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“Big Data Assimilation”



Revolutionizing Weather Prediction

「ビッグデータ同化」による天気予報革命



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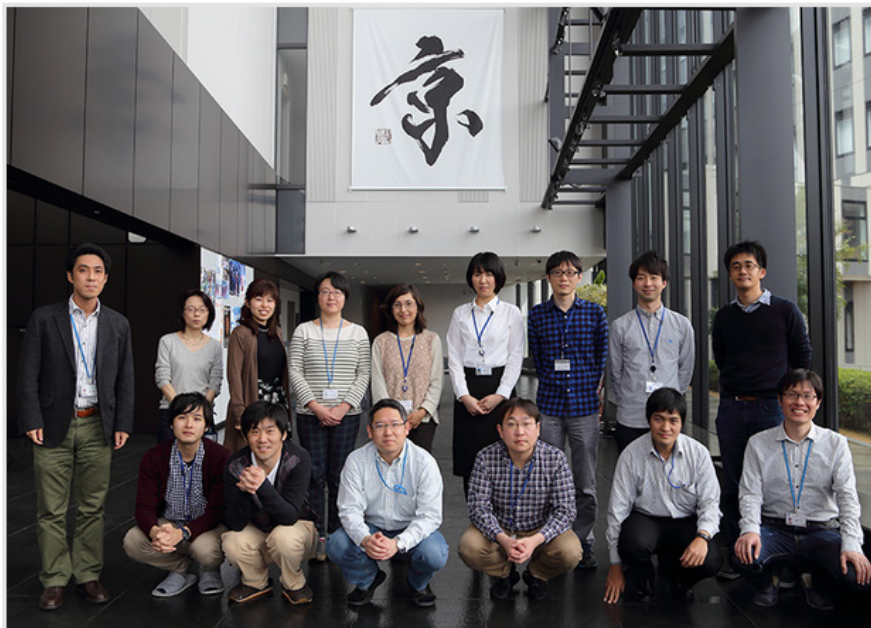
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特集2 データ分析のアイデアとスキルを競う

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The Assimilation Research Team was launched in October, 2012, in [RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science \(AICS\)](#), conveniently located in the beautiful and historic city of Kobe. [RIKEN](#) is known as the flagship research institution in Japan. AICS is operating the world's leading K computer, and also has a strong Research Division. AICS takes the lead in advancing the computational science and aims to be an international center of excellence for computational science in collaboration with a wide range of research organizations. AICS integrates the computer science and computational science to conduct most advanced research and development of a wide range of applied scientific computation, as well as of high performance computing technologies.

data assimilation is a cross-disciplinary science to synergize numerical simulations and observational data, using statistical methods and applied mathematics. As computers become more powerful and enable more precise simulations, it will become more important to compare the simulation with actual observations.

The Data Assimilation Research Team ("DA team") performs cutting-edge research and development on advanced data assimilation methods and their wide applications, aiming at integrating computer simulations and observational data in the wisest way. Particularly, the DA team will tackle challenging problems of developing efficient and accurate data assimilation systems for high-dimensional simulations with large amount of data. The specific areas include 1) research on parallel-efficient algorithms for data assimilation with the super-parallel K computer, 2) research on data assimilation methods and applications by taking advantage of the world-leading K computer, and 3) development of most advanced data assimilation software optimized for the K computer.



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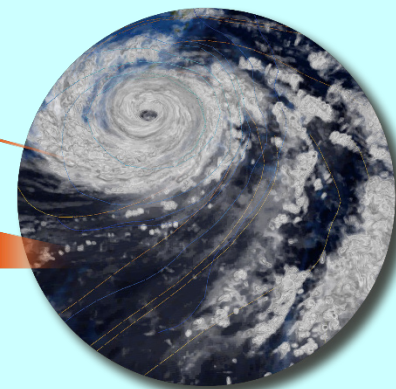
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Data Assimilation (DA) データ同化

観測
Observations



シミュレーション
Simulations



Data Assimilation

Data assimilation best combines observations and a model, and brings synergy.

データ同化は、シミュレーションと現実世界を結び、相乗効果を生む

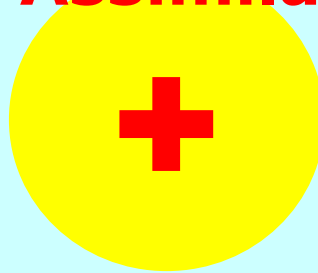
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Data Assimilation (DA) データ同化

Data-driven

Observations

1

Data Assimilation

+

Process-driven

Simulations

1

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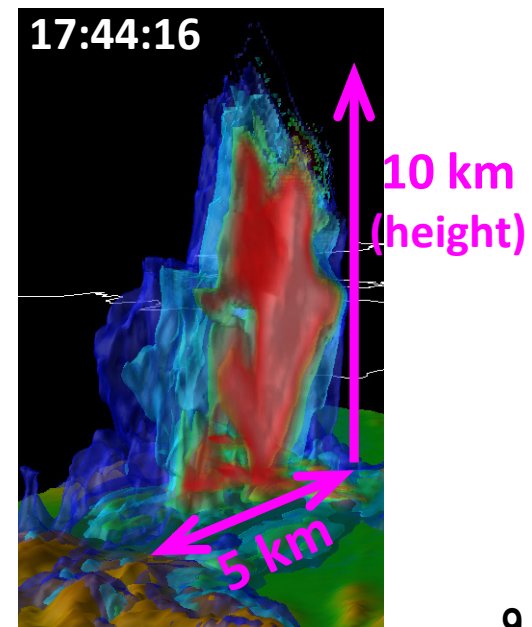
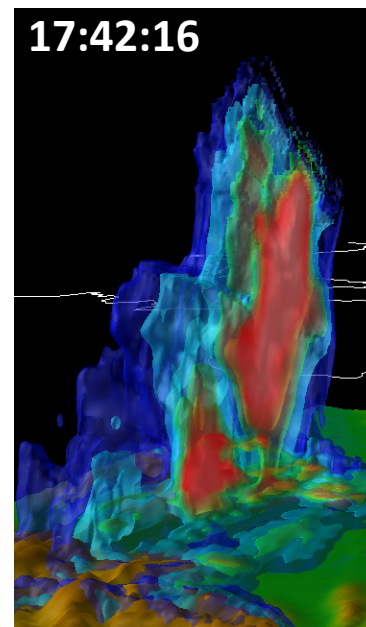
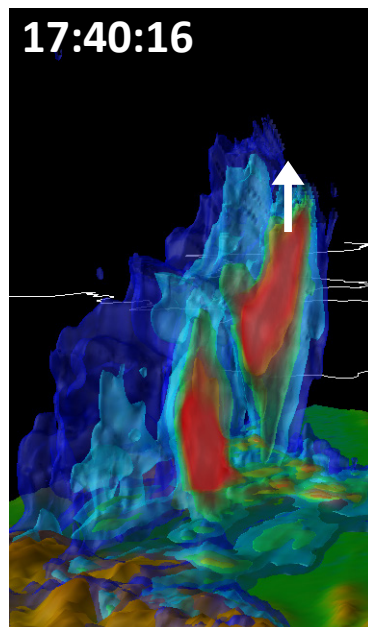
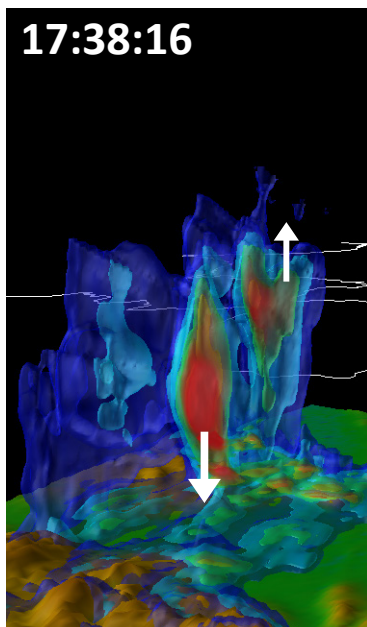
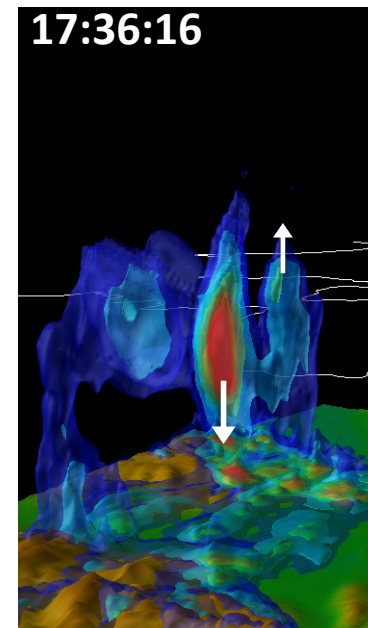
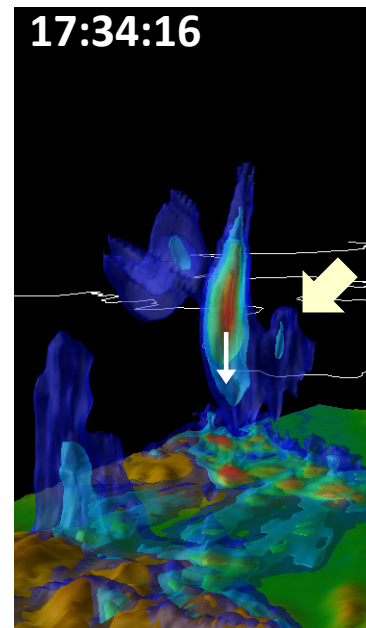
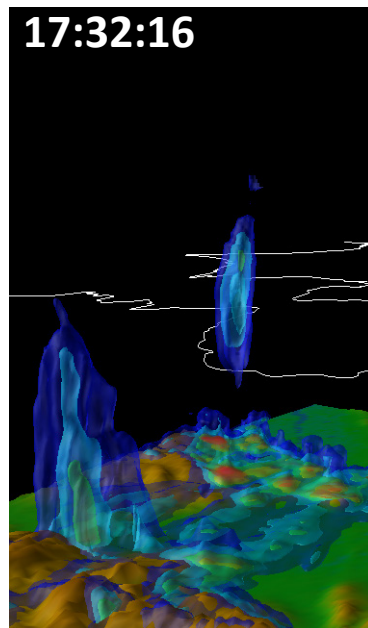
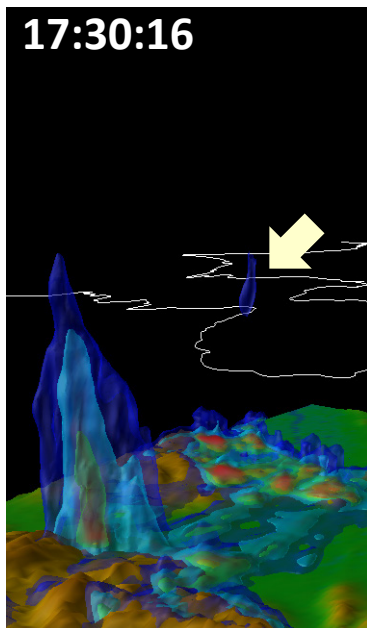
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Data assimilation (DA) integrates computer simulations and real-world observations based on statistical mathematics and dynamical systems theory, and plays a central role in numerical weather prediction (NWP). As computing and sensing technologies advance, DA will deal with “big simulations” and “big data.” Here we focus on rapidly changing convective weather and explore a future direction of two orders of magnitude more rapid weather forecasting by innovating what we call “big data assimilation” (BDA) technology. Tremendous efforts have been devoted to convective-scale NWP and radar DA, including the U.S. effort on the “Warn-on-Forecast” project (Stensrud et al. 2009; 2013), which has been pioneering rapidly updated NWP to be used for warnings about convective-scale hazards. Sun et al. (2014) provided a

