



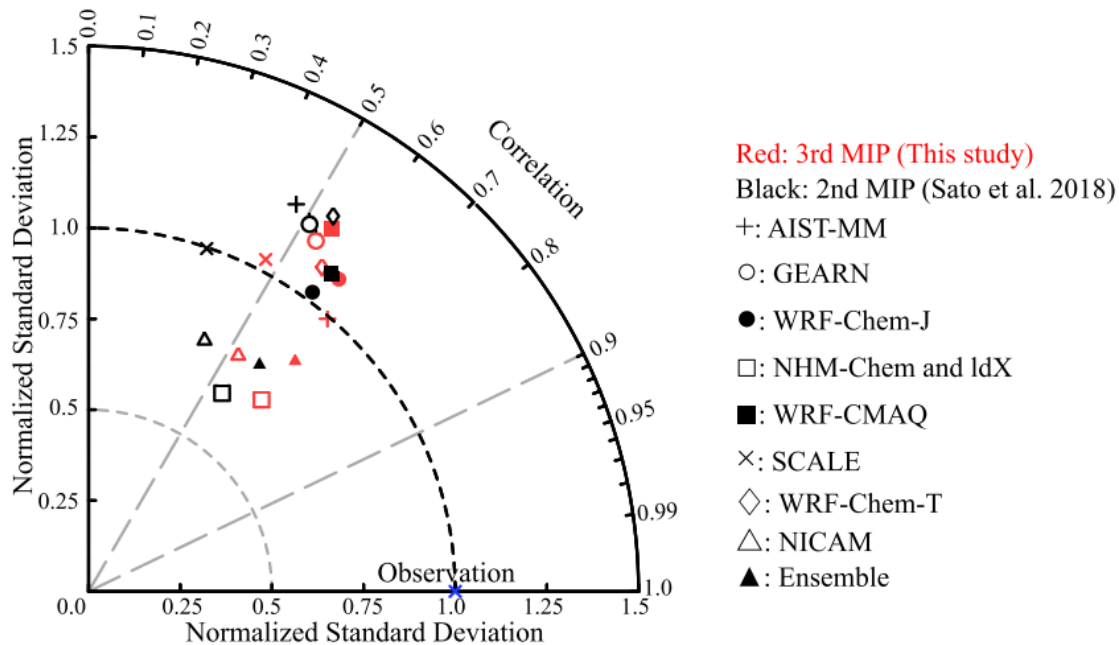
# Sensitivity analysis on the wet deposition parameterization for $^{137}\text{Cs}$ transport modeling following the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident

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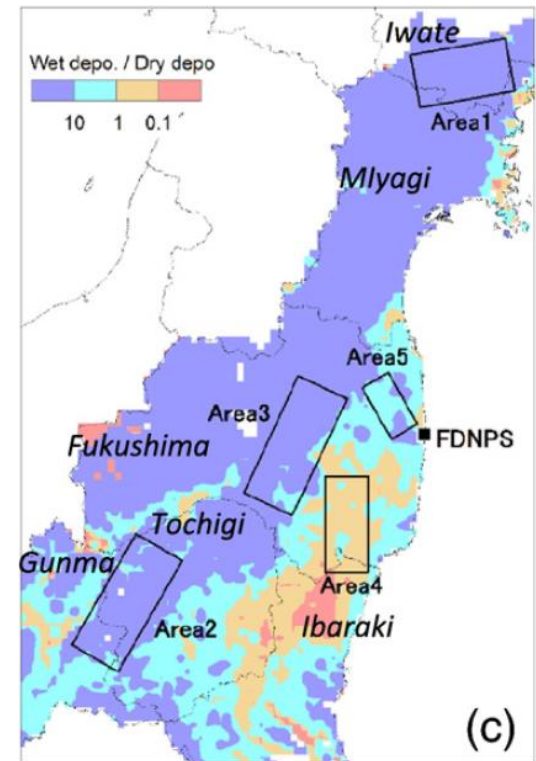
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# Background

- Model-measurement discrepancies still exist in both the deposition pattern and spatiotemporal concentration distributions for Fukushima accident.
- One crucial source of the above uncertainties is the modeling of wet scavenging.<sup>[1]</sup>

