

# **A study for constructing a long-term regional reanalysis system over Japan assimilating only conventional observations**

従来型観測のみによる日本域を対象とした  
長期領域再解析システム構築に向けた研究

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# Motivation

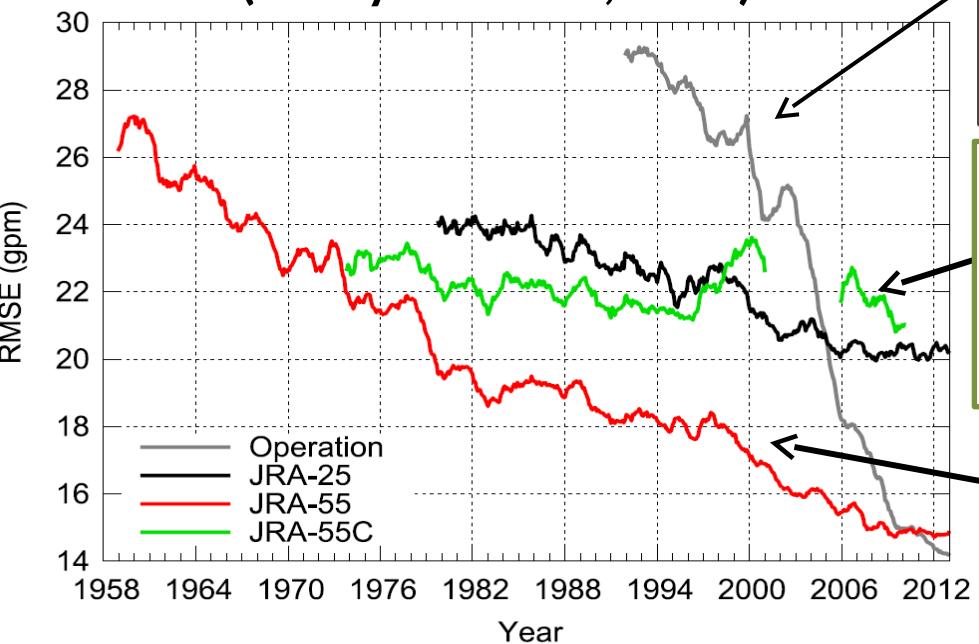
- Reproduce past extreme meso-scale events
- Evaluate regional-scale responses to climate variability and change
- Estimate artificial impacts on weather (e.g. Urban heat island)
- Input for models that needs meteorological variables such as hydrological model.

Need the data that are

- ✓ Accurate
- ✓ Long-term consistent
- ✓ High-resolution

# Long-term consistency

RMSE for Z500(20-90N) at FT= 48h  
(Kobayashi et al., 2014)



## Operational Analysis

DA scheme, Obs. system, and model are changed with the times

### JRA-55C

Assimilate conventional Obs. only with the cold system  
the quality is long-term consistent

### JRA-55

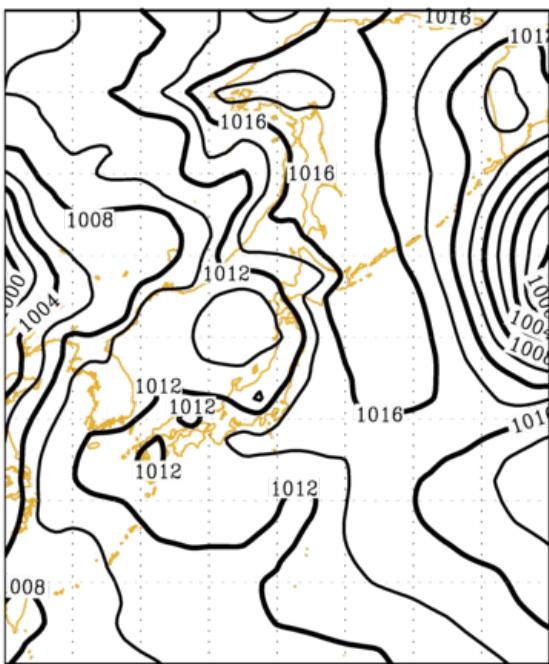
Assimilate all the available Obs.  
with the cold system

