

# Short-term forecasting of Typhoon rainfall with deep learning-based disaster monitoring model

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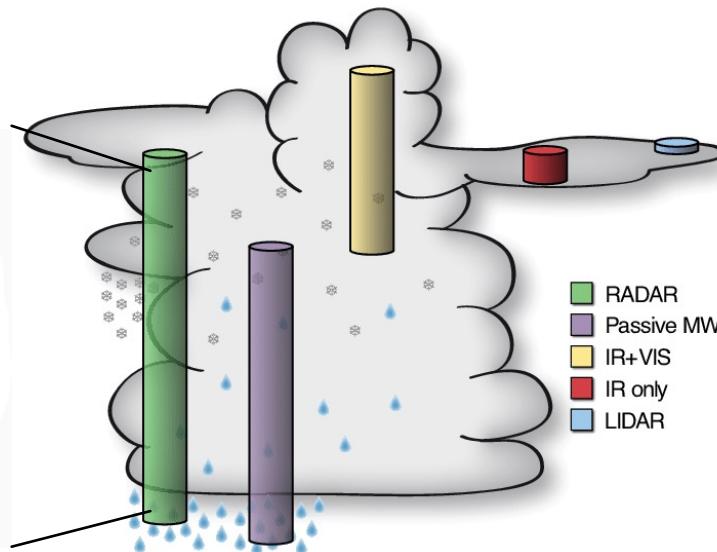
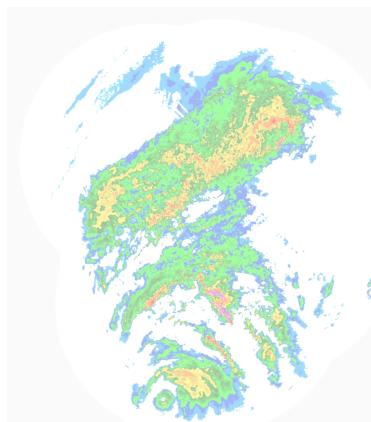


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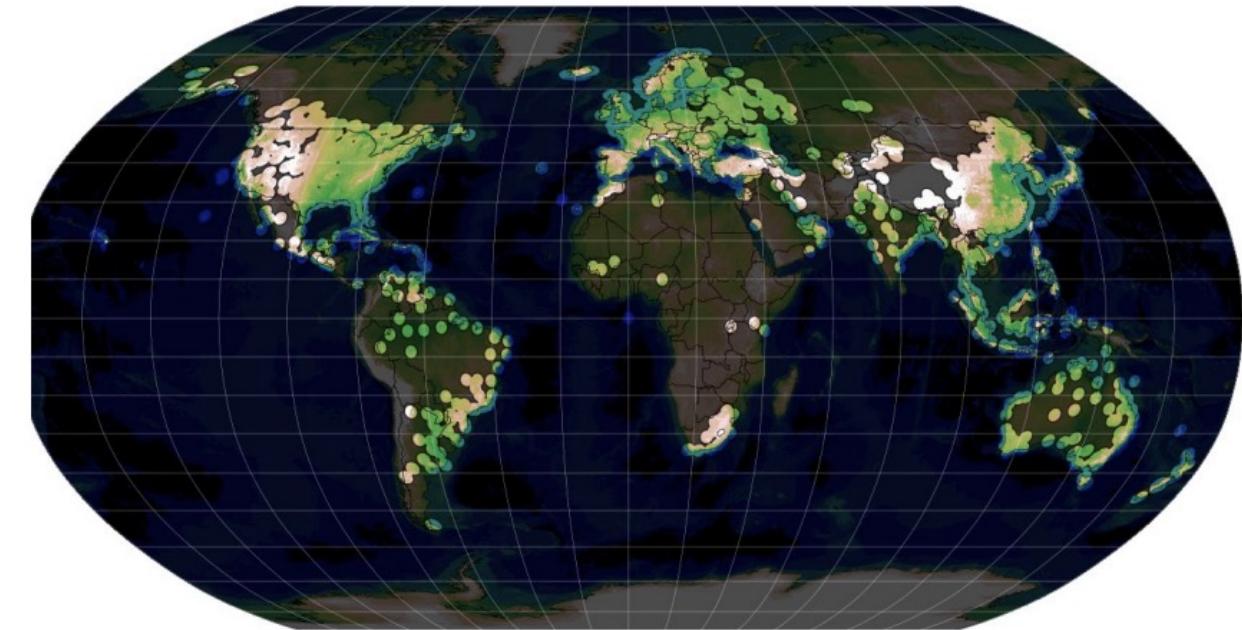
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- Weather radar detects and quantifies precipitation and severe weather
- It covers densely populated areas, but still insufficient to cover some regions and oceans



Different measurement techniques in a thick cloud [1]



A map of weather radar coverage [2]

