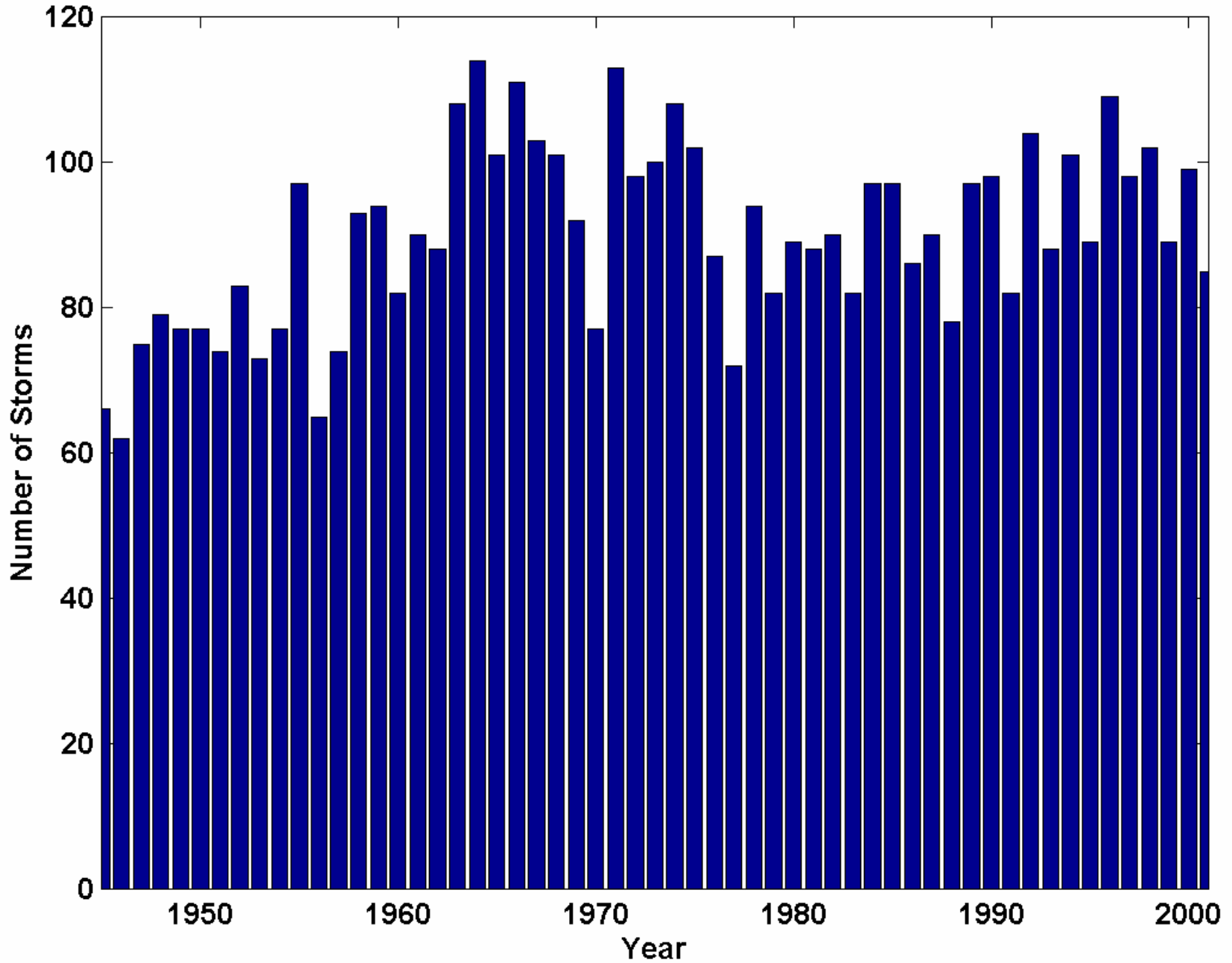
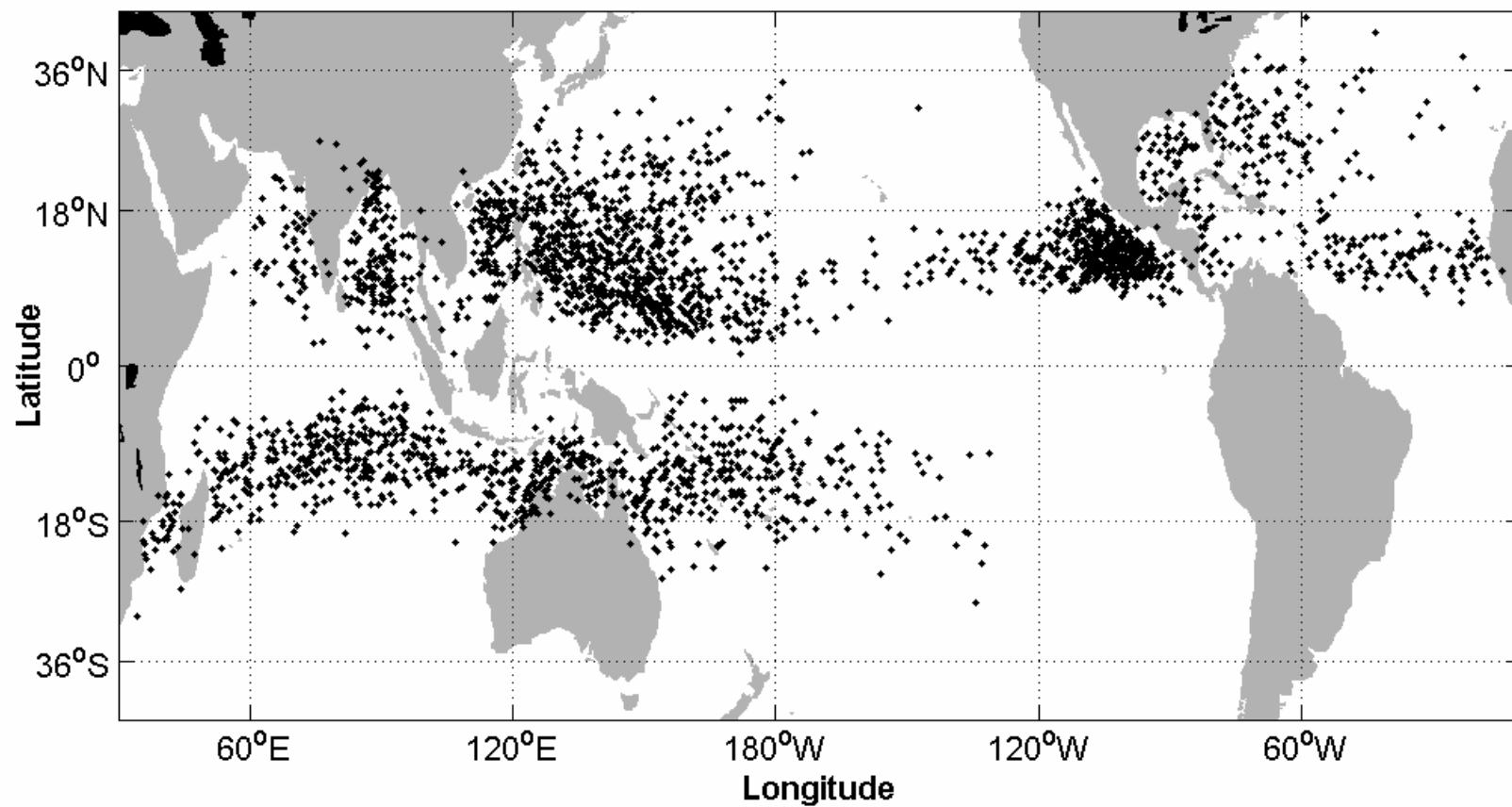


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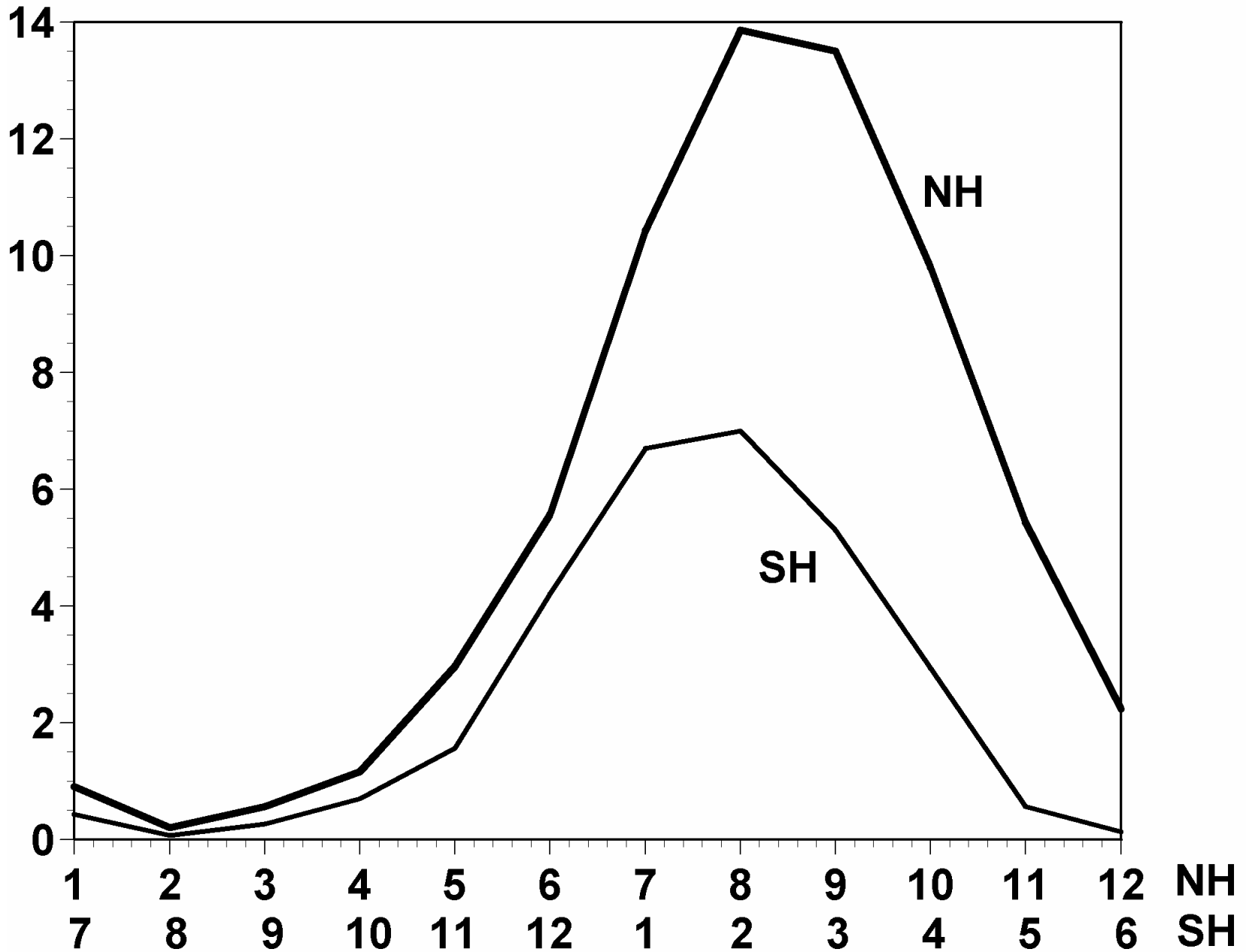
Global Tropical Cyclones, 1945-2001



Global Genesis Events 1971-2001



Number of Genesis Events per Month



Key Aspects of Genesis:

- Tropical cyclones results only from finite-amplitude perturbations of the normal state of the tropical atmosphere
- Empirically favors regions of large potential intensity, large low-level vorticity, and humid middle troposphere with little vertical wind shear
- Evidence from field experiments suggest that TCs often originate in cold-core mesosystems

Empirical Approach to Environmental Control of TC Frequency:

Develop an empirical index based on
monthly re-analysis data

Test index against geographic,
seasonal and interannual variability

Empirical Index:

$$I = \left| 10^5 \eta \right|^{3/2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}}{50} \right)^3 \left(\frac{V_{pot}}{70} \right)^3 \left(1 + 0.1 V_{shear} \right)^{-2},$$

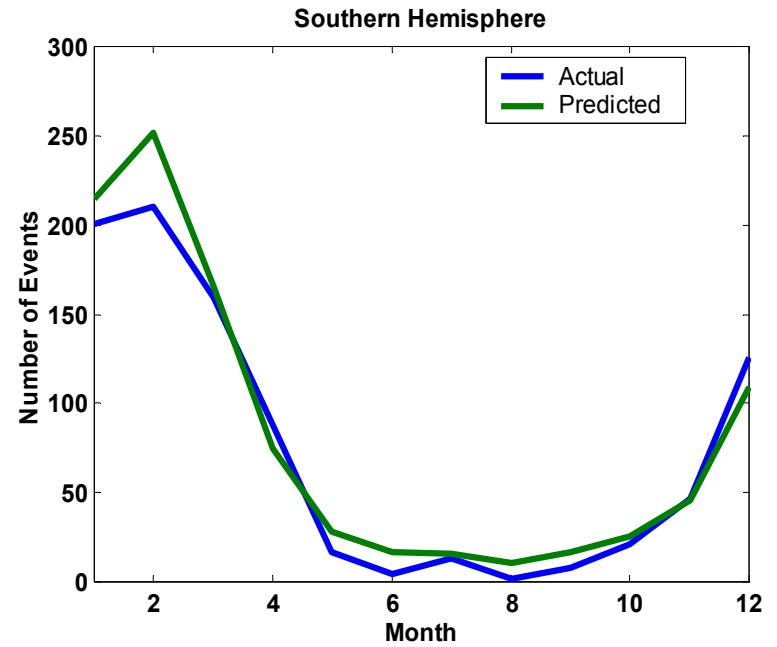
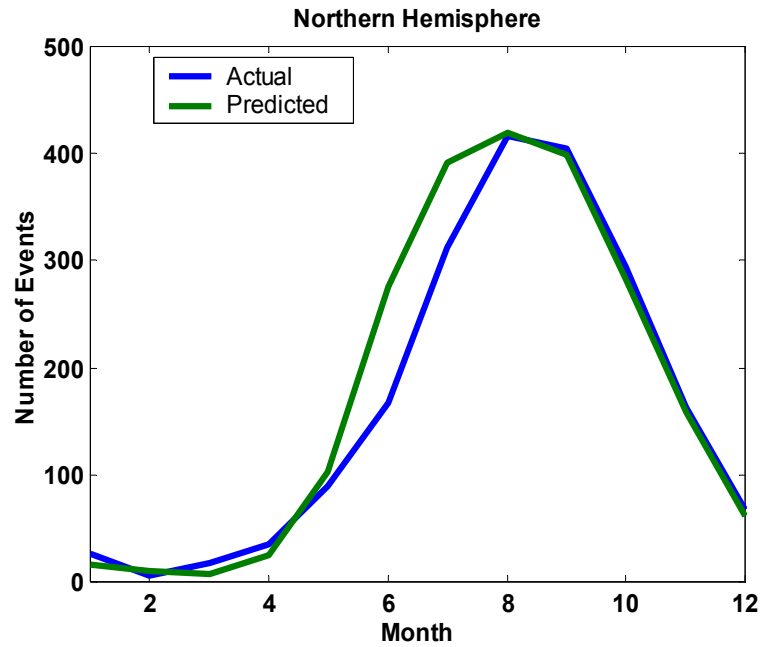
$\eta \equiv$ absolute vorticity (s^{-1}),

$V_{pot} \equiv$ Potential wind speed (ms^{-1}),

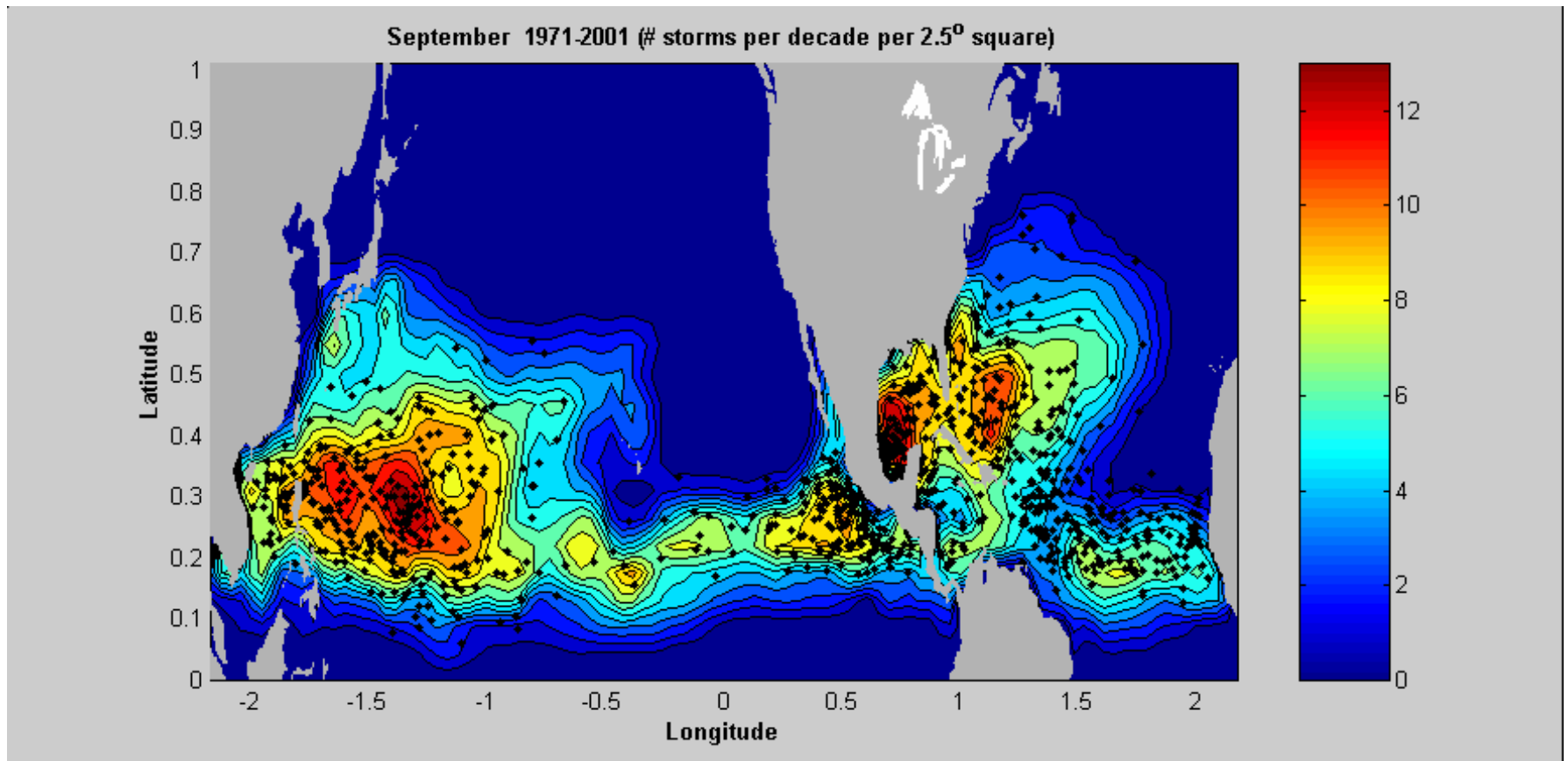
$\mathcal{H} \equiv$ 600 mb relative humidity (%),

$V_{shear} \equiv \left| \mathbf{V}_{850} - \mathbf{V}_{250} \right|$ (ms^{-1}).

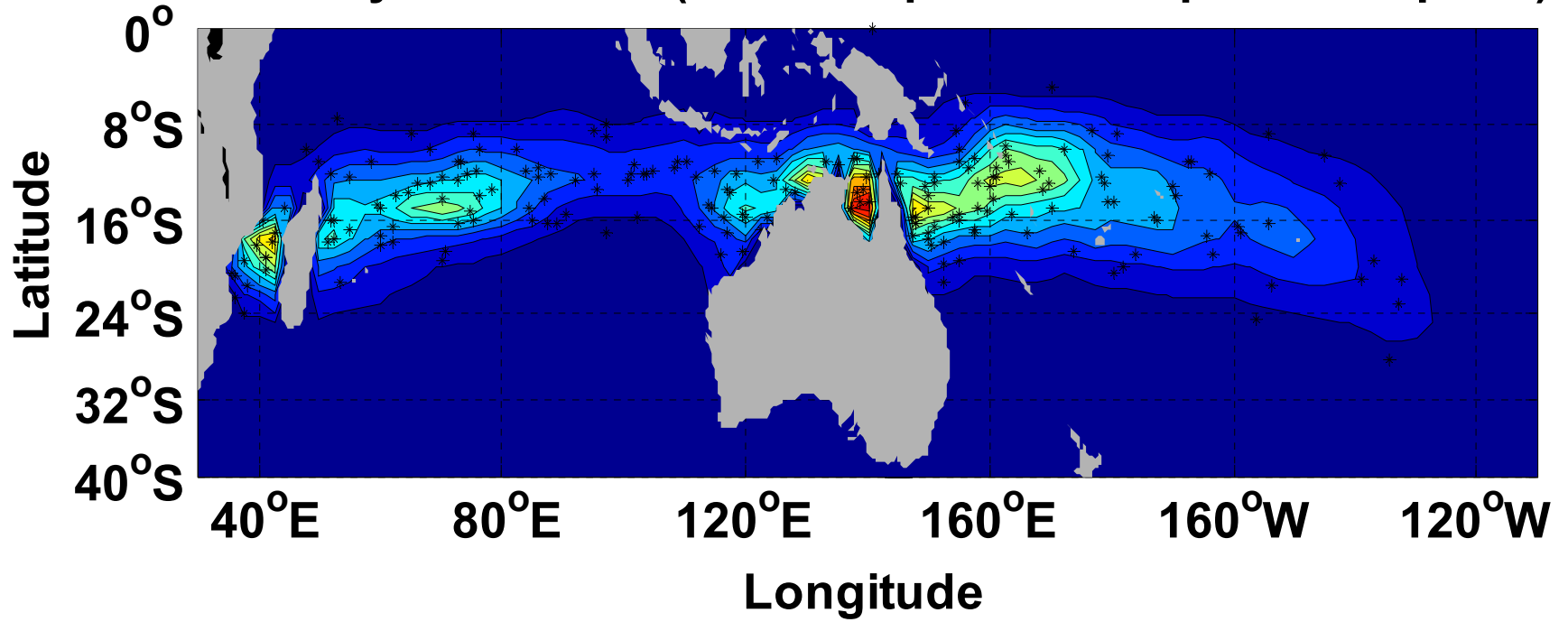
Seasonal Variability:



Spatial Variability:

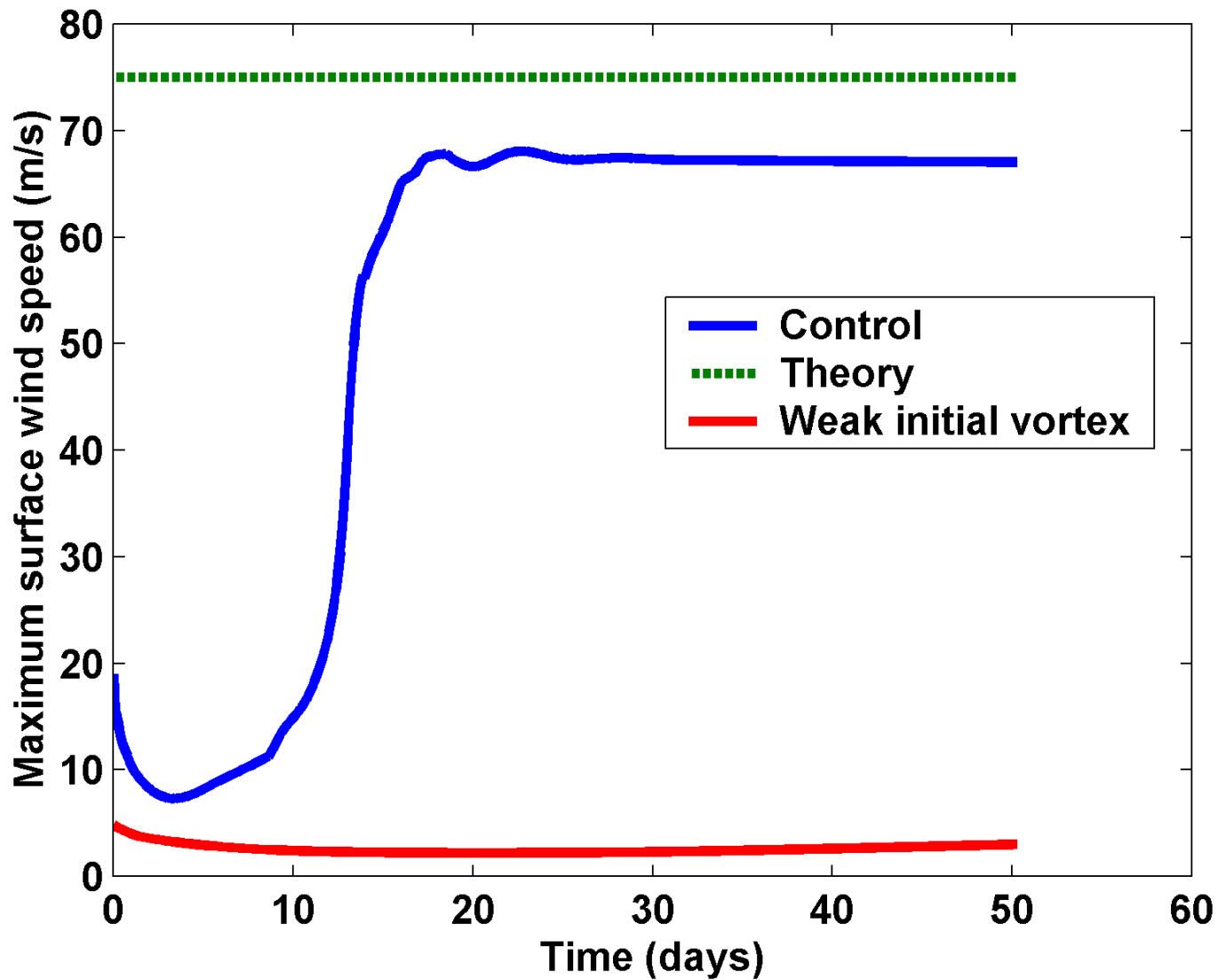


February 1971-2001 (# storms per decade per 2.5° square)



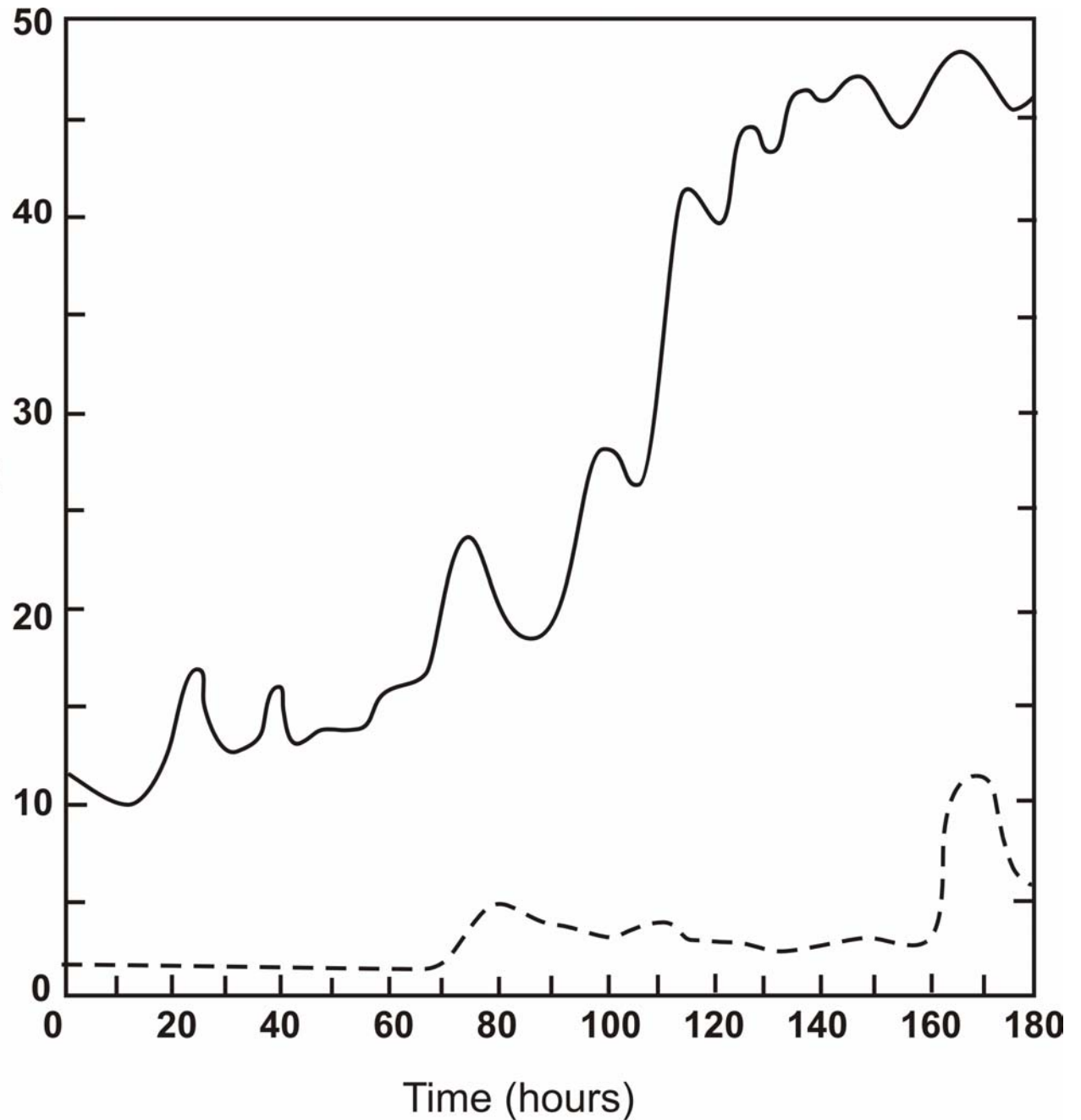
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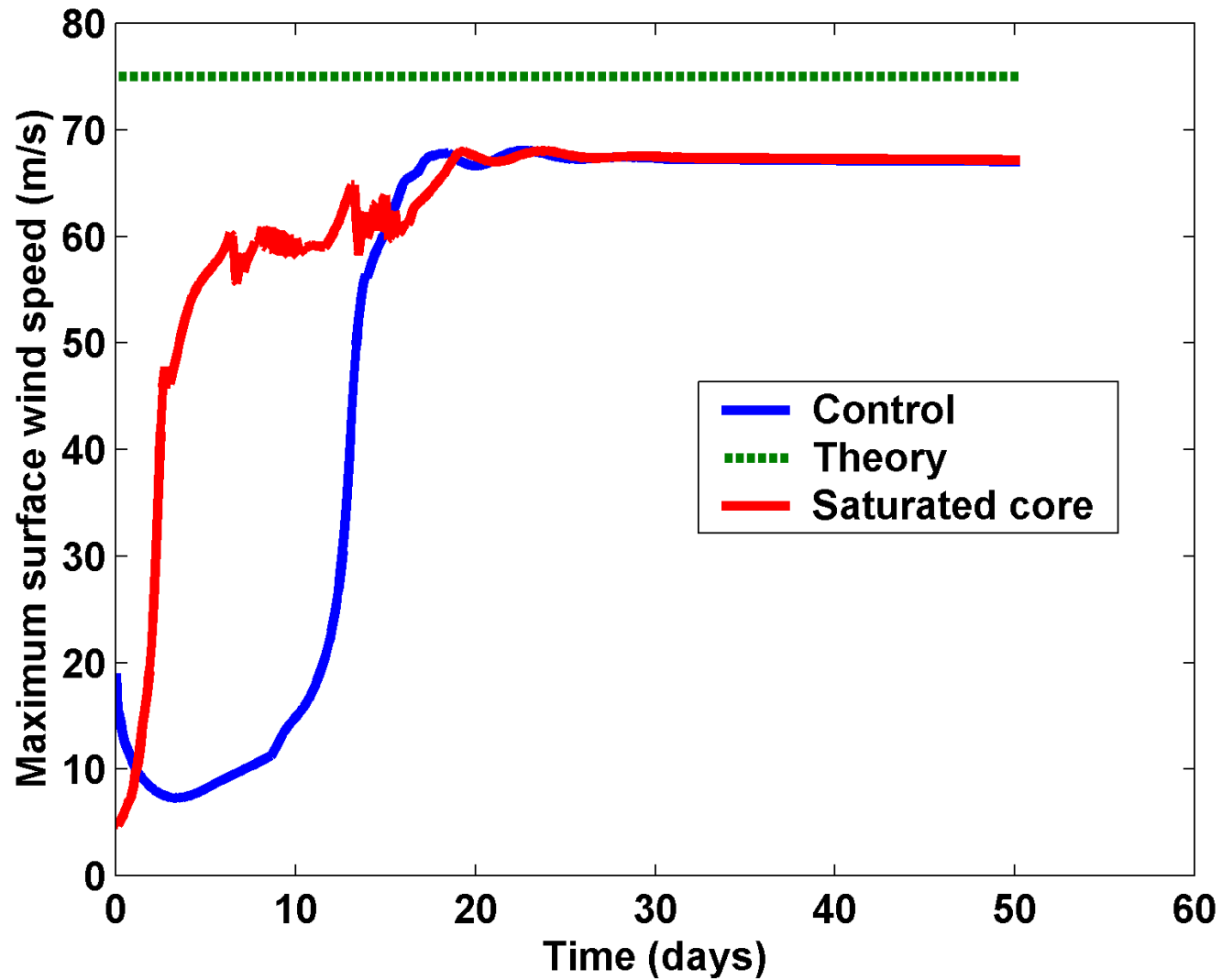


Axisymmetric,
nonhydrostatic
model of Rotunno
and Emanuel,
1987 (JAS)

Maximum Wind
Speed (m/s)

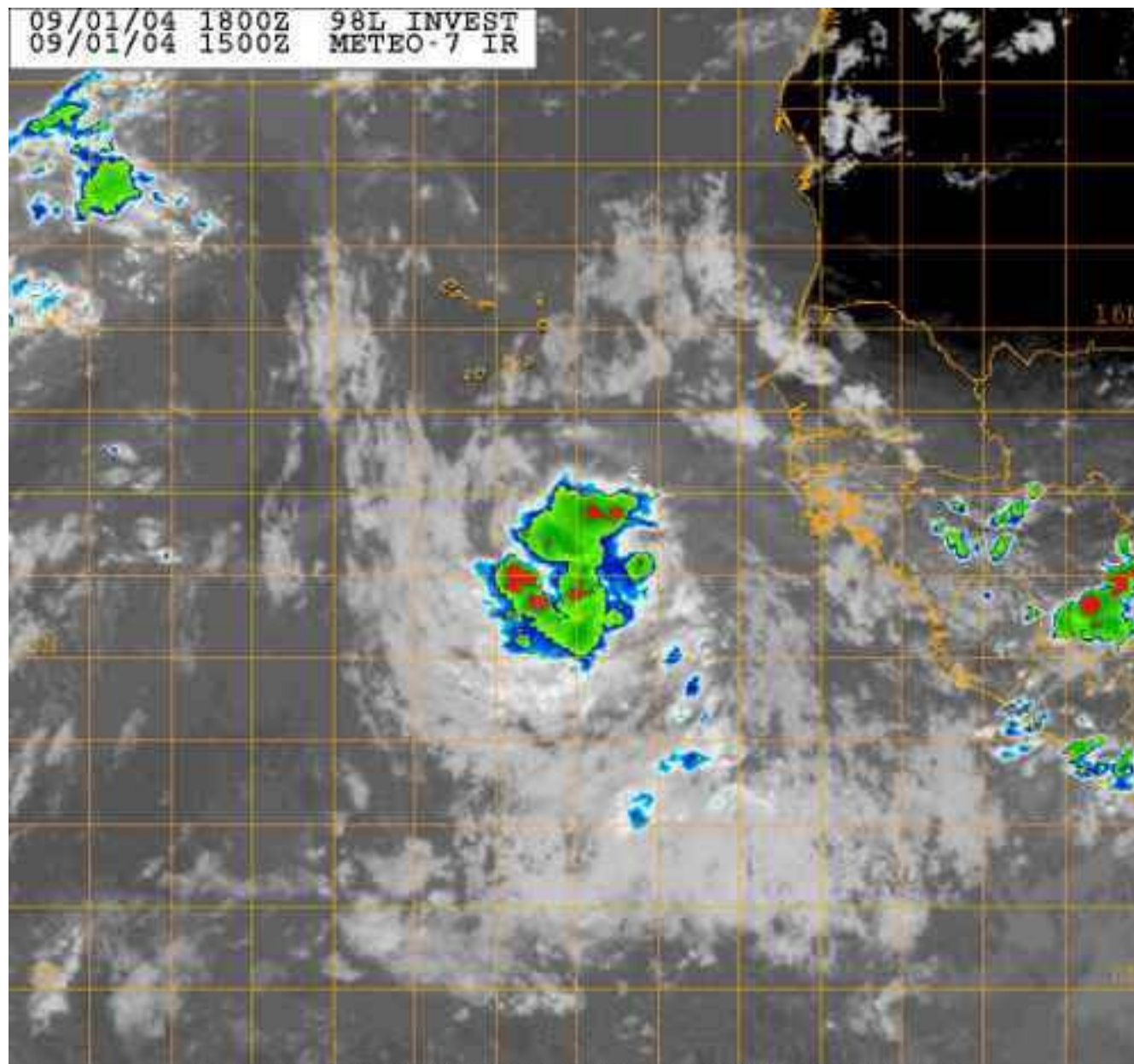


Saturate troposphere inside 100 km in initial state:



