

# Status of operational AMV from GEO-KOMPSAT-2A(GK2A) at KMA

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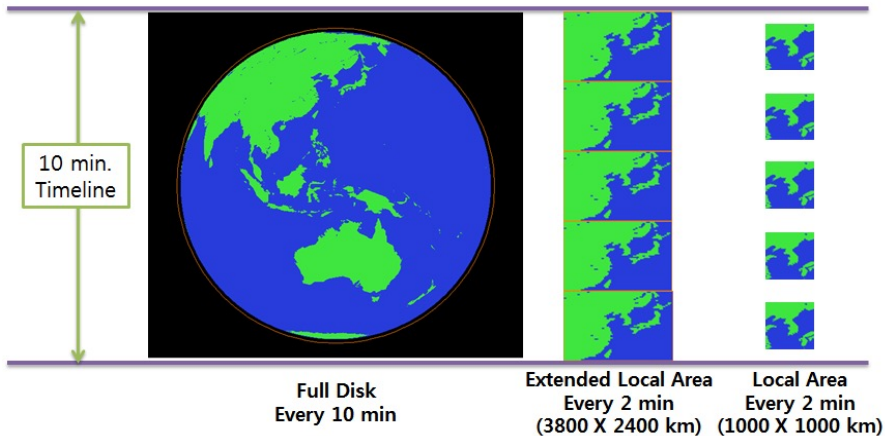
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# Current status of GK2A AMVs



## Geo-KOMPSAT-2A (GK2A)

- GK2A was launched in 5th December 2018
- Higher spectral resolution with 16 channels
- Every 10 min for Full Disk, and every 2min for East Asia



## Atmospheric Motion Vector

- Officially operating the GK2A AMV since November 2019
- Serviced in BUFR format via GTS: working on applying the new BUFR template (~ May 2021)

### GK-2A AMV

<b>Channels</b>	VIS(03), SWIR(07), WV(08, 09, 10), IR(13, 14)	
<b>Temporal resolution</b>	30 min (FD)	
<b>Spatial resolution</b>	48 × 48 pixels (24 km x 24 km) for VIS 16 × 16 pixels (32 km x 32 km) for the others	
<b>Tracking</b>	Cross Correlation	
<b>Height assignment</b>	Cloud	EBBT & IR/WV intercept (+ Cloud base correction)
	Clear-sky	(+ Inversion layer correction) NTC & NTCC
<b>QC</b>	QI (+ Common QI), EE	



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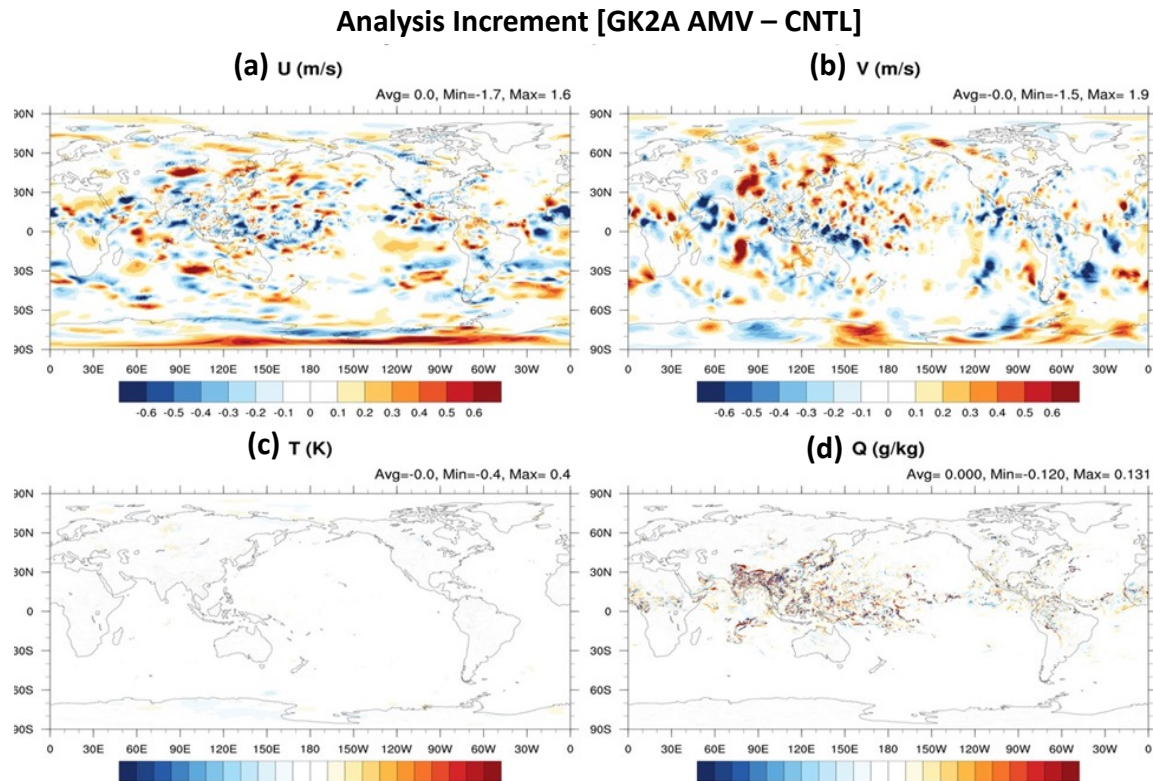
- KMA started assimilation of GK2A AMV data into KIM global NWP model since **October 2020**

