



# TROPICAL CYCLONE GENESIS

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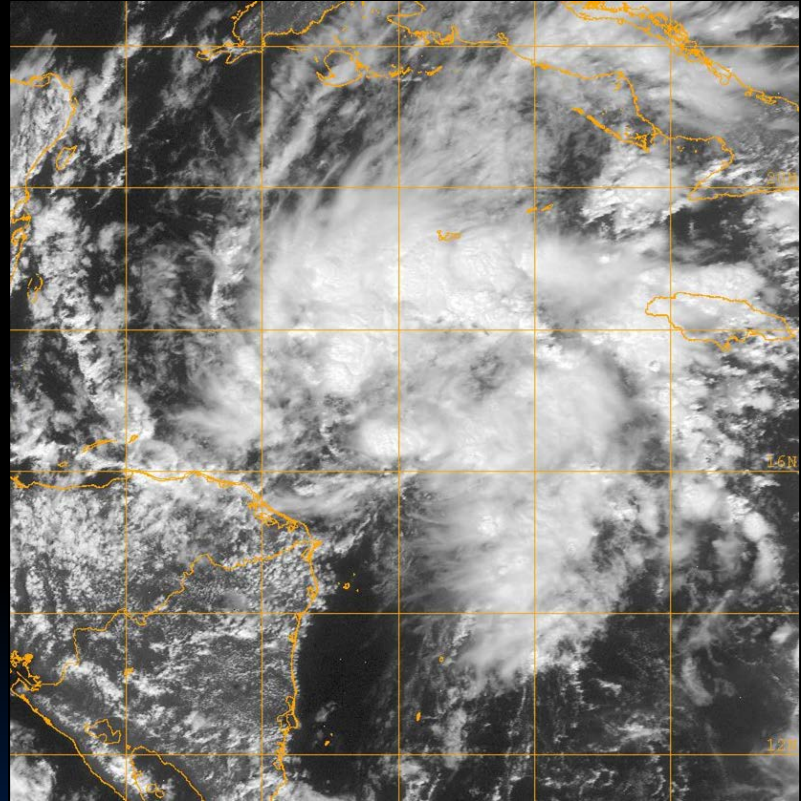
# Outline / Topics

- 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



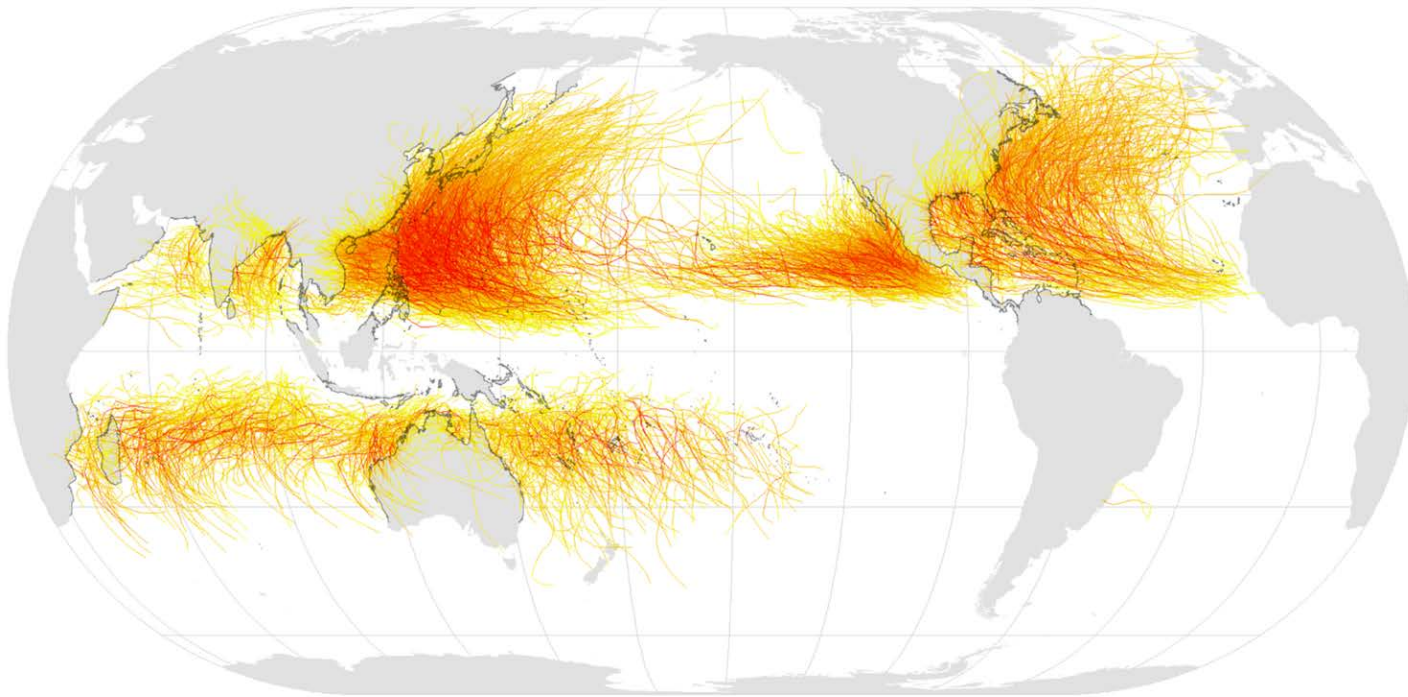
# WMO Definition of a Tropical Cyclone:

*“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

hurricane  
category 3

hurricane  
category 4

hurricane  
category 5



# 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.

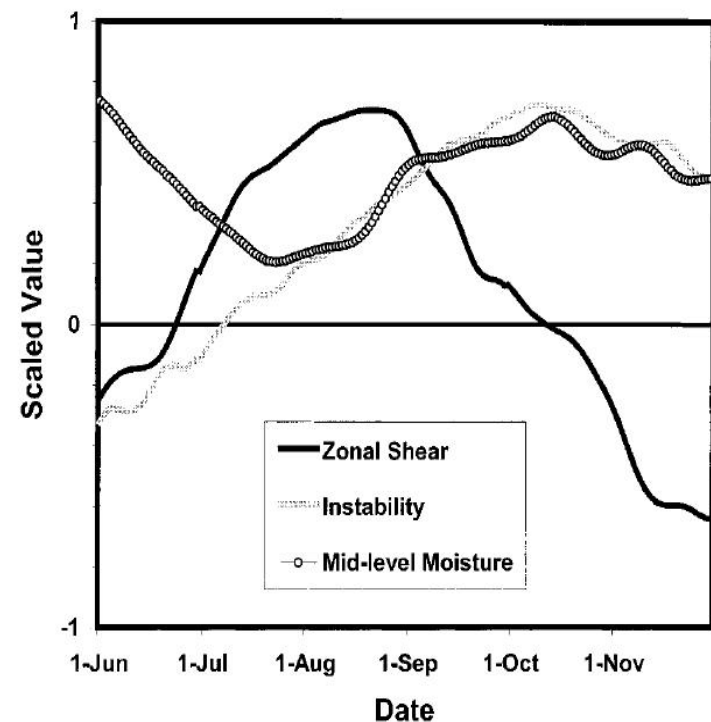
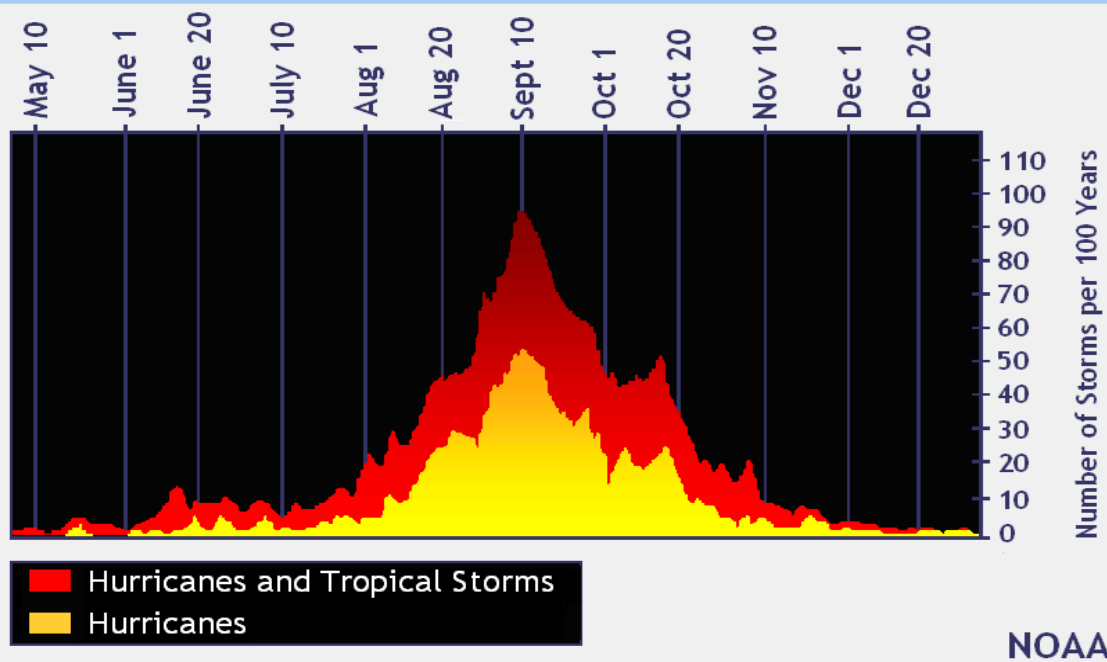
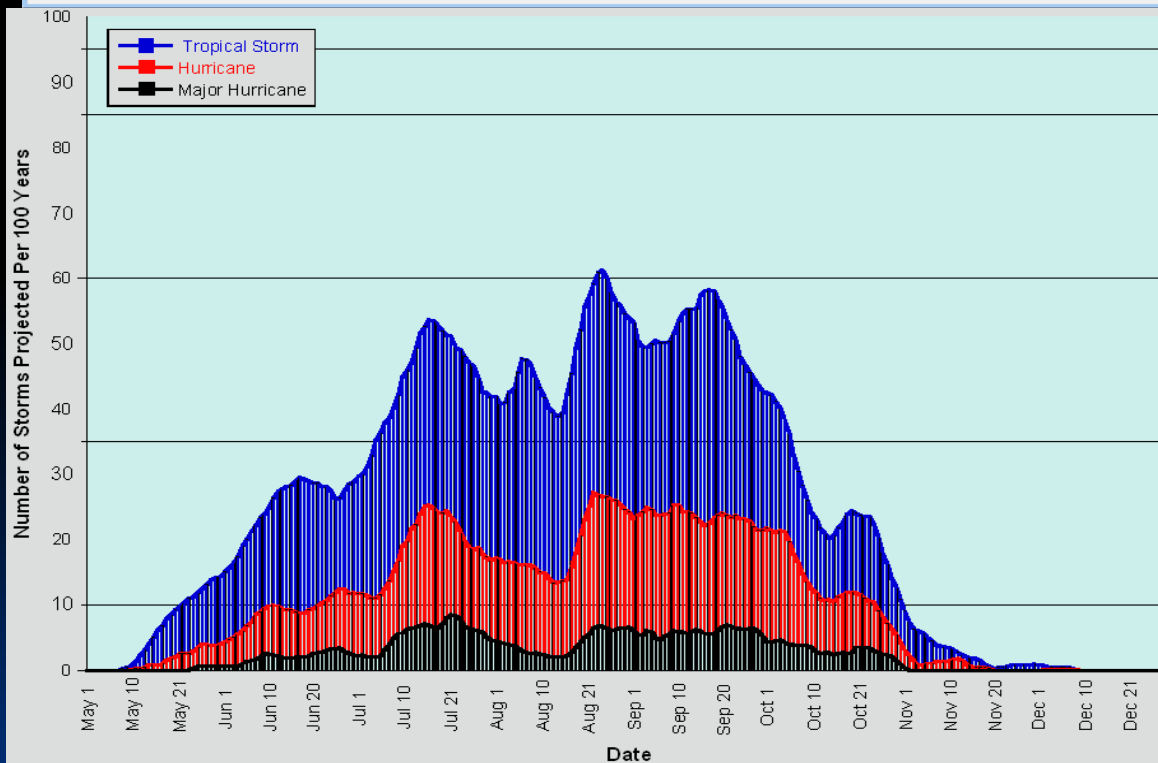


FIG. 7. Climatological time series of the scaled shear, instability, and moisture variables.



**Atlantic**

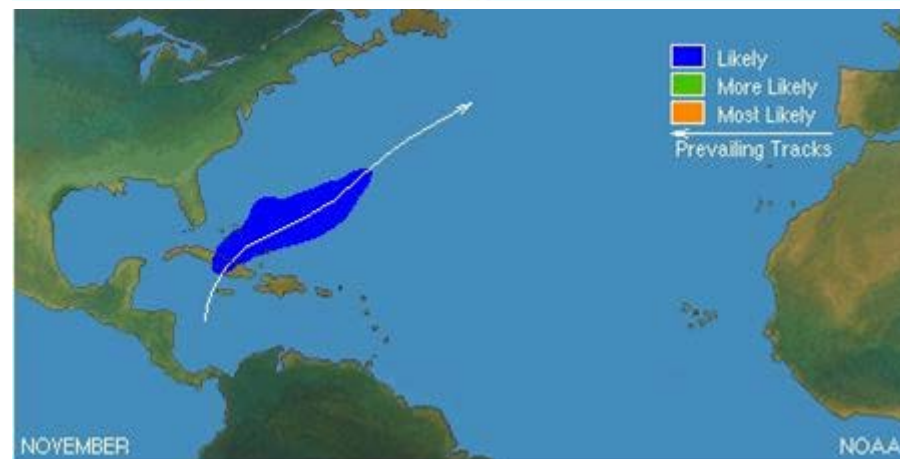
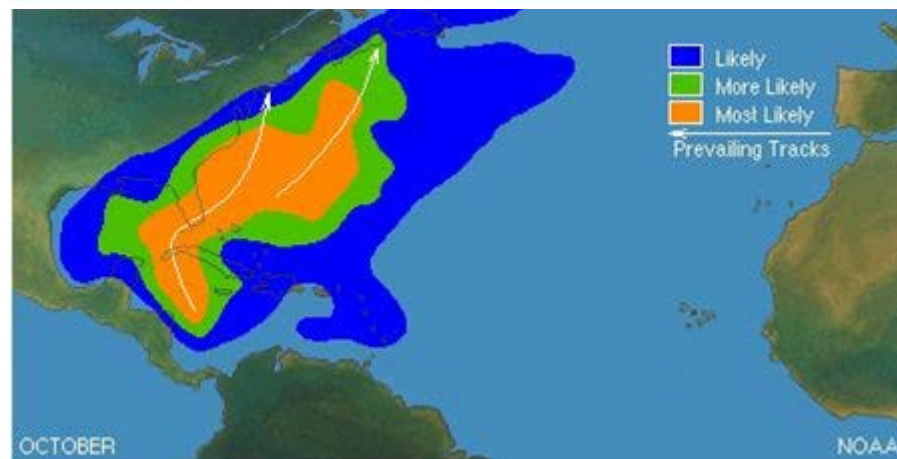
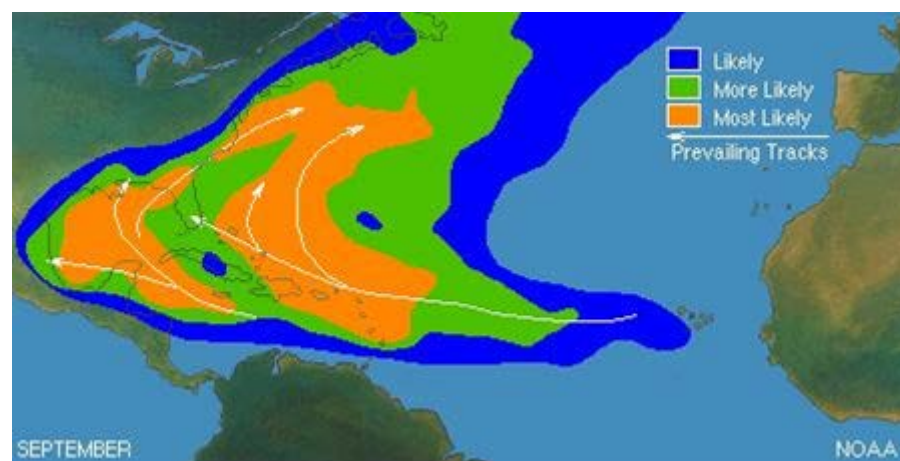
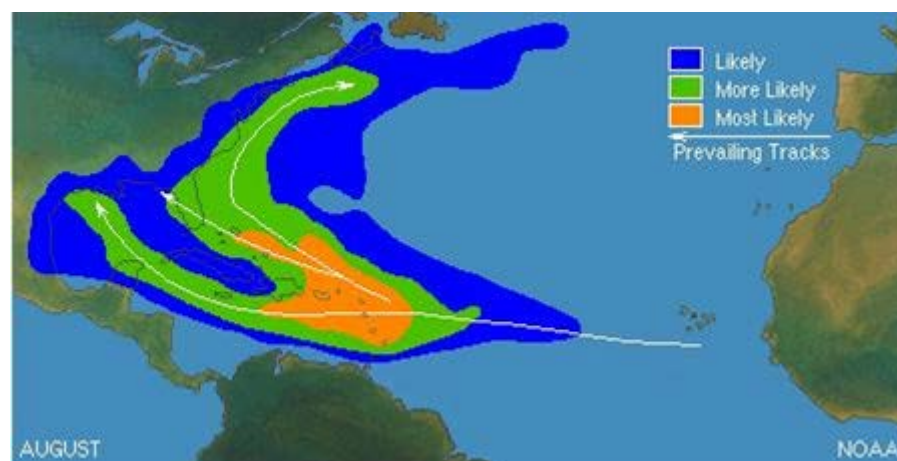
**Highly peaked  
with a secondary  
peak in mid-  
October**



