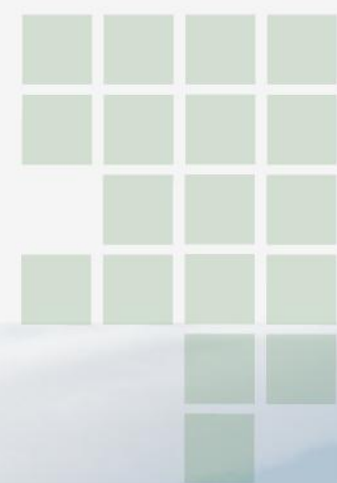




PREDICT DATA MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND ISSUES



**Steve Williams, Scot Loehrer, June Wang,
and Kate Young**

NCAR Earth Observing Laboratory (EOL)

Boulder, Colorado

PREDICT 1st Science Workshop

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA

8-10 June 2011



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PREDICT Data Management Web Site at NCAR/EOL



What's New?

Data Submission Instructions

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Overview

Prediction and understanding of tropical cyclogenesis remains one of the most challenging aspects of atmospheric science. A multitude of tropical disturbances emerge from the West African coast every year near the Cape Verde islands, but only a few of these develop into tropical depressions, storms, or hurricanes. To further our understanding of these potentially high impact events, the PRE-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics (PREDICT) field experiment will deploy the NSF/NCAR Gulfstream-V aircraft in the Atlantic basin in the heart of hurricane season to explore multi-scale interactions in tropical wave-like disturbances that promote or hinder the development of a tropical depression vortex.



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Intensity Forecasting Experiment 2010 (IFEX10)



NOAA's Hurricane Research Division, part of the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories located in Miami, FL, is in the midst of a multi-year experiment along with the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) called the Intensity Forecasting Experiment (IFEX). Developed in partnership with NOAA's Environmental Modeling Center (EMC) and its Tropical Prediction Center (TPC/NHC), IFEX is intended to improve our understanding and prediction of hurricane intensity change by collecting observations that will aid in the improvement of current operational models and the development of the next-generation operational hurricane model, the Hurricane Weather Research and Forecasting model (HWRF). Observations will be collected in a variety of tropical disturbances at different stages in their lifecycle, from formation and early organization to peak intensity and subsequent landfall or decay over open water.


During this year, IFEX will be operating in partnership with several other experiments:

- NOAA Ocean Winds Experiment** - The goal of the Ocean Winds experiment is to further our understanding of wind direction and speed retrievals at the ocean surface level from microwave remote-sensing measurements in high wind conditions and in the presence of rain. Measurements taken from the Ocean Winds experiment in mature storms will aid in the understanding and improvement of satellite remotely-sensed wind measurements which are currently used operationally by marine forecasts and in numerical weather prediction models.


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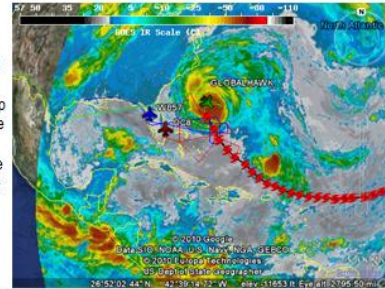
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Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes (GRIP)


The Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes (GRIP) experiment was a NASA Earth science field experiment in 2010 that was conducted to better understand how tropical storms form and develop into major hurricanes. NASA used the DC-8 aircraft, the WB-57 aircraft, and the Global Hawk Unmanned Airborne System (UAS) configured with a suite of *in situ* and remote sensing instruments used to observe and characterize the lifecycle of hurricanes.



The GRIP deployment was 15 August – 30 September 2010 with bases in Ft. Lauderdale, FL for the DC-8, at Houston, TX for the WB-57, and at NASA Dryden Flight Research Facility, CA for the Global Hawk. This campaign capitalized on a number of ground networks, airborne science platforms (both manned and unmanned), and space-based assets. The field campaign was executed according to a prioritized set of scientific objectives. In two separate science solicitations, NASA selected a team of investigators to collect NASA satellite and aircraft field campaign data with the goal of conducting basic research on problems related to the formation and intensification of hurricanes.

Real Time Mission Monitor was used to track flights live during GRIP



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The GRIP hurricane field campaign and research project were managed by Dr. Ramesh



Pre-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics



The PREDICT Science and GRIP/IFEX Coordination Meeting
was held 12-13 November 2009 at the
NOAA/AOML Hurricane Research Division, Virginia Key, Florida

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Participants List

Thursday, 12 Nov 2009

Scientific Hypotheses and Aircraft Assets

8:30	PREDICT	M Montgomery
9:00	PREDICT NSF/NCAR Gulfstream-V	J Jensen
9:15	GRIP Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes	E Zipser
9:30	GRIP aircraft (NASA DC-8, GlobalHawk)	G Heymsfield
9:45	<i>Break</i>	
10:00	Intensification Forecast Experiment (IFEX-2010)	R Rogers
10:15	IFEX-2010 Aircraft (NOAA P-3s , G-IV)	F Marks, others
10:30	<i>Open Discussion of Objectives and Synergies</i>	
11:00	Aircraft Coordination Discussion	
11:30	Operations Centers (NCAR/EOL)	J Meitín
11:45	<i>Lunch (aircraft coordination discussion with FAA representative)</i>	

Operational Interests and Experimental Support

1:00	NOAA National Hurricane Center perspective	C Landsea, J Beven
1:15	NCAR/EOL Support (Field Catalog, XChat, etc)	G Stossmeister

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Studying the Development of Tropical Cyclones & Hurricanes



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The **PRE-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics** (PREDICT) field experiment will deploy the NSF/NCAR Gulfstream V aircraft in the Atlantic basin in the heart of hurricane season, 15 August-30 September, 2010 to explore multi-scale interactions in tropical wave-like disturbances that promote or hinder the development of a tropical depression vortex.

Tri-Agency Research

PREDICT is one project in a tri-agency collaborative study of the formation of tropical hurricanes. The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will collaborate and coordinate multi-aircraft deployments over the tropical Atlantic Ocean. These three projects are being deployed simultaneously, each having their own specific hypotheses and agenda, however each are complimenting the others.

Tri-Agency Collaboration

- **PREDICT :: NSF/NCAR**
- **GRIP :: NASA**
- **IFEX :: NOAA**

Tropical Research Base Location :: St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

While this project is deployed, the needed research team and aircraft will be based in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. This particular location was chosen because it

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PREDICT DATA POLICY

ACCESS TO DATA

All investigators participating in PREDICT must agree to promptly submit their data to the PREDICT Data Archive Center (at EOL) to facilitate intercomparison of results, quality control checks and inter-calibrations, as well as an integrated interpretation of the combined data set.

