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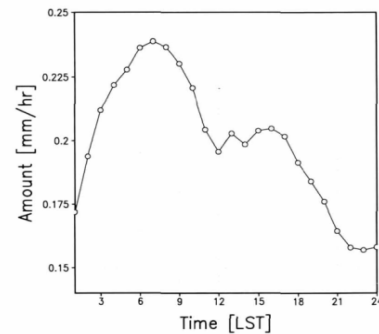




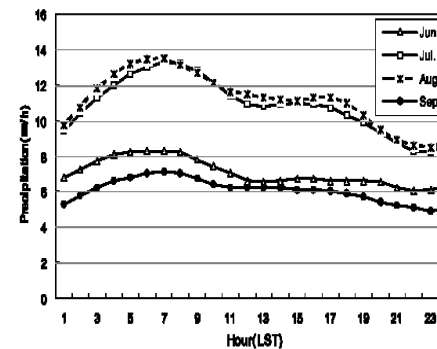
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SURFACE-BASED OBSERVATION



Diurnal variation of 17-year averaged hourly precipitation amount for Apr-Oct over South Korea [Lim and Kwon, 1998]



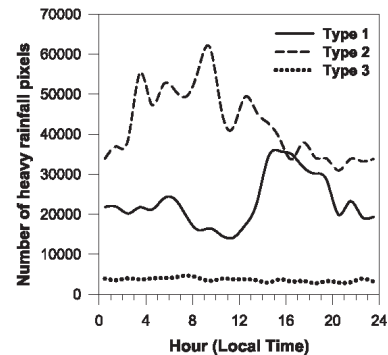
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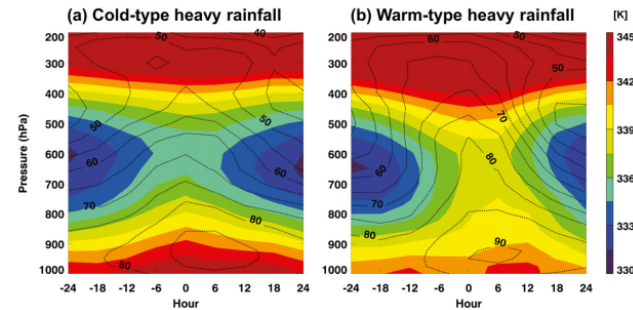
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SATELLITE OBSERVATION (2002-2011 TRMM)



Diurnal variation of the occurrence of heavy rainfall over South Korea [Song and Sohn, 2015]



Vertical structure of composited equivalent potential temperature (color, K) and relative humidity (dotted line, %) for heavy rainfall over the Korean peninsula [Song and Sohn, 2015]

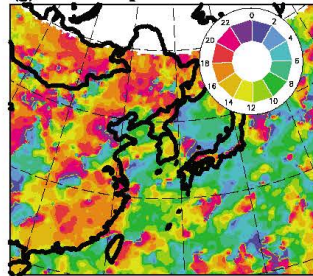
Modelling Issues in Simulating Diurnal Variation of Precipitation

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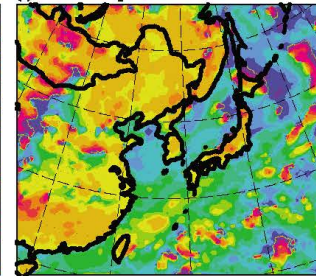
- ✓ The realistic simulation of diurnal cycle of precipitating convection, in particular, over the land is one of major shortcomings of physical parameterizations of numerical models.
- ✓ Models tend to **advance the time of the maximum precipitation over the land** [e.g. Yang and Slingo, 2001]

SATELLITE OBSERVATION & MODELING

(g) TMPA S1 phase



(i) WRF S1 phase



Critical deficiency in modeling studies :
phase shift problem (too early in the afternoon peak)

Phase explained by precipitation diurnal cycle simulated for JJA 2006 over East Asia [Koo and Hong, 2010]



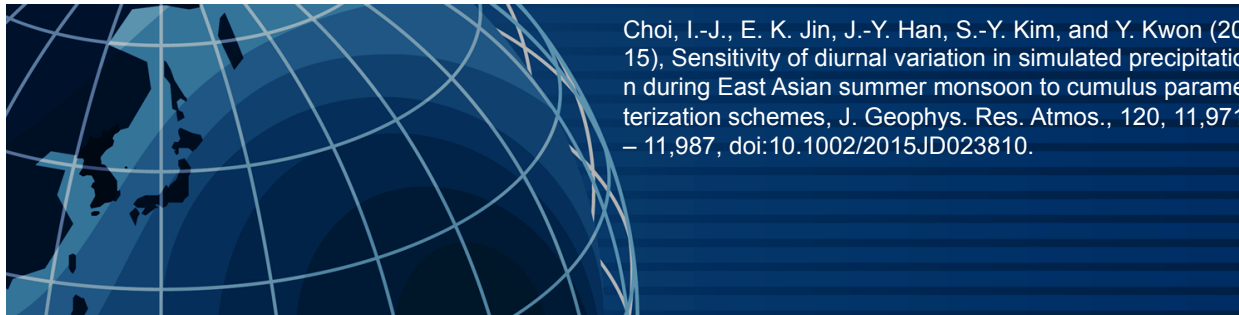
Background and Objectives

✓ To improve the diurnal cycle of precipitation

- **Different cumulus parameterization scheme** - Simulated diurnal cycle of precipitation tends to be very sensitive to the **CPS** in land area due to the convection by surface radiative heating [Bechtold et al., 2008; Koo and Hong., 2010].
- **Increasing horizontal resolution** - The impacts of **horizontal resolution in models with CPS** are rather **inconsistent** among previous studies on diurnal cycle of precipitation [Lee et al., 2007; Dirmeyer et al., 2012], while the life cycle and maximum intensity of convective systems could strongly depend on the model horizontal resolution in cloud resolving model [e.g. Petch et al., 2002].
- **Testing convection-permitting** – CRM can reproduce **realistic diurnal variations of rainfall in phase, intensity, period and spatial structure** [Sato et al., 2009; Dirmeyer et al., 2012].
- **Modifying the cumulus parameterization scheme** - A diagnostic convective closure linked to boundary layer forcing derived by Bechtold et al. [2014] significantly improved the diurnal cycle of convection.



Diurnal Variations of Precipitation with Different Cumulus Parameterization Schemes



Choi, I.-J., E. K. Jin, J.-Y. Han, S.-Y. Kim, and Y. Kwon (2015), Sensitivity of diurnal variation in simulated precipitation during East Asian summer monsoon to cumulus parameterization schemes, *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.*, 120, 11,971 – 11,987, doi:10.1002/2015JD023810.



Model and Experimental Design

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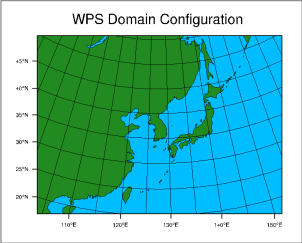
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KF
SAS
BMJ
TDK
KFtr

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Model and Experimental Design

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KF	Mass-flux	Perturbation based on low-level vertical motion	Variability of cloud radius and cloud-depth threshold allowed	CAPE closure
SAS	Mass-flux	Parcel buoyancy	Height and RH dependent	Quasi-equilibrium Closure
BMJ	Adjustment	CAPE, cloud depth threshold value, and moist sounding needed	Convection profiles and relaxation time depends on cloud efficiency	
TDK	Mass-flux	Moisture convergence	RH dependent	CAPE closure
KFtr	Mass-flux	Perturbation based on local average moisture advection	Same as KF	Same as KF

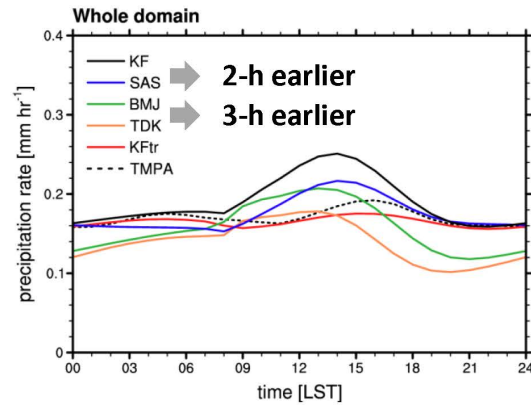
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Composited Diurnal Variations of Precipitation over East Asia

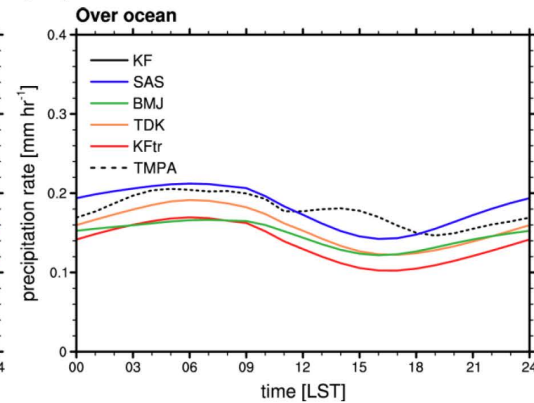
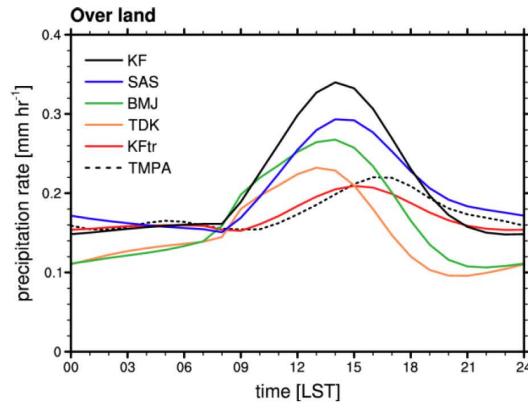
Observation :

- Two peaks in the early morning at 05 LST and late afternoon at 16 LST.



