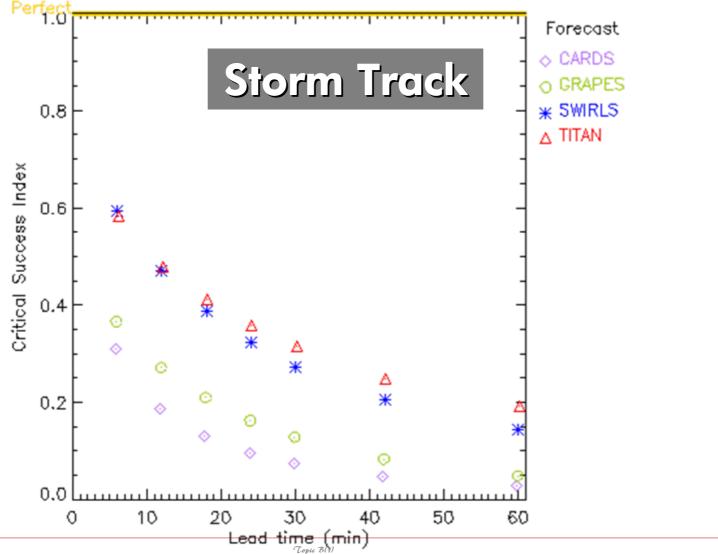


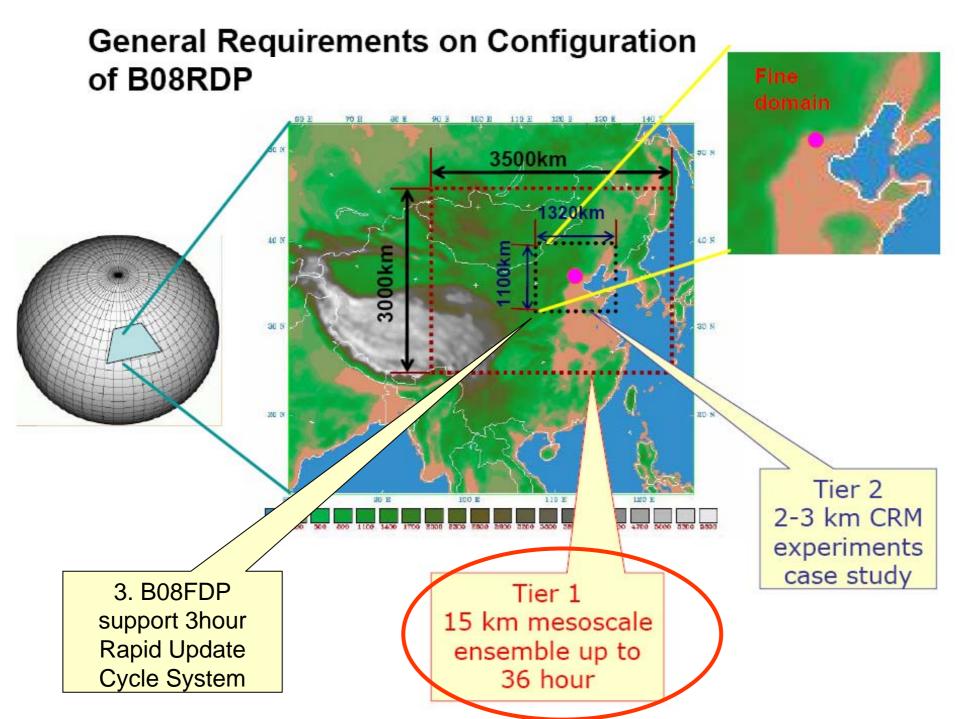






Critical Success Index
thunderstorm verified against ALL 1 threshold
20080801 000000-20080921 000000 Outer Beijing,







Mesoscale EPS

■ LAM_EPS participating systems:

- MRI/JMA LAM-EPS
- Canada (EC) LAM-EPS
- NCAR/BMB WRF-RUC system
- NCEP new version Short-Range Ensemble Forecast (SREF)
- ZAMG and Météo-France joint LAM-EPS
- NMC LAM-EPS (CMA)
- CAMS LAM-EPS (CMA)







System characteristics

Participants	Model	IC	Initial Perturbation	LBC	Lateral Perturbation	Physical Perturbation
NCEP	WRF-ARW (5) WRF-NMM (5) GEFS-Downscaled (T284L60, 5) (L60M15)	NCEP 3DVAR	Breeding	NCEP Global EPS	NCEP Global EPS	Multi-model
MRI/JMA	NHM (L40M11)	Meso 4DVAR (20kmL40)	Targeted Global SV (T42L40)	JMA Global Forecast (TL959L60)	Forecast of Global model initiated by targeted SV	non
EC	GEM (L28M20)	MSC Global EnKF	MSC Global EnKF	MSC Global EPS	MSC Global EPS	Physical tendency perturbation with Markov chain, surface perturbation
ZAMG & Meteo-Fr.	ALADIN (L37M17)	ECMWF Global 4DVAR	Blending ECMWF SV with ALADIN Bred Mode	ECMWF Global Forecast	ECMWF EPS forecast	Multi-physics
NMC /CMA	WRF-ARW (L31M15)	WRF-3DVAR	Breeding	CMA Global EPS	CMA Global EPS	Multi-physics
CAMS /CMA	GRAPES (L31M9)	GRAPES- 3DVAR	Breeding	CMA Global EPS	CMA Global EPS	Multi-physics







Modify B08RDP Verification System

Continues parameters:

2m temperature 2006 first trial

2m relative humidity 2007 increased

10m U,V wind,

500hPA Geopotential Height

250, 850hPa U,V wind

250, 500, 850hPa Temperature

850hPa Relative Humidity

Economic Value(P_{T2M>32°}) 2008 increased

Spread, RMS, Talagrand, Relative error, Absolute Error, Bias,

Precipitation,

0.1 mm 2006 first trial

0.1, 1, 2, 6 mm 2007 increased

Brier score, Brier skill score, ROC, Reliability Diagram, Bias

Economic Value **2008 incr<u>eased</u>**



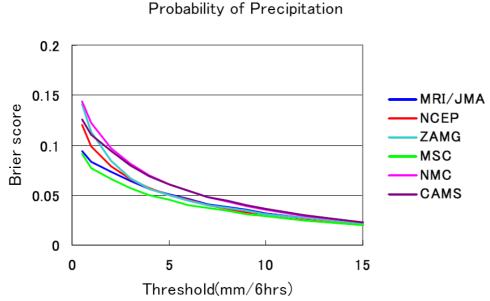


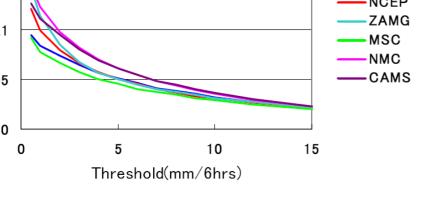


Verification Samples

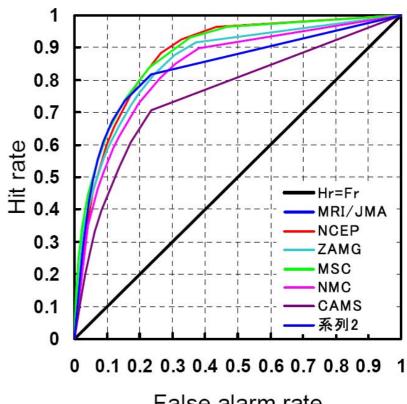
Relative Operating Characteristic Curve

ROC curve(1mm/6hrs)







