

Requirement of model simulation for big data assimilation

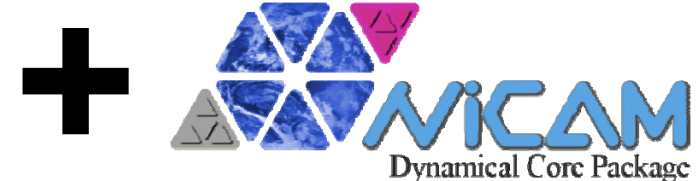
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What I talk about?

- What does our modeling activity contribute to BDA?
 - In a real time BDA, speed of simulation code is a tiny issue?
 - Challenging in the model!
- Our modeling activity:
 - Development of a high resolution model with a library suitable to HPC
 - An example of recent result
 - regional climate simulation for assessment of Hyogo/Kobe area
- Summary

Project Overview

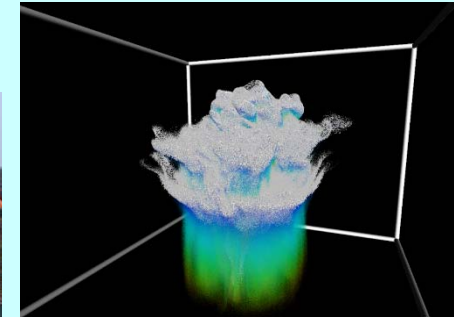
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PAWR



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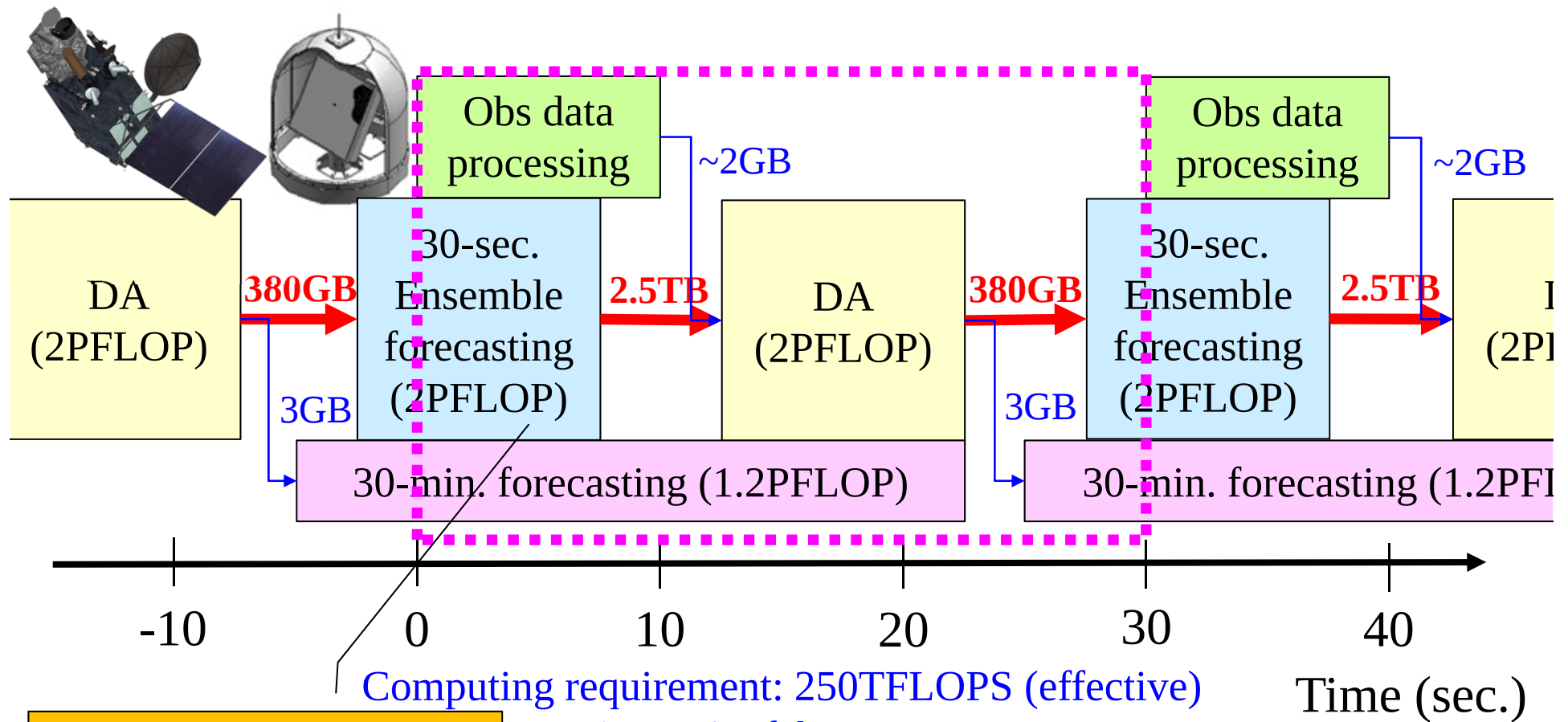
NHM
SCALE
Scalable Computing for Advanced Library and Environments



Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter
(*Hunt et al. 2007*)

**Pinpoint (100-m resol.) forecast of
severe local weather by
updating 30-min forecast every 30 sec!**

Revolutionary super-rapid 30-sec. cycle



Requirement to
model from the
viewpoint
computational aspect

**120 times more rapid than
the hourly “Rapid Refresh”**

Requirement of model simulation on real time forecast

Physical Challenge!

Is each cumulus predictable by BDA?

Cumulus is a chaotic phenomenon.

- A research of environment for convection occurrence is a useful approach
 - Criteria of convection occurrence?
- Fortunately, we will have a very frequent and huge observation data near the future.
 - We can watch the detail environment in real time.
 - e.g. PAWD, Himawar-8

Computational Challenge!

Finish huge computation within a limited resource?

- To use observational Big Data efficiently, how should the model going on?

- 1. High resolution
- 2. High sophistication of physics
- 3. Large number of ensembles

Very huge computation within a given time.

Their balancing is a key!

Computational resource is limited! (even when the exa-scale era)
High resolution CFD, especially, becomes tight for memory bandwidth.
Too much Sophisticated physics is not needed

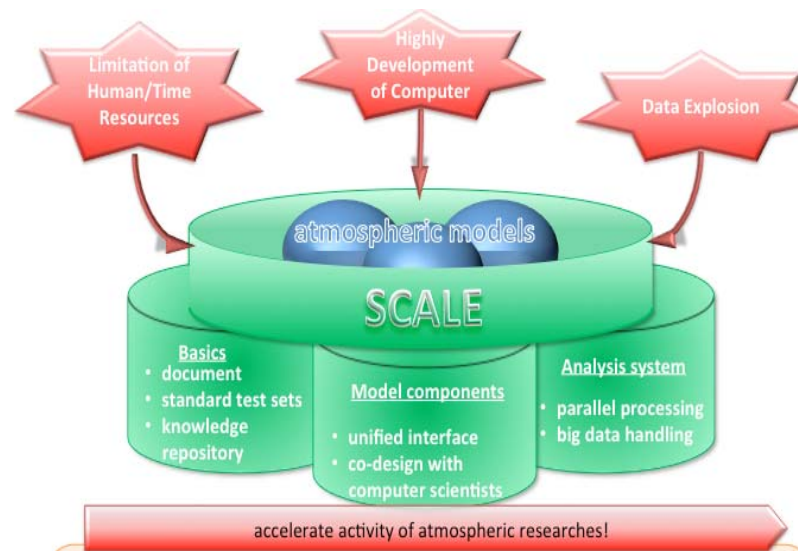
OUR MODELING ACTIVITY



SCALE library

SCALE (Scalable Computing for Advanced Library and Environment)

- from x86 PCs to super computers (K and post K)
- Collaborate with computer scientists
- Open source with the 2 clause BSD license
 - <http://scale.aics.riken.jp/>

