

# Second HFIP regional modeling team workshop

Sept. 17 – Sept. 18 2012

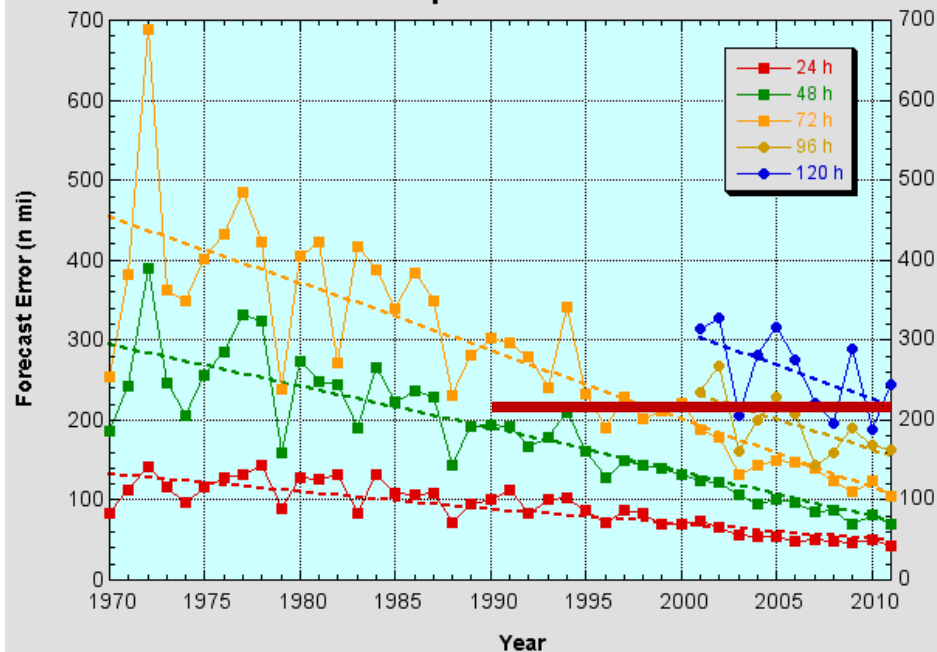
Conference room 2890 EMC

Young C. Kwon

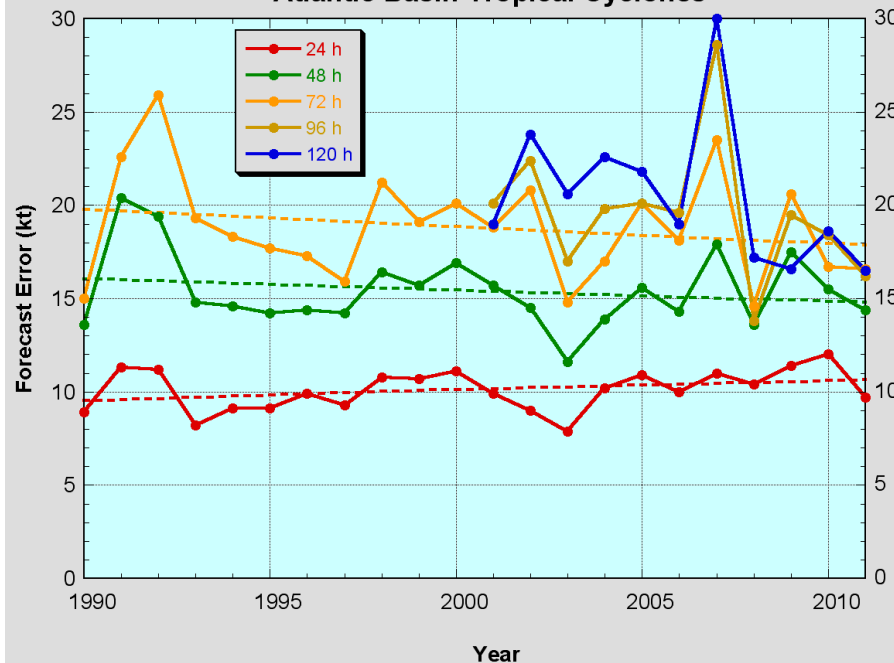
# Main topic of the workshop:

How to improve hurricane intensity forecast skills of operational regional dynamical models, especially R.I.

