

# Was the Typhoon Yolanda Strongest in the Observation History in the Philippines?

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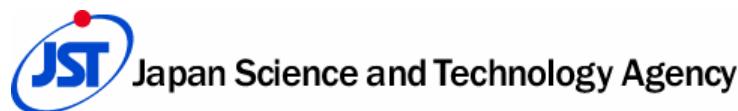
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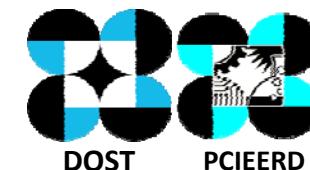
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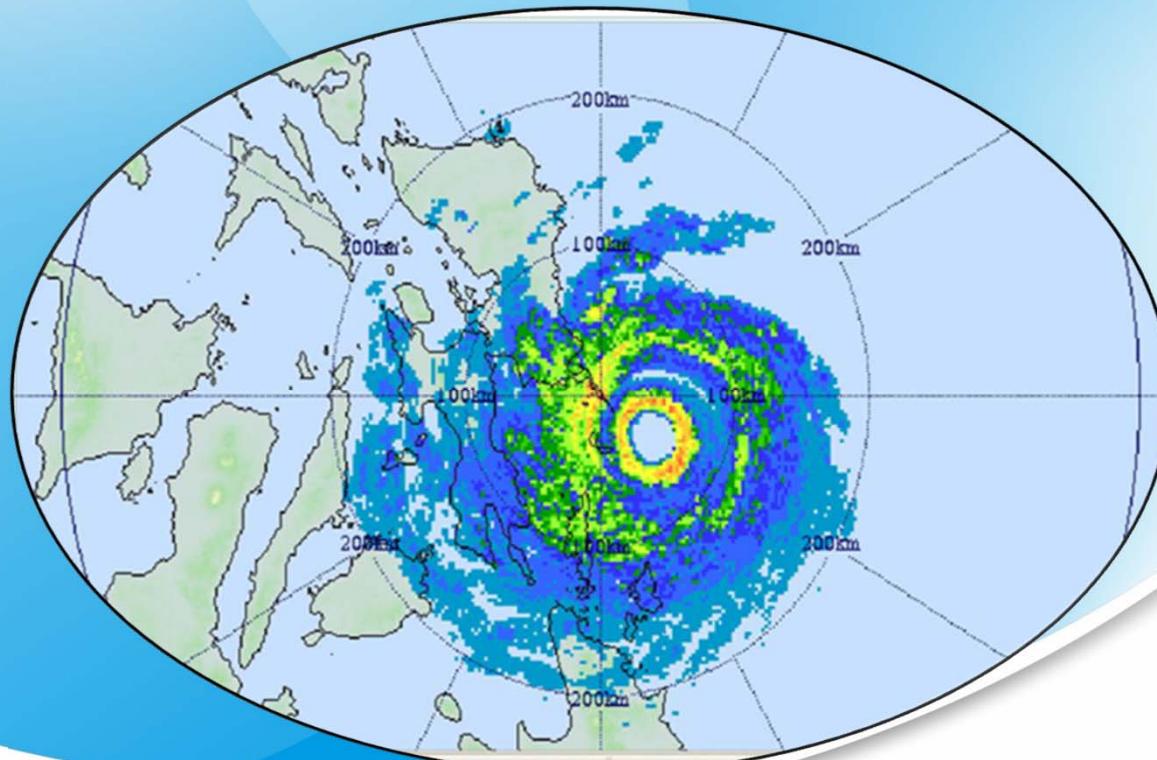
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# INTRODUCTION ON TYPHOON YOLANDA



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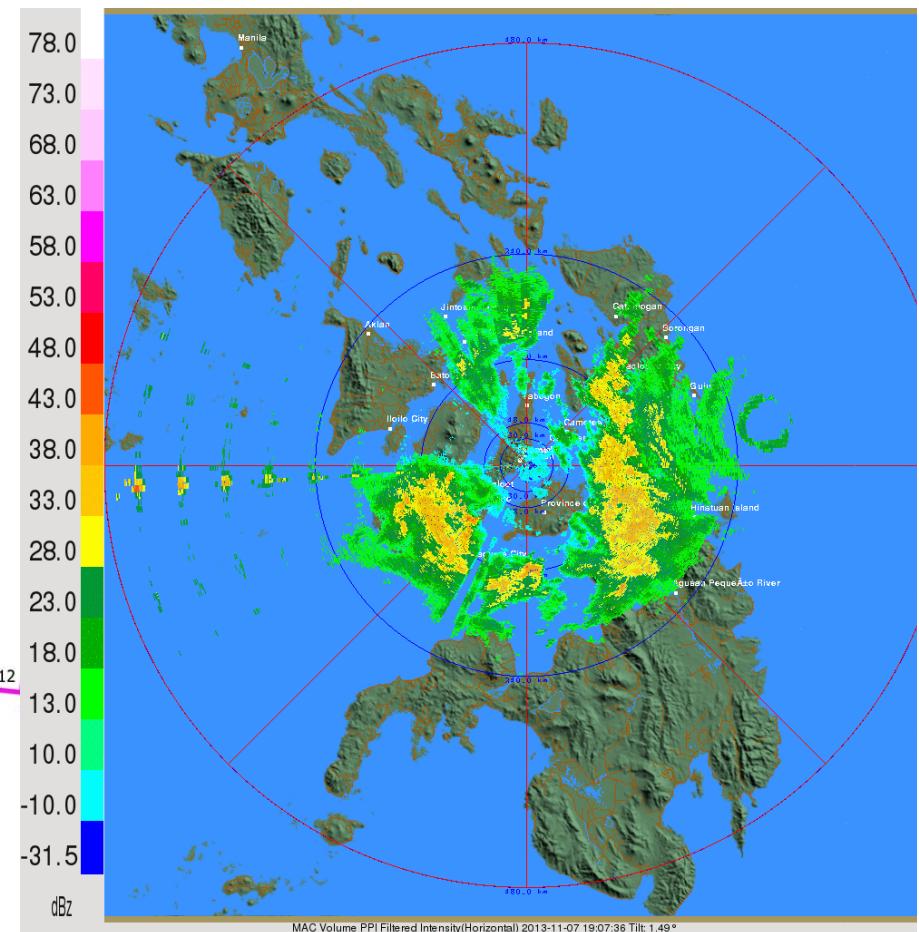
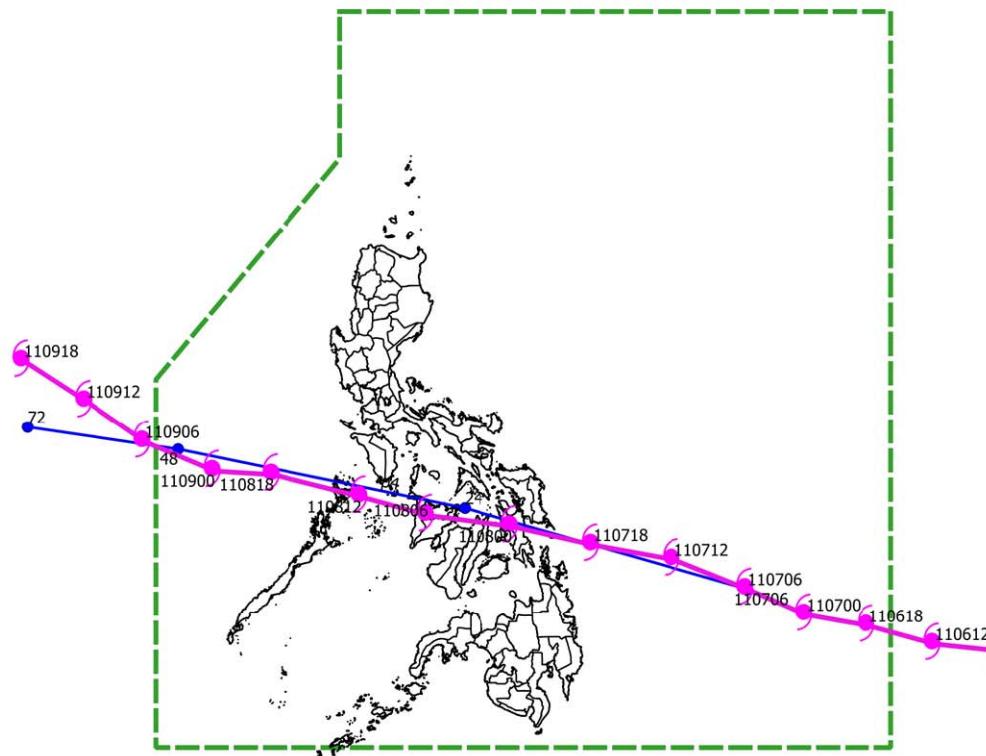


