



# Research Activities on WxMod in Indonesia

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# Purposes

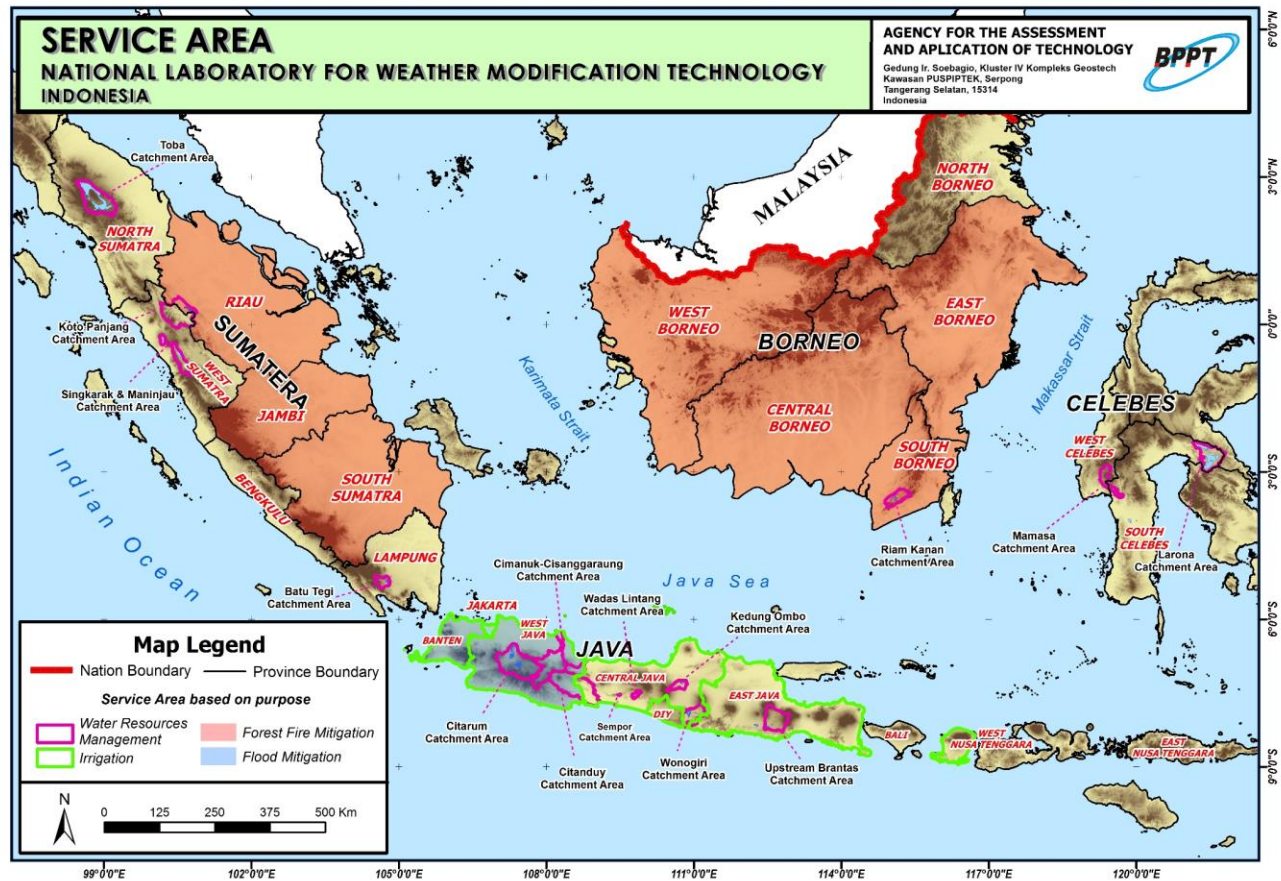


## Rain Enhancement:

- Hydropower
- Forest fire
- Drought

## Rain Reduction:

- Flood disaster
- Open mining
- Infrastructure



# Research Areas



## Main research:

- Size distribution of seeding agent
- Rocket
- Ejectable tube
- Ground-based
- CCN observation
- Evaluation

## Supporting research:

- IOP
- Flood EWS
- Peatland water monitoring

# Seeding Agents



- Salt powder, 40-50 micron
- Hygroscopic flare, 0.1 – 3 micron
- AgI flare
- Now developing Salt powder, 2-5 micron



# Cloud Seeding Material Development :

## A. Main Objectives :

1. To produce a salt-based cloud seeding material prototype with particle sizes between 2-5  $\mu\text{m}$  (micrometer).
2. To manufacture a packing system for cloud seeding materials.

## B. Ingredients :

1. Bulk-sized NaCl salts.
2. Cab-o-sil (a type of silicon oxide materials) as an anti-coagulant additives to the salt.

## C. Equipment & Facilities used to achieve this purpose :

Seeding Material Lab



Jet Mill & Grinding Mill



Packing Machine

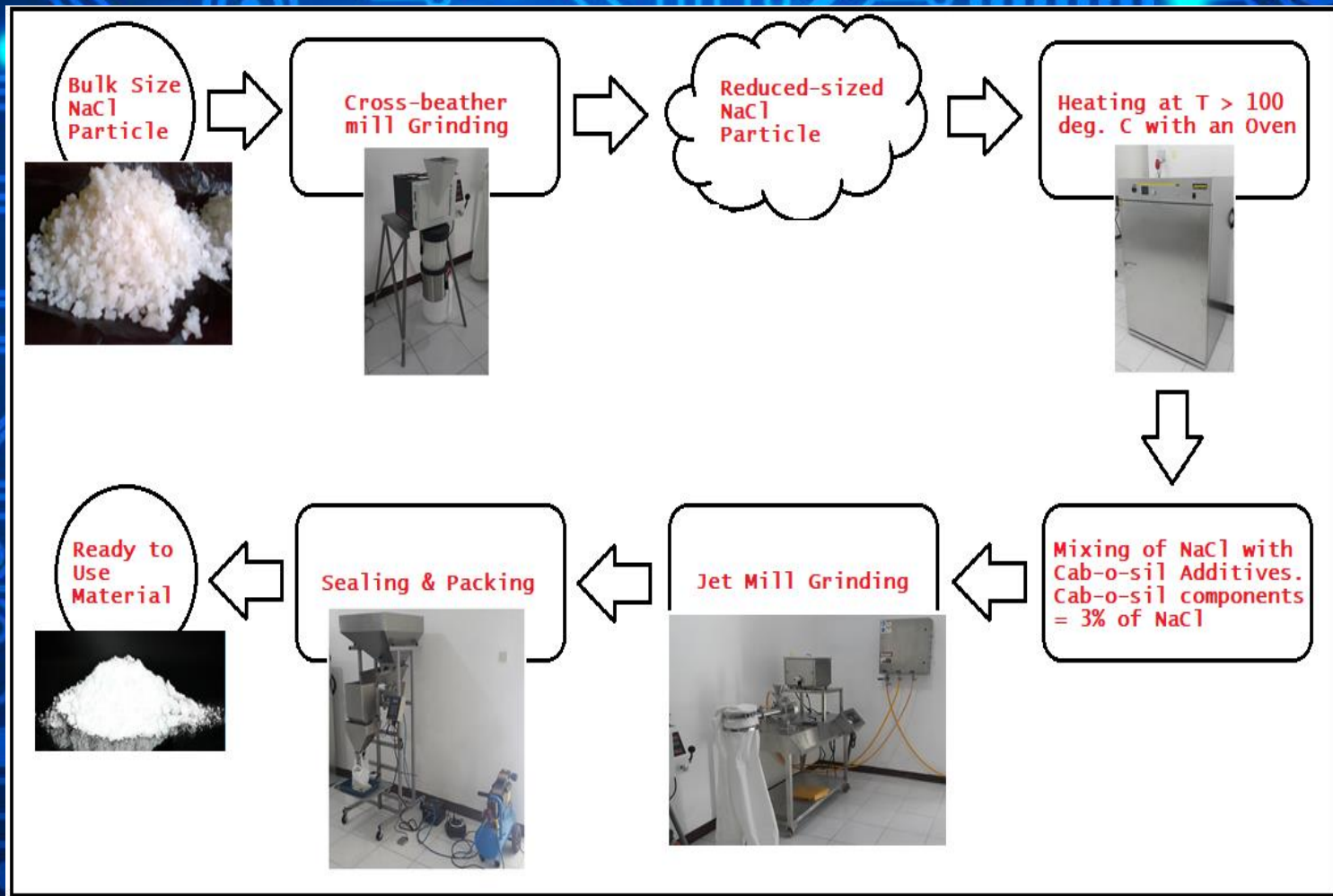


Oven with  $T_{\text{max}} = 300 \text{ deg. C}$



# Cloud Seeding Material Development : Methodology :

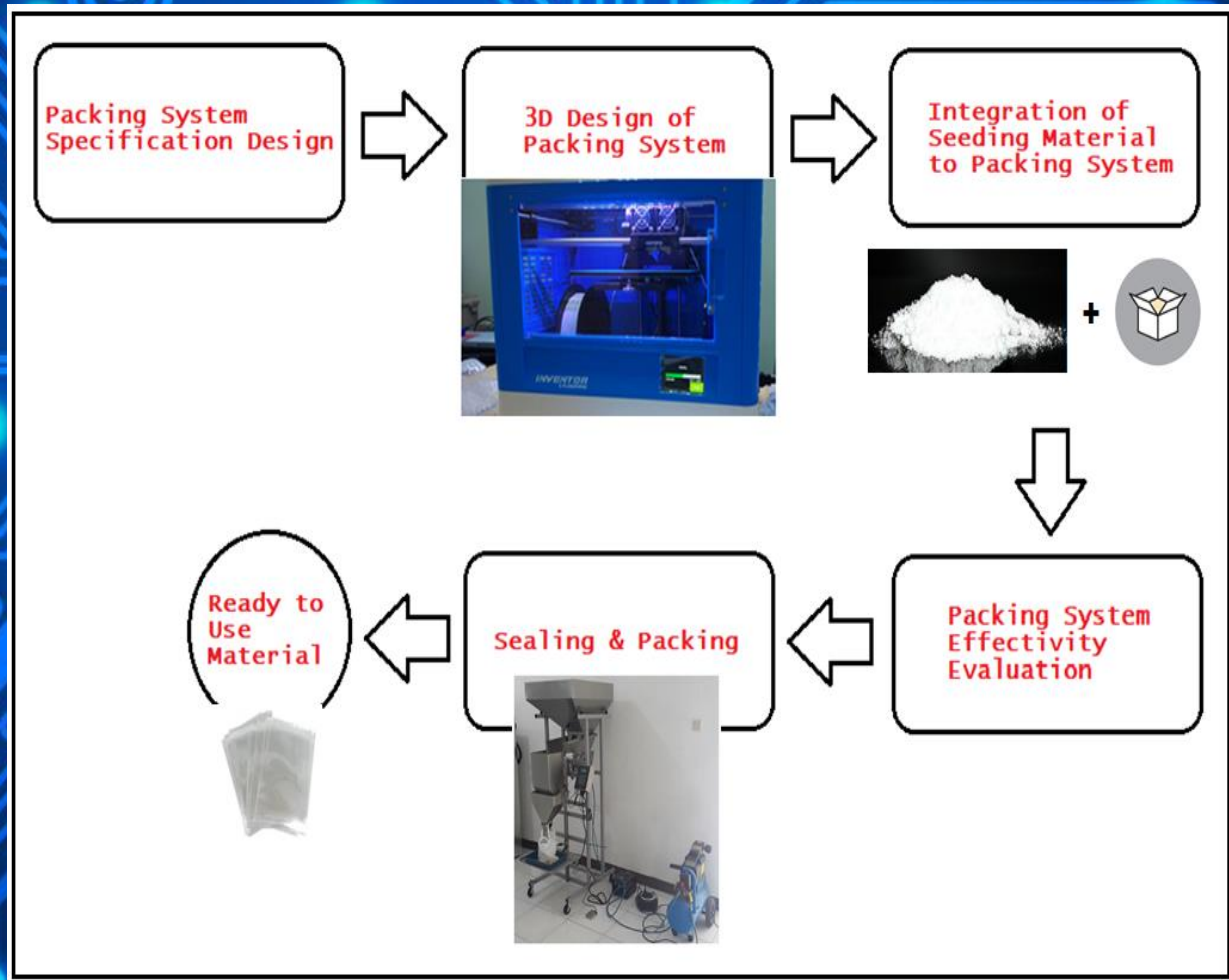
Top-down Mechanical & Heating  
approach:



# Packing System Development :

## Methodology :

Specs Determination, Design, Construction & Integration:



# SEEDING MATERIAL LABORATORY



Acid/Chemical Cabinet Chamber

Staff Room

PSA ( Particle Size Analyzer) Chamber

2 Micron Seeding Material Storage Room

Jet mill & Packing Room

Preparation Room ( Oven , milling, etc)





# Seeding Material Laboratory



**Cross-Beather/Grinding  
Mill**



**Jet Mill & Pressure Control  
Box**



**Compressor, Air Tank & Jet  
Mill Filter**

# Seeding Material Laboratory



**Basic Chemical Test &  
Analysis Equipment**



**Electronic Analytical Balance**



**Automatic Packing Machine**

## Current Status & Progress :

1. ca. 90% of the lab's analytical equipment have been received (e.g. particle size analyzer, oven jet mill and cross-beater mill) while the rest are still in purchasing stages (e.g. high-temperature furnace).
2. We have also received raw materials and almost all chemical reagents needed for manufacturing & analytical works.
3. The lab is now fully furnished and is ready to use.
4. We have conducted an ISO 17025 & Good Lab Practices training for future lab management team & users alike.
5. The first business trip to our salt manufacturing centre had been conducted.
6. We have begun calibrating our particle size analyzer device.

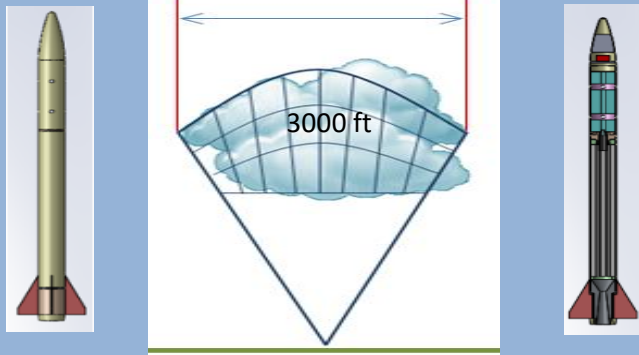
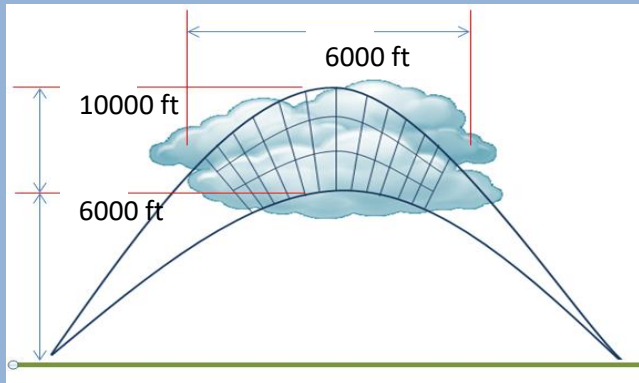
## Future Plan :

1. On-going scheduling of a cloud-seeding material manufacture training with external/third party from abroad with known expertise.



# WMT Rocket Prototype

**WMT Rocket Medium is an alternative medium in delivering seeding material into target clouds with the aid of rocket as a booster materials.**



*WMT Rocket Operational Trajectory*

WMT Rocket Medium Prototype is a form of research cooperation between NLWMT-BPPT and LAPAN's Rocket Technology Center. It is hoped by 2018 that a WMT Rocket can be built and equipped with a multi-launcher device.

The development of a rocket medium is necessary for a much effective & efficient WMT applications, especially in WMT for rainfall reductions. Rocket medium can be operated in any kinds of locations, day or night and has all weather capabilities, hence increases the quality of rainfall WMT. Rocket medium can serve as an alternative of plane WMT, hence if the merits of this technology is proven, it can be used/proposed as a new medium in WMT operations.

## Manufacture of Seeding Material for Rocket Medium via Blasting System



The blasting-based manufactured seeding material needs specially-designed medium so that once it reaches its target it can perfectly dispersed to its surroundings. Hence the rocket medium was specially designed to carry such load within a cloud environment.

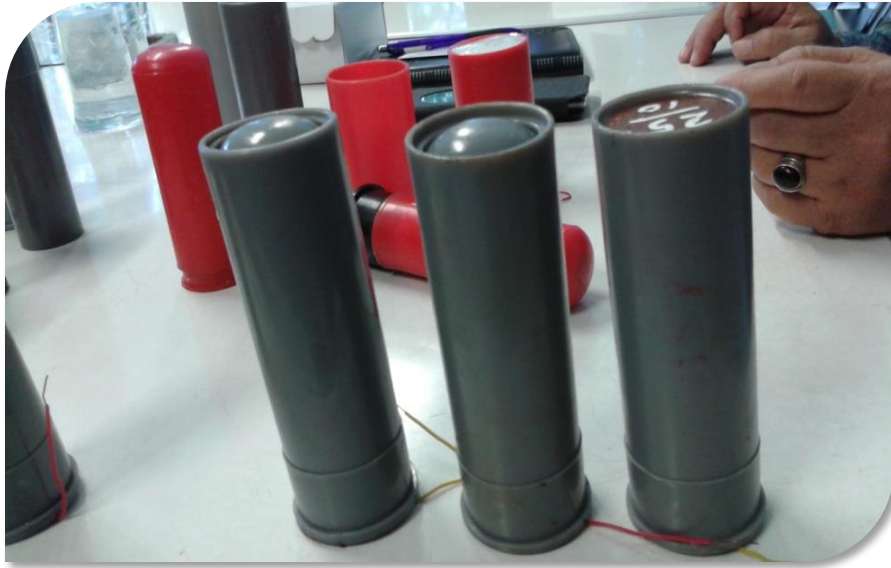
## Trial of Blasting System-Based Seeding Material



A trial of Blasting System-based seeding material has also been conducted. From the results, ground-tested seeding material had performed satisfactorily.

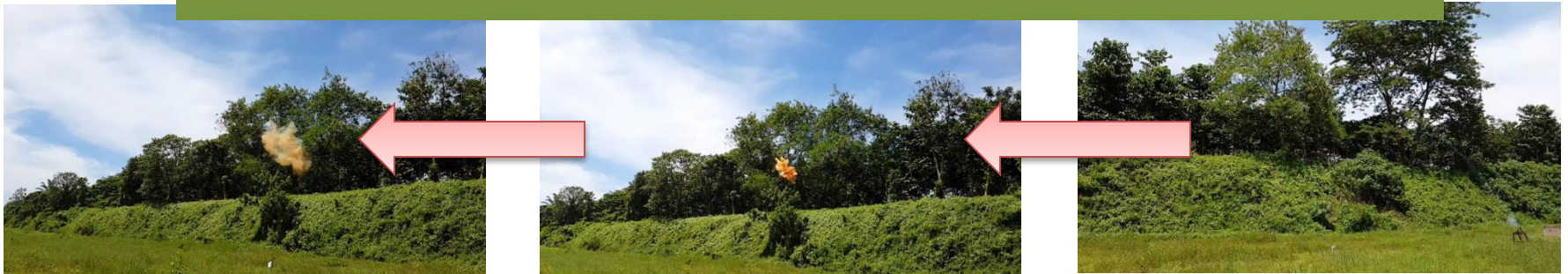
# Ejectable Cloud Seeding Material Prototype

**Ejectable Cloud Seeding Agent Prototype is a type of seeding material diversification programme**



- ECoSAP is designed to be used in WMT activities with warm cloud targets in mind, with a flying heights of about 12.000-14.000 feet.
- It's a PVC-based, tubular form material, with an external diameter of 40 mm and a length of 125 mm. The ECoSAP weight is about 100 gram.
- The seeding material used in ECoSAP is an NaCl powder with particle distribution size of 50-60 micron, with material themselves mixed with an anti-coagulant agent.

**Trials of ECoSAP Ejectable System-Based Seeding Material in PT. PINDAD (Turen, Jawa Timur)**



For next development, the seeding material used in ECoSAP is a powder salt with a particle distribution size of 2-10 micron.

# Ground Based Generator (GBG)

The general objective of cloud seeding for utilities operation water Management is to support the production facilities belonging to PT. Vale Indonesia Tbk in Sorowako, South Sulawesi.