The View from Space: Ivan, 2004

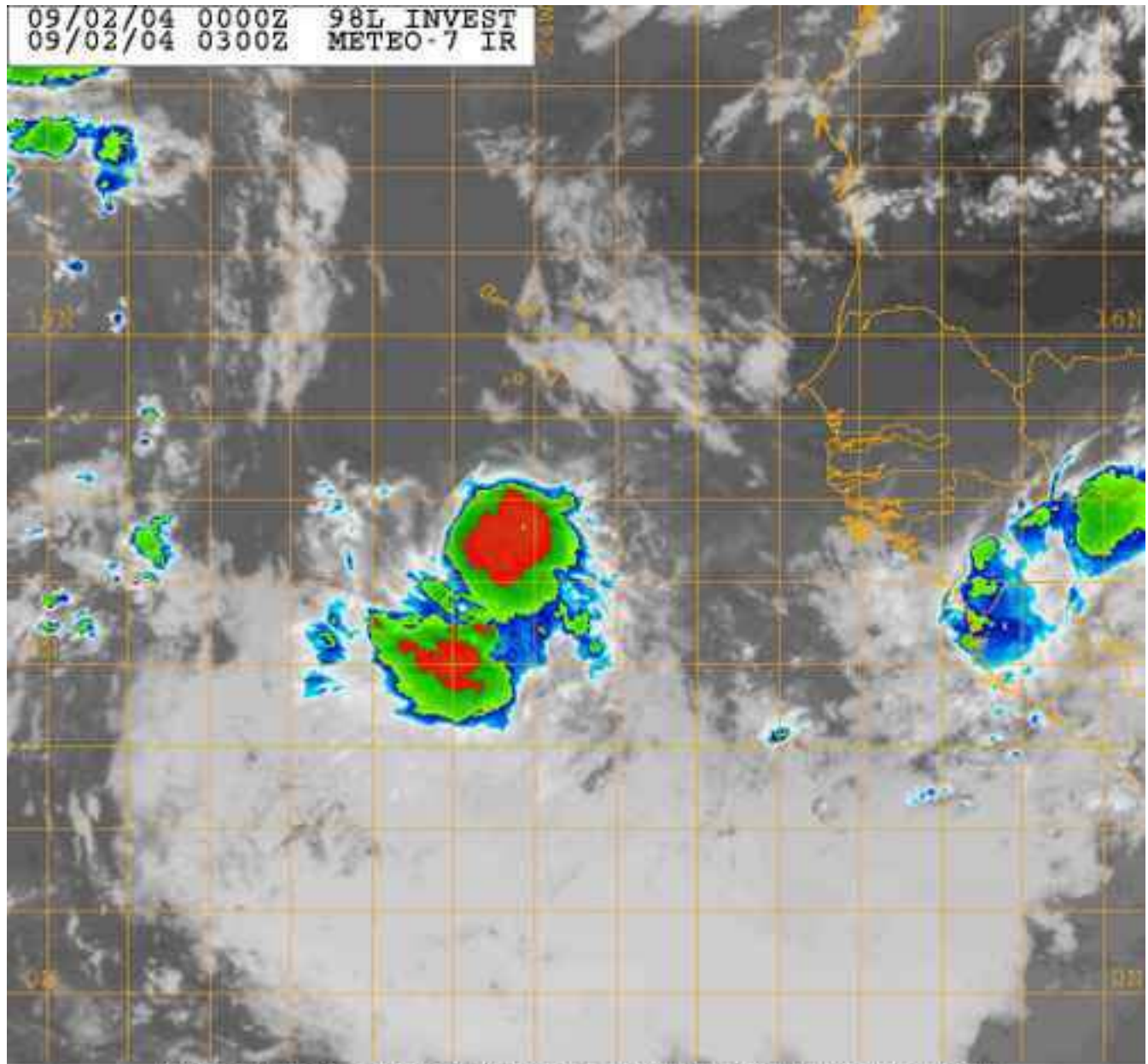
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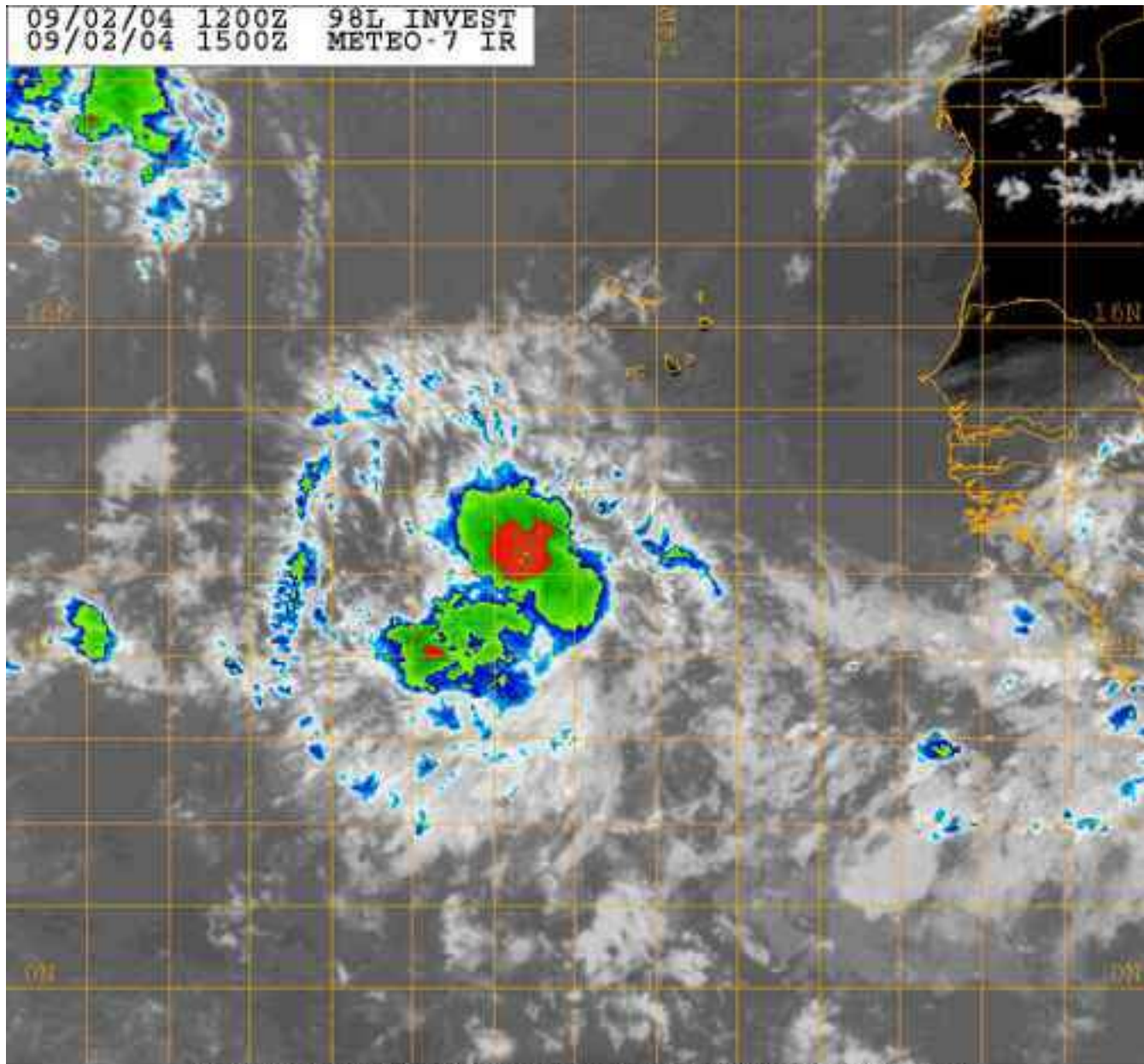
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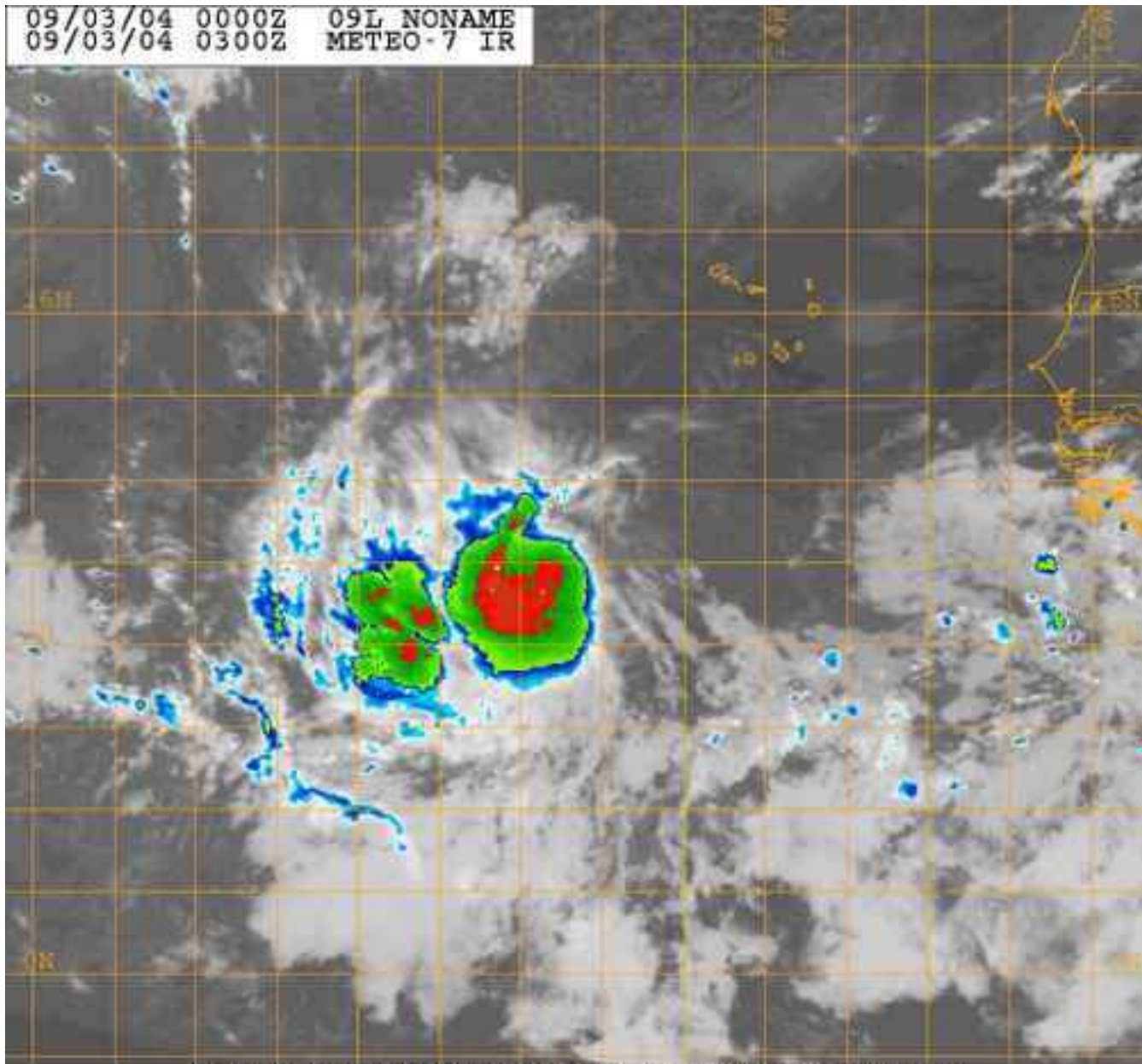
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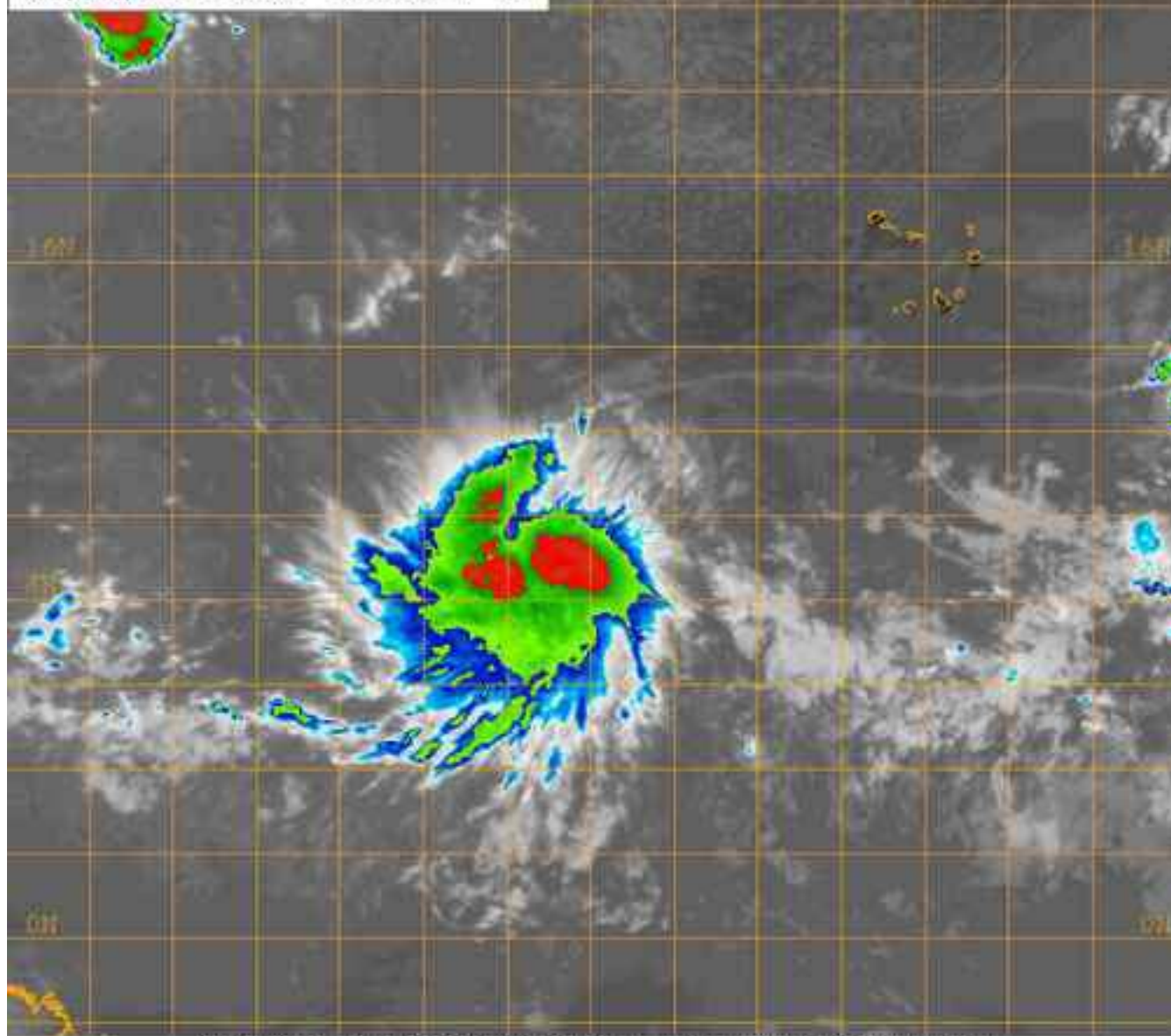
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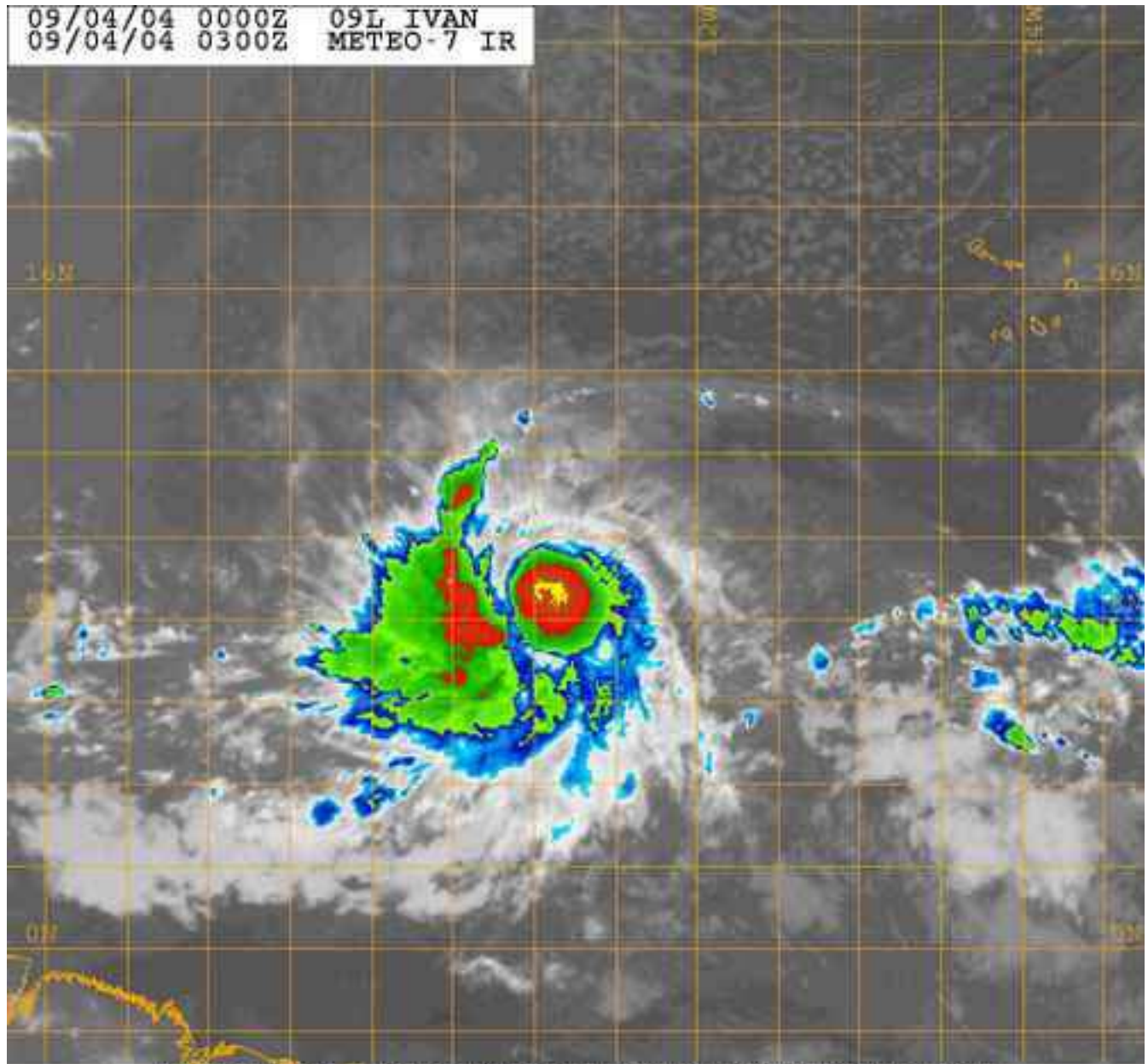
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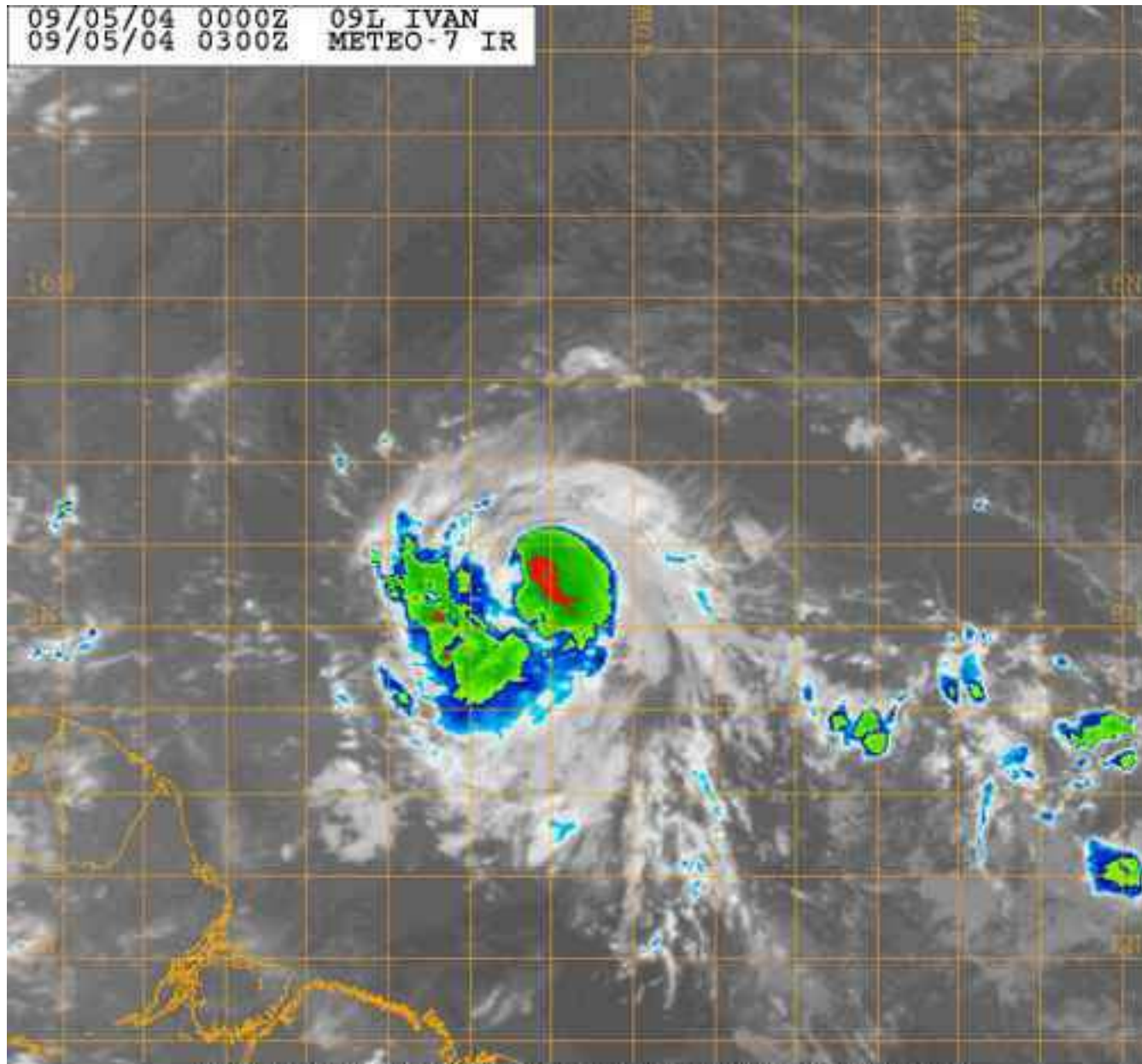
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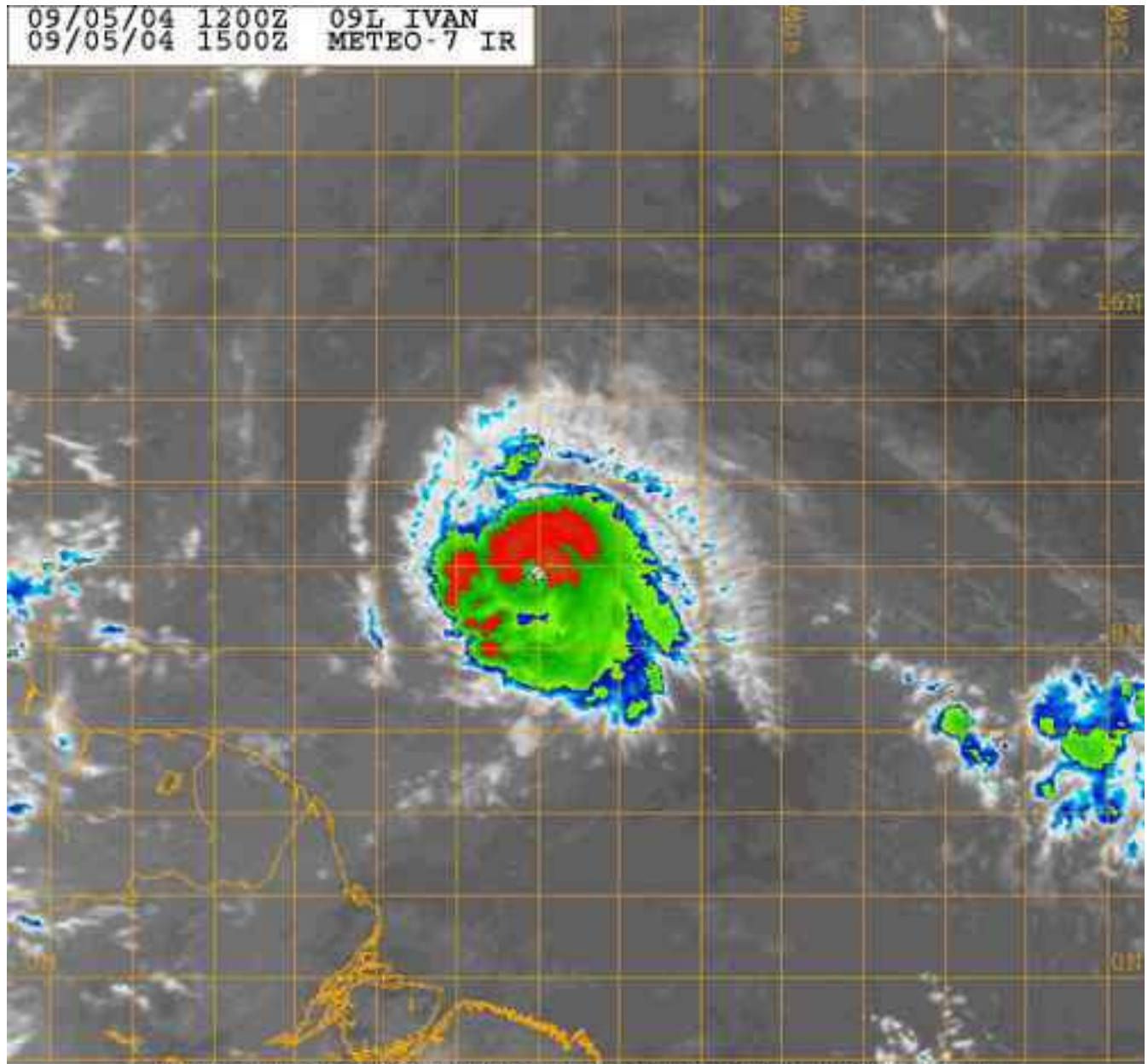
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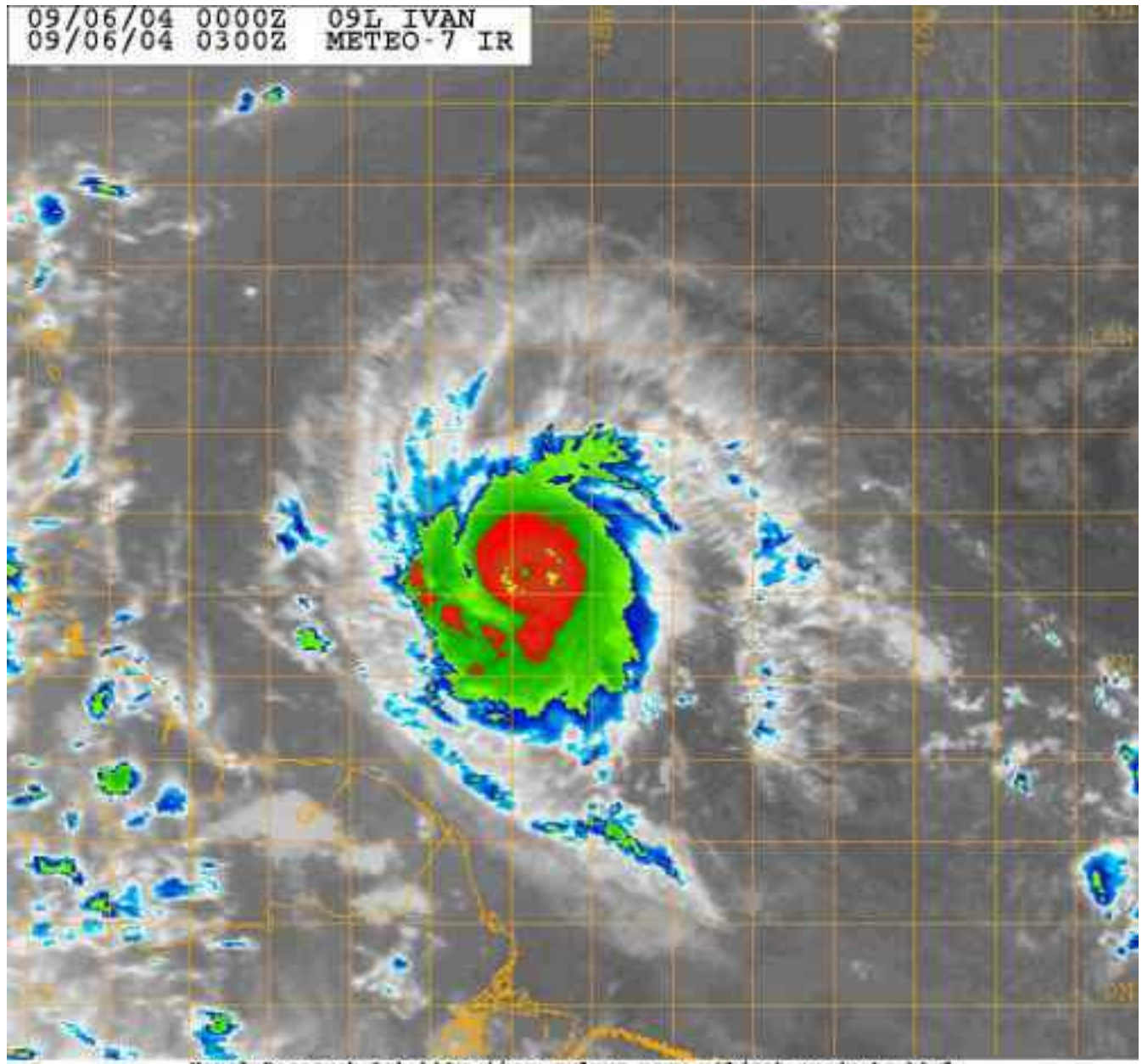
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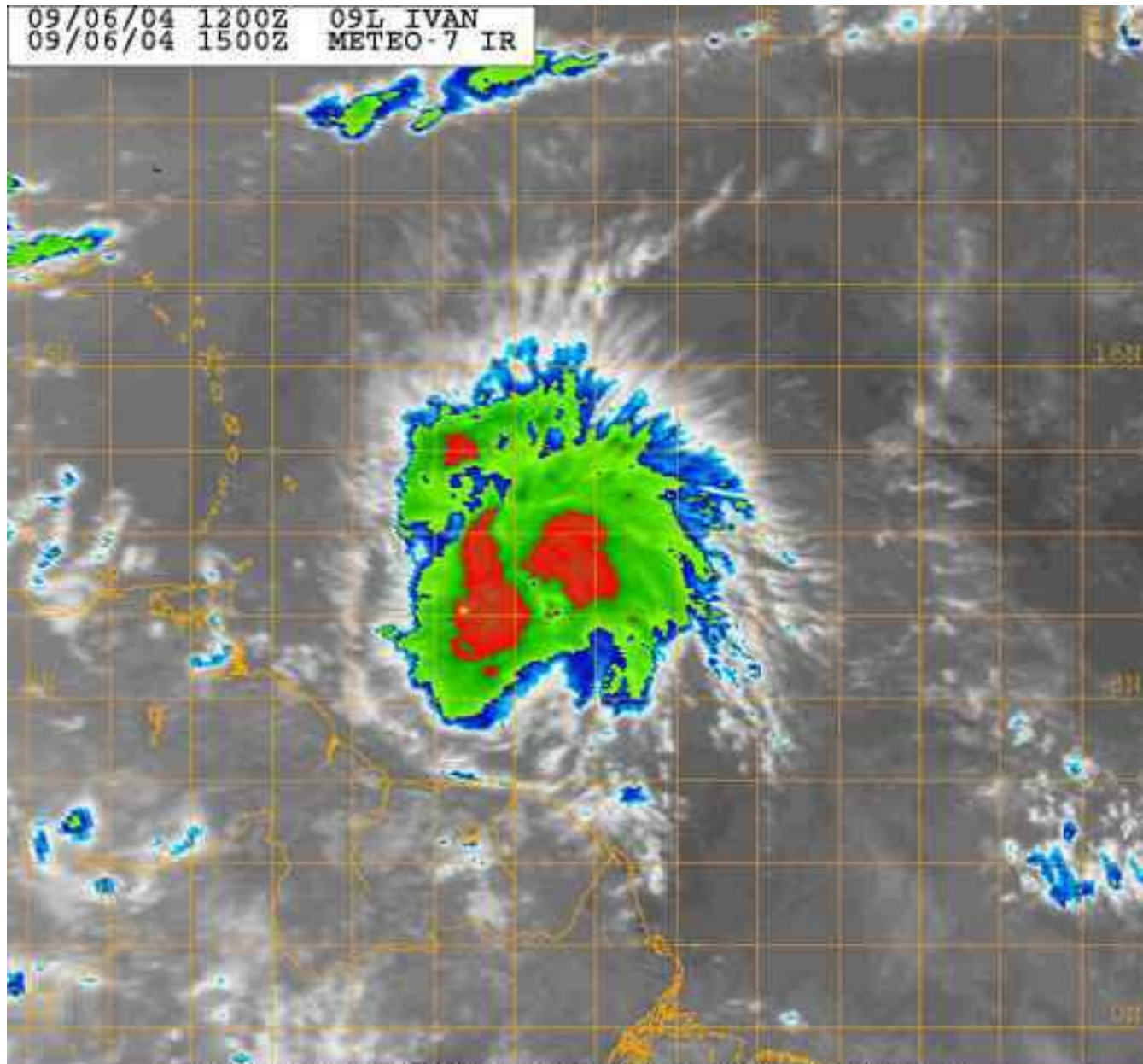
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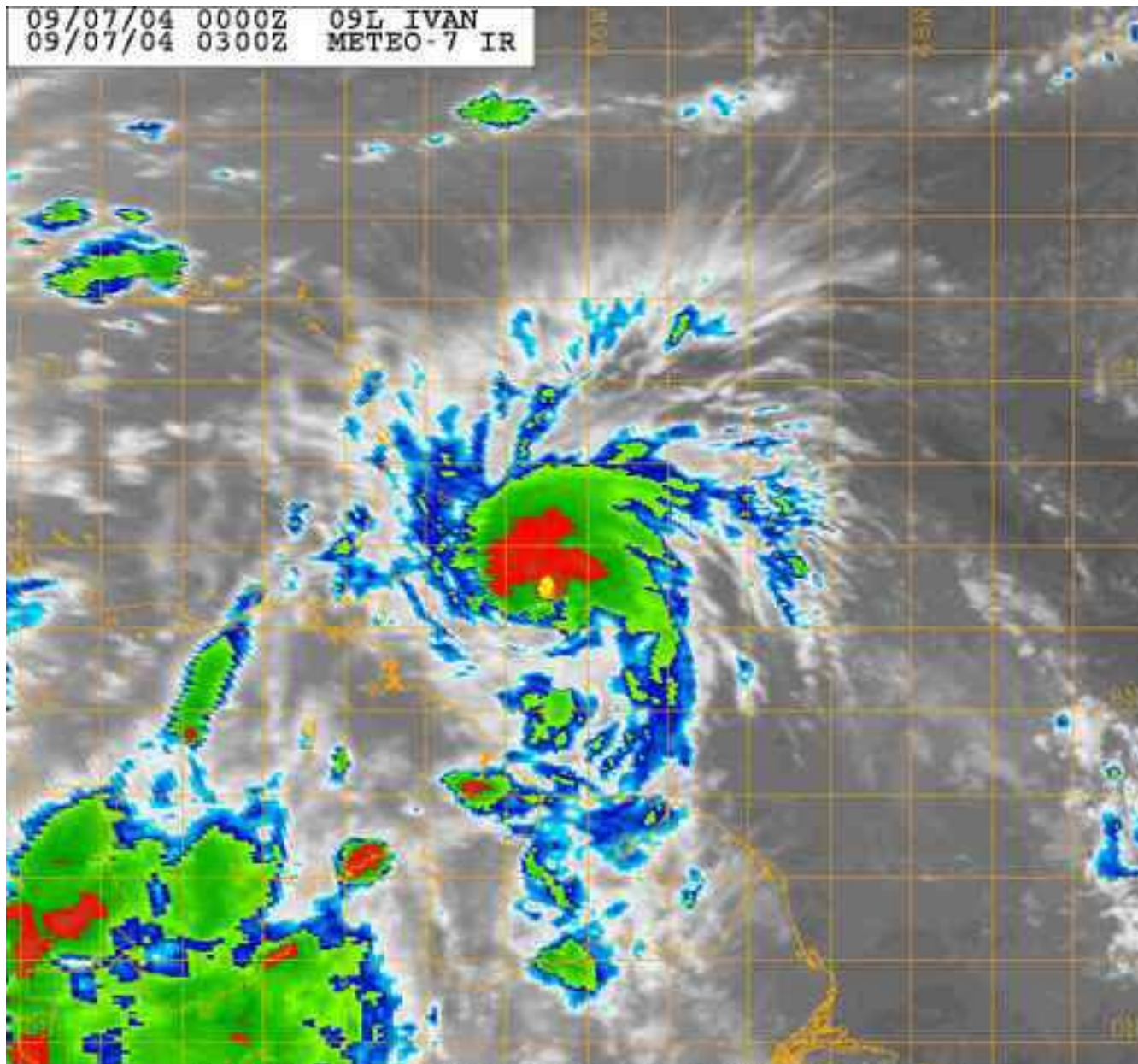
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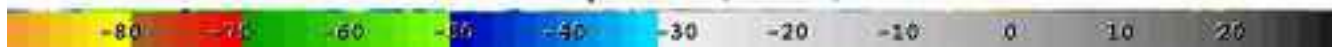
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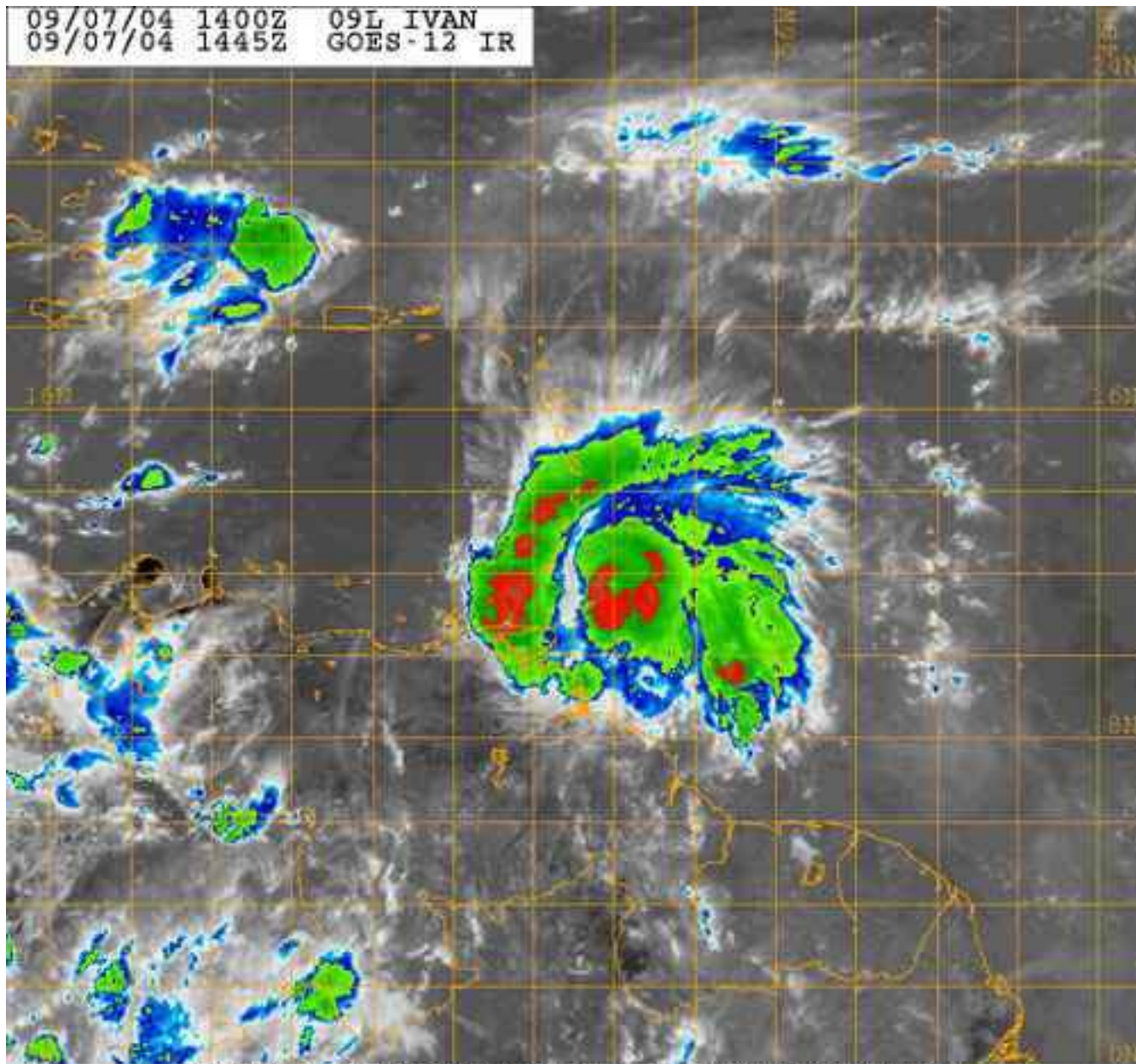
