

RIKEN's activities to integrate DA and AI/ML

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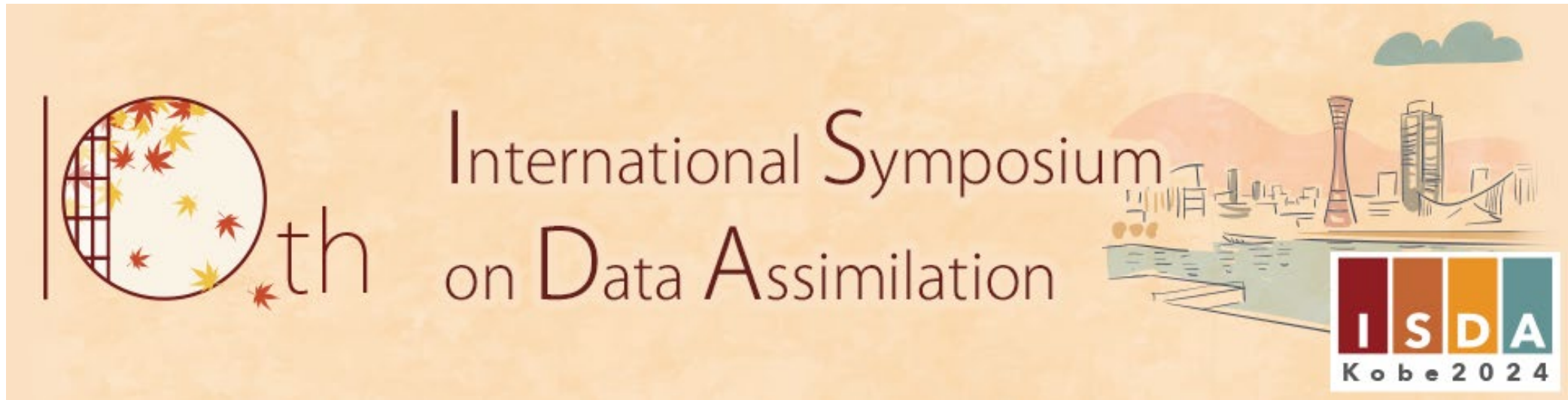


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Thank you!!!

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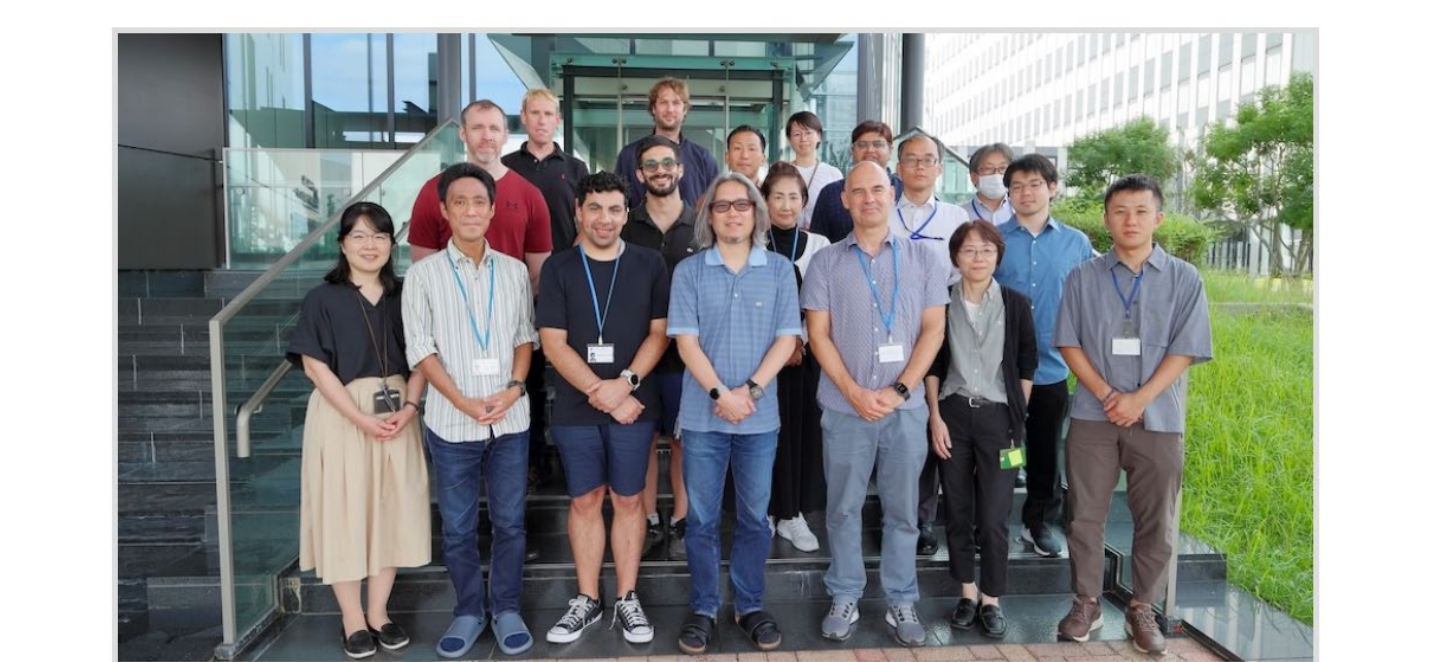


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Data Assimilation Research Team

Weather prediction is a great achievement of human intelligence by integrating advanced sensing, supercomputing, and information and communications technologies. Here, data assimilation plays a pivotal role. Connecting the most advanced radar sensing technology and supercomputers "K" and "Fugaku", data assimilation made it possible to predict sudden downpours. Data assimilation brings links to the future and expands synergistic opportunities.

- ▶ RIKEN Weather Forecast
- ▶ COVID-19 Realtime Forecast
- ▶ Youtube: AGU-TV RIKEN Digest(1 minute) / Full(5 minutes)
- ▶ RIKEN Data Assimilation Channel



October 15, 2024 at R-CCS

Pushing the limits

Big Data × *Big Simulations*

Big ensemble (10240 ensemble members)

Rapid update (30-second update)

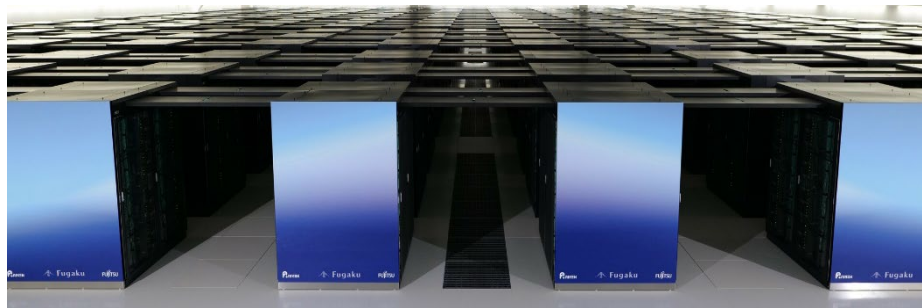
High resolution (100-m mesh)

→ Future Numerical Weather Prediction



September 2012

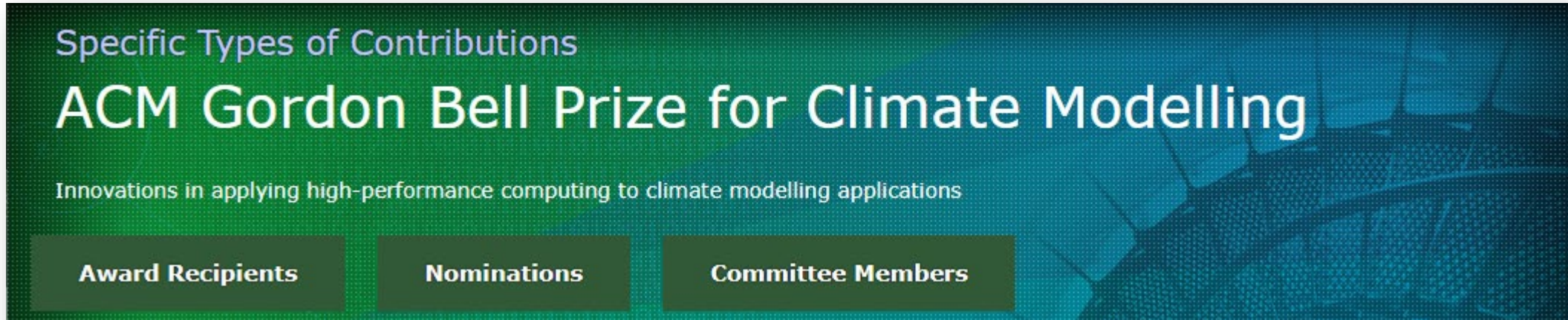
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March 2021

<https://awards.acm.org/bell-climate>

SC23 in Denver, CO (November 2023)

A banner for the ACM Gordon Bell Prize for Climate Modelling. The background is a dark green and blue grid pattern. The text is white and yellow.

Specific Types of Contributions

ACM Gordon Bell Prize for Climate Modelling

Innovations in applying high-performance computing to climate modelling applications

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Big Data Assimilation: Real-time 30-second-refresh Heavy Rain Forecast Using Fugaku During Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics

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<https://sc23.supercomputing.org/2023/09/eyes-beyond-the-prize/>



運用状況

通常運用中

「富岳」運用ステータス

運用スケジュール

利用者支援

利用者ポータル

成果発表

申請

利用に関して

お問い合わせ

[運用情報] Resource for ordinary users is reduced (available resource: 91%, due to real-time execution)

この期間、一般向けの提供資源が縮小されます。

実時間型ジョブ実行のため、提供される資源規模は、全体の約91%となります。

この期間、一般向けにはログインノード1は利用できません。

During this period, the resources provided to the public will be reduced.

Due to real-time job execution, the resource size provided will be about 91% of the total.

During this period, login node 1 is not available for general use.

2021-06-02

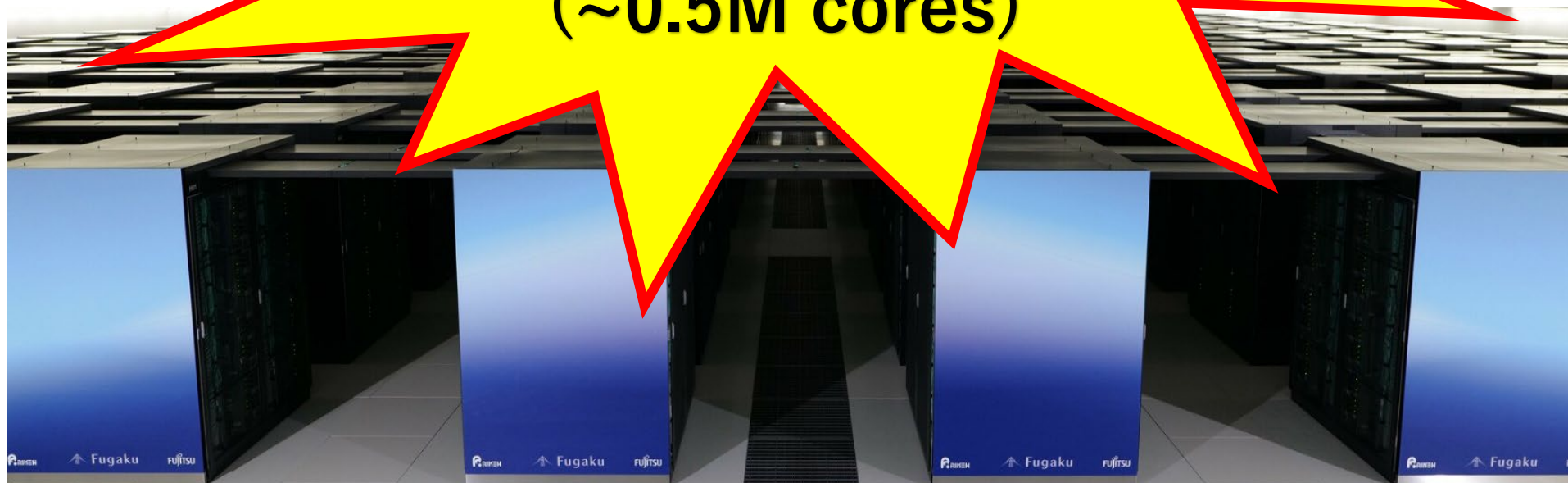
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2021-08-09 00:00

スケジュール開始日時

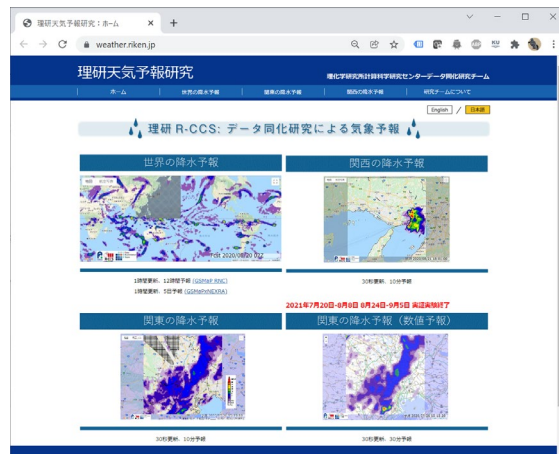
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**Exclusive use of
~7% of Fugaku
(~0.5M cores)**

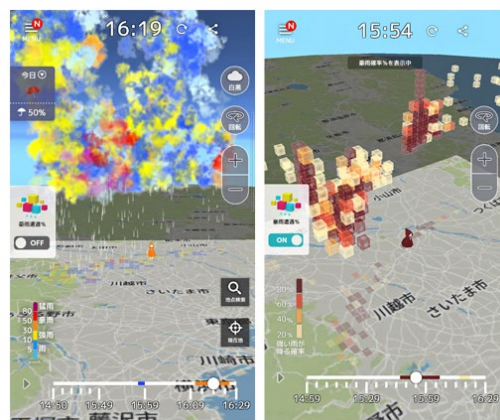


30-s refresh real-time workflow with “Fugaku”

Dual-polarimetric Phased Array Weather Radar
(installed at Saitama Univ.)



(Takahashi et al. 2019)



(MTI Ltd.)

NICT
Saitama Univ.
TOSHIBA

Saitama Univ.
MP-PAWR

NICT ds01

JIT-DT
106 MB per obs.
in 3 seconds

Fugaku login1

SCALE-
LETKF

weather.
riken.jp

MTI
Amazon AWS

webpage

smartphone

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<< 解析 2021/07/30 14:30:00 >>

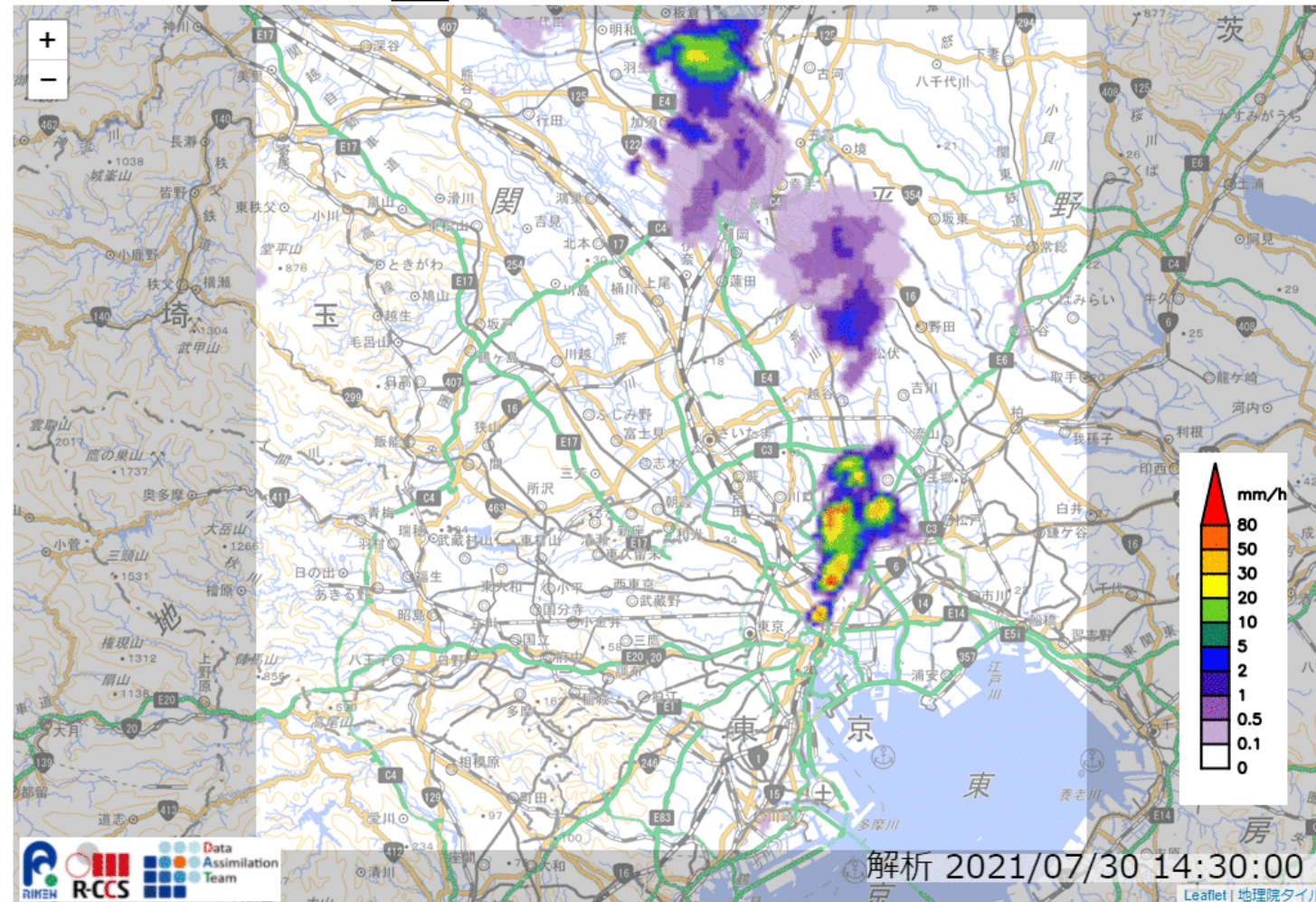
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観測

解析

気象庁レーダー 2

☐ アニメーション

Bird's-eye view

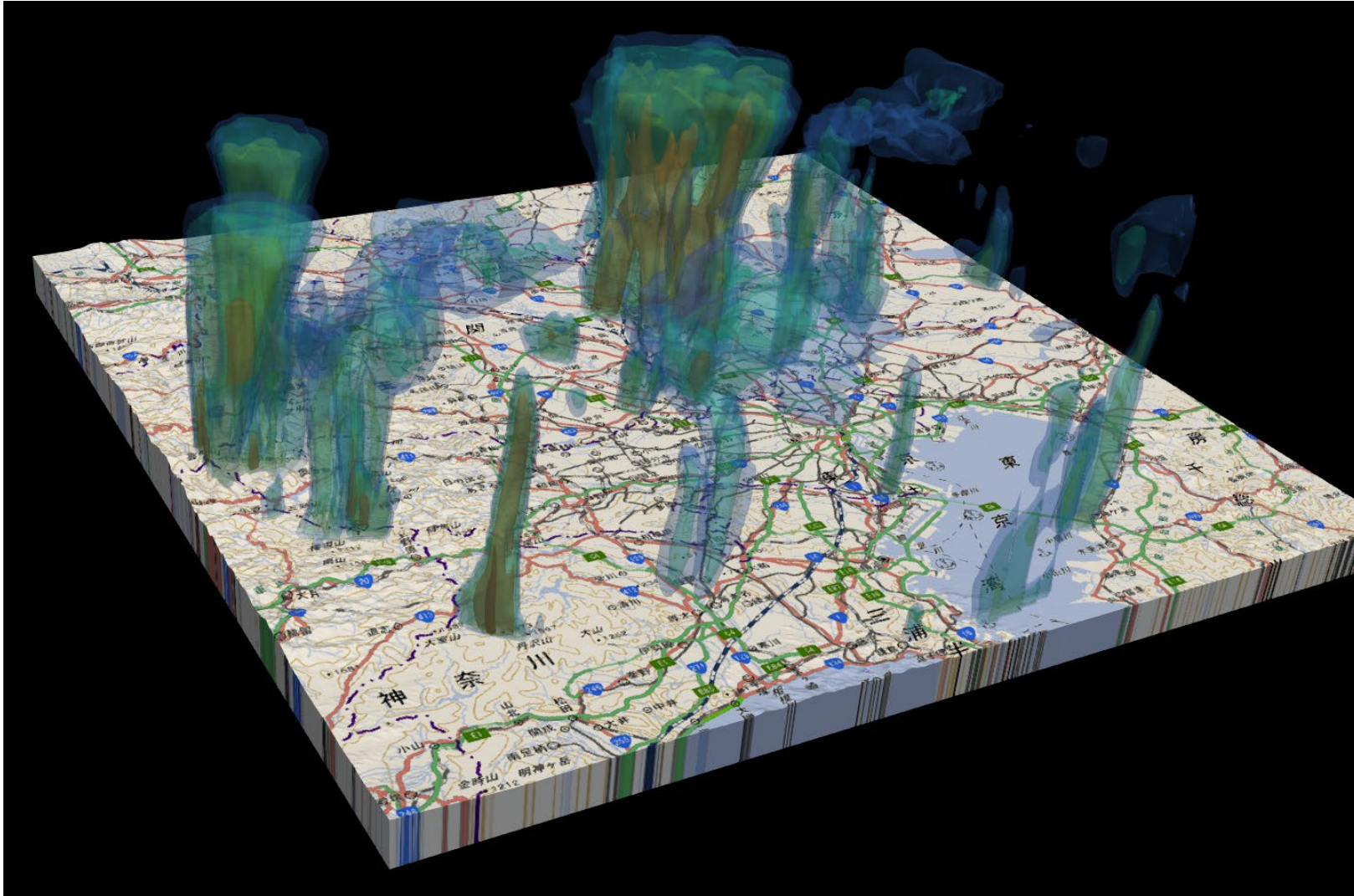


Figure 8: 3-D bird's-eye view of 30-minute forecast rains at 04:48:00 UTC, July 30, 2021. Colors represent simulated radar reflectivity every 10 dBZ for 10-50 dBZ. Vertical scale is stretched by three times. Map data is from the web page of the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (Courtesy of H. Sakamoto of RIKEN).