# Goal

## Accuracy Weather Forecasting without Radar System

Spatio-temporal limited detection → Future Satellite video prediction

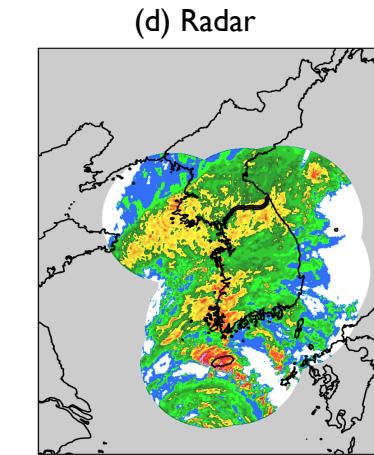
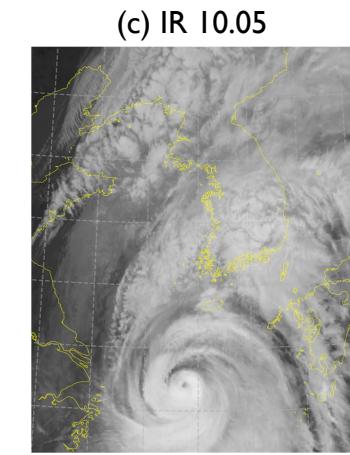
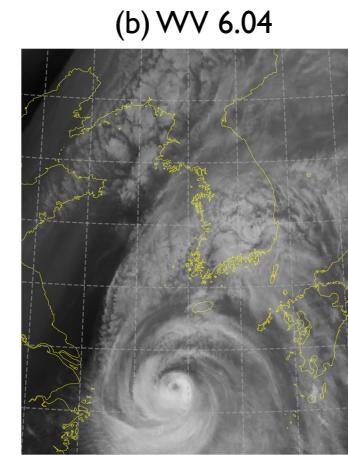
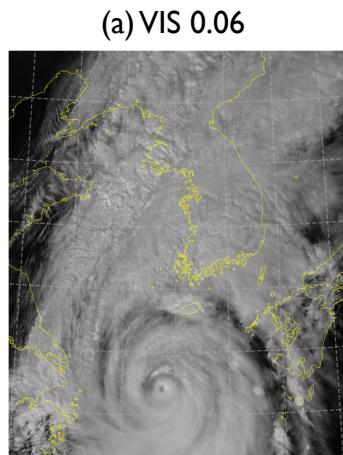
Insufficient Radar system → Proxy radar map from satellite images

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# Data and Method

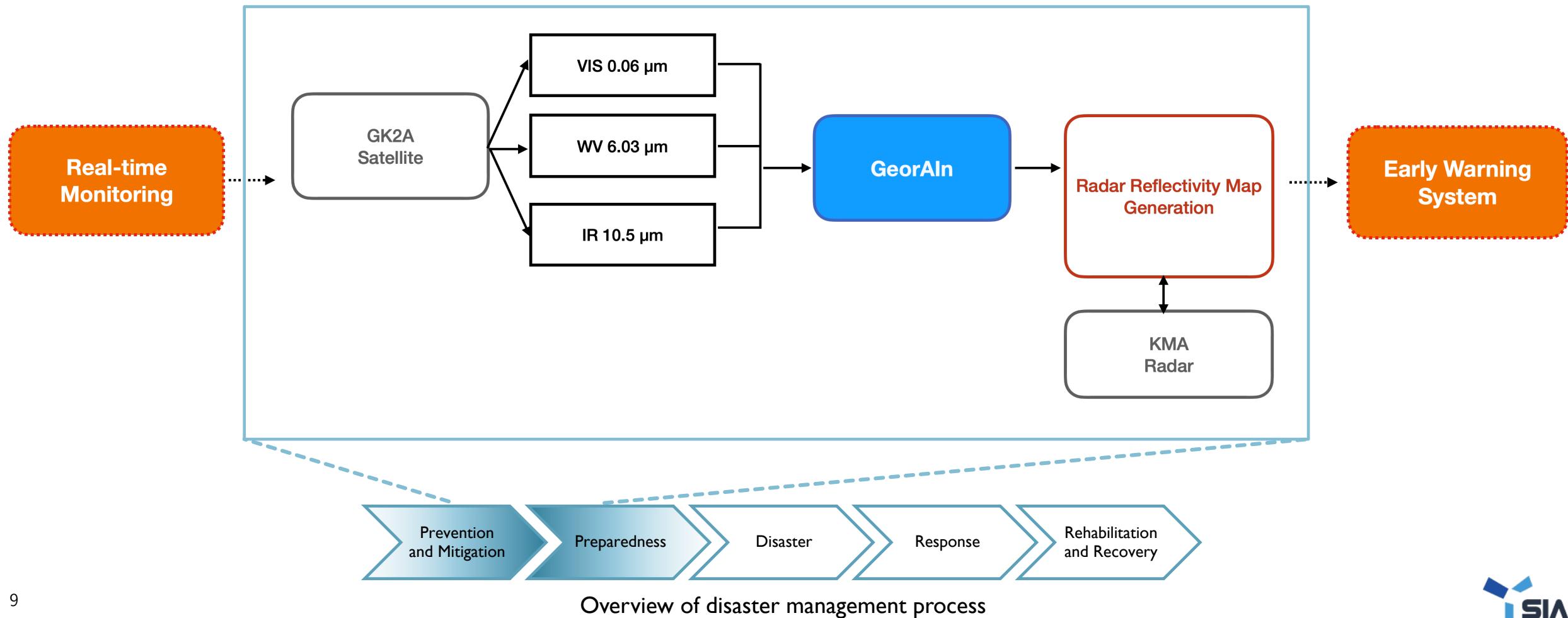
# Data

- **Geo-KOMPSAT-2A (GK2A)**
  - Geostationary orbit satellite
  - 2-minutes interval and 0.5 to 2 km spatial resolution
  - 16 channels – Visible (0.06  $\mu\text{m}$ ), Water vapor (6.04  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and Infrared (10.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) channels
- **KMA Weather Radar**
  - 5-minutes interval and 0.5 km spatial resolution
- **Test Case: Typhoon Hinnamnor**
  - 2022/09/05 0100 to 0700 UTC



