

TROPICAL CYCLONE GENESIS

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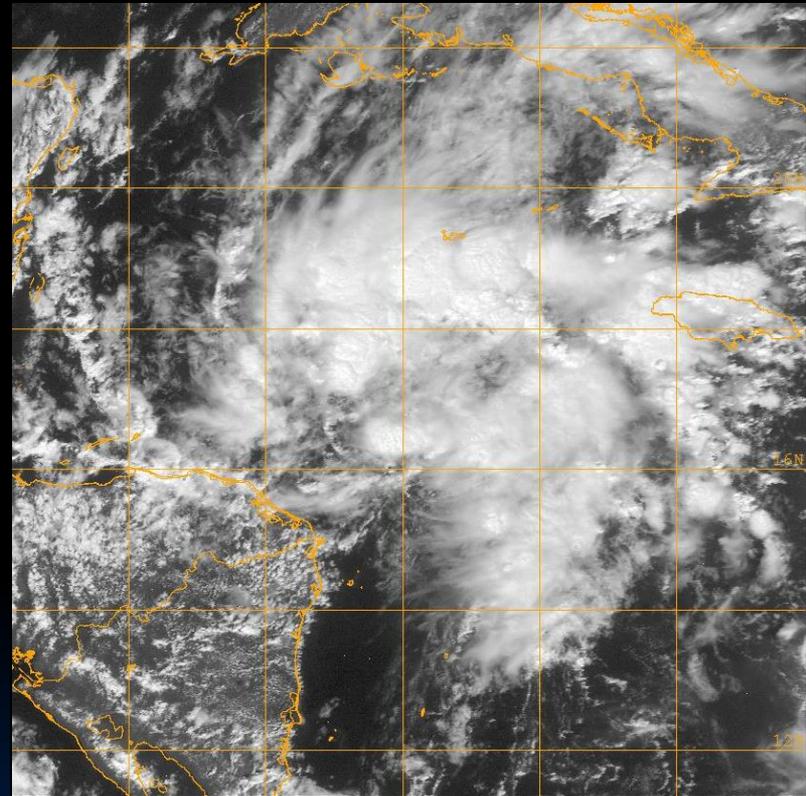
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- Climatology
- Large-scale conditions associated with tropical cyclone (TC) formation
- Relation to ENSO, intraseasonal variability
- Theories of genesis
- Meso-scale aspects of genesis
- TC genesis in global models
- Web sites of genesis parameters
- Operational (NHC) genesis forecasting
- Forecast exercise

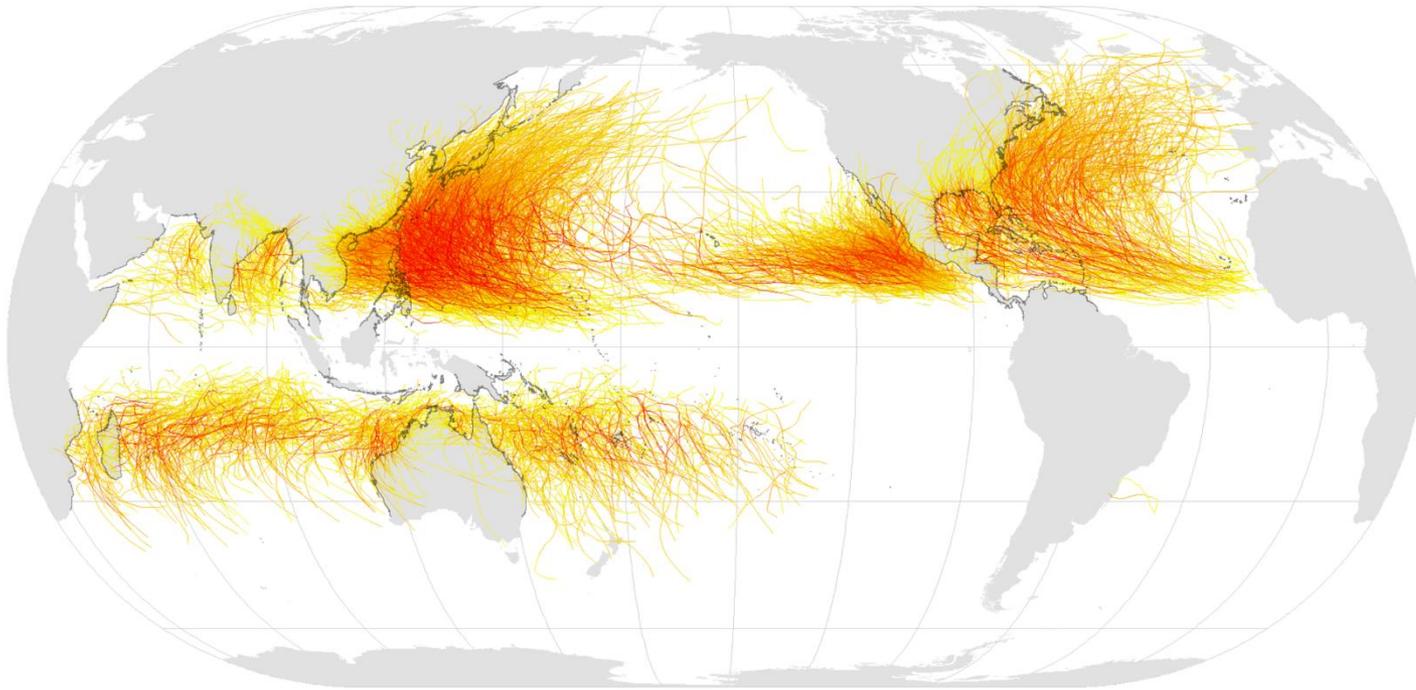
WMO Definition of a Tropical Cyclone:

“A warm-core, non-frontal synoptic-scale cyclone, originating over tropical or subtropical waters, with organized deep convection and closed surface wind circulation about a well-defined center.”



Principal Areas of Tropical Cyclone Formation

Tropical Cyclones, 1945–2006



Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale:

tropical
depression

tropical
storm

hurricane
category 1

hurricane
category 2

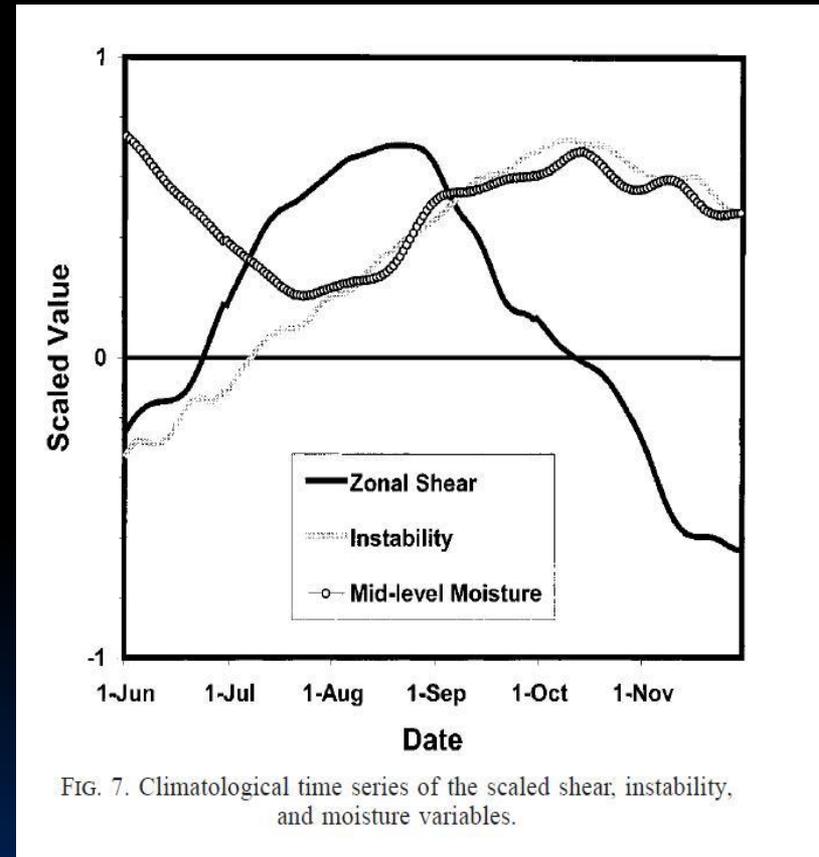
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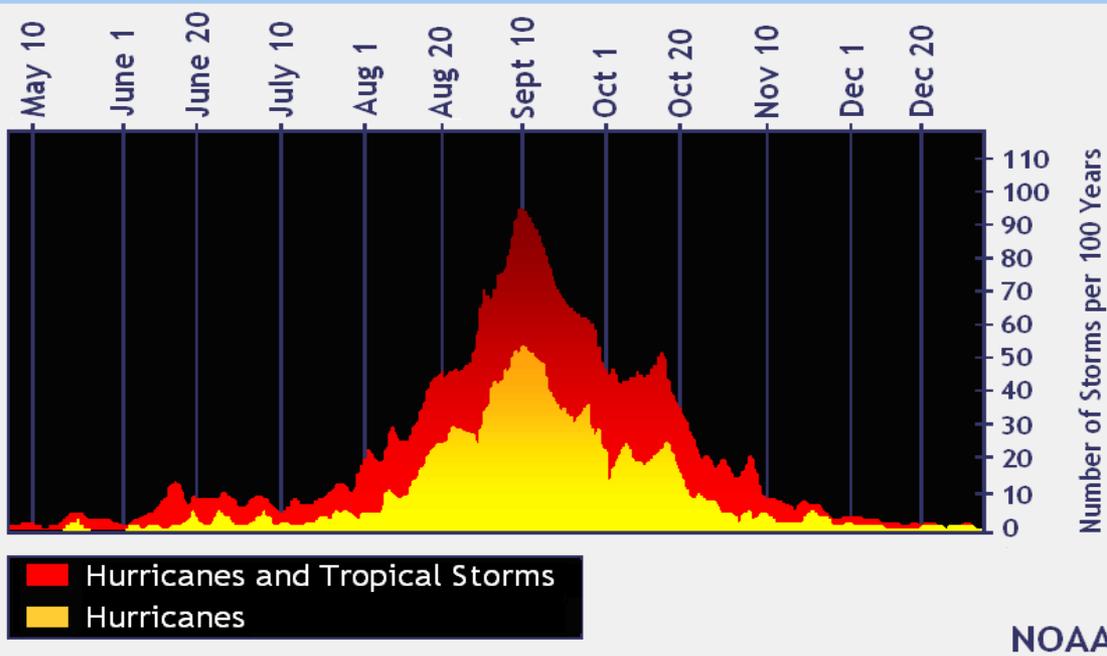
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Factors Governing the Climatology of Tropical Cyclone Formation in the Atlantic Basin

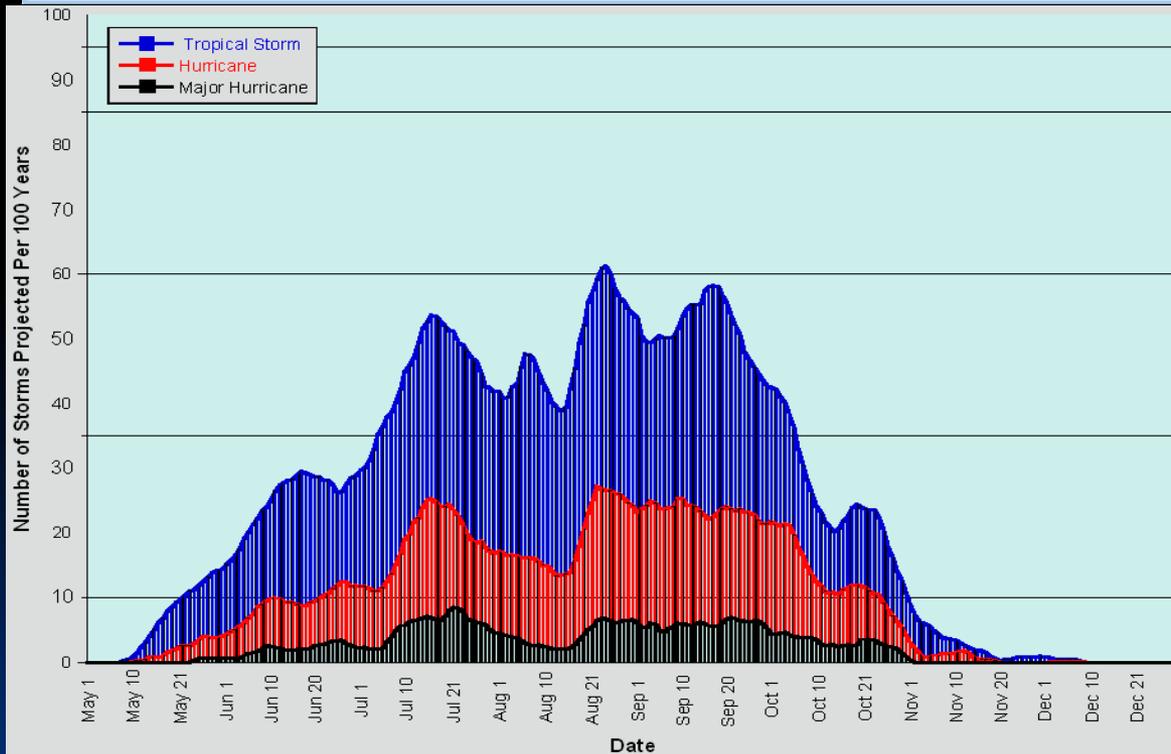
- In the long-term mean, typically, there is a lag between the occurrence of the most favorable thermodynamic conditions (in terms of static stability) and the most favorable dynamical conditions (in terms of vertical wind shear).
- The atmosphere tends to be more unstable later in the season.
- The vertical shear tends to be weaker earlier in the season.





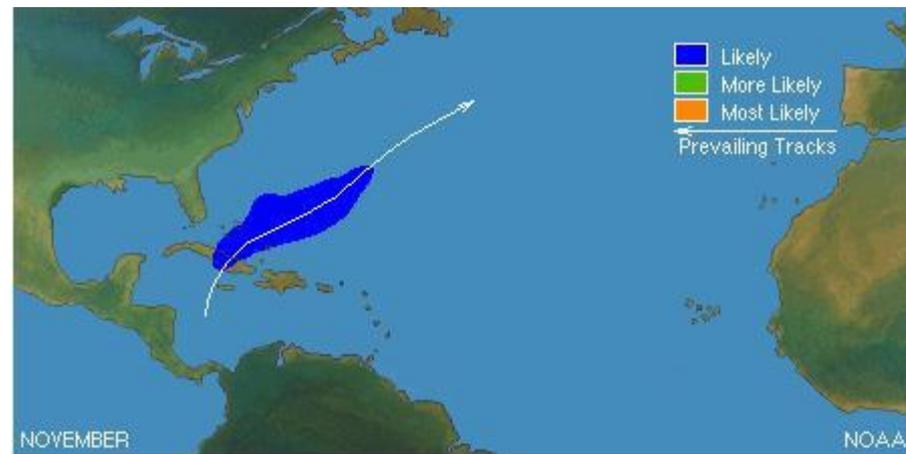
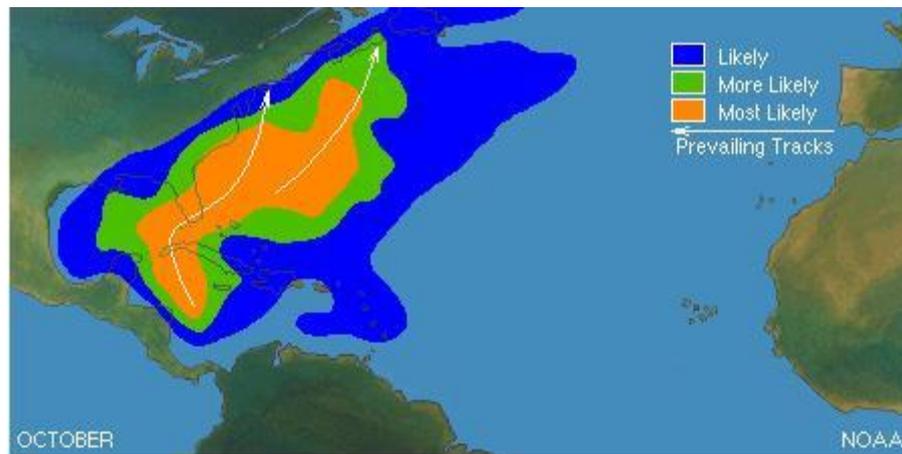
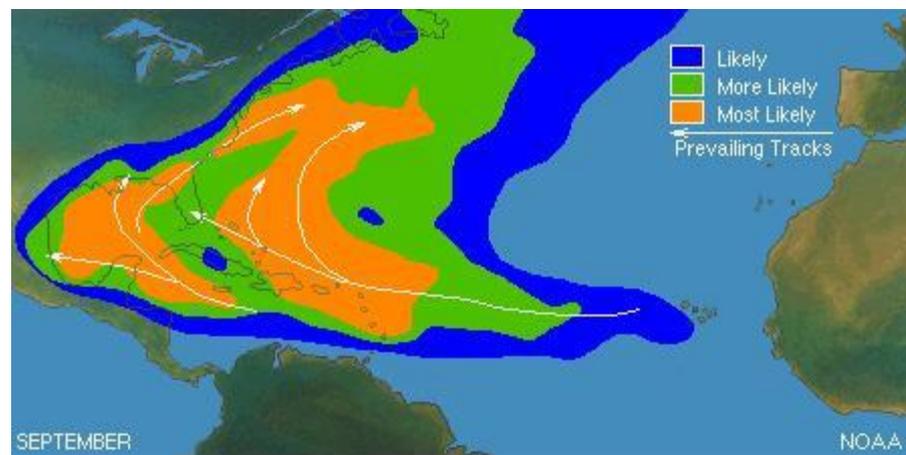
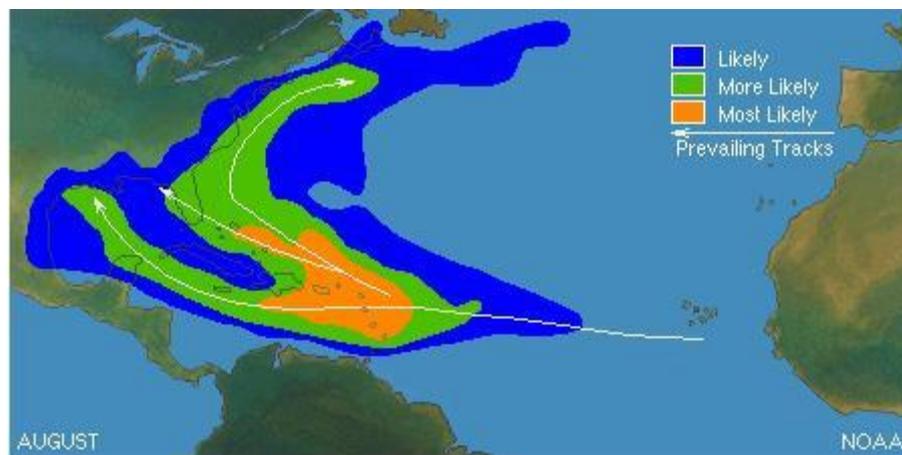
Atlantic

