

# **Monitoring, Forecasting and Service of Tropical Cyclones in Guangdong**

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# OUTLINE

- **Climatology** of tropical cyclones in Guangdong
- Tropical cyclone **monitoring** in Guangdong
- Tropical cyclone **forecasting** in Guangdong
- Guangdong Emergency Early Warning **Release Platform**

# Guangdong Province



## Guangdong province:

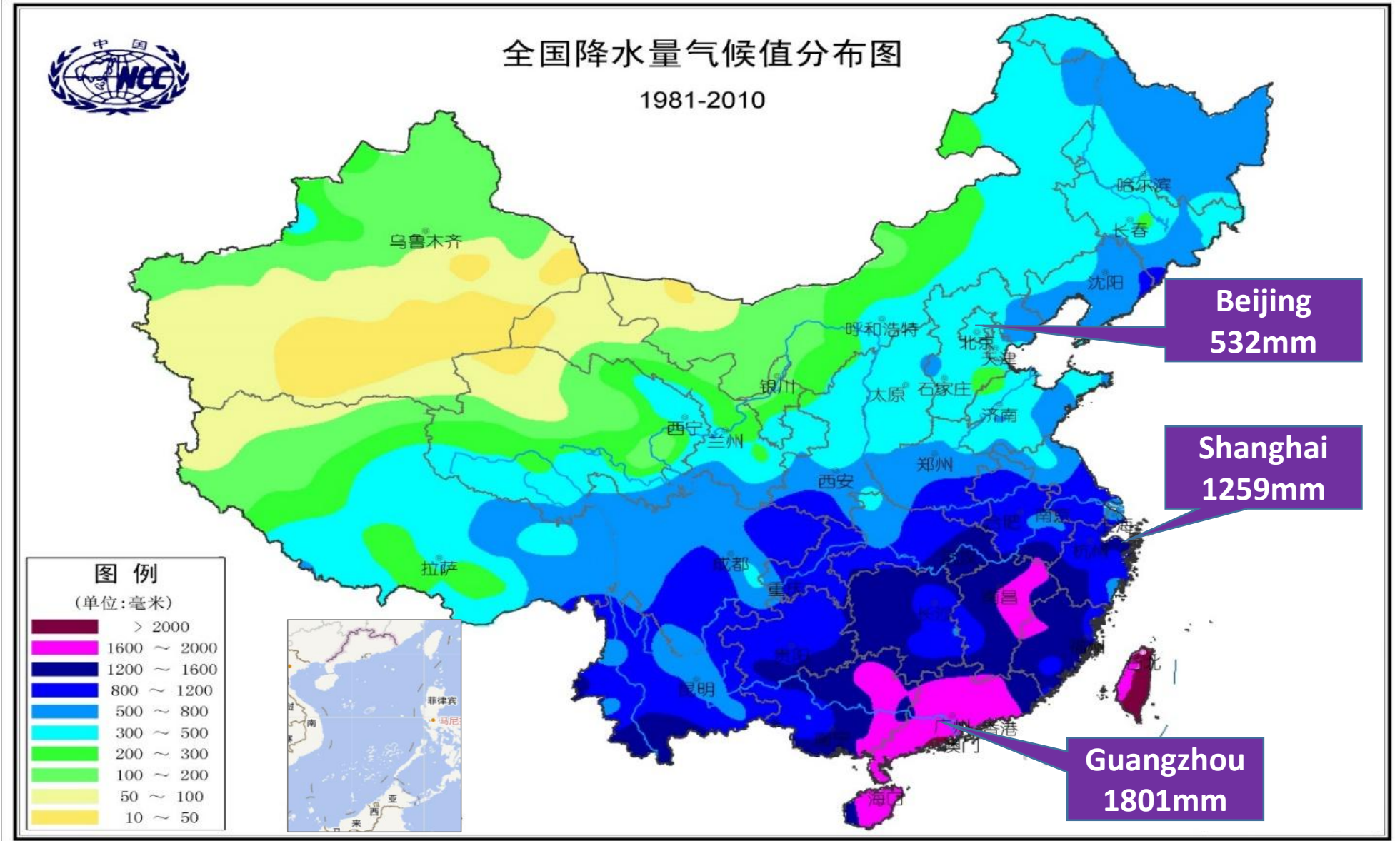
- Land: 20°09'-25°31'N, 109°45'- 117°20'E; the southmost province of Continent China ; monsoon climate; 4114km coastline; 179,800 km<sup>2</sup>;
- **Largest resident population** ( 127 million ) in China in 2022
- One of the **most developed** provinces in China
- **Highest GDP** in China since 1989. **12.91 trillion CNY**(1.8 trillion US dollars, **10.7%** of China(121 trillion CNY) in 2022.

## The China Great Bay Area:

- 9 cities of Guangdong (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, ...) + Hongkong China + Macao China

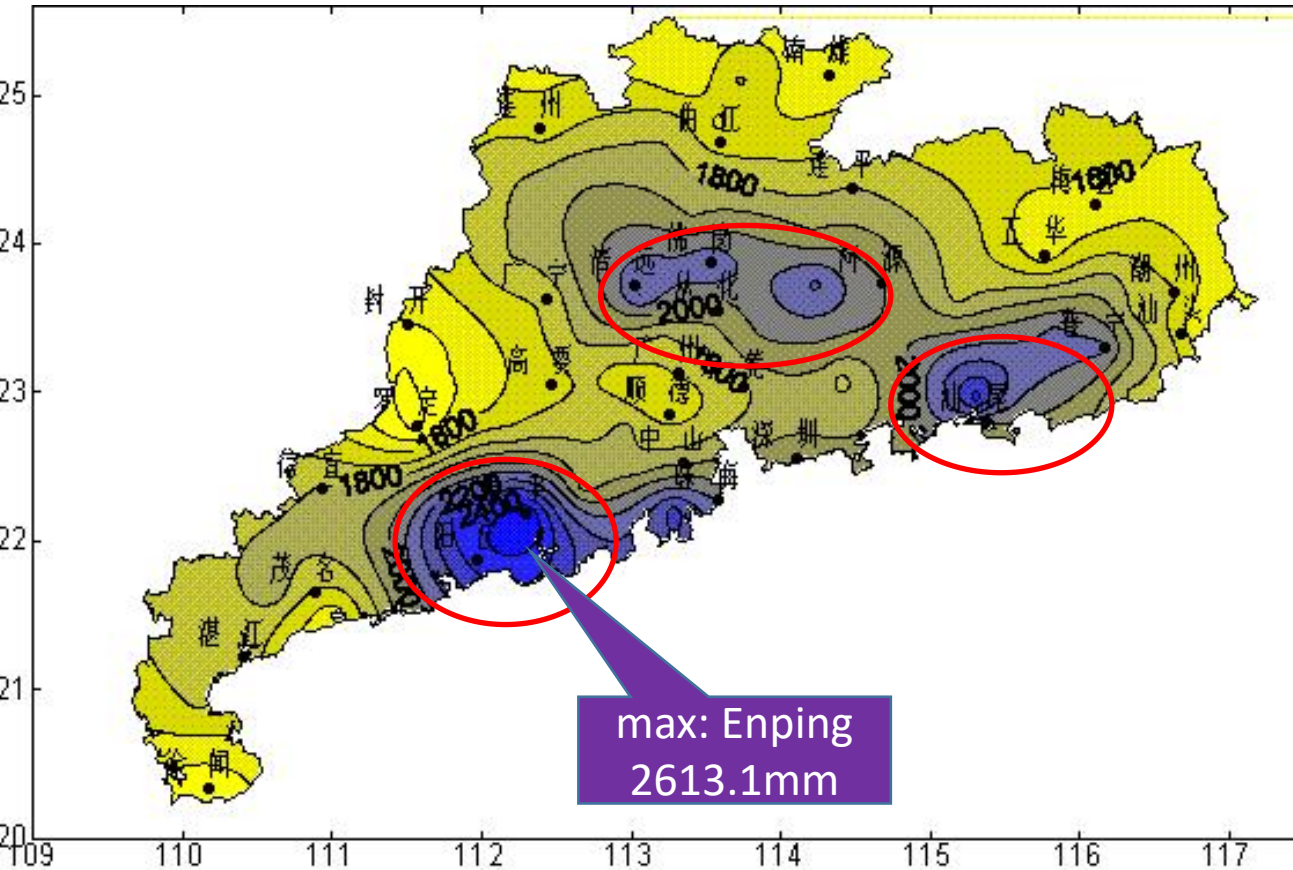
# China average annual precipitation(mm)

Guangdong: 1789mm, 2.8 times of national mean

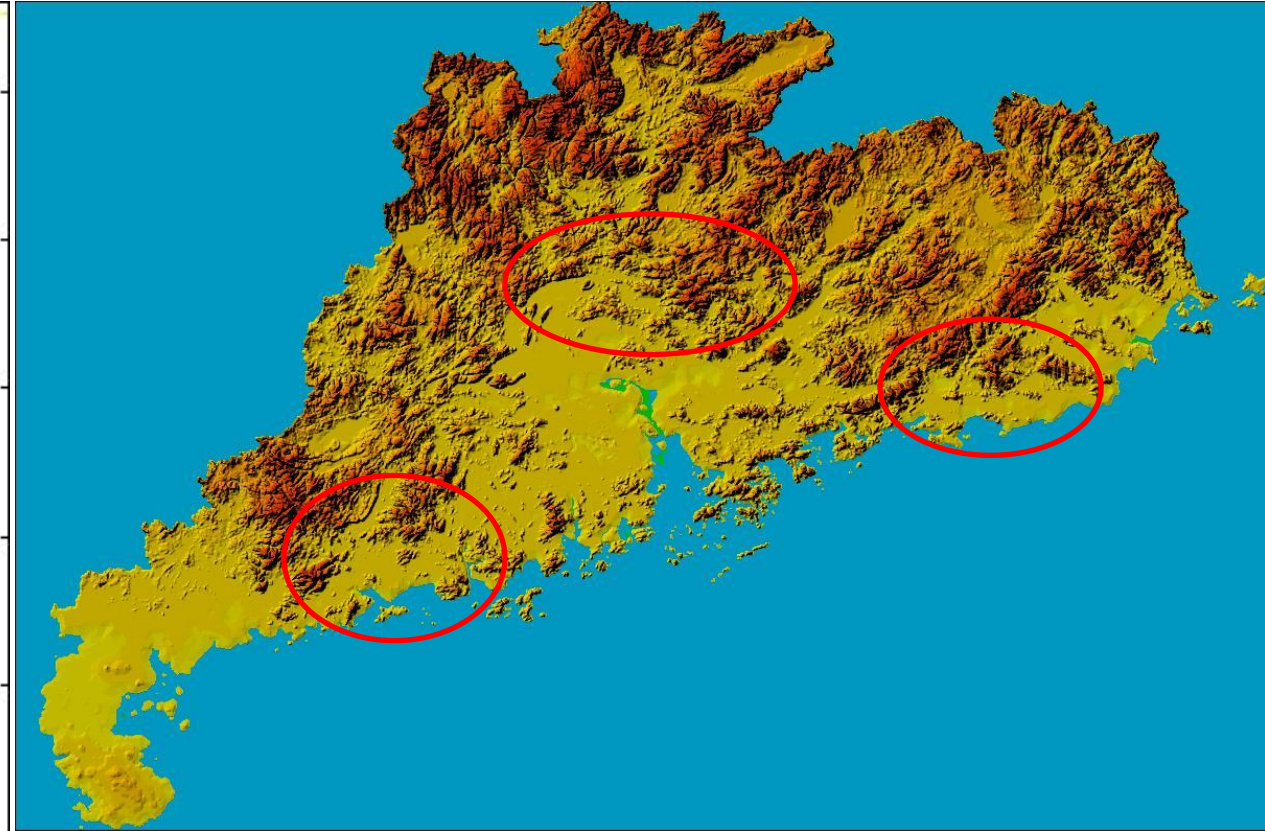




# Three rainstorm centers associated with terrain

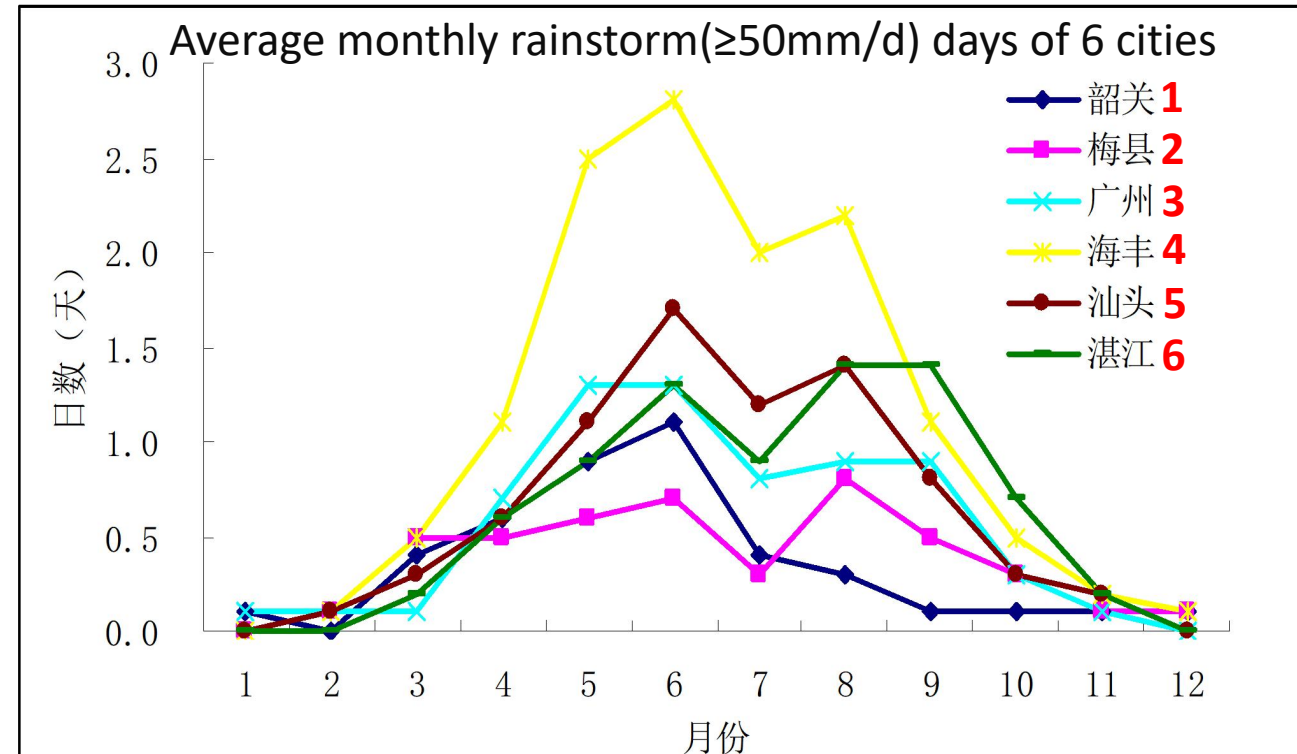
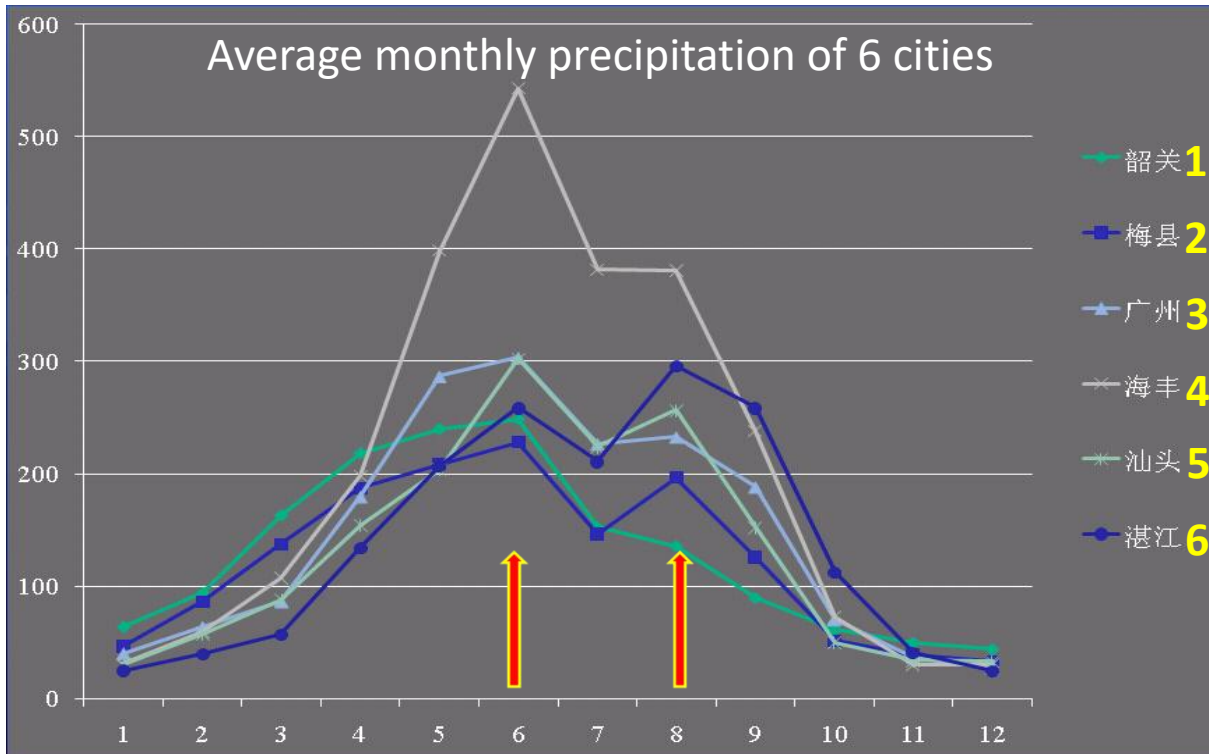


Average annual precipitation in 2000-2014  
Guangdong: **1789mm**



Guangdong topographic map

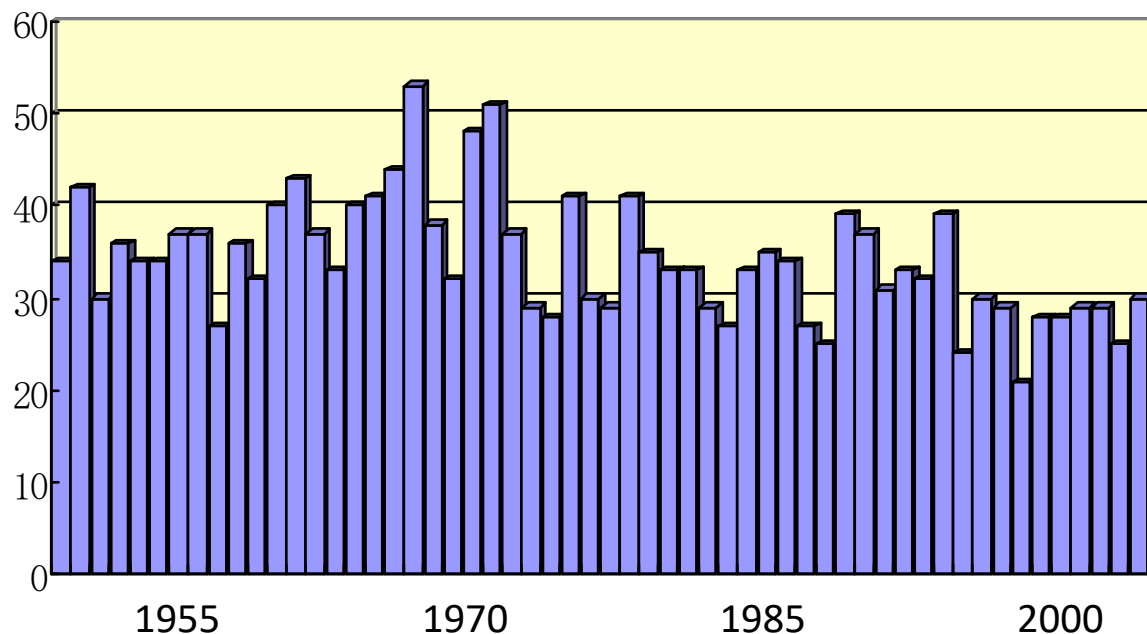
# Two rainy seasons in Guangdong



6 national standard stations

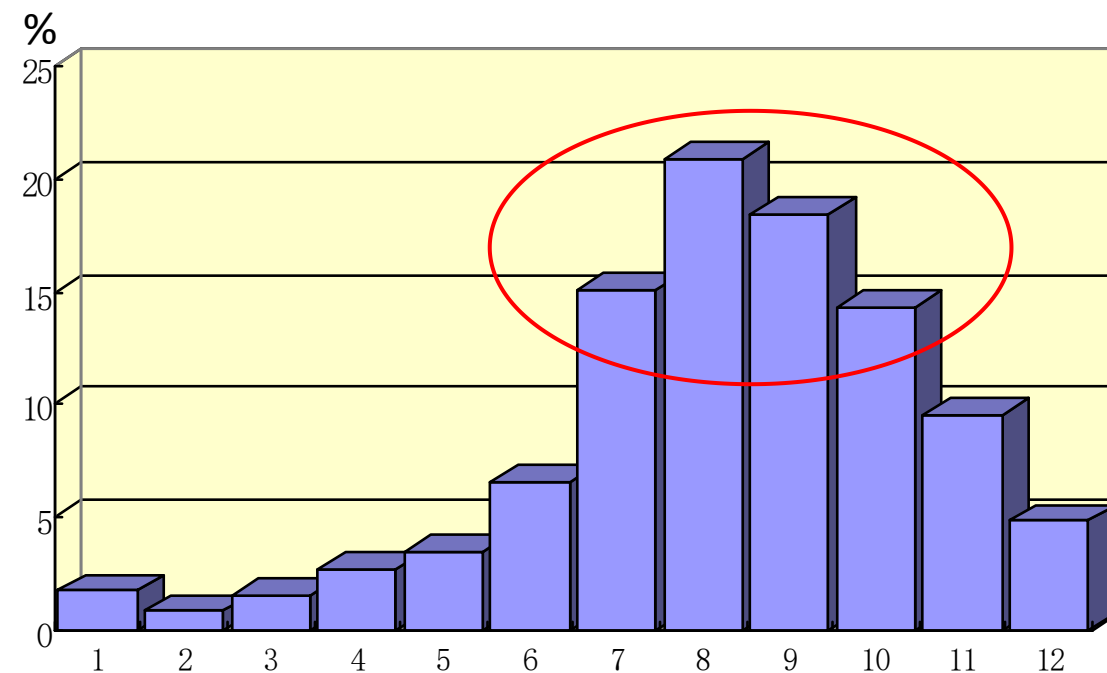
- 1: Shaoguan
- 2: Meizhou
- 3: Guangzhou
- 4: Haifeng
- 5: Shantou
- 6: Zhanjiang

# Tropical Cyclone Activities in NWP and SCS in 1949-2020



Annual genesis of named TCs in NWP and SCS in 1949-2004

max: 40 named TCs(1967)  
min: 14 named TCs(1998, 2010)

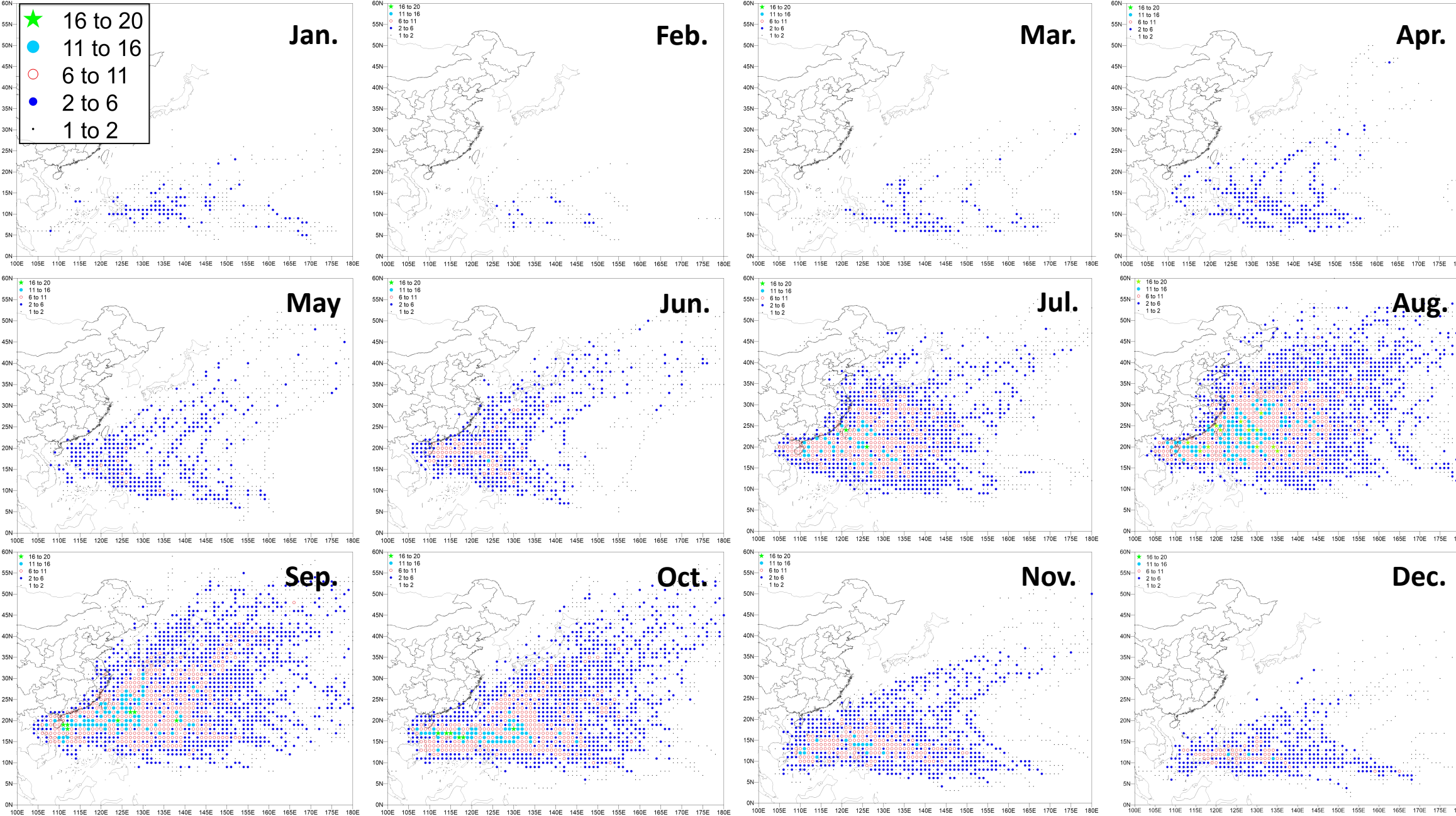


Monthly percentages of genesis of named TCs in NWP and SCS in 1949-2004

July-Oct: 68.87%

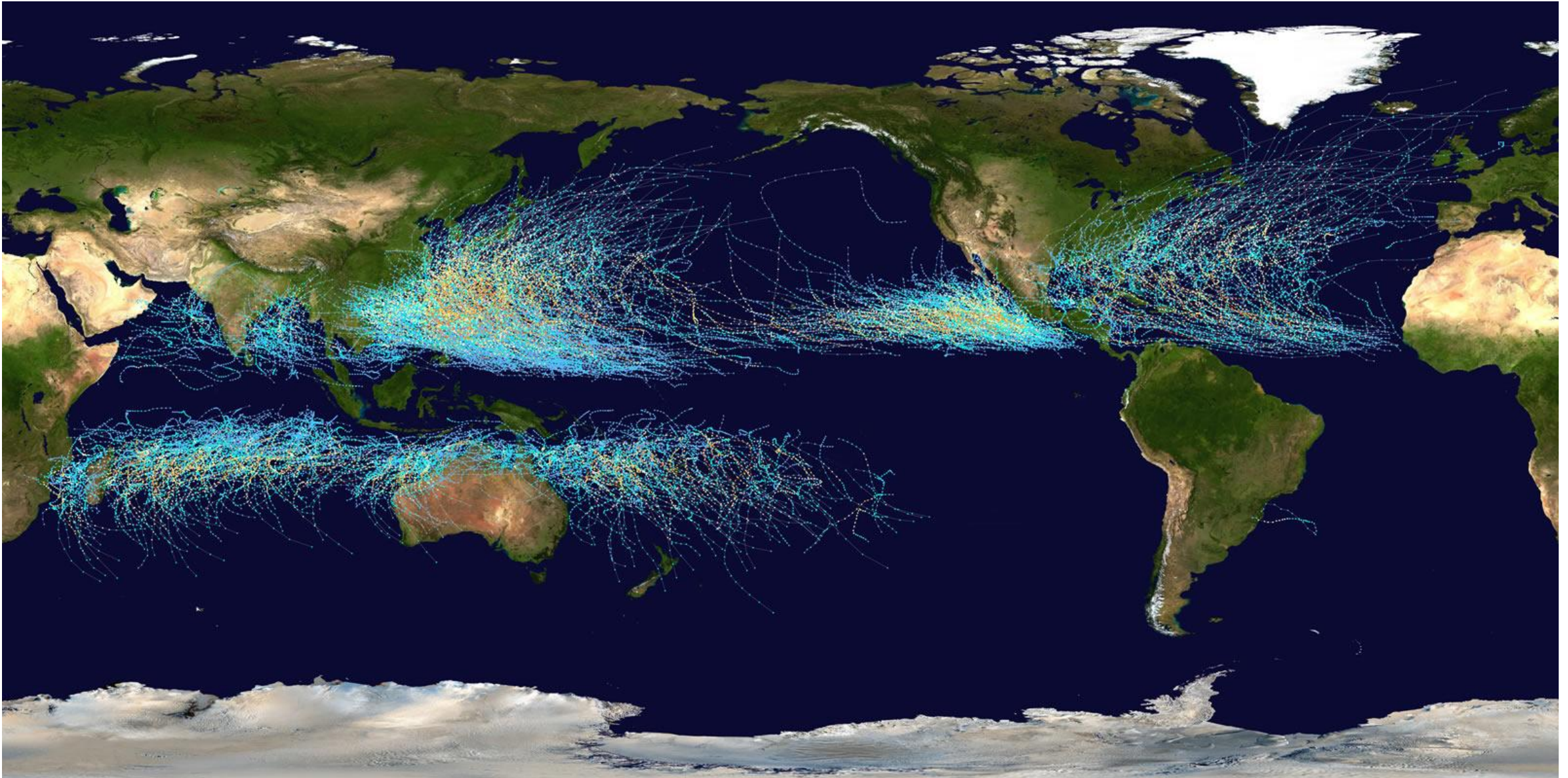


# Monthly Tropical Cyclone Activities in NWP and SCS in 1949-2020





# Tropical Cyclone Activities in 1985-2005



ON AVERAGE: 80 TC genesis in global basins, **34.3(42.9%)** in NWP and SCS, and **7(8.75%)** in SCS



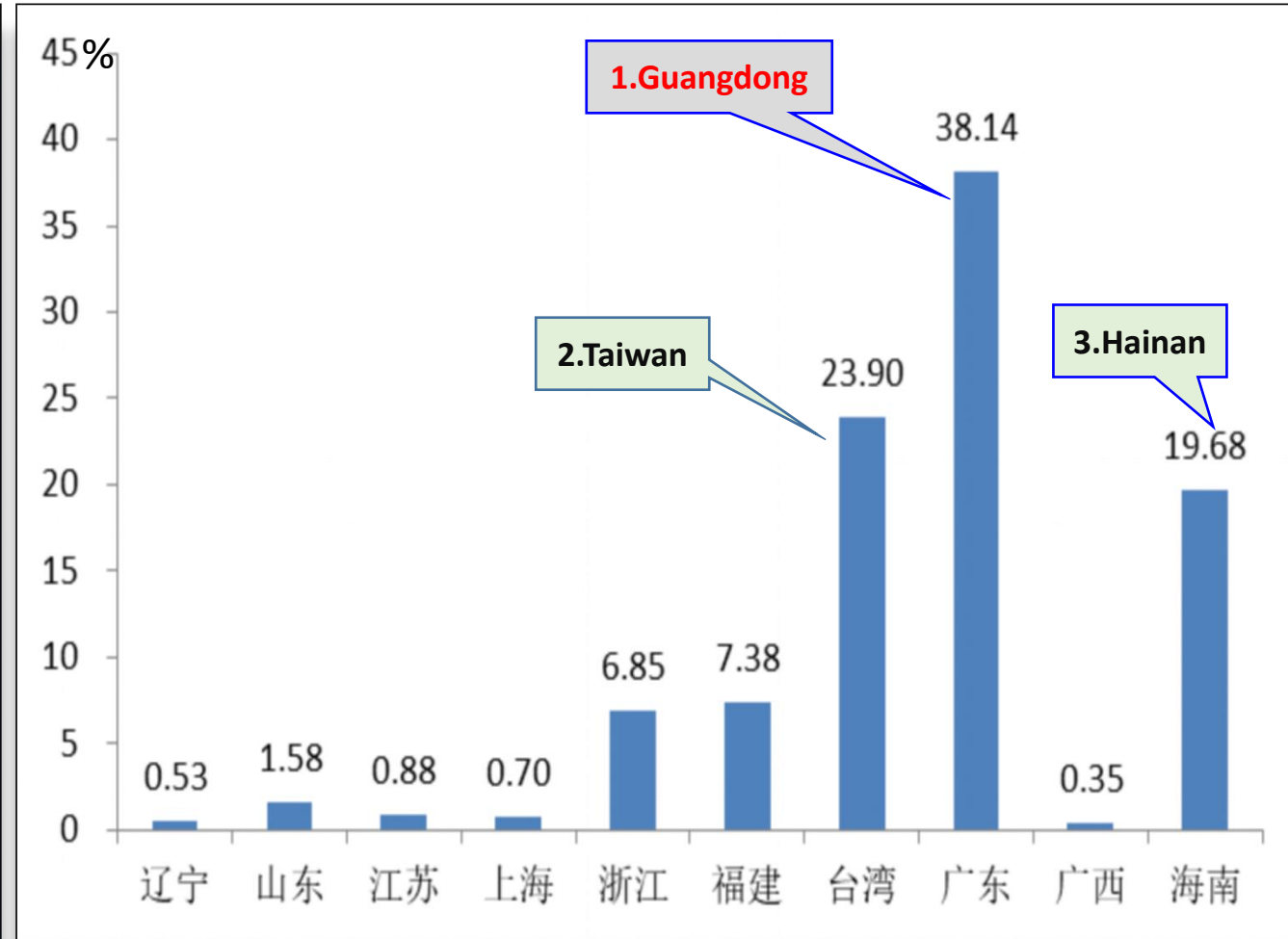
# Guangdong: highest frequency of landfalling TCs

China:  $\approx 8$  landfalling TCs every year on average

Guangdong: 3-4 landfalling TCs, **38.14%** of total landfalling TCs in 1949-2020 in China