**GBG Tower**  
Height = 50 m

Uses Teleburning System



## LOCATION MAP OF GROUND BASED GENERATOR

### GBG Placement Location:

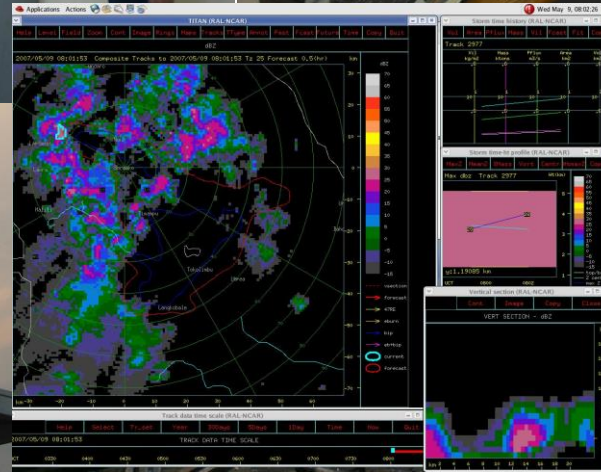
- Salonsa
- Bukit Cinta
- Himalaya
- Petea
- Asuli



# Research Activity at Sorowako

Operations Center

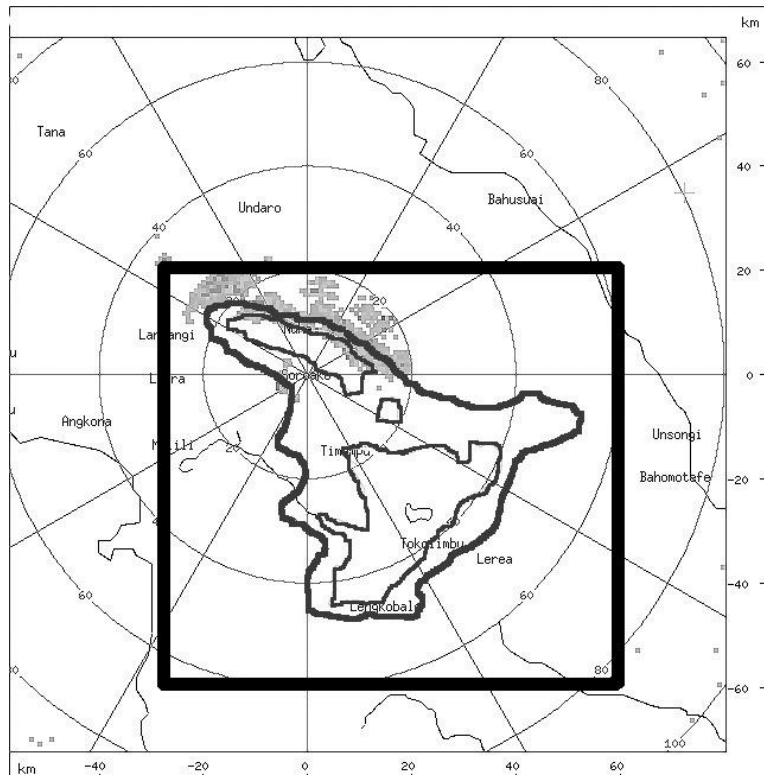
C-band Doppler Radar



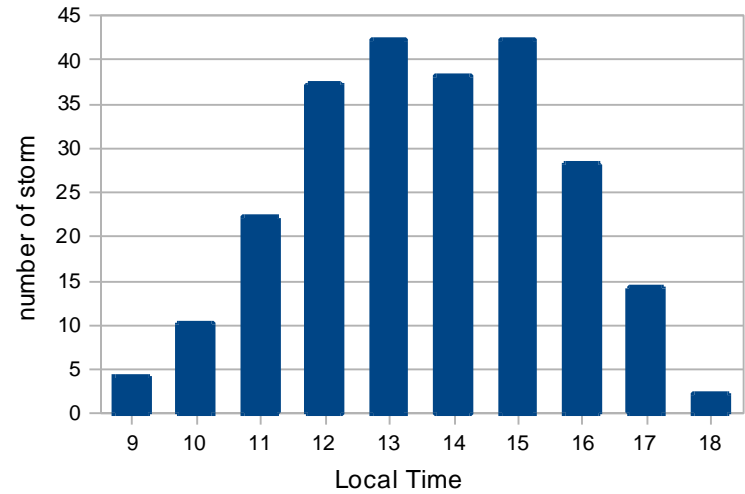
Seeding Aircraft



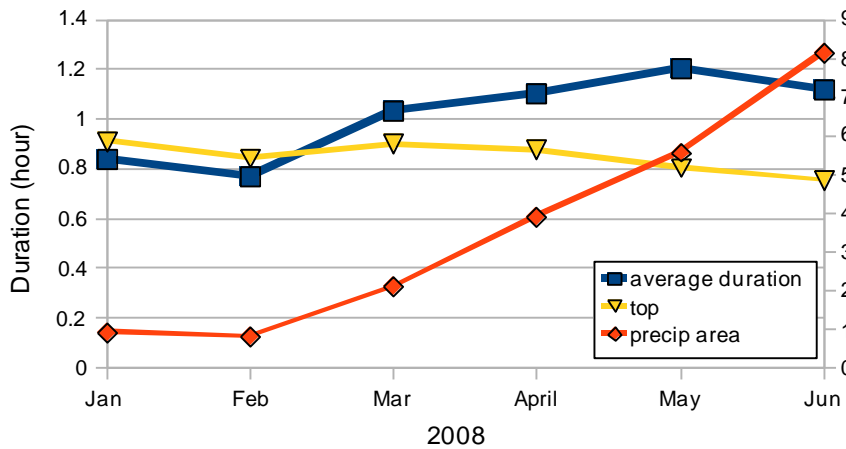
# Radar Observation



## Diurnal variations of Storm

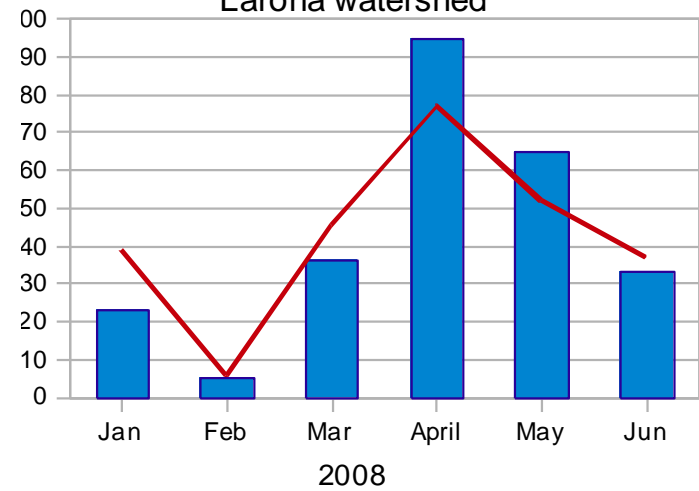


## Duration, Precipitation Area, and Top cloud



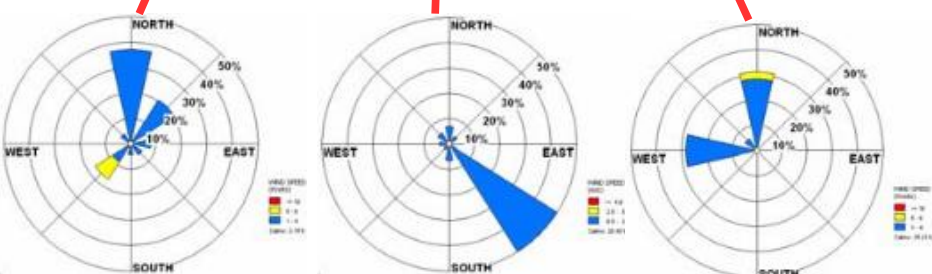
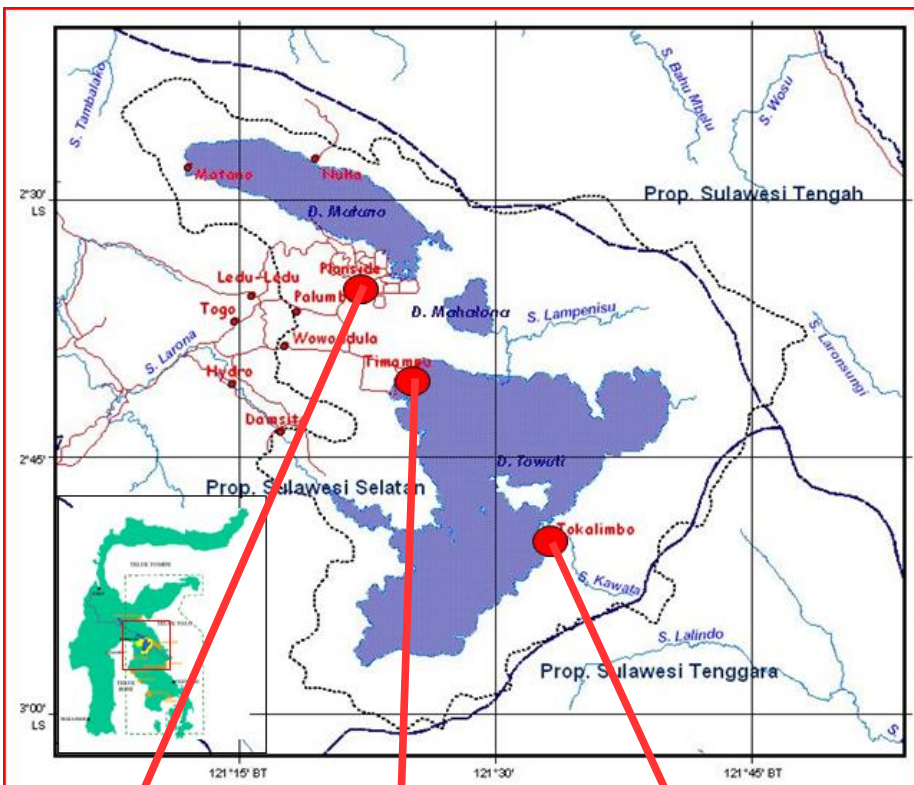
## Storm occurrence

### Larona watershed

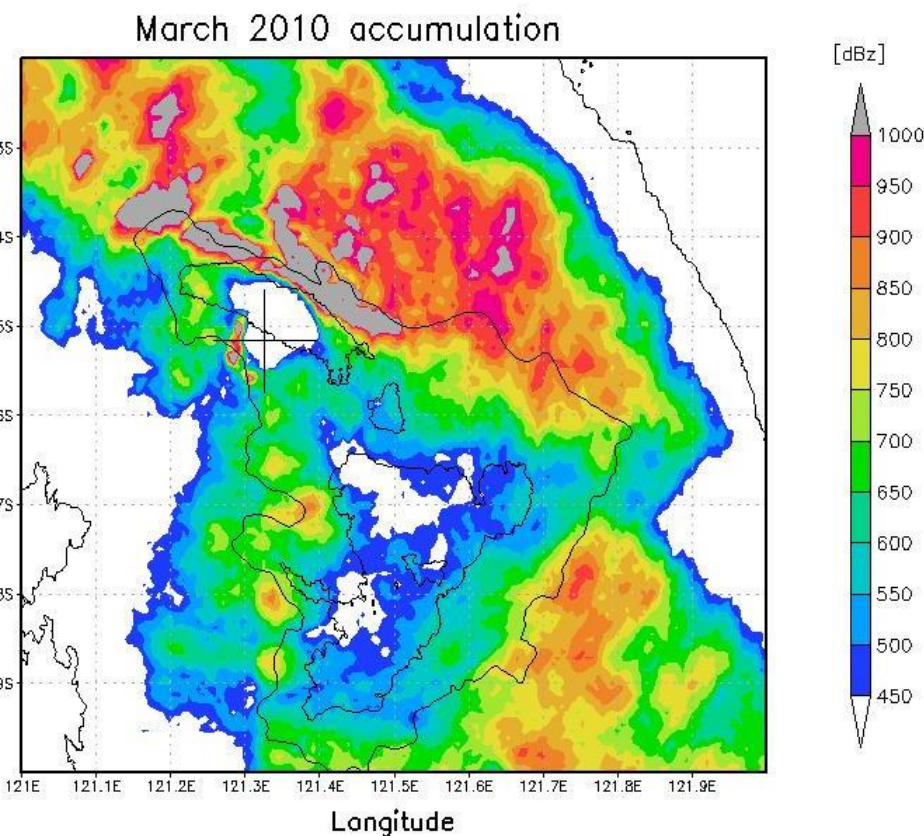




# Lake Breeze effects on Convection in Larona Catchment Area, Sulawesi, Indonesia



Wind Rose for Plantsite (left), Timampu (middle) and Tokalimbo (right) on March 2010, 12-17 LT



Accumulation of radar reflectivity for March 2010.

