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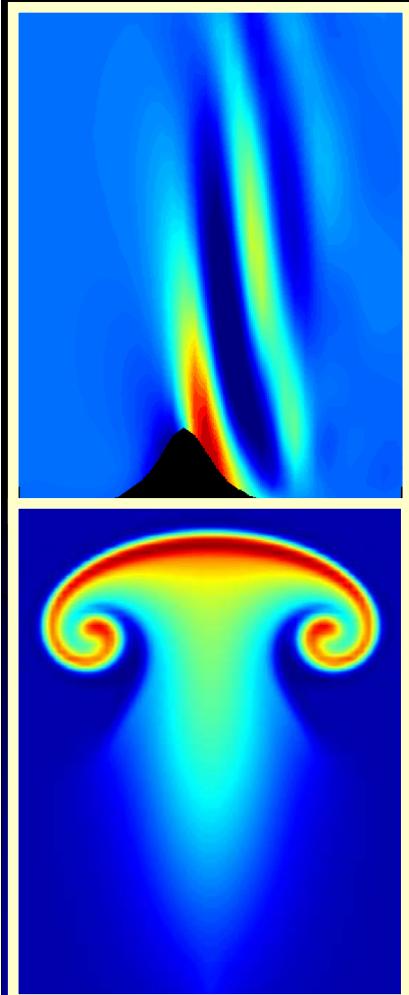
# LARGE ATMOSPHERIC COMPUTATION ON THE EARTH SIMULATOR



The Earth Simulator Center

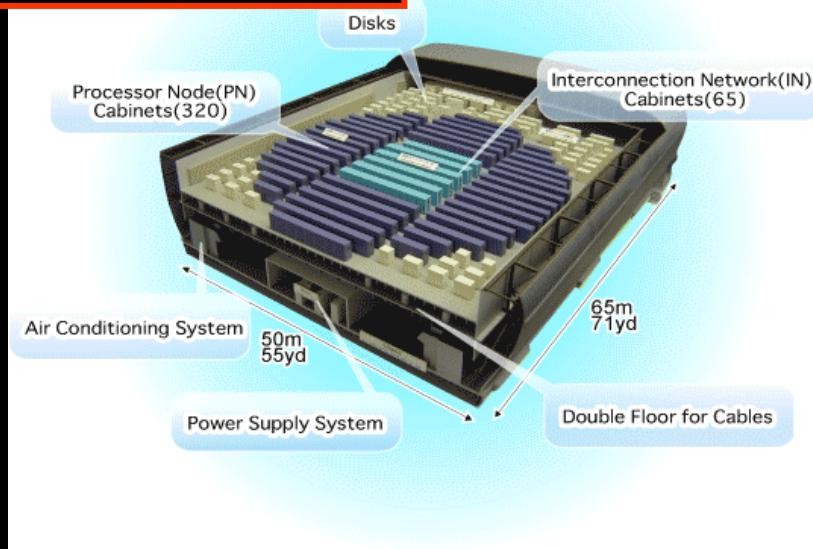
# The Canadian MC2 Model v4.9.8

## 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 precond.**
- **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



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

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

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

Some Specs of the Earth Simulator:

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

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

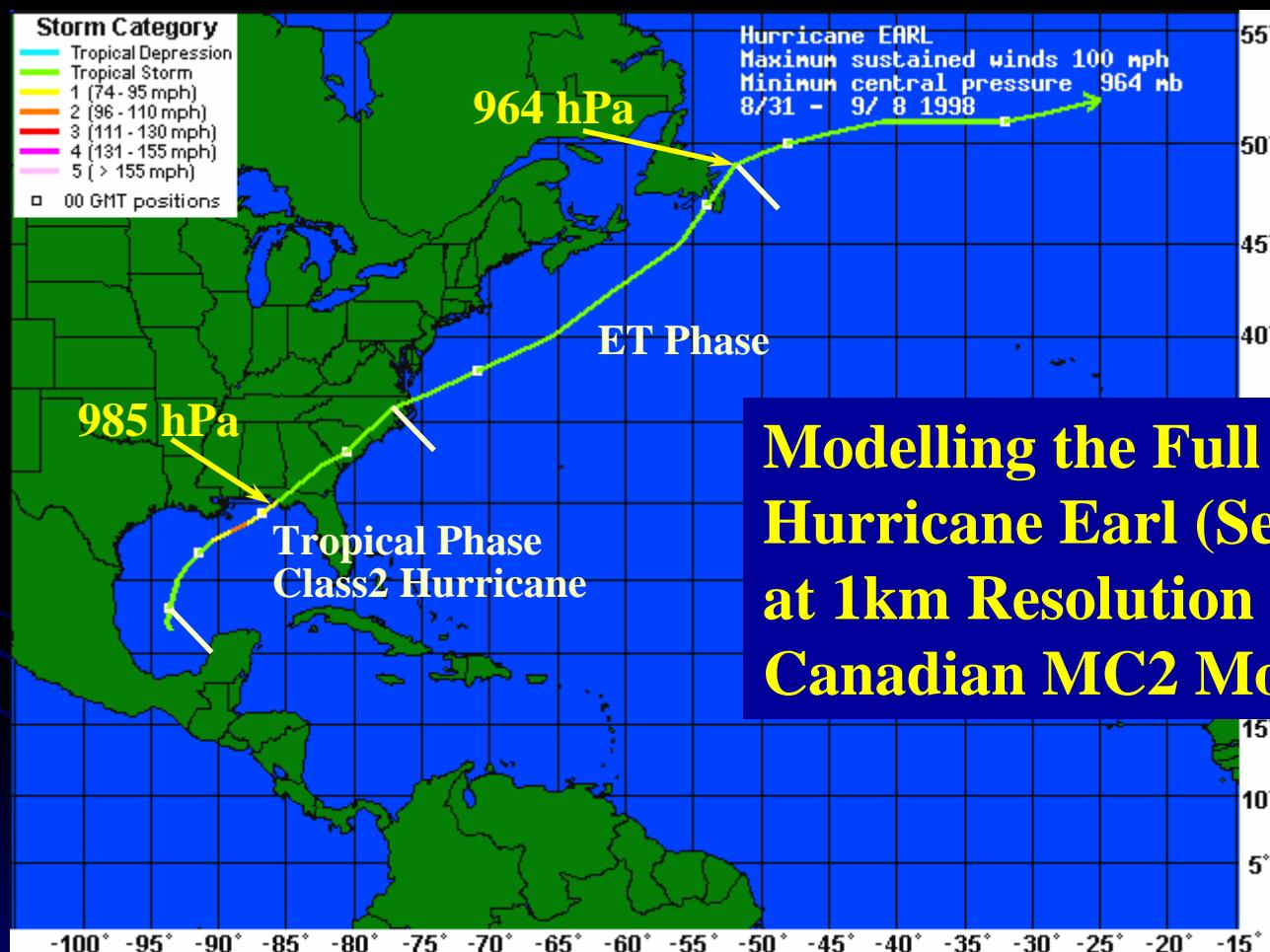
$$M \leq \frac{2-\alpha}{1-\alpha} \quad \underline{\mathbf{10 \rightarrow 140 \rightarrow 1600 NODES}}$$

Sustained performances:

36 TF on some benchmarks (640 nodes)  
27 TF with AFES (640 nodes)  
(10 km global climate simulation)

**13 TF with MC2 (495 nodes)**  
(1 km 11000 x 8640 x 51 grid)  
**(3.2 GF/Pe)**

# LACES: A Grand Challenge project on the Earth Simulator

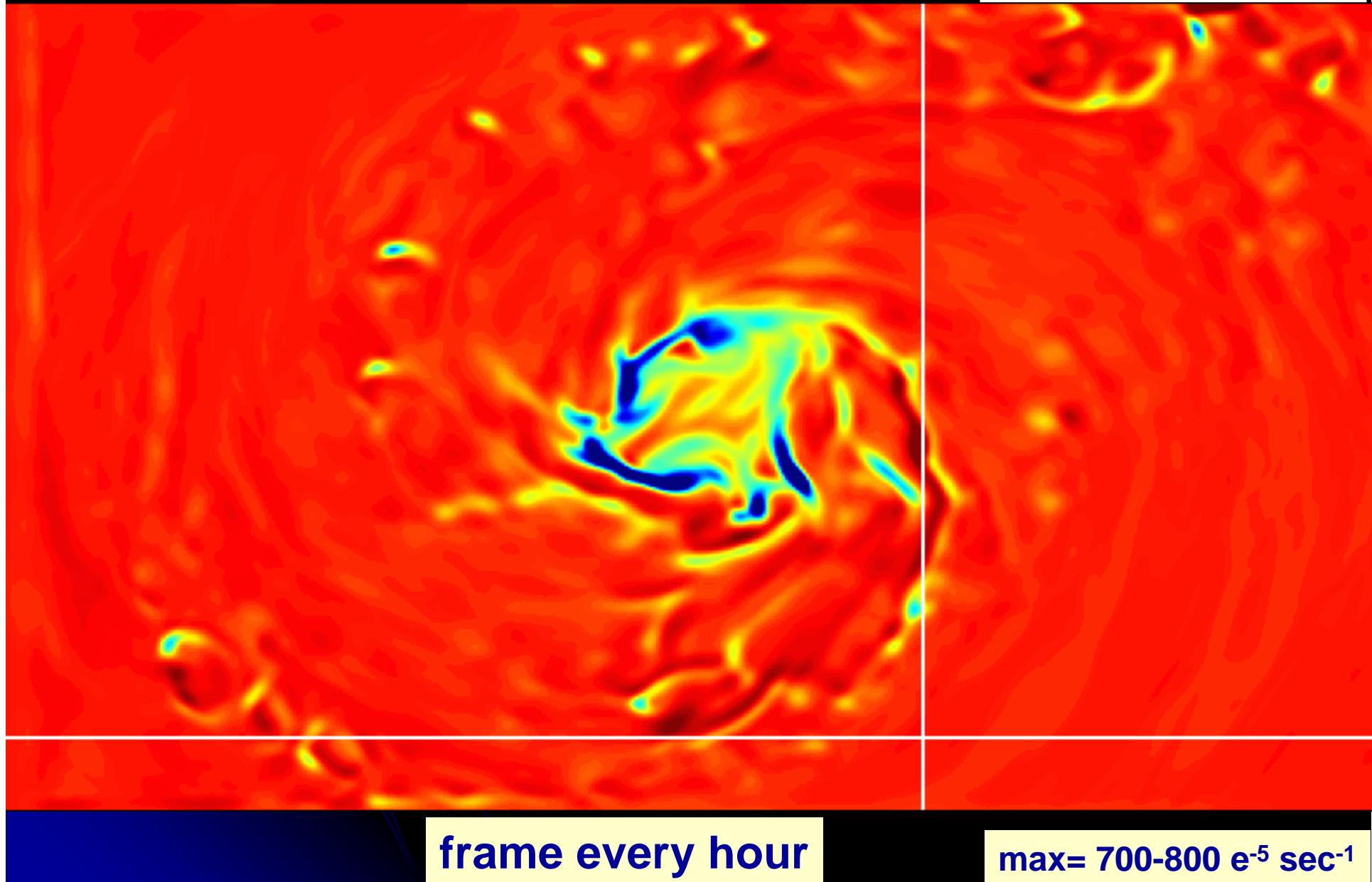


Modelling the Full Lifecycle of  
Hurricane Earl (Sept 1998)  
at 1km Resolution with the  
Canadian MC2 Model

