



# METplus Update

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# Release update

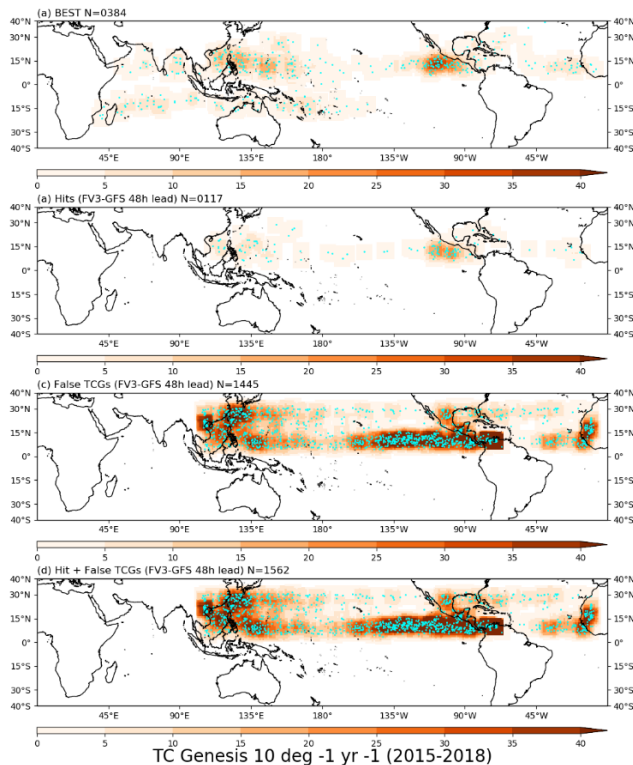
- Early May: METplus v4.0.0 with MET v10.0.0, METviewer 4.0.0 and METexpress 4.0.0 with METcalcpy 1.0.0, METplotpy 1.0.0, METdatadb 1.0.0 utilities
- Using TDR and Dropsondes to evaluate models
- Improved TC-Genesis use-cases
- Hovmoller and Tropical Wave Phase Diagrams
- Interface in METcalcpy to read MET output to replicate METviewer/METexpress capability using flat files on HPCs (rather than a database)

# New Capabilities

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# One Tools Many Apps: TC-Genesis

- Collaboration with Dan Halperin, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Compare forecast of TC-Genesis to actual BEST track and CARQ genesis events
- Writes contingency table counts and statistics; netCDF files of genesis events