# Typhoon HAIYAN “YOLANDA”

6-9 November 2013

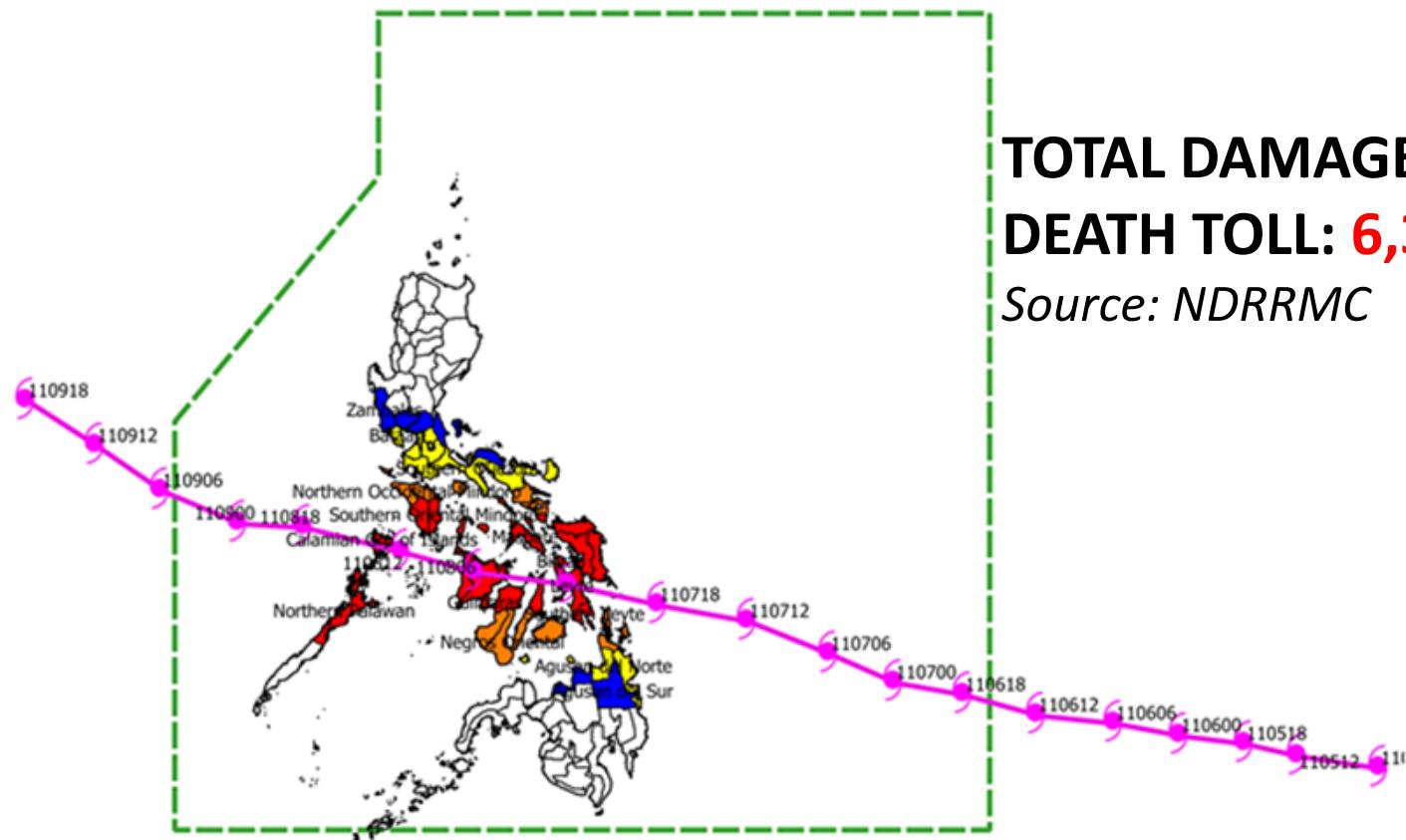
24<sup>th</sup> Tropical Cyclone that entered PAR in 2013

The most devastating typhoon in Philippine history.



Guiuan & Cebu Radar Animation

# AREAS AFFECTED BY TY YOLANDA



**TOTAL DAMAGES: PhP 89.6B**  
**DEATH TOLL: 6,300**

*Source: NDRRMC*

Track & Warnings for TY Yolanda

PSWS

■	#1	■	#3
■	#2	■	#4

# OBSERVED DATA

WINDS	MAX SUS.	GUSTINESS
Guiuan, E. Samar	160 kph	195 kph
Roxas City	130 kph	205 kph
Coron, Palawan	55 kph	160 kph
San Jose, Mindoro	75 kph	120 kph

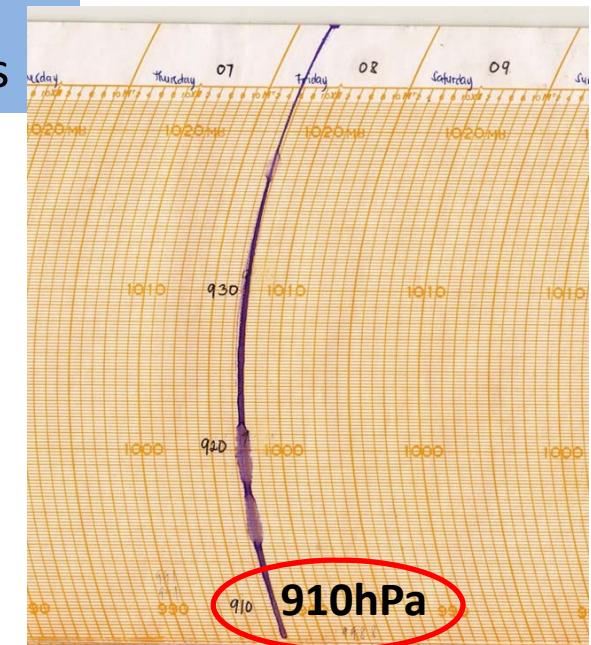


PRESSURE: Lowest in Guiuan Station = **910 hPa**

- Observed at 5:00AM, Nov.8, 2013
- Equivalent to **240 kph** max. sus. winds & **280 kph** gustiness

## POST SURVEY

STORM SURGE	HEIGHT	INUNDATION
Tacloban-Palo, Leyte	5-6 m	600-800 m
Basey, Samar	5-6 m	600-800 m
Guiuan-Hernani, E. Samar	6-7 m	800-1000m





# HAIYAN'S FURY...



# DAMAGES TO PAGASA

**Equipment and Facilities:** PhP74.24M (radar excluded)

- 11 Stations (buildings unroofed, shattered glass windows, etc.)
- Meteorological instruments (windvane, thermometer shelter, etc.)
- Meteorological Buoy in Bantayan Is.



Tacloban PAGASA Station



Guiuan PAGASA Station



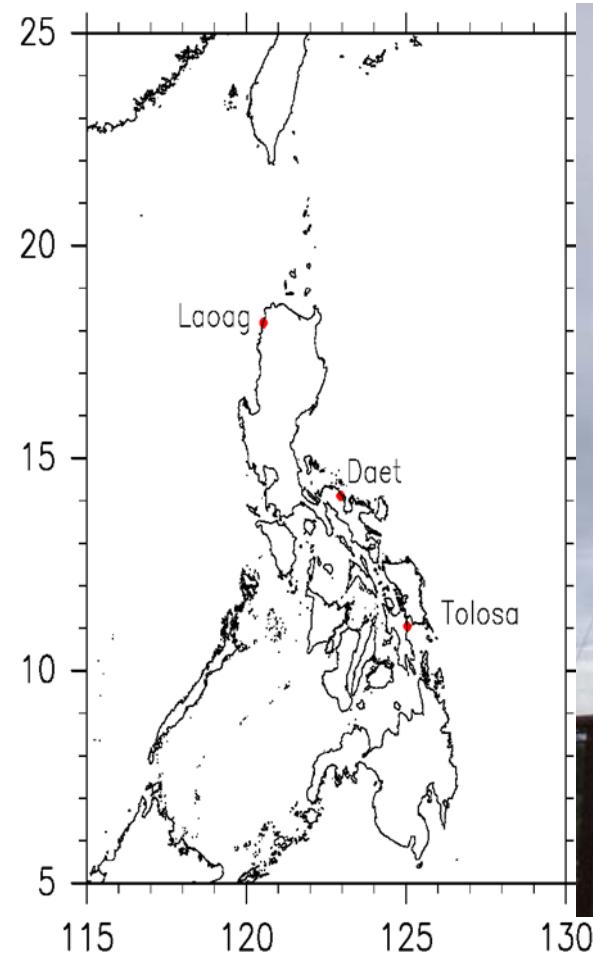
**Casualty:** 1 Weather Observer



# Initiatives after “YOLANDA”

J-RAPID Collaboration between JAMSTEC & PAGASA

## Installation of AWS in Tolosa, Leyte



## Tolosa (Tacloban) observation data

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** http://meteophilippines.gov.ph/cserv/taws.php
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- Content Area:** A table titled "DOST-PAGASA" with columns: ID, Location, Date, Temperature, Dew Point, Pressure, Wind Speed, Wind Direction, and Visibility.
- Table Data:**

