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The Riehl Reason I'm doing TC genesis as an answer to *The Question...*

# The Question...

when giving a seminar at CSU in the 1980/90s...

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“This is all well and good Mike...



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# The Question...

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“This is all well and good Mike...  
but why (on earth) are  
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## Uncle Bill Gray

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Uncle Bill Gray

a.k.a 日本でときどき

“Beer Glay”



# WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

The State Department has determined that the following slide contains subtle and possibly silly British humour. Americans, especially those with small children, are cautioned...

And the Answer is...

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so “**Bob’s Your Uncle!**”



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# The Riehl Answer does come from operations...

as expressed in the JTWC watch phrase of the early 1980s

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so “*Bob’s your uncle!*”

## The **TCAD** principle – namely:



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The **TCAD** principle – namely:

**Tropical Cyclones Are Diagnostic**

in other words...

in a Yogi Berra-ism I picked up from Uncle Bill

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The **TCAD** principle – namely:  
**Tropical Cyclones Are Diagnostic**  
“You can observe a lot just by watching”



but when...OOOG because GIG

TCAD really means...

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***Typhoon Come All Die!!!***



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# Operational Motivations (O2R)

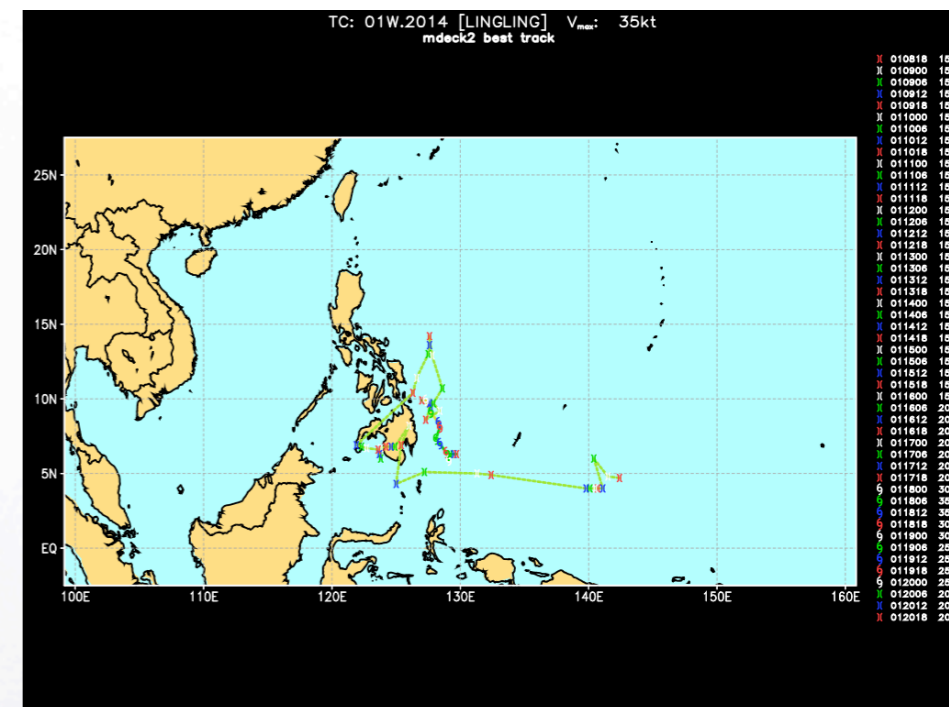
...maybe those d!\*\#%ng models are pretty good after all...

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**"The models are getting downright phenomenal in their skill and usefulness. Several days ago, the NVG and GFS began picking-up on 91W making it to the Philippines, and these two models have been (somewhat) consistent in track and timing ever since."**

Mark Lander, UofGuam in an email to tstorm.org list on 2014010909

2014010818	A1W.2014	015	----	4.7	142.4E	---	---	303.1	11.9	B	NT	NW	---	1/38	lf: 0.00		
2014010900	A1W.2014	015	----	4.8	141.5E	---	---	303.1	11.9	B	NT	NW	---	2/38	lf: 0.00		
2014010906	A1W.2014	015	----	6.0	140.4E	---	---	303.1	11.9	B	NT	NW	---	3/38	lf: 0.00		
2014010912	A1W.2014	015	----	4.0	141.1E	---	---	206.5	4.5	B	NT	NW	---	4/38	lf: 0.00		
.																	
2014011706*	A1W.2014	020	1007	9.7	127.9E	---	---	230.0	2.0	C	DB	NW	---	35/38	lf: 0.00	INVEST	<***Genesis
2014011712*	A1W.2014	020	1007	9.7	127.6E	---	---	255.0	2.0	C	DB	NW	---	36/38	lf: 0.00	INVEST	<***Genesis
2014011718*	A1W.2014	020	1005	9.9	127.0E	---	---	280.0	4.0	C	DB	NW	---	37/38	lf: 0.00	INVEST	<***Genesis
2014011800*	A1W.2014	030	1000	9.9	127.3E	---	---	304.1	1.8	B	TD	NW	---	38/38	lf: 0.00		<***Genesis
<b>2014011806*</b>	<b>01W.2014</b>	<b>035</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>127.8E</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>156.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>WN</b>	<b>TJM</b>	<b>20/30</b>	<b>lf: 0.00</b>	<b>LINGLING</b>	<b>&lt;***Genesis</b>
2014011812*	01W.2014	035	996	8.4	128.3E	---	---	138.1	7.4	B	TS	WN	TJM	21/30	lf: 0.00	LINGLING	<***Genesis
.																	
2014011918	01W.2014	025	1004	6.6	128.7E	---	---	140.4	3.9	B	TD	WN	SJB	26/30	lf: 0.00	LINGLING	
2014012000	01W.2014	025	1008	6.3	129.0E	---	---	135.2	4.2	B	TD	NW	---	27/30	lf: 0.00	LINGLING	
2014012006	01W.2014	020	1004	6.3	129.2E	---	---	121.1	2.9	B	TD	NW	---	28/30	lf: 0.00	LINGLING	
2014012012	01W.2014	020	1004	6.3	129.5E	---	---	90.0	2.5	B	TD	NW	---	29/30	lf: 0.00	LINGLING	
2014012018	01W.2014	020	1007	6.3	129.7E	---	---	90.0	2.5	B	TD	NW	---	30/30	lf: 0.00		
2014 01W	TS LINGLING			: 35	: 3.2;	7.2	: 8.9	127.9	: 010818<-->012018	: 6.3<-->11.9	: 126.3<-->129.7	: 0.8	: 0.1	: 0:	0:	0:	
<b>tG:222 9X: 91W 1st: 011800</b>																	