# BPPT – WMI – NCAR – INCO 2005

precipitation  
development  
studies

PMS 2DC particle imager



Hygroscopic Flares



Data Acquisition system



CCN Counter

Cloud LWC sensor



Research Aircraft N233PS



AgI Flares



PMS PCASP Aerosol Counter



AgI Ejectables

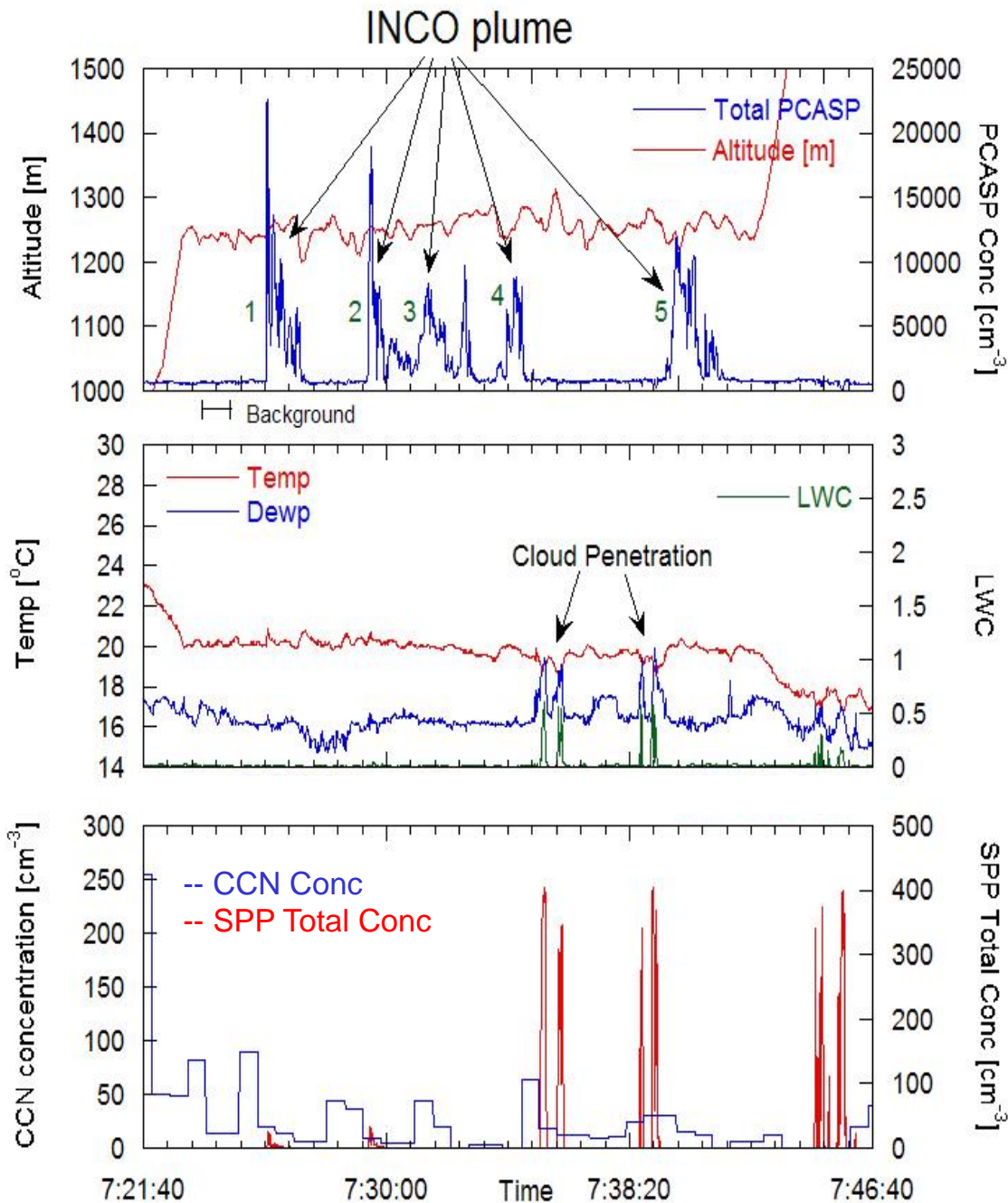


PMS FSSP counter



large  
aerosol  
and cloud  
droplets

aerosol  
characterization  
(concentrations  
and sizes) for  
aerosol-cloud  
interactions



**Time-series plots of the PCASP aerosol concentrations (cm<sup>-3</sup>), altitude (m),**

**temperature (°C), dewpoint (°C), liquid water content (g m<sup>-3</sup>)**

**CCN (cm<sup>-3</sup>) and cloud droplet concentrations (cm<sup>-3</sup>)**

# Properties of cloud and atmosphere over Sorowako South Sulawesi

- Aerosol, CCN and cloud droplet concentrations are typical of clean maritime atmospheres
- At low CCN background concentrations, the cloud properties are more sensitive to a change in  $N_{\text{CCN}}$
- Emissions from anthropogenic sources are very important to study.

# STATISTICAL EVALUATION FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION TECHNOLOGY IN INDONESIA

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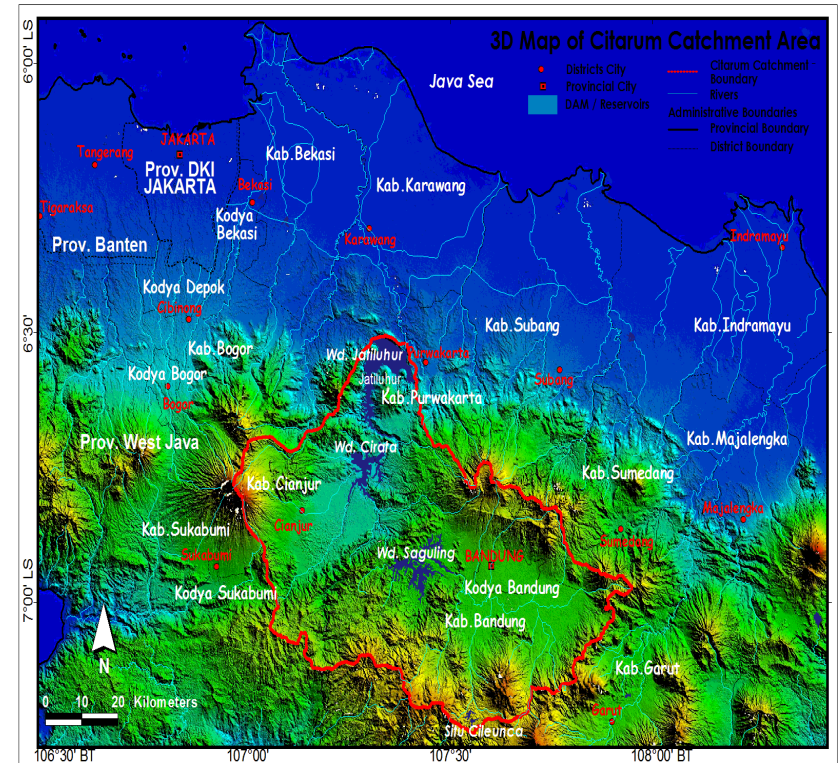
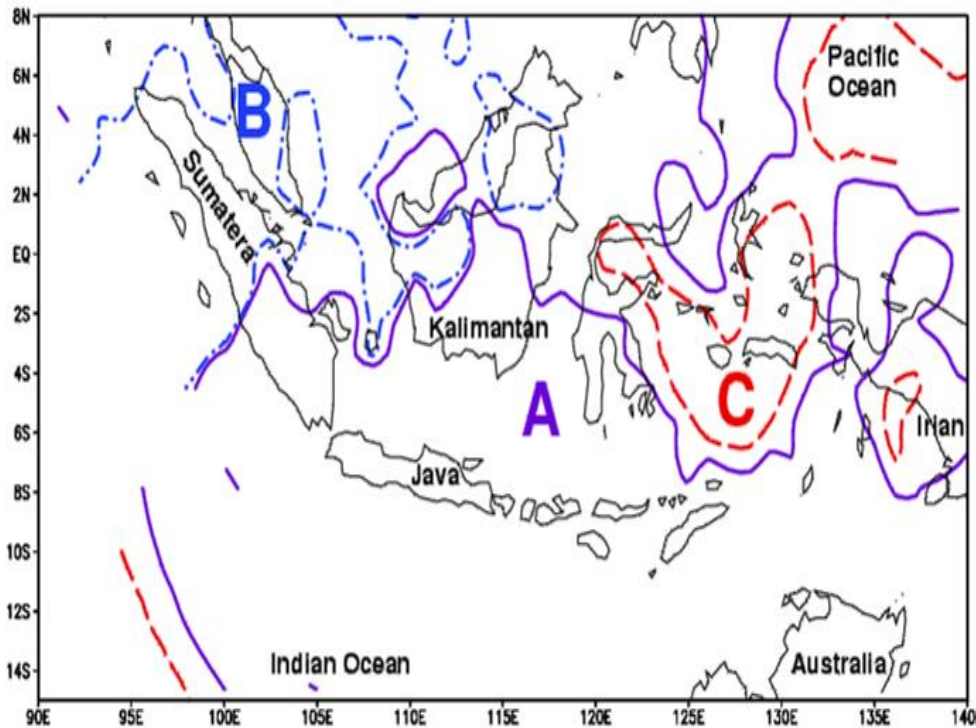


