



**167 years**

since the beginning of the first systematic meteorological measurements in Serbia

**127 years**

since the establishment of the national meteorological services and unified network of meteorological stations in Serbia

**7 years**

Since the establishment of Southeast European Climate Changes Center "Milutin Milankovitch" within the Republic Hydrometeorological Service

**93 years**

since the founding of the state hydrological service and the unique network of hydrological stations in Serbia



Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia

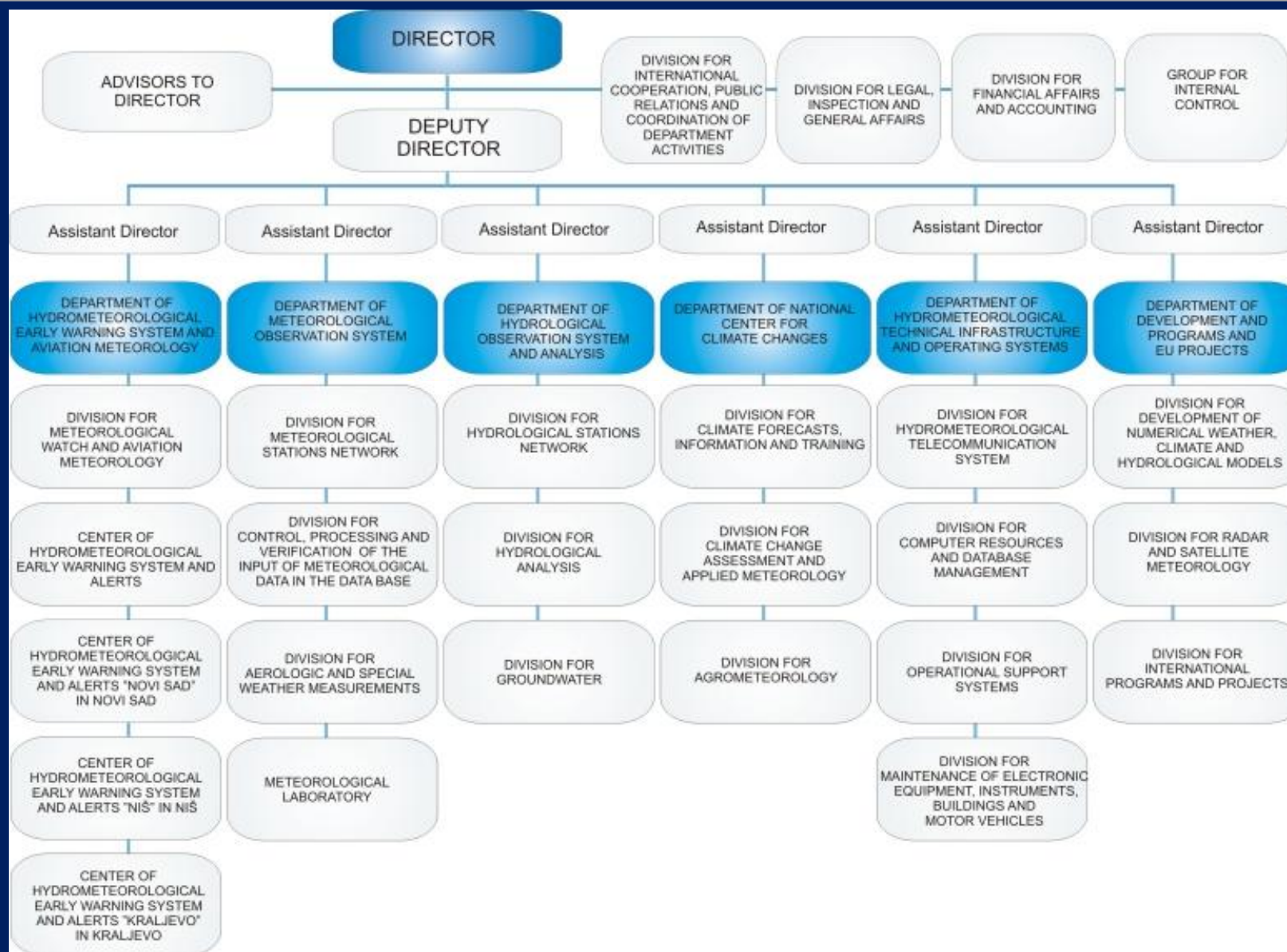


Republic Hydrometeorological Service (RHMS) is  
the state administration of the Republic of  
Serbia with the status of special organization,  
performing meteorological and hydrological  
activities  
of interest for the Republic of Serbia.



# Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# AFTER 4 YEARS THE HAIL SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

is again a part of  
Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia  
according to the law adopted in the  
National Assembly of Serbia  
On 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

ACCORDING TO THIS LAW THE HAIL SUPPRESION IS BASED  
ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PREVENTIVE CARE, THE SCIENTIFIC  
BASIS AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION, THE PRINCIPLE OF  
UNITY AND THE PRINCIPLE OF TRANSPARENCY.

## THE LAW IS BASED ON

- Constitution of the Republic of Serbia
- The Law on ministries
- The Law on emergency situations
- The Law on Agricultural Land
- International conventions

## THE LAW DEFINES JURISDICTION OF

- The Government of the Republic
- The Hydrometeorological Institute
- The autonomous province
- The local government

## GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Based on the proposal of the competent ministry adopts:

1. Long-term program for the development and operation of the hail suppression system;
2. Medium-term program for the development and operation of the hail suppression system;
3. Regular and special reports on the functioning of an integrated hail suppression system.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

All projects of weather modification relating to the hail suppression and carried out on the territory of the Republic of Serbia must be approved and controlled by the government.

## THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

1. Provides fully functioning of the unified hail suppression system,
2. Proposes development programs, regular and special reports to the Government,
3. Prepares regular and special reports about of the hail suppression system for the bodies of the local authority.

## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Provides support in the hail suppression on its territory in particular about hiring staff on launching stations;
2. Carry out a preliminary assessment of hail damage of agricultural crops within seven days from the date when the damage occurred, and the final assessment issued within 45 days from the date when the damage occurred;
3. Consider reports on the hail suppression to its territory.

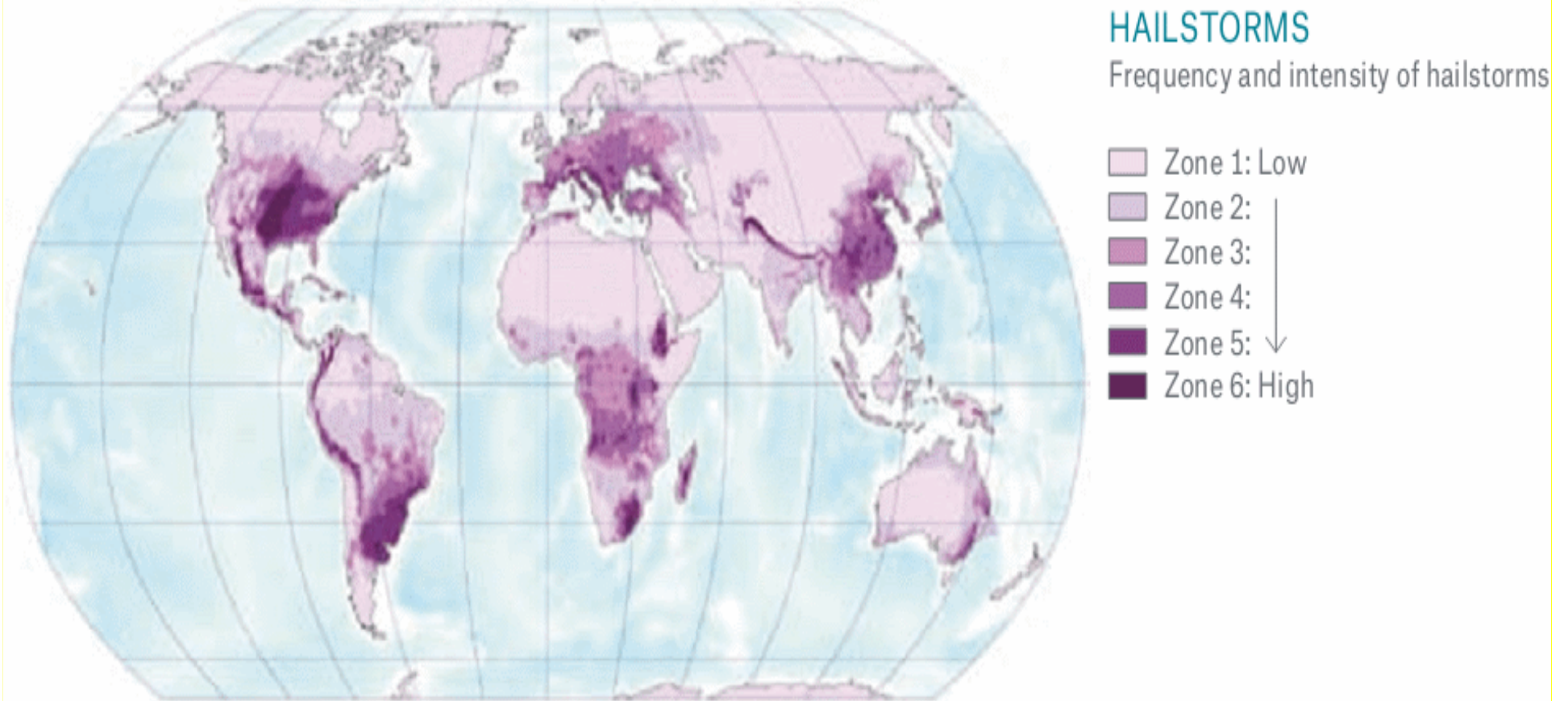


# FINANCING

Funds for financing the hail suppression system is provided by:

1. the budget of the Republic of Serbia,
2. budgets of local governments - conditionally
3. part of the subsidized crop insurance premium ,
4. other sources in accordance with the law

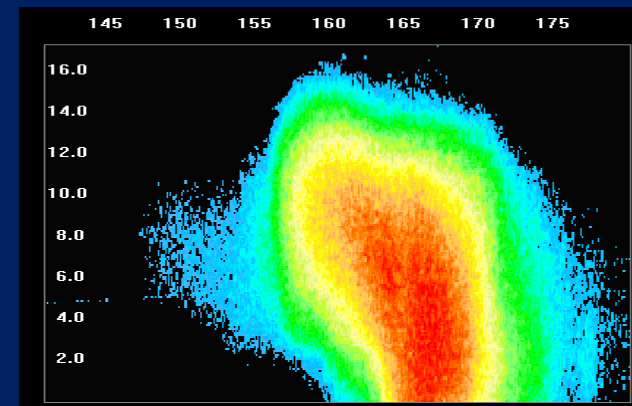
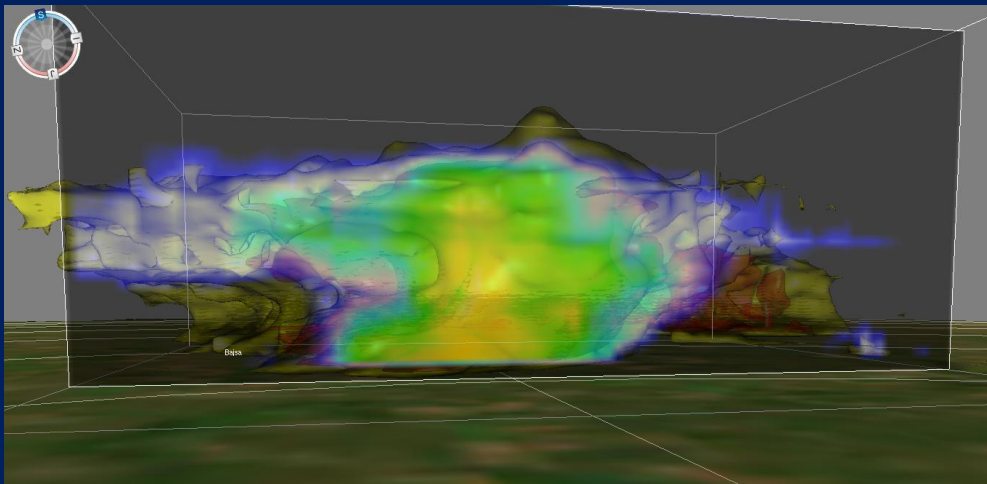
# FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF HAILSTORMS



NATHAN - World map of natural hazards (2011 version)

# SERBIAN HAIL SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

- DIVISION FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- DIVISION FOR METHODOLOGY OF WEATHER MODIFICATION



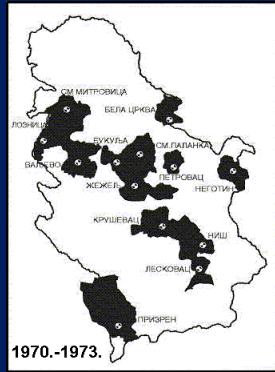
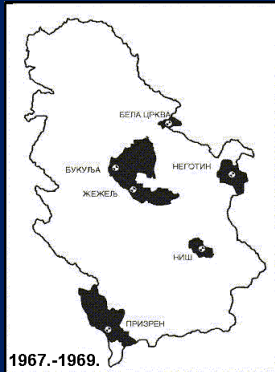
**48 YEARS OF HAIL  
SUPPRESSION**

Hail is a frequent meteorological event in Serbia  
50 to 60 days per year.

Highest intensity in period May –July.

Diameter of hailstones in most cases is up to 15 mm.





# TERRITORIAL EXPANSION OF THE HAIL SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FROM (1967-2008)



# RADAR CENTERS

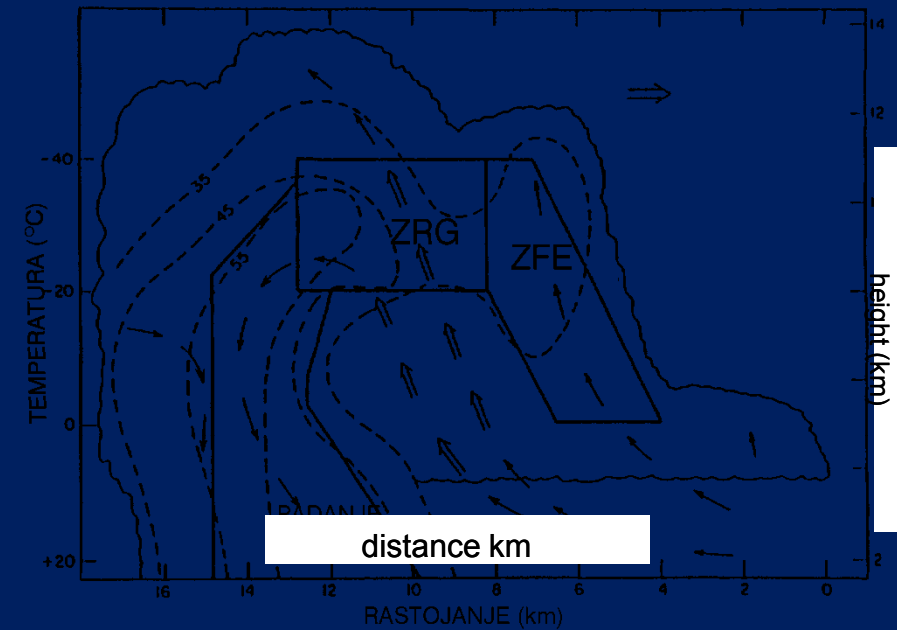
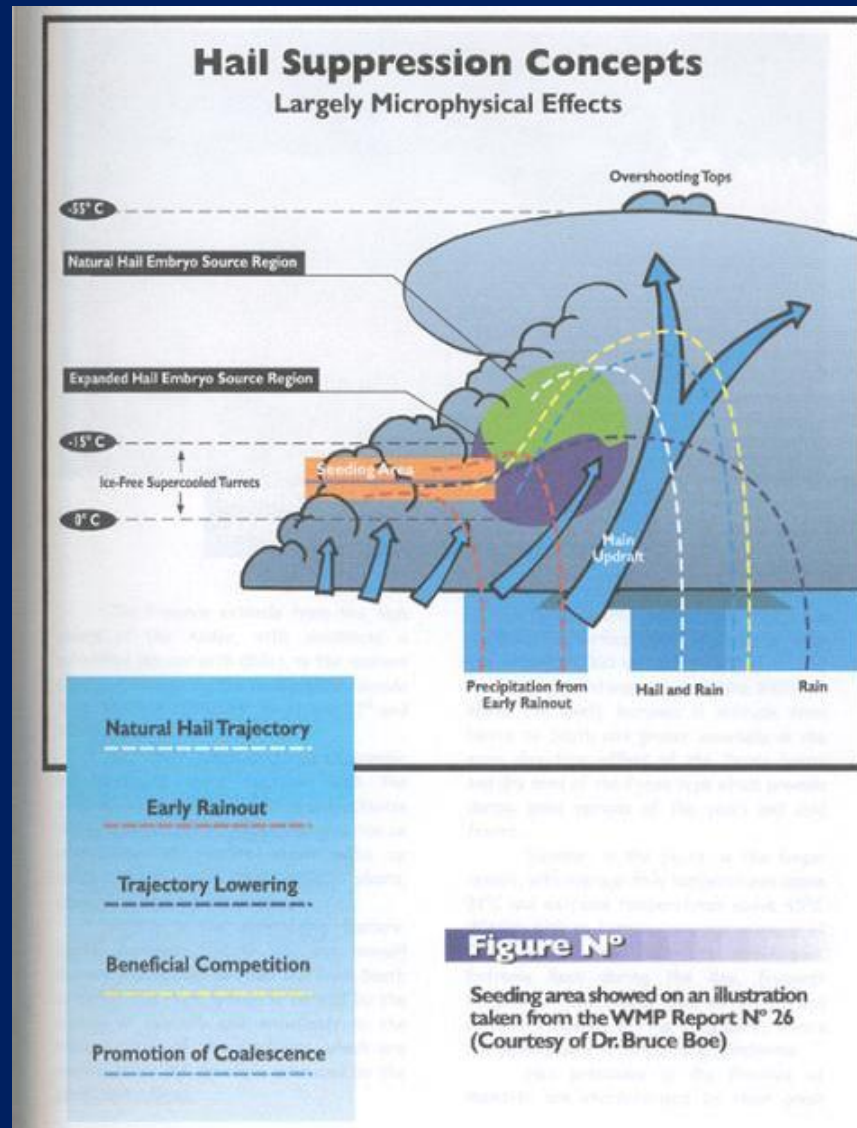


# HAIL SUPPRESSION in SERBIA

- \* 77,498 km<sup>2</sup> total area
- \* 51,069 km<sup>2</sup> agricultural area
- \* 13 radar centers
- \* 1,800 hail suppression stations
- \* center in Belgrade
- \* 222 workers
- \* 3600 workers on launching sites
- \* Season duration: 15<sup>th</sup> of April to 15<sup>th</sup> of October
- \* Average annual number of days with seeding: 55

# METHODOLOGY

## Concept of beneficial competition



Schematic diagram of cumulonimbus with Zone of hail embryo formation ZFE and Zone of Hailstone growth ZHG

(K.C.Young Microphysical Processes in Cloud, Oxford University Press 1993)





# RADAR NETWORK

- 10 radars Mitsubishi RC 34-A made in period 1978 to 1984. Radars are automated possessing DSP cards and Hail Suppression Information System (HASIS).
- 3 Doppler radars Gematronik made in period 2000 to 2002 year. One of them is with dual-polarisation.