All data shall be promptly provided to other PREDICT investigators upon request.

Data Submission instructions are available on the project management web page (<http://www.eol.ucar.edu/projects/predict/>)

Investigators are responsible for acquiring, processing, certifying and reducing the data from their instruments and providing required data products and metadata on schedule



PREDICT DATA POLICY

USE OF DATA

Neither measurements nor data products may be published or used in any presentation without the permission of the PI responsible for the measurements.

Any Science Team member preparing a paper for publication which uses measurements and/or data products submitted to the Archive by another group is required to offer co-authorship on the paper to the PI responsible for the parameter(s). Early contact with possible collaborators in development of publication is encouraged to maximize scientific interaction and ensure proper use of PI data.

In all circumstances, the PIs responsible for acquisition of data should be acknowledged appropriately.



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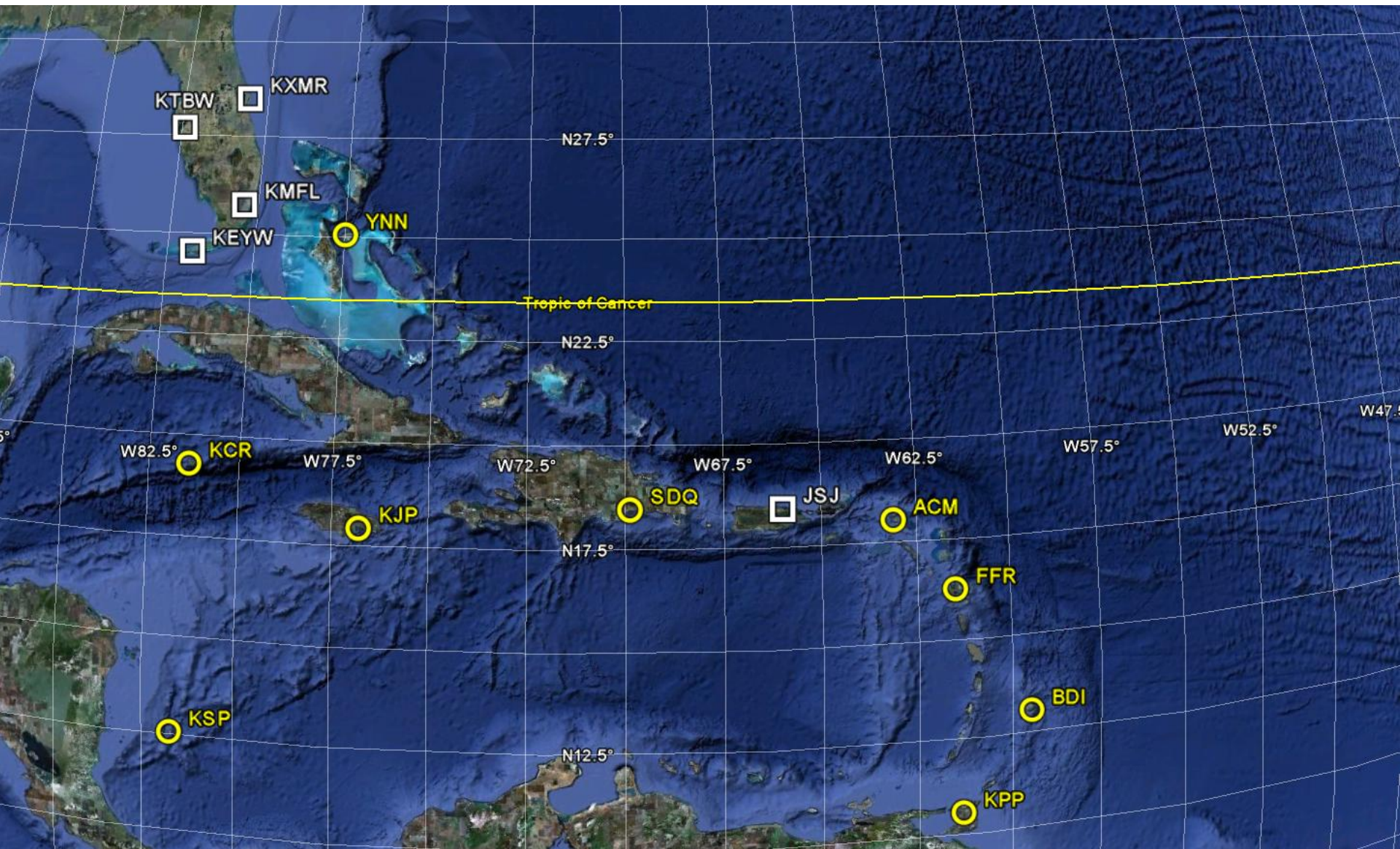
All data will be considered public domain not more than one year following the end of the PREDICT field phase. Data can be opened to the public domain earlier depending on the discretion of the data provider. There will be exceptions where extensive data processing is required.

Suggested acknowledgement: The xxxx data was gathered as part of the the PRE-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics (PREDICT) project. The primary sponsor of PREDICT was the US National Science Foundation. The acquisition of the xxxx data was carried out by Dr. Yyyyyy using the zzzz instrument and was funded by ????

Or acknowledge that data was obtained from the PREDICT Data Archive at NCAR/EOL, i.e. “Data provided by NCAR/EOL under sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.
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PREDICT Region Radiosonde Locations



