

# ROLE OF STORM MOTION AND ENVIRONMENT FLOW FOR SURGE RISK ASSESSMENT

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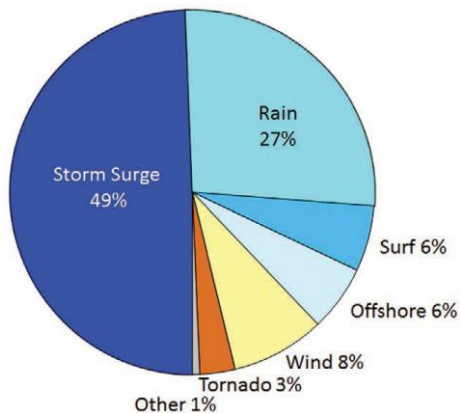
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# SURGE INDUCED BY HURRICANES POSE GREAT RISK TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND PROPERTIES

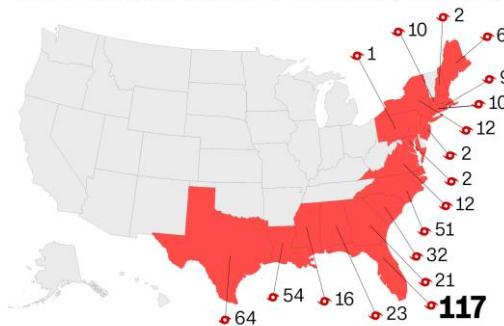
1. Lack of historical data  
complicate risk assessment



50-year records (1963–2012)  
Rappaport 2014

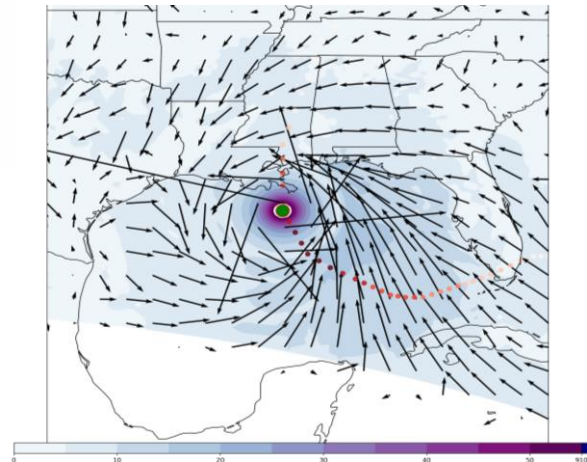
Storm surge risk assessment is required for building  
resiliency in coastal communities

Direct hurricane hits on US mainland (1851-2017)



Historical landfalling events count:  
NOAA (1851-2017)

2. Another challenge:  
choice of wind field  
modeling



# MODEL BASED FRAMEWORK FOR STORM SURGE

1. Hurricane tracks (Historical or Synthetic)

Statistical based framework [STORM; *Bloemendaal,2020*]



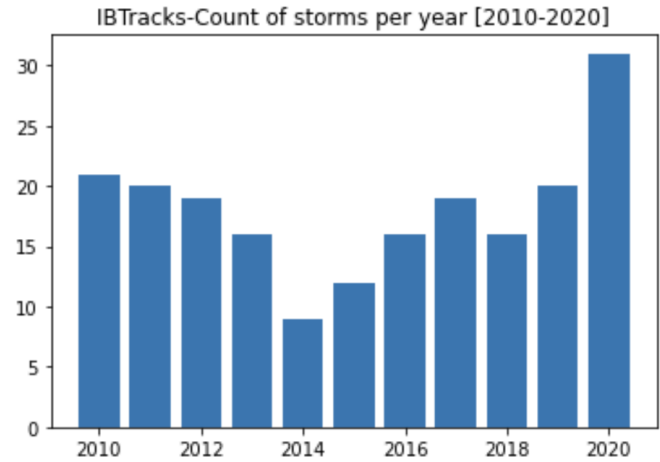
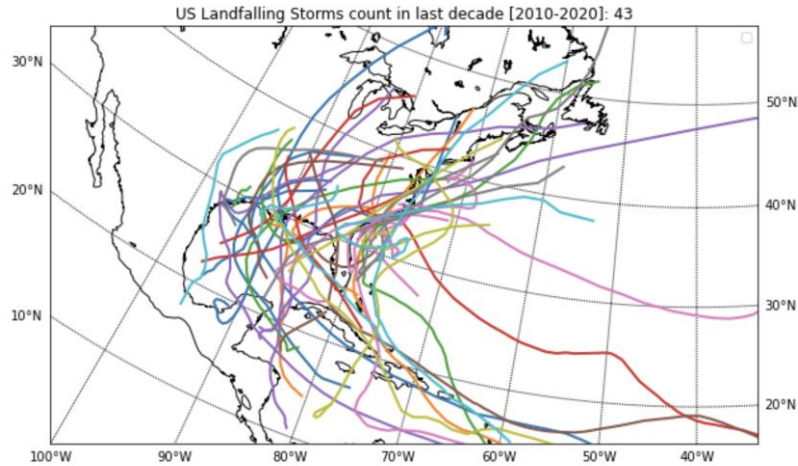
2. Wind forcing based on storm characteristics

Choices of Parametric models (Symmetric and Asymmetric)



3. Storm surge simulation with wind forcing

ADCIRC



**ROLE OF STORM MOTION AND ENVIRONMENT FLOW  
ON DIFFERENT PARAMETRIC TROPICAL CYCLONE  
FORCING FOR MODELED STORM TIDE**

# PARAMETRIC WIND PROFILE

## Parametric models: Vortex + background wind field

- Mean radial profiles based on cyclostrophic or gradient wind

## Background winds as function of forward speed, $V_s$

Popular parametric representation of Background wind  $V_b(r)$

Constant factor=1

- $|V_s|$  (Powell et al., 2005; Mattocks and Forbes, 2008; Vickery et al., 2009b)