- **Model :**  
KIM Global NWP Model (Operational)
- **DA Method :**  
Hybrid-4D Ensemble VAR (H4DEV)
- **Used channels :** VIS, IR, WV
- **Temporal/Spatial resolution :**  
30 min. / 32km(16x16)

➔ Improvements of QI criteria and vertical observation errors

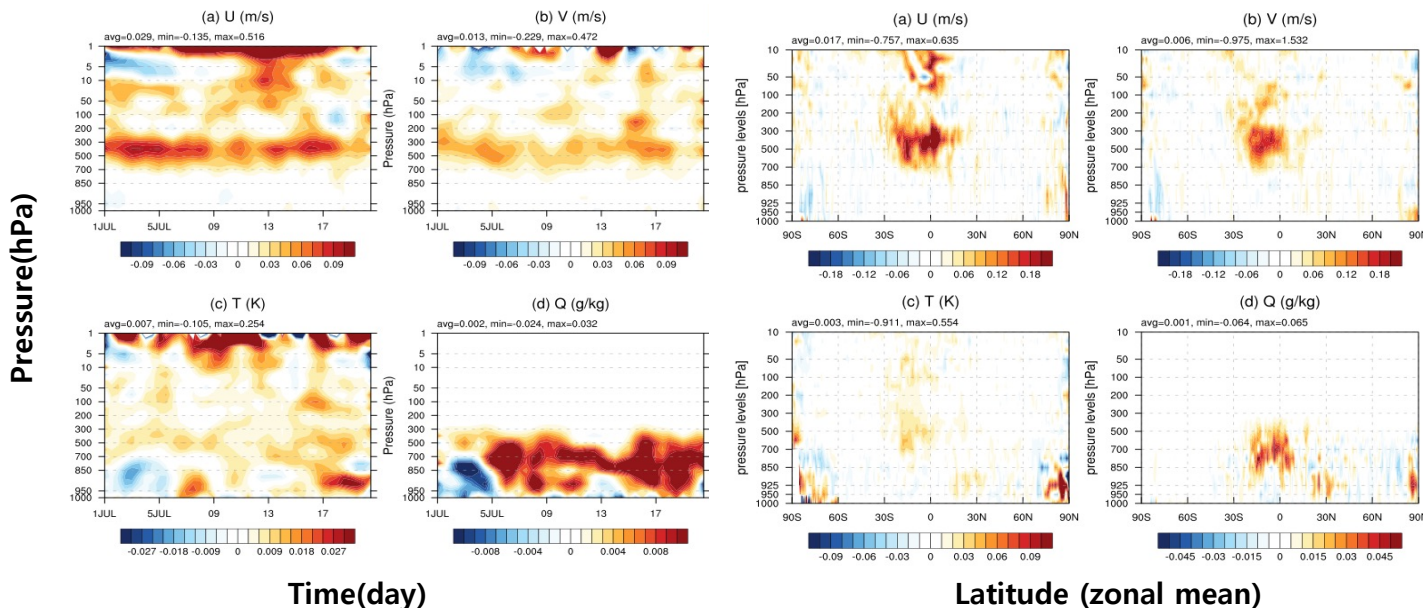
➔ Increasing of Analysis Increment over Asia region