- 01W.2014 was 91W for 222 h before JTWC issued 1<sup>st</sup> warning
- **similar to observations of the NHC specialists 2006-2008 that if the big three models (GFS/ECMWF/UKMO) forecast the formation of a cyclone, in a similar location, then...**



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# ingredients of the TCgen2 model diagnostic system

<http://ruc.noaa.gov/hfip/tcgen> (password protected, .com excluded) slide 15

- TIM (TCs In Models) **cyclone tracker** – Marchok, GFDL
  - ▶ **tracker mode** – track cyclones from an initial position in the initial conditions (*a priori*)
  - ▶ **genesis mode** – find and track cyclones *during* the integration (*a posteriori*)
  - ▶ measure of **model cyclone strength** – “scaled Tropical Depression days” (sTDd)
- **Genesis definition – operational per NHOP/PACOM**
  - ▶ **30-h window** around the first advisory(NHC)/warning(JTWC) to give the 00/12 UTC models **three shots** at the foul line **to forecast genesis**
- **TC demographics** of ?TCs and **SPURious hurrICANES**
- Scheme to **match model** cyclones (genesis & tracker) **to real ?TCs**
  - ▶ **closeness defines a ‘hit’ or correct forecast** – compare positions of ?TCs to model TCs within a 24-h window ending at the forecast tau, e.g., 60-84 h for the D+3 forecast
  - ▶ a bit of an accounting nightmare...with so many possible model v real TC comps
- **Weather maps + model diagnostics**
  - ▶ **sanity check** the tracker and matching scheme ; **synoptic evaluation**
  - ▶ **basin-wide, over-ocean precipitation + ratio of convective/total precip**



# The Models

2009-2013 May-October (~8 Tb)

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ATCF ID	Model	Resolution circa 2013	Comments
<b>AVNO</b>	GFS T574L64	27 km <b>L64</b>	3DVAR-EnKF Hybrid/GFS 2012 physics
<b>FIM8</b>	FIM G8	30km <b>L64</b>	3DVAR-EnKF Hybrid/2011 GFS physics, dynamical core improves
<b>FIM9</b>	FIM G9	15 km <b>L64</b>	same as FIM8 except higher res
<b>CGD6 / CMC2</b>	CMC GDPS	25 km <b>L79</b>	major update in 201305; 4DVAR
<b>UKM2</b>	UKMO UM	~32 km <b>L70</b>	upcoming major upgrade in 201405, 4DVAR
<b>NGPC / NAVG</b>	NOGAPS NAVGEM	37 km <b>L50</b>	4DVAR-AR; SL dynamical core/GFS cumulus
<b>ECMT / ECM2</b>	ECMWF HRES	16 km <b>L137</b>	IFS cycle 38r2 (25 JUN 13) increased vertical res; sfc drag; shallow cu...



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# TC Demographics

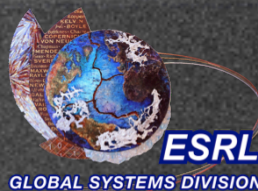
pTCs, TCs, mTCs, aTCs and the **SPURICANE**

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Type	Naming	Features
<b>TC</b>	<b>01-49 numbered TCs</b> 01W.2014 TC #1 in WESTPAC in 2014	tropical cyclone as analyzed by JTWC/NHC ATCF TC designations: TD, TS, TY, HU, STY, [SD, SS] <b>ATCF non-TC designations: PT, XT, ET</b>
<b>pTC</b>	<b>9X or INVEST</b> systems 94S.2014 – the landphoon over eastern OZ	pre/potential TC as analyzed by JTWC/NHC ATCF designations: LO, DB, WV <b>Database of pTCs in WPAC/SHEM/IO 1999-2013; LANT/EPAC 2006-2013</b>
<b>mTC</b>	<b>TGNNNN</b> <b>NN or 9X</b>	model cyclone from a tracker genesis mode – 1.5 mb center-outer deficit
<b>aTC</b>	<b>TGNNNN</b>	initial mTC that the model maintains for $\geq 24$ h into the forecast, not associated with a TC/pTC
<b>SPURICANE</b>	<b>TGNNNN</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>mTC that <u>cannot be associated</u> with a TC, pTC, aTC</b></li> <li>II. <b>mTC <u>associated</u> with a <u>dissipated</u> ?TC</b></li> </ol>

