Development of East Asia Regional Reanalysis based on advanced hybrid gain data assimilation method and evaluation with E3DVAR, ERA-5, and ERA-Interim reanalysis

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ABSTRACT

The East Asia Regional Reanalysis (EARR) system is developed based on the advanced hybrid gain data assimilation method (AdvHG) using Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model and conventional observations. Based on EARR, the high-resolution regional reanalysis and reforecast fields are produced with 12 km horizontal resolution over East Asia for 2010–2019. The newly proposed AdvHG is based on the hybrid gain approach, weighting two different analysis for an optimal analysis. The AdvHG is different from the hybrid gain in that 1) E3DVAR is used instead of EnKF, 2) 6 h forecast of ERA5 is used to be more consistent with WRF, and 3) the pre-existing, state-of-the-art reanalysis is used. Thus, the AdvHG can be regarded as an efficient approach to generate regional reanalysis dataset due to cost savings as well as the use of the state-of-the-art reanalysis. The upper air variables of EARR are verified with those of ERA5 for January and July 2017 and ~~the two-year period of 2017-2018~~ the ten-year period of 2010-2019. For upper air variables, ERA5 outperforms EARR over two years, whereas EARR outperforms (shows comparable performance to) ERA-I and E3DVAR for January in 2017 (July in 2017). EARR better represents precipitation than ERA5 for January and July in 2017. Therefore, though the uncertainties of upper air variables of EARR need to be considered when analyzing them, the precipitation of EARR is more accurate than that of ERA5 for both two seasons. The EARR data presented here can be downloaded from https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/7P8MZT for data on pressure levels and https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/Q07VRC for precipitation.

1. Introduction

Reanalysis datasets have been widely used in the socio-economical field as well as meteorological and climate research areas all over the world. Most of reanalysis datasets consist of global reanalysis whose spatial and temporal resolutions are relatively coarse (e.g., Schubert et al. 1993; Kalnay et al. 1996; Gibson et al. 1997; Kistler et al. 2001; Kanamitsu et al. 2002; Uppala et al. 2005; Onogi et al. 2007; Bosilovich 2008; Saha et al. 2010; Dee et al. 2011; Rienecker et al. 2011; Bosilovich 2015; Kobayashi et al. 2015; Hersbach et al. 2020). As the importance of regional reanalysis dataset emerged, many operational centers and research institutes around the world have been producing the dataset in their own areas (Mesinger et al. 2006; Renshaw et al. 2013; Borsche et al. 2015; Bromwich et al. 2016; Jermey and Renshaw 2016; Zhang et al. 2017; Bromwich et al. 2018; Fukui et al. 2018; He et al. 2019; Ashrit et al. 2020).

The long-term high-resolution datasets are essential to investigate the past extreme weather events which might be associated with mesoscale features such as heavy rainfall events with high spatial and temporal variability which coarser-resolution model cannot represent. The dynamical downscaling approaches can be a solution for generating high-resolution dataset, but they have some issues with insufficient spin-up (Kayaba et al. 2016). Moreover, Fukui et al. (2018) demonstrated that regional reanalysis over Japan assimilating only the conventional observations had the potential to reproduce precipitation fields better than the dynamical downscaling approaches. Ashrit et al. (2020) also found that the high-resolution regional reanalysis over India showed substantial improvements of regional hydroclimatic features during summer monsoon for the period of 1979-1993 compared to the global reanalysis ERA-Interim (ERA-I, Dee et al. 2011) from ECMWF. Furthermore, He et al. (2019) revealed that the pilot regional reanalysis over the Tibetan Plateau was able to represent more accurate precipitation features as well as atmospheric humidity than the global reanalyses of ECMWF (i.e., ECMWF's fifth-generation reanalysis (ERA5, Hersbach et al. 2020) and ERA-I).

As part of this effort, regional reanalysis over East Asia were produced based on the Unified Model for the two-year period of 2013-2014 and it was confirmed that regional reanalysis over East Asia is beneficial (Yang and Kim 2017; Yang and Kim 2019). However, because UM was no longer available for generating regional reanalysis over East Asia, another numerical weather prediction (NWP) model and its data assimilation (DA) method are required.

To find the most appropriate and cost-efficient DA method for a regional reanalysis over East Asia, several DA methods were compared. Yang and Kim (2021) demonstrated that the hybrid ensemble-variational data assimilation method (E3DVAR) shows the better performance compared to three-dimensional variational data assimilation (3DVAR) and ensemble Kalman filter (EnKF) over East Asia for January and July in 2016. However, it is essential to confirm if this hybrid method is accurate enough to be used for a regional reanalysis over East Asia. Thus, E3DVAR was compared with the latest and the previous reanalysis data ~~from ECMWF (i.e., ECMWF's fifth-generation reanalysis (ERA5, Hersbach et al. 2020) and ERA-Interim (ERA-I, Dee et al. 2011))~~ from ECMWF (ERA5 and ERA-I) for (re)analysis and (re)forecast variables and it was found that a performance for a regional reanalysis needs to be further improved.

For this reason, a new advanced hybrid gain (AdvHG) data assimilation method, which combines E3DVAR and ERA5 based on WRF model, is newly proposed and investigated in this study. A hybrid gain data assimilation method has been developed as a new kind of hybrid methods (Penny 2014). Based on this method, an advanced data assimilation method is newly developed in this study. Finally, using this newly proposed DA method (AdvHG), East Asia regional reanalysis (EARR) system is developed based on WRF model. ~~EARR datasets have been produced for ten-year period of 2010-2019 and are verified for two-year period of 2017–~~

~~2018.~~ EARR datasets have been produced for ten-year period of 2010-2019 and are publicly available (https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/EARR).

To investigate the accuracy and uncertainty of the state-of-the-art AdvHG DA algorithm developed in this study, analysis and forecast atmospheric variables of E3DVAR, AdvHG, WRF-based ERA-I, and WRF-based ERA5 are evaluated for January and July in 2017, respectively. In addition, reforecast precipitation fields of ERA-I and ERA5 from ECMWF are also verified and compared. In this study, the datasets are evaluated for two-month period (January and July in 2017) or ten-year period (2010-2019) depending on the availability of datasets. The reanalysis and (re)forecast fields of the EARR based on AdvHG and ERA5 are verified for ten-year period (2010-2019). In section 2, the EARR system including model, data assimilation method, and observations are explained. In section 3, the evaluation methods are presented. The verification results of (re)analysis and (re)forecast variables are presented in section 4. Section 4.1 presents evaluation results for wind, temperature, and humidity variables, and section 4.2 presents those for precipitation (re)forecast. Section 5 presents data availability. Lastly, summary and conclusions are presented in section 6.

2. Reanalysis system

2.1. Model

In this study, the Advanced Research Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF, v3.7.1) model is used with 12-km horizontal resolution (540 x 432 grid points) and 50 vertical levels (up to 5 hPa) ~~as shown in Fig. 1.~~ for East Asia domain shown in Fig. 1. The model settings and physics scheme are summarized in Table 1. Analysis fields are obtained every 6 h (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) via assimilation of conventional observations with a 6 h assimilation window, and forecast fields are integrated up to 36 h. The ERA5 reanalysis (Hersbach et al. 2020) is used as the first initial condition before the cycling, and as boundary conditions every 6 h.

2.2. *Data assimilation methods*

2.2.1. *E3DVAR*

The E3DVAR method is one of hybrid data assimilation methods, which use a static climatological background error covariance (BEC) and ensemble-based flow-dependent BEC, and couples the EnKF and 3DVAR (Zhang et al. 2013). E3DVAR is based on a cost function of 3DVAR. In E3DVAR, EnKF provides flow-dependent BEC as well as updates perturbations for ensemble members. Following Zhang et al. (2013),

$$J^b = J_s^b + J_e^b = \frac{1}{2}\delta\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\left[(1-\beta)\mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{P}^f \circ \mathbf{C}\right]^{-1}\delta\mathbf{x} \quad , \tag{1}$$

where J_s^b is a traditional cost function based on a static climatological BEC $\mathbf{B}$ and J_e^b is an additional cost function based on ensemble-based BEC $\mathbf{P}^f$. $\mathbf{C}$ is a correlation matrix for localization of the ensemble covariance $\mathbf{P}^f$. The weighting coefficient β between static and ensemble-based BEC is set to 0.8 in this study. To account for model error for E3DVAR, multi-physics scheme is applied to 40-member ensembles. Yang and Kim (2021) found that E3DVAR is the most appropriate DA method among 3DVAR, EnKF, and E3DVAR methods over East Asia. More detailed information on E3DVAR implemented in this study can be found in Yang and Kim (2021).

2.2.2. ~~*Advanced hybrid gain data assimilation method*~~ *Hybrid gain data assimilation method*

In the last decade, the traditional hybrid methods have been widely used for many operational centers and research institutes. Recently, Penny (2014) has proposed a new class of hybrid gain methods combining desirable aspects of both variational and EnKF families of algorithms by weighting analyses from 3DVAR and LETKF for an optimal analysis in the Lorenz 40-component model. Since then, this algorithm has been implemented at ECMWF (Bonavita et al. 2015) and at a hybrid global ocean DA system in National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) (Penny et al. 2015).

The hybrid gain algorithm can be described with the following equations:

$$\mathbf{x}^{a}_{Hyb} = \alpha \mathbf{x}^{a}_{\det} + (1-\alpha)\overline{\mathbf{x}^{a}} \quad , \qquad \textbf{(2)}$$

where $\mathrm{x}^{a}_{\mathrm{Hyb}}$, $\mathrm{x}^{a}_{\mathrm{det}}$, and $\overline{\mathrm{x}^{a}}$ denote the hybrid analysis, deterministic analysis, and the ensemble mean analysis from the ensemble-based assimilation method, and α is a tunable parameter (Penny 2014, Houtekamer and Zhang 2016).

The hybrid gain method is different from traditional hybrid methods, in that a hybrid gain approach linearly combines analysis fields from EnKF and variational DA method to produce a hybrid gain analysis rather than linearly combining respective BECs (Penny 2014). Basically, the hybrid gain method is to hybridize two different Kalman gain matrices of ensemble-based [Eq. (4)] and variational data assimilation system [Eq. (5)] as in Eq. (3).

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \beta_1 \mathbf{K}^{f} + \beta_2 \mathbf{K}^{B} + \beta_3 \mathbf{K}^{B}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{K}^{f} \, , \qquad \textbf{(3)}$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}^{f} = \mathbf{P}^{f}\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}^{f}\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} , \qquad \textbf{(4)}$$

$$\mathbf{K}^{B} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} . \qquad \textbf{(5)}$$

H is an observation operator mapping the model state vector to observation space and **R** is the observation error covariance matrix. The matrices $\mathbf{P}^{f}$ and **B** indicate the ensemble-based and the static climatological BEC, respectively. By choosing the specific coefficients (β_1=1, $\beta_2 = \alpha$, $\beta_3 = -\alpha$), it can be written as in Eq. (6) and it can give an algebraically equivalent result with Eq. (2) (Penny 2014).

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{K}^{f} + \alpha \mathbf{K}^{B}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{K}^{f}) \, . \qquad \textbf{(6)}$$

One of advantages of the hybrid gain algorithm with respect to its development is that pre-existing operational systems can be used without significant modification for a hybrid analysis

(Penny 2014) and independent parallel development of respective methods is allowed (Houtekamer and Zhang 2016). Furthermore, the hybrid gain approach can be considered as a practical and straightforward method in the foreseeable future to combine advantageous features of both ensemble- and variational-based DA algorithms (Houtekamer and Zhang 2016). More detailed information on this algorithm can be found in Penny (2014).

2.2.3. Advanced hybrid gain data assimilation method

In this study, based on the hybrid gain approach, an advanced hybrid gain data assimilation method (AdvHG) is newly proposed as follows:

$$\mathrm{X}^{a}_{\mathrm{AdvHG}} = \alpha \mathrm{X}^{f(6h)}_{\mathrm{ERA5}} + (1-\alpha)\overline{\mathrm{X}}^{a}_{\mathrm{E3DVAR}}, \qquad \textbf{(7)}$$

where $\mathrm{X}^{f(6h)}_{\mathrm{ERA5}}$ denotes the 6 h forecast of ERA5 reanalysis based on WRF model and $\overline{\mathrm{X}}^{a}_{\mathrm{E3DVAR}}$ denotes the analysis of E3DVAR (Fig. 2). In Eq. (7), α is a tunable parameter and is assigned to be 0.5 in this study. This advanced hybrid gain approach is different from the hybrid gain approach in that 1) E3DVAR analysis is used instead of EnKF, 2) 6 h forecast of ERA5 is used instead of deterministic analysis from variational DA method, and 3) the pre-existing and state-of-the-art reanalysis data (i.e., ERA5) is simply used instead of producing deterministic analysis by assimilation. The reasons for these different approaches proposed in this study are as follows:

1) E3DVAR is used instead of EnKF because Yang and Kim (2021) confirmed that E3DVAR outperforms EnKF for winter and summer seasons over East Asia.

2) Instead of deterministic analysis, the 6 h forecast of ERA5 based on WRF model is used to make the hybrid analysis more balanced and consistent with WRF model, because ERA5 reanalysis fields are based on its own modeling system with coarser resolution, which is different from that of this study.

3) European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) reanalysis (ERA5)

is used instead of producing our own analysis fields from a variational DA method. This is a very efficient approach because of the cost savings as well as the use of the high-quality latest reanalysis from ECMWF assimilating all currently available observations with the state-of-the-art and advanced technology.

Therefore, the approach proposed in this study is called as “advanced hybrid gain method” (denoted as “AdvHG”).

2.3. Observations

The NCEP PrepBUFR [Prepared or QC’d data in BUFR (Binary Universal Form for the Representation of meteorological data) format] conventional observations (global upper air and surface weather observations, NCEP/NWS/NOAA/U.S.DOC 2008) are used every 6 h (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) for an assimilation by E3DVAR and AdvHG methods (Fig. 1). The PrepBUFR is the output of the final process for preparing the observations to be assimilated in the different NCEP analyses. For observations, rudimentary multi-platform quality control (QC) and more complex platform-specific QC were conducted (e.g., surface pressure, rawinsonde heights and temperature, wind profiler, aircraft wind and temperature) in NCEP (Keyser 2013). Furthermore, if the innovations (i.e., observation minus background) of some observations are greater than 5 times the observational error, then that observation is rejected during assimilation procedure in this study.

The assimilated observations are as follows: the surface observations (SYNOP, METAR, Ship, and Buoy), radiosonde observation (SOUND), upper-wind report (PILOT), wind profiler, aircraft, atmospheric motion vector (AMV) wind from a geostationary satellite (GEOAMV), and Scatterometer oceanic surface winds (Scatwind), and precipitable water vapor from global positioning system (GPSPW). The observation errors depending on each observation platform, variable, and vertical levels are assigned based on the default observation error statistics provided in WRFDA system (Table 2). All observations are spatially thinned by 20 km except for AMV thinned by 200 km as done by Warrick (2015), Cotton et al. (2016), and Shin et al. (2016).

To evaluate 6 h accumulated precipitation simulated by E3DVAR, AdvHG, ERA-I, and ERA5 over East Asia, global surface weather observations (NCEP PrepBUFR, NCEP/NWS/NOAA/U.S.DOC 2008) are used every 6 h (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC). For an evaluation of the monthly precipitation fields, the world monthly surface station climatology (NCDC/NESDIS/NOAA/U.S.DOC et al. 1981) over 4700 different stations (2600 in more recent years) is used.

2.4. Global reanalysis datasets

To compare EARR generated with other reanalysis datasets, ERA5 (Hersbach et al. 2020) and ERA-I (Dee et al. 2011) reanalysis are chosen. The horizontal resolutions of ERA-I and ERA5 are approximately 79 km (TL255) and 31 km (TL639), respectively. Because ERA5 is based on the operational system in 2016, improvements in model physics, numerics, data assimilation, and additional observations over the last decade are the advantages of ERA5 (Hersbach et al. 2018).