comprehensive review on this subject with a rich body of literature. Extending a wealth of previous studies, this article presents the concept of BDA research and the first proof-of-concept results of a real high-impact weather case, exploring 30-min forecasts at 100-m grid spacing refreshed every 30 s—120 times more rapidly than hourly updated systems. This revolutionary NWP is only possible by taking advantage of the fortunate combination of Japan’s most advanced technological developments: the 10-petaflops (floating-point operations per second) “K computer” and Phased Array Weather Radar (PAWR; Ushio et al. 2014; Yoshikawa et al. 2013). The science and analytics of big data, typically characterized by four “big V’s” (volume, variety, velocity, and veracity), are growing rapidly, and BDA is one of the first two projects awarded by the Japanese government strategic funding program started in 2013 on general big data applications.¹

In contemporary weather forecasting, radar observations and NWP play an essential role in real-time monitoring and short-term prediction of severe weather. The widely used parabolic-antenna radar observes rain intensity along a curvilinear beam track. The radar is rotated, and changes the azimuth and elevation angles to capture the whole sky typically in 5 min for 15 elevation angles. Also, typical convective-scale NWP updates forecasts every hour for the next $O(10)$ hours at $O(1)$ -km grid spacing. However, convective weather systems evolve quickly in 5 min and undertake a nonlinear evolution. The current NWP systems that could possibly use all 5-min radar data at the highest frequency may still be far from sufficient to precisely represent individual convective activities.

Here we explore what the highest-end, next-generation supercomputing and sensing technologies can do at their full capacity, pioneering the future of weather forecasting for the next 10 years. The cutting-edge PAWR implemented in Osaka, Japan, in

Miyoshi et al. (2016)

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¹ The other project is on pharmaceutical science, focusing on drug discovery and production.

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K computer and high-tech weather radar come together to predict sudden torrential rains

Today, supercomputer-based weather predictions are typically done with simulations that use grids spaced at least one kilometer apart, and incorporate new observational data every hour. However, due to the roughness of the calculations, these simulations cannot accurately predict the threat of torrential rains, which can develop within minutes when cumulonimbus clouds suddenly develop. Now, an international team led by Takemasa Miyoshi of the RIKEN Advanced Center for Computational Science (AICS) has used the powerful K computer and advanced radar observational data to accurately predict the occurrence of torrential rains in localized areas.

The key to the current work, to be published later this month in the August issue of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, is “big data assimilation” using computational power to synchronize data between large-scale computer simulations and observational data.

Using the K computer, the researchers carried out 100 parallel simulations of a convective weather system, using the nonhydrostatic mesoscale model used by the Japan Meteorological Agency, but with 100-meter grid spacing rather than the typical 2-kilometer or 5-kilometer spacing, and assimilated data from a next-generation phased array

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“Big Data Assimilation” Toward Post-Petascale Severe Weather Prediction: An Overview and Progress

This article summarizes the activities and progress of the big data assimilation project for severe weather prediction and concludes with perspectives toward the post-petascale supercomputing era.

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ABSTRACT | Following the invention of the telegraph, electronic computer, and remote sensing, “big data” is bringing

another revolution to weather prediction. As sensor and computer technologies advance, orders of magnitude bigger data are produced by new sensors and high-precision computer simulation or “big simulation.” Data assimilation (DA) is a key to numerical weather prediction (NWP) by integrating the real-world sensor data into simulation. However, the current DA and NWP systems are not designed to handle the “big data” from next-generation sensors and big simulation. Therefore, we propose “big data assimilation” (BDA) innovation to fully utilize the big data. Since October 2013, the Japan’s BDA project has been exploring revolutionary NWP at 100-m mesh refreshed every 30 s, orders of magnitude finer and faster than the current typical NWP systems, by taking advantage of the fortunate combination of next-generation technologies: the 10-petaflops K computer, phased array weather radar, and geostationary satellite Himawari-8. So far, a BDA prototype system was developed and tested with real-world retrospective local rainstorm cases. This paper summarizes the activities and progress of the BDA project, and concludes with perspectives toward the post-petascale supercomputing era.

KEYWORDS | Atmospheric measurements; computer applications; Kalman filtering; optimal control; phased array radar; remote sensing; simulation; supercomputers; weather forecasting

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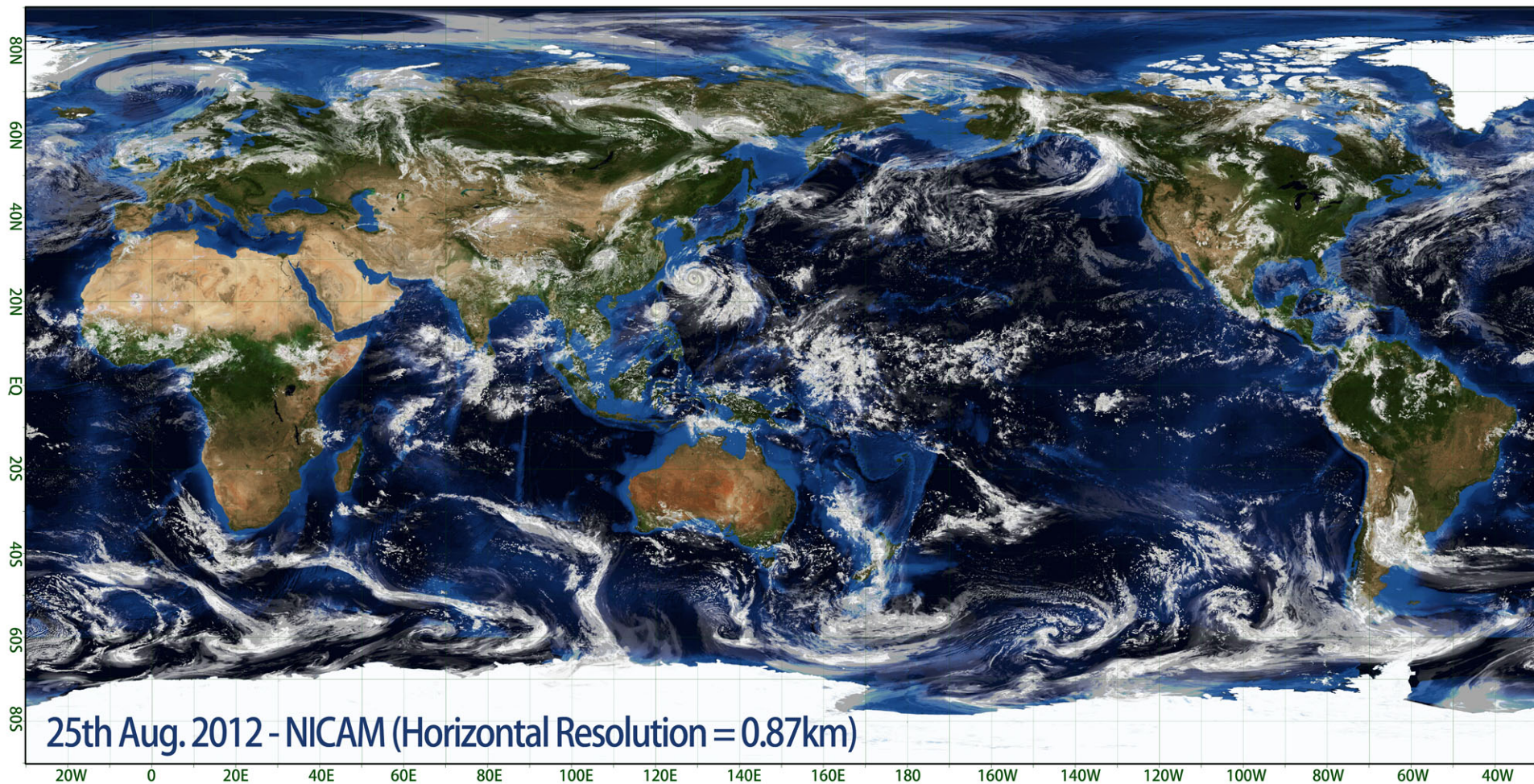
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Global 870-m simulation (*Miyamoto et al. 2013*)