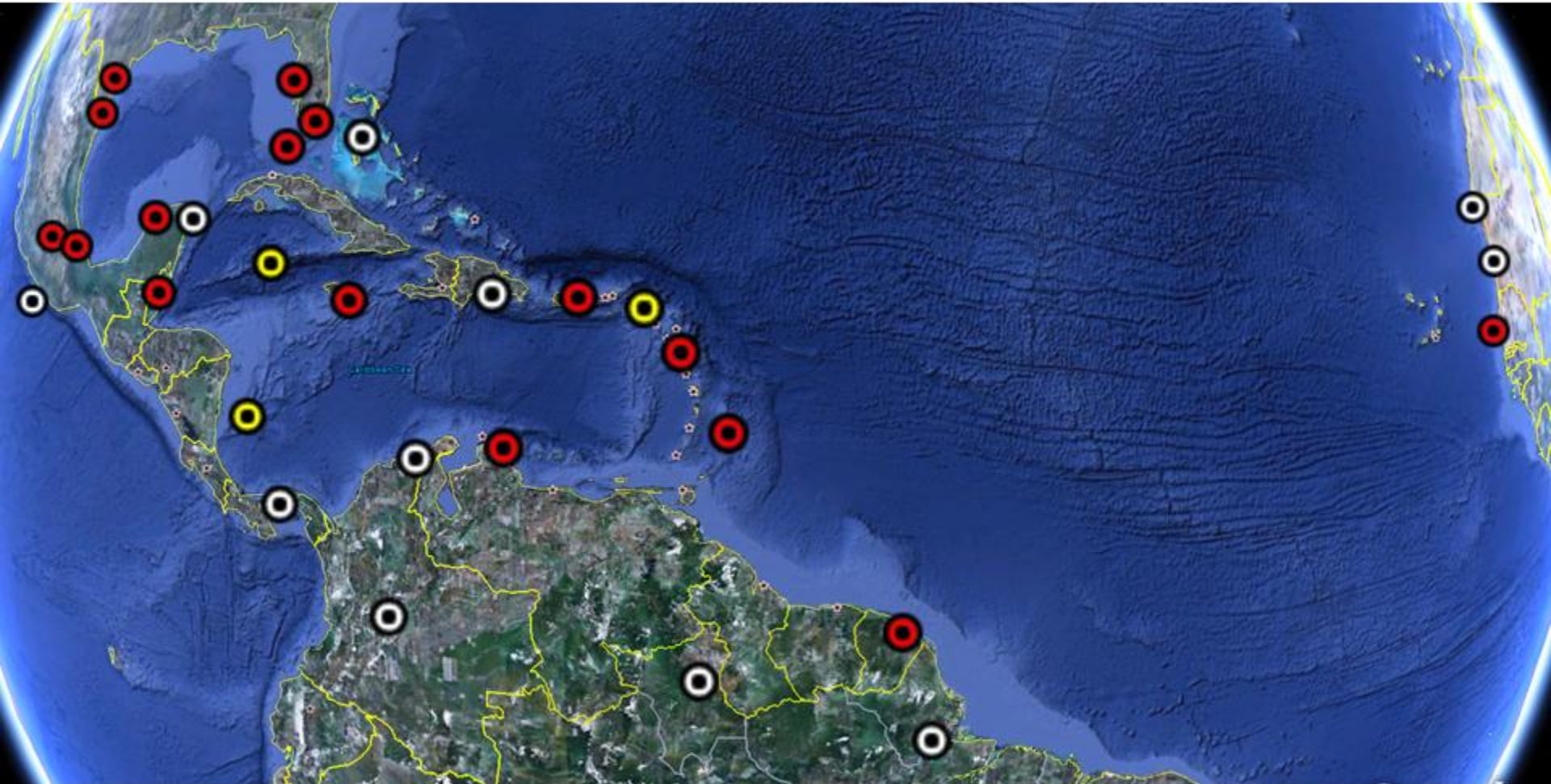
00 and 12 UTC observations



12 UTC observations (ACM spotty on GTS)

PREDICT UPPER AIR GTS DATA INVENTORY

(15 August – 30 September 2010)



30 Stations (1863 Soundings)

Red: 50-100 Soundings

White: 24-49 Soundings

Yellow: 1-6 Soundings

NWS High Vertical Resolution Stations:

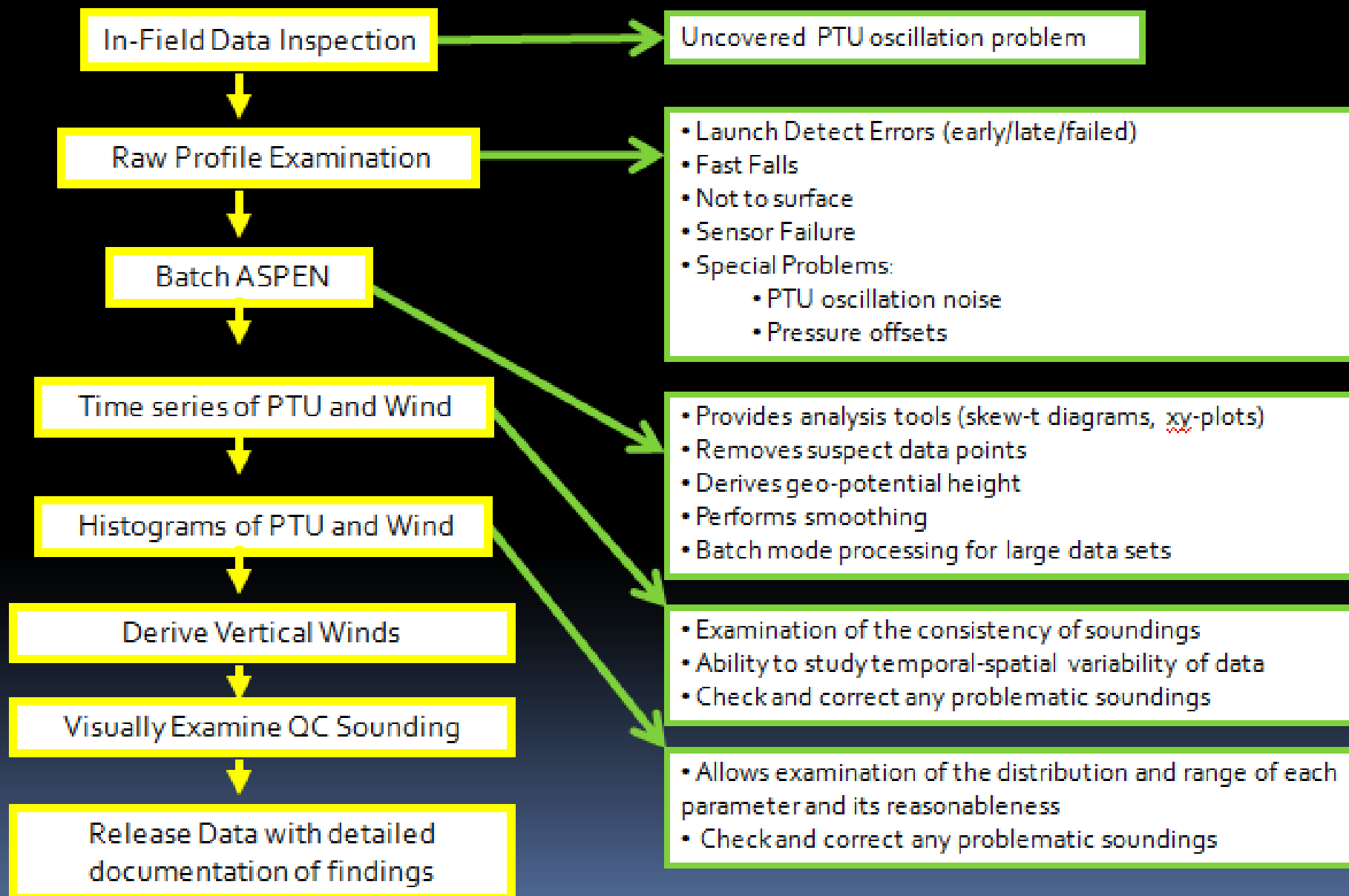
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Brownsville, Corpus Christi

