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Hybrid data assimilation systems based on the JMA nonhydrostatic model

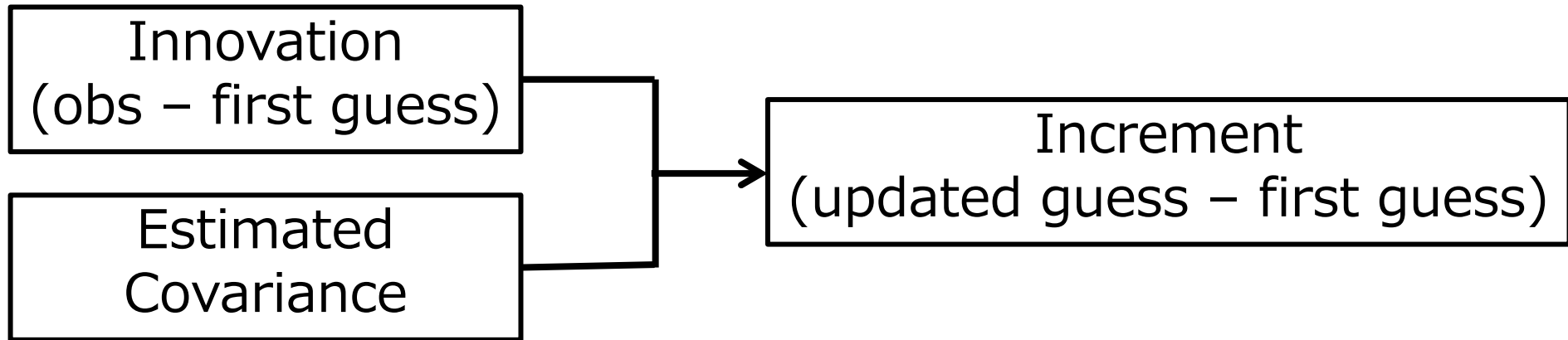
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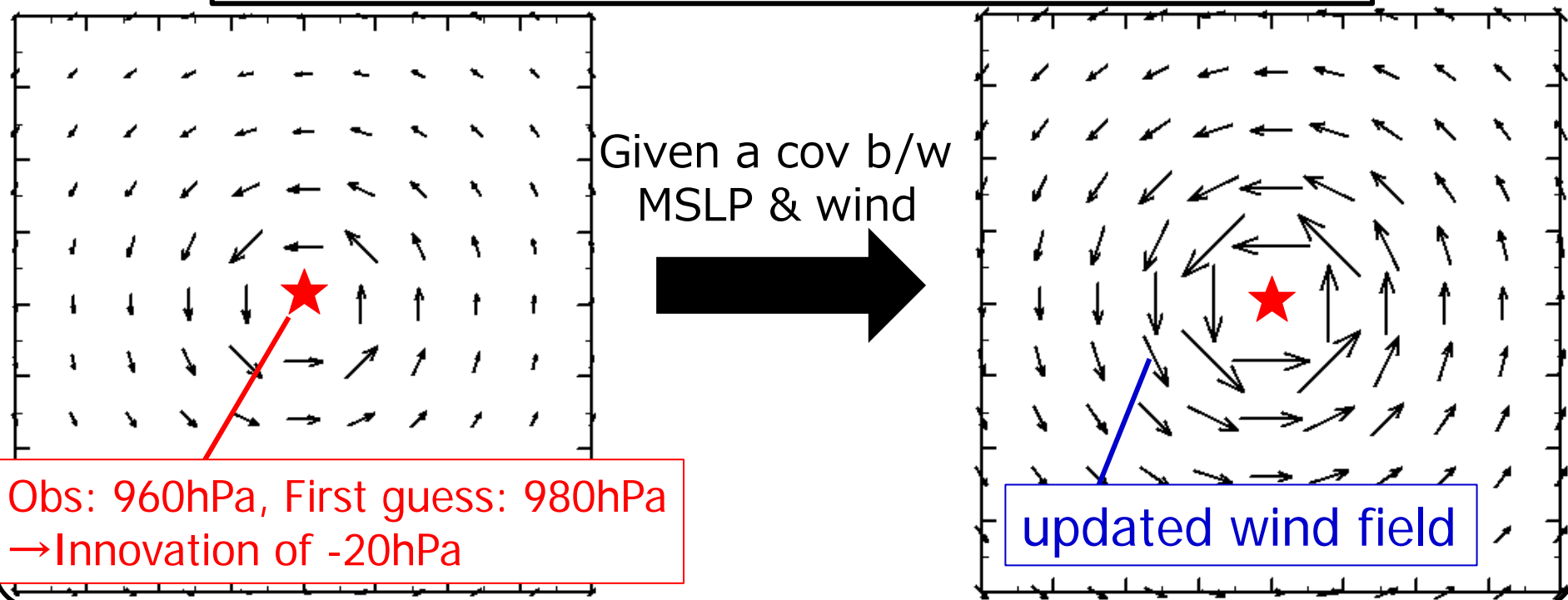
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What is a data assimilation?



Example: Single observation of MSLP in TC



How to calculate covariances? (Linearity and Gaussian PDF assumed)

- Physical variables in a model: $O(10^8-10^{10})$
--> Cov of physical variables: $O(10^{16}-10^{20})$
- Calculating covariances of physical variables
 - Initial value of covariance **B**
 - Time evolution of covariance **MBM^T**

