



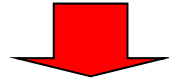
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**Source term estimation and atmospheric
dispersion simulations of radioactive materials
discharged from the Fukushima Daiichi
Nuclear Power Plant due to Accident**

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Changes and needs of the society

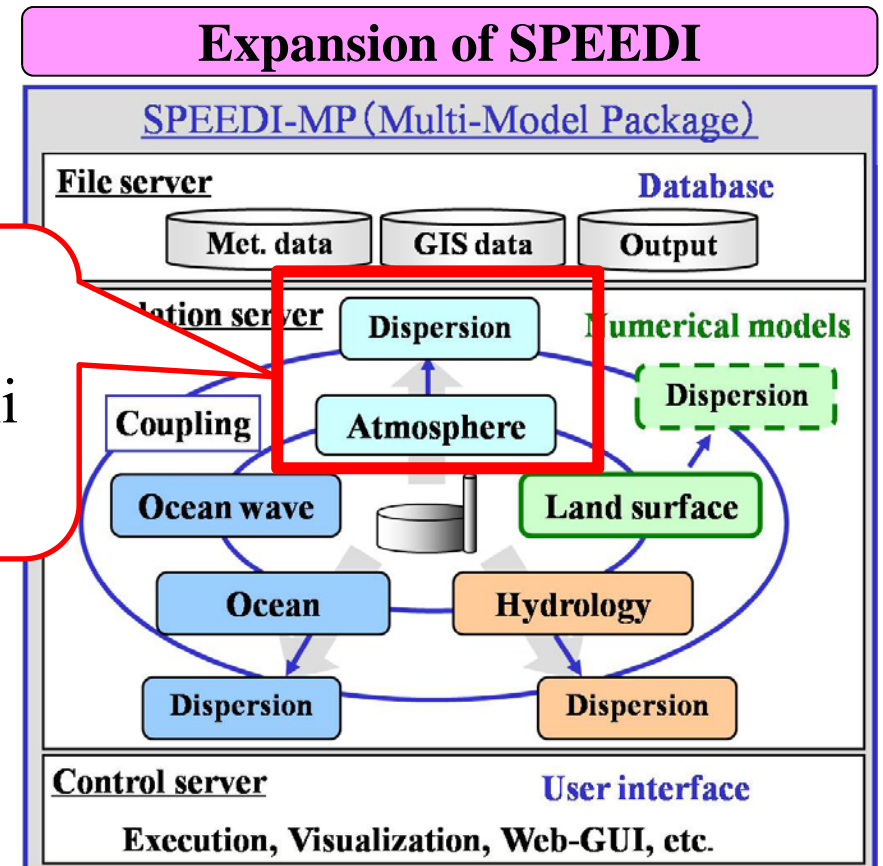
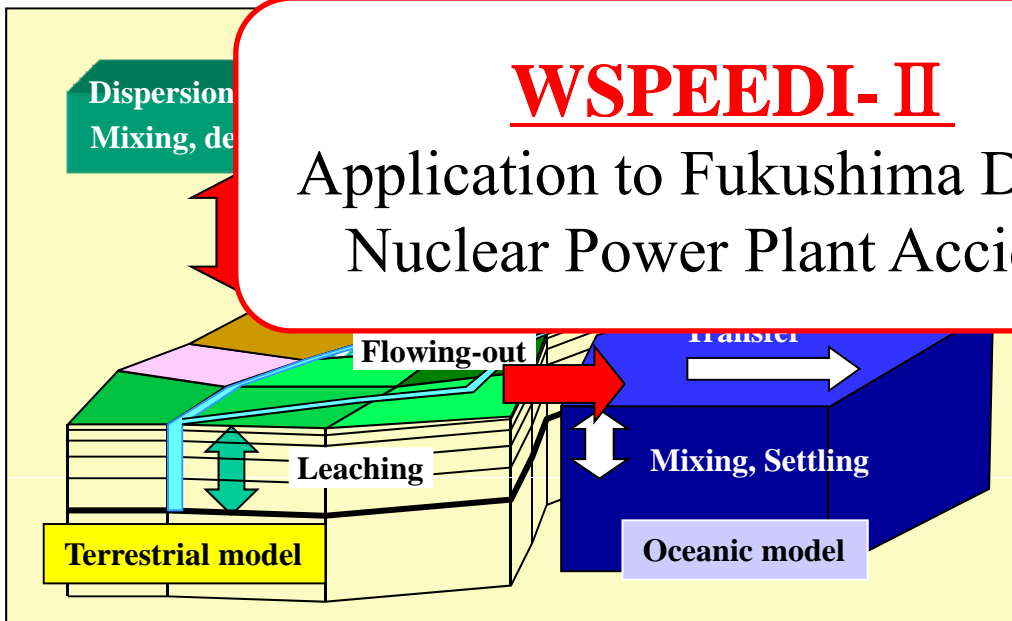
- Advance in nuclear fuel cycle, increase of nuclear facilities in East Asia, and so on
 → Diversification of nuclear activities and complication of release conditions
- General environmental problems: global warming, water cycle problems, and so on
 → To be solved by applying any kind of science and technology



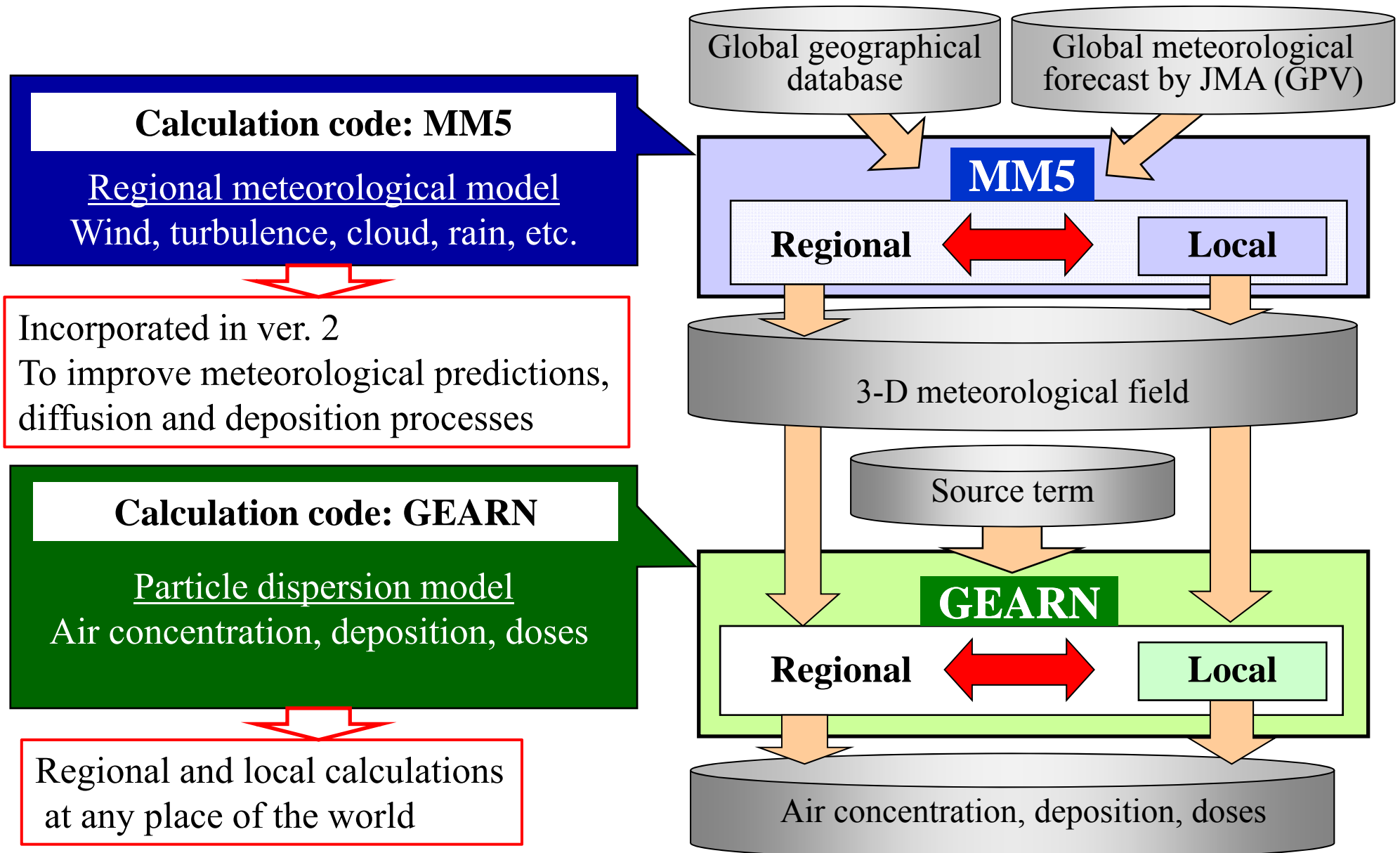
Simulation for elucidation of the behavior of materials in the multiple environments

