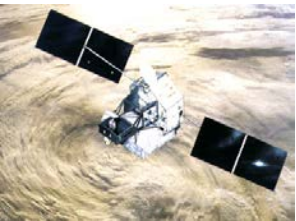


# 全球降水観測計画 (GPM) における 二周波降水レーダ観測への期待 (TRMMからGPMへ)

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# Rainfall Measurement and Our Life

Rain affects most everyone's life & work

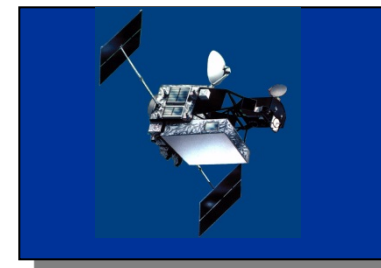
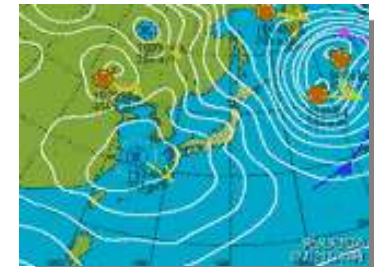
- **Food production**
- **Flood, drought**

Rain is a key variable in

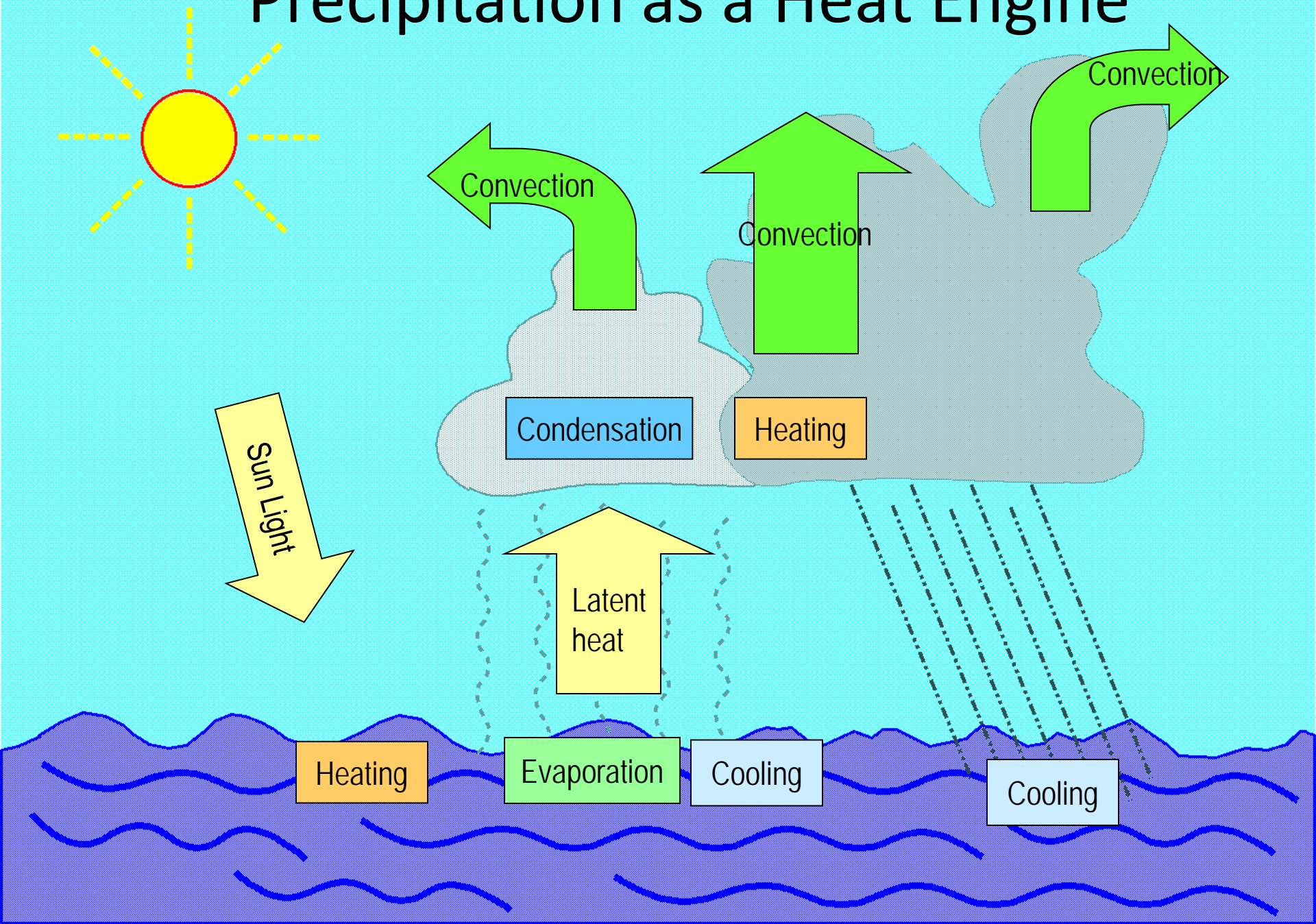
- **Weather prediction models**
- **Climate models**
- **Air-sea interaction models, etc.**

Rain is one of hardest meteorological parameters to measure, because of its large spatial and temporal variability.

- **Contribution by rainfall measuring satellites**
  - **TRMM (Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission)**
  - **GPM (Global Precipitation Measurement)**

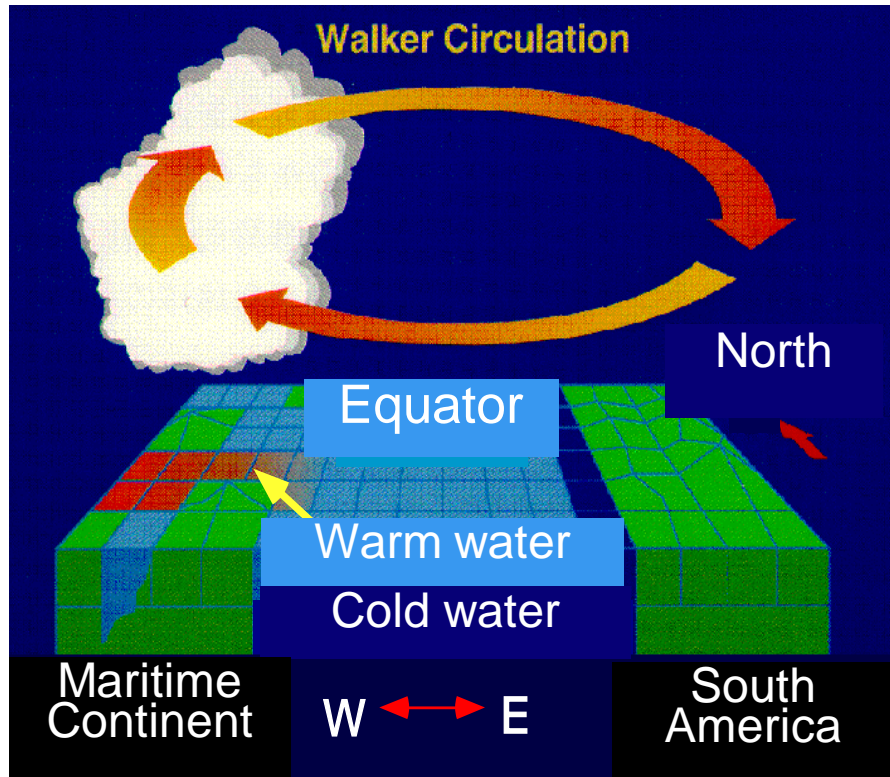


# Precipitation as a Heat Engine

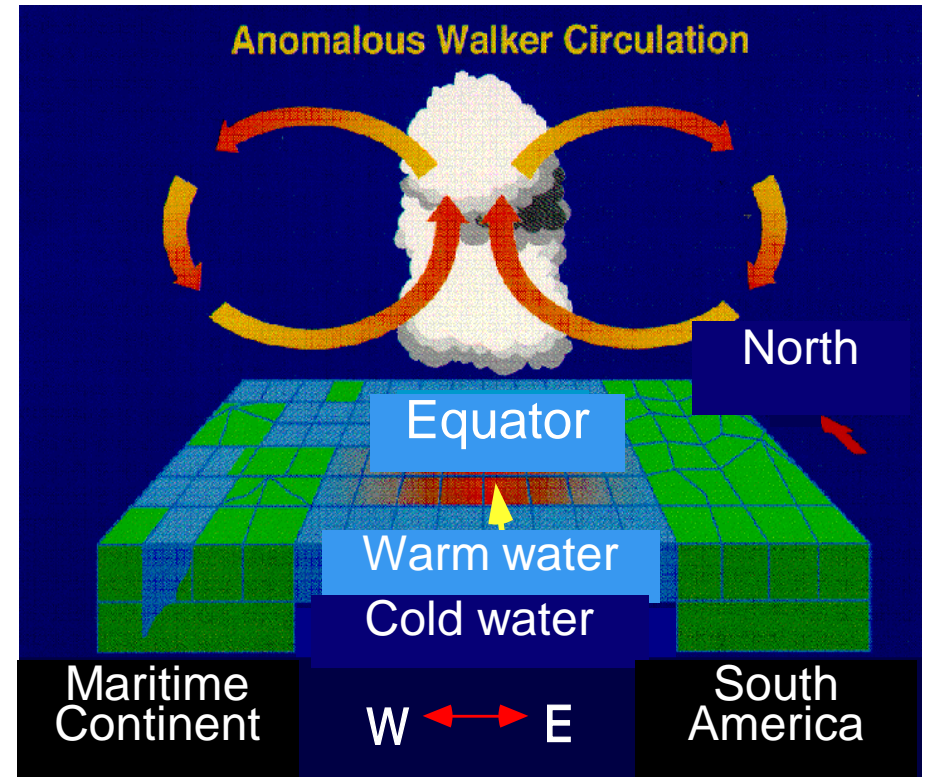


# Atmospheric Circulation and Tropical Rainfall

Normal Condition



El Nino Condition

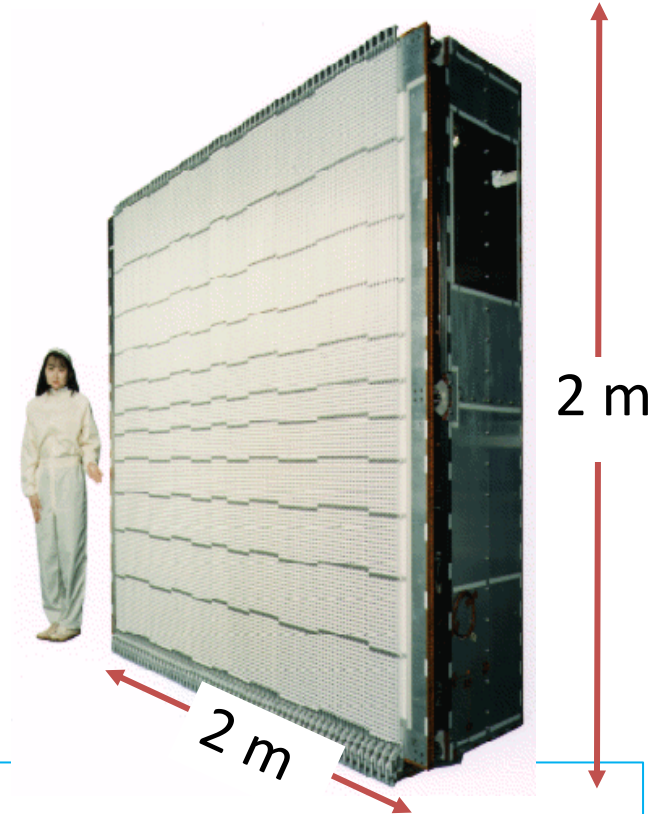
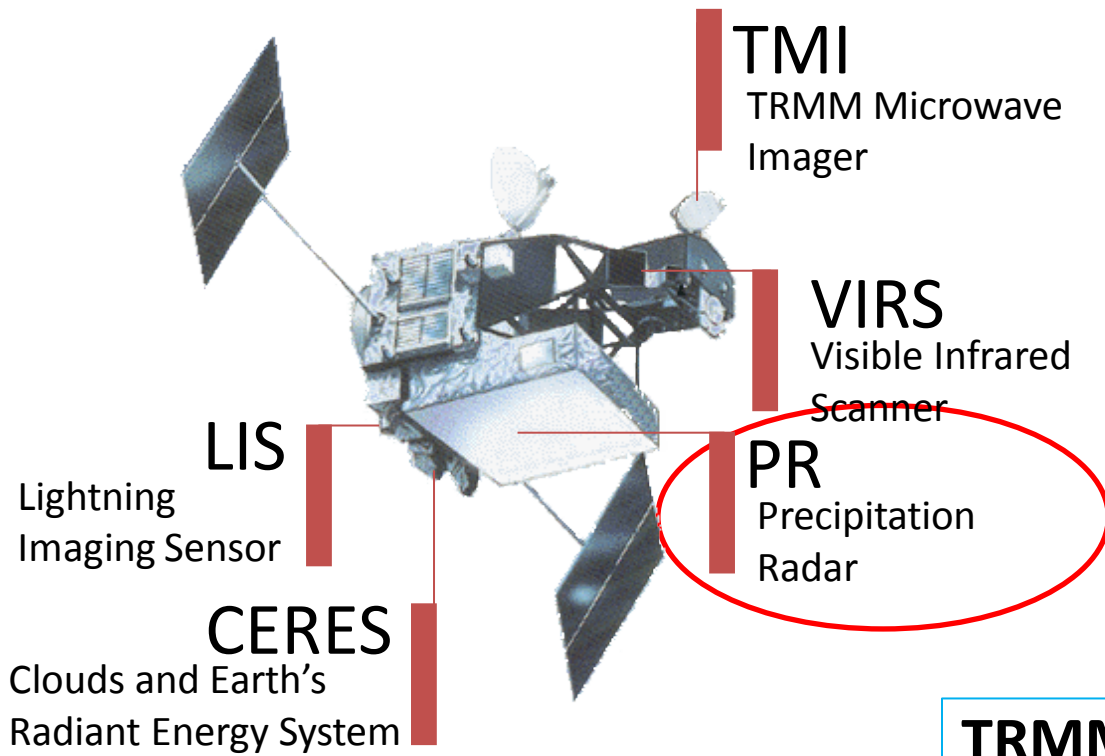


- Tropical Rainfall as a “Heat Engine” of global circulation

# TRMM Objectives - Metrics

- To obtain and study multi-year science data sets of tropical and subtropical rainfall measurements:
  - Launch and successfully operate satellite and data system for 3 years.
- To understand how interactions between the sea, air, and land masses produce changes in global rainfall and climate:
  - Produce accurate maps (10%) of global precipitation at 5°x5° monthly resolution for at least 3 years. Calibrate previous rainfall estimates to extend time series.
- To help improve modeling of tropical rainfall processes and their influence on global circulation in order to predict rainfall and variability at various time scale intervals:
  - Derive Latent Heating products in the tropics; Map Diurnal Cycle of Precipitation; Make data available to modeling community;
- To test, evaluate, and improve the performance of satellite rainfall estimate measurements and techniques:
  - Operate a quantitative validation program and reprocess data as warranted.