Radially varying factor

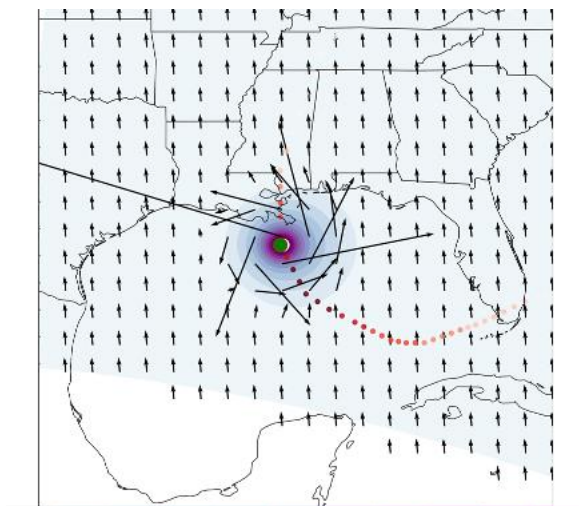
- $\frac{R_{max}r}{R^2_{max}+r^2} |V_s|$  (SLOSH; Jelesnianski et al 1992)

Varying factor with radial wind fraction

- $\frac{V_r}{V_{max}} |V_s|$  (ADCIRC; Luettich & Westerink, 2004)

Empirically derived constant reduction factor with angle 20 deg counter-clockwise

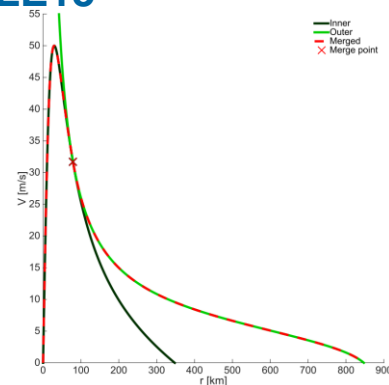
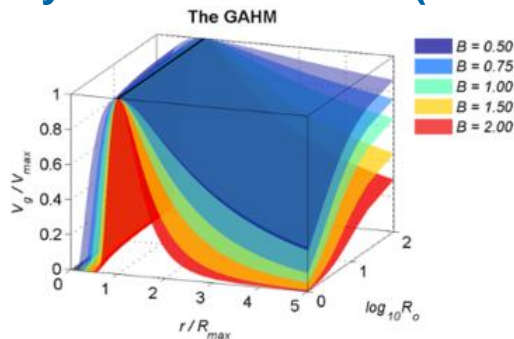
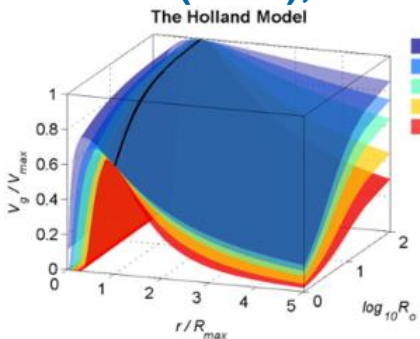
- $.55|V_s|$  (LC12; Chavas and Lin, 2012)



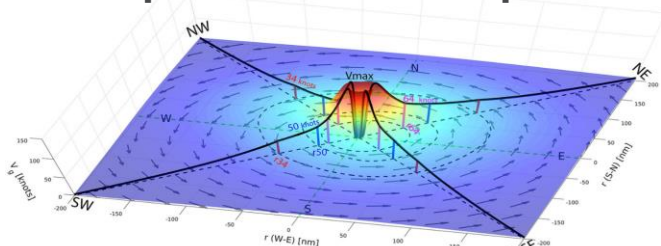
A snapshot of parametric wind spatial structure with LC12 background wind field model

# CHOICE OF PARAMETRIC VORTEX MODELS

## Holland (1980), Generalized Asymmetric Holland (GAHM), CLE15



**GAHM uses multiple isotach interpolation for all 4 quadrants**



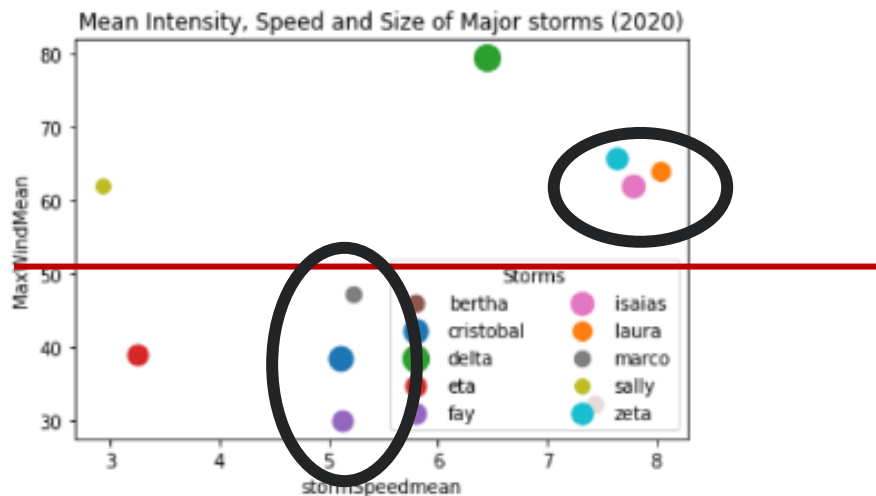
Abdolali, A., et al. (2021). *Ocean Dynamics*,  
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**CLE15 is a simple full physics theoretical model merged inner core from Emanuel and Rotunno (2011) and outer core from Emanuel (2004)**

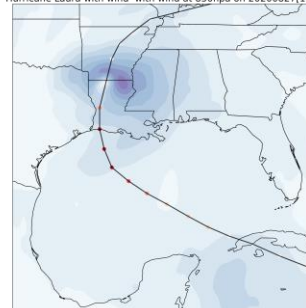
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# STORM CHARACTERISTICS