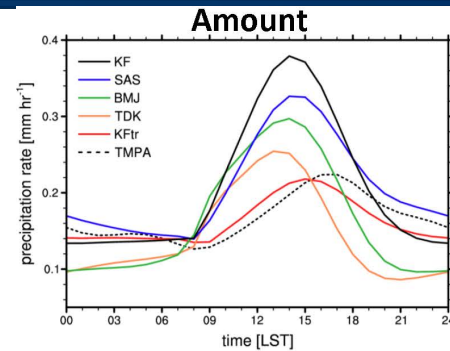
Simulation :

- Afternoon peaks with larger amplitude and earlier timing compared to the TMPA.
- KFtr scheme alleviates the excessive precipitation rate and delayed the afternoon peak by 1–2 h.





Diurnal Variations of Frequency and Intensity over Land



Over land

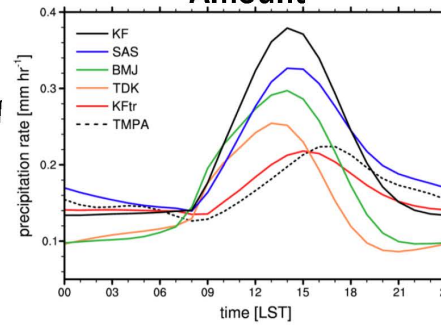
- Precipitation Amount: frequency X intensity
 - Frequency: percentage of time having measurable precipitation during analysis period
 - Intensity: precipitation rate during the precipitating time



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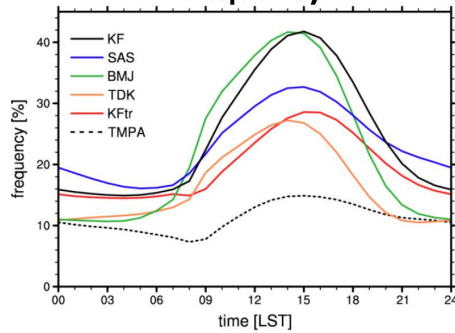
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Amount



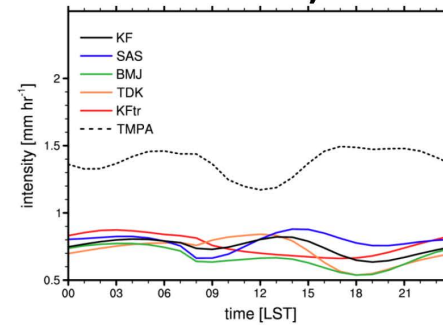
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Frequency



Higher frequency
and much lower
intensity
than TMPA.

Intensity

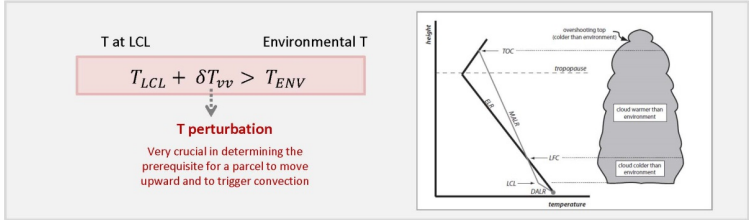


Overestimation of frequency
→ Amplitude and phase error

Out-of-phase intensity
→ Intensified phase error



Impact of Trigger Function on Diurnal Variations



Kain and Fritsch (1993, 2004)
: the role of **convergence** in destabilizing and moistening atmosphere

$$\delta T_{vv} = c_1 w_g^{1/3}$$

Grid-resolved vertical motion

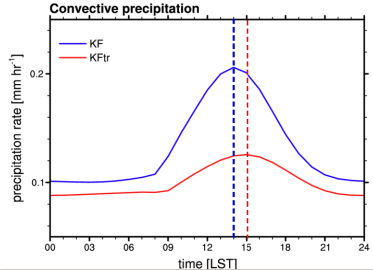
Modified Kain and Fritsch [Ma and Tan (2009)]
: the role of **moisture advection** in destabilizing and moistening atmosphere

$$\delta T_{vv} = R_h \delta T_{vvh} + R_v \delta T_{vvv}$$

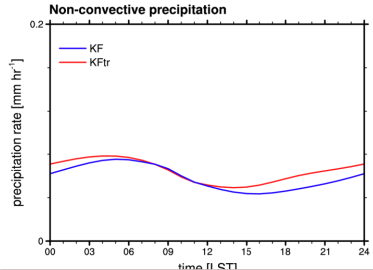
9 closest grid points 3 sigma levels

$$R_{h/v} = \frac{(\vec{v}_M \cdot \nabla q_M)_{h/v} - \text{Min}(\vec{v}_M \cdot \nabla q_M)_{h/v}}{\text{Max}(\vec{v}_M \cdot \nabla q_M)_{h/v} - \text{Min}(\vec{v}_M \cdot \nabla q_M)_{h/v}}$$

$0 < R_{h/v} < 1$



Less sensitive initiation of convection activity due to the determination of temperature anomaly in trigger function and less frequent convective precipitation
→ Delayed peak in convective precipitation.



Through the interaction between convection and microphysics, non-convective precipitation increases in late afternoon. ◊
→ Delayed peak in convective precipitation is shifted to late afternoon.



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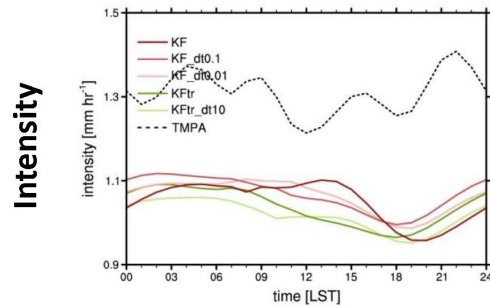
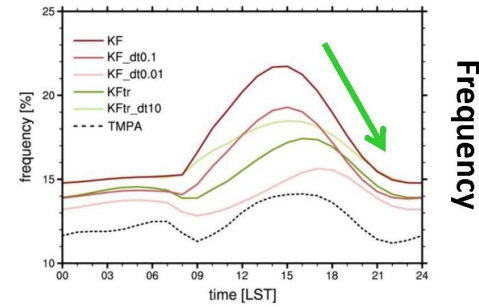
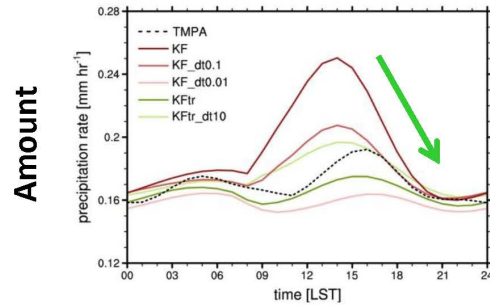
$$T_{LCL} + \delta T_{vv} > T_{ENV}$$

The KF scheme : the role of convergence

$$\delta T_{vv} = c_1 w_g^{1/3}$$

The KFtr scheme : the role of moisture advection

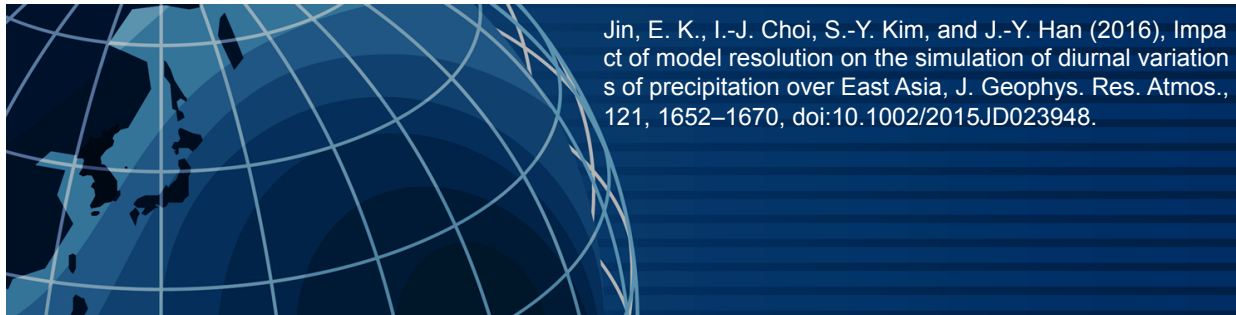
$$\delta T_{vv} = R_h \delta T_{vvh} + R_v \delta T_{vvv}$$



Modulation of trigger function can lead to improved diurnal cycle, but fails to improve statistical skill scores of precipitation.