September 1998: Classified as a very active TC period

Typhoon FLO - Septembre 1990  
2km 16-30 H Forecast of Relative Vorticity at 20m

COMPARE III Workshop  
Tokyo, Japan  
December 13-15, 1999

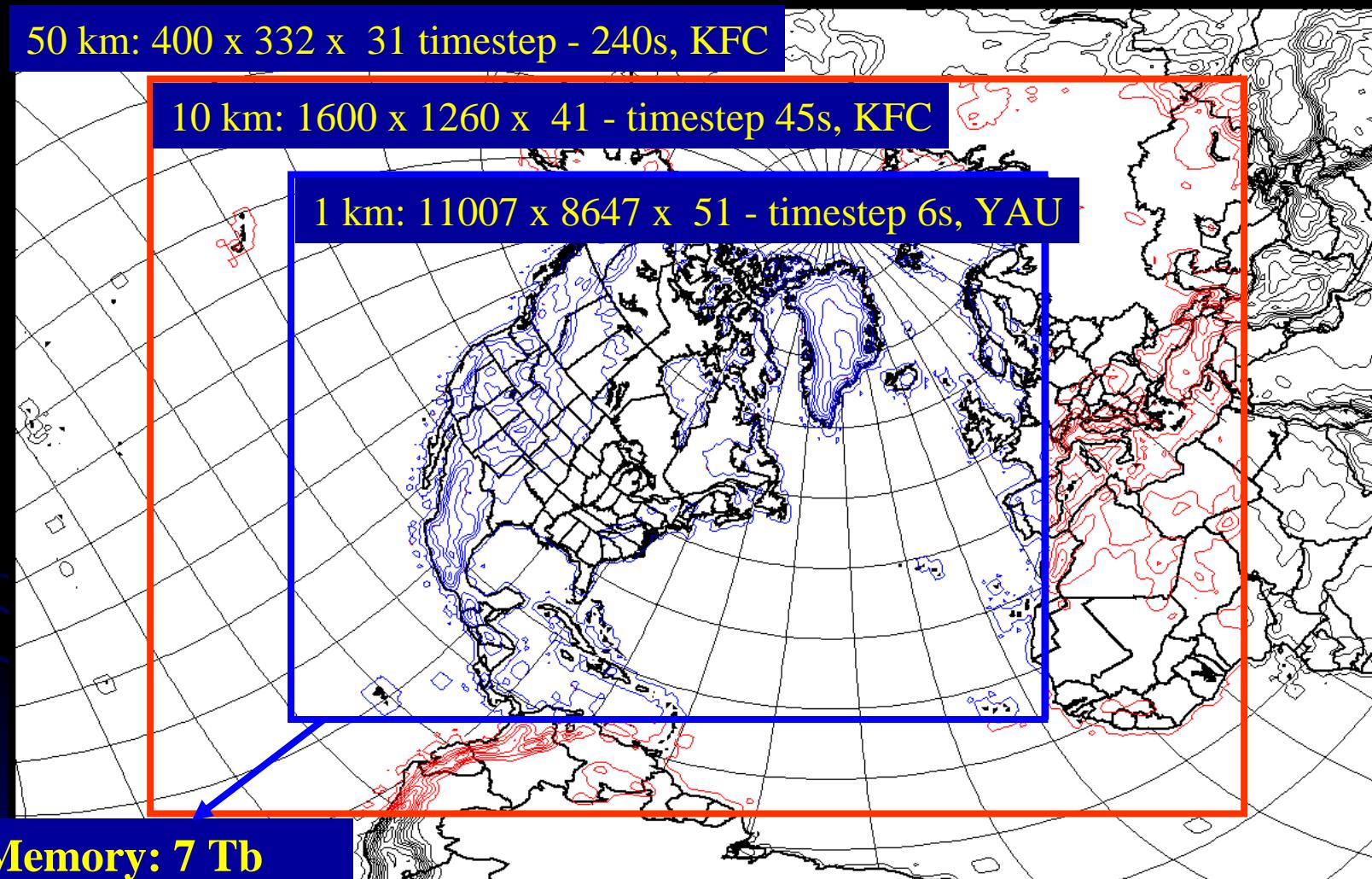


# Grid Strategy for EARL on the ES: 3 Stages Rotated Mercator grids

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

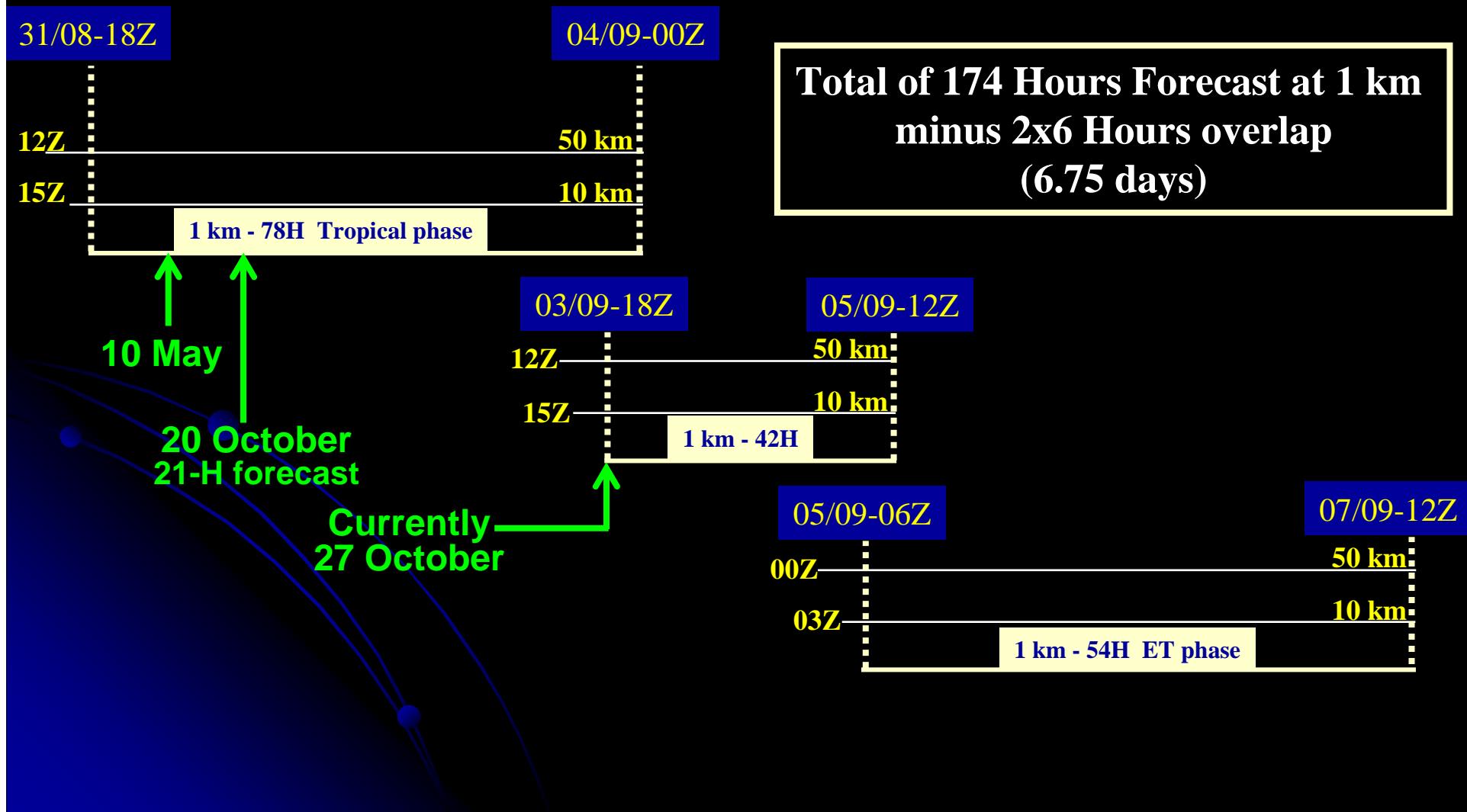
CPUs: 22 x 180 (3960)

Steps: 104400 X 6 sec.

Wall clock: 7-8 days

Outer 50 km grid: Initial and BCs from  
CMC analysis

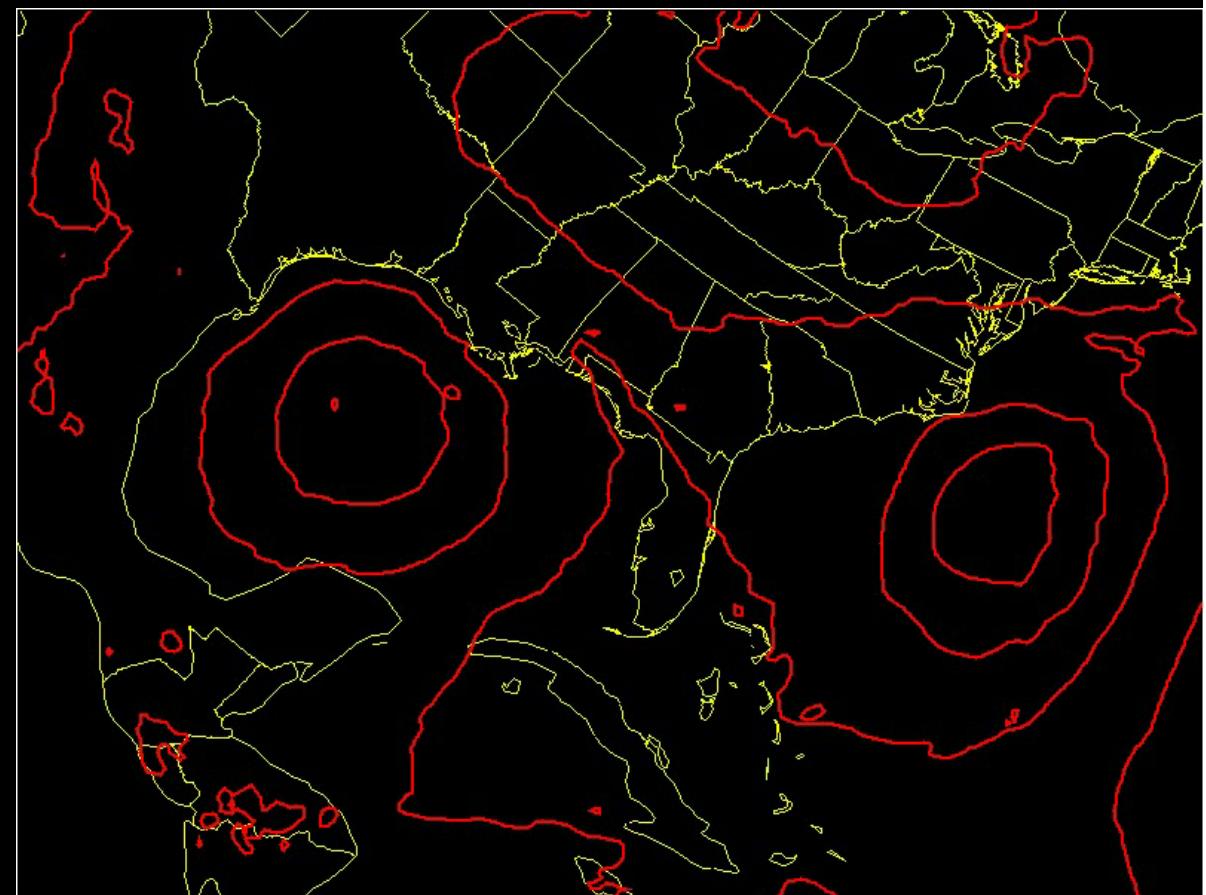
# Time strategy for the Simulation of the Full Lifecycle of Hurricane EARL on the ES



- Elliptic iterative DM pressure solver (4.8 giga equations at once)
- Parallel I/O software
  - Model output
  - Restart files
- Startup of order 4000 MPI processes on a vector architecture
- Predictability issues at 1 km reso. on a very large domain