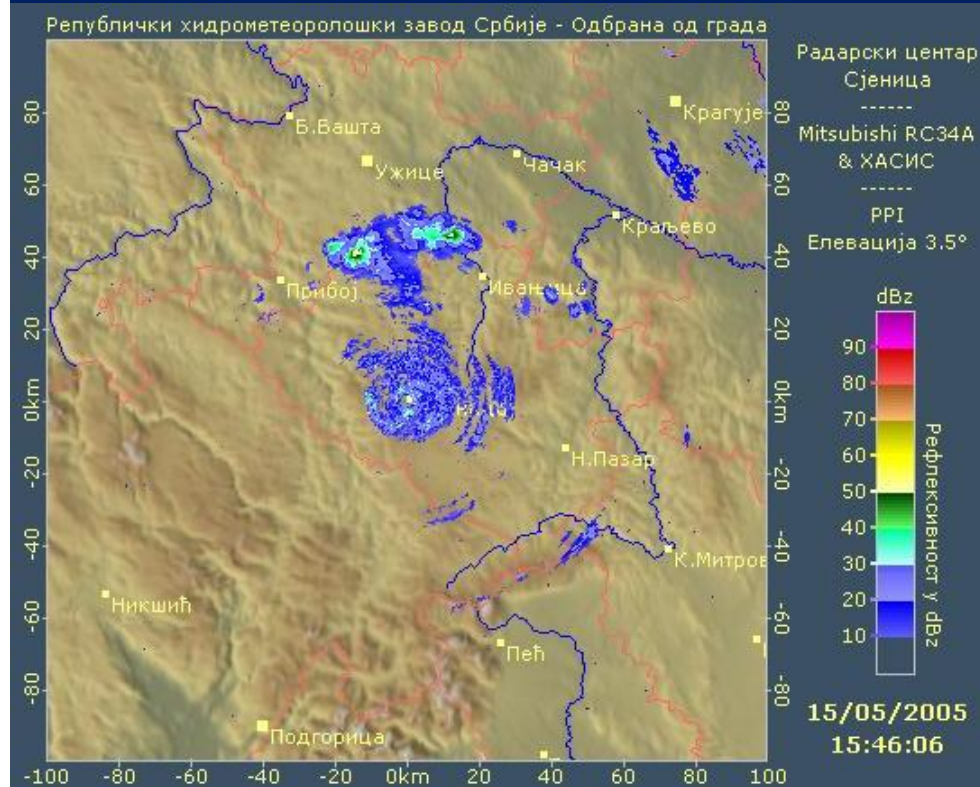


# TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTIC OF RADAR MITSUBISHI RC 34-A

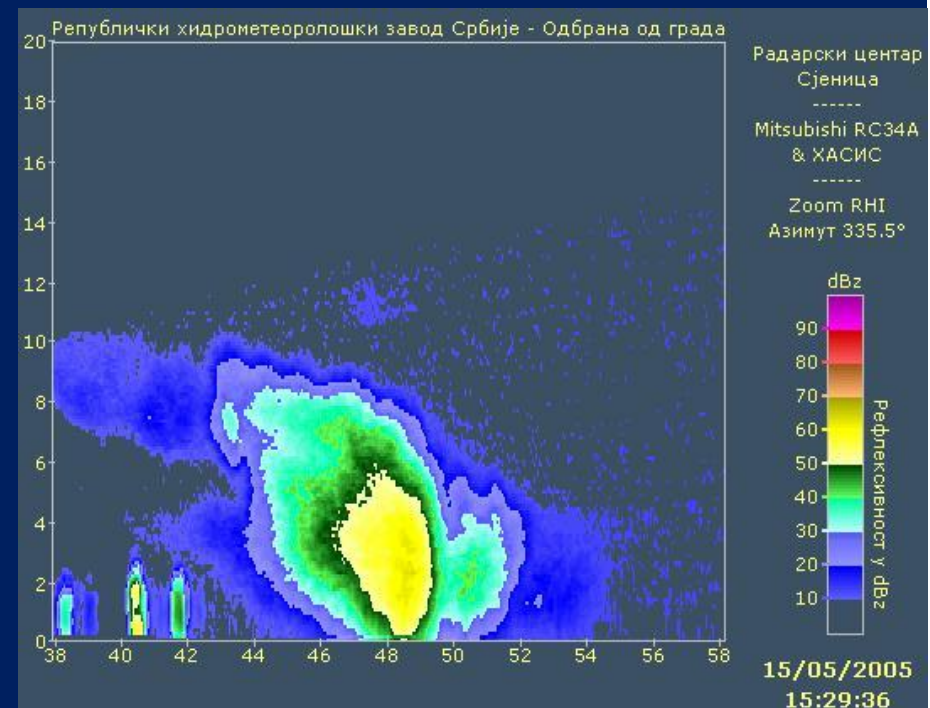
\* TRANSMITTING POWER 400 KW  
\* PULSE LENGTH 2  $\mu$ s  
\* WAVE LENGTH 10.7 cm  
\* BEAM WIDTH OF ANTENNA 2°

\* ANTENNA GAIN 37 dB  
\* ANTENNA REFLECTOR 4 m  
\* POLARIZATION HORIZONTAL  
\* MDS -107 dBm

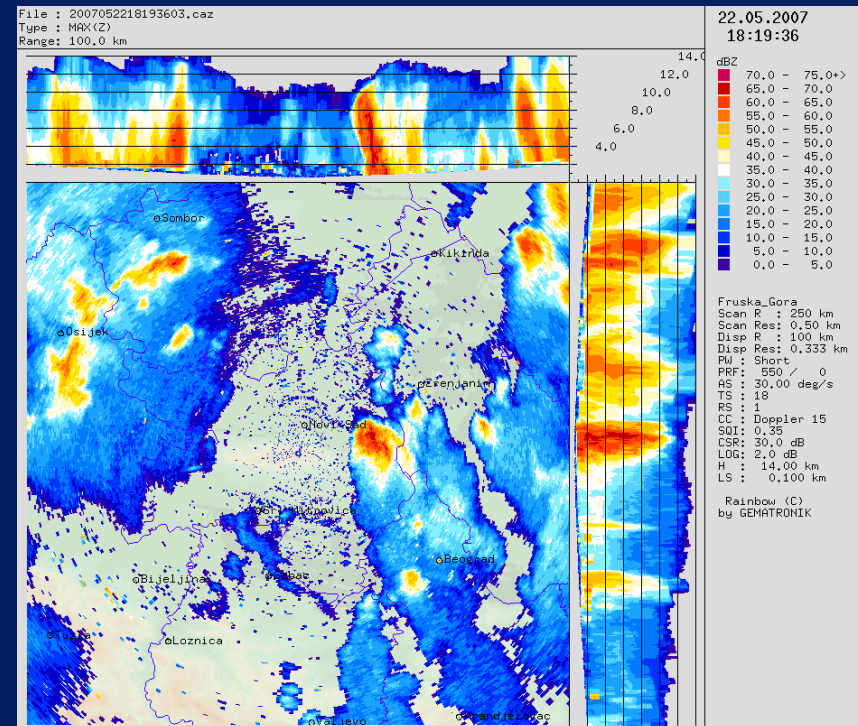
## PPI



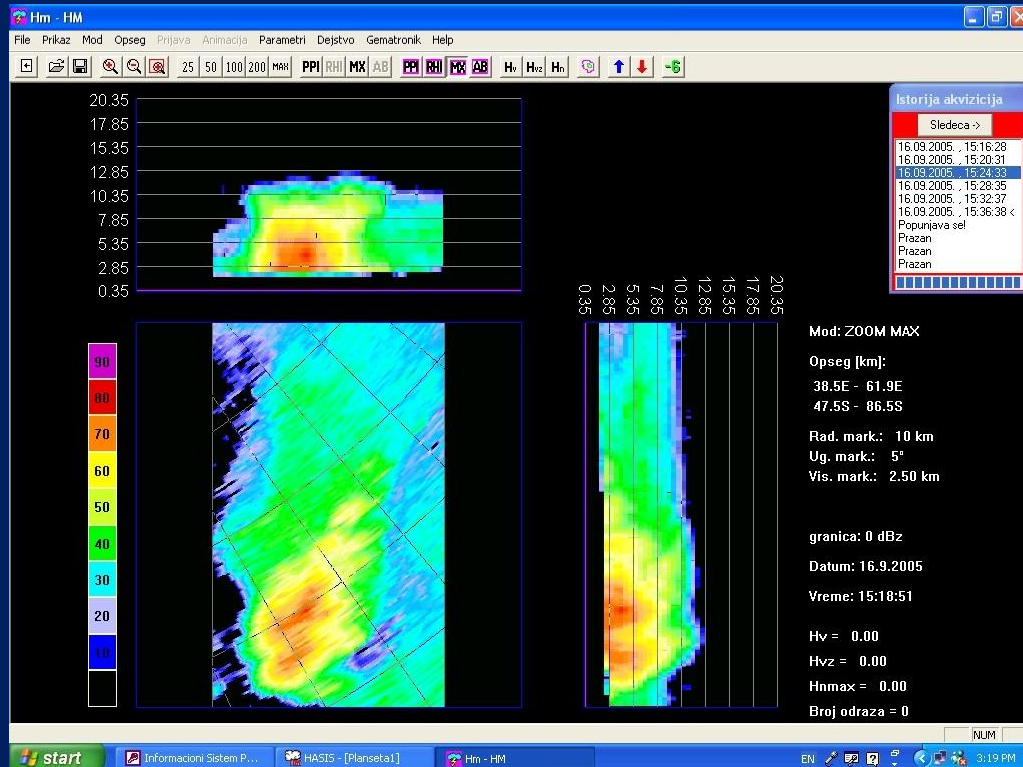
## RHI



# RADAR GEMATRONIK METEOR 400



- \* TRANSMITTING POWER 600 kW
- \* PULSE LENGTH 1/ 2s
- \* WAVE LENGTH 10 cm
- \* BEAM WIDTH 1.1°
- \* ANTENNA GAIN 42.3 dB
- \* ANTENNA REFLECTOR 6.1 m
- \* MDS long pulse -110 dBm
- short pulse -105 dBm