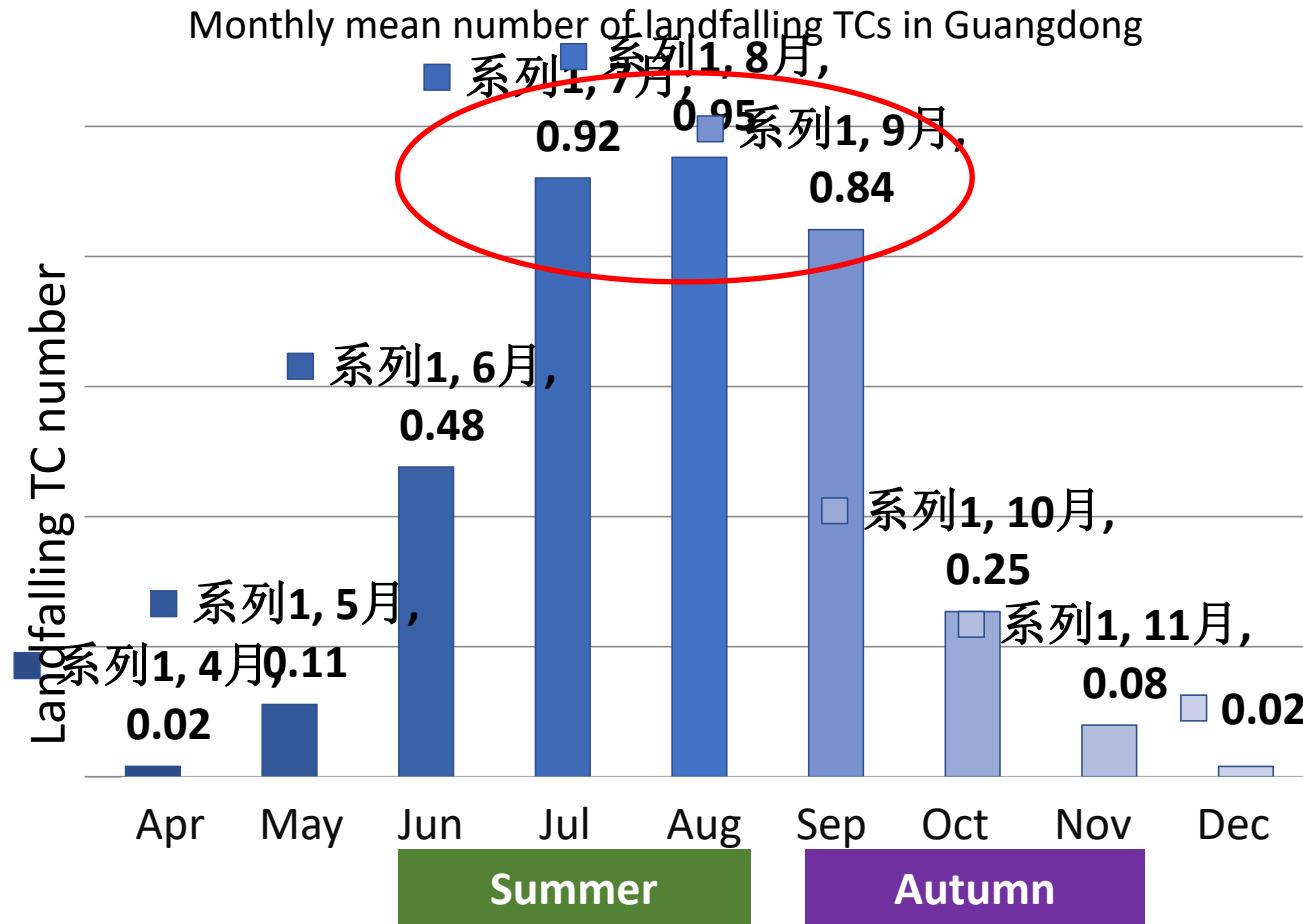


Top 3 provinces in landfalling TCs in China



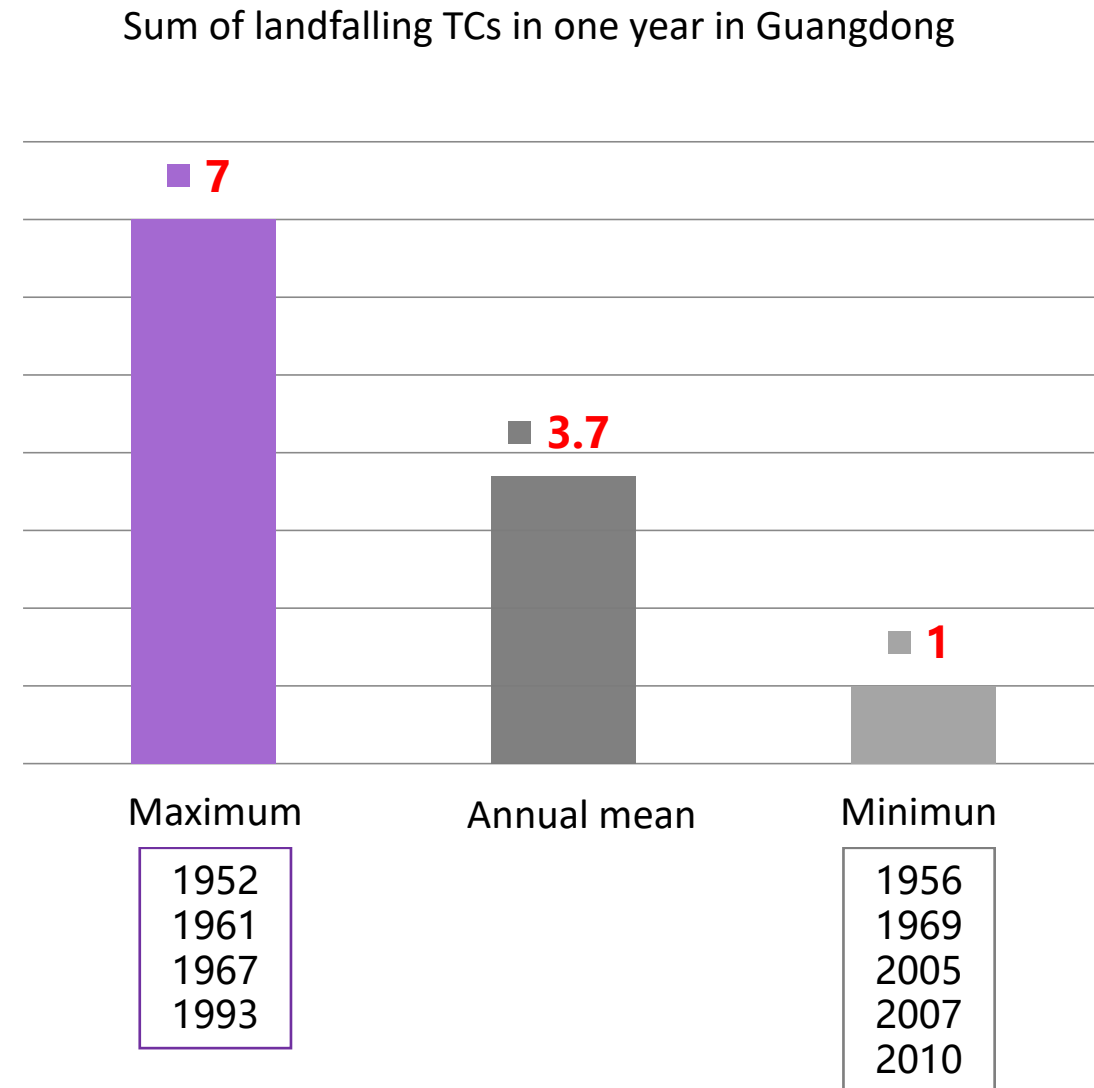
Percent of landfalling TCs for each province in China

# July-September: the peak of TC landfalling in Guangdong



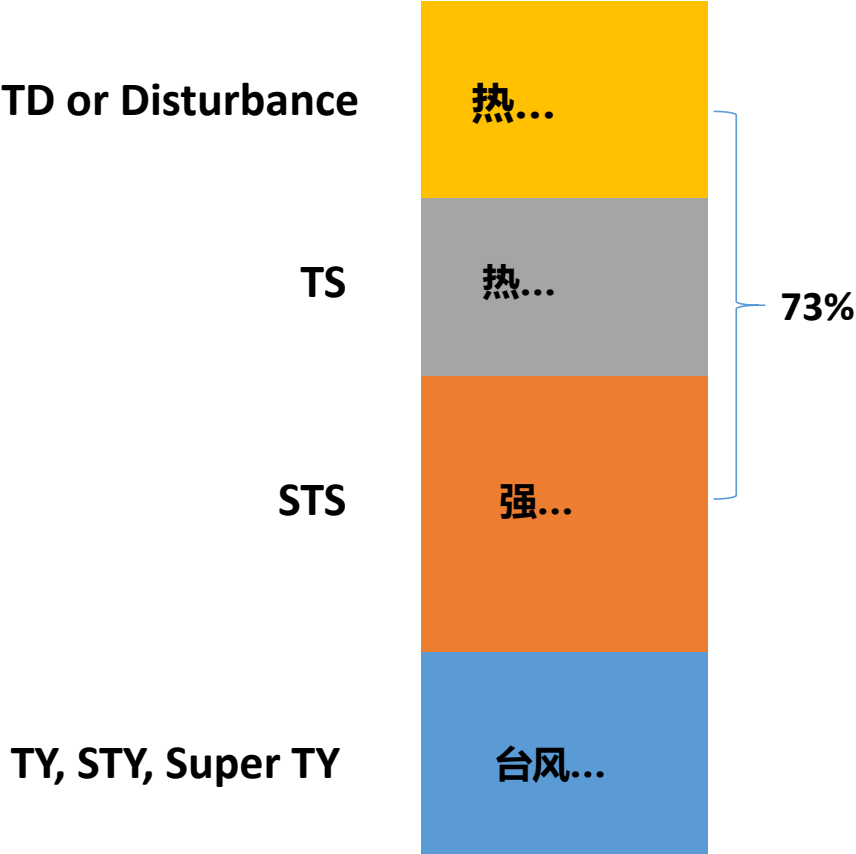
Earliest landfalling: Apr.19,2008, Neoguri(0801)

Latest landfalling: Dec.2,1974, Irma(7427)



# Landfalling TCs on Guangdong

- **Weak** landfalling TCs take up a large percentage because of the special distribution of land and sea.



TC Classification in NWP and SCS (Chinese National Standard)

TC Category	Maximum 2-minute sustained wind near bottom center		
	m/s	kn	Beaufort scale
Tropical Depression (TD)	10.8 ~ 17.1	22 ~ 33	6~7
Tropical Storm (TS)	17.2 ~ 24.4	34 ~ 47	8~9
Severe Tropical Storm (STS)	24.5 ~ 32.6	48 ~ 63	10~11
Typhoon (TY)	32.7 ~ 41.4	64 ~ 80	12~13
Severe Typhoon (STY)	41.5 ~ 50.9	81 ~ 99	14~15
Super Typhoon (SuperTY)	≥51.0	≥100	≥16

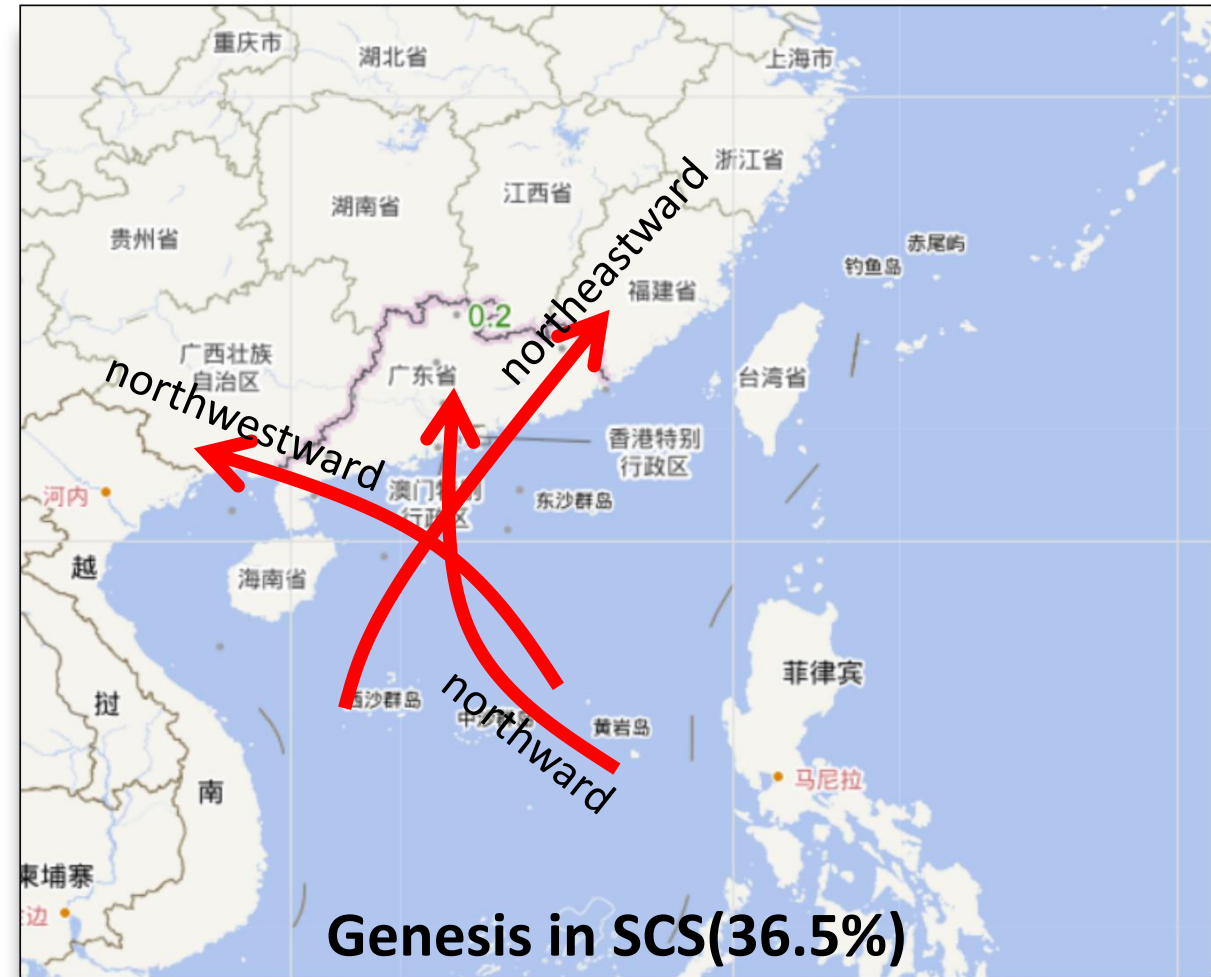
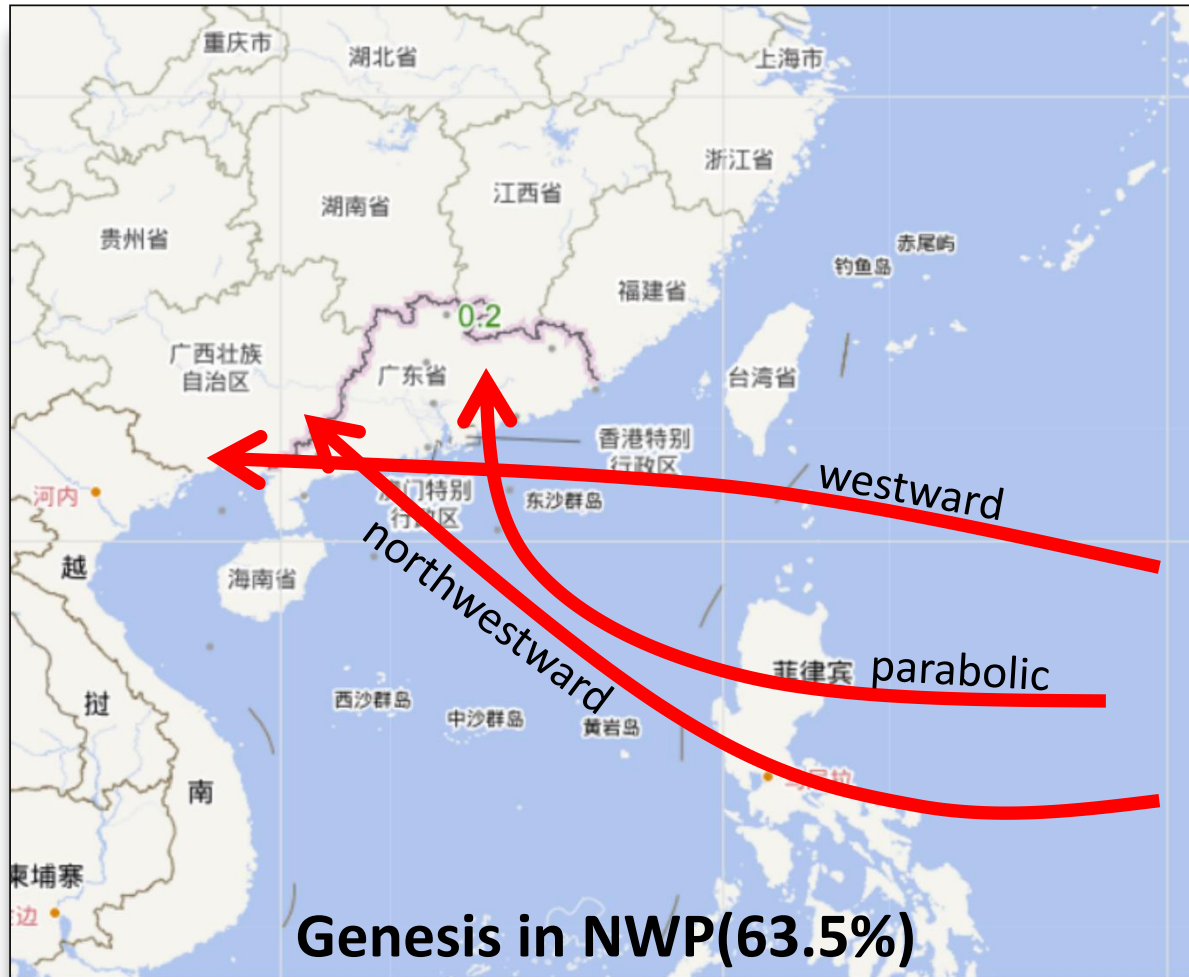
Percentages of landfalling TC Categories in Guangdong

# More stronger TCs make landfall?

List of landfalling **STY** or **SuperTY** in South China(Guangdong+Guangxi+Hainan) since 1970

	TY number	TY name	Minimal SLP on landfall	Maximal wind on landfall(m/s)	Landfalling province
2020s(1)	2309	Saola	950	45	Guangdong
	1822	Mangkhut	955	45	Guangdong
	1713	Hato	945	50	Guangdong
	1622	Haima	960	42	Guangdong
	1608	Nida	965	42	Guangdong
2010s(9)	1522	Mujigae	935	52	Guangdong
	1409	Rammusun	890	70	Hainan, Guangdong, Guangxi
	1319	Usagi	935	45	Guangdong
	1311	Utor	955	42	Guangdong
	1117	Nesat		42	Hainan, Guangxi
2000s(2)	0814	Hagupit	950	48	Guangdong
	0518	Damery		45	Hainan
1990s(1)	9615	Sally	935	50	Guangdong
1980s(1)	8105	Kelly	965	45	Hainan
1970s(2)	7314	Marge	925	60	Hainan
	7013	Joan	963	50	Hainan. Guangdong

# Typical Landfalling TCs in Guangdong

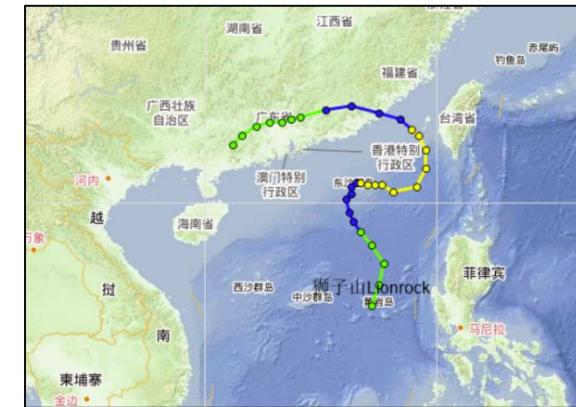
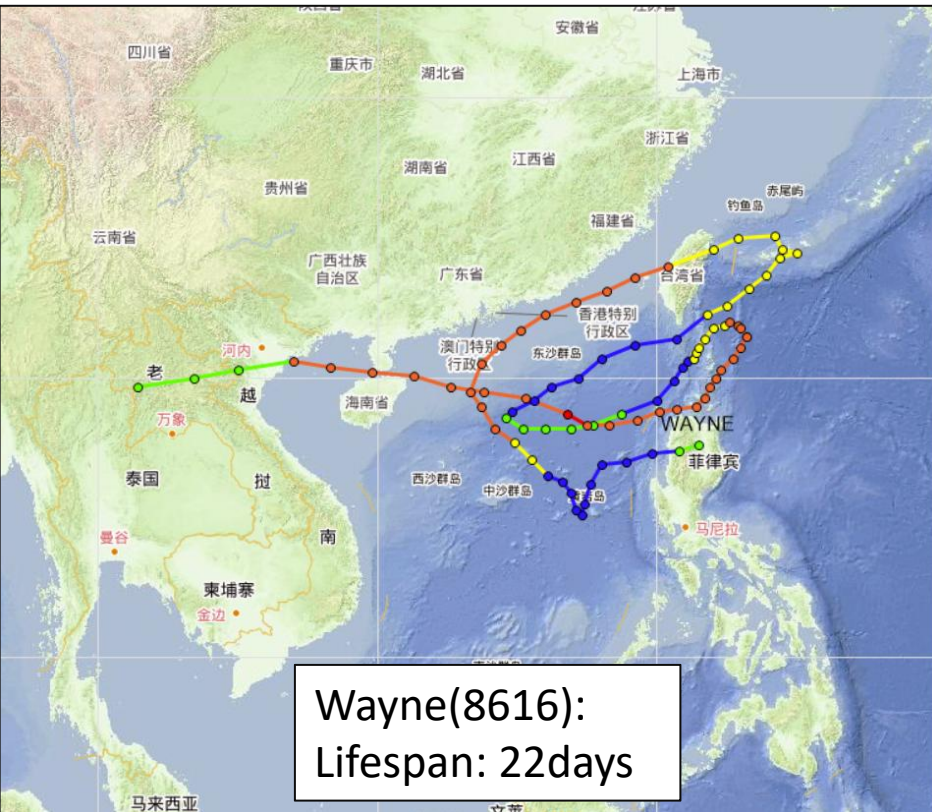


Tropical Cyclones in SCS:

- Smaller size, Weaker intensity, slower moving speed, shorter lifespan
- More asymmetric and loose structure
- Poor regularity in movement(weak steering)



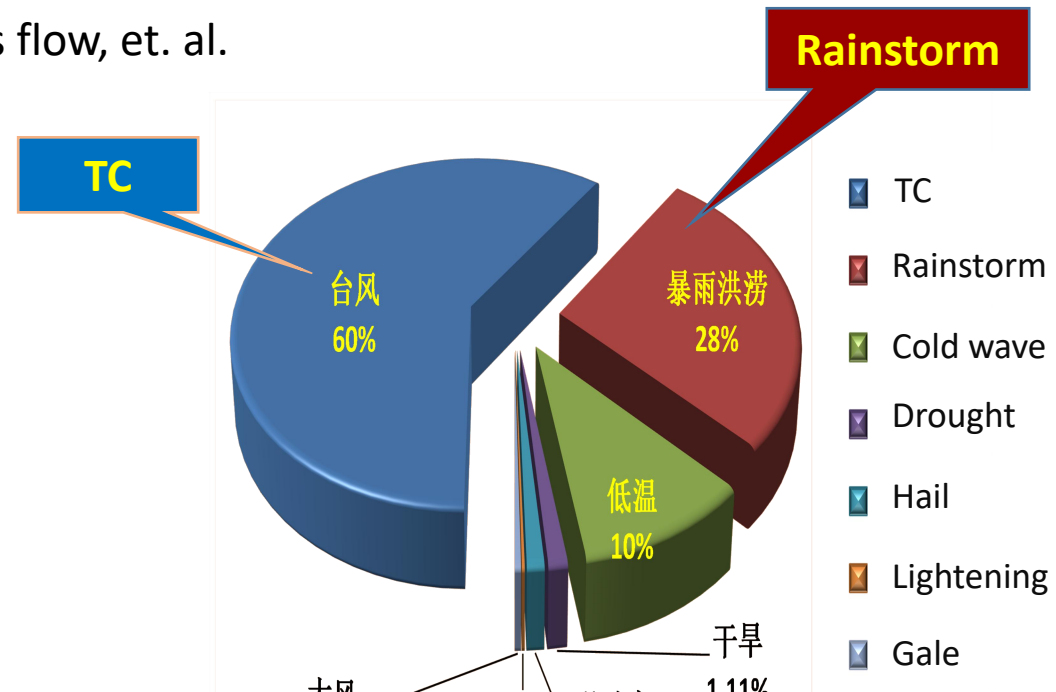
# Curved TC tracks are common in SCS



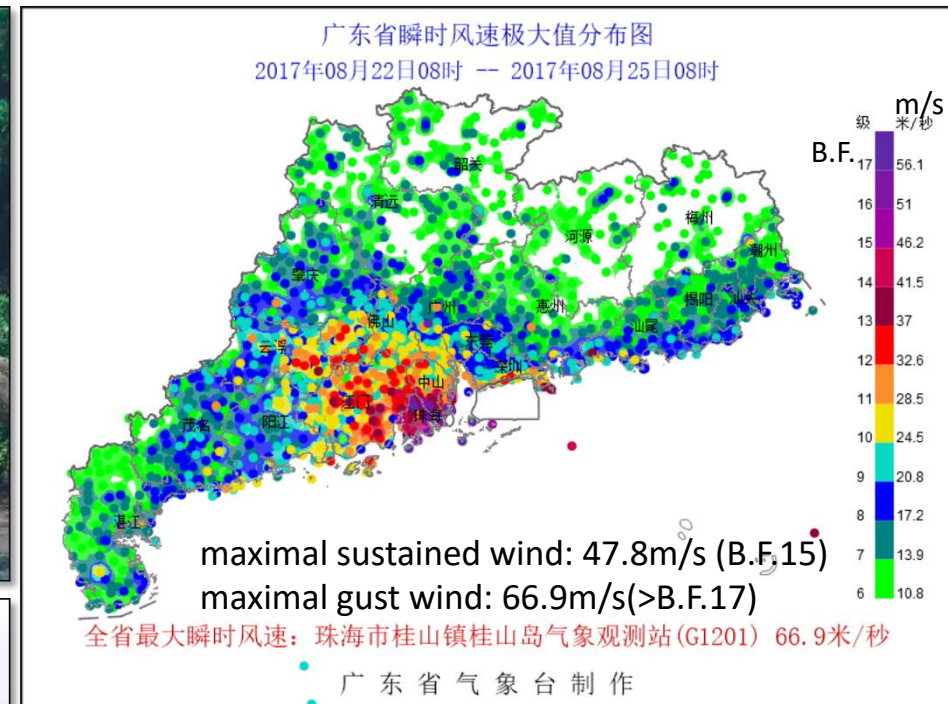


# TCs cause the most serious meteorological disasters in Guangdong

- On average, **tropical cyclones** result in the most serious meteorological disasters In Guangdong.
  - ✓ Economic loss : **6 billion CNY/year**; **60%**
  - ✓ Death: **80 death/year**, **33%**
- Rainstorms and induced disasters
  - ✓ flood, inundation, landslides, debris flow, et. al.
- Lightning
- Gale
- Hail
- Heat wave
- Cold wave



# TC-induced disaster: destructive gales



**Hato (No.1713)**

Death: **12**

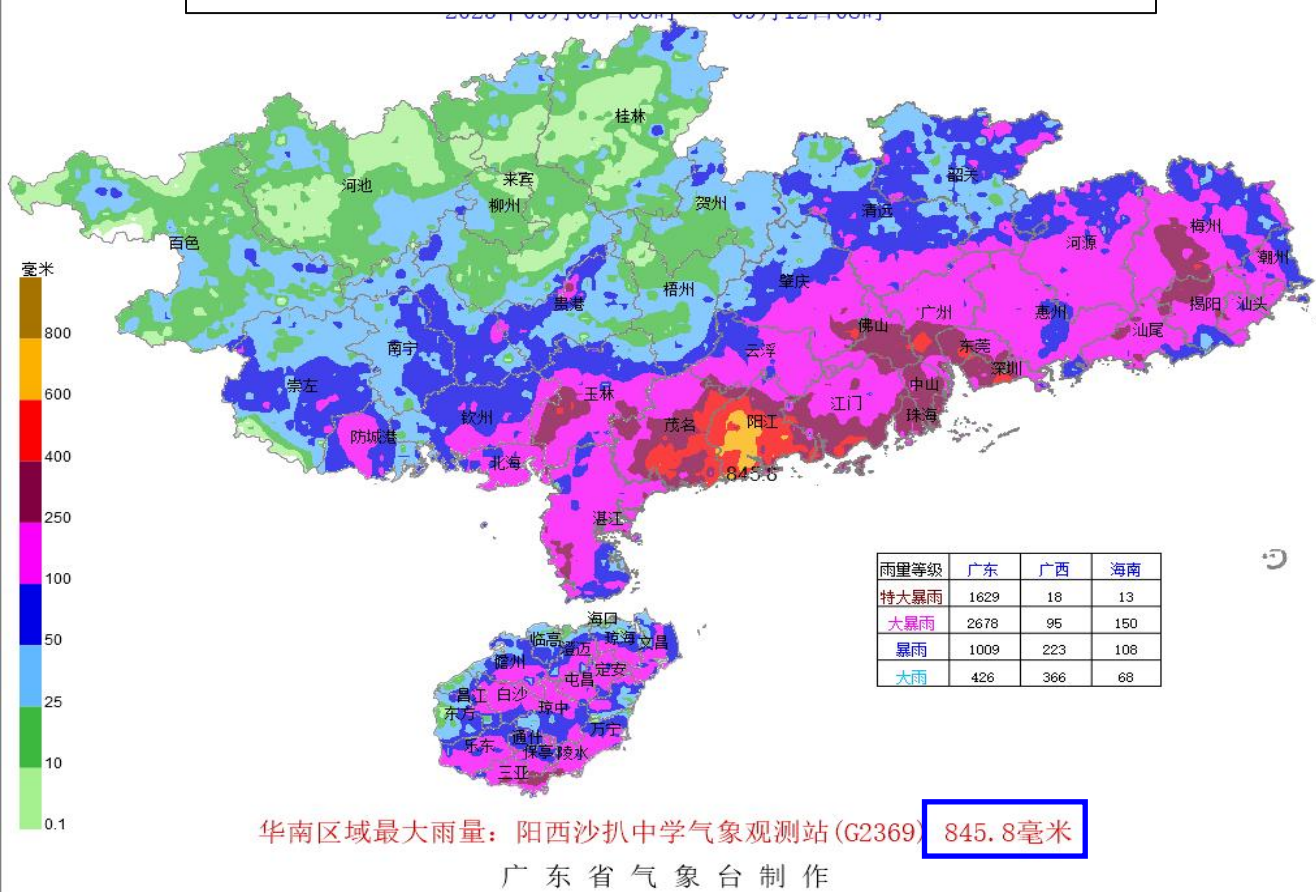
Evacuated people: 556,175

House collapsed: 7,314

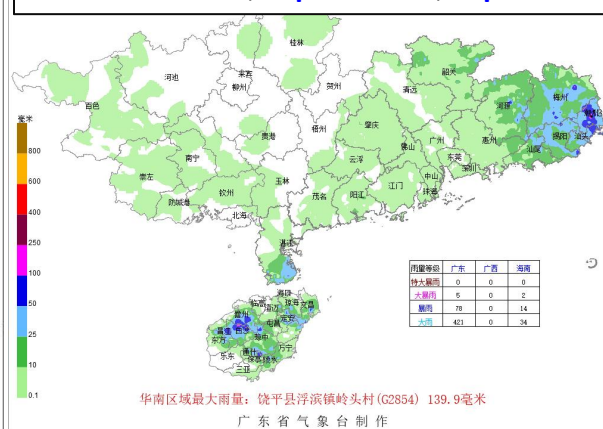
Direct economic loss: **CNY 19.5 billion**