*Li et al., 2016*

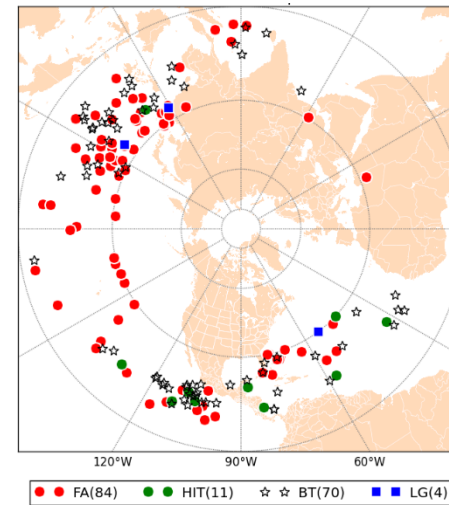
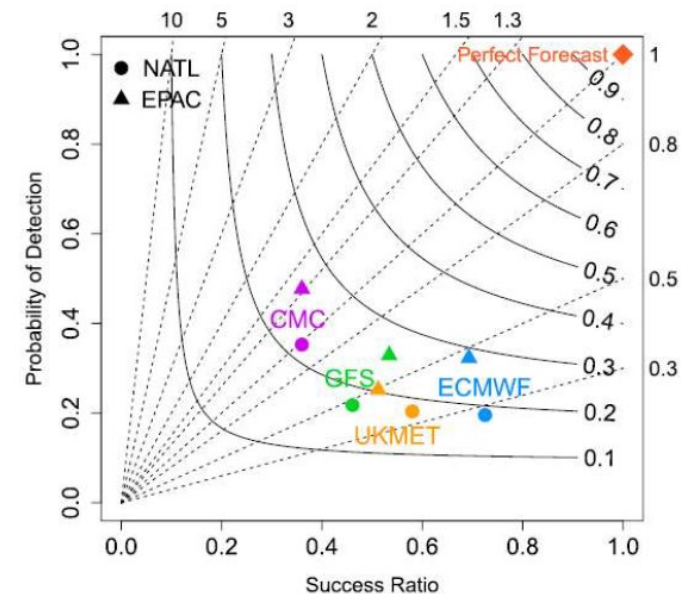
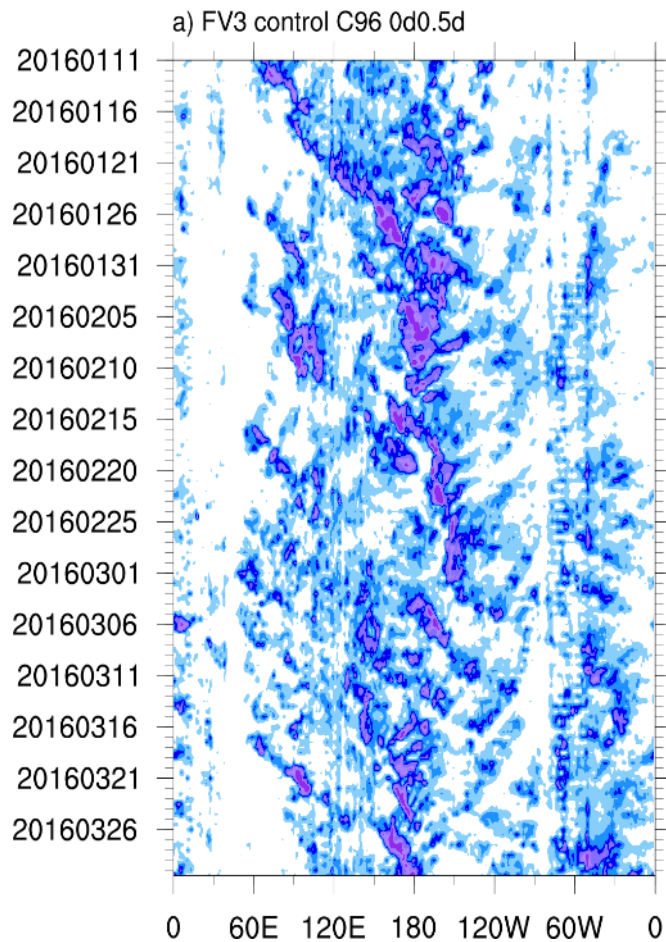


Figure: Tropical cyclogenesis verification for the NH for 2016. Symbols represent the Best Track (black), hits (green), late Genesis (blue) and false alarms (red).