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WOW

TimeStep: 7

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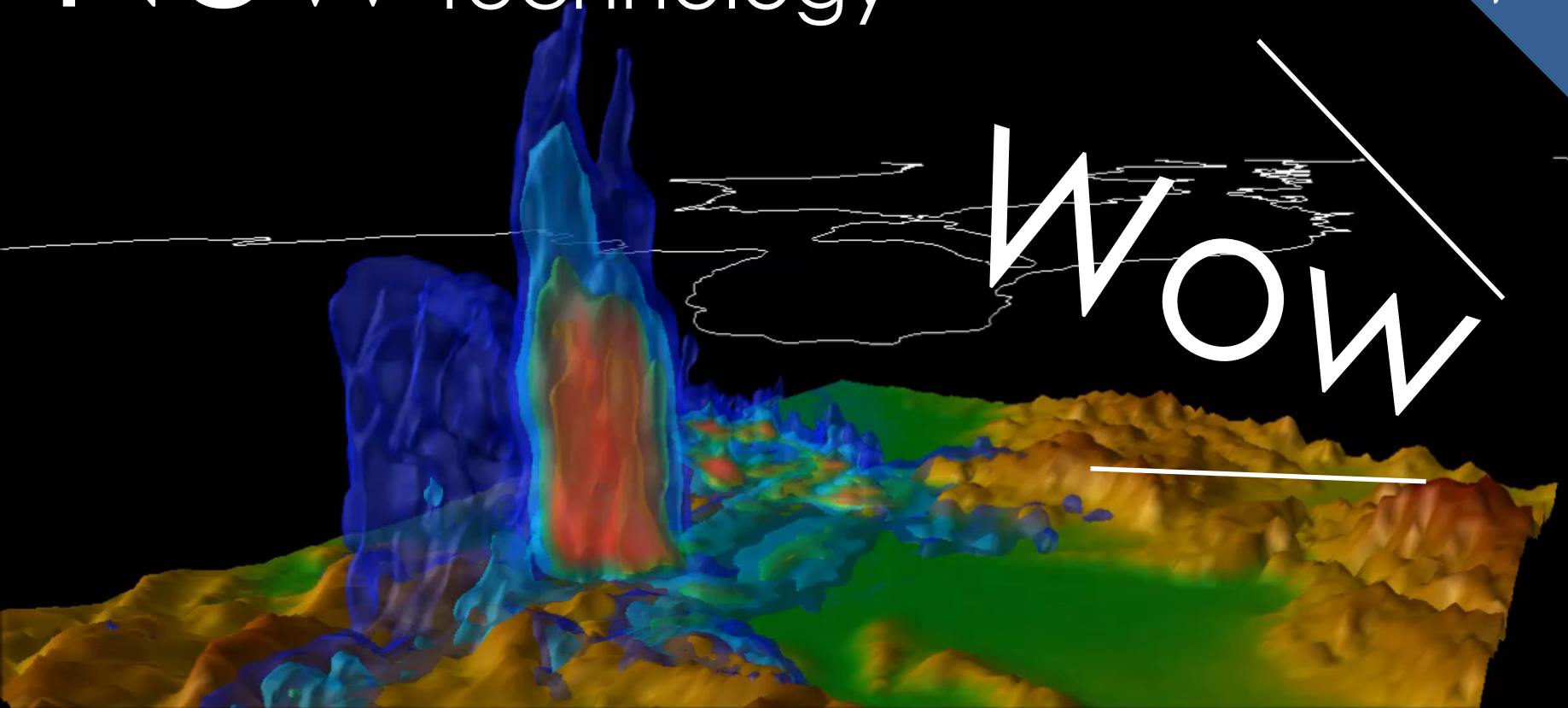


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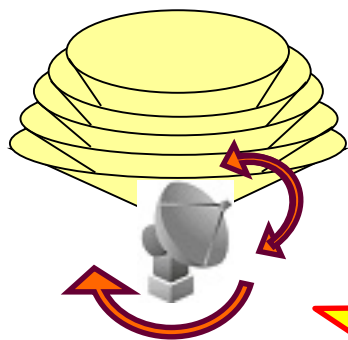
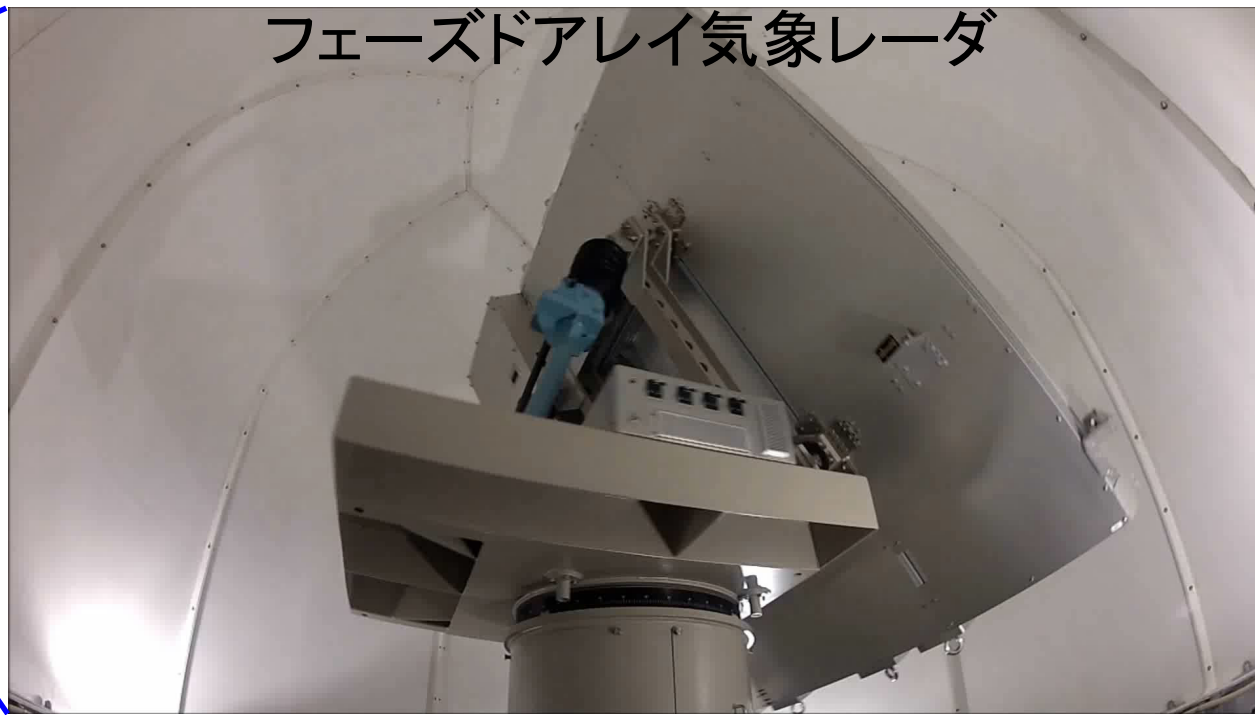
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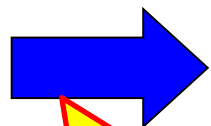
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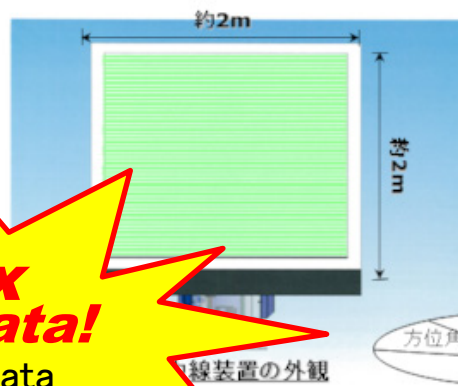


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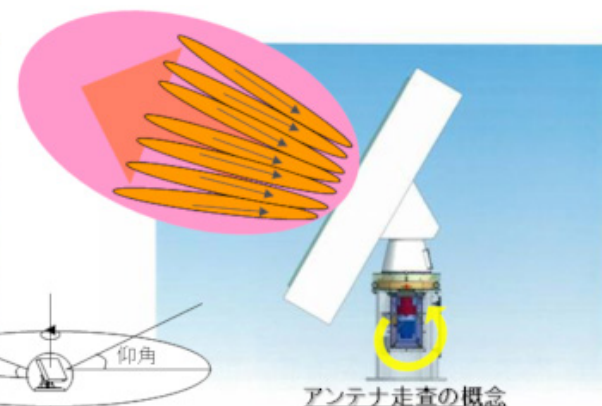


100x more data!

10x more data in a 1/10 period



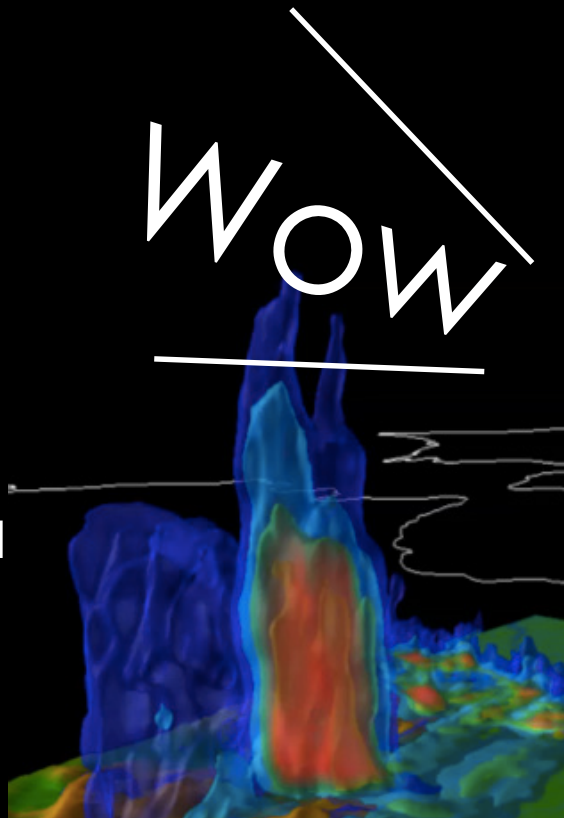
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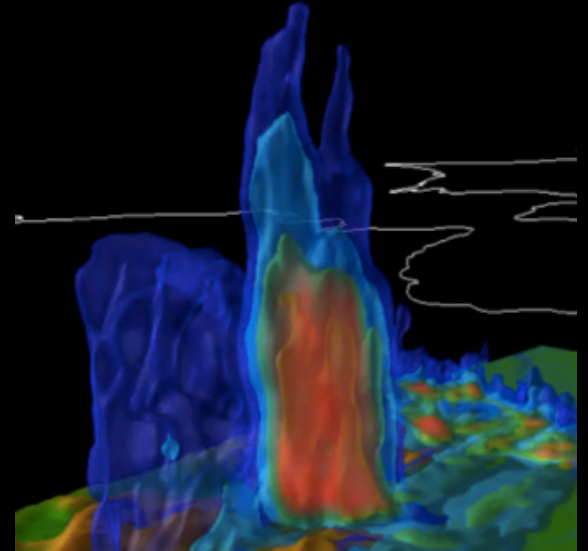