## Main Challenges

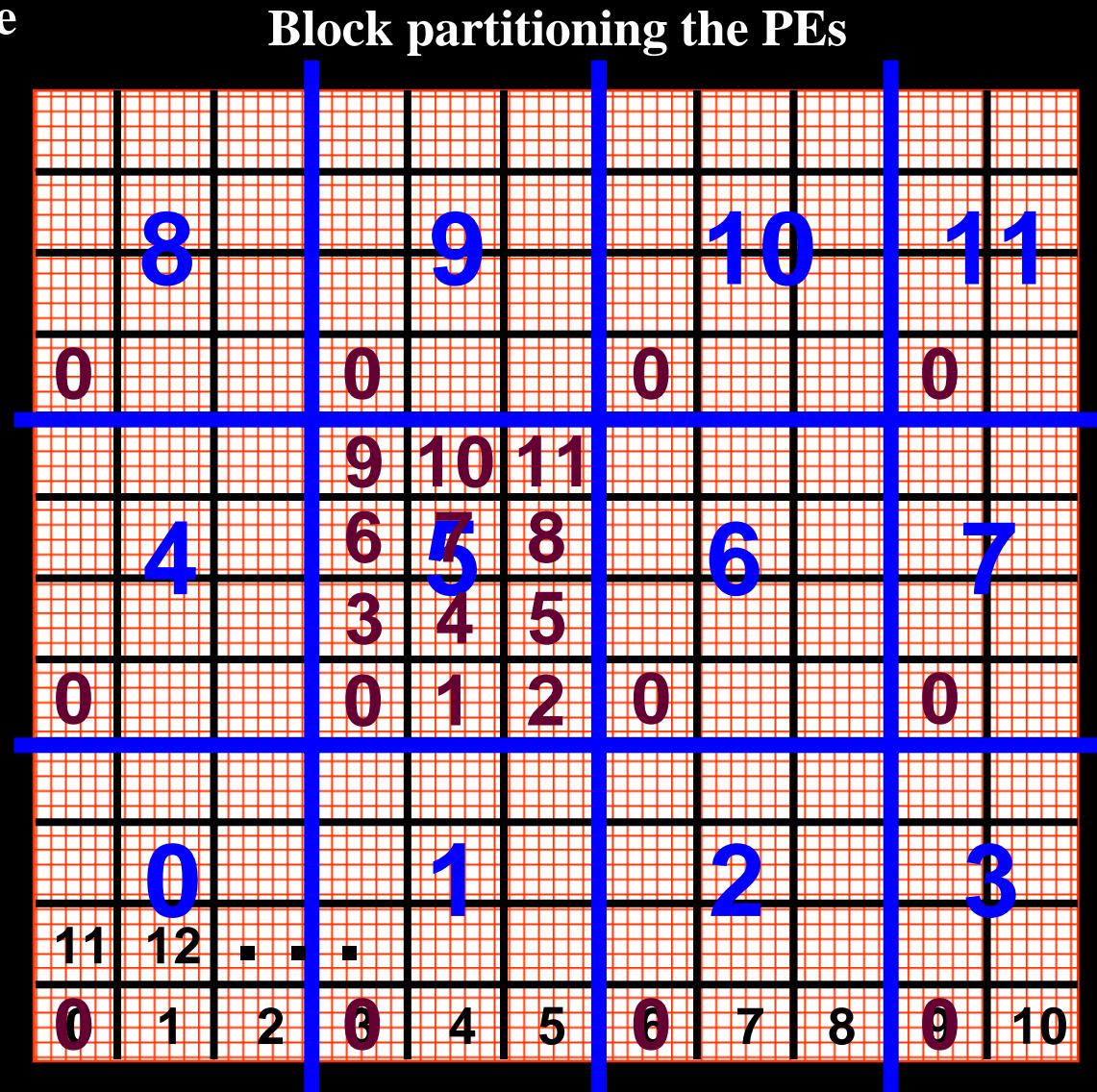
Mean Sea Level Pressure  
from 10km run  
12Z 01/09 to 00Z 04/01



# Technical: I/O - an Important Issue

- Preprocessor MC2NTR gone
- All computation performed within the DM main program
- Global distribute/collect removed

Scaling up with a subdomain size of  $500 \times 50$  on vector processor system



# 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		3D: U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG		3D: U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG
15 min	2D: QR, PN, RT, PR, FC, FV			
30 min			3D: U,V,W,T,P,HU, QN,QP,QI,QG	
	<b>8 x 64 files 49 GBytes</b>	<b>24 x 12 files 151 GBytes</b>	<b>4 x 64 files 29 GBytes</b>	<b>4 x 64 files 14 GBytes</b>

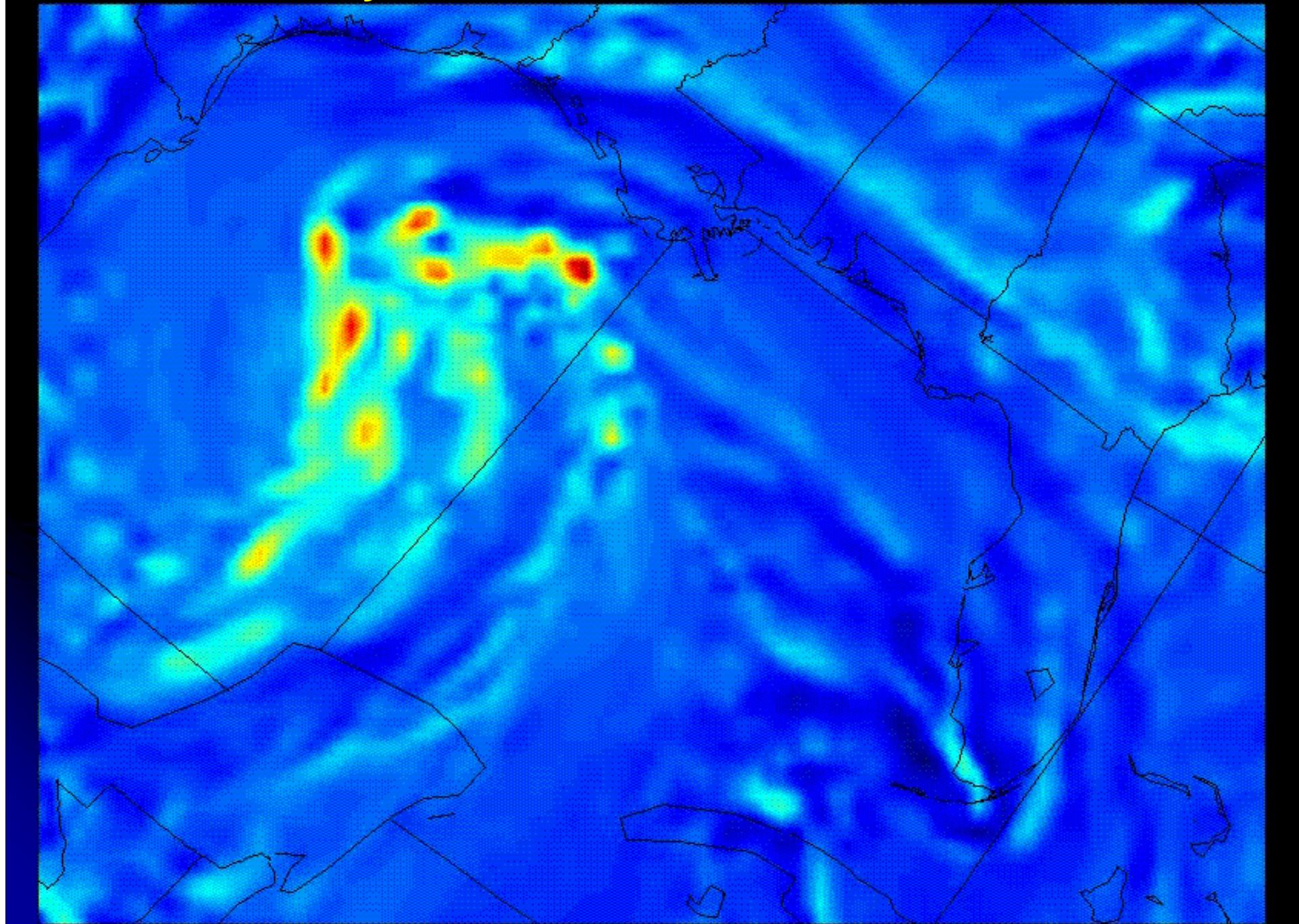
Grand total: 1300 files, 243 GBytes/4H → **4.7 TB** for first 78H