# INTRODUCTION

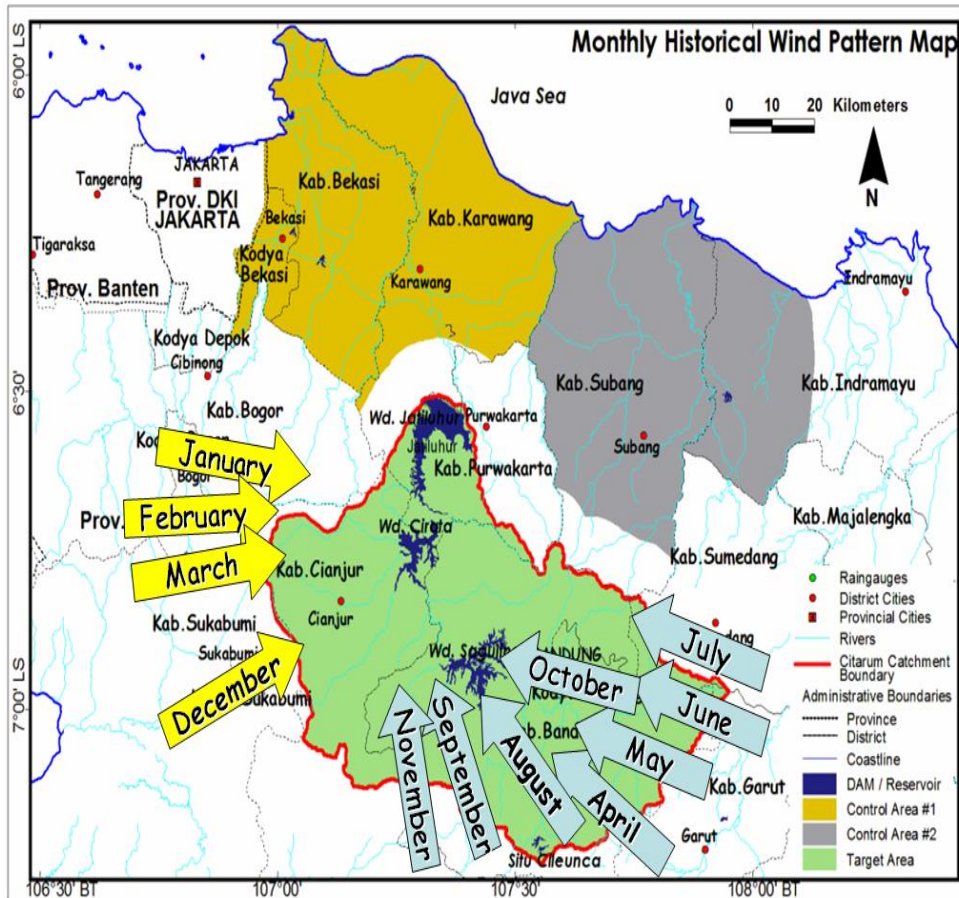
- Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology, Indonesia has conducted the Weather Modification Technology since 1967 to enhance rainfall.
- Cloud activity over the Indonesian Maritime Continent (IMC) shows variations time scales : inter-annual and seasonal variations, intra-seasonal variations, and variations with periods of less than several ten days. Other than cumulus activity with a period of longer than several days, diurnal cycle of cumulus convection induced by local circulation (land-sea and/or mountain-valley breeze circulation) is also prominent because the IMC is composed of many island and the surrounding sea.
- These variations cause large deviation on average of climatologically rainfall. Therefore, it is very difficult to evaluate the enhancement.
- In this presentation, evaluation design for weather modification technology on West Java, Indonesia is discussed.

# METHOD

For the first, control areas are tried to be defined. Variability on temporal and spatial scale causes the difficulty to choose control area . Since this difficulty, control area may be different along year.



# TARGET AND CONTROL AREA

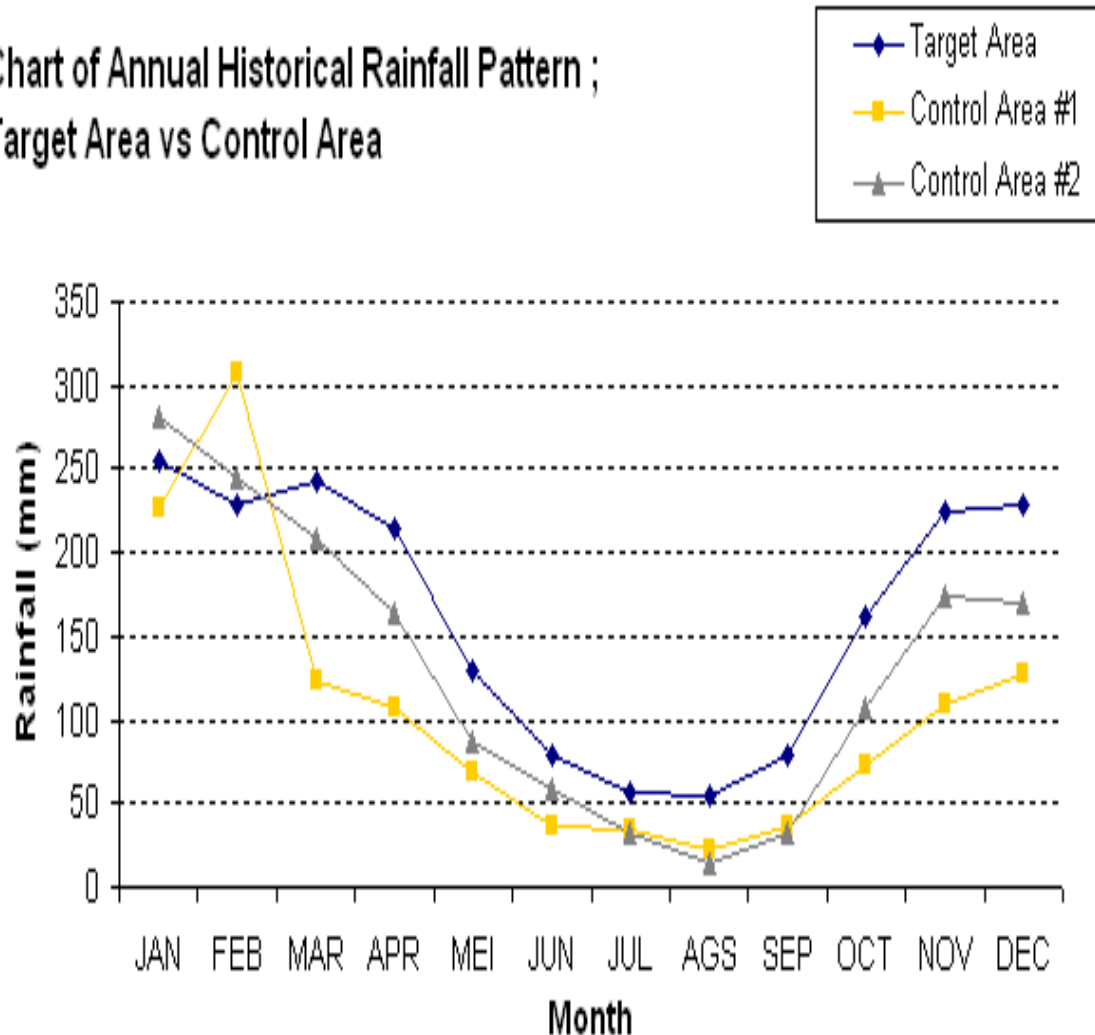


1. Based on wind pattern historically on target area, the area on north side of Citarum cathcment (Karawang and Bekasi) could be defined as control area for periode December – March.
2. Based on wind pattern historically on target area, the area on north side of Citarum cathcment (Karawang and Bekasi) could be defined as control area for periode December – March.
3. Analysis rainfall data historical from 1986-2009 shows that the annual rainfall pattern between Citarum cathcment and both of control areas has strong correlation ; 0,772 for control area #1 and 0,995 for



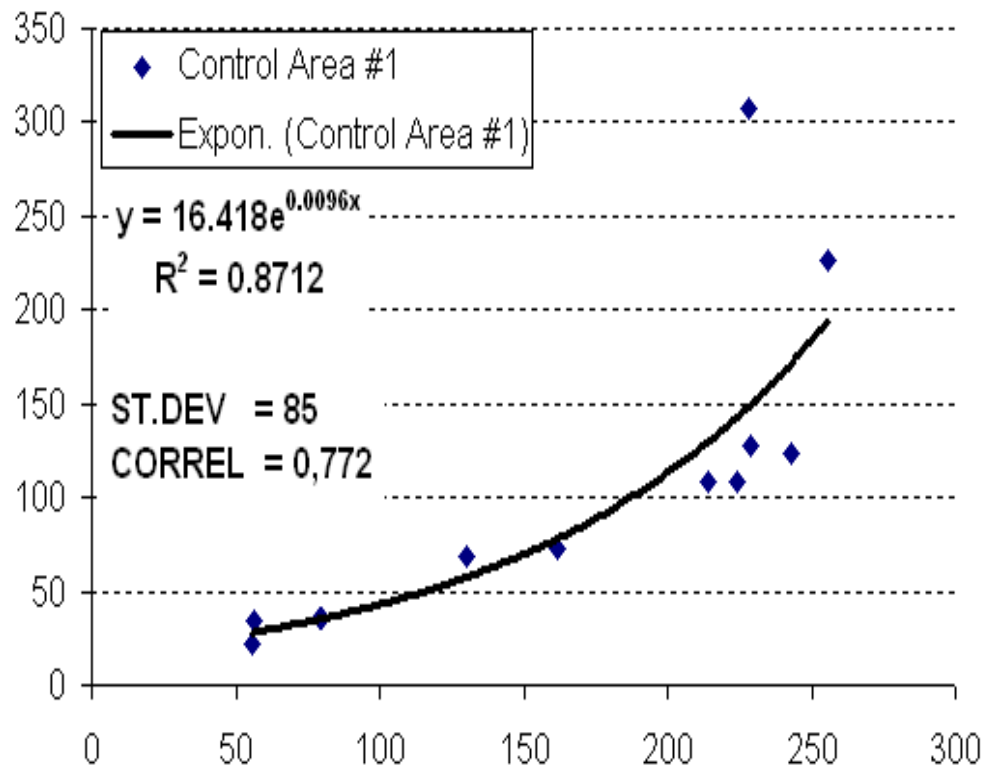
# TARGET AND CONTROL AREA (CONT)