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= Sudden heavy rain

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Sources of Big Data

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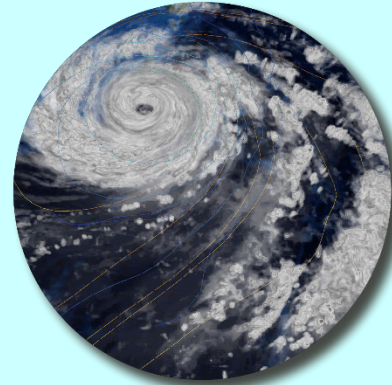
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Powerful supercomputer

Big Data Assimilation

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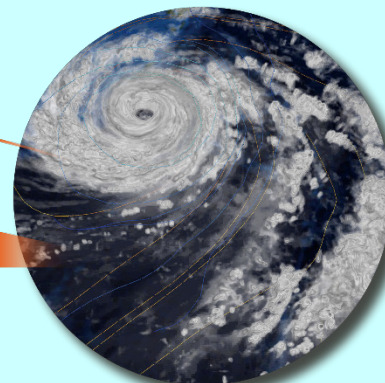
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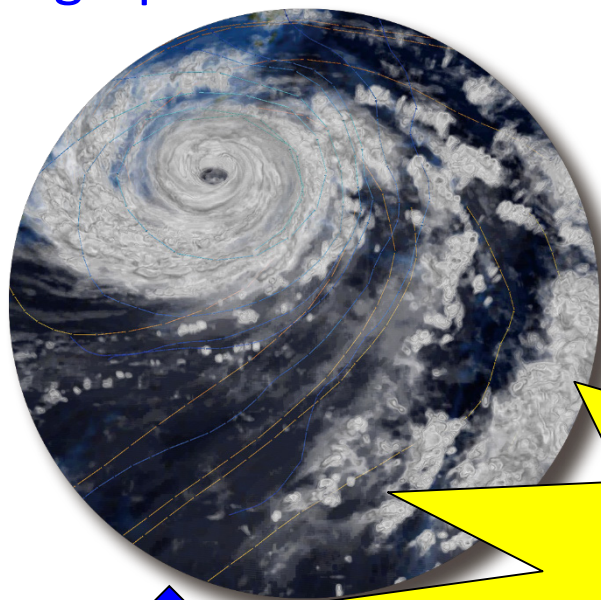
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Data Assimilation

Pioneering “Big Data Assimilation” Era

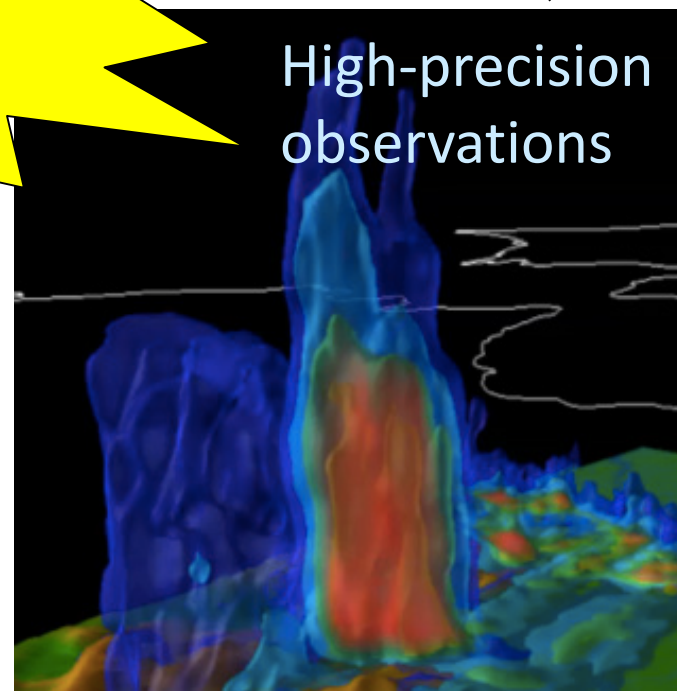
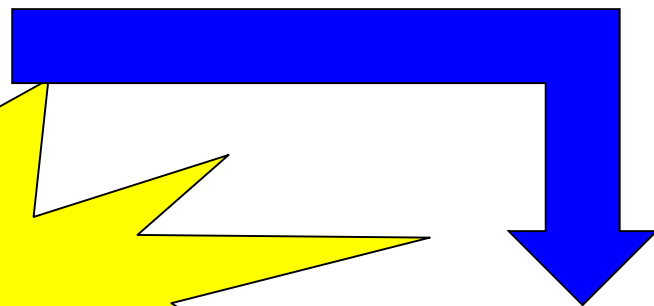
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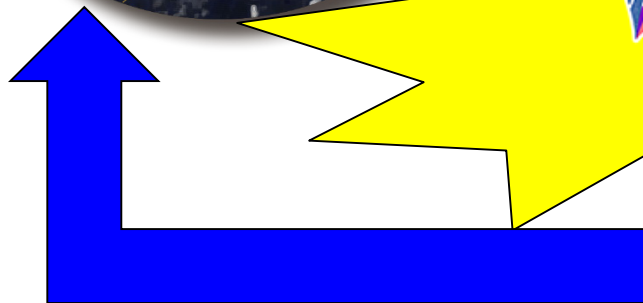
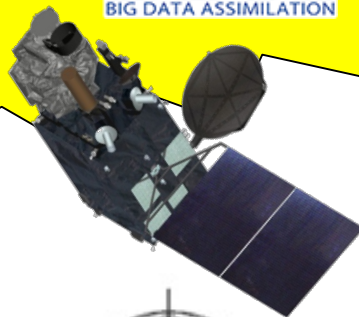
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Future-generation technologies
available 10 years in advance

