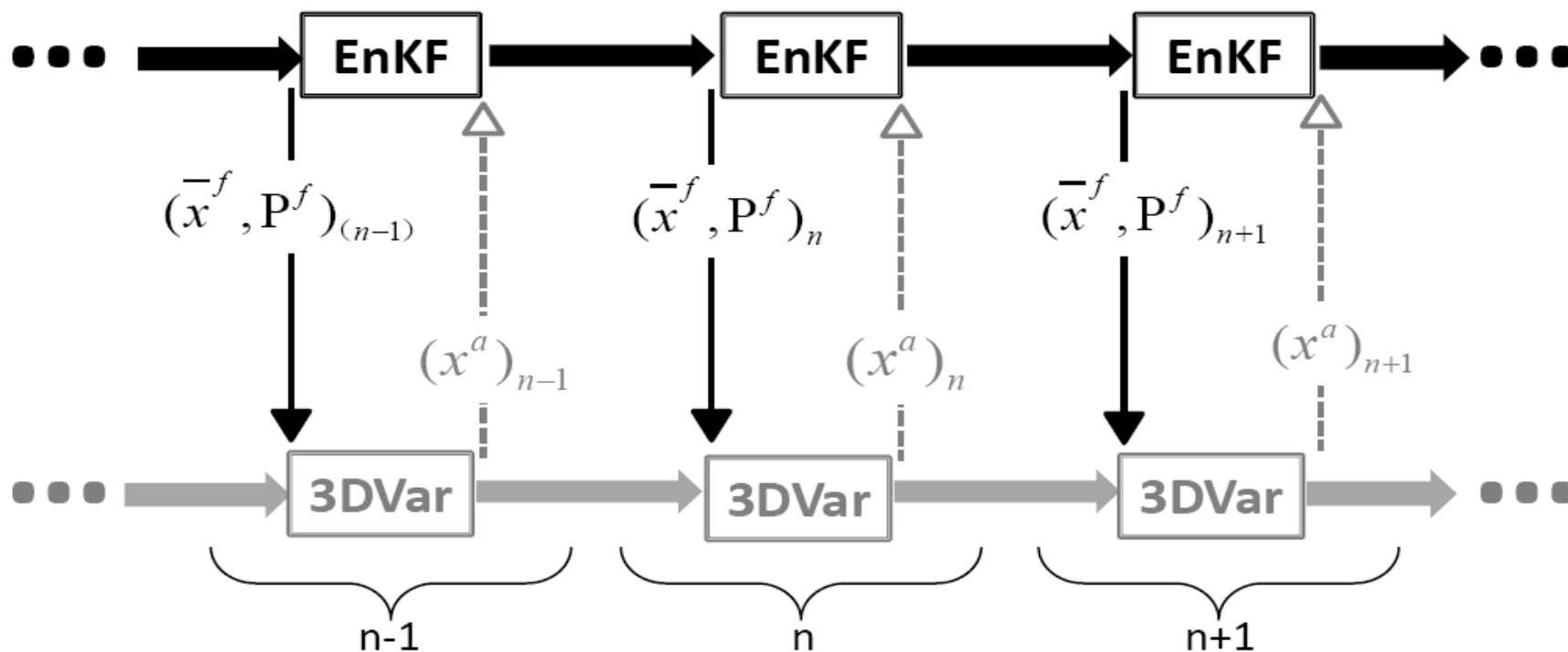


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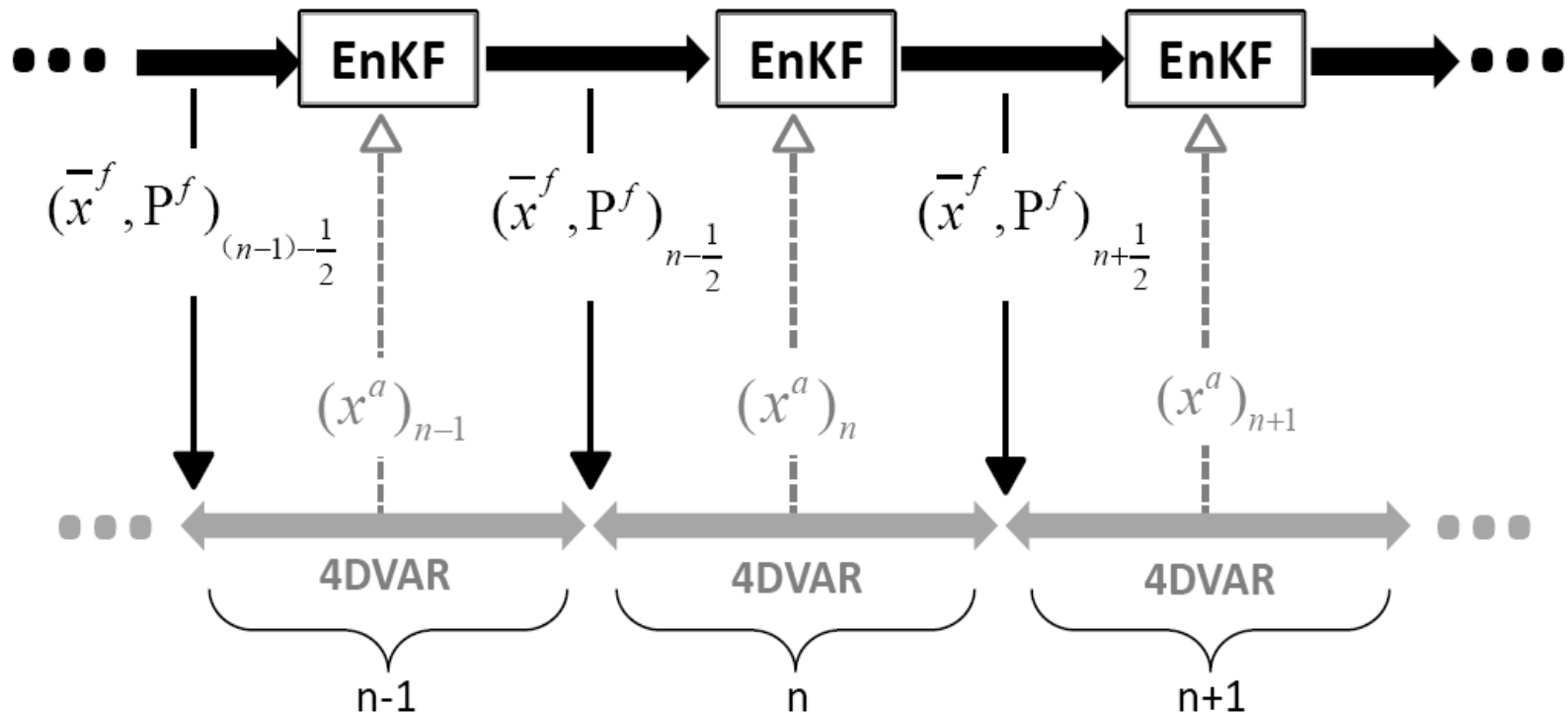
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