WSPEEDI-II

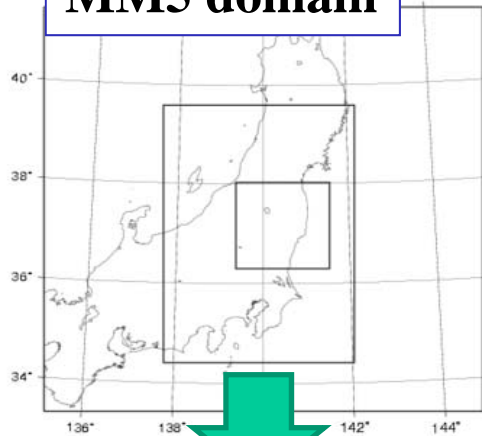
Application to Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident



Model structure of WSPEEDI- II



MM5 domain



【MM5】

2-way nesting up to 5 domains: select arbitrary 2 domains

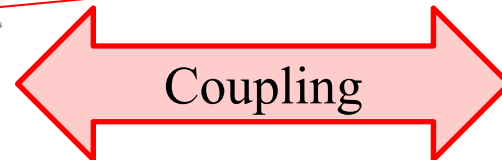


Off-line or on-line coupling

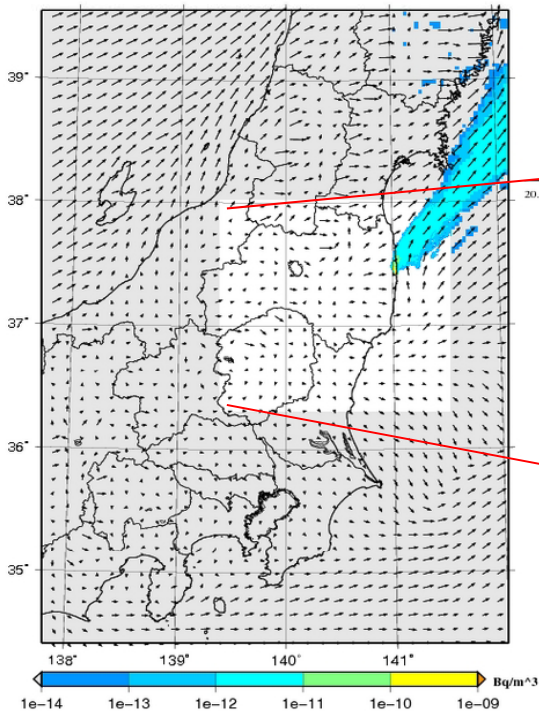
【GEARN】

2-way nesting for 2 domains: exchange input/output data via MPI between 2 model domains separately executed as parallel tasks

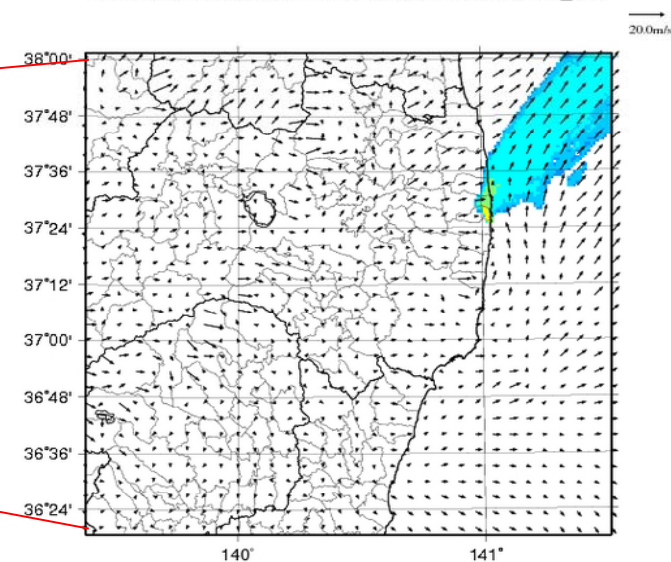
GEARN domains



Flow in/out between local and wide domains



Surface concentration of I-131 at UTC= 2011-03-13_00h



【Source term estimation】

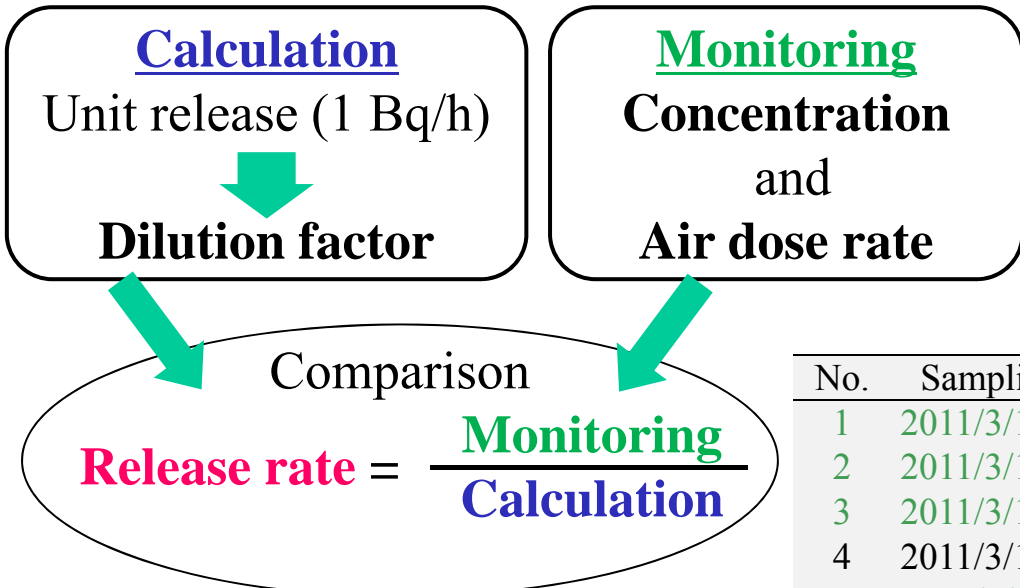
- Collaboration with the Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC) of Japan
- Estimation by coupling monitoring data with atmospheric dispersion simulations
⇒ M. Chino, et al., 2011: J. Nucl. Sci. Technol., 48,1129–1134
Available from (http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jnst/48/7/1129/_pdf)
- Re-estimation of release rate from 12 to 15 March (Report to NSC on 22 Aug.)
(<http://www.nsc.go.jp/anzen/shidai/genan2011/genan063/siryos5.pdf>, in Japanese)

