

New Concept of Regional Cooperation in Asia
for Water Disaster Management
Applying Satellite Precipitation Measurement

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Sentinel Asia for Mitigation/Preparedness Phase

New concept proposed in this material will contribute to efforts of Sentinel Asia in this phase.



Application of Satellite
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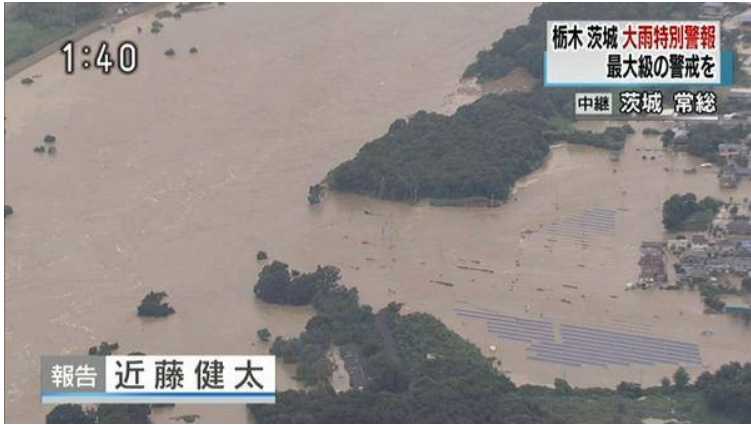
Rainfall Data Collection is Essential to Mitigate Disaster Damages



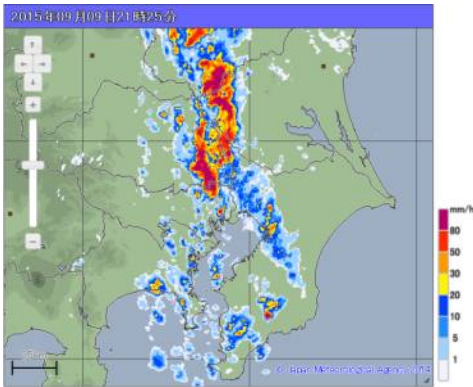
Flood happened 5 major rivers and 80 rivers.

Historical heavy rain (>300mm/day) in Kanto and Tohoku region of Japan on September 9-11, 2015,

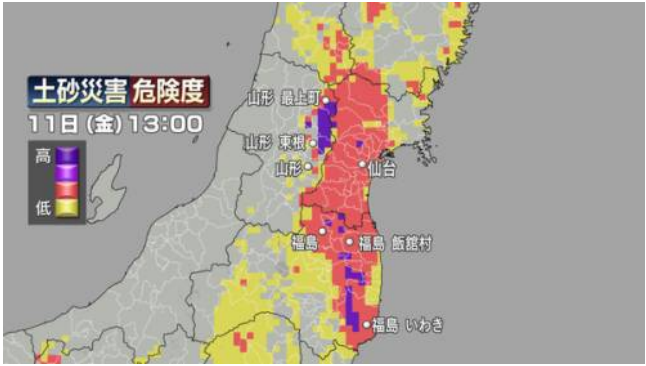
- Caused severe damages
- 8 people dead
 - 75 houses collapsed
 - 3851 houses damaged



Rainfall information played an essential role to mitigate damages of heavy rain.



Rainfall distribution information



Landslide risk information

Different Methods to Collect Rainfall Data



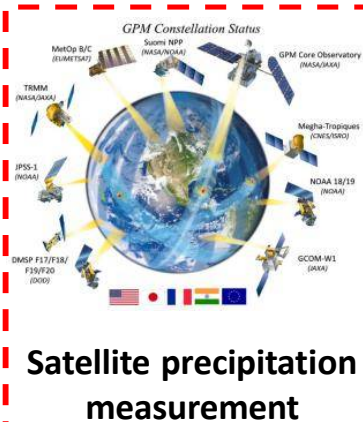
Ground rain gauge

- Best accuracy
- Easy to collect real-time data
- **Only pin point data**
- **Lot of gauges are needed**



- Collect distributional data
- Cover large area (several hundreds km)
- Has an error (need to calibrate with rain gauges for qualitative use)
- Easy to collect real-time data
- **Expensive to cover whole country**
- **High intainance and operational cost**
- **Difficult to calibrate data**

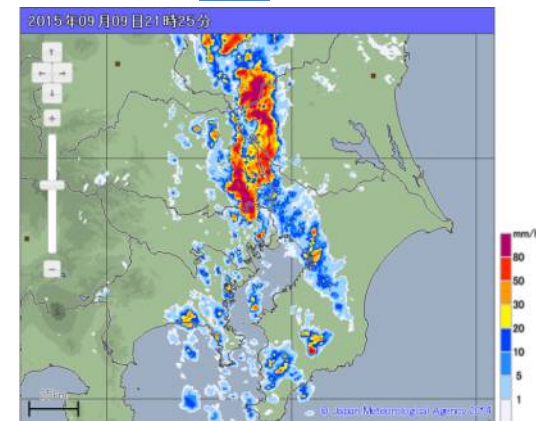
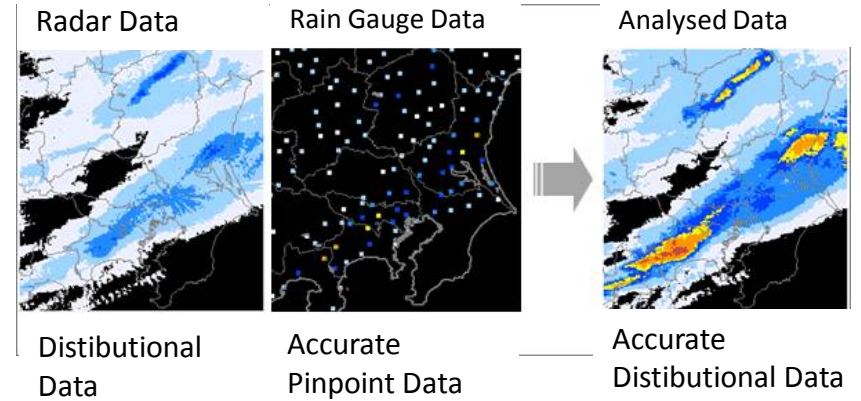
Ground precipitation radar



