

New observation system for disaster monitoring with ground lightning networks and micro-satellite constellation

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Torrential rainfall and Typhoon



Floods paralyse Philippine capital Manila



BBC's Kate McGeown: "Roads have been turned into rivers"

"The flooding - neckdeep in some areas forced tens of thousands of people to flee their homes, closing schools, offices and the stock exchange."



Monitoring and understanding thunderstorm

is the key for disaster prevention of torrential rainfall and typhoon

Torrential rainfall

flood, inundation

Typhoon energy source = thunderstorm

flood, inundation violent wind high tide

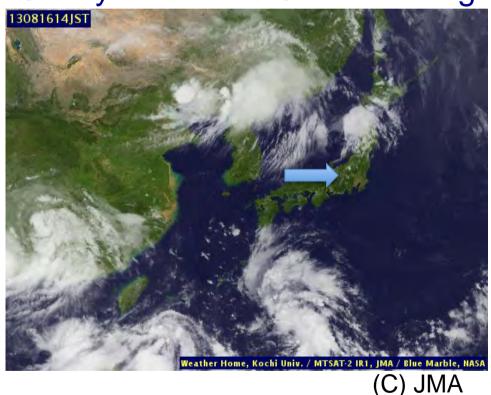
Lightning

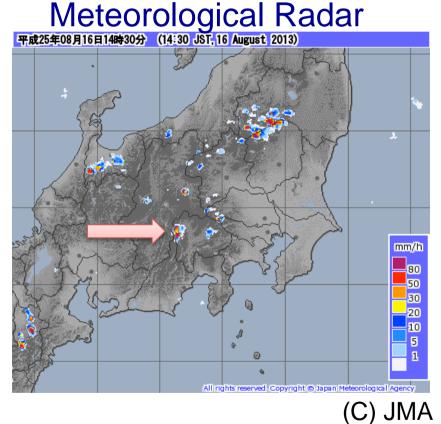
one of the main causes of internet trouble electrical blackout human life wild fire



Thunderstorm is difficult object to observe --- it's very strong but too tiny scale...

Geosynchronous Satellite Image





Geostationary Meteorological satellite: 0.5-1.0 km

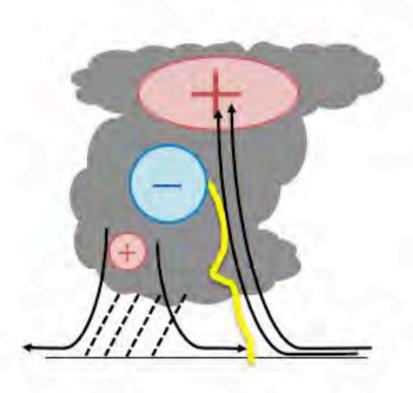
C band radar: resolution ~1-2 km



How to monitor thunderstorms?

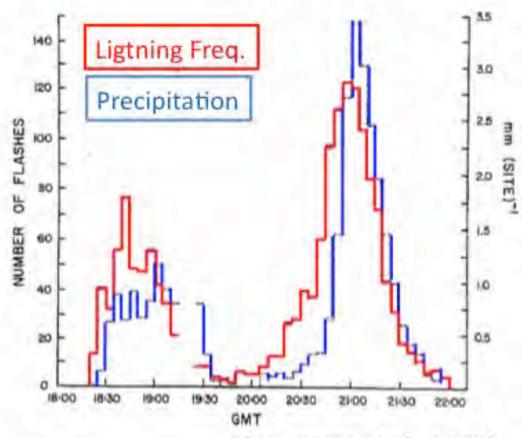
- Lightning observation on the ground
- On demand operation with micro-satellite

Charge distribution inside thunderstorm



Difficult to detect the inner structure of thunderstorm by existing networks

- AMEDAS (10 min., ~17 km)
- C band radar (5 min., ~1km)



(Piepgrass et al., 1982)



Lightning

Lightning data assimilation for meteorological forecast model

Observed data

(a)

(b)

(b)

(control (No ltg. assimilation)

Assim. NLDN+LMA. force qv, with suppression and fdbk

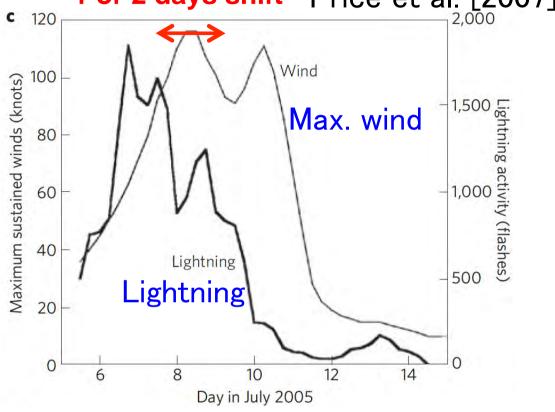
Successful in aspect of rain intensity and distribution in US

[Mansell et al., 2007]

Typhoon predicted by lightning?



1 or 2 days shift Price et al. [2007]

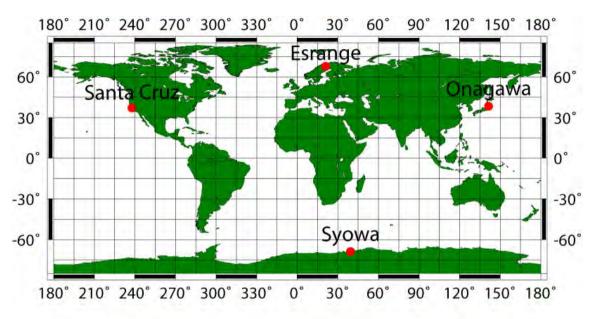


- Correlation ~0.82 !

We could predict intensity 1-2 days before.