【Analysis of atmospheric dispersion】

- Analysis on the local dispersion during significant release (15 to 16 March)
 - Formation process of high dose rate zone around the northwest region of the plant
 - ⇒ JAEA News Release (<http://www.jaea.go.jp/english/jishin/press/press110613.pdf>)
 - G. Katata, et al., 2012: J. Environ. Radioactiv., (in press)
 - Available from (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0265931X11002335>)
- Preliminary estimation of 2-month accumulated radiological doses over Japan
⇒ JAEA Technical Report (<http://www.jaea.go.jp/english/jishin/kaisetsu03.pdf>)
- Analysis on the deposition process of ^{137}Cs over Eastern Japan area
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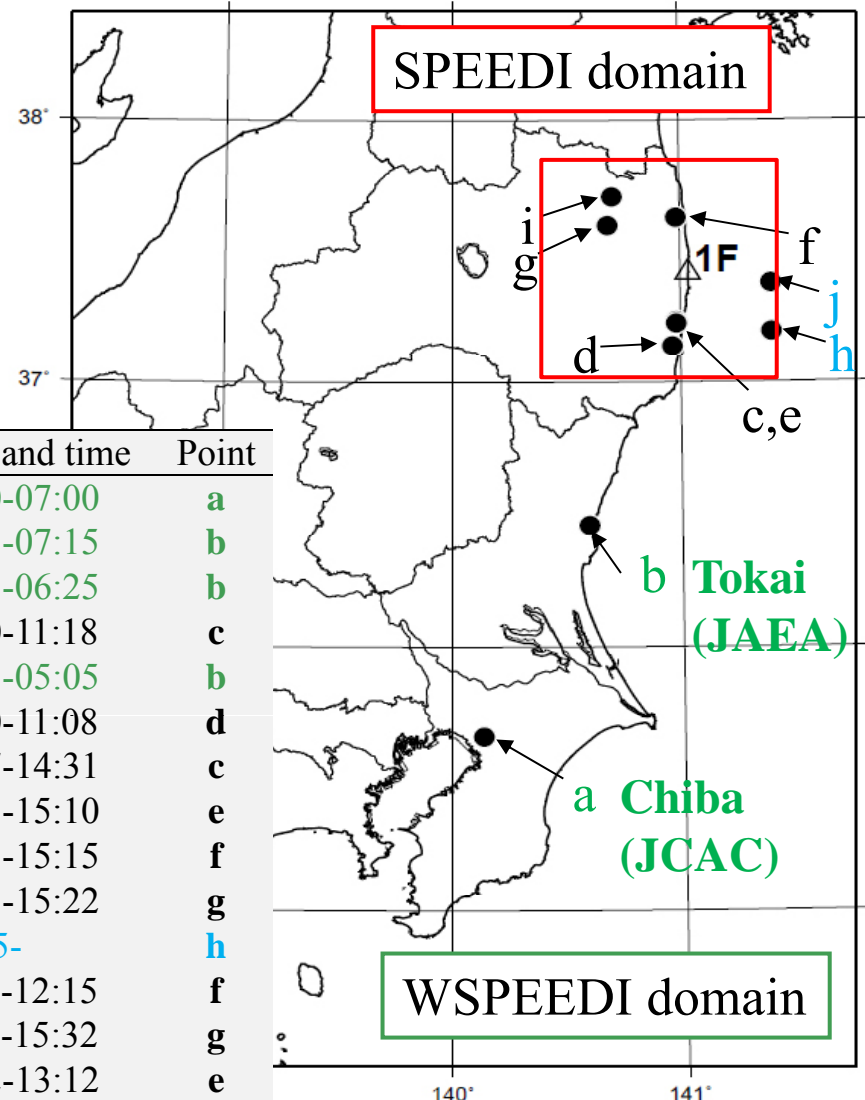
Method and data for source term estimation

Simple source estimation method



[Preliminary estimation]
(M. Chino, et al., 2011:
JNST, 48,1129–1134)

No.	Sampling date and time	Point
1	2011/3/15 06:00-07:00	a
2	2011/3/15 06:55-07:15	b
3	2011/3/16 06:05-06:25	b
4	2011/3/18 10:50-11:18	c
5	2011/3/21 04:45-05:05	b
6	2011/3/21 10:50-11:08	d
7	2011/3/22 14:17-14:31	c
8	2011/3/23 13:15-15:10	e
9	2011/3/24 14:55-15:15	f
10	2011/3/25 15:05-15:22	g
11	2011/3/27 11:45-	h
12	2011/3/29 11:17-12:15	f
13	2011/3/30 15:11-15:32	g
14	2011/3/31 12:22-13:12	e
15	2011/4/1 12:00-12:20	i
16	2011/4/3 11:04-	j
17	2011/4/5 13:07-13:27	f



(M. Chino, et al., 2011: JNST, 48,1129–1134)

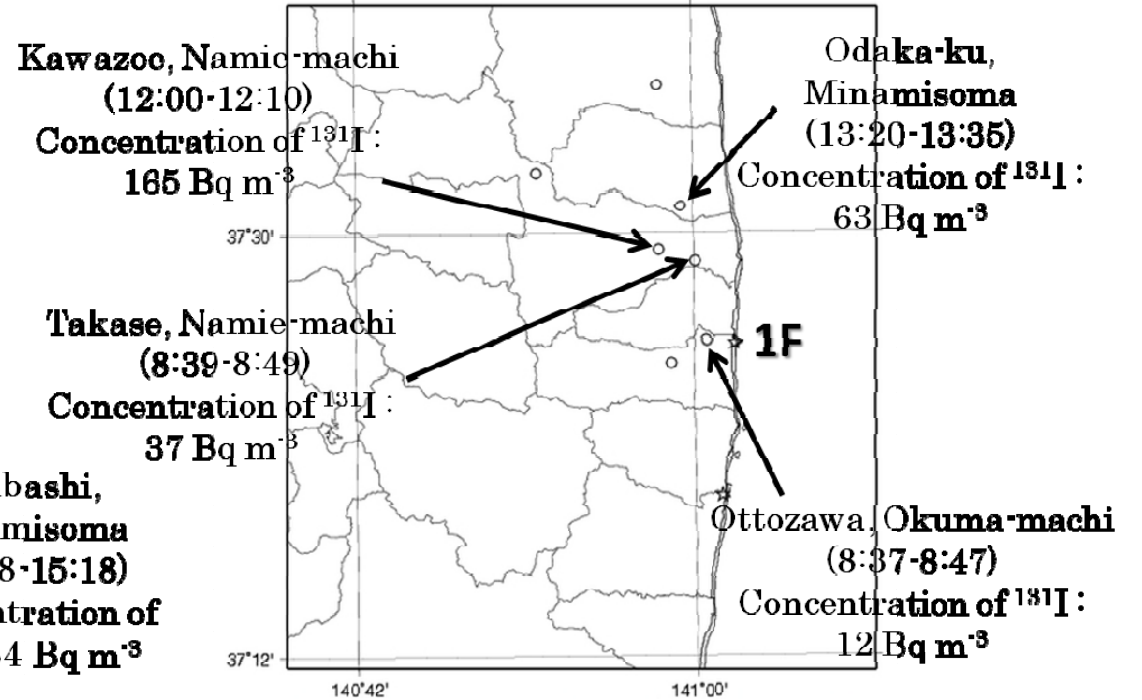
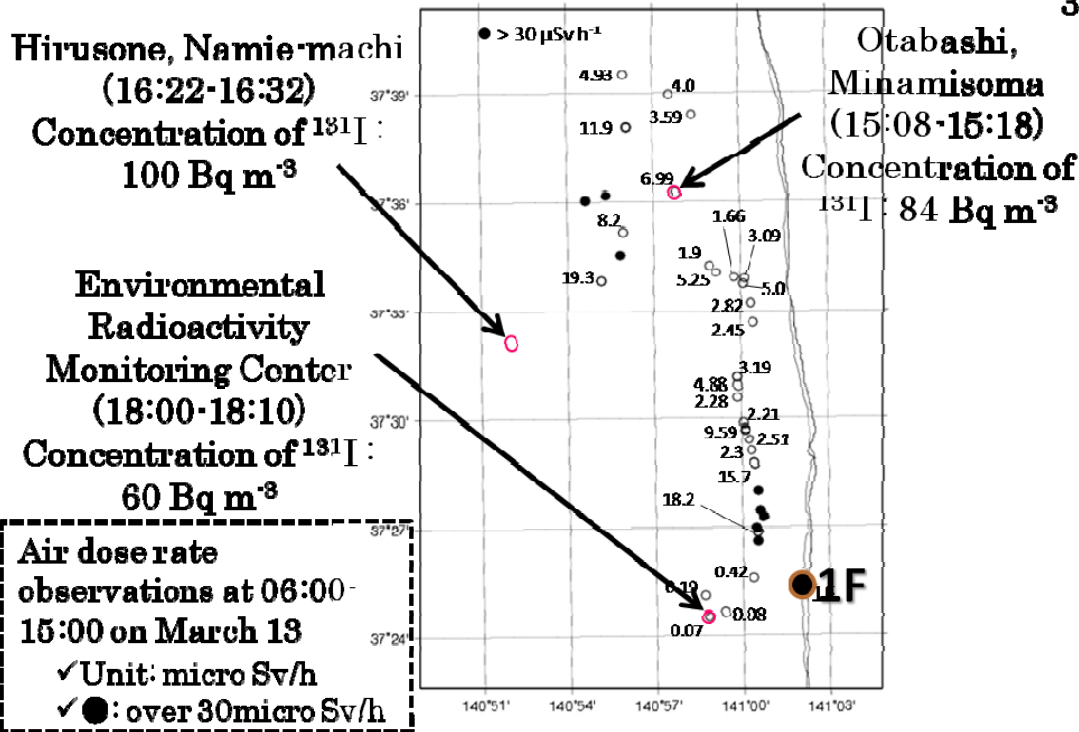


Method and data for source term estimation

[Re-estimation]

Release rate from 12 to 15 March by using newly released data (Report to NSC on 22 Aug.)

