

Review of the World Expo Nowcasting Service (WENS) Demonstration Project (Sep. 2010)

WENS Working Group September 22, 2010 Shanghai





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- 1. Before full operation
- 2. Full operation
- 3. Impacts
- 4. Lessons learnt
- 5. Issues of concern
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Shanghai World EXPO 2010 Nowcasting Service Demonstration Project (WENS)

- The Goals are:

- In the context of the multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS), to demonstrate how nowcasting applications can enhance short-range forecasts of high-impact weather using the opportunity afforded by the World EXPO 2010;
- Promote the understanding and enhance the capability, as appropriate, of WMO Members in nowcasting services.





Objectives

- ☐ Provide *advanced* high impact weather and precipitation nowcasting products and services for the World EXPO 2010;
- ☐ Enhance the capacity of the SMB in MHEWS to:
 - Effectively present the information to the decision makers and the public.
 - Demonstrate the introduction, optimal implementation, and training in use (technology transfer) of advanced nowcasting systems in operational forecasting and in the generation of enhanced products and services;
 - Evaluate the impact of the implementation;
 - Promote the implementation of nowcasting services in the Shanghai region initially and ultimately for the benefit of WMO

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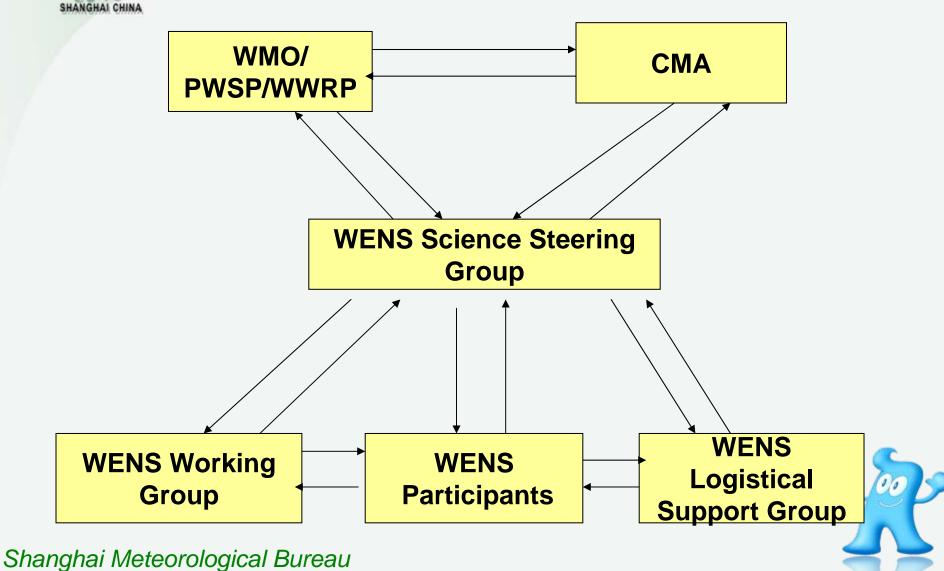


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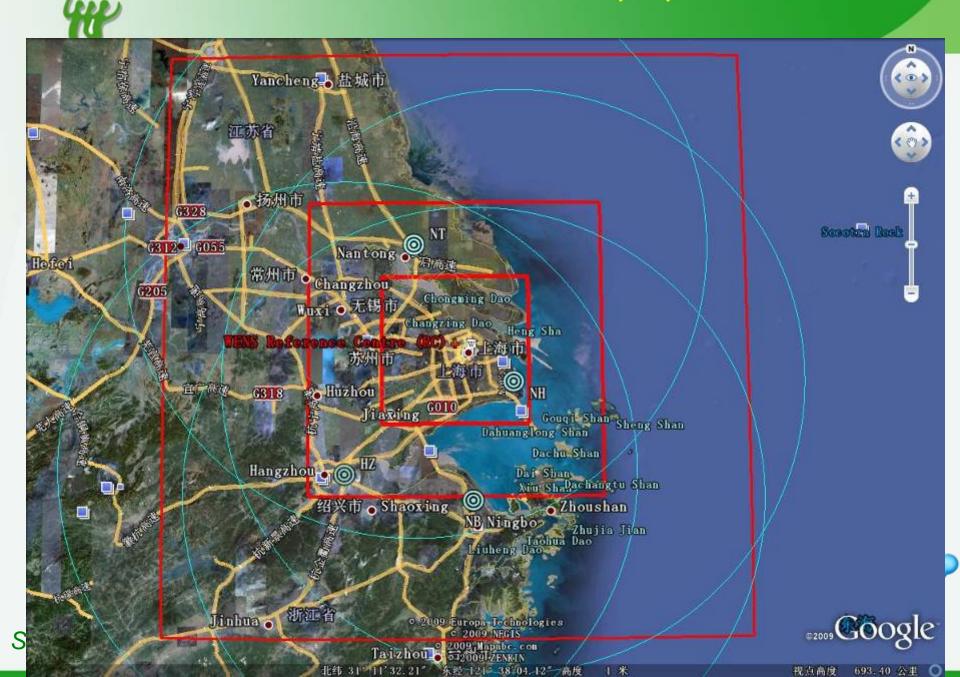
- 1. Establishment of WENS Scientific Steering Group (SSG) and WENSWG by interim SSG, draft TORs and draft business plan for WENS. (Interim SSG) in Sep. 2008
- 2. SSG Planning Meeting finalized TORs and WENS Business Plan on project scope, duration, milestones and deliverables as well as funding arrangements (SSG) in mid Dec. 2008.
- 3. Implementation of Business Plan (SMB/CMA, WENSWG, PSOs). Oct. 2009.
- 4. First trial run (WENSWG). Jul.-Aug. 2009
- 5. Interim Review Meeting. Review objectives, undertake validation and performance assessment of systems taking part in trial run; engage key stakeholders/users to provide feedback on products; adjust Business Plan, if appropriate (SSG). Oct. 2009

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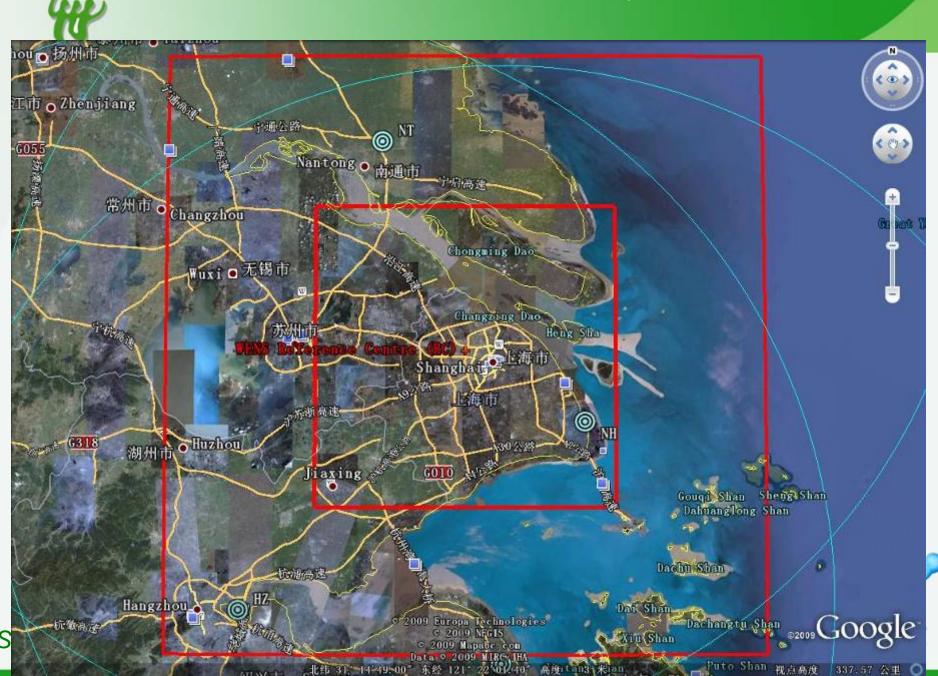
Organization of WENS