# CHARACTERISTICS OF SOFTWARE HASIS

- **Hardware:**

Mitsubishi RC 34-A radar

Main workstation with additional DSP card

2 additional workstations

Intelligent microwave link

- **Real-time software**

Radar signal processing and radar data visualisation (PPI, RHI, sector PPI and RHI, CAPPI, sector CAPPI, zooming, archiving).

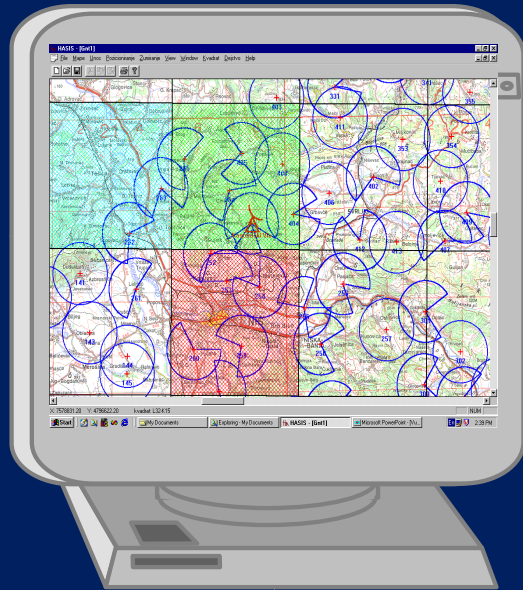
Tracking and position prediction of a cloud radar echo.

Selection of seeding areas and optimal selection of launching sites for firing.

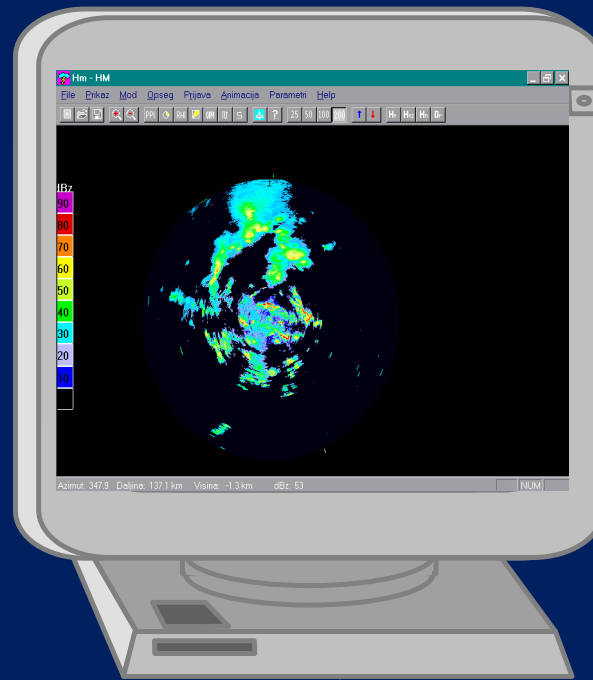
Launching rockets elements and timing calculations.