Environmental monitoring points used for the estimation of release rates on March 13

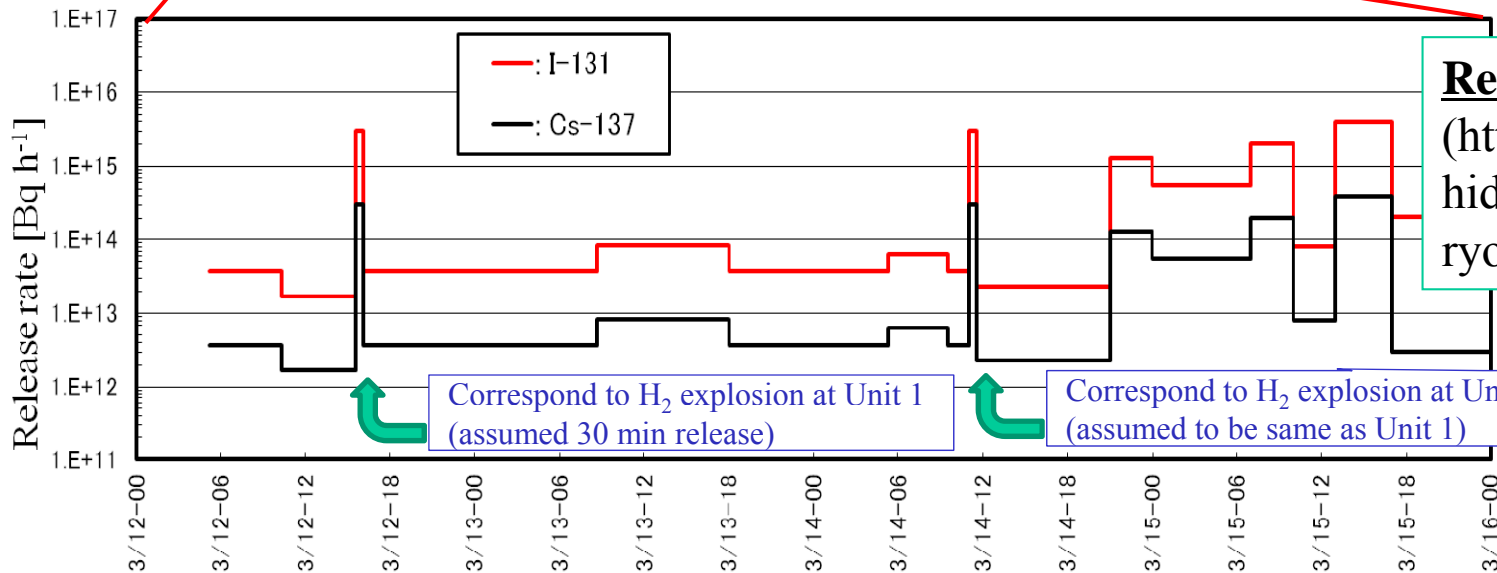
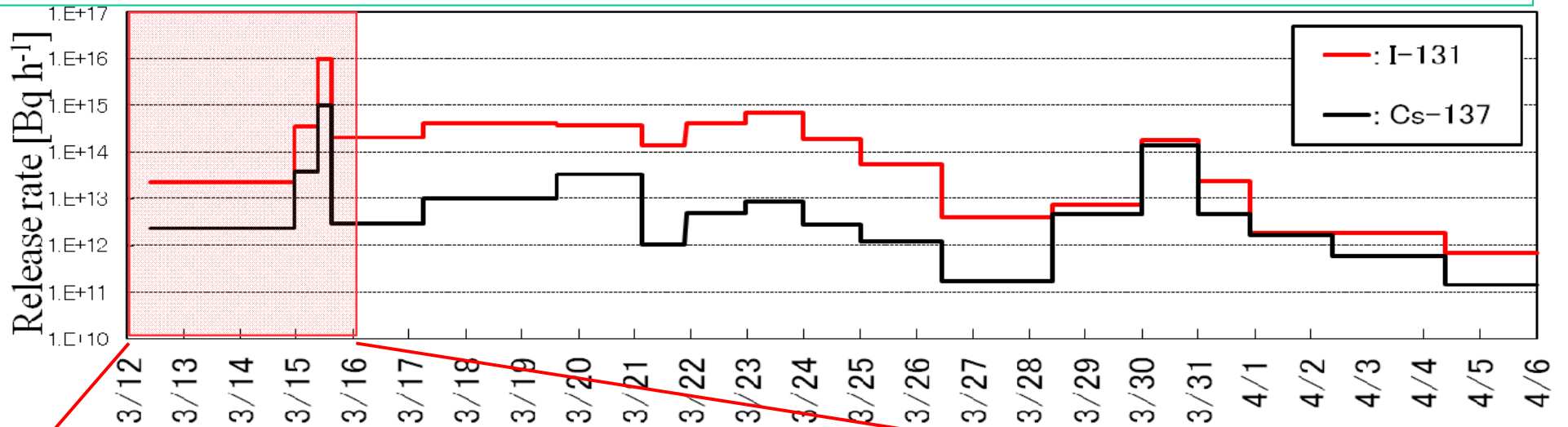


Environmental monitoring points used for the estimation of release rates on March 12



Preliminary and re-estimated results

Preliminary estimated release rates of ^{131}I & ^{137}Cs (M. Chino, et al., 2011: JNST, 48,1129–1134)
 - Total release amount from 11 March to 5 April ^{131}I : 1.5×10^{17} Bq ^{137}Cs : 1.2×10^{16} Bq



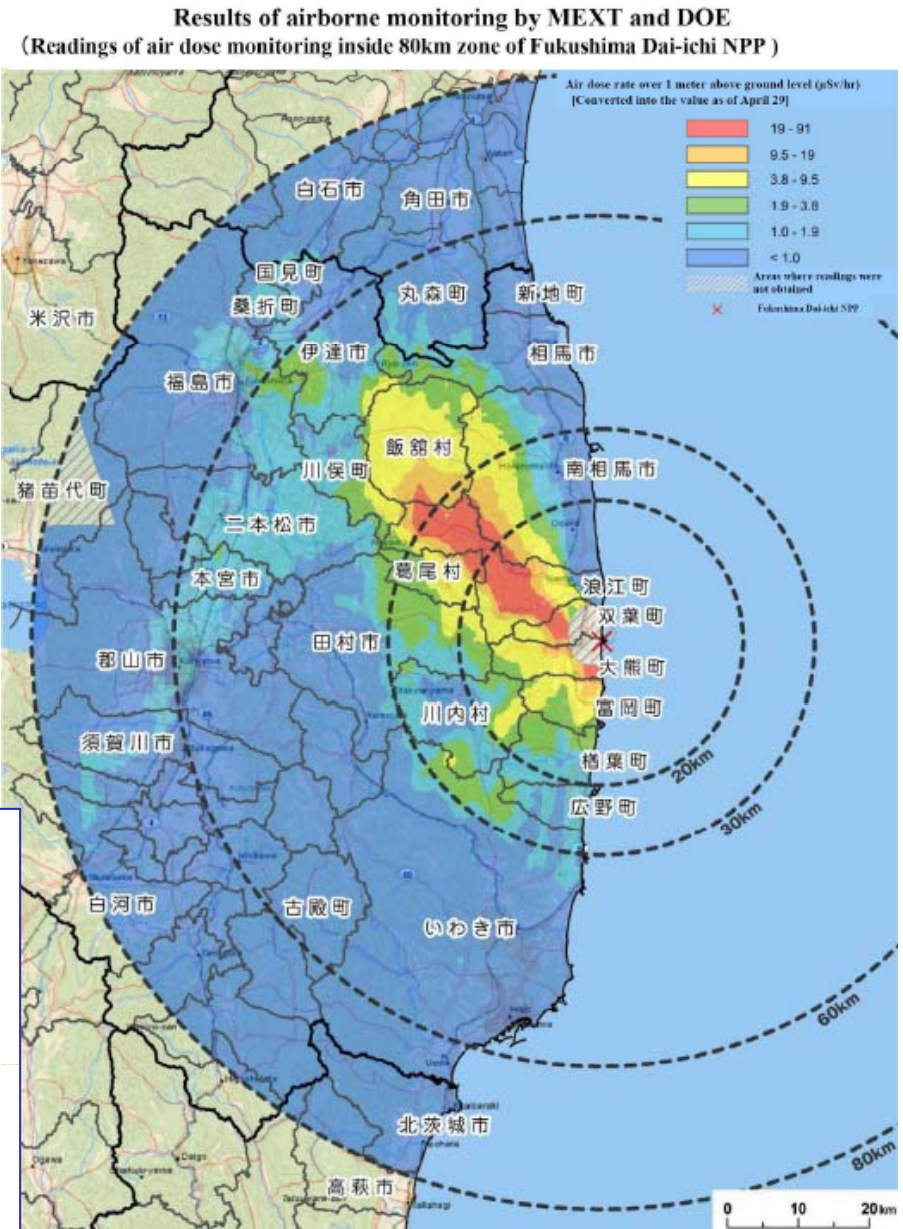
Re-estimated release rates
 (<http://www.nsc.go.jp/anzen/s hidai/genan2011/genan063/si ryo5.pdf>)