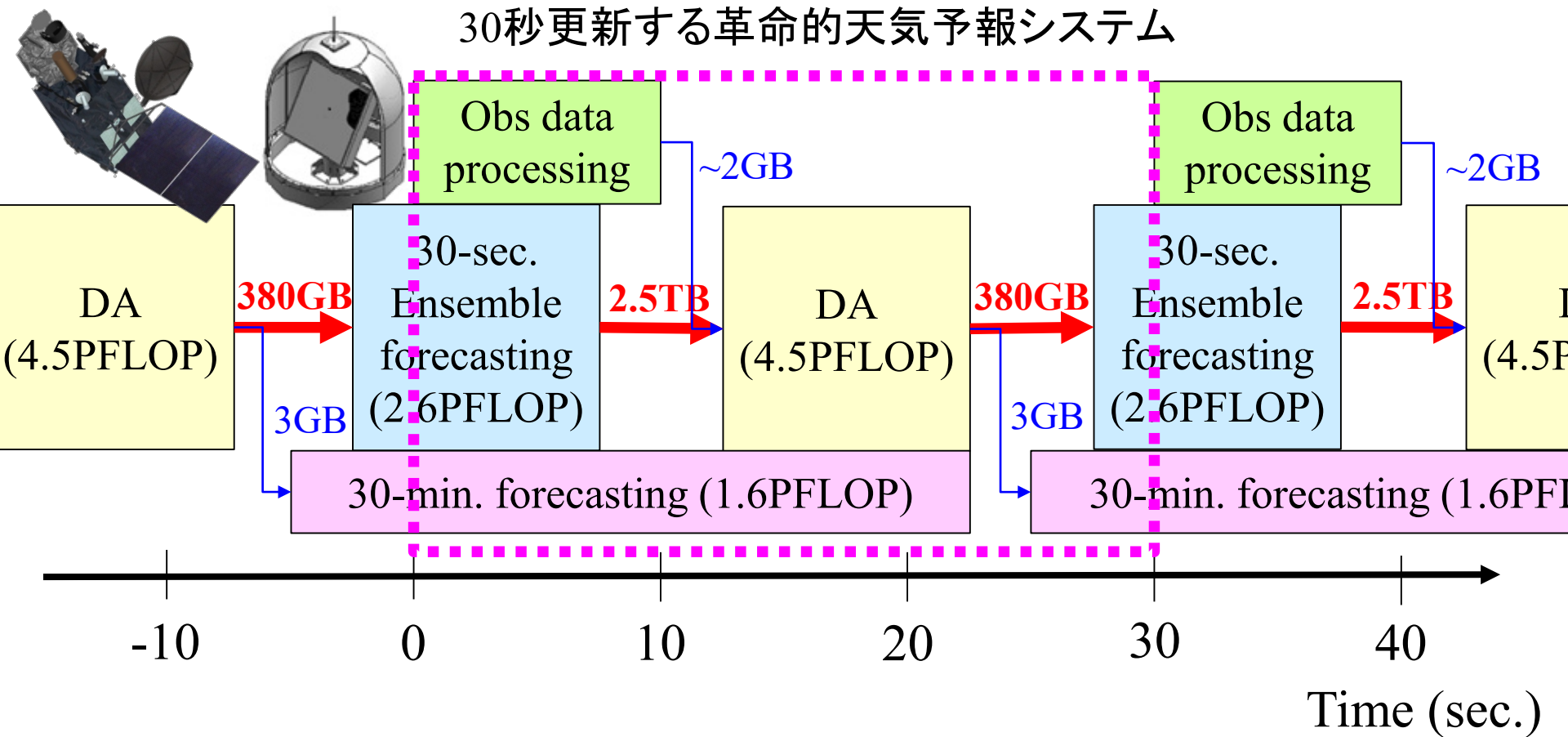


High-precision
observations



Mutual feedback

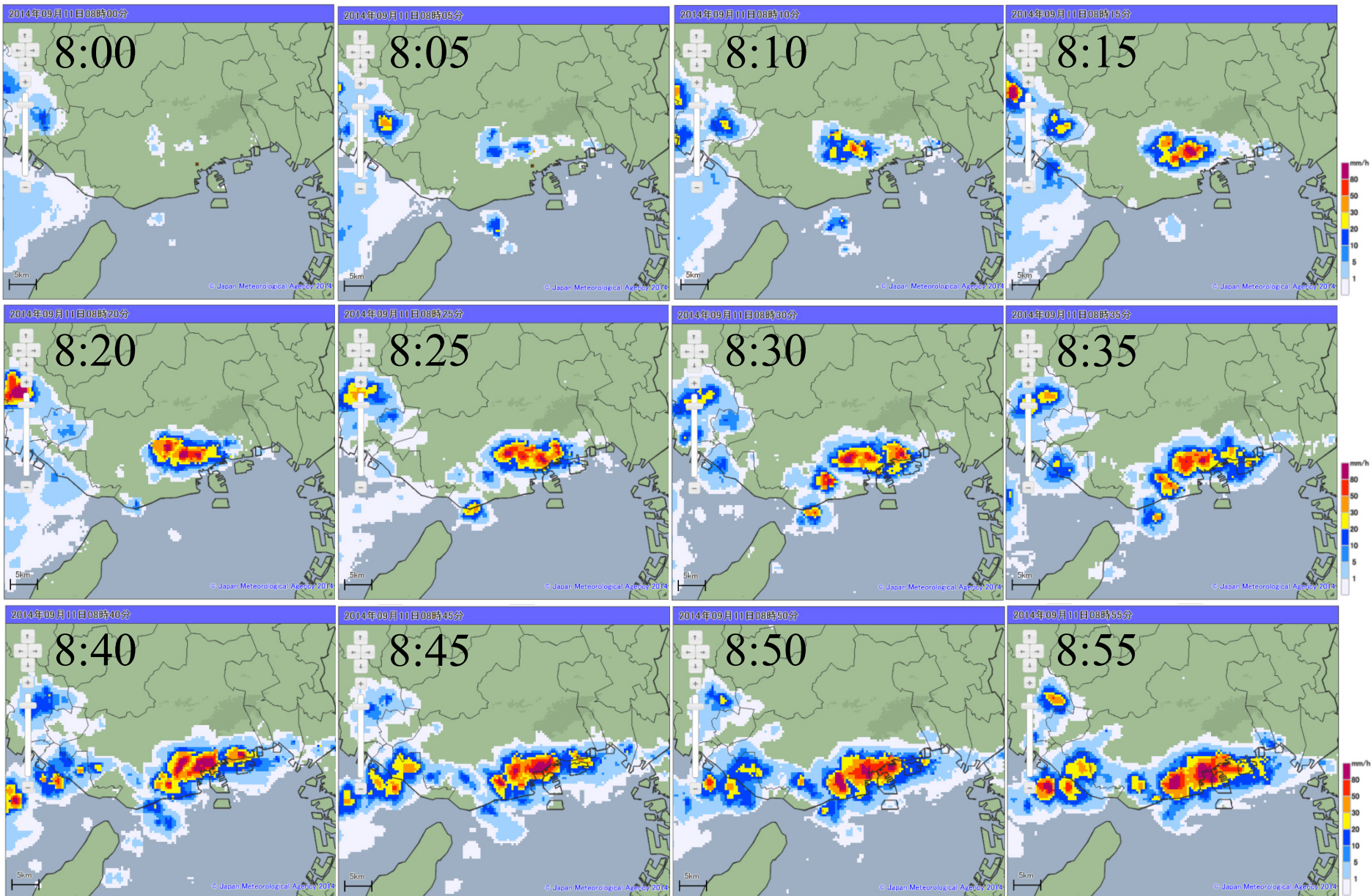
Revolutionary super-rapid 30-sec. cycle



**120 times more rapid than
hourly update cycles**

毎時更新より120倍高速

9/11/2014 morning, sudden rain



9/11/2014, sudden local rain



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Google earth

9/11/2014, sudden local rain

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Observation

Simulation
(100m Big DA)

>40,000 views
#9 of RIKEN channel

Simulation
(w/o DA)

Simulation
(1km DA)

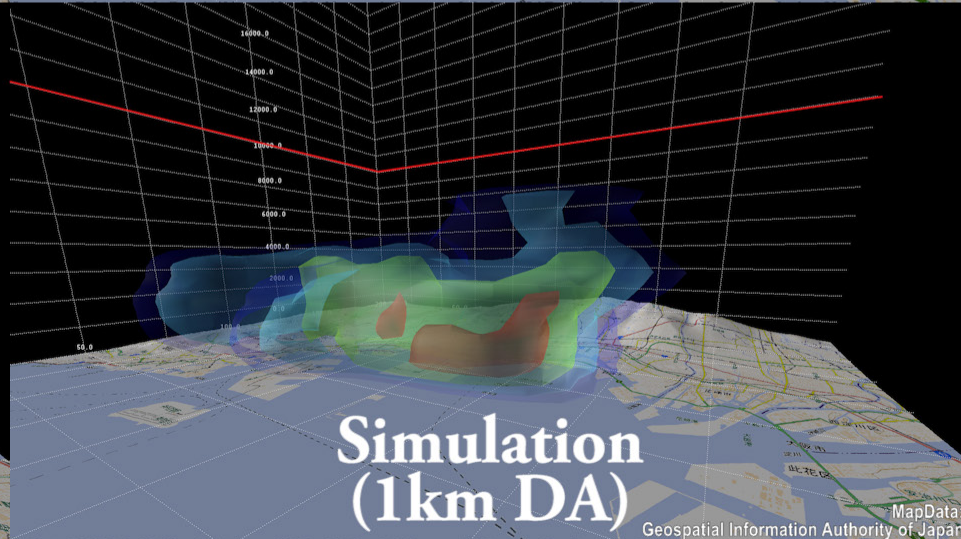
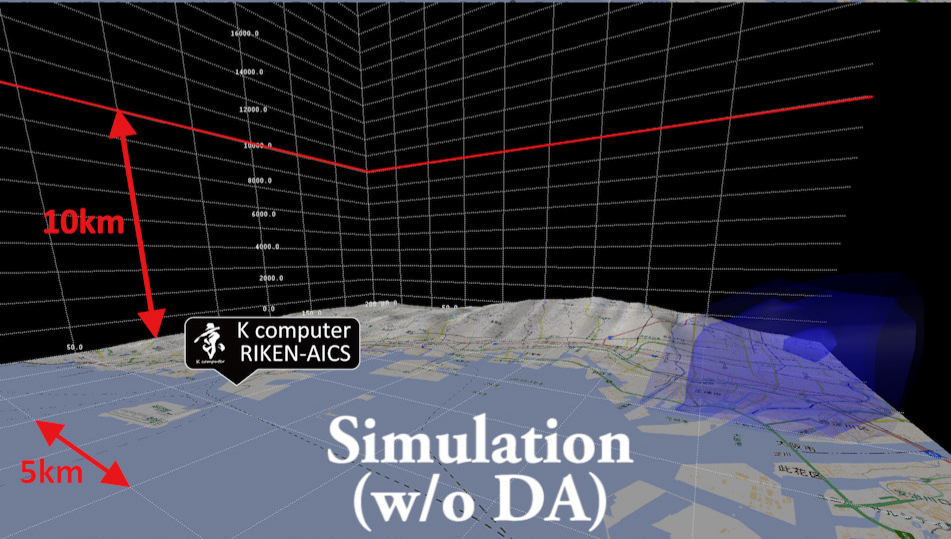
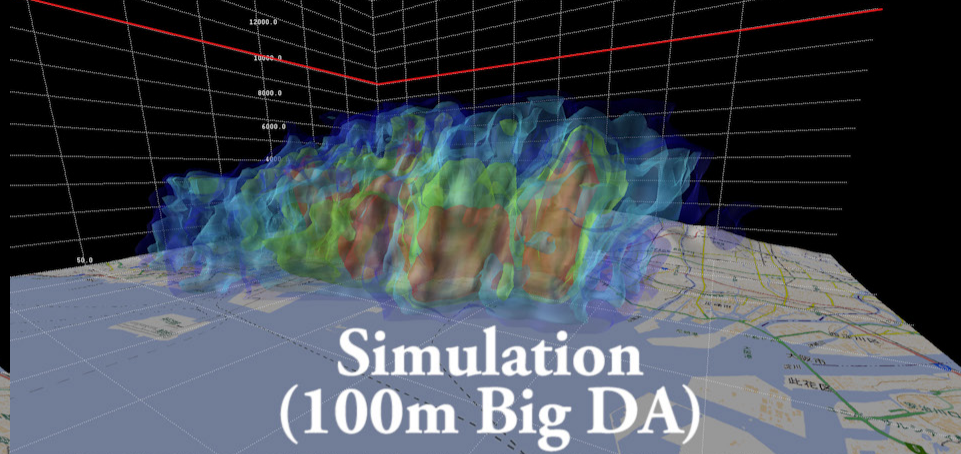
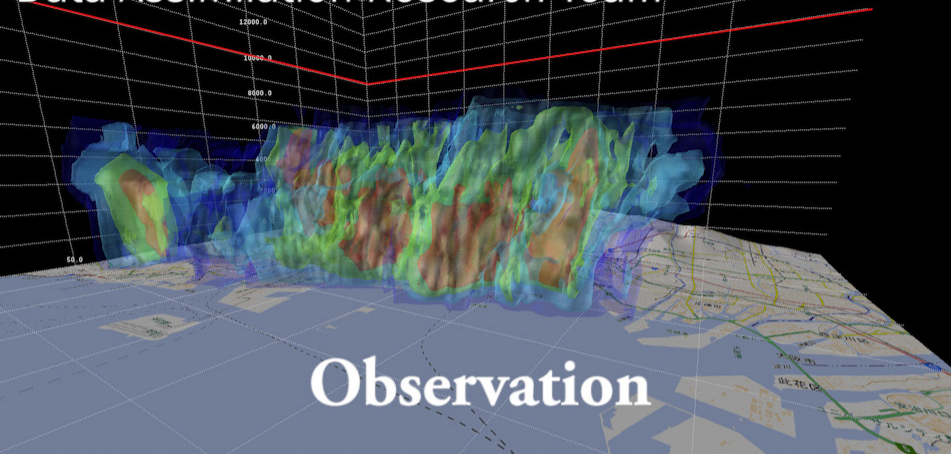
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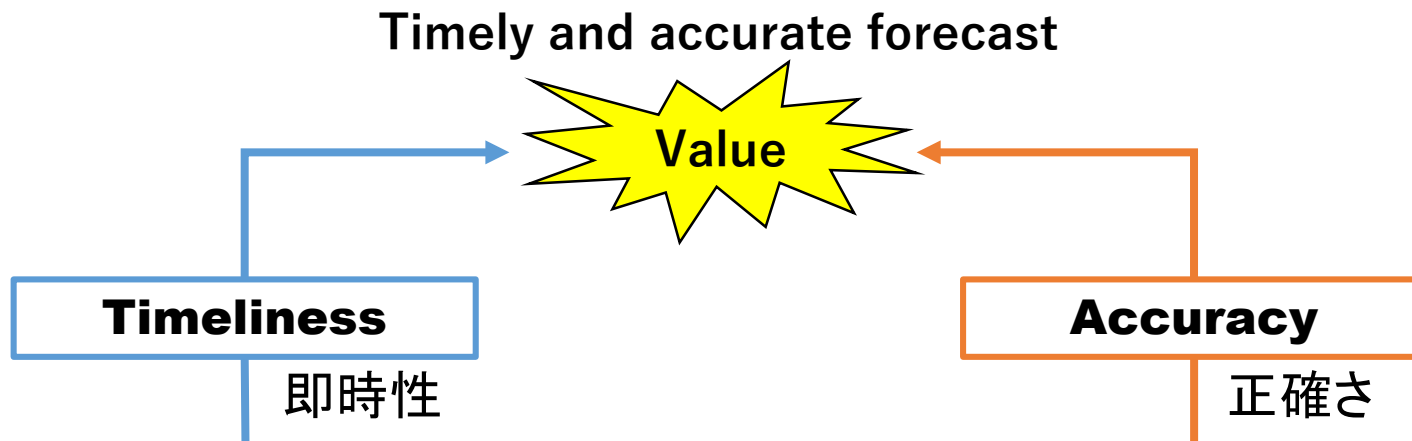
9/11/2014, sudden local rain