Chart of Annual Historical Rainfall Pattern ;  
Target Area vs Control Area



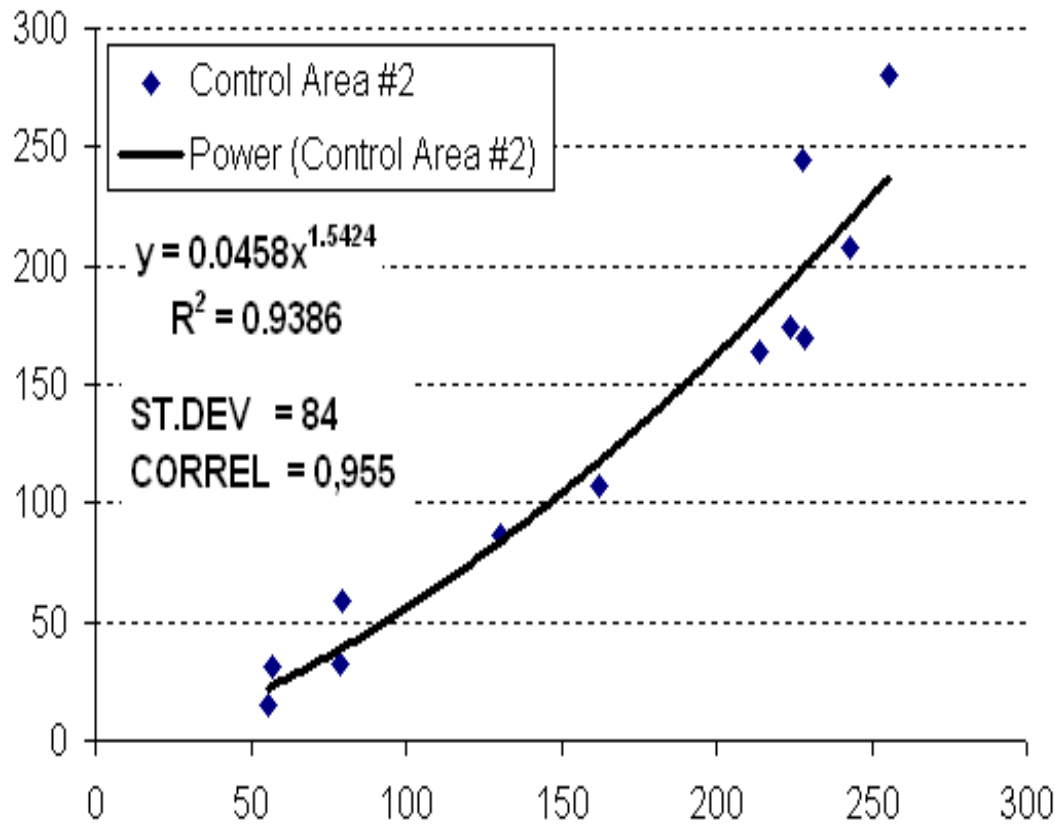
# TARGET AND CONTROL AREA (CONT)

## Scatter Pattern of Rainfall Data on TARGET AREA - CONTROL AREA #1



# TARGET AND CONTROL AREA (CONT)

Scatter Pattern of Rainfall Data on  
TARGET AREA - CONTROL AREA #2



# **EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY**

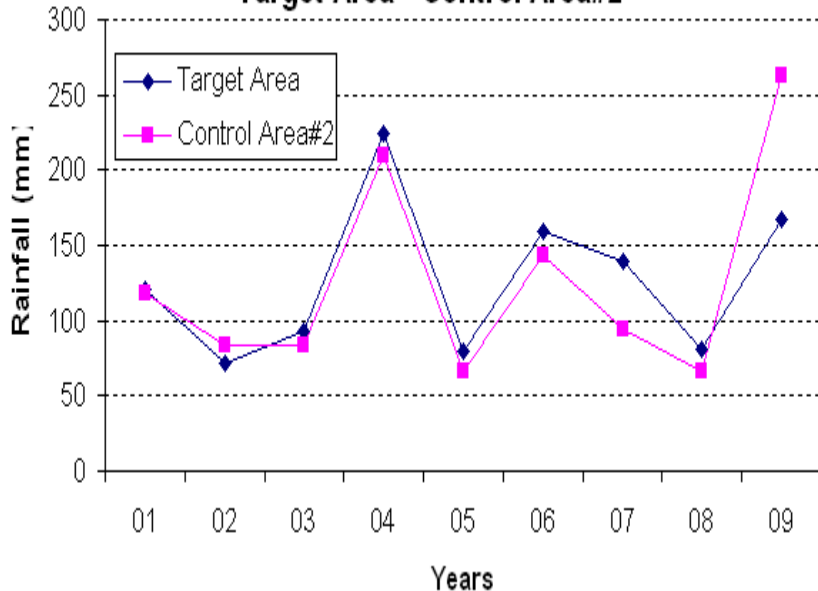
The Increasing of rainfall as the result from cloud seeding activity can be calculated by the statistical analysis approach. There are 3 methods can be used for this aim :

1. Target Only Method
2. Target Control Method
3. Double Ratio Method

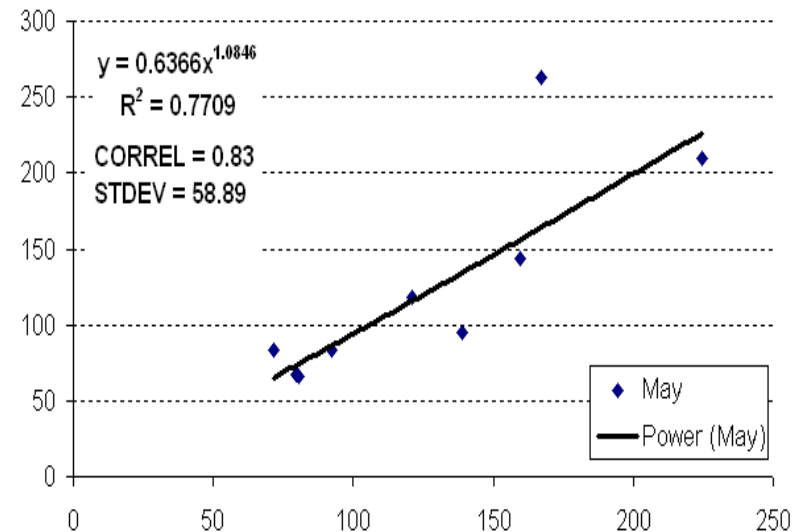
# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

For example, the rainfall data from cloud seeding activity at Citarum Catchment Area that has been done on 4-25 May 2007 will try to evaluate to know the increasing rainfall that happen. This chart below shows the rainfall pattern historically (from 2001-2009) on May

Chart of Rainfall Historical on May (2001 - 2009);  
Target Area - Control Area#2



Scatter Patern of Rainfall Data Historical (2001 - 2009) for May ;  
on Target Area - Control Area #2



# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

## 1. Target Only Method

This method using mean rainfall data historical as the base information for comparison. The effect of cloud seeding and the increasing of rainfall can be calculated by compare the rainfall on target area during cloud seeding period with historical data at the same time for this area. The increasing of rainfall on target area can be calculated by this equation :

$$R = \frac{CH_a - Ch_s}{Ch_s} \times 100\%$$

Where,

R = the increase of rainfall (%)

CH<sub>a</sub> = rainfall actual on target area (mm)

CH<sub>s</sub> = mean historical rainfall on target area (mm)

# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

By this method, the result of increasing rainfall has range from 11,9 % to 82,9 % ; as can

b) Historical Rainfall for May on Target Area and Control Area

NON STRATIFIED				STRATIFIED			
TARGET		CONTROL		TARGET		CONTROL	
Years	Rainfall (mm)	Years	Rainfall (mm)	Years	Rainfall (mm)	Years	Rainfall (mm)
1986	113,8	1990	143,3	1987	114,8	1990	143,3
1987	114,8	1991	122,0	1988	173,5	1991	122,0
1988	173,5	1992	28,0	1989	204,3	1992	28,0
1989	204,3	1993	31,8	1990	163,7	1996	106,3
1990	163,7	1994	0,0	1991	36,8	1997	19,4
1991	36,8	1995	74,2	1992	104,9	1998	74,7
1992	104,9	1996	106,3	1993	66,3	1999	63,5
1993	66,3	1997	19,4	1994	69,8	2000	76,6
1994	69,8	1998	74,7	1995	96,9	2001	118,5
1995	96,9	1999	63,5	1996	90,9	2002	83,8
1996	90,9	2000	76,6	1997	123,7	2003	83,3
1997	123,7	2001	118,5	1998	162,9	2004	209,9
1998	162,9	2002	83,8	1999	178,4	2006	144,0
1999	178,4	2003	83,3	2000	137,2	2008	66,4
2000	137,2	2004	209,9	2001	121,1	2009	263,3
2001	121,1	2005	66,8	2002	71,4		
2002	71,4	2006	144,0	2003	92,4		
2003	92,4	2007	94,7	2004	224,6		
2004	224,6	2008	66,4	2006	159,7		
2005	79,6	2009	263,3	2007	138,7		
2006	159,7			2008	80,6		
2007	138,7			2009	167,2		
2008	80,6						
2009	167,2						
<b>Mean</b>	<b>123,9</b>		<b>93,5</b>		<b>126,4</b>		<b>106,9</b>
<b>STD.DEV</b>	<b>47,8</b>		<b>62,8</b>		<b>48,9</b>		<b>64,7</b>

Calculating Rainfall Increase on Target Area by Target Only Method (Mei 2007)

	Normal (1986 - 2009)			Stratified		
	X	X +SD	X - SD	X	X +SD	X - SD
Rainfall mean historical (mm)	123,9	171,6	76,1	126,4	175,3	77,4
Rainfall actual (mm)	138,7					
<b>Rainfall increase (%)</b>	<b>11,9</b>	<b>-19,2</b>	<b>82,2</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>-20,9</b>	<b>79,1</b>

# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

## 2. Target Control Method

Statistical analysis by this method need an control area for comparation. The increasing rainfall on target area during cloud seeding period can be estimated from regression equation using rainfall data historical from control area as free variable and rainfall data historical from target area for the same interval period. The rainfall data actual that was measured and has assumption that was impact by cloud seeding activity. The increasing of rainfall on this method calculated by this equation :

$$R = [ ( 138,7 - 97,975 ) / 97,975 ] \times 100 \% \\ = \mathbf{41,56 \%}$$

Where,

R = the increase of rainfall (%)

CH<sub>a</sub> = rainfall actual on target area (138,7 mm)

CH<sub>s</sub> = estimation of rainfall on target area, that was estimated from regression equation ;

y = 0,0065x<sup>2</sup> - 1,0527x + 118,94 (= 97,975 mm)

By this method, the result of increasing rainfall is

**41,56 %**

$$R = \frac{CH_a - CH_s}{CH_s} \times 100 \%$$



# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

## 3. Double Ratio Method

The natural rainfall has strong variation (temporally and spatially), and to minimize the effect of this variation, we can use statistical analysis with the Double Ratio Method. This analysis compares between the ratio amount of rainfall on target area toward control area during cloud seeding period by the same ratio during no cloud seeding activities period. Approaching of historical data can be done by two ways; first, by using normal historical data (in these examples, using data historical from 1986 – 2009), and second, using data historical stratified

The calculation by double ratio method using these equations following:

$$R = (T/C)_a / (T/C)_{us}$$

Where,

R = "Double Ratio" value

$(T/C)_a$  = ratio between actual rainfall on target area during cloud seeding period, and rainfall on control area at the same time

$(T/C)_{us}$  = ratio between rainfall on target and control area during period no cloud seeding activities.

