



JMA's priority and plans on reanalysis

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JRA History & Plan



- 1st JRA-25 (completed in 2006)
- 2nd JRA-55 (to be completed in 2013)
 - Being calculated.
- Next JRA?
 - JMA has a plan of the next global atmospheric reanalysis (JRA-??) in the future but its details has not been discussed yet.



Basic Policy of JRA



- An operationally quality proven data assimilation and forecast system should be used in JMA reanalysis.
- JMA is an operational organization rather than a research institute.
 - JMA has many kinds of operational climate information services.
 - The JRA products are utilized in the services.
 - Contribution to climate monitoring and seasonal forecast are main purposes.
 - The JRA products have to fill a certain quality level to reproduce various meteorological phenomena.



Priority for the next JRA

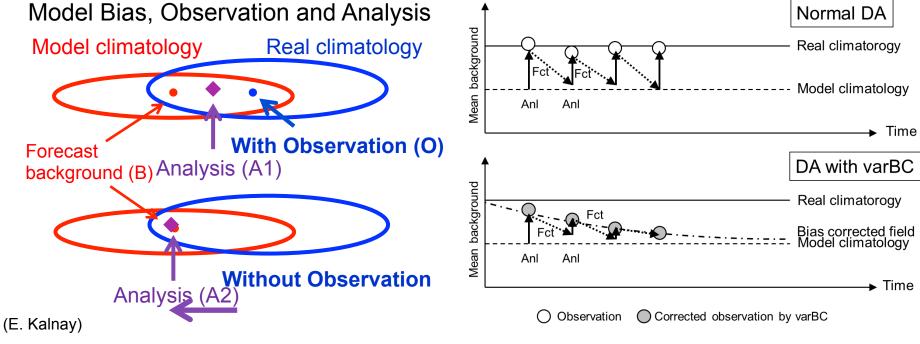


- Reducing the systematic biases that still exist in JRA-55
- Physical processes must be improved; (e.g.)
 - Reduction of overestimated precipitation in the tropics
 - Improvement of land surface processes
 - Gravity wave scheme
- Enhancement of horizontal and vertical resolution.
- A reanalysis from (e.g.) 1948 onward is possible.
 - We think upper radiosonde observations are essential for our purpose.



Model bias and VarBC





If a model has systematic bias;

Change of observing system can be a cause of a jump in a time series.

If we can make model bias smaller, observations. influence of observing system changes become smaller.

Variational Bias Correction is a superior method to remove such "jumps" but the field converges asymptotically to the model climatology without anchoring observations.



Practical problems on works for reanalysis



- Difficulty to maintain Climate Data Assimilation System (CDAS) for long years
 - Data Assimilation (DA) system of a CDAS is getting old with time.
 - New satellite data (e.g. radiance) cannot be assimilated easily in the old DA system.
 - On the other hand, a satellite cannot be operated forever.
 - Once a satellite data being used become unavailable, quality of CDAS must be degraded.
- Usually in an operational center, development for the latest operational NWP model has higher priority than development for CDAS.



Practical problems on works for reanalysis



- Reanalysis product providing services
 - Amount of reanalysis products is very large.
 - The data service requires sufficient and powerful computer resources.
 - Data server, storage, telecommunication line...



JMA contributions for research com.



- Data services for research community
 - From JMA
 - While computer resources are not sufficient.
 - From NCAR
 - http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds625.0/
- We are ready to provide the past GMS/MTSAT data reprocessed by MSC/JMA.
 - Reprocessed AMV/CSR data of geostationary satellites are quite effective to improve quality of reanalysis products.
- JMA has provided quality information of the past satellite data for ERA-Interim.
 - A seconded staff from JMA is at ERA group / ECMWF.



JMA contributions (continuation)



- Japanese Domestic Advisory Committee
 - For JRA-55
 - 10 Japanese professors are the members.
 - Toshiki Iwasaki (Chair), Kimio Hanawa, Tetsuzo Yasunari, Toshio Koike, Masahide Kimoto, Hisashi Nakamura, Hiroshi L. Tanaka, Yukari N. Takayabu, Toshihiko Hirooka, Shinjiro Kanae
 - Advices from the JRA AC were adopted.
 - Sub-products (JRA-55C, JRA-55AMIP)
 - Interim report of JRA-55 (Ebita et al. 2011, SOLA)



Plan of JMA CDAS (JCDAS)



- We have a plan to replace with a new version of JMA Climate Data Assimilation System (JCDAS).
- Currently JRA-25 based JCDAS is operationally produced and the products are available for research.
- After the completion of JRA-55, the JRA-25 based JCDAS will be replaced with JRA-55 based JCDAS.
 - We are confident that it is an improvement of our services.
- Note that current JRA-25 based JCDAS will be stopped in spring 2014.
 - We will have adequate get-acquainted period for notice.
- Please understand that we do not have sufficient computer resources to provide 2 versions of JCDAS in parallel.



Competition with Collaboration



