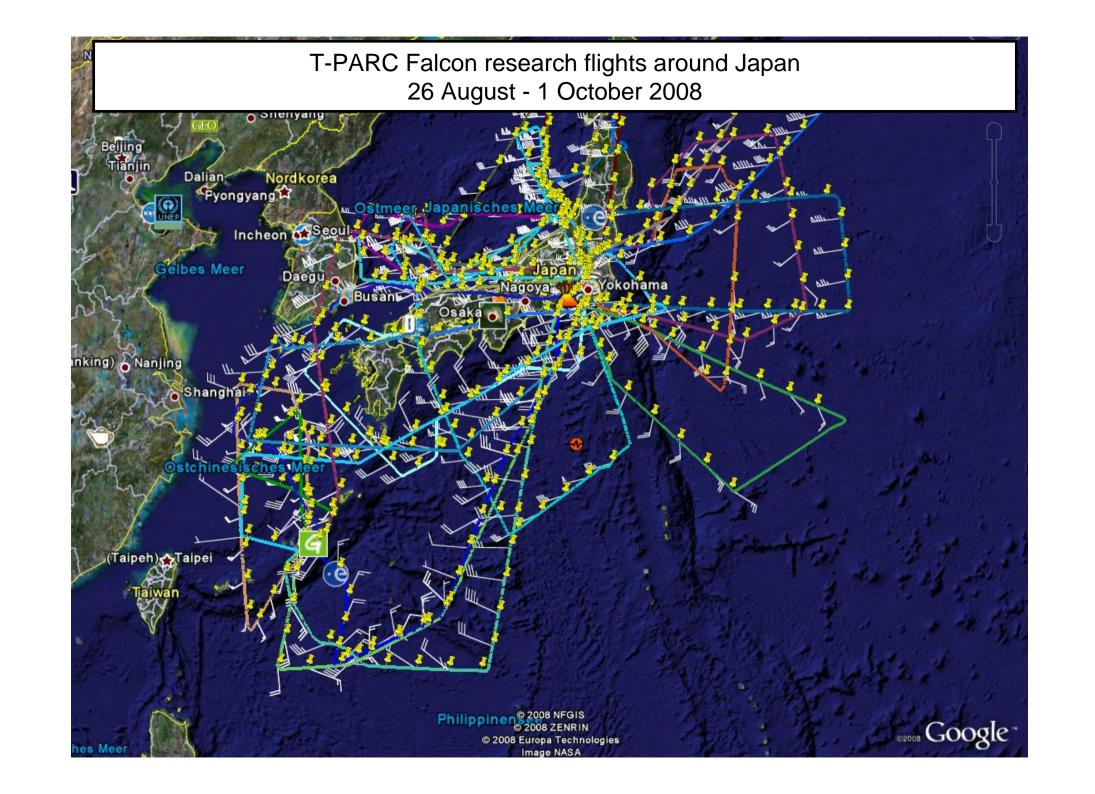
# Overview of all Falcon missions during T-PARC 2008



26 August to 1 October 2008







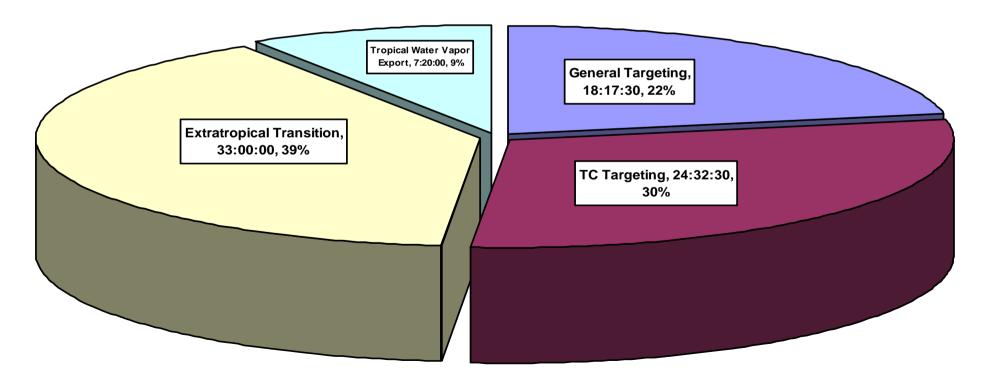
### Some numbers and facts

- **25** research flights, 1 test flight
- overall 83:10 hours for research
   (93 hours in total including preflight and test flights)
- 323 dropsondes

- **2** main typhoon events: wind lidar: ~ 60 fligth hours

Sinlaku (42:25 h; 158 sondes) water vapour lidar: all flights (except in clouds...)

Jangmi ( 23:30 h; 76 sondes)

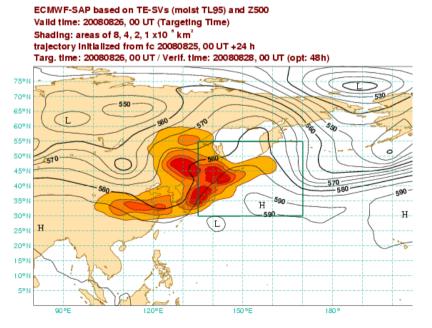


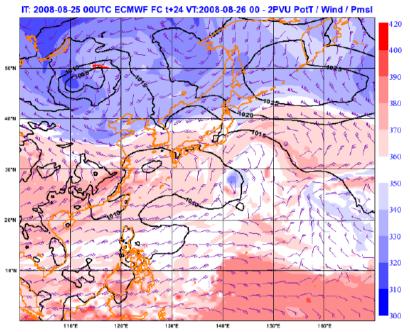
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T2 '	Atsugi	Atsugi	27.08.2008	07.20	10.55	22.20	01.55	3.33.00	2:30:00	0	test flight	
	Atsugi	Atsugi	30.08.2008	07:10	10:35	22:10	01:35	3:25:00	3:40:00	15	TWE, ET	TCS25
	Atsugi	Atsugi	31.08.2008	07:10	11:05	22:10	02:05	3:55:00	4:10:00	15	TWE, ET	TCS26
	Atsugi	Atsugi	02.09.2008	07:10	10:50	22:10	01:50	3:30:00	3:45:00	17	midlat T	10320
	Atsugi	Atsugi	04.09.2008	06:55	10:35	21:55	01:35	3:40:00	3:55:00	15	midlat T	
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	Atsugi	Okinawa	11.09.2008	12:20	16:20	03:20	07:20	4:00:00	4:00:00	19	TT	Sinlaku
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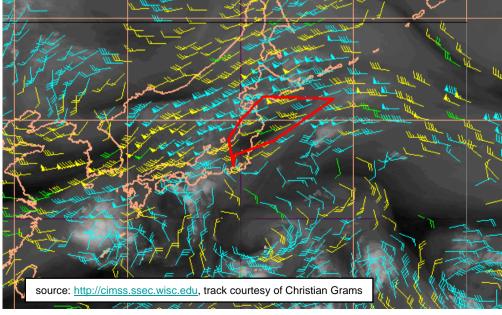
# 1.Mission: Ats - Ats (20080826 2220-0150Z)

- -map as much as possible of the maximum -of the **sensitive region**, in a shallow trough directly upstream of a ridge.
- -investigate the gradient between trough
- -and ridge as well as the **ridge building** which might also be reinforced by the upper level circulation of the cut-off low south east of Japan (142E, 28N).

#### -instrument test



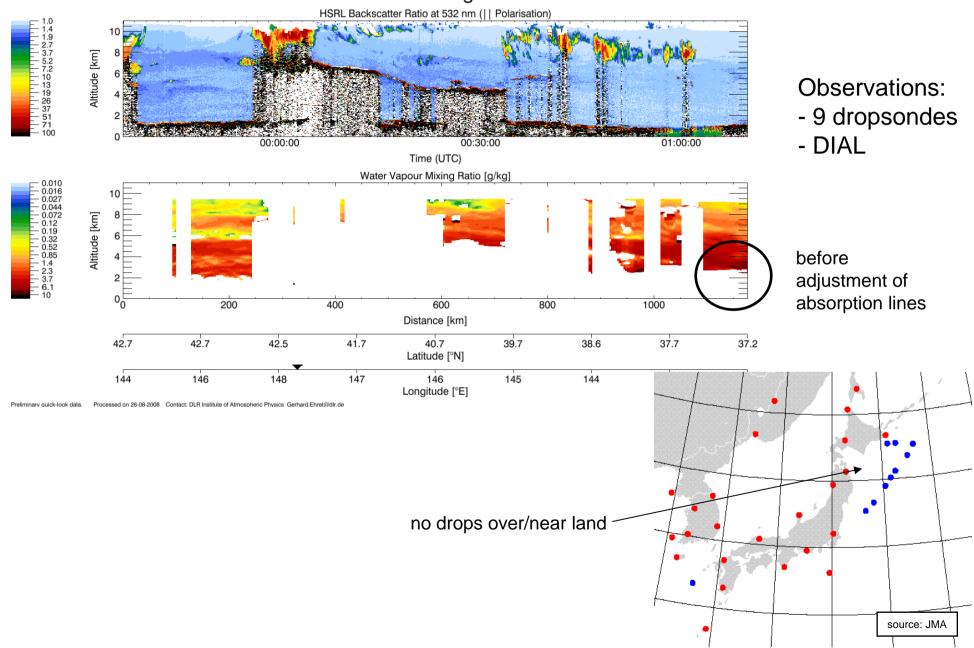






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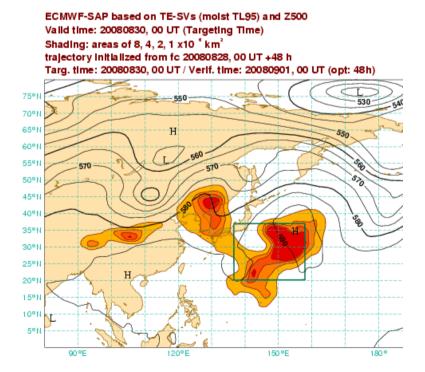
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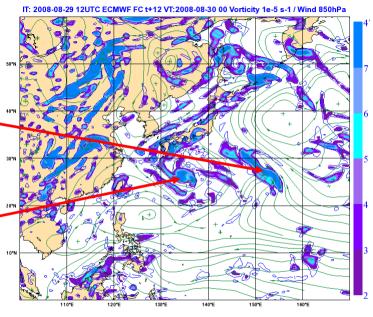


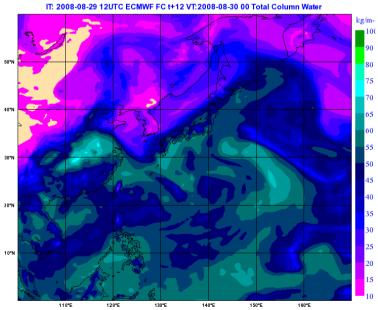
# 2.Mission: Ats - Ats (20080830 2210-0135Z)

- measure in the region of high relative vorticity and high water vapor transported towards the north by TCS025
- measure the interaction of the system of high relative vorticity with the jet
- no sensitive regions are indicated for this flight.

extra-tropical system



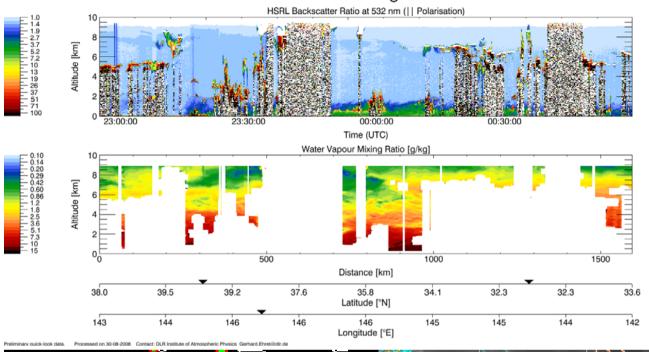






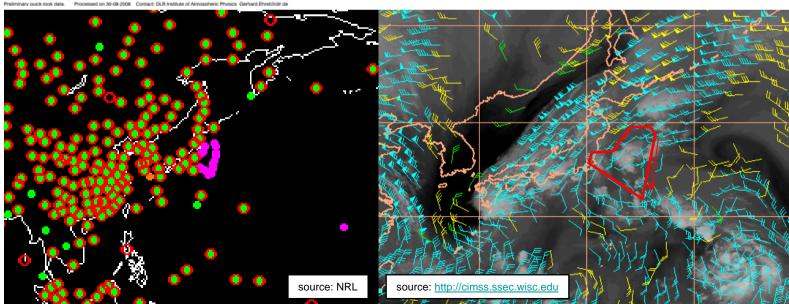
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#### 3. Flight



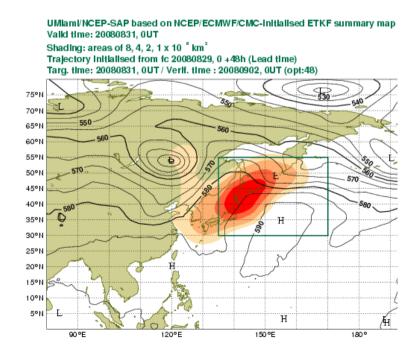
#### Observations:

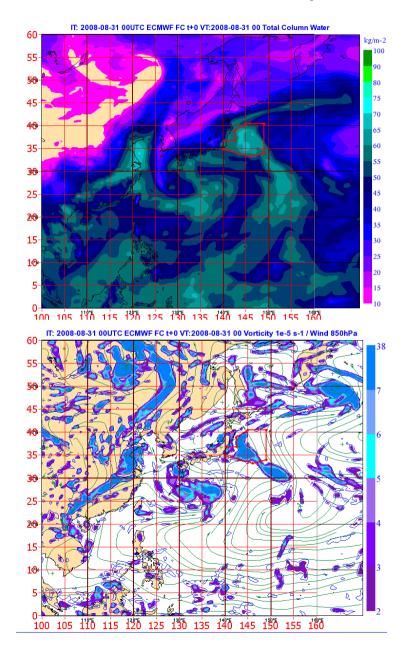
- 15 dropsondes
- DIAL



# 3. Mission: Ats - Ats (20080831 2210-0205Z)

- sample the developing cyclone, its frontal structure, water vapor content and outflow into the westerlies to the north. The water vapor sampling is needed to see if the moisture is originating in the tropics and establish consistency with the mission of 30 August 00 UTC.
- moderate sensitivities near the northeast point of the flight track