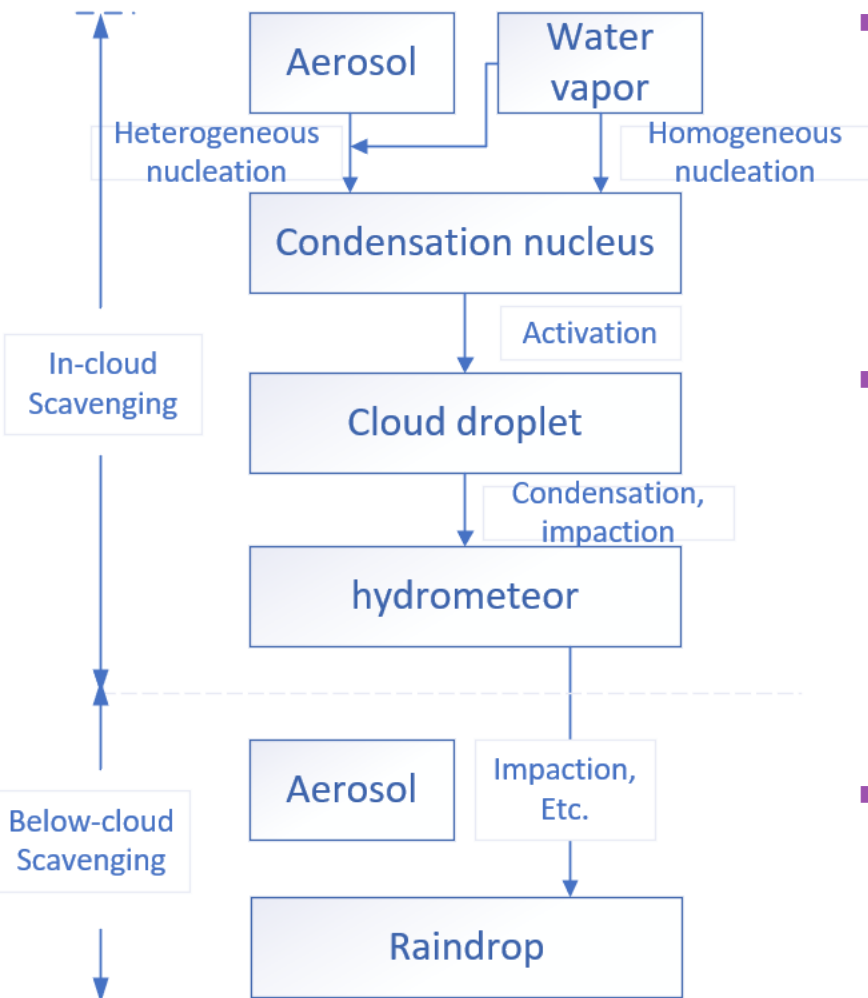


Taylor diagram results of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> MIP [2, 3]



Ratio of wet/dry deposition simulated by Katata <sup>[4]</sup>

# Background



- The in-cloud scavenging happens inside the cloud where particles serve as cloud nuclei and evolve with cloud formation. However, since its measurement is quite limited, the in-cloud scavenging is usually more difficult to model mechanically.
- The below-cloud scavenging takes place below the cloud base where the particles are absorbed by the precipitation. However, the specific parameters of below-cloud scavenging schemes still vary over a broad range. The variation would be amplified by the uncertainty in meteorological input.<sup>[5]</sup>
- The dual uncertainties in wet scavenging modeling and the meteorological input indicate the importance of improving them at the same time.
- Online coupled model: WRF-Chem

# Methods

## In-cloud schemes;

- **Roselle**;
- **Hertel**;
- Ellenton/Environ/**Scott**;

