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Plain Language Summary: Analysis of 81 years hourly rainfall of Jakarta Observatory between 1900 and 2010 indicate about doubling of the number of short-duration rainfall events in the wet season, with higher intensity in recent decades. Surface warming in the urbanized city accompanied by enhanced availability of moisture results in an increase in convective available potential energy, which contributes to enhanced intense precipitation. Super Clausius–Clapeyron scaling (CC) of high-intensity rainfall is attributed to high near-surface temperature and atmospheric moisture content in the morning. This super-CC scaling is present in a relatively small range of surface temperature values. Results of this study are in agreement with earlier findings exploring the intensification of extreme morning precipitation and a temporal shift of the diurnal convective maximum from late afternoon to late night/early morning in response to local warming.



Fig. 1 (a) Precipitation intensity-frequency-duration relation of extreme precipitation for (left) wet and (right) dry monsoon regimes for three different climate periods (coloured lines). A rainfall event is defined as the occurrence of hourly rainfall \geq 0.2 mm, and extreme rainfall is represented by the class of cumulative hourly rainfall exceeding the 95th-percentile threshold for each duration class. Shading for the climate periods indicates the standard errors of the means per rainfall duration class. Vertical bars (labeled at the right axis) indicate the total number of wet events. Single events in a given rainfall duration class are not displayed. (b) Extreme precipitation as a function of temperature (T, left) and dew point temperature (Td, right) 4 hours prior to the rainfall events at Jakarta Obs. for the 90th, 99th, and 99.9th-percentiles (indicated by blue, green, and red, respectively) collected over the period 1900-2010. Shading represents 2 times the standard deviation derived from bootstrap resampling (n = 1000). Background dashed lines denote the 1CC and 2CC scaling relationships.

- A significant frequency increase of about 25% in short duration (1–3 hours) rainfall events was observed in 2001–2010 compared to the start of the 20th century, and the cumulative rainfall amount related to these events has increased by 50%. The most intense rainfall events are getting shorter in duration.
- Surface warming in the urbanised city together with additional moisture availability resulting from large-scale atmospheric features in the lower atmosphere may result in warmer and more unstable air aloft, in particular in the mid-troposphere, implying a larger buoyancy into the mid-troposphere and larger and higher convective up- drafts.
- Increased atmospheric moisture in the early morning may promote 2CC temperature scaling triggering strong morning rainfall events, while 1CC temperature scaling is found for less extreme rainfall events.