

Cyclone Prediction System (CPS) for the North Indian Ocean

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Operational NWP Models at IMD

- GFS T1534L64 (12 km)
- WRF (3DVAR -9 km, 3 km)
- HWRF (18 km, 6 km, 2 km)
- GEFS (T1534)
- GPP (Genesis Potential)
- SCIP (for cyclone intensity prediction)
- MME (for cyclone track)
- RI-Index (Rapid Intensification)
- Decay after landfall (Decay model)

NWP Model product from Other Centres

- ECMWF
- JMA
- NCEP GFS







Model configuration

HWRF:

- > v3.7 with GFS T1534 initial and boundary condition
- Triple Nested (18 Km, 6 Km, 2 Km) Vertical level 61

>Run time 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC

WRF:

>V3.6 with RADAR data assimilation using 3DVAR

Horizontal resolution 9km & 3km

>Run time 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC

GFS:

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≻T1534L64 (12 Km)
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>Run time 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC

GEFS

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≻Run time 00, 12 UTC
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Dynamical models are providing very useful guidance to operational forecasters:

Limitation of models.

>Variation of forecasts among NWP models.

Requirements are also different for different forecast services.

>Need to generate more skillful, consensus, and requirement based products.





NWP BASED OBJECTIVE CYCLONE FORECAST SYSTEM

<u>Kotal, S.D.</u>, Bhattacharya S.K. and Roy Bhowmik S.K. 2014. Development of NWP based objective Cyclone Prediction System (CPS) for North Indian Ocean Tropical Cyclones – Evaluation of performance. *Tropical Cyclone Research and Review, 3(3), 162-177*.

STEP-I: CYCLOGENESISSTEP-II: TRACKSTEP-III: INTENSITYSTEP-IV: RAPID INTENSIFICATIONSTEP-V: DECAY AFTER LANDFALL





Cyclone Prediction System



GENESIS POTENTIAL PARAMETER (GPP)





STEP-I: Tropical Cyclogenesis

[Kotal S.D., Kundu P.K. and Roy Bhowmik S.K., 2009. Analysis of Cyclogenesis parameter for developing and non-developing low pressure systems over the Indian Sea. Natural hazards (Springer) 50:389-402.

<u>Kotal, S.D.</u> and Bhattacharya S.K. 2013. Tropical Cyclone Genesis Potential Parameter (GPP) and its application over the North Indian Sea. Mausam, 64(1):149-170]

Objective:

To understand the potential zone of cyclogenesis and potential for intensification of a system at early stages of development





Formulation of the Genesis potential parameter (GPP):

Two Dynamic variables : (i) Low level relative vorticity (ζ_{850}) (ii)Vertical wind shear (S)

<u>Two Thermo-dynamical variables:</u>
(i) Middle troposphere relative humidity (M)
(ii) Middle-trpospheric instability (I)





The GPP is defined as: (Natural Hazards, 2009, 50,389-402)

$$GPP = \frac{\xi_{850} x M x I}{S}$$
 if $\zeta_{850} > 0$, $M > 0$ and $I > 0$

 $= 0 \qquad if \ \zeta_{850} \leq 0, \ M \leq 0 \ and \ I \leq 0$ Where, $\zeta_{850} = Low \ level \ relative \ vorticity \ (at \ 850 \ hPa) \ in \ 10^{-5} \ s^{-1}$ $S = Vertical \ wind \ shear \ between \ 200 \ and \ 850 \ hPa \ (ms^{-1})$

 $M = \frac{[RH - 40]}{30} = Middle \ troposphere \ relative \ humidity$

Where RH is the mean relative humidity between 700 and 500 hPa $I = (T_{850} - T_{500})$ °C = Middle-trpospheric instability (Temperature difference between 850 hPa and 500 hPa)





Genesis potential parameter for developing versus non-developing systems:

GPP(x10⁻⁵) →					
T.No. →	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
Developing	11.1	12.3	13.3	13.5	13.6
Non-Developing	3.4	4.2	4.6	2.7	-



Threshold value of GPP => 8.0



PHAILIN (Bay of Bengal October 2013)





Grid Point Analysis of Genesis Potential Parameter (GPP)



On 1 Oct. 2013: 168 hour forecast (7 days in advance) of GPP valid for 00 UTC 08 October 2013 correctly indicated the location of potential cyclogenesis zone, where Depression formed on that day.