120x faster, big ensemble, precision

(as of early 2023)

NWP system	Center	Data assimilation method	Forecast spacing / grid # grid points	Frequency for initialization / free forecast	Use of radar data	Ensemble forecast spacing / grid # members
LFM [6,7,8,9]	JMA, Japan	Hybrid 3DVar, 5-km grid spacing	2 km / 1581 x 1301 x 76	1 h / 1 h	Assimilation of RH from radar and radial wind	None (MEPS: 5 km / 21 members)
HRRR v4 [10,11,12]	NCEP, US	Hybrid 3D EnVar, 36 members	3 km / 1799 x 1059 x 51	1 h / 1 h	Latent heating	None
HRDPS 6.0.0 [13,14,15]	ECCC, Canada	4DEnVar perturbations from global ensemble	2.5 km / 2576 x 1456 x 62	6 h / 6 h	Latent nudging heat	None
UKV [16,17]	Met Office, UK	4DVar	1.5 km / 622 x 810 x 70	1 h / 1 h	Latent nudging heat	2.2 km / 3 members
AROME France [18,19,20]	Météo-France	3DVar	1.25 km / 2801 x 1791 x 90	1 h / 3 h	Assimilation of pseudo-RH from radar	2.5 km / 12 members
ICON-D2 [21,22,23]	DWD, Germany	LETKF 40 members	2.2 km / 542040 cells x 65 levels	1 h / 3 h	Latent nudging heat	2.2 km / 20 members
BDA2021 This paper	RIKEN, Japan	LETKF 1000 members	500 m / 256 x 256 x 60	30 s / 30 s	Reflectivity, Doppler velocity	500 m / 11 members

Future?

Skillful forecast achieved

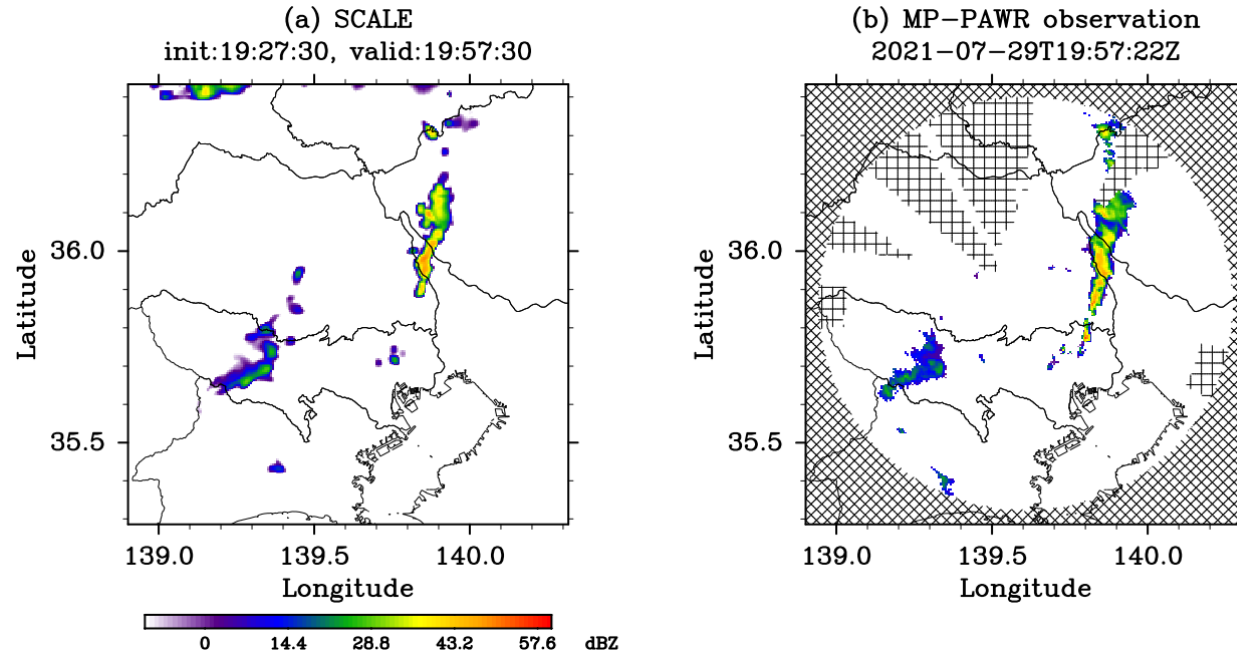


Figure 6: (a) 30-minute forecast rains at 19:57:30 UTC, July 29, 2021. Colors represent radar reflectivity (dBZ) at the 2-km height. (b) Similar to (a), but for the actual MP-PAWR observation at the closest time. Hatched areas indicate no data due to out of the 60-km range, radar beam blockage, or other reasons.

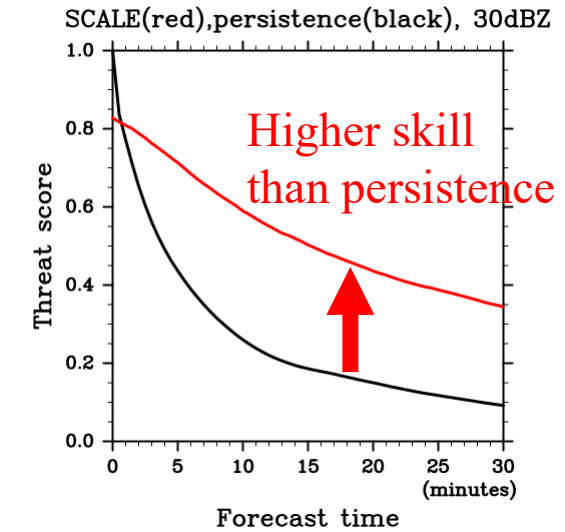


Figure 7: Heavy rain forecast skill as shown by threat scores (the higher, the more skillful) for radar reflectivity at the 30dBZ threshold for 120 forecast cases between 19:00:00 UTC and 20:00:00 UTC, July 29, 2021. Red and black lines indicate the BDA system and persistence, respectively.

Possible deep learning applications

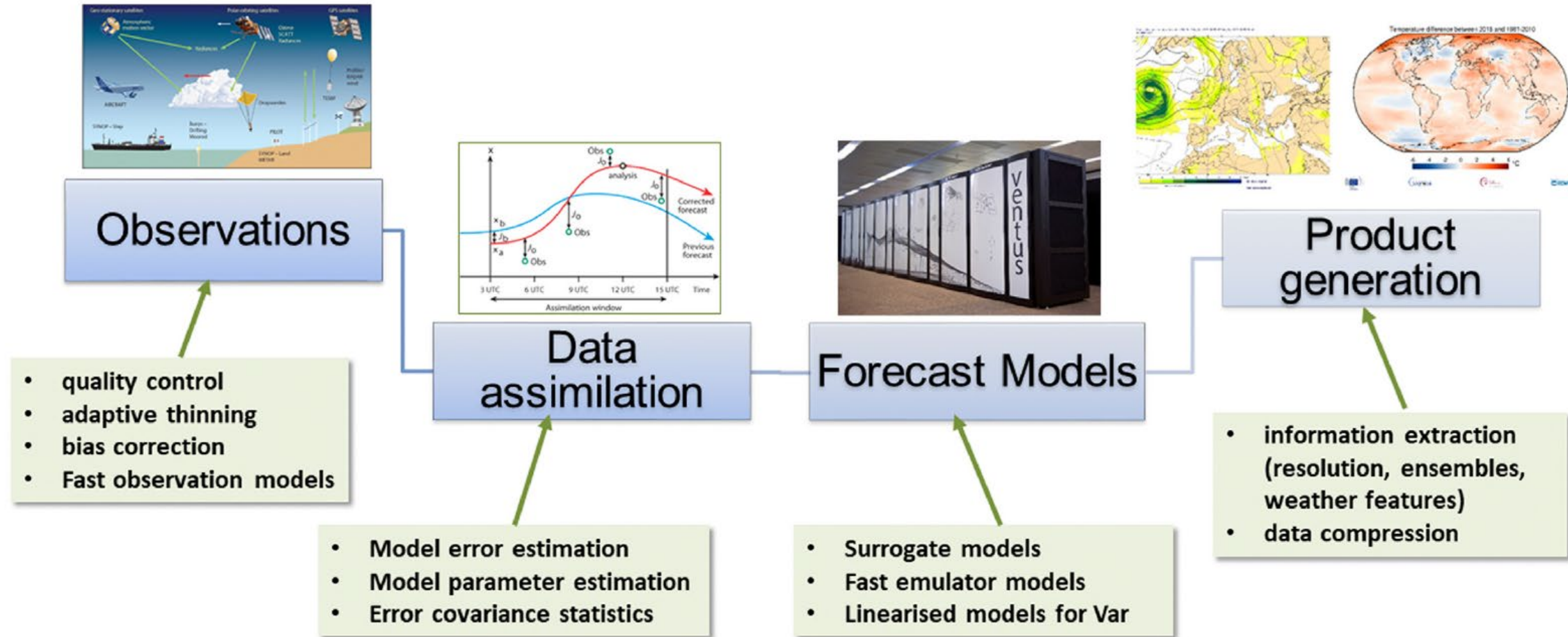
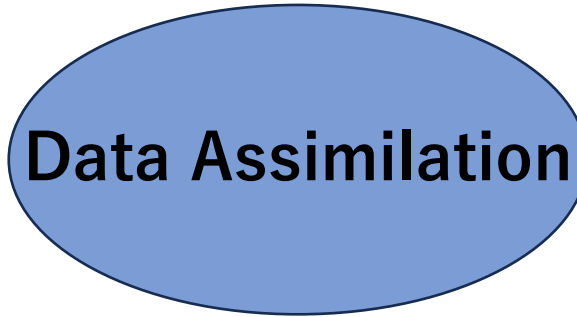


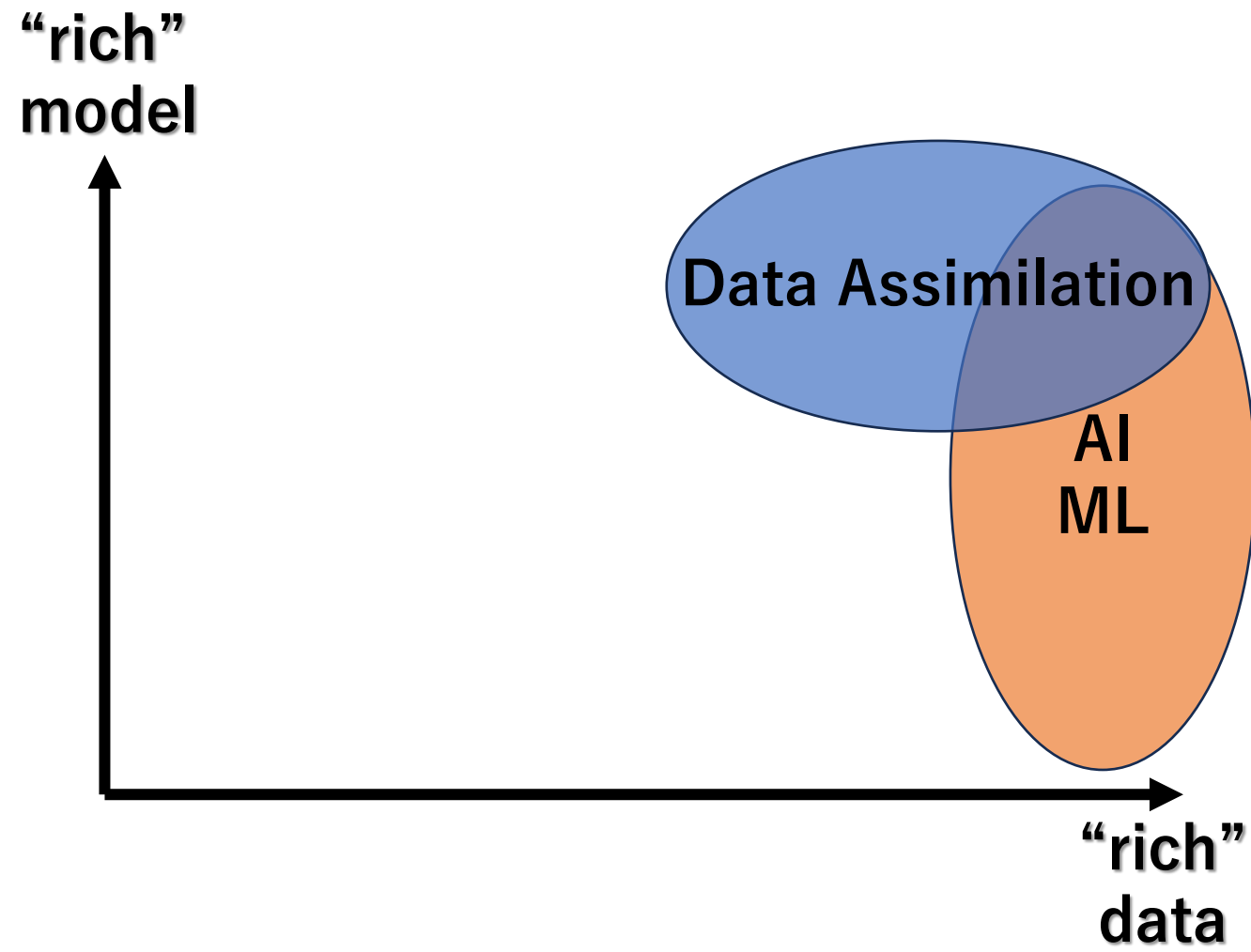
Fig. 1. Examples of possible machine learning applications in the various components of a standard NWP workflow.

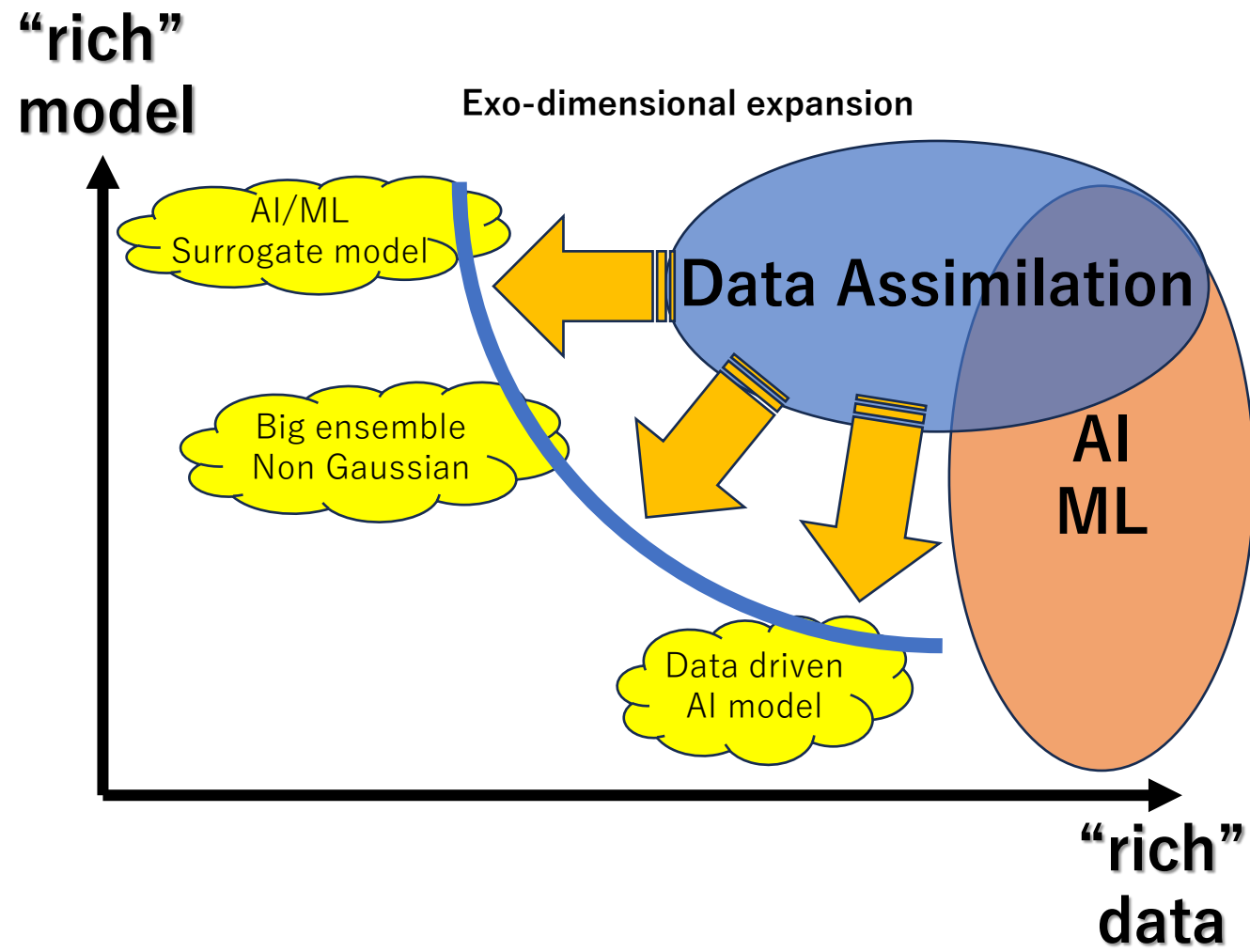
Bonavita et al. (2020, *BAMS*)