**Highly peaked
with a secondary
peak in mid-
October**



**Eastern North
Pacific**

**Bimodal
distribution**

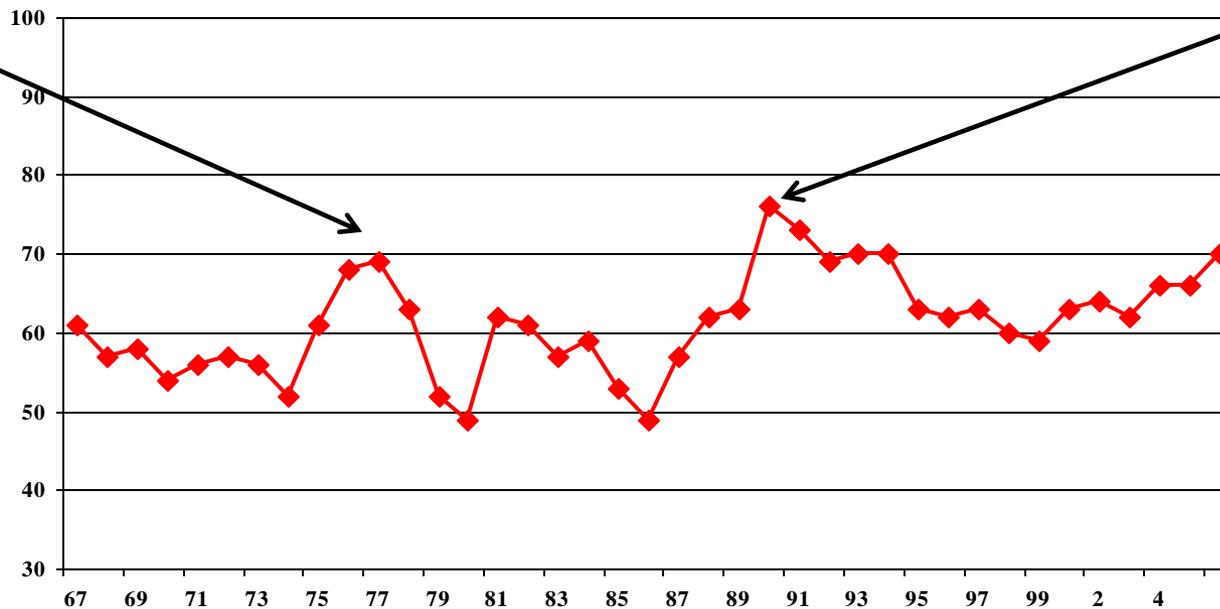


Interannual variability of the frequency of Atlantic tropical waves, 1967-2005

Tropical waves

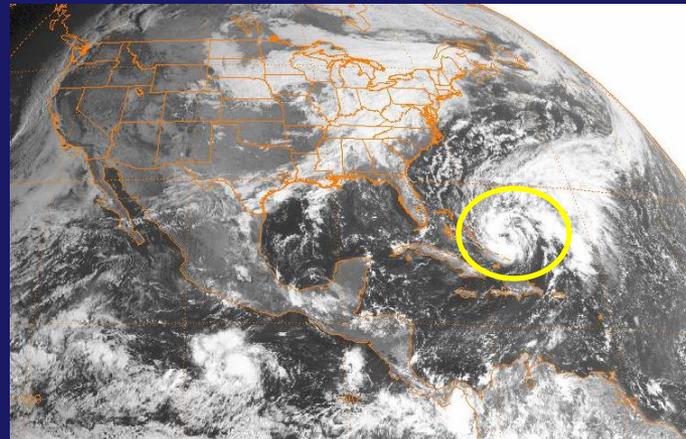
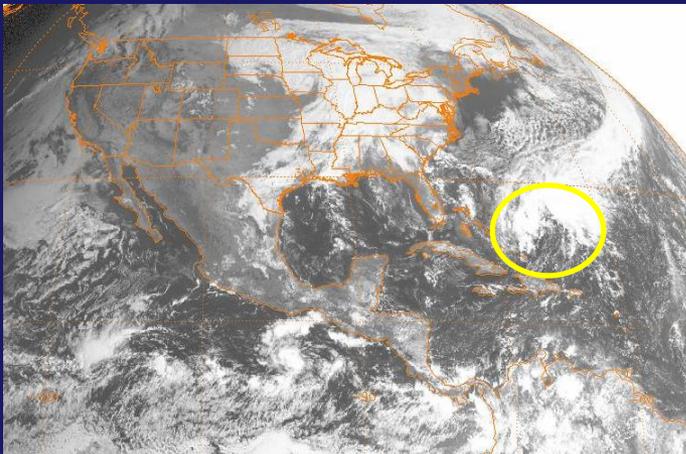
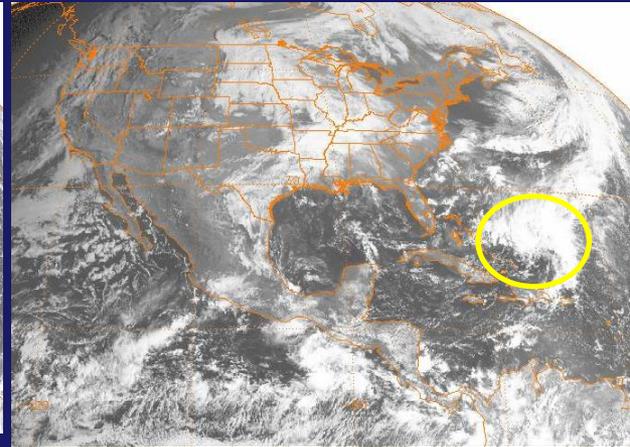
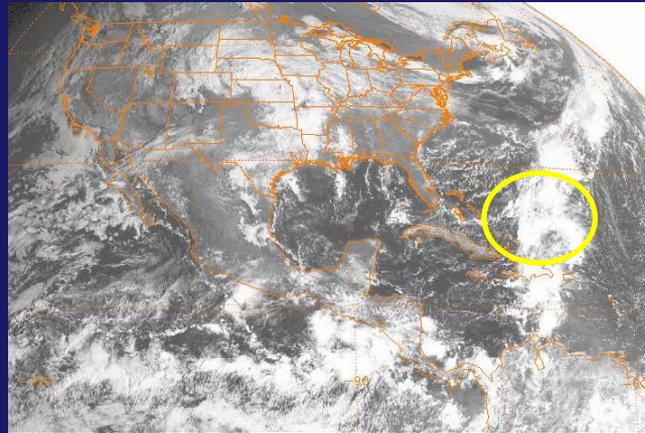
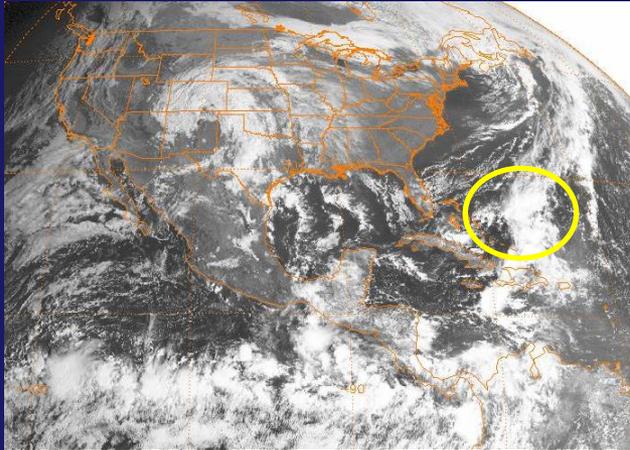
Inactive year

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Note that TC genesis is not a function of the number of available disturbances.

Typical Non-Tropical TC formation in the North Atlantic (fronts, upper-level lows)

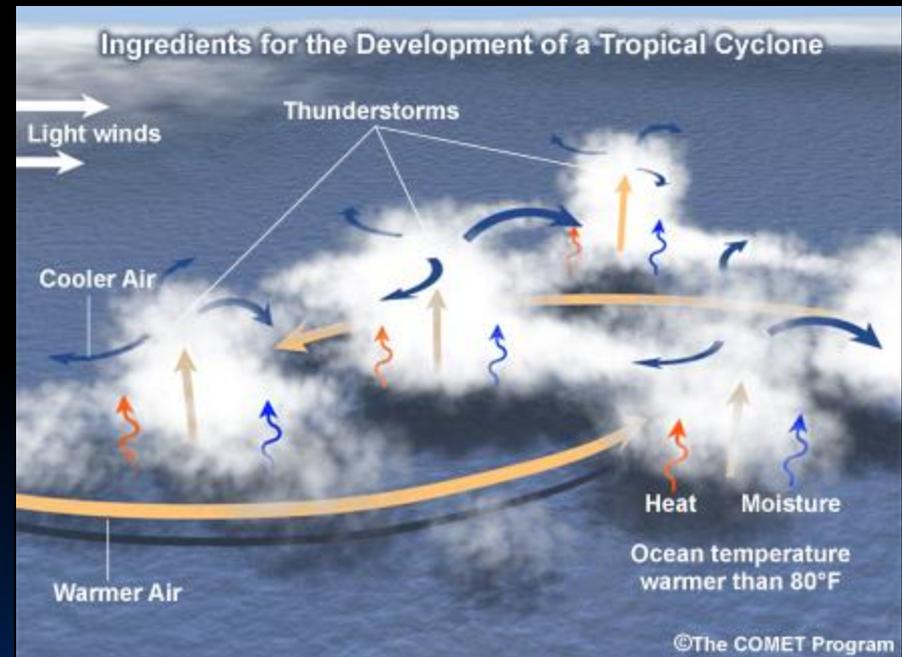


On average, about 25% of Atlantic TCs form from non-tropical sources

Large-Scale Conditions and Other Characteristics Associated with TC Formation

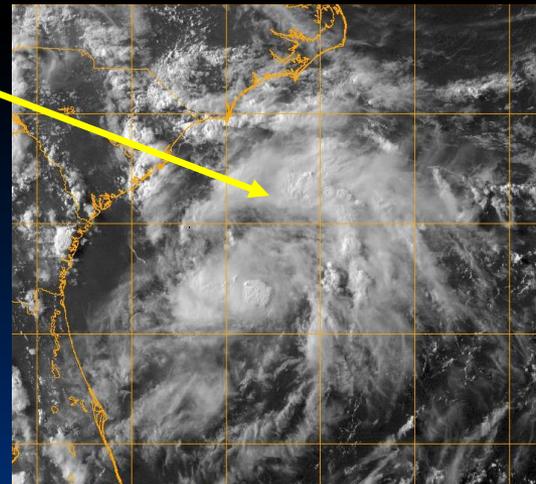
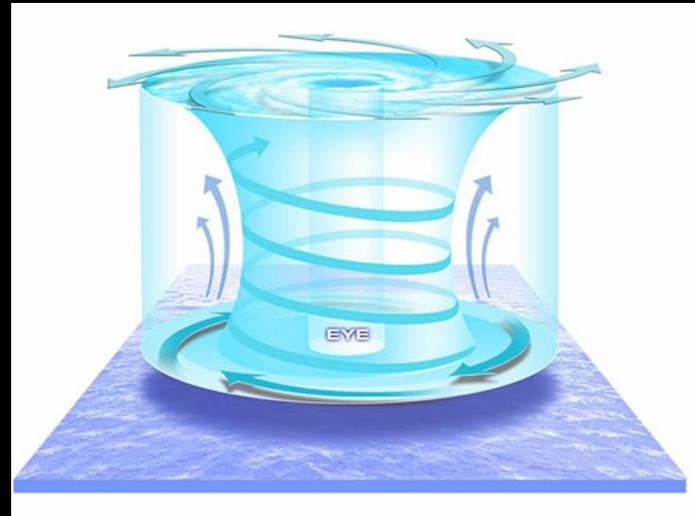
Necessary but not sufficient conditions!

- A pre-existing disturbance containing abundant deep convection
- Latitudes poleward $\sim 5^\circ$
- Adequate ocean thermal energy
 - SST $> 26^\circ\text{C}$ extending to a depth of 60 m
- A “sufficiently” unstable atmosphere & deep layer of moist air
- Small vertical shear of the horizontal wind



Large-Scale Conditions and Other Characteristics Associated with TC Formation (cont'd)

- Upper-tropospheric anticyclonic outflow over the area
- Enhanced lower tropospheric relative vorticity
- Appearance of curved banding features in the deep convection
- Falling surface pressure: **24-hour** pressure changes (falls) of usually **3 mb** or more



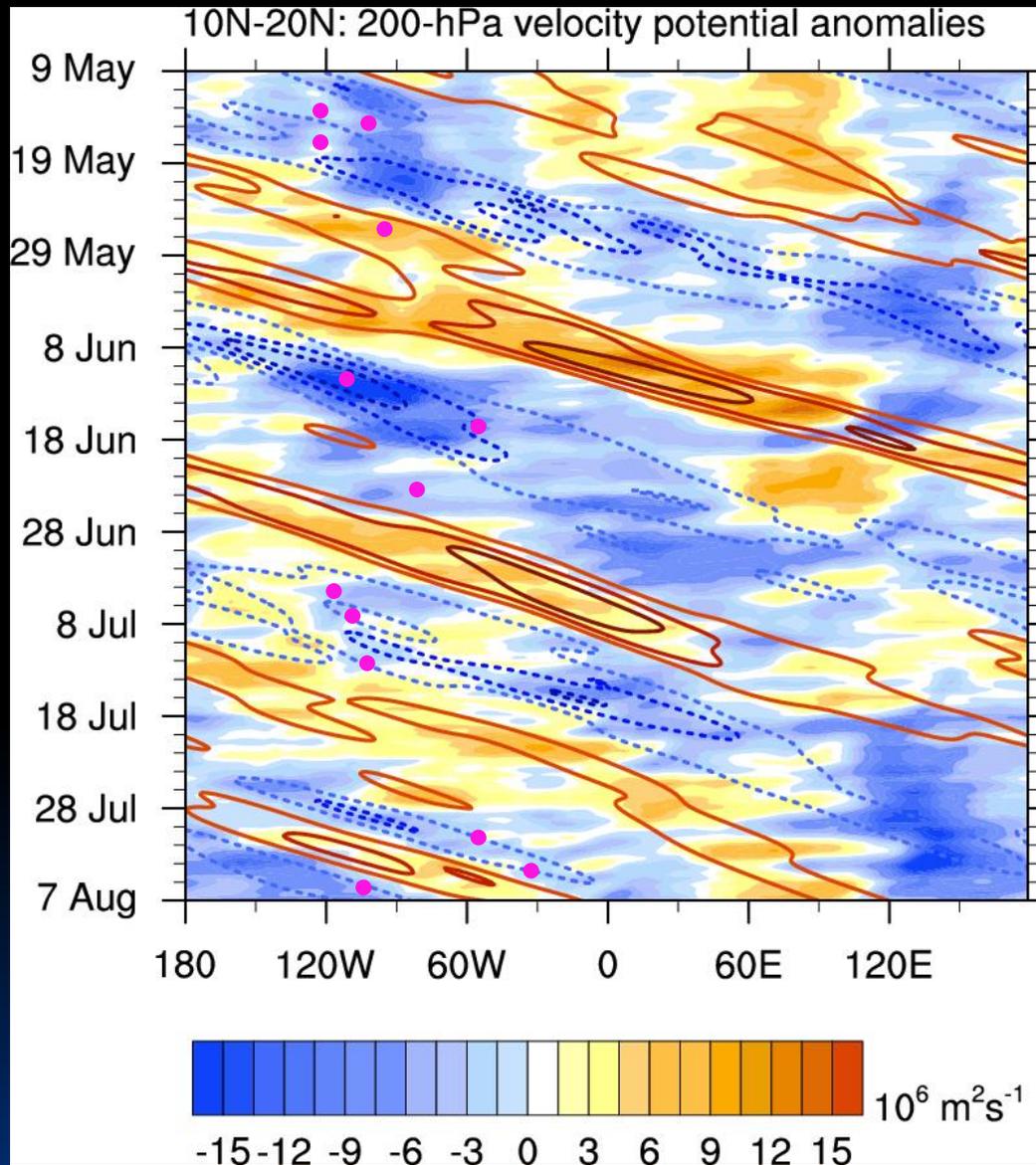
“We observe universally that tropical storms form only within pre-existing disturbances...An initial disturbance therefore forms part of the starting mechanism. A weak circulation, low pressure and a deep moist layer are present at the beginning. The forecaster need not look into areas which contain no such circulations.”

Herbert Riehl (1954)

Important Intraseasonal Predictors for 5-Day Genesis Forecasts

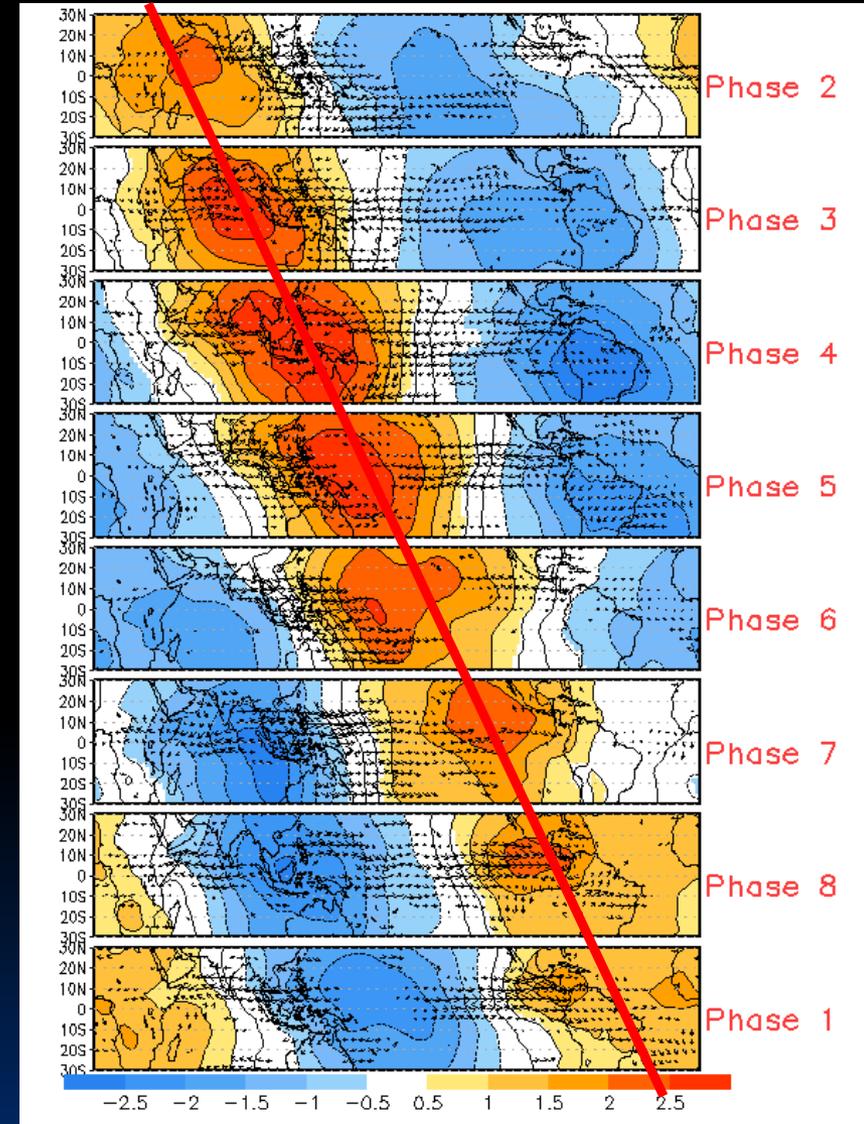
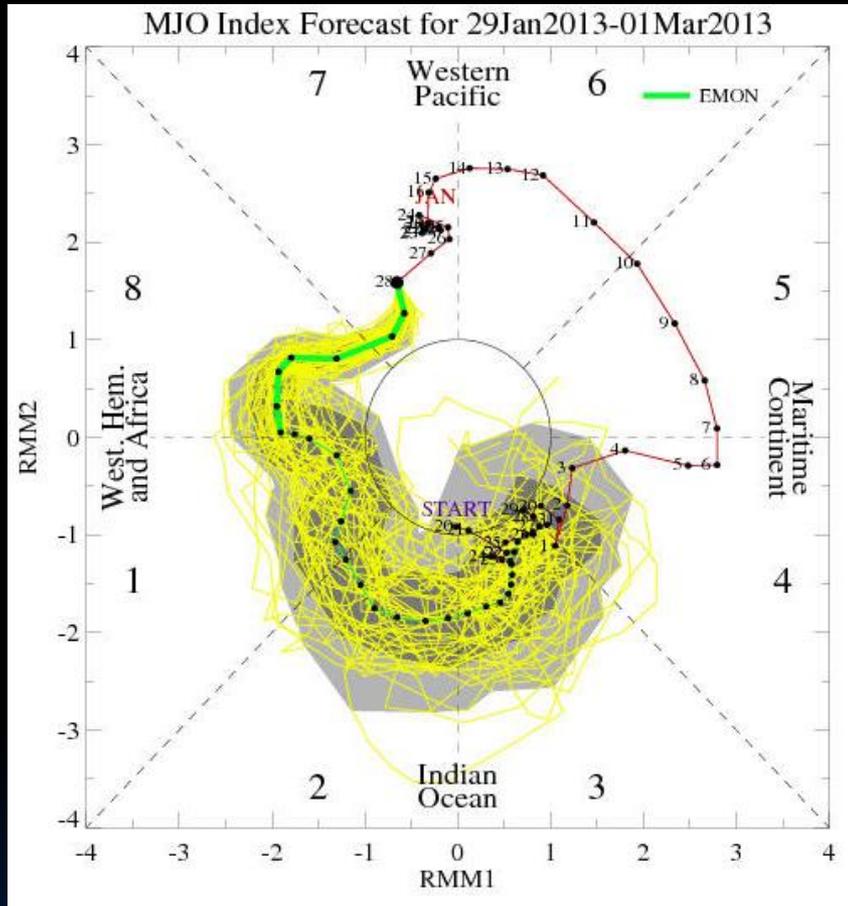
Blue—favorable upper-level conditions (lower shear and more unstable)