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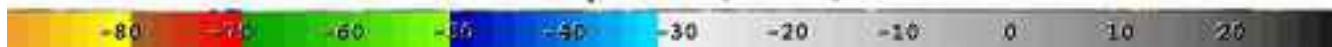
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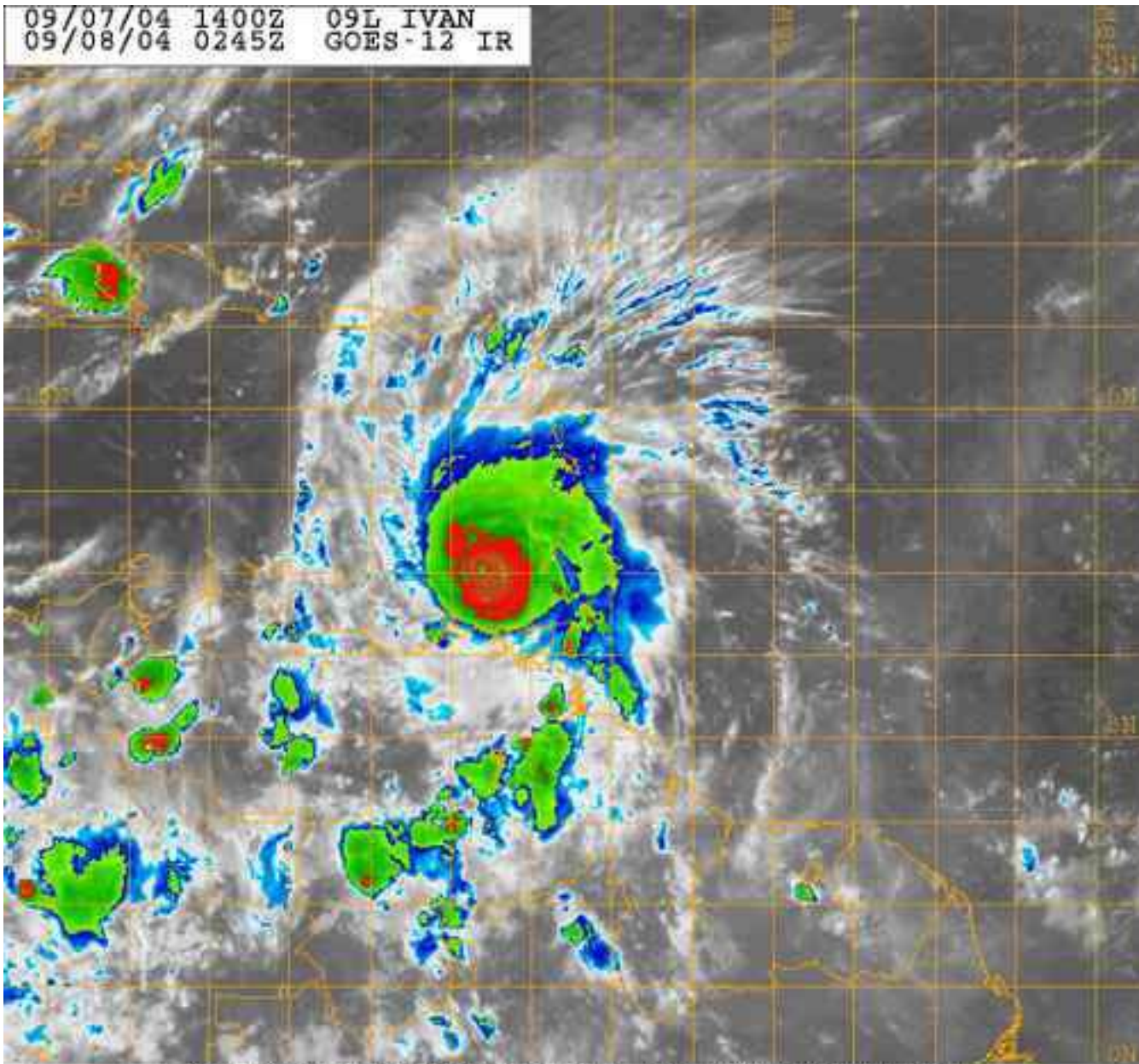
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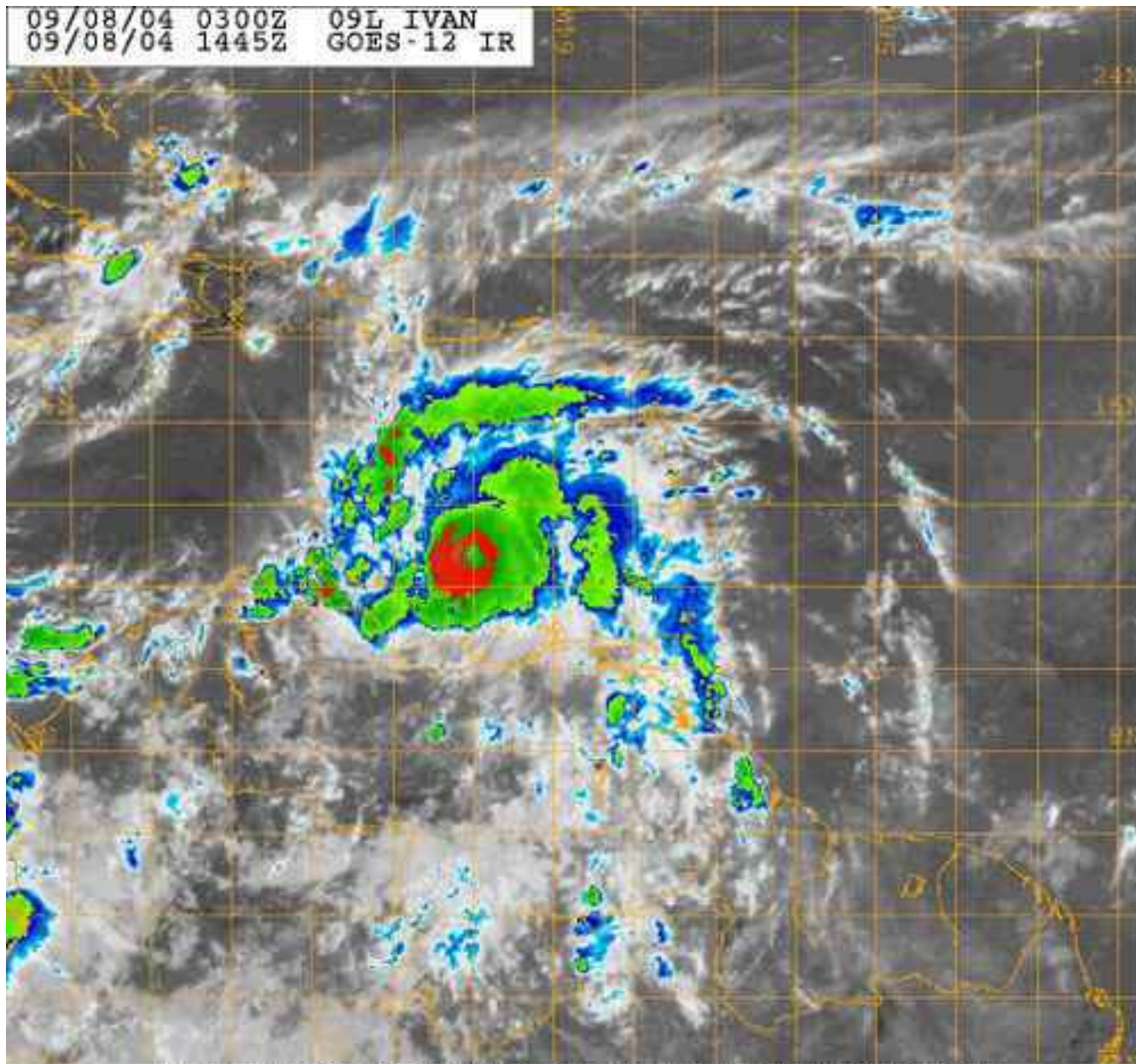
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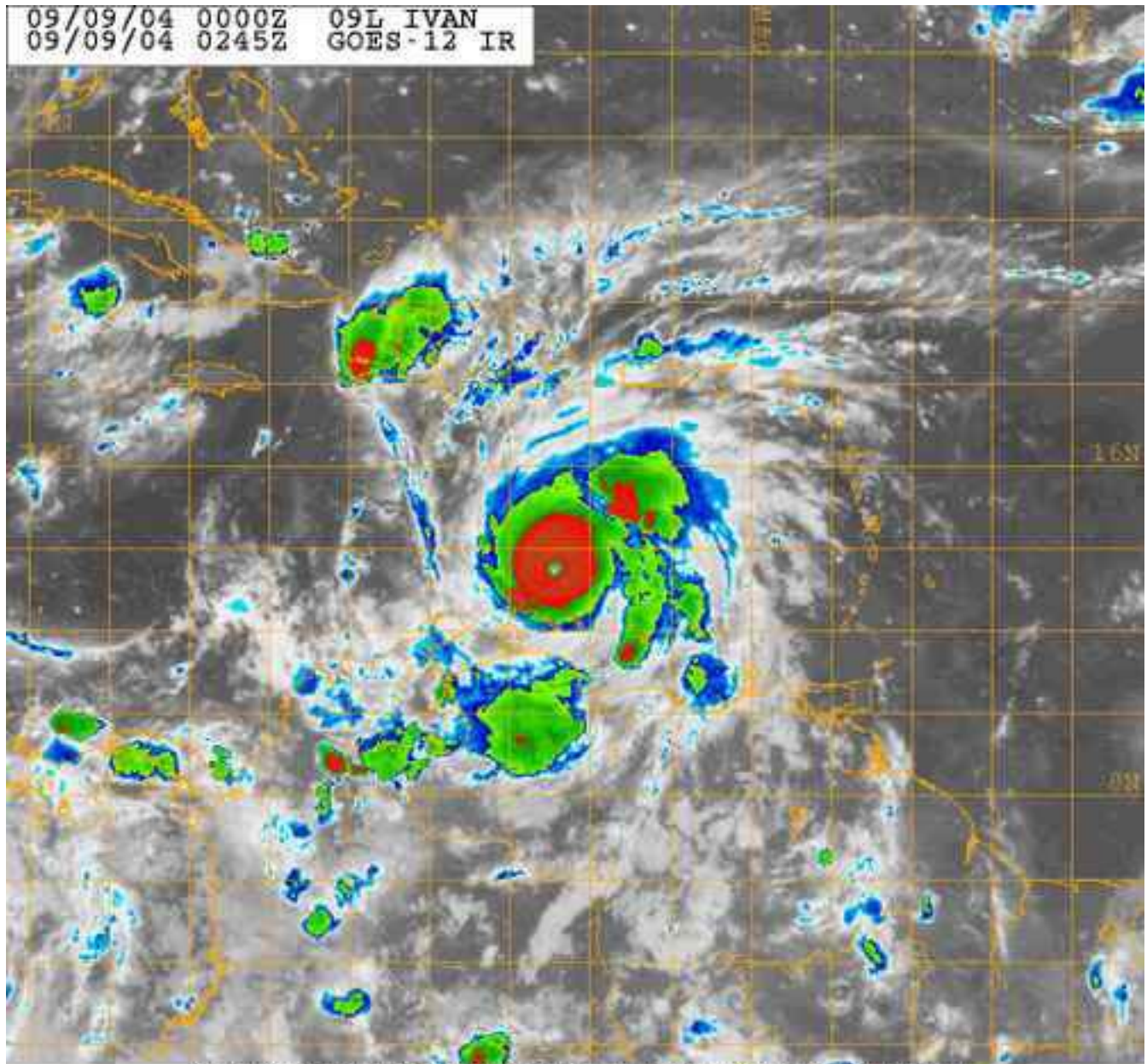
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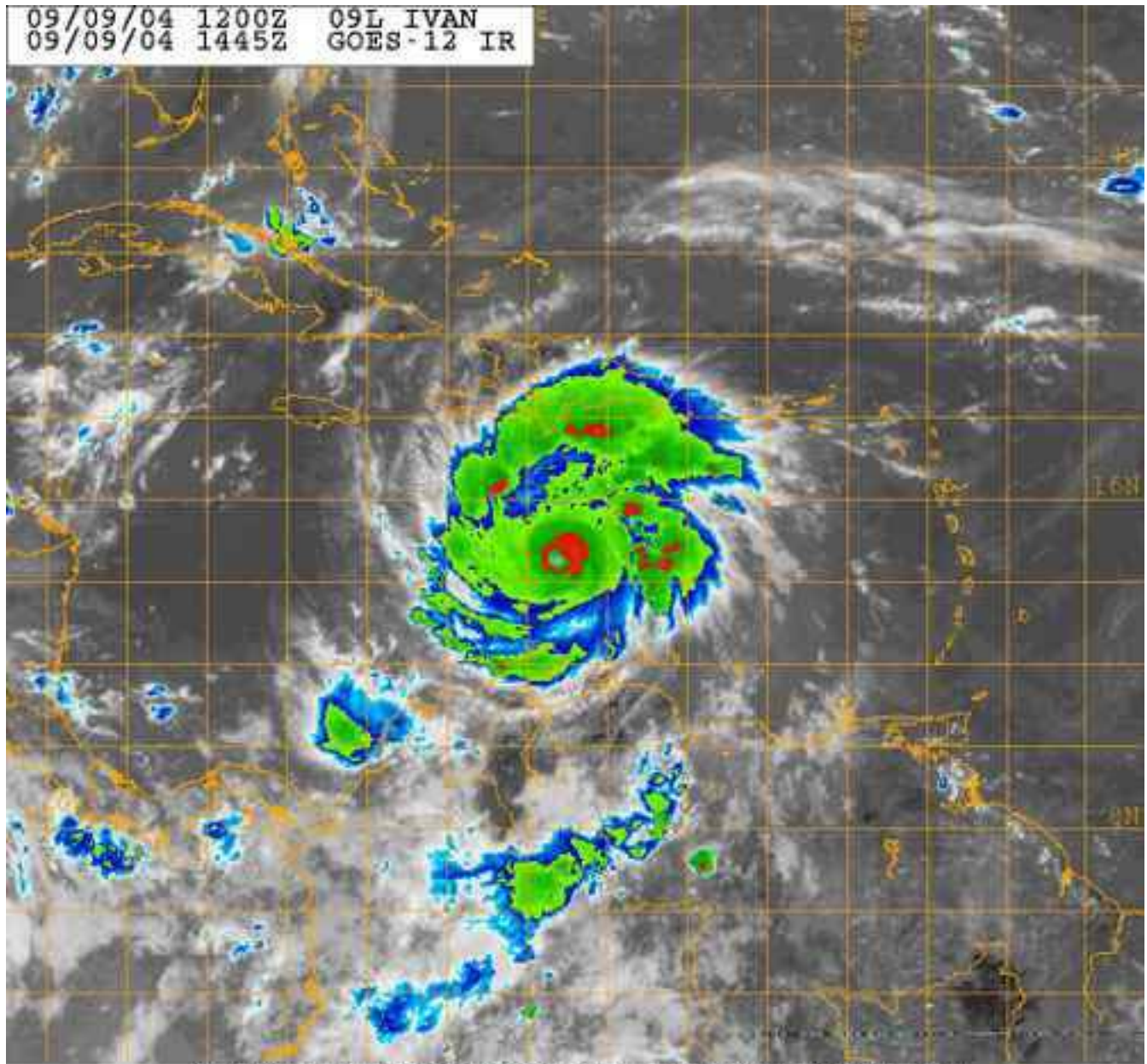
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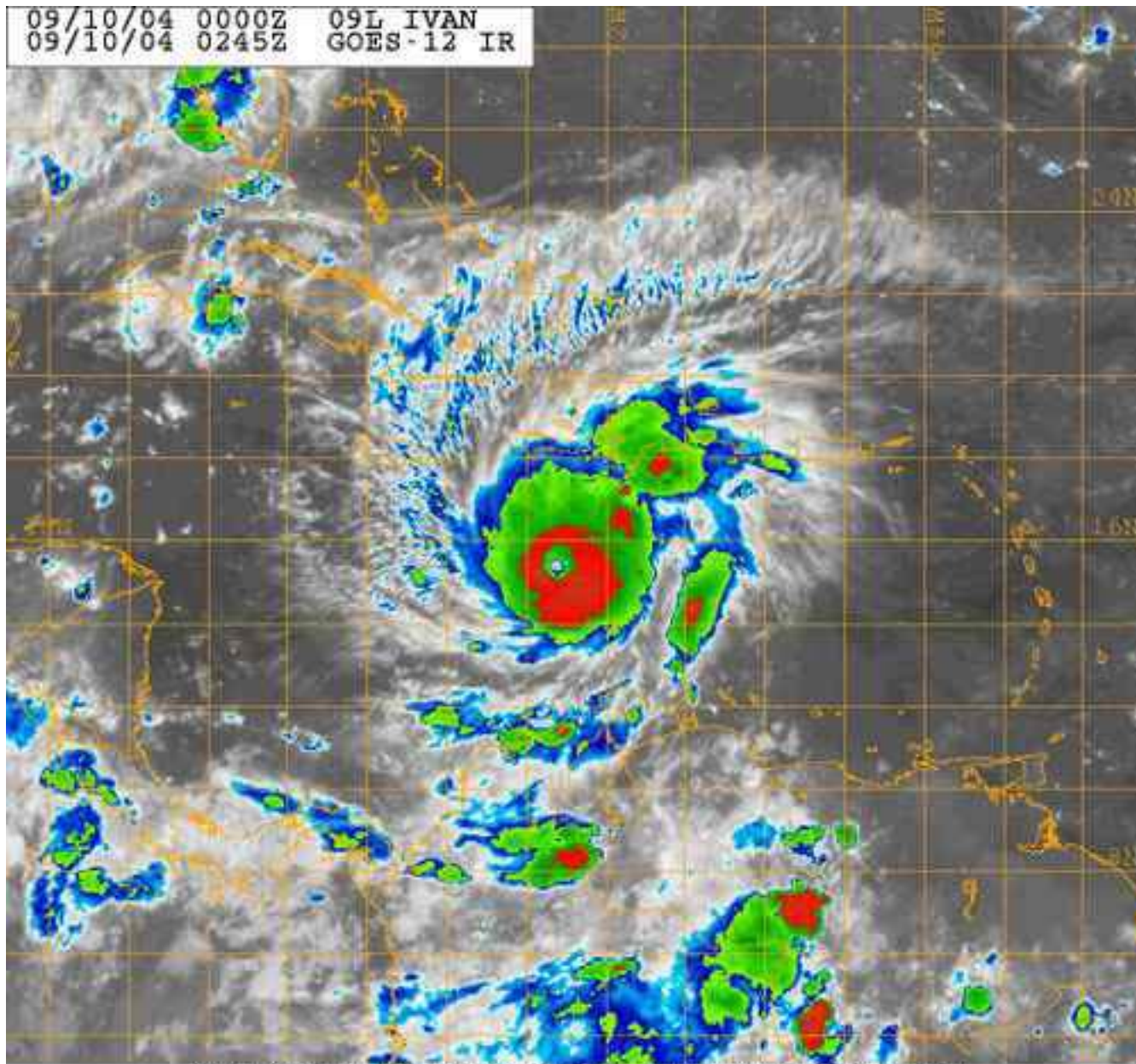
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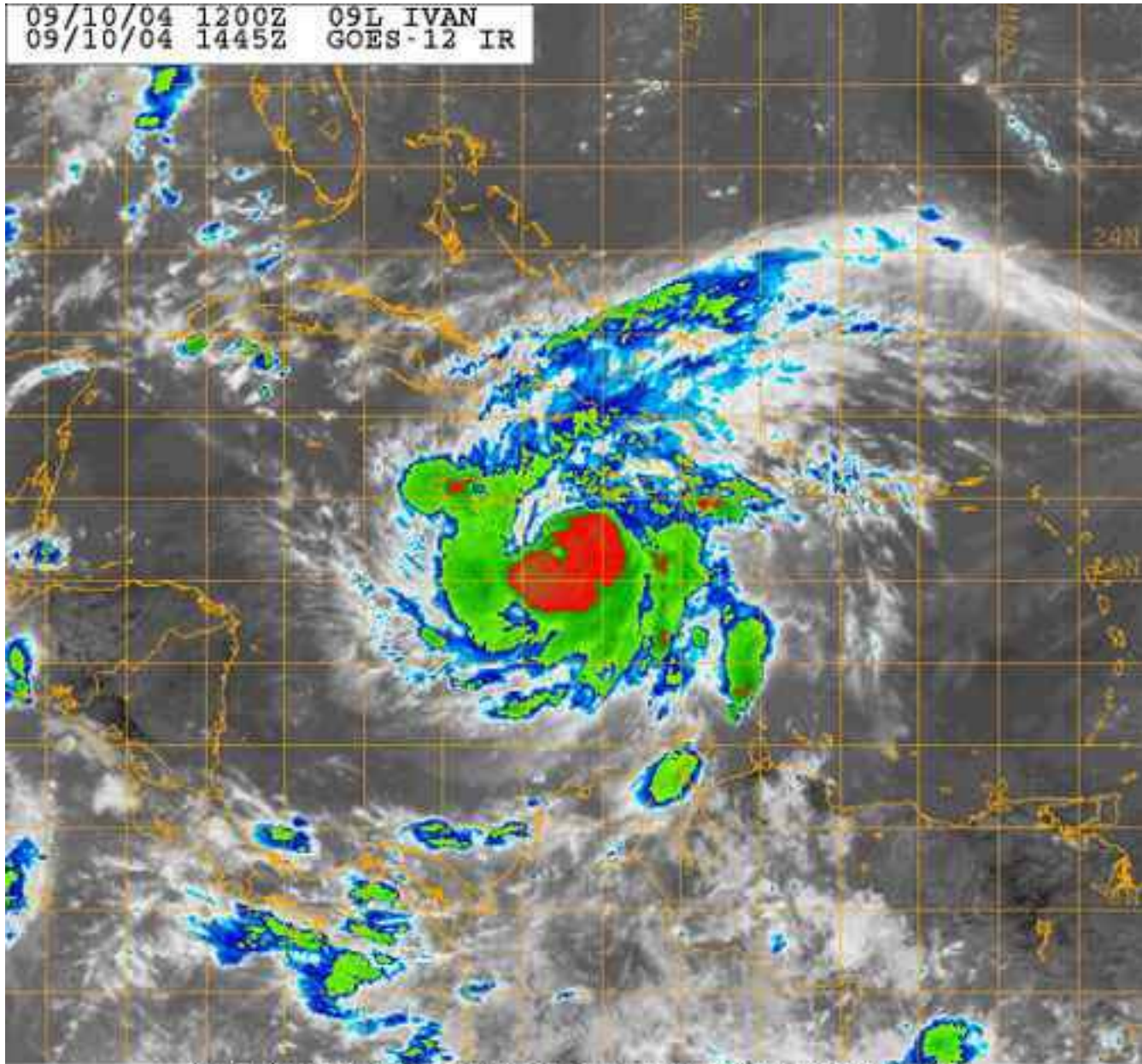
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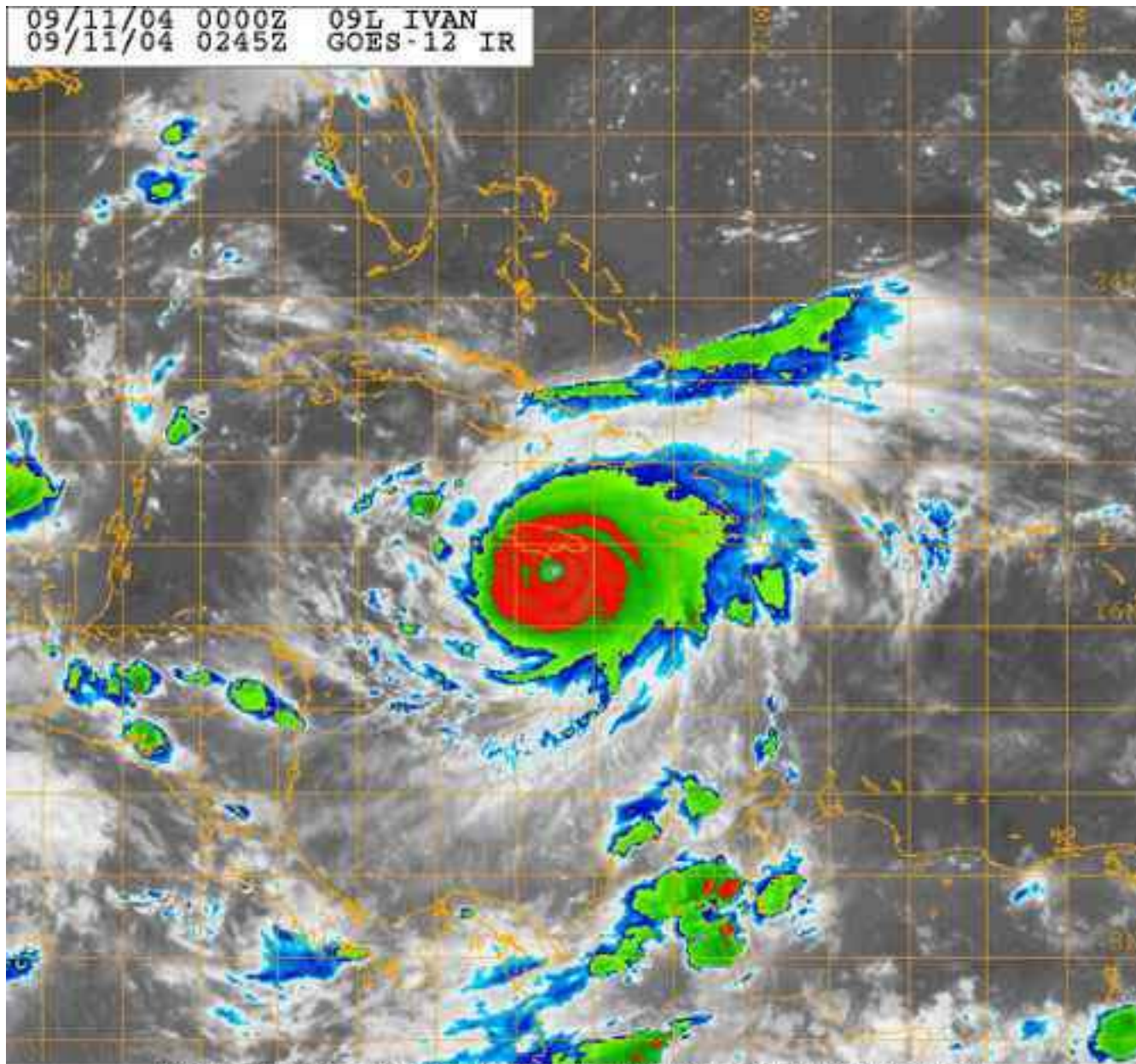
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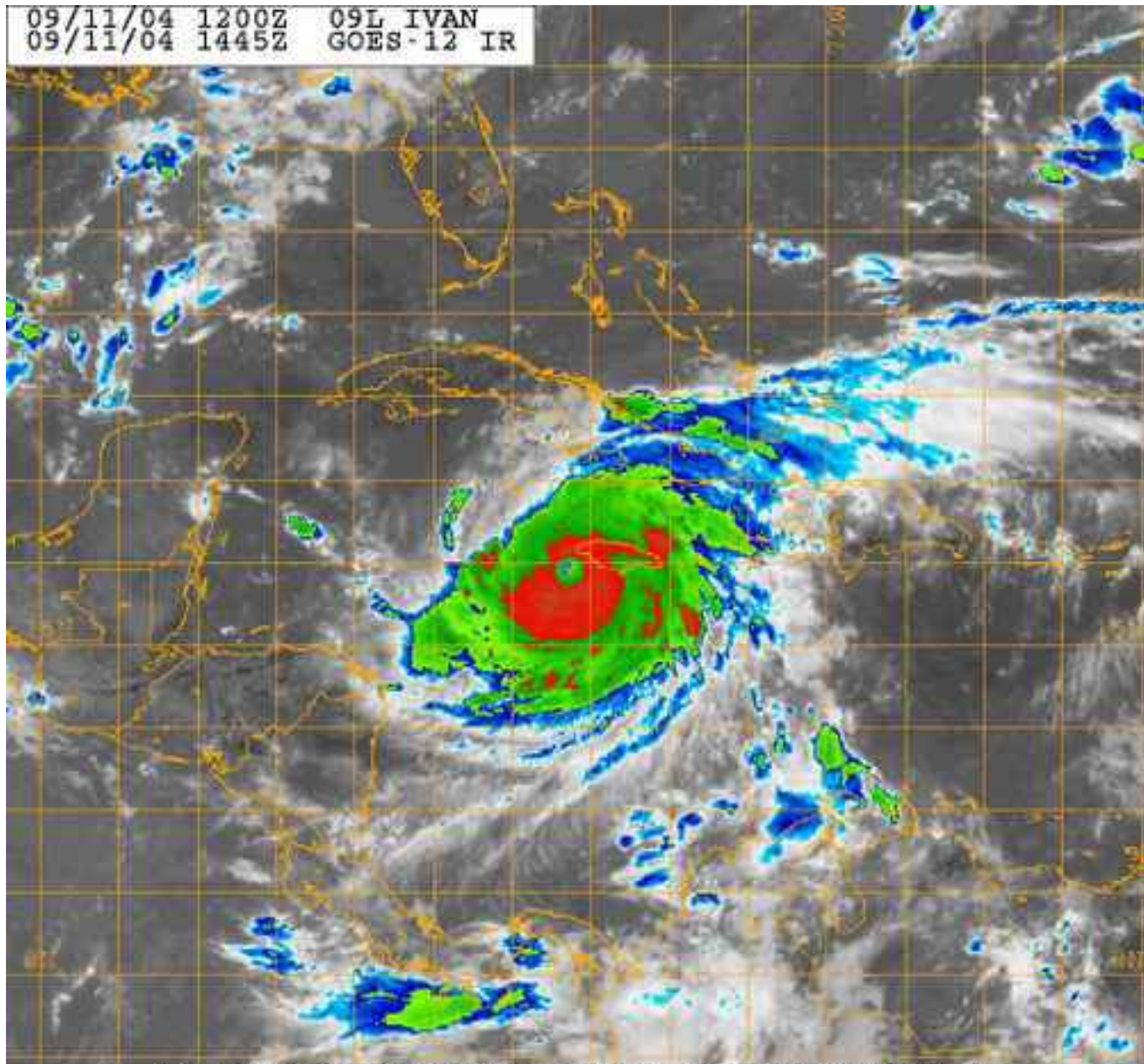
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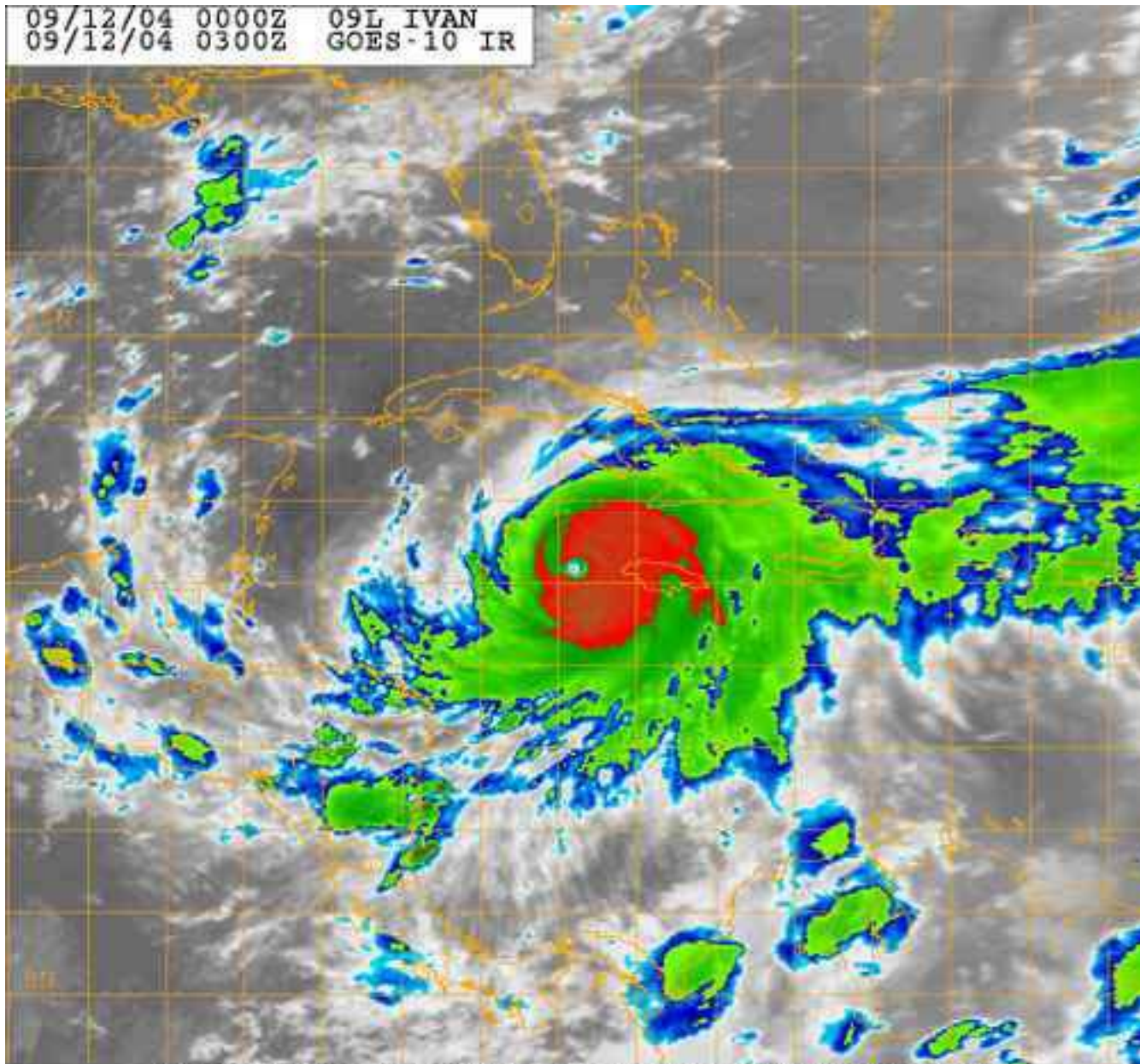
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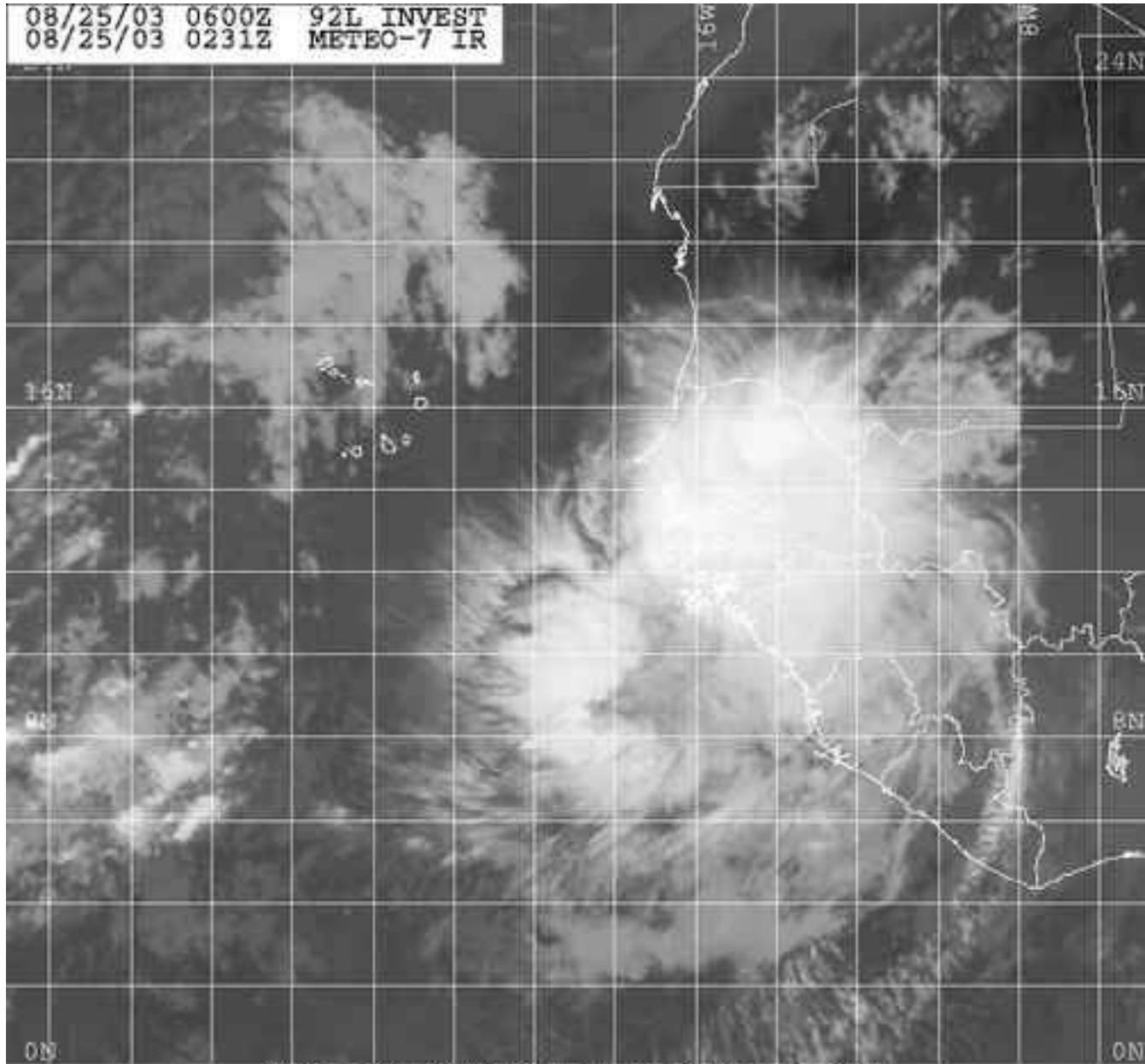