ID	Location	Date	Temperature	Dew Point	Pressure	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Visibility
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122	Calayan	2015-03-13 10:30:43	24.3	85.4	1015.61	6.5	-999	-254871
119	Camotes Island, Cebu	2015-03-12 17:15:32	30.9	59.2	1008.41	4.6	-999	-391660
5002	Torrijos Marinduque State University	2015-03-13 10:30:00	25.5	57.7	958.3	3	40	816.2
5003	Romblon Synop. Station	2015-03-13 10:30:00	30.1	28.9	997.6	1.1	9	916
5004	Daanbantayan, Cebu	2015-03-13 10:30:00	30.1	57.8	1016.4	2	322	830.9
5005	State University, Bohol Island	2015-03-13 10:30:00	28.3	59.9	984.1	3.1	58	648
5011	Tacloban	2015-03-13 10:45:00	29.05	68.7	1016.6	1.6	86	1188.7
5006	Borongan Synop,Eastern Samar	2015-03-13 10:30:00	29.1	40.8	1018.4	2.1	41	822.9
5007	Siquijor	2015-03-13 10:30:00	33.3	0	0	2.9	14	1136.6
5008	Tampakan, South Cotabato	2015-03-13 10:30:00	33.4	43.9	1000.8	1	346	948.1
98	Science Garden, Quezon City	2015-03-13 10:30:00	30.5	59.11	1008.34	0.917	138.4	311.509
5010	Ozamis, Misamis Occidental	2015-03-13 10:30:00	24.1	75.4	966.3	4.4	349	489.1
5009	Kidapawan, North Cotabato	2015-03-12 14:30:00	35.1	32.5	998.4	0.6	191	512.2
5001	San Jose Synoptic Station	2015-03-12 17:00:00	31.1	58.5	1012.4	1.9	283	107.3
- Taskbar:** Icons for File Explorer, Edge, File Manager, File History, Task View, and Print.
- System Tray:** Date (12:03), Date (2015/03/13).

## **10<sup>th</sup> National Meteorological -Hydrological Convention**

*November 19-20, 2014, Quezon City, Philippines*

Theme: ***"Extreme Weather and Climate: Impacts and Preparedness"***

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# Typhoon Yolanda landfall damages in Guiuan (visit in Jun. 2014)



Guiuan radar  
(antenna was blown out)



Aparri radar

# Guiuan city area from the top of Guiuan radar

East side



West side

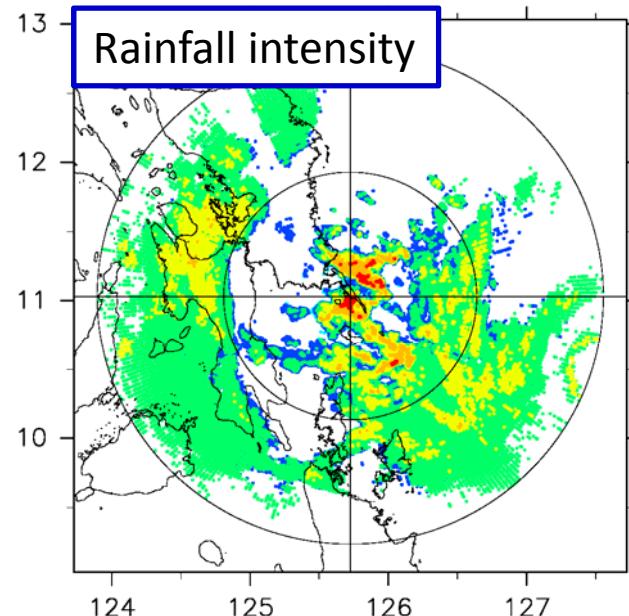


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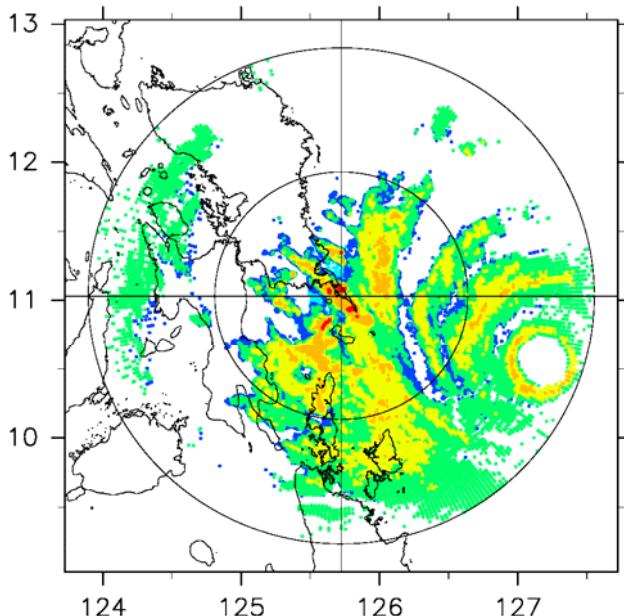


