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CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD PREDICTION USING RAPIDLY DEVELOPING CUMULUS AREA (RDCA) PRODUCTS AT AMBON PATTIMURA AIRPORT

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Background Research

Weather & Aviation

- **Air transportation** has become the **main mode** of transportation (Dharmawan, 2012; Ricardianto, 2017) in Indonesia, which is an archipelago country.
- **Flight delays**, one of which is the weather, might disrupt the efficient operation of air travel. (Dermadi, 2019; Dissanayaka, et al., 2018) closely related to **Cumulonimbus (Cb)** cloud growth (Tuomola, 2021; Metoffice, 2015) such as, heavy rain, lightning, and thunderstorms.
- The increasing intensity of Cb cloud growth is the impact of **Climate Change** (Brosky, 2019; CAPA, 2019)
- **Aviation meteorological information** helps in flight efficiency and safety (Wirjohamidjojo, 2007; Schlultz et al, 2018). To assist the efficient flow of flight traffic and reduce potential impacts, remote sensing instruments such as **weather satellites and radar** must be used as early Cb cloud detection.
- **Rapidly Developing Cumulus Area (RDCA) products** has big potential to be optimized, and it can be used to identify Cb clouds using the results of **spatial analysis** of radar data. (Harjupa et al, 2022)



STUDY FORMULATION

How accurate is the RDCA product in predicting the occurrence of cumulonimbus clouds in the Ambon Airport area?