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Genesis as seen in satellite and
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Fabian, 2003

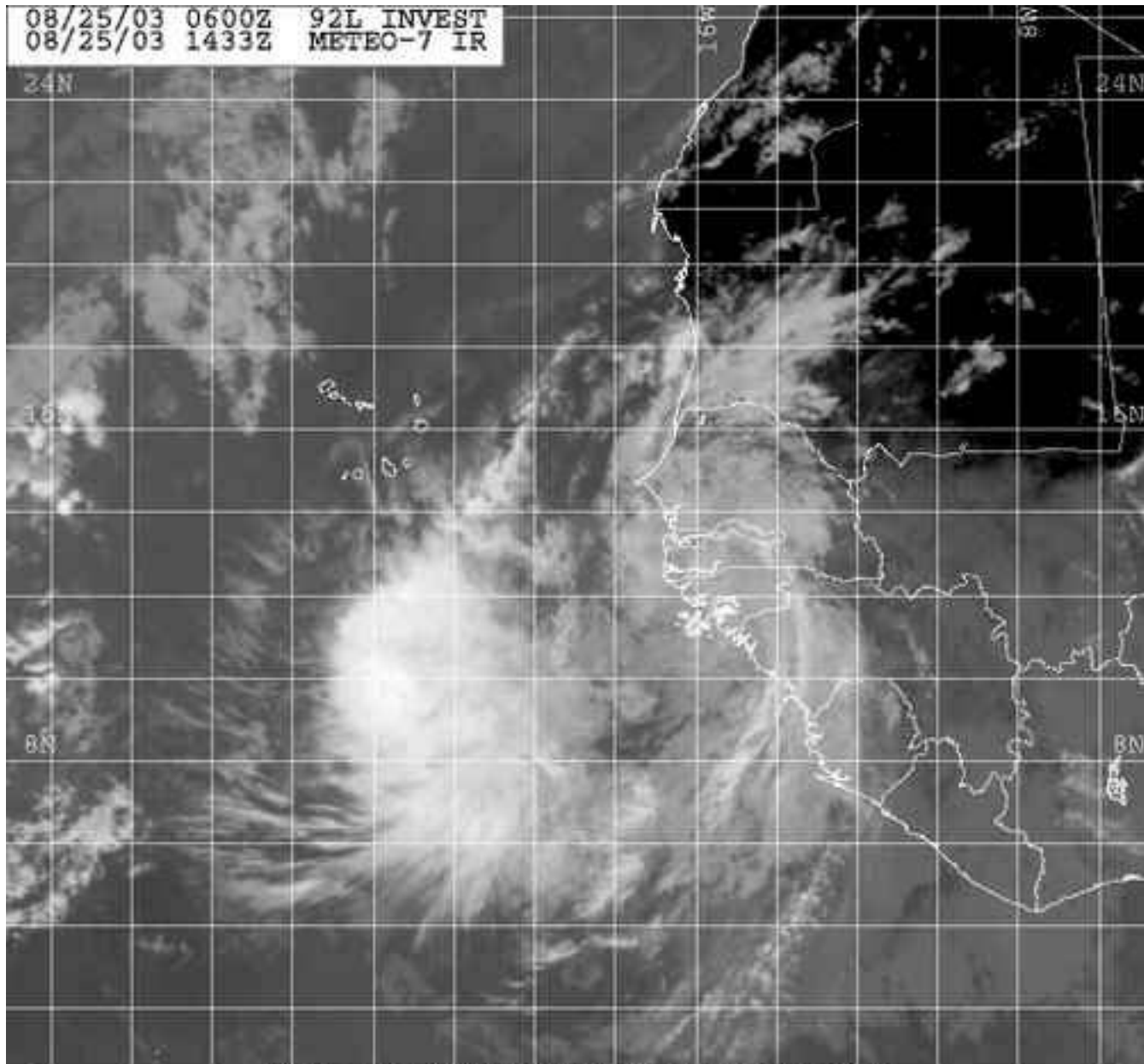
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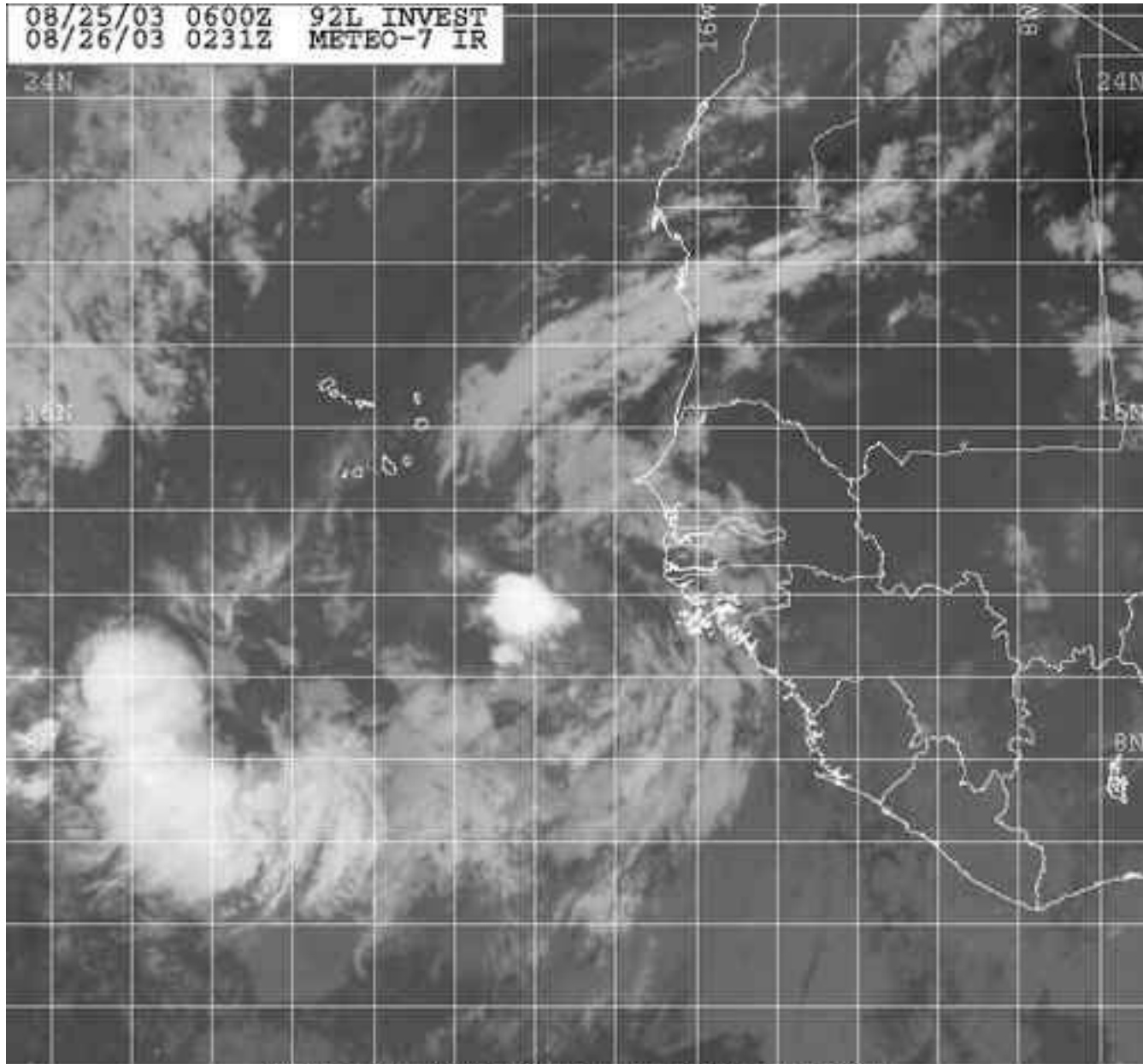
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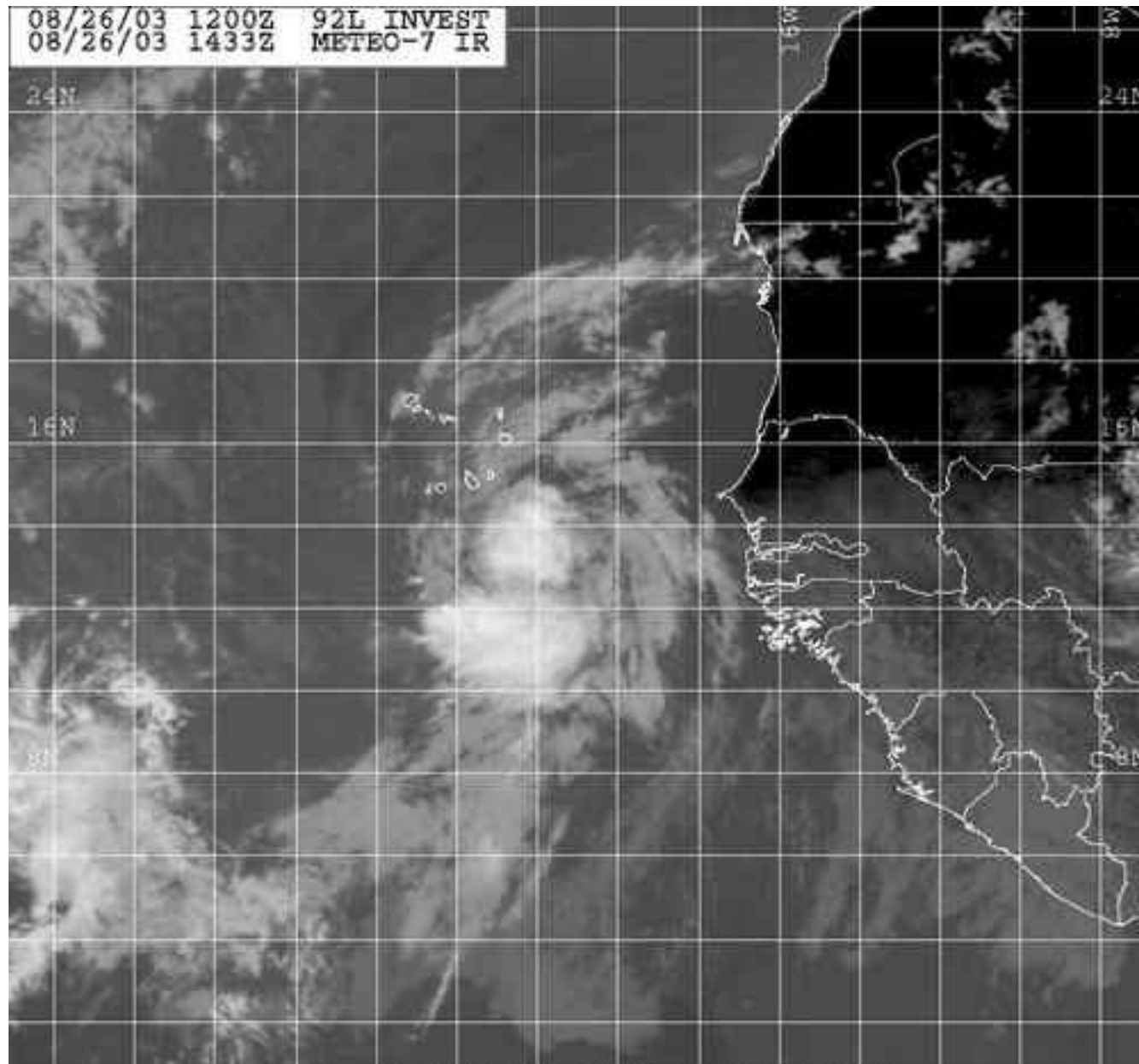
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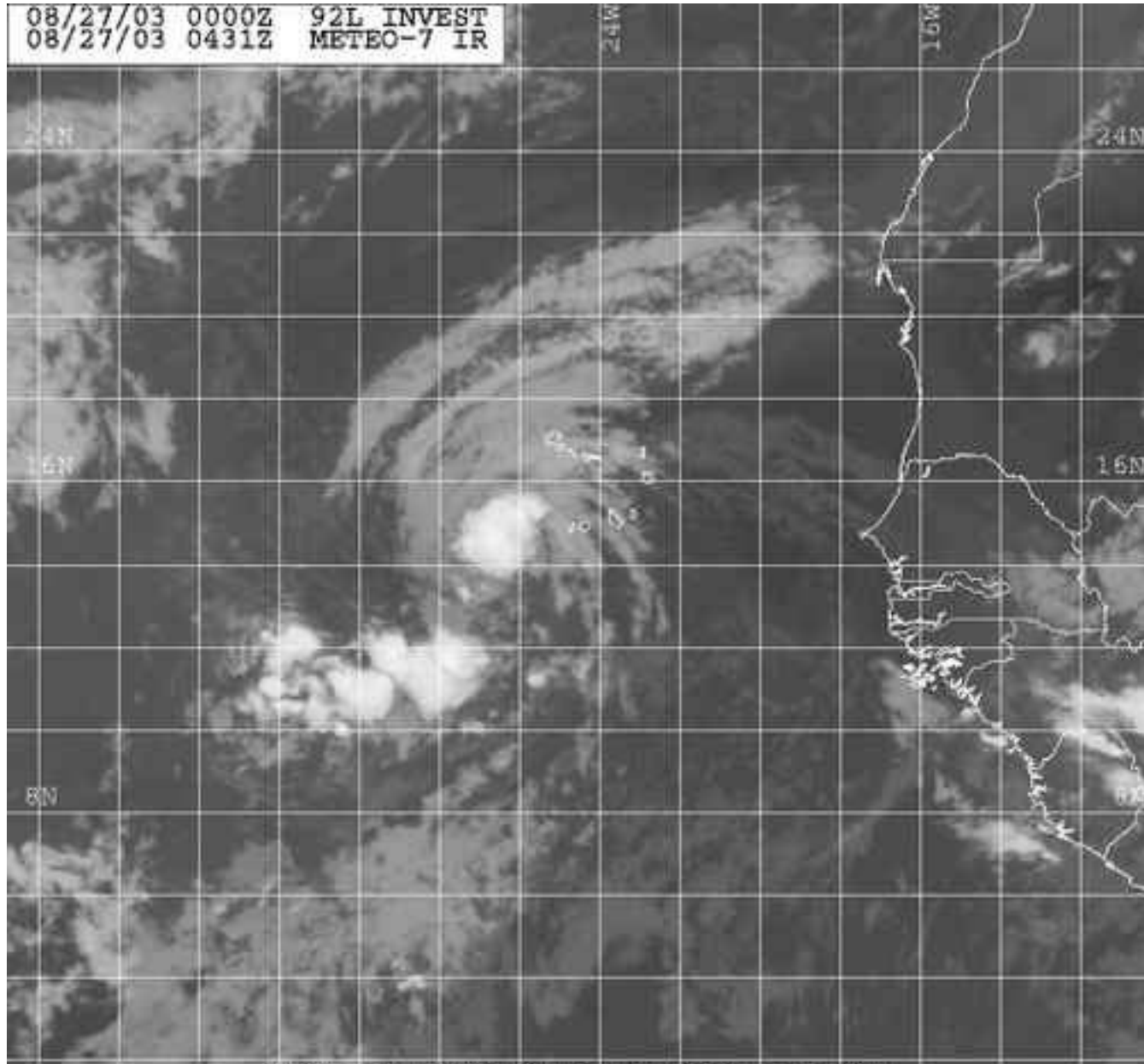
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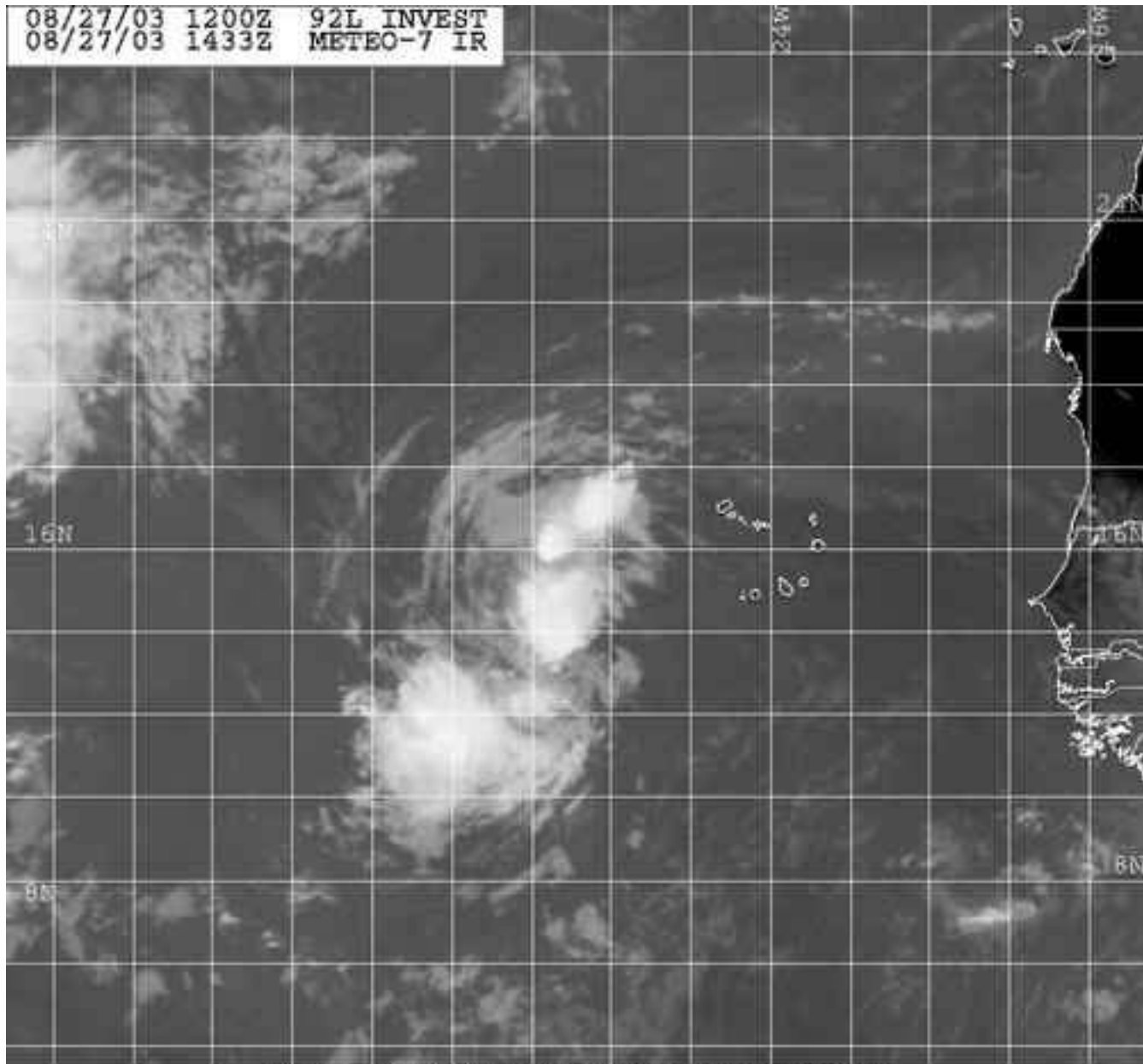
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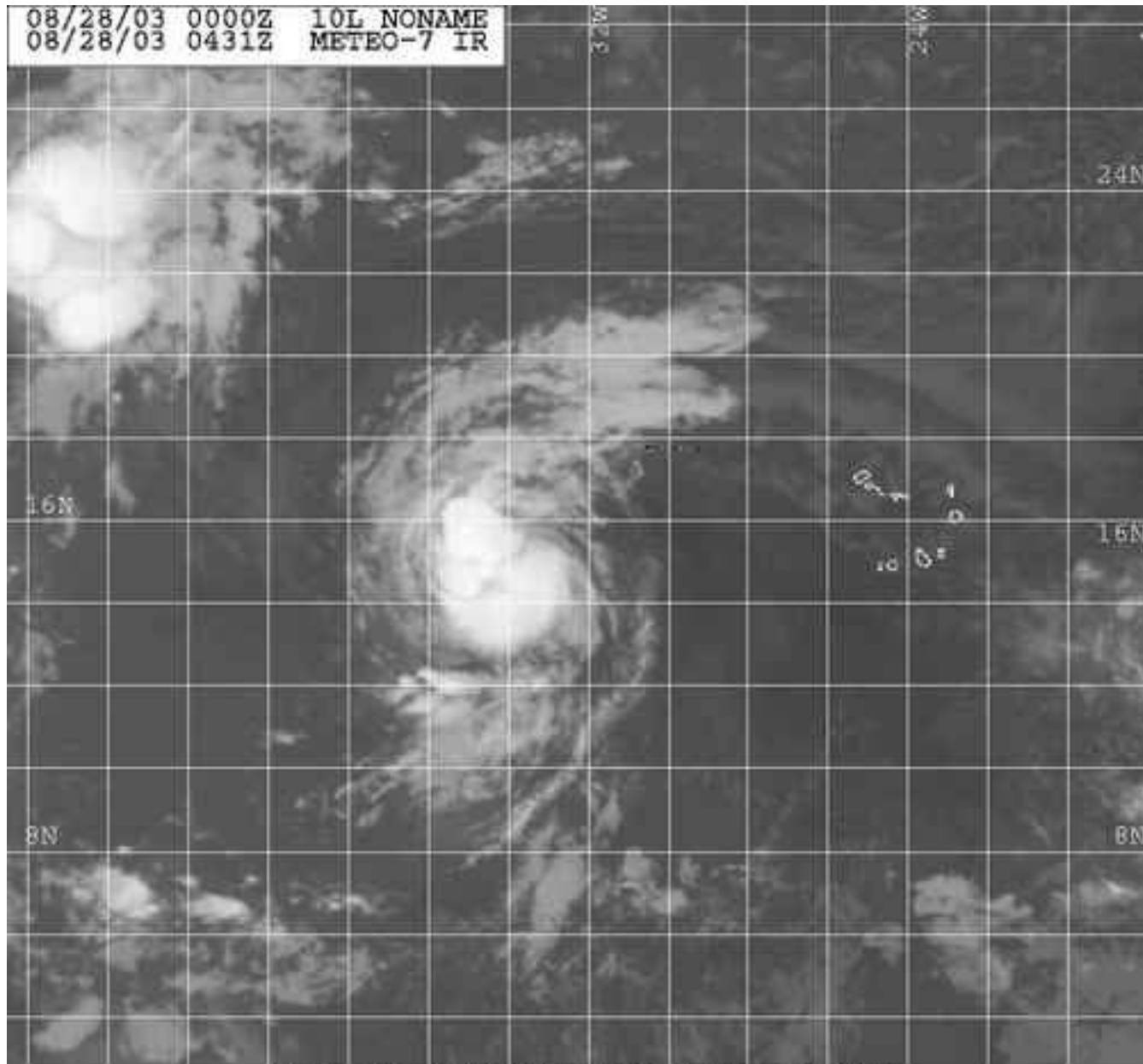
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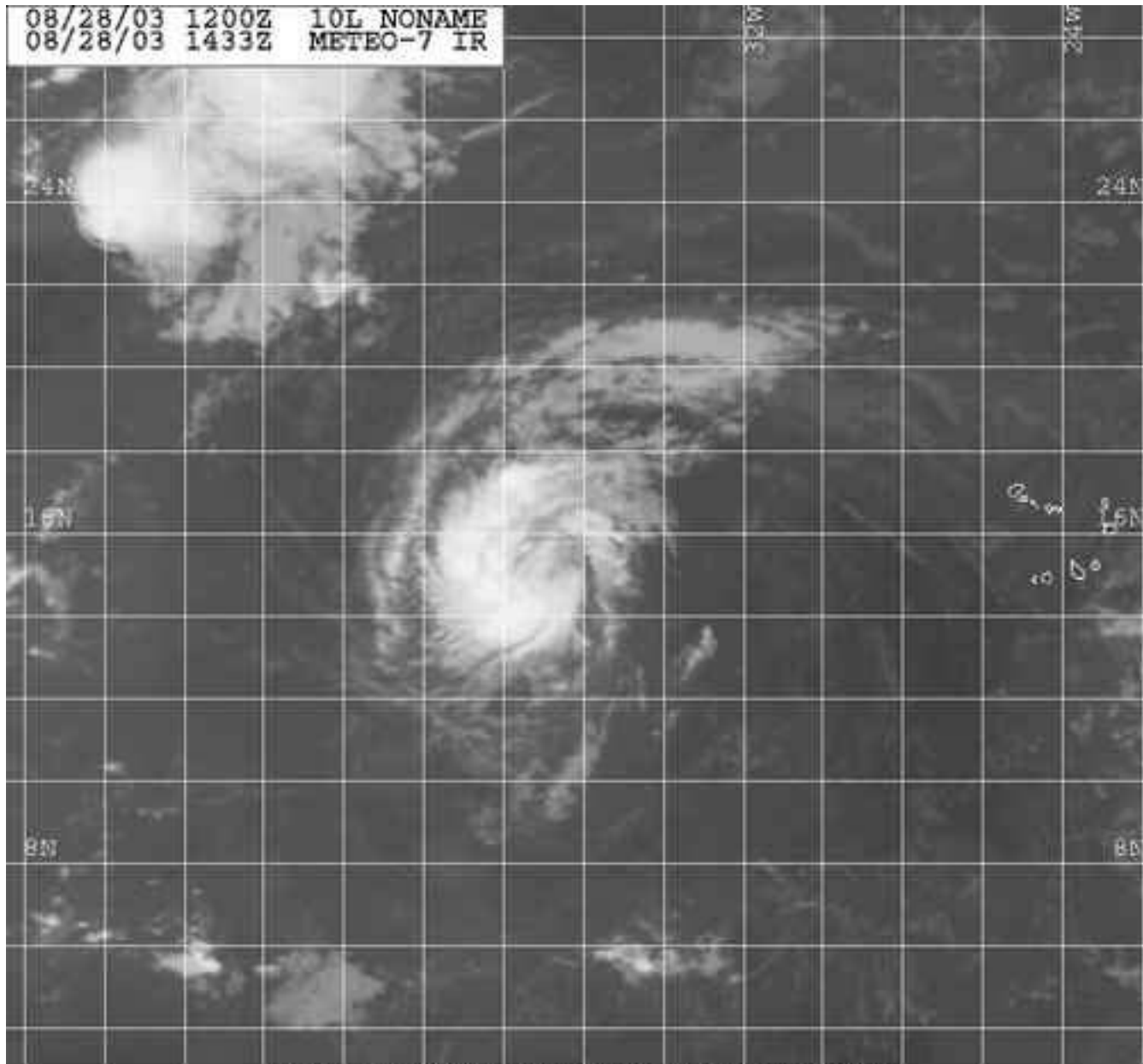
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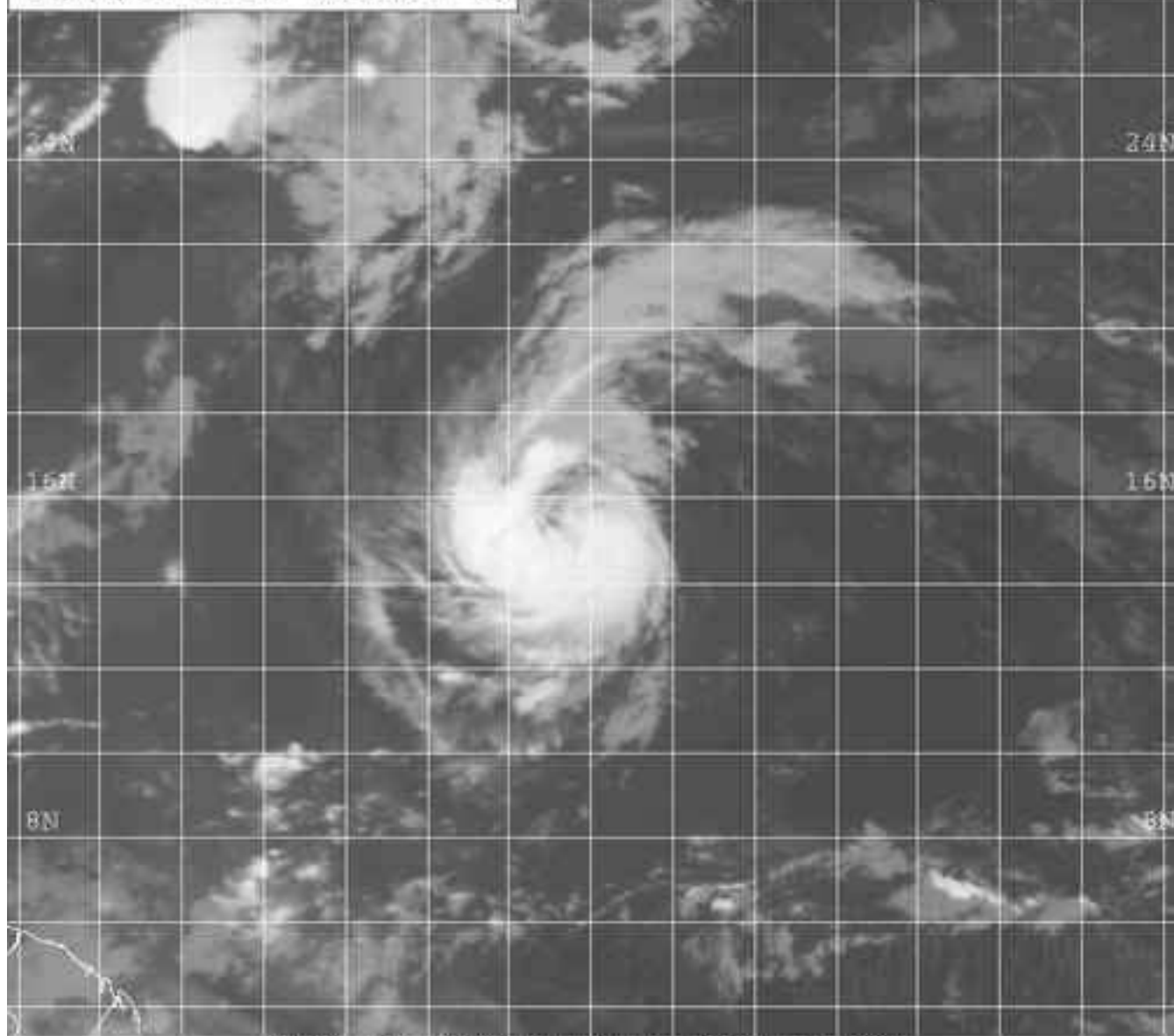
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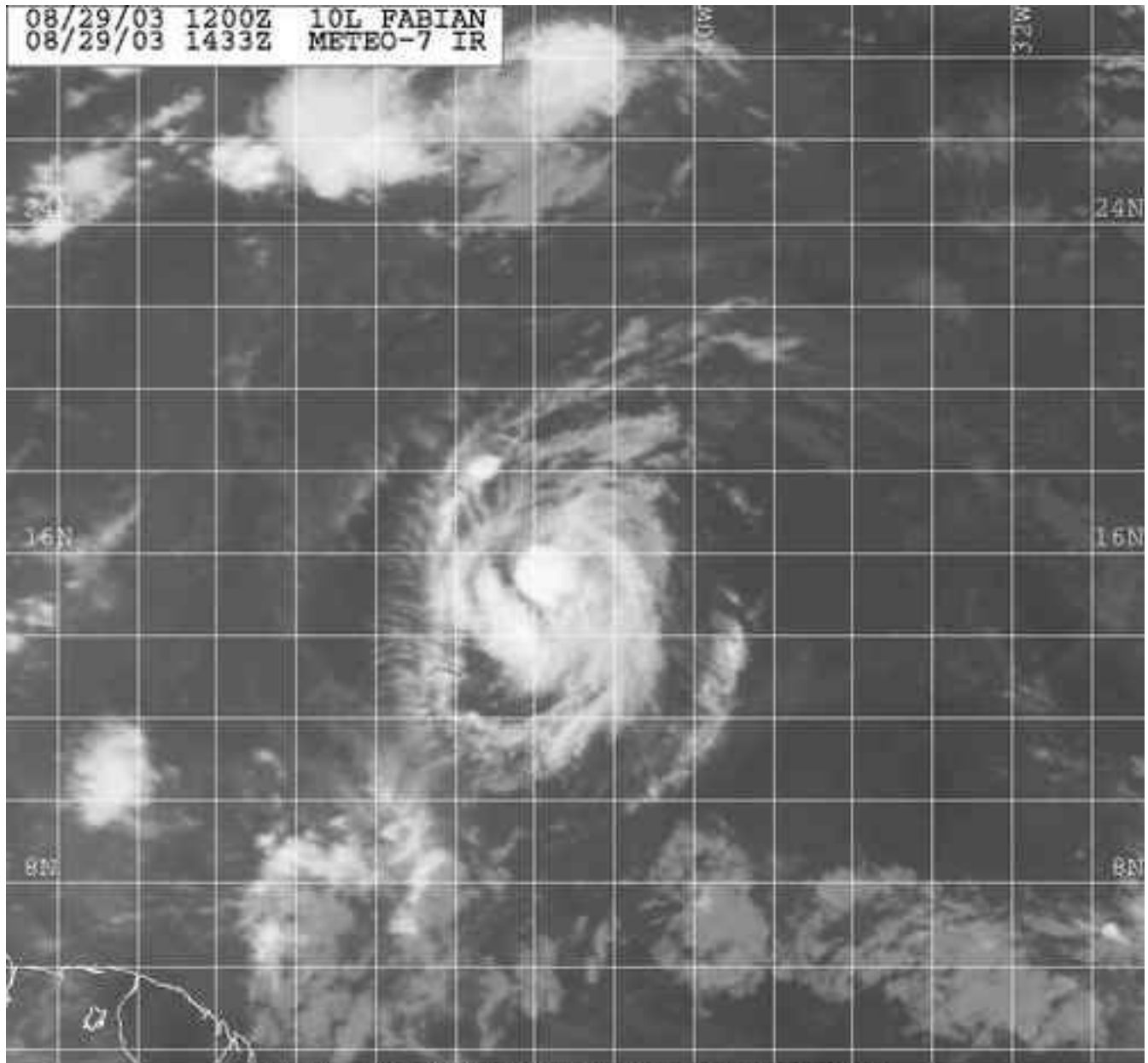
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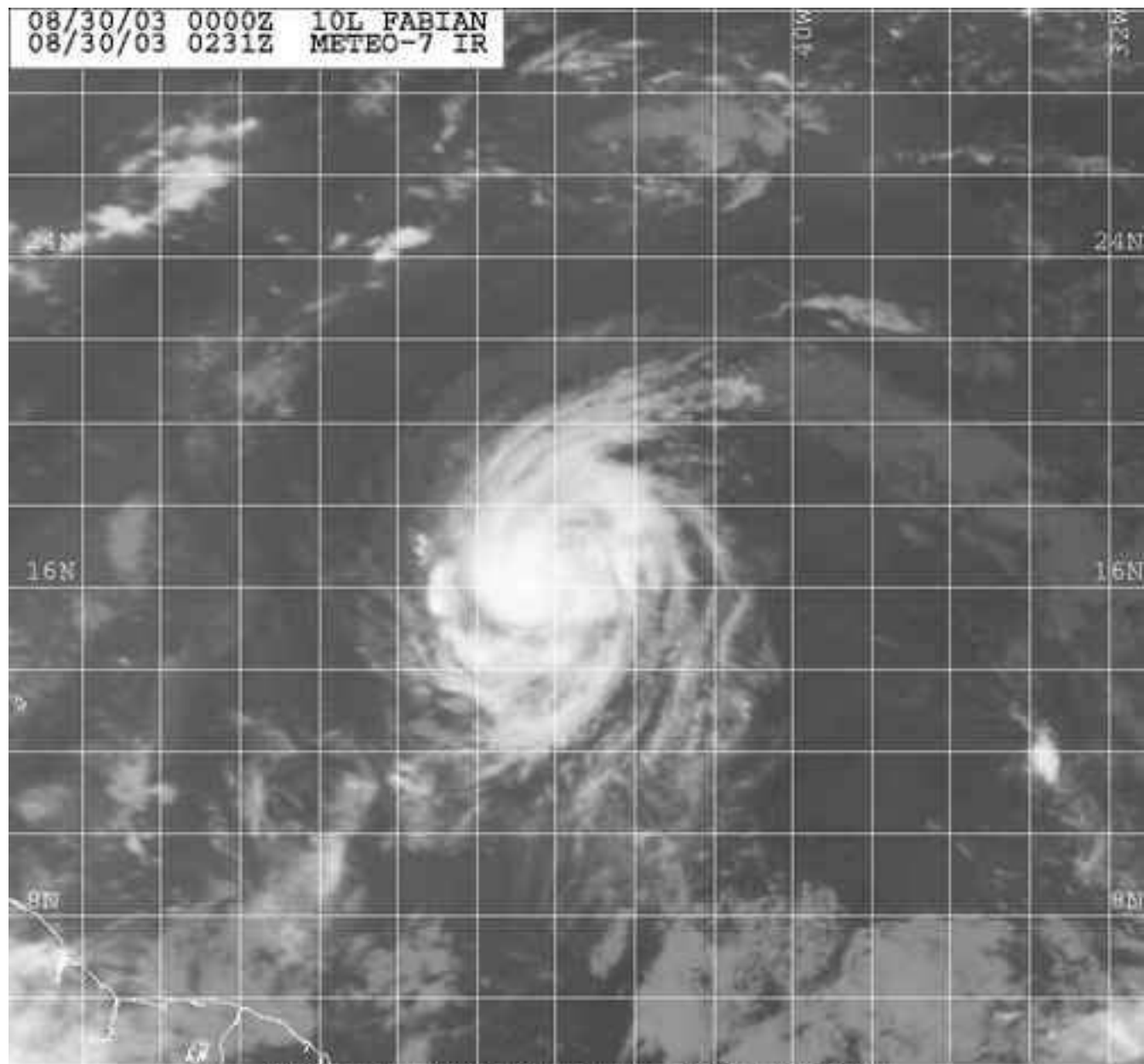
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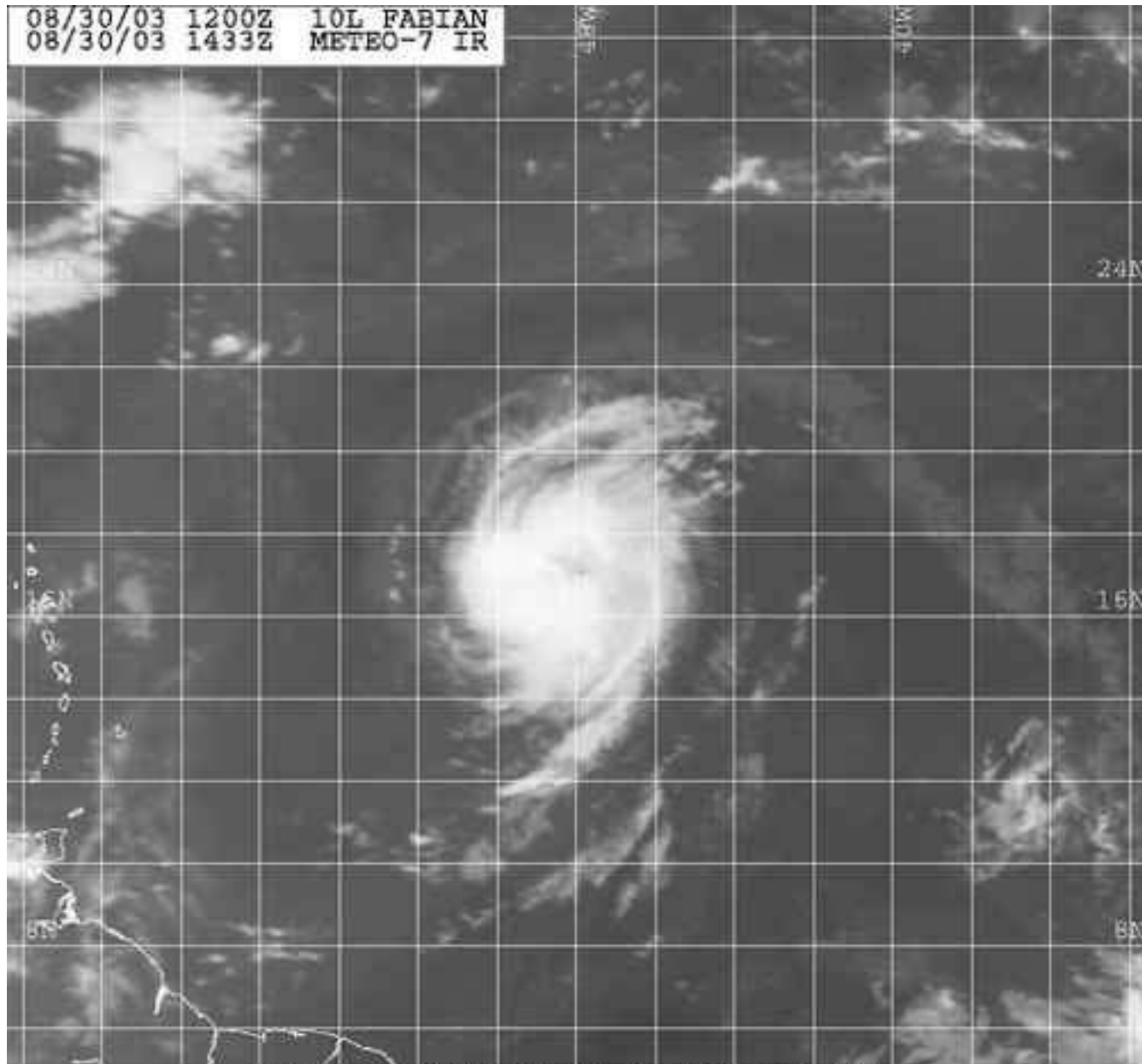
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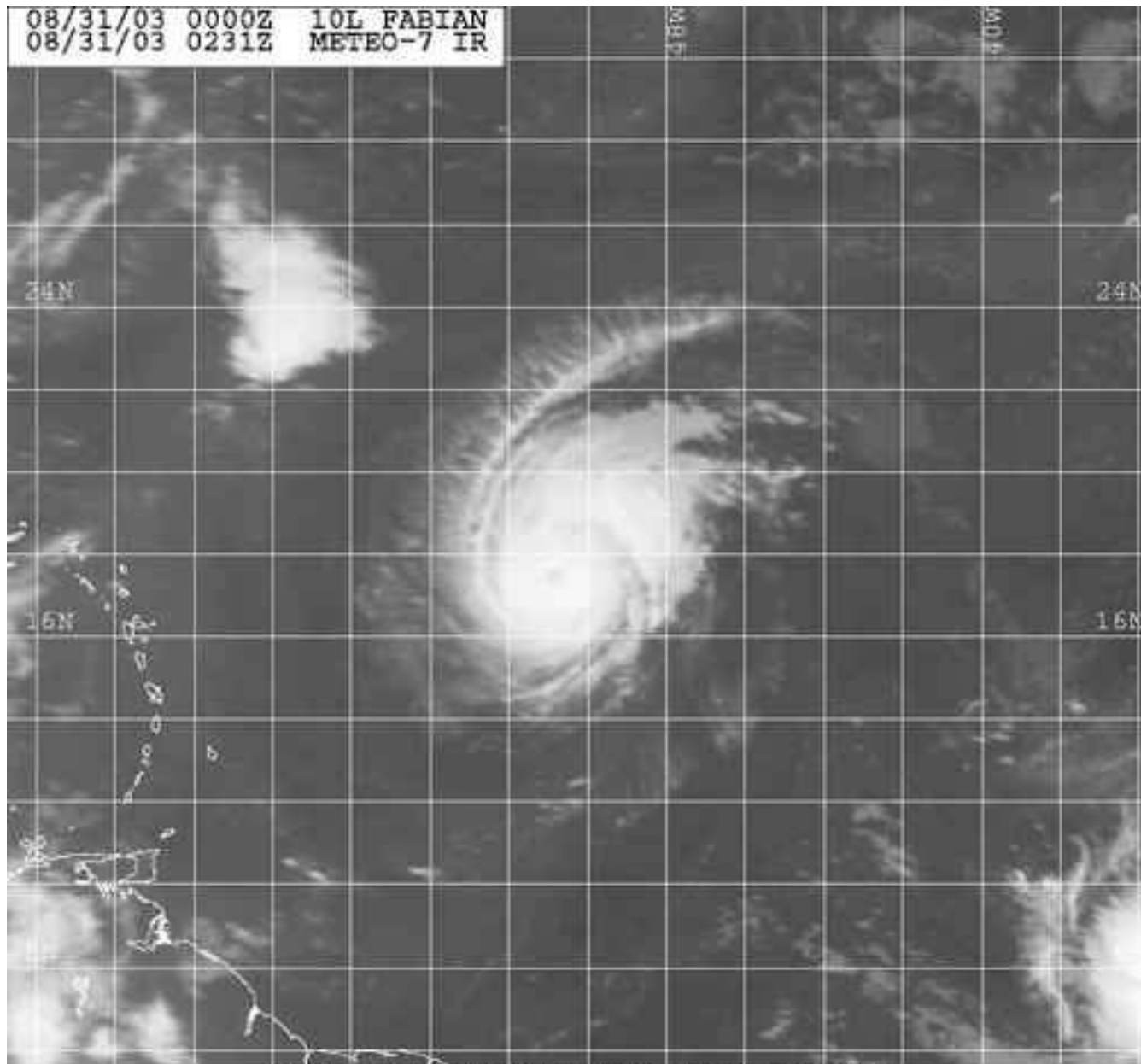
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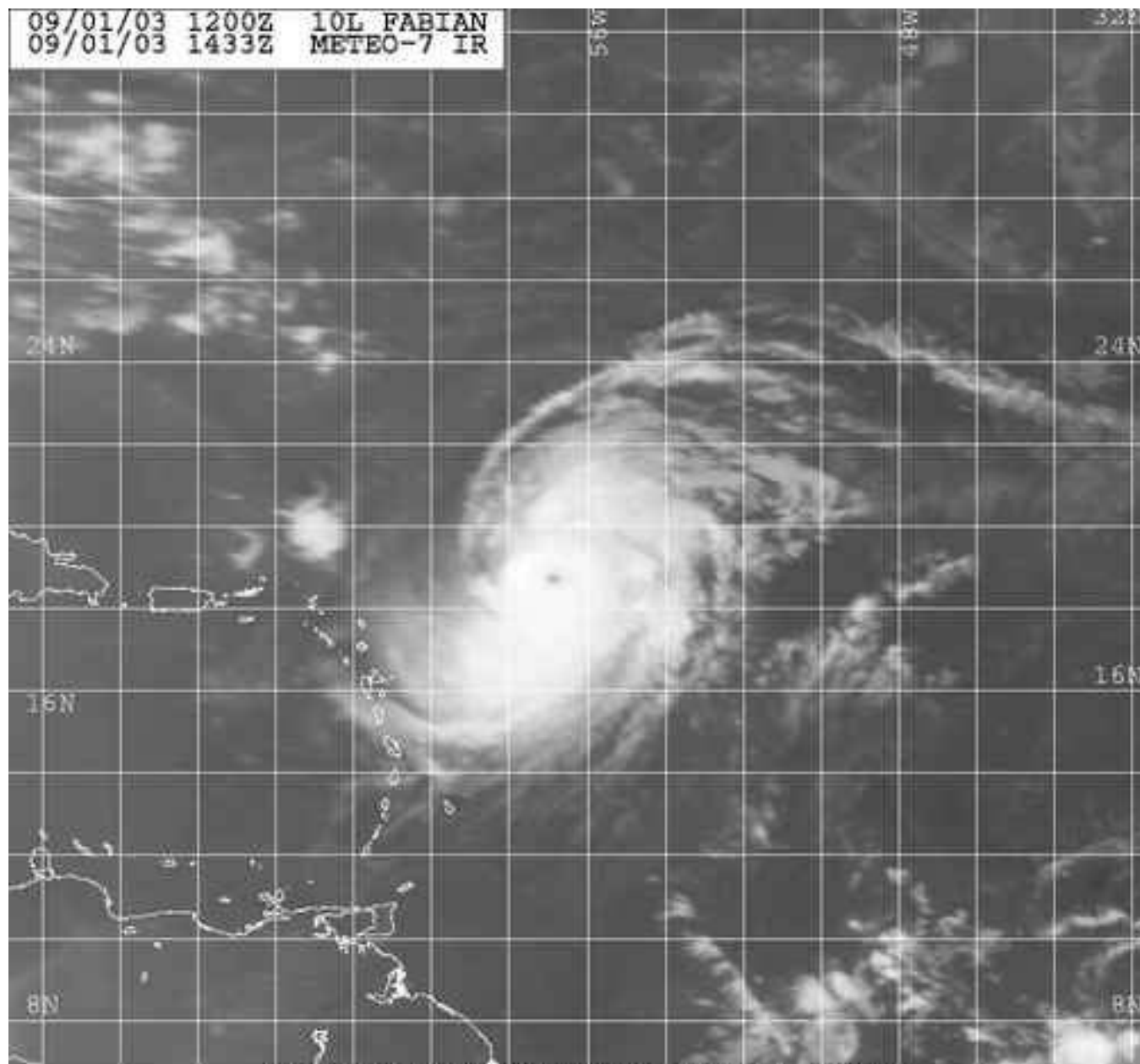
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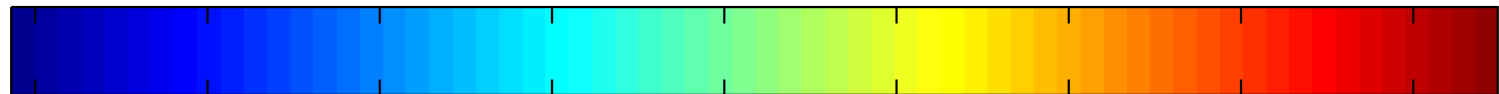
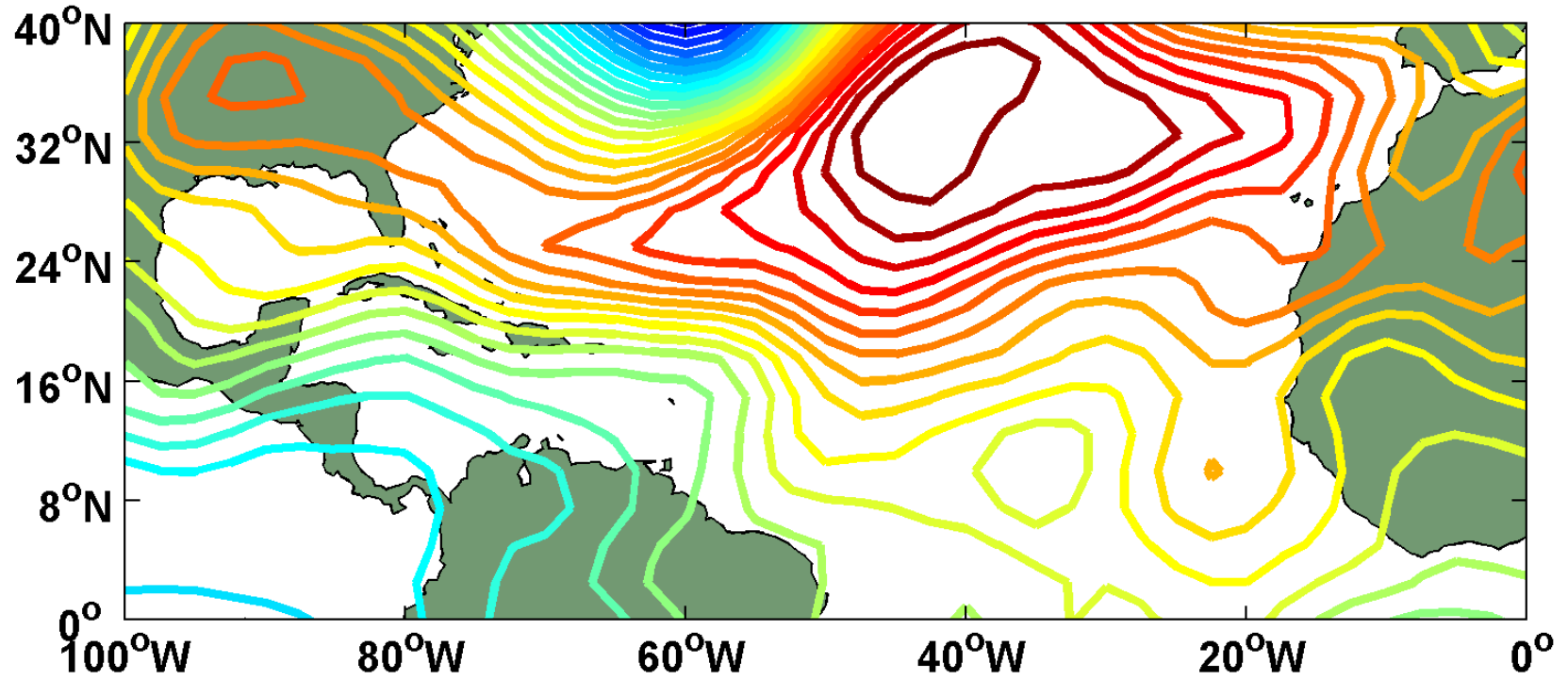
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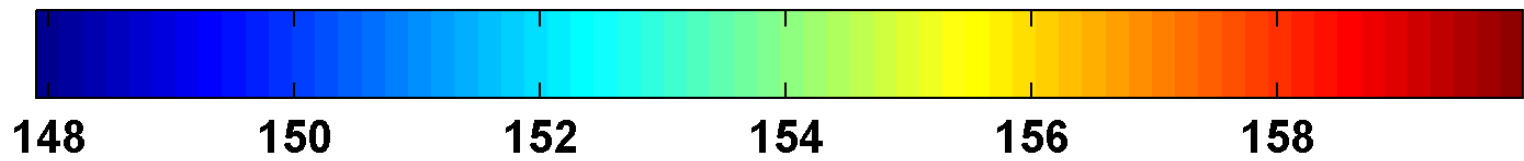
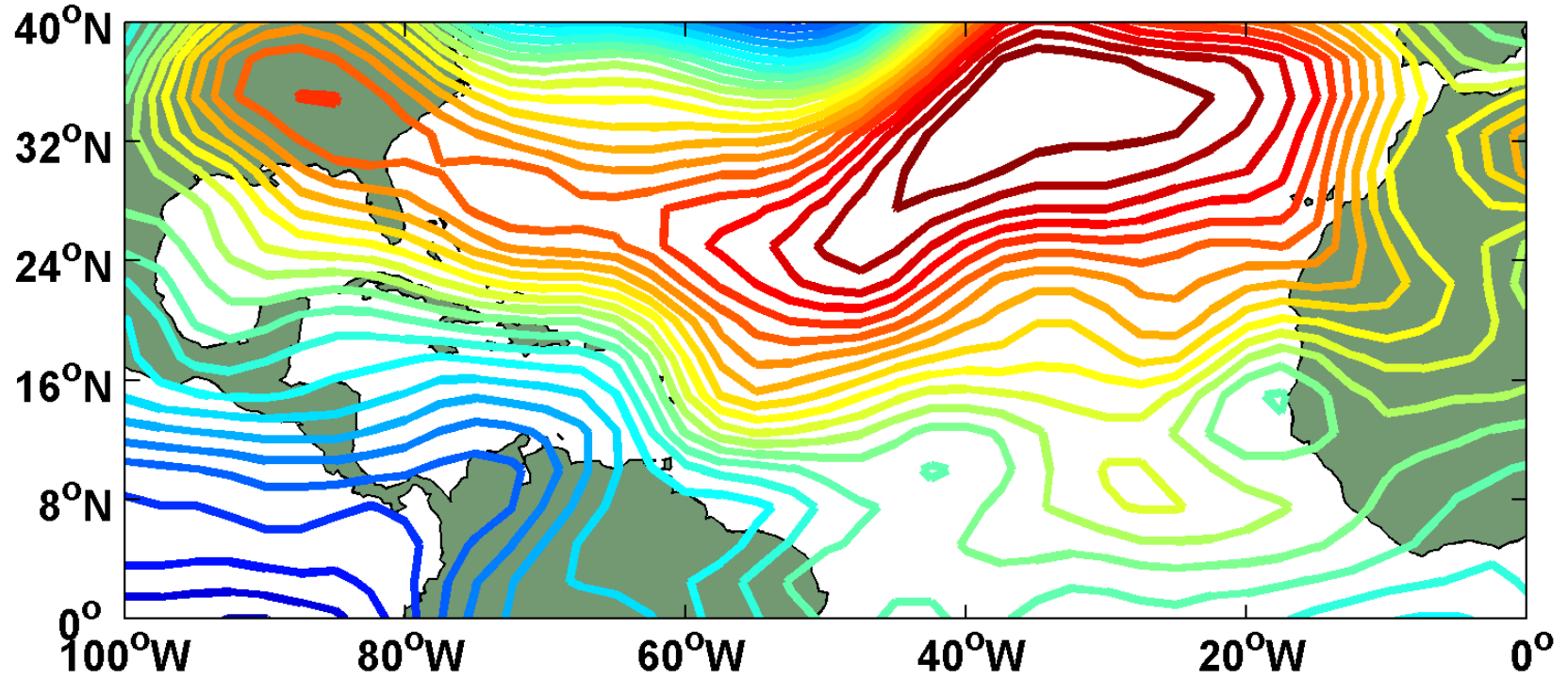
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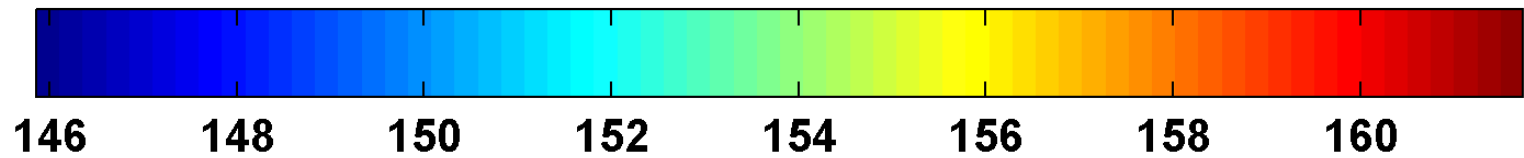
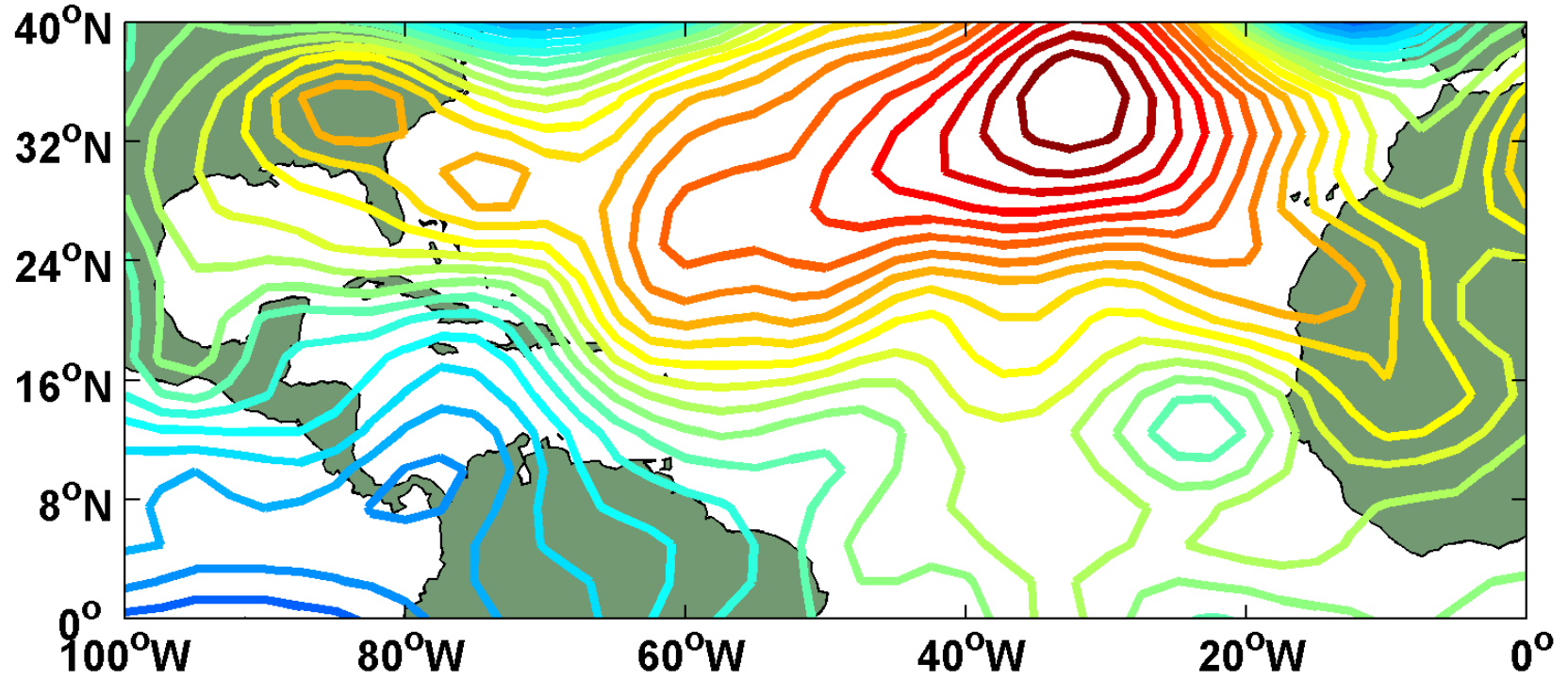


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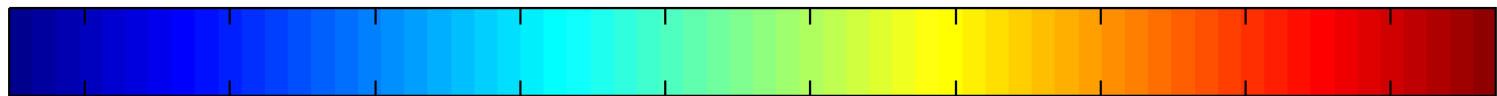
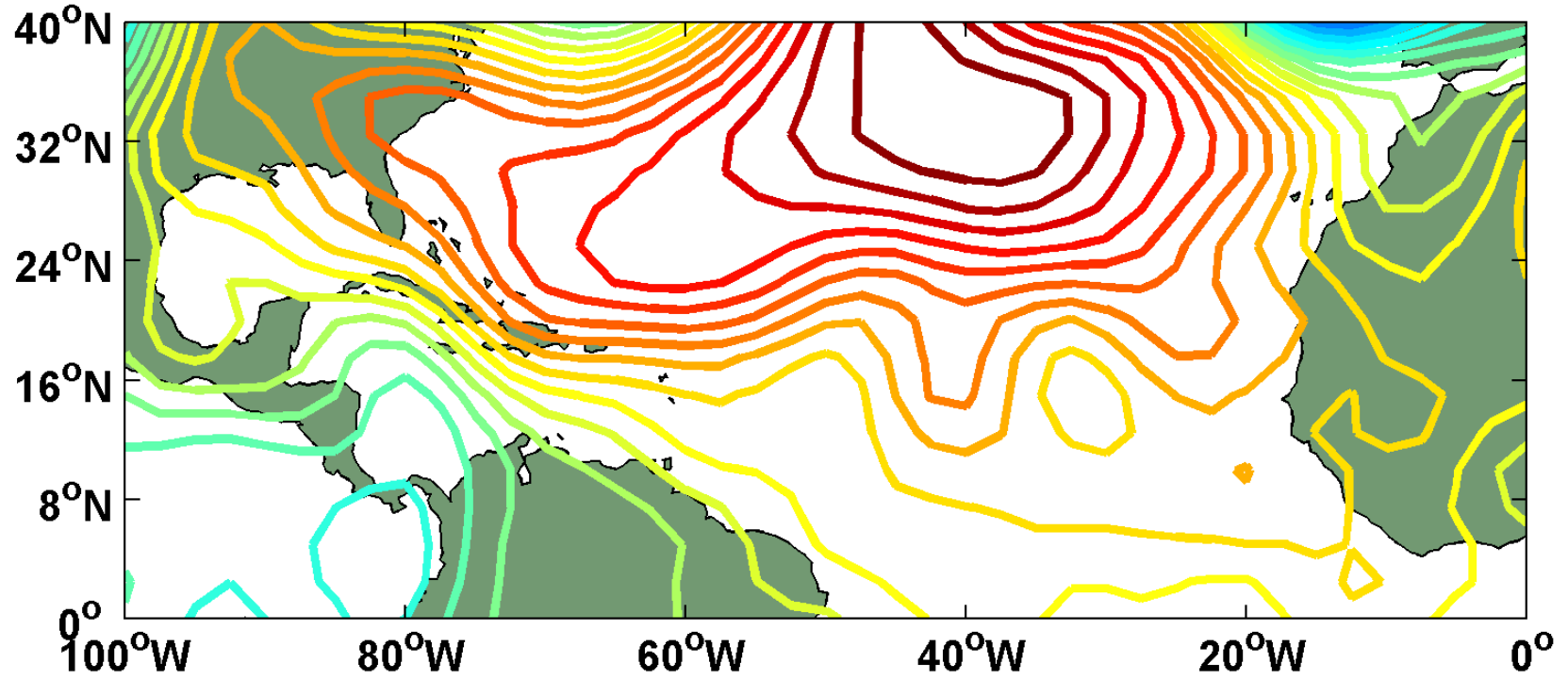
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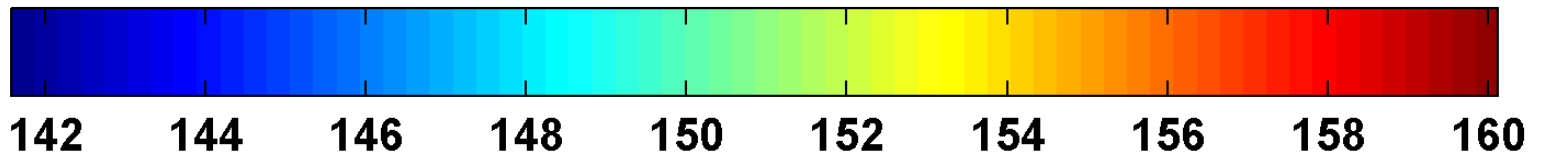
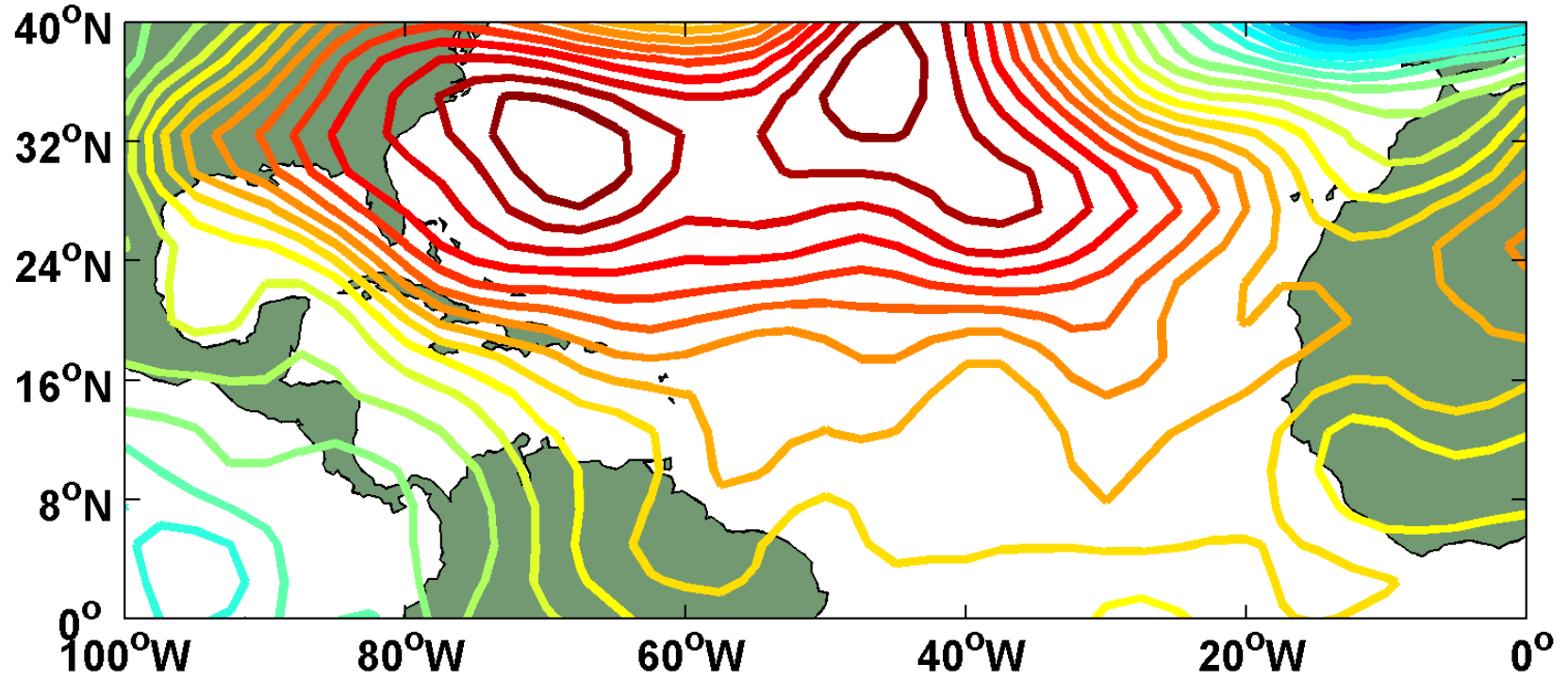


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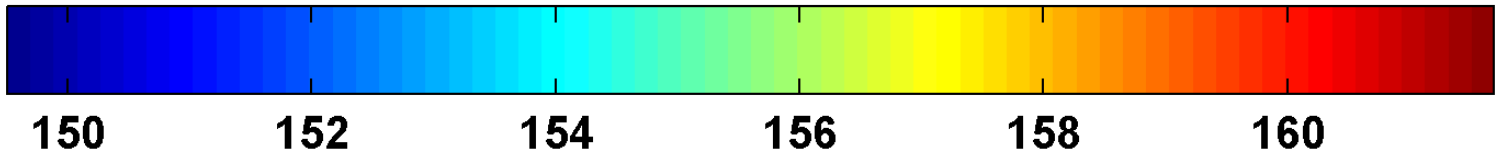
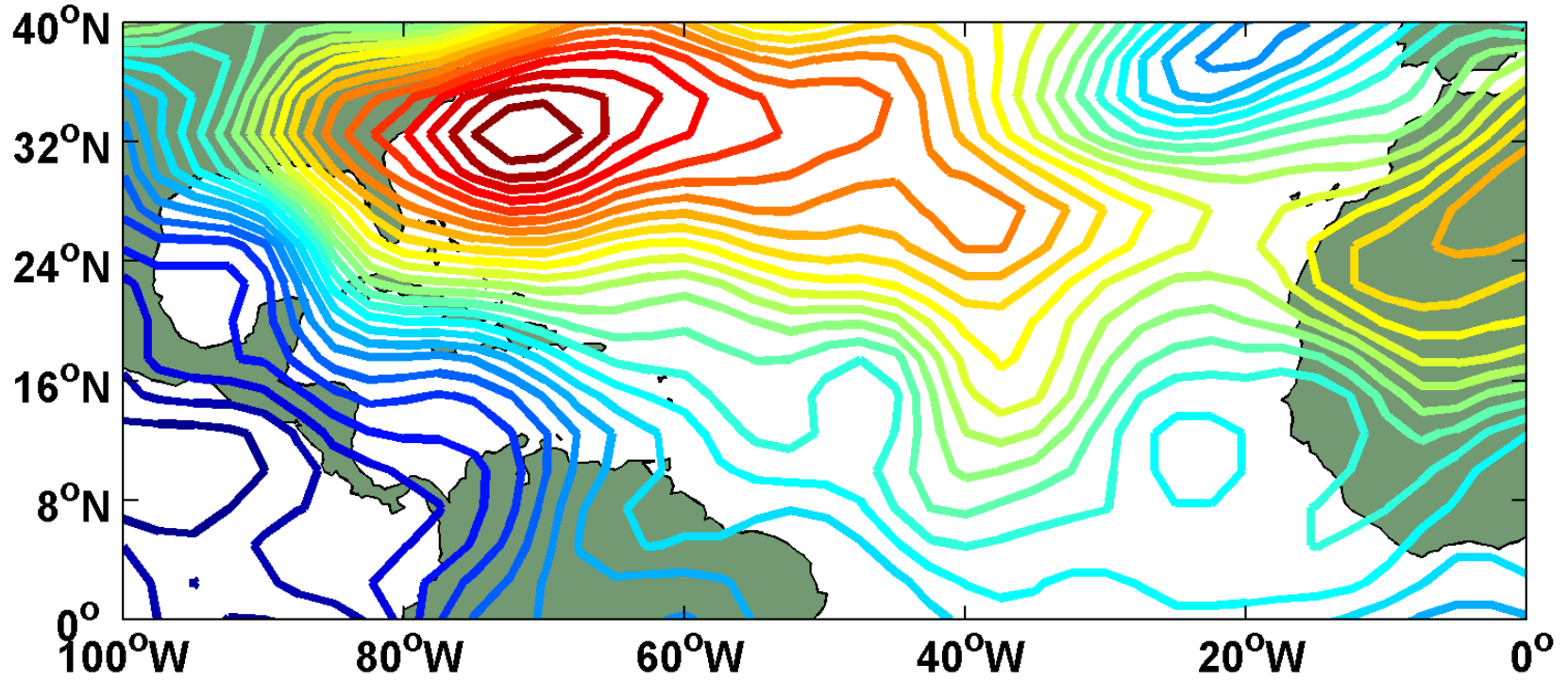