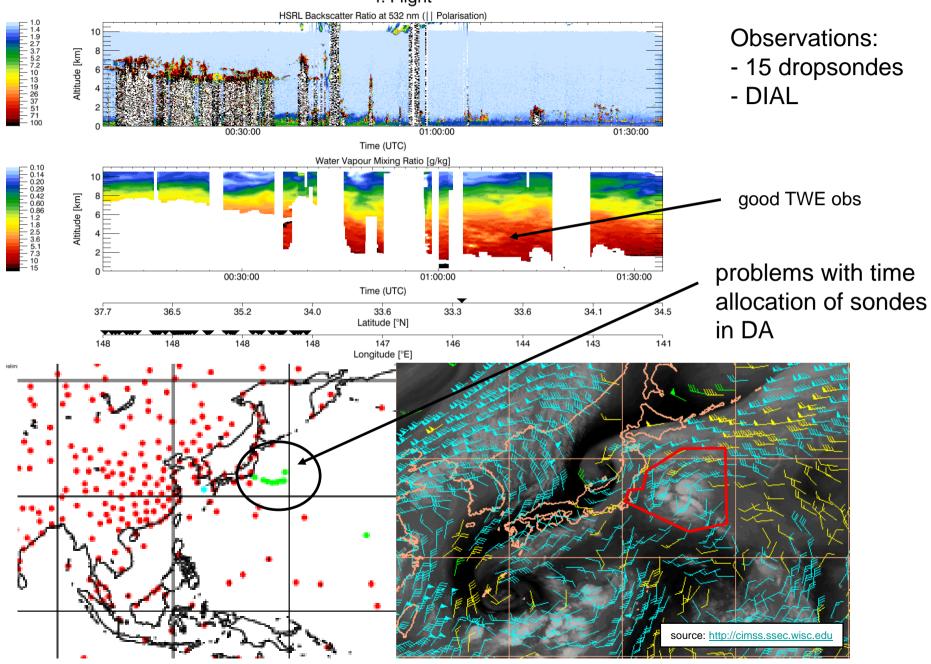






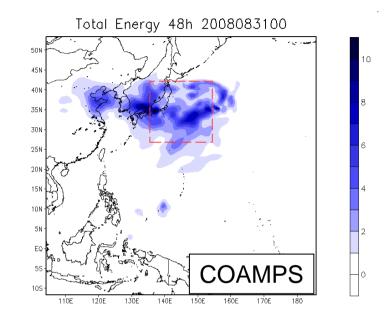
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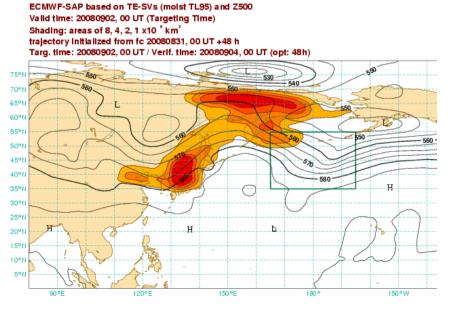


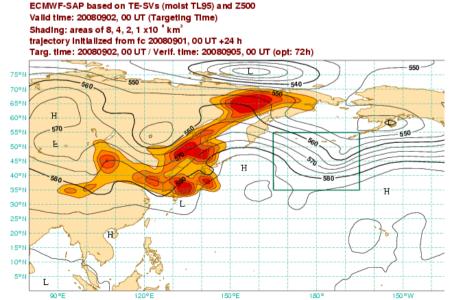


# 4. Mission: Ats - Ats (20080902 2220-0150Z)

- sample sensitive areas located over the Japanese Sea. Targeting products for the downstream region over the North Pacific simulate areas of increased sensitivity just west of Japan. Also for other verification areas the flight track was located in sensitive areas.
- confirm the misleading promising results from the wind lidar



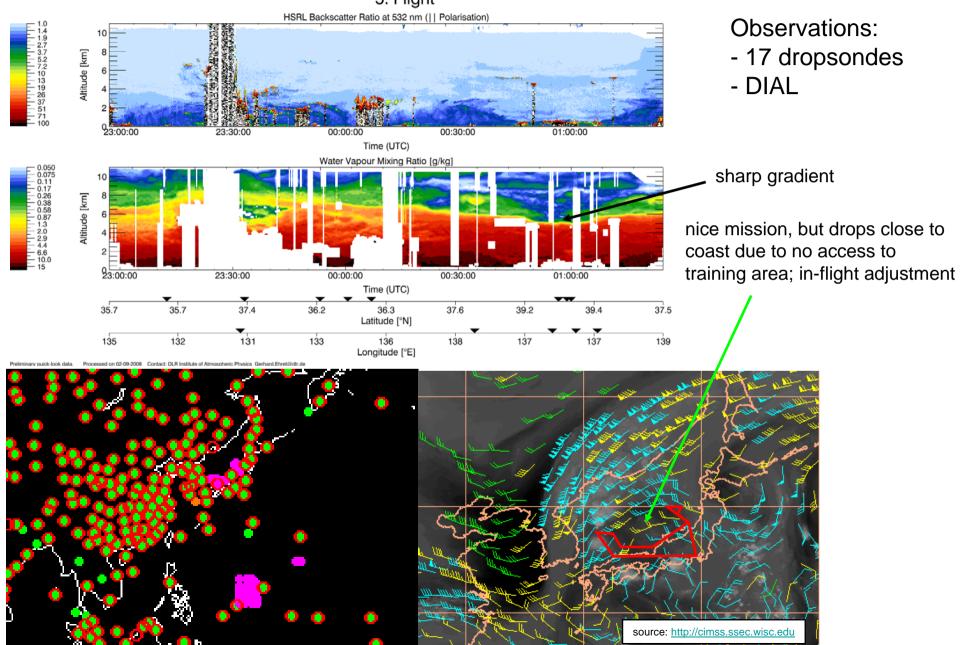






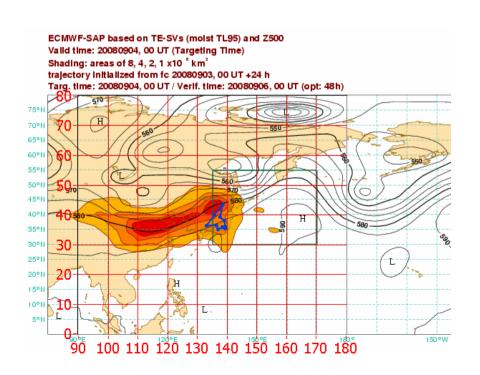
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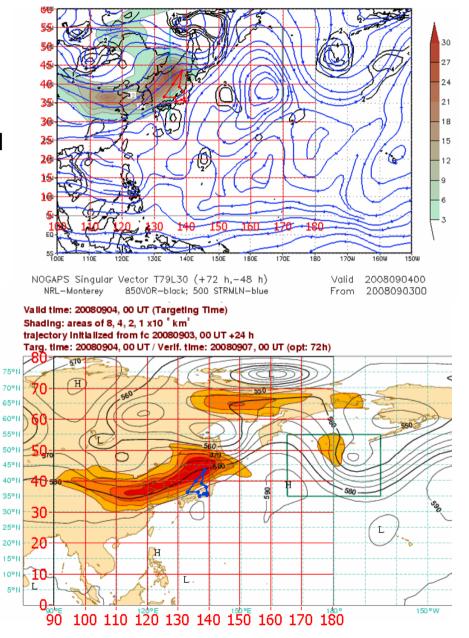




# 5. Mission: Ats - Ats (20080904 2155-0135Z)

- sample the **sensitive regions**. Several targeting products pointed to regions west of Japan, partly located over the Japanese Sea. NOGAPS SV indicated that this sensitivity is related to mid-level temperature and wind fields.

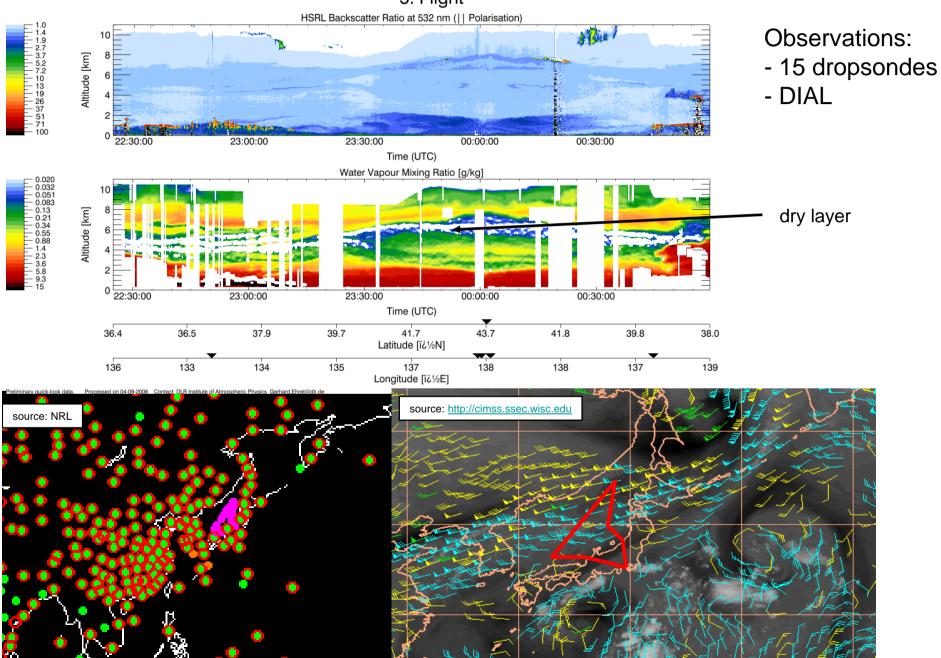






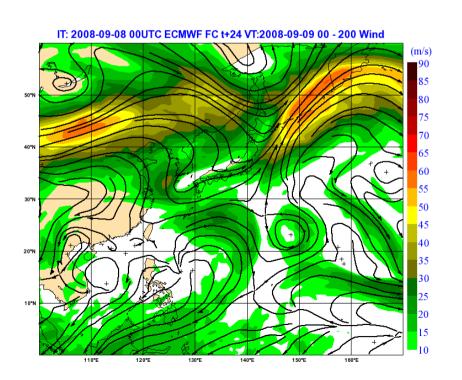
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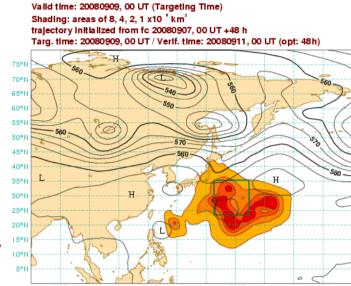
5. Flight



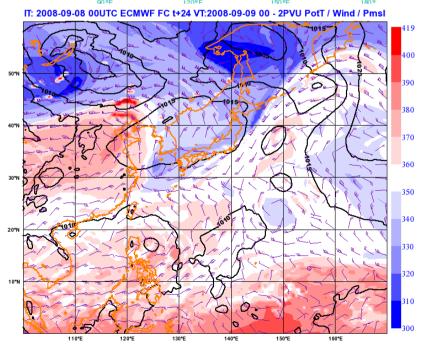
# 6.Mission: Ats - Ats (20080909 2210-0150Z)

- sample TCS037 a few hours before it is forecast to interact with a front associated with a short wave upstream trough. The interests were focused on the outflow of the TCS, the convection within the system and the gradient of the dynamic tropopause between the system and the upstream trough.
- the flight track was placed partly within areas of high sensitivity associated with TCS037





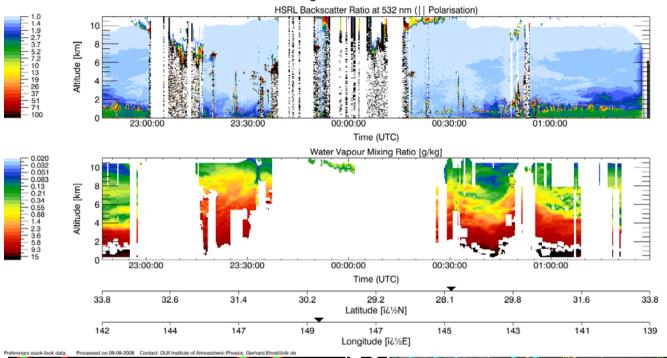
ECMWF-SAP based on TE-SVs (moist TL95) and Z500





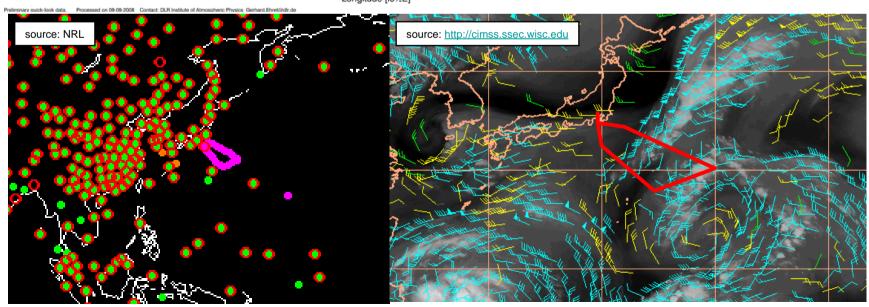
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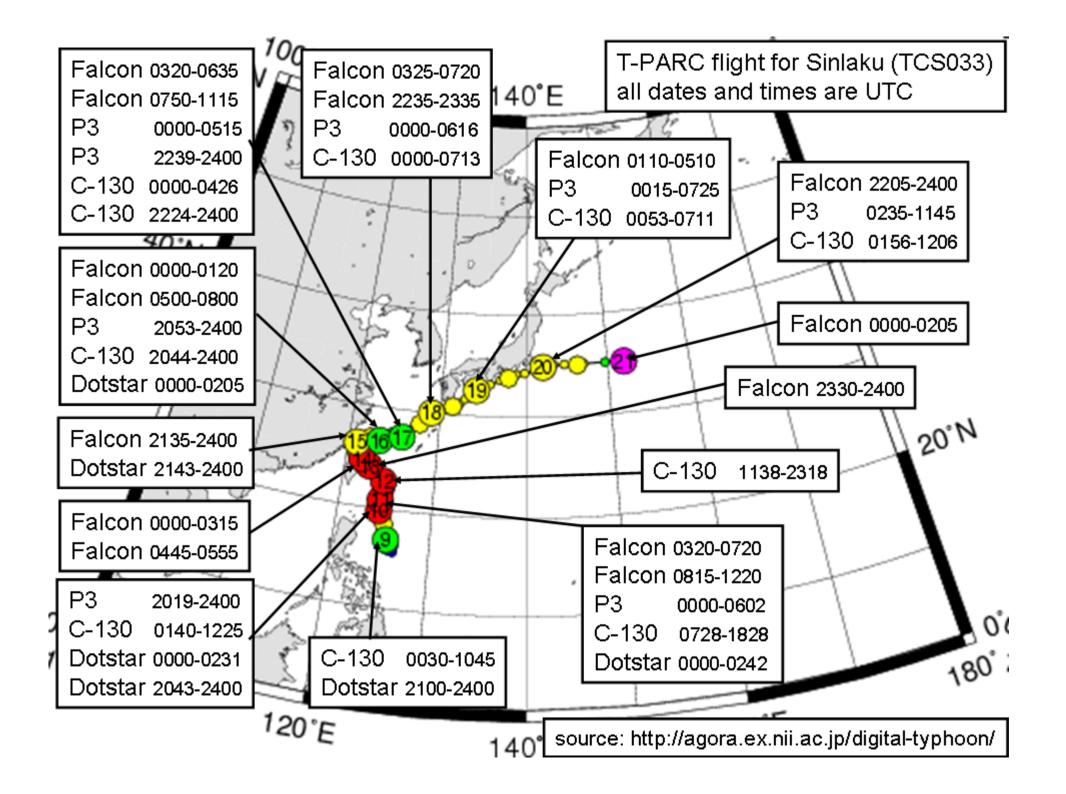
#### 7. Flight / 1st mission to MCS037