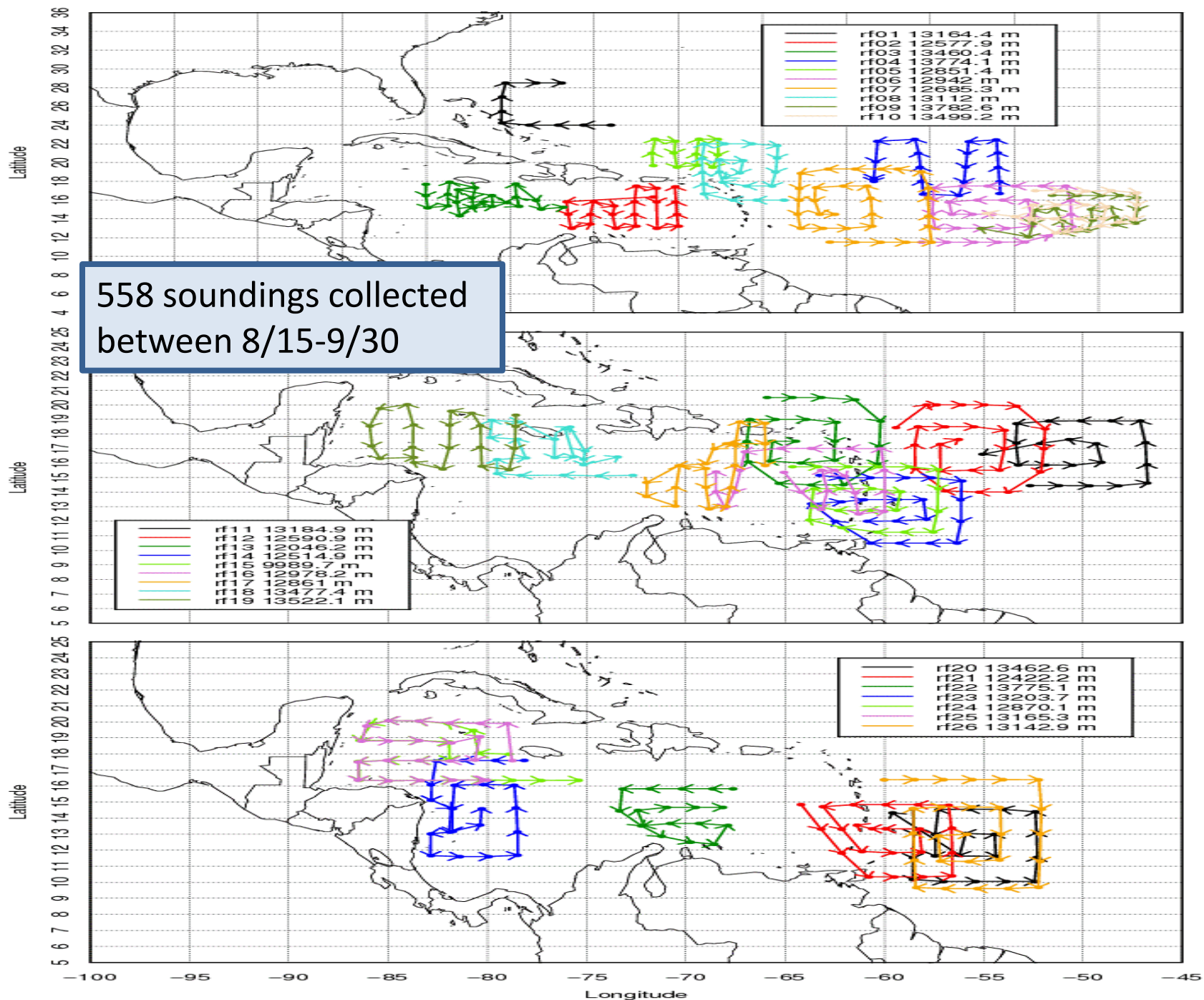
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Quality Control of Dropsonde data



