

Advances and Challenges in Tropical Cyclone Predictions: GFDL Model Retrospective







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HWRF: State-of-the-art



Seeds for these future developments in NOAA were sown at GFDL in 70s and 80s!



A walk down the memory lane

Early 3-D model (hurricane in a box!)

Kurihara, Y., and R. E. Tuleya, 1974 . JAS







The GFDL Nest

Kurihara, Y., and M. A. Bender, 1980, MWR



Principles of moving nest

Separation of the mesh and dynamical interfaces



Kurihara, Y., G.J. Tripoli, and Bender, 1979: Design of a movable nested-mesh primitive equation model. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, 107, 239-249.



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Effects of ocean coupling on TC

Bender, M. A., I. Ginis, and Y. Kurihara, 1993, JGR

SST ANOMALIES (°C)



This figure says it all!

Cold wake

Publications

An Initialization Scheme of Hurricane Models by Vortex Specification

YOSHIO KURIHARA, MORRIS A. BENDER, AND REBECCA J. ROSS Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey (Manuscript received 17 July 1992, in final form 23 November 1992)

Structure of a Tropical Cyclone Developed in a Three-Dimensional Numerical Simulation Model

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Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory/NOAA, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. 08540 (Manuscript received 29 September 1973, in revised form 23 January 1974)

A Numerical Scheme to Treat the Open Lateral Boundary of a Limited Area Model

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The Operational GFDL Coupled Hurricane–Ocean Prediction System and a Summary of Its Performance

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A Numerical Simulation Study on the Genesis of a Tropical Storm

YOSHIO KURIHARA AND ROBERT E. TULEYA

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory/NOAA, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08540 (Manuscript received 15 December 1980, in final form 14 April 1981)

Tropical Storm Development and Decay: Sensitivity to Surface Boundary Conditions

ROBERT E. TULEYA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Princeton, New Jersey (Manuscript received 7 June 1993, in final form 13 August 1993)



Evolution of HWRF

GFDL	HWRF (2007)
Triply nested (54:27:9)	Double nested (27:9)
GFDL vortex initialization	Vortex assimilation & cycling
GFDL surface physics	GFDL surface physics
URI-POM coupling	URI-POM coupling
GFS PBL	GFS PBL
SAS convection/ Ferrier MP	SAS convection/ Ferrier MP
GFDL radiation	GFDL radiation



NOAAs capacity to track hurricanes in 2017: Multi-nested, cycled, ocean-coupled HWRF system, with physics advanced using observations, capable of tracking any number of hurricanes at 2-km resolution over the globe. Credit: HFIP



Thank you GFDL group!