Satellite precipitation measurement

- Can collect distributional data
- Can cover large area including ocean, other countries and mountenous areas
- Calibration is easier (satellite radar)
- Has an error (need to calibrate with rain gauges for qualitative use)
- Minimum about 1 hour delay to collect data
- Expensive to build
- Maintanance and operational cost is high

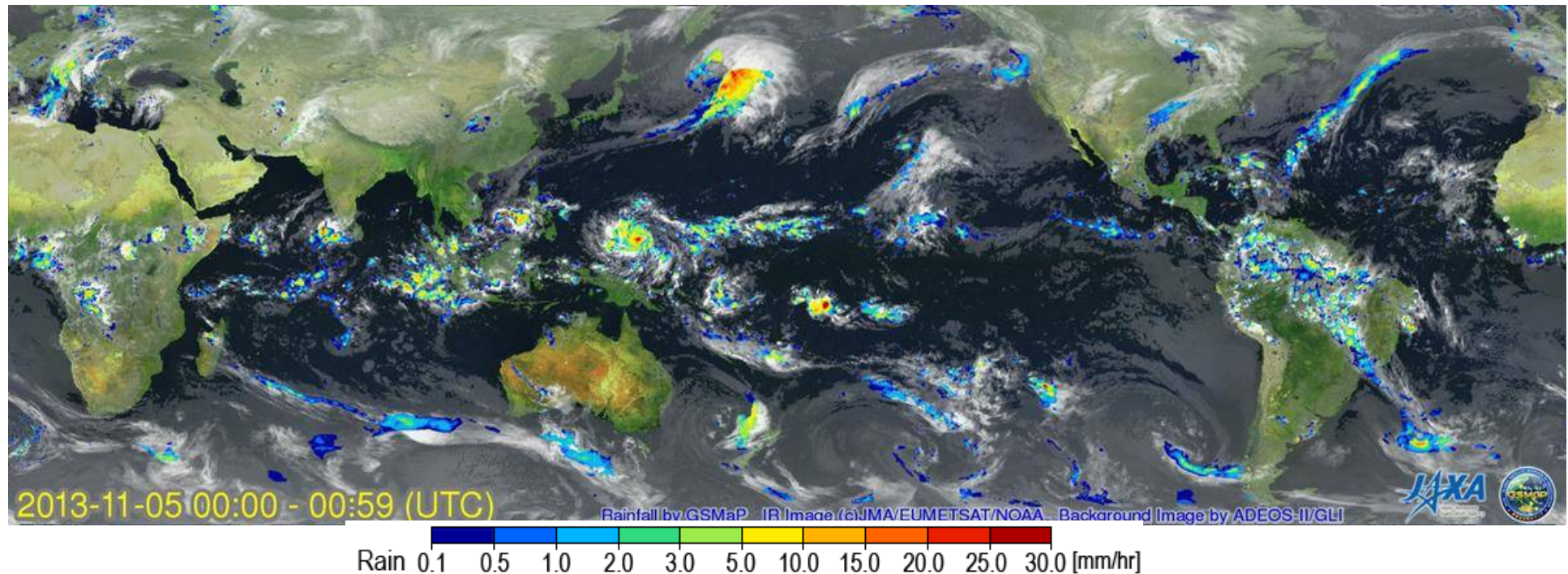
Integreation of different data



Radar Nowcast operated by Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

Some images are from JMA

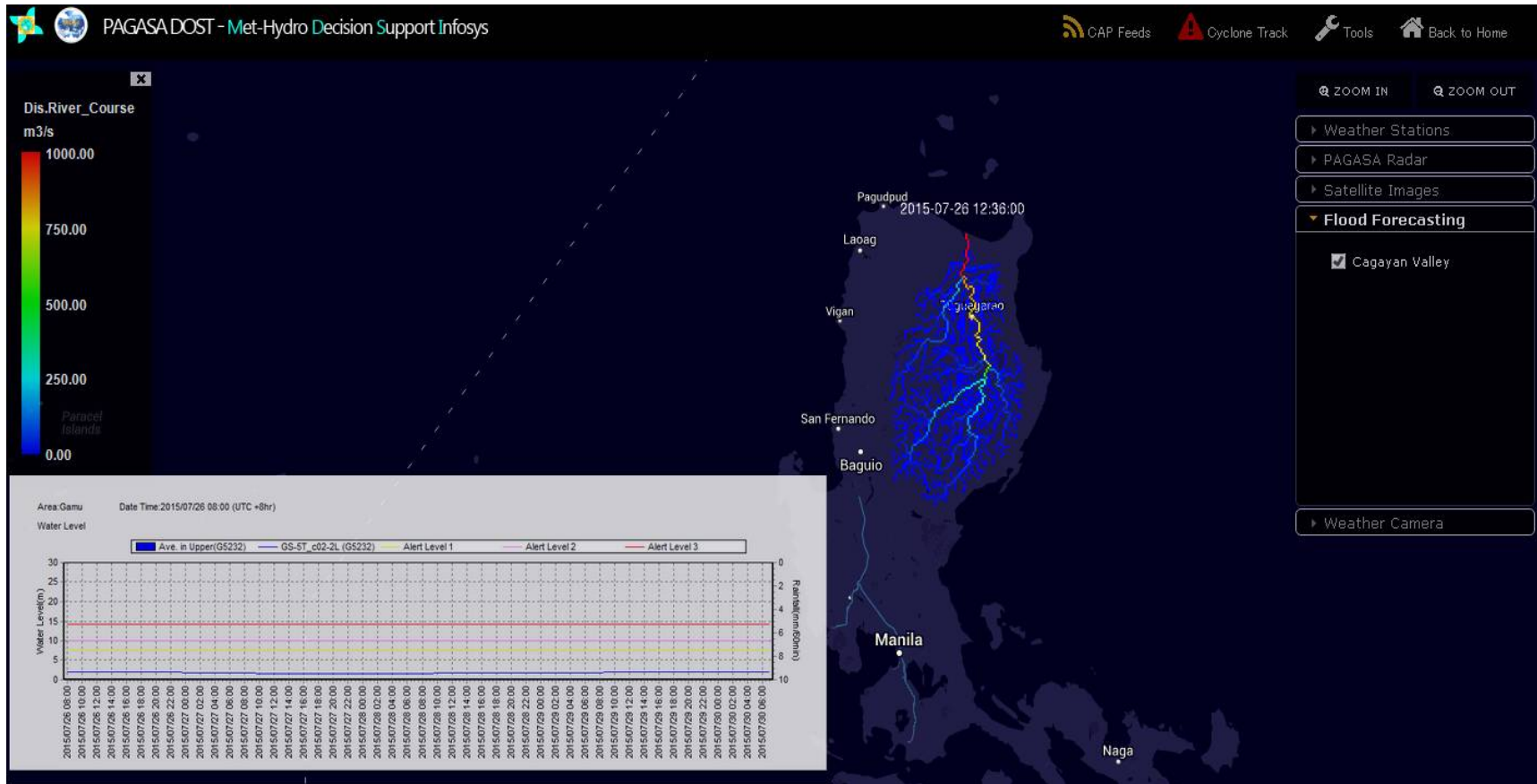
Global Satellite Mapping of Precipitation



GSMaP: Global Satellite Mapping of Precipitation

- JAXA's Free satellite-based rainfall data