PREDICT 2010 GV Dropsondes

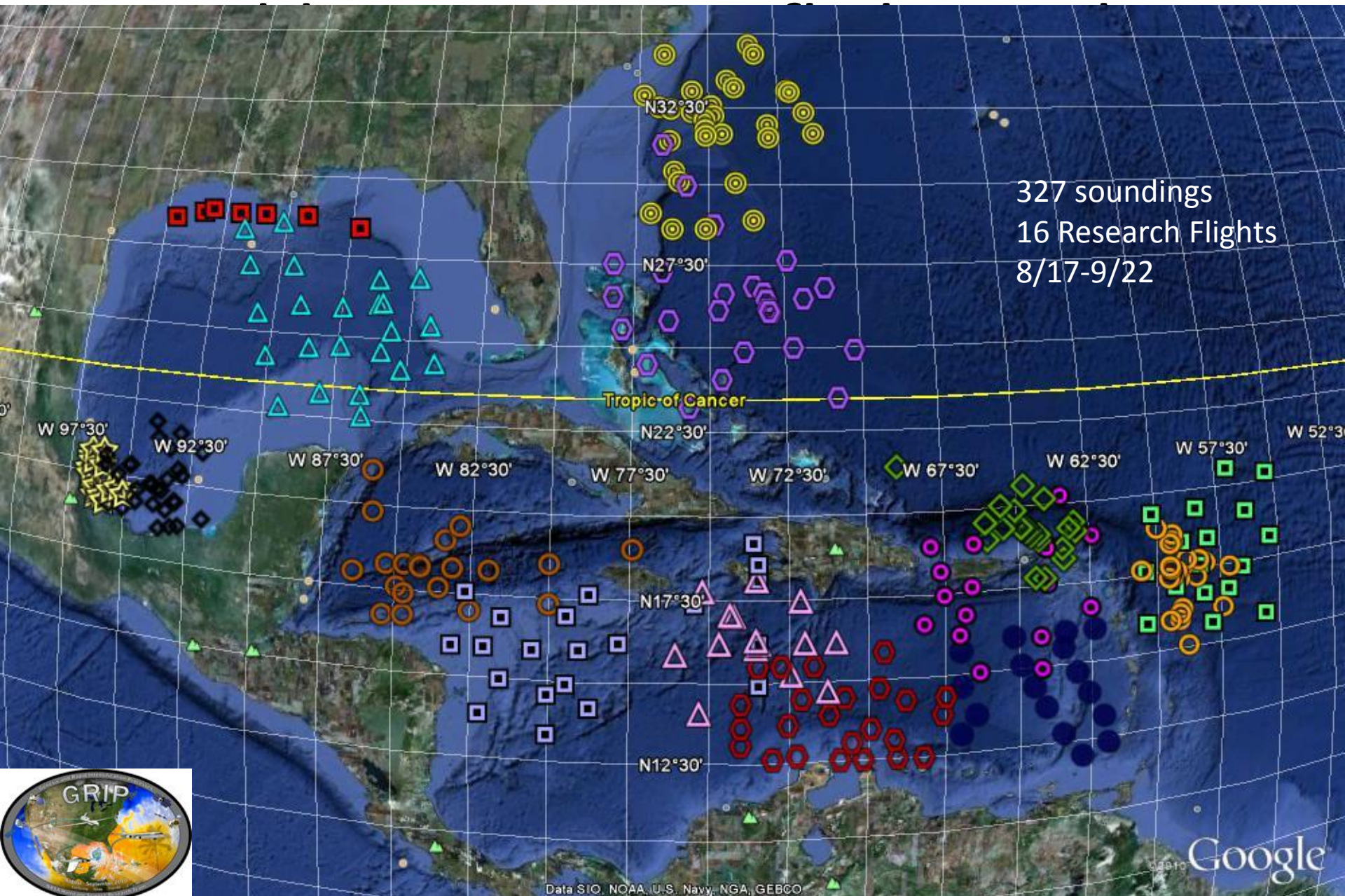


PREDICT Dropsonde Results and Statistics

- 568 dropsondes were deployed, 558 are included in the final data archive
- 11 soundings were affected by the PTU oscillation error and contain sparse data
- One sounding experienced interference from another sonde started on the same frequency . Some data was lost during this time
- 9 soundings experienced large, temporary offsets in the pressure, temperature and humidity
- 8 soundings failed to transmit to the surface
- 21 soundings were “fast fall” soundings, and 20 were “partial fast-fall”
- 7 soundings experienced failure of one or more sensors, resulting in data loss
- Launch detect errors:
 - 7 early launch detects
 - 2 failed launch detects
 - 29 late launch detects