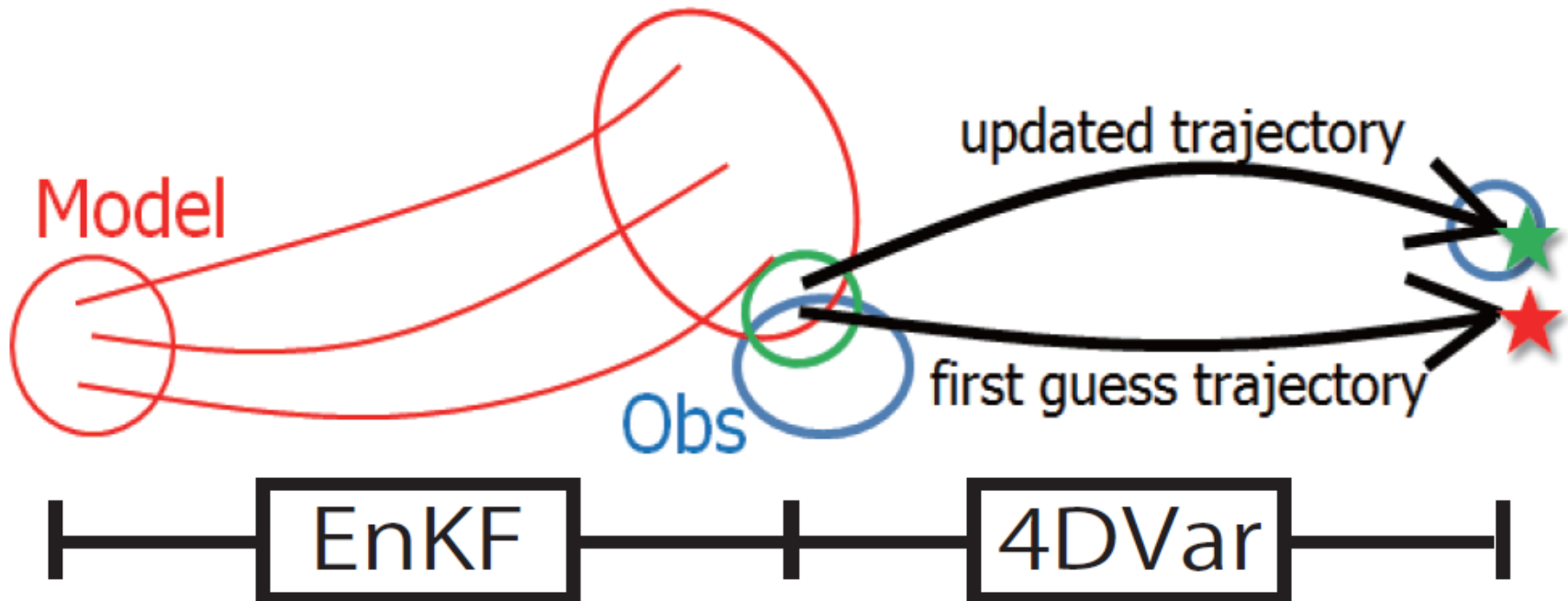
Method	Initial value of cov.	Time evolution of cov.
4D-Var-Bnmc	NMC (climatology)	(Implicitly) Exact
EnKF	Ens.-based approx.	Ens.-based approx.
4D-Var-Benkf (Hybrid)	Ens.-based approx.	(Implicitly) Exact

- Hybrid presumably exhibits the best quality.

Hybrid DA system

(Lorenc, 2003; Wang et al. 2007; Buehner et al. 2010a,b)

- 4D-Var system requires a prescribed **B**
- EnKF-based perturbations are used to construct **B** in a hybrid system.



The aim of this work

- Question: Does really an EnKF-based **B** enhance the skill of JMA operational 4D-Var system in terms of predicting the severe weather events?
- JNoVA: Operational 4D-Var system for regional forecasts using the JMA nonhydrostatic model (NHM) (Honda 2005; Honda and Sawada, 2009)
- NHM-LETKF: LETKF system using the JMA-NHM developed by Kunii (2014).

JNoVA(4D-Var-Bnmc)

NHM-LETKF(LETKF)

meso Hybrid (4D-Var-Benkf)

Formulation of hybrid DA systems

- Cost function

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_{nmc}^T \mathbf{B}_{nmc}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{x}_{nmc} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_{enkf}^T \mathbf{B}_{enkf}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{x}_{enkf} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_t (\mathbf{d}_t - H_t(M_t(\mathbf{x}_b)) + H_t(M_t(\delta \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_b)))^T \mathbf{R}_t^{-1} (\mathbf{d}_t - H_t(M_t(\mathbf{x}_b)) + H_t(M_t(\delta \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_b))) + J_p$$

- Interaction between 4D-Var and EnKF
--> one-way (LETKF based \mathbf{B} --> 4D-Var)

- Do we mix \mathbf{B}_{nmc} and \mathbf{B}_{enkf} ?
--> $\mathbf{B}_{hybrid} = 0.2\mathbf{B}_{nmc} + 0.8\mathbf{B}_{enkf}$

- We implemented two types of \mathbf{B}_{enkf}

4D-Var-BenkfL

➤ Spatial Localization (Wang et al. 2007)

--> $\mathbf{B}_{enkfL} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T \circ \mathbf{C}$ (\circ : Schur product, \mathbf{C} : Correlation matrix for localization)

--> Using a so-called "alpha control vector"

➤ Neighboring ensemble approach (Aonashi et al. 2013)

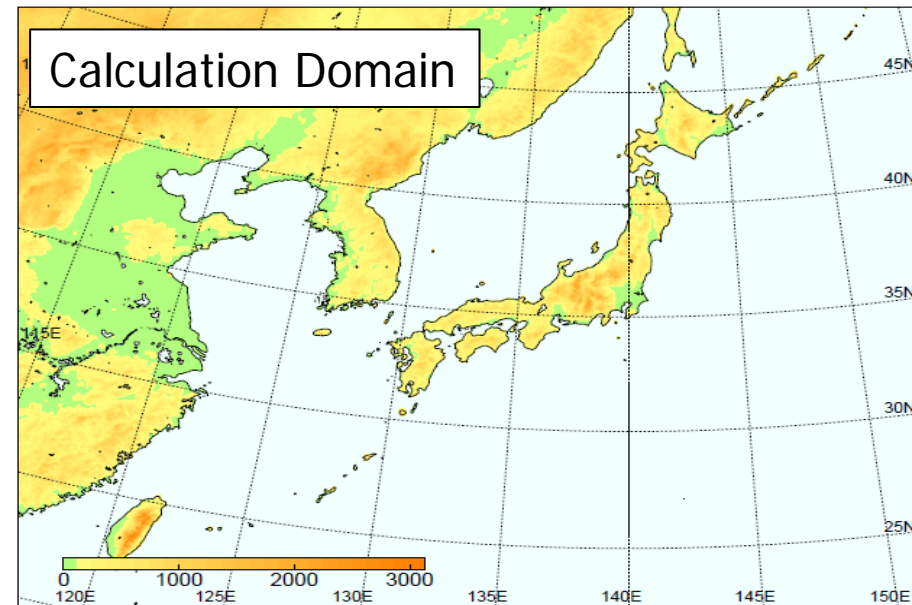
--> $\mathbf{B}_{enkf} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$

--> Artificial increase of ensemble members by regarding a spatially-shifted result as a different realization of ensemble run.

4D-Var-BenkfN

JNoVA (4D-Var; Operational)

- “JMA-nonhydrostatic model” based 4DVAR (Honda 2005)
- Forecast model coordinate $dx=5\text{km}$, 50 layers
- Adjoint model coordinate $dx=15\text{km}$, 40 layers
- Large-scale condensation
- Assimilation window = 3-h
- L-BFGS (Liu and Nocadel, 1999)
- Background error cov. \mathbf{B}_{nmc}
Statistics based on differences b/w 12h forecast and 6 h forecast (Jan 2005-Dec 2005).