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Domain 2, 3

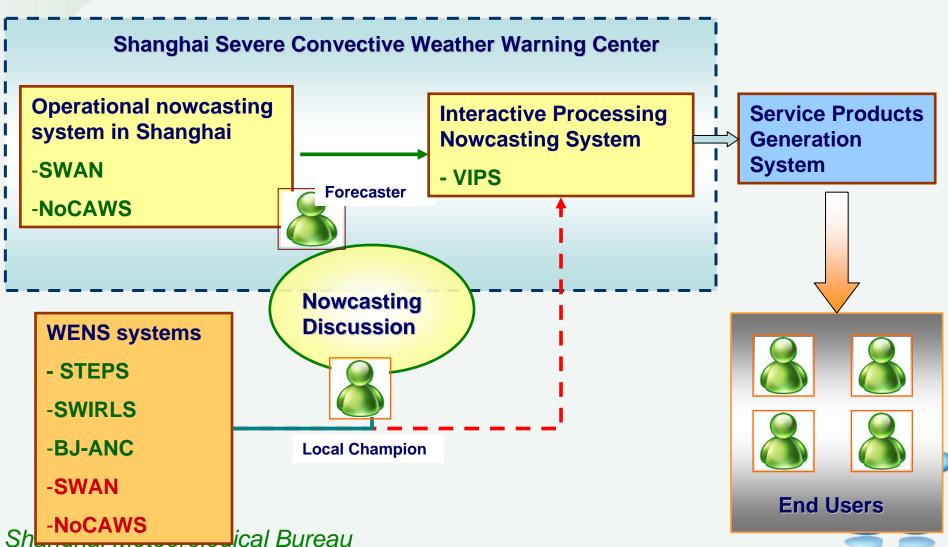


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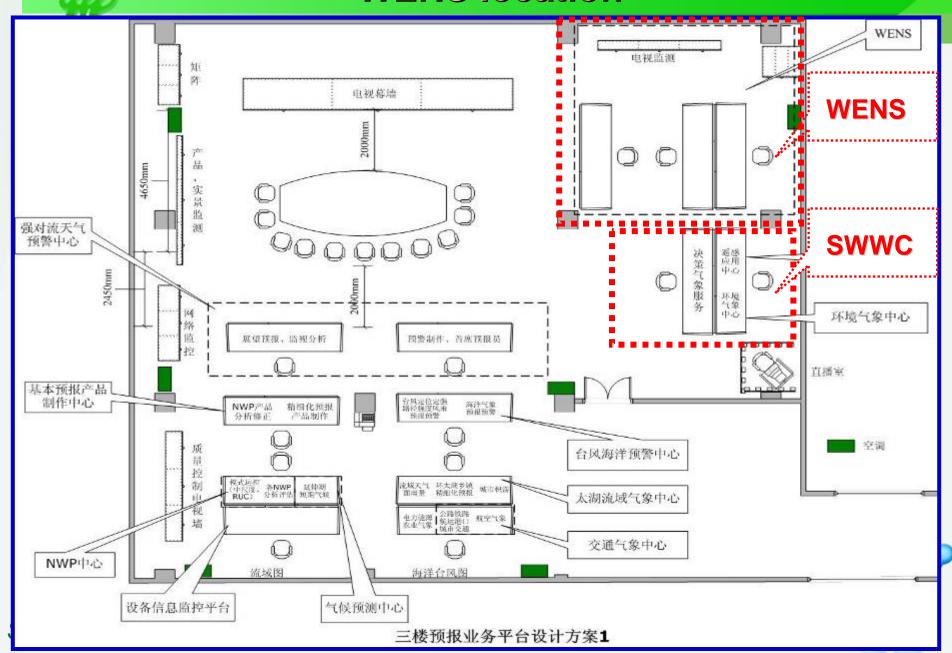


WENS and Operations



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WENS location





Pre-Training

- SMB sent forecasters and/or technicians to Australia and Hongkong to take training in the use of the participating systems.
 - HKO SWIRLS
 - **BOM STEPS**
- Pre-training for local champions and forecasters in May: Workshop on Severe Convective Weather Forecasting and Nowcasting









Application training

WENS First Trail Run Training for local champions and forecasters:

Training of participating systems





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Local Champions - SMB

 Local Champion from the SMB Convective Weather Warning Center

– BJ-ANC: Lan Tao, Hongping Yin

NoCAWS: Jianhua Dai, Lei Chen, Mao Mao

– STEPS: Yang Ding, Min Liu

– STI-WARR: Xiaofeng Wang

SWAN: Yang Ding, Jianhua Dai

- SWIRLS: Lei Chen, Li Xia



First Trial Run – Jul. to Aug. 2009

System installation and fine-tuning

Working meeting

Application Training









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2. Full operation

WENS Full Operation, Apr.26 - Oct. 31 2010

- 2.1 Systems and products
- 2.2 WENS web site
- 2.3 Nowcasting service operation
- 2.4 Important activities and cases
- 2.5 Evaluation by forecasters



2.1 Systems and products

- Directly used by forecasters in SMB, Expo weather station, and Expo operation center.
- Directly used by service officers and assistants.
- Indirectly used (SMB nowcasting products) by most of the users (government departments, Expo operation center, specialized users, and the public)
- Directly used by several key users on the WENS page on the SMB soweather.com.





WENS Participant Systems

- CMA

- SWAN (Severe Weather Automatic Nowcast system)
- BJANC (Beijing Auto-Nowcastor)
- NoCAWS (NowCAsting and Warning System)
- STI-WARR (Shanghai Typhoon Institute WRF ADAS-3DVar Rapid Refresh system)
- Australia BOM STEPS (Short Term Ensemble Prediction System)
- HKO– SWIRLS (Short-range Warning of Intense Rainstorms in Localized Systems)





Nowcast ell[pses of cloud to ground lightning; hail; downburst; rainstorms

Products

Forecasts of storm reflectivity

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BJANC

NoCAWS

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Mesoscals analysis fields

Reflectivity mosaic

TREC wind

Storm tracking and extrapolation extrapolation

TREC wind

Reflectivity

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Reflectivity mosaic

Storm tracking and extrapolation

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Storm tracking and extrapolation

TREC wind

Forecasts of storm evolution trend

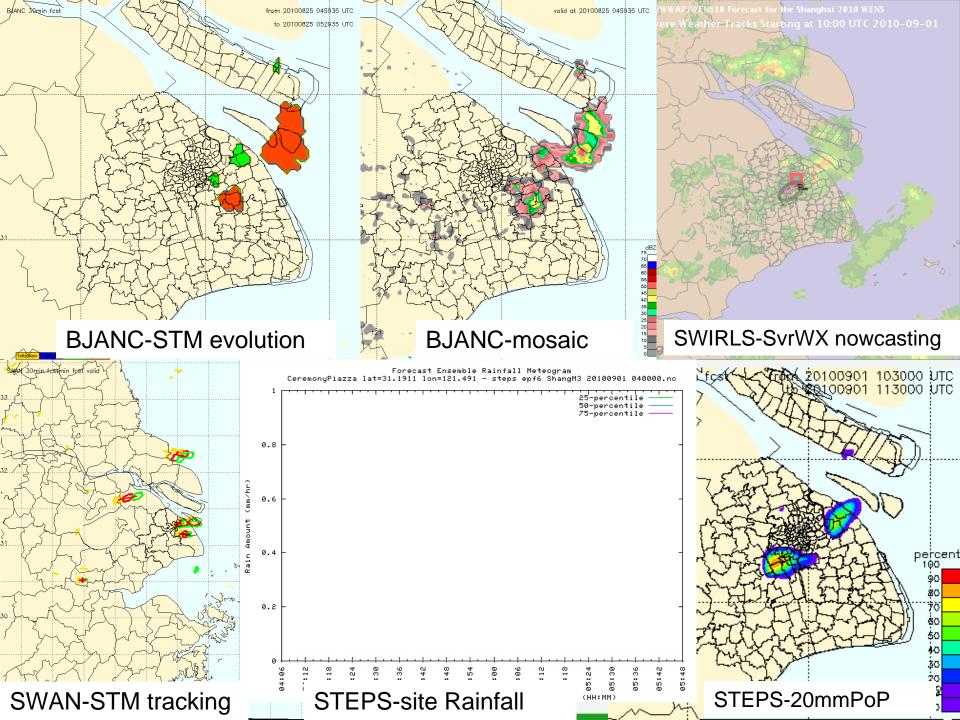
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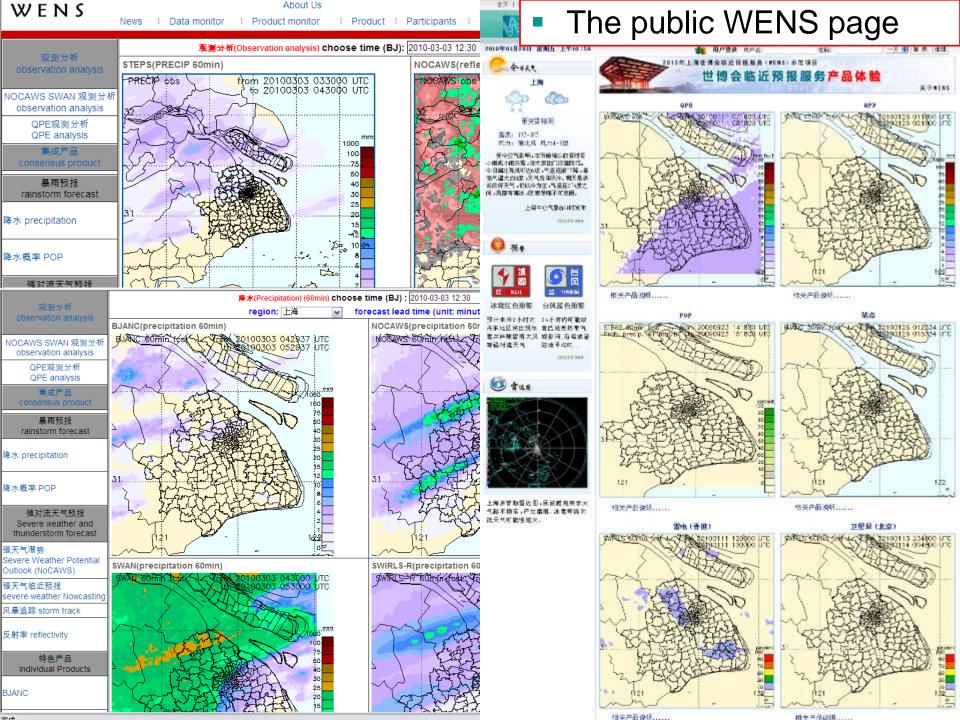
Conventional hourly updates of current conditions

