Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) 2006 IHC Update

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Outline

1. Status of Second Round Projects (FY03-04)
2. Status of Third Round Projects (FY05-06)
3. Major JHT Activities in 2006
Status of 15 Second Round Projects (FY03-04 Funding)

- **Background information**
  - 15 projects were initially funded late in FY03: 3 one-year and 12 two-year projects
  - Three one-year projects concluded (Aug 2004)
    - Decisions on operational implementation by TPC Director in December 2004
    - Two projects accepted for operational implementation and were implemented before 2005 Hurricane Season started

- **2005-present activities**
  - 12 two-year projects completed in August 2005
  - Final stage of evaluation
  - Decisions on operational implementation for 8 projects in late March 2006 by TPC Director
  - Decisions on operational implementation for 4 model related projects in April 2006 by EMC Director
Status of 15 Third Round Projects
(FY05-06 Funding)

- Background information:
  - Announcement of Opportunity (30 June 2004)
  - Review of proposals completed and recommendations made in late January 2005
  - Total available funding: ~$1.2 Million
- PIs from federal labs received funding in late March (OAR) and June (DOD) 2005
- Non-federal PIs received funding between late June and August 2005
- JHT and project point of contacts coordinated with PIs to develop timelines
- Testing and evaluation during 2005 hurricane season
# Third Round Project Focus Areas

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3rd Round (FY05) Funding Distribution
Total $1.2M

- NOAA 39%
- Navy (NPS, NRL) 16%
- State and Private Universities 36%
- Private Companies 9%
Implementation

First round:
- 10 projects, one was not continued after first year
- Two projects continued into 2\textsuperscript{nd} round
- Out of the seven accepted, 6.5 were implemented

• Second round:
- Three one-year projects, 2 implemented, one not accepted
- 12 two-year projects being evaluated (some already implemented)
Implementation

• Some relative easy
• Some very complicated
• Some implemented by the PIs/other Centers
• Some implemented by TPC staff/PIs
• Some implemented by JHT staff/PIs
Tropical Cyclone Rainfall Climatology and Persistence (R-CLIPER) Model

Example real-time output in NAWIPS during Hurricane Lili (2002)
2001 Tropical Cyclone Tracks
Storm: AL1501 (MICHELLE)

FORECASTS: Beginning 2001100300
Observed: Beginning 2001100300, every 12 hours

GFDL Hurricane Dynamics Group
AMSU Intensity/Size Estimation

CIMSS/NESDIS-USAF/NRL Experimental AMSU TC Intensity Estimation:
Storm position corresponds to AMSU-A FOV 25 [1<-->30]
Raw Ch8 (~150 hPa) Tb Anomaly: 1.40 C
Raw Ch7 (~250 hPa) Tb Anomaly: 1.70 C
Ret Ch7 (~250 hPa) Tb Anomaly: 6.90 C
AMSU-A MSLP (Ch7 Ret): 960 hPa
Eye size (RMW) source: ATCF, value: 54.86 km
TROPICAL STORM GUSTAV
Tuesday 10sep02 Time: 1852 UTC
Latitude: 34.94 Longitude: -75.7266
Satellite: NOAA-16
ATCF data for Month: 09 Day: 10 Time (UTC):

For fine-scale position and eye size adjustment:
For imagery, go to http://amsu.ssec.wisc.edu
For all comments and questions mailto:christ...
Experimental Cumulative Wind Speed Probabilities

• Computed each forecast cycle for all active tropical cyclones in the Atlantic, eastern/central Pacific, and western Pacific basins
• Computed on 2-D grids with 0.5-degree lat/lon spacing
• Provides probabilities of the surface wind speed equal to or exceeding 34, 50, and 64 kt over specified time intervals (0-120 hours in 12-hour intervals)
  • Individual interval or cumulative probabilities
• Gridded, graphical, and text products can be produced

This product will be operational in 2006
Major Activities for 2006

- Present final reports on eight 2nd round non-EMC related projects to TPC Director (mid-March)
- Rounds 3 PI presentations at the 60th IHC in Mobile, AL (March 20-24)
- Decisions for implementation of eight 2nd round projects by TPC Director (March 31)
- Decisions on implementation of four 2nd round model-related projects by EMC (April)
- Second year funding proposals for 3rd round projects due for SC review (April and July 2006)
  - Requested $1.265M, $1.15M available
- Real time testing and evaluation
Major Activities for 2006
(Preparing for the next round of funding)