Database currently being assembled/maintained at RPN

All data compressed to 16 bits

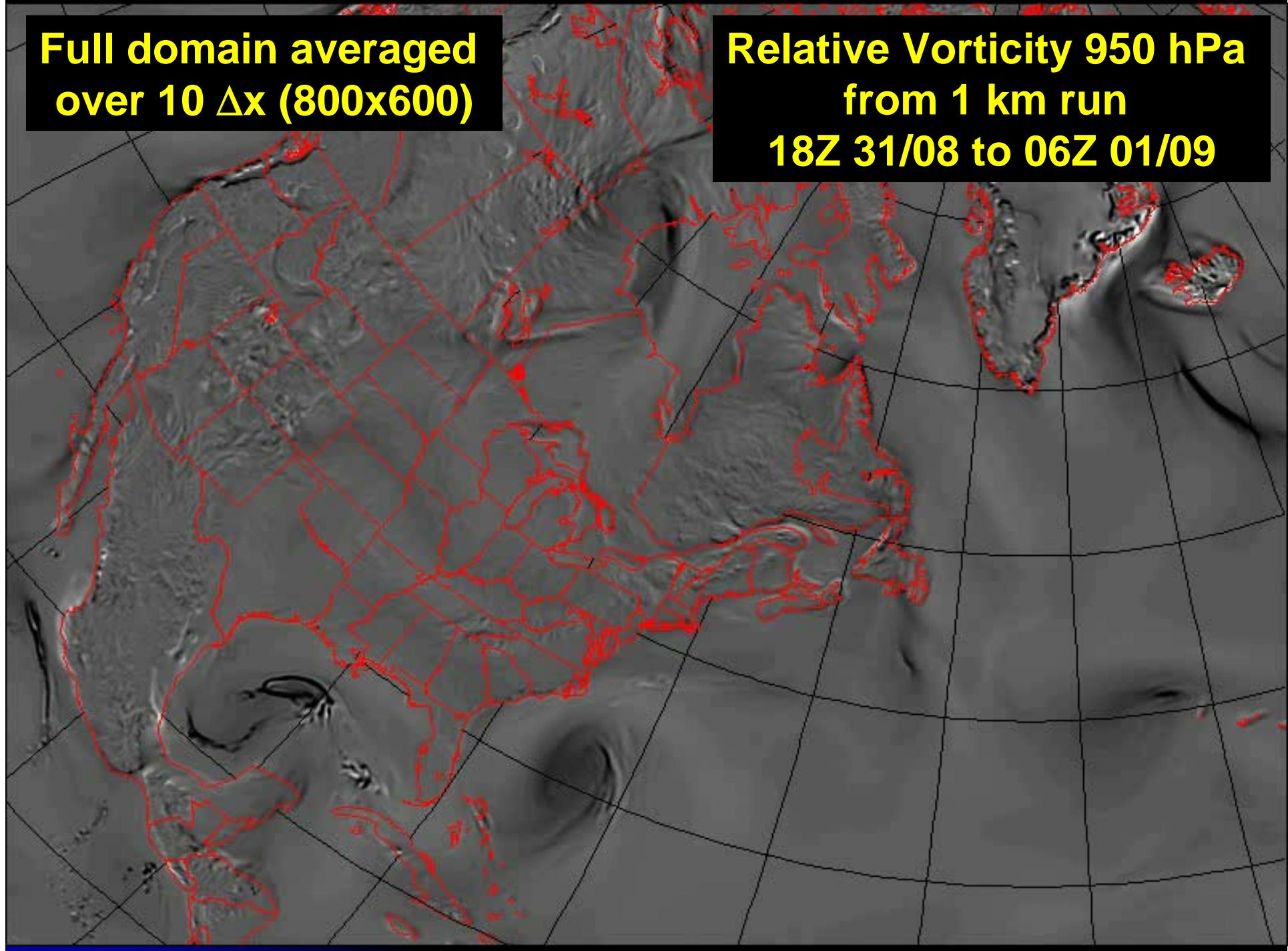
# Relative Vorticity 950 hPa from 10km run

12Z 01/09 to 00Z 04/01



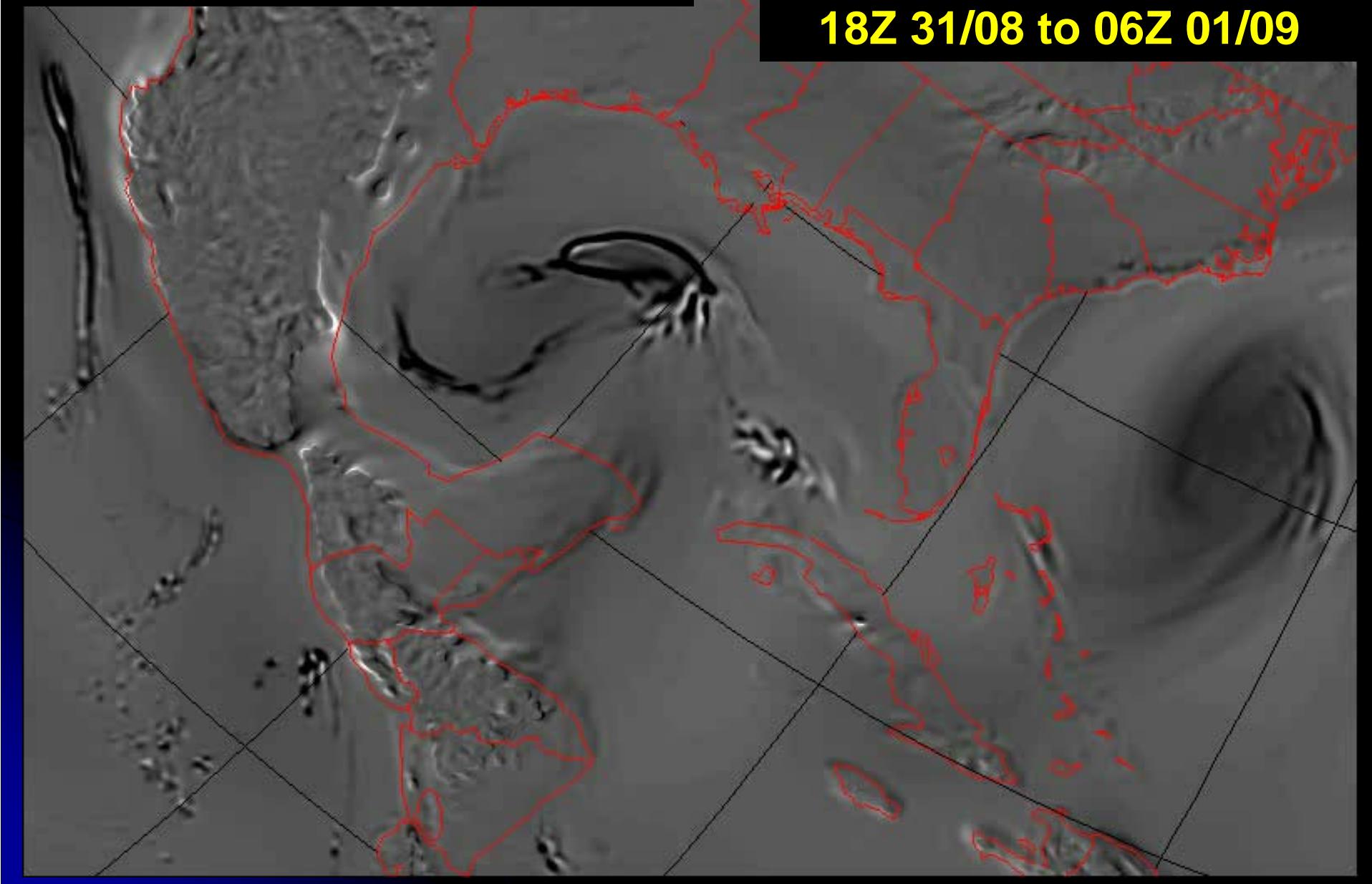
**Full domain averaged  
over 10  $\Delta x$  (800x600)**