PROBLEM SCOPE

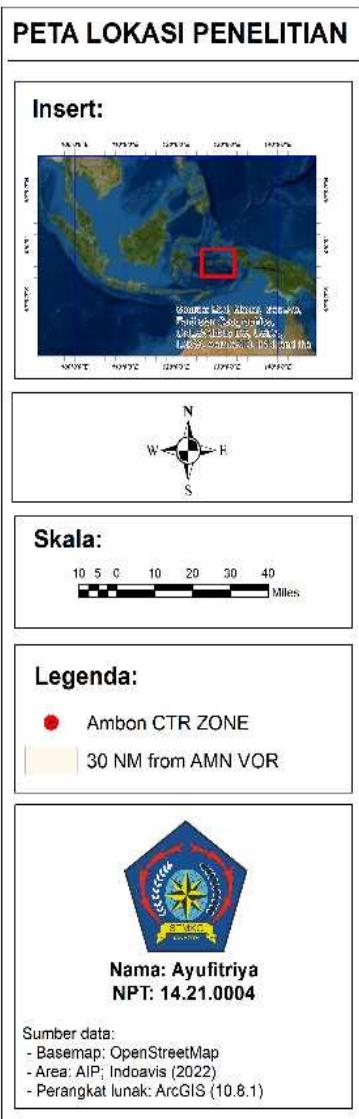
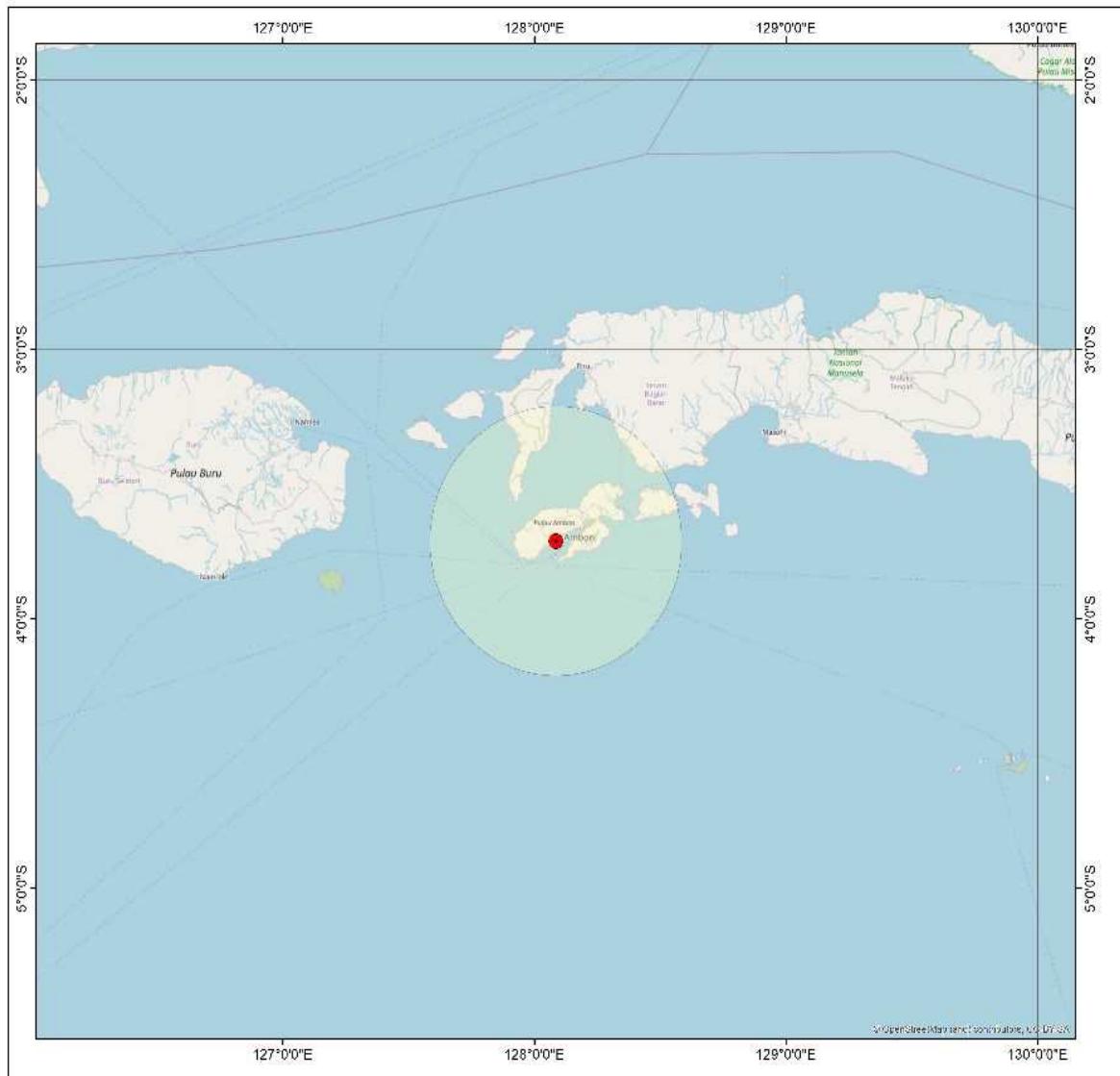
1. The Ambon Pattimura Airport region's jurisdiction
2. RDCA product data
3. Weather radar **as verification**, as well as surface observation data from the Ambon Pattimura Meteorological Station (**Ground Truth**), with geographic coordinates: 3°42' S dan 128°05' E

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Optimizing the RDCA product so that it can be operationally useful in the future, especially in **aviation meteorology**, one way is to know in advance how much accuracy the RDCA product is when applied in the Ambon Pattimura Airport area, then spatially can present it in the form of a map.

RESEARCH BENEFITS

To get the **accuracy value** of the RDCA application in the Pattimura Airport Ambon area and adjust the results of the research into a **map** so that it is more informative. It can be used as the basis for **nowcasting** considerations, in this case it is a **practical use from an operational perspective** on flights.



RESEARCH PROCEDURES

Research area -> 30 nm / 55,56 km radius from “AMN” VOR, ($3^{\circ} 36' 53,71''$ LS dan $128^{\circ} 11' 09,82''$ BT) which is called the **Ambon Control Zone (AMBON CTR)** (AIP, 2021; Indoavis, 2021).