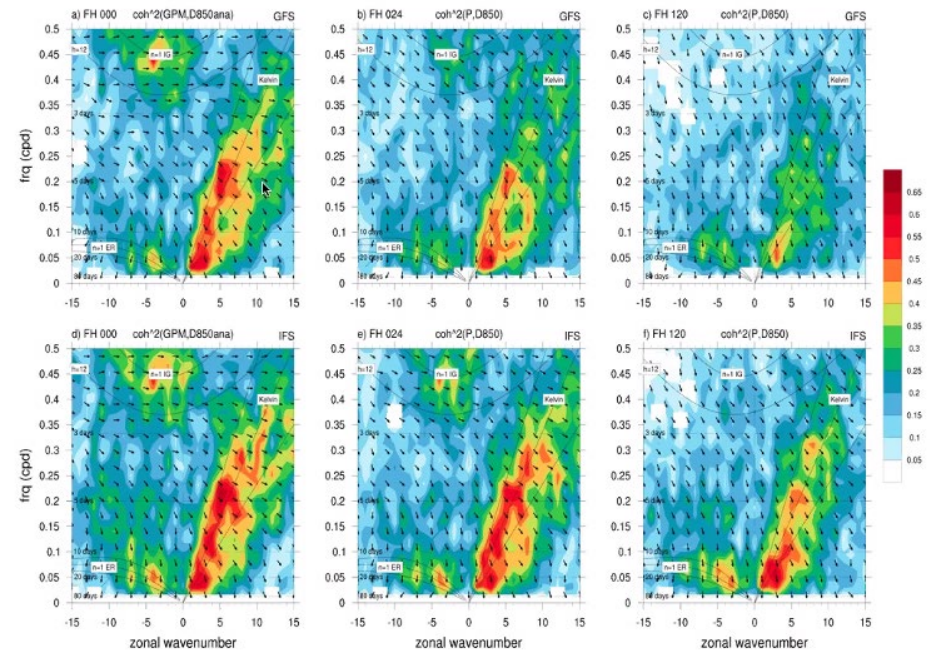
*Halperin et al., 2017*



# Hovmoeller and Phase Diagrams



## Space-time coherence spectra



# TDR and Dropsondes for Evaluating TCs Using of Python Embedding

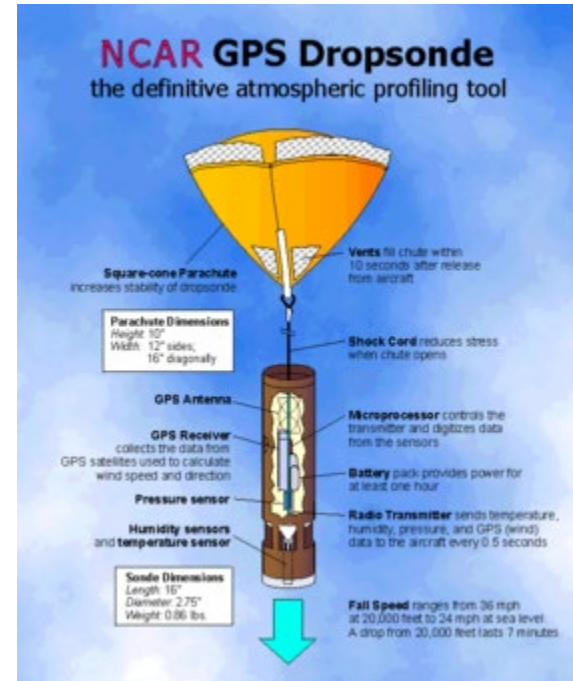
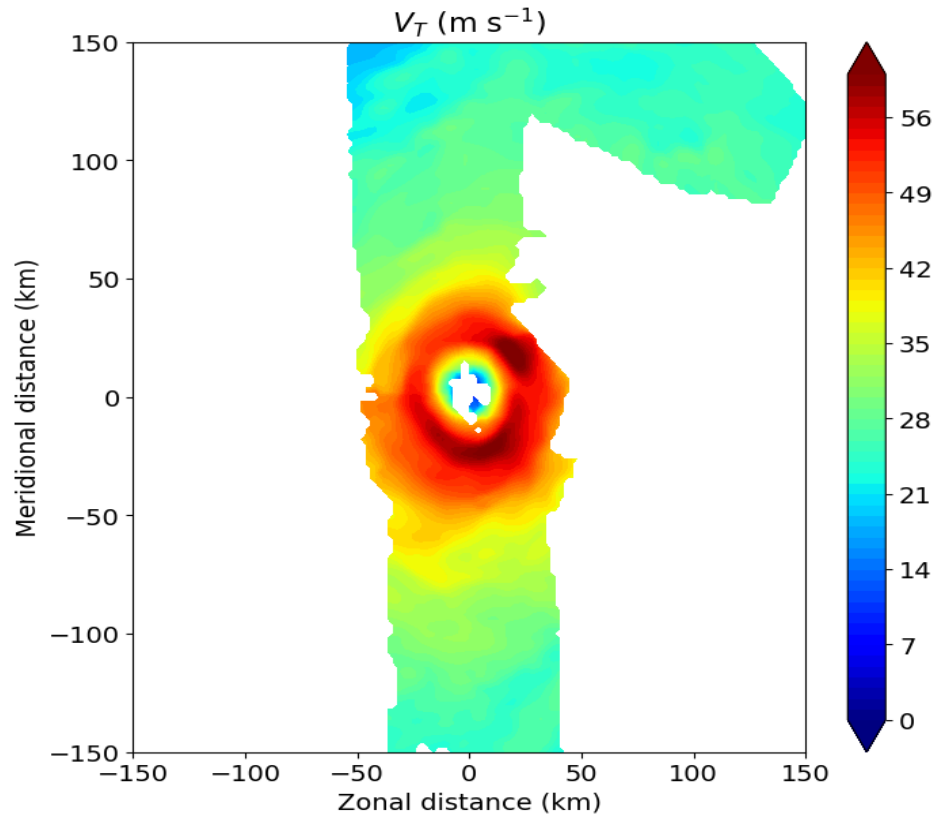
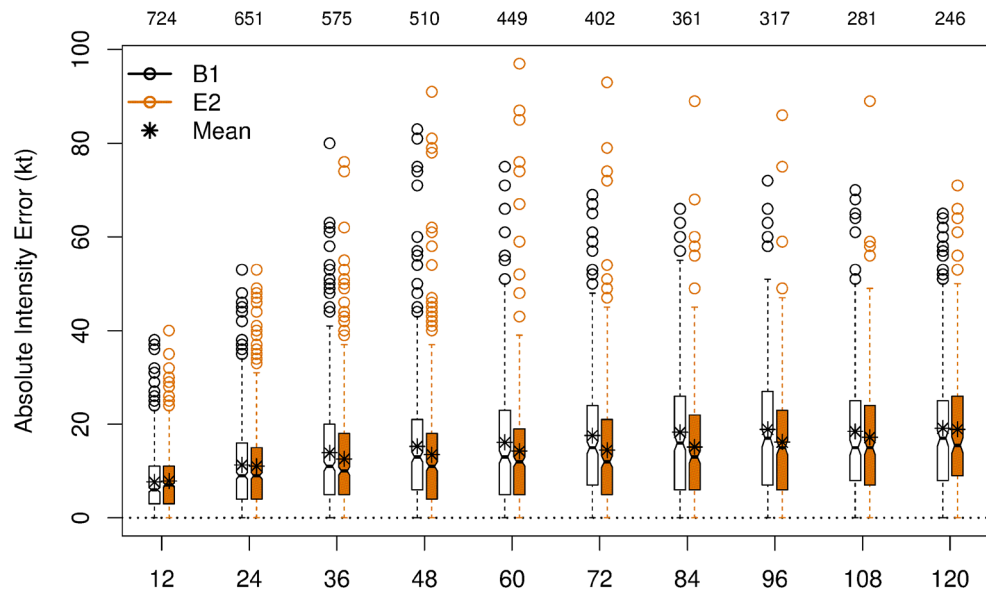