Correspond to H₂ explosion at Unit 1 (assumed 30 min release)

Correspond to H₂ explosion at Unit 3 (assumed to be same as Unit 1)

Formation process of high dose rate zone

- Analysis on the formation process of high dose rate zone in the northwest direction of the plant and the middle part of Fukushima Prefecture
- Numerical simulations of the atmospheric dispersion of radioactive materials discharged from the plant during the period from 15 to 16 March



Results of airborne monitoring by MEXT and DOE

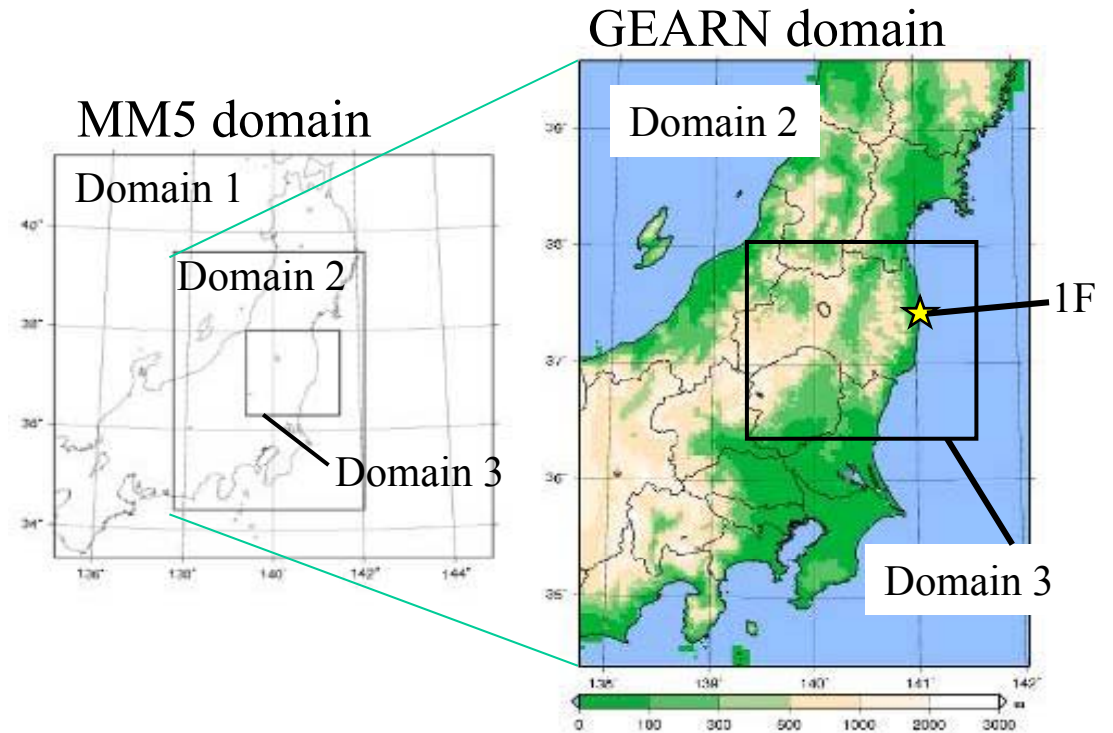
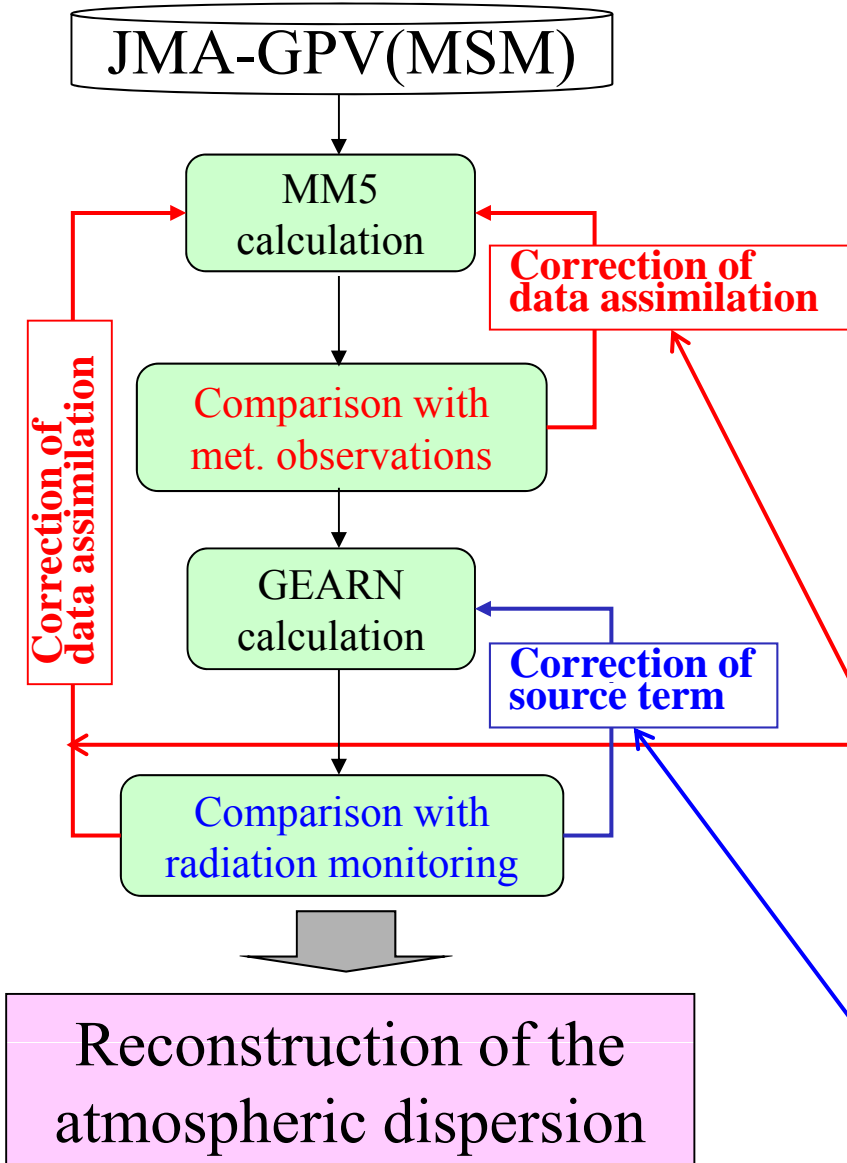
Report of Japanese Government to the IAEA

Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety

- The Accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations -

(http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/kan/topics/201106/iaea_houkokusho_e.html)