~~Because reforecast as well as reanalysis fields are verified in this study, for forecast fields, two different forecast fields from ECMWF (i.e., forecast based on WRF model and reforecast based on ECMWF model) are used. The WRF forecast fields (i.e., WRF-based ERA5, WRF-based ERA-I) using ERA5 and ERA-I as initial conditions are integrated with 12 km resolution. Secondly, reforecast fields based on ECMWF model (i.e., ERA5_fromECMWF, ERA-I_fromECMWF), provided and downloaded from ECMWF, are used.~~ In this study, (re)forecast as well as reanalysis fields need to be verified. Regarding reanalysis and (re)forecast fields of ECMWF, reanalysis fields (i.e., ERA5 and ERA-I) downloaded from ECMWF are evaluated (Figs. 3 and 6). There are two different (re)forecast fields (e.g., ERA5_fromECMWF, WRF-based ERA5) used in this study. WRF-based ERA5 and ERA-I are forecast fields based on

WRF model with 12 km horizontal resolution where ERA5 and ERA-I are used as initial conditions, respectively. In contrast, ERA5_fromECMWF and ERA-I_fromECMWF are reforecast fields based on ECMWF model not WRF model, so the reforecast fields of ERA5 and ERA-I are provided and downloaded from ECMWF. These reforecast fields are only used for evaluation of precipitation (Figs. 8 and 9). The (re)analysis and (re)forecast fields and corresponding experiments are explained in Table 3.

3. Evaluation method

3.1. Equitable threat score and Frequency bias index

Based on the contingency table (Table ~~2~~4), ETS is defined as

$$\mathrm{ETS}=\frac{\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A_r}}{\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{A_r}},\ \text{where } \mathrm{A_r}=\frac{(\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B})(\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{C})}{\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}}. \qquad \textbf{(8)}$$

The ETS range is from -1/3 to 1 and the value 1 for ETS is a perfect score. ETS is a more balanced score than Probability of Detection (POD) and False Alarm Ratio (FAR), because it is sensitive to both false alarms and misses (Wilson 2010).

FBI is defined as

$$\mathrm{FBI}=\mathrm{Bias}=\frac{\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}}{\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{C}}. \qquad \textbf{(9)}$$

The FBI indicates whether the model tends to over-forecast (too frequently, FBI>1) or under-forecast (not frequent enough, FBI<1) events with respect to frequency of occurrence.

3.2 Probability of detection and False alarm ratio

Based on the contingency table (Table ~~2~~4), POD is defined as

$$\mathrm{POD}=\frac{\mathrm{A}}{\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{C}}=\frac{\mathrm{Hits}}{\mathrm{Hits}+\mathrm{Misses}}. \qquad \textbf{(10)}$$

The POD range is from 0 to 1. POD is required to be used with FAR, because POD can be artificially improved by systematically over-forecasting the events (Wilson 2010).

FAR is defined as

$$\text{FAR}=\frac{\text{B}}{\text{A}+\text{B}}=\frac{\text{False alarms}}{\text{Hits}+\text{False alarms}}. \quad \textbf{(11)}$$

The range of FAR is from 0 to 1 and its lower score implies a higher accuracy.

3.3 Brier skill score

Verification of the performance of high-resolution forecast with the traditional verification metrics (e.g., ETS, FBI) can be misleading due to double penalty, particularly for highly variable fields (e.g., precipitation). Therefore, as one of spatial verification approaches that do not require forecast to match point observation spatially, neighborhood (fuzzy) verification method, which assumes that slightly displaced forecast can be acceptable and a local neighborhood can define the degree of allowable displacement (Ebert 2008; Kim et al. 2015; On et al. 2018), is used in this section. According to Ebert (2008), depending on the matching strategy, neighborhood verifications can be categorized into two frameworks: 'single observation-neighborhood forecast (SO-NF)' where neighborhood forecasts surrounding observations are considered, and 'neighborhood observation-neighborhood forecast (NO-NF)' strategies where not only neighborhood forecasts but also neighborhood observations surrounding observations are considered. Due to the absence of high-resolution gridded precipitation observation data in East Asia, various verification scores widely used as 'neighborhood observation-neighborhood forecast (NO-NF)' strategy are not available in this study. Thus, in this section, Brier skill score as one of 'single observation-neighborhood forecast (SO-NF)' strategy is introduced.

The Brier score (BS) is similar to the mean-squared error (MSE) and is defined as (Wilks 2006):

$$\text{BS}=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(p_i-o_i)^2 . \quad \textbf{(12)}$$

where p_i denotes the probability forecast, and o_i denotes the binary observation which is either 0 or 1, and N is the total number of observations during the given period. Generally, Brier skill score (or Brier score) is used to verify ensemble forecasts which are able to calculate probabilistic forecasts (Kay et al. 2013; Kim and Kim 2017). However, Brier skill score can also be used for deterministic forecasts using a pragmatic post-processing procedure (Theis et al., 2005; Mittermaier~~ et al.~~ 2014), which derives probabilistic forecasts from deterministic forecasts at every model grid point by considering neighborhood forecast as *pseudo ensemble*.

$$\mathrm{BSS} = 1 - \frac{\mathrm{BS}}{\mathrm{BS}_{\mathrm{ref}}}, \qquad \textbf{(13)}$$

where $\mathrm{BS}_{\mathrm{ref}}$ is Brier score of reference. Brier skill score is skill score with respect to Brier score as in Eq. (13). For reference, a climatology or other forecast can be used either. In this study, the WRF-based ERA-I is considered as a reference.

3.4 Pattern correlation coefficient

The pattern correlation coefficient (PCC) is defined as Eq. (14) (Shiferaw et al. 2018; Yoo and Cho 2018; Park and Kim 2020).

$$\mathrm{PCC} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i - \bar{x})(o_i - \bar{o})}{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^{N}(o_i - \bar{o})^2\right]^{1/2}}, \qquad \textbf{(14)}$$

where x_i and o_i are (re)forecast and observed precipitation at ith observation location and the over-bar indicates the averaged variables over N observed stations in the verification area.

4. Results

4.1 Evaluation of wind, temperature, and humidity variables

4.1.1 RMSE for January and July 2017

The analysis and forecast RMSEs of E3DVAR, AdvHG, the WRF-based ERA-I, and

WRF-based ERA5 are calculated for zonal wind, meridional wind, temperature, and Qvapor (water vapor mixing ratio in WRF) variables against sonde observations at 00 and 12 UTC in verification domain (dashed box in Fig. 1) for January and July in 2017 and averaged over each month (Figs. ~~2, 3, and 4~~ 3, 4, and 5).

~~For analysis RMSE (Fig. 2), ERA5 is smaller than ERA-I for all levels and variables. In particular, the analysis RMSE difference between ERA5 and ERA-I is distinctive for wind. The vertically averaged wind RMSE of ERA5 for January (2.22 m s-1) and July (1.98 m s-1) in 2017 is smaller by approximately 0.23 and 0.3 m s-1 than that of ERA-I for January (2.45 m s-1) and July (2.28 m s-1) in 2017. The analysis RMSE of E3DVAR is smaller than that of AdvHG for all pressure levels and variables, except for temperature in July at 1000 hPa and Qvapor in January and July at 1000 hPa. In general, the analysis RMSE of AdvHG for all variables is comparable to or greater than that of ERA5.~~ For analysis RMSE (Fig. ~~2~~3), E3DVAR is smaller than AdvHG for all pressure levels and variables, except for temperature in July at 1000 hPa and Qvapor in January and July at 1000 hPa. In general, the analysis RMSE of AdvHG for all variables is comparable to or greater than that of ERA5. The analysis RMSE of ERA5 is smaller than that of ERA-I for all levels and variables; in particular, the analysis RMSE difference between ERA5 and ERA-I is distinctive for wind.

Regarding wind variables of analysis (Figs. ~~2a, b, c, and d~~3a, b, c, and d), E3DVAR is the most closely fitted to observations except for the wind in upper troposphere in January, followed by ERA5, AdvHG, and ERA-I. For temperature RMSE (Figs. ~~2e and f~~ 3e and f), ~~E3DVAR is smaller than AdvHG and ERA5 is smaller than ERA-I. However, in January (Fig. 2e), ERA5 RMSE is the smallest for upper troposphere and RMSEs of ERA5 and E3DVAR are similar to each other for lower troposphere. In July (Fig. 2f), overall E3DVAR RMSE is the smallest except for 1000 hPa.~~ E3DVAR is smaller than AdvHG. For Qvapor, RMSE in July is much larger than that in January due to a monsoonal flow carrying moist air to East Asia. In general, Qvapor RMSE of E3DVAR is the smallest, followed by ERA5, AdvHG, and ERA-I. Therefore, for all variables, generally E3DVAR analysis fields are the most closely fitted to observations. Since the analysis RMSE implies how much analysis fields are fitted to observations rather than the accuracy of analysis itself, not only analysis RMSE but also forecast RMSE should be considered

~~For 24 h forecast RMSEs (Fig. 3), ERA5 RMSE is the smallest for all levels and variables for January and July in 2017. In January (Figs. 3a, c, e, and g), overall, the 24 h forecast RMSE of ERA5 is the smallest and that of ERA-I is the largest for all variables, and RMSEs of AdvHG and E3DVAR are greater than those of ERA5 and smaller than those of ERA-I. Regarding AdvHG and E3DVAR, in general, AdvHG is smaller than E3DVAR for all levels and variables. Thus, in January, ERA5 is the most accurate, followed by AdvHG, E3DVAR, and ERA-I. Meanwhile, for July (Figs. 3b, d, f, and h), ERA5 shows the smallest RMSE, and AdvHG and E3DVAR show comparable RMSE to ERA-I.~~ For 24 h forecast fields in January (Figs. 4a, c, e, and g), overall, RMSEs of AdvHG and E3DVAR are greater than those of ERA5 and smaller than those of ERA-I, and AdvHG RMSE is smaller than E3DVAR RMSE for all levels and variables. Meanwhile, for July (Figs. 4b, d, f, and h), AdvHG and E3DVAR show comparable RMSE to ERA-I.

Furthermore, general features of 36 h forecast RMSE (Fig. ~~4~~5) are similar to the 24 h forecast RMSE (Fig. ~~3~~4). However, particularly in January, the 36 h forecast RMSE differences between ERA5 and ERA-I are more distinctive compared to those of 24 h forecast. In January, the vertically averaged 36 h forecast RMSE differences of ERA5 and ERA-I are 0.52 m s^{-1} for wind, 0.16 K for temperature, and 0.08 g kg^{-1} for Qvapor, whereas those of 24 h forecast are 0.4 m s^{-1} for wind, 0.11 K for temperature, and 0.06 g kg^{-1} for Qvapor. In addition, the 36 h forecast RMSE differences between ERA5 and AdvHG for January are on average 0.1 m s^{-1} for wind, 0.05 K for temperature, and 0.02 g kg^{-1} for Qvapor, which are even smaller compared to those of 24 h forecast, implying that AdvHG is a lot more accurate than ERA-I for January in 2017. For July, 36 h forecast RMSE of ERA5 is the smallest and RMSEs of AdvHG and E3DVAR are similar to those of ERA-I.

4.1.2 RMSE and spread for the period of ~~2017-18~~ 2010-2019

In this section, EARR produced in this study is verified for a longer period with WRF-based ERA5. RMSE and spread of reanalyses and reforecasts based on AdvHG method are calculated and averaged over the period of ~~2017–2018~~ 2010-2019. The reanalyses and (re)forecast fields are evaluated by calculating RMSE valid at 00 and 12 UTC and spread at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC.

The averaged RMSEs of reanalysis for ERA5 and EARR (denoted as AdvHG in Fig. ~~5~~6) and spread of analysis and 6 h forecast fields of EARR (AdvHG) are shown in Fig. ~~5~~6. With respect to spread, the ensemble spreads of analysis fields are smaller than those of 6 h forecast fields, on average, by ~~0.16~~0.15 m s^{-1} for wind, 0.04 K for temperature, and 0.02 g kg^{-1} for Qvapor, which is the well-known characteristics of ensemble-based data assimilation methods. To be specific, the wind spread (Figs. ~~5~~6a and b) is similar to or greater than the wind RMSE except for the upper troposphere above 200 hPa, implying ensemble spread for wind is well represented below 200 hPa. ~~Even if the ensembles for temperature (Fig. 5c) are underdispersive compared to RMSE of temperature, overall Qvapor spread (Fig. 5d) is well represented except for 1000 hPa and above 200 hPa.~~ On the contrary, the ensembles for temperature and Qvapor (Figs. 6c and d) are underdispersive compared to their RMSEs.

~~Regarding reanalysis RMSE, overall ERA5 RMSE is smaller than AdvHG RMSE for all variables (Fig. 5). The vertically averaged RMSEs of ERA5 are smaller by 0.15 m s-1 for wind, 0.08 K for temperature, and 0.01 g kg-1 for Qvapor than those of AdvHG.~~ Regarding reanalysis RMSE, overall AdvHG RMSE is greater than ERA5 RMSE for all variables (Fig. 6). The vertically averaged RMSEs of AdvHG are greater by 0.16 m s^{-1} for wind, 0.09 K for temperature, and 0.01 g kg^{-1} for Qvapor than those of ERA5. Nonetheless, the wind RMSEs of AdvHG are similar to those of ERA5 for the middle of troposphere (400–850 hPa), and the Qvapor RMSEs of AdvHG are similar to those of ERA5 except for 1000 hPa.

In addition, regarding 24 h forecast RMSE, ~~ERA5 shows smaller RMSE than AdvHG for all variables (Fig. 6).~~ AdvHG shows larger RMSE than ERA5 for all variables (Fig. 7). The vertically-averaged RMSE differences of wind, temperature, and Qvapor variables between AdvHG and ERA5 are approximately 0.2 m s^{-1}, 0.07 K, and 0.03 g kg^{-1}, respectively. These differences are smaller, compared to the 24 h forecast RMSE difference between ERA-I and ERA5 shown in Fig. ~~3~~4 (i.e., wind, temperature~~Temp~~, and Qvapor RMSE difference: 0.4 m s^{-1}, 0.11 K, and 0.06 g kg^{-1} for January 2017, 0.25 m s^{-1}, 0.05 K, and 0.04 g kg^{-1} for July 2017).

4.2 Evaluation of precipitation for January and July in 2017.

4.2.1 Evaluation metrics

4.2.1.1 Equitable threat score and Frequency bias index

In this section, for the point-based Equitable threat score (ETS) and Frequency bias index (FBI) based on Table ~~2~~4, the 6 h accumulated precipitation fields based on the 6 h forecast of E3DVAR, AdvHG, WRF-based ERA-I, WRF-based ERA5, ERA-I_fromECMWF, and ERA5_fromECMWF are evaluated every 6 h (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) for January and July in 2017 (Fig. ~~7~~8). Here, all the WRF-based precipitation fields are based on 12-km horizontal resolution, and ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF have 79- and 31-km horizontal resolutions, respectively. Generally, ETS decreases as a threshold increases for both two months (Figs. ~~7~~8a and c). For January in 2017 (Fig. ~~7~~8a), AdvHG ETS is the greatest among others. Compared to precipitation reforecasts from ECMWF (i.e., ERA-I_fromECMWF, ERA5_fromECMWF), AdvHG shows the higher ETS, indicating that AdvHG is able to simulate more accurate precipitation fields than ERA-I and ERA5 from ECMWF in January

2017. Surprisingly, ETS of ERA5_fromECMWF for January in 2017 is the lowest among all the results compared and is even lower than that of ERA-I_fromECMWF.

Since the precipitation reforecasts from ECMWF have not only coarser resolutions but also different forecast model (i.e., the forecasting system of ECMWF), the precipitation forecasts of ERA5 and ERA-I are additionally produced by using the same forecast model with the same resolution as AdvHG and E3DVAR in this study, as explained in section 2.4. For January 2017 (Fig. ~~7~~8a), ETS of ERA5 (i.e., WRF-based ERA5) is higher than that of ERA5_fromECMWF for all thresholds, whereas ETS of ERA-I (i.e., WRF-based ERA-I) is lower than that of ERA-I_fromECMWF except for ~~strong~~ high thresholds (8 and 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$). The ERA5 ETS is greater than the ERA-I ETS, but is smaller than the AdvHG ETS. The AdvHG shows the greatest ETS among others with the same resolution and forecast model, and E3DVAR, ERA5, and ERA-I follow.