The increasing of rainfall that was assumed get impact from cloud seeding activity can be calculated by this equation:

$$R \% = (DR - 1) \times 100 \%$$

# EVALUATION OF INCREASING RAINFALL FROM CLOUD SEEDING ACTIVITY (CONT)

By this method, the result of increasing rainfall has range from **10,5 %** to **43,3 %** ; as can be seen on the table below.

Calculating Rainfall Increase on Target Area by Double Ratio Method (Mei 2007)

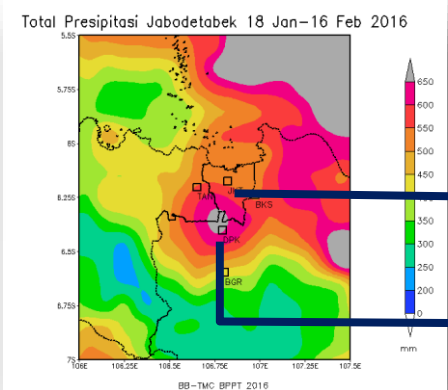
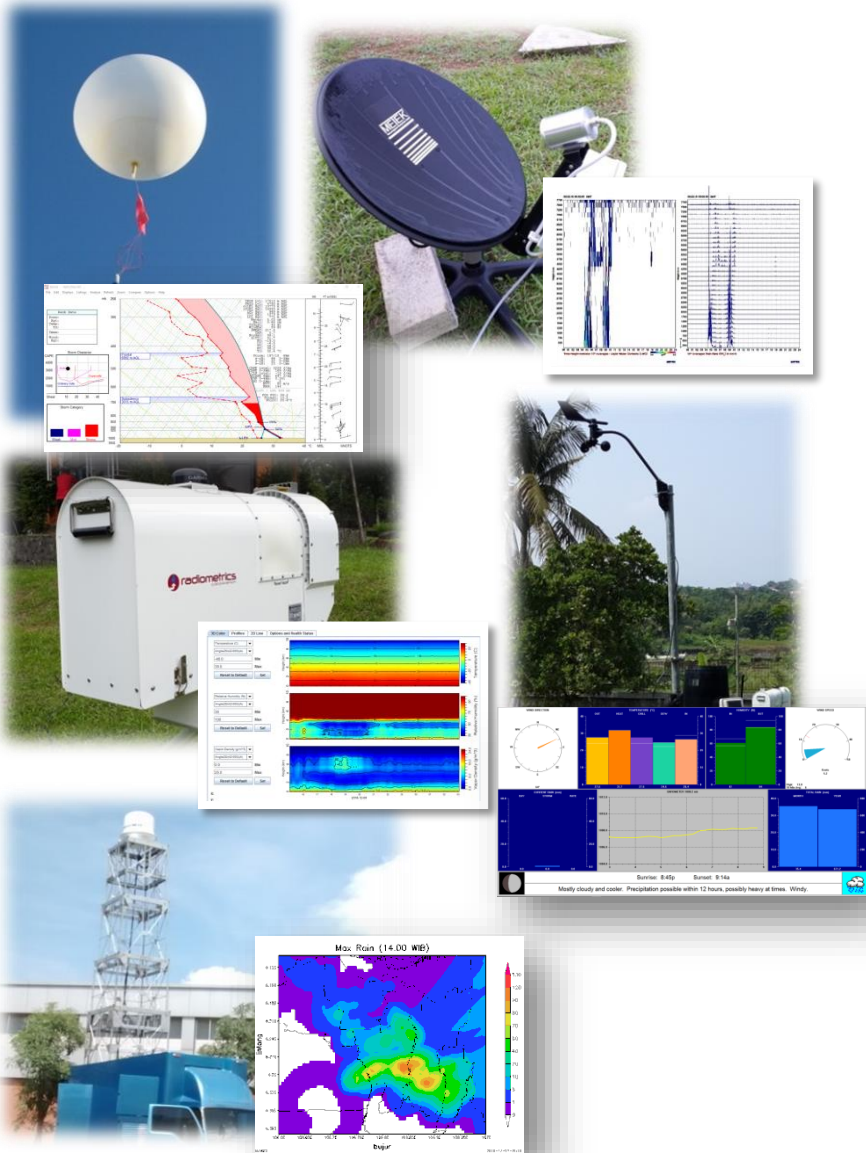
		Normal (1986 - 2009)			Stratified		
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Rainfall mean historical (mm)	Target	123,9	171,6	76,1	126,4	175,3	77,4
	Control	93,5	156,3	30,7	106,9	171,6	42,2
Rainfall actual (mm)	Target	138,7					
	Control	94,7					
<b>Rainfall increase (%)</b>		<b>10,5</b>	<b>33,4</b>	<b>40,9</b>	<b>23,9</b>	<b>43,3</b>	<b>-20,2</b>

# INTENSIVE OBSERVATION PERIOD

Intensive Observation Period (IOP) was a form of cooperation between NLWMT-BPPT & The Indonesian Agency of Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics (BMKG) which was held for 30 days from 18 January-16 February 2016. The objective of this partnership was to further understand detailed atmospheric conditions during the occurrence of high rainfall event that causes floods in Jakarta.

The observation was centered on 2 locations, i.e. Puspipstek Serpong Area and BMKG's Climatology Station in Dramaga Bogor with the following instruments:

- Mobile Radar
- Micro Rain Radar
- Automatic Weather Station
- Radiosonde
- Radiometer
- Drone



The rainfall intensity in the Jakarta Special Region and Bekasi was = 500-600 mm with higher rainfall occurring in its southern and eastern part.

The highest rainfall occurs in Depok and South Tangerang with intensities reaching up to more than 650 mm.

# FOREST FIRES IOP



## LAND OBSERVATION

## WEATHER OBSERVATION

## Radiometer Installations



Acquisition of Weather data by using radiometer instrument which will also be taken to Palembang

Measured Parameter from radiometer :

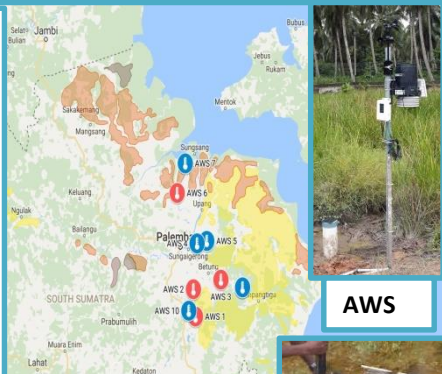
1. Relative Humidity
2. Temperature
3. Vapor density
4. liquid

## 1. AWS and AWLR Installations

AWS and AWLR Installations were based on peatlands distributions and the availability of facilities and infrastructures.

### AWS and AWLR Locations :

1. Tanjung Api-Api.
2. Karanganyar Village, Muba
3. Kelantan Sakti Plantations Area.
4. Manggala Agni Command Post, Distr. Of Pangkalan Lampam, Ogan Komering Lingsuat



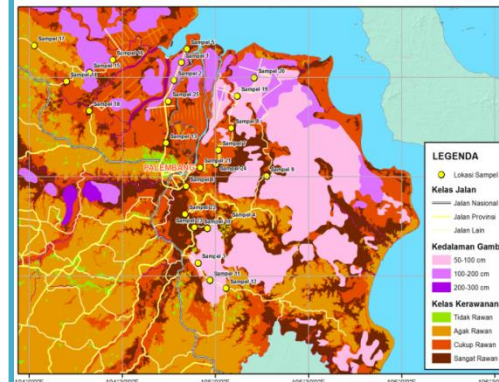
AWS

AWLR

Possible Measured Parameter:  
Soil moisture and temperature, water level and rainfall

## 2. Soil Moisture Sample Acquisition, Ground Humidity and Water Table

PETA LOKASI PENGAMBILAN SAMPEL PARAMETER FISIK TANAH DI PROVINSI SUMATERA SELATAN



### Instruments Used:



### Sample Ring and Soil Drill



### Soil Moisture Profile Probe

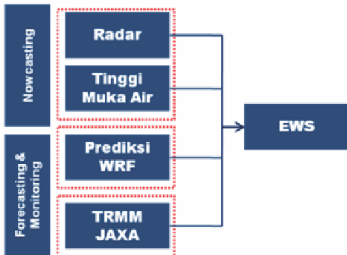
Site determination is based on peatlands distributions and forest fire risks maps which themselves was based on land physical parameters ( $\pm 20$  locations).

# R-RAINBOWS

Radar – Rainfall Observation for Early Warning System

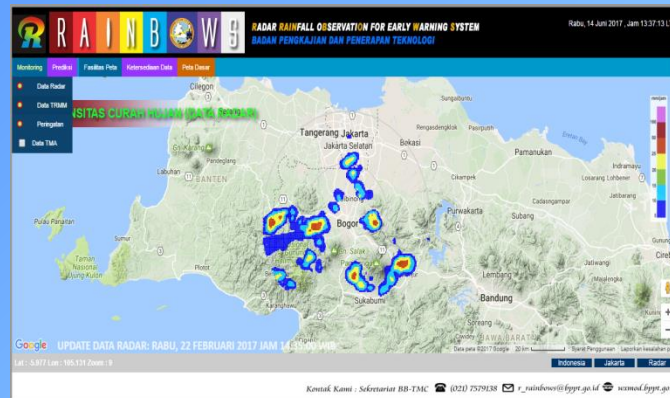


## SKEMA EWS



R - RAINBOWS is a system of precipitation observation and monitoring using radar for the early warning of flood in Jakarta and surrounding areas which is displayed through an interactive Web-GIS.