- Hourly data (0.5 hour or 4 hour after observation)
- 0.1 deg x 0.1 deg grid (around 10km grid)
- Archive data for more than 10 years.
- Available from JAXA G-portal (<https://www.gportal.jaxa.jp>) as well as current GSMaP web site (<http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP/>).

GSMaP Application for Flood Management



Integrated Flood Analysis System (IFAS) introduced to Cagayan River Basin in the Philippines and operated by Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)

Current Challenges for Applying Rainfall Data

A) Observation

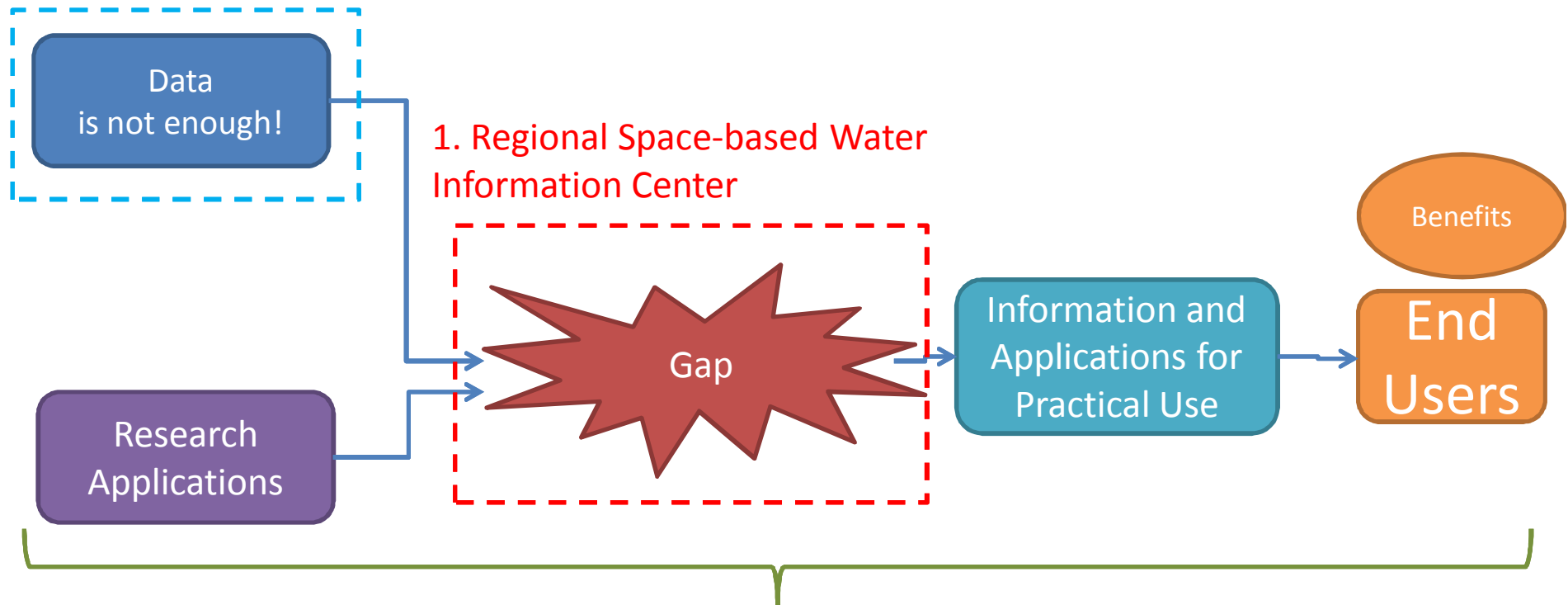
- Limited coverage due to lack of enough ground sensors
- Difficulty in operating the radar in sustainable manner
- Lack of continuous archive of data