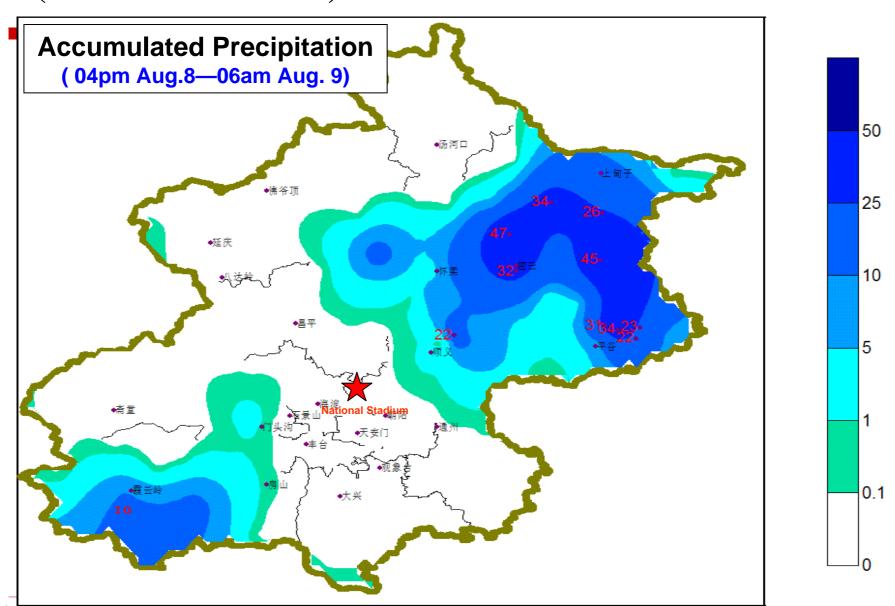


False alarm rate

By Dr. Kazuo Saito

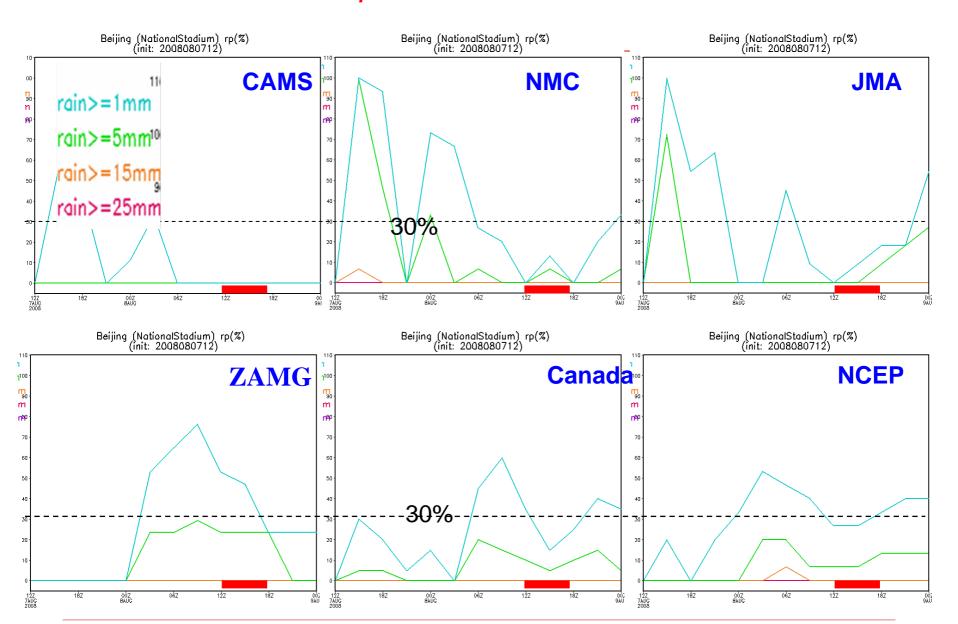
ROC curve 0725~0823

Example 1: Successful service for opening ceremony (National Stadium)



During the Opening Ceremony, 5 RDP participants forecast a probability of a second sec less than 30% for 1mm, and 10mm < = 10%

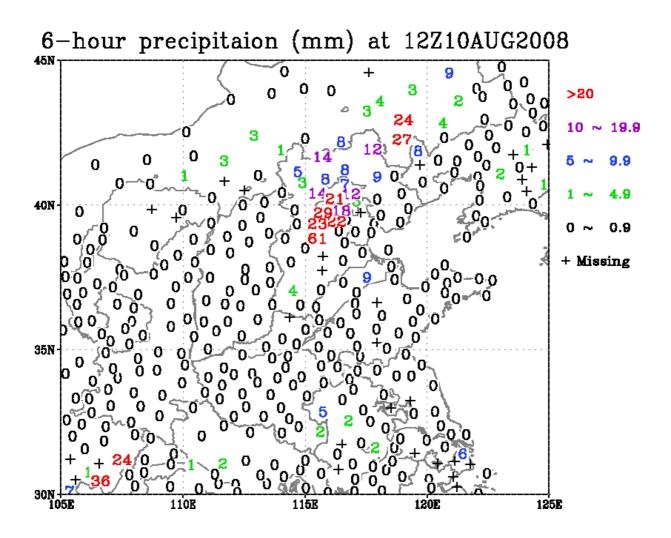








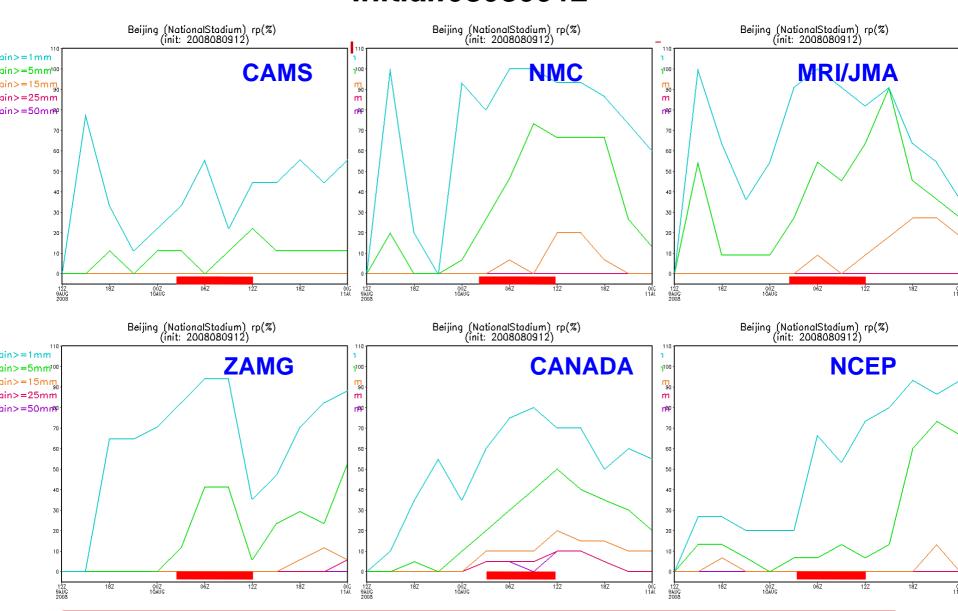
Example 2: The strong precipitation during Olympic Games



RDP percentage of rainfall forcast (Nation Stadium) (0-36h),





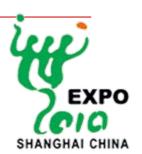






WENS for Shanghai World Expo

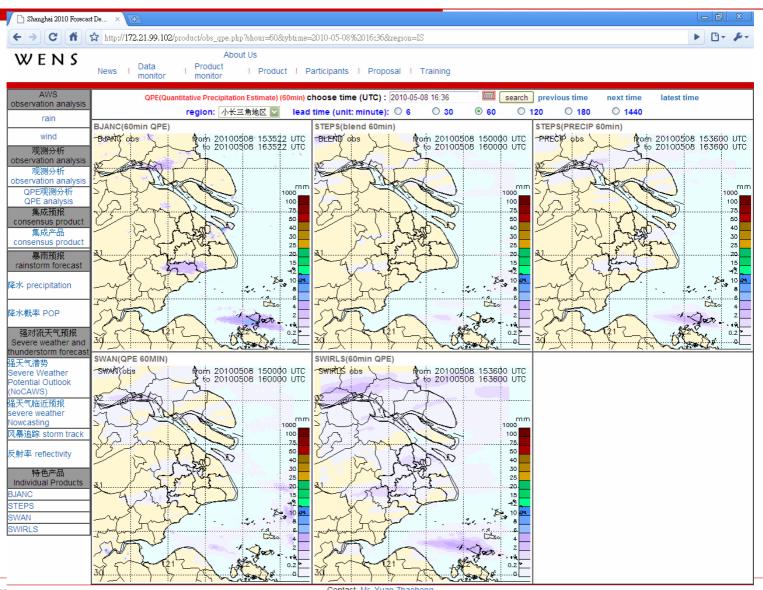








WENS Internal Web Site







WENS Public Website

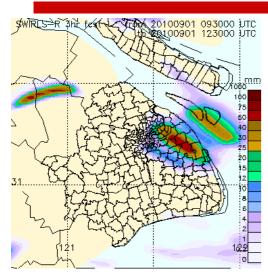
- □ selected products
- ☐ for special users
- □ URL at
 - http://www.expoweather.com/wens/