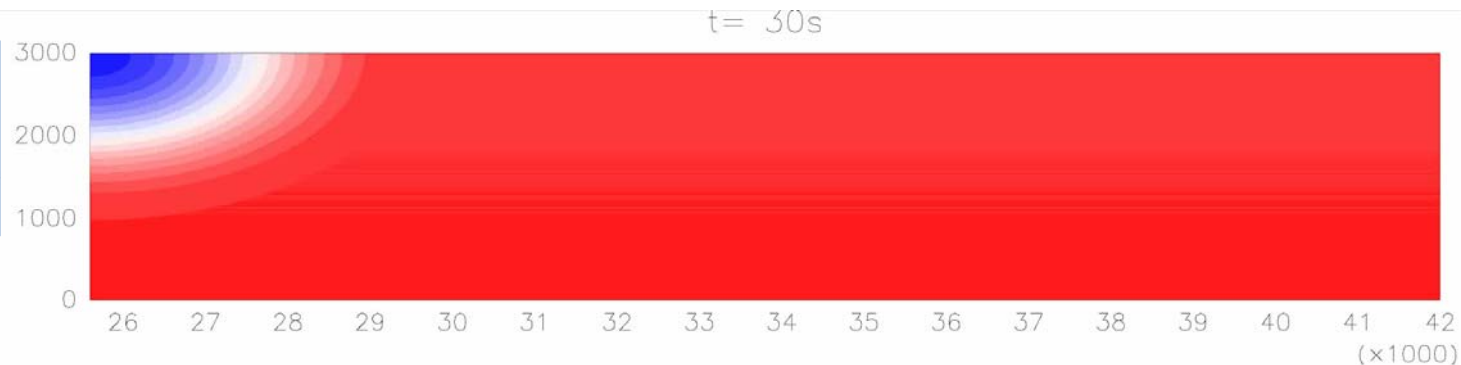


- Feature:
 - model components (unified API) cover ...
 - dynamical cores framework: HE-VE, HE-VI, HI-VI
 - physics: many microphysics, turbulence, radiation, surface flux
 - misc: I/O, communication, logger, timer etc
 - Enough documentation
 - model description
 - knowledge repository (future work)
 - A lot of test cases
 - component unit test
 - standard benchmarks
 - pre- and post-processing tools
 - parallel handling (future work)

SCALE-LES (based on SCALE library)

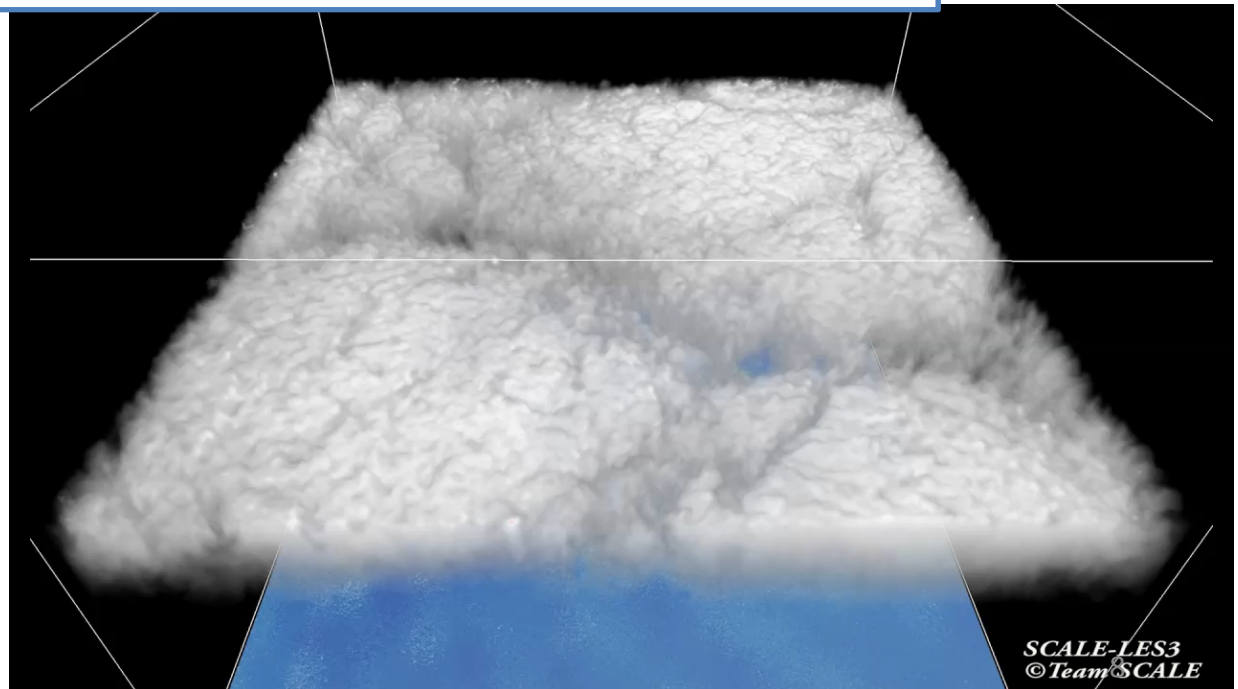
A meteorological Large-Eddy simulation model using SCALE

2d test case
of dynamics
(cold bubble)



3D LES simulation of shallow cloud with super-high resolution

- SCALE-LES is an application of SCALE
- Target scales:
 - $O(10-100)km^2$ domain with $O(10-100)m$ resolution
 - Going to a global LES?