**Eastern North  
Pacific**

**Bimodal  
distribution**





# Time For a Quiz Question!



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

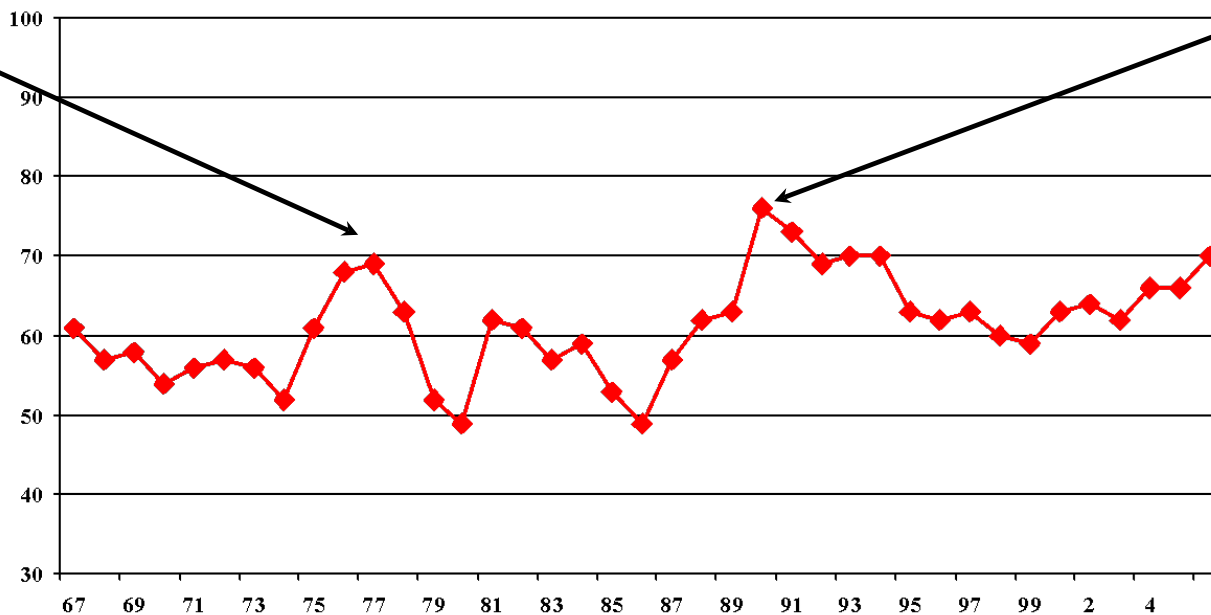


# Interannual variability of the frequency of Atlantic tropical waves, 1967-2005

## Tropical waves

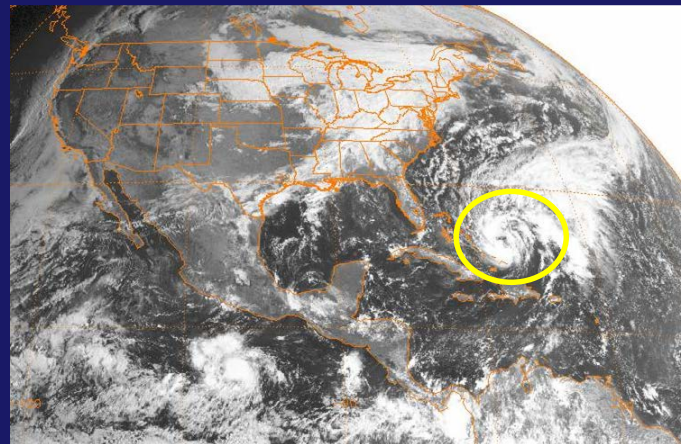
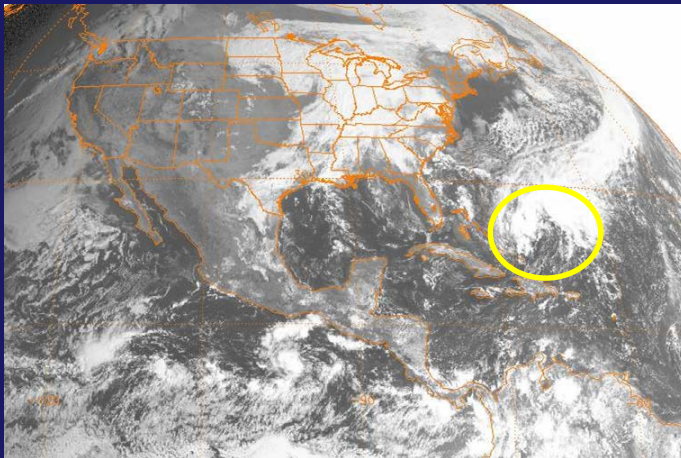
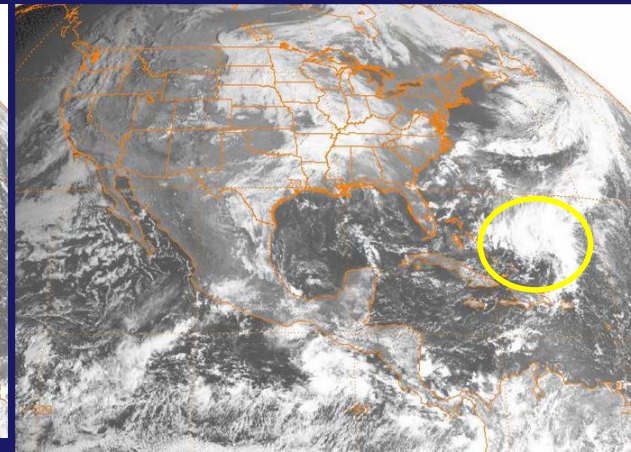
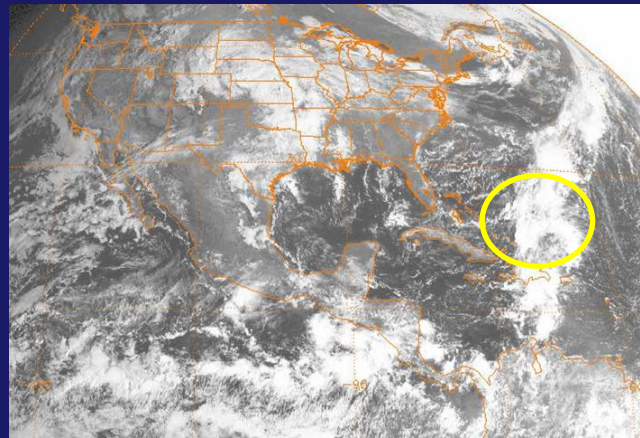
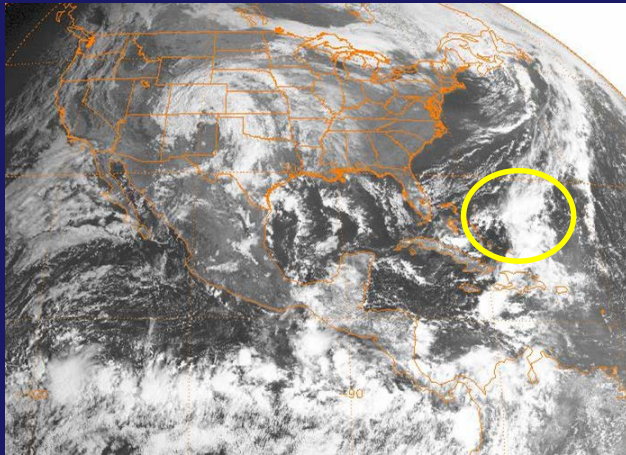
Inactive year

Inactive year



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)

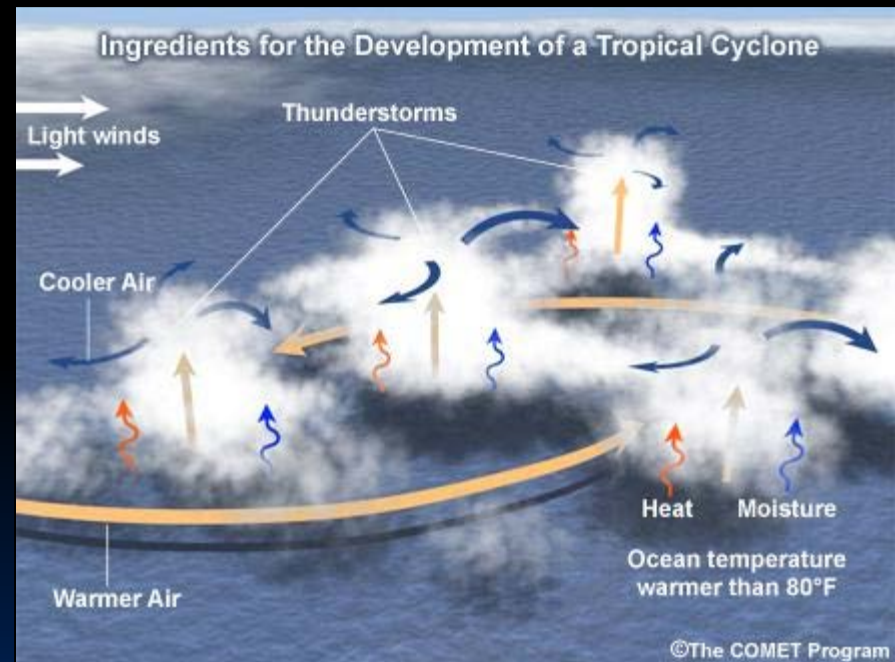


On average, about 25% of Atlantic TCs form from non-tropical sources

# Large-Scale Conditions and Other Characteristics Associated with TC Formation

**Necessary but not sufficient conditions!**

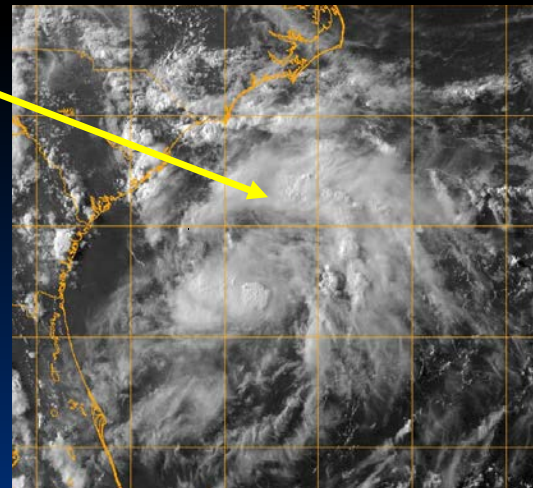
- A pre-existing disturbance containing abundant deep convection
- Latitudes poleward  $\sim 5^\circ$
- Adequate ocean thermal energy
  - SST  $> 26^\circ\text{C}$  extending to a depth of 60 m
- A “sufficiently” unstable atmosphere & deep layer of moist air
- Small vertical shear of the horizontal wind





# 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





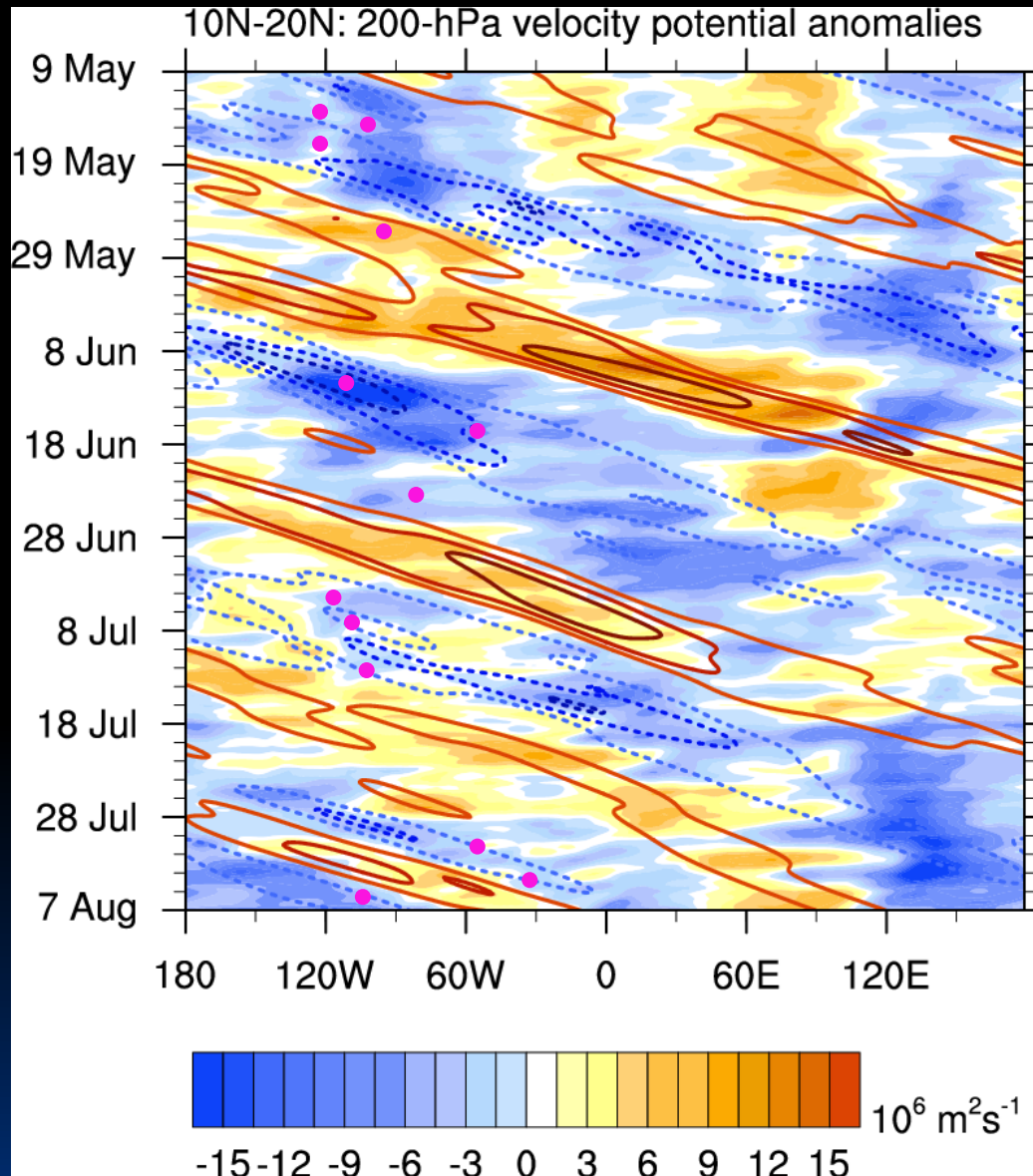
*“We observe universally that tropical storms form only within pre-existing disturbances...An initial disturbance therefore forms part of the starting mechanism. A weak circulation, low pressure and a deep moist layer are present at the beginning. The forecaster need not look into areas which contain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

Herbert Riehl (1954)

# Important Intraseasonal Predictors for 5-Day Genesis Forecasts

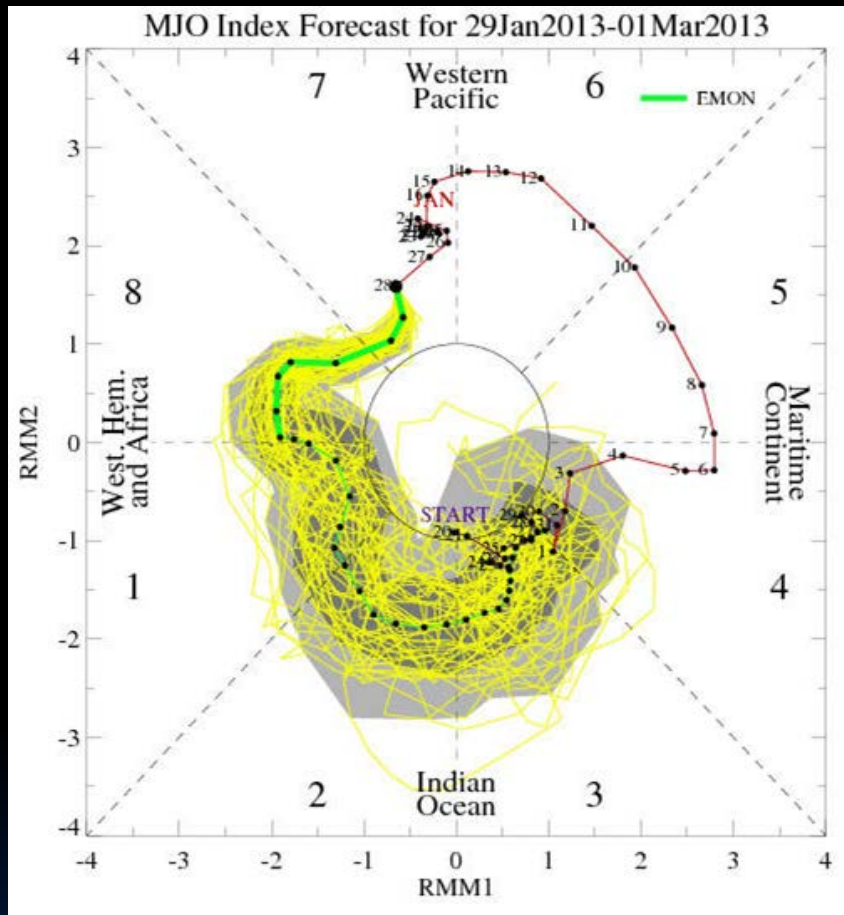
Blue—  
favorable  
upper-level  
conditions  
(lower  
shear and  
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unstable)