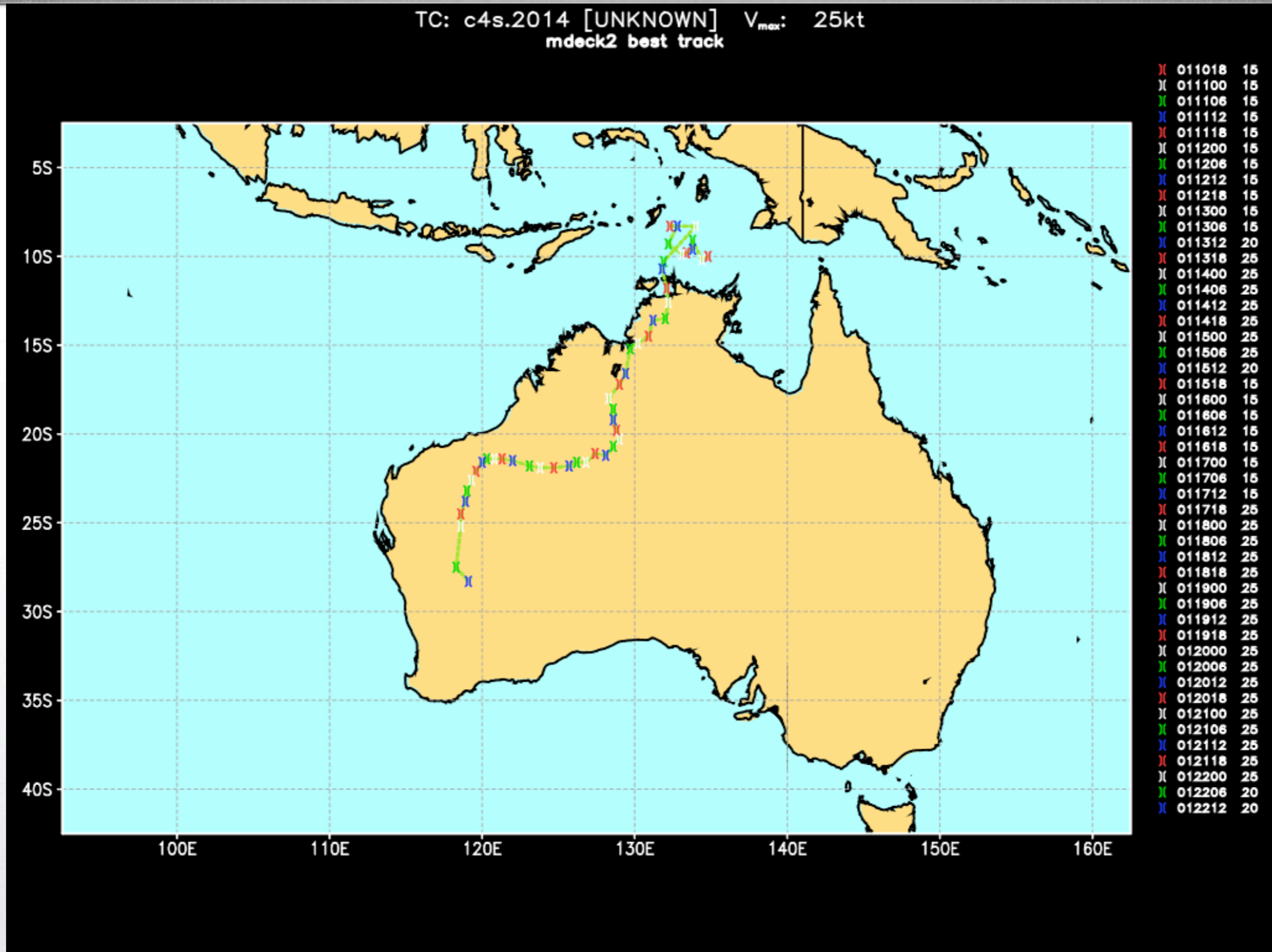


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# C4S.2014 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> 94S pTC) – OZ Landphoon

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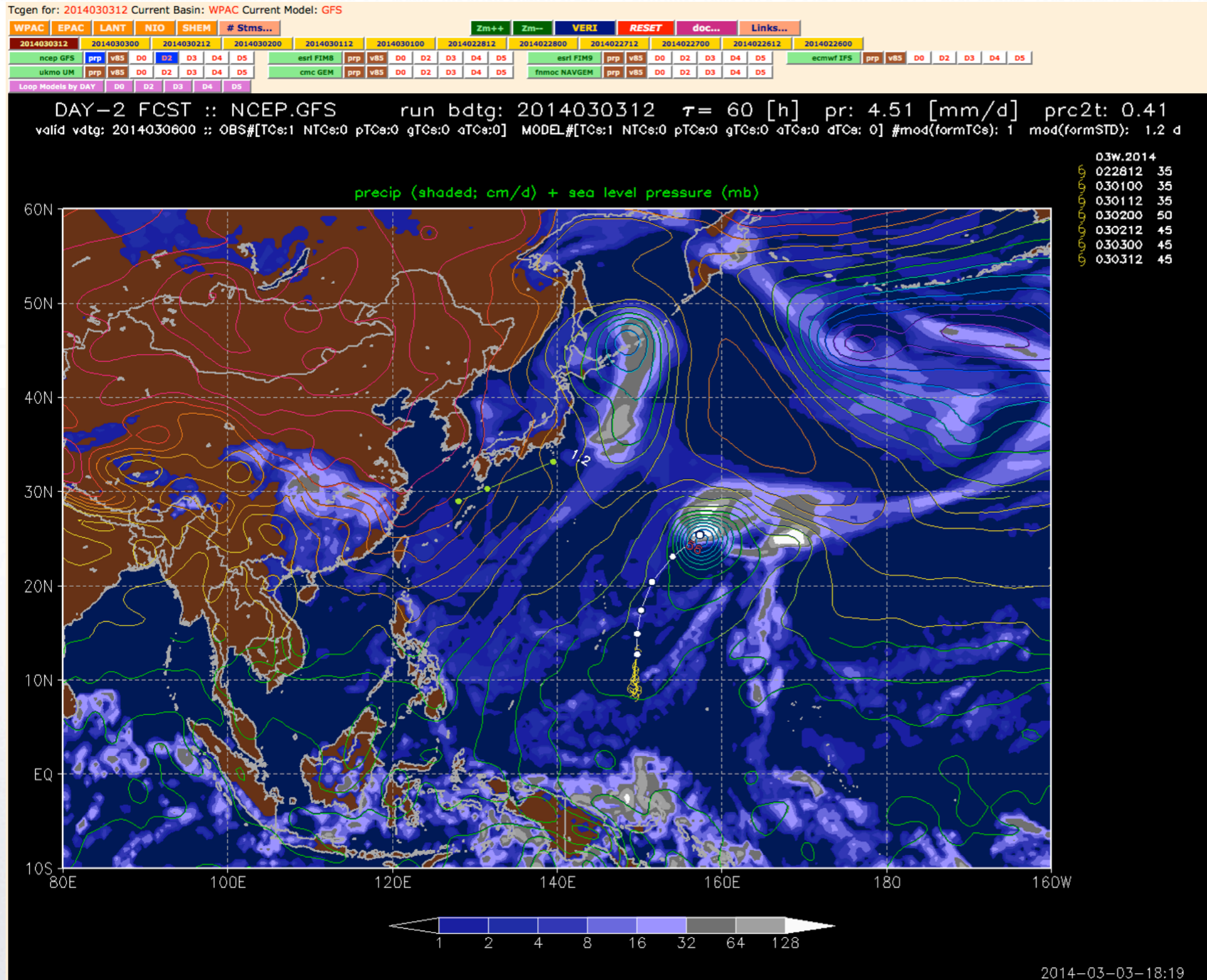
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# TCgen2 – front page – FCST mode – forecasting

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- 7 global NWP models
- +12 h model forecast for consistency with forecast e.g, day+2 (D2) uses 36-60 h model forecast
- **tropical, ocean-only precip stats for model diagnostics...**
- model and observed ? TCs
- **FCST** (forecast) & **VERI** (verification) modes
- single model or loop mode



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# TCgen2 – two WxMAP2 product: thermo (precip)