Magenta dots are TC genesis points in early 2012



Diagnostic tools involving the MJO and other intraseasonal oscillations are becoming increasingly important but are still used qualitatively

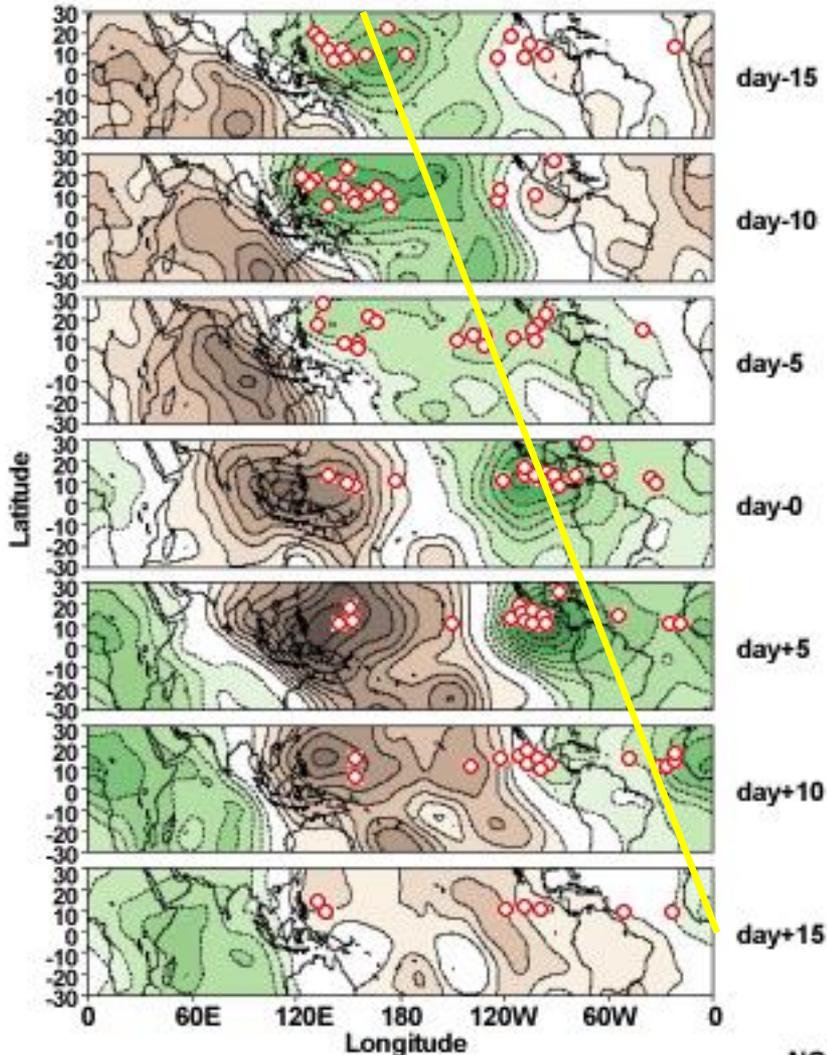
A Tool for Tracking and Forecasting the MJO



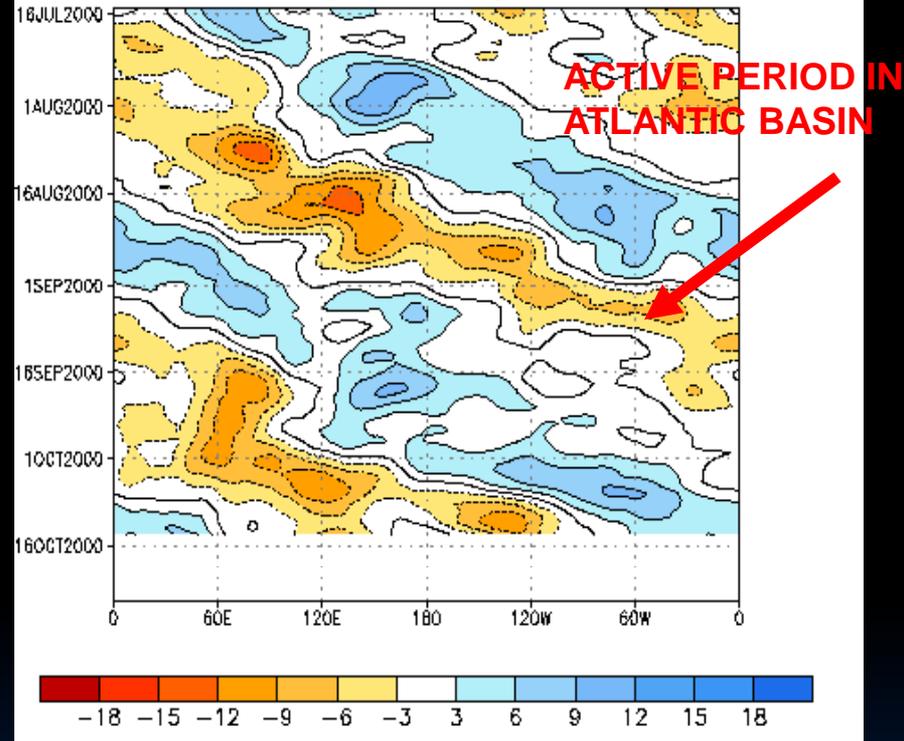
- Conceptual model showing idealized phases of MJO progression
- Phases 8 through 3 most active phases for the Atlantic

MADDEN-JULIAN OSCILLATION: RELATED TO INTRASEASONAL VARIABILITY IN TC ACTIVITY?

Composite evolution of 200hPa velocity potential anomalies ($10^5 \times \text{m}^2/\text{s}$) and points of origin of tropical systems that developed into hurricanes/typhoons



200-hPa Velocity Potential Anomaly: 5N-5S
5-day Running Mean



200 MB VELOCITY
POTENTIAL 5°N-5°S
5-DAY RUNNING MEAN

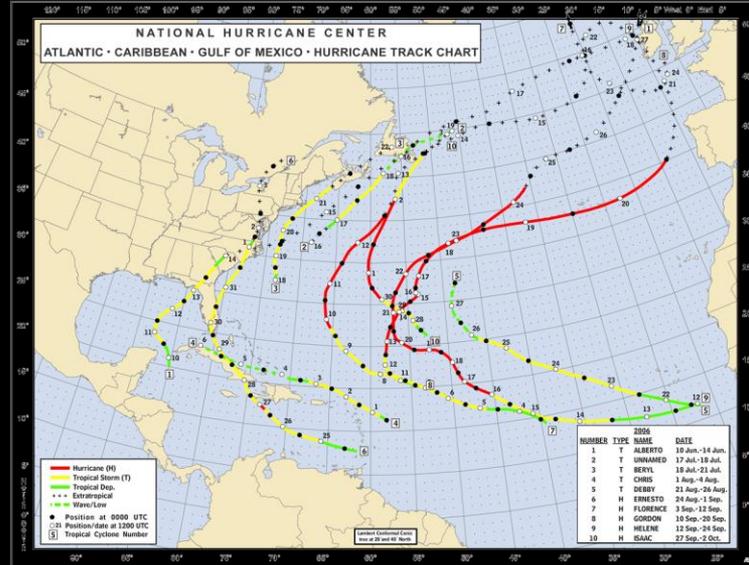
How are Intraseasonal Oscillations Used at NHC?

- Used as a way to increase forecaster confidence in a given situation if conceptual model of MJO and genesis matches model solutions.
- Any adjustments to 5-day genesis probabilities based on intraseasonal signals are small and subjectively determined.
- Global models handle the MJO much more accurately than other intraseasonal signals such as the Convectively Coupled Kelvin Wave (CCKW), and the forecaster can add value to the deterministic models.
- No operational standard on use of CCKW in genesis forecasts (about half of forecasters use it).

Influence of El Niño/La Niña on TC Genesis

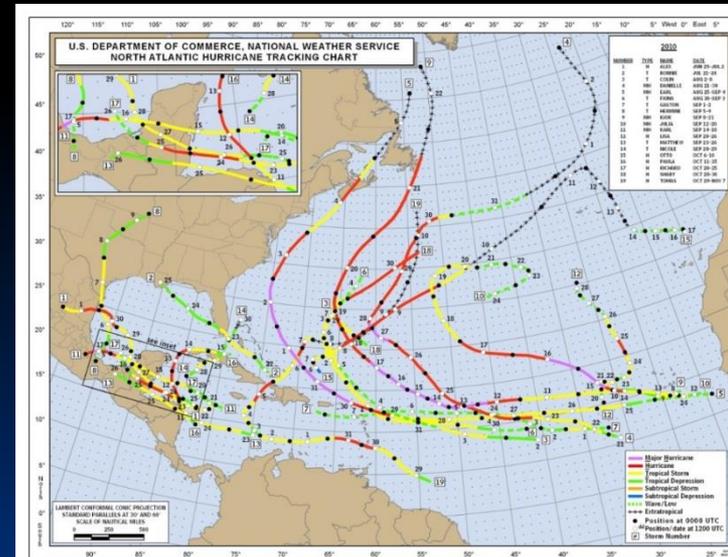
- During El Niño episodes, *fewer* TCs form over the deep tropical Atlantic and Caribbean; tendency for more to form at subtropical latitudes. The opposite generally occurs during La Niña years.

**2006
(El Niño)**



- In the eastern North Pacific, El Niño typically *enhances* TC activity, with a tendency for stronger hurricanes during El Niño (e.g., 1997, 2006).

**2010
(La Niña)**



2 Formal Theories of TC Genesis

- CISK (Ooyama, Charney and Eliassen)
- WISHE (Emanuel)

CISK

Acronym for:

Conditional **I**nstability of the **S**econd **K**ind

- A cooperative feedback between small-scale convection (frictionally-induced convergence and latent heat release) and the larger-scale circulation (a growing disturbance)
- A simplified linear theory which assumes that flow is in gradient balance
- When latent heat release balances surface frictional dissipation, the cyclone maintains its intensity

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THIS THEORY IS FREQUENTLY ATTACKED, IT STILL HAS SOME INTUITIVELY APPEALING ASPECTS!

LARGE-SCALE WAVE

CISK

LOW-LEVEL CYCLONIC
VORTICITY

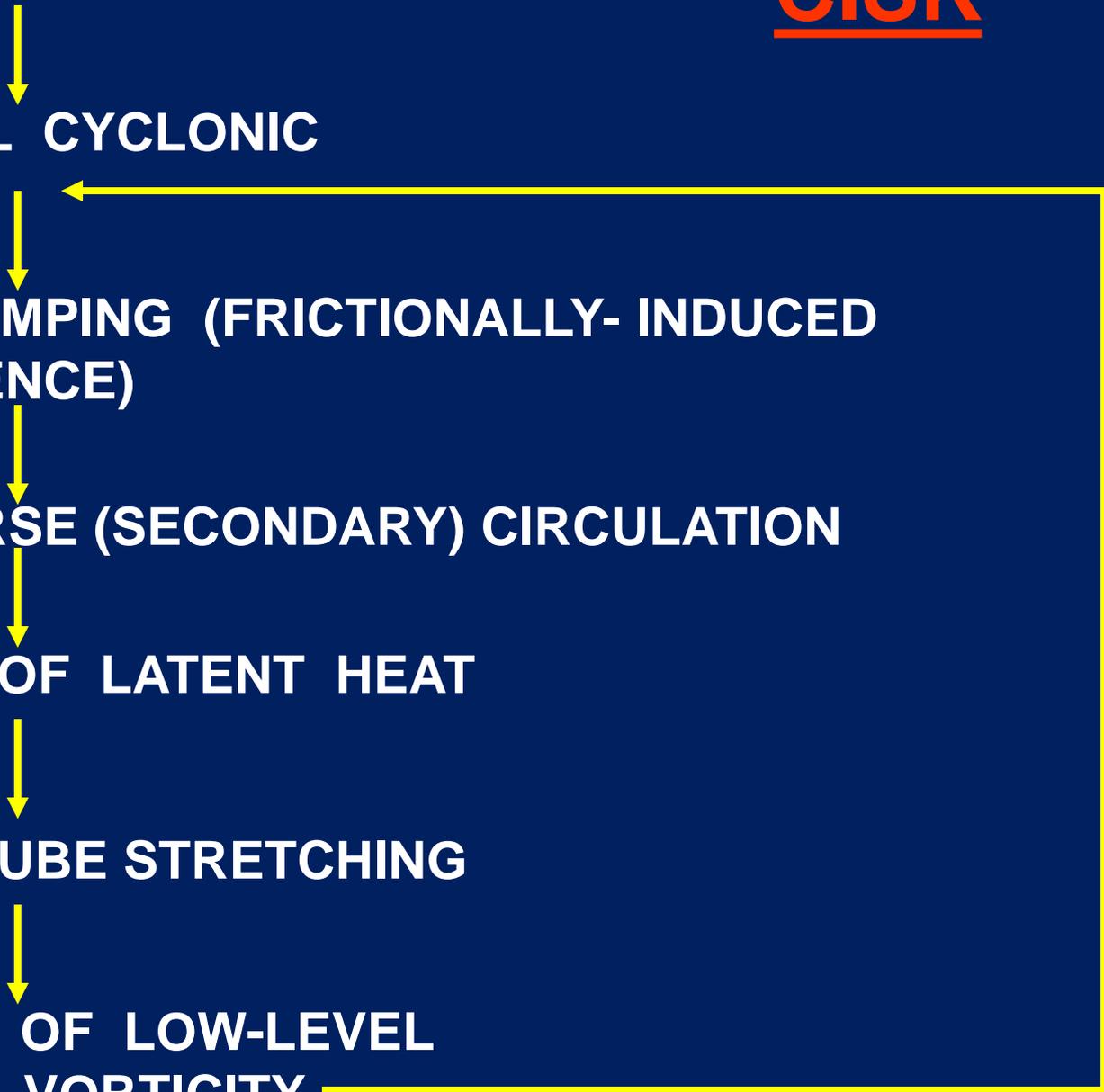
EKMAN PUMPING (FRICTIONALLY- INDUCED
CONVERGENCE)

TRANSVERSE (SECONDARY) CIRCULATION

RELEASE OF LATENT HEAT

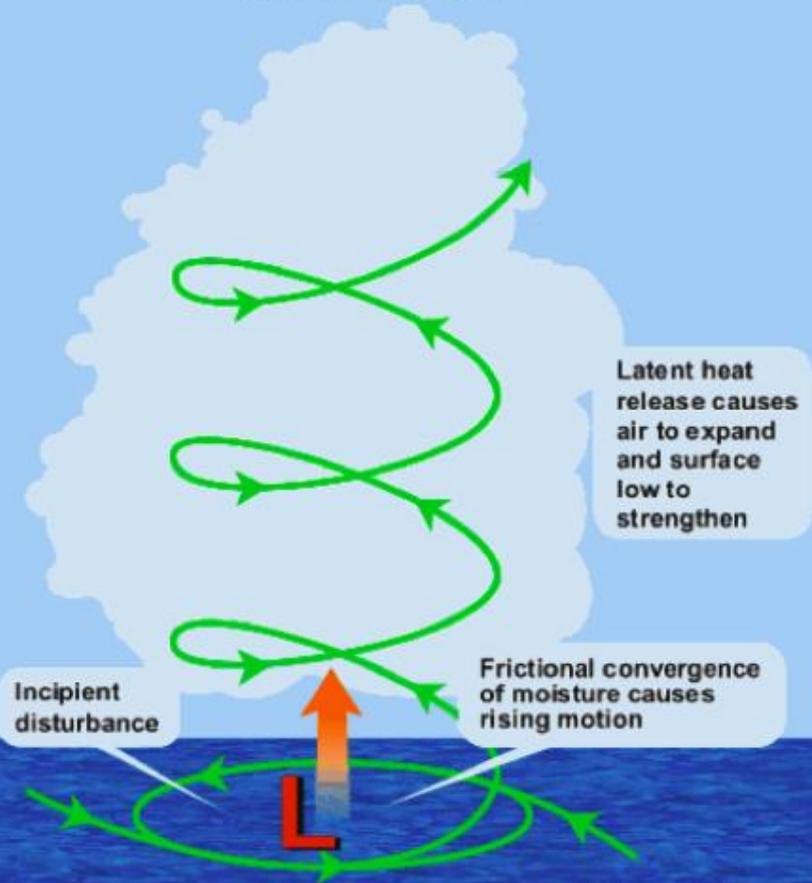
VORTEX TUBE STRETCHING

INCREASE OF LOW-LEVEL
CYCLONIC VORTICITY



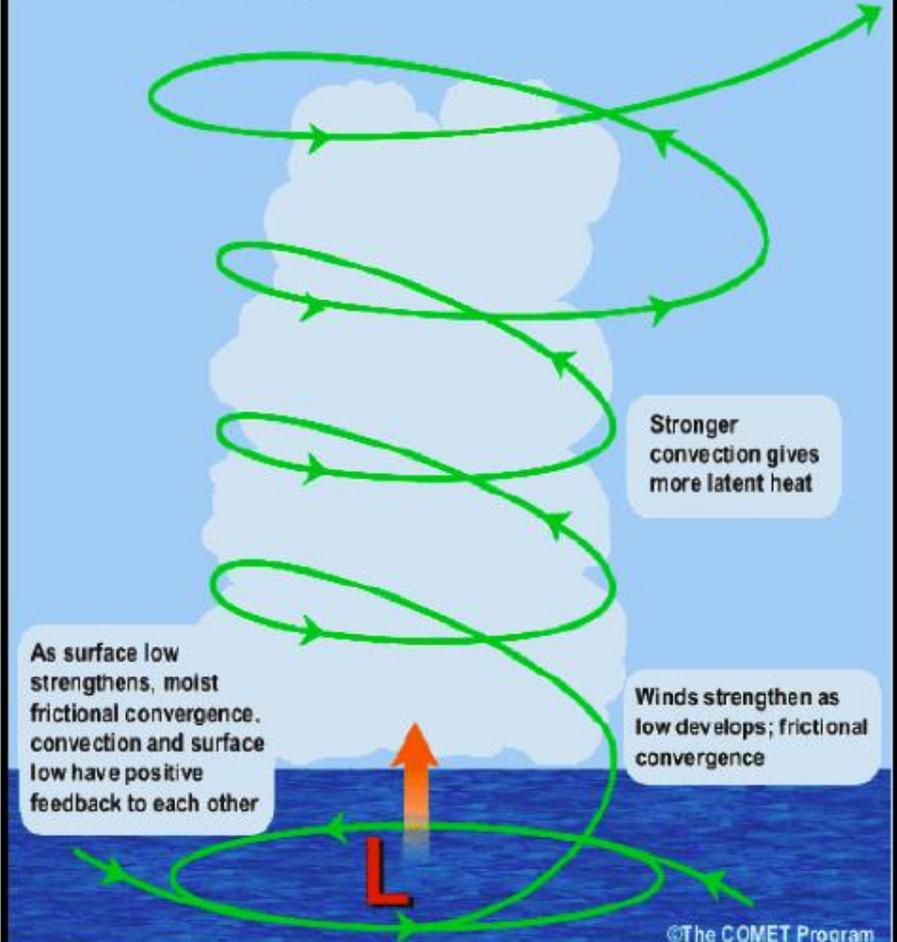
CISK Schematic

a Convection grows stronger as more moisture flows into surface low



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b Air flows outwards and Coriolis turning forms upper anticyclone



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“The more fundamental question about the CISK concept is how can cooperation between cyclone-scale and convective-scale circulations produce their simultaneous development including the formation and intensification of a warm core? It is difficult to see how it can happen because, if there are no sources, θ_e is simply redistributed by these motions individually, and therefore by the total motion, without creating a new maximum. Conditional instability simply converts the vertical variation of θ_e to the horizontal variation while the mass distribution in θ_e space is conserved. Any instability that changes this distribution, therefore, inevitably involves processes other than cooperation between cyclone-scale circulation and convective clouds. Since the cooperation alone does not produce new instability, the concept of CISK as distinguished from the usual conditional instability can hardly be justified.”