Grid Point Analysis of Genesis Potential Parameter (GPP)



On 3 Oct. 2013: 120 hour forecast (5 days in advance) of GPP valid for 00 UTC 08 October 2013 correctly indicated the location of potential cyclogenesis zone, where Depression formed on that day.





Grid Point Analysis of Genesis Potential Parameter (GPP)



On 6 Oct. 2013: 48 hour forecast (2 days in advance) of GPP valid for 00 UTC 08 October 2013 correctly indicated the location of potential cyclogenesis zone, where Depression formed on that day.





Area average Genesis potential parameter (GPP)







GPP Analysis and Forecast (Initial stage=T.No-1.5; based on 00UTC of 8.10.2013)



<u>Inference</u>: Analysis and forecasts of GPP show that GPP \geq 8.0 (threshold value for intensification into cyclone) indicated its potentential to intensify into a cyclone at early stages of development (T.No. 1.0, 1.5, 2.0).





ESCS FANI: 26April-04 May 2019









Mean GPP forecasts forecasts based on 00 UTC of 25.04.2019 (FANI)



Mean GPP forecasts forecasts based on 00 UTC of 26.04.2019 (FANI)



Mean GPP forecasts forecasts based on 1200 UTC of 26.04.2019 (FANI)



Mean GPP forecasts forecasts based on 0000 UTC of 27.04.2019 (FANI)





Very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'VAYU' Arabian Sea during (10-17) June 2019





Genesis potential parameter (VAYU)





Area average Genesis potential parameter (GPP)







DEPRESSION over the Bay of Bengal during 2-3 April 2021





DEPRESSION over the Bay of Bengal during 2-3 April 2021



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Genesis forecasts by GPP (DEPRESSION)







L(01.04.2021/00 UTC)



DEPRESSION over the Bay of Bengal during (4-6) March 2022





Genesis forecasts by GPP (DEPRESSION)



Genesis forecasts by GPP

L(03.03.2022/00 UTC)









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Forecast Skill of Genesis potential parameter (GPP) during 2021



Forecast Skill of Genesis potential parameter (GPP) during 2008-2020







STEP-II: TRACK PREDICTION BY MME

[Kotal, S.D. and Roy Bhowmik S.K. 2011. A Multimodel Ensemble (MME) Technique for Cyclone Track Prediction over the North Indian Sea. *Geofizika*, 28(2): 275-291]

Objective: To generate a consensus track forecast of NWP models by collective bias correction






MME Cyclone Track Prediction

12-hourly forecast latitude (LAT^f) and longitude (LON^f) positions at time t is defined as:

 $LAT_{t}^{f} = a_{0} + a_{1}NCEP_{t}^{lat} + a_{2}GFS_{t}^{lat} + a_{3}JMA_{t}^{lat} + a_{4}ECMWF_{t}^{lat} + a_{5}UKMO_{t}^{lat}$

 $LON_{t}^{f} = a_{o}^{'} + a_{1}^{'}NCEP_{t}^{lon} + a_{2}^{'}GFS_{t}^{lon} + a_{3}^{'}JMA_{t}^{lon} + a_{4}^{'}ECMWF_{t}^{lon} + a_{5}^{'}UKMO_{t}^{lon}$

for t = forecast hour 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 108 and 120 h





<u>VIYARU</u> (Bay of Bengal May 2012)