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Global ELF Observation network: GEON





GEON sites

GEON Sensors

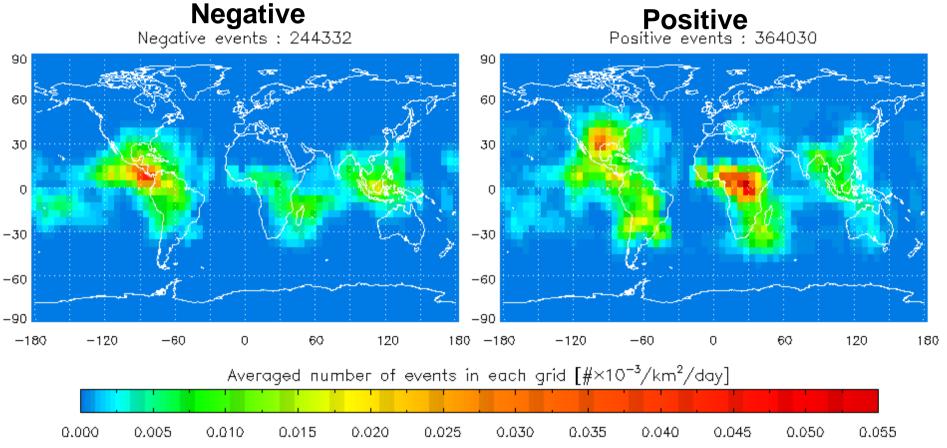
	Syowa(SYO)	Onagawa(ONG)	Esrange(ESR)
Location	39.506°E, 69.018°S	141.483°E, 38.433°N	21.100°E, 67.833°N
Declination angle	-48.489°	-7.7°	-
Sampling frequency	400Hz		
Low pass filter	100Hz		
High pass filter	1Hz		
Data span	2003/08/01~2004/7/31 (Observation day: 300 days)		



Global CG distribution (one year) by GEON

>950C-km

2003. 8- 2004.7



Number of events: Positive CG: 364,030, Negative CG: 244,332

Yamashita, Dr. Thesis, 2011



Outdoor system

Dipole antenna:

To measure electric field



Loop antenna:

To measure magnetic field

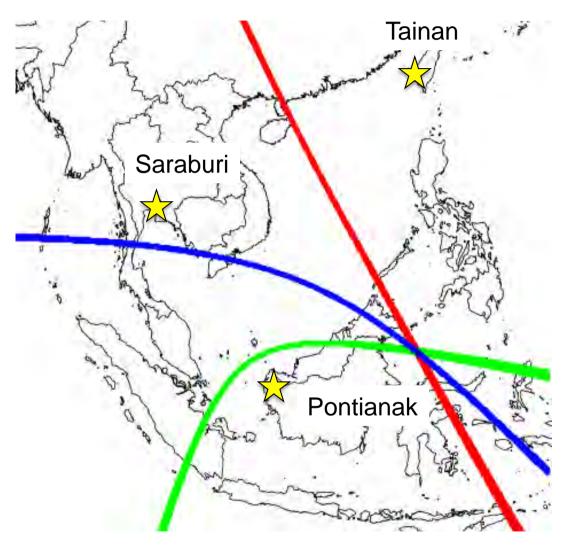


Figure. Dipole antenna (left panel) and loop antenna (right one) installed at Los Banos, Philippines.

10 K USD / site

Geolocation of lightning by Time-of-Arrival





Example of geolocation based on 3 stations observation.

 ΔT_1

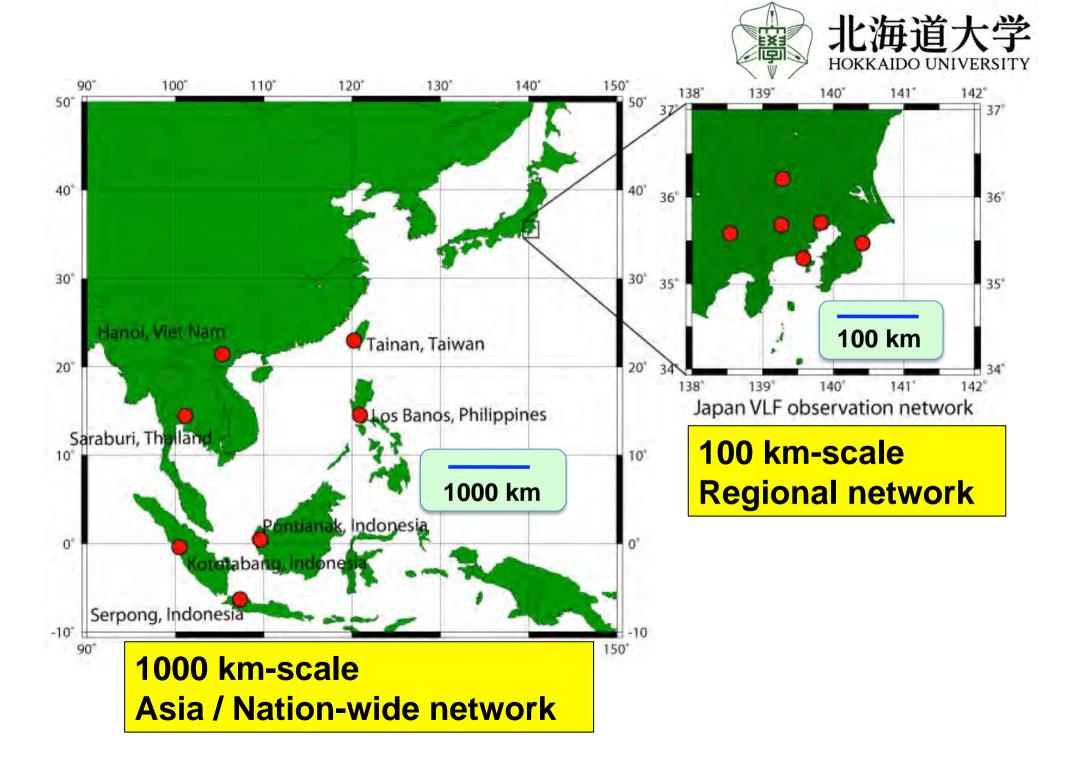
Difference of arrival timing between Tainan and Saraburi