(Arakawa, 2004 *J. Climate*)

This suggests that another mechanism for TC genesis, that involves thermodynamics and a source of heat, should be invoked.

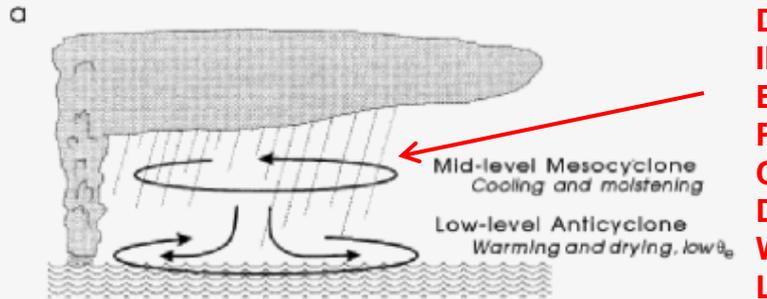
WISHE is such a mechanism.

WISHE

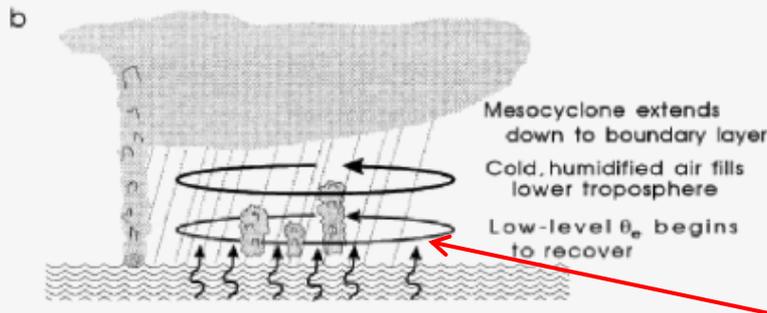
Wind Induced Surface Heat Exchange

- Heat release and instability in the free troposphere is governed by the evaporation of moisture from the sea (i.e., the extraction of energy from the underlying ocean surface)
- Evaporation is primarily determined by the magnitude of the surface winds

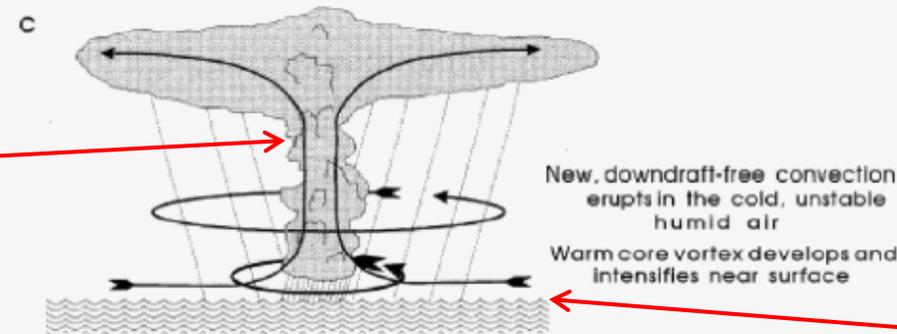
WISHE



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INITIATED THROUGH
EKMAN PUMPING, WILL
PRODUCE
CONVECTIVE-SCALE
DOWNDRAFTS THAT
WILL STABILIZE THE
LOWER LAYER OF
THE ATMOSPHERE



THE
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NEARLY
SATURATED IN
THE VORTEX CORE



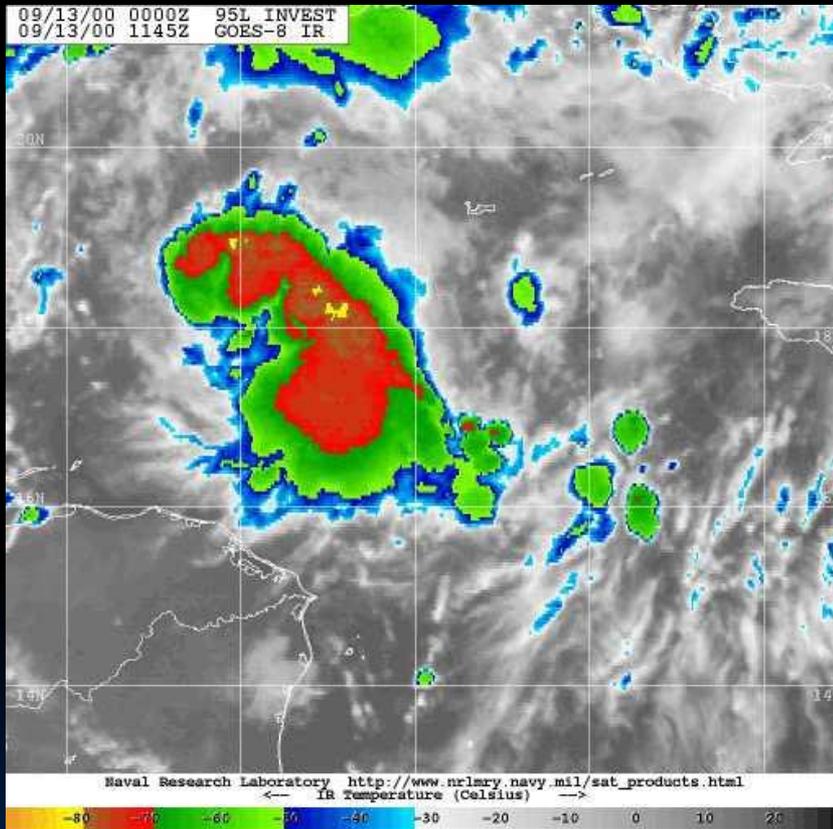
THE ENHANCED
SURFACE FLUXES
ASSOCIATED
WITH STRONG
SURFACE WINDS
NEAR THE CORE
CAN INCREASE
THE SUBCLOUD
MOIST STATIC
ENERGY.

Figure 8. Conceptual model of tropical cyclogenesis from a preexisting MCS. (a) Evaporation of stratiform precipitation cools and moistens the upper part of the lower troposphere; forced subsidence leads to warming and drying of the lower part. (b) After several hours there is a cold and relatively moist anomaly in the whole lower troposphere. (c) After some recovery of the boundary layer θ_e , convection redevelops (From Bister and Emanuel 1997, Copyright American Meteorological Society).

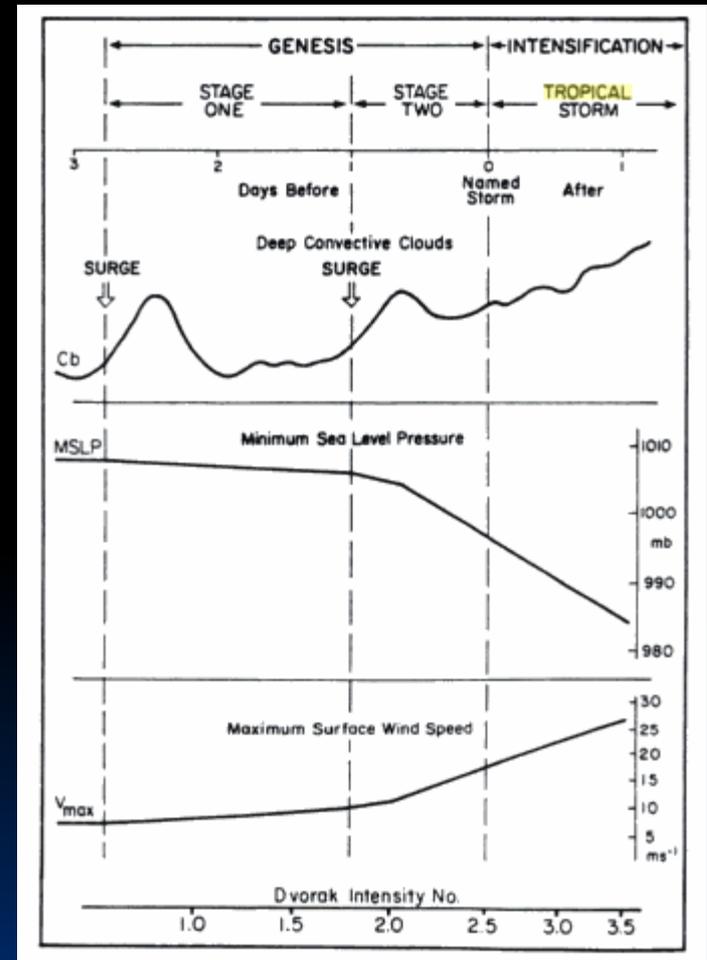
CONVECTION
CAN INCREASE
THE
TEMPERATURE
OF THE
VORTEX CORE.
IN A MOIST
TROPICAL
ATMOSPHERE,
THE WISHE
PROCESS CAN
ACT AS A
POSITIVE
FEEDBACK TO
THE WARM-
CORE
CYCLONE.

Stage 1-Stage 2 Genesis

INNER CORE MAY ORIGINATE AS A MID-LEVEL MESO-VORTEX (NEAR 700 MB) THAT FORMS IN ASSOCIATION WITH A MESOSCALE CONVECTIVE SYSTEM (MCS)



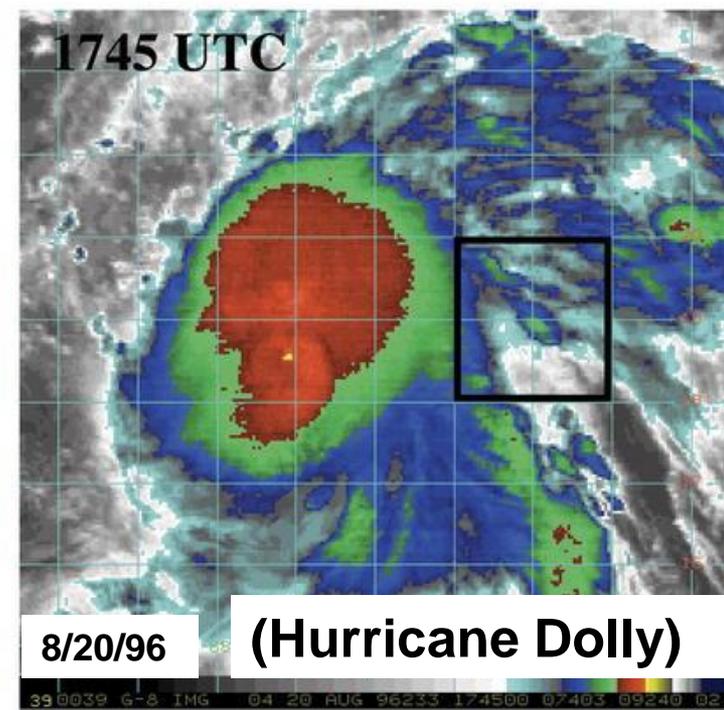
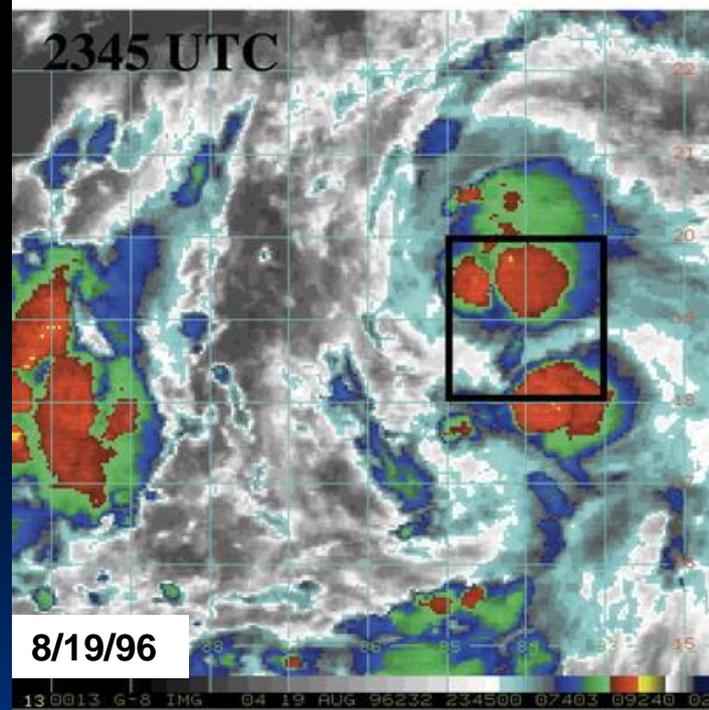
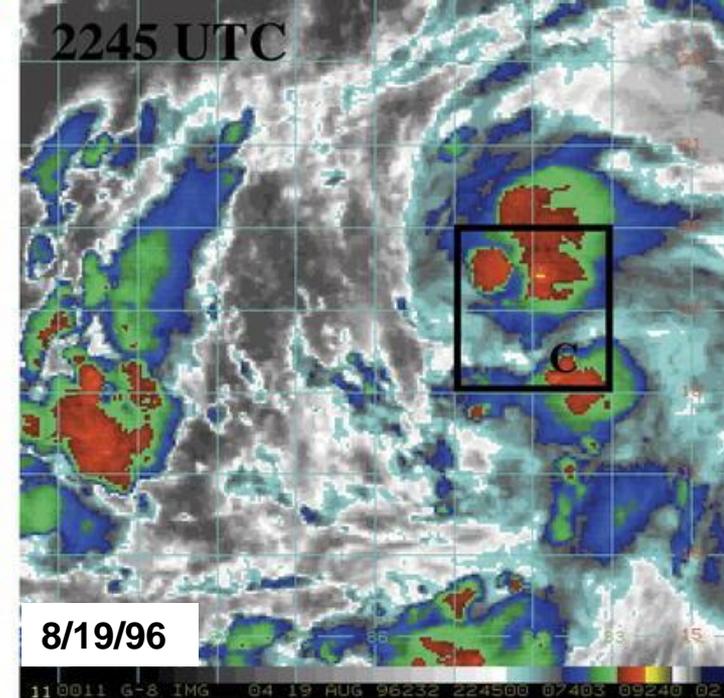
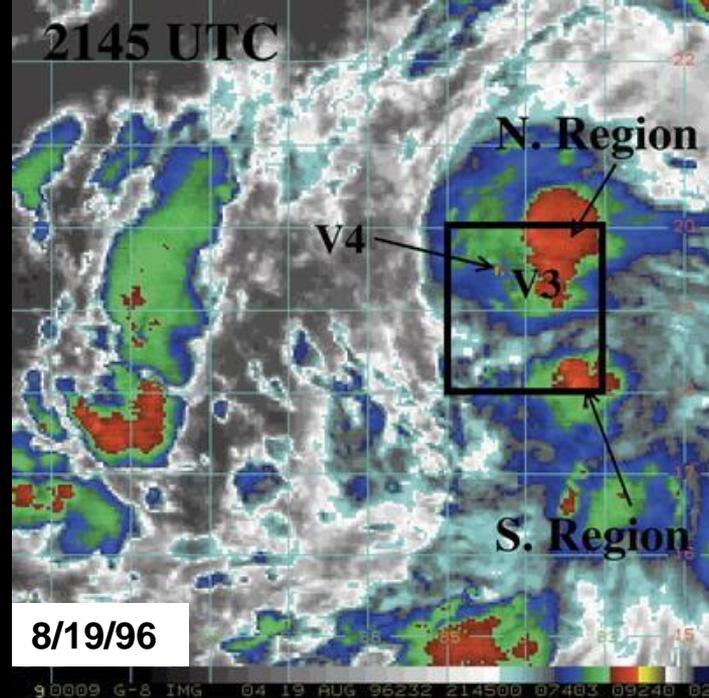
**PRE-GORDON DISTURBANCE, 9/13/00
1145 UTC (~24 HOURS PRIOR TO
GENESIS)**

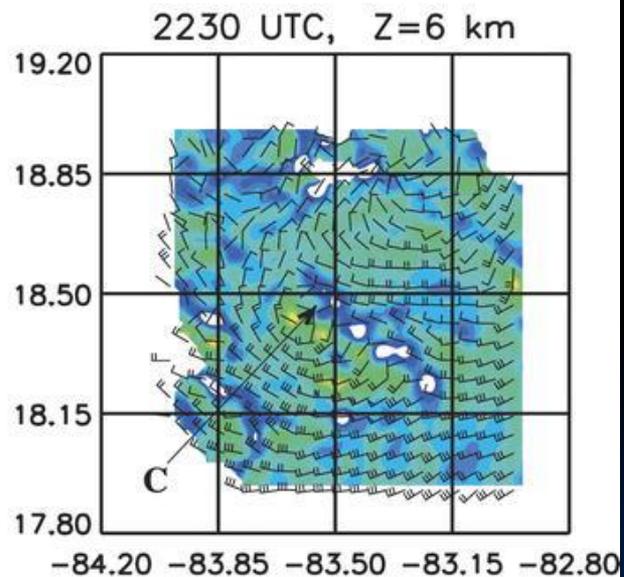
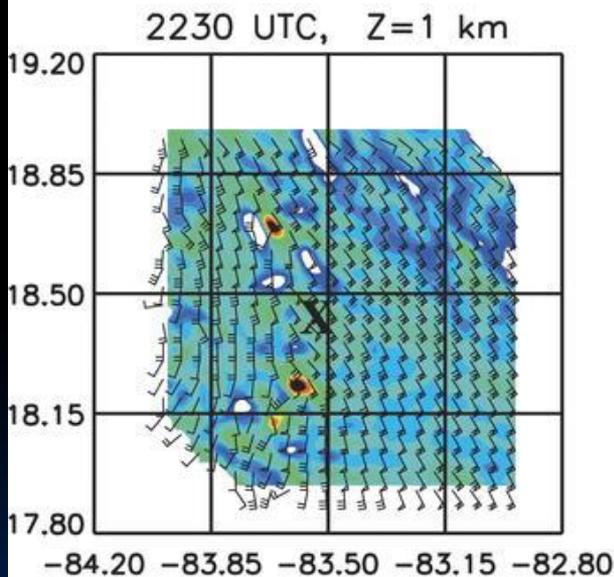
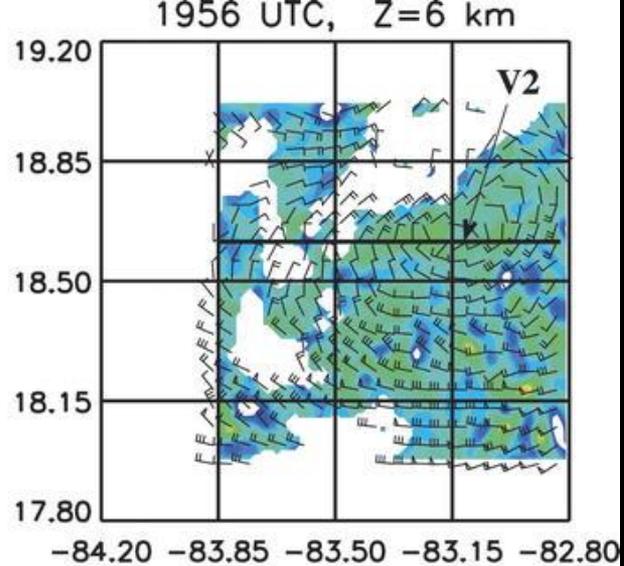
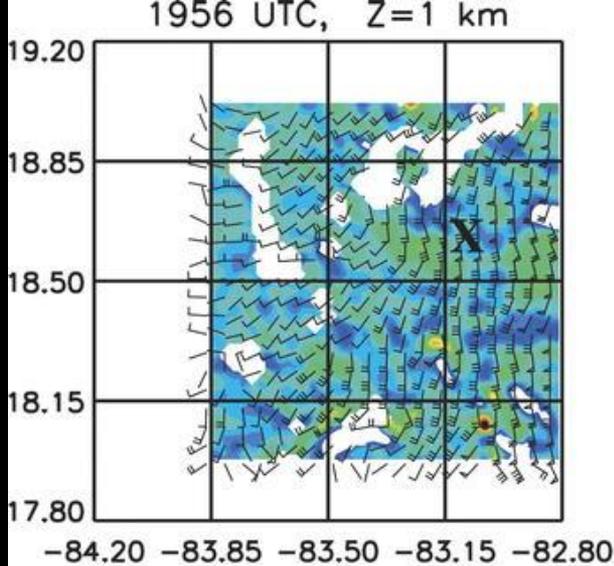


Zehr (1992)

Multiple mid-level mesoscale vortices during genesis stage.