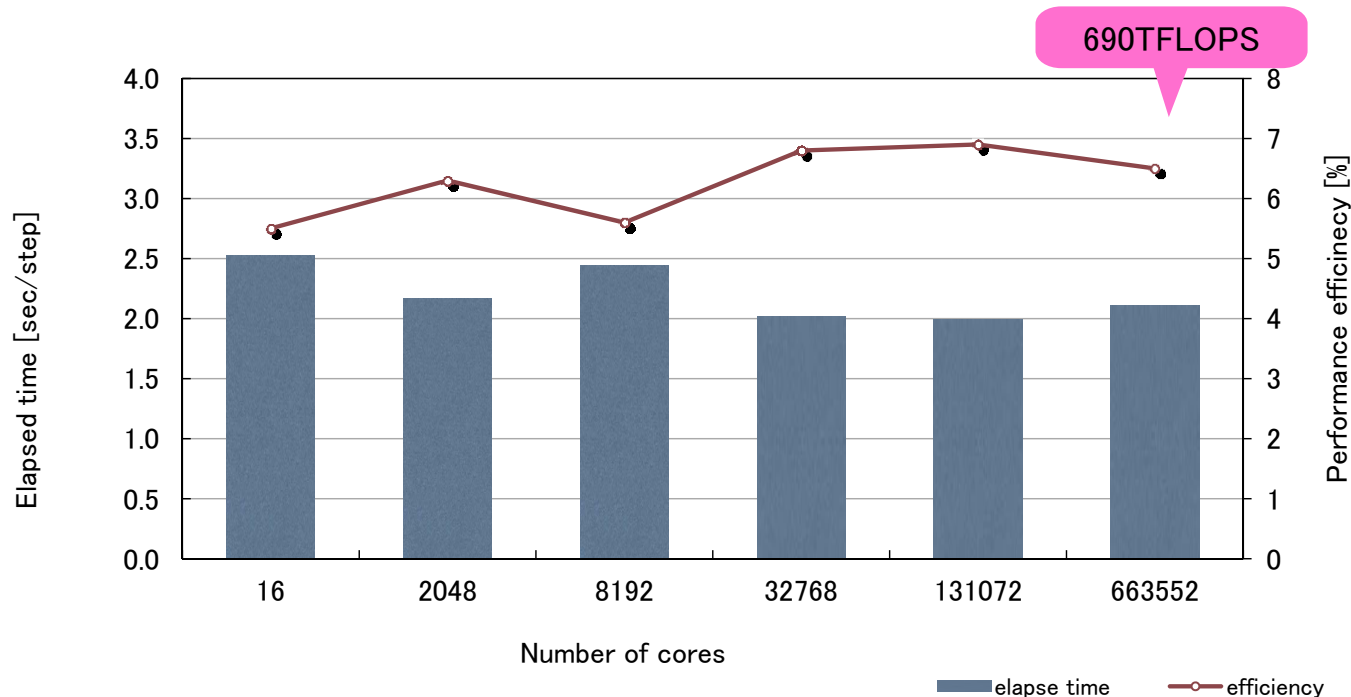
An example of experimental configurations

Regional Climate Assessment (present and future) in Hyogo/Kobe area (funding by Hyogo prefecture and Kobe city COE project)

- Numerical schemes
 - Spatial difference
 - Terms related to acoustic wave: 2nd order central difference
 - Advection terms: 4th order central difference (tracers FCT) : requirement from LES
 - Temporal integration
 - Dynamical variables: 3 steps RK, tracers: Euler (satisfies CWC)
 - Horizontally explicit vertically implicit (without split explicit for reduction of memory load/store)
- Physical processes
 - Turbulence: Smagorinsky type (Brown et al. 1994, Scotti et al. 1993), MYNN level2.5
 - Cloud microphysics: 6 category single or double moment bulk (Tomita 2008 or Seiki and Nakajima 2014)
 - Radiation: MSTRN-X (Sekiguchi and Nakajima 2008)
 - Surface flux: Monin-Obukhov similarity model (Beljaars 1991, Wilson 2001)
 - Land: multi-layer bucket
 - Ocean: slab
 - Urban canopy: single layer (Kusaka et al. 2000)

Computational performance on K

- performance @ K computer
 - over 10% of peak performance (dynamical core)
 - Note that 5~8% for full simulation (including physics and I/O)
 - 100% weak scaling to full system (663,552 cores)



Our mission(modeling group) in real-time Big Data Assimilation

**① Finish 100 ensembles
of 30sec integrations
within 15 sec!**

**② Finish a 30min forecasting
within 5min!**

- High resolution with LES!
- High degree of physical performance!

