

# Data Assimilation

## - A07. Serial EnSRF -

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# DA Lectures A (Basic Course)



- ▶ (1) Introduction and NWP
- ▶ (2) Deterministic Chaos and Lorenz-96 model
- ▶ (3) A toy model and Bayesian estimation
- ▶ (4) Kalman Filter (KF)
- ▶ (5) 3D Variational Method (3DVAR)
- ▶ (6) Ensemble Kalman Filter (PO method)
- ▶ (7) **Serial Ens. Square Root Filter (Serial EnSRF)**
- ▶ (8) Local Ens. Transform Kalman Filter (LETKF)
- ▶ (9) Innovation Statistics & Adaptive Inflation

# Today's Goal

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- ▶ **Lecture: serial EnSRF**
  - ▶ to introduce serial EnSRF
  
- ▶ **Training: Lorenz 96**
  - ▶ to implement serial EnSRF into L96

# Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnKF)

# KF

Prediction (state)

$$\mathbf{x}_t^b = M(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^a)$$

Prediction of Error Cov. (explicitly)

$$\mathbf{P}_t^b = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}_{t-1}^a\mathbf{M}^T (+\mathbf{Q})$$

Kalman Gain

$$\mathbf{K}_t = \mathbf{P}_t^b\mathbf{H}^T[\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b\mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R}]^{-1}$$

Analysis (state)

$$\mathbf{x}_t^a = \mathbf{x}_t^b + \mathbf{K}_t(\mathbf{y}_t^o - H(\mathbf{x}_t^b))$$

Analysis Error Covariance

$$\mathbf{P}_t^a = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{P}_t^b$$

# EnKF



Ensemble Prediction (state)

$$\mathbf{x}_t^{b(i)} = M(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^{a(i)}) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

Prediction of Error Covariance (implicitly)

$$\mathbf{P}_t^b \approx \mathbf{Z}_t^b(\mathbf{Z}_t^b)^T$$

Kalman Gain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_t &= \mathbf{Z}_t^b(\mathbf{Y}_t^b)^T[\mathbf{Y}_t^b(\mathbf{Y}_t^b)^T + \mathbf{R}]^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{Z}_t^b[\mathbf{I} + (\mathbf{Y}_t^b)^T\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{Y}_t^b]^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}_t^b)^T\mathbf{R}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Analysis (state)

$$\mathbf{x}_t^a = \mathbf{x}_t^b + \mathbf{K}_t(\mathbf{y}_t^o - H(\mathbf{x}_t^b))$$

Analysis Error Covariance

- (1) Stochastic: PO method
- (2) Deterministic: Square Root Filter (SRF)  
(e.g., serial EnSRF, EAKF, LETKF)

# Serial EnSRF

# Square Root Filter (SRF)



SRF assumes the following update w/o adding perturbation in obs.

$$\mathbf{Z}_t^a = \mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W} \quad \mathbf{W} (\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}): \text{Ensemble Ptb. Transform Matrix}$$

and compute  $\mathbf{W}$  that satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_t^a &= \mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W})^T \\ &= [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t \mathbf{H}] \mathbf{Z}_t^b (\mathbf{Z}_t^b)^T \end{aligned}$$

However, SRF cannot determine  $\mathbf{W}$  deterministically.

For example, for  $\mathbf{U}$  that satisfies  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T$ ,

a new matrix  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{U}$  can be also a ptb. transform matrix since

$$\mathbf{P}_t^a = \mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W})^T = \mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W}\mathbf{U} (\mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{W}\mathbf{U})^T = \mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{S} (\mathbf{Z}_t^b \mathbf{S})^T$$

Question: how can we determine  $\mathbf{W}$ ?

# Ensemble SRF (EnSRF)

EnSRF assumes the following ensemble update

$$\mathbf{Z}_t^a = [\mathbf{I} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{Z}_t^b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\mathbf{I} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{P}_t^b [\mathbf{I} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{H}]^T = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_t\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{P}_t^b$$

This equation was solved by Andrew (1968) such that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T \left[ \underbrace{(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1/2}}_{p \times p \text{ matrix}} \right]^T \left[ \underbrace{(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{1/2}}_{p \times p \text{ matrix}} + \mathbf{R}^{1/2} \right]^{-1}$$

However, solving a  $p \times p$  matrix is computationally expensive...