B) Application and Utilization

- Lack of reliable data for practical use
- Lack of resources (funding, capacity, etc.) to introduce applications
- Lack of communication between data providers/application developers and practical users
- Insufficient market size for private companies to sustain business in application fields

Three possible approaches

3. Strengthening observation by combining ground gauges, radars and satellite observation



Lack of capacity, lack of resources

2. Development Assistance Package by donors for Water-related Issues

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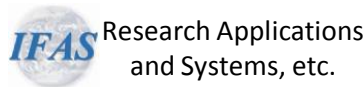
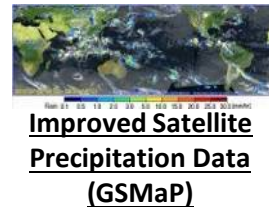
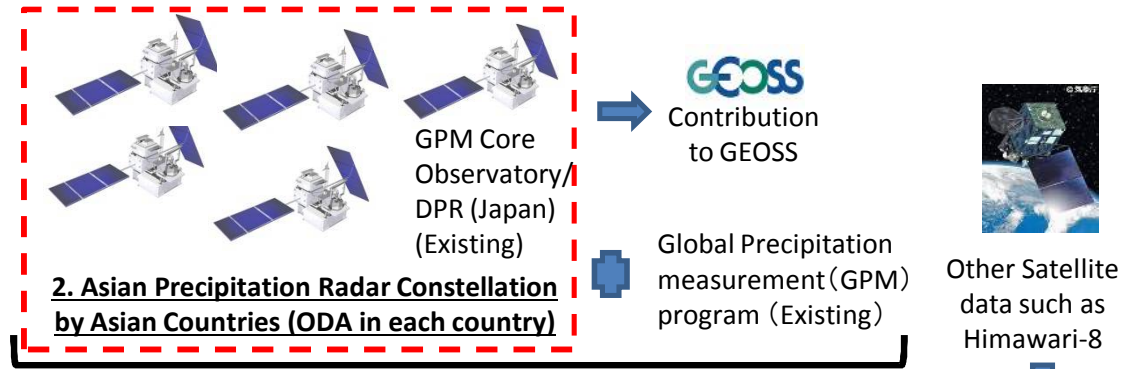
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Key points

1. Combining improved satellite rainfall data with existing ground sensors
2. Bridge the gap of research activities and practical applications.
3. Involvement of more countries in AP region.

**(Draft Idea) Asian Space and ICT-based
Water Issues Management Program (ASIWIMP)**

- 1. Establishment of "Asian Satellite Water Information Center (ASWIC)" by Asian countries with support from international development agencies.**
- 2. Establishment of "Asian Precipitation Radar Constellation (APRC)" by Asian countries**
- 3. Implementation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) project for water issues management in selected developing countries in Asia**



1. Asian Satellite Water Information Center (ASWIC)

- Develop practical applications based on available ground/satellite data for water issues management
- Funding from international development agencies
- Support introduction of the practical applications by providing capacity development program.

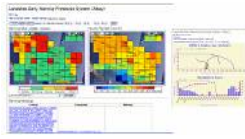
Practical Applications

3. Ground Component (ODA in each country)

1. Water Disaster Management



Flood Forecasting Model (IFAS, etc.)



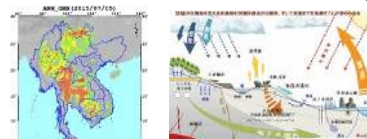
Land Slide Risk Model

2. Meteorology



Weather Forecast Model

3. Water Resources Management



Drought Model Water Cycle Model



Establishment of Data sharing network of existing ground sensors.

Dissemination

Conventional methods + Cell phone messages, etc.