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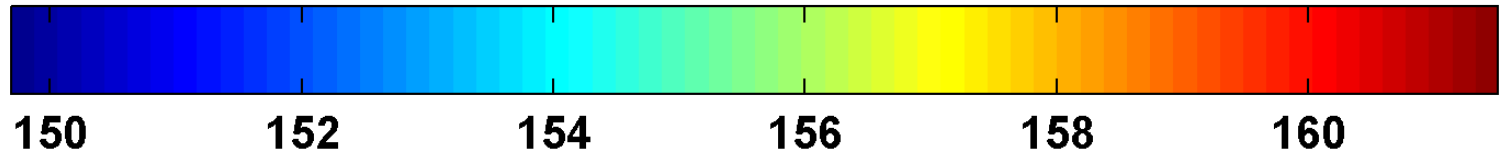
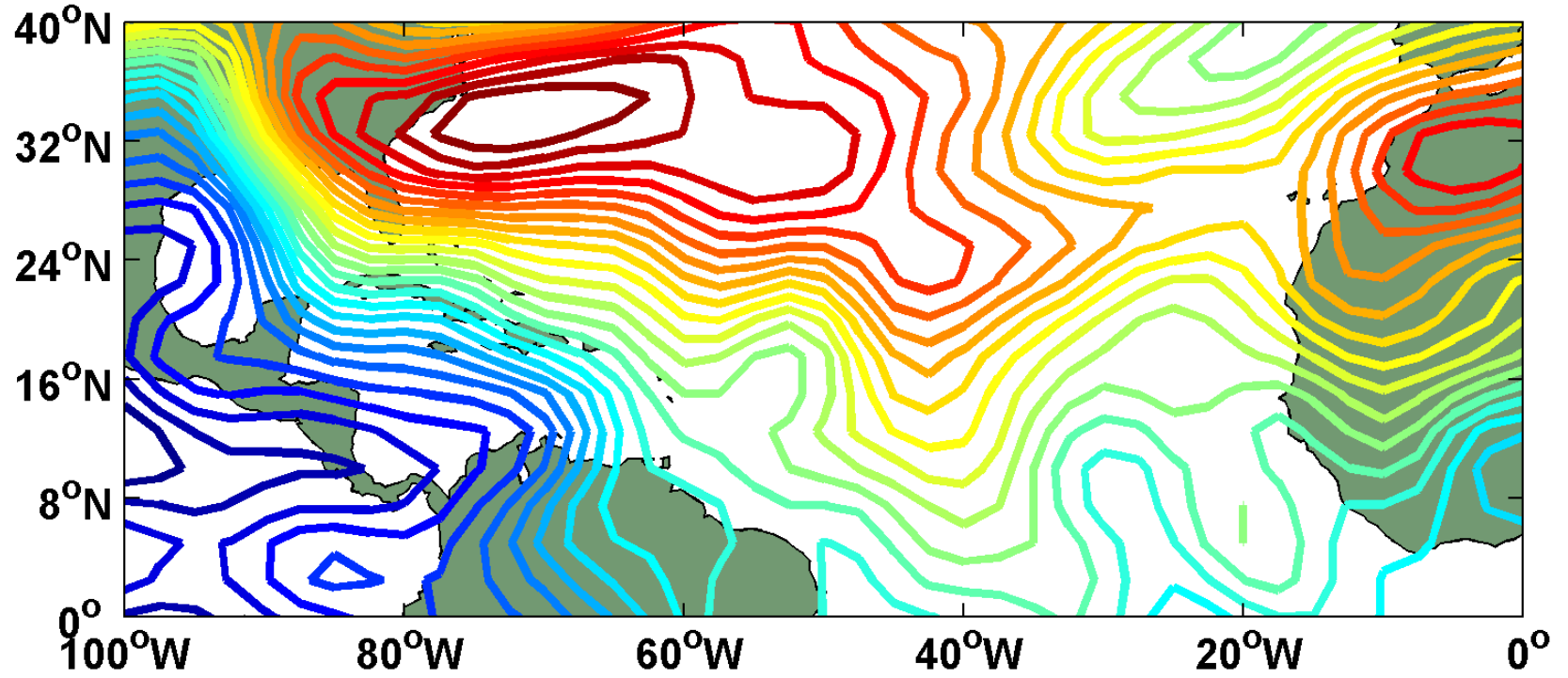
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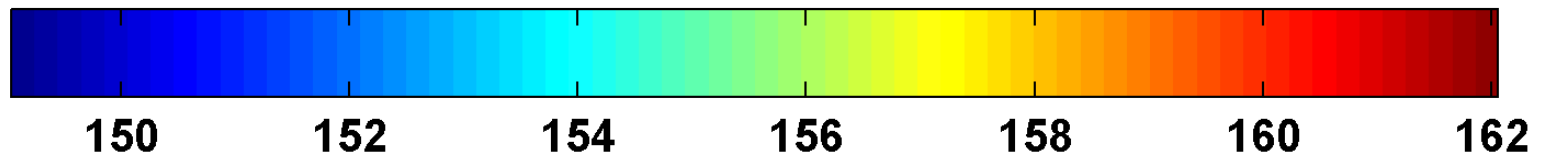
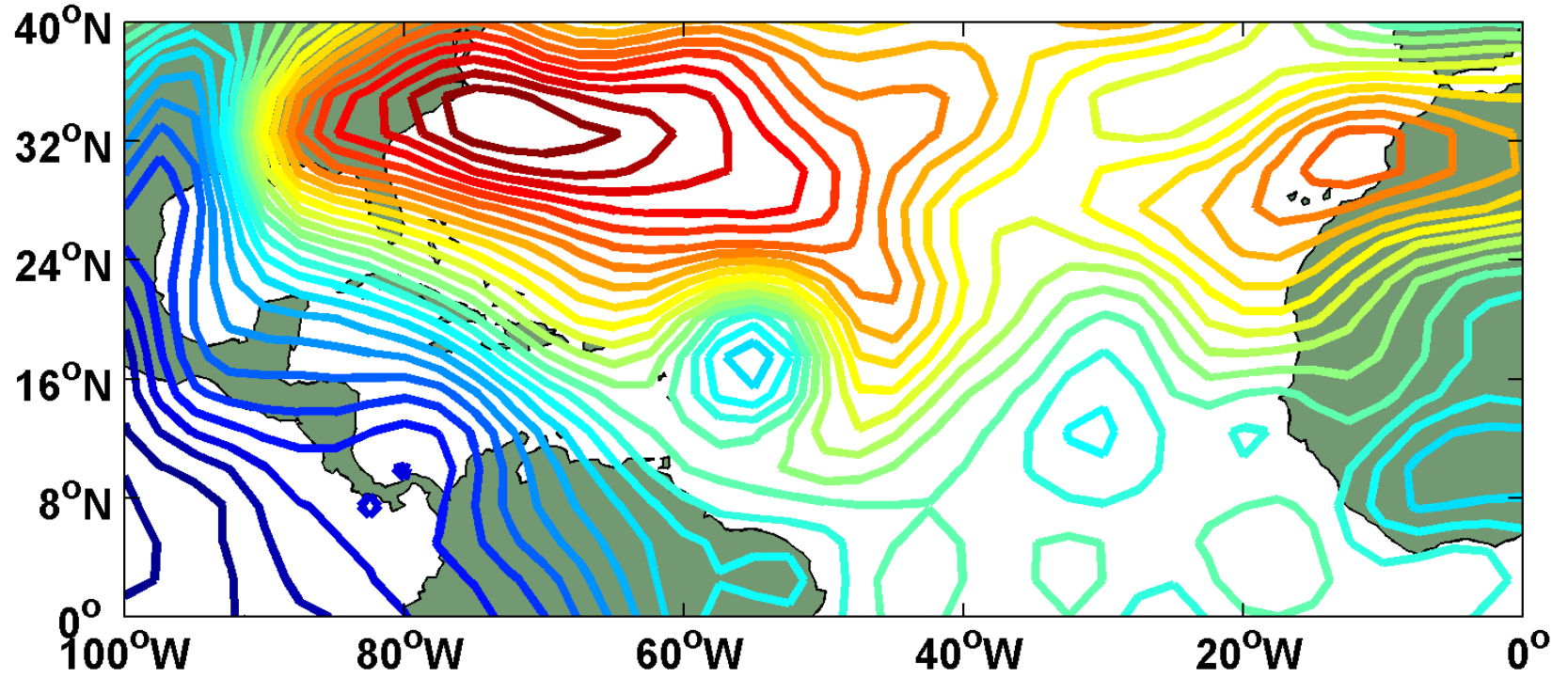
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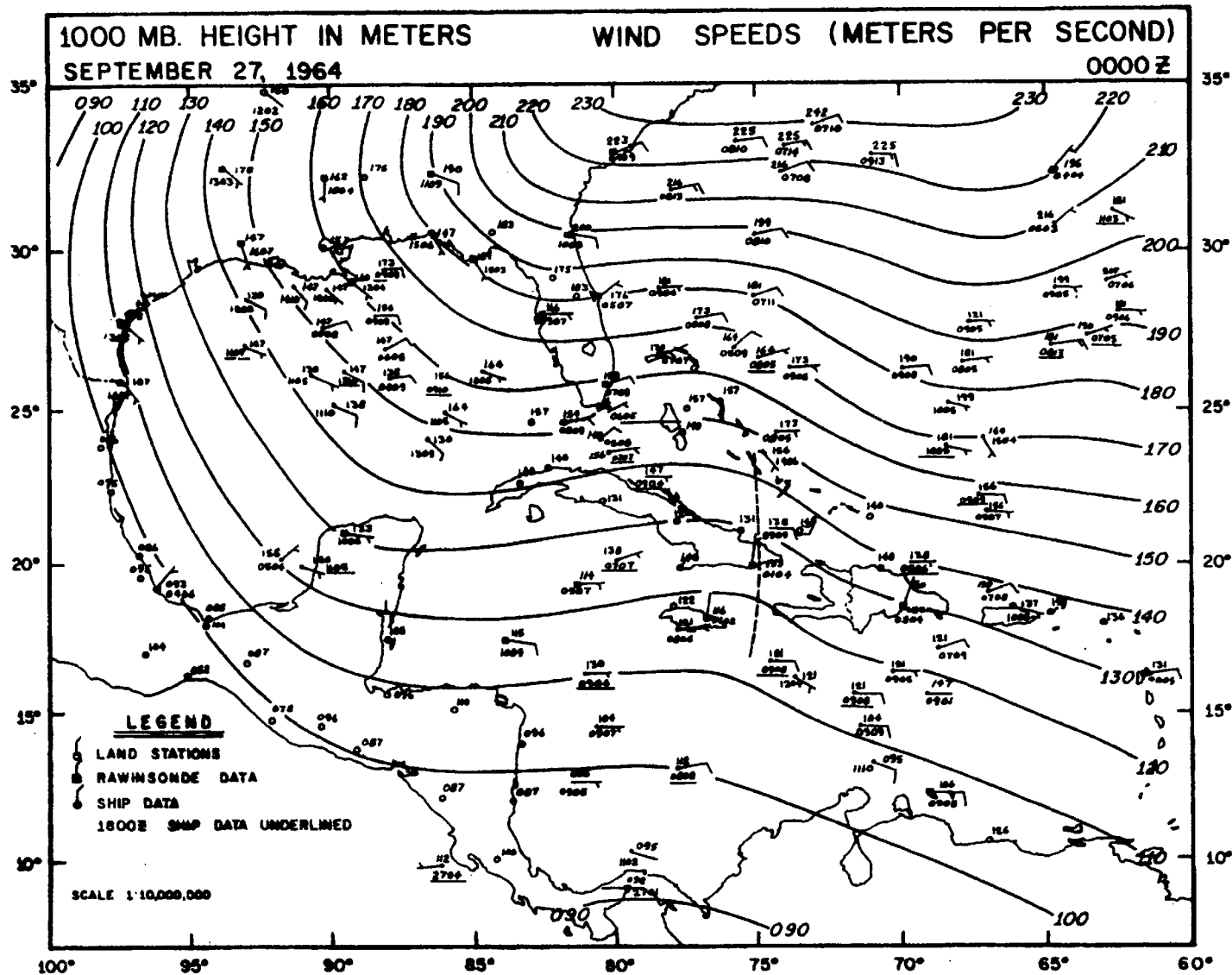


FIGURE 5.—1000-mb. contours for 00 GMT, September 27 showing a barely perceptible easterly wave over eastern Cuba, the first low level evidence of the disturbance that became hurricane Hilda.

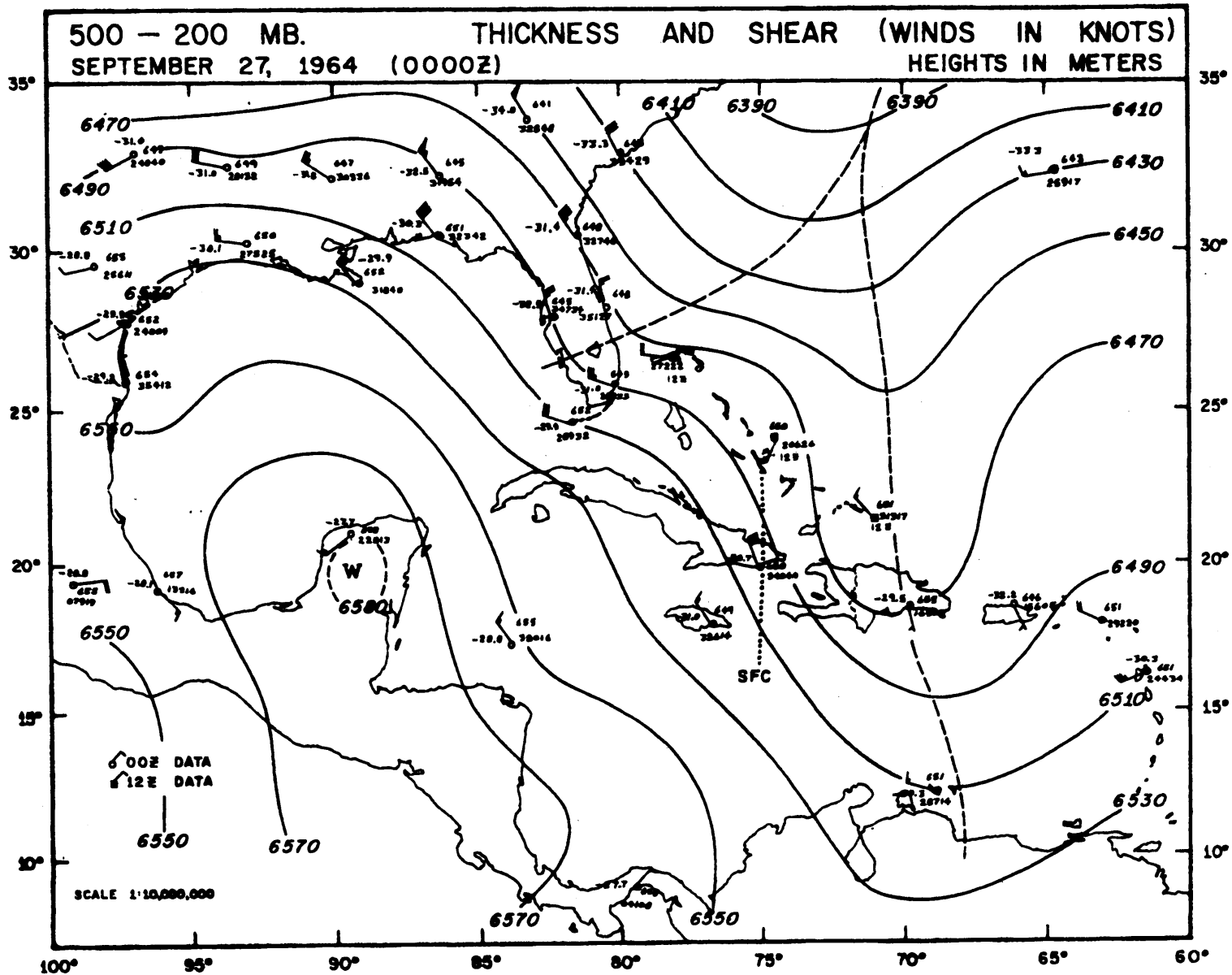


FIGURE 6.—The surface trough (dotted) almost midway between the trough-ridge system in the 500- to 200-mb. thickness.

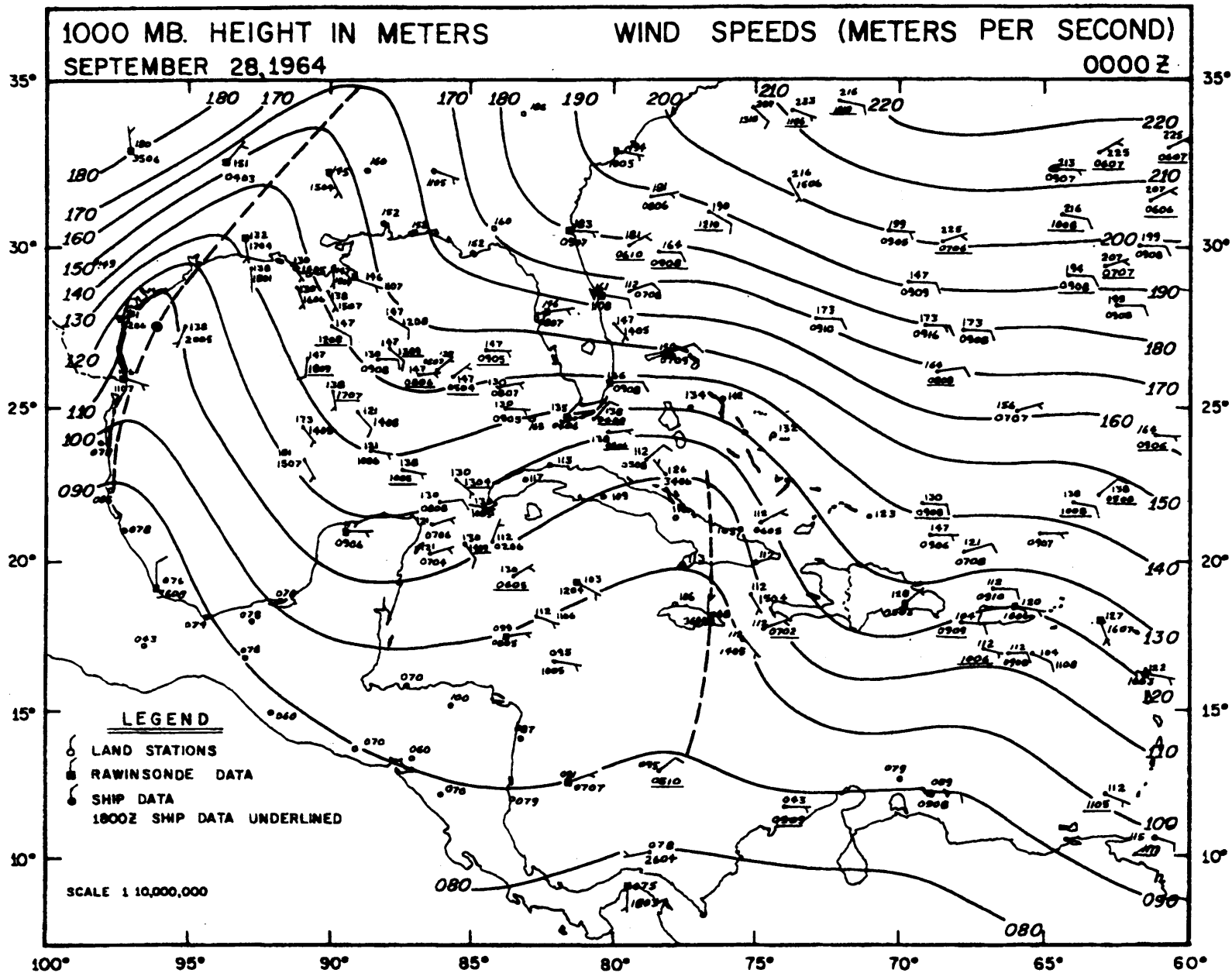


FIGURE 8.—Developing easterly wave over eastern Cuba and Jamaica.

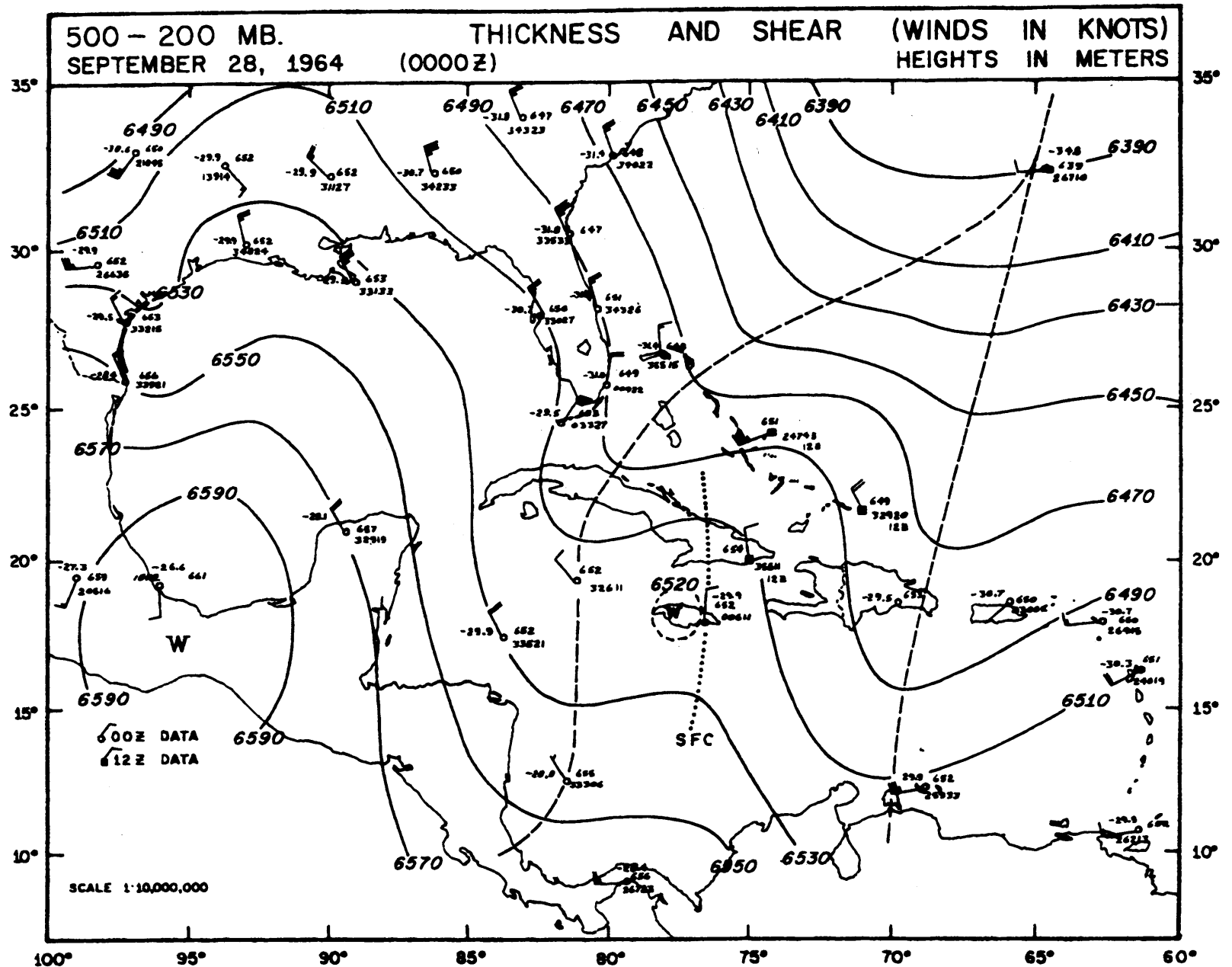


FIGURE 9.—Surface trough (dotted) now located in the 500- to 200-mb. thickness ridge.

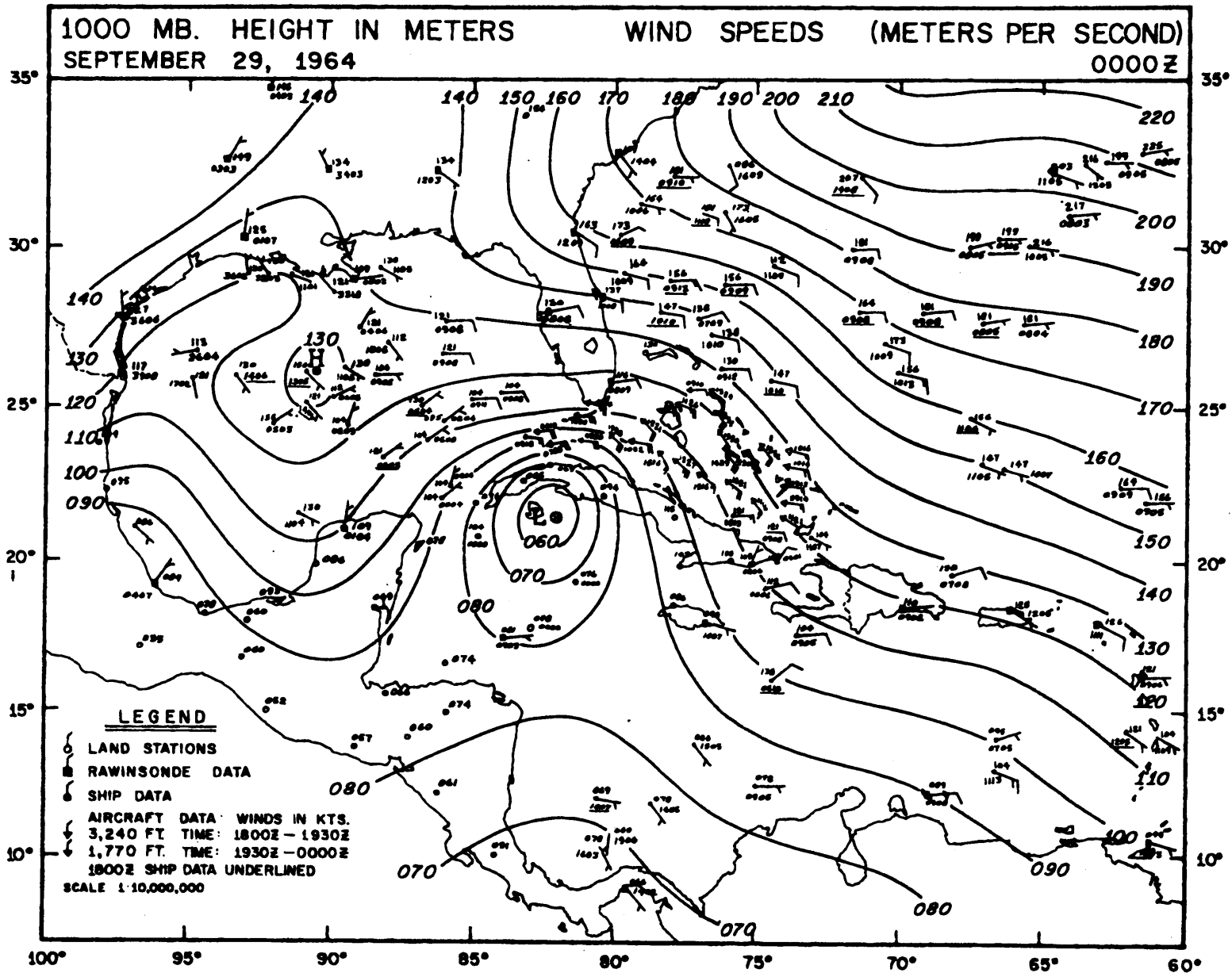


FIGURE 12.—Tropical depression (Hilda) at 00 GMT, September 29.

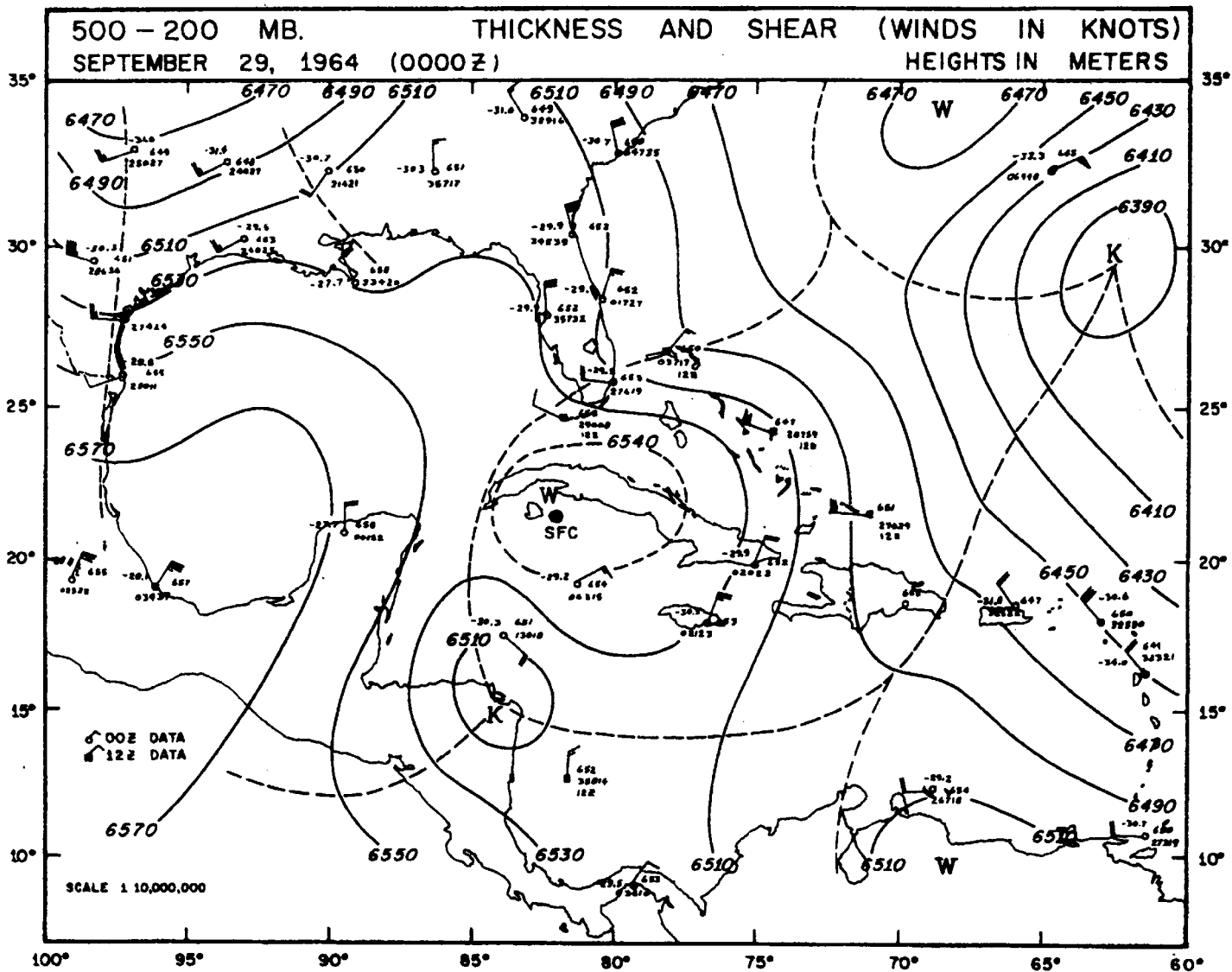


FIGURE 14.—Further marked warming in the 500- to 200-mb. layer. Shear winds clearly define the presence of anomalous warmth.

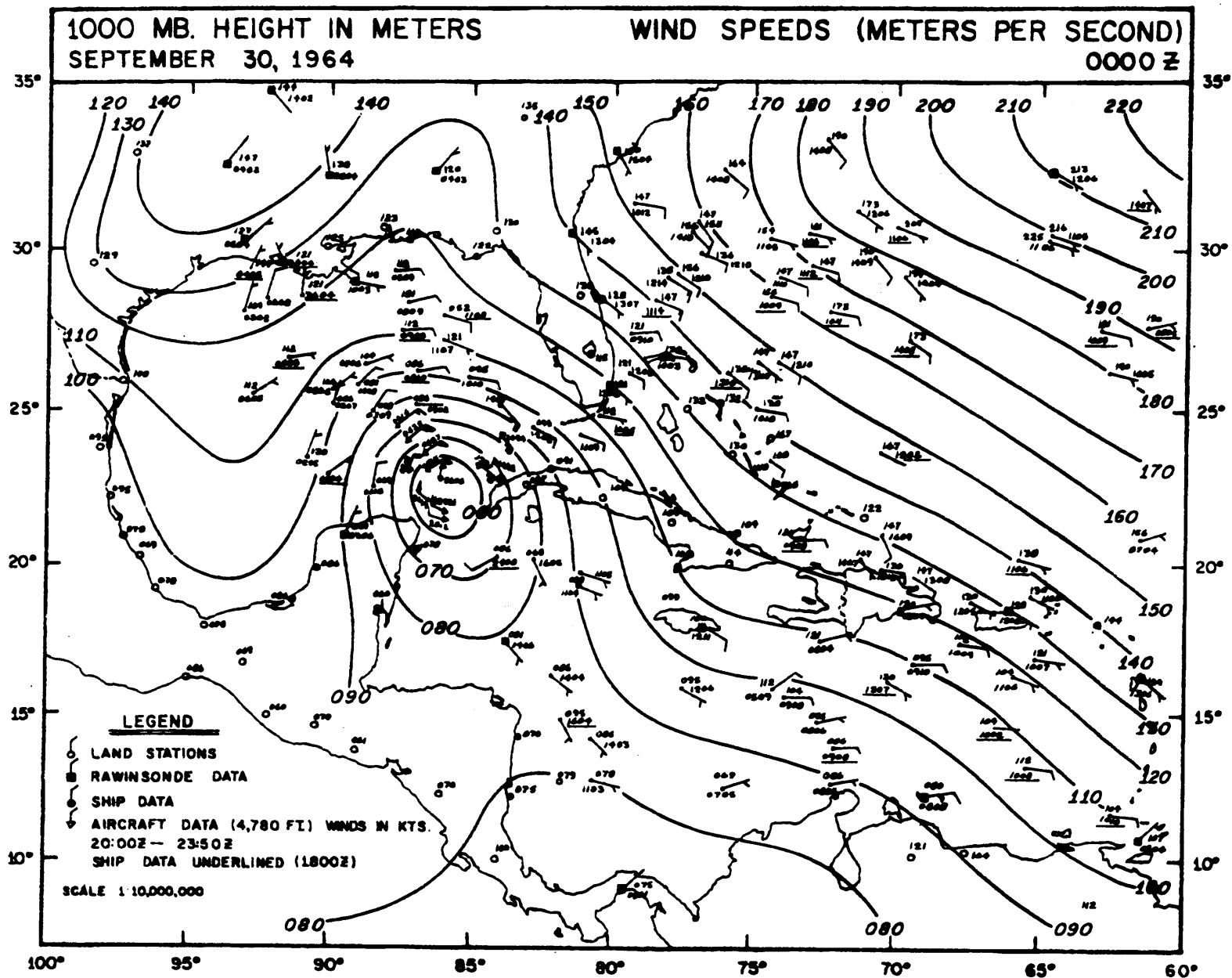


FIGURE 17.—Tropical storm Hilda at 00 gmt, September 30.

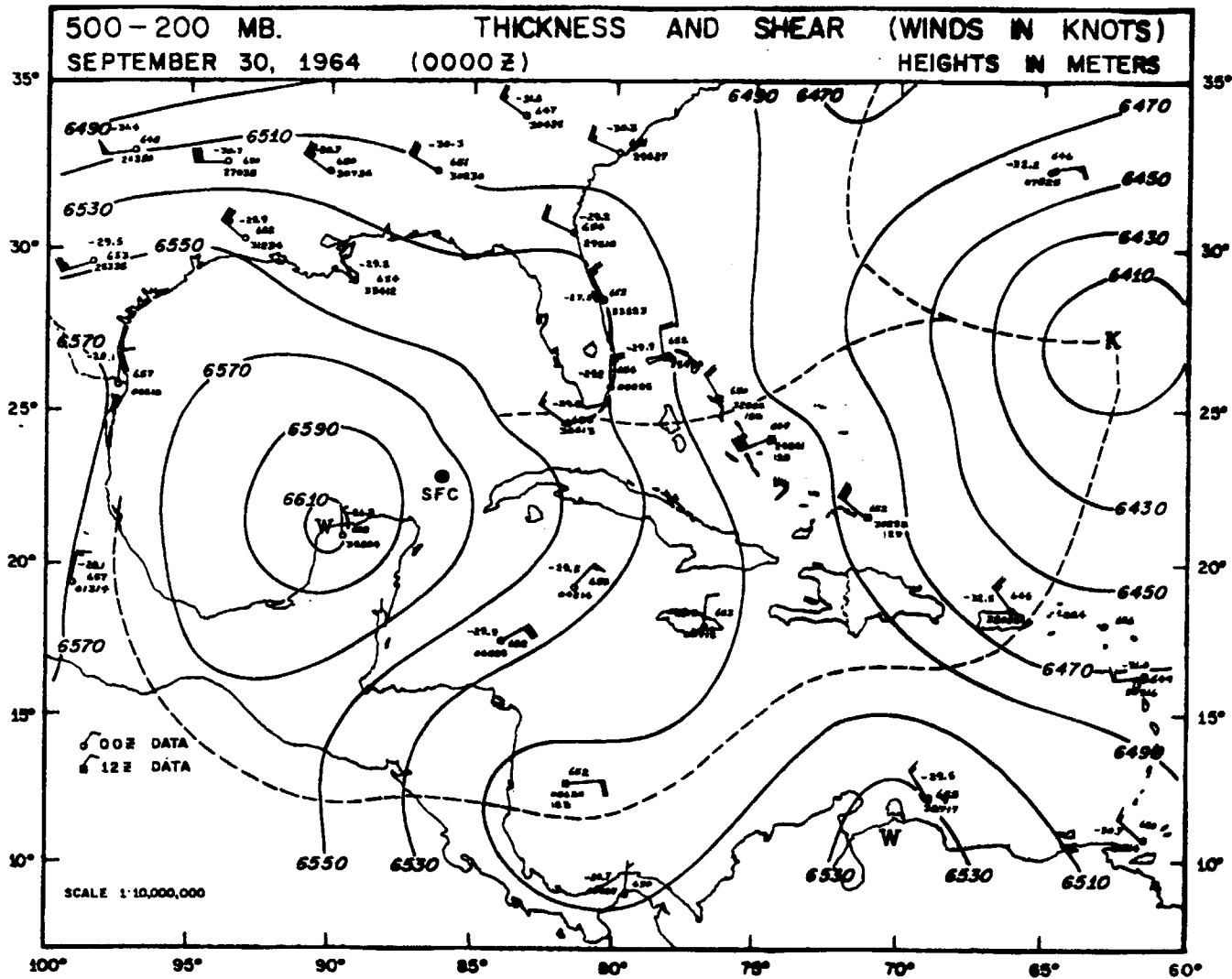


FIGURE 21.—Lack of data prohibited more detailed analysis of thickness over the storm area, but there is little doubt of the larger scale pattern.

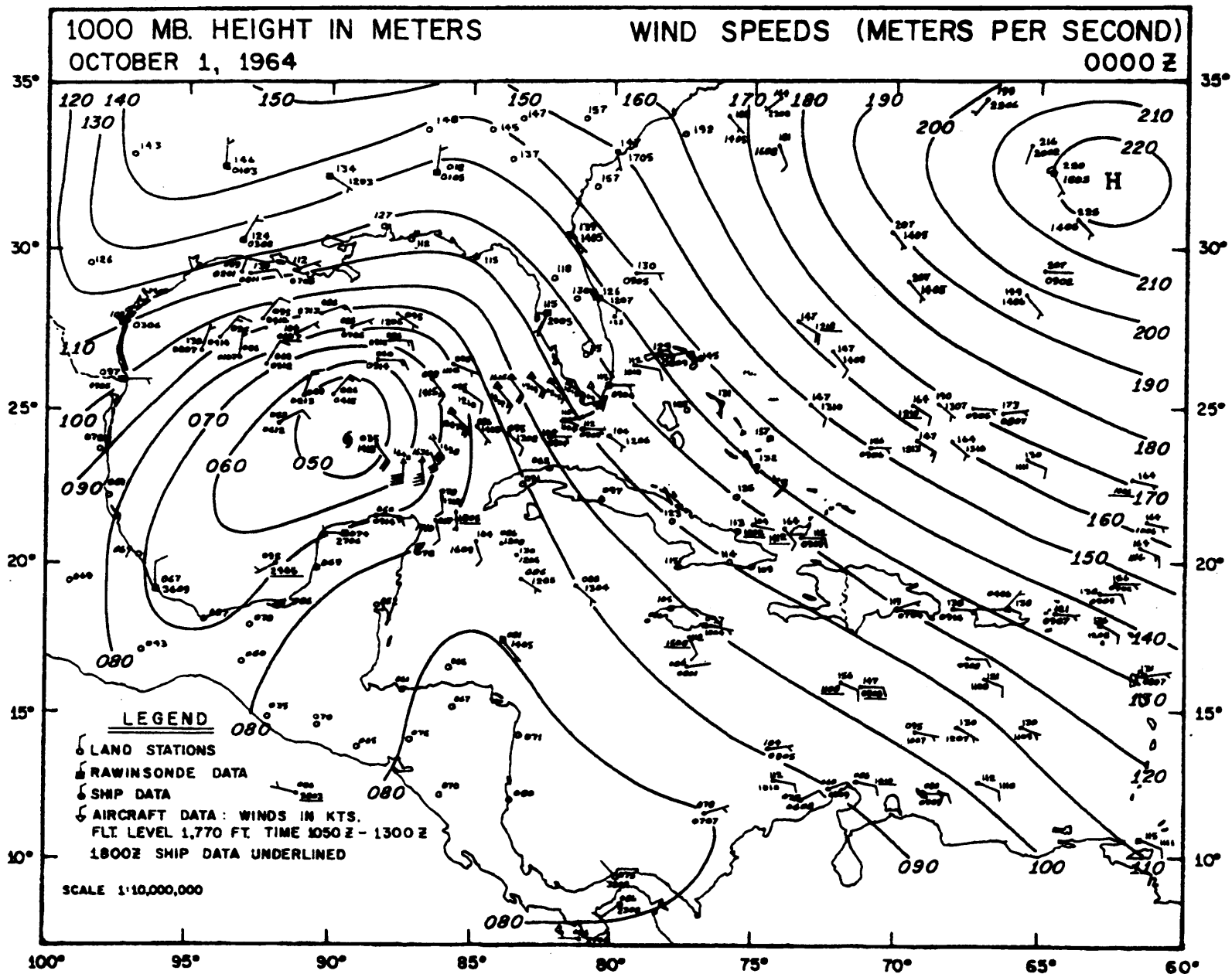


FIGURE 23.—Hurricane Hilda deepening rapidly near the center of the Gulf of Mexico.

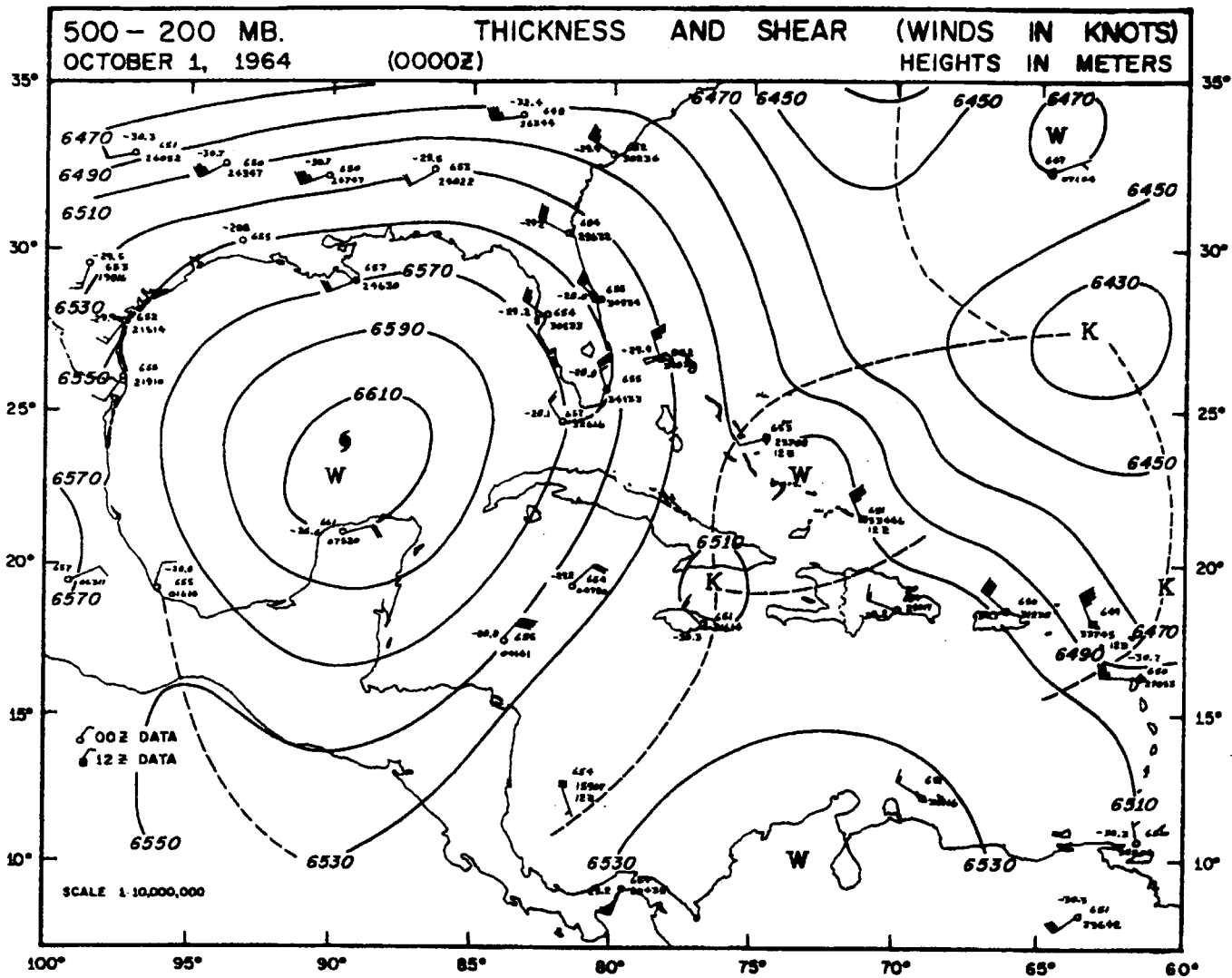


FIGURE 25.—The only shear winds that do not reflect the prevailing upper level warm pool accompanying Hilda over the Gulf are the weak winds at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

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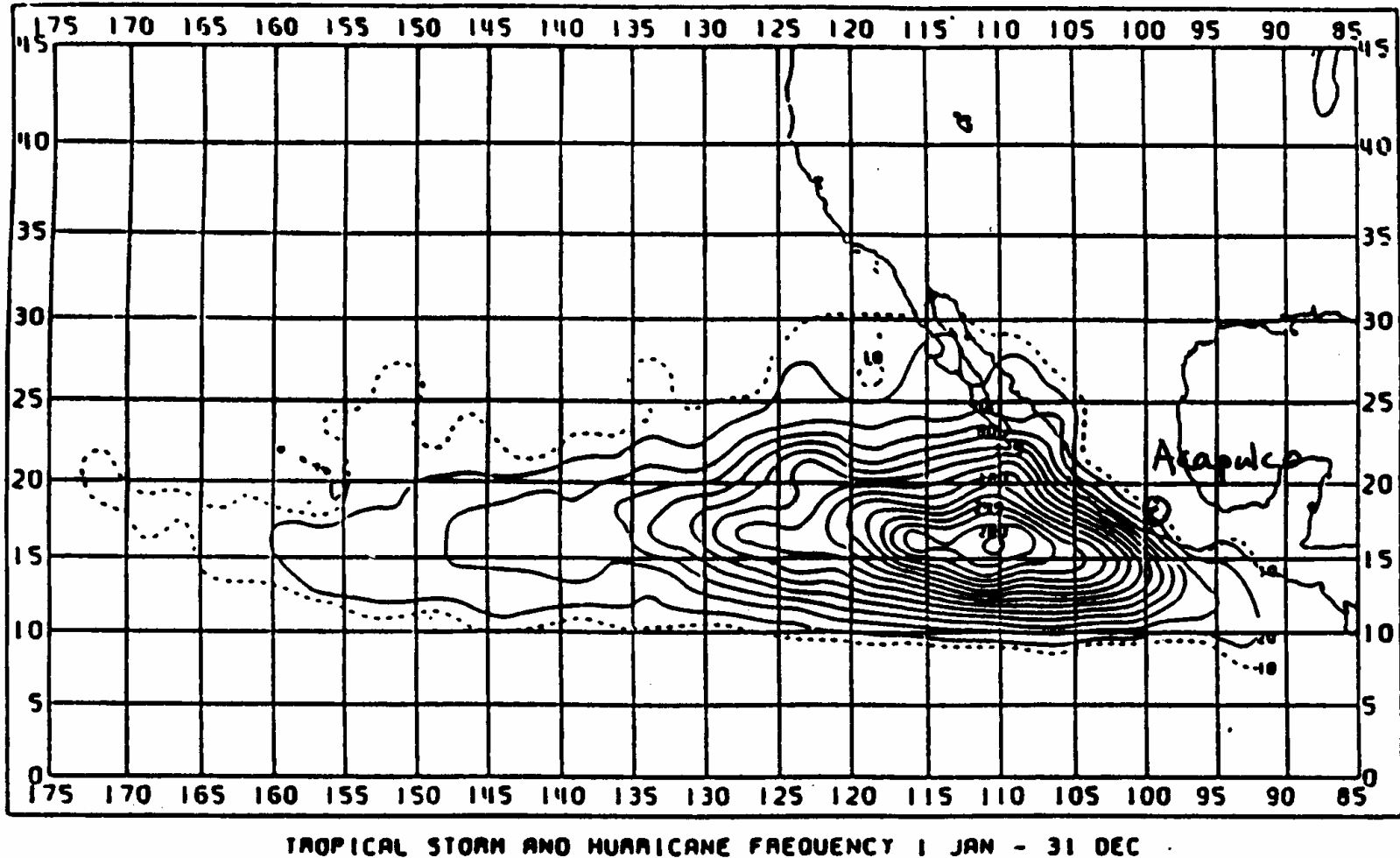


Fig. 3 Number of storms passing within 75 n. mi. of points in the eastern North Pacific region. The numbers of storms passing through a grid of overlapping equal-area circles was counted for the years 1966-1984 and normalized to give the frequency for a 100-year period (provided by C. Neumann).