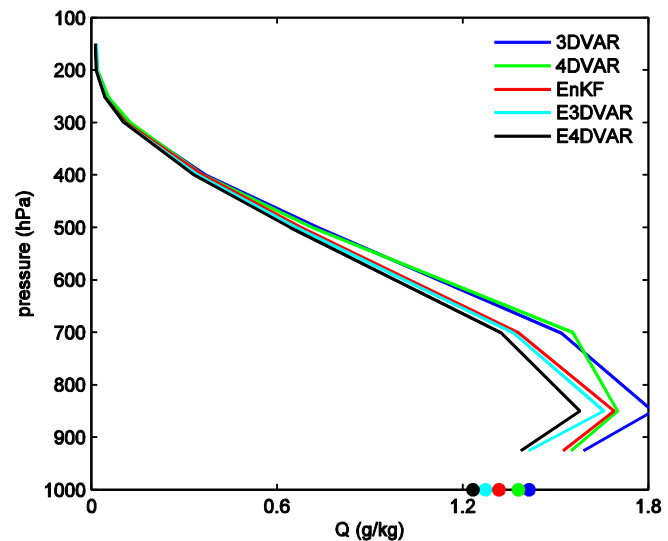
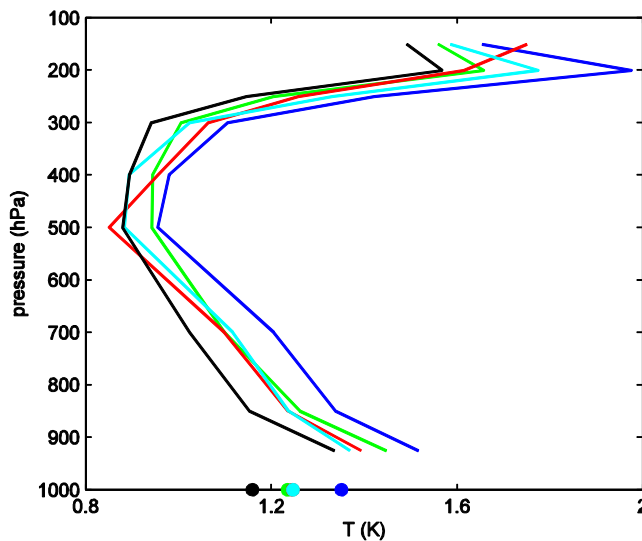
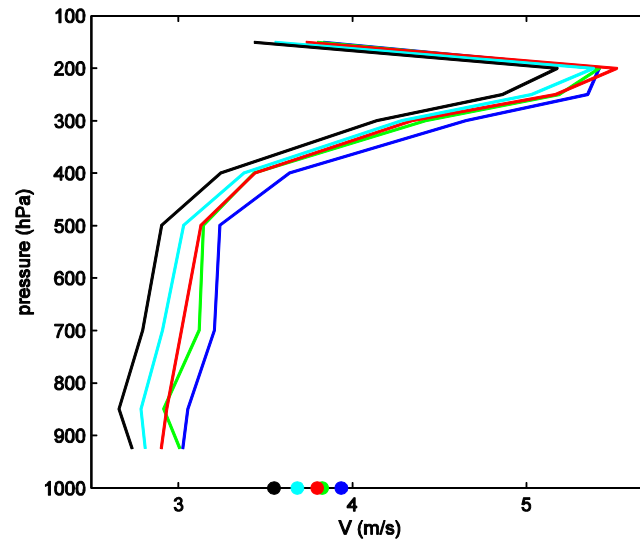
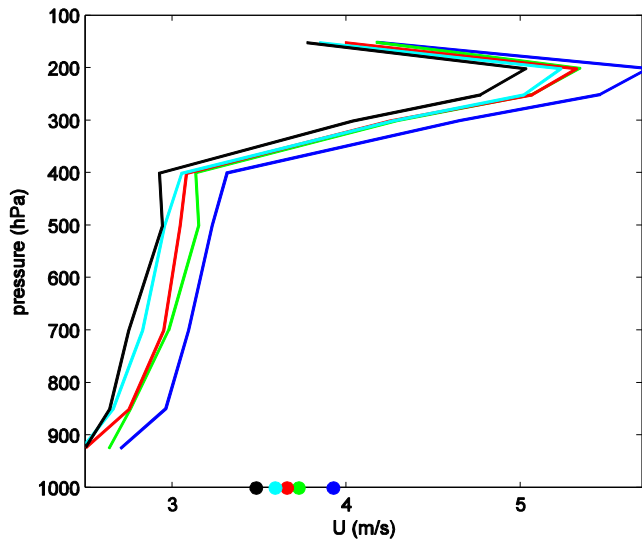