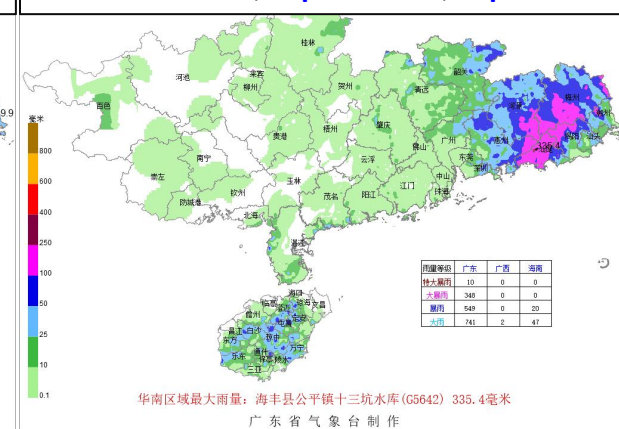
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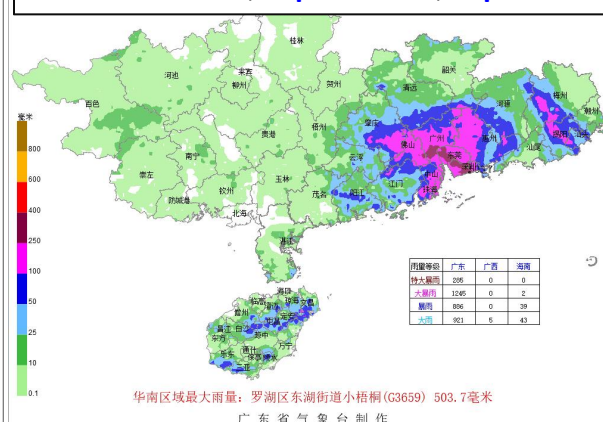
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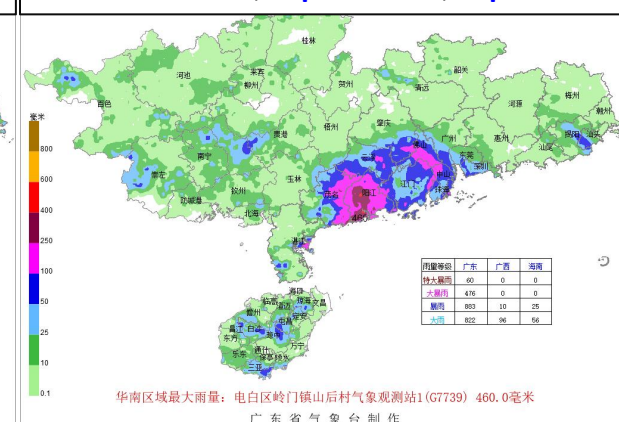
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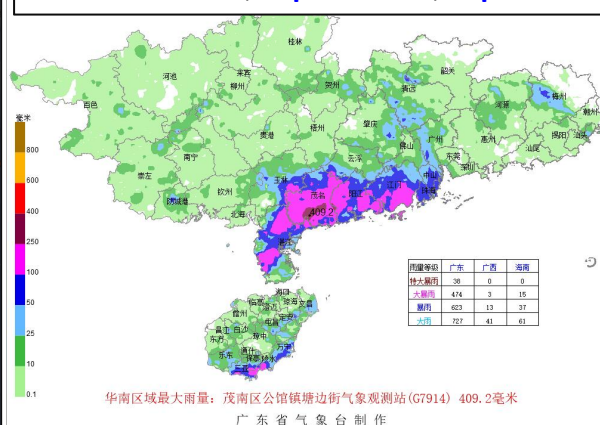
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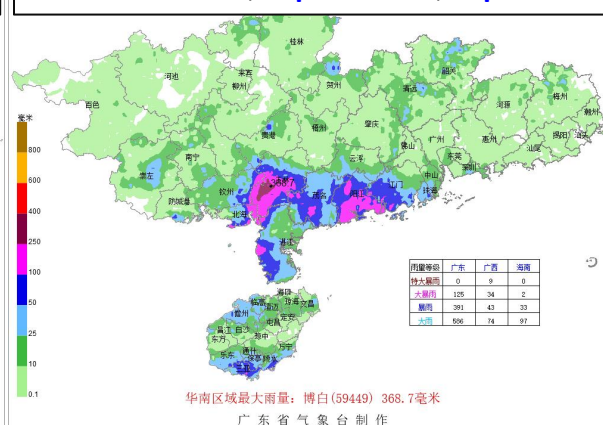
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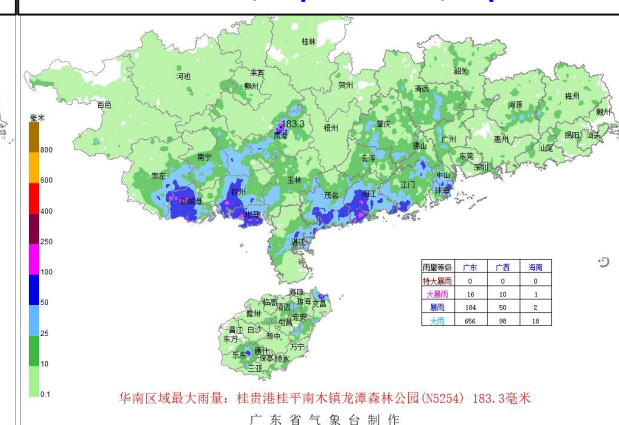
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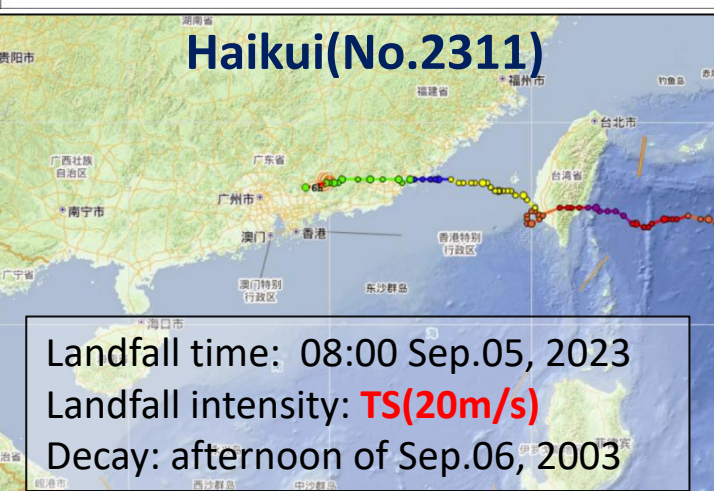
DAY6: 08:00, Sep.10-08:00, Sep.11



DAY7: 08:00, Sep.11-08:00, Sep.12



Haikui(No.2311)





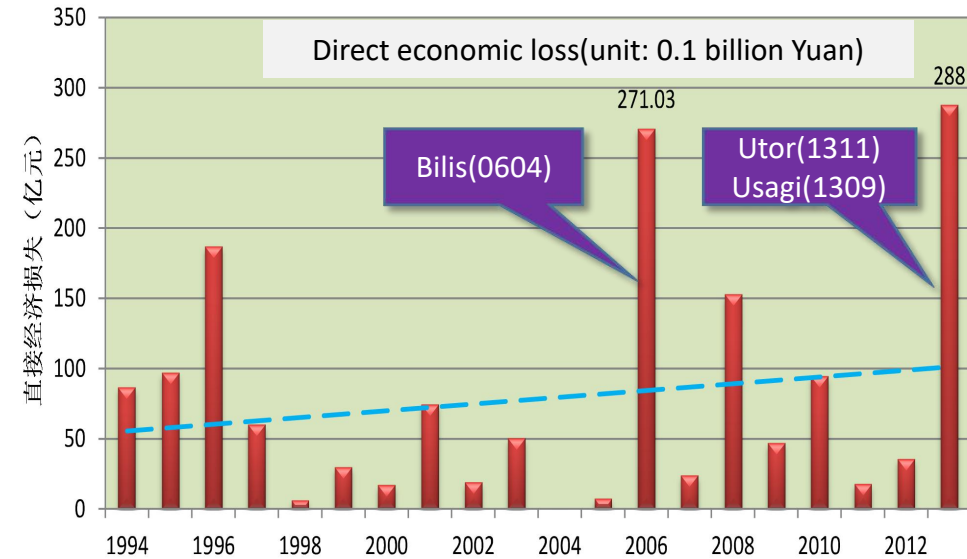
# TC-induced disaster: extreme rainstorms



Death: 1  
Evacuated people: 177,500  
Direct economic loss: CNY 3.8 billion.



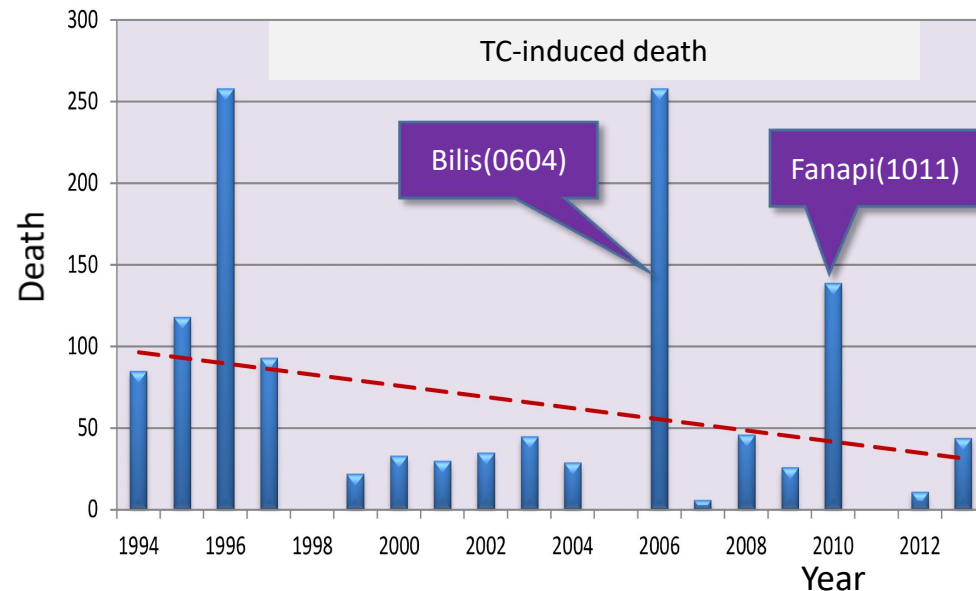
# Increase of direct economic loss and decrease of death induced by TCs in 1994-2013 in Guangdong



## Economic loss:

9.4 billion CNY/year in 2004-2013, about **50% more than** that in 1994-2003 (6.28 billion CNY/year).

The first and second most economic loss in 2013 and 2006.



## Death:

56 death/year in 2004-2013, **22% fewer** than that in 1994-2003 (72 death/year).

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# TC Monitoring

- Far away from continent:

- ✓ Satellites, ships

- Near land:

- ✓ Radars, satellites, buoys, AWSs, wind profilers, lightening location systems

- On land:

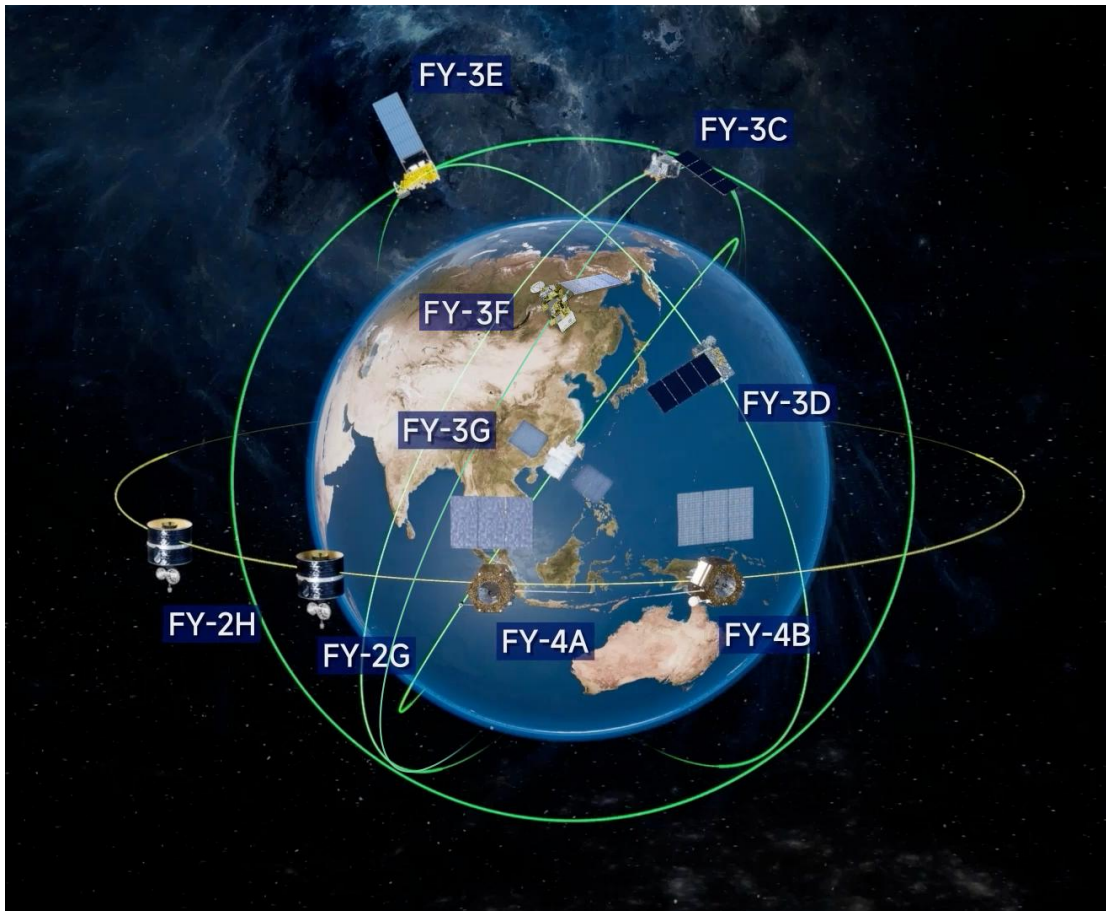
- ✓ AWSs, Radars, satellites, buoys, wind profilers, lightening location systems

- For scientific research:

- ✓ More special monitoring

# Satellite Monitoring

- 8 operational meteorological satellites in China:
  - ✓ 4 geostationary satellites: FY-2G, FY-2H, FY-4A, FY-4B
  - ✓ 4 polar satellites: FY-3D, FY-3E, FY-3F, FY-3G



# 5 Meteorological Satellite ground receiving Stations in China

(Beijing, Jiamusi, Urumqi Kishi and **Guangzhou**)

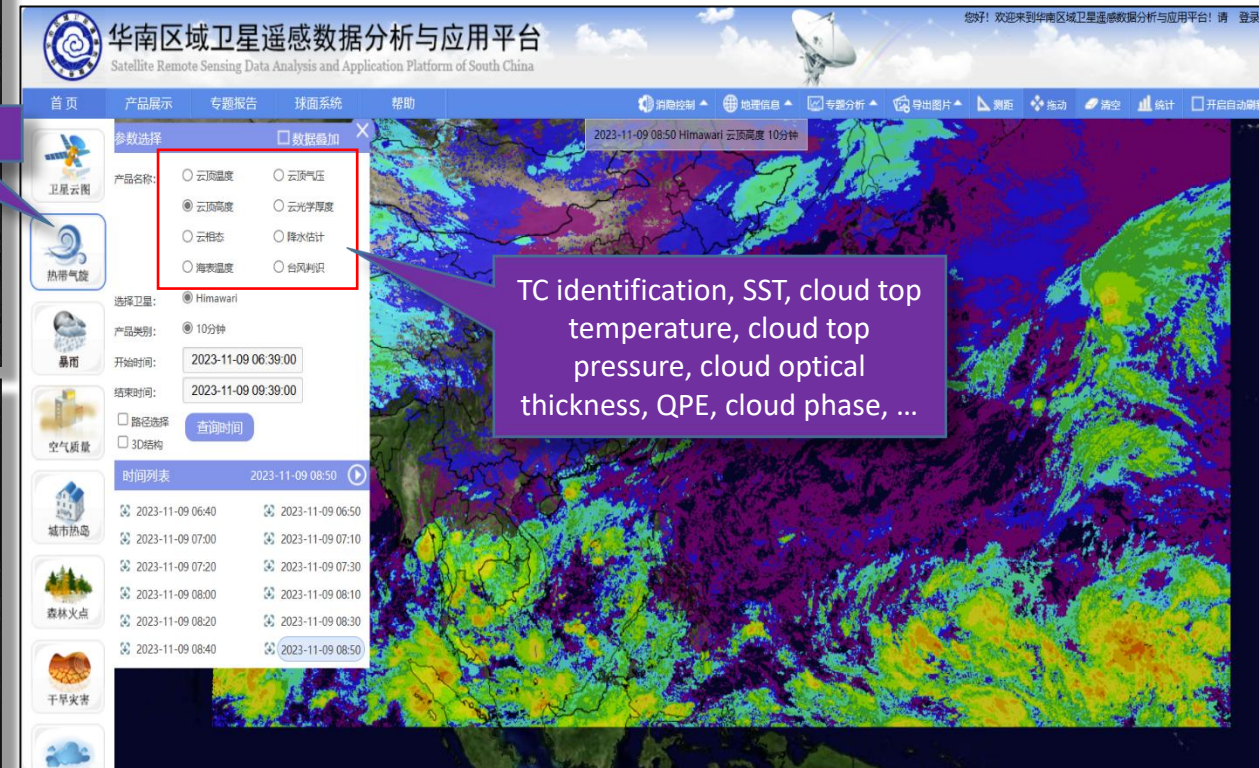
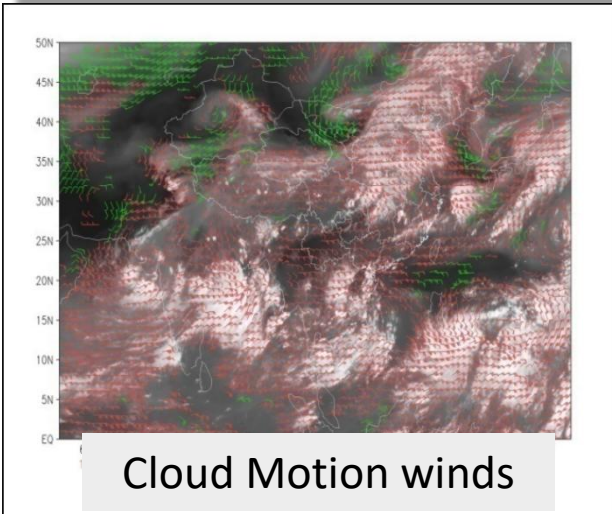
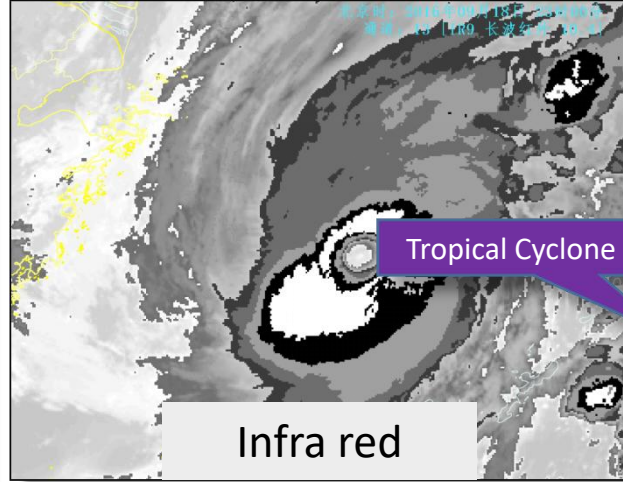
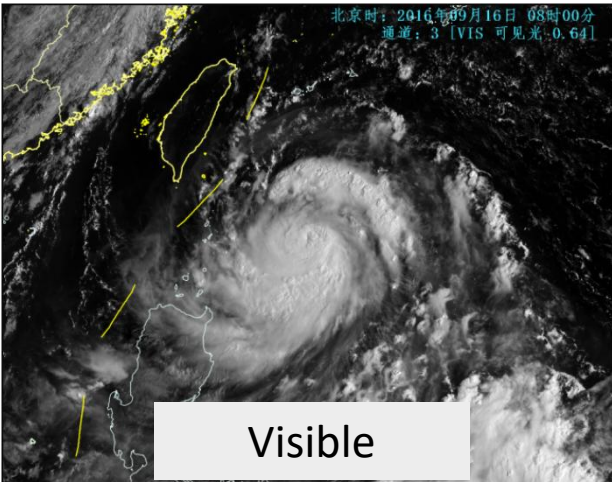


One important task is: to receive satellite data every day and provide products for operation.



# Geostationary Satellite products for TC monitoring

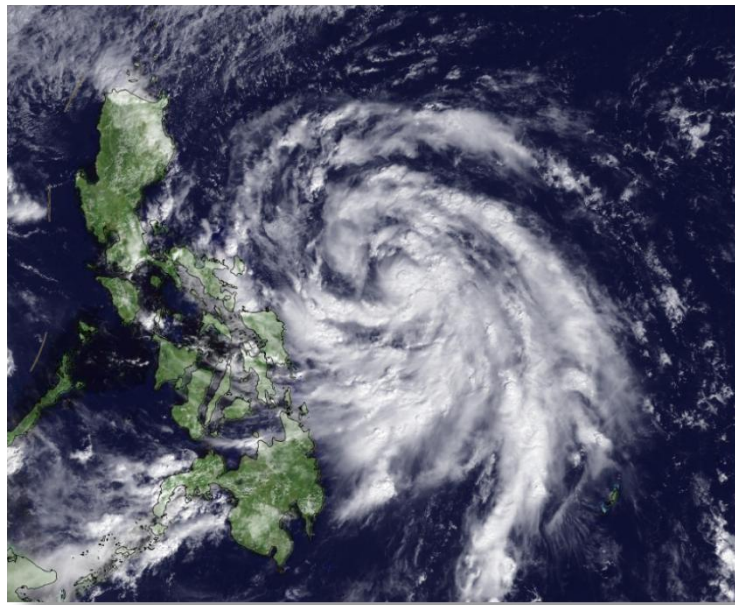
**Products:** Visible, infrared, water vapor, Sea surface temperature, TBB, cloud motion wind, high-level divergence, ...—for direct TC observation and atmospheric circumstance analysis.



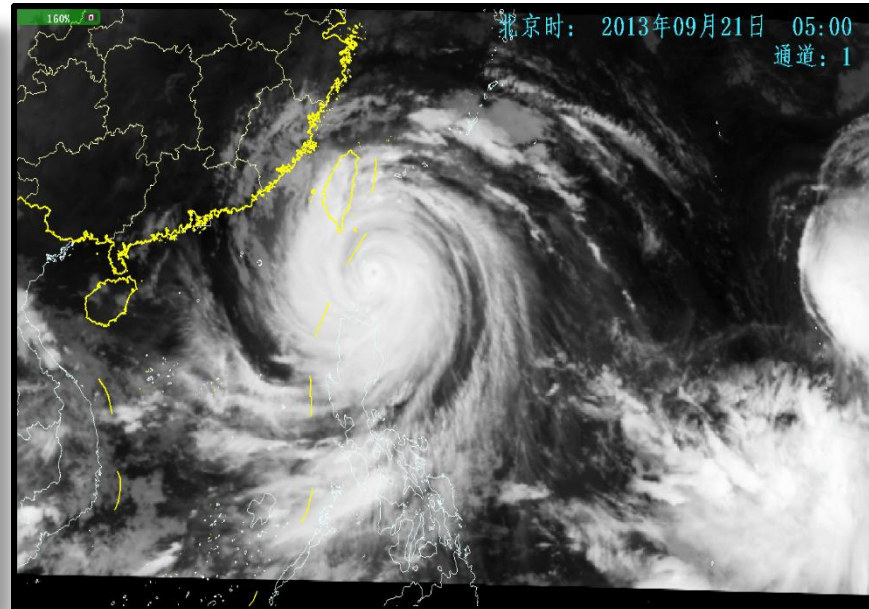
Satellite Remote Sensing Data Analysis and Application Platform of South China



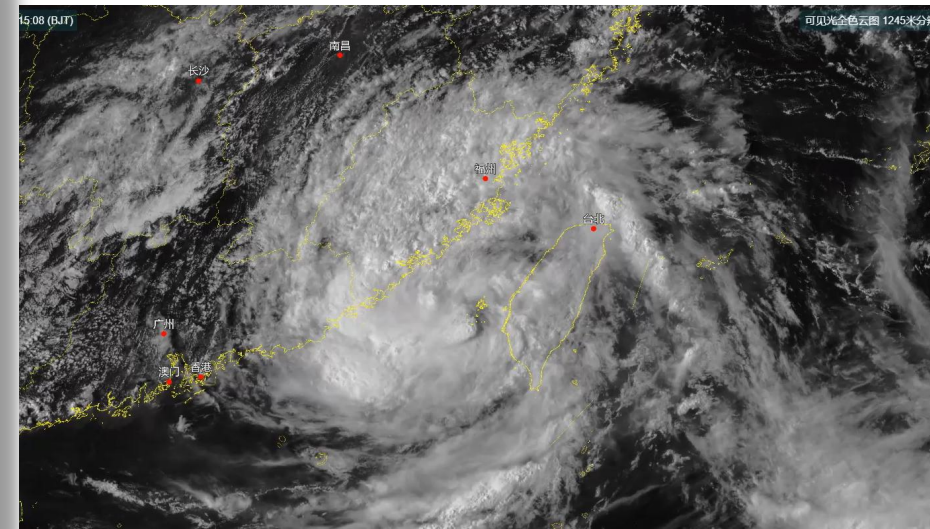
# Geostationary Satellite products



2020, Vamco(FY-4A Vis), **500m**



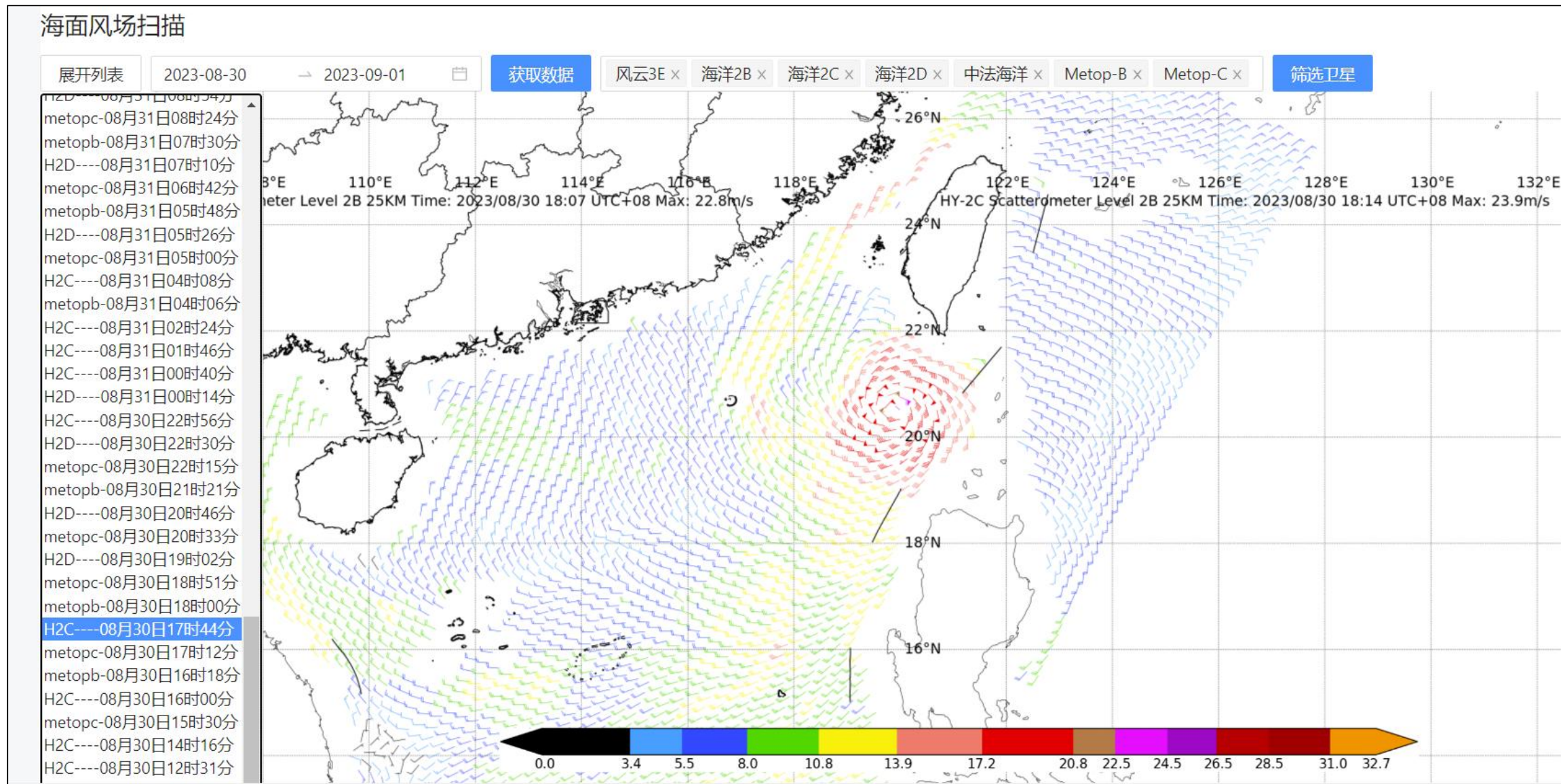
2013, Usagi (FY-2F IR), **6min**



2023, Haikui (AI), **1min**



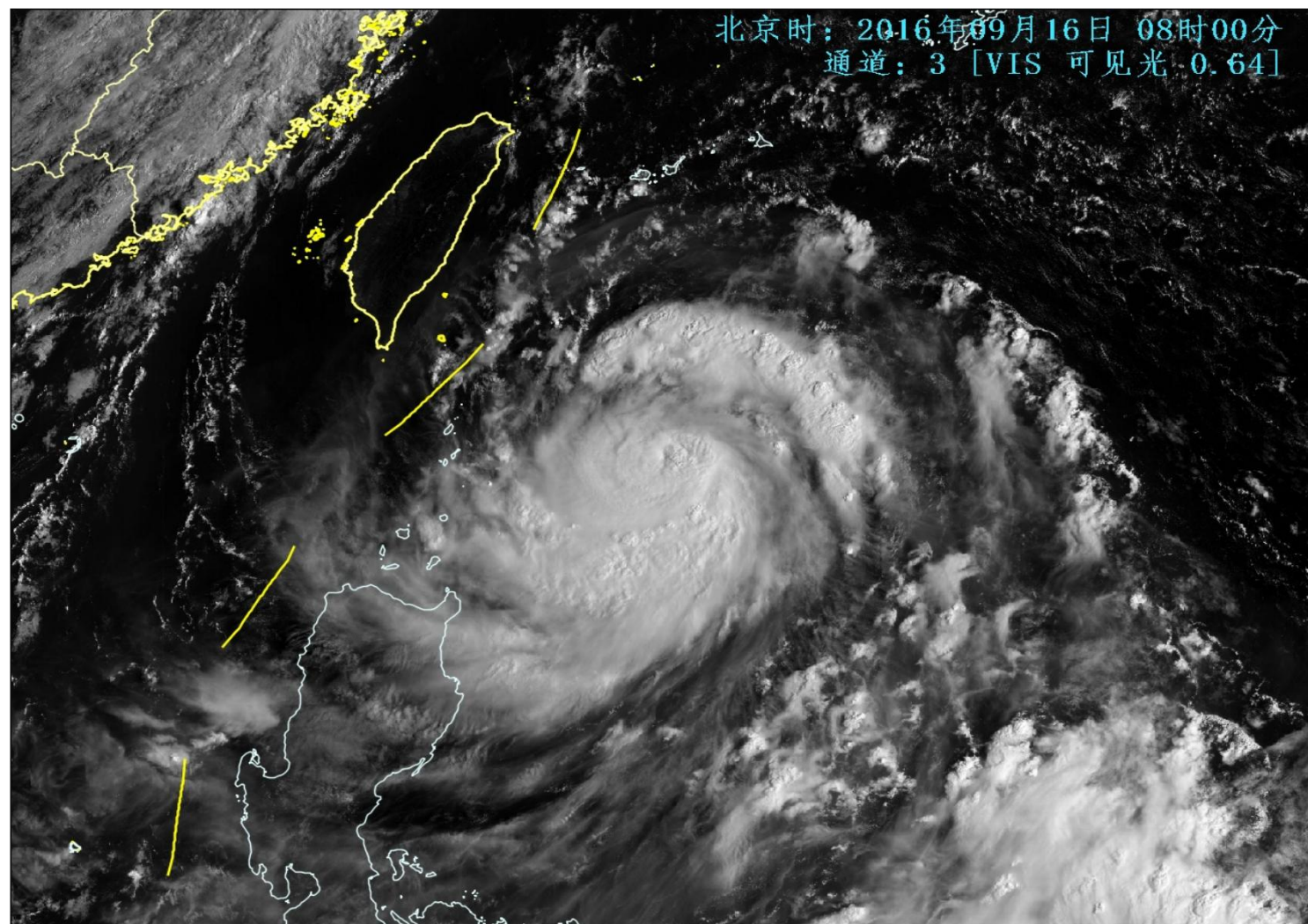
# Polar Satellite products-retrieved winds





# Receiving foreign satellite data

(NOAA series, MTSAT series, EOS, Himawari, et al)

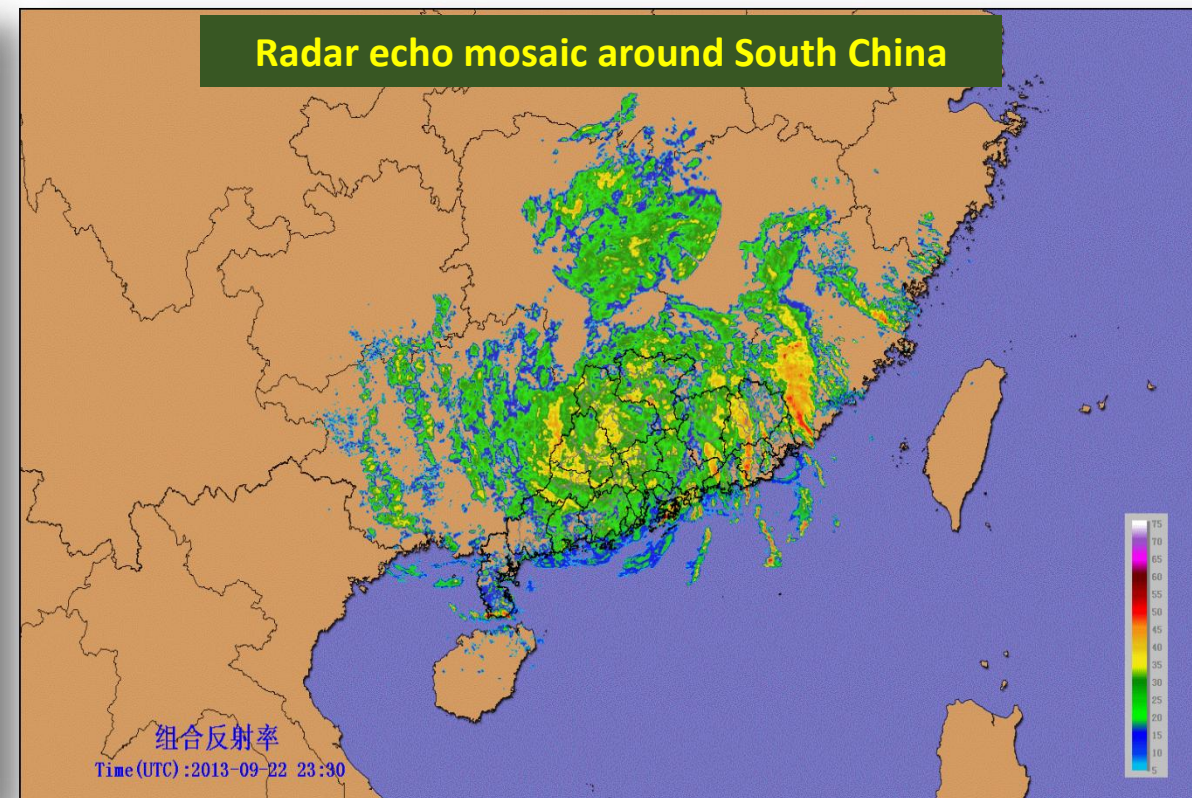
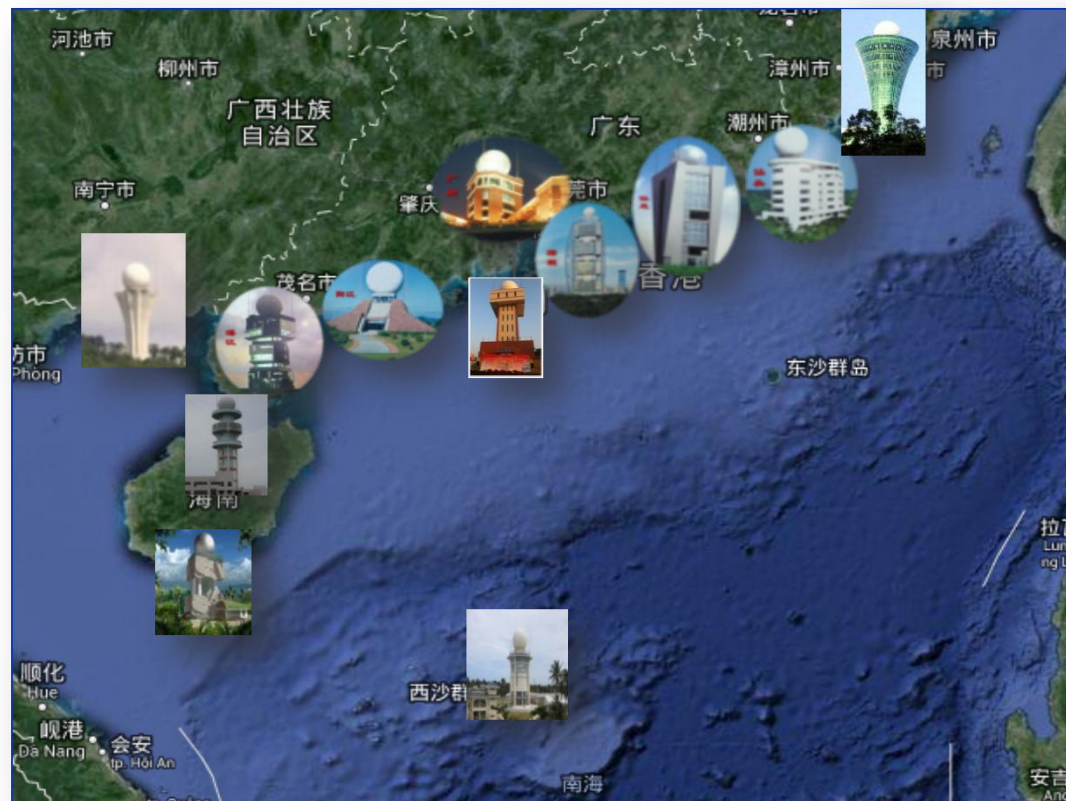