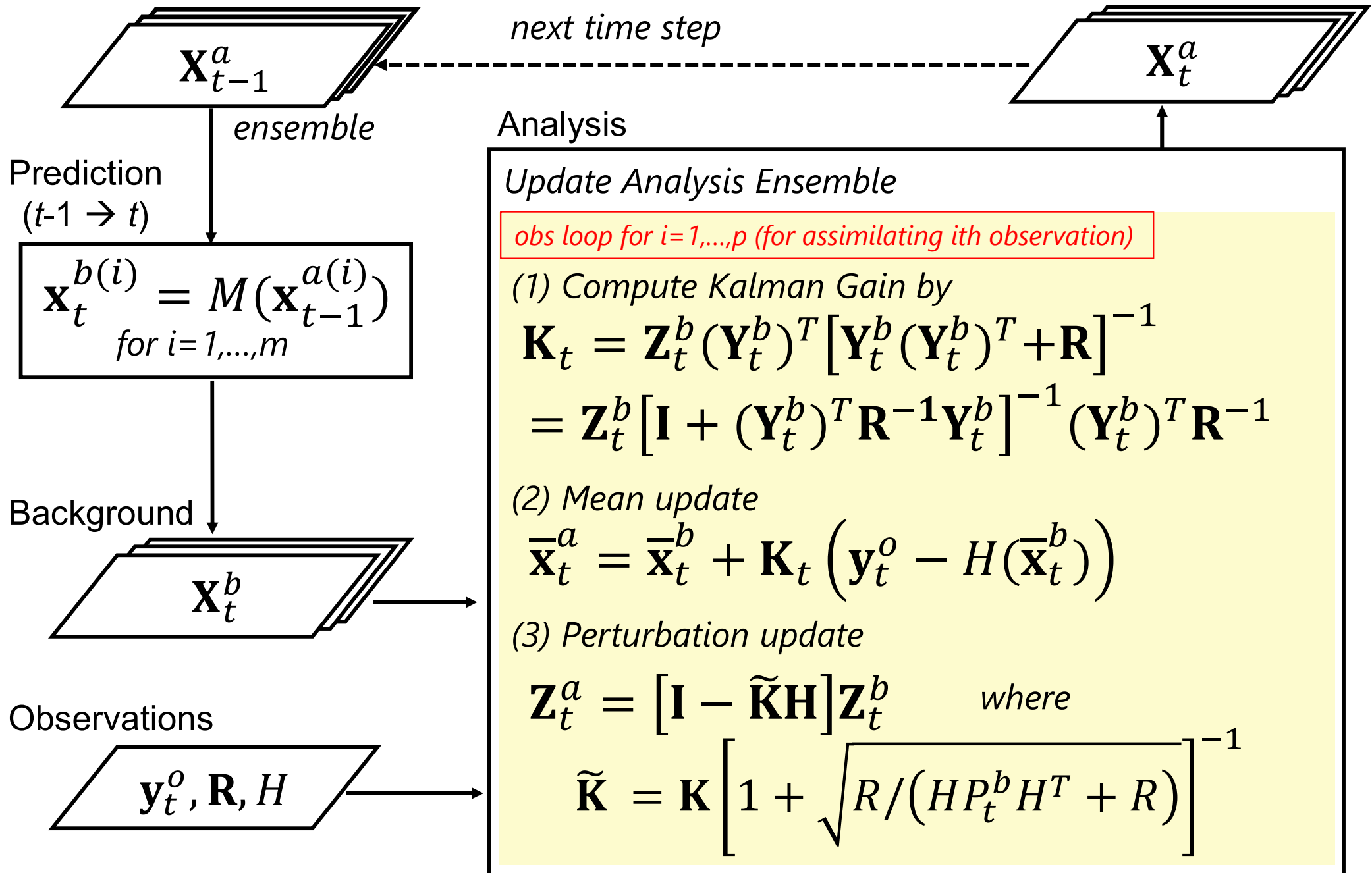
Serial EnSRF assimilates observation serially (i.e.,  $p=1$ )