**“rich”
model**



**“rich”
data**





Precipitation nowcasting with deep learning



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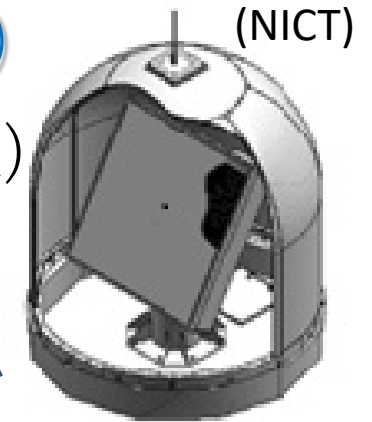
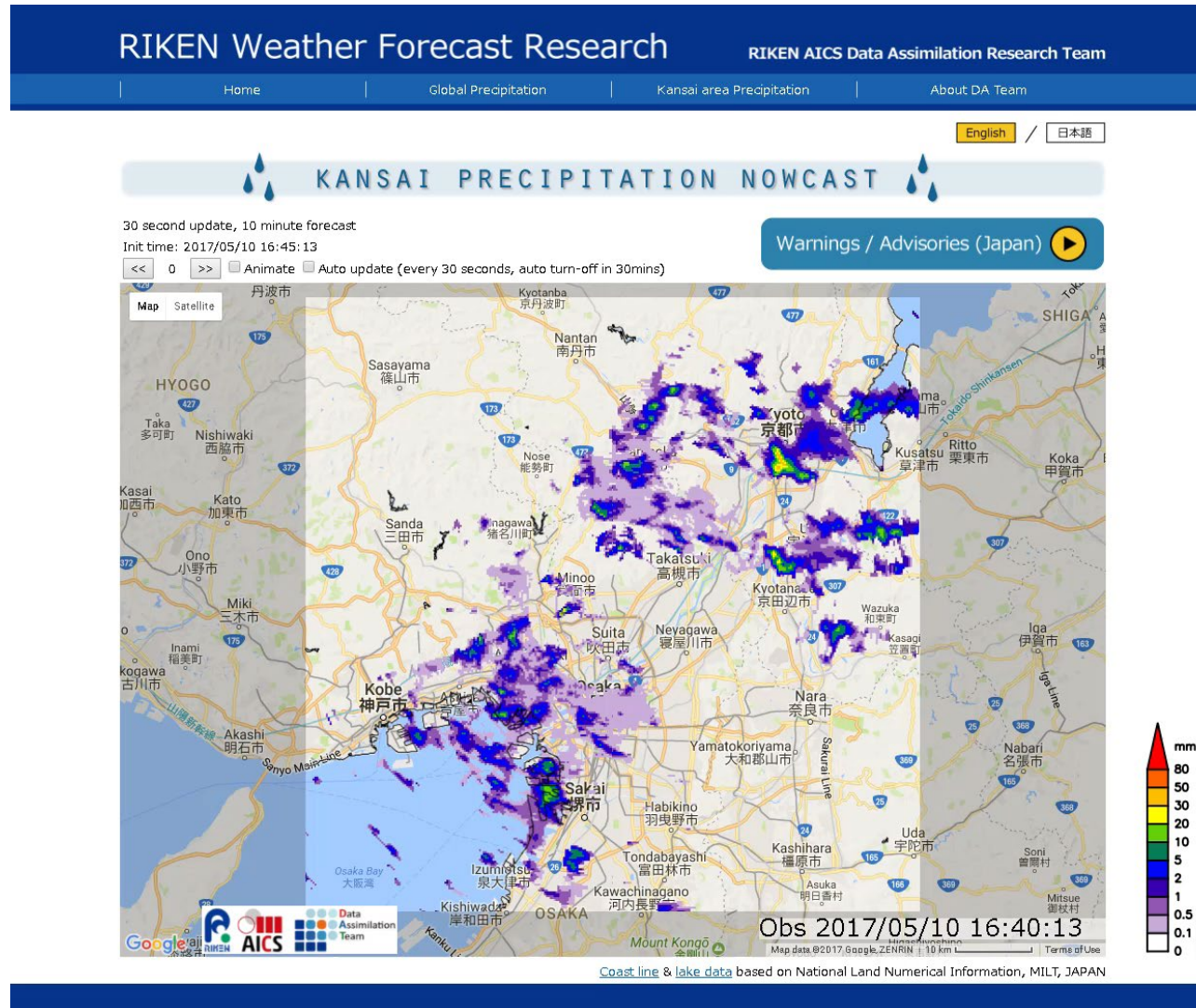
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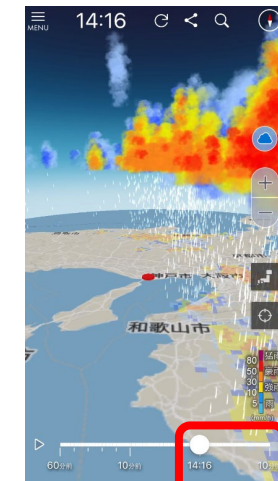
Phased-Array Weather Radar

3D nowcast (<https://weather.riken.jp/>)

Open to the public since July 2017 (Licensed by JMA)



Updated
every 30

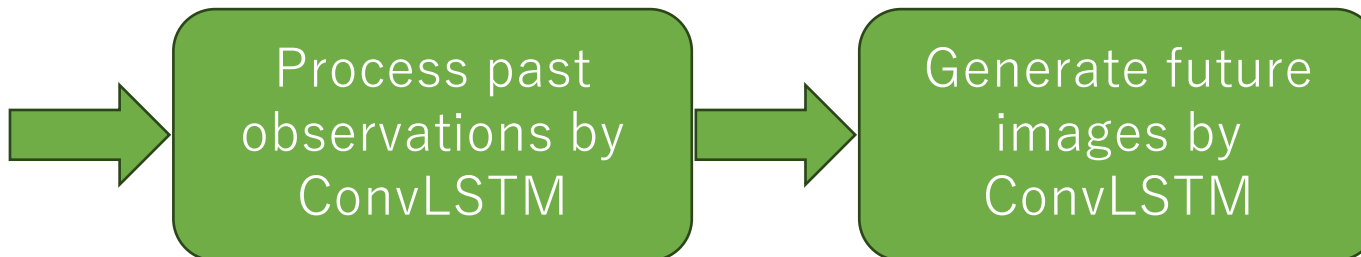


App by MTI Ltd.

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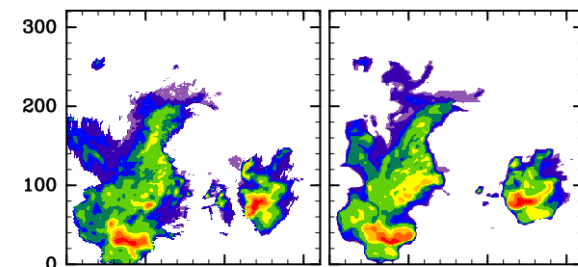


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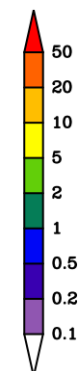
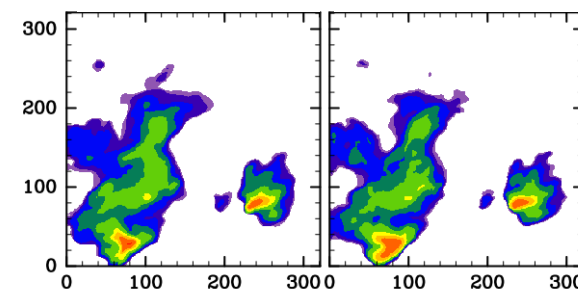
Observations by
Phased Array Weather Radar

Conventional
nowcasting



ConvLSTM
(with observations)

ConvLSTM (with
obs. + nowcasting)





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Process past
observations by
ConvLSTM

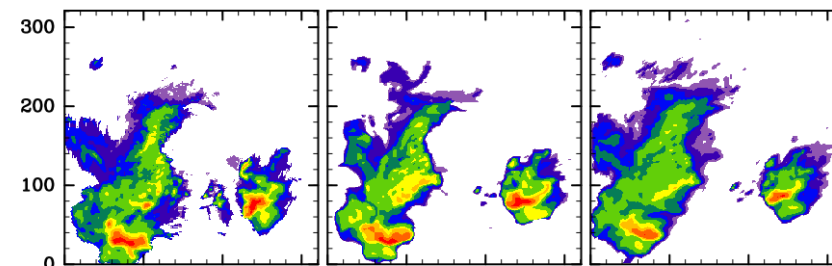
Generate future
images by
ConvLSTM

Assimilated by
NWP system
SCALE-LETKF

Observations by
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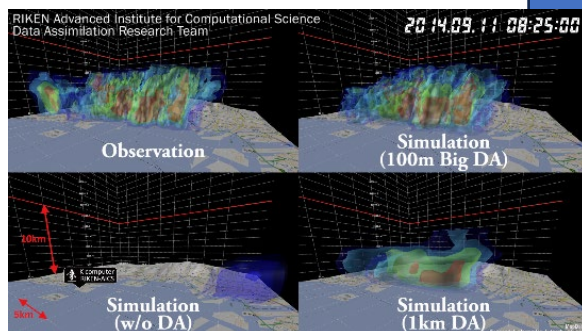
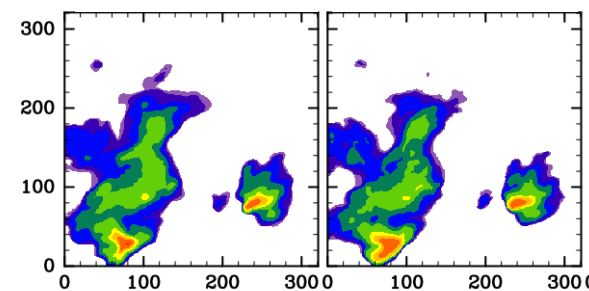
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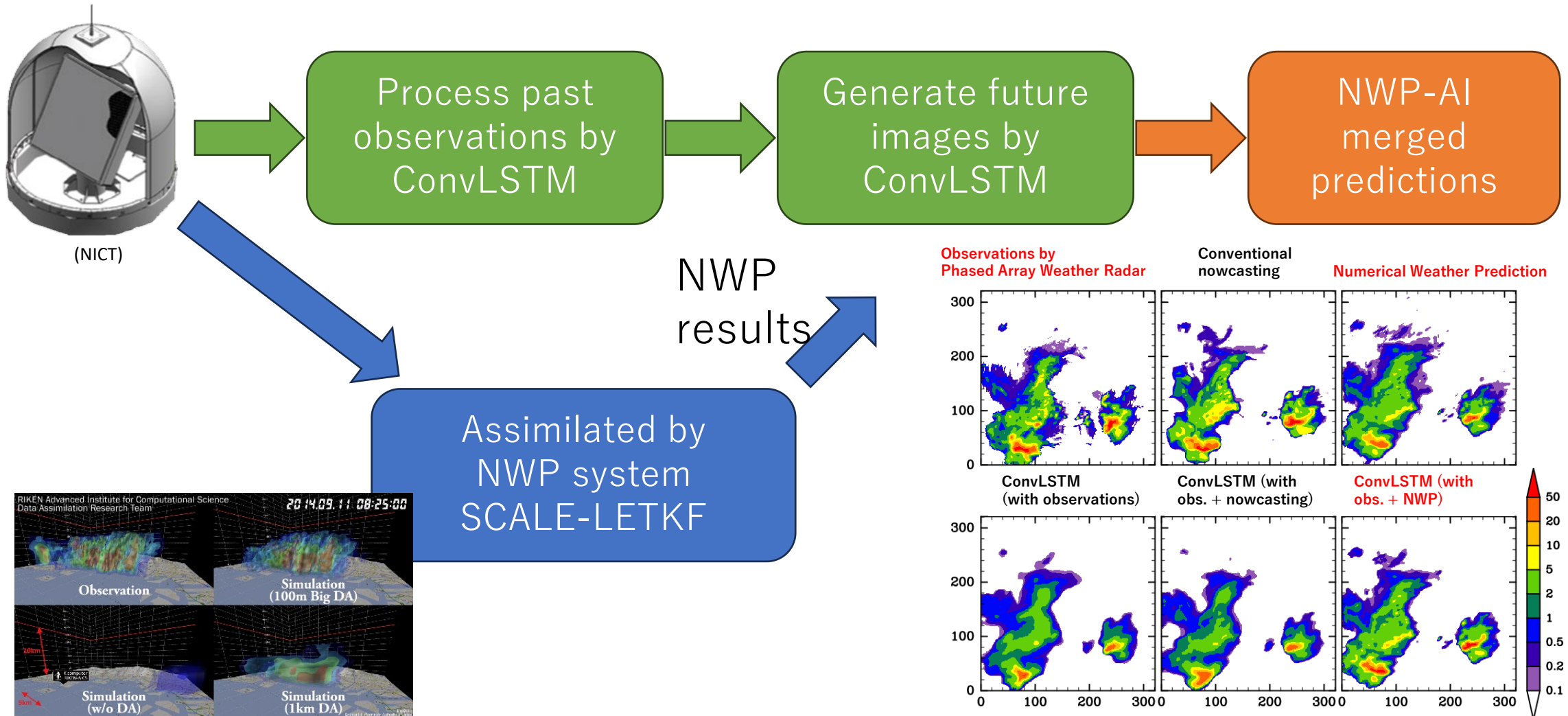
Numerical Weather Prediction



ConvLSTM
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ConvLSTM (with
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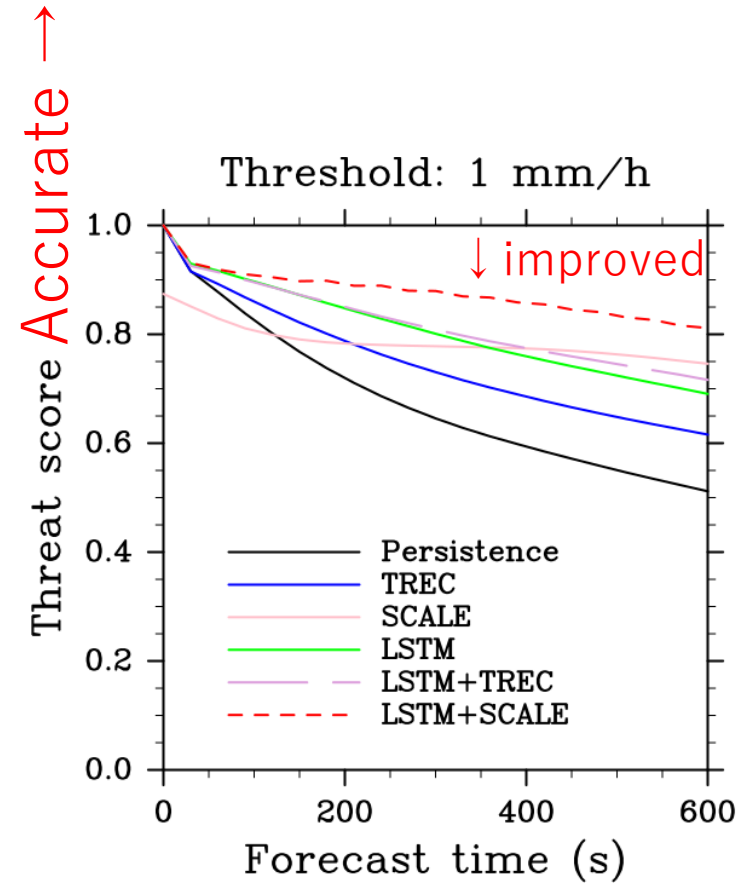
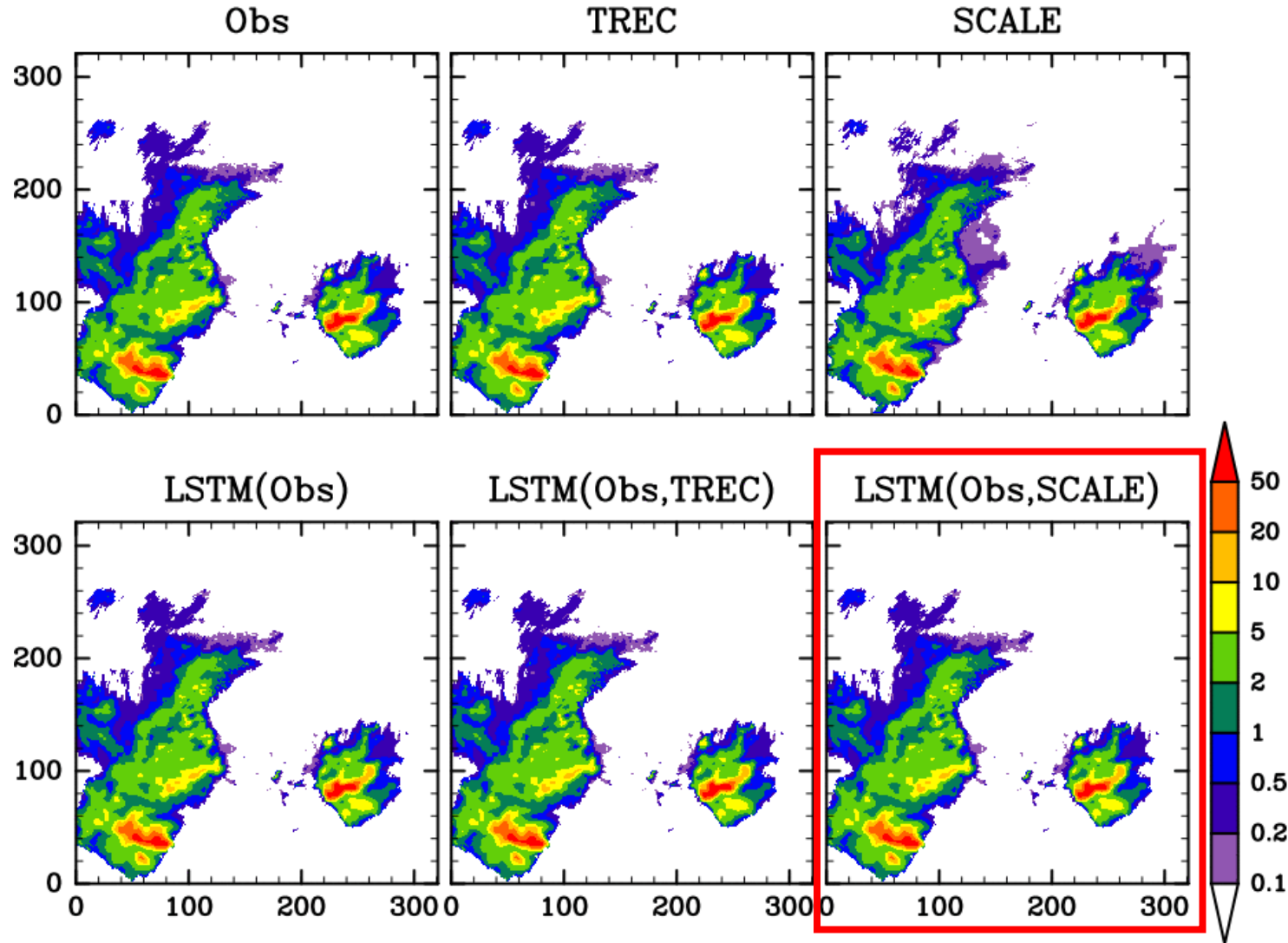