Calculation conditions



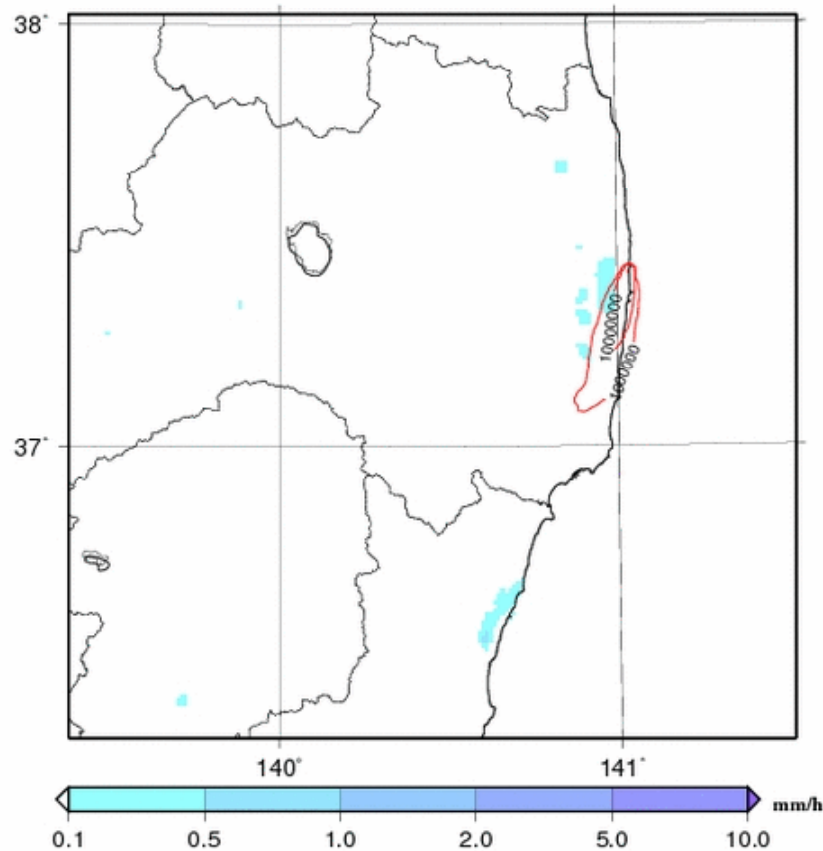
- Analysis and observational nudging: AMeDAS data, Wind data at 1F and 2F
- 3 domain nest: 9 km (D1), 3 km (D2), 1 km (D3)
- Period: 17JST on 14 to 00JST on 17 March 2011
- Radionuclide: ^{131}I , ^{132}Te (+ ^{132}I), ^{134}Cs , ^{137}Cs
- Release rate: Correct the initial condition based on Chino et al. (2011) to fit monitoring data

Calculated concentration and rain

Rain intensity: shaded area

Vertical accumulated conc.: red contours

Air concentration of I-131 and rain at UTC= 2011-03-15_00h

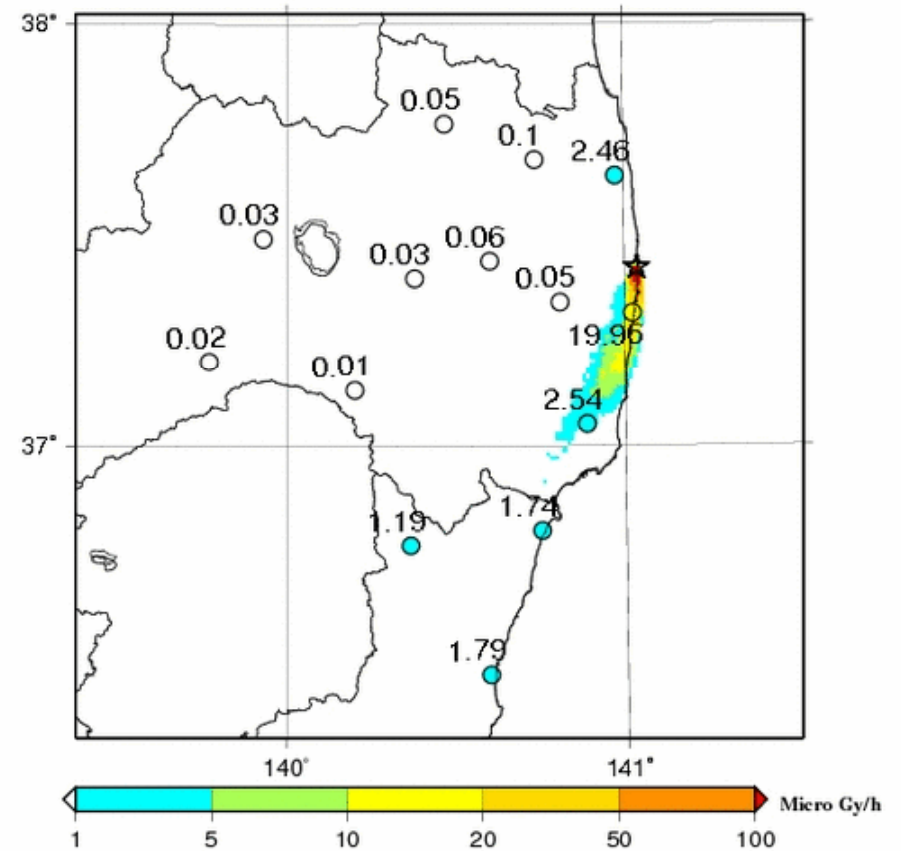


Air dose rate

Calculation: shaded area

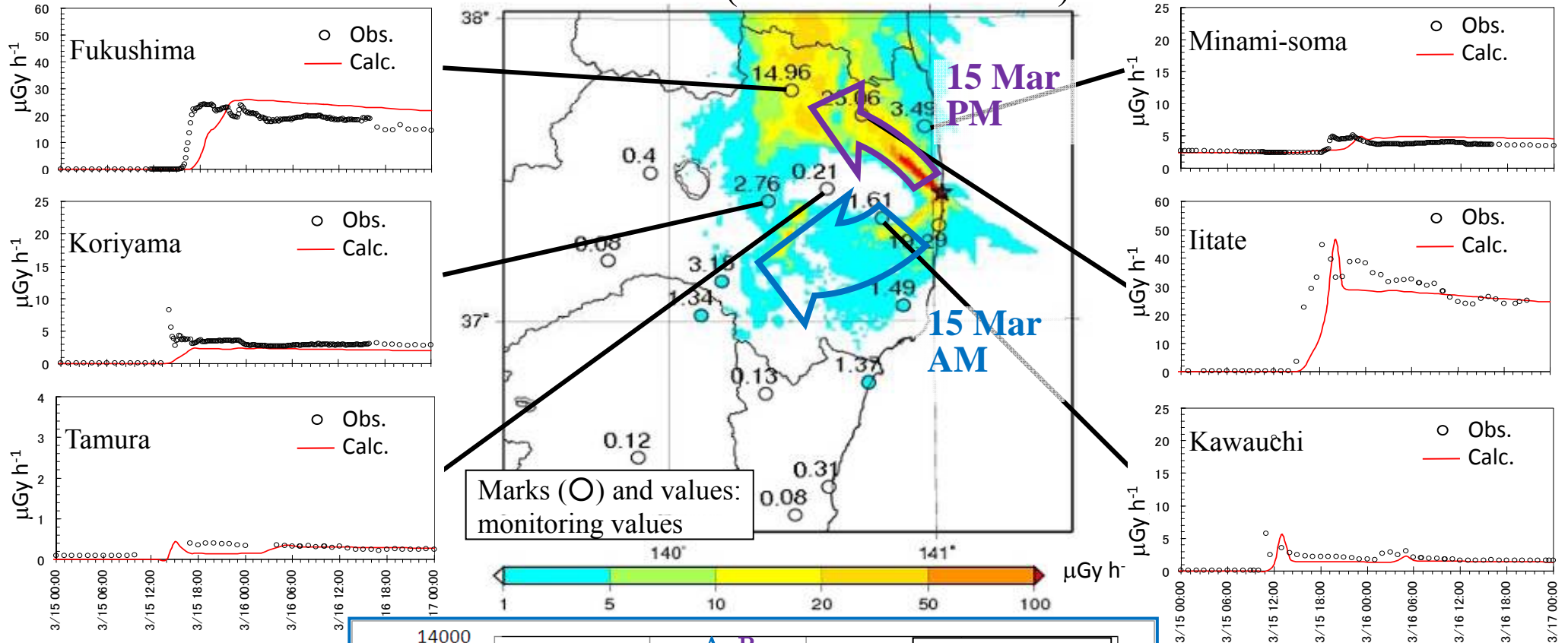
Monitoring: plot with values

Air dose rate at UTC= 2011-03-15_00h



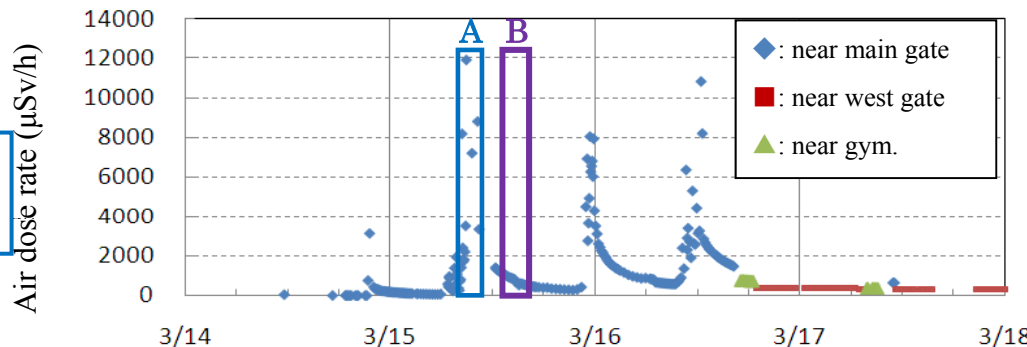
Formation process of high dose rate zone