① Feasibility for 30 sec run w/ 100 members

- **Elapse time to spend on 30 sec run → 15 sec**
 - Domain/resolution settings is same as 30 min forecast.
 - Assume using 18,000 nodes (180 nodes x 100 members)

Demand Performance
≈ 15 sec w/ **180 node**

VS

Current performance
= 15 sec w/ **2592 node**



with 4 domains online nesting
(7.5km > 2.5km > 500m > 100m)
* 96km x 96km size in 100m domain

must be 14 times faster!!

How solve the problem . . .

② Feasibility for 30 min Forecast

▪ Experiment Configurations

Domain settings:

- Resolution: 100 m
- Domain: 120 x 120 x 25 km
- Grid: 1200 x 1200 (horiz.), 80 (atmosphere) 5 (land) layers

▪ Elapse time to spend on 30 min forecast

Demand Performance
≈ 5 min

VS

Current performance
= 15 min



with 2592 node
4 domains online nesting
(7.5km > 2.5km > 500m > 100m)

meet the demand by **7,500 nodes** approx.

* assume perfect strong scaling

A Plan for improvement of the Performance Problem

1. Model improvement

- Take a longer dT (challenge to numerical stability)
- Computational Optimization

Ensemble cycle is much tightest work

2. Reconsideration of the arrangement of configurations

- Reduce spatial resolution
 - **x8 speed-up** w/ 200m, or **x3.4 speed-up** w/ 150m
- Change microphysical scheme: lead to reduce number of tracers
 - **x1.5 speed-up** w/ single moment
- Reduce domain size
 - **x4 speed-up** w/ 60km²
- Use more nodes
 - **x2 speed-up** w/ 36,000 nodes

- These combination leads to the feasibility of this ensemble cycle on K computer.

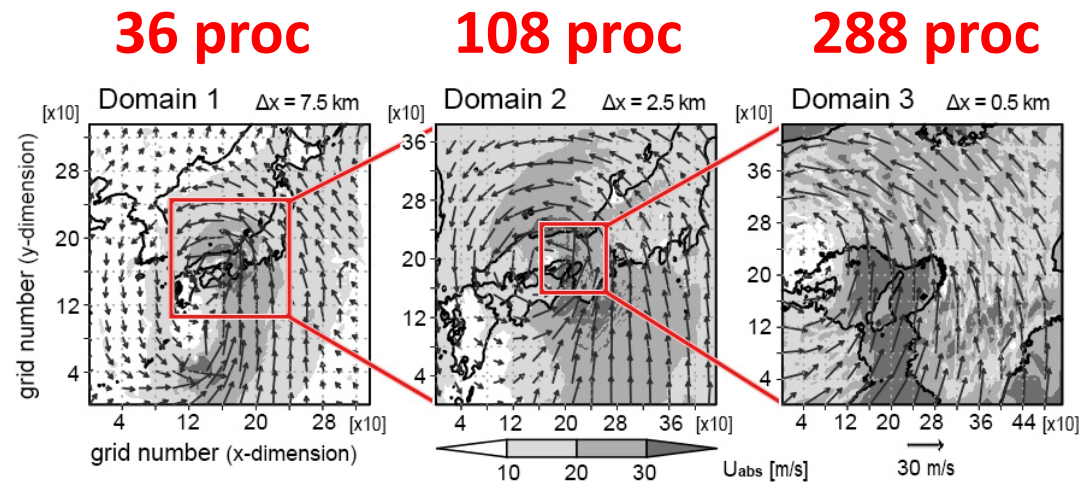
The design will be finished within this year

NOTE that : in post K, higher resolution, larger domain-size, and more sophisticated physics are available.

Online-Nesting design for high applicability of HPC

One advantage of SCALE-LES over other models

Give freedom on configuration!