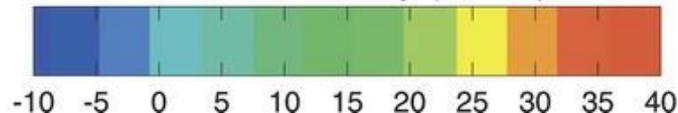
(Reasor et al. 2005 *J. Atmos. Sci.*)





WIND AND VORTICITY WITHIN SOUTHERN CONVECTIVE REGION, 8/19/96

Relative Vorticity (10^{-4} s^{-1})

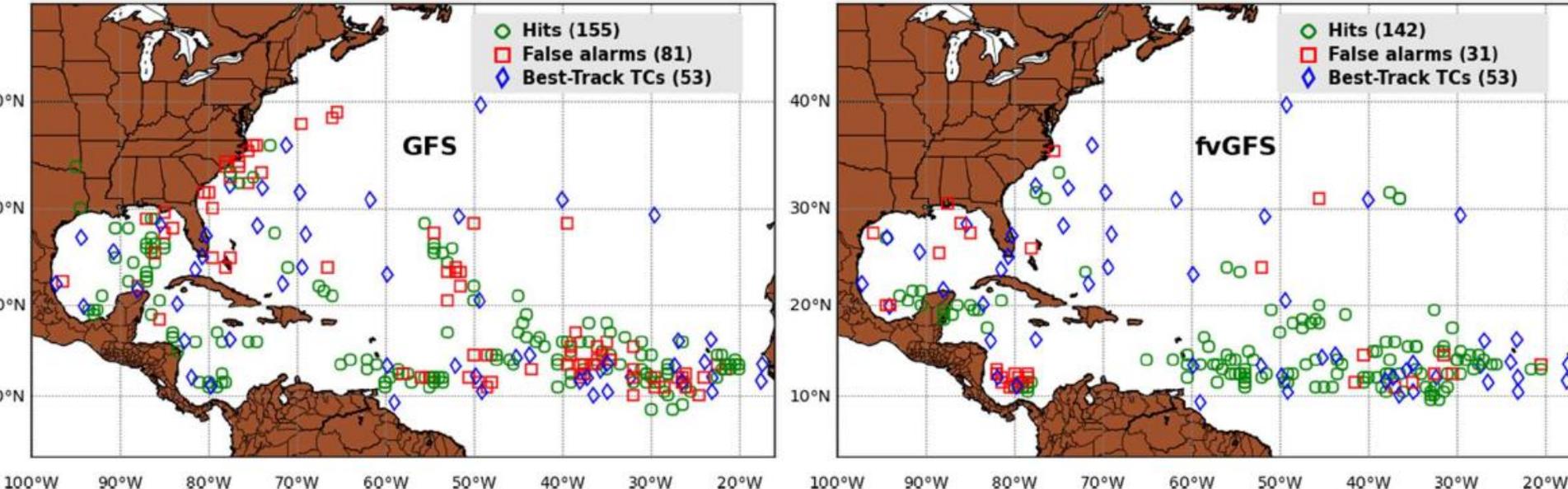


Use of global models relevant for TC genesis forecasting:

- Global models, especially the ECMWF, GFS, and UKMET along with their ensembles are our primary tool for predicting TC genesis.
- The forecaster looks for consistency among the different models, as well as run-to-run consistency, to assess the likelihood of genesis.
- Recent upgrades to the ECMWF have probably improved that model's performance, fvGFS will soon take over for the GFS. Both of those models will be discussed on next slides.
- The UKMET model has a high detection rate for genesis but also has an abundance of "false alarms". Therefore, when we see no development in the UKMET forecast, the probability of genesis is low.
- Of all the global models used by the NHC, the Canadian global model typically shows the highest number of false alarms.

Genesis Verification **Atlantic**

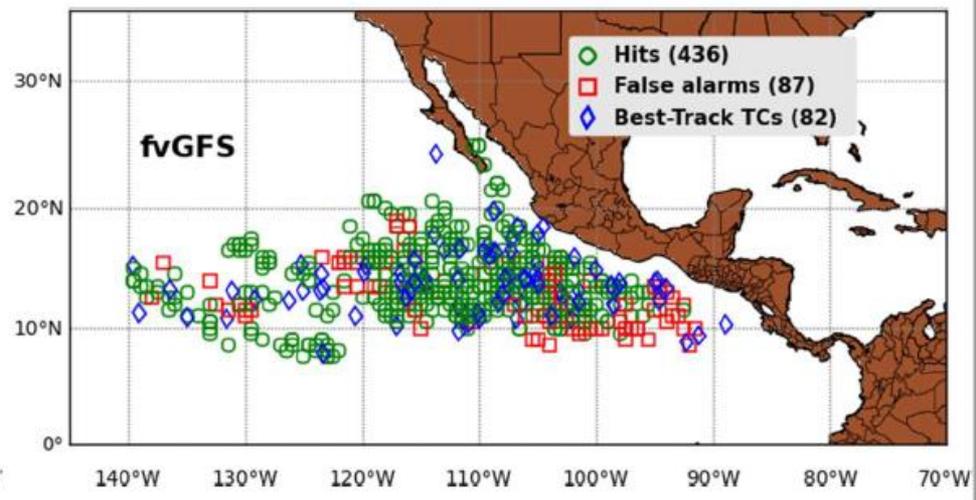
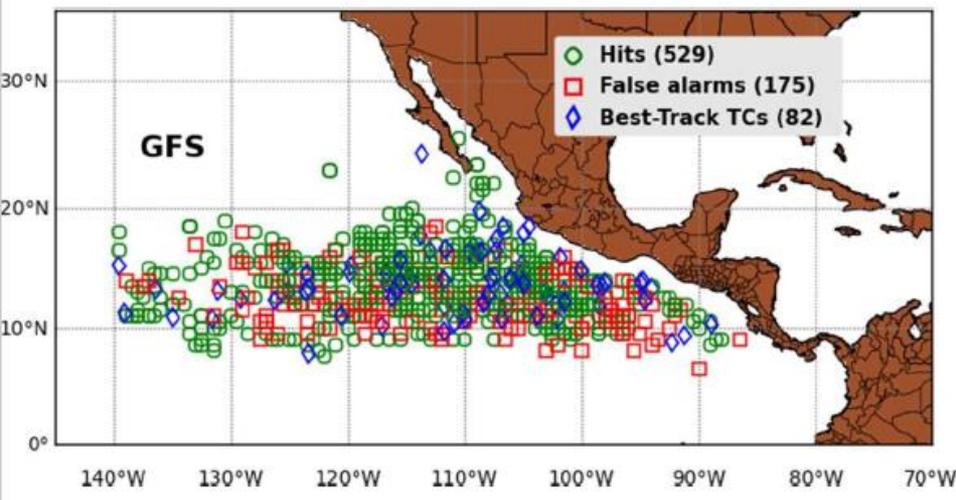
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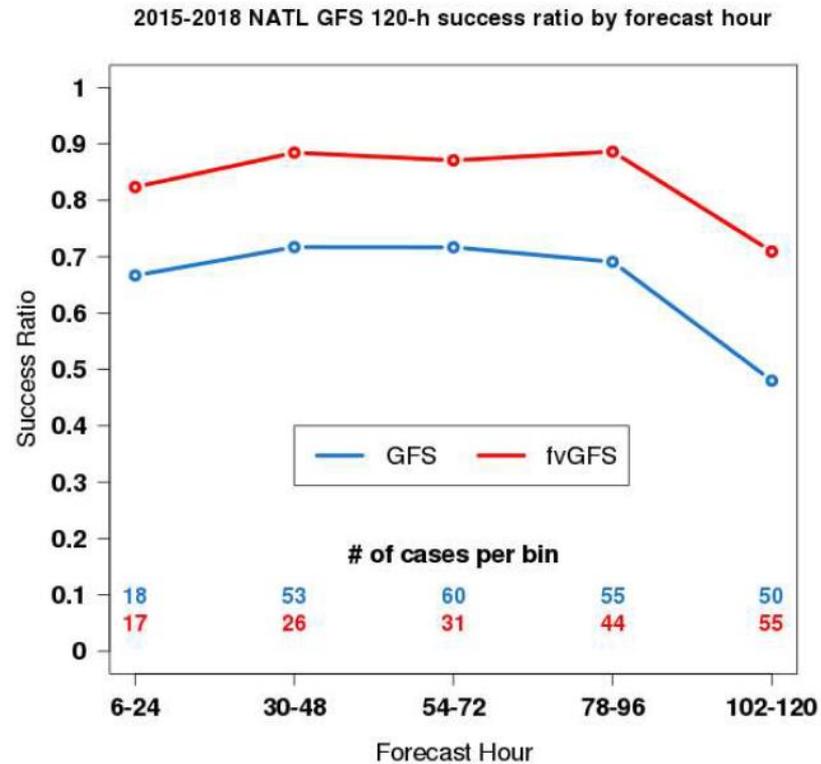
Genesis Verification East Pacific

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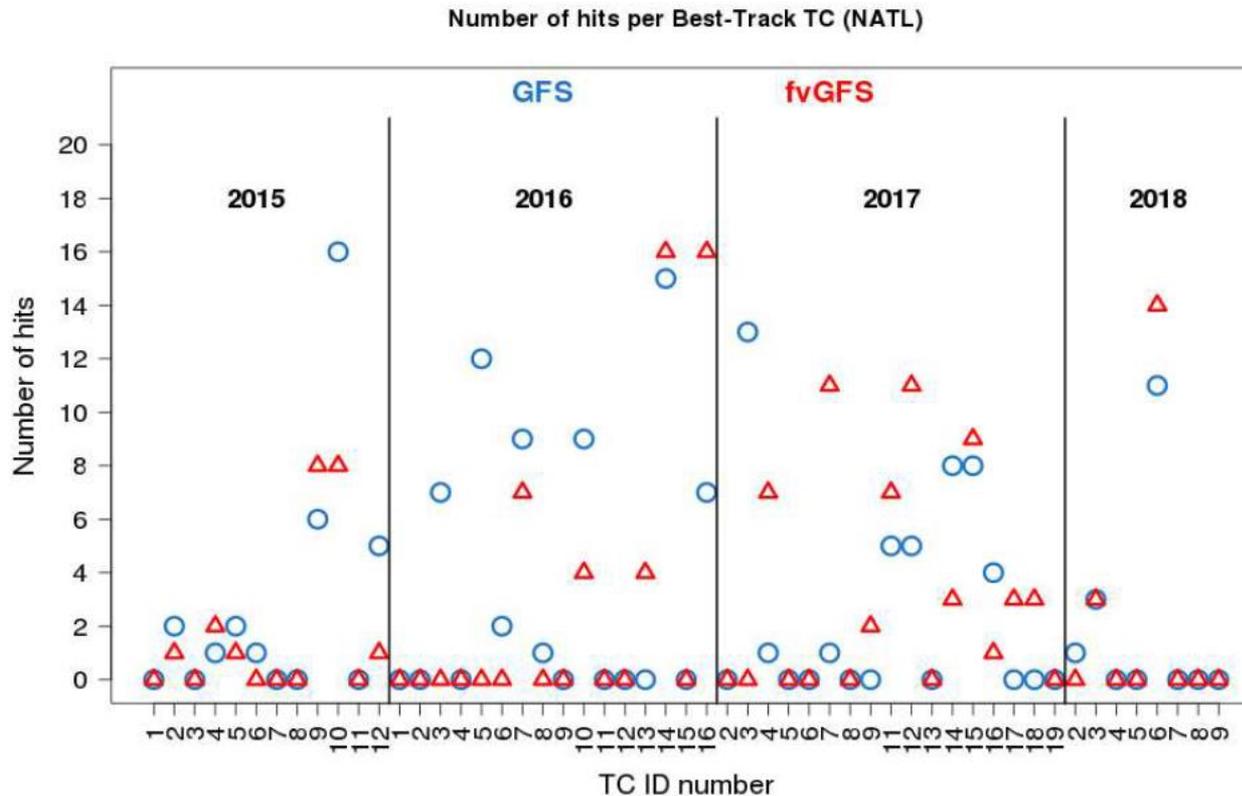
Atlantic GFS Genesis Forecasts



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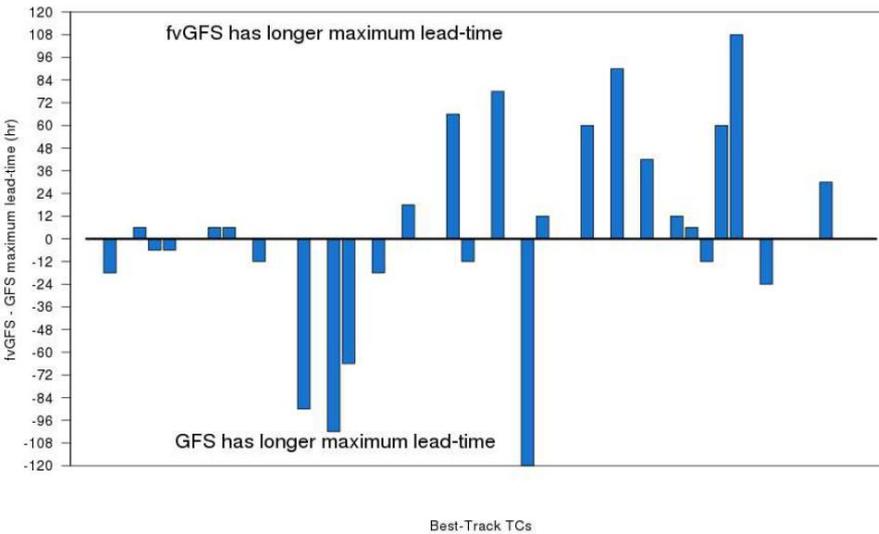


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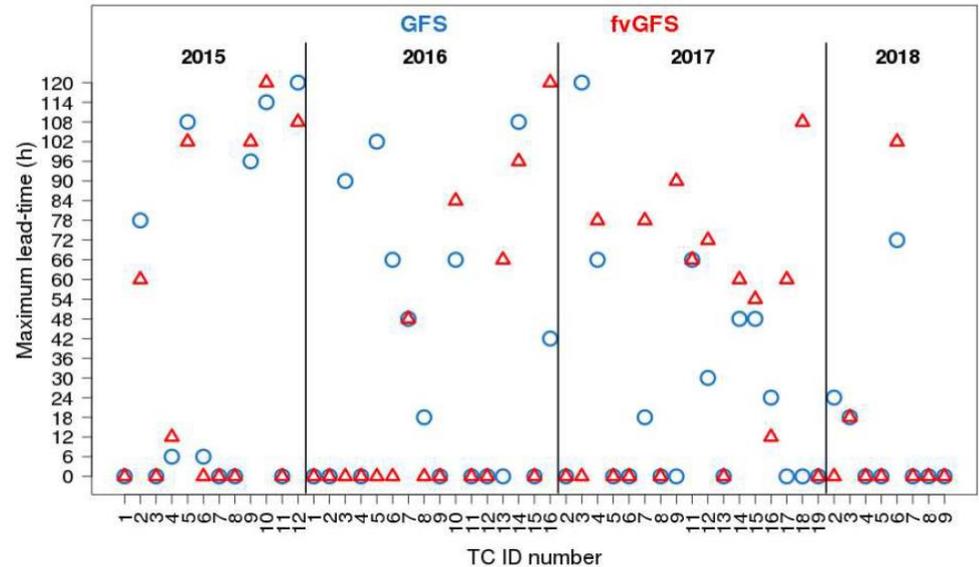
- Number of verifying genesis forecasts in the Atlantic basin. Out of 56 storms in the time period, 33 had either the GFS or fvGFS (or both) detect genesis prior to formation of the cyclone.

Atlantic GFS Genesis Forecasts

Difference in maximum lead-time for each Best-Track TC (NATL)



Maximum lead-time per Best-Track TC (NATL)

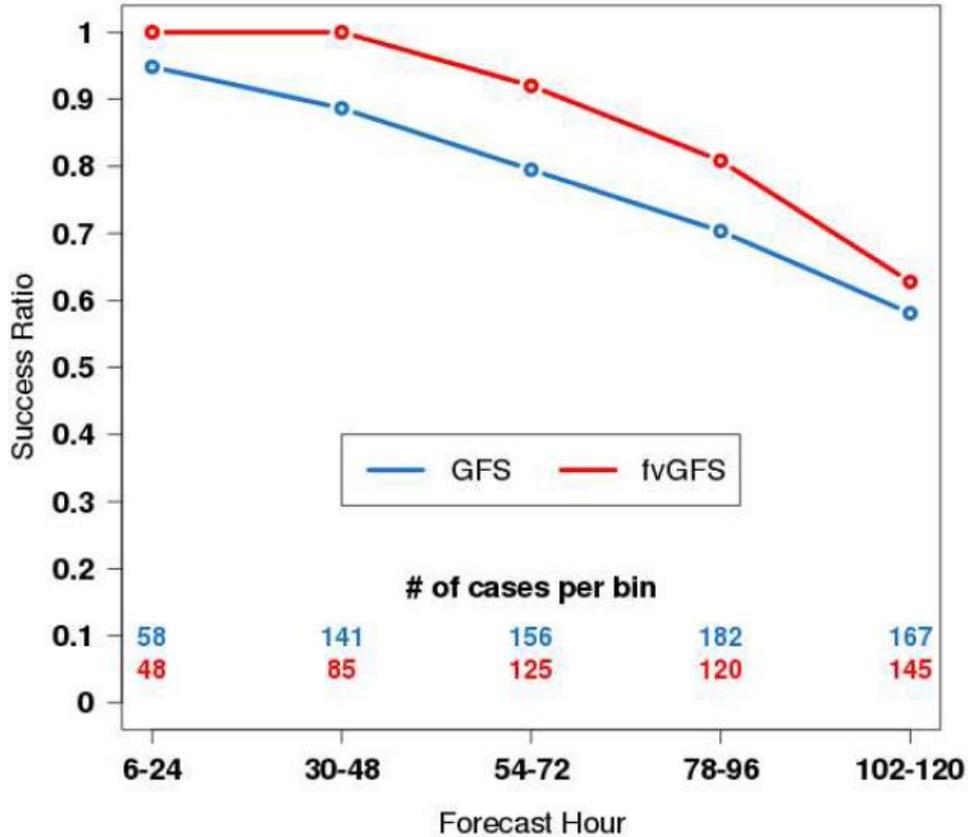


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- The fvGFS has a longer lead time more frequently than the GFS, especially in 2017
- On many occasions, one model or another (and frequently both) provides the forecaster with more than 48 hours lead time for genesis