## Below-cloud schemes;

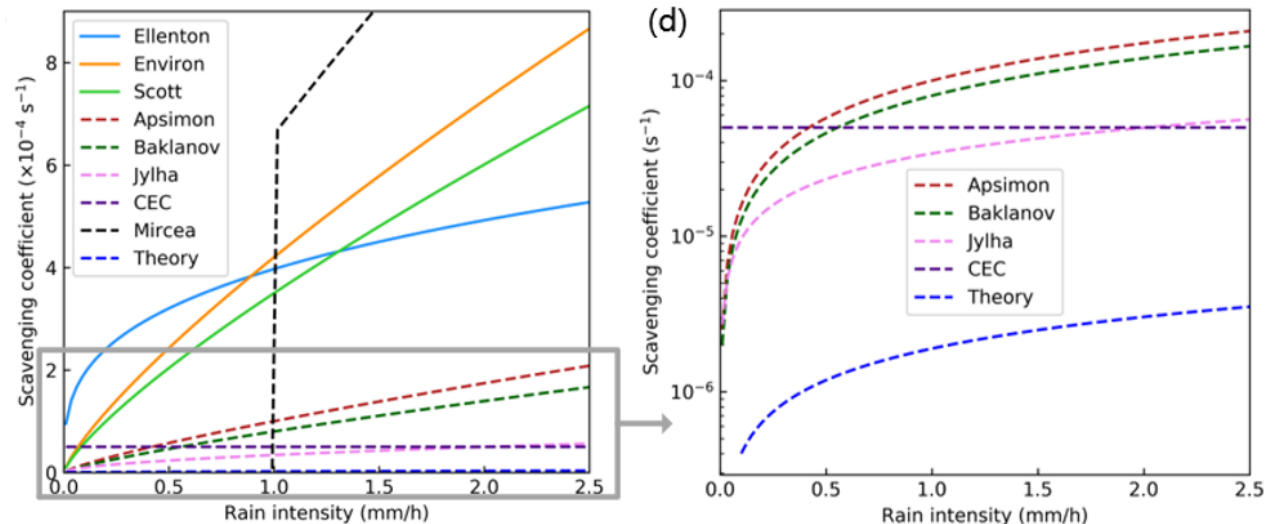
- Apsimon/**Baklanov**/Jylha;
- **CEC**;
- **Mircea**.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Ensemble mean: 9 model sets;

## Microphysics scheme

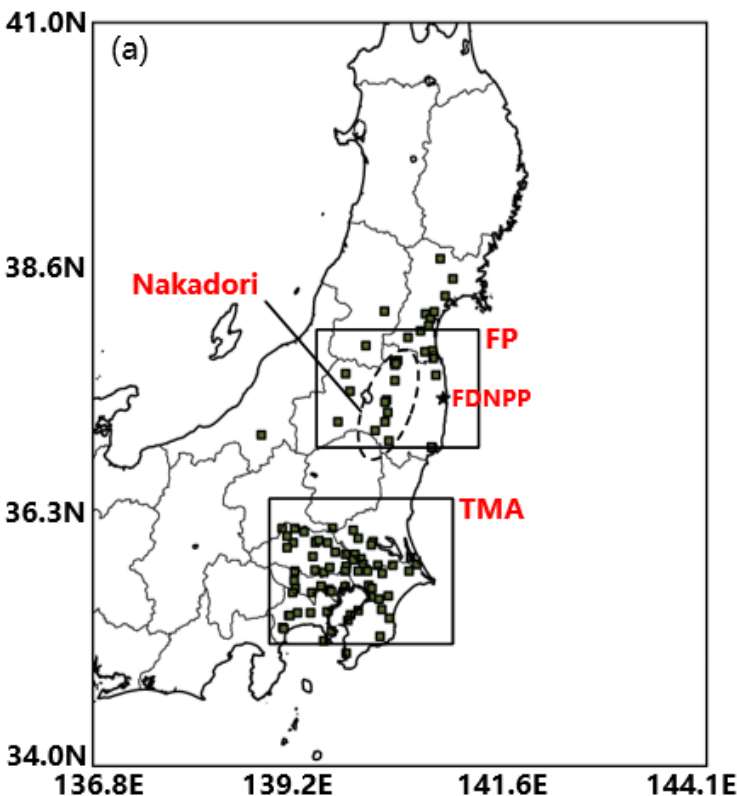
- the six-category single moment cloud microphysics scheme (6)
- the Morrison's double moment cloud microphysics scheme (10)

In-cloud schemes	Scavenging coefficient ( $s^{-1}$ )
<b>Roselle</b>	$\Lambda = \frac{1}{3600} \left( 1 - \exp \left( -10^3 \Delta z \frac{LWC}{p_0} \right) \right)$
<b>Hertel</b>	$\Lambda_i = 1.25 \times p_0^{0.64} / H_i$
<b>Ellenton</b>	$\Lambda = 3.97 \times 10^{-4} p_0^{0.31}$
<b>Environ</b>	$\Lambda = 4.2 \times 10^{-4} p_0^{0.79}$
<b>Scott</b>	$\Lambda = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} p_0^{0.6}$



# Validation

## Simulation domain



- Comprehensive evaluation [2, 3]

- Deposition

$$RANK = CC^2 + \left(1 - \left|\frac{FB}{2}\right|\right) + \frac{FMS}{100} + \left(1 - \frac{KSP}{100}\right)$$