Assimilate conventional observation data only  
to maintain the long-term consistency of the quality

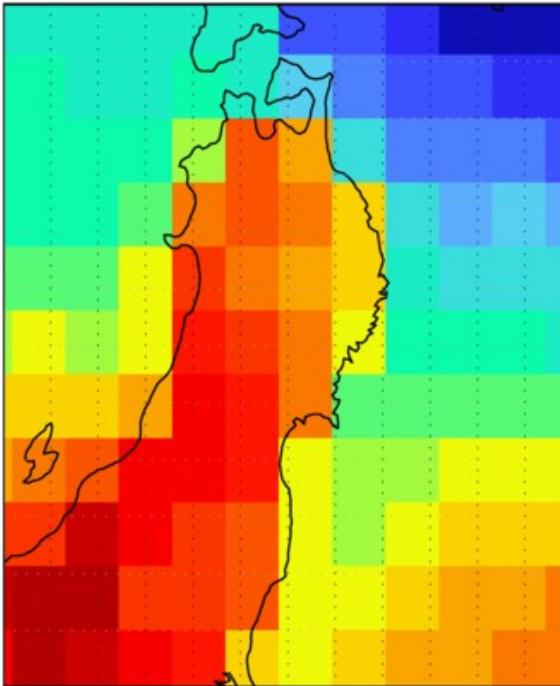
# High-resolution

2013年5月13日15JST #この時の観測は、仙台で10.1°C、28.7°C at

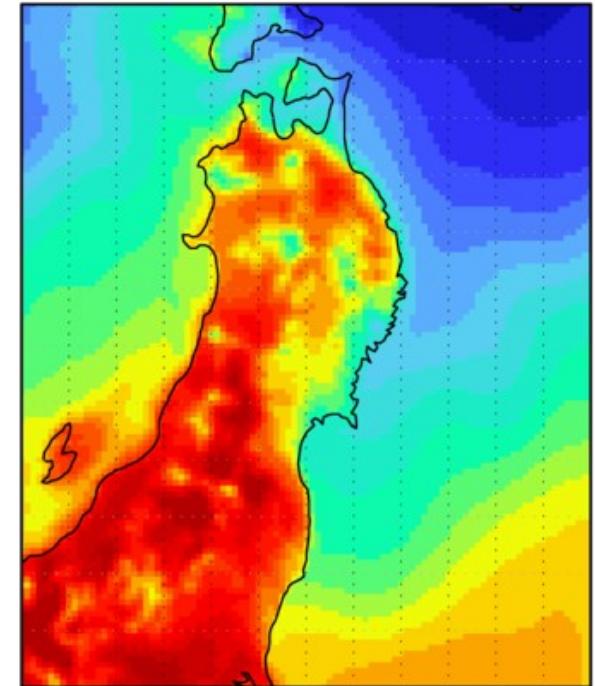
Psea JRA55



Ts JRA-55 (dx~55km)



Ts MA (dx=5km)



High-resolution models are necessary  
to reproduce regional-scale phenomena

# Objective

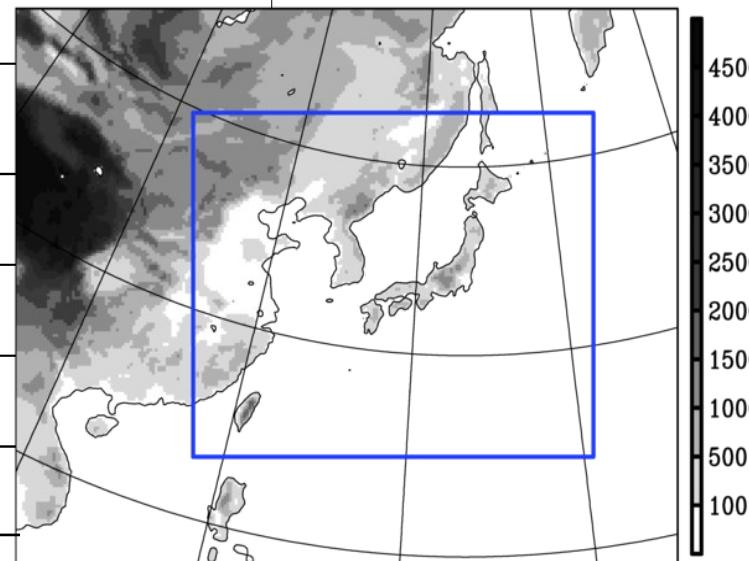
**Produce a long-term consistent regional Reanalysis using conventional observations**