Impact of Model Resolution on the Simulation of Diurnal Variations of Precipitation

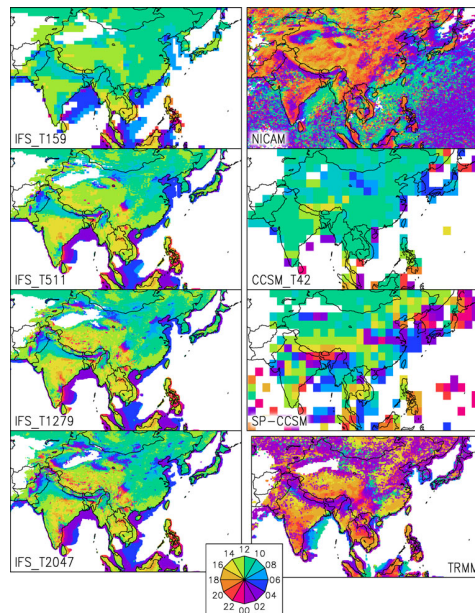


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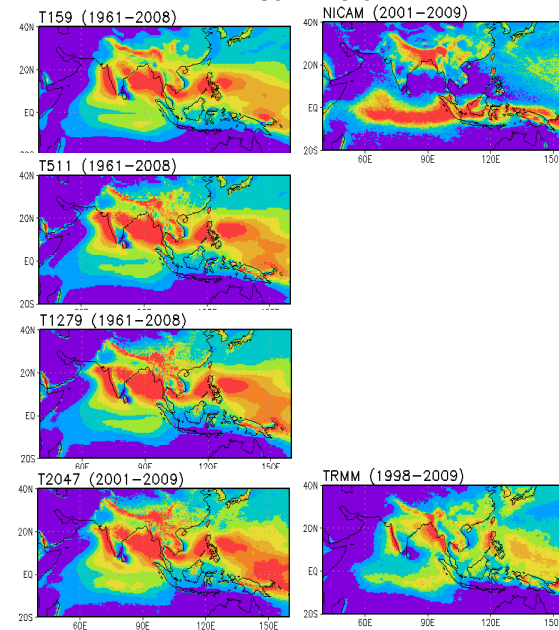
Project Athena: Resolution vs. Process-resolving

Diurnal Variation



The local hour of maximum precipitation during JJA [Dirmeyer et al. 2012]

Mean Field

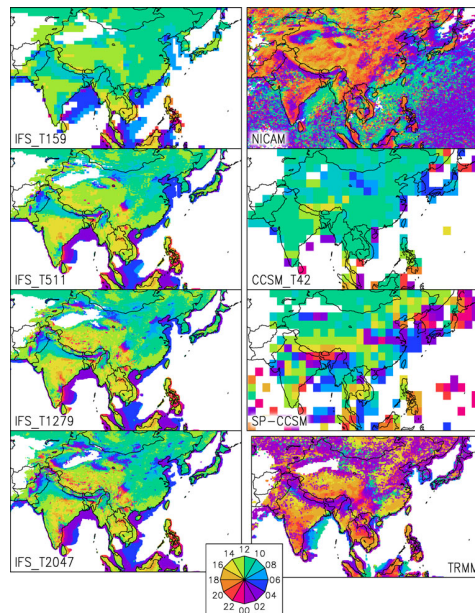


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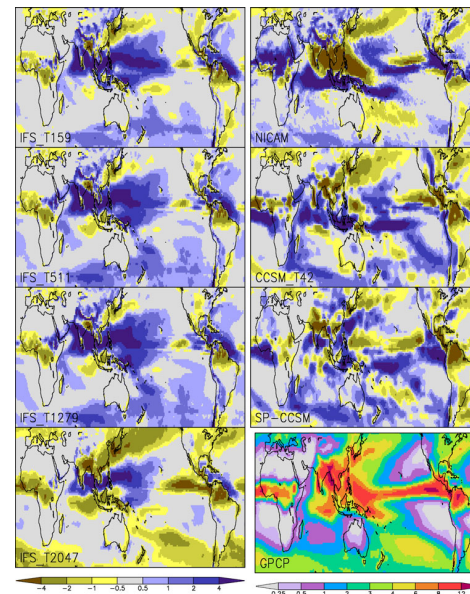
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Bias of Mean Field



Mean JJA precipitation from GPCP and the error relative to GPCP for the various global model integrations [Dirmeyer et al. 2012]



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Convection	CPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAS • Kain-Fritsch (KF) • Kain-Fritsch with modified trigger (KFtr)
	No CPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • convection-permitting (CP)

➤ **Experimental design**

Model	WRF ARW v3.6		
Initial condition and lateral BC	NCEP RA2		
Surface BC	OISST 6-hourly update		
Vertical resolution	30 levels upto 50 mb		
Horizontal resolution	50	27	9
Time step	180	72	30
Domain (East Asia)	108X79	200X146	588X434
Period	JJA 2006 (from 00UTC 21~25 May to 00UTC 1 Sep 2006)		
Ensembles	5 member (ICs from 00UTC 21 to 25 May 2006)		

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Seasonal mean circulation fields in JJA 2006

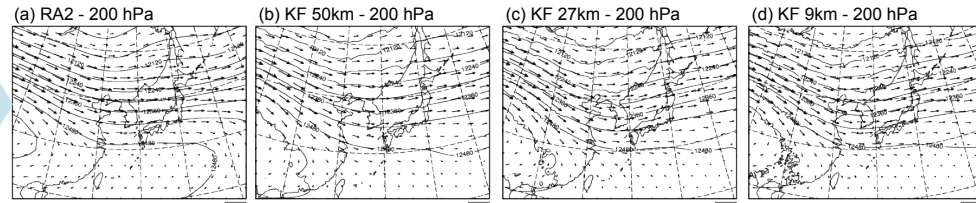
Reanalysis

50 km

27 km

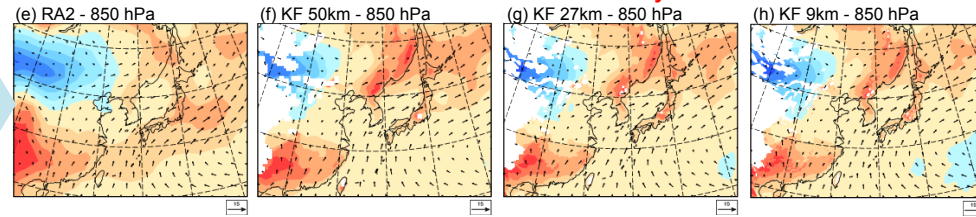
9 km

200 hPa GPH and wind



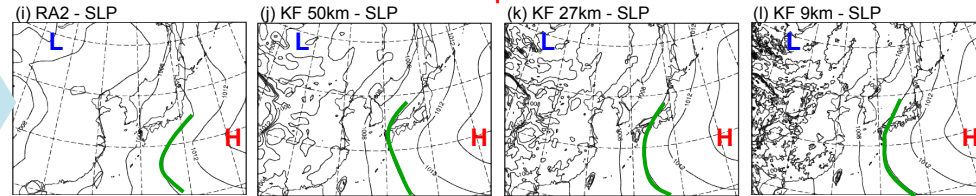
The upper-level jet along the 40°N associated with the summer monsoon rainfall in the south.

850 hPa wind and relative humidity



The southerly low-level jet (LLJ) brings the warm and moist air northeastward following to the western edge of the northwestern Pacific High.

Sea level pressure

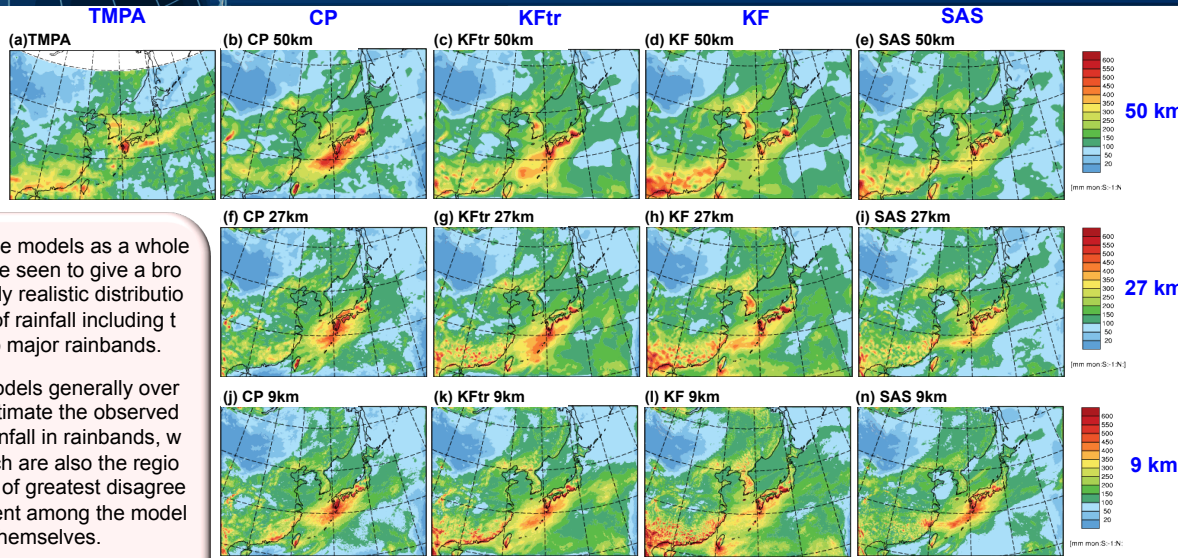


The east-west pressure gradient pattern with a high pressure in the northwestern Pacific and a low pressure in the eastern China.