NHM-LETKF (LETKF)

- “JMA-nonhydrostatic model” based LETKF (Kunii 2014)
- Analysis system
 $dx = 15\text{km}$, 50 layers
- KF scheme
- 3-h DA update cycles
- Hor. Localization scale = 200km
- Adaptive inflation (Miyoshi 2011)
- 51 members

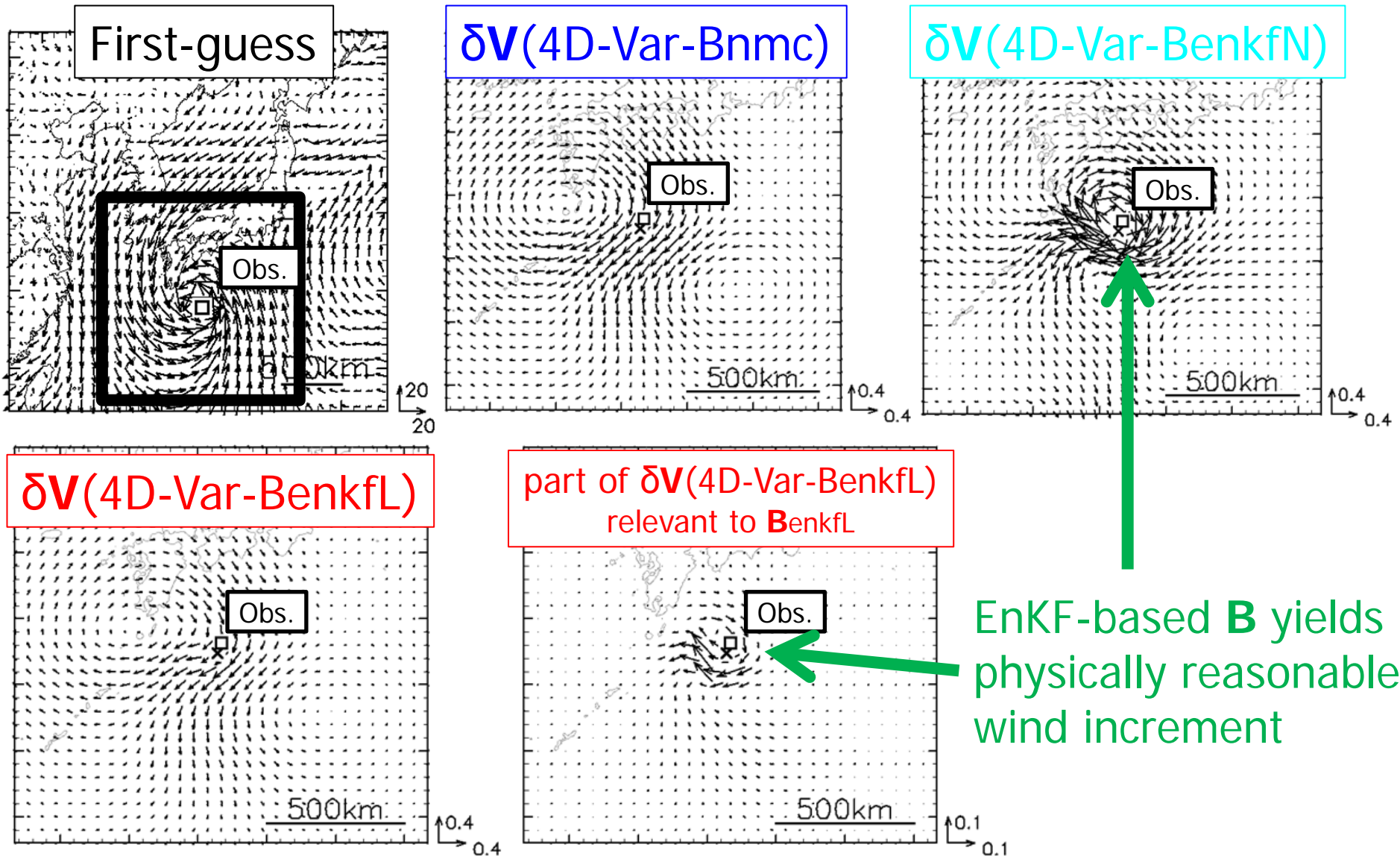
$\mathbf{B}_{\text{enkfN}}$

$\mathbf{B}_{\text{enkfL}}$

Localization as in LETKF

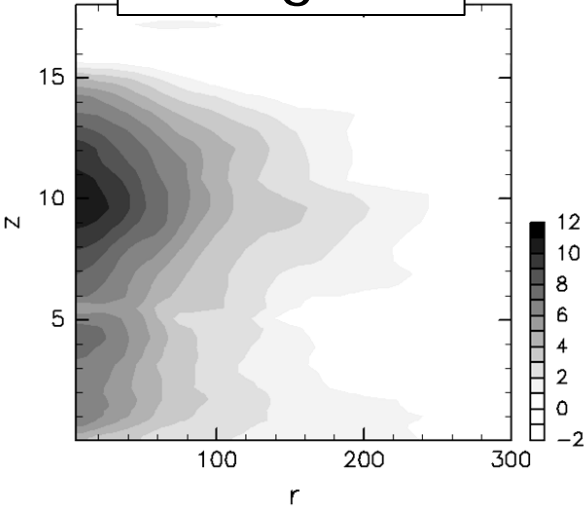
3 x 3 Neighboring, N = 459 member

Single Obs. DA: Innovation of +MSLP obs at t=3 --> Increment of $V=(u,v)$ at t=0