 ΔT_2

Difference of arrival timing between Saraburi and Pontianak

 ΔT_3

Difference of arrival timing between Pontianak and Tainan



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Lighting and Cloud

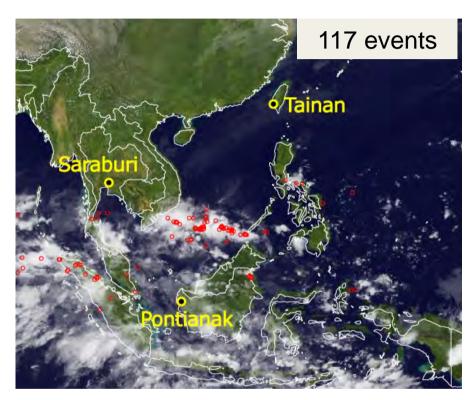


Figure. Lightning mapping on cloud data during 2010/12/01 17:00-18:00

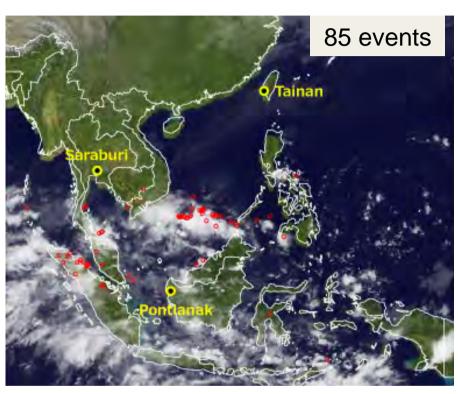
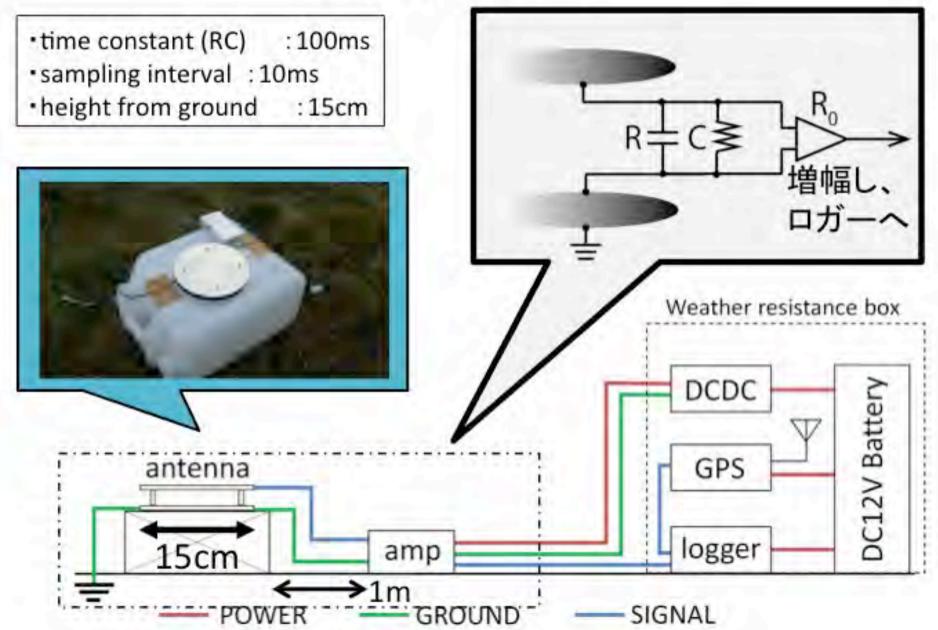


Figure. Lightning mapping on cloud data during 2010/12/01 18:00-19:00

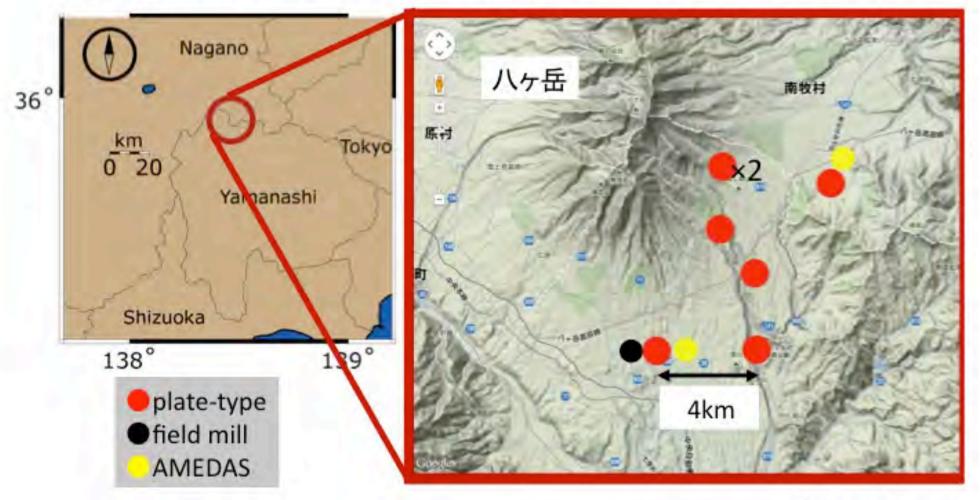
- Span: 2010/12/0117:00-19:00
- Analyzed events: 202 events

More detail observation with simpler and cheaper sensors

Plate-type sensor 100 USD / site



Multi-point observation campaign (2013/08/11-08/23)