Himawari



# Doppler Weather Radar Network

Exchange of Doppler radar data with adjacent provinces



**12 Doppler weather radars** along the coast:



Xiamen、Shantou、Shanwei、Shenzhen、**Guangzhou**、**Zhuhai**、Yangjiang、Zhanjiang、Beihai、Haikou、Sanya、Xisha(every 6 minutes)

(All radars in Guangdong are upgraded to **dual polarized Doppler** weather radars)



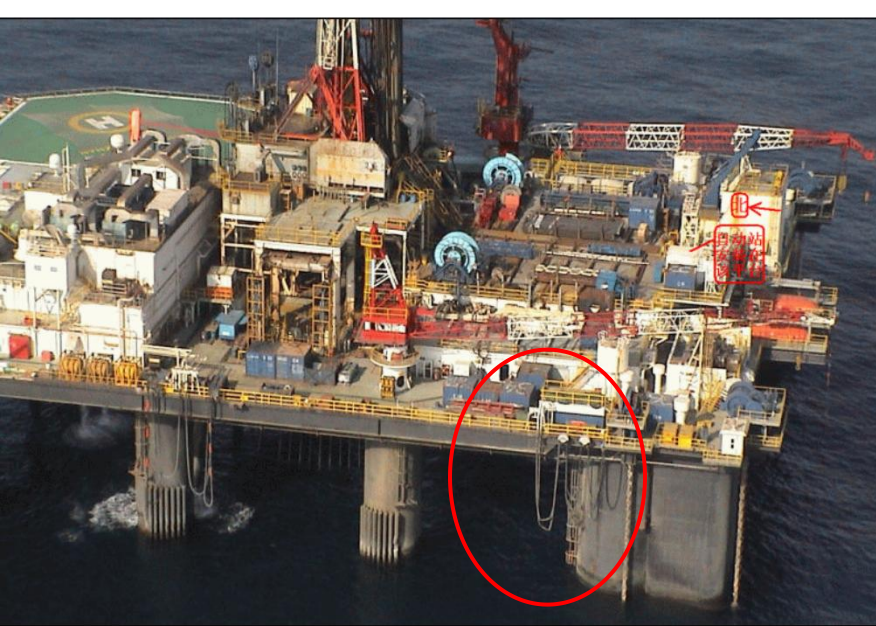
# Automatic Weather Stations(AWS) near Shore



- 194 AWS on islands near shore: every 5 minutes(close to coastline)
-  30 buoys: every 5 minutes(100-200km away from coastline)-satellite communication
-  30 AWS on offshore petrol platforms: every 5 minutes(200-300km away from coastline)-satellite communication

# 30 AWS on petrol platforms

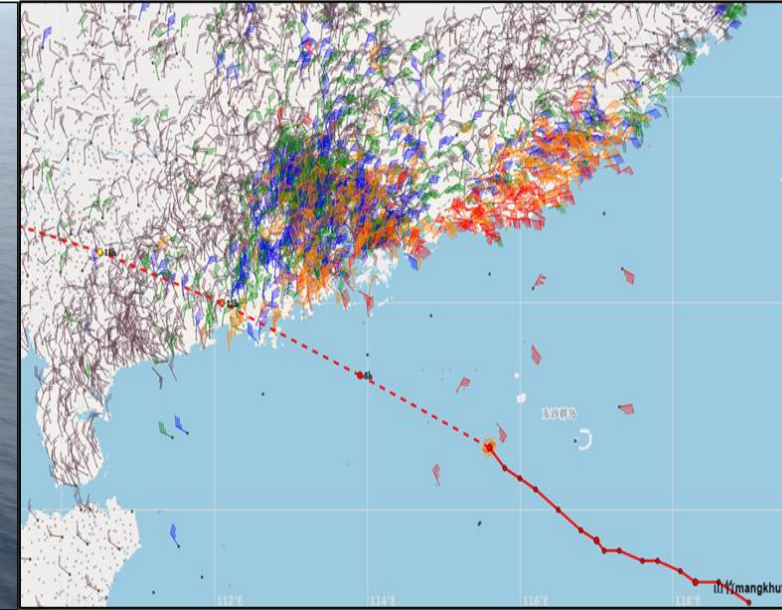
Most of petrol platforms are **200-300km** away from coastline.



AWS on petrol platform *Liuhua*



AWS on petrol platform *HZ21-1*





# For monitoring of weather and atmospheric status and research

- 47GNSS/MET
- 28 wind profiler radars along coast
- 22 lightening location systems
- Raindrop size meters



Wind profiler radar



Lightening location system



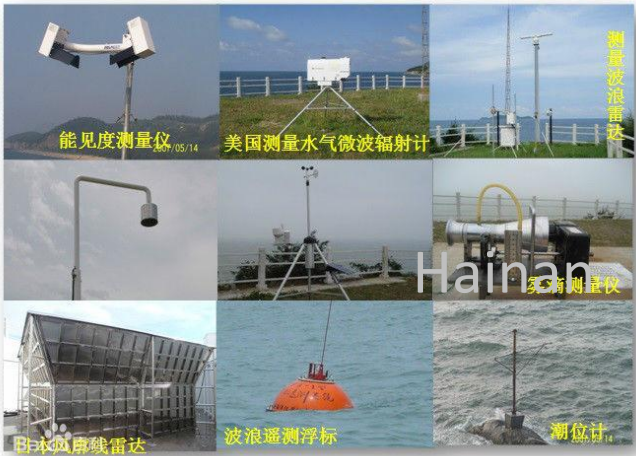
GNSS/MET



Raindrop size meter

# Scientific Experiment Base on Marine Meteorology at Bohe, Maoming (Constructed in 2004)

(Mainly for scientific research besides TC monitoring)



Other devices



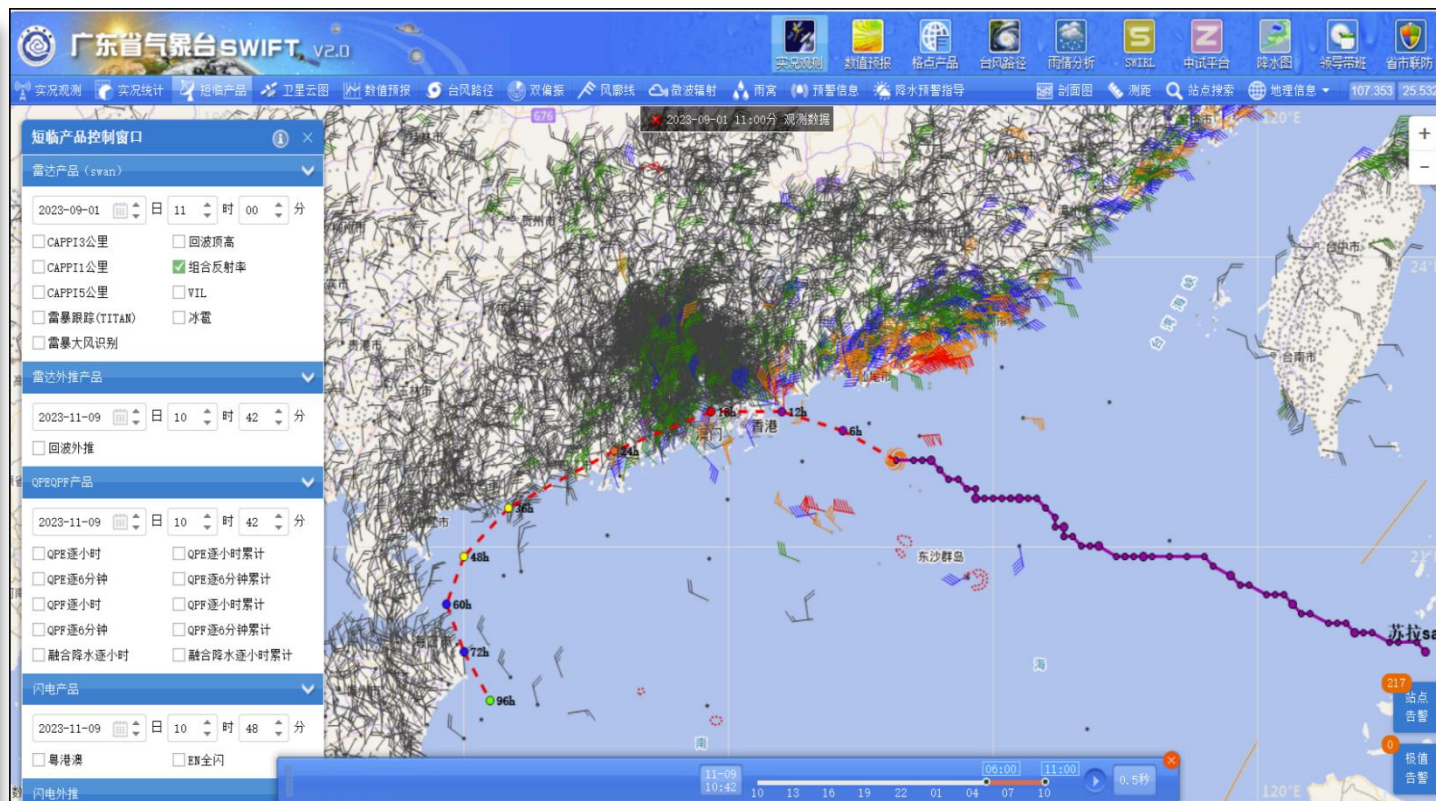
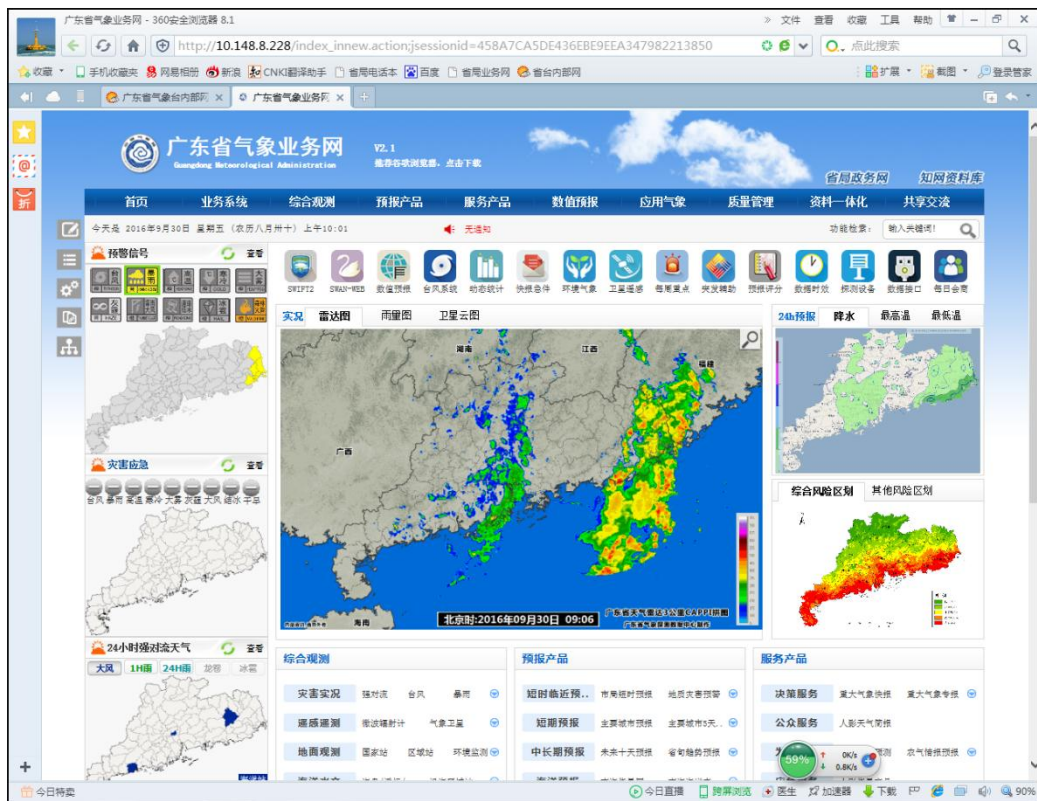
Gradient stayed tower



Observation platform on marine meteorology



# Operational LAN network in Guangdong Meteorological Service



# Marine meteorological monitoring network in South China Sea

S-band Doppler radar: 19

X-band weather radar: 24

High-frequency ground wave radar: 1

Marine meteorological buoys: 20(5 are weather buoys)

AWS on land: >4000

AWS on islands: 194

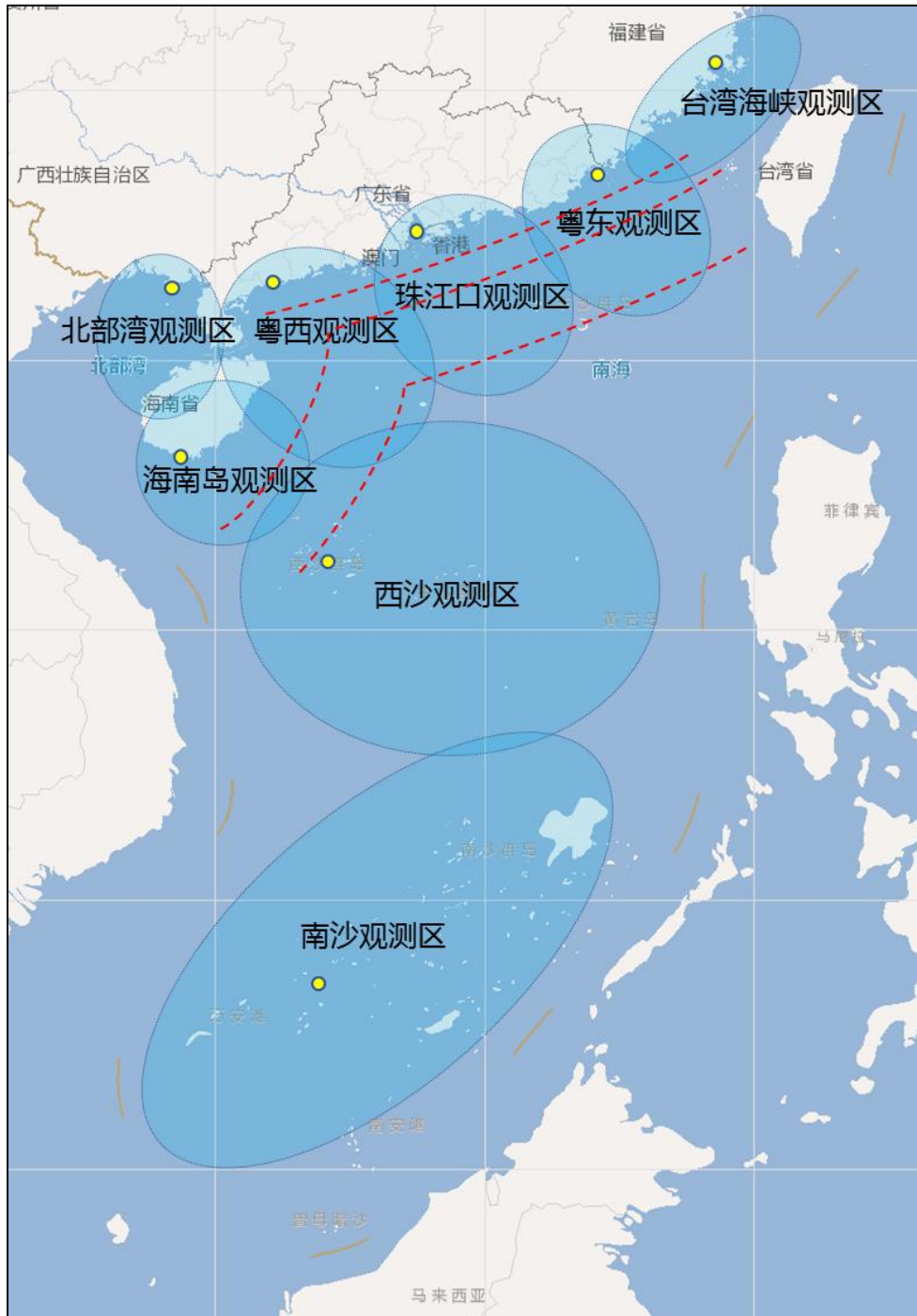
AWS on petrol platforms: 30

Shipborne AWS: 12

wind profiler radars along coast: 28

GNSS/MET: 47

Lightening monitoring stations: 51





# National operational LAN network in CMA

(Open to all provincial, municipal and county meteorological bureaus)

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# Historic Tropical Cyclone Data Collected



# Historic TC Ensemble Messages Collected

研究型业务平台

实况观测

预报检验

模式与释用

台风海洋

暴雨与强对流

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历史数据

实验测试

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当前台风: 8

起报时间: 2007-08-07T00

机构: ecmwf

追踪成员: 51/51

海区: Northwest Pacific

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Historic EPS data from ECMWF, NCEP, UKMO, Canada are collected.

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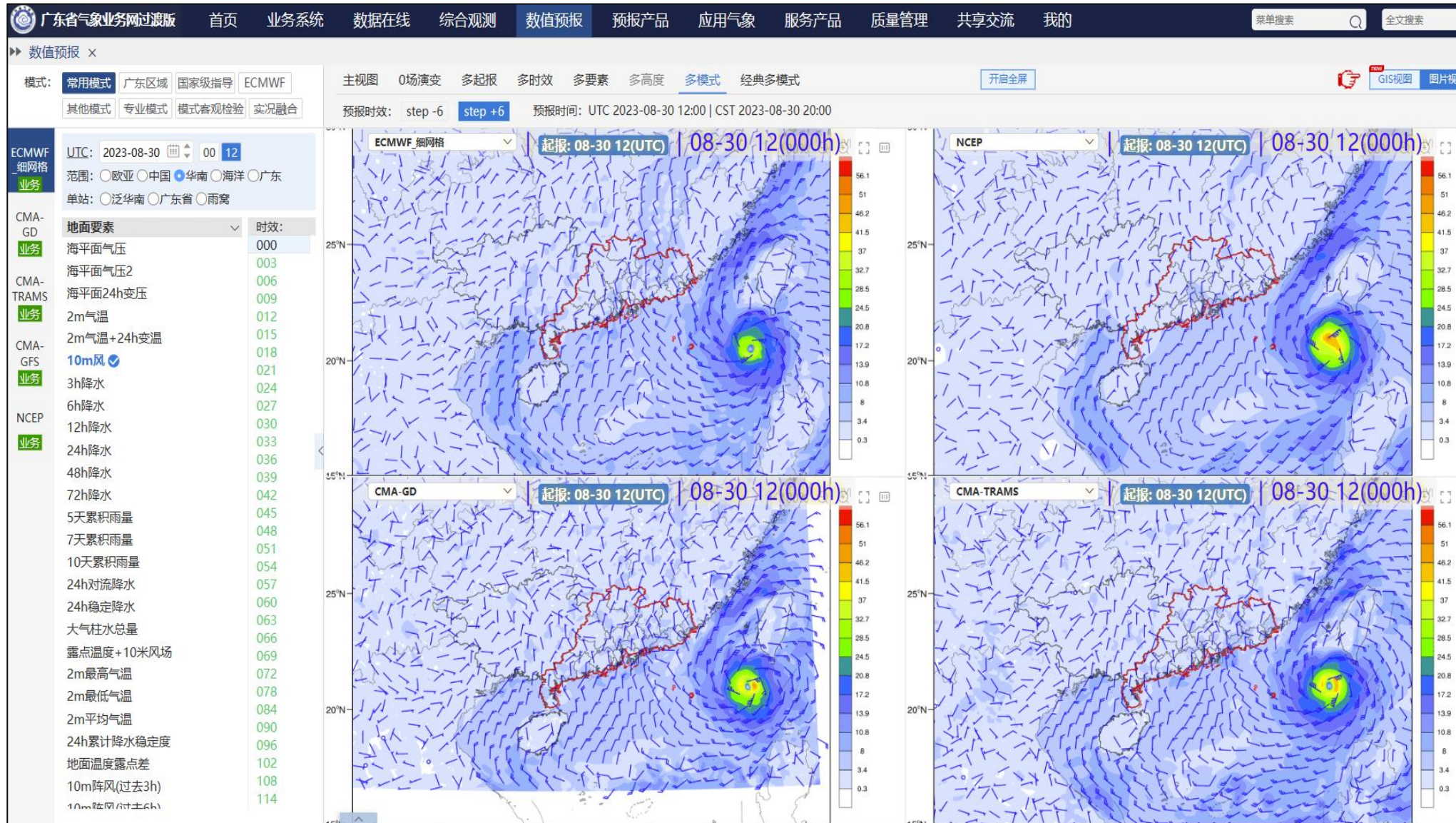
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# Numerical products in LAN network of Guangdong Meteorological Service

(Shared within all municipal and county meteorological bureaus all over Guangdong Province)



## ■ CMA:

- ✓ CMA-GFS
- ✓ CMA-meso

## ■ Guangdong:

- ✓ CMA-TRAMS
- ✓ CMA-GD
- ✓ CMA-TRAMS-EPS
- ✓ SEA WAVE
- ✓ SEA FOG
- ✓ CIRCUMSTANCE
- ✓ STORM SURGE

## ■ ECMWF

- ✓ ECMWF\_thin
- ✓ ECMWF-EPS
- ✓ ECMWF-32days
- ✓ ECMWF-46days
- ✓ ECMWF-C3Y

## ■ NCEP

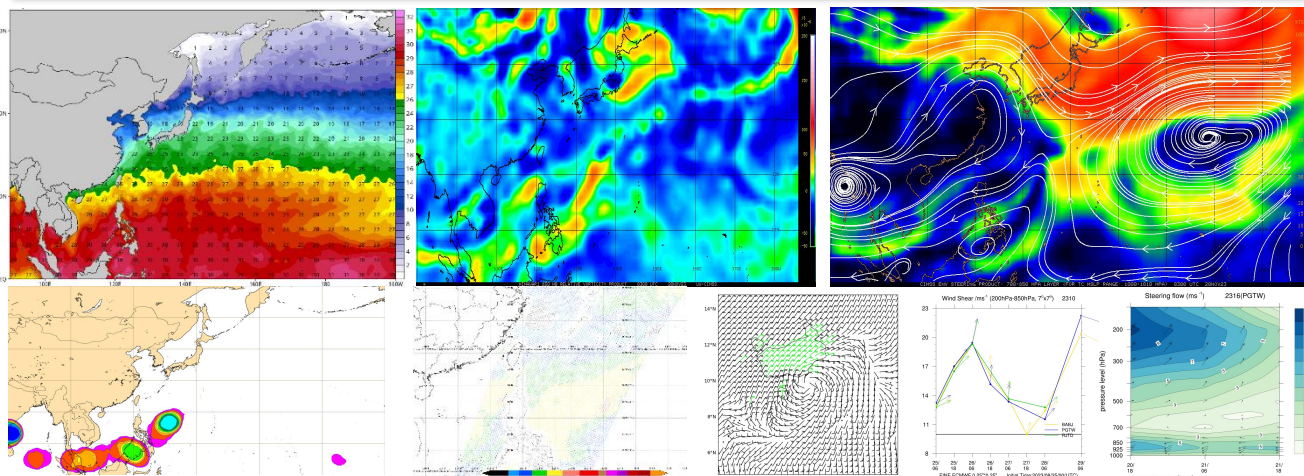
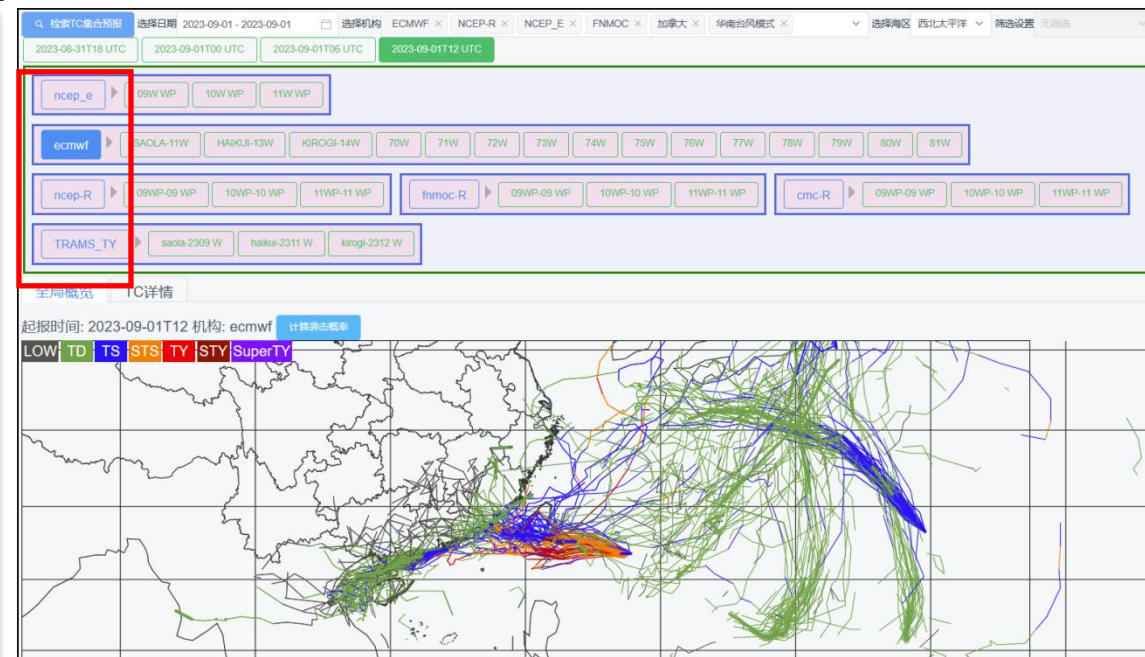
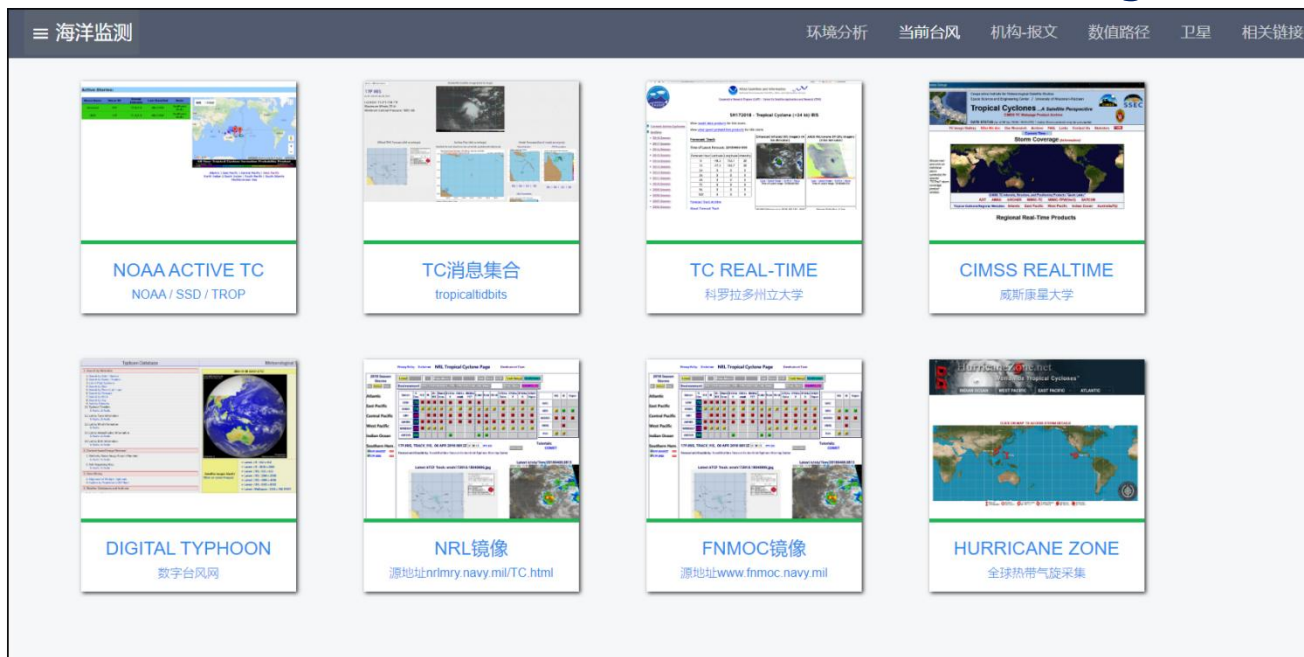
- ✓ NCEP-GPS

■ **CMA LAN**  
**operational**  
**PLATFORM**(open to all  
provincial meteorological  
services)

- ✓ More models

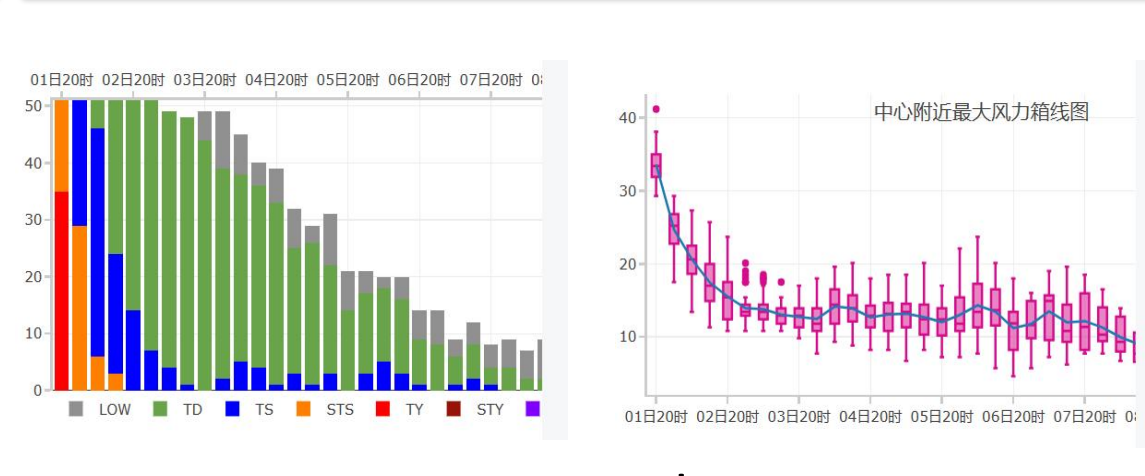


# TC analysis platform



## TC data platform

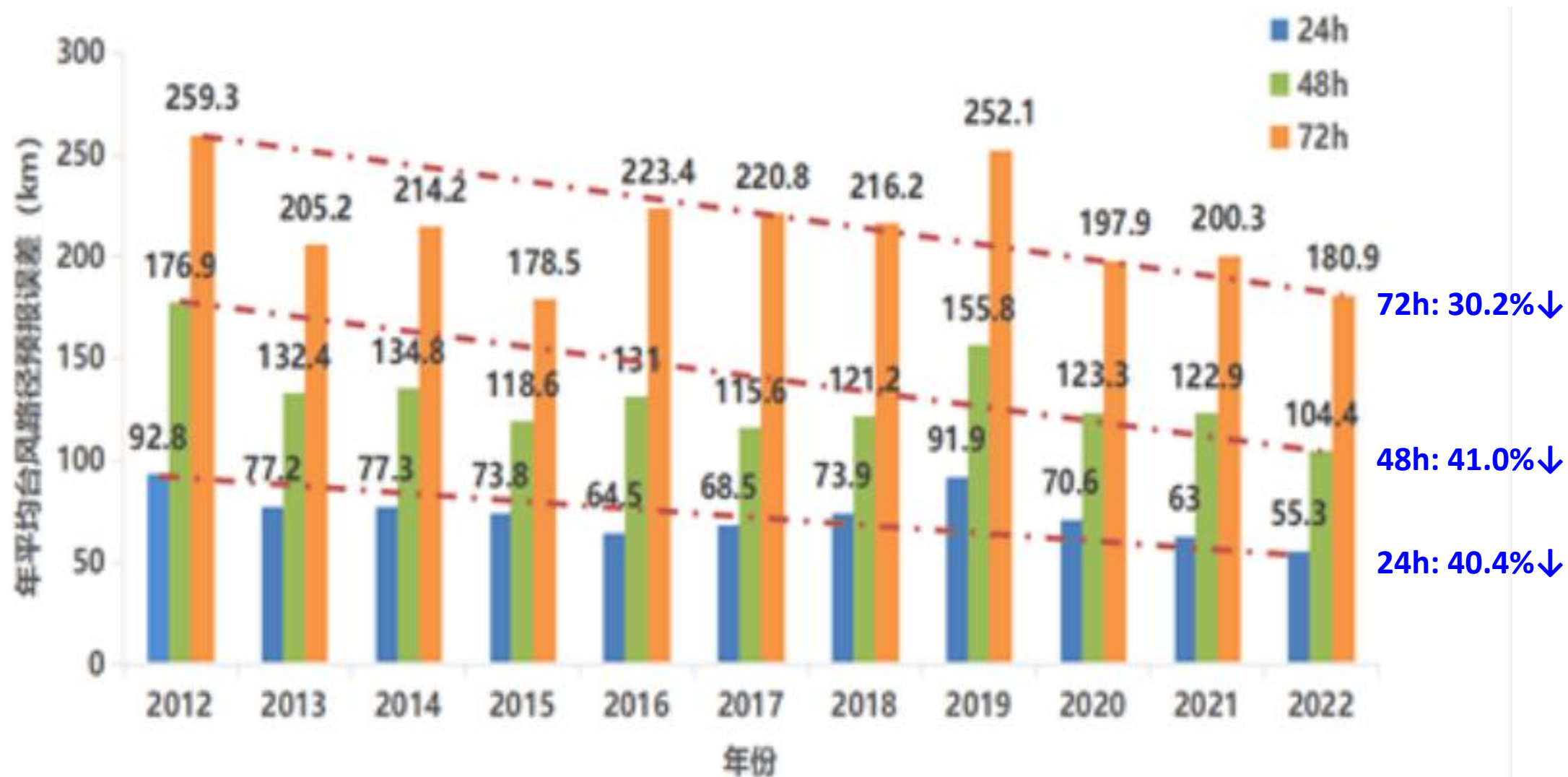
(SST, circulation analysis; TC genesis probability; current TC information; GTS message; EPS; satellite products; AWS; Radar images; ...)



