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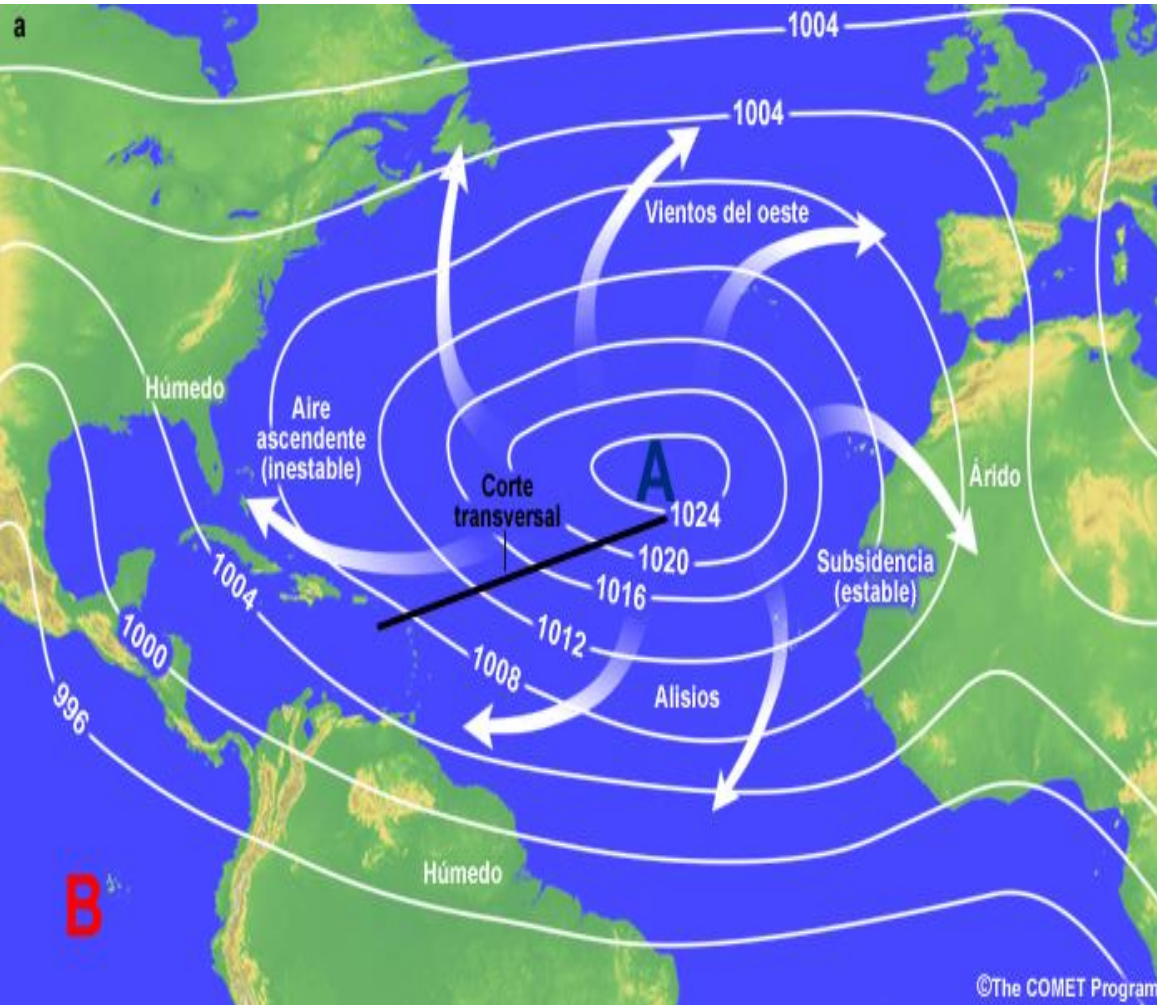
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North Atlantic subtropical anticyclone

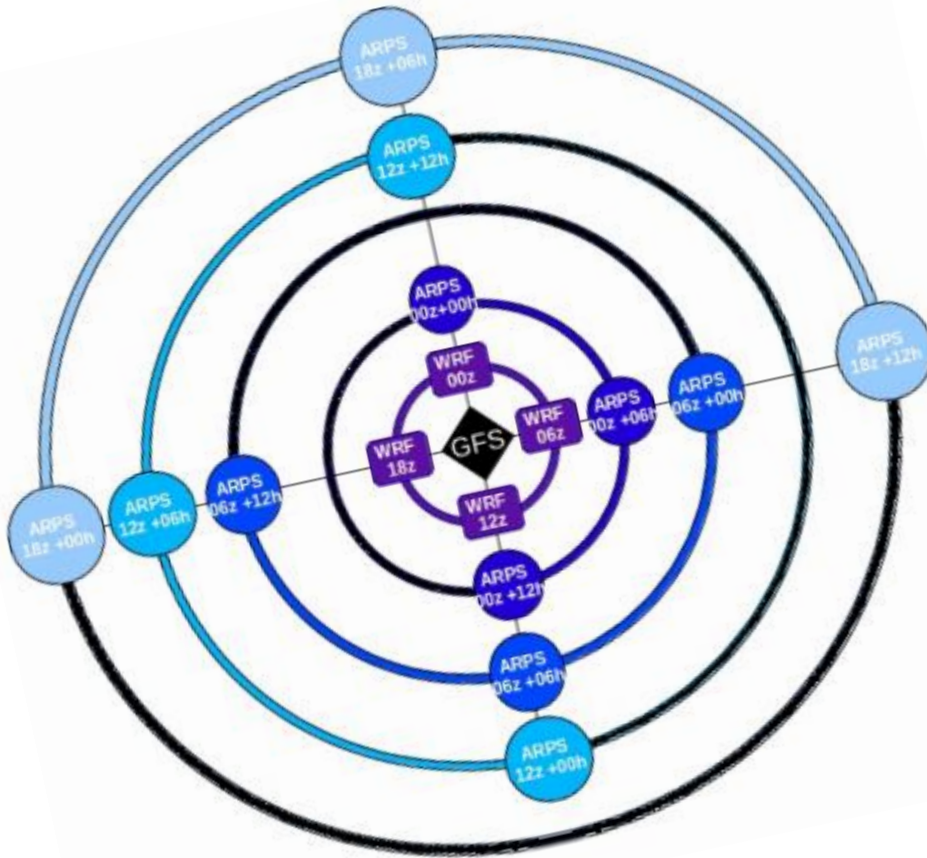
Last changes:

- Laings & Evans (2016)
- Yang et al. (2020)
- Fernández et al.(2021)



- An expansion of the Hadley cell from 2 to 4° latitude grades since 1979.
- Global warming may have already significantly contributed to the ongoing tropical expansion.
- An expansion of the subtropical ridge in all months of the year, especially in troposphere lower and middle levels.

SisPI



- Sierra et al. (2014) combined three microphysics and three cluster parameterizations for two nested domains of 27 and 9 km spatial resolution.
- (Sierra et al. 2017) conducted sensitivity studies of the SisPI to changes in the PBL, the number of vertical levels and the microphysics parameterizations and clusters, at very high resolution

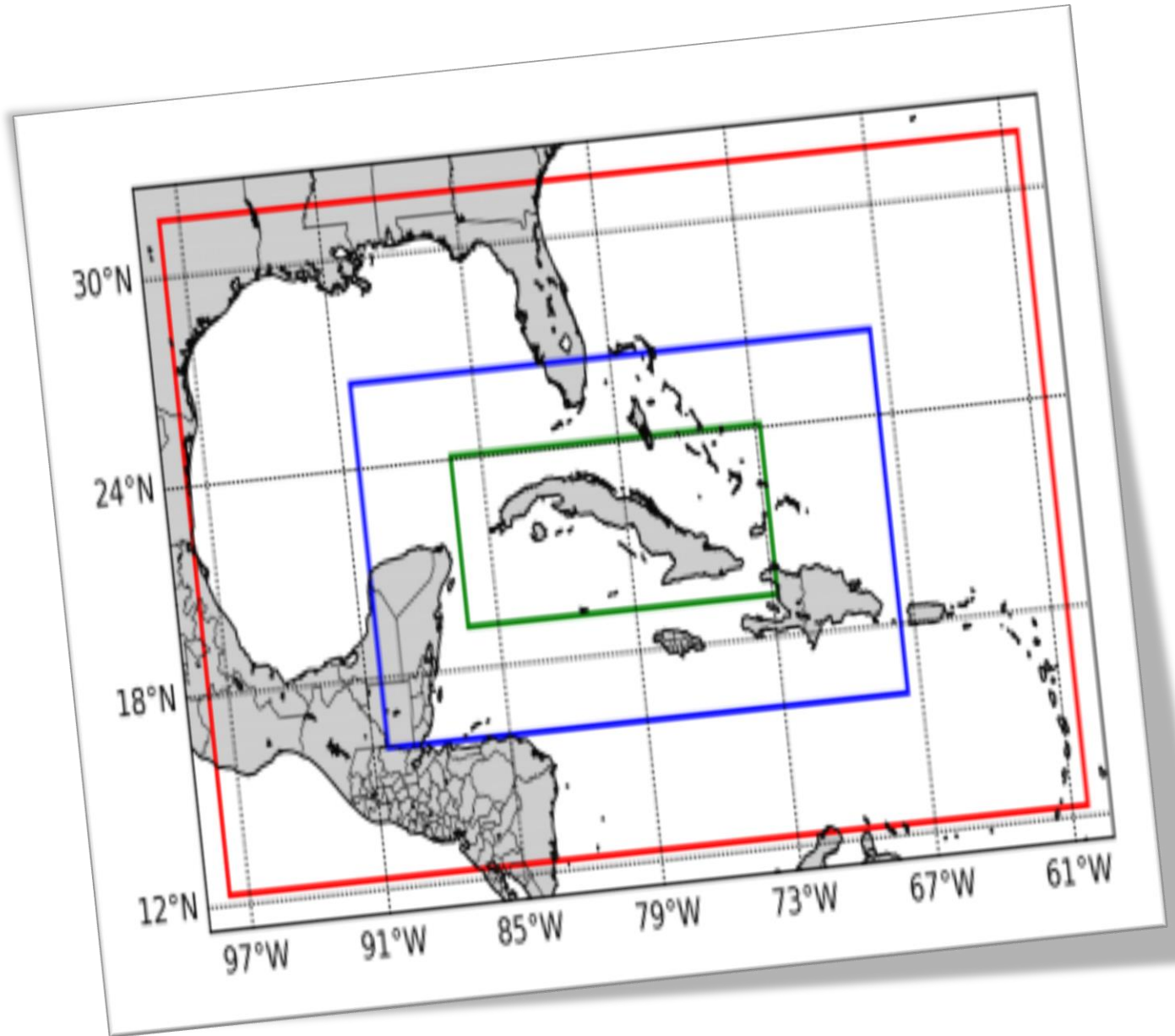


**Short-range system based in
WRF**

**It has three domains of 27, 9 and
3 km of resolution**

era5

2020 wet season





2020 Wet Season



Decadal
characterization
(2010-2019)

Anomalies

SisPI Errors respect
ERA5 results

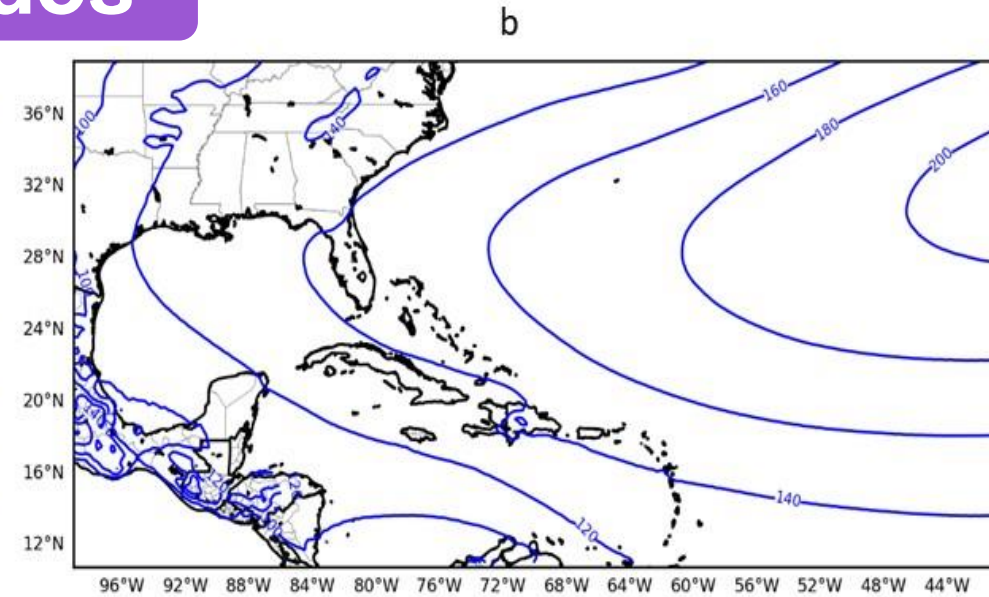
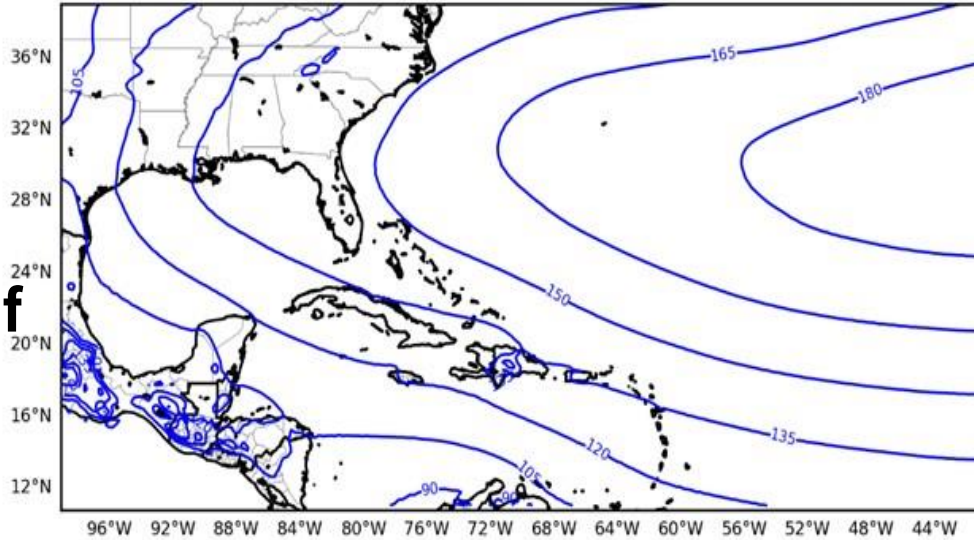
Analyze average
synoptic system
position position