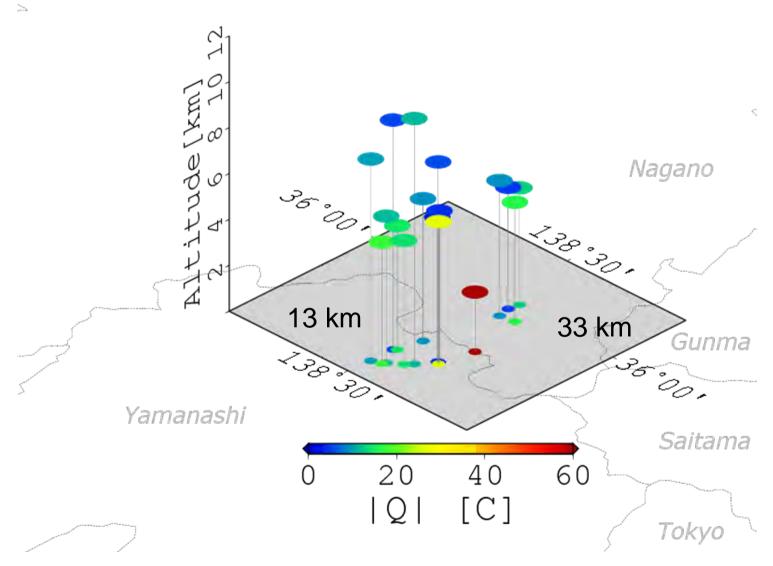


©Google map

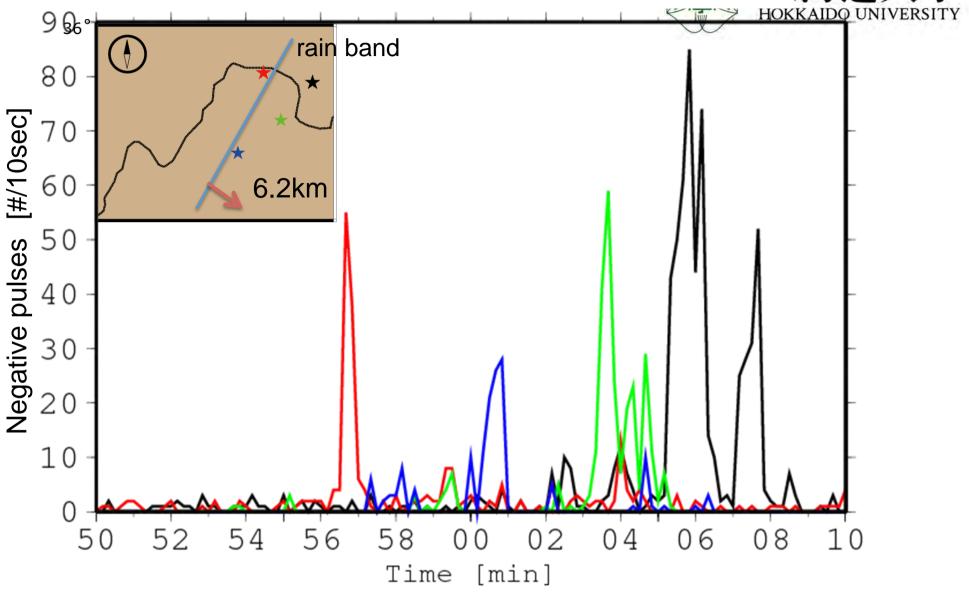
- distributed at 4 km distance in 7km×7km range in mountain area
- 7 plate-type sensors and 1 field mill sensor
- lightning and rain drops are recorded on 3 days



estimated locations of discharges (2013/08/15, 12:00-15:00)