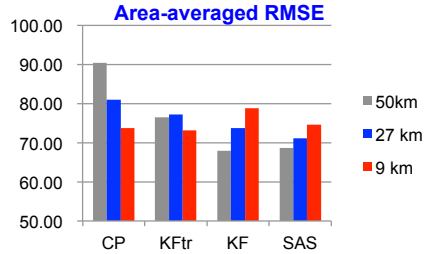
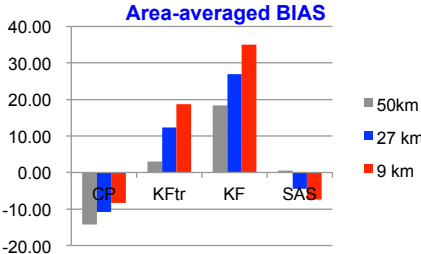
The synoptic features of seasonal mean circulation in the KF runs of 50, 27 and 9 km are close to each other except the surface pressure patterns in the eastern China associated with the realistic representation of orography with increasing resolution.



Seasonal mean precipitation in JJA 2006

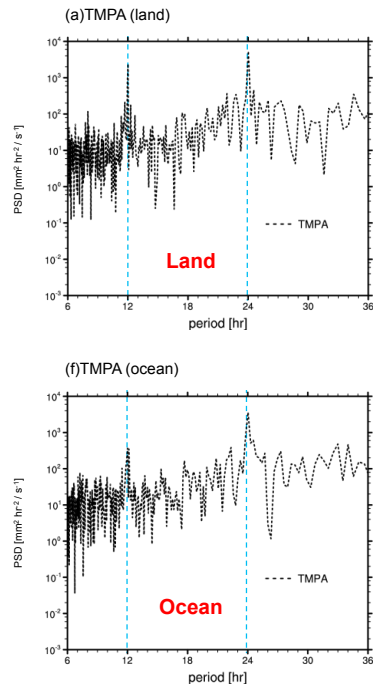


- The models as a whole are seen to give a broadly realistic distribution of rainfall including two major rainbands.
- Models generally overestimate the observed rainfall in rainbands, which are also the regions of greatest disagreement among the models themselves.
- The seasonal mean pattern of rainfall doesn't change substantially with increasing resolution.





Power spectrum density of precipitation

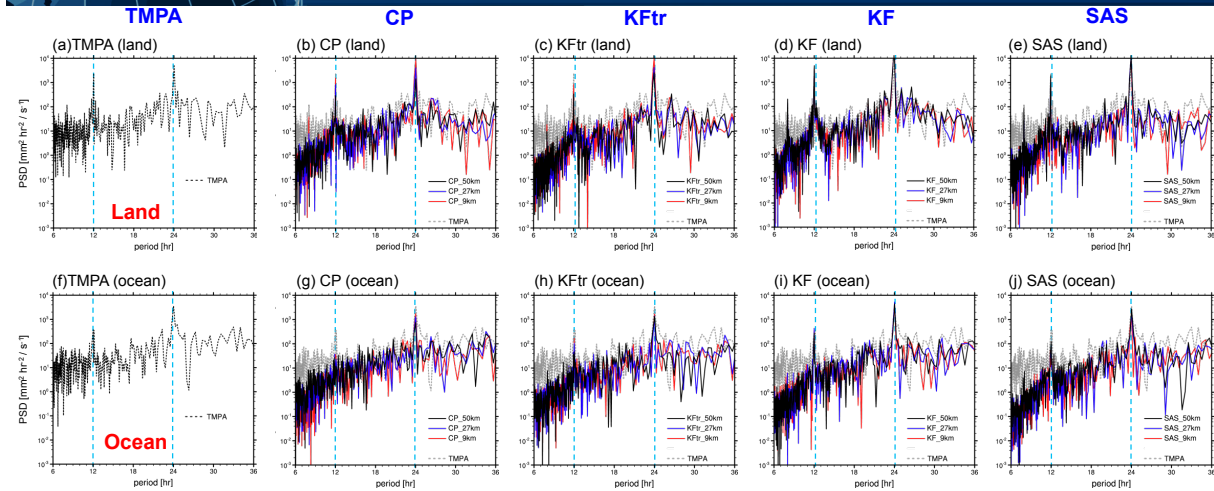


- Power spectrum density: a forward complex discrete Fourier transform of a real periodic sequence is conducted with the removal of the least square linear trend of time

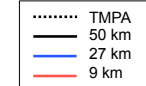
- The observed diurnal variation of the summer rainfall in East Asia is characterized by two maximum peaks at 24-hr (diurnal cycle) and 12-hr (semi-diurnal cycle), especially over the land



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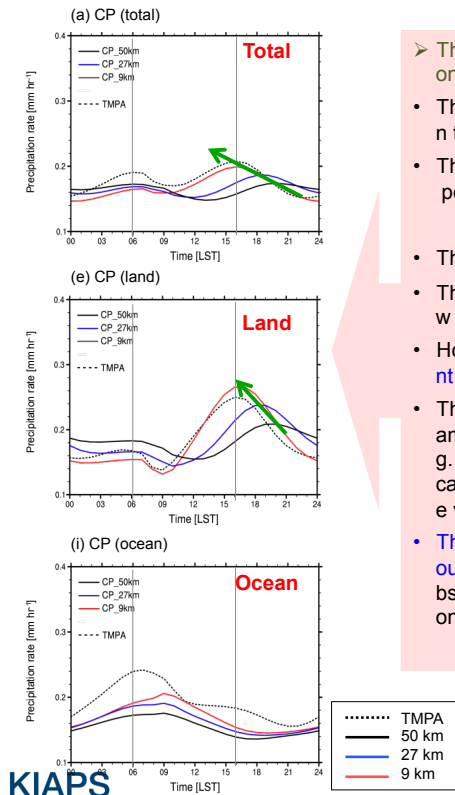


- Models reproduce two peaks of diurnal and semi-diurnal cycle very well from lowest to highest resolution, although they rather overestimate the amplitude of simulated PSD over the land.
- The power of the 24-hr and 12-hr peak gets stronger with respect to increasing resolution over the land in the KFtr and CP runs.





Diurnal variations of precipitation



➤ The diurnal variations of precipitation on the 1-hourly precipitation on the

- The observed diurnal variation of total precipitation is dominated by the early morning at 0600 LST and the afternoon peak is dominant over the ocean.

- The CP runs reproduce two peaks very well over the ocean, but the afternoon peak is weak in low resolution CP runs.
- However, the afternoon peak of 9-km resolution CP runs is comparable with observation with realistic amplitude.

- There is a remarkable resolution dependence of the diurnal cycle of rainfall over the ocean. For example, the high resolution CRMs are only capable of the greatest realism in terms of explicitly resolving the vertical structure of cloud systems [e.g. Petch et al., 2002].

- The 9-km looks good enough to mimic the observed features in our case, nevertheless the optimal resolution to reproduce the observed diurnal variation varies depending on cases, target regions and seasons.

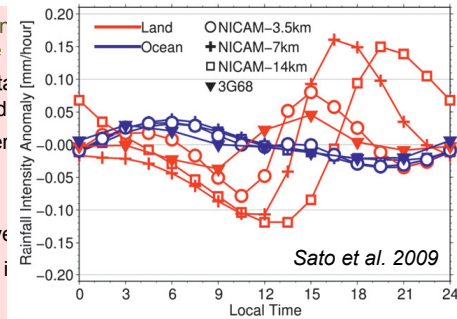
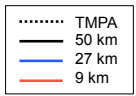
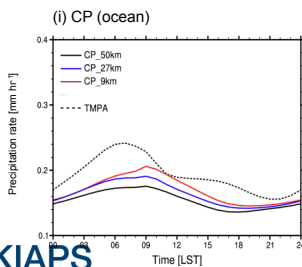
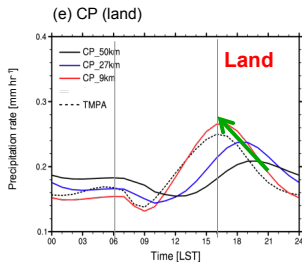
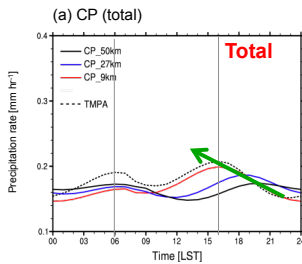