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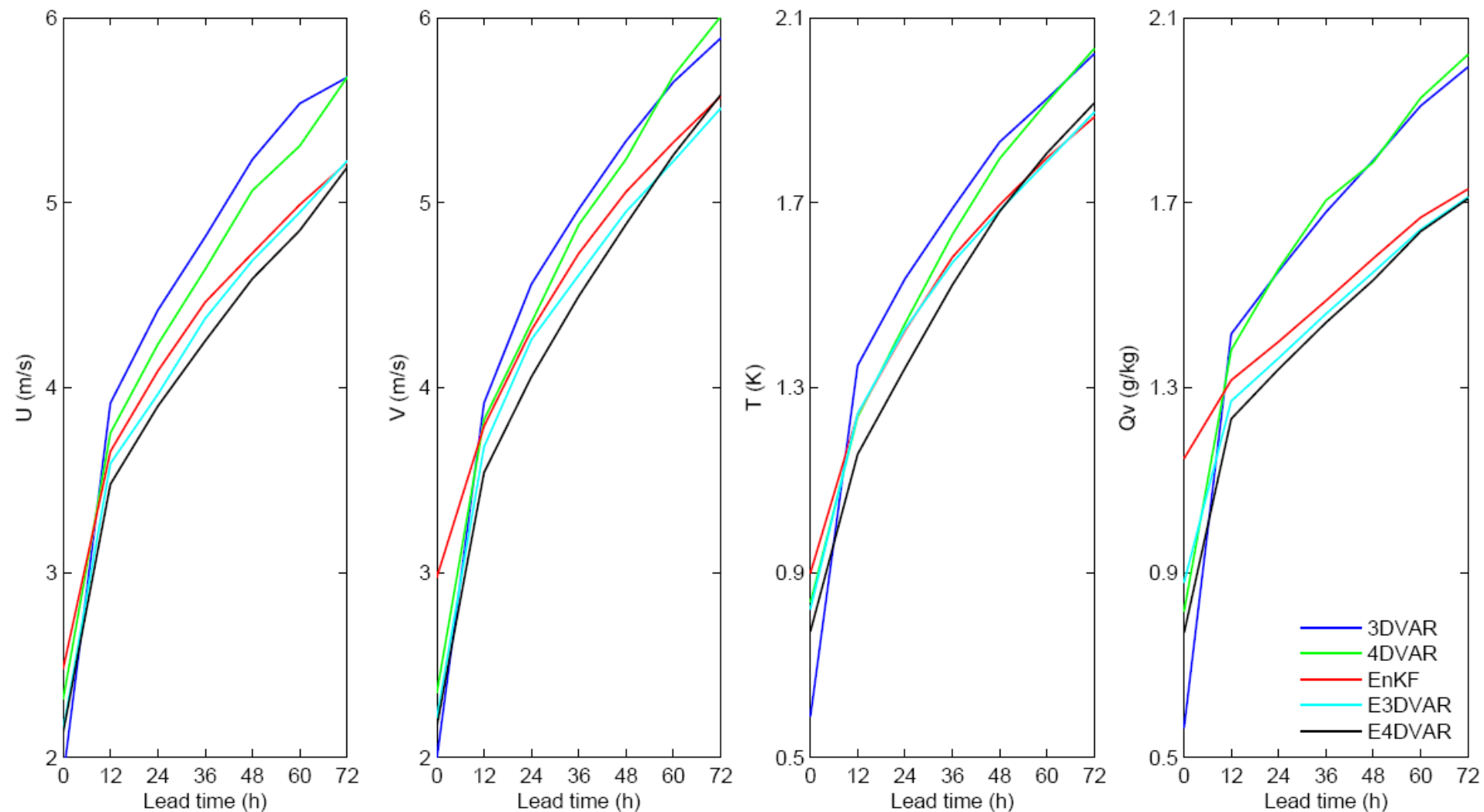
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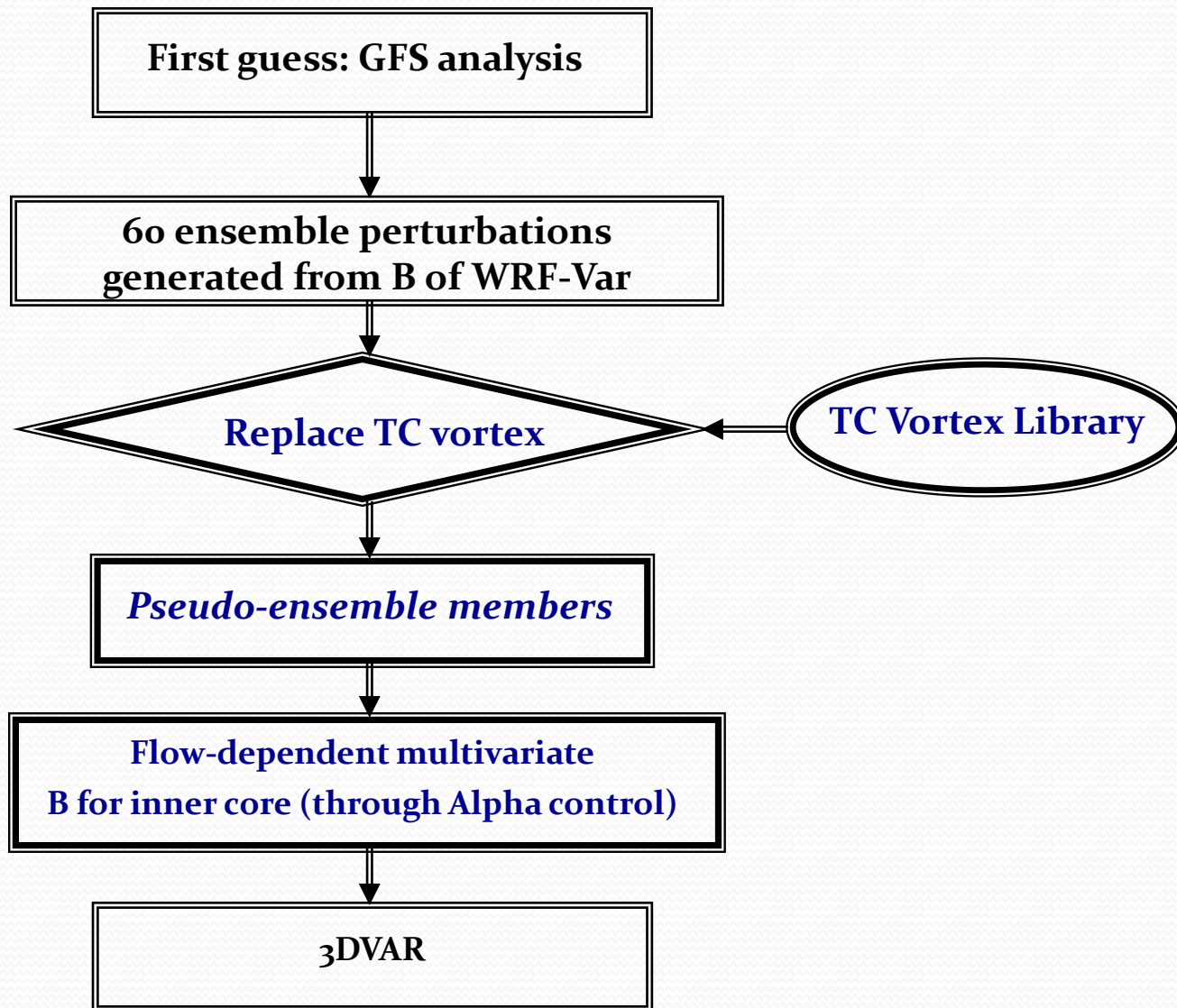


