## Early detection of baby rain cell aloft in a severe storm and its risk projection using vertical vorticity detected by Doppler radars for urban flash flood

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## **Spatio-temporal Scale**



#### Localized heavy rainfall (Baiu season)

#### Range: 100km Duration: 6 hours to half a day

中・小河川での洪水、内水氾濫、土砂災害 2010/10/20 in奄美





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#### **Typhoon**

#### Range: 1000km Duration: 1day to a few days

大河川での洪水、大規模水害、土砂災害 2009/08/08 in 台湾



#### Shower or Torrential rainfall

#### Range: 10km Duration: about half an hour

小河川や下水道内での鉄砲水、都市内水氾濫 2008/07/28 at 都賀川 2008/08/05 at 雑司ヶ谷



都賀川モニタリング映像



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# Background (Urban Flash Flood)

Disasters caused by torrential rainfall in July, 2008

### On July 28 (Toga River, Kobe)

- About 50 people were washed away by the flash flood in Toga River, Kobe, Japan, without any overpass from embankment. Five people were died.
- In this case, many people were enjoying in the river side park. This is the place where public people enjoy the water front. The local people and Kobe government have been making any efforts to develop such the water front.
- There is a risk that same kind of disaster could occur in small river basin in any urban area.





## Toga River Basin



### View around Toga River Basin 20 min. before flash flood

















水位:1.01m

14:46

15:00









## **Operationally distributed radar image**



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## Earlier detection of baby cell for warning



 Even single convective system brings the regional localized short-tem torrential rain within 30 minutes from its generation.

This torrential rain brings flash flood in small sized urban river channel which is utilized as waterside park.

✓ Even it's 5 to10 minutes, earlier detection of baby cell aloft is quite crucial for disaster prevention.

#### 2008 07 28 14: 13.5 JST



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### 2008 07 28 14:13.5 JST



### 2008 07 28 14:28.5 JST





# Baby rain cell detected aloft by a C-band radar raingauge in the case of the Toga river disaster



図2 ゲリラ豪雨のタマゴを捉えていた、都賀川豪雨時の深山レーダー立体観測画像3)

Nakakita, Yamabe and Yamagchi (2010)

## New operational network by X-RAIN in Kyoto, Osaka Kobe area



- •Higher sensitivity by :
- X band radar
- •Higher spatial resolution by :
- X band radar (250m)
- Dense network
- •Free from attenuation by : Polarimetric function (KDP) Dense network together with Cband
- •Higher accuracy by :
- Polarimetric function (ZDR, KDP)
- •<u>Shorter scan interval with low</u> <u>elevation :</u>
  - <u>1 minute</u>
- •<u>Shorter transmission time :</u>
  - <u>1 minute</u>
- •Earlier detection of baby cell: Volume scan (3D image)

### What is the polarimetric radar?



## Advantage of XRAIN



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## Radar images by XRAIN(1)



## Radar images by XRAIN(2) Line-shape sever stormes



### 3D animation of development from the first echo

### with every one minute.

豪雨のタマゴの探知事例(2011年8月26日16:40~17:10、1コマ1分)



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### C and X band operational MP radars networks by MLIT

•Nation wide composite rainfall Map with 250 m spatial and 1 min temporal resolutions will be available from next summer



### <sup>2</sup>Extended XRAIN by CMP+XMP (since July 1<sup>st</sup> in 2018)



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## Risk projection based on vorticity

output/ppi-TANOKUCHI0-20100724-1625-PV00-EL020000.de



Almost all rapidly grown baby cell showed vertical Nakakita, Yamabe and Yamaguchi (2011) vorticity by Doppler velocity

# **Pseudo-Vorticity**

### **Doppler Velocity**



- v : Doppler velocity
- $\lambda$  : Wavelength
- *fd* : Doppler frequency

### **Pseudo-Vorticity**

: Calculate pseudo-vorticity using Doppler velocity at two adjacent mesh





#### 2次元降雨強度(地上での雨降り始め時刻16:06)(Radar echo near surface)



#### 3次元降雨強度(豪雨のタマゴ発生確認時刻16:00)(Three-dimensional view of Radar echo)



渦度(高度3100mでの渦度。渦度0.03を超えた時刻は16:00。15:55にも兆候)(Estimated pseudo vorticity)







Nakakita, Satoh and Yamaguchi (2015)

### Early detection and risk prediction Reflectivity (Detection time 16:00)

The risk prediction system using maximum vertical vorticity information in the first radar echo

 ✓ This risk prediction system identifies dangerous baby cells using vorticity information.

✓ The different color cells show their risk levels.

