

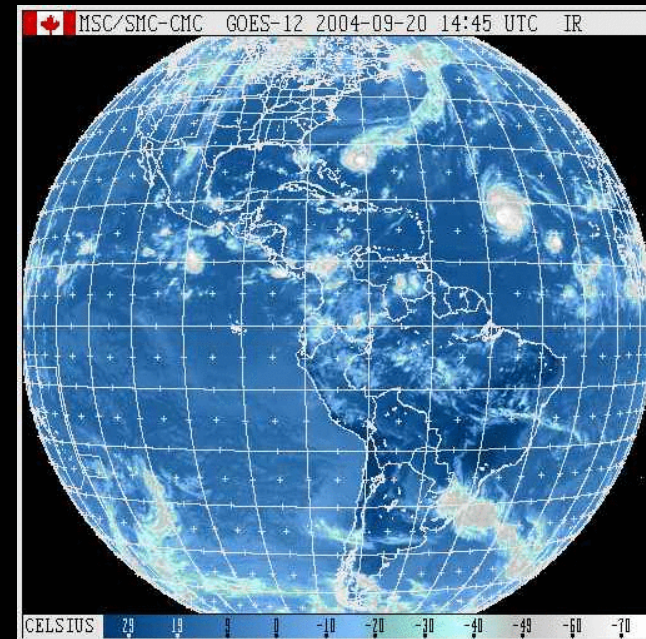
# Calculs de hautes performances sur le Earth Simulator : Un pas vers une meilleure prédictions des ouragans

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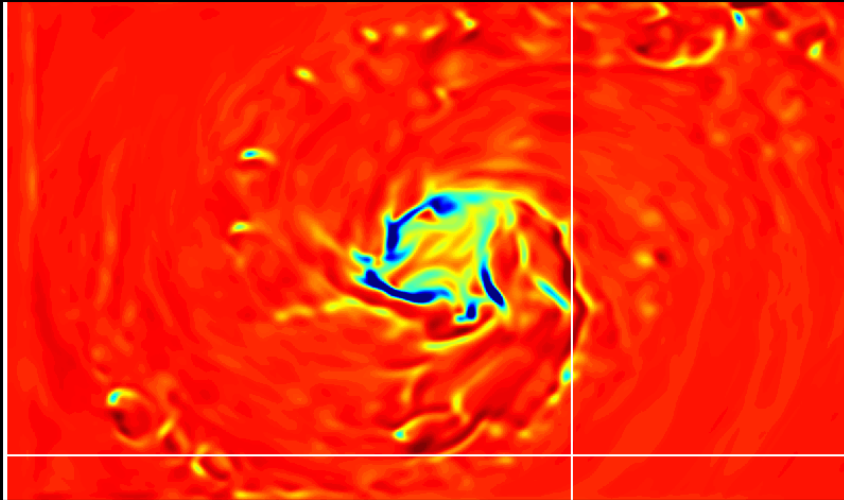
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# How much resolution do we need?



- 1) Introduction
- 2) Wave activity diagnostics of a simulated hurricane
- 3) A grand challenge on the Earth Simulator: A Canada - Japan collaboration on high impact weather
- 4) Reality check



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# Unified system of equations equations

generalized pressure

AIR

H2O

$$P = \frac{p'}{\rho_*}$$

$$P = RT_* q'$$

buoyancy

$$b = -g \frac{\rho'}{\rho_*}$$

$$b = g \frac{T'}{T_*}$$

generalized buoyancy

$$B = b - \gamma_W P$$

$$B = b - \gamma_A P$$

$$\gamma_A = g / (c_p T_*)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \left[ \nabla - \frac{N_*^2}{g} \mathbf{k} \right] P - B \mathbf{k} = R_V$$

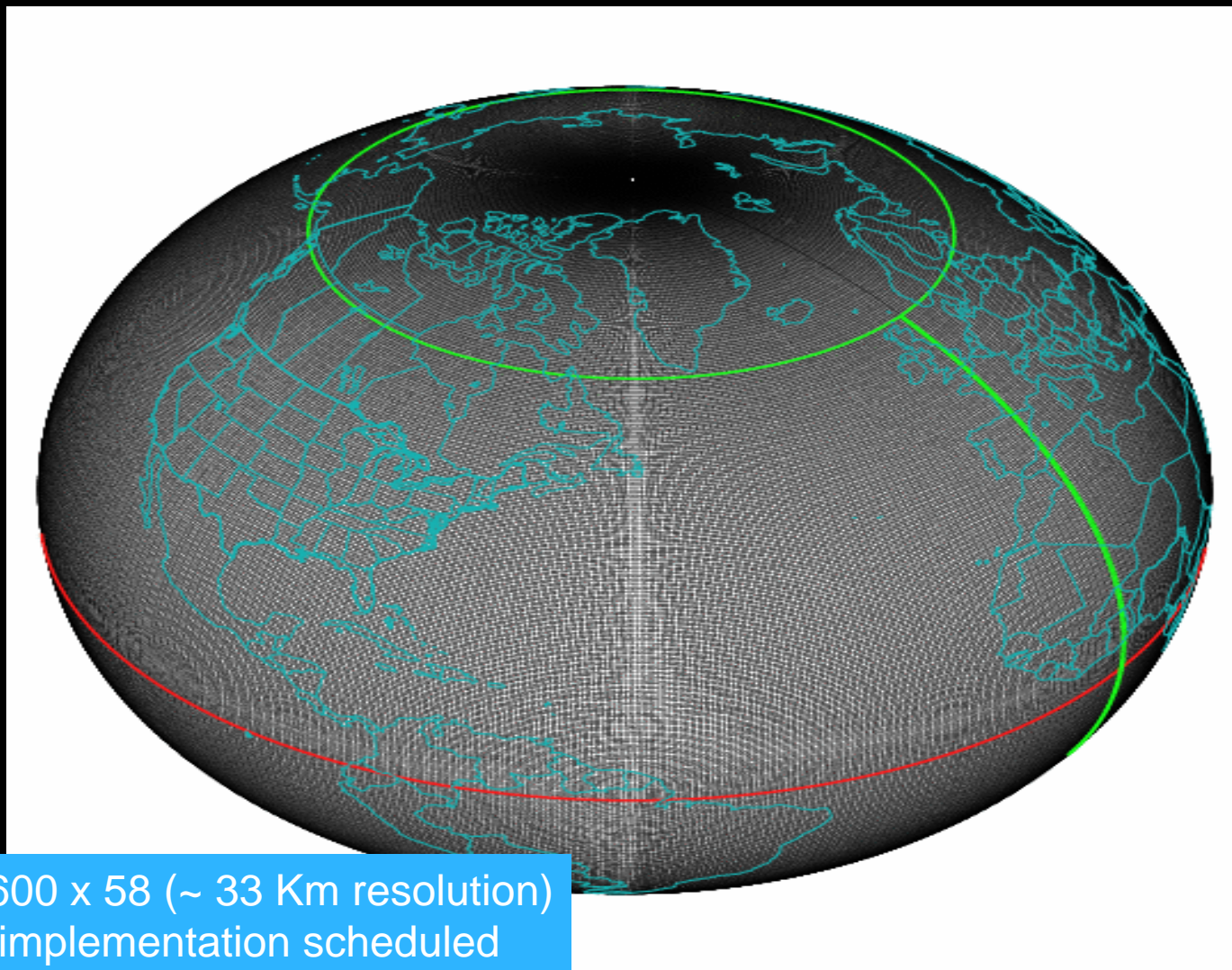
$$\frac{dB}{dt} + N_*^2 w = R_B$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{P}{c_*^2} \right) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{g}{c_*^2} w = R_P$$

Ref: Girard et Al. 2005: MWR



# A major technological transfer in 2005-06 at MSC: GLOBAL GEM GRID AT 35km with improved physics and cloud representation



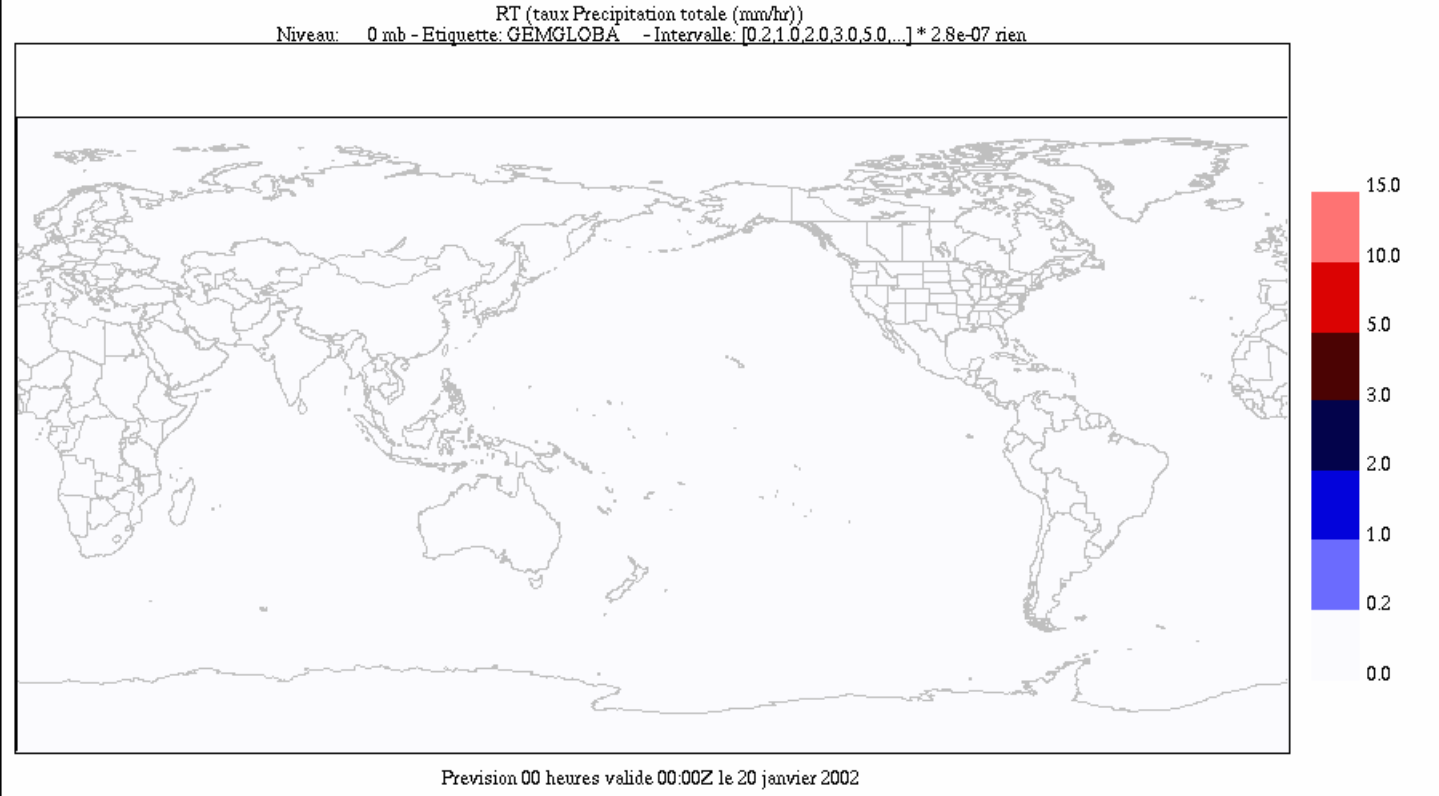
Grid: 800 x 600 x 58 (~ 33 Km resolution)  
Operational implementation scheduled  
for spring 2006 on ~ 300 PEs  
Will average 10 min/day



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# Instantaneous precipitation rate (mm/hr) for the Operational GEM model A 5 day animation (20/01/2002 to 25/01/2002) (HR=100km, TR=45 min.)