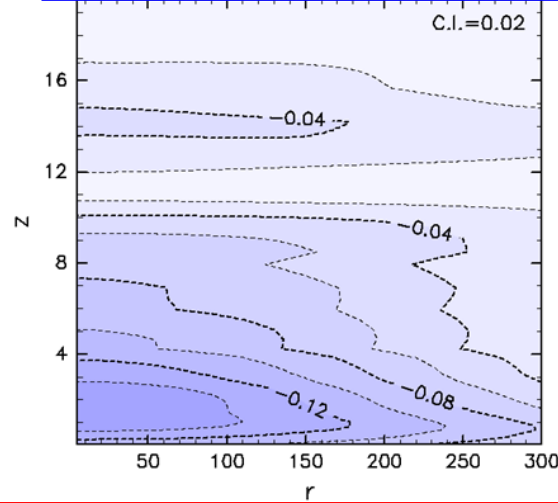


Single Obs. DA: Innovation of +MSLP obs at t=3 --> Increment of θ at t=0

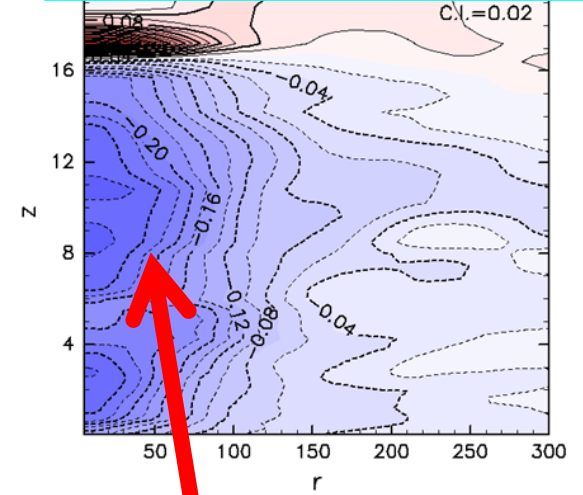
First-guess



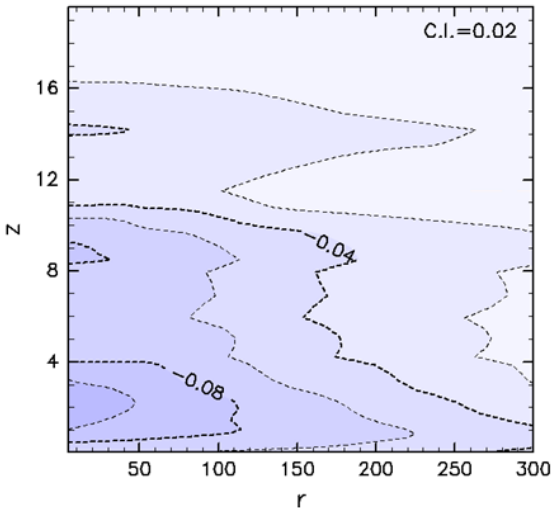
$\delta\theta$ (4D-Var-Bnmc)



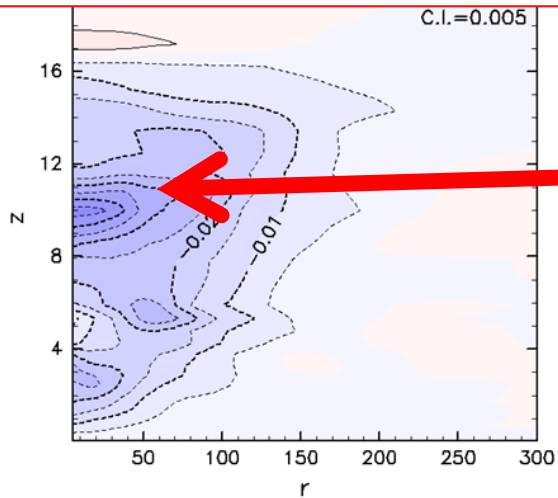
$\delta\theta$ (4D-Var-BenkfN)



$\delta\theta$ (4D-Var-BenkfL)



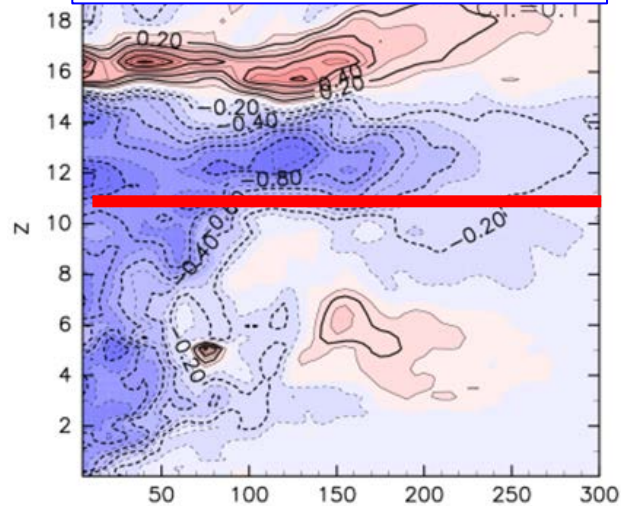
Part of $\delta\theta$ (4D-Var-BenkfL)
relevant to **B**enkfL



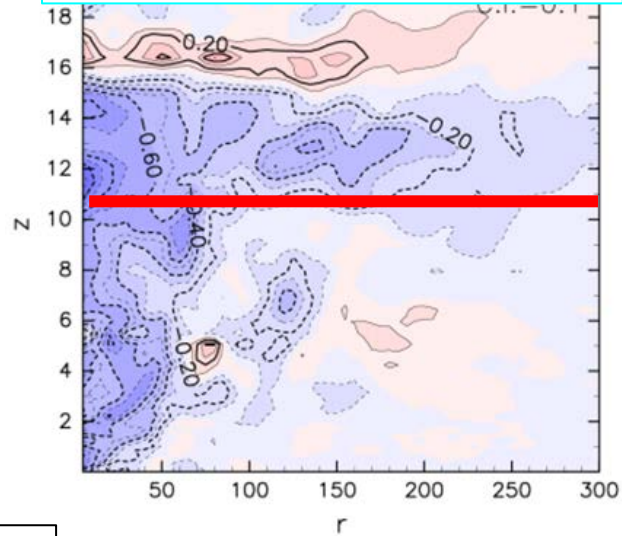
EnKF-based **B** weakens
warm core of the TC.