Research period -> **July and December 2021**
50 samples of Cb cloud events detected by weather radar

Verification

dichotomous method

Contingency table schematic

		Observation		Total Forecast
		Yes	No	
Forecast	Yes	a	b	a + b
	No	c	d	c + d
Total Observation		a + c	b + d	a+b+c+d = n

- a → **HITS** represent the RDCA location where in the next 0 – 50 minutes there is a radar image with a value of ≥ 35 dBZ.
- b → **FALSE ALARMS**
- c → **MISSES**
- d → **CORRECT NEGATIVES**

Evaluation of convective initiation nowcasting ability is quantified using categorical prediction scores (**Proportion Correct**, **Probability of Detection**, **False Alarm Ratio**, **Frequency Bias**, and **Critical Success Index (CSI)**).

Results and Analysis

JULY 2021

Observation				
	Yes	No	Total Forecast	
Forecast	Yes	996	853	1849
	No	1196	8990	10186
	Total Observation	2192	9843	12035

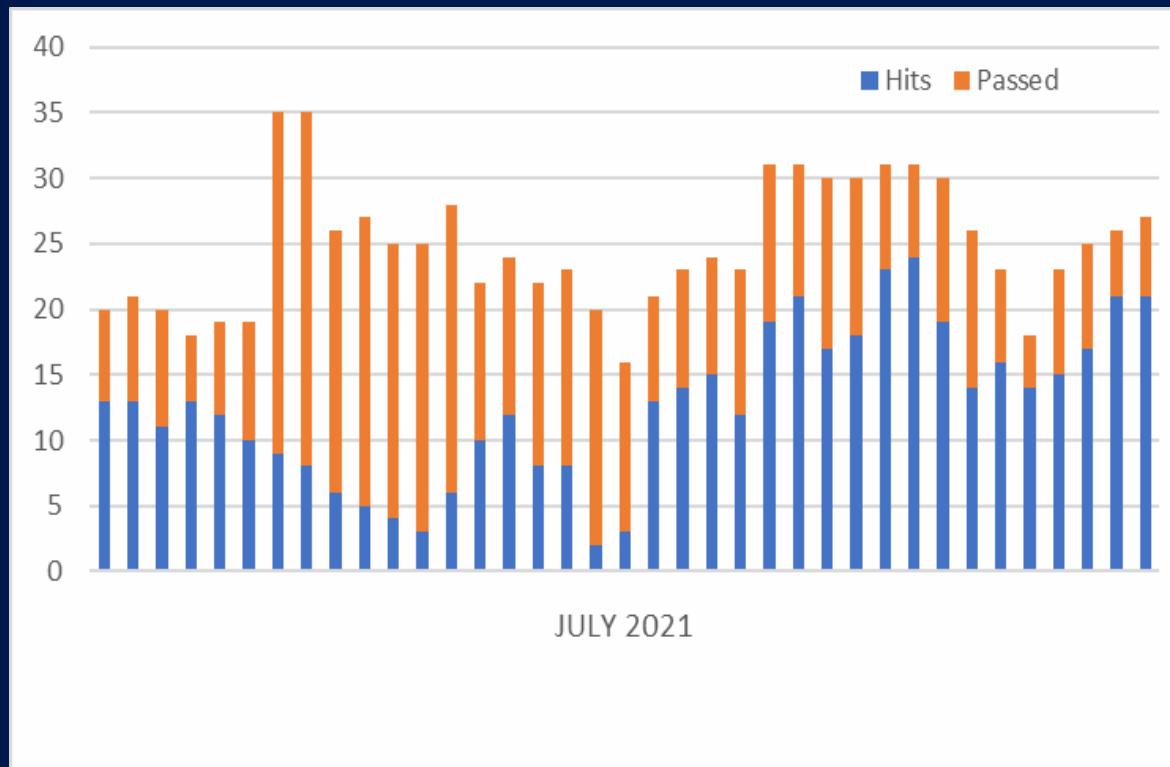
Proportion Correct	PC	0.83
Hit Rate / POD	POD	0.45
False Alarm Ratio	FAR	0.46
Frequency Bias	B	0.84
Threat Score	TS/CSI	0.33