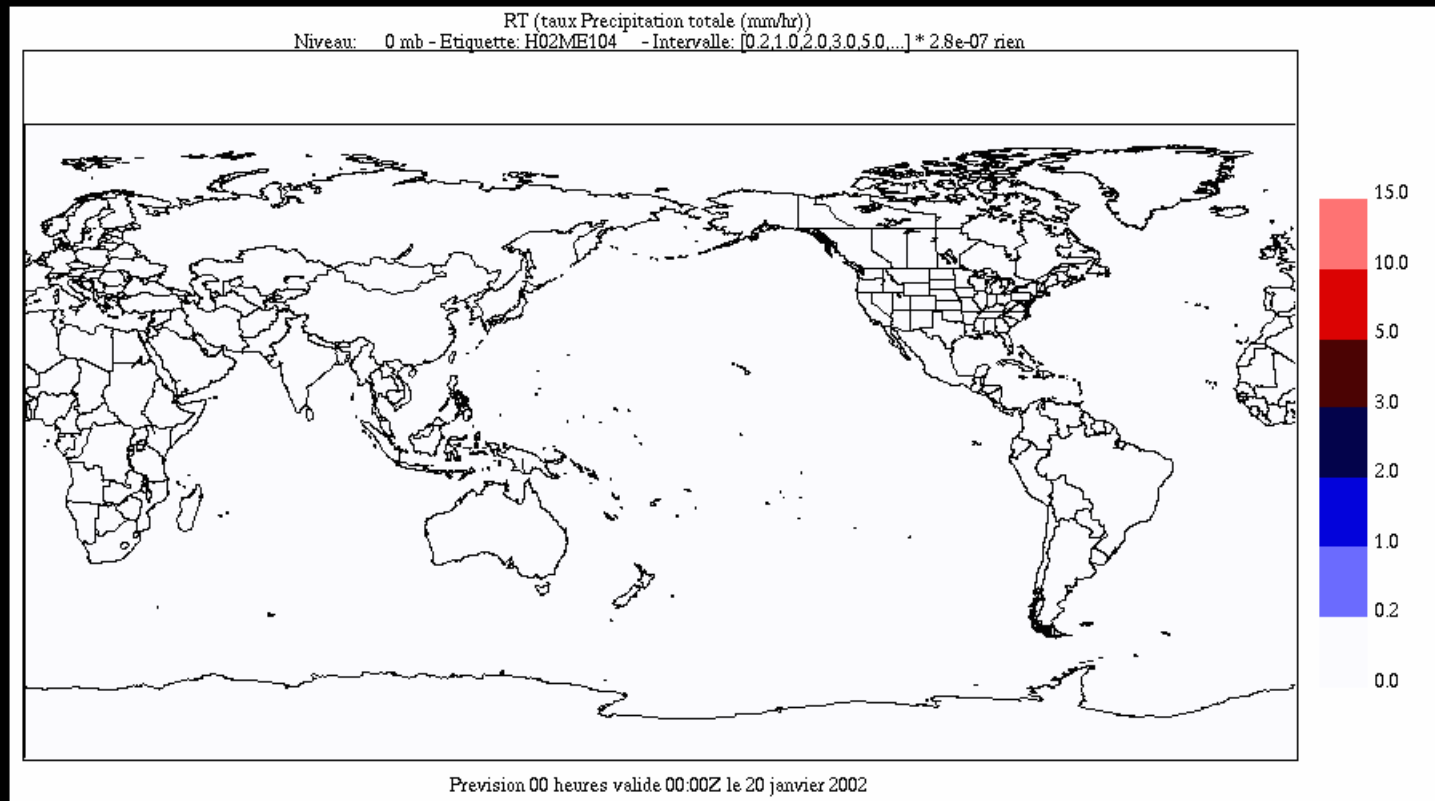
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# Instantaneous precipitation rate (mm/hr) for the Meso-Global GEM model A 5 day animation (20/01/2002 to 25/01/2002) (HR=33km, TR= 15 min.)



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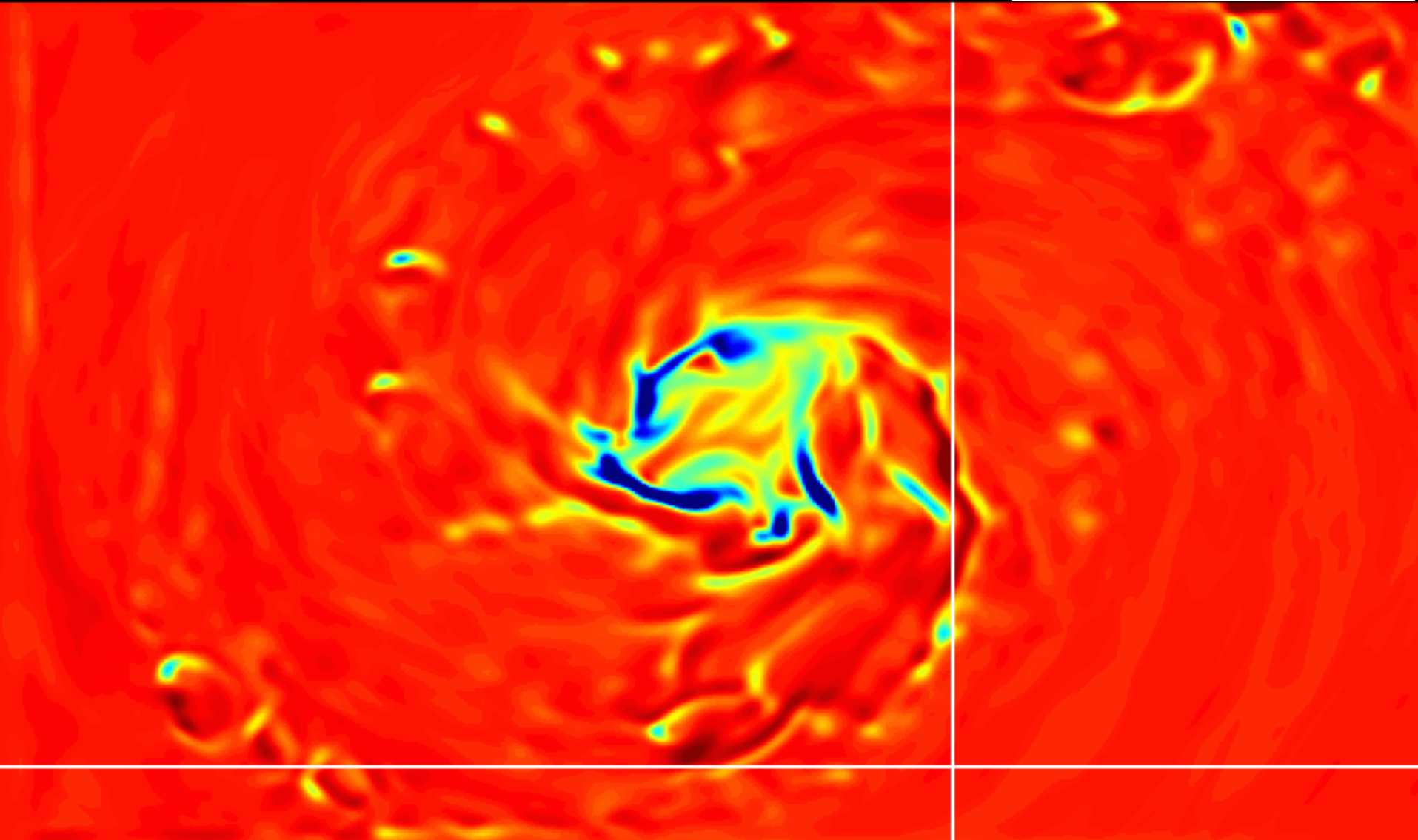
**Typhoon FLO - Septembre 1990**

**2km 16-30 H Forecast of Relative Vorticity at 20m**

**COMPARE III Workshop**

**Tokyo, Japan**

**December 13-15, 1999**



max= 700-800 e<sup>-5</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>

frame every hour



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## 2) Wave activity diagnostics of a simulated hurricane