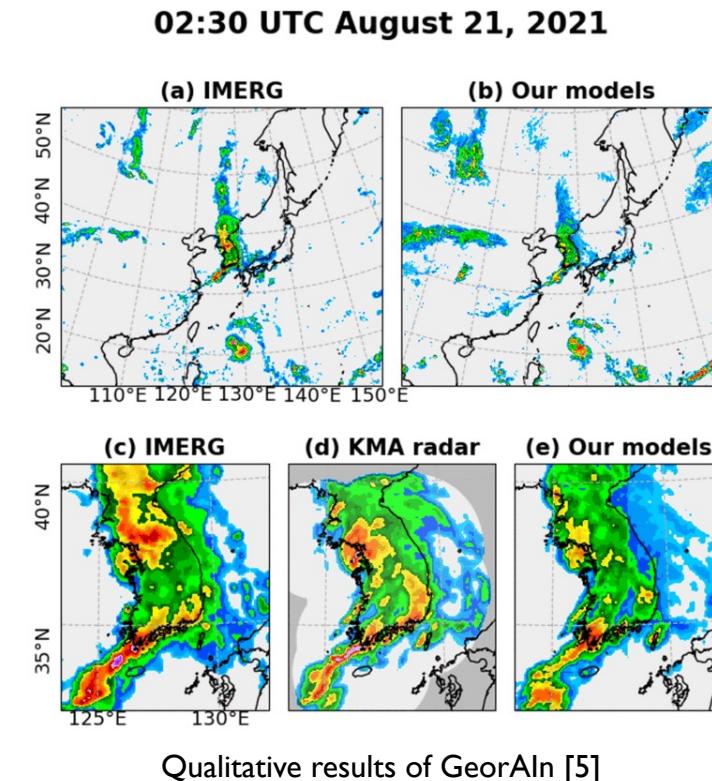
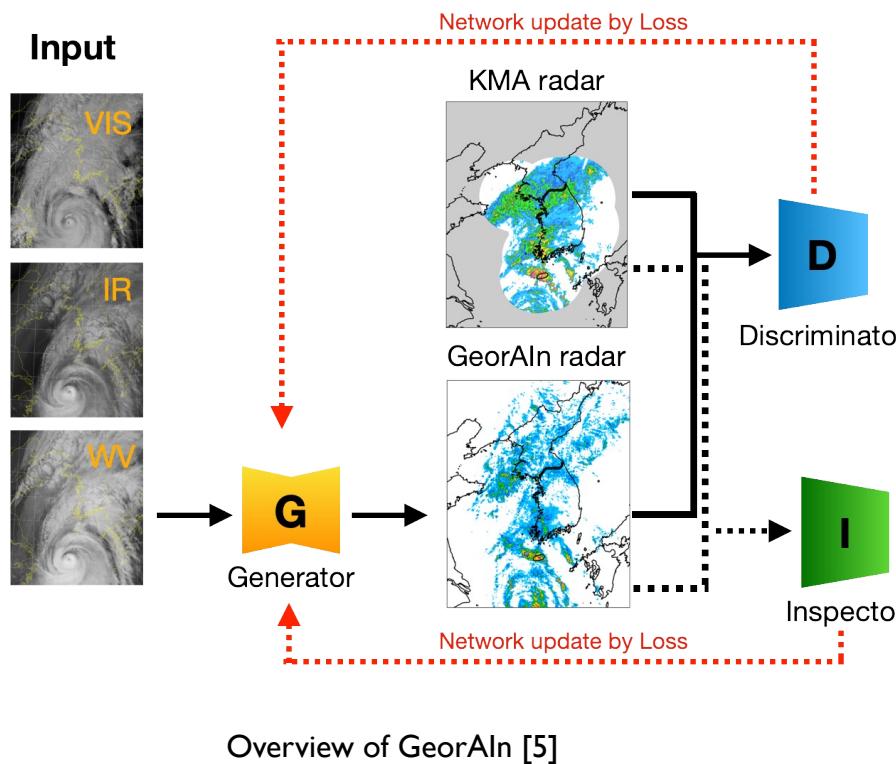
# Disaster Monitoring Model

- two-step process, consists of WR-Net and GeorAIn
  - Rain forecasting over the next few hours for early warning



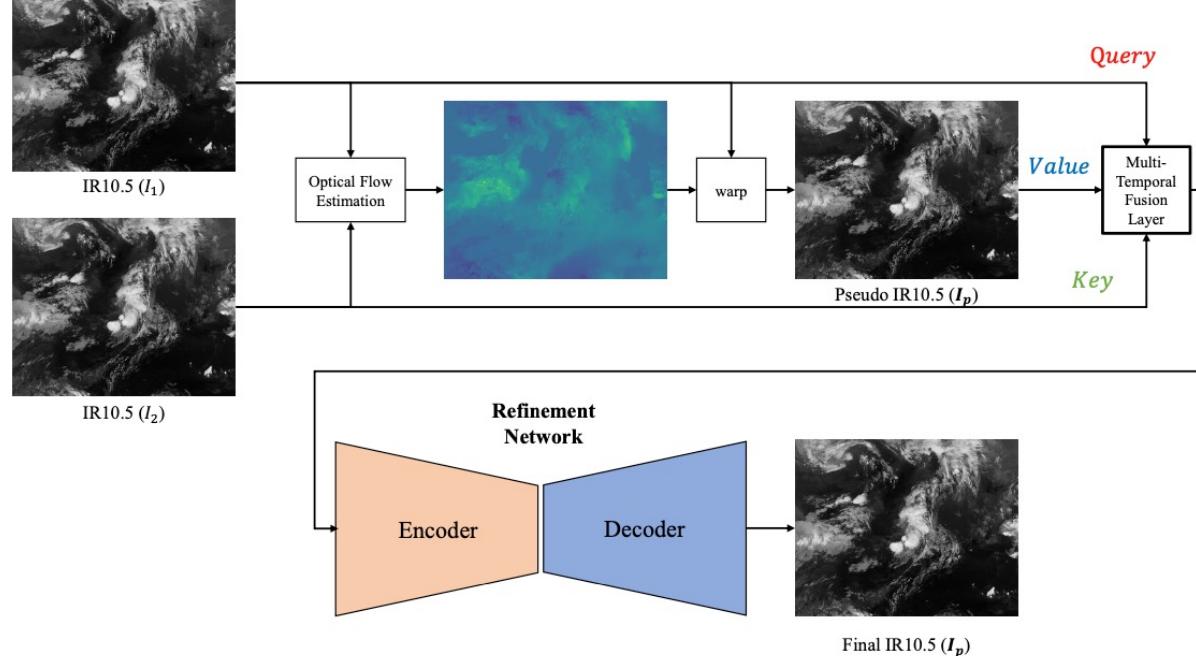
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- **Generative Adversarial Network for rain – GeorAln**
  - Generate proxy radar reflectivity map using Pix2PixCC model ([6])
  - Inspector guides the generated image to be physically consistent with the real image