**Figure.** Global horizontal distributions of the analysis increment for (a) zonal wind, (b) meridional wind, (c) temperature and (d) specific humidity for the month of August 2019



# Impacts of GK2A AMVs in KIM Global NWP Model

## Difference of RMSE between control and analysis(initial) against IFS [Control – Experiment]



**Figure.** Vertical profiles of temporal mean(left panels) zonal mean(right panels) of the analysis error difference between CTL and EXP for (a) zonal wind, (b) meridional wind, (c) temperature and (d) specific humidity during the month of August 2019. The analysis error is defined as the root mean square (RMS) difference against the verifying IFS analysis. Positive values signify an error reduction due to the GK2A AMV



# Impacts of GK2A AMVs in KIM Global NWP Model

RMSE improvement between control and forecast(1~5day) against IFS [Control – Experiment]

(a) RMSE improvements (00 UTC)

fcst time (hr)	NH						SH						TR						ASIA					
	00	24	48	72	96	120	00	24	48	72	96	120	00	24	48	72	96	120	00	24	48	72	96	120
s700hPa	-0.07	0.14	0.73	0.24	1.3	0.76	0.18	0.4	1.38	0.97	0.22	0.32	1.99	1.78	1.16	1.25	0.35	-0.02	0.85	-0.5	0.56	0.33	1.56	0.79
w250hPa	0.49	0.21	0.7	0.51	0.68	-1.06	1.48	1.0	0.86	1.9	0.28	0.67	1.03	0.71	-0.59	1.28	0.99	0.49	0.94	0.94	1.54	-0.19	1.24	-1.7
w500hPa	-0.01	0.28	0.99	0.11	0.5	0.52	0.27	0.17	1.07	1.09	-0.05	-0.33	3.71	2.87	2.3	1.76	1.7	2.06	-0.09	-0.33	1.55	-0.6	-0.76	0.7
w850hPa	0.07	0.14	0.33	0.27	0.73	-0.07	-0.07	-0.16	0.61	1.15	0.02	-0.83	-0.33	-0.1	0.78	1.14	0.55	-0.12	-0.56	-1.08	0.33	0.5	1.17	1.2
z250hPa	3.23	1.46	2.46	1.84	1.74	-0.01	2.87	2.36	1.87	2.84	0.79	-0.93	3.33	2.65	1.69	1.18	-0.35	1.3	0.8	0.1	3.26	0.53	1.15	0.54
z500hPa	3.67	3.24	3.12	1.65	2.09	0.87	1.66	1.56	2.03	2.45	0.57	-2.36	5.37	3.74	2.94	0.64	0.55	0.97	-0.09	0.11	2.99	1.83	1.86	2.21
z850hPa	4.69	1.79	1.06	0.91	1.34	0.93	1.68	0.86	2.04	2.17	0.88	-2.7	2.85	0.33	1.29	1.38	-0.25	1.14	2.44	-0.43	1.15	4.66	3.85	3.01
t250hPa	-0.05	0.74	0.87	1.12	0.14	0.13	1.04	0.73	1.24	2.1	0.76	-0.26	1.24	0.47	0.77	0.66	0.74	-0.05	-1.16	1.01	1.45	1.23	0.51	0.54
t500hPa	0.29	0.45	0.63	0.8	0.86	-0.29	0.78	0.56	0.62	1.39	0.45	1.24	3.09	1.5	1.57	0.57	-0.06	0.12	0.09	0.18	-0.09	-0.23	-0.2	-0.15
t850hPa	-0.02	0.57	0.46	0.91	0.83	1.22	-0.41	-0.71	-0.2	0.23	0.39	-0.42	0.54	-0.05	0.28	0.54	1.02	-0.7	0.39	0.93	-0.03	2.52	3.69	2.11

➔ Large positive Impacts for analysis and forecast over Northern hemisphere and Tropics

(b) RMSE improvements (12 UTC)