Integrating big data assimilation and deep learning for precipitation nowcasting

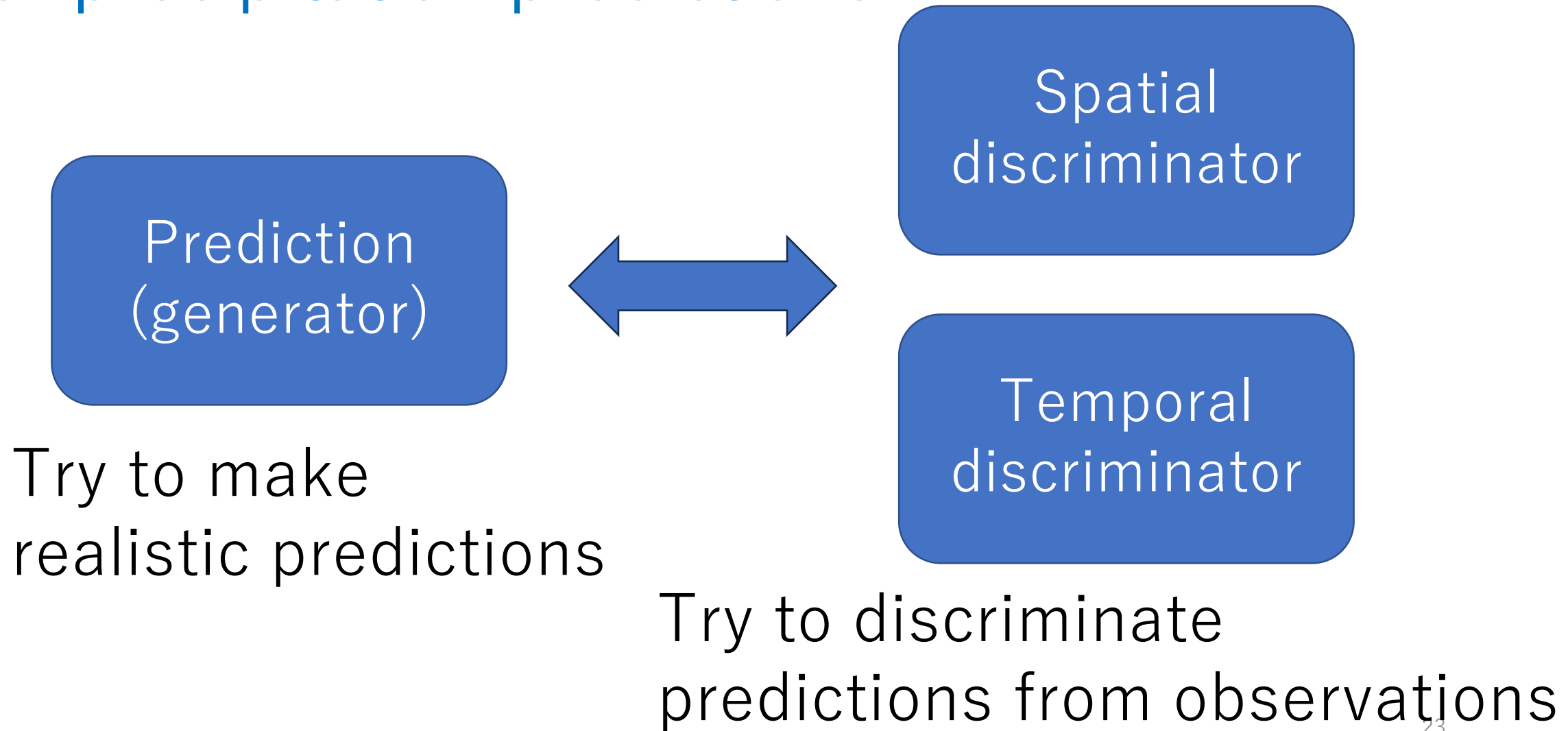
Preliminary results (rain rate @ 2km)

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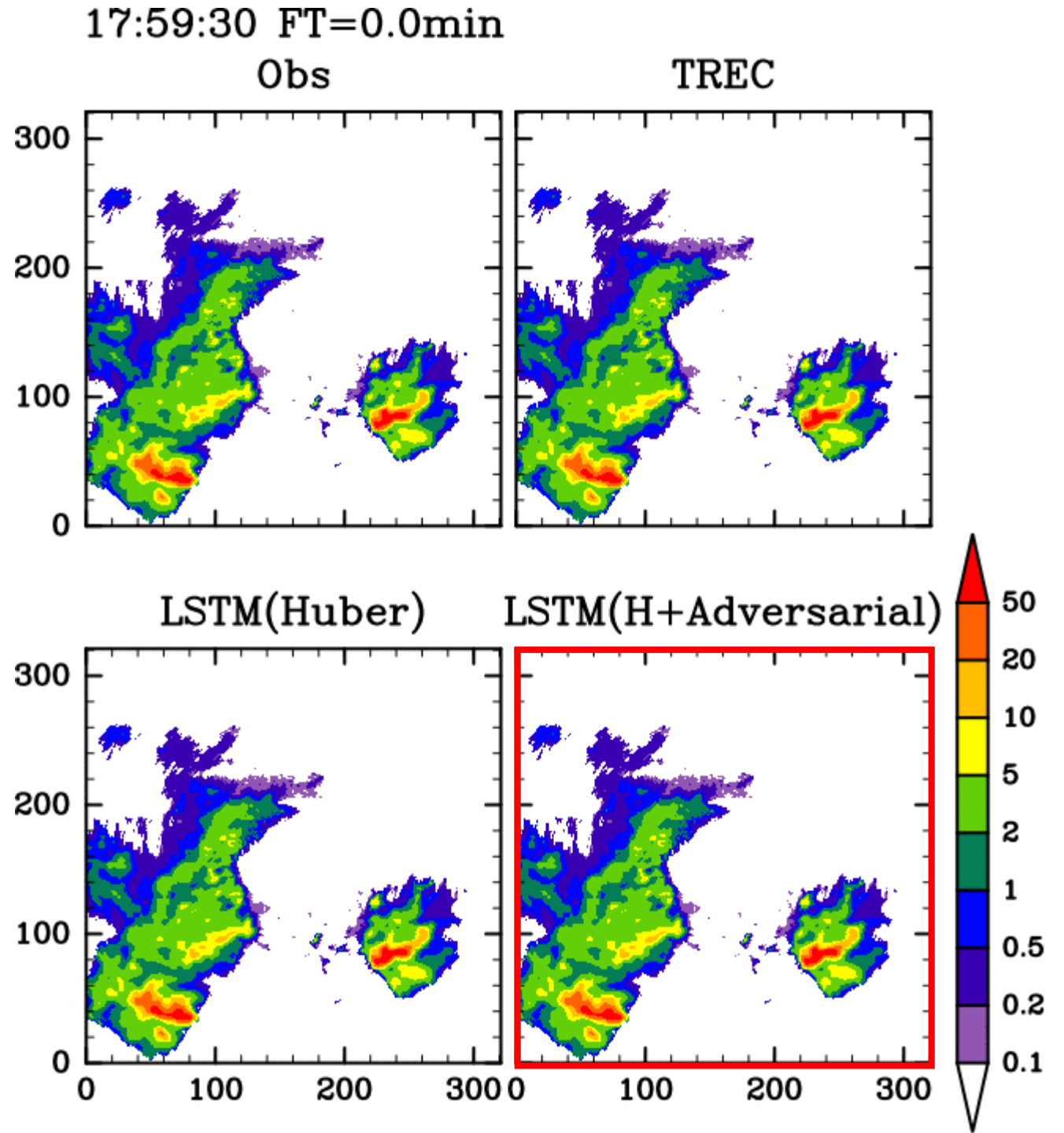
Adversarial training for precipitation predictions

- e.g., Ravuri et al. (2021),
Baron et al. (2023)



Preliminary results

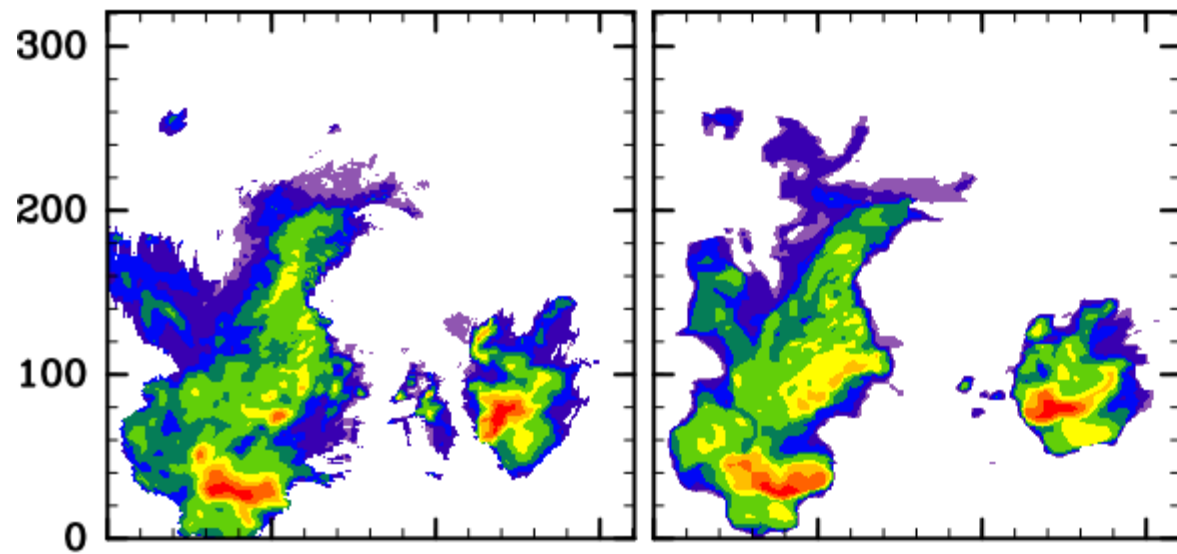
- LSTM with adversarial training produces small-scale signals



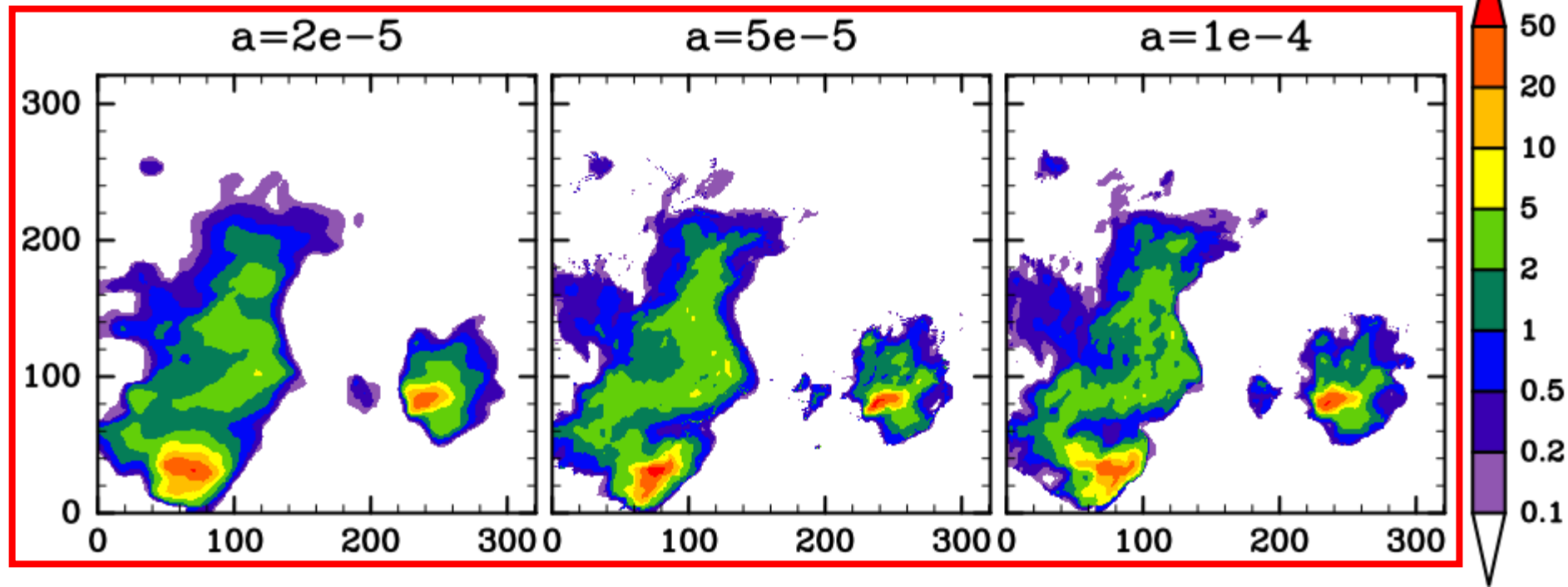
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Obs

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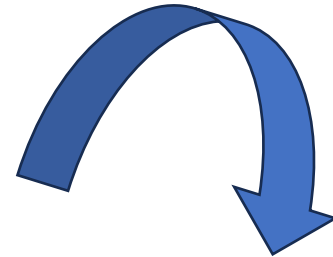
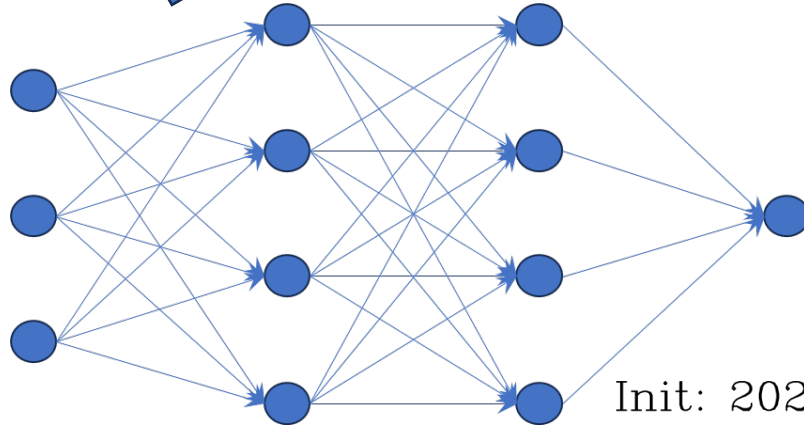
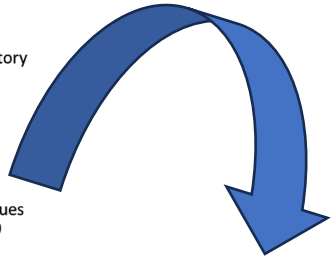
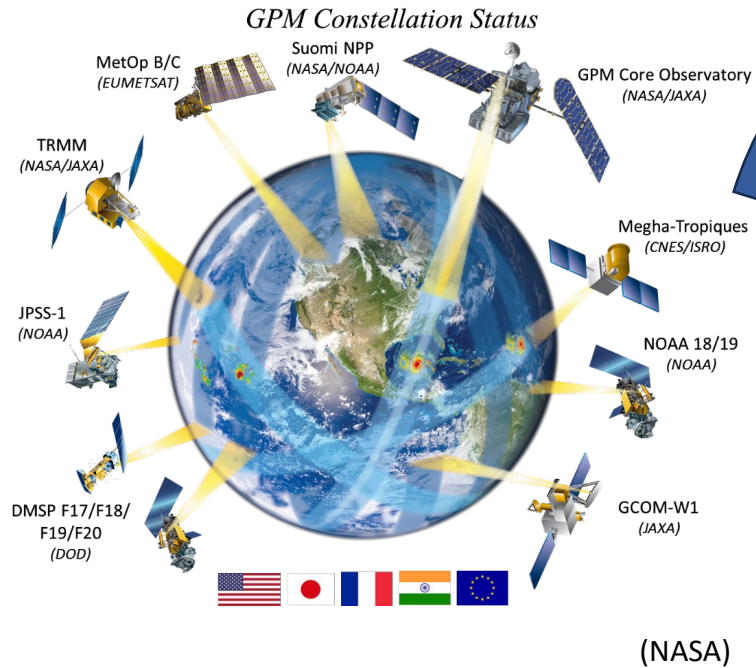


- Larger weight α for the adversarial loss
-> More fine scale features
- Larger α destabilizes training

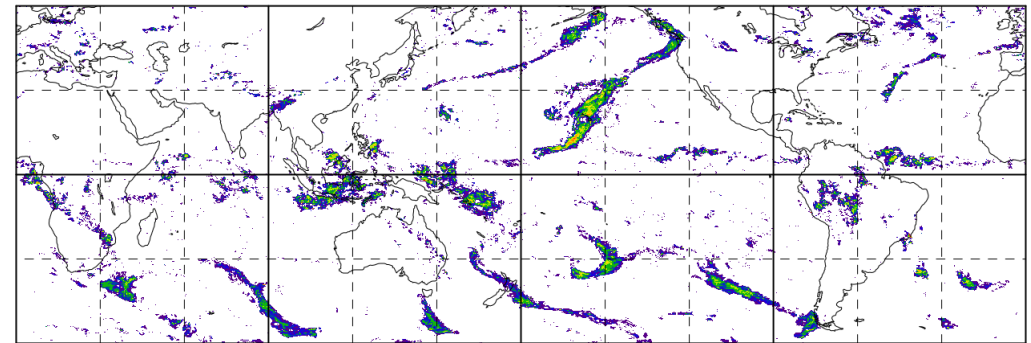


ML-based global precipitation nowcasting

- GSMaP-based AI forecast



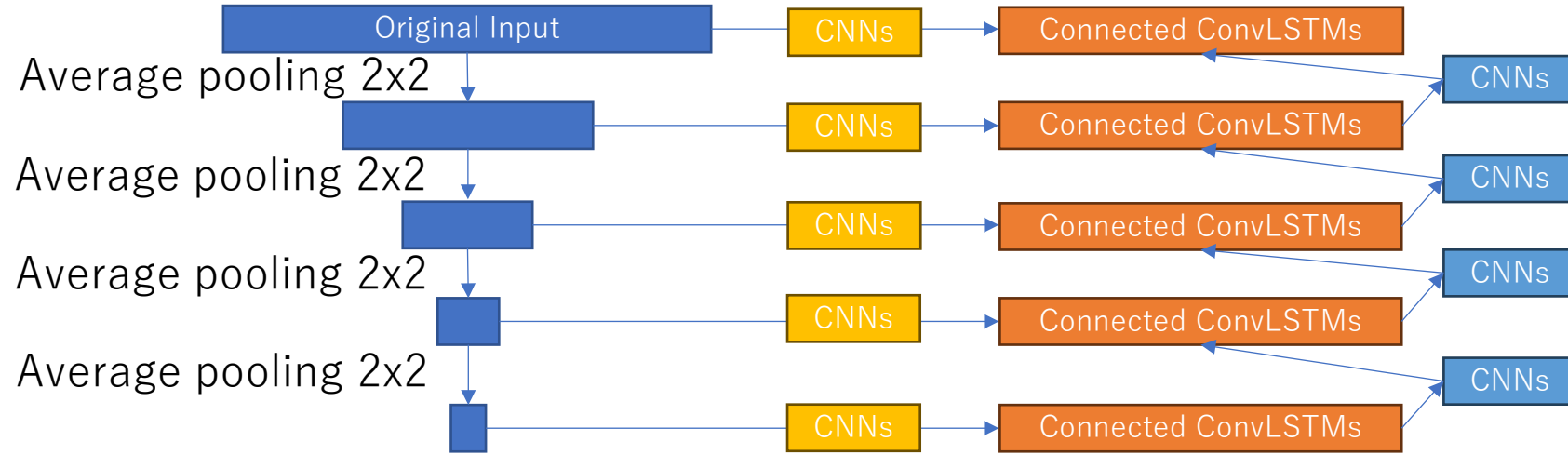
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Difficulties when applying ML to global precipitation nowcasting