Evaluate the potential for the regional reanalysis by comparing an assimilation experiment using conventional observations only and simple downscalings

# The system for DA (NHM-LETKF)

## NHM-LETKF based on the system in Kunii (2014)

Grids	241x193x50; dx=25km
Initial conditions	JRA-55 at initial time in randomly chosen years
Lateral boundary	JRA-55 (not perturbed)
Ensemble size	10
Localization	200 km / 0.2 ln $p$
Covariance inflation	1.5 (multiplicative)
Assimilation window	6hour
Validation data	JMA's Meso-scale Analysis [MA] (inside the blue frame in the Fig.)
Experimental period	12UTC 1 Aug – 00UTC 1 Sep 2014

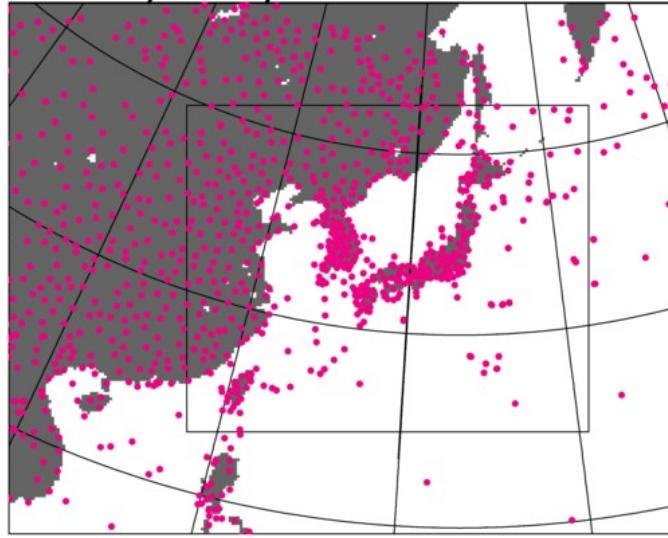


# Observation data for DA

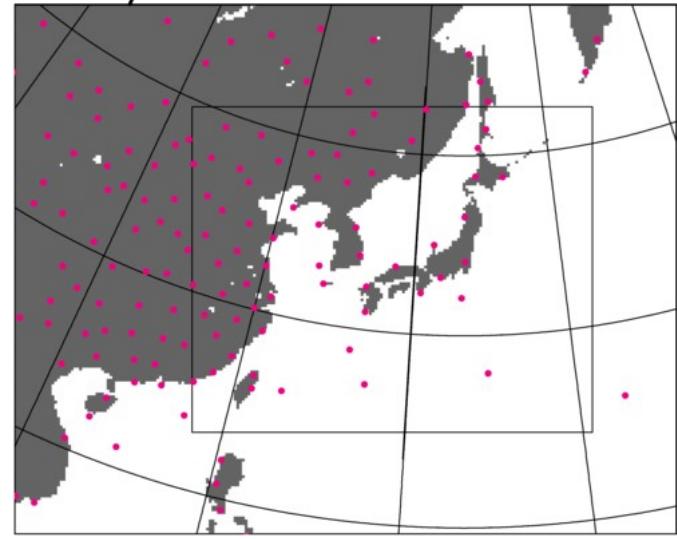
Quality controlled for JMA's operational analysis

Use only **conventional observations** available for long  
in order to maintain long-term consistency