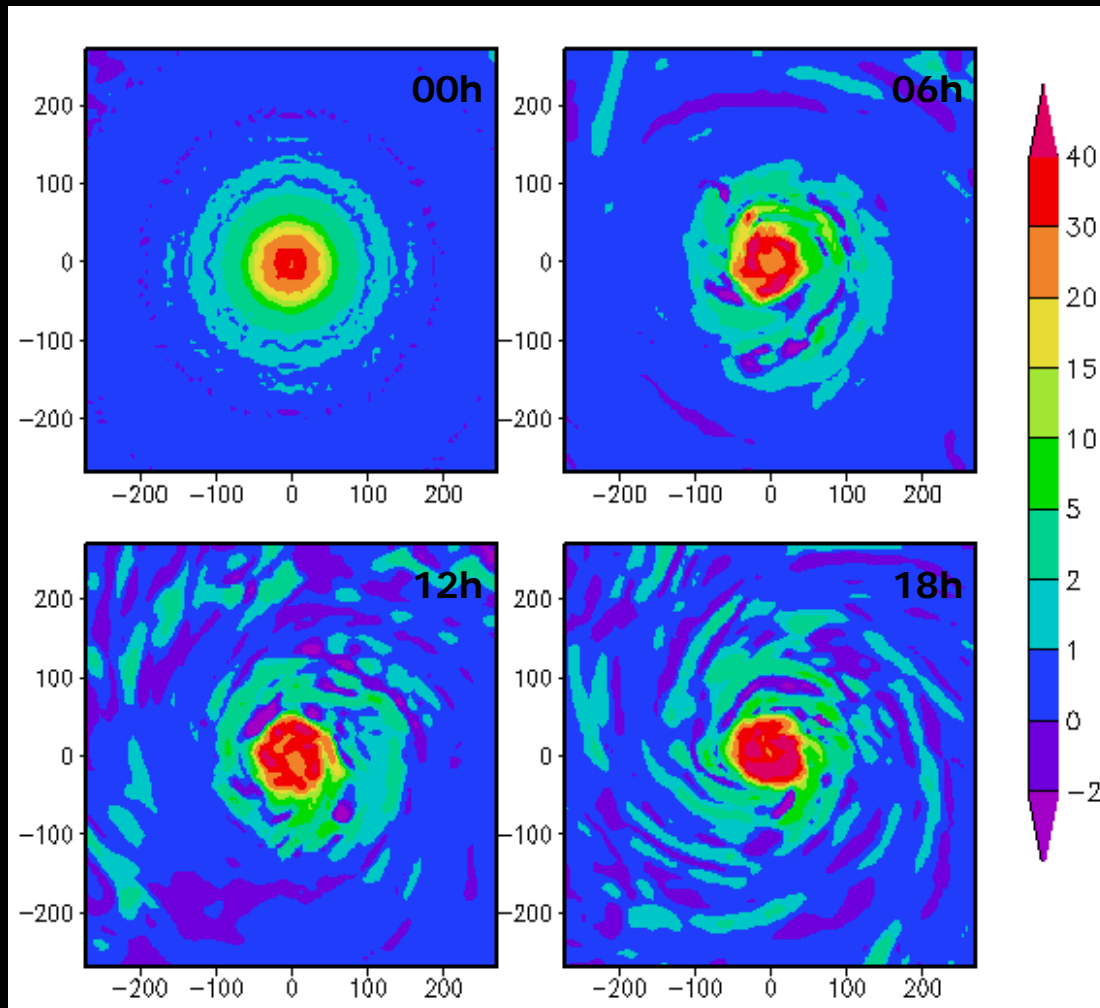
### Background and Motivation

- Can-we characterize and quantify the dynamics and significance of the spiral bands?
- Recent studies have shown that inner spiral bands have characteristics of vortex Rossby waves
- Vortex Rossby waves (VRW) and gravity waves are mixed (Rossby number  $[U/Lf]$  is not small)
- Apply Empirical Normal Mode (ENM) method to separate the waves to isolate the effect of VRW on a simulated hurricane -Chen and Yau 2001 (6 km grid size, 24 h simulation sampled every 2 minutes)

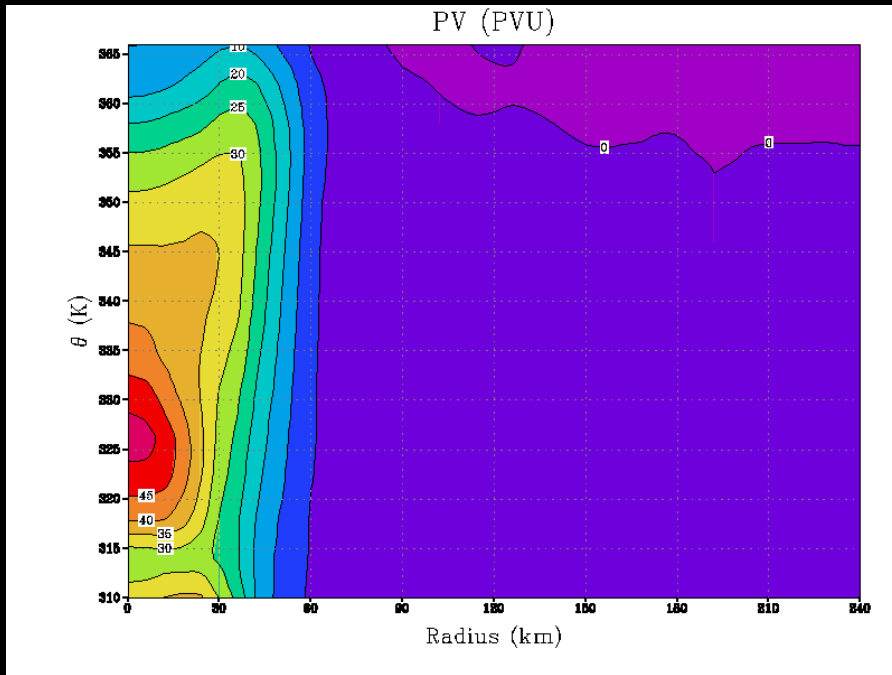
Chen, Brunet and Yau 2003: Spiral Bands in a Simulated Hurricane. Part II: Wave Activity Diagnostics. *Journal of Atmospheric Sciences*: Vol. 60, No. 10, pp. 1239–1256.