Magenta  
dots are TC  
genesis  
points in  
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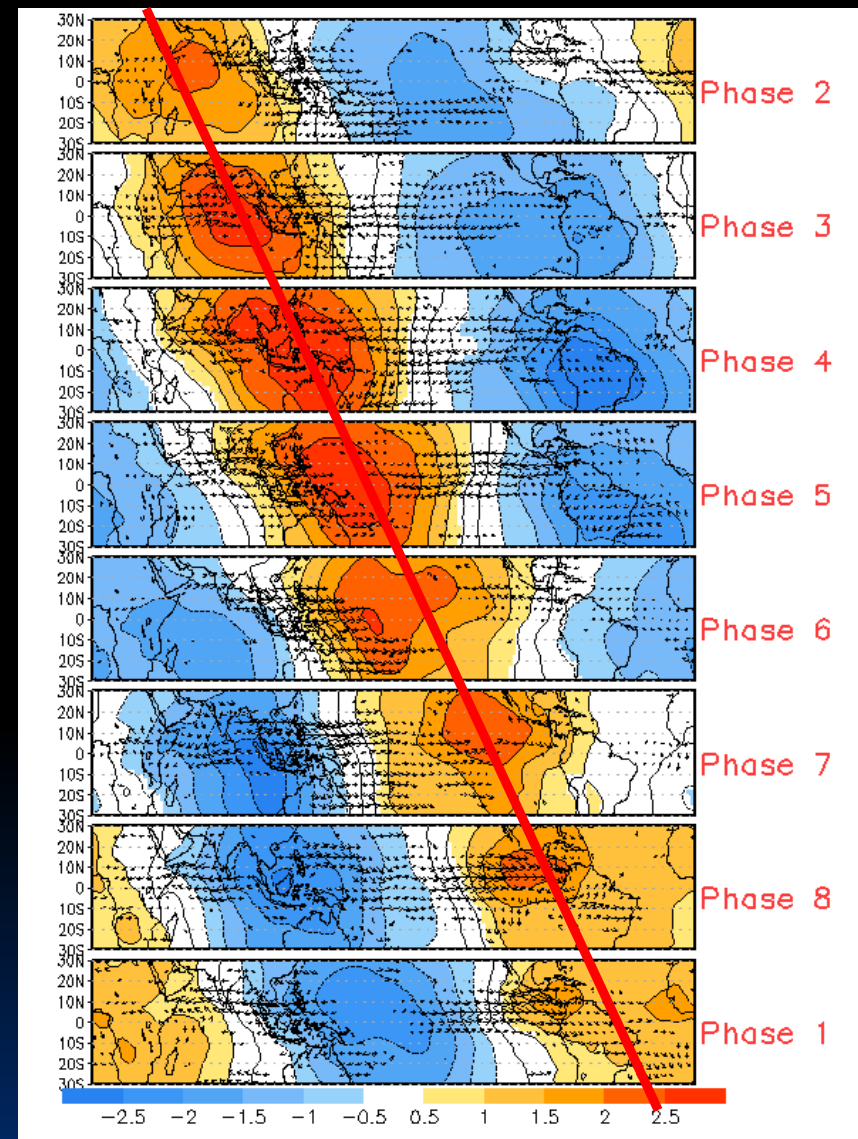


Diagnostic  
tools involving  
the MJO and  
other  
intraseasonal  
oscillations are  
becoming  
increasingly  
important but  
are still used  
qualitatively

# A Tool for Tracking and Forecasting the MJO



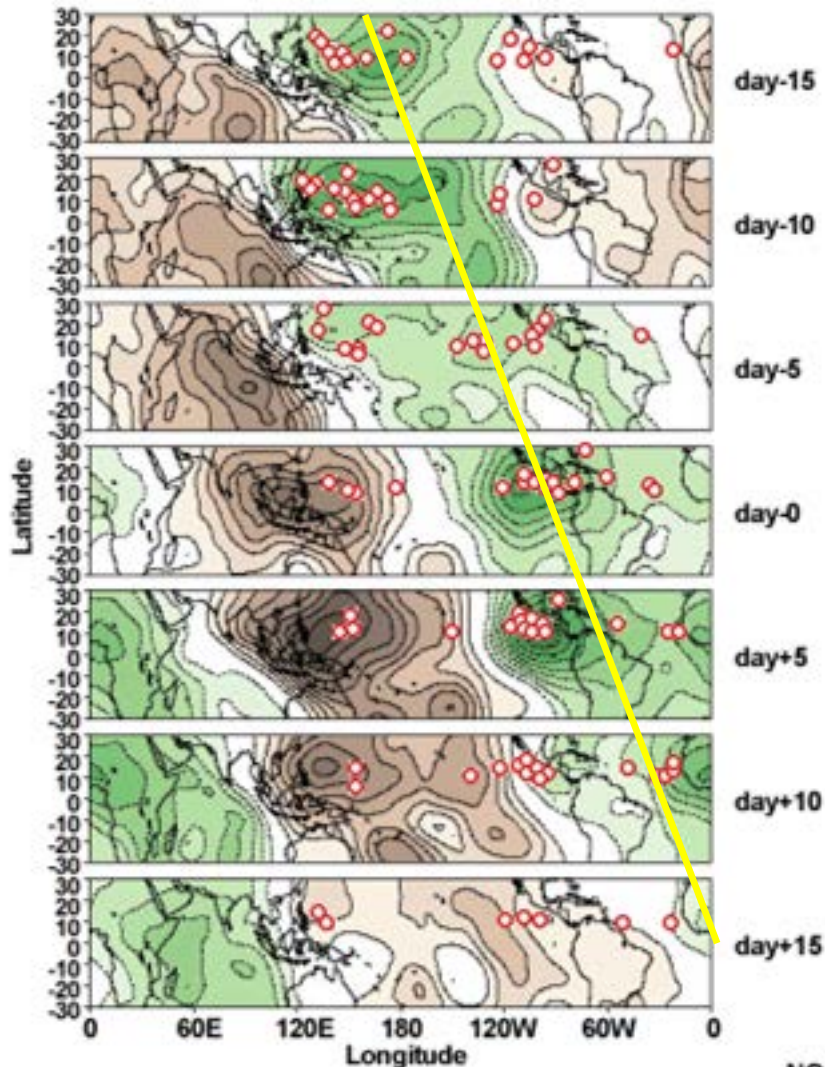
- Conceptual model showing idealized phases of MJO progression
- Phases 8 through 3 most active phases for the Atlantic



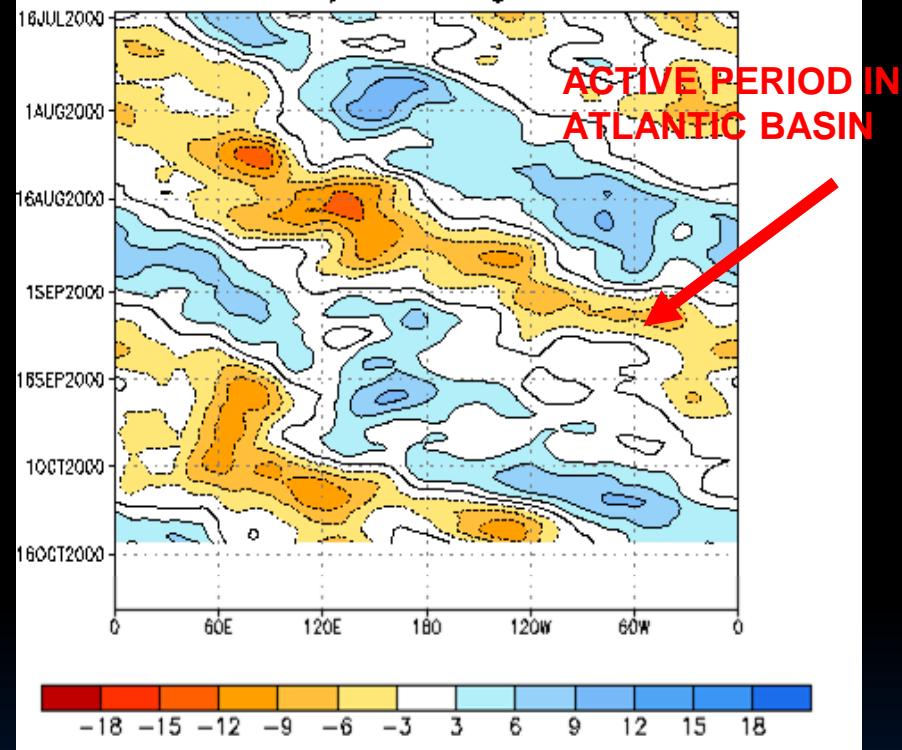


# MADDEN-JULIAN OSCILLATION: RELATED TO INTRASEASONAL VARIABILITY IN TC ACTIVITY?

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



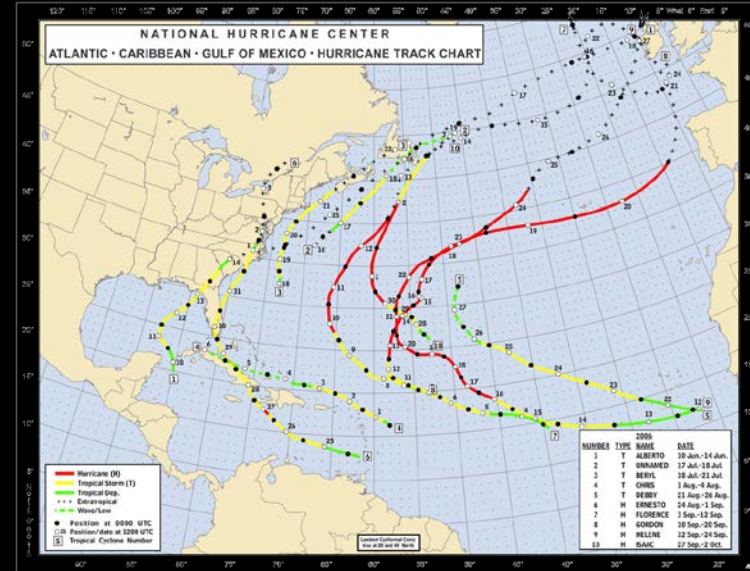
# How are Intraseasonal Oscillations Used at NHC?

- 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

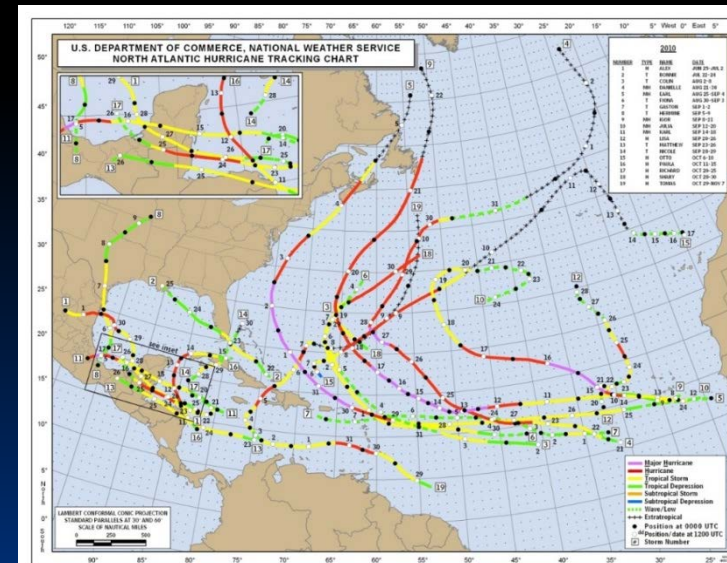
- During El Niño episodes, *fewer* TCs form over the deep tropical Atlantic and Caribbean; tendency for more to form at subtropical latitudes. The opposite generally occurs during La Niña years.

**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:

**C**onditional **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

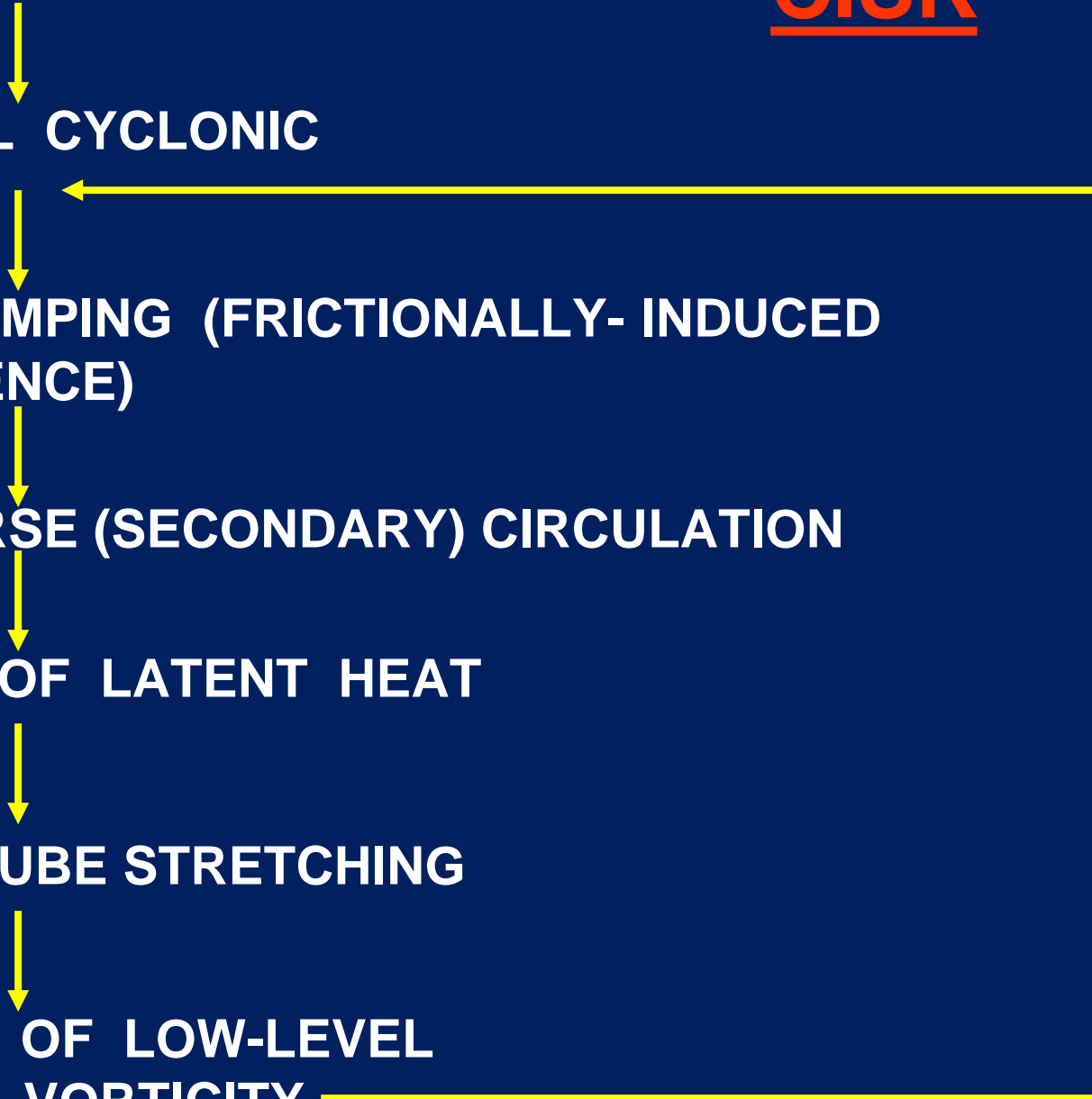
EKMAN PUMPING (FRICTIONALLY- INDUCED  
CONVERGENCE)