#### Observations:

- 18 dropsondes
- DIAL

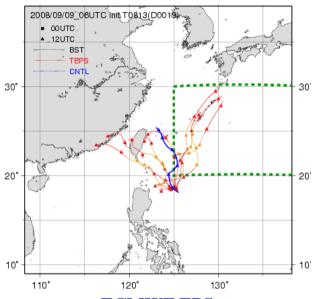




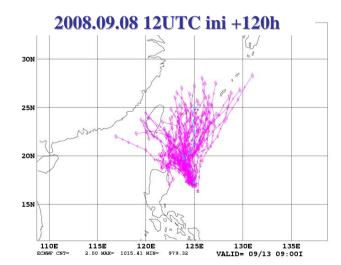
# EPS track forecasts (from M. Yamaguchi)

#### **JMA Typhoon EPS**

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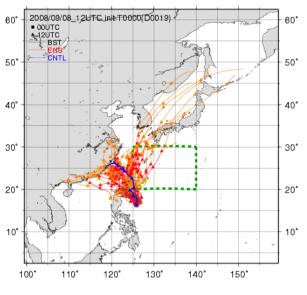


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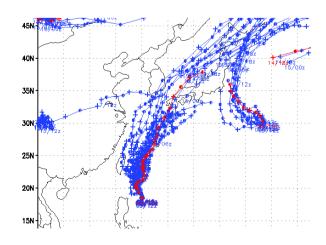
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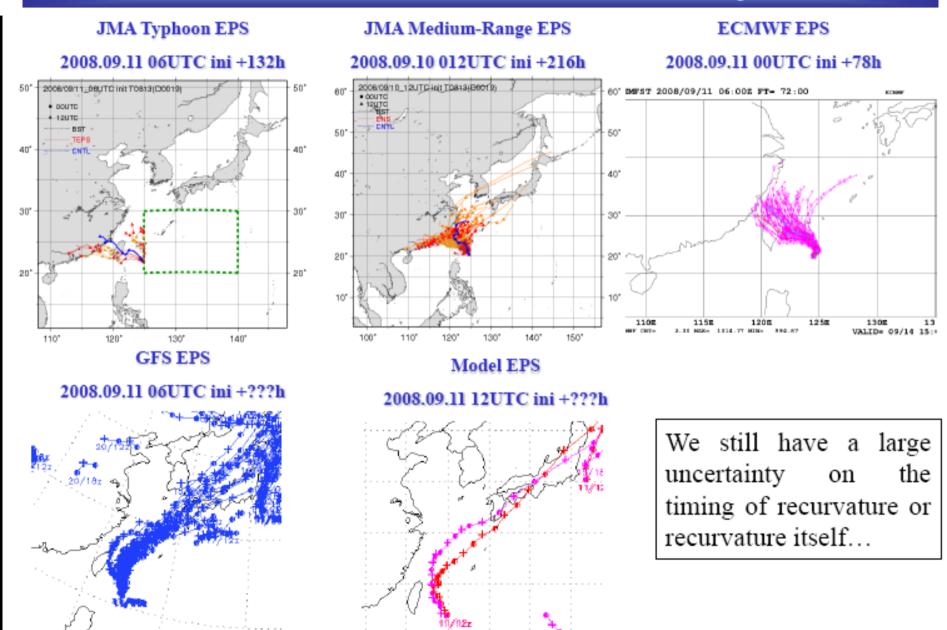


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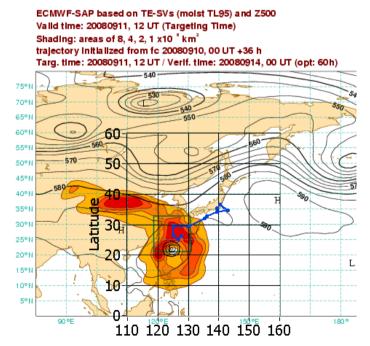
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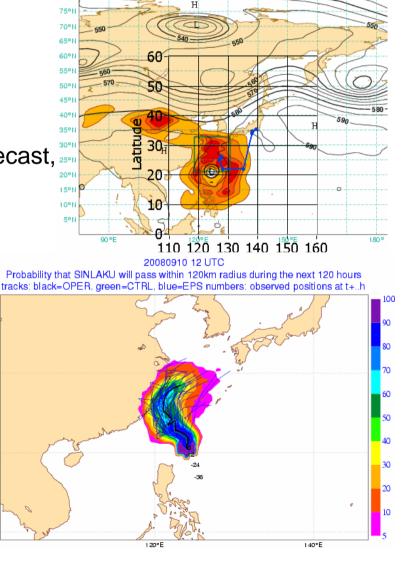


# 7.Mission: Ats - Oki (20080911 0320-0720Z) 8.Mission: Oki - Ats (20080911 0815-1220Z)

20° N

- combined **DOTSTAR** mission
- sample observations and release dropsondes in the area east and north of typhoon Sinlaku.
- sensitivity guidance recommended areas around the storm to be of importance, concentrate on the areas northeast and east of the storm.
- significant model uncertainty of the track forecast, in particular whether it will recurve or not.



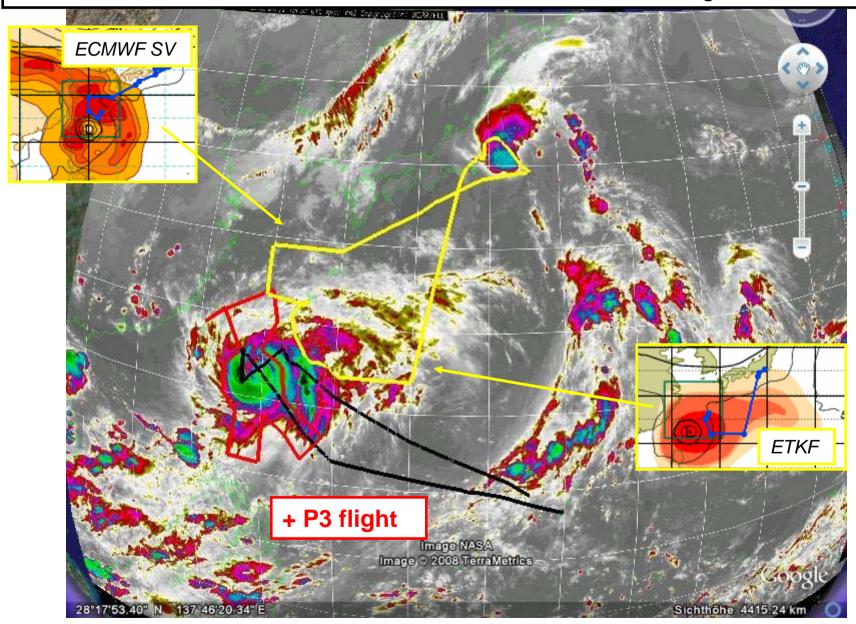


Valid time: 20080911, 00 UT (Targeting Time) Shading: areas of 8, 4, 2, 1 x10 ° km²

trajectory initialized from fc 20080910, 00 UT +24 h

Targ. time: 20080911, 00 UT / Verif. time: 20080914, 00 UT (opt: 72h)

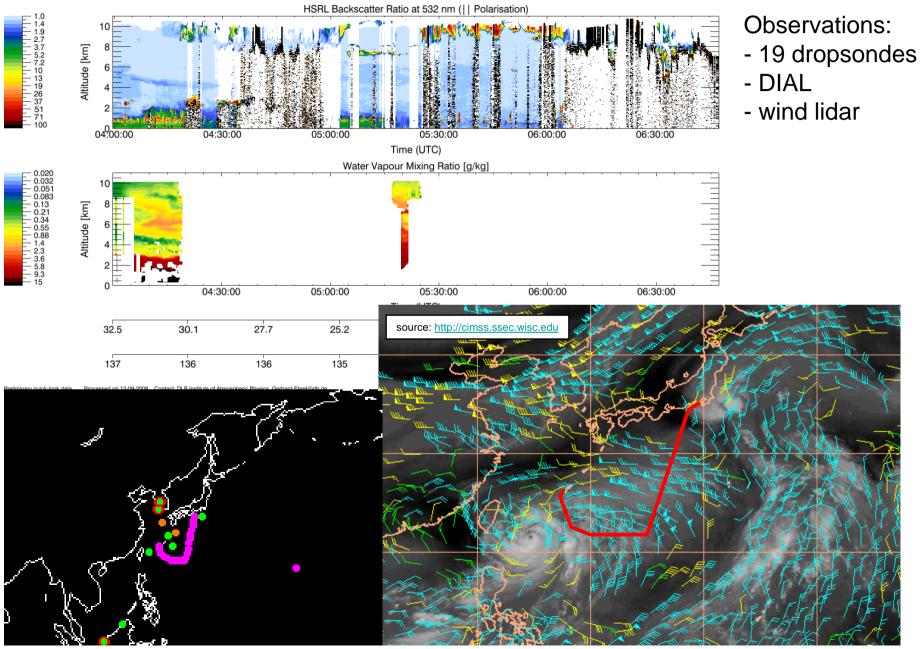
# First simultaneous observations of TY-core, TY-environment and distant sensitive region

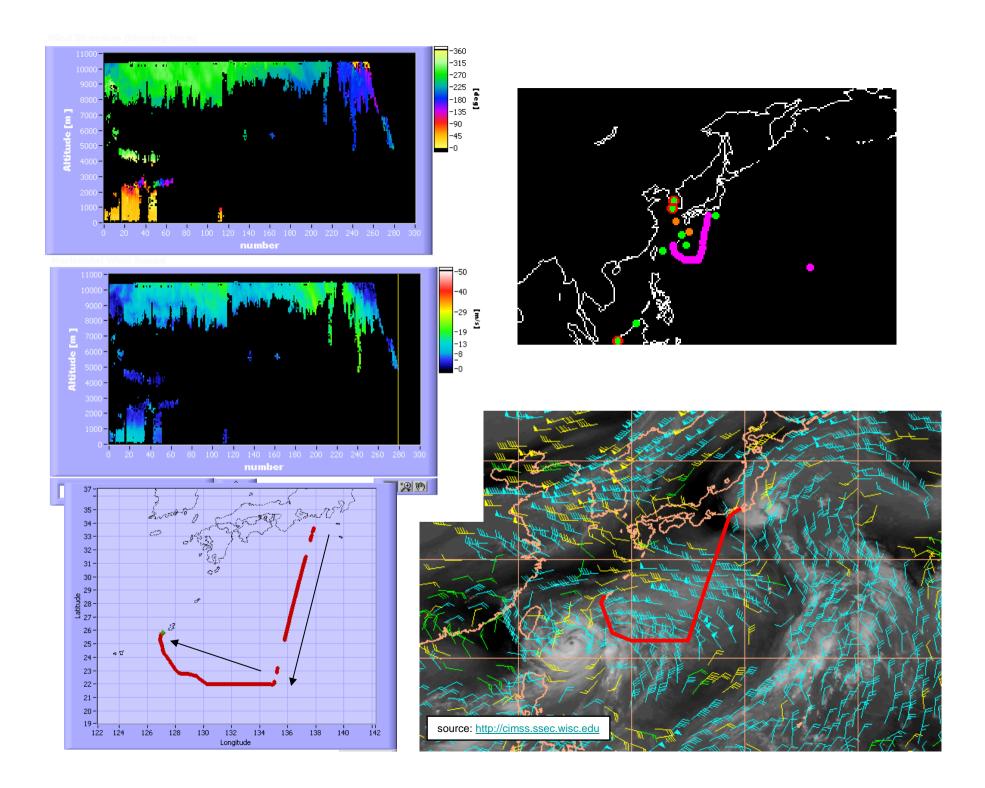




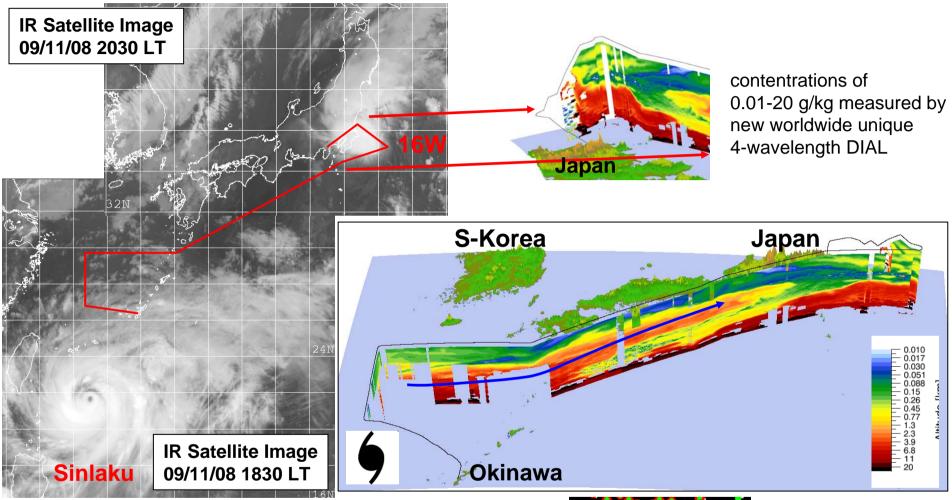
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#### 8. Flight / Atsugi-Okinawa

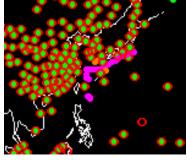




#### 2nd flight on 11 Sept. 2008



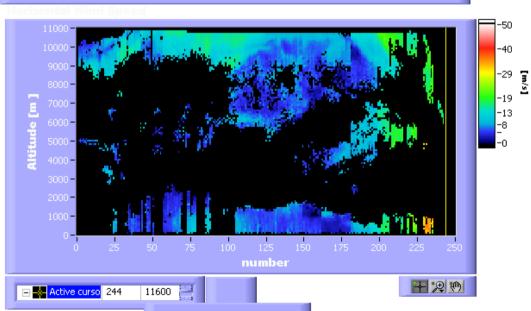
examine the environment of 16W (former **TCS37**), which was undergoing ET and moving from the South towards the coast of Japan and further to the North.



