



MODELING HEAVY RAINFALL EVENTS: A CITY SCALE PERSPECTIVE

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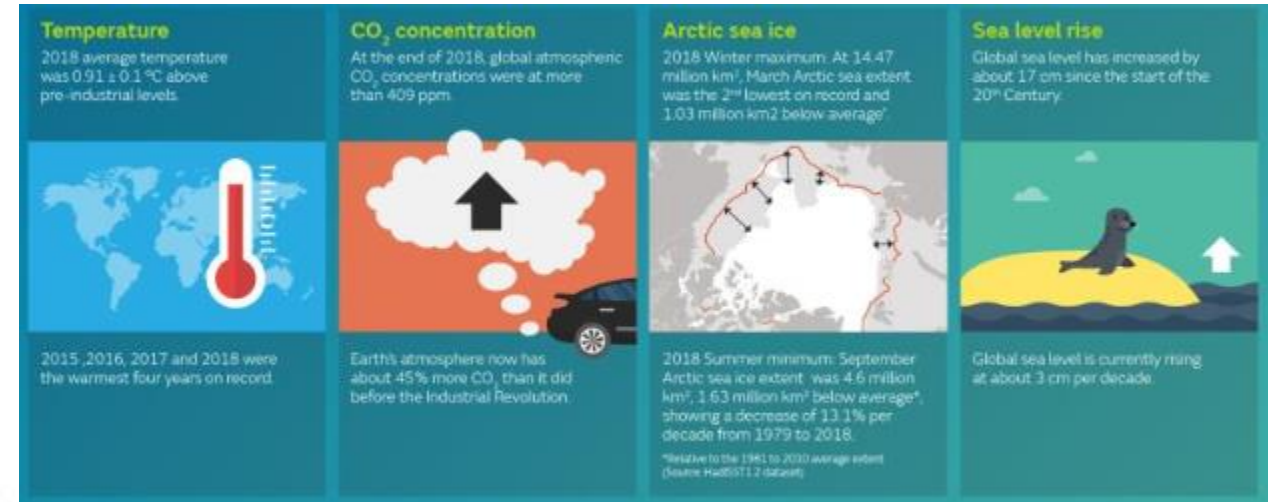
SCOPE

- A Changing Climate**
- Drivers for Weather & Climate Services**
- Business Architecture of METMALAYSIA**
- City Scale Modeling : The NUOF Project**
- Concluding Remarks**

The Climate is Changing

Emphasis in climate science shifting:

- Is the climate warming?
Warming of the climate system is unequivocal
- Is warming due to greenhouse gases?
Warming largely due to greenhouse gases
- Emphasis is now on *climate services*:
Actionable advice for decision makers



Source: UKMO



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Drivers for weather and climate services

Typhoon Lekima: 28 dead and a million evacuated in China

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Dramatic rescues after typhoon Lekima causes floods in China



UN Photo/OCHA/Mark Garten

In The Bahamas, Guterres sees impact of 'Category Hell' hurricane, 'powered by climate change'

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The UN chief saw for himself the deadly power of Hurricane Dorian on the shattered islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama on Saturday, describing it as more like a "Category Hell" disaster, than the official Category 5 designation used by meteorologists.



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Fani Threatens India



May 2, 2019 [JPEG](#)

As Tropical Cyclone Fani bore down on the eastern coast of India, the storm gained significant strength over the past 24 hours.

We are 'burning up our future', UN's Bachelet tells Human Rights Council

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The Human Rights Council opened in Geneva on Monday with a warning from the UN's top rights official that, with forest fires raging in the Amazon, "we are burning up our future, literally".

Hurricane Dorian: Bahamas lists 2,500 people as missing

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Hurricane Dorian



Search teams comb through debris left by Hurricane Dorian



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World food security increasingly at risk due to 'unprecedented' climate change impact, new UN report warns

8 August 2019 [f](#) [t](#)
More than 500 million people today live in areas affected by erosion linked to climate change, the UN warned on Thursday, before urging all countries to commit to sustainable land use to help limit greenhouse gas emissions before it is too late.

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MONSOONS AND EXTREME WEATHER



Banjir Monsun



Angin Kencang



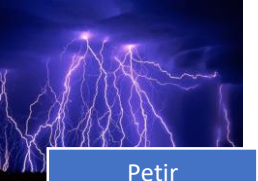
Laut Bergelora



Banjir Kilat



Pokok Tumbang



Petir



Tanah Runtuh

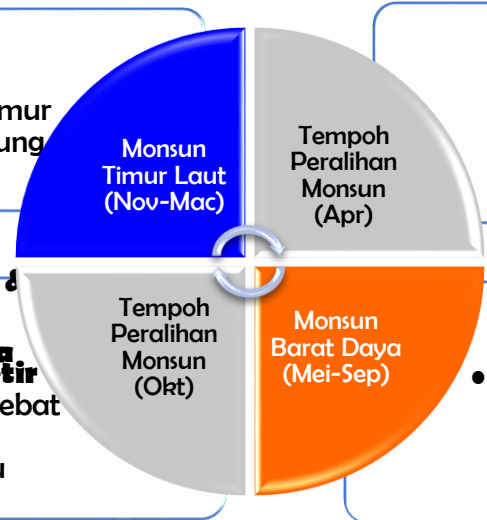


Bumbung Terbang

- **Hujan Monsun** (Pantai Timur Semenanjung & Barat Sarawak)

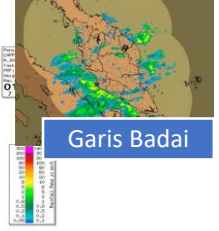
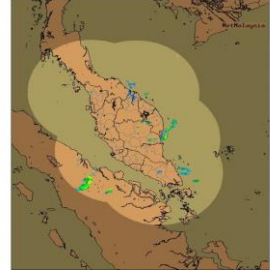
- **Angin Kencang & Laut Bergelora**
- **Ribut Petir** ~ Hujan Lebat ~ Angin Langkisau (*Gust*)

- **Belalai Air/Darat**
- **Hujan Batu**



- **Ribut Petir** ~ Hujan Lebat ~ Angin Langkisau (*Gust*)

- **Belalai Air/Darat**
- **Hujan Batu**
- **Bil. hari tanpa hujan** > bil. hari hujan di kebanyakan



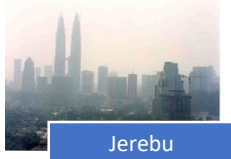
Garis Badai



Kemarau



Kebakaran Hutan



Jerebu



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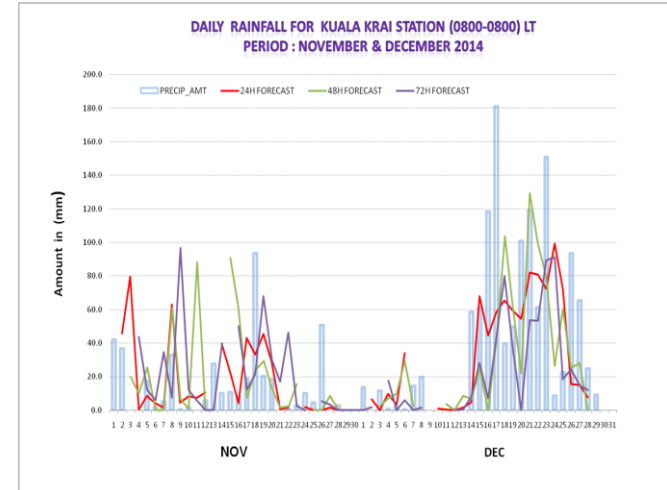
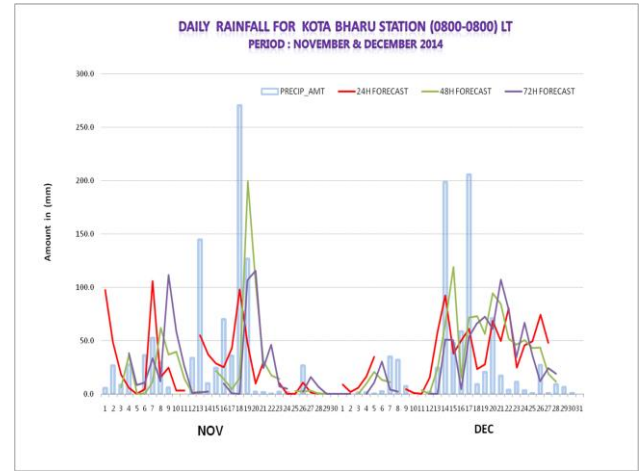
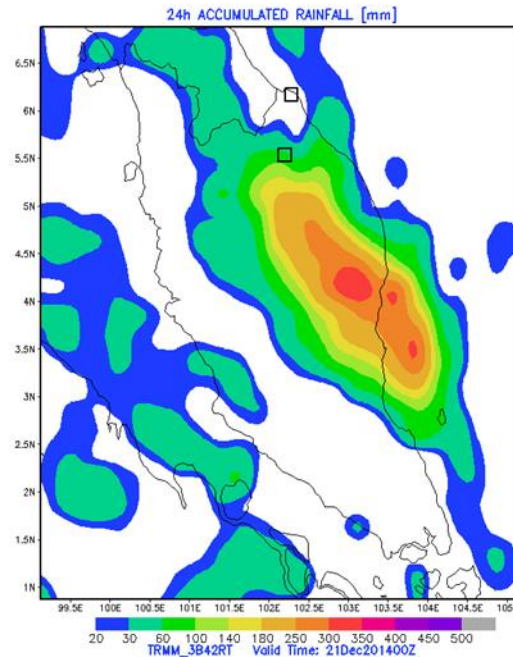
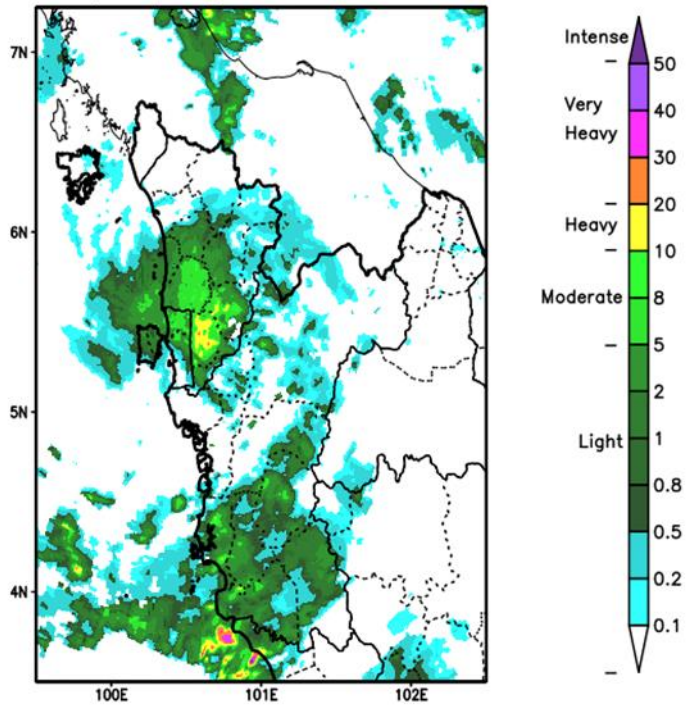


Drivers for weather and climate services

A stationary vortex in Penang for almost 30 hours (18Z 03 Nov – 06Z 05 Nov 2017).

Devastating Floods during NE Monsoon (2014).

Radar Observation (mm/hr) at Sun Nov 5 06:00:00 2017





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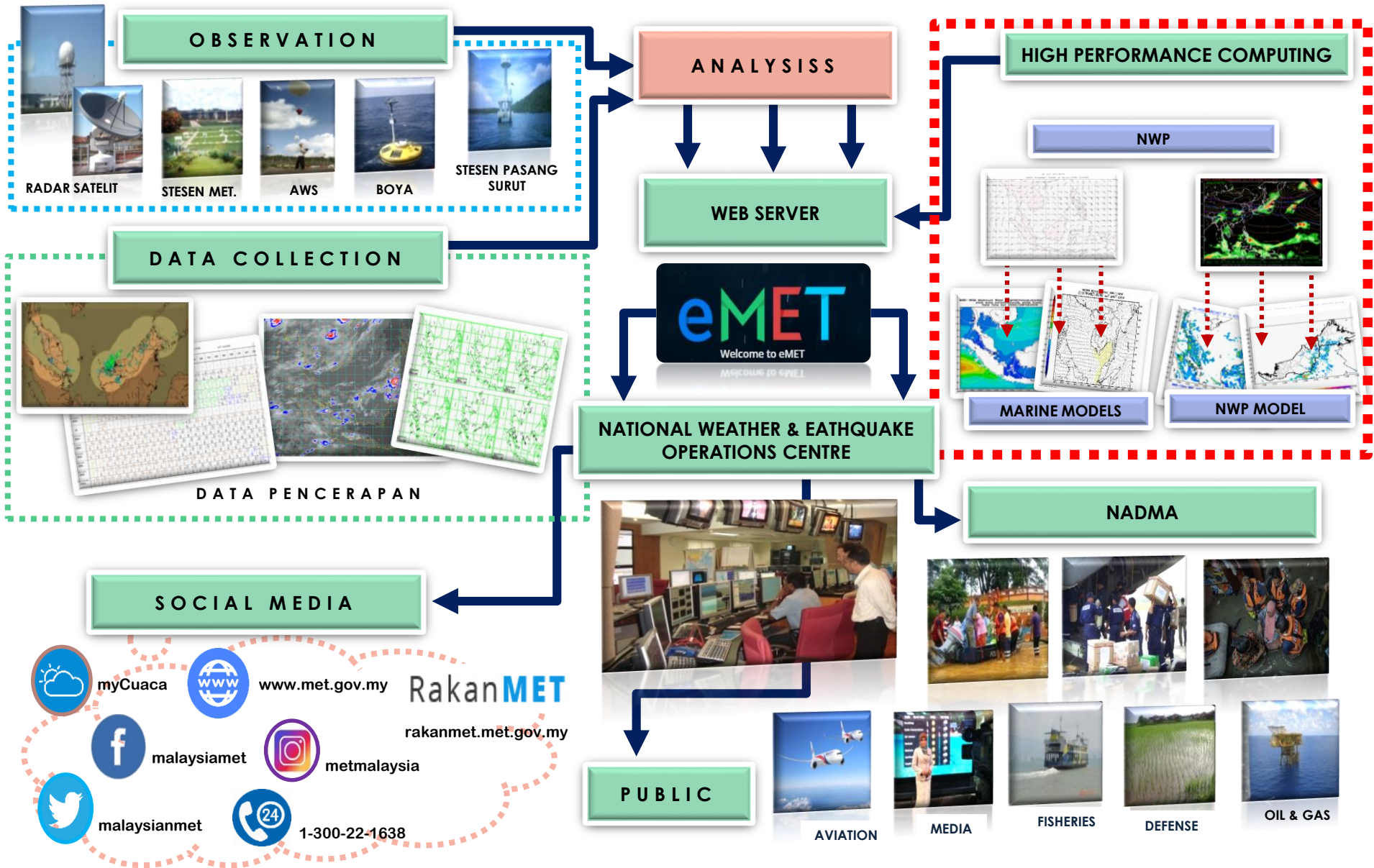
Drivers for weather and climate services

Sustainable Development Goals

UN's vision for the world in 2030 - apply to all countries
Weather and climate provide pervasive threats and hazards