TRANSVERSE (SECONDARY) CIRCULATION

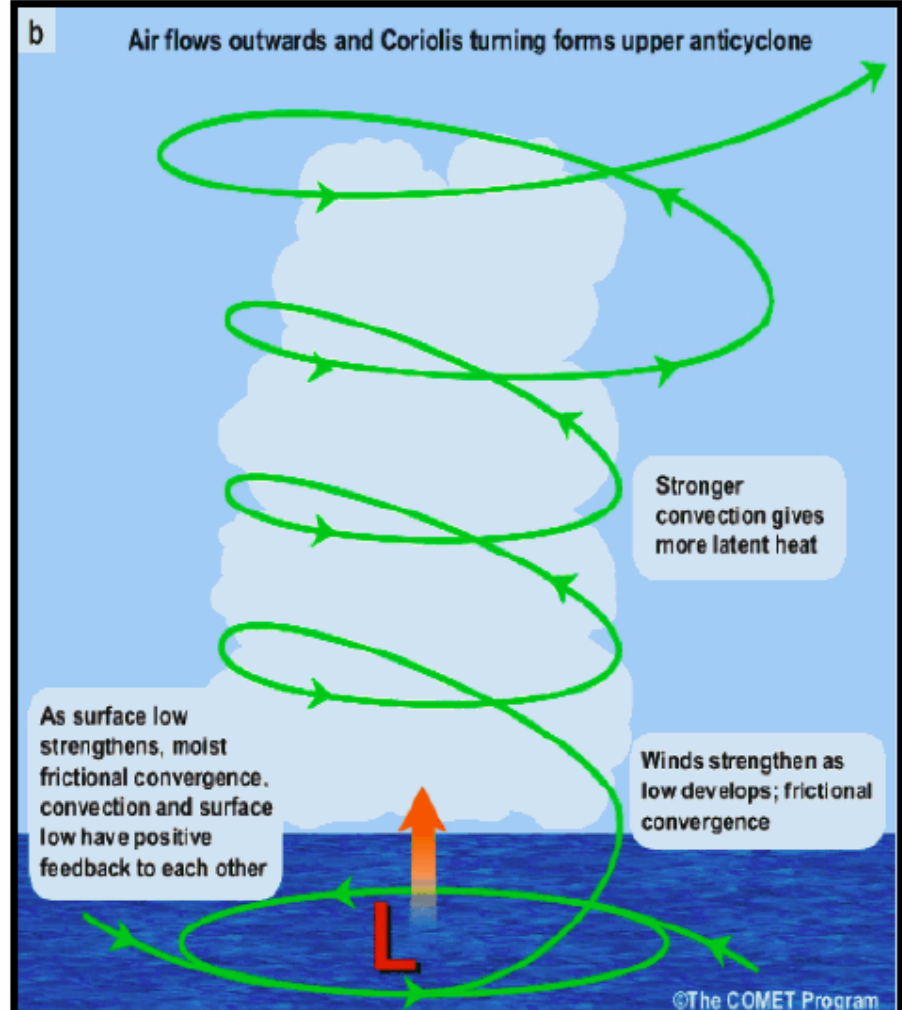
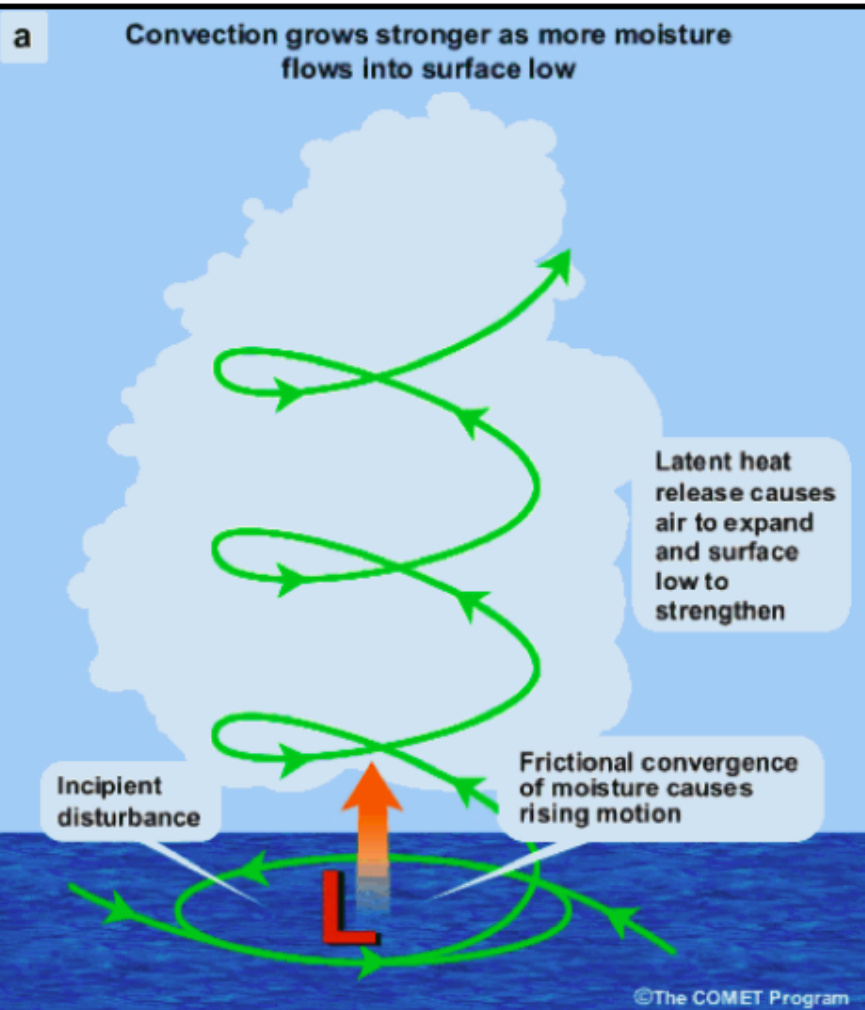
RELEASE OF LATENT HEAT

VORTEX TUBE STRETCHING

INCREASE OF LOW-LEVEL  
CYCLONIC VORTICITY



# CISK Schematic



“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,  $\theta_e$  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  $\theta_e$  to the horizontal variation while the mass distribution in  $\theta_e$  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.

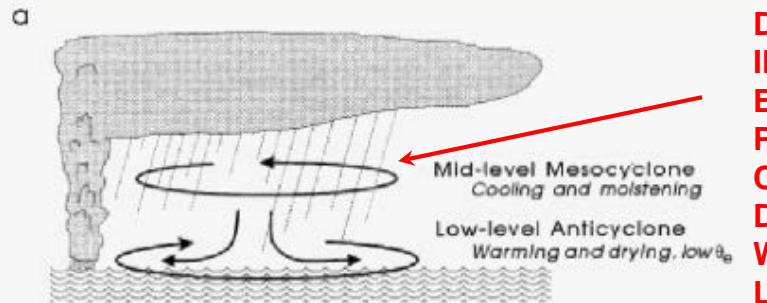
# WISHE

## Wind Induced Surface Heat Exchange

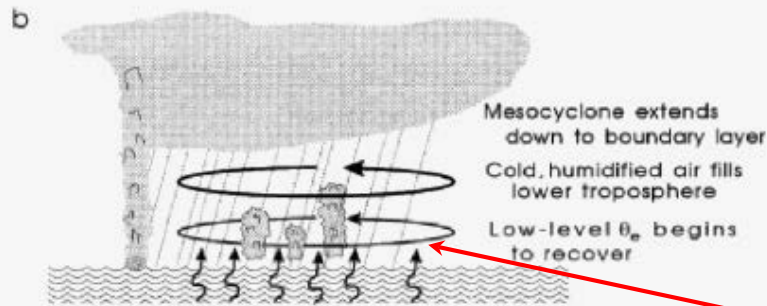
- Heat release and instability in the free troposphere is governed by the evaporation of moisture from the sea (i.e., the extraction of energy from the underlying ocean surface)
- Evaporation is primarily determined by the magnitude of the surface winds



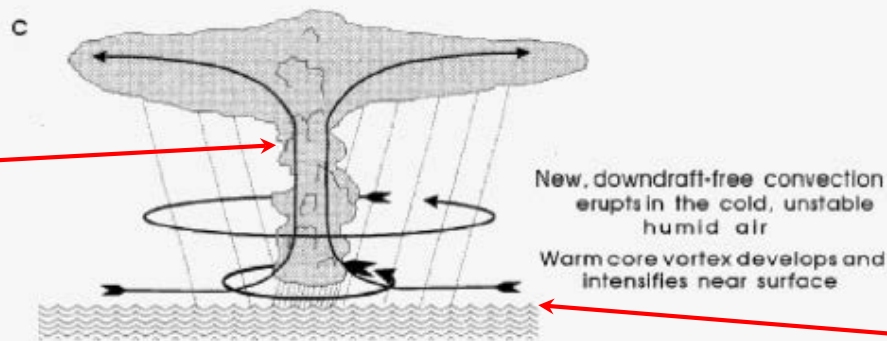
# WISHE



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



THE  
TROPOSPHERE  
MUST BECOME  
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  $\theta_e$ , 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.

# Another Quiz Question!

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

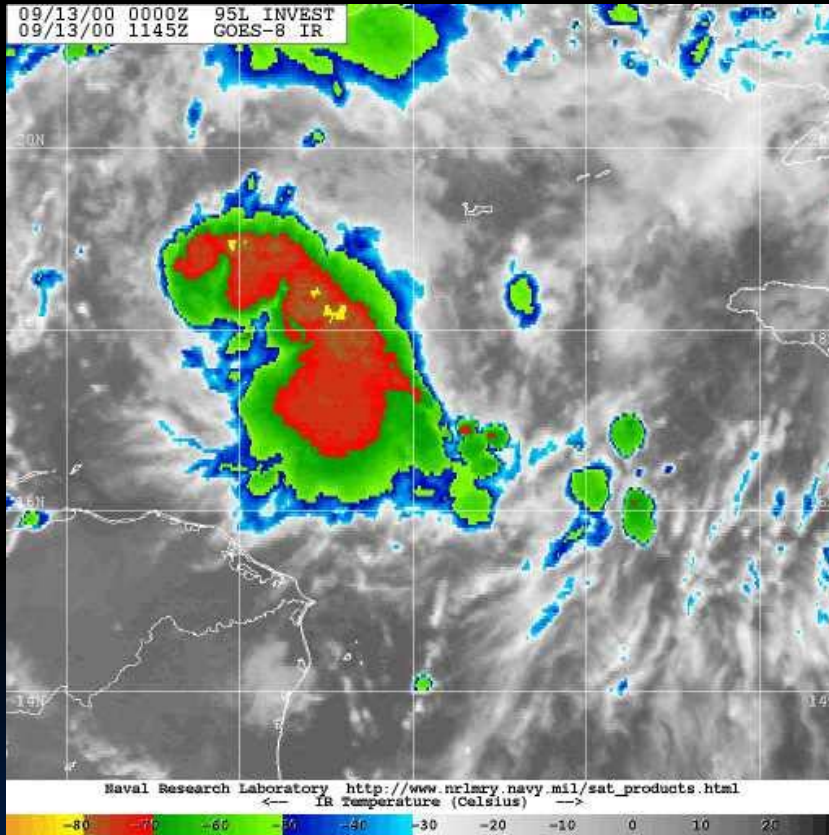
- A) 1 mb/24 h
- B) 2 mb/24 h
- C) 3 mb/24 h or more
- D) 0.5 mb/24 h

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

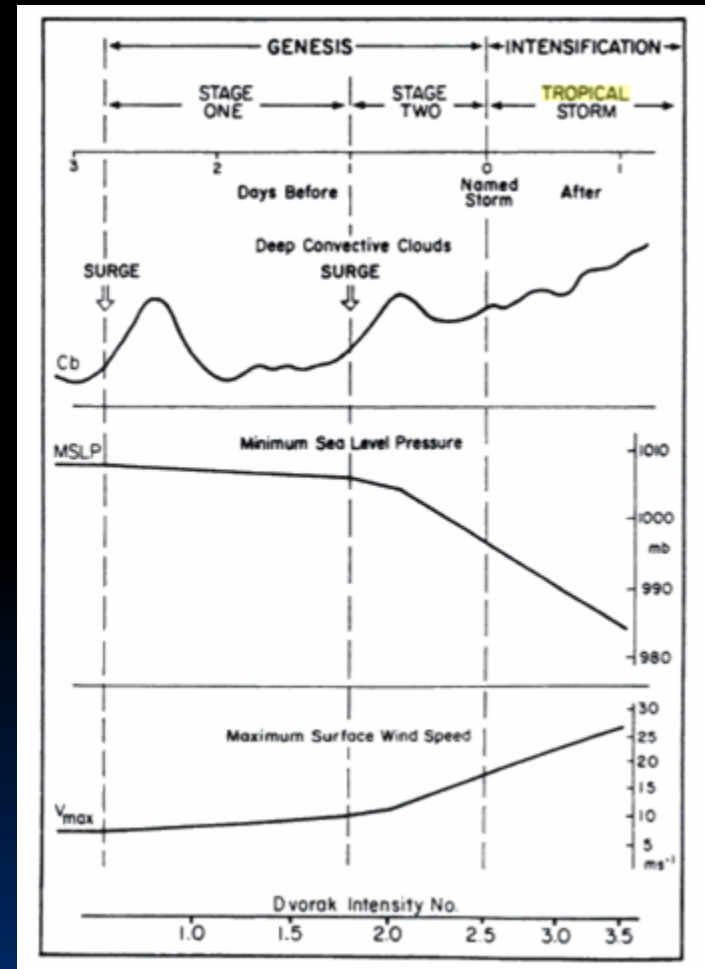
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# Stage 1-Stage 2 Genesis

**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)**

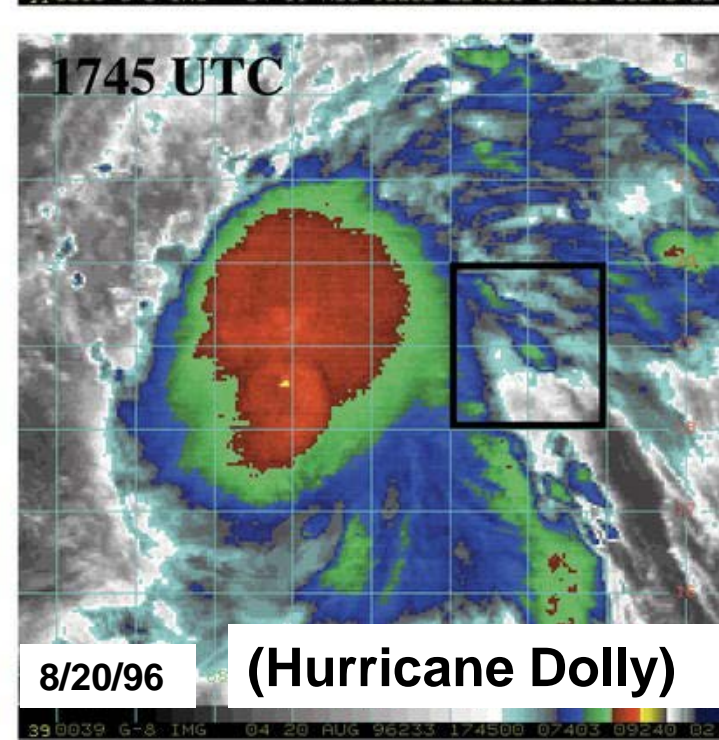
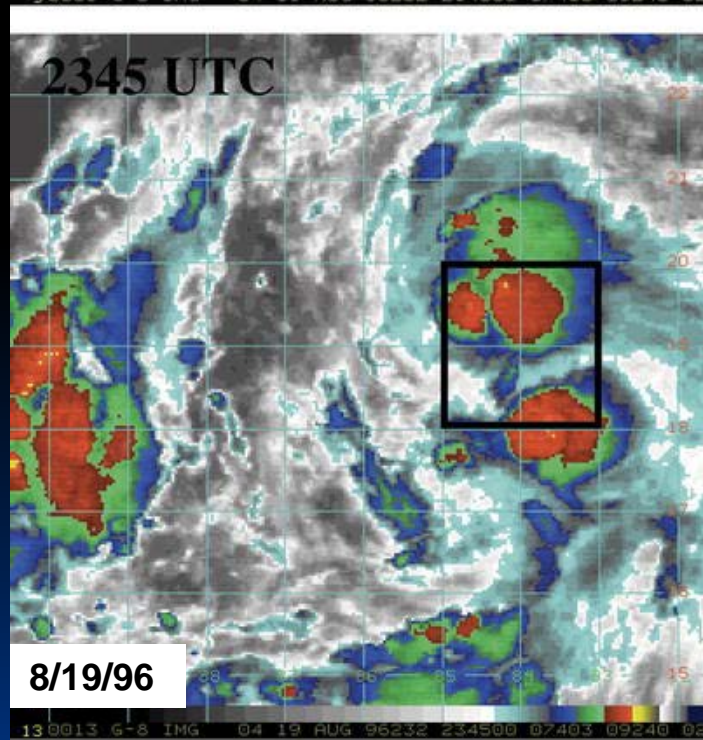
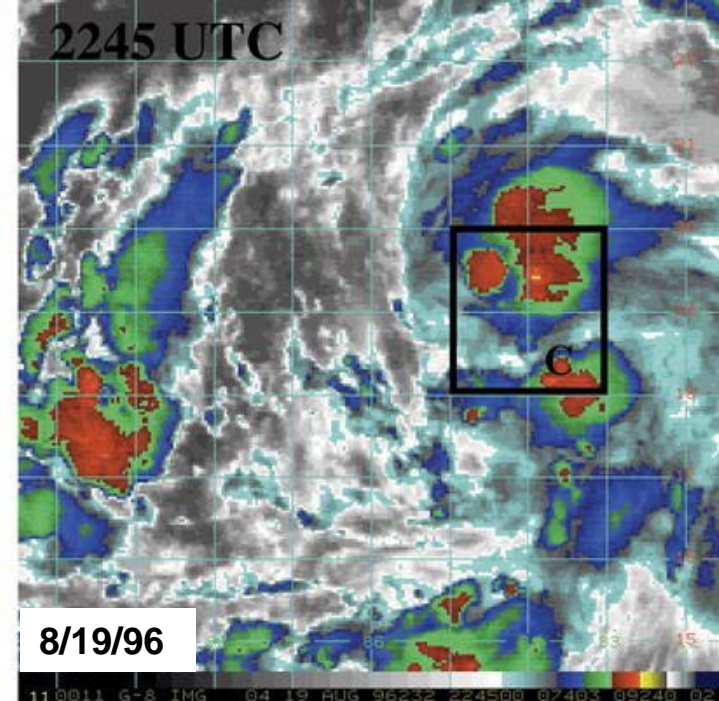
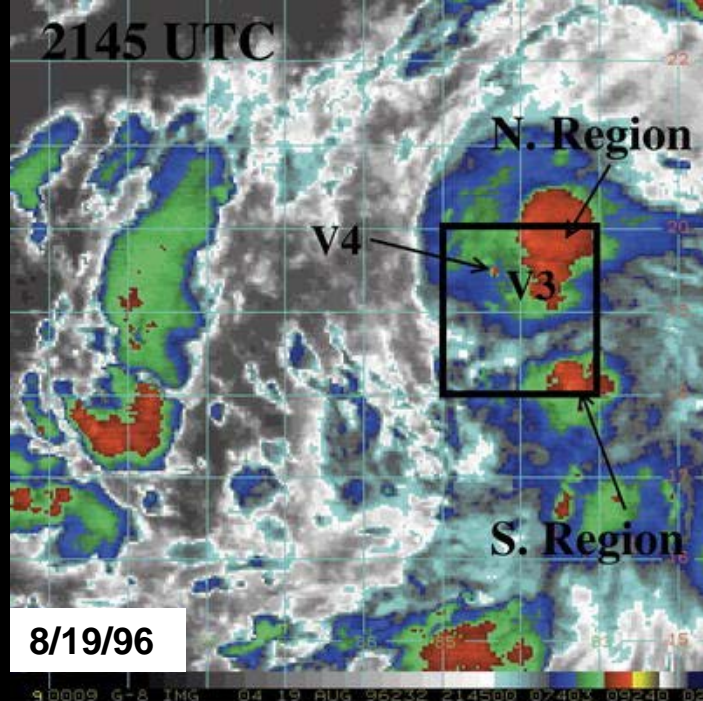