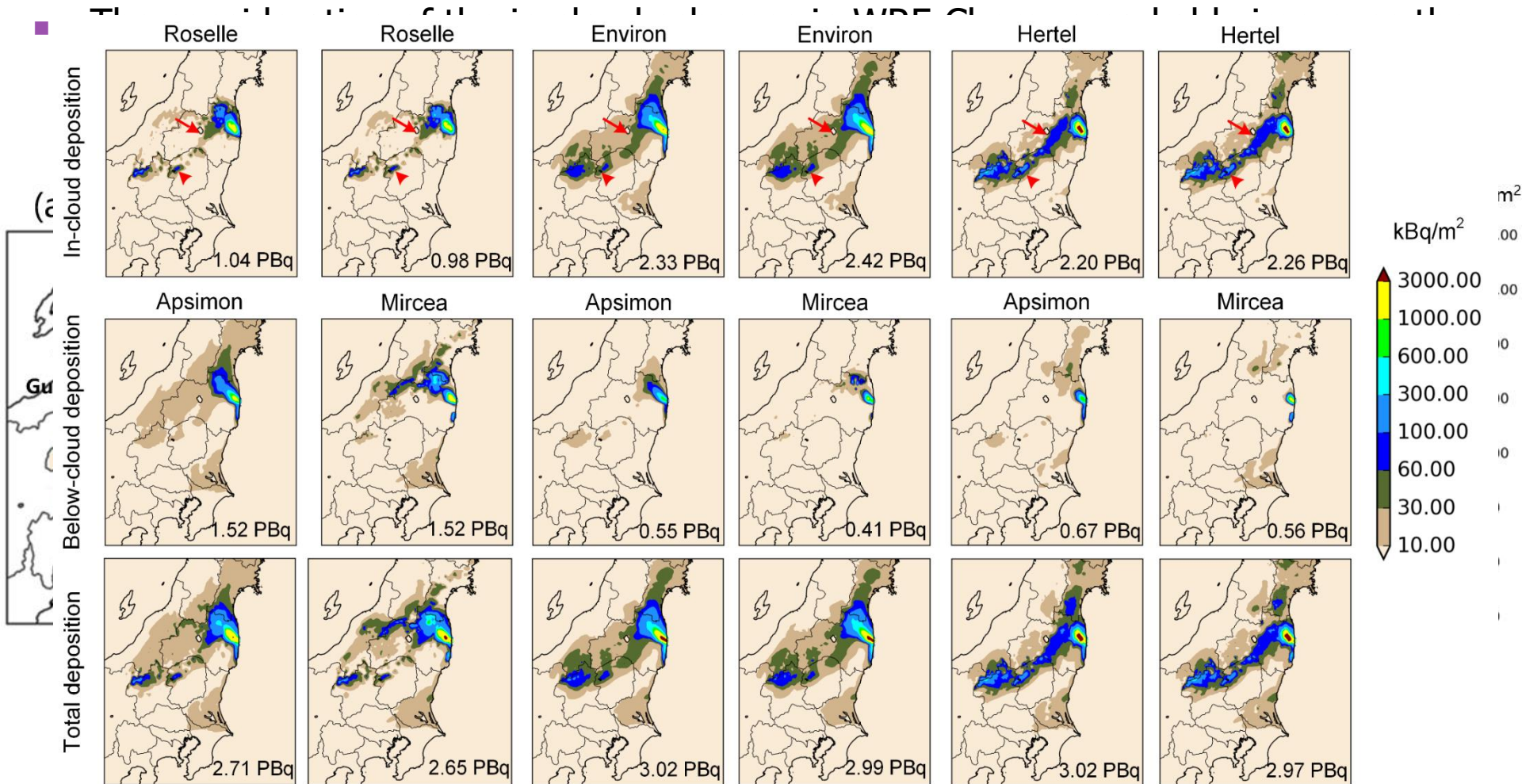
- Concentration

$$RANK2 = \frac{FAC2}{100} + \frac{CAPTURE}{100} + F \times \left(1 - \frac{OVERESTIMATE}{100}\right)$$

- Participating models

- 25 combinations of the in- and below-cloud schemes;
- Ensemble mean of the 9 models with equal weight;
- The models with only the below-cloud scheme Baklanov (Baklanov-6 and Baklanov-10).