East Pacific GFS Genesis Forecasts

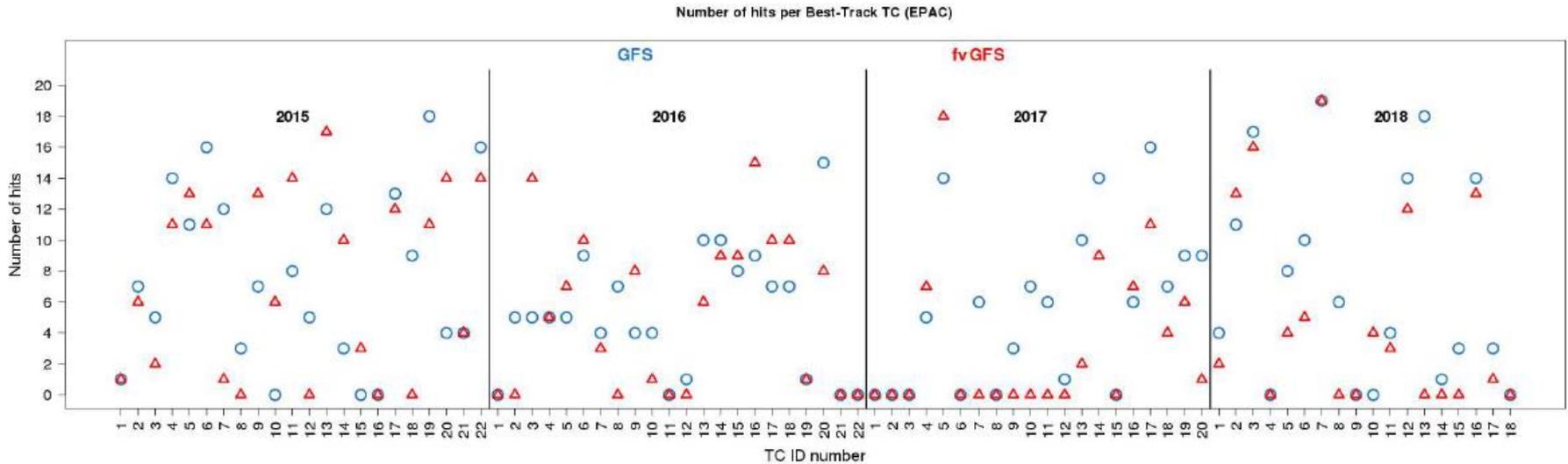
2015-2018 EPAC GFS 120-h success ratio by forecast hour



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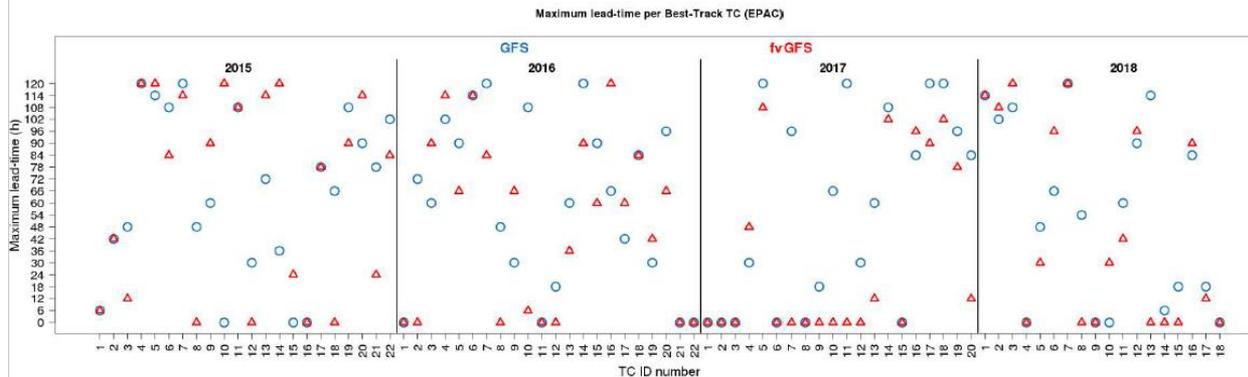
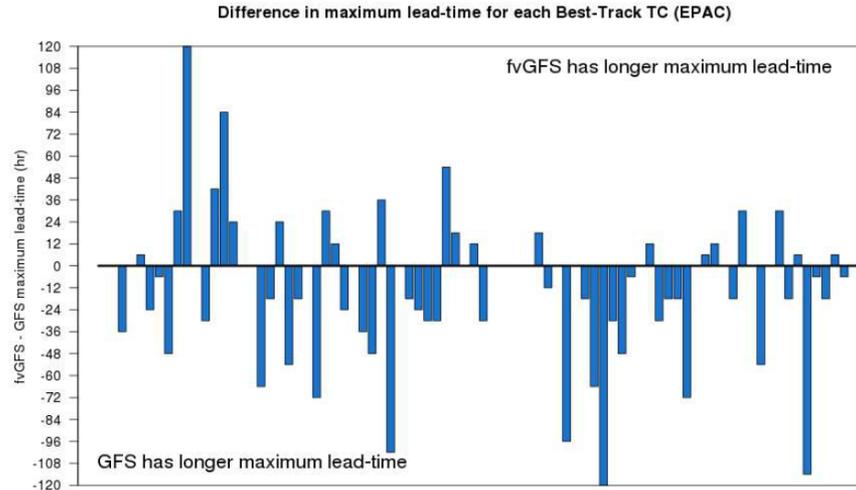
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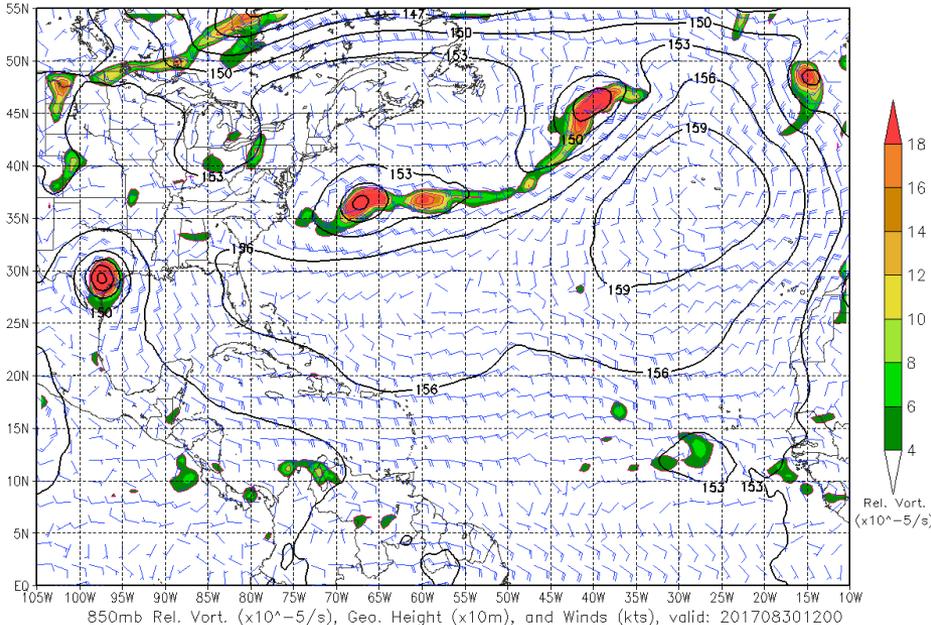
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GFS Genesis Example – Irma

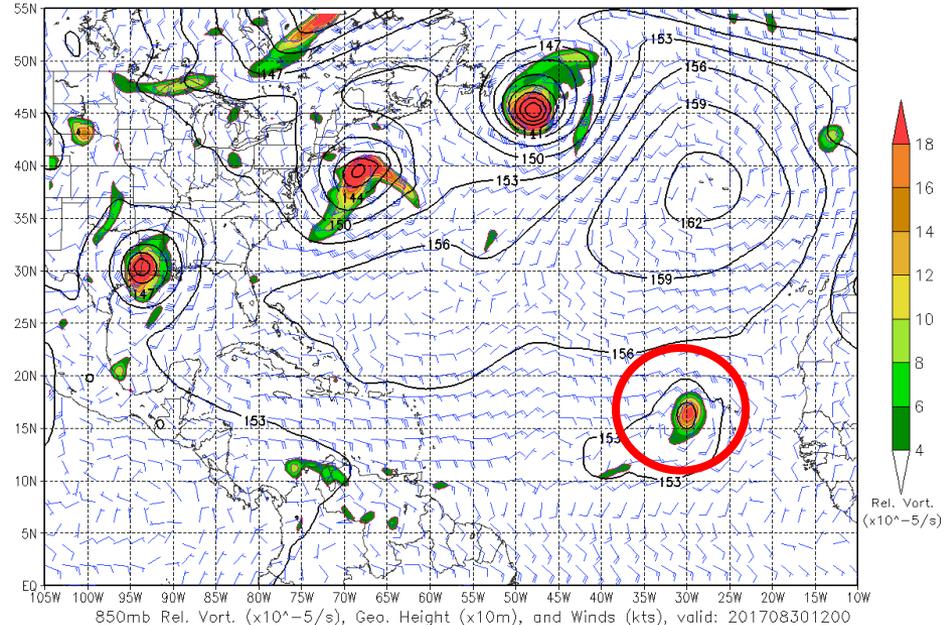
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Hurricane Forecast Improvement Program

Experimental Product



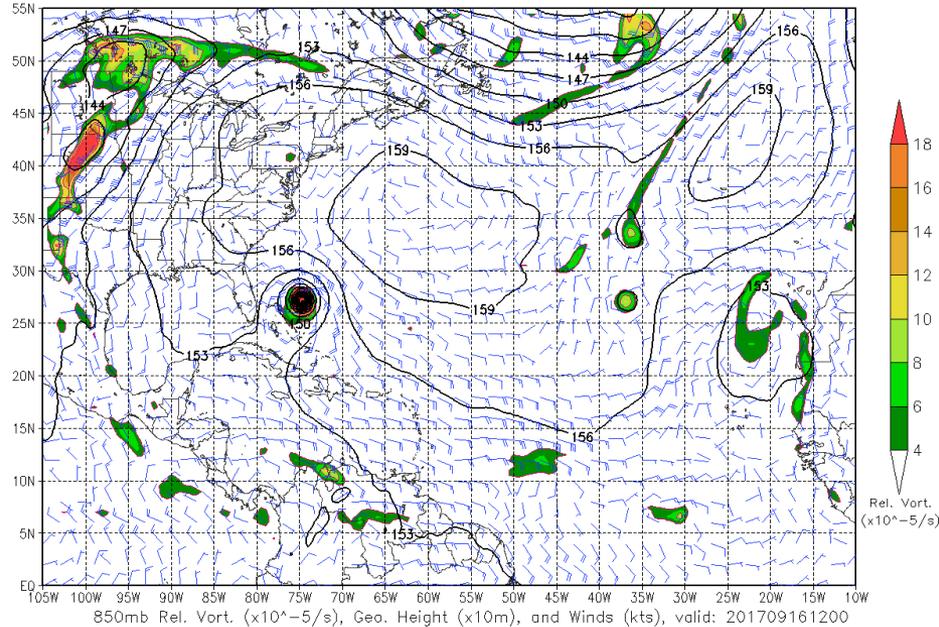
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Experimental Product

Some signal early (4-5 days), but signal weakened inside of 60 hours until genesis

GFS Genesis Example – Maria

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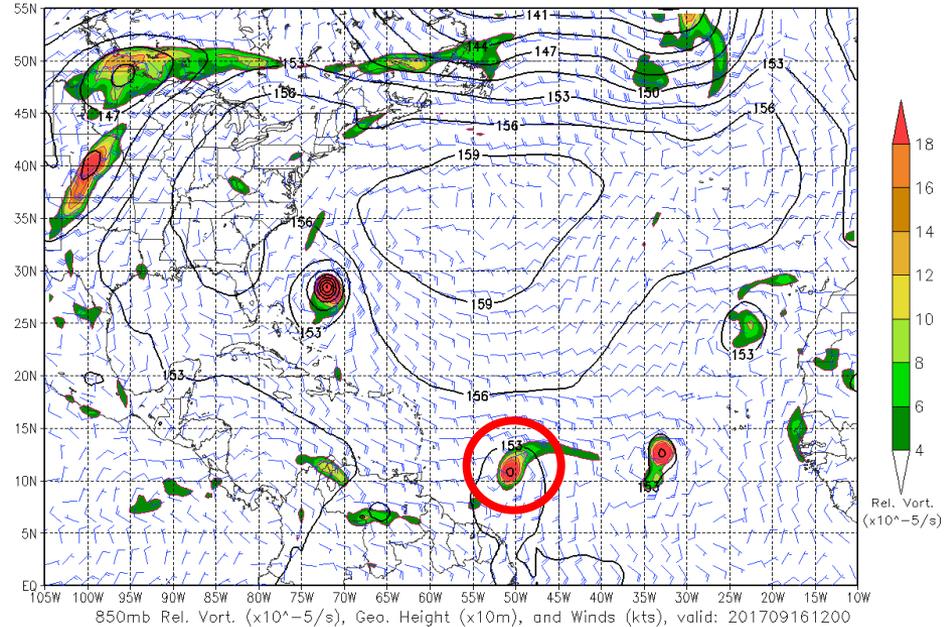


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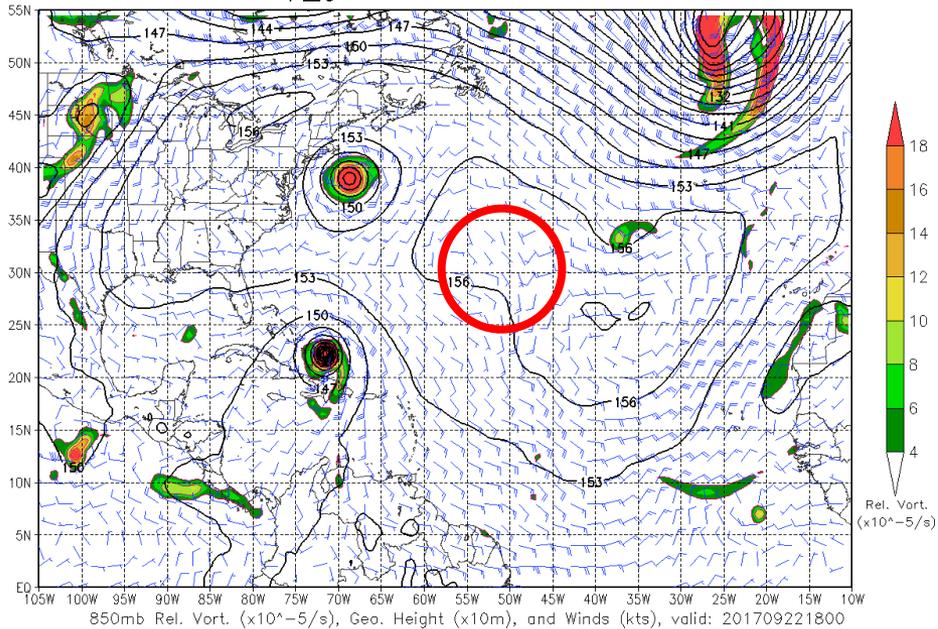
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Weak/No signal until 42 h prior to genesis

GFS Genesis Example – Lee (Genesis #2)

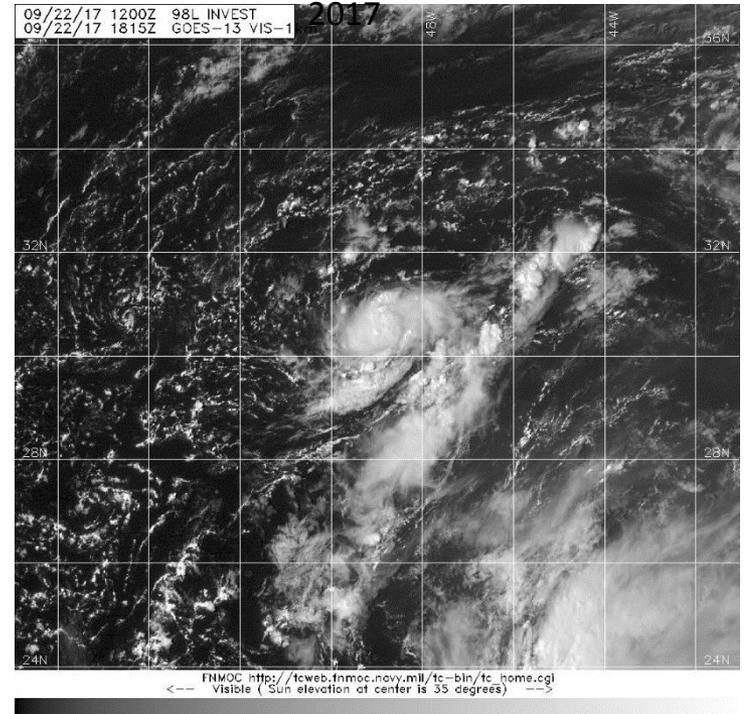
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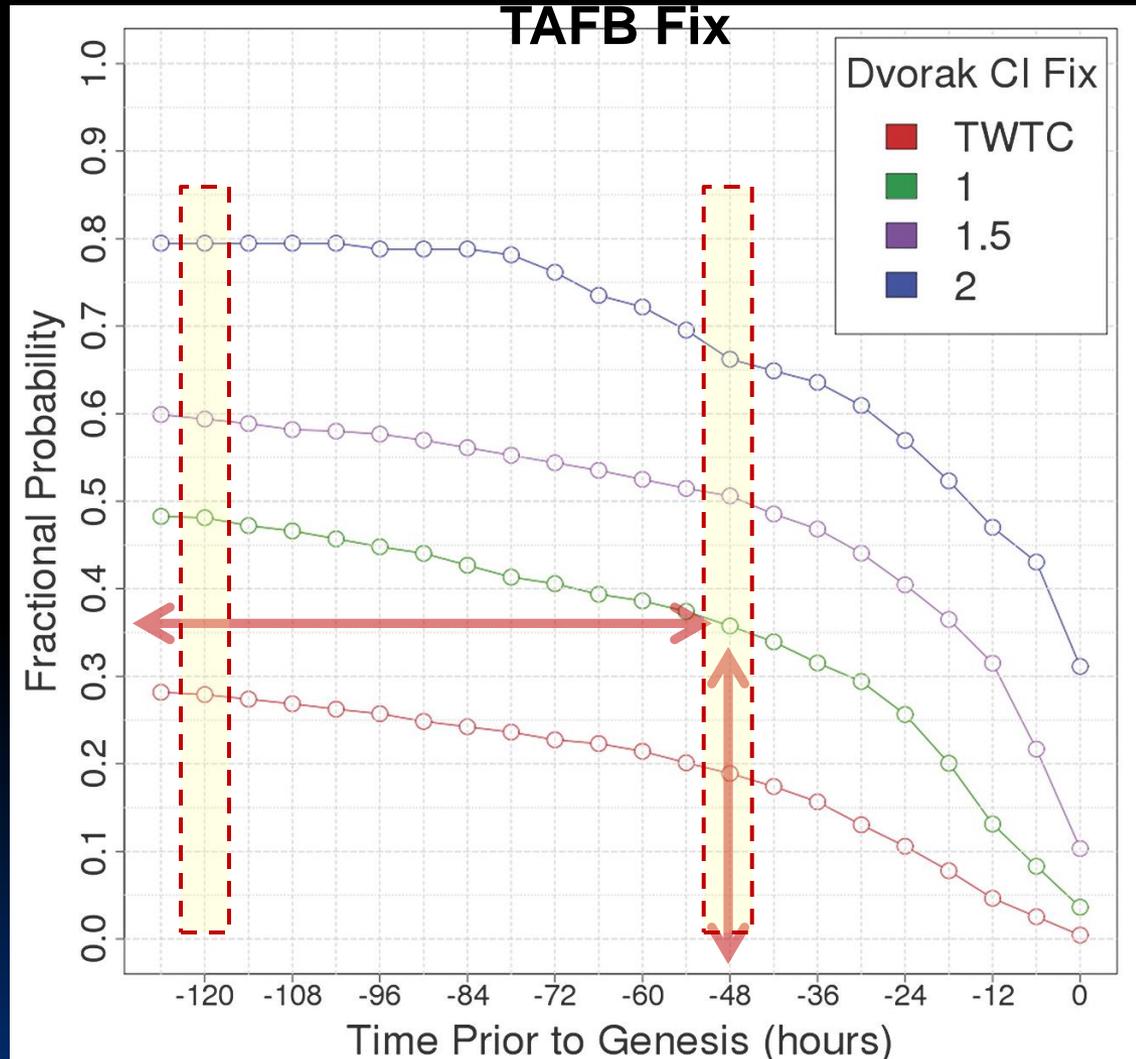
Little/No Signal Prior to Genesis