## EPS products

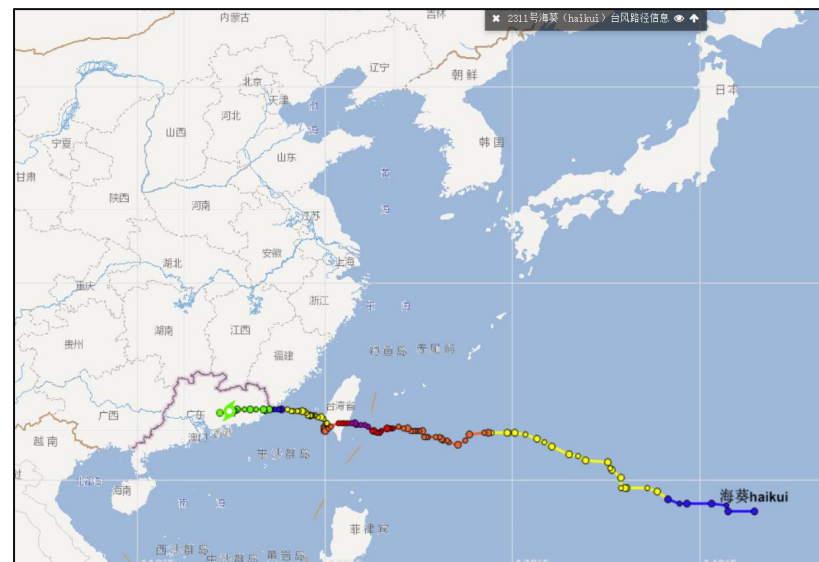
(Grapes-EPS, ECMWF-EPS, NCEP-EPS, UKMO-EPS, CMC-EPS,...)

# 24-72h track errors of CMA-TRAMS in 2012-2022

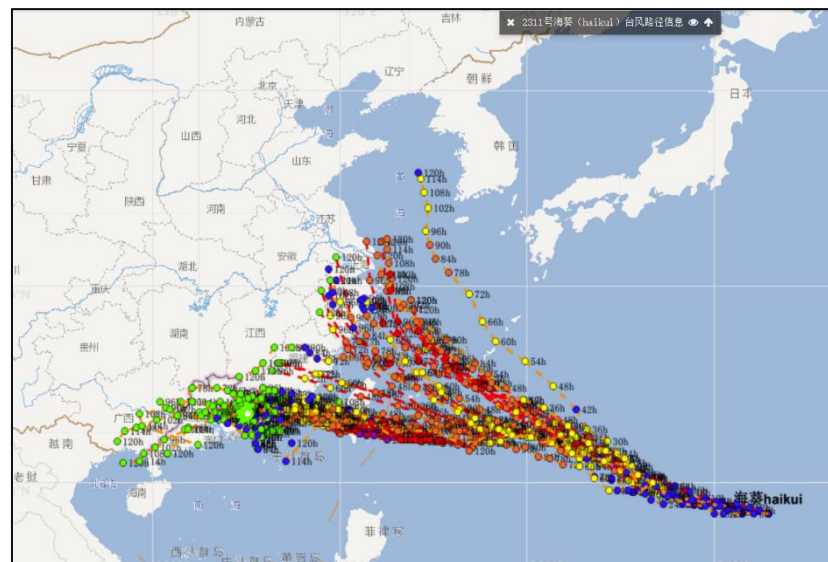




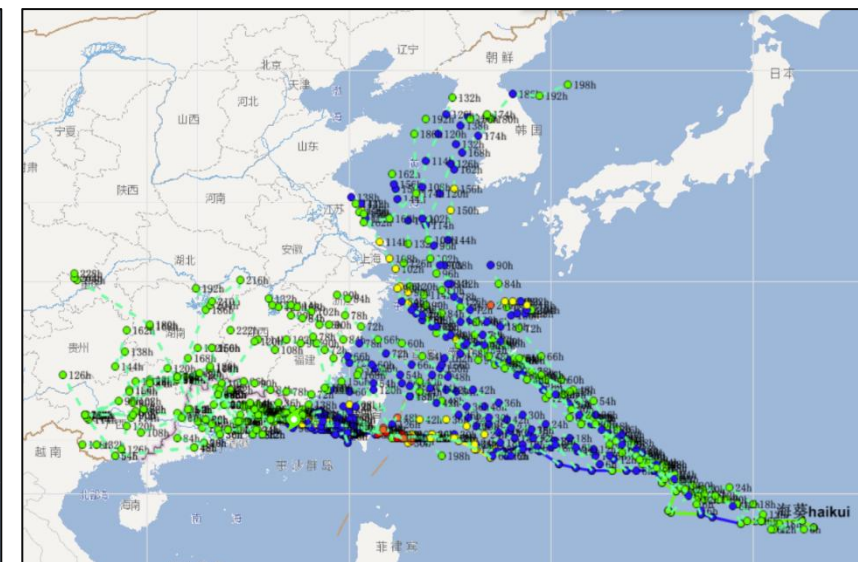
# Models are not always correct



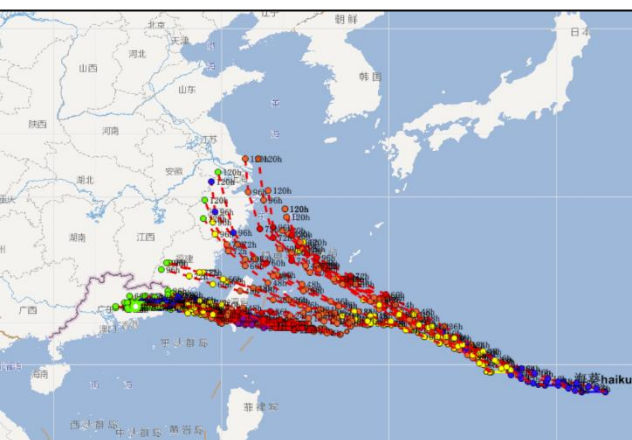
Track of Haikui(No.2311)



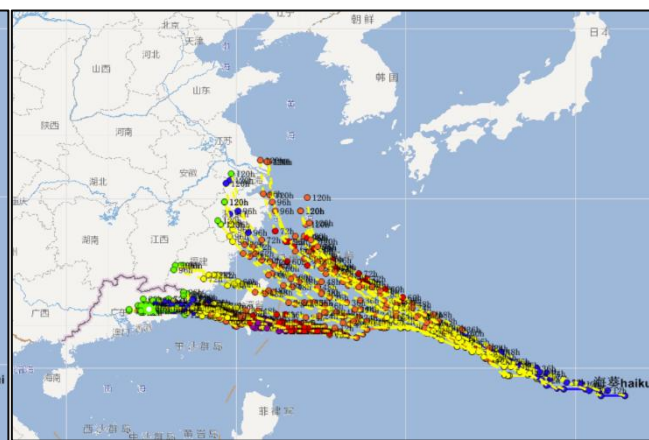
ALL track predictions of Haikui(No.2311)  
of **CMA-TRAM**



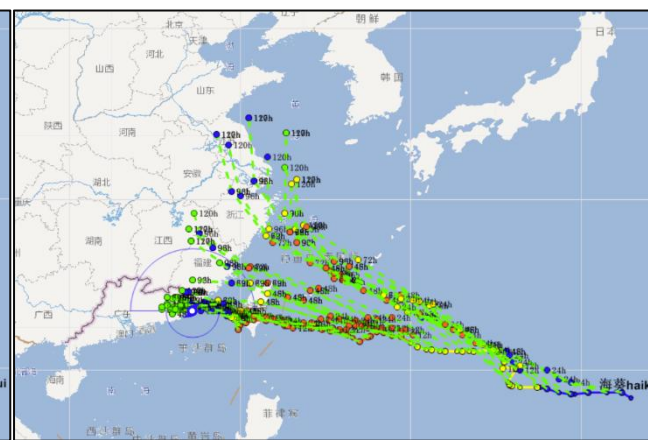
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of **ECMWF**



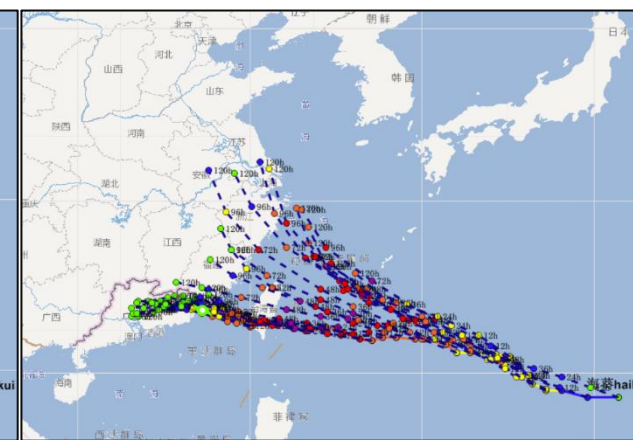
Subjective forecasts: GuangZhou



Subjective forecasts: Beijing



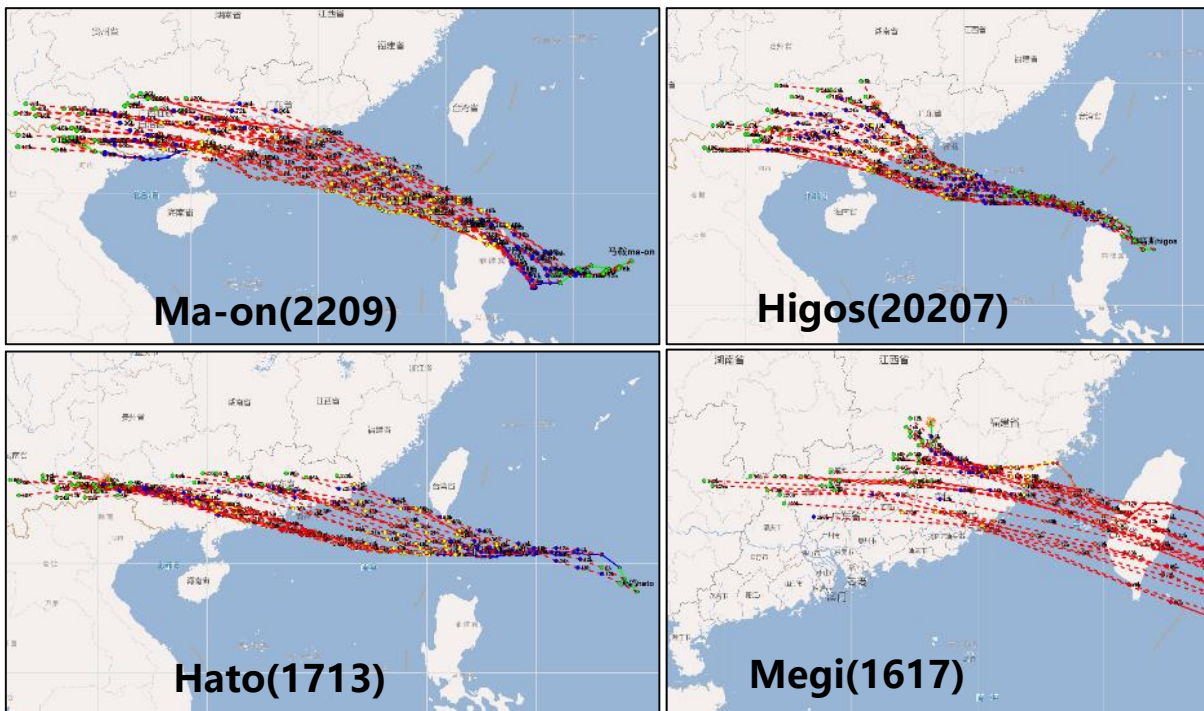
Subjective forecasts: Tokyo



Subjective forecasts: JTWC



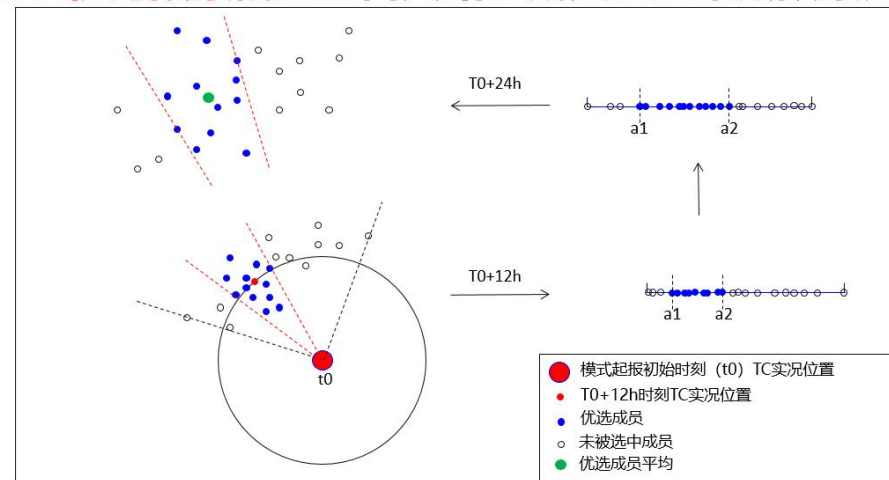
# Ensemble Forecasting for Typhoon tracks based on Moving Direction Deviation(EFTyMoDD)



Continuous moving direction forecast deviation is common in South China

- For Guangdong, westward typhoons are inclined to cause higher track forecast errors and more service difficulties.

## 基于移向预报偏差的台风路径成员优选集成预报方案

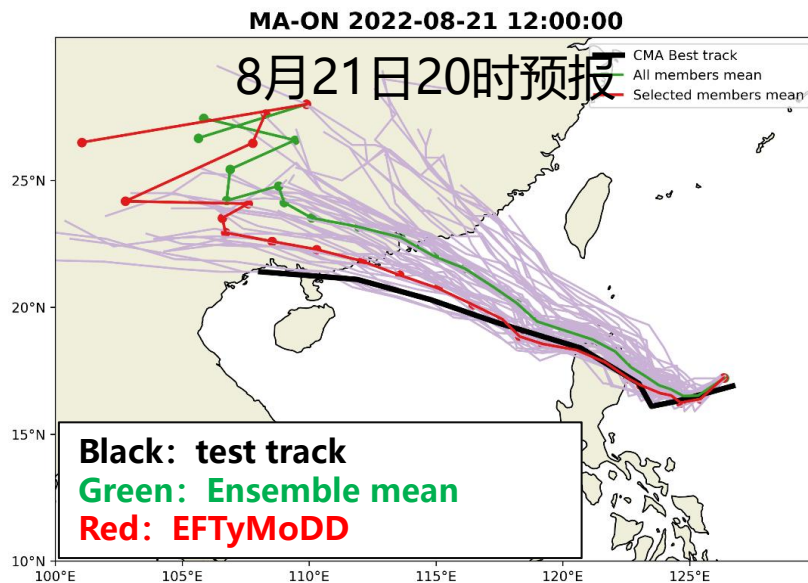


- 方案：根据移向预报偏差选定  $n$  个误差最小的样本进行合成得到预报路径。
- 步骤1：将  $t_0+12h$  时刻实况以及所有成员投影到以  $t_0$  时刻台风位置为圆心，以  $t_0$  至  $t_{12}$  实况距离为半径的圆  $C$  上。按顺时针方向从左至右排列。其中，各成员最左侧点移向为  $0$ ，最右侧点移向为  $\theta$ ，按移向大小排列各点百分位从  $0\%$  到  $100\%$ ；实况点移向为  $\theta_{12}$ 。
- 步骤2：选出与实况  $\theta_{12}$  移向偏差最小的  $n$  个成员，其中最左侧成员的百分位为  $a_1$ ，最右侧成员百分位为  $a_2$ ；
- 步骤3：24h 所有预报成员投影到圆  $C$  上，根据  $a_1$  和  $a_2$  选出成员进行平均得到 TC 的 24h 预报位置；
- 步骤4：重复步骤3，直至得到所有预报时刻 TC 预报位置。

Forecasting technical proposal of EFTyMoDD

# EFTyMoDD Experiment (Ma-on, No.2209)

Forecasting center	24h forest error (distance/km; direction/°)		48h forest error (distance/km; direction/°)		72h forest error (distance/km; direction/°)	
Guangzhou	95.2;	9.1	191.9;	9.1	342.3;	10.0
Beijing	85.5;	8.5	193.4;	8.2	360.8;	9.3
RSMC Tokyo	109.7;	10.9	213.3;	8.7	355.1;	9.8
JTWC	89.4;	8.3	161.2;	7.2	308.6;	10.3
ECMWF ensemble mean	74.0;	6.8	192.5;	8.4	320.0;	10.0
<b>EFTyModd</b>	<b>66.2;</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>168.9;</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>234.3;</b>	<b>6.9</b>



## Results:

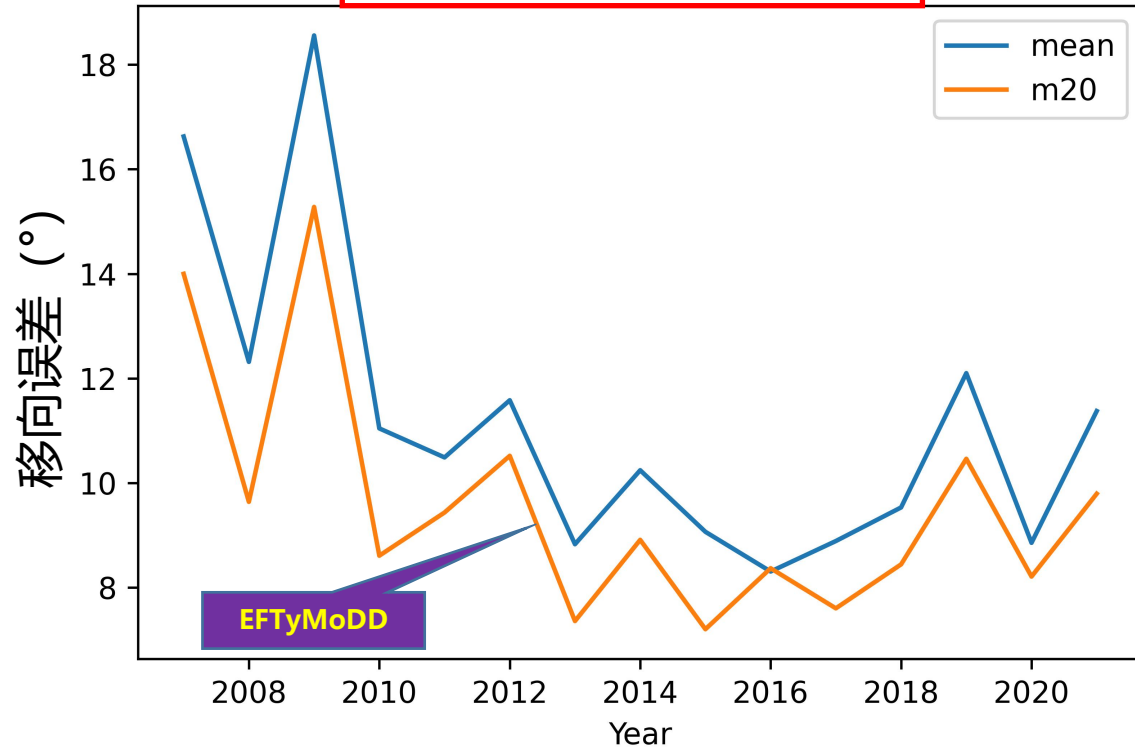
- Much lower **moving direction forecast** error than ECMWF ensemble mean and forecasting centers.
- Much lower **track forecast** error than ECMWF ensemble mean and forecasting centers.



# Sample experiments: 2007-2021

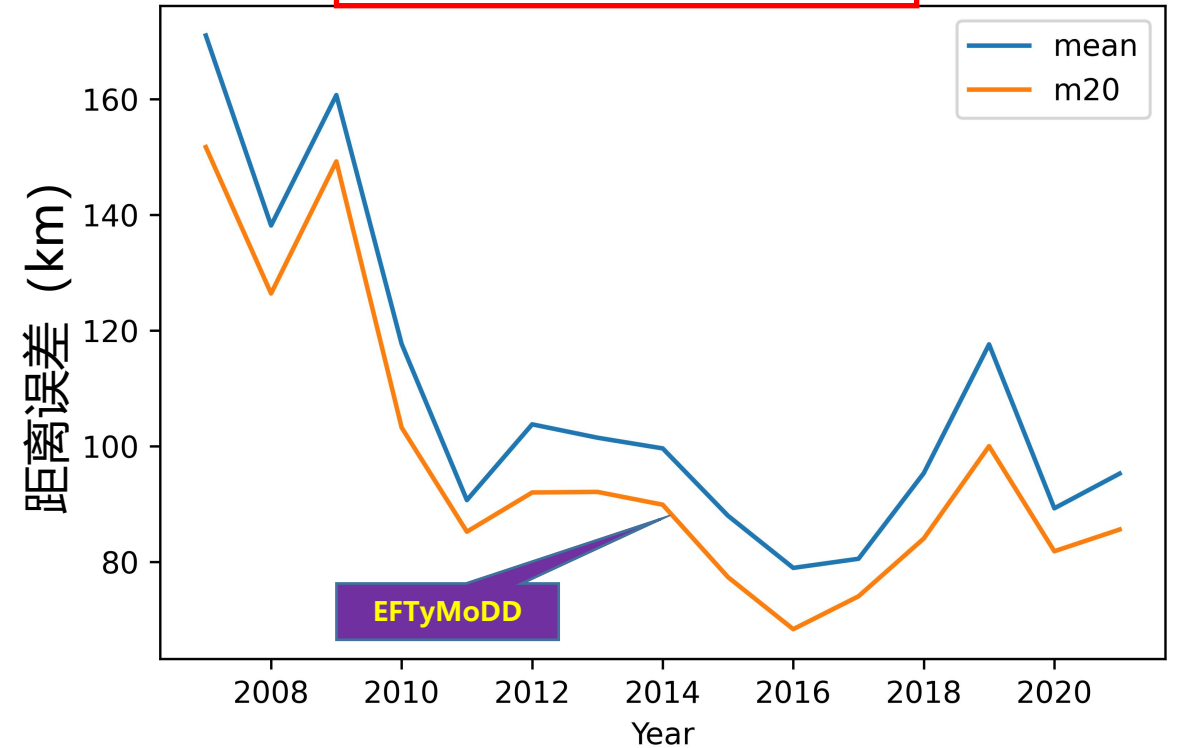
Data: 2007-2021 ECMWF ensemble forecast; CMA best track.

24h Error of moving direction



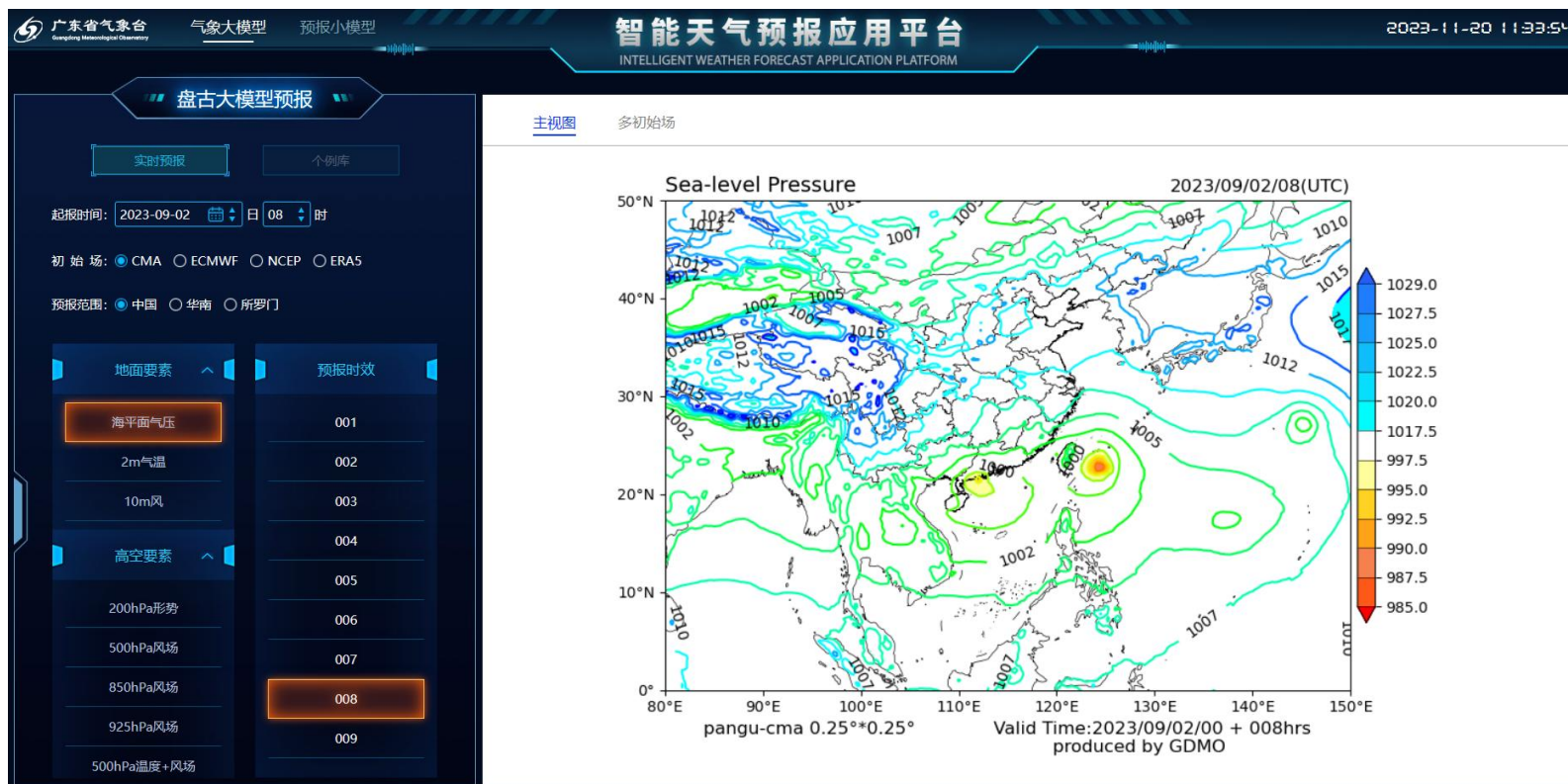
ECMWF ensemble mean: 11.2°  
EFTyMoDD: 9.6°

24h Error of distance

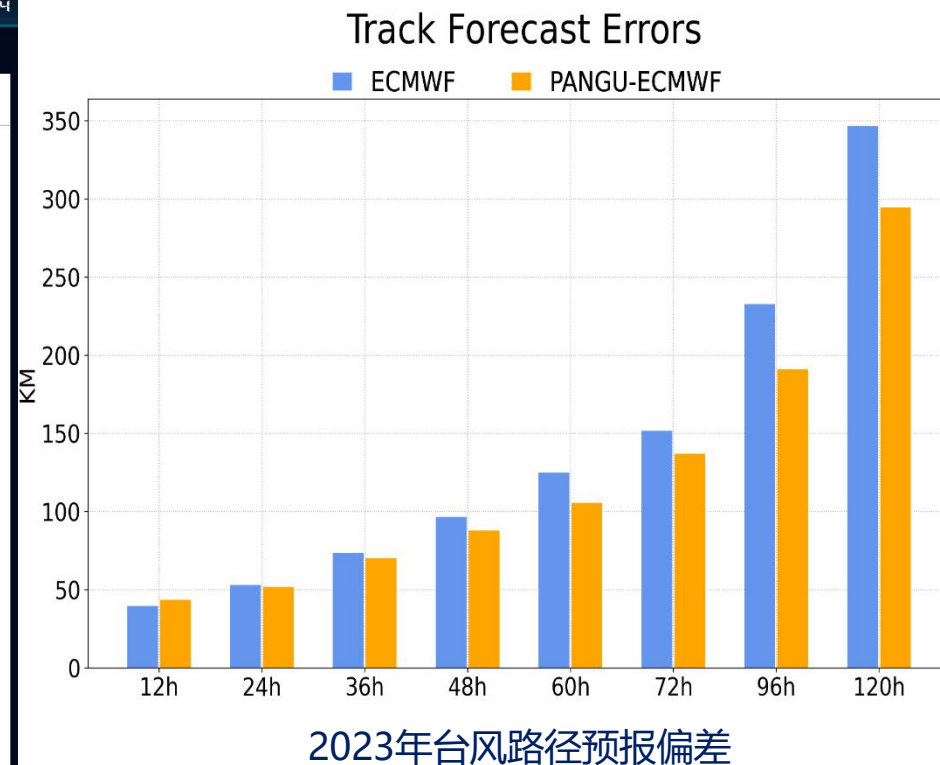


ECMWF ensemble mean: 108.5km,  
EFTyMoDD: 97.4km

# PANGU machine learning model



PANGU machine learning model operated in Guangdong Meteorological Observatory

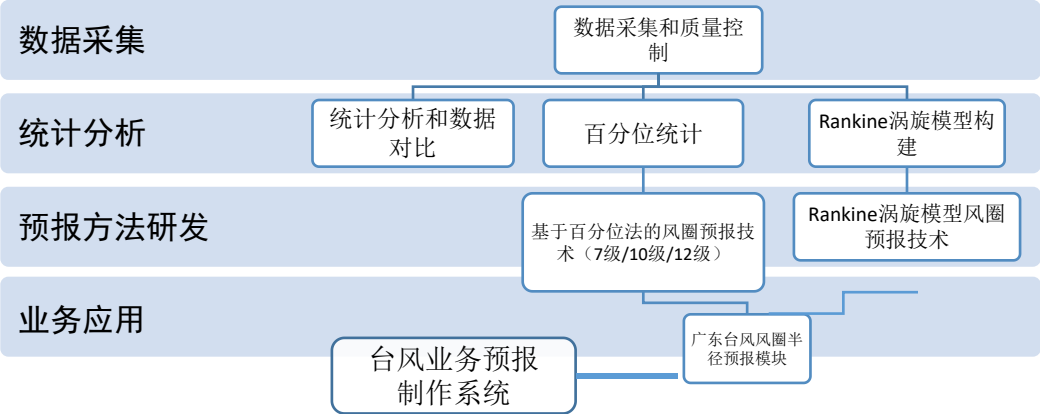


TC track error for PANGU and ECMWF in 2023

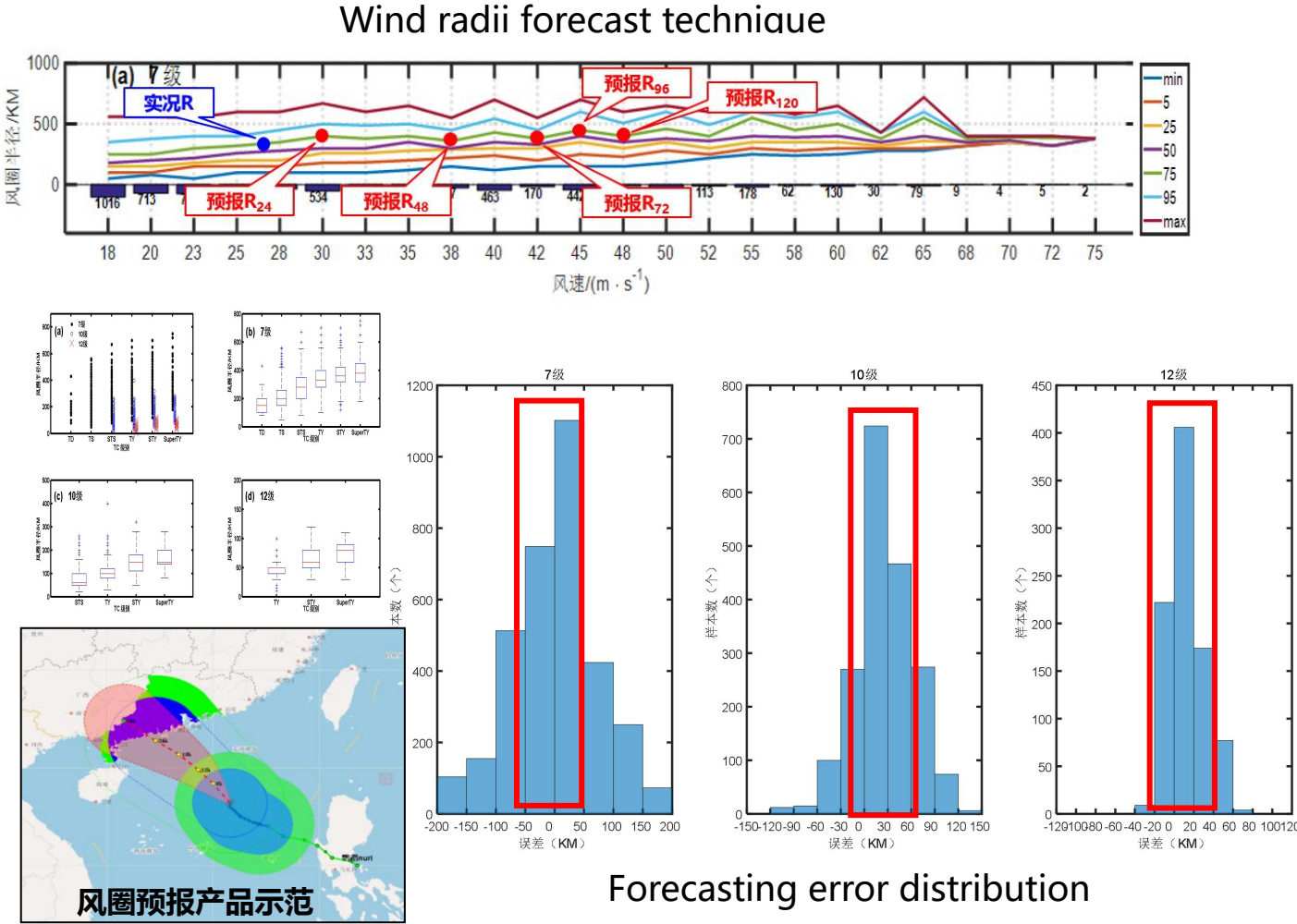


# TC wind radii forecast technique for B.F. 7, 10, and 12

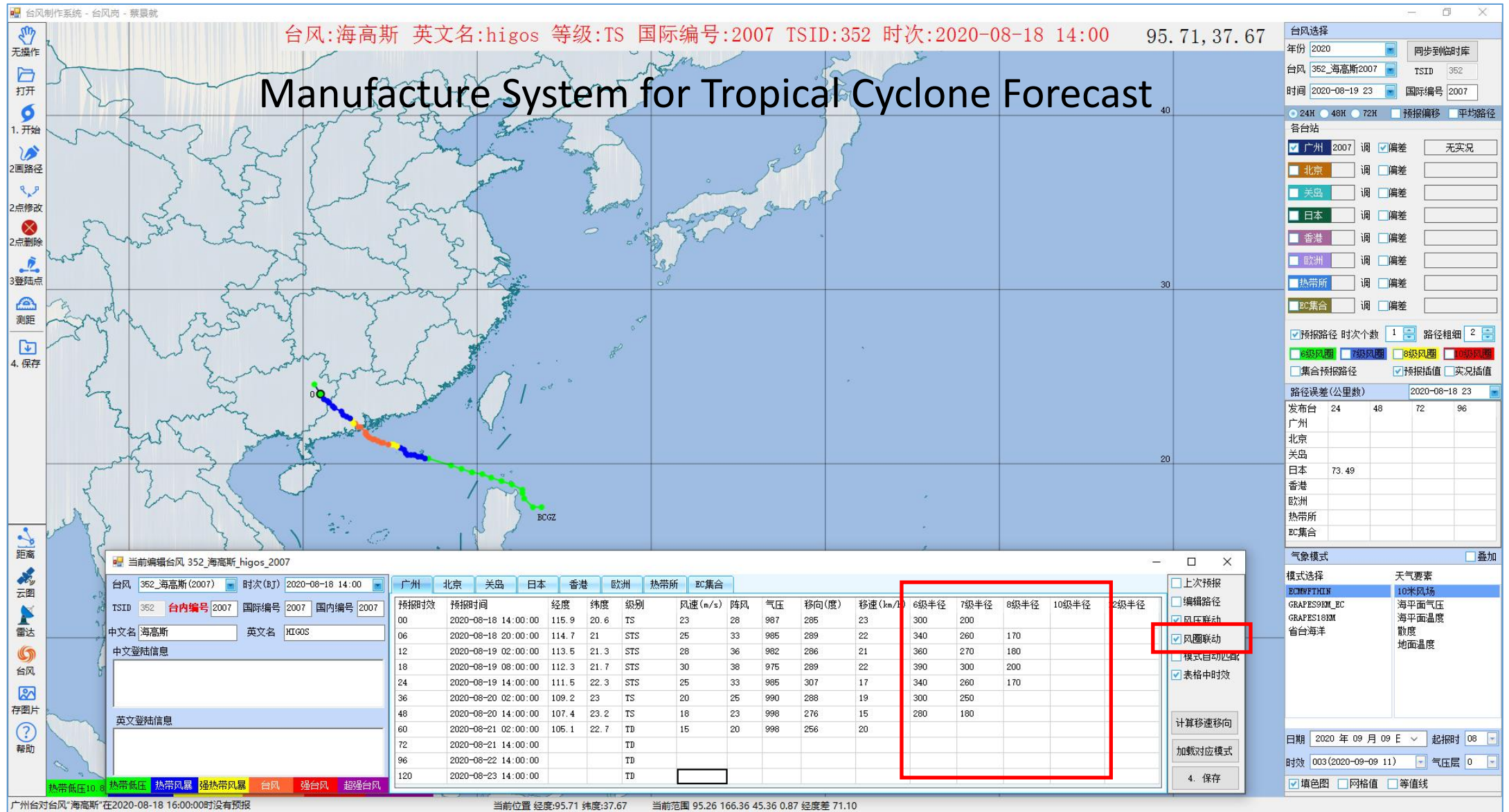
	实况	预报
日本 (RSMC Tokyo)	7/10级 (东西/南北象限)	×
美国 (JTWC)	8/10/12级 (四象限)	12/24.../120h 各象限/各级
北京 (JMA)	7/10/12 (四象限)	×
广州	6/7/8/10/12 (不分象限)	6/7/8/10/12 (不分象限)