**Zehr (1992)**



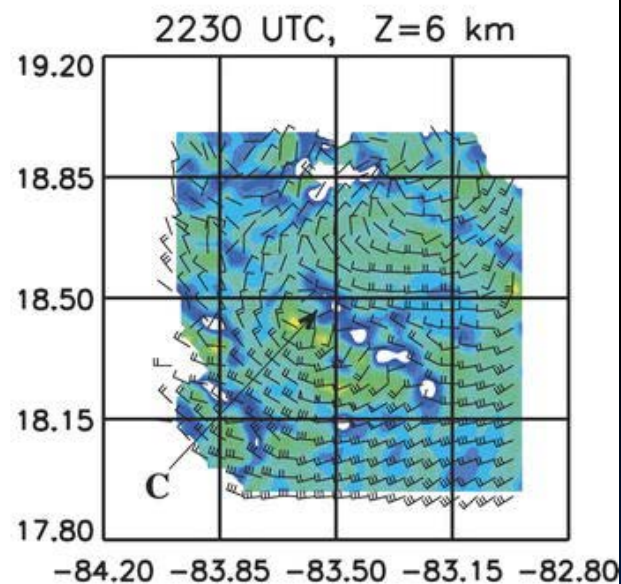
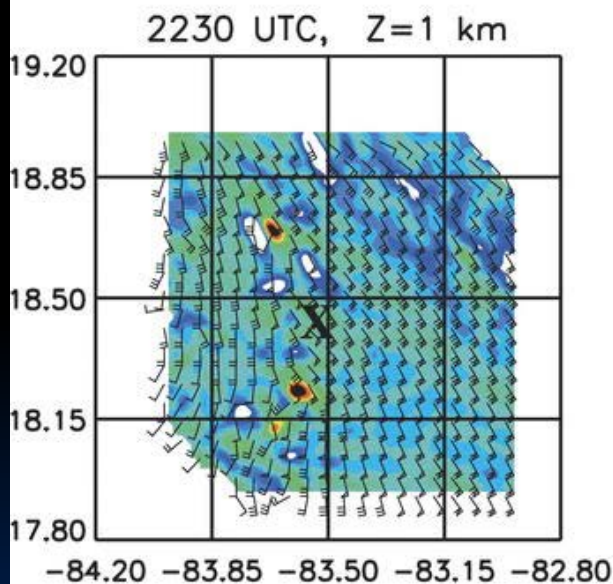
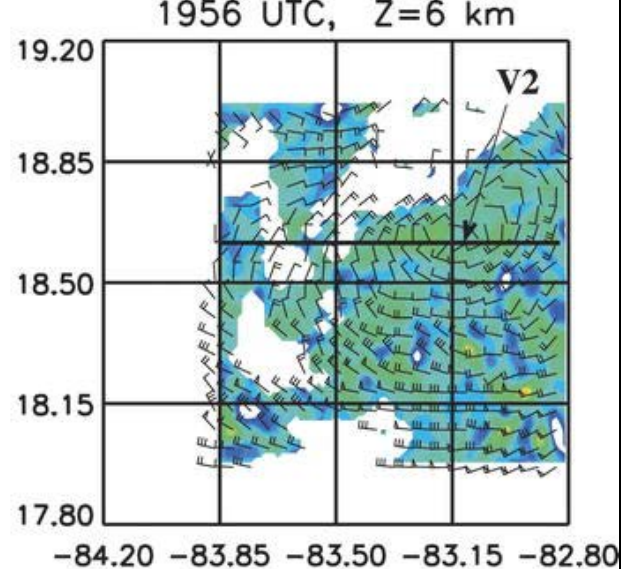
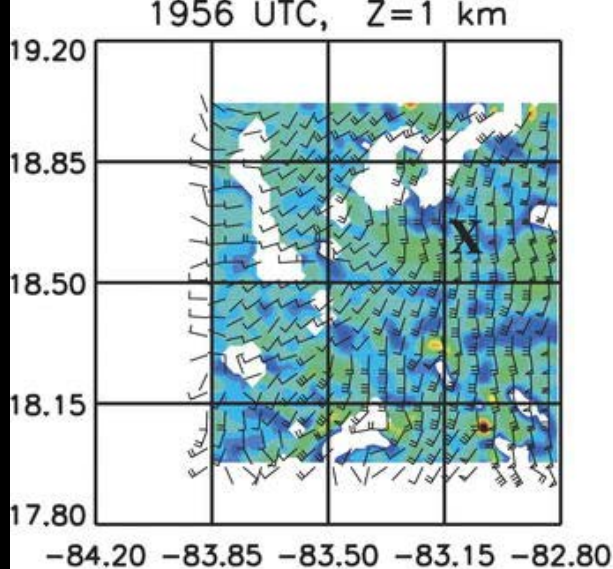
Multiple mid-level mesoscale vortices during genesis stage.

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



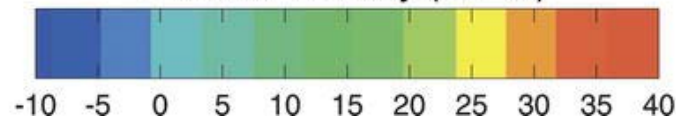
(Hurricane Dolly)





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

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

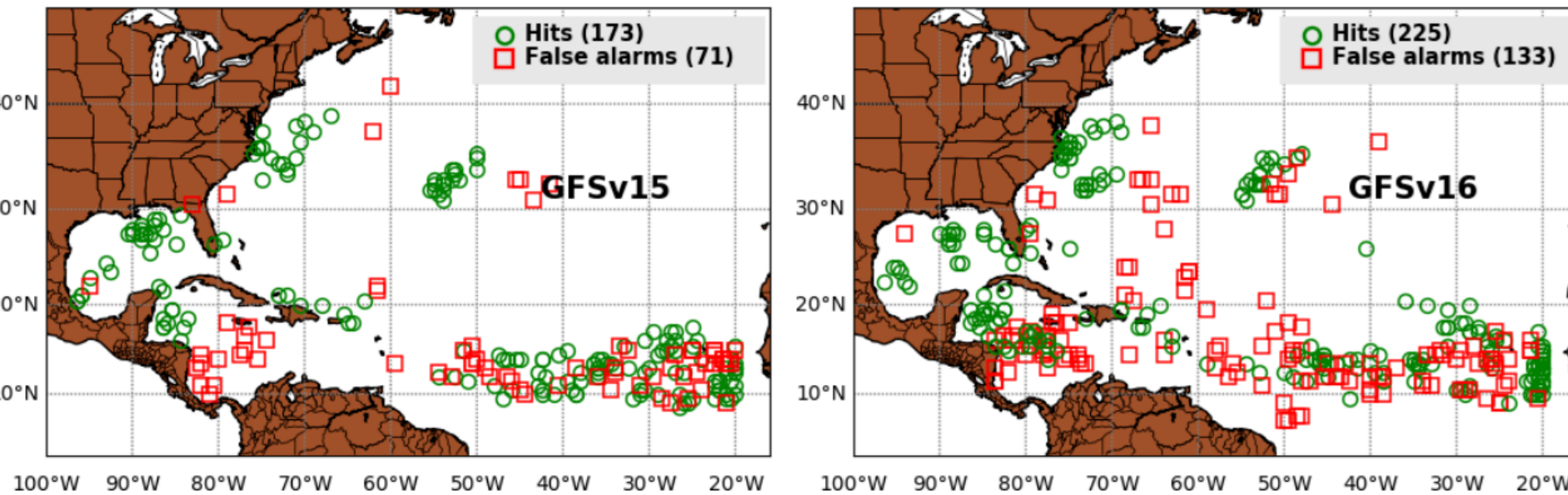


# **Use of global models relevant for TC genesis forecasting:**

- 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, GFSv16 has taken over for the GFSv15. 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**

Analysis , figures and data provided by Dan Halperin, Bob Hart, Jiayi Peng, Andy Penny, and Fanglin Yang

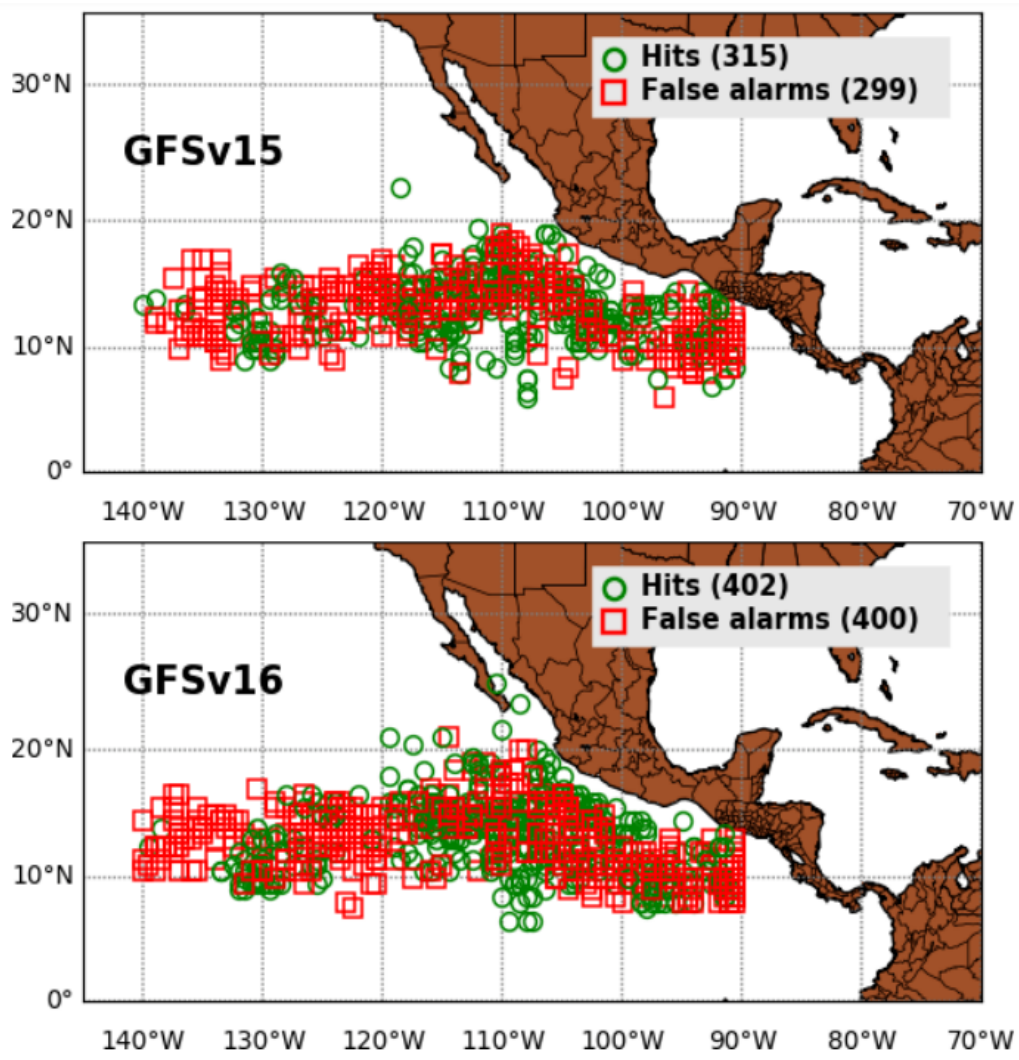


Spatial distribution of all hit and false alarm events for each model configuration.

- GFSv16 is more cyclogenetic than GFSv15.
- GFSv16 exhibits more false alarms over 70-50°W.

# Genesis Verification East Pacific

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Spatial distribution of all hit and false alarm events for each model configuration.



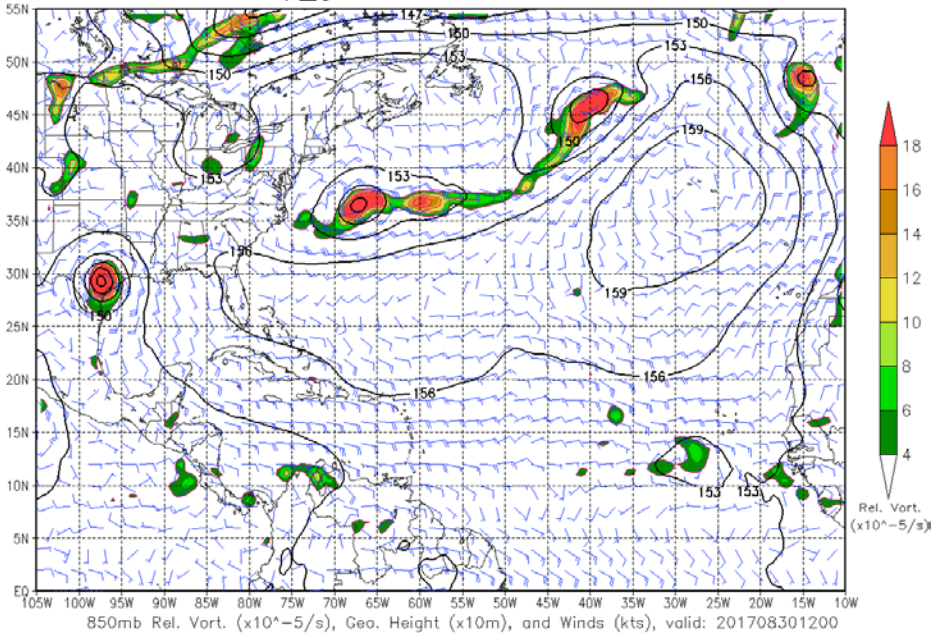
# GFS Genesis Forecasts Summary

- Overall, GFSv16 is more cyclogenetic than GFSv15. Compared to GFSv15, GFSv16 exhibits on average:
  - Larger probability of detection
  - Smaller success ratio
  - Larger critical success index
  - More lead-time for genesis events
  - More false alarms over 70-50°W
- Questions?
  - Contact Dan Halperin ([Daniel.Halperin@erau.edu](mailto:Daniel.Halperin@erau.edu)) or Bob Hart ([rhart@fsu.edu](mailto:rhart@fsu.edu))



# GFS Genesis Example – Irma

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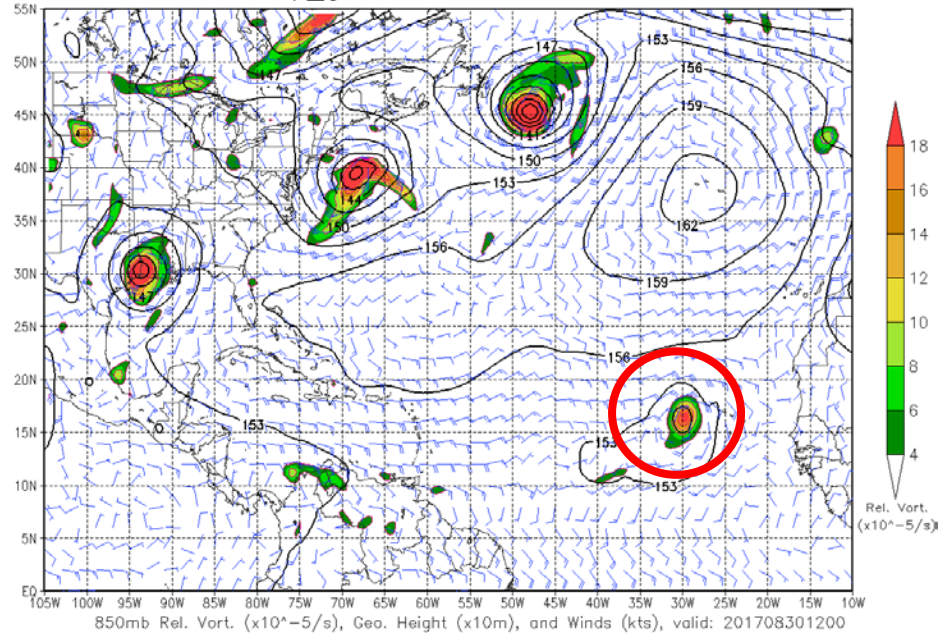