## Real-Time Rain Monitoring by Radar



## Rain Monitoring (TRMM)

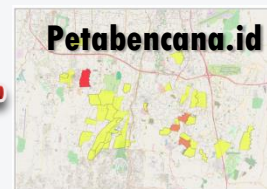


## Rain Forecasting (WRF)

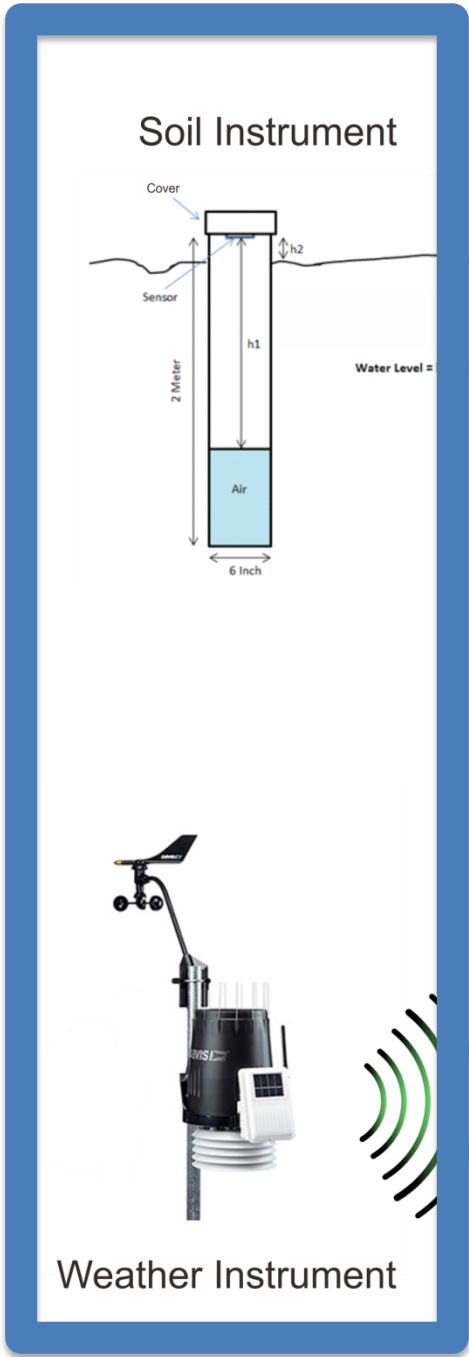


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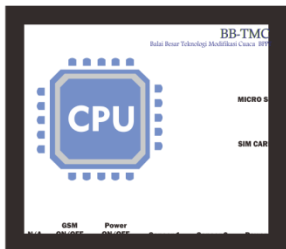
the possibility of cooperation between rain monitoring (R-RAINBOWS) and inundation monitoring in Jabodetabek area (petabencana.id)



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Data Cable



Microcontroller



Wireless



Console

Data Cable



Monitoring



SMS System

Server

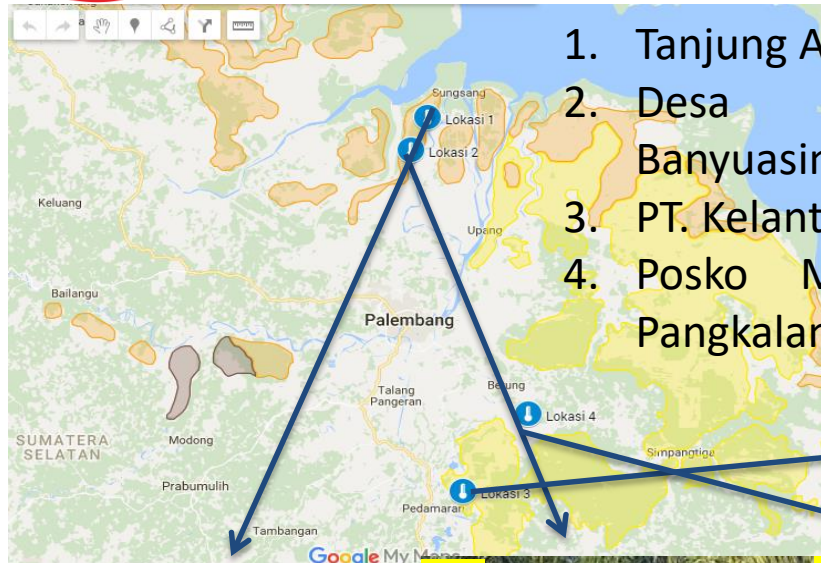


Internet Network



Mini PC





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## Calculation of Fire Drought Index

### mKBDI (modified Keetch-Byram Drought Index)

$$KBDI^t = KBDI^{t-1} + DF^t - RF^t$$

Modified  
KBDI\*

$$mKBDI^t = mKBDI^{t-1} + DF_{adj(Ro,ET)}^t - RF^t - WTF^t$$

Symbols	Description	Units
$KBDI^{t-1}$	Moisture deficiency (KBDI at $t - 1$ )	mm
$mKBDI$	Modified $KBDI$ , which considers local climate, soil and hydrological factors	mm
$DF$	Drought factor	mm
$DF_{adj(Ro,ET)}^t$	Adjusted $DF$ which is considered local average annual rainfall and evapotranspiration	mm
$RF$	Rainfall factor	mm
$WTF^t$	Water table factor	mm

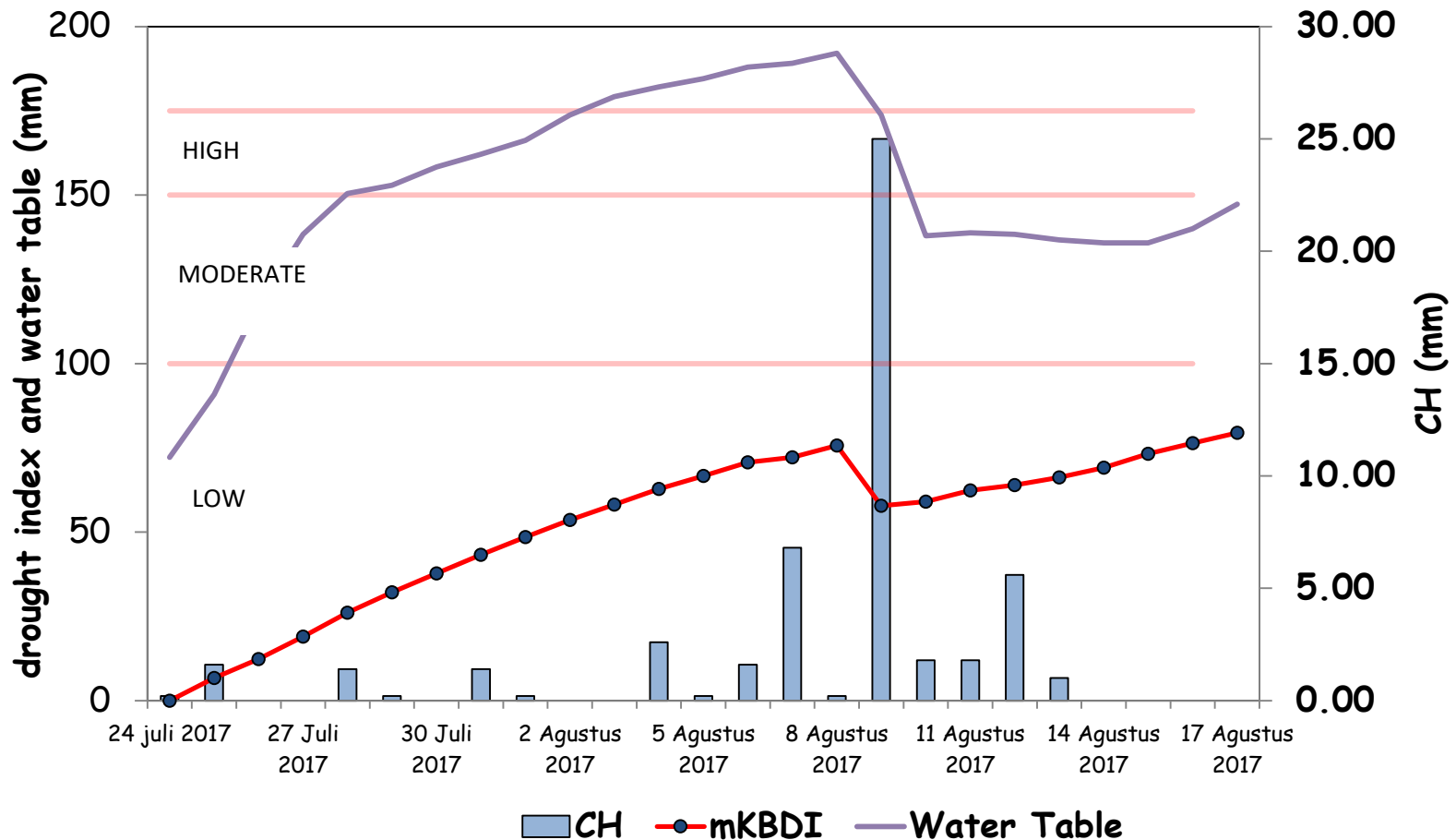
#### Improvement:

1. Modified by local annual rainfall, soil and hydrological condition. So, new variable has been added i.e. **Water Table Factor (WTF)**
2. Simple input data, only need local annual & daily rainfall and daily maximum air temperature.
3. Daily calculation



# Example:

## Calculation of mKBDI Drought Index in Tj. Api-api Period: 24 July– 17 August 2017





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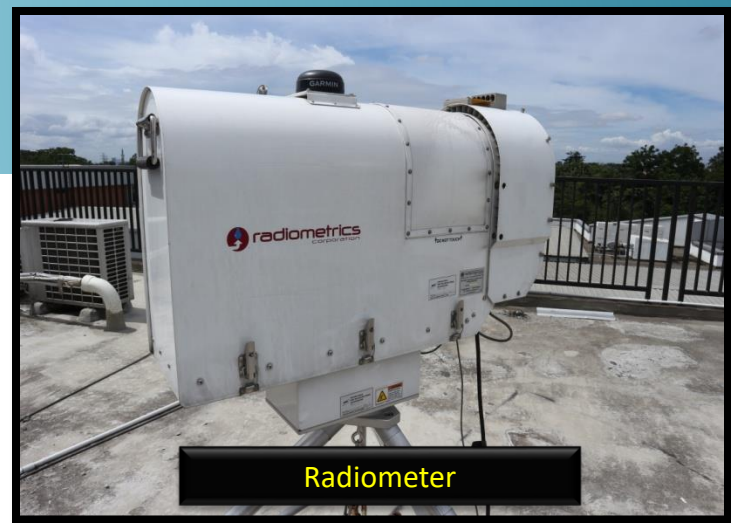




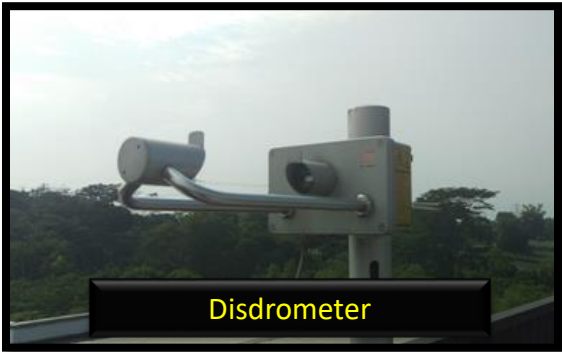
Micro Rain Radar



AWS



Radiometer



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# WEATHER OBSERVATIONS INSTRUMENTS



X Band Doppler Radar



3D Anemometer



X Band Doppler Mobile Radar