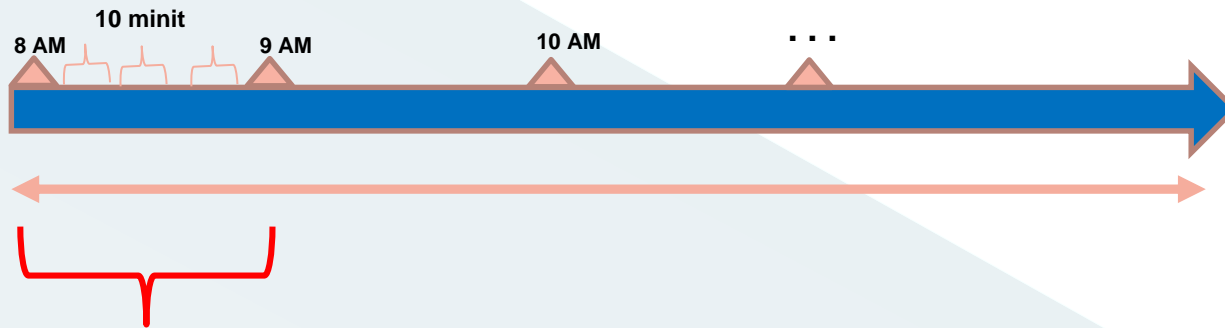


METMALAYSIA'S BUSINESS ARCHITECTURE

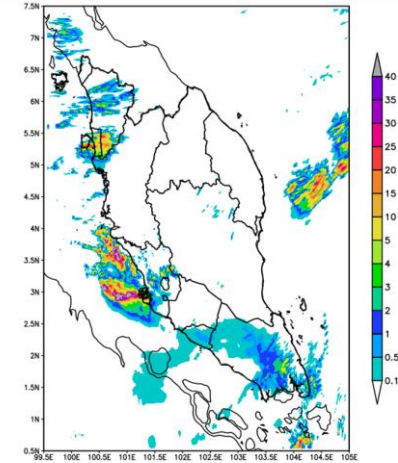


NWP MODEL FORECASTING SYSTEM AT METMALAYSIA

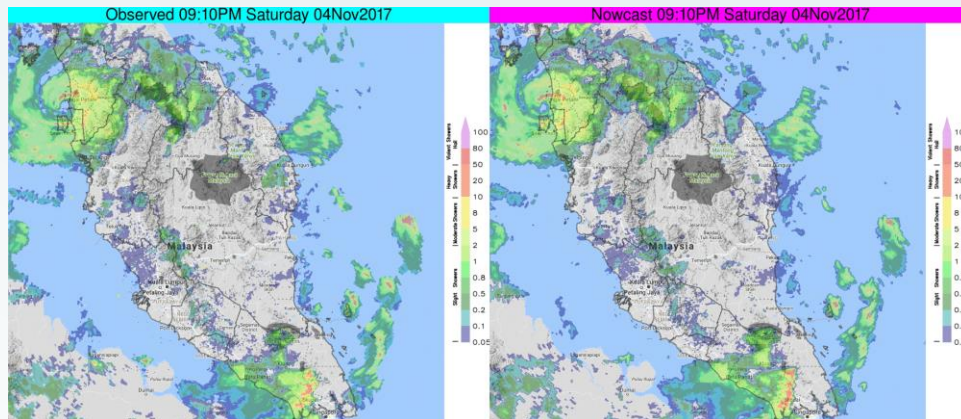
7-Day Lead Time Forecast



1-KM MODEL FORECAST



Overlapping 3-hour lead time nowcasting **Radar Integrated Nowcasting System (RaiNS)** at 10-minute interval



RaiNS

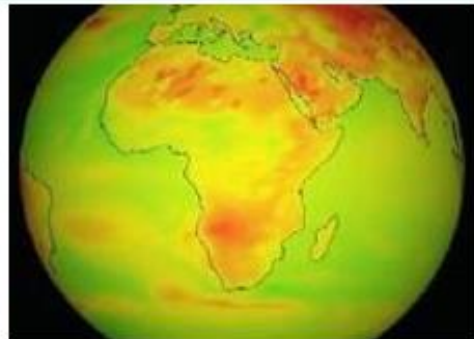


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A NETWORK OF ORGANISATIONS CENTERED ON A SHARED CHALLENGE

The risks associated with weather and climate transcend national boundaries and require a network of domestic and international partnerships that draw together the expertise, knowledge and experience required to accelerate progress in addressing this shared challenge.



Our ability to tackle this challenge rests on our ability to work collaboratively towards a shared goal, deploying our skills, experience and resources to accelerate scientific progress and development of innovative solutions.

Innovate UK MiGHT Newton-Ungku Omar NADMA



Asian Network on Climate Science and Technology (ANCST)



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MiGHT
Malaysian Industry-Government Group
for High Technology

Newton-Ungku Omar
Fund



Disaster Resilient Cities: Forecasting Local Level Climate Extremes and Physical Hazards for Kuala Lumpur

PROJECT LEADERS

Prof. Joy Jacqueline Pereira, SEADPRI-Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia &
Prof. Julian C.R. Hunt, University Of Cambridge

THE CONSORTIUM

10 organisations from Malaysia

5 Research Organisations: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, SEADPRI-UKM; University of Malaya, UM; Meteorology Department of Malaysia, MMD; Minerals and Geoscience Department of Malaysia, JMG; Department of Environment Malaysia, DoE;

5 Business Partners: UKM Pakarunding Sdn. Bhd., UKMP; Geomapping Technology Sdn. Bhd.; Param Agricultural Soil Surveys (M) Sdn. Bhd; Geological Society of Malaysia; CoRE Expert Systems Sdn. Bhd.;

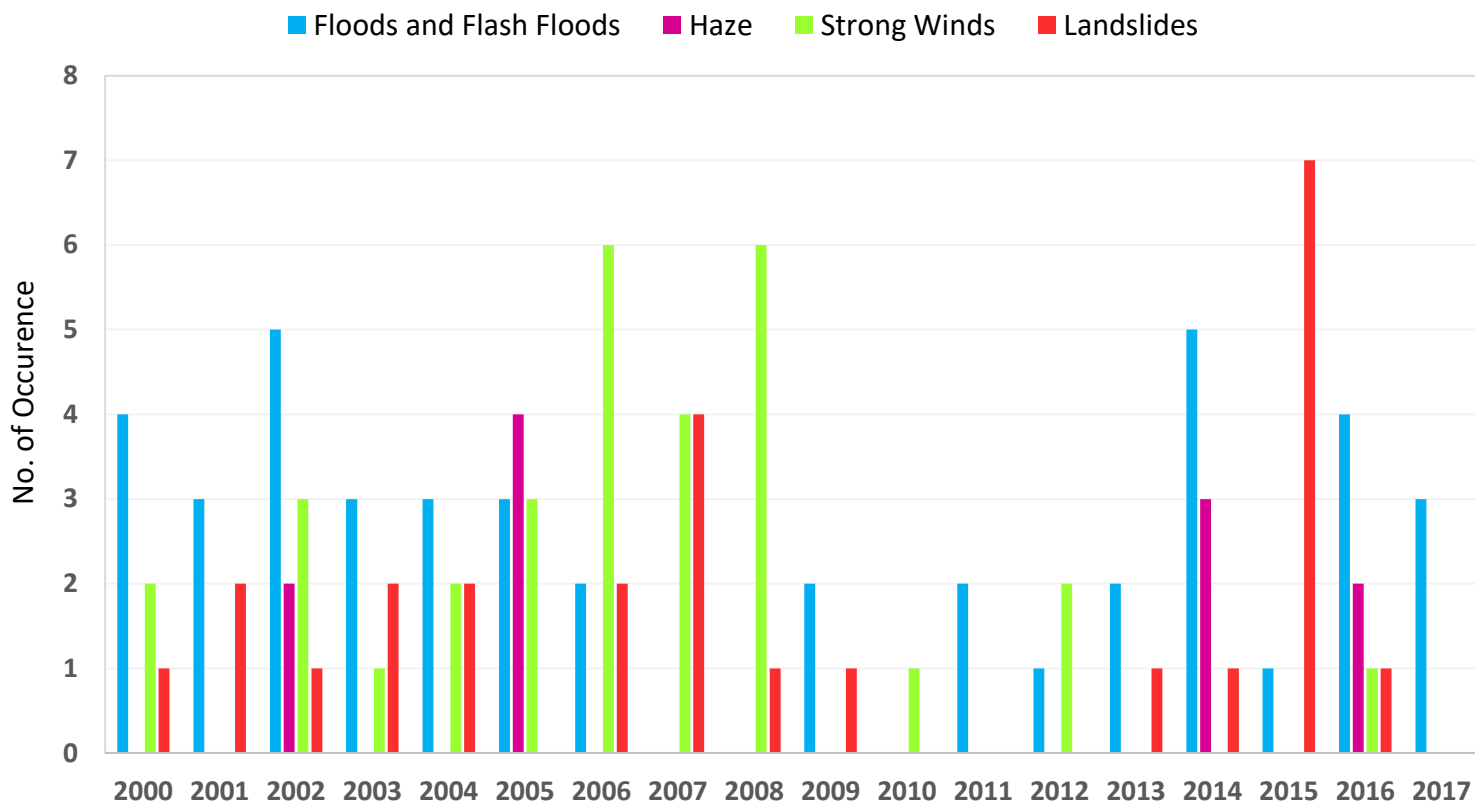
6 organisations from the UK:

3 Research Organisations: University of Cambridge, UoC; British Geological Survey, BGS; University College London, UCL;

3 Business Partners: Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants, CERC; Cuesta Consulting and JBA

MOTIVATION

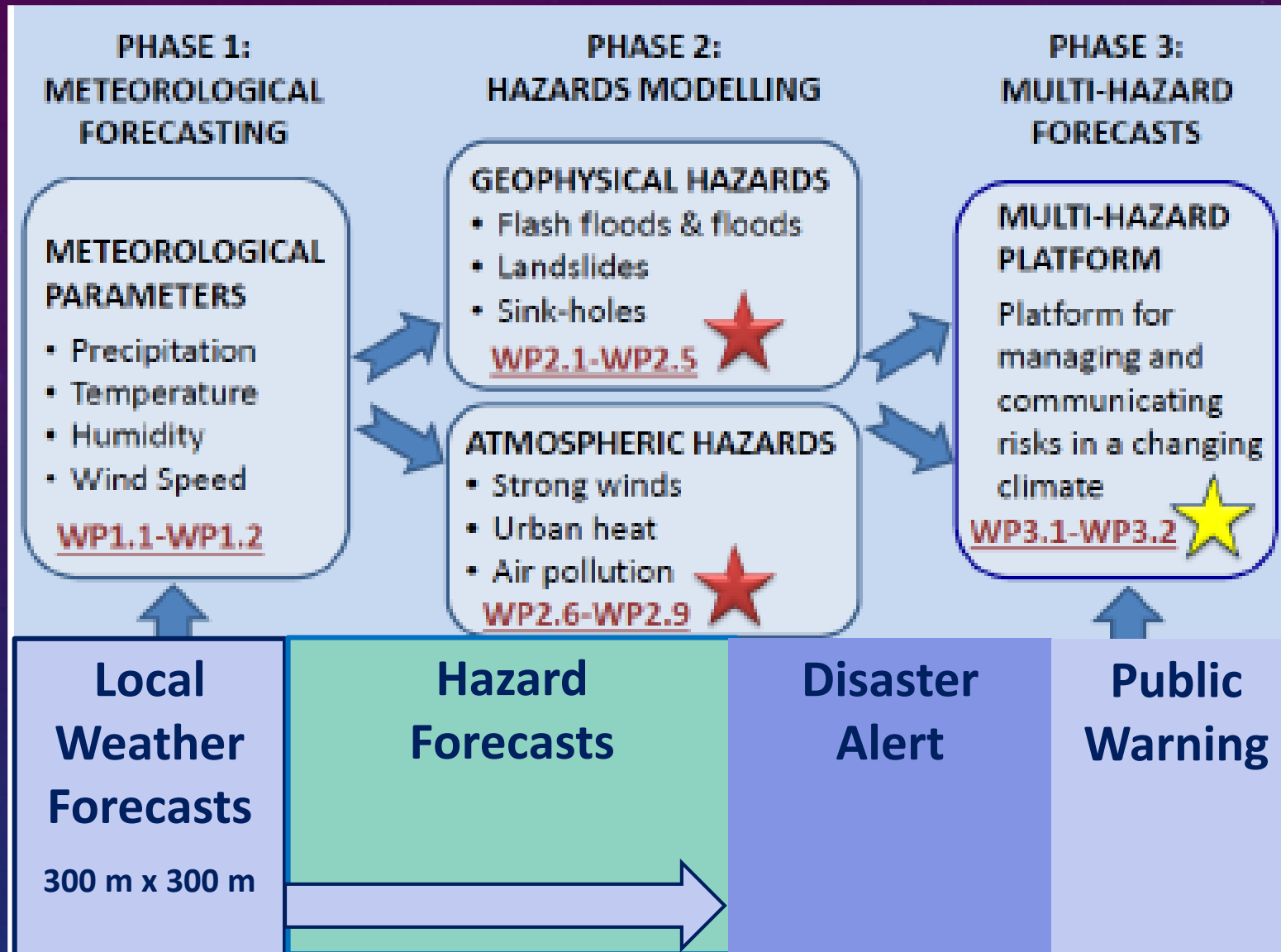
No. of Disasters in Kuala Lumpur (2000 - March 2017)



Kuala Lumpur and adjacent areas have experienced flash floods, landslides, sinkholes, strong winds and air pollution in the form of haze (Source: SEADPRI-UKM). With climate change, such hazards are expected to increase and urban heat will be an emerging issue. The improvement of forecast would contribute greatly to the enhancement of hazard models in Malaysia, where none are currently available at the local level (detailed scale). In conjunction with improvements in seasonal forecasts, emergency preparedness will be enhanced in the city. Hazard models that are brought together onto a common platform for city managers, insurers and other stakeholders are a powerful tool for managing and communicating risks in a changing climate.

IPCC 2014 (AR5): The First step in Adaptation to future climate change – Reduce Vulnerability and Exposure to present Climate Variability

