# Comparison of Ensemble Flood Forecasts from Two Regional EPS: Simple Downscaling of Global EPS and Regional Data Assimilation

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# Regional ensemble prediction system (EPS)

- Simple Downscaling of Global EPS
- Regional Data Assimilation

## **Regional EPS**

#### Simple Downscaling





#### **Regional data assimilation**





Regional Data Assimilation by WRF-LETKF (Miyoshi and Kunii 2012)

- Assimilated data: PREPBUFR(U, V, T, Q, PS)+GPS PWV
- 27~33 ensemble members



## Analyzed cases

| Location    | River    | Time | Phenomenon |  |
|-------------|----------|------|------------|--|
| Japan       | Kinugawa | Sep. | Mesoscale  |  |
|             | River    | 2015 | rainband   |  |
| Philippines | Pampanga | Jun. | Typhoon    |  |
|             | River    | 2011 |            |  |

## Kinugawa River flood on 10 Sep.2015















#### **Outer domain:**

Boundary condition: JMA-GSM Kain&Fritsch cumulus scheme Inner domain: No cumulus scheme



Kinugawa river catchment area 1760  $km^2$ 

Δx=100m

## Ensemble rainfall/Flood forecasts



## **Ensemble streamflow forecasts**

6000



#### Regional data assimilation by WRF-LETKF: 27 member Ensemble (25-75%) median



## WRF Model domain for Philippines



40 35

#### **Outer domain:**

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#### Pampanga river catchment 10434 km<sup>2</sup>

#### **RRI** model



## Ensemble rainfall/flood forecasts



## Ensemble streamflow forecasts

#### Simple downscaling: 16 member



## Regional data assimilation by WRF-LETKF: 33 member



## Discussions

| Country         | Phenomen<br>on        | U<br>spread | U RMSE        | U bias     | Assimilat<br>ed OBS |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| Japan           | Mesoscale<br>rainband | 0.8 m/s     | 6 - 8 m/s     | 2 m/s      | 10000               |
| Philippine<br>s | Typhoon               | 1.2 m/2     | 6 - 12<br>m/s | 5 - 12 m/s | 7000                |



## Conclusion

- Regional data assimilation by WRF-LETKF was better in Japan.
- Simple downscaling was better in Philippines.
- We'd be careful to choose the better method of regional EPS.



## Thank you for attention!