Image courtesy of Michael S.  
Fischer, Robert F. Rogers, Paul D.  
Reasor at NOAA/AOML/HRD

# Upcoming Capability

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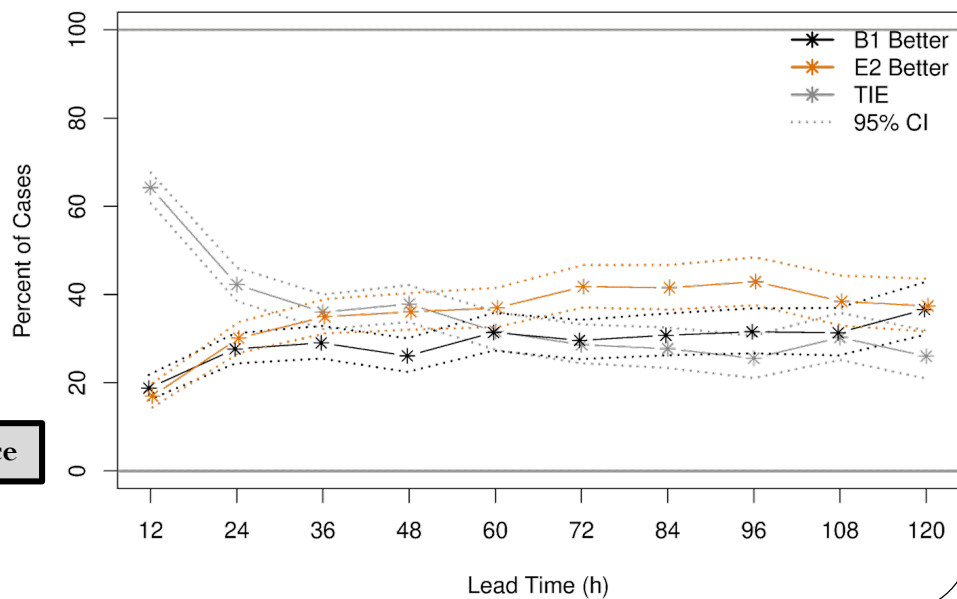
# TC Graphics