# Results and discussions

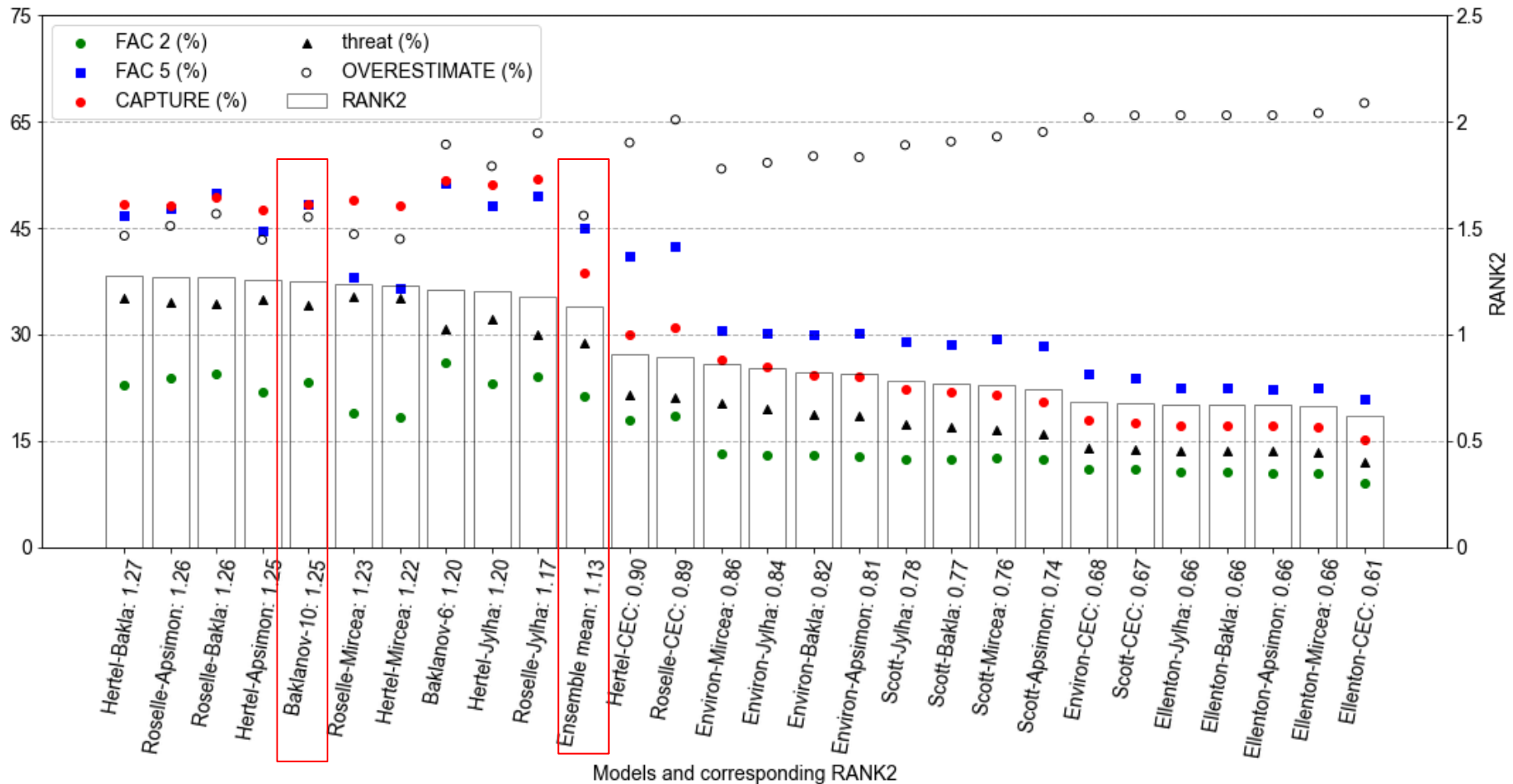


- The in-cloud scheme plays a more dominant role in simulating  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  transport following the FDNPP accident than the below-cloud scheme, with respect to the detailed deposition pattern.