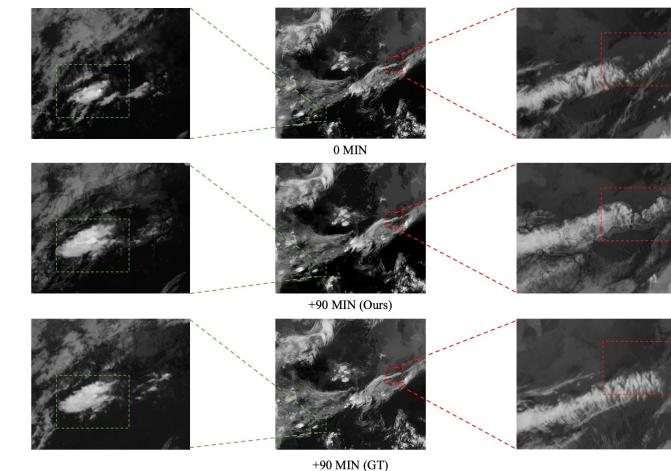
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- Video Frame Prediction Network – Warp and Refine Network (WR-Net)
  - Warping component for extracted optical flow
  - Refinement component for intensity changes of each pixel



Overview of WR-Net [7]

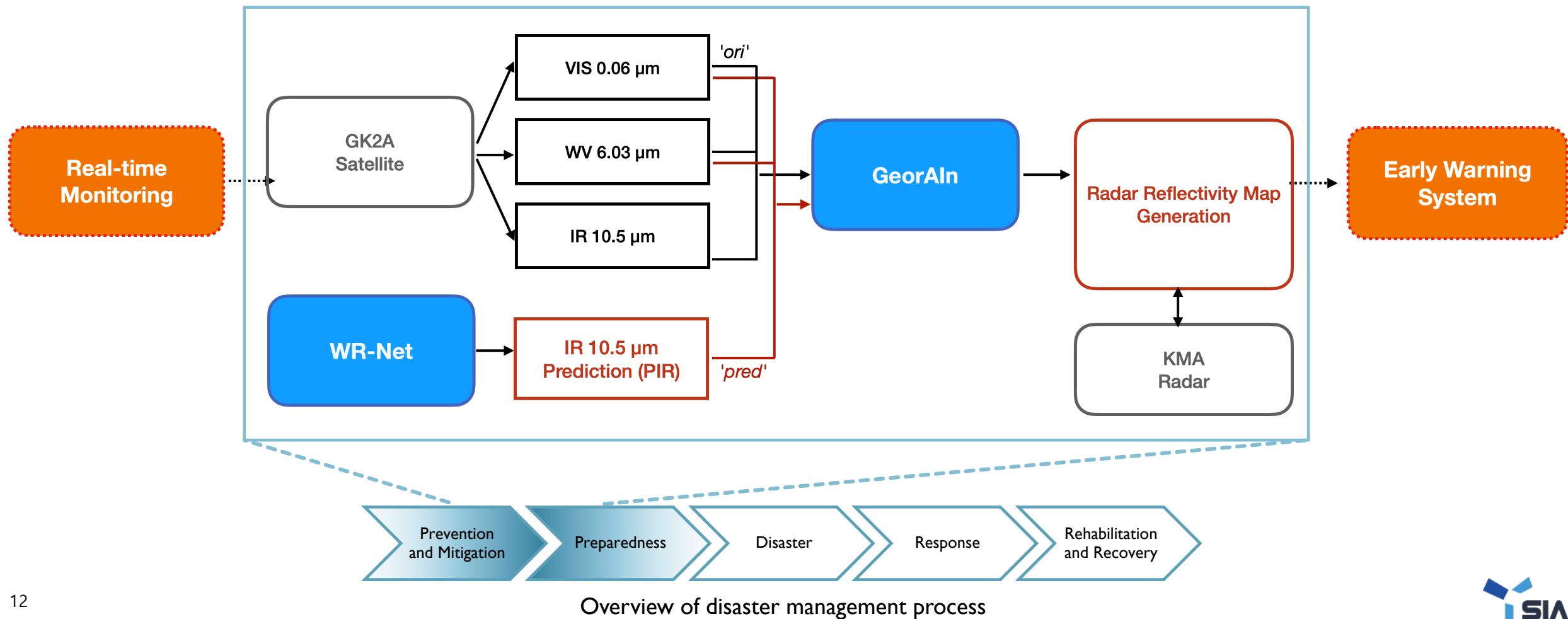
Method	Channels	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑
Linear	IR	38.667	0.745
SSM-T	IR	43.285	0.831
WR-Net (Warp Only)	IR	44.213	0.904
WR-Net (Full)	IR	<b>46.527</b>	<b>0.934</b>



Qualitative results of WR-Net [7]

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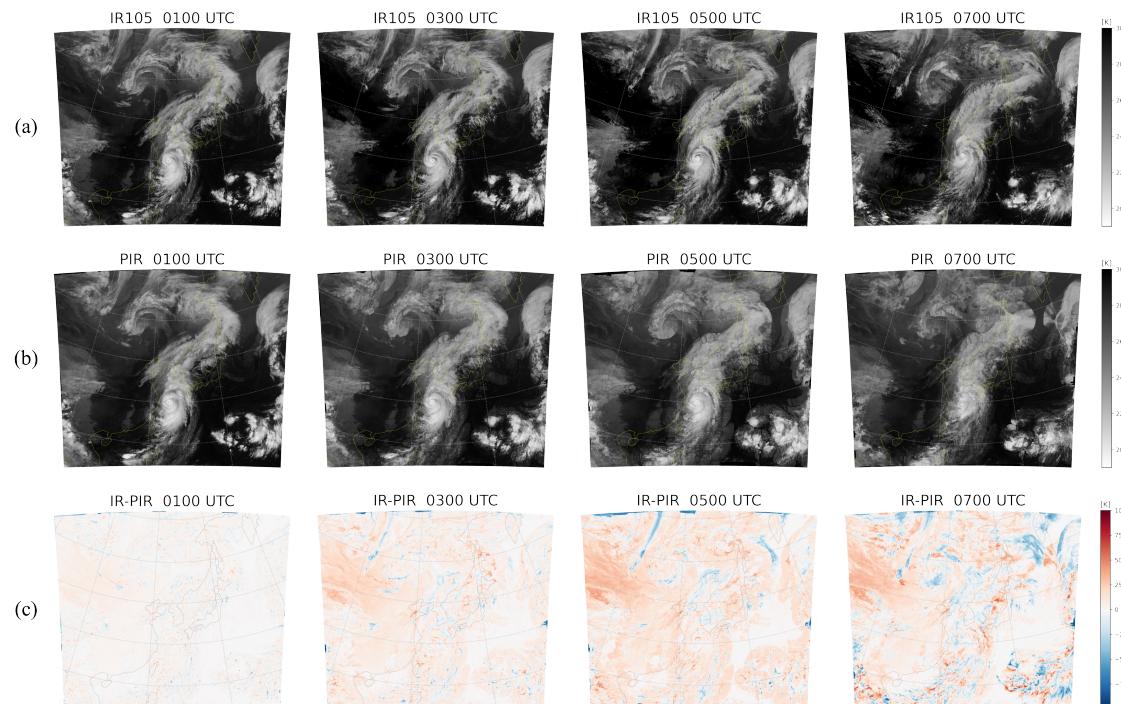
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# Results