DECEMBER 2021

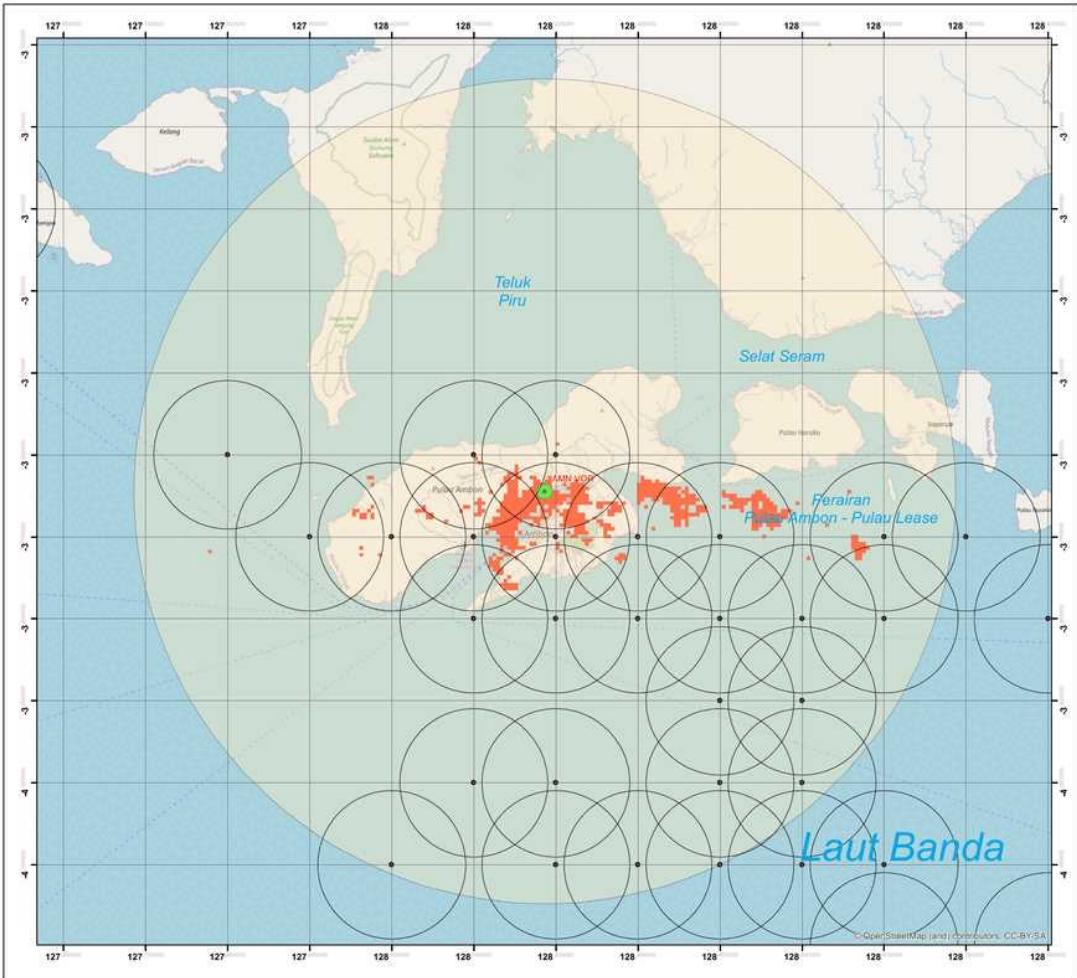
Observation				
	Yes	No	Total Forecast	
Forecast	Yes	96	329	425
	No	279	11340	11619
	Total Observation	375	11669	12044

Proportion Correct	PC	0.95
Hit Rate / POD	POD	0.26
False Alarm Ratio	FAR	0.77
Frequency Bias	B	1.13
Threat Score	TS/CSI	0.14