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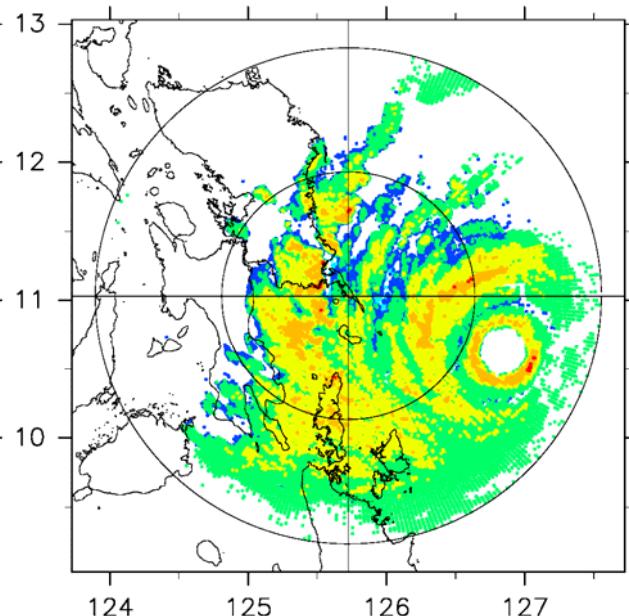
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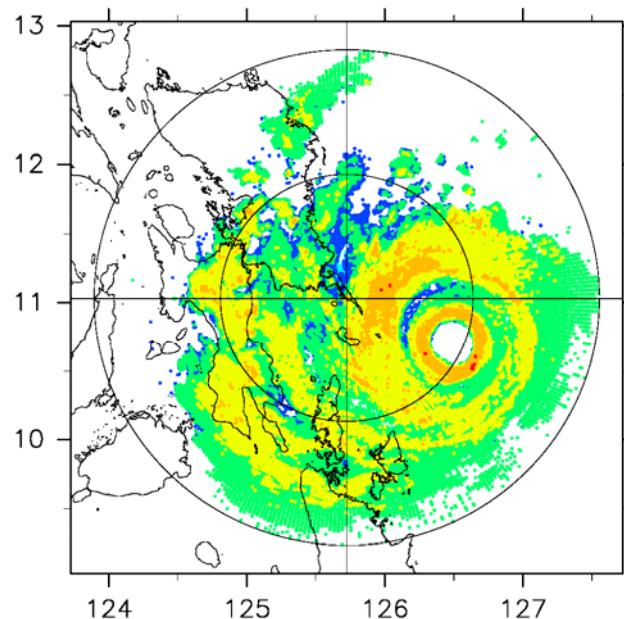
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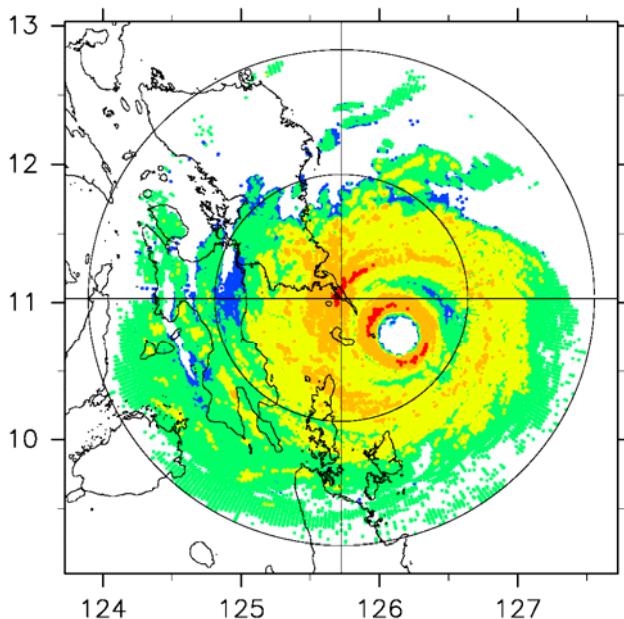
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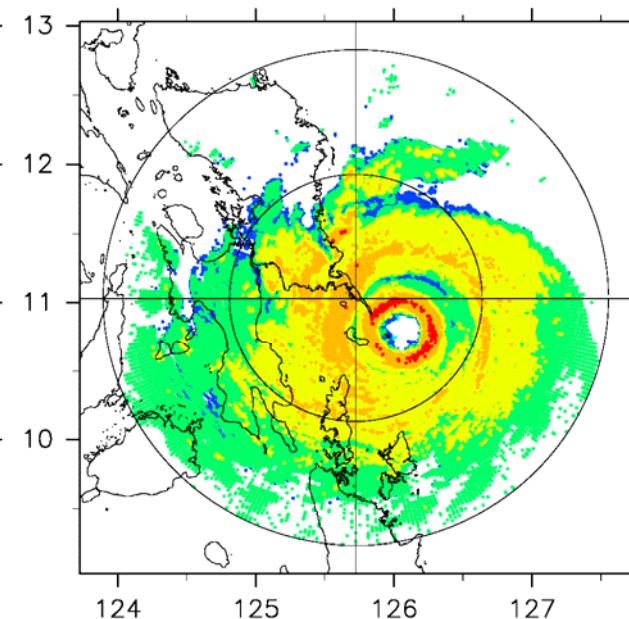
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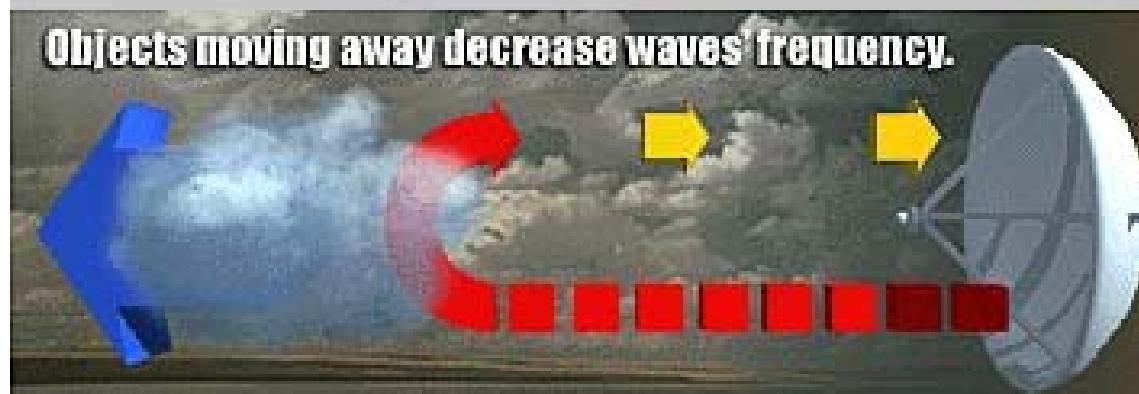
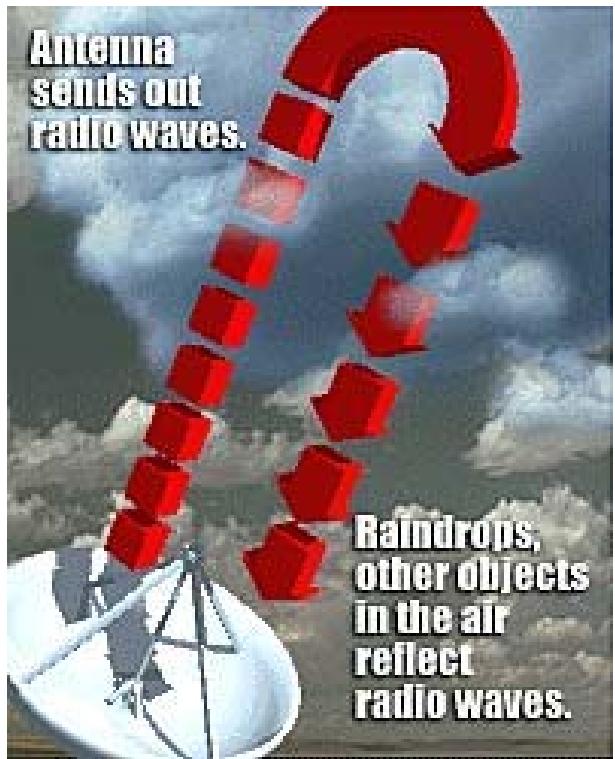
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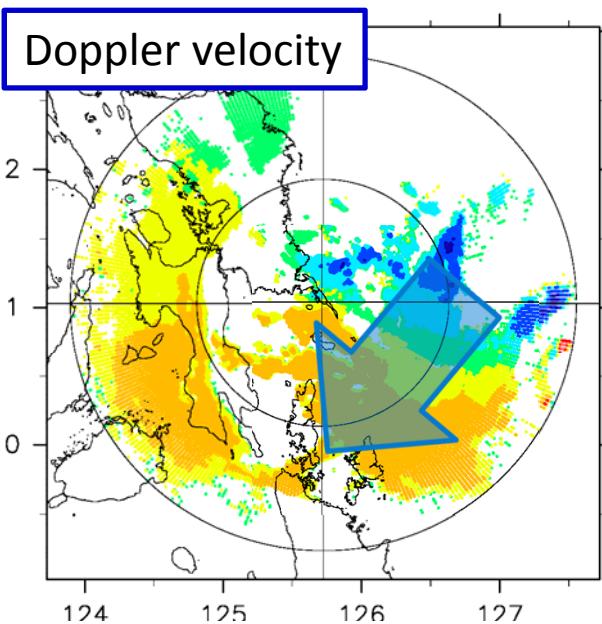
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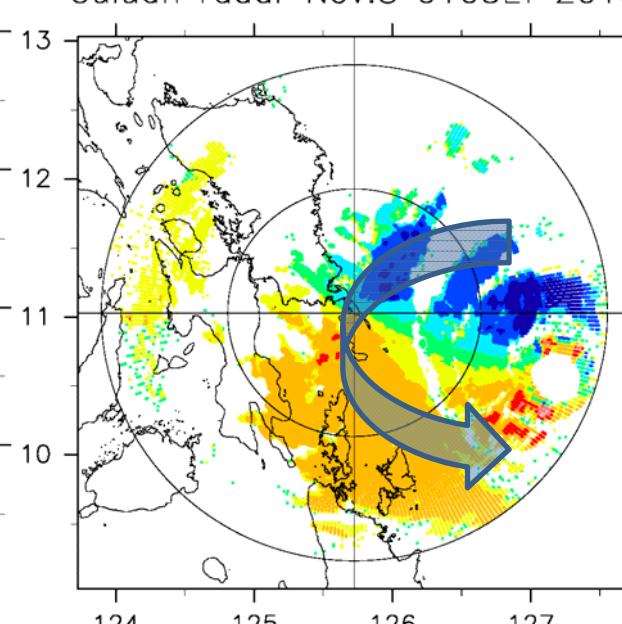