Regarding FBI in winter (Fig. ~~7~~8b), ~~for strong thresholds~~for 4, 8, and 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$ thresholds, all the results show the FBI smaller than 1, implying the underestimation of frequency of precipitation ~~for strong thresholds~~ for high-threshold events. ~~While FBIs of ERA5_fromECMWF and ERA-I_fromECMWF are greater than 1 for weak thresholds, those WRF-based results are similar to 1 or smaller than 1.~~ In general, AdvHG shows the FBI closest to 1 among all the results, which is consistent with the greatest ETS of AdvHG. The E3DVAR FBI is similar to the AdvHG FBI, and ERA5 and ERA-I FBIs are similar to each other. ~~FBIs of ERA5 and ERA-I are smaller than those of AdvHG and E3DVAR.~~

Meanwhile, overall, the ETS values for January whose maximum is around 0.4 (Fig. ~~7~~8a) are much greater than those for July in 2017 whose maximum is around 0.2 (Fig. ~~7~~8c), implying that the precipitation forecast in summer is more difficult than that in winter. The ETS difference between the results in July is smaller than those in January. Particularly, for the thresholds 4 and 8 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$, ETSs in July are similar to each other (Fig. ~~7~~8c). Except for those two thresholds, the ETS of ERA-I_fromECMWF is the smallest. At the threshold 16 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$, ERA5 ETS is the highest, followed by AdvHG, E3DVAR, ERA-I, ERA5_fromECMWF, and ERA-I_fromECMWF. At the threshold 0.5 and 1 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$, the E3DVAR ETS is the greatest, followed by ERA5, AdvHG, ERA5_fromECMWF, ERA-I, and ERA-I_fromECMWF.

With respect to FBI in July 2017, the WRF-based results show the FBIs greater than 1, whereas reforecast from ECMWF show the FBIs greater than 1 for ~~weak~~ 0.5, 1, and 4 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$ thresholds and smaller than 1 for higher thresholds (8 and 16 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$) ~~strong thresholds~~ (Fig. ~~7~~8d). For July in 2017, in general, ERA5_fromECMWF FBI is the closest to 1, followed by E3DVAR, AdvHG, ERA5, ERA-I, and ERA-I_fromECMWF FBI.

4.2.1.2 Probability of detection and False alarm ratio

The Probability of Detection (POD or Hit Rate) and False Alarm Ratio (FAR) are calculated for precipitation simulated from E3DVAR, AdvHG, WRF-based ERA-I, WRF-based ERA5, ERA-I_fromECMWF, and ERA5_fromECMWF for January and July in 2017 (Fig. ~~8~~9). For January in 2017, AdvHG POD is the greatest among the WRF-based results, followed by E3DVAR, ERA5, and ERA-I (Fig~~s~~. ~~8~~9a). ~~Overall, the results of reforecast from ECMWF (i.e., ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF) have greater POD than the WRF-based POD for weak thresholds, whereas those have smaller POD than the WRF-based POD for strong thresholds. Regarding FAR, notably, ERA5_fromECMWF shows extremely great FAR and ERA5 shows the smallest FAR among all the results, which is a consistent result with the smallest ETS of ERA5_fromECMWF.~~ In addition to the lowest ETS of ERA5_fromECMWF for January in 2017 as discussed in the section 4.2.1.1, FAR of ERA5_fromECMWF is extremely high with low POD in winter. ~~Therefore, especially for January in 2017, the precipitation fields simulated from ERA5_fromECMWF over East Asia are much less accurate than any other results from this study.~~ Therefore, especially for January in 2017, the precipitation fields simulated from EARR (AdvHG) over East Asia are a lot more accurate than those from ERA5_fromECMWF.

~~For July in 2017, generally, ERA5 shows the largest POD, followed by AdvHG, ERA-I, E3DVAR, ERA5_fromECMWF (Figs. 8c and d).~~ For July in 2017, generally, AdvHG shows the largest POD, except for ERA5 (Fig. 9c). ~~The ERA-I POD shows the largest POD for weak thresholds and the smallest POD for strong thresholds, compared to other results.~~ With respect to FAR, FAR values in July ~~is~~ are much greater than those in January, which is consistent with the ETS difference between these two seasons. ~~Overall, for strong thresholds, ERA-I shows the highest FAR and ERA-I_fromECMWF shows the smallest FAR. For weak thresholds, the ERA-I_fromECMWF shows the highest FAR and E3DVAR shows the smallest FAR among all the results.~~

4.2.1.3 Brier skill score

The neighborhood sizes are chosen to be $3\Delta x$, $5\Delta x$, $9\Delta x$, and $11\Delta x$, which are 36, 60, 108, and 132 km, respectively, and the thresholds 0.5, 1, 4, 8, and 16 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$ are considered. The probabilistic precipitation forecasts are calculated at every model grid point depending on neighborhood sizes and thresholds. Regarding each observation, the nearest model grid point to observations is considered as the center of neighborhood. For verification, 6 h accumulated precipitation fields are extracted from the first 0–6 h forecast fields of WRF-based ERA-I, WRF-based ERA5, E3DVAR, and AdvHG every 6 h (00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC). BSSs of ERA5_fromECMWF and ERA-I_fromECMWF are not calculated, because they have different resolution from WRF-based results.

Based on the neighborhood approach, Brier skill score (BSS) is calculated depending on different neighborhood sizes for January and July in 2017, respectively (Fig. ~~9~~10). Because the reference of Brier score is chosen as the ERA-I, the positive BSS implies better accuracy than ERA-I. In general, for both two months, AdvHG BSS is greater than ERA5 BSS. Although the

E3DVAR BSS is the greatest in July 2017, the AdvHG BSS is the greatest in January 2017.

For January in 2017, as a neighborhood size increases, AdvHG and E3DVAR BSSs tend to increase except for ERA5. Overall, AdvHG BSS is the greatest among other BSSs for all thresholds for all neighborhood sizes. The ERA5 BSS is greater than E3DVAR BSS except for 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$. The highest BSS of AdvHG and the lowest BSS of ERA-I are consistent with ETS result. Unlike greater E3DVAR ETS than ERA5 ETS, ERA5 BSS is greater than E3DVAR BSS in January 2017.

For July 2017, while the ETS difference between the WRF-based results is not distinct (Fig. ~~7~~8c), the BSS difference is rather noticeable. Generally, E3DVAR BSS is the greatest among other BSSs for all thresholds except for 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$ for neighborhood sizes 9 and 11. Although E3DVAR BSS is the largest, AdvHG outperforms ERA5 and ERA-I. The worst performance of ERA-I precipitation is consistent with ETS result. At ~~weak~~ 0.5, 1, and 4 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$ thresholds, E3DVAR BSS is the greatest, which is similar to ETS. ~~For strong~~ At 8 and 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$thresholds, ERA5 ETS is the highest, followed by AdvHG and E3DVAR, whereas overall E3DVAR BSS is the highest, followed by AdvHG and ERA5.

4.2.2 Spatial distribution

4.2.2.1 6 h accumulated precipitation with the pattern correlation coefficient

In this section, the spatial distributions of 6 h accumulated precipitation from the WRF-based forecast and reforecast from ECMWF are compared. In addition, pattern correlation coefficients (PCC) are calculated and shown at the bottom right of Figs. ~~10 and~~ 11 and 12.

The PCC is computed according to the usual Pearson correlation operating on the N observed point pairs of 6 h accumulated precipitation fields simulated from (re)forecast and observations at the specific time. For the calculation of PCC, 6 h accumulated precipitation fields from (re)forecast fields are interpolated bilinearly to the N observed points.

~~Firstly, on 29th and 30th of January in 2017 (Fig. 10), it is noticeable that the precipitation~~

~~of ERA5_fromECMWF does not match observations well over East Asia compared to other simulated precipitation fields. As shown in Fig. 10g, ERA5_fromECMWF incorrectly simulates precipitation over South East China, whereas other results do not forecast precipitation over this area. In addition, ERA5_fromECMWF overestimates precipitation over inland area of China (Fig. 10zz), whereas other results simulate precipitation similar to observations regarding its position and intensity. ERA5_fromECMWF also shows noticeably smaller PCC (Figs. 10g, n, and zz). Although PCC does not represent the exact accuracy or predictability of precipitation, the overall feature of PCC is consistent with the results found so far. In particular, PCCs of ERA5_fromECMWF are much smaller than those of other precipitation fields. For January in 2017, the averaged PCC of AdvHG is the greatest (i.e., 0.61) and that of ERA5_fromECMWF is the smallest (i.e., 0.46) (not shown).~~ Firstly, on 29^{th} and 30^{th} of January in 2017 (Fig. 11), it is noticeable that the precipitation fields of AdvHG match observations well over East Asia, whereas, in particular, those of ERA5_fromECMWF do not. For example, ERA5_fromECMWF overestimates precipitation over inland area of China (Fig. 11zz), while AdvHG simulates precipitation similar to observations regarding its position and intensity (Fig. 11x). ERA5_fromECMWF also shows noticeably smaller PCC (Figs. 11g, n, and zz). Although PCC does not represent the exact accuracy or predictability of precipitation, the overall feature of PCC is consistent with the results found so far. For January in 2017, the averaged PCC of AdvHG is the greatest (i.e., 0.61) and that of ERA5_fromECMWF is the smallest (i.e., 0.46) (not shown).

~~Secondly, for 1^{st} and 2^{nd} of July in 2017 (Fig. 11), overall, the precipitation simulated from ERA5_fromECMWF is well represented, compared to January in 2017 shown in Fig. 10. The ERA-I_fromECMWF fails to simulate heavy rain for summer season due to its coarse resolution. Furthermore, during July in 2017, ERA5 and ERA-I simulate heavier precipitation than AdvHG (not shown), which is consistent with larger FBI of ERA5 and ERA-I at strong~~

~~thresholds.~~ For 1st and 2nd of July in 2017 (Fig. 12), in general, AdvHG, E3DVAR, and ERA5 well simulate not only overall features of precipitation fields but also their intensity. During July in 2017, ERA5 and ERA-I simulate heavier precipitation than AdvHG (not shown), which is consistent with larger FBI of ERA5 and ERA-I at higher thresholds. For one-month period of July in 2017, the averaged PCC of ERA5 is the greatest (i.e., 0.37) and that of AdvHG is 0.34, but the PCC difference between ERA5 and AdvHG is not distinctive. Moreover, the overall range of averaged PCC of different datasets in summer (i.e., 0.29-0.35) is smaller than that in winter (i.e., 0.46-0.61), which is consistent with the seasonal difference of ETS in this study.

4.2.2.2 Monthly accumulated precipitation

In this section, the monthly accumulated precipitation fields of rain gauge based observations, E3DVAR, AdvHG, ERA-I, ERA5, ERA-I_fromECMWF, and ERA5_fromECMWF are compared to each other for two one-month periods in January and July in 2017, respectively.

~~Although all the results similarly represent overall features of precipitation in January (Fig. 12), ERA5_fromECMWF (Fig. 12g) simulates the overestimated precipitation over South China, compared to other results and observations, which is consistent with the results in the previous section as well as its larger FBI at weak thresholds shown in Fig. 7b. It is noticeable that all results fail to represent the observed precipitation area over Tibetan Plateau (25°–40°N, 95–105°E). The monthly accumulated precipitation fields simulated by E3DVAR and AdvHG (Figs. 12b and c) are similar to each other, and E3DVAR and AdvHG produce the best fit to observed fields. Especially, for the north-western part of Japan (e.g., Chugoku and Kinki), E3DVAR and AdvHG are able to represent precipitation correctly, whereas ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF fail to do so (Fig. 12).~~ The monthly accumulated precipitation fields simulated by E3DVAR and AdvHG (Figs. 13b and c) are similar to each other, and E3DVAR and AdvHG produce the best fit to observed fields. Especially, for the north-western part of Japan (e.g., Chugoku and Kinki), E3DVAR and AdvHG are able to represent precipitation correctly, whereas ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF fail to do so (Fig. 13). Moreover, although all the results similarly represent overall features of precipitation in January (Fig. 13), ERA5_fromECMWF (Fig. 13g) simulates the overestimated precipitation over South China, which is consistent with the results in the previous section as well as its larger FBI at lower thresholds (0.5 and 1 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$) shown in Fig. 8b. It is noticeable that all results fail to represent the observed precipitation area over Tibetan Plateau (25°–40°N, 95°–105°E).

For the monthly accumulated precipitation in July 2017, overall, the ERA5_fromECMWF (Fig. 14~~3~~g) and the WRF-based results (Fig. 14~~3~~b, c, and e) except for ERA-I (Fig. 1~~3~~4d) well simulate precipitation similar to observations. ~~ERA-I_fromECMWF is not able to simulate heavy precipitation over Korea. For western and southern part of Japan, while ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF simulate similar precipitation fields to observed fields, WRF-based results overestimate precipitation over these regions. Compared to ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF, the WRF-based results tend to overestimate precipitation in South China, Korea, and Japan. This is consistent with the result in Fig. 7d, in which FBIs from WRF-based results are generally greater than 1 for strong thresholds, whereas those from ECMWF are smaller than 1.~~ The WRF-based results including AdvHG overestimate precipitation over western and southern part of Japan, while ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF simulate similar precipitation fields to observed fields. The WRF-based results tend to overestimate precipitation in South China, Korea, and Japan, compared to ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF. This is consistent with the result in Fig. 8d, in which FBIs from WRF-based results are generally greater than for higher thresholds (8 and 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$), whereas those from ECMWF are smaller than 1.

Even though detailed precipitation features of WRF-based results are different, overall features of precipitation from WRF-based results are similar to each other, which implies that predictability of precipitation strongly depends on the physics schemes as well as NWP model, especially for summer season. According to Que et al. (2016), depending on the combinations of physics options in WRF model, the spatial distribution of precipitation can be significantly different over Asian summer monsoon area and YSU PBL scheme which is used in this study tends to overestimate precipitation over the same area. Thus, different physics options could simulate the different spatial distribution of precipitation.

In addition, compared to ERA5 based on WRF model (Fig. 1~~3~~4e), ECMWF model for ERA5_fromECMWF (Fig. 1~~3~~4g) seems to suppress precipitation. Thus, WRF model with the physics schemes used in this study might simulate more precipitation than ECMWF model, although the initial condition is the same. Therefore, it is important to consider the consistency of the systems for data assimilation and forecast model for a good performance of ~~precipitation.~~ forecast weather variables like precipitation.

5. Data Availability

The EARR data presented in this study are available every 6 h (i.e., 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC) for the period of 2010-2019 from Harvard Dataverse Repository (https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/EARR). The EARR 6 hourly data on pressure levels (https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/7P8MZT, Yang and Kim 2021b) and 6 hourly precipitation data (https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/Q07VRC, Yang and Kim 2021c) are provided in NetCDF file format.

The EARR 6 hourly data on pressure levels (Yang and Kim 2021b) include u-component of wind, v-component of wind, temperature, geopotential height, and specific humidity variables of reanalysis on pressure levels (i.e., 925, 850, 700, 500, 300, 200, 100, and 50 hPa).

The EARR 6 hourly precipitation data (Yang and Kim 2021c) contain 6 h accumulated total precipitation variable of 6 h reforecast on single level. The 6 h accumulated total precipitation is obtained from 6 h reforecast field which is integrated for 6 h from reanalysis field every 6 h (i.e., 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC).

6. Summary and conclusions

In this study, to develop the regional reanalysis system over East Asia, the advanced hybrid gain algorithm (AdvHG) is newly proposed and evaluated with traditional hybrid DA method (E3DVAR) as well as existing reanalyses from ECMWF (ERA5 and ERA-I) for January and July in 2017. ~~The East Asia Regional Reanalysis (EARR) system is developed based on the AdvHG as the data assimilation method using WRF model and conventional observations, and the high-resolution regional reanalysis and reforecast fields with 12 km horizontal resolution are produced over East Asia for the ten-year period of 2010–2019.~~ The East Asia Regional Reanalysis (EARR) system is developed based on the AdvHG as the data assimilation method using WRF model and conventional observations. The high-resolution regional reanalysis and reforecast fields over East Asia with 12 km horizontal resolution are produced and evaluated against observations with ERA5 for the ten-year period of 2010–2019.