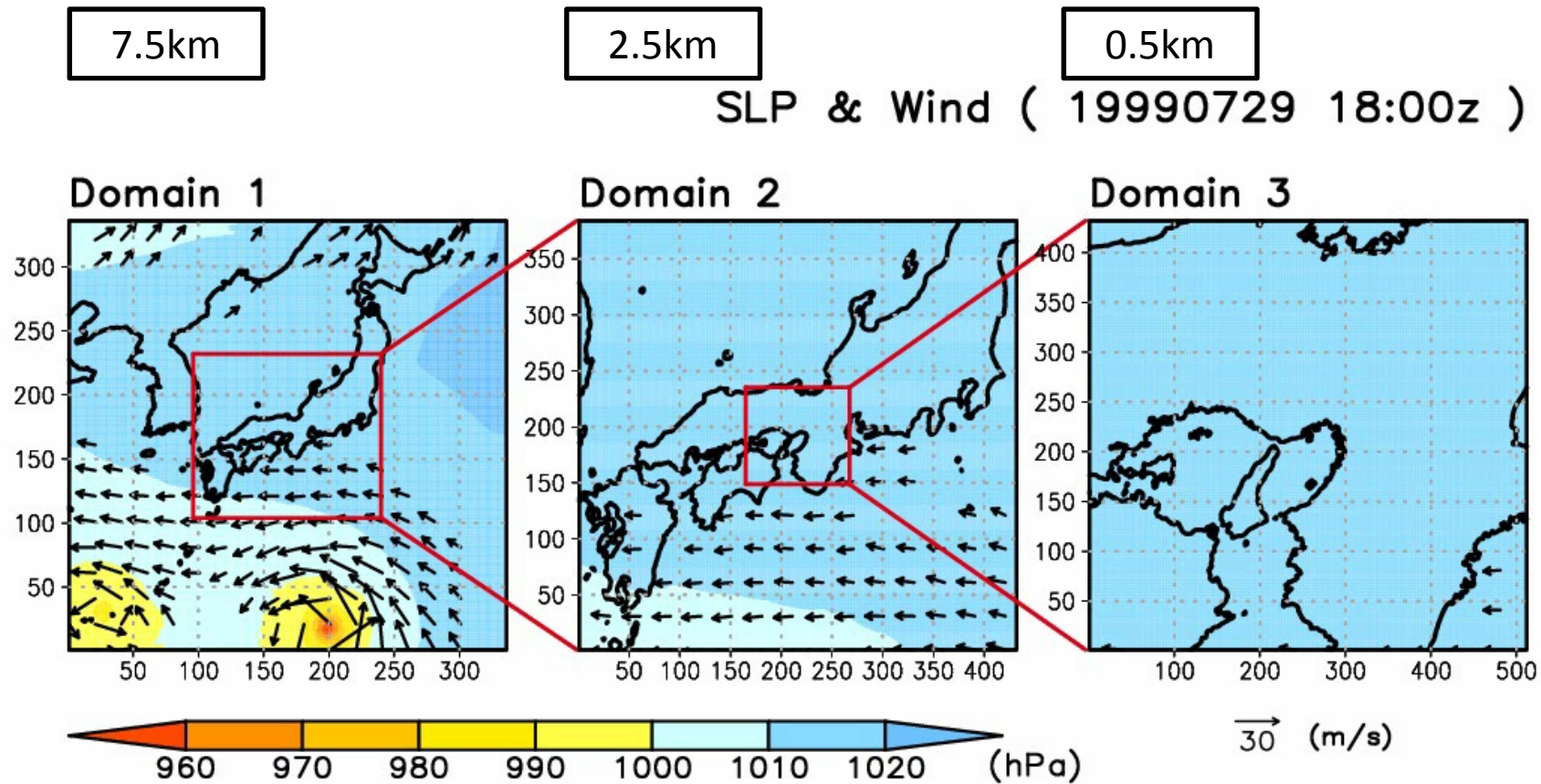
- **allow to specify MPI processes to each domain (not in WRF etc.)**
 - MPI processes divided by MPI_COMM_SPLIT
 - User can specify MPI proc. considering computational efficiency.
- **inter-domain communication is overlapped behind time-integration (not in WRF etc.)**
 - asynchronous communication with double-buffer (only for 1-way nesting)

etcetera: associated with experimental setup

- allow to specify vertical grid coordinate to each domain (not in WRF etc.)
- no limitation for model configuration among domain, except for dt

Nesting system of two typhoons : SLP & wind field

Nesting system work well even when severe Typhoon case
Seamless simulation is ready!!