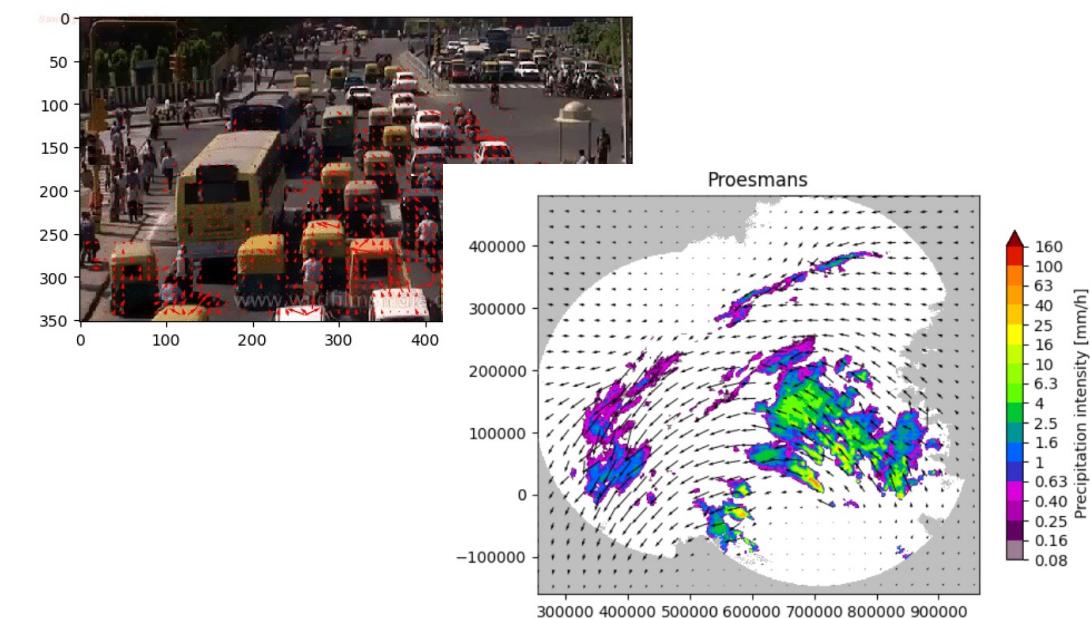
# Results: Hinnamnor Case Study

## 1) Predicting satellite images from WR-Net

- WR-Net prediction images preserve cloud locations and shapes compared to the original (GK2A) image
- The predicted clouds are divided and dimmed by the reduced cloud amount (limitation of optical flow)



IR images from (a) GK2A and (b) WR-Net predicted result, and difference map between them.