#### Observations:

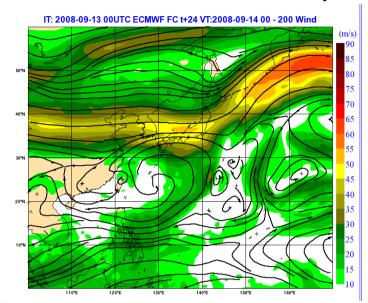
- 17 dropsondes
- DIAL
- wind lidar

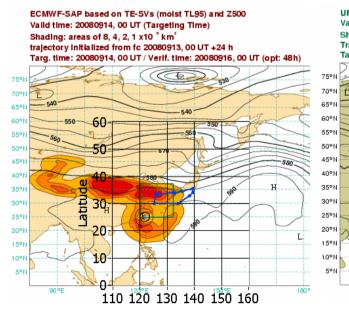
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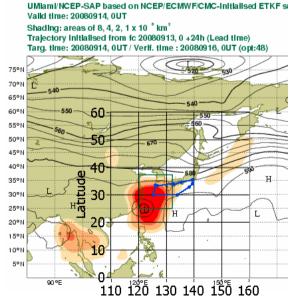


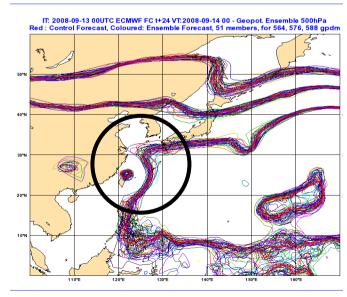
# 9.Mission: Ats - Iwa K (20080914 2330-0315Z) 10.Mission: Iwa K - Ats (20080914 0445-0555Z)

- measure in the ambience of typhoon Sinlaku,
- flight pattern in the northern part of the storm
- sample a sensitive area.
- sensitivity guidance: storm itself and an area
   to the north (baroclinic zone, strong zonal jet, SWT)
- uncertainty regarding the position of the subtropical ridge
- track uncertainty of Sinlaku has decreased





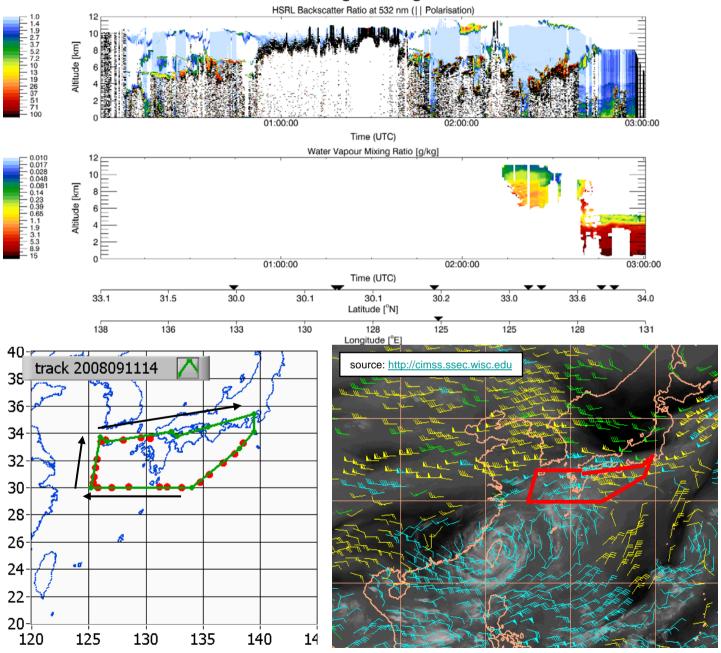






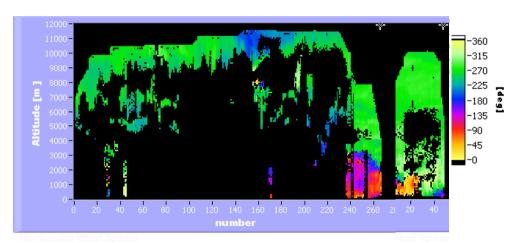
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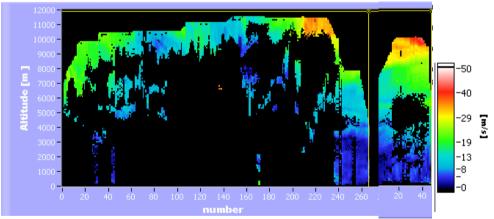
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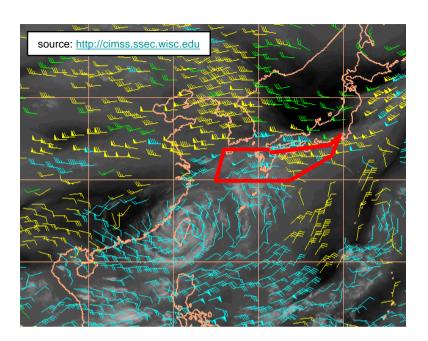


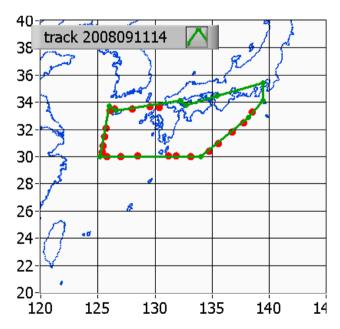
#### Observations:

- 22 dropsondes
- DIAL
- wind lidar





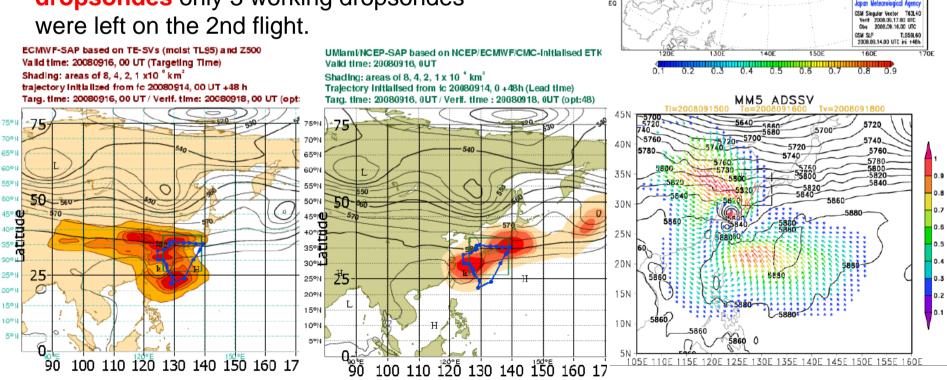




# 11.Mission: Ats - Oki (20080916 2135-0120Z) 12.Mission: Oki - Ats (20080916 0500-0800Z)

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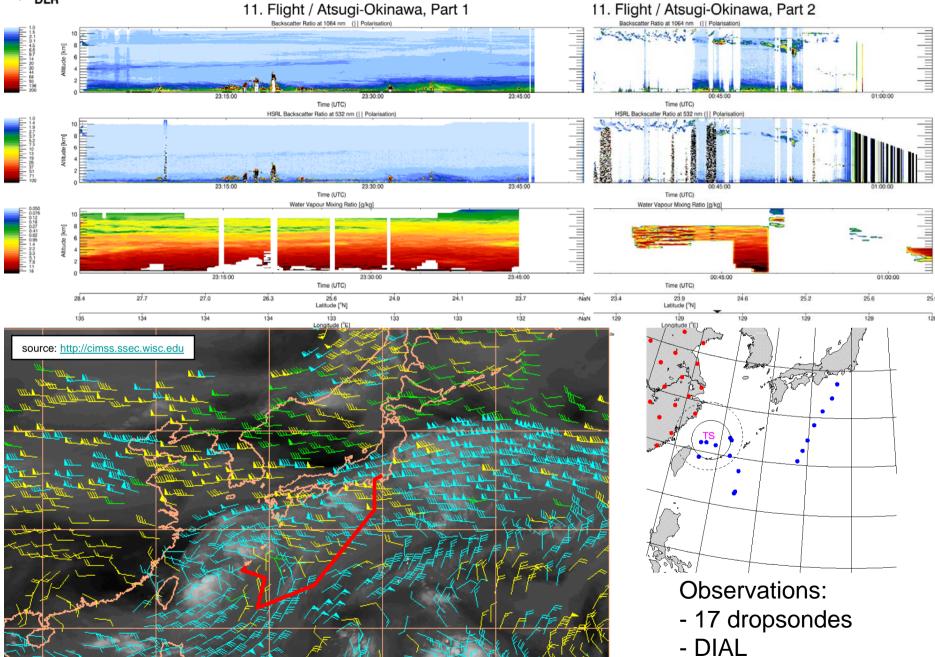
- combined **DOTSTAR** mission
- target sensitive areas of the typhoon Sinlaku.
- they are located around and especially southeast of Sinlaku and in the region between the midlatitudes and the NW portion of the subtropical high pressure system.
- due to the delivery of a box with inappropriate dropsondes only 3 working dropsondes were left on the 2nd flight.

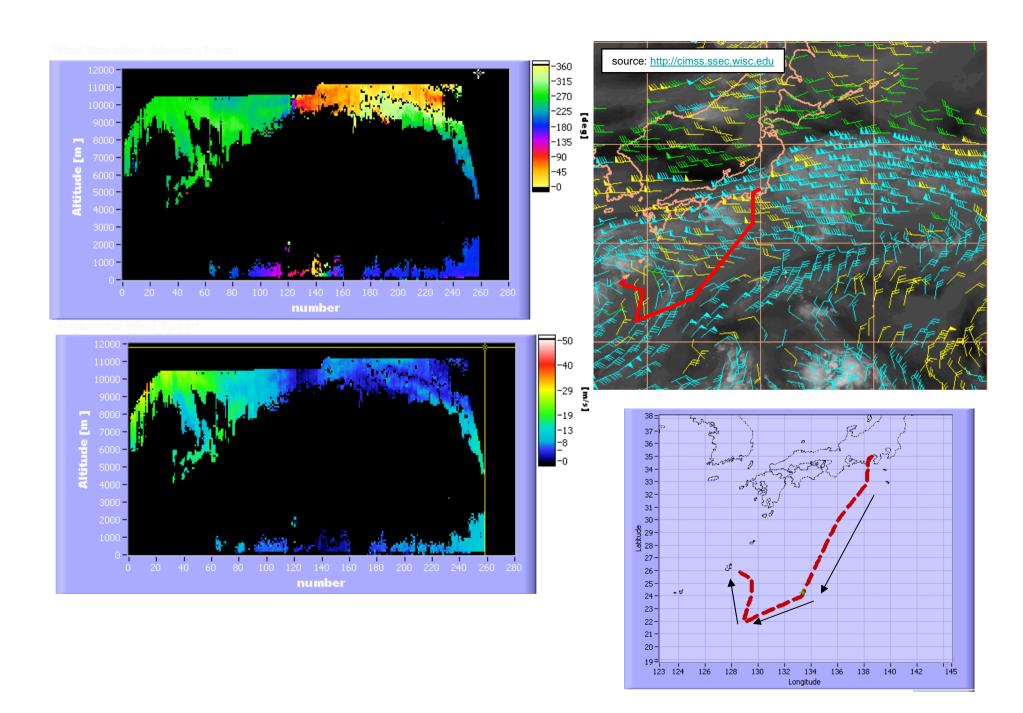




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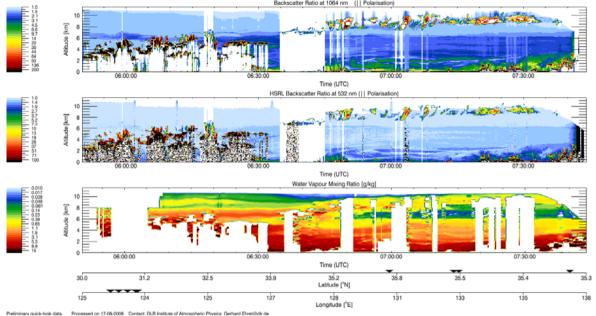


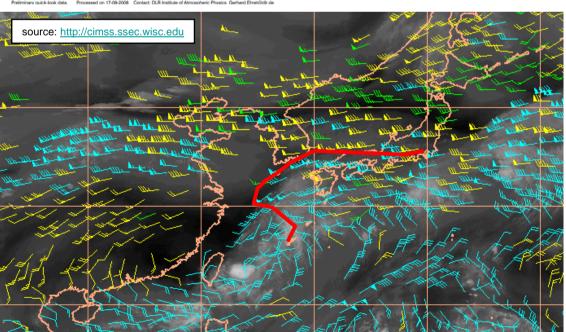


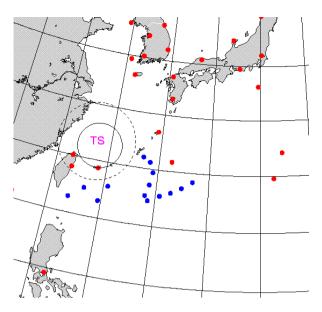


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#### 12. Flight / Okinawa-Atsugi