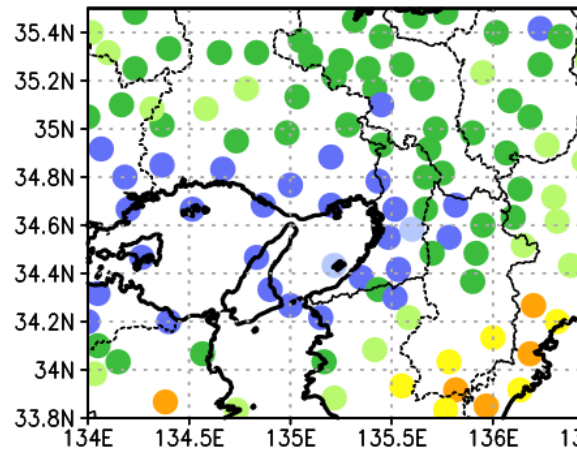
Model performance of SCALE-LES : Summertime precipitation 30yr climatology .vs. 1yr model result (30yr ongoing)

This is the first production result.
=> Improvement in the next year

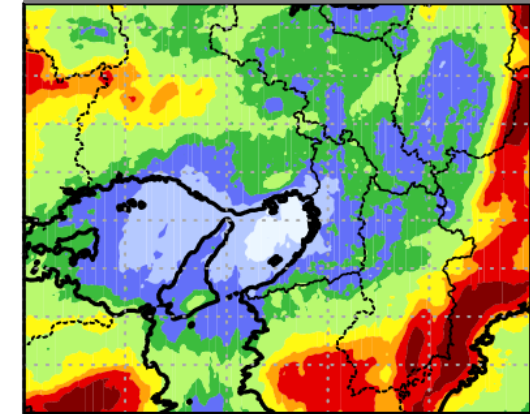
monthly mean Precipitation

Precipitation pattern is reasonable,
though the improvement is necessary.

Observation
30-yr mean (1981-2010)