# TRMM and Precipitation Radar

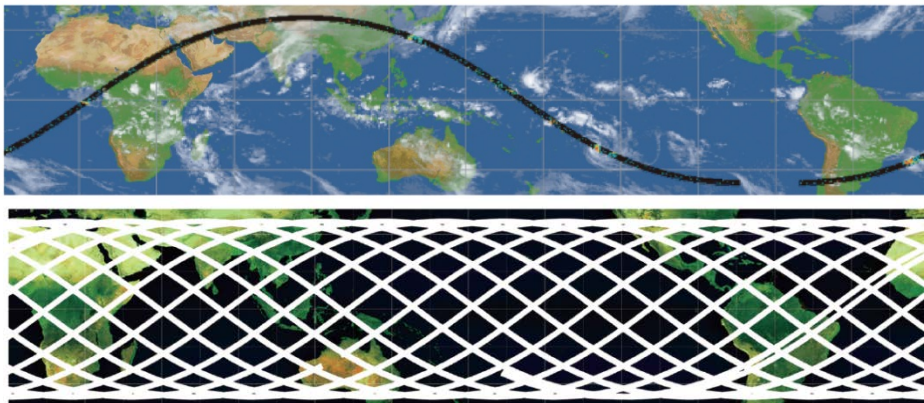


## TRMM PR

- First spaceborne precipitation radar
- Developed by NICT and JAXA, JAPAN
- Ku-band radar 13.8GHz: moderate to heavy rain

## TRMM Orbit

35N-35S, non-sunsynchronized



# Concept of TRMM Rain Observation

PR: Precipitation Radar

TMI: TRMM Microwave Imager

VIRS: Visible/IR Scanner

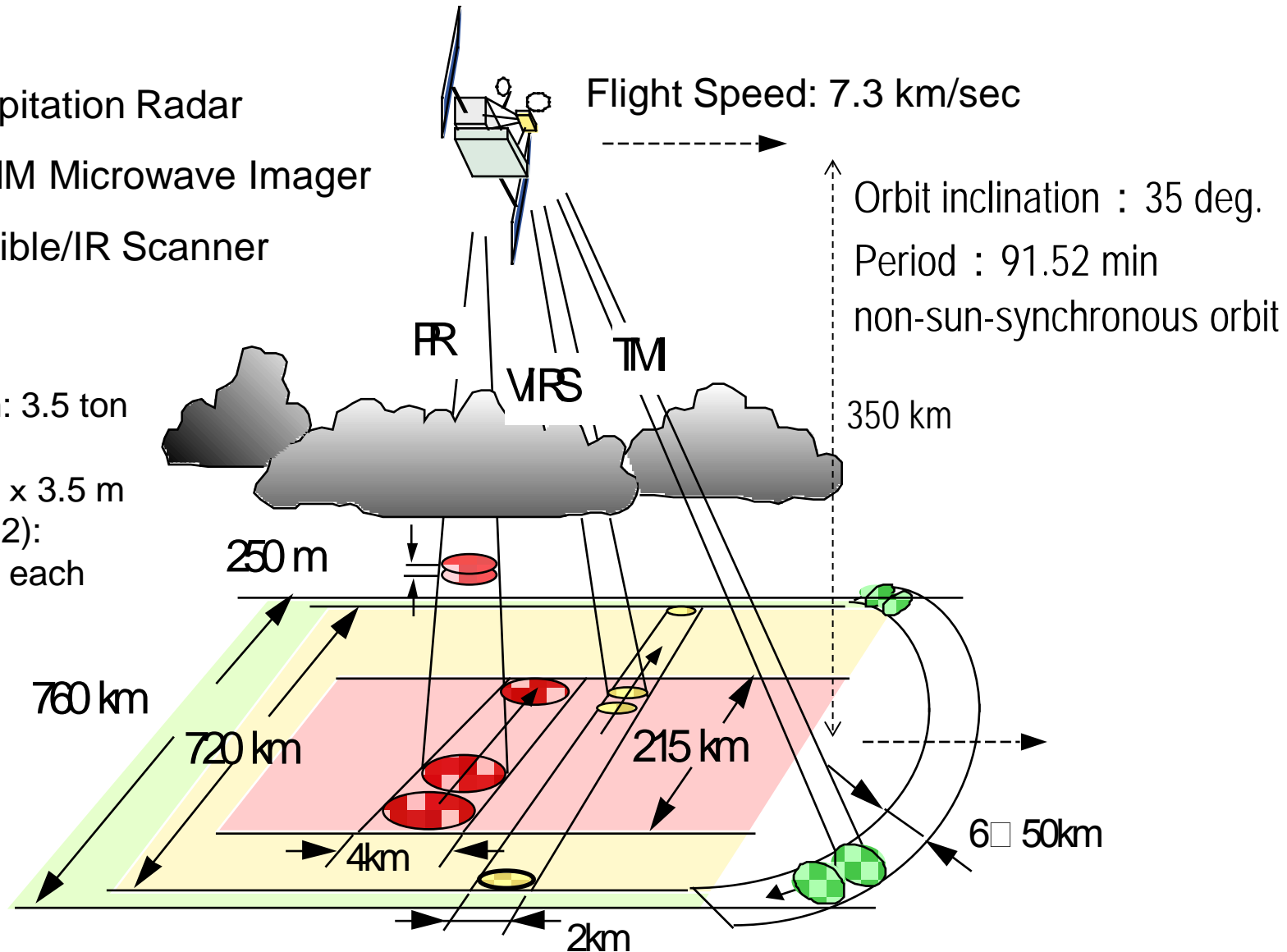
Mass at launch: 3.5 ton

Dimensions:

5.1 m x 3.0 m x 3.5 m

Solar paddles (2):

2.1 m x 4.3 m each



Flight Speed: 7.3 km/sec

Orbit inclination : 35 deg.

Period : 91.52 min

non-sun-synchronous orbit

350 km

250 m

760 km

720 km

215 km

4 km

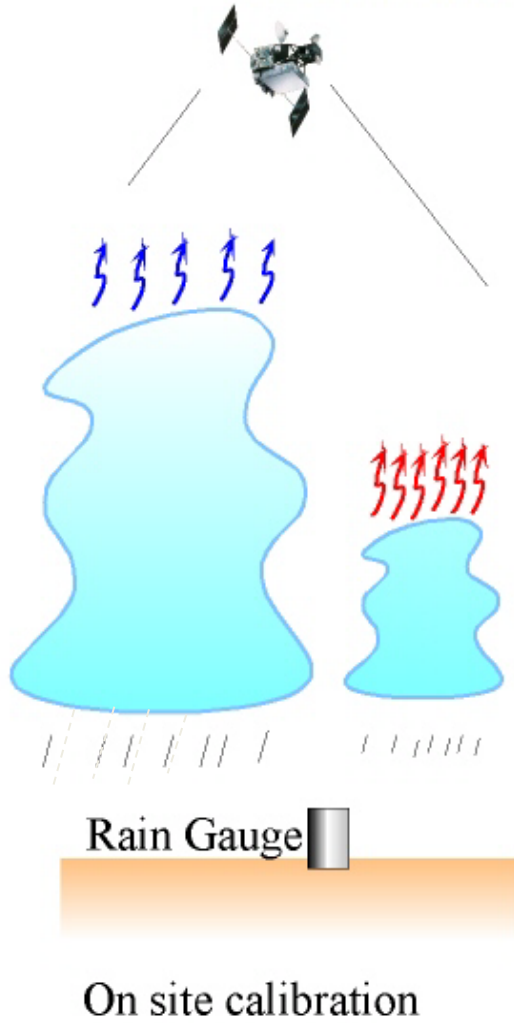
2 km

6 x 50 km

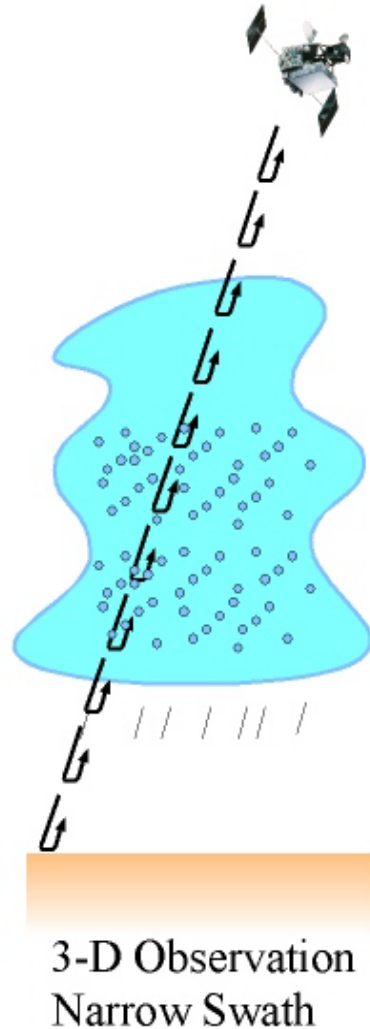
# Principles of Precipitation Measurement with Satellite-borne Sensors