Whitaker &  
Hamill (2002)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{K}} &= \mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1/2} \left[ (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{1/2} + \mathbf{R}^{1/2} \right]^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{1/2} \left[ (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{1/2} + \mathbf{R}^{1/2} \right]^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{K} \left[ \underbrace{1 + \sqrt{R/(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}_t^b \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})}}_{\text{scalar since now assimilating one observation}} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



# Serial EnSRF Algorithm

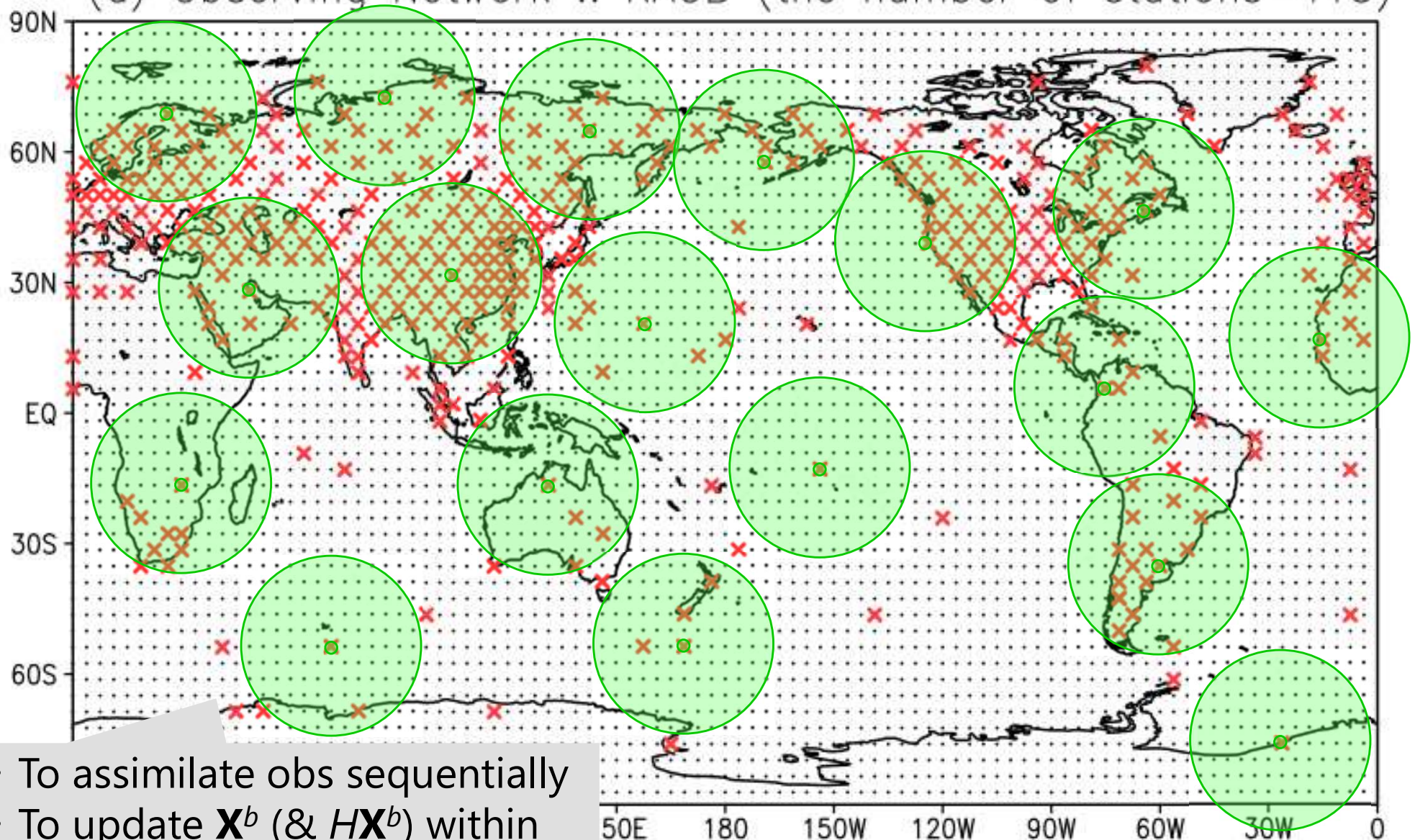


# Serial Assimilation

• : model grid points  
x: observing station



(a) Observing Network :: RAOB (the number of stations=415)



- To assimilate obs sequentially
- To update  $\mathbf{X}^b$  (&  $H\mathbf{X}^b$ ) within localization radius.