Action

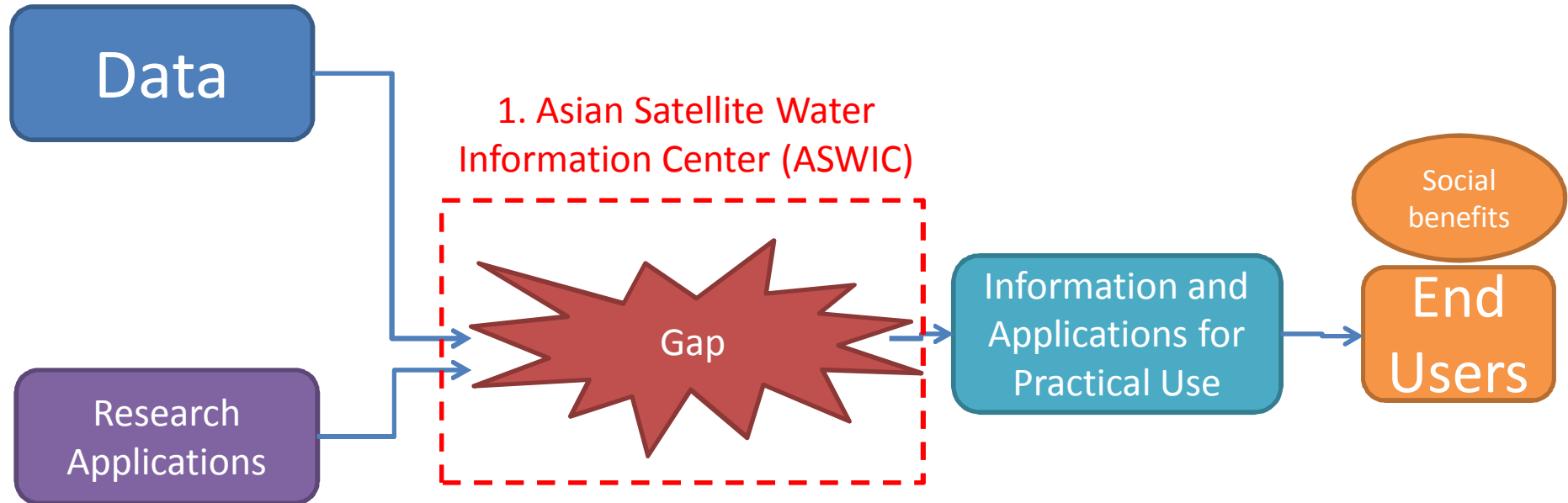
Evacuation drill, etc.

Infrastructure

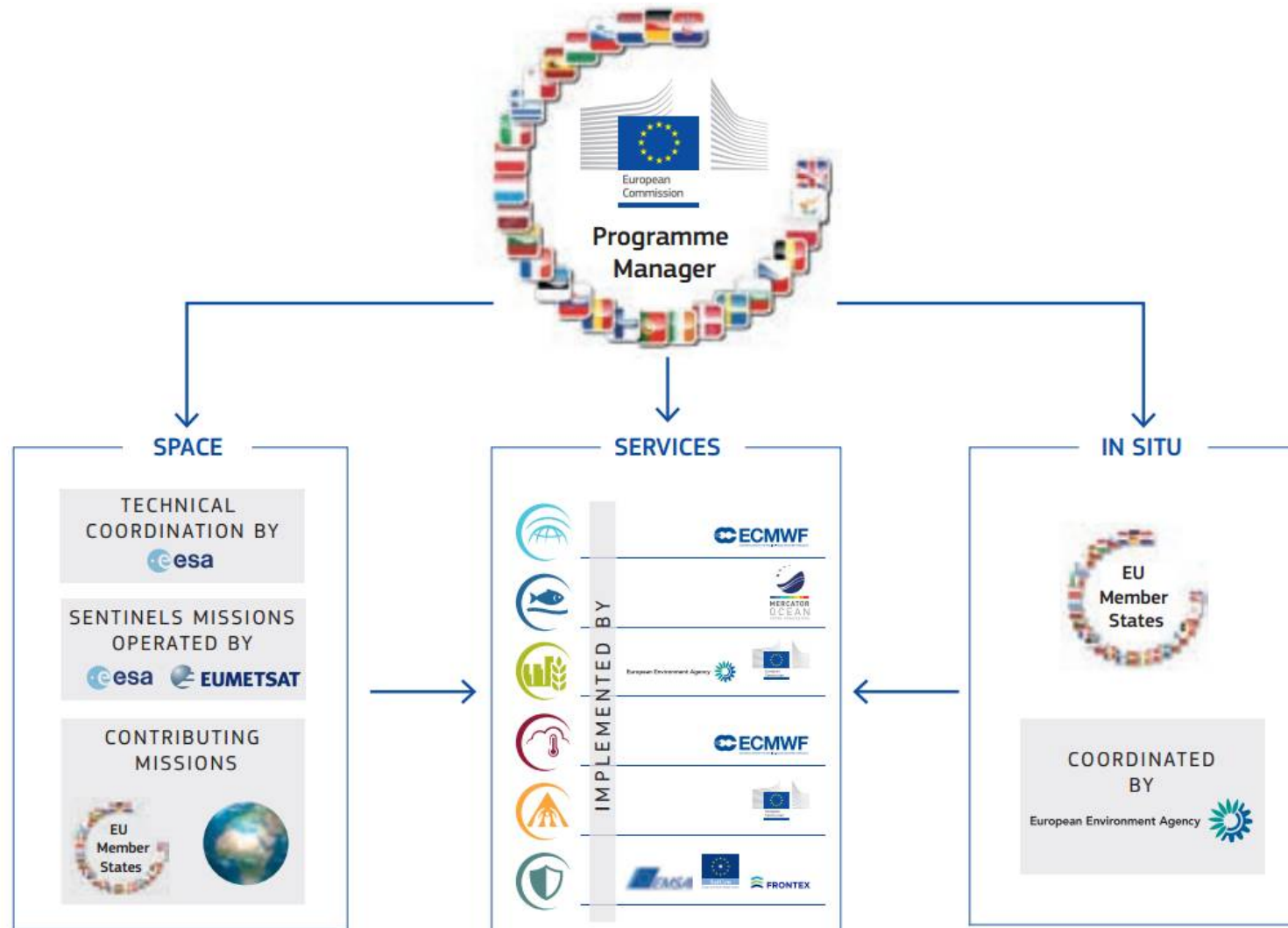
Evacuation Shelters, etc.