衛星搭載センサによる降水測定の実理

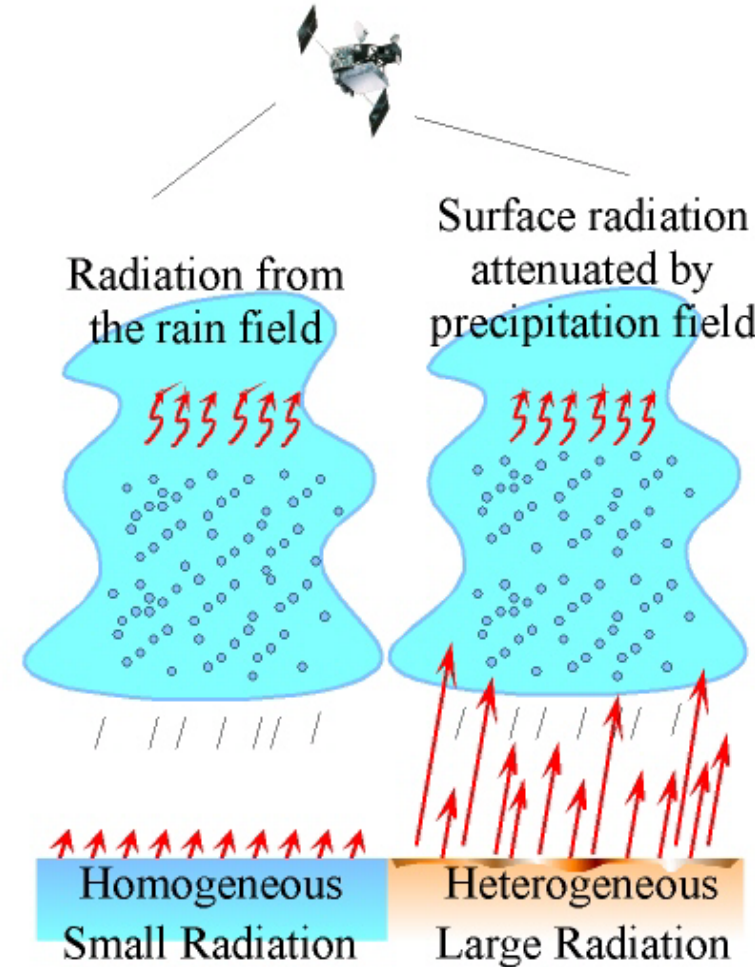
## Visible/Infrared Radiometer



## Radar

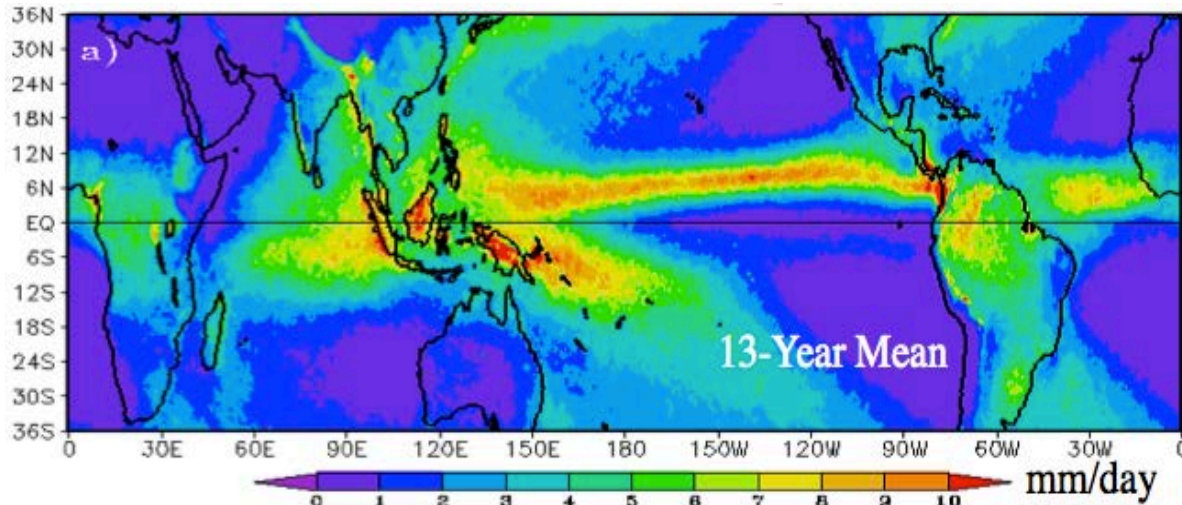


## Microwave Radiometer

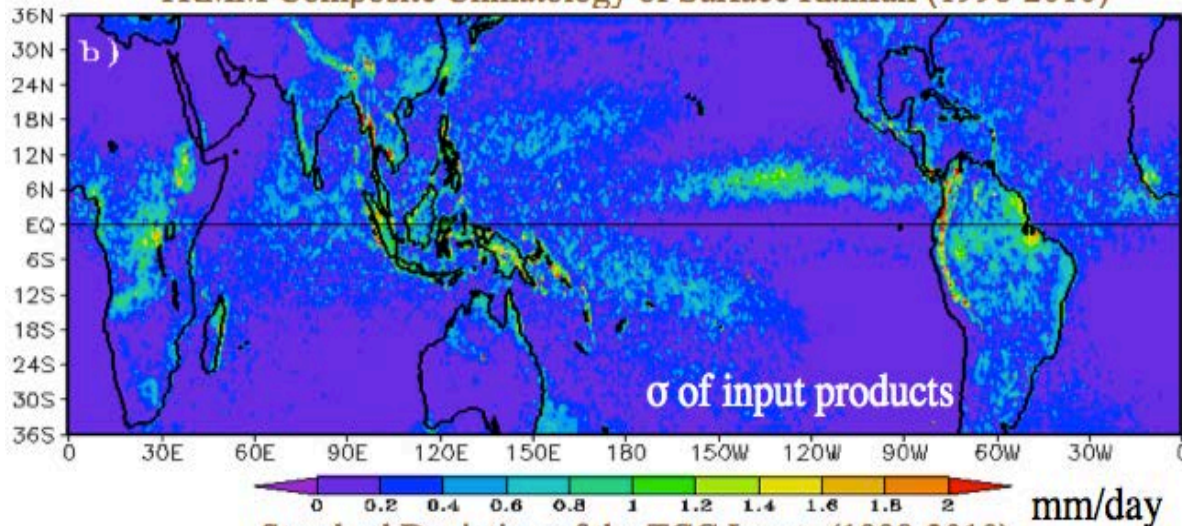




# Thirteen-year (1998-2010) TRMM Composite Climatology (TCC)



TRMM Composite Climatology of Surface Rainfall (1998-2010)

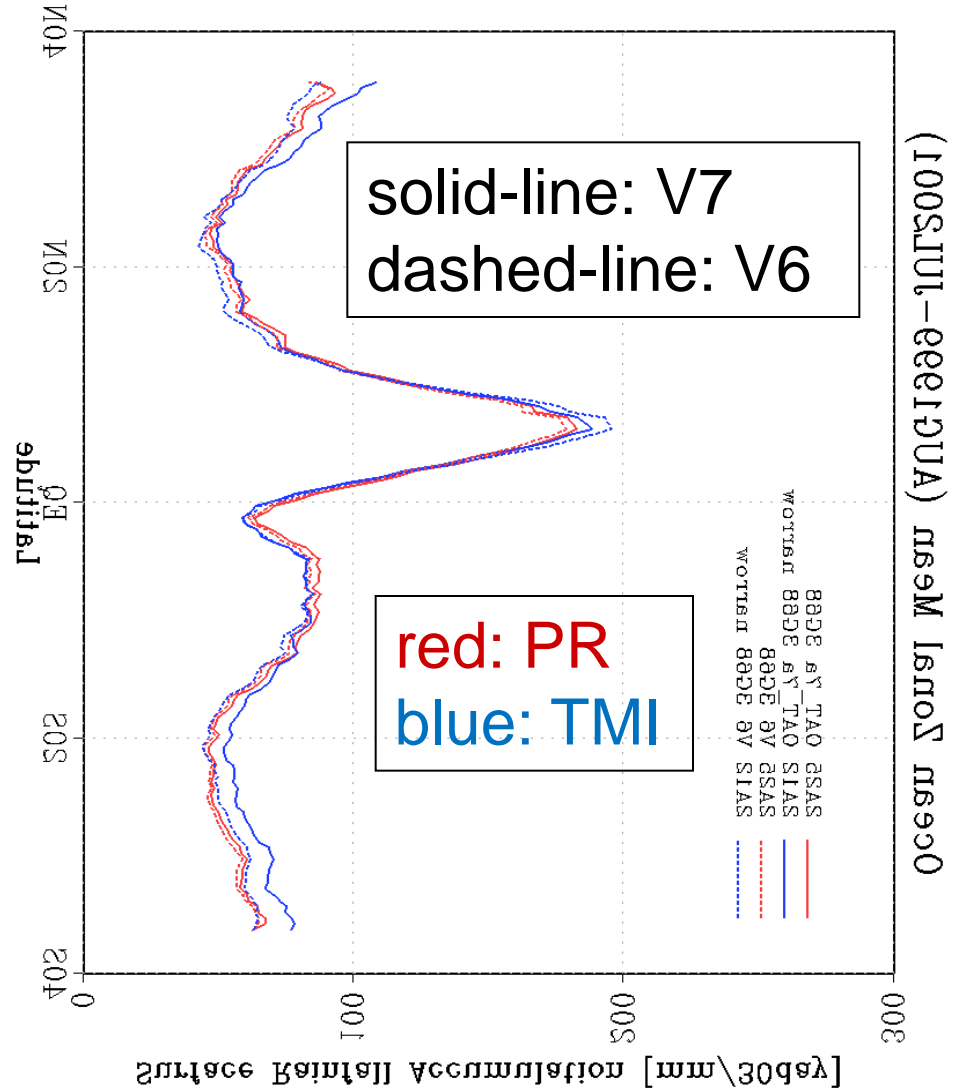
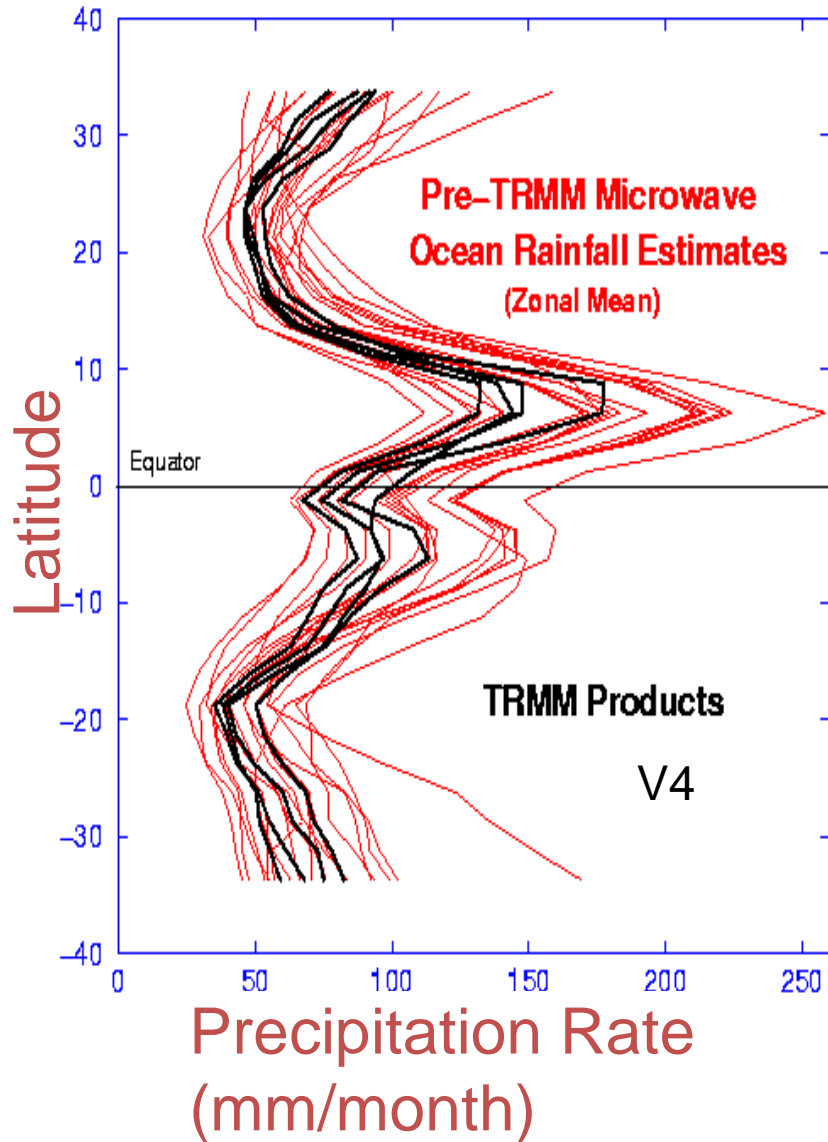


Standard Deviation of the TCC Inputs (1998-2010)

Climatological value is mean of three input products at each 0.5 lat./long. grid from Adler/Wang

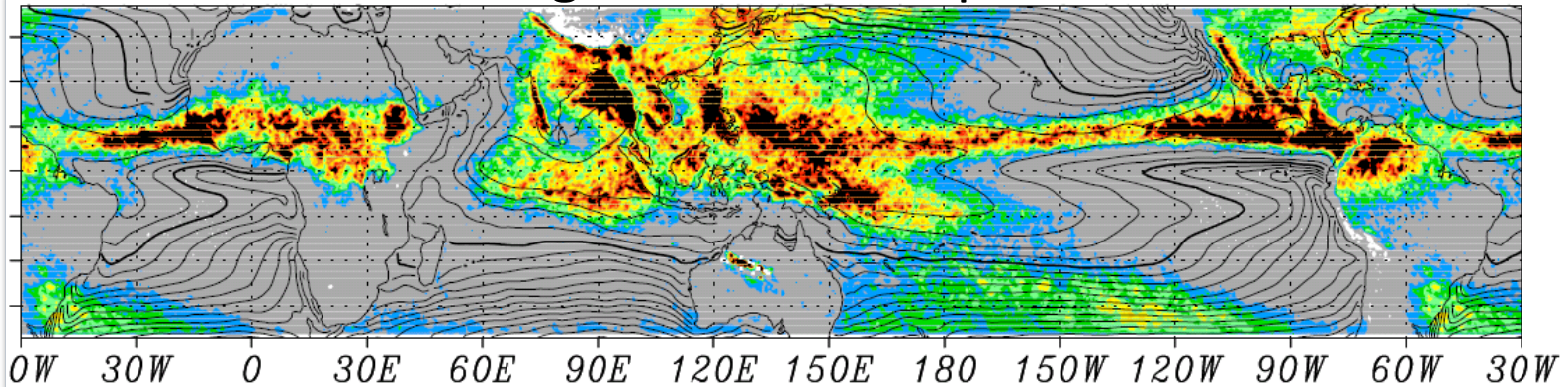
Standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) among the three products is an estimate of error—note E. Pac. peak values ( $\sigma/\text{mean} = 1.3/9 = 14\%$ )