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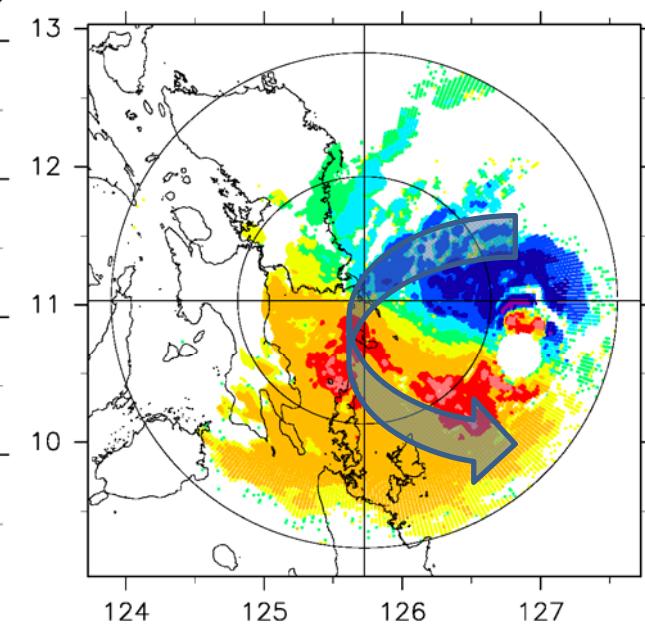
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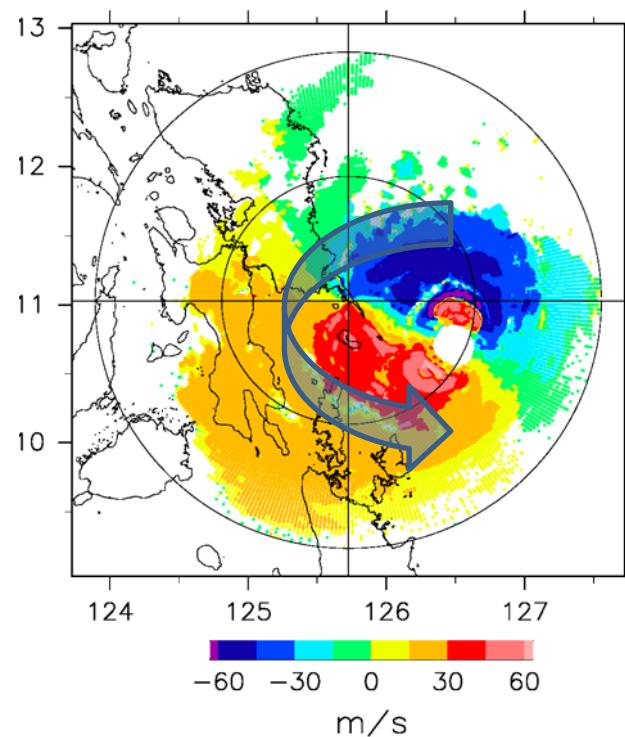
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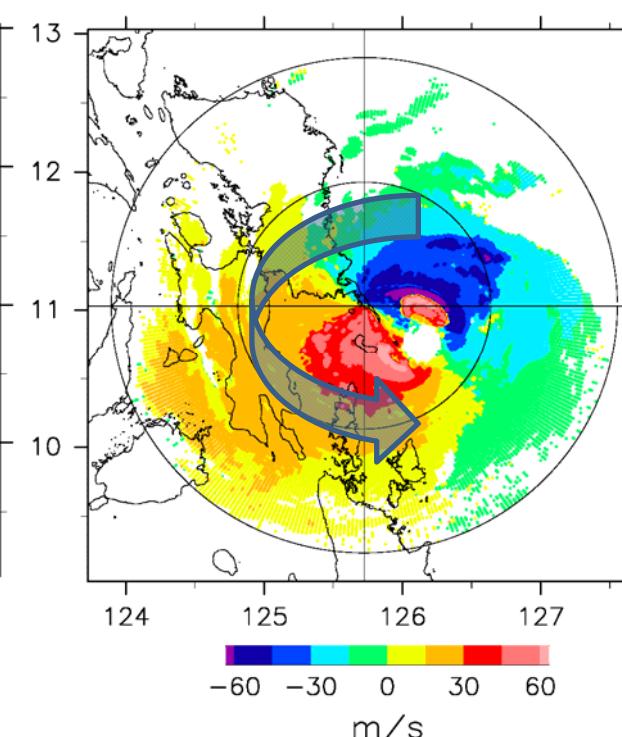
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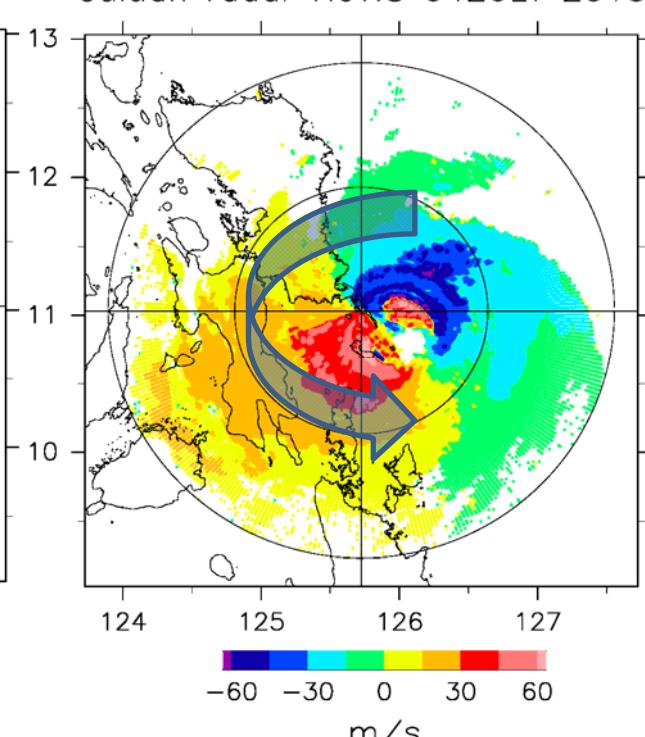
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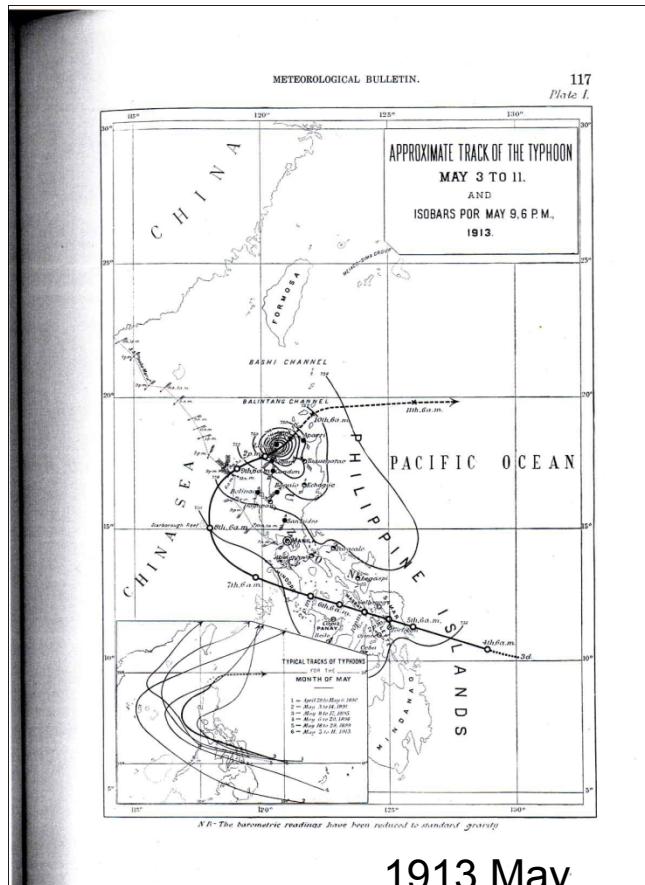
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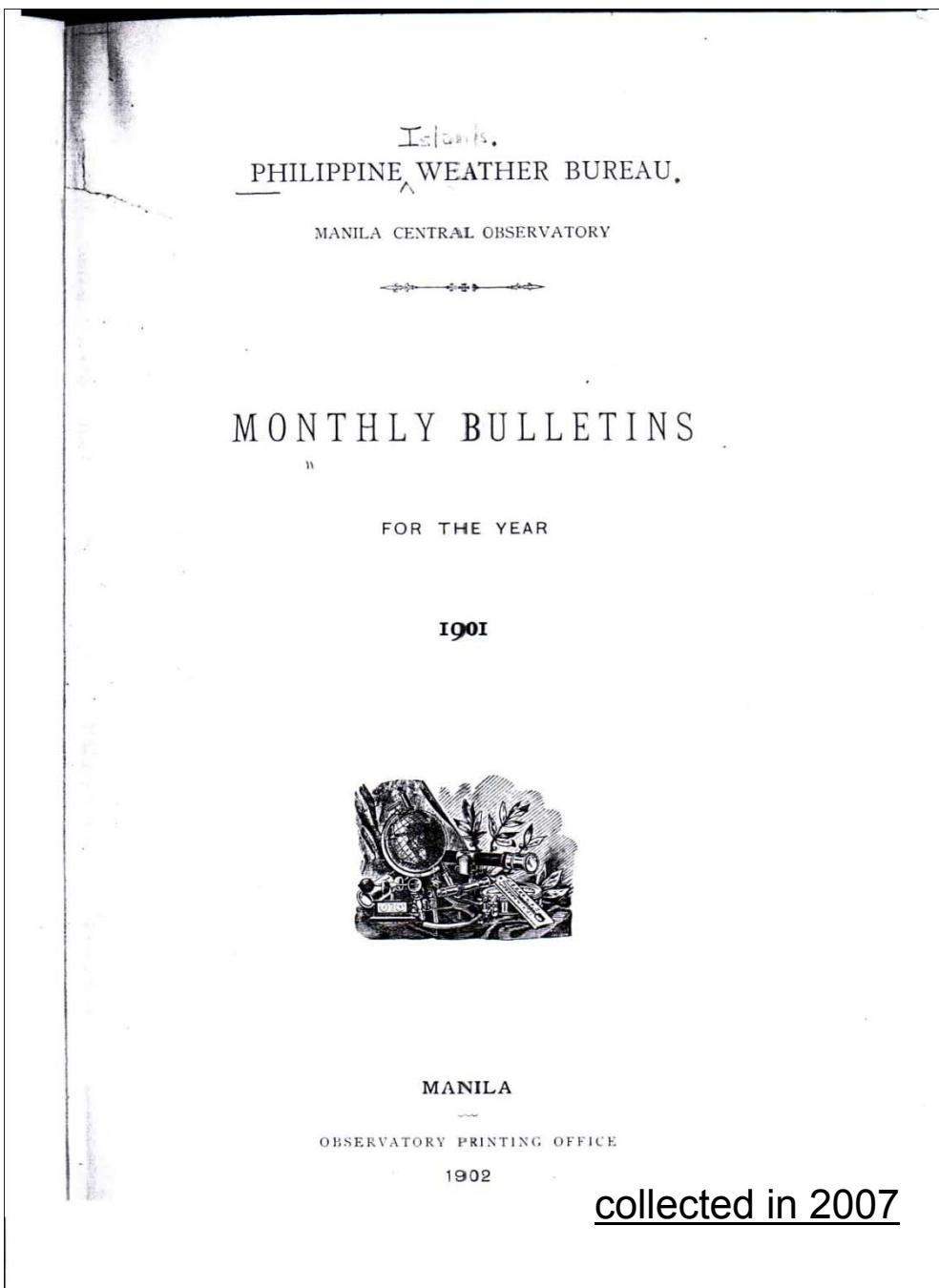
# Monthly Bulletins of Philippines Weather Bureau (1901-1940)