Approach and Innovation Features



Work Package 1.1

*Mesoscale
Weather
Forecasting Model*

Work Package 1.2

*Seasonal
Forecasting*



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HARNESSING RESOURCES

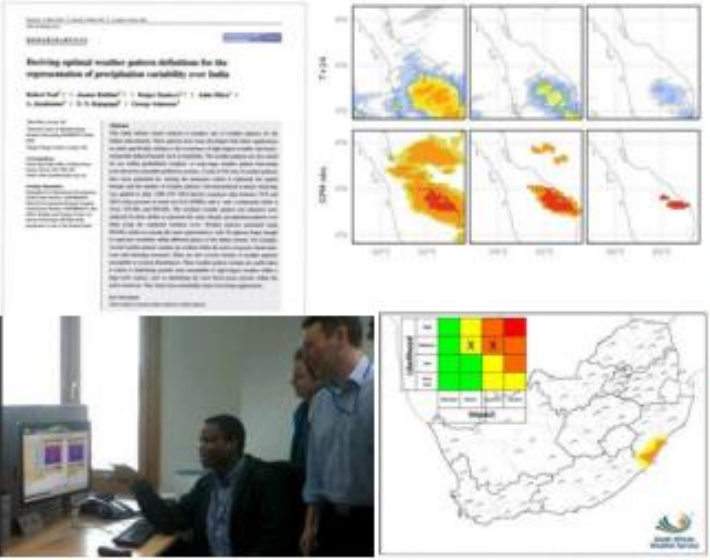


How **we** can tackle the weather & climate



Infrastructure

Regional Expertise



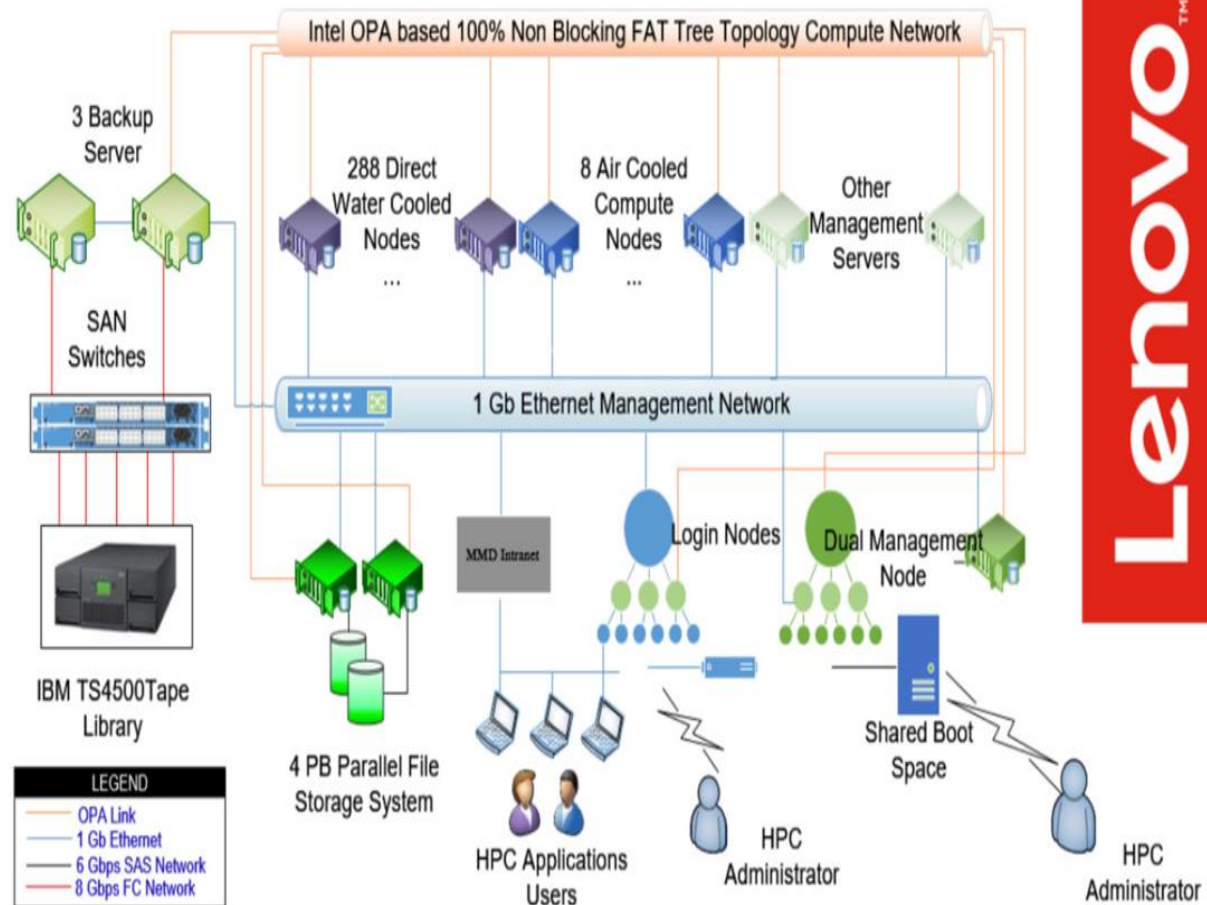
Working in Partnership

METMALAYSIA'S HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING SYSTEM

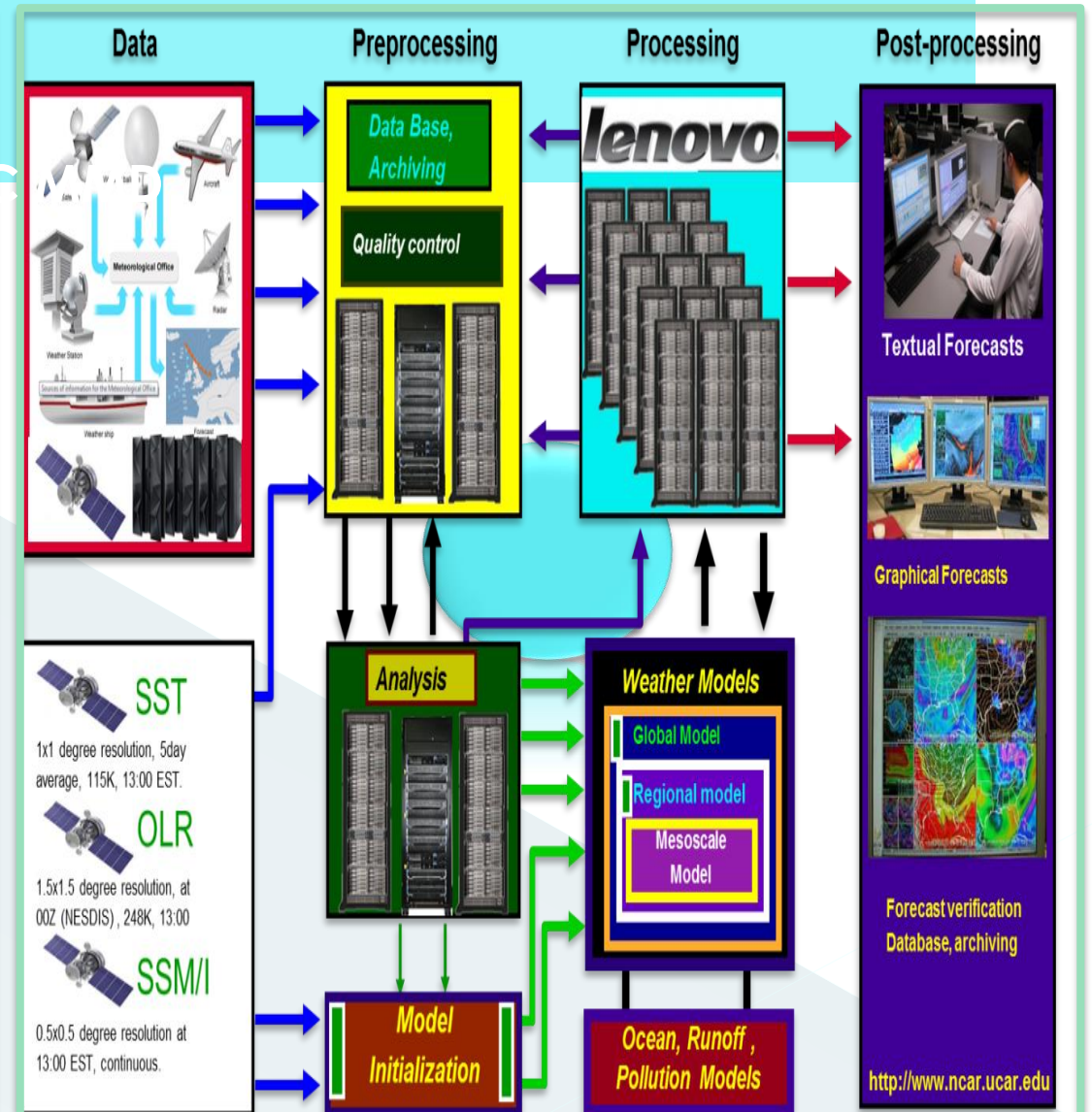


HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING SYSTEM

SUPERCOMPUTING SYSTEM DESIGN FOR MALAYSIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT



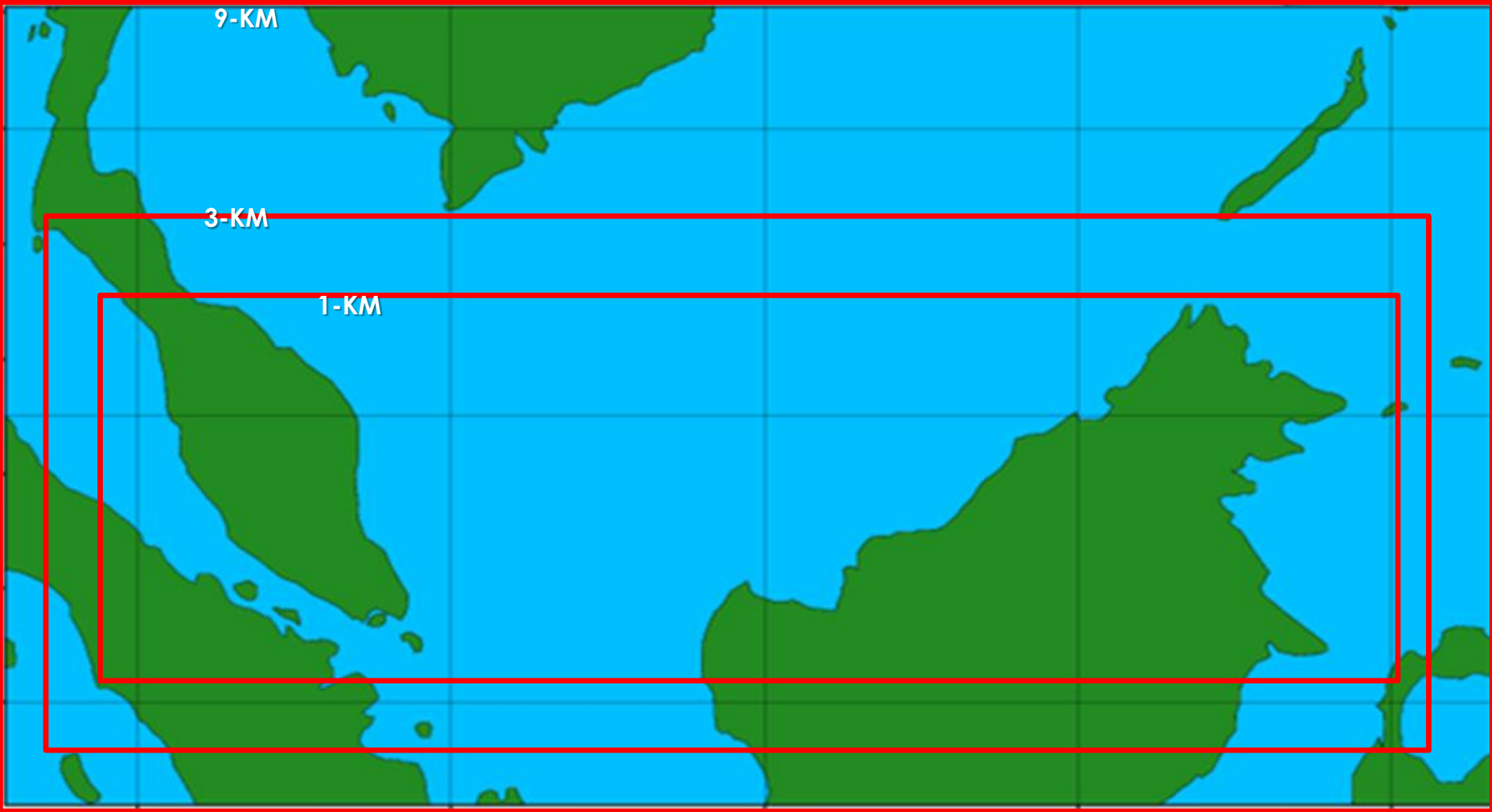
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OPERATIONAL MODEL CONFIGURATION





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Physical processes	Domain 1 (9 km)	Domain 2 (3km)	Domain 3 (1 km)	Remarks
Dimensions	368 X 368 (with 51 vertical levels)	526 X 523 (with 51 vertical levels)	706 X703 (with 51 vertical levels)	Arakawa-C Grid Non-hydrostatic WRF v3.9.1.1 model Mercator projection Hourly forecast for a forecast range of 60 hours
Time interval (Δt)	36 - 108 sec (Adaptive Time step)	12 -36 sec (Adaptive Time step)	4 - 12 sec (Adaptive Time step)	
Cumulus Parameterization	New Tiedtke	New Tiedtke	Explicit	
Microphysics	THOMPSON(6 Moment)	THOMPSON	THOMPSON	
PBL	YSU scheme	YSU scheme	YSU scheme	
Radiation	RRTM / Dudhia scheme	RRTM / Dudhia scheme	RRTM / Dudhia scheme	
Land Use	MODIS 5 minute	MODIS 2 Minute	MODIS 30 Sec	
Surface-Physics	5-layer Thermal Diffusion Scheme	5-layer Thermal Diffusion Scheme	5-layer Thermal Diffusion Scheme	
Initial and Boundary data	GFS (30-km)	WRF 9 km	WRF 3 km	

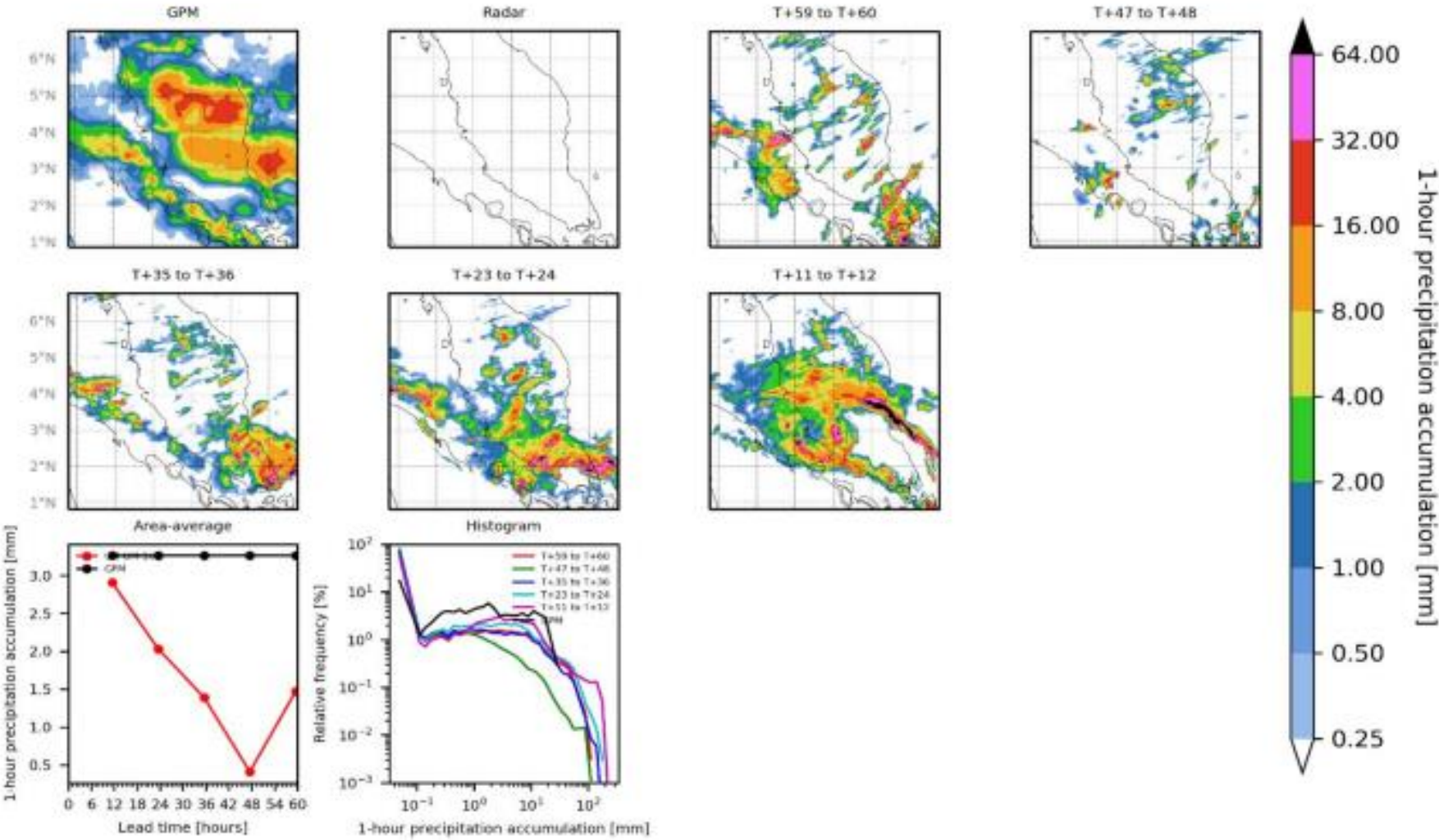


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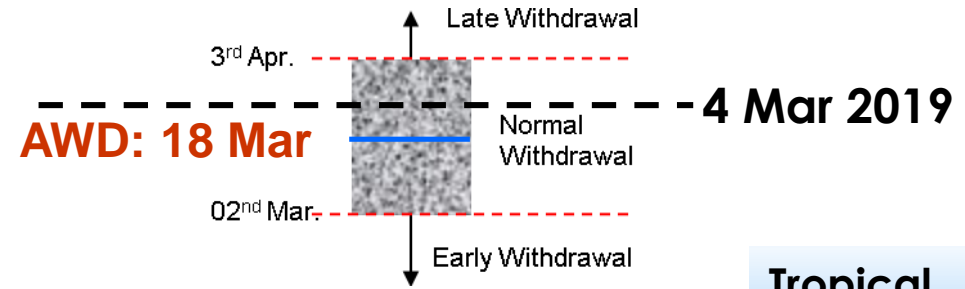
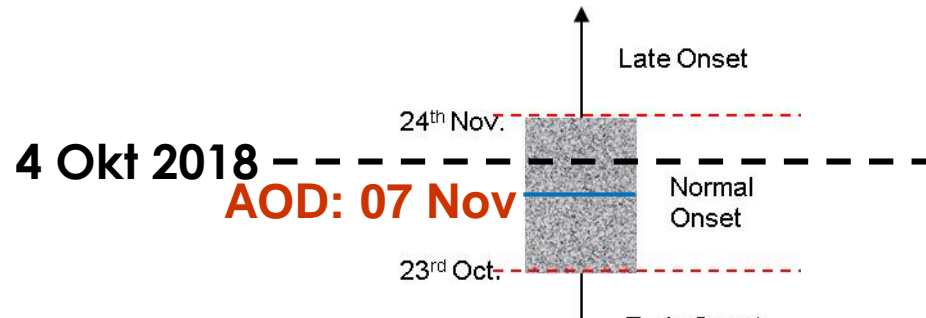
PRECIPITATION: GPM Satellite compared to forecasts Northeast Monsoon 2014/2015