- Inhomogeneity due to multi-satellite observations
 - Use of quality index by the data provider
- Scale mismatch
 - Spatial resolution: 0.1° vs. temporal resolution: 1 h
 - Hierarchical network structure
- Blurry prediction
 - Adversarial training, non-local loss

ConvLSTM-based generator for adversarial training



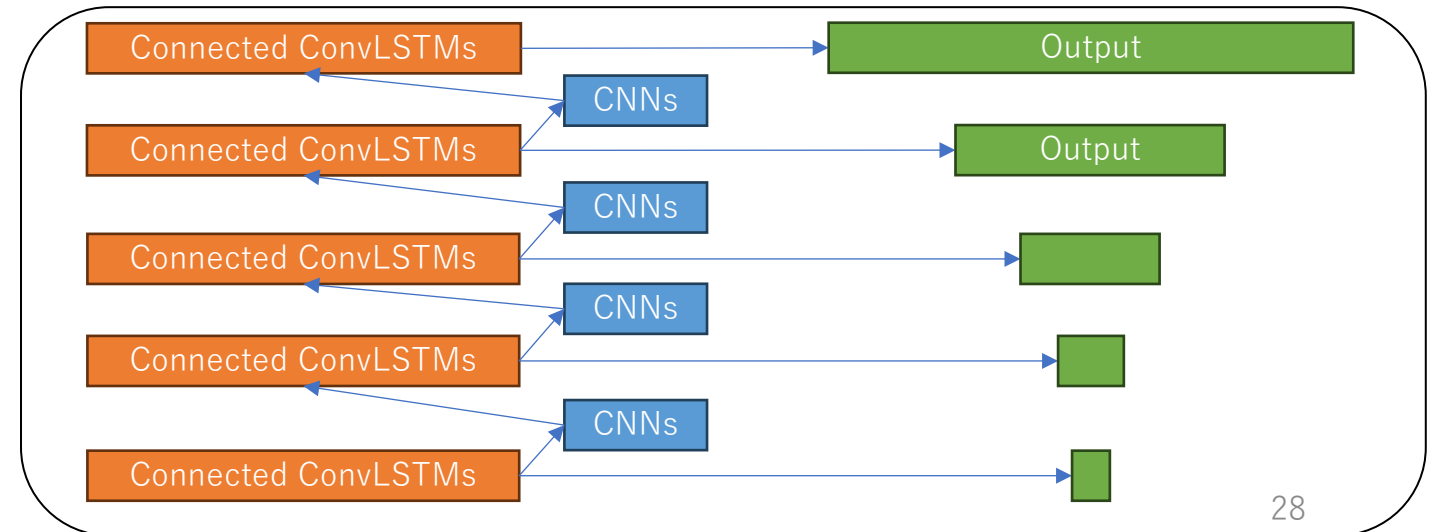
Encoder

Process
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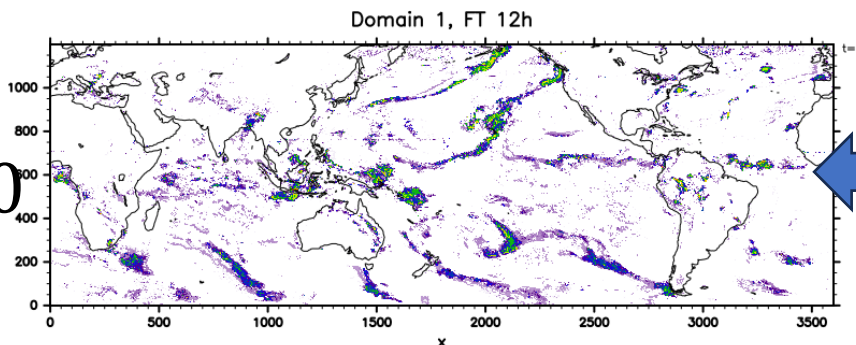
Decoder

Generate future images
(five different resolution)

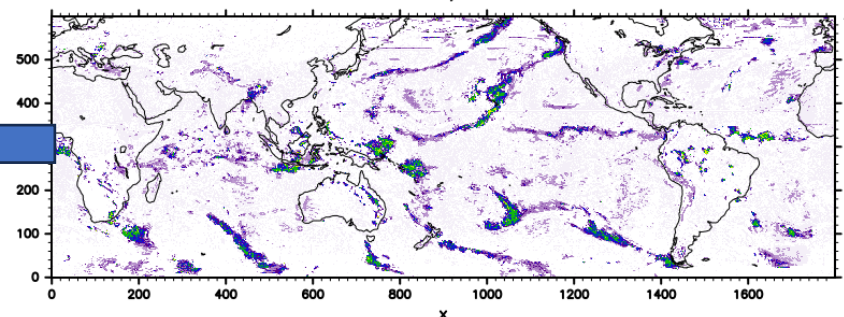


Progressive training from low- to high-res

0.1° mesh
 3600×1200

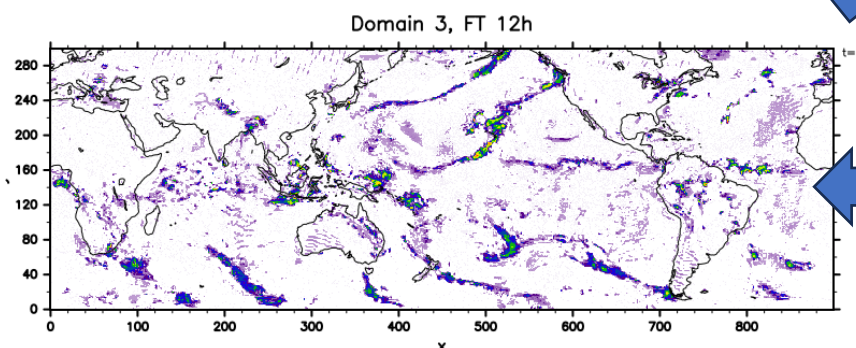


Domain 2, FT 12h

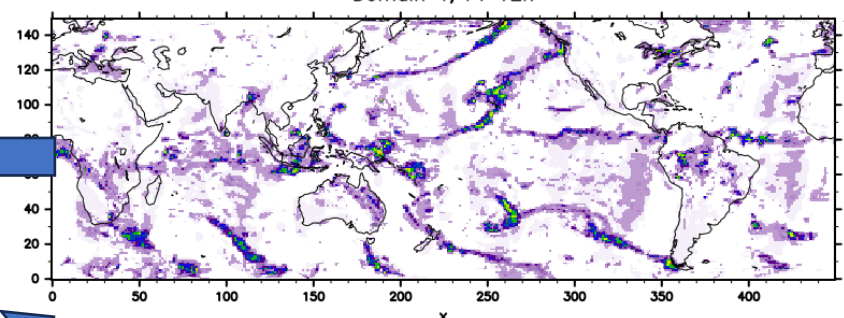


0.2° mesh
 1800×600

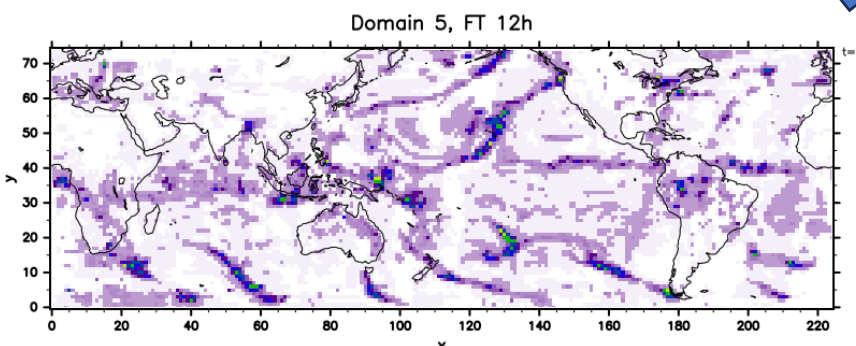
0.4° mesh
 900×300



Domain 4, FT 12h



0.8° mesh
 450×150



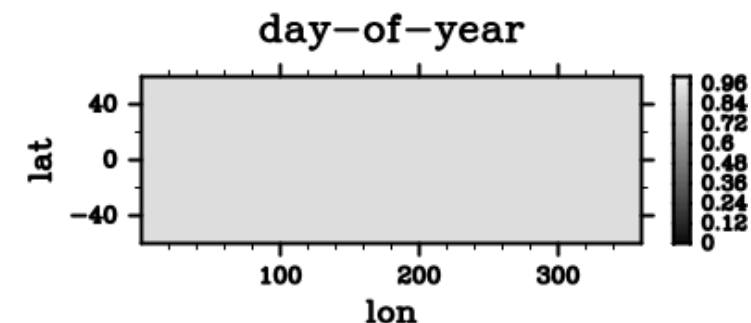
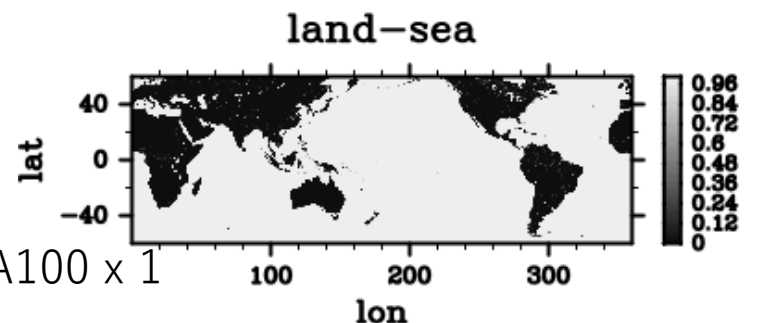
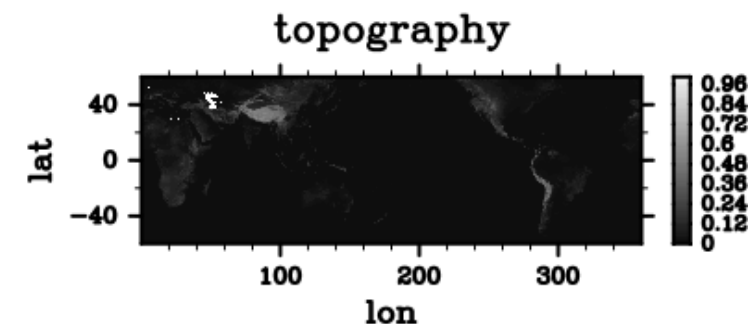
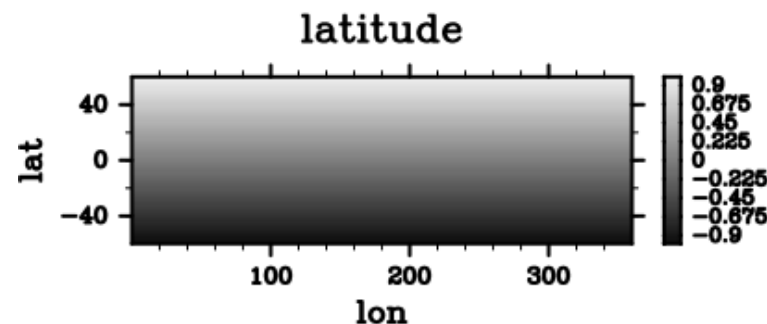
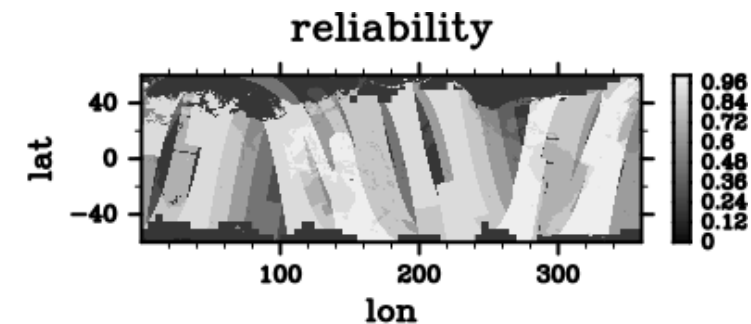
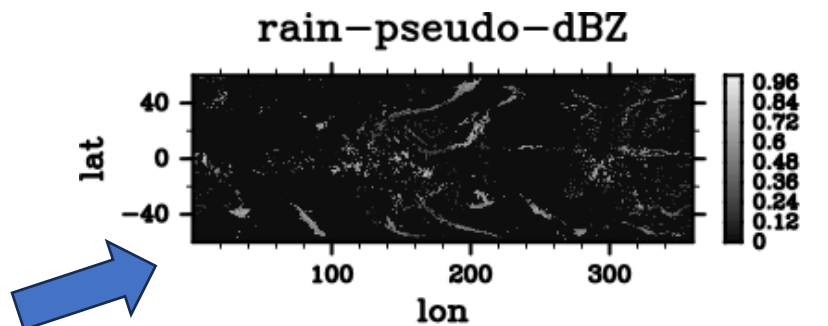
1.6° mesh
 225×75

Training loss

- **Loss_pixelwise** = $\sum_i (\text{Huber}(x_i, y_i) * w_i)$
- **Loss_adversarial** = $\text{BinaryCrossEntropy}(\text{D_spatial}(x, 0.8))$
+ $\text{BinaryCrossEntropy}(\text{D_temporal}(x, 0.8))$
- **Loss_non_local**:
 - parameters:
 - Mean and higher-order moments: For each time step, $(\overline{x^p})^{\frac{1}{p}}, p = 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10$
 - Sharpness: For each time step, $(\overline{(\nabla^q x - \overline{\nabla^q x})^p})^{\frac{1}{p}}, p = 2, 4, q = 2, 4, 6, 8$
 - To avoid unrealistic pattern: For time-averaged value, $(\overline{(\nabla^q x - \overline{\nabla^q x})^p})^{\frac{1}{p}}, p = 2, 4, q = 2, 4, 6, 8$
 - To avoid unrealistic pattern: For each time step, $(\overline{(x \nabla^q x - \overline{x \nabla^q x})^p})^{\frac{1}{p}}, p = 2, 4, q = 2, 4, 6, 8$
 - Loss for each resolution, each parameter X : $\left(\frac{X_{\text{Prediction}} - X_{\text{Truth}}}{X_{\text{Time-averaged truth}}} \right)^2$

Data

- Input: hourly, past 24 h
 - GSMP
Near-Real-Time (NRT) v8
- Truth: hourly, 12-h lead
 - GSMP Standard (MVK) v8
- Training:
2022/01/01 - 2023/12/31
 - ~2 weeks on A100 x 1
- Validation:
2021/12/06
- Test:
2024/01/01 - 2024/01/31
 - ~5 seconds/12-h-prediction on A100 x 1
 - ~10 seconds for I/O