MME track forecasts based on different initial conditions



Landfall point error (km)- VIYARU

Model	FC based on 00 UTC/14.05.2013	FC based on 00 UTC/15.05.2013	FC based on 12 UTC/15.05.2013	FC based on 00 UTC/16.05.2013	
	Lead time: 56 h	Lead time: 32 h	Lead time: 20 h	Lead time: 8 h	
IMD-GFS	NO LF	NO LF	136	-	
IMD-WRF	NO LF	147	49	45	
IMD-QLM	NO LF	63	137	243	
JMA	137	63	98	49	
NCEP-GFS	289	169	136	136	
ECMWF	259	274	127	15	
IMD-MME	63	63	63	25	
IMD-HWRF	84	174	121	-	





PHAILIN (Bay of Bengal October 2013)





NWP model and consensus NWP (Multi-model ensemble) track forecasts based on 00 UTC of 08.10.2013 for cyclone PHAILIN





Consensus track forecast correctly predicted landfall at GOPALPUR(Odisha)



NWP model and Multi-model ensemble track forecasts based on 00 UTC of 09.10.2013



NWP model and Multi-model ensemble track forecasts based on 00 UTC of 10.10.2013



NWP model and Multi-model ensemble track forecasts based on 00 UTC of 11.10.2013





Consensus track forecast correctly predicted landfall at GOPALPUR





NWP model and Multi-model ensemble track forecasts based on 00 UTC of 12.10.2013





Consensus track forecast correctly predicted landfall at GOPALPUR





Landfall Point Error (km) of NWP Models





MME forecasts track for cyclone HUDHUD



(Bay of Bengal October 2014)



NWP model and consensus NWP (Multi-model ensemble) track forecasts based on 12 UTC of 17.05.2016 and 00 UTC of 18.05.2016 for cyclone ROANU (Landfall Time-10 UTC 21.5.2016)



NWP model and consensus NWP (Multi-model ensemble) track forecasts based on 12 UTC of 18.05.2016 and 00 UTC of 19.05.2016 for cyclone ROANU



NWP model and consensus NWP (Multi-model ensemble) track forecasts based on 12 UTC of 19.05.2016 and 00 UTC of 20.05.2016 for cyclone ROANU



NWP model and consensus NWP (Multi-model ensemble) track forecasts based on 12 UTC of 20.05.2016 and 00 TUC 21.05.2016 for cyclone ROANU



ESCS MEGH: 05-10 November 2015 (Arabian Sea)







All Track forecasts by MME vs Observed Track (BULBUL) (Bay of Bengal November 2019)







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All Track forecasts by MME vs Observed Track (FANI) (Bay of Bengal April 2019)











TCs (a) Phailin, (b) Hudhud, (c) Fani, (d) Mora, (e) Bulbul, and (f) Roanu.



Mean track forecast error (km) – 2009-2019





Mean MME track forecast error (km)







Year wise MME track forecast error (km)







Landfall Point error (km)



Landfall Time error (h)



Kotal, S.D., and Bhattacharya S.K., 2021. "Evolution of Tropical Cyclone Forecasts of Dynamicalstatistical Cyclone Prediction System (CPS) over the North Indian Ocean during the decade (2010-2019)". *MAUSAM*, 72(1):87-106. January 2021 (17 April 2021).



STEP-III: Tropical Cyclone Intensity Prediction by SCIP model

[<u>Kotal, S.D.</u>, Roy Bhowmik, S.K., Kundu, P.K. and Das, A.K., 2008. A Statistical Cyclone Intensity Prediction (SCIP) Model for Bay of Bengal. *Journal of Earth System Science (Springer)* 117:157-168.]