Technique routine



# One click to load in wind radii forecast



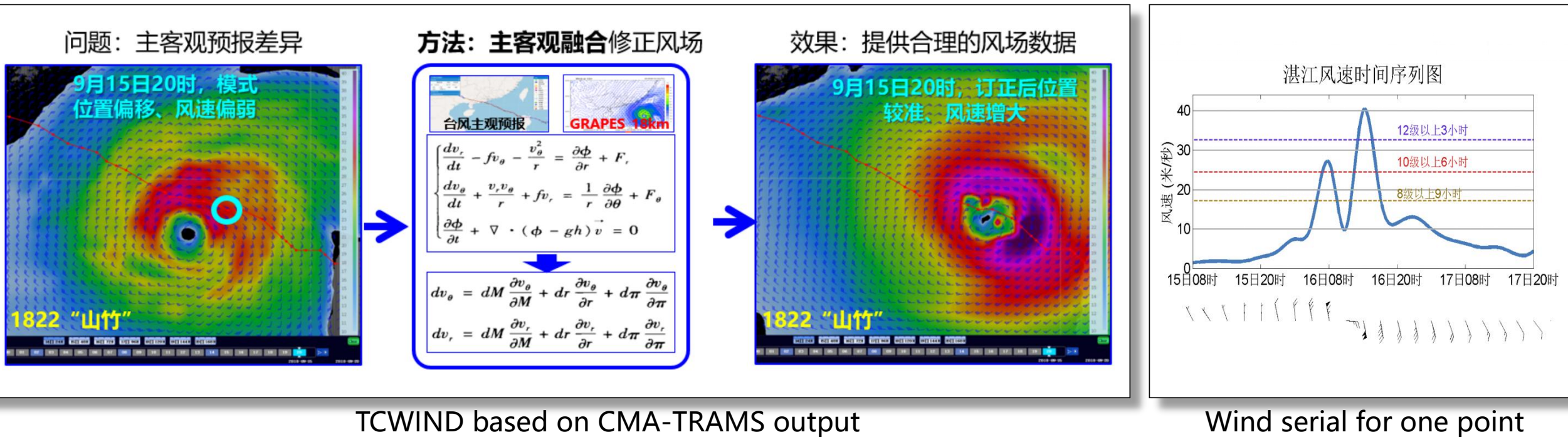


# Fine gridded TC winds forecasting techniques

Difficulties in TC winds forecast operation before:

- (1) Inconsistency of TC tracks and intensity of models and subjective forecasts.
- (2) Hand revision needs heavy work.

A technique called TCWIND is applied to automatically revise TC wind fields base on model CMA-TRAMS and local topography data.



# Fine gridded TC rainfall forecasting techniques

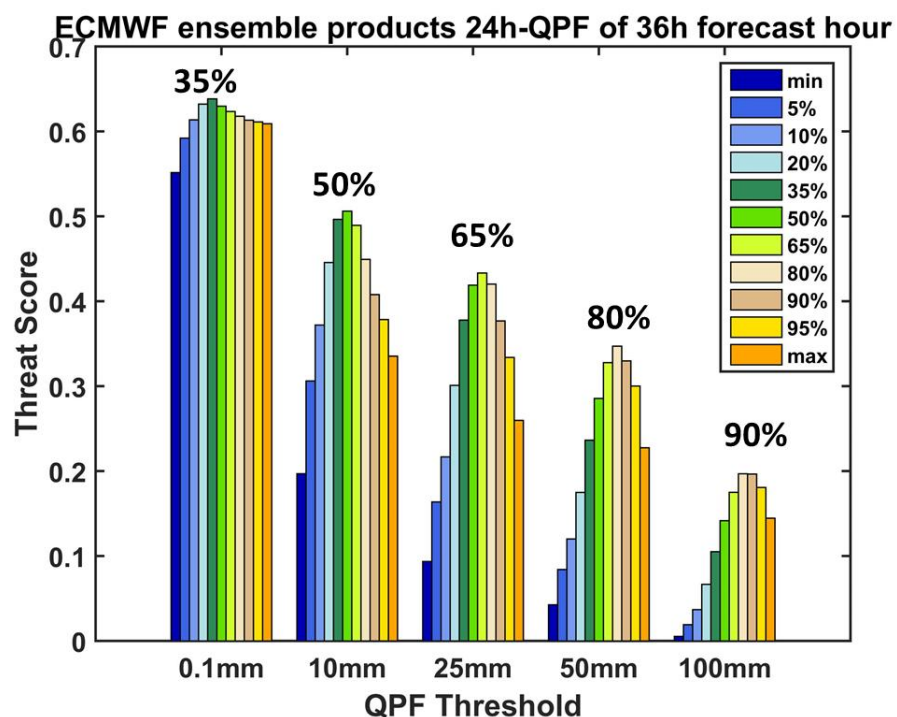
- Multi Statistic Fusion Method and Frequency Matching Method are applied to revise the model precipitation output.

**Multi Statistic Fusion Method. In the 51 ECWMF ensemble members:**

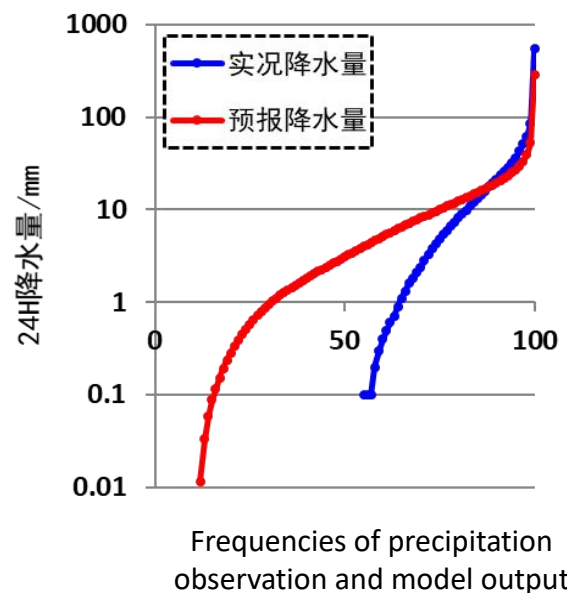
- ✓ R = 90% percentile if it > 100mm
- ✓ R = 80% percentile if it > 50mm
- ✓ R = 65% percentile if it > 25mm
- ✓ R = 50% percentile if it > 10mm
- ✓ R = 10% percentile in other cases

**Frequency Matching Method**

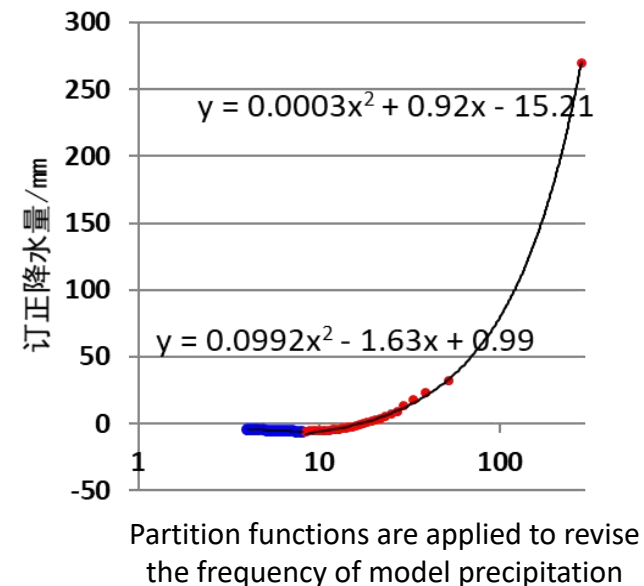
- ✓ Partition functions are applied to revise different grades of model precipitation frequencies, and match them with that of rainfall observation



实况与集合预报降水量频率分布



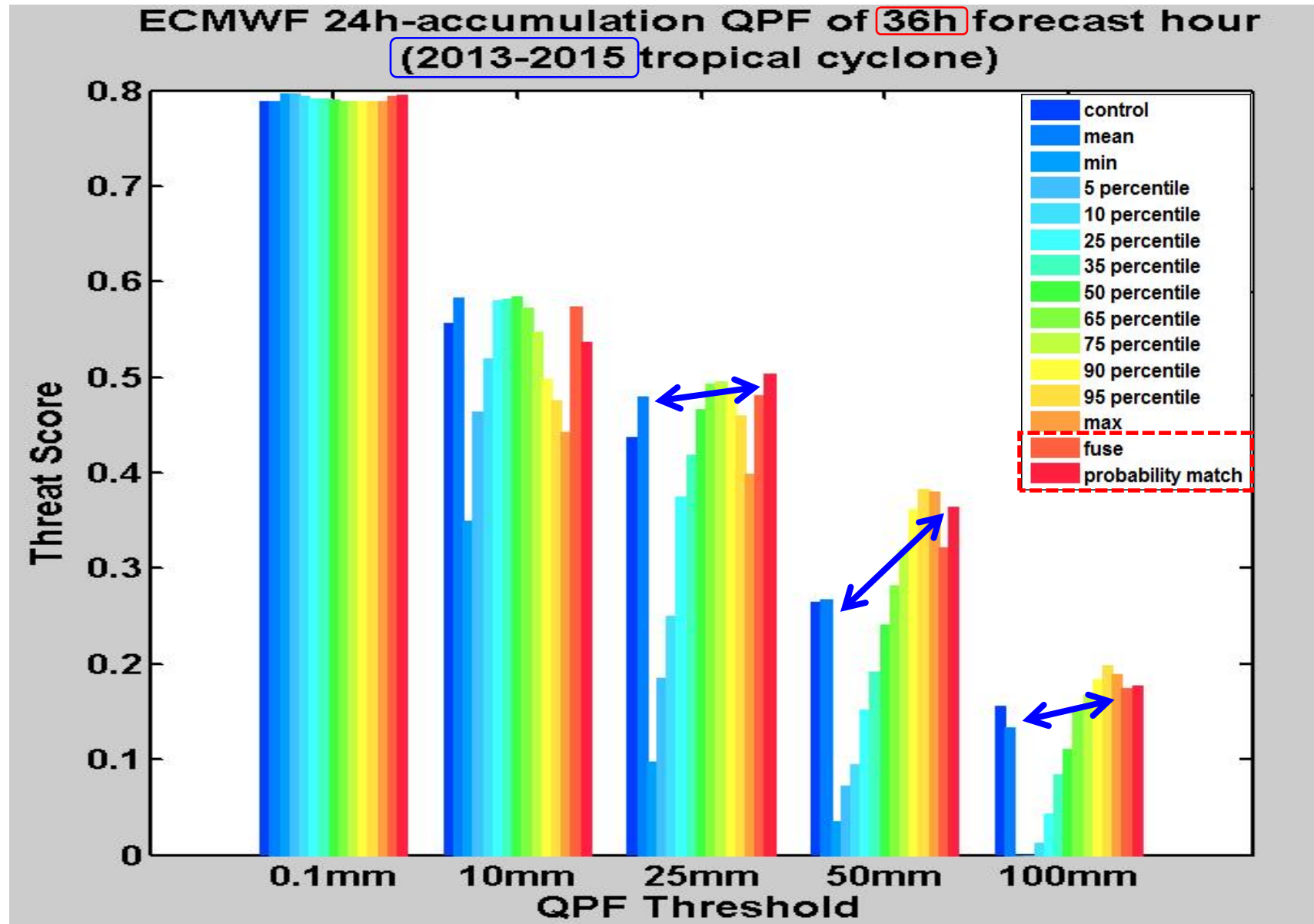
采取订正方案——分段函数





# Verification of TC precipitation of ensemble forecast

(Multi Statistic Fusion Method and Frequency Matching Method)



- Both are better than deterministic and ensemble mean.
- Each method behaves different in different situations.

# Fine gridded forecast operation since 2012

**Operational platform:** Graphical Interactive Forecast Tuner(**GIFT**)

**Land: Elements:** surface wind, visibility, precipitation, temperature, RH, cloud cover

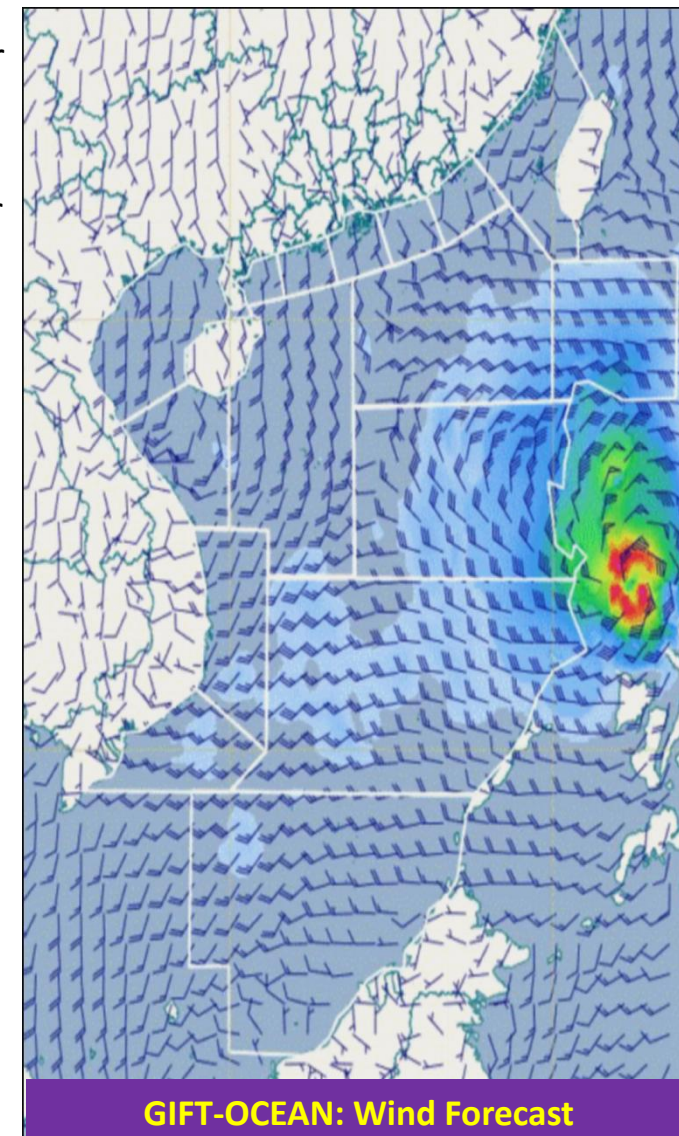
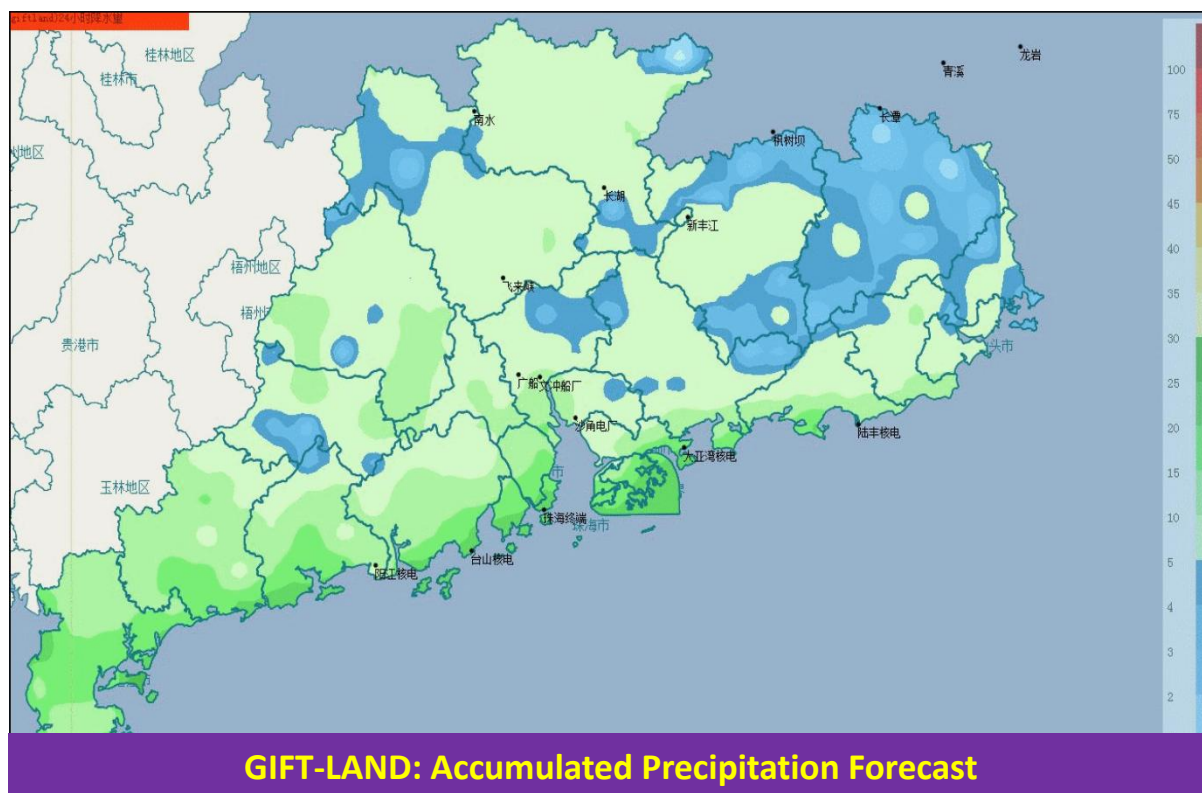
**Forecast time length:** 10 days

**Resolution:**  $2.5\text{km} \times 2.5\text{km}$ , 1h in 0-72h, 6h in 96-120h, 12h in 144-240h

**Ocean: Elements:** surface wind, visibility, precipitation, temperature, RH, cloud cover

**Forecast time length:** 7 days

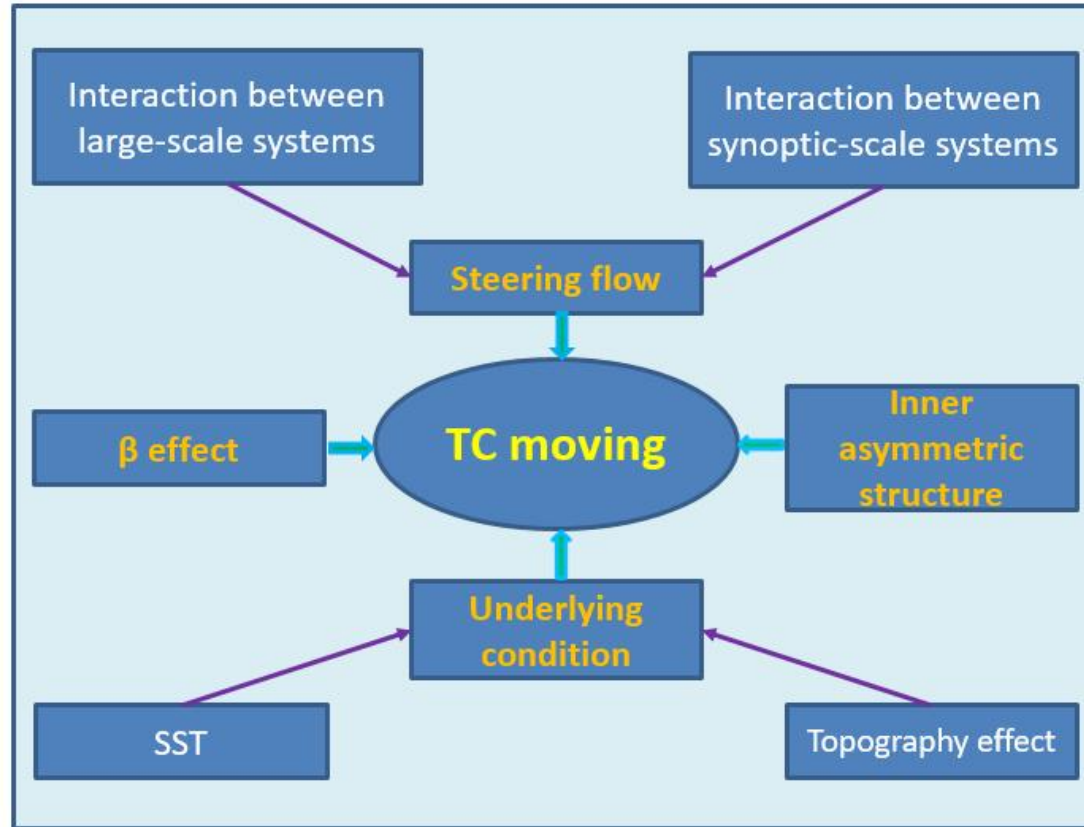
**Resolution:**  $10\text{km} \times 10\text{km}$ , 6h in 0-120h, 12h in 144-168h



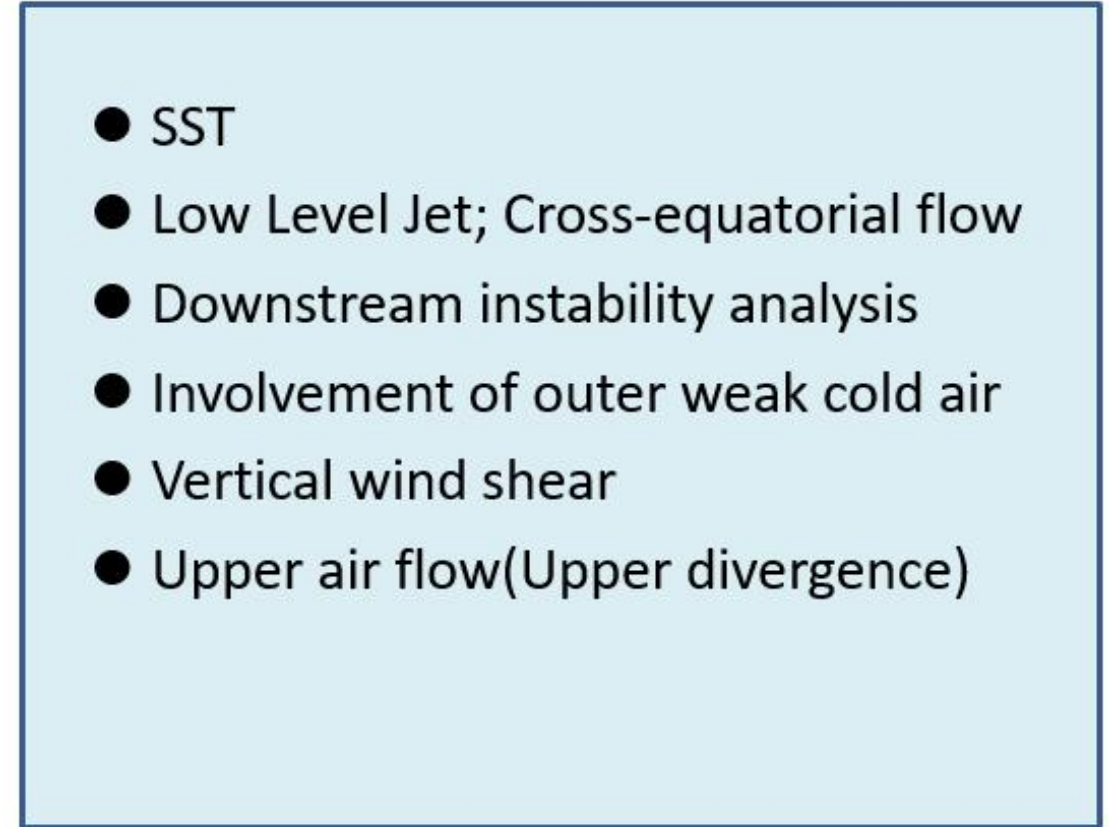


# Experienced forecasters are still important!

(Comprehensive analysis of atmospheric circulations, observations, numerical products, EPS, personal experience, ...)



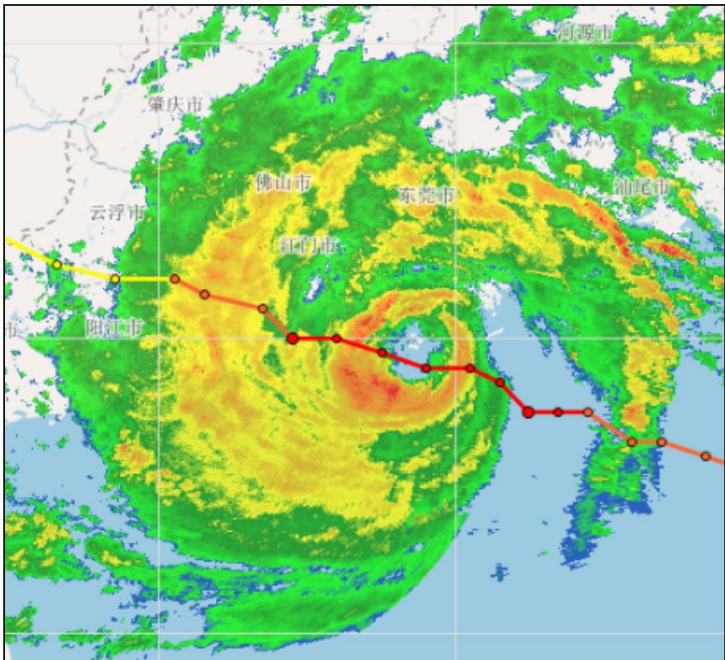
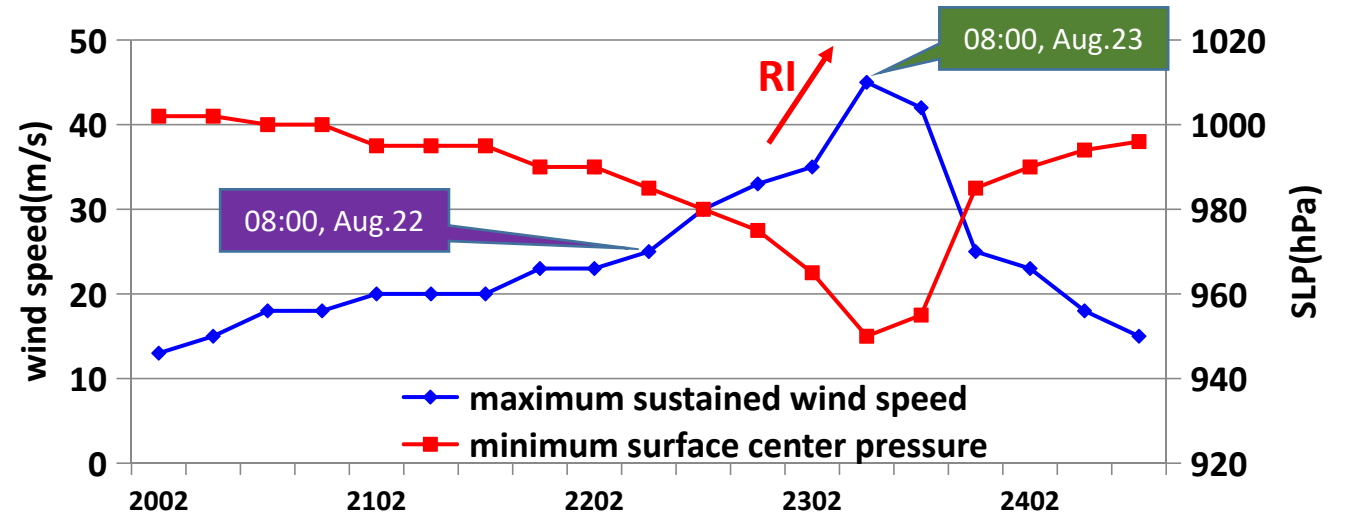
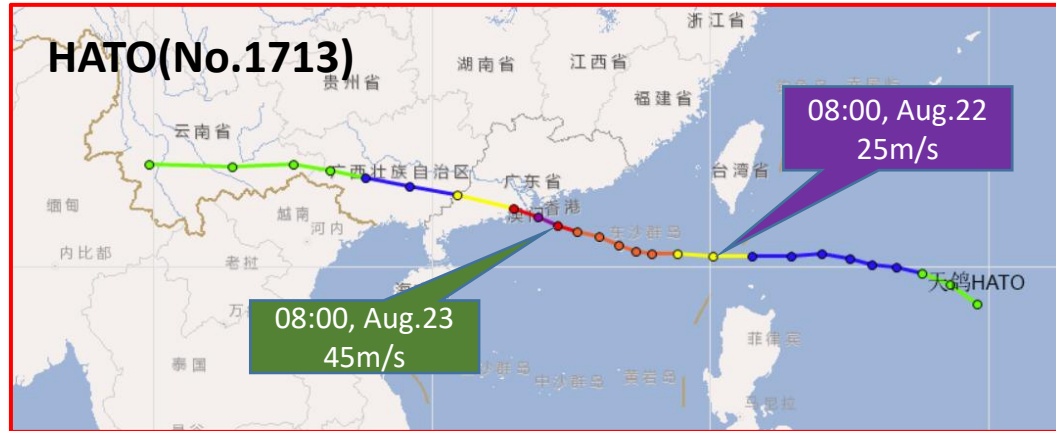
Factors of TC moving



Factors of TC intensity change

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24h maximal wind speed forecast for Hato(1713), issued at 08:00, Aug. 22, 2017(BT):

- ✓ Operational models: 25-33m/s(STS-TY)
- ✓ RSMC Tokyo: 28m/s(STS)
- ✓ JTWC: 31m/s(STS)
- ✓ CMA: 42m/s(STY)

Observation at 08:00, Aug. 22, 2017(BT) : 25m/s(STS)

Observation at 08:00, Aug. 23, 2017(BT) : 45m/s(STY)