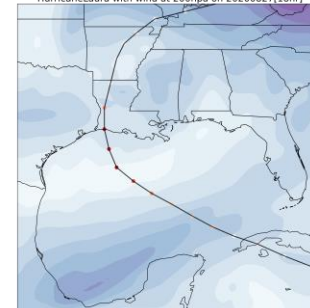
- Weaker and slower storms: example Sally, Eta, **Cristobal**, Fay, Bertha
- Intense and faster storms: example hurricane **Laura**, Zeta, Isaias



Hurricane Laura with wind with wind at 850hpa on 20200827[18hr]

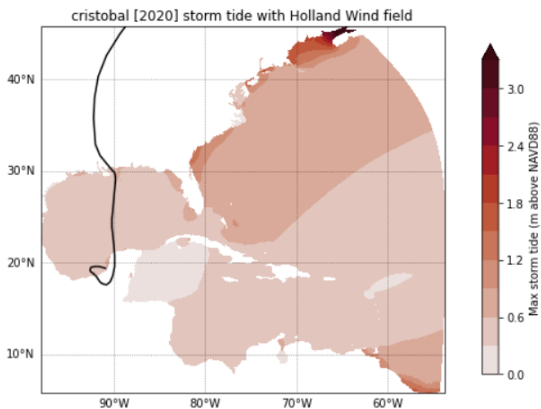
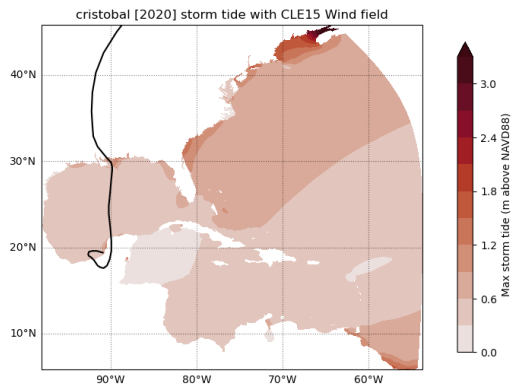
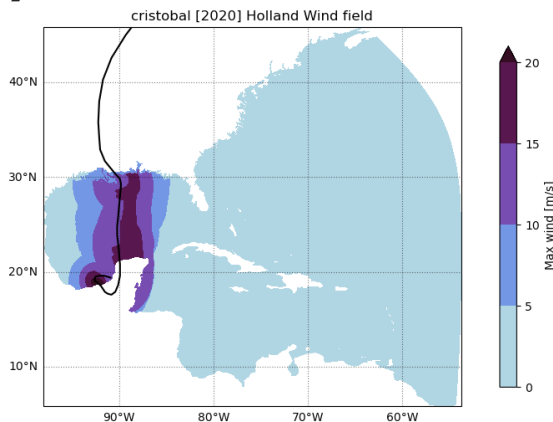
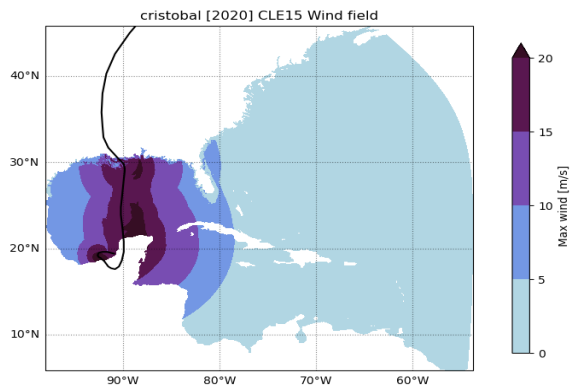


Hurricane Laura with wind with wind at 200hpa on 20200827[18hr]