Greatest changes
respect decadal
average

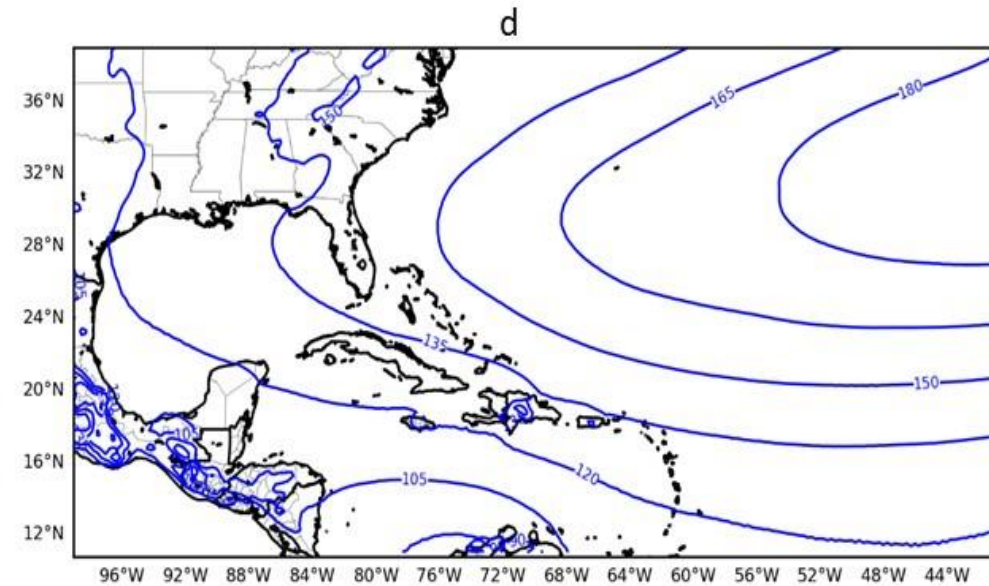
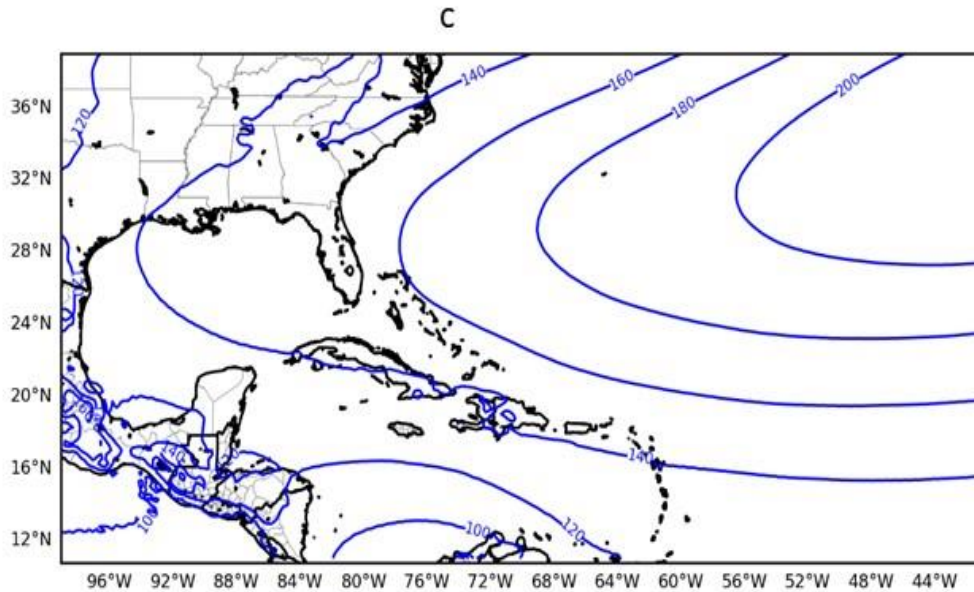
Determinate if depend of
its configuration or
anomalous conditions

Variables: geopotential height, relative humidity, wind and temperature
at mandatory levels

**Subtropical ridge
extended until gulf
de Mexico**



**Fluctuations on
zonal winds
area**



**East region
winds over
Cuba**

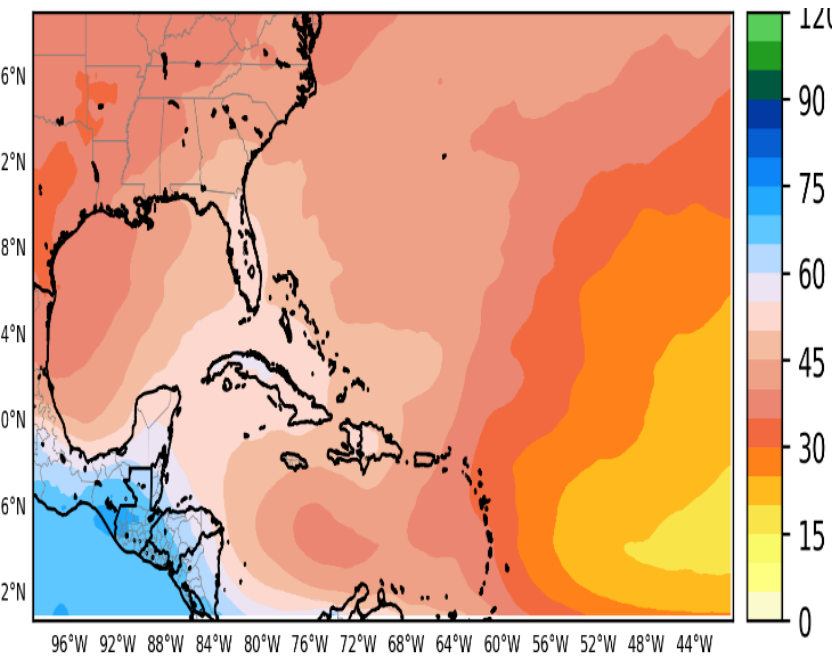
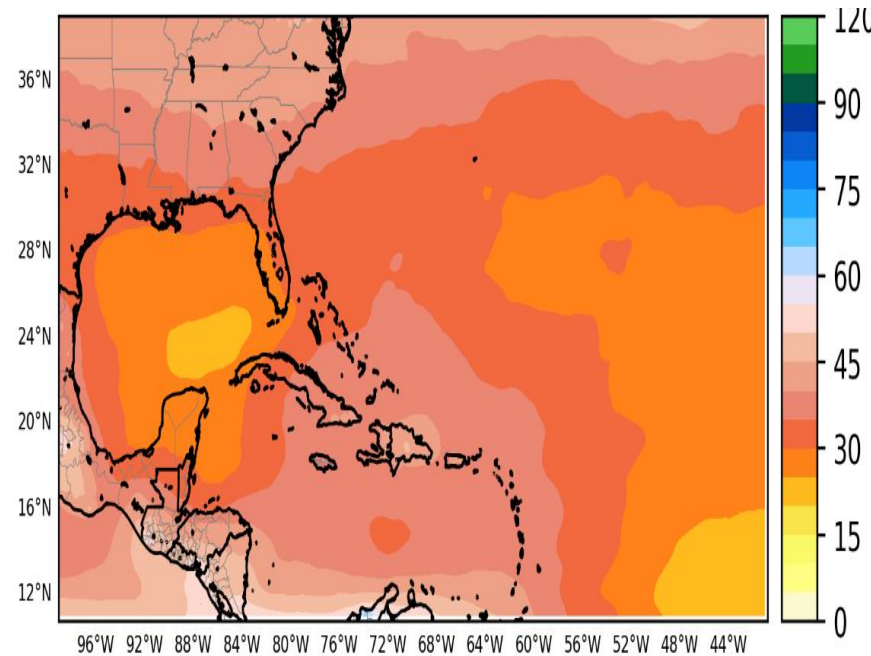
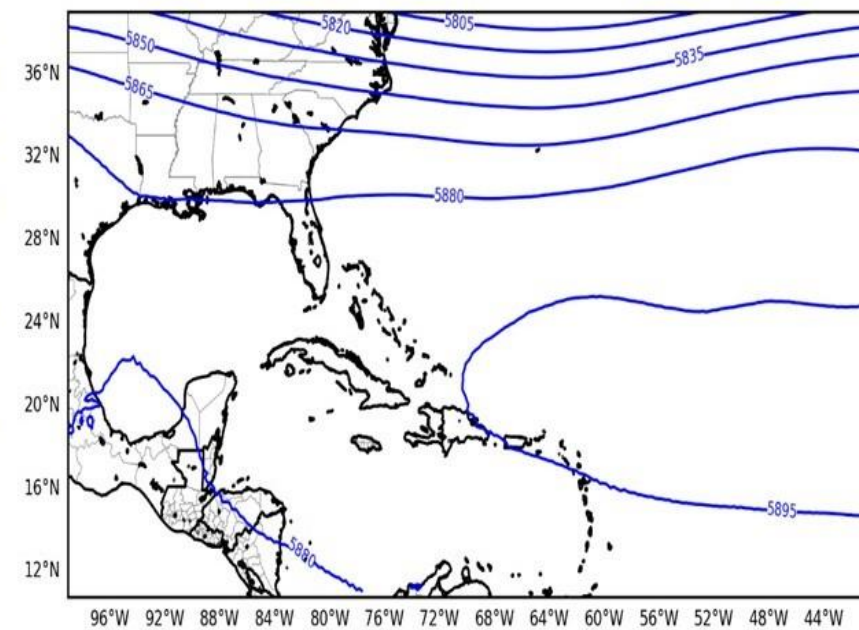
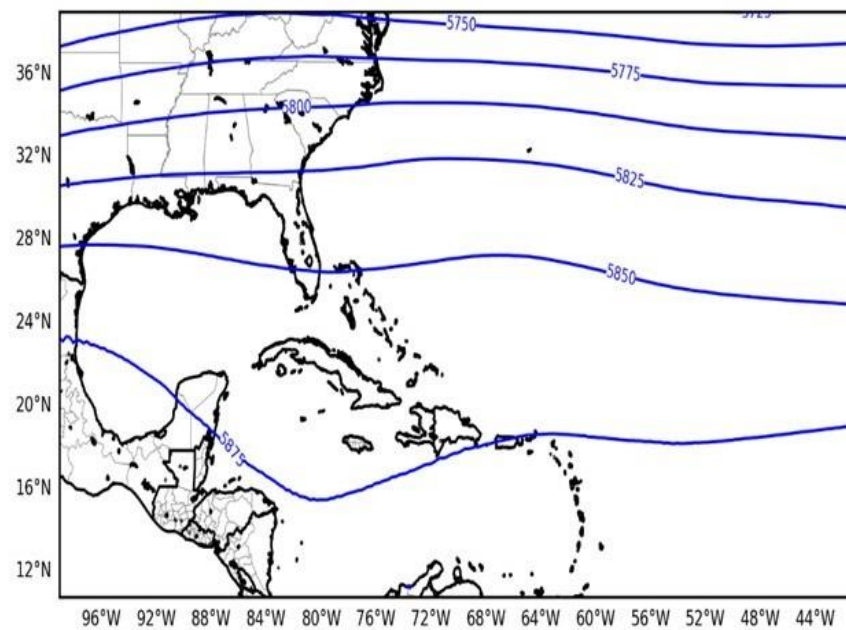
2010-2019 decade

May (a), June (b), July (c) & August (d) at 1000 hPa.

May-June Trough

eastern displacement

The area of maximum vorticity advection of the trough was found in the central and eastern regions of the territory, while the driest portion was located in the west

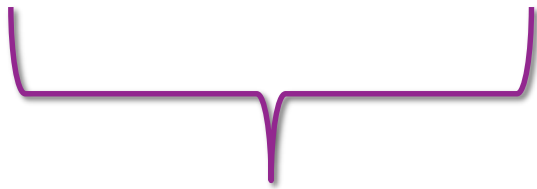


2010-2019 decade

May & June at 500 hPa

500 hPa

Subtropical & Mexican ridges establish a belt of high geopotential values

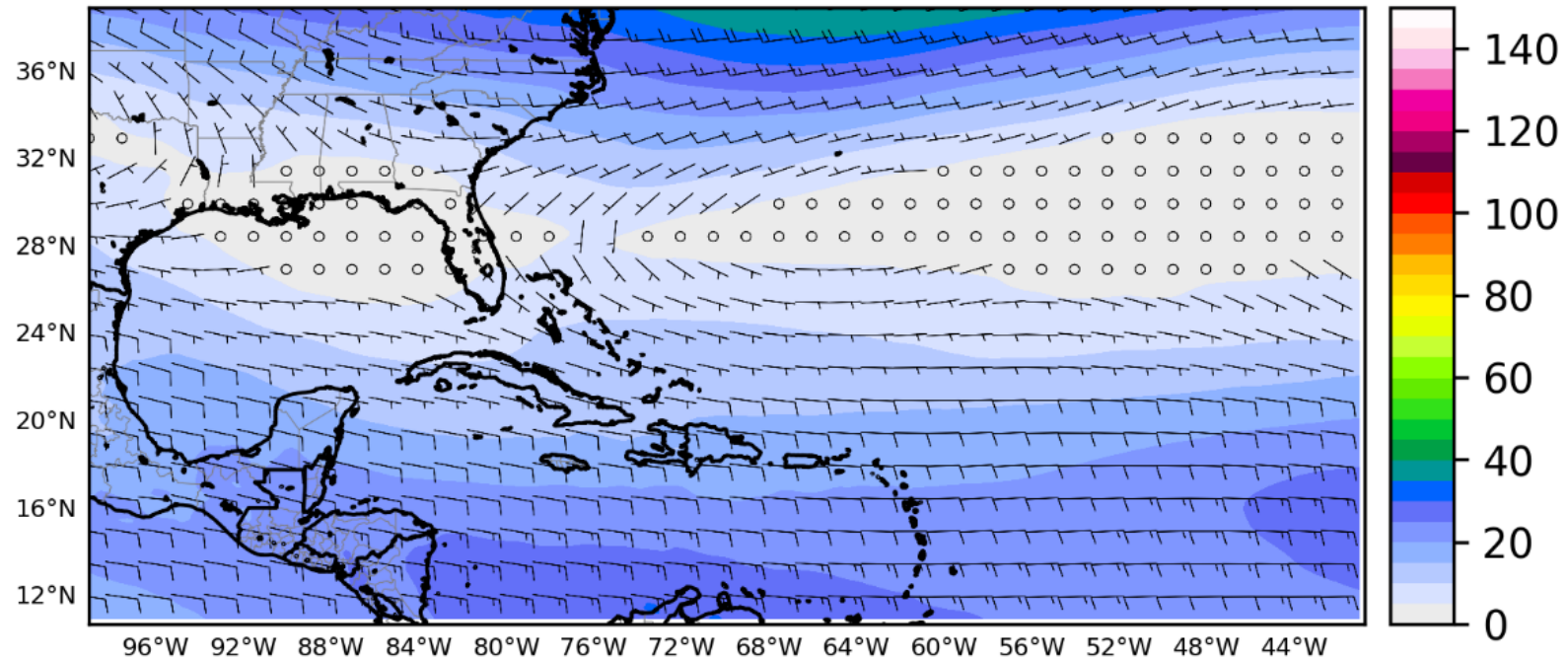
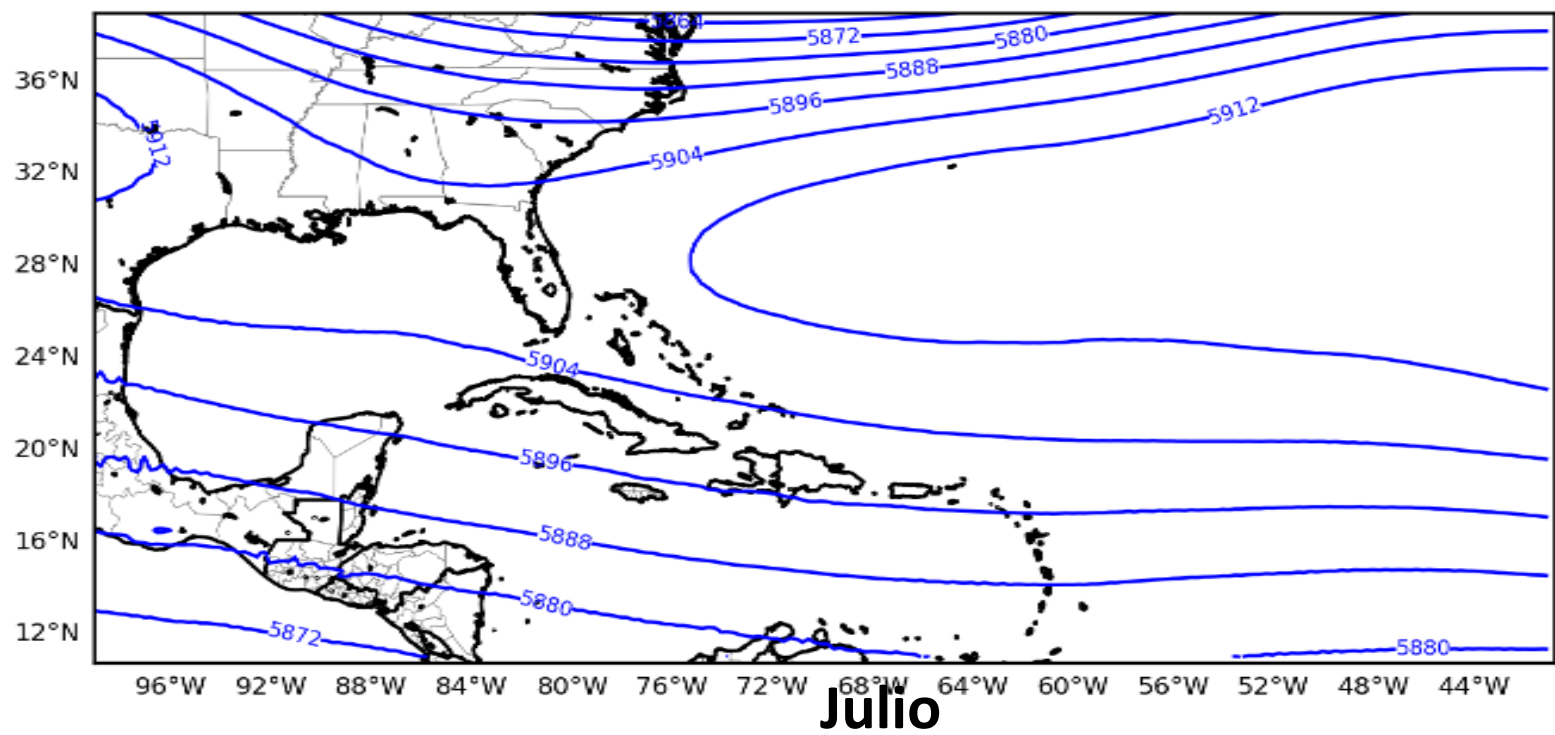