Air dose rate (21JST on 16 March)



Marks (O) and values: monitoring values

Air dose rate at the Fukushima Daiichi NPP



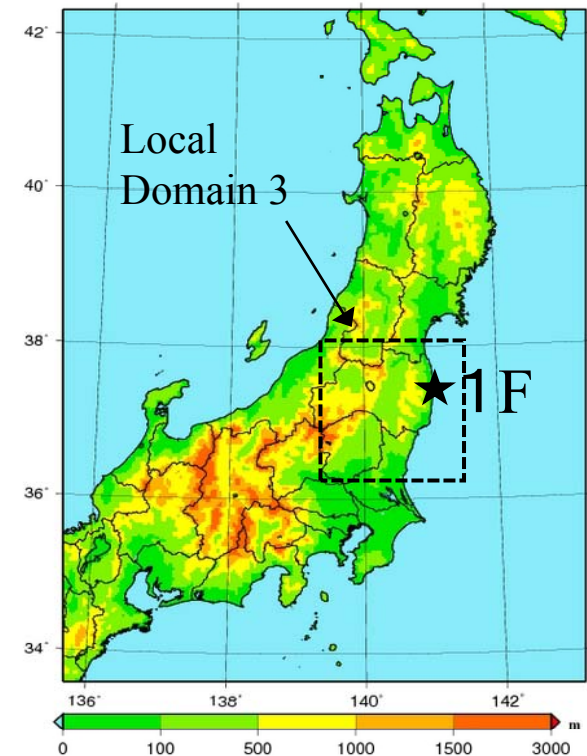
Rapid pressure decrease in Unit 2
Period A: 7 to 11 JST on 15 Mar.
Period B: 13 to 15 JST on 15 Mar.

Deposition of ^{137}Cs over eastern Japan

- Domain: (Horizontal) 690 km × 960 km
(vertical) 10 km
- Resolution: 3 km grid
- Period: 05JST on 12 March to 24JST on 30 April 2011
- Input meteorological data
 - JMA-GPV(MSM): 3 h interval
 - AMeDAS data, Wind data at 1F and 2F
- Release rate
 - Chino et al.(2011) + re-estimated source term
 - Assume that the release rate on 5 April continue until the end of calculation period



Validation of the estimated source term

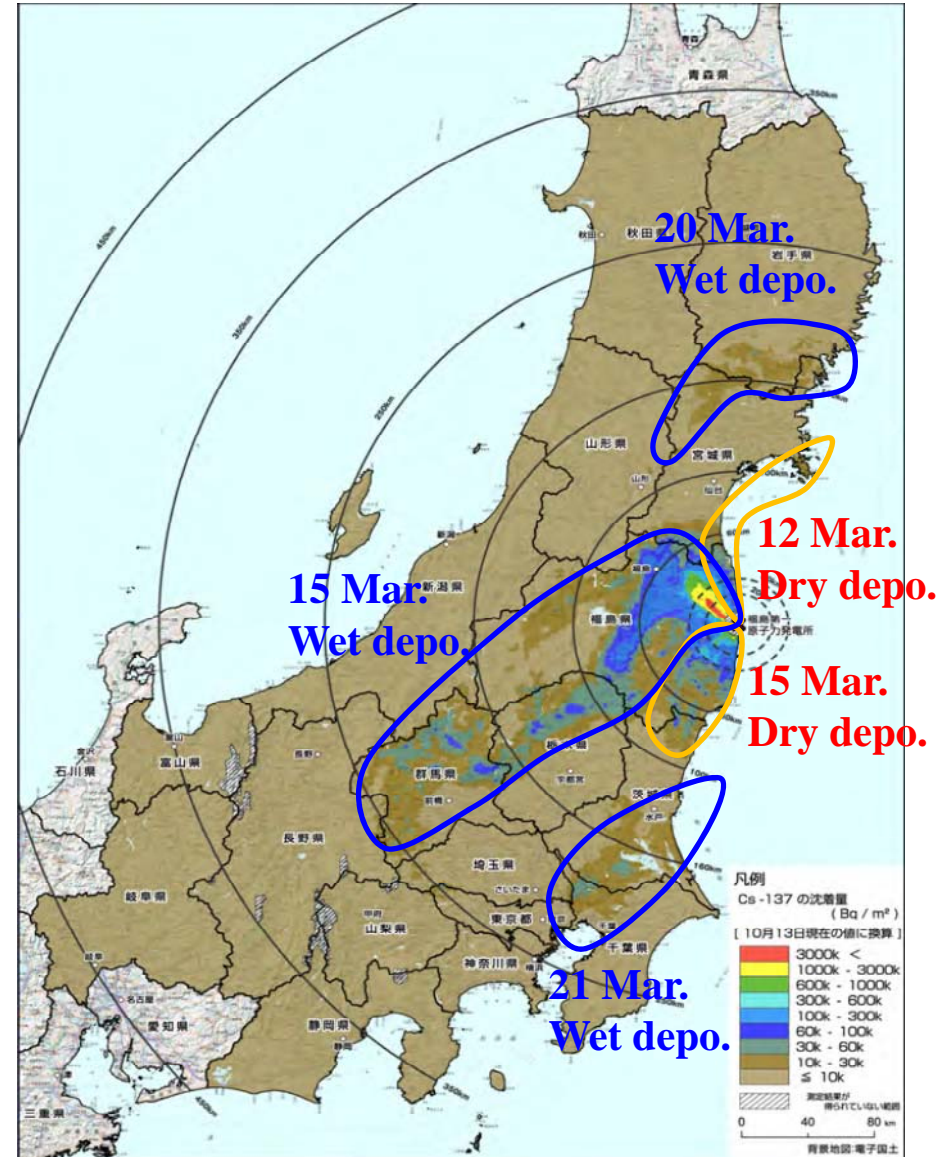
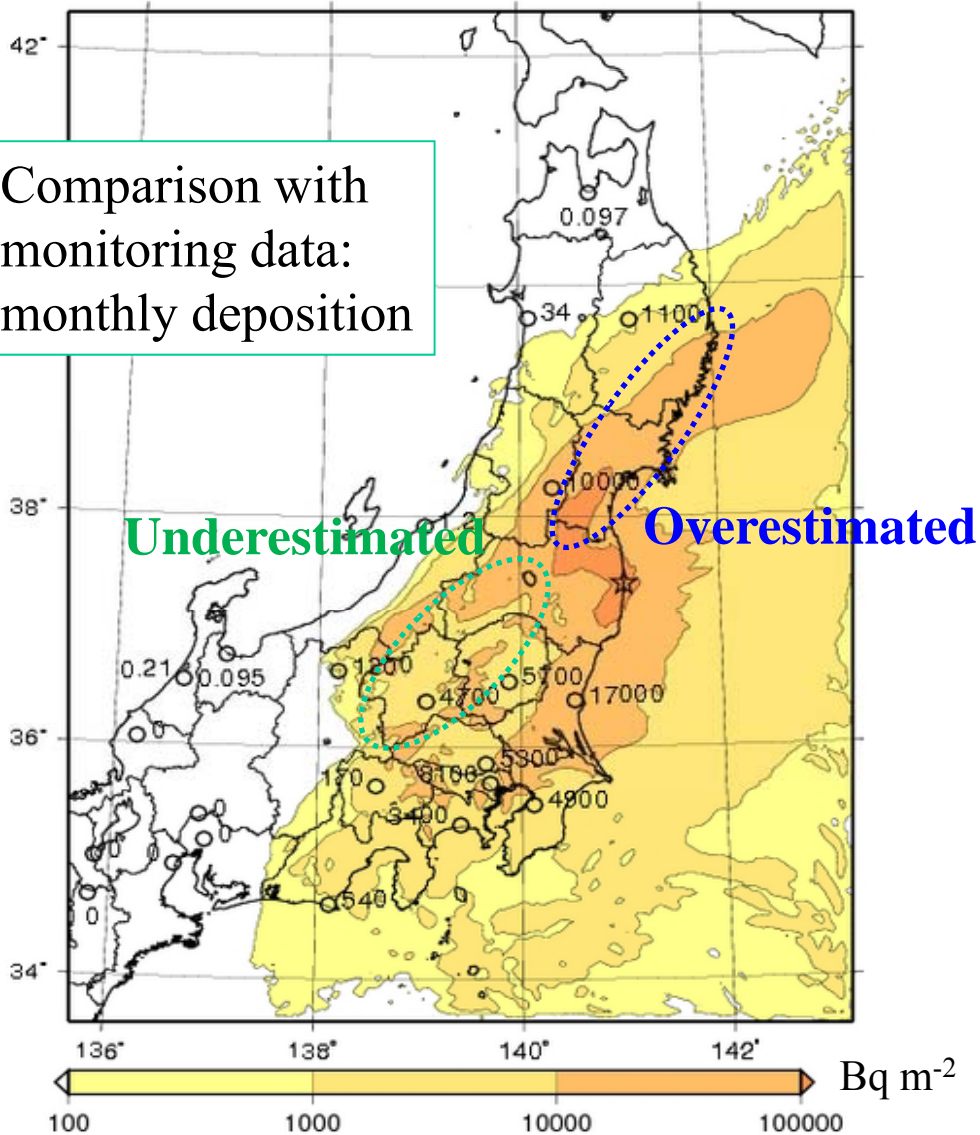