# Agreement between PR and TMI Rain Estimates

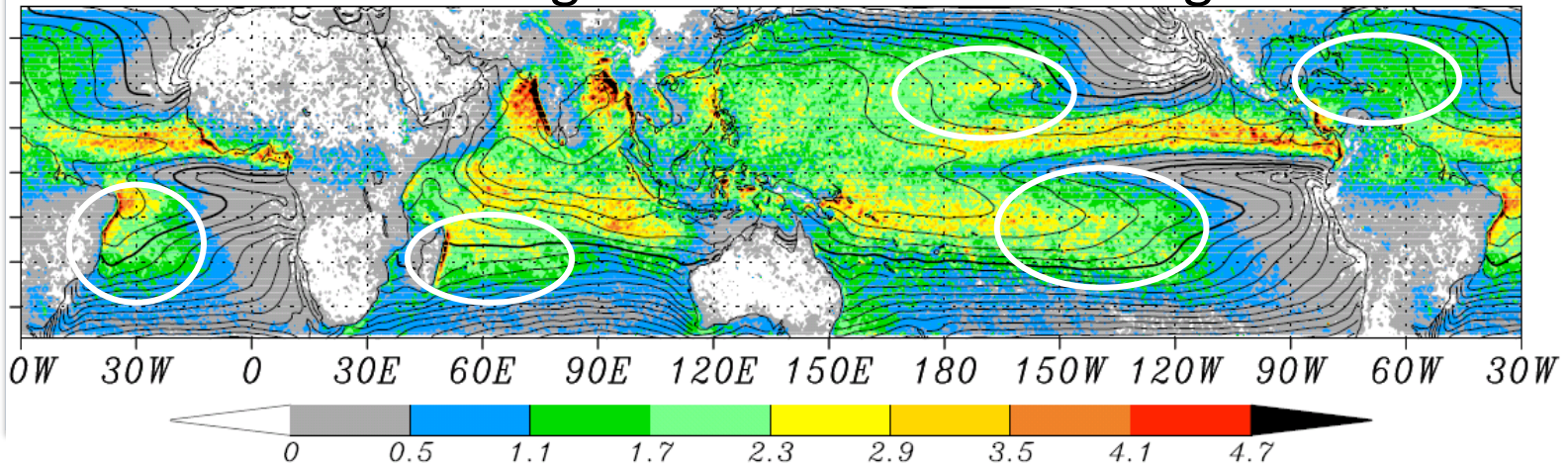


# Latent Heating by Convection, 98-07 June-Aug

## Latent heating at 7.5km deep convection

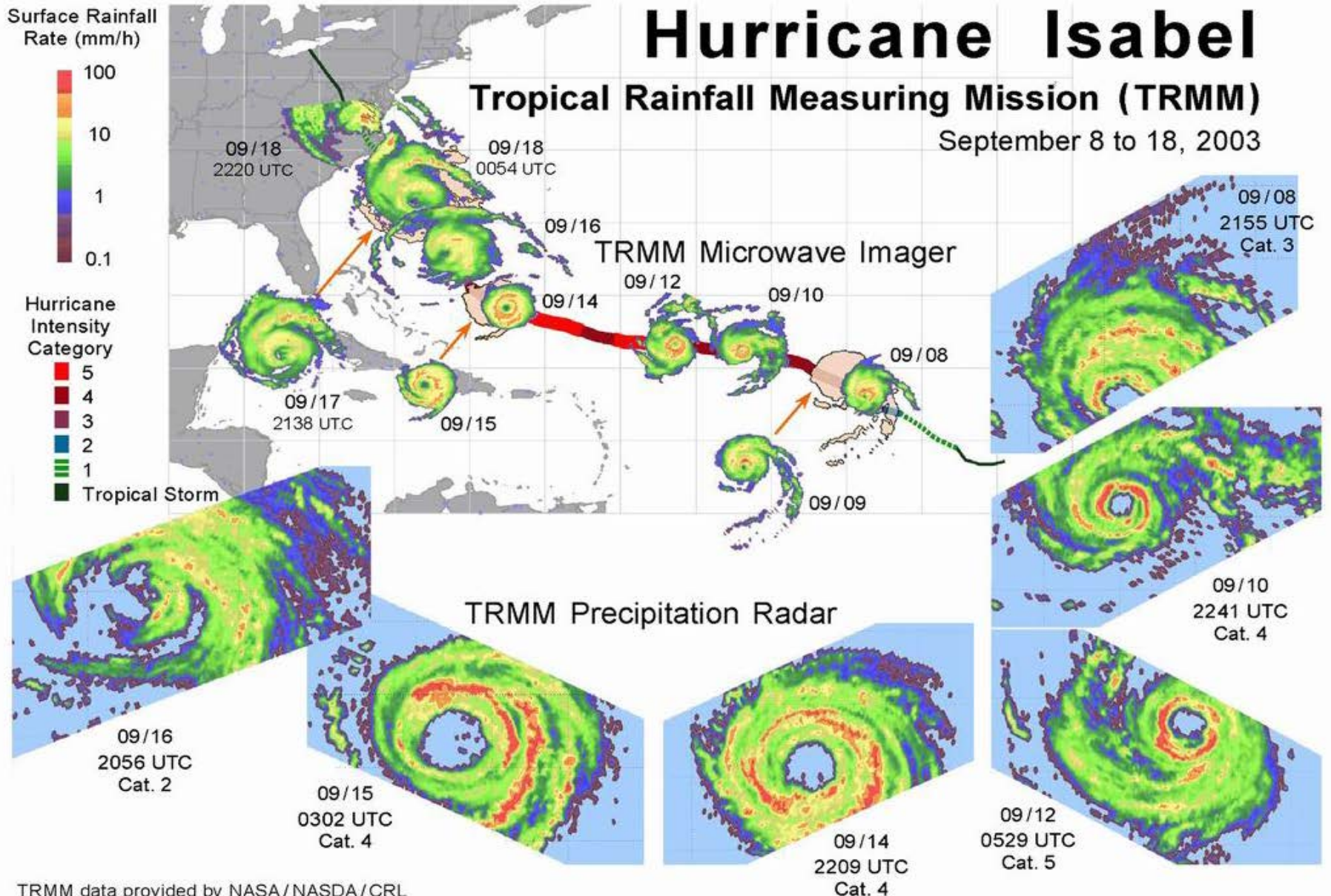


## Latent heating at 2.0km cumulus congestus

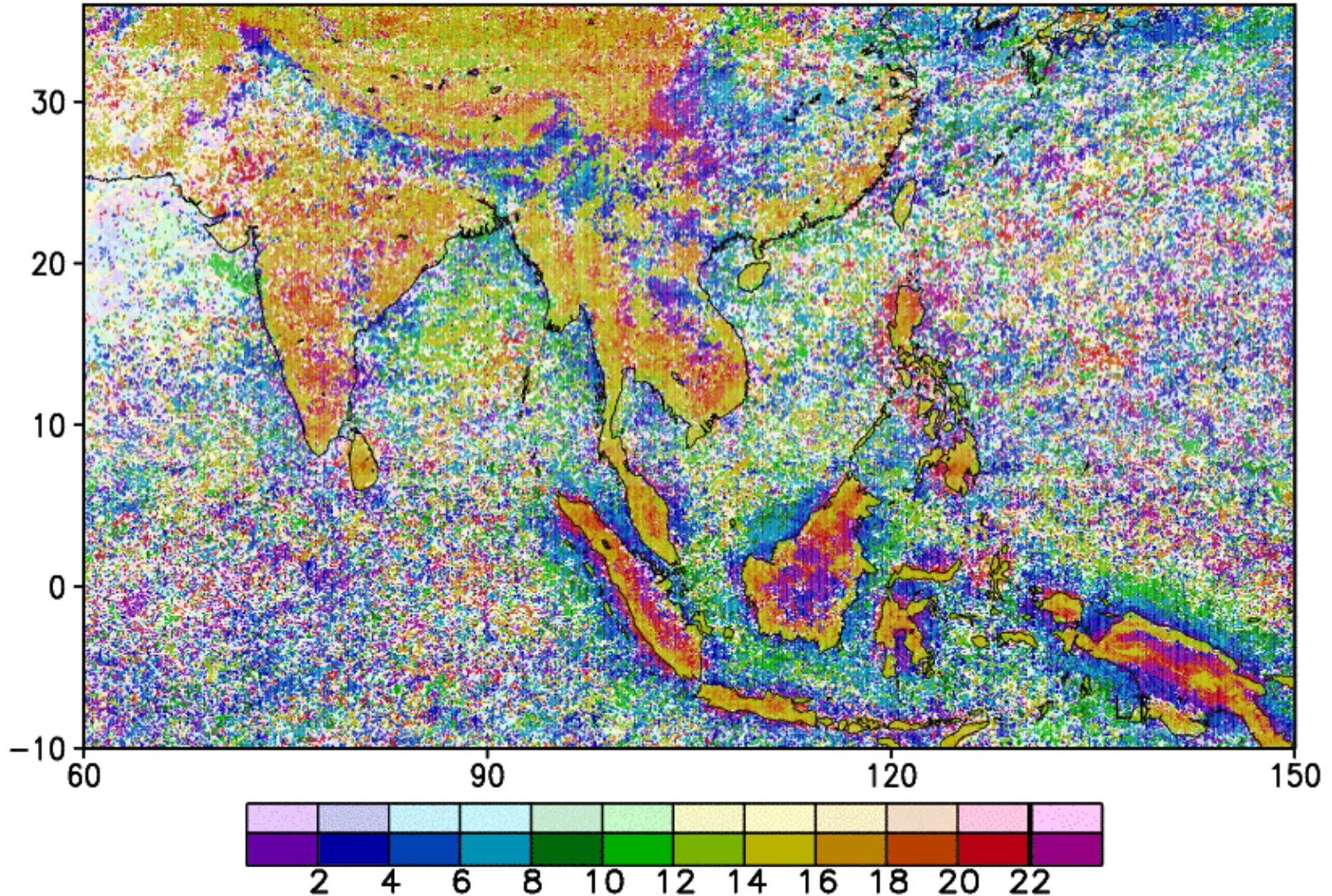


Latent heating by convection is estimated utilizing TRMM PR (Shige et al. 2004). Significant distribution of cumulus congestus regime emerged out over moderately warm water with large-scale atmospheric subsidence. (Takayabu et al. 2010)

# Hurricane Structure and Variations Studied with TRMM



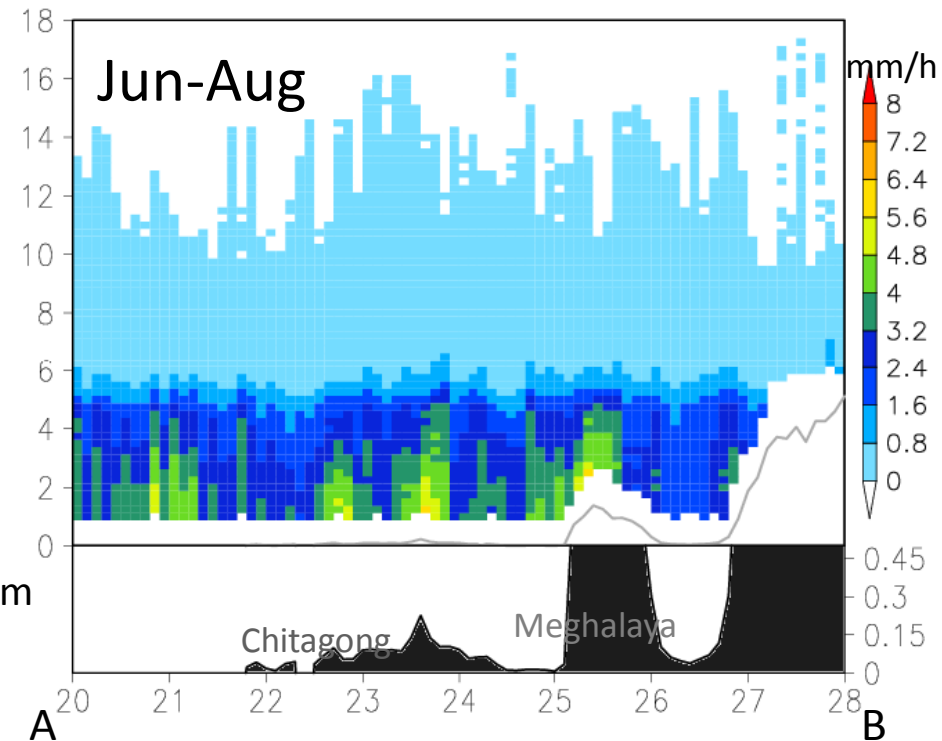
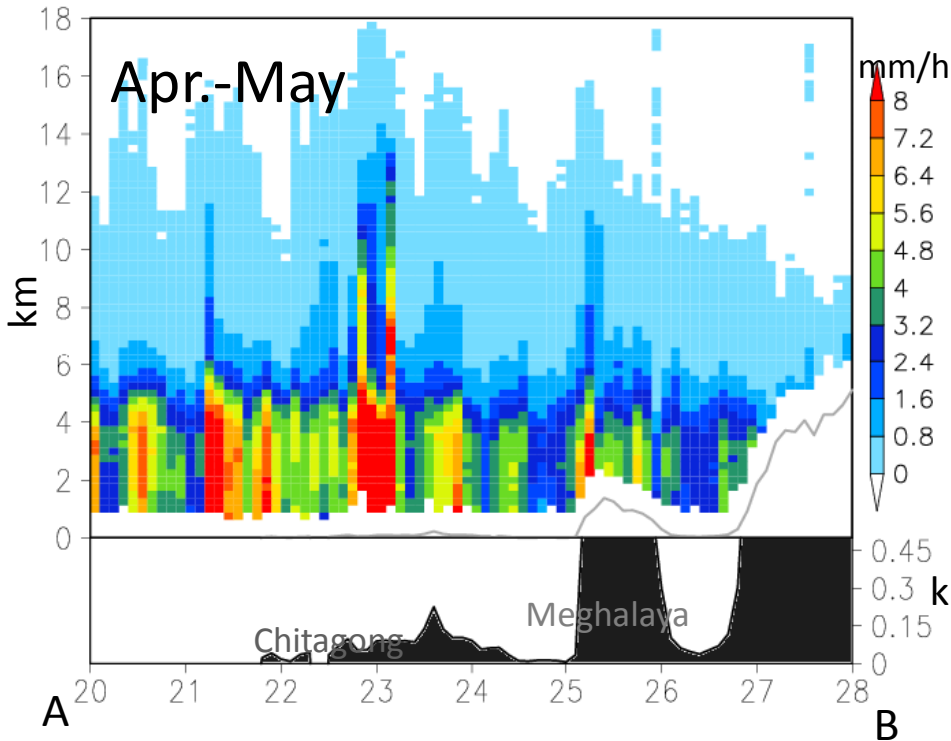
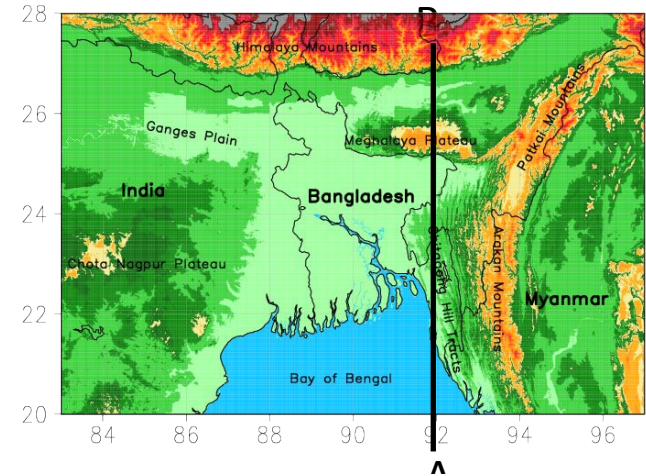
# Diurnal Variation of Rainfall (Local Time of Max. Rainfall)