Special product

Satellite-like or Radar-like products

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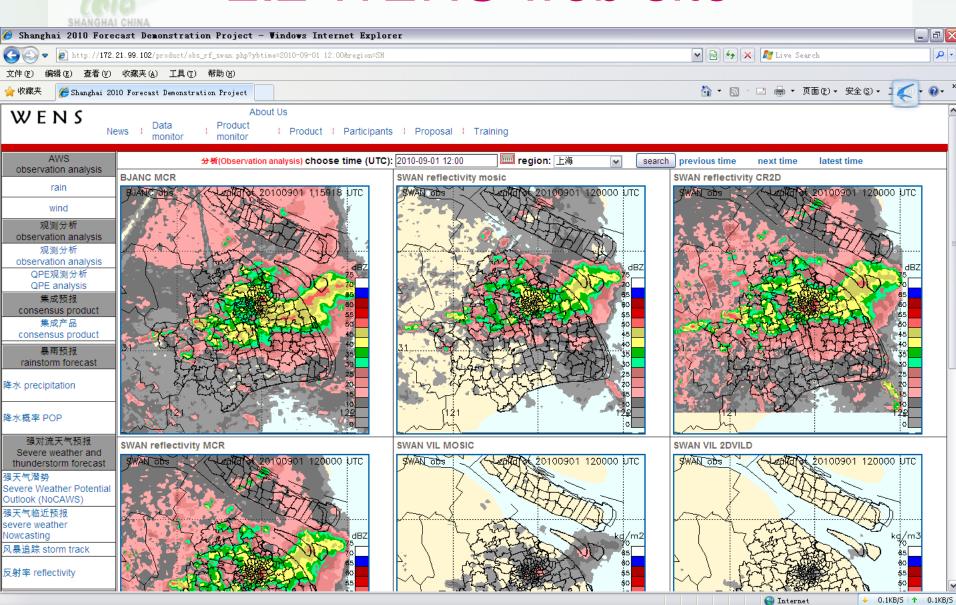


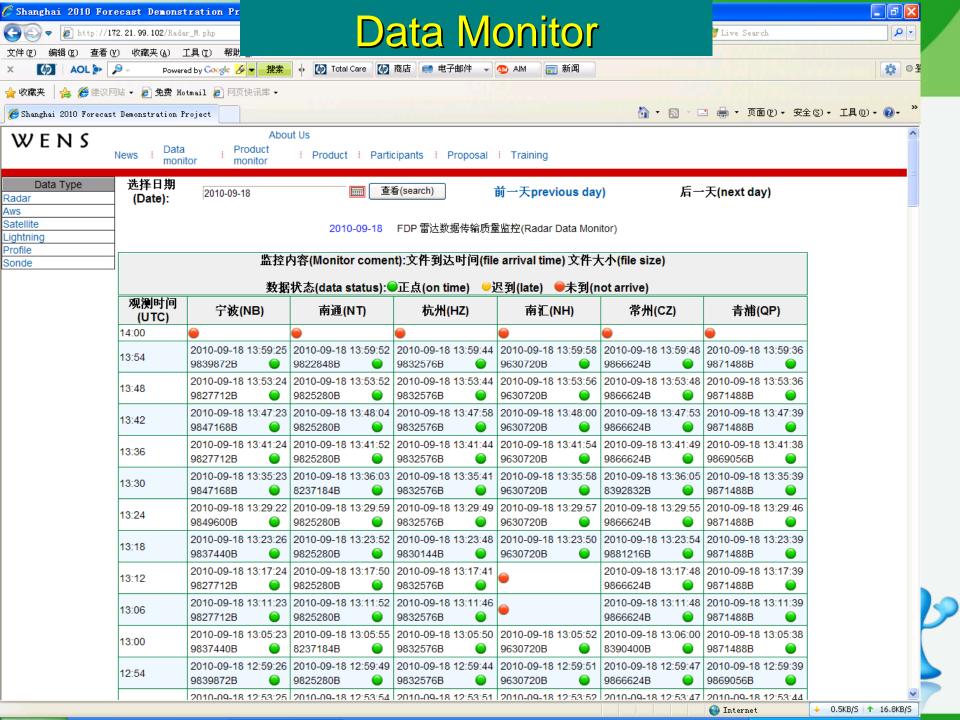


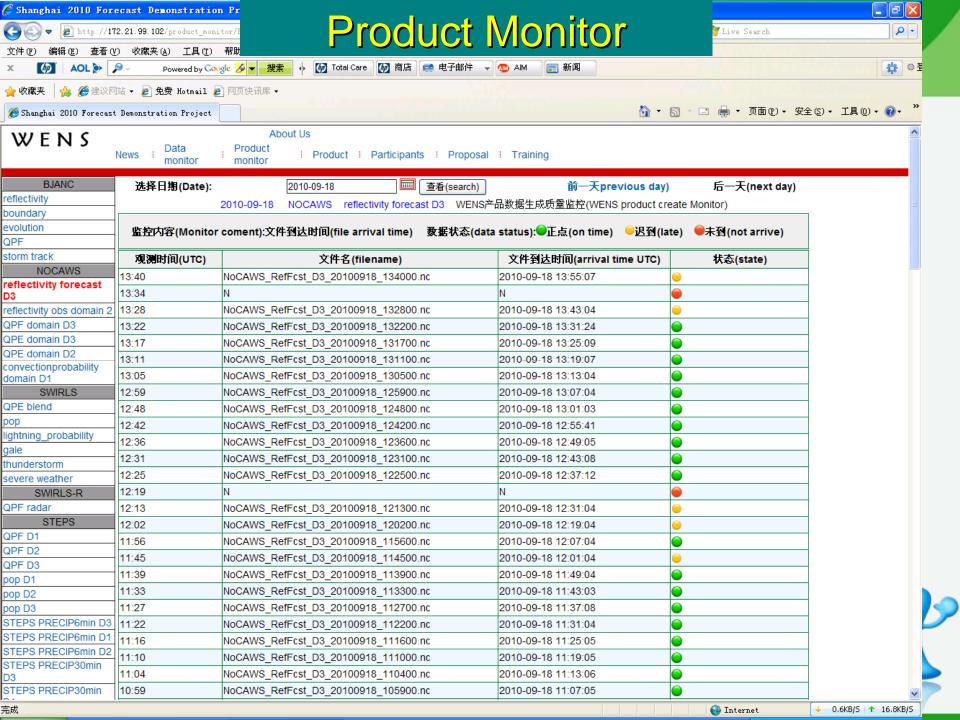
Forecasters at the weather sector in the Expo operation center