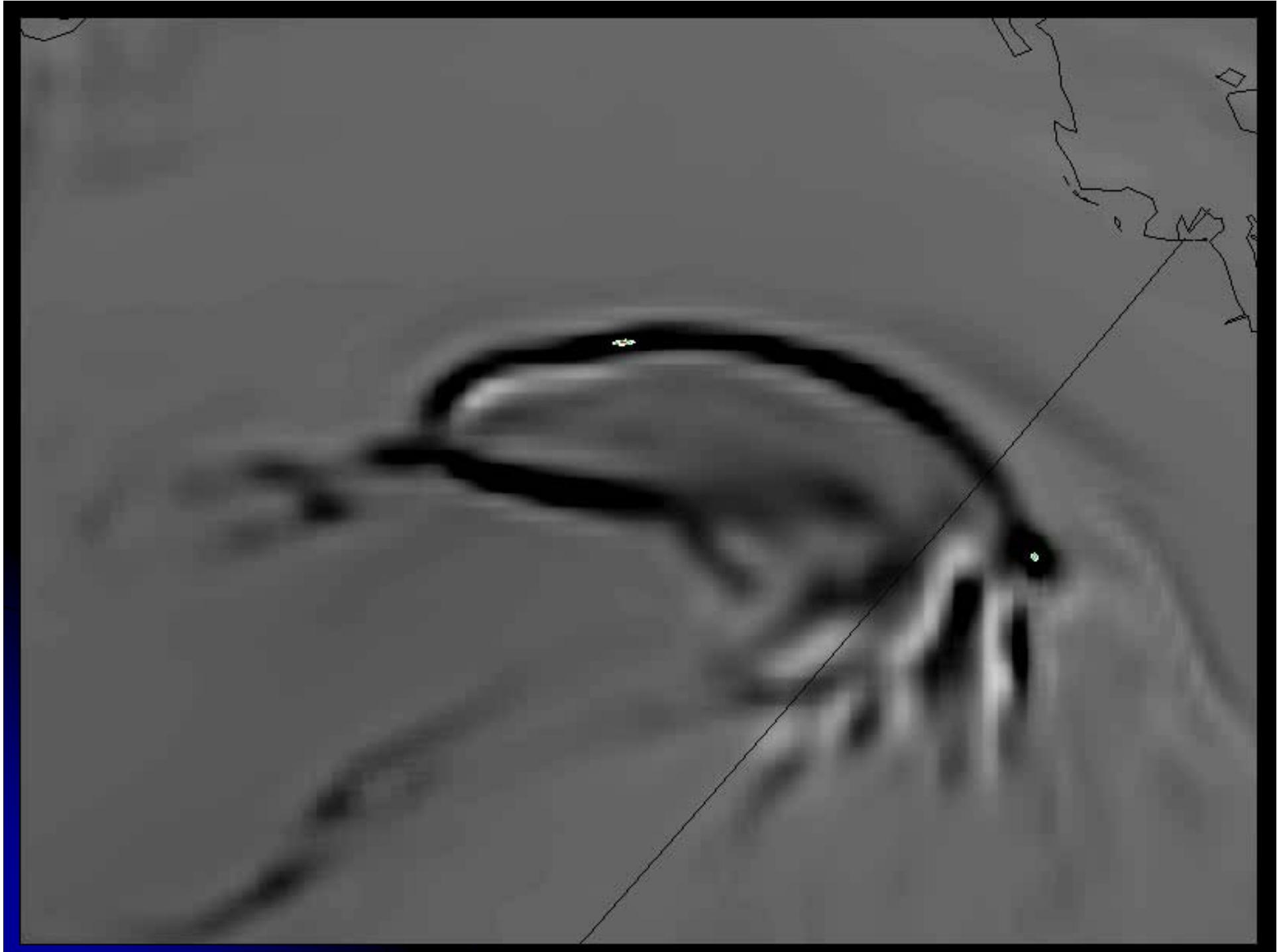
**Relative Vorticity 950 hPa  
from 1 km run  
18Z 31/08 to 06Z 01/09**



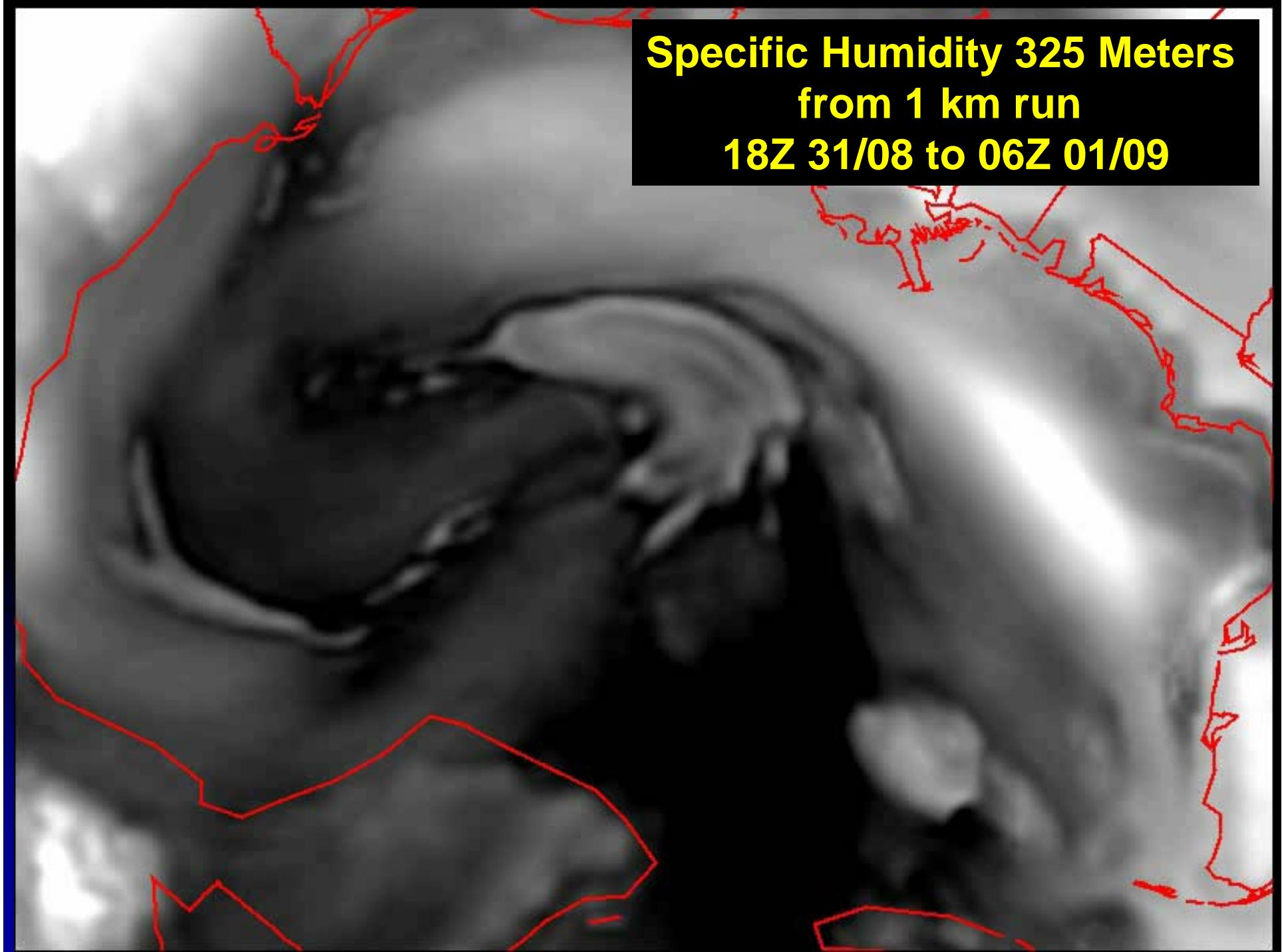
**Lower left quadrant averaged  
over 4  $\Delta x$  (1000x750)**

**Relative Vorticity 950 hPa  
from 1 km run  
18Z 31/08 to 06Z 01/09**





**Specific Humidity 325 Meters  
from 1 km run  
18Z 31/08 to 06Z 01/09**



## Future work:

- Complete database at RPN
- Diagnostic studies to start soon
- Lower/Higher resolution runs