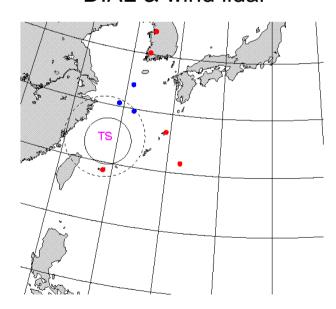


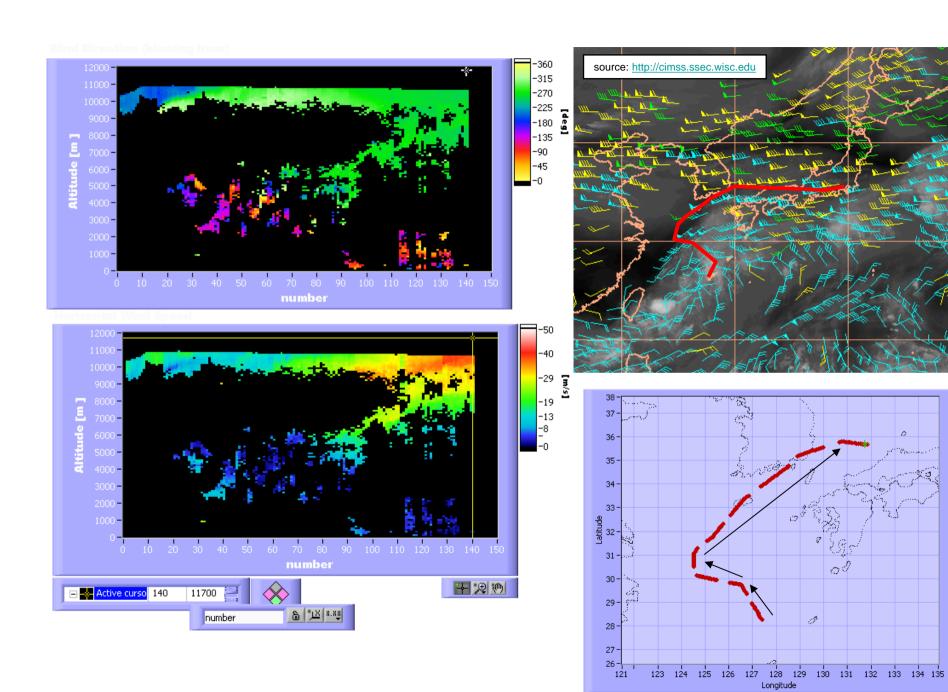




#### Observations:

- 3 dropsondes
- DIAL & wind lidar

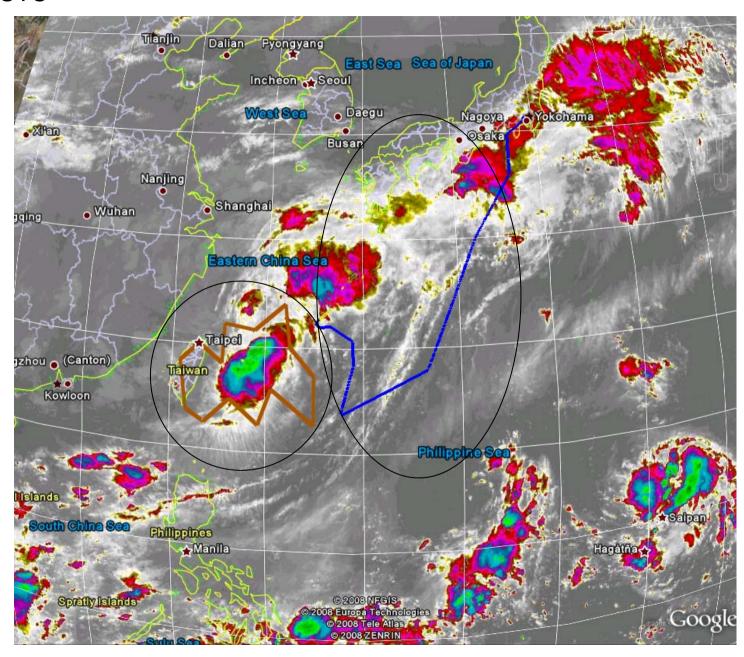




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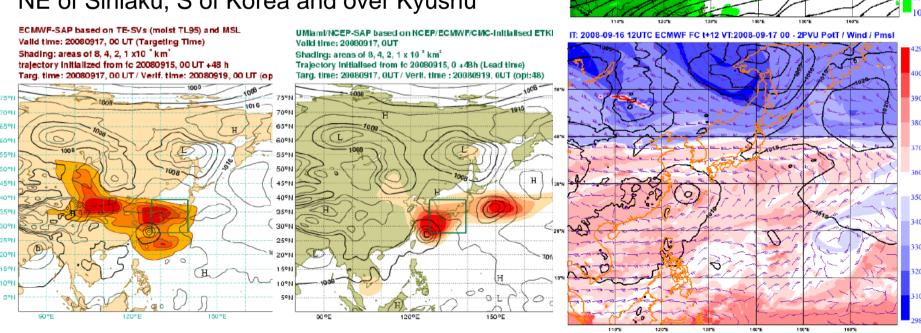
DOTSTAR (brown) Falcon (blue)

time-differnce Falcon-DOTSTAR...



# 13.Mission: Ats - Iwa K (20080917 0320-0635Z) 14.Mission: Iwa K - Ats (20080917 0750-1115Z)

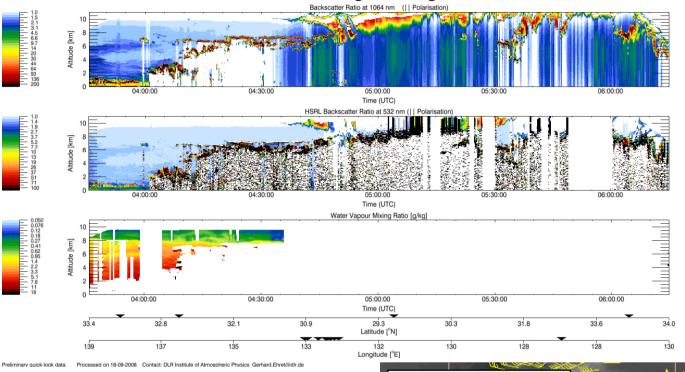
- combined P-3 and C-130 mission
- sample the outflow of Sinlaku
   SE and NW of Japan and the interaction of the outflow with the midlatitude jet.
- Further the circulation of Sinlaku itself was of interest - beginning of ET
- the core of the midlatitude jet to get a sample of the jetentrance region
- sensitivity products showed maxima N and NE of Sinlaku, S of Korea and over Kyushu





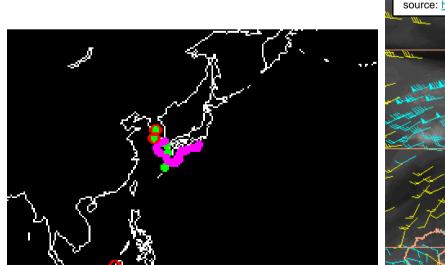
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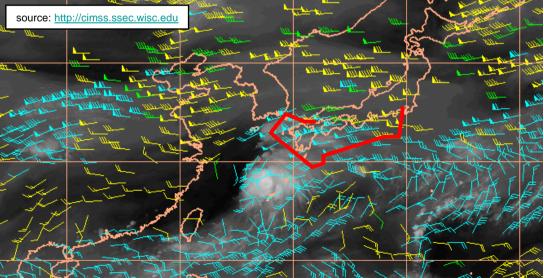
### 13. Flight / Atsugi-Iwakuni



#### Observations:

- 17 dropsondes
- DIAL & wind lidar

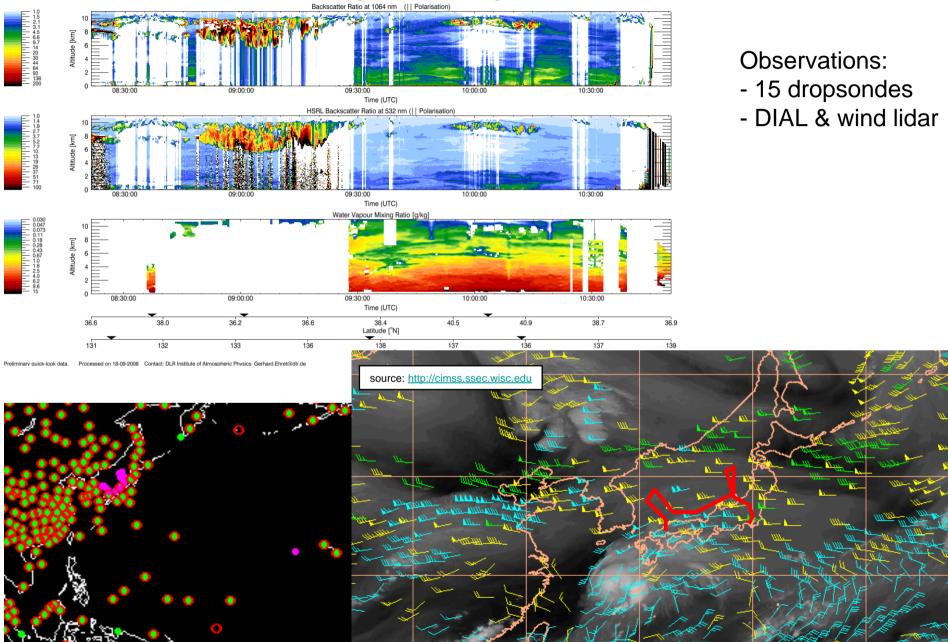




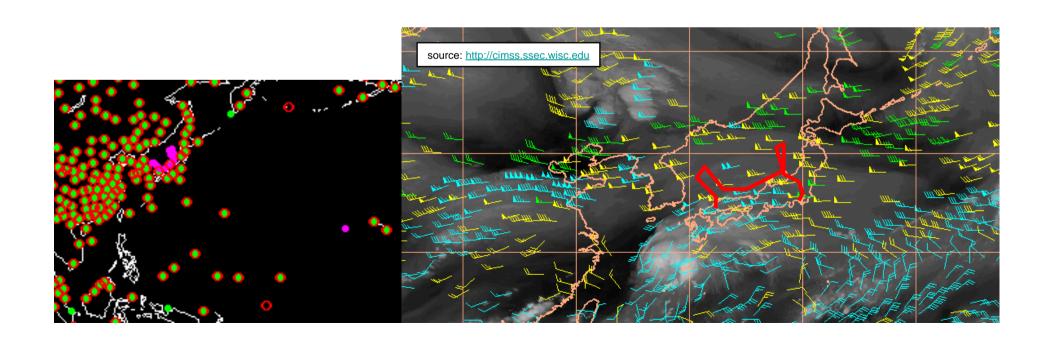


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#### 14. Flight / Iwakuni-Atsugi



wind lidar not processed yet...

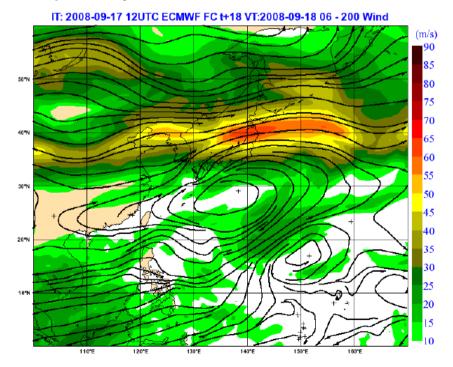


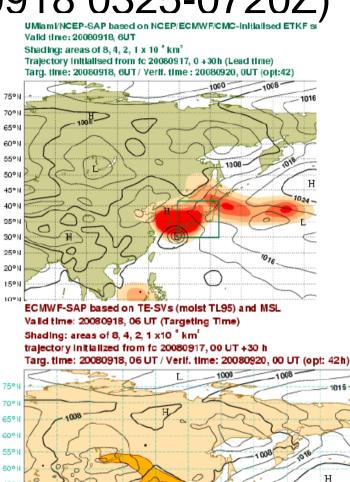
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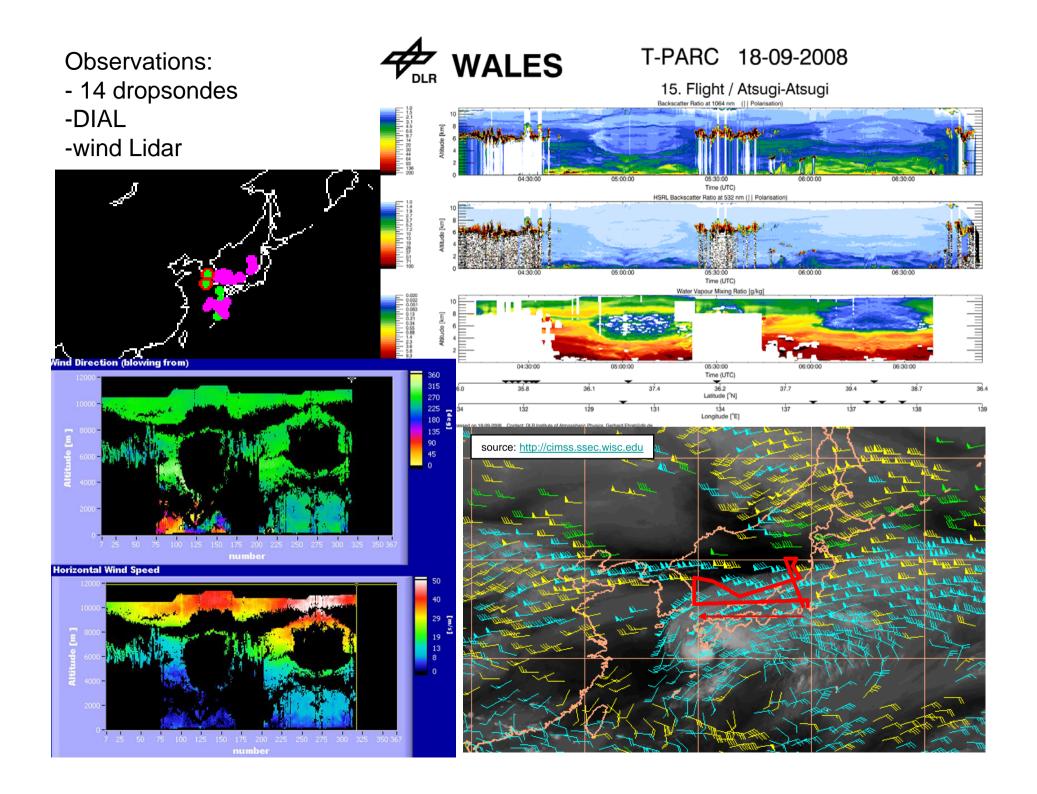
20°

10°

- measure the outflow of Sinlaku and its interaction with the mid-latitude jet
- It was supposed that the southern part
   of the jet which is seen directly west of
   South Korea is due to the outflow of Sinlaku.
   Further the gradient to the jet streak west
   of northern Honshu was covered by the flight.
- sensitive regions are located around and especially northeast of Sinlaku