could be the cause of limited exchange between tropic and mid latitudes

Weak winds



Media últimos 10 años

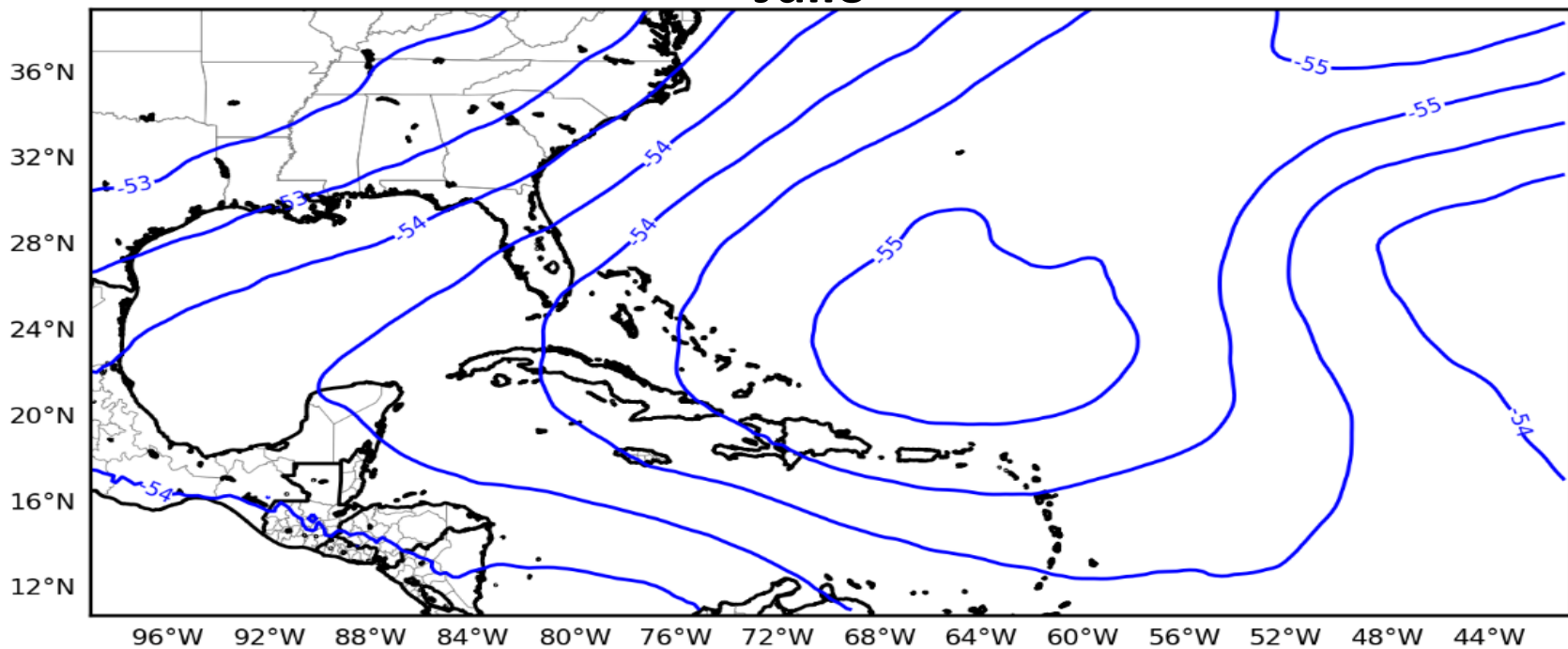
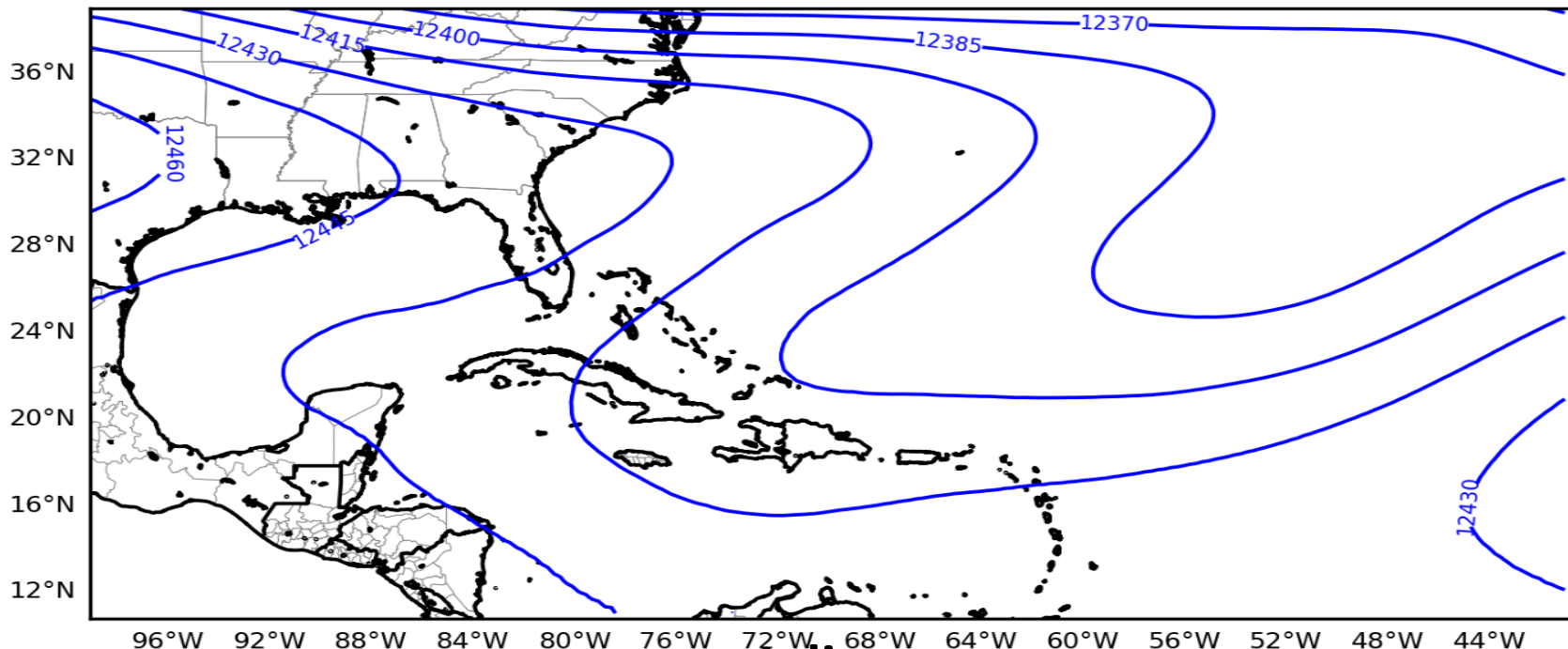


200 hPa

Few significant changes
on TUTT

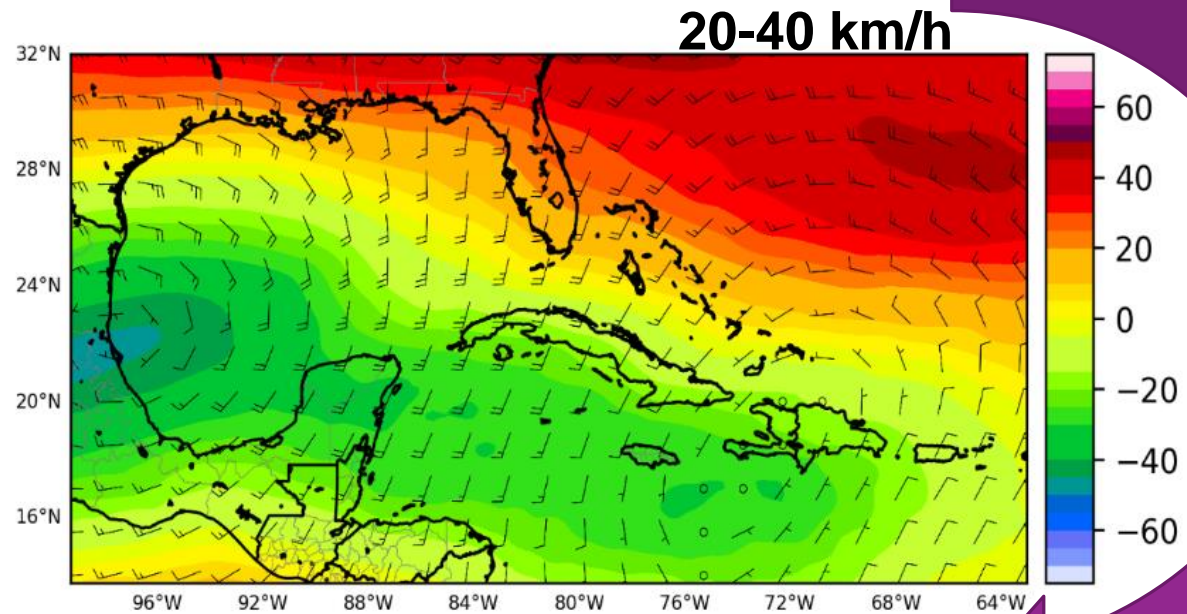
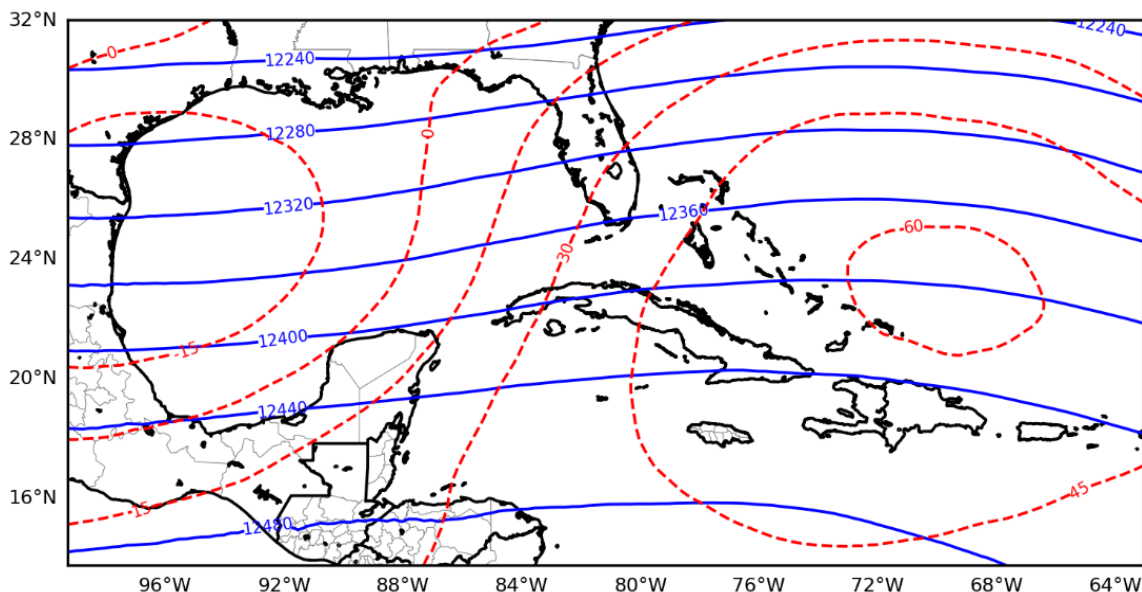
Influence on
July-September

Closed cold center on
mean temperature map
located northeast of
Hispaniola on July.