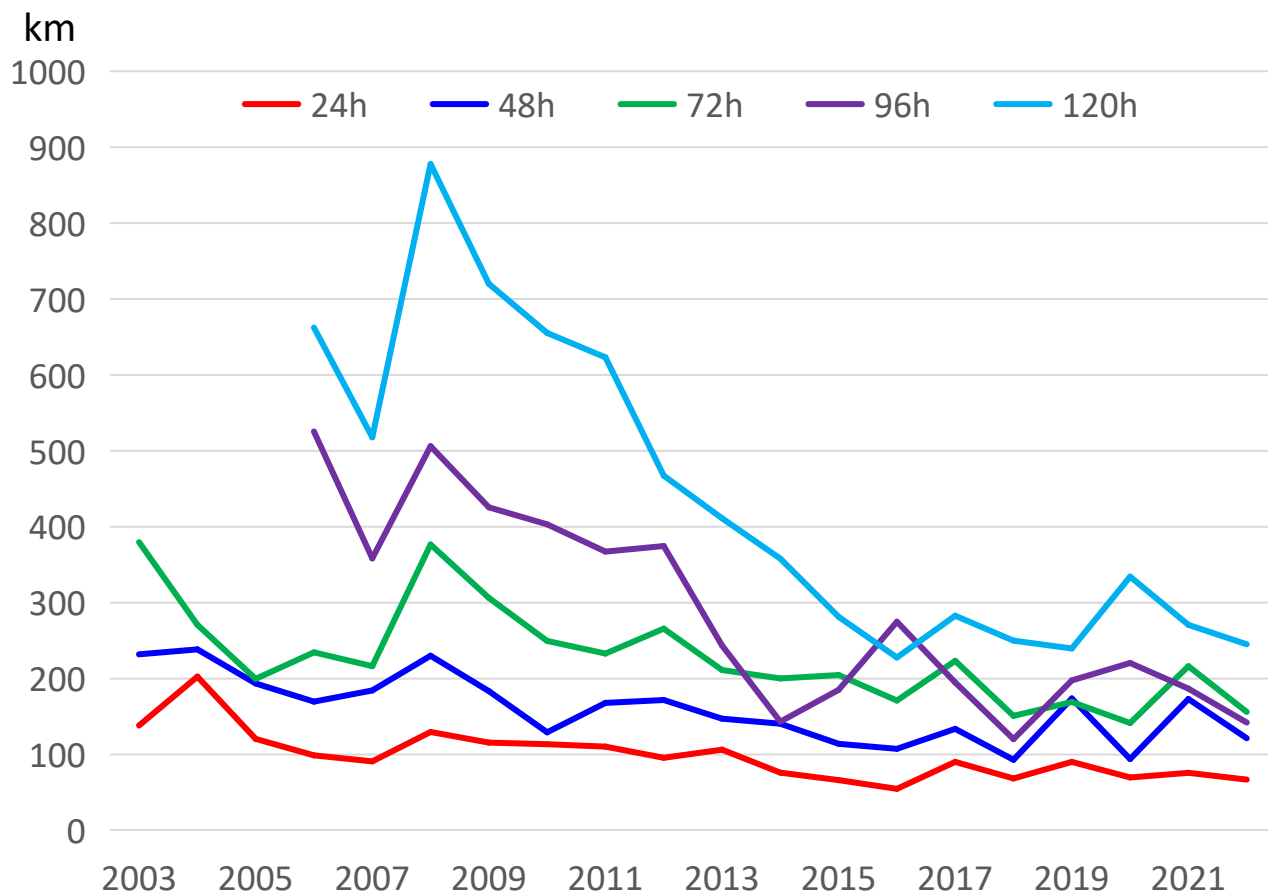


# Weather Consultation Mechanism

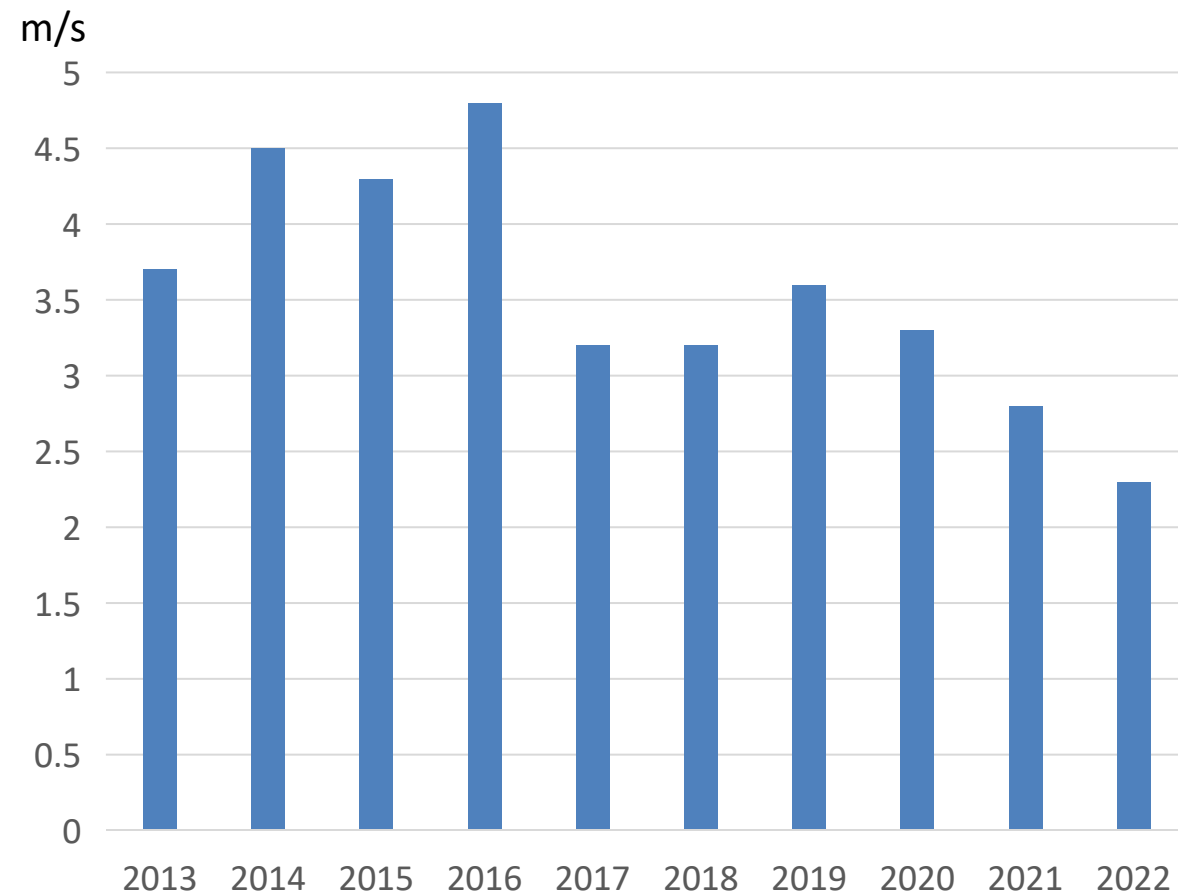


- GMO would participate in the national video weather consultation organized by CMA at 08:00 LT if a TC would affect Guangdong in the next days.
- Consultation with Hongkong Observatory and Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau according to need
- Consultation with Guangxi, Hainan, Fujian Observatory, et al according to need
- Video weather consultation all over whole province at 09:30 every day.

# Progress in TC forecast in Guangdong



24-120h **track error**(unit: **km**) in 2003-2022  
in Guangdong Meteorological Observatory



24h **intensity error**(unit: **m/s**) in 2013-2022  
in Guangdong Meteorological Observatory



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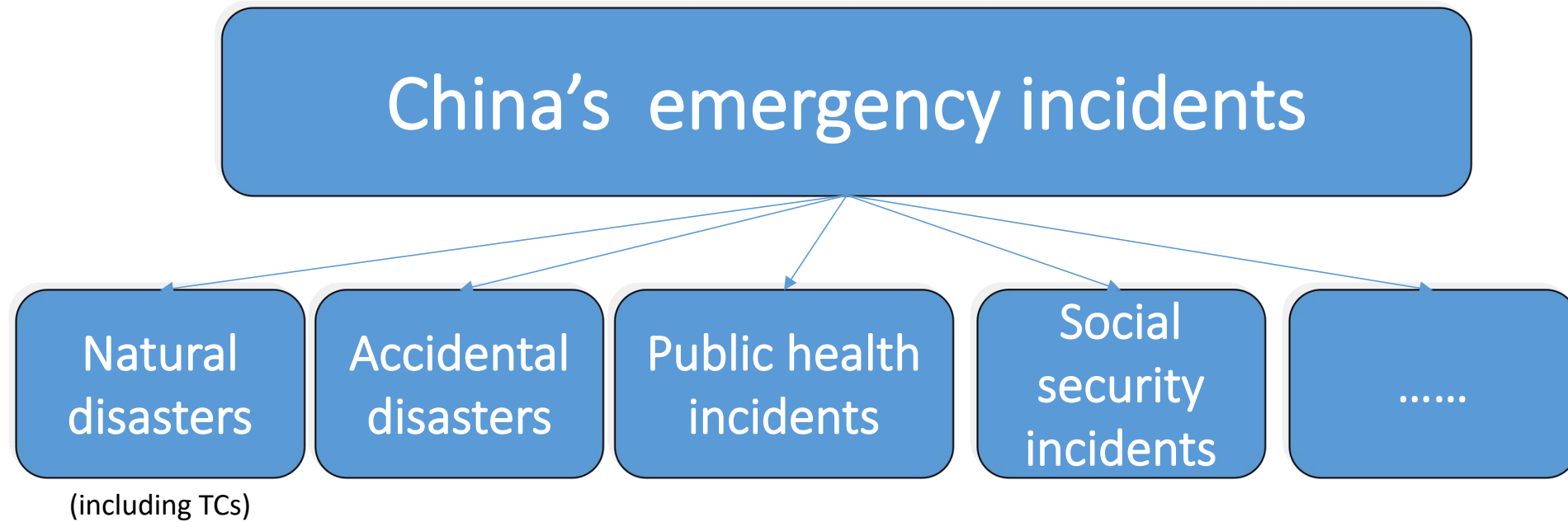
- Climatology of tropical cyclones in Guangdong
- Tropical cyclone monitoring in Guangdong
- Tropical cyclone forecasting in Guangdong
- **Guangdong Emergency Early Warning Release Platform**

# WHAT?

- Public institutions entrusted by Government, managed by CMA, provincial, municipal and county meteorological services.
- To perform **government functions** of releasing emergency warnings.
- To gather emergency warnings from responsible government departments, and release them effectively and timely when an emergency happens. A trigger for social response.
- Mechanism of Government Leading, Departments Linkage, Unified Release and Social Participation.



# WHY?



Status many years ago:

- ✓ Different abilities of warning release...
- ✓ Barrier of information among different departments...

# WHY?

- In August, 2007, **a rumor** about **earthquake** in Zhanjiang(a coastal city in Guangdong province) spread on social communication platforms.
- Zhanjiang Meteorological Bureau together with Zhanjiang Earthquake Bureau sent out 2.8 million SMS to **refute the rumor**.
- The State Council and Guangdong Provincial Government was satisfied and realized **the importance and necessity** of establishing a unified & efficient emergency warning release platform.
- **CMA** proactively undertake the responsibility of it, and decided to carry out pilot work first in **Guangdong province**.



Zhangjiang, 684mm/24h,  
associated with TC Pabuk (0706)



SMS to  
refute rumor



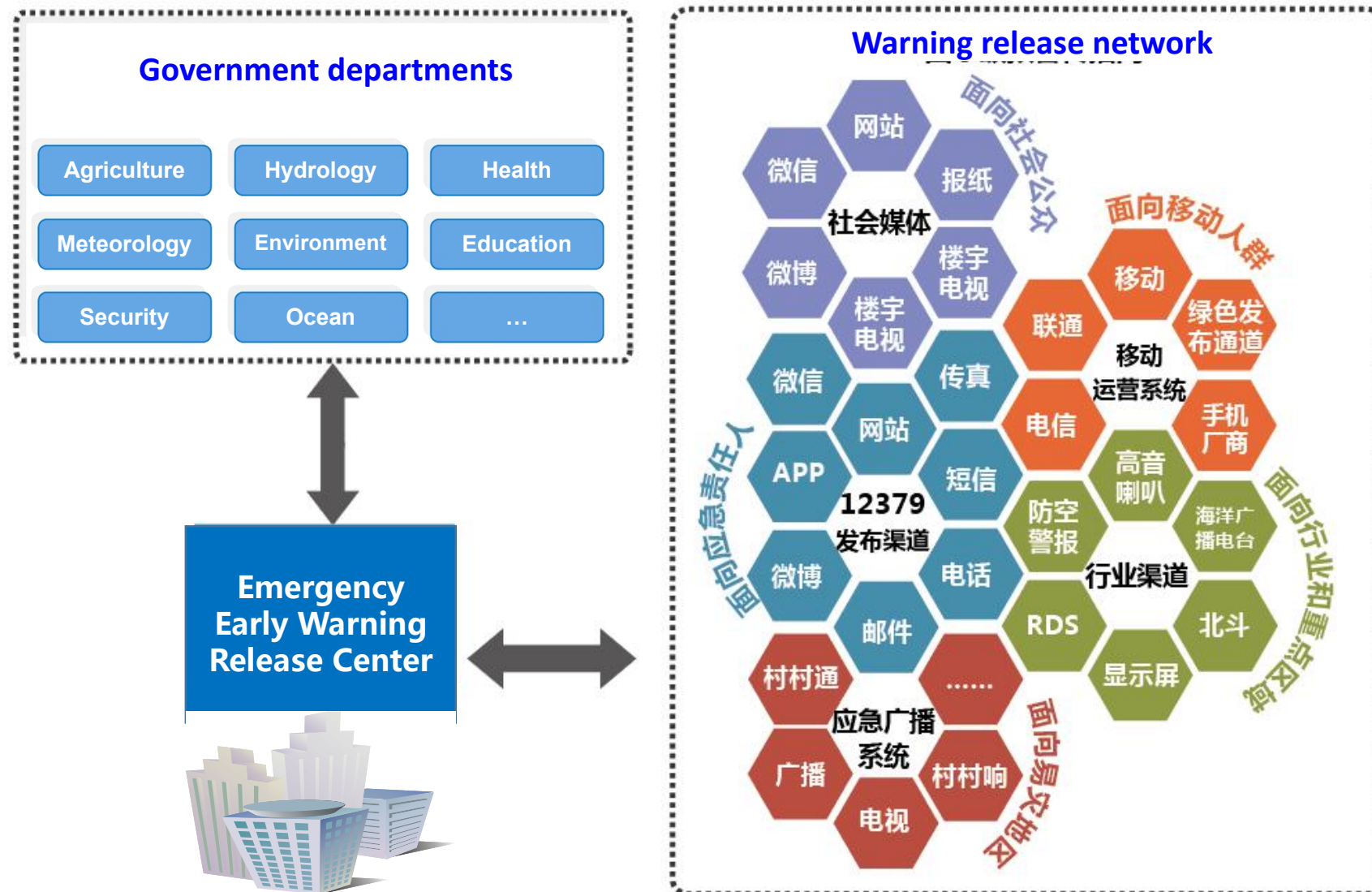
Signing ceremony of cooperation between  
Guangdong Government and CMA



# OUTLINE

- Background
- **Present situation**
- Guangdong Emergency Early Warning Release Center

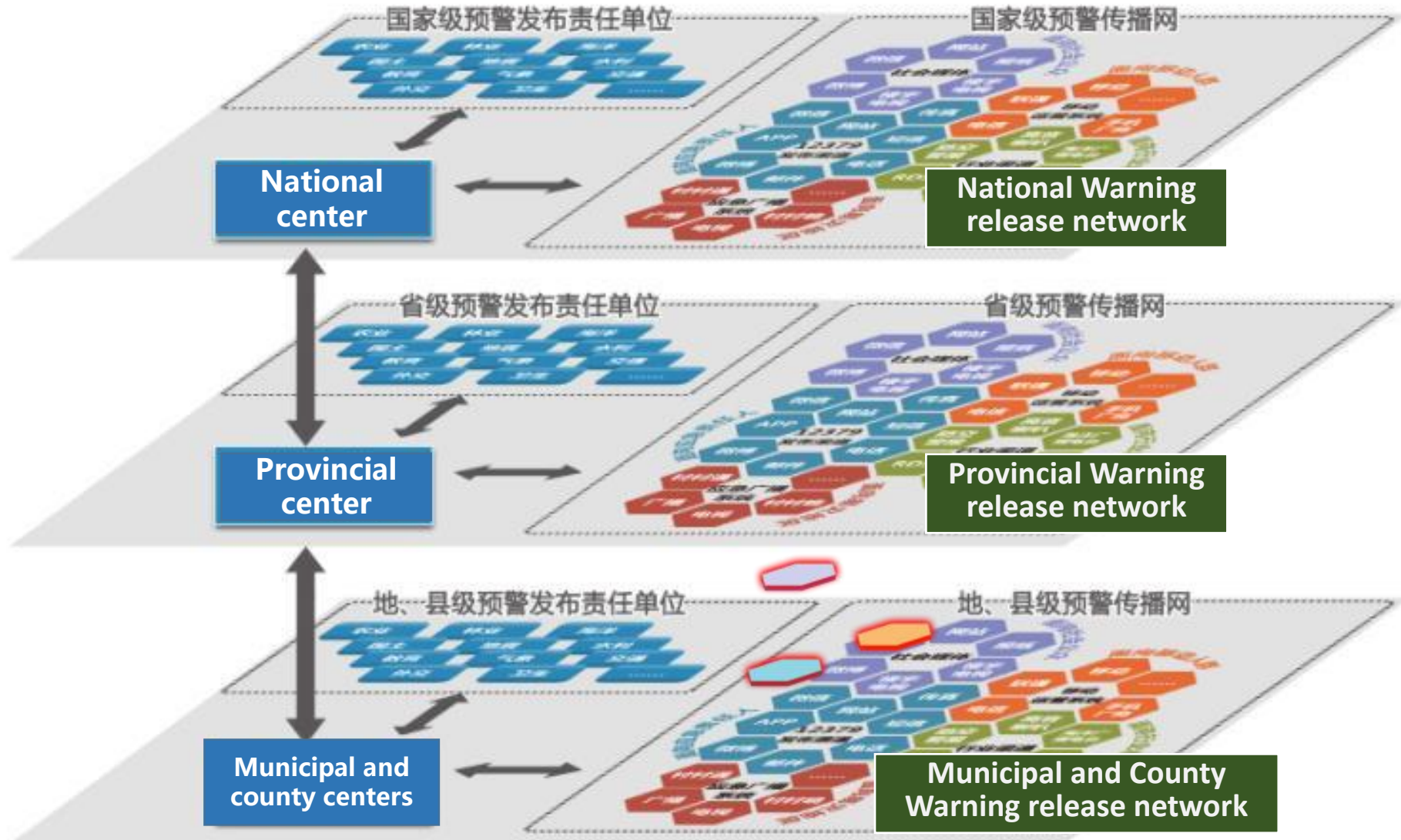
# Omnimedia release of early warning



national dissemination network: social media, Business & Operating Support System, 12,379 distribution channels, industry channels, and Emergency broadcasting system



# Horizontal sharing, vertical connection



# Emergency Warning Release Centers



# OUTLINE

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# Brief introduction

- Since the pilot work started, Guangdong continued to explore the mechanism and functions of the EWRC during its construction. The Guangdong provincial EWRC was put into application officially in 2015.
- Now Guangdong has established **102** branches of the EWRC all over the province.
- Information is delivered and shared among these branches.



102 EWRC all over the province



Mr. Zhu Xiaodan, Governor of Guangdong province, is unveiling the plaque of EWRC in 2015.



The Provincial emergency early warning release center (in Guangzhou)

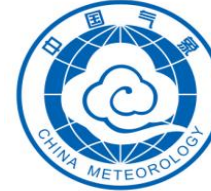


101 Municipal and county centers

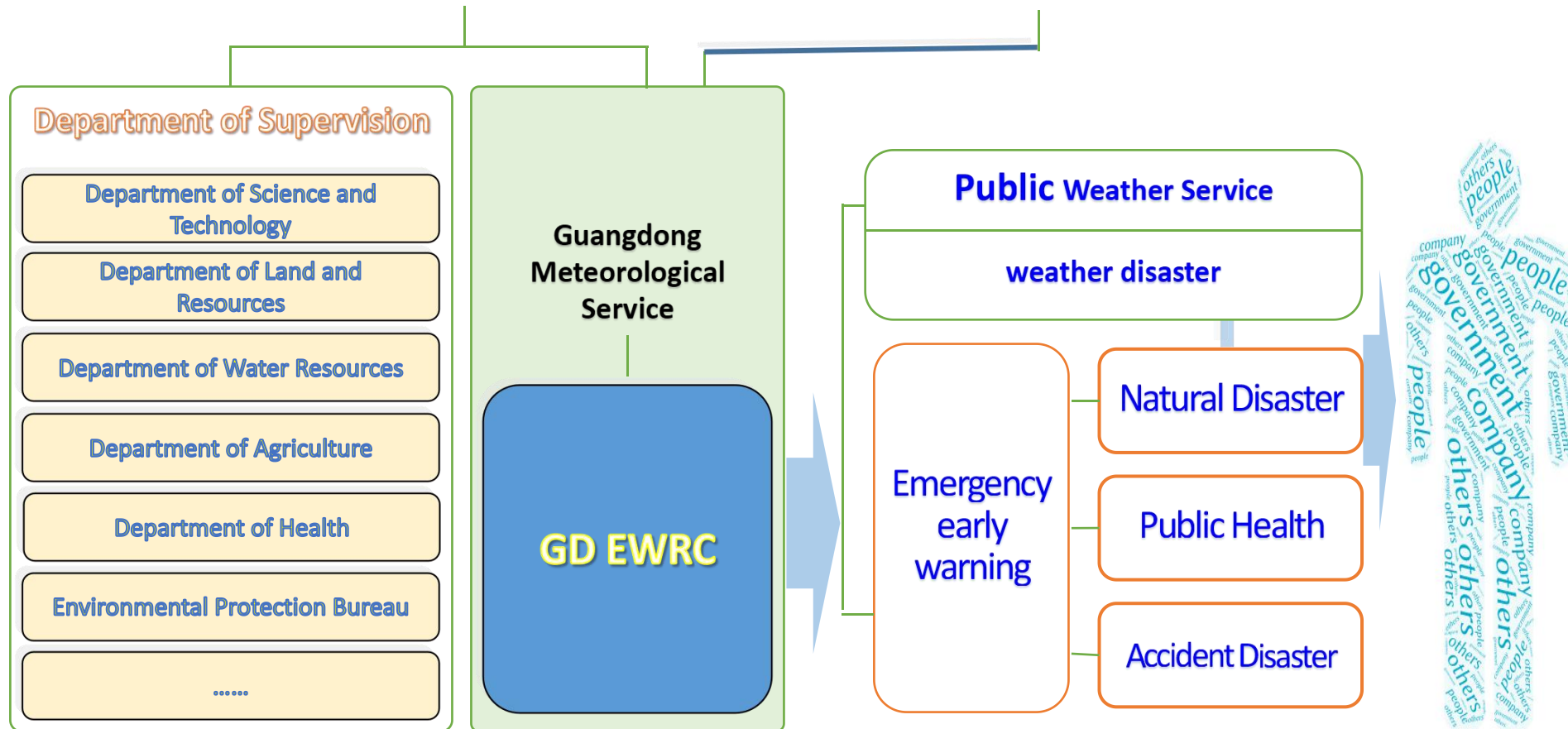
# Ownership and Duty



Guangdong Province Government



China Meteorological Administration



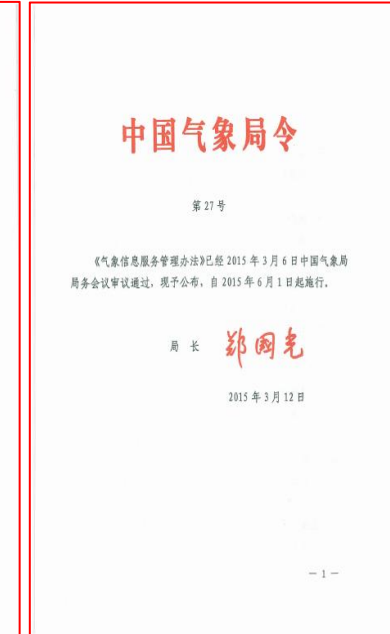
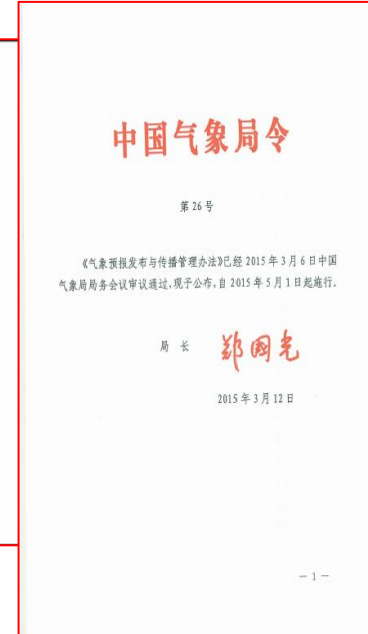
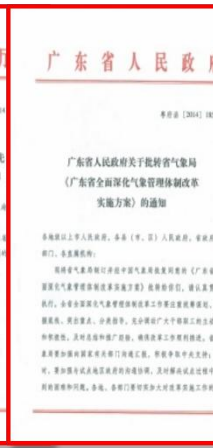
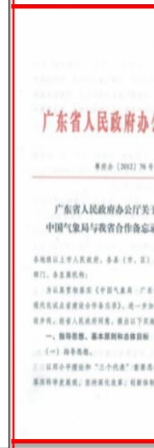
GD EWRC: managed by GMS under the commission of Government

# Government draws attention

Many provincial conferences to deploy



Relevant Law and Legal Regulations be published to standardize our operation

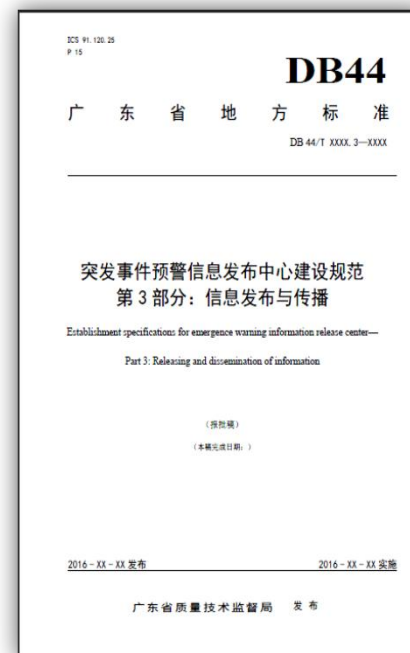
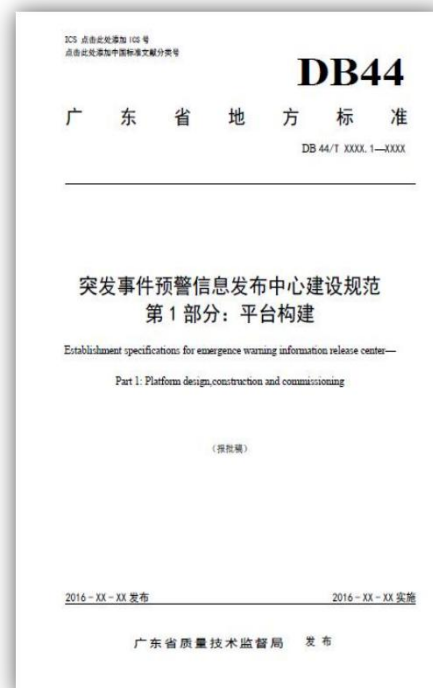
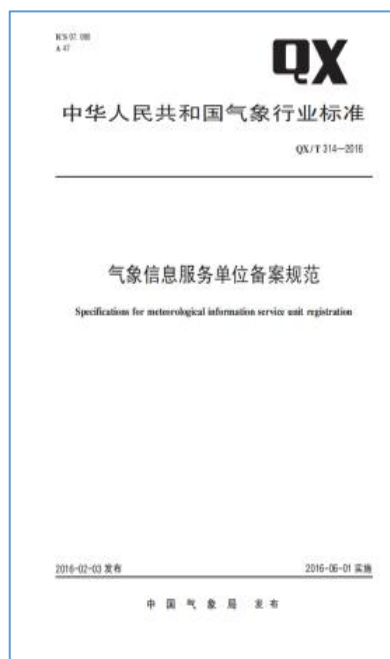




# Standard First, Release Normalized.

Providing : code of conduct ; decision-making proof

Launching : the management of reserve plan



Several national professional standards and local standards are constructed for platform construction, emergency warning release and propagation, ...

# Operational System

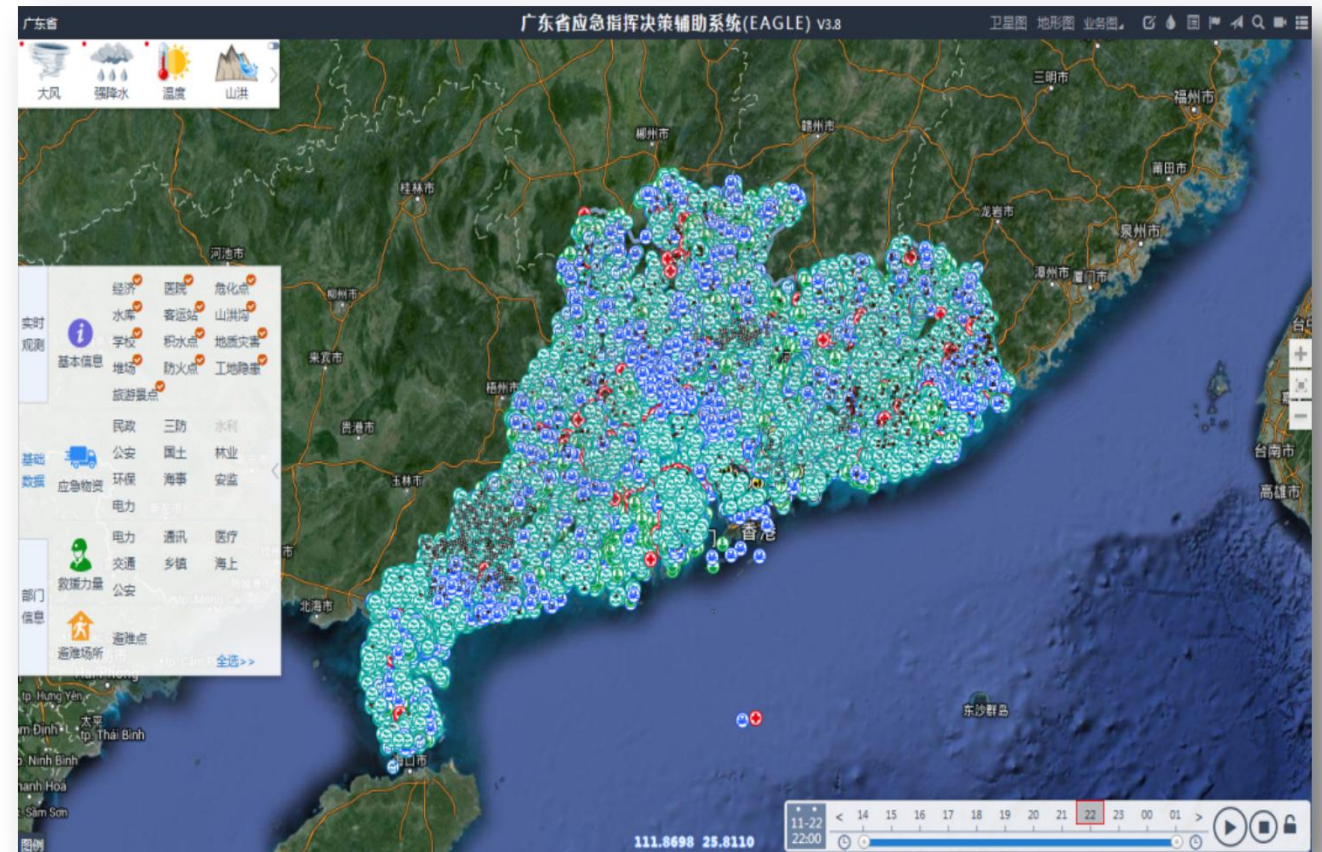
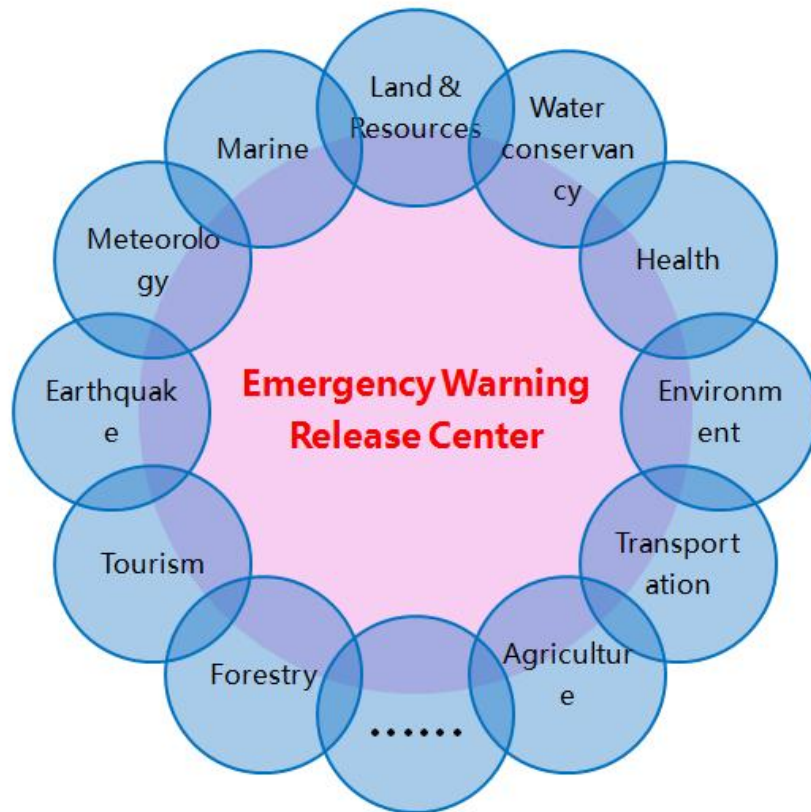
To release early warning effectively and accurately,

1. Risk Analysis & Judgement System (**Analyse**)
2. Emergency Early Warning Release System (**Release**)



# Analyse

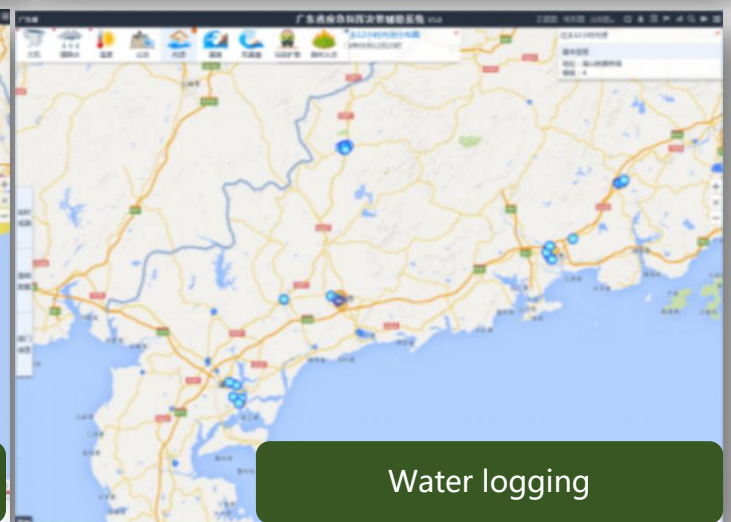
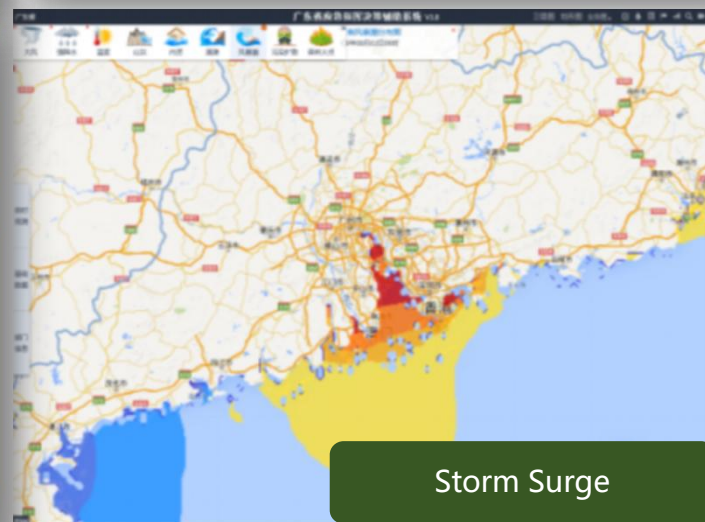
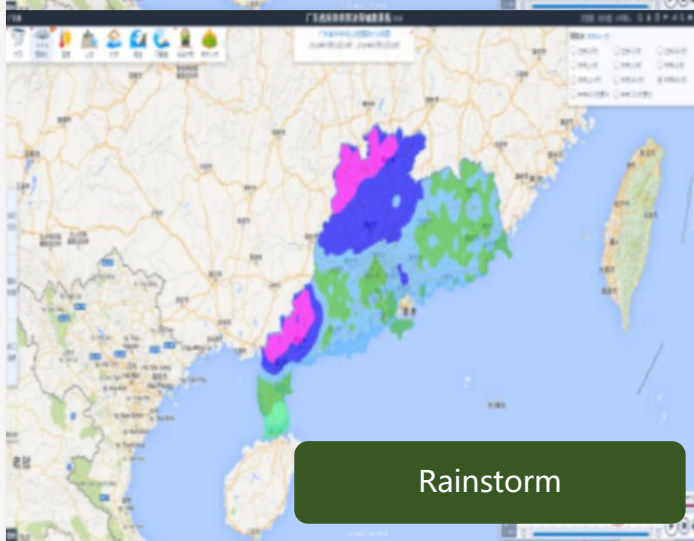
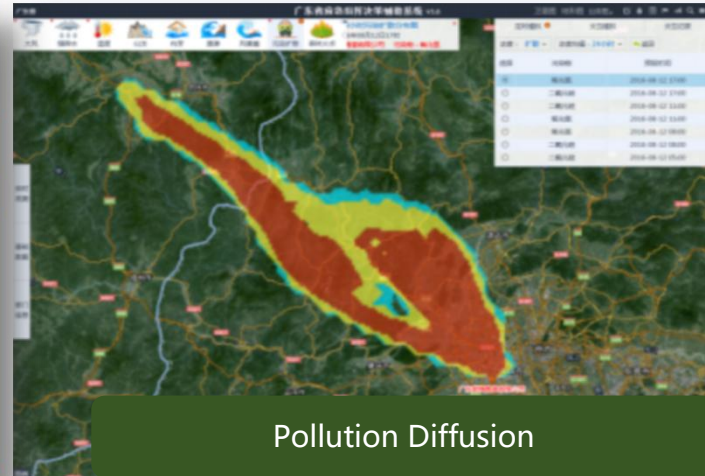
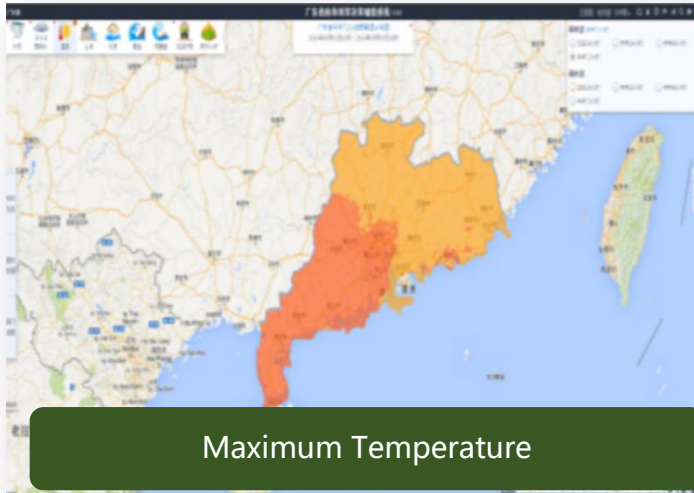
- ◆ The Risk Analysis & Judgement System analyzes and aggregates mass of digital data from different departments of government to one GIS map, We call it “**One Atlas**” .
- ◆ 44 kinds of information from 14 different departments on the Atlas(including population, economy, schools, hospitals, dangerous chemical storages, reservoirs location ,real-time ship information etc.





