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Research and Development on Rainmaking Technology to support Royal Rainmaking Operation

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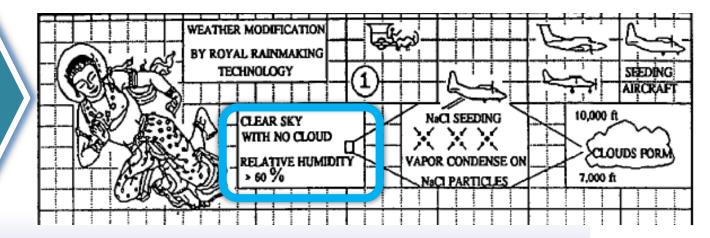
Royal Rainmaking Project





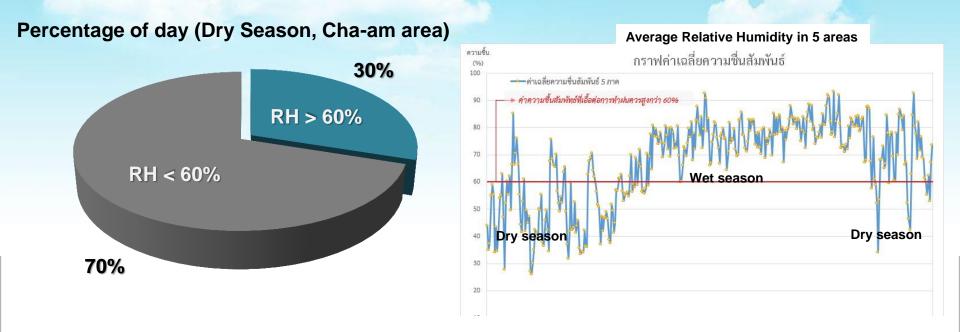


Step 1 Agitation or Triggering



Relative Humidity > 60%

Relative Humidity in the Dry Season



In the dry season, there are only 30%-50% of the days with proper relative humidity.





The alternative substances that can act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) at RH < 60% for agitation step in royal rainmaking operation

Overcome the limitation of relative humidity factors Increase the chance of the Royal Rainmaking operation in the dry season





CRH is defined as the relative humidity of the surrounding atmosphere at which the material begins to absorb moisture from the atmosphere.



CRH of the mixtures of salts

Mixtures of salts usually have lower CRH than either of the pure salts.



3 important criteria

 The CRH of the alternative substance is below 60%. The temperature difference of water after adding the alternative substance is not more than 5 °C.

2.

The surface tension of alternative

3. substance aqueous solution should be high.



рН

Not

Safety

Easy to prepare and use

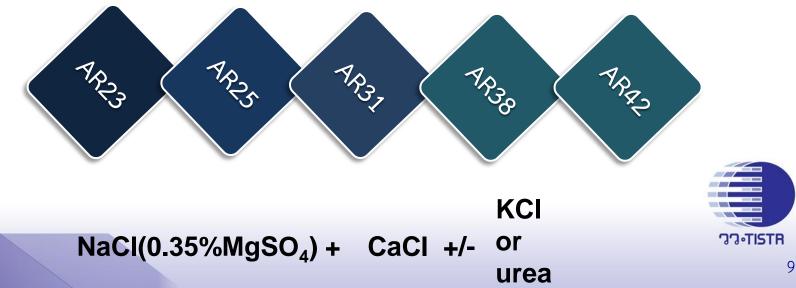
Preparation of the alternative substances

Laboratory Scale

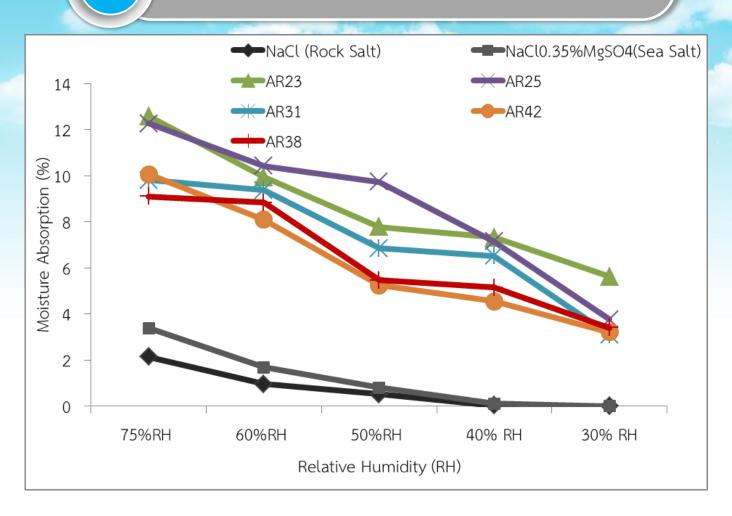
Over 40 formulas have been prepared and tested their properties.