Hurricane Forecast Improvement Program

Experimental Product

Verifying Analysis – 12 UTC 30 August 2017

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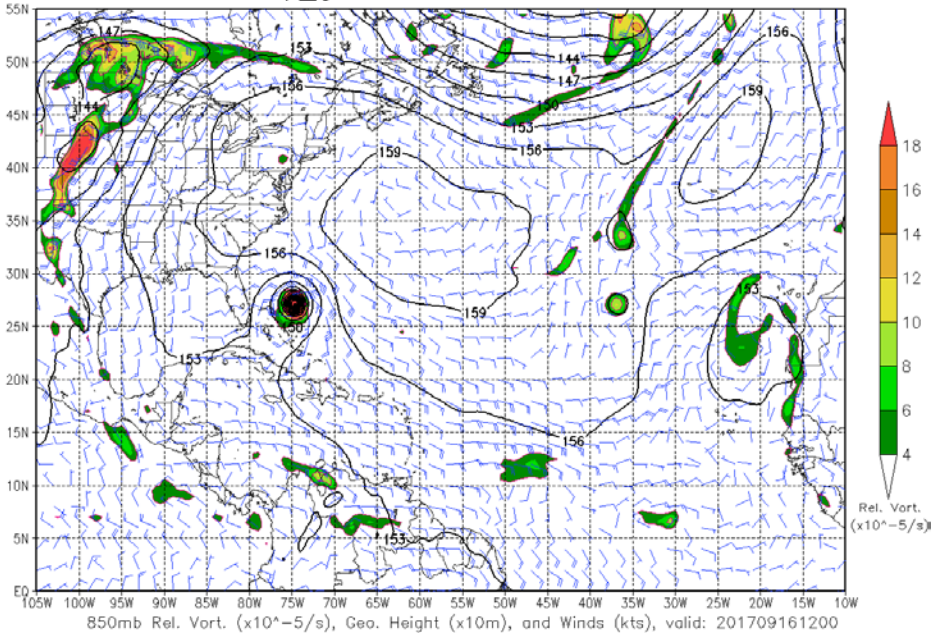
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Some signal early (4-5 days), but signal weakened inside of 60 hours until genesis

# GFS Genesis Example – Maria

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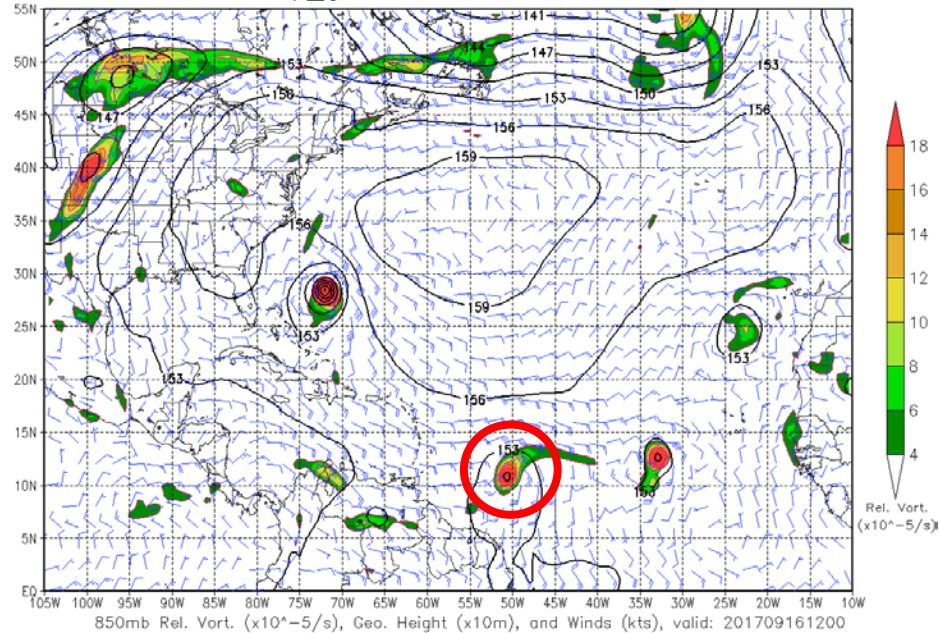


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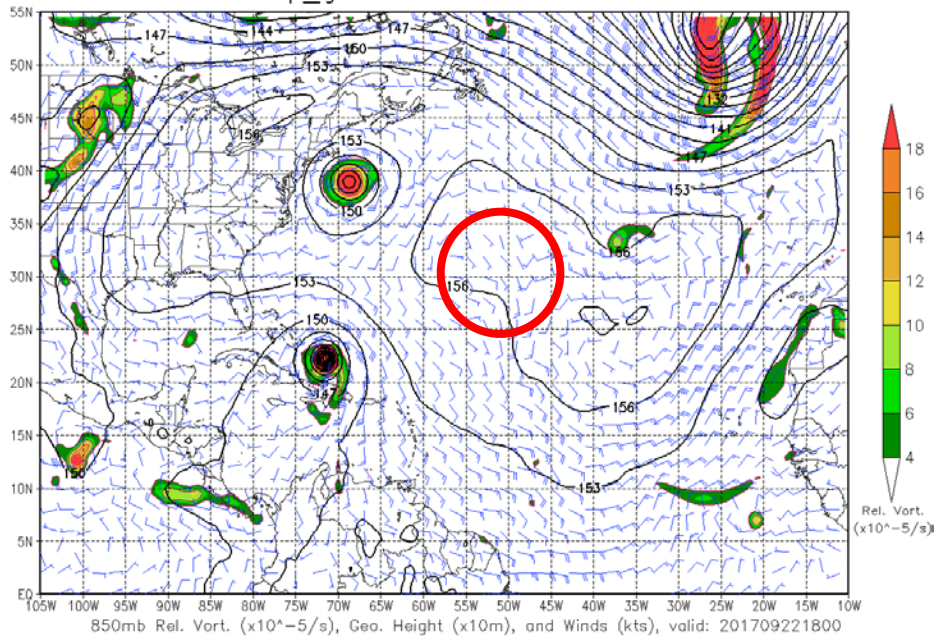
Weak/No signal until 42 h prior to genesis



# GFS Genesis Example – Lee (Genesis #2)

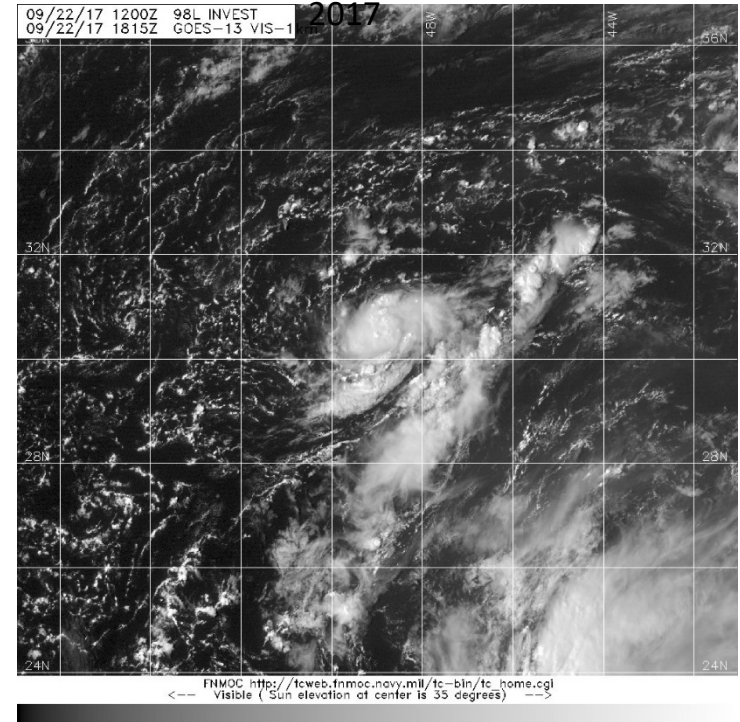
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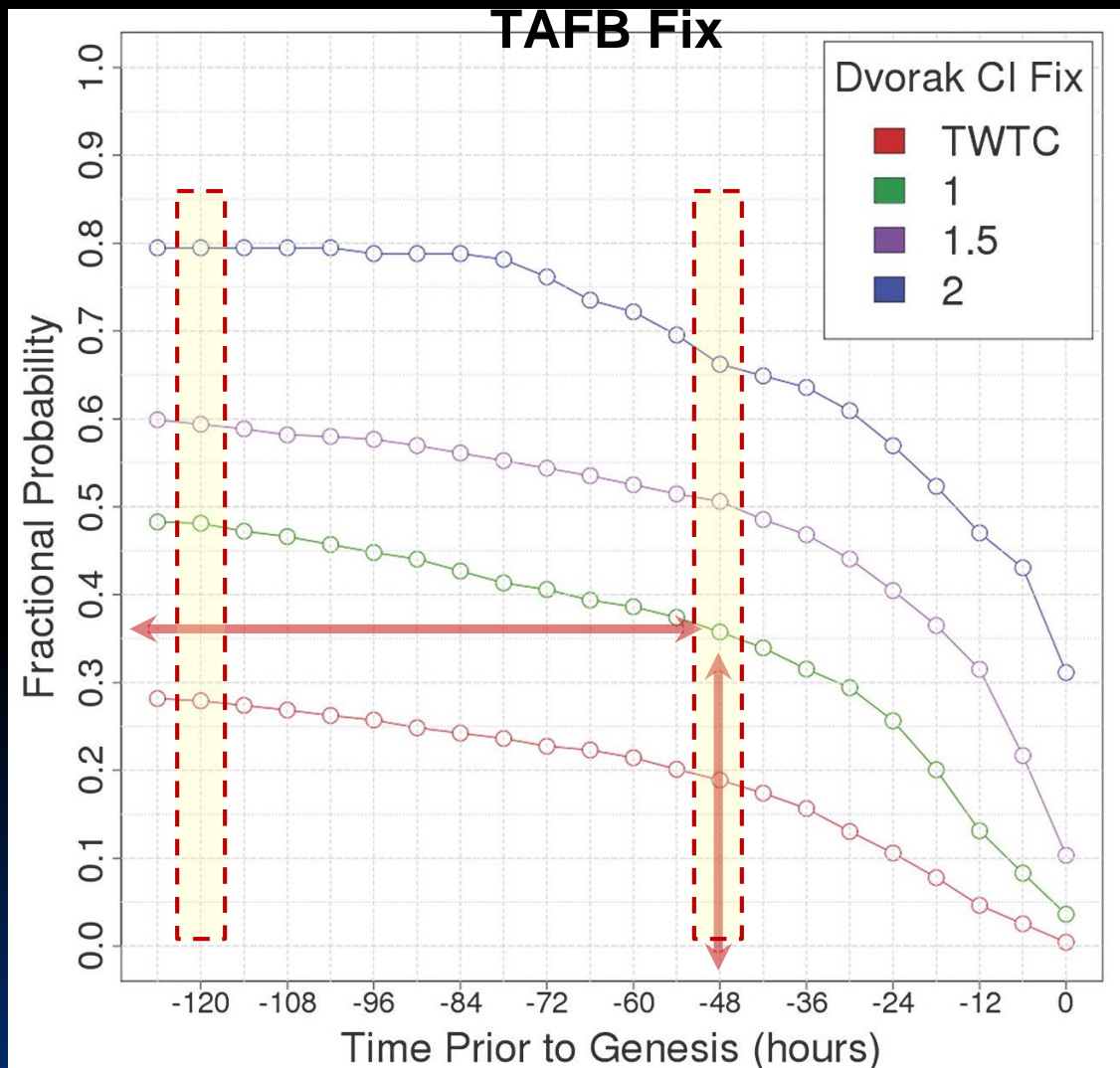
Little/No Signal Prior to Genesis

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

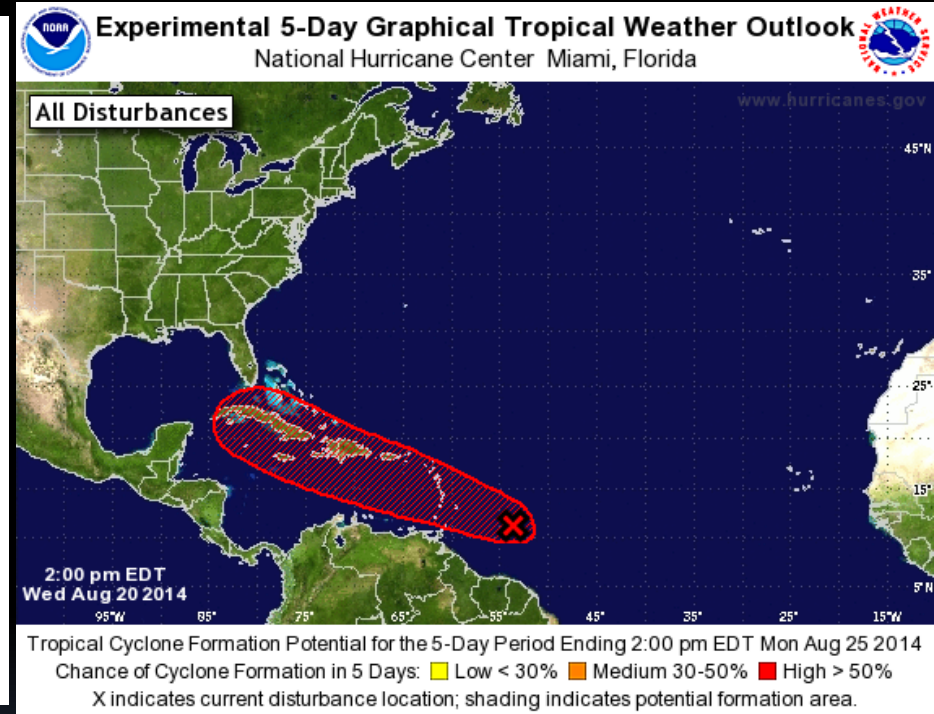
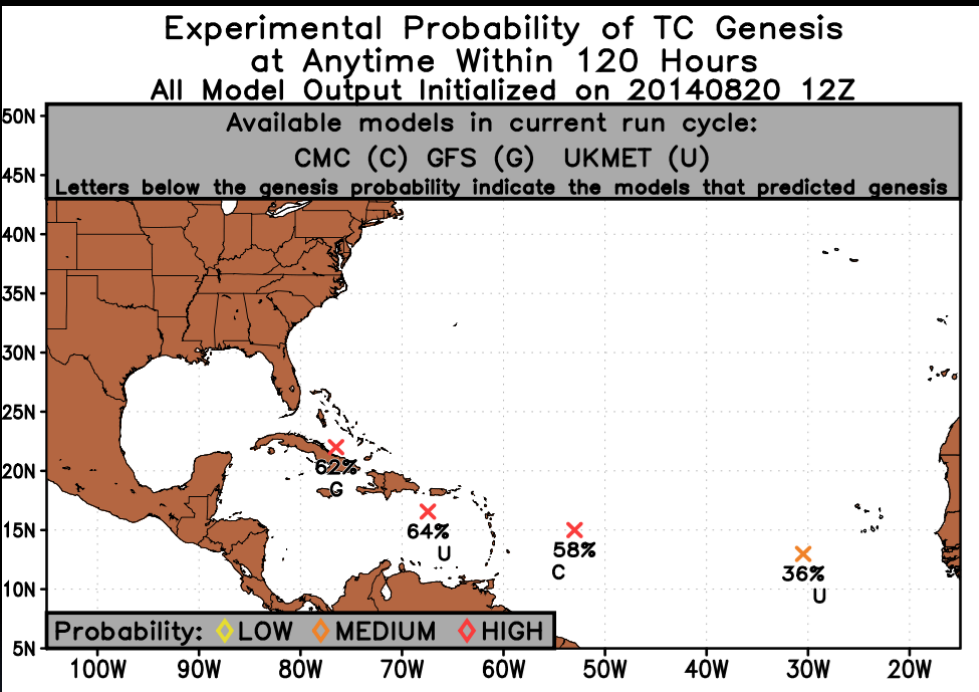
- Uses Dvorak intensity estimates from all invests/disturbances (both developing and non-developing) from 2001-2011.
- Example: Invest with a 1.0 TAFB CI Number has 35% chance of genesis within 48 h.
- Real-time guidance at [moe.met.fsu.edu/genesis](http://moe.met.fsu.edu/genesis)
- More information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