**NHC Official Annual Average Track Errors  
Atlantic Basin Tropical Storms and Hurricanes**



**NHC Official Annual Average Intensity Errors  
Atlantic Basin Tropical Cyclones**



# Questions to be answered/addressed:

1. What approaches would be better strategy for intensity forecast improvement in terms of physics upgrades  
Incremental upgrades vs. experiments with new physics suite
2. How to identify the processes which govern the hurricane intensity changes
3. How to utilize observation data and diagnostics tools  
collaboration with HFIP observation team and diagnostics team
4. Predictability of hurricane intensity

# Workshop schedule

## Sept. 17 (Monday)

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome remarks: Robert Gall & William Lapenta

13:15 – 13:25 **Young Kwon**: Workshop introduction

13:25 – 13:40 **Young Kwon**: EMC's activity on physics development

13:40 – 14:00 **Hua-lu Pan**

14:00 – 14:15 **Qingfu Liu**

14:15 – 14:35 **Dave Zelinsky**

14:35 – 14:55 **Ligia Bernardet**

## **14:55 – 15:10 Break**

15:10 – 17:00 Discussion on moist physics and h  
Chair: Hua-lu Pan; Co-Chair **GoTo Meeting not available 3-4PM**

**17:30: reception (1st floor cafeteria)**

## **Sept. 18 (Tuesday)**

09:10 – 09:40 **Joe Cione/Eric Ulhorn**

09:40 – 10:00 **Isaac Ginis**

10:00 – 10:20 **James Doyle**

10:20 – 10:40 **Mark DeMaria**

### ***10:40 – 11:00 Break***

11:00 – 12:30 Discussion on role of air-sea interaction on hurricane intensity.

Chair: Isaac Ginis; Co-Chair: JW Bao

### ***12:30 – 13:30 Lunch***

13:30 – 13:50 **Jun Zhang**

13:50 – 14:10 **JW Bao & C. Fairall**

14:10 – 14:30 **Gopal**

14:30 – 15:00 **Dave Nolan**

### ***15:00 – 15:30 Break***

15:30 – 17:30 Discussion and wrap-up.

Chair: Vijay Tallapragada and Co-Chair: Young Kwon

### ***17:30 Adjourn***

# Possible three contribution factors on hurricane intensity change

## 1. Large scale environment:

SST, lower-level convergence, upper-level divergence, TUTT and so on.  
Relatively well simulated.

## 2. Vortex internal dynamics:

Vortex Rossby waves, vortex internal instabilities (barotropic & baroclinic)  
Need fine resolution grids – necessary condition but not sufficient condition

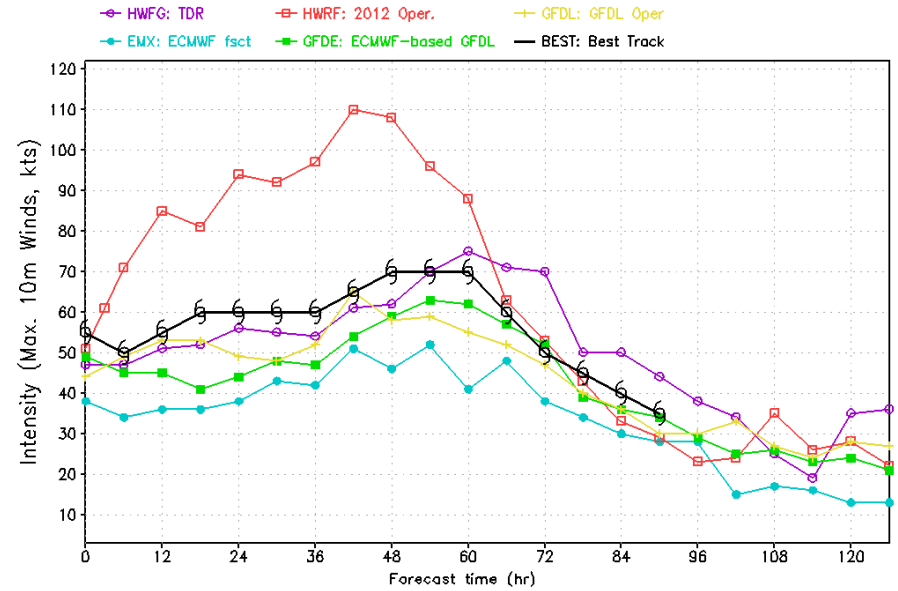
## 3. Large scale and vortex interactions:

Interaction between large scale shear and vortex

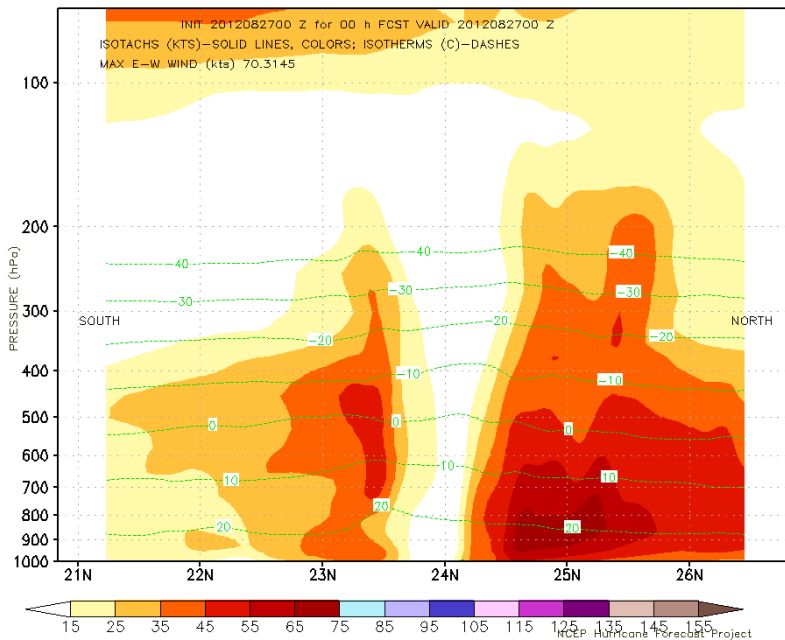
# Impact of TDR data to hurricane intensity forecast