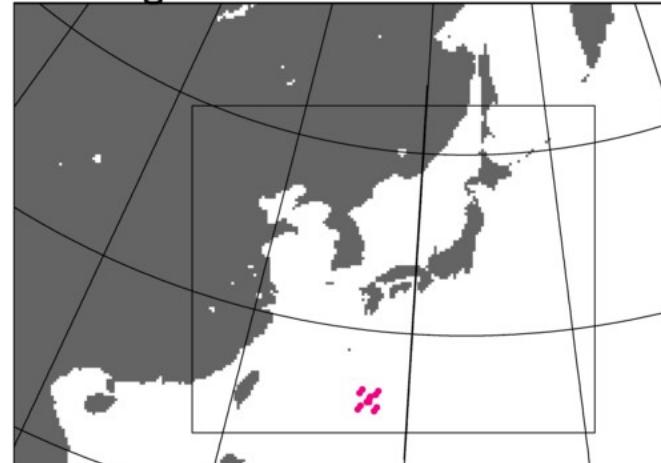
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TEMP/PILOT



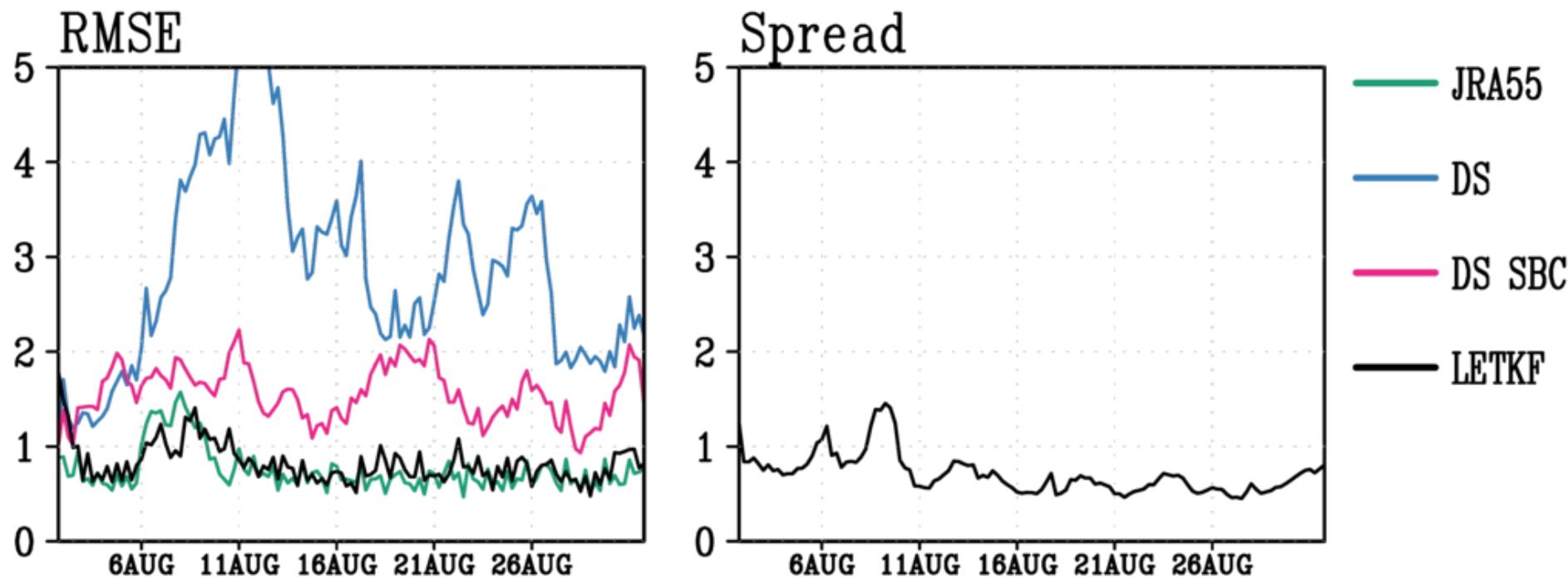
TC Bogus



# Time series (sea level pressure)

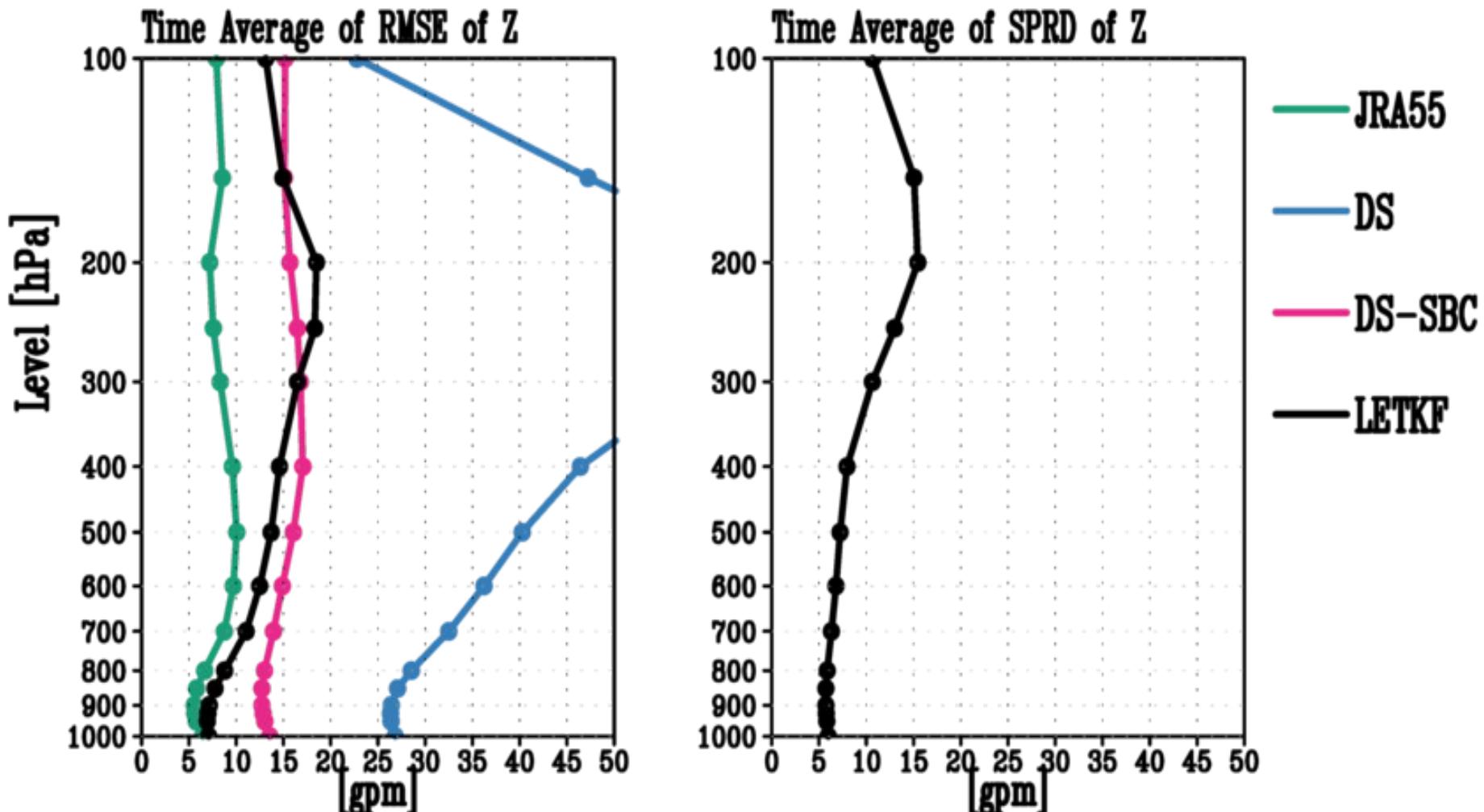
- LETKF outperforms both DS and DS-SBC.

RMSE & Spread for Psea (vs MA) [MA domain]



# Vertical profile (geopotential height)

- The improvement can be seen up to 300 hPa.