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w500hPa	0.19	0.45	0.77	0.42	0.88	2.49	-0.18	0.4	0.12	0.52	0.09	-0.43	4.29	2.94	2.64	3.08	1.88	1.22	0.14	0.22	1.17	1.07	-2.06	1.3
w850hPa	0.26	0.17	0.45	0.99	0.86	2.75	-0.02	-0.41	-0.57	0.69	1.44	-0.02	-0.39	0.43	0.81	0.95	0.53	-0.66	0.09	-0.52	0.54	0.84	-1.37	2.92
z250hPa	4.15	1.23	3.12	2.64	3.45	4.31	1.45	1.04	0.35	2.06	0.75	0.11	6.01	2.64	3.31	2.06	1.2	1.76	2.01	-1.42	3.27	1.62	-2.57	-0.39
z500hPa	2.74	2.29	3.18	2.65	2.58	3.76	1.1	0.59	0.26	1.64	-0.21	-0.77	4.76	3.16	3.19	1.51	1.83	3.24	0.91	0.29	2.26	3.19	-2.85	-1.35
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Figure. RMSE improvement of analysis and forecast(up to 5 day) for specific humidity, wind, geopotential height and temperature for the month of August 2019. The analysis error is defined as the root mean square (RMS) difference against the verifying IFS analysis. Green panels signify an error reduction due to the GK2A AMV



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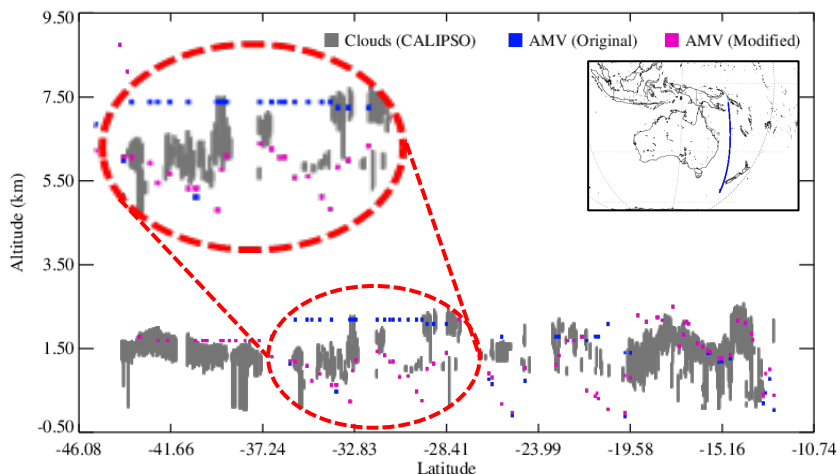
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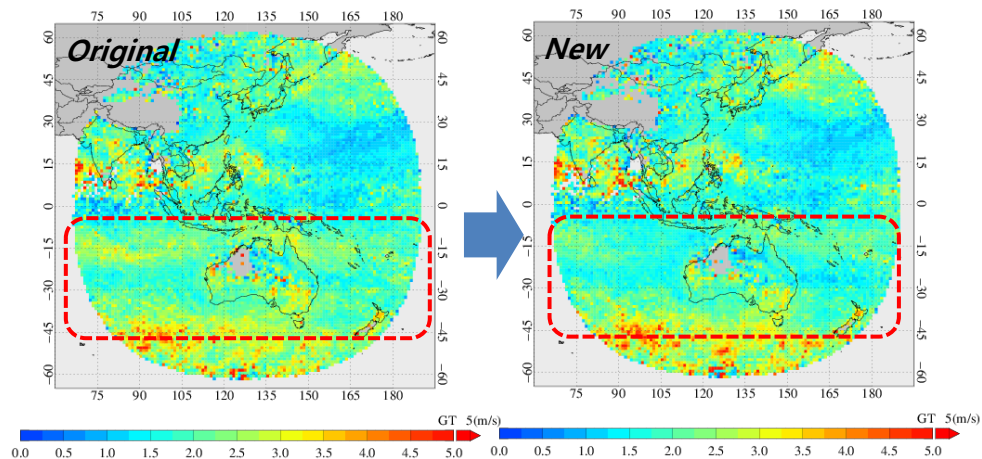
# AMV Algorithm Updates

## Cloud base correction

- Remove cloud base correction because of the error that occurs in the process of estimating cloud base temperature
- ➔ (CALIPSO) The new AMVs better match the actual altitude of the clouds (CALIPSO level 2 vertical feature mask)
- ➔ (NWP) RMSVD of low-level (700-100hPa) visible AMVs decreased in the seas of the southern hemisphere



**Figure.** Comparison of AMV heights and CALIPSO level 2 vertical feature mask products for 03:30 UTC on 19 August 2019 (Grey: clouds, blue: original AMV, pink: updated AMV)