2014/12/22 2300Z to 2014/12/23 0000Z



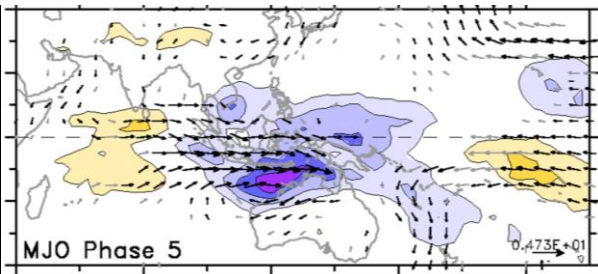
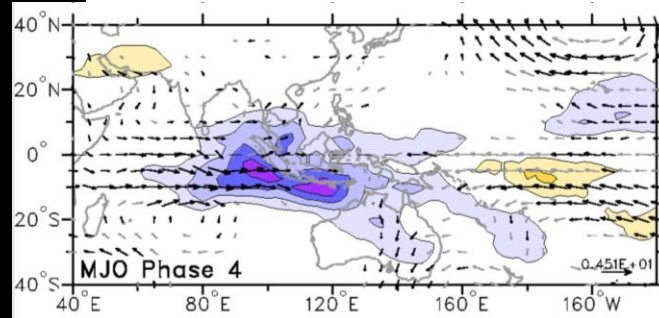
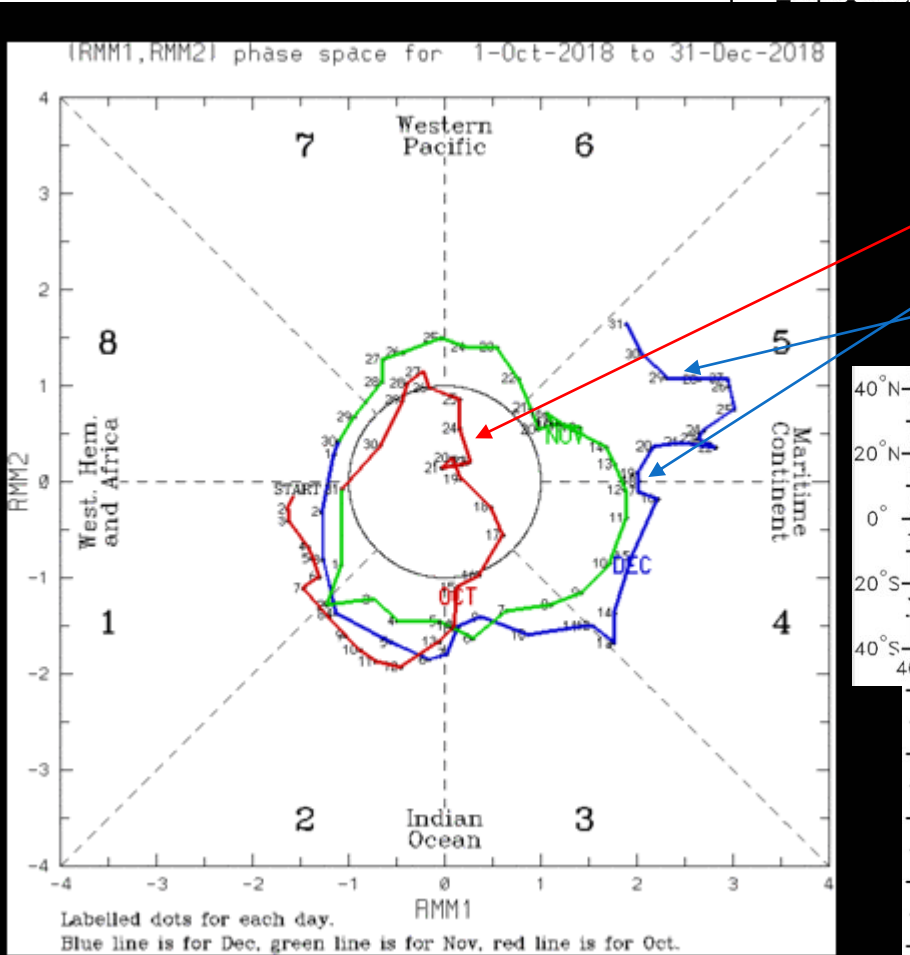
Summary of the NEM 2018/2019



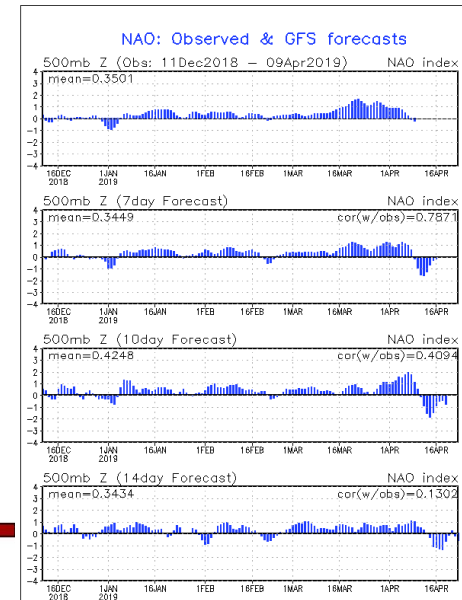
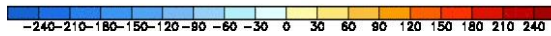
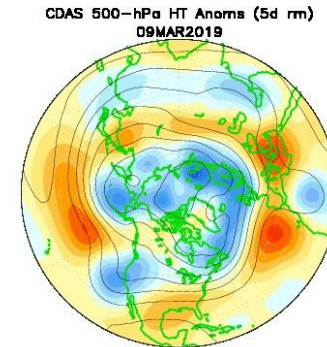
Tropical Storm Pabuk : December 31, 2018 – January 4, 2019

Total of 4 surges

1. 27 -31 Oct 2018 (Meridional surge)
2. 07-17 Dec 2018 (easterly Surge)
- 3 27 Dec - 5 Jan 2019 (mix surge - Meridional+ easterly)
4. 21 Jan-23 Jan (Meridional surge)

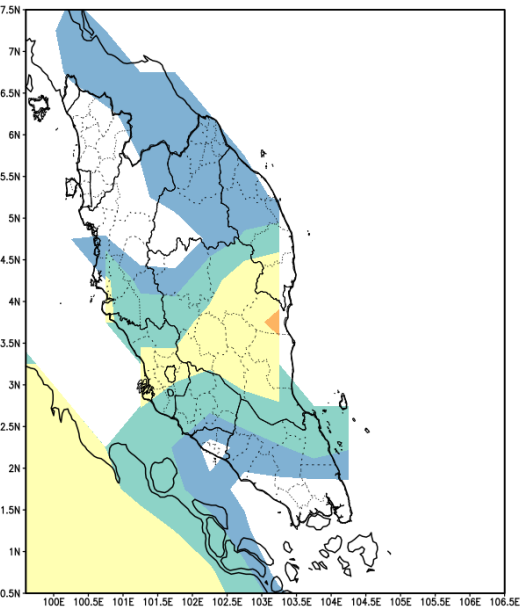


Not much of Blocking

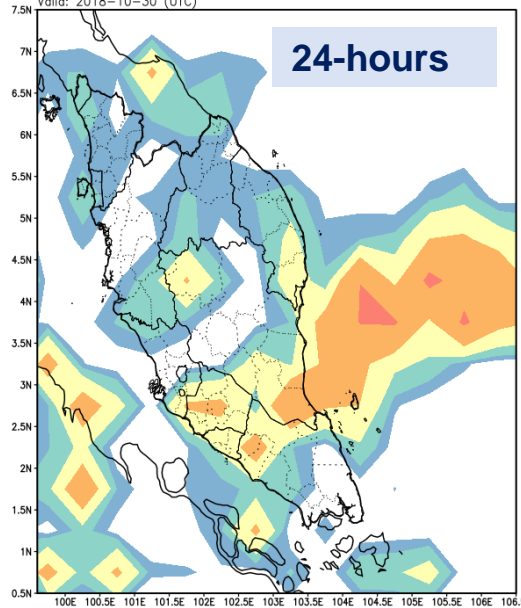


FIRST SURGE : 27 -31 OCT 2018 (MERIDIONAL SURGE)

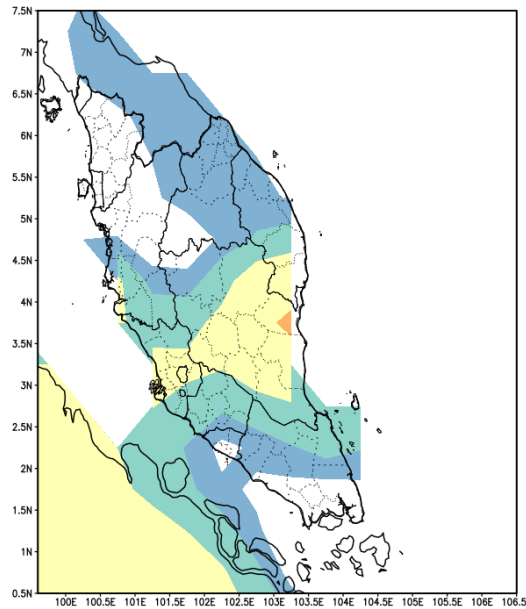
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Date: 2018-10-30



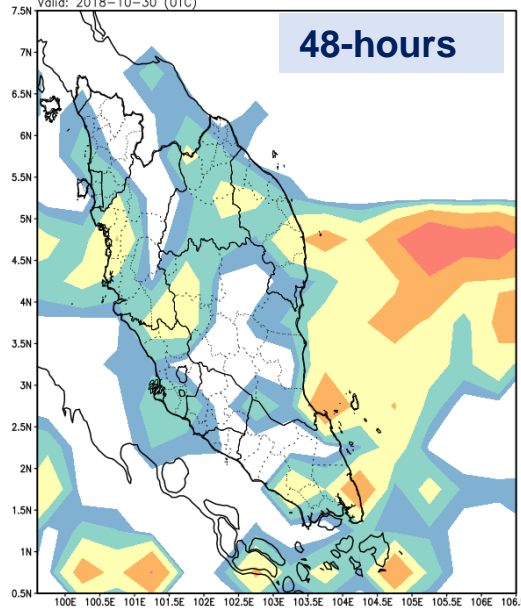
WRF-GFS (Regrid)
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24-hour Average Precipitation (mm)
Forecast Hours: 24



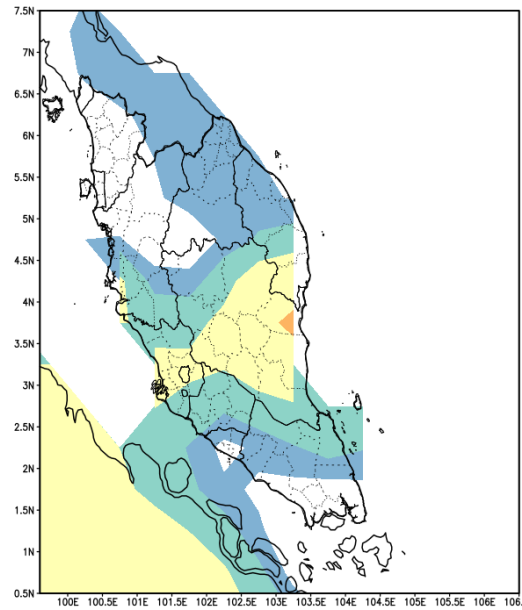
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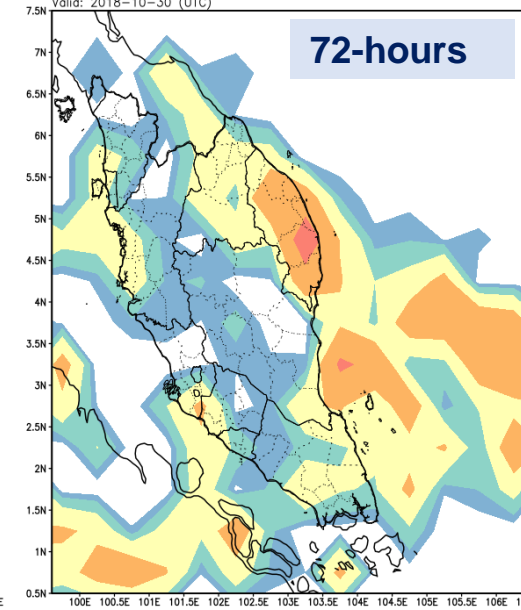
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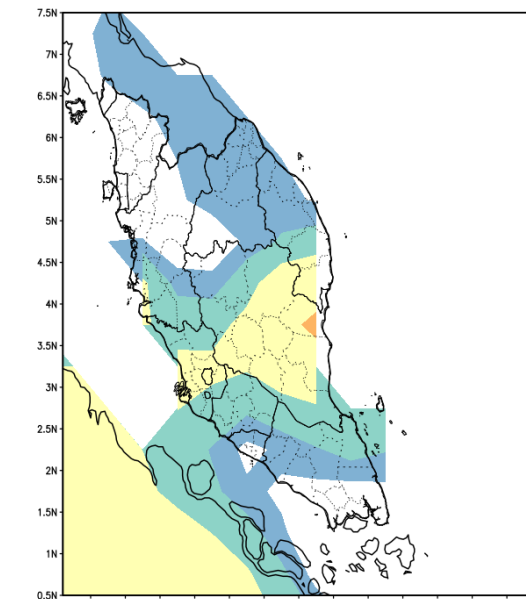
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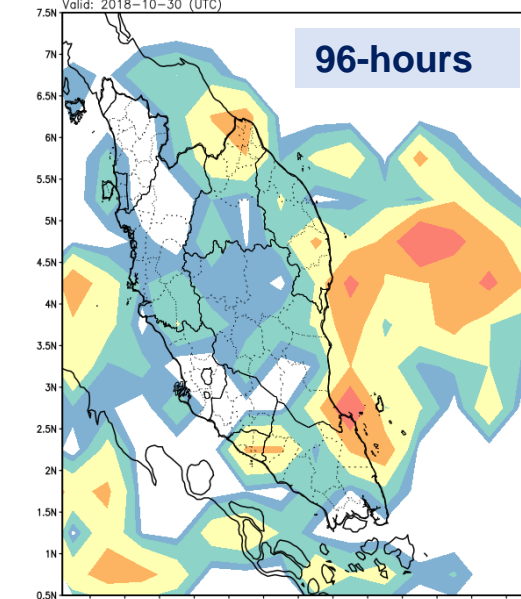
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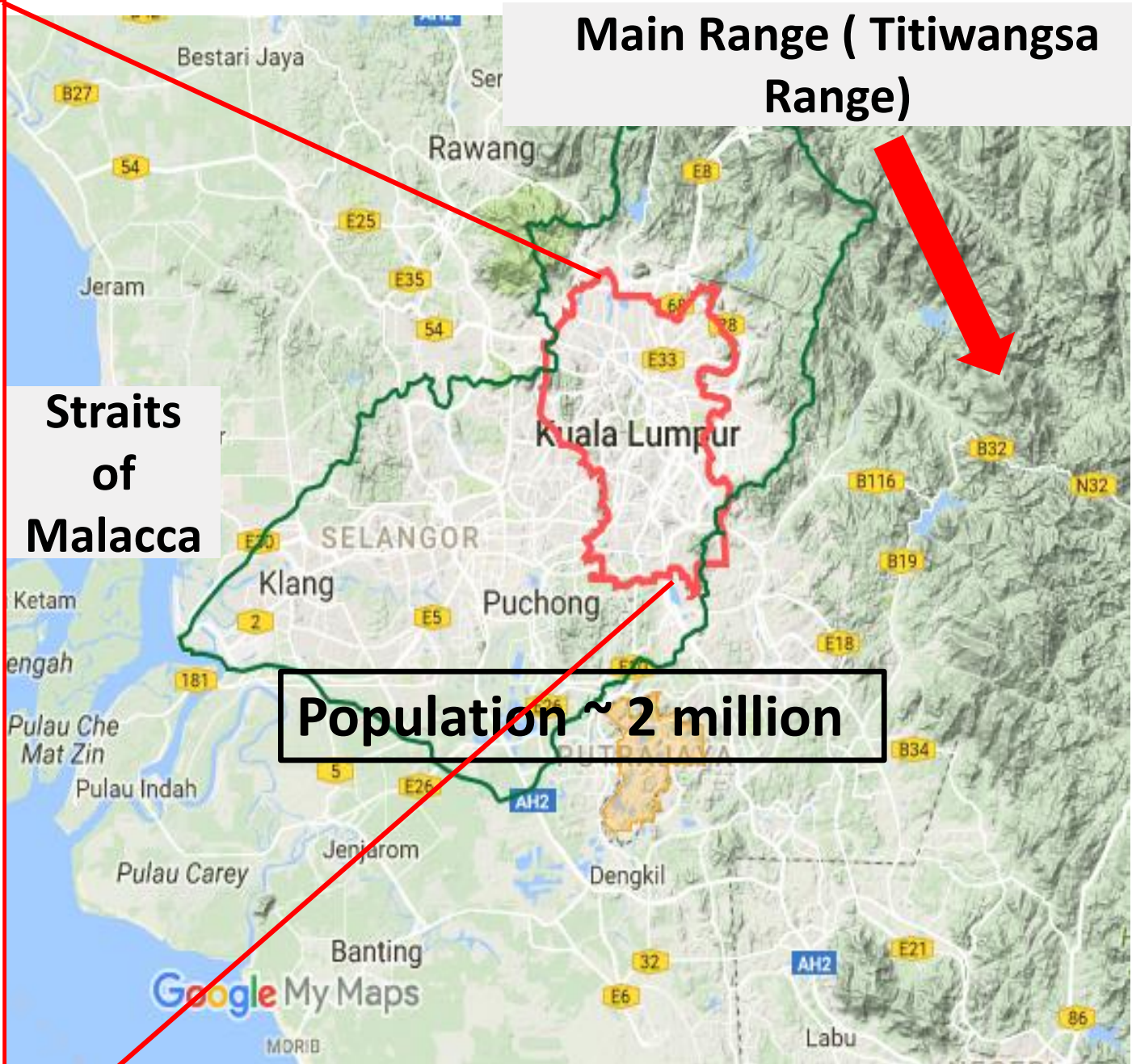
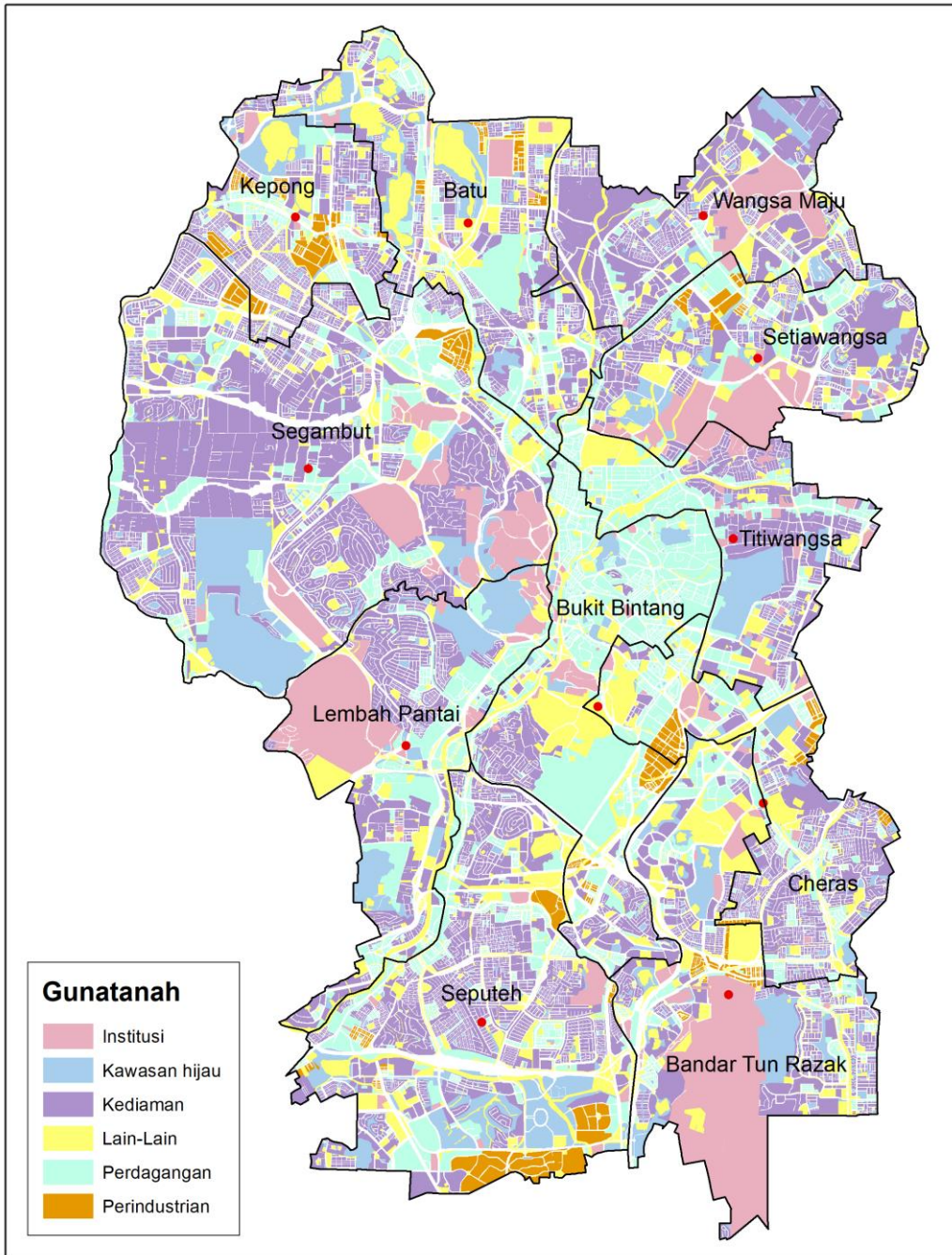