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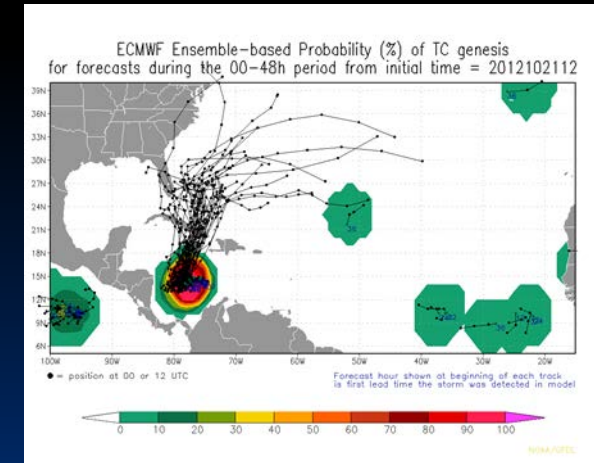
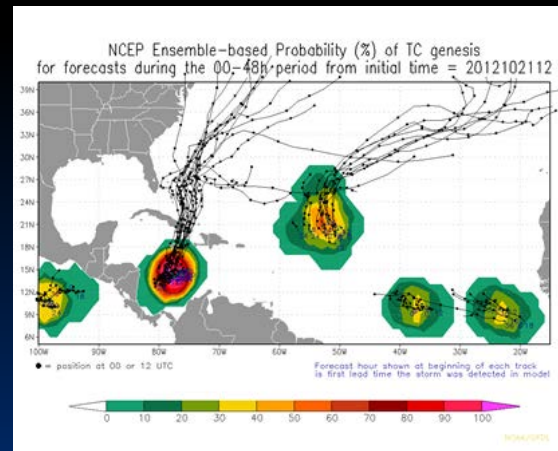
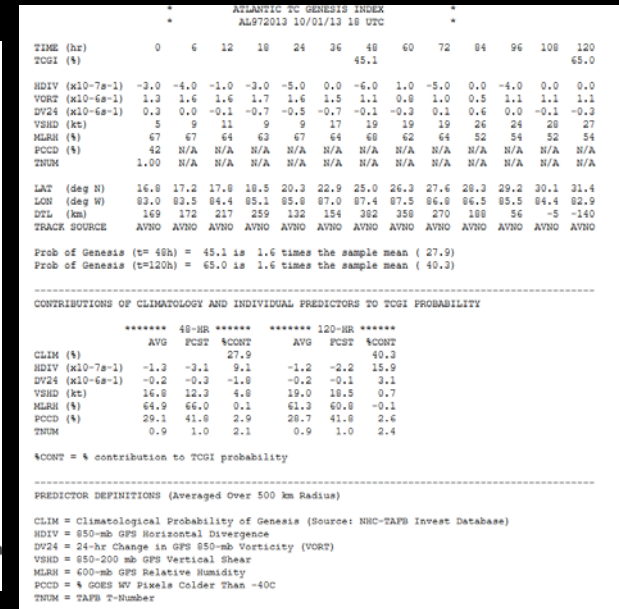
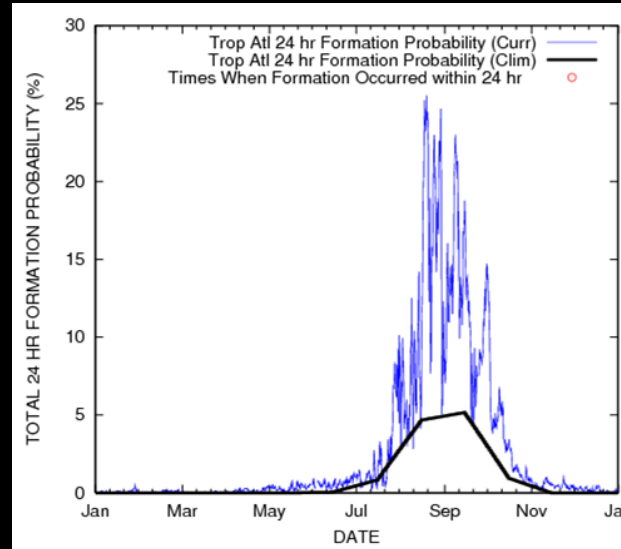
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- Best objective genesis guidance to date
- Uses statistics on dynamical model forecasts of genesis to develop probabilities
- Multi-model consensus gives most reliable forecasts
- Scheme provides guidance on many more systems than are mentioned in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



# 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

Issued at 0000 UTC, 0600 UTC,  
1200 UTC, 1800 UTC

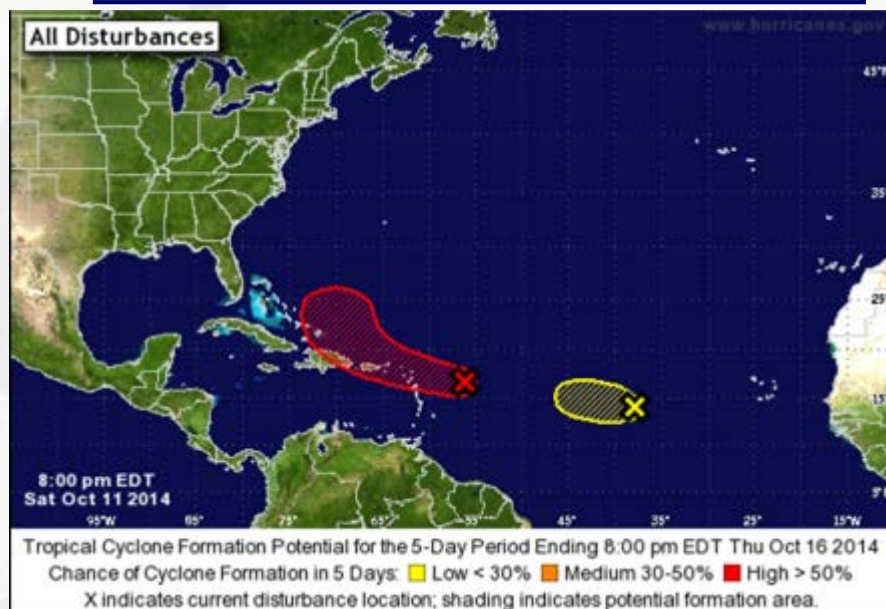
## Tropical Weather Outlook Text

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.
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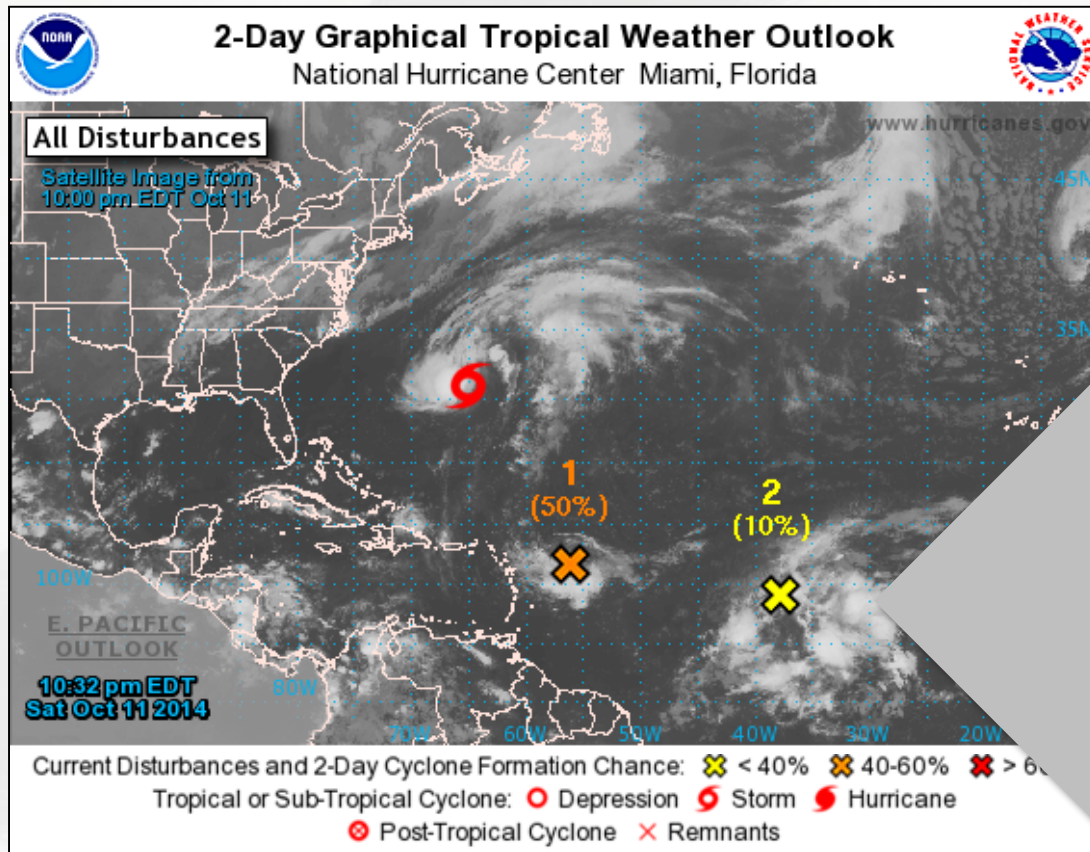
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# Graphical Tropical Outlook

## 2-Day Formation Chance



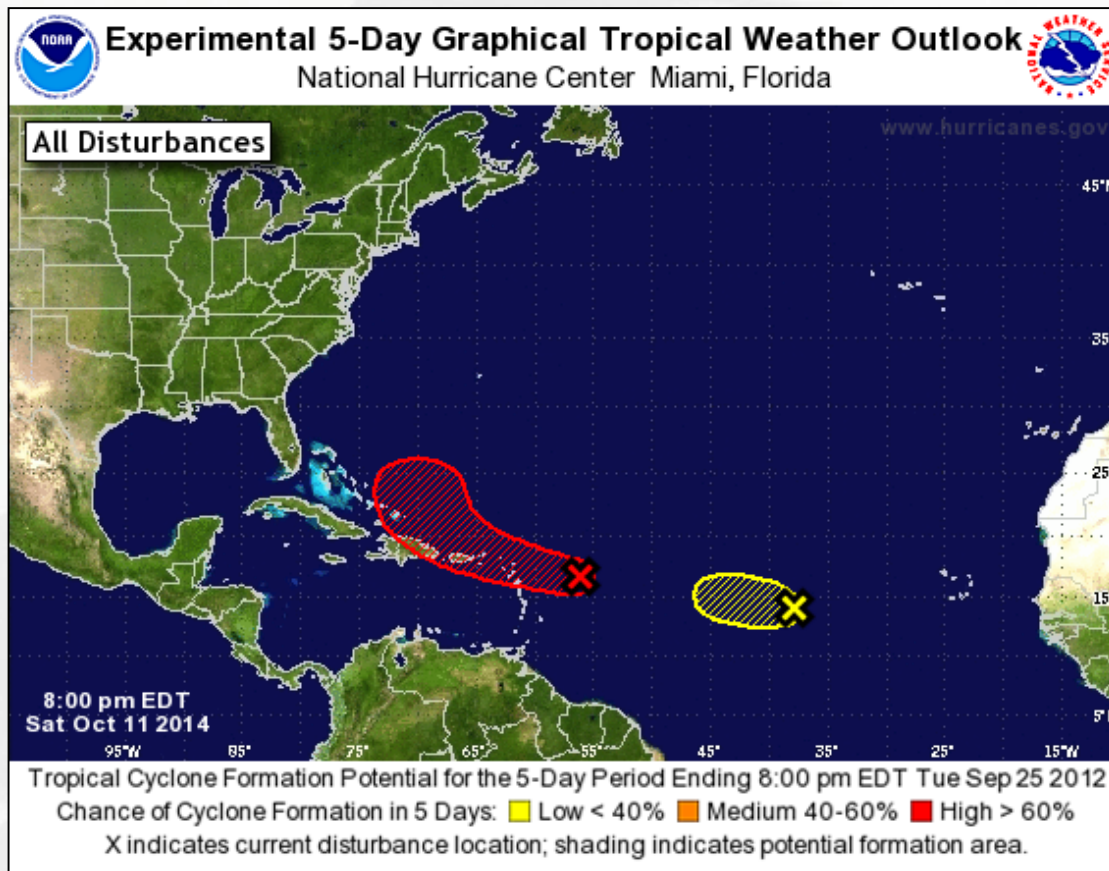
Identifies current location of disturbed weather (discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook)

Formation chance during the next 48 hours

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

# Graphical Tropical Outlook

## *5-Day Formation Potential*

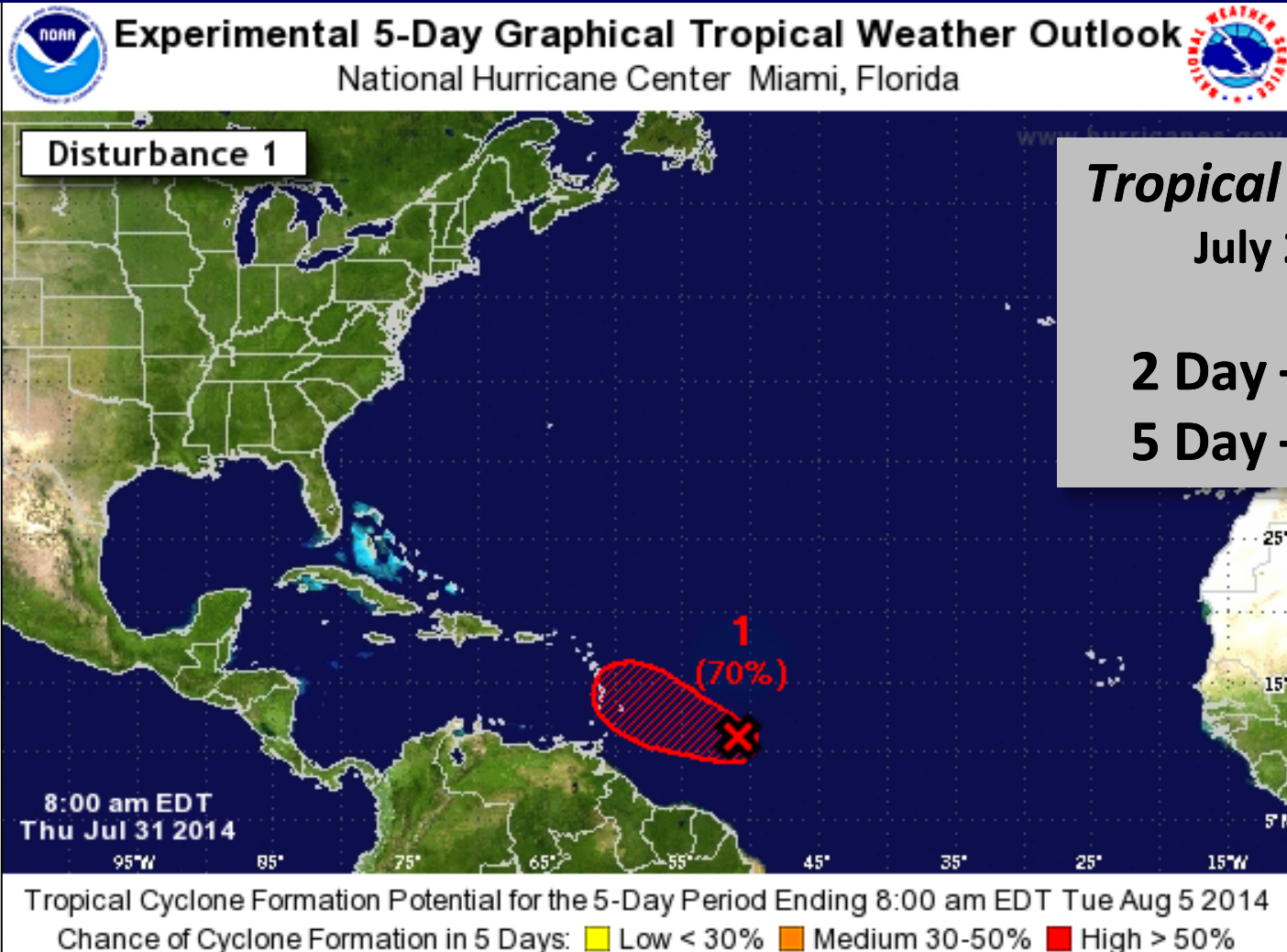


- Shows formation potential during the next 5 days
- Initial location of disturbance (X) indicated, if existing at issuance time
- Shading represents potential formation area
- Graphic also shows the location of active tropical cyclones