Limitations for parallelization

# Basic Task 5

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6. EnKF を実装し、KF と比較する。Whitaker and Hamill (2002)による Serial EnSRF, Bishop et al. (2001)による ETKF、Hunt et al. (2007)による LETKF、PO 法などの解法がある。2つ以上実装すること。

ヒント) 気象分野の EnKF では、上述の手法が良く用いられている。カナダでは PO 法、米国気象局では Serial EnSRF、ドイツ・日本では LETKF など。小槻研で研究を進める場合、LETKF を用いた研究をしていくことが想定されるため、LETKF の実装には取り組んで欲しい。

6. Implement EnKF and compare with KF. There are solutions such as Serial EnSRF by Whitaker and Hamill (2002), ETKF by Bishop et al. (2001), LETKF and PO method by Hunt et al. (2007). Implement at least two or more.

Hint) The above methods are often used in EnKF in the meteorological field. PO method in Canada, Serial EnSRF in the US Meteorological Bureau, LETKF in Germany and Japan, etc. When proceeding with research at Kotsuki Lab, it is expected that research using LETKF will be carried out, so I would like you to work on the implementation of LETKF at least.

# Techniques for serial EnSRF



## Gaspari Cohn Function

$$r = \frac{d}{\sqrt{10/3} \sigma}$$

$\sigma$ : tuning parameter

$d$ : distance b/w grids  
 $\sigma$ : localization length scale

$$L(r) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{4}r^5 + \frac{1}{2}r^4 + \frac{5}{8}r^3 - \frac{5}{3}r^2 & (r \leq 1) \\ \frac{1}{12}r^5 - \frac{1}{2}r^4 + \frac{5}{8}r^3 + \frac{5}{3}r^2 & (1 < r \leq 2) \\ -5r + 4 - \frac{2}{3}r^{-1} & \\ 0 & (2 < r) \end{cases}$$

Gaspari and Cohn (1999)

## Localization

Because of assimilating observation serially, analysis equation is

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t^a = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t^b + \mathbf{k}_t \left( y^{o(i)} - \mathbf{h}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t^b \right)$$

$\mathbf{k}_t$ : Kalman Gain ( $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ )  $y^{o(i)}$ :  $i$ th obs (scalar)  $\mathbf{h}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t^b$ : obs op for  $i$ th obs