**Figure.** RMSVD of GK2A visible AMV (700-1000hPa only) against NWP wind field for the month of August 2019



# AMV Algorithm Updates

## Multi-Layer cloud flag

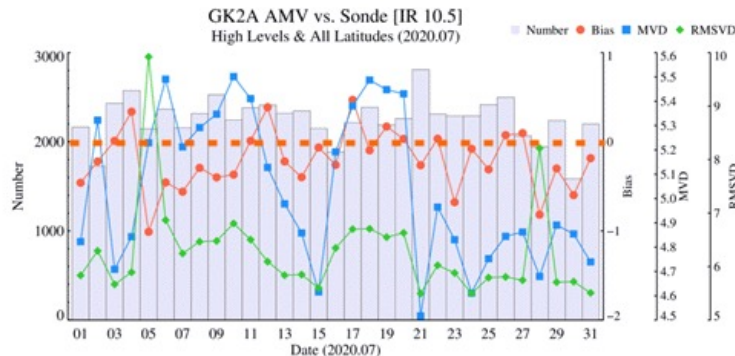
- Slow speed bias caused by multi-layer clouds
- Add multi-layer flags in order for users to selectively filter out low-quality data (applied only to infrared and short wave infrared channel)
- Use the local mean and standard deviation information to identify clusters of points sharing common characteristics (2012, Bresky et al.)

✓ Bresky, W.C., Daniels, J.M., Bailey, A.A., and S.T. Wanzong, 2012: New methods toward minimizing the slow speed bias associated with atmospheric motion vectors, *Journal of applied meteorology and climatology*, Volume 5, Issue 12, pp.2137-2151.

➔ Slow speed bias has been improved

➔ Effective in distinguishing bad quality vectors?

- (Radiosonde) The accuracy in single-layer clouds is worse than in multi-layer clouds



**Figure.** Time series of the speed bias, mean vector difference (MVD) and root mean squared vector difference (RMSVD) between the GK2A IR105 AMVs and radiosonde winds

Channel	Statistics	Radiosonde		NWP (UM)	
		All	QC_Flag	All	QC_Flag
SWIR (3.8 um)	Bias	-0.38	0: -0.20 1: -0.67	-0.47	0: -0.39 1: -0.71
	RMSVD	6.44	0: 6.48 1: 6.37	3.41	0: 3.30 1: 3.71
IR (10.5 um)	Bias	0.04	0: 0.20 1: -0.16	-0.21	0: -0.16 1: -0.32
	RMSVD	6.28	0: 6.30 1: 6.25	3.34	0: 3.24 1: 3.58

**Table.** Error statistics of AMV retrievals compared with radiosonde and NWP model for the month of August in year 2019 ( QC\_Flag: 0 - single clouds, 1 - multi clouds )



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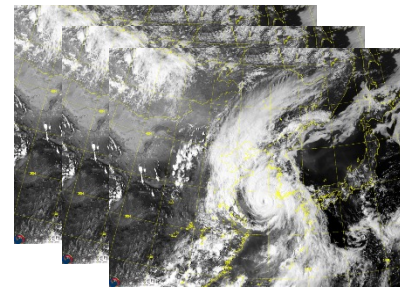
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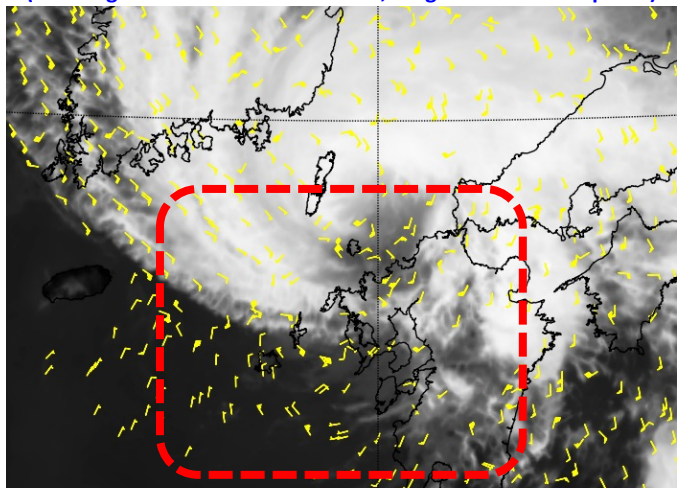