GRIP DROPSONDES DURING PREDICT

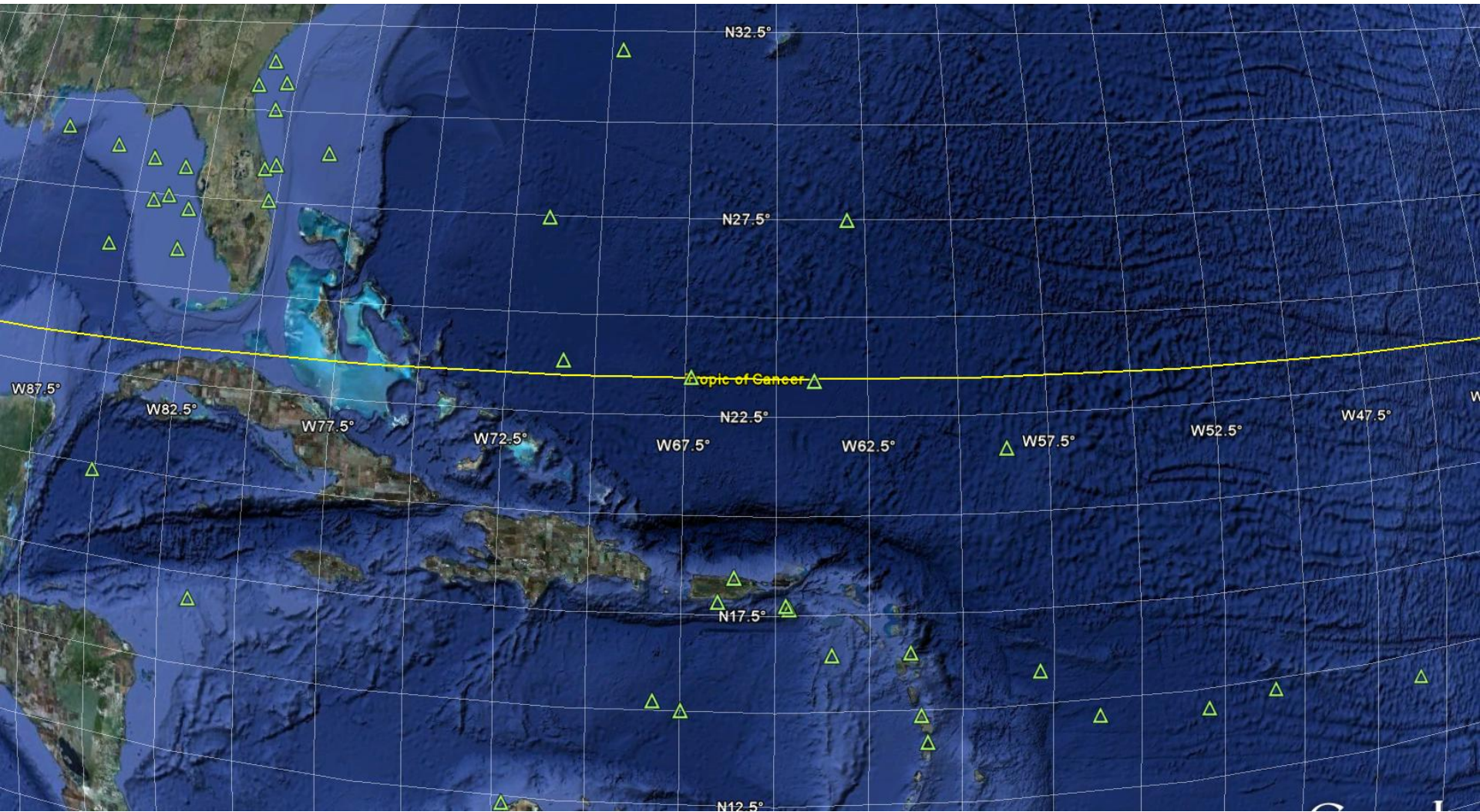


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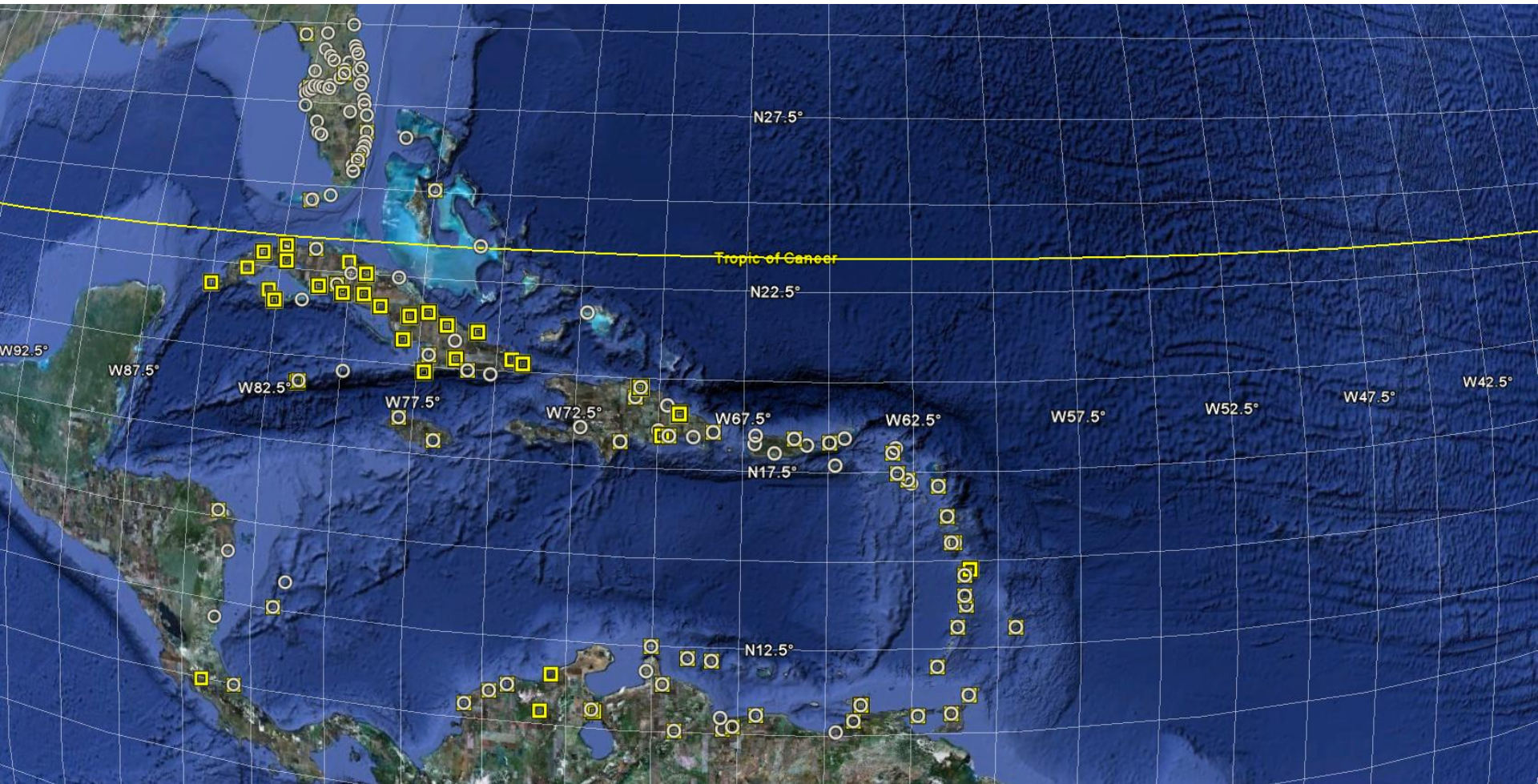
- 342 dropsondes were deployed, 327 are included in the final data archive
- 78 soundings were affected by the PTU oscillation error and contain sparse data
- 3 soundings experienced interference from another sonde started on the same frequency