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: The first radar echo observed aloft **Risk Prediction System** 16:00 16:05 16:10 The System starts **Dangerous cell** Surface rain (Detection time 16:06) 16:05 16:00 16:10

16:00 A baby cell of Guerilla-heavy rainfall

## A result of the auto forecasting system of localized severe rainfall



danger before it began to rain at the ground

This system has been introduced and realized as an operational system in MLIT<br/>Recognition as a dangerous0.11.02.04.08.012.020.030.040.060.080.0baby cell is shownNakakita, Nishiwaki and Yamaguchi (2013)

## A result of the auto forecasting system of localized severe rainfall



When baby cell is detected, no surface radar echo exists.

Nakakita, Nishiwaki and Yamaguchi (2013)

### A result of the auto forecasting system of localized severe rainfall Rainrate 20130806 16:15



When surface echo appear, it's already judged as risky one.

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### **Utilization of five X-MP radars**

#### **X-band Polarimetric Radar**



#### **3**-dimensional data

Number of radar sites	7
Horizontal grid spacing	250 m
Vertical grid spacing	500 m
Maximum altitude	10 km
Interval	1 min
Variables	R, Z <sub>H</sub> , Z <sub>DR</sub> ,
	ρ <sub>Ην</sub> , Κ <sub>DP</sub>

#### Observing schedule



 $\rightarrow$  Time

#### 3D animation of development from the first echo

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### Operational system experimentally introduced in MLIT



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#### Operational system of early detection and risk prediction



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### **X-band phased array radars**



Ushio et. al (2012), NICT (2013, 2015)

#### Operational early warning system using dual phased array radars



NICT and Kobe City (2016), Nakagawa, Masuda and Nakakita (2016), Nakagawa and Katayama et al., (WRaH 2017 Day2 RN07)

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### **Application of the risk projection**

# (Toga River Basin)



#### **Projection weather** convective cell would grow until bringing heavy rainfall on to ground surface





Prediction of possible place where convective cell would reach<sub>B5</sub>.00

136'00'

136°30'



An automatic warning system by emargency light before rainfall reach to ground at the target river side park!

At 17:30, it is projected that Toga River Basin will be covered by heavy rainfall within 5 to 10 min. Emergency light start illuminating at the basin to recommend people leave riverside.

135'30'

Nakakita, Nishiwaki and Yamaguchi (2013)

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### **Previous Research**

Prediction of Guerrilla rainfall risk using X-band radars (Nakakita et al., 2010; 2013; 2014)



- Before rainfall: first echo of Guerrilla rainfall genesis
  - Strong vorticity detected in the rainfall genesis

### **Previous Research**

# Prediction of Guerrilla rainfall risk using X-band radars (Nakakita et al., 2010; 2013; 2014)



- Early detection of Guerrilla rainfall through its genesis
- Risk level based on strength of vertical vorticity in the genesis

# X-band Multi Parameter Radar

Radar	X-band MP radar	
3D scan time	5 minutes (12 PPI scans)	
Maximum range	80 km (150m)	
Azimath angles	300 (1.2°)	
Elevation angles	12	
Parameters	Reflection intensity, Doppler velocity, Polarimetric parameters	



- $\checkmark$  Not interpolate
- ✓ Not combine
- ✓ Make figures by plane projection







Contour line of height from the ground

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# Analysis of Vorticity in the Baby Cells

(Extraction condition)

✓ Suddenly appear and develop

✓ Rain rate  $\ge$  50mm/h within 30 minutes from beginning of rainfall

✓ 16 events in August, 2013 and 2014



Nakakita, Satoh and Yamaguchi, 2015

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(Rotunno, 1981)

The vertical shear generates a horizontal vortex tube.
Updraft tilts the horizontal vortex tube.
A pair of vortex tubes appears.



 $\mathfrak{B}$  Water vapor is brought into higher air.

Upper process generates vertical vorticity, and causes a pair of positive & negative vortex tubes.



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#### Methodology(ZDR Colum) Polarimetric radar ; Differential reflectivity (Z<sub>DR</sub>)



Seliga and bringi (1976), Adachi, et al. (2013), Masuda and Nakakita (2014), Snyder et al 2015



#### Methodology (Multi Doppler Analysis)

#### **Updraft Analysis**

Multi Doppler analysis using variational technique

Shimizu and Maesaka (2007)  $\checkmark$  A cost function J is minimized in entire analysis domain.  $\checkmark$  J (u, v, w) = Jo + Jd

Difference between observed and analyzed radial velocity

$$J_o = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k,m} \lambda_o (rv_m - u \cos A - v \cos B - (w + w_t) \cos C)^2$$

**Continuity equation error** 

$$J_{d} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k} \lambda_{d} D^{2} \quad (D = \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} w}{\partial z})$$

*u*, *v*, *w* : Velocity components of wind *m* : Number of radars

ry: Observed Deppler volc

*rv* : Observed Doppler velocity

wt : Target drop velocity



criepi.denken.or.jp/jp/env/outline/2004/07.pdfより引用



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### **Targets of each sensors**