**Plot\_TCMPR - R-statistics script  
Being transitioned to Python**

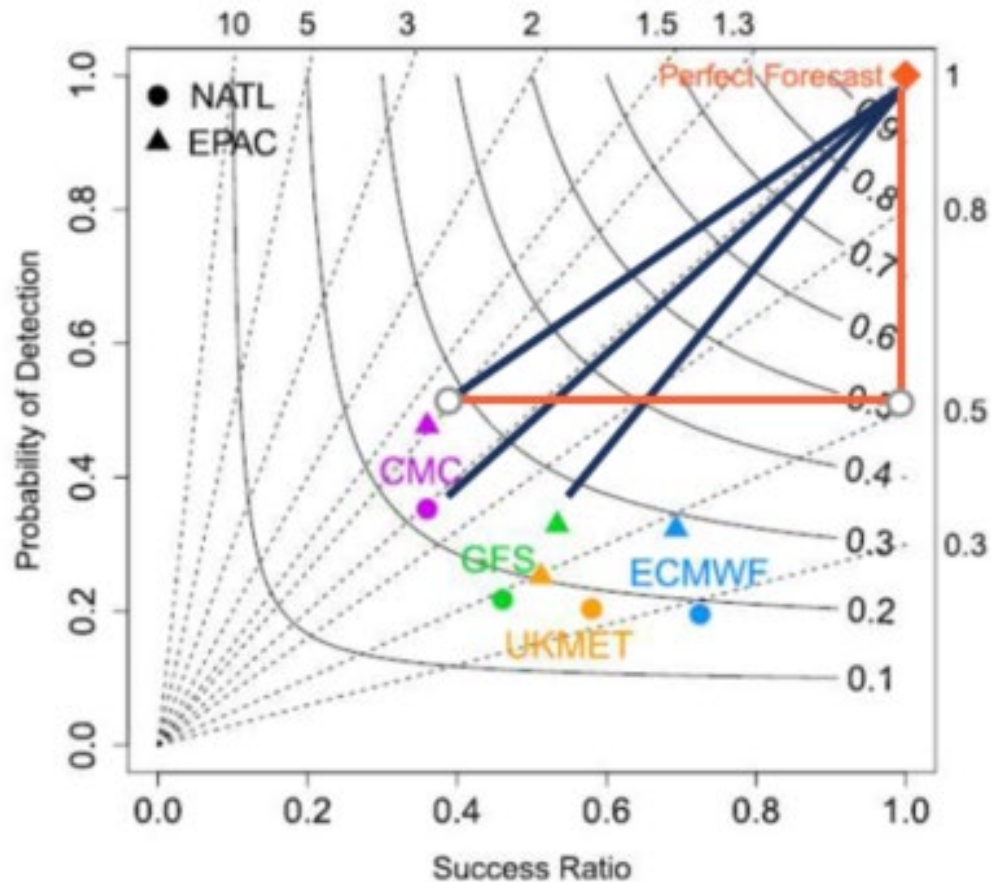
**Intensity Error Box Plots**

**Frequency of Superior Performance**





# Measure of goodness for Perf. Diagram



See AMS  
presentation in 2  
weeks

# How to integrate this into HAFS workflow?

- METplus can use environment variables
- Has been integrated into other workflows:
  - Rocoto – GFS Workflow
  - Rocoto – DTC Testing
  - Rose – Met Office
  - EC Flow – it will need to be now that METplus 3.1 is on the operational side of WCOSS
- HPC Stack – working on this
- AWS Machine Image for use with Prototypes on AWS
  - Cristiana Stan – beta tester
  - Looking for others
- <https://dtcenter.org/community-code/metplus/metplus-3-1-existing-builds>

The screenshot shows the METPLUS website. The header includes the DTC Developmental Testbed Center logo and navigation links: ABOUT, TESTING + EVALUATION, COMMUNITY CODE, VISITOR PROGRAM, NEWS, and EVENTS. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is titled "METPLUS | METPLUS-3.1 EXISTING BUILDS" and contains the text "Select from the list below for instructions on using existing builds of the MET and METplus software packages." Below this is a table of build environments:

NCAR machines
<u>NOAA machines</u>
Community machines
Docker Hub

An "Expand All" button is located to the right of the table. To the right of the table is a sidebar with "METPLUS COMPONENTS" and "LATEST RELEASE".

**METPLUS COMPONENTS**

- METPLUS
  - Home
  - System Architecture
  - Download +
  - Documentation +
  - User Support +

**LATEST RELEASE**

- MET version 9.1.3
  - Released: 2021-03-19
- METplus Version 3.1
  - Released: 2020-08-11
- METviewer version 3.1
  - Released: 2020-08-10