Single Obs. DA: Innovation of +MSLP obs at t=3 --> Increment of θ at t=3

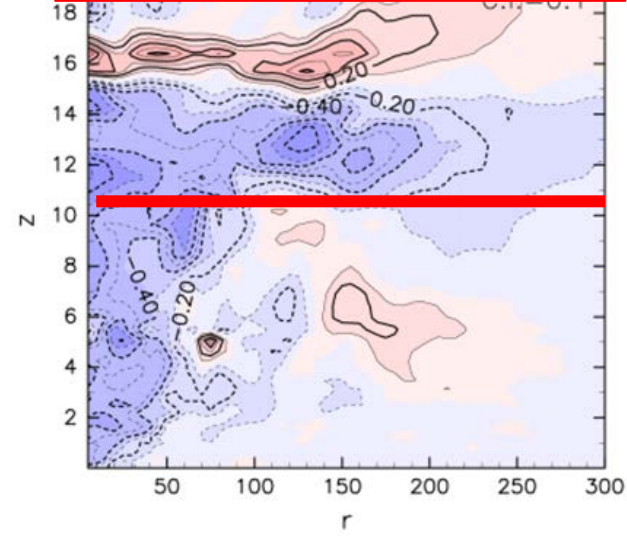
$\delta\theta(4D\text{-Var-Bnmc})$



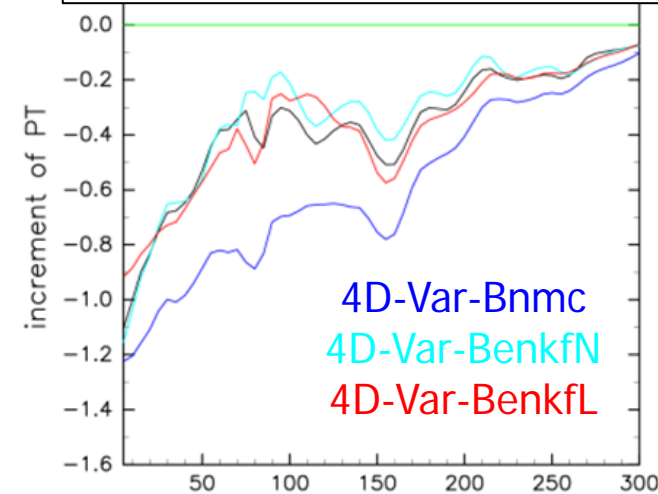
$\delta\theta(4D\text{-Var-BenkfN})$



$\delta\theta(4D\text{-Var-BenkfL})$

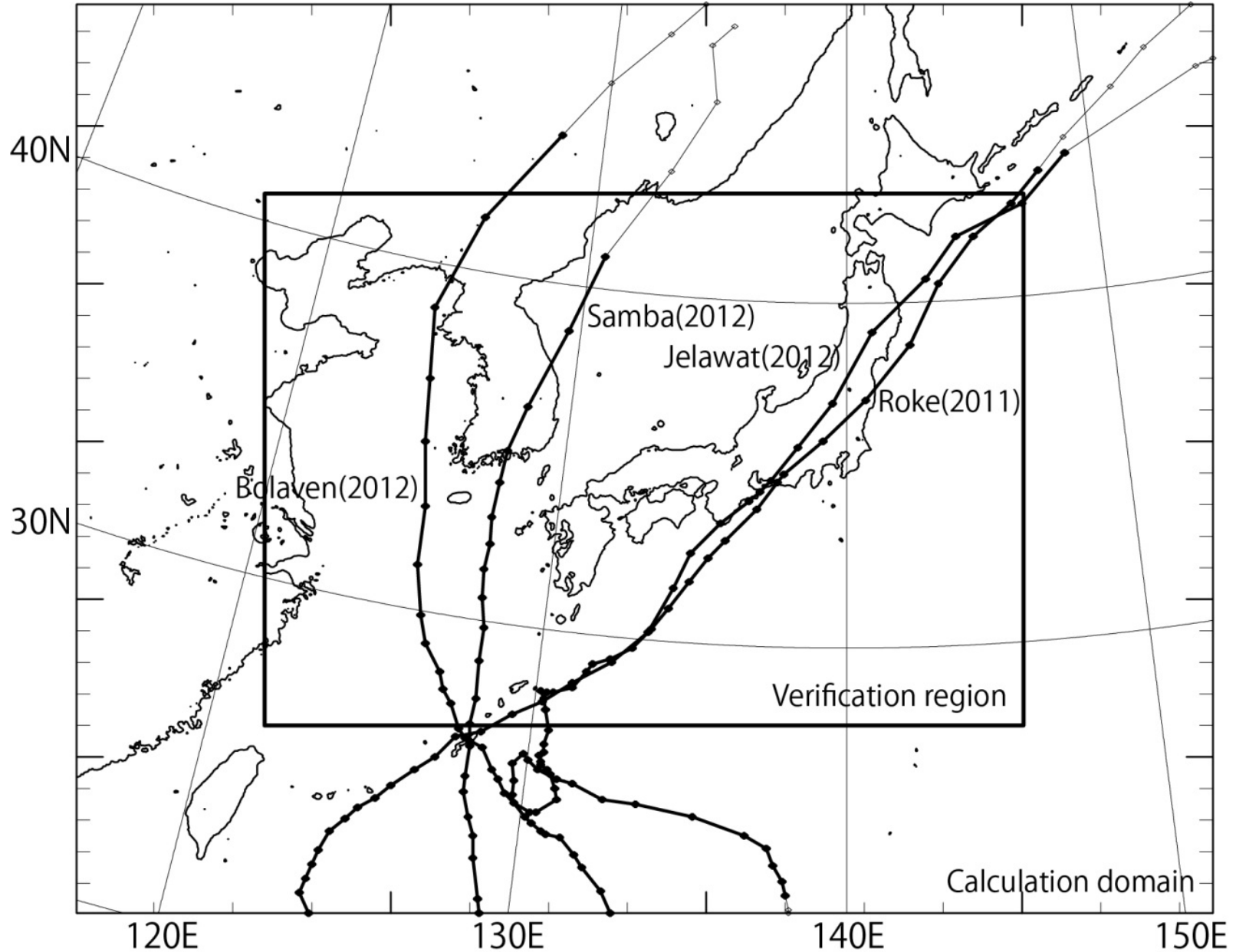


values at $z_h=10.5\text{km}$



- Increments become similar to each other. (4D-Var-Bnmc, 4D-Var-BenkfN, 4D-Var-BenkfL)
- Nevertheless, 4D-Var-Bnmc tends to capture horizontally large scale.

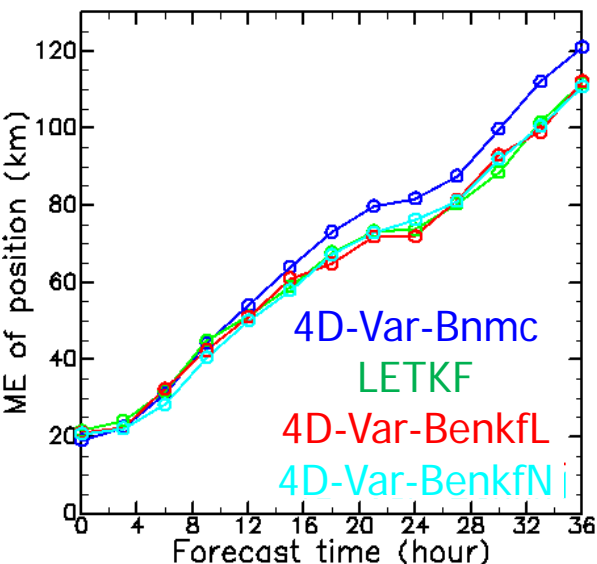
Real DA and forecasts: 4 intense TCs



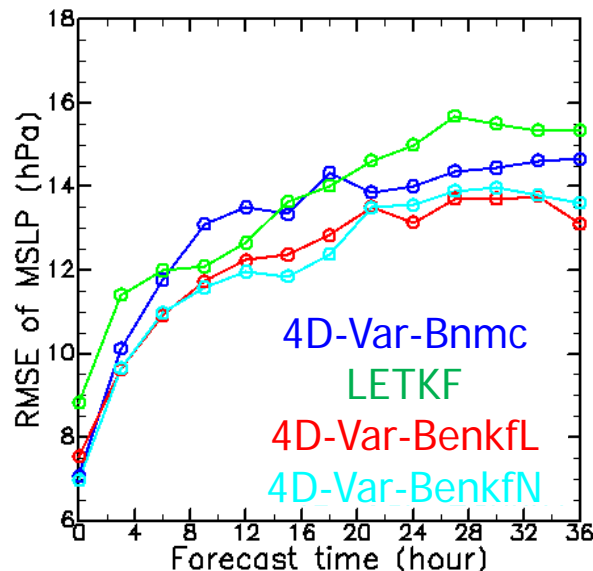
Forecast skill (based on 62 forecasts)