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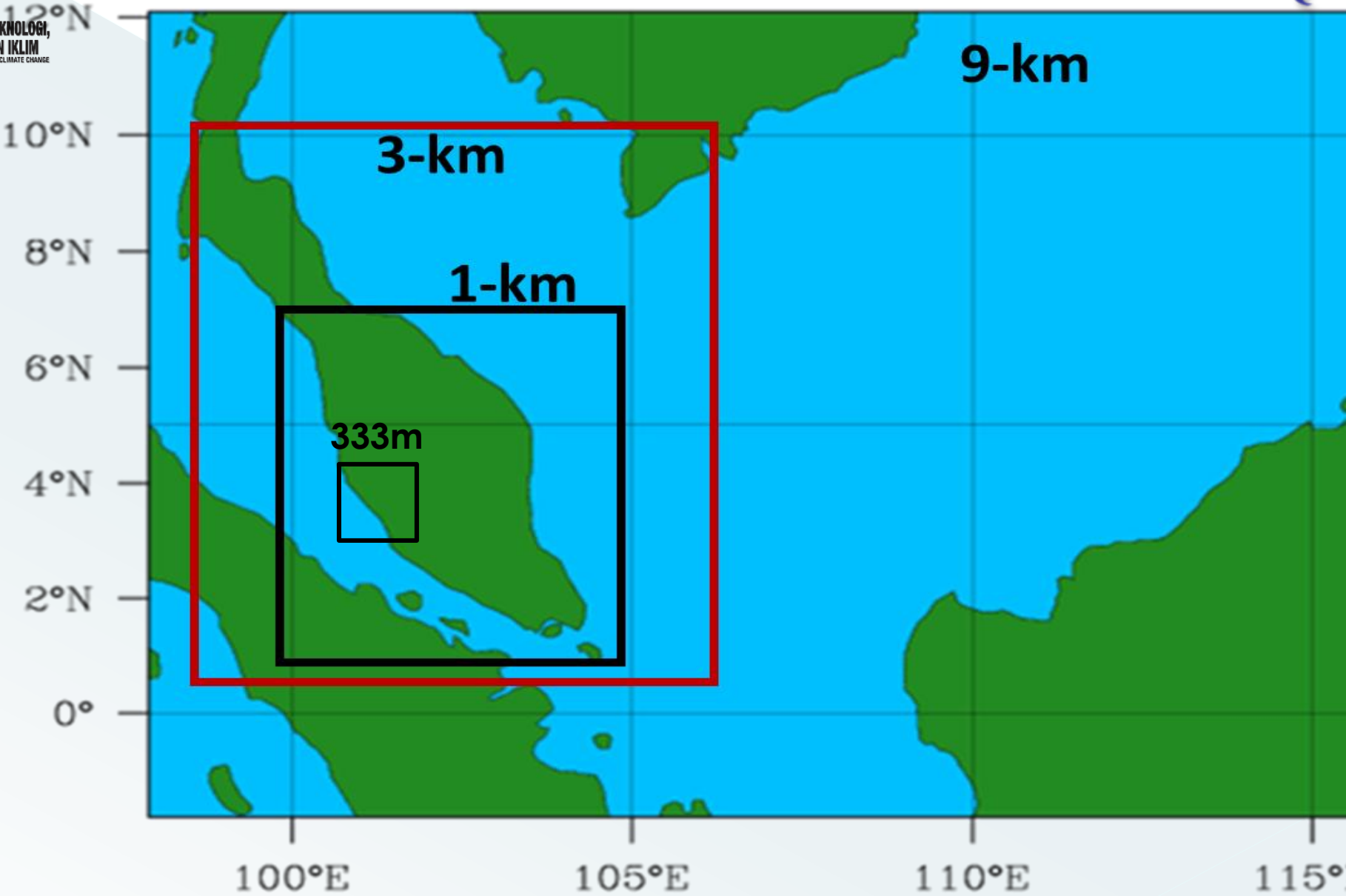
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Valid: 2018-10-30 (UTC)
24-hour Average Precipitation (mm)
Forecast Hours: 96





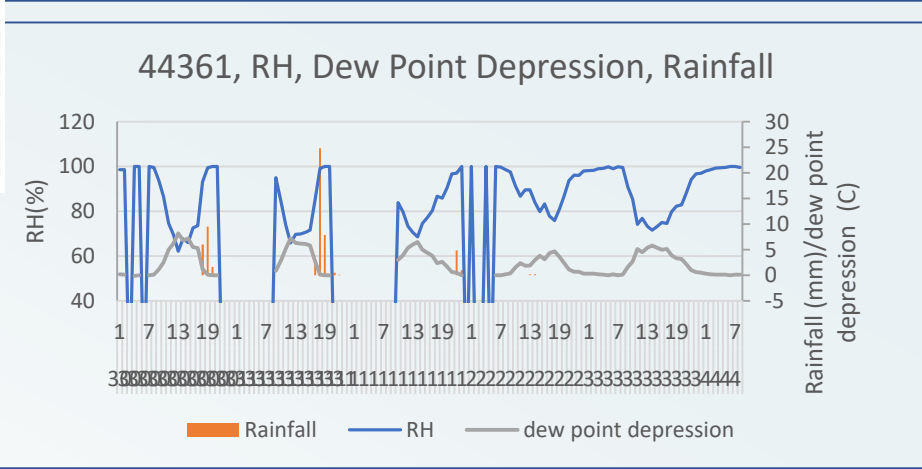
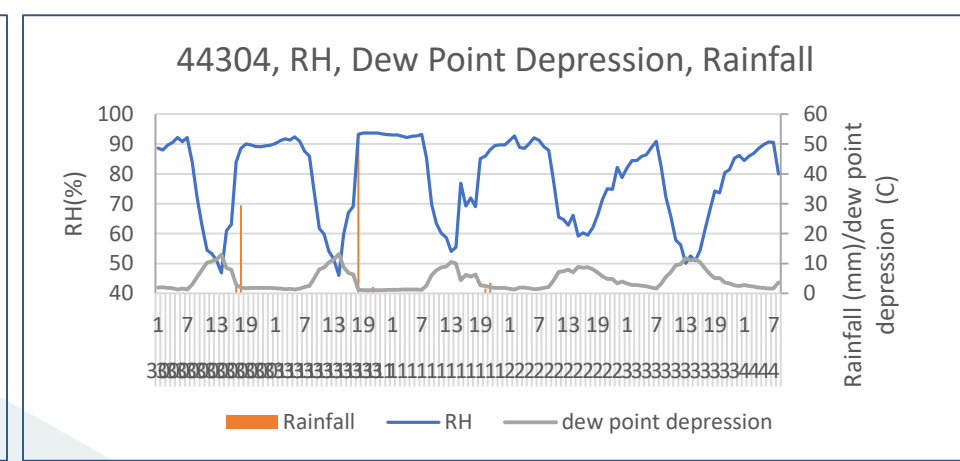
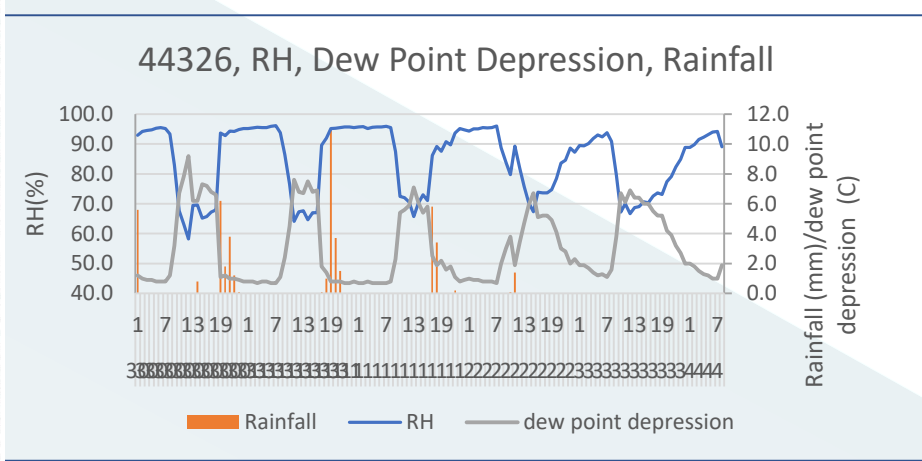
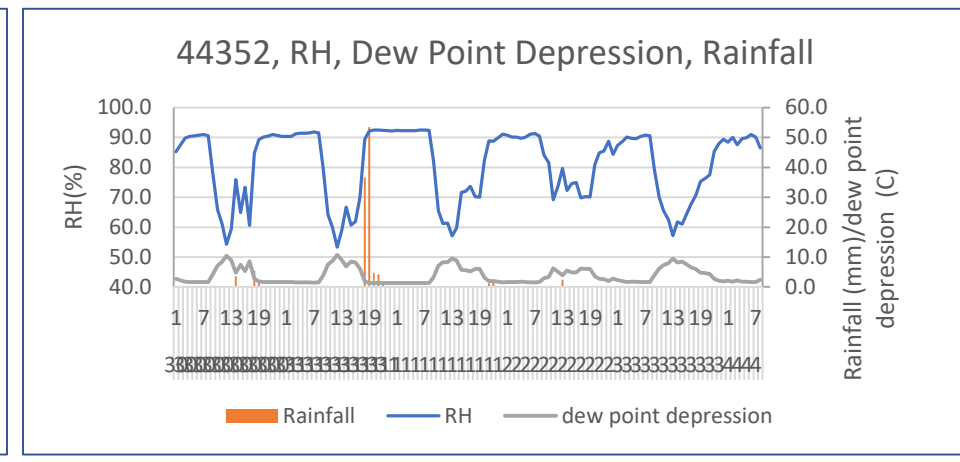
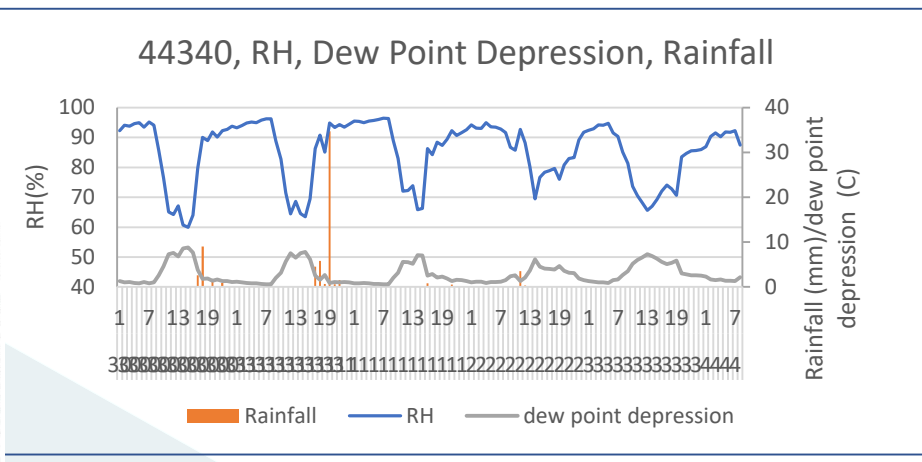
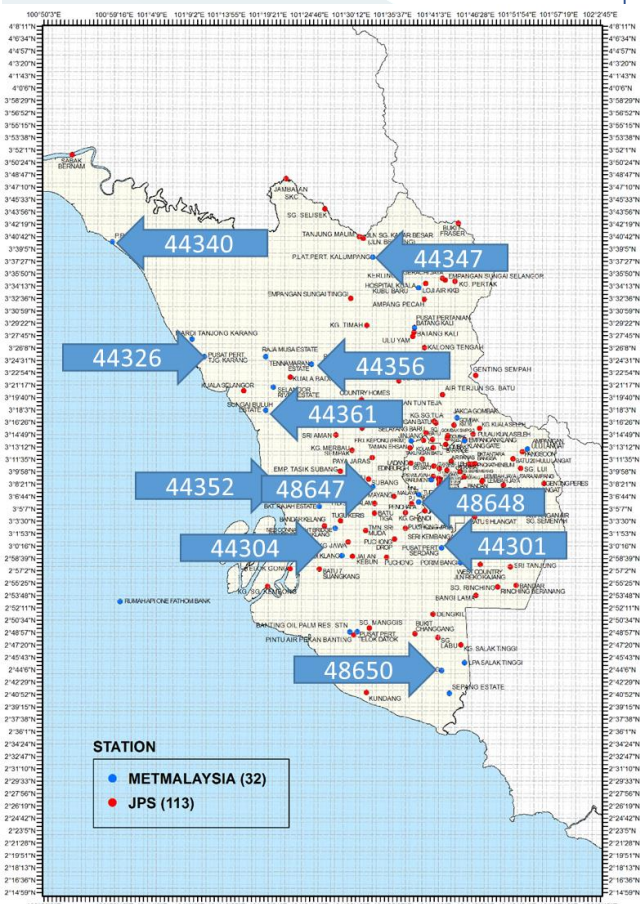