The AdvHG newly proposed in this study is based on the hybrid gain approach, weighting analys~~i~~es from variational-based and ensemble-based DA algorithms to generate optimal hybrid analysis, which can play an important role as a simple and practical method in the foreseeable future to take advantage of each strength of two different DA methods. The advanced hybrid gain method is different from the hybrid gain approach in that 1) E3DVAR is used instead of EnKF, 2) 6 h forecast of ERA5 is used instead of deterministic analysis for a more balanced and consistent analysis with WRF model, and 3) the pre-existing and state-of-the-art reanalysis data (i.e. ERA5) is simply used instead of producing our own analysis fields from a variational DA method. Thus, it can be regarded as an efficient approach to generate regional reanalysis dataset because of cost savings as well as the use of the state-of-the-art reanalysis from ECMWF that assimilates all available observations.

For a verification, the latest ECMWF reanalysis and reforecast datasets (i.e., ERA5 and ERA-I) are used. With respect to forecast variables, two different forecast fields of ECWMF are used: 1) reforecast fields from ECMWF (i.e., ERA5_fromECMWF and ERA-I_fromECMWF) and 2) forecast fields (i.e., WRF-based ERA5 and WRF-based ERA-I) integrated in WRF model with 12 km resolution using ERA5 and ERA-I as initial conditions.

~~To evaluate this newly proposed algorithm, analysis and forecast wind, temperature, and humidity variables are evaluated with respect to RMSE and spread for January and July in 2017.~~ Analysis and forecast wind, temperature, and humidity variables of AdvHG are evaluated with ERA5 for the ten-year period and evaluated with five different experiments (i.e., E3DVAR, ERA5, ERA-I, ERA5_fromECMWF, ERA-I_fromECMWF) for January and July in 2017. Overall, the analysis RMSE of E3DVAR is the smallest among others but comparable to that of ERA5, especially for January in 2017. Regarding forecast variables, AdvHG outperforms E3DVAR ~~and ERA5 outperforms ERA-I~~ for January and July in 2017. Although ERA5 outperforms AdvHG for upper air variables for two seasons in 2017, AdvHG outperforms ERA-I in January and shows comparable performance to ERA-I in July. Additionally the verification results of AdvHG and ERA5 for the period of 2010-2019~~7-18~~ are consistent with those for two one-month period in 2017.

The precipitation forecast variables are also verified regarding a neighborhood-based verification score (i.e., Brier skill score) as well as the point-based verification scores (i.e., ETS, FBI, POD, and FAR). According to the point-based verification scores, the precipitation forecast of AdvHG in January is the most accurate, followed by E3DVAR, ERA5, ERA-I. ~~The precipitation reforecast of ERA5_fromECMWF shows the worst performance with the lowest~~

~~ETS and the highest FAR among other results in January.~~ For July, overall ETS values of all results are relatively lower compared to those in January, implying the lower predictability in summer season. ~~For July, ERA5 shows the greatest ETS for strong thresholds followed by AdvHG and E3DVAR, and E3DVAR ETS is the greatest followed by ERA5 and AdvHG for weak thresholds. However, the ETS differences between the results are not distinctive.~~ In addition, the ETS differences between the results are not distinctive in July. For higher thresholds (8 and 16 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$) in July, AdvHG ETS is greater than E3DVAR ETS and smaller than ERA5 ETS, whereas E3DVAR ETS is the greatest followed by ERA5 and AdvHG for lower thresholds (0.5 and 1 mm (6 h)$^{-1}$).

To prevent from double penalty when verifying a highly variable data with high resolution (e.g., precipitation), Brier skill score (BSS) based on neighborhood approach is calculated for 6 h accumulated precipitation forecasts depending on different neighborhood sizes for January and July in 2017. In general, BSS of AdvHG is greater than that of ERA5 and ERA-I for both two months. Although the E3DVAR BSS is the greatest in July 2017, the AdvHG BSS is the greatest in January 2017.

Lastly, the spatial distributions of 6 h and monthly accumulated precipitation forecast for AdvHG, E3DVAR, ERA-I, ERA5, ERA-I_fromECMWF, and ERA5_fromECMWF are compared with rain-gauge based observations. For January 2017, it is noticeable that AdvHG precipitation is the closest to observations with highest PCC (i.e., 0.61) and ERA5_fromECMWF overestimates precipitation over South China with the lowest PCC (i.e., 0.46). ~~For July in 2017, due to a coarse resolution of ERA-I_fromECMWF, it fails to represent heavy rain over East Asia. Meanwhile, the WRF-based results tend to overestimate precipitation compared to ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF.~~ For July in 2017, the WRF-based results tend to overestimate precipitation compared to ERA-I_fromECMWF and ERA5_fromECMWF. In addition, even though the averaged PCC of ERA5 (i.e., 0.37) is slightly greater than that of AdvHG (i.e., 0.34), the PCC difference between ERA5 and AdvHG is not distinctive and overall range of averaged PCC of all datasets in summer (i.e., 0.29-0.3~~5~~7) is smaller than that in winter (i.e., 0.46-0.6).

In conclusion, for upper air variables, overall, ERA5 outperforms EARR based on AdvHG, but the RMSE difference between ERA5 and EARR (AdvHG) is smaller than that between ERA5 and ERA-I. In addition, EARR outperforms ERA-I for January 2017 and shows comparable performance to ERA-I for July 2017. On the contrary, according to the evaluation results of precipitation, in general, EARR better represents precipitation than ERA5 as well as ERA5_fromECMWF for January and July in 2017. Even if E3DVAR precipitation is better represented than EARR precipitation for July, the difference is not considerable for July and EARR better simulates precipitation for January than E3DVAR. Therefore, although the uncertainties of upper air variables of EARR should be considered when analyzing them, the precipitation reforecast of EARR is more accurate than that of ERA5 for both two seasons.

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Table 1. Model configuration

	Description
Hori. Resol.	12 km (540×432 grid points)
Vert. Lev.	50 vertical levels (up to 5 hPa)
Model	WRF Model (v3.7.1, Skamarock et al. 2008)
LBC	ERA5 (Hersbach et al. 2020)
Data assimilation	E3DVAR (Zhang et al. 2013), Adanced hybrid gain method
Microphysics	Thompson scheme (Thompson et al. 2008)
Cumulus convection	Grell–Freitas ensemble scheme (Grell and Freitas 2014)
PBL	Yonsei University scheme (Hong et al. 2006)
Radiation	Rapid Radiative Transfer Model (RRTMG) scheme (Iacono et al. 2008)
Surface layer	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov scheme (Jiménez et al. 2012)
Surface model	Unified Noah Land Surface Model (Tewari et al. 2004)

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Observations	Descriptions	Variables	Observation errors (depending on vertical levels)
SOUND	Upper-air observation from radiosonde	u, v	1.1-3.3 m/s
		T	1 K
		RH	10-15%
PROFILER	Upper-air wind profile from wind profiler	u, v	2.2-3.2 m/s
PILOT	Upper-air wind profile from pilot balloon or radiosonde	u, v	2.2-3.2 m/s
AIREP	Upper-air wind and temperature from aircraft	u, v	3.6 m/s
		T	1 K
Scatwind	Scatterometer oceanic surface winds	u, v	2.5-3.8 m/s
SHIPS	Surface synoptic observation from ship	u, v	1.1 m/s
		T	2 K
		Ps	1.6 hPa
		RH	10%
SYNOP	Surface synoptic observation from land station	u, v	1.1 m/s
		T	2 K
		Ps	1 hPa
		RH	10%
BUOY	Surface synoptic observation from buoy	u, v	1.4-1.6 m/s
		T	2 K
		Ps	0.9-1 hPa
		RH	10%
GPSPW	Precipitable water vapor from global positioning system (GPS)	TPW	0.2 mm
METAR	Aviation routine weather report from automatic weather station (AWS)	u, v	1.1 m/s
		T	2 K
		Ps	1 hPa
		RH	10%
AMV	Conventional atmospheric motion vector data from geostatistionary satellite	u, v	2.5-4.5 m/s

Table 3. (Re)analyses and (re)forecasts and corresponding experiments used in this study.

Experiment	(Re)analysis	(Re)forecast
AdvHG (EARR)	Reanalysis from AdvHG	Generated using WRF
E3DVAR	Analysis from E3DVAR	Generated using WRF
WRF-based ERA5	Reanalysis from ERA5	Generated using WRF
WRF-based ERA-I	Reanalysis from ERA-I	Generated using WRF
ERA5_fromECMWF	Reanalysis from ERA5	Downloaded from ECMWF
ERA-I_fromECMWF	Reanalysis from ERA-I	Downloaded from ECMWF

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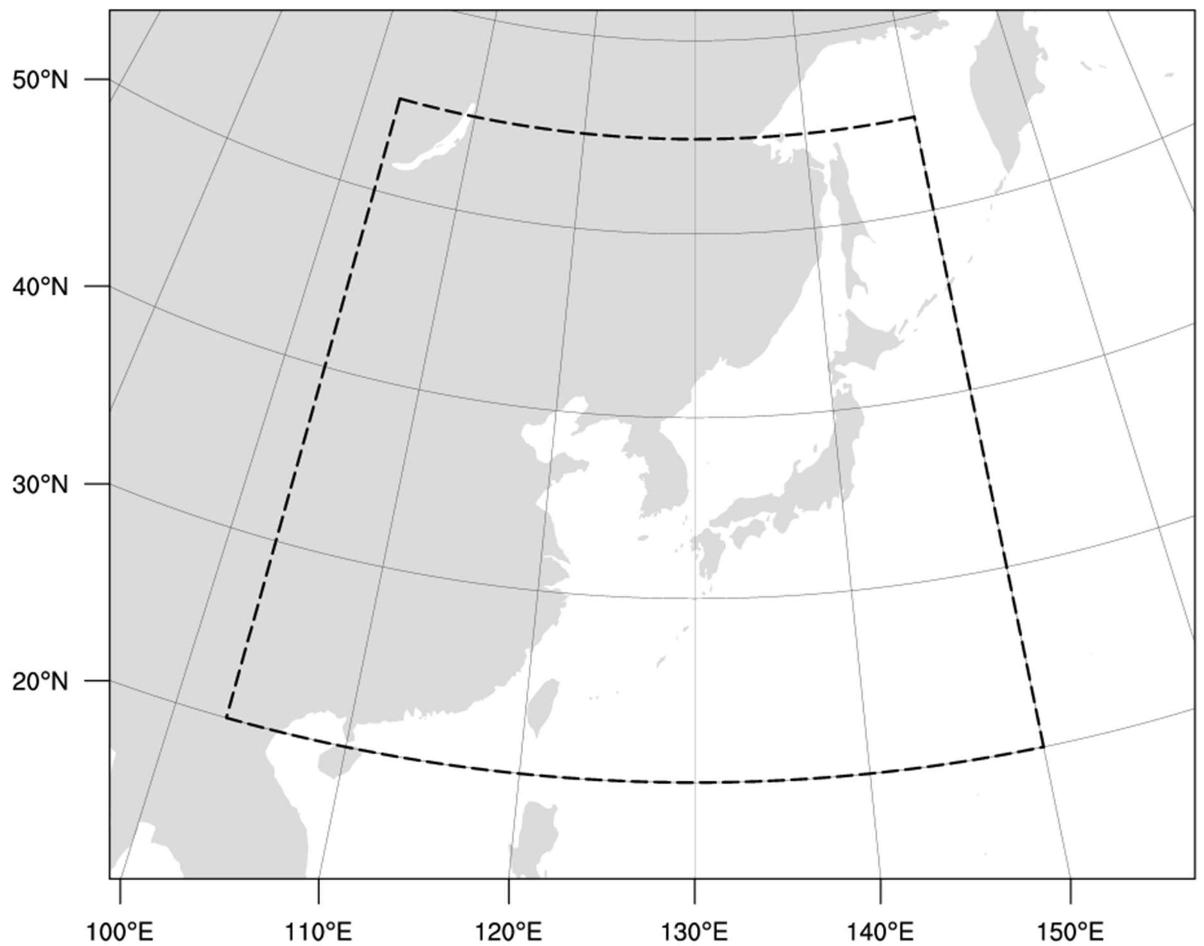
Forecast	Observed		
	Yes	No	
Yes	Hits (A)	False alarms (B)	A + B
No	Misses (C)	Correct rejections (D)	C + D
	A + C	B + D	Total = A + B + C + D



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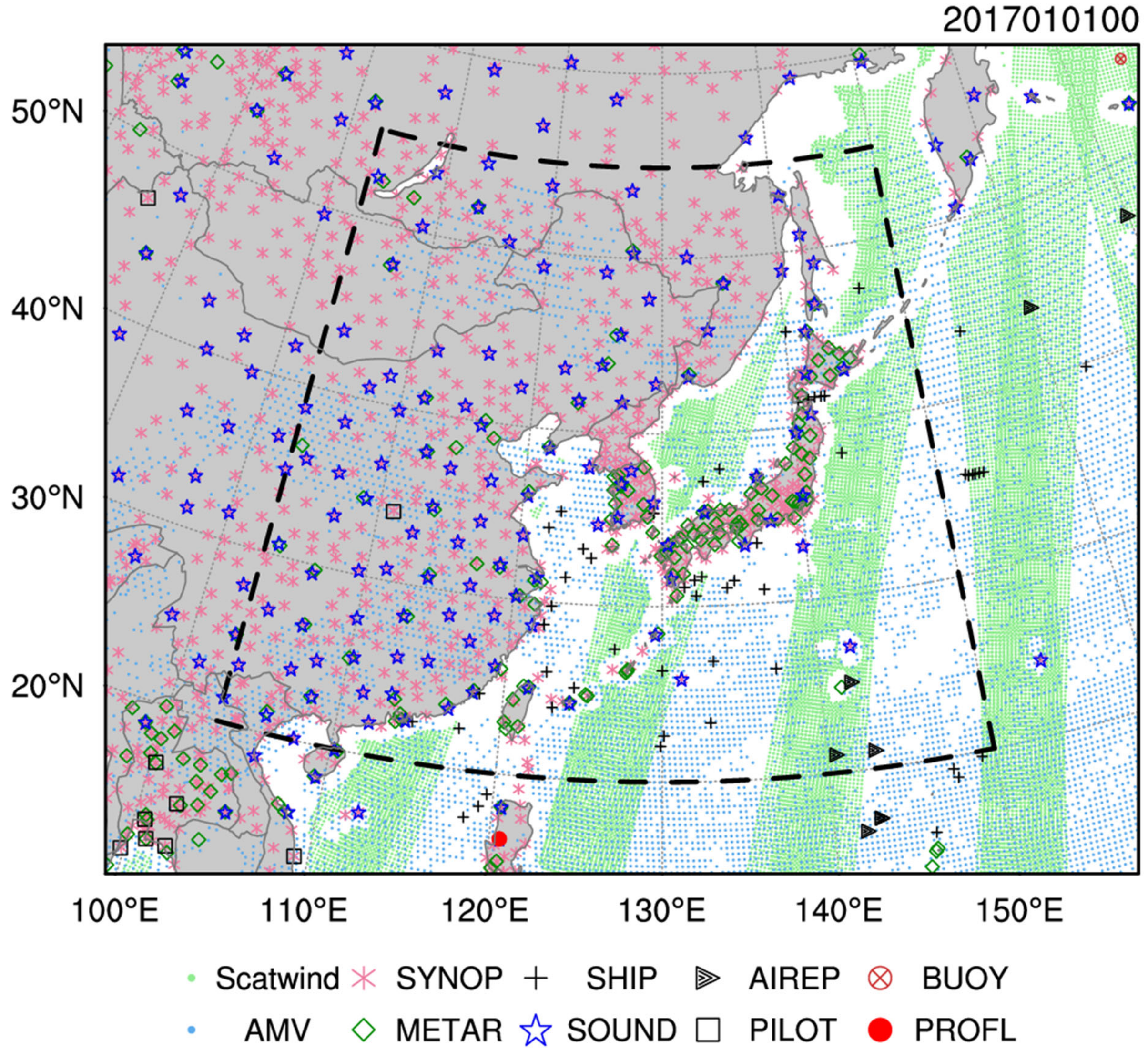