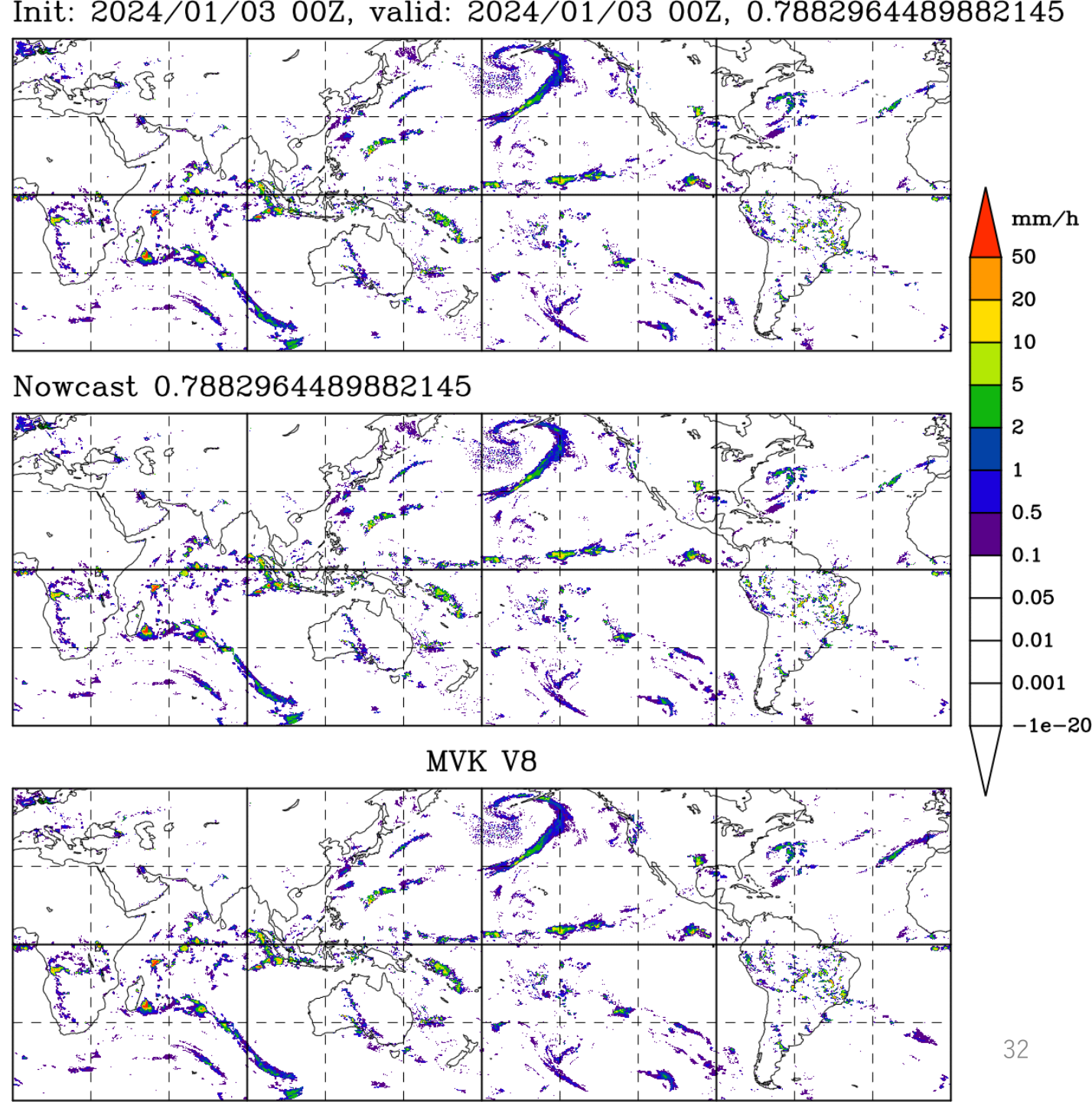


Comparison with a conventional algorithm

Proposed

**Conventional
tracking algorithm**

Observations

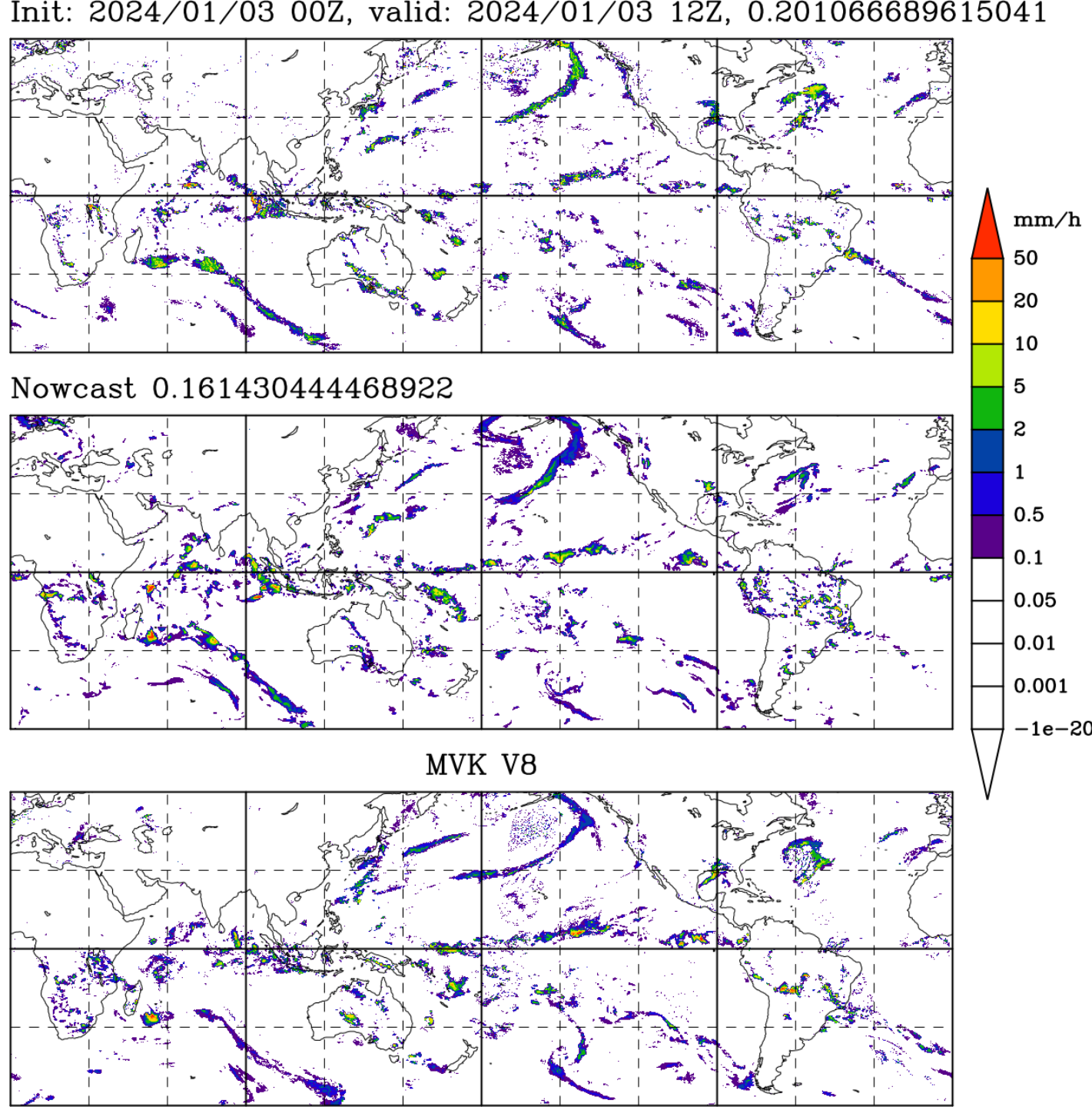


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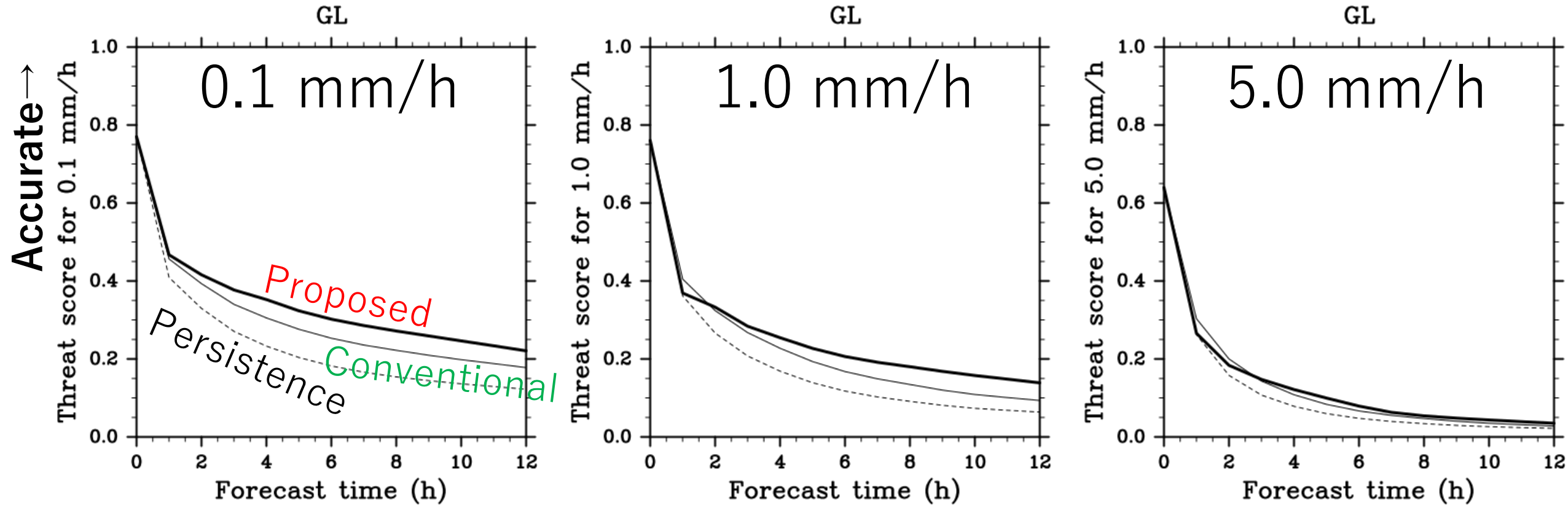
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Observations



Verification scores for January 2024



Threat scores with respect to GSMaP MVKv8

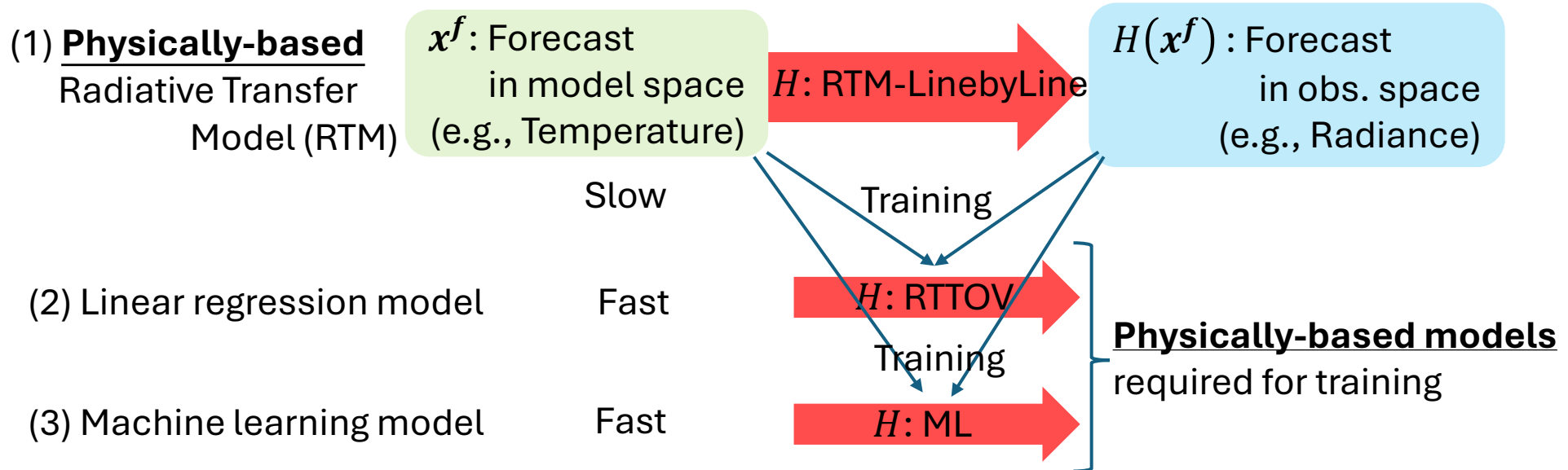
A machine learning approach to the observation operator for satellite radiance data assimilation

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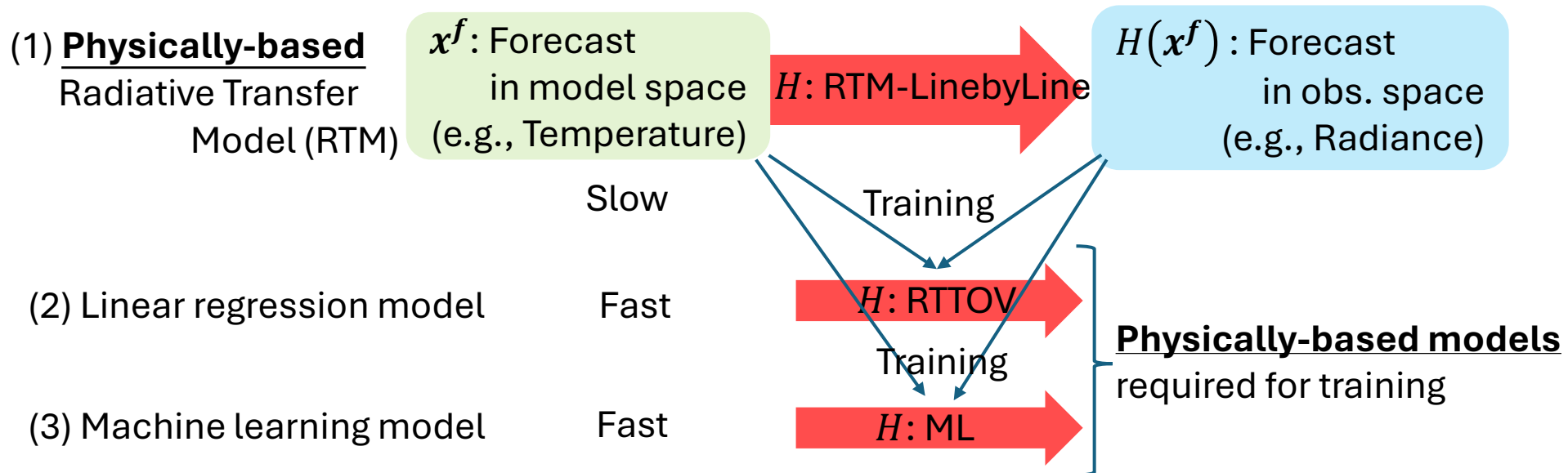
Machine Learning for satellite obs. operator

$$\mathbf{x}^a = \mathbf{x}^f + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{y} - \underline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}^f)]$$

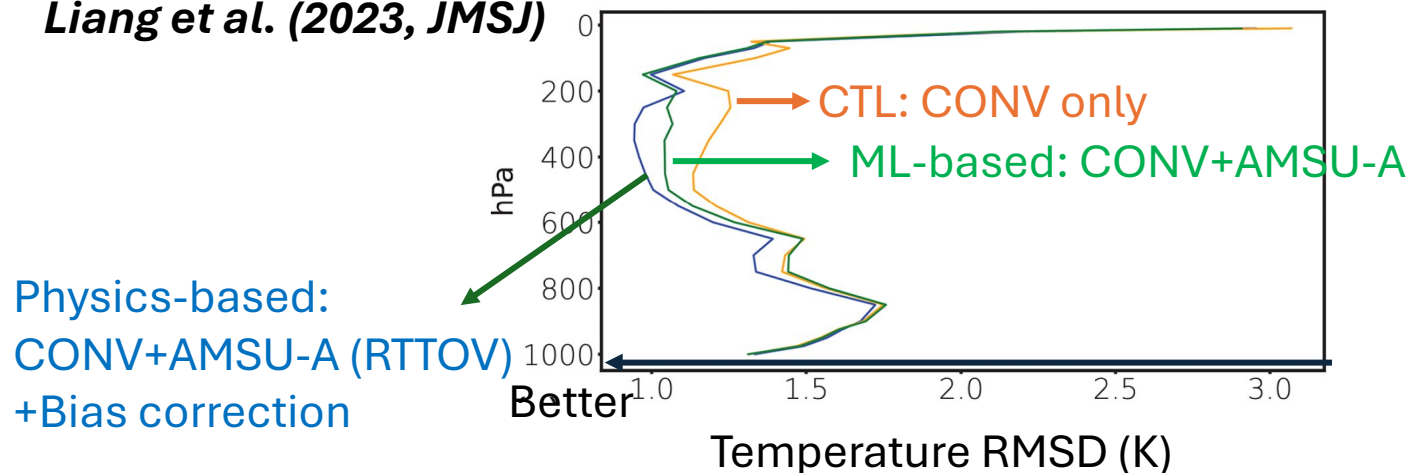


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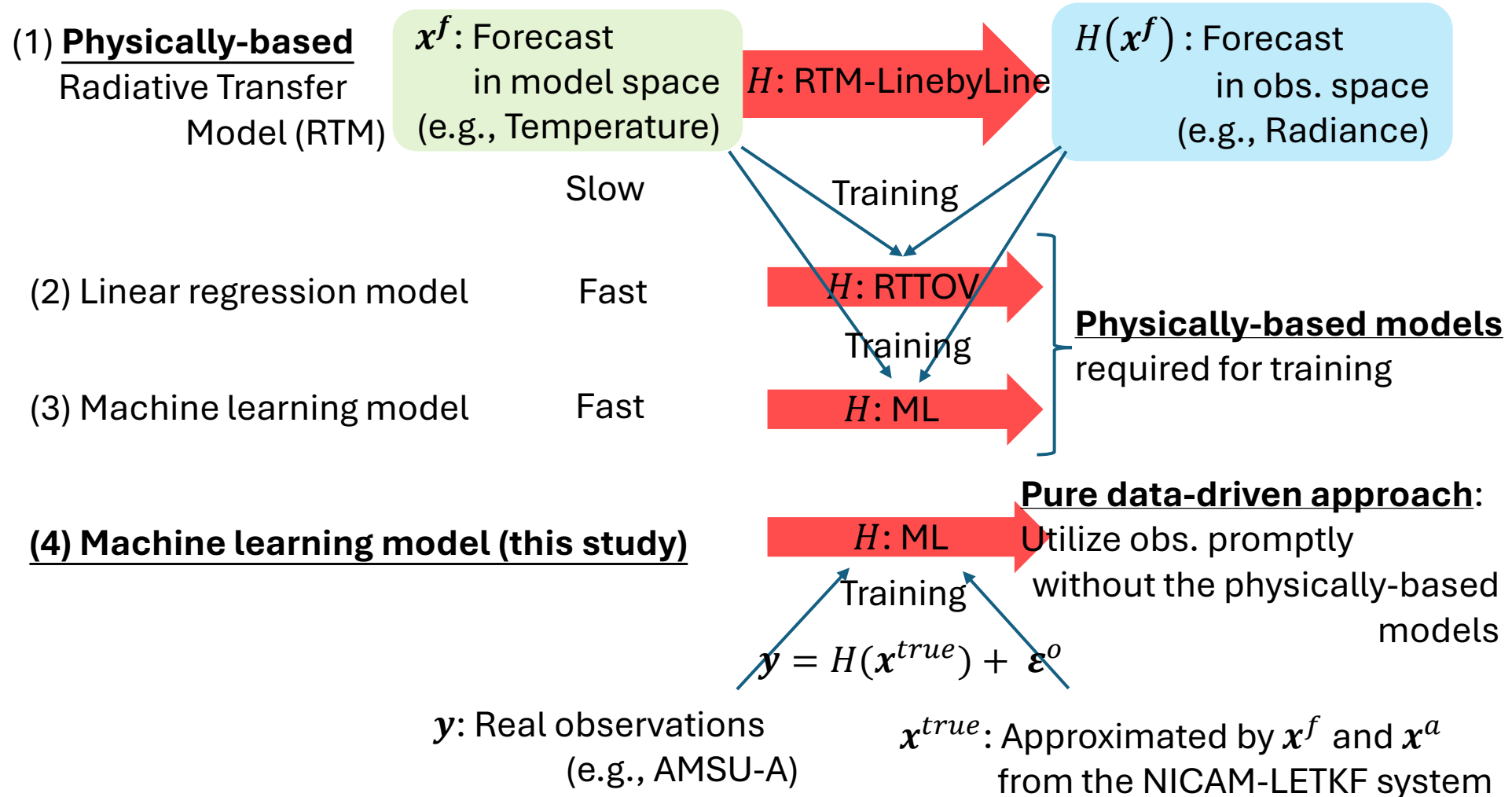


Liang et al. (2023, JMSJ)



Machine Learning for satellite obs. operator

$$\mathbf{x}^a = \mathbf{x}^f + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{y} - \underline{H}(\mathbf{x}^f)]$$



Design of the machine learning models

$$y = h_{ml}(x_b, \theta, \emptyset, p) + e_{ml}$$

output input

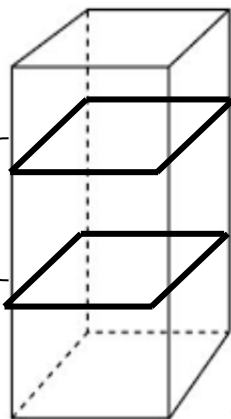
input

3D variables:

- pressure (78 levels)
- temperature (78 levels)
- specific humidity (40 levels)

2D variables:

- surface pressure
- surface temperature
- 10-meter u-wind and v-wind
- 2-meter temperature
- 2-m specific humidity