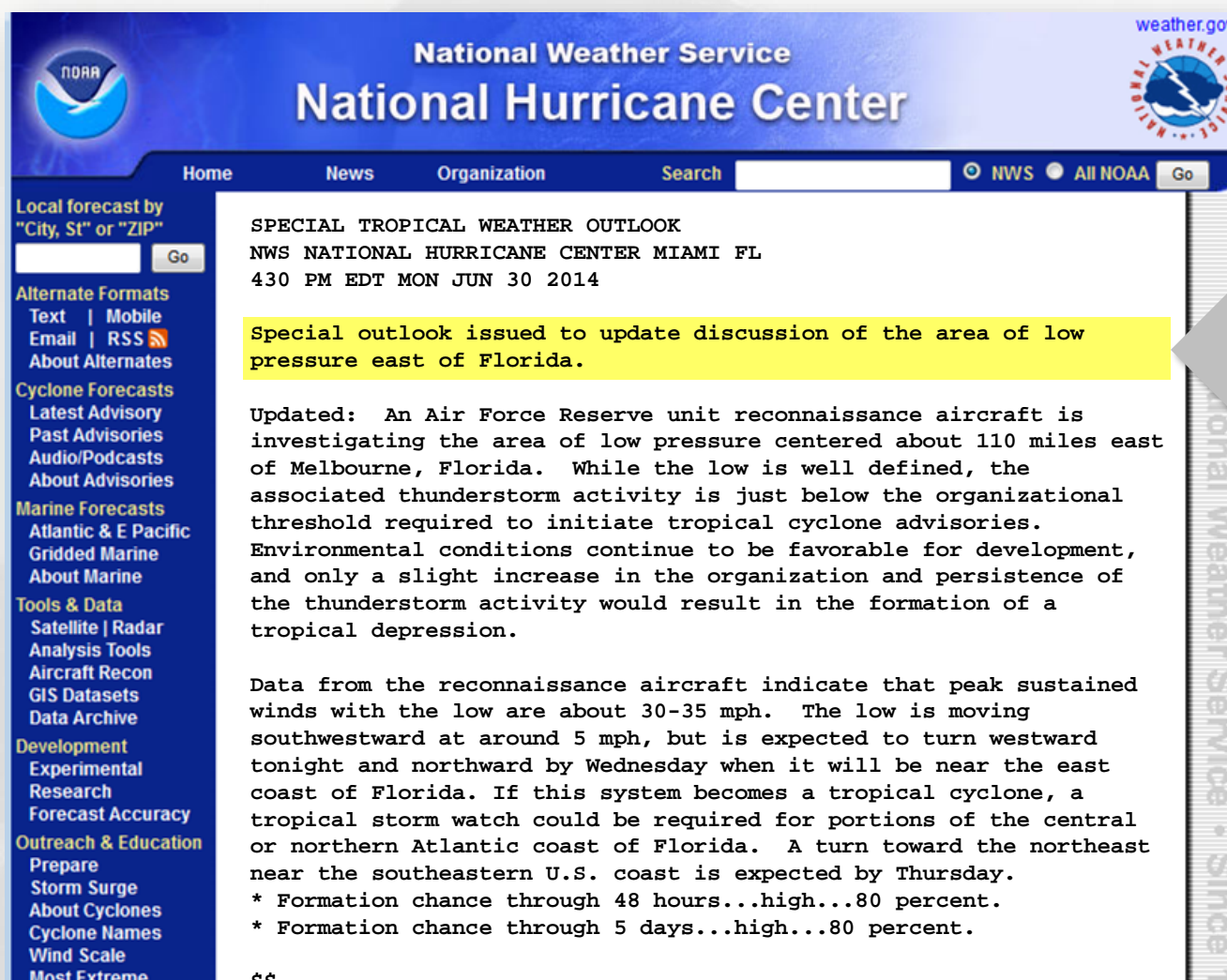
# Situational Awareness

## *Graphical Tropical Outlook*



# Special Tropical Outlook

## *Significant or unexpected changes.*



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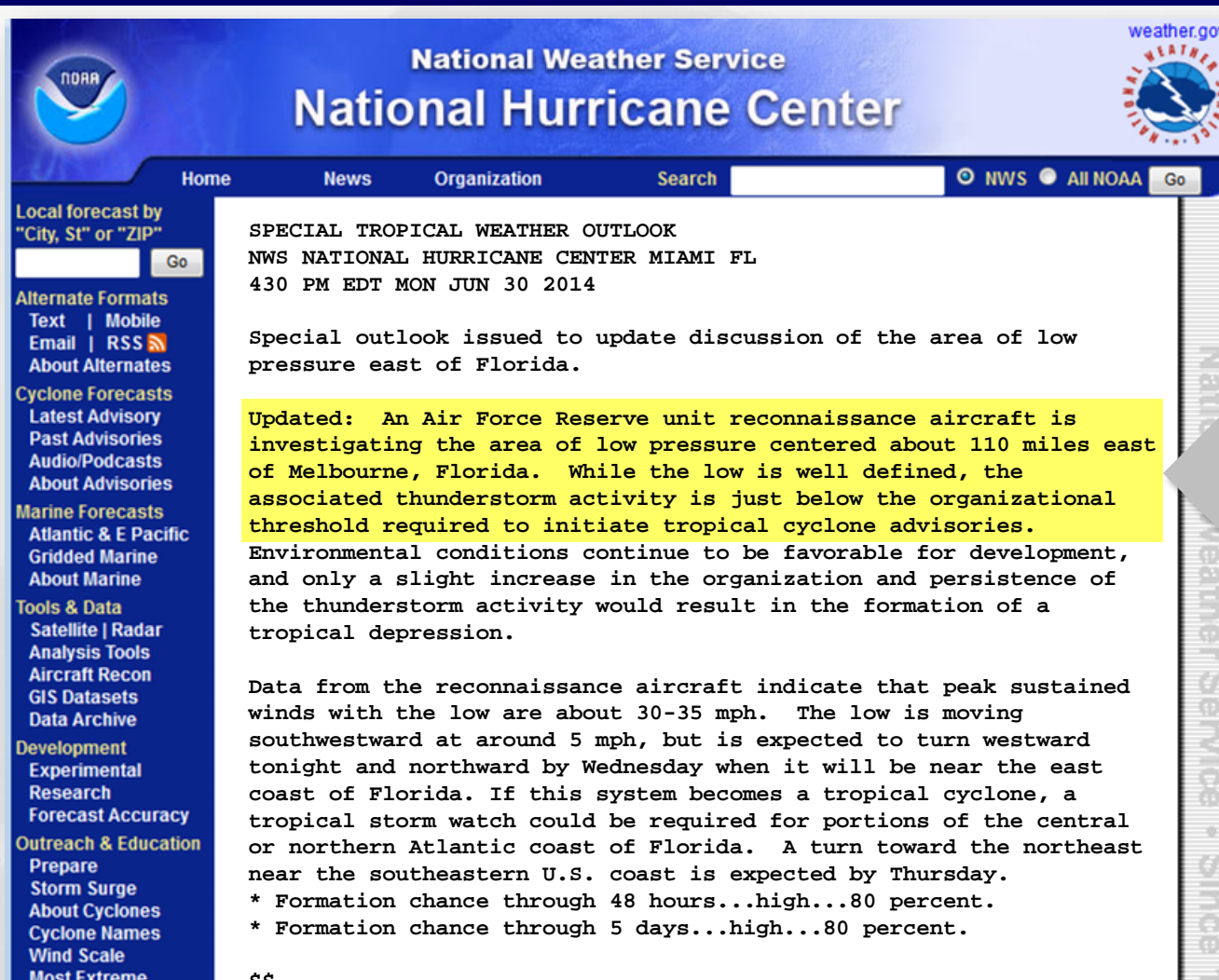
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What is the special outlook issued for?

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Aircraft?

# Yet Another Quiz Question!

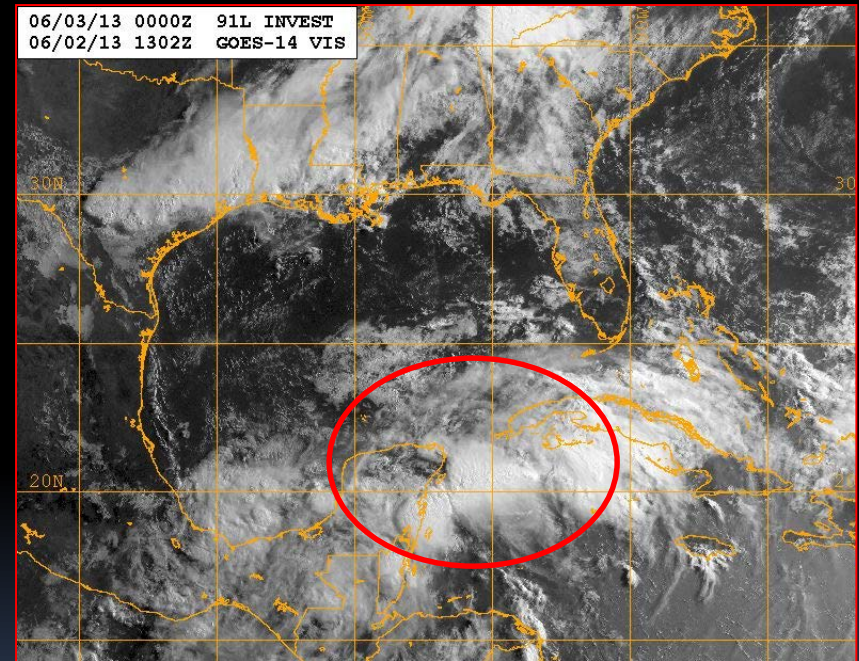
If the 2- and 5-day genesis probabilities are equal in the TWO, what does this mean?

- 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
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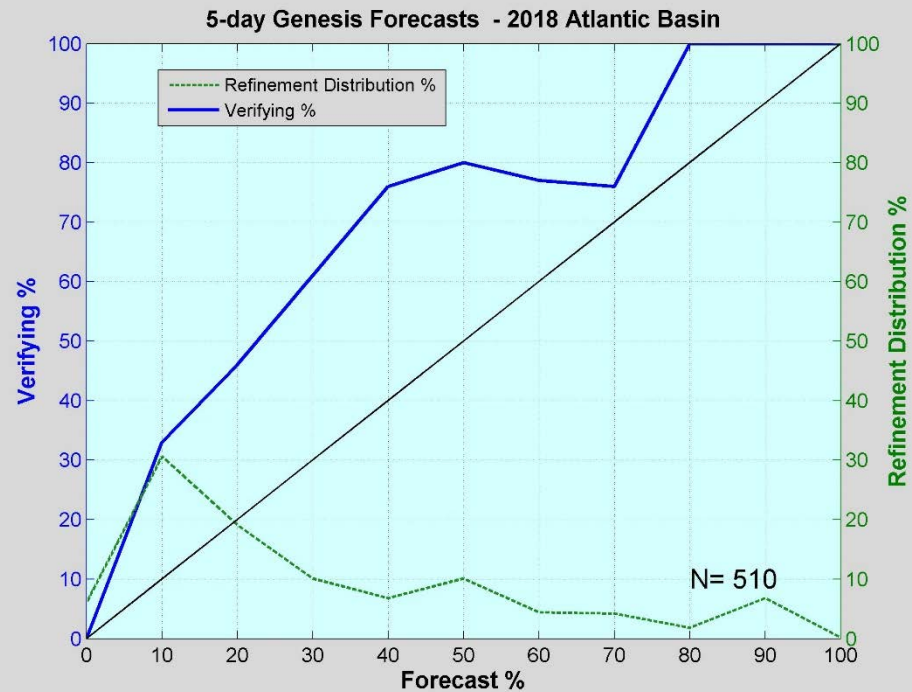
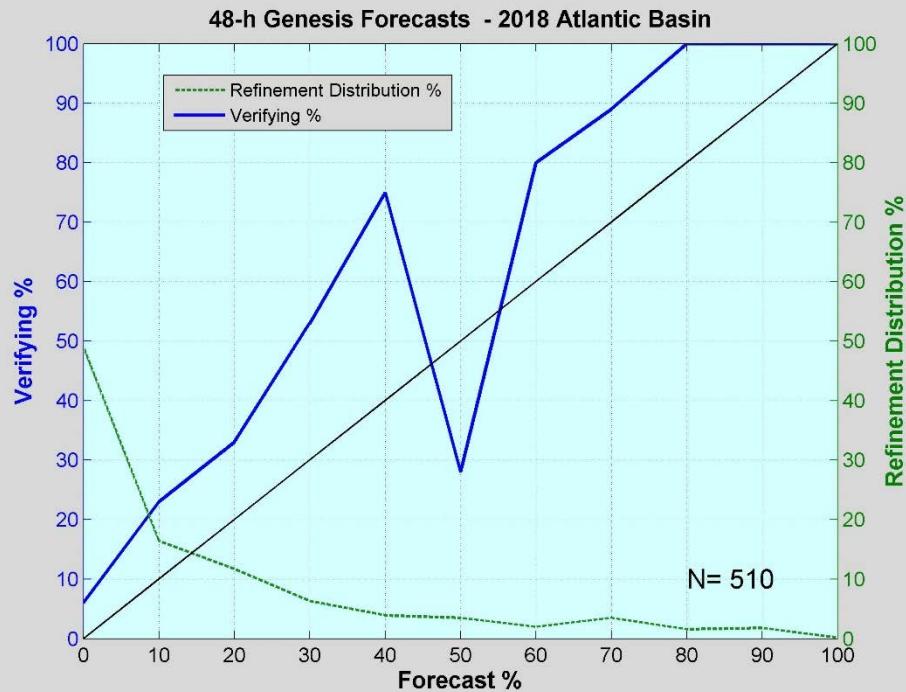


# NHC “Invest” Systems

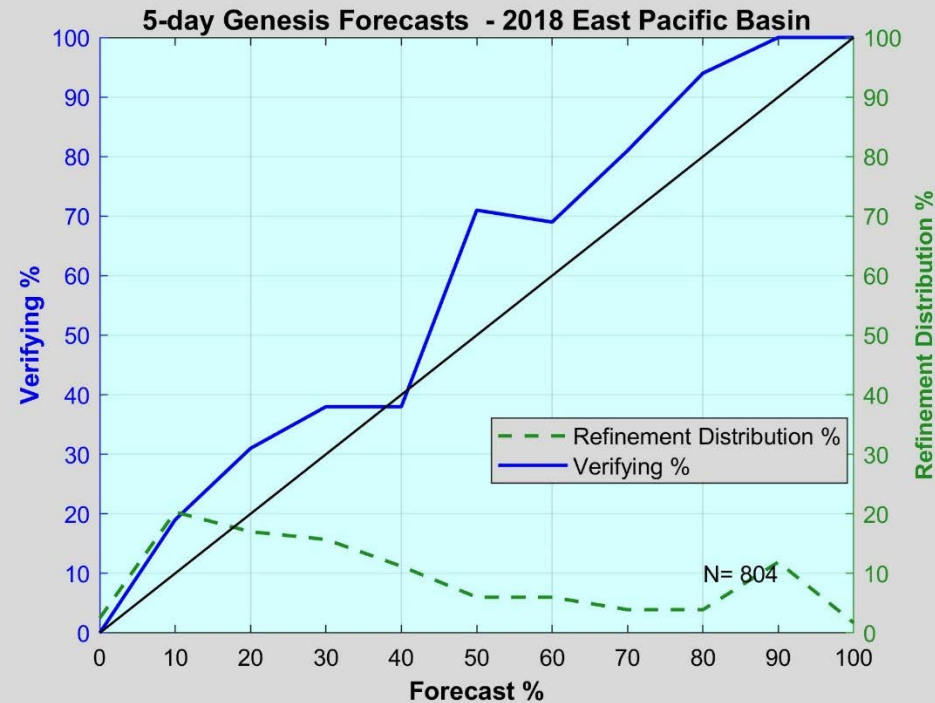
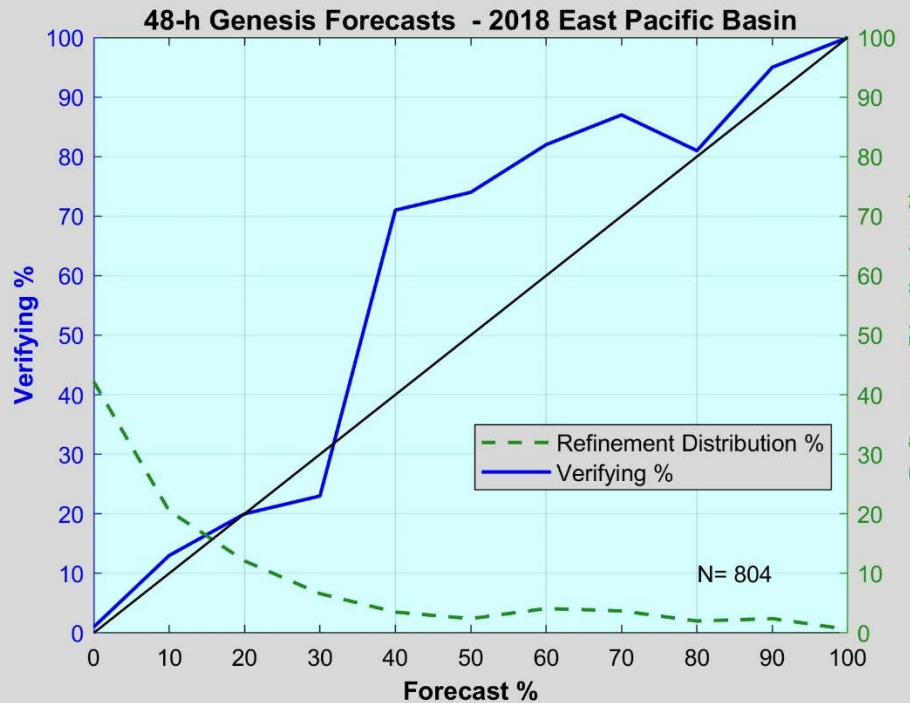
- NHC opens “invests” to monitor suspicious weather systems more carefully
- There are no standards for opening invests unlike for initiating a tropical cyclone package – based on forecaster prerogative
- Guidance is typically run when a cloud system center is apparent (but not always!)
- Users are reminded 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?**