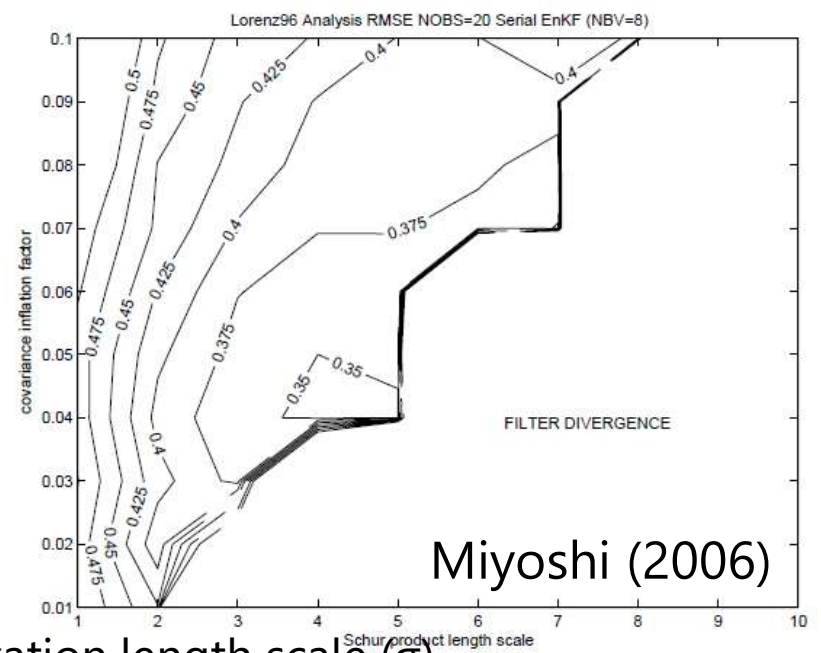
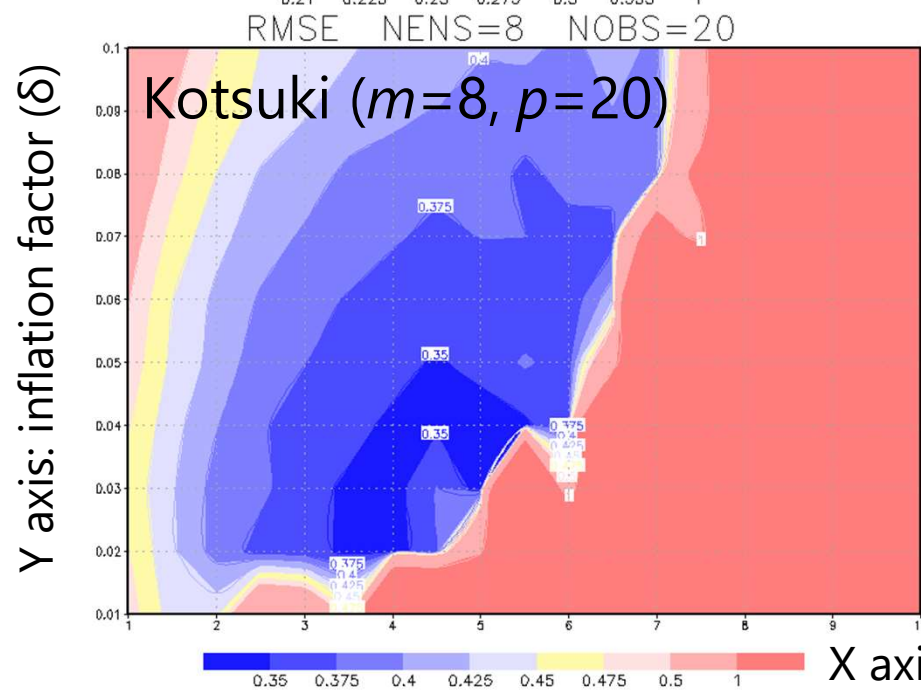
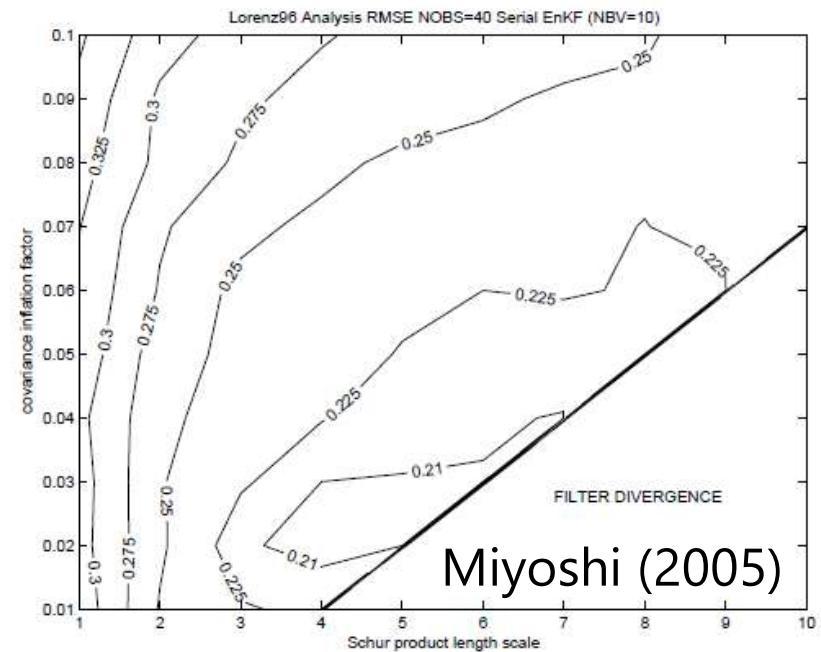