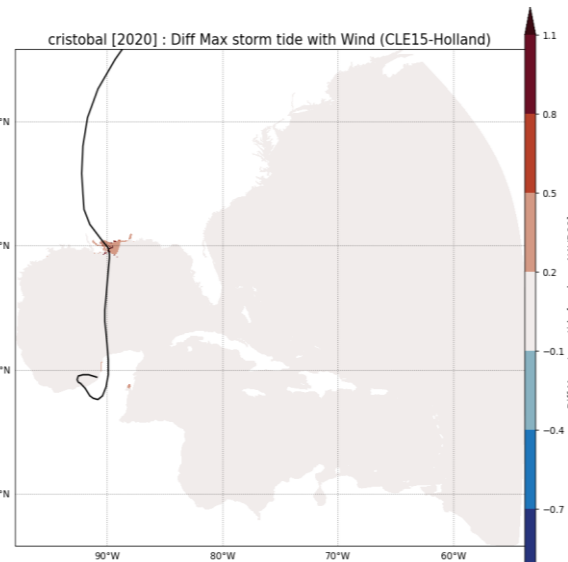


Year 2020 significant landfalling events

# CRISTOBAL (2020)



Higher storm peak tide in CLE15 compared to Holland



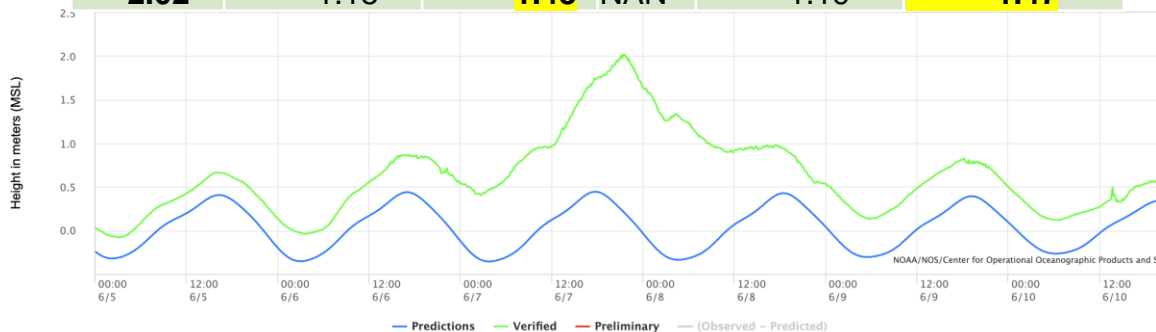




# STORM TIDE TIME SERIES

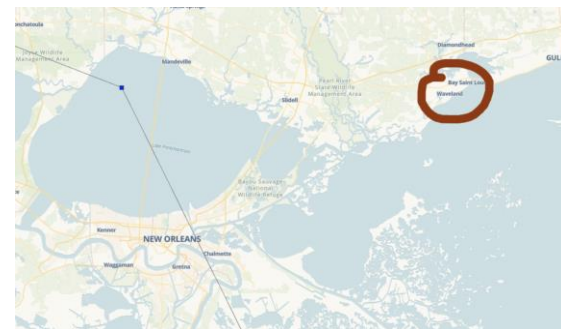
Tide gauge station on right side of storm

HWM	CLE15+T	GAHM+T	H+T	CLE15+LC12	GAHM+LC12
2.02	1.15	1.48	NAN	1.19	1.47



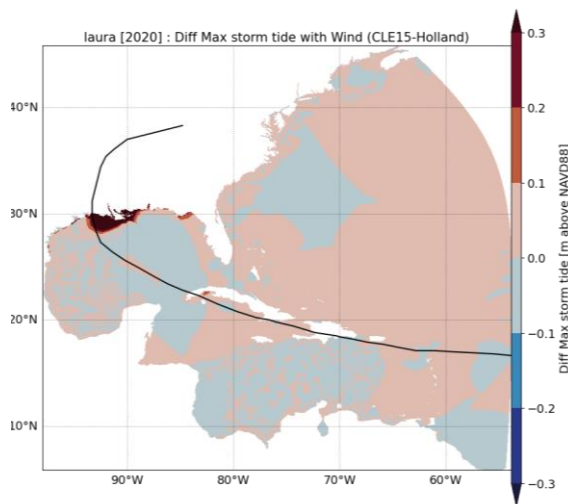
Bay Waveland Yacht Club, MS

RMax=90km; ROCI=270km  
Station is inside ROCI (150km away from storm)