Web site for monitoring real-time model forecasts
of cyclogenesis:

<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/tpm/emchurr/tcgen/>

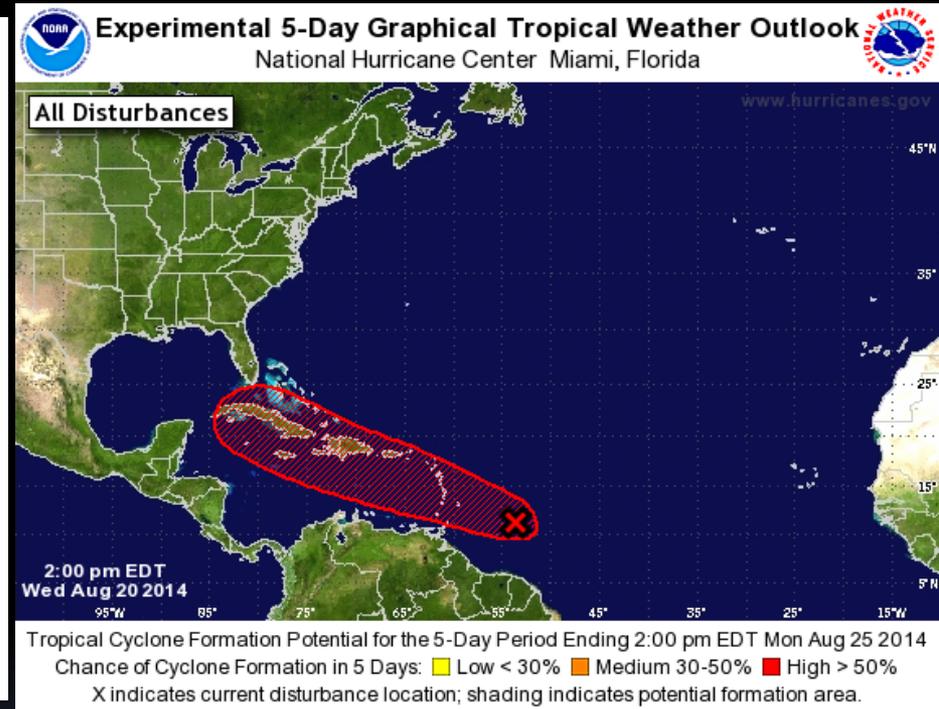
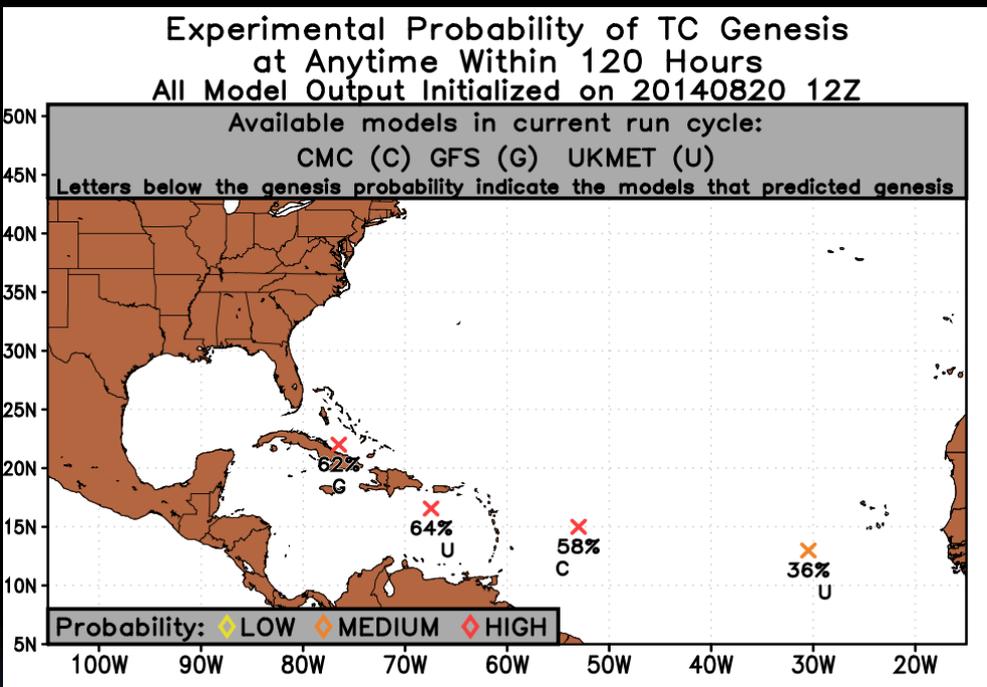
Genesis Probability by Dvorak Number

- Uses Dvorak intensity estimates from all invests/disturbances (both developing and non-developing) from 2001-2011.
- Example: Invest with a 1.0 TAFB CI Number has 35% chance of genesis within 48 h.
- Real-time guidance at moe.met.fsu.edu/genesis
- More information in Cossuth et al. (Wea. & Forecasting 2013)



FSU Guidance

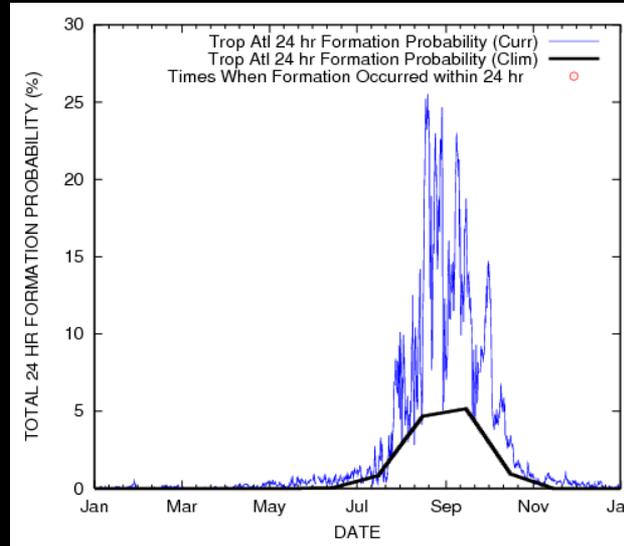
(<http://moe.met.fsu.edu/modelgen>)



- Best objective genesis guidance to date
- Uses statistics on dynamical model forecasts of genesis to develop probabilities
- Multi-model consensus gives most reliable forecasts
- Scheme provides guidance on many more systems than are mentioned in the TWO

Other Tools

- CIRA Tropical cyclone-based formation probabilities: <http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/TROP/TCFP/index.html>
- Single-model ensemble-based probabilities can provide guidance
- Several projects (e.g. Joint Hurricane Testbed), with the goal to provide objective genesis guidance



ATLANTIC TC GENESIS INDEX
AL972013 10/01/13 18 UTC

TIME (hr)	0	6	12	18	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
TCGI (%)							45.1						65.0
HDIV (x10-7s-1)	-3.0	-4.0	-1.0	-3.0	-5.0	0.0	-6.0	1.0	-5.0	0.0	-4.0	0.0	0.0
VORT (x10-6s-1)	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
DV24 (x10-6s-1)	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
VSHD (kt)	5	9	11	9	9	17	19	19	19	26	24	28	27
MLRH (%)	67	67	64	63	67	64	68	62	64	52	54	52	54
PCCD (%)	42	N/A											
TNUM	1.00	N/A											
LAT (deg N)	16.8	17.2	17.8	18.5	20.3	22.9	25.0	26.3	27.6	28.3	29.2	30.1	31.4
LONG (deg W)	83.0	83.5	84.4	85.1	85.8	87.0	87.4	87.5	86.8	86.5	85.5	84.4	82.9
DTL (km)	169	172	217	259	132	154	382	358	270	188	56	-5	-140
TRACK SOURCE	AVNO												

Prob of Genesis ($\tau=48h$) = 45.1 is 1.6 times the sample mean (27.9)
Prob of Genesis ($\tau=120h$) = 65.0 is 1.6 times the sample mean (40.3)

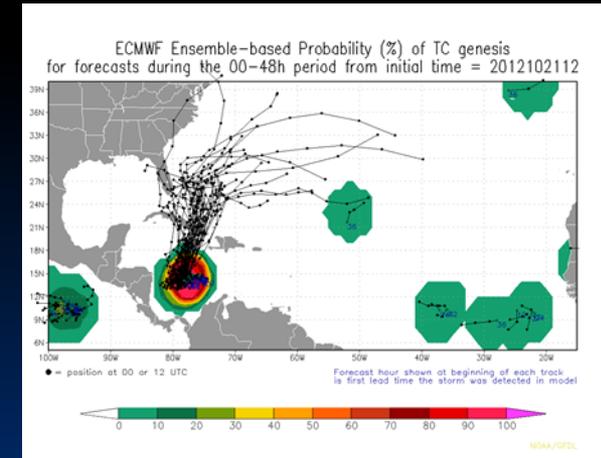
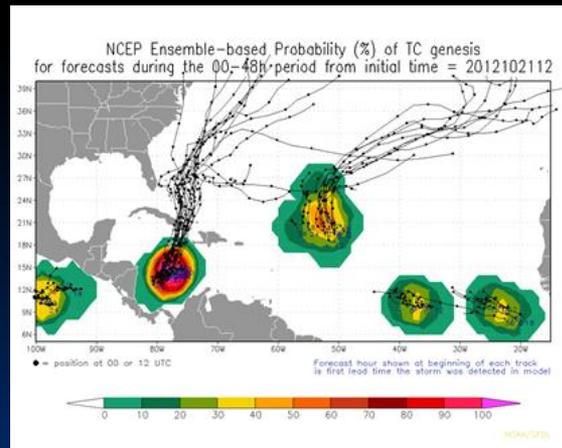
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CLIMATOLOGY AND INDIVIDUAL PREDICTORS TO TCGI PROBABILITY

	***** 48-HR *****			***** 120-HR *****		
	AVG	FCST	%CONT	AVG	FCST	%CONT
CLIM (%)			27.9			40.3
HDIV (x10-7s-1)	-1.3	-3.1	9.1	-1.2	-2.2	15.9
DV24 (x10-6s-1)	-0.2	-0.3	-1.8	-0.2	-0.1	3.1
VSHD (kt)	16.8	12.3	4.8	19.0	18.5	0.7
MLRH (%)	64.9	66.0	0.1	61.3	60.8	-0.1
PCCD (%)	29.1	41.8	2.9	28.7	41.8	2.6
TNUM	0.9	1.0	2.1	0.9	1.0	2.4

%CONT = % contribution to TCGI probability

PREDICTOR DEFINITIONS (Averaged Over 500 km Radius)

CLIM = Climatological Probability of Genesis (Source: NHC-TAFB Invest Database)
HDIV = 850-mb GFS Horizontal Divergence
DV24 = 24-hr Change in GFS 850-mb Vorticity (VORT)
VSHD = 850-200 mb GFS Vertical Shear
MLRH = 600-mb GFS Relative Humidity
PCCD = % GFS WY Pixels Colder Than -40C
TNUM = TAFB T-Number





NHC Tropical Weather Outlook



- General assessment of activity in the tropics
- Assesses tropical cyclone formation potential during the next 5 days
- Chance of formation during the first 48 hours and the entire 5-day period are provided

Tropical Weather Outlook Text

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
800 PM EDT THU OCT 9 2014

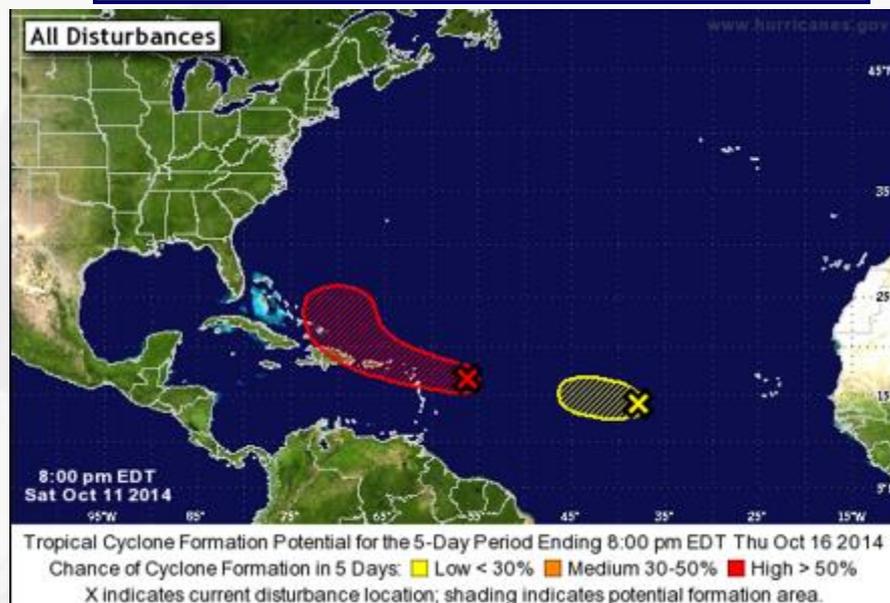
For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

1. Shower and thunderstorm activity, associated with a broad surface low pressure area and an upper-level low, continues to gradually organize several hundred miles north-northeast of the northern Leeward Islands. Environmental conditions appear generally conducive for additional development, and a tropical or subtropical depression could form during the next day or two while the system moves northwestward or north-northwestward at about 10 mph.

- * Formation chance through 48 hours...high...60 percent.
- * Formation chance through 5 days...high...60 percent.

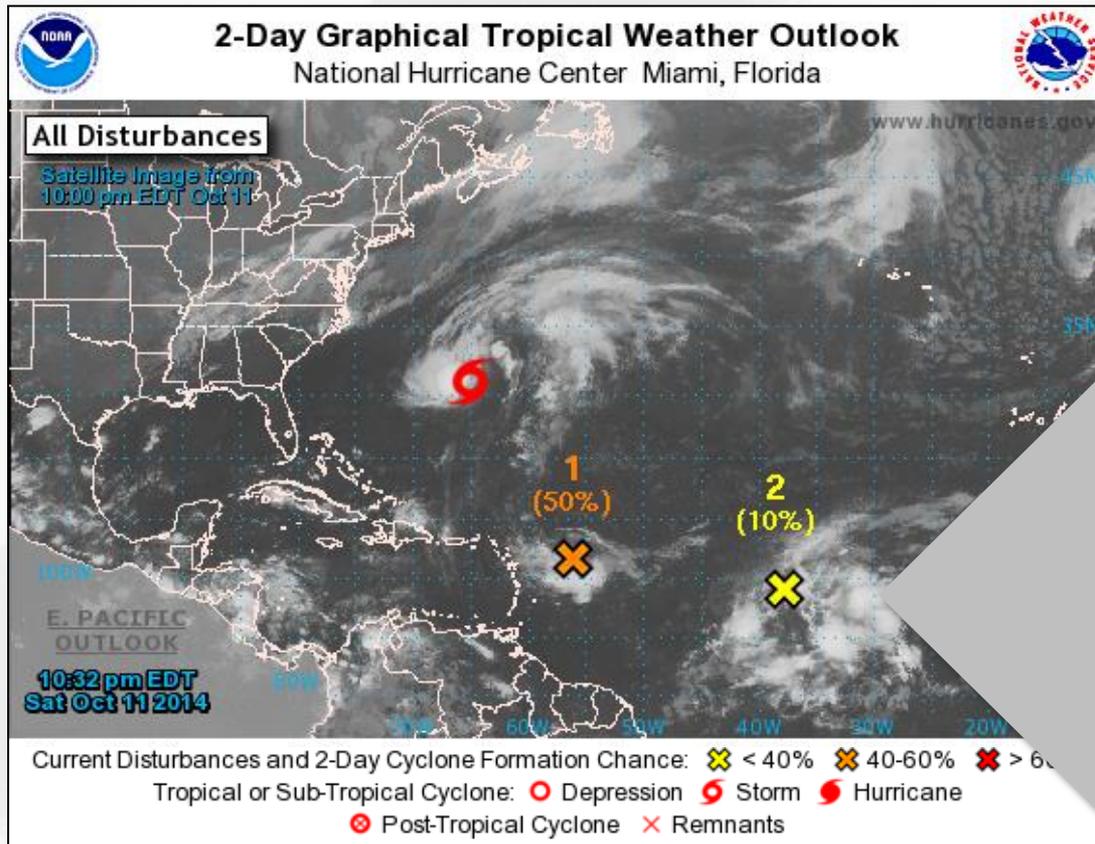
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Graphical Tropical Outlook

2-Day Formation Chance



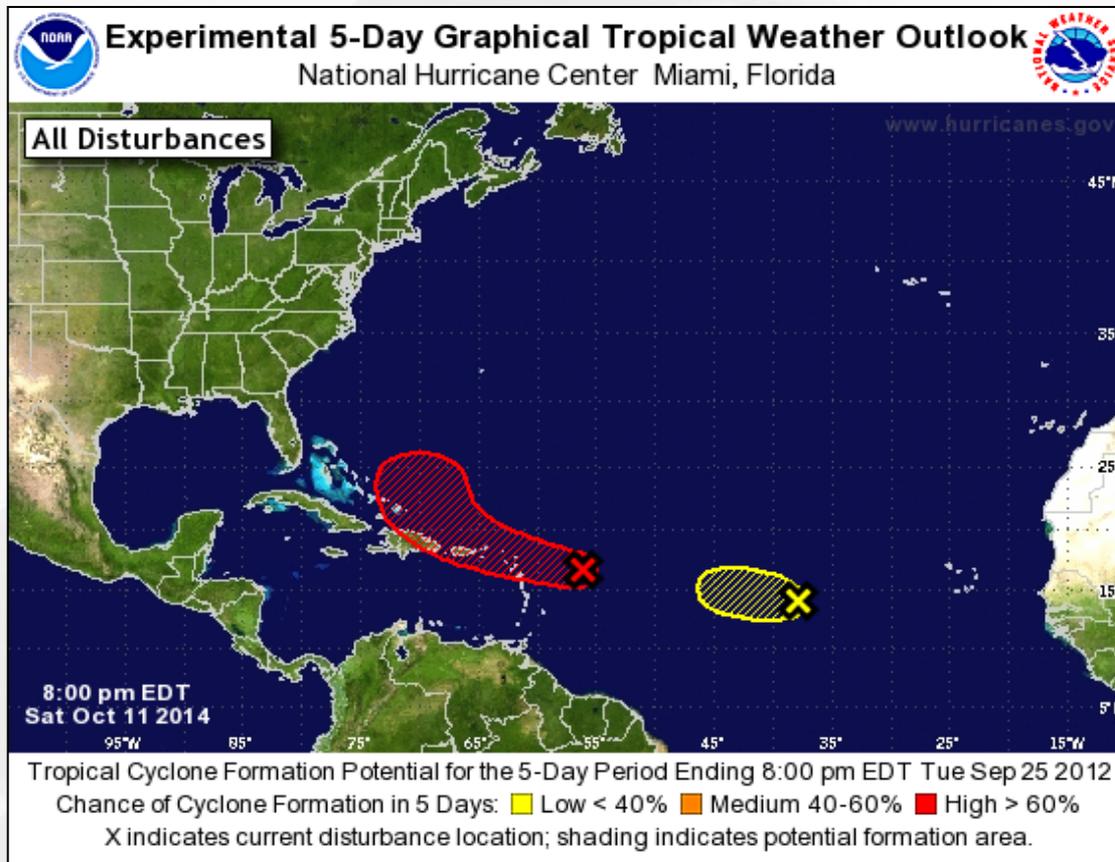
Identifies current location of disturbed weather (discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook)

Formation chance during the next 48 hours

- Categorical (Low, Medium, and High)
- Probabilities

Graphical Tropical Outlook

5-Day Formation Potential



- Shows formation potential during the next 5 days
- Initial location of disturbance (X) indicated, if existing at issuance time
- Shading represents potential formation area
- Graphic also shows the location of active tropical cyclones