- 34 soundings failed to transmit to the surface
- 9 soundings were “fast fall” soundings, and 8 were “partial fast-fall”
- Launch detect errors:
 - 7 early launch detects
 - 4 failed launch detects
 - 0 late launch detects (greater than 1½ second)





PREDICT Region Moored Buoy Locations



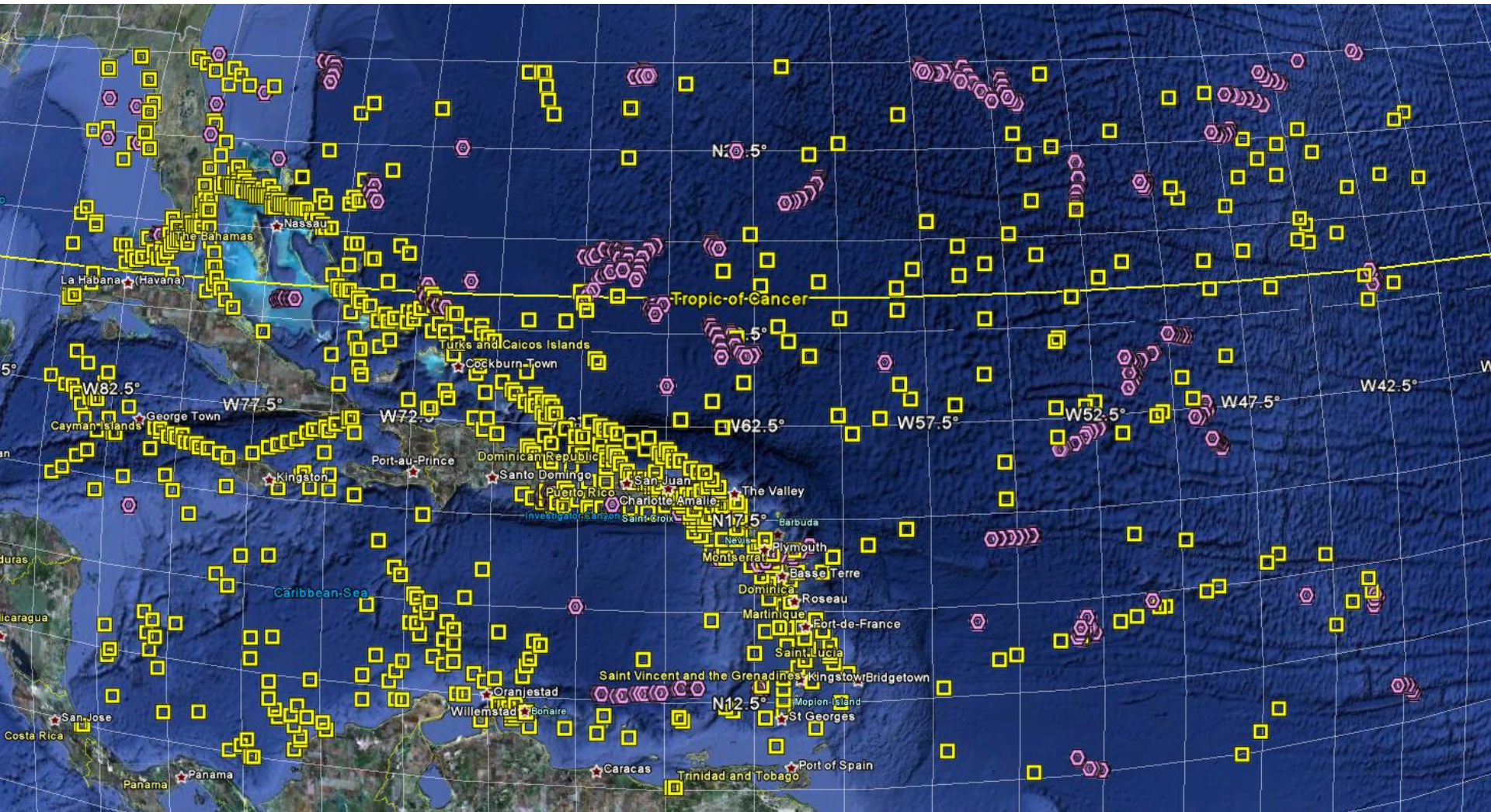
PREDICT Region METAR and SYNOP Observation Locations