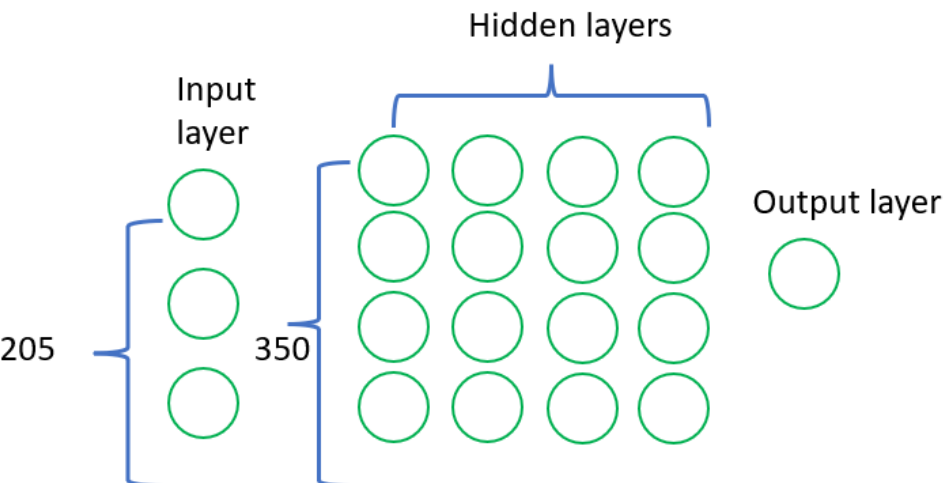
Output: y

satellite brightness
temperature
from channel 6, 7, 8

other bias predictor: Satellite zenith angle, Scan angle, latitude

Deep neural networks (DNNs) for each channel and satellite

205 features, includes
different vertical levels



Hyperparameters searching:

activation function	ReLu
learning rate	1e-6
Units	300
Layers	4

Validation relative to ERA Interim

■ Sensitivity experiments

- CONV only

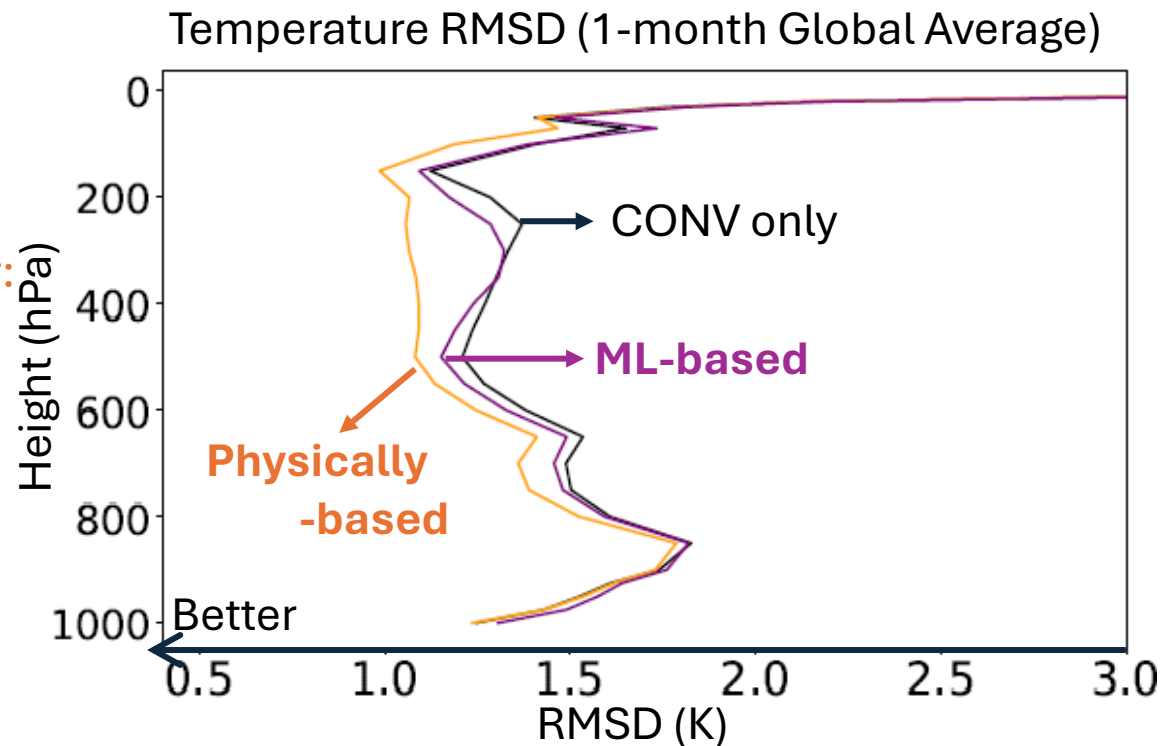
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CONV+AMSU-A (RTTOV)

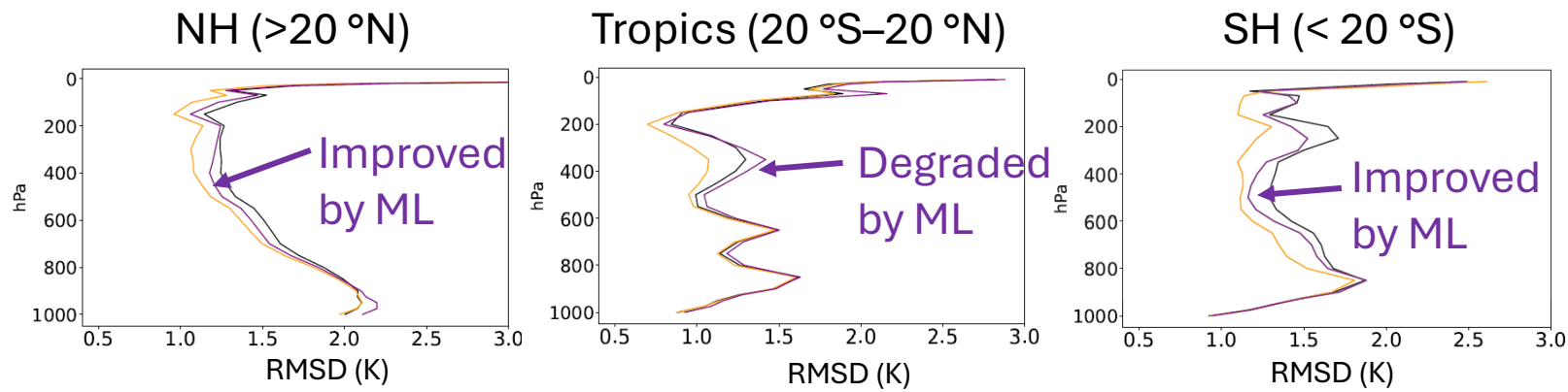
+Bias correction

- **ML-based** obs. operator:

CONV+AMSU-A

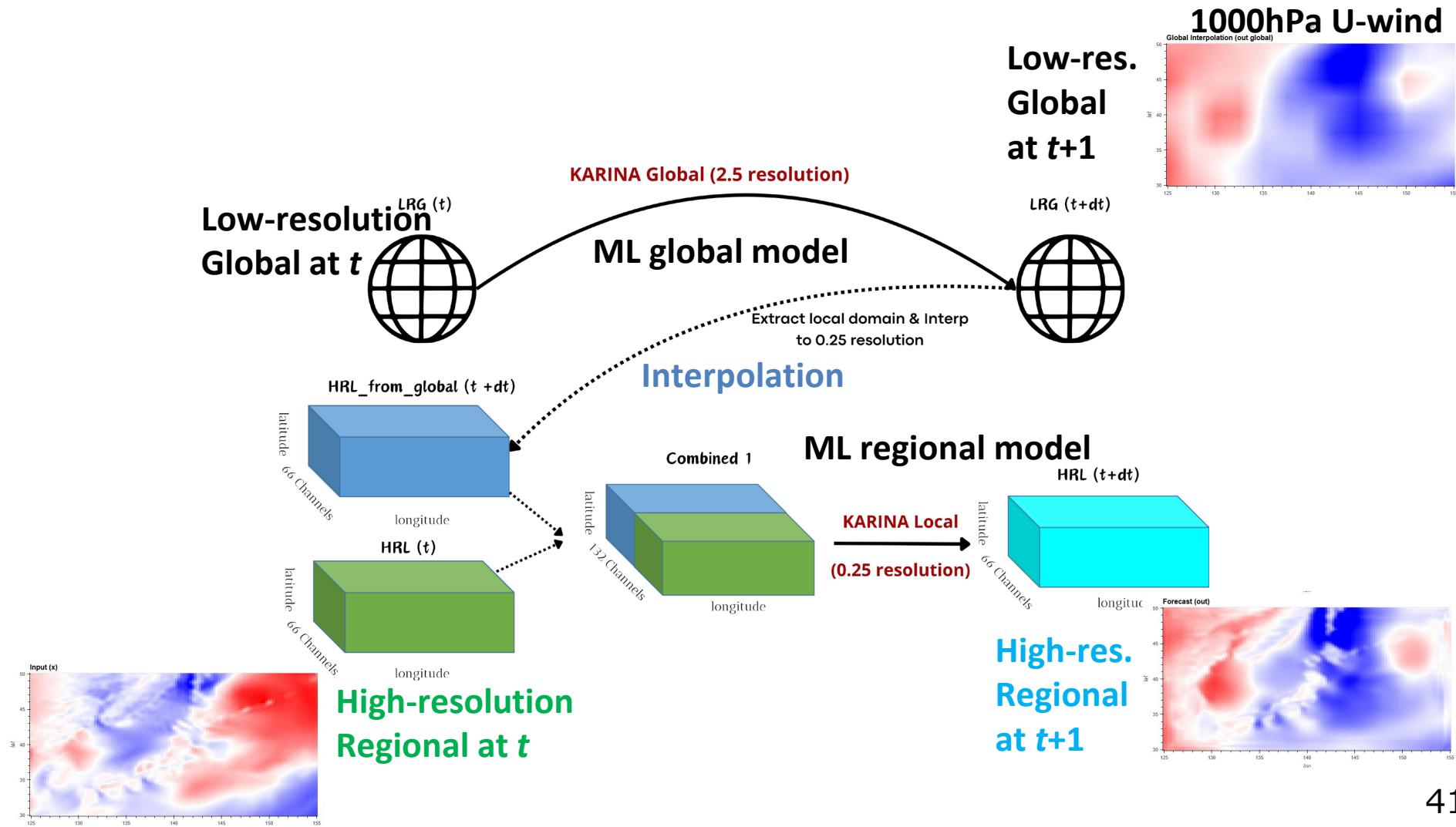


Accuracy: **Physically-based** > **ML-based** > CONV only



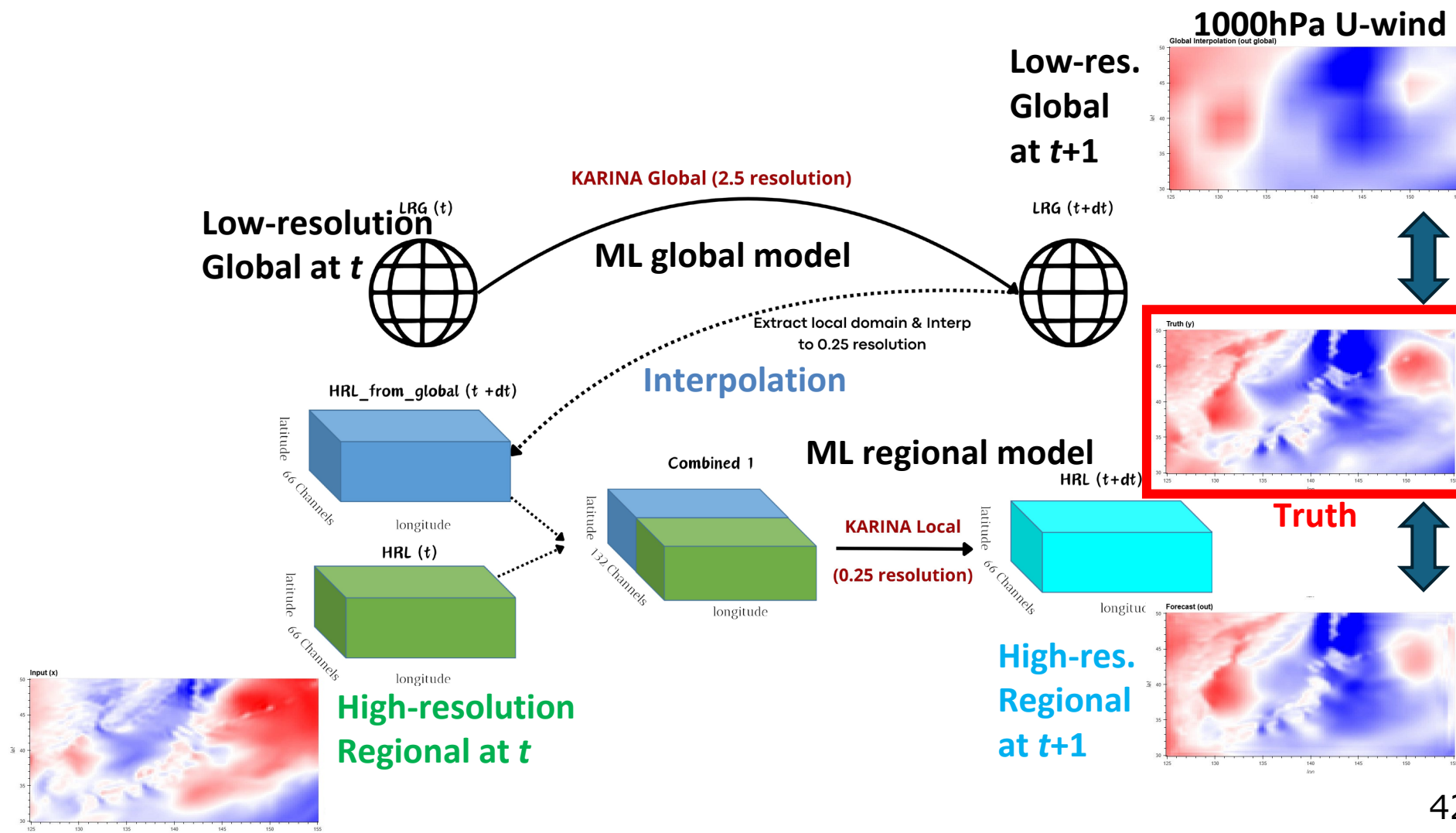
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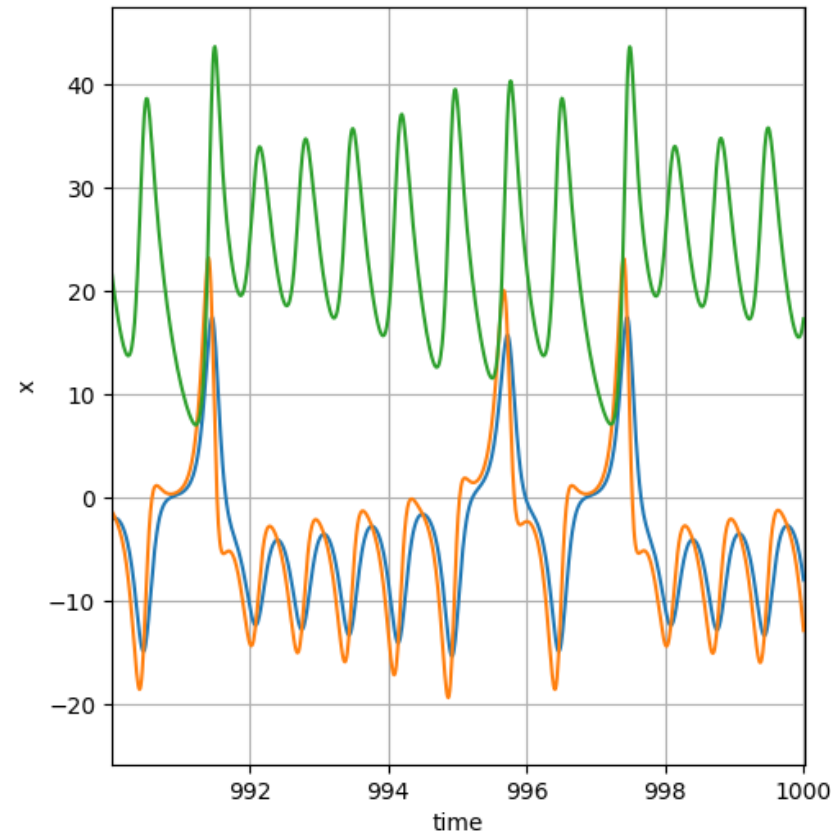
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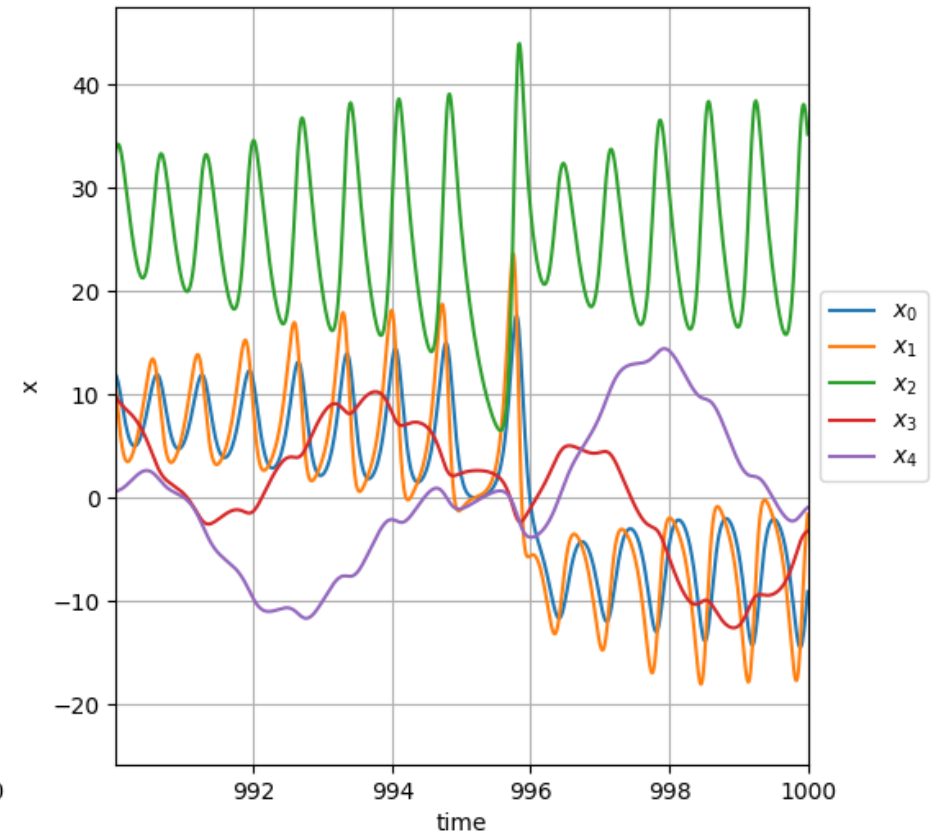
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Numerical Model (Imperfect Model)



Goal (Perfect Model)