5 formulas : Pass all 3 criteria

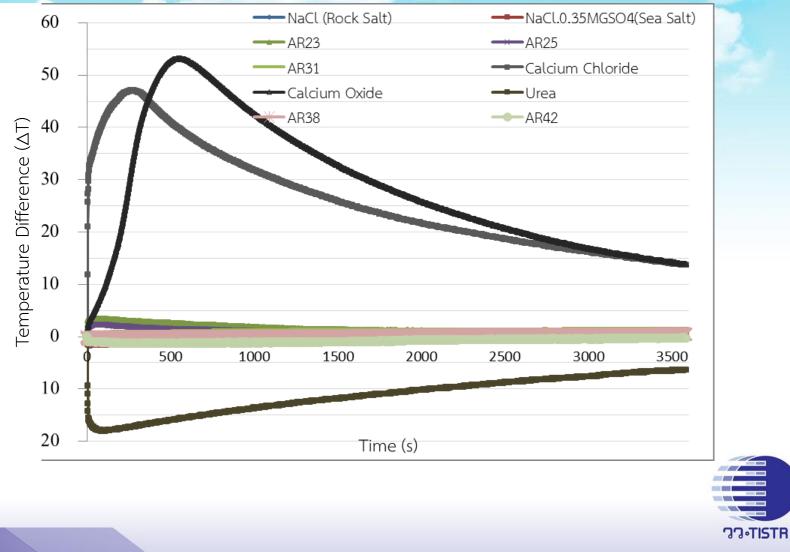


Moisture Absorption

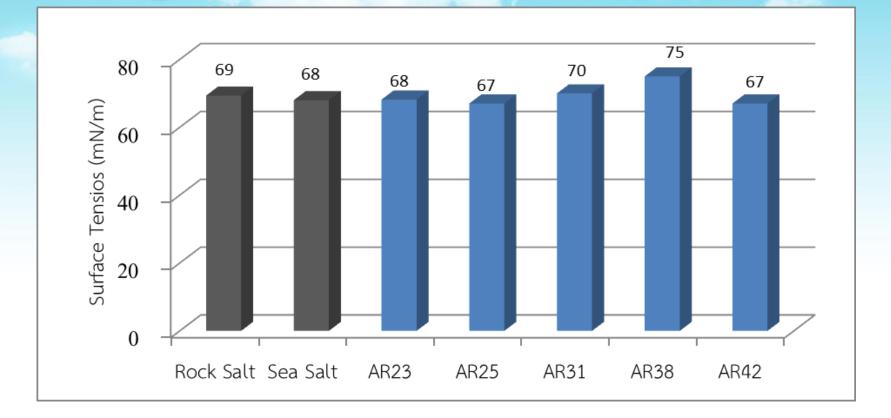




Temperature Difference (Δ T)



Surface Tension





Preparation of the alternative Substances in Pilot scale

More than 2000 kg per formula have been prepared under temperature and relative humidity control (<25 °C, RH <35%).









Field Test

Hua-Hin and Phitsanulok Station











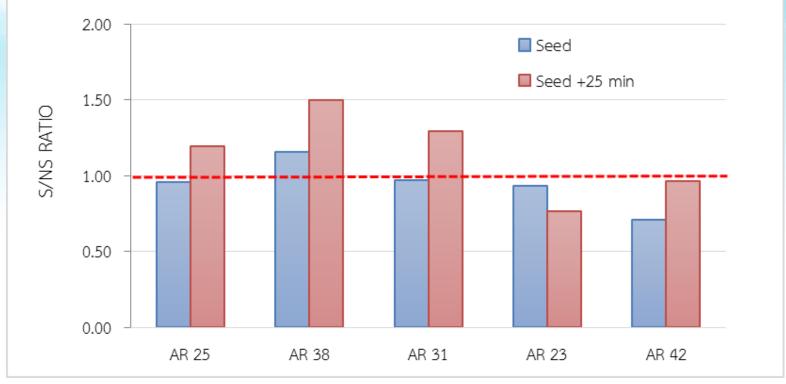




Dispersing the alternative substance from the CARAVAN aircraft at RH < 60% and the CCN was measured after seeding and after seeding + 25 min



Cloud Condensation Nuclei





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