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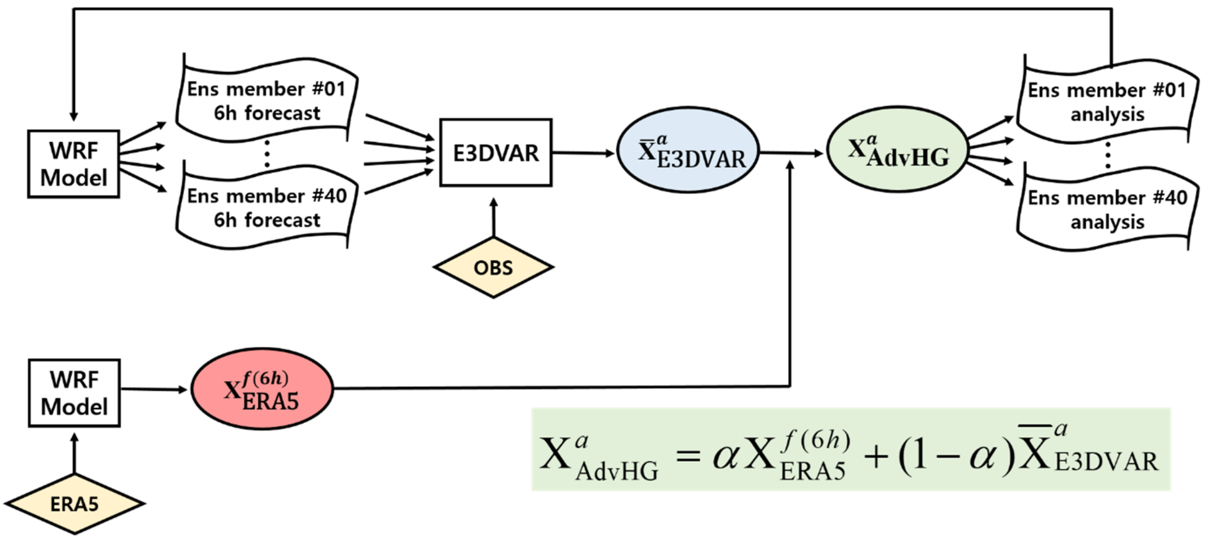

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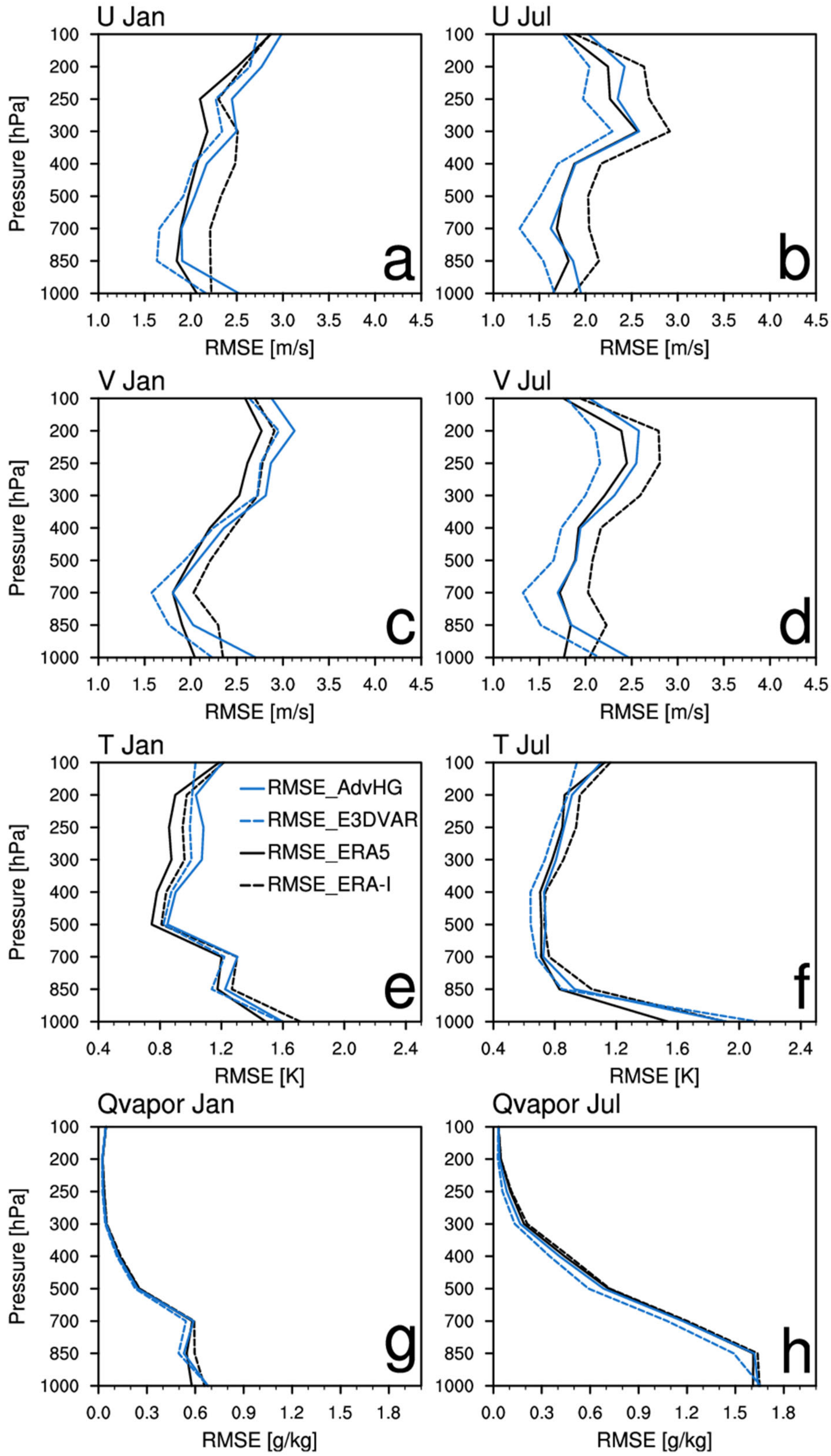

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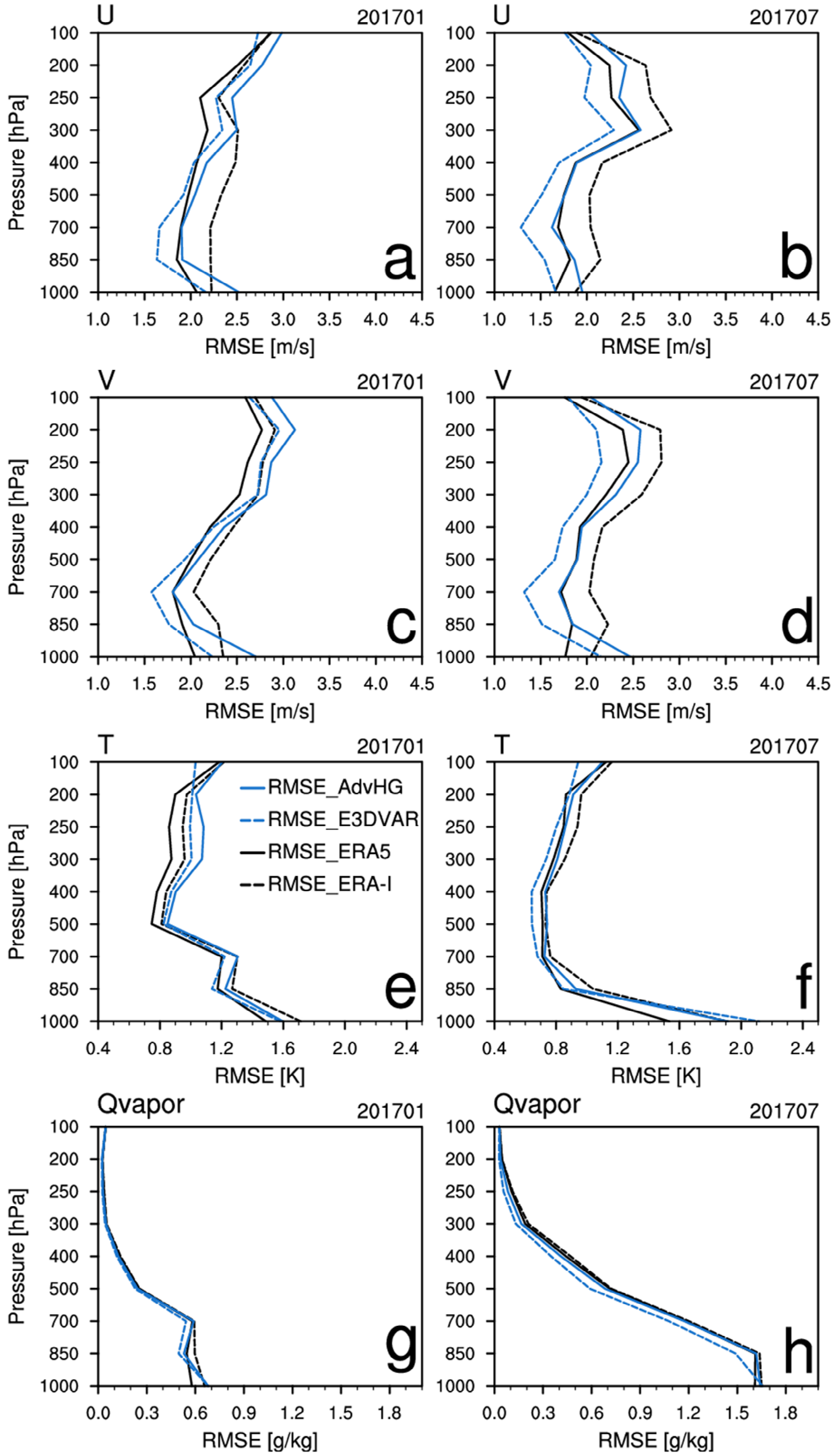

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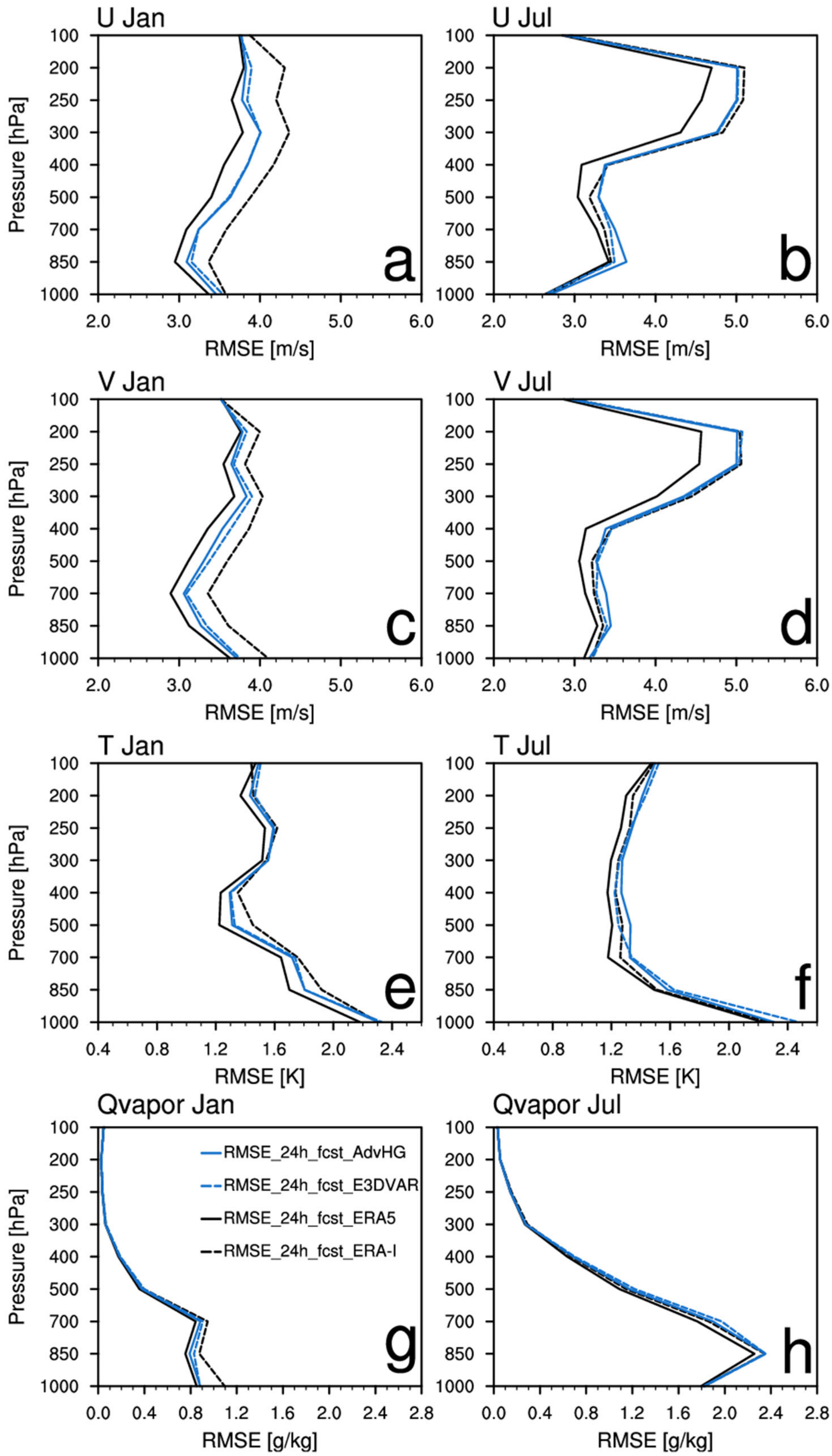

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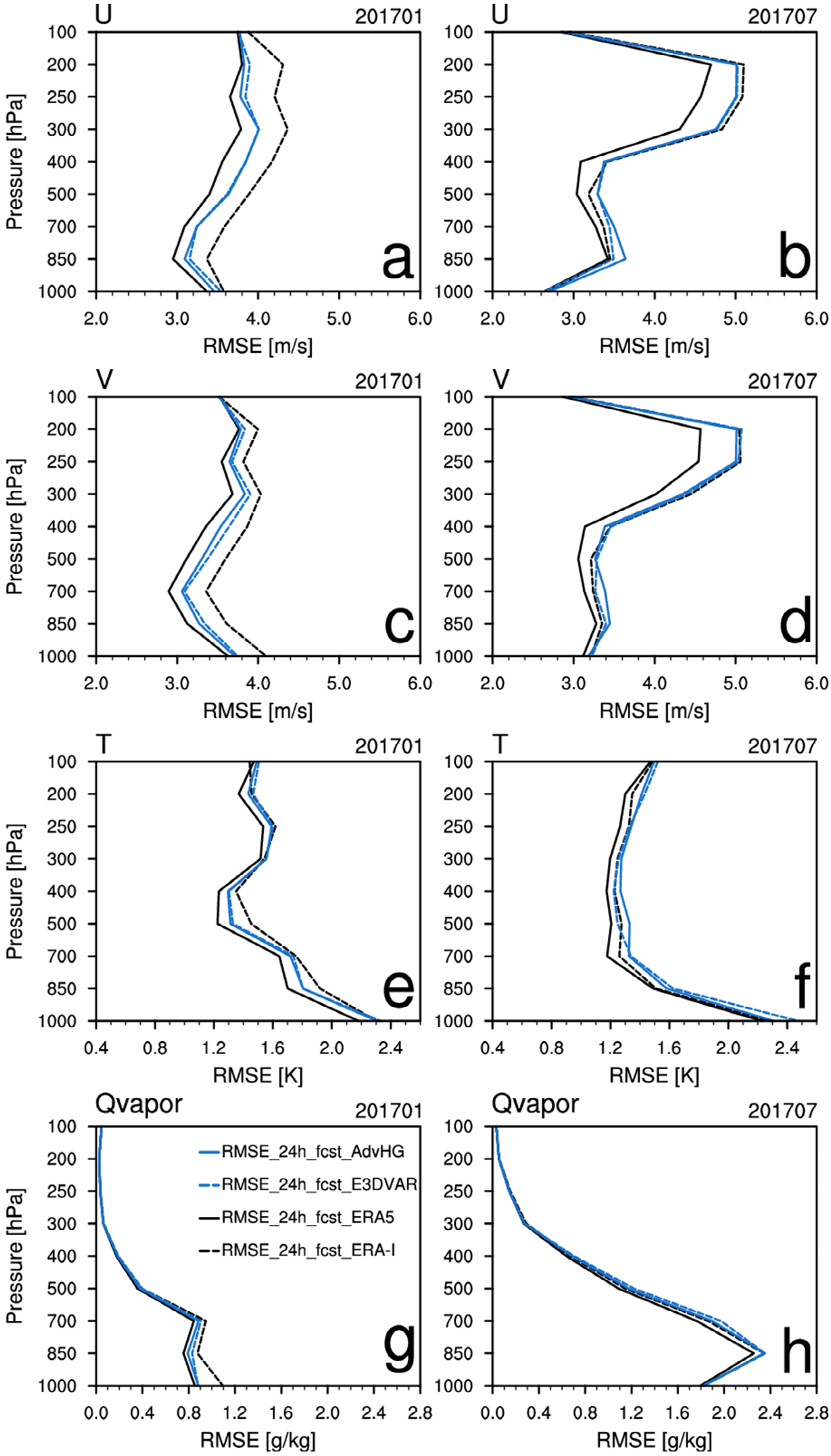