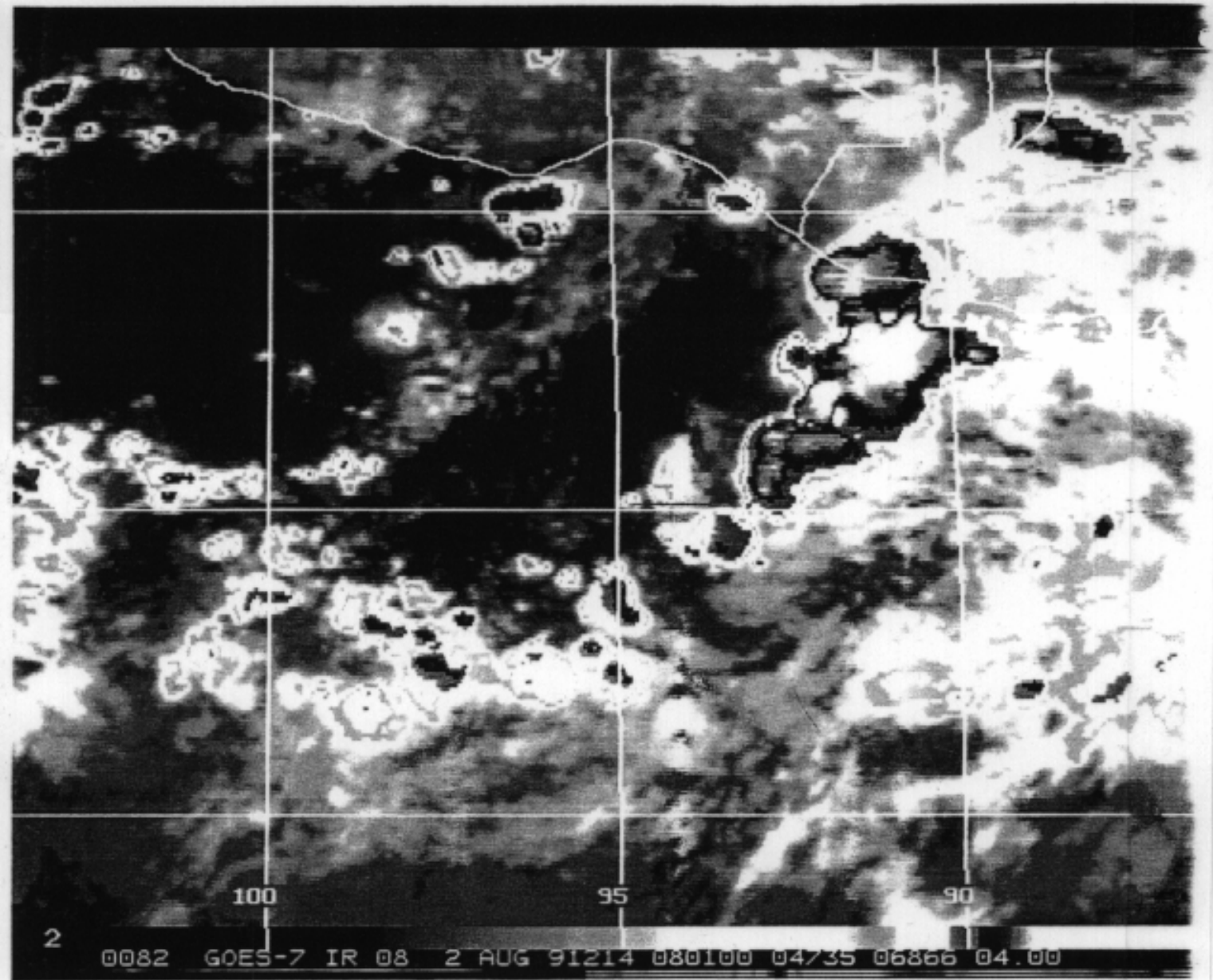


Figure 50: IR Satellite picture for 08:01 UTC 2 August.

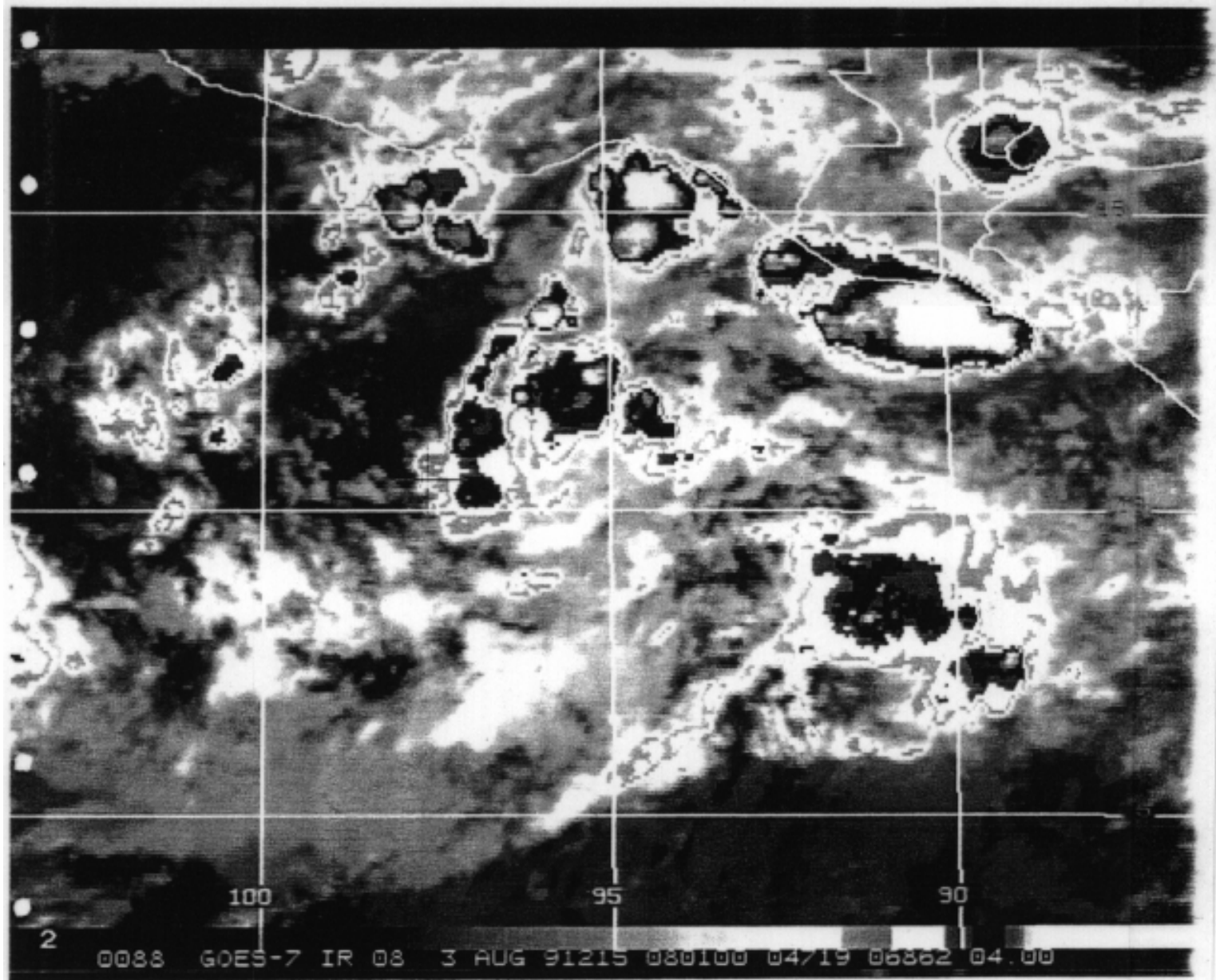


Figure 51: IR Satellite picture for 08:01 UTC 3 August.

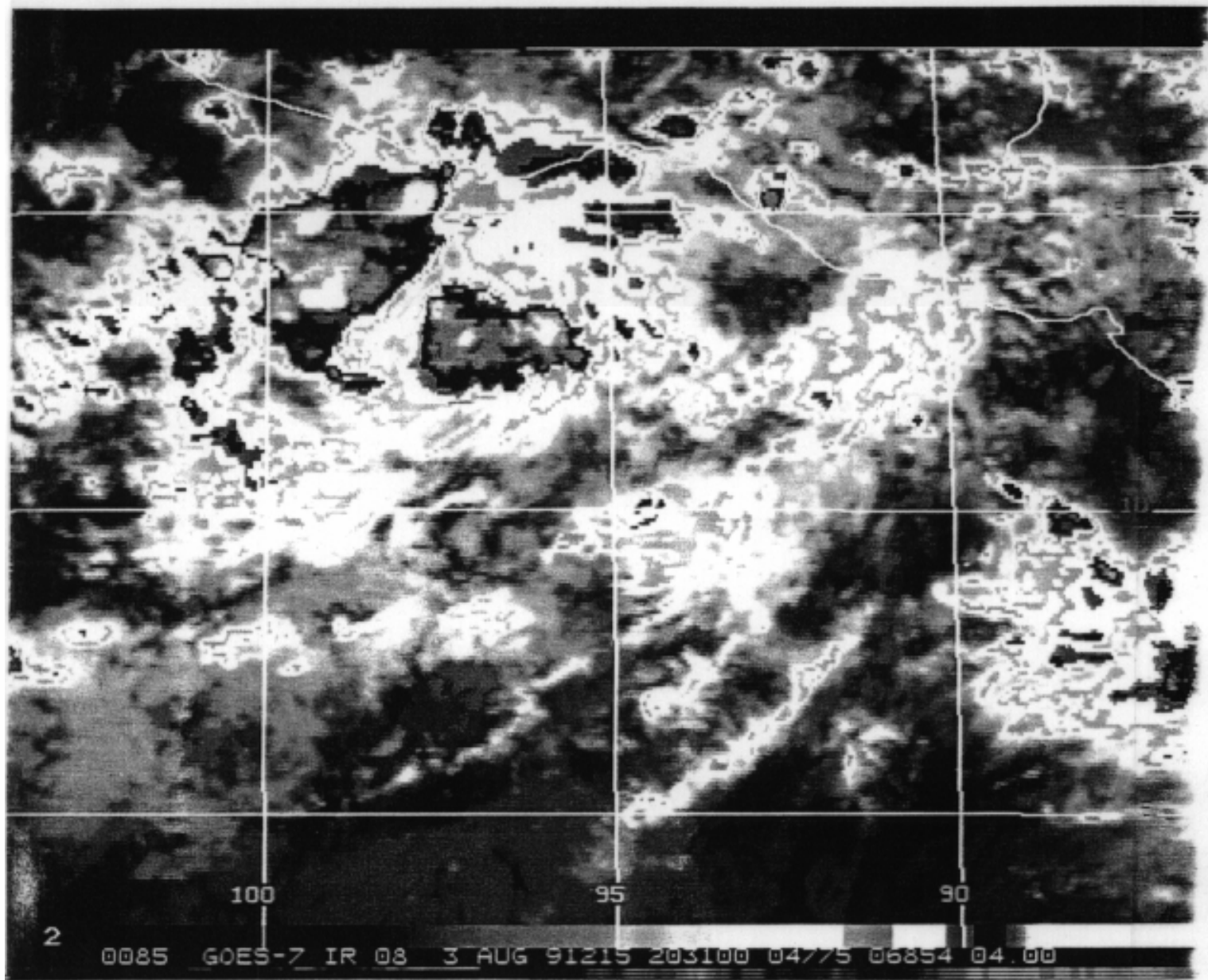


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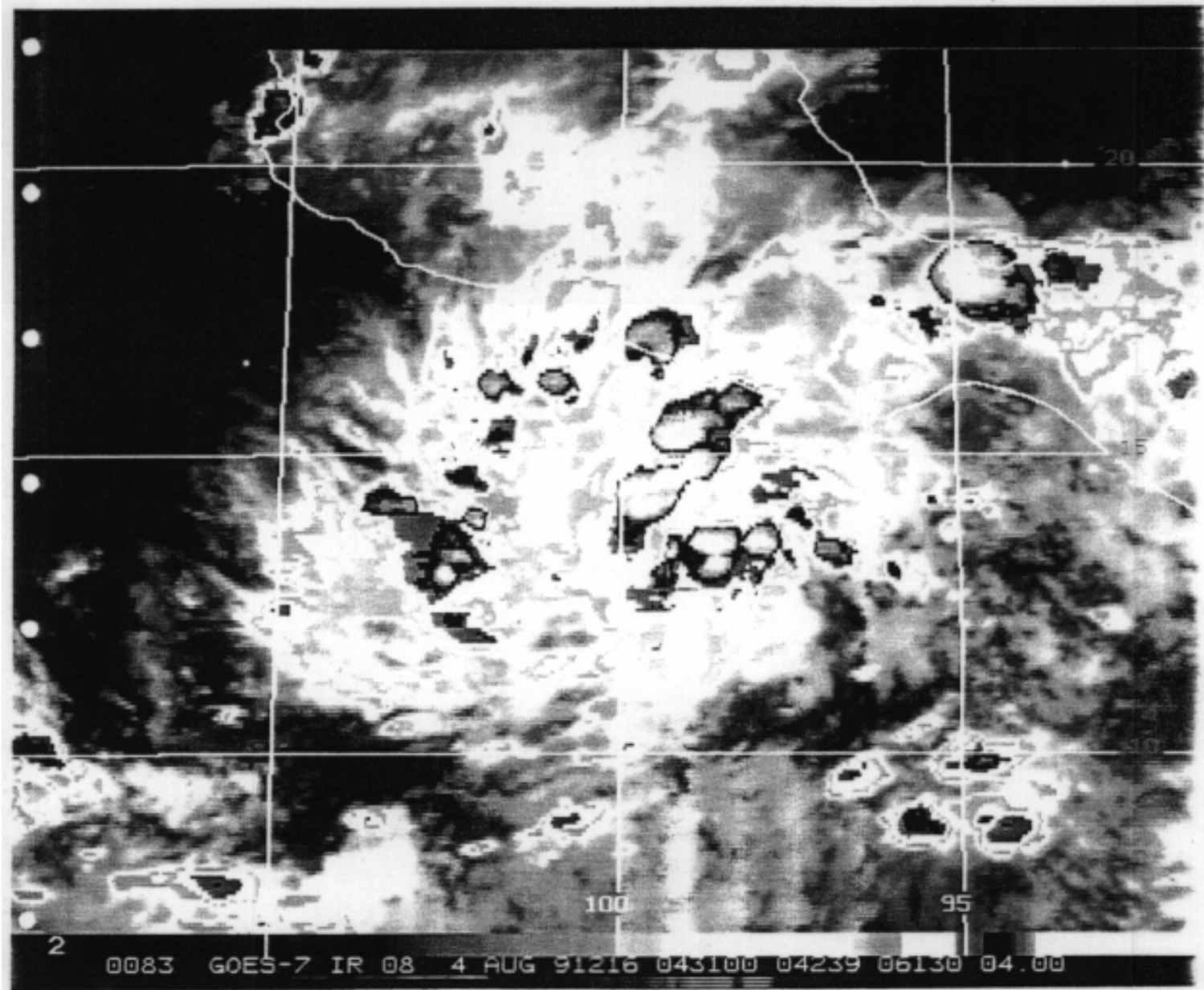


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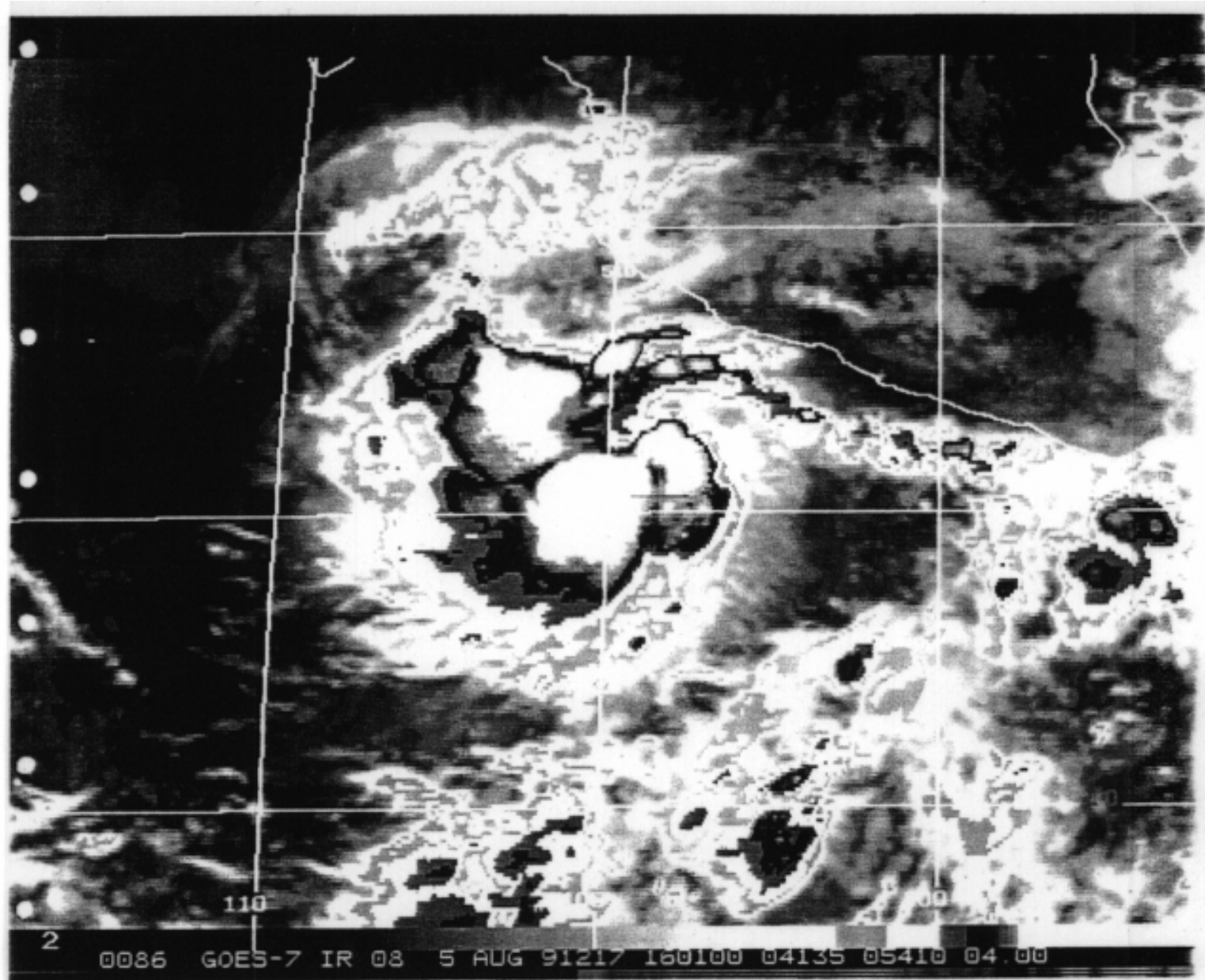
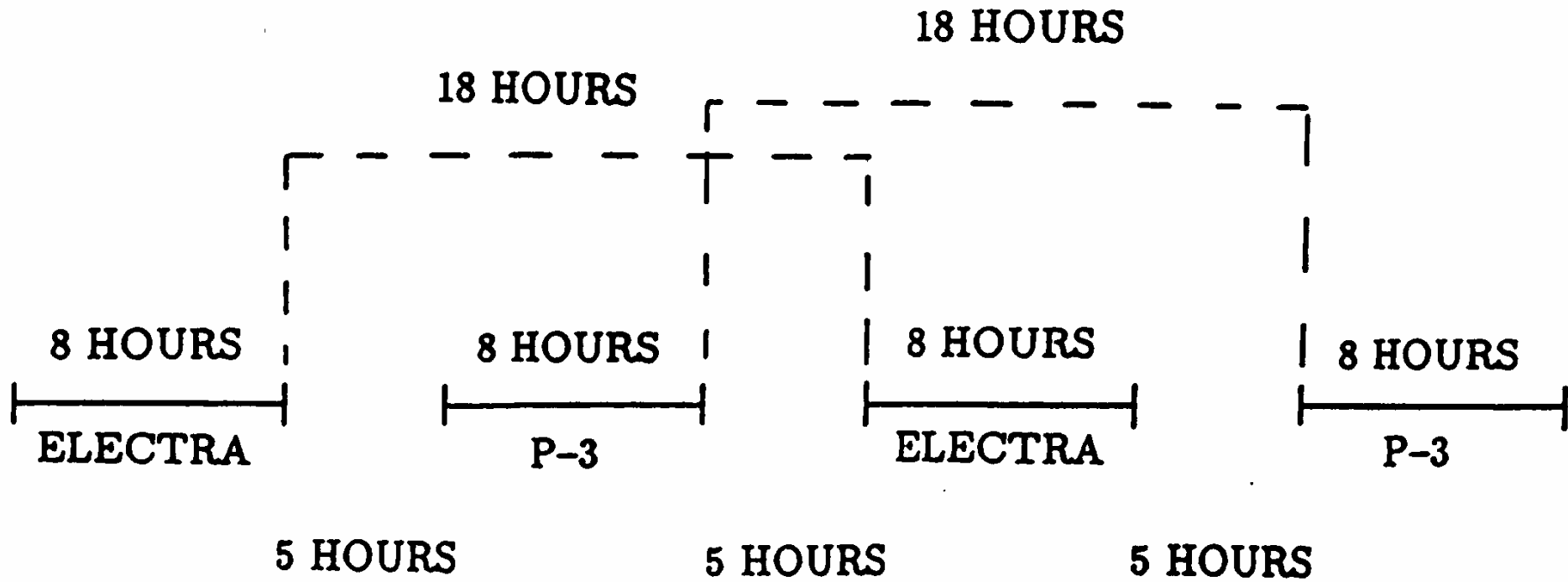
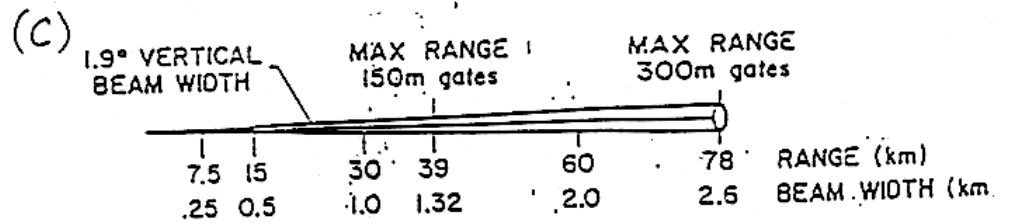
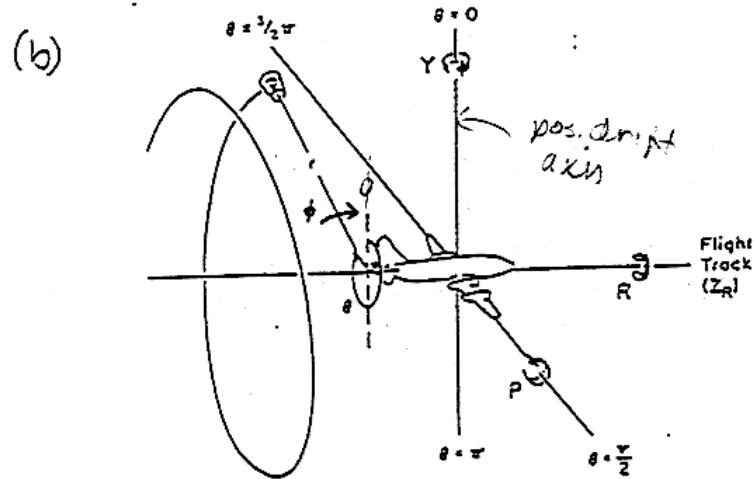
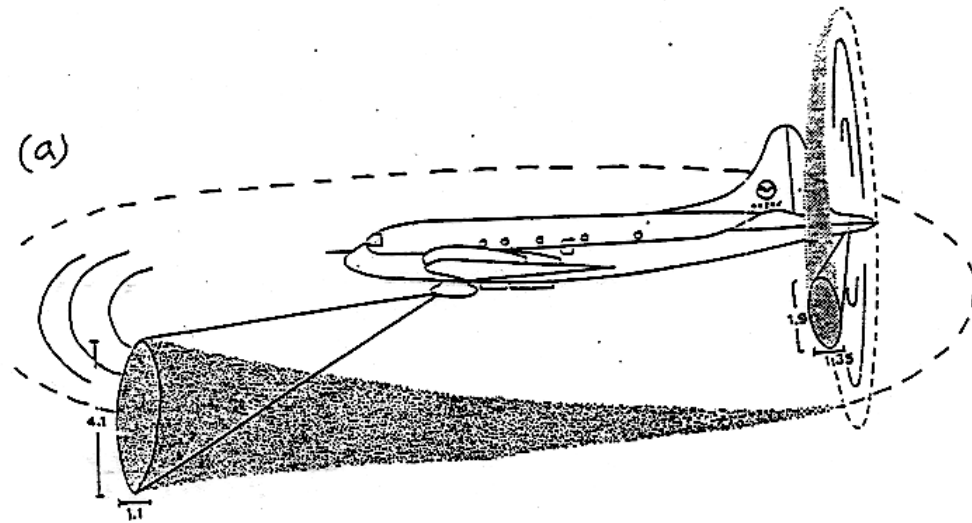


Figure 55: IR Satellite picture for 16:01 UTC 5 August.

Flight Scheduling



WP-3D radars



Tail Doppler Scanning Strategy

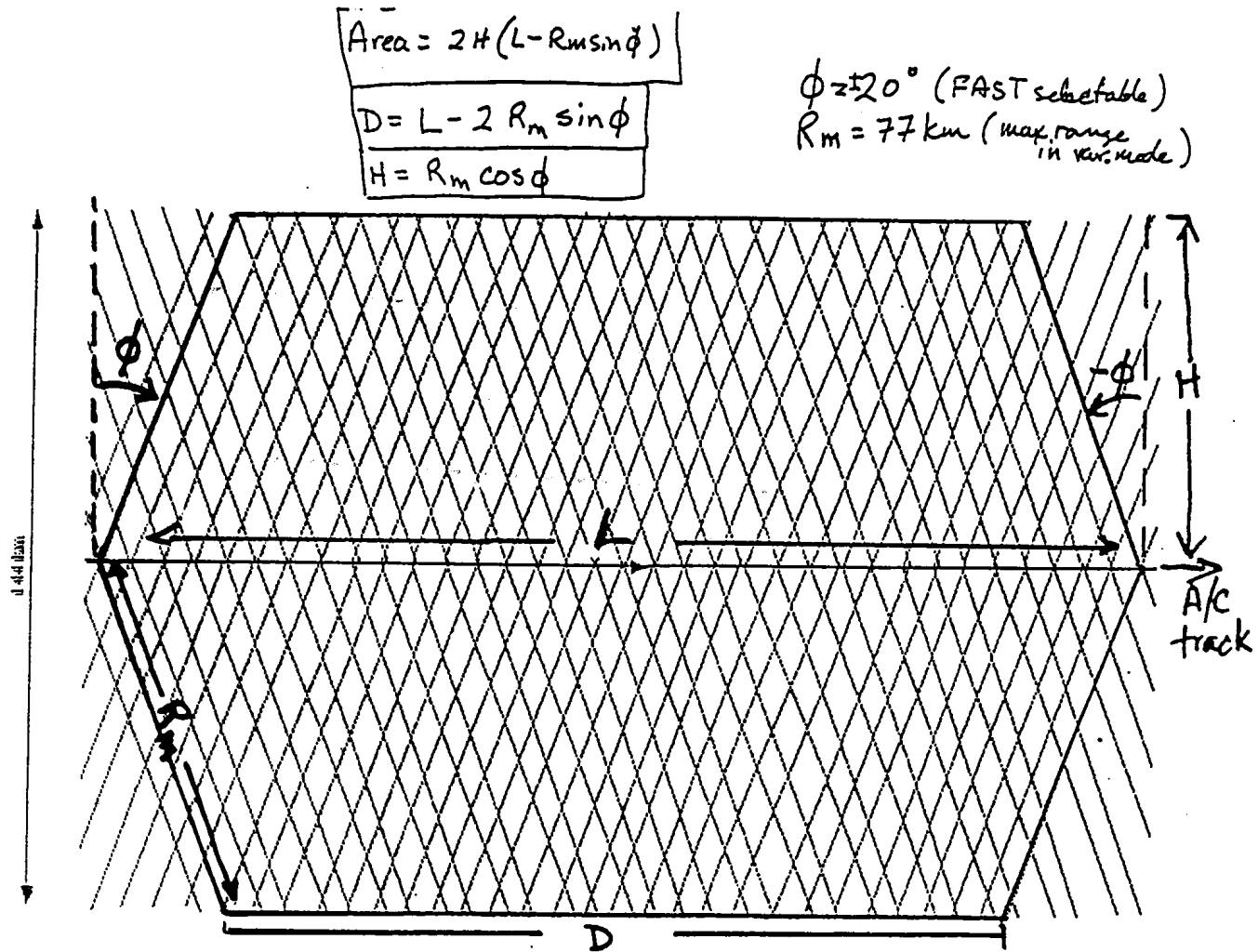
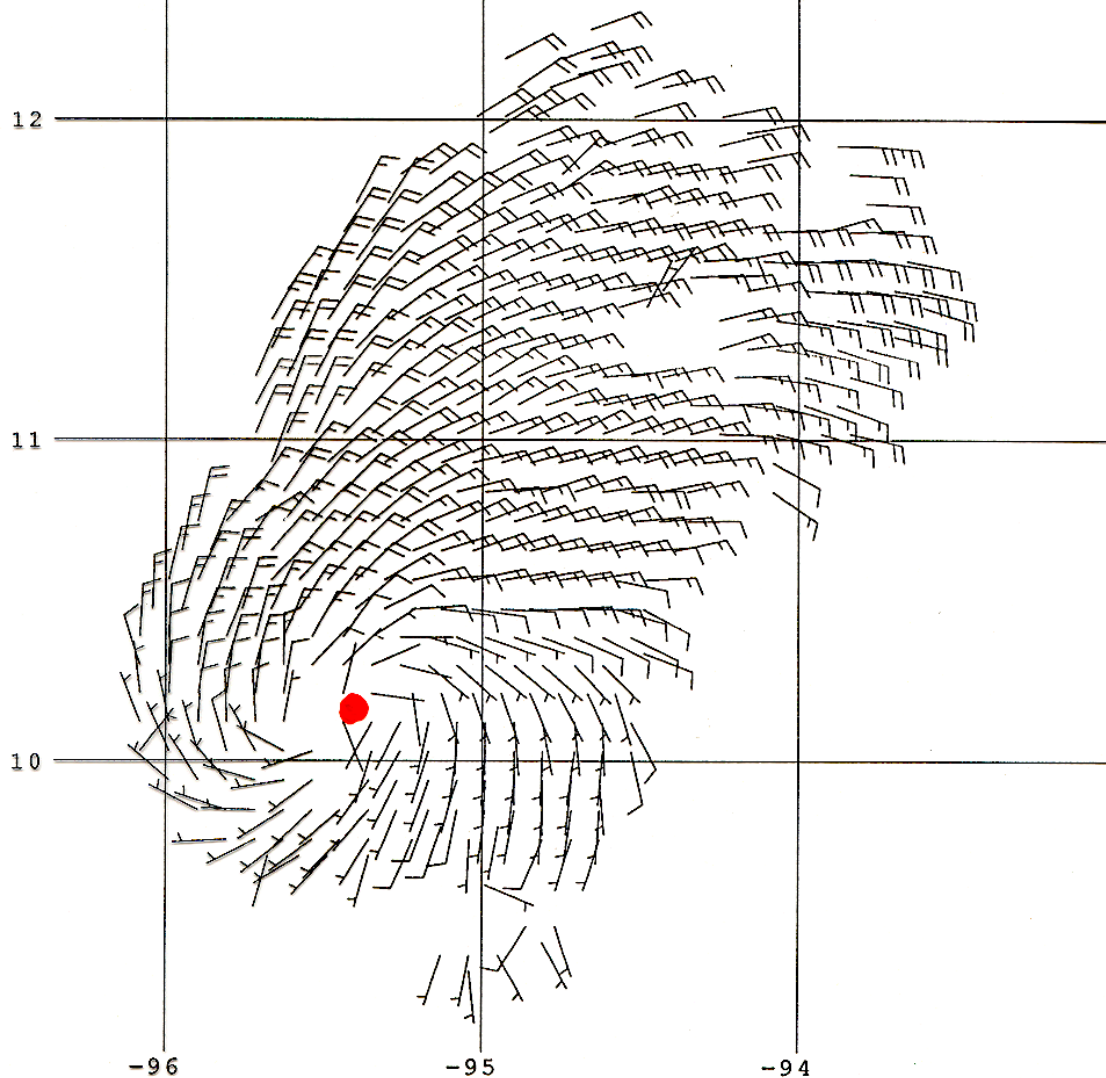


Fig. IV-2. Horizontal pseudo-dual Doppler coverage for tail Doppler radar for FAST scanning.

Guillermo
910802

Z = 2 km

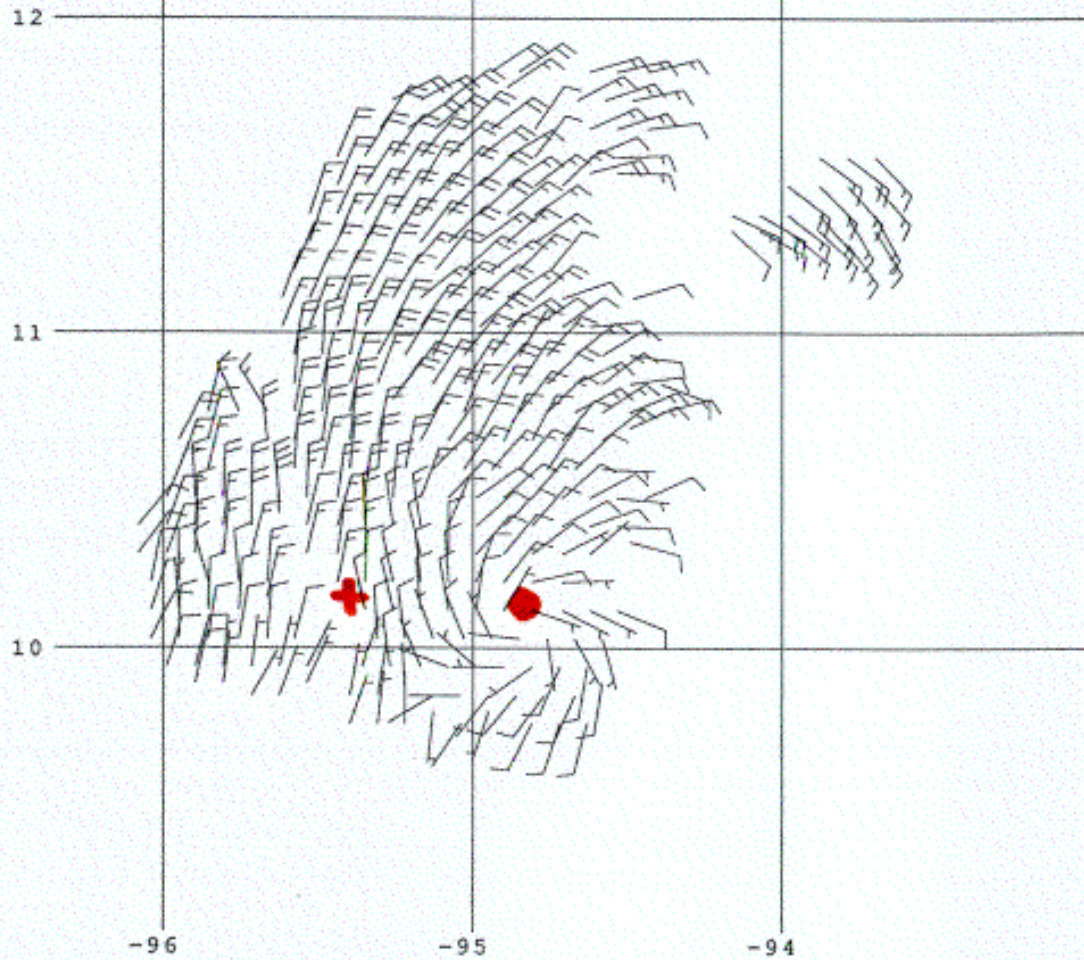


910802 TRANS level 04 WIND

5 knots
10 knots

Guillermo
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$z = 7 \text{ km}$



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TEXMEX
WIND BARBS
08/03/91 0 UTC - 08/03/91 4 UTC

700 MB
(KNØTS)

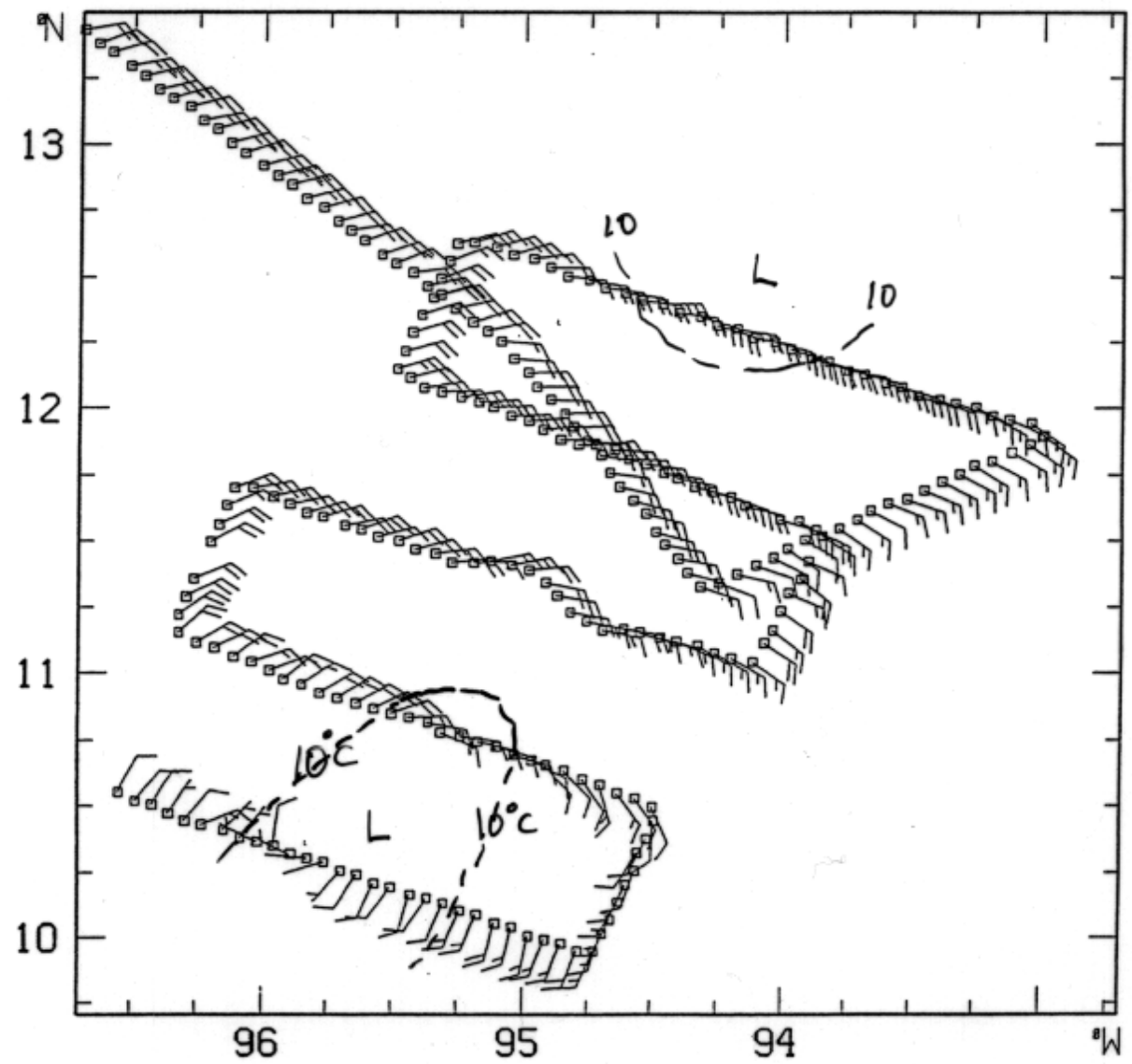


Figure 66: The 700 hPa pattern for flight 910802H.

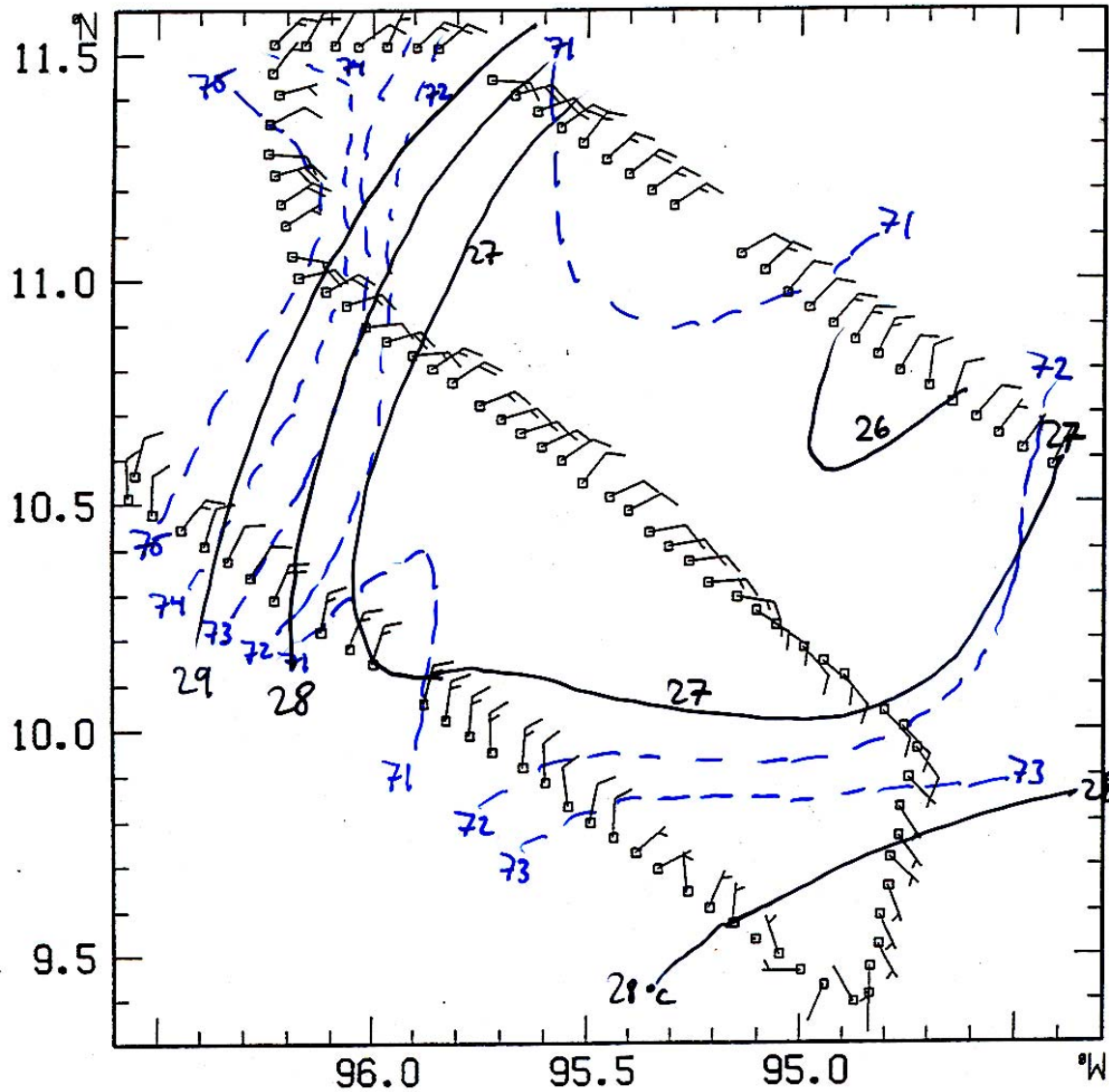


Figure 67: The 975 hPa pattern for flight 910802H.