- **Software for administration of radar center**

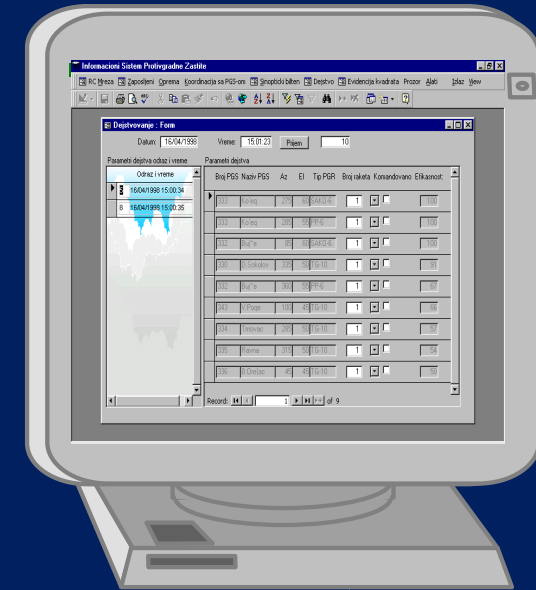
Additional workstation  
PLANSETA



Main workstation  
RADAR

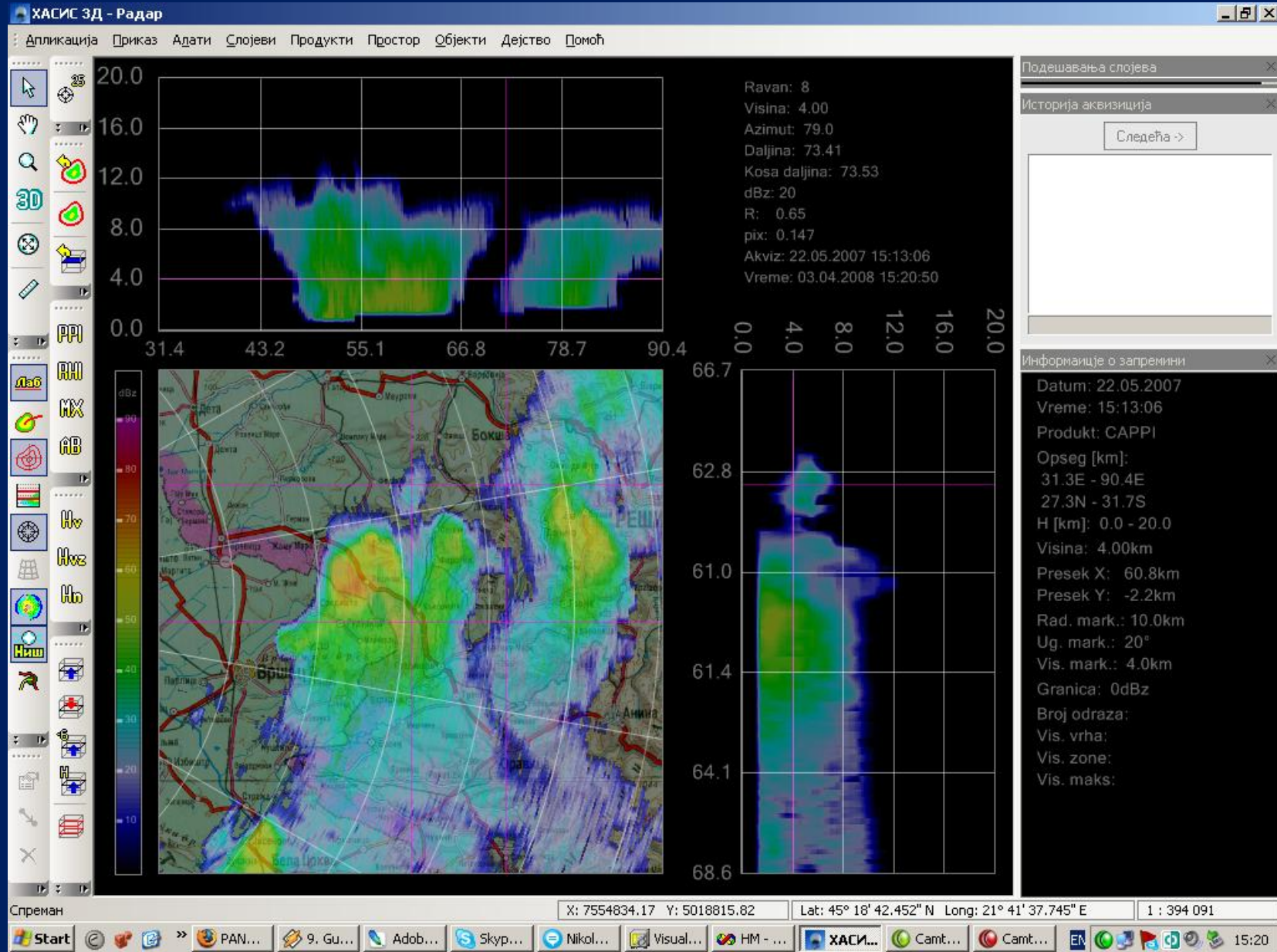


Additional workstation  
STRELAC



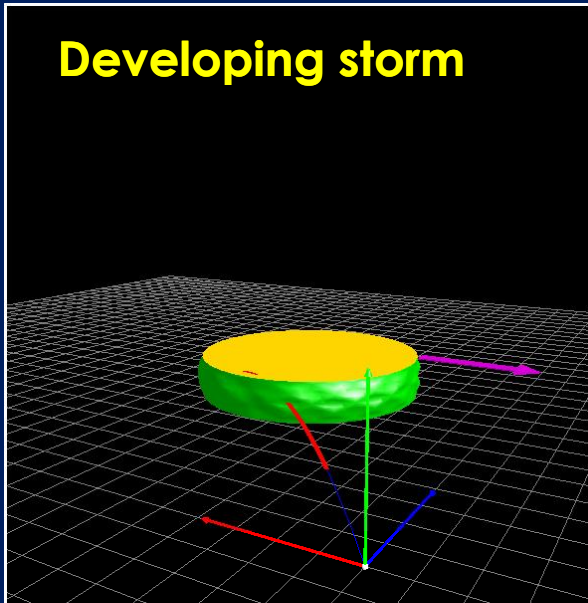




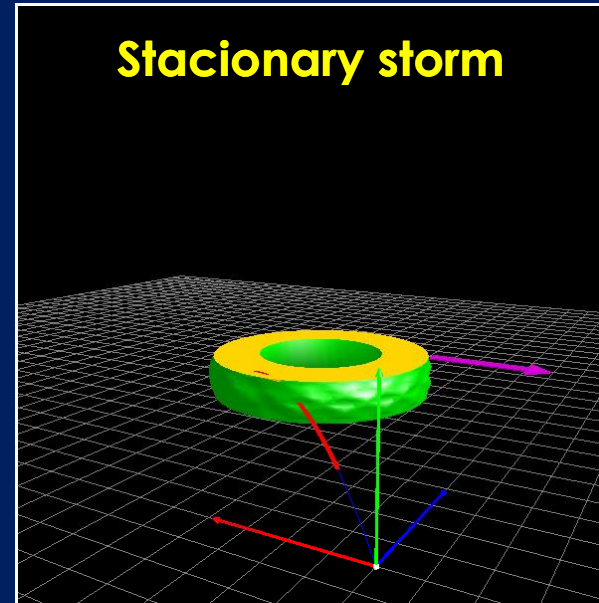


# ZONES FOR SEEDING

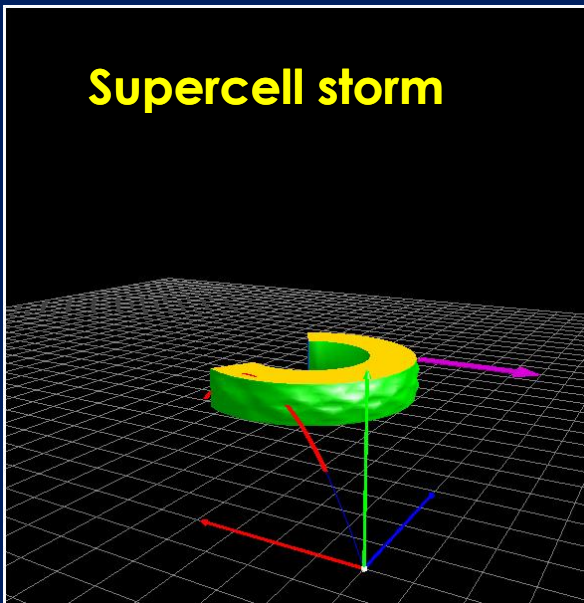
**Developing storm**



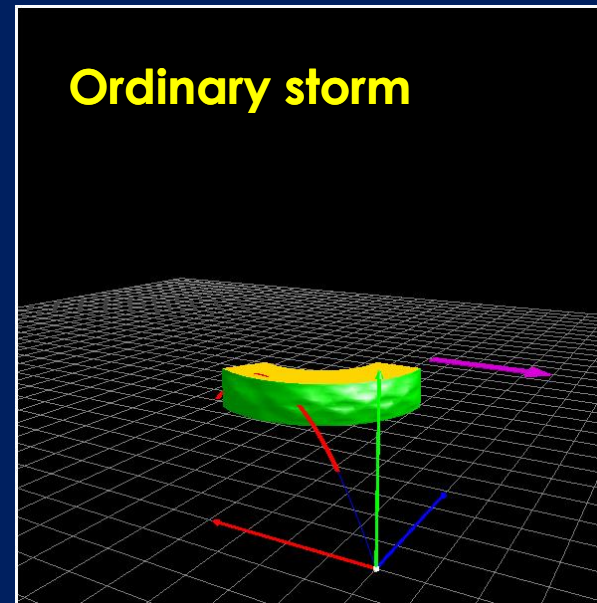
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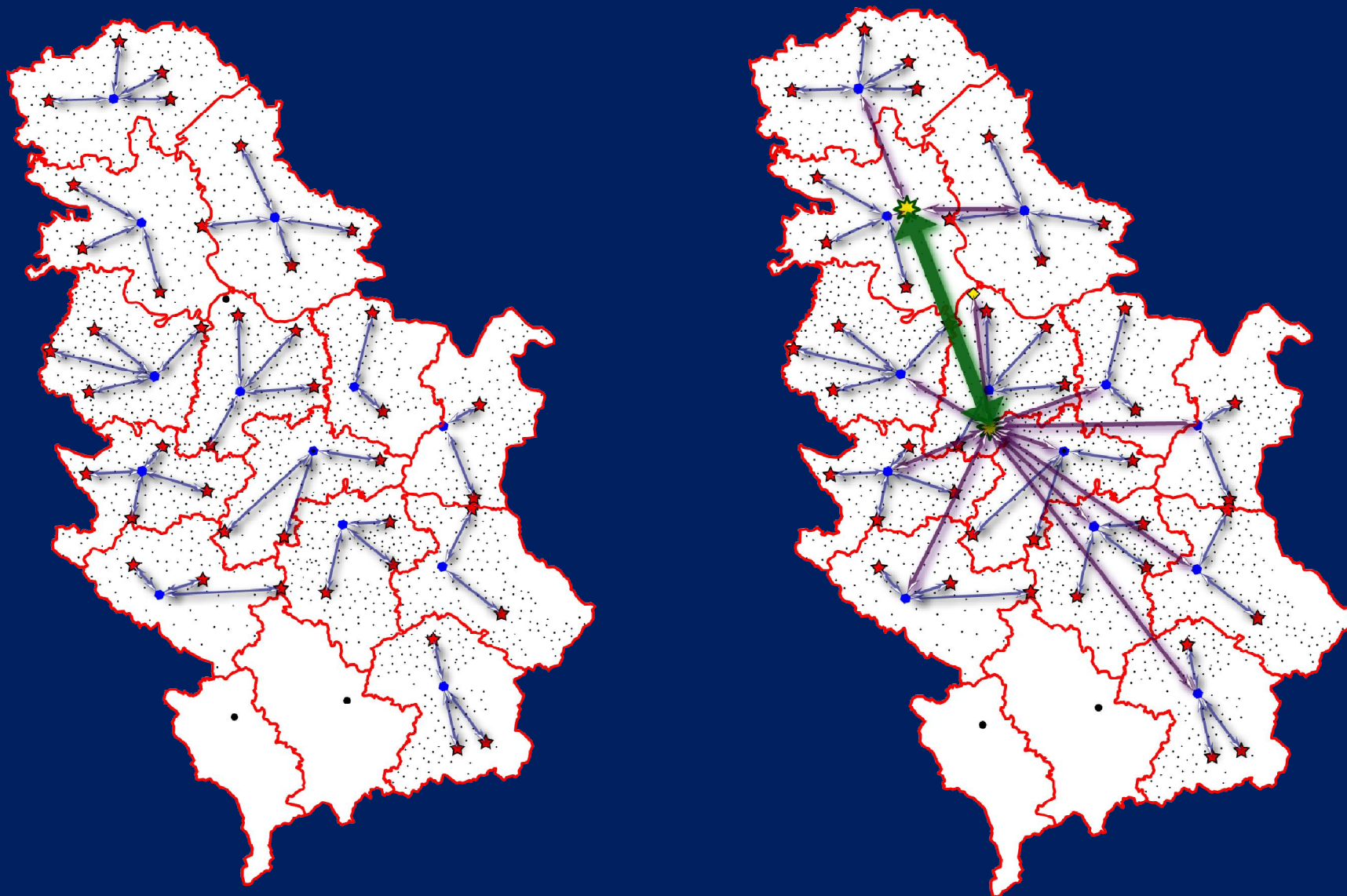
**Supercell storm**