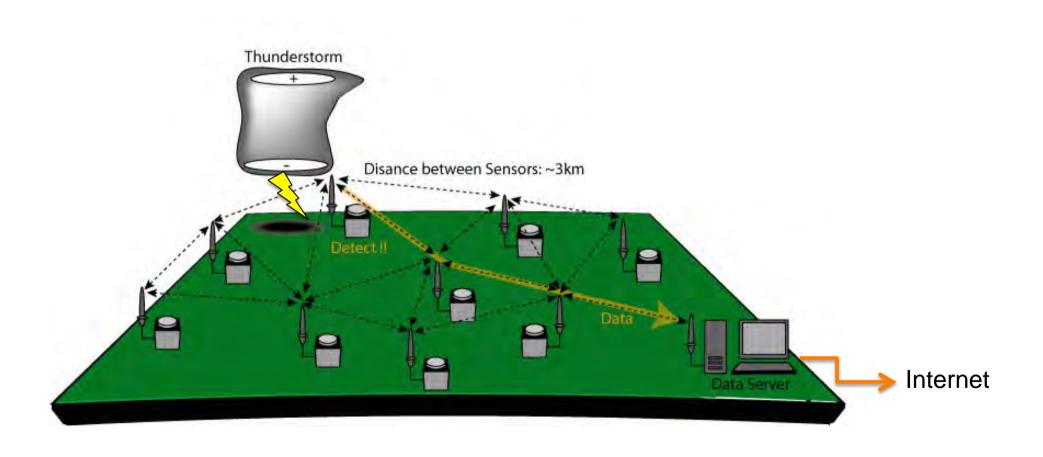


Negative pulses recorded at 4 site的道大学

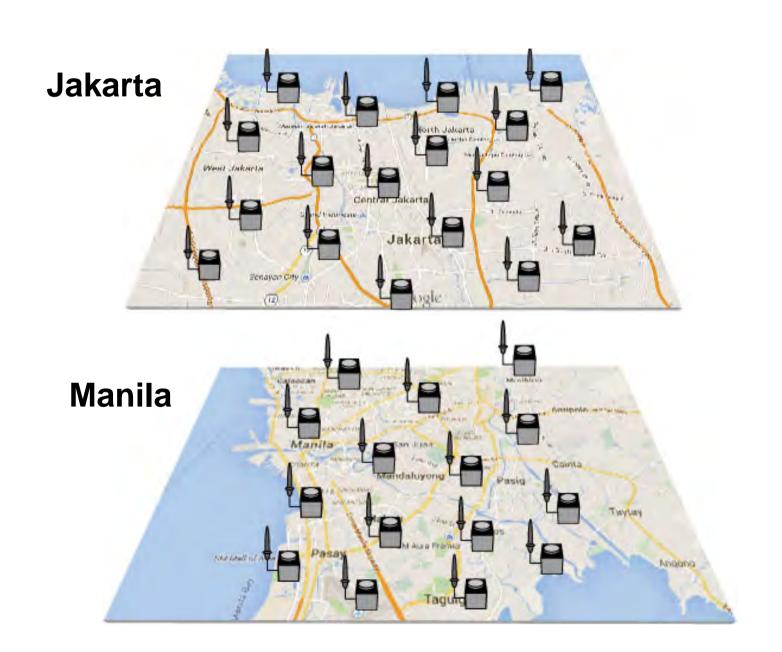


- Estimated velocity of rain band motion: 34m/s
- spatial resolution is an order of few 100s m.





~15 sites are enough to cover big city area



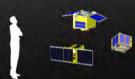


Breakthrough occurred in 2014 in utilization of very small satellites

Micro-satellite

Larger-satellite

50kg



300kg - 6000kg

3-5M USD

Quick fabrication (One year)

On-demand operation based on User's purposes

> A few 100M USD

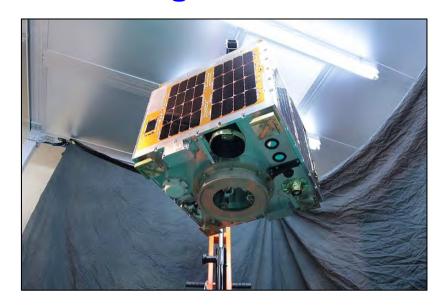
Long period (>10years)

To carry heavy equipments

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RISING-2 satellite

survived the big earthquake on the table of a building in Tohoku University

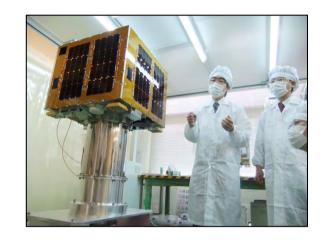






RISING-2 (launched May 24, 2014)



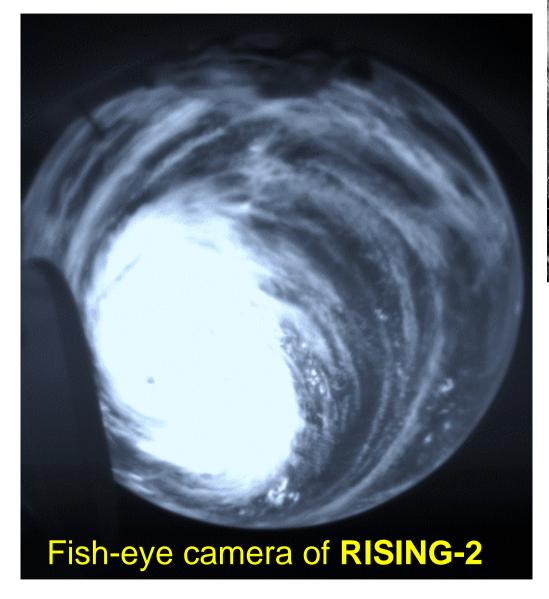


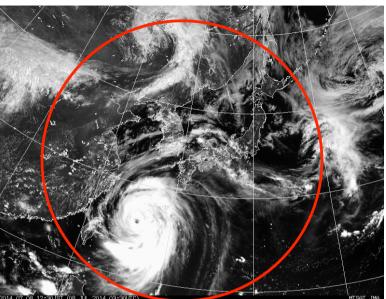


Operation at lab. (or at home)

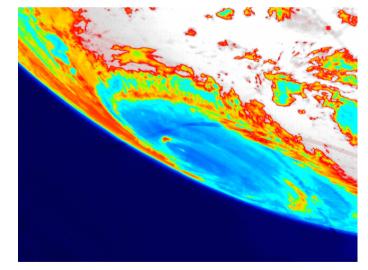


Typhoon 2014-#8 Nogree





from geosynchronous orbit



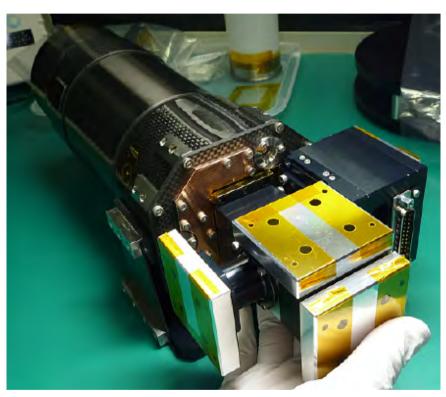
Thermal Infrared Image by RISING-2





5m resolution color image one of the best with 50 kg-class satellite

High Precision Telescope with Liquid Tunable Filter (HPT with LCTF) the world first super multicolor LCTF imager in space



- Size: W380xD161xH124mm
- Weight: < 3.0 kg

- 1-m focal length, 10-cm dia. (F10), Case grain telescope
- 5-m resolution (659 x 494 pixels)
- 3-CCD (R,G,B) + Multi spectrum CCD
- Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter (LCTF)
 - range: 650 1050nm
 - 1-nm step selection (400 wavelengths)
 - order of 10s-msec switching time
- High sensitive (ISO8000)
- 1/50,000s min. exposure time
- light and strong stiffness CFRP structure
- zero-expansion high stiffness ceramic mirror (ZPF)

Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter camera

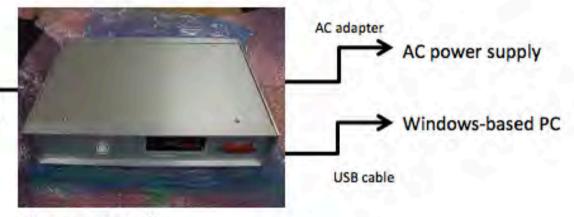


Airborne Multicolor Imager (AMI)



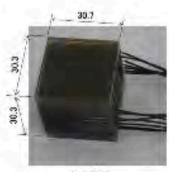
Multispectral Camera

- Wide FOV lens
- High-sensitive CCD
- Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter (LCTF) for Visible
- 190 x 100 x 100 mm
- 1.3 kg



Camera controller

- 100-240 V AC input
- USB 2.0 interface
- 300 x 200 x 60 mm
- 2.0 kg



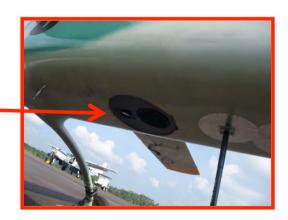
LCTF

Specifi	cations	
Wavelength range	420 - 700 nm	
Band width (FWHM)	8 - 25 nm	
Response time	< 0.3 sec	
Frame rate	> 1 frame /sec	
Number of pixels	659 x 494	
Field of view	92 degree	

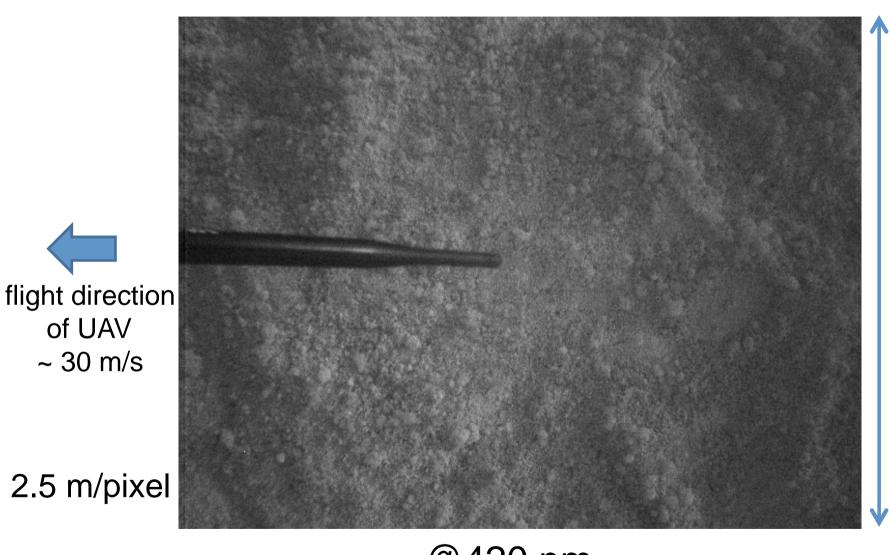


Aircraft (UAV) campaign with AMI in Java (2012/10/29-31)





UAV developed and owned by **BPPT**

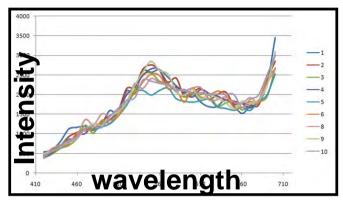


@420 nm

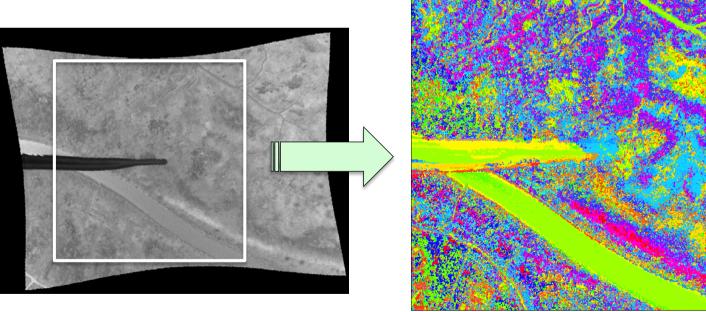
18h:40m:08s:918ms



900 m



from 30 wavelengths



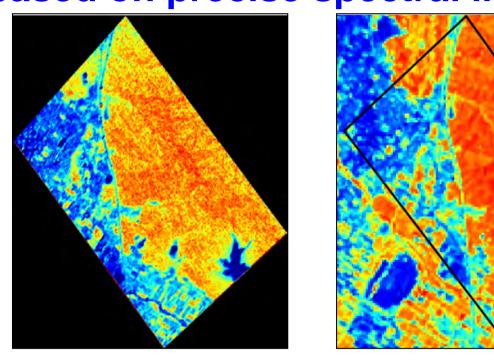
classification of species or monitoring condition for each tree...

"disaster" and "usual environment"

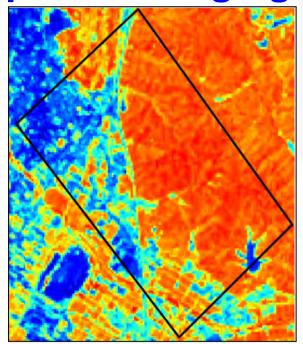


NDVI (vegetation index) = forest and crops

based on precise spectral imaging



RISING-2 (2014/9/14)



Landsat-8 (2013/8/14)



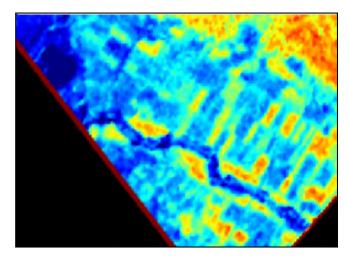


Hikone city

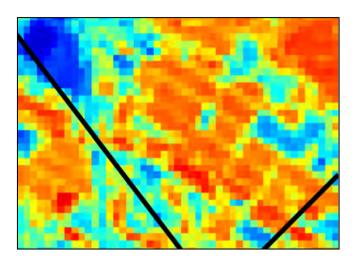
the detection of detail effects of disaster, such as tsunami, sea water, volcano ... pollution caused by disaster, on crops or environment.