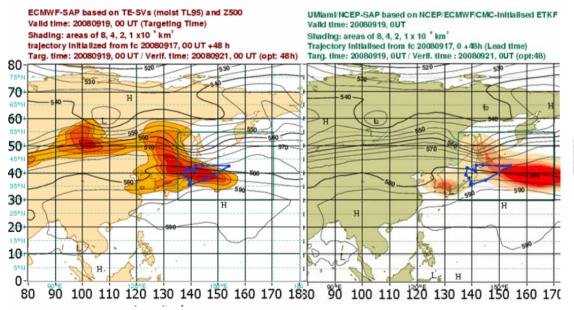
# 16.Mission: Ats - Mis (20080918 2235-2355Z) 17.Mission: Mis - Ats (20080919 0110-0510Z)

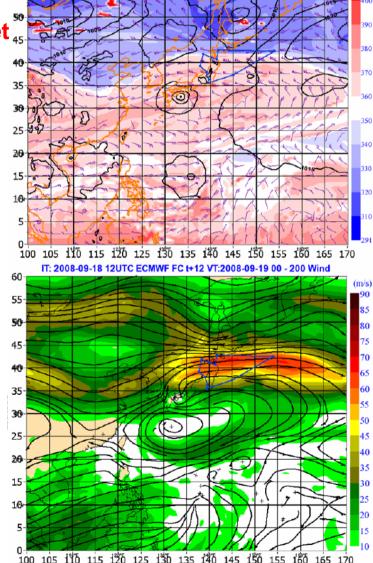
- combined P-3 and C-130 mission

- sample the ridge building due to the outflow of Sinlaku and its interaction with the midlatitude jet 45

 cover the gradient between Sinlaku and the ridge, from the jet entrance region towards the jet streak and back through the strong wind gradient of the jet

- sensitive regions for ET veriffication box

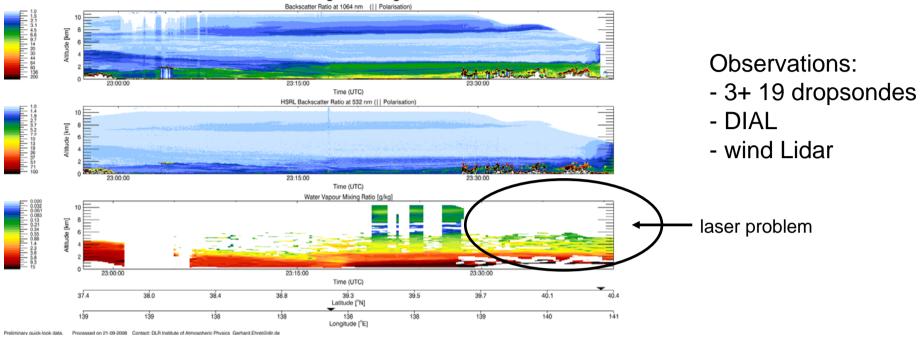


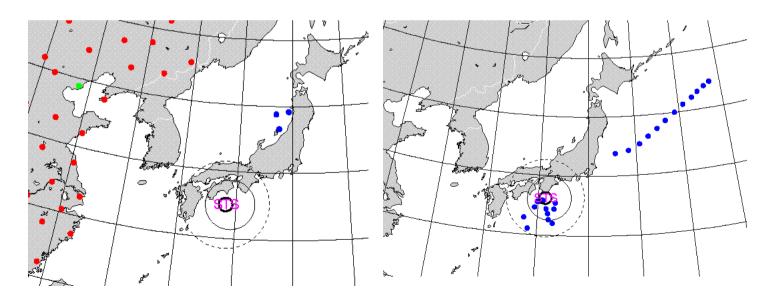




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### 16. Flight / Atsugi-Misawa Backscatter Ratio at 1064 nm (|| Polarisation)

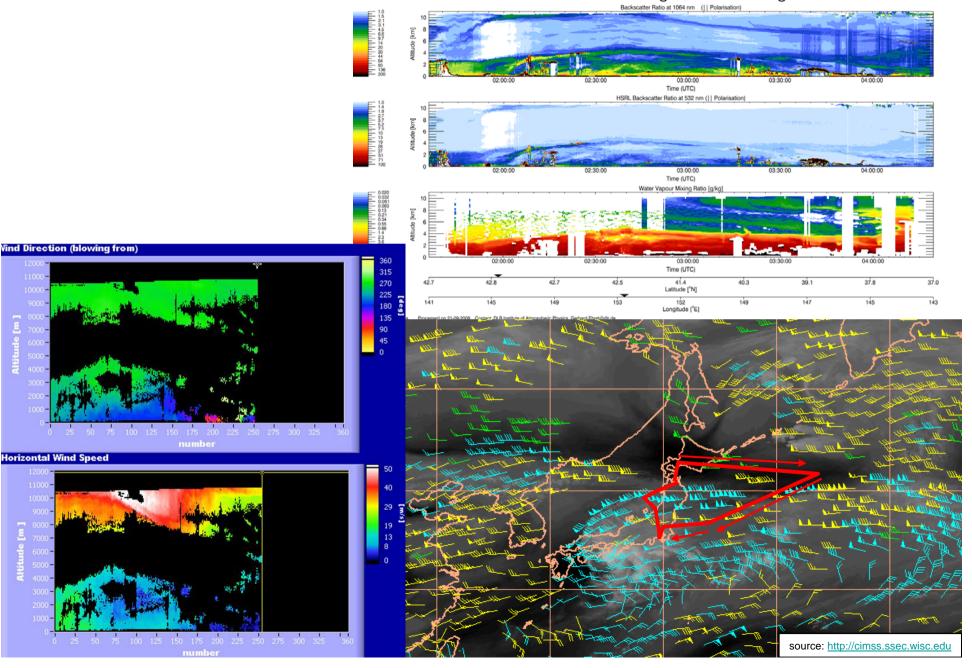






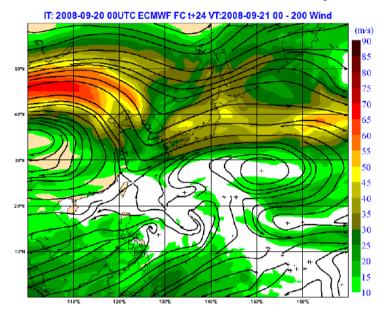
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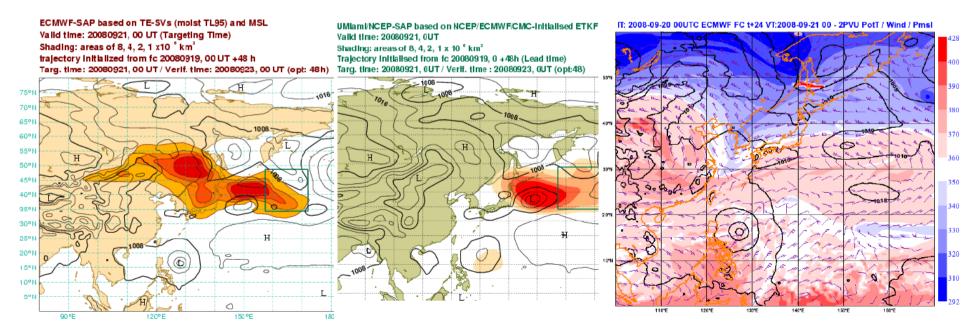
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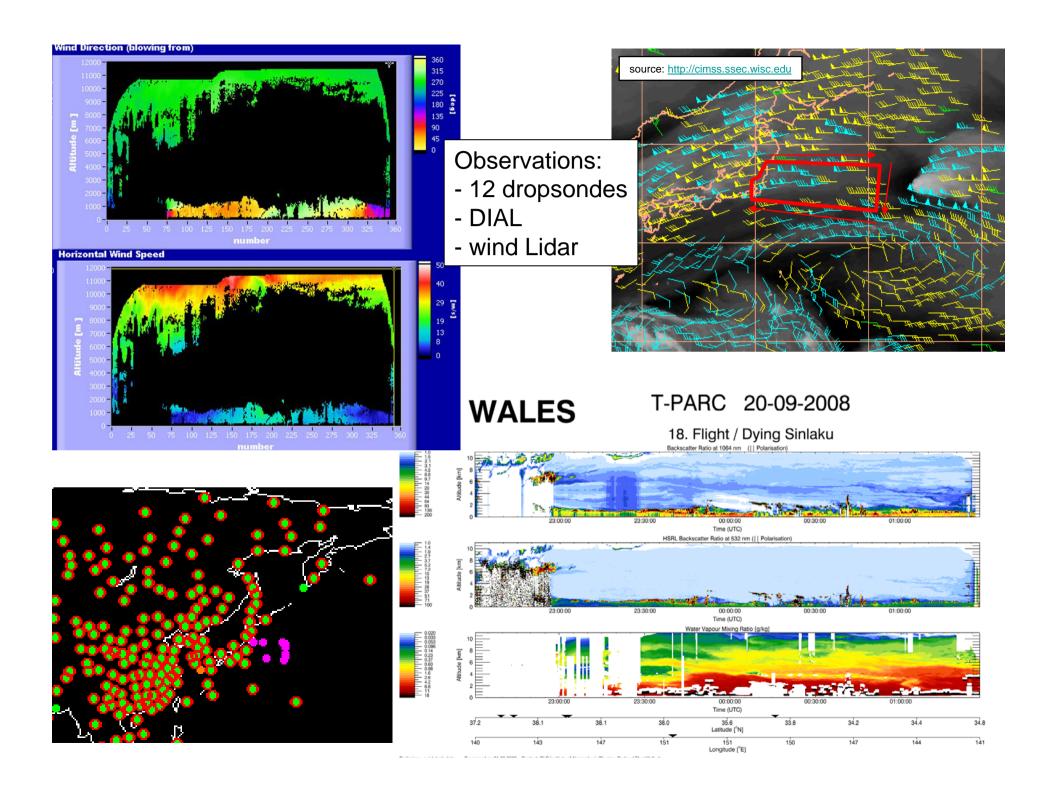


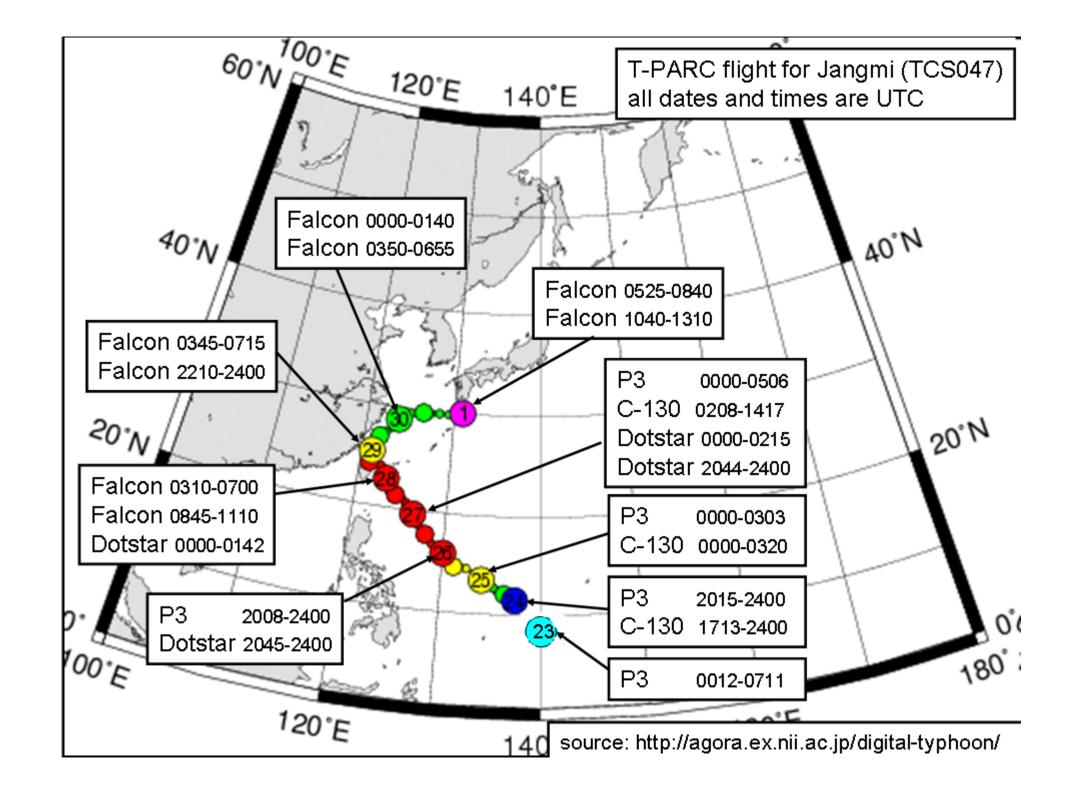
## 18. Mission: Ats - Ats (20080921 2205-0205Z)

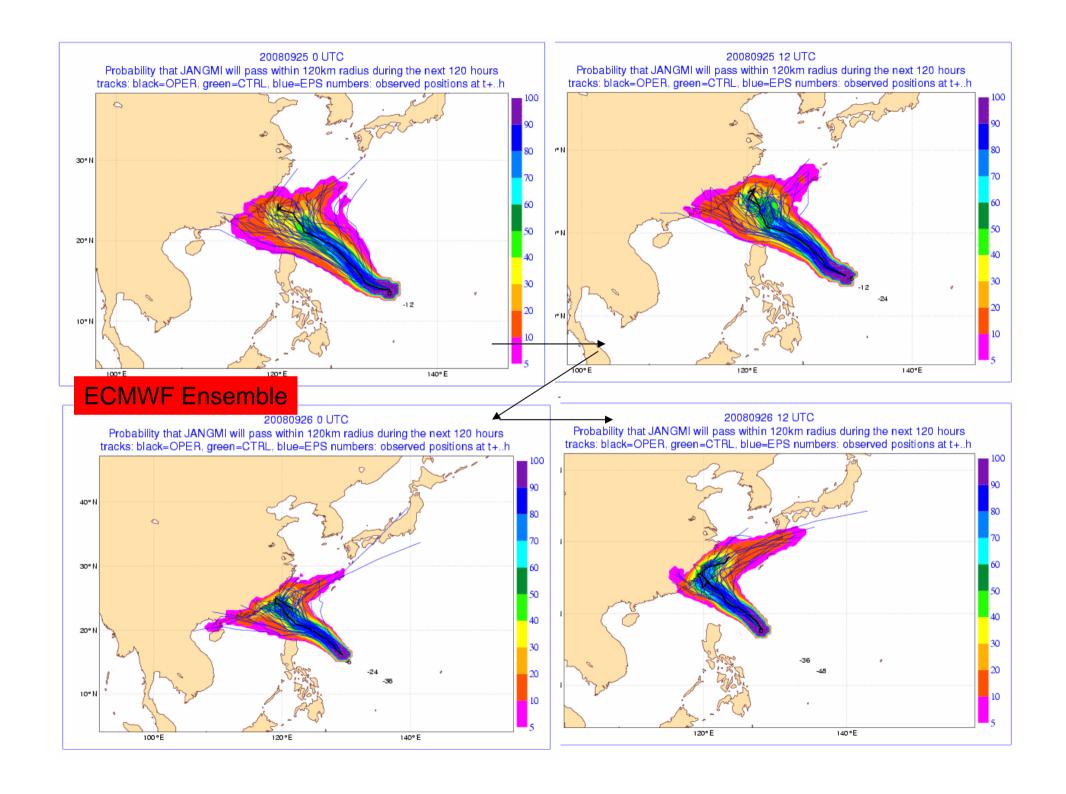
- sample the remaining circulation of ex-Sinlaku and the jet gradient. The system was still active which could be seen in the slightly strengthening of the convection to its east. As the system was propagating quickly the western part of the circulation rather than the center was measured
- sensitive regions were located to the NW of ex-Sinlaku in the jet