Experiment Setup

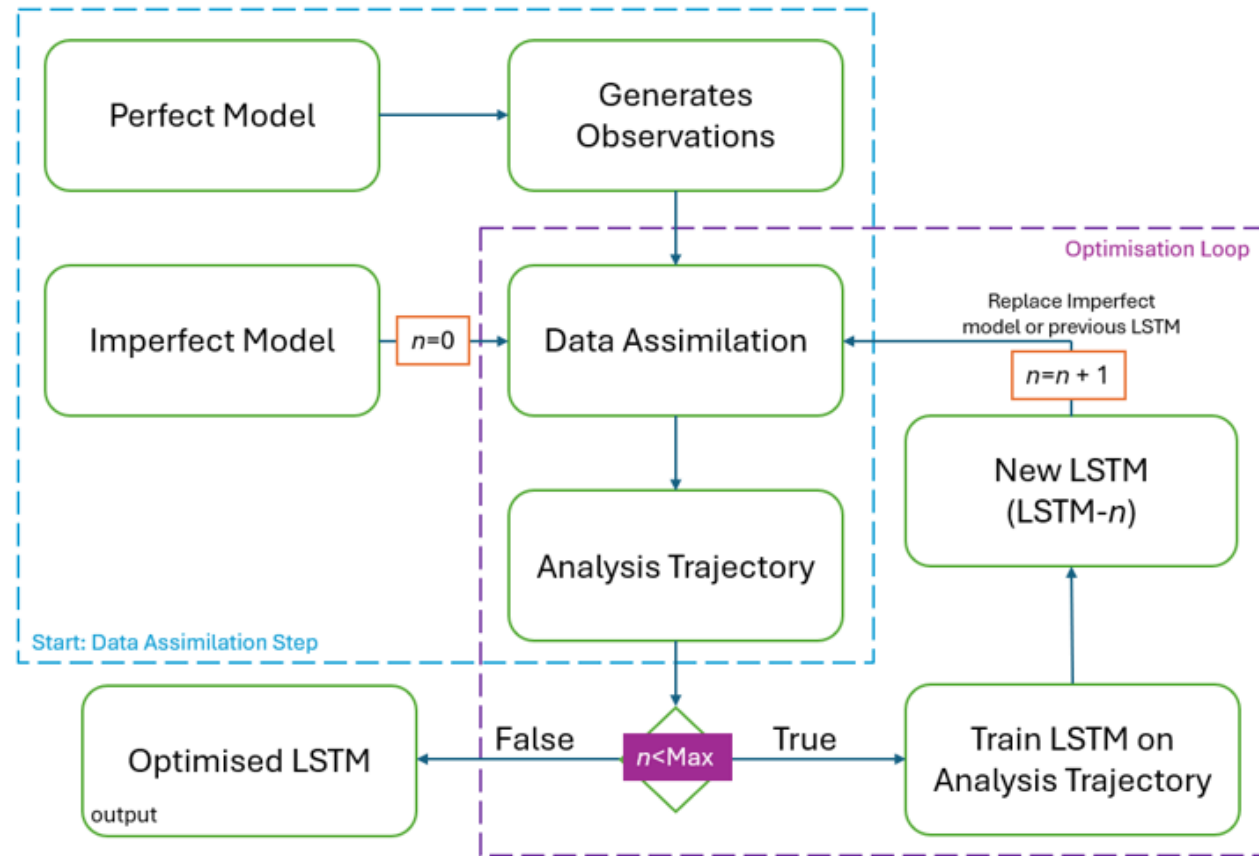
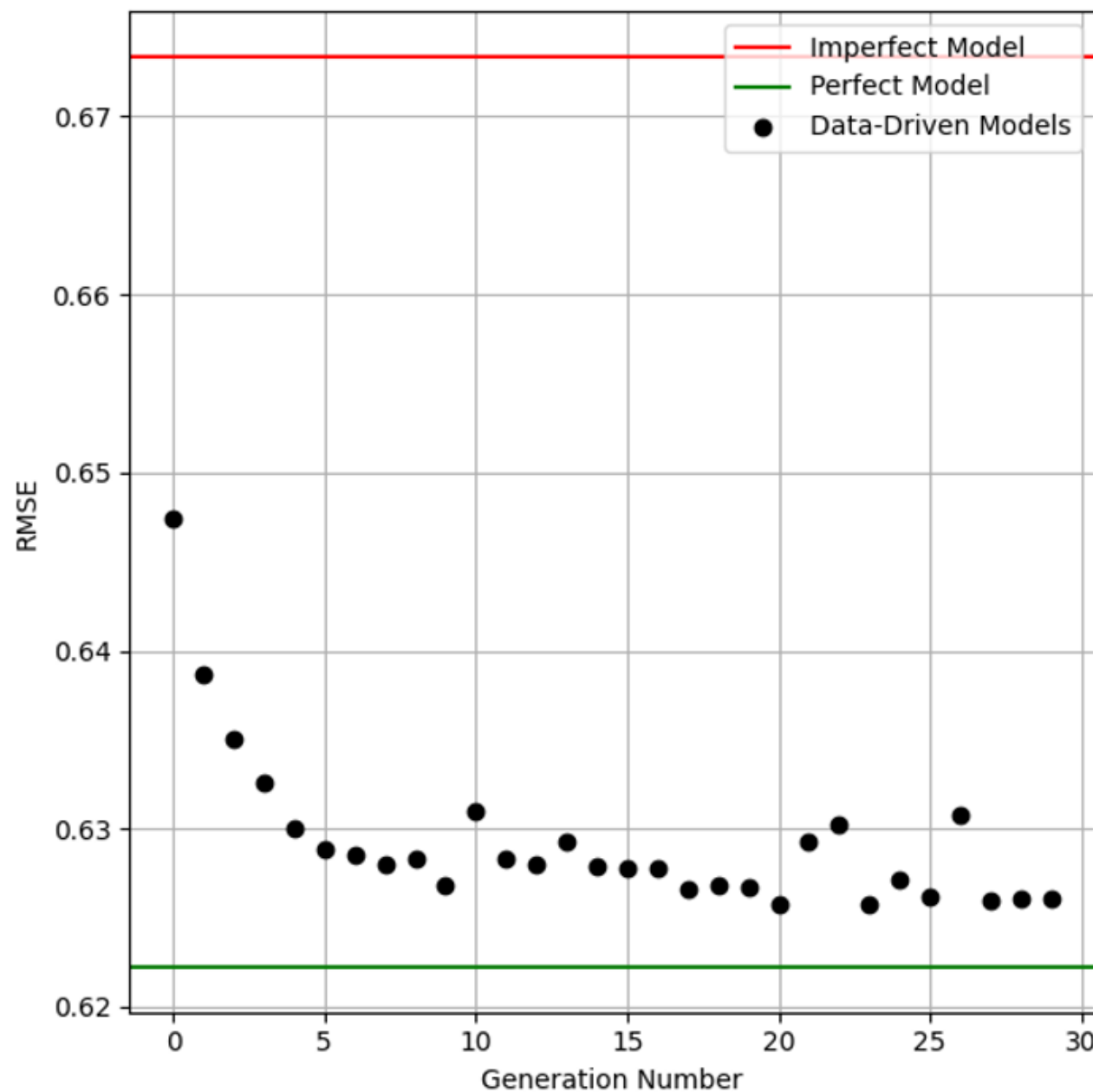


Figure 1. This figure shows the cycling algorithm implemented in this paper. The blue dashed box is the traditional DA cycle, the purple dashed box is our additional loop until the max iteration number is reached, giving an optimised LSTM. When $n=0$ indicates the iteration number, LSTM-0 would be the initial LSTM trained on the imperfect model analysis trajectory after its correction using DA.

1. Run our numerical model
2. Update trajectories using data assimilation on observations from the 5-variable system.
$$\sigma \in \{x_0^{5v}, x_1^{5v}, x_2^{5v}\}$$
3. Create an LSTM using the analysis trajectory.
4. Use this LSTM to run a new trajectory
5. Repeat 2-4 until convergence



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Figure 2. This figure shows the analysis RMSE of our cycling algorithm on the Lorenz 63 model. As we cycle through the algorithm, we see the analysis/forecasts getting closer to the perfect system.

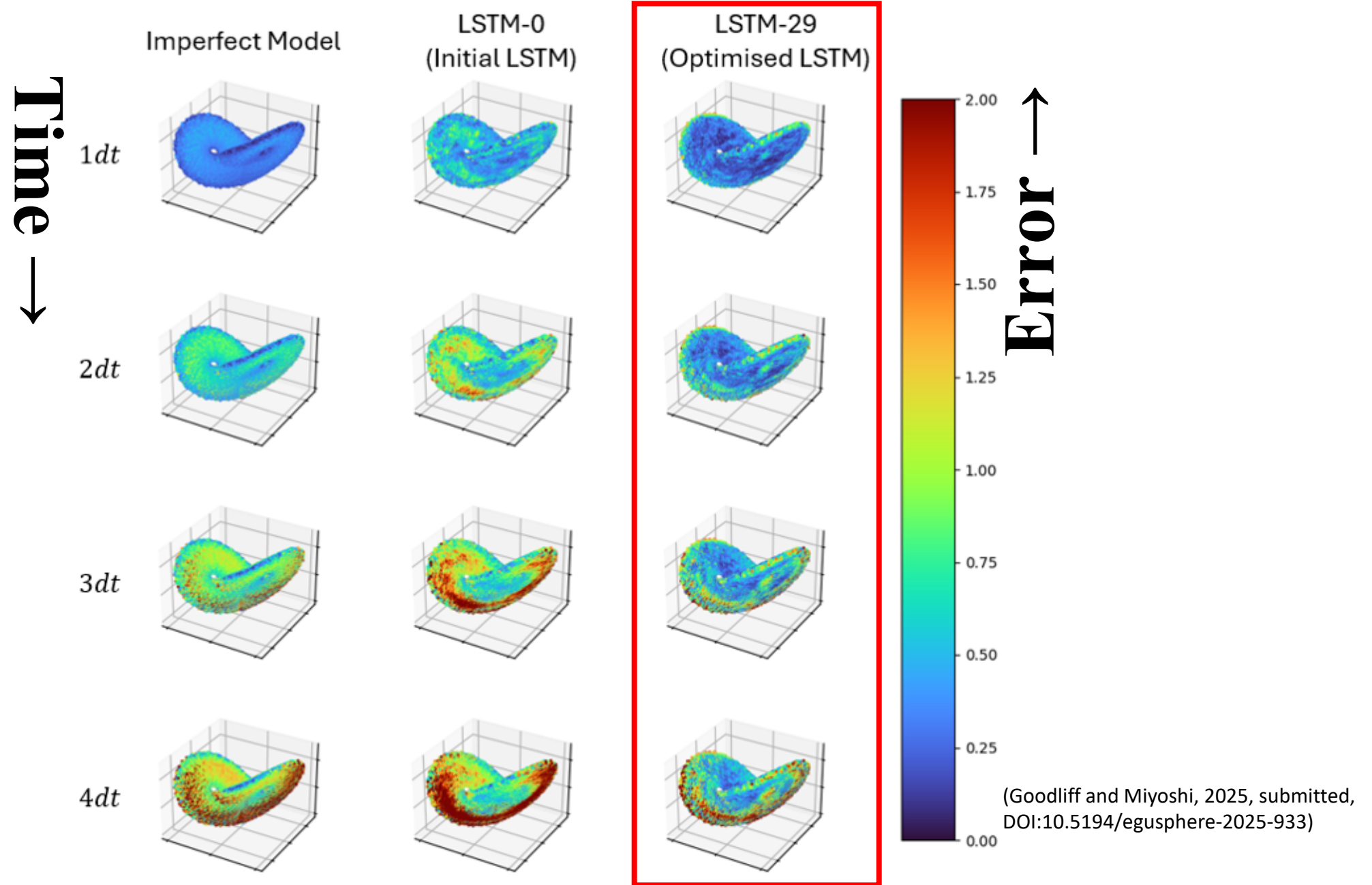
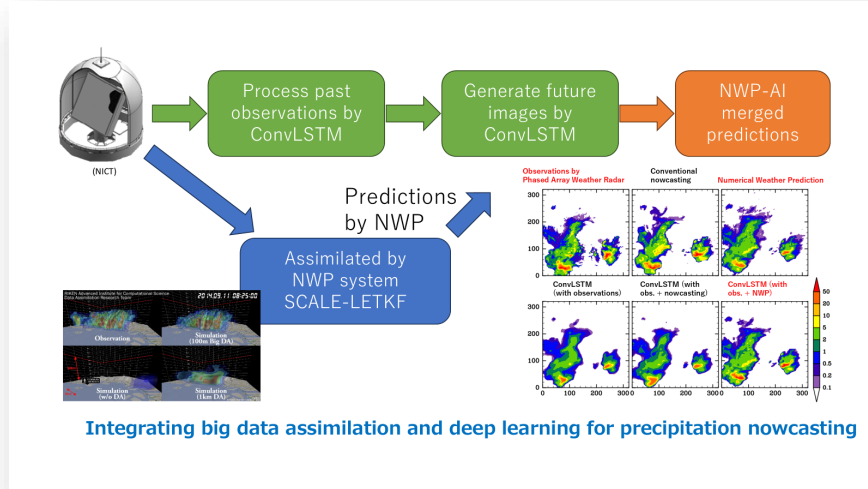


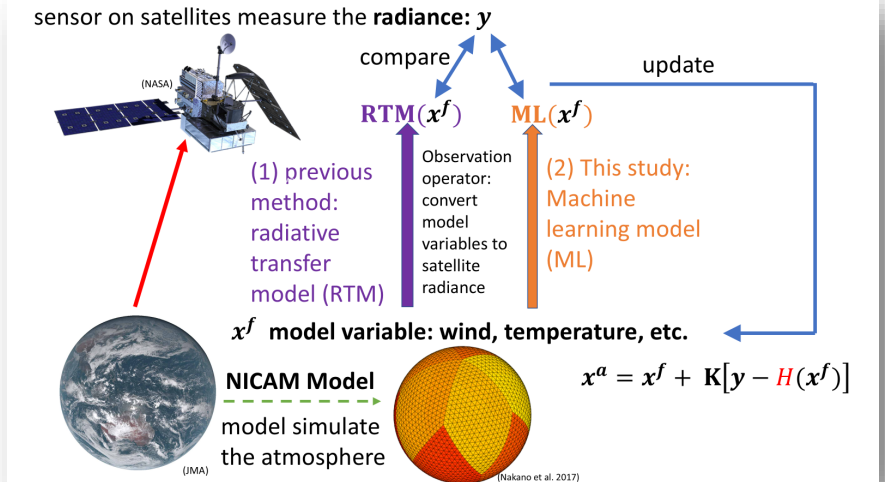
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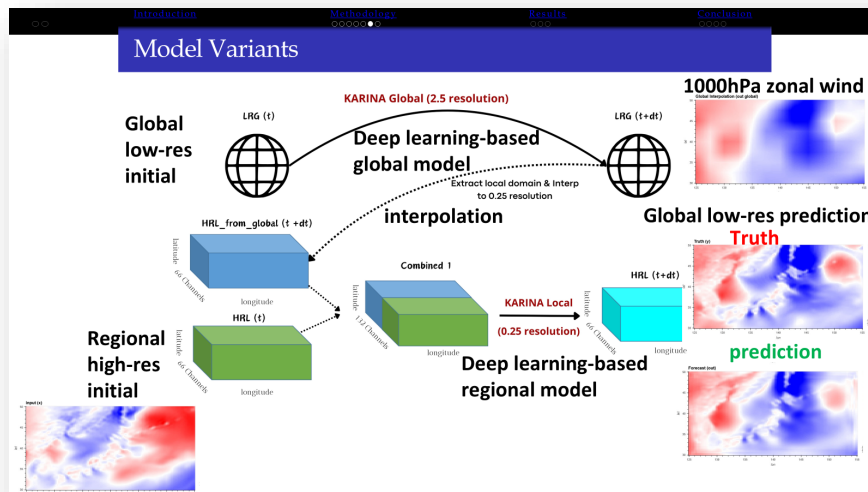
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ML observation operator in DA



ML regional weather prediction



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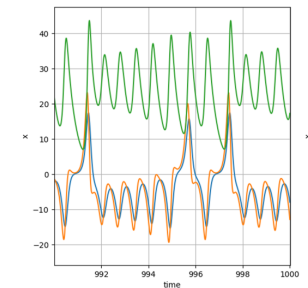
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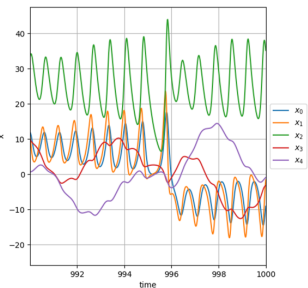
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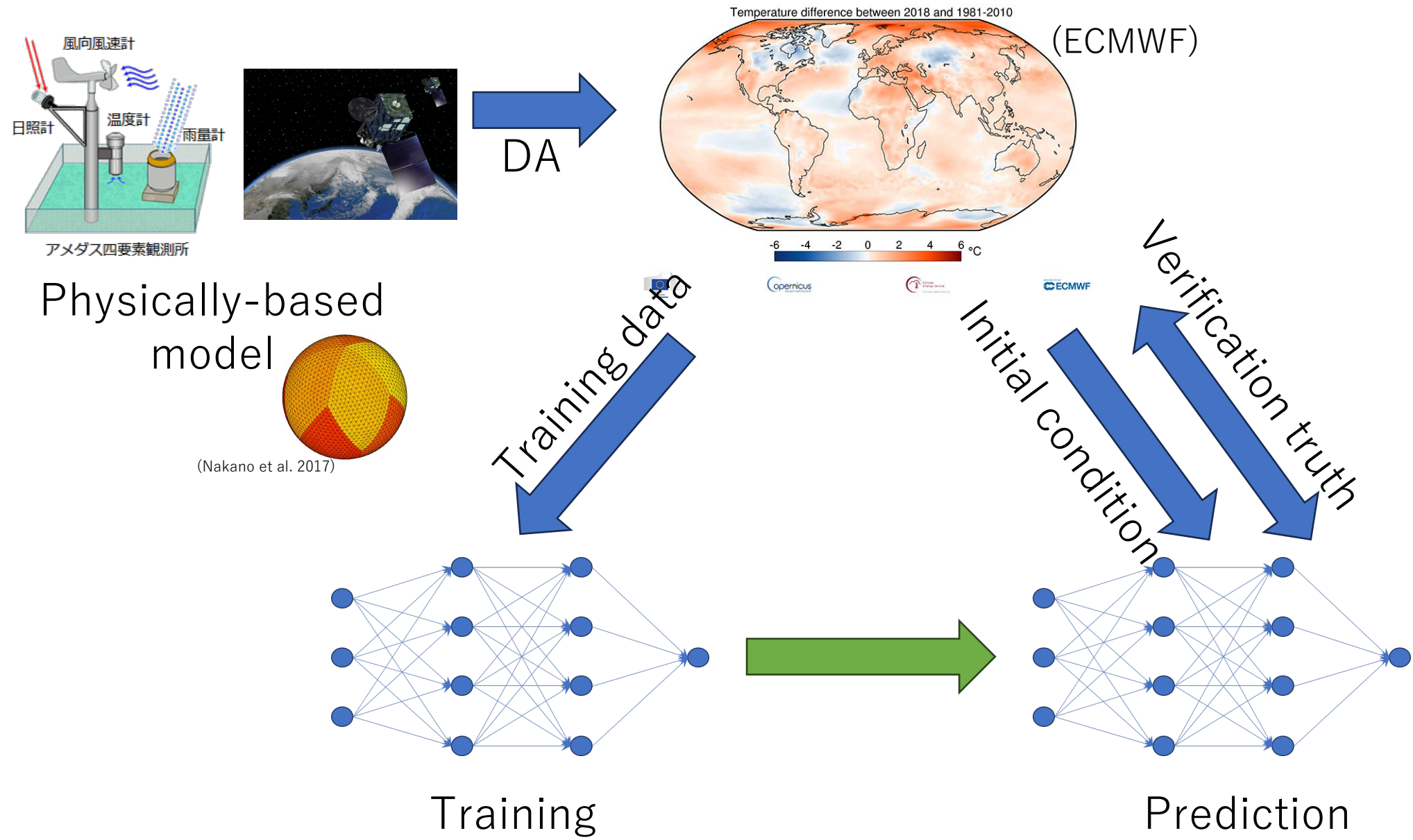


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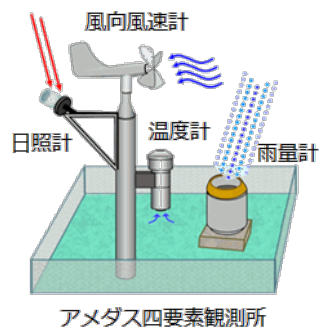


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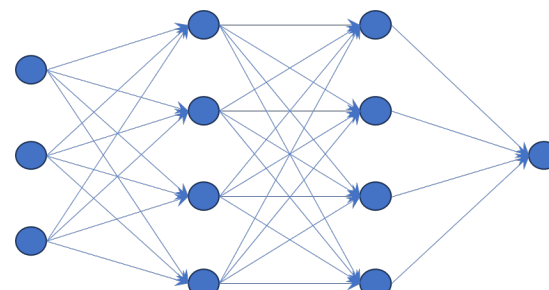
Current



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Latent space: ϕ

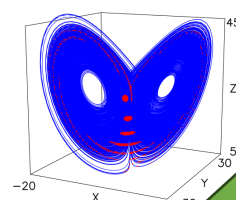


Diffusion model

Training

Conditional distribution $p(\phi|y)$

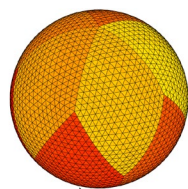
Training data



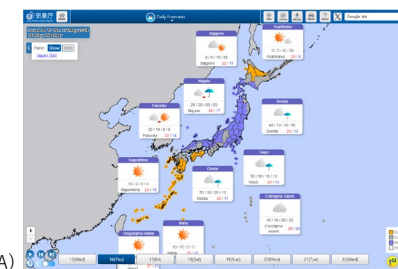
Training

Prediction

Physically-based model



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(Nakano et al. 2017)