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Future directions



Improve the compute speed

- Observation data processing (Sato G, Ushio G)
- Quality control (Sato G)
- Observation data transfer (Ishikawa G)
- SCALE computation (Tomita G)
- LETKF computation (Miyoshi G)
- Inter-job data transfer (Ishikawa G)

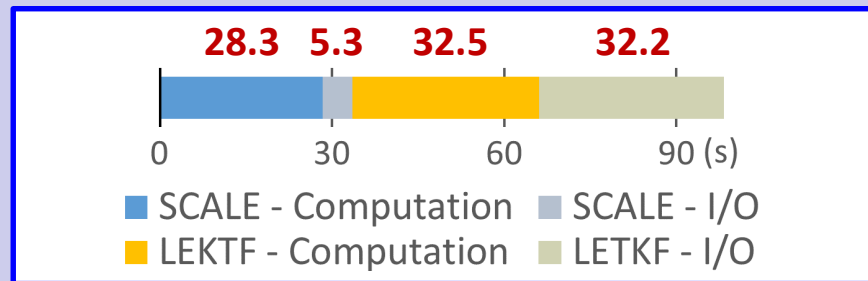
Improve the forecast accuracy

- Observation method (Ushio G)
- Quality control (Sato G)
- SCALE physical processes (Tomita G)
- LETKF assimilation method (Miyoshi G)

Compute time (73440 nodes of K computer)

ensemble forecasts + data assimilation

Original proposal: 100-m mesh, 100 ensemble members, every 30 seconds



measured

total 98.3 sec. (without init+final)

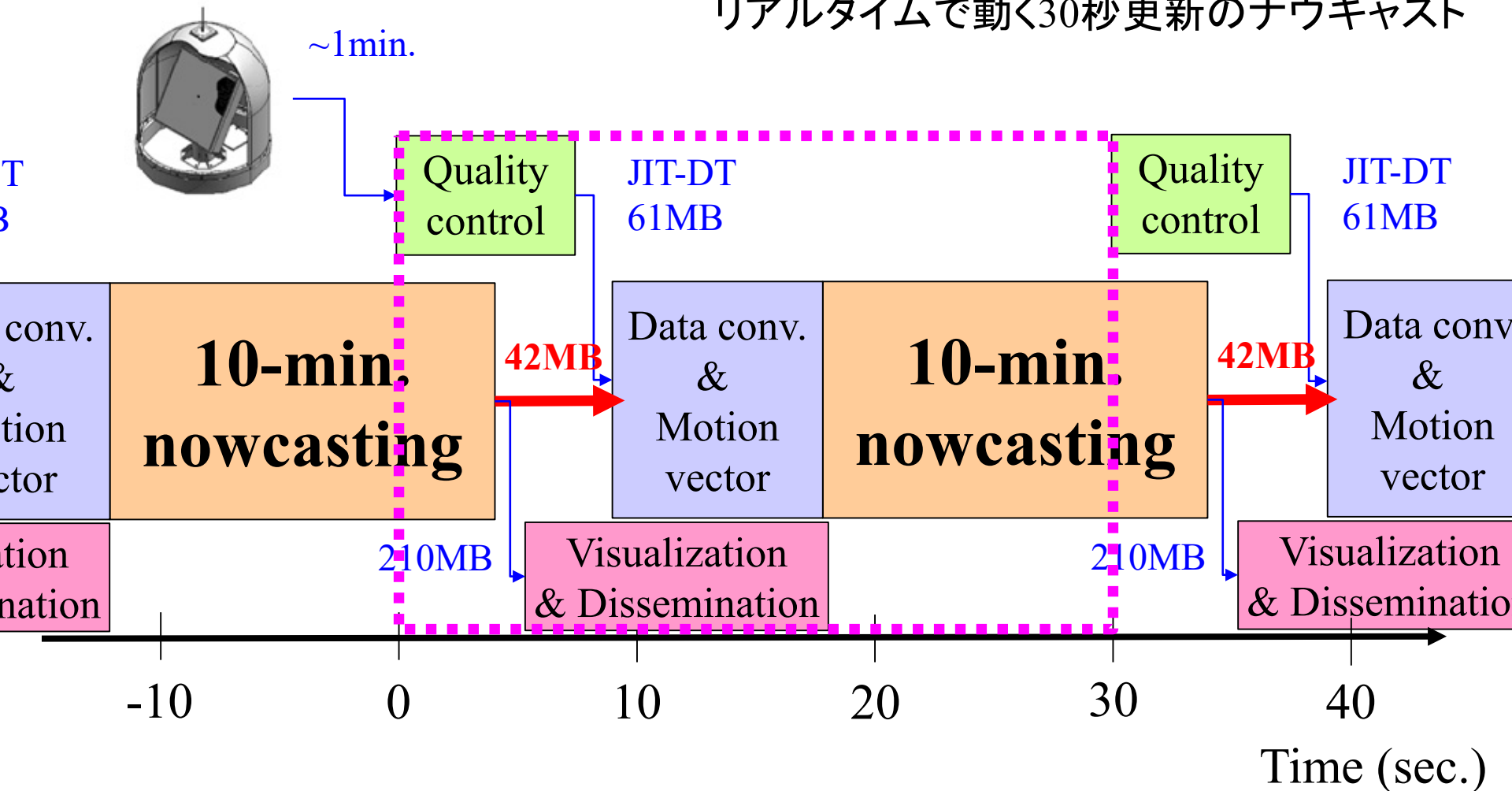
~4x acceleration needed!