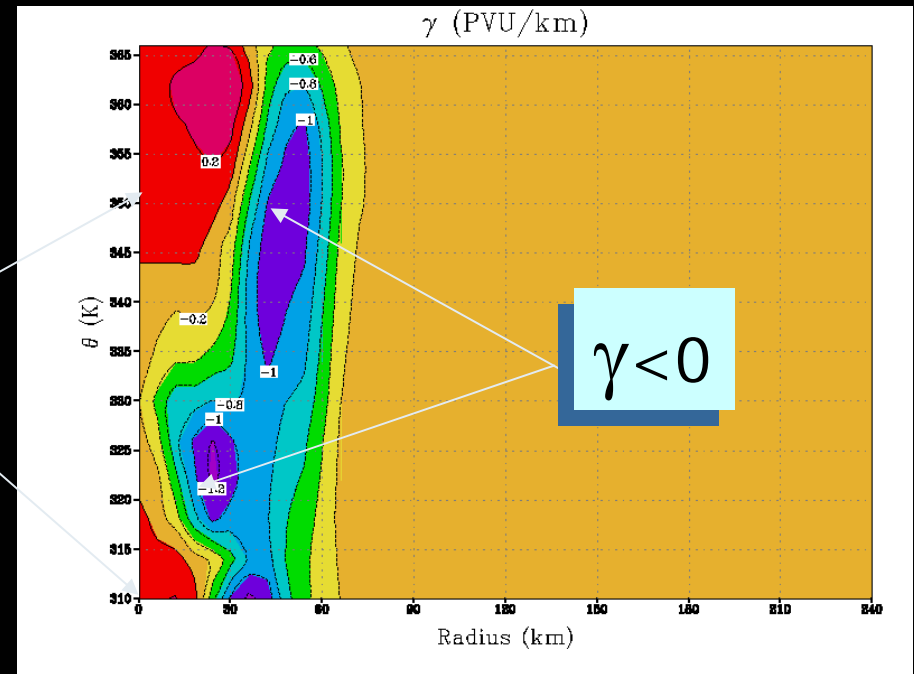
# PV at 6 km



# Basic State (24 hour mean)



Potential Vorticity  
Radial Gradient



Potential Vorticity

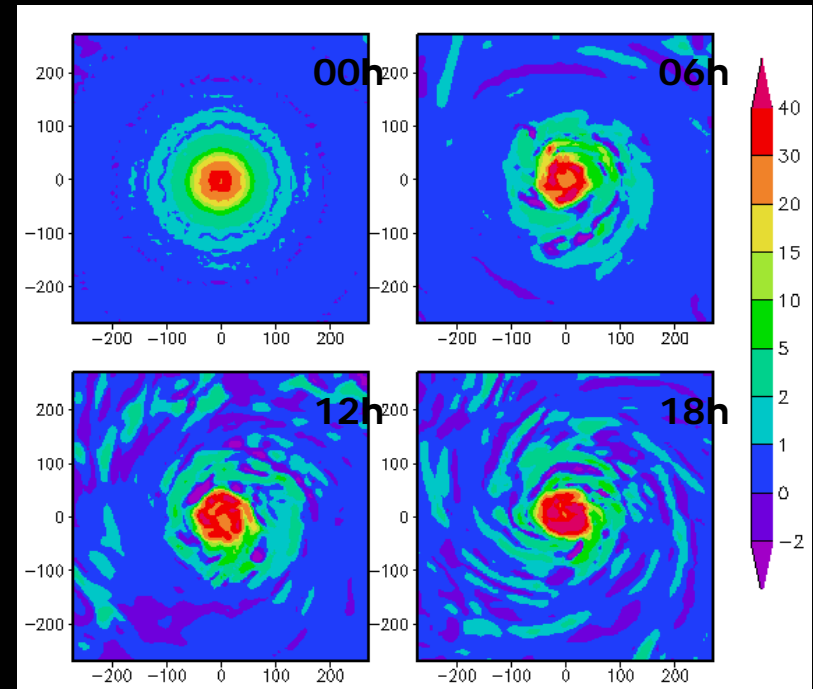
$$\gamma > 0$$

$$\gamma < 0$$



# Period and variance (%) of most important ENMs that contribute to 47% of the total variance

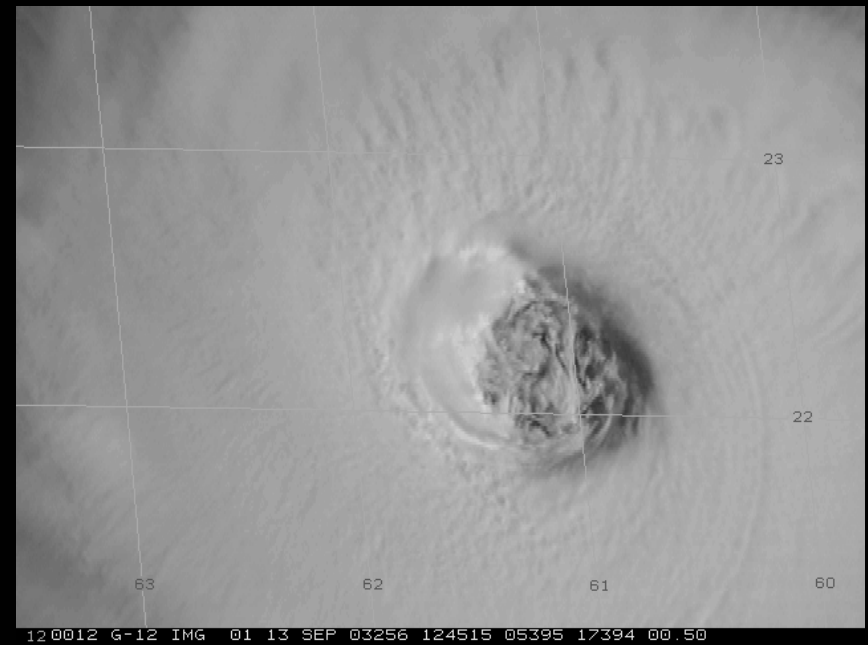
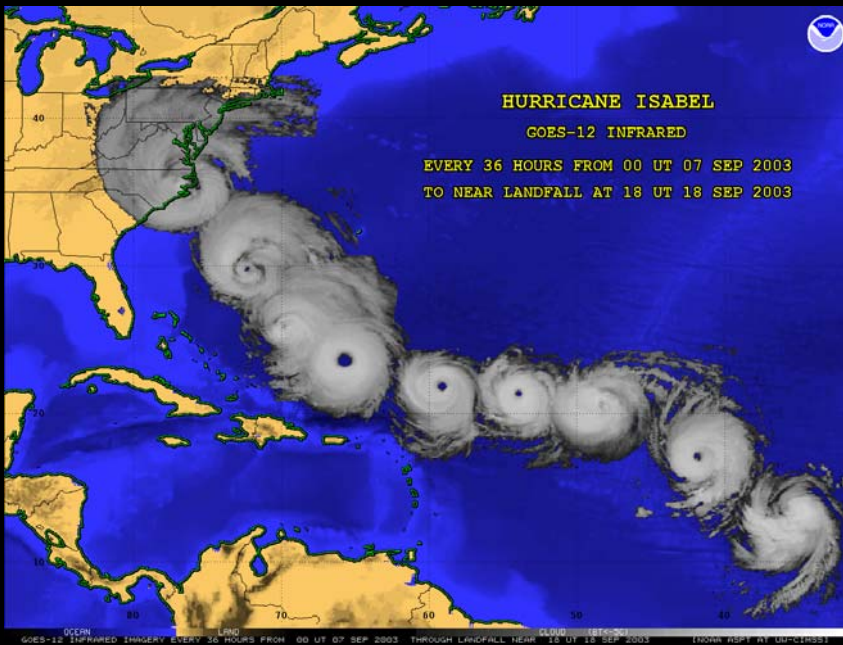
Wave number	ENM number	Period (hour)	Variance (%)
1	1	2.4	11
1	2	2.4	8
1	720	1.6	3
1	721	1.6	4
2	1	1.0	8
2	2	1.0	7
2	720	1.1	3
2	721	1.1	3



- NWP models with timestep less than one hour should start to resolve properly Vortex Rossby waves



**Hurricane Isabel north of Puerto Rico  
(on the 2003/09/12, 12:45 – 14:45 animation)  
GOES 12 visible image - Pixel size:1km**



VRW angular momentum transfer leads to 1-2 m/s per hour  
acceleration of the mean flow

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# Conclusions from Chen et al.

- Analysis shows wavenumber 1 and 2 leading ENMs are vortex Rossby wave modes
- The divergence (1~2 m/s per hour) of EP fluxes indicates that vortex Rossby waves play an important role in the intensification of the simulated hurricane
- Wave breaking signature:
  - i) The simulation is too dissipative (6km)
  - ii) How generic and realistic this is?

A full life cycle simulation that resolves convective scale and VRW is needed (1 km).





# **L A C E S** **Large Atmospheric Computation on the Earth Simulator**

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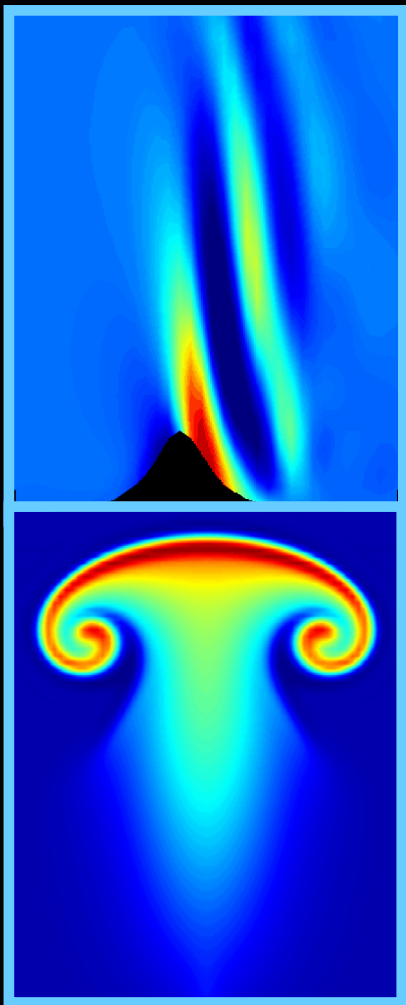


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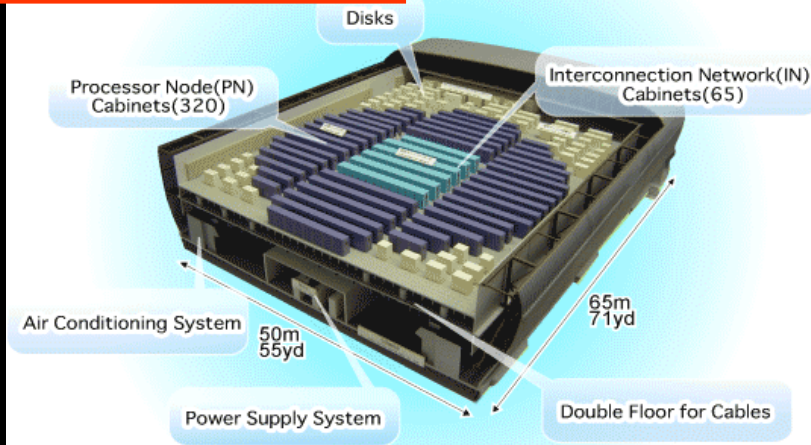
# The Canadian MC2 Model v4.9.8

## Mesoscale Compressible Community Model

- Nonhydrostatic compressible LAM
- Semi-implicit formulation with stationary isothermal hydrostatic basic state
- Fully 3D semi-Lagrangian advection (leapfrog)
- Terrain following heights vert. coordinate
- Staggering: Arakawa C - Tokioka B
- Minimal residual Krylov GCR/GMRES solver / 1D Jacobi/3D ADI line relaxation preconditioning
- Davies type lateral gravity-wave absorbers
- Full CMC/RPN physics v4.1 including:
  - many combinations of convective and large-scale condensation schemes (3 microphysics schemes)
  - TKE PBL + Force-restore/ISBA/CLASS surface schemes
  - Solar and infrared radiation scheme



**In Operation Since  
March 2002**



Some Specs of the Earth Simulator:

- 640 nodes of 8 vector processors
- Processor peaks at 8 GF/sec.
- Shared memory/node = **16 GB**

Whole system:

- 5120 processors
- Peak = **40 TF/sec**
- Memory = **10 TB**
- Interconnect = 12.3 GB/sec x 2

Must demonstrate high Vectorization ratio (99%) and very good Scalability:

$$M \leq \frac{2-\alpha}{1-\alpha}$$

10 → 140 → 1600 NODES

Sustained performances:

36 TF on some benchmarks (640 nodes)  
27 TF with AFES (640 nodes – 67% of peak)  
(10 km global climate simulation)

**13 TF with MC2 (495 nodes)**  
(1 km - 11000 x 8640 x 51 grid)

**22 x 180 processor topology**  
(3.2 GF/Pe – 40% of peak)

$$E_n = \frac{S_n}{n} \geq 0.5$$

Parallelization Efficiency > 0.5 on a fixe problem size

$$S_n = \frac{T_1}{T_n}$$

Parallelization Scalability

$$\alpha = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{S_n}}{1 - \frac{1}{n}}$$