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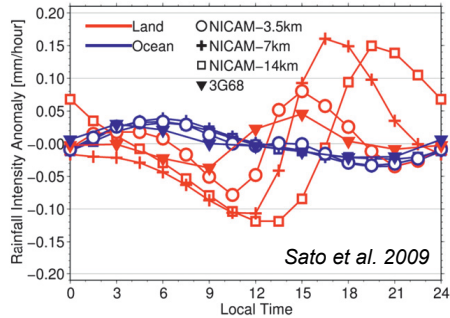
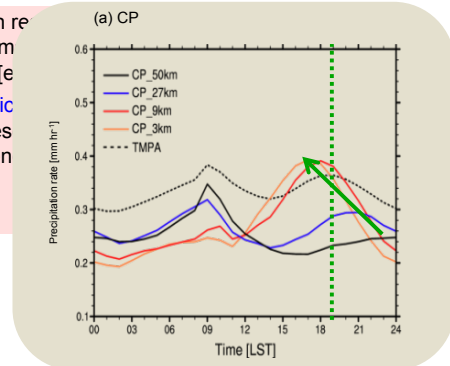
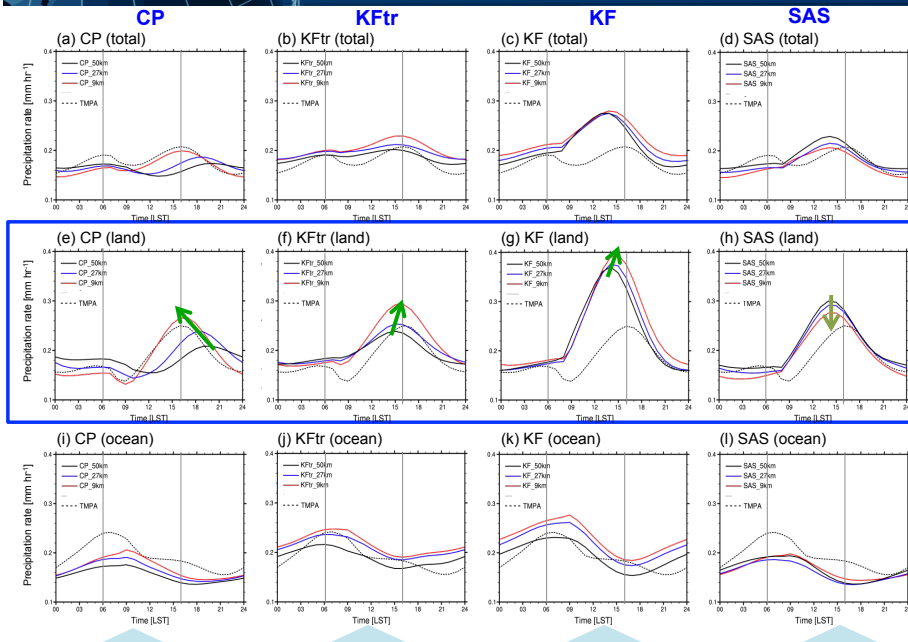


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Diurnal variations of precipitation



• Models with CPS tend to produce the excessive amount of rainfall with earlier peak (14 00-1600 LST) in the afternoon over the land, which is considered as a typical error in a atmospheric models.

• The KFtr runs show the most realistic diurnal cycles regardless of resolution in general.

• Different from other runs, there is no change of phase in SAS runs, although the errors of amplitude are reduced with increasing resolution.

- Amplitude: **increase** (improve)
- Phase: **move forward** over land (improve), no change over ocean
- Amplitude: **increase** over land (worsen)
- Phase: **delayed** over land (improve), no change over ocean
- Amplitude: **increase** (worsen)
- Phase: **slightly delayed** over land (improve), no change over ocean
- Amplitude: **decrease** (improve)
- Phase: **no change** over land, no change over ocean

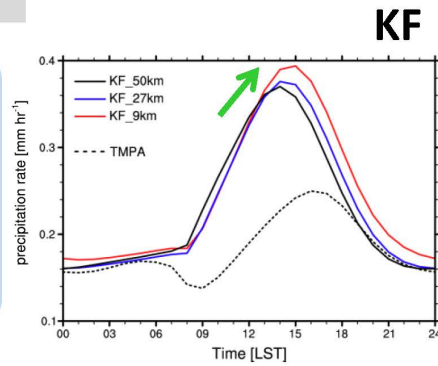
Impact of increasing resolution



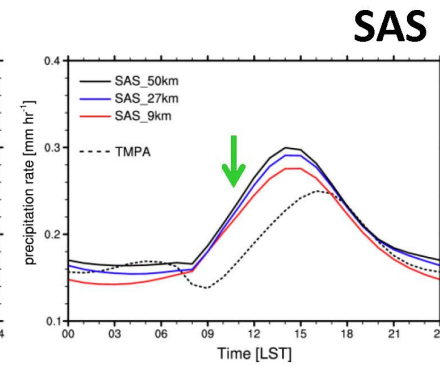
Diurnal variations of precipitation over land

Over land

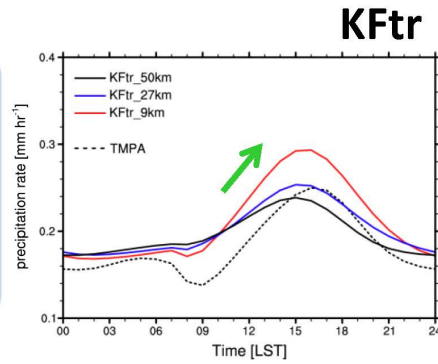
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- Phase: **slightly delayed (improve)**



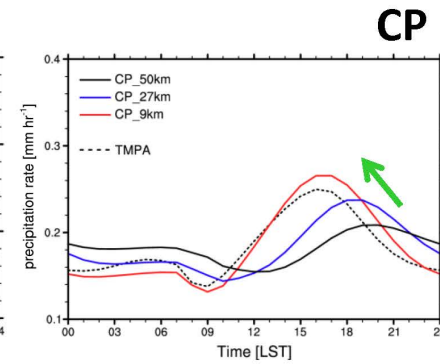
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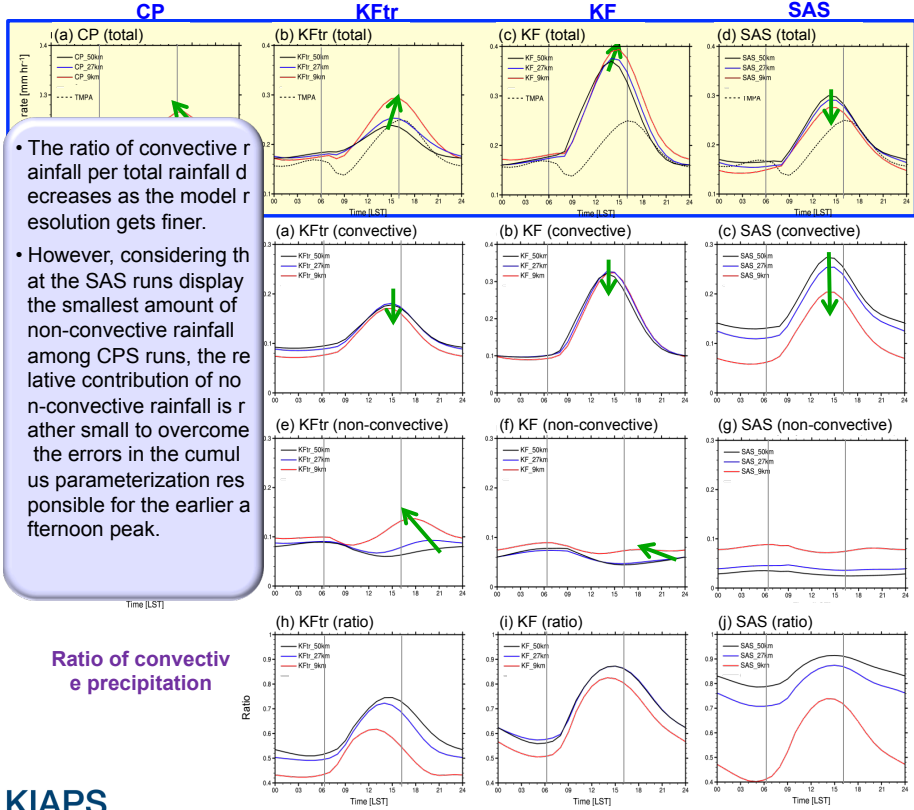
- Amplitude: **increase (worsen)**
- Phase: **slightly delayed (improve)**



- Amplitude: **increase (improve)**
- Phase: **move forward (improve)**



Diurnal variations of convective & non-convective precipitation over the land



• The ratio of convective rainfall per total rainfall decreases as the model resolution gets finer.

• However, considering that at the SAS runs display the smallest amount of non-convective rainfall among CPS runs, the relative contribution of non-convective rainfall is rather small to overcome the errors in the cumulus parameterization responsible for the earlier afternoon peak.

Ratio of convective precipitation

• The diurnal variations of convective rainfall are mainly responsible for the afternoon peaks over the land.

• There is no change of phase with increasing resolution in the diurnal variations of convective rainfall.

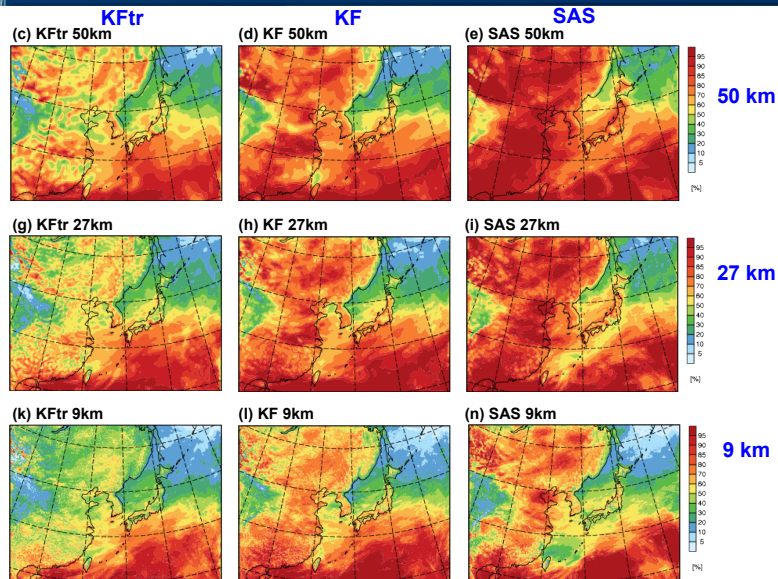
• The modified trigger function based on moisture advection in the KFtr scheme delays the initiation of convection, and in turn change the timing of the afternoon peak close to the observation.