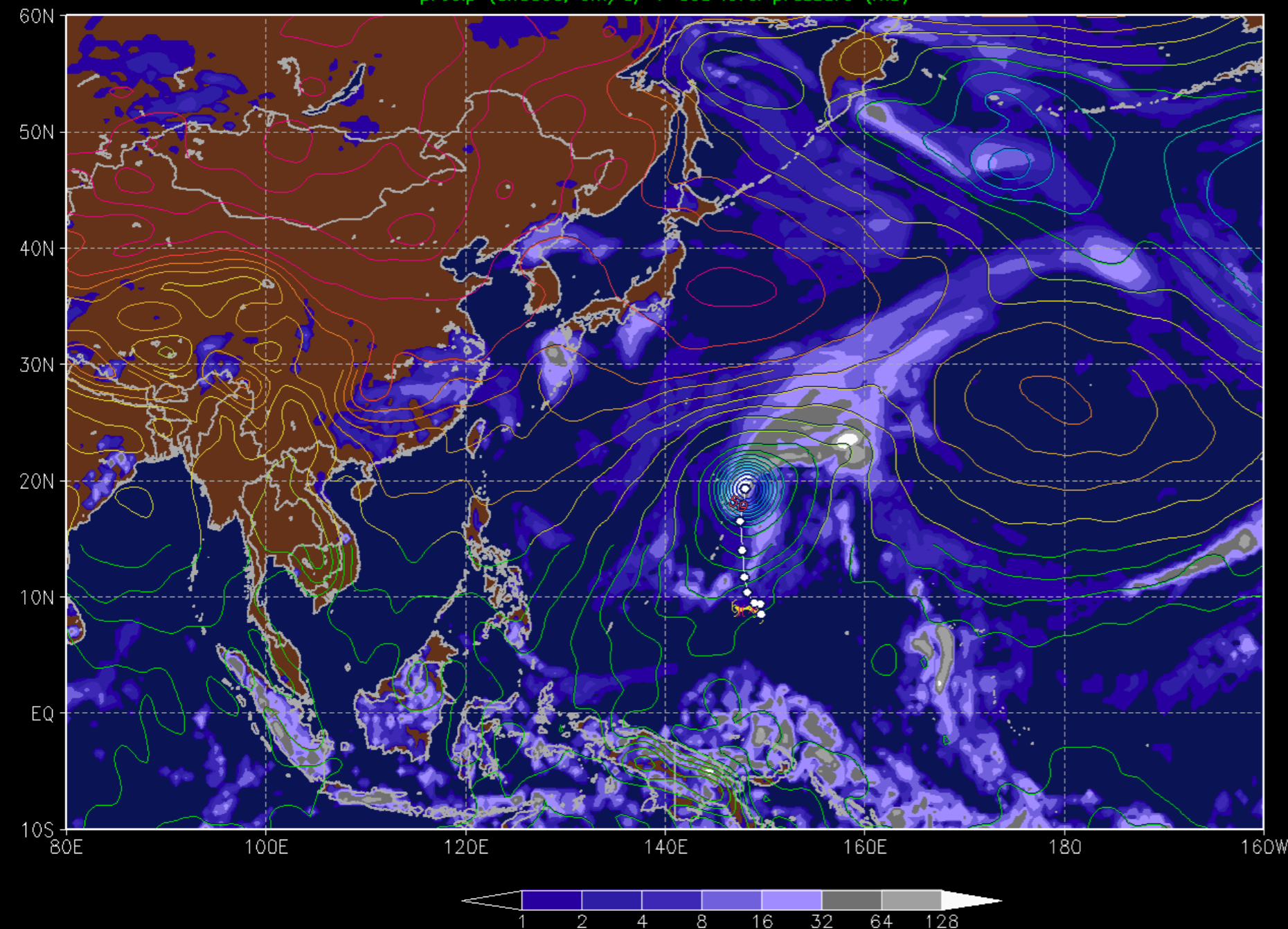
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DAY-3 FCST :: NCEP.GFS run bdtg: 2014030100  $\tau = 84$  [h] pr: 4.36 [mm/d] prc2t: 0.55  
valid vdtg: 2014030412 :: OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:0 aTCs:0] MODEL#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:0 aTCs:0 dTCs:0] #mod(formTCs): 0 mod(formSTD): 0.0 d

precip (shaded; cm/d) + sea level pressure (mb)

03W.2014	
022600	20
022612	20
022700	20
022712	20
022800	25
022812	35
030100	35



2014-03-01-06:19

- ?TCs & genesis/IC trackers
- thermo (precip) and mass (sea-level pressure)
- D3 forecast (tau 84) for 03W verifying today (030412)



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# TCgen2 – two WxMAP2 products: dynamical (NHC 850 McAdie chart)