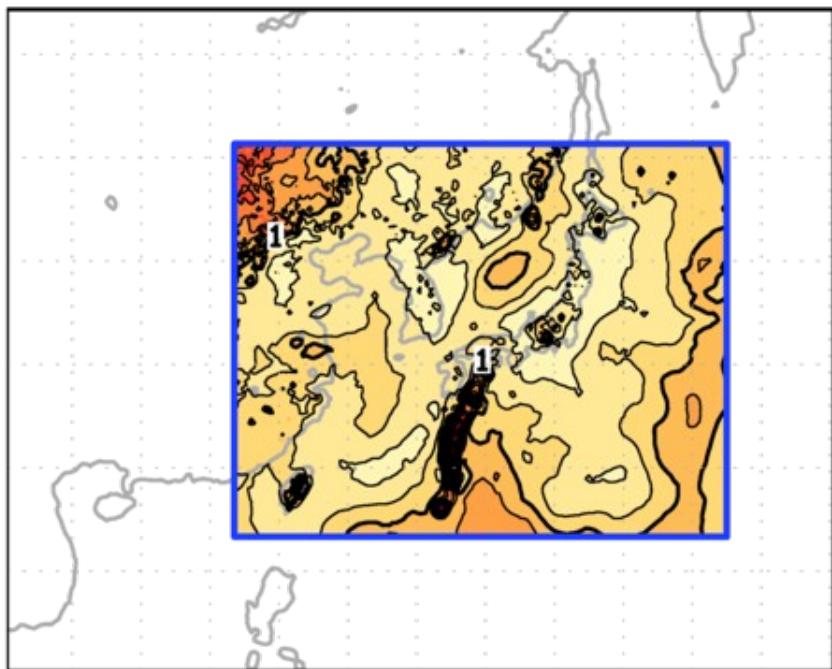
Averaged over 12UTC 6 Aug. - 00UTC 1 Sep.

# Spatial distribution

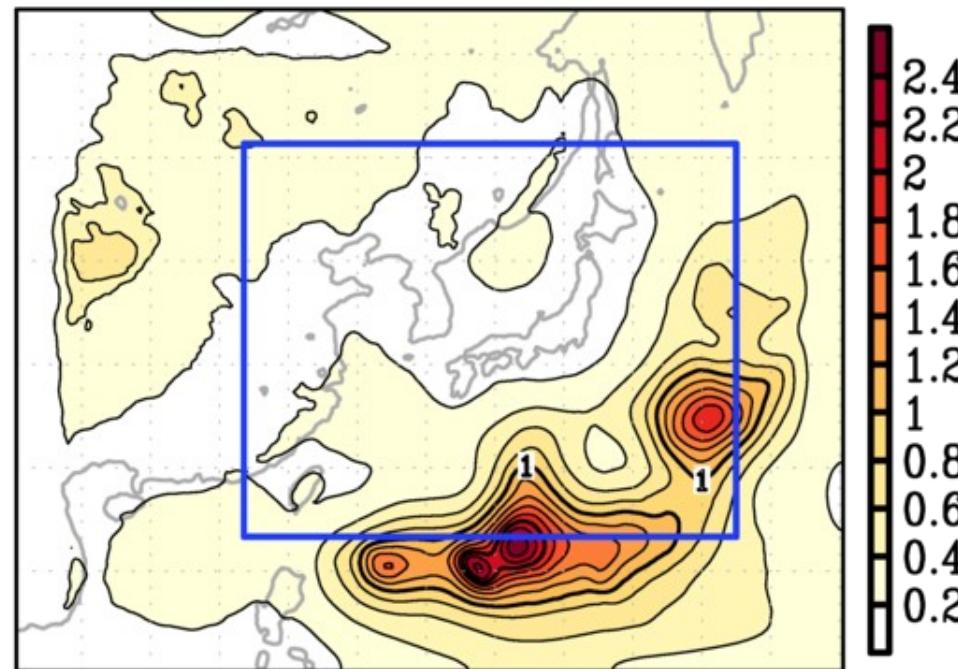
- Spreads reflect the density of the observing networks