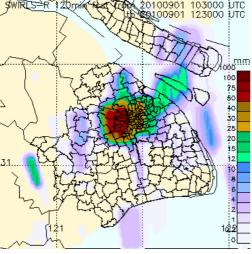
A Localized Heavy Rain Case



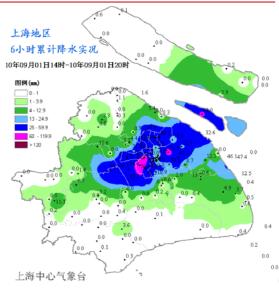
3-h rainfall f/c issued at 5:30 pm

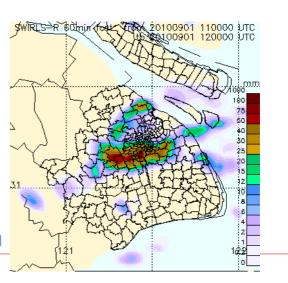
2-h rainfall f/c issued at 6:30 pm





1-h rainfall f/c issued at 7:00 pm







2010 Commonwealth Games

- ☐ 3-14 October 2010
- New Delhi, India
- ☐ SWIRLS software provided to India Met. Dept.
- □ implementation plan to be fixed
- case study performed with Kolkata radar data



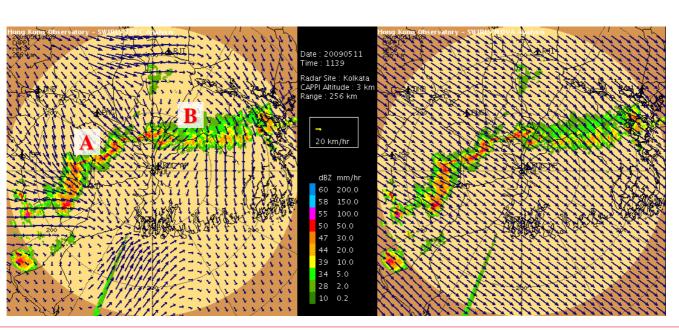






2010 Commonwealth Games

- □ Kolkata radar data
 - updated every 15 min!!!
 - big challenge to radar tracking
- 2009-05-11 case study result
 - speed of band A:
 - TREC~40 vs actual~50 vs MOVA~55 km/h





MOVA

(FFT for top-level scale)

TREC

(search

radius

doubled)







- □ sharing of SWIRLS data products based on Hong Kong radars:
 - radar QPE
 - 1-, 2-, and 3-hour QPF
 - storm nowcast track
 - severe weather nowcast tracks







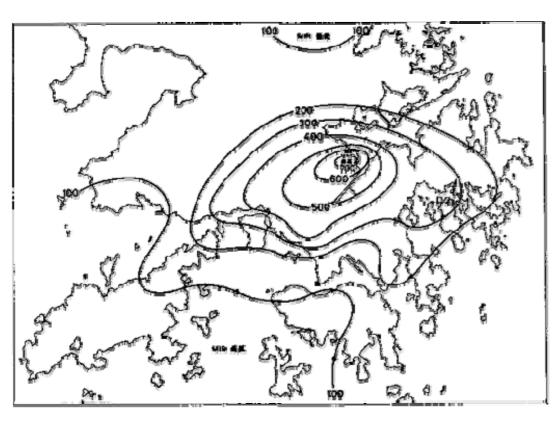








Rainstorms in Hong Kong



- destructive street rapids
- □ landslides at man-made / natural slopes
- ☐ flash floods over low-lying areas

■3.6 一丸丸七年七月二日香港的雨量分佈(等雨量線算位無基米) Fig. 3.6, Rainfall distribution (mp) over Mong Rong on 2 July 1997







Destructive Street Rapids

Flooding in Hong Kong, 12 Jun 1966 Casualties from 11-13 Jun 1966

Dead / Missing: 112 Injured:

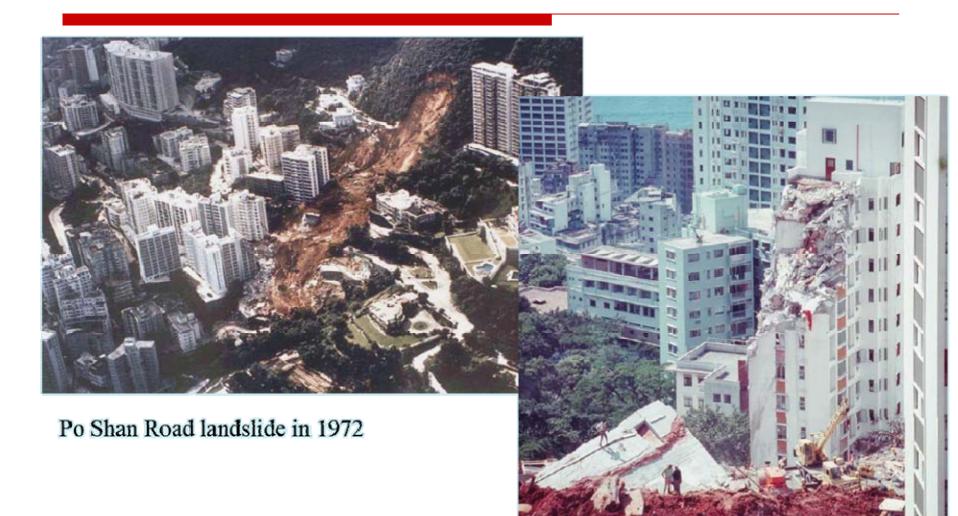








Landslides



Casualties from 16-18 Jun 1972

Dead:

Kotewall Road landslide in 1972



Flooding



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1998年5月24日·消防員於沙頭角拯救被 洪水匯困的村民。

Firemen rescuing villagers trapped by flooding at Sha Tau Kok on 24 May 1998.



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1999年8月23日颱風森姆吹襲期間, 上水天平山村受大雨影響而嚴重水浸。 Tin Ping Shan Village in Sheung Shui was inundated as a result of heavy rain during the passage of Typhoon Sam on 23 August 1999.