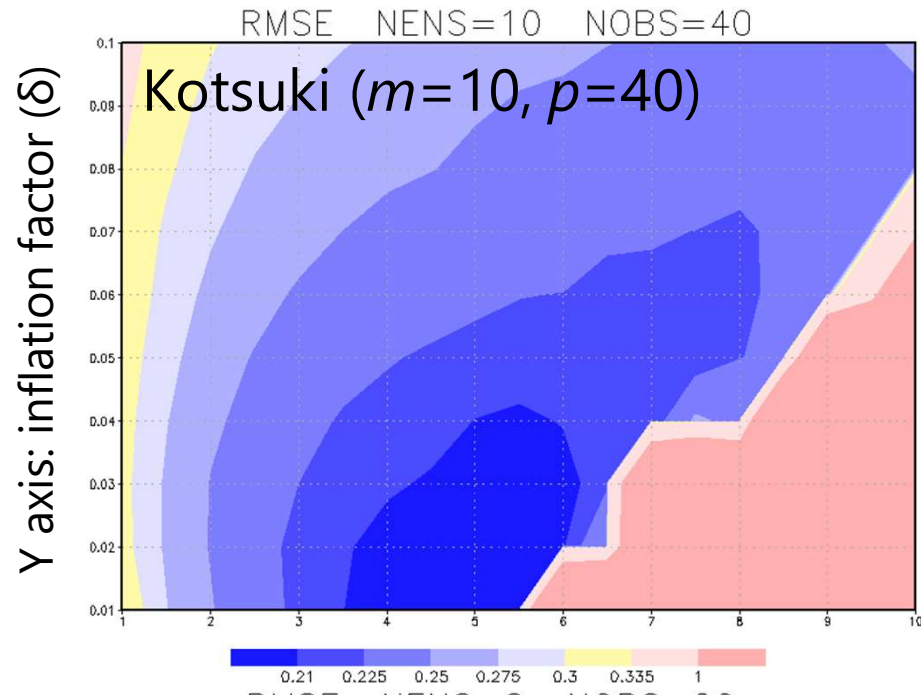
Localize  $\mathbf{k}$  depending on distance b/w grid and obs using the GC function.