stored in University of Hawaii  
reported by American Meteorologists

300 stations observation data  
Typhoon tracks over the WNP



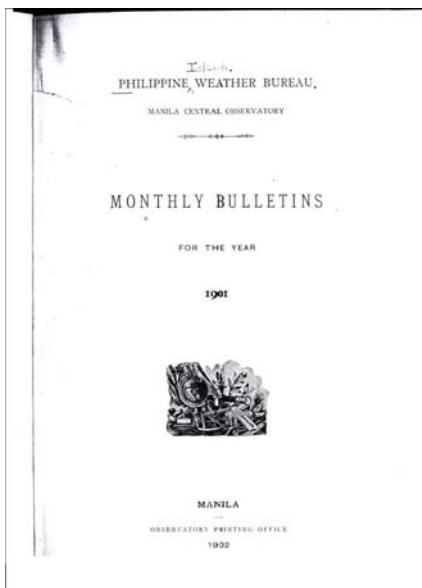
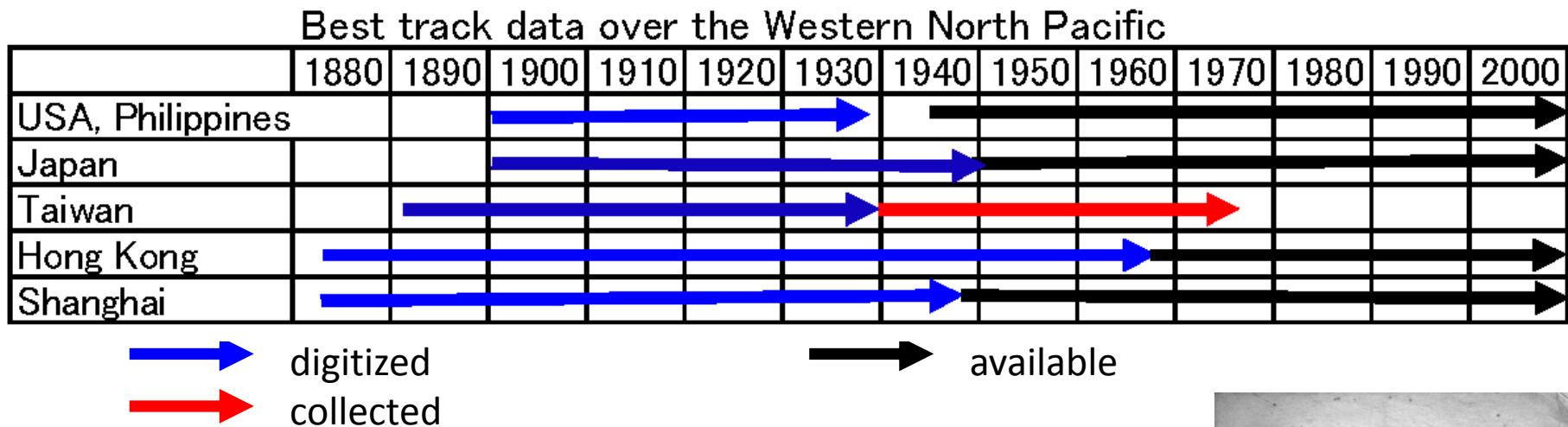
1913 May



collected in 2007

# Historical typhoon track data collected and digitized over the western north Pacific

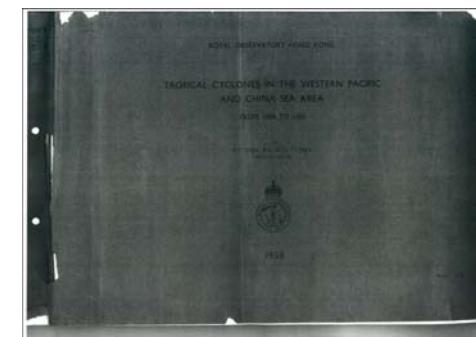
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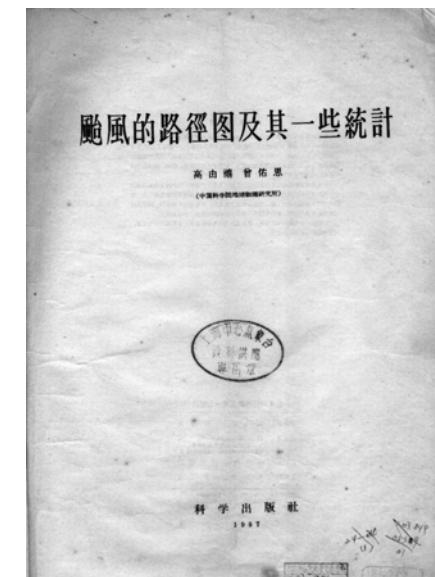
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# Digital Tropical Cyclone tracks over the Western North Pacific from 1902 to 1940