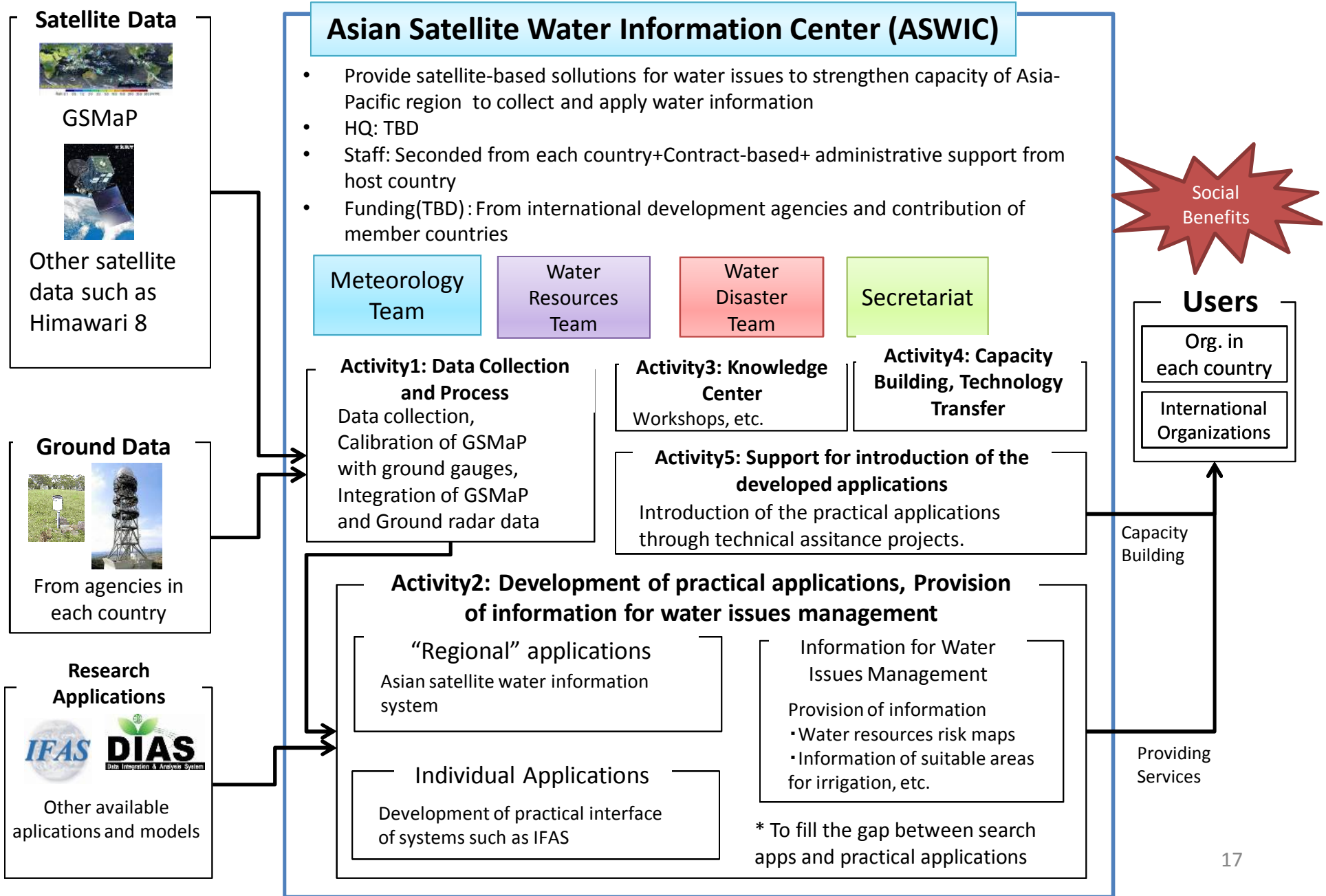
Big gap between data/research applications and practical applications/social benefits



Example of EU's Copernicus Program to bridge data and services



Draft idea of Asian Satellite Water Information Center (ASWIC)