**Ordinary storm**



# SYSTEM FOR TELECOMMUNICATION



# LAUNCHING SITE



# UNIVERSAL ROCKET LAUNCHERS

safe firing of all types of anti-hail rockets



## Operational characteristics:

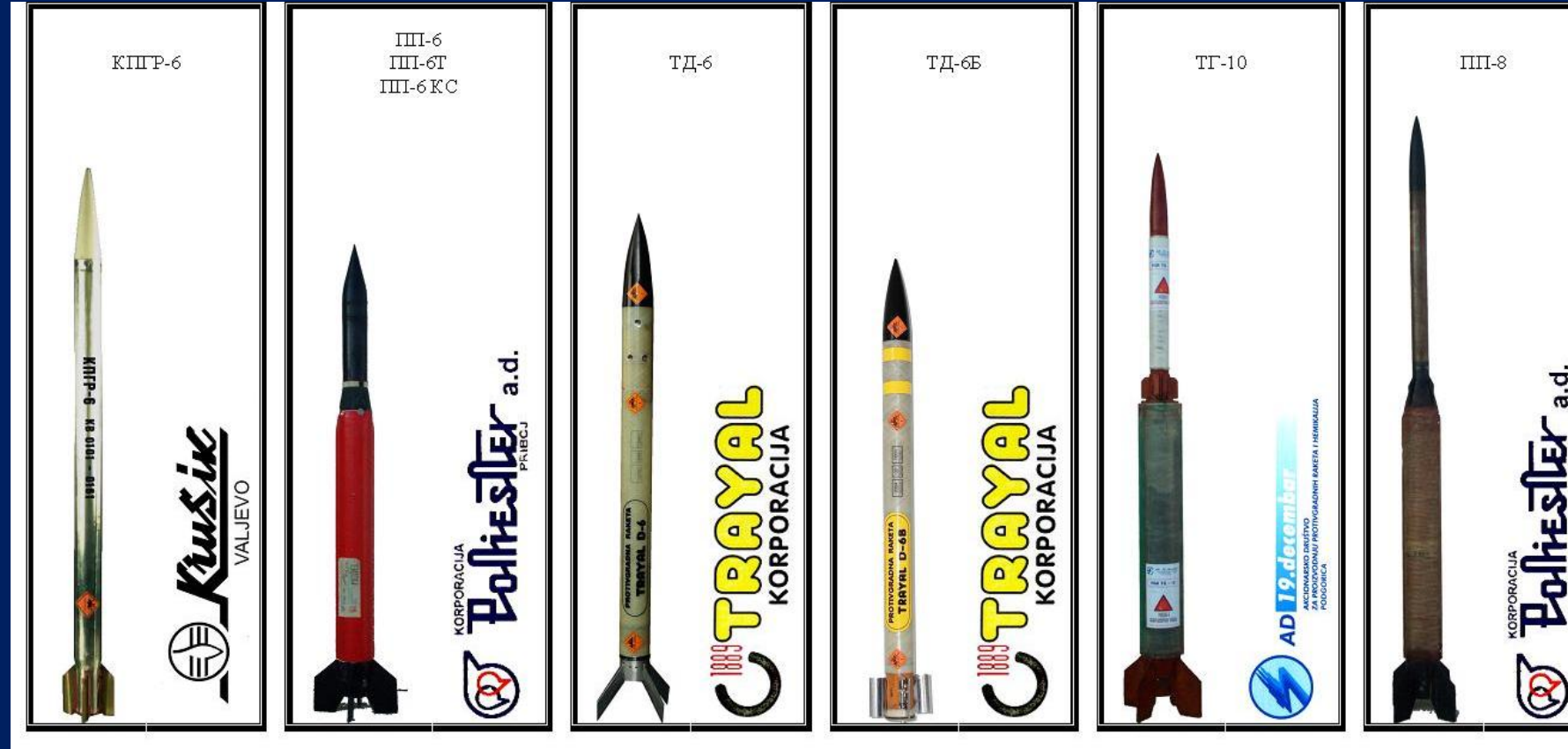
- quick and easy to manual handling
- enables stable and precise firing of the rocket
- calibration of slides enabled
- the rocket can be easily connected to the power supply (24V)
- long life span and easy maintenance
- rocket launching per minutes: 10 or 12

## Dimensional characteristics

- Caliber  $75 \pm 10$  mm
- No. of launching tracks: 1-6
- No. of conic supports: 1-4 or 1-6
- Effect zone-azimuth  $0^{\circ}$ - $360^{\circ}$  with  $5^{\circ}$  lap
- Effect zone-elevation  $45^{\circ}$ - $85^{\circ}$  with  $5^{\circ}$  lap
- Mass 85 kg
- Dimensions: 1705 x 840 x 600 mm

# ANTIHAIL ROCKETS

## Manufactured in Serbia



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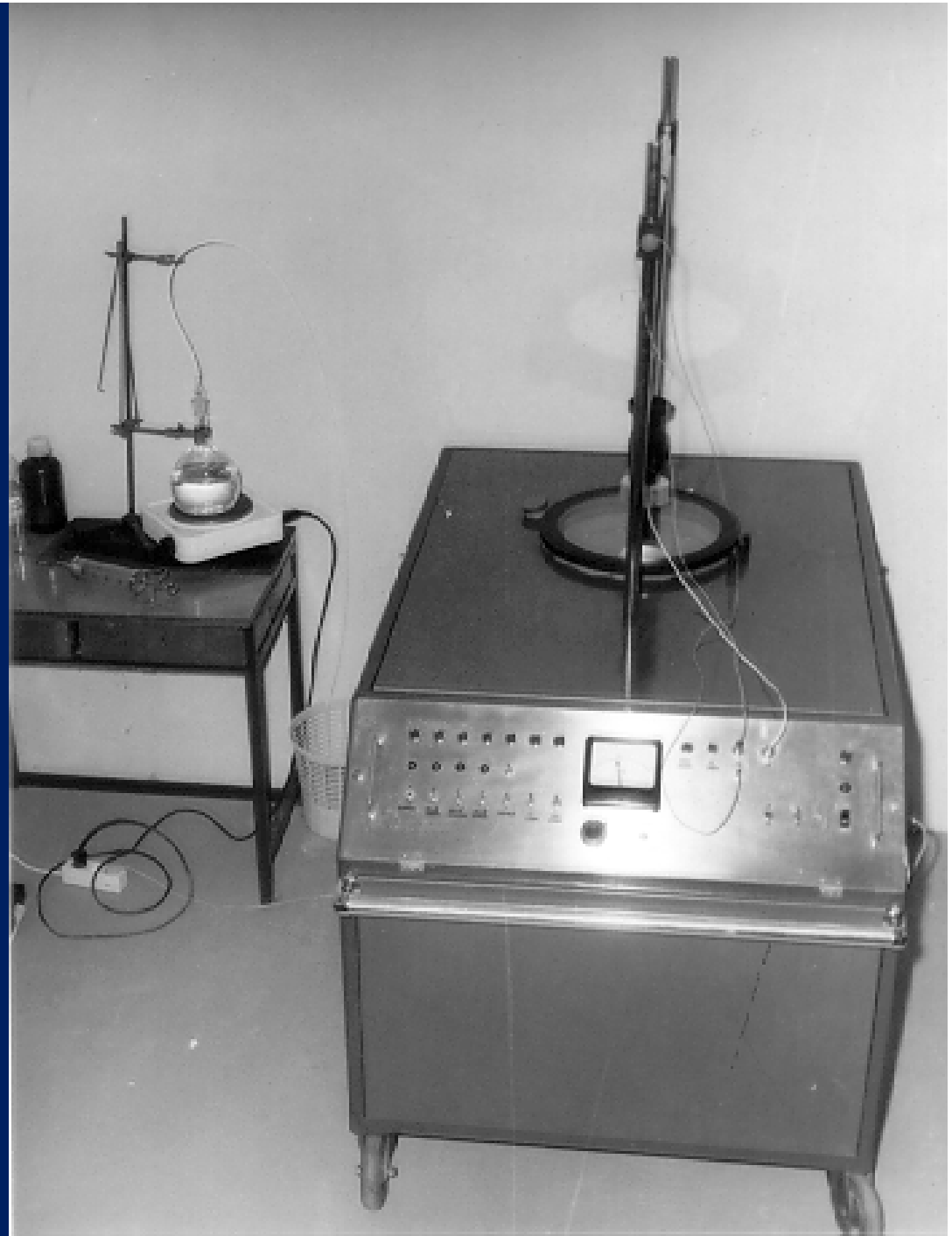
- 1-9.5 km seeding radius: TG-10, PP-8
- 0.5-6 km seeding radius: PP-6, TD-6, KPGR-6
  - Mass of reagent: 400-500 g AgI
- Active nuclei per gram of reagent at  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ :  $10^{12-13}$ 
  - Smoking time:  $28 \pm 2$  s
  - Time to self-destruction: 5s after end of smoking
- Launching from launching tubes or launching tracks.
  - Average price: 250 Euros.

# ANALYSIS OF ROCKET FUNCTION IN STATIC CONDITION



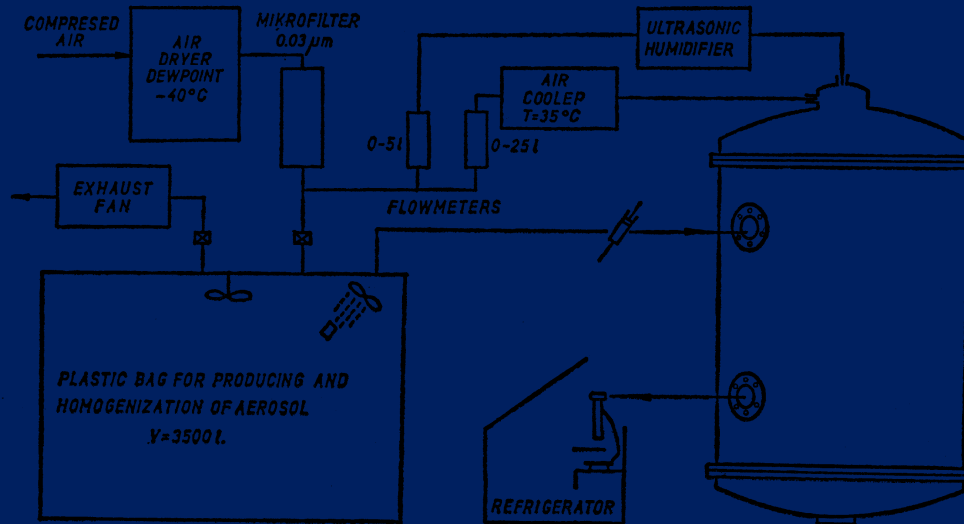


CONTROL  
MEASUREMENTS OF  
SEEDING MATERIAL  
EFFICIENCY FROM  
MANUFACTURED  
ROCKETS IN ISOTHERMAL  
CHAMBER HMSS



# EXPERIMENT IN ISOTHERMAL CLOUD CHAMBER VINCA

- Temperature range: from  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Adjustment of the liquid water content (LWC,  $\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
- Performance of the experiment:
  - Burning out of the reagent – formation of aerosol
  - Aerosol homogenization
  - Introduction of aerosol in the chamber
  - Recording of time after the sample introduction
  - Extraction of the microscopic platelets from the chamber; observation under microscope after 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> ...15<sup>th</sup> minute
  - Counting of crystals – total number of crystals  $N$ ; calculation of  $A$ ; formula