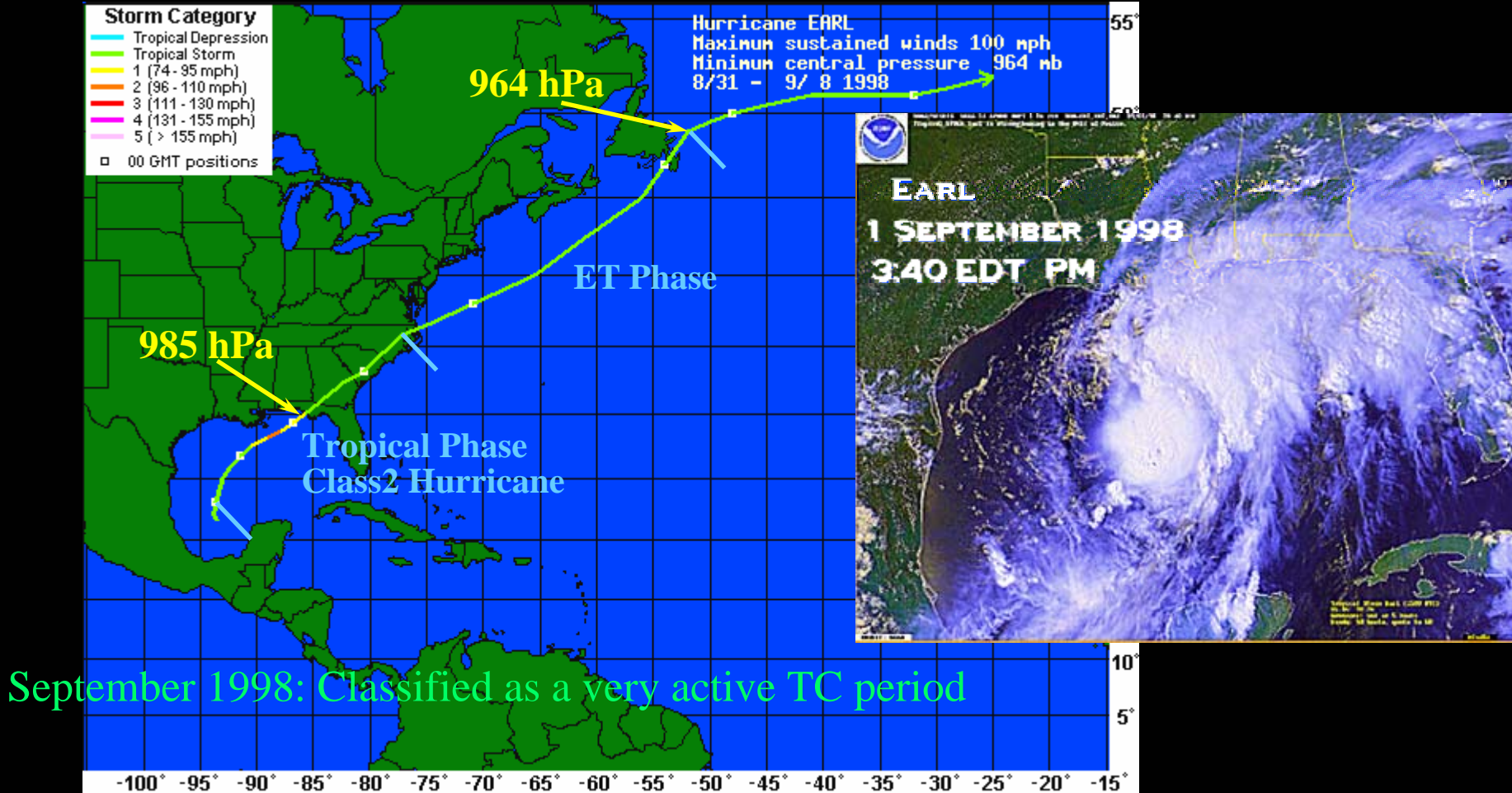
Amdahl's law Parallelization ratio





# A Grand Challenge project on the Earth Simulator

# Modelling the Full Lifecycle of Hurricane Earl at 1km Resolution with the Canadian MC2 Model



Desgagne, Ohfuchi, Brunet, Yau, McTaggart-Cowan and M. Valin, 2004:  
Large Atmospheric Computation on the Earth Simulator: A report on the LACES project. Annual Report of the Earth Simulator Center (April 2003–March 2004), 225-227. The Earth Simulator Center, Yokohama, Japan.



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# Grid Strategy for EARL on the ES: 3 Stages Rotated Mercator grids

50 km: 400 x 332 x 31 timestep - 240s, KFC

10 km: 1600 x 1260 x 41 - timestep 45s, KFC

1 km: 11007 x 8647 x 51 - timestep 6s, YAU

Memory: 7 Tb

CPUs: 22 x 180 (3960)

Steps: 104400 X 6 sec.

Wall clock: 7-8 days

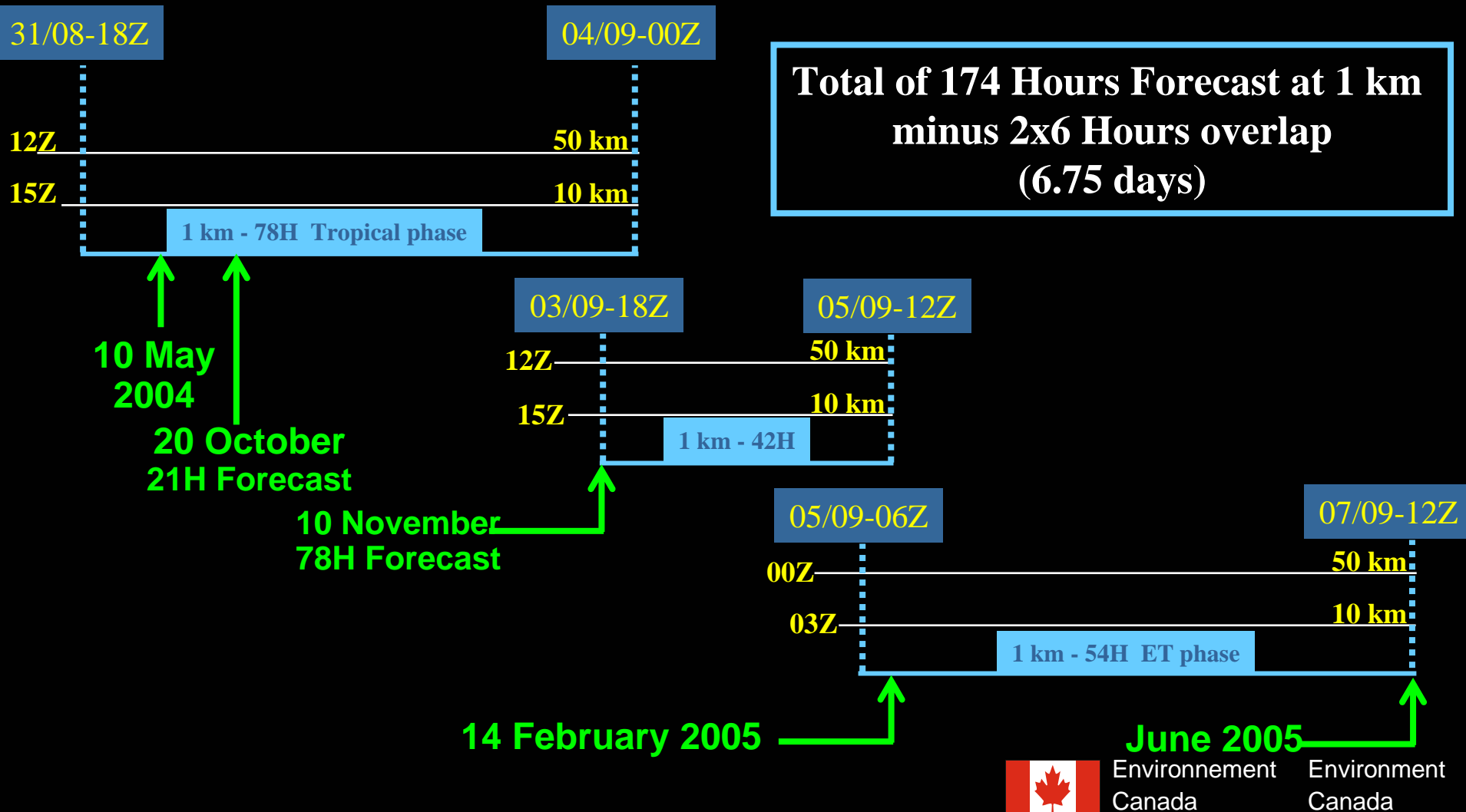
Outer 50 km grid: Initial  
and BCs from CMC  
analysis



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# Time strategy for the Simulation of the Full Lifecycle of Hurricane EARL on the ES



# Data: Nearing Catastrophe

	Full domain 11000 x 8640	Reduced domain 3000 x 2000	Full Domain Averaged 4 DX	Full Domain Averaged 10 DX
10 min		<b>3D:</b> U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG		<b>3D:</b> U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG
15 min	2D: QR, PN, RT, PR, FC, FV			
30 min			<b>3D:</b> U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG	
	8 x 64 files 49 GBytes	24 x 12 files 151 GBytes	4 x 64 files 29 GBytes	4 x 64 files 14 GBytes