2010-2019 decade

strengthening of high geopotential values



20-40 km/h

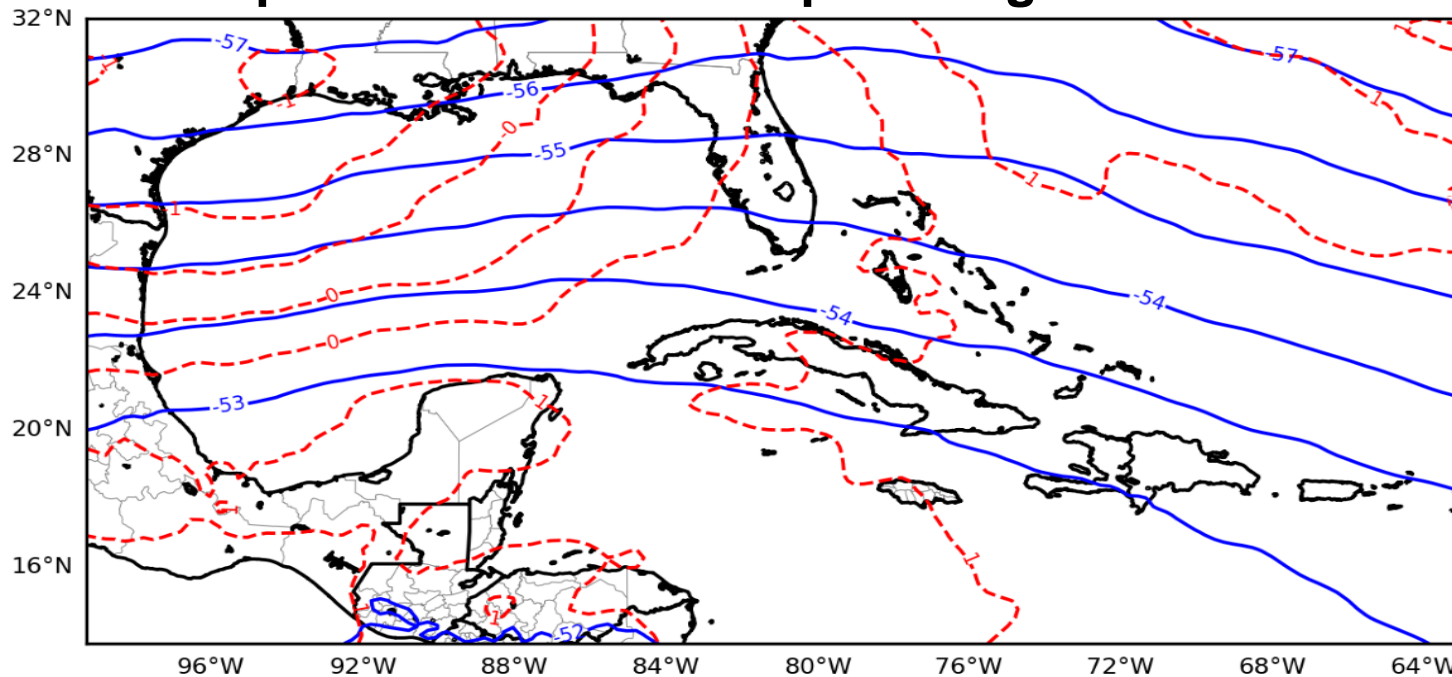
15-60 m²/s²

southward extension of the subtropical jet stream



Anomalies

An expansion of the subtropical ridge



Higher temperature gradients

Baroclinics atmosphere

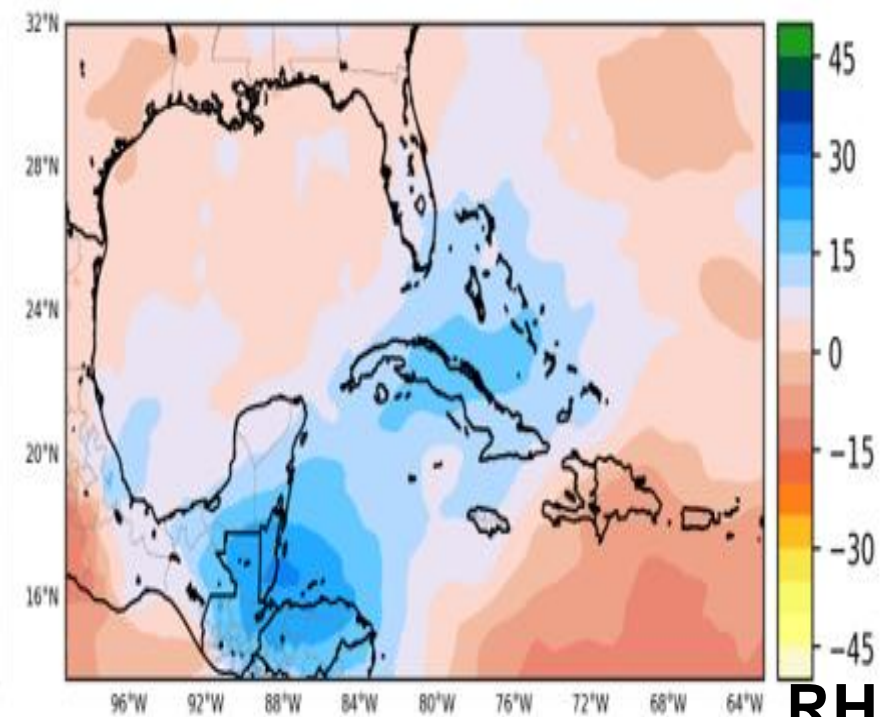
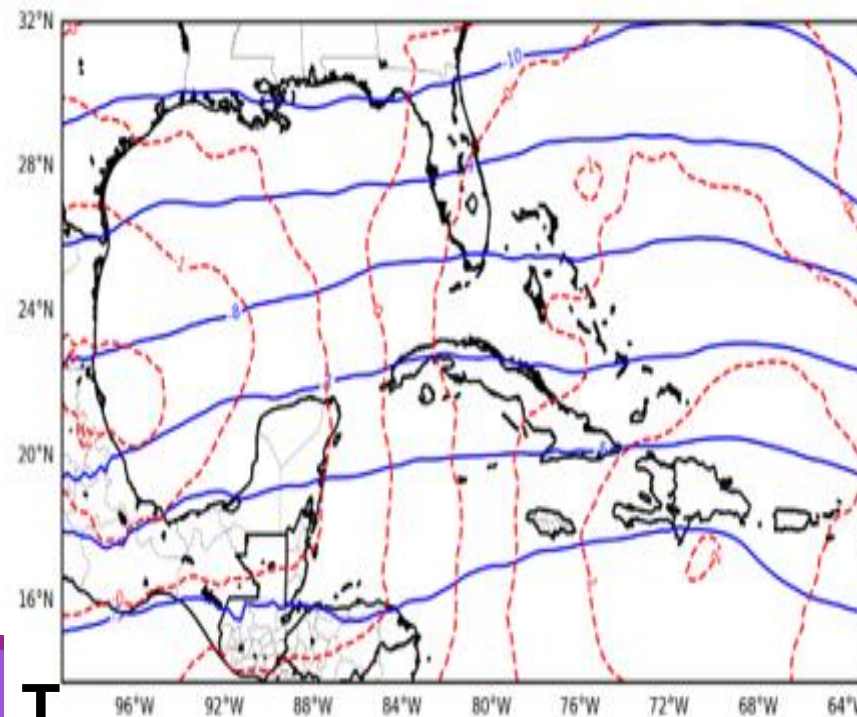
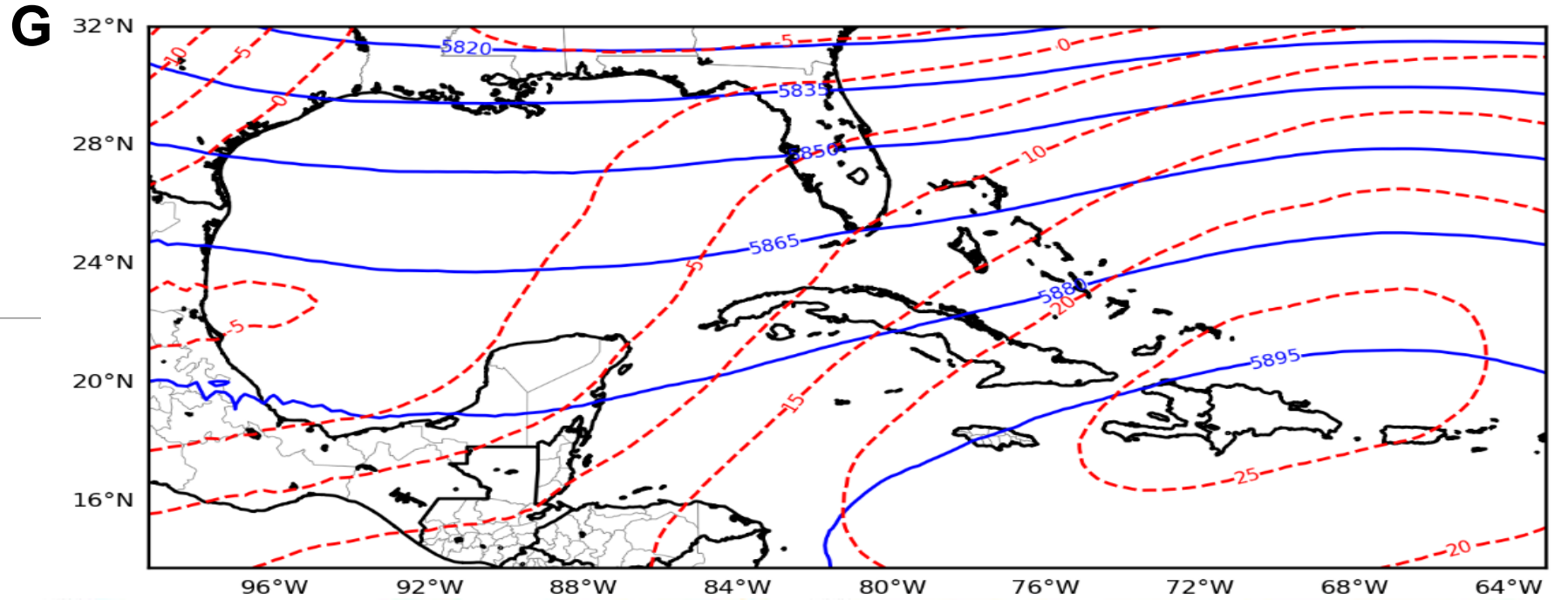
May 200 hPa

500 hPa

Lower geopotential
and temperature
values of anomalies
than upper air

Western
displacement of May-
June Trough

Anomalies



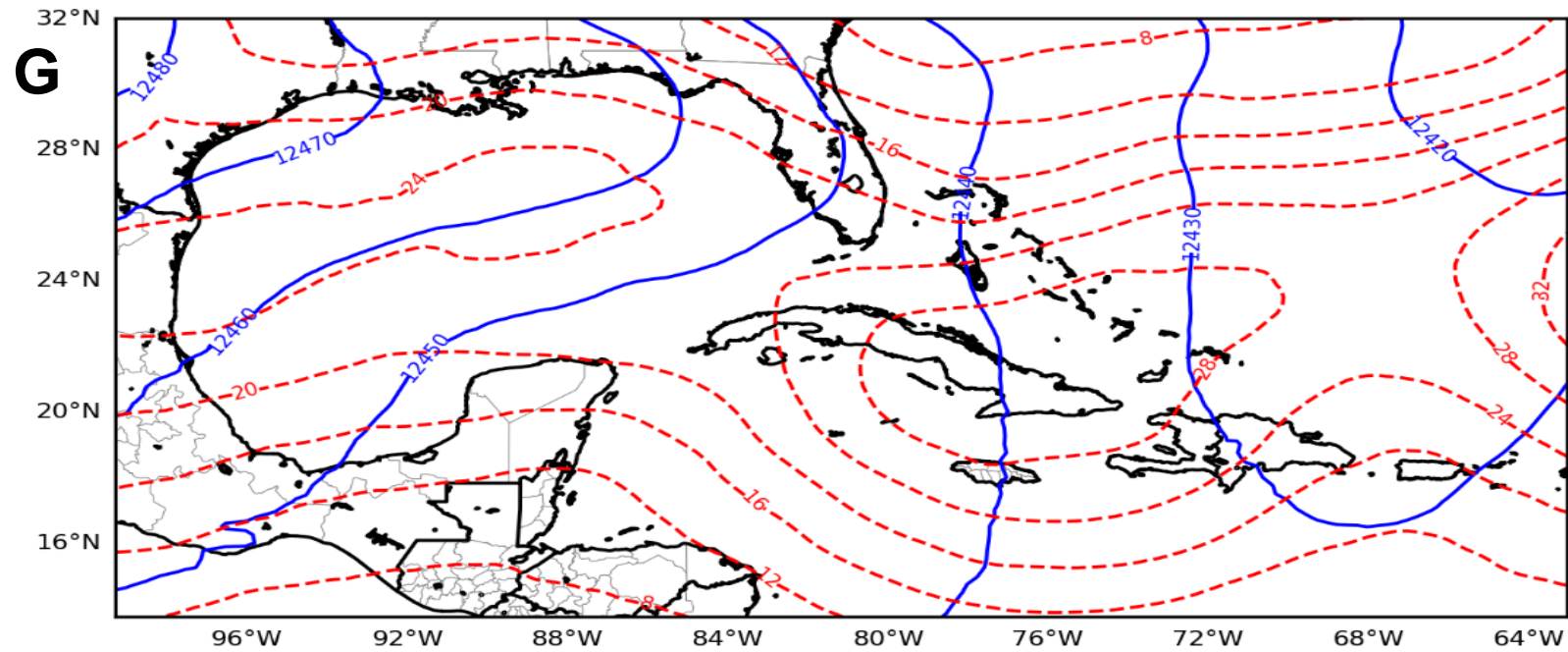
RH

200 hPa

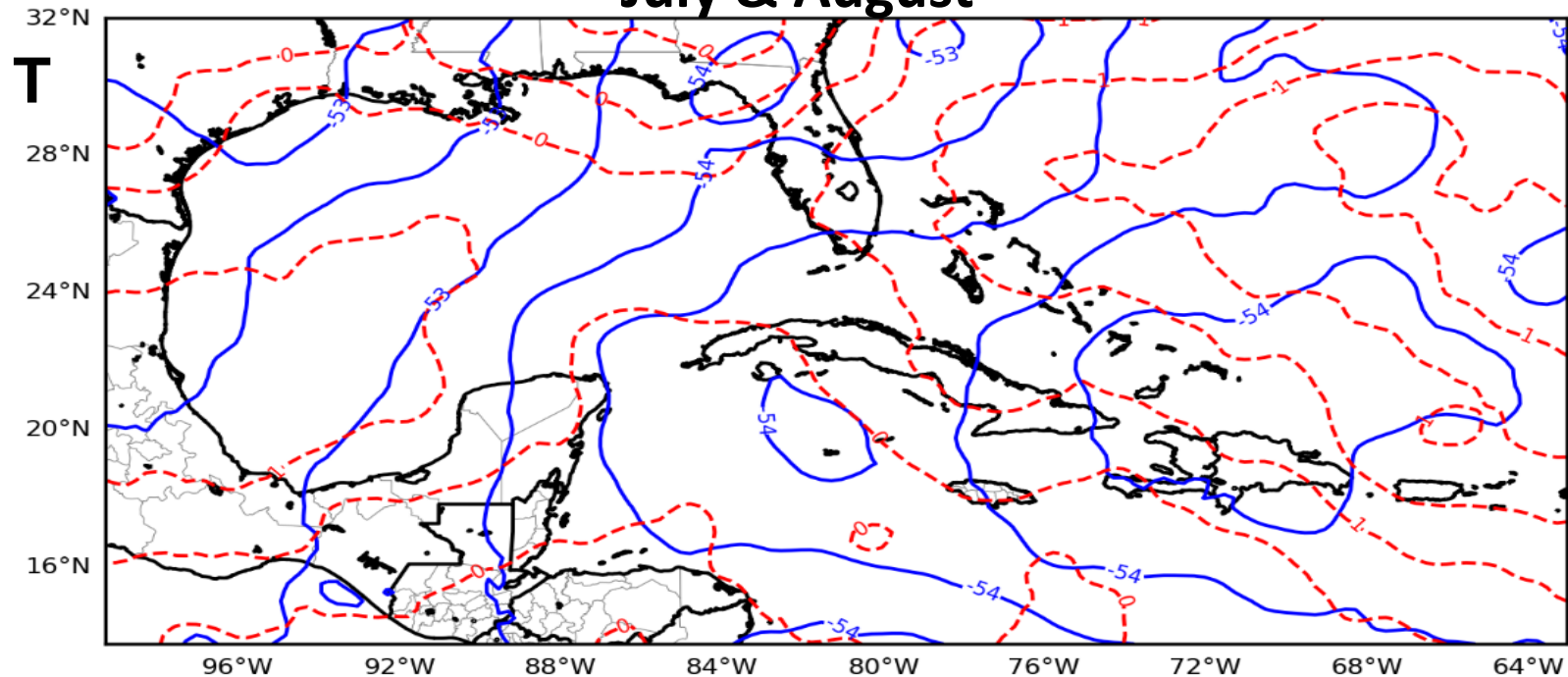
**Slight increase of
geopotential values**