Formation process of ¹³⁷Cs deposition

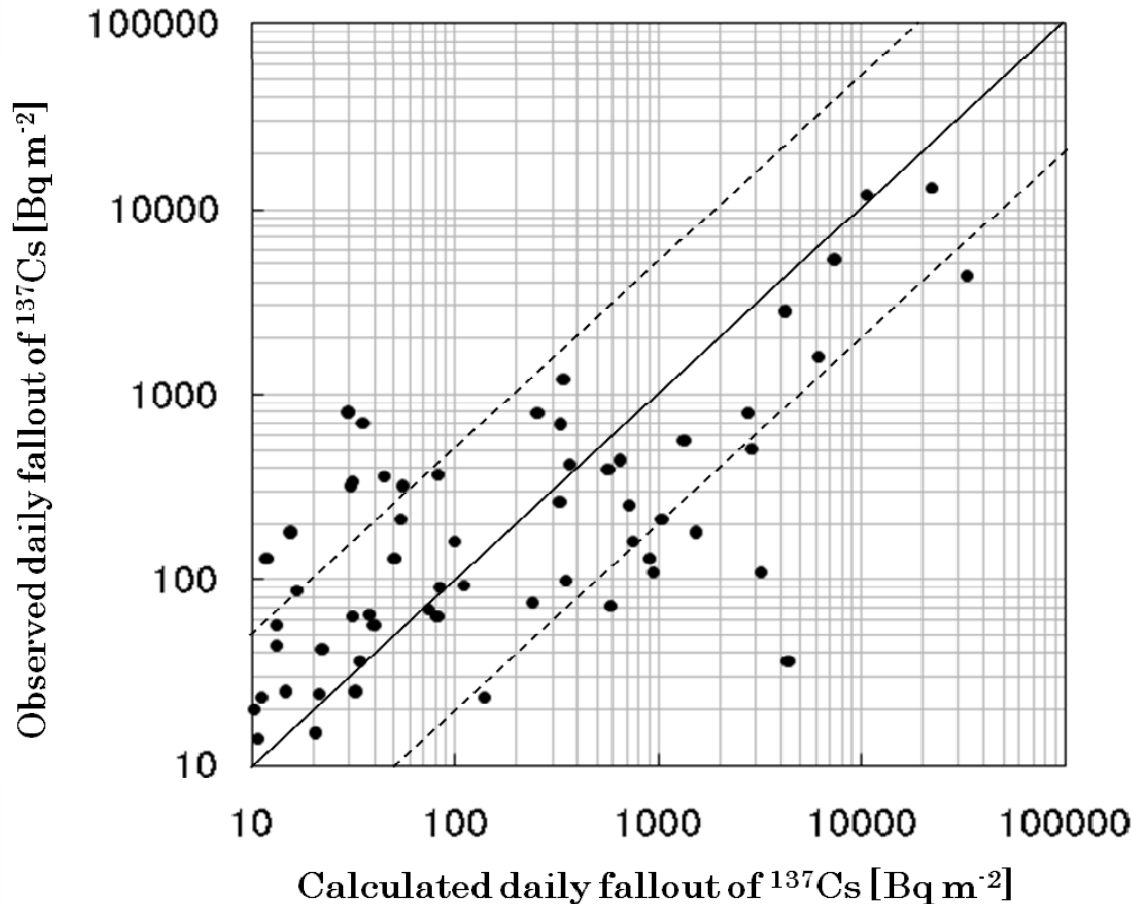
Deposition until the end of March

Airborne monitoring of ¹³⁷Cs deposition by MEXT

Comparison with monitoring data: monthly deposition



^{137}Cs daily deposition

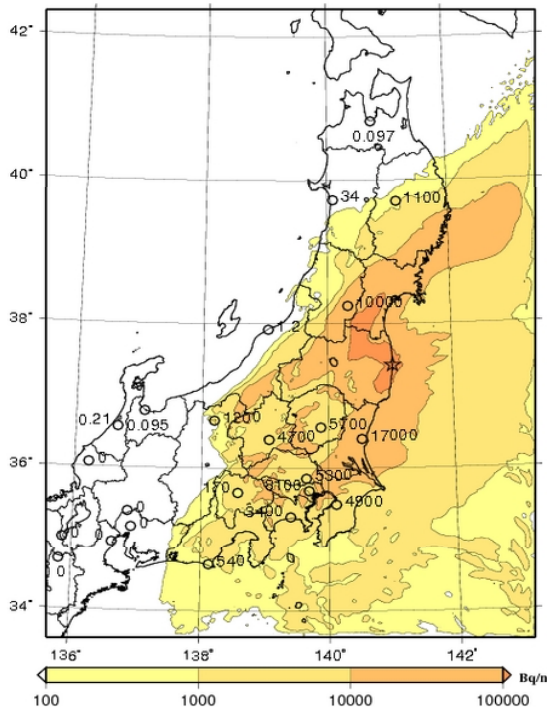


Factor 2	39.0 %
Factor 5	69.5 %
Factor 10	86.4 %
Correlation coefficient	0.72

This result indicates the validity of estimated source term.

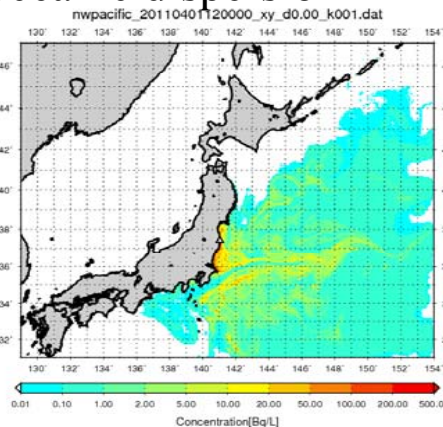
Activities during the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident

- Source term estimation by coupling environmental monitoring data with atmospheric dispersion simulations by *SPEEDI/ WSPEEDI*
- Prediction of air concentration, deposition and radiological doses by *WSPEEDI*
 - ➔ provided to the Japanese government, local authorities, etc.
- In present, prediction of oceanic dispersion by coupling oceanic dispersion model with *WSPEEDI* to consider the fallout to sea surface



(Left) Predicted deposition of ^{137}Cs until 31 March

(Below) Example of predicted oceanic dispersion



Future work

- **Coupling of atmospheric, oceanic and terrestrial transport models**
- **Dose evaluation modeling in contaminated circumstances**