現状として98.3秒かかる。4倍程度の高速化が必要

will keep working on acceleration

REAL-TIME 30-second-update nowcasting

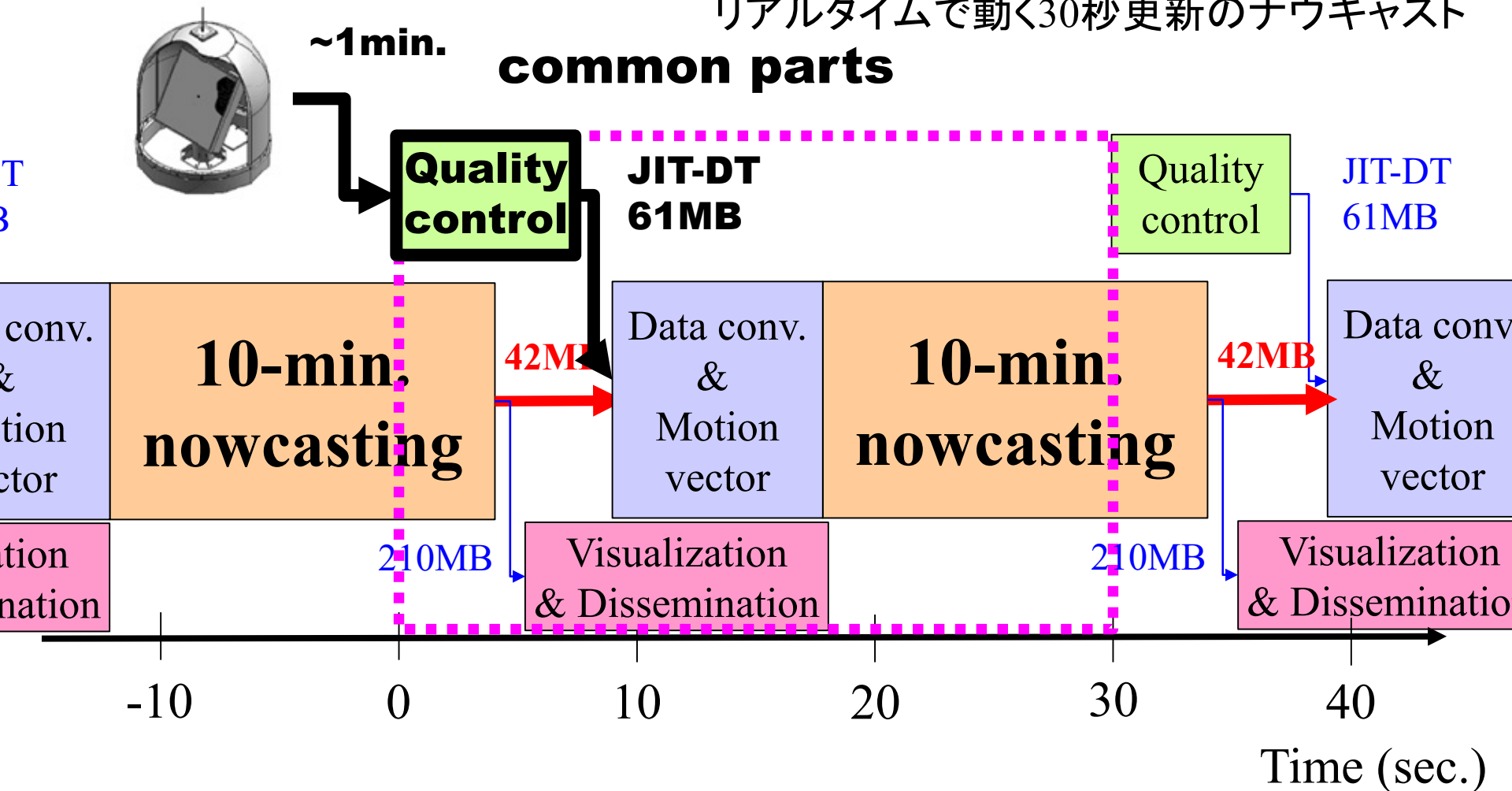
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Working continuously in
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New system promises more rapid and accurate prediction of rainfall

Using a powerful technique known as “3D nowcasting,” an international team including scientists from the RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS) has begun to provide, on an experimental basis, forecasts that predict the likelihood of precipitation in a given location ten minutes in advance. The group will use the system to determine if the experimental forecasts, based on data that is updated every 30 seconds, could be used to prevent damage from torrential rains. The work, conducted by a team including researchers from AICS as well as the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), Tokyo Metropolitan University, and Osaka University, uses a combination of phased-array radar and computer algorithms that make predictions based on data from the radars.

Today, nowcasting—a term that refers to short-term weather forecasts made in real-time—is generally done using parabolic radar antennas, which take five to ten minutes to scan about 15 layers of the entire sky. Typically, it is done by looking at a single layer of the sky, detecting the rain there, and then extrapolating from weather conditions where the rain will be falling at a later time. However, though nowcasting requires much less computing power than weather simulations, it is not able to accurately predict rainfall from rapidly developing thunderclouds, where there are rapid vertical movements in the rain patterns.

Recently, however, a novel type of system, called a phased-array radar, was installed on the Suita Campus of Osaka

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RIKEN real-time weather forecast

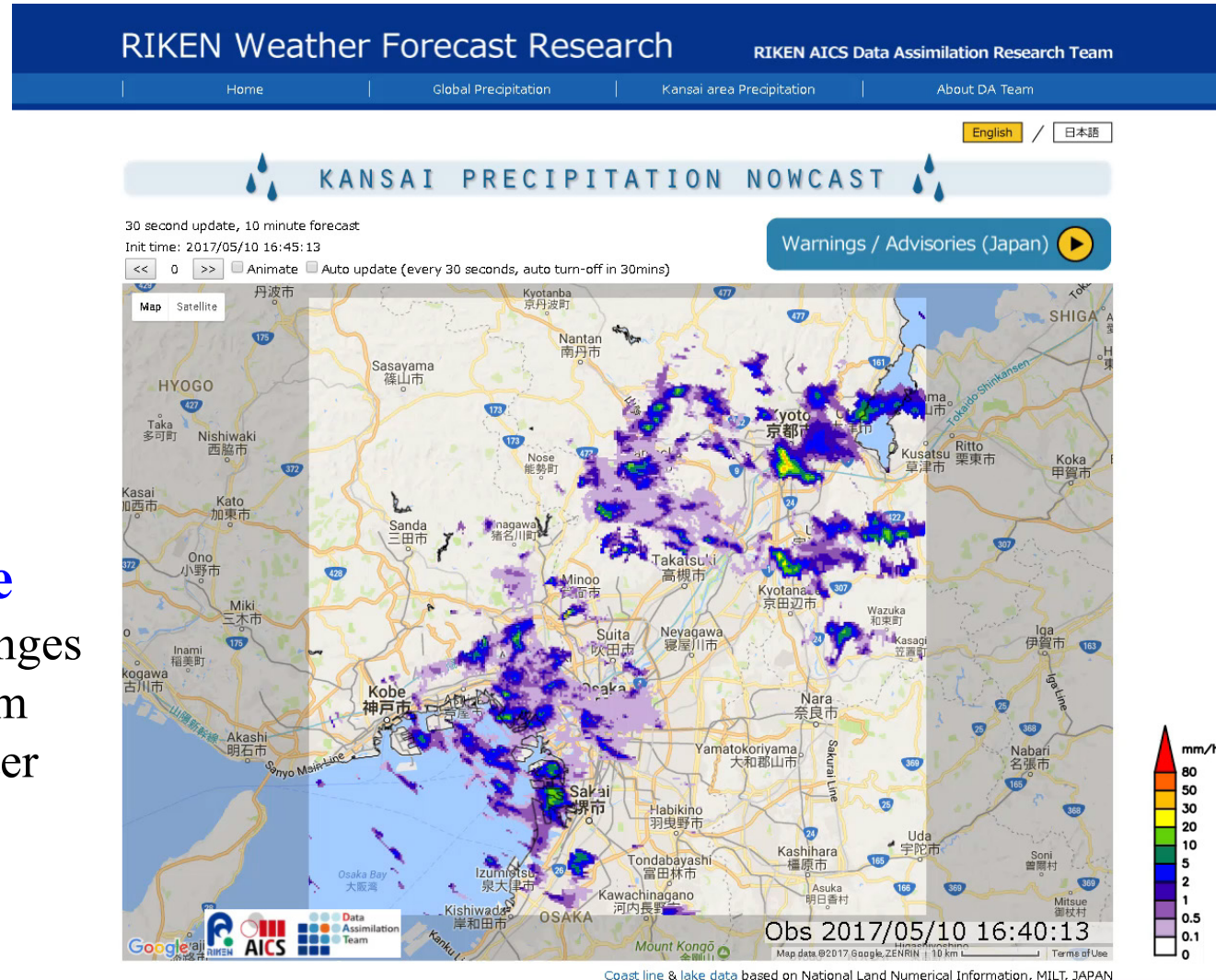
➔ <http://weather.riken.jp>

30-second update
nowcasting for 10
minutes started on
July 3, 2017.

➤ JMA forecast
license was issued.

Science ➔ Service

- Engineering challenges
- Prediction algorithm
- Best use of computer



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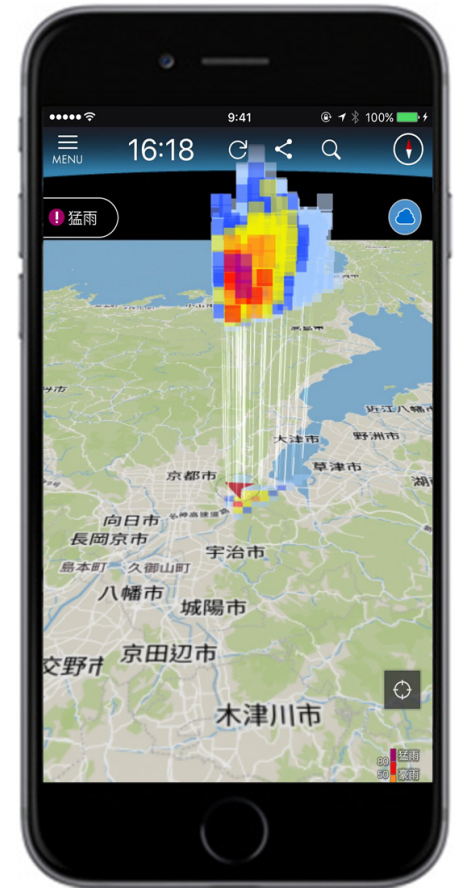
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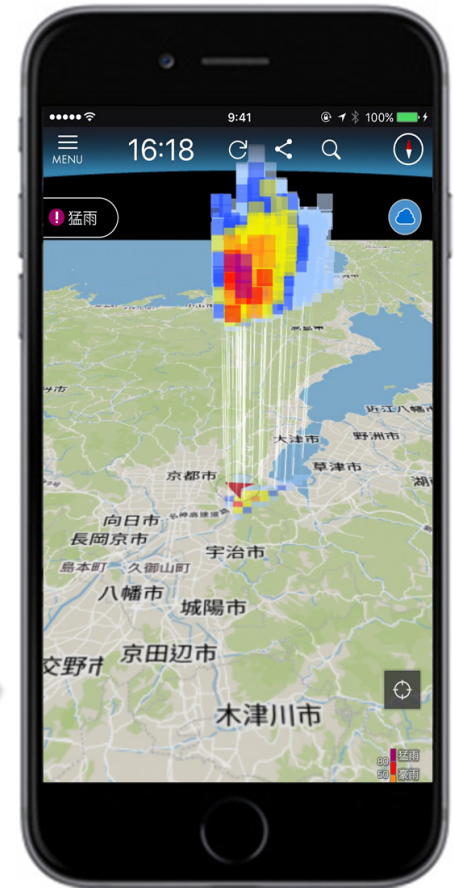
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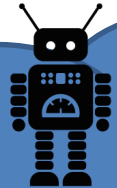