Grand total: 1300 files, 243 GBytes/4H → **4.7 TB** for first 78H

Database currently being assembled/maintained at RPN

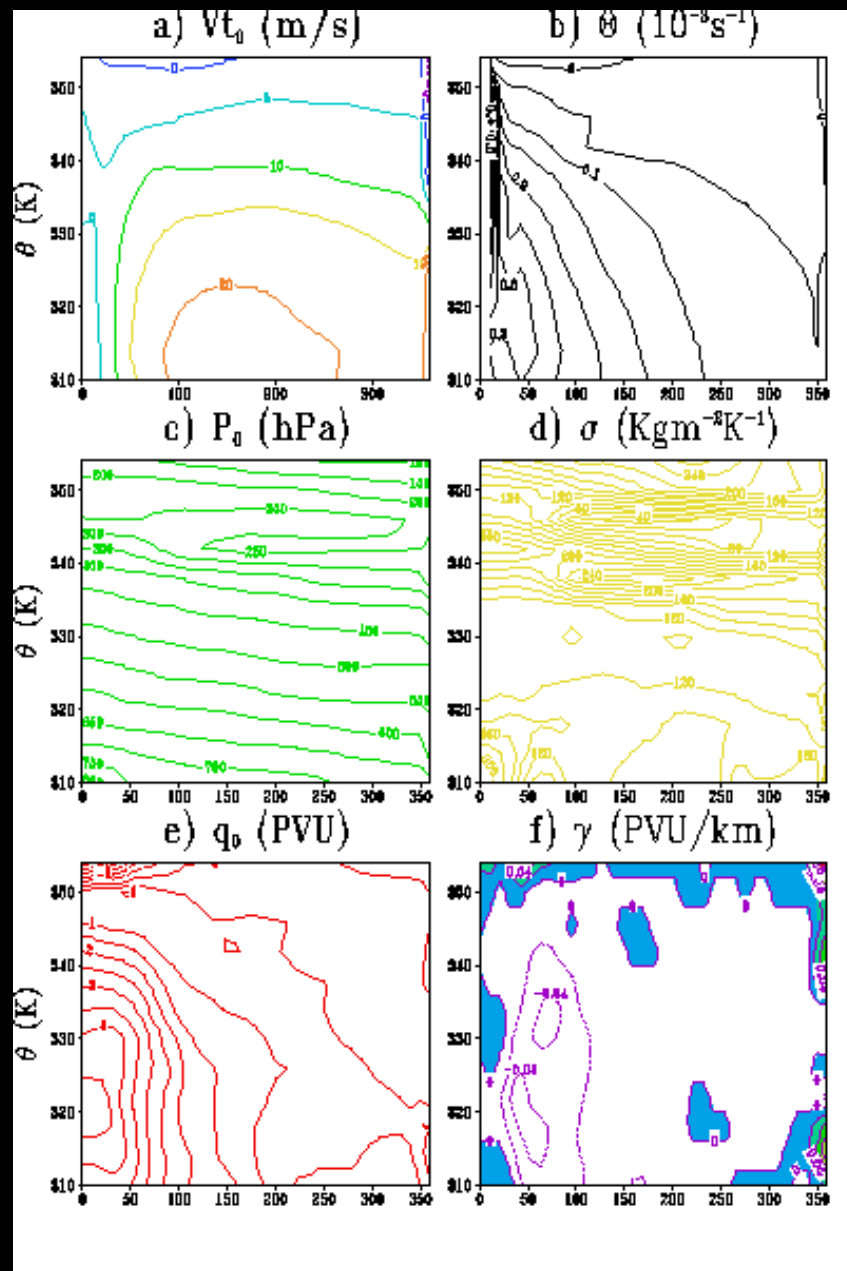
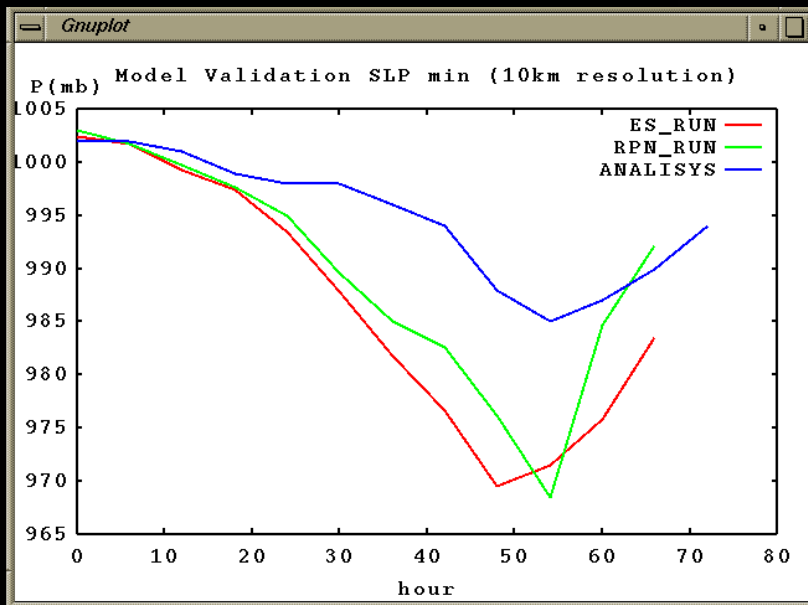
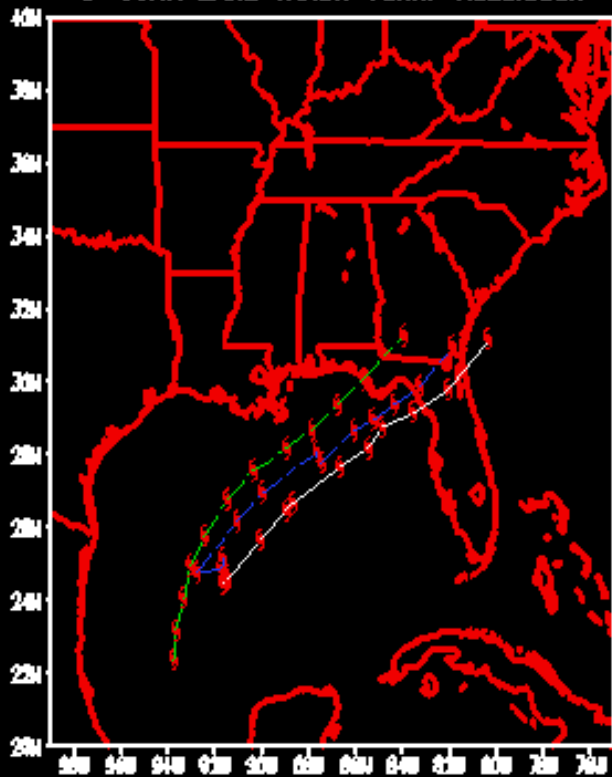
All data compressed to 16 bits



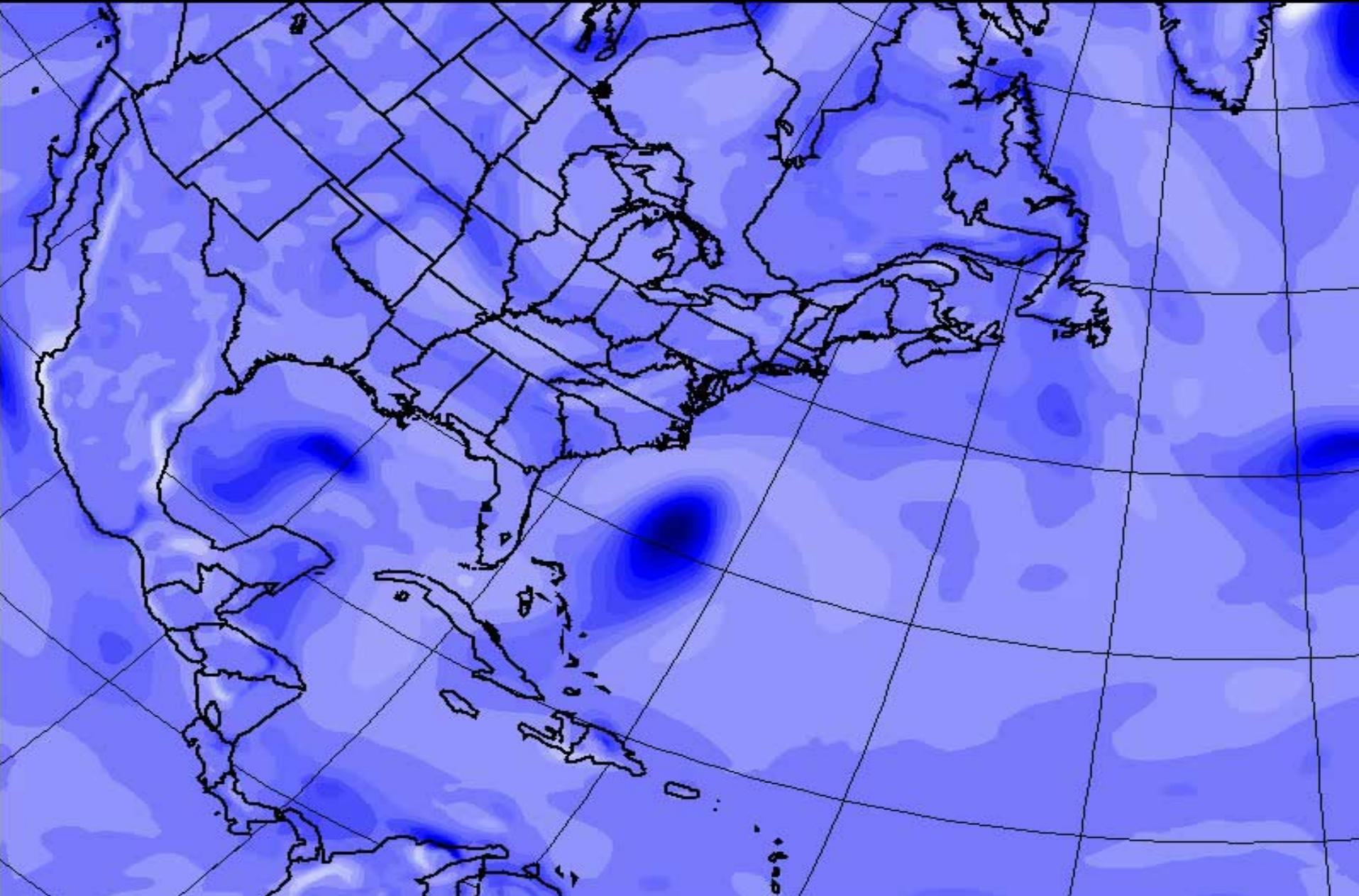
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# 0-66HR EARL TRACK 10km-Resolution