HWFG 2012 Baseline: TC Intensity Vmax

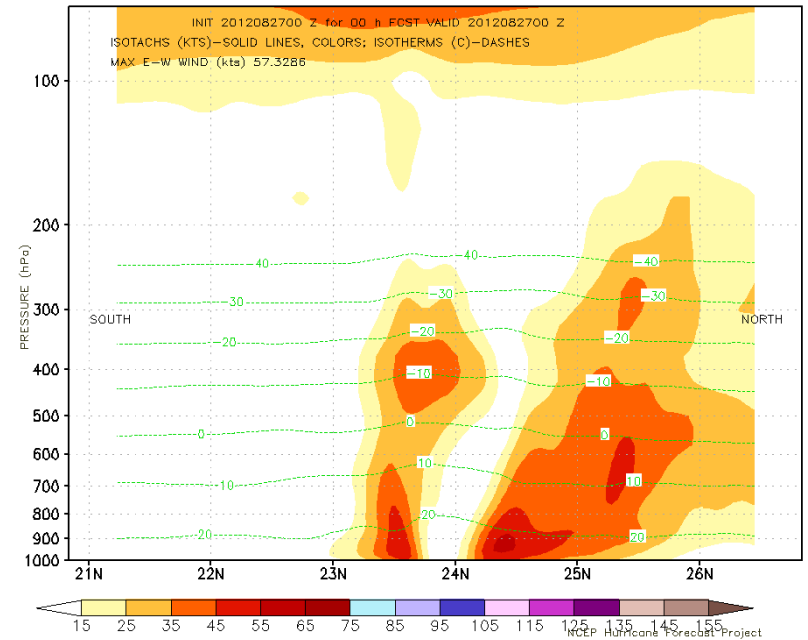
Storm: ISAAC (09L) valid 2012082700



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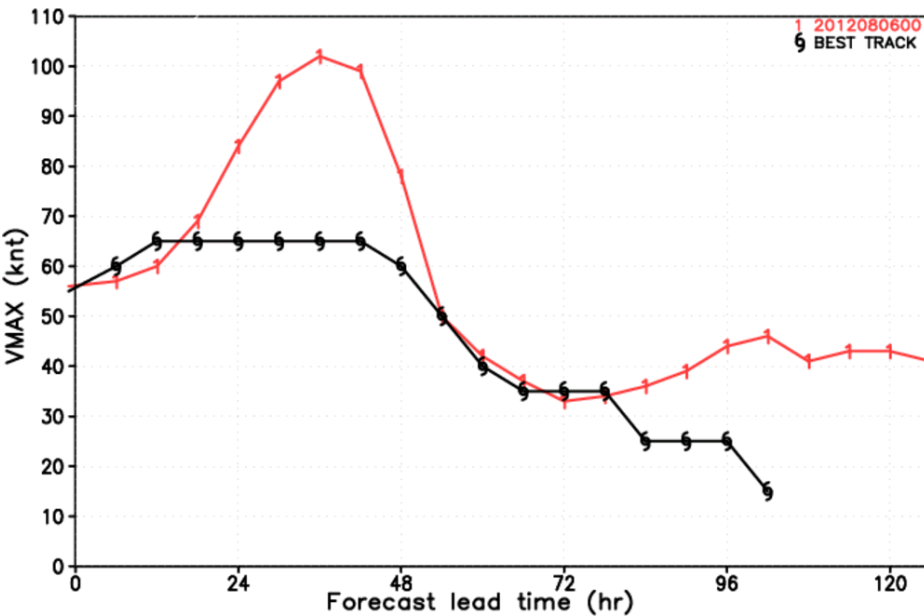


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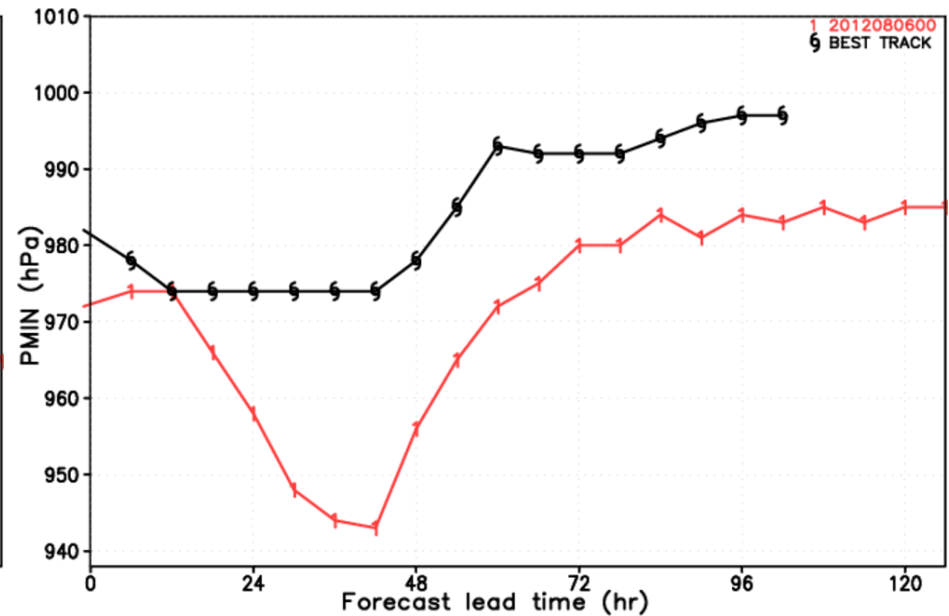
# Typhoon Haikui (2012080600) intensity forecast by HWRF model

HWRF forecast: HAIKUI (wp122012)  
Maximum 10-m wind time series



Maximum 10m Wind

HWRF forecast: HAIKUI (wp122012)  
Minimum sea level pressure time series



Minimum Pressure