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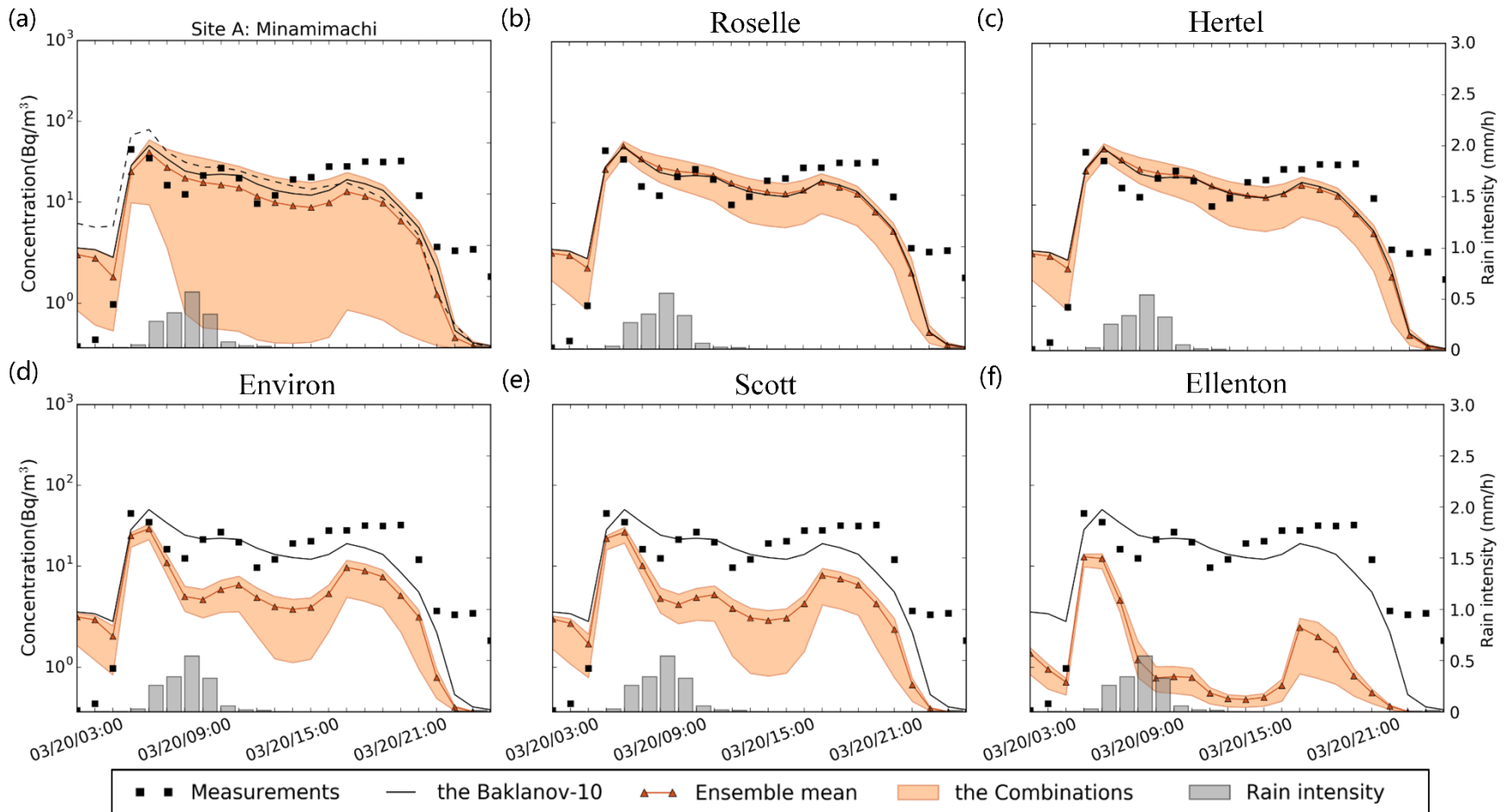
- Those in-cloud schemes considering cloud parameters also improve the atmospheric concentration simulations.
  - The ensemble mean achieves satisfactory performance in general.