# Rainfall Profiles in Bangladesh

10-year mean (92° E)

- Apr-May: Pre-Monsoon
  - Deep and Intense Rainfall
  - Large effects of small topography
- Jun-Aug: Monsoon Rainy Season
  - Moderate and Uniform Rainfall

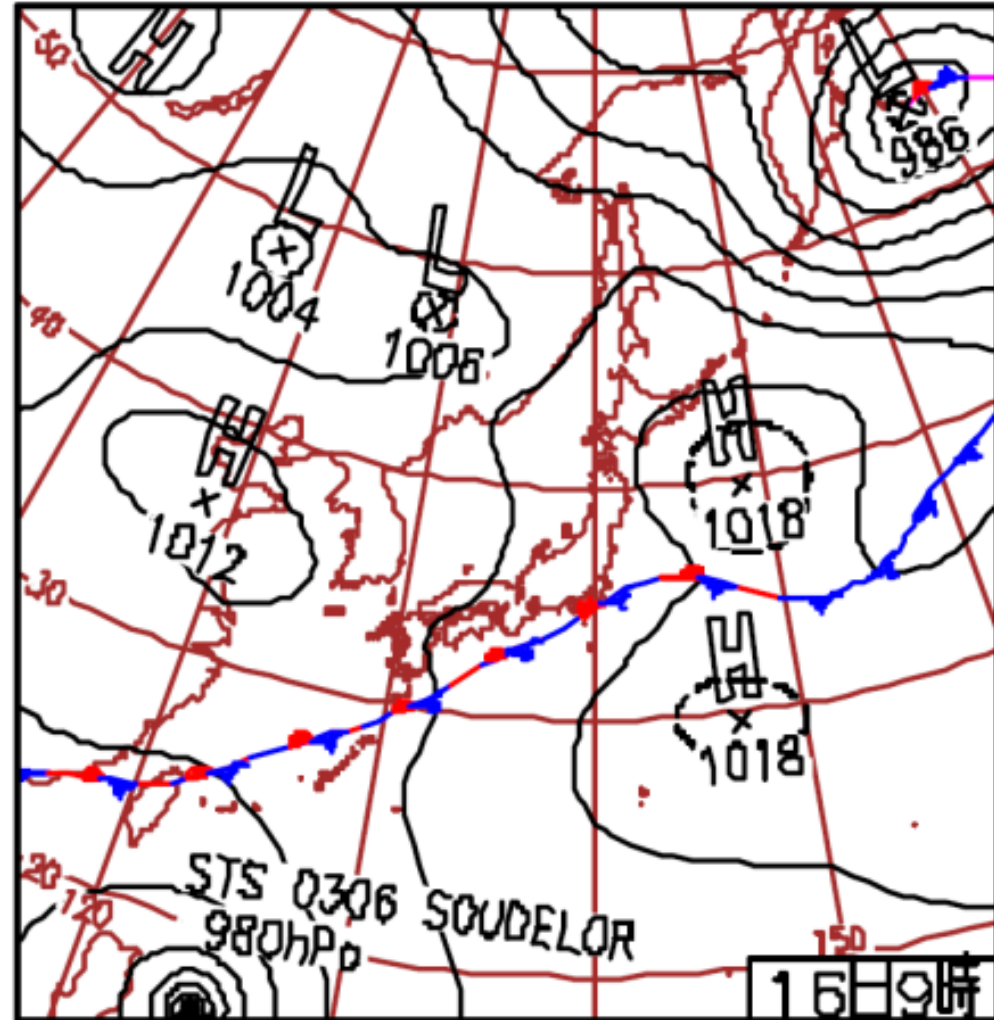
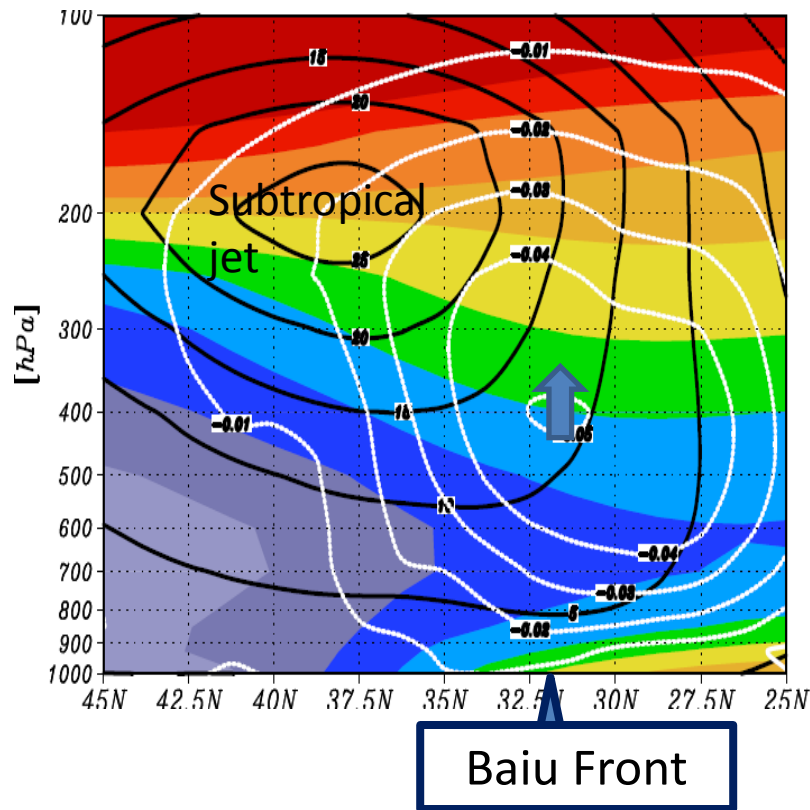


# A Contrast in Precipitation Across the Baiu Front

Meridional-vertical structure (122-145E)

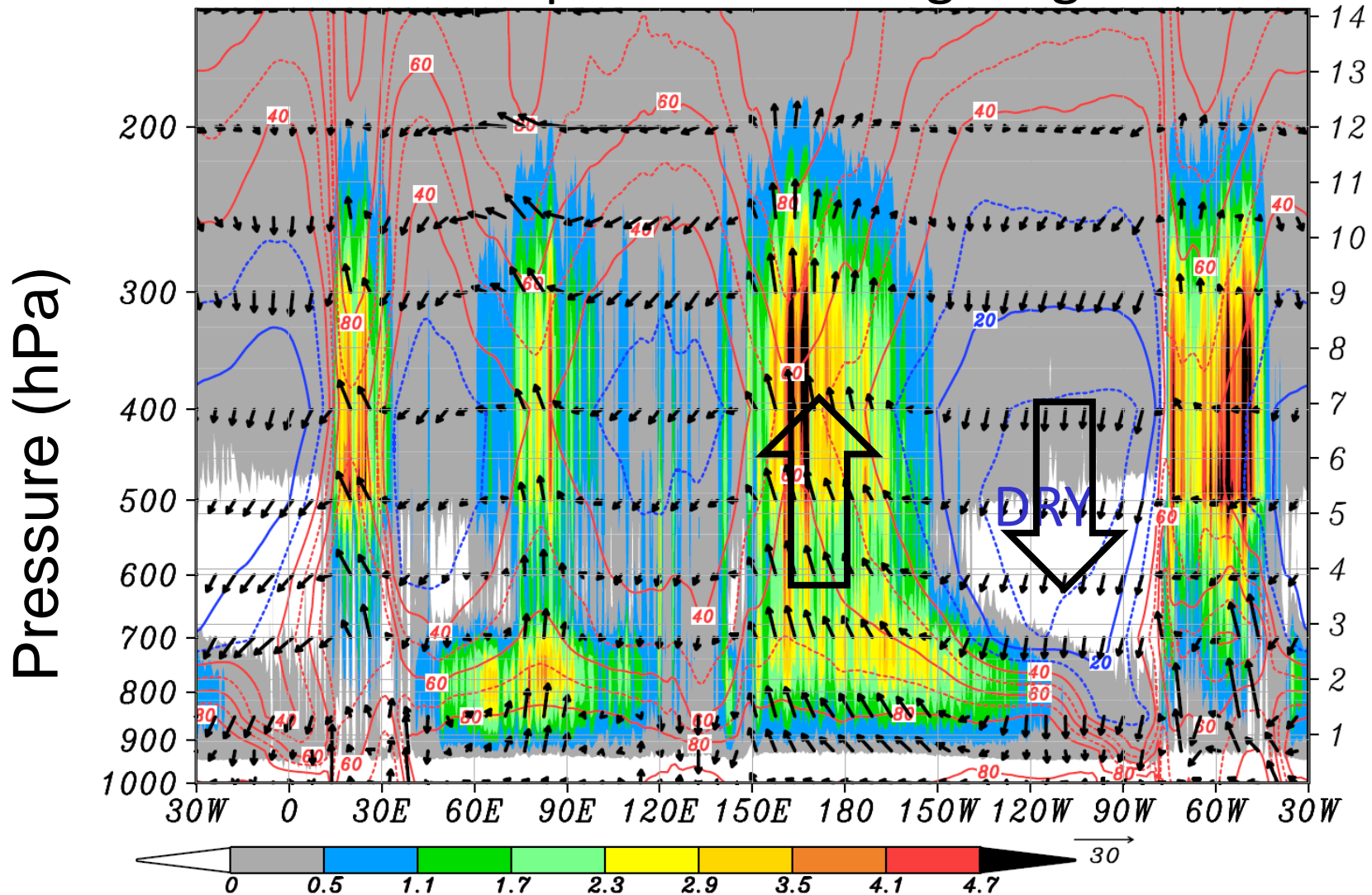
June-July, 1998-2011

Color : Moist static energy  $C_p T + g z + L q$



# TRMM SLH (Q1-QR)

Conv. Diabatic Heating of the Atmosphere  
1998-2005 Sep.-Nov. 10S long-height section



(Takayabu et al. 2010, modified)



# Extreme Rainfall vs. Extreme Convection

Top 0.1% in each 2.0 deg x 2.0 deg grid in terms of surface rain rate

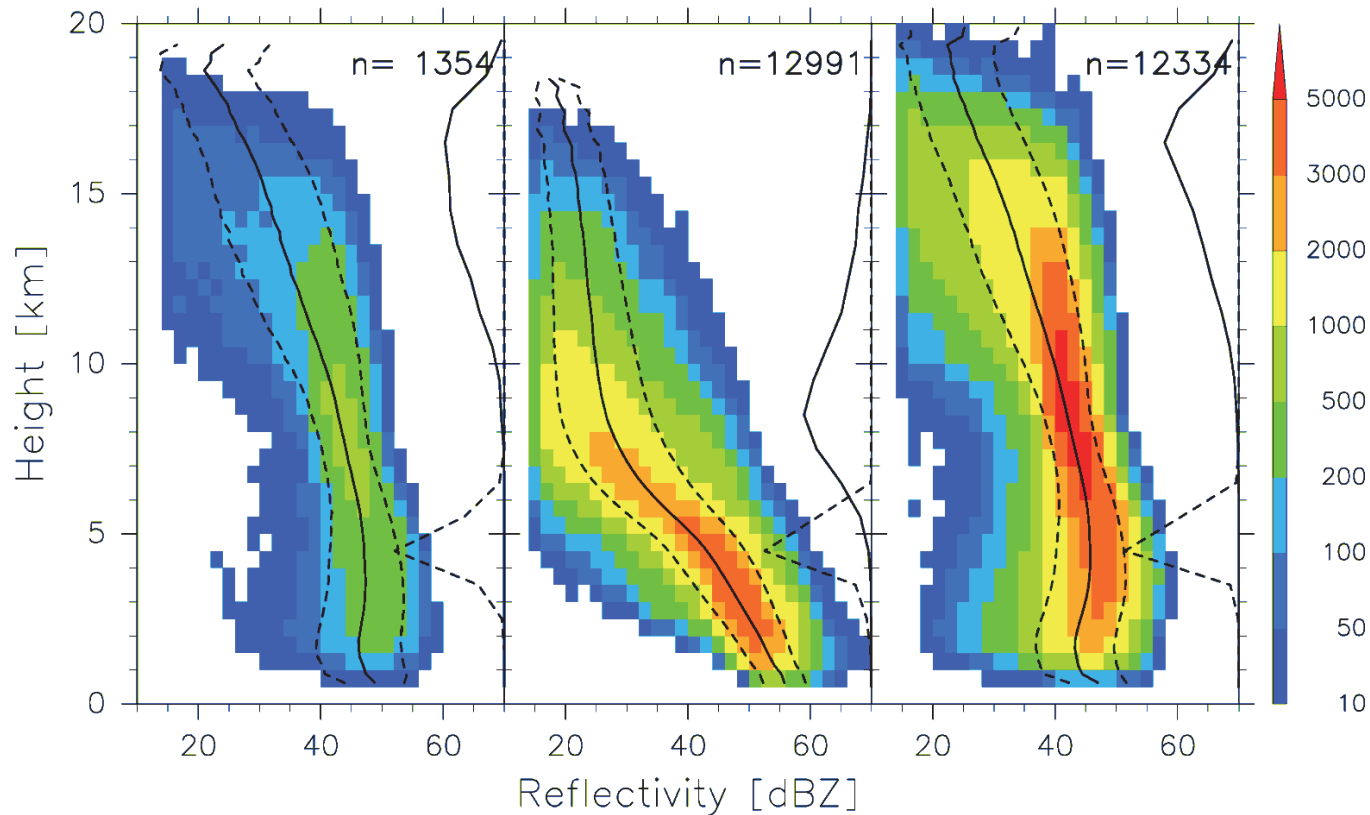
Top 0.1% in terms of 40dBZ echo top height