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700 MB
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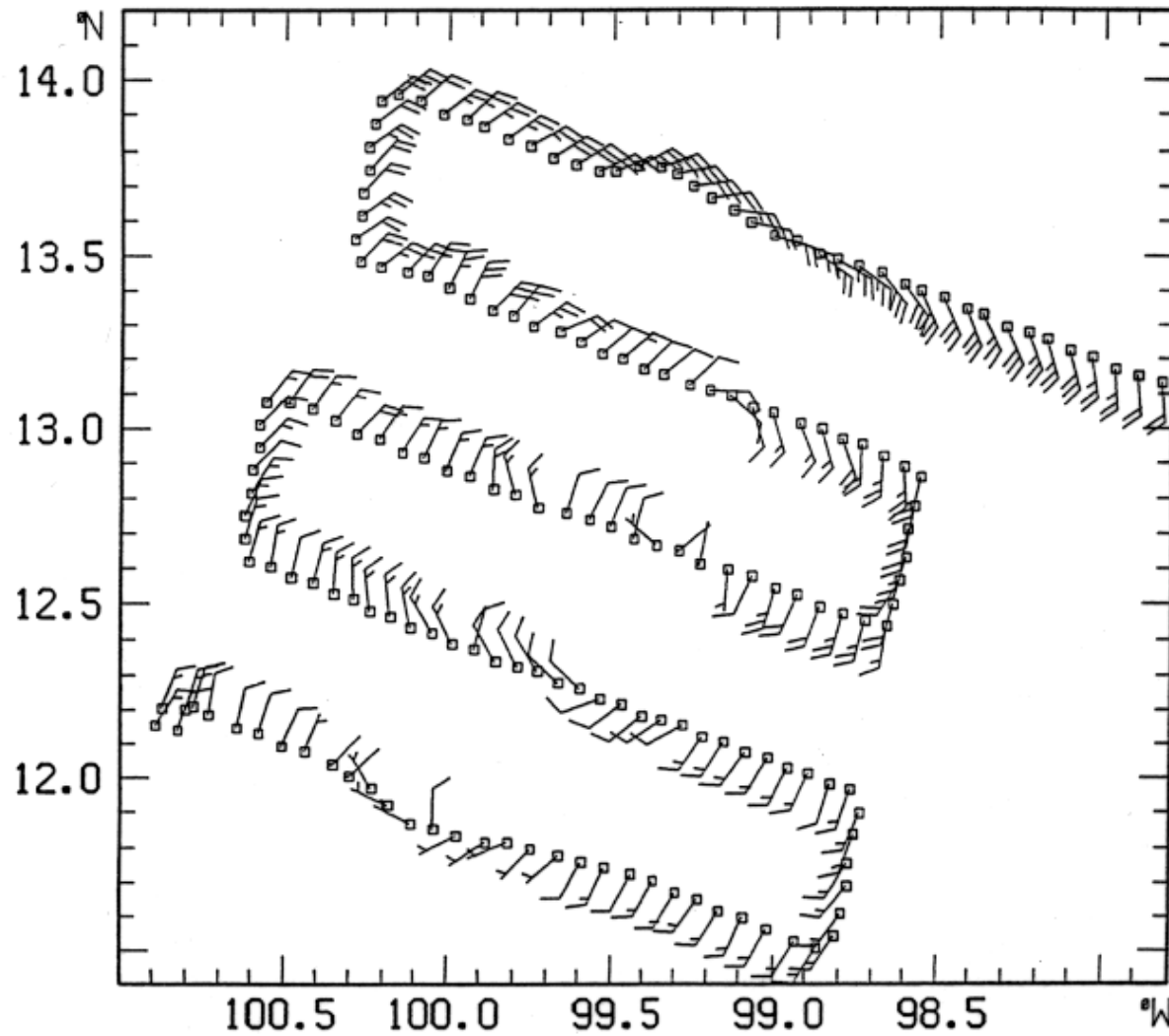


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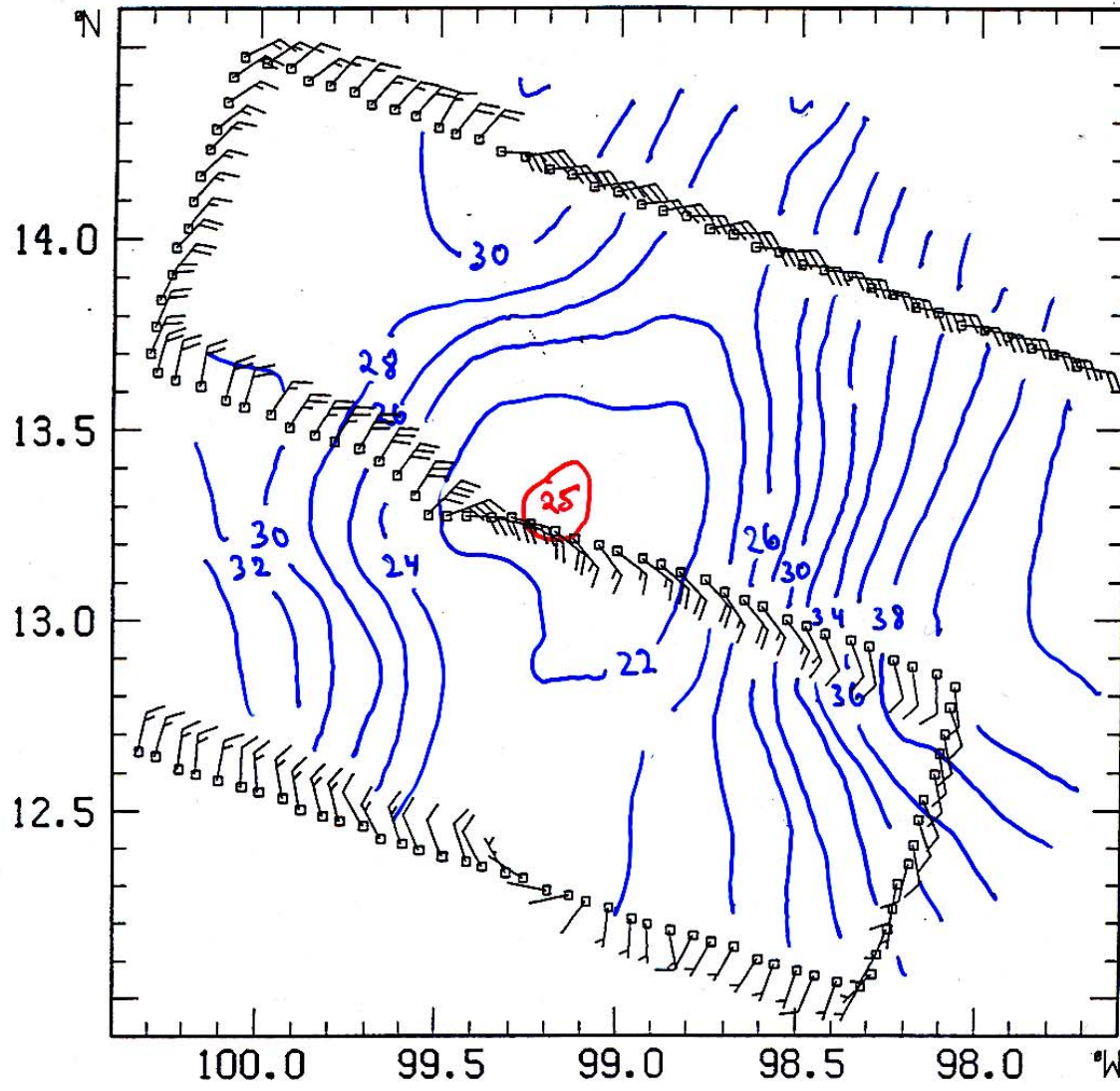


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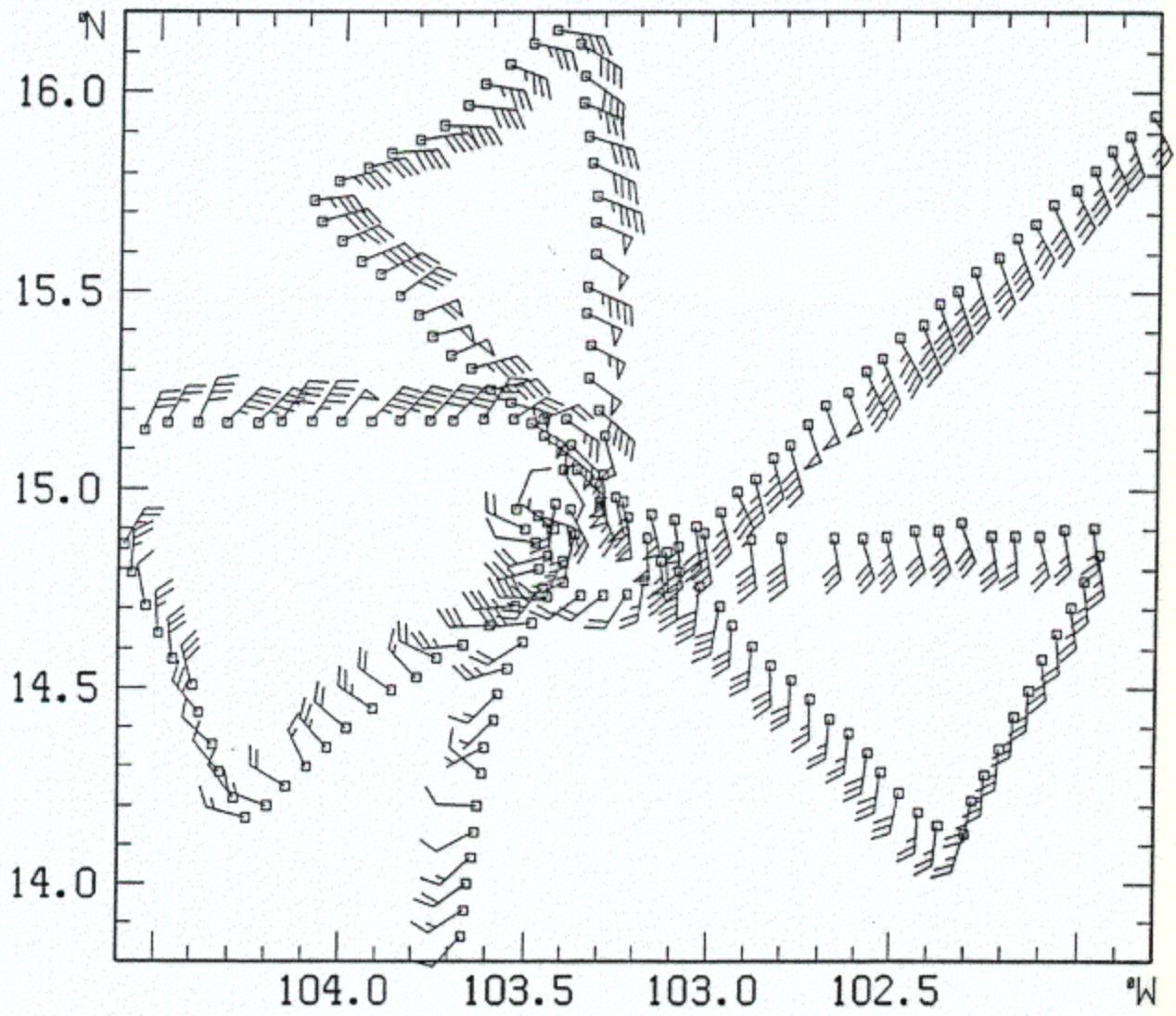


Figure 74: The 700 hPa pattern for flight 910805H.

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(KNØTS)

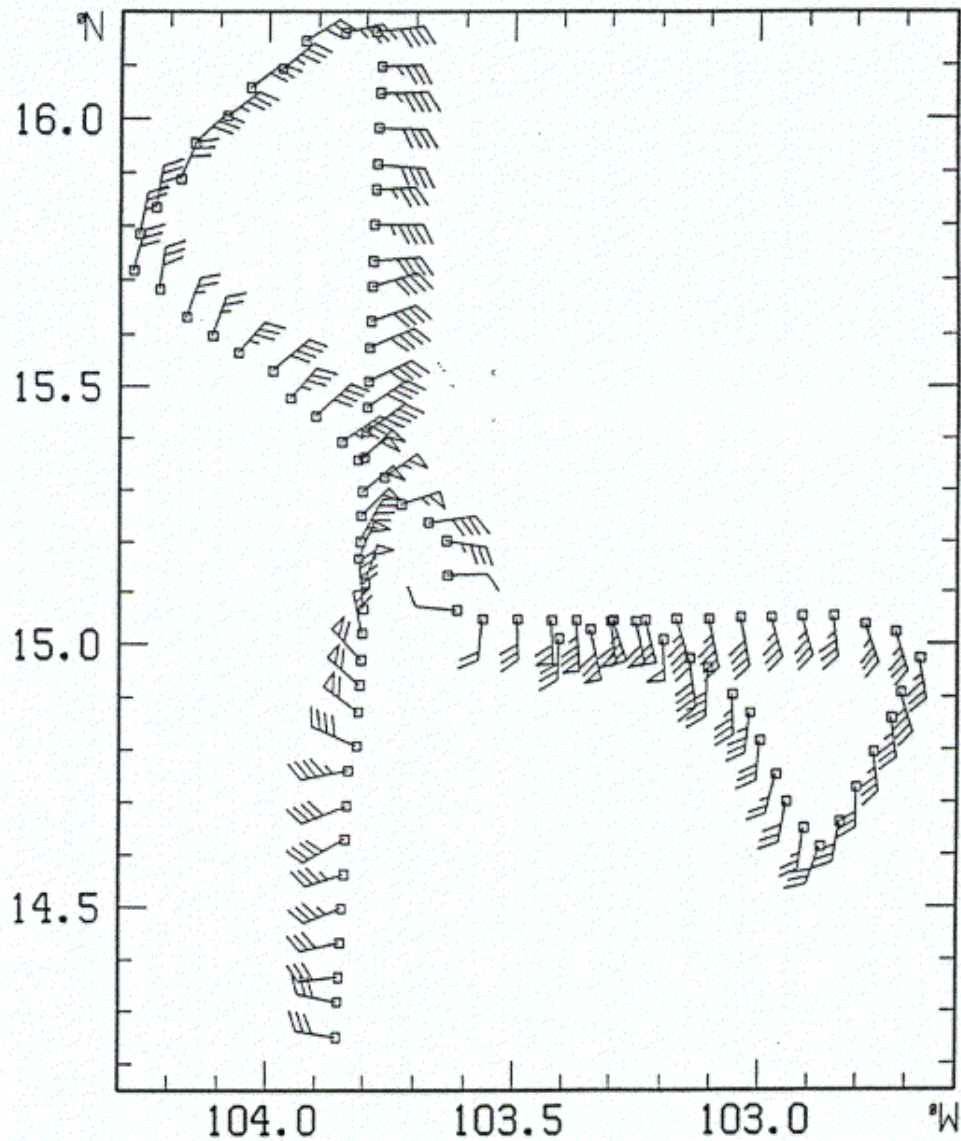
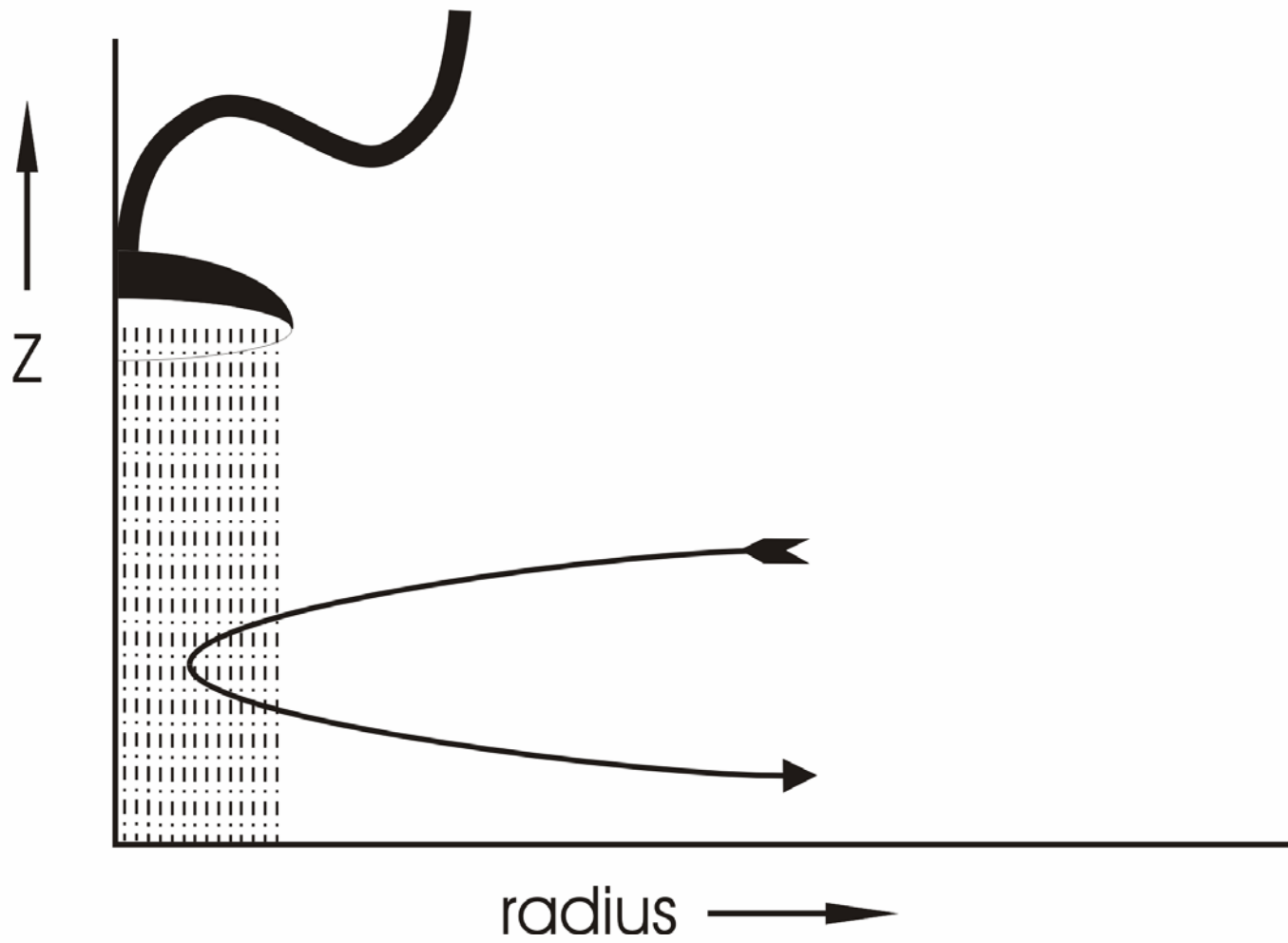
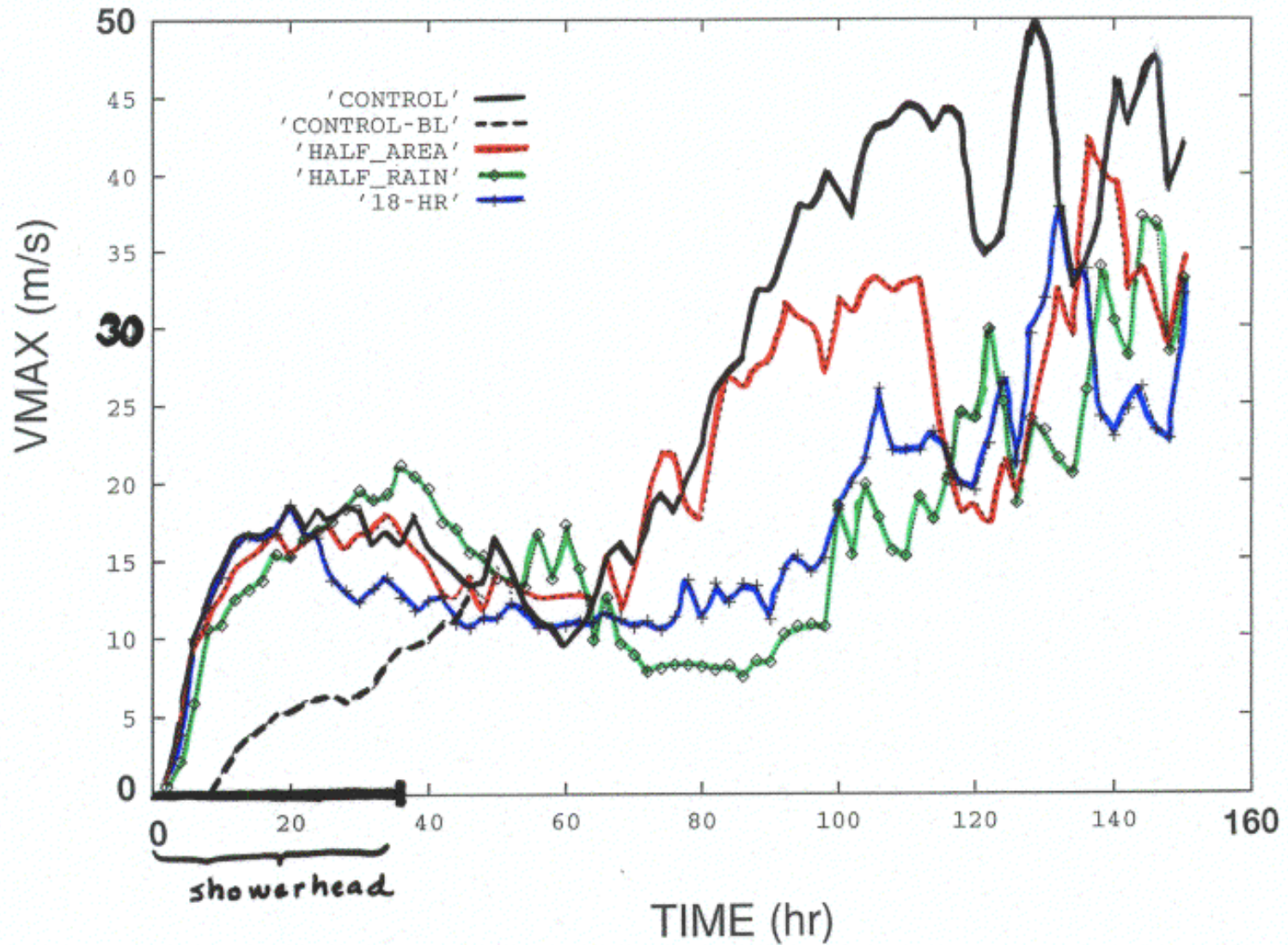


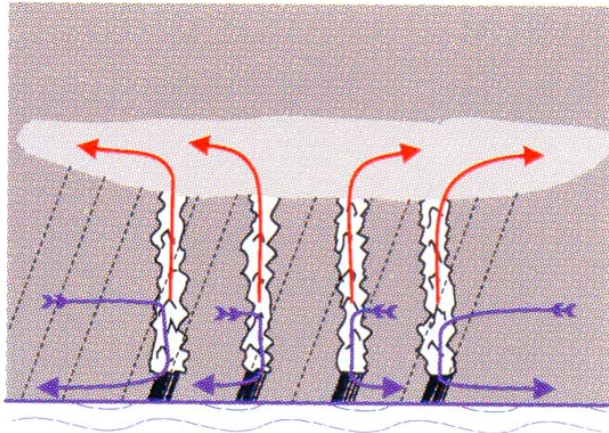
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Maximum tangential wind velocity

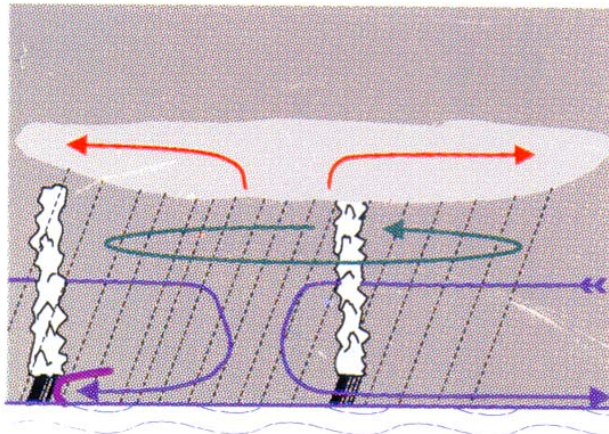


1. TRIGGERING



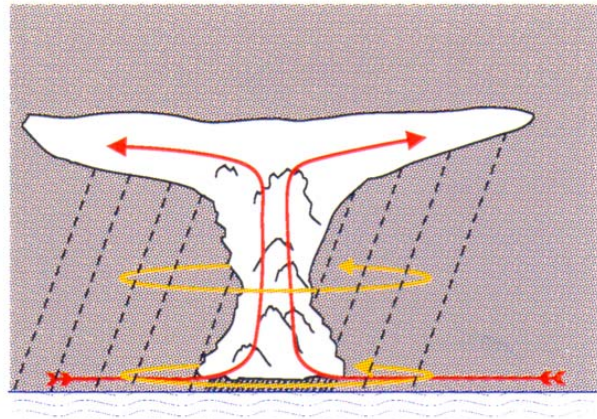
- Formation of long-lived mesoscale stratiform anvil
- Appears to require large-scale ascent in the upper troposphere
- Reduction of subcloud layer entropy by downdrafts

2. Gestation



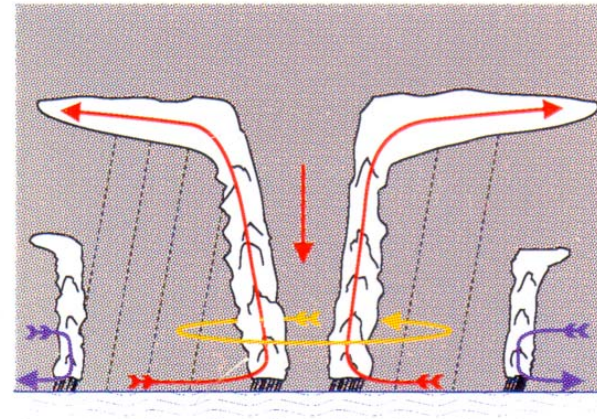
- Light to moderate stratiform rain; little deep convection, except at periphery
- Formation of middle tropospheric mesoscale cyclone cold core in the lower troposphere
- *High relative humidity* develops in core
- Subcloud layer entropy recovers

3. Ignition



- New episode of convection that is *free of downdraft* forms near core
- Strong surface *In*flow, strong surface heat fluxes
- Carnot engine switched on

4. Intensification

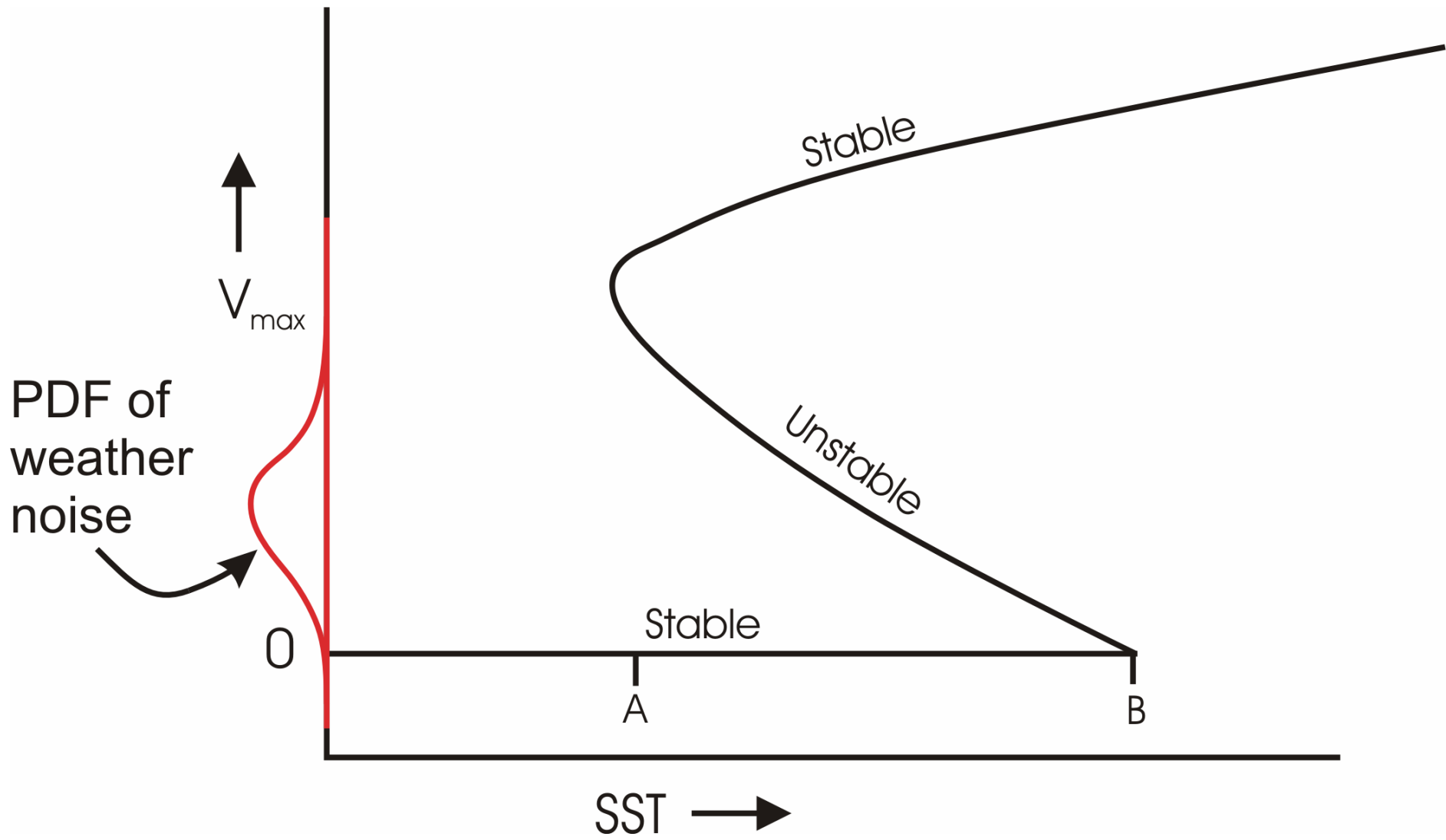


5. Maturity

6. Dissipation

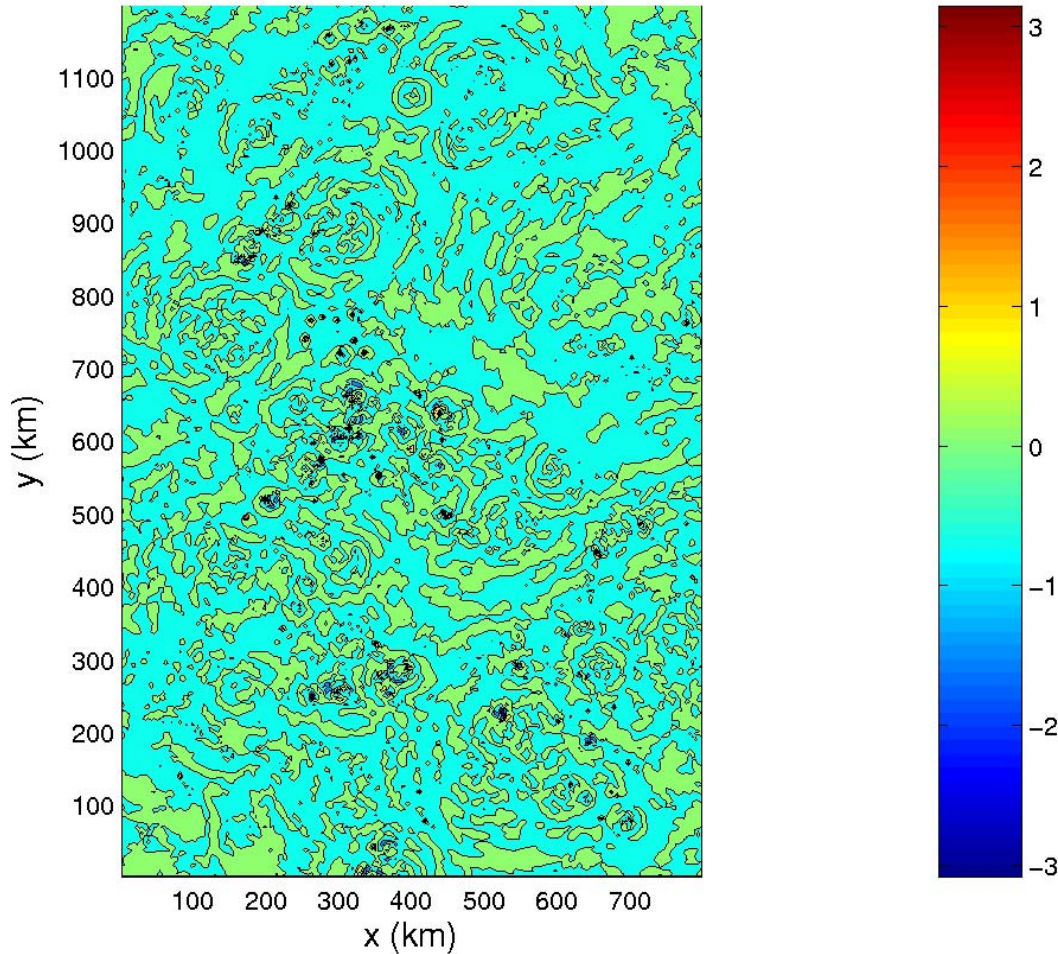
Hypothesis

- Tropical cyclones result from a subcritical bifurcation of the normal state of the tropical atmosphere



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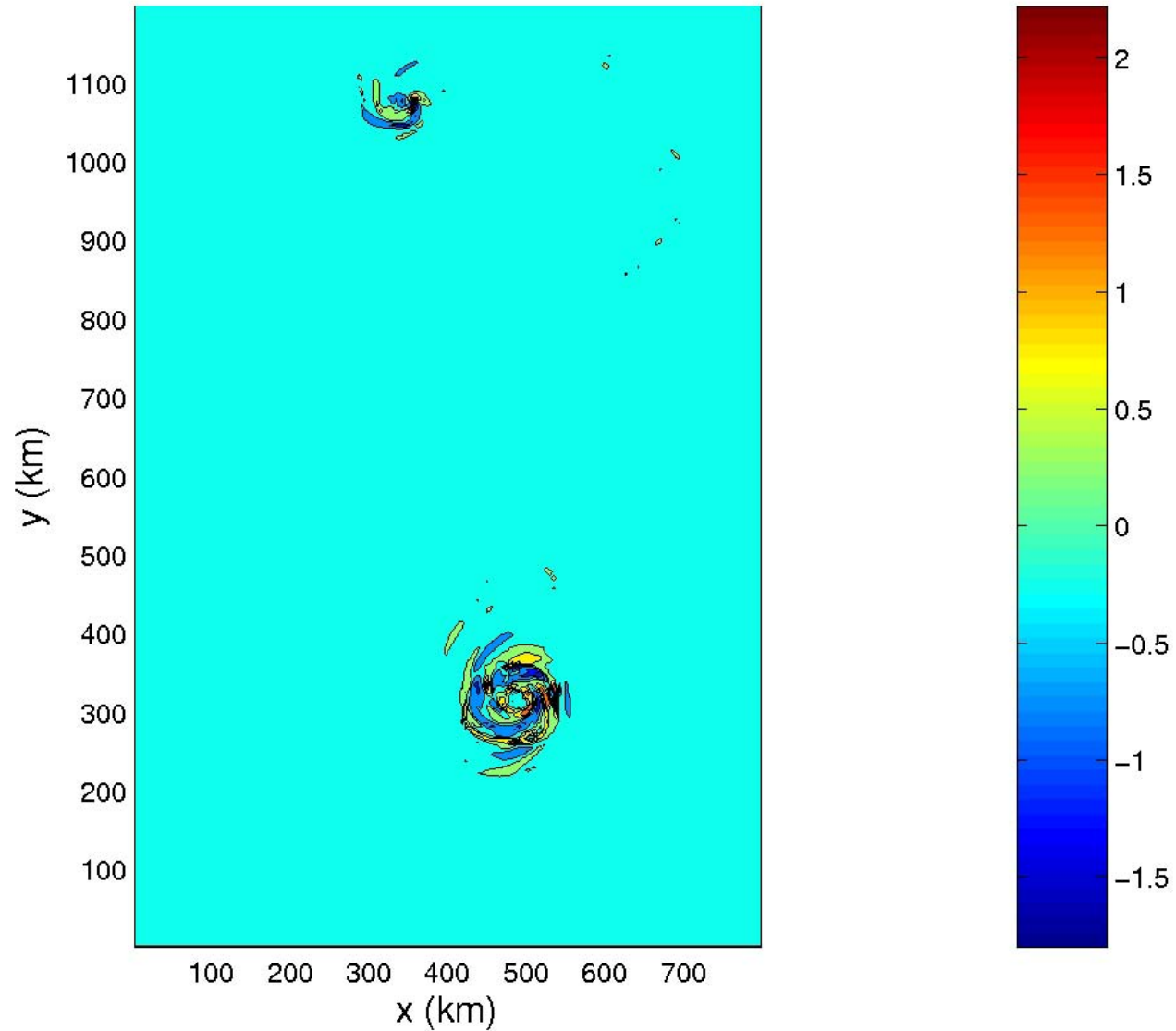
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Integrations of a 3-D
cloud system-resolving
model in radiative-
convective equilibrium
with fixed SST, by
David Nolan

SST = 35°C

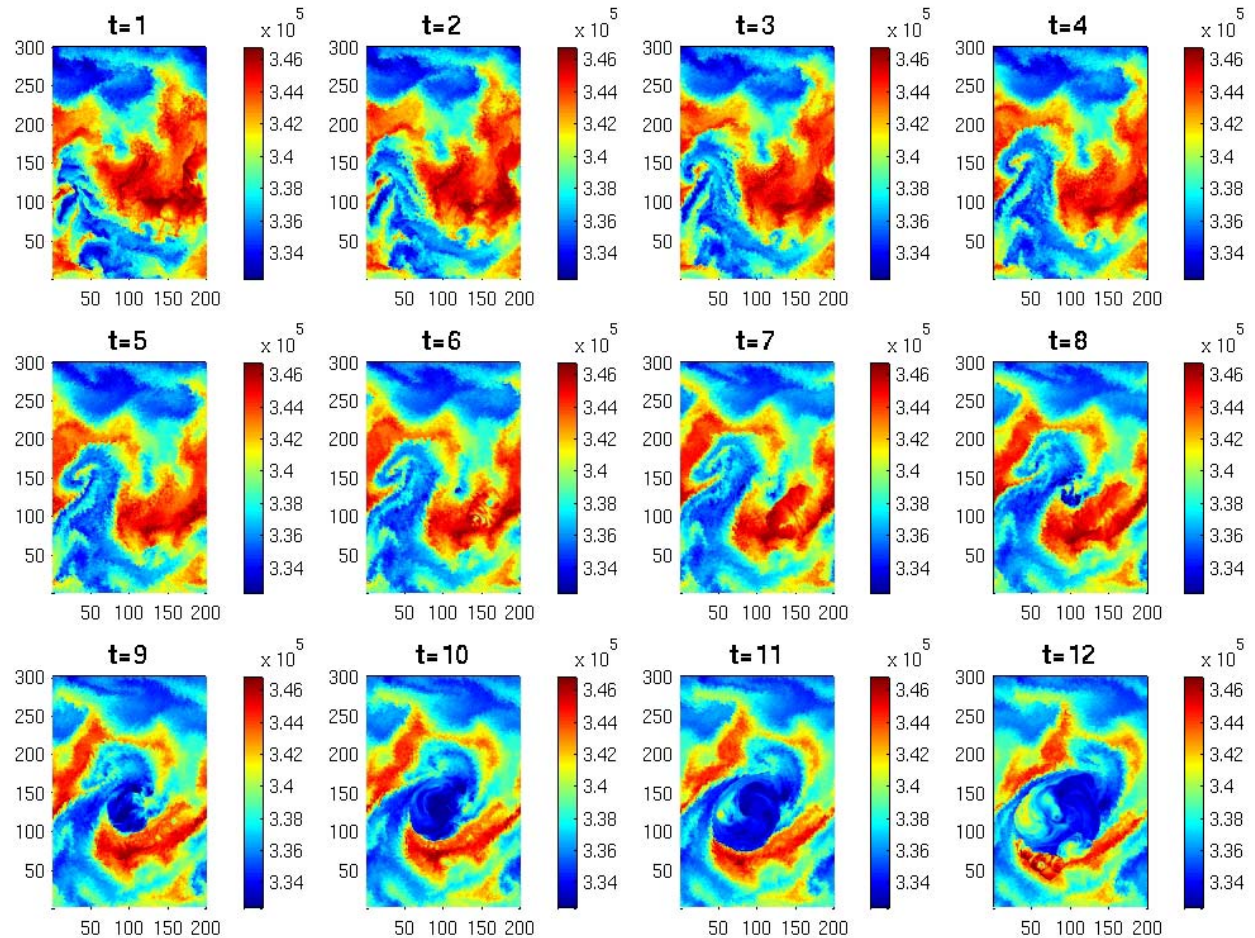
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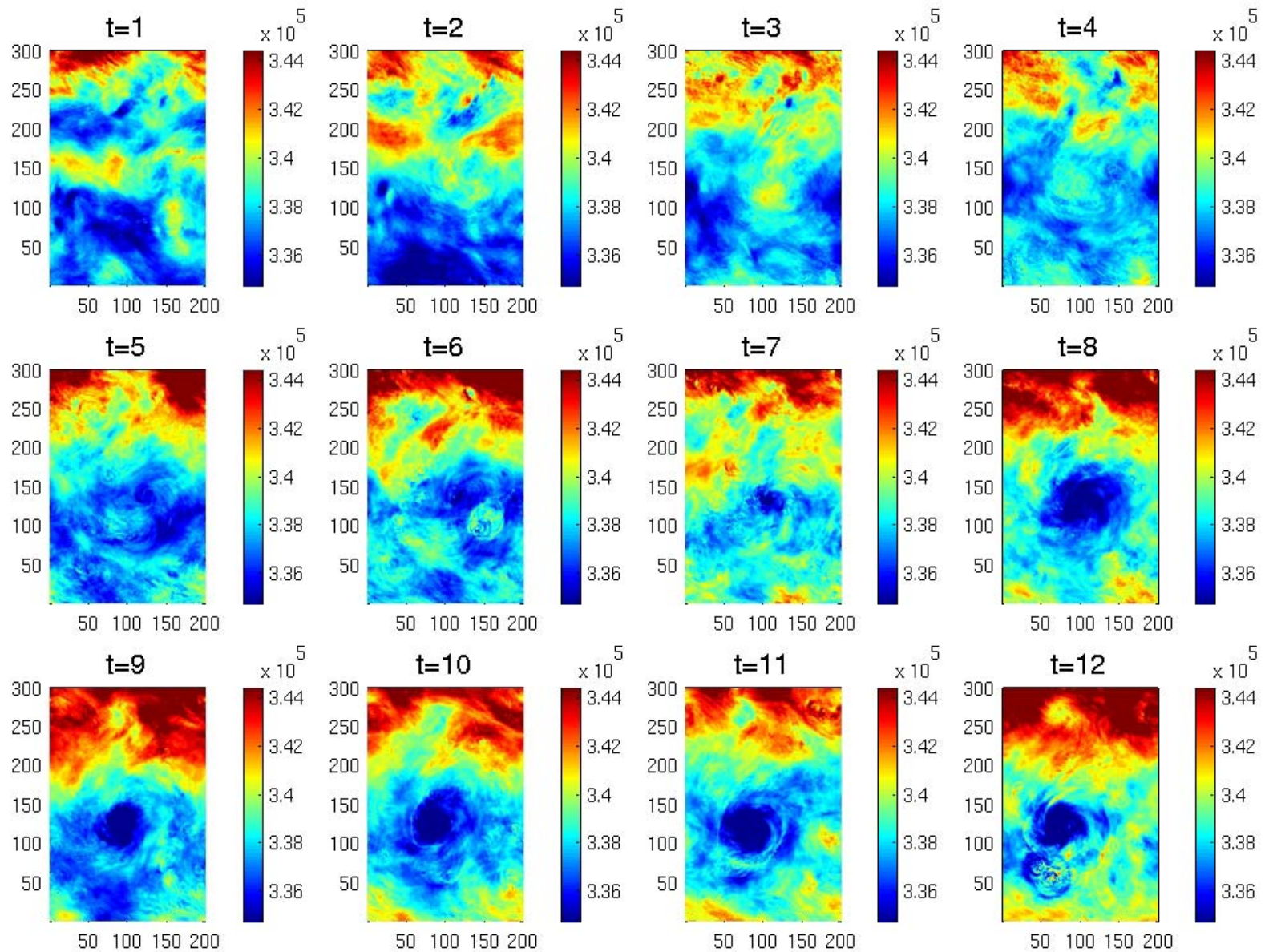
Initial development begins as mesoscale downdraft:

Moist static energy at 25 m

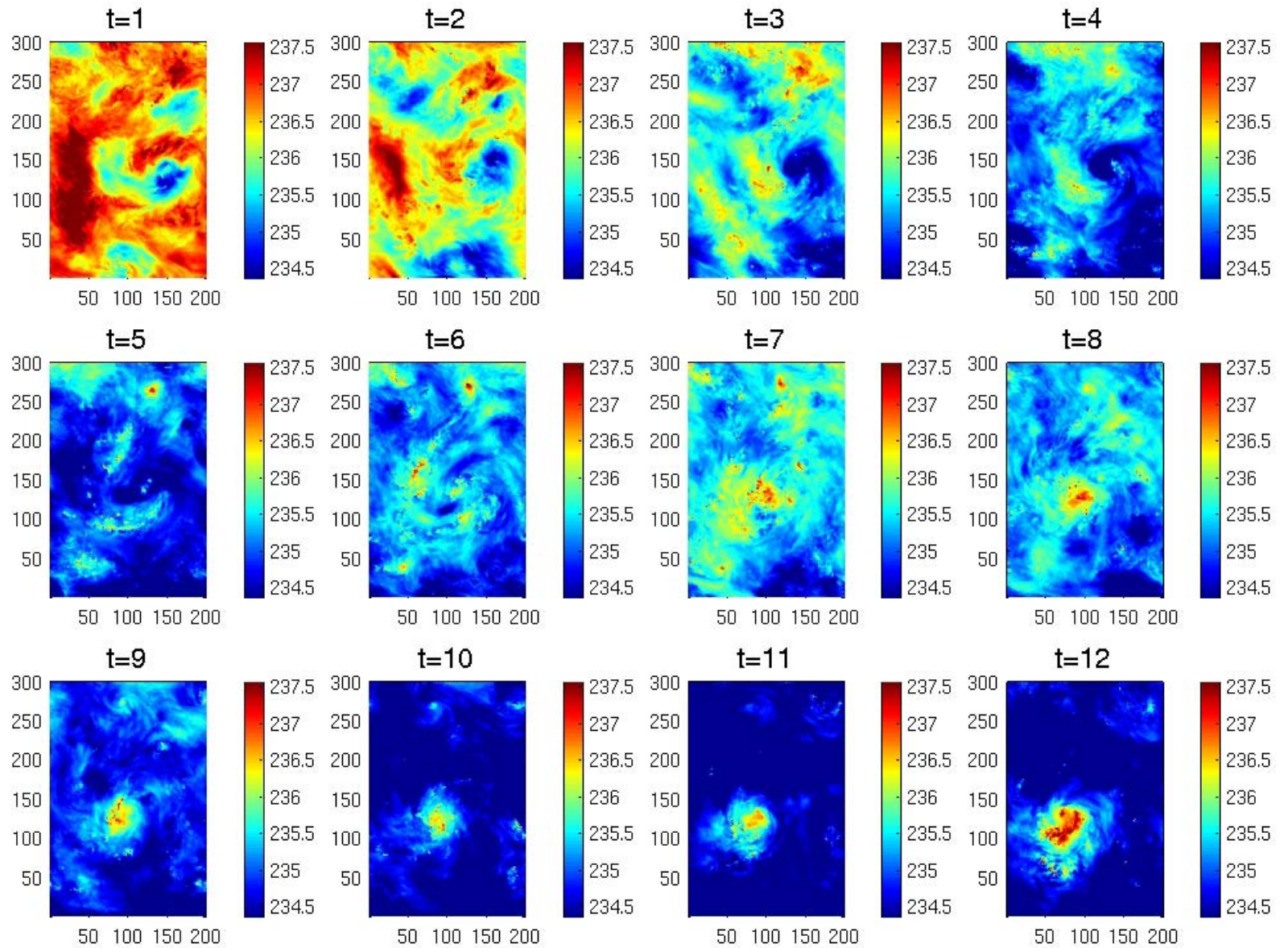
$h(\text{J/kg})$ at $z=24.6$



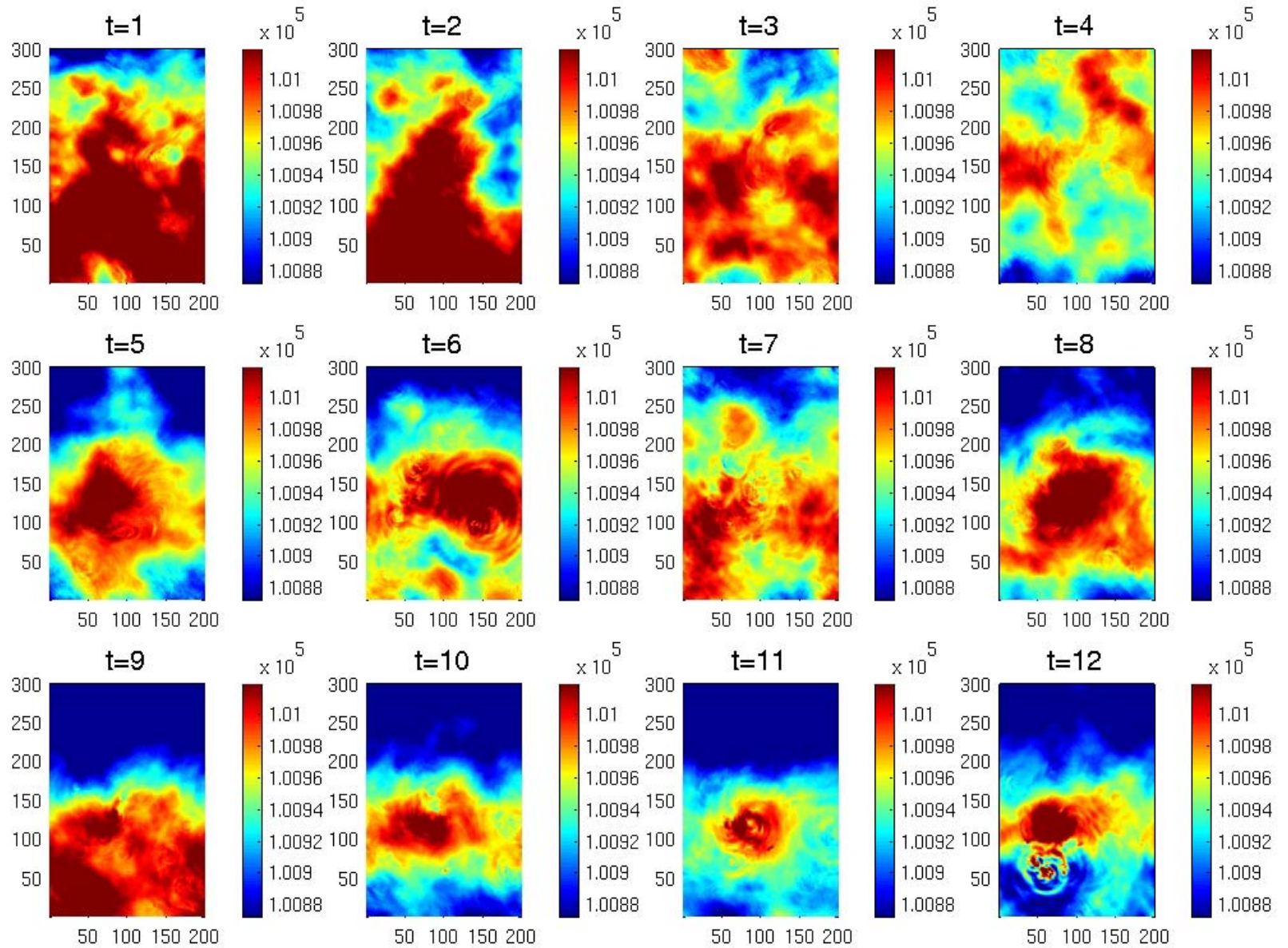
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T(K) at z=9675