# Results and discussions

## ■ Evaluation of each plume

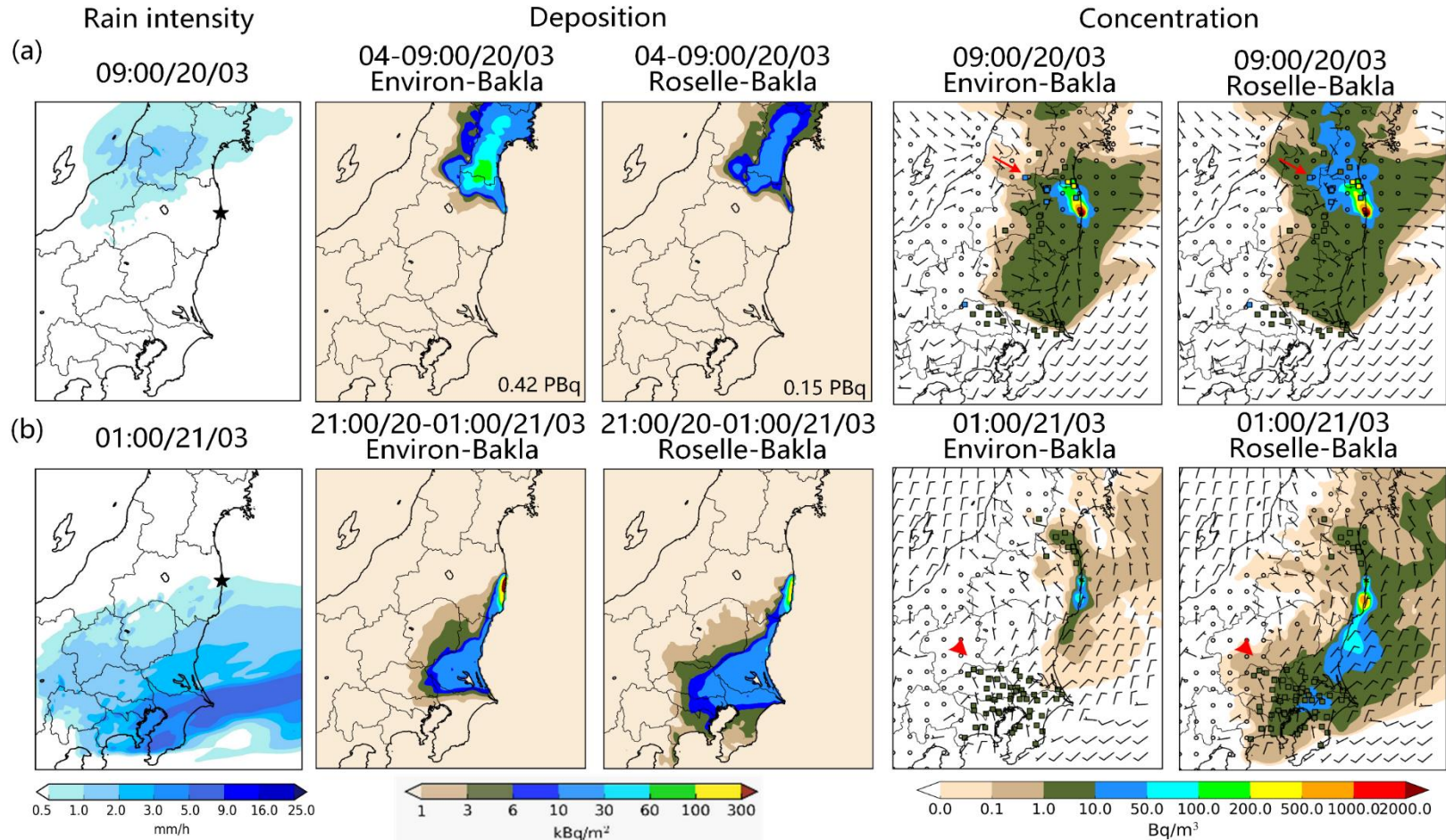
- P8: The in-cloud schemes solely relying on rain intensity are quite sensitive to meteorology and show varied performances in the tested plume events.





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## Spatial patterns of the plumes





# Conclusions

- The modification of microphysical scheme from WSM6 to MORR could improve the meteorological input and simulation at the same time but to a limited extent while the improvement of wet deposition scheme is more influential but model-dependent.
- The consideration of the in-cloud schemes in WRF-Chem remarkably improves the cumulative deposition simulation for most models, especially at Nakadori, while in concentration prediction, only in-cloud schemes considering cloud parameters shows better and stable performances.
  - The Roselle-Bakla, Hertel-Bakla and Roselle-Apsimon are the best among all the compared models, indicating a better allocation between deposition and concentration.
  - The in-cloud scheme plays a more dominant role in simulating  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  transport following the FDNPP accident than the below-cloud scheme, with respect to both the detailed deposition pattern and atmospheric concentration distributions.
  - The in-cloud schemes solely relying on rain intensity are quite sensitive to meteorology and show varied performances in the tested plume events.
  - The model ensemble mean shows fair and stable results in various plume events.



Thank you for your attention!



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