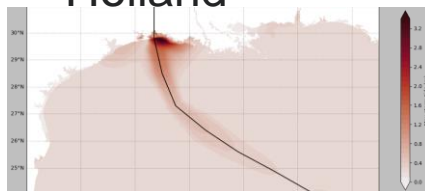
# LAURA: PEAK STORM TIDE AND DIFFERENCE

With different Vortex model and same ADCIRC default background

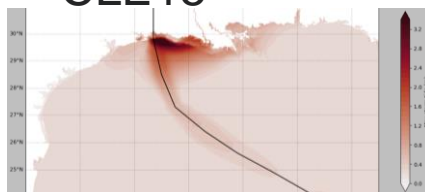


**CLE15 -Holland:  
CLE15 > Holland dominated in  
inner core**

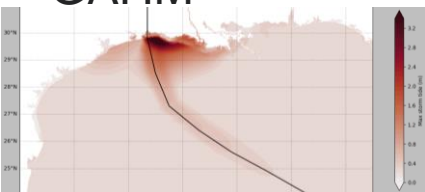
■ Holland



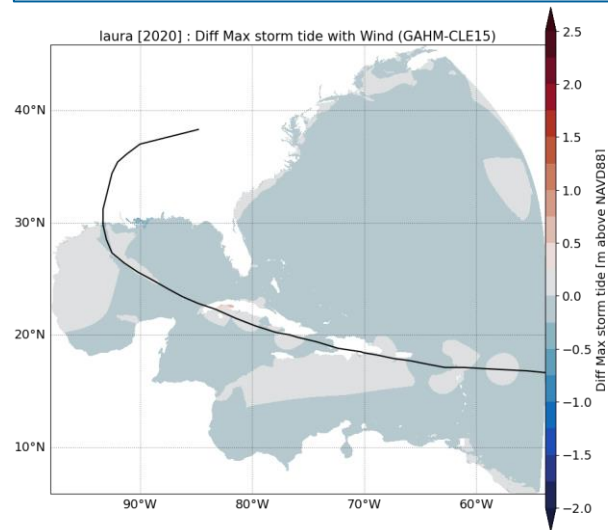
■ CLE15



■ GAHM

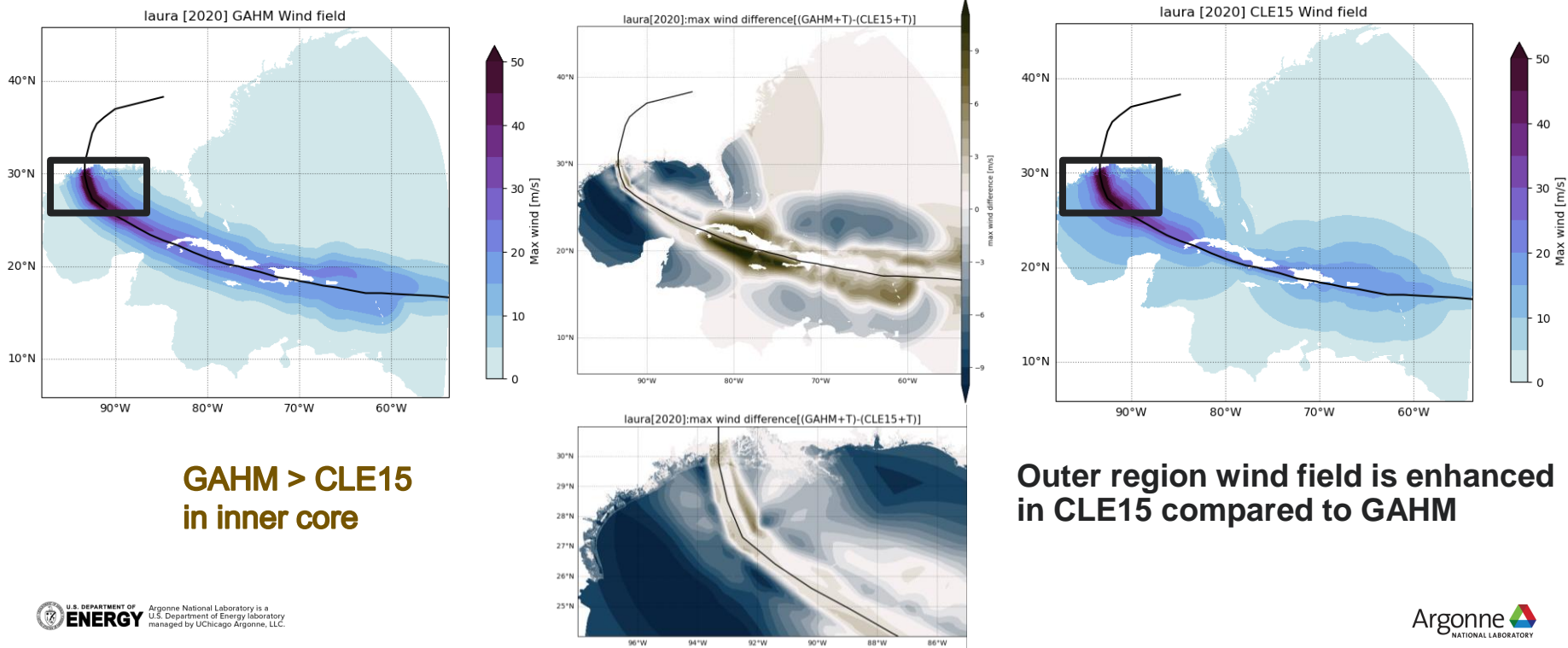


**Peak storm tide difference:  
CLE15 > GAHM dominated mostly  