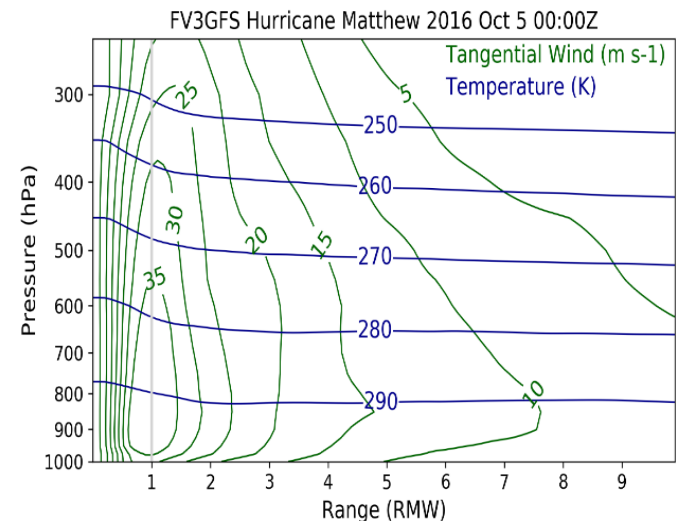
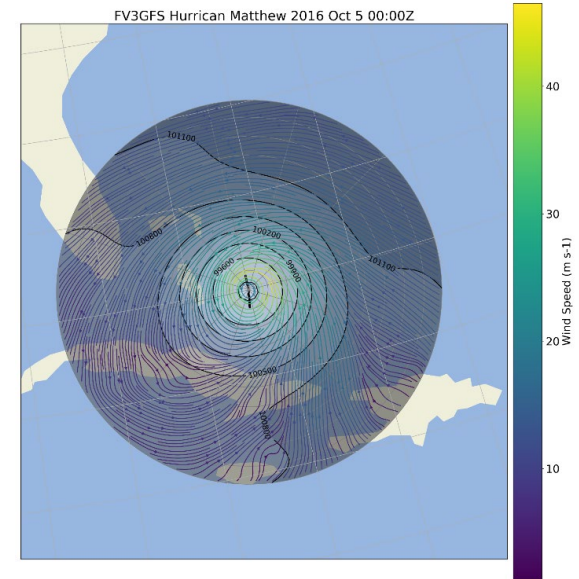
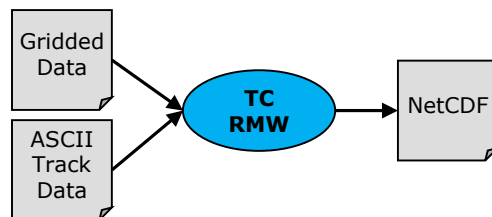
WCOSS, Hera, Jet, Orion  
Cheyenne, Stampede2

# Existing Capabilities

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# TC-RMW

- *Collaboration with NCAR/DTC and NOAA/HRD*
- Tropical Cyclone Radius of Maximum Winds (**TC-RMW**) tool
  - Implements methodology of the Hurricane Research Division, **HRD DIA-Post** tool
  - Reads ATCF track data and corresponding gridded model fields
  - For each track point, select storm center and compute an azimuthal average over multiple heights and radii.
  - Writes NetCDF output file
  - Configurable options:
    - Model fields and vertical levels
    - Radius in km or as a function of RMW



# Evaluating TC Precipitation

There were questions about if METplus could help with evaluating precipitation on a moving nest.

Three capabilities that may be helpful:

Automated Regridding in core MET tools

- Can regrid analysis to nest projection

Feature Relative use-cases

- Remove the displacement errors
- Compute additional diagnostic fields using Python Embedding

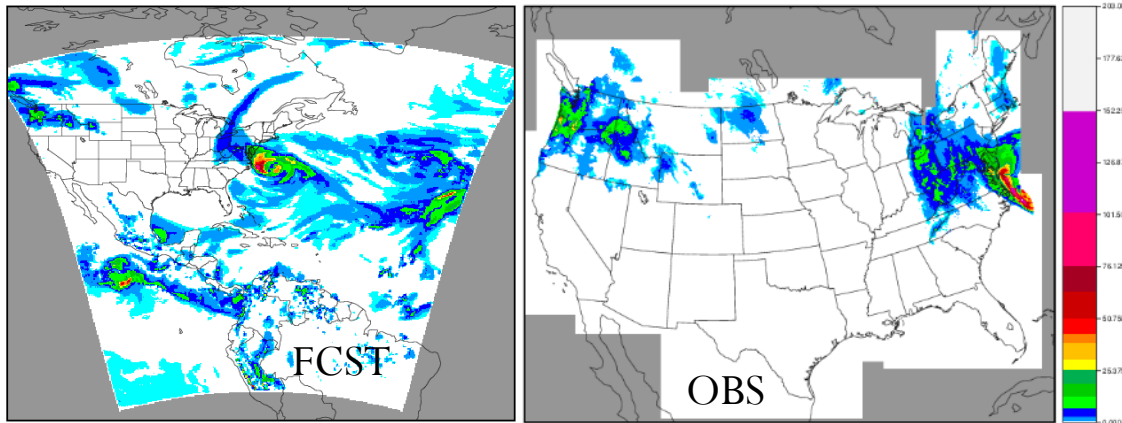
PCP-Combine

- Can be used to compute Sum, Different, Min, Max, Mean, Standard Deviation of two or more fields
- Python Embedding can also be used with this tool to potentially convert from Precipitation Rate to amount and then summed using this tool