**TUTT contraction,
fundamentally in the
tropical zone**

**Southerly shift of
the cold core**



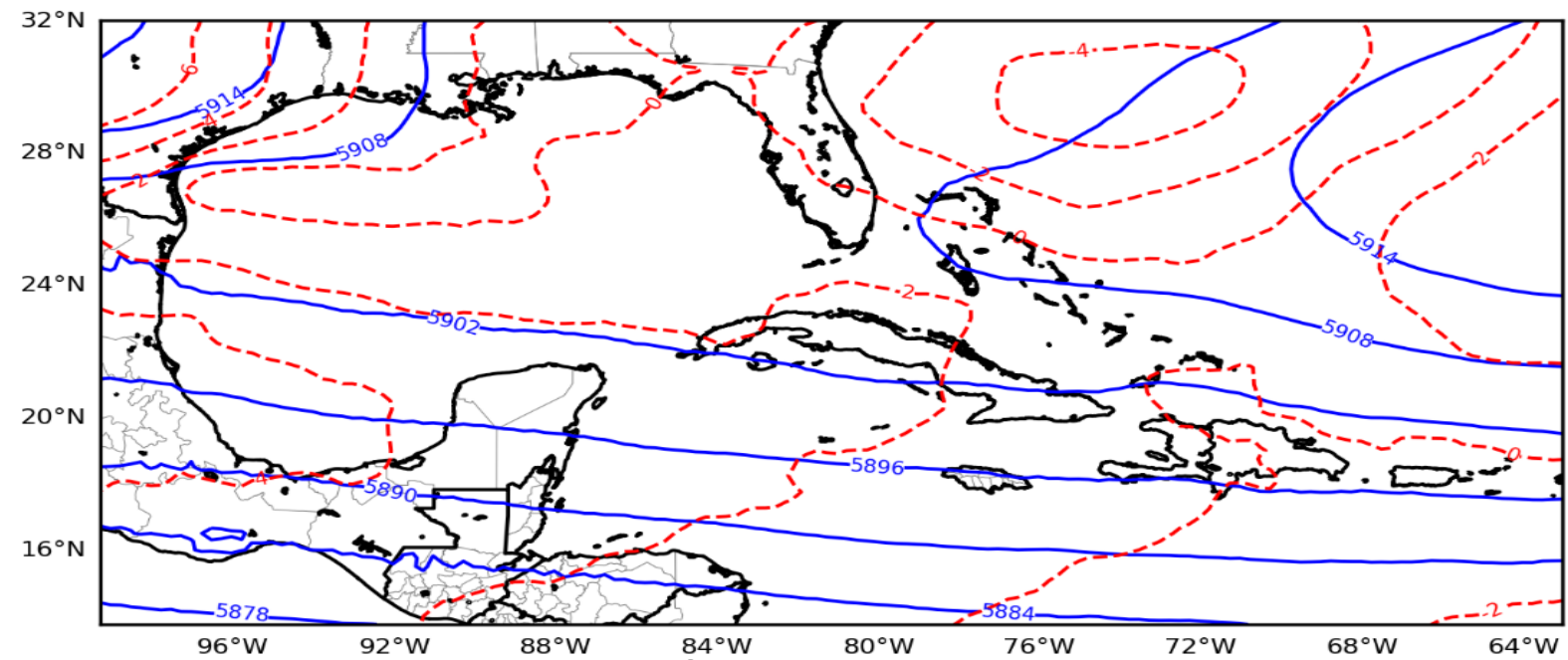
July & August





Lower anomalies values

The belt of high geopotential values persists



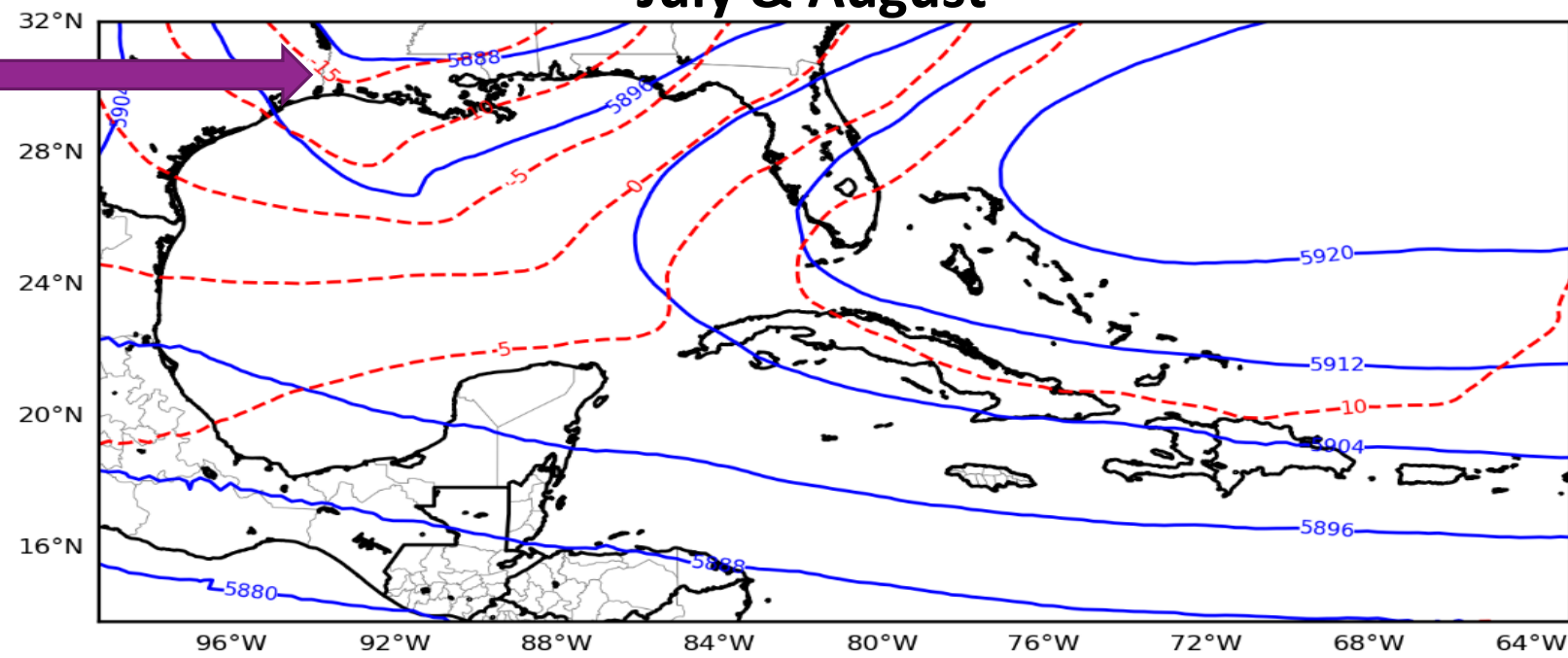
July & August

Negatives Values

Trough zone

Lower & middle levels

Anomalies



Negatives anomalies values close to Gulf of Mexico.

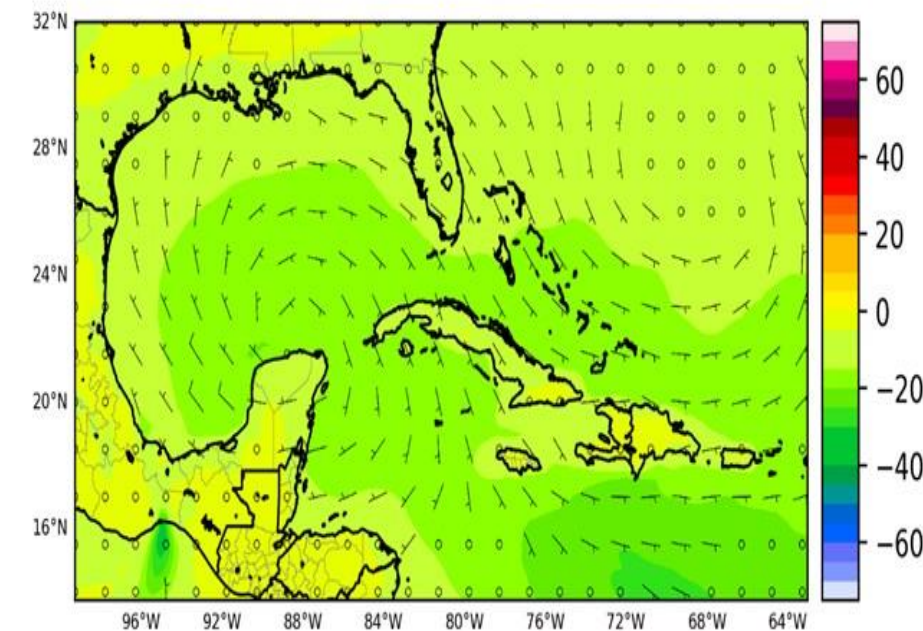
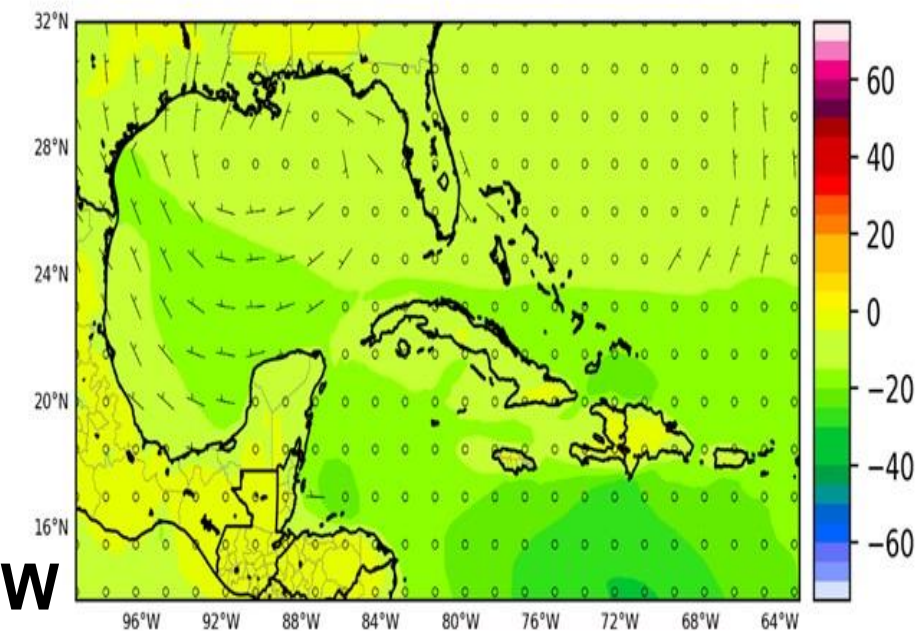
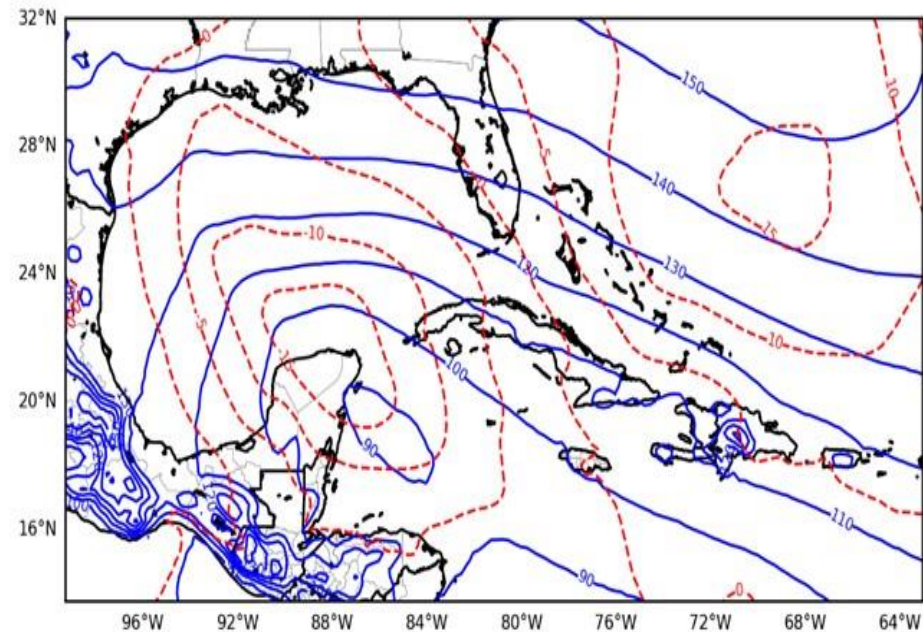
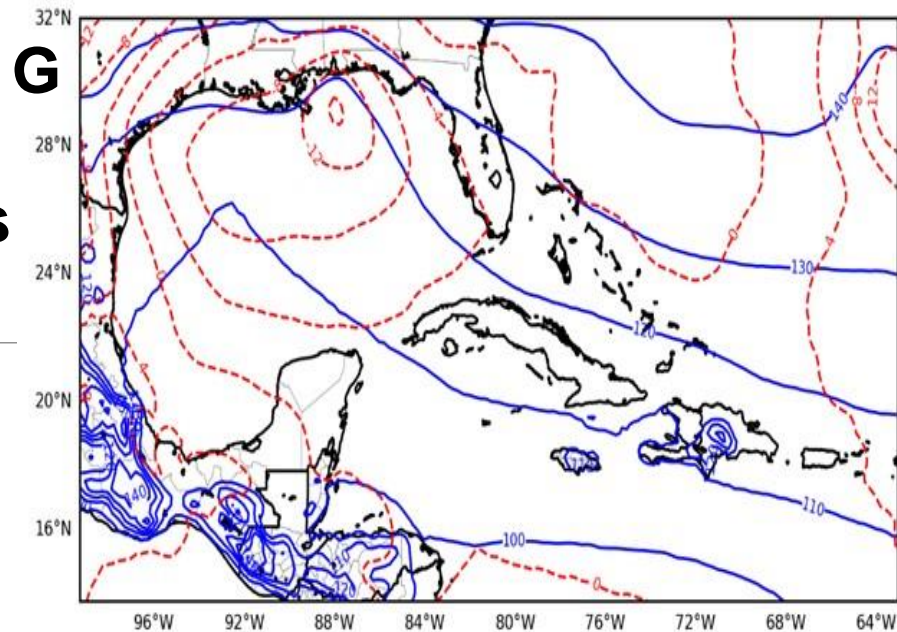
Weak winds