• The diurnal variations of non-convective rainfall show the semi-diurnal cycle.

• The KFtr and KF runs exhibit the earlier afternoon peaks with increasing resolution, which resembles the features in the CP runs.

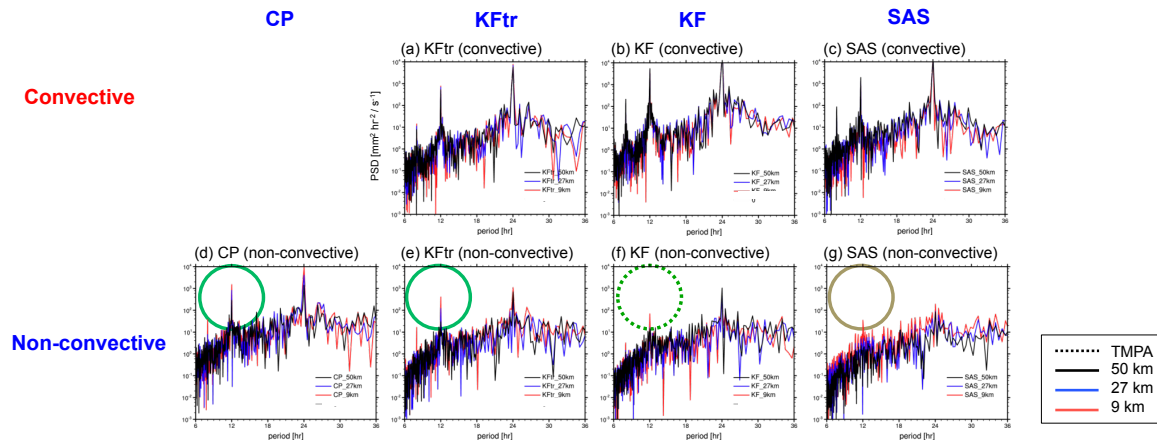
• The improvement of diurnal variations with increasing resolution seems to be caused by the non-convective rainfall resulting from the cloud microphysics scheme.

Ratio of seasonal mean convective precipitation in JJA 2006



- The relative amount of convective rainfall is one of unique features of each cumulus parameterization scheme.
- The convective rainfall ratio decreases with increasing resolution over the land.
- The SAS scheme generates the highest convective rainfall ratio, while the lowest value in KFtr scheme, in particular over the land.
- The relatively withholding convective rainfall is likely to imply the dominant contribution of the cloud microphysical process in the KFtr runs, close to the CRM.

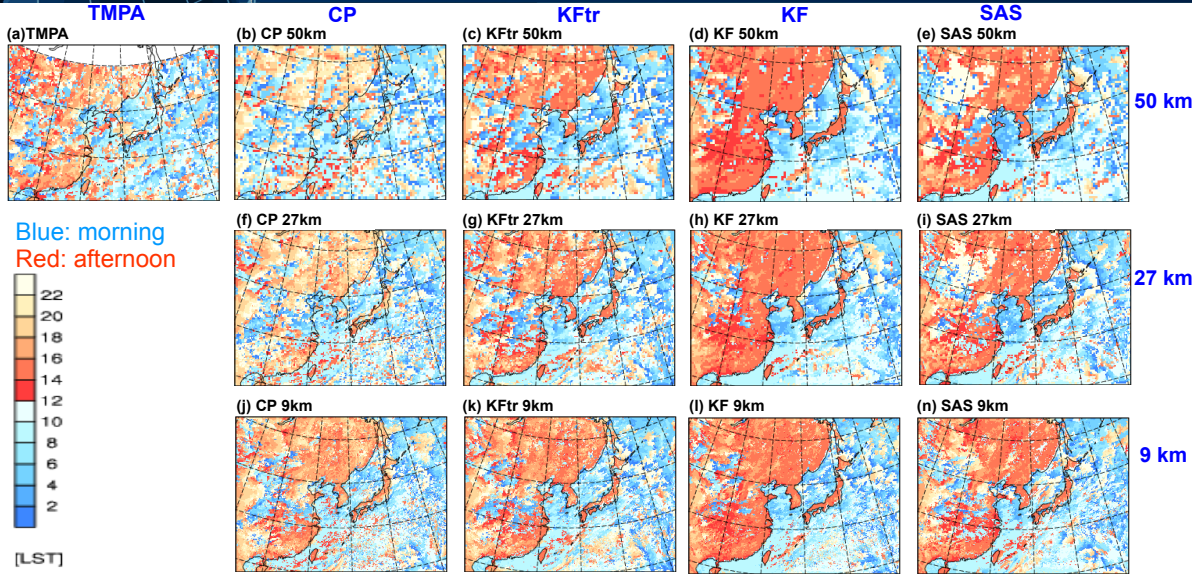
PSD of convective & non-convective precipitation over the land



- There are no clear signs of the resolution dependency in the convective rainfall.
- In case of non-convective rainfall, results indicate that the 12-hr peak becomes enhanced with increasing resolution in models supporting the improvement of semi-diurnal cycles of rainfall attributable to the more realistic representation of the afternoon peak.
- However, in the KF and SAS runs, the 12-hr peak of the non-convective rainfall is rather weak even in the 9-km runs suggesting that the increasing resolution isn't enough to intensify the role of microphysical process due to the prevailing role of cumulus parameterization scheme.

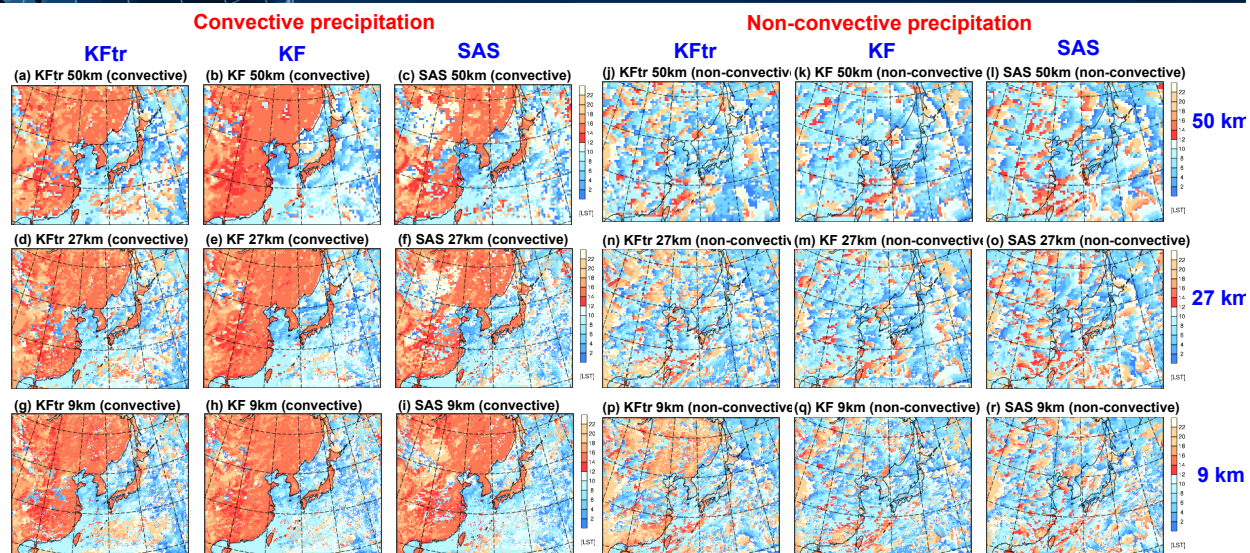


Maximum peak time of hourly precipitation



- TMPA shows dominant morning peak over ocean and afternoon peak over land, even though morning peaks also occurs over some of inland area.
- Models fairly mimic the pronounced land-sea contrast.
 - The increase of resolution moves forward (becomes realistic) the late afternoon peak in the CP runs.
 - The increase of resolution delays (become realistic) the early afternoon peak in the CPS runs, .
 - KFtr reproduces the most realistic diurnal cycle, particularly over the land.
 - There are only little changes of peak of maximum rainfall over the ocean depending on the resolution.

Maximum peak time of hourly convective & non-convective precipitation

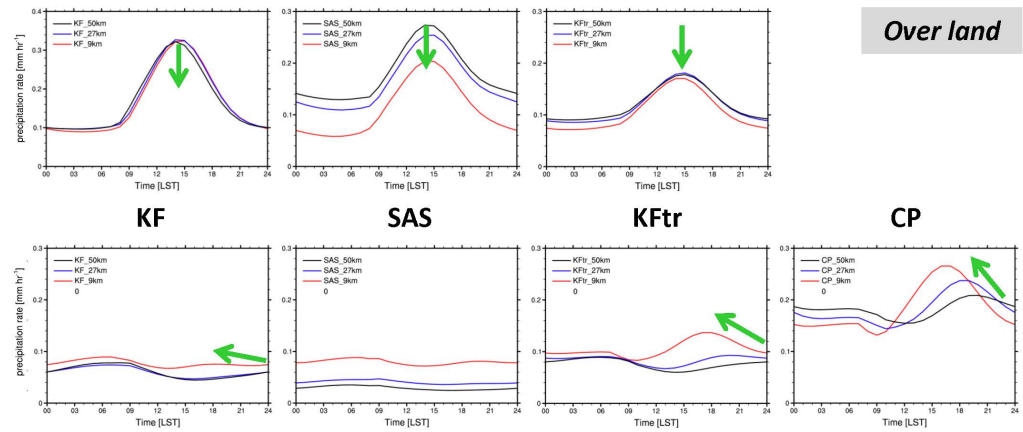


- Models with CPS display the distinctive land-sea contrast with the early afternoon peak over the land regardless of increasing resolution.
- The changes with increasing resolution are considerably small.