## Data source

Monthly Bulletins of the Philippine Weather Bureau 1901-1940

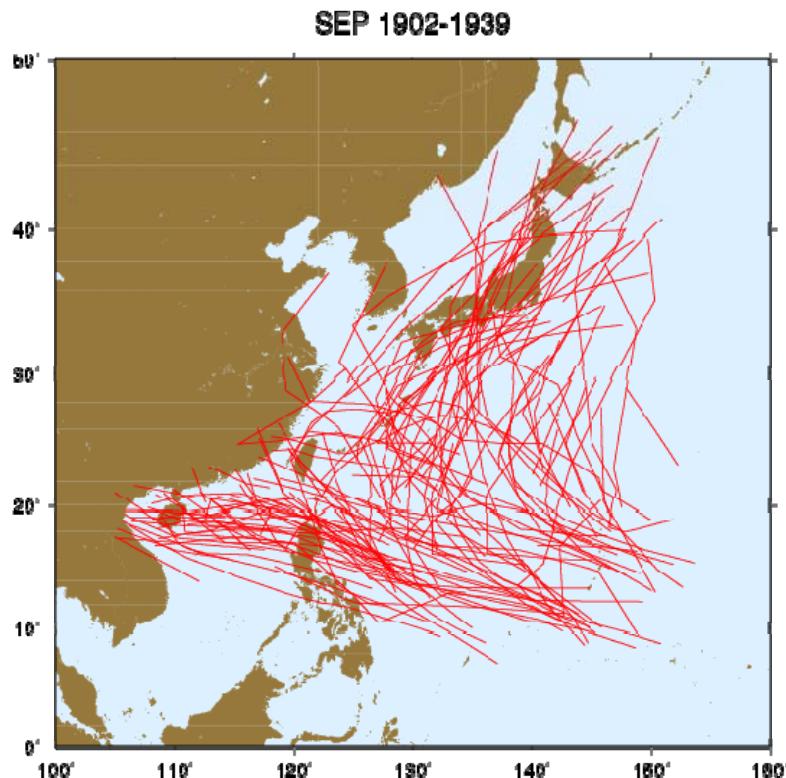
## Datasets

TC (tropical cyclone) track locations

## Data files

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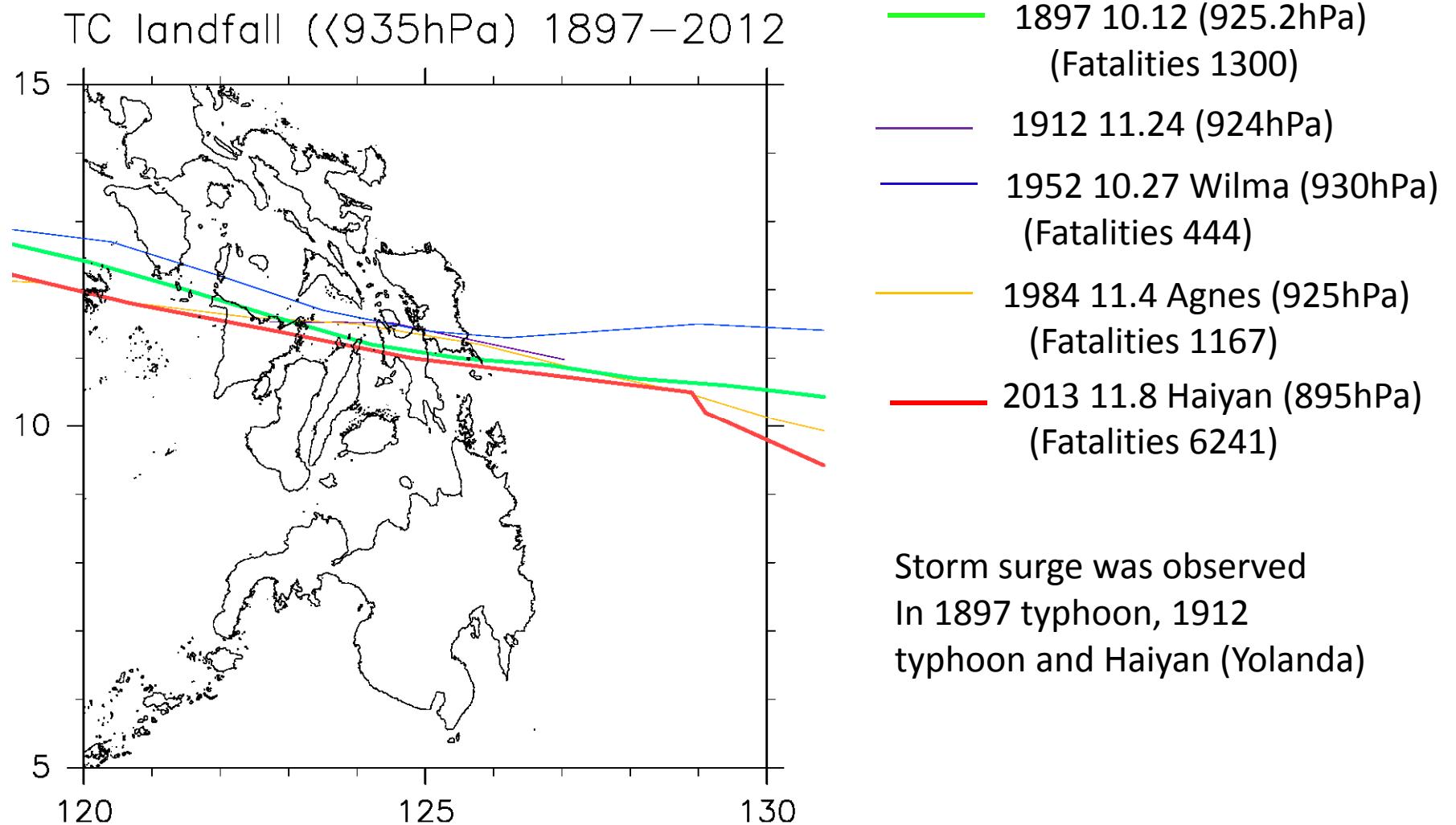


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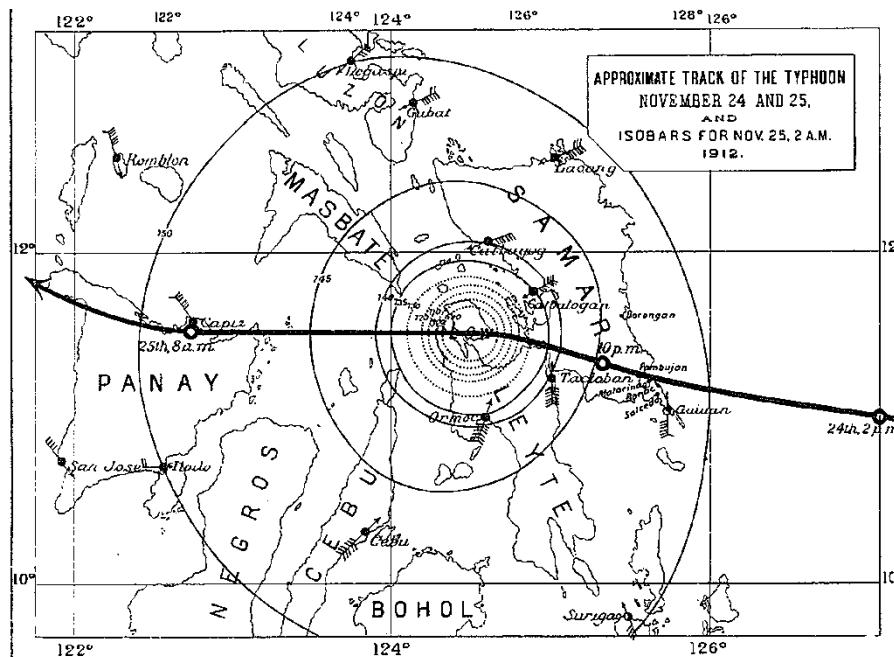
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1902 7 10 12	14.70	118.30	2	1
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HH: Philippine local time (+8 hours GMT)