Objective: Intensity prediction at 12-hr interval up to 72 hours

Statistical Cyclone Intensity Prediction (SCIP) Model

Data sample: 62 Tropical Cyclones during the period 1981 to 2000





	The predictors:		
S.No	Predictors	Symbol of Predictors	Unit
1.	Intensity change during last 12 hours	IC12	Knots
2.	Vorticity at 850 hPa	V850	x 10 ⁵ s⁻ 1
3.	Storm motion speed	SMS	ms ⁻¹
4.	Divergence at 200 hPa	D200	x 10 ⁵ s⁻ 1
5.	Initial Storm intensity	ISI	Knots
6.	Initial Storm latitude position	ISL	°N
7.	Sea surface temperature	SST	°C
8.	Vertical wind shear	VWS	Knots





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Formulation of the model:

The model is developed using multiple linear regression technique

 $y = a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n$

The SCIP model estimates changes of intensity at 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 and 72 hours. Six separate regression analyses are carried out for forecast interval 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 and 72 hour.

12 hours intensity change by multiple linear regression technique is defined as:

 $dv_t = a_0 + a_1 IC12 + a_2 SMS + a_3 VWS + a_4 D200 + a_5 V850 + a_6 ISL + a_7 SST + a_8 ISI$ for t = forecast hour 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 108 and 120h



CS VIYARU: May 10-16







Intensity forecast error (kt)- VIYARU

Average absolute errors (Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr	96 hr	108 hr	120 hr
IMD-SCIP	1.3 (6)	4.3 (6)	6.4 (5)	3.8 (4)	11.3 (4)	10.0 (3)	-	-	-	-
IMD-HWRF	27.2(10)	21.3(9)	8.6(8)	10.9(7)	19.2(6)	23.0(5)	29.5(4)	14.0(3)	22.0(2)	29.0(1)
OFFICIAL	3.6 (24)	6.8(22)	8.7(20)	10.0(18)	13.0(16)	15.0(14)	14(10)	13(8)	17(6)	14(4)

Root Mean Square (RMSE) errors (Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr	96 hr	108 hr	120 hr
IMD-SCIP	2.2 (6)	8.0 (6)	8.5 (5)	4.3 (4)	14.9 (4)	11.6 (3)	-	-	-	-
IMD-HWRF	30.0(10)	24.3(9)	12.2(8)	12.8(7)	22.8(6)	28.0(5)	31.5(4)	14.3(3)	22.4(2)	29.0(1)
OFFICIAL	4.6 (24)	8.9(22)	10.8(20)	12.5(18)	16.1(16)	17.8(14)	16.1(10)	15.7(8)	17.5(6)	16.4(4)





VSCS PHAILIN: October 8-14








Average absolute errors (PHAILIN) (Number of forecasts verified is given in t he parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr
IMD-SCIP	10.4(8)	18.3(7)	23.7(6)	24.6(5)	31.5(4)	36.7(3)	-
IMD-HWRF	17.0(6)	21.0(5)	27.8(5)	30.5(4)	28.3(3)	19.5(2)	11.0(1)

Root Mean Square (RMSE) errors

(Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr
IMD-SCIP	13.9(8)	23.3(7)	29.6(6)	32.3(5)	32.4(4)	37.2(3)	
IMD-HWRF	19.0(6)	24.2(5)	31.7(5)	31.2(4)	28.6(3)	20.0(2)	14.9(1)





SCS HELEN: Nov 19-23







Average absolute errors (HELEN) (Number of forecasts verified is given in t he parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr
IMD-SCIP	8.0(3)	11.3(3)	20.5(2)	24.5(2)	14.0(2)	25.0(1)	-
IMD-HWRF	5.3(4)	11.0(4)	7.0(3)	6.0(2)	-	_	-

Root Mean Square (RMSE) errors

(Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time →	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr
IMD-SCIP	8.8(3)	14.1(3)	21.2(2)	25.1(2)	16.6(2)	25.0(1)	-
IMD-HWRF	7.9(4)	11.6(4)	8.2(3)	6.7(3)	-	1	-





VSCS LEHAR: Nov 23-28













Average absolute errors (LEHAR) (Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr	96 hr	108 hr	120 hr
IMD-SCIP	5.6 (10)	13.0 (9)	16.9 (8)	19.6 (7)	20.3 (6)	19.6 (5)	-	-	-	-
IMD-HWRF	23.4(9)	12.9(8)	12.4(7)	12.7(7)	7.3(6)	13.6(5)	21.3(4)	22.7(3)	30.5(2)	57(1)