ELA area  
Every 2 min.  
3800 \* 2400 km

## → Case 1: Typhoon Francisco (2019.08.06. 04:00 UTC)

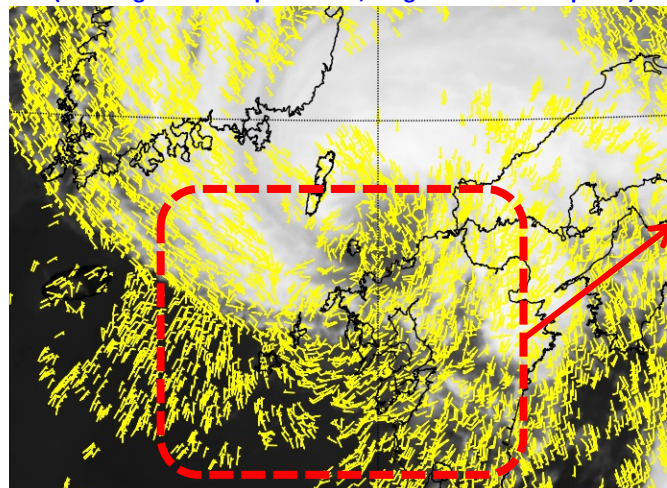
AMV

(Tracking method: cross correlation, Target size : 48 x 48 pixels)



RS-AMV

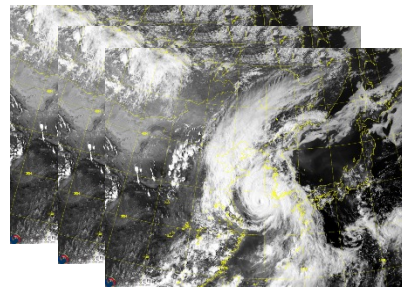
(Tracking method: optical flow, Target size : 10 x 10 pixels)



- ✓ As the typhoon went north and passed through the Kyushu, the upper and lower layers of the typhoon were separated
- ✓ **The cyclonic circulation in the lower layer**
- ✓ Divergence of wind in the upper layer

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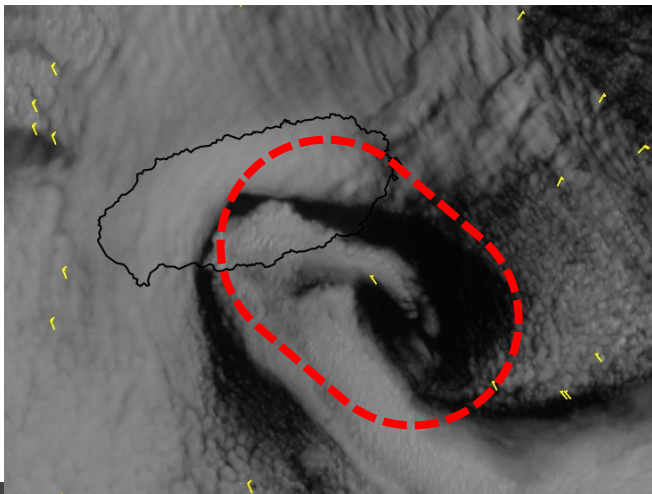


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## → Case 1: Vortex (2021.04.04.01:00 UTC)

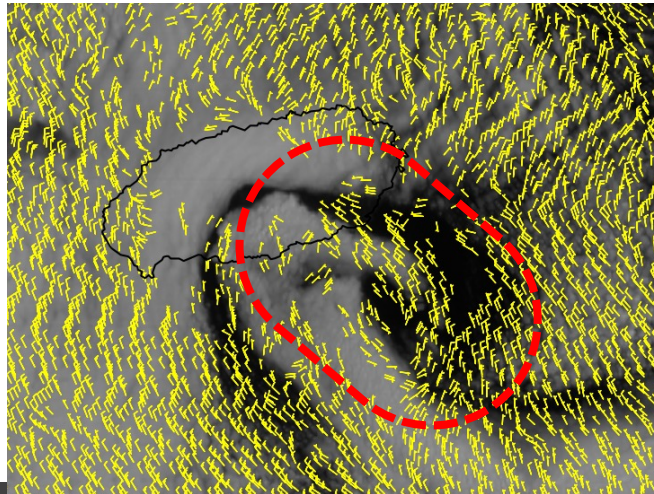
AMV

(Tracking method: cross correlation, Target size : 48 x 48 pixels)



RS-AMV

(Tracking method: optical flow, Target size : 10 x 10 pixels)



- ✓ A vortex formed in the south of Jeju Island
- ✓ To produce local flow, we need to reduce the target size



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**Thank you**



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