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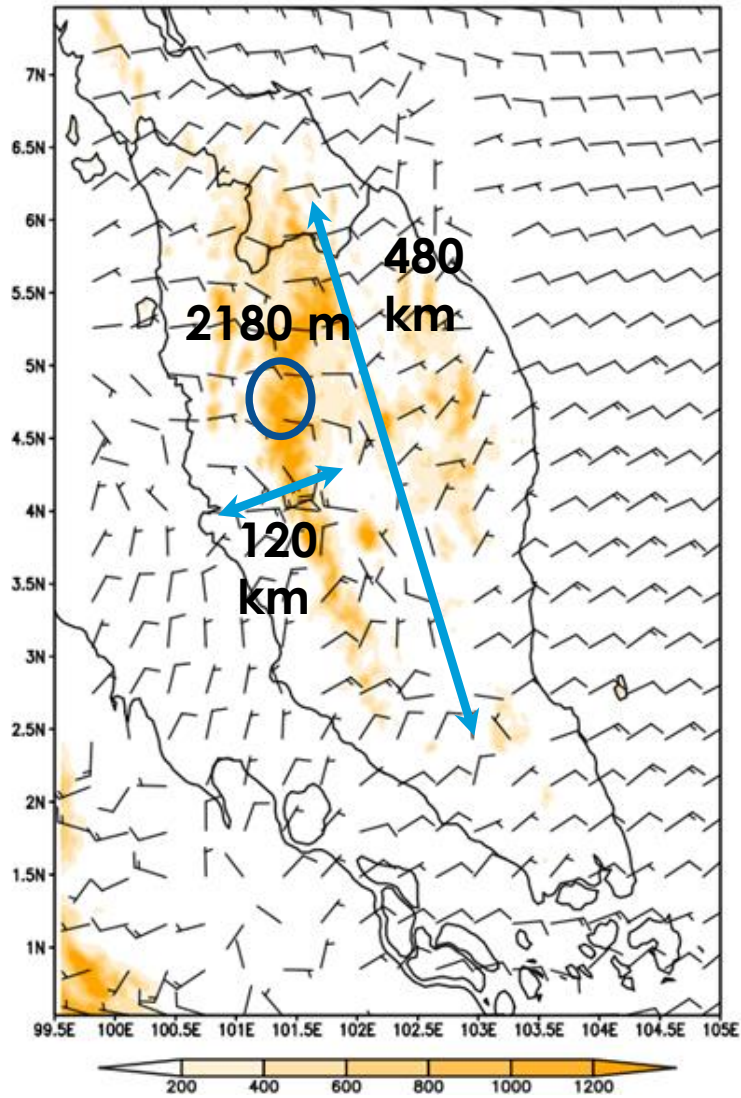
Cases were selected from 2010 – 2016).Definition of extreme events in Kuala Lumpur based on 90th percentile (1-day, hourly, 3-hourly accumulated rainfall)

Date	Daily rainfall	Hourly rainfall	3-Hourly	Morning (0300-12.00)	Early Afternoon (12.01-14.00)	Afternoon (14.01-16.00)	Late Afternoon (16.01-18.00)	Evening (18.01-21:00)
01/04/2015	44301>95%	48647 >75% 48648>80%	44301>95%				1800	
05/04/2015	44352>90%	48648>95%					1600	
12/05/2015	44361,44326>95%	48648>90%				1500		
02/06/2015	44347,44304>95%	48647>85%	48647->90%				1700	
13/08/2015	44312>95%		44312>95%				1600	
21/09/2015	44333,44356>95%		44333,44356>95%			1400		
01/11/2015	44301,44304,44312>95%	48647>85%	44312>95%				1700	
16/11/2015	44312,44347>95%	48648>95%				1500		
17/11/2015	44304>90%	48648>85%	48948->90%			1500		

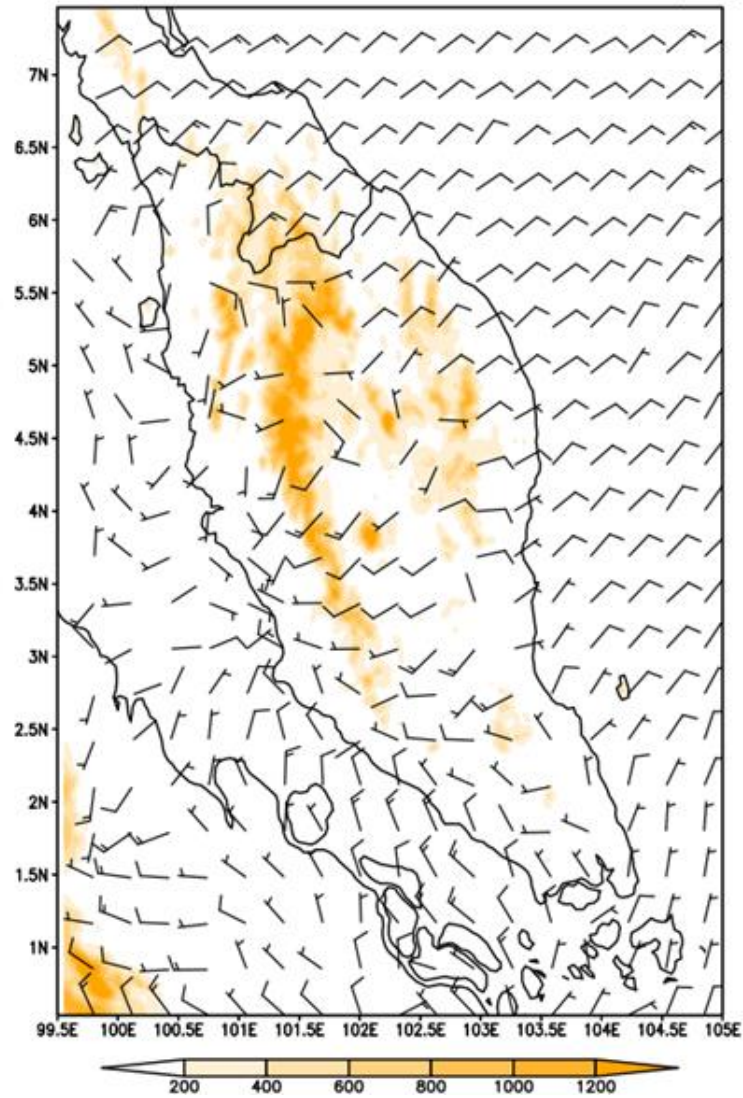


OBSERVED WIND PATTERN DURING THE PERIOD 29 March – 1 April 2019

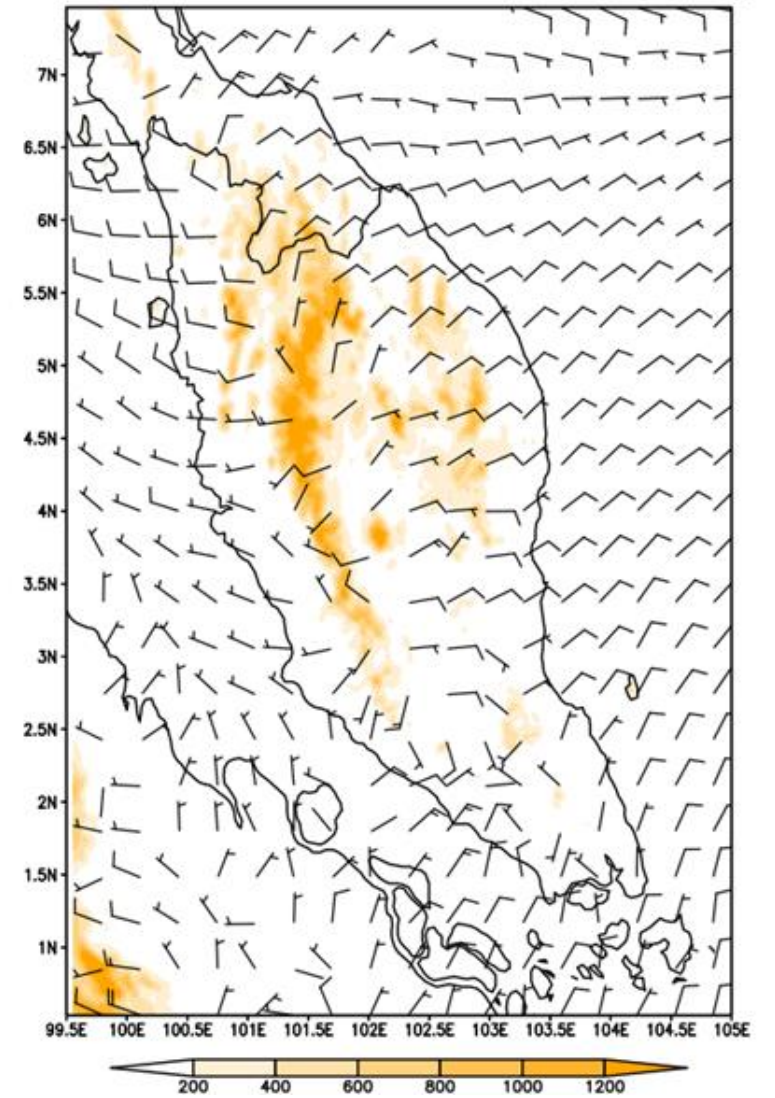
29 March 2015

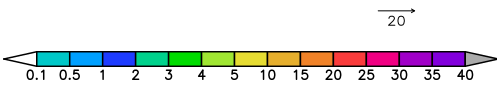
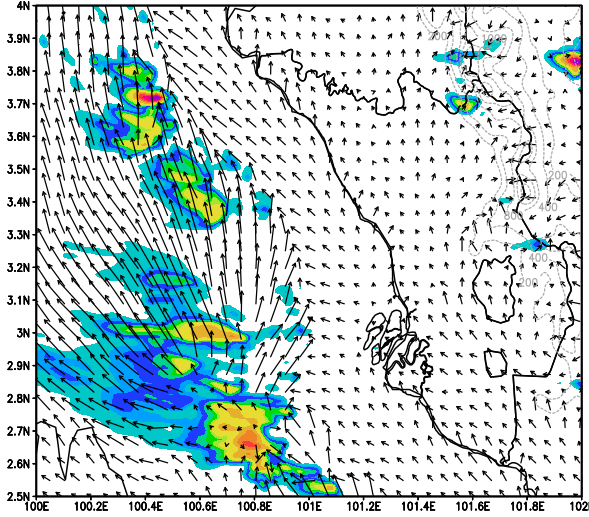


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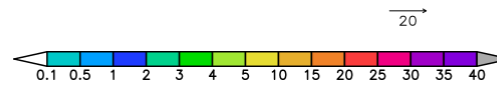
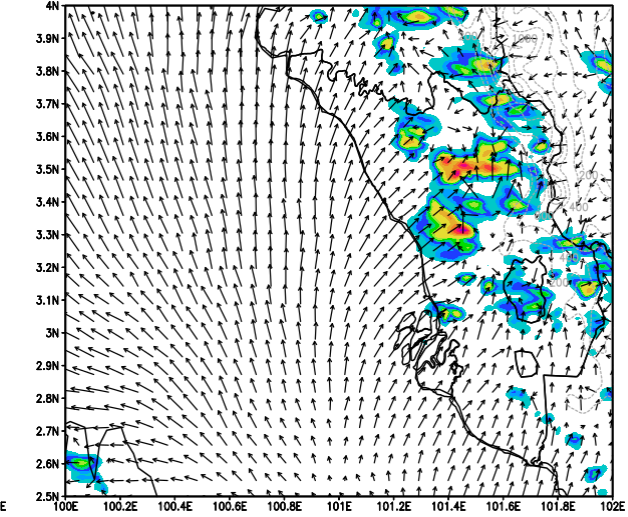


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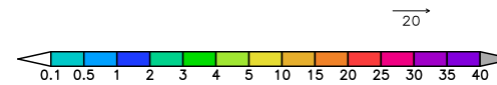
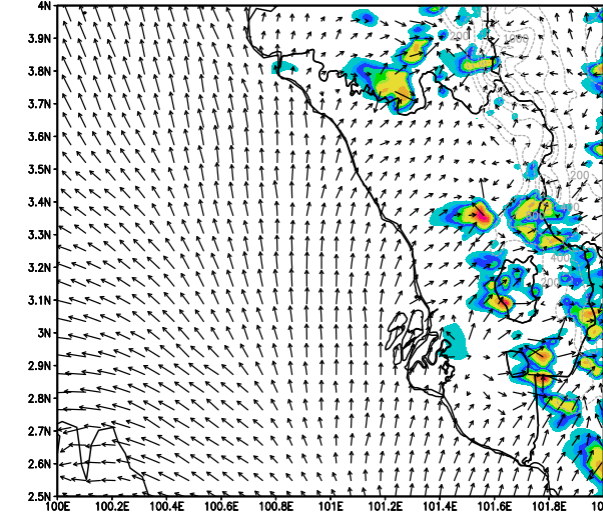




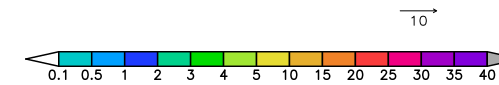
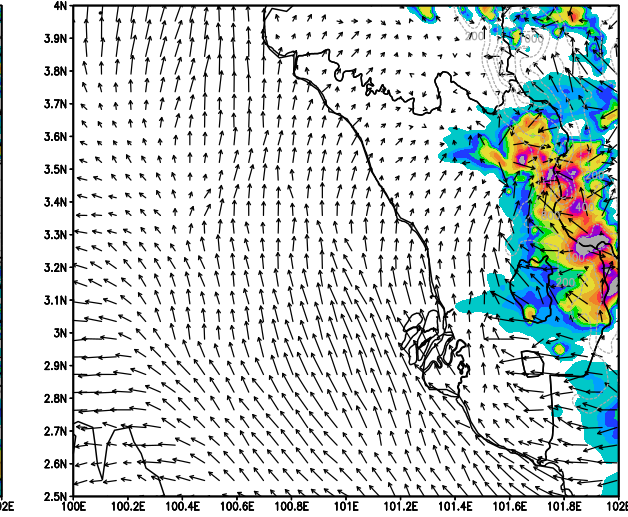
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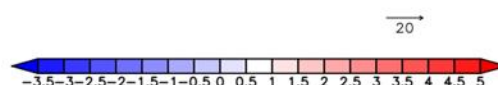
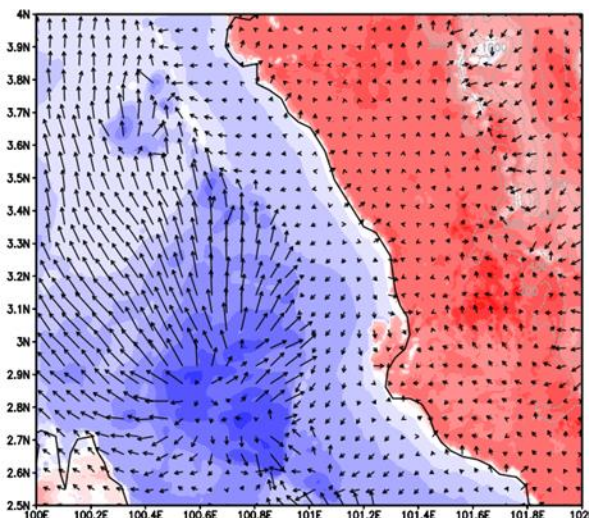


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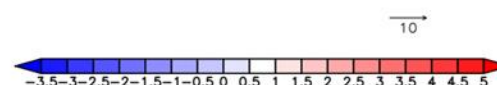
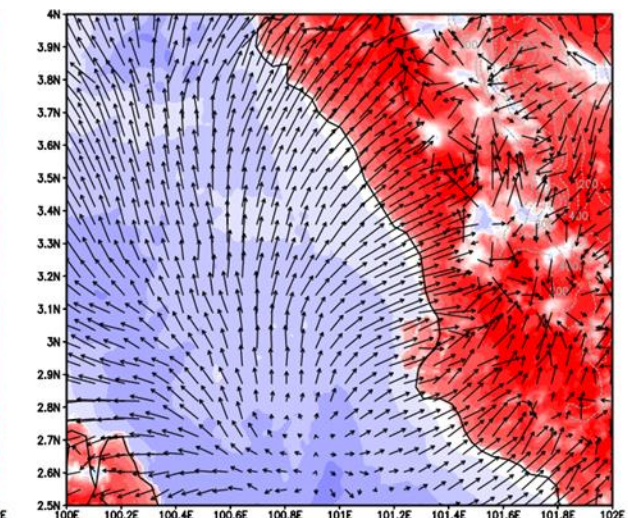