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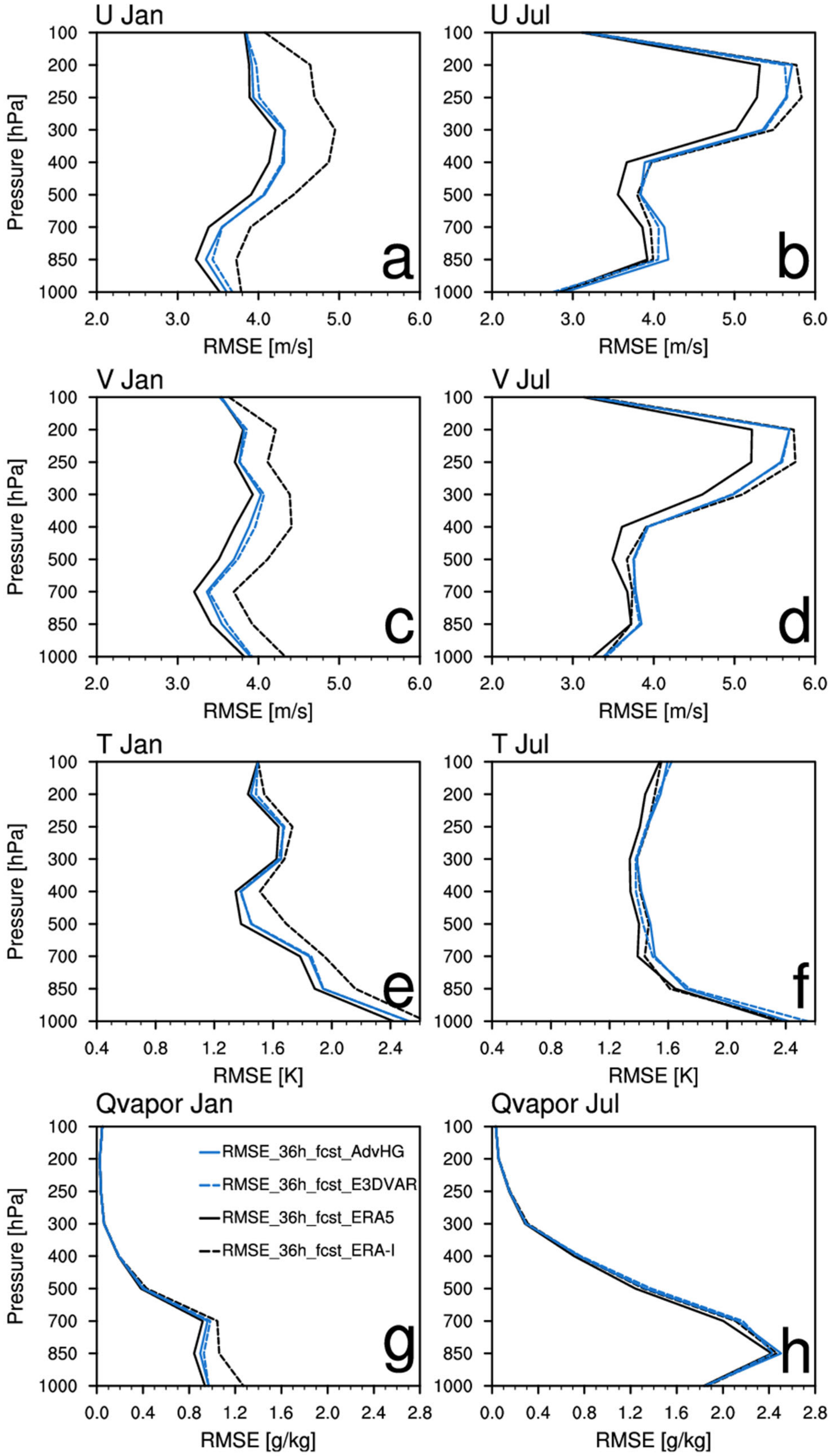

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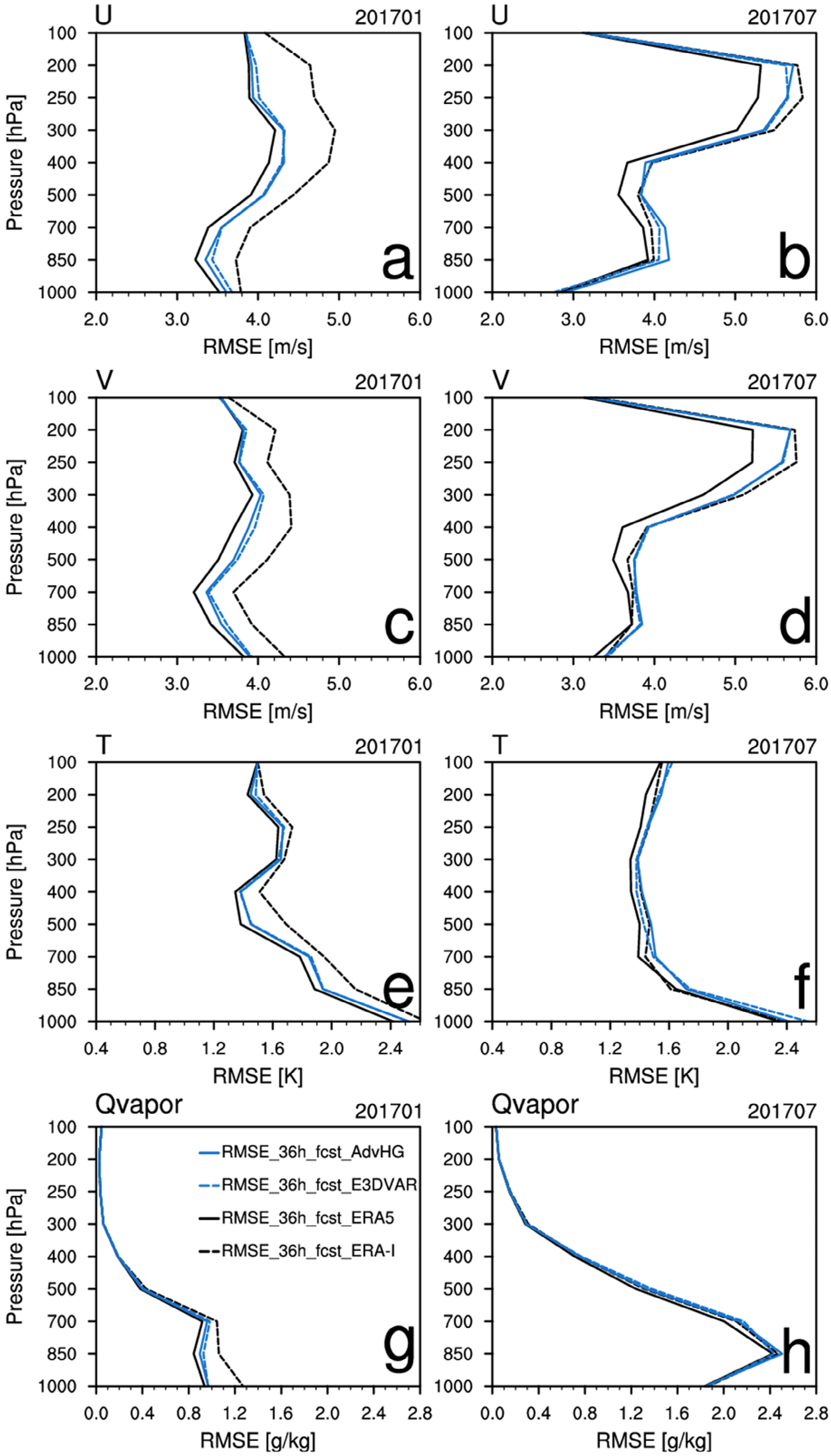

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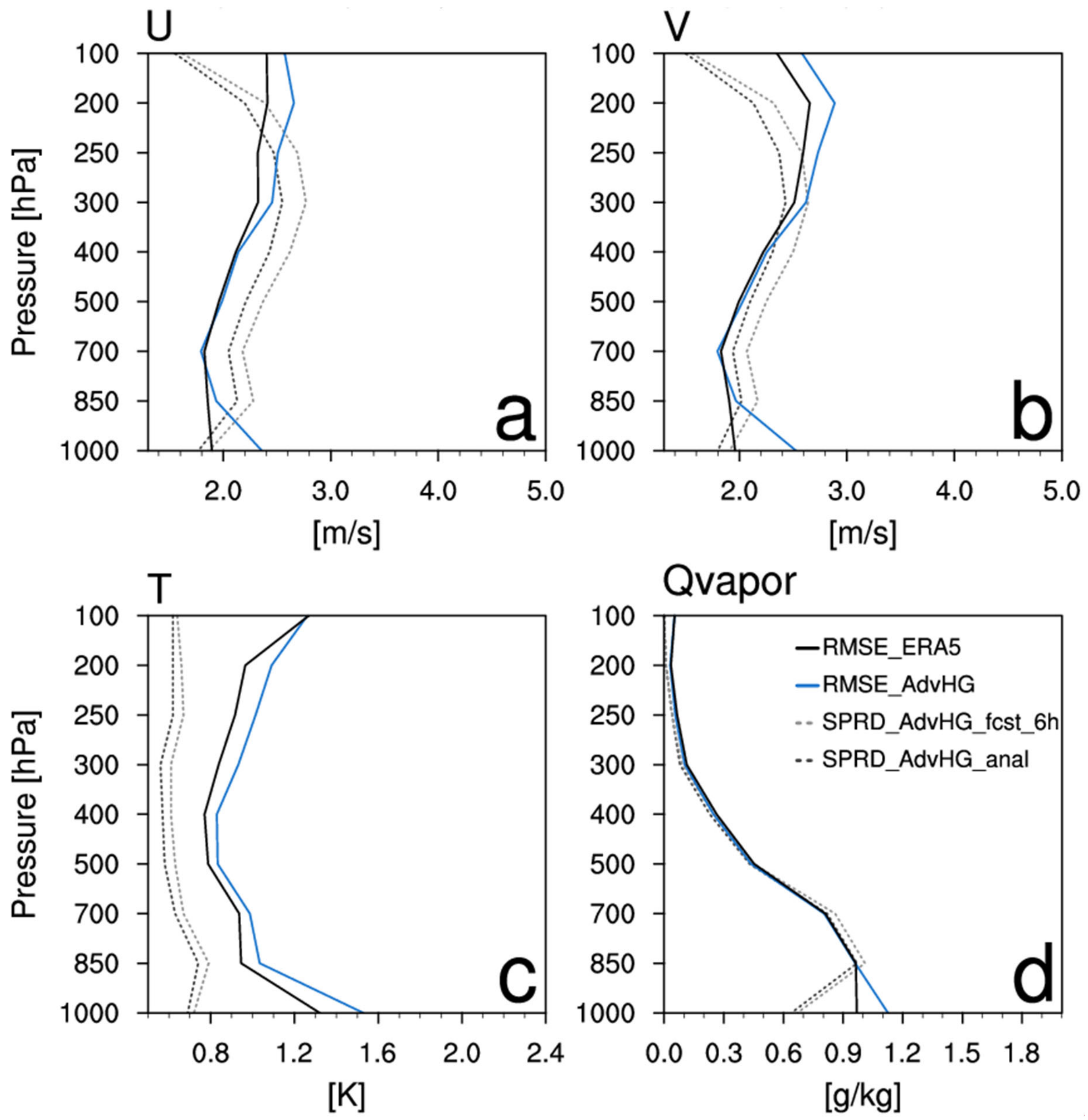

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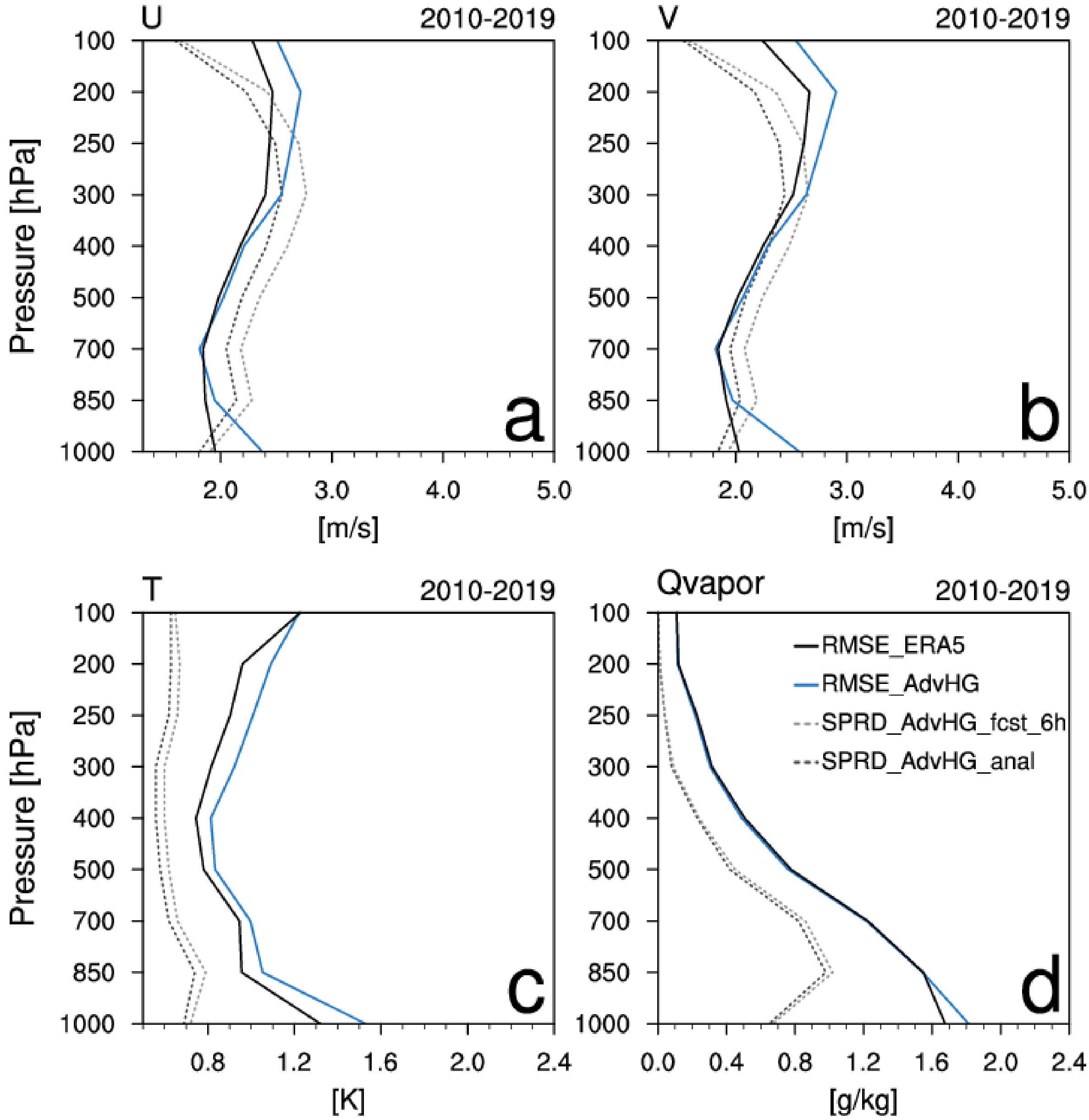