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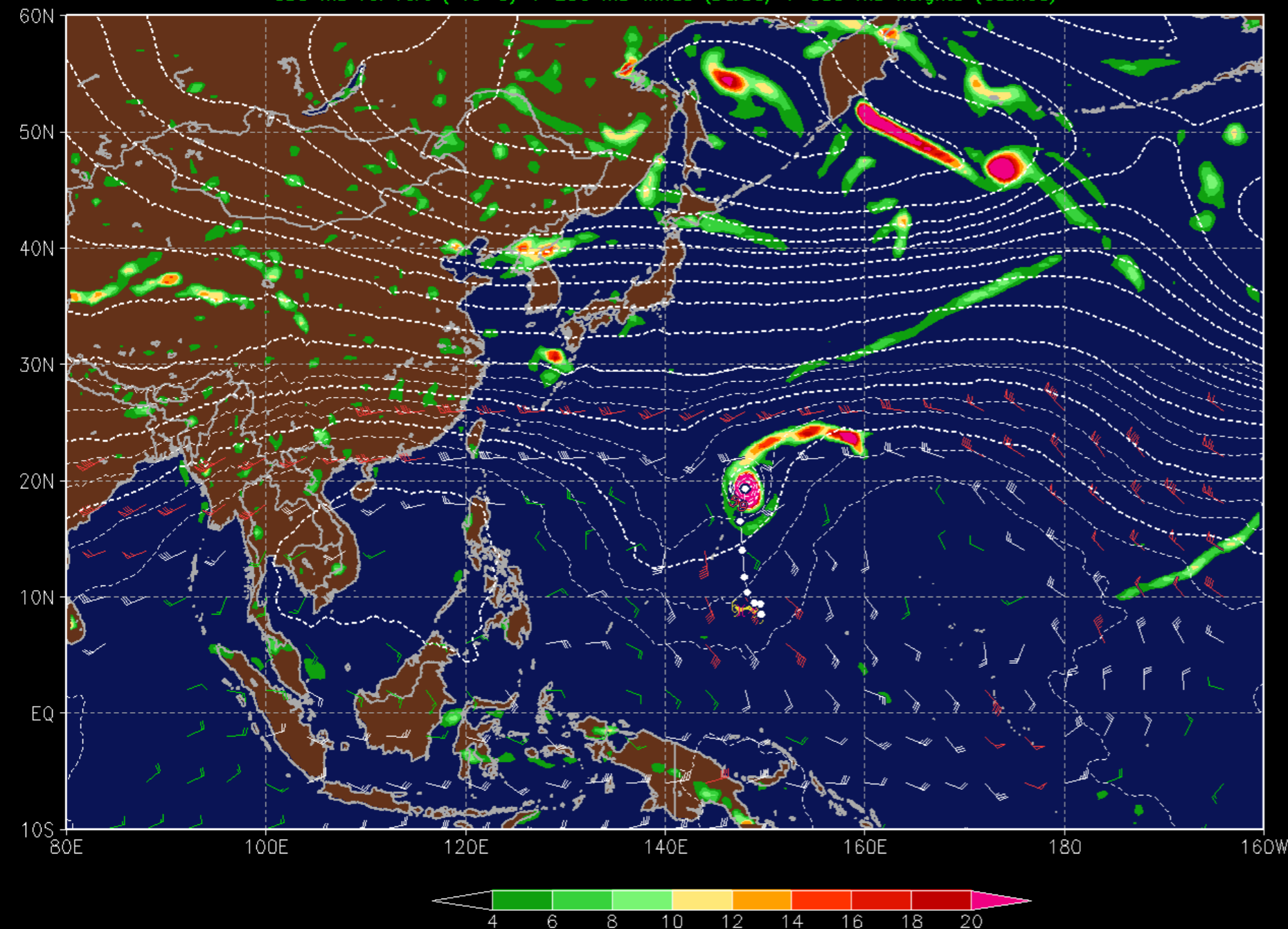
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DAY-3 FCST :: NCEP.GFS run bdtg: 2014030100  $\tau = 84$  [h] pr: 4.36 [mm/d] prc2t: 0.55  
valid vdtg: 2014030412 :: OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:0 aTCs:0] MODEL#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:0 aTCs:0 dTCs: 0] #mod(formTCs): 0 mod(formSTD): 0.0 d

850 mb rel vort ( $\times 1e-5$ ) + 200 mb winds (barbs) + 500 mb heights (dashed)

03W.2014	
(	022600 20
(	022612 20
(	022700 20
(	022712 20
(	022800 25
(	022812 35
(	030100 35

- dynamics – 850 mb relative vorticity
- mass – 500 mb heights – STR & breaks
- dynamics – 200 mb wind – shear



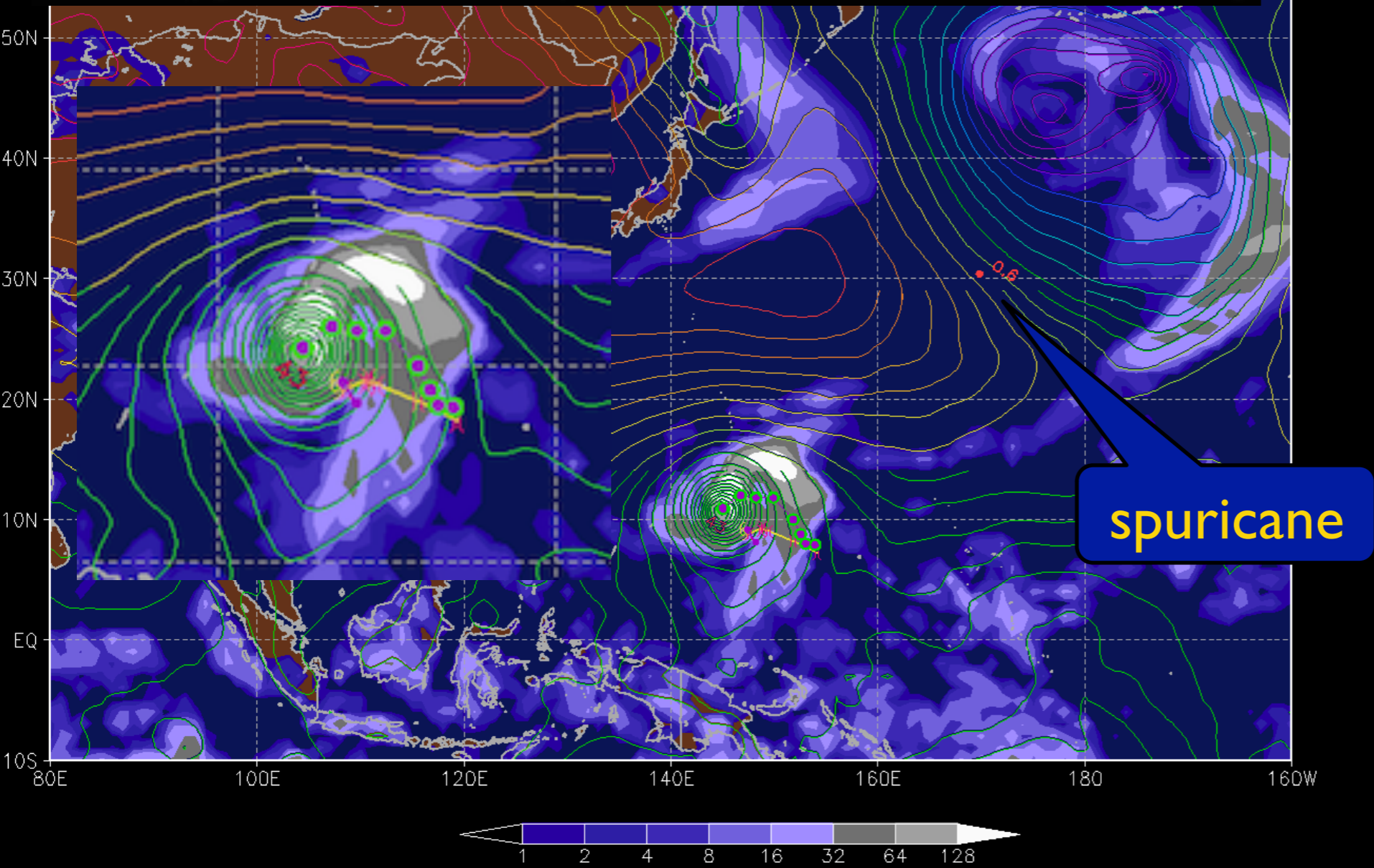
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DAY-5 VERI :: CMC.GEM valid vdtg: 2014022800  $\tau=132$  [h] pr: 4.97 [mm/d] prc2t: N/A  
 run bdtg: 2014022212 :: OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:1 aTCs:0] MODEL#[TCs:0 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:1 aTCs:0] #mod(spurTCs): 1 mod(spurSTD): 0.6 d