## Inflation

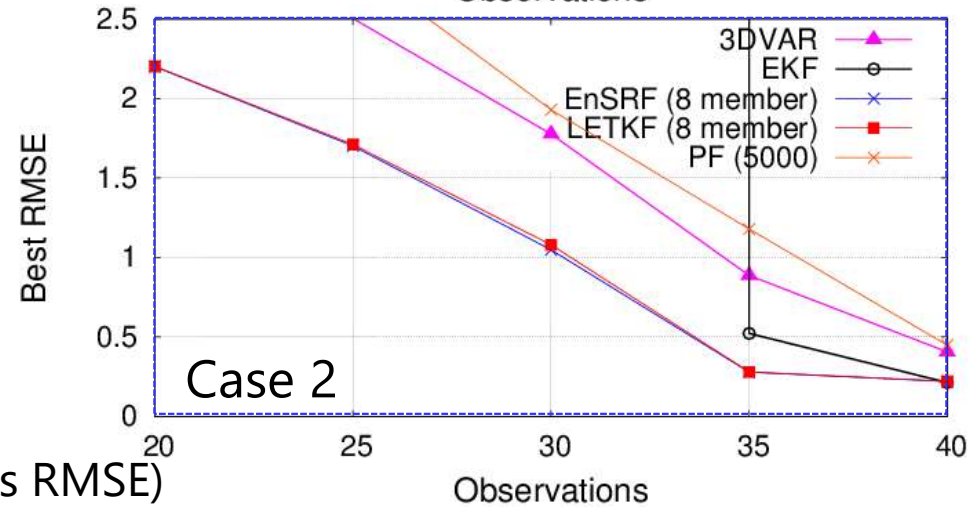
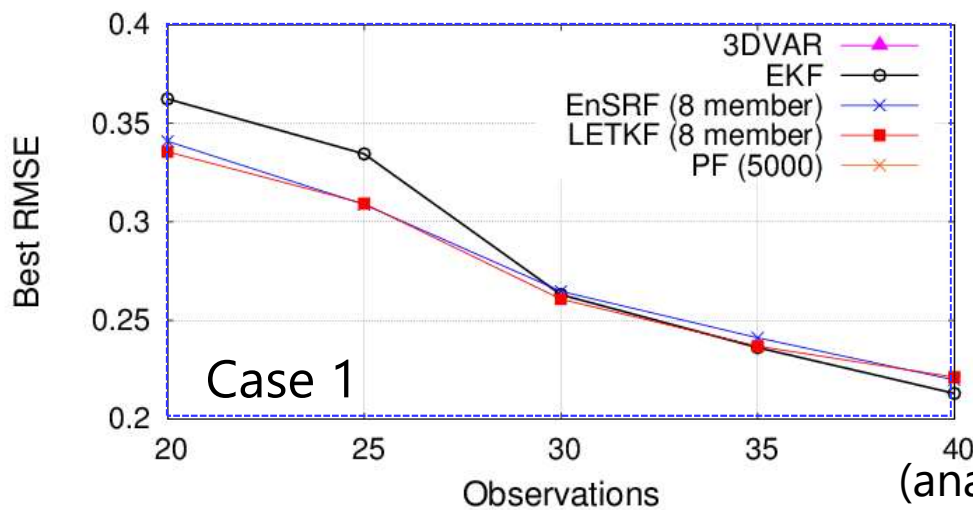
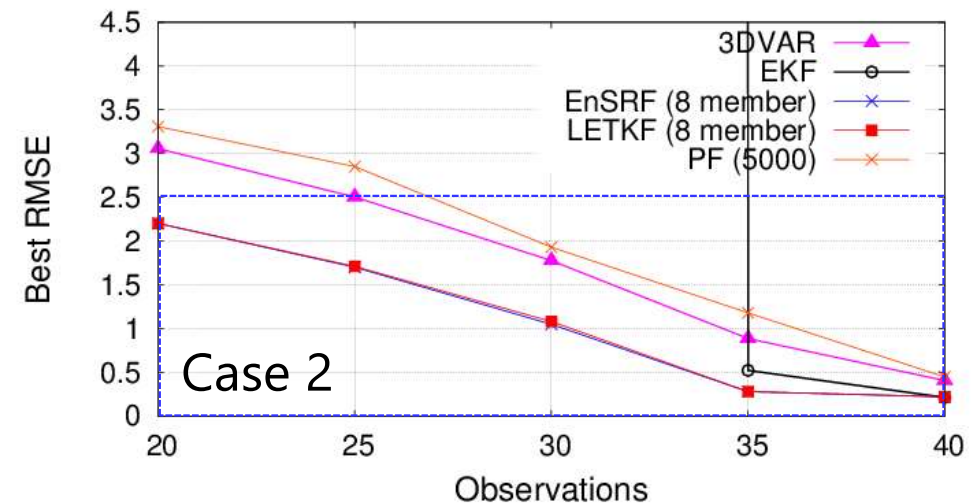
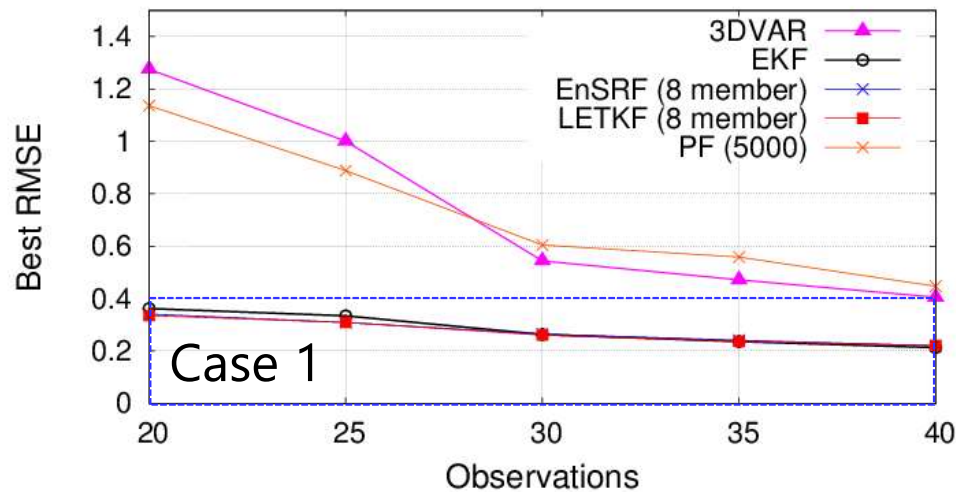
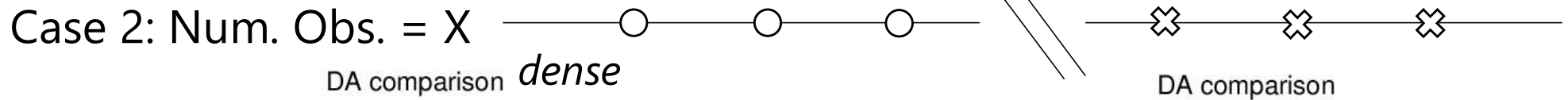
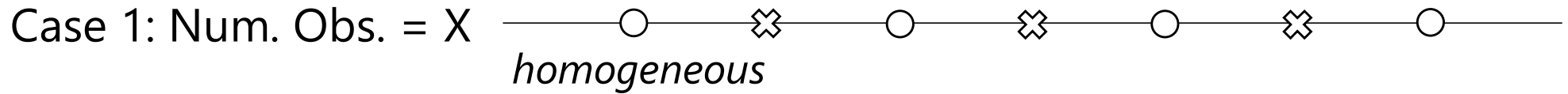
$$\delta \mathbf{X}_{inf}^b = (1 + \delta) \delta \mathbf{X}^b$$