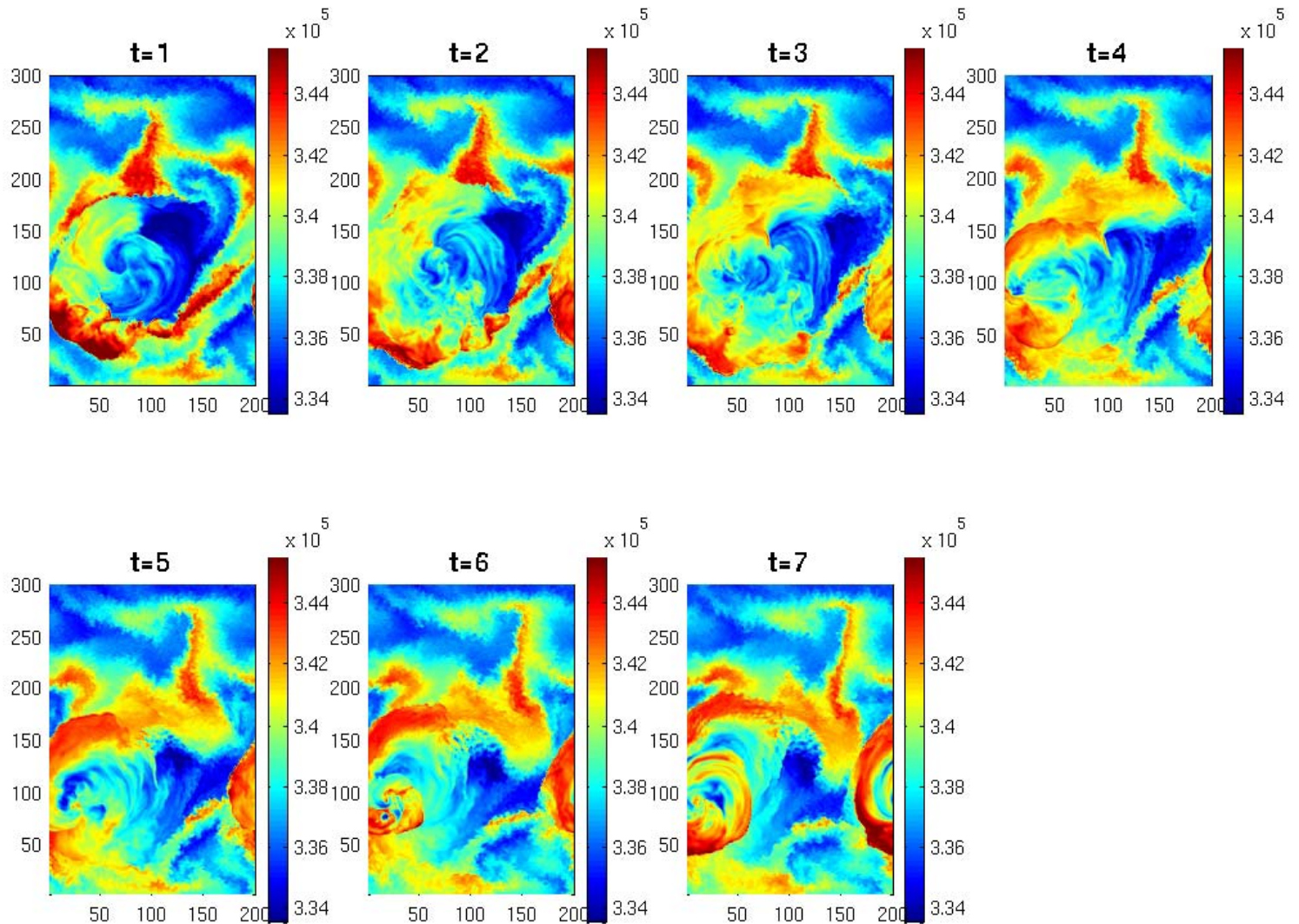


$P(\text{Pa})$ at $z=24.6$

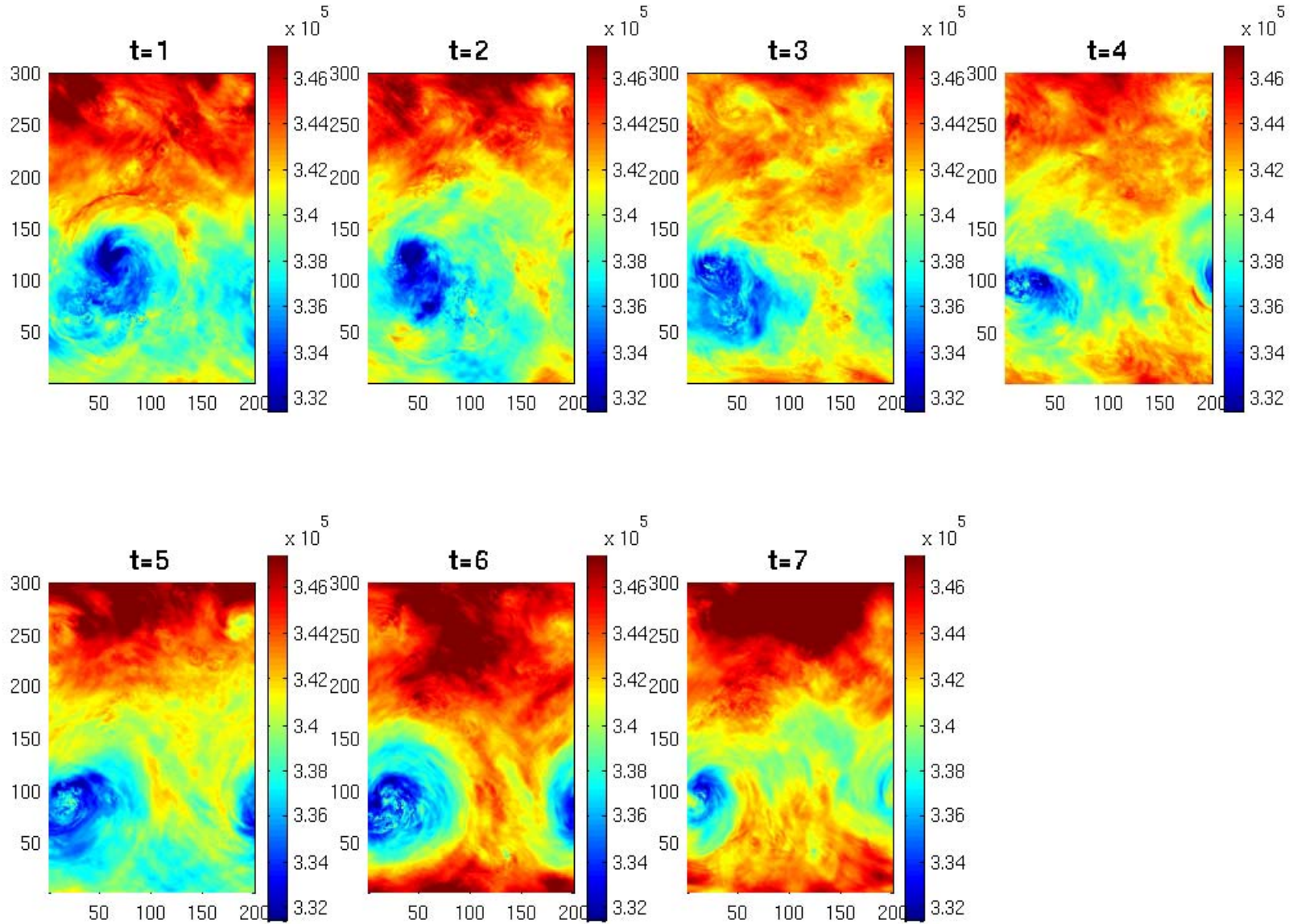


Intermediate times

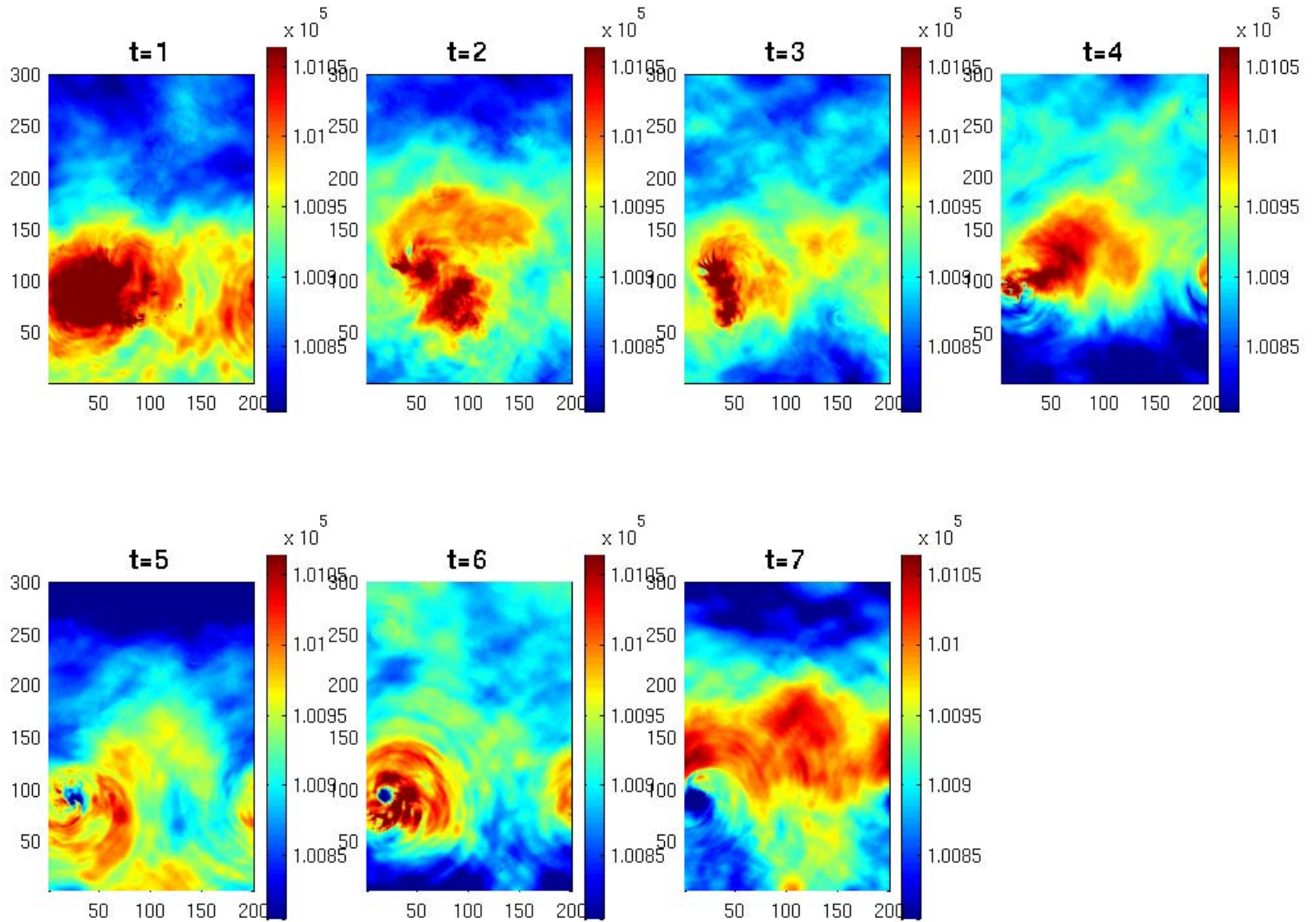
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h^* (J/kg) at $z=3810\text{m}$

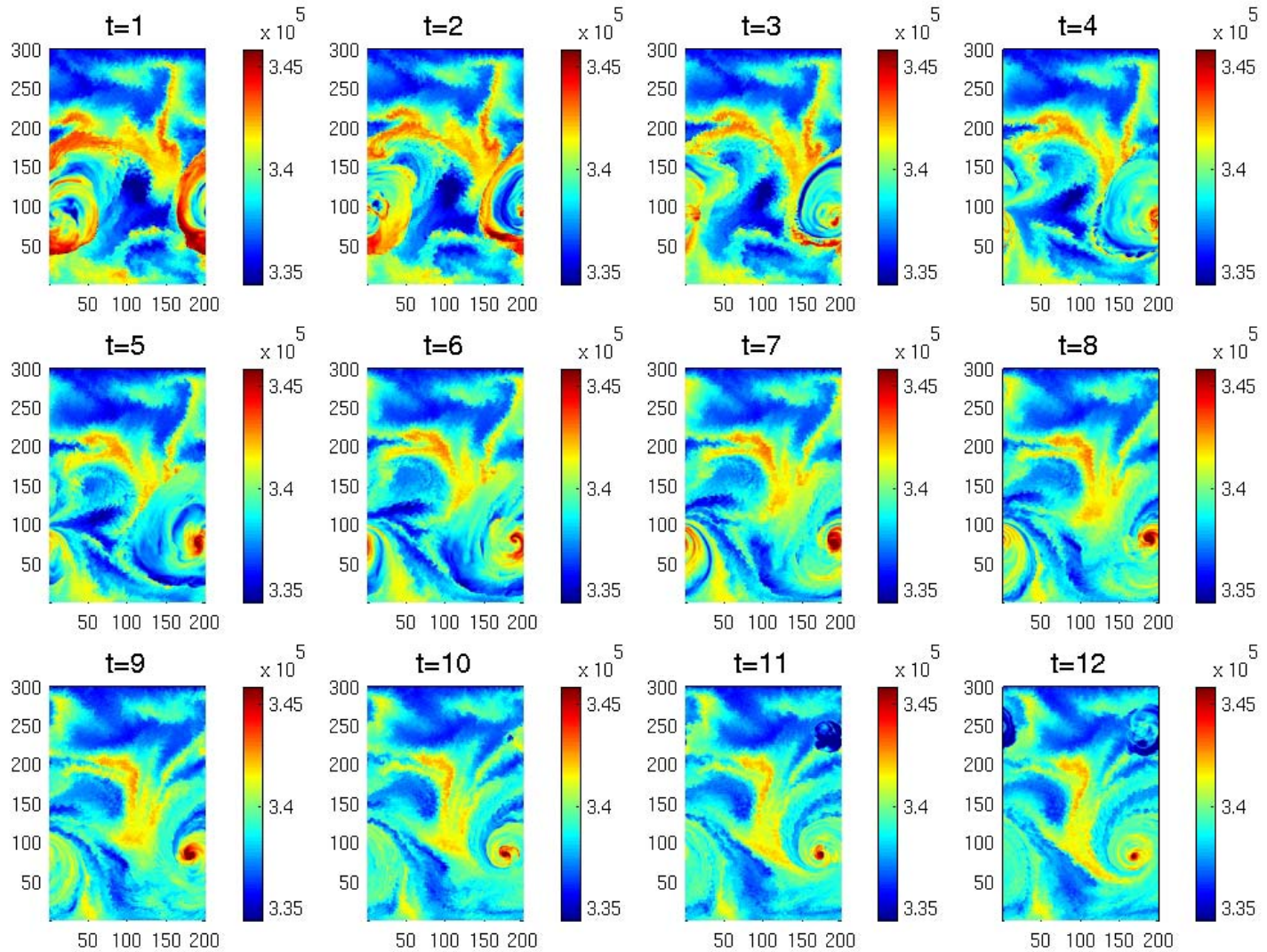


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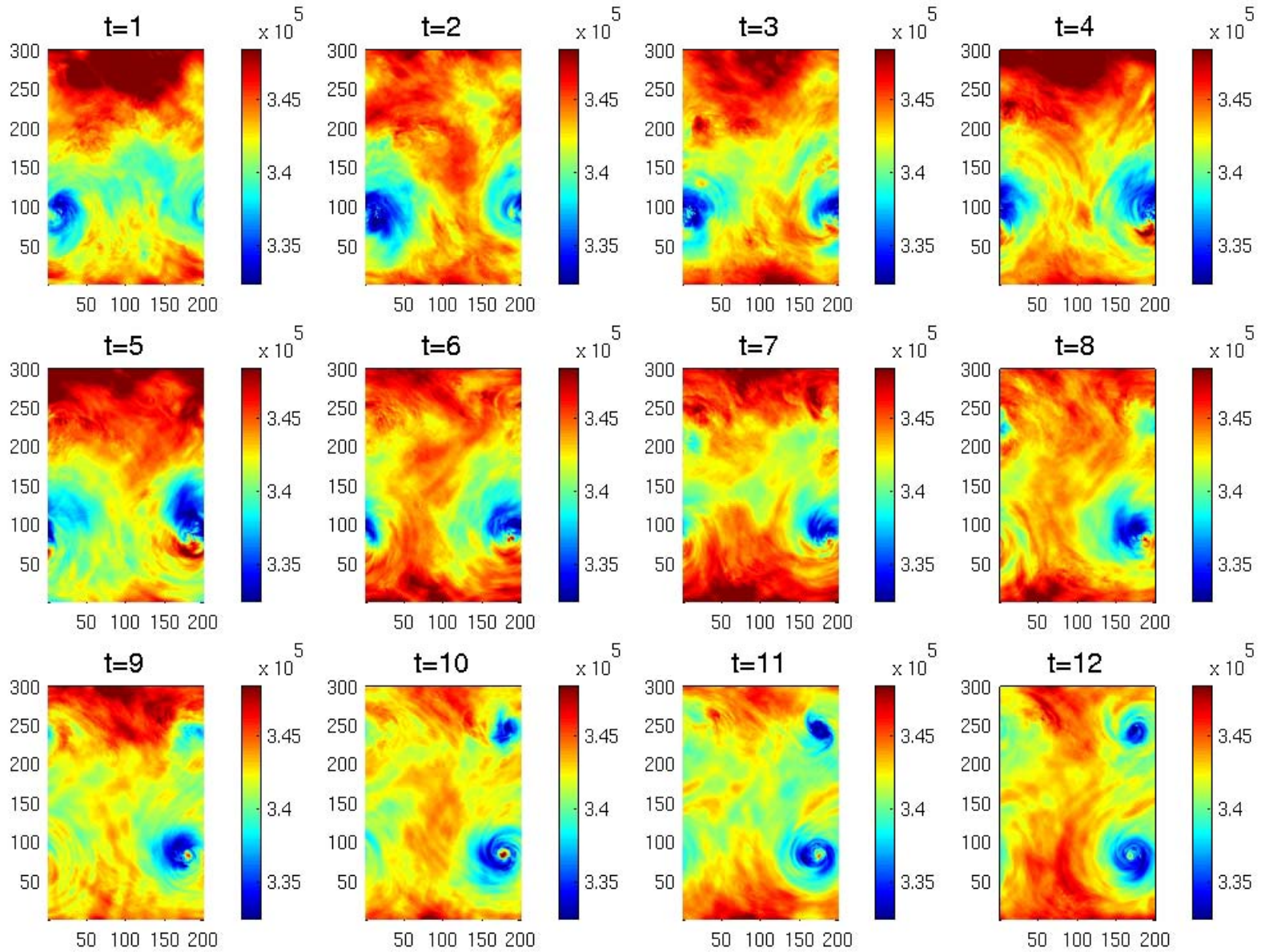


Later times:

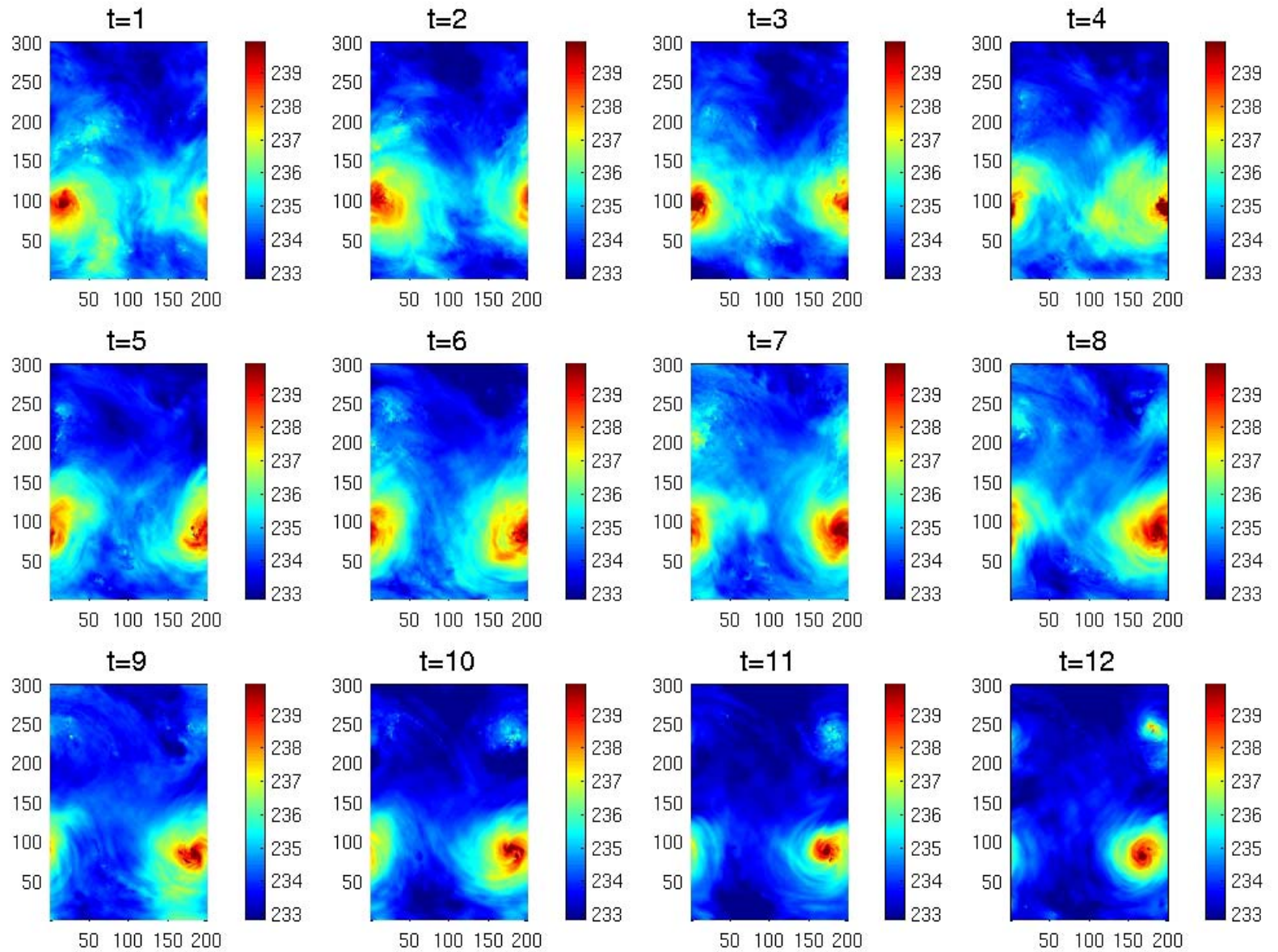
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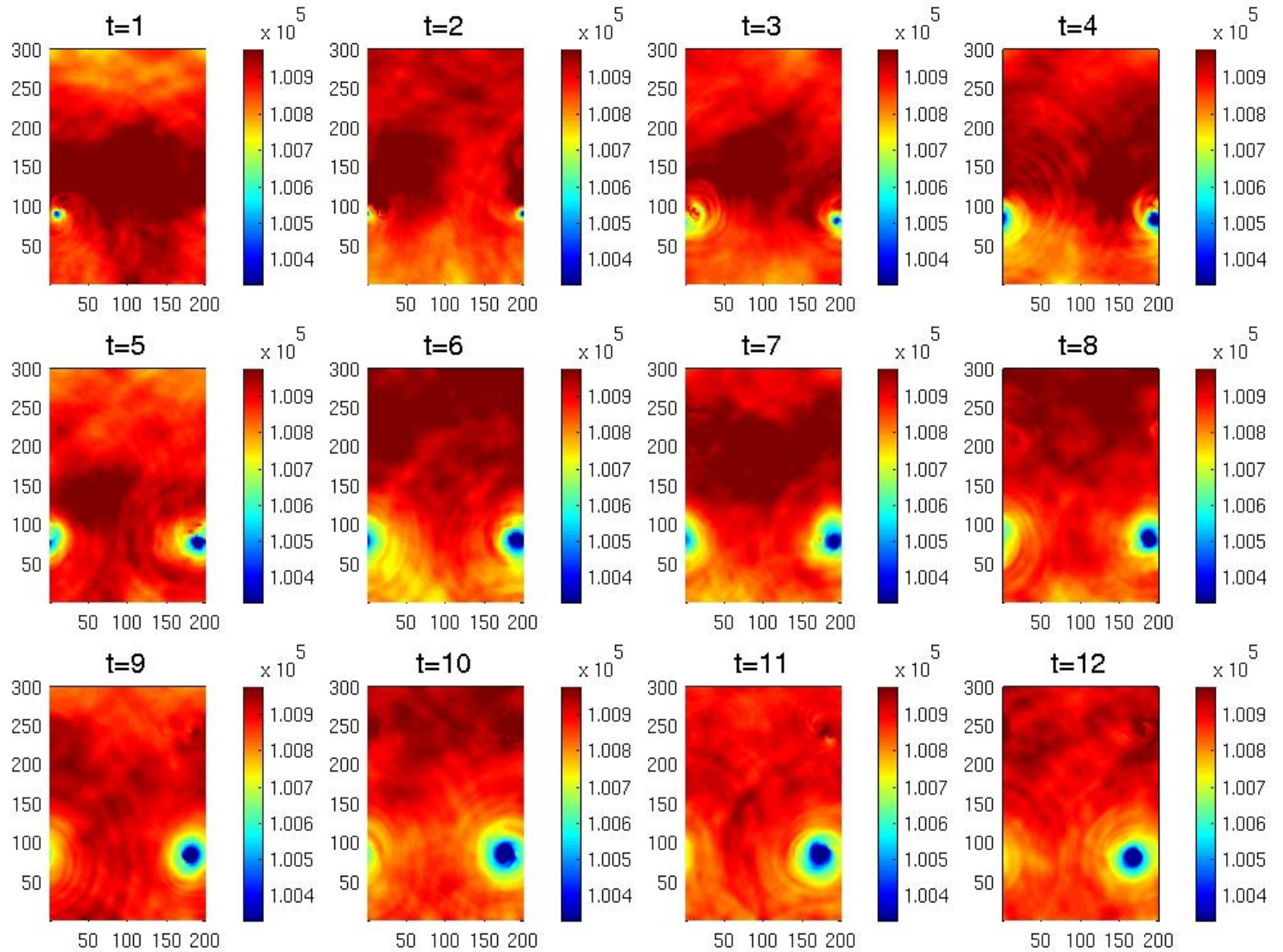
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T(K) at z=9675m

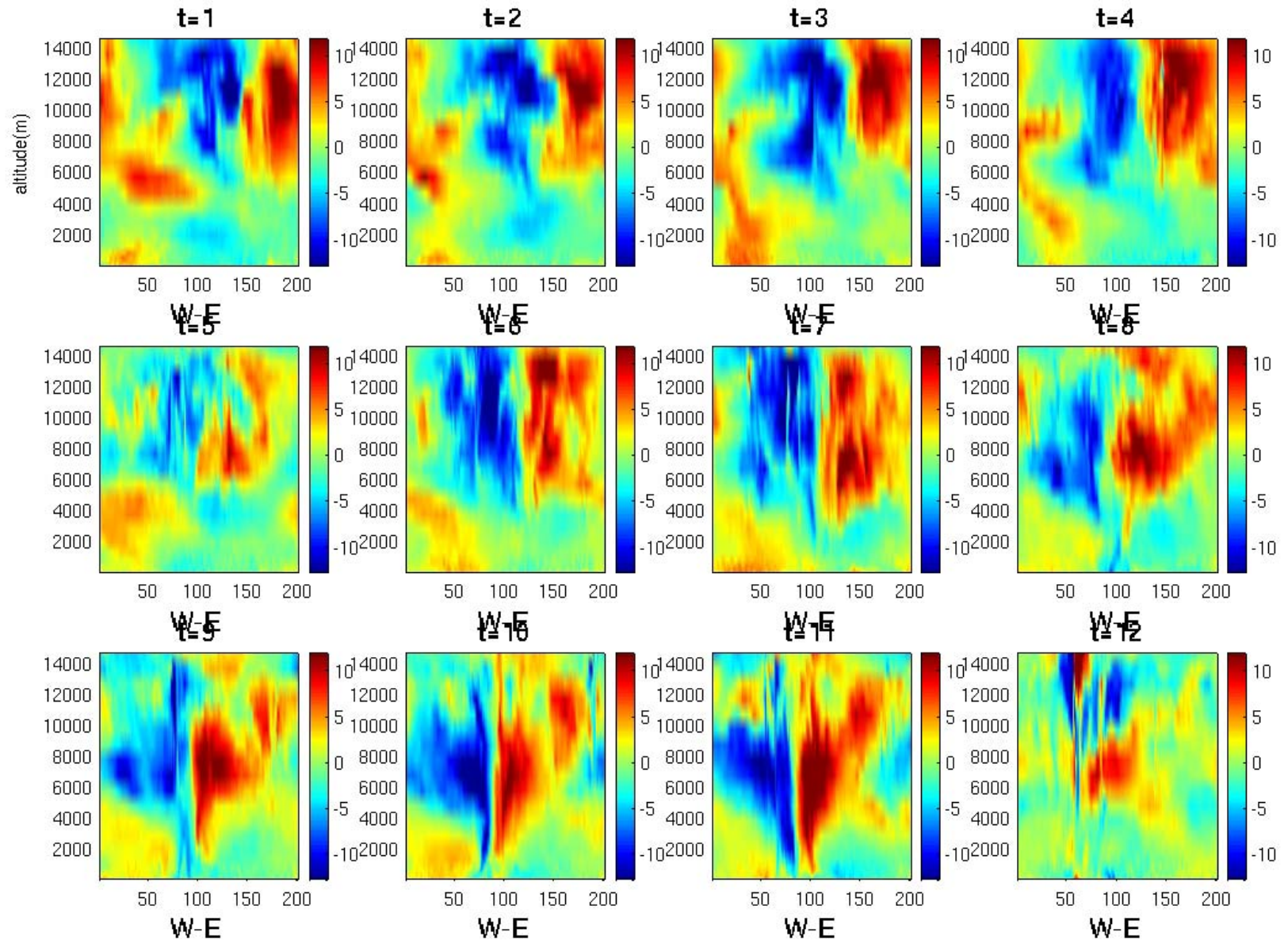


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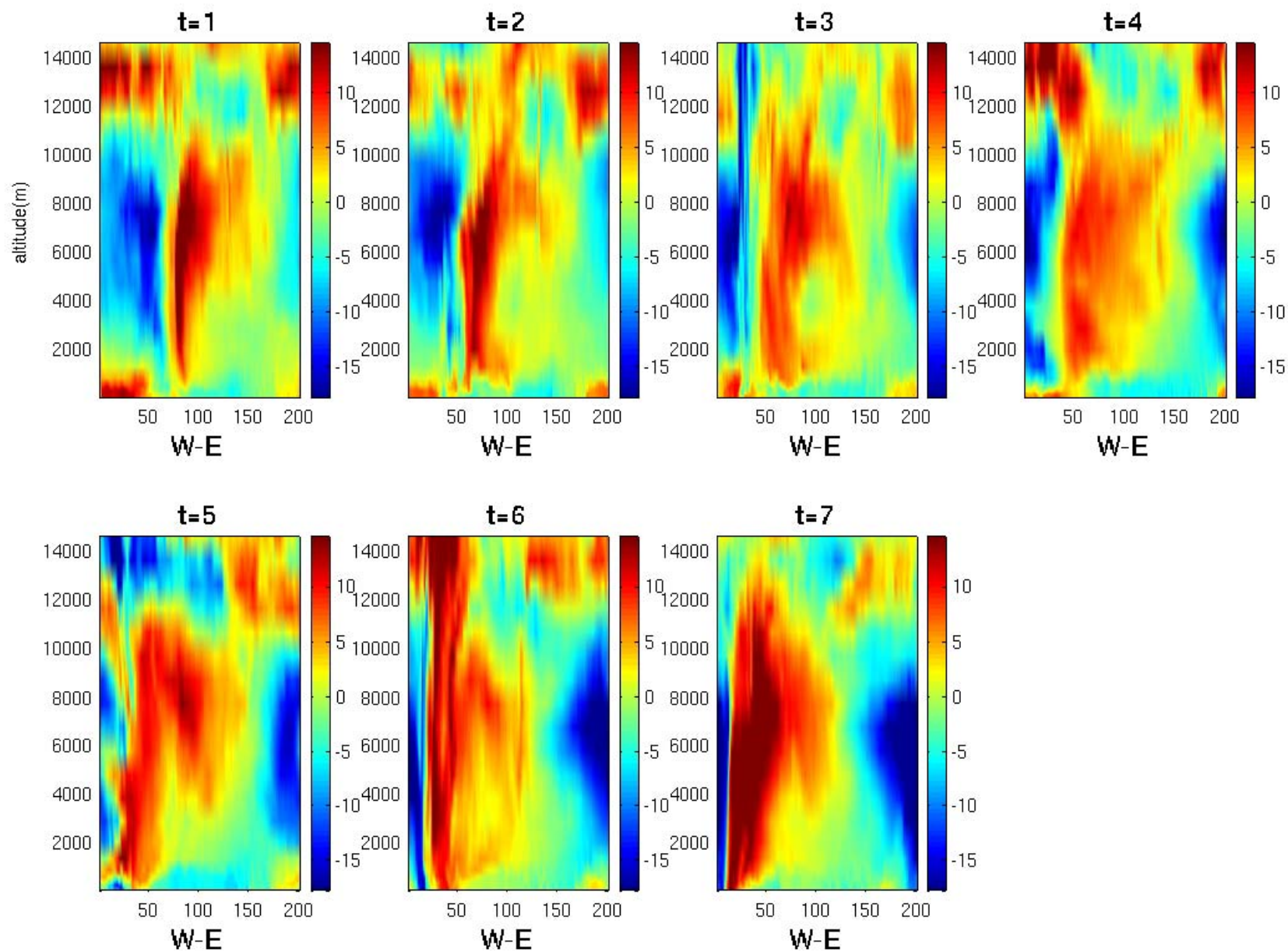


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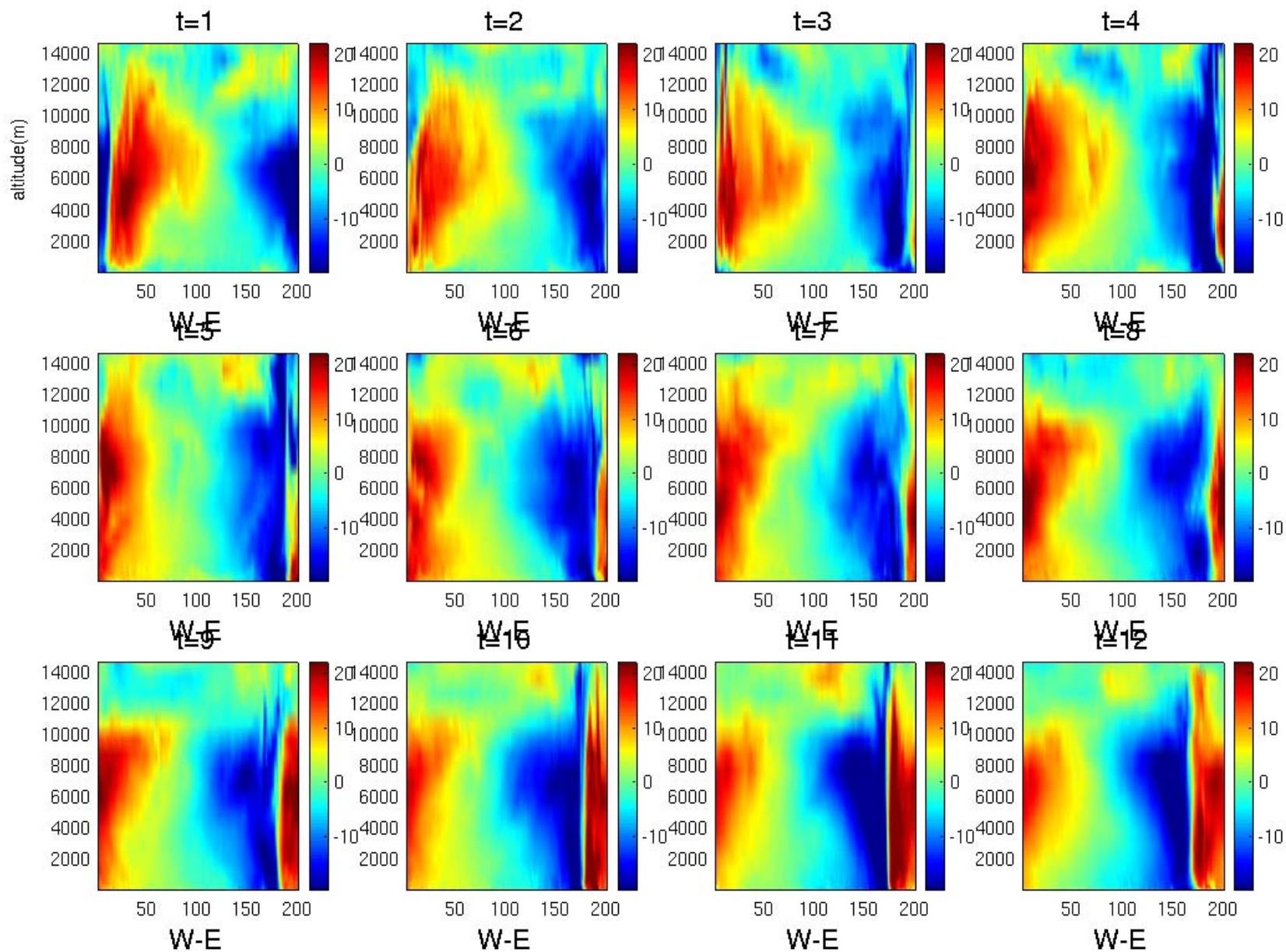
v -wind(m/s)



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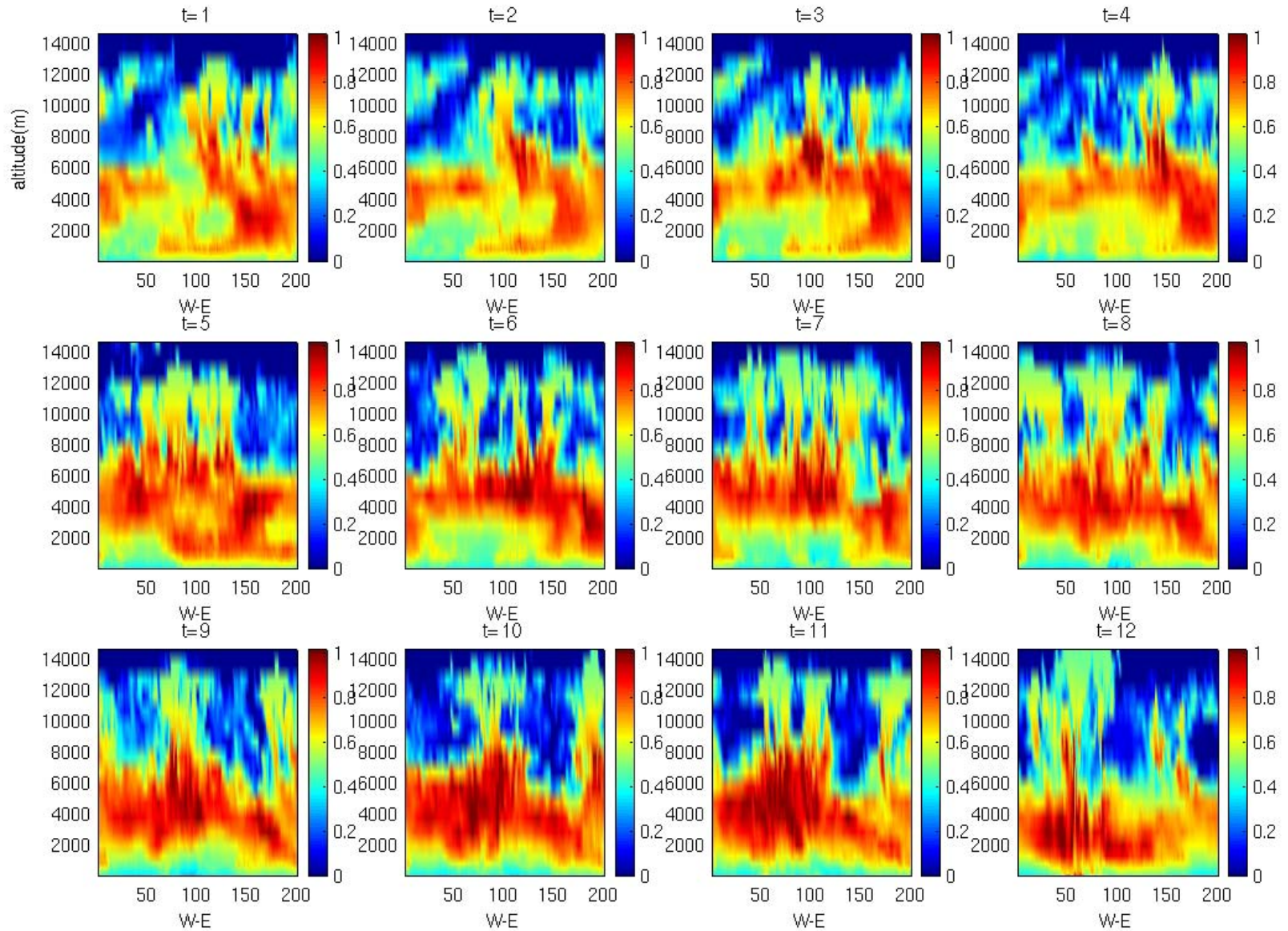


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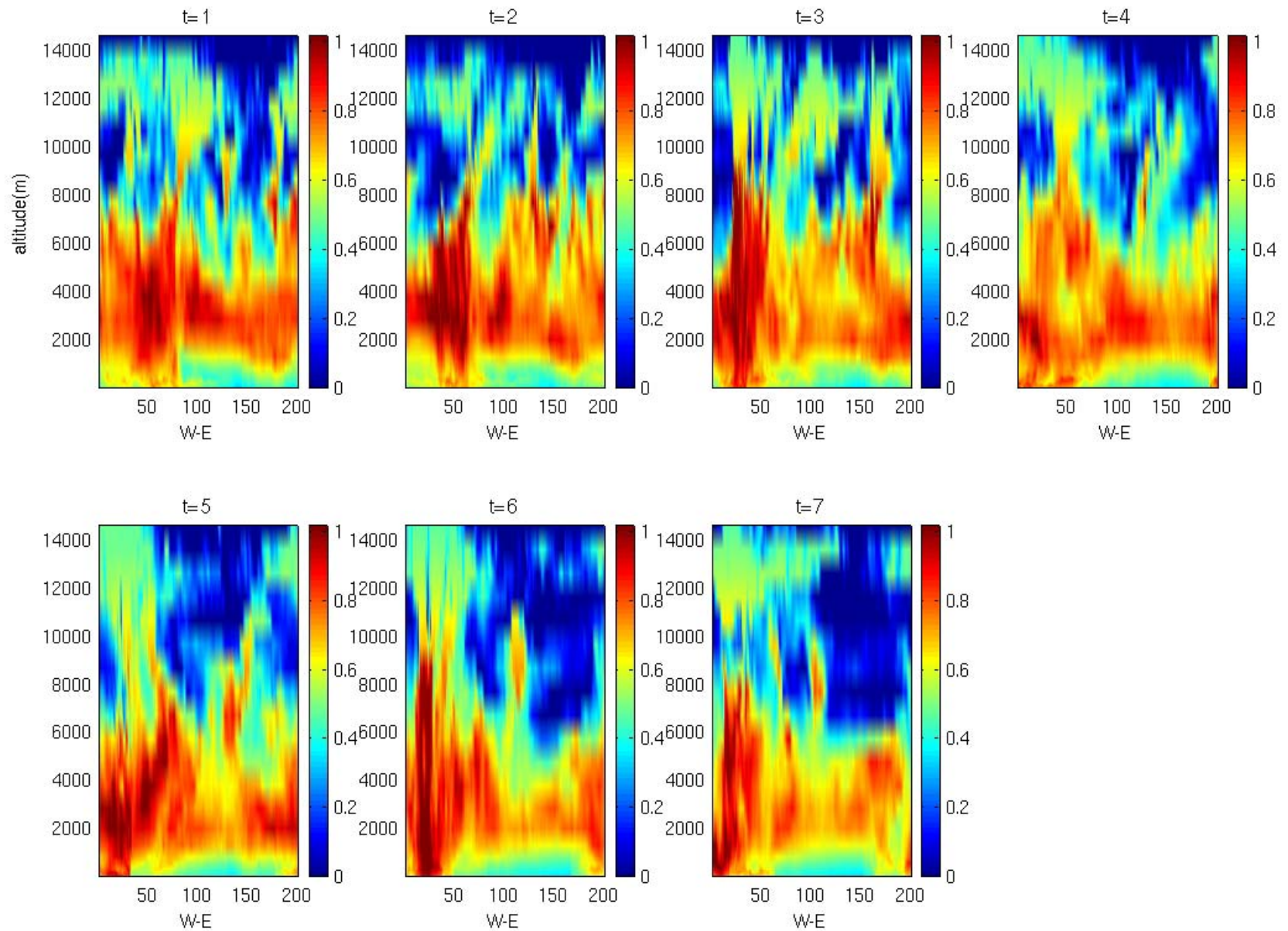


Evolution of RH in E-W cross-sections

q/q^*



$$q/q^*$$



$$q/q^*$$