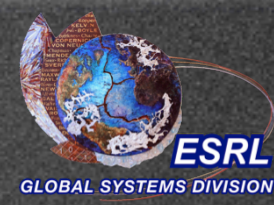
OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:1 aTCs:0]  
 MODEL#[TCs:0 NTCs:0 pTCs:0 gTCs:1 aTCs:0]

03W.2014	
(	022500 15
(	022512 15
(	022600 20
(	022612 20
(	022700 20
(	022712 20
Ⓞ	022800 25



- first JTWC warning for 03W on 2014022800 – genesis
- CMC mTC located ‘near enough’ to 03W to be declared a ‘hit’ of genesis forecast  $V_{max}=43$  kt
- spurricane on top of tropical band

2014-02-28-06:29



DAY-2 VERI :: NCEP.GFS valid vdtg: 2014030312  $\tau = 60$  [h] pr: 5.08 [mm/d] prc2t: 0.92  
 run bdtg: 2014030100 :: OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:1 gTCs:0 aTCs:0] MODEL#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:1 gTCs:0 aTCs:0 dTCs:1] #mod(spurTCs): 7 mod(spurSTD): 2.6 d

pr: 5.08 [mm/d] prc2t: 0.92  
 pr: 5.62 [mm/d] prc2t: 0.64

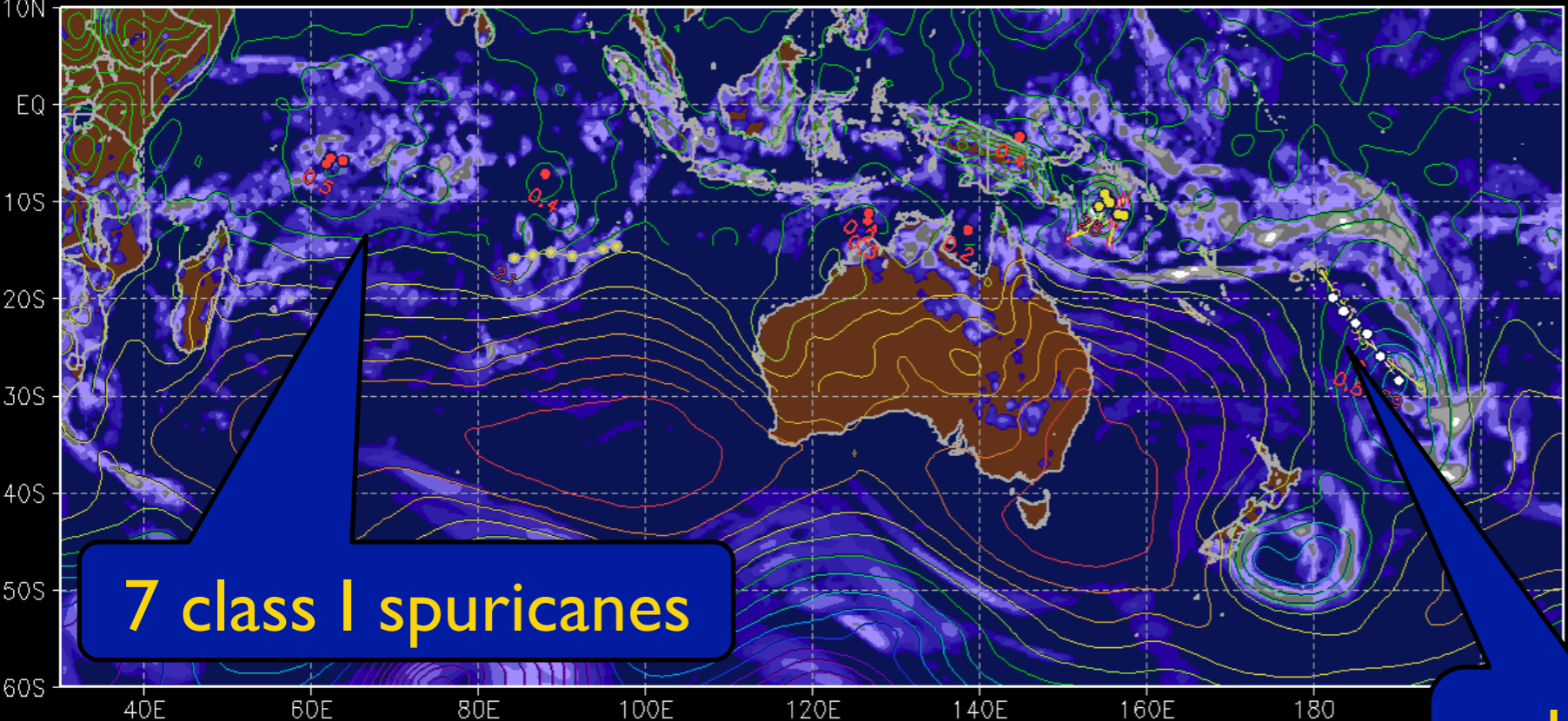
**GFS**  
**FIM9**

16P.2014	
022812	35
030100	35
030112	45
030200	45
030212	45
030300	50
030312	45

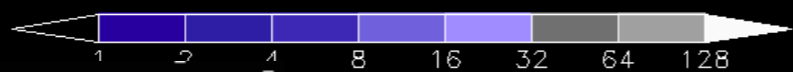
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precip (shaded; cm/d) + sea level pressure (mb)



**7 class I spurricanes**

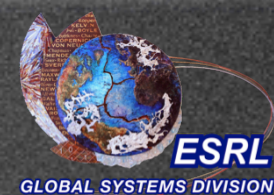
**class II spurricane**



OBS#[TCs:1 NTCs:0 pTCs:1 gTCs:0 aTCs:0]  
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- GFS correctly forecasts both TC 16P and pTC 96P
- **7 class I spurricanes but sTDd <= 0.5 d**
- model maintained a **TC that dissipated – class II spurricane**