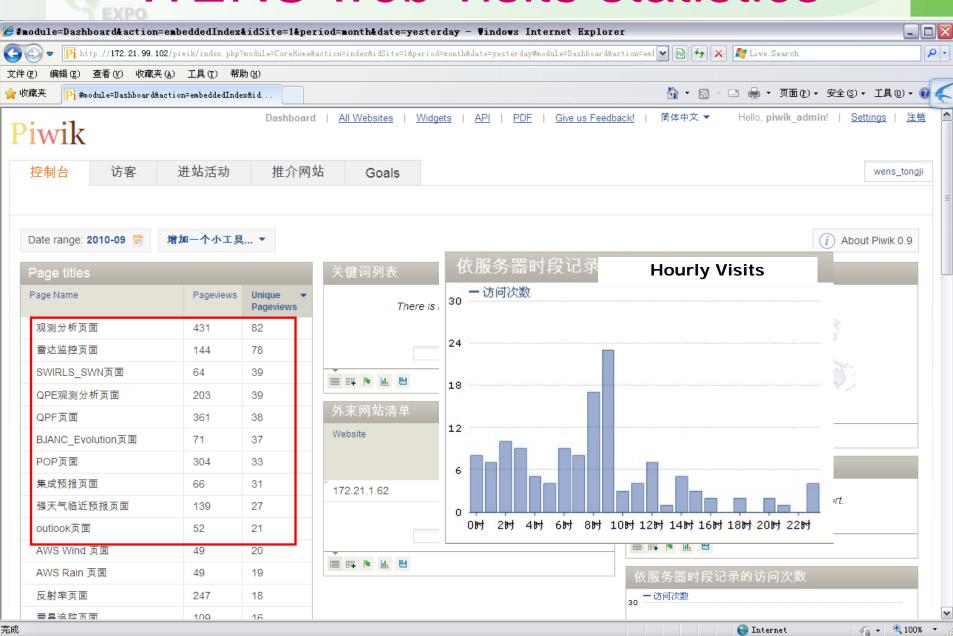
2.2 WENS web site







WENS web visits statistics



2.3 Nowcasting service operation

- Early detection
- Early information or communication
- Early warning
- Early service
- Nowcasting and warning



Severe weather early detection, early communication, early warning and early service

based on

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- mid-term and short-term weather forecast (synoptic situation)
- severe weather forecast
- Very short-term forecast and/or nowcasting
- observations
- service need of linkage department
- key Time Period:
 - Time period before working time
 - Time period when severe weather comes
 - Time period of special services or activities



Severe weather early warning and early service - procedures

- Early warning issued by chief forecaster, polished and delivered by chief service officer
- Early warning issued through
 - E-mail platform or fax
 - Cell phone text messaging service
 - Direct phone call (chief service officer or assistant)
 - Weather hot line- 969221





Warning signals and

disaster prevention in Expo site

From May 1 to Sep.9, 69 warning signals have been issued:

➤ Heat wave: yellow 20, orange 15, red 3

➤ Lightning: yellow 9, orange 3

➤ Strong wind: blue 4, yellow 2

➤ Heavy rain: yellow 8, orange 3

➤ Fog: yellow 1

> Typhone: blue 1



No significant damage associated with severe weather in Expo site



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Severe weather and Expo activity

Severe weather warning signal &
Early warning/communication

Response in Expo site

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Lightning: yellow 9, orange 3 Strong wind: blue 4, yellow 2

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Early communication or warning: 93

Totally 565 activities cancelled 288 cancelled due to severe weather early warning

Expo ferry cancelled 10 times due to strong wind and heavy rain.

Expo Axis closed 3 times due to lightning

Electric bus stopped service operation 11 times due to heavy rain

Sight view buses stop service while raining

Switzerland pavilion's cable car stopped service while strong winds and raining





Six government departments are informed.

Early warning 30 times with PoD 82.7% FAR 17.3% MR27.1%. Lead time prior to warning signal 84.8 min.

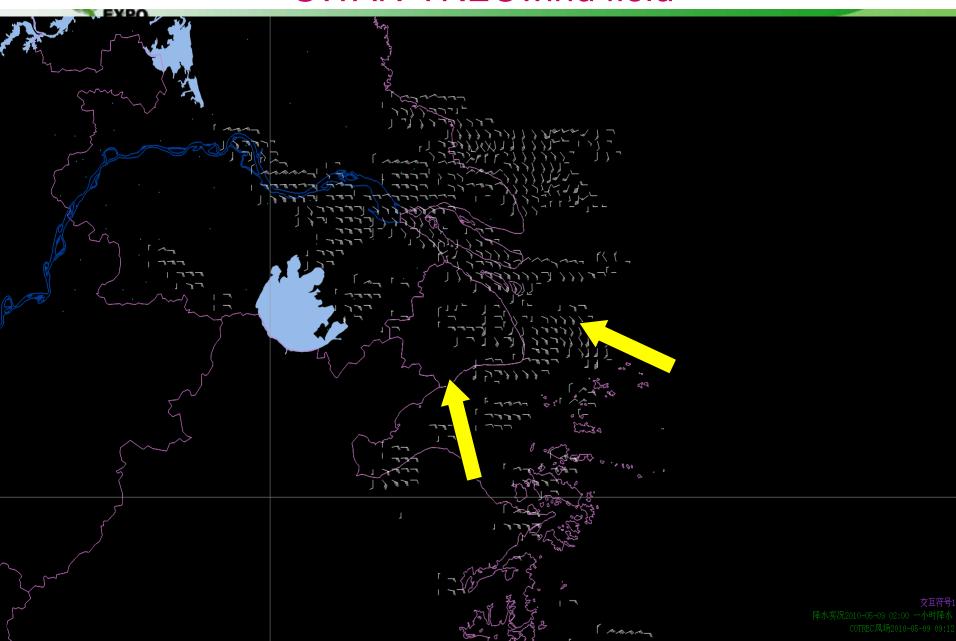
Month	Early	PoD	FAR	MR	Lead time
	warning				(min)
7	11	73.3%	26.7%	42.1%	124
8	13	93.1%	6.9%	10%	71.2
9	3	83.3%	16.7%	50%	119.6

2.4 Important activities and cases

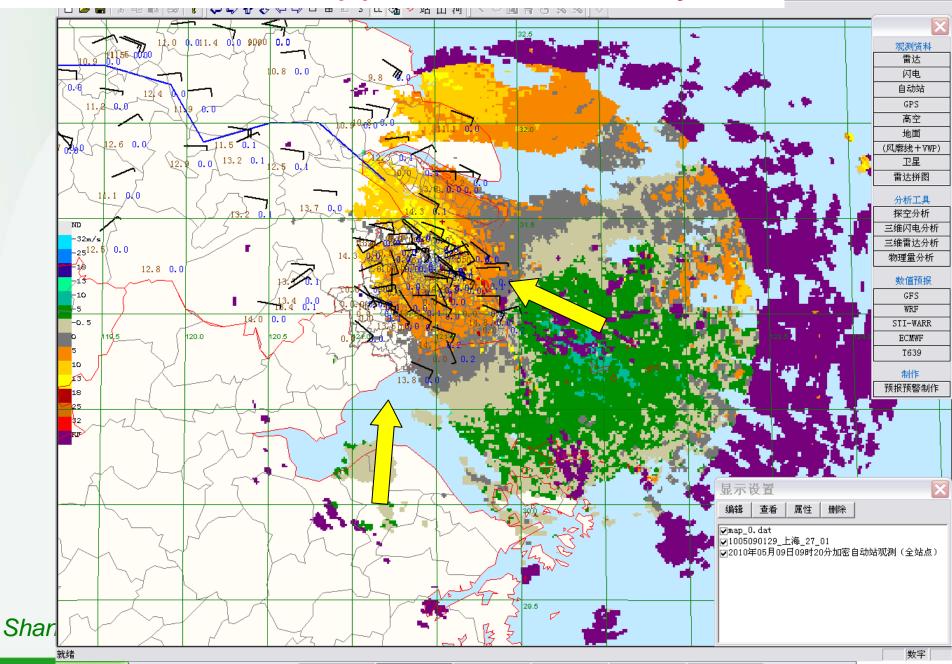
- Apr. 30, Expo opening ceremony
- May 1, Expo site opening ceremony
- May 9, WMO Mete-Pavilion Day
- Lot of severe weather cases