Root Mean Square (RMSE) errors (Number of forecasts verified is given in the parentheses)

Lead time \rightarrow	12 hr	24 hr	36 hr	48 hr	60 hr	72 hr	84 hr	96 hr	108 hr	120 hr
IMD-SCIP	6.6 (10)	16.6 (9)	19.7 (8)	22.1 (7)	24.0 (6)	22.9 (5)	-	-	-	-
IMD-HWRF	25.7(9)	17.1(8)	15.5(7)	13.6(7)	9.7(6)	19.2(5)	28.3(4)	29.5(3)	31.2(2)	57(1)
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VSCS MADI: Dec 6-13





INTENSITY FORECASTS BY SCIP (MADI)





INTENSITY FORECASTS BY SCIP (AMPHAN)





MEAN FORECAST ERRORS : 2008-2021









Landfall intensity forecast by SCIP versus Observed intensity during 2010-2019



Mean landfall intensity error(h) of SCIP model during 2010-2019





STEP-IV: Rapid Intensification(RI)

[<u>Kotal, S.D.</u> and Roy Bhowmik S.K. 2013. Large-Scale Characteristics of Rapidly Intensifying Tropical Cyclones over the Bay of Bengal and a Rapid Intensification (RI) Index. *Mausam*, 64(1):13-24.]

Objective: Probability forecast of Rapid Intensification

Rapid Intensification: Increase of intensity by 30 kt during 24 h

Data sample: 88 Tropical Cyclones during the period 1981 to 2010





Rapid Intensification

S.No.	Variables	Symbol of Variables	Unit
1.	Previous 12-h intensity change	IC12	kt
2.	Vorticity at 850 hPa	V850	10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹
3.	Storm motion speed	SMS	ms ⁻¹
4.	Divergence at 200 hPa	D200	10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹
5.	Initial Storm intensity	ISI	kt
6.	Initial Storm latitude position	ISL	°N
7.	850-700 hPa average relative humidity	LTRH	%
8.	850-200 hPa vertical wind shear	SHR	ms ⁻¹
e .	Sea Surface Temperature	SST	°C
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Rapid Intensification Index (RII)



Data Period - 1981-2010
No. of TC - 88
No. of data sample - 483
No. of parameter - 8





Composite probability of Rapid Intensification

The composite probability of RI (P_n) is defined as:

$$P_n = \left(\frac{n_1}{\left(n_1 + n_2\right)}\right) \times 100\%$$

Where,

 $P_n = RI$ probability for n number of variables that satisfied their respective thresholds

 n_1 = Number of RI cases that satisfied the n number thresholds

 $n_2 = Number of non-RI$ cases that satisfied the n number thresholds

n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (number of variables)





Composite probability of Rapid Intensification



Probability of Rapid intensification (by RI-Index)

Rapid intensification (RI) is defined as: Increase of intensity by 30 kts or more during subsequent 24 hour.

Forecast based on	Probability of RI predicted	Chances of occurrence predicted	Occurrence
00 UTC/11.05.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	NO
00 UTC/12.05.2013	5.2 %	VERY LOW	NO
00 UTC/13.05.2013	2.6 %	VERY LOW	NO
00 UTC/14.05.2013	5.2 %	VERY LOW	NO
00 UTC/15.05.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	NO
12 UTC/15.05.2013	22.0 %	LOW	NO
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Inference: RI-Index could able to predict non-occurrence of Rapid Intensification of cyclone VIYARU during its lifetime.





Probability of Rapid intensification (by RI-Index)-PHAILIN

Rapid intensification (RI) is defined as: Increase of intensity by 30 kts or more during subsequent 24 hour.