# Regrid\_Data\_Plane & Automated Regridding

## Config

**File:** grid to  
verify on:  
FCST, OBS,  
or USER  
DEFINED



## Impact #1 – Decreased complexity & storage requirements

Old method: Regrid outside MET

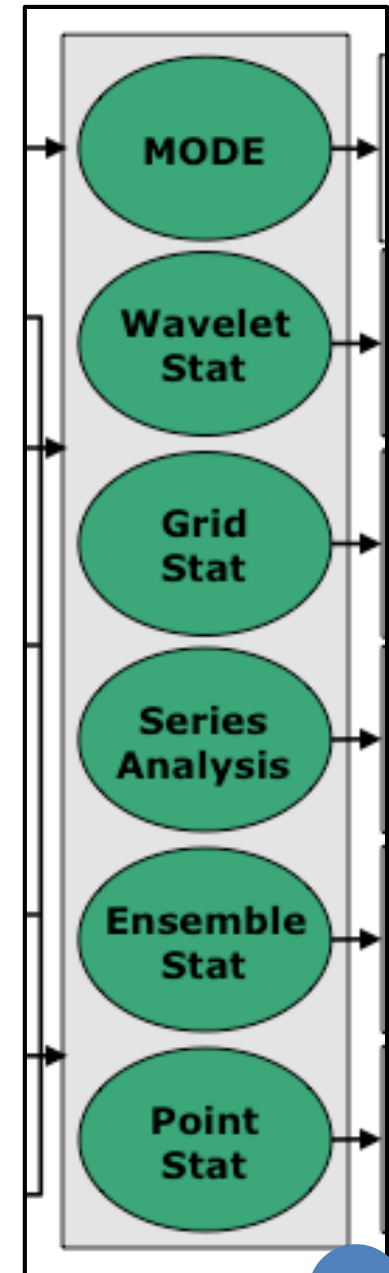
Regrid to FCST or OBS - requires at least 1 more file

Regrid to USER DEFINED - requires 2 more files

Automated regridding could save **0.5 to 7.5 GB per operational cycle** Equates to **60 GB – 1 TB per month** of storage

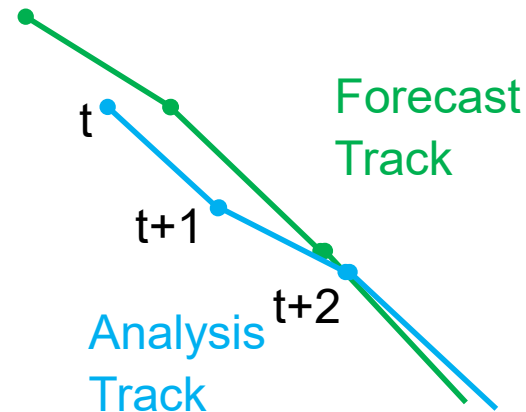
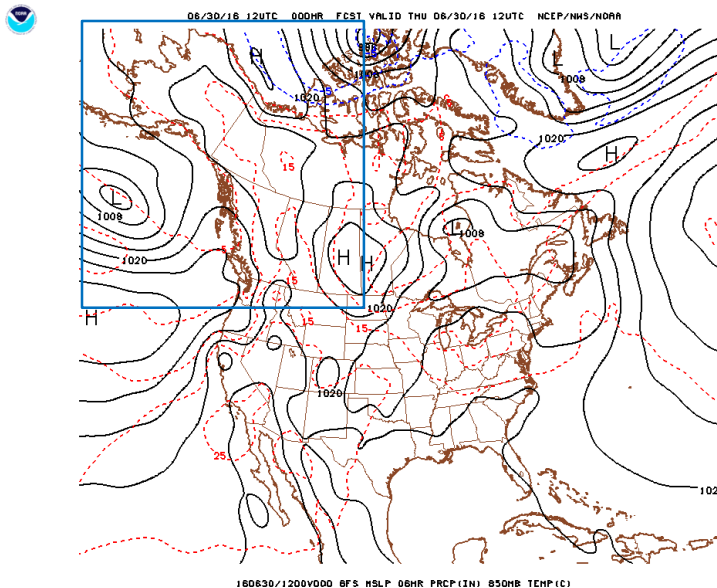
## Impact #2 – Less complexity for using climatologies