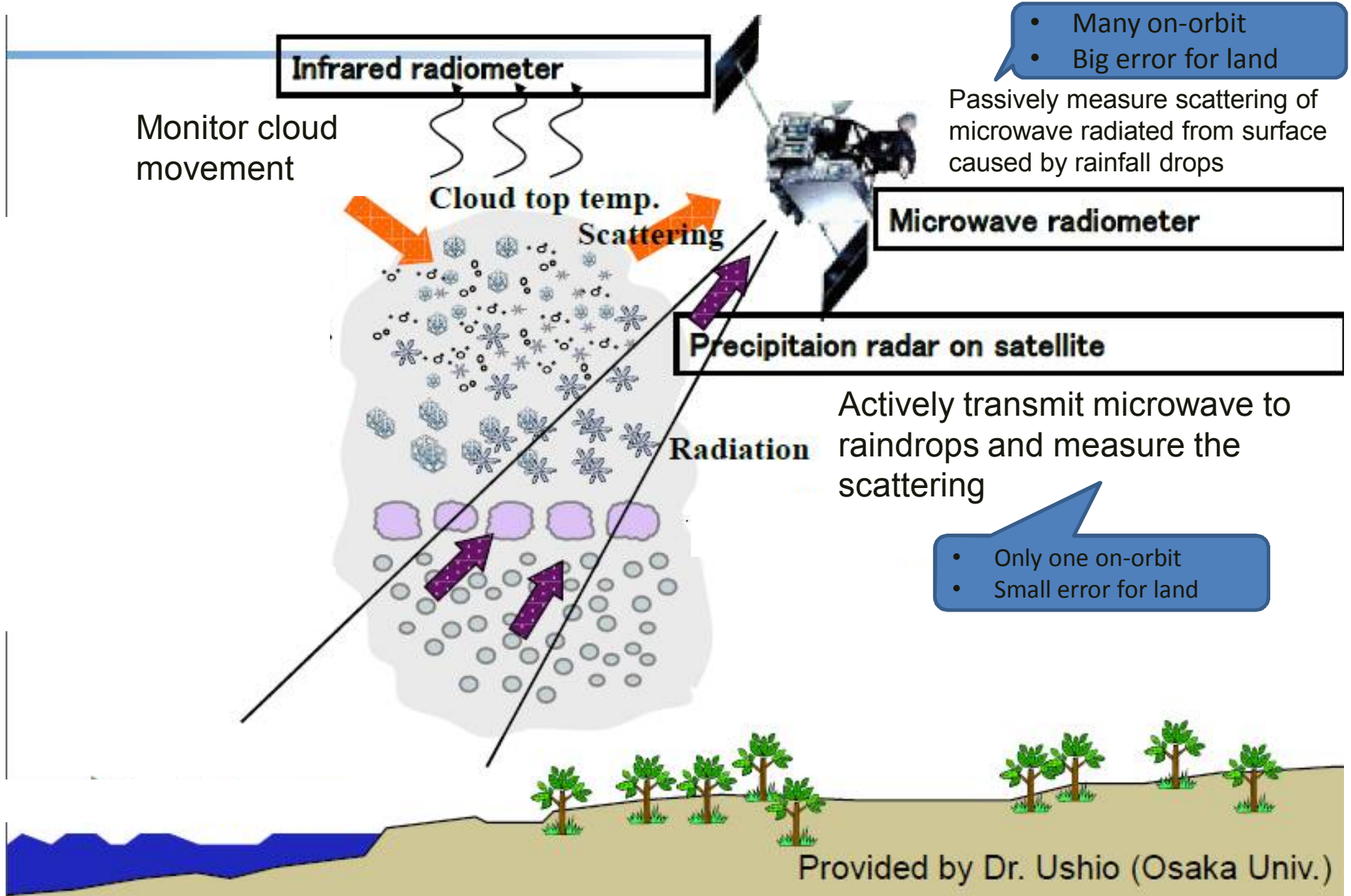
[Concept] Asian Precipitation Radar Constellation (APRC)



Asian Precipitation Radar Constellation (APRC)

[Small Satellite Precipitation Radar Satellite]

- Satellite with small precipitation radar (13.6GHz, Ku band)
- Orbit :
 - Altitude: 600 km
 - Inclination: 30 deg
- Weight: Less than 600kg
- Lifetime: more than 5 years
- Output data: precipitation data
- Swath Width: about 600 km
- Spatial resolution:
 - Along track about 10 km
 - Cross track about 12 km (Nadir), 16 km (Swath edge)
- Minimum detectable rain rate: about 1mm/h
- 4-6 times observation/day with 4 satellites



- Many on-orbit
- Big error for land

Passively measure scattering of microwave radiated from surface caused by rainfall drops

Microwave radiometer

Precipitaion radar on satellite

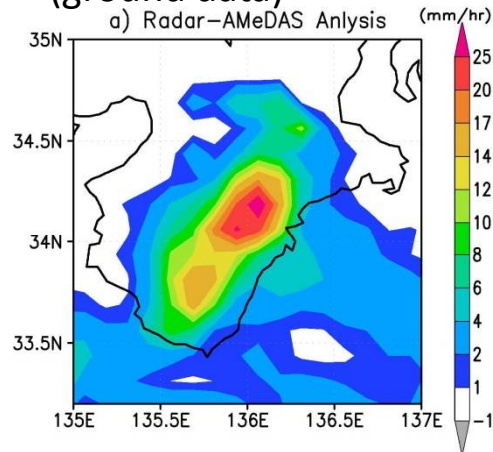
Actively transmit microwave to raindrops and measure the scattering

- Only one on-orbit
- Small error for land

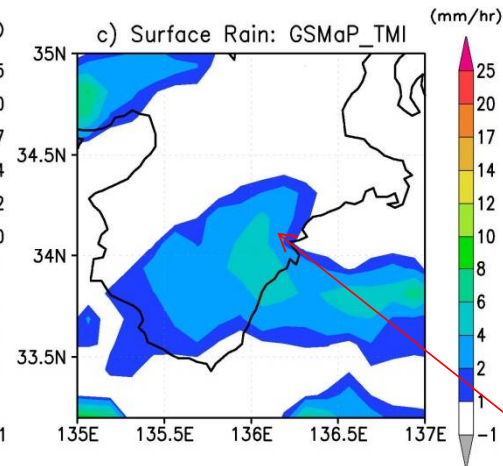
Good accuracy on land of Satellite radar