Severe Weather Climatology

- Major convective weather systems in HK :
 - cold front, convergence line, SW monsoon, monsoon trough, tropical cyclone, land-seabreeze
- occurrence of severe weathers/warnings:

Weather Hazards	Period		Duration	Total Number	Frequency	
	start end		(years)		(no. / year)	
Thunder/Lighting	1977	2010	34	2741 warnings	80.6	
Amber Rainstorm	1997	2010	14	310 warnings	22.1	
Severe Squalls	1987	2006	20	214 days	10.7	
Red Rainstorm	1997	2010	14	66 warnings	4.7	
Flooding	1998	2010	13	61 announcements	4.7	
Landslip	1983	2010	28	94 warnings	3.4	
Black Rainstorm	1997	2010	14	17 warnings	1.2	
Hail	1977	2010	34	32 reports	0.9	
Waterspout	1977	2010	34	24 reports	0.7	
Tornado	1982	2010	29	8 reports	0.3	





Severe Weather Warnings

Tropical Cyclone

TC within 800 km of HK

Winds blowing 41-62 km/hr within 12 hours over Harbour



NW西北 NE 東北 SW西南 SE 東南

Winds blowing 63-117 km/hr over Hourbour



Increasing gale or storm force winds



Winds blowing 118 km/hr or above

Strong Monsoon



Rainstorm & related





≥ 30 mm/hr





 \geq 50 mm/hr



≥ 70 mm/hr





Rainstorm Warnings

- intense, widespread & persistent heavy rain
- **Landslip Warning**
 - resulted from prolonged rainfall
 - will be issued if 15 or more major landslides is expected
- **Special Announcement of Flooding**
 - specific for low-lying areas in northern part of Hong Kong
- **Thunderstorm warnings**
 - with special reports on severe weather of high gust, hail, waterspout or tornado, if available
- **Tropical Cyclone Warnings**
 - No.1, 3, 8, 9, 10 for standby, strong winds, gales, increasing gales & hurricane force
- **Strong Monsoon Signal**
 - to warn high winds associated with monsoon

雷達追蹤、分析及預測 Radar Tracking, Analysis and Forecast

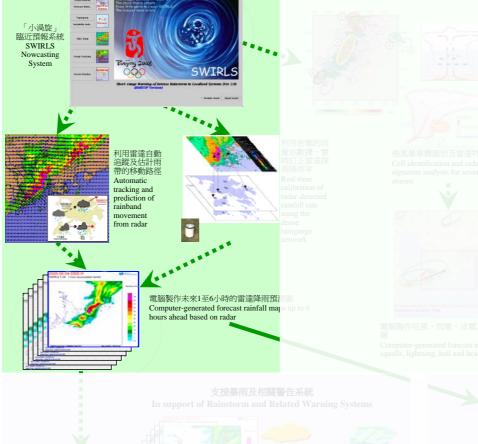




















SWORLS-2 Product Suite

experts; nowcasters; downstream systems

	Product Type	Format	Forecast Element			
	interactive GUI image QPF NetCDF (B08FDP)		QPE, QPF-radar, QPF-blended, echo-motion field, storm tracks, severe weathers, Tephigram, stability indices, etc.			
			(a) radar-based f/c rainfall accumulations (1-3 h) (b) NWP QPF blended with (a) by RAPIDS (1-6 h)			
	storm track	XML (B08FDP)	 motion vectors of storm cells, intensity, tracking by the brand new MOVA algorithm 			
	severe wx.	XML (B08FDP)	- rainstorm, lightning, downburst/gust and hail -(also flooding & landslide for Hong Kong)			
	probabilistic	NetCDF (B08FDP)	 probability of precipitation (PoP) probability of lightning threat (PoL) 			
	SPIDASS	html, image	compact display of alert status of various severe weather types, severe weather maps,			
	GIS	KML, html, image	- rainfall maps and 3D lightning locations - based on open GIS standards, viewable by Google Earth			

forecasters; educated users

site manager; general public

- Internet product "Rainfall Nowcast for PRD" in HK





User Onterface









Integrated Warning Panel

Rainstorm alerts (actual+forecast) SPIDASS - SWIRLS Panel for Integrated Display of Alerts on Severe Storms - Mozilla Firefox 3.5 Beta 4 檔案 (F) 編輯 (E) 檢視 (Y) 歷史 (S) 書籤 (B) 工具 (T) 說明 (H) within 60 min 2) - C × 🟠 📮 瑇 🕒 http://f3web01/spidass/swirls2. SPIDASS - SWIRLS Panel for In--- 区 📄 RAPIDS - Rainstorm Analysis Integrate--- 🖂 👍 Forecast SWIRLS Panel for Integrated Display of Alerts on Severe Storms System Based on SWIRLS-2 for CFO SWIRLS-2 Real-time alert status auto-updated at: 01:30 AM 20090604 Archives (offline) 区● 区 009060312 ORSM (UTC)

Rainstormrelated alerts: - 1-6 hours

- auto-updated every 6 min

Severe weather alerts associated with thunderstorms

Severe weather map available on mouse click

							A		
	Forecast	Base Time (HKT)	00	01	02	03		Forecast	Base Time (HKT)
	Product	System						Product	System
F	Rainstorm in 1 h	SWIRLS (TREC).	RRRRAAAAGG	<u>N N N N N N </u>				Rainstorm in 1 h	SWIRLS (TREC)
F	Rainstorm in 1 h	SN RLS-2	BBB <mark>RAARRAA</mark>	G G N N N N				Rainstorm in 1 h	SWIRLS-2
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F	Rainstorm in 3 h	SWIRLS-2	RRRAGGAAGN	N N N N N N		Y -		Rainstorm in 3 h	SWIRLS-2
Α	ctual (accm 3 h)	SWIRLS-2 QPE						Actual (accm 3 h)	SWIRLS-2 QPE
1	ainstorm in 6 h	RAPIDS (hourly QPF)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 N 3 3 3 N				Rainstorm in 6 h	RAPIDS (hourly QPF)
L	Rainstorm in 6 h	RAPIDS (3 hourly QPF)	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 N	<u>N N N N N N </u>		-		Rainstorm in 6 h	RAPIDS (3 hourly QPF)
I	PoP (Green)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)	1111111111	11 N N N N				PoP (Green)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)
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	PoP (Fad)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)	1 1 1 1 1 3 N N N N	N N N N N N				PoP (Red)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)
	PoP (Black)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)	3 3 3 N N N N N N N N	<u>N N N N N N</u>				PoP (Black)	RAPIDS (0-i hour QPF)
F	Rainstorm in 12h	NHM	N	N	R_ • 🔑	<u>G</u>		Rainstorm in 12h	NHM
	Landsig (issue)	SWIRLS-2	NNNNNNNNN	N N N N N N				Landslip (issue)	SWIRLS-2
	NT Flooding	SWIRLS-2	FFFFNNNNN	N N N N N N			airid	NT Flooding	SWIRLS-2

possible status & triggering criteria

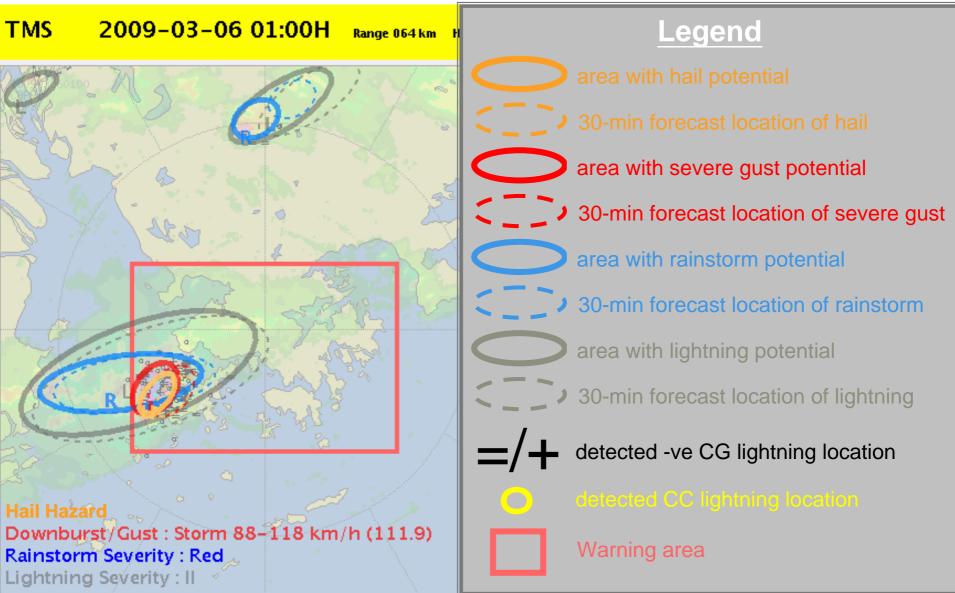








Severe Weather Map



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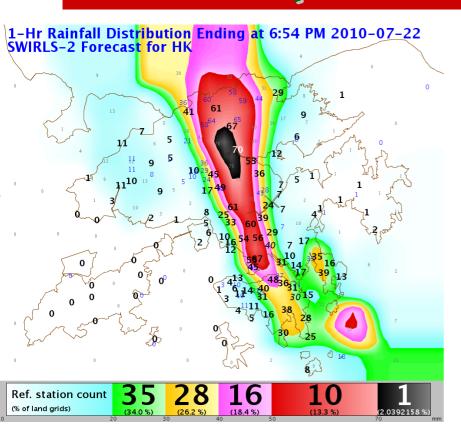