- Revise Announcement of Opportunity (AO) for round 4 (FY07-08) projects. Send to DOC legal counsel for review in early April
- Round 4 AO released (June 30)
- Pre-application for round 4 proposals due July 31
- Full proposals due October 30
- Receive final scores from the SC (January 8, 2007)
- TPC and JHT Directors’ decision on which proposals to recommend for funding (January 29, 2007)
Changes

- Russ Elsberry retired from the JHT Steering Committee (SC)
- Jeff Hawkins (NRL) elected to the SC
- Frank Marks retired from the SC
- Chris Landsea retired from the JHT adm. Assist. position (HRD)
- Shirly Murillo replaces Chris Landsea as the JHT adm. Assist. (HRD)
- Chris Landsea elected to the JHT SC (HRD)
- Rich Knabb retired from the JHT adm. assist. position (TPC)
- Chris Landsea joined the TPC and became the JHT adm. Assist. (TPC)
- John Gamache elected to the SC (HRD)
Mission Statement

The mission of the Joint (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - NOAA, Navy, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration - NASA) Hurricane Test Bed is to transfer more rapidly and smoothly new technology, research results, and observational advances of the United States Weather Research Program (USWRP), its sponsoring agencies, the academic community and other groups into improved tropical cyclone analysis and prediction at operational centers.

WHAT'S NEW

Updated January 31, 2006:

- 2005-2007 Projects and Goals
- The 2005 Midyear Reports are available in the Project Table

Added February 10, 2006:

- The Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT): Progress and Future Plans, Chris Landsea (TPC/NHC) - American Meteorological Society's Annual Meeting, February 2006 presentation. (PDF format)
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• TPC/NHC management and admin staff
• TPC and EMC forecaster and technical points of contact
• TPC/TSB IT staff
Thank you
Supplemental Slides
Input for JHT Project Reports to the TPC Director

- Project PI final report
- JHT staff members’ assessments
- TPC Point of Contact (POC) feedback
- JHT IT Facilitator report
  - IT transfer status
  - Compatibility and support issues
  - Estimates of costs to implement and support
  - Input from TPC Technical Support Branch Chief
FY05 JHT Proposal Review Criteria

(Condensed)

• **Relevance to program goals (40 pts)**
  - Research maturity (10 pts)
  - Priority-to-payoff factors (25 pts)
  - Other agency use (5 pts)

• **Technical merit (40 pts)**
  - Risk-to-payoff factors (10 pts)
  - Testing (10 pts)
  - Operational usage (10 pts)
  - Technical compatibility (10 pts)

• **Overall qualification of applicants (10 pts)**

• **Project costs (10 pts)**
FY05 Review Process

• Preapplications (Letters of Intent) reviewed in Aug 2004
  – 40 preapplications reviewed
  – 18 recommended to submit a full proposal

• Full proposals reviewed during Nov 2004 – Jan 2005
  – 19 proposals reviewed
  – Proposals independently reviewed and scored by 7 JHT Steering Committee members based upon review criteria listed in the AFFO
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<td>Jacob (U. MD)</td>
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<td>Real-time dissemination of hurricane wind fields determined from airborne doppler</td>
<td>Gamache (HRD)</td>
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<td>Targeting strategies to improve hurricane track forecasts</td>
<td>Majumdar(UM)</td>
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#### Cyclogenesis and track forecasting projects

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<td>Harr (NPS)</td>
<td>Pasch Avila Blake</td>
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<td>An updated baseline for track forecast skill through five days for the Atlantic and Northeastern and Northwestern Pacific basins</td>
<td>Aberson (HRD)</td>
<td>Franklin Gross</td>
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<td>Transition of revised dynamical model track prediction evaluation expert system (DYMES)</td>
<td>Boothe (NPS)</td>
<td>Stewart Roberts</td>
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Dynamical model upgrades, observational, and assimilation projects

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<td>Dynamic Initialization to Improve TC Intensity and Structure Forecasts</td>
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<td>Carswell, Black, Chang</td>
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<td>WSR-88D-derived Diagnosis of Tropical Cyclone Intensity Changes Near Landfall</td>
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