# TCgen2 – seasonal verification – atLANTic 2013 – D+2 & D+5

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TCgen Stats :: **Gentau: 60 [h]** Basin: LANT Year: 2013 Models: CMC.GEM, ECMWF.IFS, ESRL.FIM, NCEP.GFS, FNMOC.NAVGEM, ESRL.FIM9, UKMO.UM

Storm	CMC.GEM	ECMWF.IFS	ESRL.FIM	NCEP.GFS	FNMOC.NAVGEM	ESRL.FIM9	UKMO.UM	
01L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] ANDREA	3/ 3.1	3/ 2.0	2/ 1.1	2/ 1.7	0/----	2/ 1.5	2/ 1.9	86
02L.2013 [ TS 040 kt] BARRY	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.4	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.5	0/----	29
03L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] CHANTAL	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	----
04L.2013 [ TS 050 kt] DORIAN	3/ 1.4	1/ 0.9	1/ 0.5	2/ 1.0	2/ 0.6	1/ 0.5	1/ 0.3	100
05L.2013 [ TS 035 kt] ERIN	1/ 0.3	1/ 0.3	1/ 0.5	1/ 0.5	1/ 0.4	0/----	1/ 0.3	86
06L.2013 [ TS 050 kt] FERNAND	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.9	0/----	0/----	14
07L.2013 [ TS 050 kt] GABRIELLE	3/ 2.6	3/ 1.5	3/ 2.0	3/ 2.3	3/ 1.8	2/ 1.6	3/ 2.0	100
08L.2013 [ TD 030 kt] EIGHT	0/----	2/ 0.6	0/----	3/ 1.7	0/----	0/----	0/----	29
09L.2013 [HU1 075 kt] HUMBERTO	2/ 0.6	3/ 1.3	2/ 1.3	2/ 1.3	0/----	2/ 1.0	2/ 1.2	86
10L.2013 [HU1 075 kt] INGRID	1/ 0.5	3/ 0.9	2/ 1.1	2/ 0.6	2/ 1.0	3/ 1.6	1/ 0.4	100
11L.2013 [ TS 045 kt] JERRY	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.5	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.6	0/----	29
12L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] KAREN	0/----	1/ 0.3	1/ 1.0	1/ 0.7	3/ 1.8	-1/----	2/ 0.8	83
13L.2013 [ TS 045 kt] LORENZO	0/----	1/ 0.3	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.7	0/----	0/----	29
14L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] MELISSA	3/ 4.0	2/ 2.4	2/ 2.6	2/ 2.6	2/ 2.4	2/ 2.6	2/ 2.2	100
<b>bottomline by model</b>	50	71	71	64	57	62	57	

D+2

box color	key
-1/----	no model run
0/----	0 forecasts of genesis
1/ 0.5	1 of 3 forecast verified
2/ 1.5	2/3 forecasts verified
3/ 3.6	3/3 forecasts verified
----	0%
14	< 25 %
29	25 >= % < 75
83	>= 75

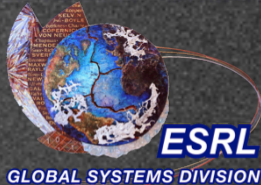
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10L.2013 [HU1 075 kt] INGRID	0/----	1/ 0.3	0/----	3/ 1.5	0/----	0/----	0/----	29
11L.2013 [ TS 045 kt] JERRY	2/ 2.4	0/----	0/----	0/----	3/ 1.7	0/----	0/----	29
12L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] KAREN	2/ 1.4	1/ 0.2	2/ 2.3	2/ 1.5	0/----	-1/----	1/ 0.5	83
13L.2013 [ TS 045 kt] LORENZO	3/ 3.0	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	0/----	14
14L.2013 [ TS 055 kt] MELISSA	3/ 3.6	2/ 1.7	2/ 2.5	2/ 2.0	2/ 2.0	2/ 1.7	2/ 1.9	100
<b>bottomline by model</b>	64	57	36	79	43	38	36	

D+5



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# TCgen2 – seasonal verification – WPAC 2013 – D+2 & D+5

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TCgen Stats :: **Gentau: 60 [h]** Basin: WPAC Year: 2013 Models: CMC.GEM, ECMWF.IFS, ESRL.FIM, NCEP.GFS, FNMOC.NAVGEM, ESRL.FIM9, UKMO.UM