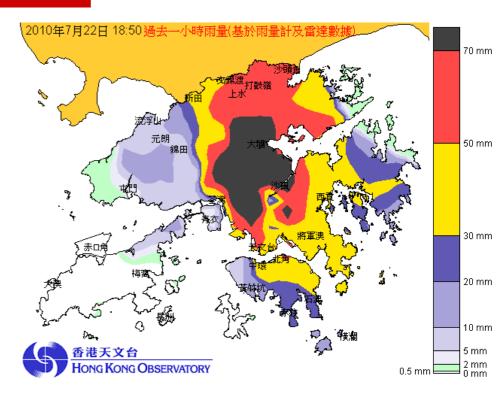
Applications





"Black" Rainstorm on 22-07-2010











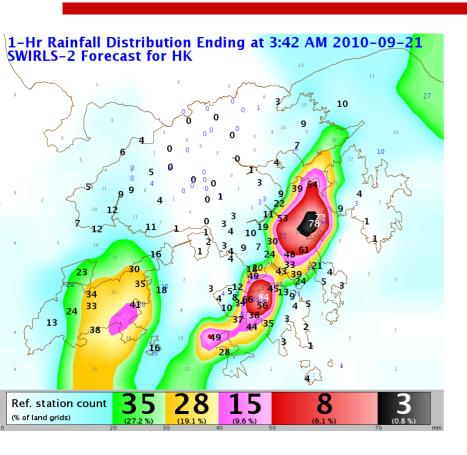


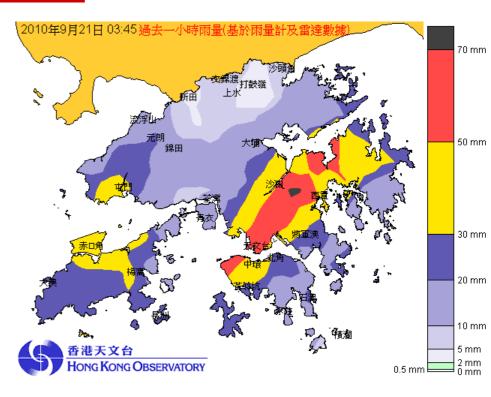






"Red" Rainstorm on 21-09-2010











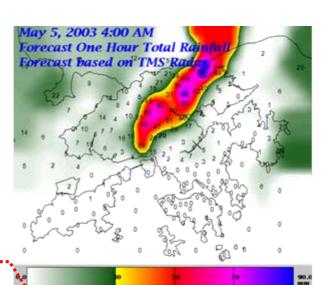


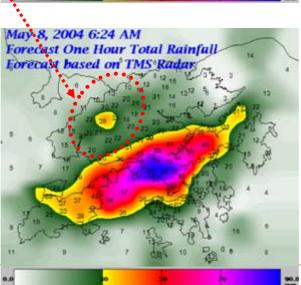
Real Cases in 2003 & 2004 (1-h f/c)

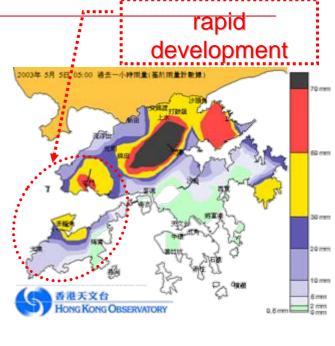
- 5 May 2003
- SAF and Red RW
- SWIRLS 1-h fc (left)
- actual at 5 am (right)

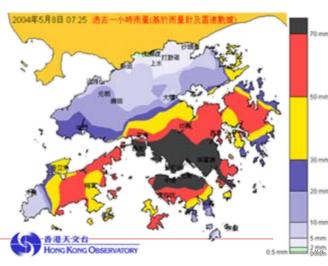
dissipation

- 8 May 2004
- Black RW
- SWIRLS 1-h fc (left)
- actual at 7:25 am





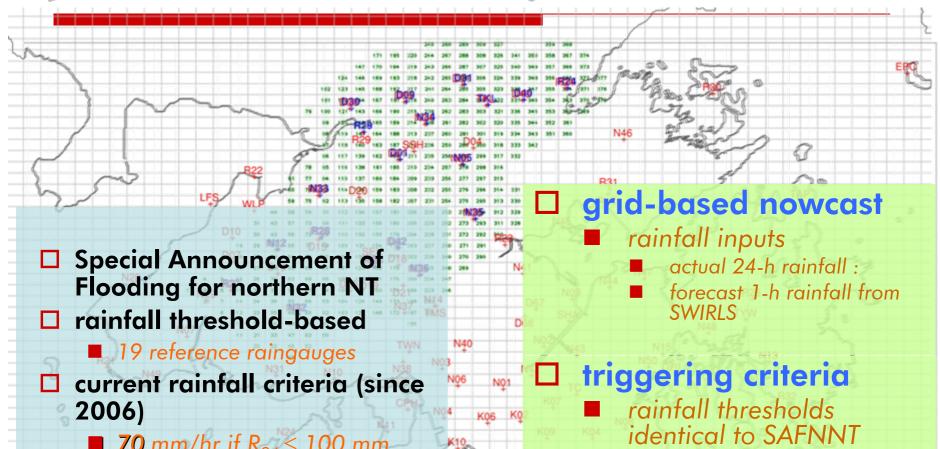








Special Announcement of Flooding (DSD)



- **70** mm/hr if $R_{24} \le 100$ mm
- 60 mm/hr if R₂₄ > 100 mm
- old criteria (1998-2005)
 - □ 50 mm/hr &
 - ☐ 45 mm/hr respectively

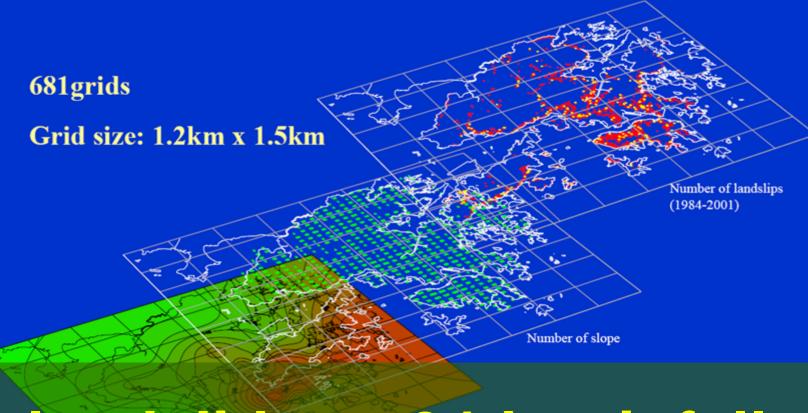
~5% (20) grid points or more with forecast 1-hr rainfall exceeding thresholds