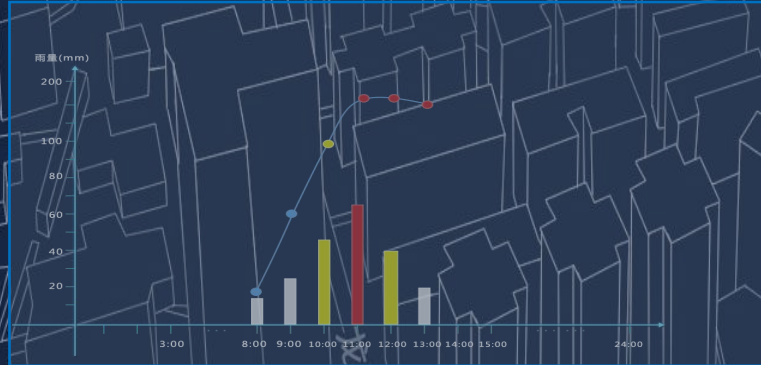
# Analyse

- ◆ One Grid
- ◆ Have developed multiple professional disaster models, such as City Waterlogging Model
- ◆ Determination of type and category of disaster risk and warning is based on the ONE ATLAS and ONE GRID





# City Waterlogging Monitoring and early warning based on radar quantitative precipitation estimation and forecast



## Early Warning info

Type: urban waterlogging

Age: next 6 hours

Condition: Sliding precipitation exceeded

Model: Urban flood and waterlogging model

waterlogging point:

Zhongshan street-

Above Gangding bridge

# Omnimedia Release - **social media**

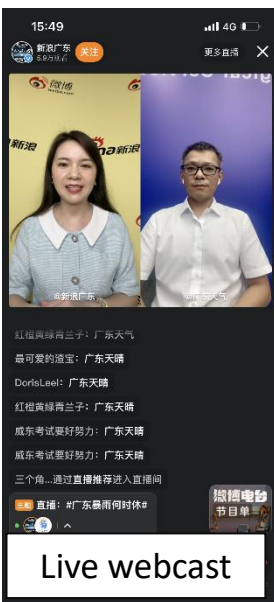


■ Weather forecast, Weather warning, other emergency warnings ...

- Traditional passive channels are still important.  
Newspaper, radio, TV, ...
- More passive ways in information era  
SMS from mobile communication operators  
Popup message  
Push notification
- Active ways  
Weather/Emergency column on websites,  
weather APP(eg. APP Moji)



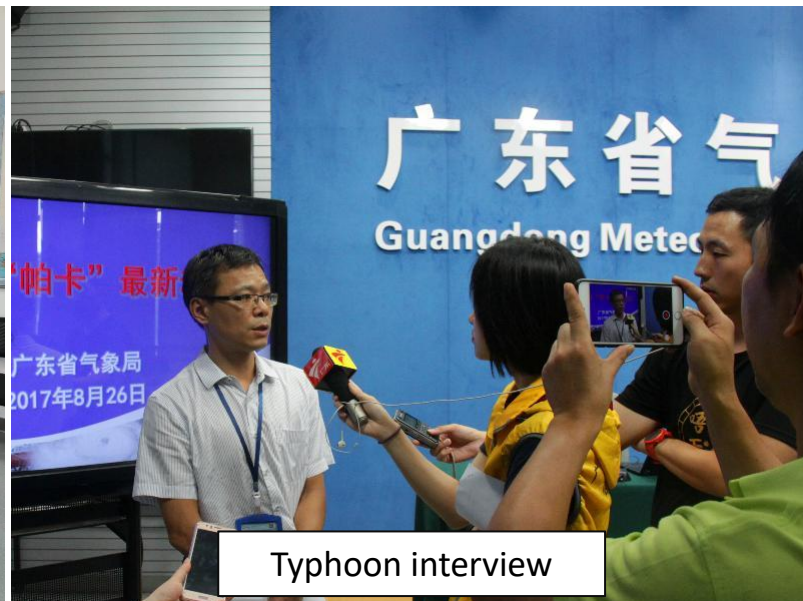
# A rapid way to deliver warnings – short videos



Live webcast



Live radio broadcast



Typhoon interview



Live typhoon broadcast



Live webcast



Live typhoon science popularization

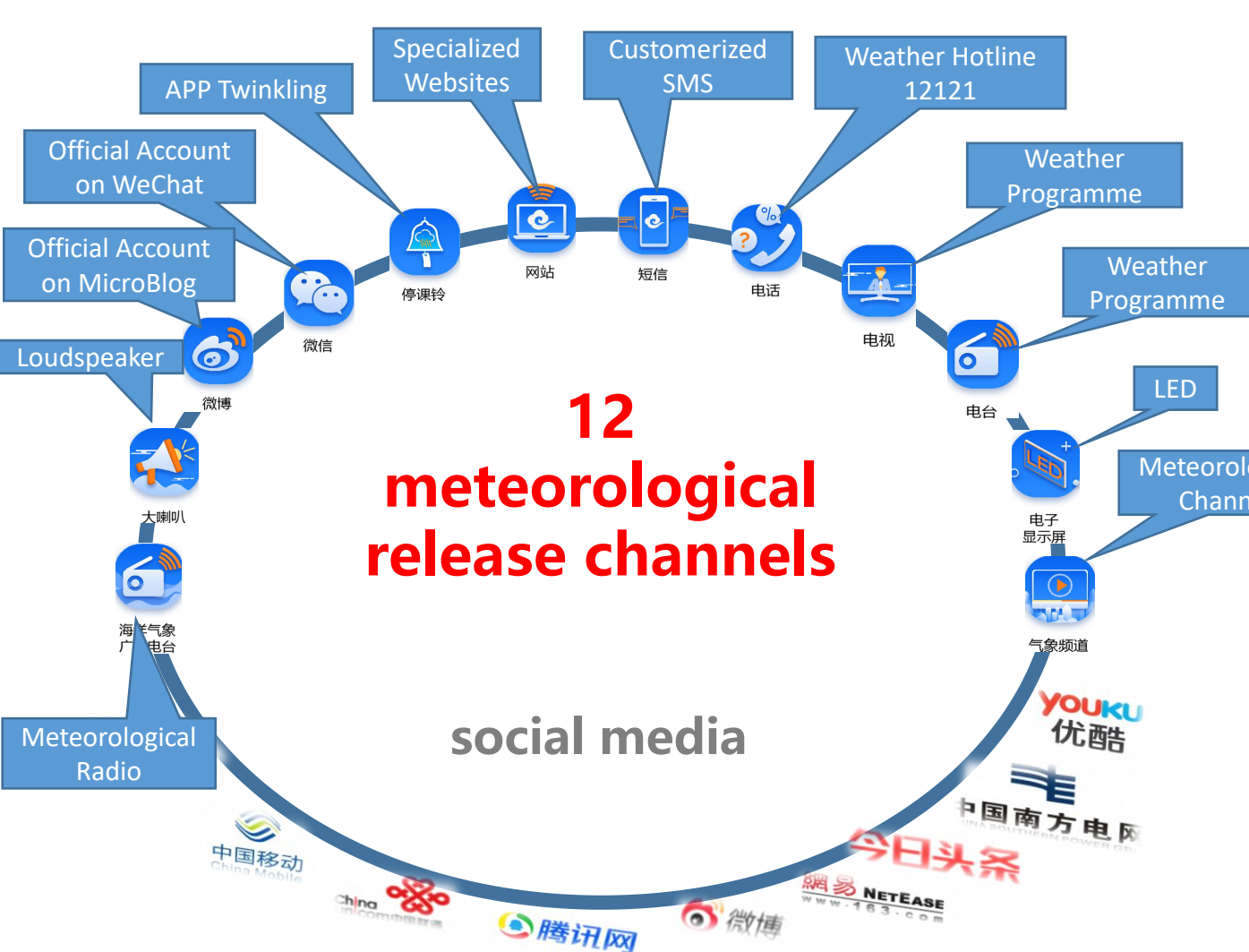


Live typhoon news release conference



Expert interview

# Omnimedia Release – specialized channels



## Official account on Microblog

subscriber: **13.1 million**

## Websites

page view volume of <http://gd121.cn> in 2022: **1.55 million**

## Official account on Wechat

subscriber: **5.35 million**

## Customized SMS

user: **3.74 million**

APP Twinkling: **5.67 million**

Voice outbound : **22,423**

Electronic display : **4,810**

Countryside loudspeaker: **16,694**

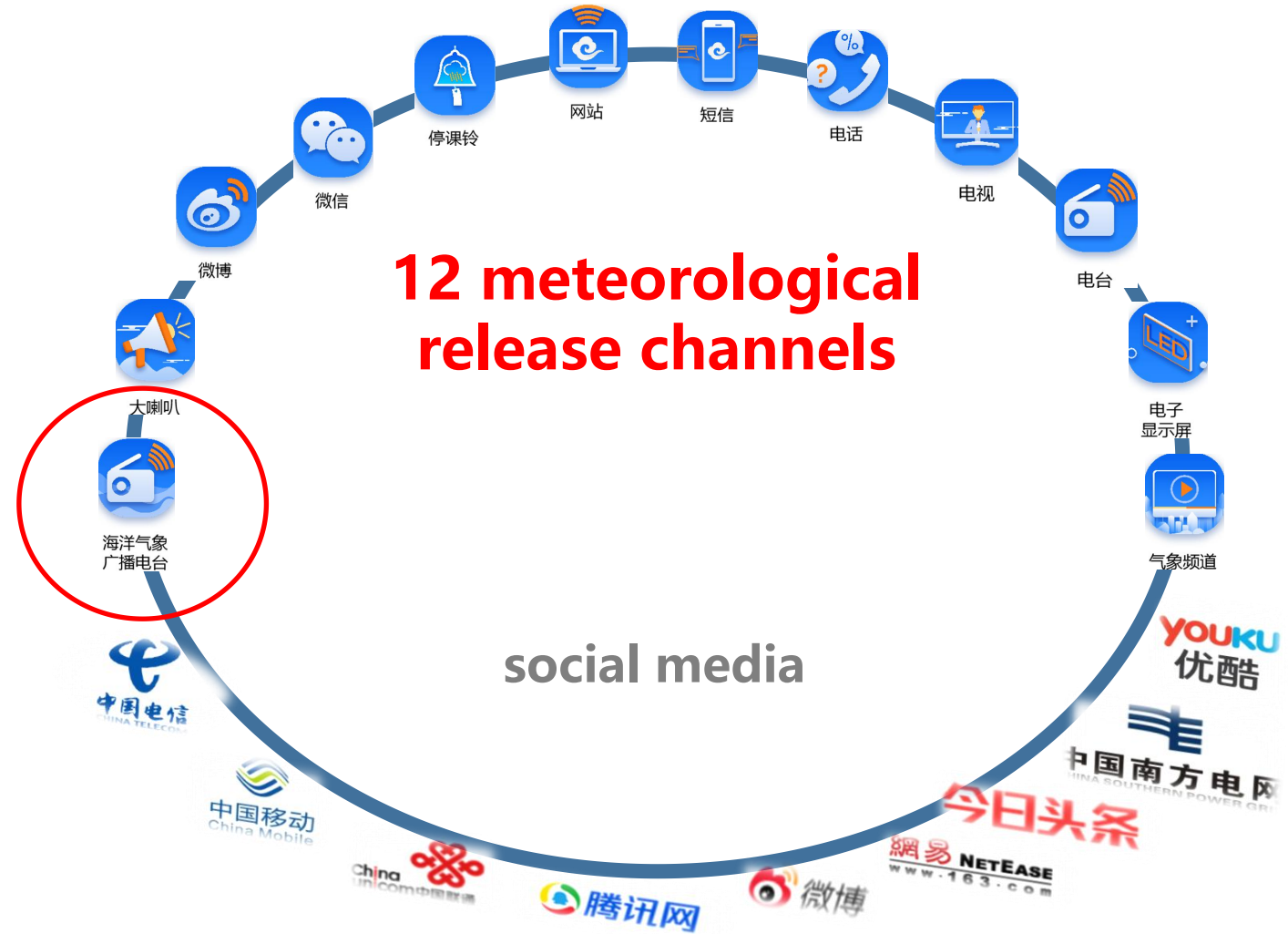
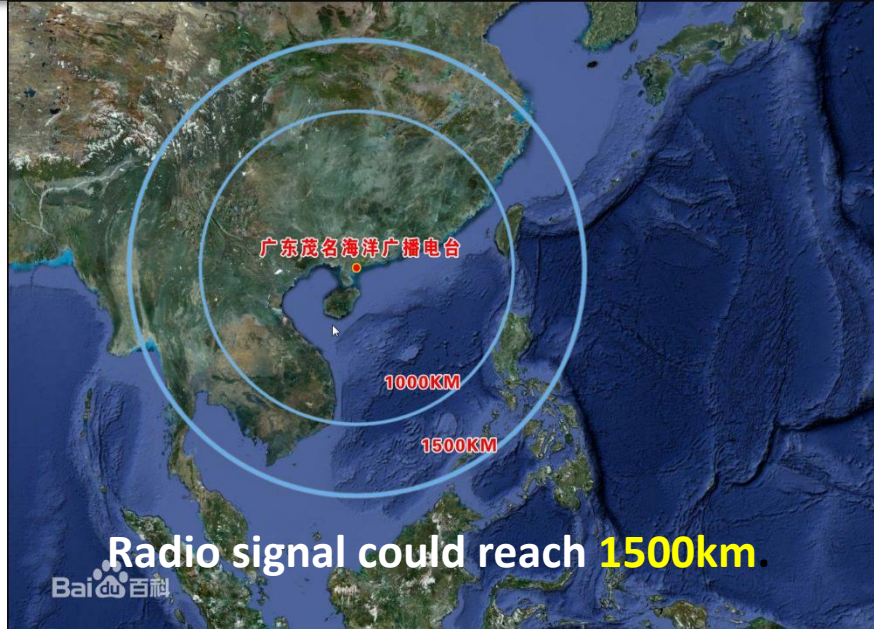
FAX: **3,128**

- Weather service stations in 1,551 towns; over 30,000 weather information assistants; and 16,694 countryside loudspeakers.
- At least one way is available to get warnings in each village(19,517) all over the province.
- 4,810 electronic displays for people in journey.



# Omnimedia Release – specialized channels

Marine weather broadcasting radio Station  
Maoming, Guangdong

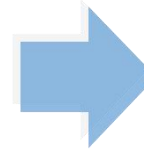




# Warning released to targeted users

- ⚡ Accurate warning to **targeted** service object by  
Selected areas & Specific population at different risks
- ⚡ Early and quickly warning released by  
**One Click** through multiple channels
- ⚡ Warning spread channels are all  
monitored, displayed, controlled **on line**

Targeted release



Radio

TV

Website

100+ million click-through rate on emergency response website

Loudspeaker

villages, special locations, ...

LCD

airports, railway/bus stations, wharfs, ...

SMS

1+ billion SMS per year

Wei bo

Message push

Wechat

Message push

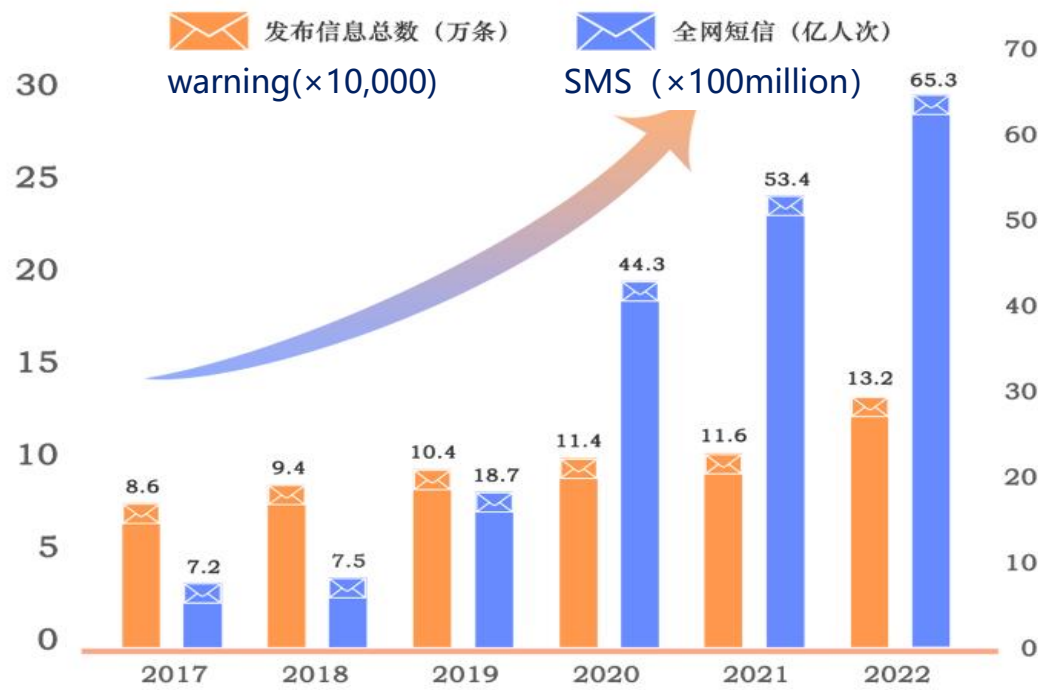
Broadcasting

Etc.

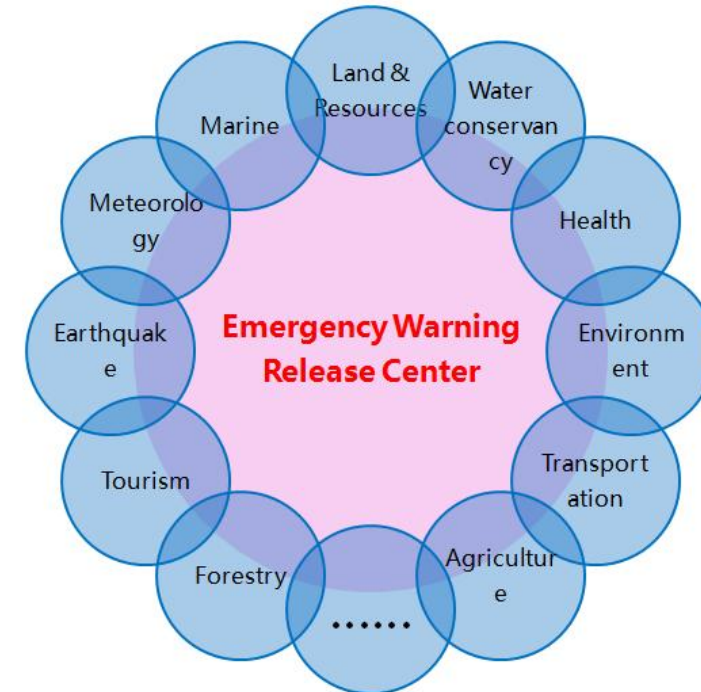
# Joint Release by multiple provincial departments

- 2022: **132,000 warnings**, >6.5 billion SMS
- 2023: 2.82billion SMS

- 2022: >40% are non-weather warnings.
- joint departments: 19(2023)



Number of Warning and SMS



joint release with more departments



# Joint Release by multiple municipal departments

序号	单位名称	发布数量
1	江门市环保局	1144
2	四会市疫情防控指挥部	1008
3	恩平市自然资源局	499
4	深圳市自然资源局	271
5	四会市林业局	225
6	阳江市自然资源局	205
7	惠州市农业农村局	151
8	白云区卫生健康局	134
9	肇庆市应急管理局	133
10	潮州市饶平县林业局	107
11	阳江市消防救援支队	95
12	海珠区农业农村局	87
13	中共遂溪县委宣传部	78
14	湛江市应急管理局	76
15	四会市融媒体中心	71
16	四会市教育局	63
17	梅州市自然资源局梅县分局	61
18	番禺区卫生健康局	59
19	广宁县林业局	54
20	广州市应急管理局	53
21	阳江市地震局	52
22	梅州市林业局	45
23	广州市卫生健康局	44
24	遂溪县应急管理局	32
25	韶关市自然资源局	32
26	惠州市林业局	31
27	肇庆市疫情防控指挥部	30

5424 warnings have been jointly issued since 2015.  
The top 3 are:

- ✓ Jiangmen Environmental Protection Bureau(1144)
- ✓ Sihui Epidemic Prevention and Control Bureau(1008)
- ✓ Enping natural resources agency(499)

Warnings released by Agencies/bureau since 2015

# Typhoon Signals in the past in Guangdong

All signal stations have been closed.

T	白白白
●	白绿白
▲	白绿绿
⌵	绿绿绿
+	红绿红

white  
white  
white

## Typhoon signal No.1

Will be affected by TC in 48h.

white  
green  
white

## Typhoon signal No.2

Will be affected by TC in 24h, and wind will read B.F. 6-7.

white  
green  
green

## Typhoon signal No.3

Wind force is B.F. 6-7 now, and will increase to B.F. 8-9 in 12h.

green  
green  
green

## Typhoon signal No.4

Wind force is B.F. 8-9 now, and will increase to B.F. 10-11.

red  
green  
red

## Typhoon signal No.5

Wind force is B.F. 10-11 now, and will increase to B.F.  $\geq 12$ .

# Wind Signals in the past in Hongkong

Maximum: 42 signal stations. The last station was closed in 2002.

香港天文台為市民發出下列的警告：

1	<b>T1</b>	Standby Signal No. 1
2	<b>⌞3</b>	Strong Wind Signal No. 3
3	<b>▲8</b> NE 東北	NE Gale or Storm Signal No. 8
4	<b>▲8</b> NW 西北	NW Gale or Storm Signal No. 8
5	<b>▼8</b> SE 東南	SE Gale or Storm Signal No. 8
6	<b>▼8</b> SW 西南	SW Gale or Storm Signal No. 8
7	<b>⌵9</b>	Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No. 9
8	<b>⊕10</b>	<b>Hurricane Signal No. 10</b>

The wind signals in Hongkong



Historic photo: Workers were hoisting a real No.10 wind signal



Historic photo: a No.10 wind signal in force

































# The present electronic Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals in Hongkong



# 10 kinds of electronic meteorological disaster warning signals nowadays in Guangdong

according to: *Regulations on the Release of Meteorological Disaster Warning Signals in Guangdong Province*

Issued at Mar.27, 2006; Amended at Nov. 2018

					Typhoon					
					Rainstorm					Heat Wave
					Hail					Cold
										Haze
				Fog						Thunder Gust
				Road icing						Wild Fire



# Electronic Typhoon Warning Signals in Guangdong

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WHITE

Will be affected in 48h by typhoon.  
.....  
(Attention signal)



BULE

Affected by typhoon, sustained wind force is B.F. **6-7**, or will reach B.F. 6-7 in 24h.  
.....



YELLOW

Affected by typhoon, sustained wind force is B.F. **8-9** or will reach B.F. 8-9 in 24h.  
.....



ORANGE

Affected by typhoon, sustained wind force is B.F. **10-11** or will reach B.F. 10-11 in 12h.  
.....



RED

Affected by typhoon, sustained wind force is B.F. **≥12**, or will reach B.F. ≥12 in 12h.  
.....



# The public could not miss the typhoon warning ...



The public could receive the warning from TV, radio, SMS, popup notification, APPs, websites, newspaper, radio, LCD, loudspeaker, notice on community bulletin board...



# Government organizes disaster prevention and mitigation

Government will activate emergency response based on the category of Typhoon Warning Signal, and governmental departments cooperate to take actions to:

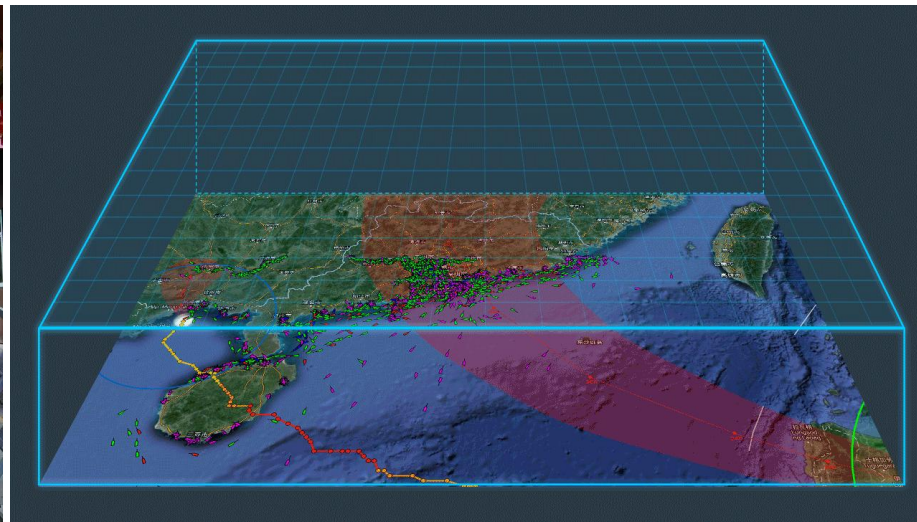
- ✓ Organize fishing vessels to return to ports
- ✓ Organize marine staff to return to land
- ✓ Close scenic spots on islands or along coastline
- ✓ Fasten ...
- ✓ Call public to take actions according to instructions
- ✓ ...



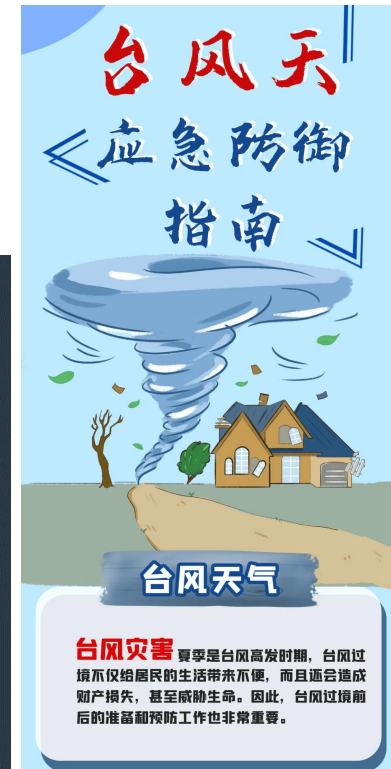
Organize to cut down branches of trees before a strong TC makes landfall



Close scenic spots



Fishing vessels are organized to return to ports when a TC is approaching



Defense guide for public



APP  
Twinkling

## Class suspension warning signals



**Function:** Pushing Weather warning signals for severe weather

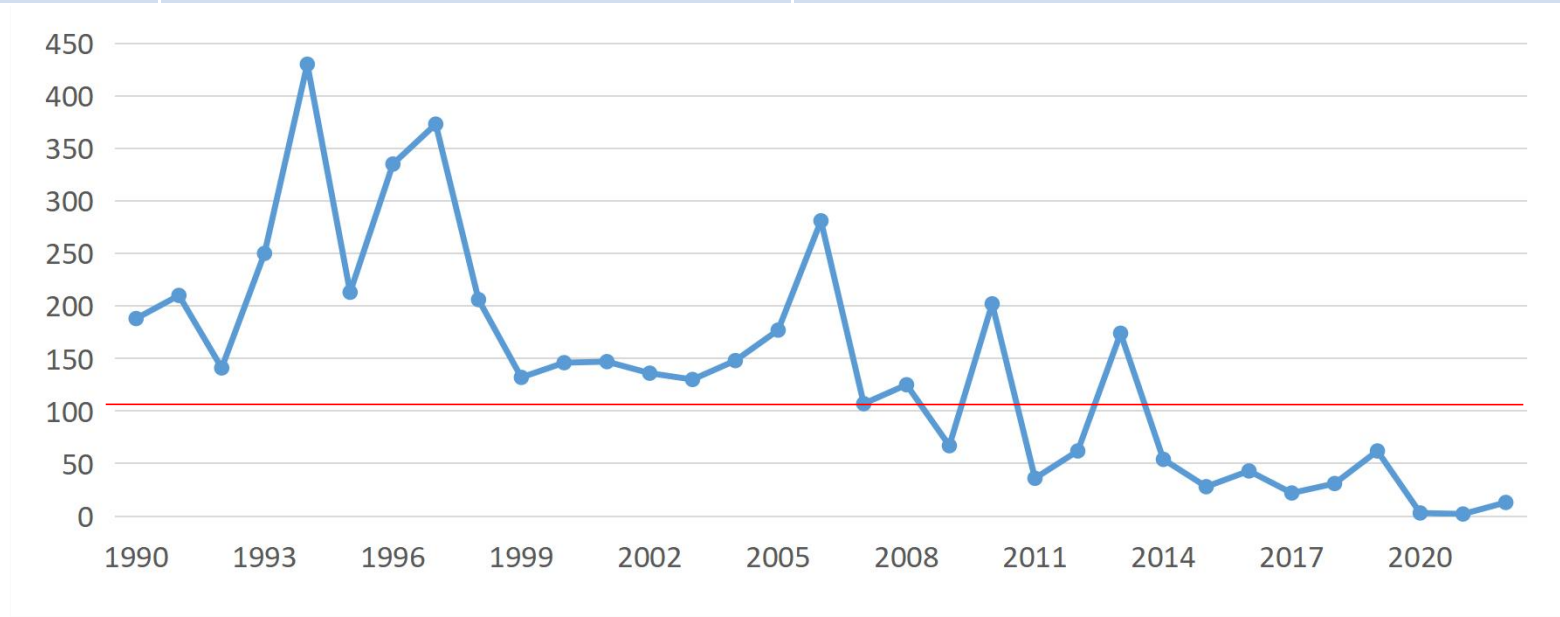
**Purpose:** Protecting students from severe weather





# Improvement of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation in Guangdong Province

Influence rate of meteorological disaster to GDP	Death due to meteorological disaster	Casualties to the lowest level in typhoon-induced disasters
<0.8% in recent 10 years	Lowest in recent 30 years 2020(3); 2021(2); 2022(13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No death in Super/Severe Typhoon Rammasum, Kalmaegi, Nida, etc</li><li>● Comparison between No.1522 Mujigae (14deaths) and No.9615 Sally(359 deaths)</li><li>● No typhoon-induced death in 2020 and 2021.</li></ul>



Death due to disastrous weather in recent 30 years

# WMO highly appraises Guangdong Emergency Early Warning Release System

- As a display window of China meteorological modernization, the Release Platform was visited and highly praised several times by delegates of conventions organized by WMO.
  - The 16<sup>th</sup> Session of WMO Basic Systems Committee, 2016
  - First Lead Author Meeting of the IPCC Working Group I Sixth Assessment Report, 2018
  - the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of UNESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee, 2019
  - ...



WMO conventioners visited Release Platform



Drill of typhoon early emergency warning release



# Kintanar Award in 2019

The Kintanar Award was presented to **Guangdong Meteorological Service, CMA** for its contribution in the typhoon-induced disaster prevention and mitigation in the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee in 2019.



Professor Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of WMO, presented the Kintanar Award to Mr. Xudong Zhuang, Director of Guangdong Meteorological Service, CMA, in Guangzhou in Feb.26, 2019.

# In the future

## ◆ More intelligent

- Location-based
- Customizable
- Anywhere, anytime

## ◆ Artificial intelligence

- Combining with various models
- Data from all walks of life
- Be managed , analyzed







***Thanks for  
Your attention***