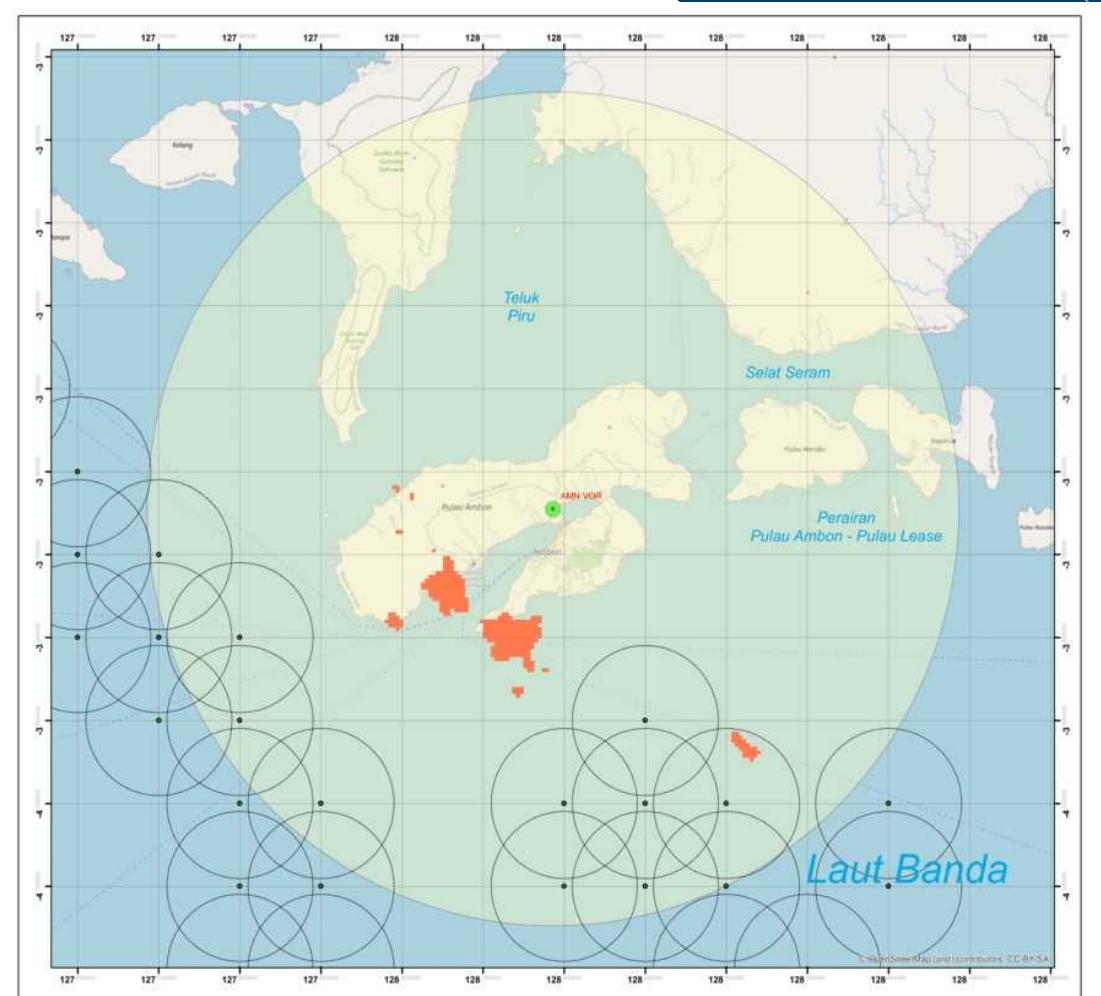
Results and Analysis



Animated Example Data



9 July 2021 (20.00-20.50 UTC)



25 December 2021 (10.00-10.50 UTC)

FUTURE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Optimizing the verification methods using **coding and programming languages**
- Research in other months according to the **season**, with a longer time period
- Considering observational error and parallax correction, by remapping/expanding the grid

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