on right in outer region**



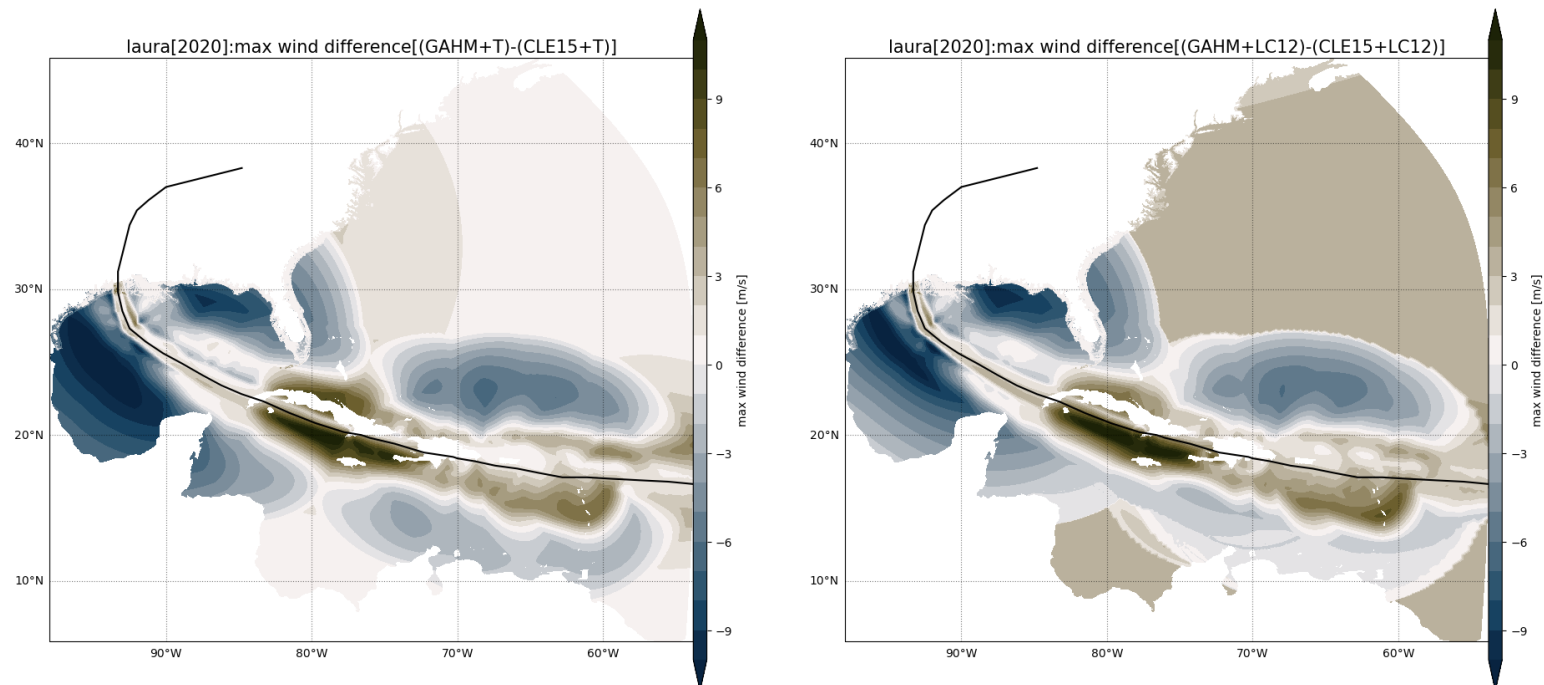
# LAURA (2020) WIND FIELD

With same ADCIRC default background field



# WIND FORCING DIFFERENCE

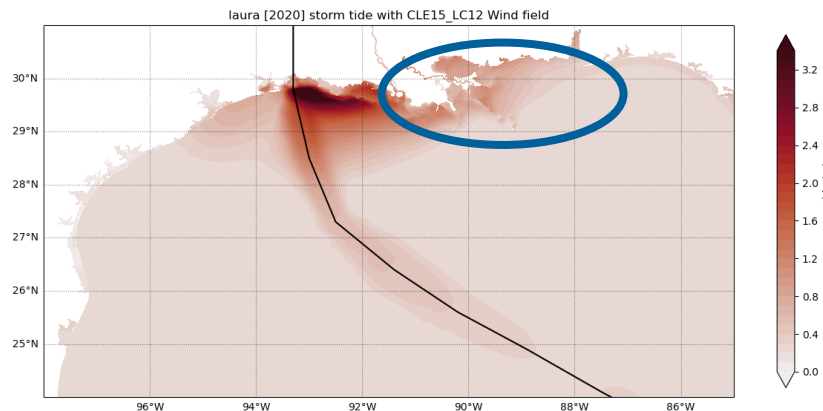
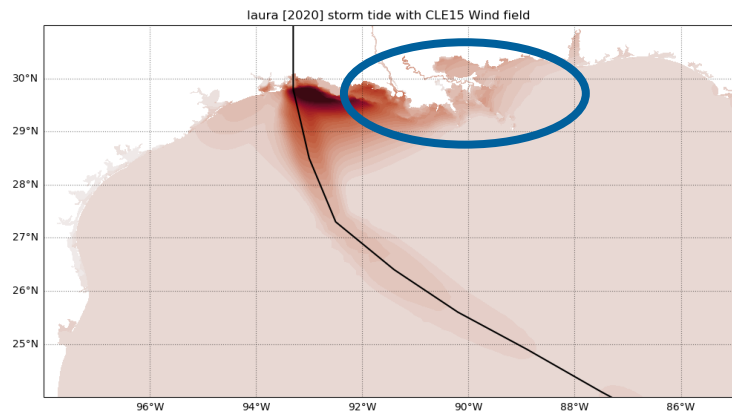
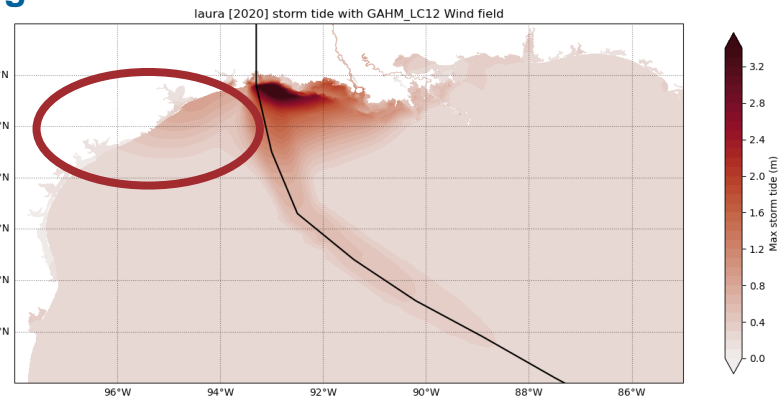
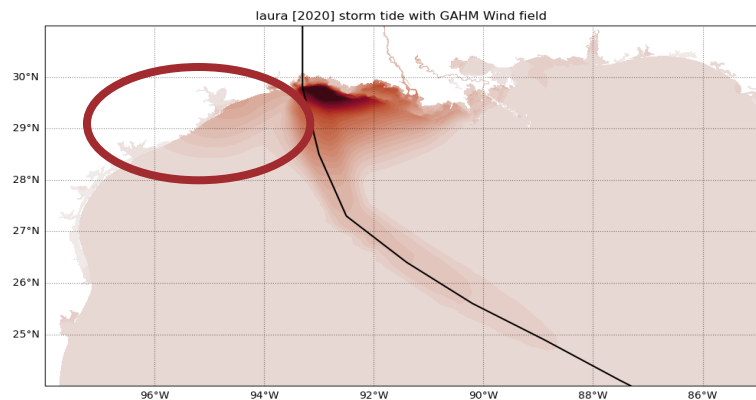
## GAHM-CLE15 with different background wind field



Difference is more prominent on left with ADCIRC default and right with LC12 background