WMO Mete Pavilion Honor Day on May 9 SWAN-TRECwind field



WSR-88D Doppler radar velocity

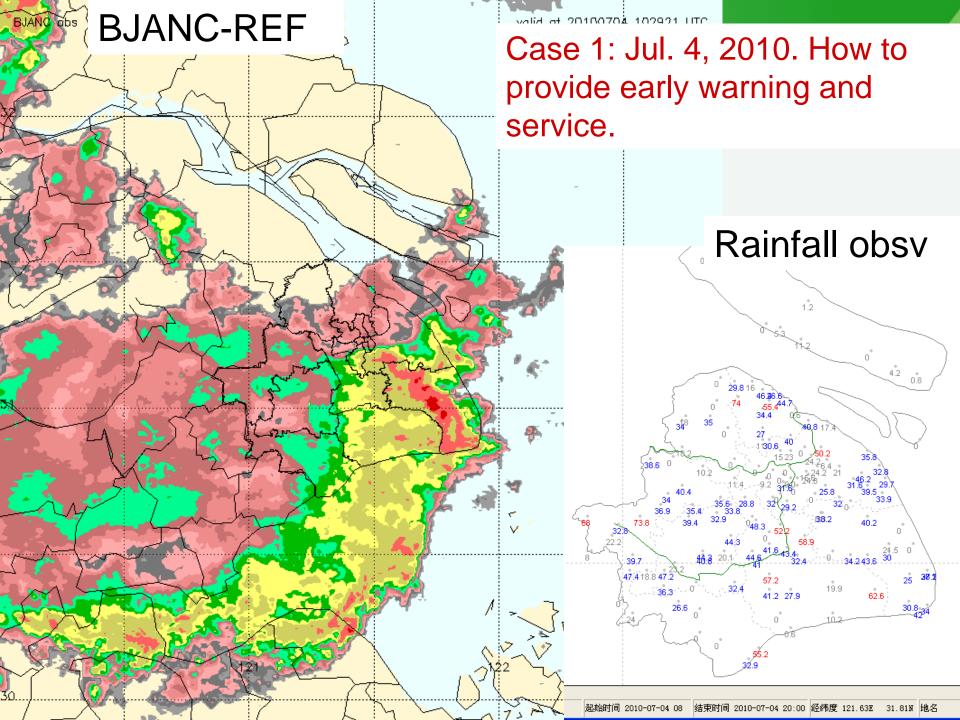


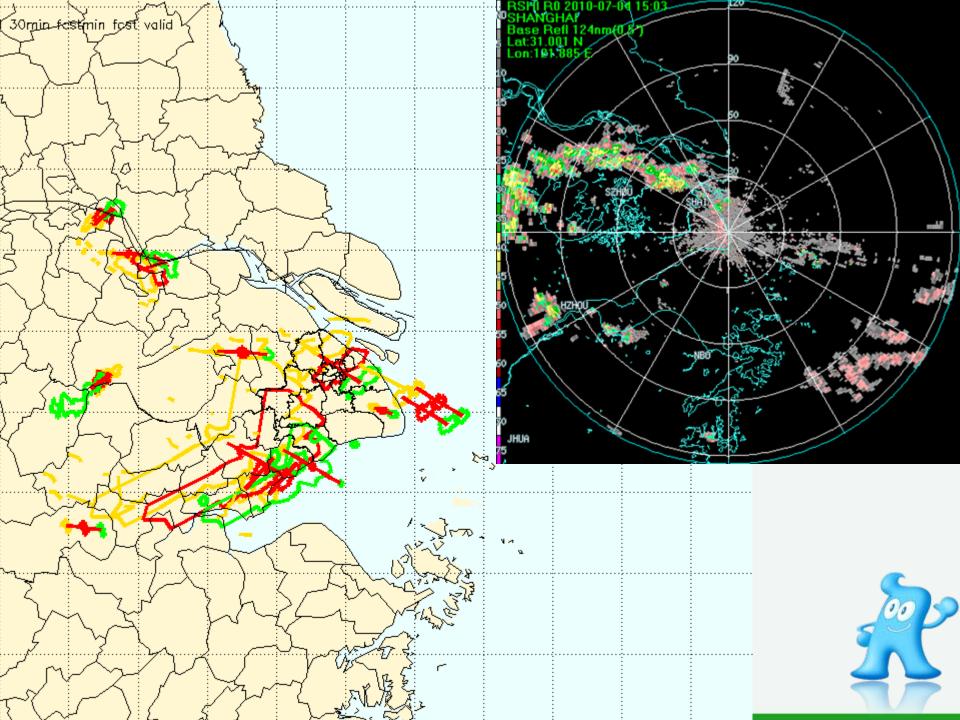


Cases

- Case 1: Jul. 4, 2010. How to provide early warning and service.
- Case 2: Aug. 25, 2010. How the WENS systems performed in a local severe thunderstorm.
- Case 3: Sep. 1, 2010. How the WENS systems performed in a tropical cyclone related heavy rain.







Severe weather early warning for city and the Expo site

- Severe weather early warning was sent to some key users, e.g., local government, emergency response agency, flood prevention department, and the Expo operation center @ 00:30,05:35 UTC.
- Lightning, wind gust, heavy rain warning signals issued for city and the Expo site @ 05:50, 08:00,08:40.
- ➤ Joint action and cooperation among different government departments triggered by SMB severe weather warning.
- ➤ Warning information with guidance sent to the public via TV, radio, web site (soweather), cell phone text message

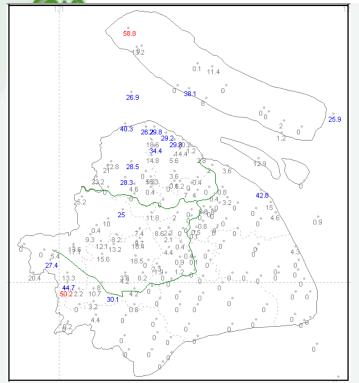


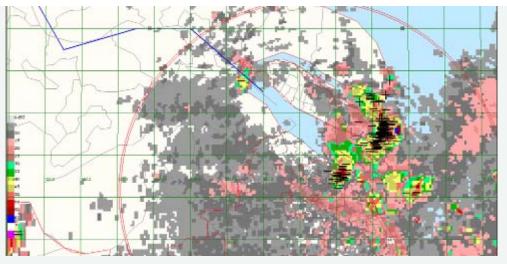
The WMO-CMA Mete-Pavilion





Case 2: Aug. 25, 2010. Aug. 25, 2010. How the WENS systems performed in a local severe thunderstorm.





Radar image & Lightning at 06 UTC

Signals Issued:







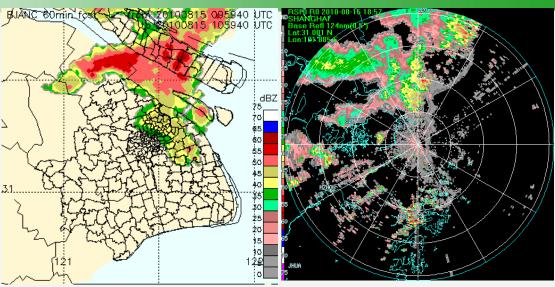
Accurate Rainfall from 00 to12 UTC

(2010-08-15 08:00至2010-08-15 20:00)长三角最大风速 Top 10									
上海 世博南市烟囱	上海 石洞口	上海 芦浦大桥桥头堡	上海 世博局	上海 防汛前线指挥部	上海 华新	上海 芦浦大桥顶	上海 西部渔村	安徽 广德	上海 长江大桥
26.9 m/s	26.9 m/s	26.5 m/s	26.0 m/s	24.9 m/s	24.9 m/s	24.4 m/s	24.4 m/s	23.7 m/s	22.8 m/s