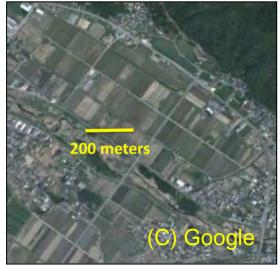
The world's best resolution of spectral imaging



RISING-2 5 m/pixel

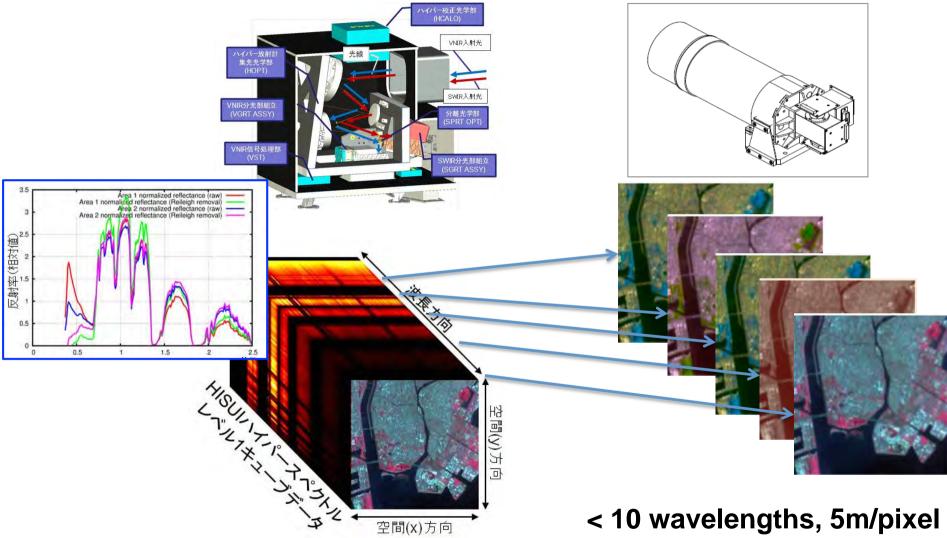


LANDSAT-8
30 m/pixel





Hyperspectral sensor **LCTF** camera

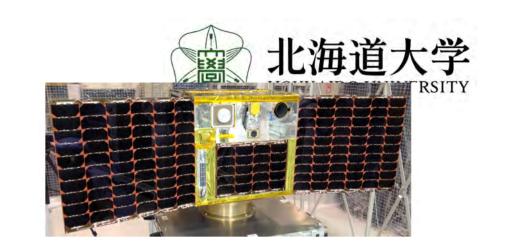


185 wavelengths, 30 m/pixel

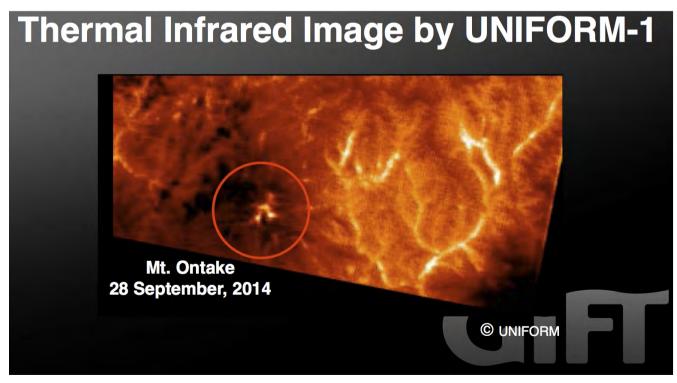
< 10 wavelengths, 5m/pixel

UNIFORM-1 satellite

by University Union in Japan launched in May, 2014 HU is in charge of sensor and data analysis



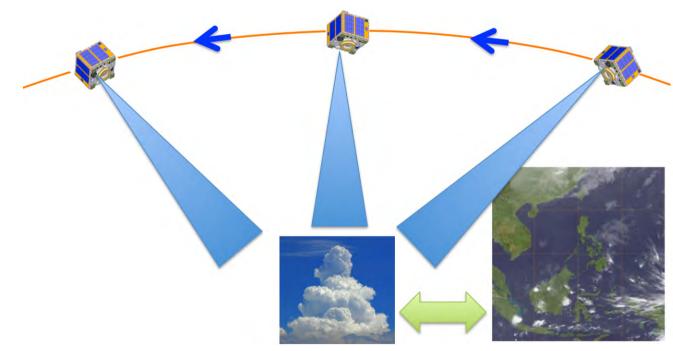
dedicated to forest fire detection + monitoring of volcano



the earliest satellite report at infrared wavelength

Target Pointing by precise attitude control

- ... most of big satellites make pushbroom scan by orbital motion...1 time / 16 days
- Flexible on-demand operation covering from nadir to horizon (>5000 km in diameter) enables frequent visiting (2 times / day in daytime)
- 3-D reconstruction



10m resolution by micro-sat.

0.5-1km res. by meteorological sat.