GLB, Land, ANN, v7f, p999

(a) RH

(b) R\_ONLY

(c) H\_ONLY



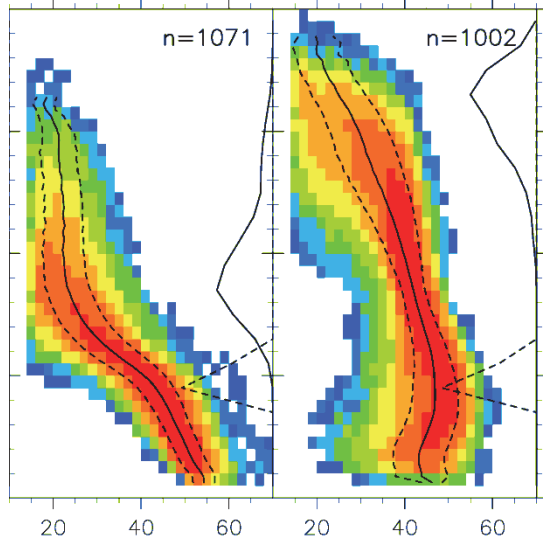
Profiles of extremely intense rainfall and extremely tall convection are very different

# Regional Characteristics of R/H-only Extreme Profiles

## Amazon

(b) R\_ONLY

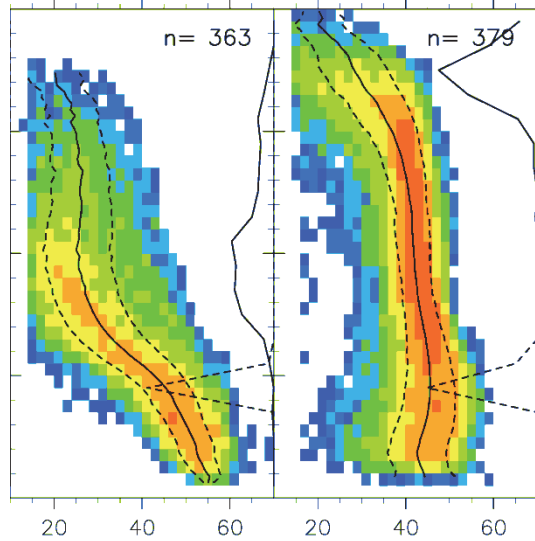
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## Eq. Africa

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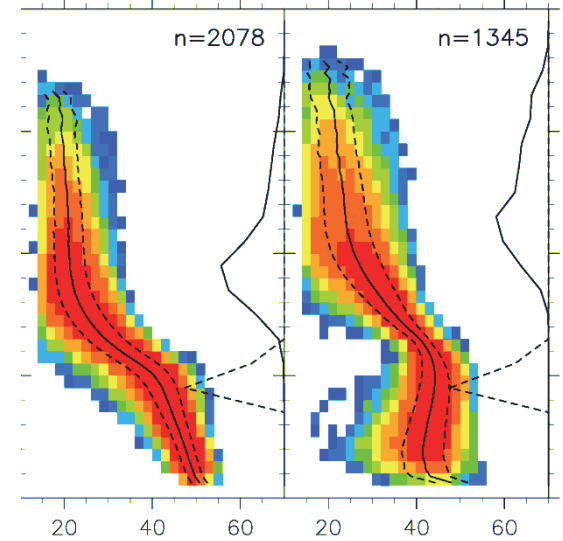
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## Eq. W. Pacific

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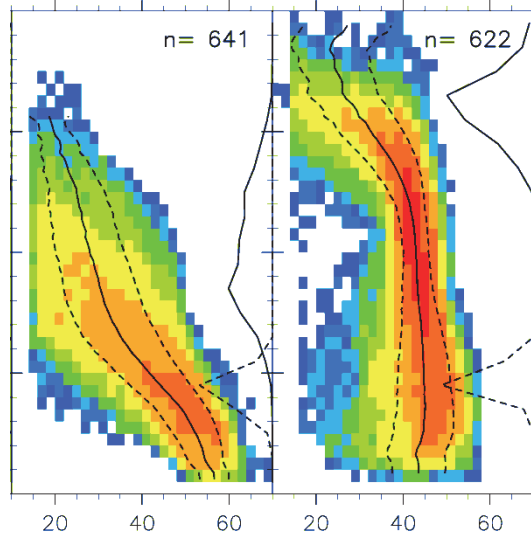
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## US

(b) R\_ONLY

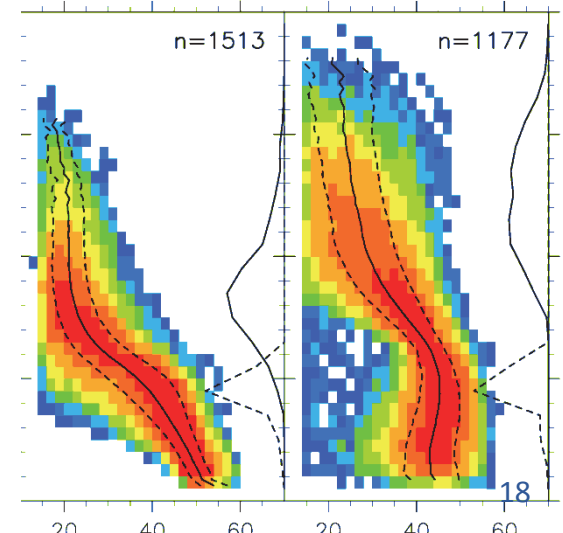
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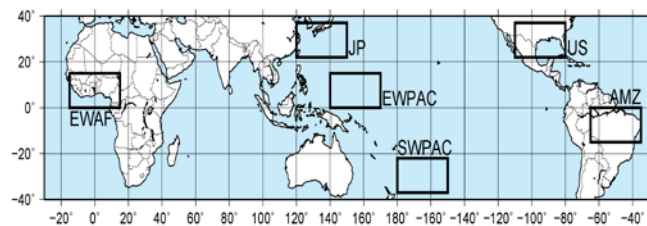
## JP (Ocean)

(b) R\_ONLY

(c) H\_ONLY



- Same irrespective of regions
- Extreme rain rate is mostly associated with moderate systems, even in the regions where severe convective storms are dominant



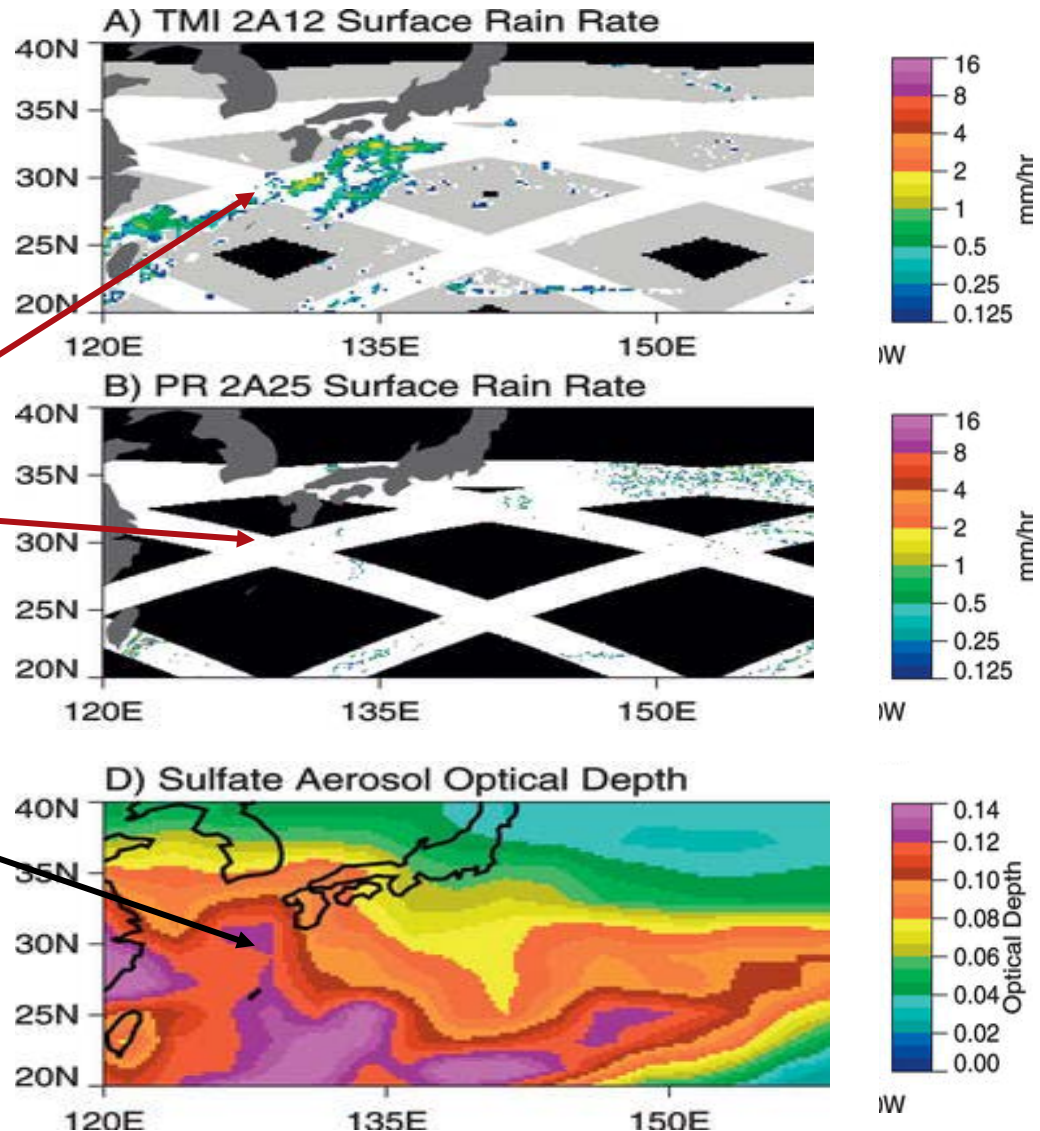
# Impact of Asian Pollution on Rainfall?

Importance of Radar and Passive Microwave on Same Satellite

Remaining Differences between Passive Microwave and Radar Retrievals --an extreme example

*TMI shows significant rain area, but PR shows very little*

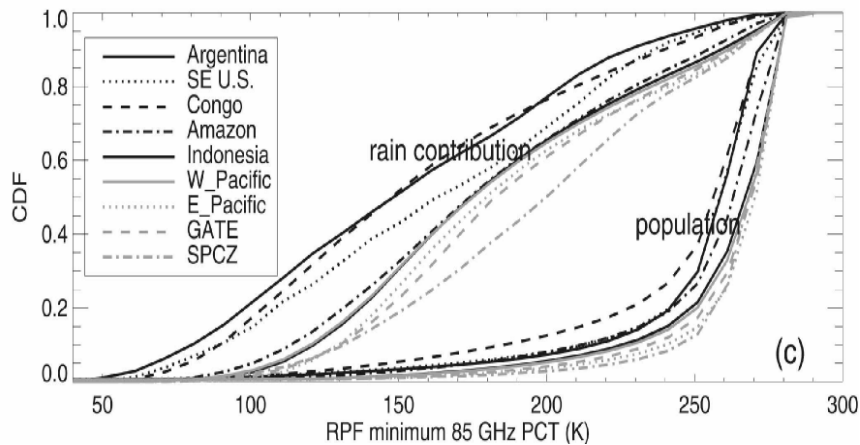
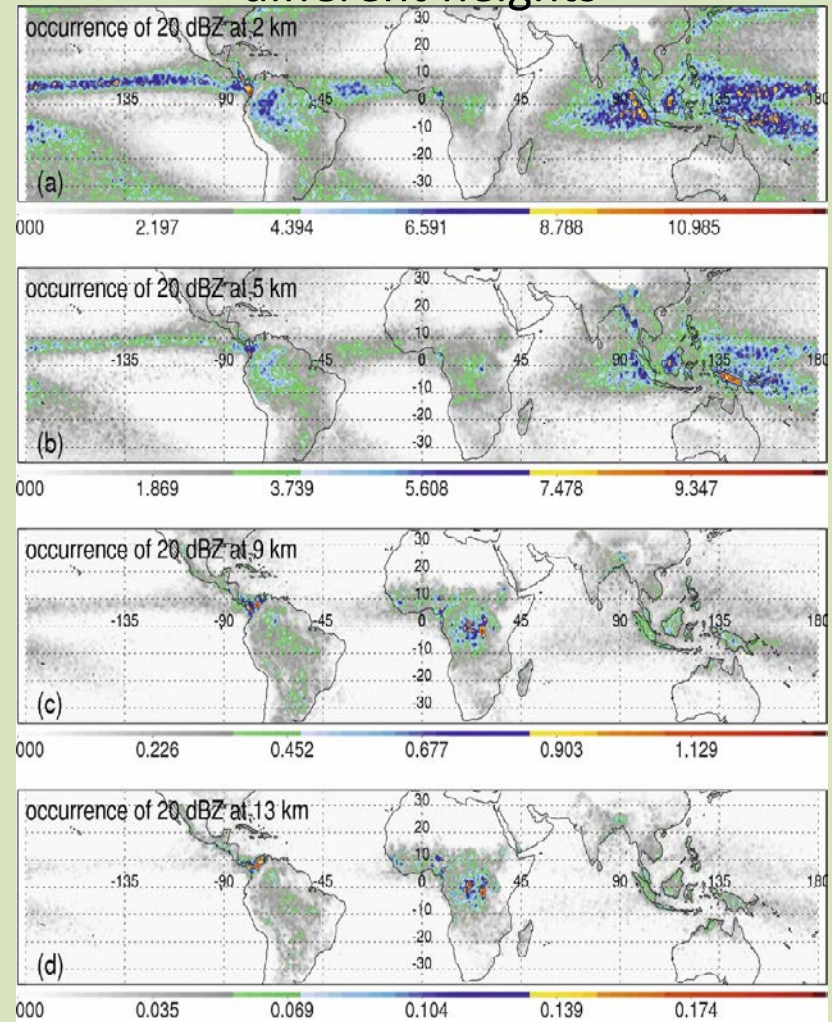
Result probably due to aerosol effects (pollution) on size distribution of cloud/rainfall droplets  
(high cloud liquid water content, but small amount of rain)