Barotropic atmosphere

Tropical Cyclones



Anomalies



1000 hPa

September y October

The northern and southern domain borders contain the largest errors



$G \approx 240 - 80 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$

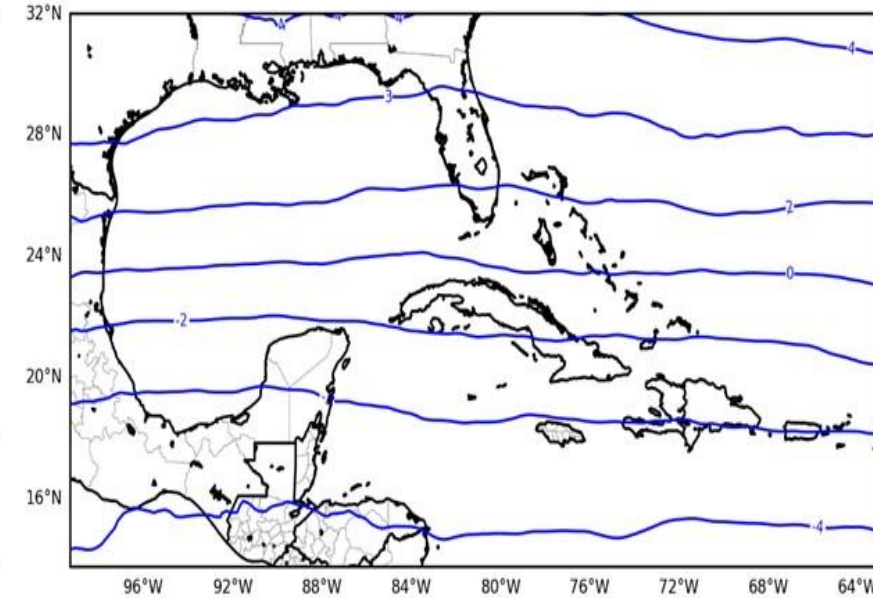
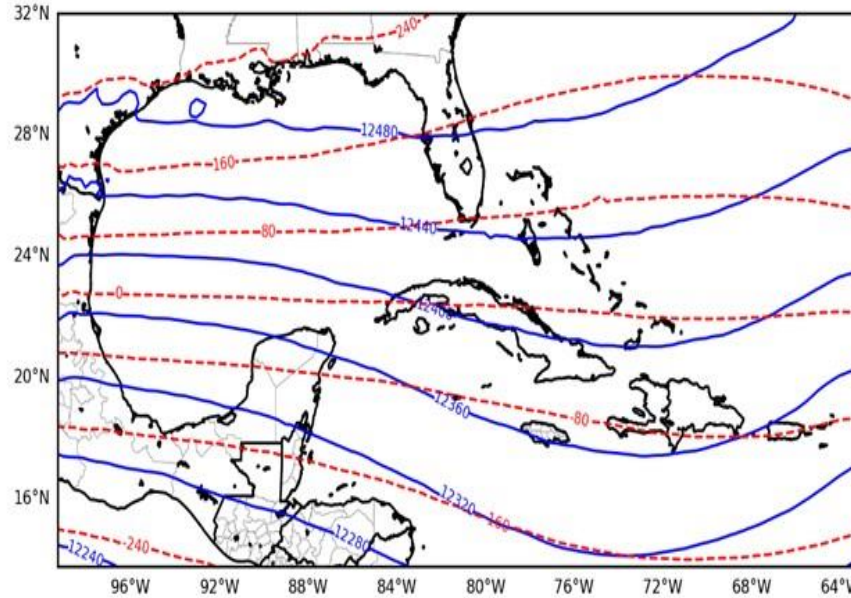
$T \approx 2-4^\circ\text{C}$

May at 200 hPa

Greater gradients of the meteorological fields at north.

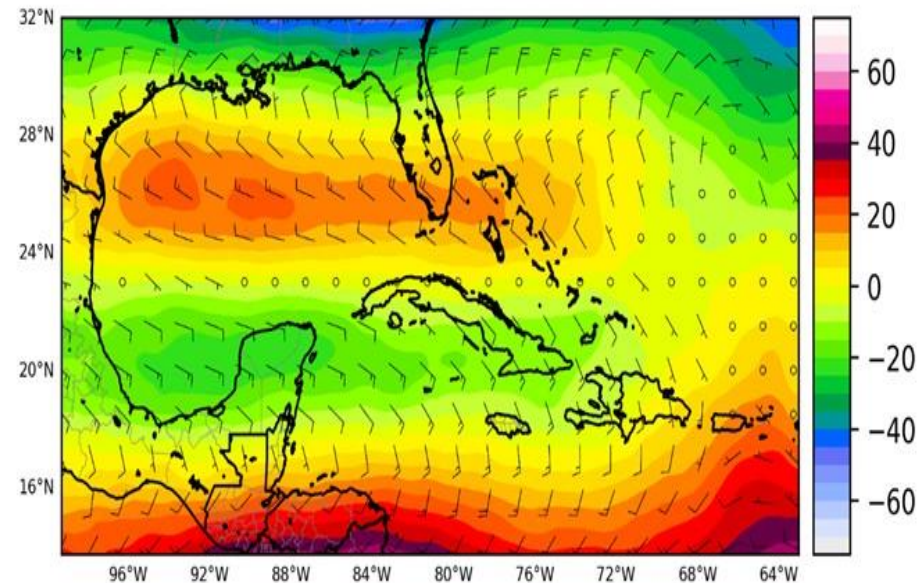
The interaction with the ITCZ is located south of the domain

SisPI underestimates the baroclinic behaviours



20-40 km/h

W

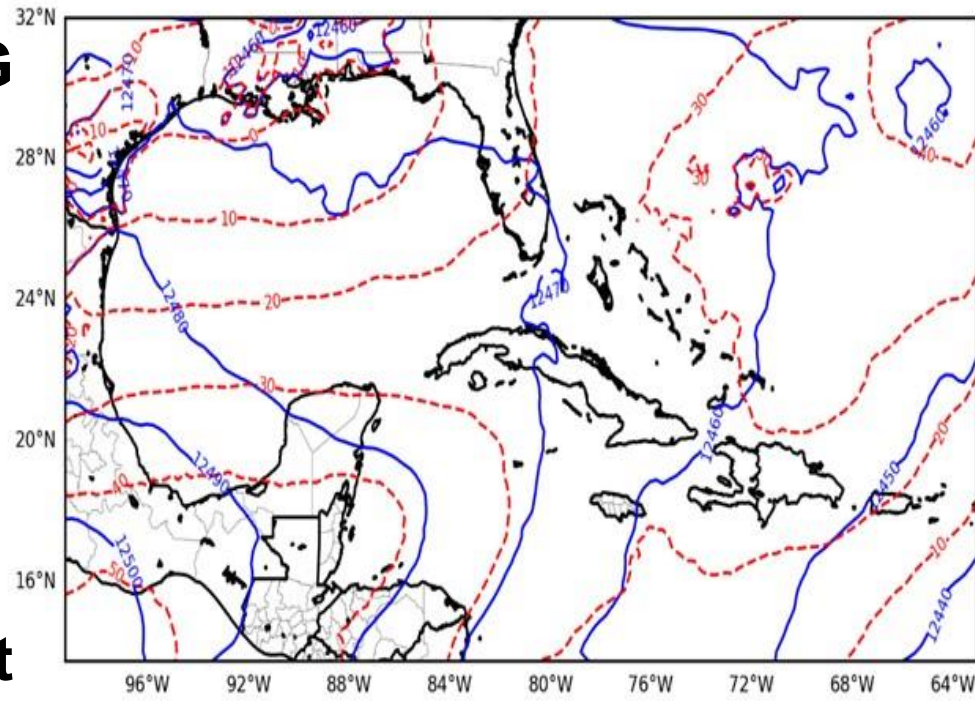


30-40 km/h

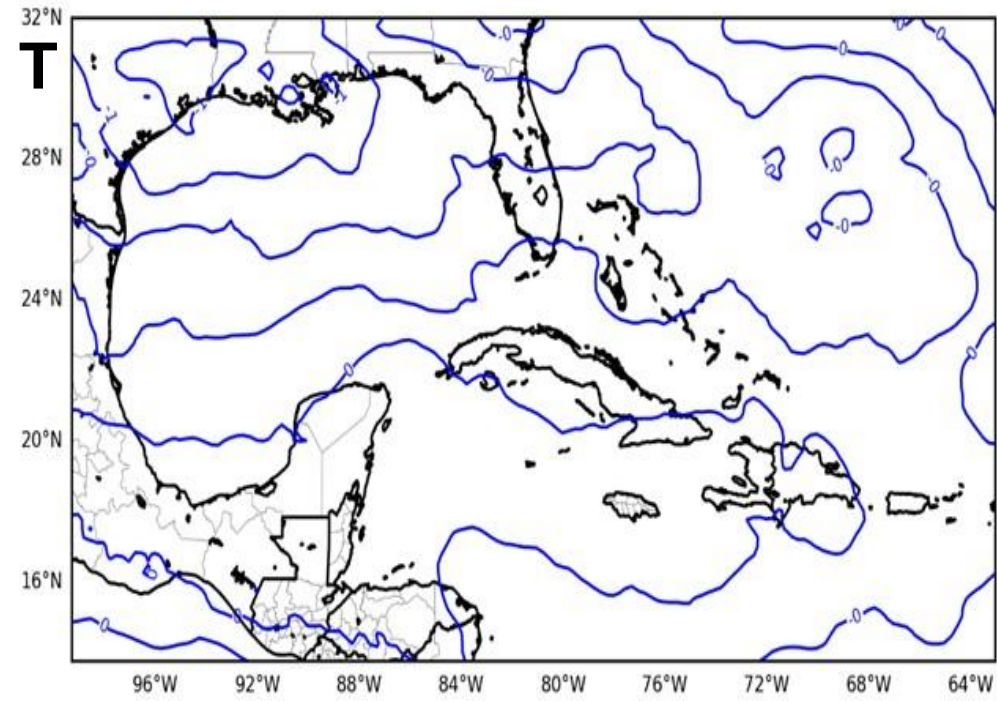
Errors respect ERA5



G



T

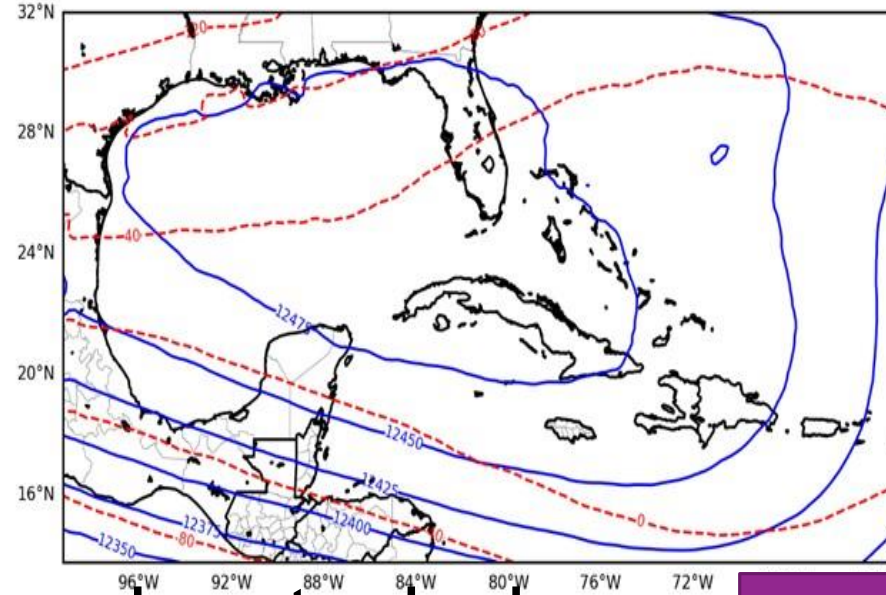
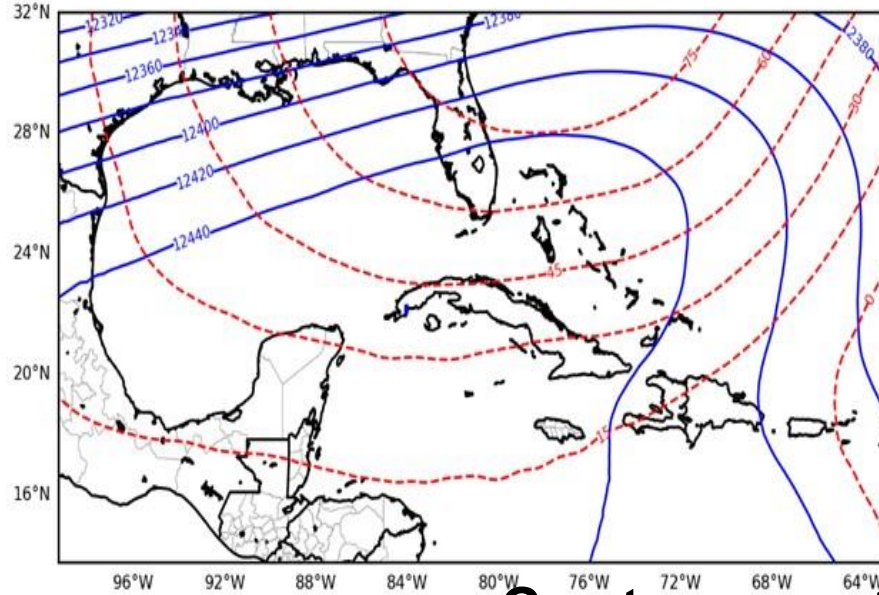


Errors gradually increase

September

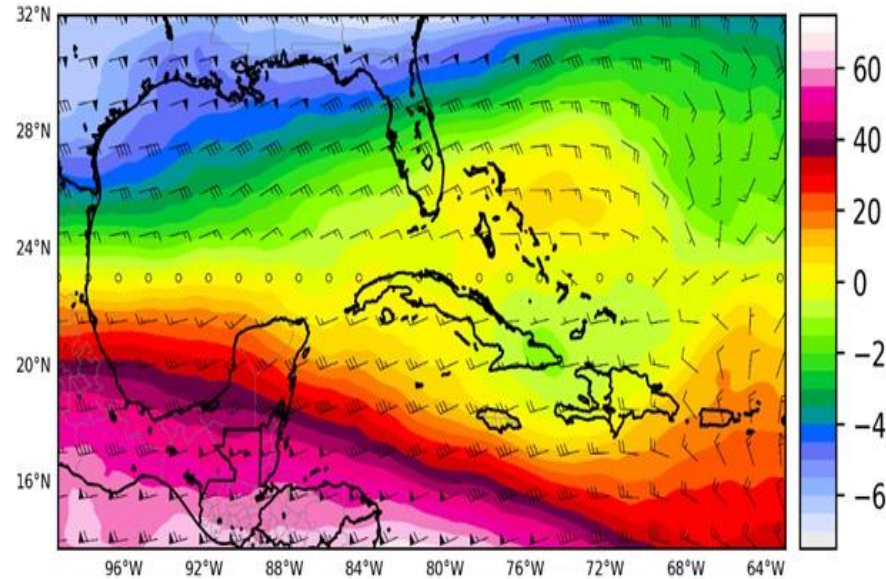
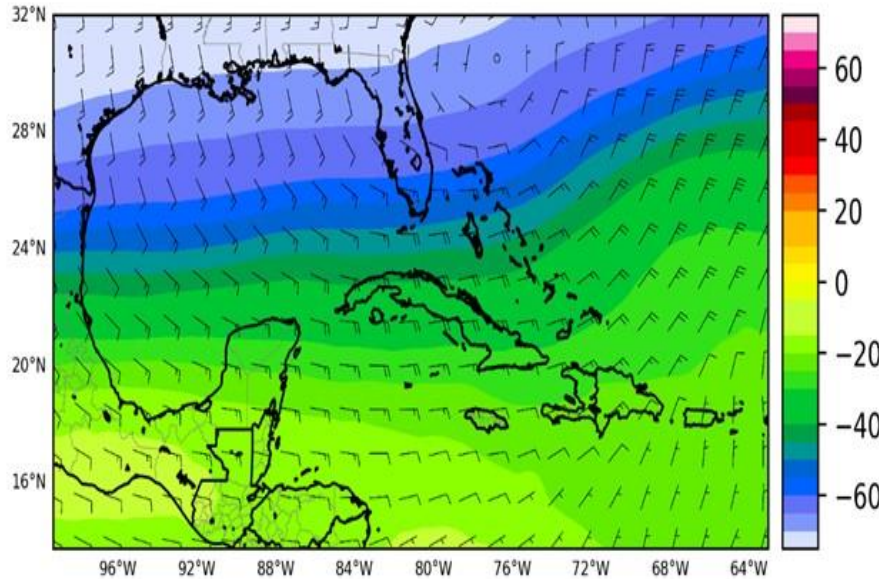
October