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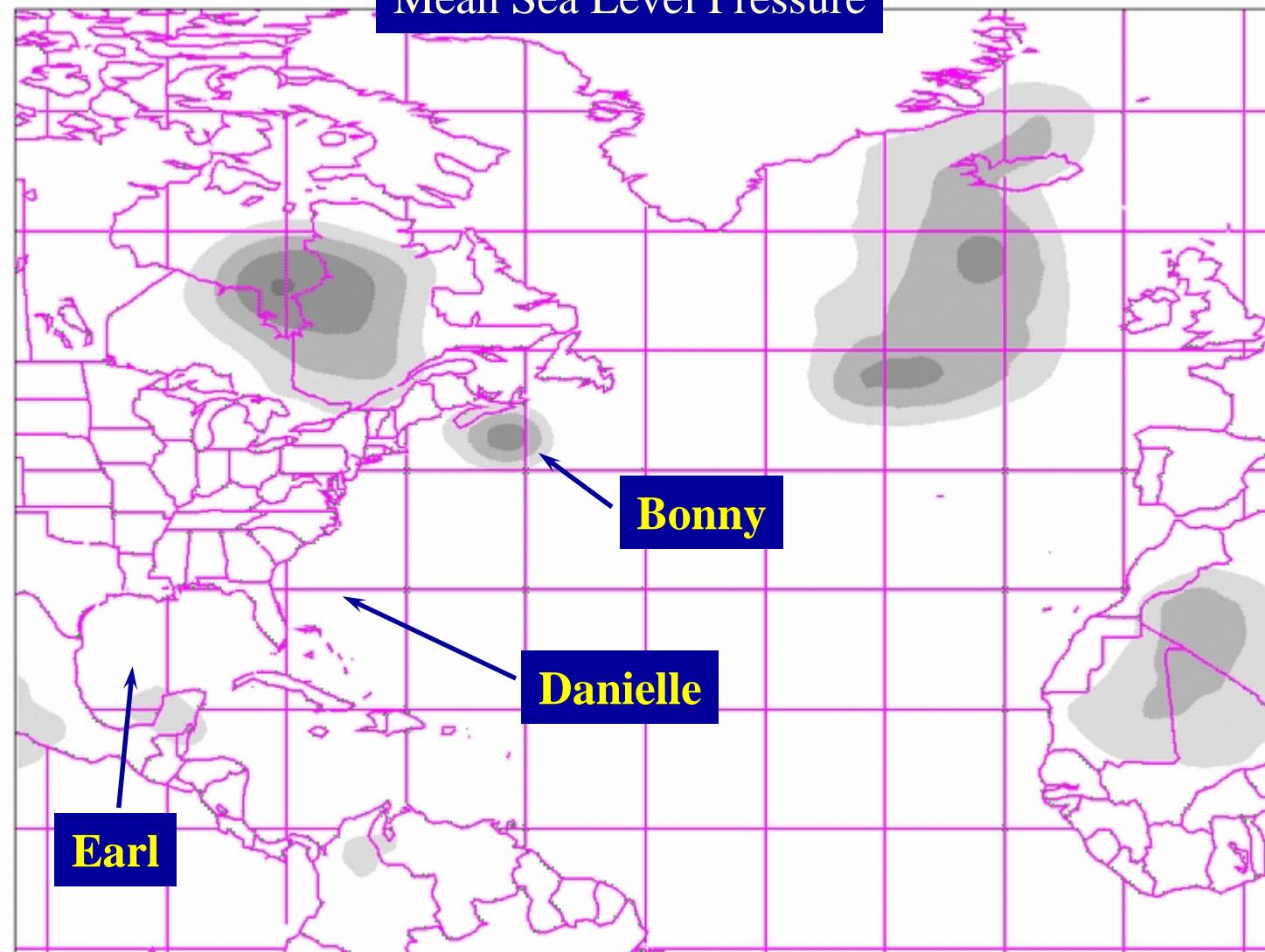
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Thank You !