Forecast based on	Probabil ity of RI predicte d	Chances of occurrence predicted	Intensity changes (kt) in 24h	Occurrence
00 UTC/08.10.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	5	NO
00 UTC/09.10.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	15	NO
12 UTC/09.10.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	40	YES
00 UTC/10.10.2013	72.7 %	HIGH	65	YES
12 UTC/10.10.2013	72.7 %	HIGH	40	YES
00 UTC/11.10.2013	72.7 %	HIGH	5	NO
12 UTC/11.10.2013	32.0 %	MODERATE	0	NO

Inference: RI-Index could able to predict OCCURENCE as well as NON-OCCURENCE of Rapid Intensification of cyclone PHAILIN during its lifetime except forecast for 12 UTC of 09.10.2013 and 00 UTC of 11.10.2013.





Probability of Rapid intensification (by RI-Index)-HELEN

Forecast based on	Probabilit y of RI predicted	Chances of occurrence predicted	Intensity changes (kt) in 24h	Occurrence		
00 UTC/19.12.2013	5.2 %	VERY LOW	5	NO		
00 UTC/20.12.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	20	NO		
00 UTC/21.10.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	5	NO		
Inference: RI-Index was able to predict NON-OCCURENCE of Rapid Intensification of cyclone HELEN during its lifetime.						





Probability of Rapid intensification (by RI-Index)-LEHAR

Forecast based on	Probabilit y of RI predicted	Chances of occurrence predicted	Intensity changes (kt) in 24h	Occurrence
00 UTC/23.11.2013	5.2 %	VERY LOW	5	NO
12 UTC/23.11.2013	5.2 %	VERY LOW	20	NO
00 UTC/24.11.2013	22.0 %	LOW	20	NO
12 UTC/24.11.2013	22.0 %	LOW	15	NO
00UTC/25.11.2013	32.0 %	MODERATE	15	NO
12 UTC/25.11.2013	9.4 %	VERY LOW	10	NO
00 UTC/26.11.2013	9.4%	VERY LOW	5	NO
12 UTC/26.11.2013	5.2%	VERY LOW	-15	NO
00 UTC/27.11.2013	9.4%	VERY LOW	-45	NO
12 UTC/27.11.2013	0.0%	NIL	-30	NO

Inference: RI-Index was able to predict NON-OCCURENCE of Rapid Intensification of cyclone LEHAR during its lifetime.





Rapid Intensification and Rapid Decay of TC CHAPALA over Arabian Sea

(28 October - 4 November 2015)

[Kotal, S.D. and Bhattacharya, S.K. 2017. Evolution of thermodynamic structures during rapid growth and decay of extremely severe cyclonic storm CHAPALA (2015). *Tropical Cyclone Research and Review, 6, 3-4 : 67-80*.]

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Vertical cross section plots of axisymmetric specific humidity flux



Potential vorticity (shaded in PVU) at 850 hPa

(a) Potential vorticity (shaded in PVU) at 850 hPa, vertical velocity averaged in the Surface-850 hPa layer (contours in Pa s⁻¹), and 850-hPa winds (vectors in ms⁻¹) at (a) 0000 UTC 29 October 2015, (b) 0000 UTC 30 October 2015, (c) 1200 UTC 29 October 2015, (d) 1200 UTC 30 October 2015, (e) 0000 UTC 2 November 2015, (f) 0000 UTC 3 November 2015.

Mathematically, Ertel's (1942) form of potential vorticity (PV) is given by the equation: 1

 $PV = \frac{1}{\rho} \zeta^a \cdot \nabla \theta$

PV is a measure of the intrinsic cyclonicity of an air parcel. It can be shown through a combination of the first law of thermodynamics and momentum conservation that the potential vorticity can only be changed by diabatic heating (such as latent heat released from condensation) or frictional processes.

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Vertical cross section plots of diabatic heating

Time series from 0000 UTC 28 October 2015 to 0000 UTC 03 November 2015 of the temperature at

levels

Rapid