60 m²/s²



120 m²/s²

Greater errors towards western border



Deficiencies to represent the Mexican ridge



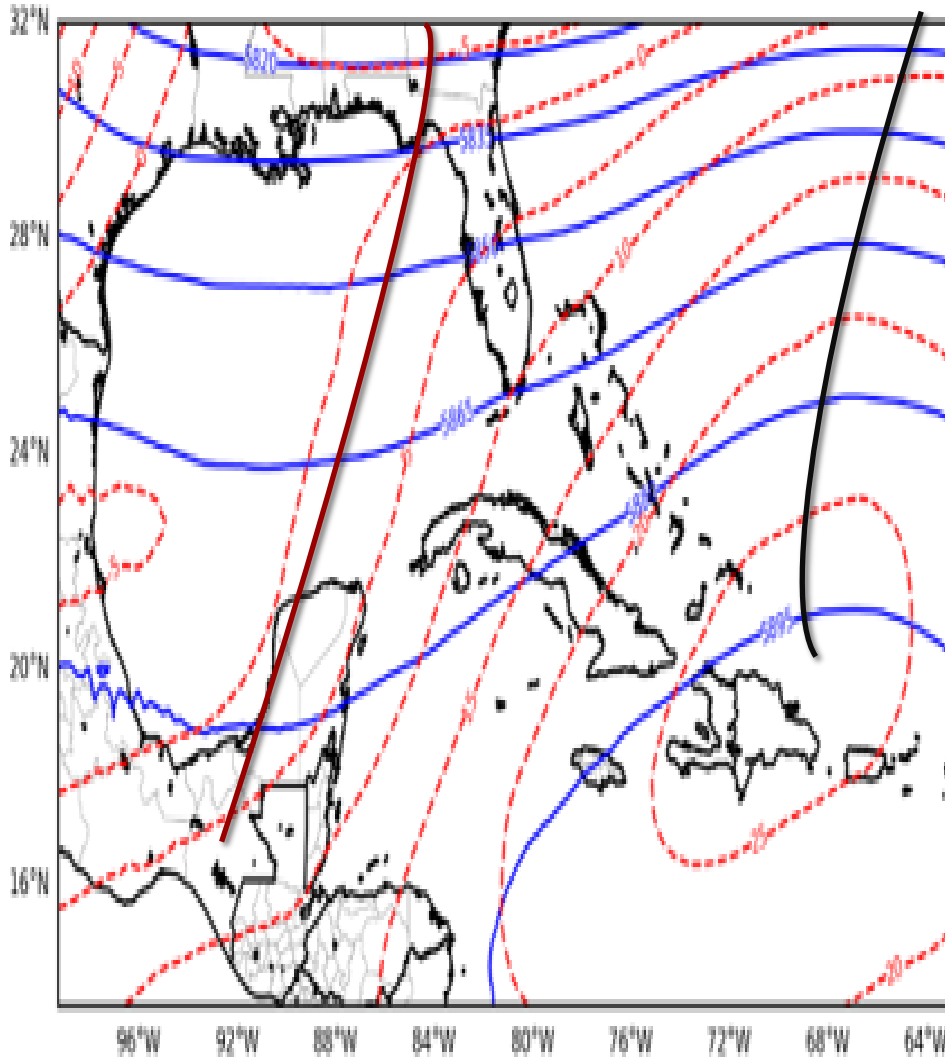
Errors respect ERA5

200 hPa

The synoptic flow representation is contrary to month average

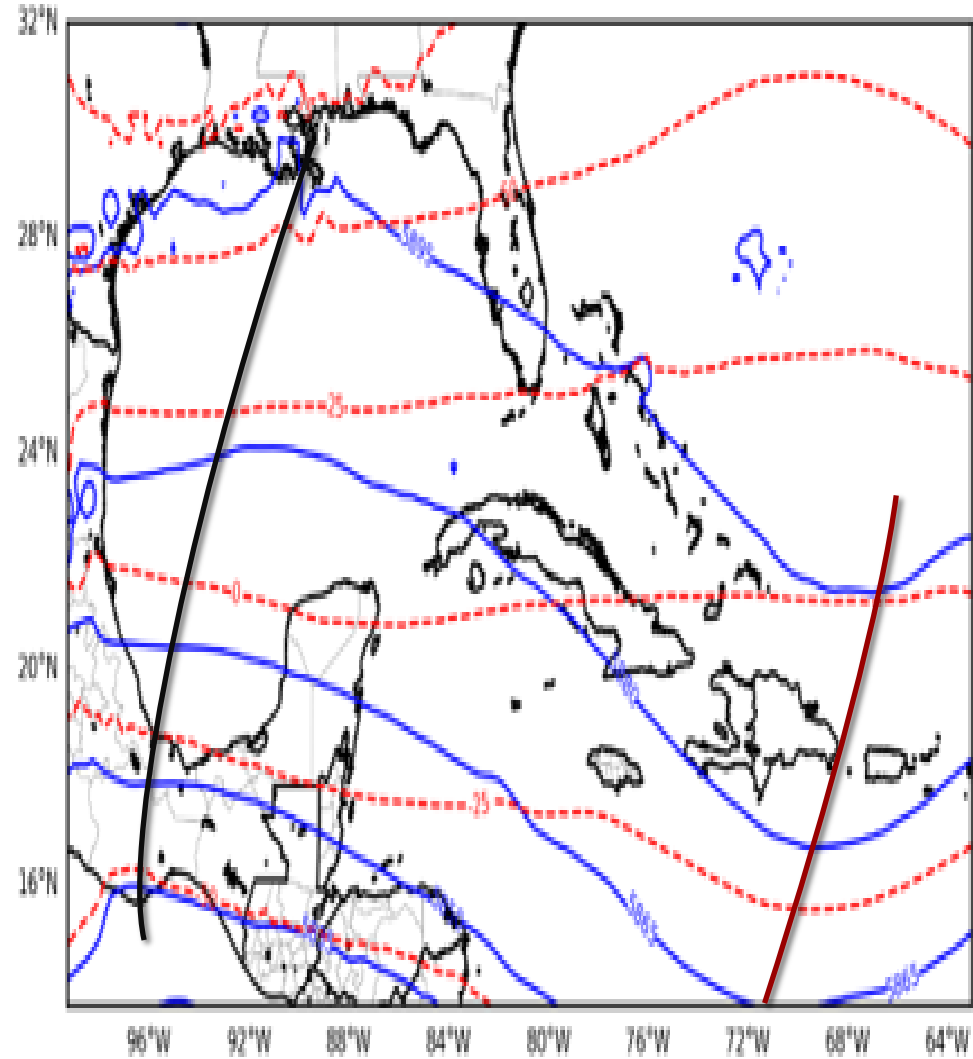
Trough over Gulf of Mexico

Ridge to the eastern domain border



Ridge over Gulf of Mexico

Trough to the southeast domain border

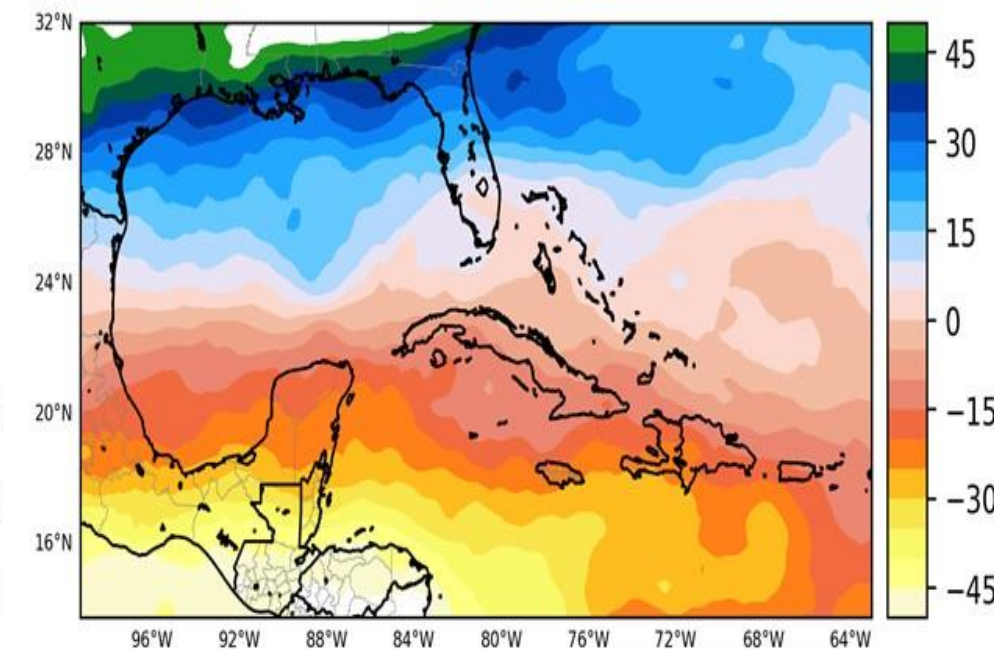
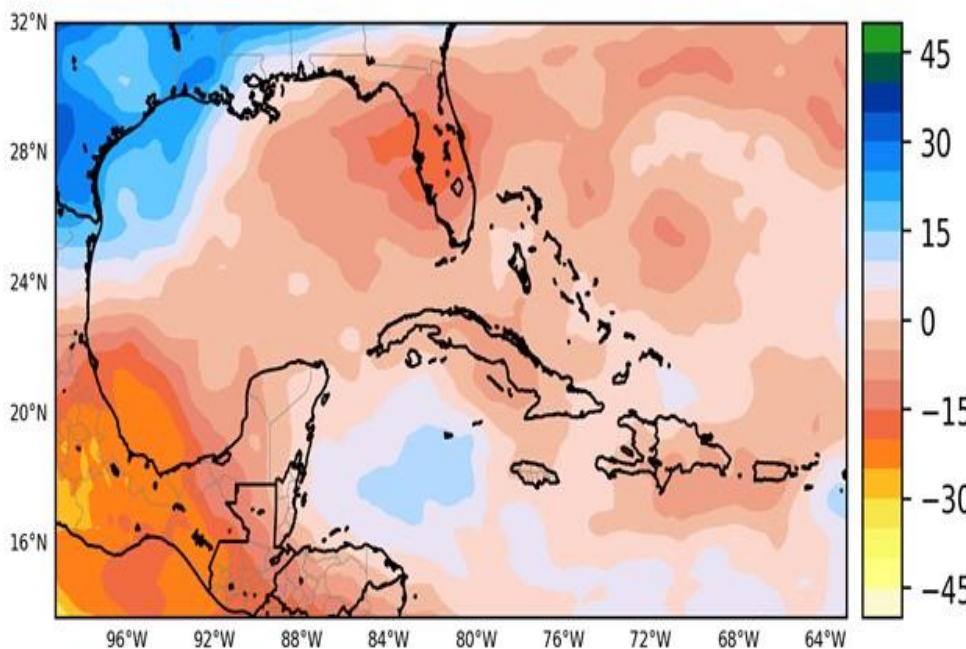
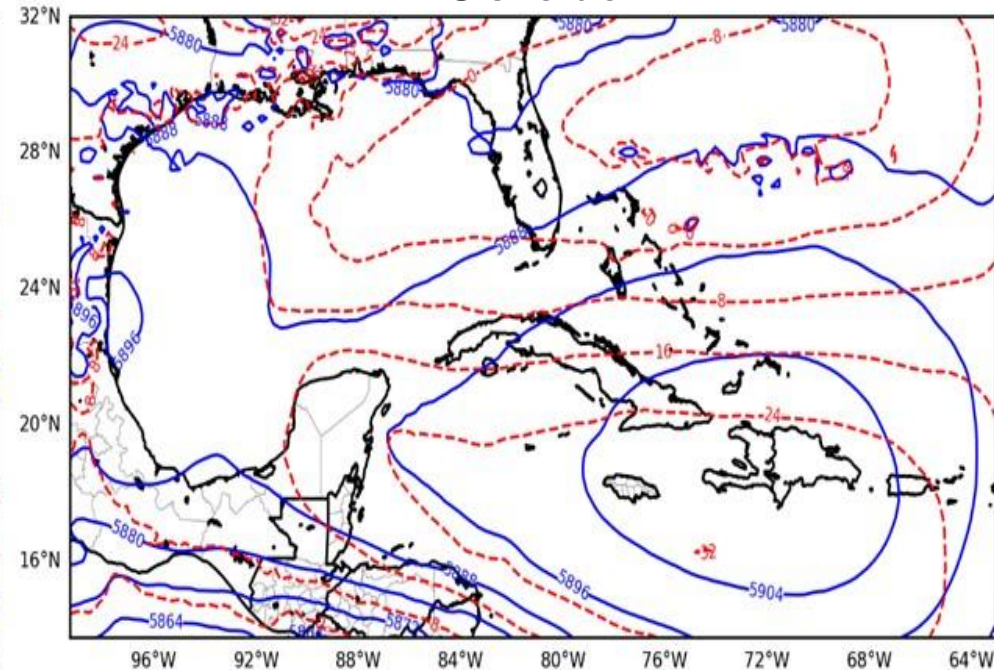
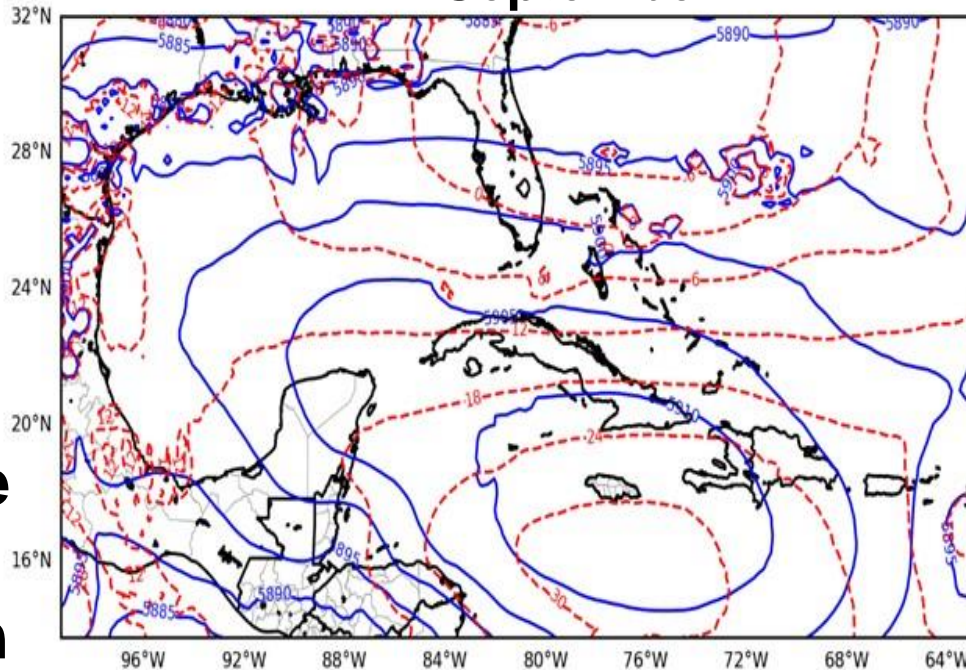




September

500 hPa

October



Negative errors were observed north of Antilles and positive in the central and eastern Caribbean Sea