- The maximum peak time of non-convective rainfall, particularly in the low resolution runs with CPS, occurs at the midnight or the daybreak over the land.
- Only the KFtr runs exhibit the afternoon peak in the higher resolution runs as noted earlier. The pattern of changes with increasing resolution resembles that of the CP runs.
- There are minor changes of peak time from the midnight to the late afternoon in the KF runs, whereas the peak time of the SAS runs are rather insensitive to the change of resolution.

Diurnal variations of convective & non-convective precipitation over the land

Convective precipitation **No phase change with increasing resolution**



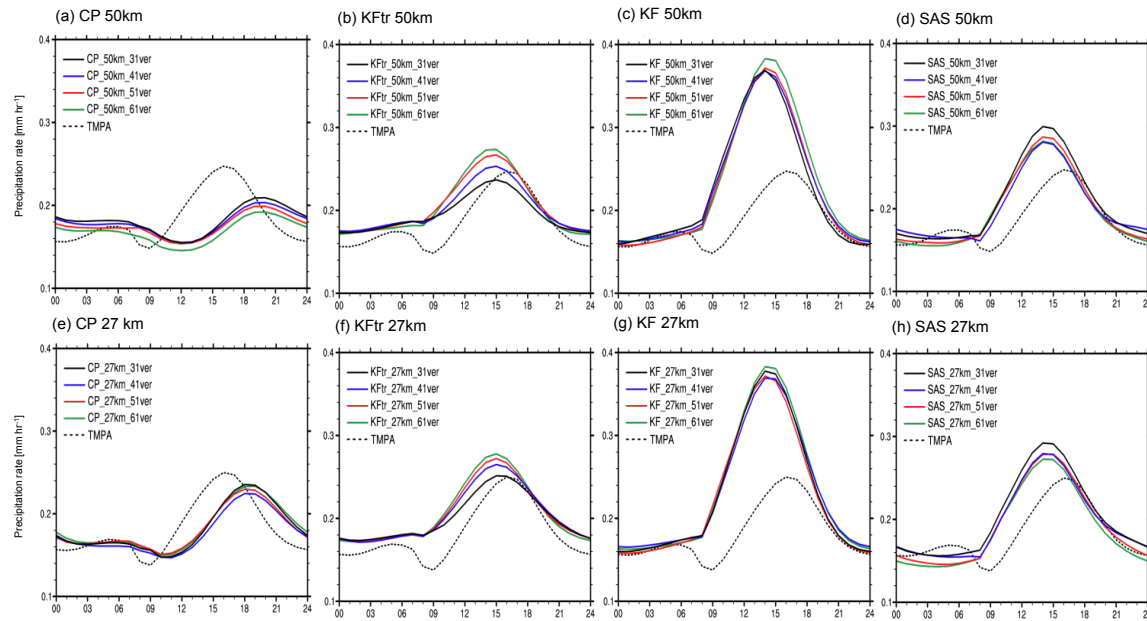
Over land

Non-convective precipitation **Earlier afternoon peaks in KF and KFtr CPSs**

→ The improvement of diurnal cycle with increasing resolution is primarily governed by the non-convective precipitation!



Sensitivity to the vertical resolution



Testing 31, 41, 51, and 60 vertical levels

→ The phase of diurnal variation of precipitation is insensitive to the vertical resolution of model.



Improvement of Diurnal Variations of Precipitation with the SAS CPS in GCM



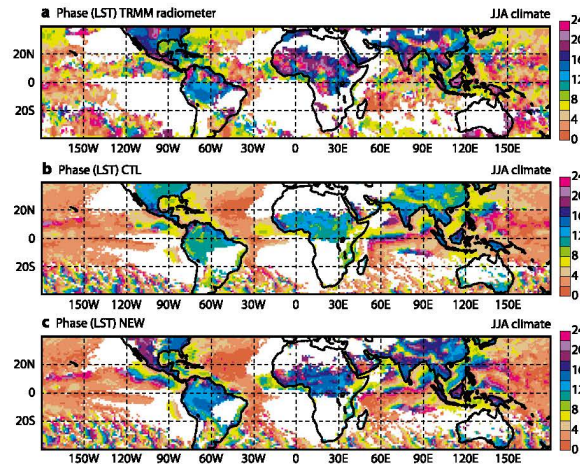
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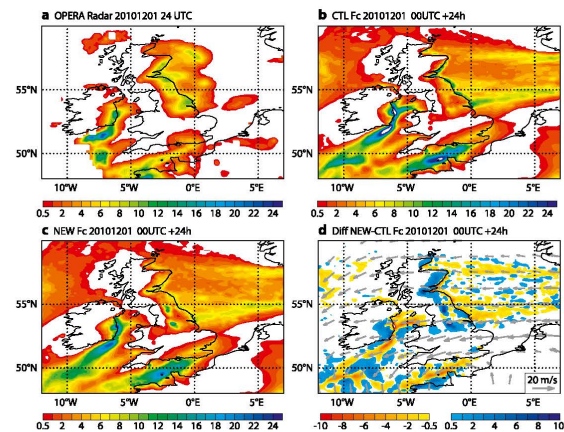
Modification of Convective Closure in SAS CPS

Bechtold et al. (2014) shows that a new diagnostic CAPE closure based on a planetary boundary layer (PBL)-CPS equilibrium theory does improve the diurnal cycle of precipitation in IFS AGCM.

Improved Diurnal Cycle



Improved Forecast of Convective Shower



→ This extended diagnostic CAPE closure involving appropriate boundary layer time scales over land and water, is possible to represent not only large-scale synoptically driven convection, but also nonequilibrium boundary layer-driven convection with its characteristic diurnal cycle, and the inland advection of wintry convective showers.

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Modification of Convective Closure in SAS CPS

Following the study of Bechtold et al. (2014), a planetary boundary layer (PBL)-CPS equilibrium theory to hold rapidly varying boundary layer forcing is applied in the convective closure of SAS CPS.

Original

$$f = \frac{\text{cloud work function}}{\tau}$$

τ : convective adjustment time scale

Advanced

$$f = \frac{\text{cloud work function} - A_{pbl}}{\tau}$$

$$A_{pbl} = g \Delta h_{pbl} \frac{\tau_{pbl}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\tau_{pbl} = \tau \quad \text{over land}$$

$$\tau_{pbl} = \frac{H_{base}}{\bar{u}_{pbl}} \quad \text{over water}$$

Δh_{pbl} : Change of PBL height between t and $t - \Delta t$

τ_{pbl} : boundary layer time scale



Model and Experimental Design

- **Case : 01 July 2013 – 31 July 2013**
 - Medium-range forecasts for 10 days from every 00 UTC

Model : GRIMs v3.3

Horizontal resolution	T254 (approximately 50 km)
Vertical level	28
Time interval	300 sec
Initial/boundary condition	GFS analysis

Physics options for control simulation

Deep Convection	SAS	Radiation	RRTMG
Shallow convection	GRIMs	Vertical diffusion	YSU
Microphysics	WSM5	Land surface	NOAH
Cloudiness	Prognostic scheme	Gravity wave drag	Kim and Arakawa [1995]

Experiment

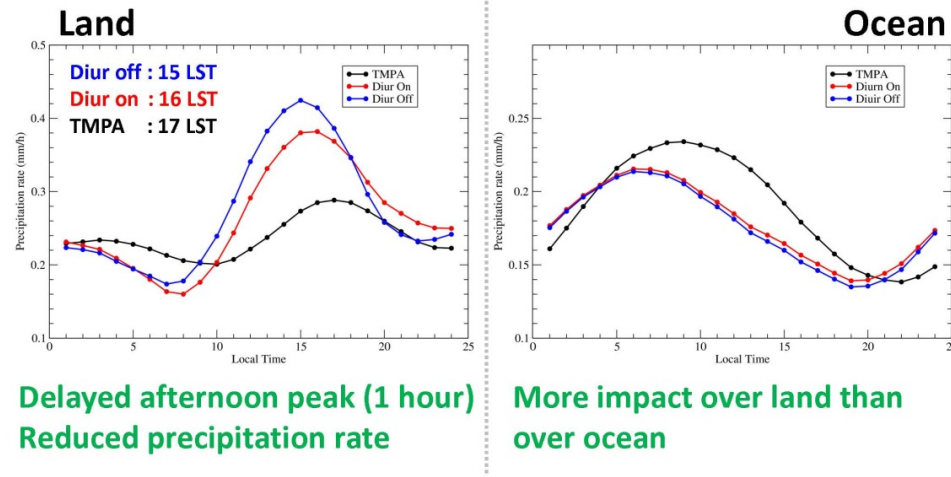
Diur off	Original closure
Diur on	Modified closure with PBL-CPS equilibrium

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Diurnal Variation of Precipitation

Over East Asia

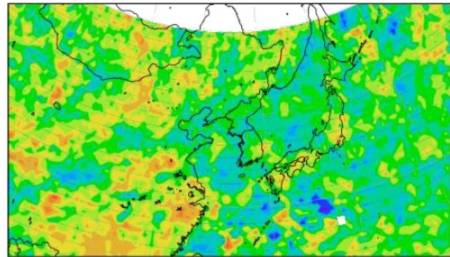


→ Diurnal cycle of precipitation is improved.