Situational Awareness

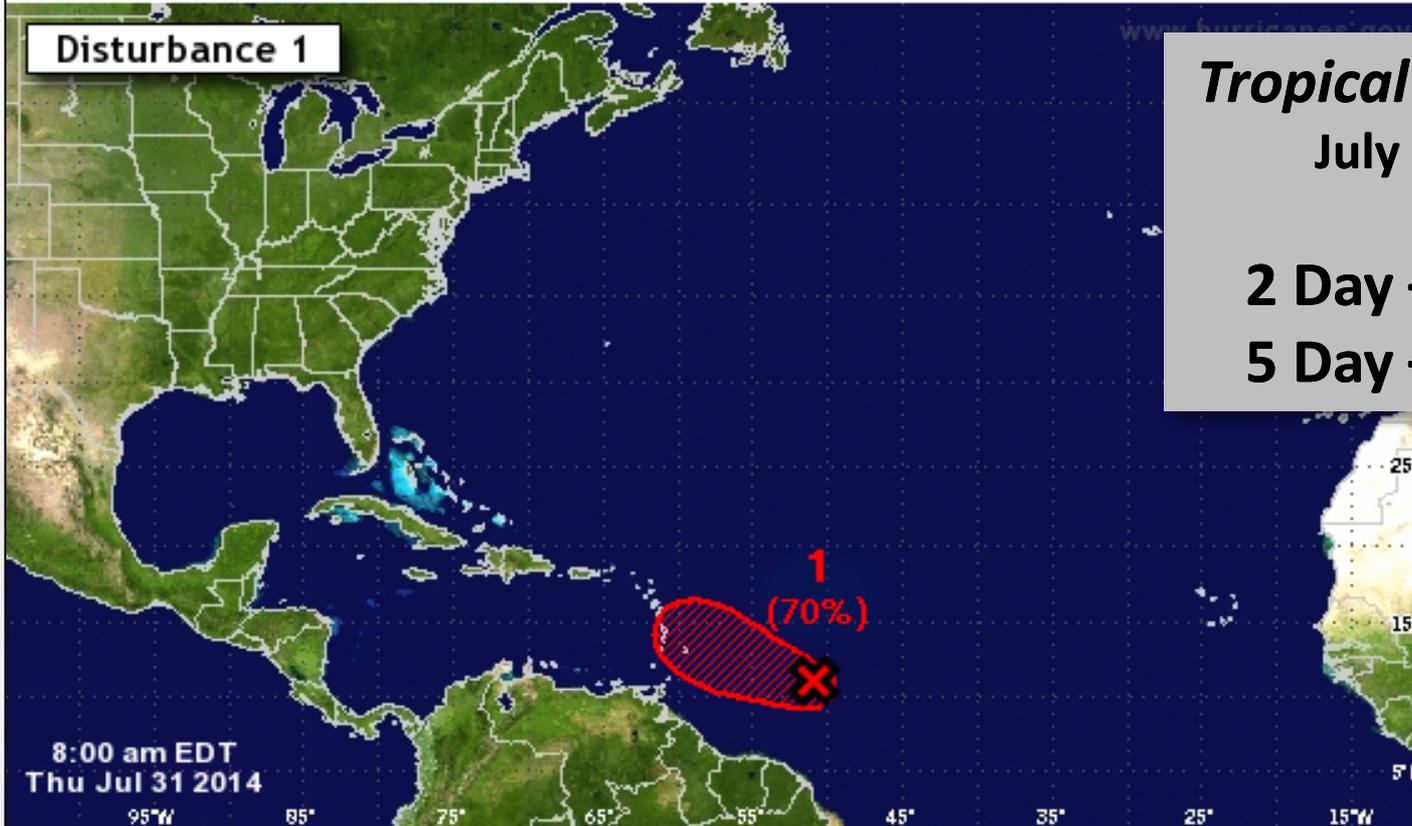
Graphical Tropical Outlook



Experimental 5-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Disturbance 1



Tropical Outlook
July 28 @ 8am

2 Day – 30%

5 Day – 70%

8:00 am EDT
Thu Jul 31 2014

Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the 5-Day Period Ending 8:00 am EDT Tue Aug 5 2014

Chance of Cyclone Formation in 5 Days: ■ Low < 30% ■ Medium 30-50% ■ High > 50%

Special Tropical Outlook

Significant or unexpected changes.

The screenshot shows the National Weather Service National Hurricane Center website. The header includes the NOAA logo, the text "National Weather Service National Hurricane Center", and the "weather.gov" logo. A navigation bar contains links for "Home", "News", "Organization", "Search", "NWS", "All NOAA", and "Go". The main content area displays a "SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK" issued from the NWS National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL, at 4:30 PM EDT on Monday, June 30, 2014. A yellow highlighted section states: "Special outlook issued to update discussion of the area of low pressure east of Florida." The text is followed by an "Updated:" section describing reconnaissance aircraft findings and a "Data from the reconnaissance aircraft" section providing details on wind speeds and movement. The page ends with "§§".

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SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
430 PM EDT MON JUN 30 2014

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What is the special outlook issued for?

Special Tropical Outlook

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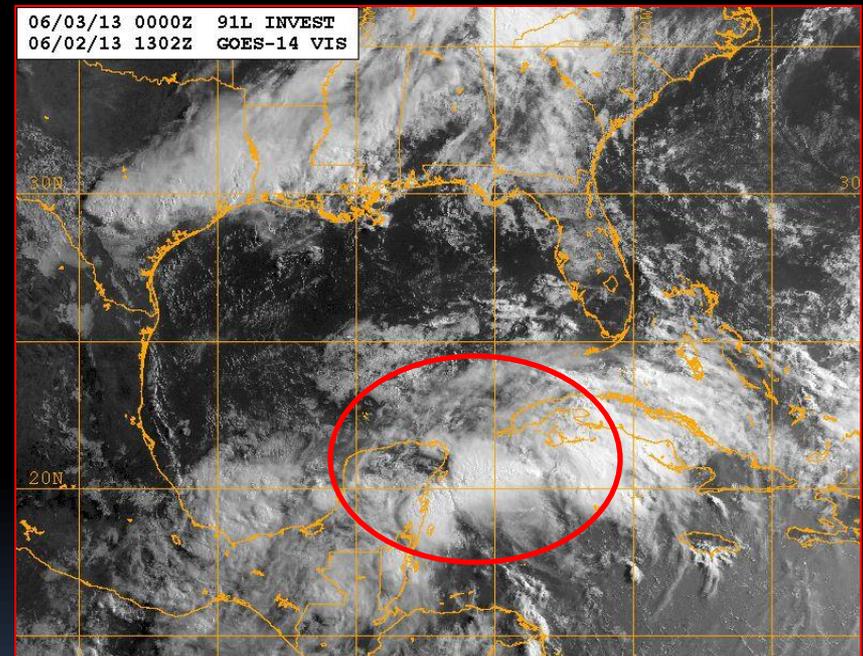
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What's the new information?
Aircraft?

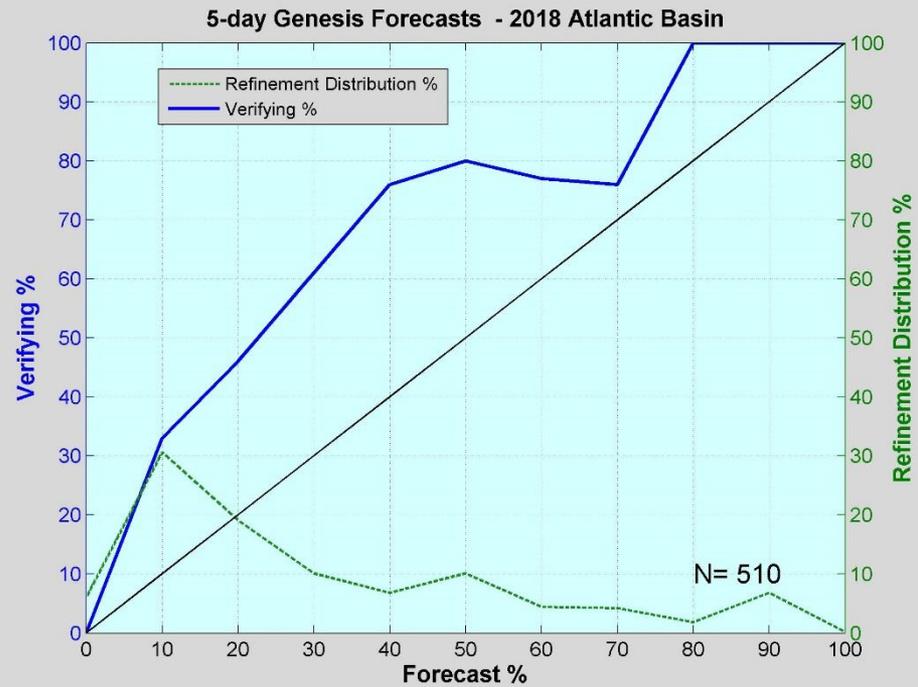
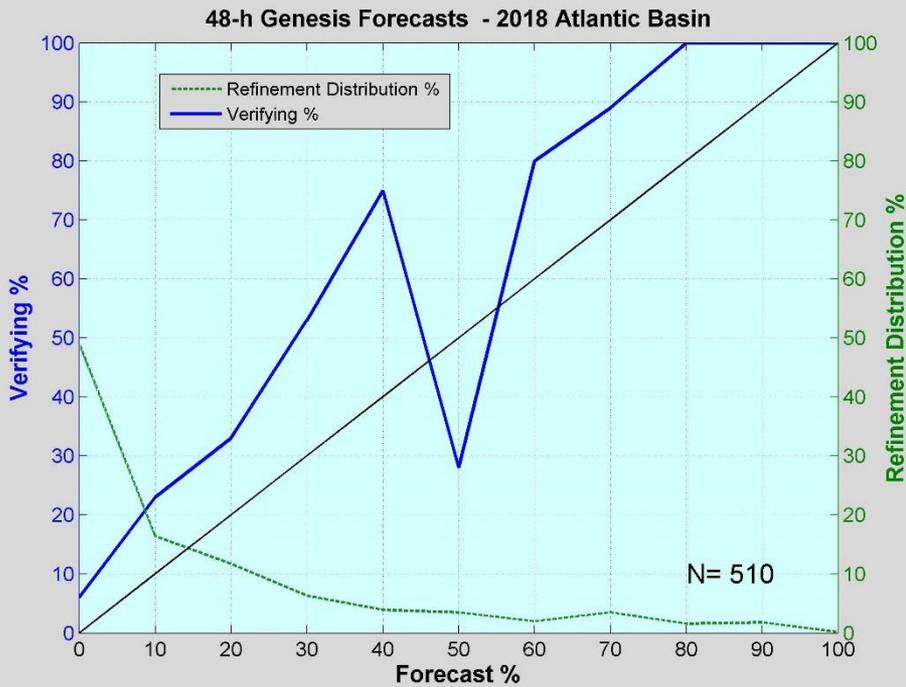


NHC “Invest” Systems

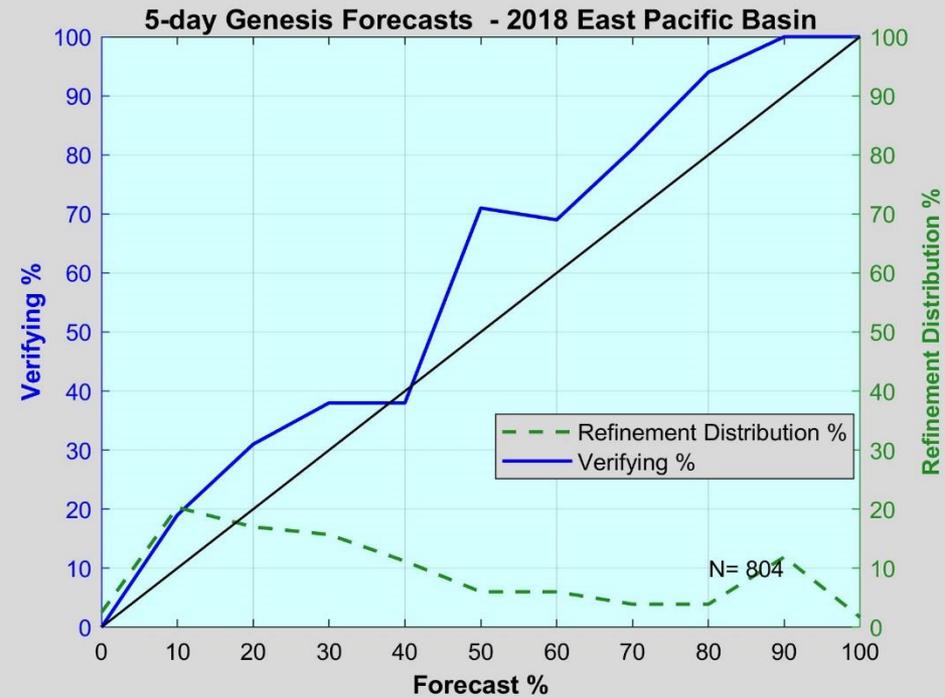
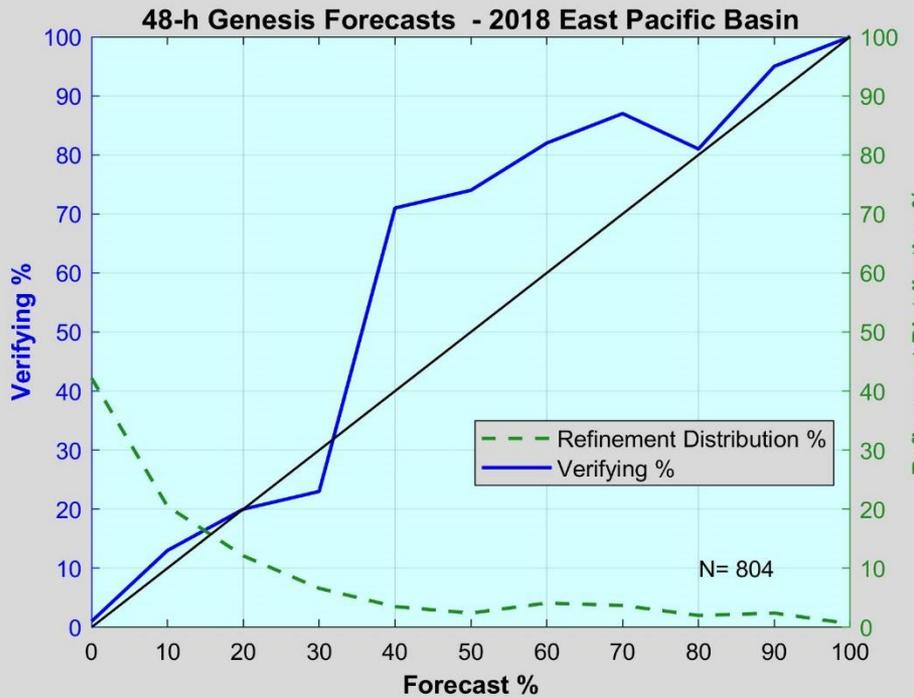
- NHC opens “invests” to monitor suspicious weather systems more carefully
- There are no standards for opening invests unlike for initiating a tropical cyclone package – based on forecaster prerogative
- Guidance is typically run when a cloud system center is apparent (but not always!)
- Users are reminded to be extremely cautious about using parameters associated with particular “invests” in decision-making



Verification Results of 2- and 5-Day Genesis Forecasts - Atlantic



Verification Results of 2- and 5-Day Genesis Forecasts - Pacific



Any Questions?

Time For a Quiz!

Out of ~60 tropical waves transiting the Atlantic basin each season, less than 1/10 develop. Why?

- A) Waves lose convection off of Africa due to cool waters and have less potential for development
- B) many of them are too close to the equator
- C) environmental factors are generally marginally conducive for development
- D) Waves are closely spaced together and constructively interfere with one another
- E) Both A and C

De las 60 ondas tropicales que transitan la cuenca del Atlántico cada temporada, se desarrollan menos de 1/10. ¿Por qué?

- A) Las ondas tropicales pierden la convección al moverse fuera de África debido a las aguas frías y tienen menos potencial de desarrollo
- B) Muchas de ellas están demasiado cerca del ecuador.
- C) Los factores del medio ambiente generalmente no conducen al desarrollo.
- D) Las ondas tropicales en ocasiones están tan cerca que pudieran interferirse entre si.
- E) Tanto A como C

The Atlantic basin is a marginal basin for TCs

- A) True
- B) False

La cuenca del Océano Atlántico es una cuenca marginal para la formación de CTs.

- A) Cierto
- B) Falso

The instability over the Atlantic basin is greatest:

- A) Late in the hurricane season
- B) Early in the hurricane season
- C) Early to mid hurricane season
- D) None of the above

La inestabilidad sobre la Cuenca del Atlántico es mayor:

- A) Al final de la Temporada de Huracanes
- B) Al comienzo de la Temporada de Huracanes
- C) A comienzo to mediados de la Temporada de Huracanes
- D) Ninguno de los anteriores

As a general rule, pressures falls of what magnitude, associated with a tropical disturbance, are indicative that TC genesis is imminent ?

- A) 1 mb/24 h
- B) 2 mb/24 h
- C) 3 mb/24 h or more
- D) 0.5 mb/24 h

Como regla general, que caída de la presión durante las pasadas 24 horas es un indicativo inminente de la formación de un CT?

- A) 1 mb/24 horas
- B) 2 mb/24 horas
- C) 3 mb/24 horas o más
- D) 0.5 mb/24 horas

Stage 1 of TC genesis results in the formation of what phenomenon:

- A) Disorganized convection
- B) An upper-level anticyclone
- C) Often a large burst of convection
- D) A mesoscale convective vortex
- E) C and D

La etapa 1 en la génesis de un CT es el resultado de cual de los siguientes fenómenos

- A) Convección desorganizada
- B) Un anticiclón en las capas altas de la atmósfera
- C) A menudo un amplio conglomerado convectivo
- D) Un vórtice convectivo de mesoescala
- E) C y D

If the 2- and 5-day genesis probabilities are equal in the TWO, what does this mean?

- A) TC genesis, if it occurs, is likely to occur within 2 days
 - B) TC genesis, if it occurs, is likely to occur within 5 days
 - C) TC genesis, if it occurs, is likely to occur within 3 to 5 days
 - D) TC genesis, if it occurs, is likely to occur in a few hours
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- Si la probabilidad de génesis en el TWO (Tropical Weather Outlook) para 2 y 5 días es la misma, qué significa esto?
 - A) CT génesis, si ocurre, es probable que ocurra en los próximos 2 días
 - B) CT génesis, si ocurre, es probable que ocurra en los próximos 5 días
 - C) CT génesis, si ocurre, es probable que ocurra en los próximos 3 a 5 días
 - D) CT génesis, si ocurre, es probable que ocurra en las próximas pocas horas

The opening of an “invest” system signifies that:

- A) NHC is on the verge of issuing TC advisories on that system
- B) NHC wishes to monitor a particular system of interest more carefully
- C) NHC intends to increase the genesis probabilities of this system soon
- D) NHC knows very precisely where and how strong the invest system is

Quando el Centro Nacional de Huracanes (NHC) comienza a “investigar” un sistema tropical esto significa que:

- A) El NHC está a punto de emitir avisos de CT sobre ese sistema
- B) El NHC desea monitorear un sistema de interés cuidadosamente
- C) El NHC pretende aumentar las probabilidades de génesis de este sistema pronto.
- D) El NHC sabe con mucha precisión dónde y qué tan fuerte es el sistema tropical

About what percentage of Atlantic TCs form from non-tropical sources each season:

- A) 10%
- B) 50%
- C) 25%
- D) 5%

Cada temporada ciclónica, qué porcentaje de los sistemas tropicales en el Atlántico se desarrollan asociados con sistemas no tropicales.

- A) 10%
- B) 50%
- C) 25%
- D) 5%

The requirement that a TC has organized deep convection is:

- A) an objective criterion that can be proven
- B) somewhat subjective
- C) arbitrary and a man-made definition
- D) B and C

El requerimiento para decir que la convección asociada a un sistema tropical es profunda es:

- A) Un criterio objetivo que puede ser probado.
- B) algo subjetivo
- C) arbitrario y una definición hecha por el hombre
- D) B y C

Forecast Exercise