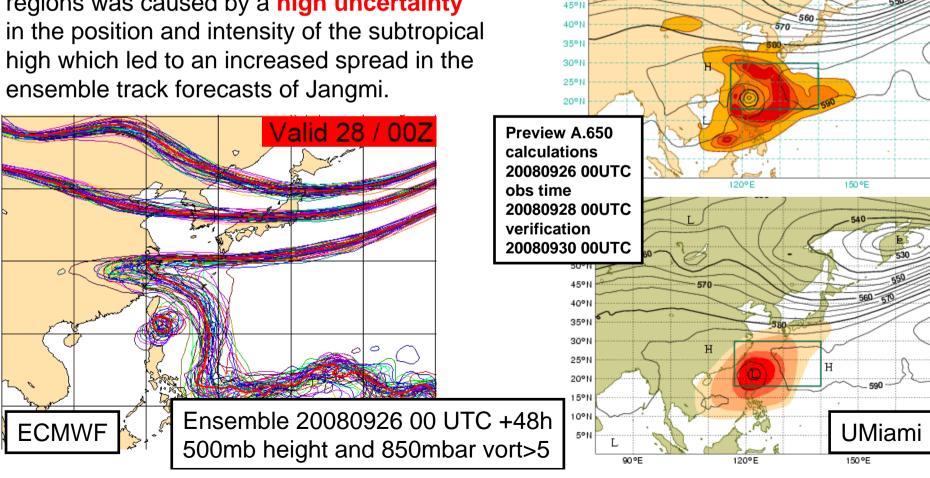


## 19.Mission: Ats - Oki (20080928 0310-0700Z) 20. Mission: Oki - Oki (20080928 0845-1110Z)

**ECMWF** 

- new tropical cyclone called **Jangmi** was of interest during this mission

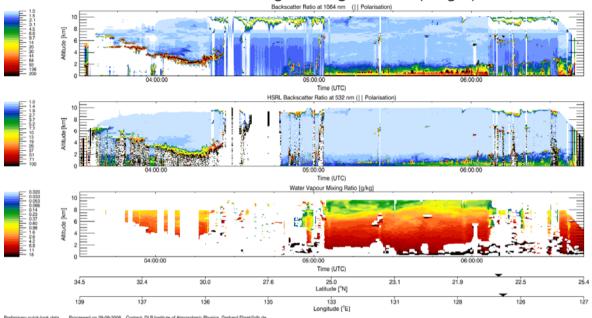
- sample sensitive areas to the east and north of the typhoon. The high sensitivity in these regions was caused by a high uncertainty in the position and intensity of the subtropical high which led to an increased spread in the ensemble track forecasts of Jangmi.





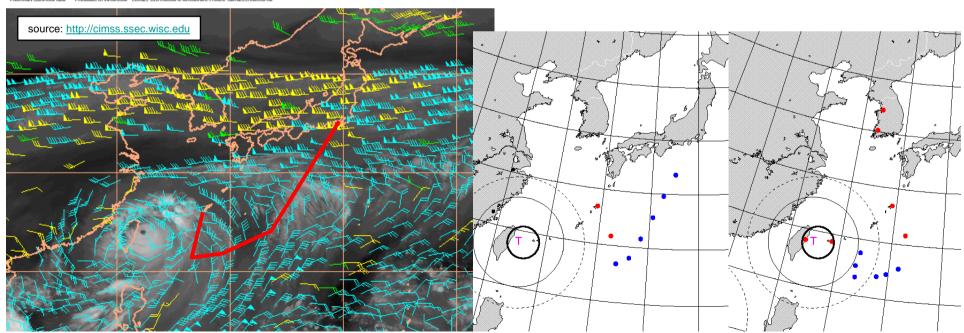
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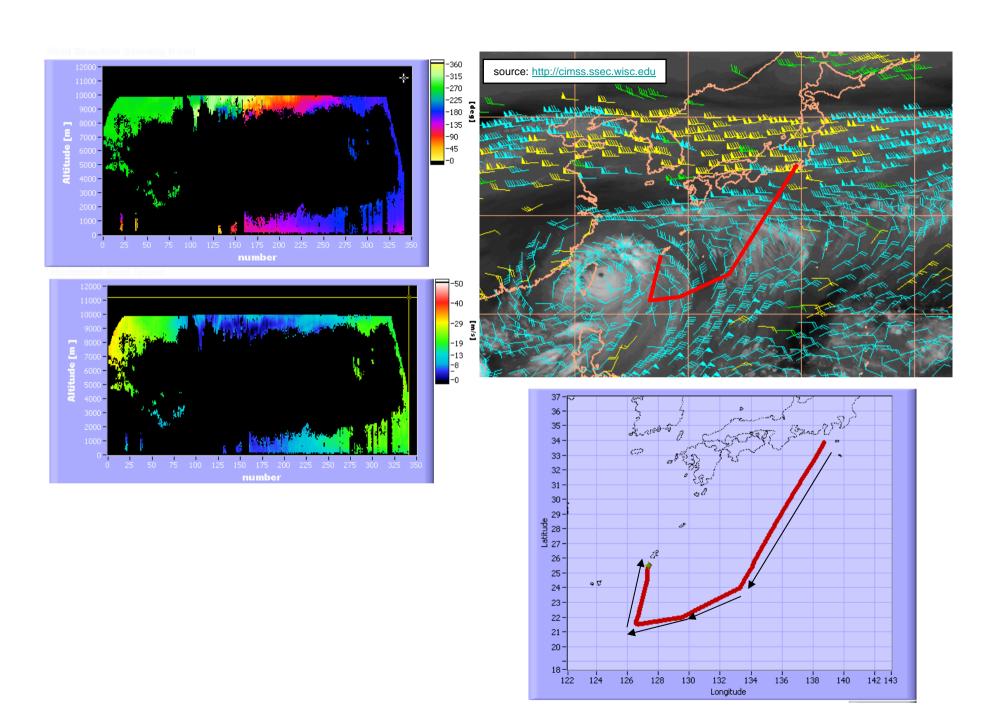
#### 19. Flight / Atsugi - Kadena (Jangmi)



#### Observations:

- 12 dropsondes
- DIAL
- wind lidar

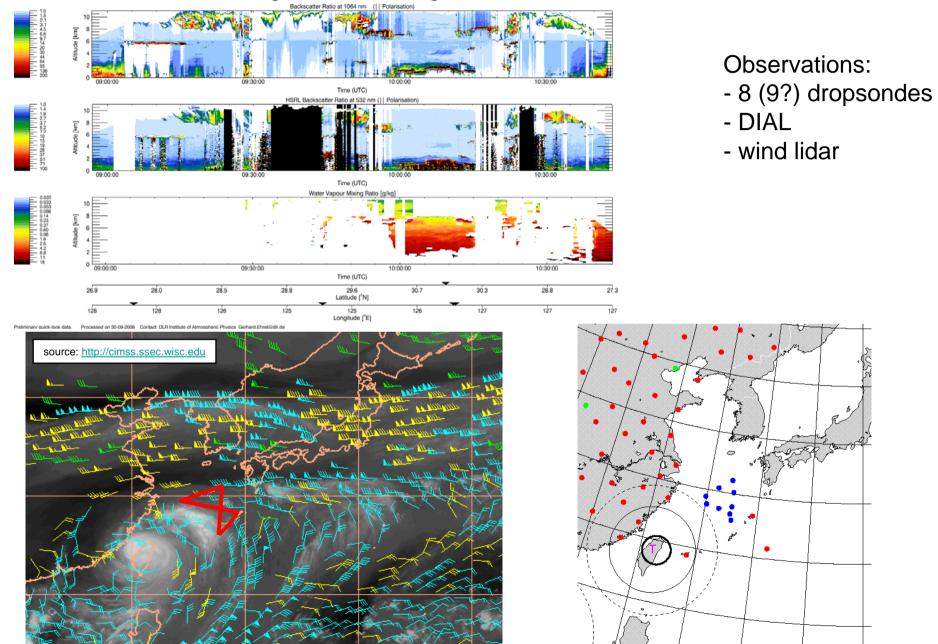


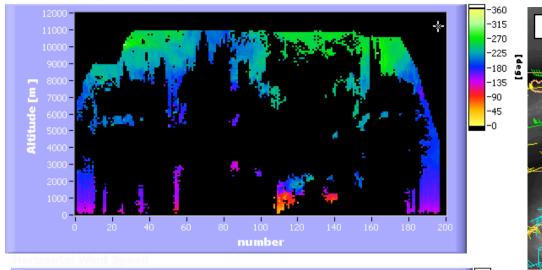


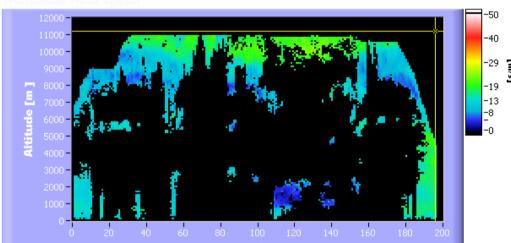


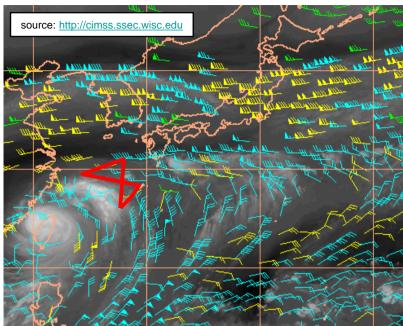
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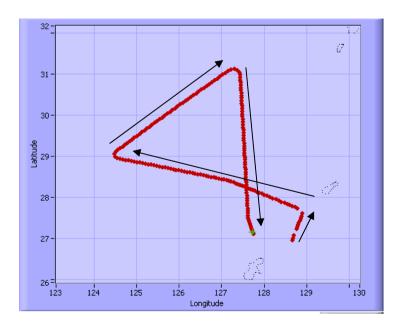
#### 20. Flight / Kadena Local Jangmi-Mission 1





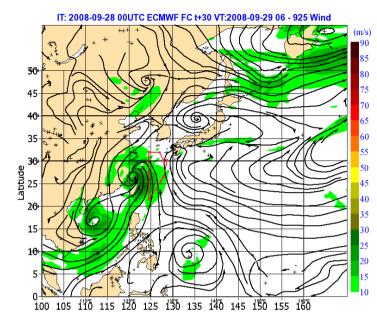


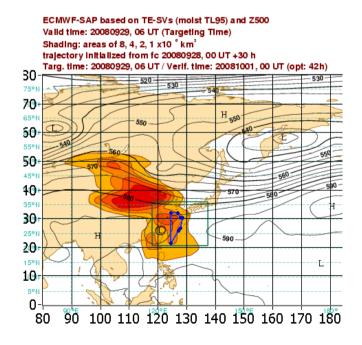


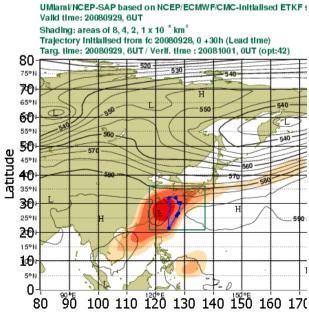


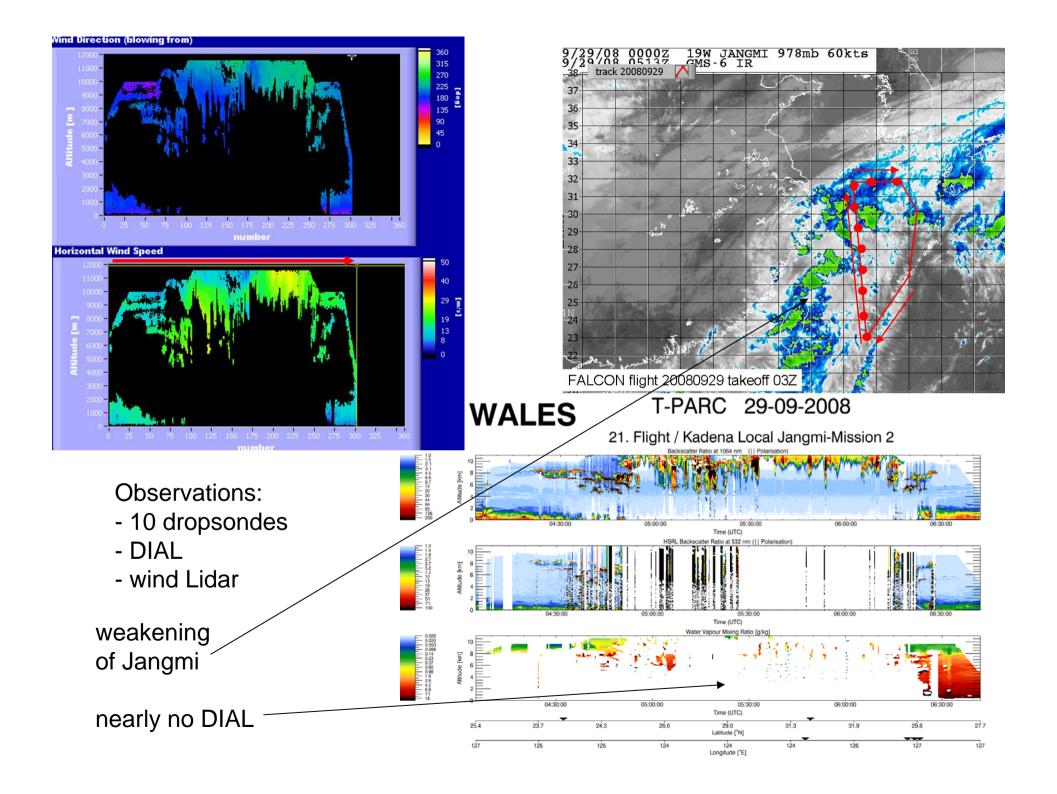
## 21. Mission: Oki - Oki (20080929 0350-0710Z)