Rainfall-Landslide Relation (GEO)





landslide \leftrightarrow 24-h rainfall

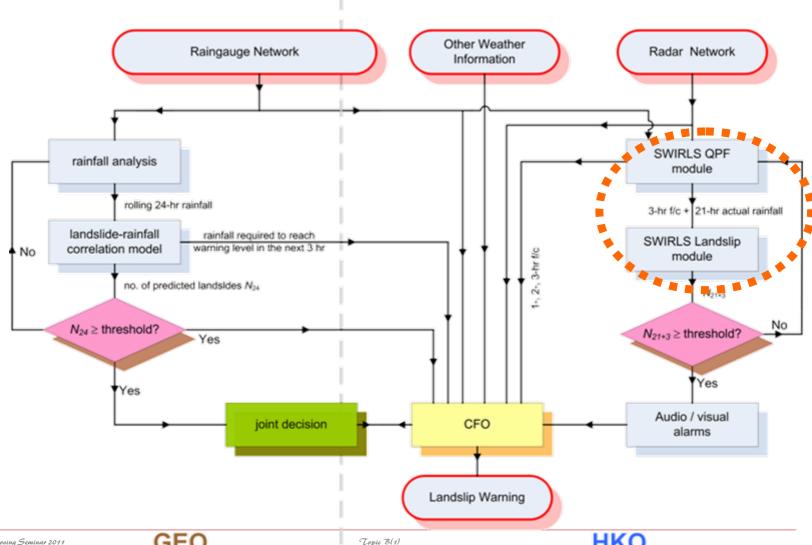
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Landslip Warning System



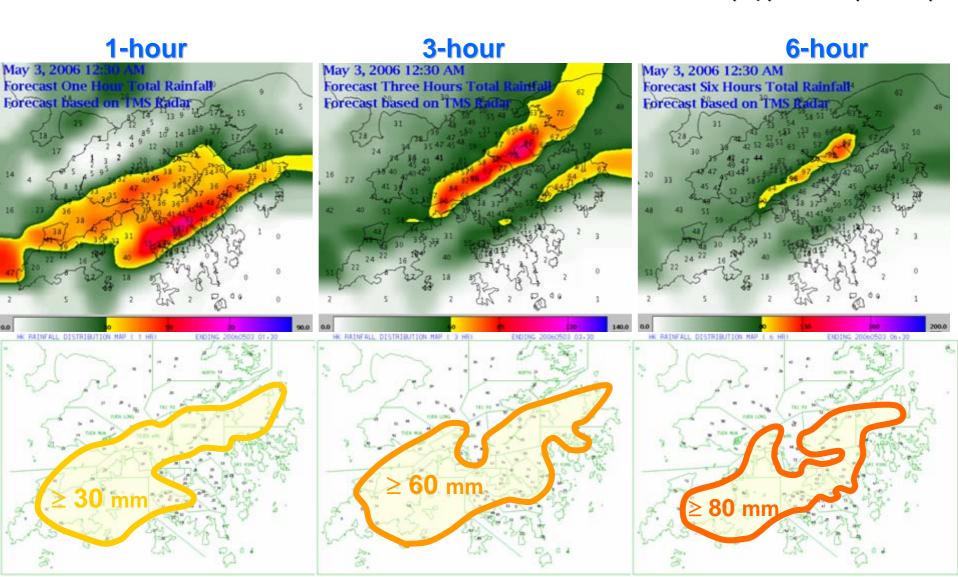






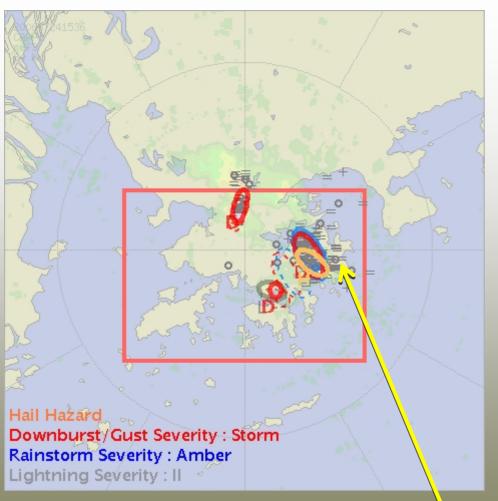


- 3 May 2006
- Red RW, Landslip & Flooding
- SWIRLS (top), actual (bottom)









- hailstorm in Hong Kong on 24July 2006
- first CG lightning alert issued at 3:00 pm
 - see gray ellipse inside the red rectangular warning zone
- CG lightning first detected ("=" symbols) during 3:12-3:18 pm
 - threat areas for downburst/severe gust and heavy rain are marked by red and blue ellipses respectively

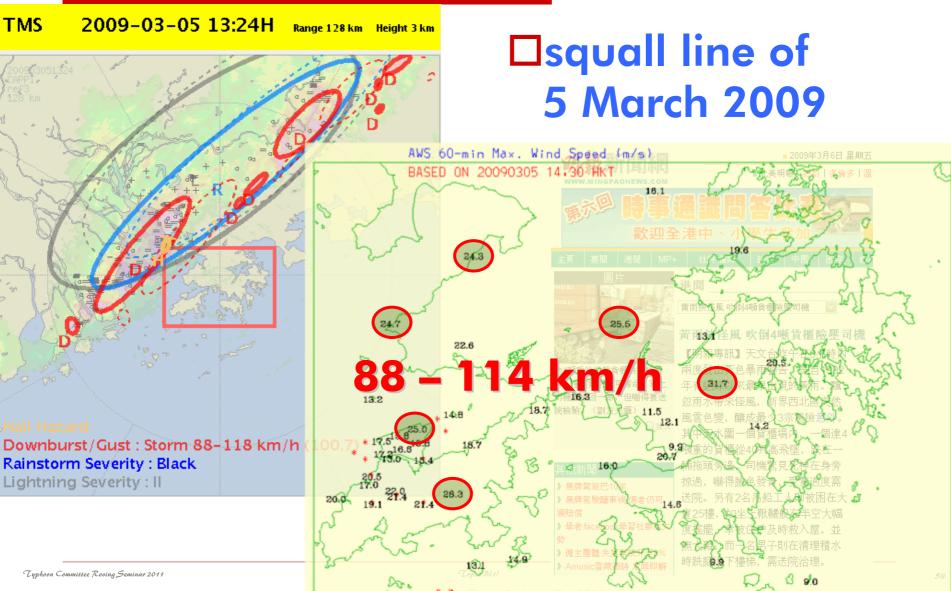
03:36 pm

lead time = 12 min

first CG lightning











Hail Nowcast - Hong Kong

□ case of 6 March 2009

- time 1:10 1:40 a.m.
- hail size 0.5-1 cm

即時港盟 即時經濟 即時兩岸 即時體育 即時數碼 即時國際 投票區 即時港聞 你對曾俊華第二份財政預算案 本港凌晨落冰雹[07:25] 的評分 0.20本港凌晨落冰雹 (07:25) 21-40 天文台表示,在凌晨約1時多,收到「 明報即時新聞 O 41-50 荃灣石圍角及馬灣落雹報告。 O 51-60 061-70 天文台表示,由於有雷雨區經過本 71-80 港,並加上華南沿岸地區有一股冷 O 81-90 鋒,產生較強的對流活動,形成冰 雹。 91-100 觀看結果 有荃灣居民表示, 落雹持續一至兩 分鐘。

TMS 2009-03-06 01:00H Range 064 km Height 3 km Downburst/Gust: Storm 88-118 km/h (111.9) Rainstorm Severity: Red Lightning Severity: II















Rainfall Nowcast for the PRD

□ Internet website:

http://www.weather.gov.hk/nowcost/prd/api/

forecast rainfall maps over

氯候資料服務 厄爾尼諾與拉尼麵

預測時段:

更新時間:

開始: 2010年06月07日 14時00分

現時: 2010年06月07日 14時20分

the Pearl River Delta region

in the next 2 hours

updated every 30

use GE api/plugin

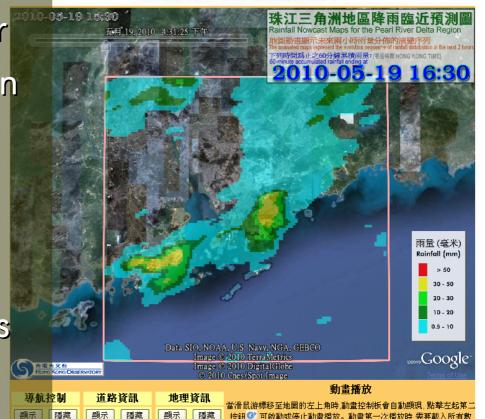
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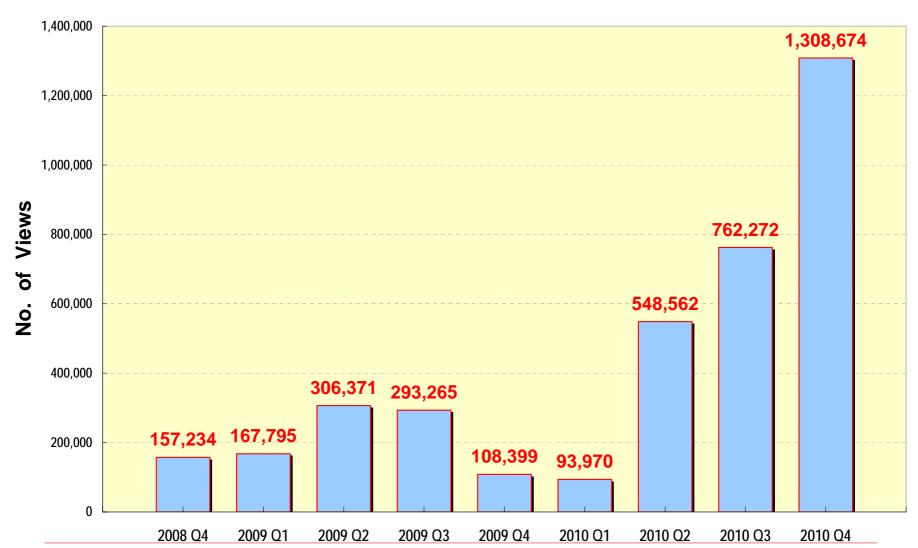
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下次:2010年06月07日 14時50分





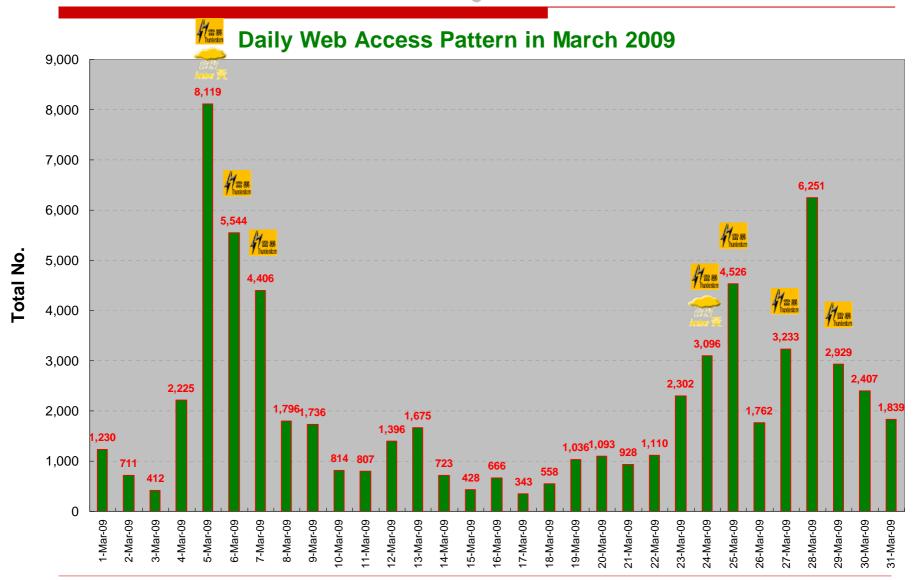
PRD Web Page Access Statistics







Usage Pattern Reflects Users' Need



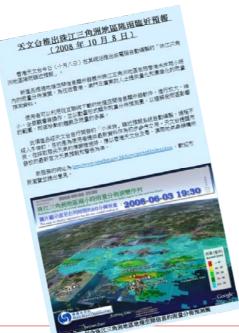






Publicity & Education Constitution

- □ primary target users :
 - general public
- ☐ media promotion:
 - press release
 - flyers
 - corporate newsletters





「外導用雲岩市・概念供養下降了。」 下。"信息和张允克提出澳門開會、然後 立至要各中山東加州外西鎮資。其次是 **創り」こ初春間第四名・智田敷出来自町** 製道。1986年7860年8年-福建化・温 **通り他が在談前内・不知在選業再会一** 章・雑多杯物館・計画一下指置・活作打 下用7種時俸7上天又台網辺底大町)。 新色, , 中元也用新然后挪政·将唯一〇 数値・「不」天文台行業報告請令天皇官 大周一都是推到起印道《大海。 / 以於萬 一十、こ初春温度・中央主義会・取一払 第1世界四部十四十十四四年四年書 有沒有奇。卫生打电路进去,即解也們被 做「witprogrammy: 然後所打較完大

2008-06-03 10-30 **古井丁丁西州北京北京公司北京北京東京東京東京**

打断了平先生的話・第一連問地数: 「不 府職位,然一學經过的世界推介了天文台 最初的"独三共同市路过程报。" 華於斯 **6** *小麻椒,生用膏的用量灌溉和医物分 析 - 岩理大学一路 / 研究所提及數 - 斯赛 中先生突著說:"真層目!但不得有調查 建工程机构 - 新西下的中华 | 。

以上哲學的確認情・但在書・港・湾 三法和國際自由大利數下,但如今日期一 在需要不計算者也多,其門沿海東的人士 計1500×支援機能需要 - 有見及此 · 香港 天文台灣公在十月八日用出市衛隊の影響 製的「我江三角河北部湖南西北京縣」

(京都) - 遊音析療法 西通水理交換医水製水 選択が終江三内市外部基 包括直接未完的分析内 の可能の内容を一項の **単小利益性小田内産技** 声音叫 - 此项者法统关 又自自行動物的「小湯」

編製・油柱下近人子の口・白の見み他件 有限の選挙責託の為者を之内・使用者リ 以利用交互制度下數的效理空間逐步制作 温軟件・進行技大・総介・文学製造物像 作・並と影響的に関われ間が自然を描 **公理報告的資本會的收費、然間可數的課 有及内部的多数**。

MERCHUS MIDI/NEWS weather.gov,hk/nowcast/prd/ indexc.htm) 推出不到一個期,經過經 日子テロサロの様点者・其中一位第四年 位元學的權的學一更明至了一個有關的問 無近保護」的資料·以及第一位開華的程 式定着根据的在未足1至2小结内是否要 下南,並然在京都網上的四個門查看。相 空运程於可有点的可靠衛星達和確保功能 的麻烦了。,我们等的进行、信用发展 天文台集市商力支持了「業的學出言指 U-RIBMONICONI-BRANCO 发行以选择以下课机装置的的大作: 中山 大學院水龍还被害不能 http://Trimer y234.cn/V3/product.php?