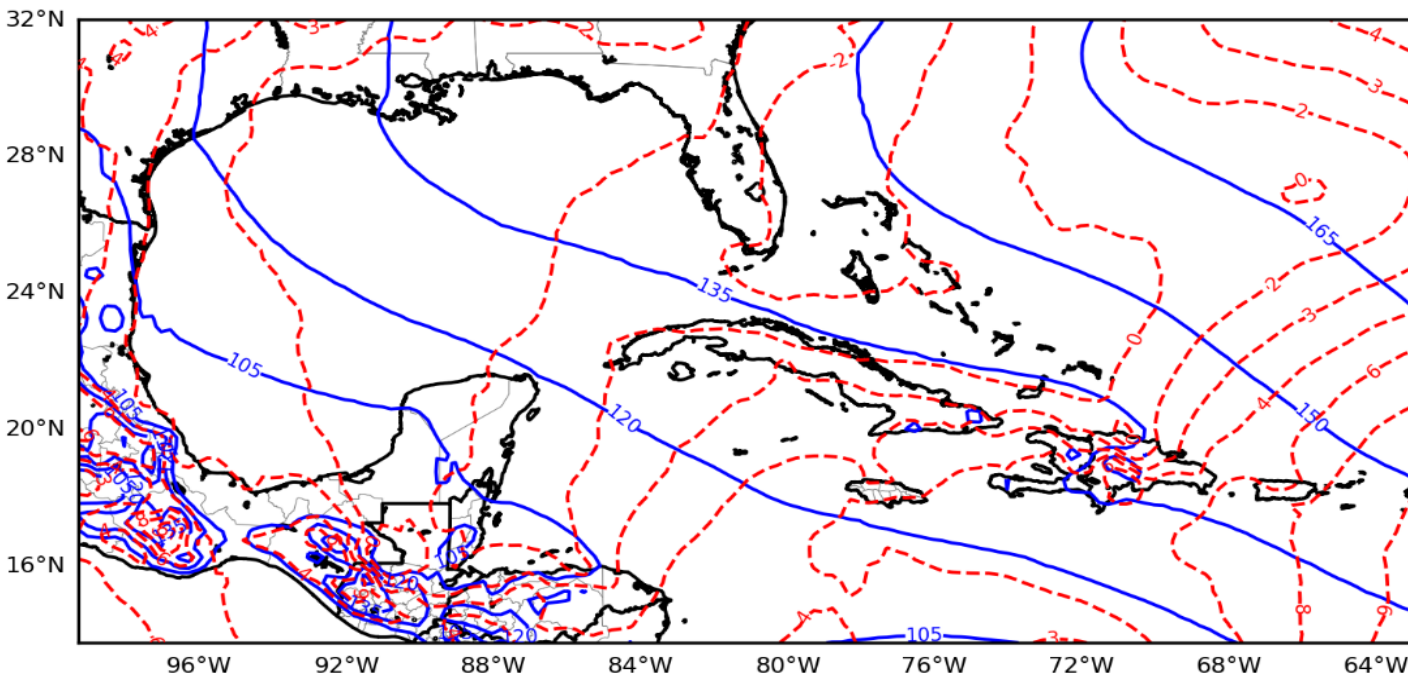
Change of position at south of the subtropical and Mexican ridges

Errors

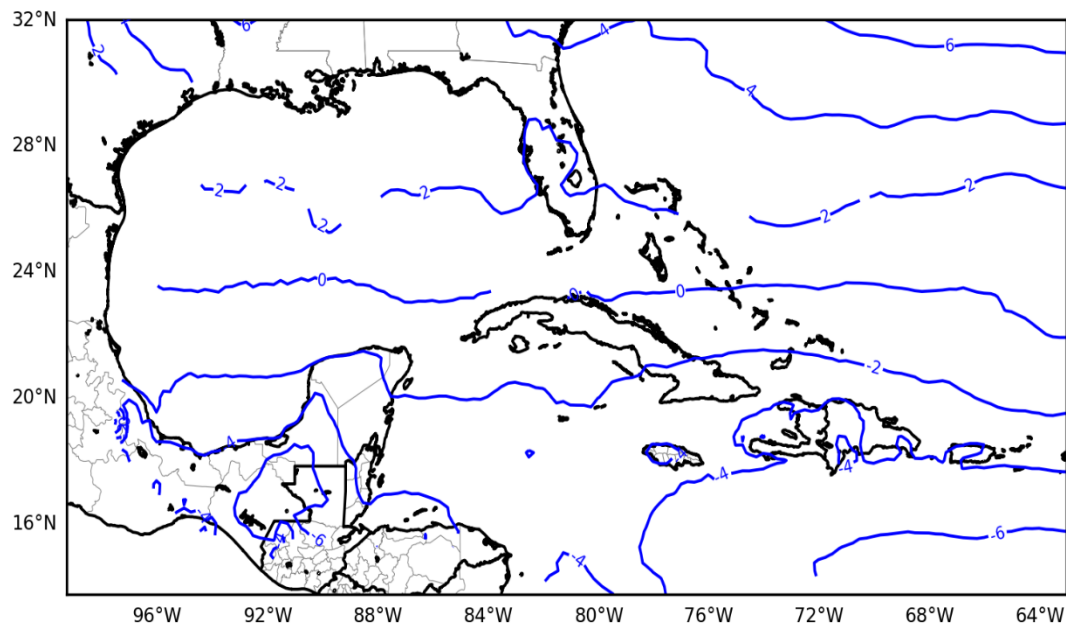
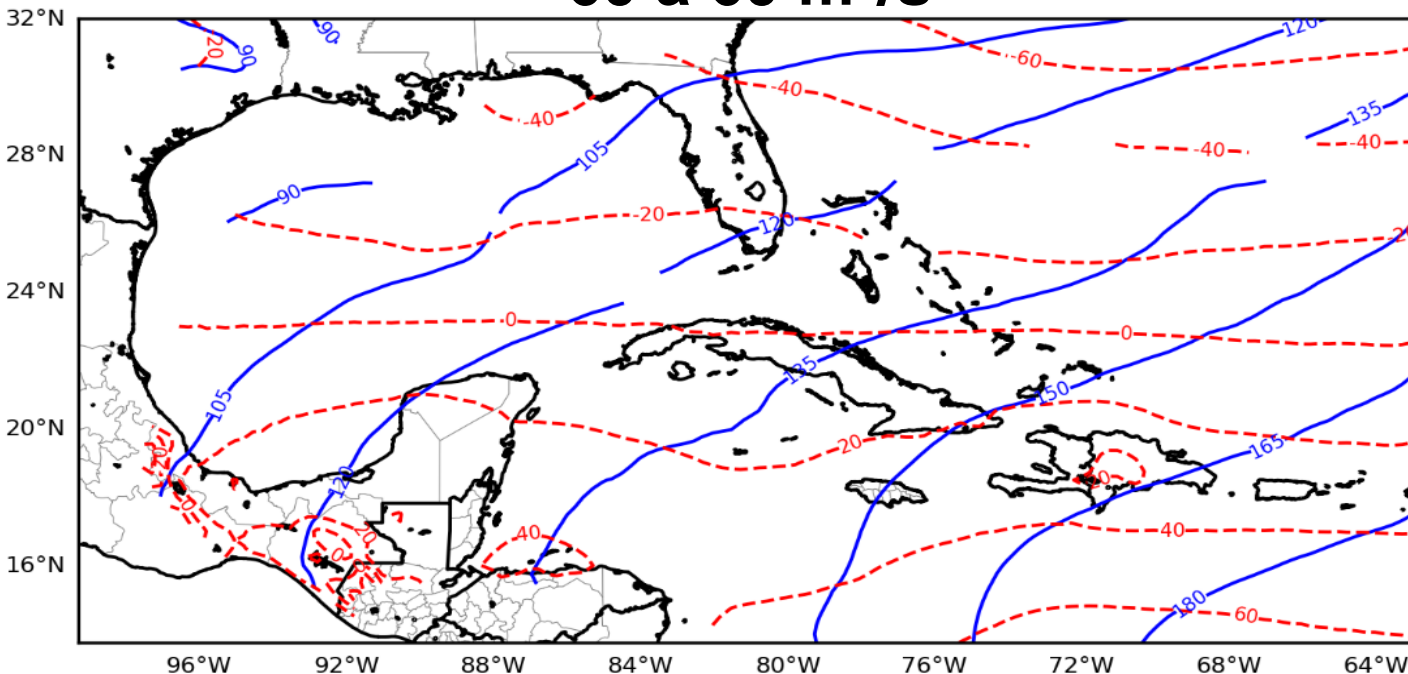
Contrary representation of synoptic flow

Change of position at south of the subtropical ridge at surface

-6 a 6°C



-60 a 60 m²/s²



Errors

1000 hPa May

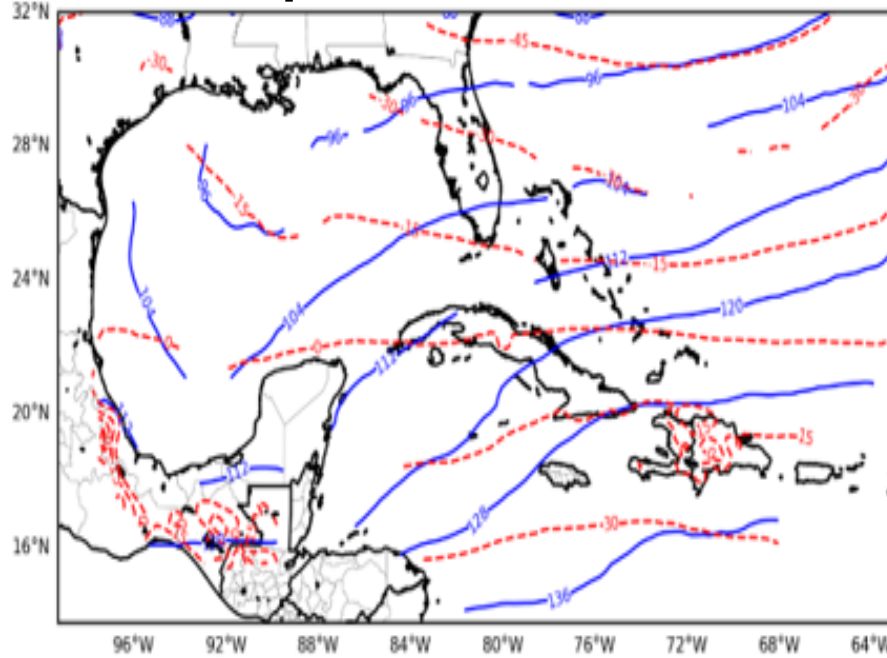


**Geopotential
Errors
increase**

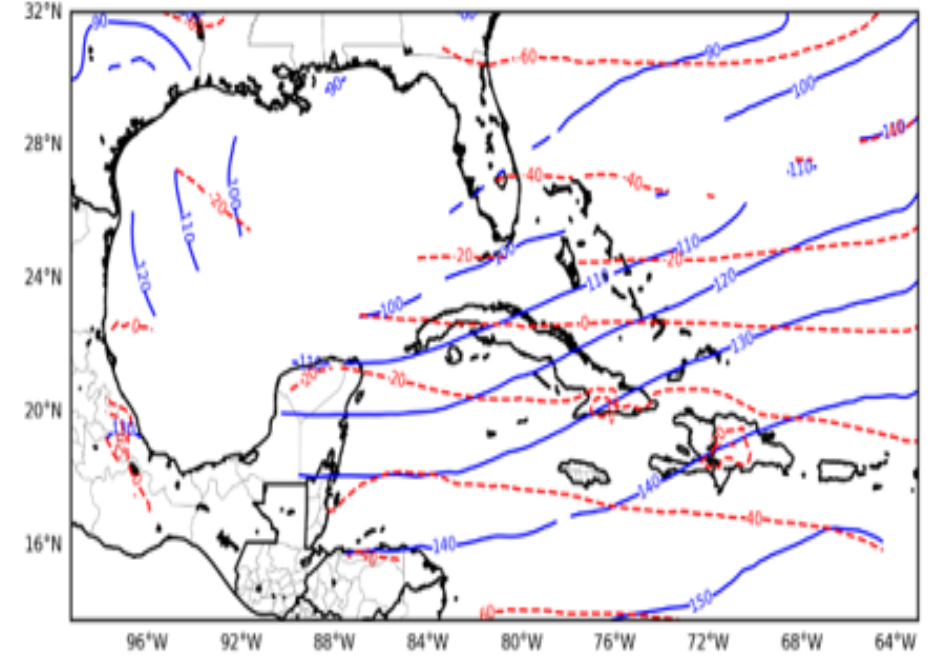
**Contraction of
the anticyclonic
ridge**

**Temperature
overestimation towards
the northern border**

September

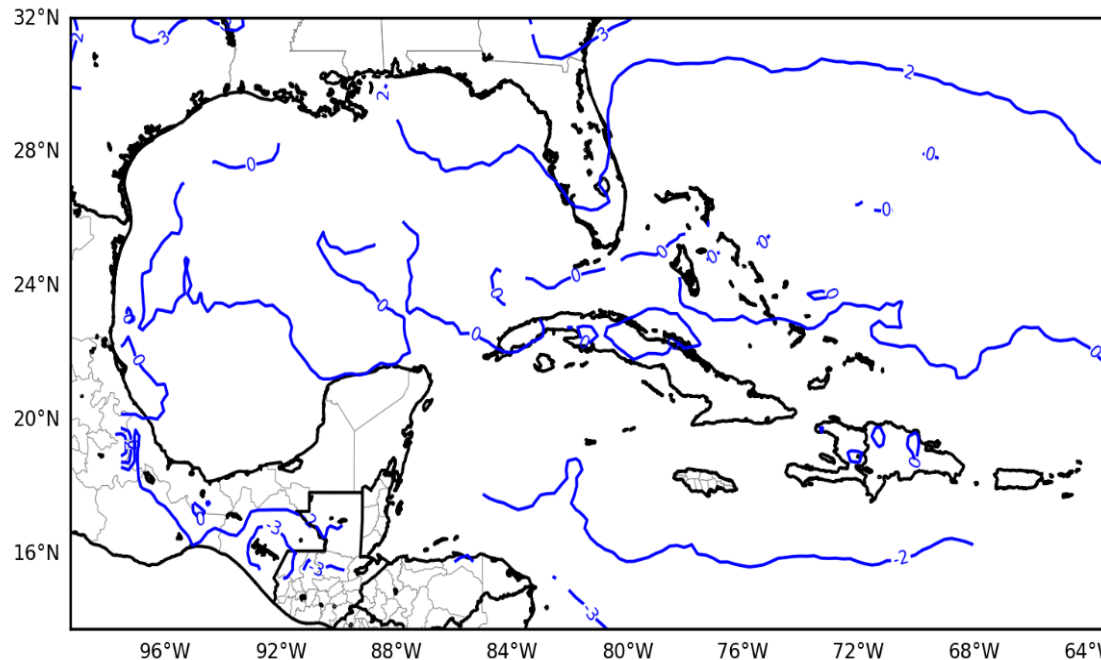


October



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Errors respect ERA5

1000 hPa

- 1. SisPI tends to locate high geopotential areas south than its real position, which that produces modifications in synoptic flow.**
- 2. Because of the deficiencies of SisPI to represent the correct position of the North Atlantic subtropical anticyclone , it tends to forecast a drier tropospheric column compared to the actual.**
- 3. The northern and southern domain borders contain the largest errors, mainly at north, where, according to anomalies obtained in 2020, a baroclinic zone tends to be generated, which creates an additional noise on said border. At south it is on segments of the ZIC, which can also be the reason for additional model error sources.**

4. The behavior of SisPI errors presents a maximum in May, then descends until reaching a minimum in July, rising again until reaching a second peak in October, which does it is less than the first month of the wet season. Corroborating that the mixture present in the transition months is very difficult to represent by the model.

5. The main errors seem to be more associated with their own configuration that with the anomalies obtained with respect to the decadal mean of the wet season analyzed.

Thanks a lot!

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