Cyber-Physical fusion for weather prediction

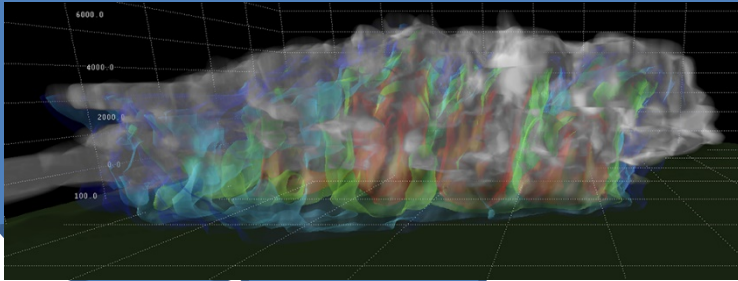
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Data Assimilation is the key

Cyberspace

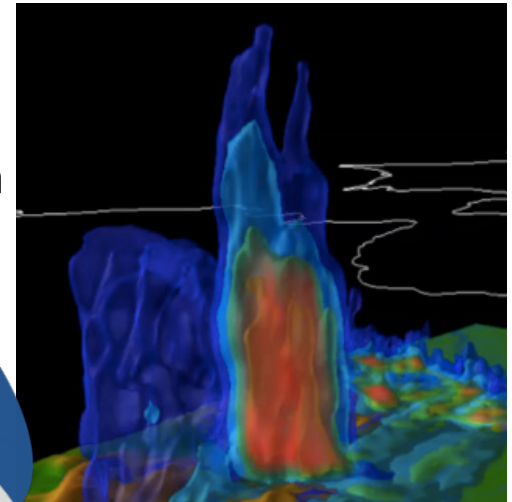


AI Forecaster



Physical world

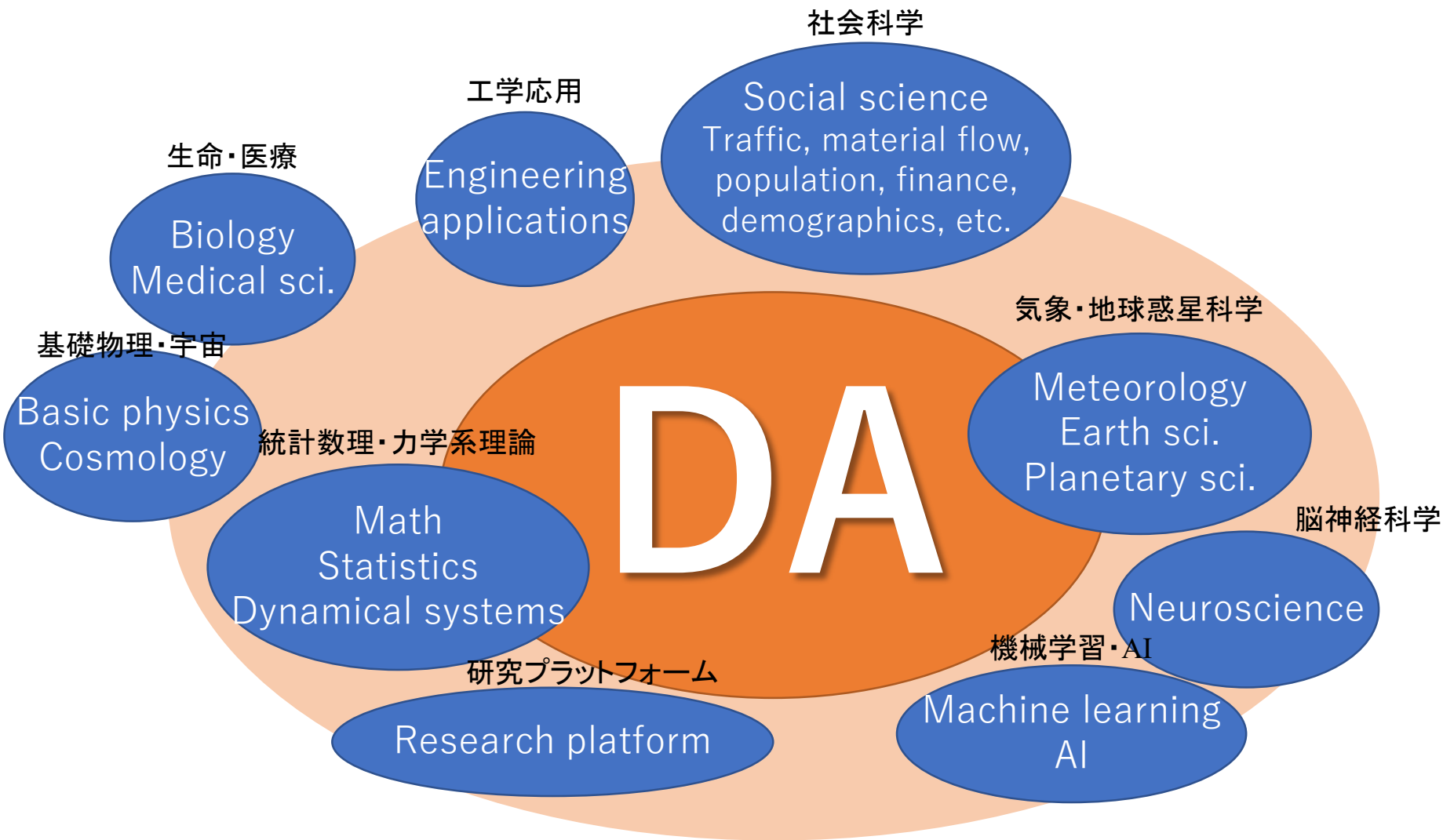
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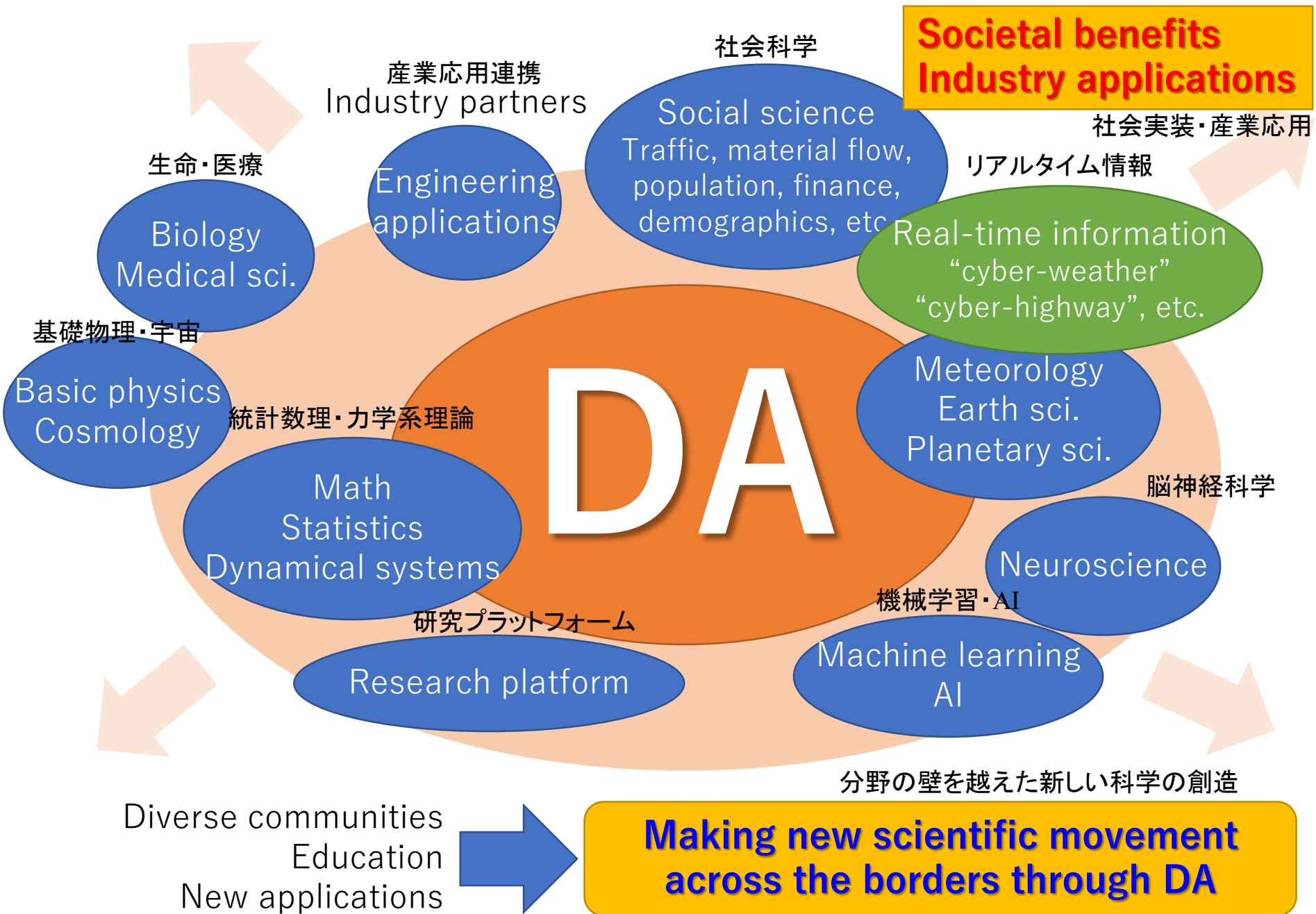


Human system









Summary and a perspective

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Compute *SPEED* and Forecast *ACCURACY*

For the next decade: Exa-scale computing

Processing orders of magnitude *Bigger Data*
in both space and time

➔ Revolutionize Weather Prediction

空間的・時間的に
桁違いな「ビッグ
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