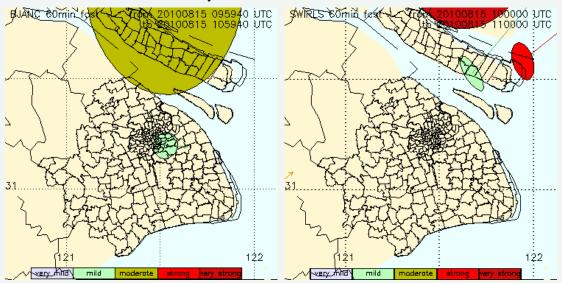




Some WENS products



BJANC reflectivity 60min fcst & NH RADAR observation

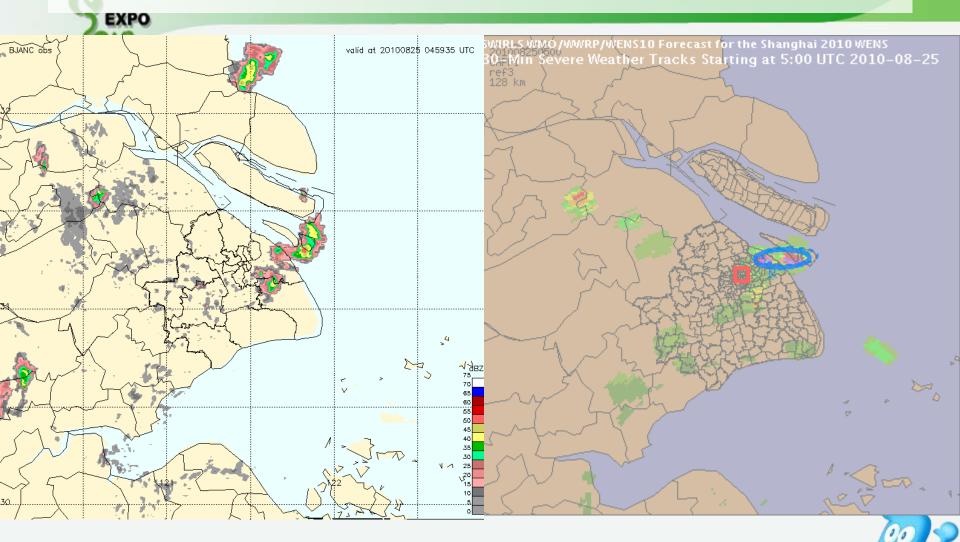




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Storm track 60min

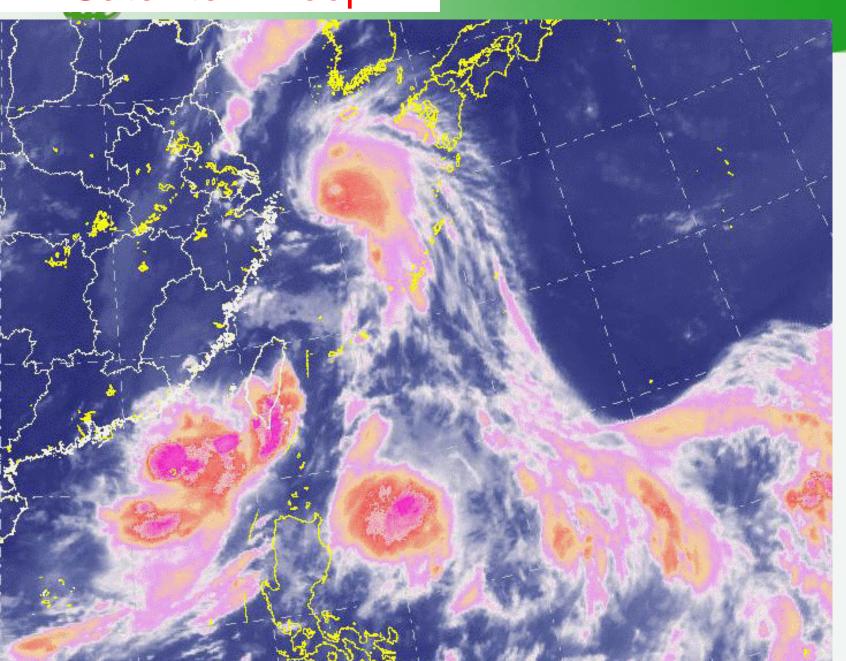
BJANC mosaic and SWIRLS svrWX



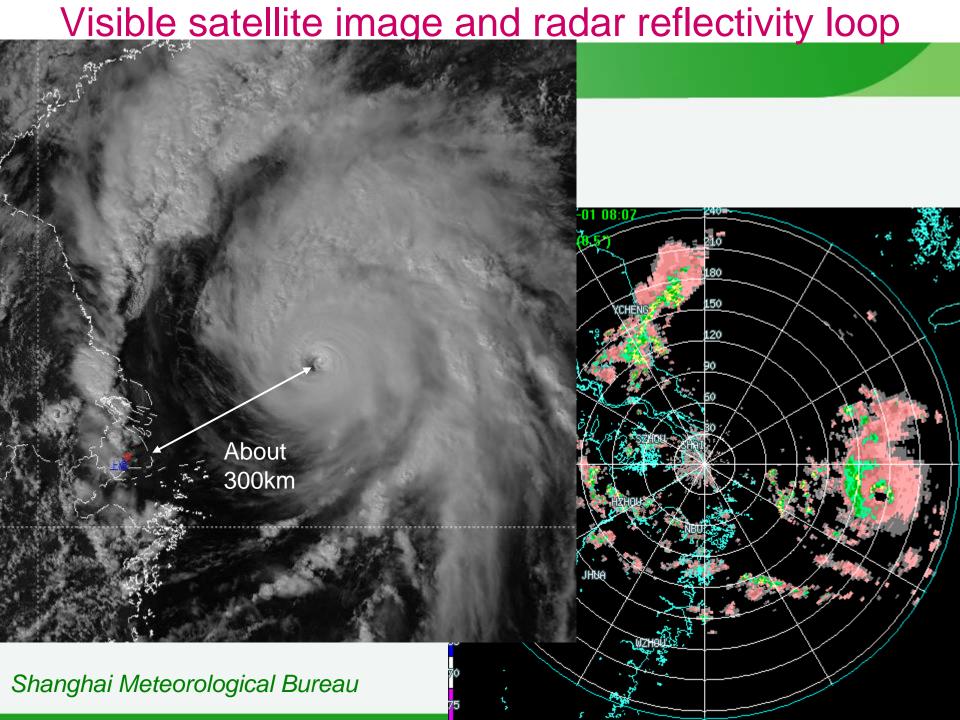
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Satellite IR loop





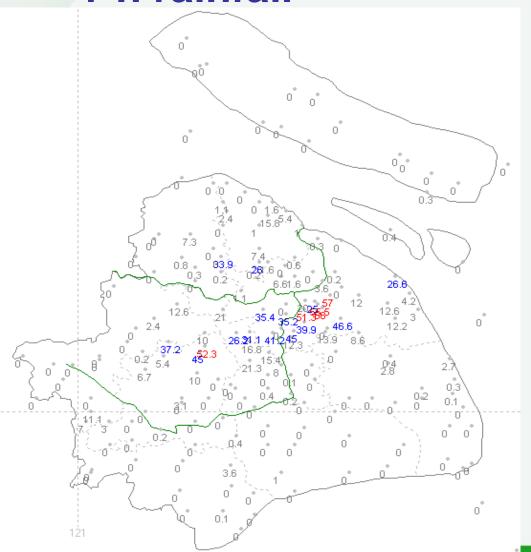




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A red signal of heavy rain warning issued

• 1-h rainfall

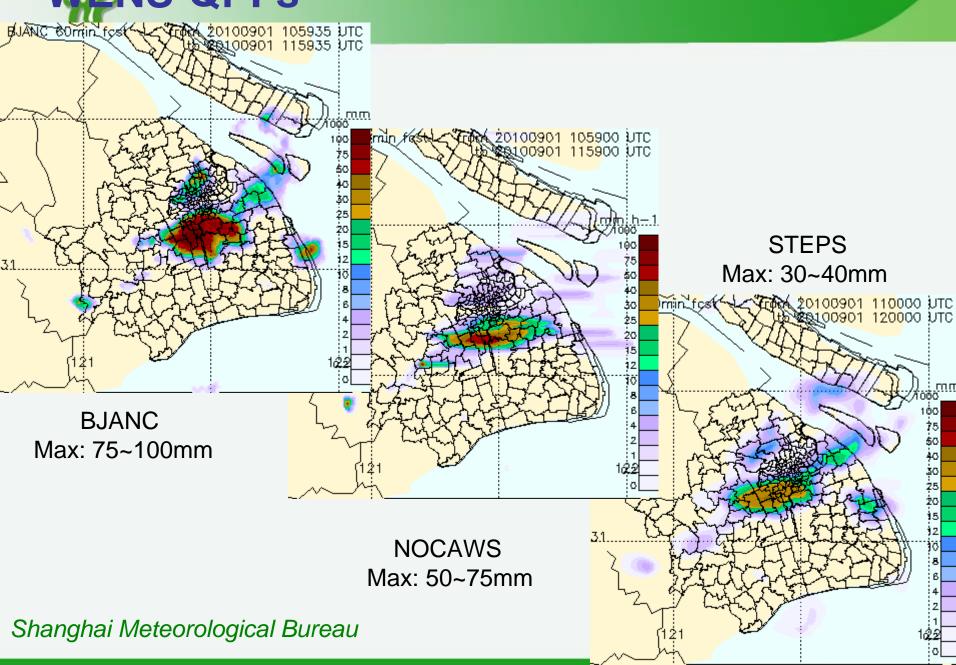


上海(全部)	
站点	雨量
防汛办	66.0 mm
徐家汇公园	62.0 mm
浦东	55.5 mm
康健公园	53.6 mm
九亭	52.3 mm
南码头	51.3 mm
中山公园	50.2 mm
世博后滩公园	48.1 mm
世博休闲广场	47.7 mm
世博村	47.6 mm
张江华师犬二附中	46.6 mm
济阳公园	45.0 mm
世博白莲泾公园	41.5 mm
徐家汇	41.2 mm