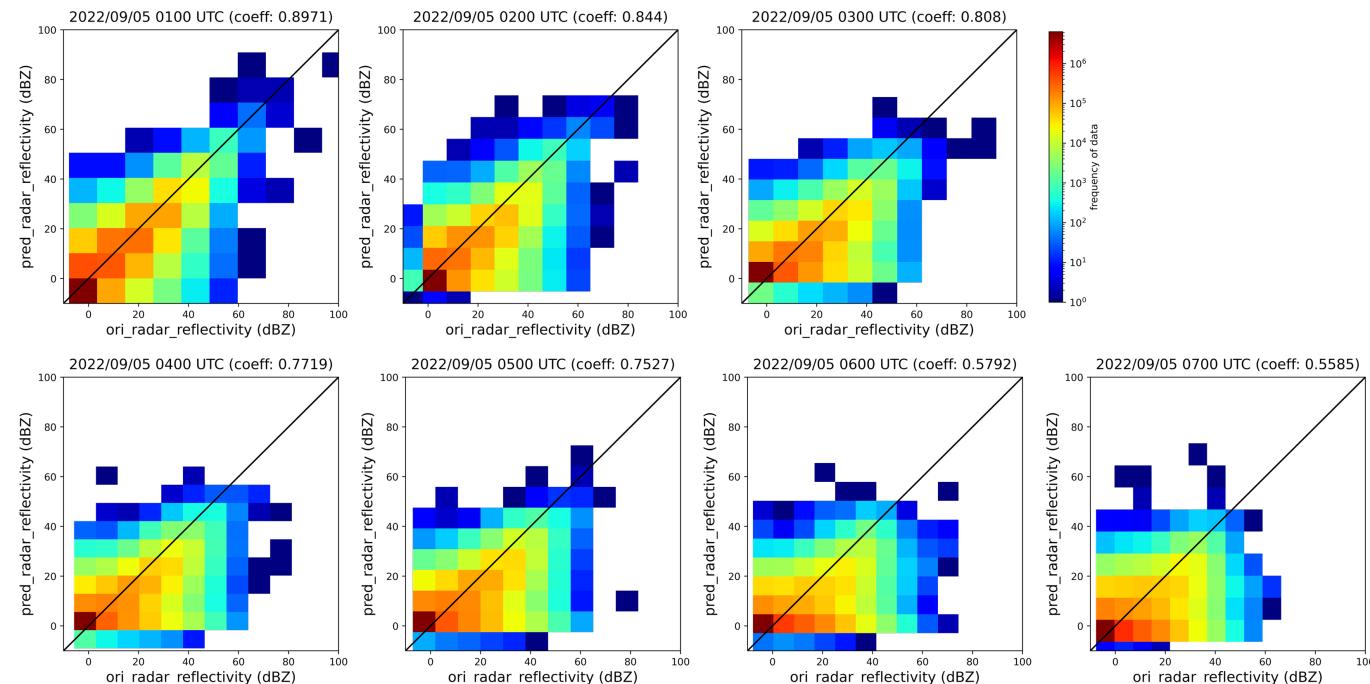


Optical flow only detect the movement and intensity of objects, act as wind vector in weather task

# Results: Hinnamnor Case Study

## 2) Generating radar reflectivity by GeorAln

- Shown a high correlation coefficient of over 0.8 at the future 3 hours and 0.75 at 5 hours
- ‘Pred’ results tend to underestimate the radar reflectivity more than the ‘Ori’ results



The 2D histogram of the radar reflectivity from the GeorAln results

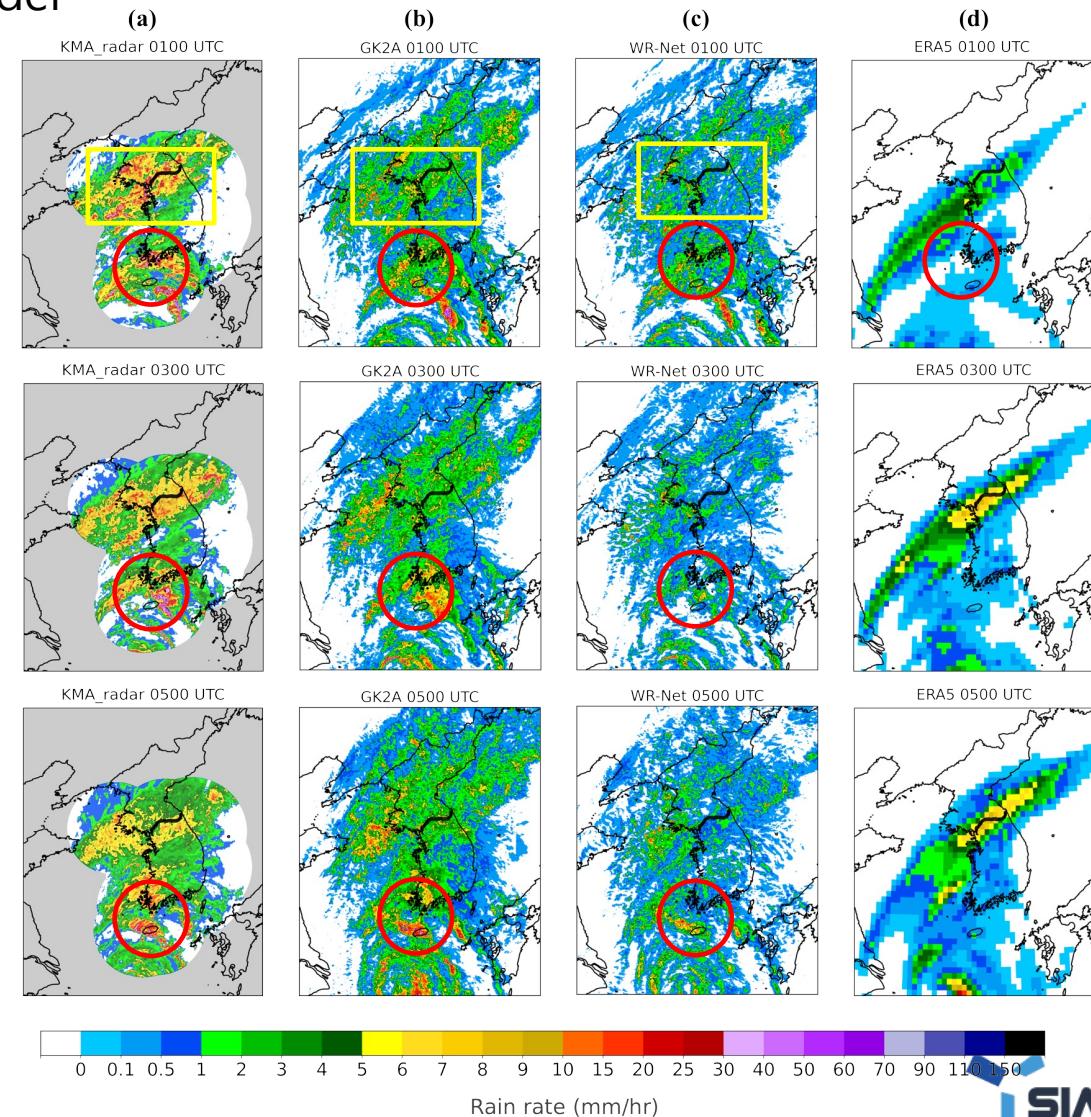
- ‘ori\_radar\_reflectivity’ is the result of original GK2A three channels (VIS, WV, and IR)
- ‘pred\_radar\_reflectivity’ is the result of two GK2A channels (VIS, WV) and one WR-Net predicted channel (PIR)

\* Convert the radar reflectivity to rain rate by using the Z-R relationship:  
 $Z = 200R^{1.6}$

# Results: Hinnamnor Case Study

## 3) Monitoring Typhoon rainfall by disaster monitoring model

- Compared with (a) KMA radar, (d) Reanalysis data – ERA5
- (b) GeorAln result and (c) GeorAln + PIR from WR-Net
- Our results show similar patterns with radar, but free of spatial constraints (masked areas in (a))
- Our results are highly accurate in heavy rainfall area (red circle) and slightly underestimated in the moderate rainfall area (yellow box)