# **Radar Information**

Radar	X-band Radar	Ka-band Radar
Wave length	3.0 cm	0.86 cm
Observation area	80 km	30 km
Time of Volume Scan	5 minutes	10 minutes
Spatial resolution	150 m / 1.2°	75 m / 0.35°
Observed parameter	Z Doppler velocity Polarimetric parameter	Z Doppler velocity Polarimetric parameter
2019/11/28	Kyoto University	65



# Echo and Vorticity detection time



In 7cases, Ka-band radar can detect vorticity more than 0.02/s earlier than X-band radar

Nakakita and Niibo et al, (2017)



## Vortex analysis in the earlier stage



✓ In some events, Ka-band vorticity distributions are corresponded with X-band radar ones.

✓ Vortex tubes were observed in earlier stage.

Nakakita and Niibo et al, (2017)

# Formulation vertical vortex tube



 ✓ We found horizontal vortex tube caused by vertical shear of wind is titled into vertical vertex tube by an updraft in Guerrilla-heavy rainfall events.

#### Nakakita and Niibo et al, (2017)

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### **Phased Array Weather Radars (PAWR)**



Reflectivity of Cumulonimbus could



Phased Array Weather Radar

#### Wider elevation angle (about 100°) is available; Time resolution of 3D observation is about 30 second.

Figure source: National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)

### Advantage of PAWR for 3D observation



X-Band MP radars require multiple scans.

PAWR finishes in one scan.

Wider elevation angle (about 100°) is available; Time resolution of 3D observation is about 30 second.

### **Performance of PAWR**



Wider elevation angle (about 100°) is available; Time resolution of 3D observation is about 30 second. 72 Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa (2019)
### **Comparison between X-MP radars and PAWR**

### **Time-varying vertical vorticity distribution**



X-Band MP radars

**Phased Array Weather Radars** 

Time resolution: 5 mins  $\rightarrow$  30 seconds Observation angle of elevation: 15°  $\rightarrow$  110° Phenomena in smaller scales can be captured by PAWR than X-MP radars.

Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa (2019)

### Time change of reflectivity echoes by X-Band MP radar & PAWR



Observation by X-band MP radar (Every 5 min) Observation by phased array weather radar (Every 30 seconds)

Movements in small echo can be captured smoothly by using phased array weather radar. 74

Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa (2019)

### Time change of reflectivity echoes by X-Band MP radar & PAWR

Phased Array Weather Radar





The growing process of three bulks of echo in small spatiotemporal scales was captured. Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa (2019)

## Discussion



The horizontal length of echoes approximate turret's length. → could observe precipitation particles in turrets in cumulonimbus clouds. <sup>76</sup>

### Time change of Vorticity and reflectivity echoes observed by PAWR



#### **Vertical Vorticity**

#### **Radar Reflectivity**

Observation by PAWR on 14:00 on 2017/08/05

The development of cumulonimbus clouds as well as the positive-negative vortex tube pair were captured by PAWR every 30 seconds.

Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa (2019)

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Nakakita, Takao, Niibo, Yamaguchi and Nakagawa <del>(2019</del>)

### Cloud generation simulated by developed LES model (cloud water mixing ratio)



LES model (Yamaguchi, et al. (2016, 2017))

### Cloud generation simulated by developed LES model (vertical vortex tube)



(y\_vorticity (/s)

LES model (Yamaguchi, et al. (2016, 2017))

# new multi-sensors observation of storm-genesis, Kobe (2017-2019)



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### Identification of the stage of storm life cycle



#### Masuda and Nakakita (2014)

### Identification of the stage of storm life cycle



Calculate the existing ratio of hydrometer in a storm cell

→ Investigate the relationship between the existing ratio of hydrometer and the stage. Masuda and Nakakita (2014)

### **Hydrometeor Classification**

### Fuzzy logic

- fuzzy logic classification scheme (Park et al. 2009)
  <u>8 categories</u>: Rain, Heavy rain, Rain & Hail, Big drop, Graupel, Wet snow, Dry snow, Ice crystal
- Modified membership functions about K<sub>DP</sub> for X-band



- Blas correction for Z<sub>H</sub> and Z
- S/N calibration for  $\rho_{HV}$
- Identification of melting layer
- Exclude mesh affected by ground clutter Masuda and Nakakita (2014)

### **Tracking cell and Hydrometeor classification**





Masuda and Nakakita (2014)



### NWP assimilated by hydrometeor type



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#### Observed and predicted accumulated rainfallamout

**Mixing ratio** 

Yamaguchi • Furuta • Nakakita(2015)

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- Utilization of polarimetric information
- Campaign observations by radars and lider with multifrequencies and multi-types

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