- Track forecast skill:
LETKF, 4D-Var-BenkfL, 4D-Var-BenkfN > 4D-Var-Bnmc
- Intensity forecast skill:
4D-Var-BenkfL, 4D-Var-BenkfN > 4D-Var-Bnmc
- In general, these results are statistically significant.
(paired sample *t*-test considering the temporal persistency)

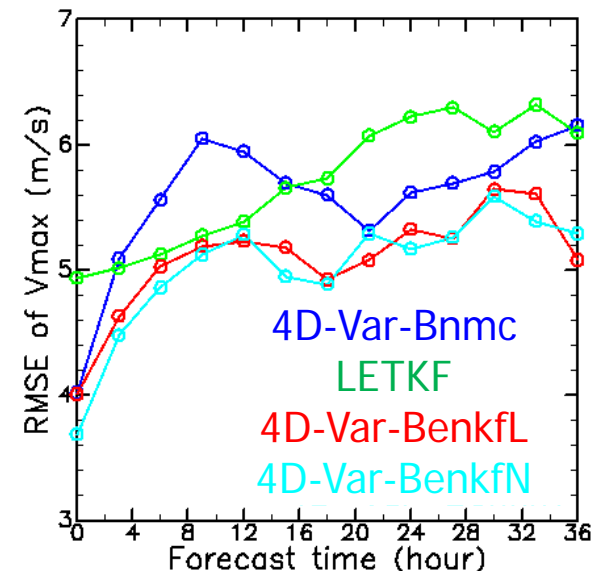
Track error



MSLP error



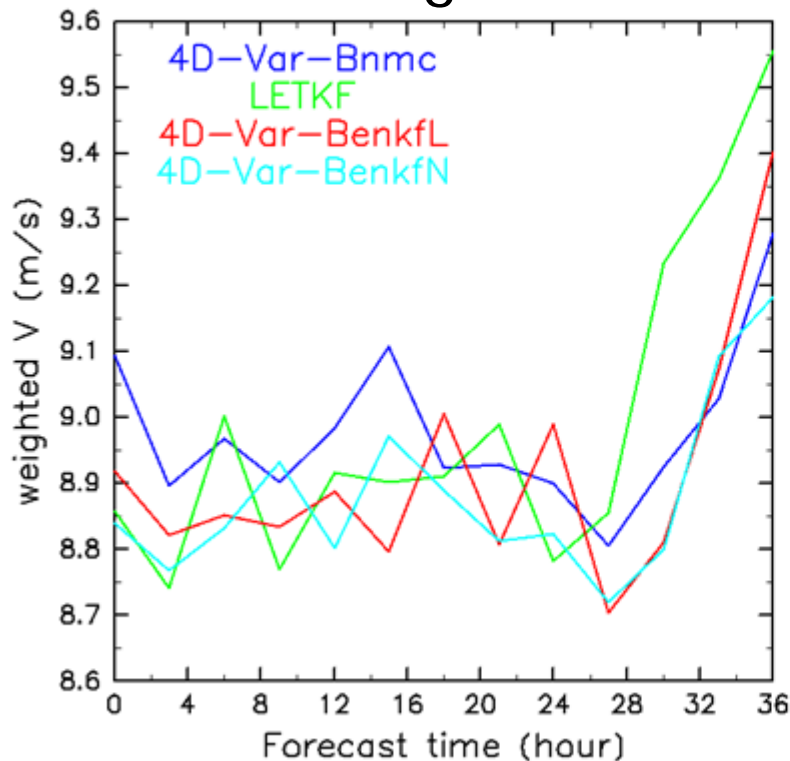
Vmax error



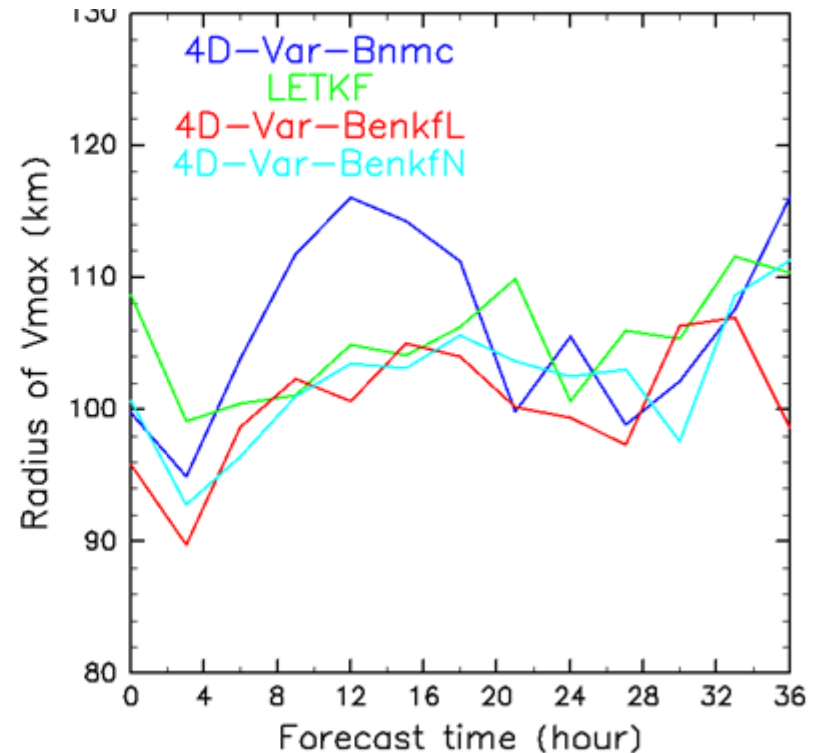
Composite analysis

- Steering flow is similar among LETKF, 4D-Var-BenkfL, 4D-Var-BenkfN, which is consistent with track error.
- Radius of maximum wind tends to increase in 4D-Var-Bnmc causing the negative bias of intensity.