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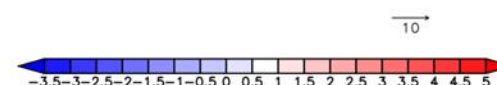
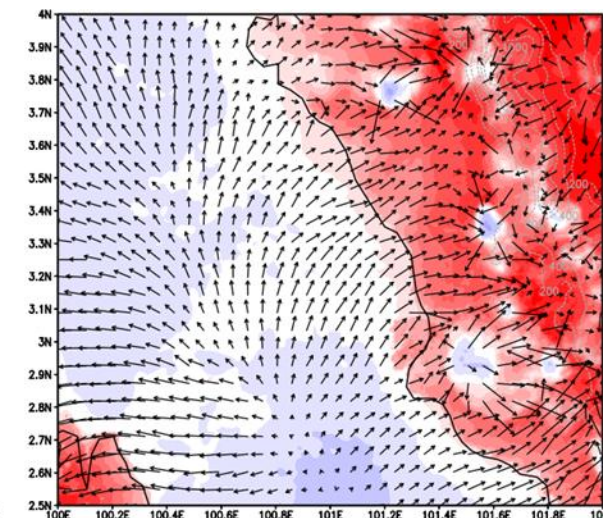
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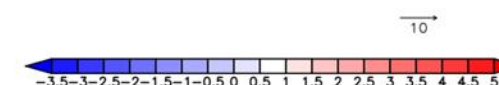
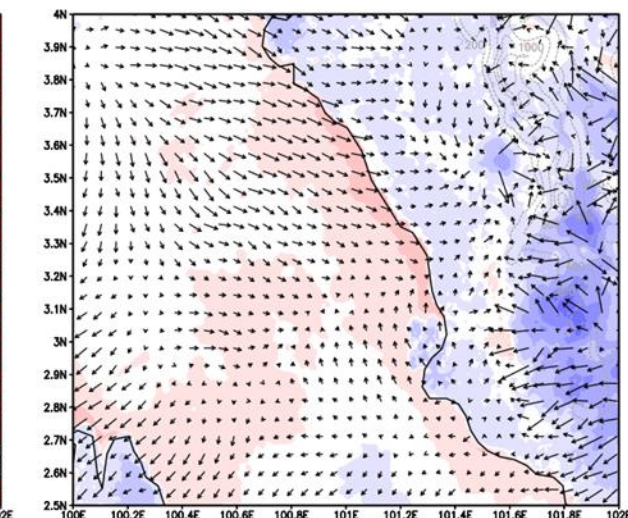
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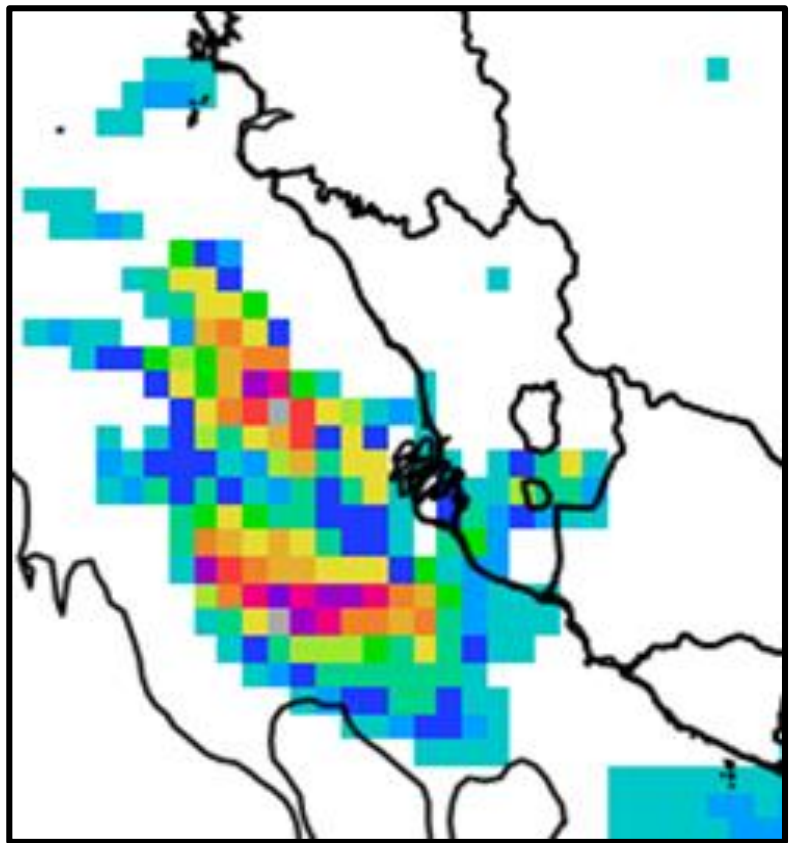
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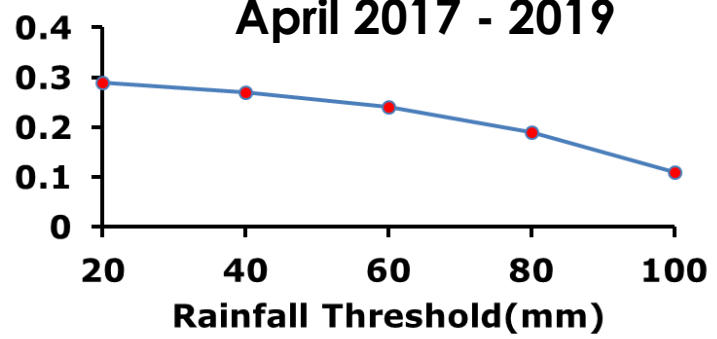
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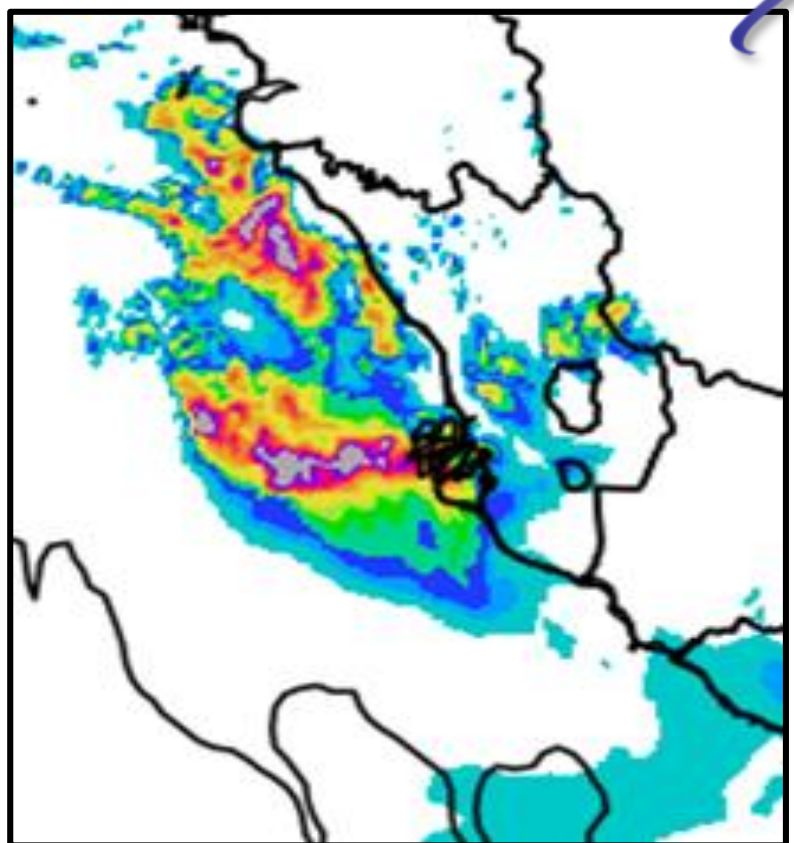
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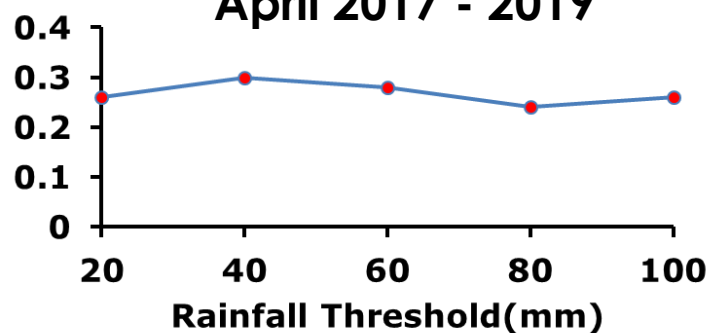
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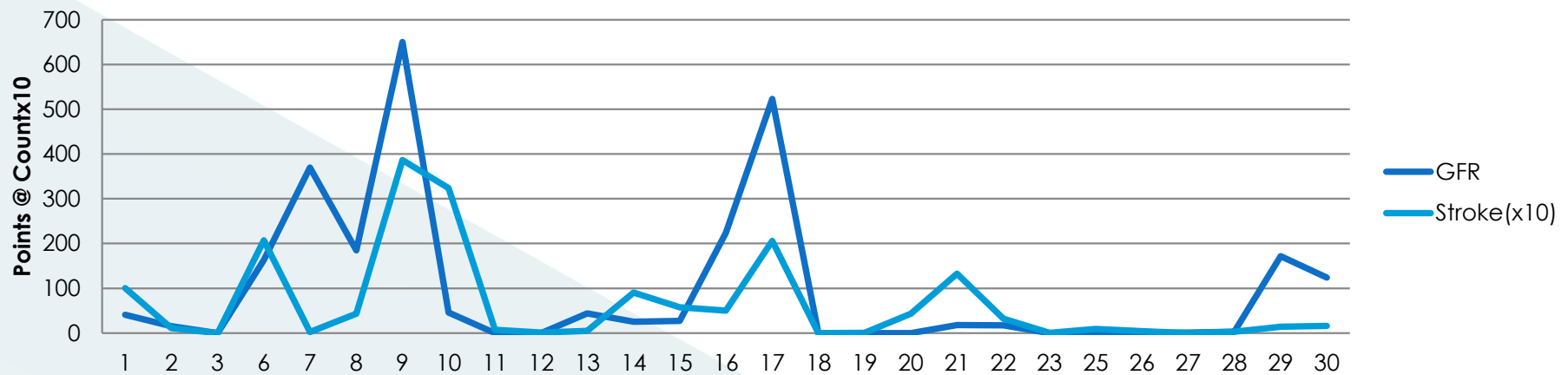
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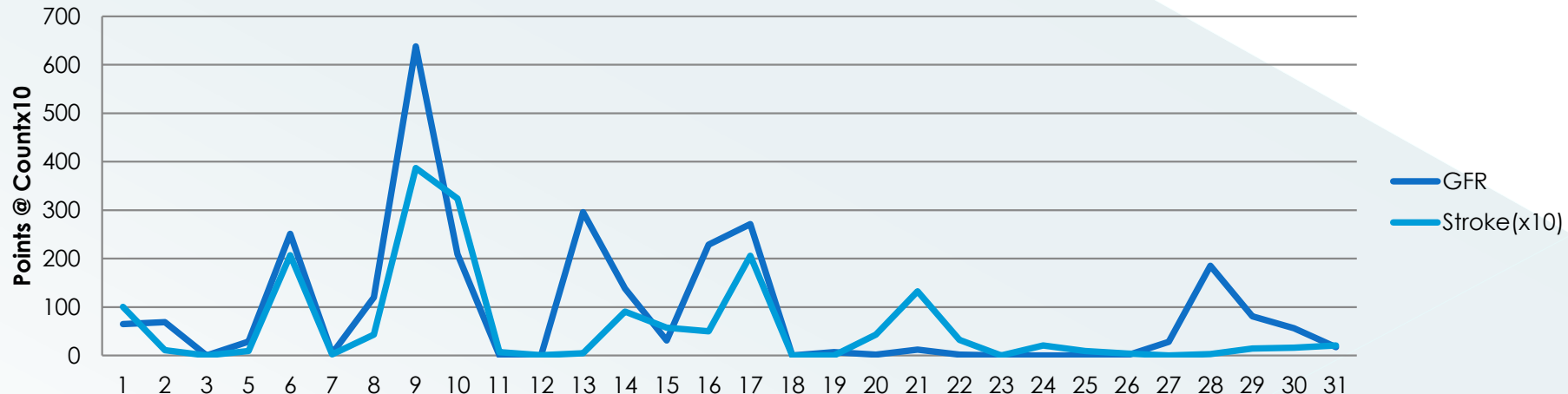


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Comparison between Number of Points of Graupel Flux Rate (GFR) Forecast (3 days before, 00Z) from 2 to 6PM and Stroke Count on January 2019



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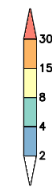
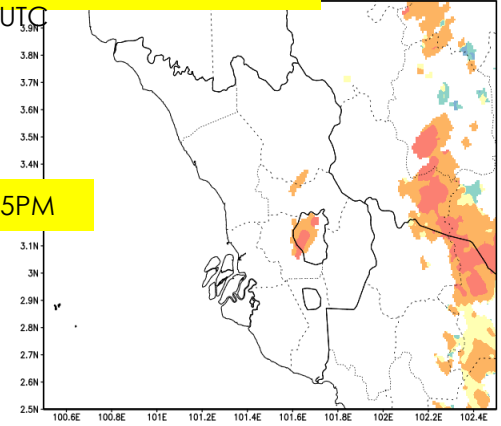