Heavy rain in Kii Peninsula in Japan, July 30, 2014 (Kubota et al. 2009)

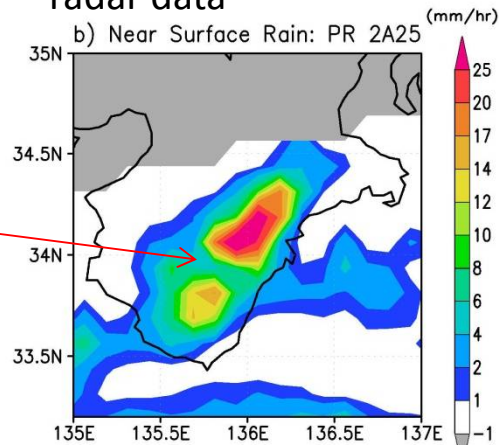
JMA Radar Amedas
(ground data)



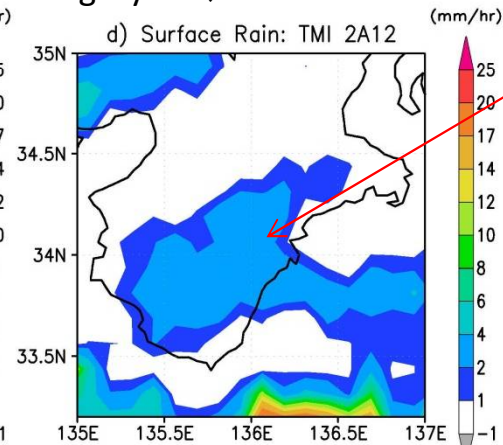
Microwave radiometer (GSMaP Algorithm)



Satellite precipitation
radar data



Microwave radiometer (NASA Algorithm)



Similar to
ground data

Underestimation

Examples of Earth Observation Satellite Program in Emerging Space Countries

- Viet Nam: VNREDSat-1A, 120kg, \$75.5m
- Indonesia: LAPAN A2, 75kg, \$3.5m
- Thailand: THEOS, 750kg, \$160m
- Malaysia: RazakSAT, 187.6kg, \$50m
- Nigeria: NigeriaSat2, 270kg, \$45m
- Turkey: BilSat-1, 130kg, \$45m

Benefits of the Program: Before/After

Before

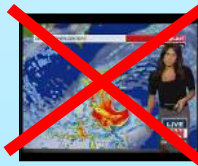
Insufficient Ground Rainfall Measurement Network



- Insufficient coverage of ground rain gauges and ground weather radars
- Insufficient calibration of ground weather radars
- Long time for recovery for damages by thunders and typhoons
- Stop operation during dry seasons for electricity saving
- Observed data is not archived and shared



No information of rainfall distribution for weather monitoring and forecast



Cannot introduce reliable flood model



Short lead time with conventional forecasting method using upstream measured water level

Ineffective water resources management, climate change adaptation

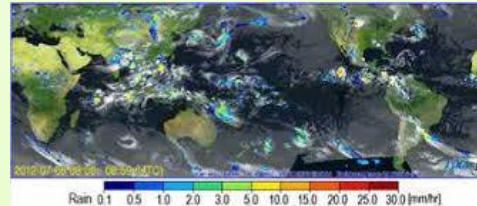


Long term rainfall data necessary for run water cycle models, etc. has not been recorded



After

Application of Hourly Regional Rainfall Map



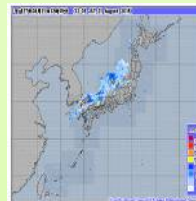
*Existing GSMaP is based on microwave radiometer measurement, which doesn't have good accuracy on land. By increasing frequency of satellite radar measurement, the quality of GSMaP will dramatically increase, which will increase the accuracy of flood models, etc.

- Effective use of existing ground weather radars
 - Calibration of ground radars by satellite precipitation radars
- Supplement of existing ground weather radars
 - Satellite observation for the area where ground radars can't cover (area without radars, ocean, mountains)
 - Uniform, continuous data collection by satellites
- Integration of ground rain gauges, ground radar and satellite rainfall data

Water resources management and climate change at regional level

- Application of collected long term rainfall data to water cycle models and drought models for policy making and daily business
- Regional level measures will be taken by understanding of climate change impact in the region

Contribution to improvement of weather monitoring and forecast and climate sciences



- Application of distributional rainfall data to weather monitoring and forecast
- Assimilation to numerical weather forecast models and short term weather forecast by understanding of rainfall movement
- Application of data by citizens using systems such as mobile phone apps.

Damage mitigation by more reliable flood models



- Extension of lead time of flood forecast to mitigate damage of floods by having more time for evacuations, etc.

Established collaborative framework between user agencies and space agencies

- It was difficult to maintain and manage introduced system under conventional ODA projects conducted only with operational agencies.
- It is possible to operate systems and expansion by R&D with involvement of space agencies in charge of technology development.

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- Asian Space and ICT-based Water Issues Management Program (ASIWIMP) consisting of the following would be effective to fight against water issues in Asia and the Pacific
 1. Asian Satellite Water Information Center (ASWIC)
 2. Asian Precipitation Radar Constellation (APRC)
 3. Official Development Assistance (ODA) project for water issues management
- JAXA Mission planning department would like to discuss this idea with other countries to make it more effective and feasible plan.