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雙子建筑話委員大屬 警方證實關楚聲完成接受警方调查

] The 天文台 → 在此分享







Advanced Users (1)

- □ location :
 - Sun Yat-sen University
- □ downstream usage:
 - Site-specific nowcast tailormade for various campuses in Guangzhou & Zhuhai
- □ URL:

http://7timer.y234.cn/V3/p roduct.php?language=zh_ cn&product id=3









Advanced Users (2)

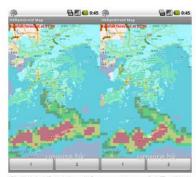
□ "HKRainDroid" — Android



http://www.androidzoom.com/android_applications/news_and_weather/hkraindroid_kiul.html



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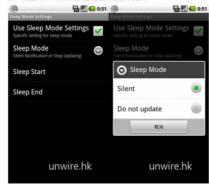
想知道什麽時候會下雨,可進入View Rainfall Map內查看,軟件會 跟據香港天文台的數據再配合Google Map將下雨區域作出顯示。 每隔30分鐘自動更新一次。左圖便是在凌晨1時的雨區預測,右圖 是凌晨2時,可以見到最密集的紅色雨區正在離開香港,但仍然被 淺藍色的兩區籠罩著。由於軟件是直接取用 Google Maps,所以也 會跟據你的電話提供放大縮小功能,讓你看得更加清楚。而 《HKRainDroid》暫時只能夠顯示香港區域,身在其他地方便不能 夠正常《HKRainDroid》使用。



既然地圖上可看到兩區,我們又應如何得到提示呢?在Notification Preferences設定可以利用Ringtone方式提示你即將有落兩來臨, 暫時提供十數種鈴聲,也可以選擇靜音效果。除了聽得到外亦可以 利用手機上的LED燈功能作提示,並可以自行設定不同顏色。不過 可能是測試版本關係,在筆者的手機上未能正常運作。還有軟件可 以設定震動提示,也算是體貼設計。



大家可能會問是否香港有落兩便會作出提示?原來軟件可以透過手 機內的A-GPS定位功能自動追蹤你的位置然後再配合所設定的範圍 使用。範圍可以有0-5公里設定,假如你現時身在旺角,又設定了1 公里的話,代表兩區在你的1公里範圍內便會有所提示,我們亦可 以定下自己的實際位置。不過筆者有個疑問就是香港地方實在太 少,雨區太大,軟件的反應是否來得及作提示?



《HKRainDroid》還有一項體貼功能便是提供Sleep Mode模式: 可以設定時間範圍令軟件不會更新或不會發出聲響,在睡覺時使用 便可避免騷擾。既然是睡覺當然不需要知道下雨情況,除非你家中 會有漏水或需要收拾衣服吧。



最後便是軟件的開啓方法,其實當《HKRainDroid》的服務打開後 便可。當在落雨前1小時左右便會作出通知, Status Bar上會見到落 兩圖案,並預測不同時段的降雨量資料。相再詳細看可再拉下 Status Bar然後按下便會直接走入Google Maps的兩區畫面,就像 右邊的畫面般。而資料經由天文台所提供,所以不準的話也是天文 台的問題。

《HKRainDroid》剛推出數天,版本仍是0.1 beta,並已得到天文 台授權使用資料。軟件的功能仍然十分簡單,但就十分實用,尤其 是近數天突如其來的大雨有了事前通知便可以盡早作出準備。軟件 是十分有創意,但仍然有一定的改善空間,除了落兩外如有雷暴顯 示功能也是十分不錯。

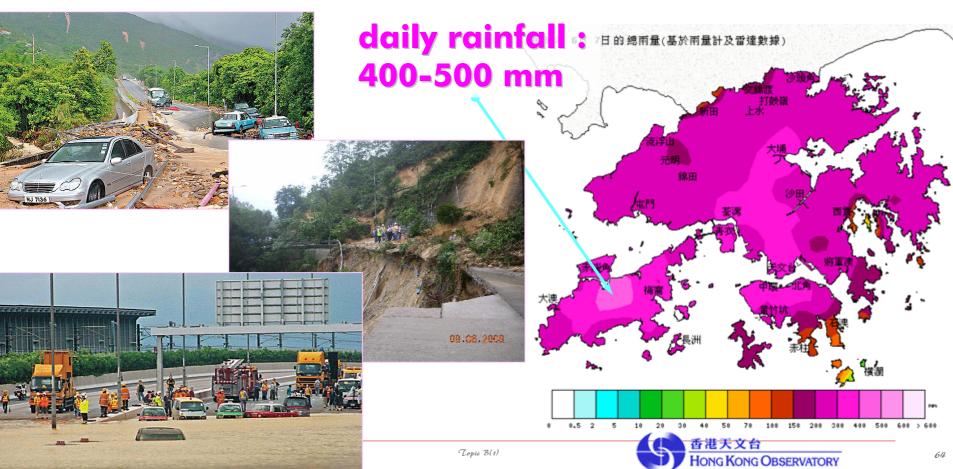
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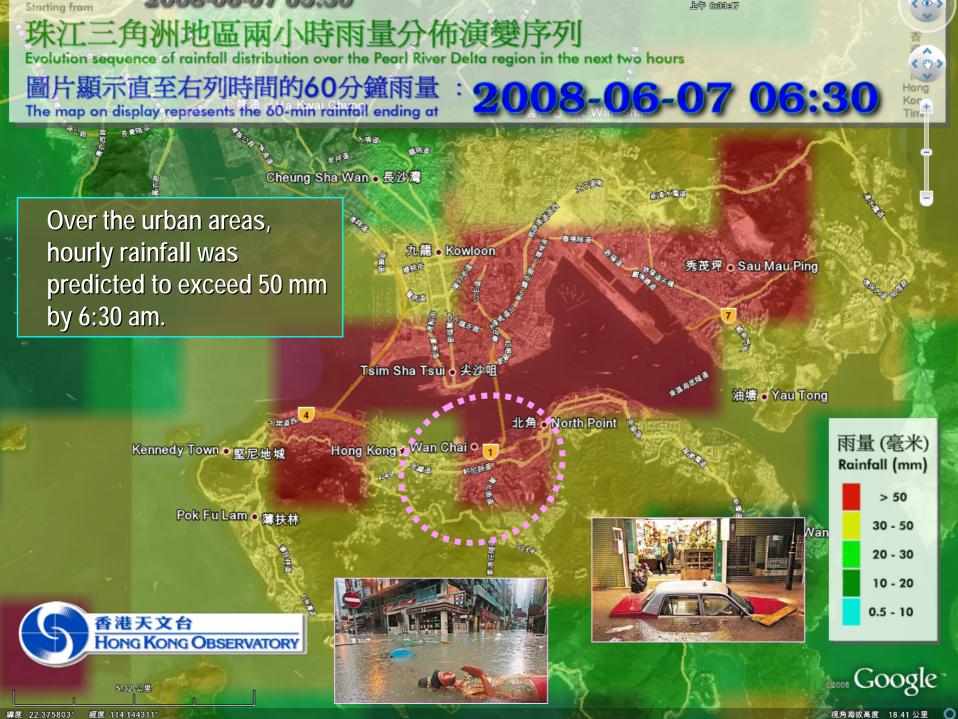


Example: Black Rainstorm on 7 June 2008

- □ Landslip Warning issued at 1:10 am
- □ Black Rainstorm issued at 6:40 am
- □ Northern Lantau Highway closed at 8:30 am due to floods & landslides
- □ Serious flooding in urban areas a couple of hours later





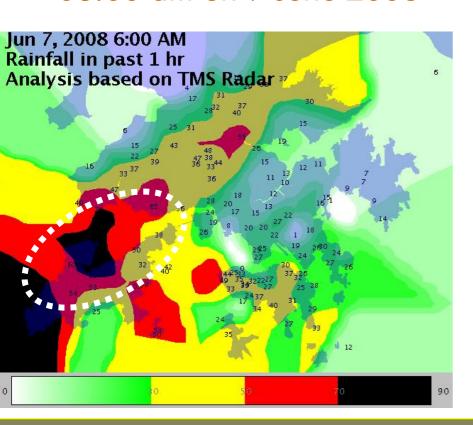


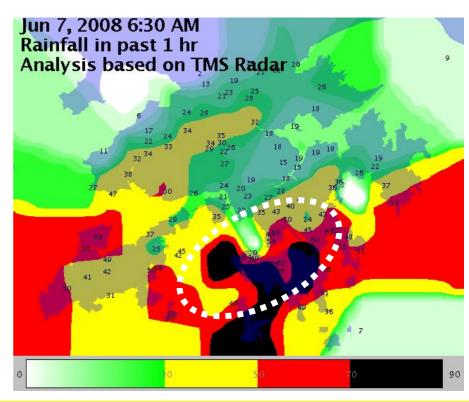




Actual Rainfall Distribution

■ 60-min accum. ending at 06:00 am on 7 June 2008 ■30 min later





Most parts of Lantau and Hong Kong Island recorded over 50 mm of rainfall (red & black colours)









Demonstration on SWIRLS in the Tutorial on Topic B this afternoon