Climatologies may not be on same grid as forecasts. See Impact #1



# Depiction of Cyclone Relative Evaluation

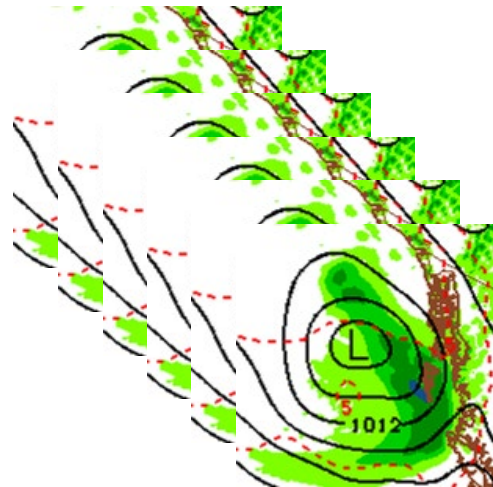
## Area of Interest



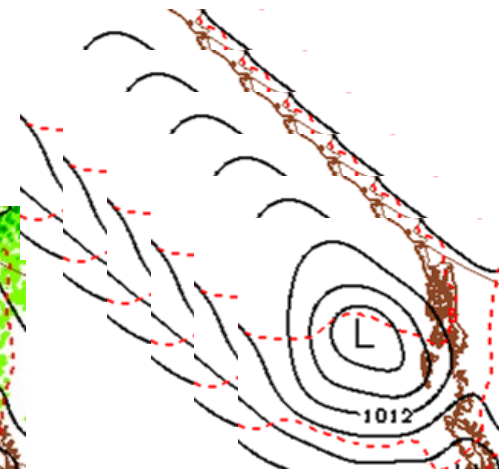
## Methodology

- Run a tracker on forecast and analysis field
- Use METplus to extract a tile centered on each lat/lon pair of track
- Use MET Series-Analysis to compute statistics for paired fields within tile irrespective of displacement

## Forecast



## Analysis



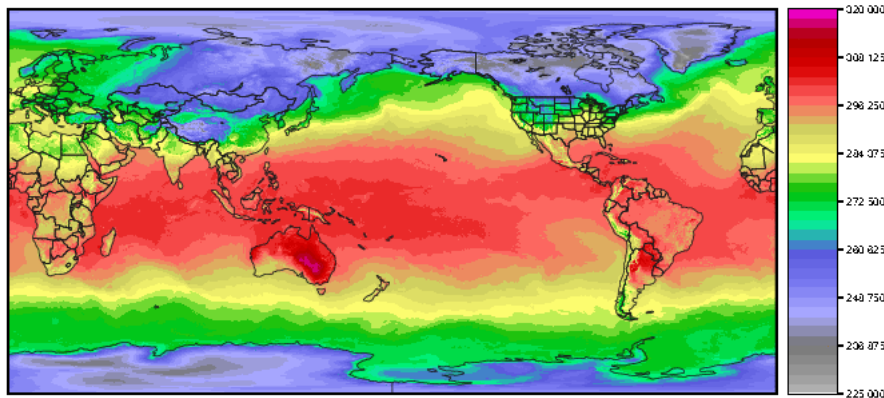


# PCP-Combine –derive option

- **PCP-Combine** originally designed to sum, add, or subtract precipitation accumulation intervals. Add option to **derive** (sum, min, max, range, mean, stdev, vld\_count) statistics from a list of input fields.

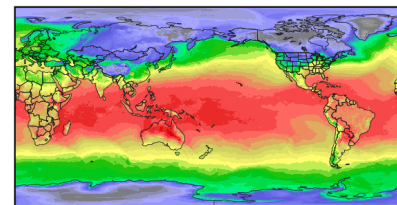
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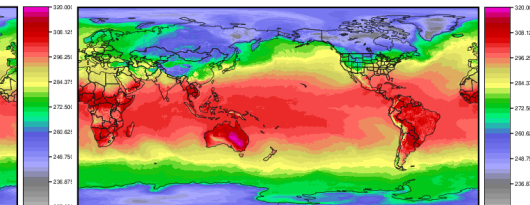


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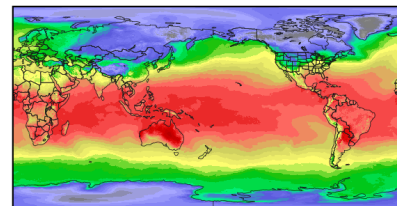
min



max



mean



stdev