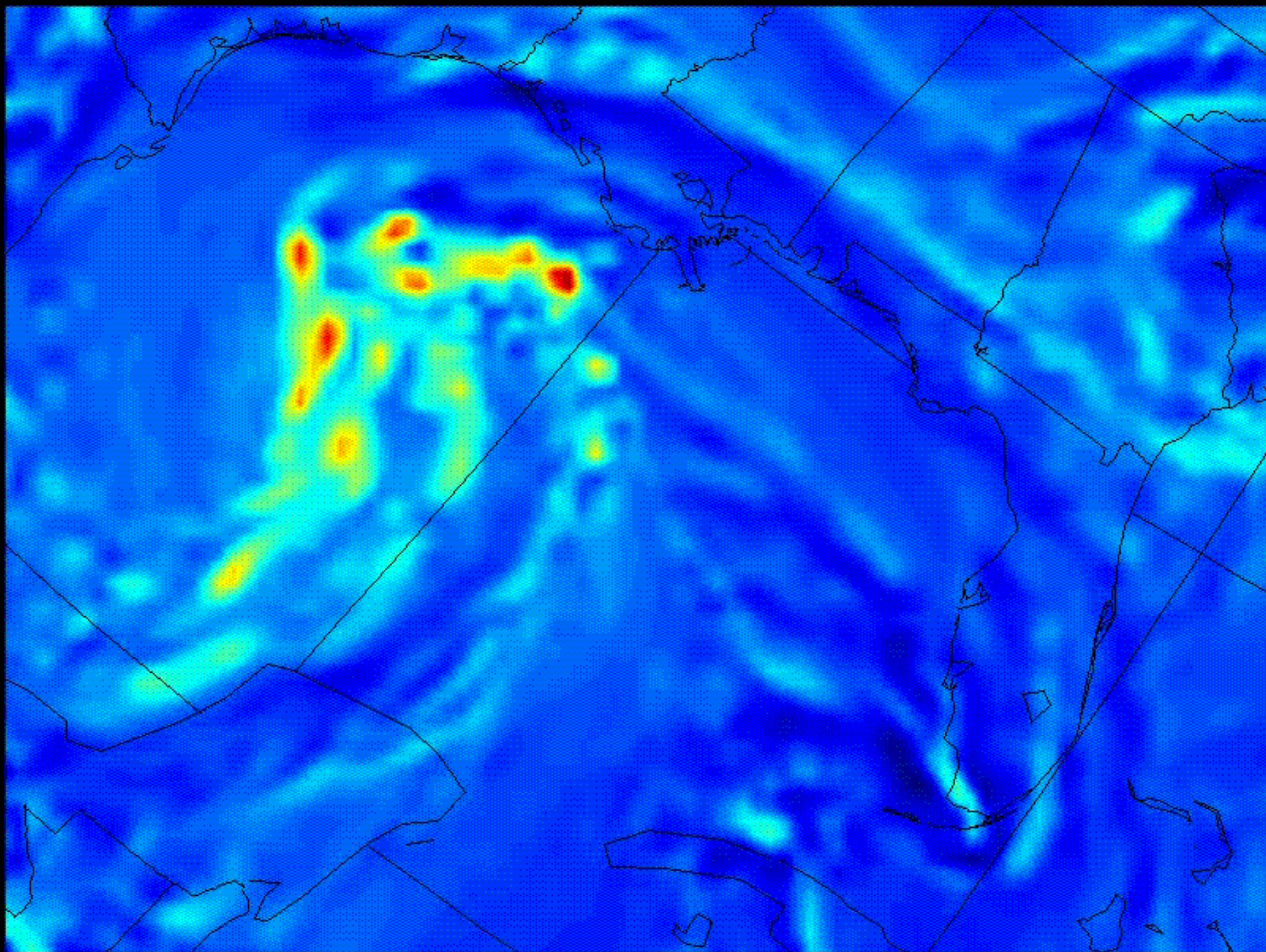


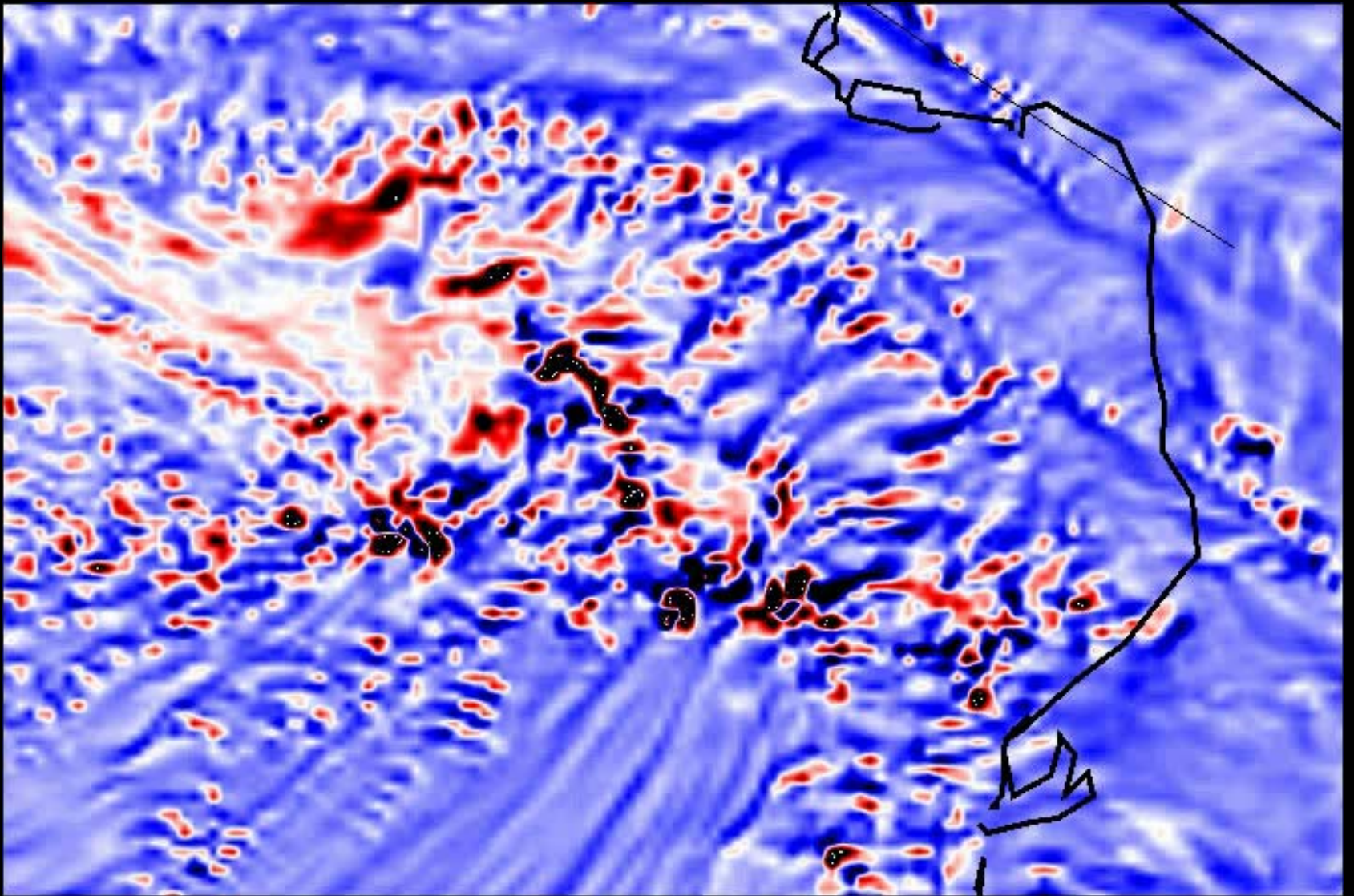
# Relative Vorticity at 950 hPa (10km)