Month-long Performance of E4DVar

Total RMSE of U, V, T and Q with 0~72 lead time



A pseudo-ensemble hybrid data assimilation system (PEDA) for TC initialization with airborne Doppler radar data



Pseudo-ensemble: Establish a TC Vortex Library

- **WRF-ARW 3.1**

f-plane in a resting environment with constant SST

Alternative: thousands of real-case TC vortex from HFIP

- **Initial conditions for the idealized WRF runs:**

1) initial vortex size/Rmax

2) perturb sounding profile (i.e., moisture field)

3) latitude effect

4) physics options

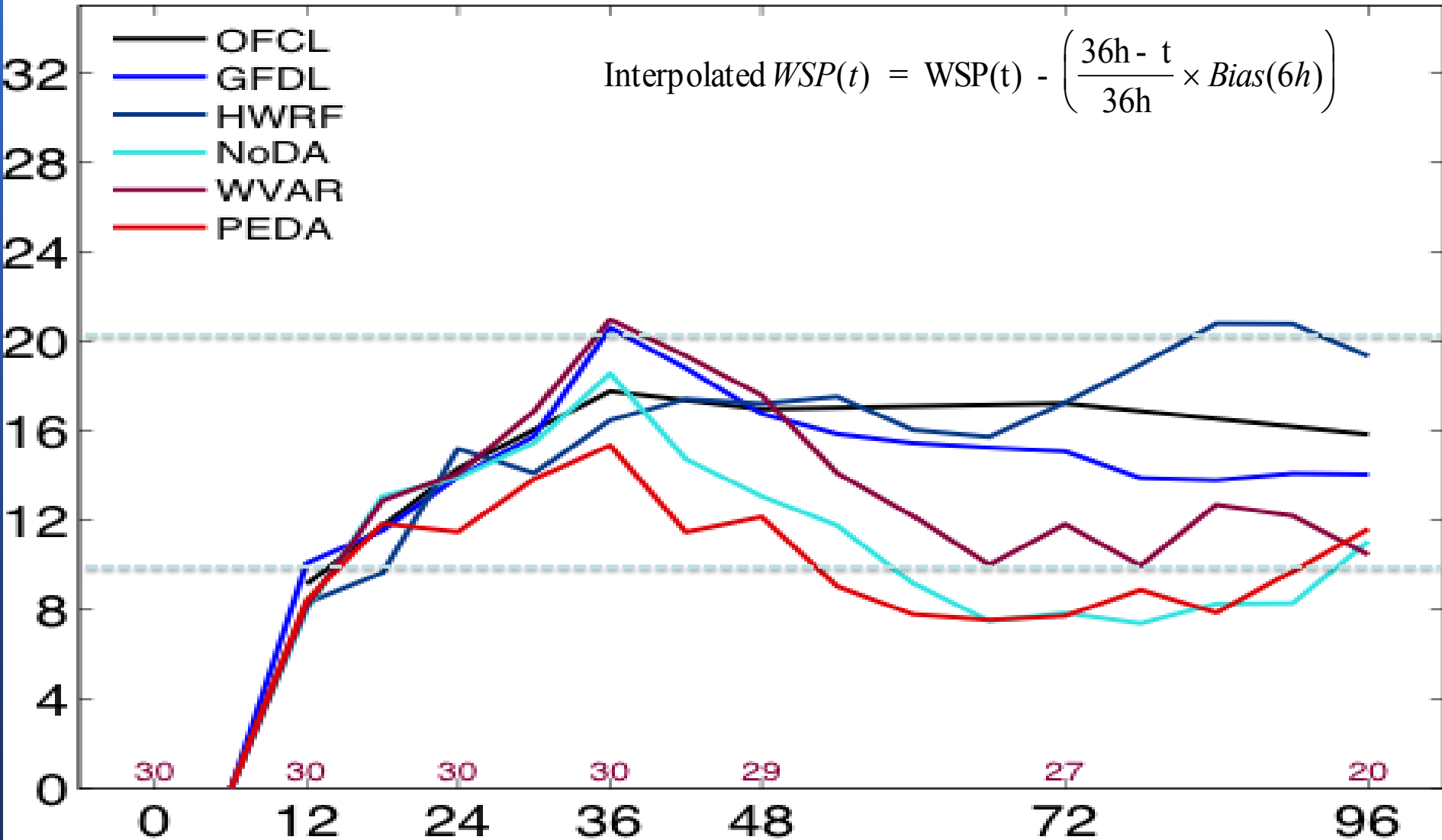
TC Vortices at different output times are binned according to V_{max}
(more binning criteria to be added: size, ...)