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# Conclusion

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- We predict rainfall in Typhoon Hinnamnor case by our disaster monitoring model with geostationary satellite images
  - We utilize the WR-Net results as the input data of the GeorAI<sub>n</sub> model to predict future rainfall
  - The GeorAI<sub>n</sub> results show our model can predict the accurate timing, location, and intensity of heavy rain area
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- We expect our results to help communicate preemptive and precise warning systems
  - We plan to expand our disaster monitoring model to flood and storm cases on the global scale

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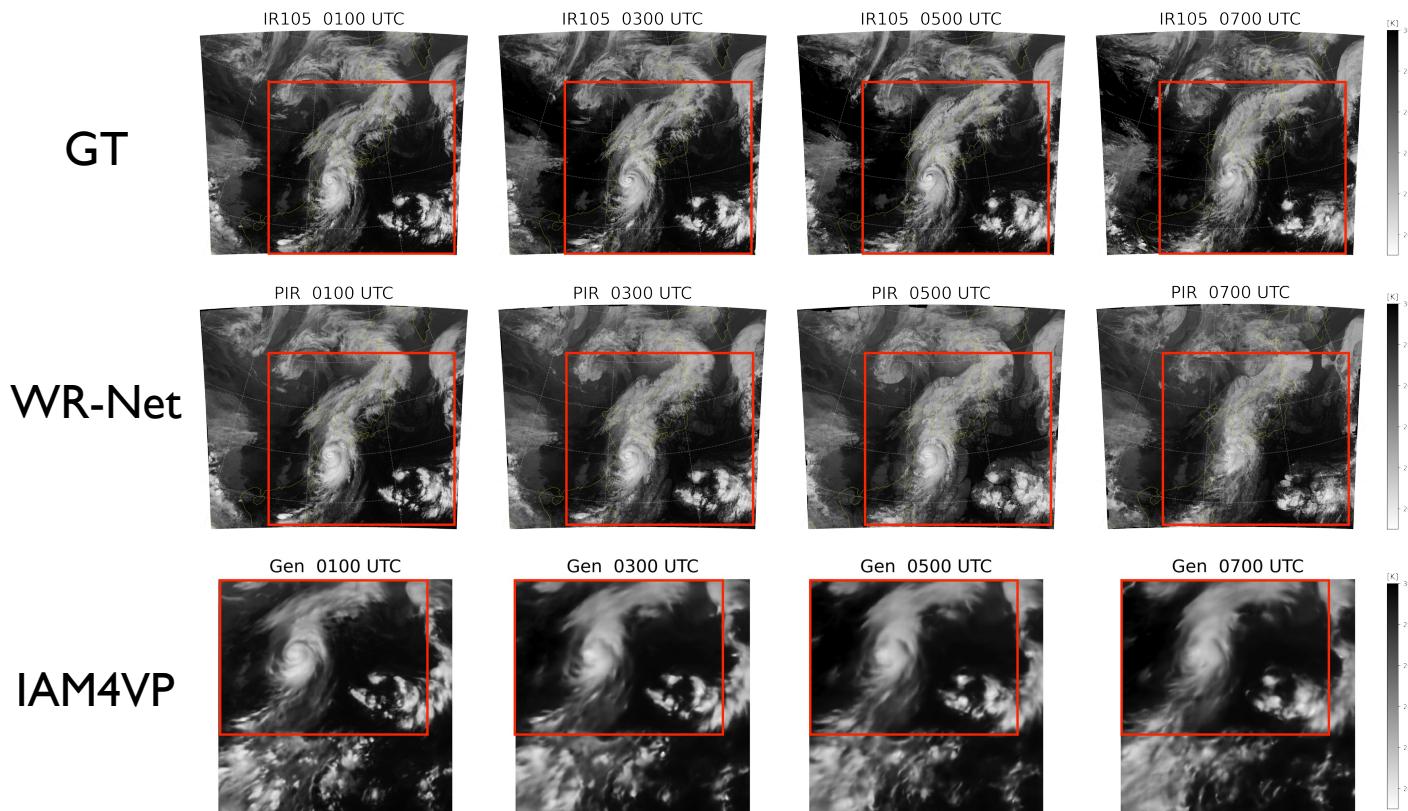
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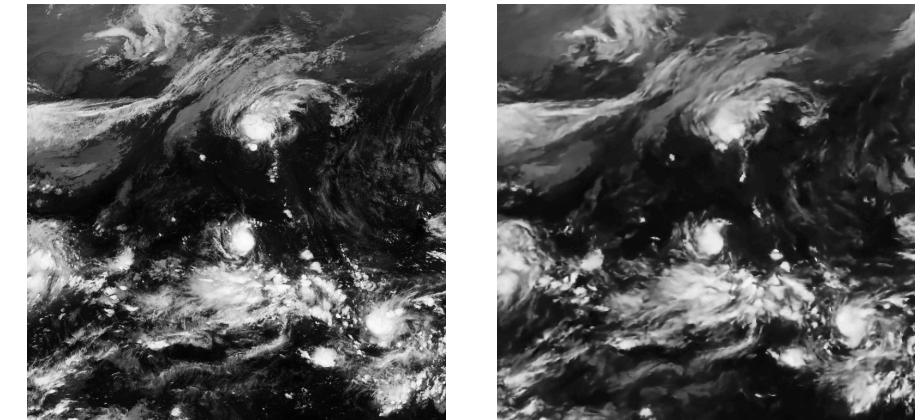


# Appendix

- Improved video prediction model: IAM4VP [8]
  - Solving the diminishing problem and generating new cloud cells