**30 August to 9 September 1998**

Mean Sea Level Pressure



Analyse valide 00 00Z le 30 aout 1998

# 50km and 10 km output

50 Km  
393 x 325 x 31

10 Km  
1593 x 1253 x 41

10 min

2D: QR, PN, RT, PR

15 min

2D: QR, PN, RT, PR

60 min

2D: physics → 10 km

3D: U,V,W,T,P,HU,QN

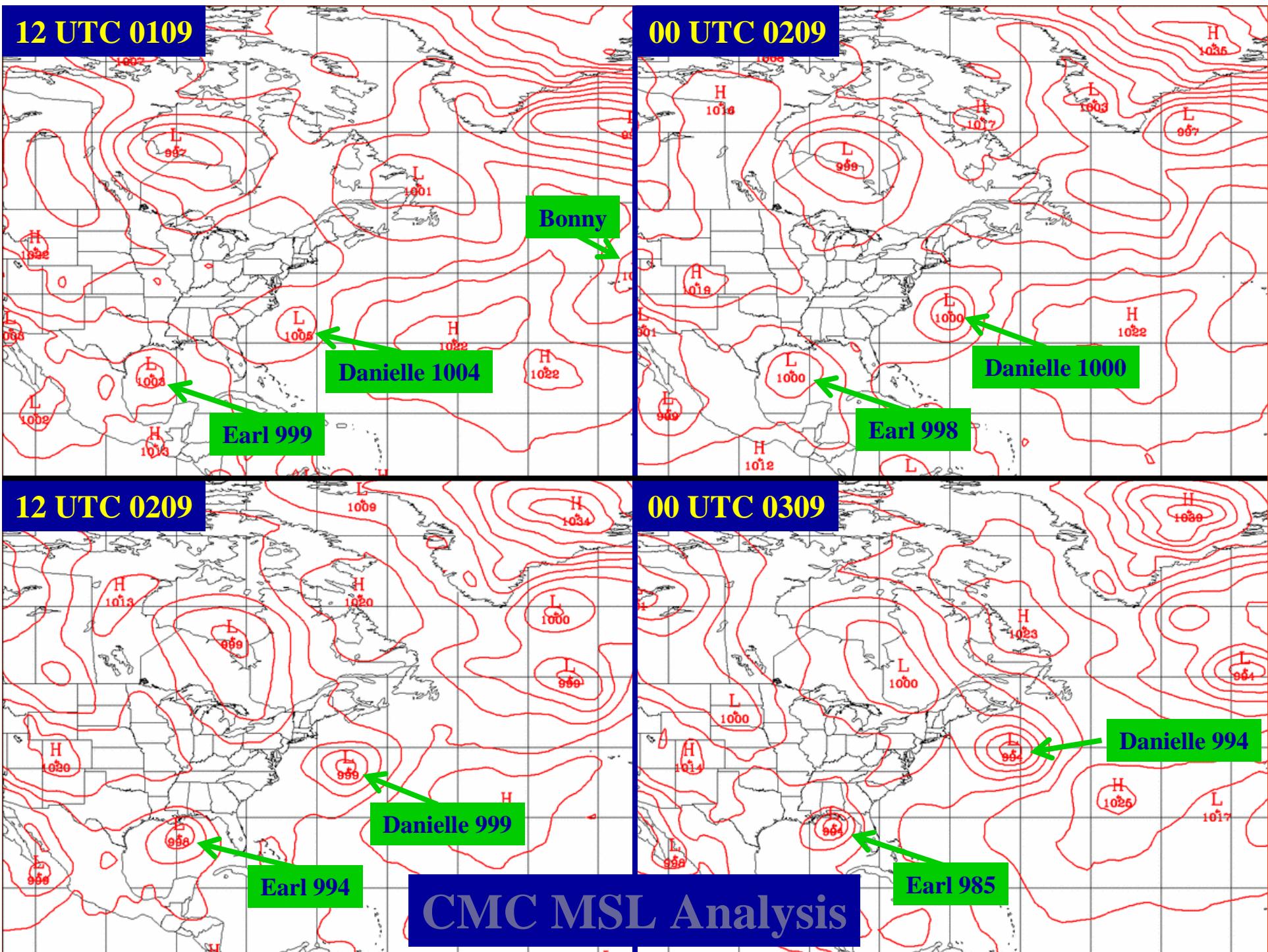
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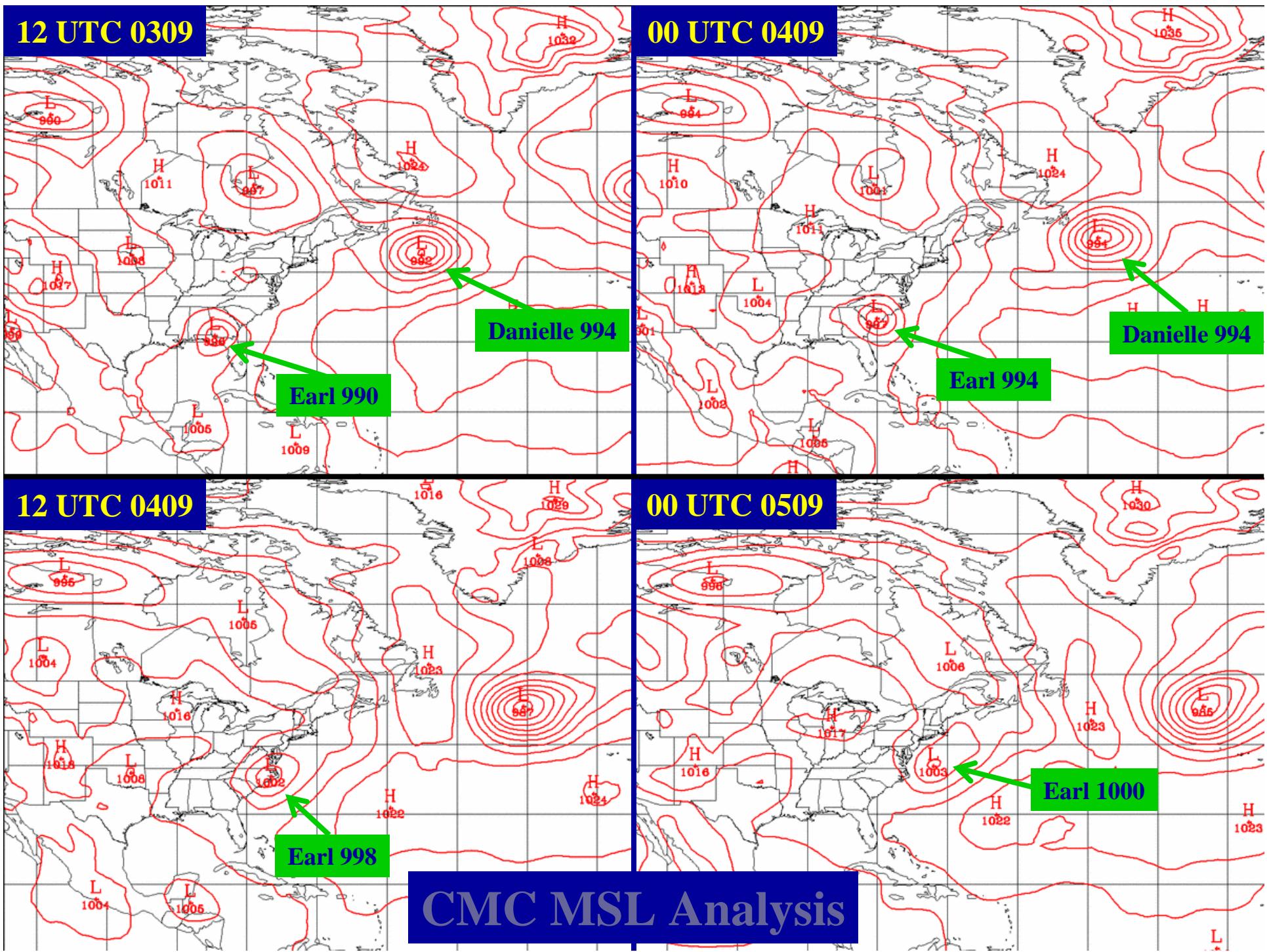
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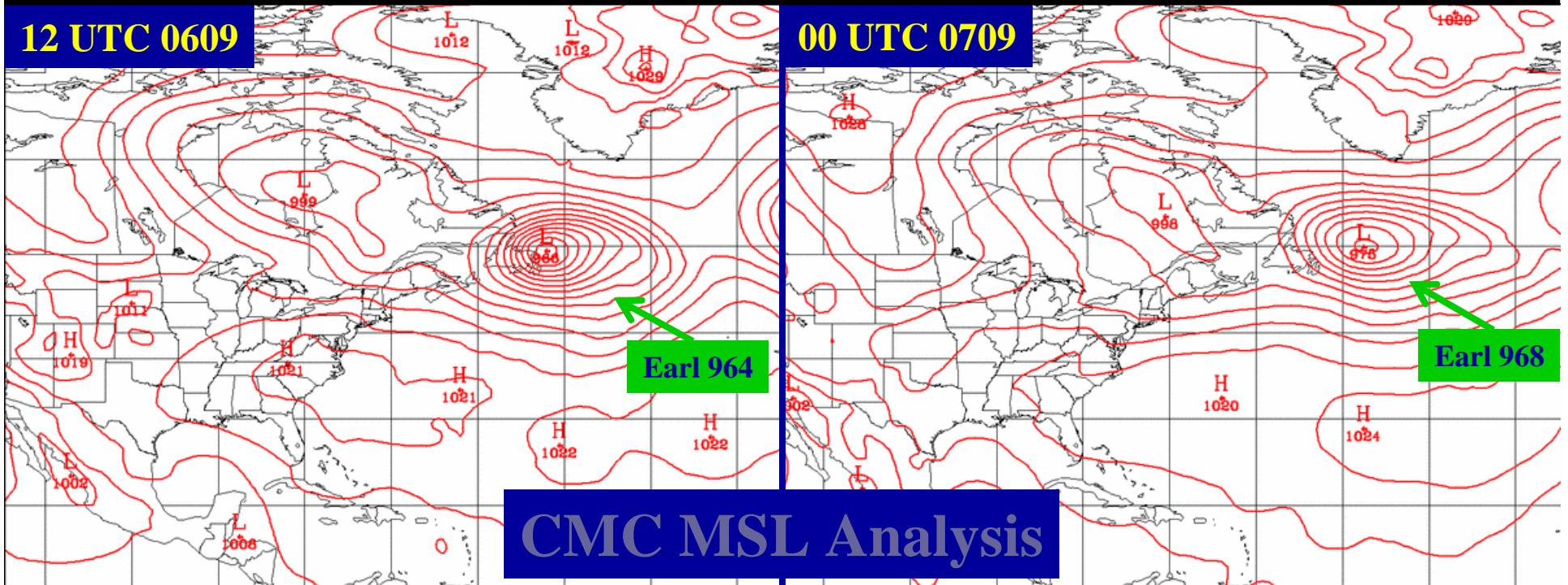
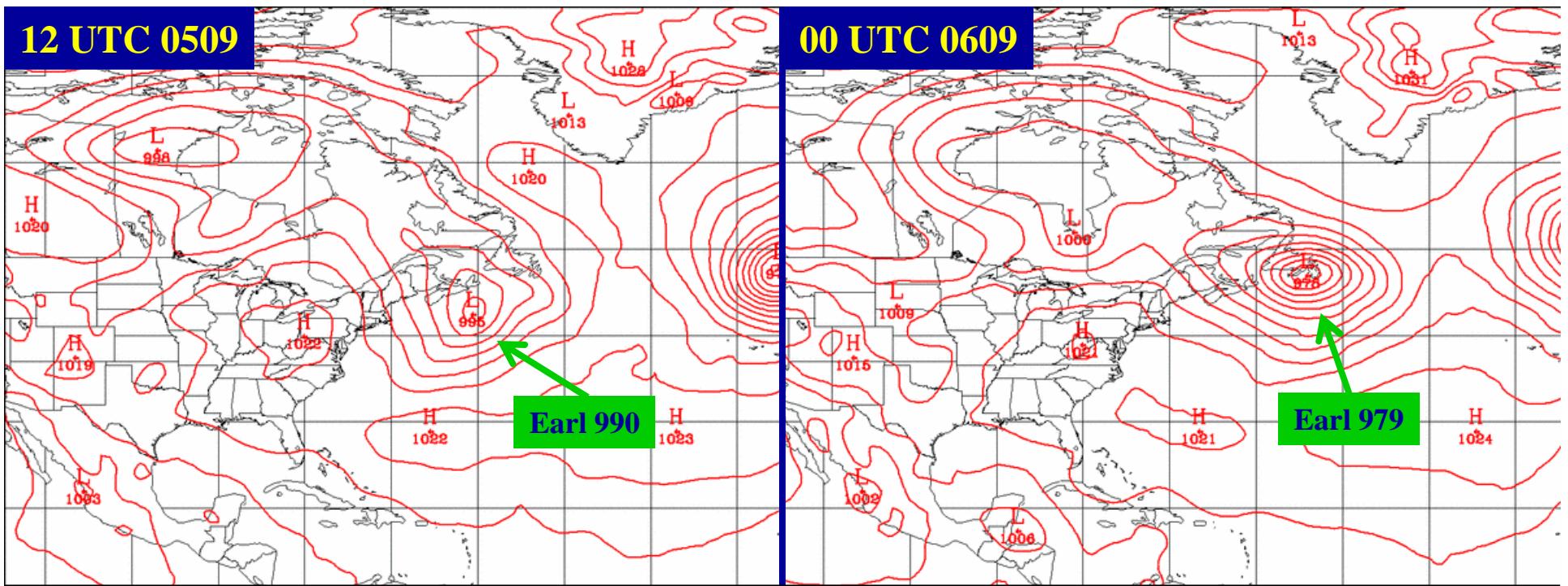
Total: 12 GBytes  
For 192 H forecast

Total: 218 GBytes  
For 183 H forecast

All data compressed to 16 bits







**CMC MSL Analysis**