$12.5 < V_{max} \leq 17.5 \text{m/s}$	$17.5 < V_{max} \leq 22.5 \text{m/s}$	$22.5 < V_{max} \leq 27.5 \text{m/s}$	$27.5 < V_{max} \leq 32.5 \text{m/s}$	$32.5 < V_{max} \leq 37.5 \text{m/s}$...
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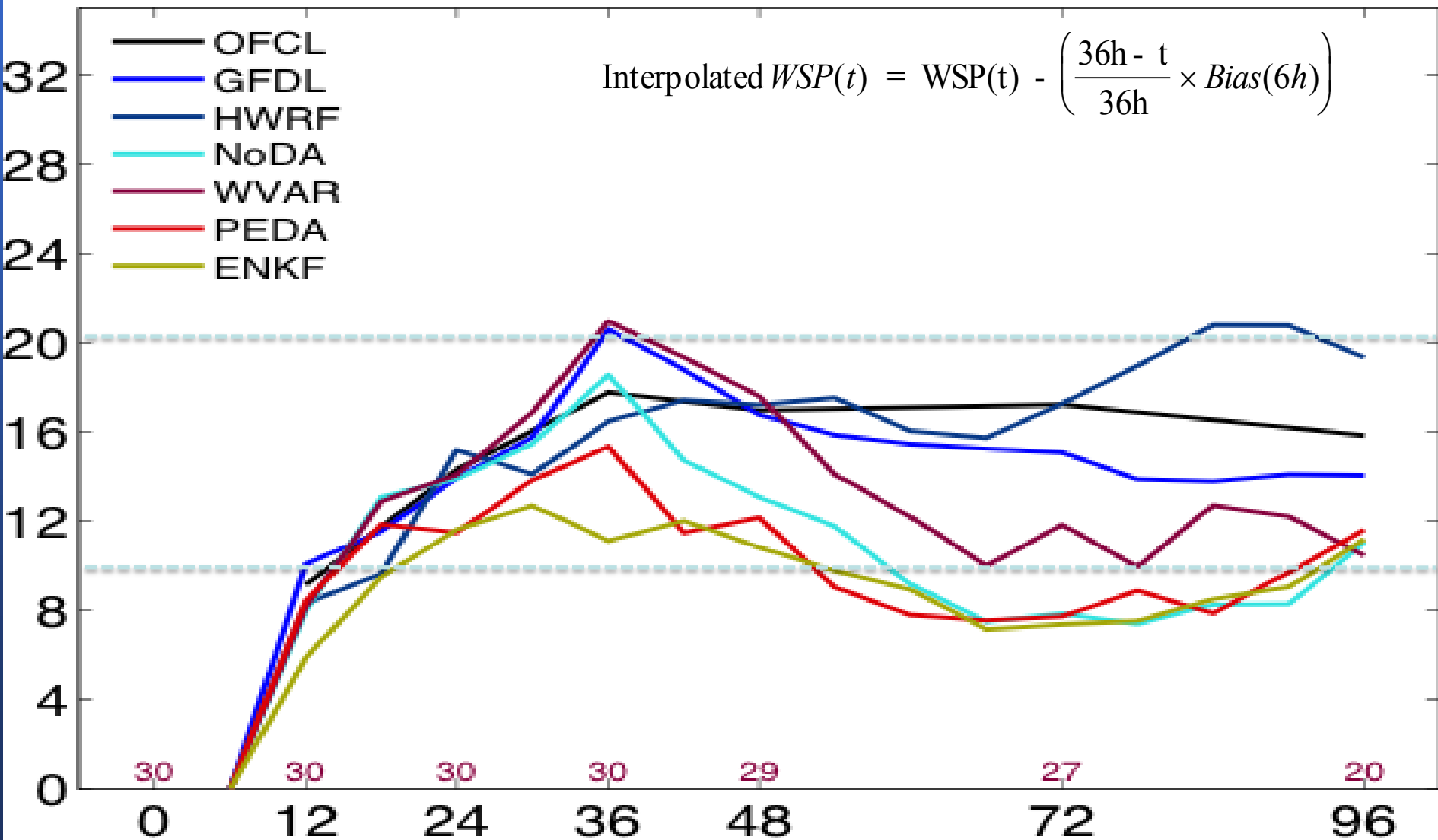
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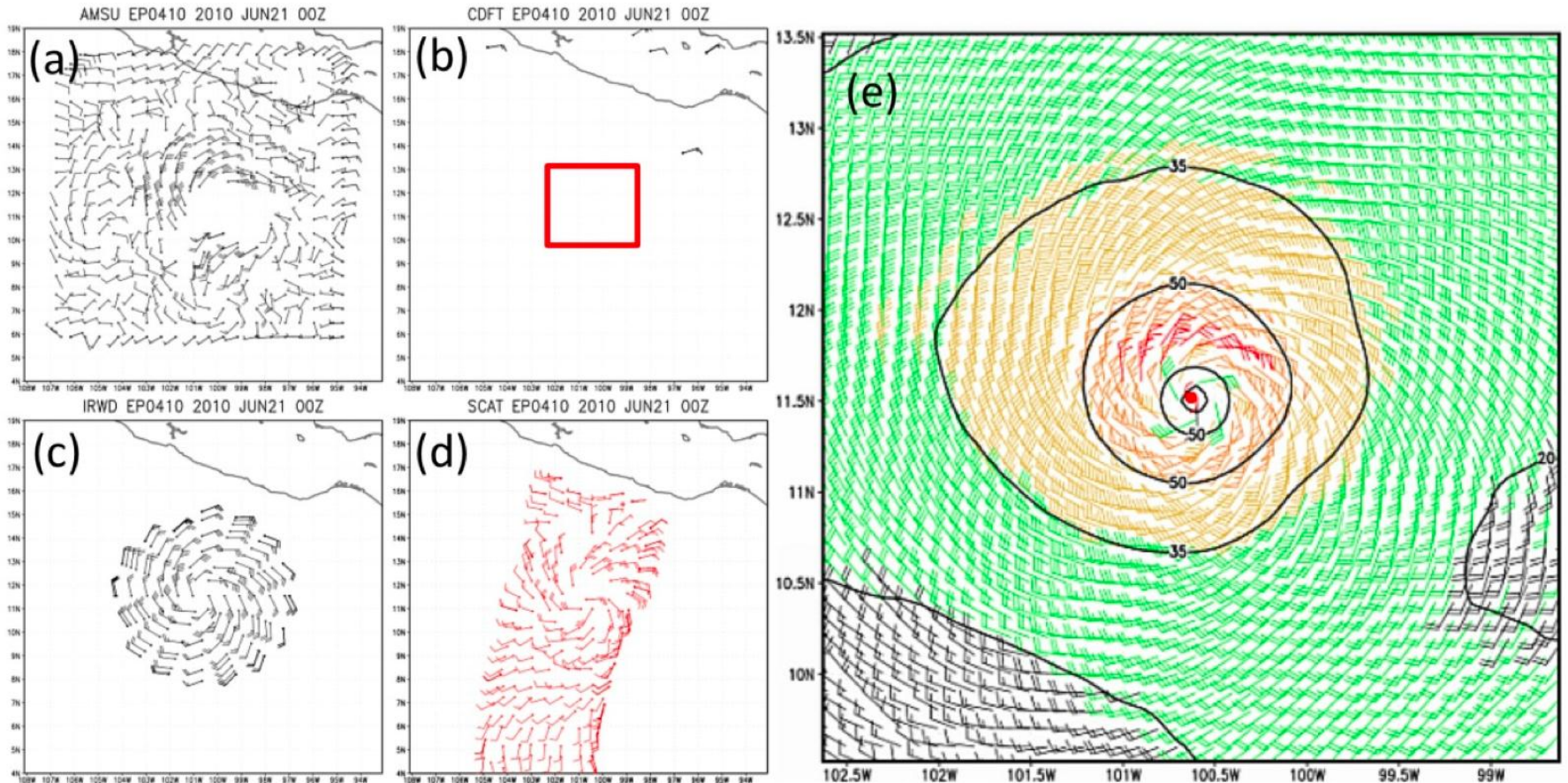
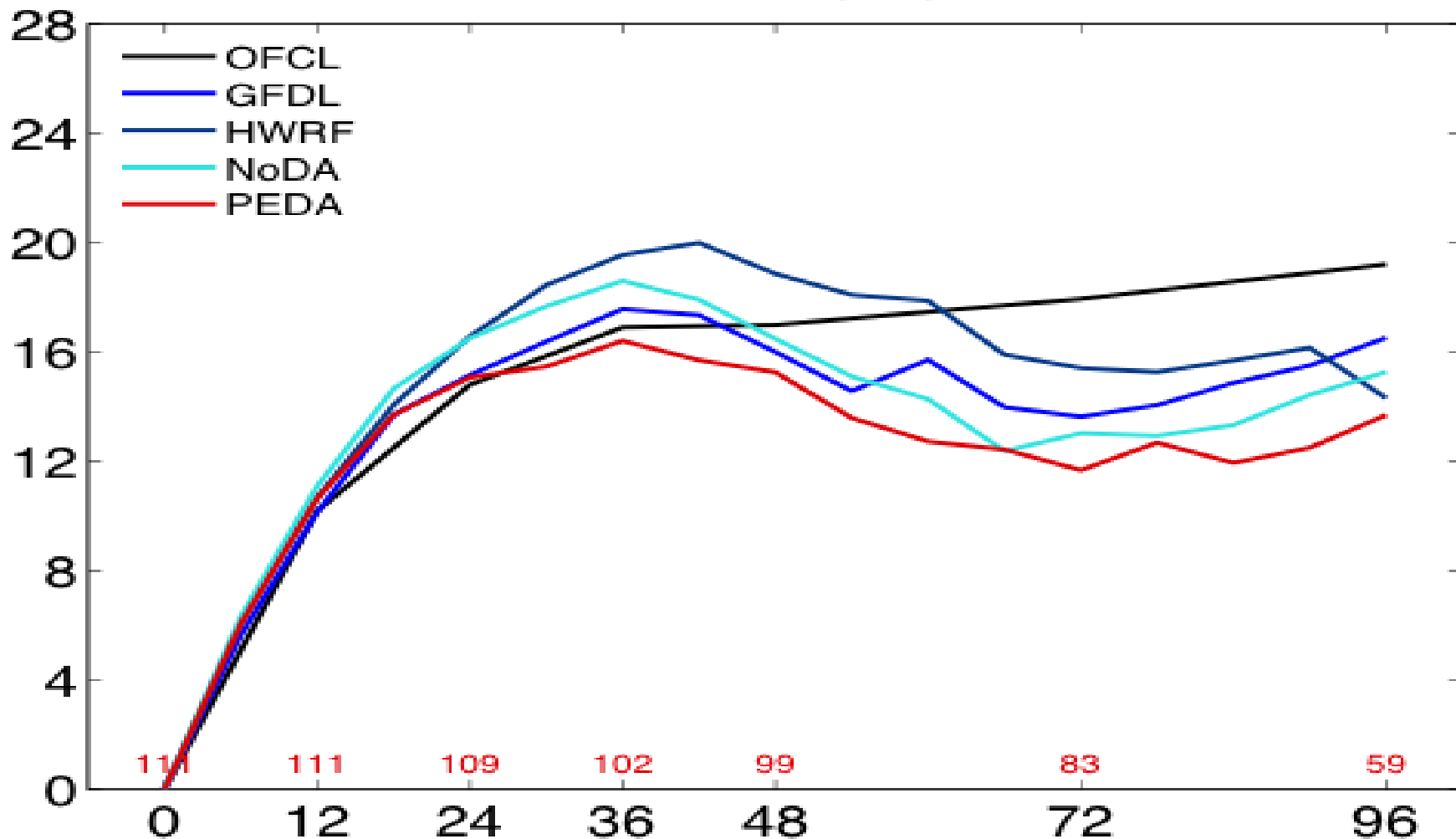