Psea [12z06Aug–18z31Aug2014] mult1.5 noLBP FT=00h

(a) RMSEs



(b) Spreads



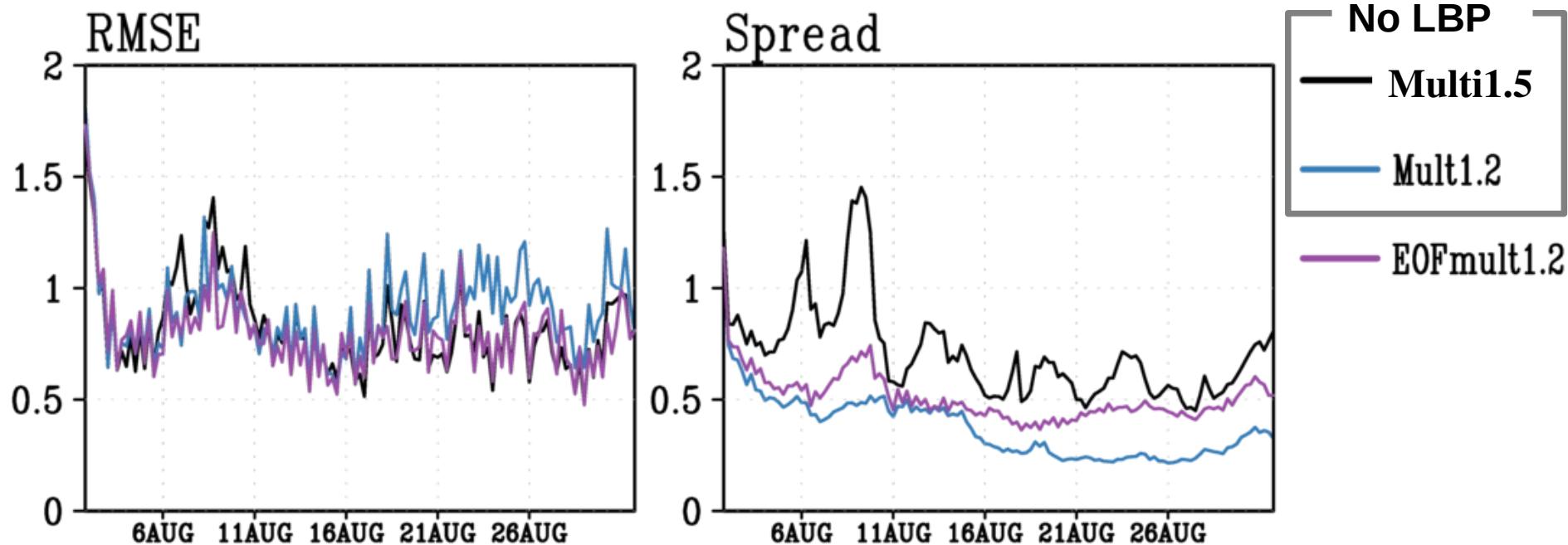
# Impact of the implementation of LBP

Lateral boundary perturbation

Conduct a EOF analysis for Psea of JRA-55 (August in 1958-2014)  
plus/minus 5 leading modes

The amplitude is 0.7 hPa

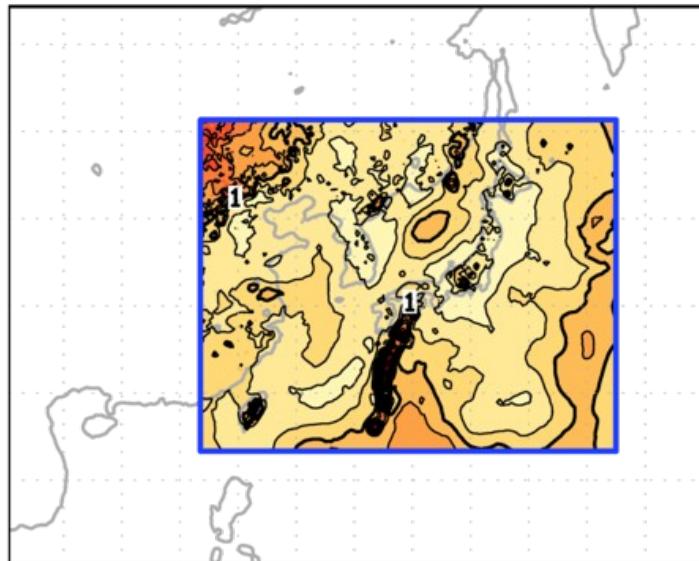
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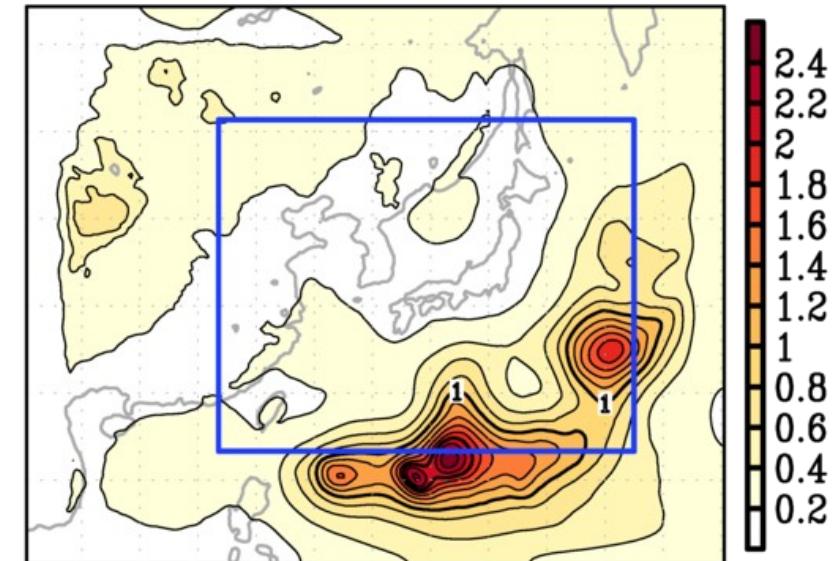
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(a) RMSEs