Note: this inflation should be applied only once at assimilating 1st obs! (i.e. no inflation for assimilating 2nd-pth obs)

# Analysis RMSE (Serial EnSRF)

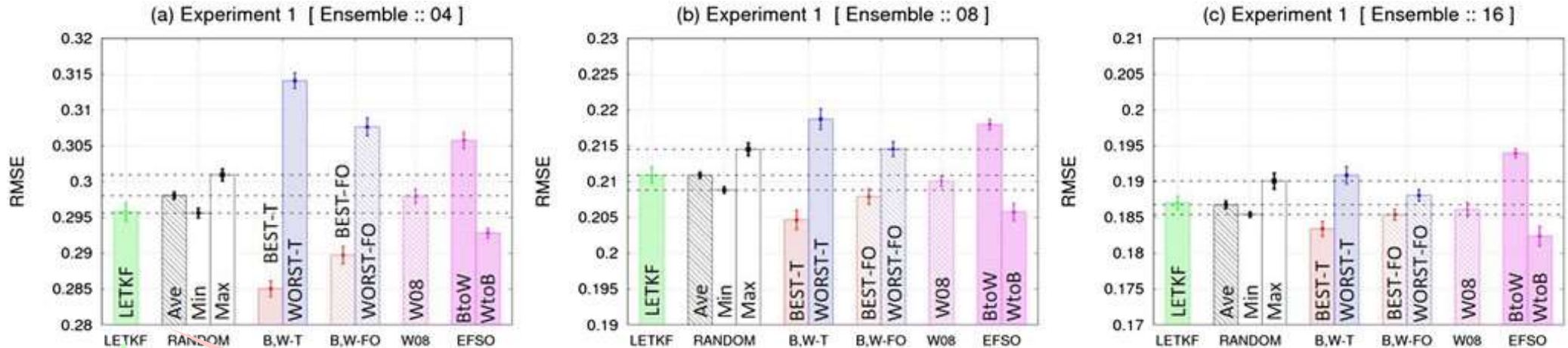


# Sensitivity to Obs. Network



# Kotsuki et al. (2017)

Analysis RMSE with 40 observations w/ L96 (w/ best loc. scale)



**LETKF**

**Serial EnSRF**

Kotsuki, S., Greybush, S., and Miyoshi, T. (2017):

Can we optimize the assimilation order in the serial ensemble Kalman filter?

A study with the Lorenz-96 model. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, 145, 4977-4995.



**Thank you for your attention!**

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