Figure 9. Examples of wind products generated for Hurricane Celia (EP0410) on 21 June 2010 at 00UTC (a) AMSU, (b) CDFT, (c) IRWD, (d) ASCT and (e) MTCSSA. The red frame shown in (b) is the plotted area of MTCSSA wind in (e). (J. Knaff, 2011)

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Mean Absolute intensity error with 60-h bias correction

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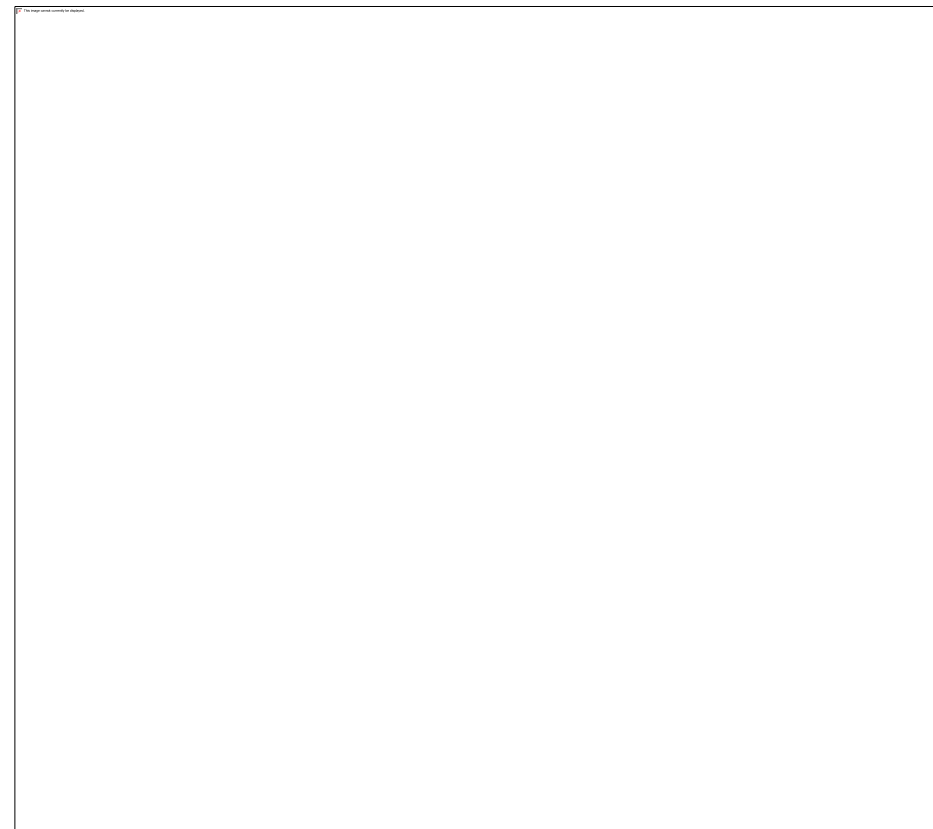
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Our version of EnDA (EnKF, E3DVAR and E4DVAR) in ARW