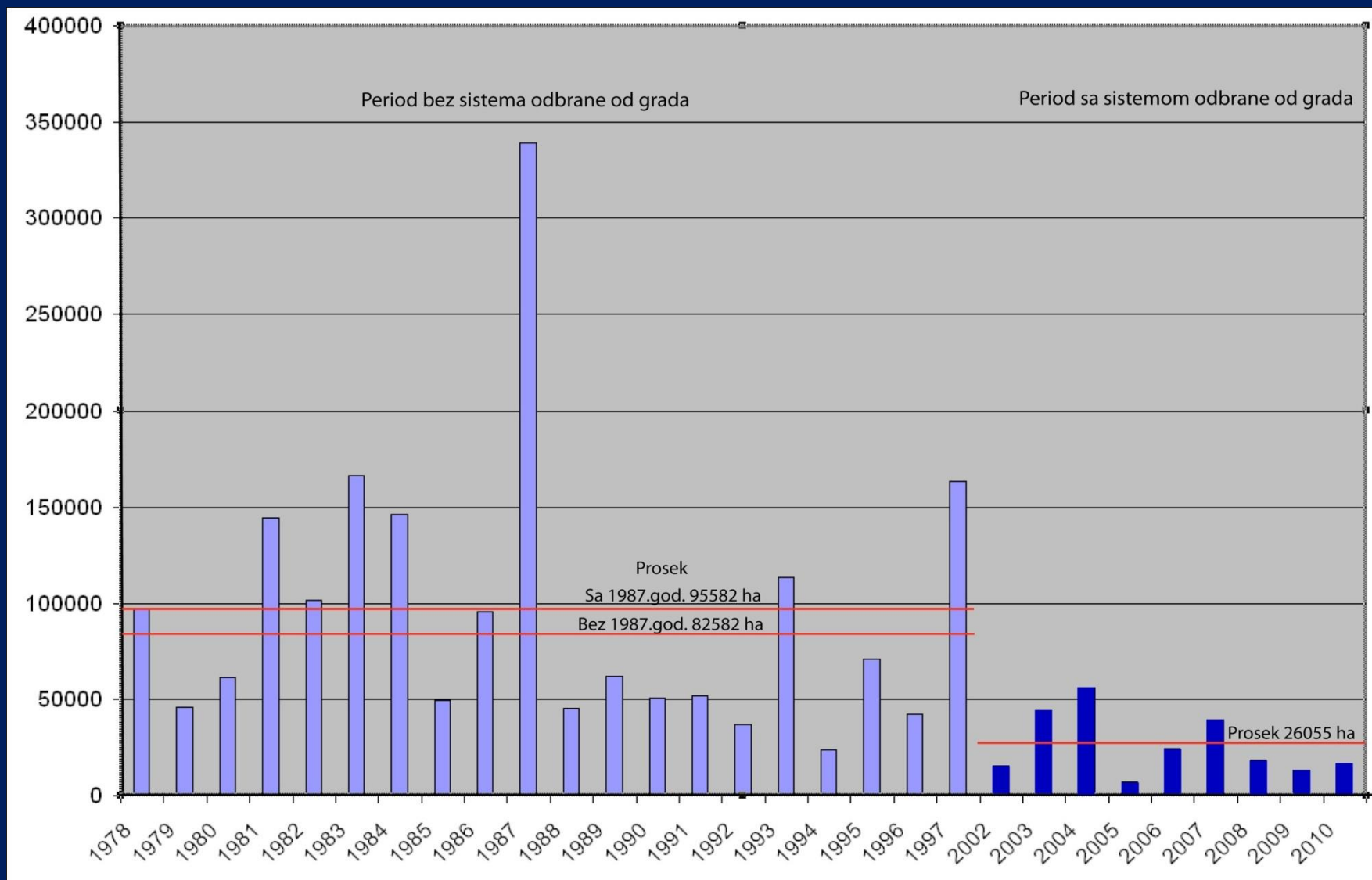


$$A = \frac{N}{m} \cdot \frac{VS}{VS}$$

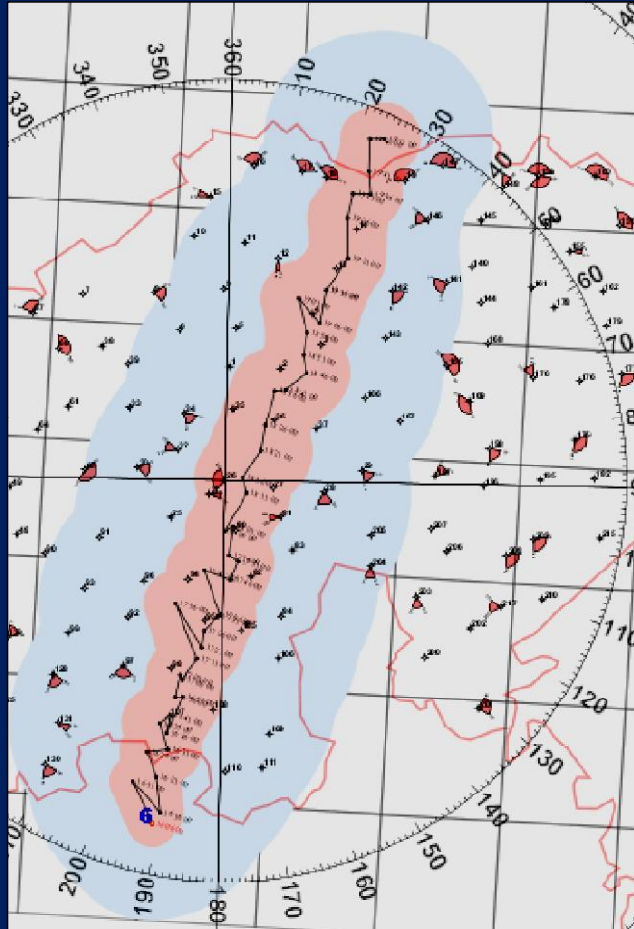
M.A.Huter, M. Čurić,  
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Fig. 3. Schematic of the experiment with the corresponding equipment.

# HAIL DAMAGES IN VOJVODINA



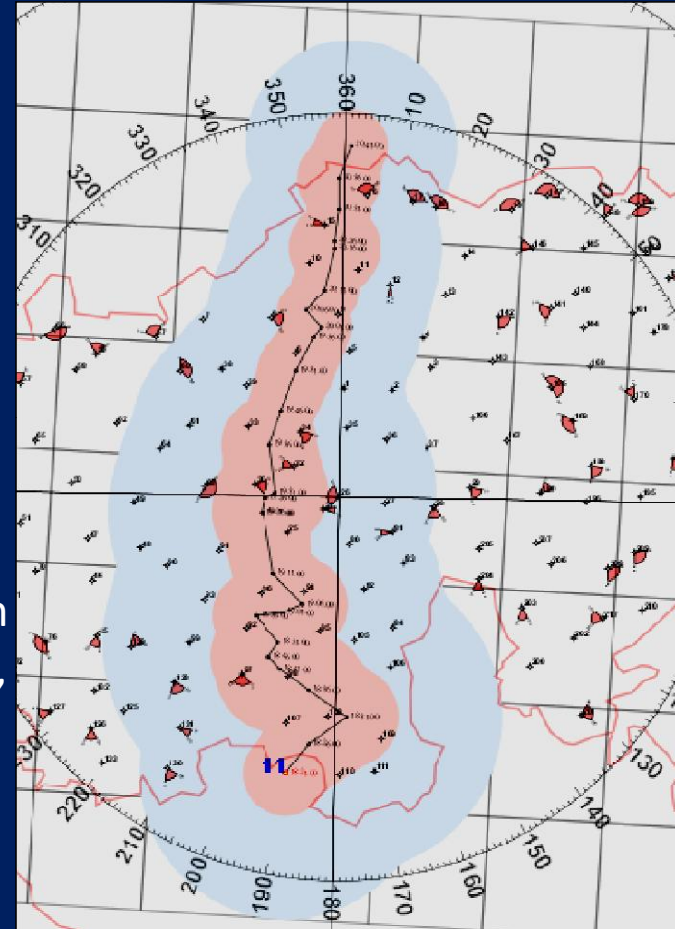
## 2 SUPERCELLS ON 11<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2013.