**D+2**

Storm	CMC.GEM	ECMWF.IFS	ESRL.FIM	NCEP.GFS	FNMOC.NAVGEM	ESRL.FIM9	UKMO.UM	
01W.2013 [ TS 045 kt] SONAMU	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	----
02W.2013 [ TD 025 kt] SHANSHAN	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	----
03W.2013 [ TS 055 kt] YAGI	3/ 3.6	0/----	3/ 2.5	3/ 2.6	1/ 0.3	3/ 2.6	2/ 1.0	86
04W.2013 [ TS 035 kt] LEEPI	3/ 3.1	3/ 1.8	3/ 2.4	3/ 2.5	3/ 1.6	3/ 2.5	3/ 2.4	100
05W.2013 [ TS 035 kt] BEBINCA	2/ 1.7	1/ 0.9	3/ 3.1	3/ 2.0	3/ 1.4	3/ 3.1	2/ 1.3	100
06W.2013 [HU1 065 kt] RUMBIA	3/ 1.8	3/ 1.7	3/ 1.8	3/ 1.3	3/ 1.8	2/ 1.1	3/ 0.9	100
07W.2013 [HU4 125 kt] SOULIK	3/ 3.7	3/ 1.4	1/ 0.4	1/ 0.4	0/----	1/ 0.5	2/ 1.2	86
08W.2013 [ TS 040 kt] CIMARON	3/ 3.0	3/ 2.8	3/ 3.8	3/ 3.9	3/ 3.1	3/ 2.1	3/ 2.8	100
09W.2013 [ TS 060 kt] JEBI	3/ 1.6	3/ 1.5	2/ 2.1	3/ 2.6	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.0	3/ 1.5	100
10W.2013 [ TS 040 kt] MANGKHUT	3/ 2.9	3/ 2.6	3/ 2.9	3/ 2.6	3/ 2.9	2/ 1.4	3/ 2.0	100
11W.2013 [HU4 130 kt] UTOR	1/ 0.2	2/ 0.6	1/ 0.3	2/ 0.7	1/ 0.4	-1/----	2/ 0.7	100
12W.2013 [HU1 075 kt] TRAMI	3/ 2.5	3/ 1.5	3/ 2.2	3/ 1.9	3/ 1.8	2/ 1.6	3/ 0.8	100
13W.2013 [ TD 025 kt] THIRTEEN	3/ 2.5	3/ 1.5	3/ 2.2	3/ 1.9	3/ 1.8	2/ 1.6	3/ 0.8	100
14W.2013 [ TS 055 kt] KONG-REY	3/ 3.5	2/ 1.6	3/ 3.7	3/ 3.5	3/ 2.0	2/ 2.5	2/ 1.8	100
15W.2013 [ TS 050 kt] TORAJI	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.6	3/ 3.0	3/ 3.7	3/ 1.5	3/ 1.9	3/ 2.5	100
16W.2013 [ TS 060 kt] MAN-YI	3/ 4.2	3/ 2.2	3/ 4.0	3/ 3.5	3/ 2.3	2/ 2.8	3/ 1.6	100
17W.2013 [HU5 140 kt] USAGI	3/ 3.7	3/ 1.8	3/ 3.0	3/ 2.7	3/ 1.5	3/ 3.0	2/ 0.8	100
18W.2013 [ TD 025 kt] EIGHTEEN	3/ 3.1	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.6	3/ 2.0	3/ 2.2	3/ 2.7	3/ 2.4	100
19W.2013 [HU2 090 kt] PABUK	2/ 3.2	3/ 3.1	2/ 3.4	2/ 3.0	1/ 1.3	2/ 4.0	2/ 2.4	100
20W.2013 [HU2 090 kt] WUTIP	3/ 2.7	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.5	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.2	2/ 2.0	3/ 2.2	100
21W.2013 [ TS 035 kt] SEPAT	3/ 3.4	3/ 2.7	3/ 3.3	3/ 2.9	3/ 2.7	2/ 2.3	3/ 2.7	100
22W.2013 [HU2 090 kt] FITOW	3/ 3.4	3/ 2.7	3/ 3.3	3/ 2.9	3/ 2.7	2/ 2.3	3/ 2.7	100
23W.2013 [HU4 125 kt] DANAS	2/ 1.6	2/ 1.3	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.0	3/ 1.6	1/ 0.8	3/ 1.4	100
24W.2013 [HU3 105 kt] NARI	0/----	1/ 1.4	1/ 1.3	1/ 1.3	1/ 0.9	0/----	1/ 1.1	71
25W.2013 [HU4 115 kt] WIPHA	2/ 1.1	3/ 2.1	3/ 3.2	3/ 3.0	3/ 2.3	2/ 2.0	3/ 2.4	100
26W.2013 [HU5 140 kt] FRANCISCO	2/ 1.5	2/ 1.4	1/ 0.3	1/ 0.6	3/ 0.8	0/----	1/ 0.6	86
27W.2013 [ TD 025 kt] TWENTYSEVE	2/ 1.8	1/ 0.7	2/ 2.0	3/ 2.6	1/ 0.7	1/ 0.9	0/----	86
28W.2013 [HU5 140 kt] LEKIMA	3/ 1.8	3/ 2.3	3/ 2.6	3/ 2.0	2/ 1.6	2/ 1.8	3/ 2.2	100
29W.2013 [HU3 100 kt] KROSA	3/ 2.8	3/ 2.4	3/ 3.2	3/ 2.5	3/ 2.2	0/----	3/ 1.9	86
30W.2013 [ TS 035 kt] THIRTY	3/ 2.4	3/ 2.1	3/ 2.4	3/ 2.4	1/ 0.7	1/ 0.8	3/ 2.1	100
31W.2013 [HU5 170 kt] HAIYAN	2/ 1.6	3/ 1.6	3/ 2.0	3/ 2.0	1/ 0.7	1/ 0.8	3/ 2.1	100
32W.2013 [ TD 025 kt] PODUL	3/ 3.5	2/ 1.8	2/ 2.2	2/ 2.7	2/ 2.3	1/ 1.2	2/ 1.9	100
33W.2013 [ TD 030 kt] THIRTYTHRE	1/ 0.4	0/----	0/----	1/ 0.4	1/ 0.8	1/ 0.4	0/----	57
bottomline by model	97	94	97	100	97	90	94	

n Stats :: **Gentau: 132 [h]** Basin: WPAC Year: 2013 Models: CMC.GEM, ECMWF.IFS, ESRL.FIM, NCEP.GFS, FNMOC.NAVGEM, ESRL.FIM9, UKMO.UM

**D+5**

Storm	CMC.GEM	ECMWF.IFS	ESRL.FIM	NCEP.GFS	FNMOC.NAVGEM	ESRL.FIM9	UKMO.UM	
2013 [ TS 045 kt] SONAMU	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	----
2013 [ TD 025 kt] SHANSHAN	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	-1/----	----
2013 [ TS 055 kt] YAGI	3/ 3.9	0/----	2/ 1.5	3/ 3.5	3/ 2.1	2/ 1.4	0/----	71
2013 [ TS 035 kt] LEEPI	1/ 1.4	1/ 0.2	3/ 3.0	1/ 0.5	3/ 2.1	3/ 1.9	0/----	86
2013 [ TS 035 kt] BEBINCA	1/ 0.5	1/ 0.5	0/----	3/ 2.7	3/ 2.6	1/ 0.5	1/ 1.1	86
2013 [HU1 065 kt] RUMBIA	2/ 1.1	3/ 1.3	1/ 0.5	3/ 1.7	3/ 1.4	2/ 1.0	3/ 1.7	100
2013 [HU4 125 kt] SOULIK	3/ 3.3	0/----	0/----	0/----	3/ 2.2	0/----	1/ 0.3	43
2013 [ TS 040 kt] CIMARON	3/ 5.8	3/ 6.1	3/ 7.8	3/ 8.0	3/ 5.9	1/ 0.5	3/ 4.2	100
2013 [ TS 060 kt] JEBI	3/ 4.0	1/ 0.3	1/ 0.9	2/ 0.8	0/----	2/ 1.4	2/ 0.7	86
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box color	key
-1/----	no model run
0/----	0 forecasts of genesis
1/ 0.5	1 of 3 forecast verified
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3/ 3.6	3/3 forecasts verified
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