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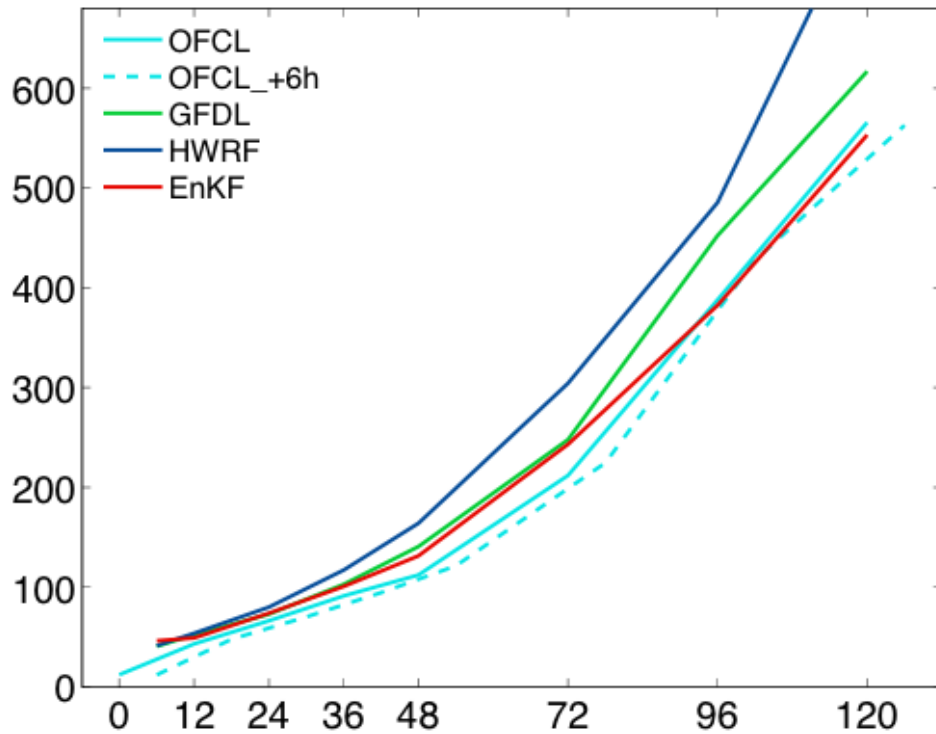
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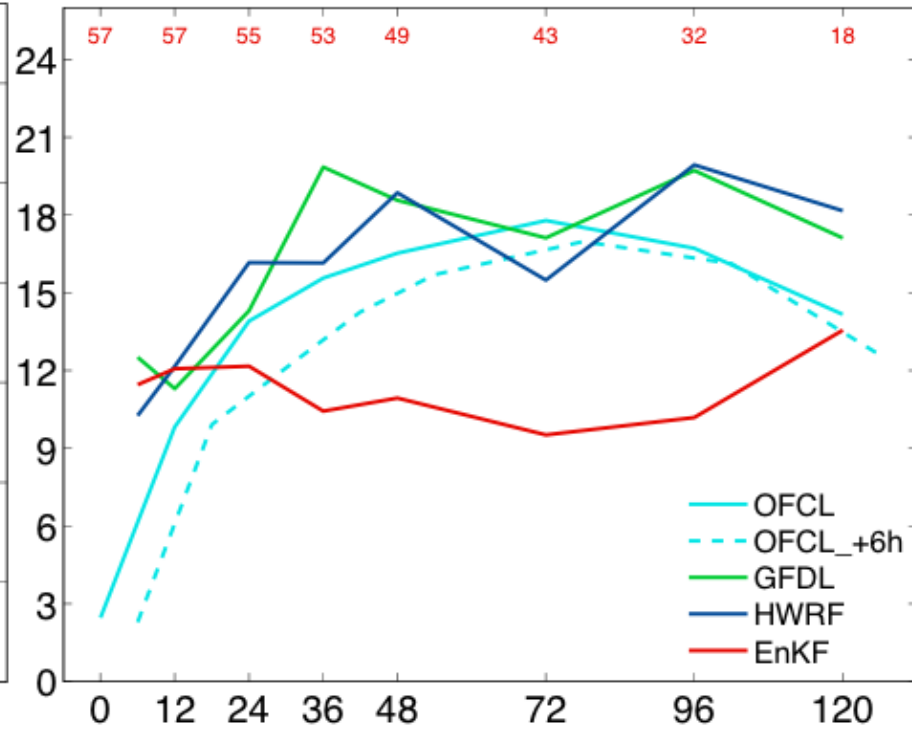
EnKF Performance Assimilating Airborne Radar OBS

Mean Absolute Error and Ensemble Spread for 66 missions during 2008-2011

ABS Error of position (km) for 2008–2011–homogeneous



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A4PS: PSU 4.5km single forecast initialized with EnKF analyses