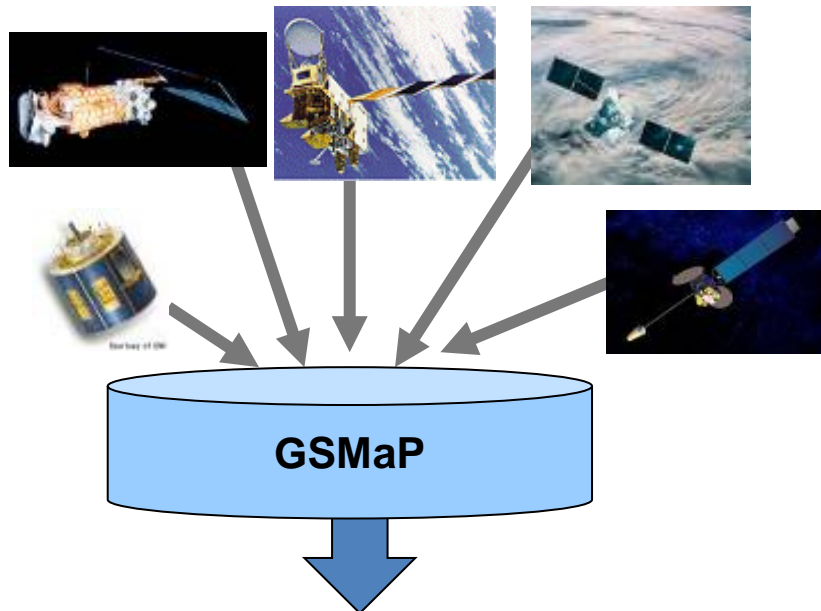
# The TRMM Precipitation Feature Database

- Continuously updated database of precip. features
- Easy subsetting by location, time, feature size, dBZ, or other parameters
- Identifies occurrences of extremes, rain feature population statistics, vertical structure

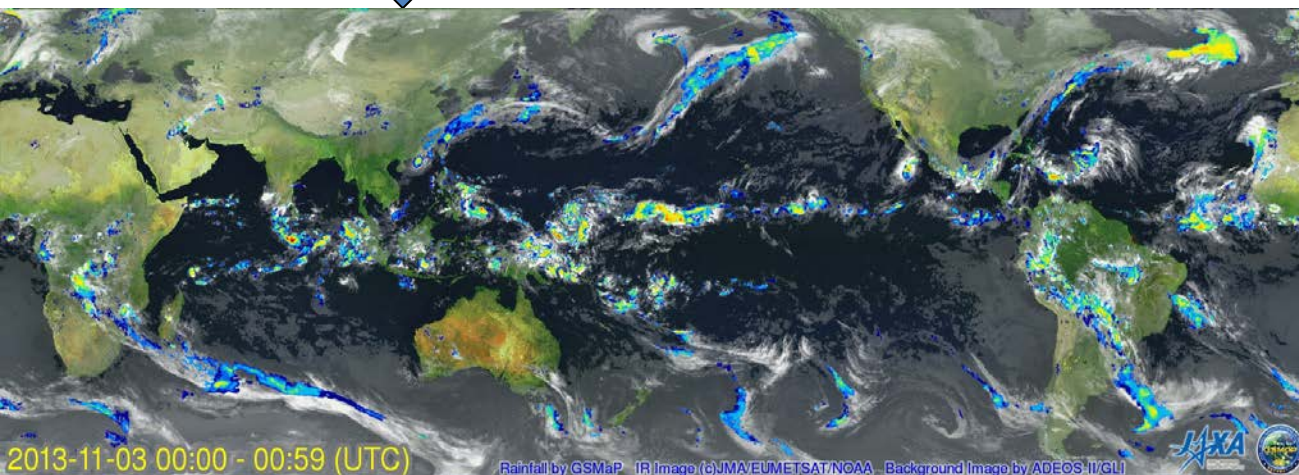
## Occurrence of 20 dBZ for different heights



# Global Satellite Mapping of Precipitation (GSMaP) : A prototype for GPM



- Merged global rainfall map from TRMM, AMSR2 and other microwave sensors
- Hourly, 0.1-degree lat/lon
- Available 4-hr after observation
- Browse images, 24-hr animation, displaying by Google Earth
- Data are also available via password protected ftp site



Distribution



<http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP>

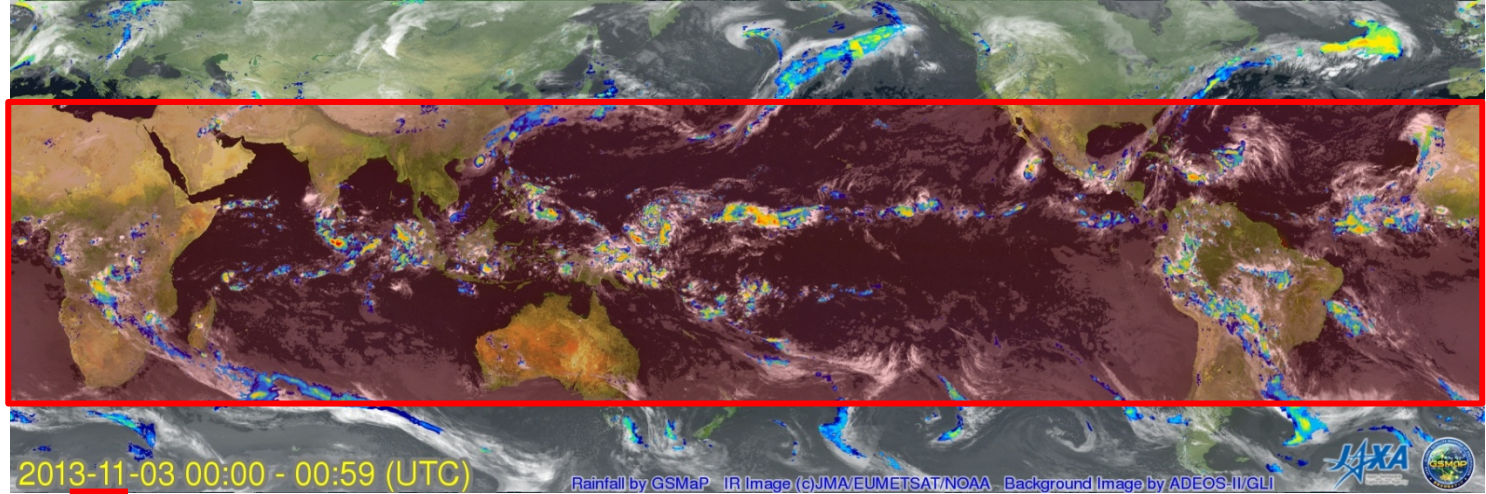
# Improvement of GMaP: from TRMM Era to GPM Era

TRMM era

DB from a model

DB from TRMM/PR data

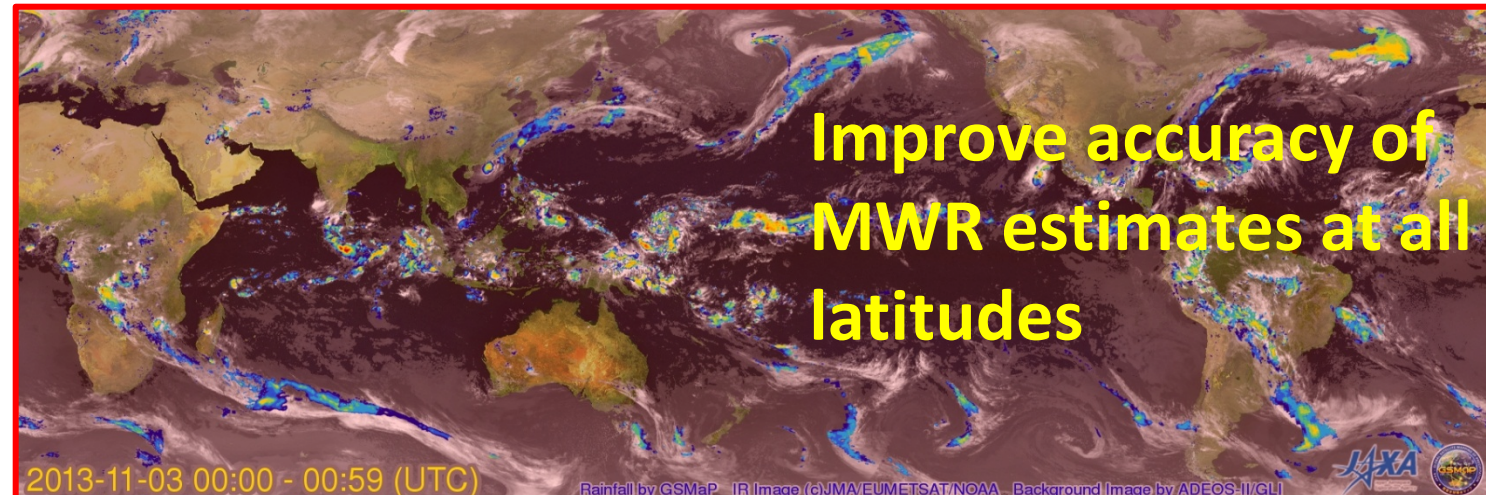
DB from a model



GPM era

DB from GPM/DPR data

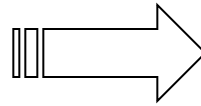
Improve accuracy of MWR estimates at all latitudes



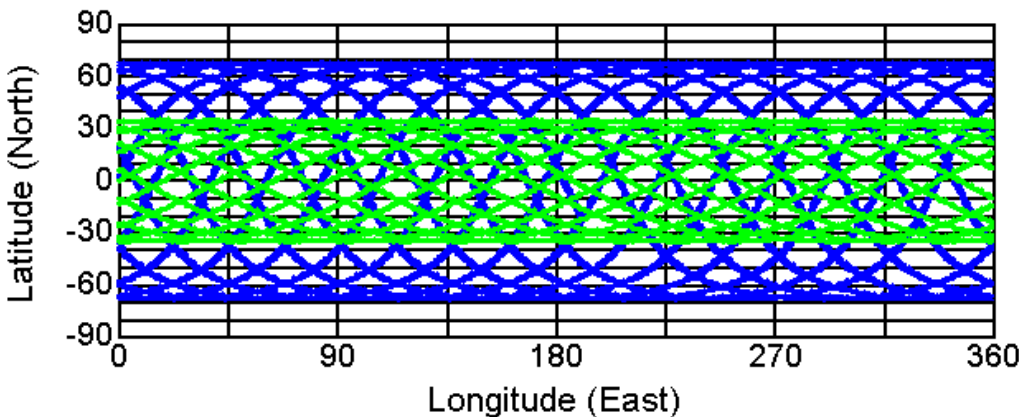
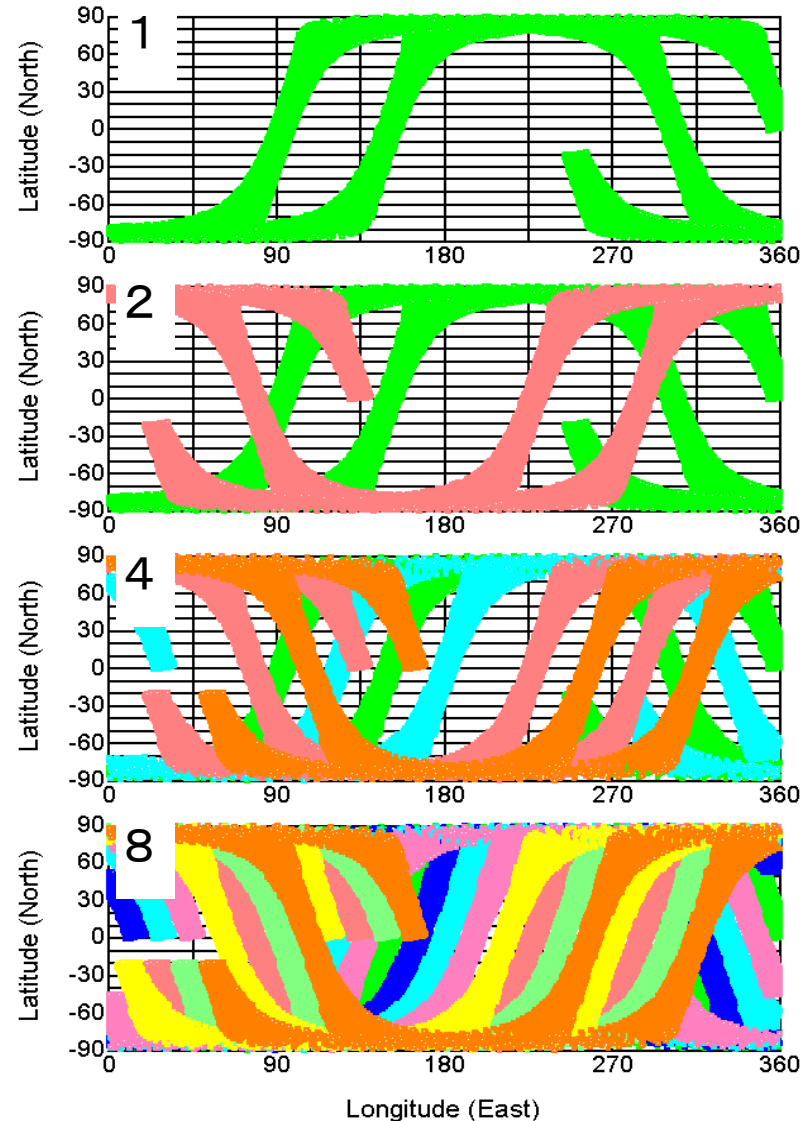
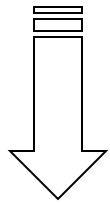
(Plot by M. Kachi)