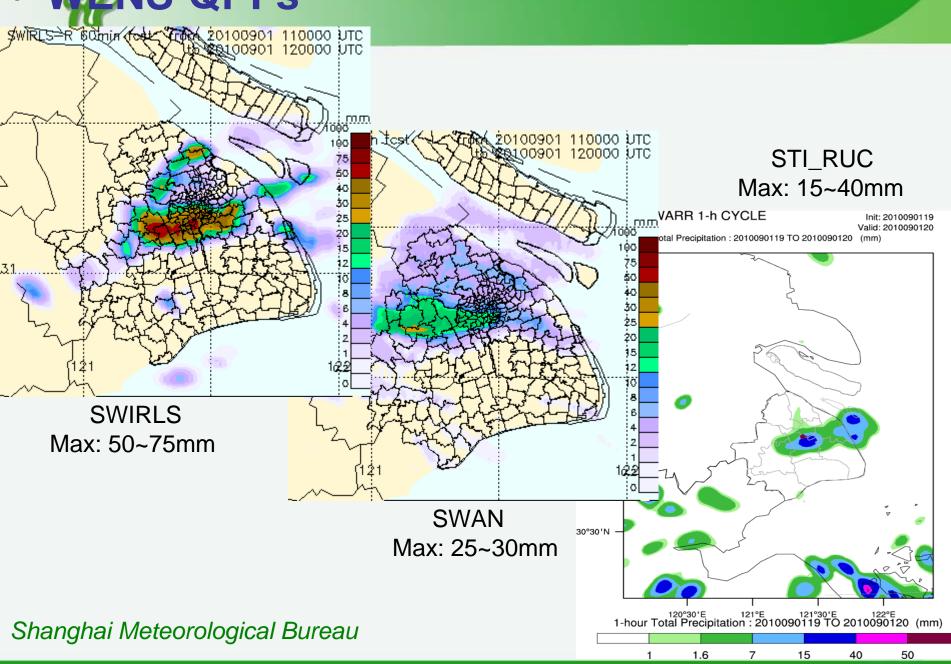
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站点	雨量
世博局	39.9 mm
大宁灵石公园	36.0 mm
延安西路	35.4 mm
南洋中学	35.2 mm
长寿公园	34.9 mm
世博公园	34.6 mm
襄阳公园	32.9 mm
世博中心	32.5 mm
甘泉公园	31.8 mm



WENS-QPFs



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Product

Storm

Evolution

OPF

Storm

Track

QPF

PoP

Site OPF

OPF

PoP

Severe Weather

Analysis

Intensity

4.24

4.10

4.12

3.84

4.21

3.77

4.26

4.02

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Score

BJANC

(25)

4.10

STEPS

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SWIRLS

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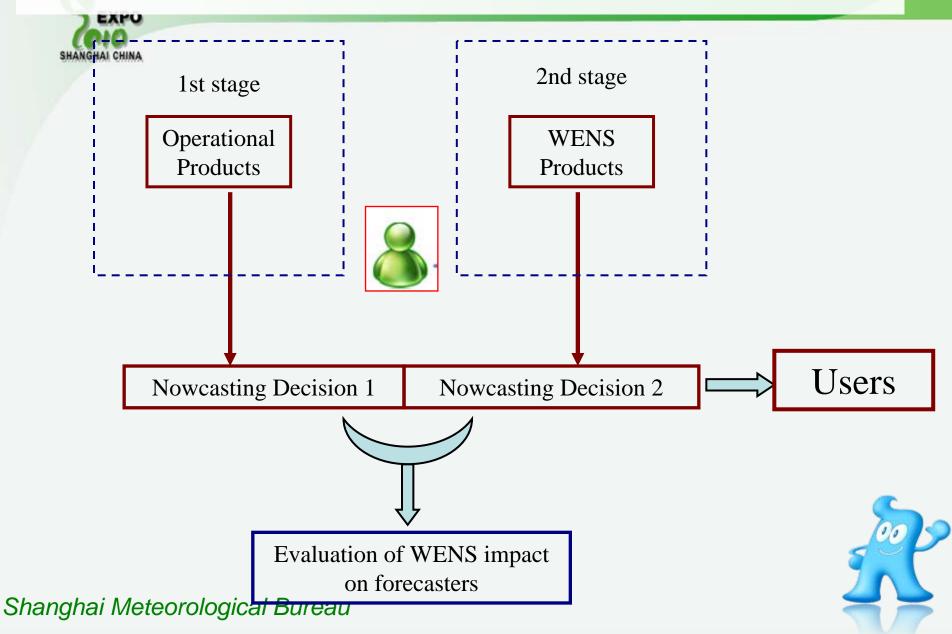


3. Impacts

- For nowcasting operation
- For end users by Ms Mi Weihong



Nowcasting decsion making procedure using WENS



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1220	818	短时降水	5		短时降水	10		短时降水	1.6	
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1500	226	大风、短时 强降水	10-20	大风黄色 、暴雨黄 色	大风(SWIRLS15时42分 预报半小时内嘉定附近有 downburst)、短时强隆水	35-50	大风黄色 、暴雨红 色	大风(安亭:15 时55分 20.8m/s)、 20.4m/s等)	35-50	大风黄色 、暴雨黄 色
1500	226	强降水	20-30	暴雨黄色	17时之后的强降水: BJANC evolution产品认为: 回波在1小时内为稳定和发展。		暴雨黄色 (bjanc暴 雨红色)	短时强降水 (18时开始统 计)	20-50	暴雨黄色
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4. Lessons learnt

- What nowcasting operation needs from nowcasting systems and products:
 - conclusion or support for decision making?
- Information delay
 - nowcasting based on observation, but severe thunderstorms change rapidly
 - 6-18 min delay vs obsv
- How to use some new nowcasting products?
 - PoP (STEPS/SWIRLS)
 - station / point PoP (STEPS)
 - severe weather nowcasting (BJ-ANC, SWIRLS, NoCAWS)
 - storm evolution (BJ-ANC)