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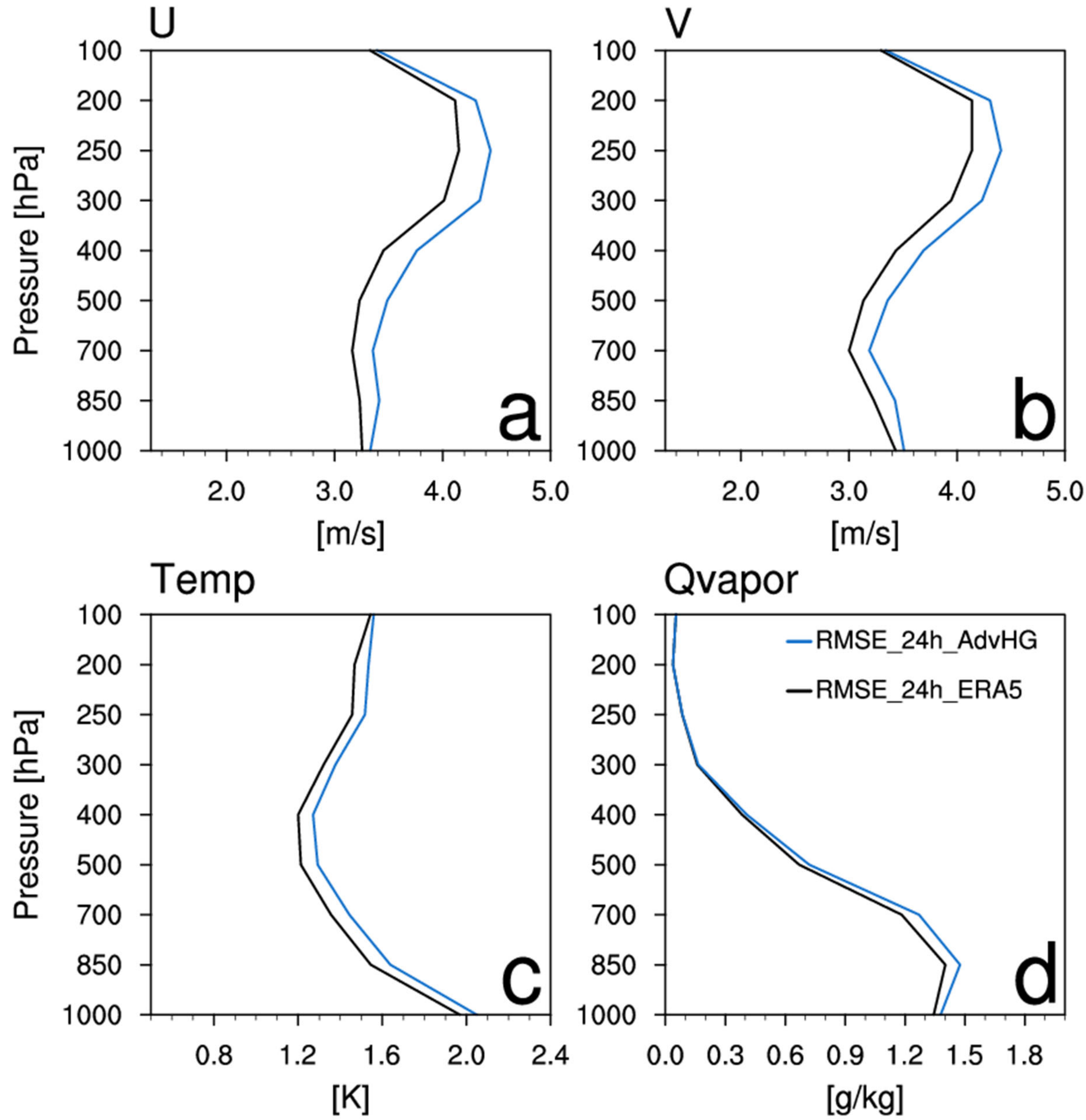

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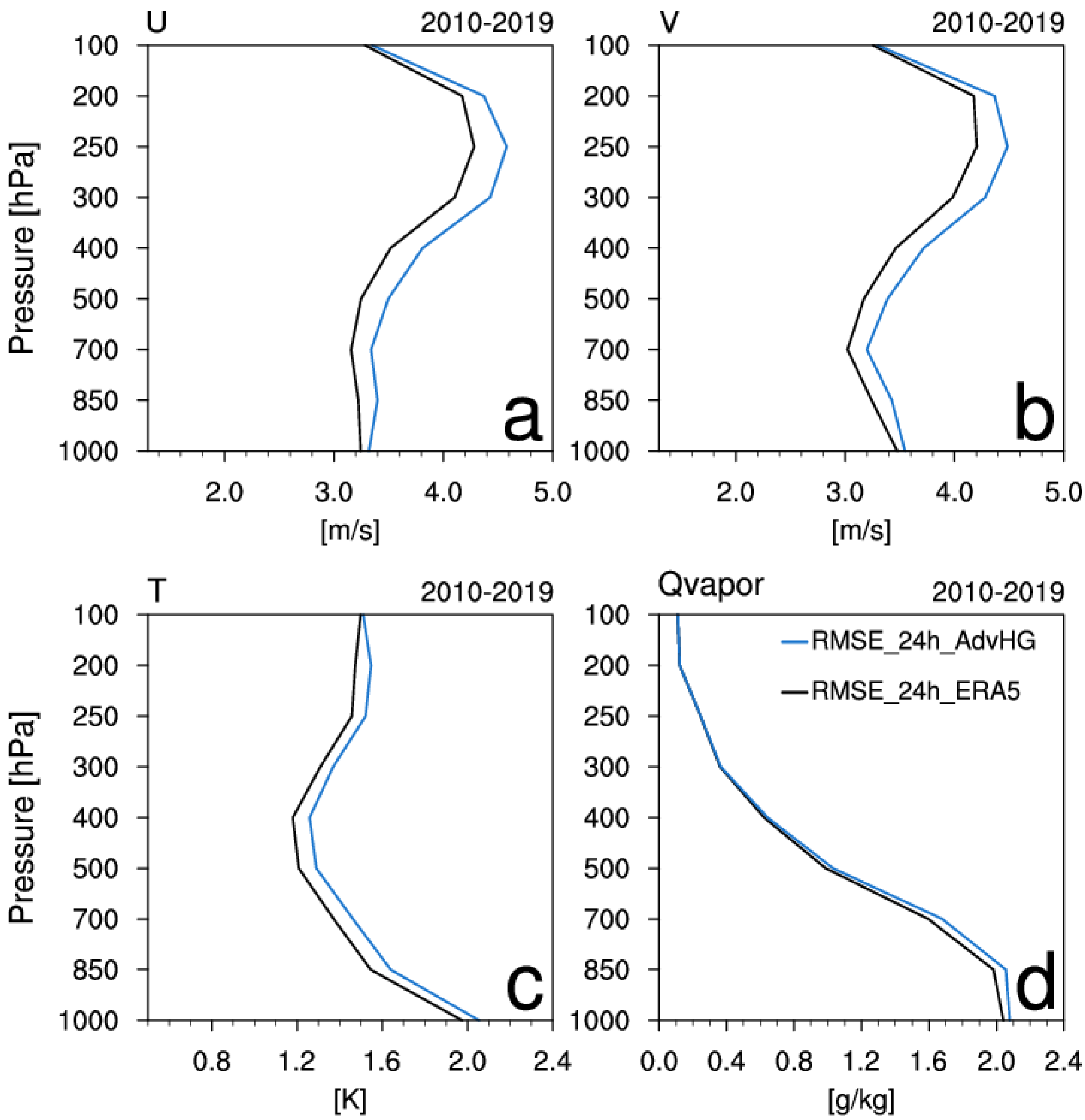

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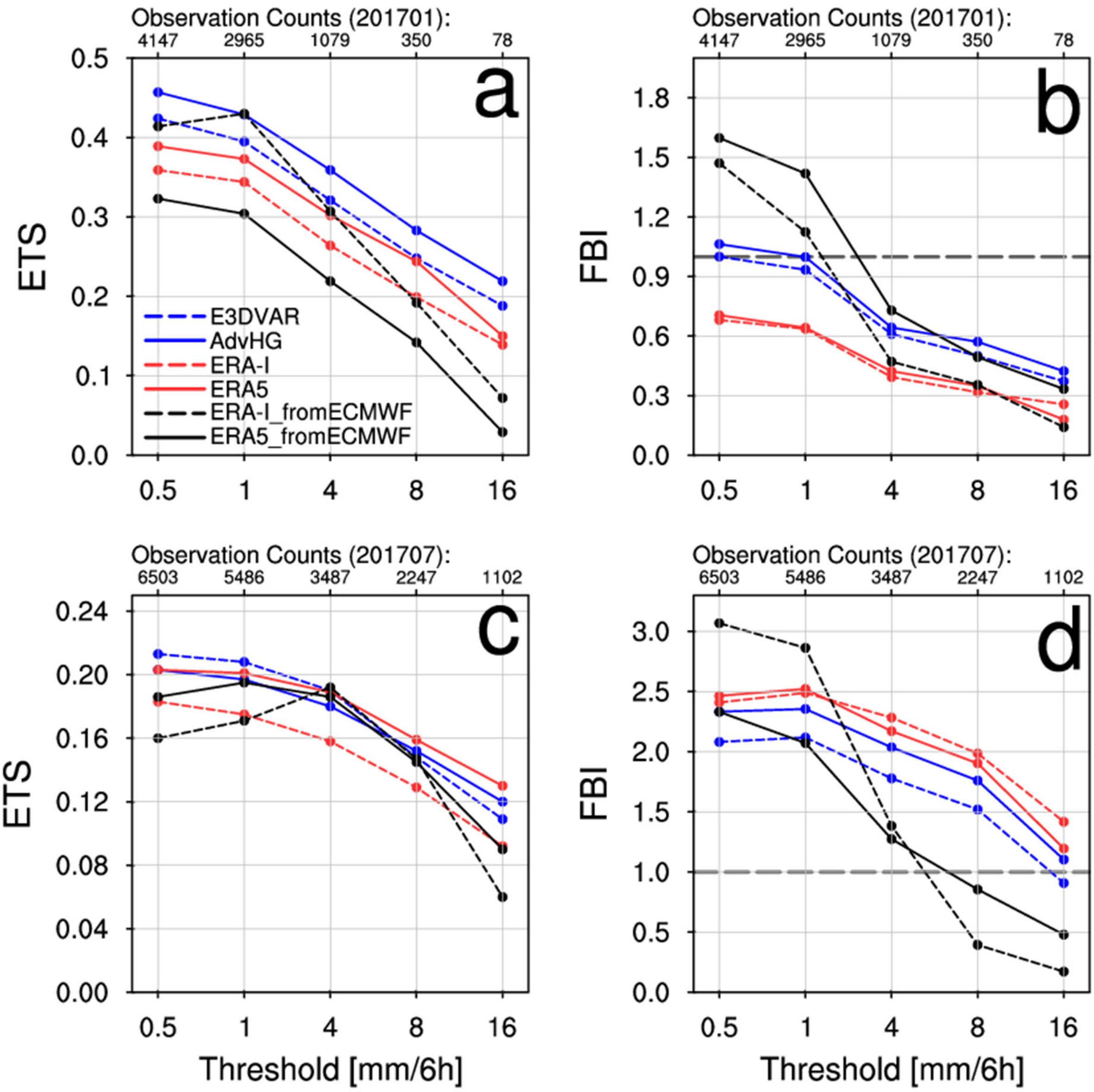
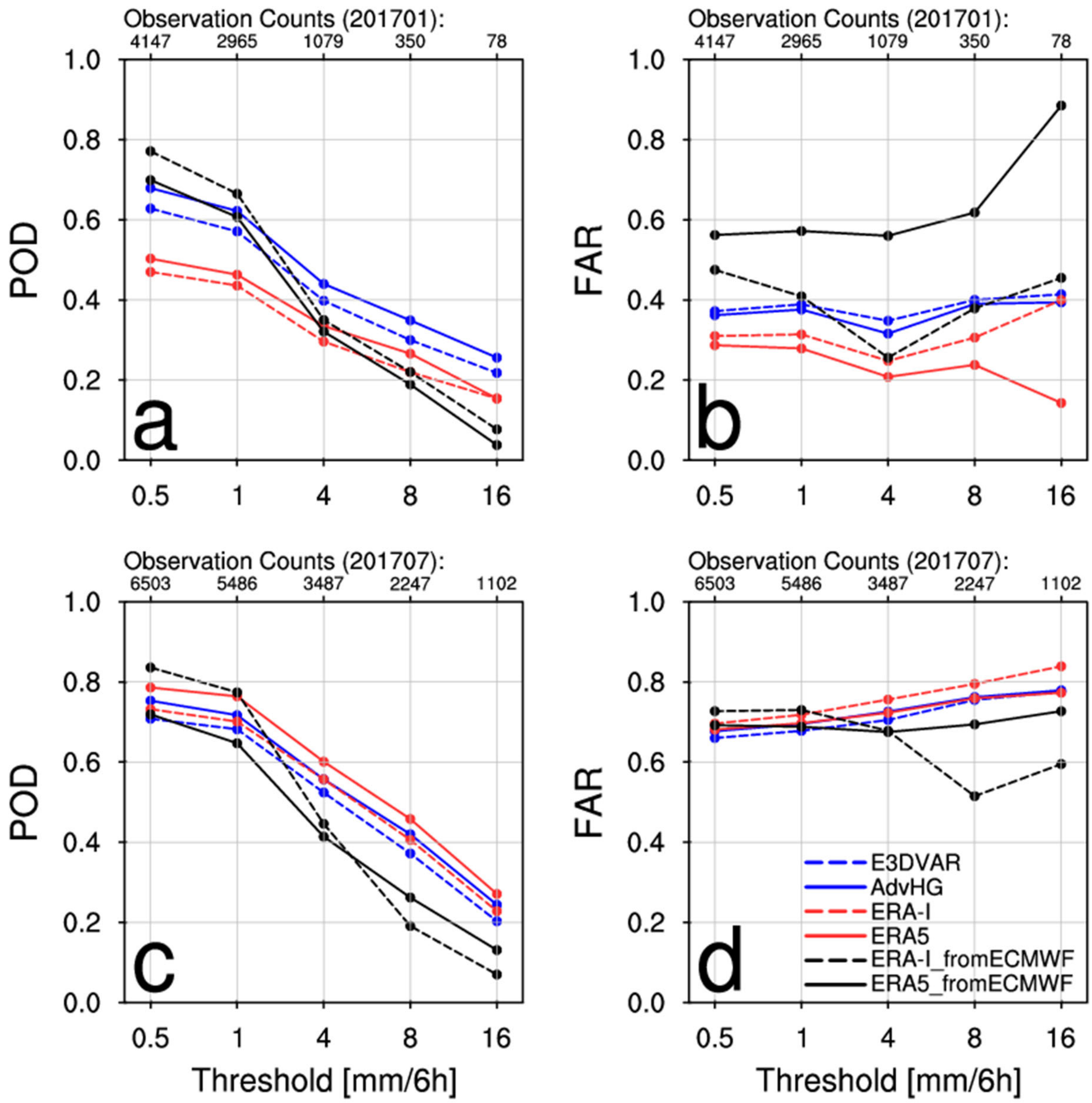


Figure ~~7~~8. (a,c) ETS and (b,d) FBI for (a,b) January and (c,d) July in 2017 depending on thresholds 0.5, 1, 4, 8, and 16 mm $(6\ h)^{-1}$.