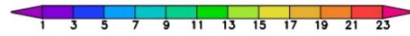
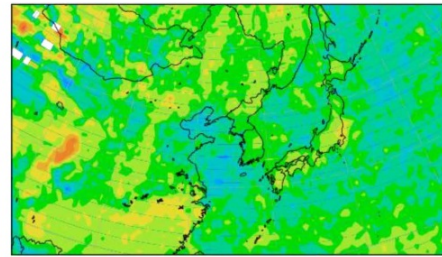


Maximum Peak Time of Hourly Precipitation

TMPA



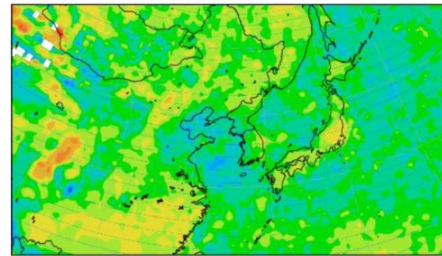
Diur off



Slightly delayed peak time over land, closer to TMPA

Clear land-sea contrast

Diur on

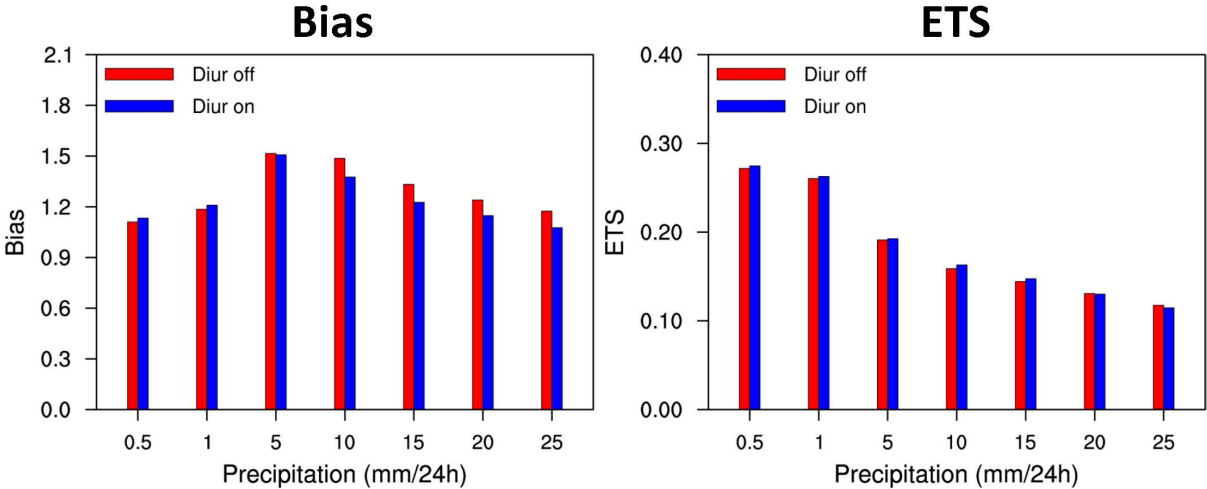


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Forecast Skill of Global Precipitation

Data : Climate Prediction Center (CPC) unified gauge-based analysis



→ Skill improvement in the bias and slightly in the ETS again at the CPC unified gauge-based analysis of global precipitation.



Summary and Conclusions

✓ Different cumulus parameterization schemes

- With overestimated precipitation rate, the simulated afternoon peaks occur earlier than the observed peaks.
- The scheme with alternative trigger function (KFtr) based on moisture advection provides slightly better results in terms of alleviating the overestimated precipitation rate and frequency and delaying the afternoon peaks.

✓ Increasing horizontal resolution

- The increase of resolution improves the phase and amplitude of diurnal cycle in the CP runs due to the explicit representation of the realistic cloud system.
- The contribution of non-convective precipitation from the microphysical process significantly improves the phase of diurnal cycle in the CPS runs.

✓ Modification of convective closure

- A comparison of medium-range forecasts shows that the new closure can improve the diurnal cycle of simulated precipitation by delaying afternoon peak.
- The impact of the new closure on diurnal cycle of precipitation looks more apparent over land than over ocean.

Remarks: Improvement of diurnal cycle does not guarantee the improvement in skill of precipitation forecasts.

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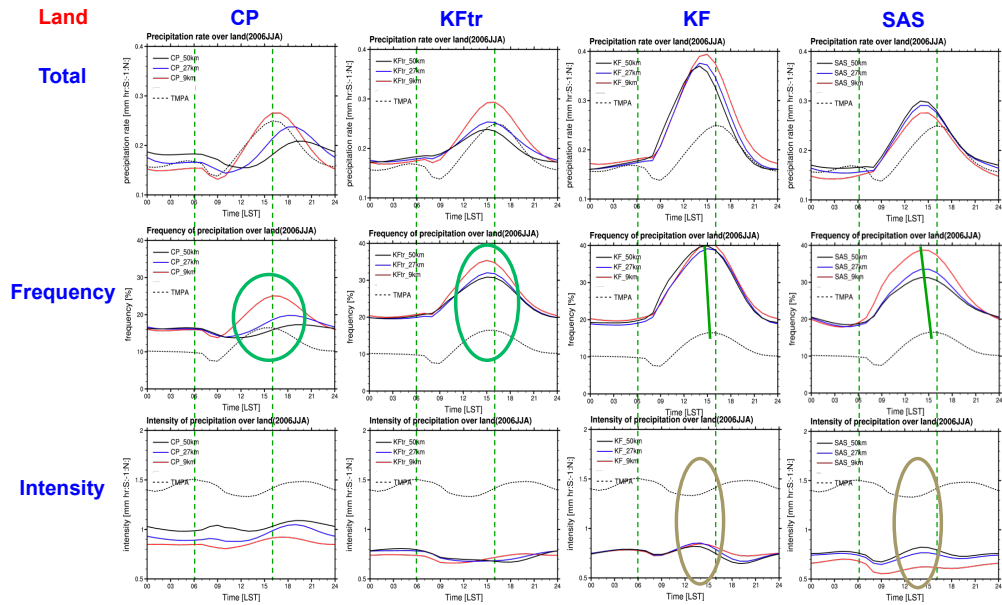
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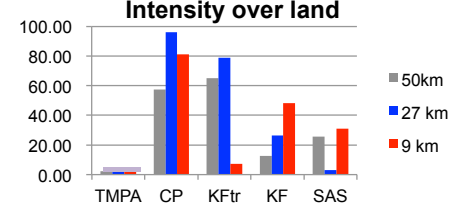
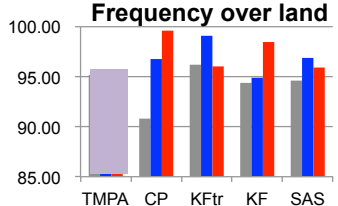
Diurnal variations of frequency & intensity over land



- Frequency: percentage of time having measurable precipitation during analysis period
- Intensity: precipitation rate during the precipitating time
- Amount: frequency X intensity
- TMPA shows that the contribution of frequency to the diurnal cycle in precipitation is dominant over land a rea.

Percentage variance of diurnal cycle in precipitation amount explained by frequency and intensity

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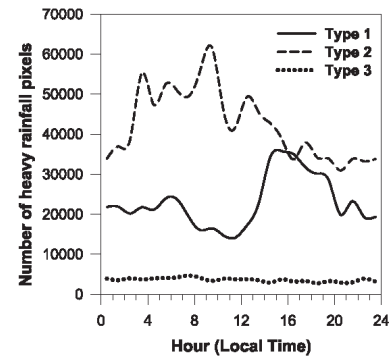




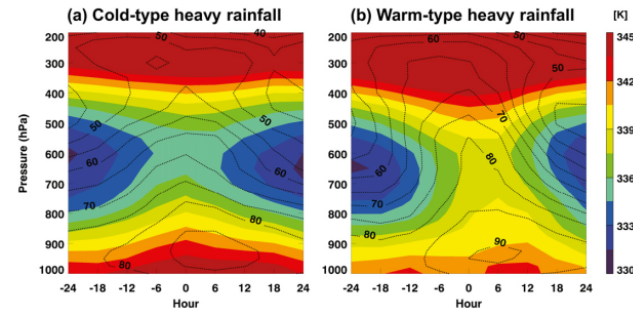
Observed Diurnal Variations

Cold-type rain	Warm-type rain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High storm height and abundant ice water under convectively unstable condition • Inland China • Eastward moving cloud system with an oval shape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower storm height and lower ice water content • Ocean • Wide spatial distribution over an area extending from the southwest to northeast • Low-level moisture convergence area to the vertically aligned divergence area formed over the jet stream level → push air upward under moist-adiabatically near-neutral condition → heavy rainfall

SATELLITE OBSERVATION (2002-2011 TRMM)



Diurnal variation of the occurrence of heavy rainfall over South Korea [Song and Sohn, 2015]



Vertical structure of composited equivalent potential temperature (color, K) and relative humidity (dotted line, %) for heavy rainfall over the Korean peninsula [Song and Sohn, 2015]