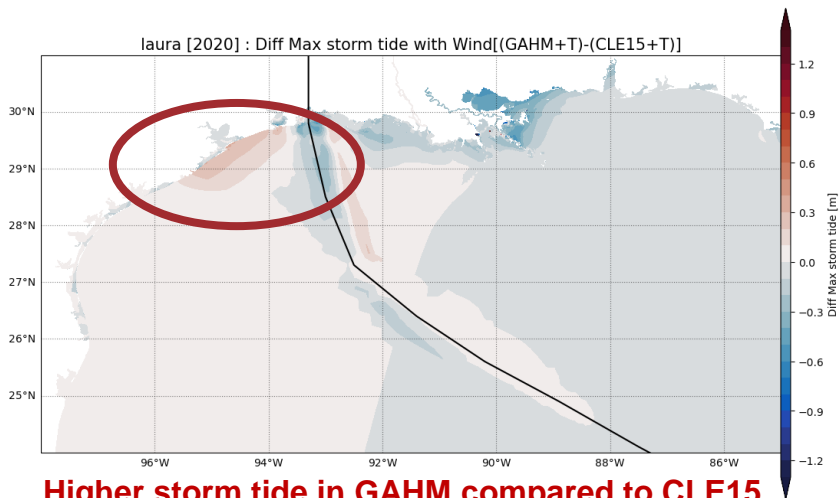
# LAURA WITH DIFFERENT WIND FORCING

## GAHM and CLE with ADCIRC default and LC12 background flow

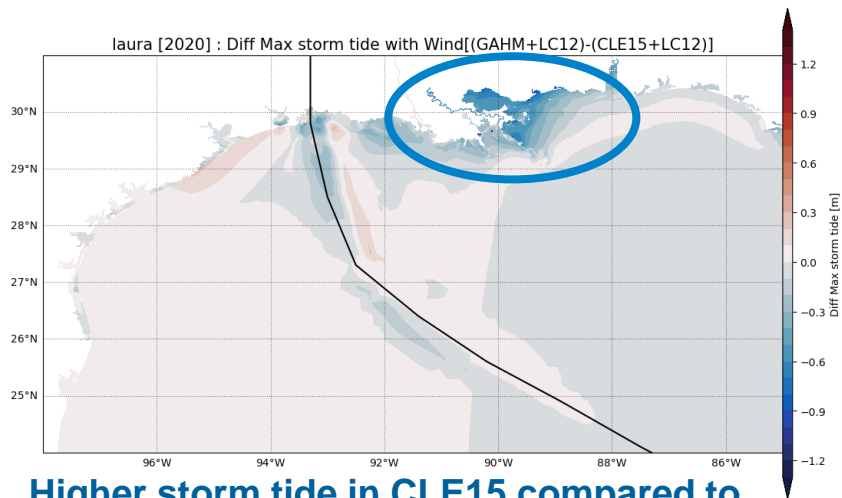


# SENSITIVITY OF VORTEX MODEL

## With different background wind models



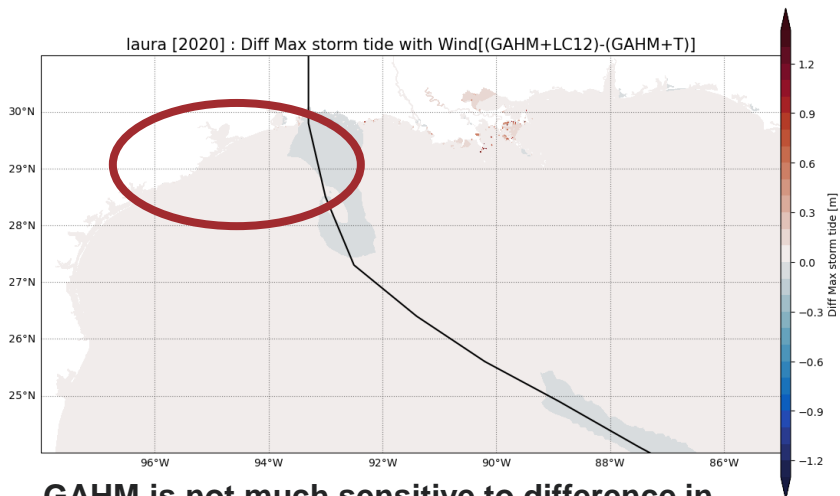
Higher storm tide in GAHM compared to CLE15  
on left inner region of storm



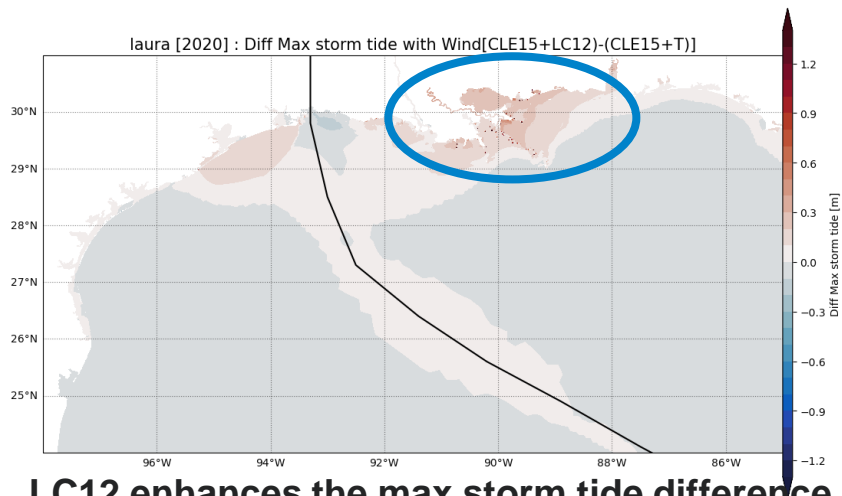
Higher storm tide in CLE15 compared to  
GAHM on outer right region of the storm