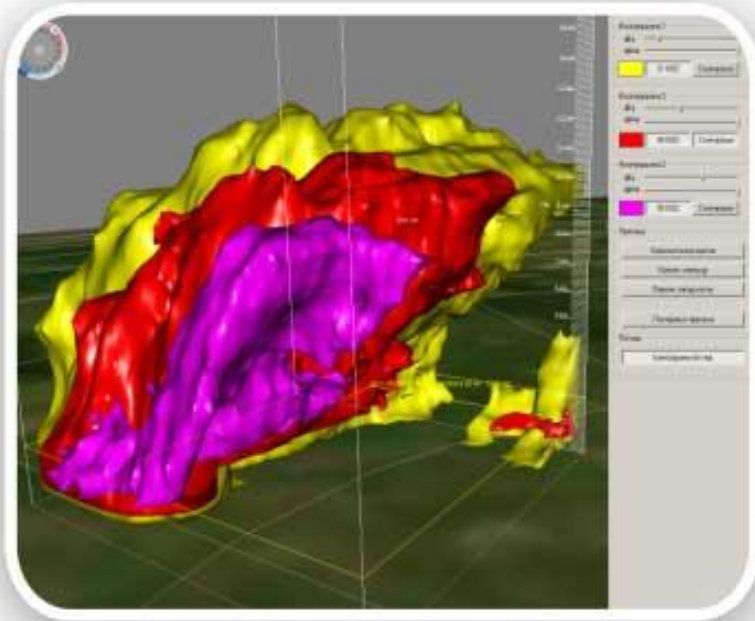
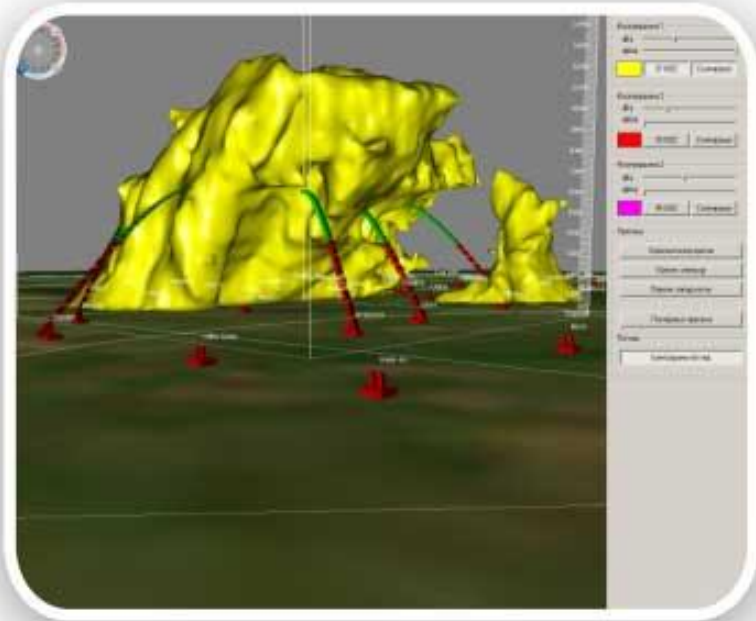
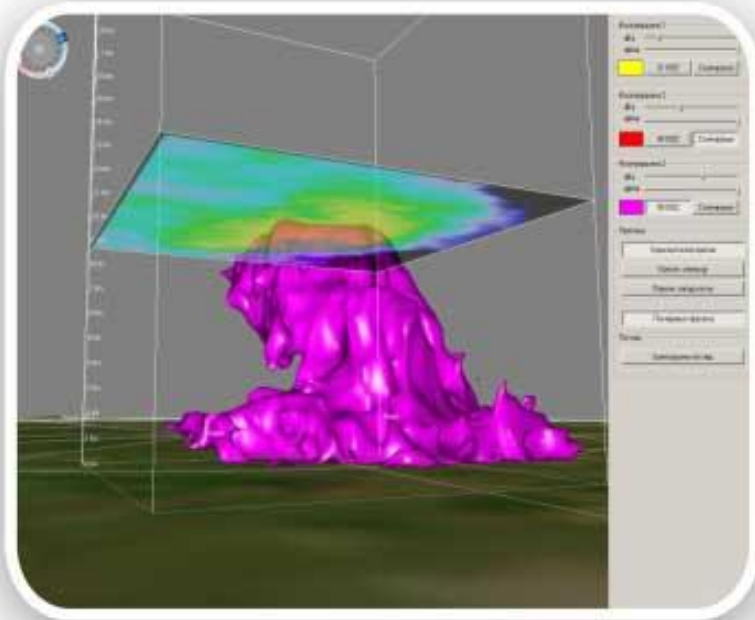
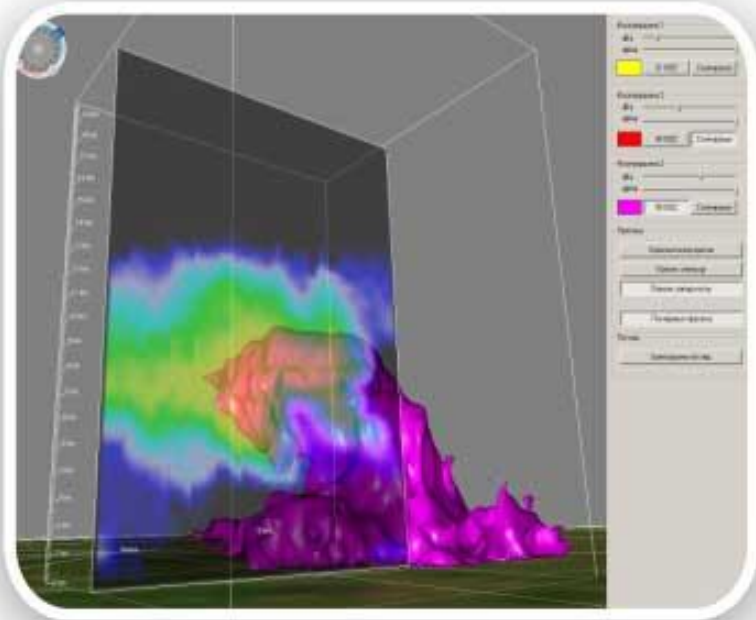


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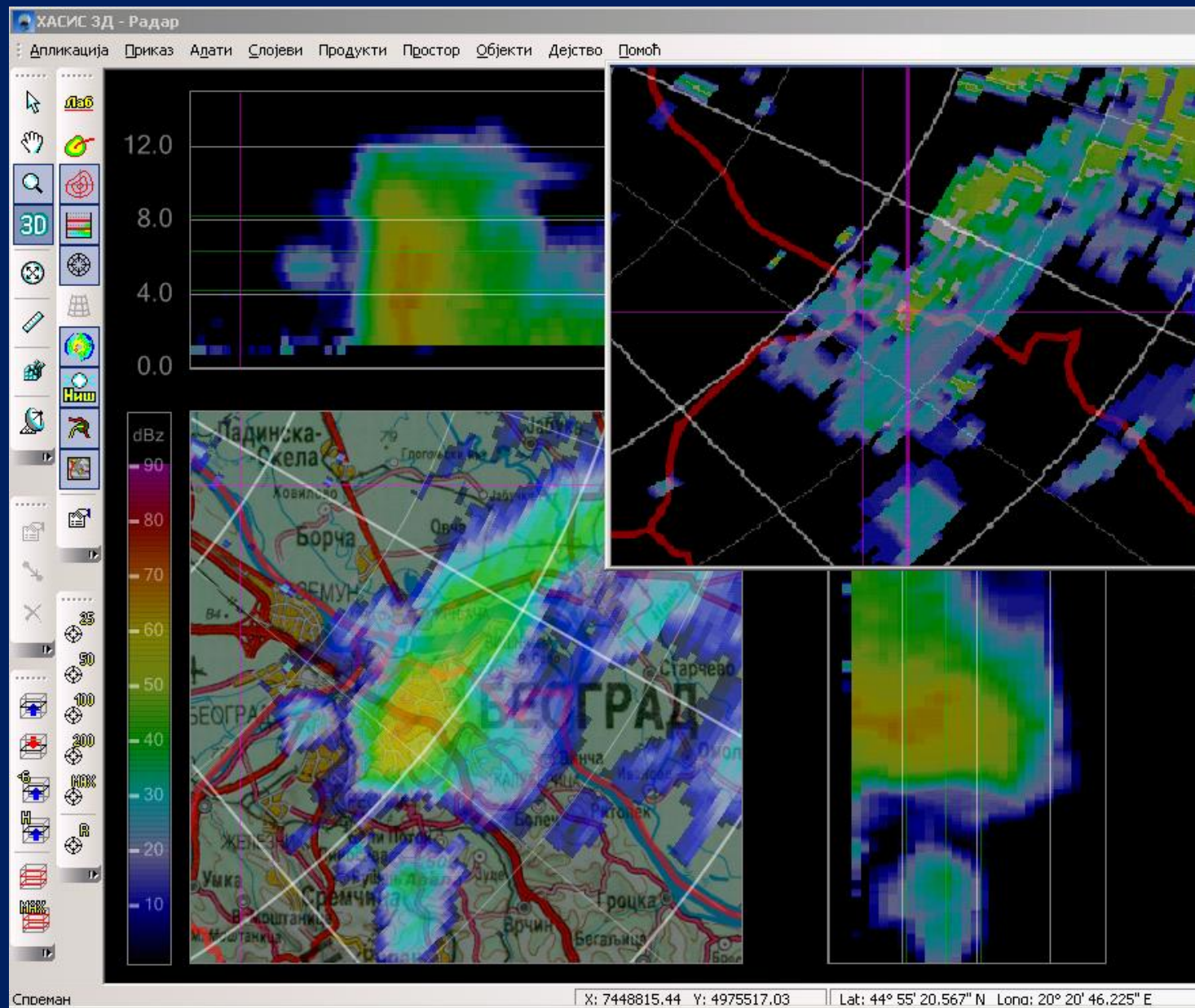
The cell of the right from 18:21 to 20:41 percig

The second cell caused a big hail with big damage on crops, because we did not have rockets.





# Comparative view of radar reflectivity and radial velocity of the same convective cloud



# Comparative view of reflectivity and differential reflectivity