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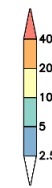
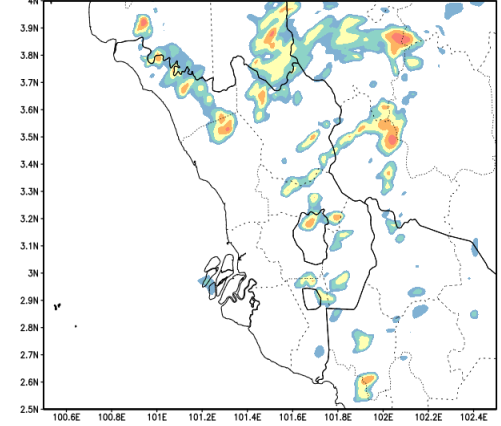
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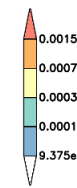
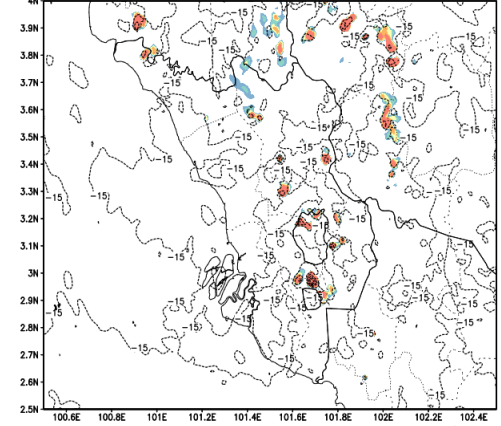
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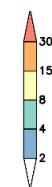
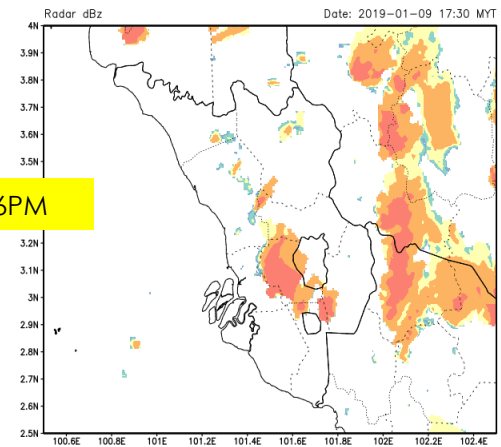
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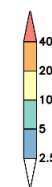
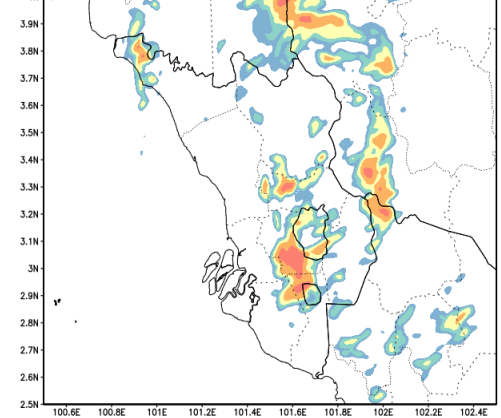
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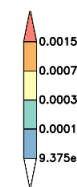
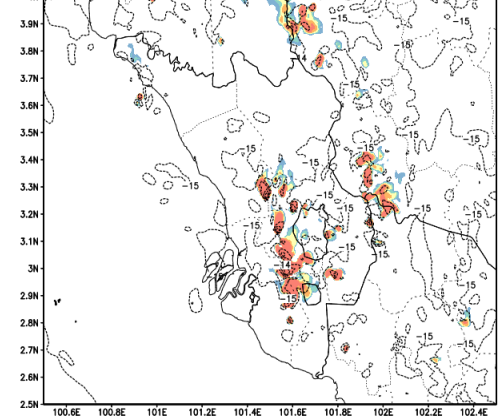
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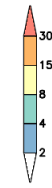
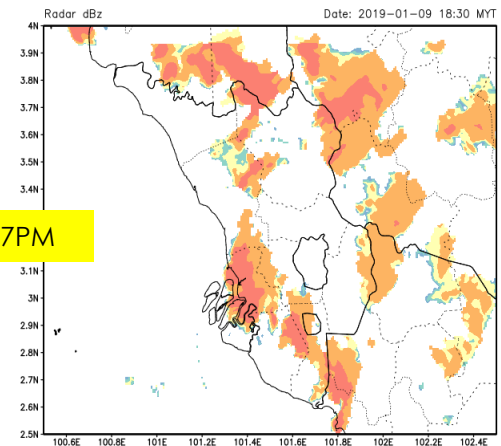
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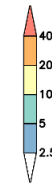
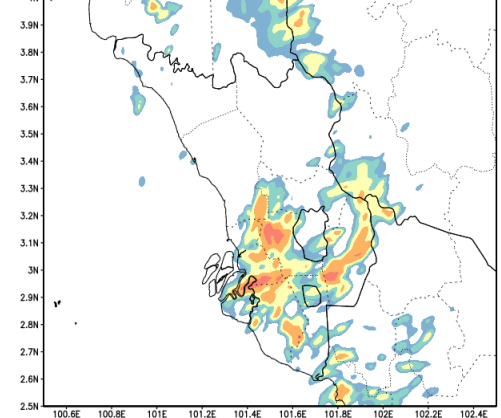
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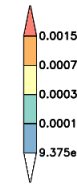
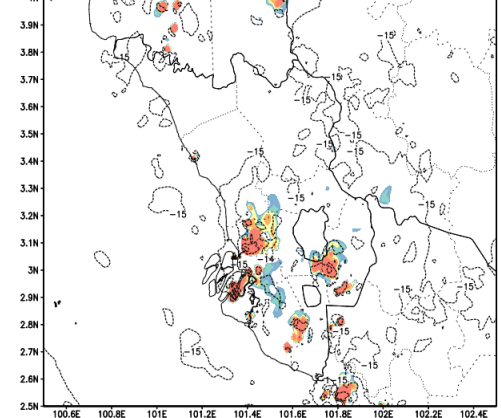
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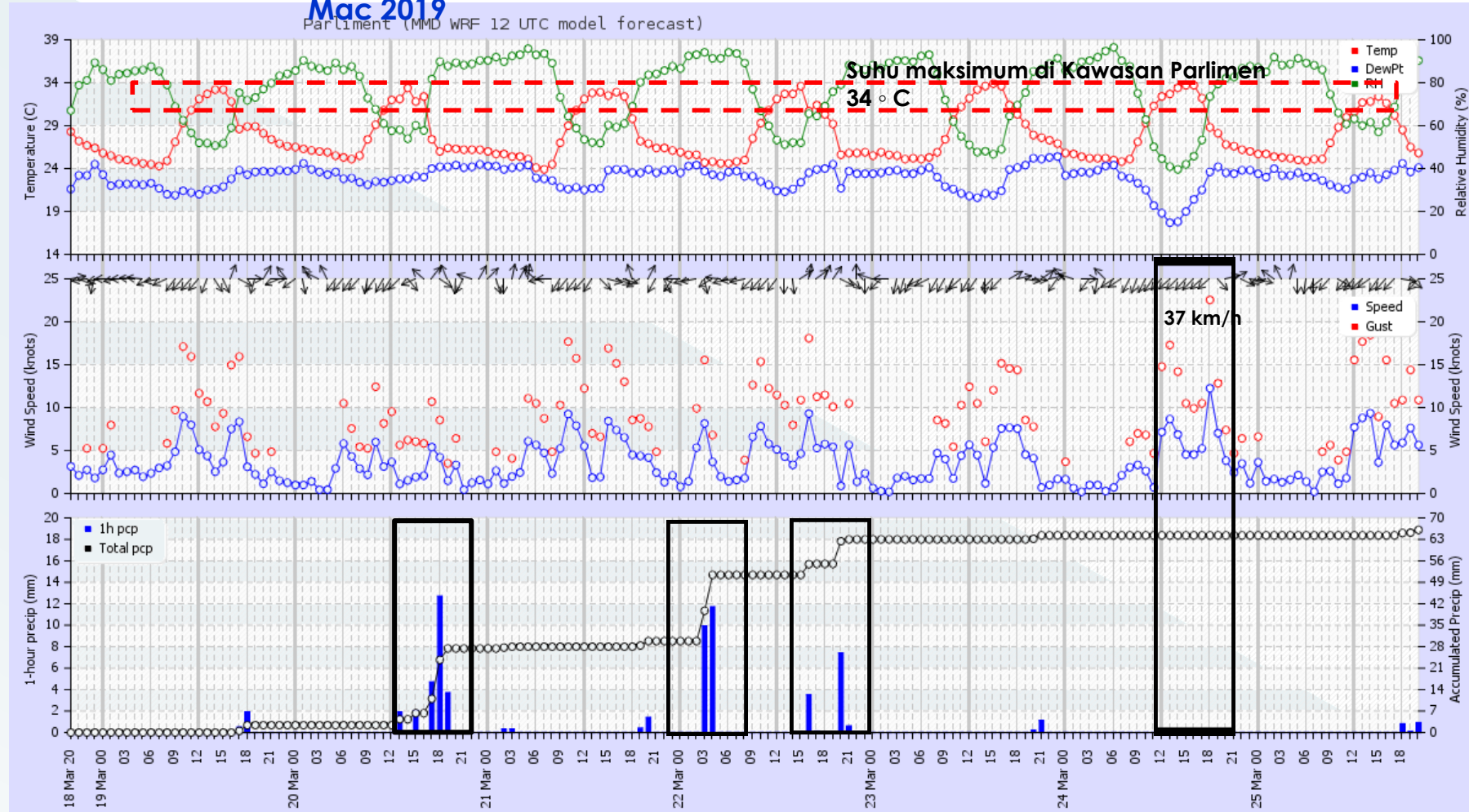
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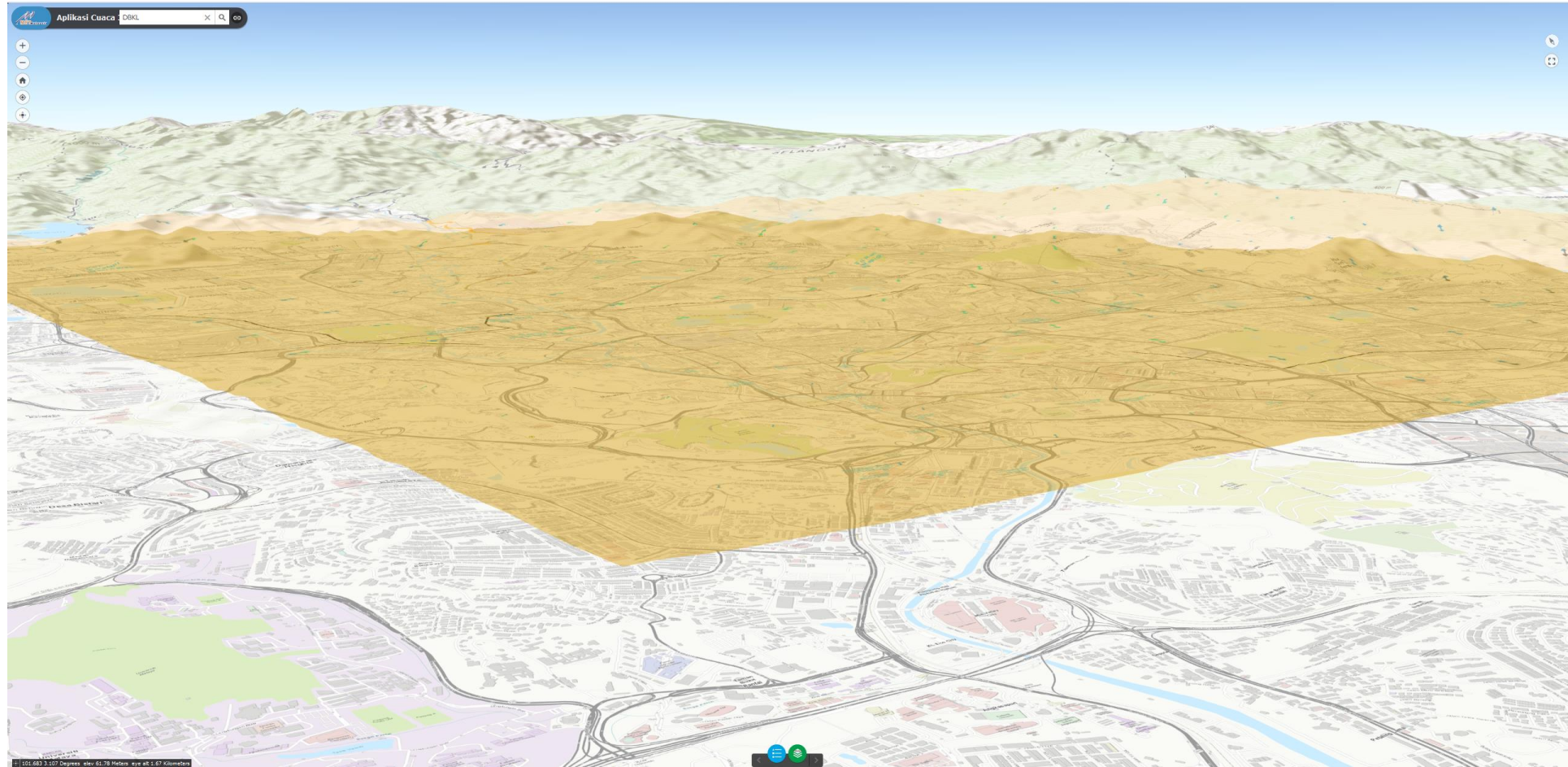


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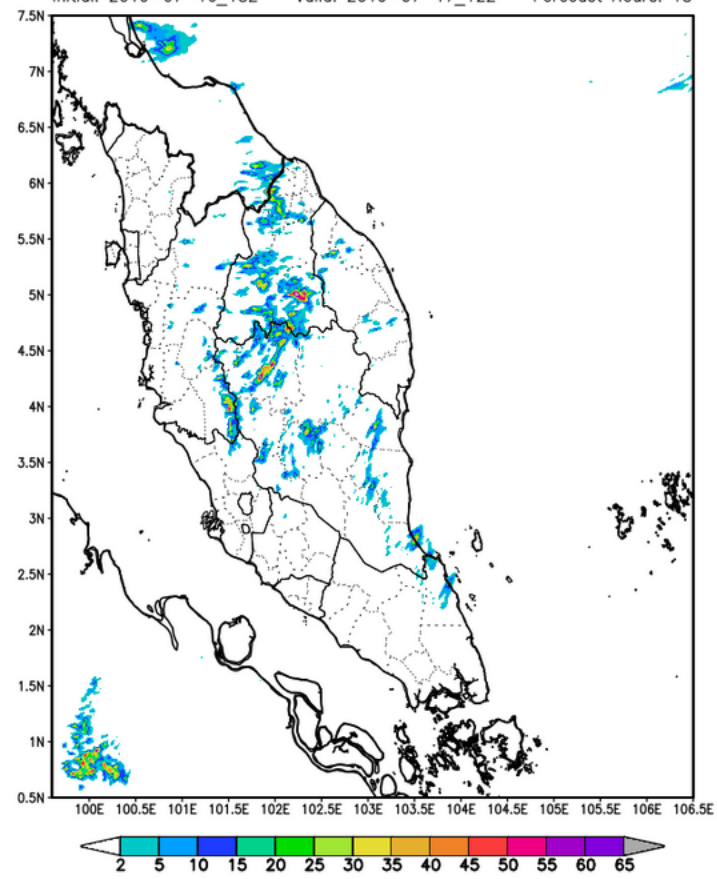
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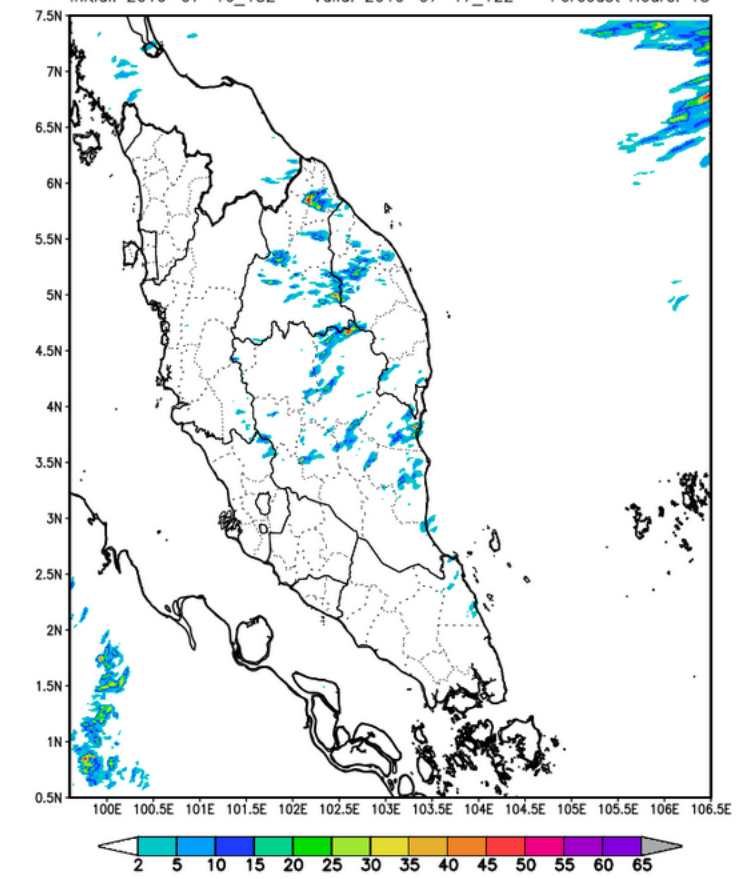
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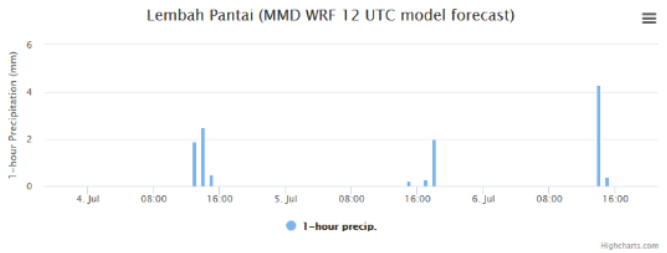
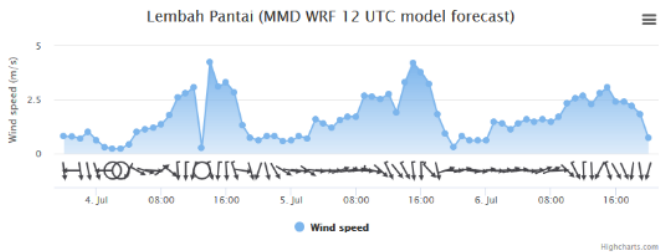
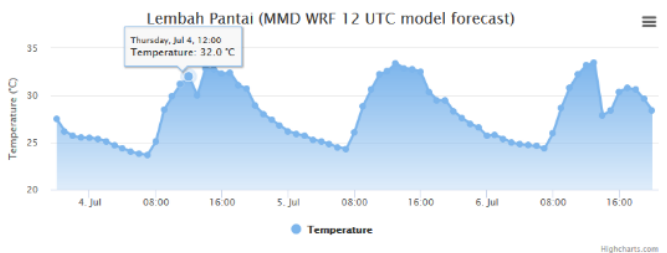
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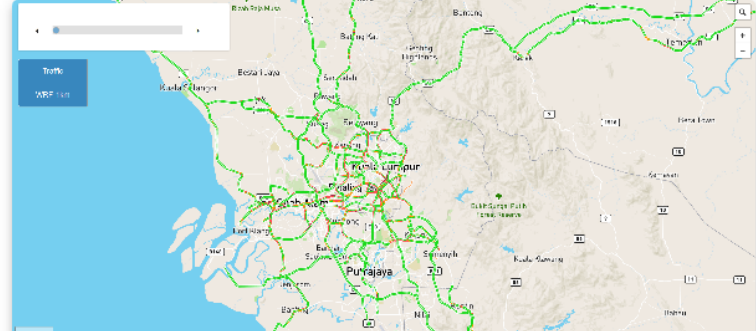
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CONCLUDING REMARKS

- The distribution of the deep mesoscale convective systems in this monsoonal region is strongly influenced by its unique topographic orientation and thus can differ significantly from those of other regions. Determining Convective initiation is an difficult task.**

- This is a data-sparse sea area, and the lack of long and comprehensive land data records pose severe limitations to our understanding of the key physical processes and the ability to provide reliable forecasts.**

- Need for an improved systematic observation network and better understanding of fundamental science to distinguish Atmospheric Convection such as Local circulation (ex. diurnal cycle), Large-scale Disturbances (ex. ENSO, MJO, equatorial waves) as well as the Monsoon onset/break**



Thank you