# Observation by a Fleet of Satellites with Microwave Radiometer

Observation area with MWRs in 3 hours (1, 2, 4 and 8 satellites from top to bottom)



Coverages by TRMM PR and GPM DPR in a day



# GPM

(Global Precipitation Measurement Mission)



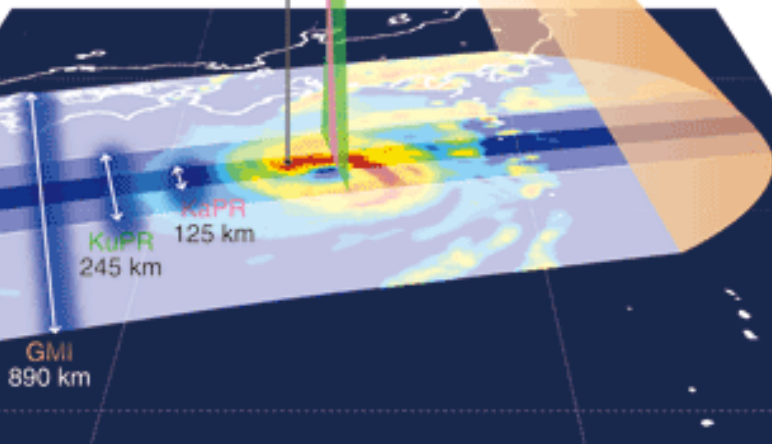
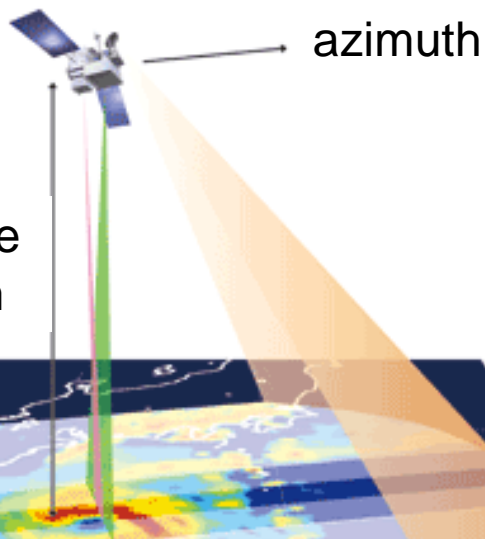
# DPR

(Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar)



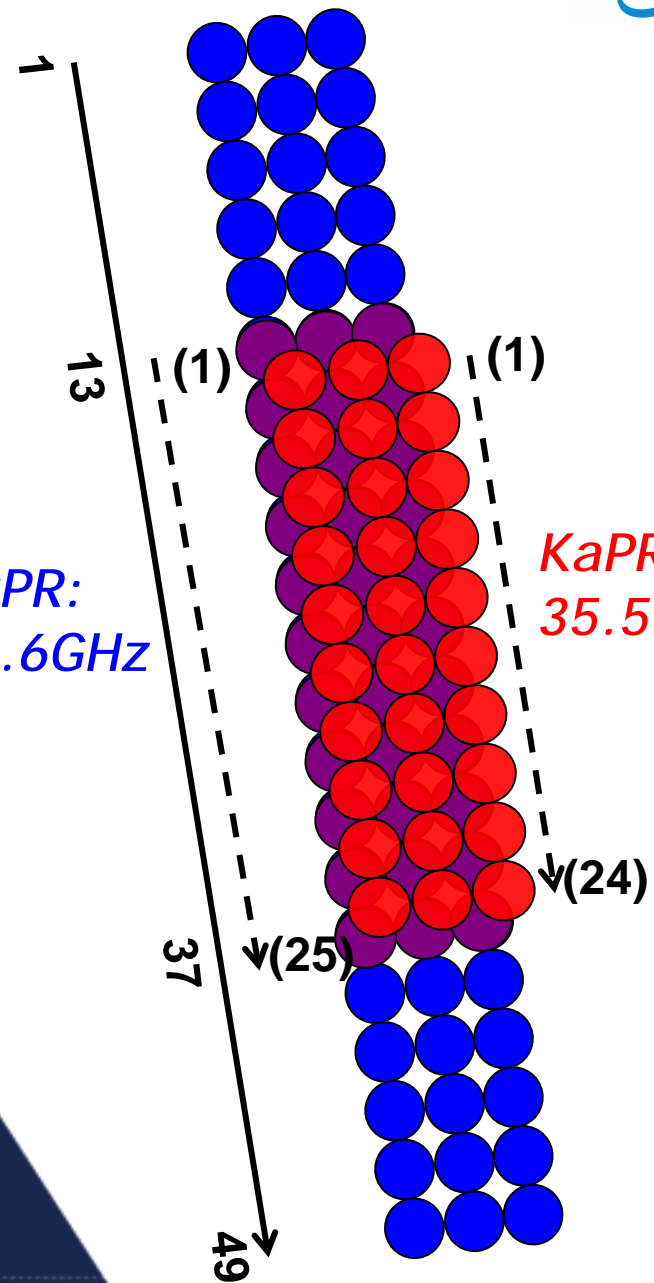
## GPM core satellite

Altitude  
407km



*KuPR:*  
13.6GHz

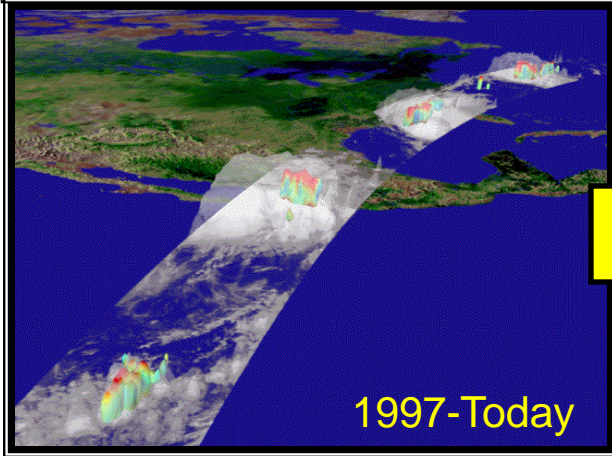
*KaPR:*  
35.5GHz



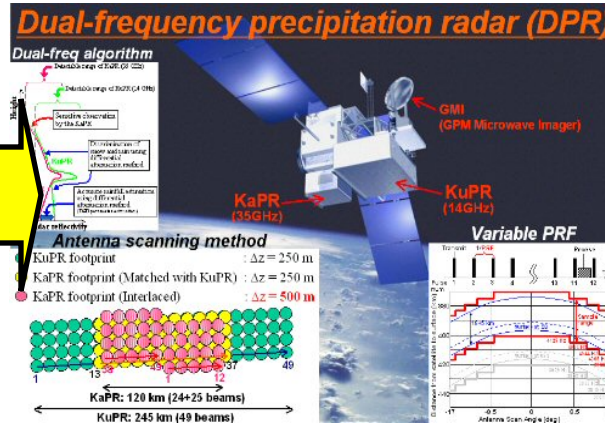


# Spaceborne Atmospheric Radars

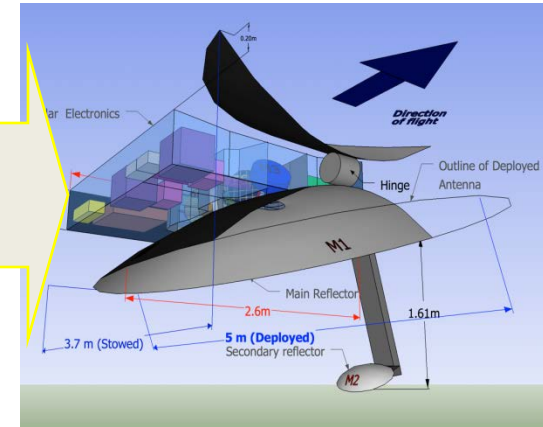
**TRMM/PR – NICT/JAXA**  
**Ku, Scanning , Tropical Rain**



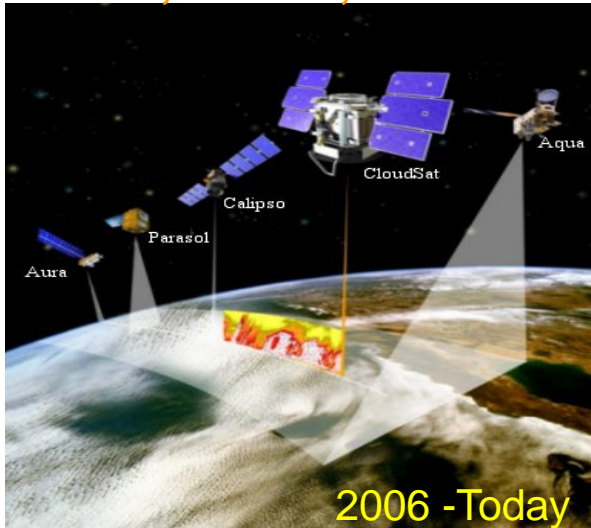
**GPM/DPR – NICT/JAXA**  
**Ku/Ka, Scanning, Precipitation**



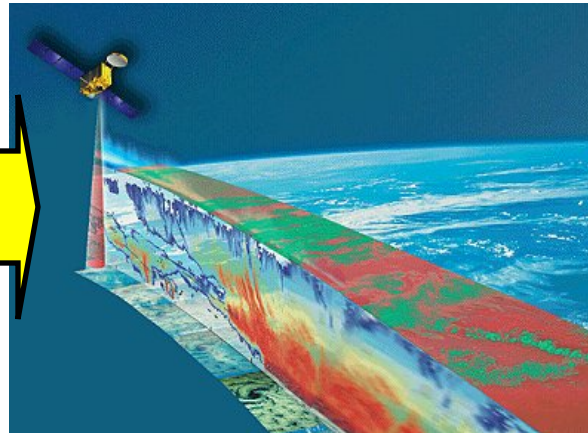
**ACE Radar (one concept)**  
**W/Ka, Scanning, Doppler**



**CloudSat/CPR – JPL/NASA**  
**W, -30dBZ , Clouds**



**EarthCARE/CPR – NICT/JAXA**  
**W, Doppler, Clouds**



NASA/JAXA workshop on ACE Mission –  
 Lihue July 29-31 2008

# TRMM's Achievements



TRMM/PR has opened a new era of accurate precipitation measurement from space.

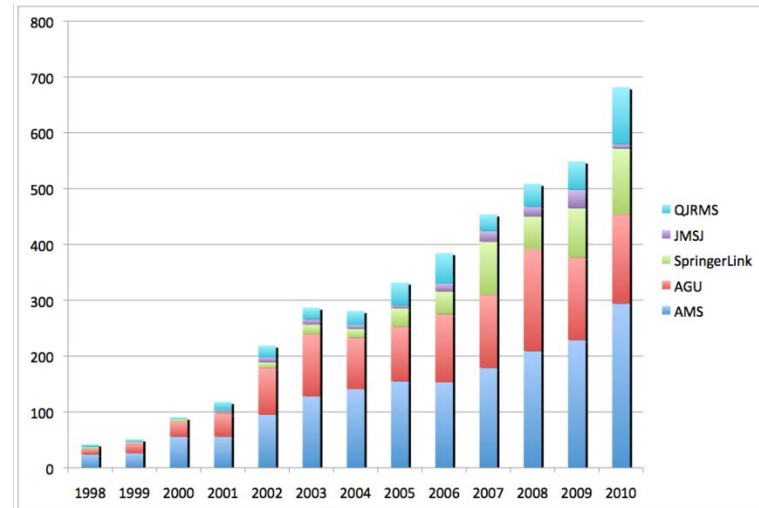
- Demonstrated the world's first space-borne precipitation radar technology
- Improved the accuracy of precipitation estimates from space and made **space standard** for measuring precipitation
- Improved **climatology** of tropical rainfall and variations from 16-year accumulation of 3D rainfall data, multi-sensor measurements, diurnal samplings.
- **Vertical hydrometeor/heating structure** and **diurnal** signal
- Became a new standard precipitation data set for numerical model evaluations and improved **climate and weather modeling**
- **Multi-satellite (~3-hr) rainfall analyses** using TRMM+other satellites (GSMaP)
- **Operational use** of data by weather agencies with 4-D data assimilation.

Other studies include

- **Impact of humans** on precipitation
- **Hurricane/typhoon** structure/evolution
- **Flood and agricultural** applications

More than 3000 scientific journal articles published using TRMM data

Successful cooperation between US and Japan



# Summary

- TRMM started as a science mission.
  - It has achieved the original science objectives and much more.
    - Improved the MWR algorithm significantly.
  - Several practical applications have emerged.
    - Weather forecast, Flood warning, etc.
- GPM inherits TRMM's success.
  - GPM instruments will set a new standard for precipitation measurements from space
  - The GPM mission will help advance our understanding of Earth's water and energy cycles, improve the forecasting of extreme events that cause natural disasters, and extend current capabilities of using satellite precipitation information to directly benefit society.