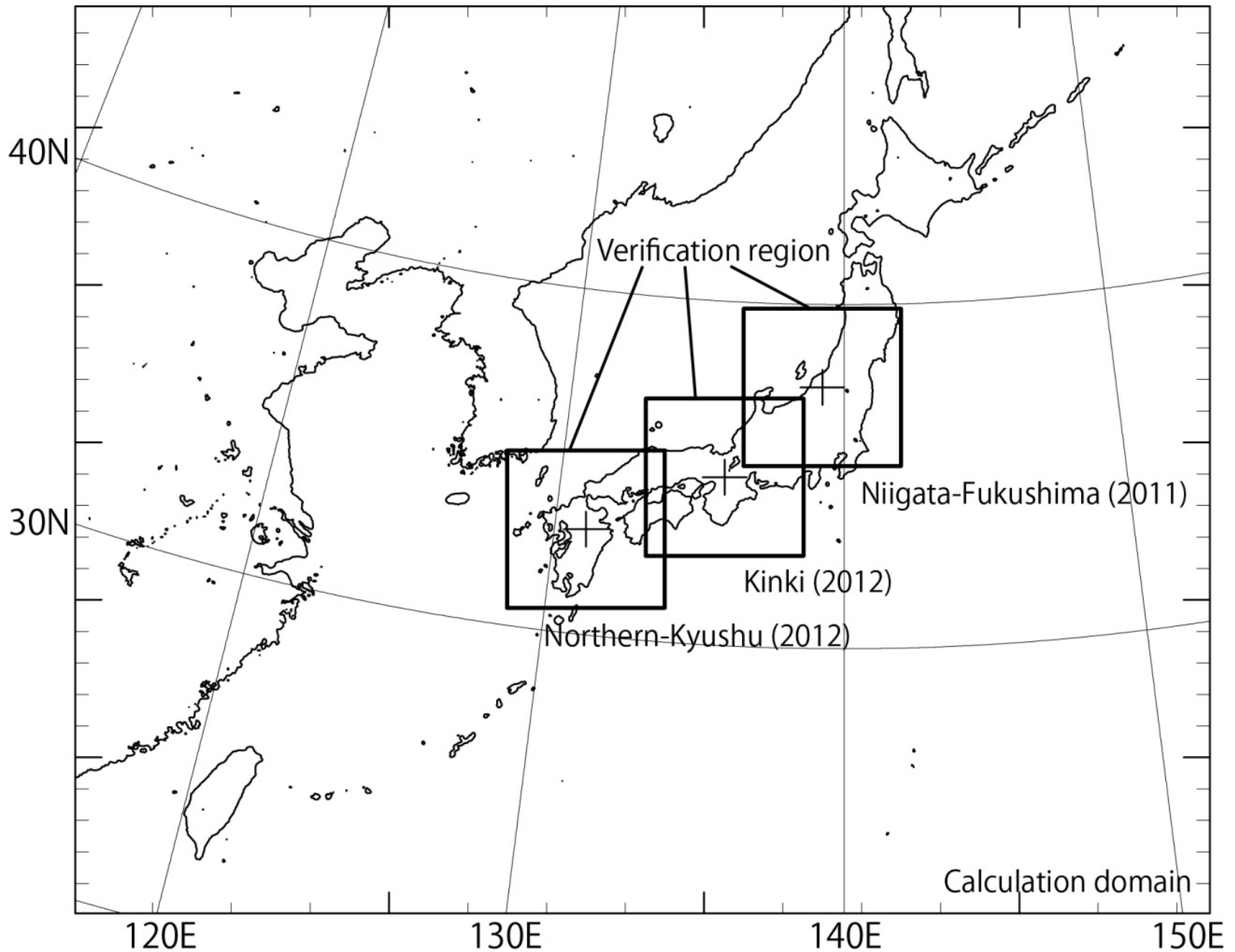
Steering flow



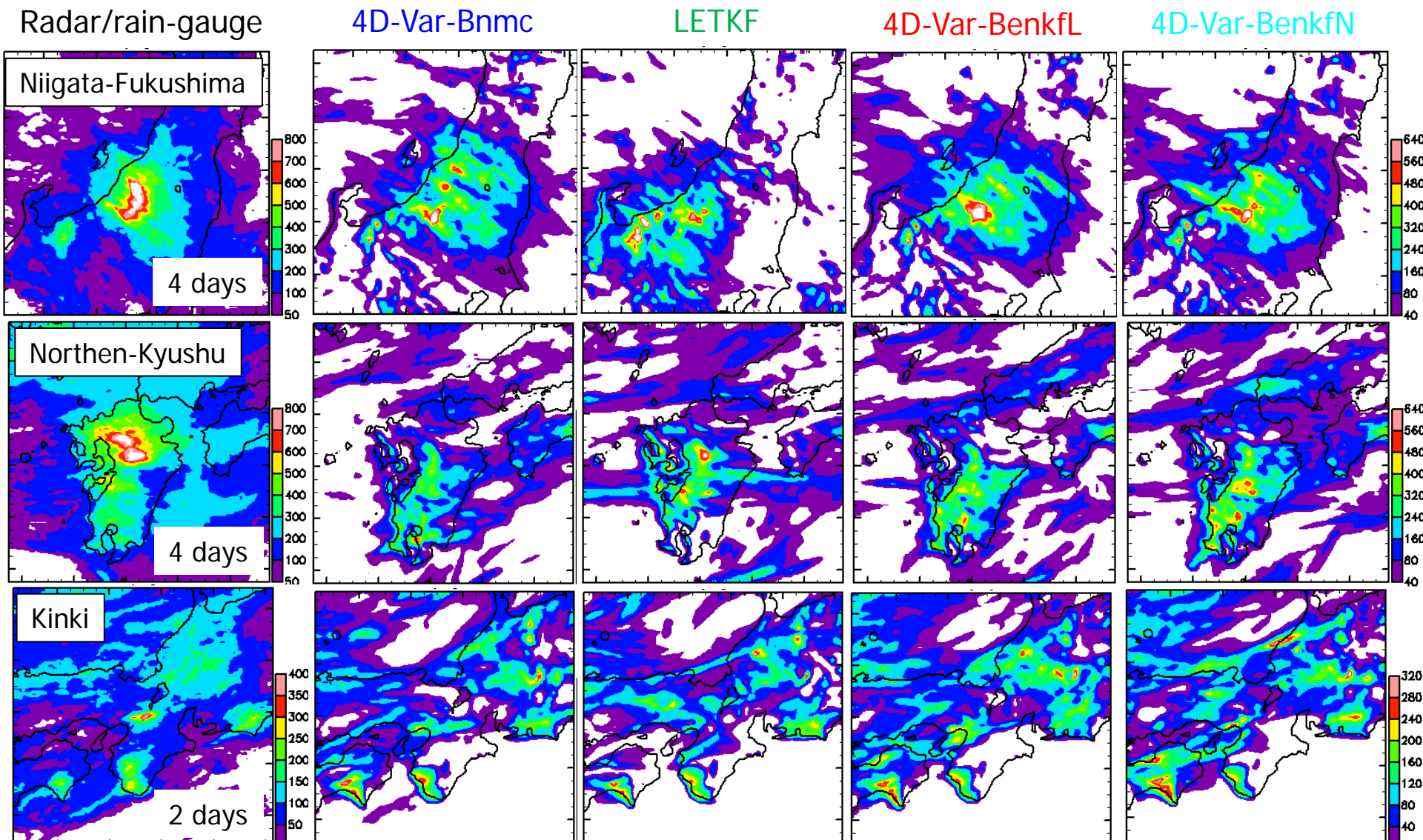
Radius of maximum wind



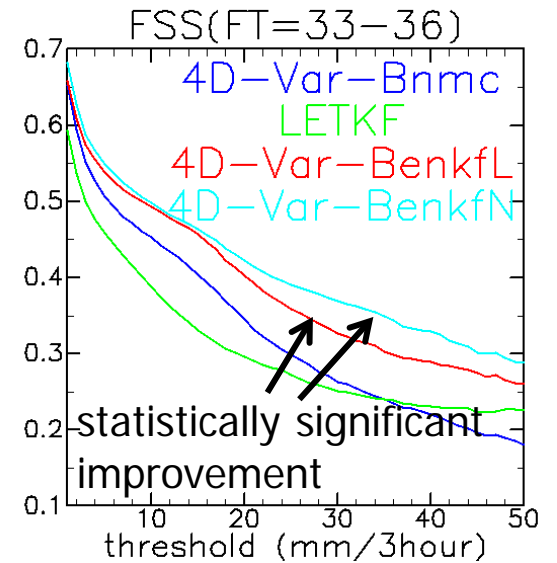
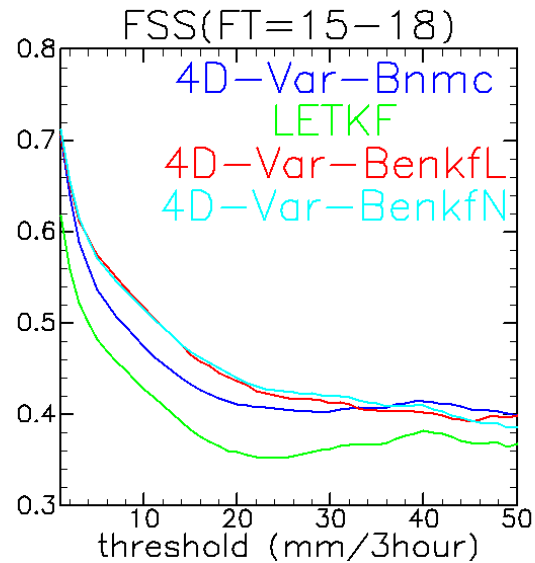
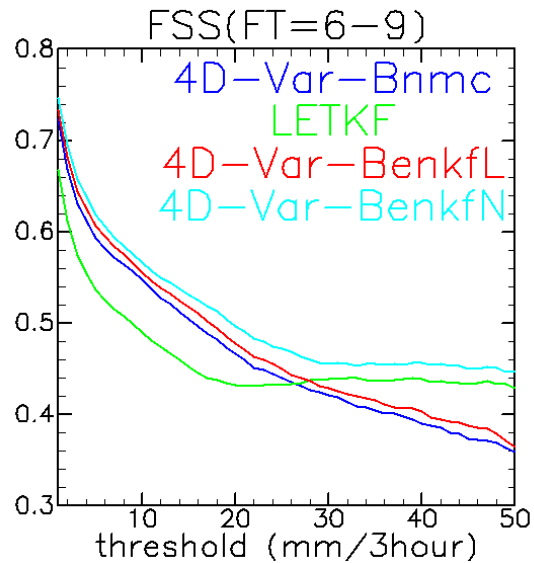
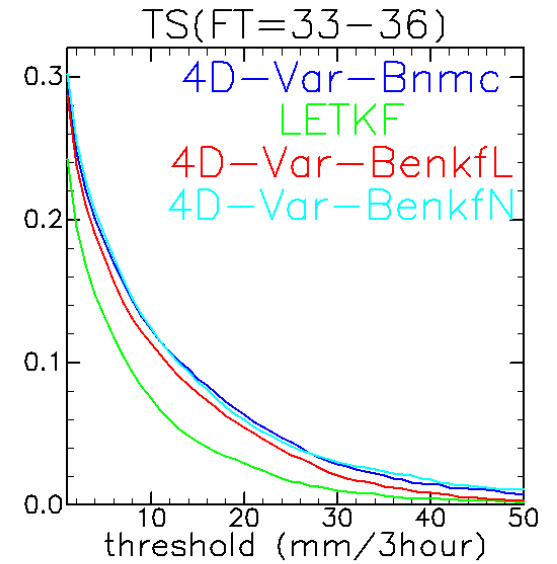
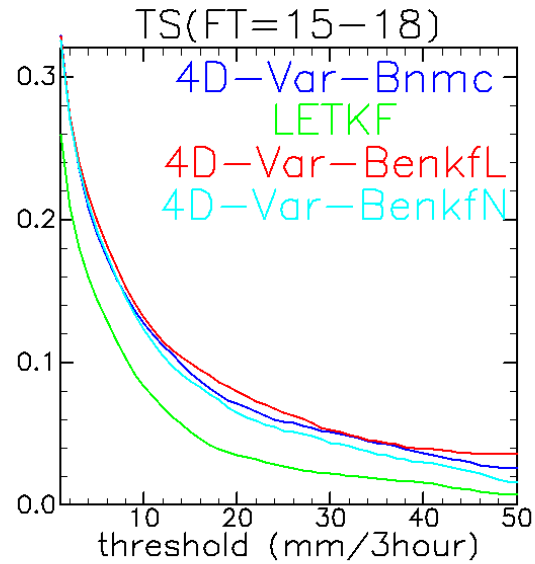
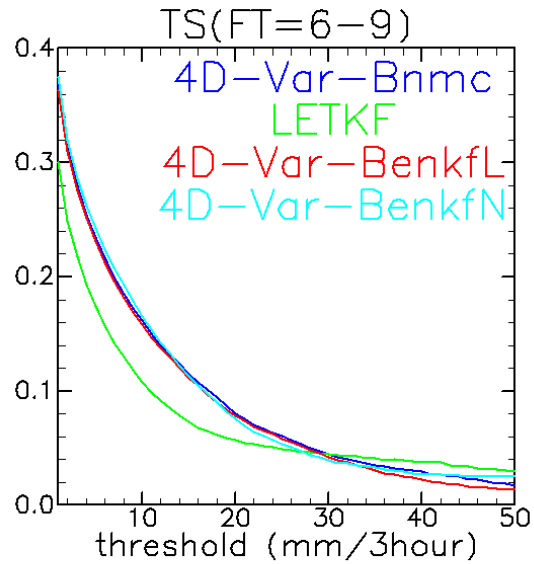
Real DA and forecasts: 3 heavy rainfall cases



Total rainfall amount in radar/rain-gauge analysis and corresponding forecasts (FT=21-24)



Statistics based on 104 forecasts: Threat score (TS) and fractions skill score (160x160 km²; FSS)



Summary (Ito et al., in revision)

Hybrid systems are better than 4D-Var-Bnmc in terms of predicting severe weather events.

- Two types of mesoscale hybrid EnKF-4D-Var DA system has been developed, in which the JMA-NHM is used as a physical model.
- One obs. DA: 4D-Var-Bnmc yields physically unreasonable increment at the beginning. The increment becomes closer to that in the other systems but still favor large-scale features at the end.
- TC forecasts
 - Track: LETKF, Hybrid systems > 4D-Var-Bnmc
 - Intensity: Hybrid systems > 4D-Var-Bnmc
- Local heavy rainfall is better predicted in the hybrid systems in terms of FSS (160 km x 160 km).