# SENSITIVITY OF BACKGROUND MODEL

## With different vortex models



**GAHM is not much sensitive to difference in background wind model (LC12 and T)**

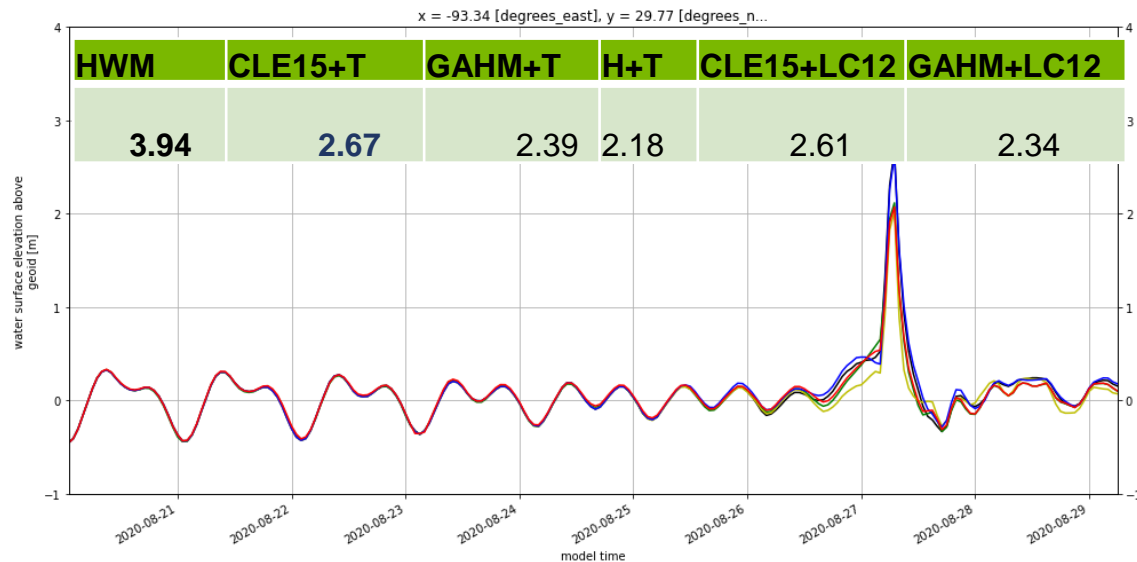


**LC12 enhances the max storm tide difference more for CLE15 vortex**

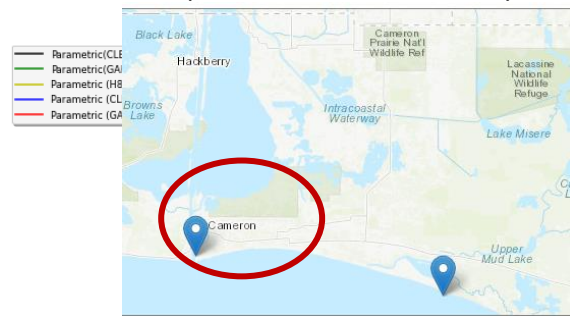


# STORM TIDE TIME SERIES

## HWM close to inner core



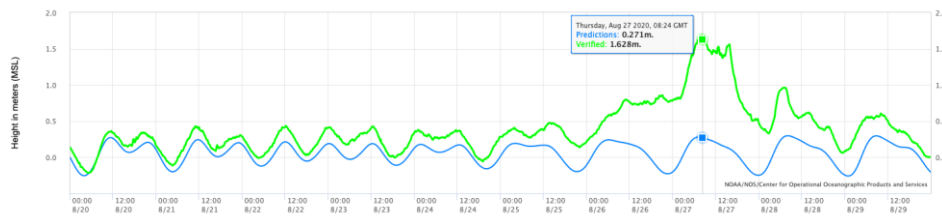
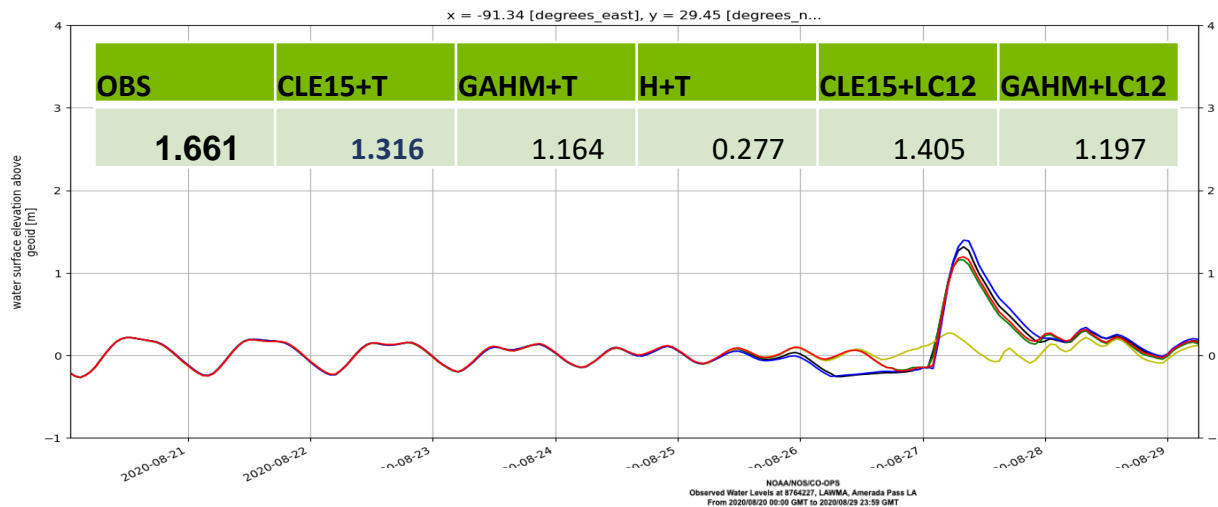
Calcasieu Pass, LA -  
HWM ID: 8768094  
(1.08 m above MSL)



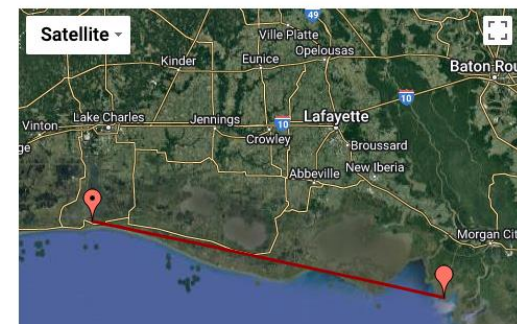
- Location was close to inner core on left side of the storm

# STORM TIDE TIME SERIES

## Station away from inner core



LAWMA, Amerada Pass, LA



- Station was 43 km away from radius of outer closed isobar

# SUMMARY

- Overall CLE15 is better than Holland for capturing wind and storm tide both as supported by previous study as well (Wang et al 2022)
- For weaker and slower storms such as Cristobal, GAHM seem to give higher peak storm tide as compared to CLE15
- For faster and intense storms, example : Laura, CLE15+LC12 seem to give higher storm tide and wind forcing

## Ongoing work

- Investigating more storms for different year background flow and events
- Application in offshore wind energy project