- sample as much as possible of the **sensitive areas**. Even if some differences were
  apparent between the different sensitivity
  products, again an area to the north of the
  storm is highlighted in most products,
  especially in the ones with a 24-h optimisation time.
- the northern part of the track cuts through the expected outflow of Jangmi and also examines early stages of interaction of the system with the mid-latitudes



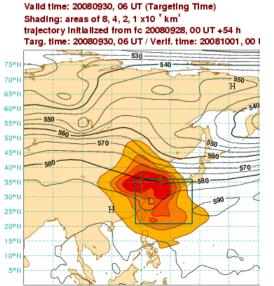




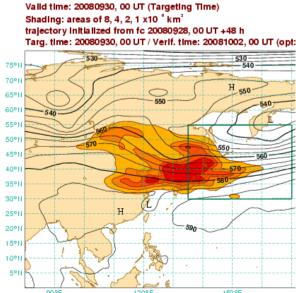


# 22.Mission: Oki - Ats (20080930 2220-0140Z) 23.Mission: Ats - Ats (20080930 0350-0655Z)

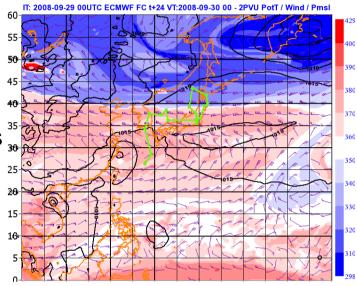
- typhoon targeting and extra-tropical transition
- high sensitivity in the SV calculations is indicated mostly north and northeast of the storm itself (interaction between the outflow and the zonal jet, upstream trough located over China). ETKF products again highlight the ambience of the system with an extension to the north and northeast.
- from an ET point of view the outflow, the region of interaction between the storm and the mid-latitudes and the jet stream are sampled.

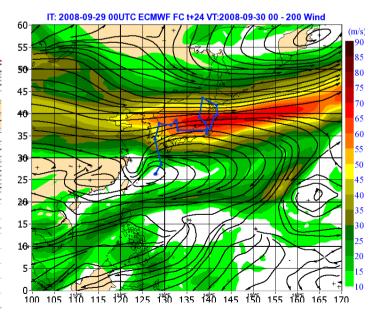


ECMWF-SAP based on TE-SVs (moist TL95) and Z500



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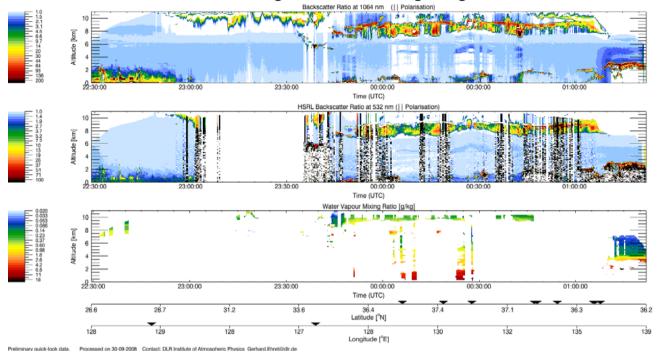






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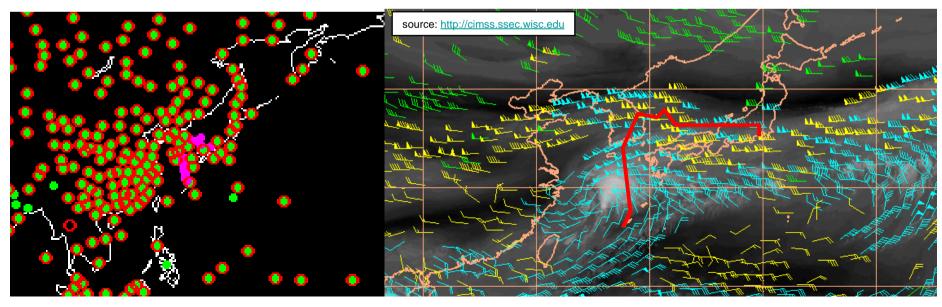
#### 22. Flight / Kadena - Atsugi Jangmi-Mission 3



#### Observations:

- 12 dropsondes
- DIAL & wind lidar

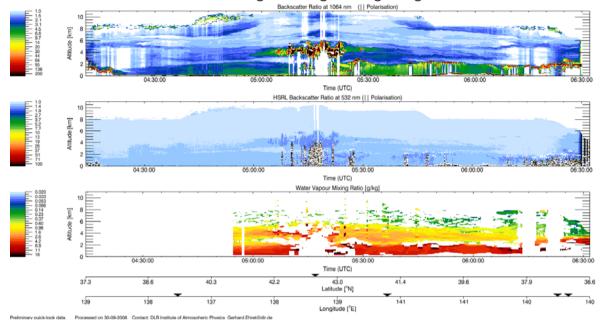
nearly no DIAL obs, but wind lidar not too bad...





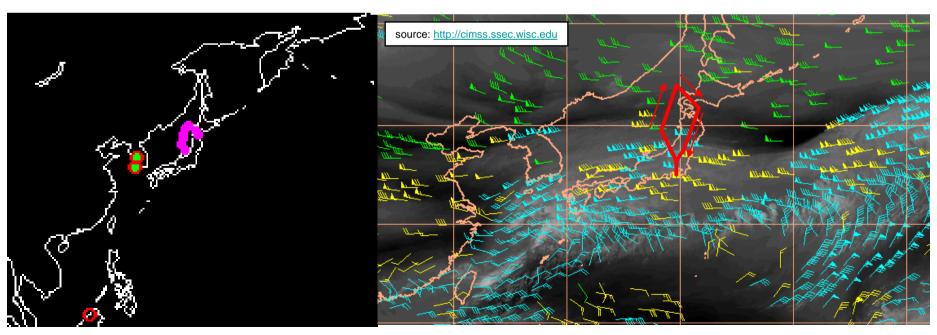
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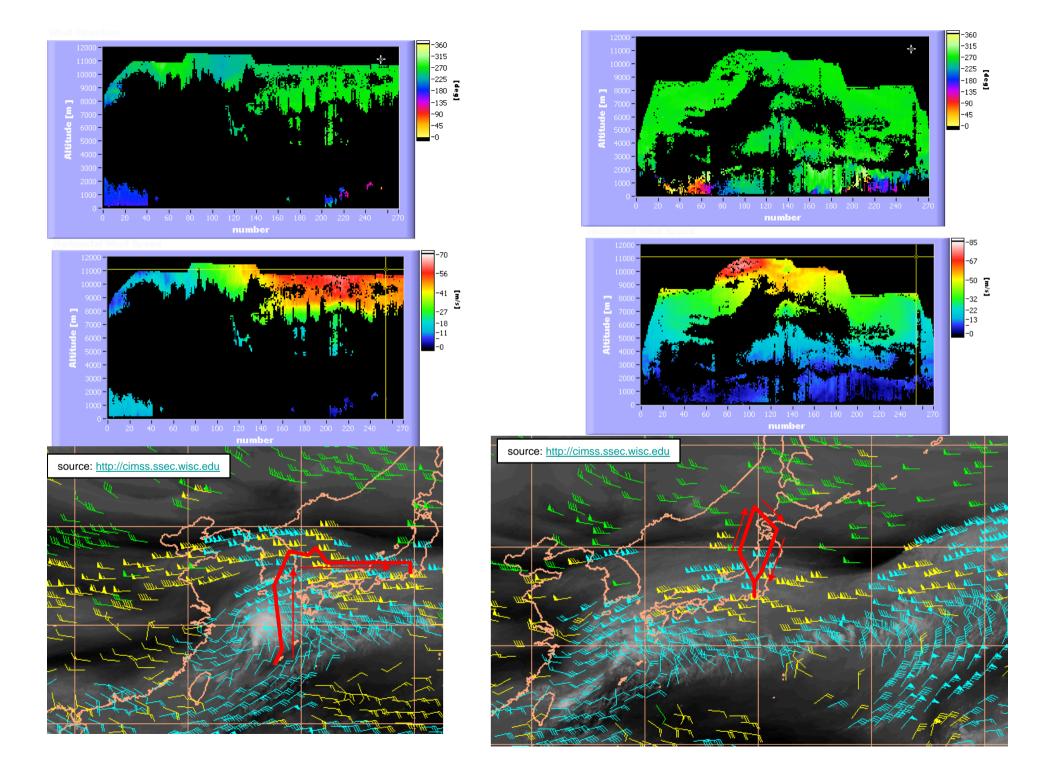
#### 23. Flight / Atsugi - Atsugi Jangmi-Mission 4



#### Observations:

- 8 dropsondes
- DIAL & wind lidar



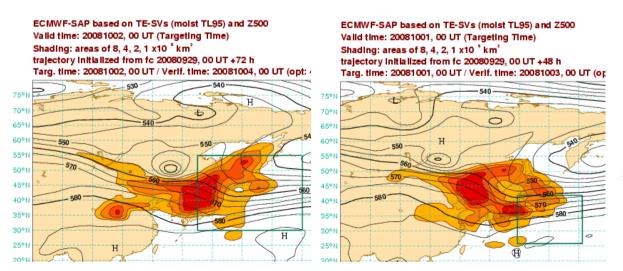


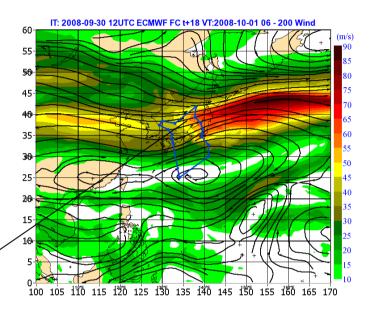
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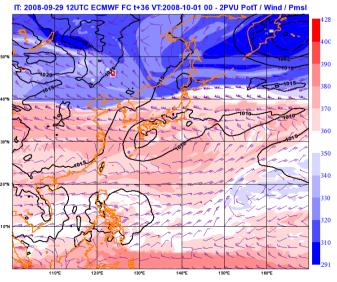
#### - ET and targeting

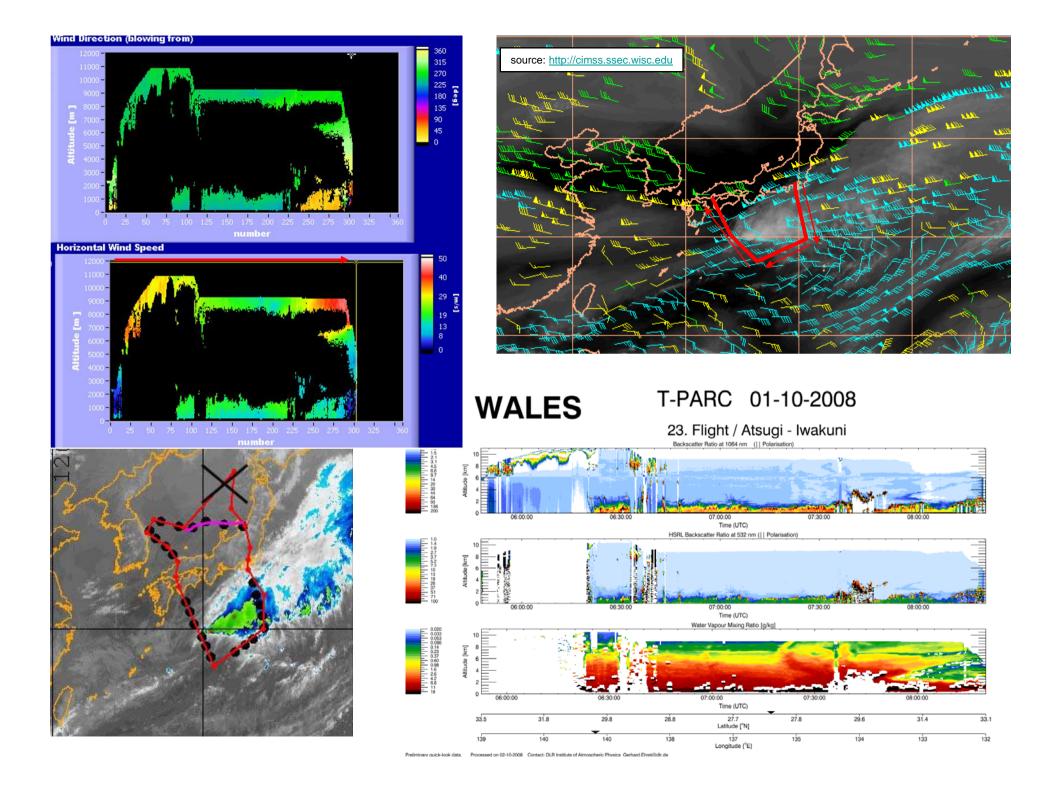
- on the first flight a cross section of the decaying low-level circulation center of Jangmi was performed. These measurements should give information about the structure of the dying system
- the second flight had the purposed to sample the targeting areas over the Japanese Sea and the mid-latitude jet stream

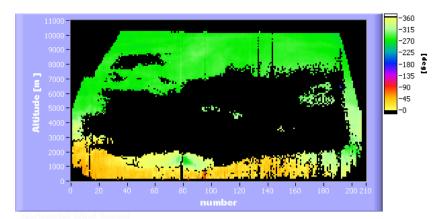
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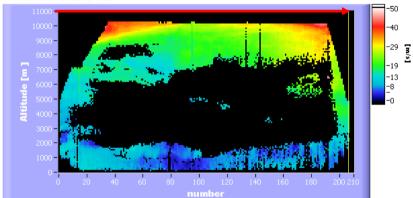












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- 16+10 dropsondes
- DIAL
- wind Lidar

