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NOAA
HURRICANE FORECAST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

HFIP Annual Meeting Welcome

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Outline



- Purpose
- Vision/Goal
- Progress to Date
- Priorities
- Computing
- Questions



Purpose of Meeting



- Review progress of Hurricane Forecast Improvement Project
- Approach to designing and planning the Real-Time System for 2012
- HFIP Team reports on activities and achievements
- Discuss HFIP Priorities for FY12



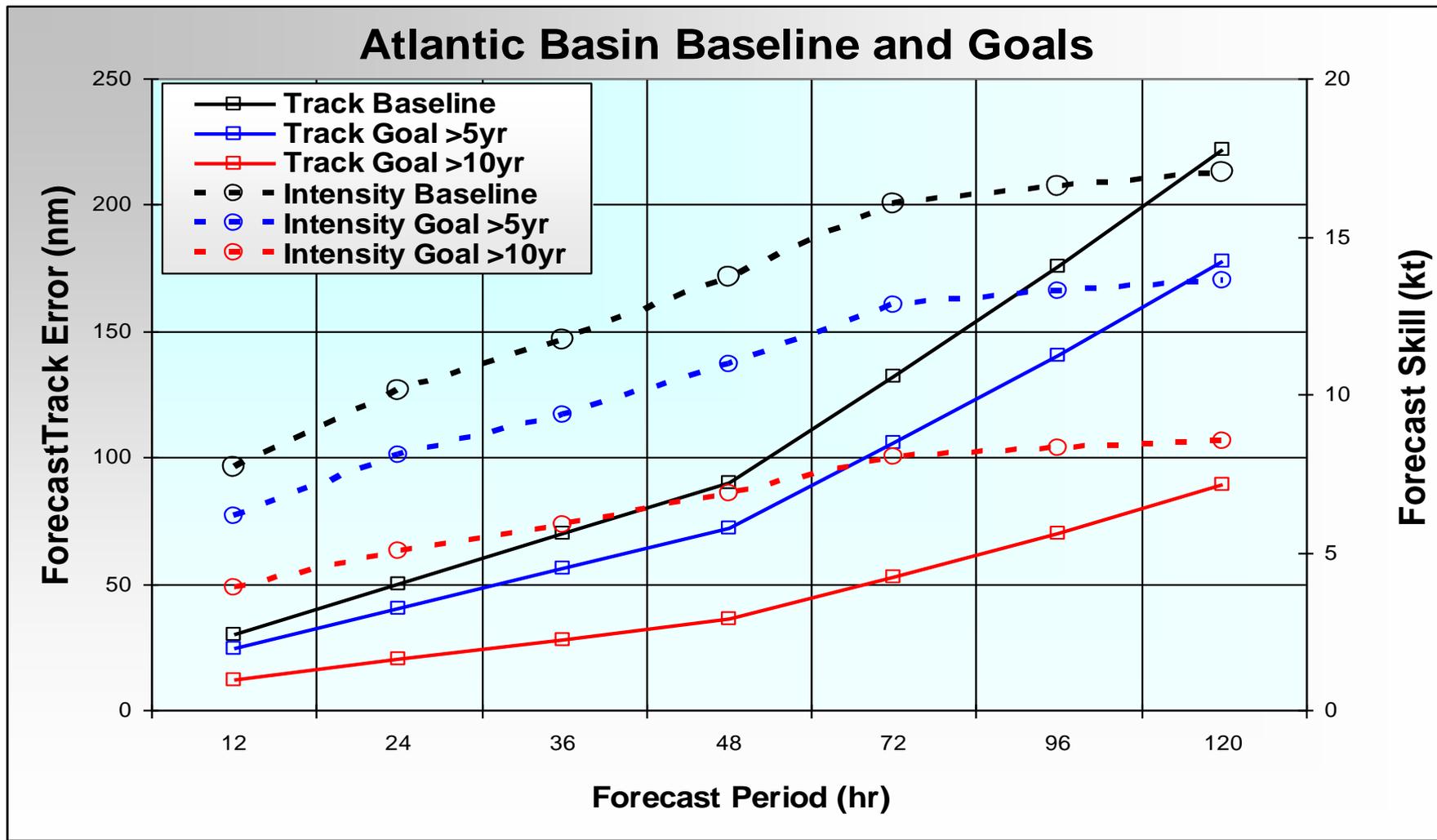
The HFIP Project – Vision/Goals



- Vision
 - Organize the hurricane community to dramatically improve numerical forecast guidance to NHC in 5-10 years
- Goals
 - Reduce numerical forecast errors in track and intensity by 20% in 5 years, 50% in 10 years
 - Extend forecasts to 7 days
 - Increase probability of detecting rapid intensification at day 1 to 90% and 60% at day 5



HFIP Baselines and Goals





Progress to Date

- Several Universities are making significant contributions to HFIP successes
- DTC is now the repository for all HWRF codes
 - Both research and operational communities drawing from this repository
- NOAA OAR labs strongly engaged in developing future operational systems
 - ESRL - advanced data assimilation methods in hurricane track forecasts
 - AOML, EMC - HWRF development and demonstrating future HWRF DA and model systems
- Strong collaboration with NRL on global/regional model, data assimilation and ensemble development
- Collective effort to complete Stream 1.5 process to select, validate and test experimental models
- The HFIP global ensemble appears to do an excellent job of forecasting genesis out to 7 days lead time



FY12 HFIP Priorities



- Continued development of the Experimental Numerical Forecast System (Real-Time) during hurricane season on Tjet
 - New paradigm for NWS transitioning research to operations
- Continued expansion of computing resources
- Development of Hybrid DA system (NCEP Hybrid) and hurricane model initialization including impact of high resolution data in and around core
- 3km HWRF into operations – include physics for 1-3km models
- Maintain external involvement - University funding
- Explore and develop a hurricane genesis product out to 7 days
- Continue to develop and test ensemble systems



FY2012 Funding

Anticipated Funding for FY12

Dedicated for HPC	\$3.000M
OAR Base	~ \$6.101M
NWS Base	\$13.040M
Total	~\$23.141M



HFIP Computing



Current Tjet System

- Full acceptance by mid-Nov
- Increased computing power by 50%
- Increased storage and capacity by 2x

Install Date	Cores	Performance* (Tflops)	Storage (Tbytes)
November 2012	16648	~182	1166

*Official benchmark will be available for the Top500 in May 2012



Computing Alternatives



- Convert HPC dedicated funds to NOAA's operations computing proposal
- Buy-in to R&D system in West Virginia
- Add to computing system at Boulder facility
 - may require facility upgrades
- Invest in Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)



Questions