**Relative Vorticity 950 hPa from 10km run**

**12Z 01/09 to 00Z 04/01**



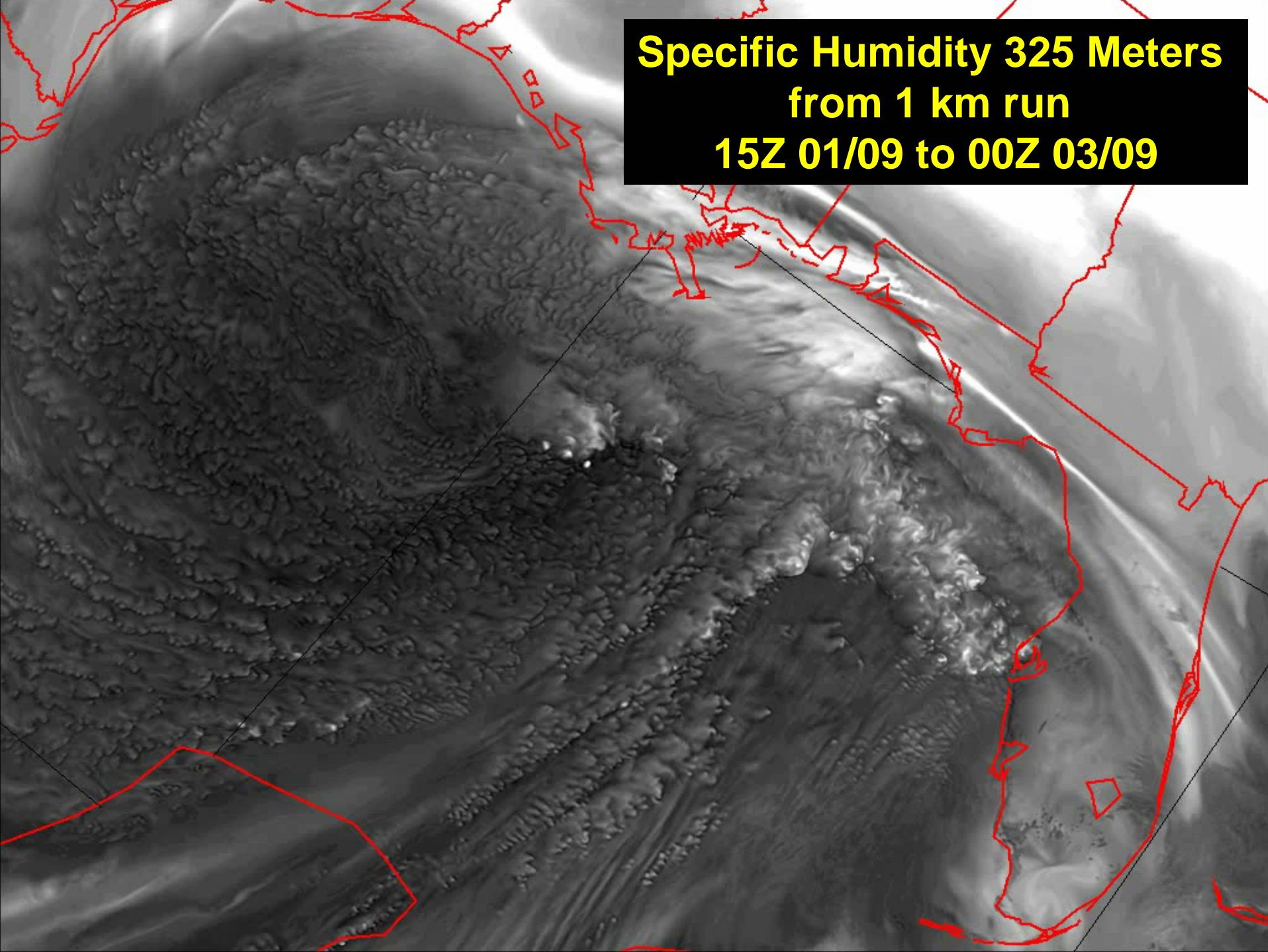


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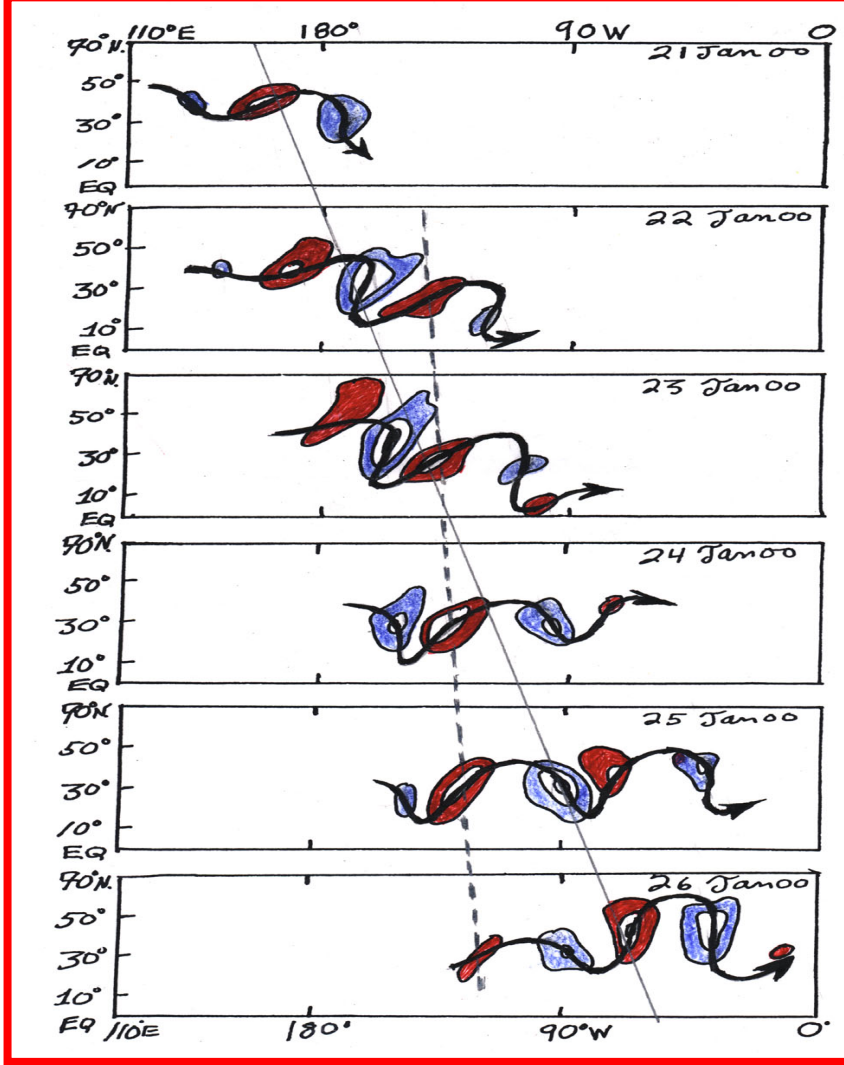
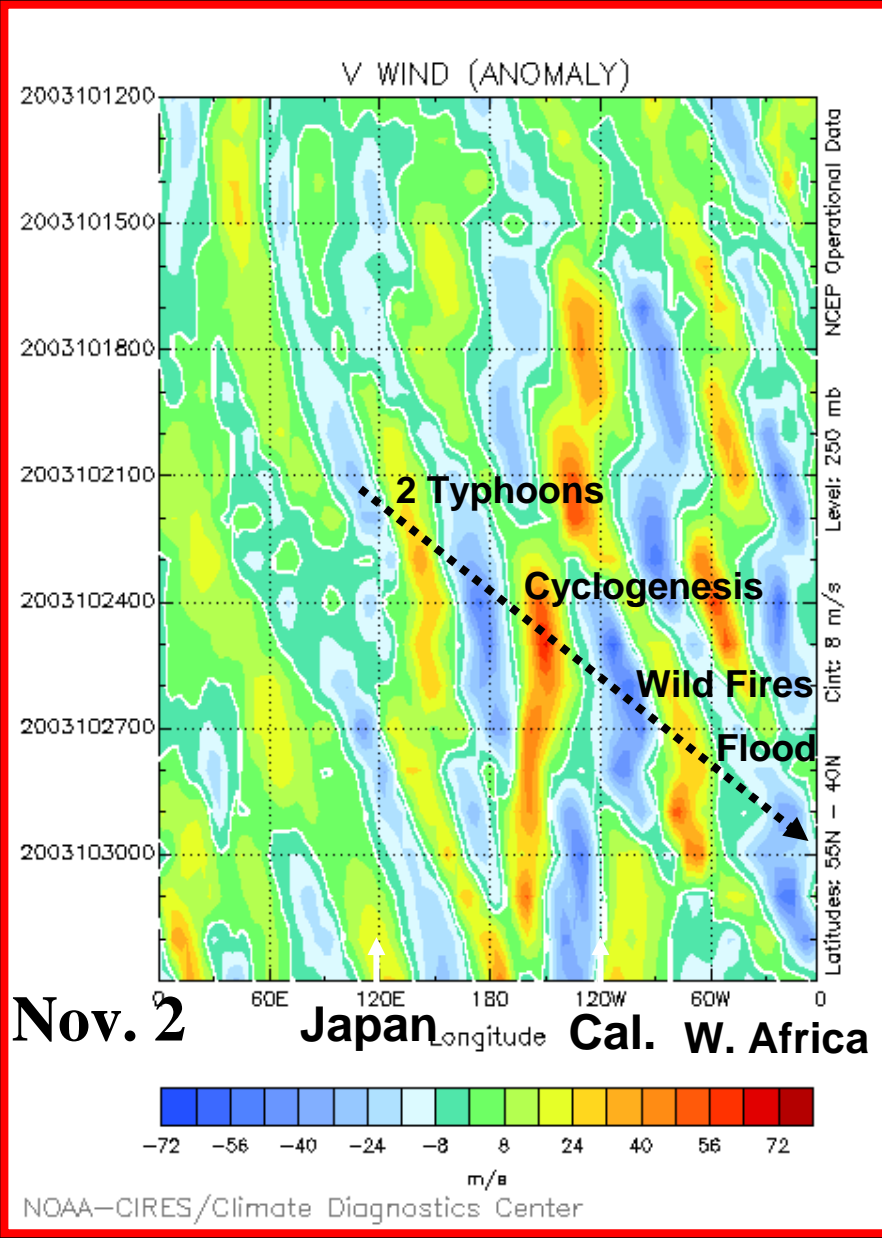


**Specific Humidity 325 Meters  
from 1 km run  
15Z 01/09 to 00Z 03/09**



# Time/Longitude: 250-mb Meridional Wind (m s<sup>-1</sup>); 55-40N.

Oct. 12  
Oct. 18  
Oct. 24  
Oct. 30



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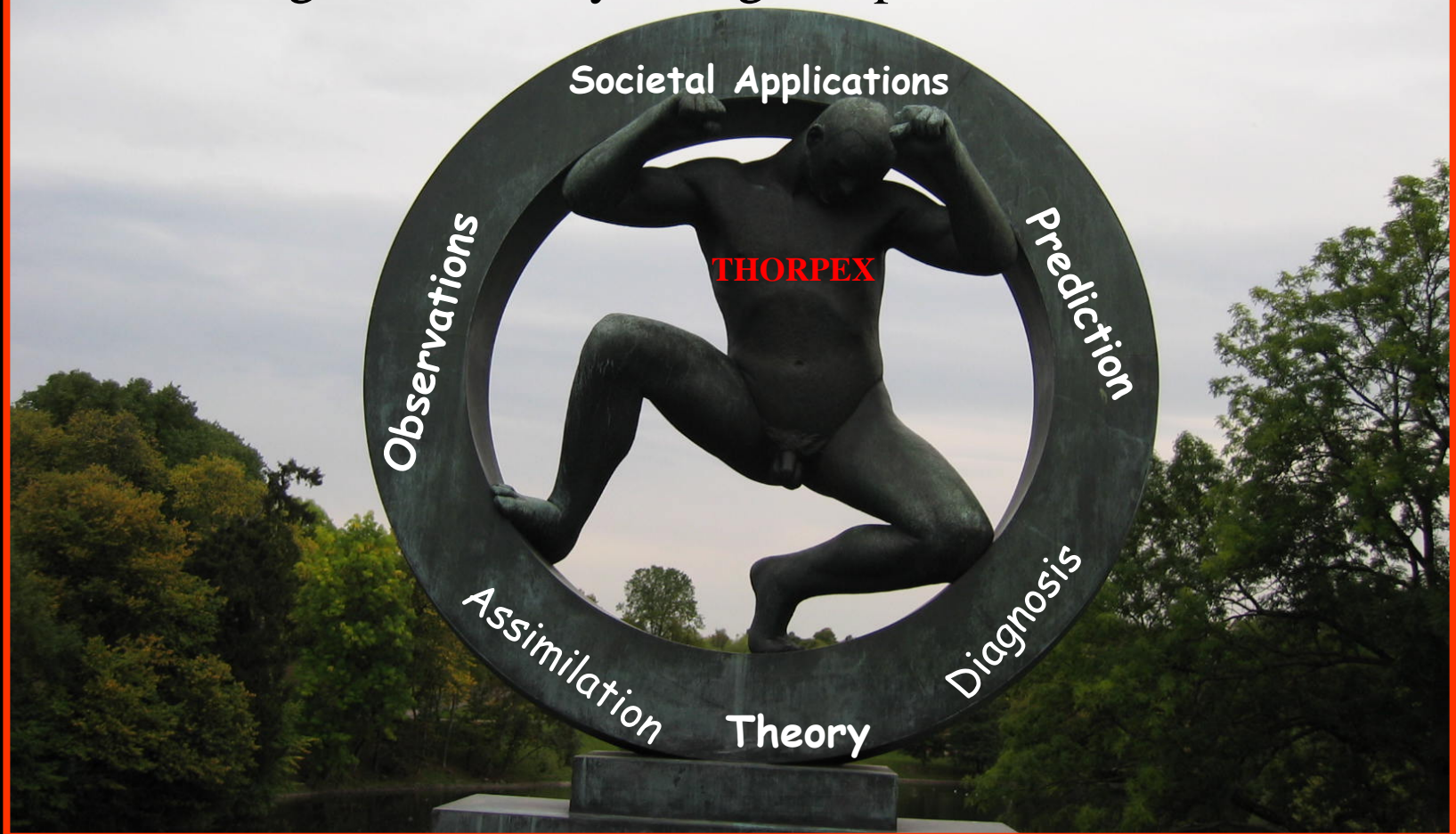
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# Reality check

- A full lifecycle reference simulation of hurricane Earl on the Earth Simulator for process studies. Order 1 wall clock hour of computation / 1 hour of simulation on 4000 vector processors.
- ES like computing power not available soon in Operational centers
- NWP hurricane strategy at the Meteorological Service of Canada:
  - better hurricane track predictions with **global-meso GEM** and 4D-VAR
  - **2-way nested vortex following LAM configuration** to obtain proper precipitation and intensity that depends on angular momentum transport, hence high resolution



Pushing back the limits of predictability  
Increasing the accuracy of high-impact weather forecasts



**THE END**

**Thank You !**



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