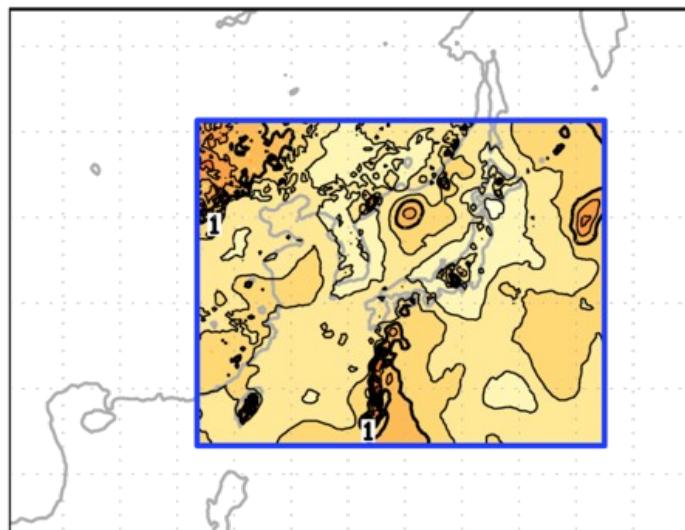


(b) Spreads

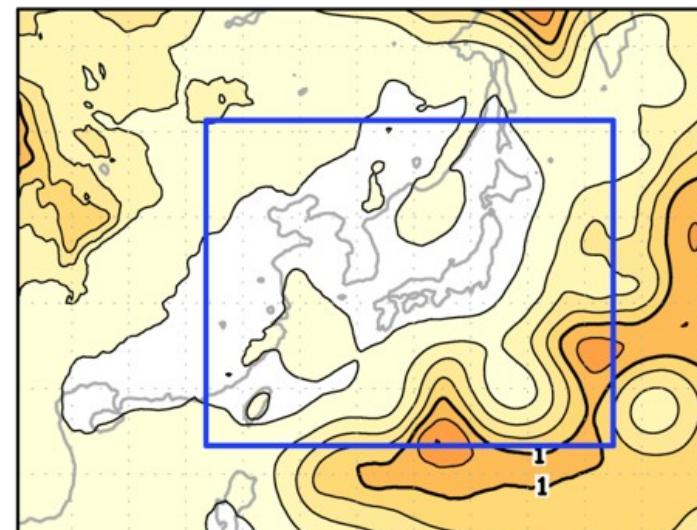


Psea [12z06Aug–18z31Aug2014] mult1.2 EOF FT=00h

(a) RMSEs



(b) Spreads



# Summary

We examine the NHM-LETKF assimilating conventional observation only to assess the feasibility of the long-term consistent regional RA

- The DA has a significant improvement over the simple DS up to near 300 hPa.
- The implementation of LBPs can improve the analysis fields with smaller inflation factor.