 SYNOP Observations

 METAR Observations

PREDICT Region Ship and Drifting Buoy Observations on GTS*



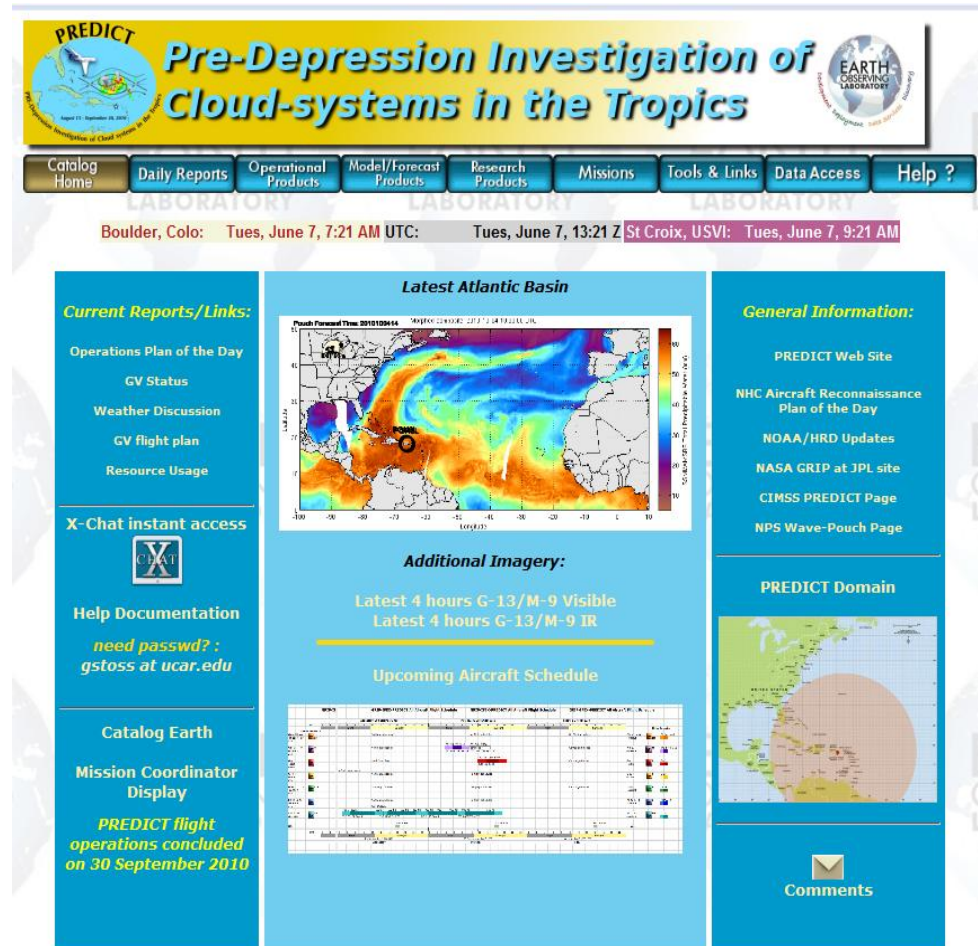
* Sample 5-day period

-  Ship Observations
-  Drifting Buoy Observations

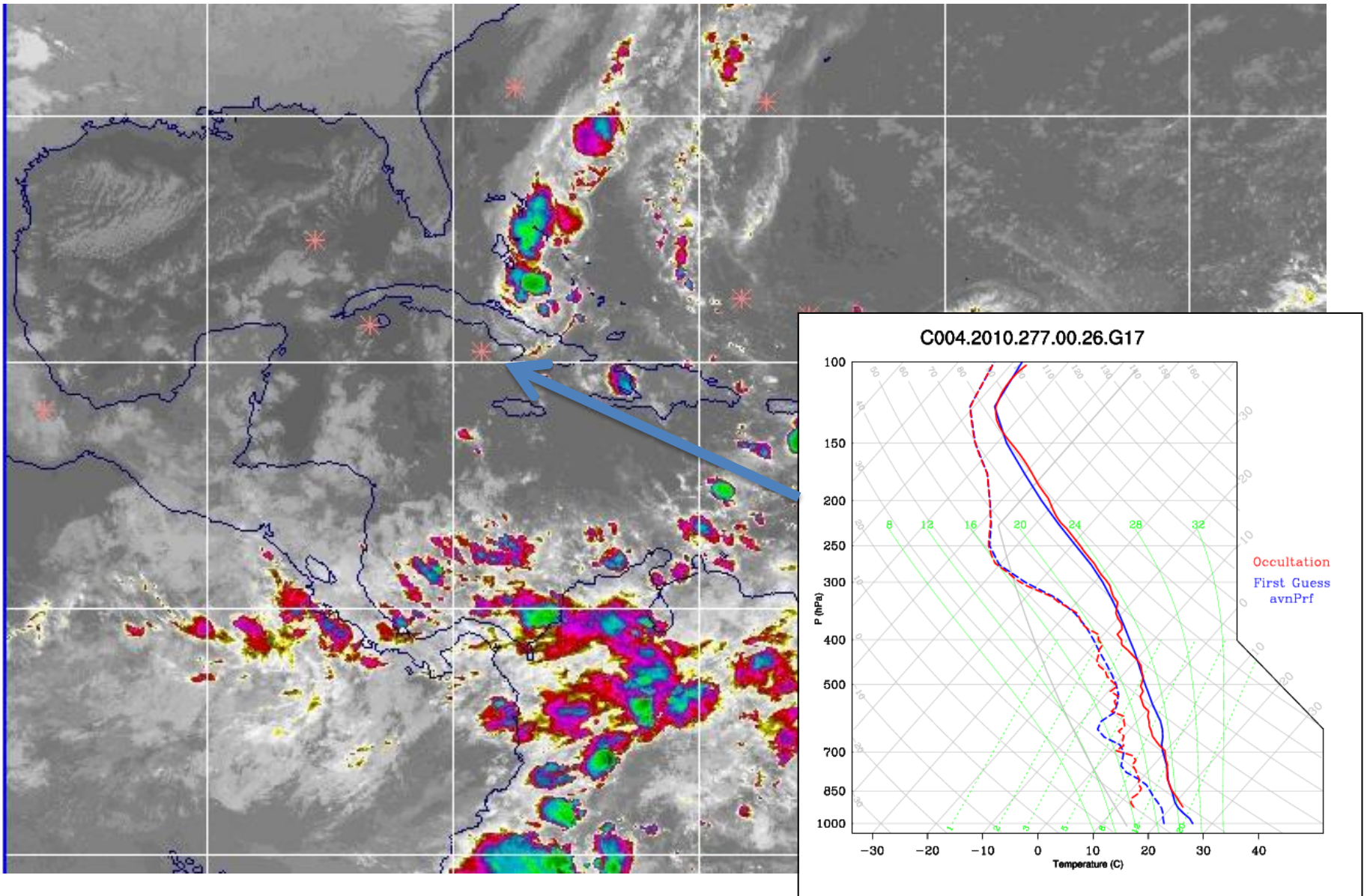
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In-field tool to ingest and display operational and preliminary research data and project documentation for making real-time decisions and evaluating project progress

- Daily Mission Reports
- Operations Summary
- Facility Status Reports
- Data Analysis Products
- Authoring Tools
- Web-based access



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Pre-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics



Catalog Home	Daily Reports	Operational Products	Model/Forecast Products	Research Products	Missions	Tools & Links	Data Access	Help ?
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RF01	Aug 15	Disturbance	Western Atlantic	Disturbance	Operational Model Research	Points 1000mb Winds 925mb Winds 850mb Winds 700mb Winds 500mb Winds 250mb Winds		Mission Scientist Summary Science Director Summary	Shakedown/Investigation of stalled frontal boundary and upper tropospheric shear line in the vicinity of the Bahamas.
RF02	Aug 17	PGI27L	Caribbean	Disturbance	Operational Model Research	Points 1000mb Winds 925mb Winds 850mb Winds 700mb Winds 500mb Winds 250mb Winds		Mission Scientist Summary Science Director Summary	First mission into PGI27L which had only recently begun to develop deep convection.
RF03	Aug 18	PGI27L	Caribbean	Disturbance	Operational Model Research	Points 1000mb Winds 925mb Winds 850mb Winds 700mb Winds		Mission Scientist Summary Science Director Summary	Second mission into PGI27L during which a large MCS developed in the northeastern part of the flight region.

PREDICT FIELD CATALOG MODEL OUTPUT “GRID”

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Pre-Depression Investigation of Cloud-systems in the Tropics

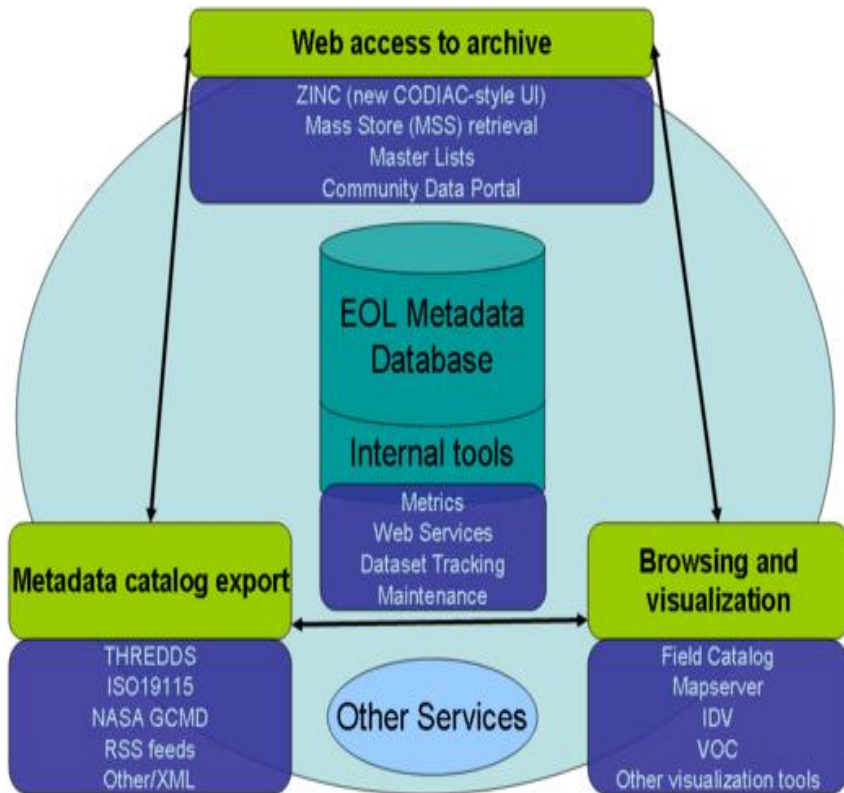


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Please submit your data set(s) (including accompanying metadata or documentation files) to the PREDICT Long-term Data Archive at NCAR/Earth Observing Laboratory (EOL). Documentation/metadata guidelines are available [here](#).

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