~50 satellites realize continuous monitoring

- usually used for environmental research or agriculture/fisheries...
- once disaster happened, concentrate on the disaster area under international consortium

Asian Micro-satellite Consortium

sharing technologies, data and application methods

establishing **standardization** of sensors and BUS operating system

collaboration in making **ground** validation





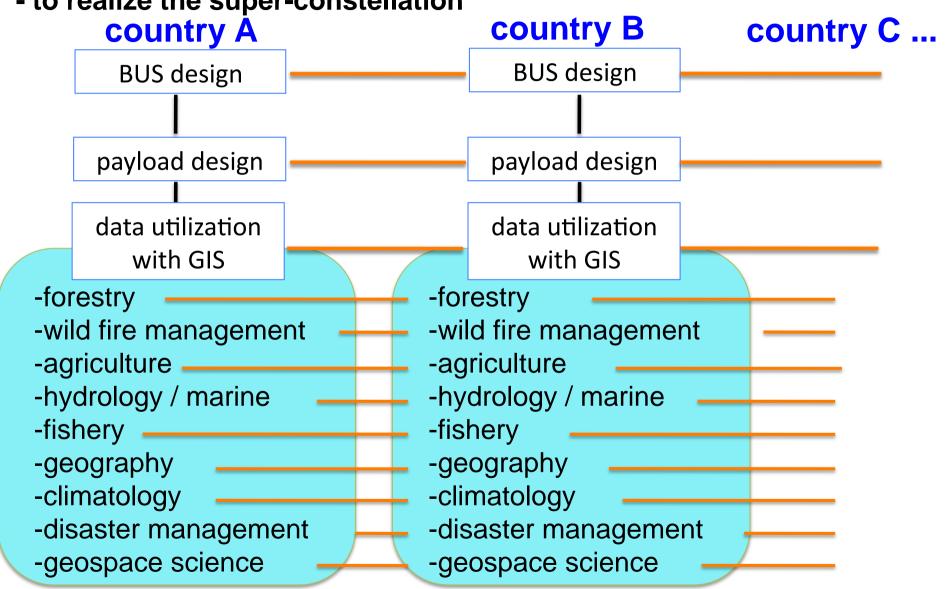
being contacted universities, space agency, and government in Asian countries.

To be started with ~10 countries officially soon. (now under the final correction of MOU)

Asian Micro-satellite Consortium

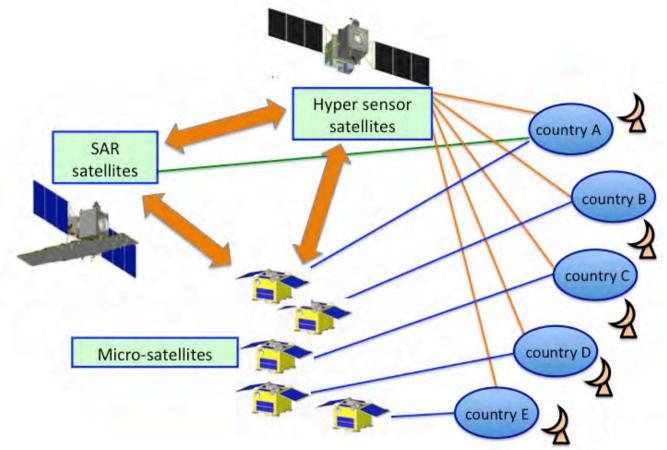


- to maximize the efficiency of space use
- to realize the super-constellation

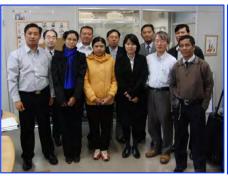


Space Remote-sensing Alliance

promoted by Asian Micro-satellite Consortium









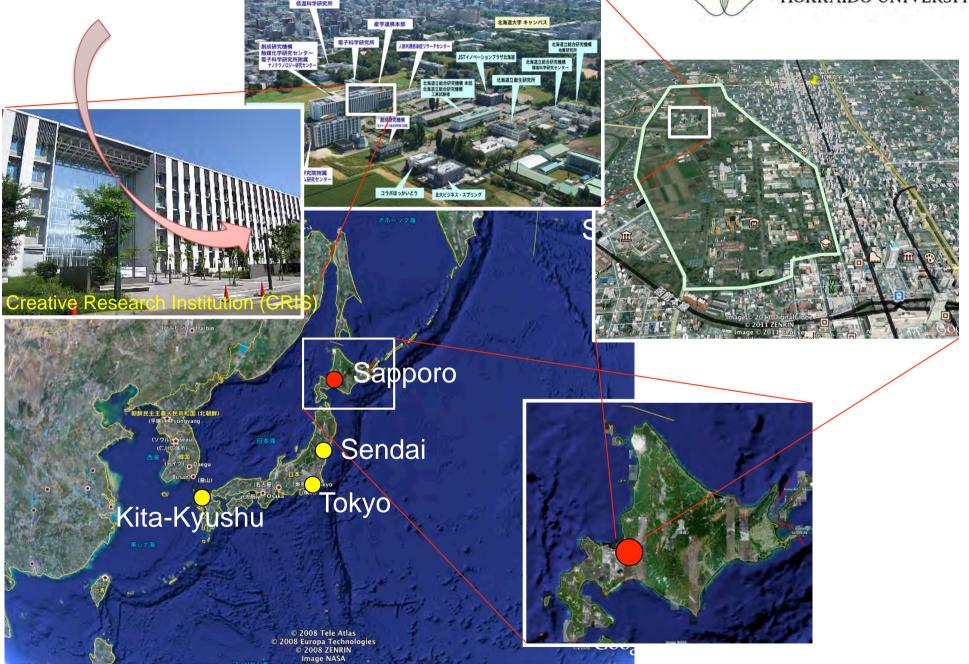
Philippines

Myanmar

representatives from 6 countries

Space Mission Center (SMC) of H.U.





Facilities for development and testing in microsatellite development lab.



One stop site for micro-satellite development



- Vibration test facility,
- Shock test facility,
- Radio wave darkroom are available at Hokkaido Research Organization