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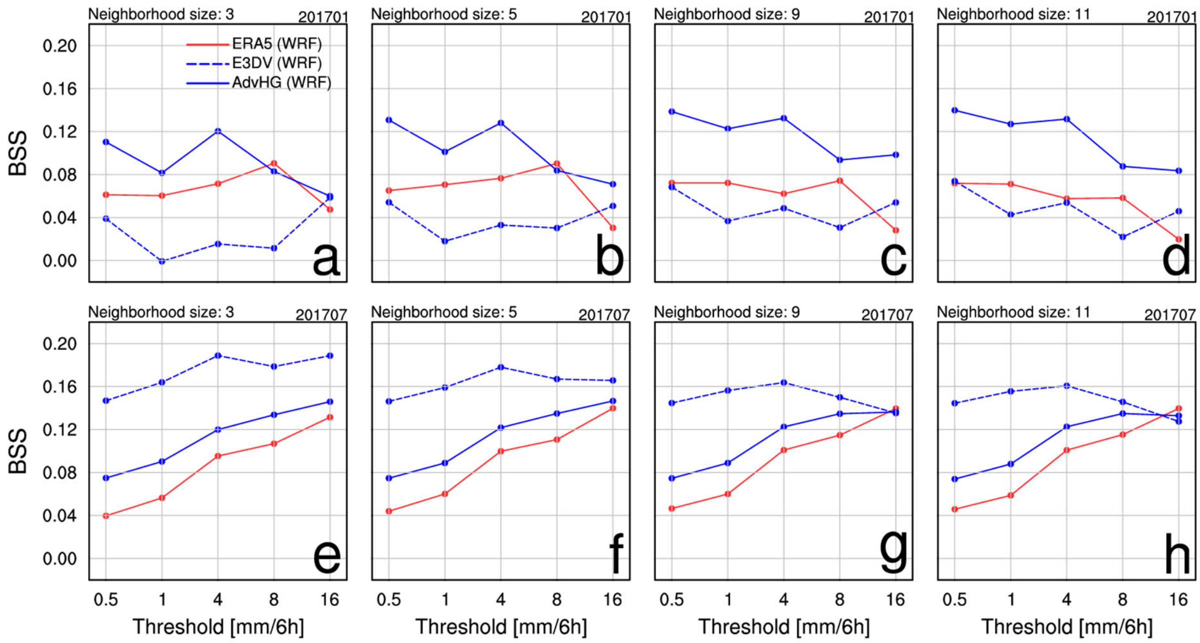

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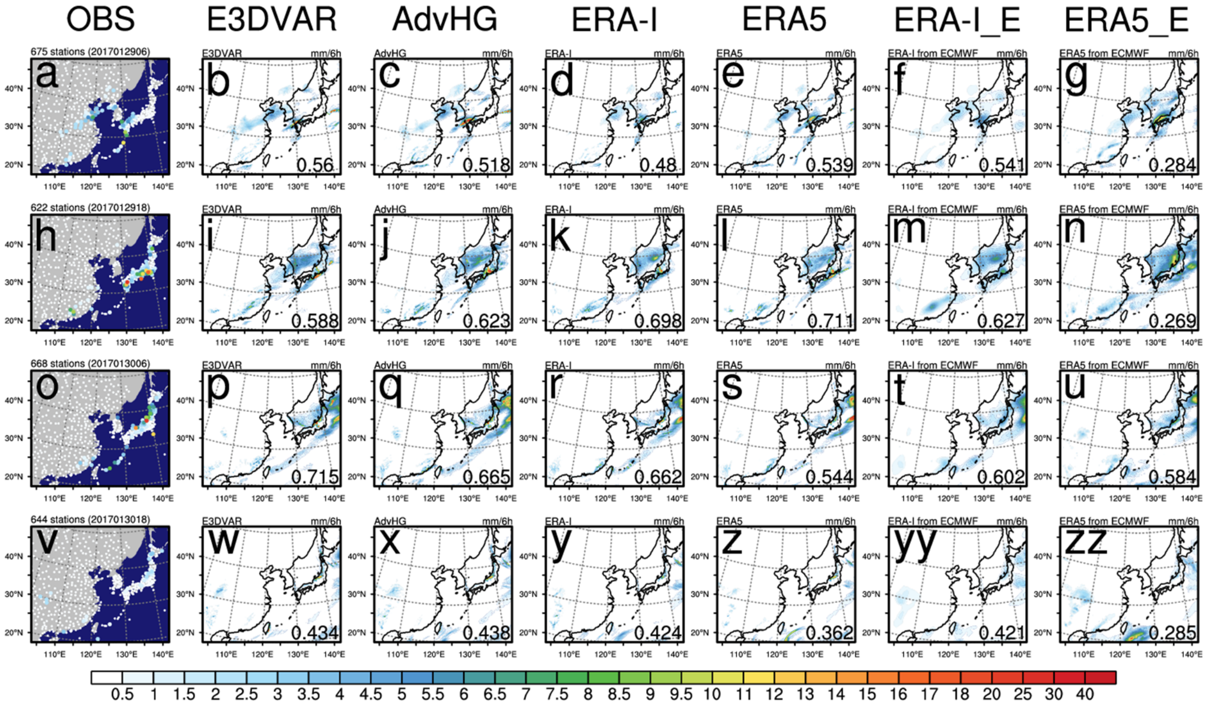
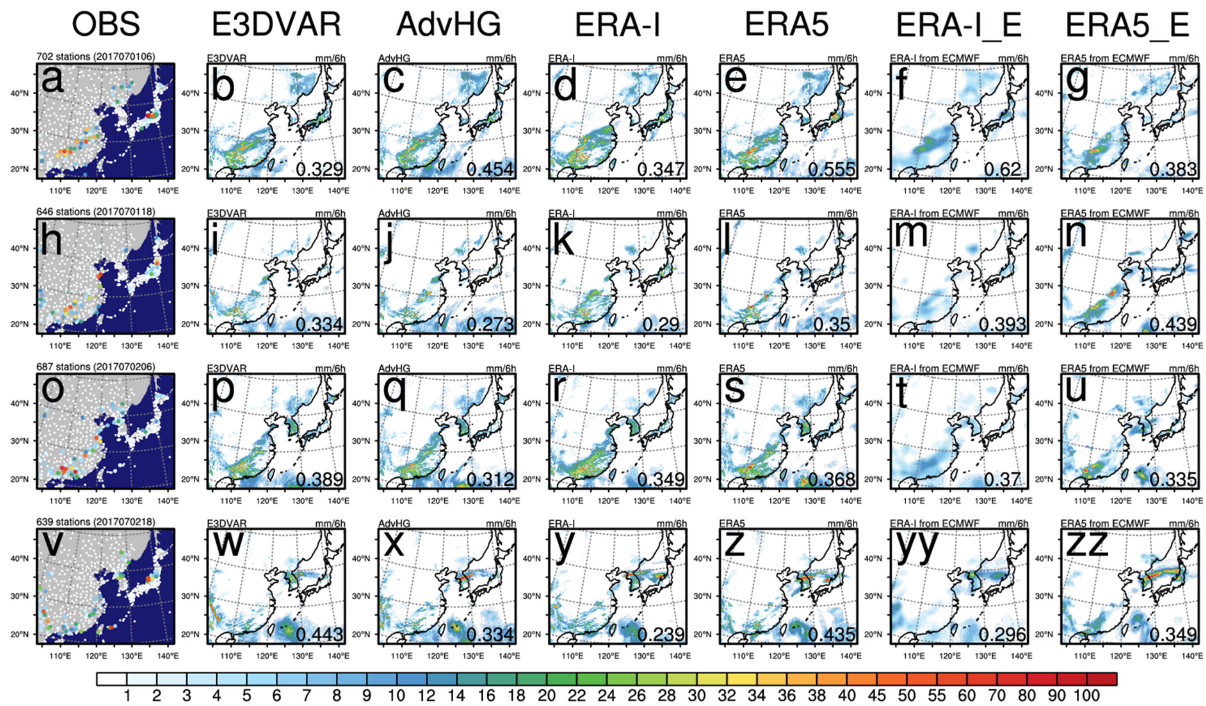


Figure ~~10~~11. The spatial distribution of 6 h accumulated precipitation of (1st column) observation, (2nd column) E3DVAR, (3rd column) AdvHG, (4th column) ERA-I, (5th column) ERA5, (6th column) ERA-I_fromECMWF, and (7th column) ERA5_fromECMWF and the pattern correlation coefficient (PCC) shown at the bottom right of each figure at valid time (1st low, 3rd low) 06 UTC and (2nd low, 4th low) 18 UTC on 29th and 30th of January in 2017.



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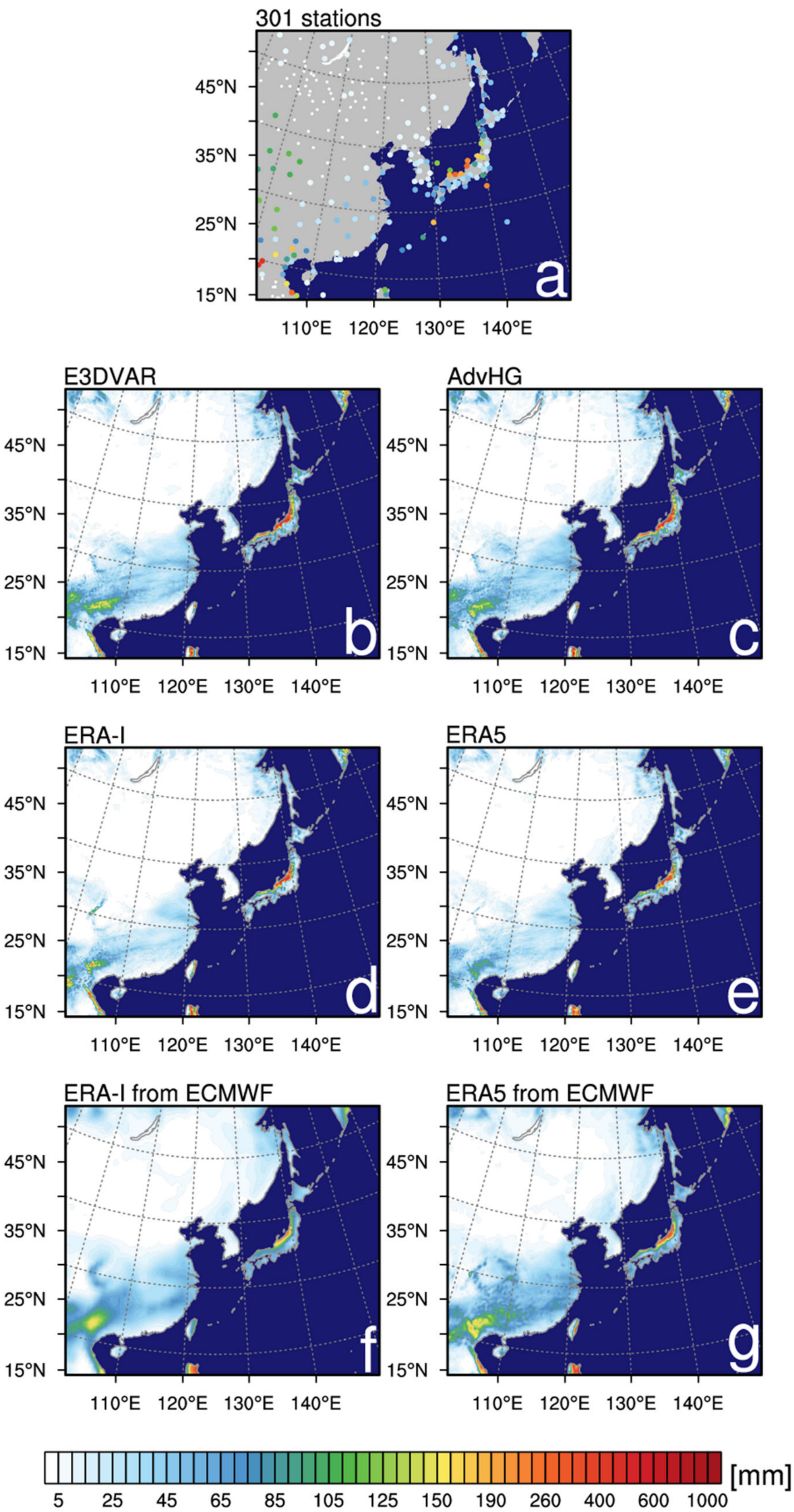

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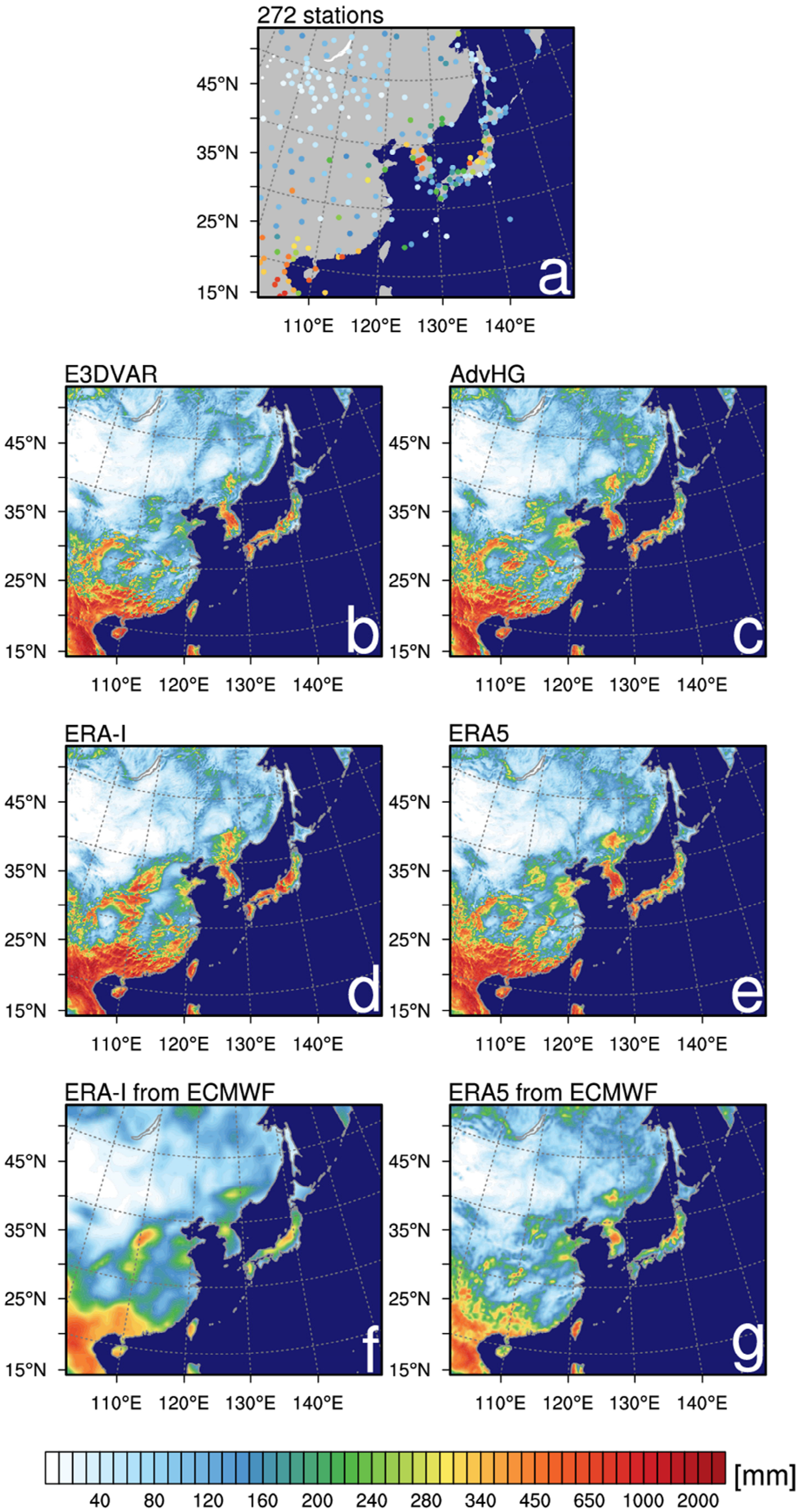

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