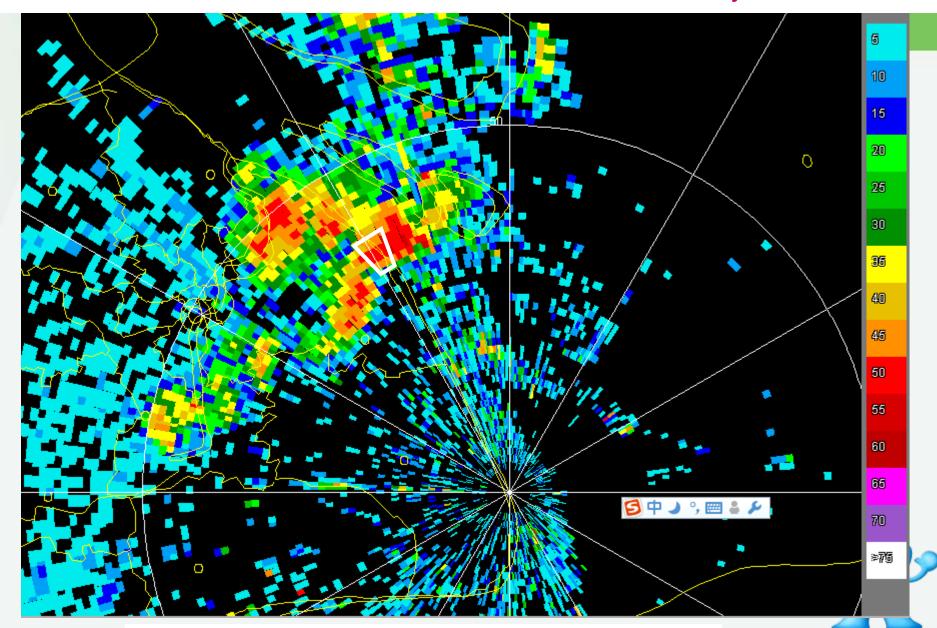


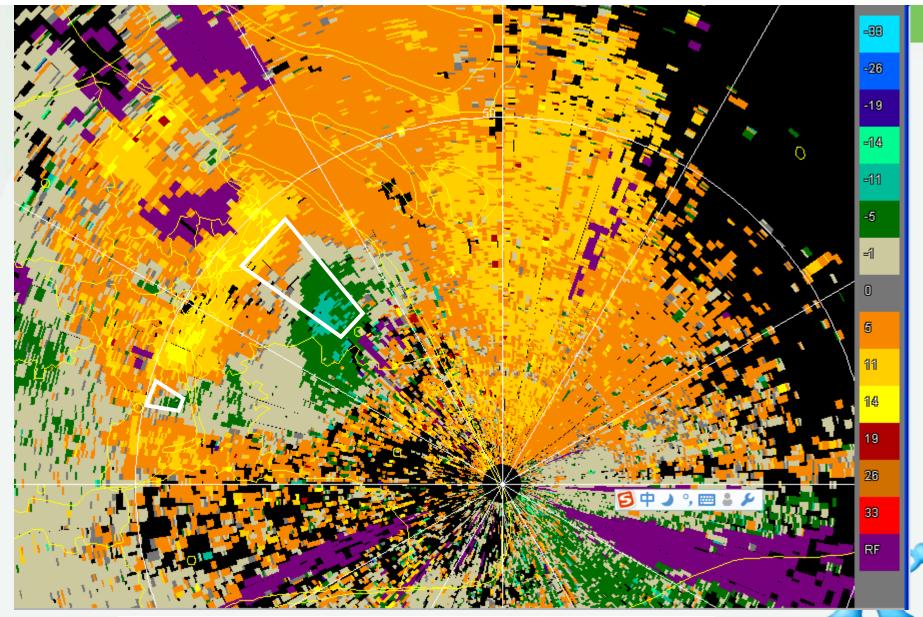
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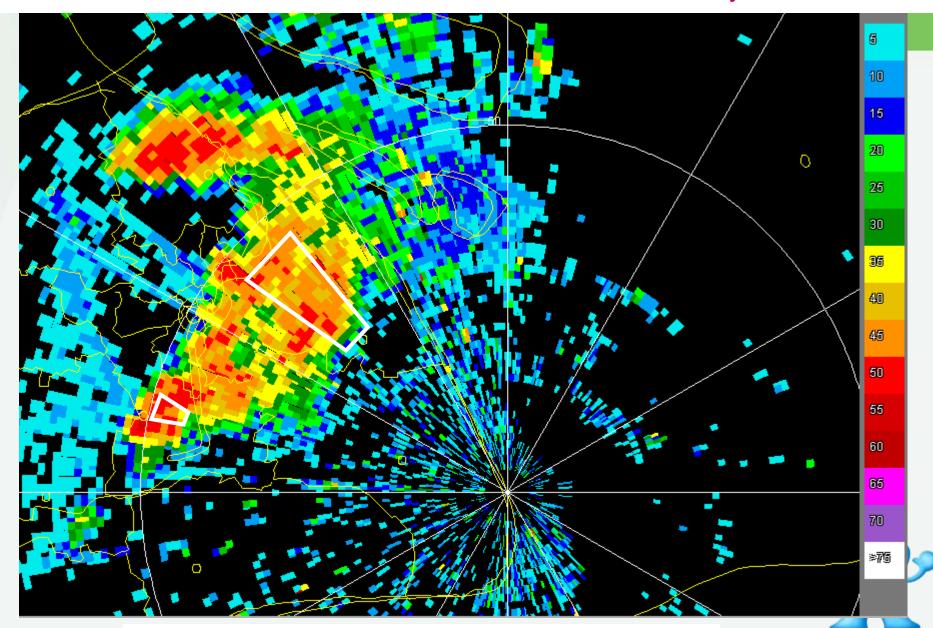
- Which one is the best?
 - six nowcasting systems with at least 5 products each at the same time
 - not always good or bad, e.g., QPF
- Lack of 'direct' nowcasting products for wind gusts, hail, lightning
- How to improve nowcasting technology
 - data quality control
 - weather type-based nowcasting methods
- How to improve nowcasting service?
 - provide what we can provide, or what users need
 - need more communication with users



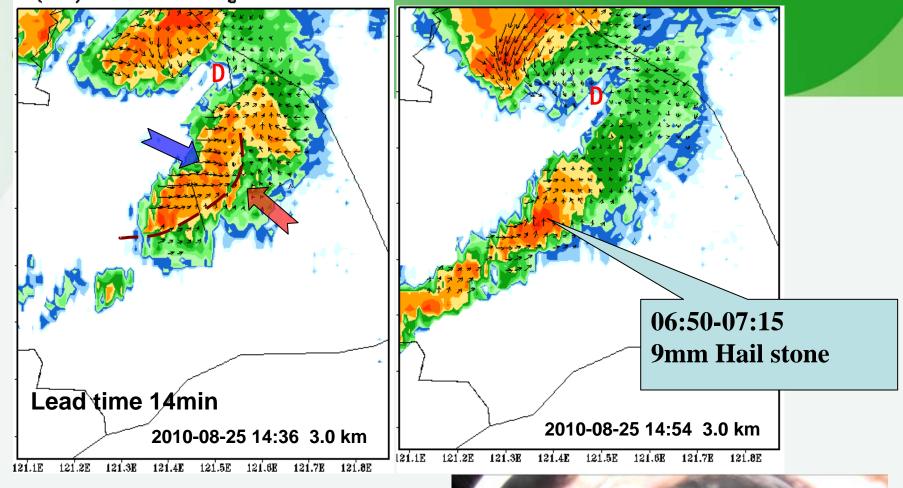








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Dual-Doppler radar observation And wind field retreival



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5. Issues of concern

- Focus on impact evaluation
- Focus on how to evaluate nowcasting?
- Focus on how to deliver nowcasting services to different users



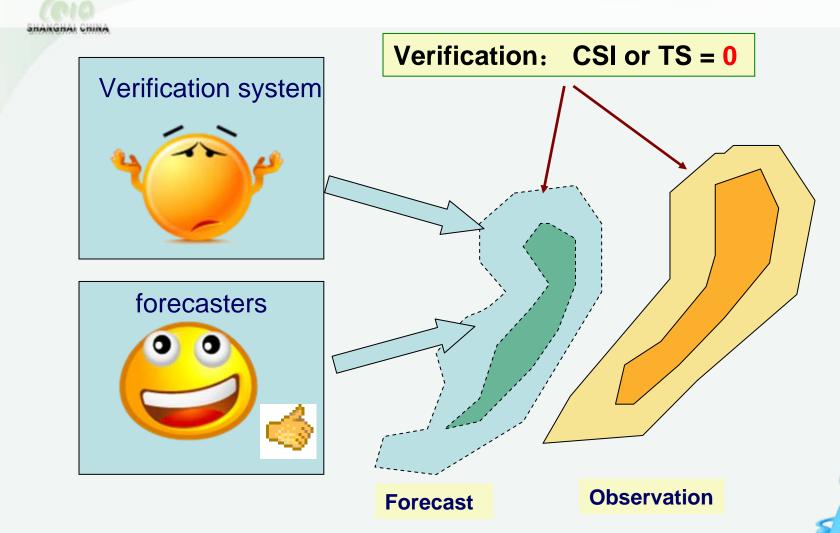


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How to evaluate severe weather forecast?





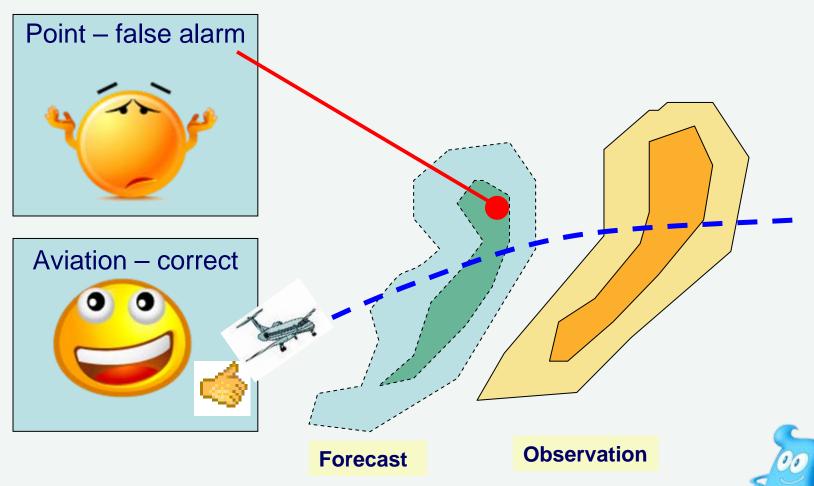
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Needs from different users





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- Post-project survey to assess impact of WENS (WENSWG).
 December 2010-February 2011
- 2. Final Review Meeting and Report Preparation (SSG). To be completed by end of March 2011
- 3. Publication of Guidelines on provision of nowcasting services reflecting experience gained from WENS, to be followed by a Capacity Building Workshop for WMO Members (SSG, Secretariat). To be completed by end of 2011







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