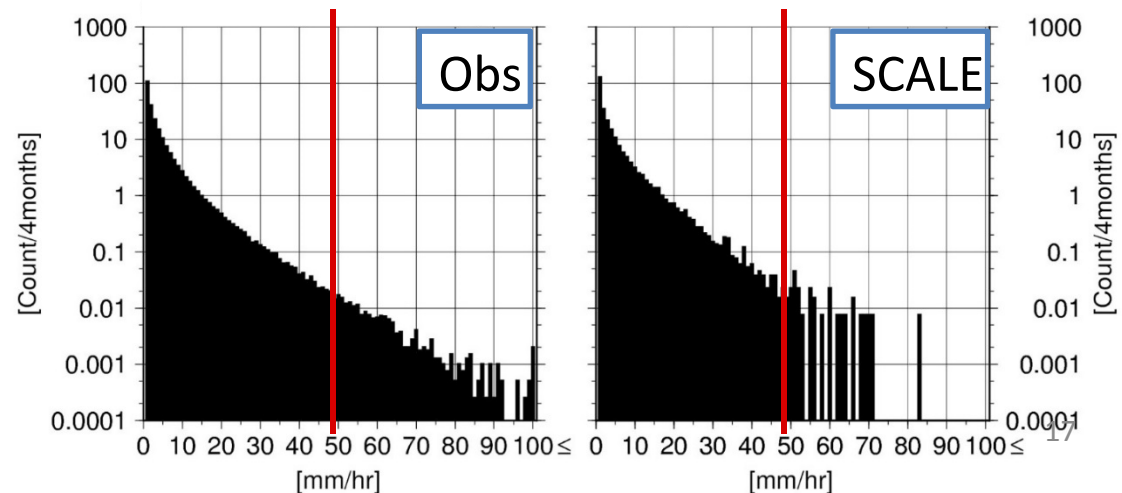


SCALE-LES ($\Delta x=500m$)
1-yr mean

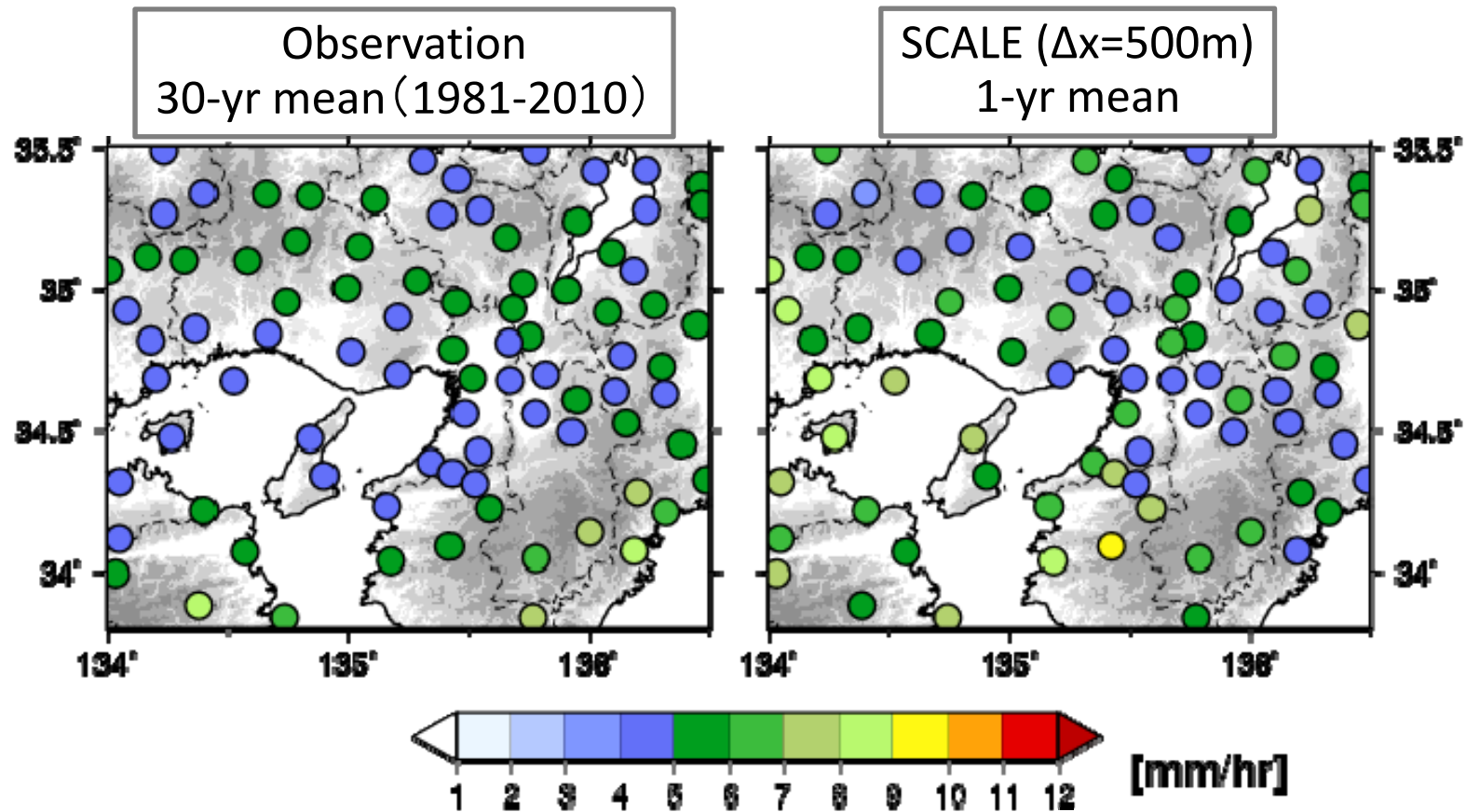


Occurrence frequency of hourly precipitation

In <50 mm/hr, quantitative agreement
with obs.
In >50 mm/hr, # of samples are less



Distribution of 85th percentile on hourly precipitation



- Absolute value of 85th percentile in SCALE is comparable with observation.
- Distributions differ between observation and model in the mountain and coastal areas, because of short sample years in SCALE.

Summary

- In the real time Big Data Assimilation, model simulation also requires big computer power.
 - as well as the work flow, data assimilation part, network ability from external site.
 - Total war involving meteorological science & computer science to resolve this subject!
- Our modeling group corresponds to provide....
 - Framework for fast nesting system
 - Inter-domain communication is hidden behind the calculation.
 - Debatable point : 2way nesting is needed from the viewpoint of efficient use of data assimilation?
 - High potential for predictability
 - Continuing to take efforts for improvement of physical performance by the climate simulation.
- In K computer, 100 member ensembles is still tight work.
 - For genuine application, post-K class computer power is needed.
 - But, we can demonstrate the usefulness of this BDA system in K computer era within 3 years!

Thank your for you attention!