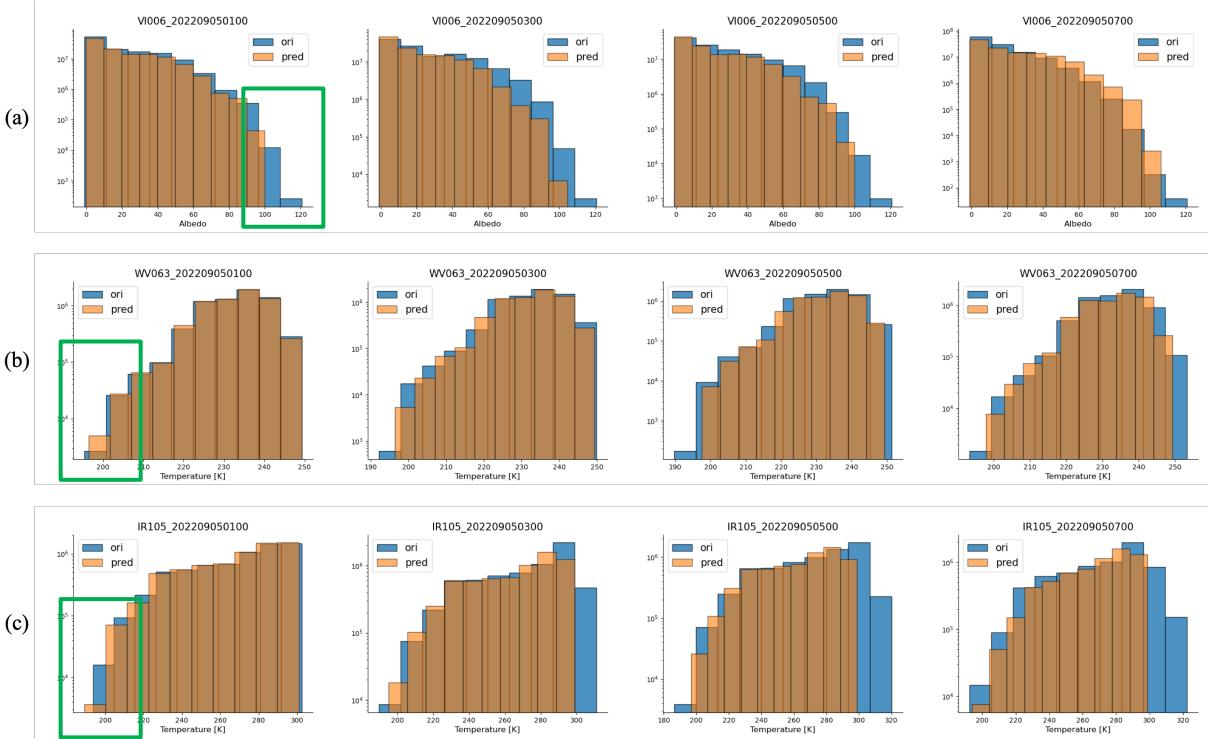


Typhoon Forecasting with IAM4VP model

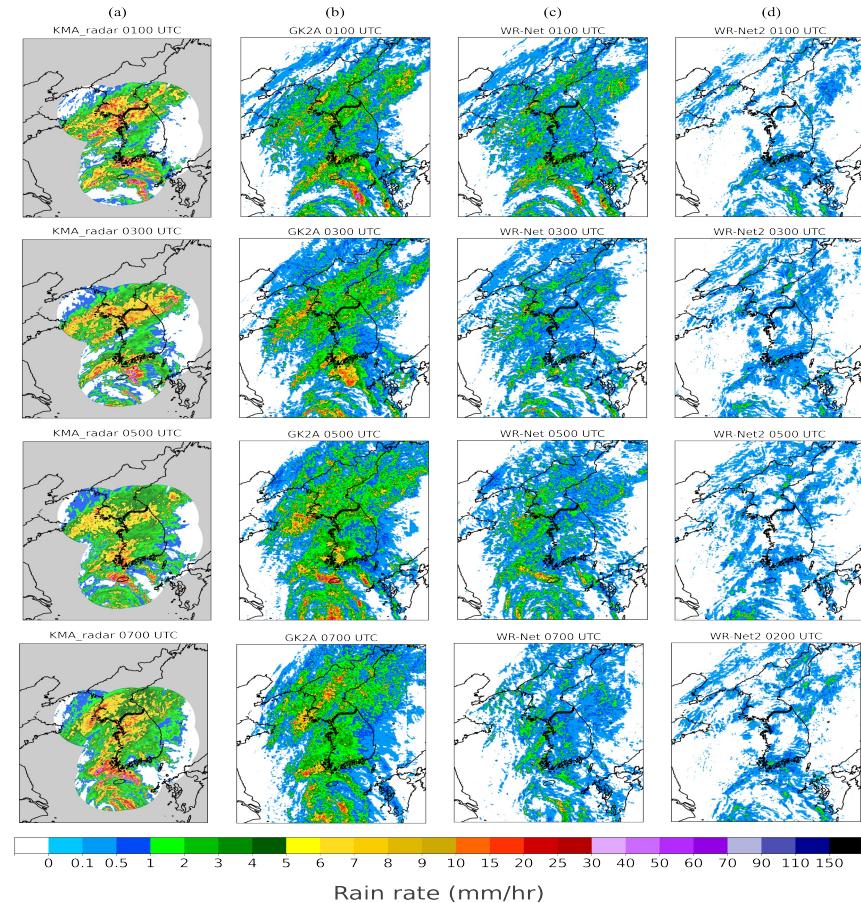


# Appendix

- Replacing three channels with WR-Net



Comparison histograms of each channel. (a) is visible  $0.06 \mu\text{m}$ , (b) is water vapor,  $6.04 \mu\text{m}$  and (c) is infrared  $10.5\mu\text{m}$  channels. The Blue bar means GK2A image and the Brown bar is WR-Net predicted image.



Qualitative results of each input combination.

(a) KMA radar, (b) GK2A three channels, (c) two GK2A channels + one WR-Net result, and (d) three WR-Net results

# Appendix

- Training information – WR-Net and GeorAlns

	WR-Net	GeorAln
Training data	GK2A 2020.08-2021.07, 2 min	GK2A 2019.08-2021.07, 10 min
Base model	TV-L1 algorithm (optical flow)/ U-Net based VGG16 (refinement)	Pix2PixCC model
Loss function	PSNR, SSIM	LSGAN, FM loss, CC loss
Optimizer	Adam	Adam
Learning Rate	1e-4	0.0002