## Resemble tracks to Haiyan (Yolanda)

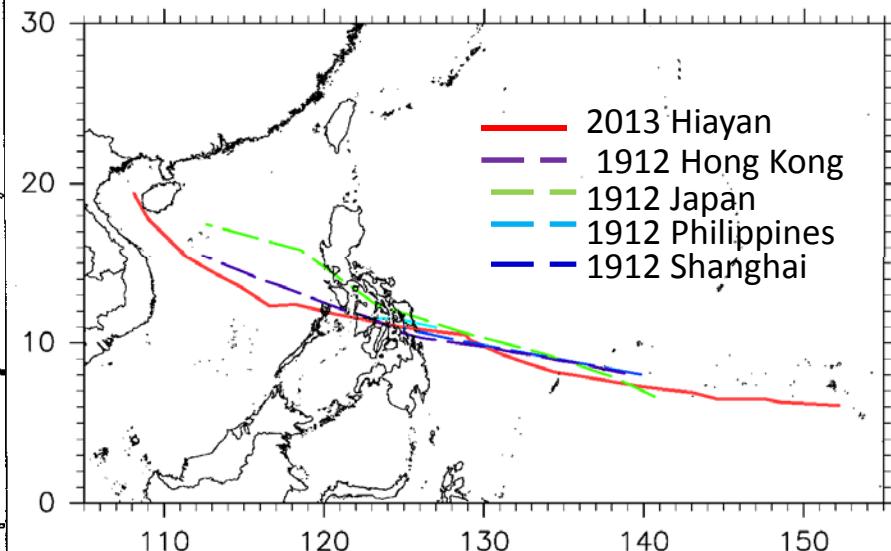


## TC track in Nov. 1912

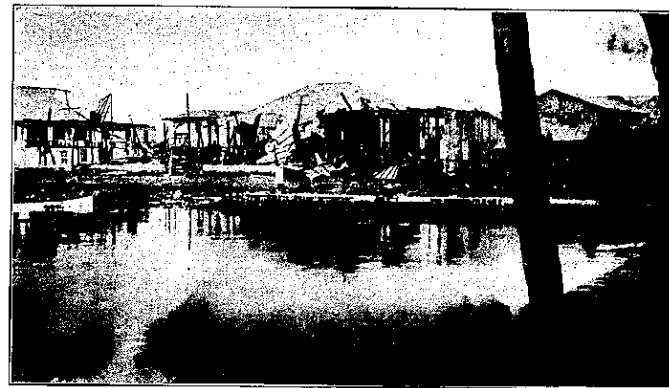


## Similar track to Typhoon Haiyan

typhoon tracks 2013 & 1912



Landfall less than 920hPa

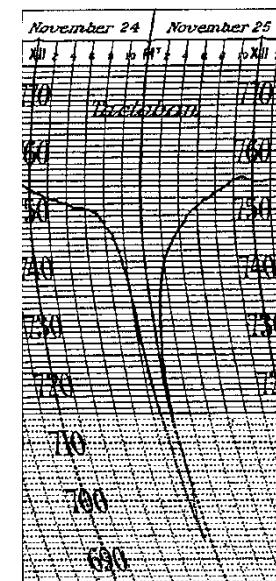


Damage in Tacloban

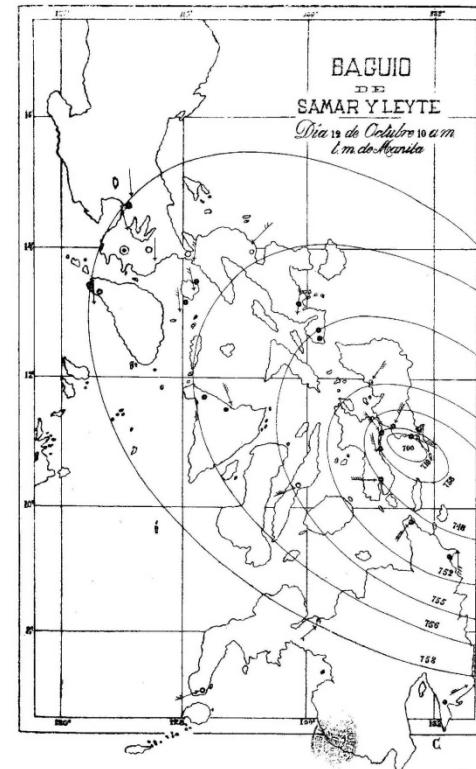
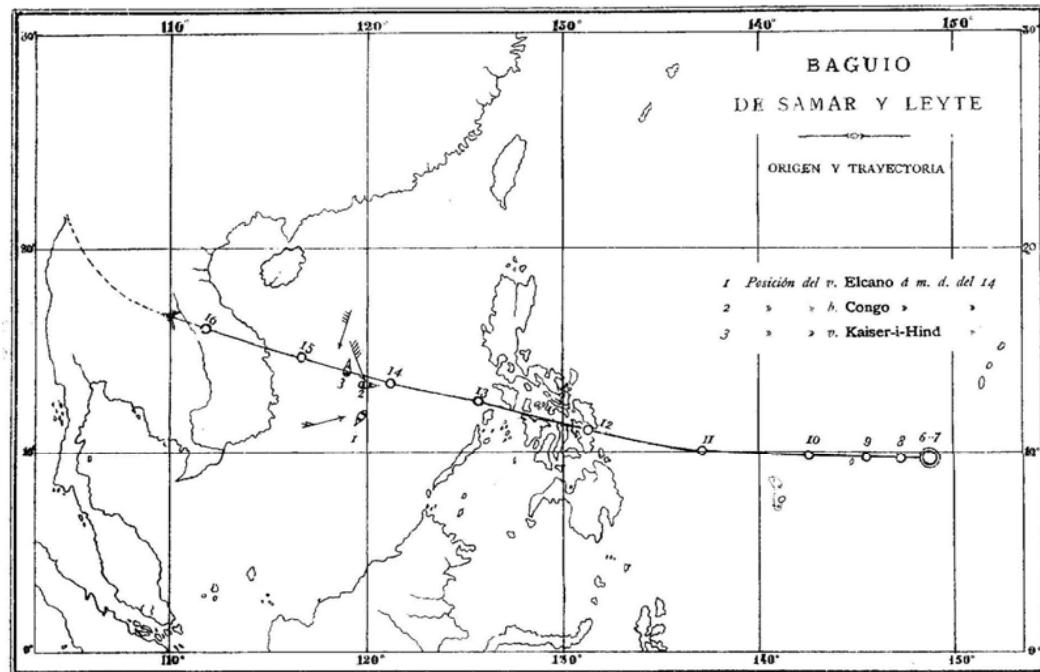


Algué (1912)

Pressure measurement in Tacloban



# TC track in Oct. 1897



# Comparison between typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) ,1912 typhoon, and 1897 typhoon

Haiyan (Yolanda) 2013	1912 typhoon	1897 typhoon
<u>Maximum wind</u> 44m/s(160kph) gust 54m/s (195kph) (Guiuan)	<u>Maximum wind</u> Beaufort scale 12 (Tacloban, Ormoc)	
<u>Minimum station pressure</u> 910.0 hPa (Guiuan)	<u>Minimum station pressure</u> 924.0 hPa (Tacloban)	<u>Minimum station pressure</u> 938.6 hPa (925.2hPa?) (Tanawan or Tanauan)
<u>Storm surge damage</u> Guiuan to Hernani 6-7m Tacloban to Palo 5-6m Basey 5-6m  (PAGASA)	<u>Storm surge damage</u> Santa Rita 7m Bobon, Tababao 6.1m Tacloban 2m Capiz 1m  (Algué 1912)	<u>Storm surge damage</u> Hernani 7.3m Vasay 4.9m Guiuan 0.7m Tacloban 0.4m  (Algué 1898)

# Summary

- Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) hit Philippines in Nov. 2013 and storm surge damage was occurred in Visayas.
- Automatic weather system was installed in Tolosa near Tacloban to support meteorological observation where the PAGASA weather stations were destroyed by typhoon Yolanda.
- National Meteorological -Hydrological Convention was held in Manila with PAGASA and JAMSTEC in Nov. 2014 to share the researches.
- Observation data were collected during typhoon Yolanda and Doppler radar measured more than 100m/s (360kph) near Guiuan.
- Typhoon landfall in the Philippines were investigated for the past 120 years and similar tracks to typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) with storm surge damage was observed in 1912 and 1897.
- There is a possibility of the risk of similar strong typhoon landfall at least once in 100 years.